

Hyper-Kamiokande project

Outline

1. Detector construction
2. Detector system
3. J-PARC beam upgrade
4. Near detectors
5. Physics sensitivities



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Hyper-Kamiokande Science

Supernova neutrinos



Astrophysics

- Cosmic ray physics
- Multi-messenger astronomy

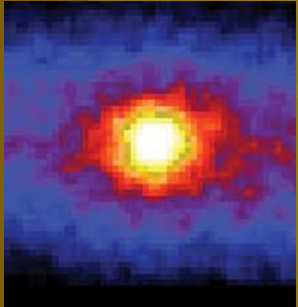
Particle Physics

- Leptonic CP violation
- Neutrino-nucleus cross-sections

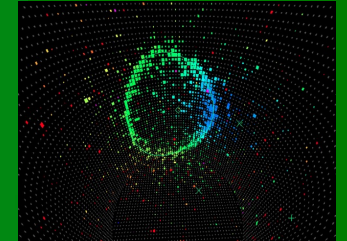
Accelerator neutrinos



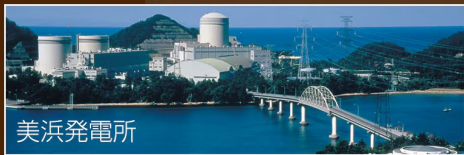
Solar neutrinos



Atmospheric neutrinos



Reactor neutrinos



New physics

- Proton decay
- Dark sector particles
- Indirect DM search
- Unexpected!

High-energy astrophysical neutrinos



Hyper-Kamiokande project

Hyper-Kamiokande project includes 3 components

1. Hyper-Kamiokande far detector

2. J-PARC beam upgrade

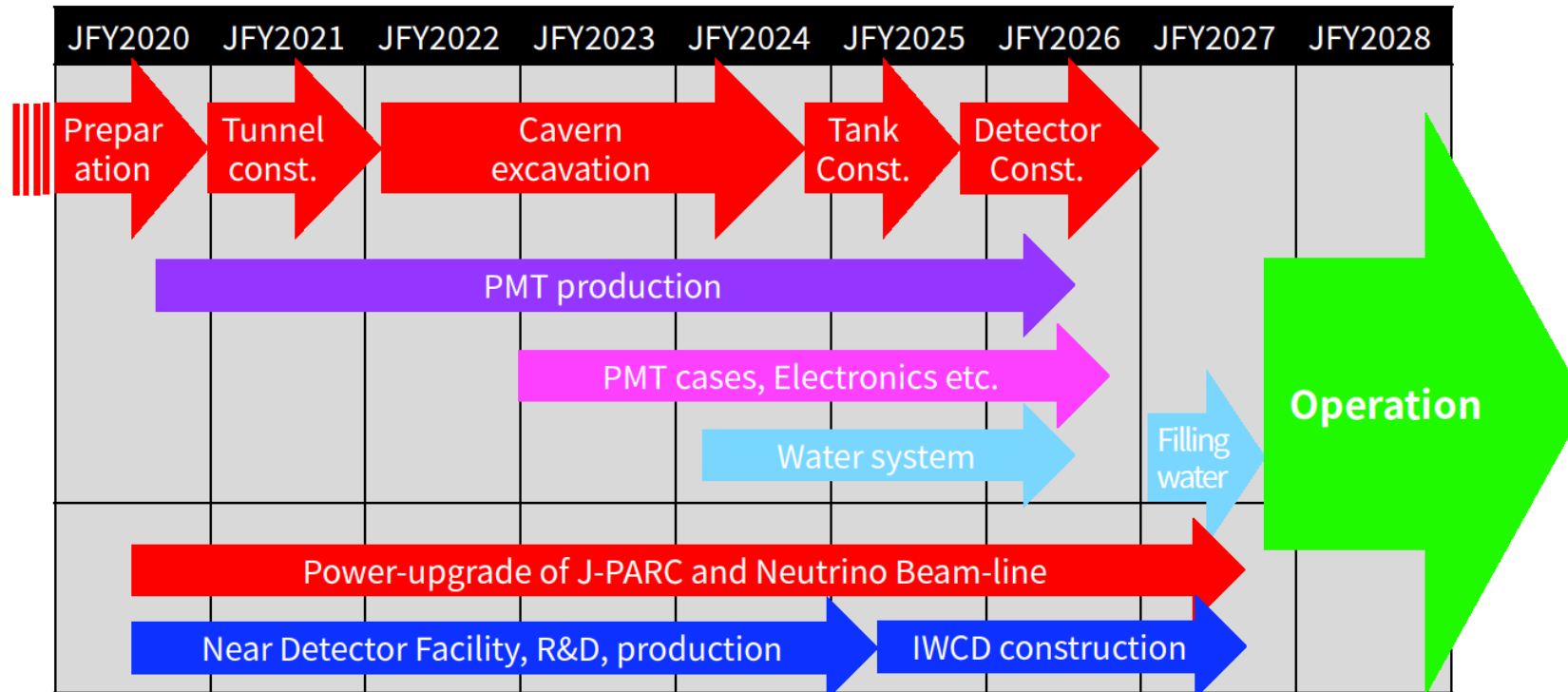
3. Hyper-Kamiokande near detectors: ND280-upgrade, Intermediate water Cherenkov detector (IWCD), NF280++

This talk mainly cover the status of (1)

Hyper-Kamiokande project

2027 operation start

- R&D of all stages are finishing
- Site excavation finishing
- PMT mass production continuing (delivered, QA finished > 10,000 PMT)



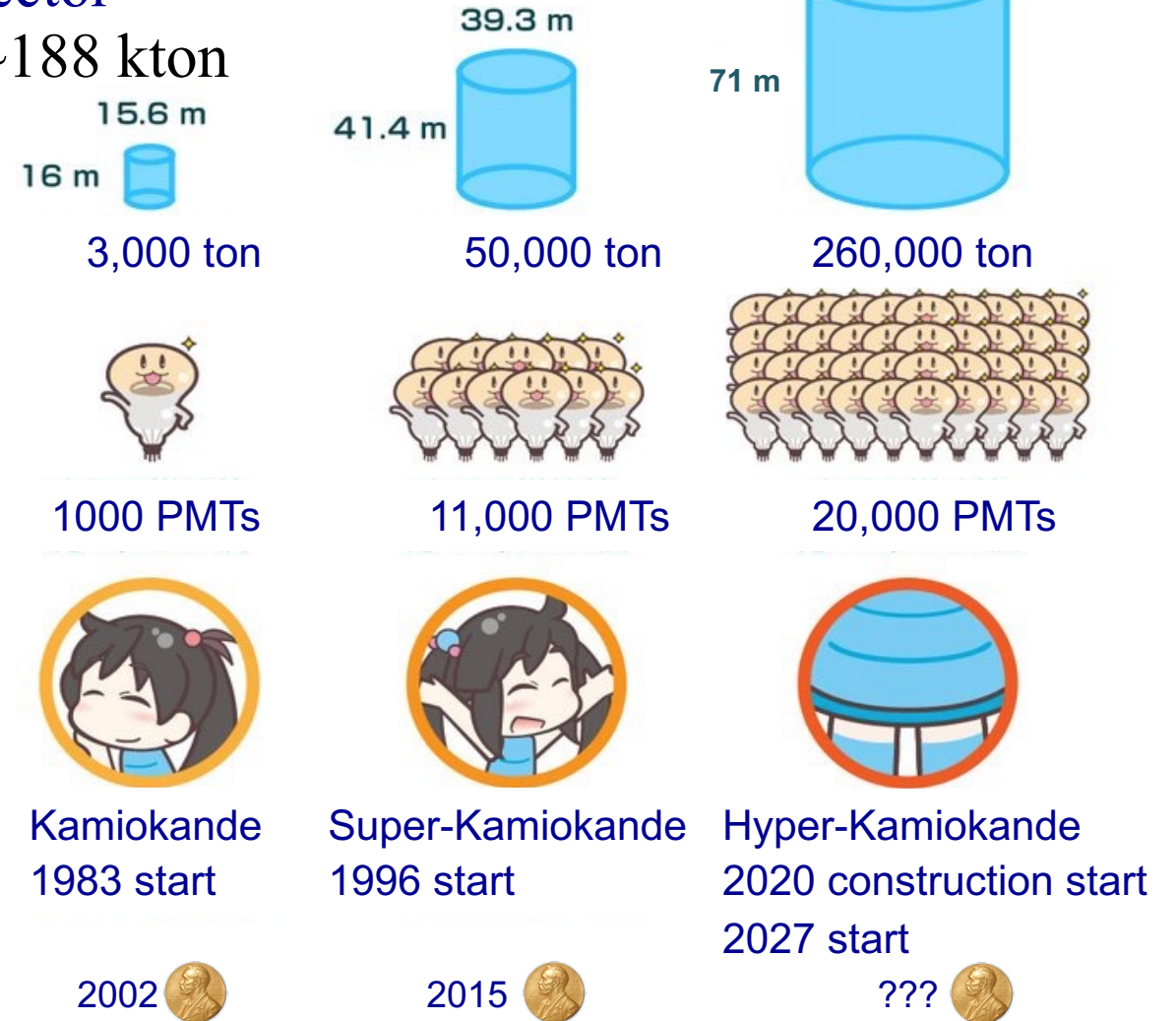
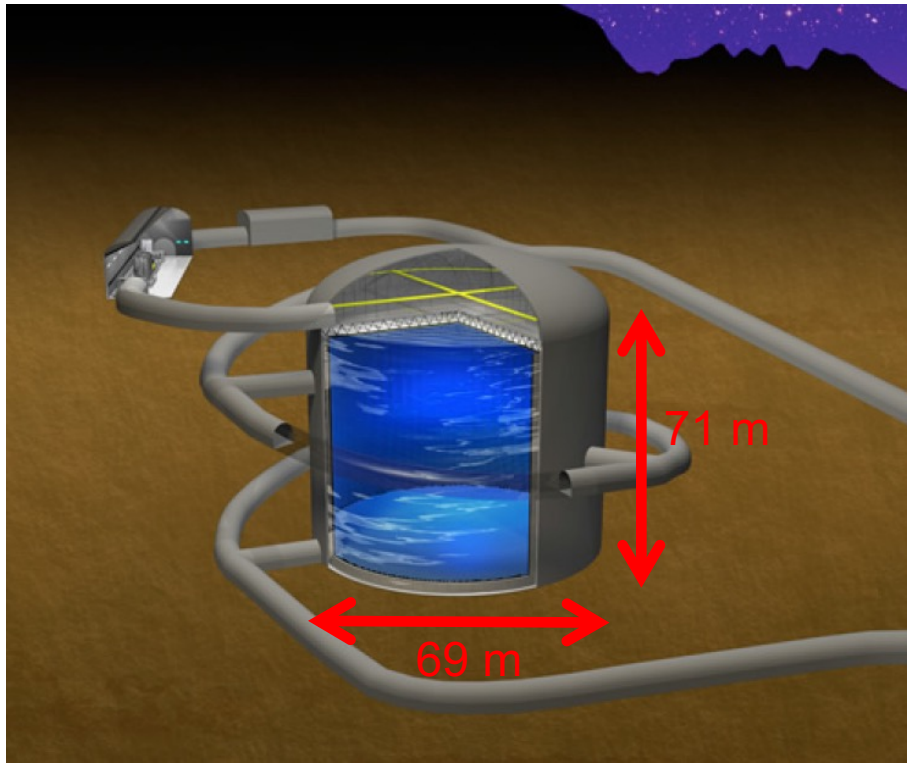
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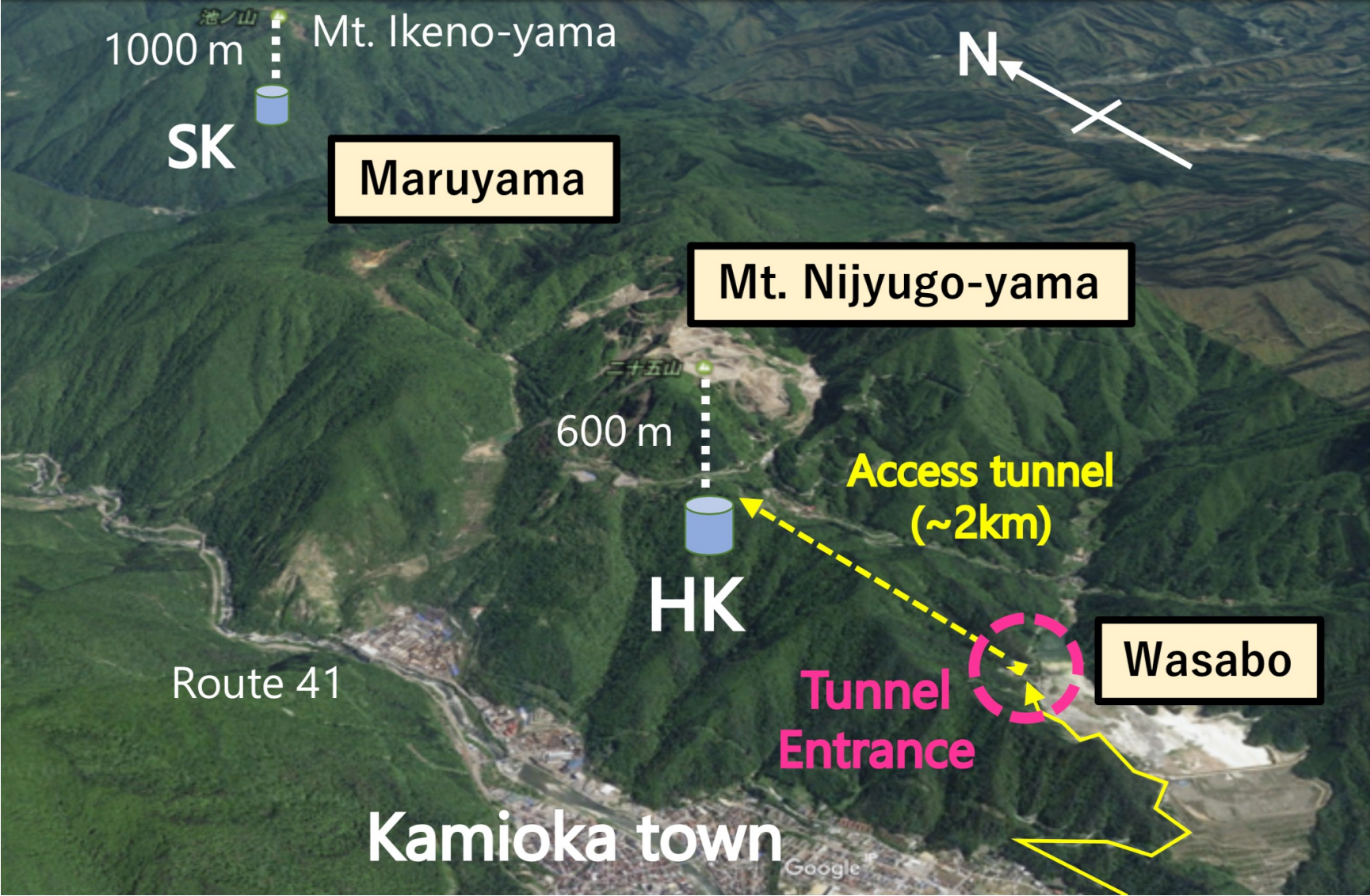
Hyper-Kamiokande detector

3rd generation of Kamioka water Cherenkov detector

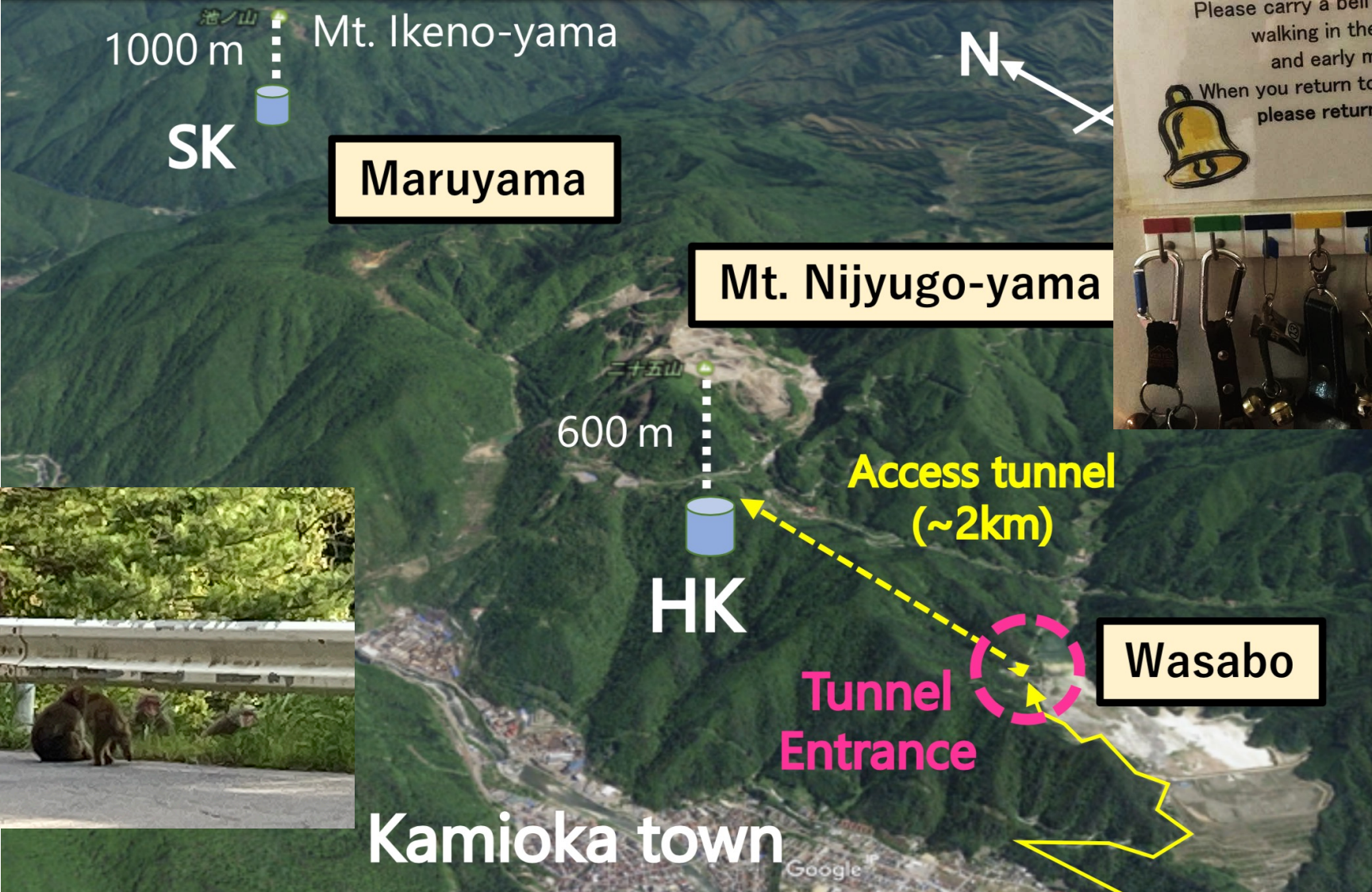
- Detector volume ~250 kton, fiducial volume ~188 kton
- x8.4 fiducial volume of Super-K



Hyper-K site



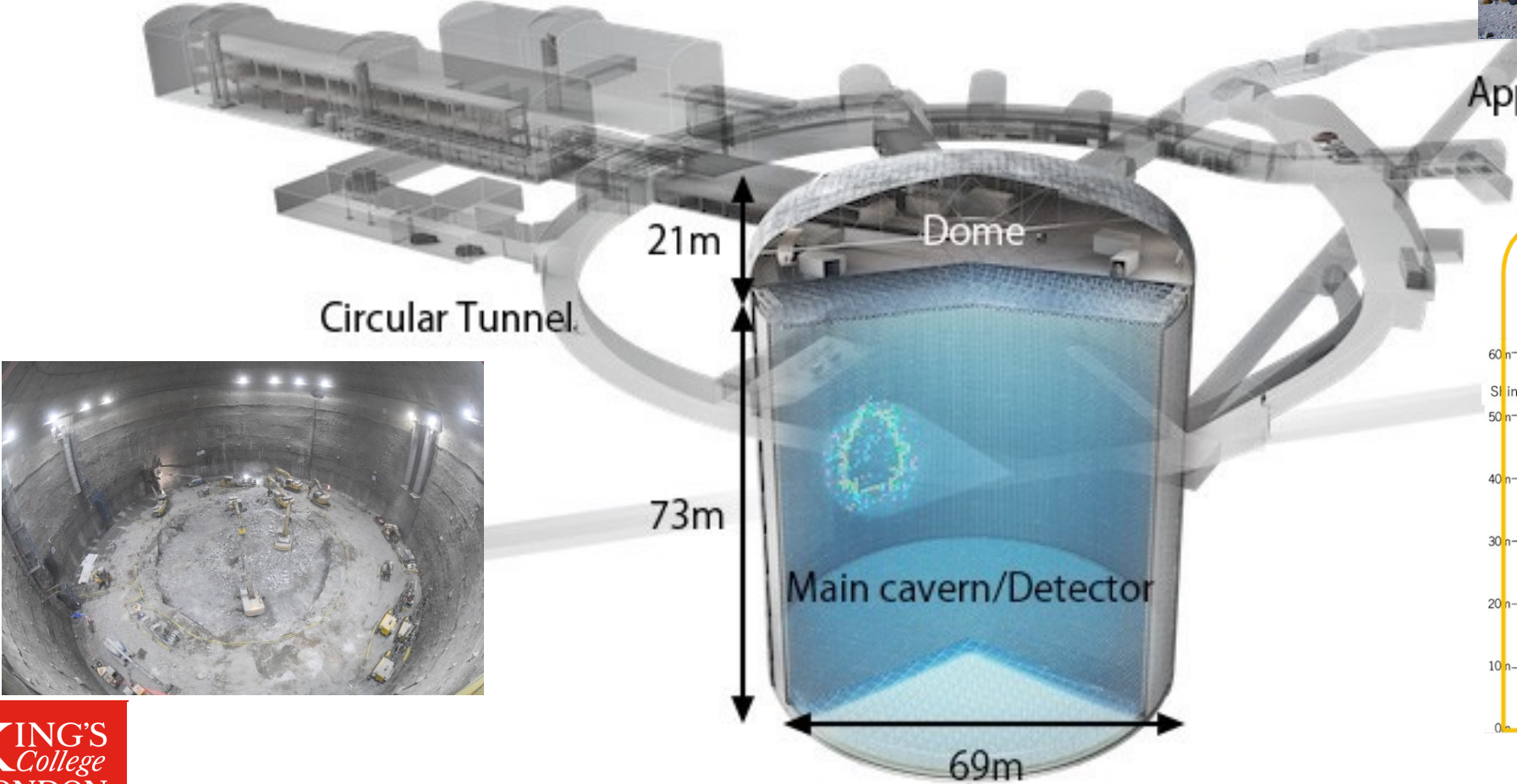
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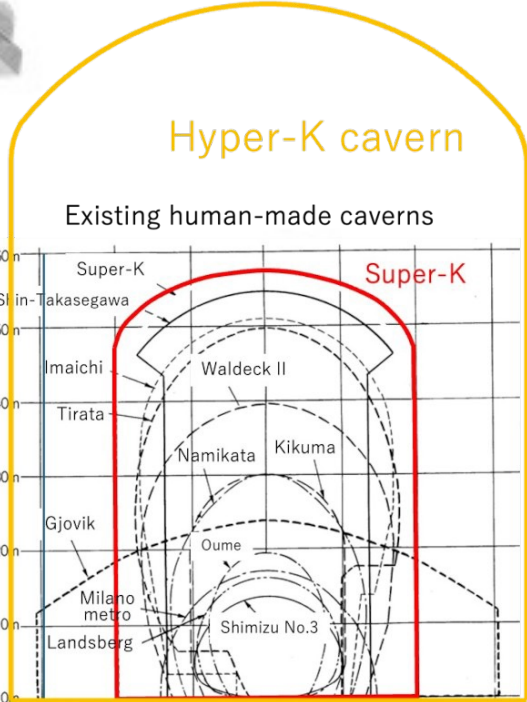
Cavern excavation

Horizontal access to the detector by car

- Tunnels: completed
- Cavern excavation: finishing soon

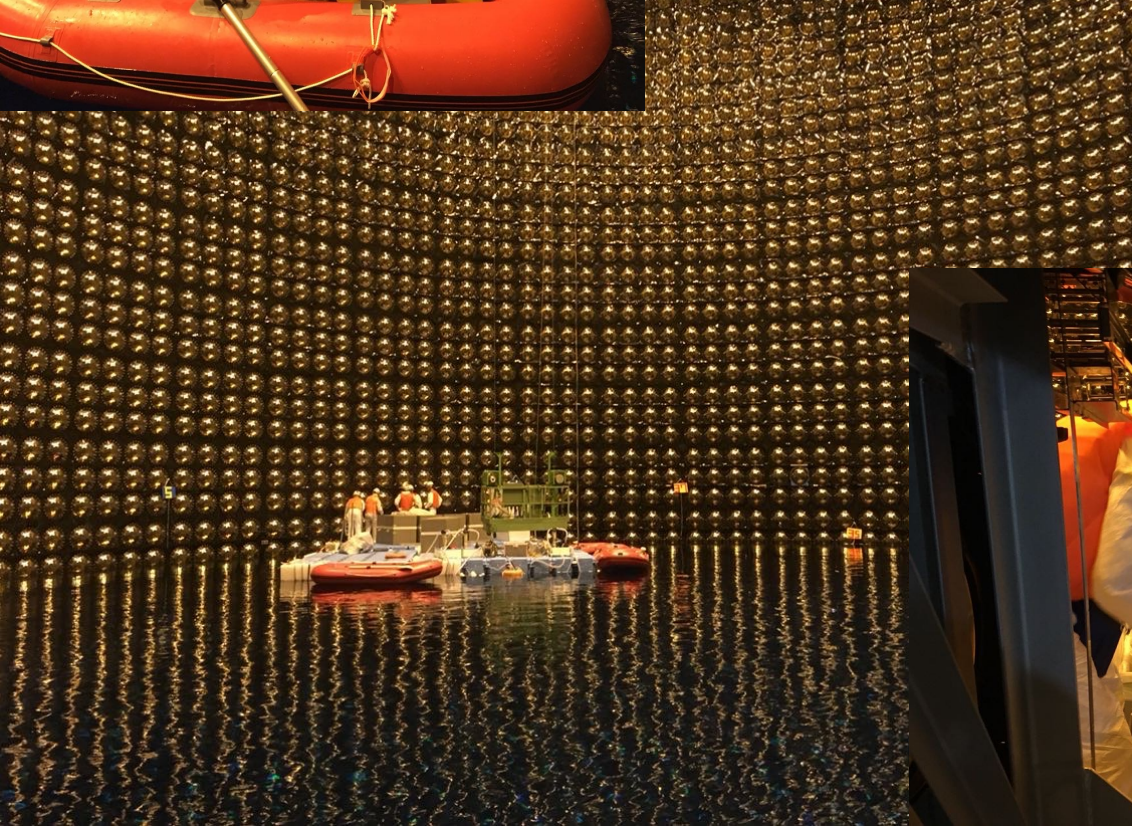
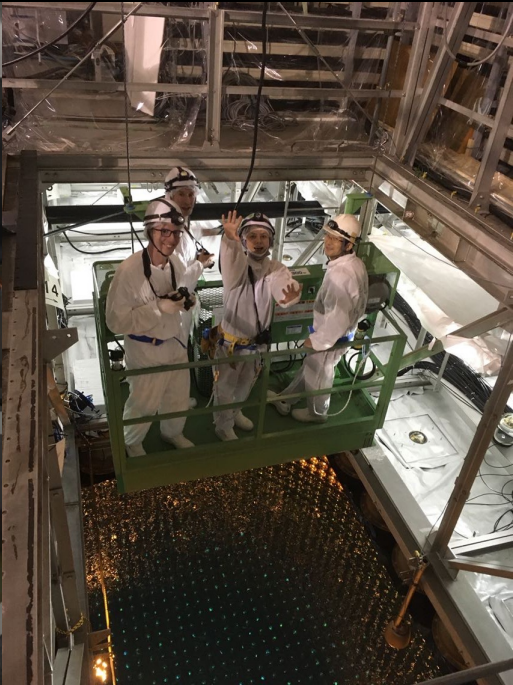


Approach Tunnel



The largest man-made cavern in the world

Super-Kamiokande detector refurbishment 2018



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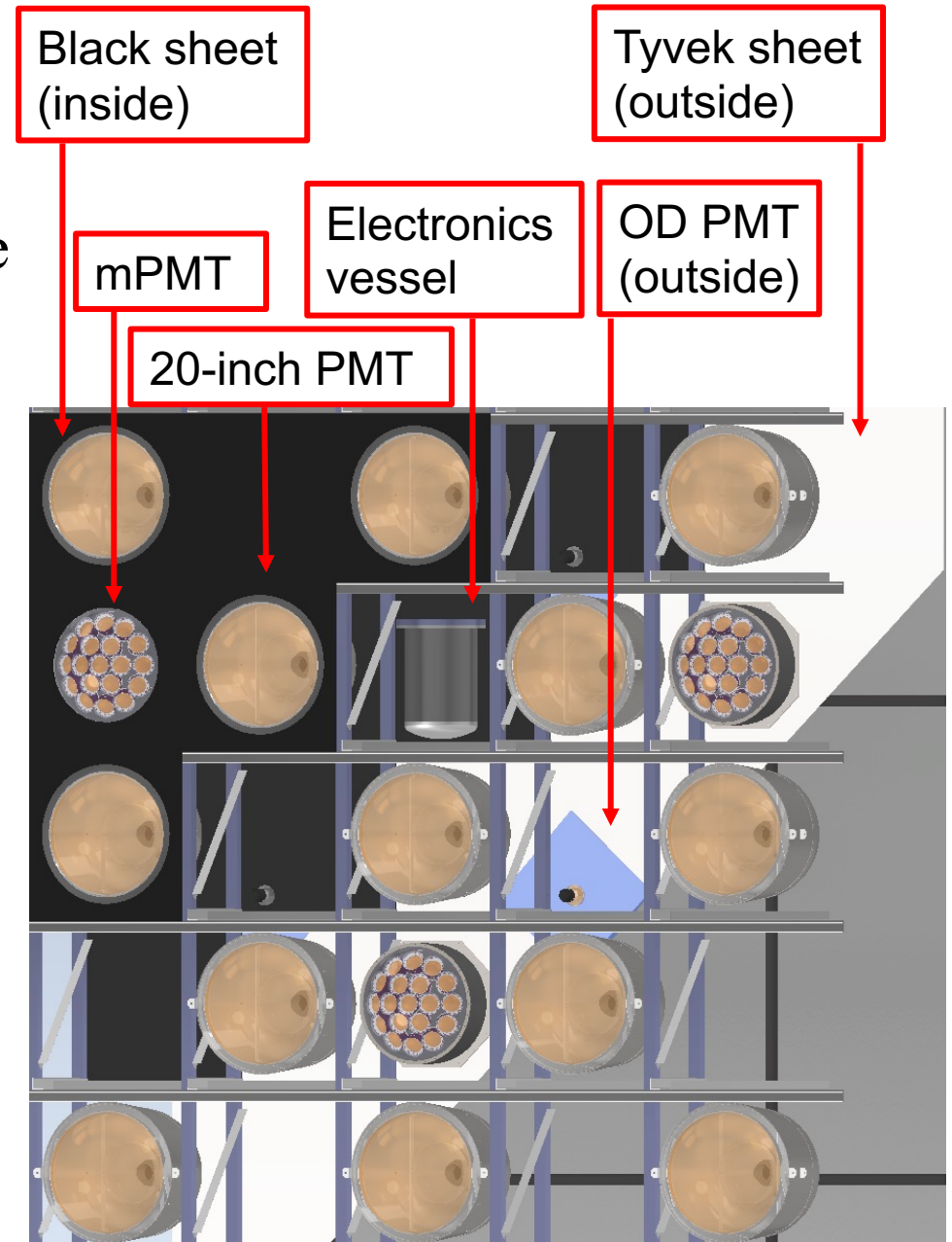
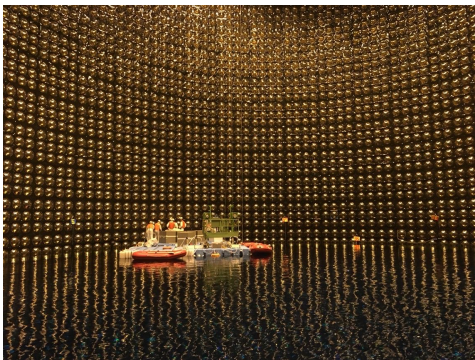


Hyper-K detector system

Inner detector (ID) 20-inch PMTs, mPMTs, outer detector (OD) PMTs, electronics vessel, Tyvek and black sheets are all mounted on stainless steel frame

Each slot is 70cm x 70cm, and roughly 300 x 90 slots are available on barrel (70% filled)

- ~20,000 ID PMTs
- >800 ID mPMTs
- >3,000 OD PMTs

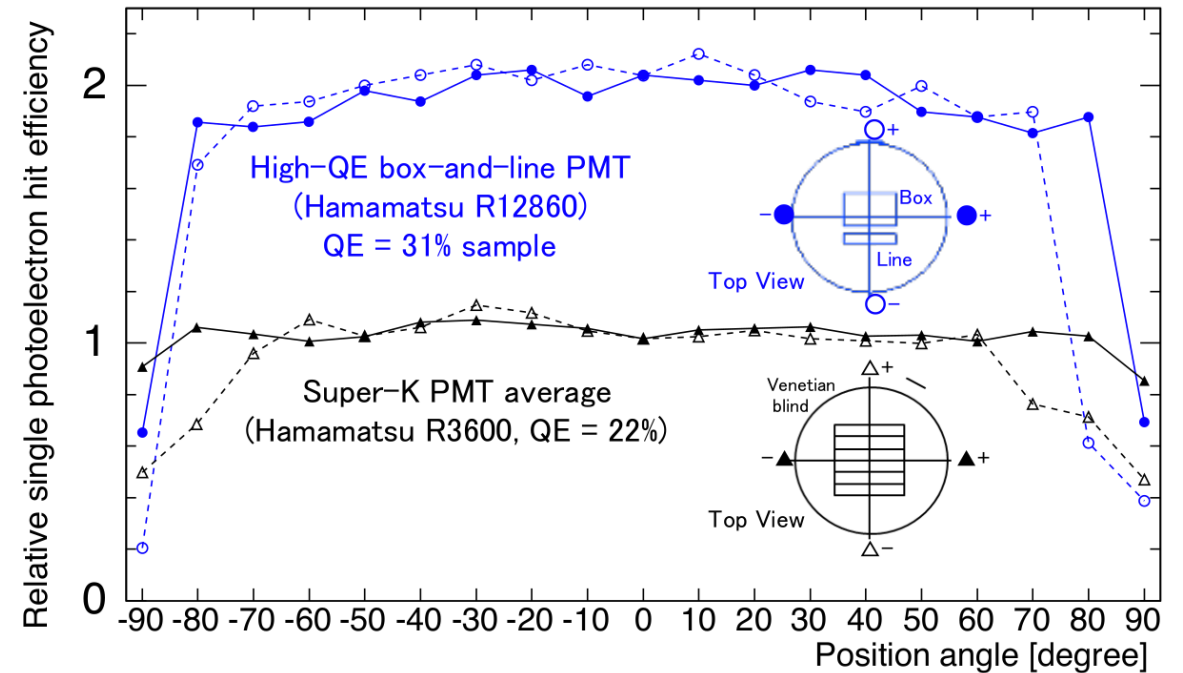
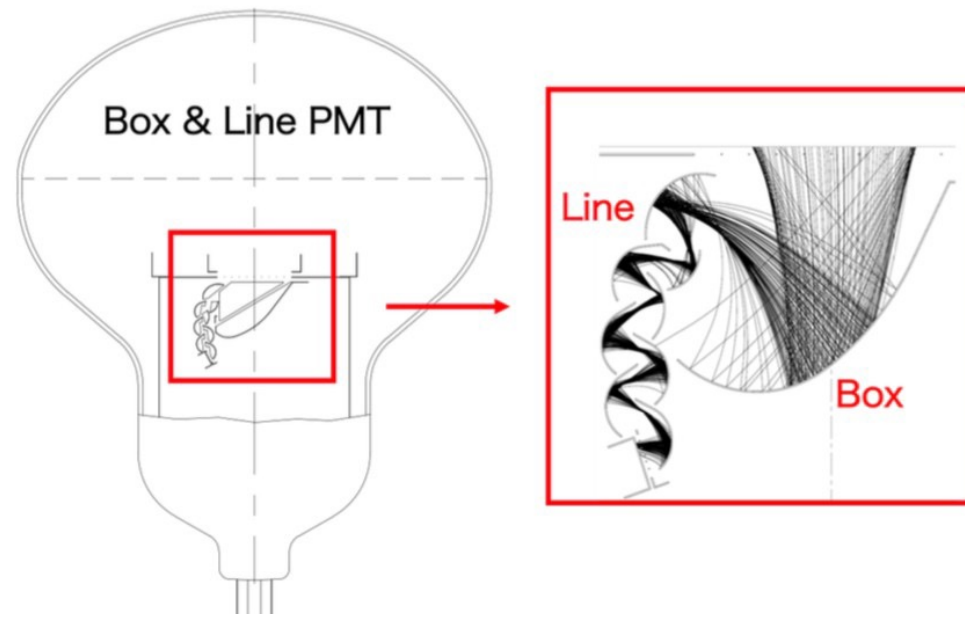


Hyper-K ID 20-inch PMTs

R12860, new generation 50cm PMT

- 50% higher quantum efficiency (30%)
- x2 better charge resolution (30%)
- x2 better timing resolution (1.5ns)
- Stay on the same dark rate (4kHz)
- Performance tested in Super-K

134 Hyper-K 20-inch PMTs are installed (2018 refurbishment)



Hyper-K ID 20-inch PMTs

20-inch PMT mass production

- >10,000 PMTs are delivered
- QA, Signal check + visual check
- Long term stabilities for several PMTs
- QA shifts taken by collaborators

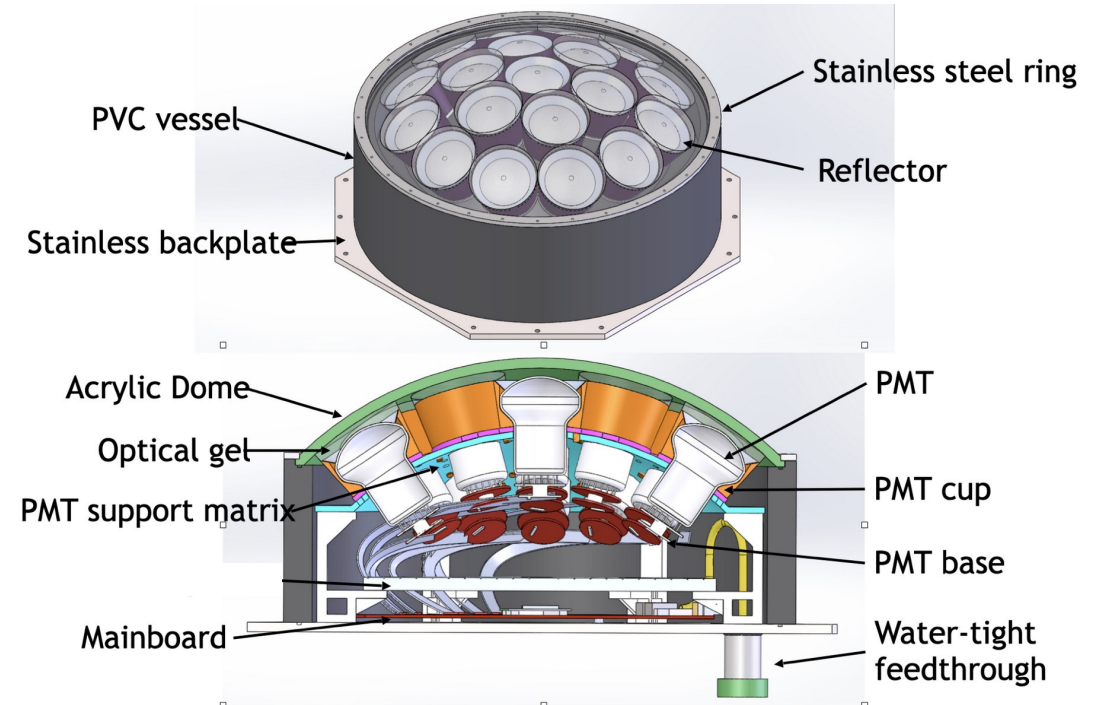
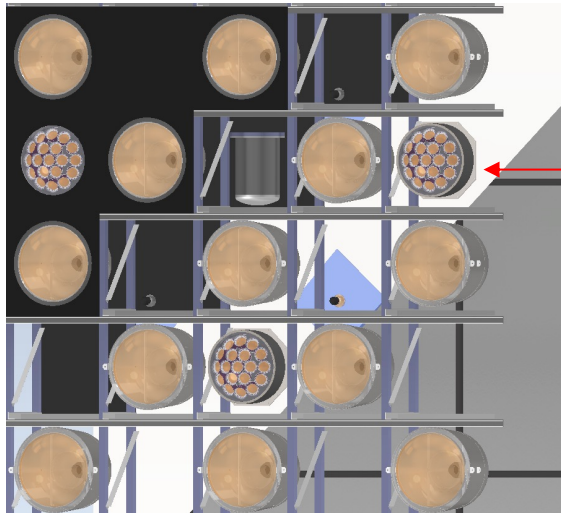
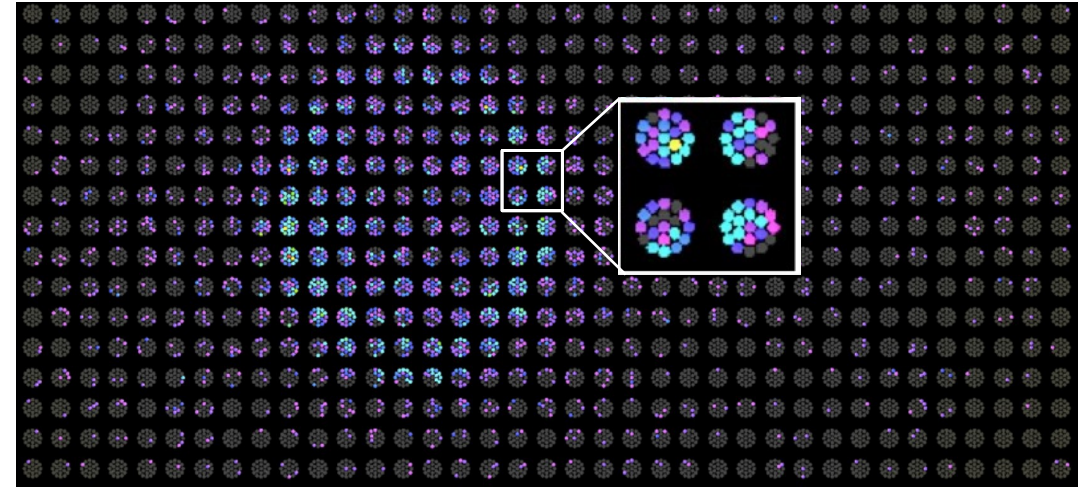




Hyper-K ID mPMTs

KM3NeT-based concept

- 19 3-inch PMTs, lower noise
- half photo-cathode coverage of 20-inch PMT
- High-granularity, photon direction information



Hyper-K outer detector system

Hyper-K OD system

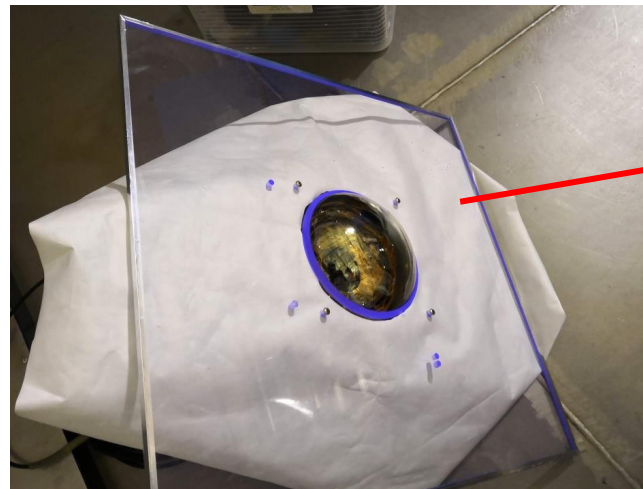
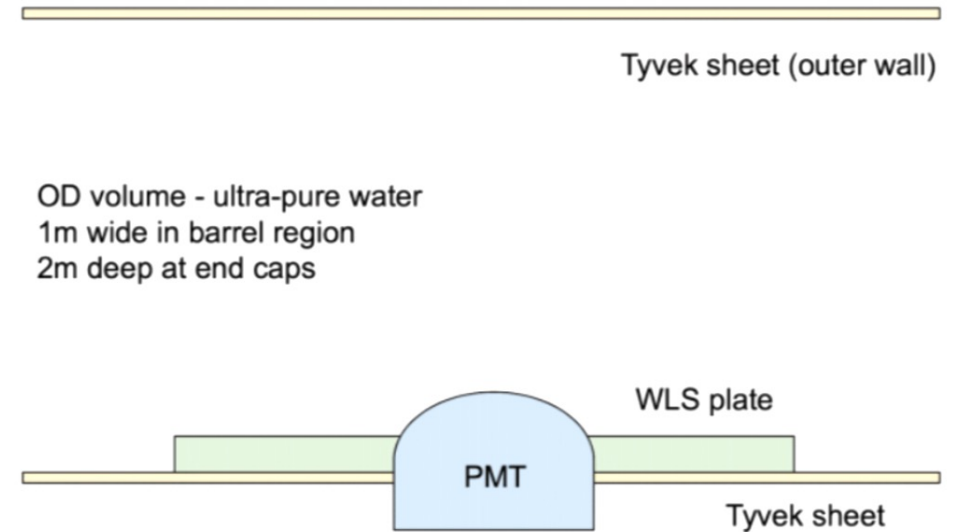
- 3-inch PMT
- WLS plate
- Tyvek sheet

Cosmic ray rate 2Hz (SuperK) \rightarrow \sim 45Hz (HyperK)

- Bigger than SuperK (50 kton \rightarrow 260 kton)
- Shallower overburden than SuperK (1000 m \rightarrow 600 m)
- Narrower barrel OD region (2 m \rightarrow 1 m)

Baseline design

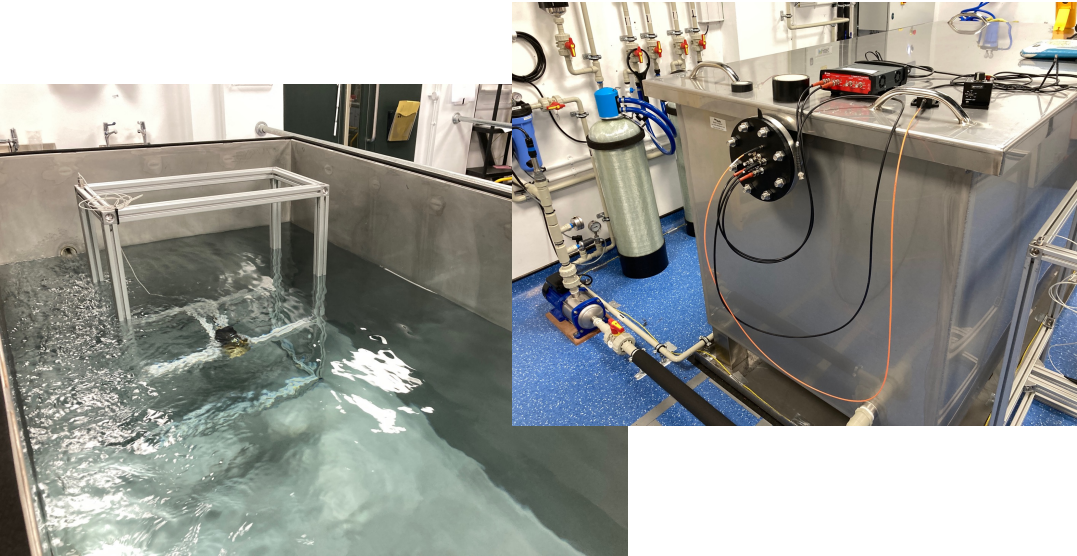
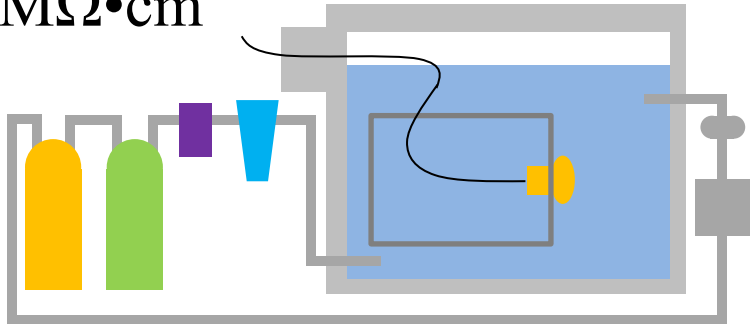
- >3000 units
- 3-inch PMTs + 30cm x 30cm WLS plate
- Tyvek reflector sheets



Hyper-K OD system tests at King's College London

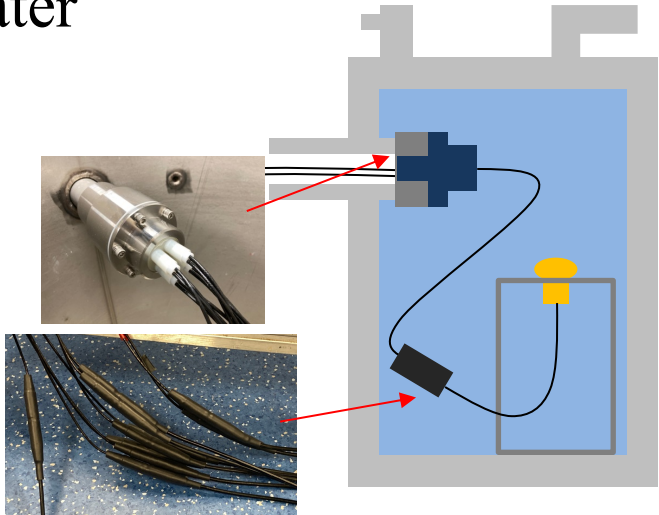
King's ultrapure water system

- 2000 L ultrapure system
- Purity, 16(out)-18(in) MΩ•cm



King's pressure vessel

- 300 L tank up to 10 bar
- Pressurize with air or water

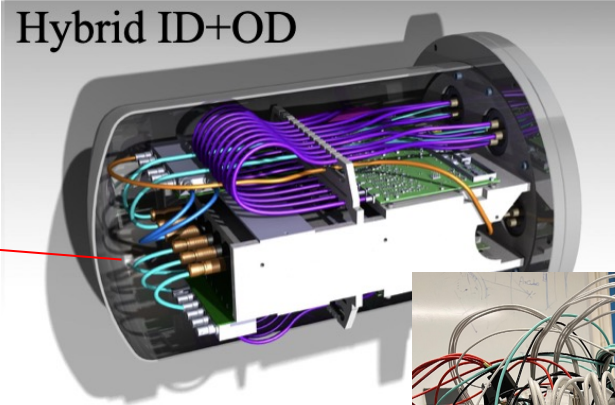
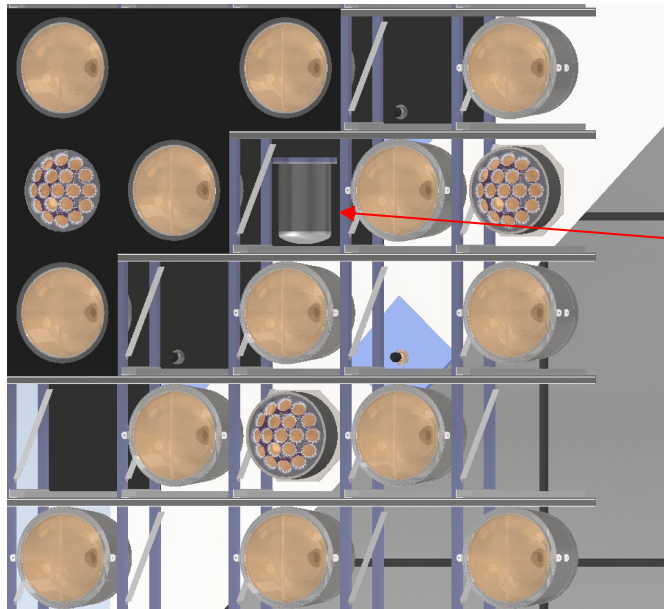


- Ageing test
- Tyvek reflectivity test
- Component pressure test
- etc

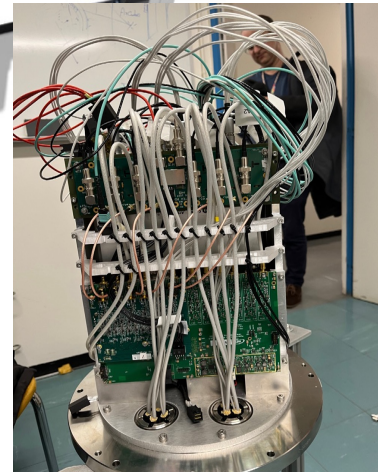
Hyper-K underwater electronics

Underwater electronics

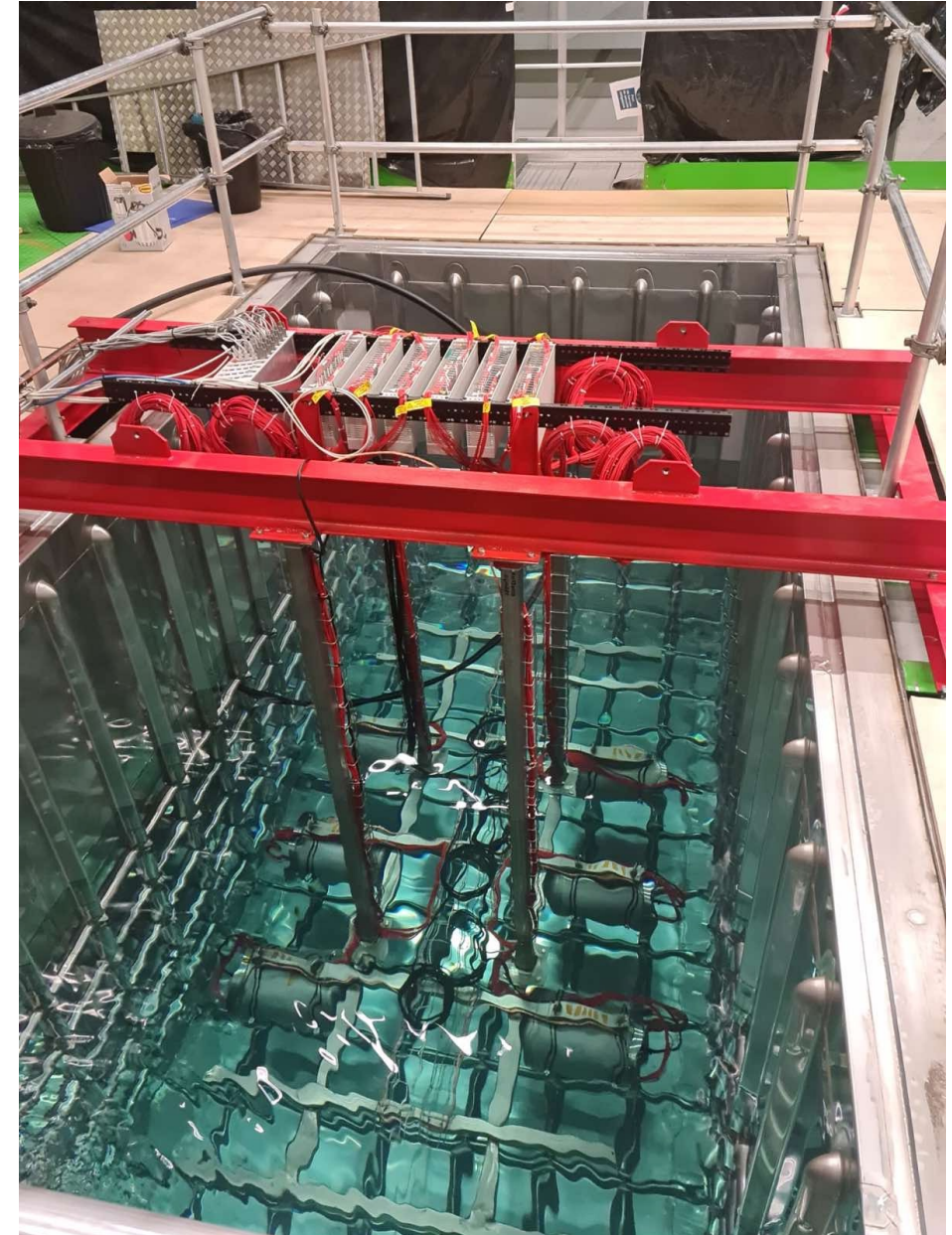
- Digitizers, HV power supply etc in electronics vessel
- Underwater cable connection, feedthroughs (~8 bar)
- 2 main test sites: Kamioka and CERN



CERN electronics prototype



CERN electronics vessel underwater test



Hyper-K material screening

Soak tests

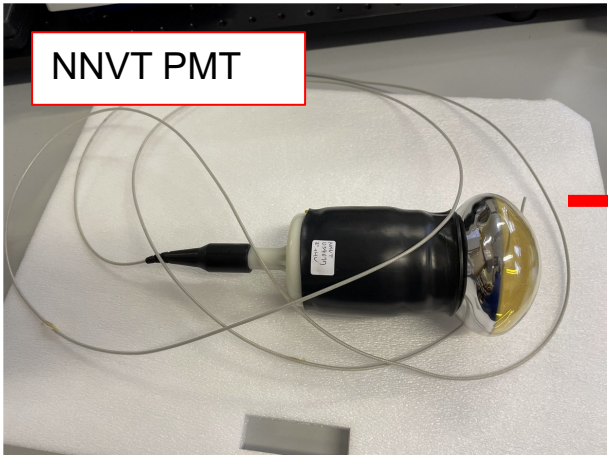
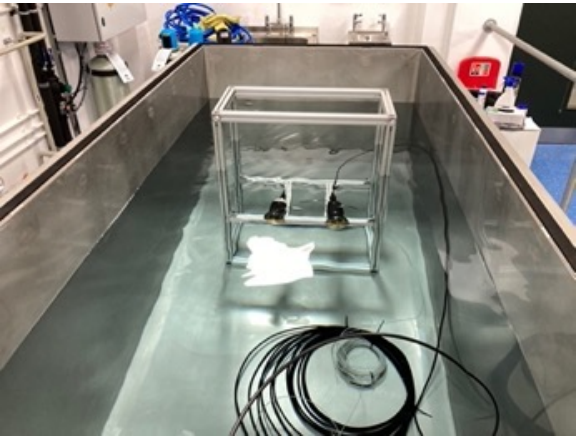
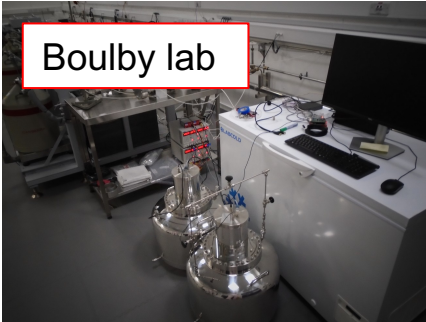
- UV transparency scaled to HyperK volume

Radioactivity screening tests

- Boulby Underground Lab

Aging test

- Ultrapure water system



Hyper-K integration

All working group installation practice

- Raised many (minor) issues
- Second installation practice soon

OD installation

- OD PMT unit
- Tyvek installation (very time consuming)

HyperK installation practice frame
(ICRR, Japan)



UK installation practice frame
(Rutherford Appleton Lab, UK)



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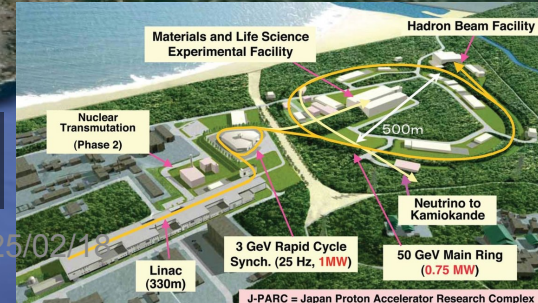
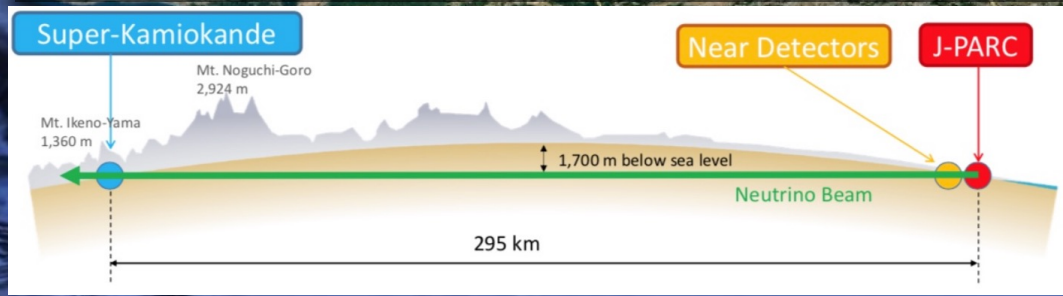




Hyper-Kamiokande detector (far detector)

Super-Kamiokande

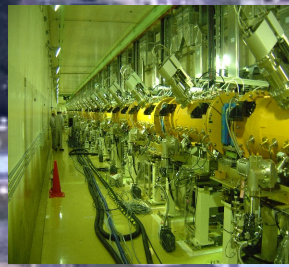
T2K (Tokai to Kamioka) experiment



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J-PARC

LINAC
- 400 MeV



RCS (Rapid Cycling Synchrotron), 3 GeV



Neutrino

**To
Kamioka**



Main Ring
- 30 GeV



J-PARC Neutrino beamline

Primary beamline (protons)

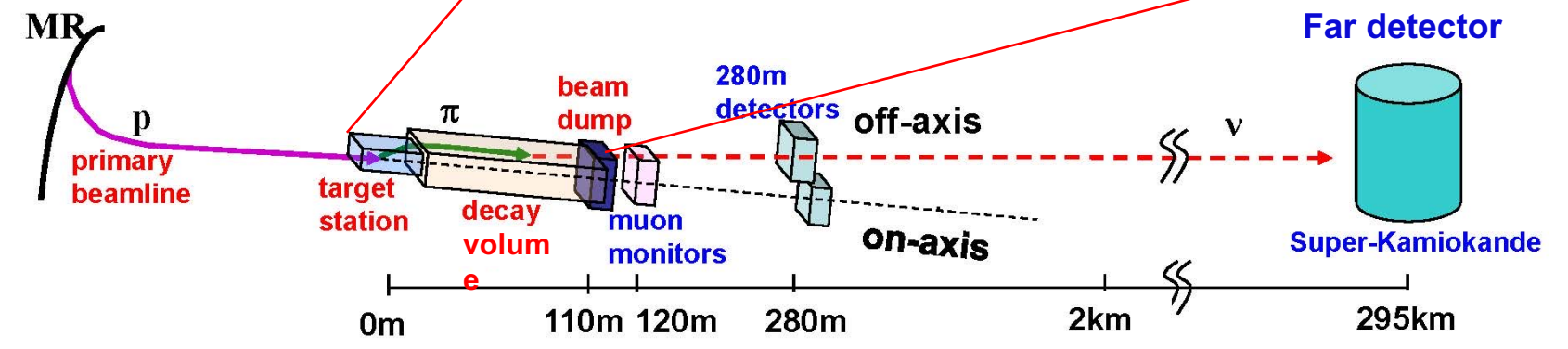
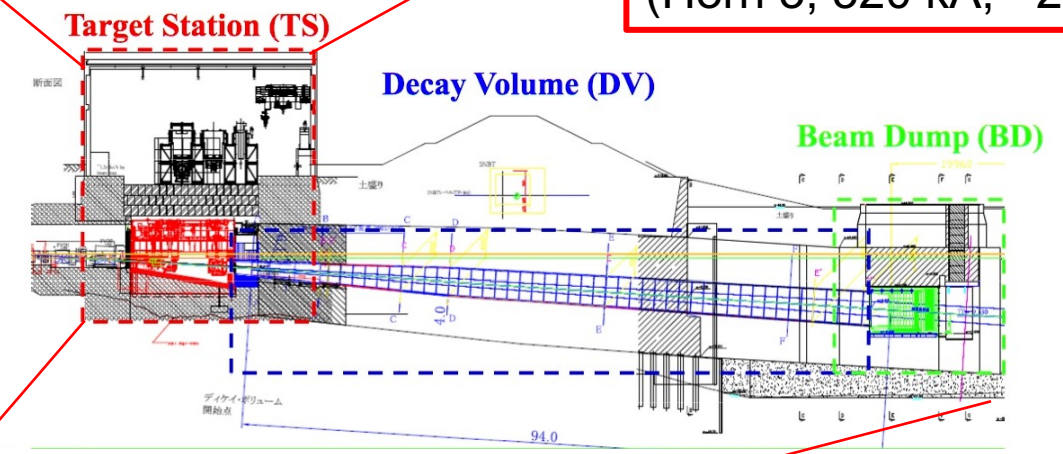
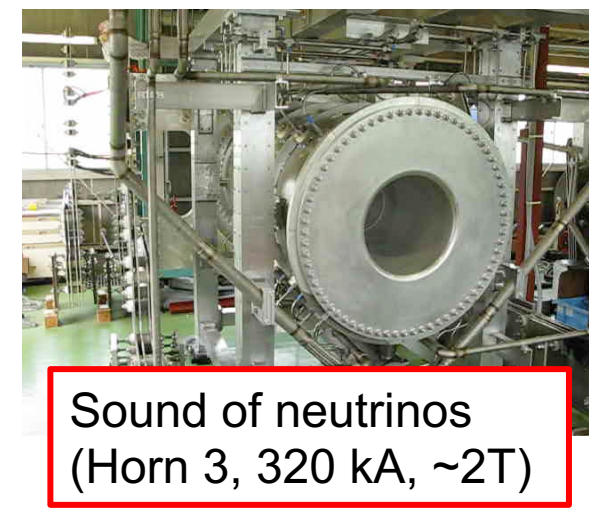
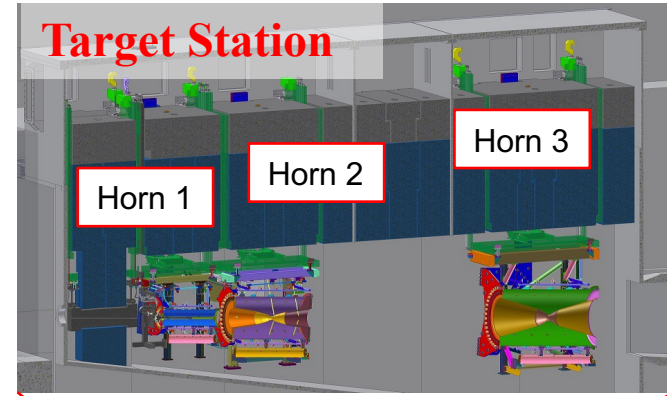
- 30 GeV protons are extracted from MR

Secondary beamline (mesons)

- 3 magnetic horns |(flux x15)
- Hadron production tuned to NA61/SHINE data

Tertiary beamline (neutrinos)

- ~15 years of operation experience ($\Delta\Phi\sim 5\%$)

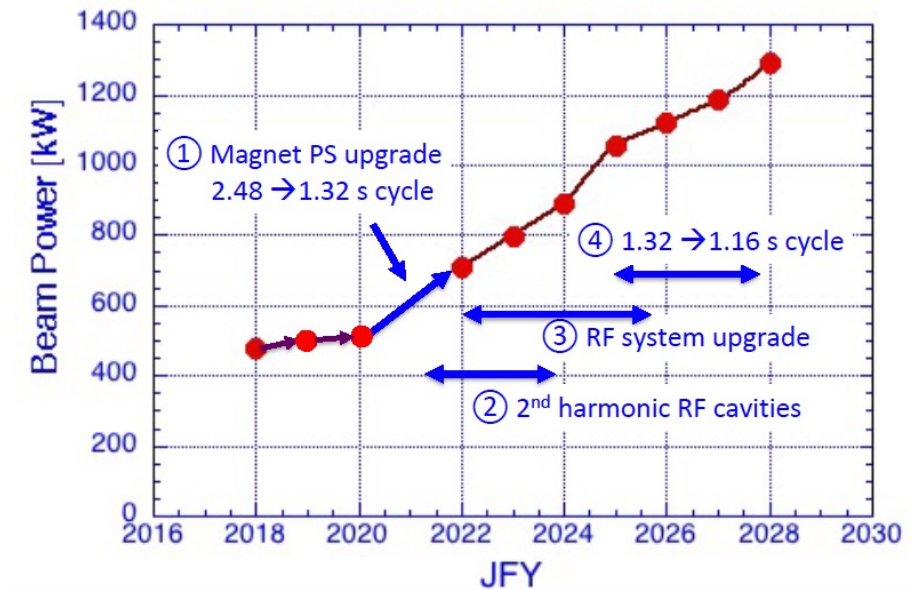


J-PARC Beam Upgrade

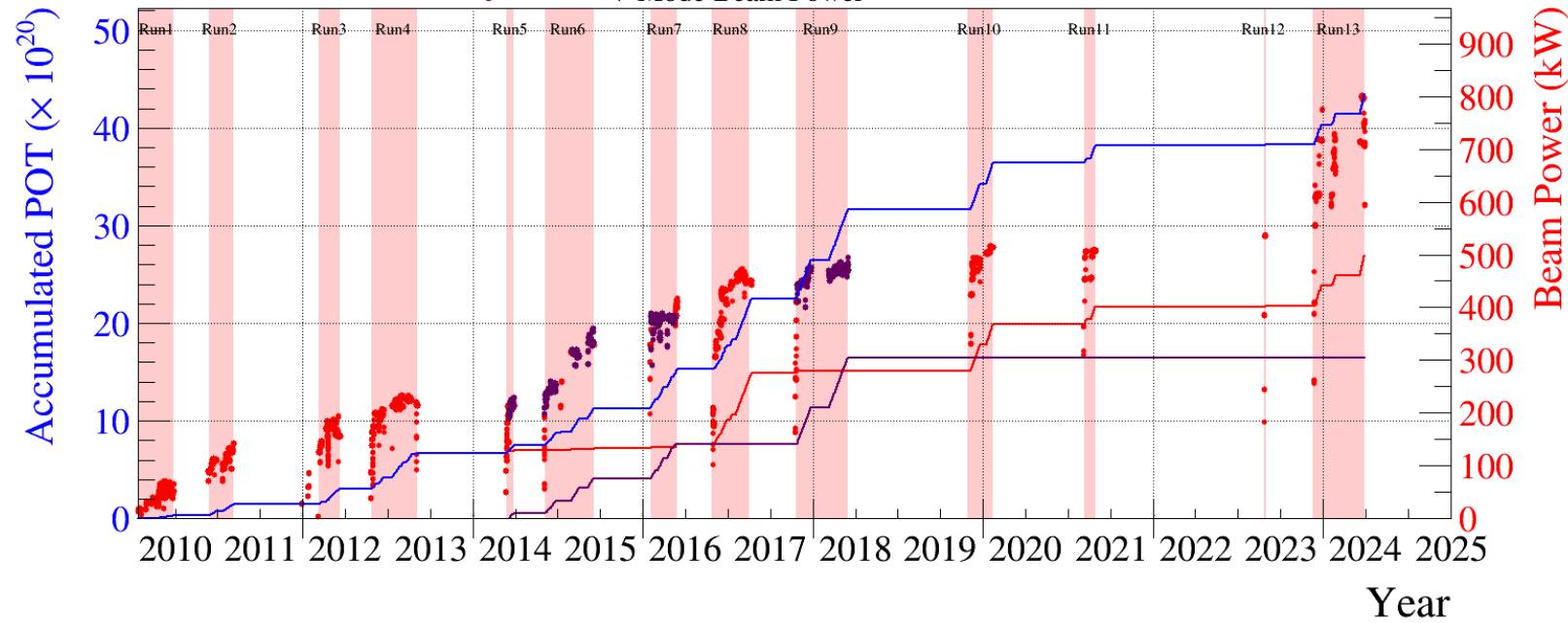
Key improvements

- Horn current 250kA → 320 kA (now)
- Cycle 2.48s → 1.36s (now) → 1.16s
- Proton per pulse 2.6E14ppp → 3.2E14ppp

Power: 515kW
 → 800kW (now)
 → 1.3MW (2027)



— Total Accumulated POT for Physics
 — v-Mode Accumulated POT for Physics
 — $\bar{\nu}$ -Mode Accumulated POT for Physics
 • v-Mode Beam Power
 • $\bar{\nu}$ -Mode Beam Power



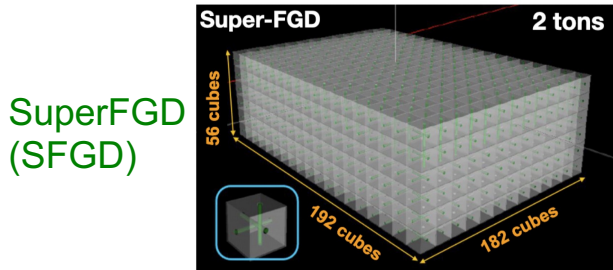
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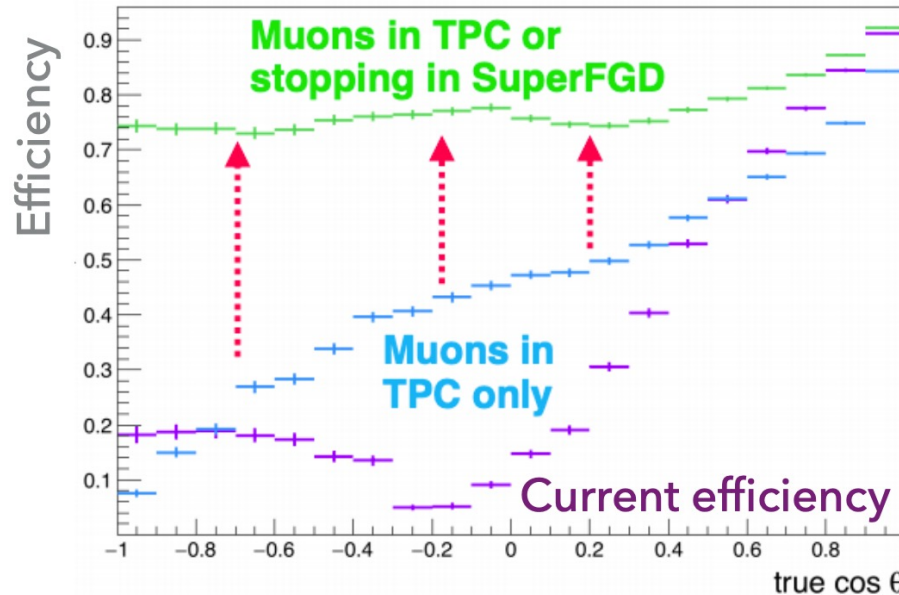
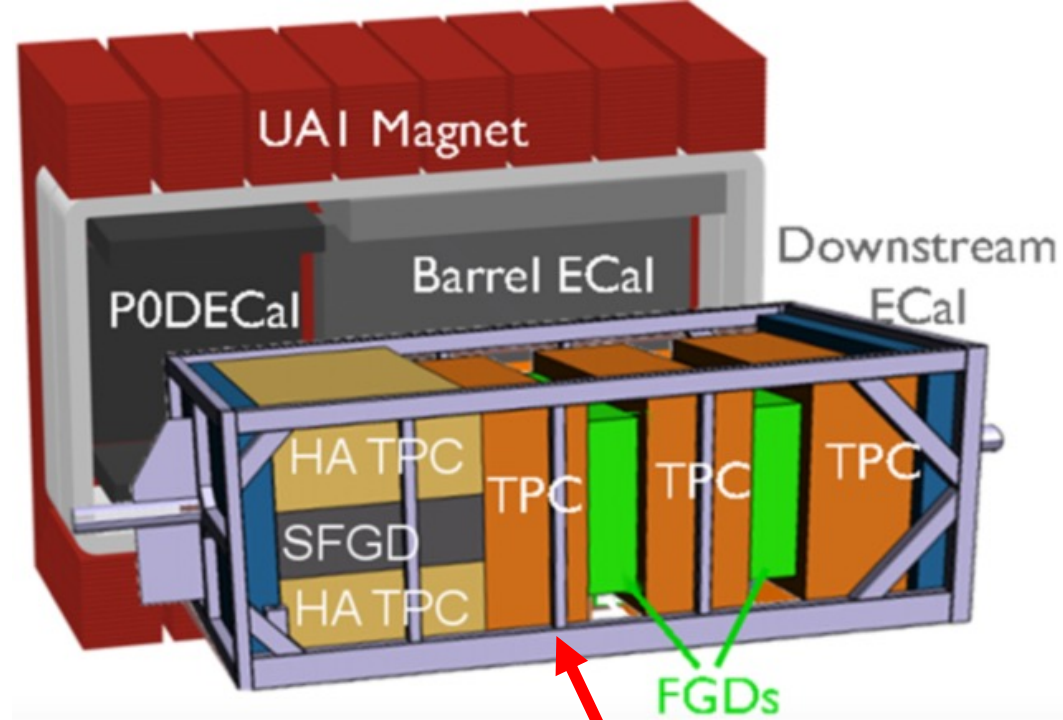
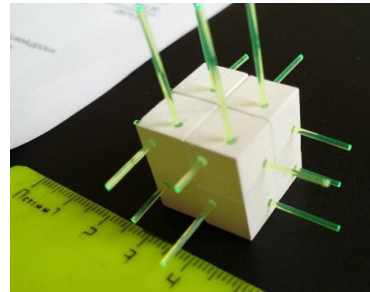
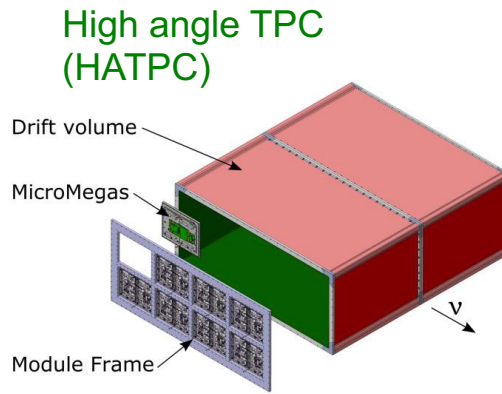
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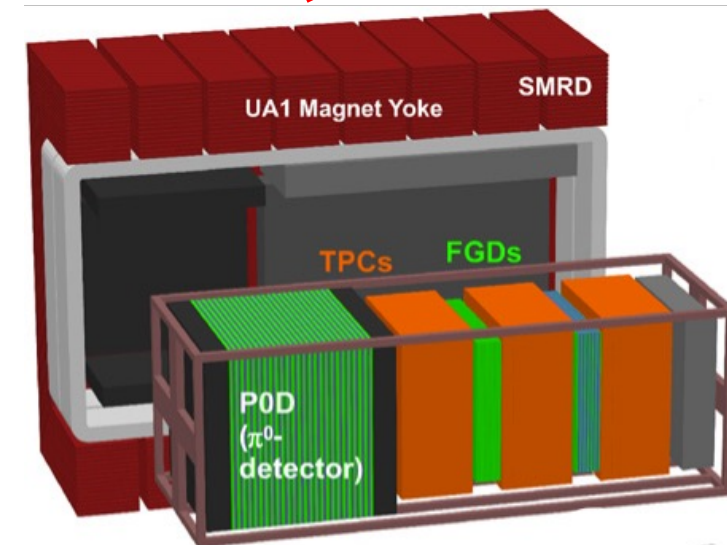
- Out: P0D detector
- In: High angle TPC (HATPC)
- In: SuperFGD



- Hyper-K is a 4π detector, larger acceptance of near detector is necessary
- Lower proton threshold to understand nuclear effects



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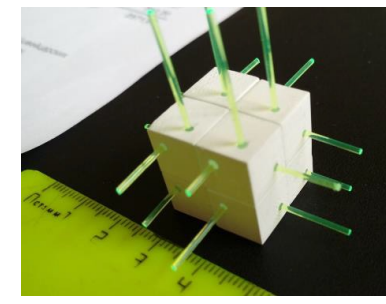
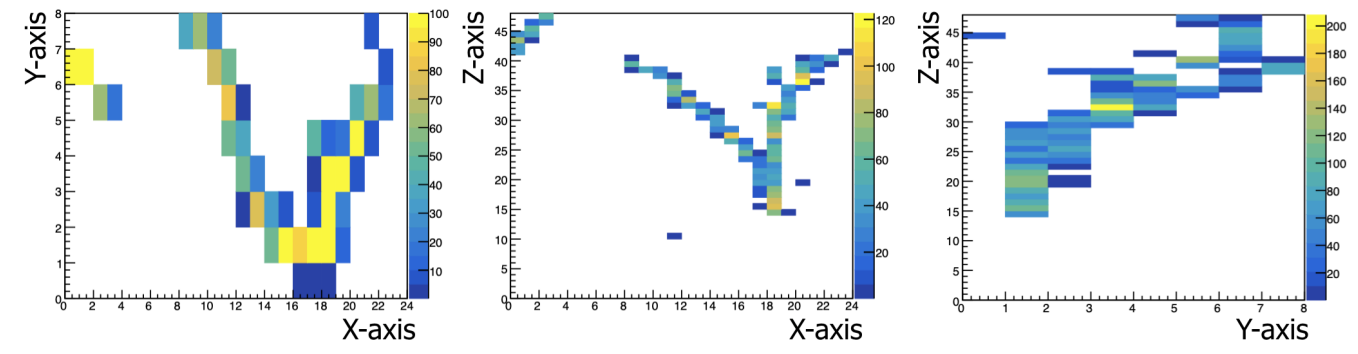
SuperFGD prototype beam test

- LANL neutron xs measurement
- CERN track reconstruction

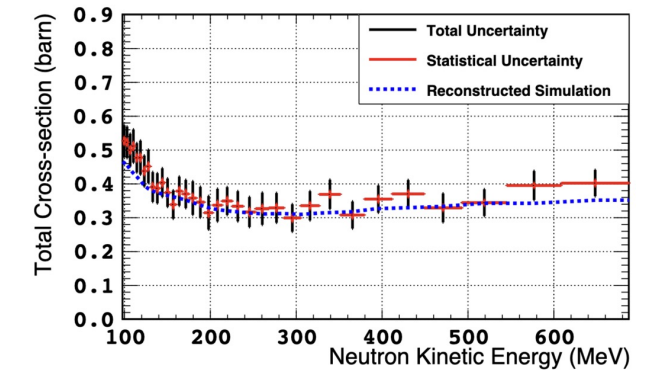
Installation

- labour-intensive assembly
- Neutrino data!

CERN beam test pair production

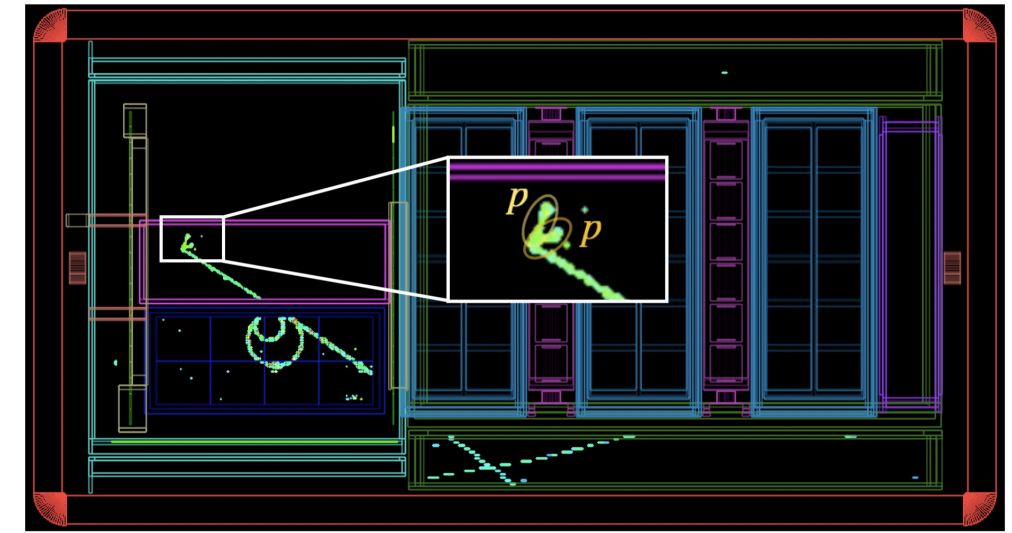


Total carbon-neutron cross-section



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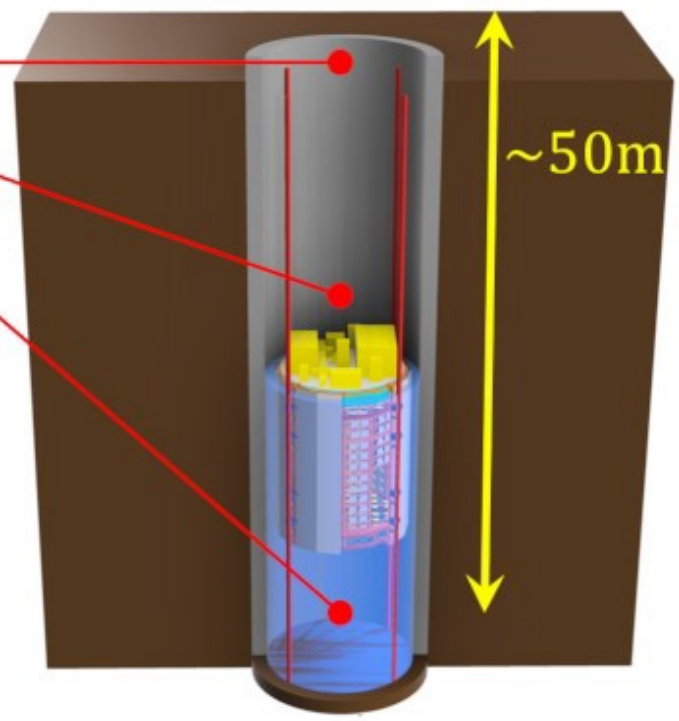
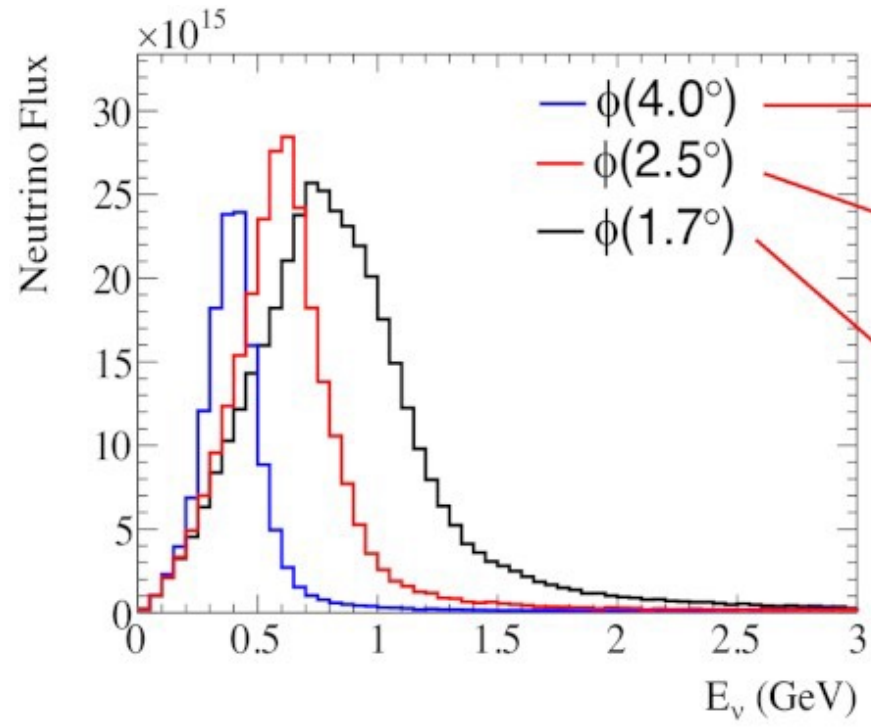
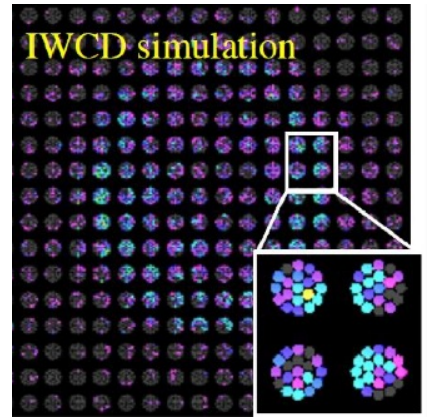
Neutrino even candidate



IWCD

Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector

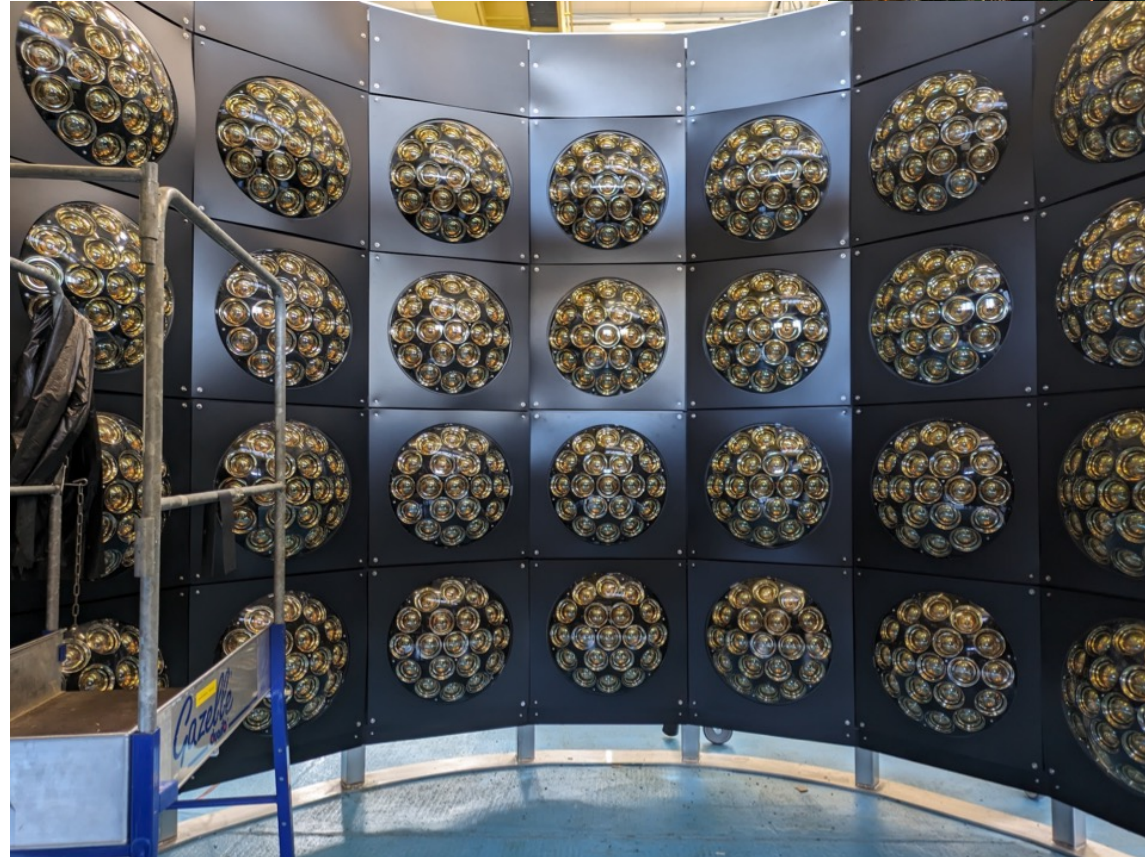
- nuPRISM concept, ~1km from the target
- KM3NeT-inspired mPMT unit
- Machine learning-based reconstruction



WCTE

Water Cherenkov Test Experiment

- CERN T9 beamline, 0.1-1.1 GeV/c of e , μ , π , p
- ~ 100 mPMTs to test performance



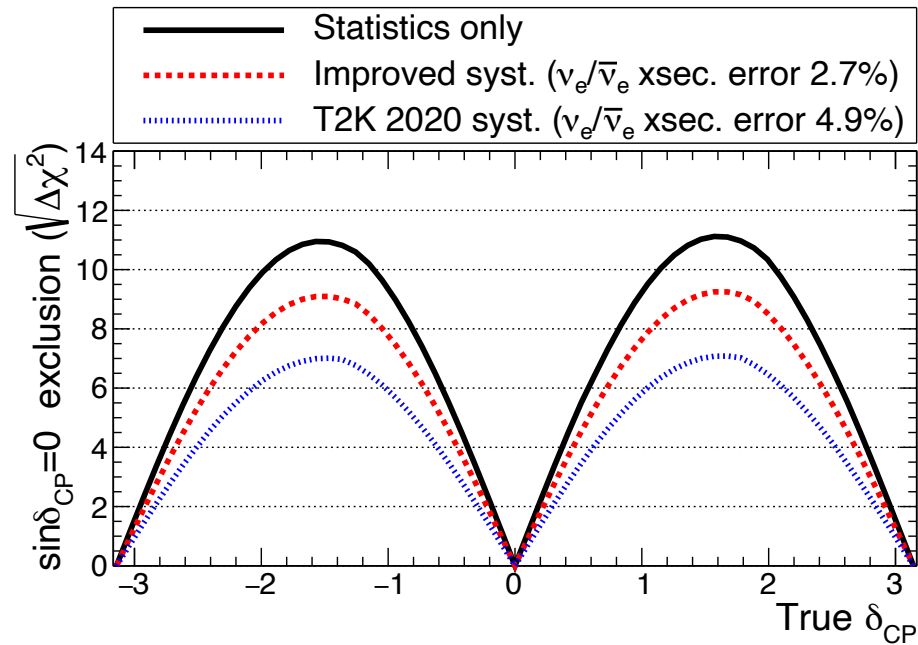
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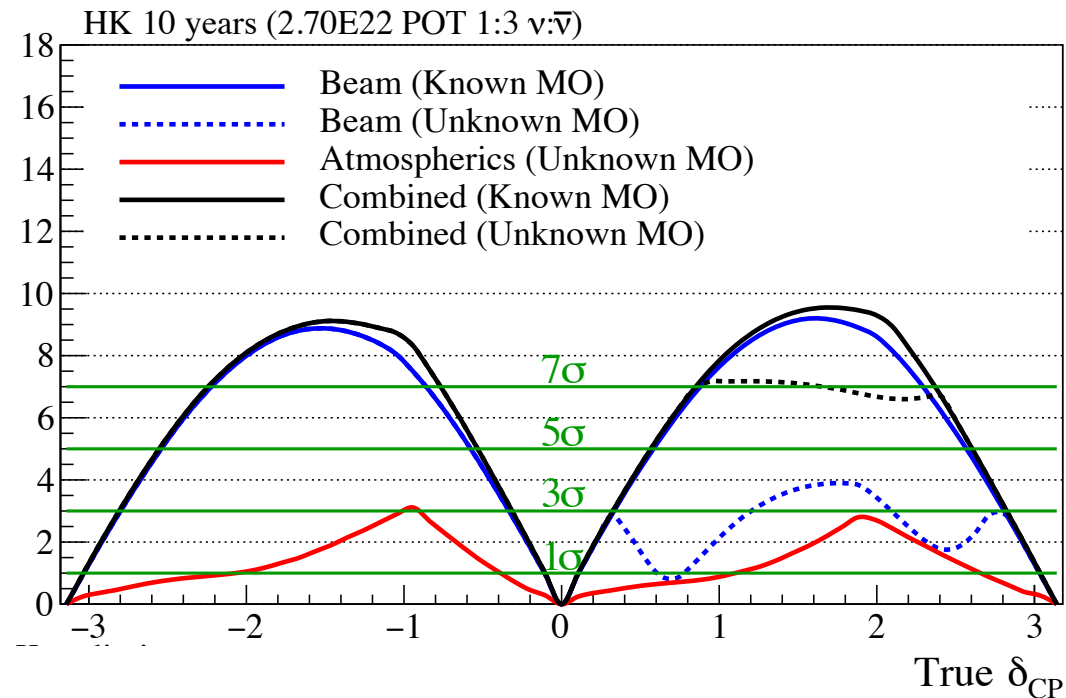
Neutrino oscillation physics

- x20 higher statistics of T2K, 10yrs beam data can explore 63% of δ_{CP} values
- Combining with atmospheric neutrino data can break parameter degeneracy



Hyper-K preliminary

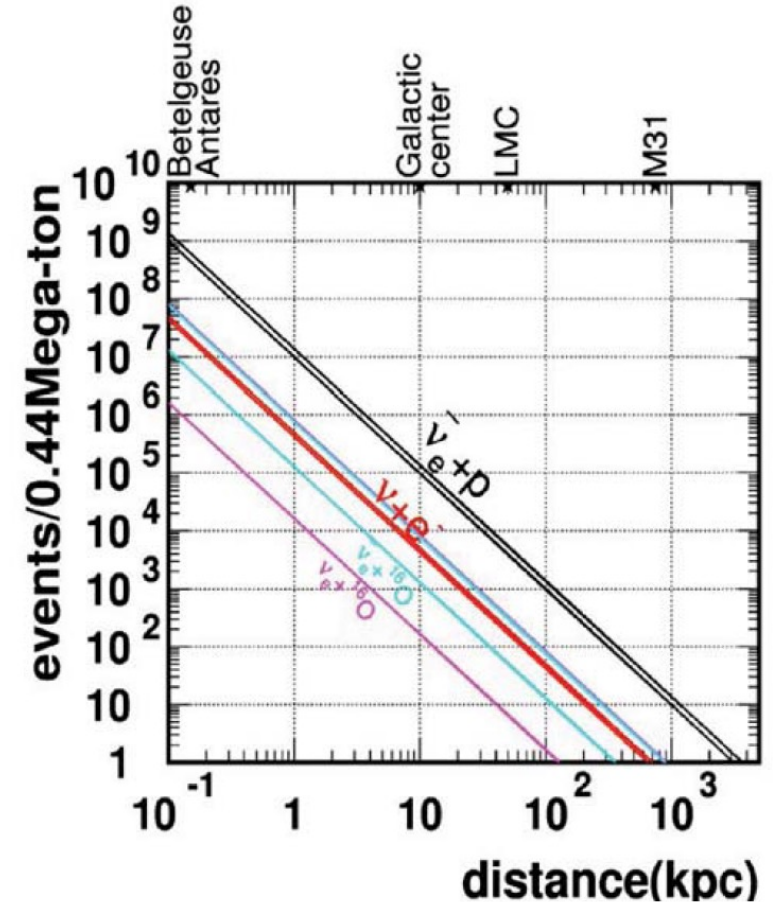
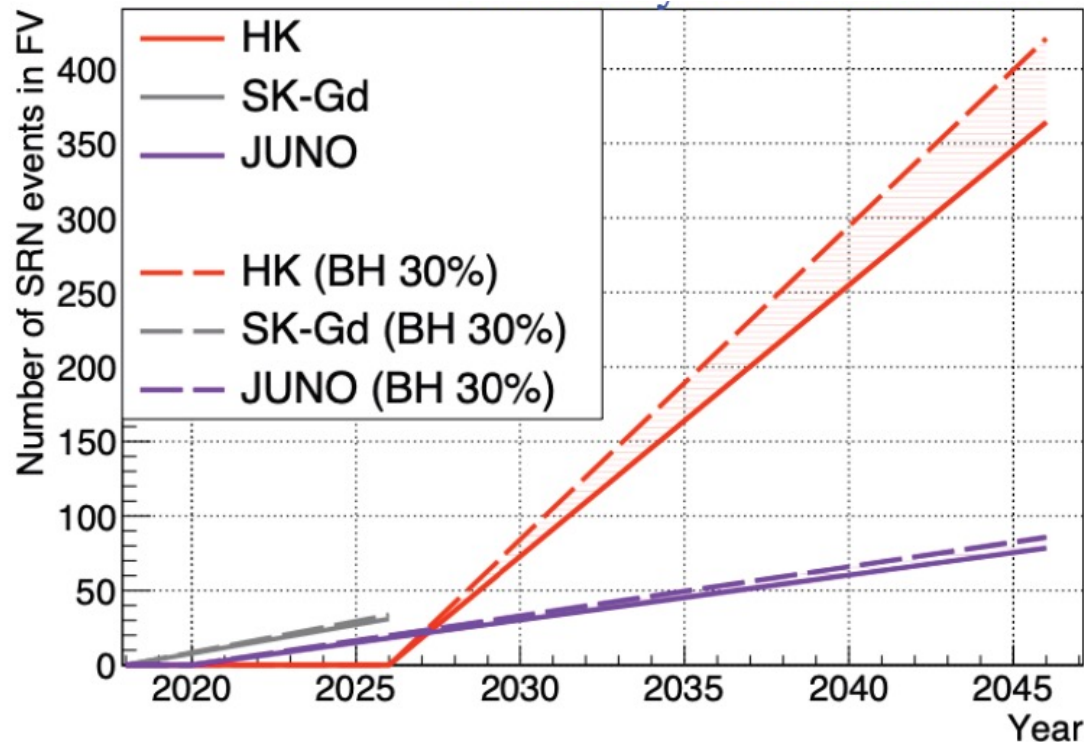
True normal ordering (known), 10 years (2.7×10^{22} POT 1:3 $\nu:\bar{\nu}$)



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Supernova neutrinos

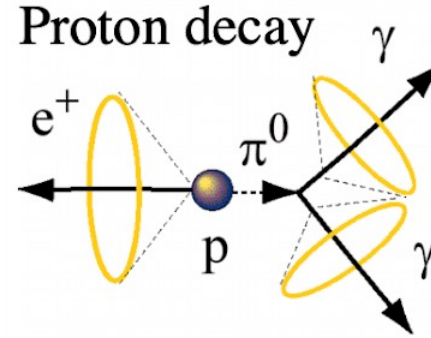
- Core collapse supernova neutrinos. $\sim 70\text{k}$ at 10kpc
- Andromeda is within the range
- Diffuse supernova neutrino background ~ 4 events/yr



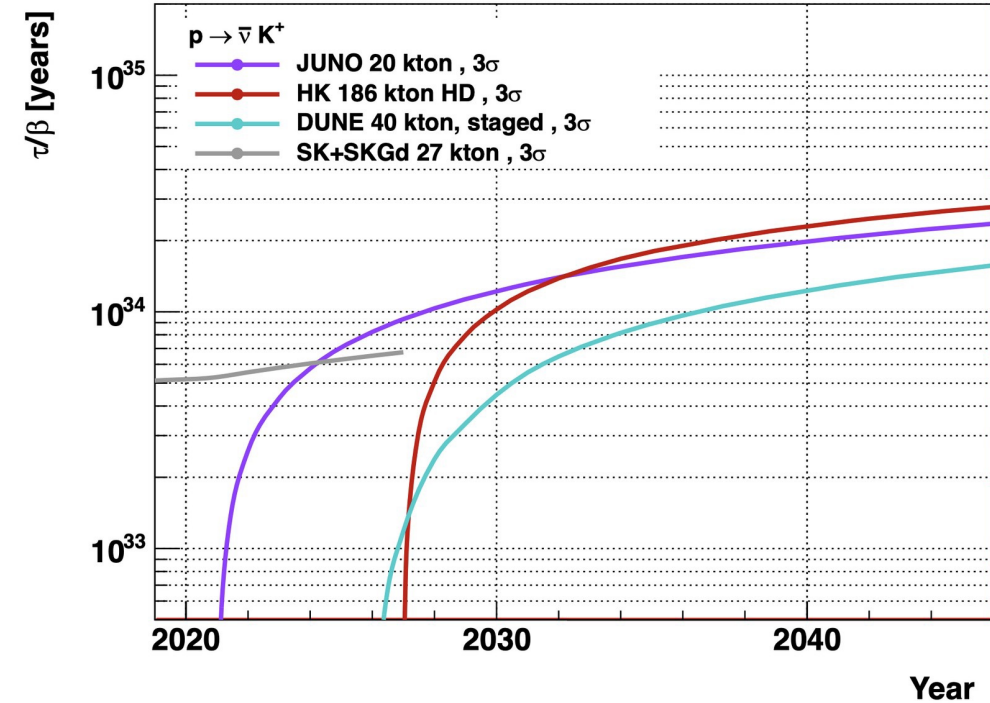
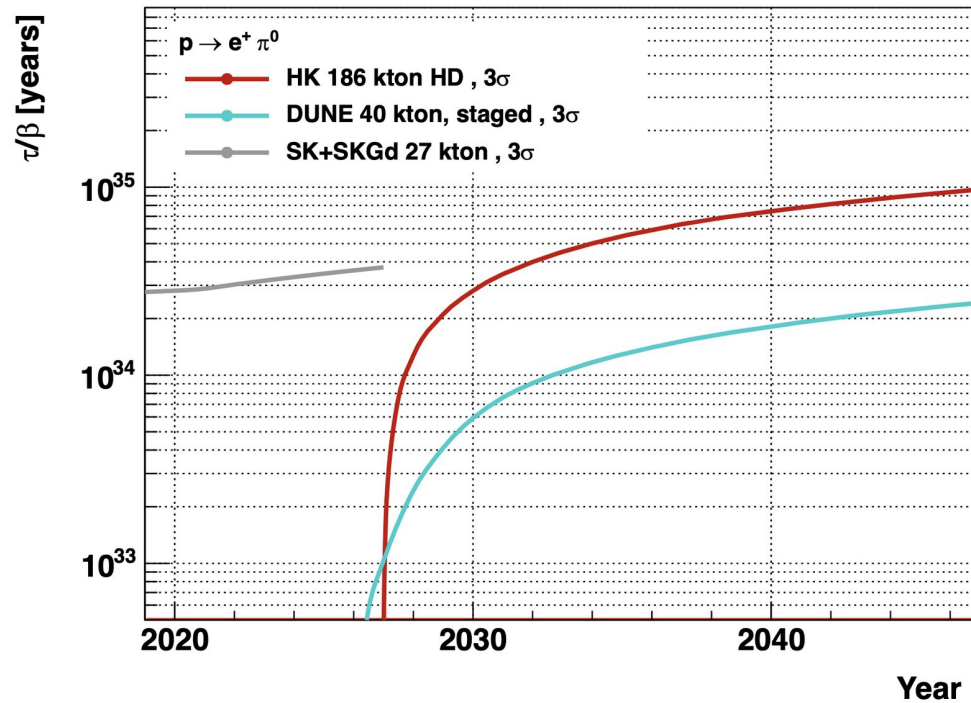
Hyper-K physics sensitivities

Proton decay

- $p \rightarrow e + \pi^0$: $\sim 6 \times 10^{34}$ yr (10yr)
- $p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + K^+$: $\sim 2 \times 10^{34}$ yr (10yr)
- A lot more channels to explore!



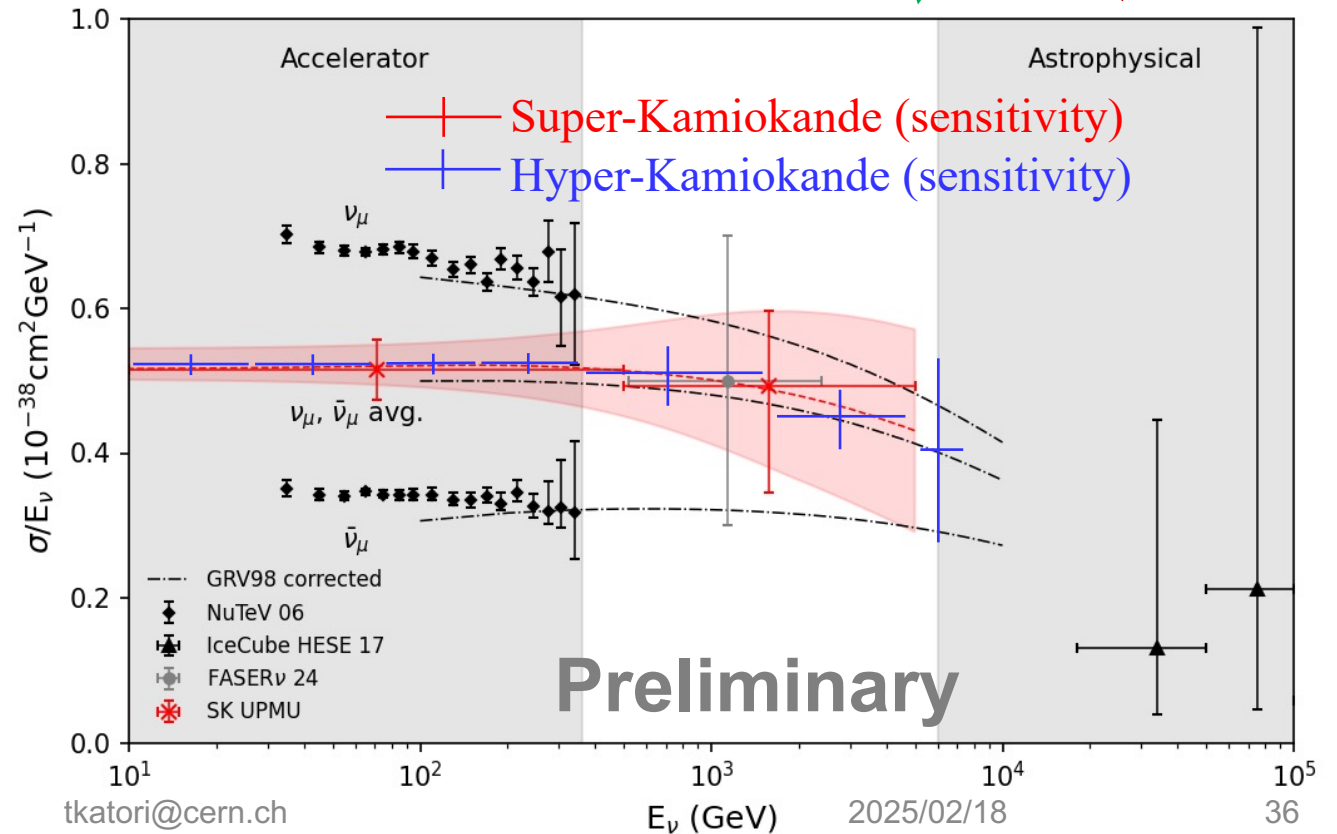
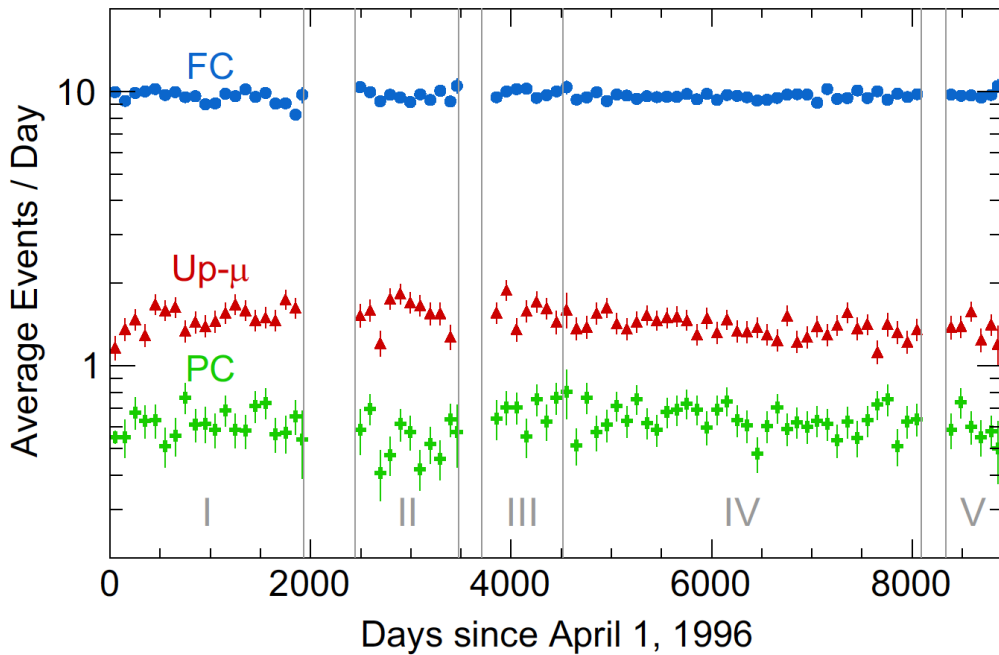
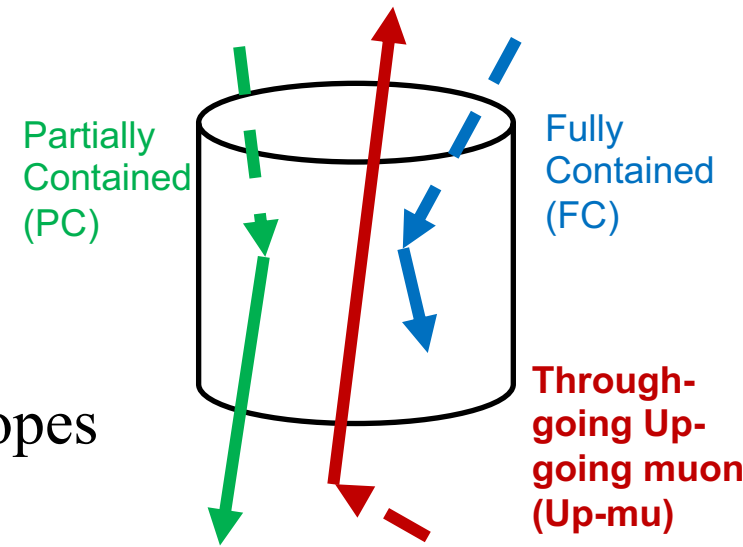
Mode	Sensitivity (90% CL) [years]	Current limit [years]
$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$	7.8×10^{34}	1.6×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+$	3.2×10^{34}	0.7×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$	7.7×10^{34}	0.77×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow e^+ \eta^0$	4.3×10^{34}	1.0×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \eta^0$	4.9×10^{34}	0.47×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow e^+ \rho^0$	0.63×10^{34}	0.07×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^0$	0.22×10^{34}	0.06×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow e^+ \omega^0$	0.86×10^{34}	0.16×10^{34}
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \omega^0$	1.3×10^{34}	0.28×10^{34}
$n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$	2.0×10^{34}	0.53×10^{34}
$n \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^-$	1.8×10^{34}	0.35×10^{34}



Hyper-K physics sensitivities

High-energy neutrinos

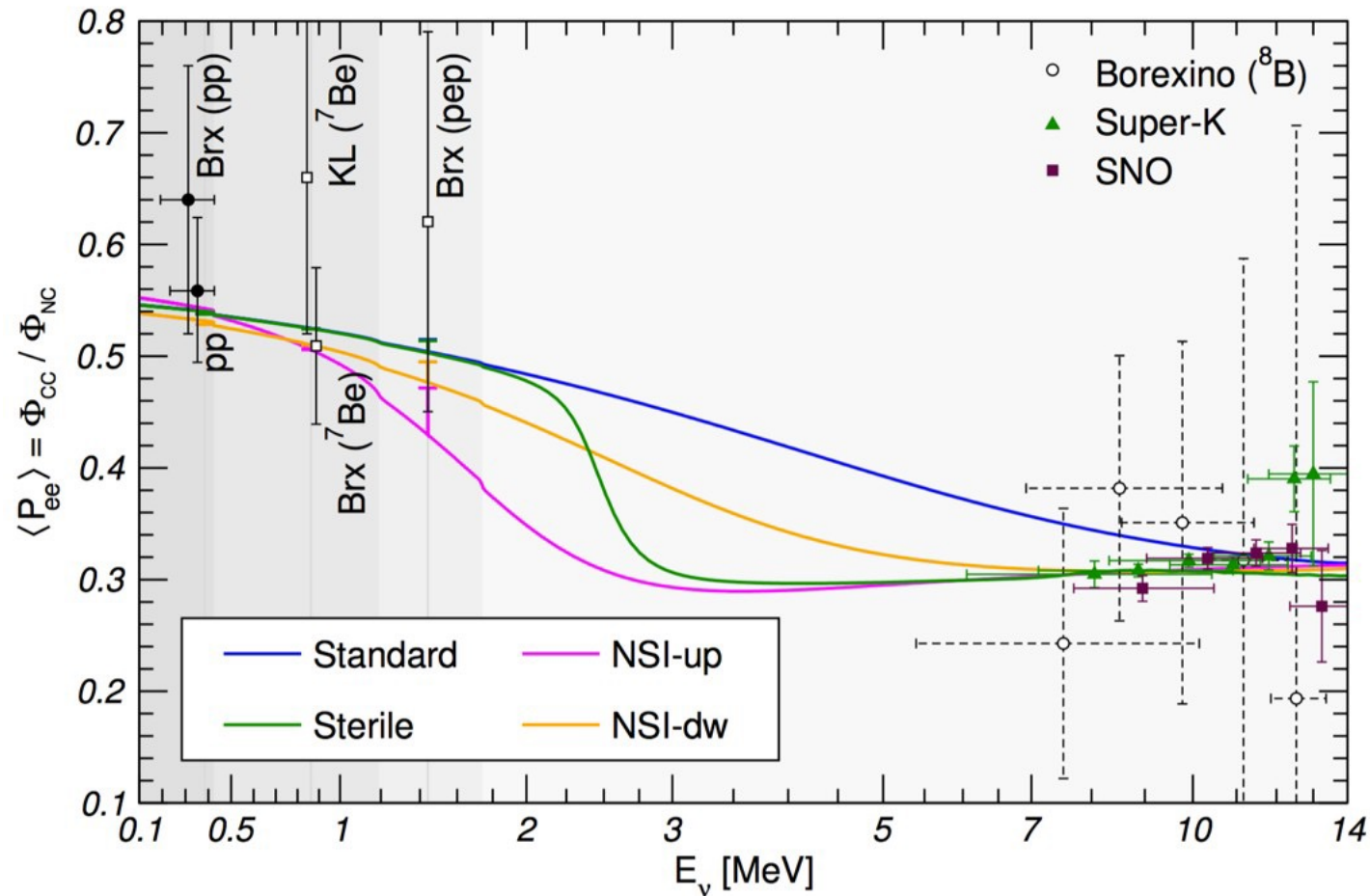
- ~1000 events/yr in TeV region
- Fill the “gap” between accelerator neutrinos and neutrino telescopes
- Prompt neutrinos, galactic plane neutrinos, TeV neutrinos, etc



Hyper-K physics sensitivities

Solar neutrinos

- 3σ sensitivity to upturn, final confirmation of the MSW effect



Supernova neutrinos



Hyper-Kamiokande Science

Astrophysics

- Cosmic ray physics
- Multi-messenger astronomy

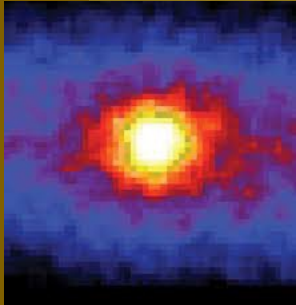
Particle Physics

- Leptonic CP violation
- Neutrino-nucleus

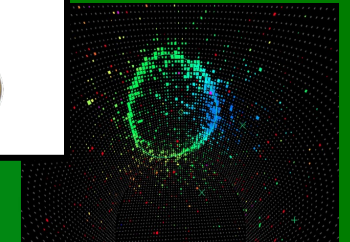
Accelerator neutrinos



Solar neutrinos



Atmospheric neutrinos



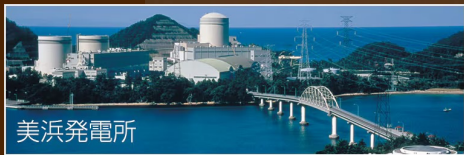
How to discover unknown unknowns???



New physics

- Proton decay
- Dark sector particles
- Indirect DM search
- Unexpected!

Reactor neutrinos



High-energy astrophysical neutrinos



Path forward to unknown unknowns 1 - Machine Learning

WatChMaL

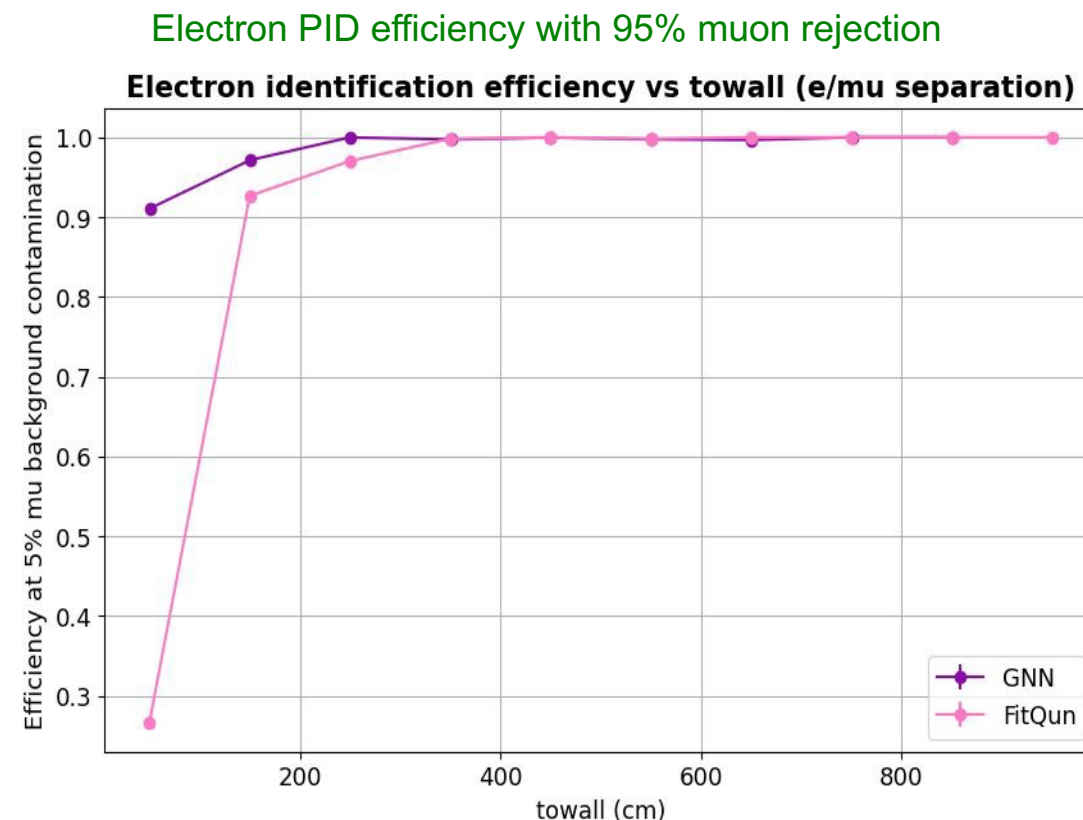
- International working group to develop Machine learning for water Cherenkov detector

fiTQun (SuperK/T2K)

- Likelihood based reconstruction (LSND \rightarrow MiniBooNE \rightarrow SuperK)
- ~ 1 event/min (CPU)

Machine learning

- CNN is x100 (CPU) or x10000 (GPU) faster
- 2-d (CNN) \rightarrow 3-d (GNN)
- Better reconstruction resolution
- Better background rejection



Path forward to unknown unknowns 2 – New new near detector

ND280++

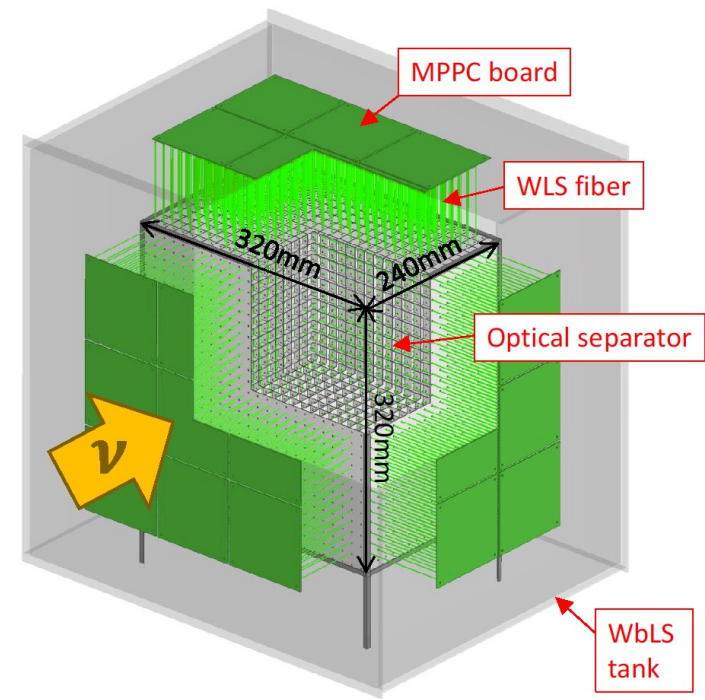
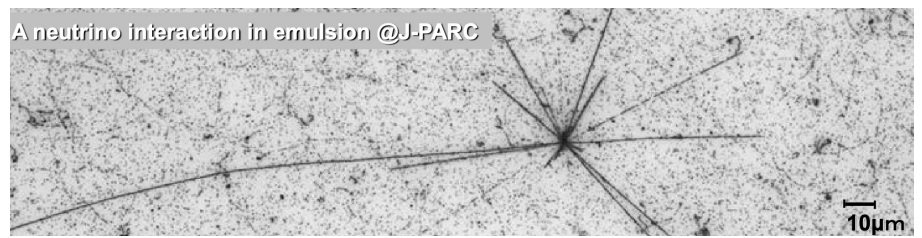
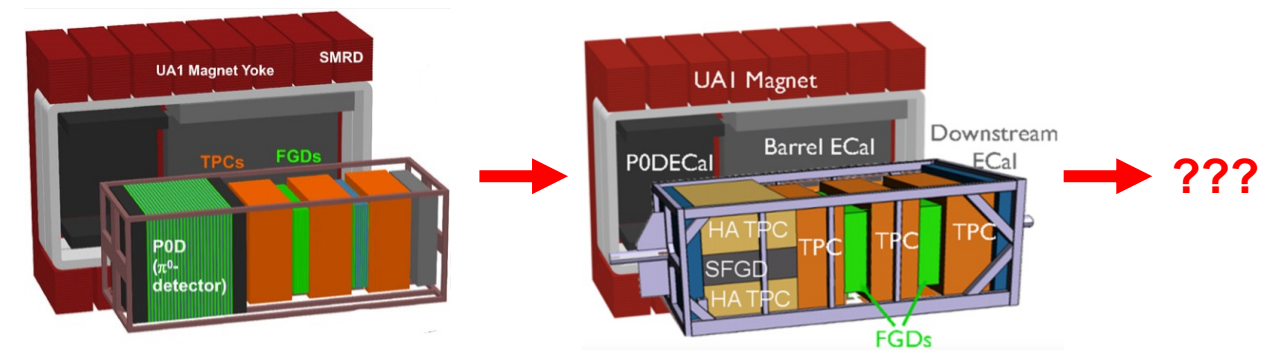
- T2K near detector ~17yrs old (2027)

Emulsion-based detector

- High spatial resolution (0.3 um resolution)
- NINJA collaboration

Water-based liquid scintillator

- 3-d fiber reading
- Various R&D initiated
 - Nanocrystal-based liquid scintillator



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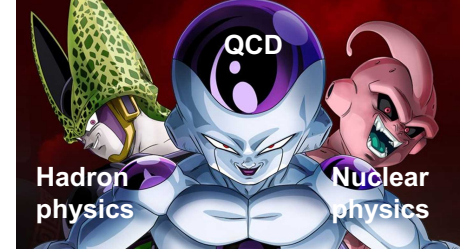
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Path forward to unknown unknowns 3 – Strong interaction



Recent progresses in QCD, nuclear physics, and hadron physics offer answers to many mysteries in particle physics

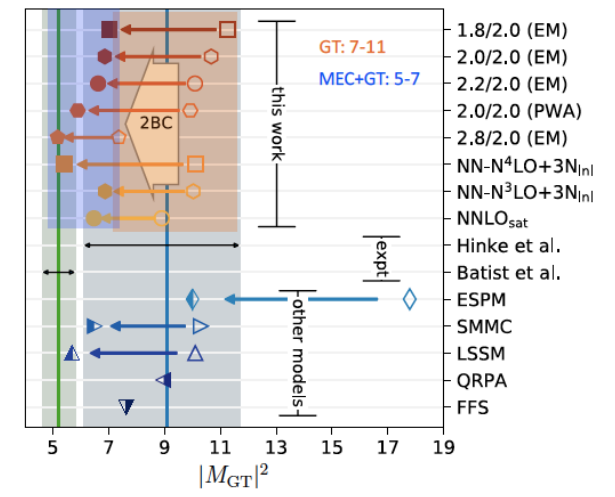
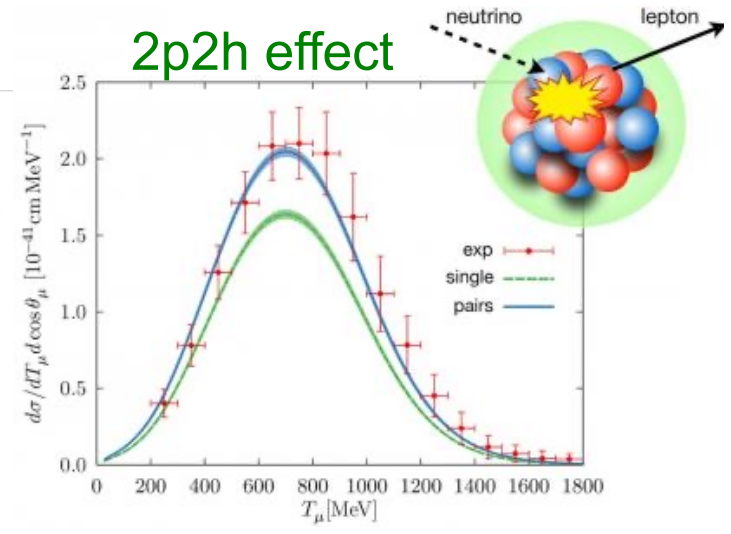


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Understanding ghost particle interactions

BY JOSEPH E. HARMON | SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

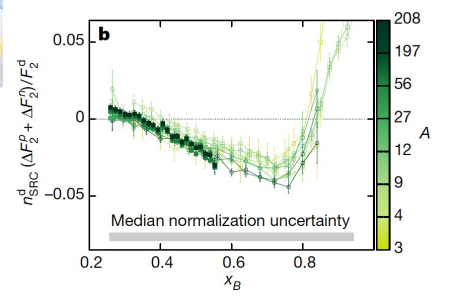
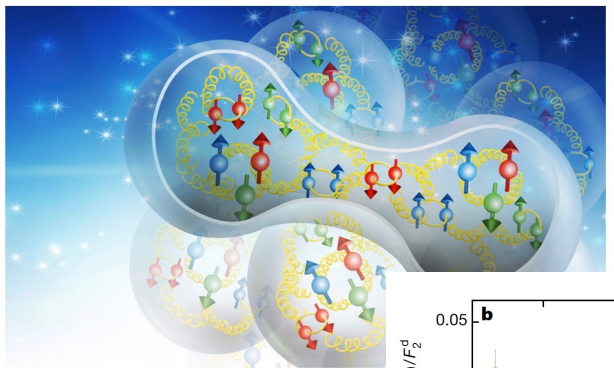
Team constructs accurate nuclear physics model of neutrino-nuclei interactions.



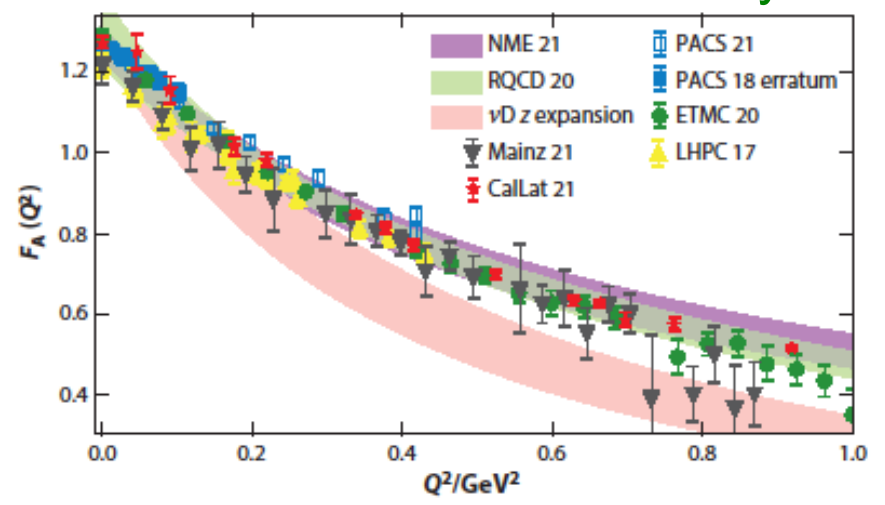
CORRELATED NUCLEONS MAY SOLVE 35-YEAR-OLD MYSTERY



EMC effect

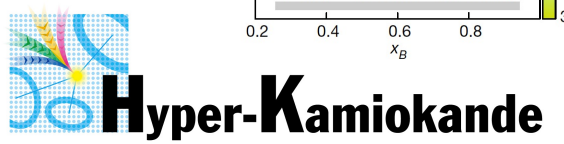
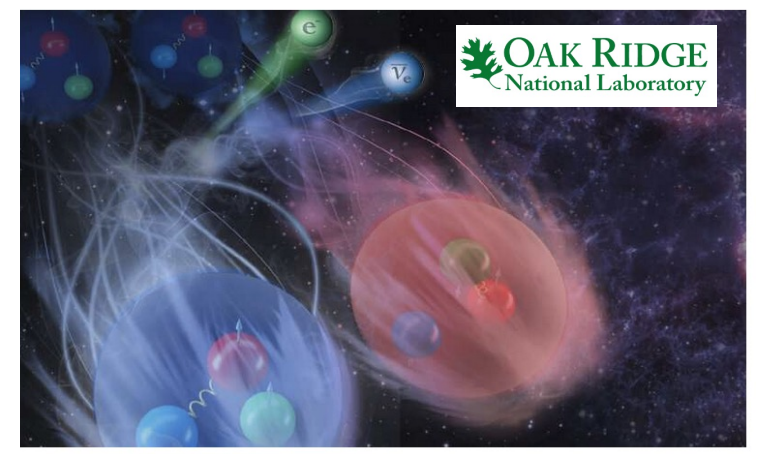


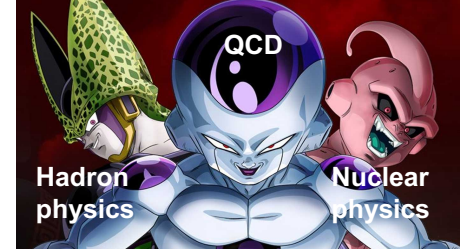
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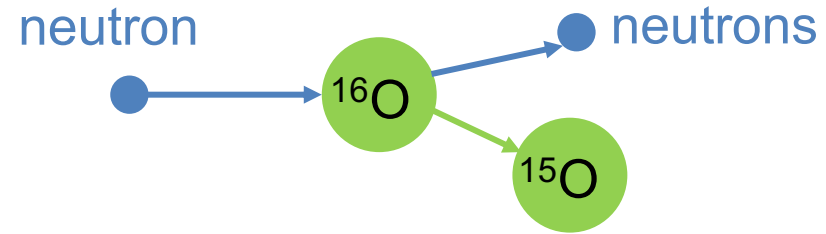
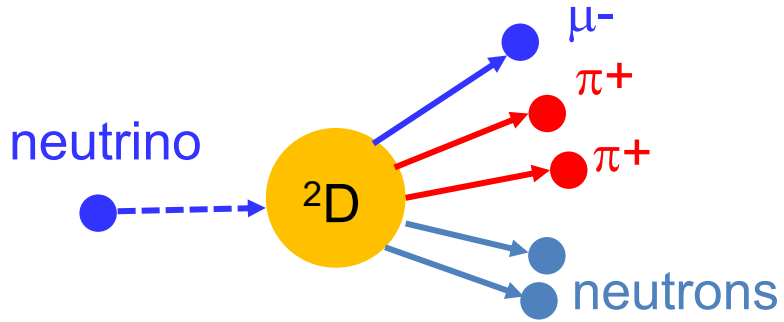
Physicists solve a beta-decay puzzle with advanced nuclear models

gA quenching

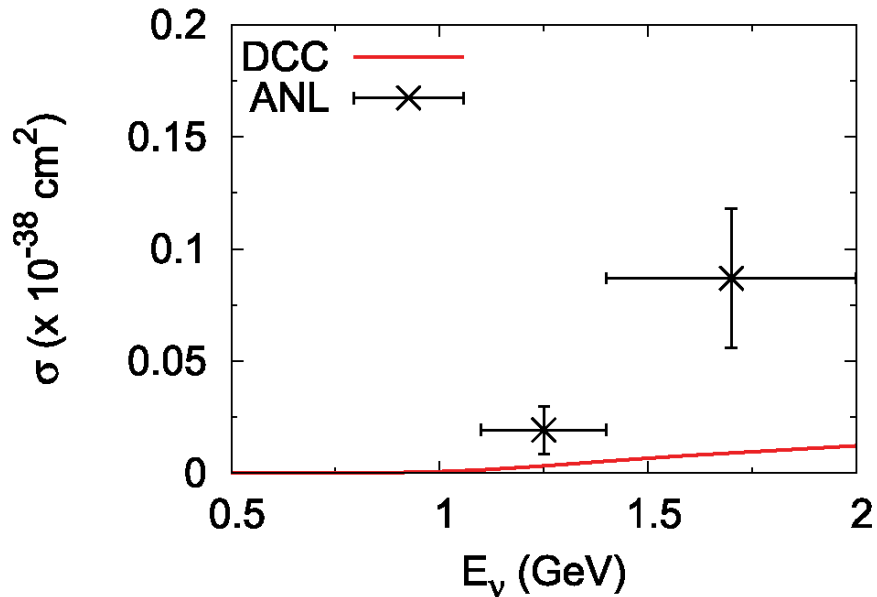




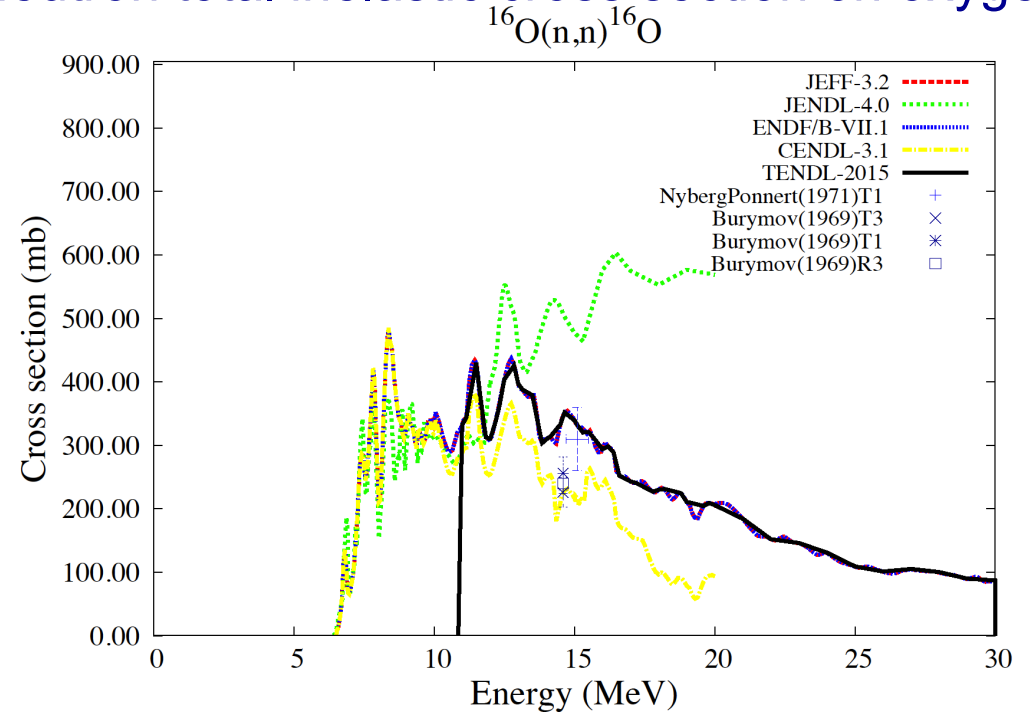
Next generation neutrino detectors use hadron information to maximize their potential (pion, neutron multiplicity, etc)



Neutrino induced 2-pion production



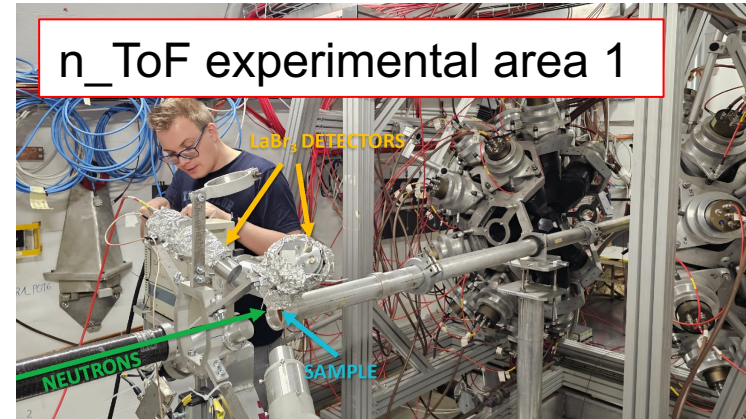
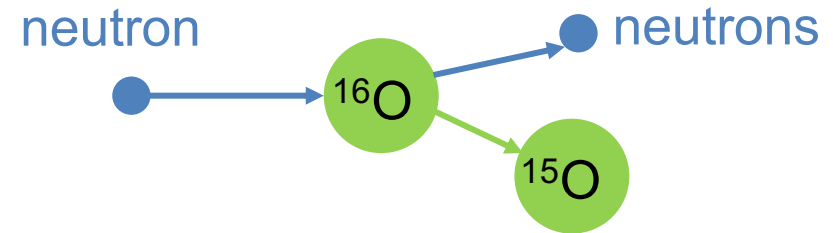
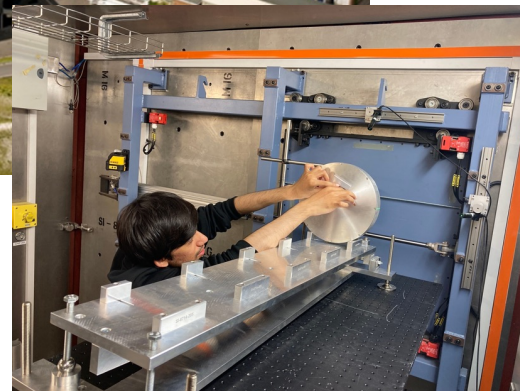
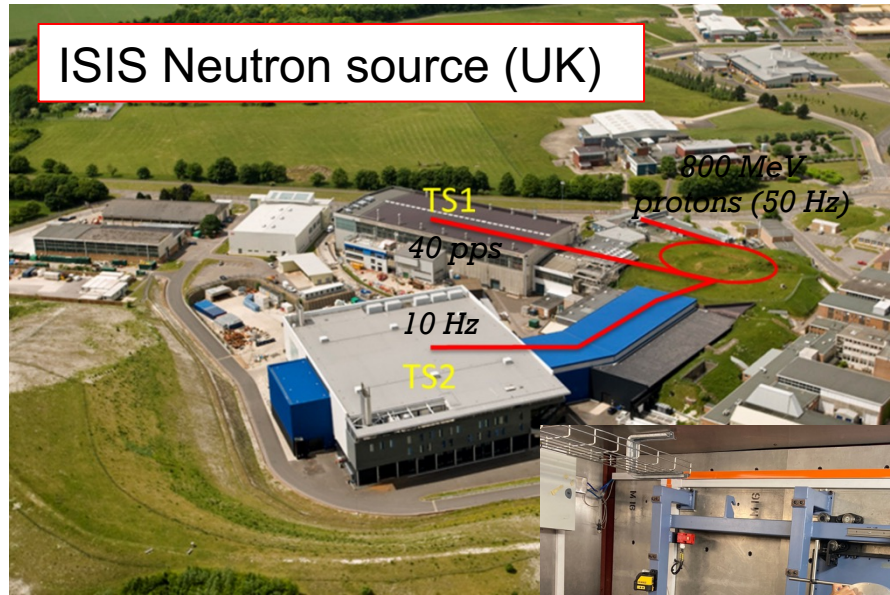
Neutron total inelastic cross section on oxygen



Fast neutron-water cross-section measurements

ISIS neutron source at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (UK)

- ChipIr, up to several hundreds MeV
- Beam data taken (2023)



n_ToF at CERN

- BeO target
- Up to ~100 MeV
- Data taking (2025)

Conclusions

HyperK construction is on the right track

Growing collaborations (~600 people, ~100 institutions, ~22 countries)

There is no “red carpet”, the project takes risks and challenges, but we try to solve one by one

There are many guaranteed physics results, but HyperK also have many exciting opportunities to look for “unknown unknowns”

Thank you for your attention!
Join us!



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Hyper-Kamiokande Science

Supernova neutrinos

- Core-collapse SN neutrinos
- Diffuse SN neutrino backgrounds
- High-energy SN neutrinos

Solar neutrinos

- MSW upturn
- Solar atmospheric neutrinos

Others

- Nucleon decay

Accelerator-based neutrinos

- Leptonic CP violation
- Neutrino-nucleus cross-sections
- Dark sector particle search

Atmospheric neutrinos

- Neutrino mass ordering
- Tau neutrino physics
- Prompt neutrinos
- TeV neutrinos

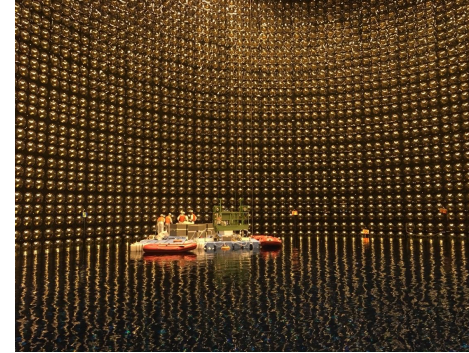
High-energy astrophysical neutrinos

- Galactic plane neutrinos
- Indirect DM search

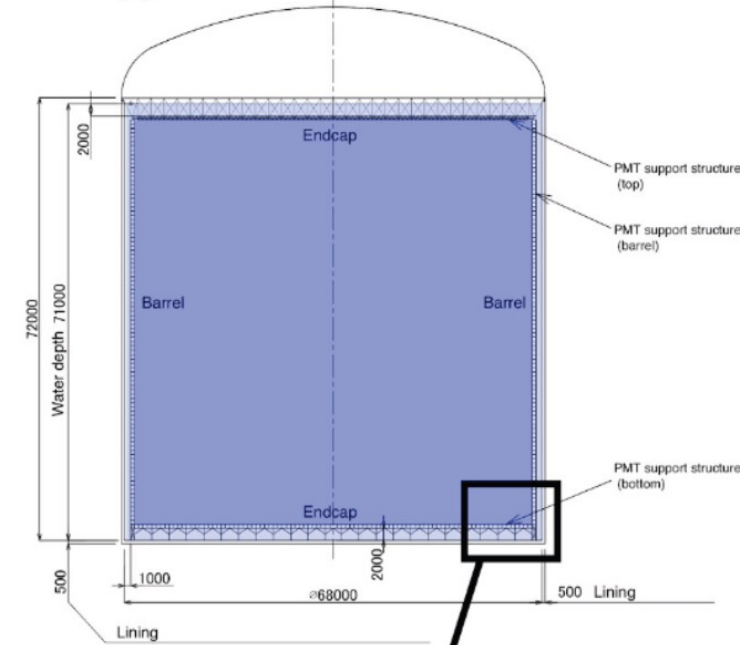
Hyper-K tank structure

Tank wall is protected by multiple layers

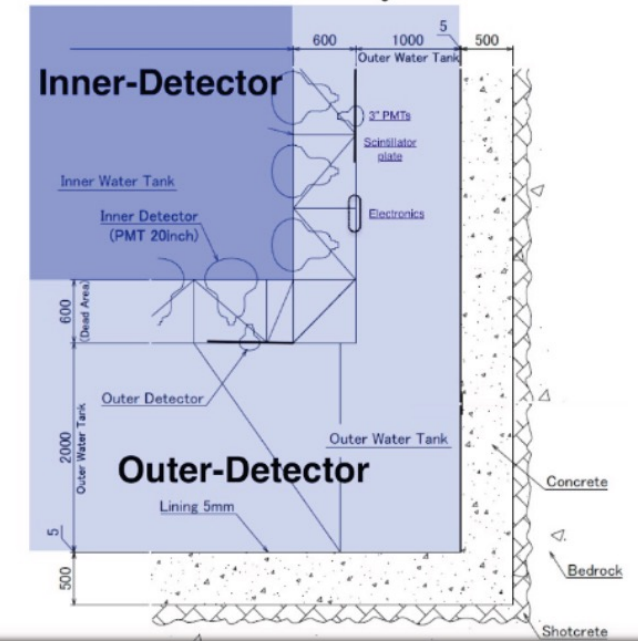
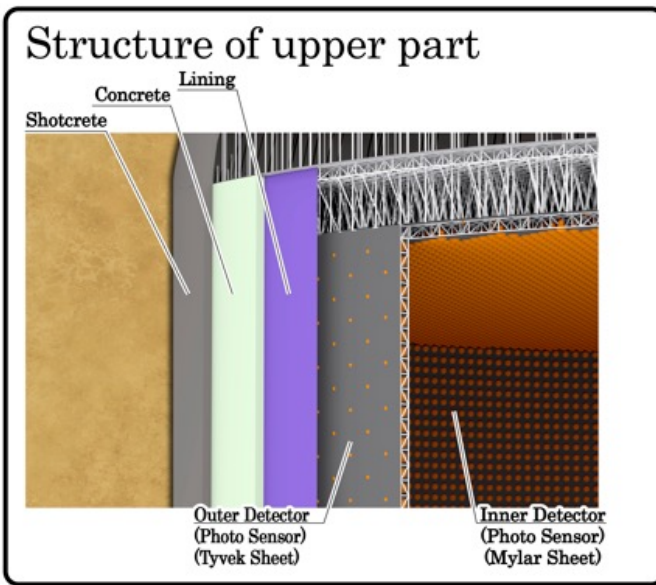
Inner detector (ID) and outer detector (OD) are optically separated by Tyvek and black sheets



Cross section of Hyper-Kamiokande detector



Super-Kamiokande ID and OD region



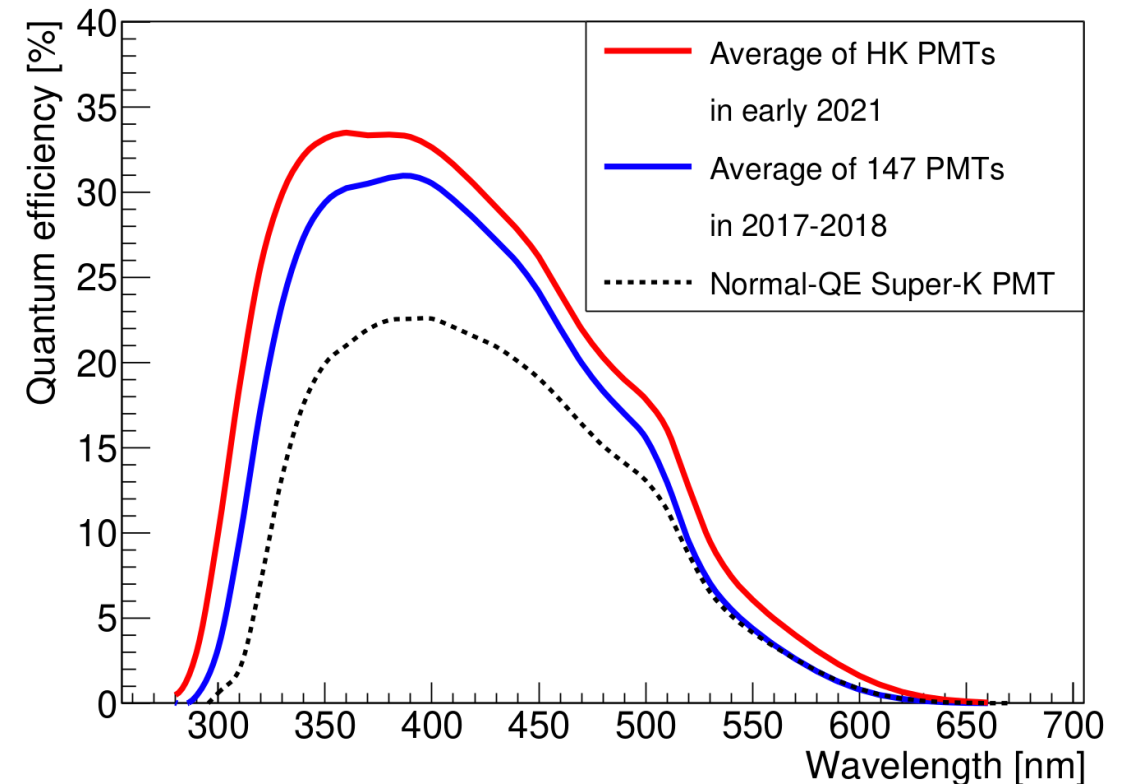
Hyper-K ID 20-inch PMTs

Radio-isotopes in glass window are the major sources of dark current (scintillation)

- After meticulous researches, people found the origin of them
- R12860 finally achieved the 4kHz target goal!
- QE is further improved for short wavelength region

Radio isotopes in glass (Bq/kg)

	Super-K (R3600)	R12860 (before)	R12860 (after)	R12860 (2021)
U	5.5	5.4	2.9	2.5
Th	1.8	1.8	0.95	0.7
⁴⁰ K	18.2	1.6	2.0	1.0

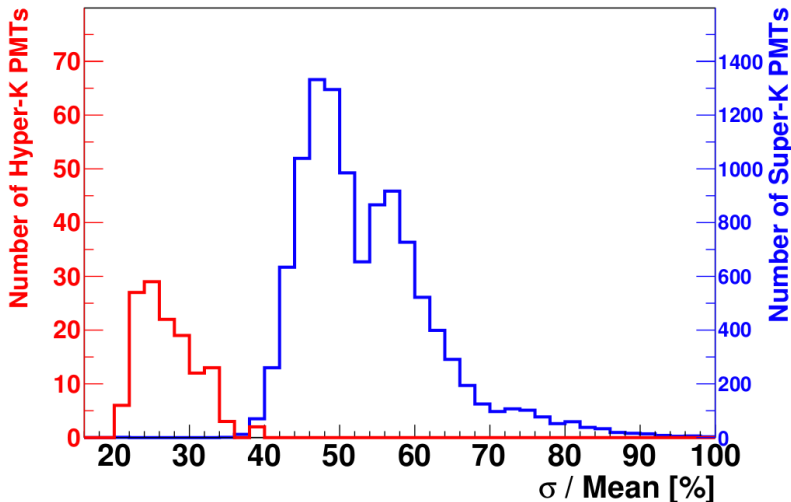


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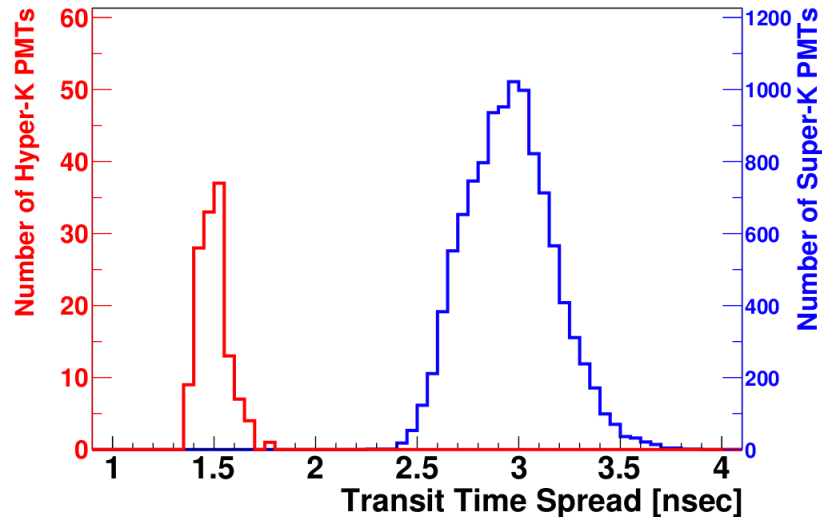
134 of HyperK 20-inch PMTs were installed in SuperK (2018). Performance was confirmed in the ultra-pure water environment



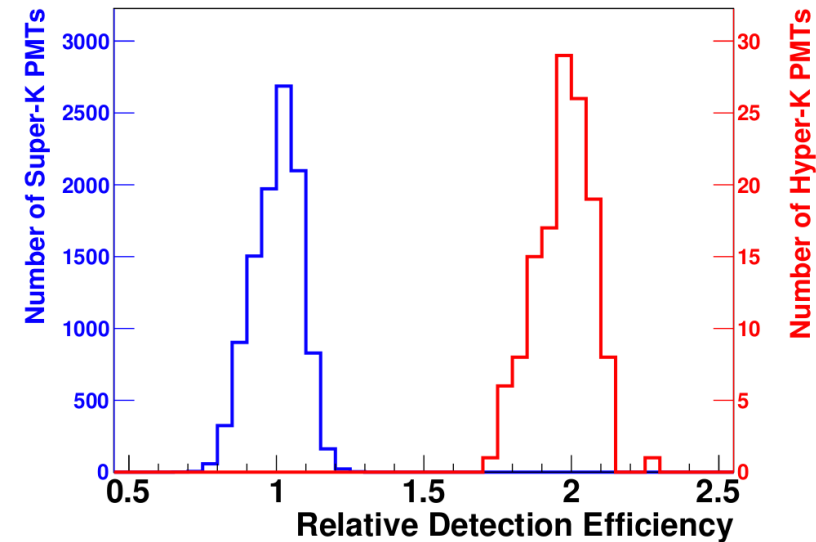
Charge resolution



Time resolution

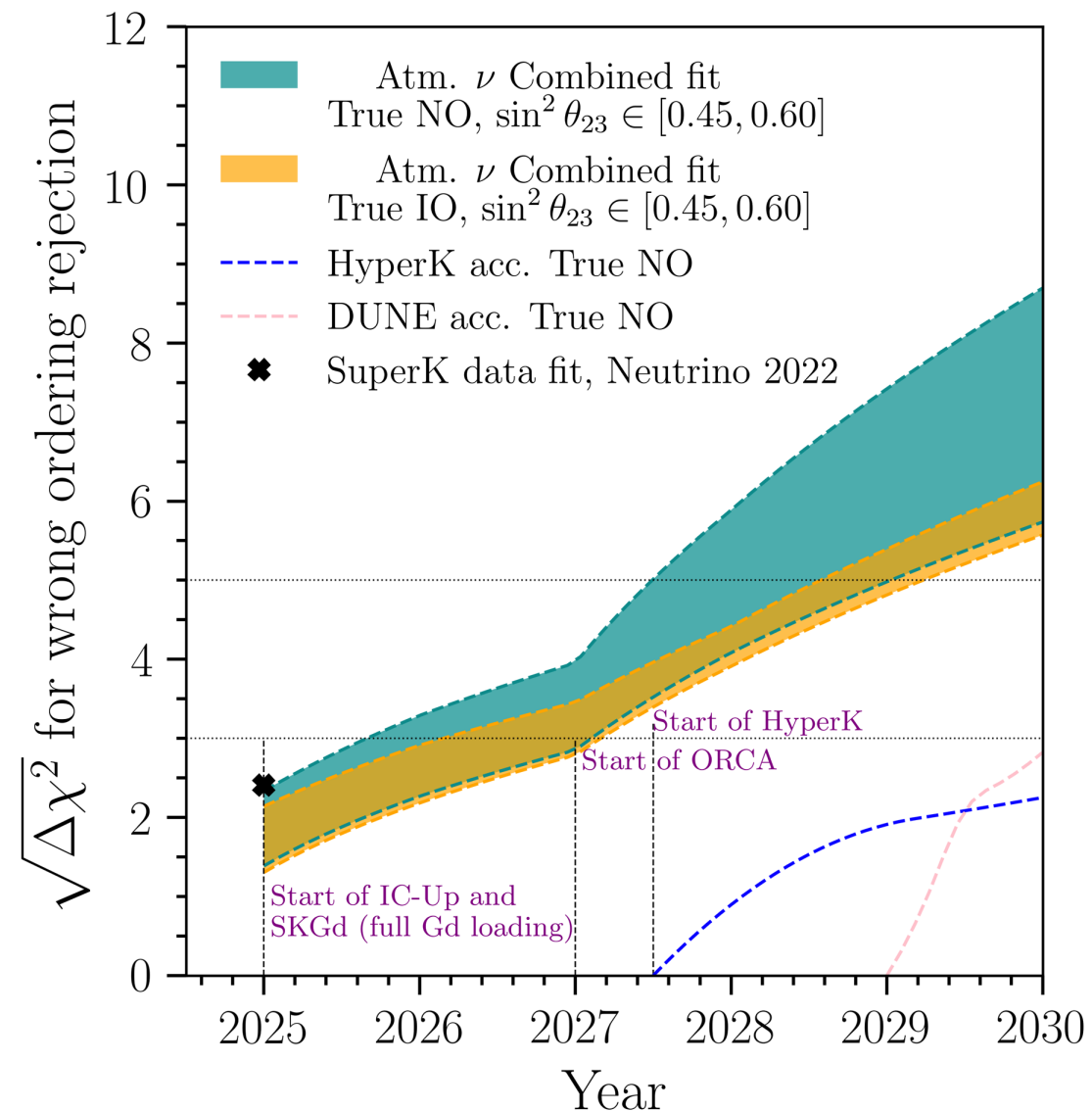


Detection efficiency



Global mass hierarchy sensitivities

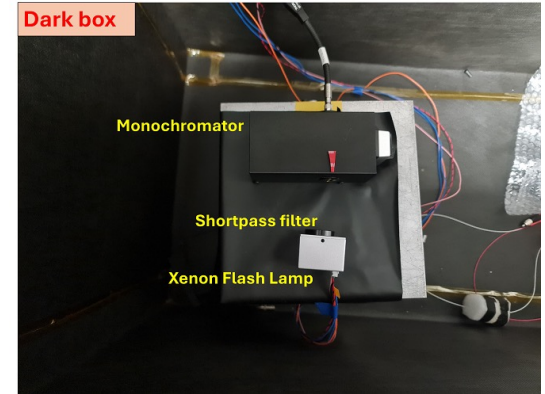
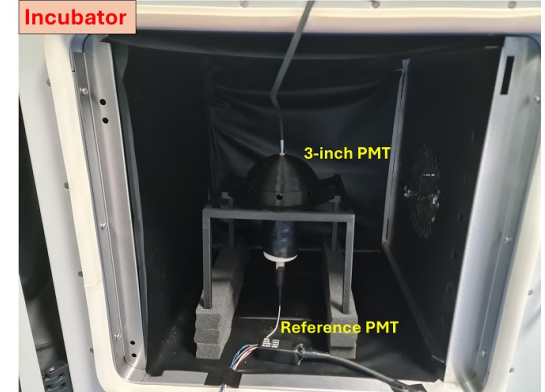
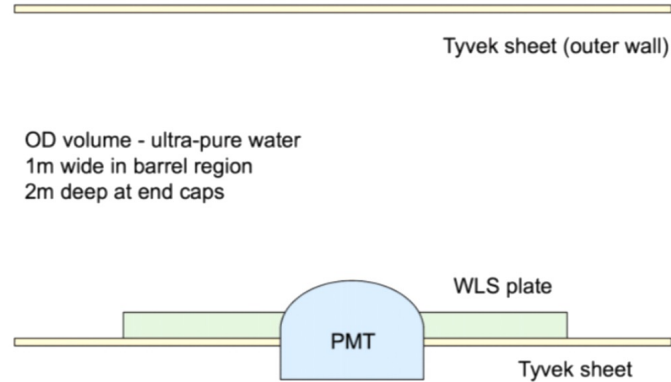
Hyper-K with IceCube-Upgrade and/or KM3NeT-ORCA and/or JUNO can reach 5-sigma neutrino mass hierarchy discovery before 2030



Hyper-K outer detector system

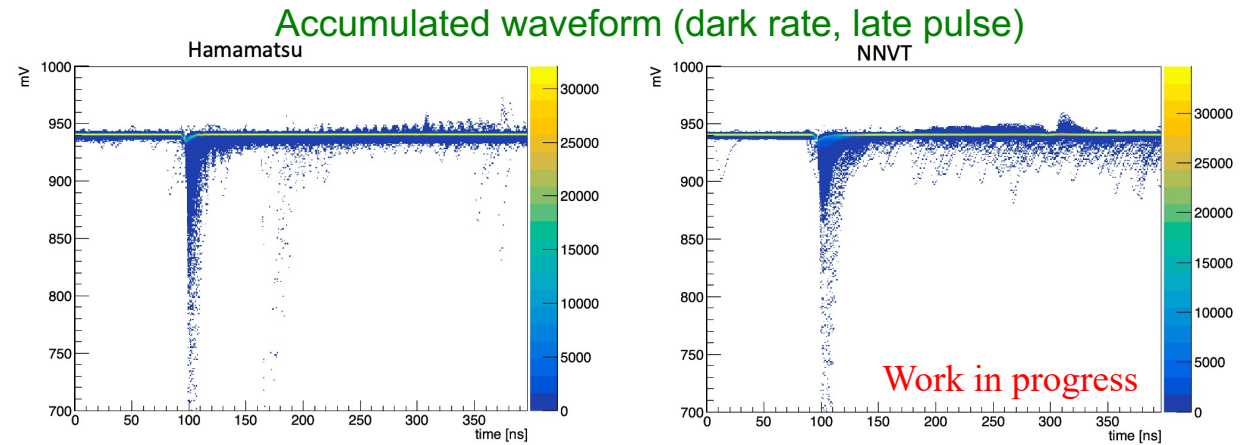
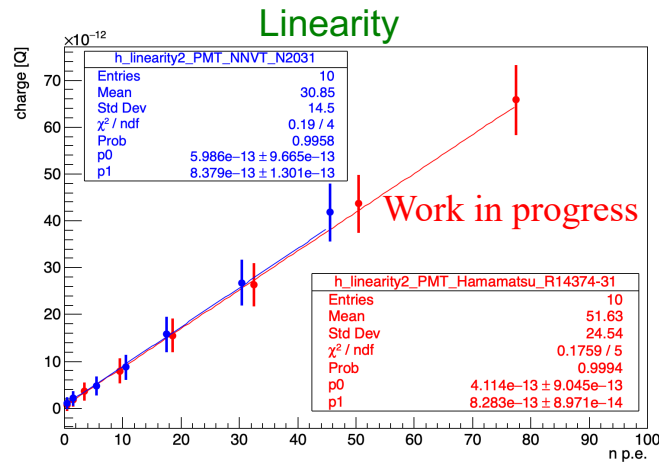
Hyper-K OD system

- 3-inch PMT
- WLS plate
- Tyvek sheet



Hamamatsu vs NNVT

- 3-inch positive HV PMTs (1 cable operation)
- reasonable noise, after pulse, linearity, QE efficiency, gain
- low failure rate is the key (base, waterproof, cable, connector)



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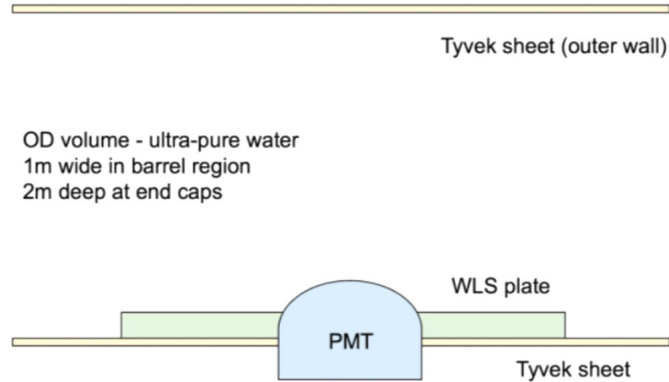
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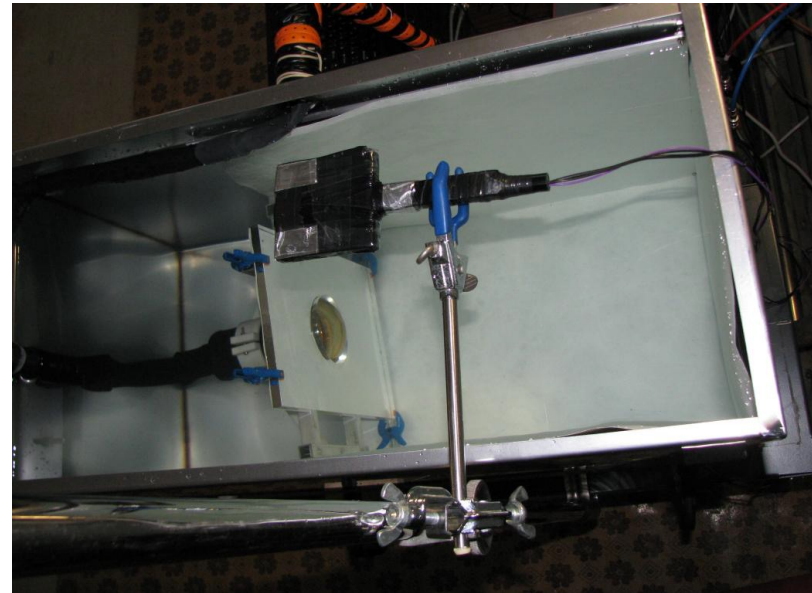
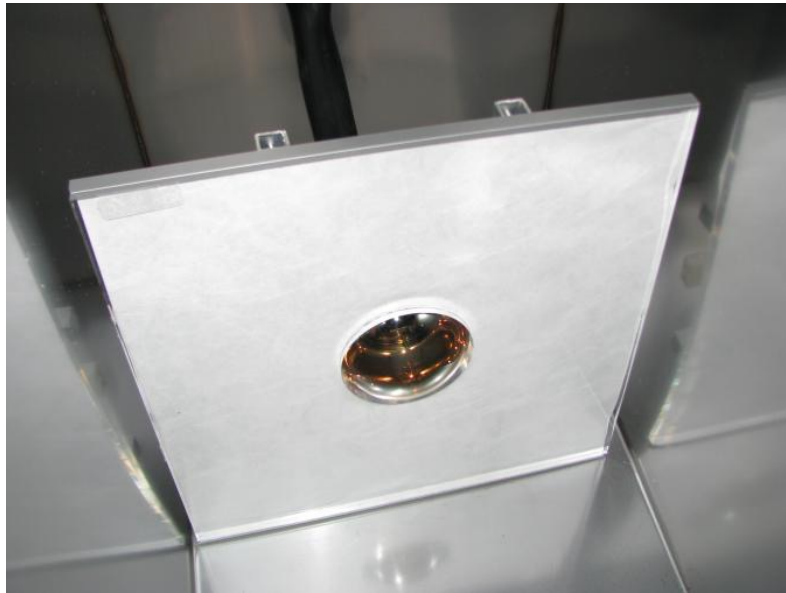
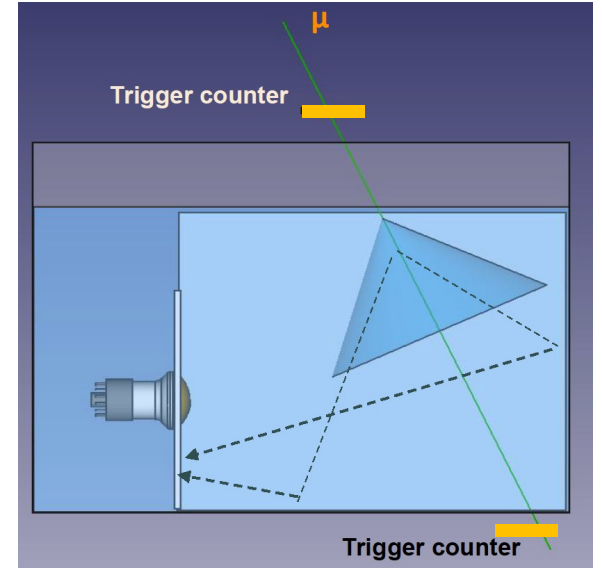
Hyper-K OD system

- 3-inch PMT
- **WLS plate**
- Tyvek sheet



Wave length shifting plate

- WLS plate performance is tested with cosmic rays



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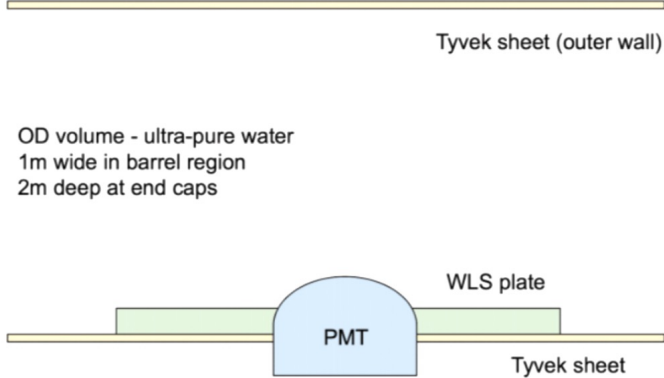
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Hyper-K outer detector system

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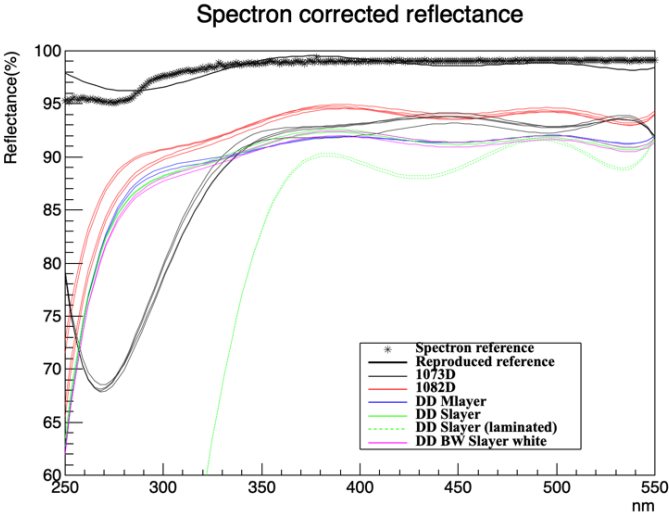


Super-K 2018 refurbishment

Requirement: >90% reflectivity

- UK installation frame for designing and practicing Tyvek installation

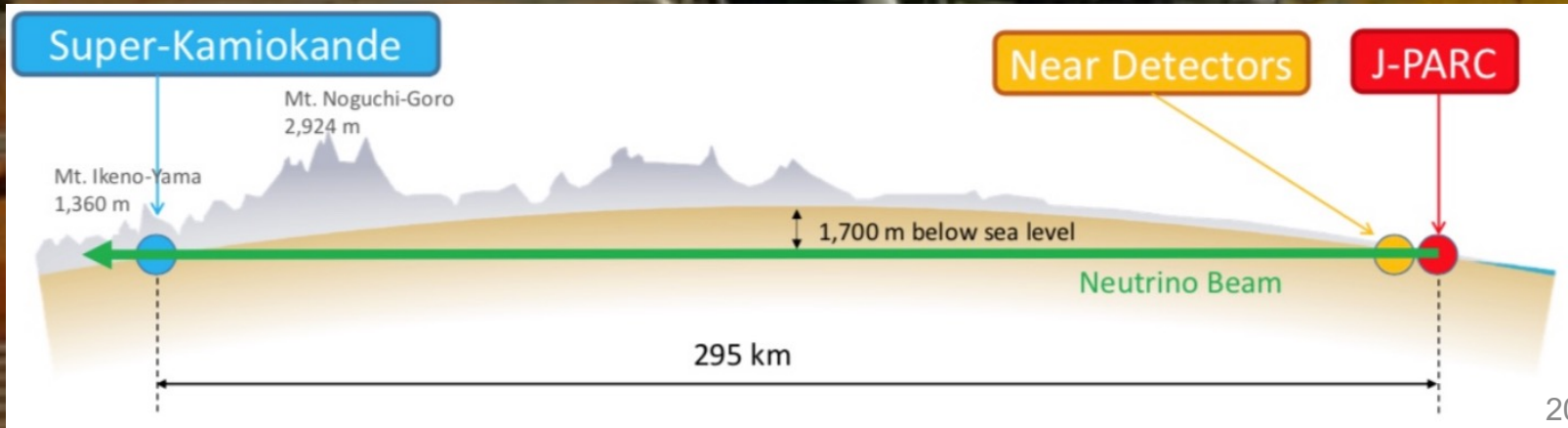
UK Hyper-K installation practice frame (Rutherford Appleton Lab)



to Kamioka (295km)

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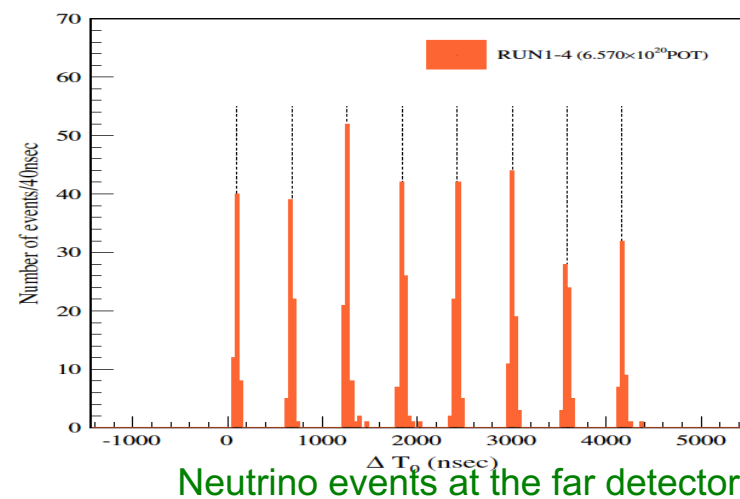
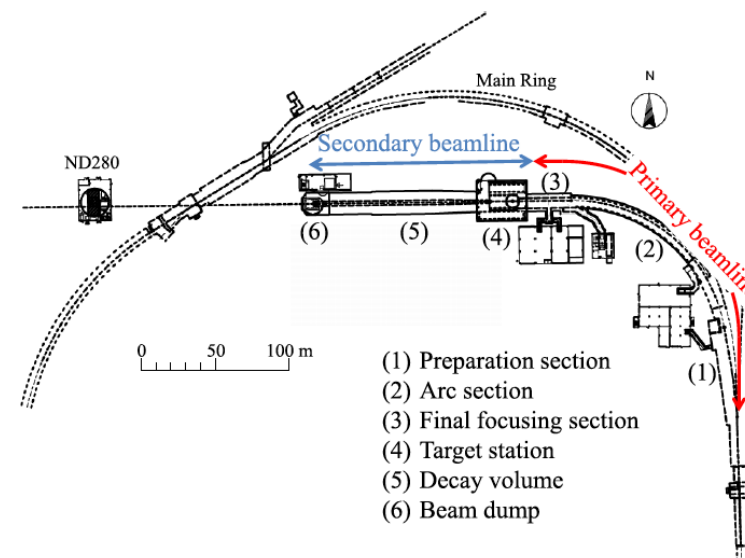
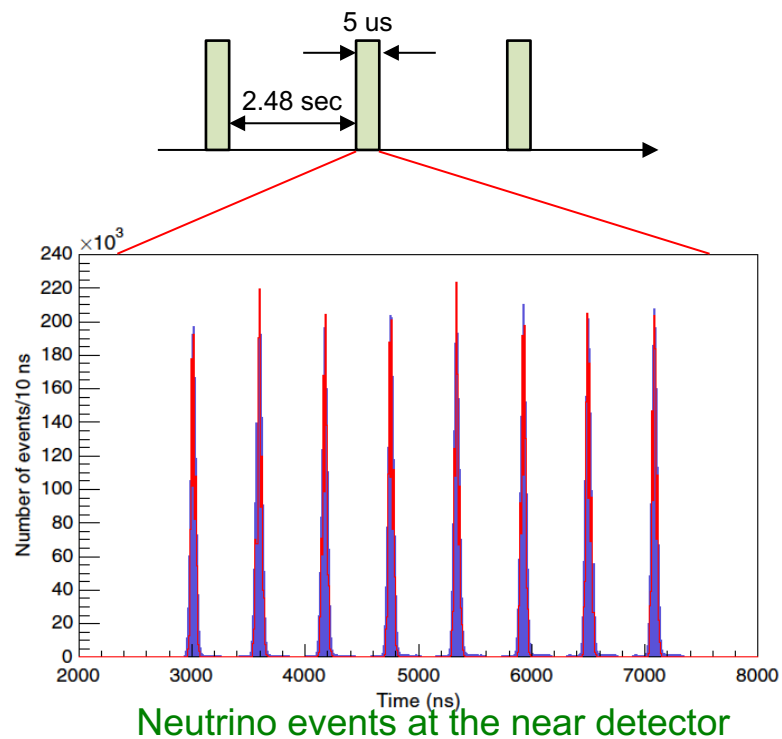
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Neutrino beamline

Primary beamline

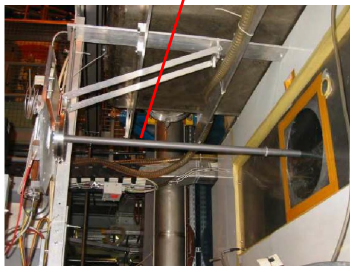
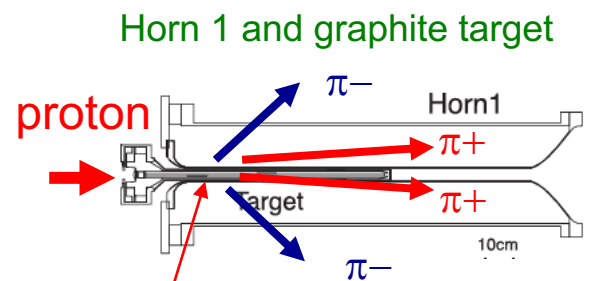
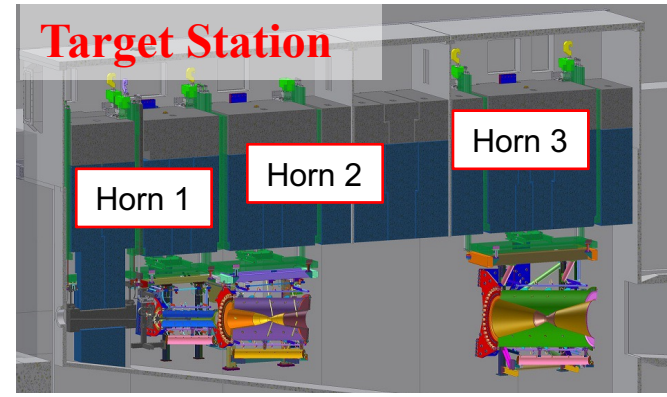
- 30 GeV protons are extracted from MR
- 1 pulse = 8 bunches
- 1 bunch $\sim 2.6E14$ ppp (protons per pulse)



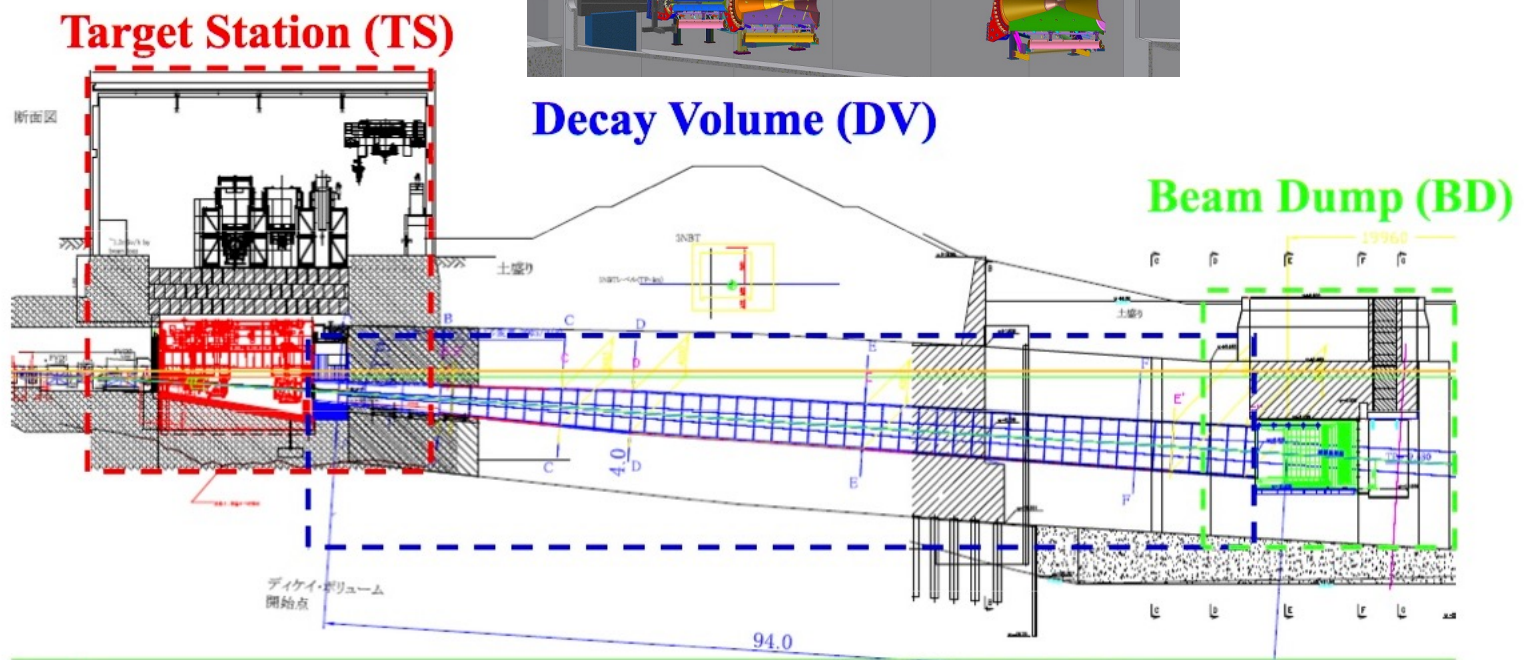
Neutrino beamline

Secondary beamline

- 3 magnetic horns (flux $\sim \times 15$), decay volume, beam dump
- Neutrino mode: focus π^+ , defocus π^-
- Antineutrino mode: focus π^- , defocus π^+



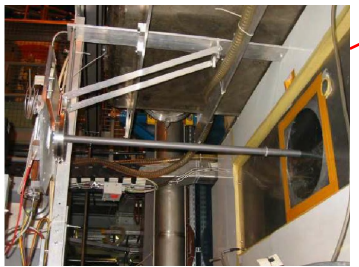
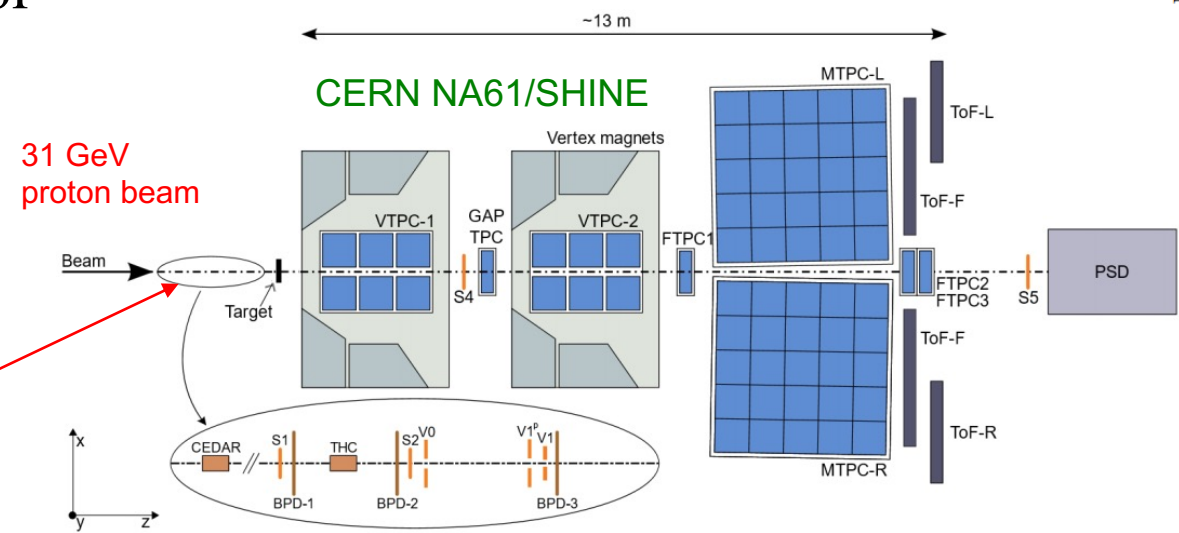
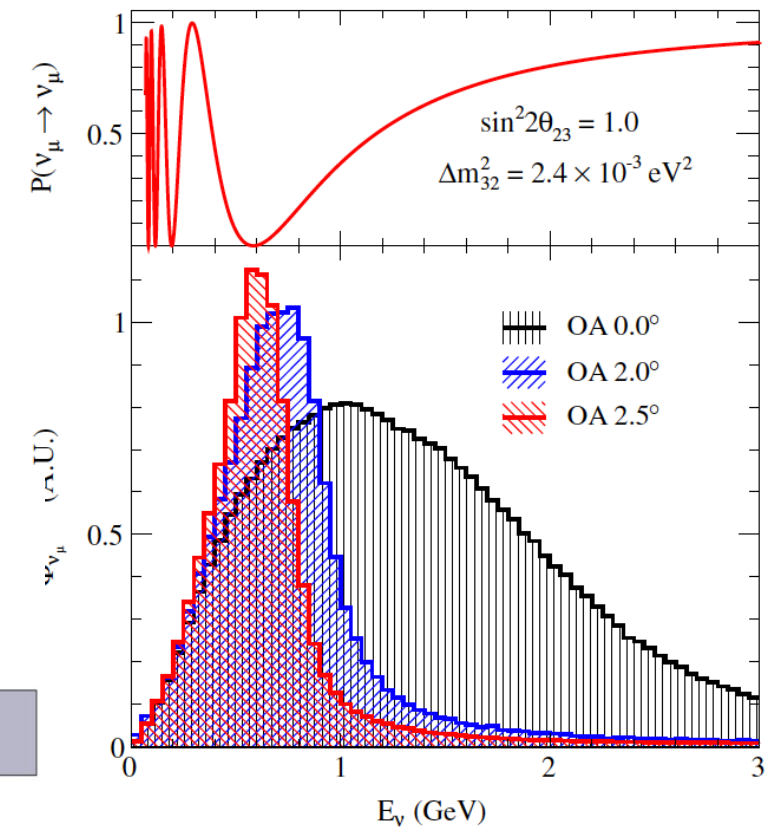
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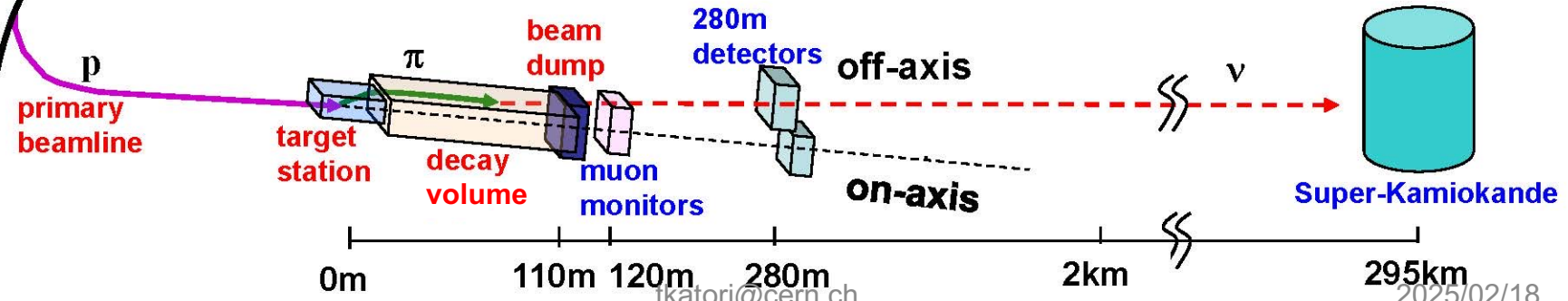
Neutrino beamline

J-PARC neutrino beam

- 2.5° off-axis to make ~0.6 GeV narrow band beam
- Hadron production simulation based on NA61/SHINE data
- flux peak ~5% error



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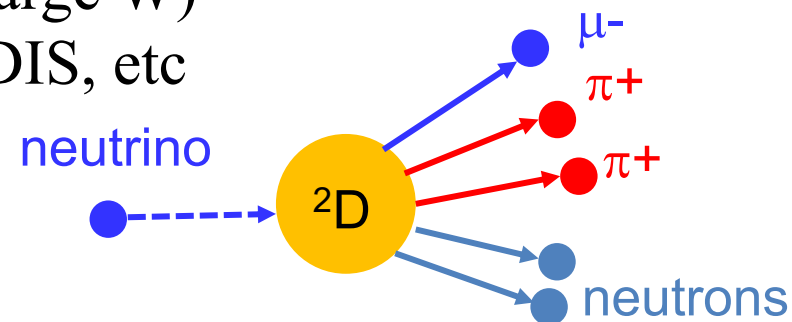
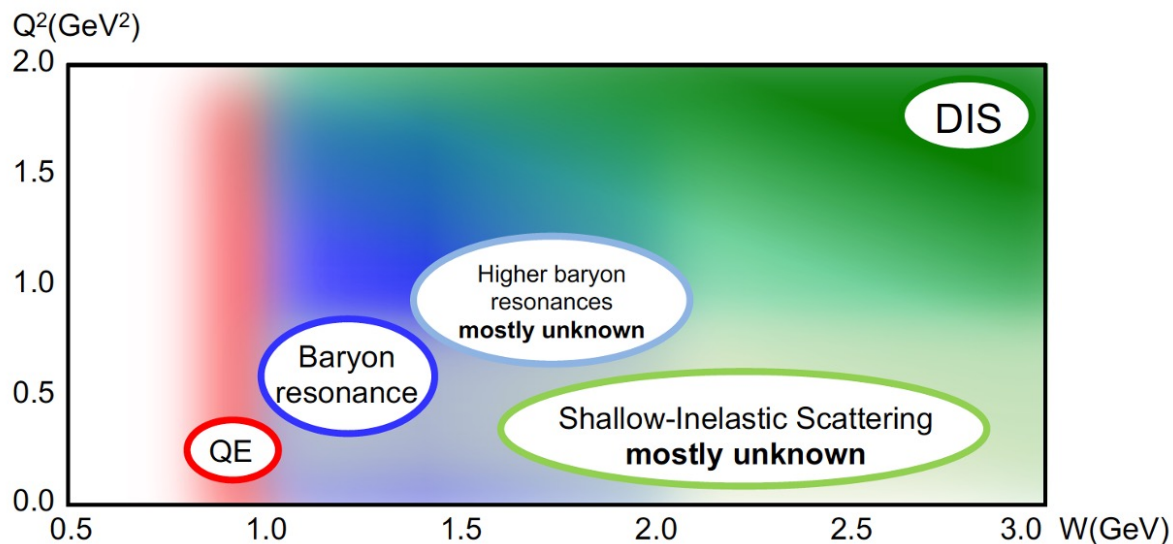
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Path forward to unknown unknowns 3 – Strong interaction

Next generation neutrino experiments are systematically limited

- Current focus of oscillation experiment, around 1 GeV (T2K, NOvA)
- Next generation experiments, around 3 GeV (DUNE, ORCA, IceCube-Upgrade)
- Significant fraction of shallow-inelastic scattering (low Q^2 , large W)
- Higher resonance, quark-hadron duality, nuclear dependent DIS, etc



Neutrino induced 2-pion production

