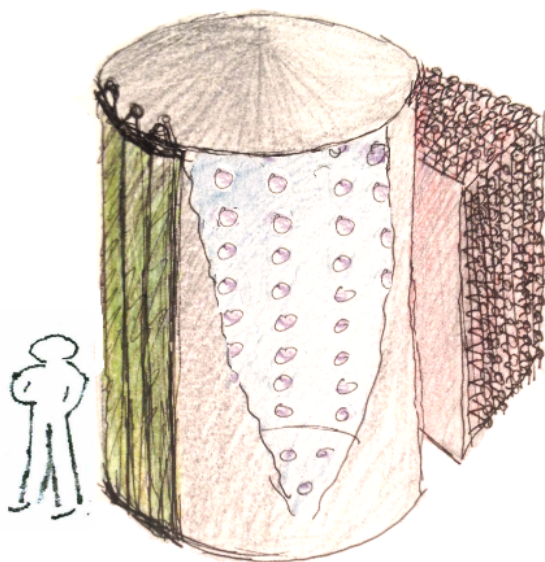
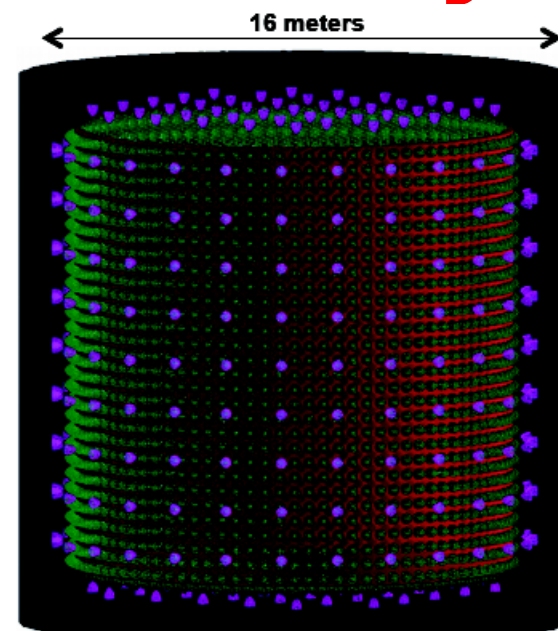


# Water Cherenkov Neutrino Detectors for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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University of Liverpool – HEP Seminar  
07 November 2018

# In the Beginning...

## Supernova Relic Neutrino (SRN) search at Super-Kamiokande:

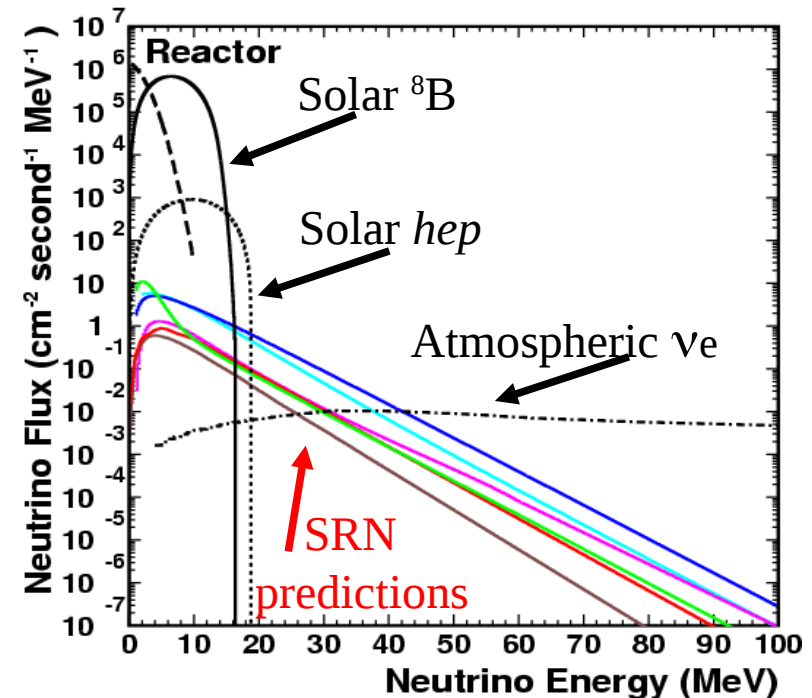


Core-collapse supernova emits  $\sim 10^{46}$  J energy

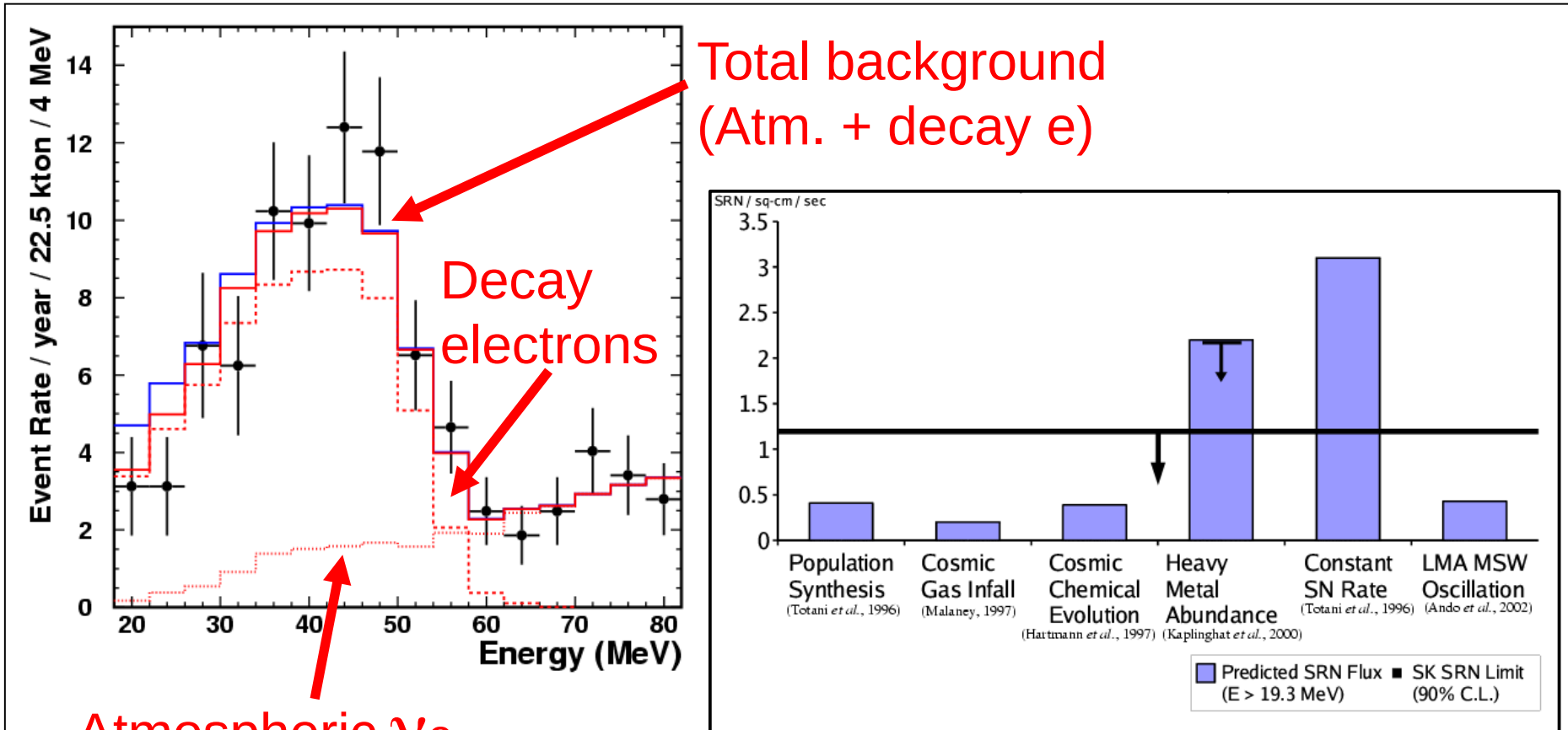
99% is released as neutrinos (all 6 types);  
mainly from neutrino cooling (also  $\nu_e$  from  
neutronisation burst).

To date, only one observation ( $\sim 25$  neutrinos)  
on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1987 (SN1987A)

Diffuse background of SN $\nu$  expected from all  
core-collapse supernovae that have ever  
exploded



# SRN Search Results

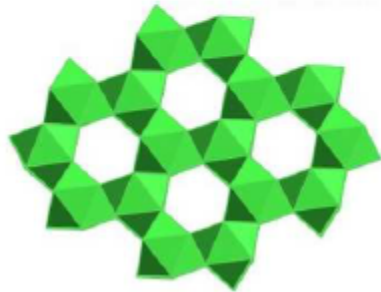


Atmospheric  $\nu_e$

- SRN signal would manifest as distortion of BG
- No such signal seen yet  $\rightarrow$  some models ruled out
- Background limitations form significant challenge!

M. Malek *et al.*, Phys.Rev.Lett. **90:061101** (2003)

Gadzooks!



[A Serious SK Upgrade Suggestion]

Mark Vagins  
University of California, Irvine

Osawano  
November 11, 2002

## GADZOOKS! Antineutrino Spectroscopy with Large Water Čerenkov Detectors

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(Dated: 25 September 2003)

We propose modifying large water Čerenkov detectors by the addition of 0.2% gadolinium trichloride, which is highly soluble, newly inexpensive, and transparent in solution. Since Gd has an enormous cross section for radiative neutron capture, with  $\sum E_\gamma = 8$  MeV, this would make neutrons visible for the first time in such detectors, allowing antineutrino tagging by the coincidence detection reaction  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$  (similarly for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ). Taking Super-Kamiokande as a working example, dramatic consequences for reactor neutrino measurements, first observation of the diffuse supernova neutrino background, Galactic supernova detection, and other topics are discussed.

PACS numbers: 95.55.Vj, 95.85.Ry, 14.60.Pq

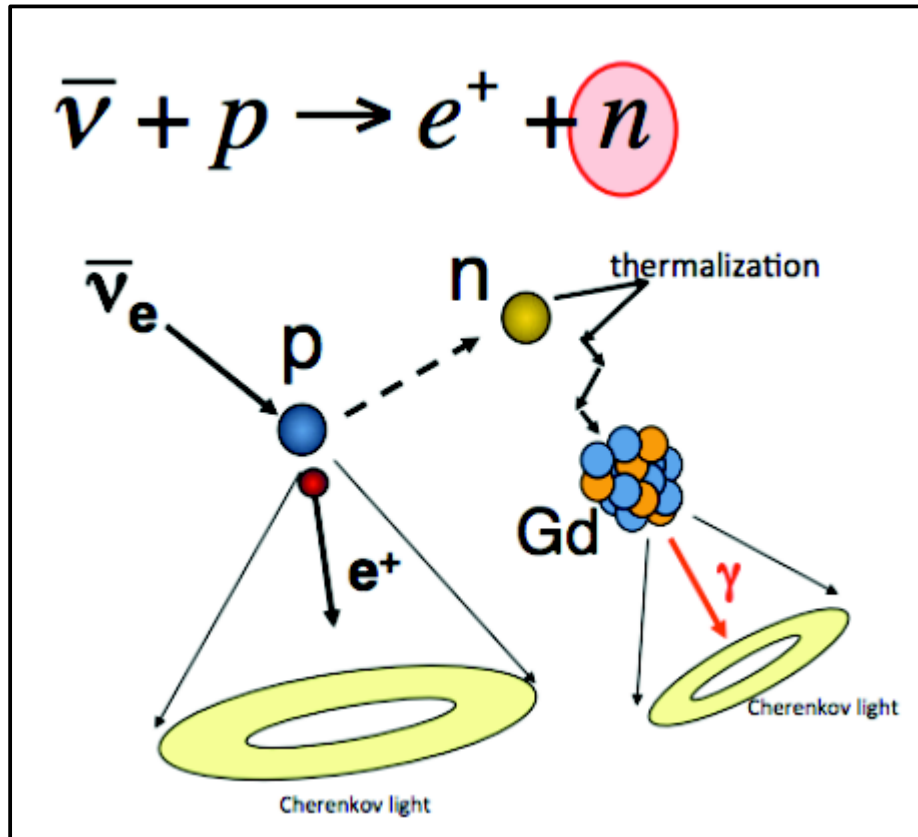
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Beacom & Vagins, Phys.Rev.Lett. **93:171101** (2004)

**Initial motivation for adding Gd to water Cherenkov detectors was background reduction for SRN experiments.**

**Idea has now spread to many other uses, for both physics and impact applications**

Tag antineutrinos via coincidence between positron and neutron from inverse beta decay:



- In ordinary water:  
Neutron thermalizes, then is captured on a free proton
  - Capture time is  $\sim 200 \mu\text{sec}$
  - 2.2 MeV gamma emitted
  - Detection efficiency @ SK (40% coverage) is  $\sim 20\%$
- When  $n$  captured on Gd:
  - Capture time  $\sim 25 \mu\text{sec}$
  - $\sim 8$  MeV gamma cascade
  - 4 - 5 MeV visible energy
  - $> 70\%$  detection efficiency

# Gd Capture X-Sections

Thermal Capture Cross Sections: A Comparison of ENDF/B-VI to RPI Results\*

| Thermal Capture Cross Sections |           |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |         |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Isotope                        | Abundance | ENDF            |                           |          | RPI             |                           |         |
|                                |           | Thermal Capture | Contribution to Elemental | Percent  | Thermal Capture | Contribution to Elemental | Percent |
| <sup>152</sup> Gd              | 0.200     | 1 050           | 2.10                      | 0.00430  | 1 050           | 2.10                      | 0.00430 |
| <sup>154</sup> Gd              | 2.18      | 85.0            | 1.85                      | 0.00379  | 85.8            | 1.87                      | 0.00422 |
| <sup>155</sup> Gd              | 14.80     | 60 700          | 8 980                     | 18.4     | 60 200          |                           |         |
| <sup>156</sup> Gd              | 20.47     | 1.71            | 0.350                     | 0.000717 | 1.74            |                           |         |
| <sup>157</sup> Gd              | 15.65     | 254 000         | 39 800                    | 81.6     | 226 000         |                           |         |
| <sup>158</sup> Gd              | 24.84     | 2.01            | 0.499                     | 0.00102  | 2.19            |                           |         |
| <sup>160</sup> Gd              | 21.86     | 0.765           | 0.167                     | 0.000342 | 0.755           |                           |         |
| Gd                             | —         |                 | 48 800                    | 100.0    |                 |                           |         |

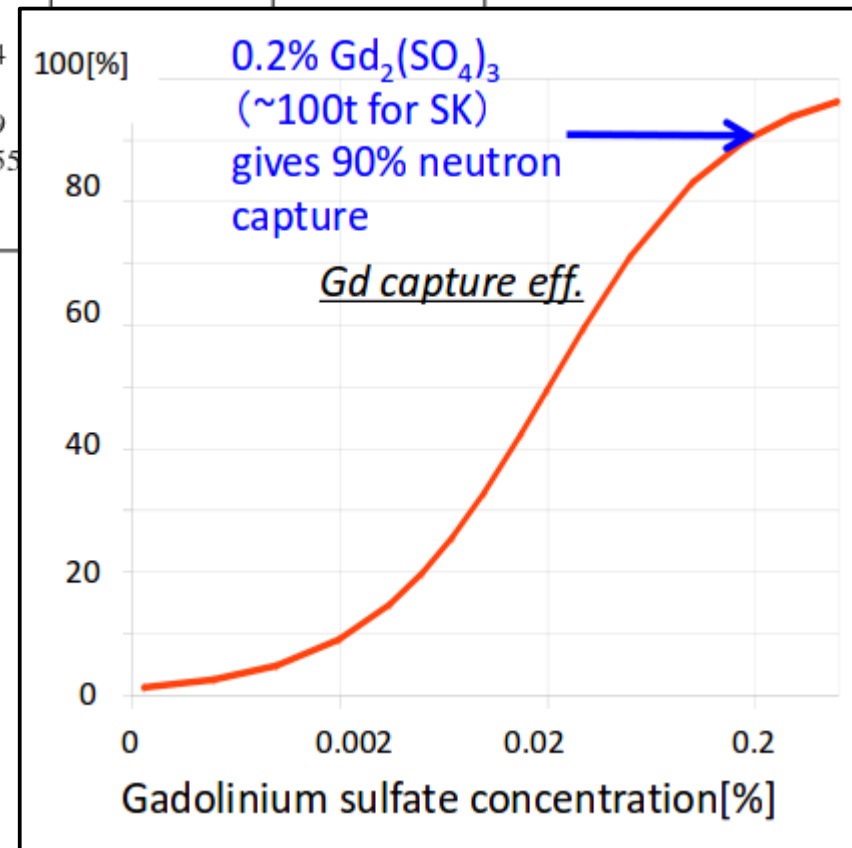
\*The units of all cross sections are barns. The units of abundance are percent.

G. Leinweber *et al.*, Nucl.Sci.Eng. **154:261** (2006)

Cross-section for neutron capture is:

- ~49,000 barns for natural Gd
- 0.3 barns for H

0.1% Gd concentration results in  
~90% of neutrons capturing on Gd

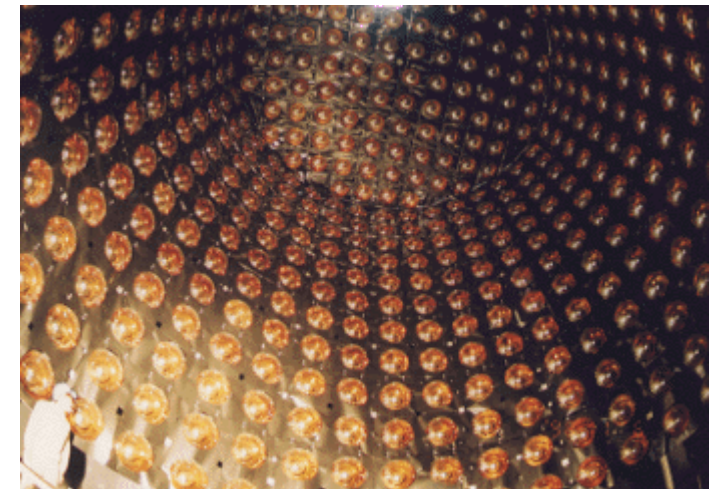
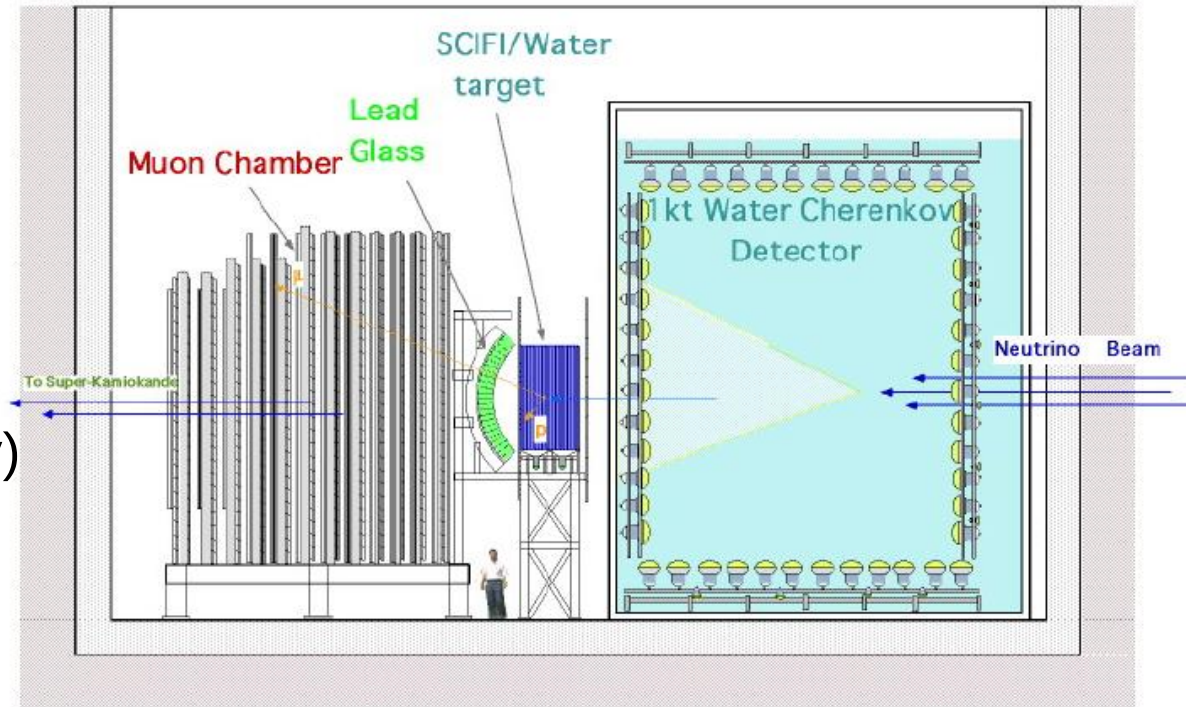


# First Attempt: KEK

About 10 years ago,  $GdCl_3$  tested in 1kt tank from KEK experiment.

Results **not** good  
→ Severe rusting!

Lesson learned:  
Only use **stainless** steel (high quality)



# Second Attempt: EGADS

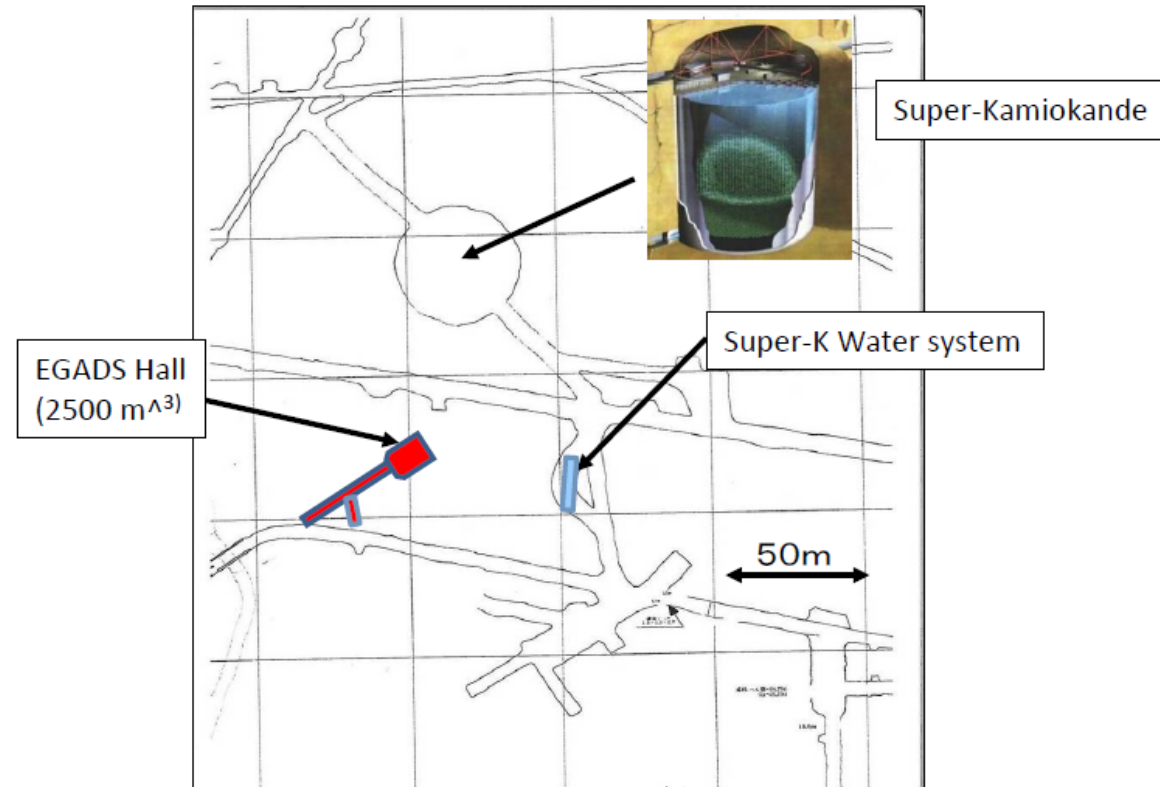
**EGADS = Evaluating Gadolinium's Action on Detector Systems**

After KEK debacle, shift from  $GdCl_3$  to  $Gd_2[SO_4]_3$  (Gadolinium Sulphate) to reduce environmental risks

Dedicated test facility commissioned at Kamioka Observatory

EGADS is a:

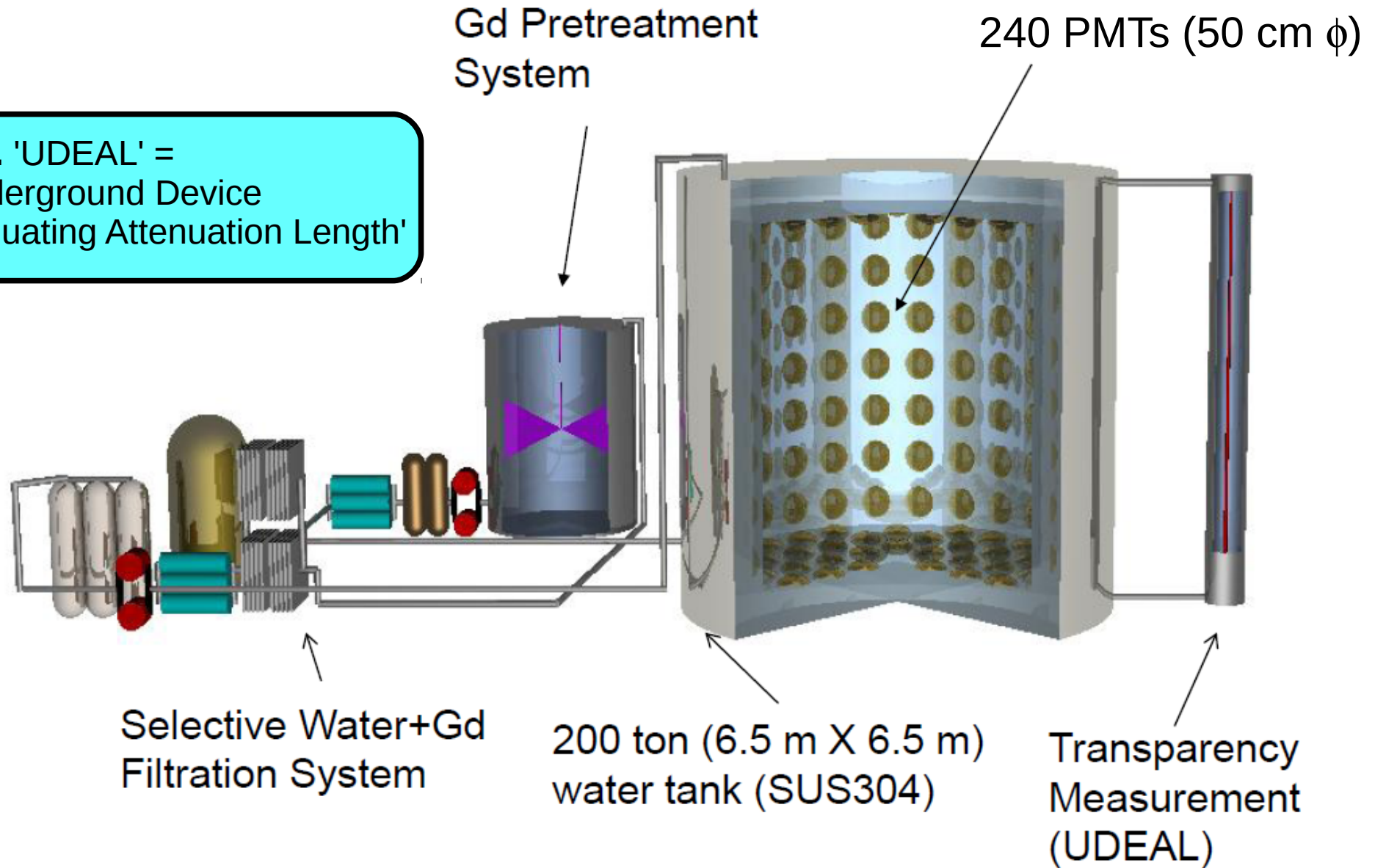
- 200 tonne R&D project, charged with establishing the technical viability of loading Gd into water Cherenkov detectors
- Dedicated test facility, with its own water filtration system, 50cm PMTs, DAQ, etc.





# EGADS Facility

**N.B. 'UDEAL' =**  
'Underground Device  
Evaluating Attenuation Length'



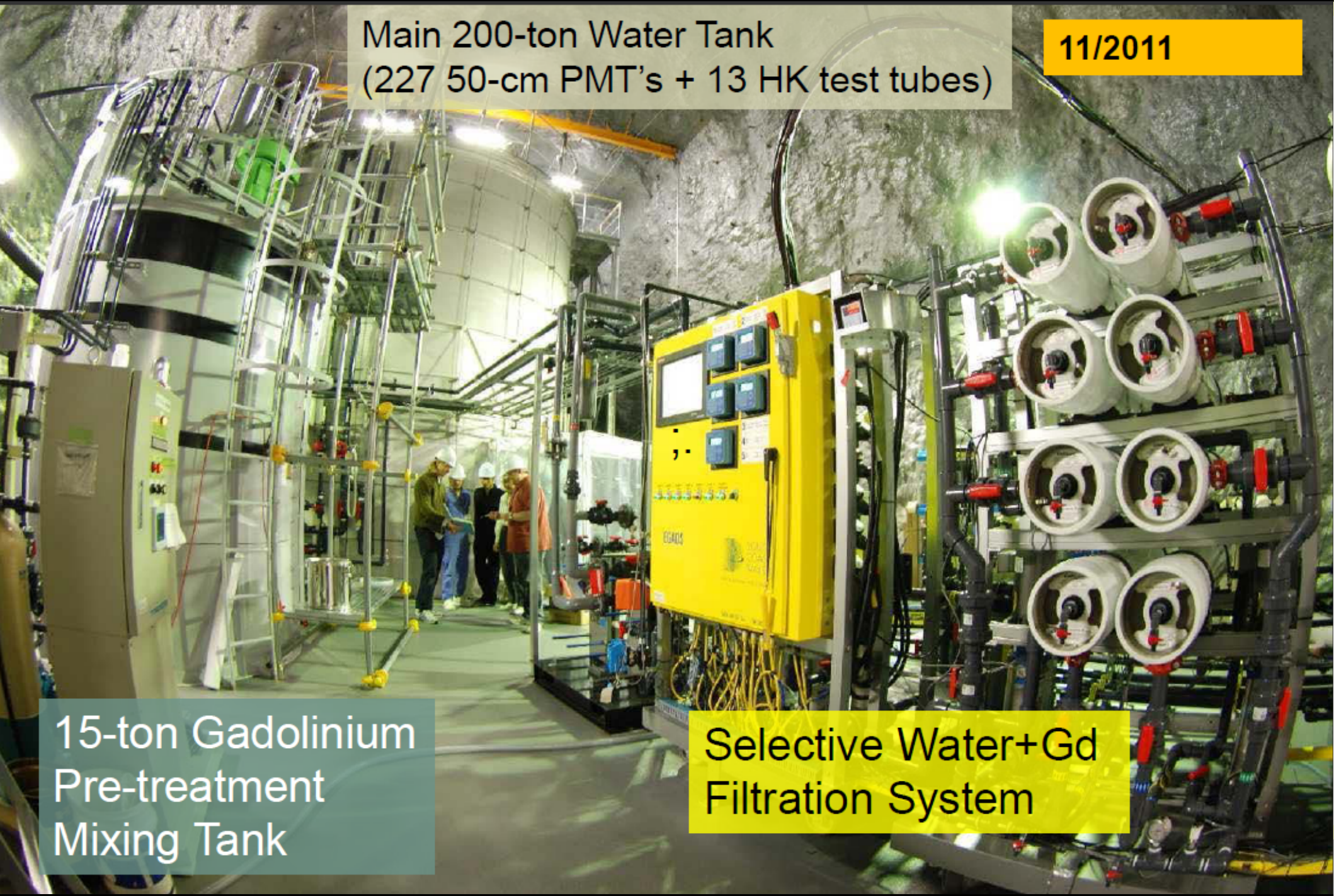
# EGADS Facility

Main 200-ton Water Tank  
(227 50-cm PMT's + 13 HK test tubes)

11/2011

15-ton Gadolinium  
Pre-treatment  
Mixing Tank

Selective Water+Gd  
Filtration System



# EGADS Facility



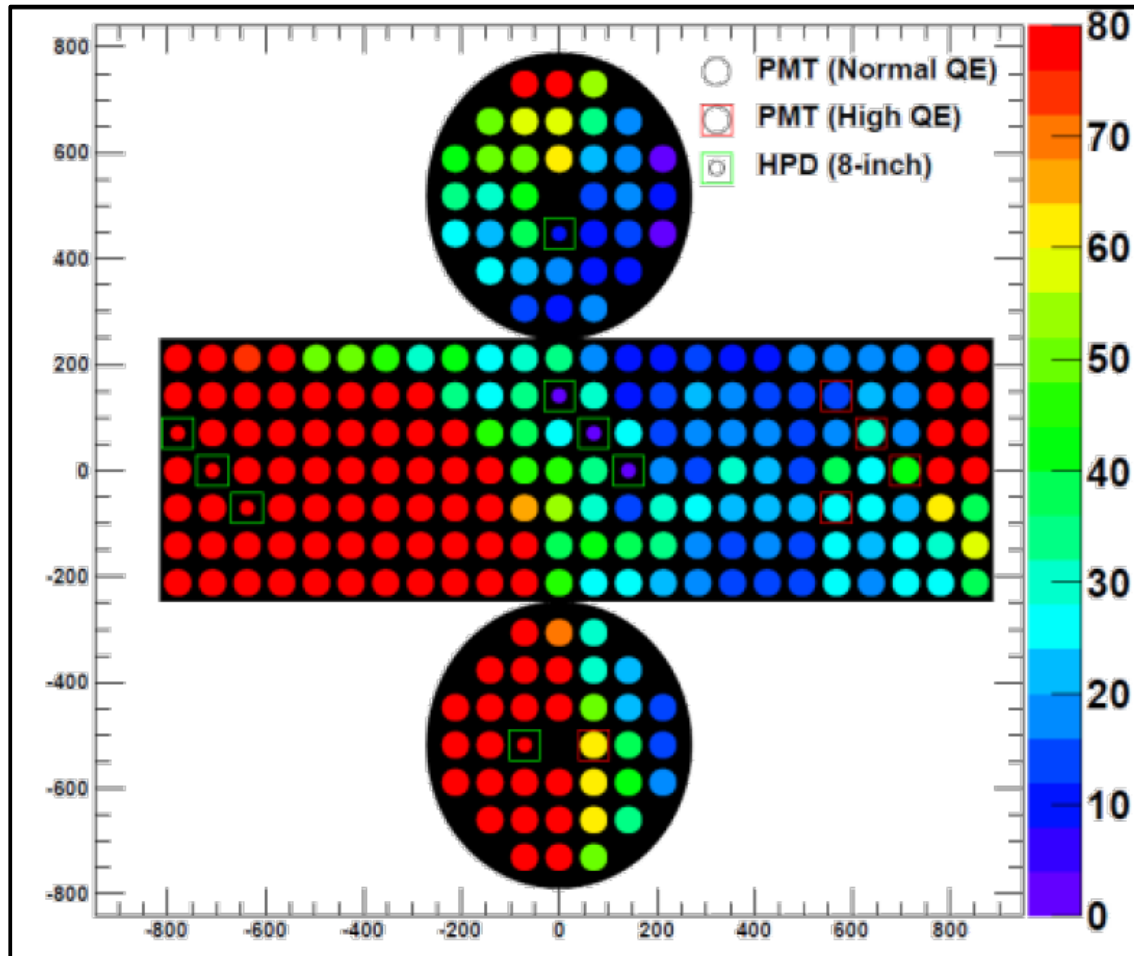
The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.



Ready for filling:  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2013

# EGADS Data Taking

## Muon event in EGADS tank (June 2015)



Since April 2015, EGADS has been fully loaded with the target goal of 0.2%  $Gd_2[SO_4]_3$  (390.6 kg)

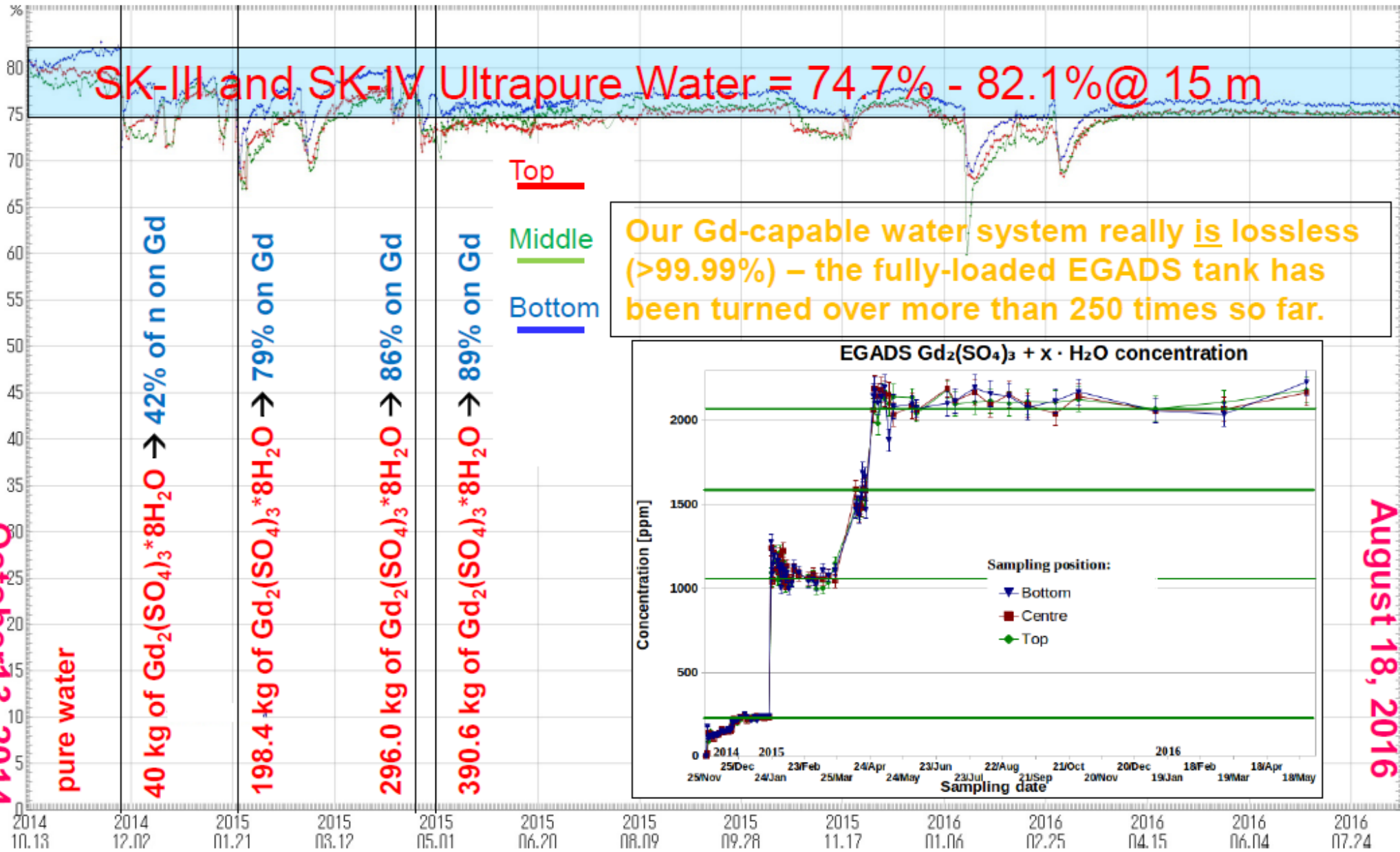
No problems encountered in this time period

Also, no loss of Gd during continuous filtration process (> 250 complete turnovers to date)

High quality water purity is demonstrated (see next slide), allowing use in larger experiments

The EGADS project has demonstrated the technical feasibility of gadolinium-loading for water Cherenkov detectors

# EGADS Water Attenuation



Gadolinium Loading

Steady-state Operations

Water System Tuning Studies

Steady-state Operations

## Upcoming Experiments:

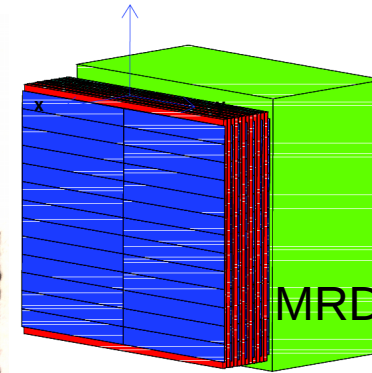
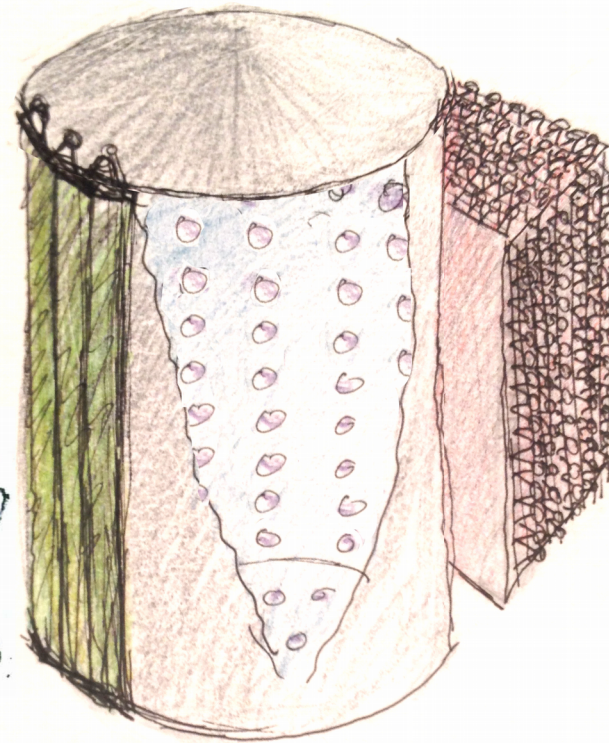
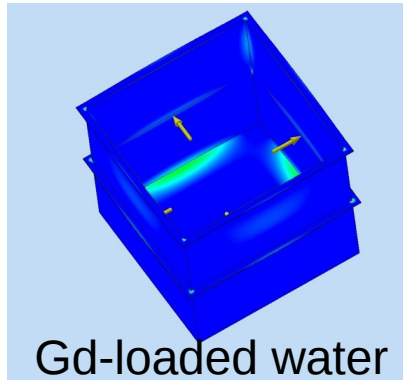
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These include.....

[\*] “The Tempest”, by William Shakespeare (Act II, Scene 1)

# The ANNIE Experiment

**ANNIE: Accelerator Neutrino-Nucleus Interaction Experiment**



Upstream  
 $\mu$  veto



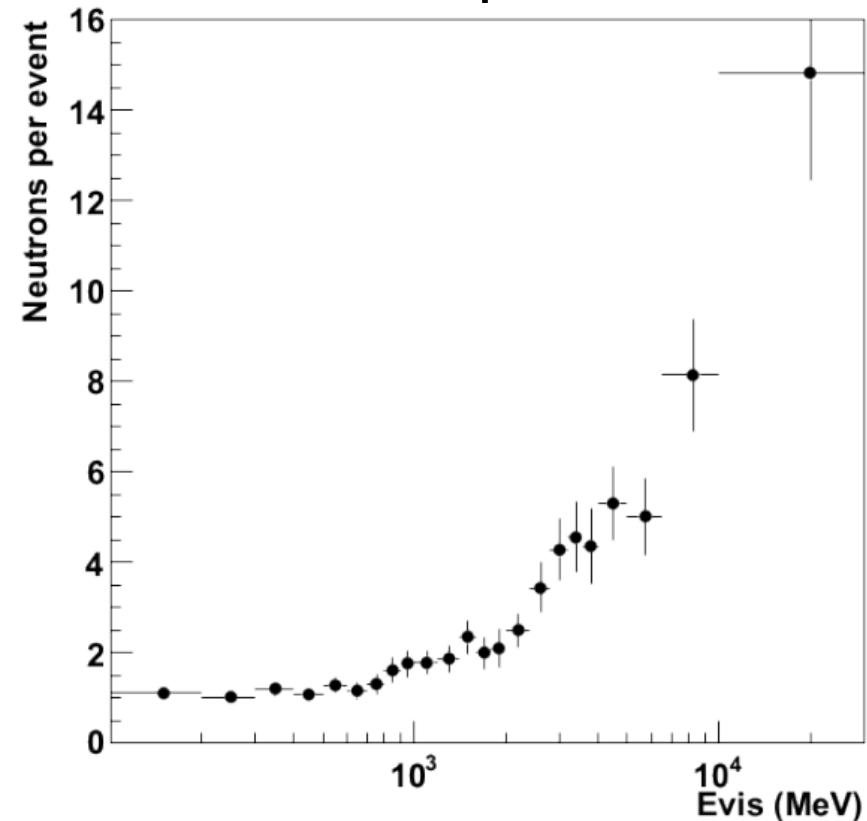
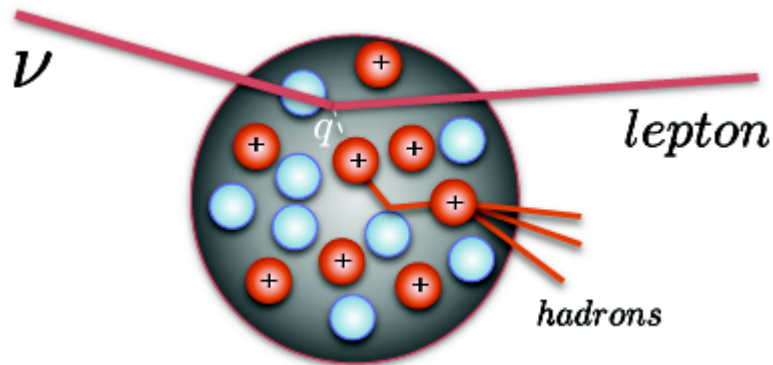
# ANNIE Physics Goals (1)

## Primary physics objectives:

1) A measurement of the abundance of final state neutrons (“neutron yield”) from neutrino interactions in water, as a function of energy.

Performed in Super-K using atmospheric neutrinos and capture on H

- ~20% tagging efficiency
- Combined statistics for  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_e$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Significant room for improvement!

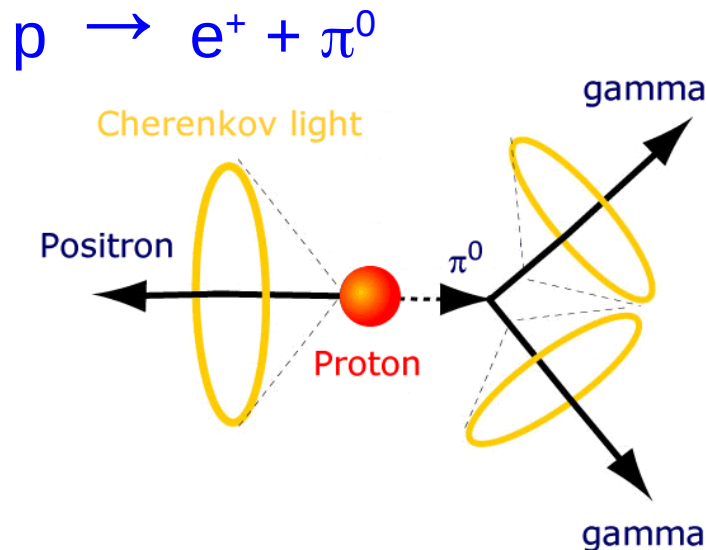




# Proton Decay

In a water Cherenkov detector, a typical signal looks like:

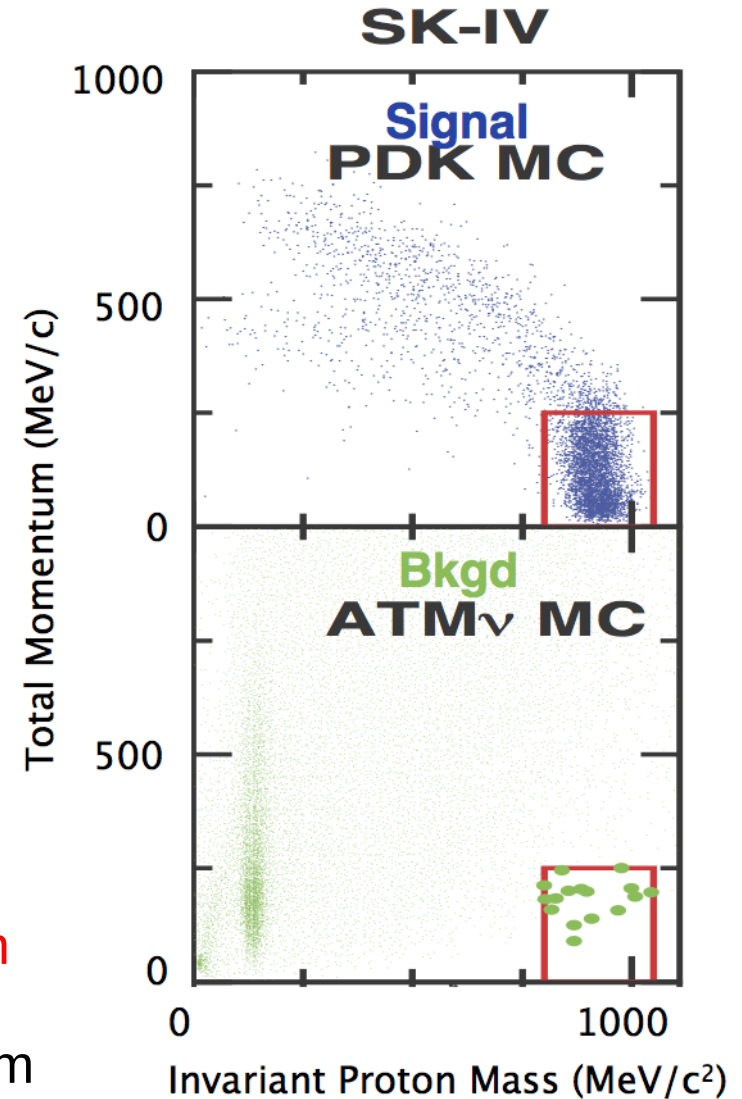
- Three rings (all electron-like)
- Total energy close to  $M_p$
- Unbalanced momentum close to 0.



Modern GUTs predict lifetimes of  $10^{35-36}$  years.

→ Larger detectors needed to probe this region

At this scale, previously negligible backgrounds from atmospheric neutrinos start to limit sensitivity.

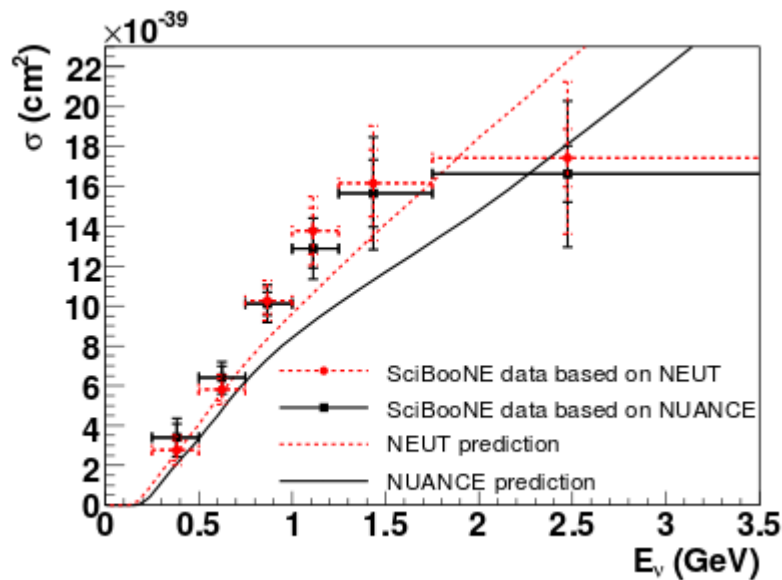


# ANNIE Physics Goals (2)

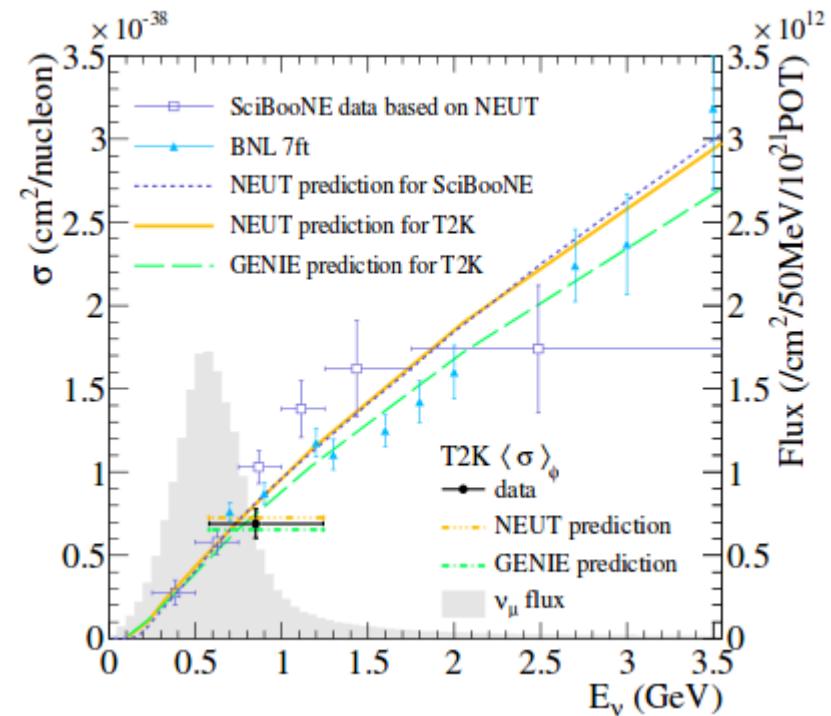
## Primary physics objectives:

### 2) Neutrino cross-section measurements

$\nu_\mu$  charged current inclusive cross sections on carbon:

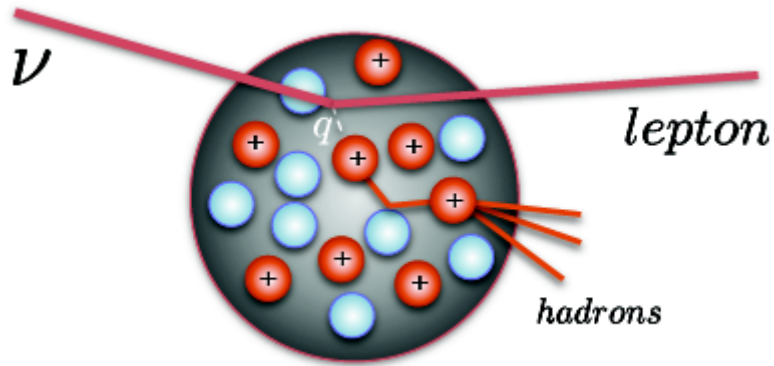


SciBooNE (arXiv: 1011.2131v3)



T2K ND (arXiv: 1302.4908v2)

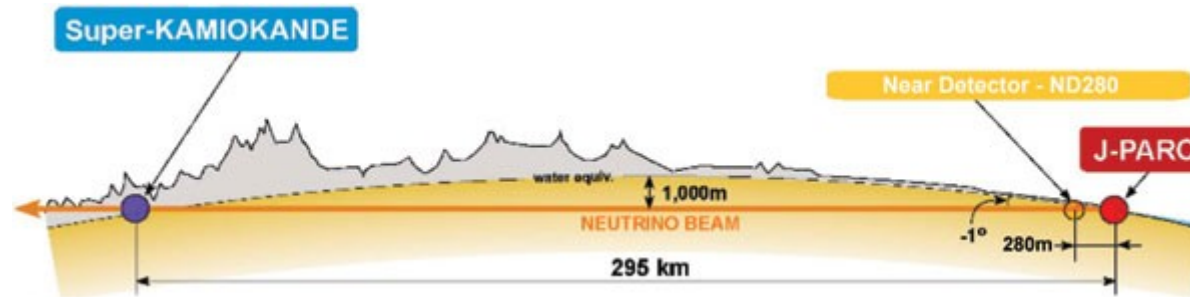
No similar statistics sample exists on a water (oxygen) target...



Studies of neutrino-nucleon interactions are also interesting in their own right! (see NuInt conference series)

ANNIE measurements can help constrain and distinguish between various interaction models.

## Precision neutrino oscillation measurements:

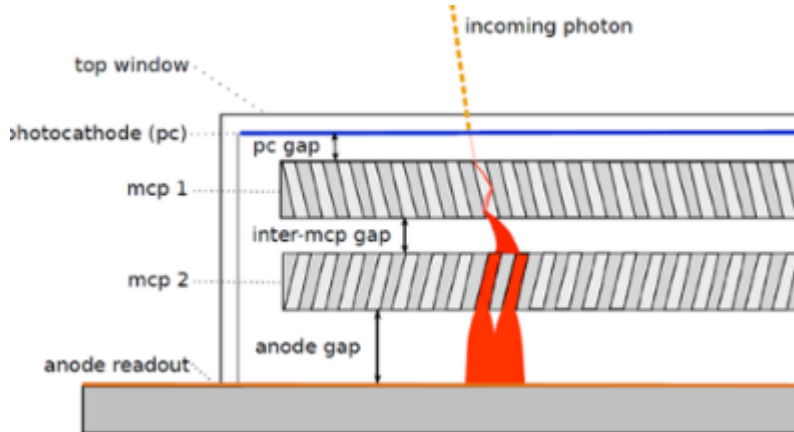


Neutrino cross-sections are a dominant systematic in long-baseline oscillation experiments, like T2K (or T2Hyper-K).

Reduction of this uncertainty will be necessary to conduct searches for  $\delta\text{CP}$ , resolve the mass hierarchy, octant degeneracy, etc.

# Technical Goals

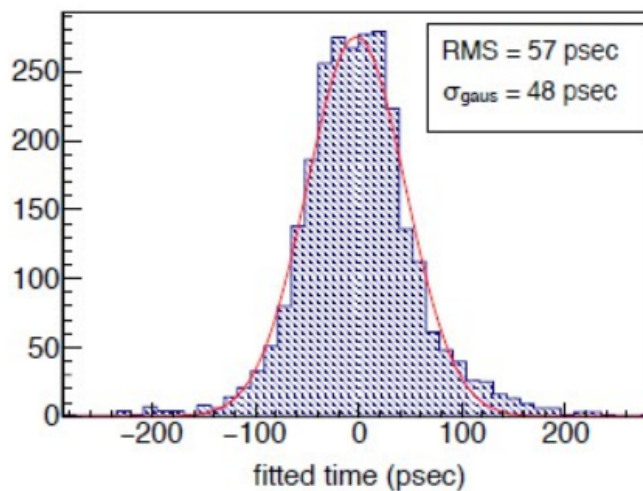
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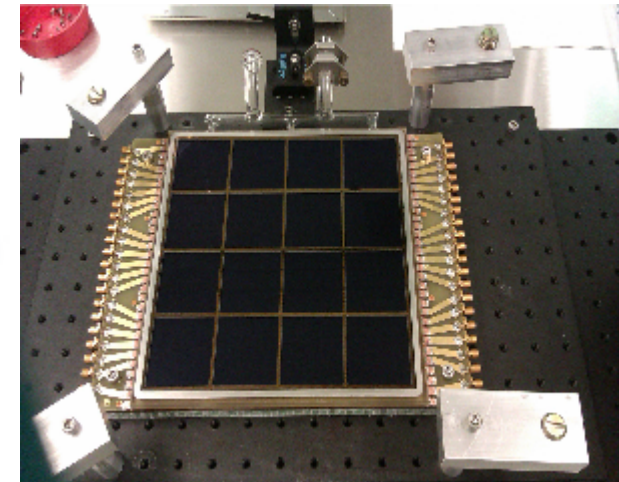
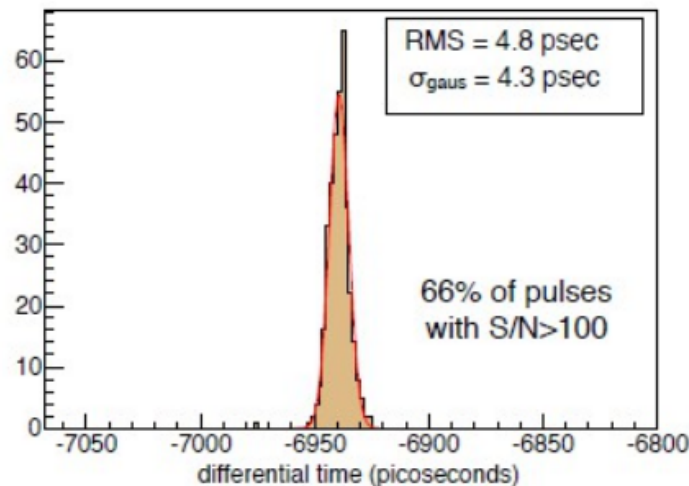
Large Area Picosecond Photo-Detectors (LAPPDs):

- Photocathode, microchannel plate (MCP), anode
- Fine spatial resolution (sub cm)
- ~50 psec timing resolution
- Gain of  $\sim 10^7$

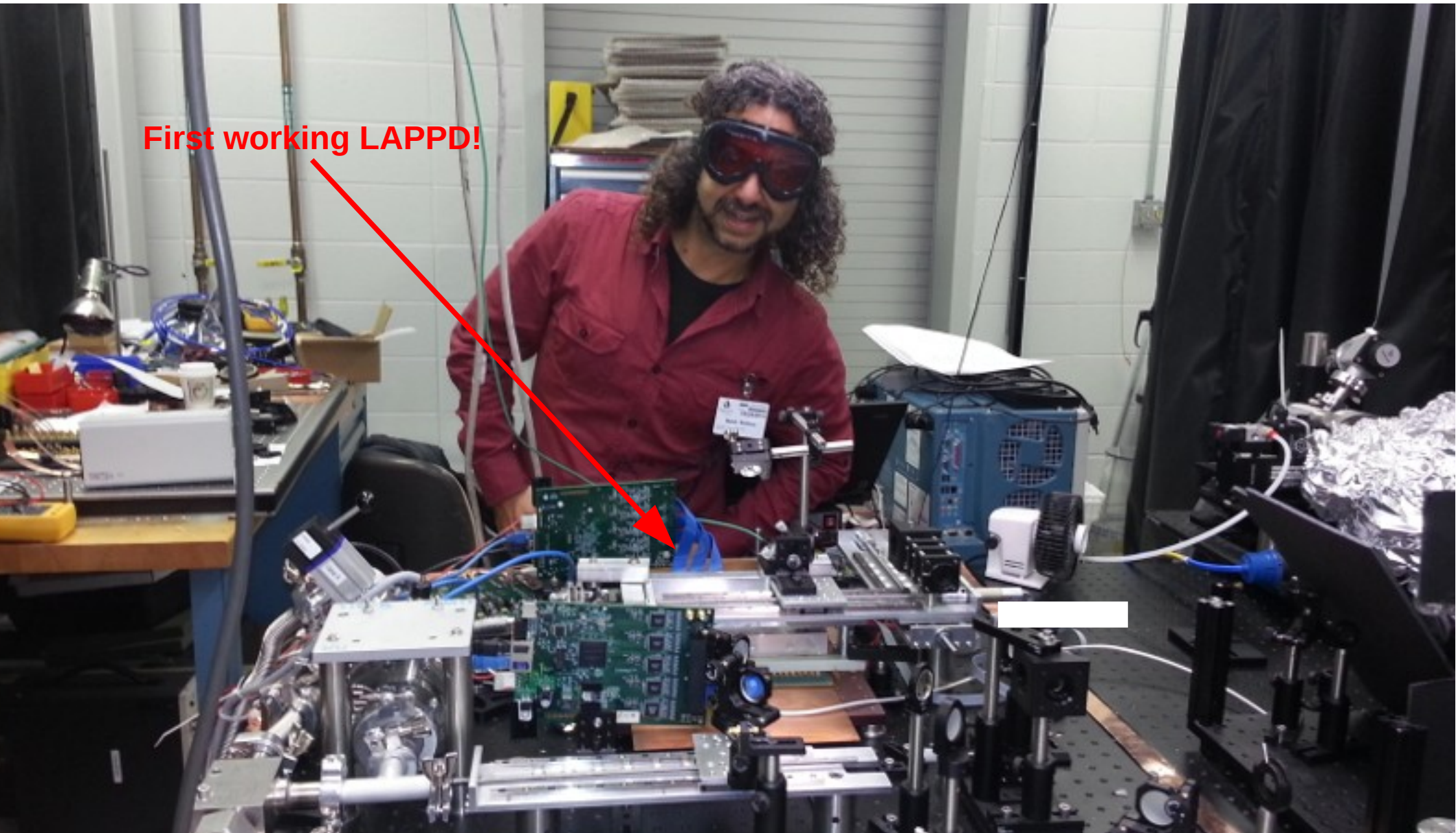
single photoelectron absolute time resolution



differential time resolution between 2 ends of stripline

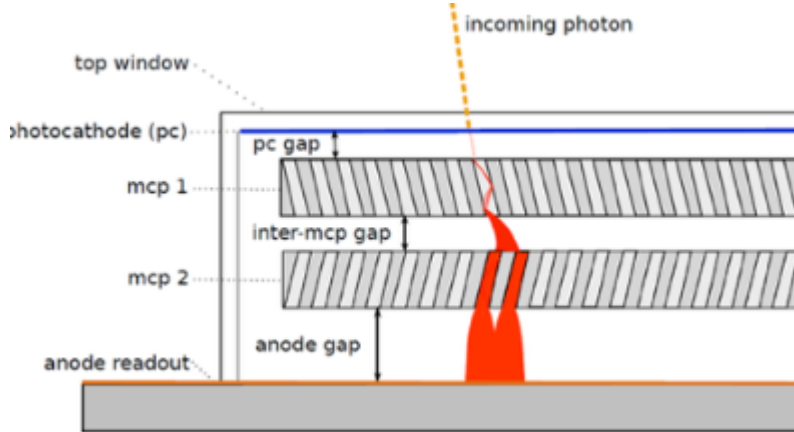


# LAPPD Development



# LAPPD Deployment

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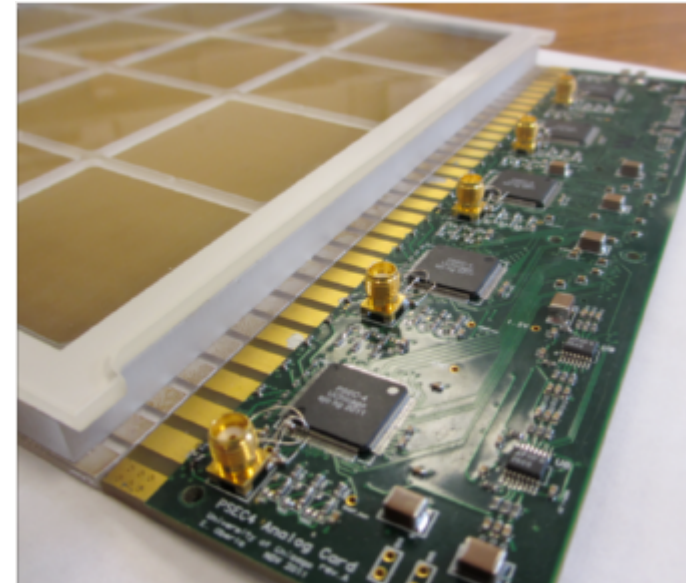
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Starting in 2019, ANNIE will be the first particle physics experiment to use LAPPDs!

After years of development (2007 – 2015), the technology has been commercialised with Incom;

- First complete units produced last year,
- First LAPPDs sold this year,
- First LAPPD coming to UK next year!



# ANNIE Phase I

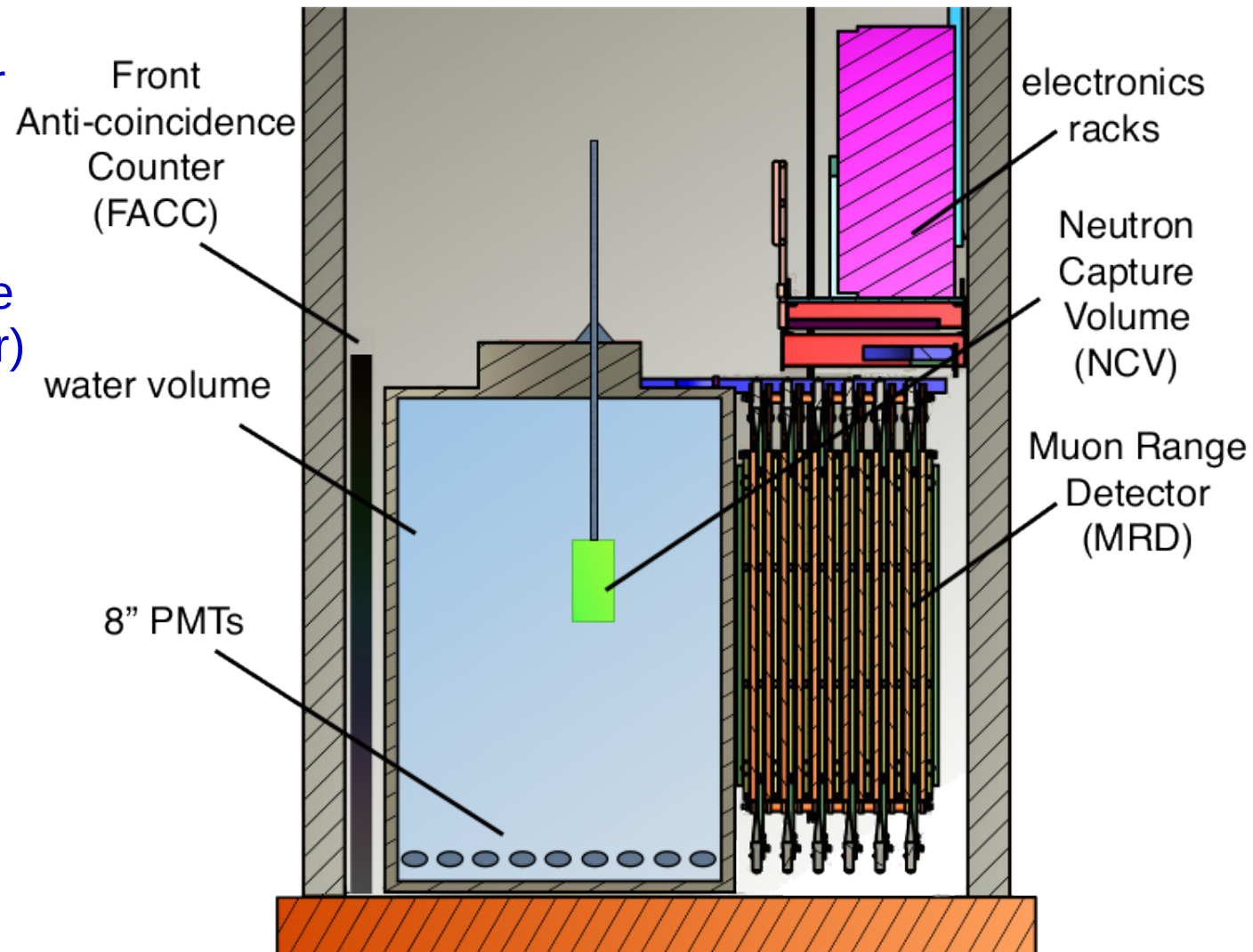
Successful run in Fermilab's SciBooNE Hall: Apr '16 – Jul '17

First phase has:

- 26 tonnes of pure water
- 60 PMTs
- Upstream muon veto
- Two layers of MRD
- Neutron capture volume (Gd-loaded scintillator)

It did **not** have:

- Gd-loaded water
- LAPPDs
- Full (11 layer) MRD

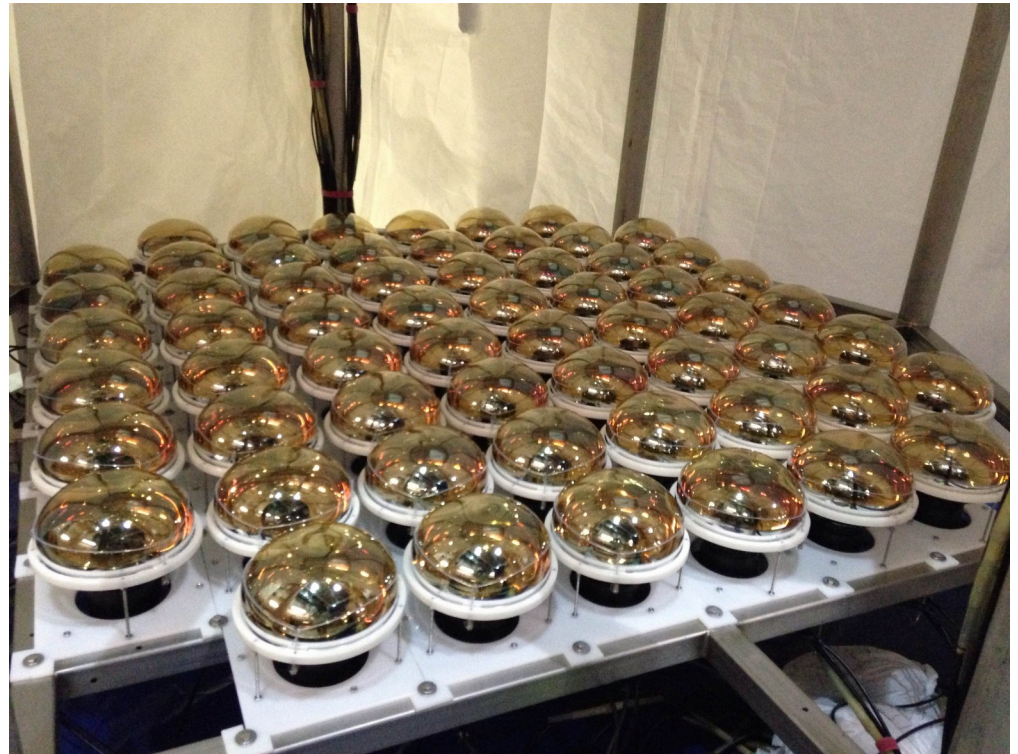


# Phase I Installation (1)





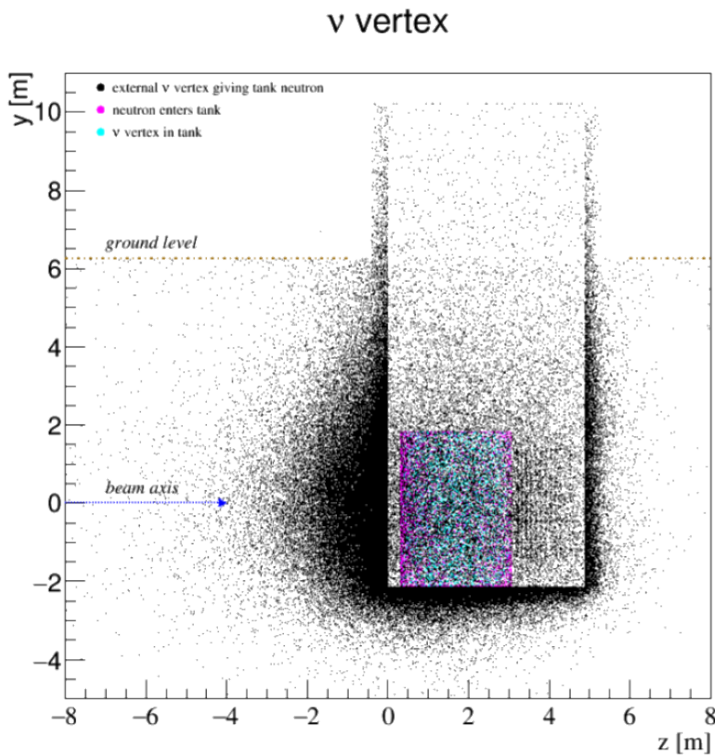
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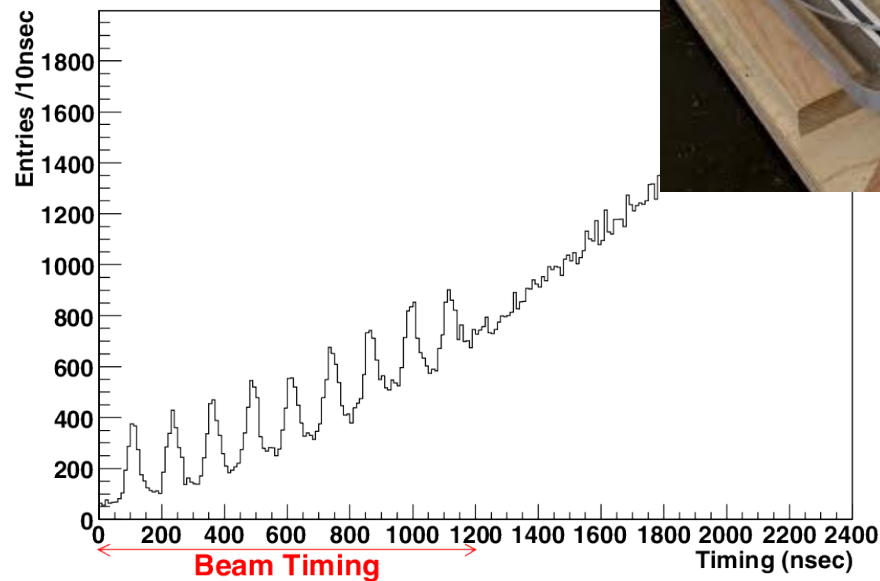
# Phase I Goals

Mobile neutron capture volume (NCV) filled with 0.25% Gd-loaded scintillator.

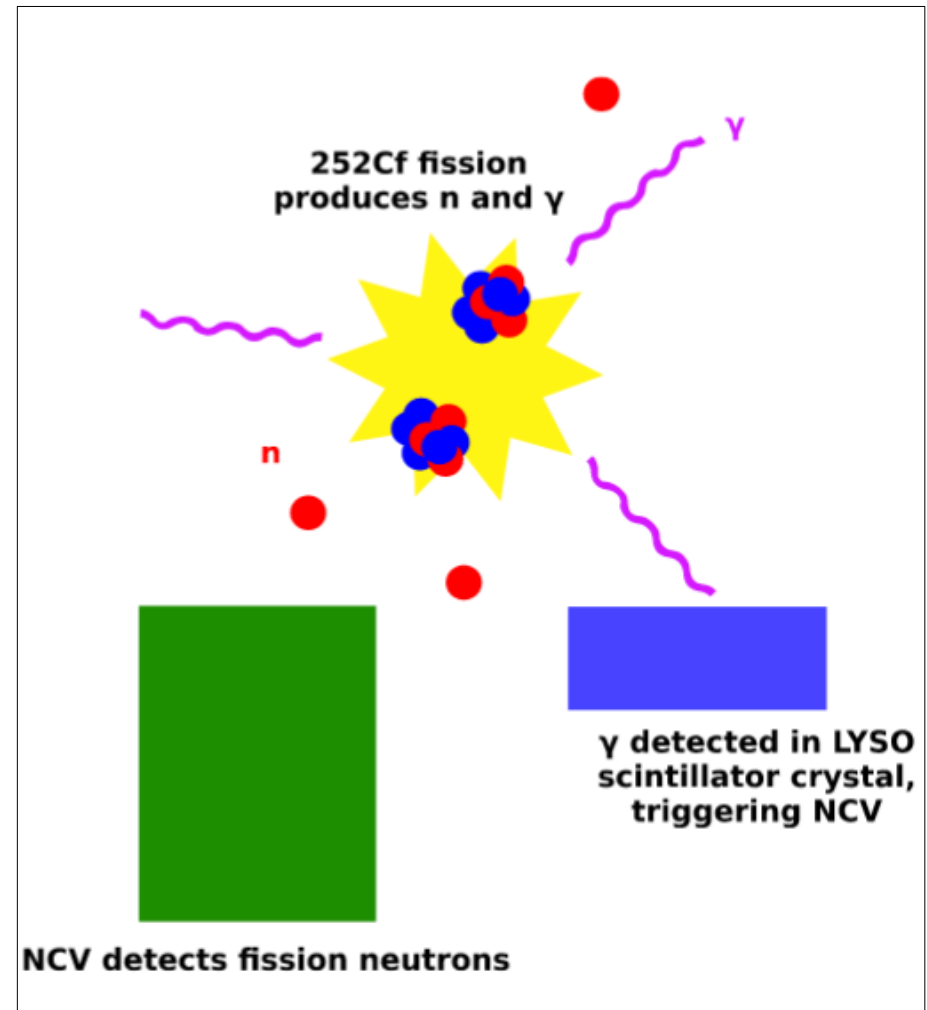
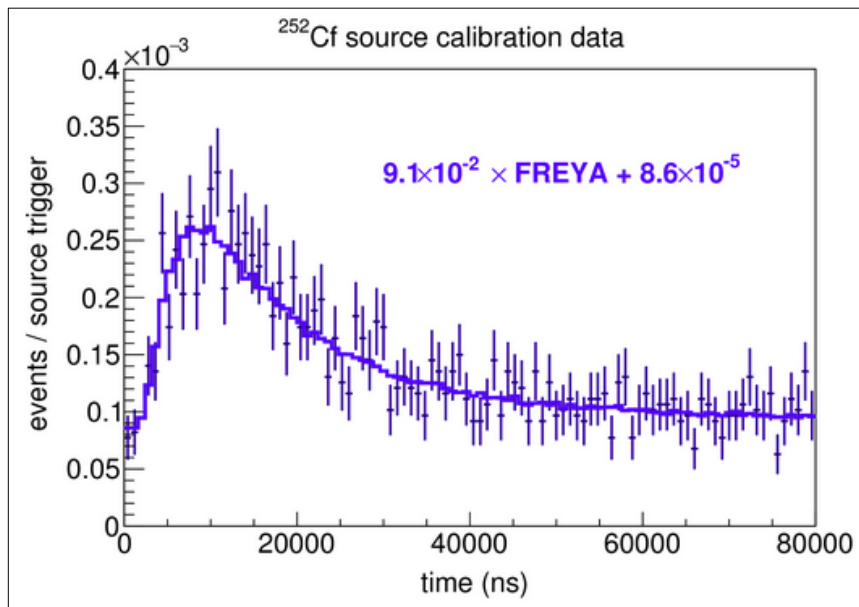
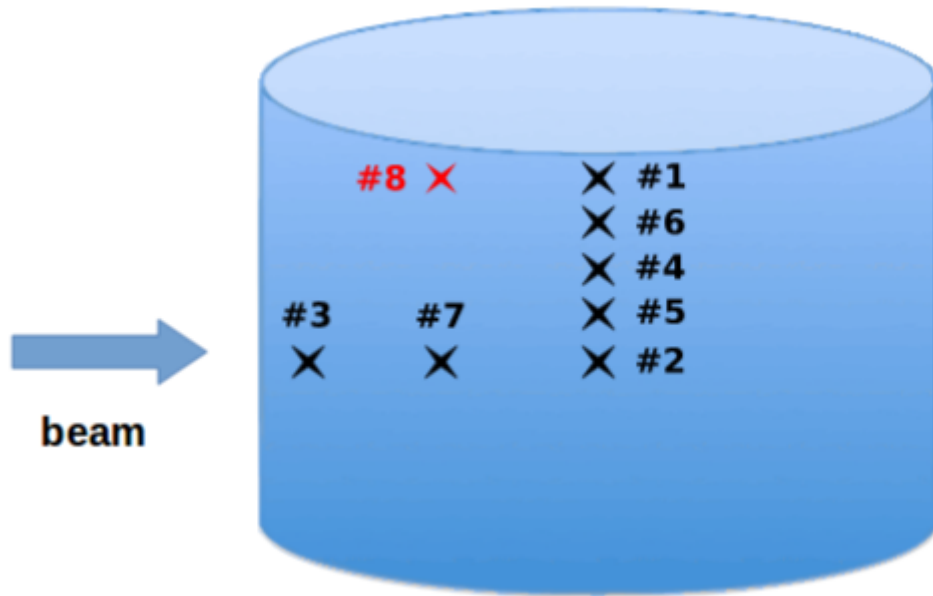
- Goal is to measure neutron BG in SciBooNE Hall from rock, skyshine, etc.
- Measure rate, positional, timing distrib.



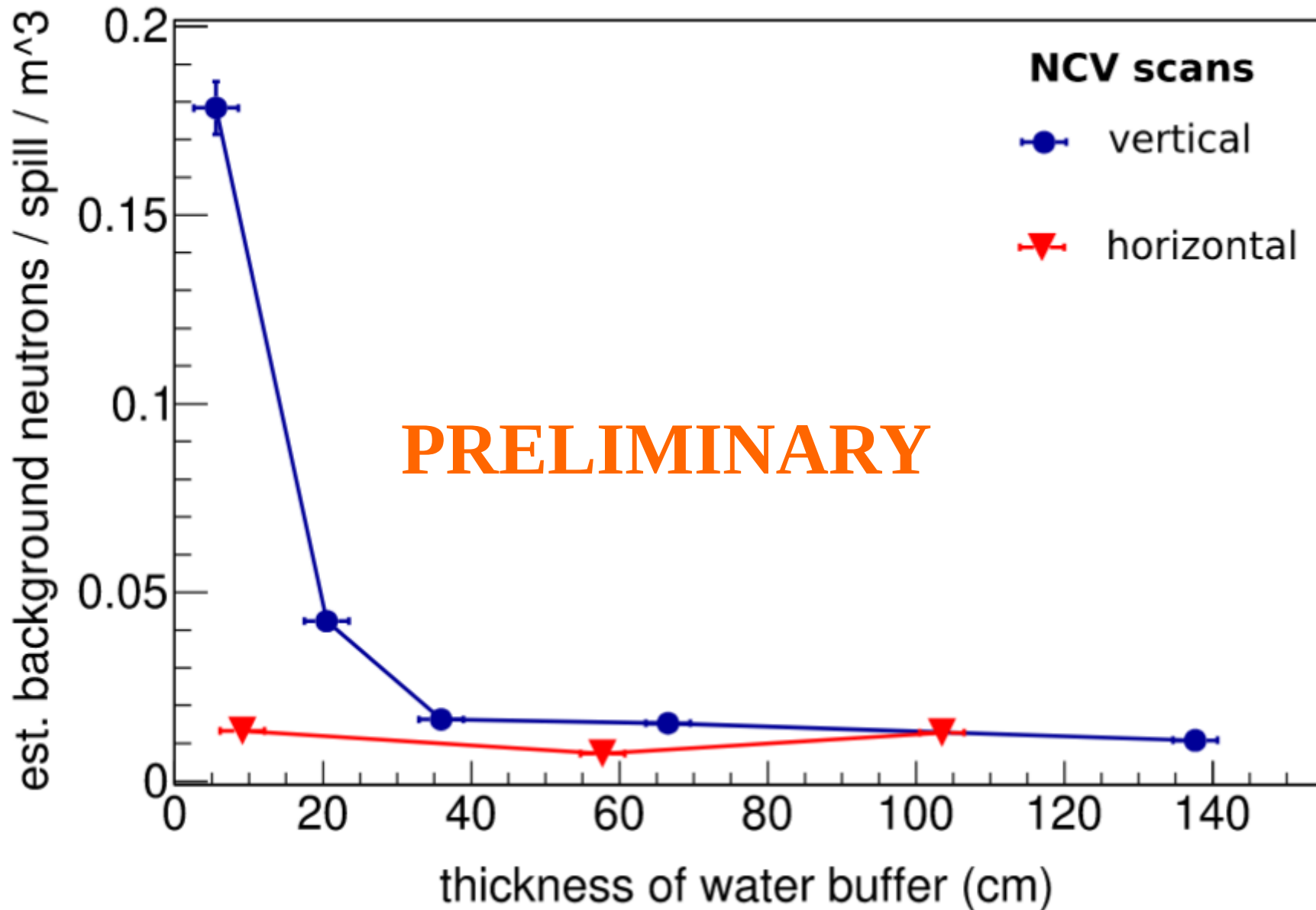
Single Hit Timing at the top of K2K-SciBar



# Phase I Data Taking



# Phase I Results



# ANNIE Phase II

## Current status:

Under construction now!  
(funded by US DOE)

MRD fully refurbished (all 11 layers)

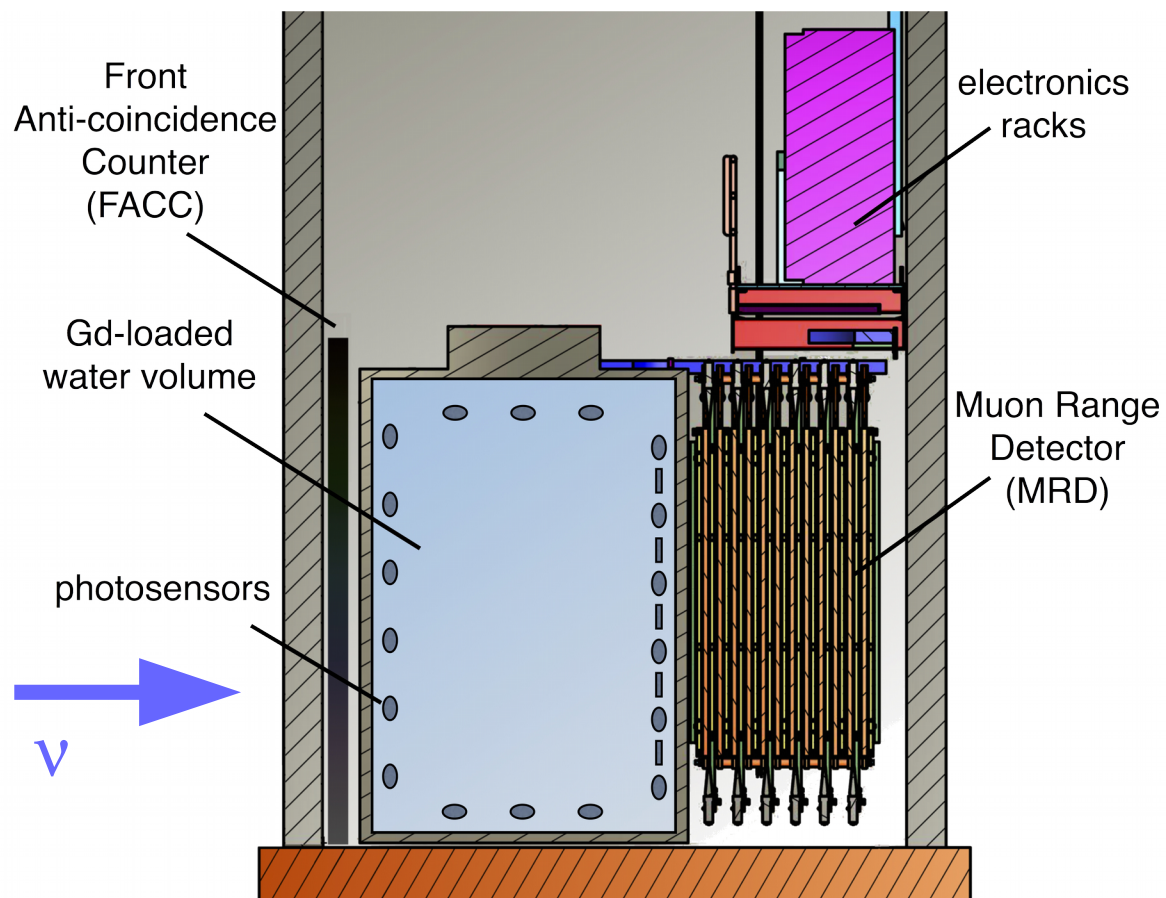
FACC working

40 new PMTs on order (130 total)

2 LAPPDs in-hand; three more in the pipeline

Reminder: Phase II (Physics run) will use Gd-loaded water

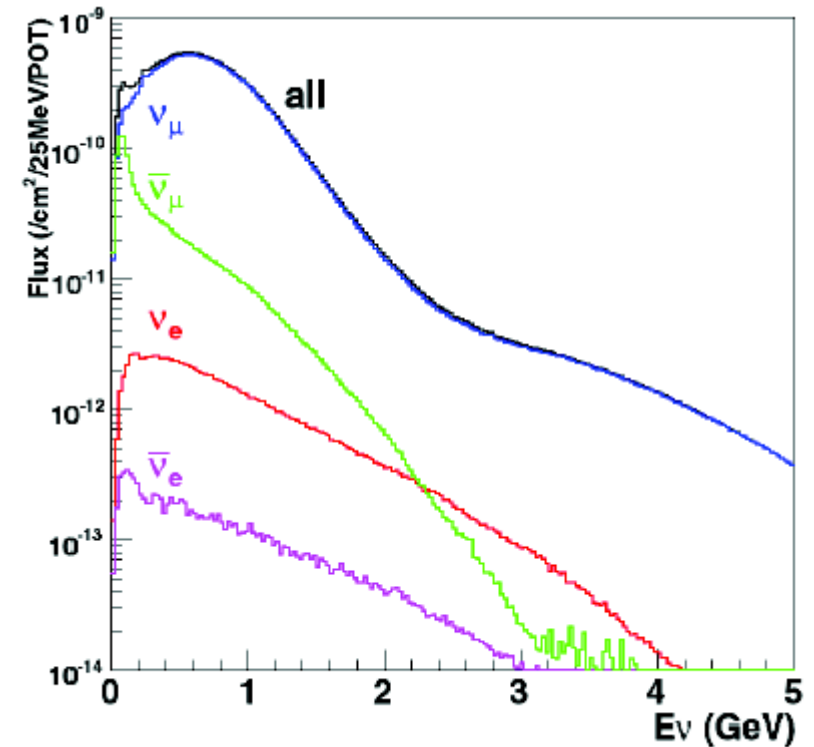
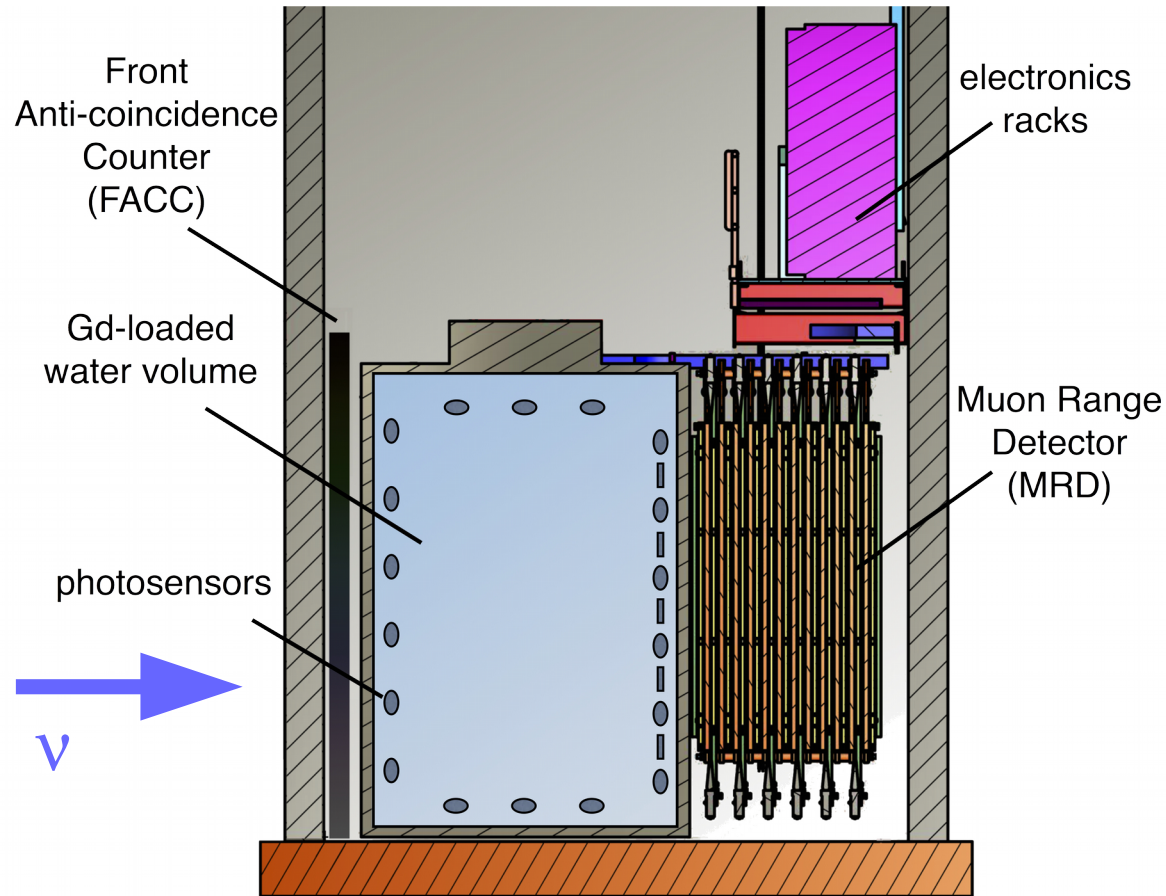
Scheduled to begin taking data in March 2019



# Neutrino Flux

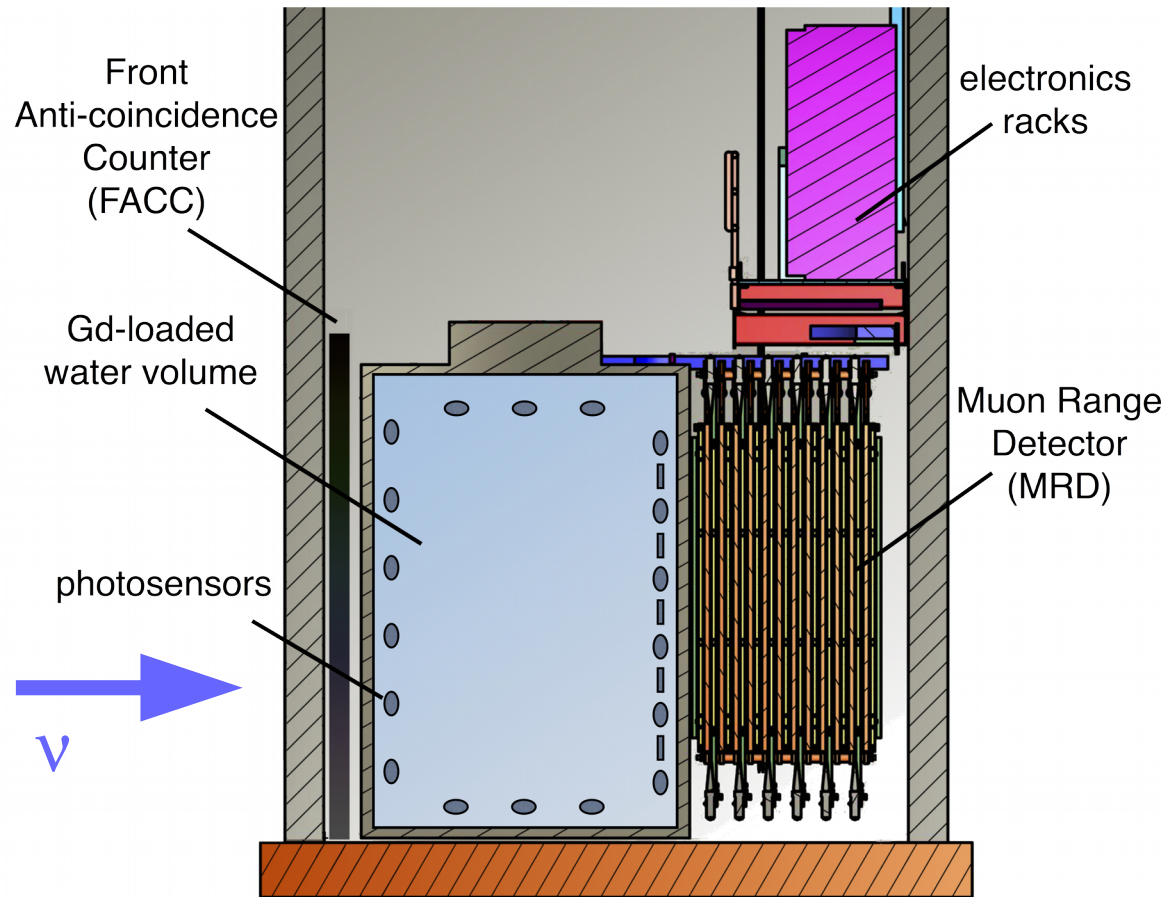
ANNIE runs commensalistically in the Booster Neutrino Beam (BNB).

Fluxes at this site:



# Neutrino Event Rates

ANNIE runs commensalistically in the Booster Neutrino Beam (BNB).



Relevant BNB statistics at this site:

- On-axis neutrino beam
- 100 meters from target
- $4 \times 10^{12}$  P.O.T. per pulse
- $\sim 700$  MeV peak energy
- 93% pure  $\nu_\mu$  (in neutrino mode)

| $\nu$ -type   | Total Int. | CC   | NC   |
|---------------|------------|------|------|
| $\nu_\mu$     | 9892       | 6991 | 2900 |
| $\nu_\mu$     | 130        | 83   | 47   |
| $\nu_e$       | 71         | 51   | 20   |
| $\bar{\nu}_e$ | 3.0        | 2.0  | 1.0  |

Event rate is  $\sim 10,000$   $\nu_\mu$  interactions (7000 charged current) per tonne per year.  
[Total volume is  $\sim 30$  tonnes; fiducial mass still to be determined.]

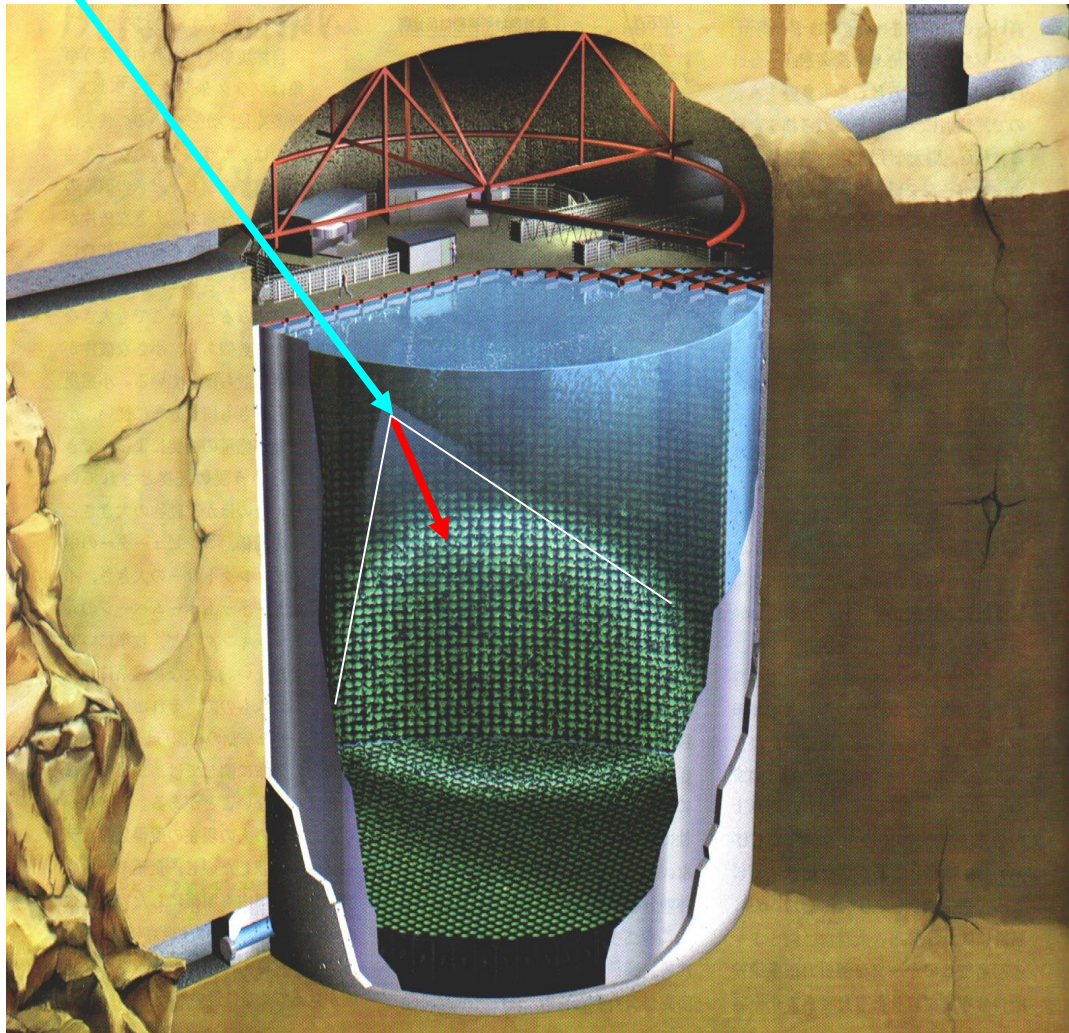
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These include.....  ...and also.....

[\*] “The Tempest”, by William Shakespeare (Act II, Scene 1)





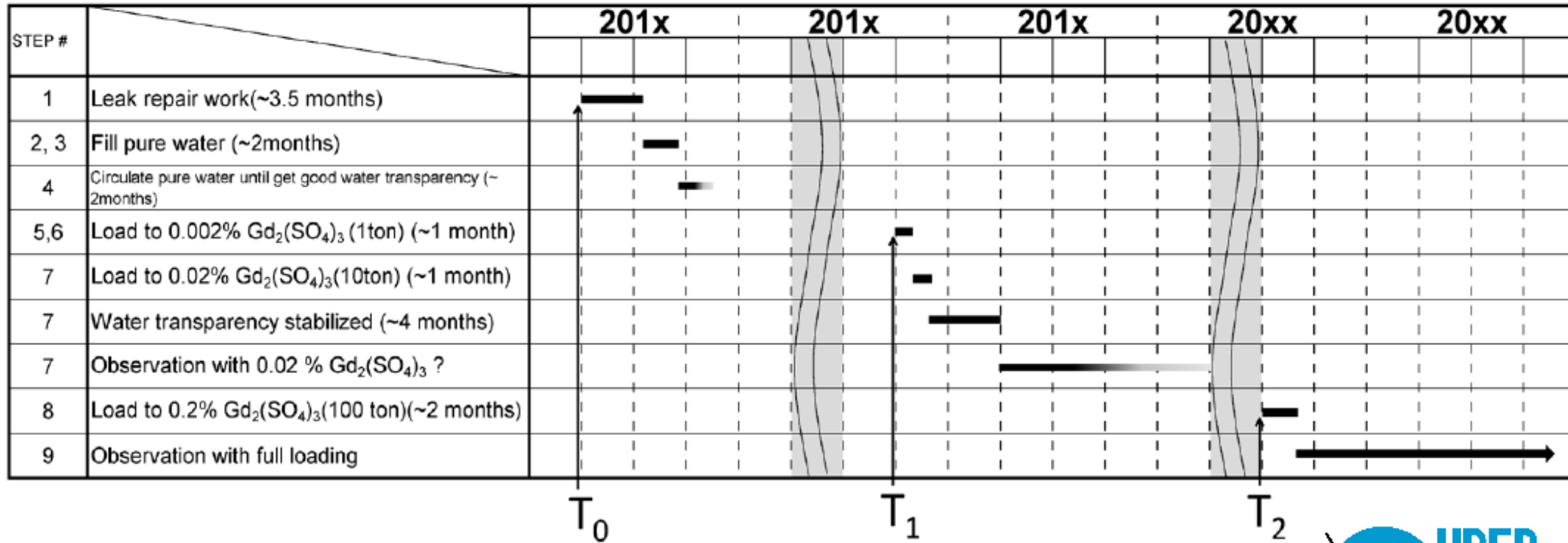
In June 2015, the Super-Kamiokande collaboration voted to add  $\text{Gd}_2[\text{SO}_4]_3$  to the detector, opening up a new area of physics potential.

Possibilities include:

- Supernova relic neutrinos
- Identification of modes in a galactic supernova neutrino burst
- $\nu / \bar{\nu}$  discrimination for atmospheric and accelerator neutrinos
- Reduced atmospheric background for proton decay searches

The next phase of T2K running (T2K-II) will use SK-Gd as the far detector.

# SK-Gd Timeline



$T_0$  = Start refurbishment of SK detector

$T_1$  = Add first gadolinium sulfate (0.000% -> 0.002% → 0.020%)

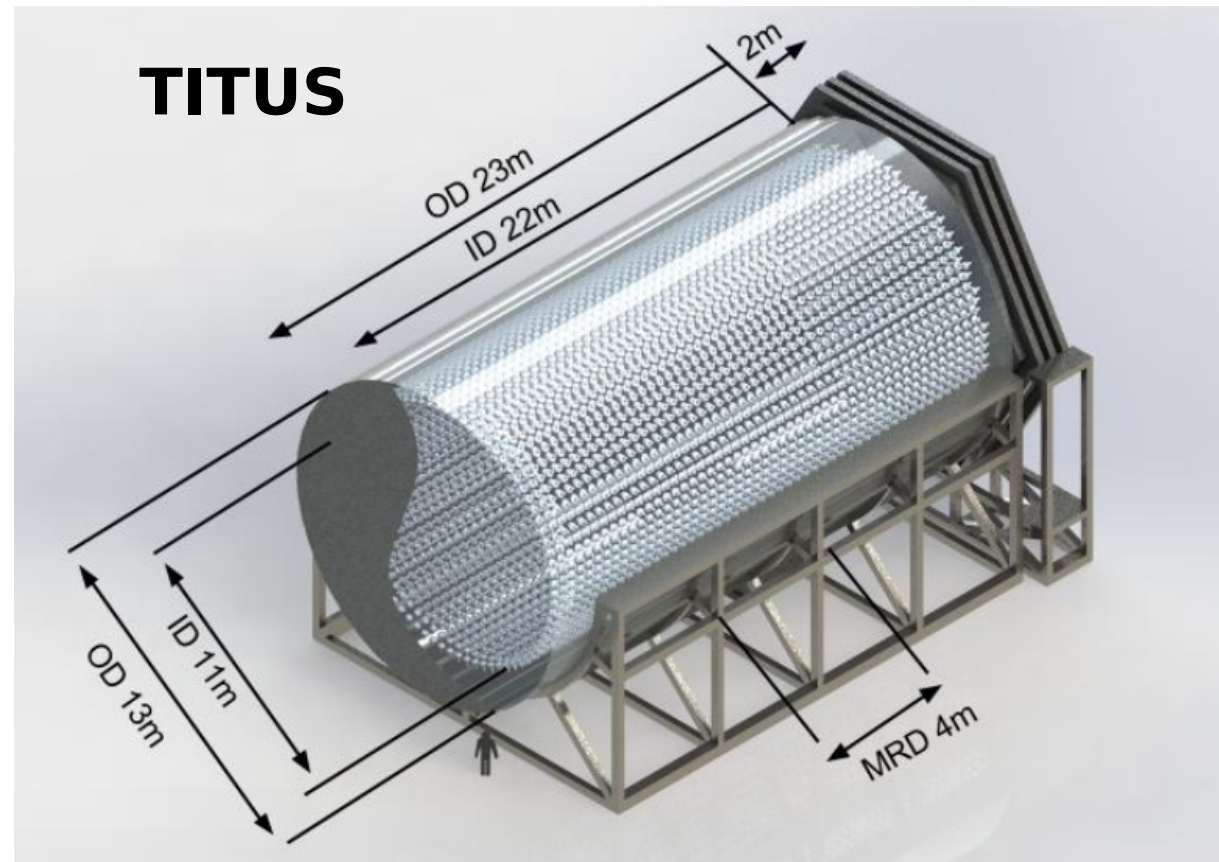
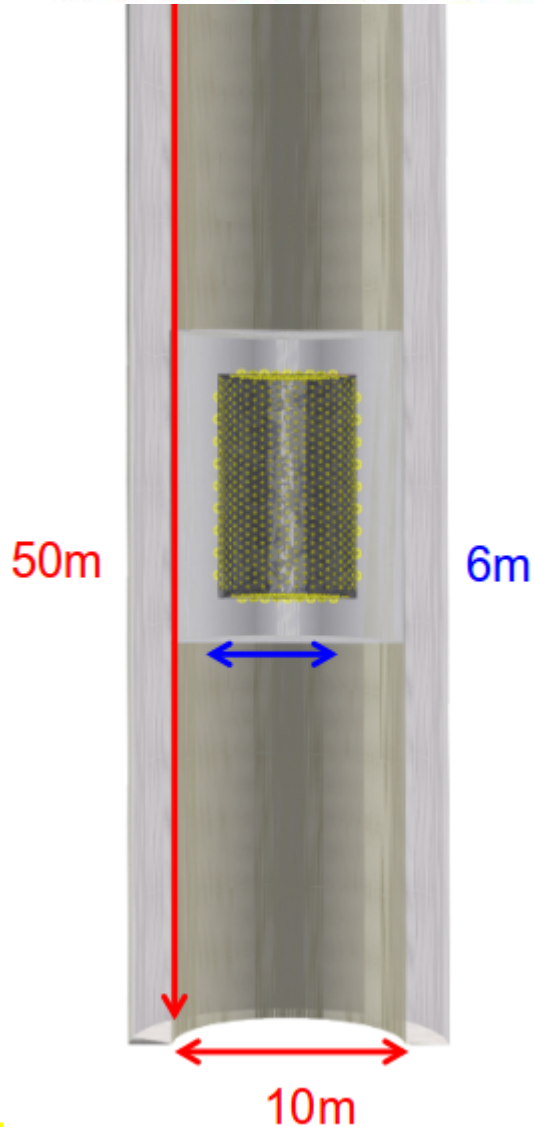
$T_2$  = Full loading of gadolinium sulfate (0.20%)



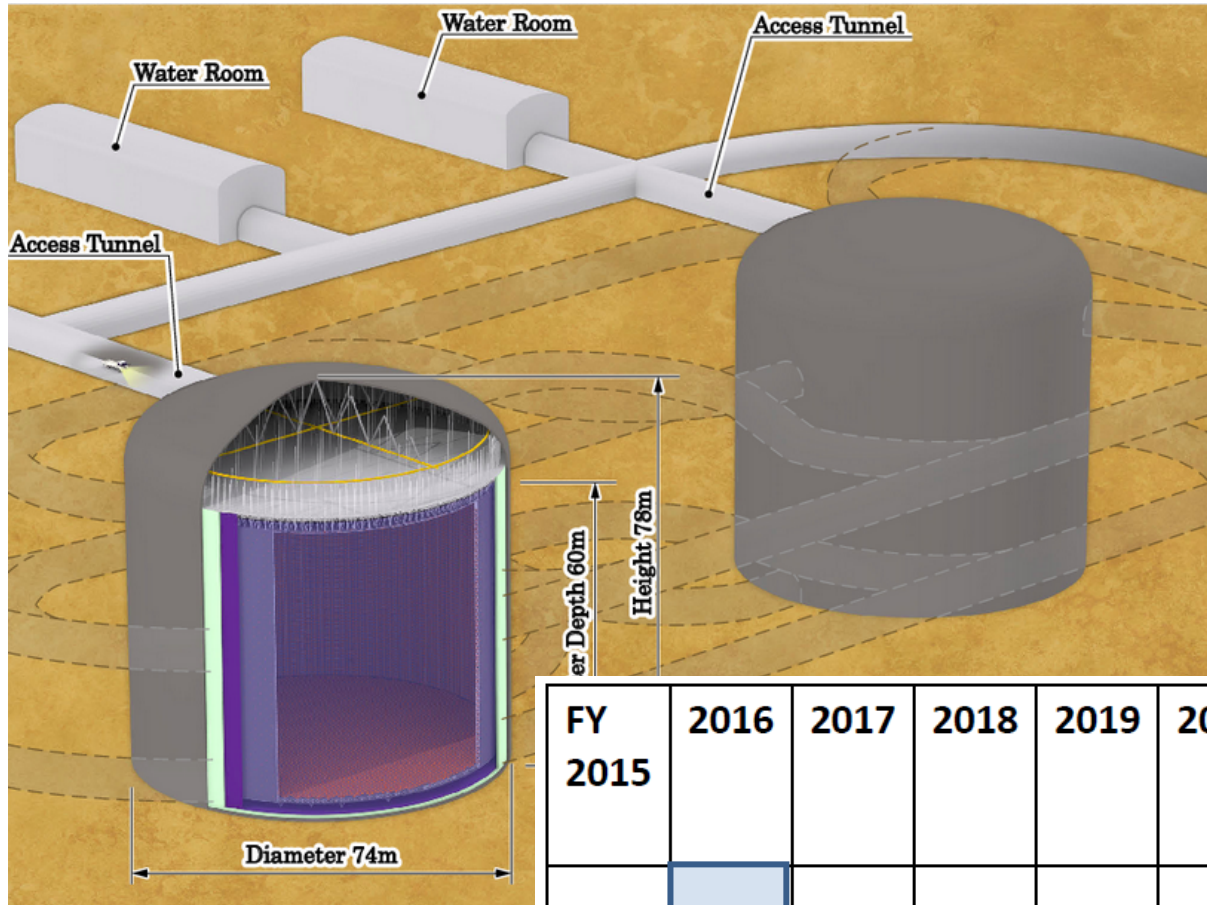
# NuPRISM & TITUS



- Two new 'intermediate' distance WC detectors (~1 km) have been proposed for **T2K-II** and **Hyper-Kamiokande**.
- Both incorporate the Gd-loading technique in their designs.
- Have been merged into 'E61' → final design still pending

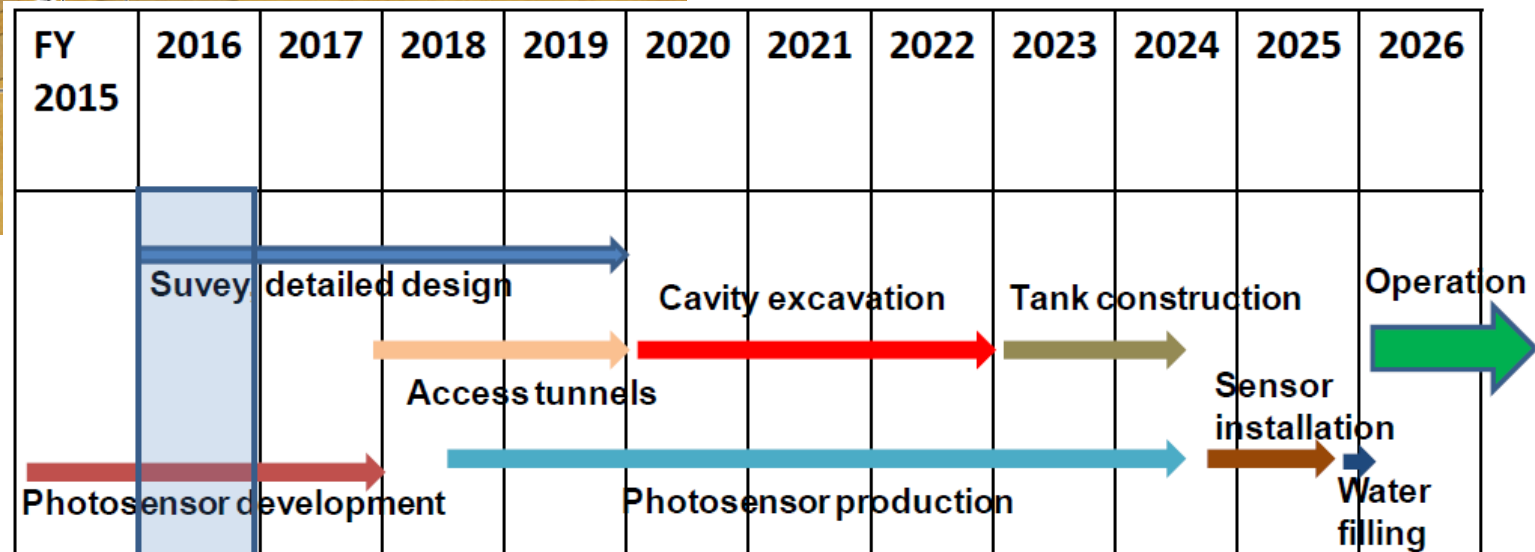


# Hyper-Kamiokande



## Broad physics programme:

- Neutrino oscillation:
  - Atmospheric neutrinos
  - Solar neutrinos
  - Accelerator neutrinos
- Proton decay
- Neutrino astrophysics
  - Supernova burst
    - (~160,000 events @ 10 kpc)
  - Supernova relic neutrinos
- Indirect WIMP searches



# The Story So Far...

## To recap:

The motivation is clear; loading water Cherenkov neutrinos detectors with gadolinium brings new life to an old technology.

The **technical** capability has been demonstrated.

The **physics** benefit is well-established, with new experiments planned at scales ranging from 26 tonnes (ANNIE) to 520,000 tonnes (Hyper-K), starting from next year and continuing to turn on over the next decade.

That's great... but can we also use anti-neutrino detection for **impact**?



# WATCHMAN Overview

**WATCHMAN = WATER Cherenkov Monitor for Anti-Neutrinos**

Physics is fun, but the real world is a dangerous place... and getting more so all the time.

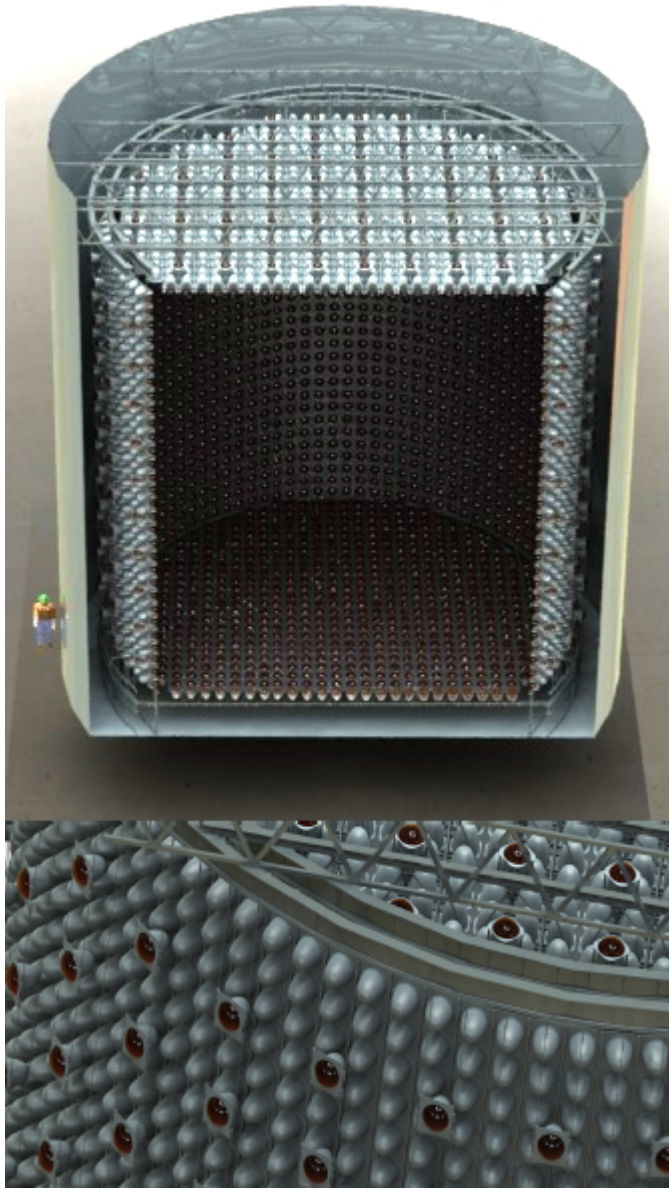
The goal of the WATCHMAN project is to harness the techniques described earlier for nuclear threat reduction.

Primary sponsor is the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (DNN) at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in the United States.

Secondary sponsors are UKRI/STFC and the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in the UK.



# What is WATCHMAN?



## Objective:

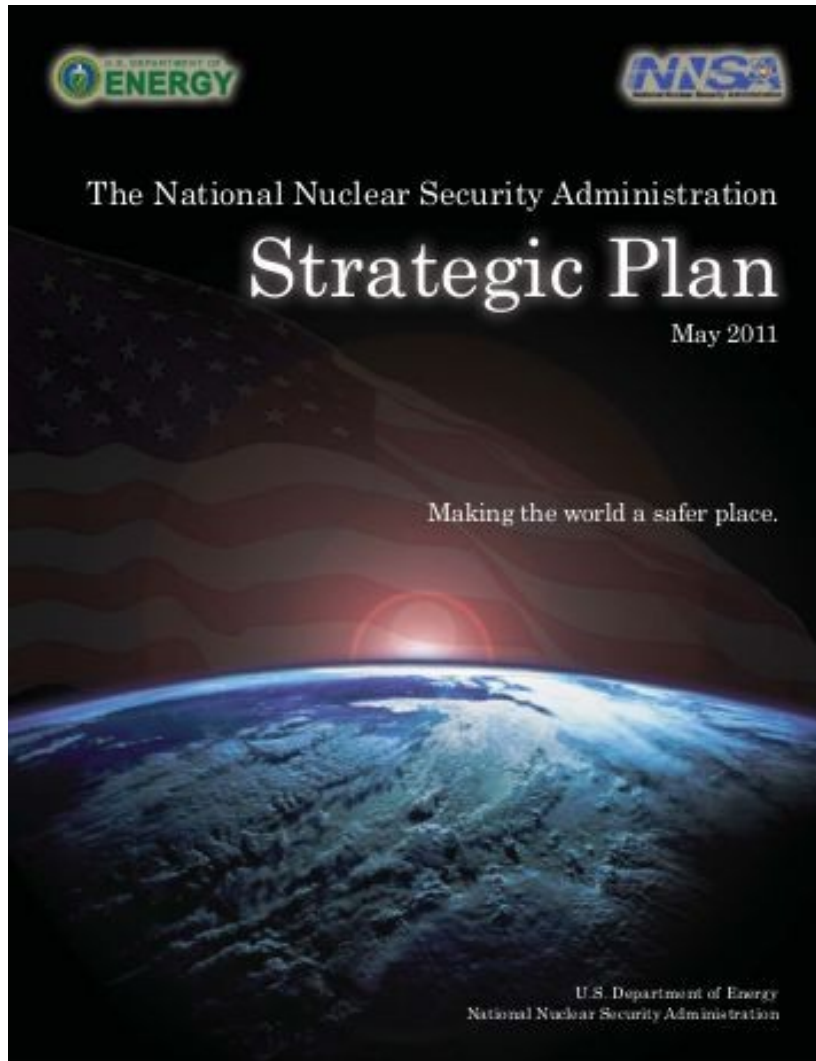
Remote monitoring of small fission reactors (~40 MWth) via detection of antineutrino emissions.

Initial project goal is to observe reactor on/off states at approximately 10 – 30 km distance from reactor.

## Prototype Design Features:

- Medium scale (~1 ktonne fiducial mass) water-based gadolinium-loaded antineutrino detector
- Initial prototype to demonstrate monitoring of a single known reactor site
- Rationale is to develop a detector design that can be scaled to larger masses for smaller reactors and larger standoff distances





We have been charged by the sponsor with the following goal:

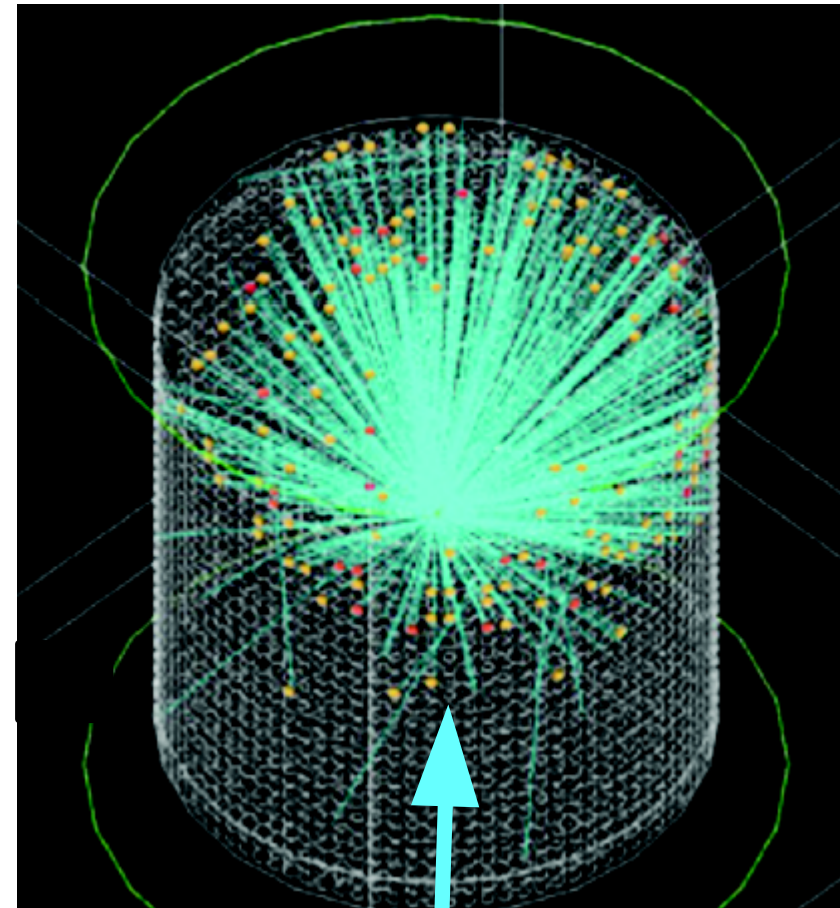
**Verify, to  $3\sigma$  confidence, the presence of a nuclear reactor (if one exists) within 30 days.**

This requires reducing backgrounds to ~330 events per day.

Additionally, the reactor signal is **limited** to no more than 10 events/day.  
→ Very different way of thinking!

## The baseline design includes:

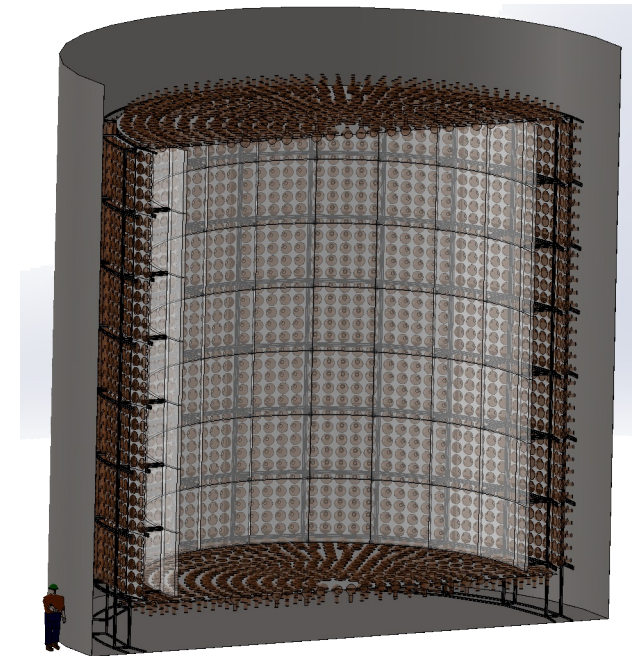
- ~1 ktonne fiducial mass
- ~1.5 meter active veto region
- 0.1% Gd-loaded water
- 25% PMT coverage
  - 10" (or 12") high QE PMTs
  - Low radioactivity PMTs
  - Mounted on high quality stainless steel frame (SS304)



Visualisation of an  
elastic scattering  
event in the  
WATCHMAN detector

**WATCHMAN is a partnership of Universities and Defence / Defense Agencies across the USA & the UK:**

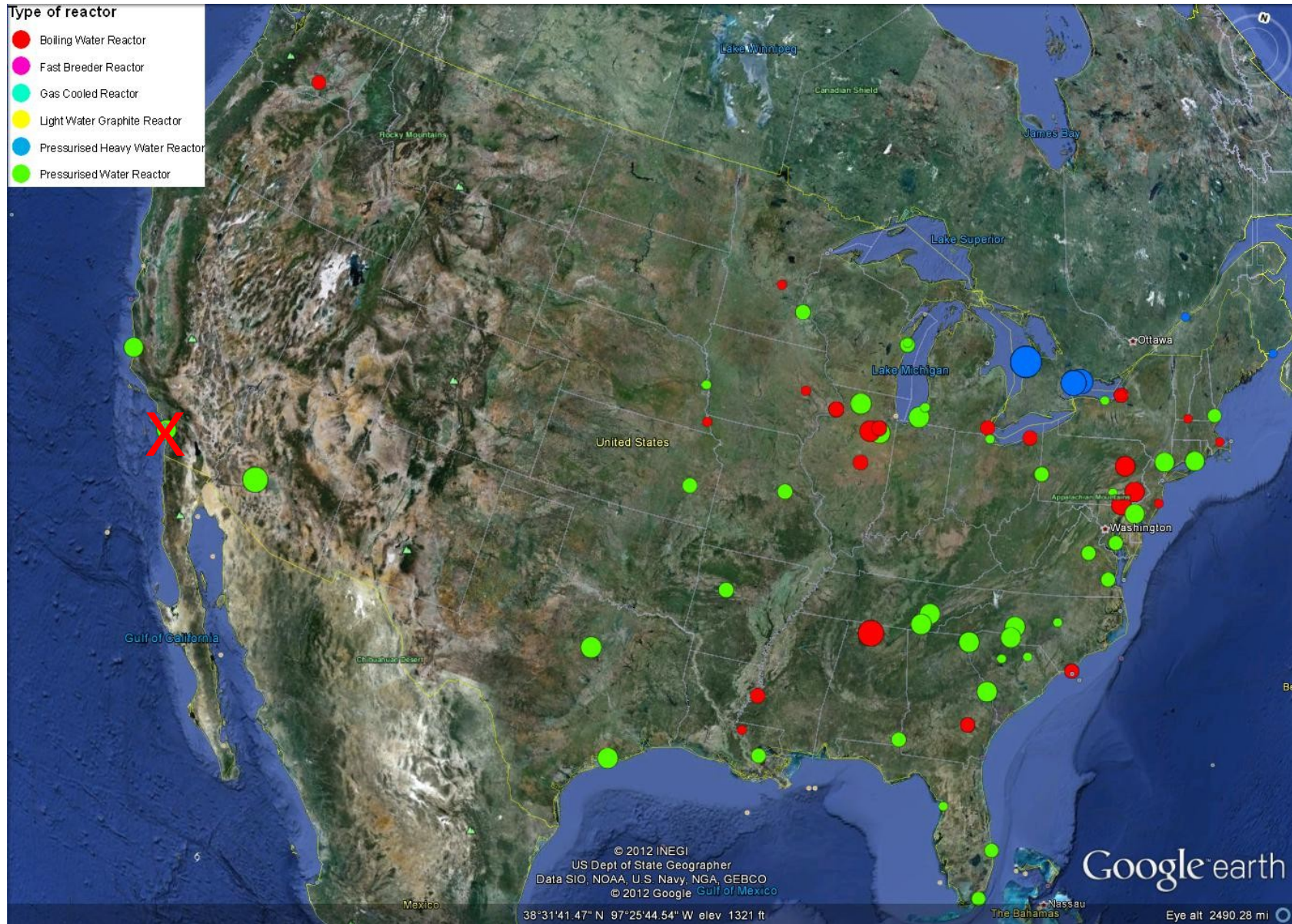
- ~80 collaborators (including students)
- 21 institutions
- 2 countries



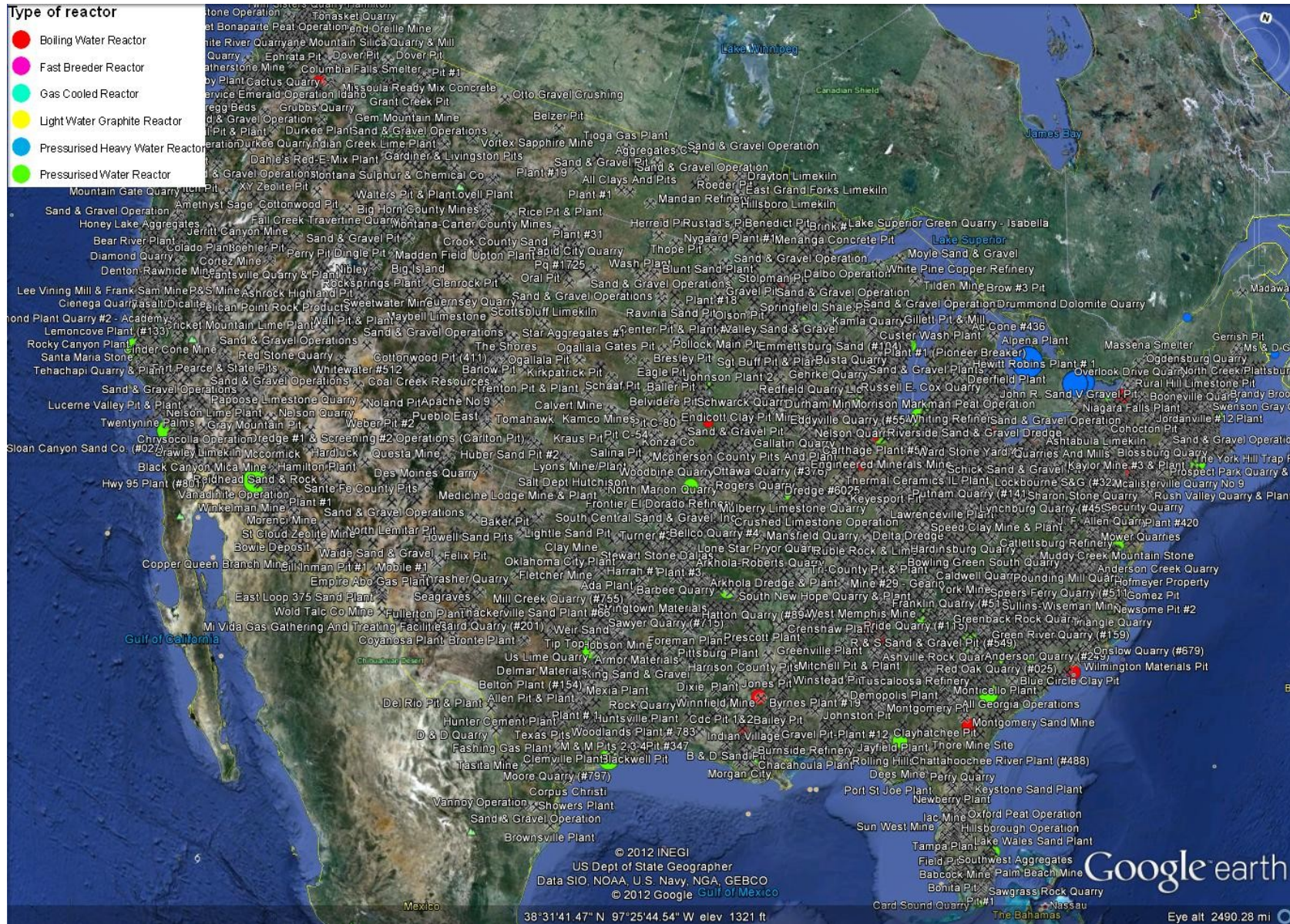
## The WATCHMAN prototype site requires:

- (a) an underground laboratory (or potential to build one) that is within ~30 km of
  - (b) a nuclear reactor
- This places a significant constraint on the choice of site!

# Map of US Reactors



# Map of US Mines



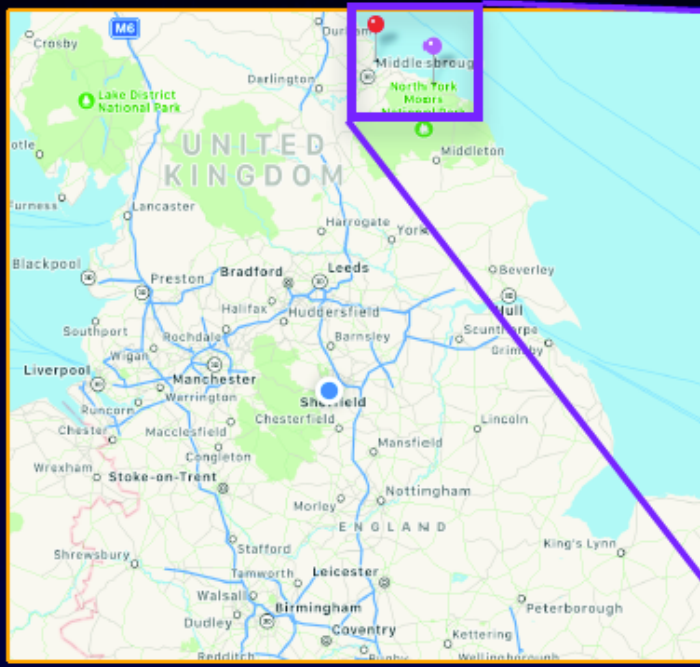
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## Search results:

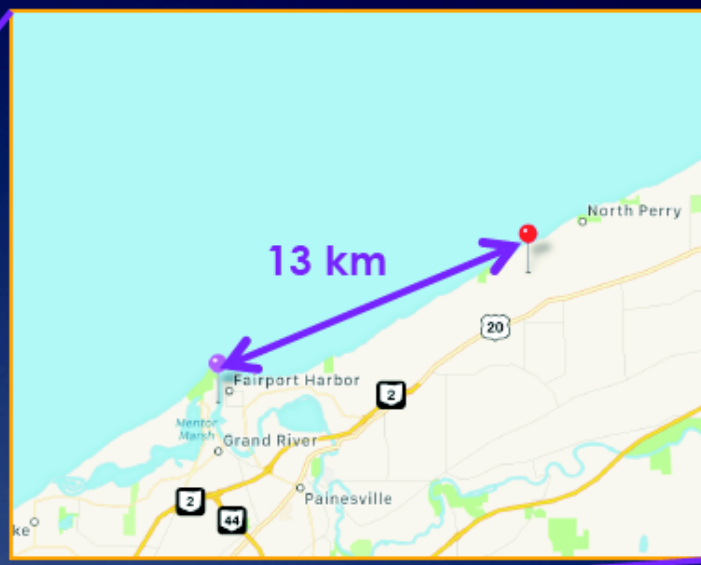
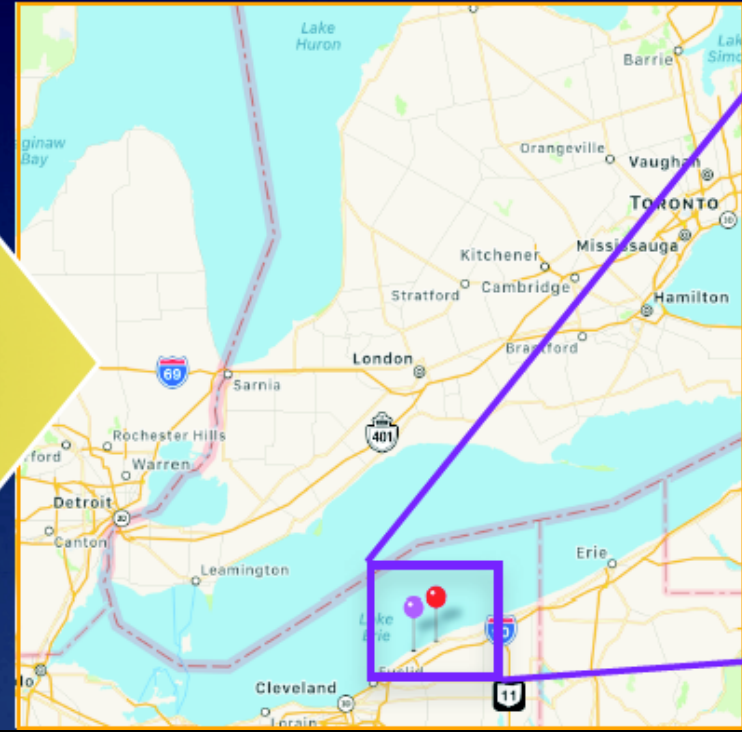
- Only one site in the USA satisfies criteria
- Another candidate site in UK fits both criteria

# Potential Sites



**Boulby Mine:**  
2800 m.w.e.  
Operating Potash/  
Polyhalite mine  
Existing science lab hosts  
DM expts, etc.  
New cavern needed for  
WATCHMAN  
**Hartlepool reactor:**  
Twin AG reactors  
Total output 2x1.58 GWth

**Morton/Fairport Mine:**  
1300 m.w.e.  
Operating Potash  
mine  
Former IMB site  
No excavation  
needed  
**Perry reactor:**  
Single BW reactor  
Total output 3.7GWth

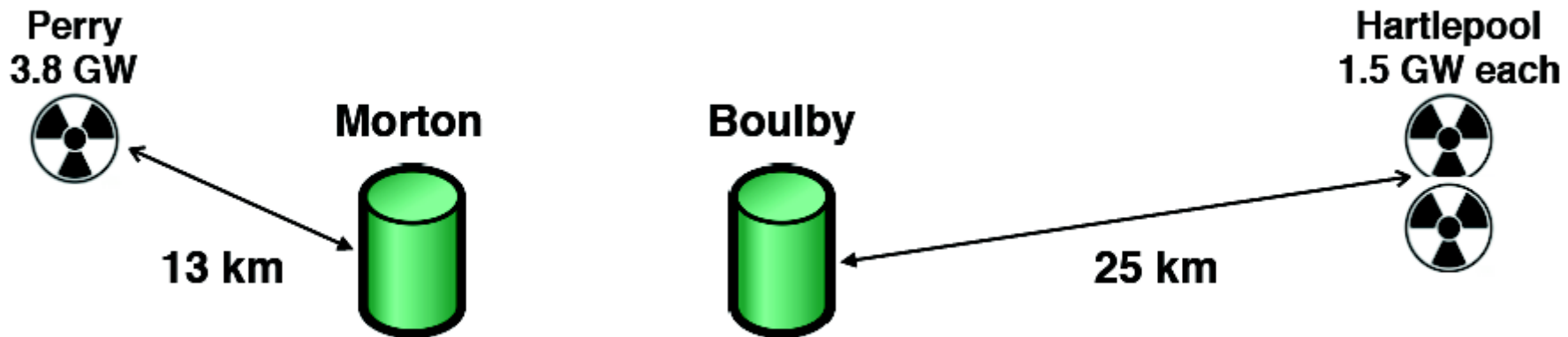




# Reactor Neutrino Fluxes

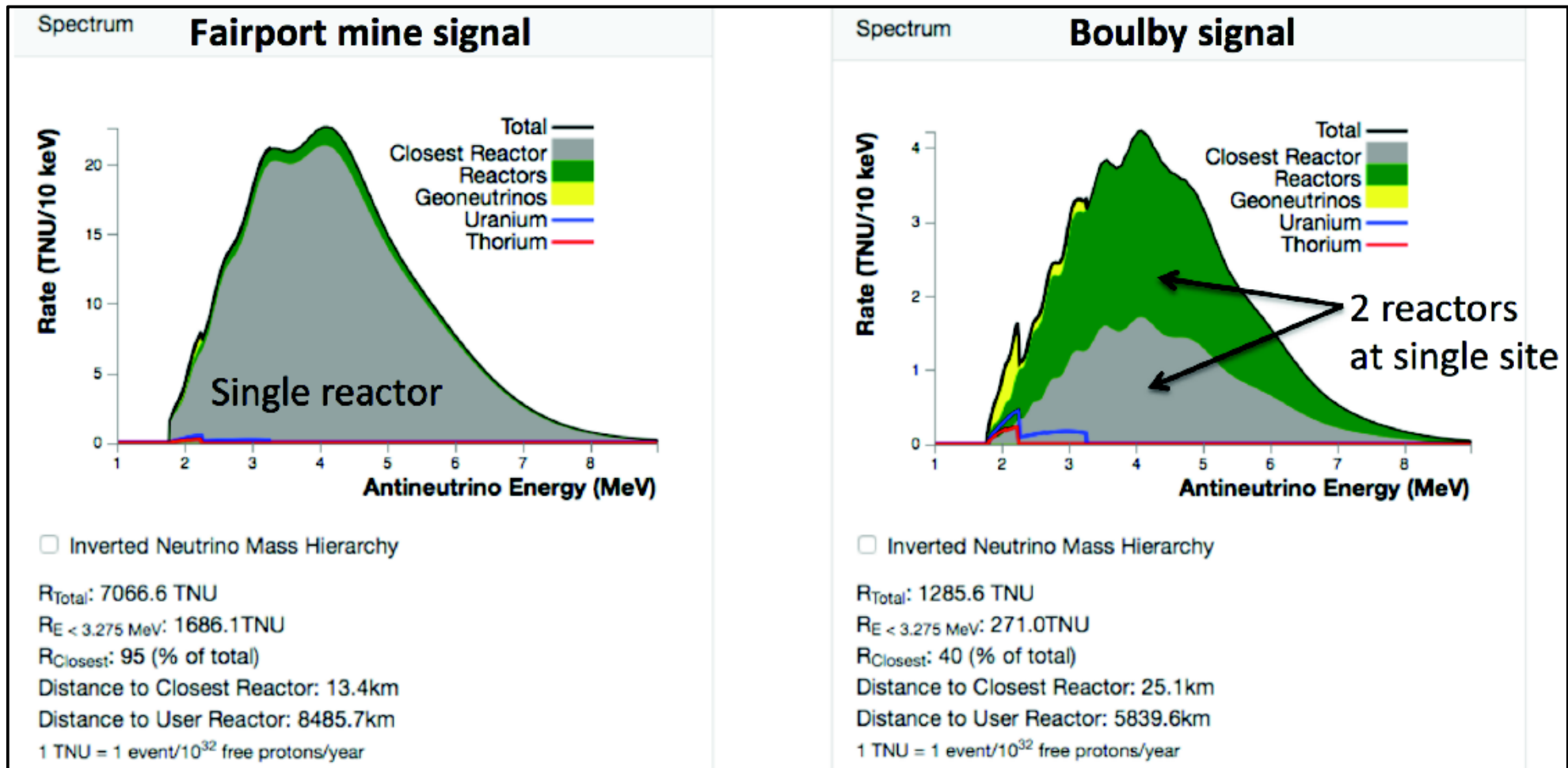
Calculation of fluxes at WATCHMAN sites involves:

- (a) evaluation of total generated flux at reactors
- (b) oscillations in transit
- (c) antineutrino cross-sections (elastic and quasi-elastic)
- (d) backgrounds from other reactors



|                   | $P_{th}$ (MW) | Type | Cores | $L$ (m) | $D$ (m.w.e.) |
|-------------------|---------------|------|-------|---------|--------------|
| Perry-Morton      | 3758          | BWR  | 1     | 13000   | 1560         |
| Hartlepool-Boulby | 3000          | GCR  | 2     | 25000   | 2800         |

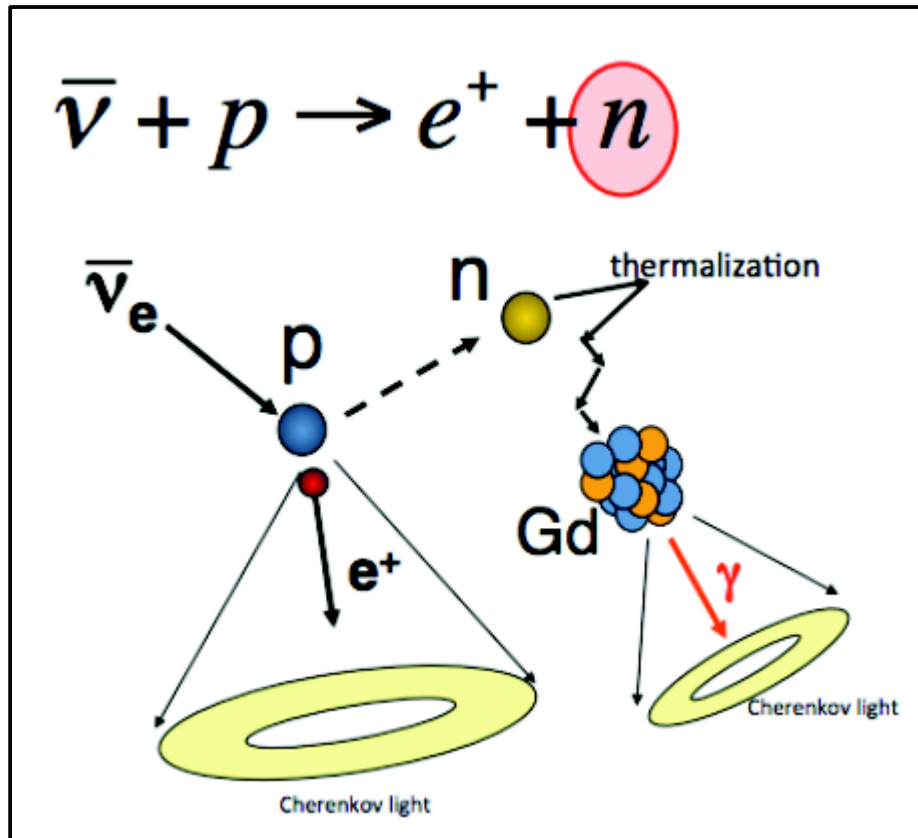
# WATCHMAN site fluxes



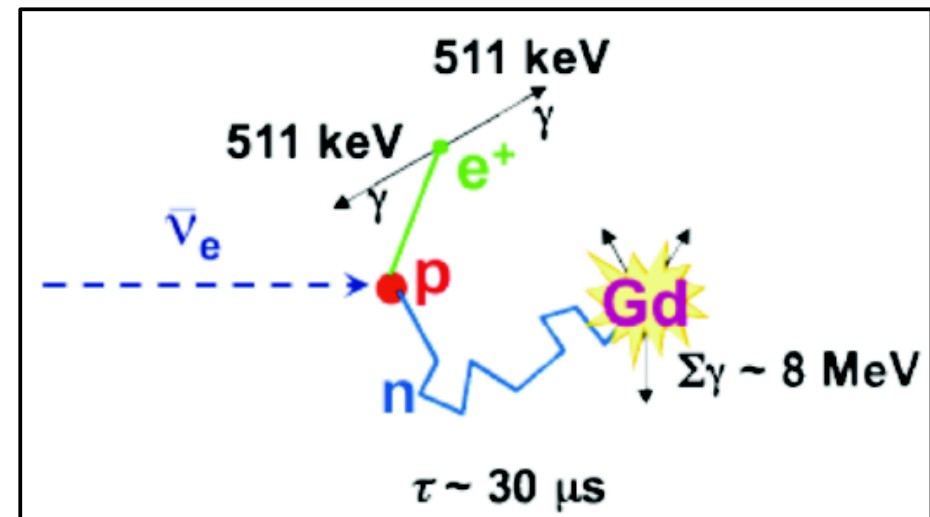
Thanks to Antineutrino Global Map project (see title slide), there is now an online tool to get such reactor fluxes (and natural backgrounds)!

For more detail, see S.Dye's recent preprint at [nucl-ex:1611.01575](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01575)

# WATCHMAN Signal



Signal is positron annihilation, followed by  $\sim 8$  MeV  $\gamma$  cascade from Gd de-excitation  $\sim 30 \mu\text{s}$  after.



## Experimental signature:

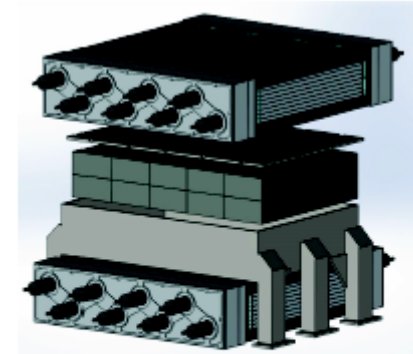
- (a) exactly two Cherenkov flashes
- (b) occurring within a  $\sim 100 \mu\text{s}$  window
- (c) and also within a  $1\text{m}^3$  voxel

## 2012 – 2015:

Background measurements include:

- Muon And Recoil Spectrometer (MARS), measured muogenic fast neutrons at Kimballton Underground Research Facility (KURF),
- Long-lived radio nuclides (such as  $^9\text{Li}$ ) measured with WATCHBOY using gadolinium trichloride (not sulfate!)

In parallel, technology for large Gd-loaded water cherenkov detectors established at EGADS (in Japan)



## MARS



## WATCHBOY



## 2015:

- DOE-HEP pulls out of WATCHMAN. Rumours of project demise.

## 2016:

- WATCHMAN invites UK groups to join collaboration (AWE, Boulby, Sheffield).
- Boulby reconsidered as site

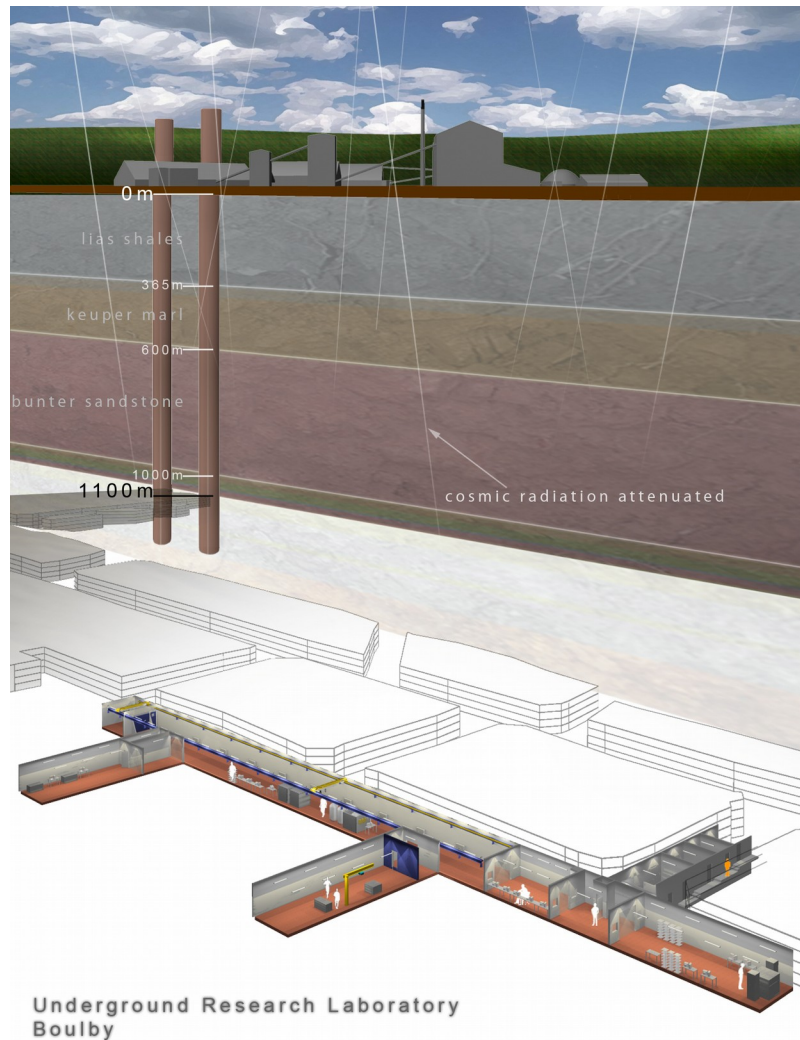
## Mar 2017:

- Proposal submitted to NNSA

## Apr 2017:

- NNSA visit to Boulby and proposal review

# A Brief History



## Oct 2017:

- Funding approved by NNSA!
- \$33M for construction of detector
- Boulby selected as preferred site
- Project expanded into AIT (Advanced Instrumentation Testbed)

## Jan 2018:

- Project kickoff meeting at Sheffield

## May 2018:

- New UK groups admitted to collaboration (Edinburgh, Liverpool)

## Jun 2018:

- STFC applies to UK RI for WATCHMAN funding (support for Boulby & academics)

## Original:

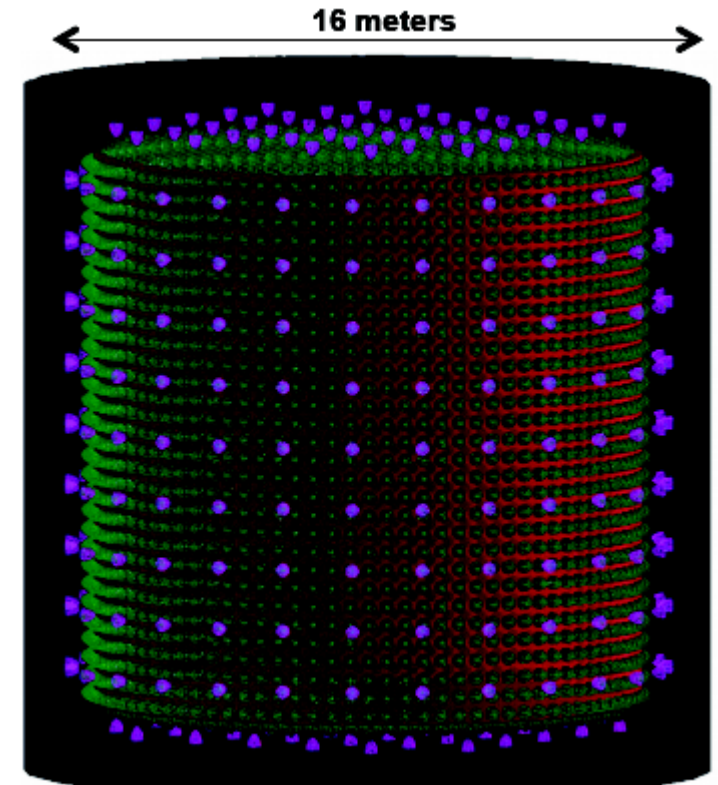
- **Site:** Jon Burns & Sean Paling (conveners)
- **Tank:** Neil Spooner (convener)
- Water
- **PMTs** [AWE, Edinburgh, Sheffield]
- **DAQ:** Lee Thompson (co-convener)
- **Calibration** [Liverpool, Sheffield]
- **Cleanliness** [EVERYBODY!]
- **Simulations** [AWE, Sheffield]

## Later:

- **Governance** [Jon B., Sean P., Matthew M.]

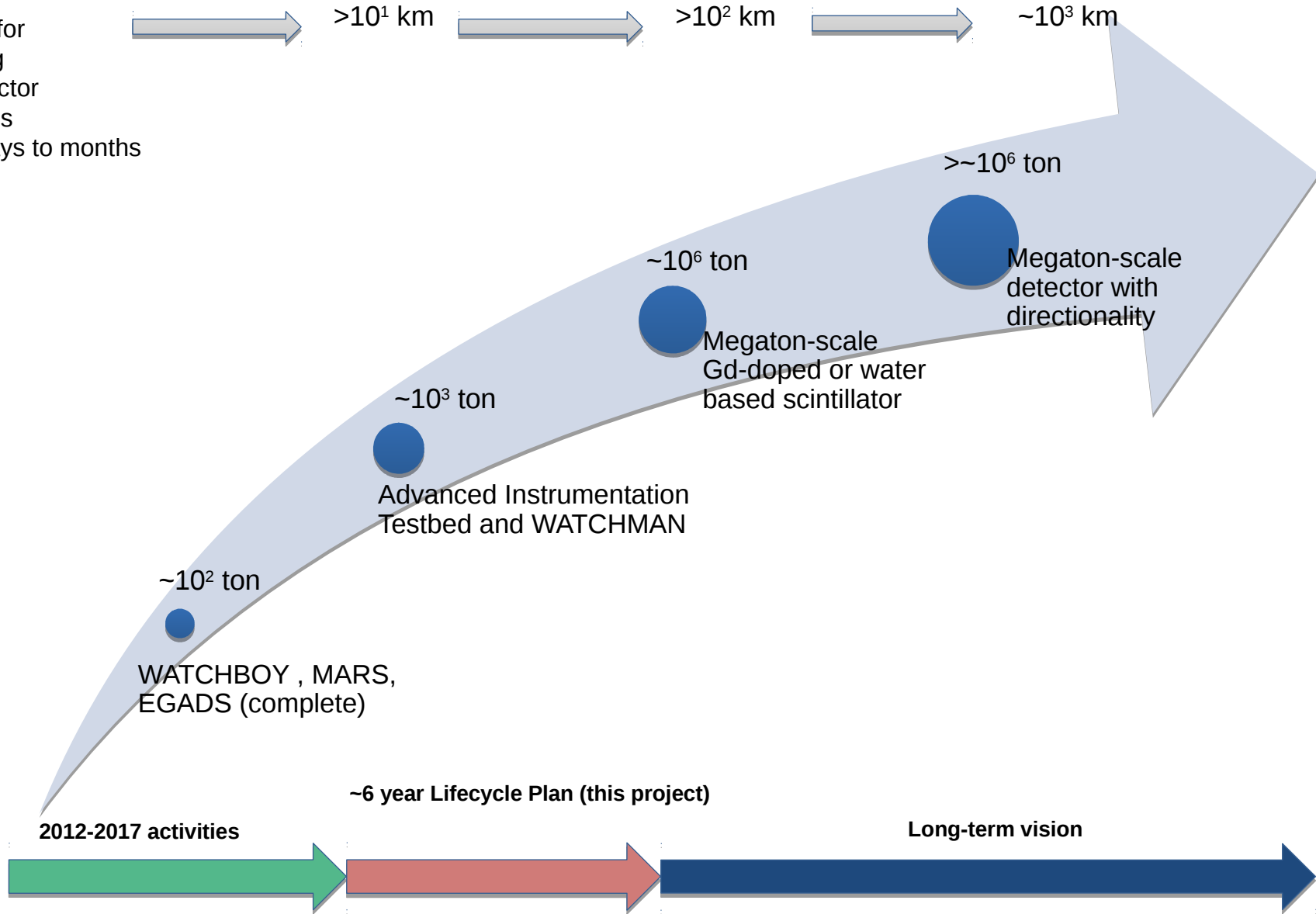
## Most recently:

- **HV** [Sheffield]
- **DAQ software** [Ben Richards, QMUL?]
- **Future R&D:** Matthew Malek (co-convener)
- **Near-field monitoring:** Jonathan Coleman (convener)



# Long Term Plan

Standoff for  
observing  
small reactor  
operations  
Within days to months





# WATCHMAN Summary

- **Despite rumour of WATCHMAN's demise (2015), we are alive & well!**
  - US HEP funding is not happening, but DNN is eager to continue
  - Expect decision this Summer (~August 2017) and, hopefully, start soon after
- **WATCHMAN is getting attention in both the popular press, the general physics landscape, and specialised conferences:**



Neutrinos and National Security  
By Michael Lucibella



Global map of reactor neutrino emission.  
Photo courtesy of Glenn Jocher and John Learned, University of Hawaii

APS March Meeting, Denver — The Department of Energy (DOE) is funding the Water Cherenkov Monitor of Antineutrinos (WATCHMAN), a prototype neutrino detector that can monitor whether a nuclear reactor 400 kilometers away is enriching the raw material for nuclear weapons. If successful, the WATCHMAN Collaboration's research could make it nearly impossible for countries to hide their illicit nuclear enrichment. It also is the start of the neutrino's transformation into a practical tool for uses outside of basic research.

## Applied Antineutrino Physics 2016

1st - 2nd December



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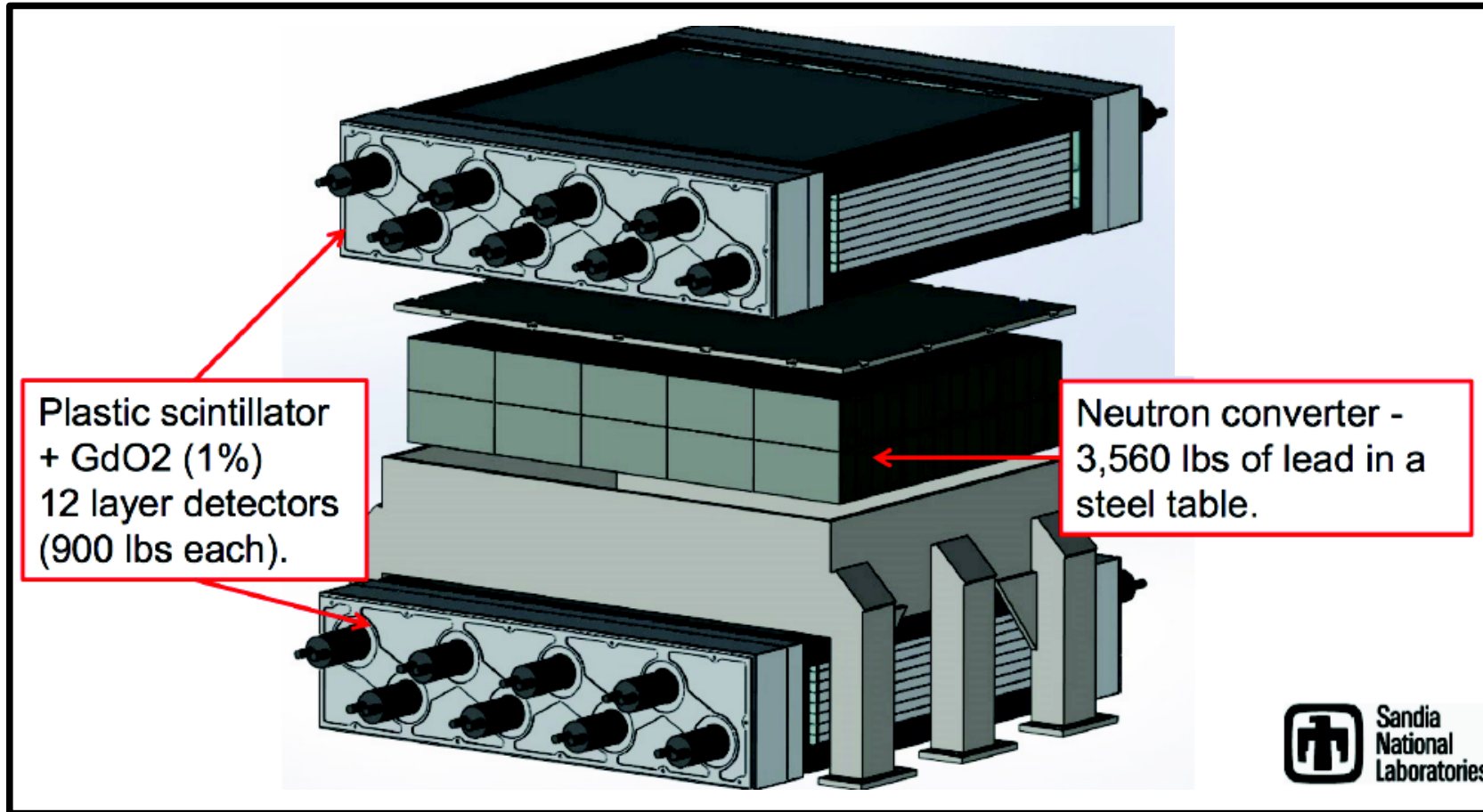


- **After ~15 years of extensive R&D, gadolinium loaded water is ready!**
- **Many experiments ready to adopt to enhance physics reach:**
  - ANNIE, SK-Gd, T2K-II, Hyper-Kamiokande
- **ANNIE will be the first to use Gd-loading for physics measurements**
  - ANNIE Phase I making BG measurements since April 2016; will end in July 2017
  - ANNIE Phase II will start in October 2018
    - Phase II will make use of Gd-loading for neutron yield and neutrino cross-sections measurements
    - Phase II will also test use of LAPPDs in water Cherenkov detectors
- **WATCHMAN prototype construction started**
  - Hope to minimize a source of global catastrophic risk
  - Defence agencies are very interested; collaborations with Universities fruitful
  - If prototype successful, deployment overseas not long afterwards
- **Significant physics potential for WATCHMAN also**
  - Following successful initial run, WATCHMAN can be used for reactor neutrino physics, supernova neutrino detection, sterile neutrino searches
  - Also possibility to use as testbed for future technologies, esp. water-based liquid scintillator (WbLS) in preparation for proposed experiments like THEIA



**Thank you for  
listening!**

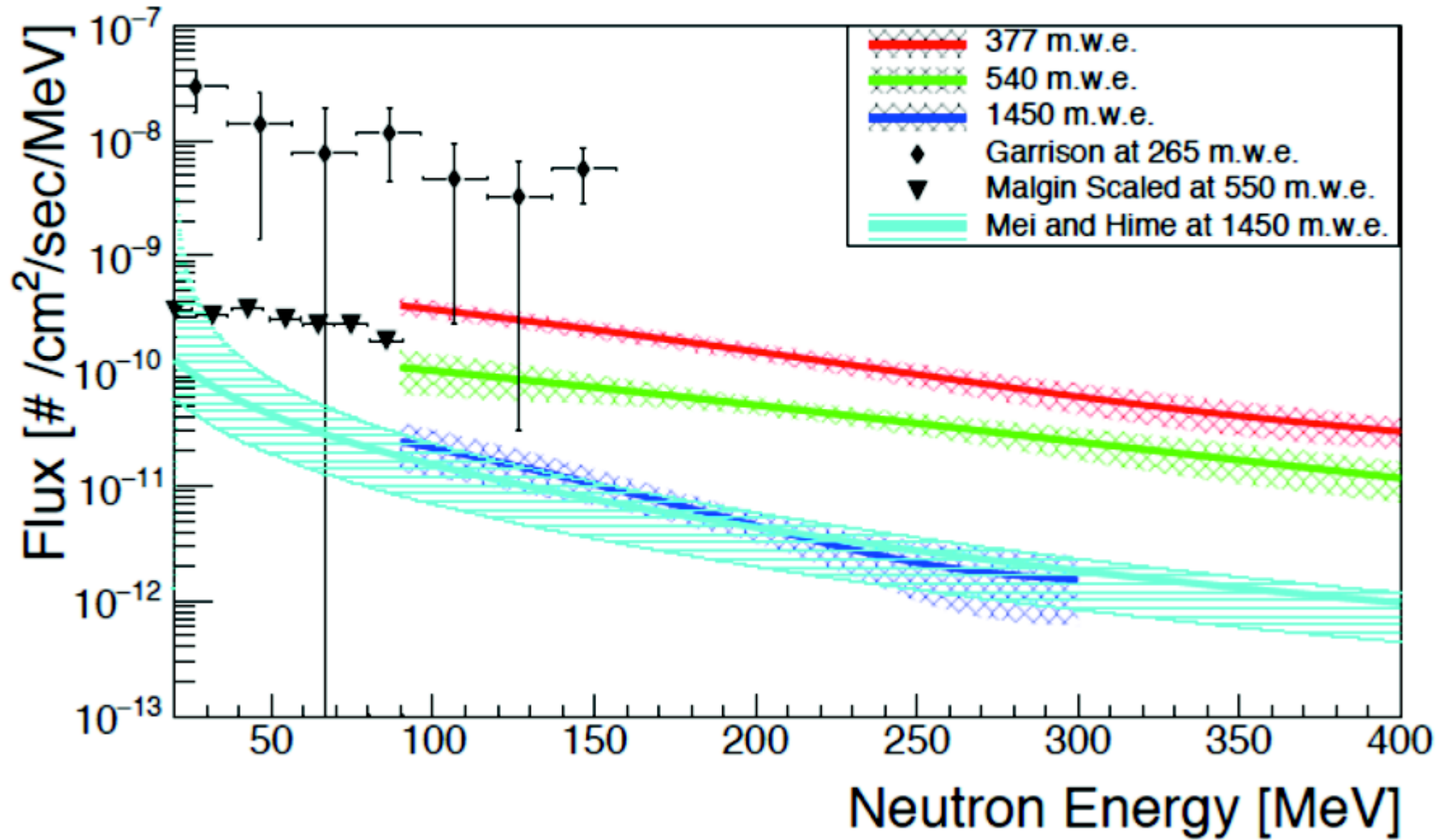
**MARS = Multiplicity And Recoil Spectrometer**

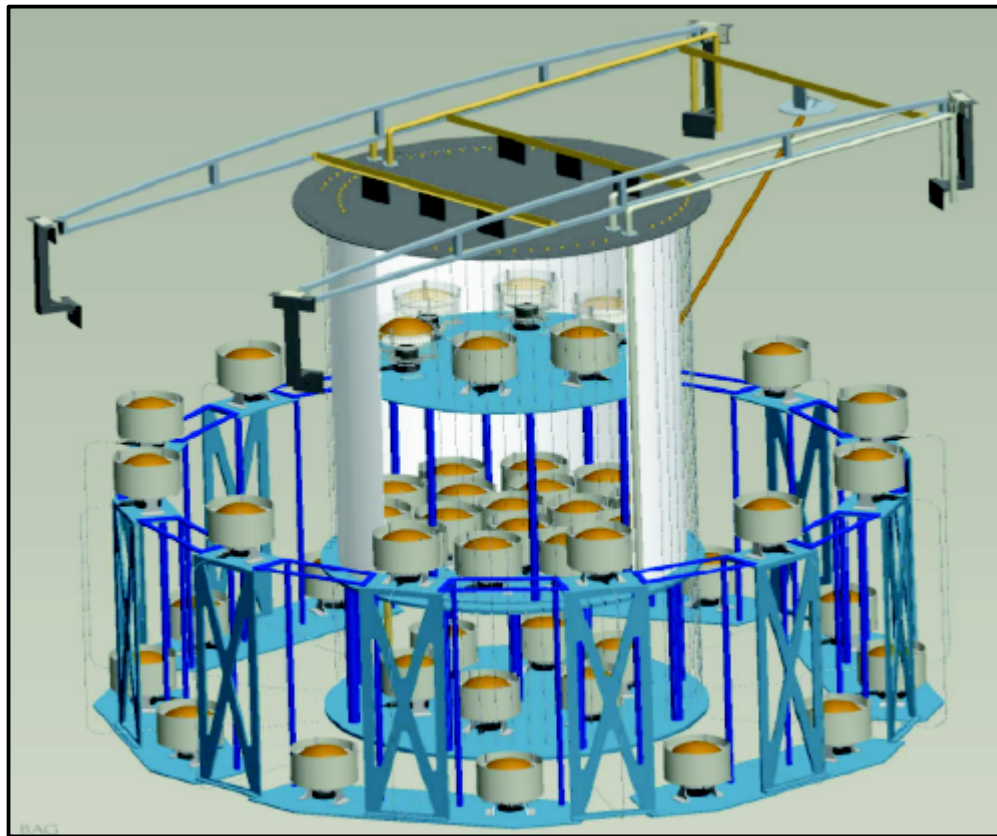


- A single fast neutron can produce a multiplicity of particles that can mimic an antineutrino signal in water
- Muon veto rejects muon-induced neutron production within detector

# Preliminary MARS Results

Data taken from 2013 – 2015 at KURF  
(Kimballton, Virginia)





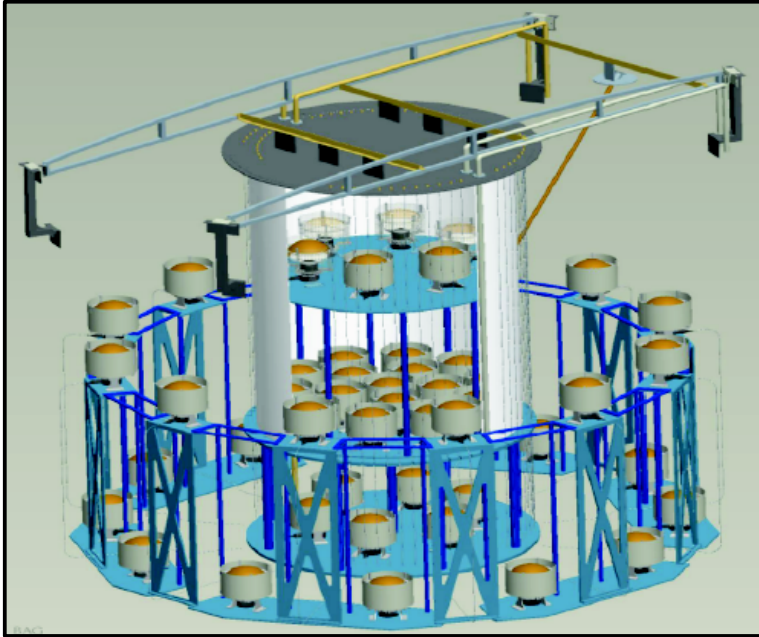
WATCHBOY is a 'mini-WATCHMAN' ('WATCHMANino'?) with:

- 2 tonne target (water +  $\text{Gd}_2\text{Cl}_3$ )
- 10 tonne veto (pure water)

Built to measure long-lived radionuclides (e.g.,  ${}^9\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^8\text{He}$ )



Event is tagged with preceding muon; allows removal of nearly all backgrounds due to pile-up from other muons.

# WATCHBOY Results

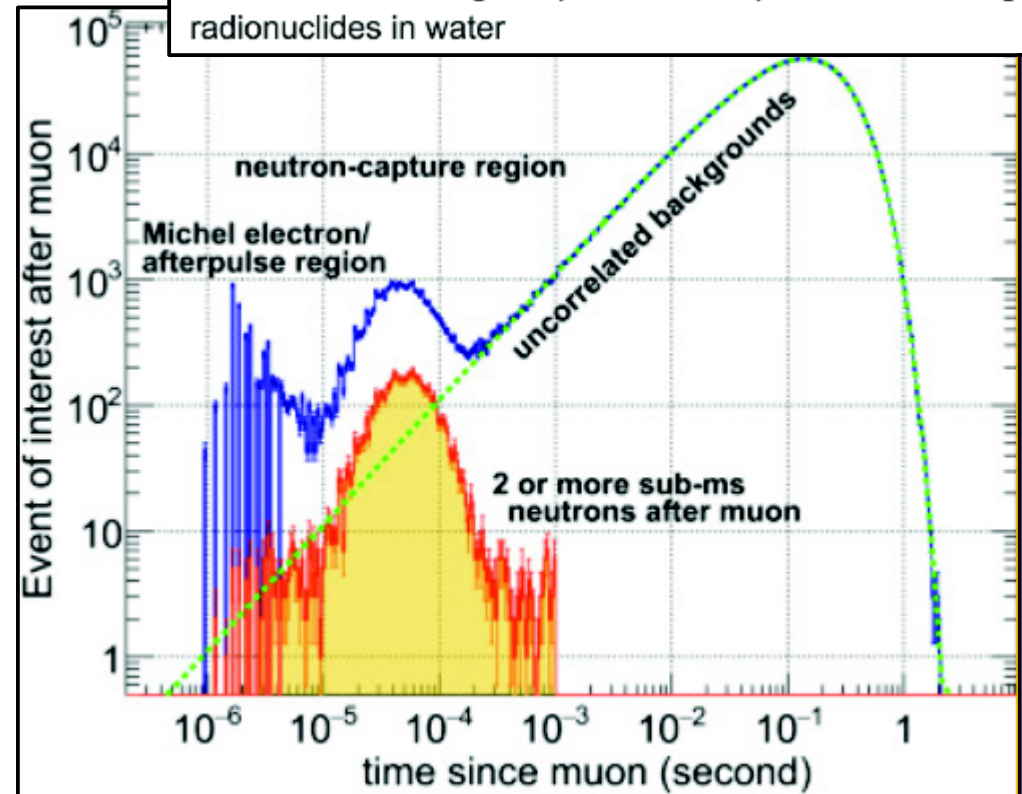


The uncorrelated events are fit between 1 ms and 2 s.

**Good agreement between data and expectation!**

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A search for cosmogenic production of  $\beta$ -neutron emitting radionuclides in water



Other possibilities exist for expanding on the WATCHMAN concept, like using the elastic scattering events for directionality.

## Benefits:

- Ability to distinguish sources when multiple reactors are present
- Ability to locate a clandestine reactor that has been found

Directionality enhances the potential of WATCHMAN, but is not necessary for the original charge.

