

DCC@2017

(where are we?)

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(nut-shell) experiment's rationale & history...

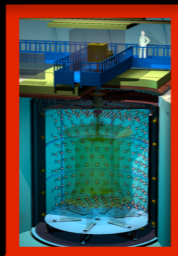


**Chooz
Reactors**

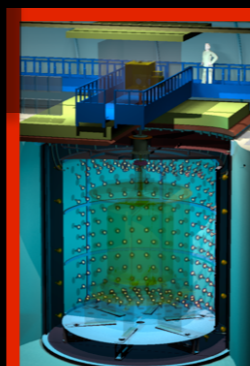
$\sim 10^{21}$ v/s

$\langle L \rangle = 0$ m

**Bugey4
(~ND)**

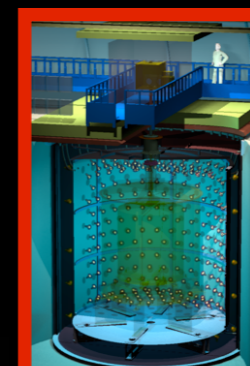


**Near Detector
(ND)**



≈ 1000 v/day
Dec. 2014

$\langle L \rangle \approx 400$ m



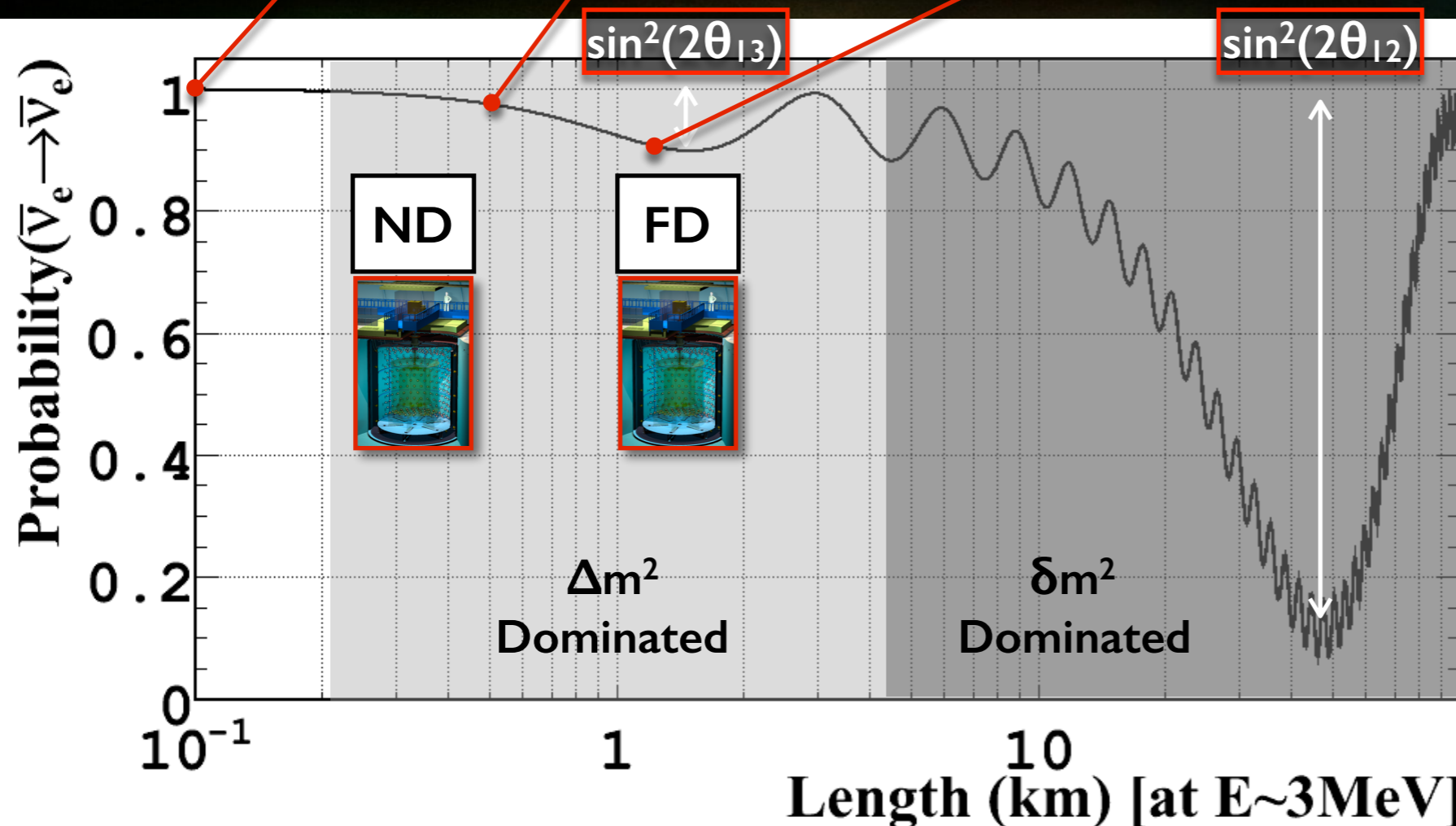
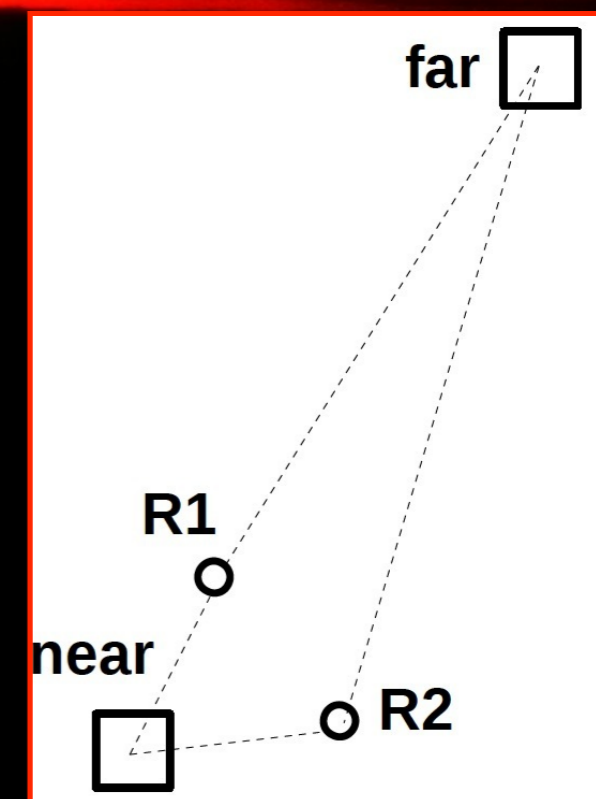
**Far Detector
(FD-I & FD-II)**

≈ 140 v/day
April 2011

$\langle L \rangle \approx 1050$ m

FD-I \oplus Bugey4
FD-II \oplus ND

**Site Geometry
(~iso-flux)**



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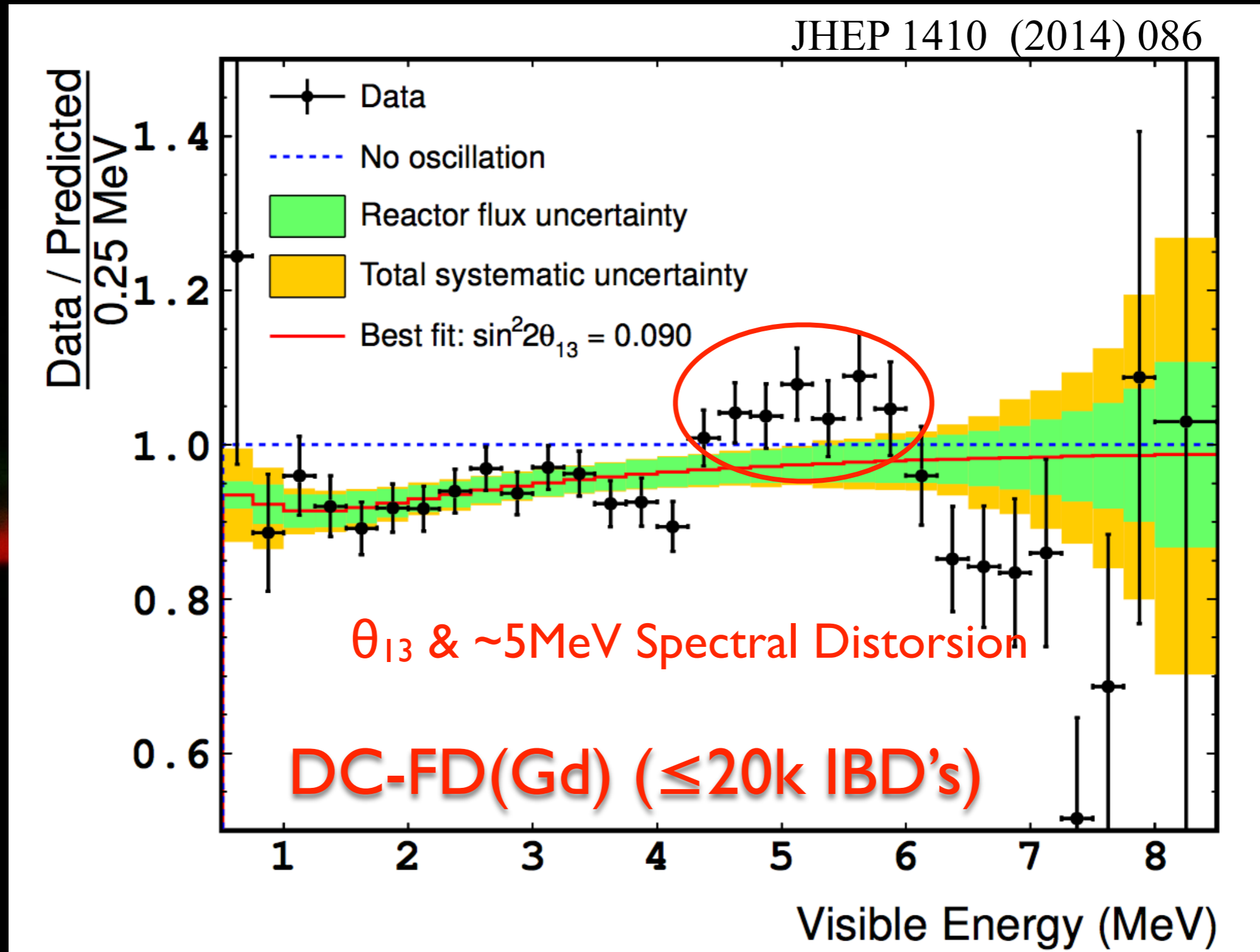
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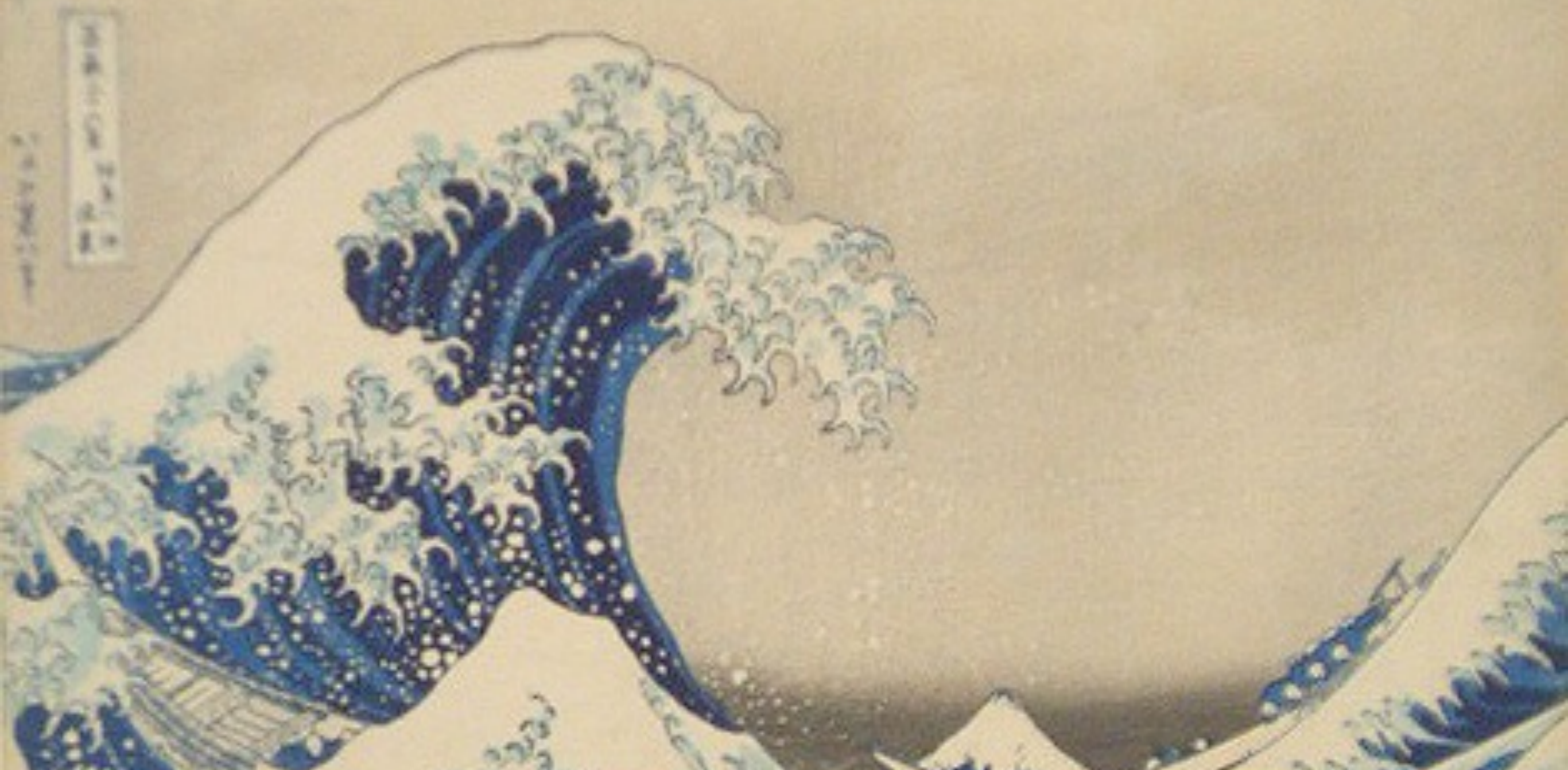
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confirmed by RENO & DYB a few months later [more info later]

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this talk...



our $\theta 13$ experimental site...

DC's LNCA laboratory...

Near Lab

$\langle L \rangle \approx 410\text{m}$
 $\sim 30\text{v day}^{-1} \text{ton}^{-1}$
 $\sim 120 \text{ mwe}$



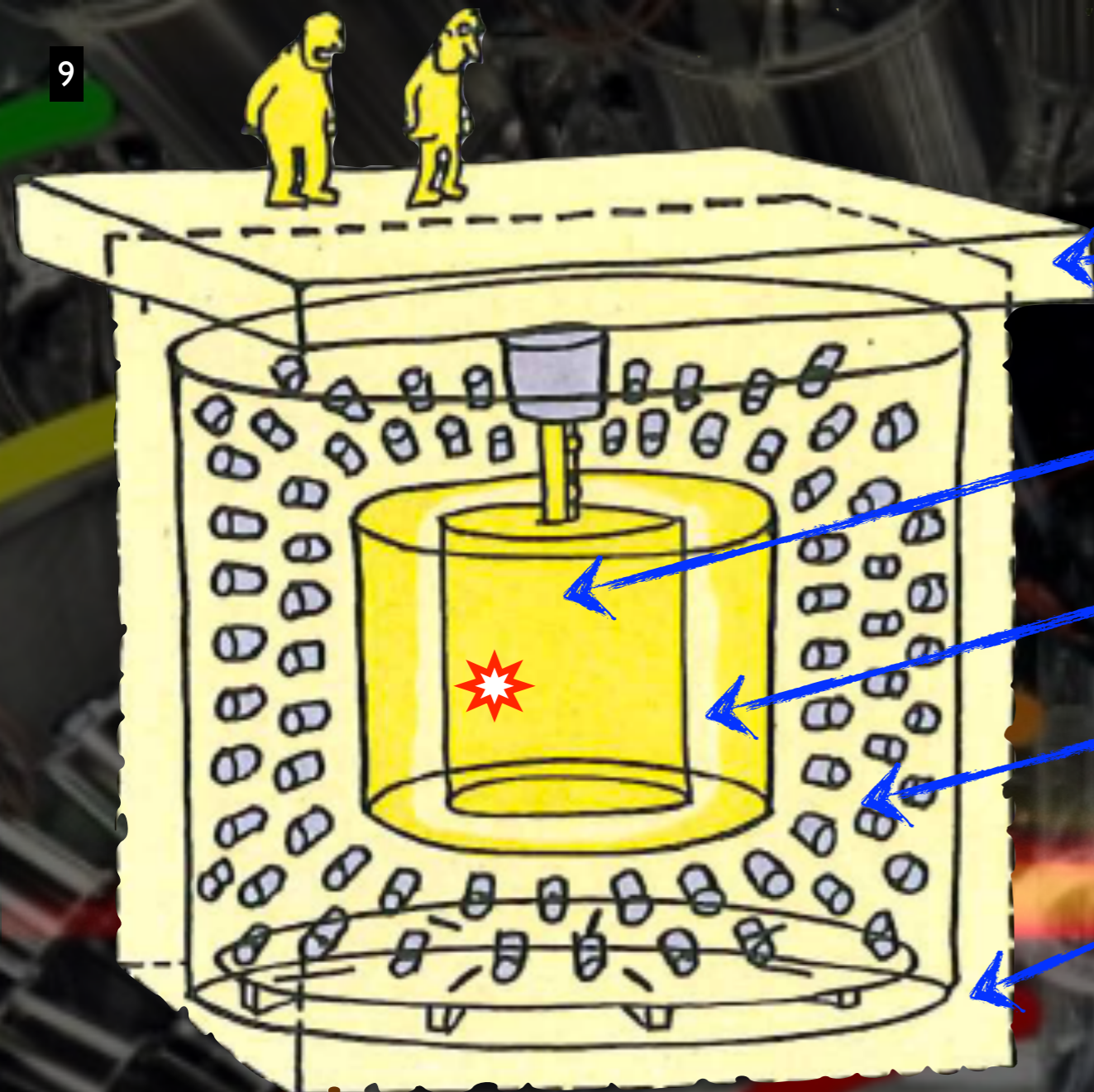
Far Lab

$\langle L \rangle \approx 1050\text{m}$
 $\sim 6\text{v day}^{-1} \text{ton}^{-1}$
 $\sim 300 \text{ mwe}$

Chooz Reactors

Power: $8.5\text{GW}^{\text{thermal}} \Rightarrow \sim 10^{21} \text{v/s}$
(2x N4 reactor)





Outer μ -Veto (OV)
plastics-scintillator: strips (\rightarrow tracking)

ν -Target (NT)
 $\sim 10\text{m}^3$ Liquid-Scintillator + Gd (0.1%)

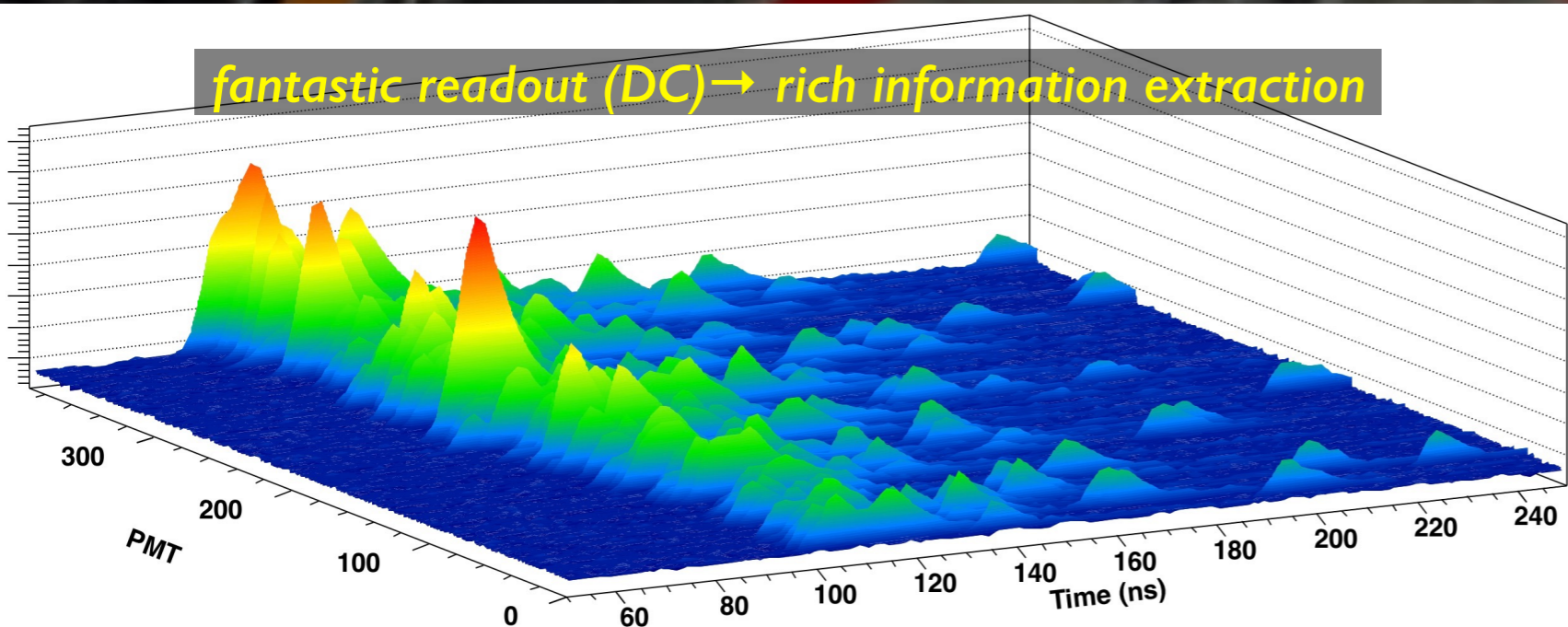
γ -Catcher (GC)
 $\sim 20\text{m}^3$ Liquid-Scintillation

Light Buffer
 $\sim 100\text{m}^3$ oil (no scintillation)

Inner μ -Veto (IV)
 $\sim 90\text{m}^3$ Liquid-Scintillator

Inert γ -Shield
15cm steel [FD] / 1m water [ND]

fantastic readout (DC) \rightarrow rich information extraction



Liquid Scintillator

⊕

10" PMTs

⊕

FADC readout

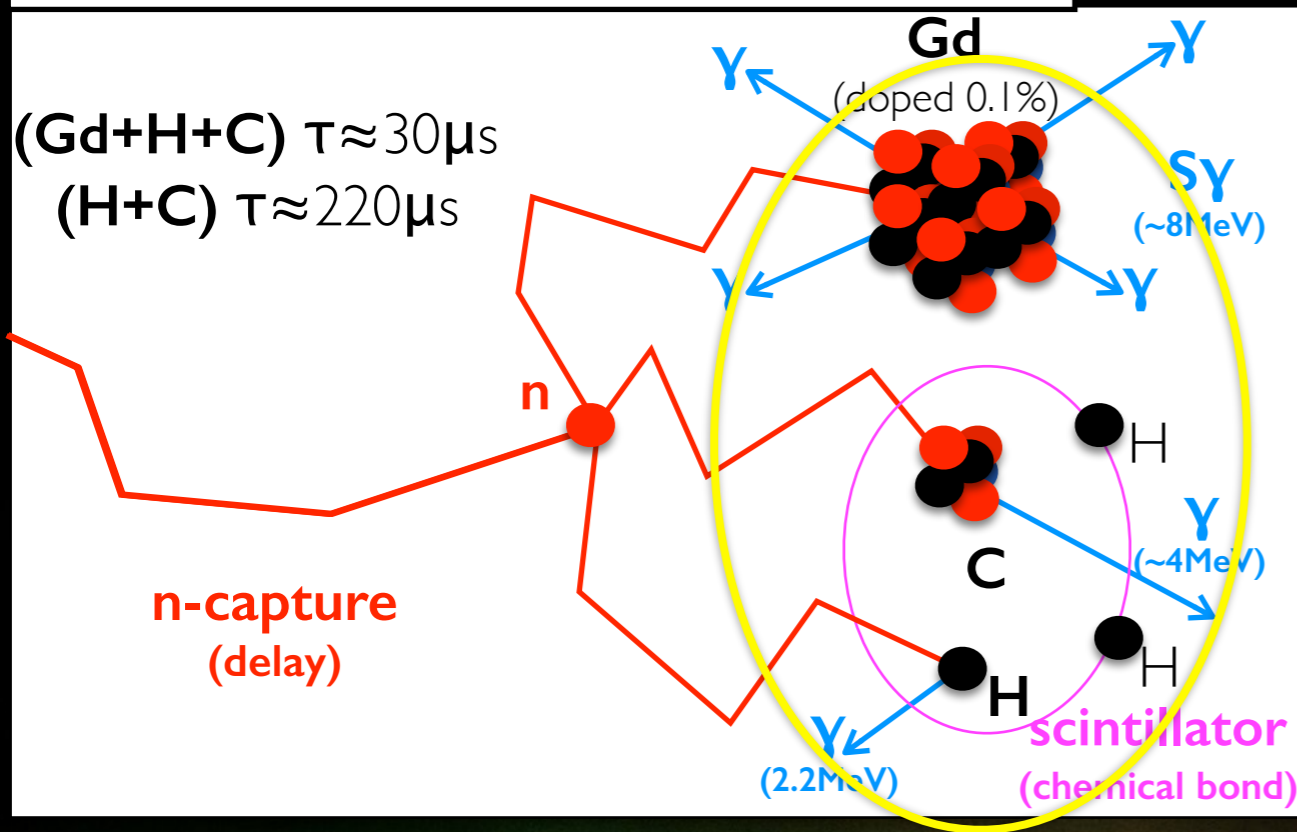
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offline reconstruction

(time, charge, position, PS, multiplicity, etc)

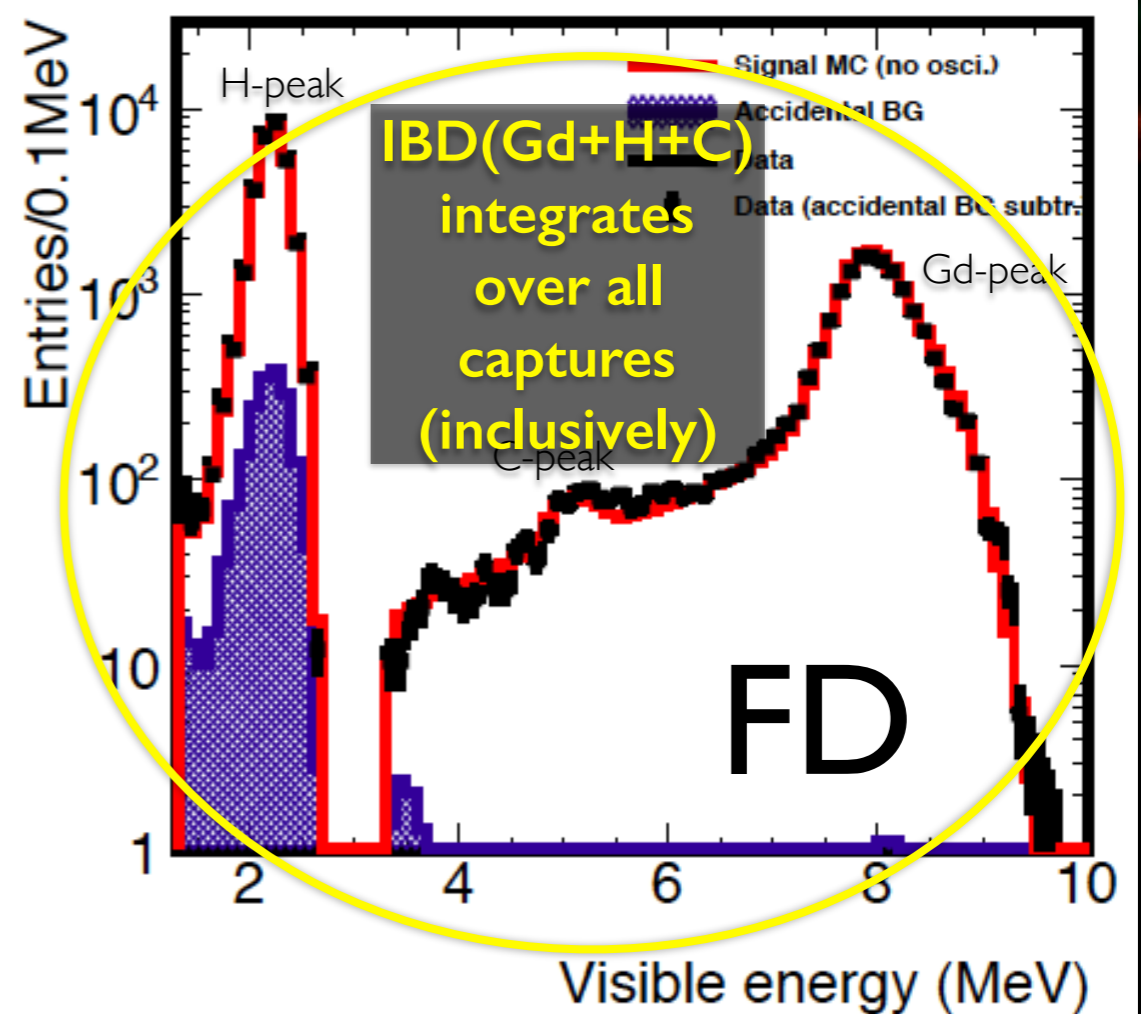
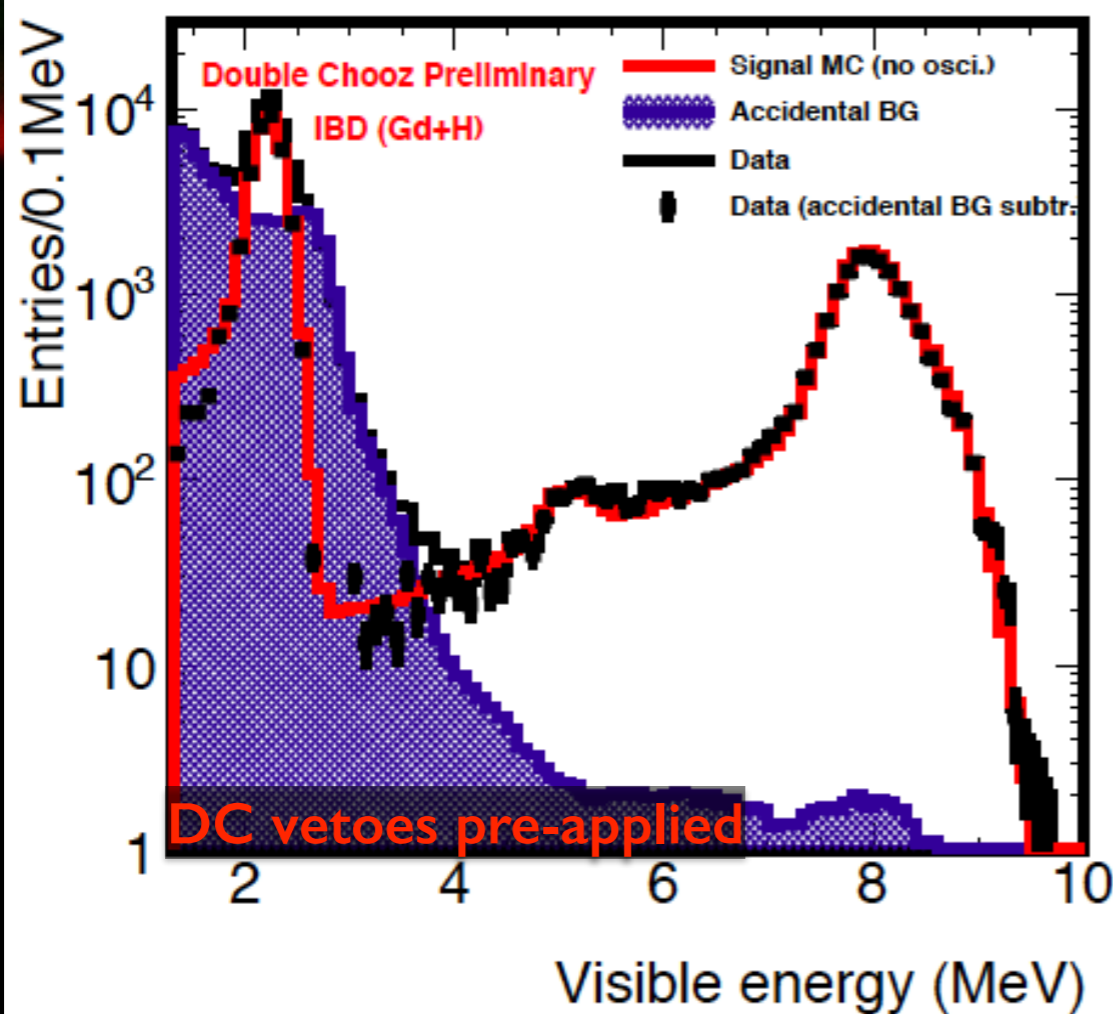
multi-isotope captures IBD's...

Capture: $n + X \rightarrow (\text{process}) \rightarrow \gamma$'s

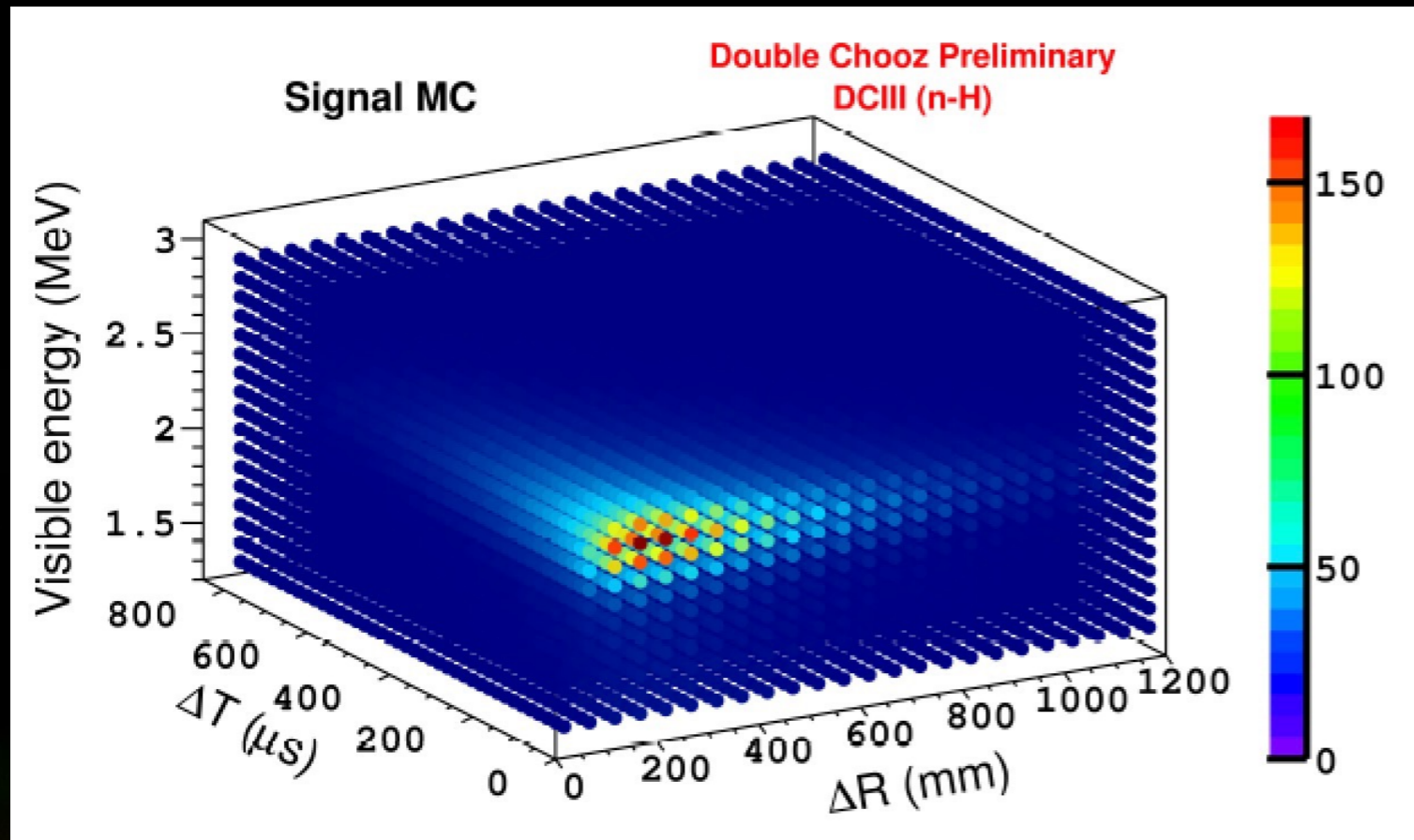


IBD selection (n-capture driven):

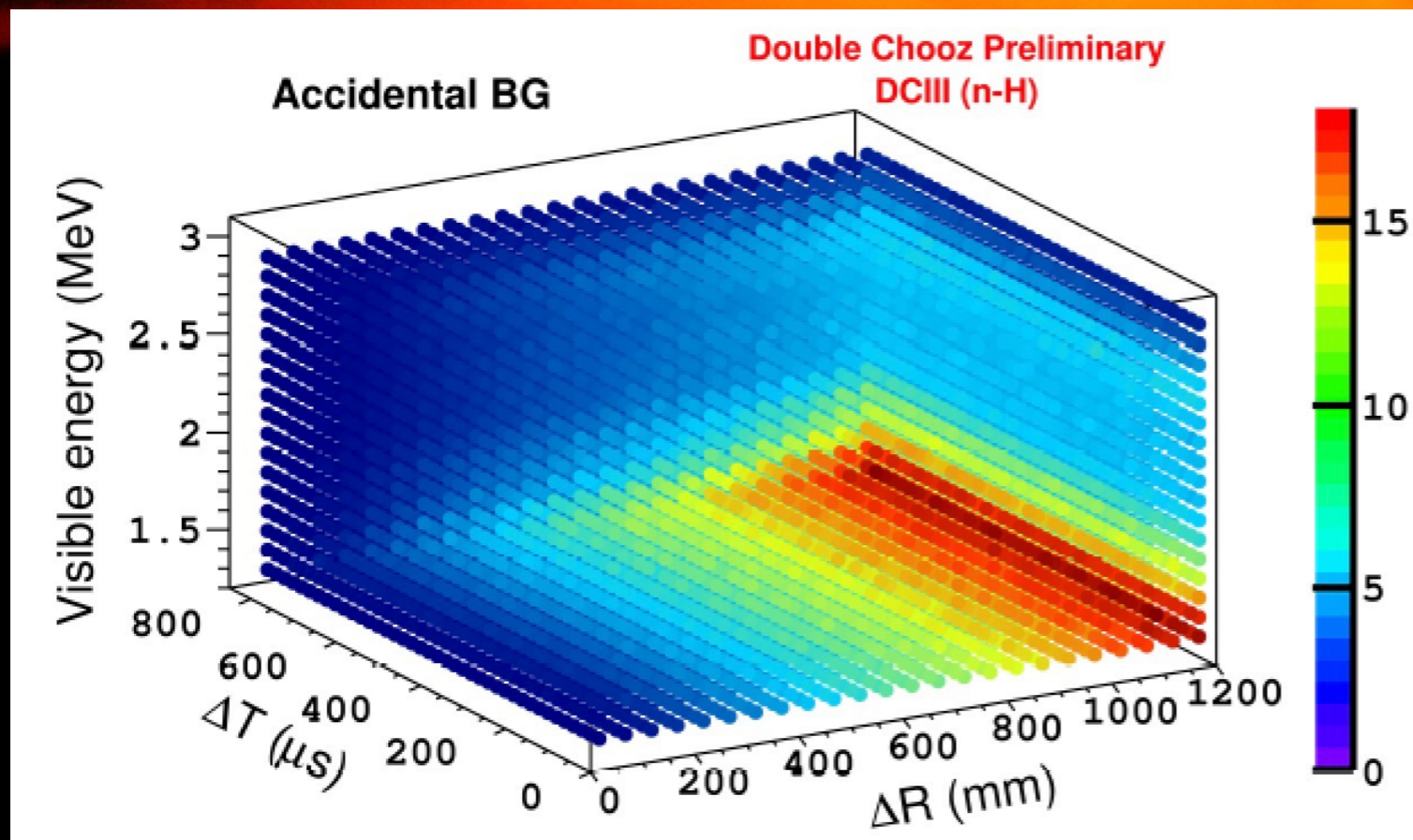
IBD	DC	DYB	RENO
Gd	≥2011	≥2012	≥2012
H	≥2012	≥2014	2014??
Gd+C	≥2014	—	—
Gd+C+H	≥2016	—	—



ANN discrimination rationale...



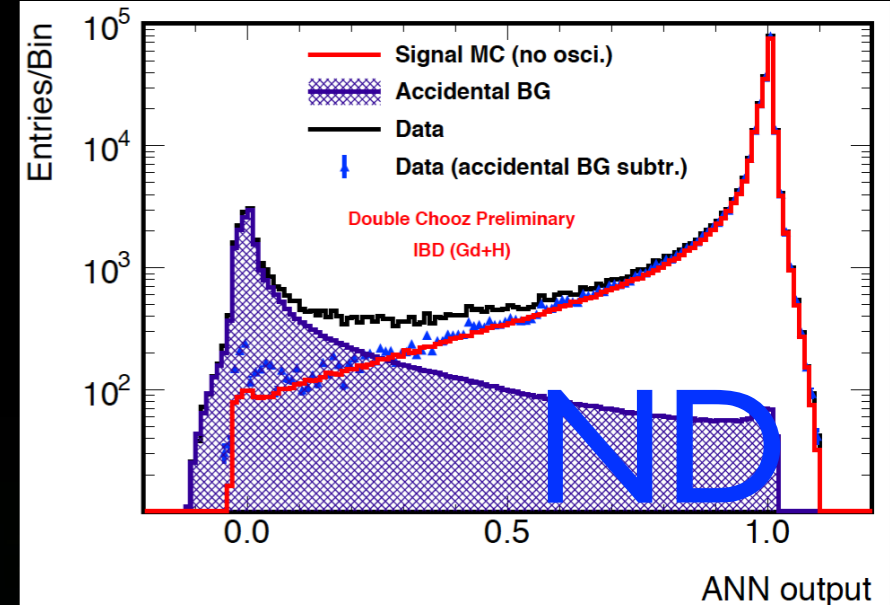
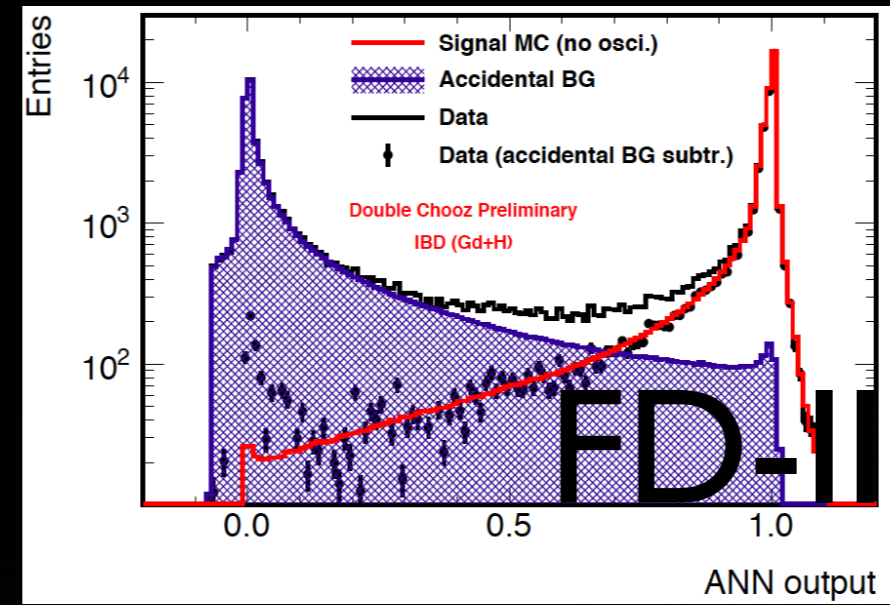
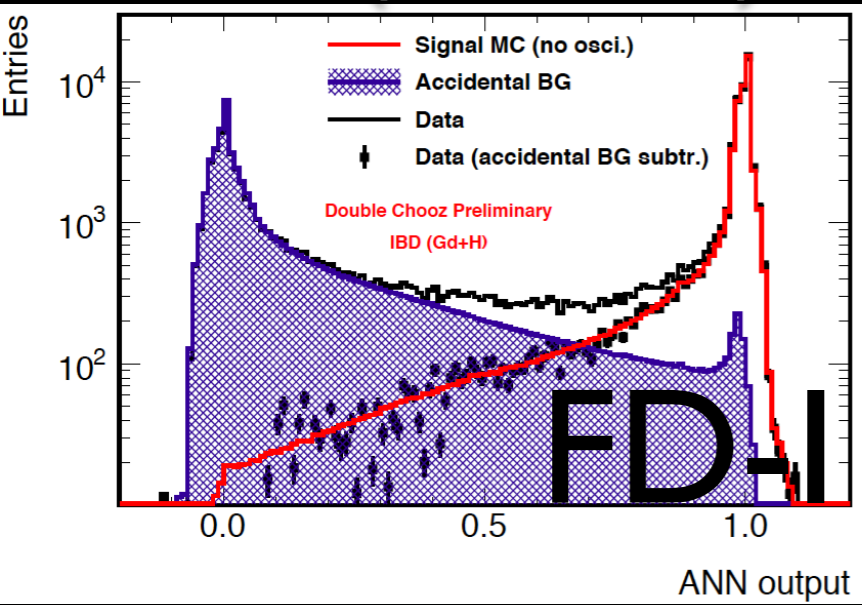
IBD (signal)
(correlated)



Accidental BG
(random)

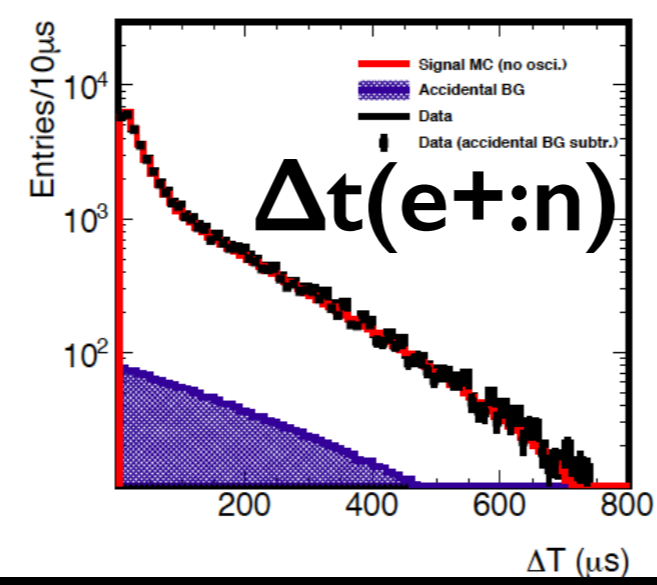
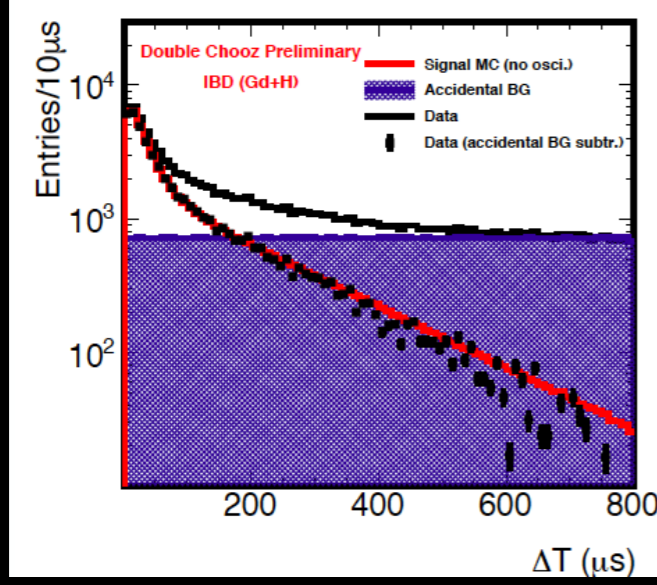
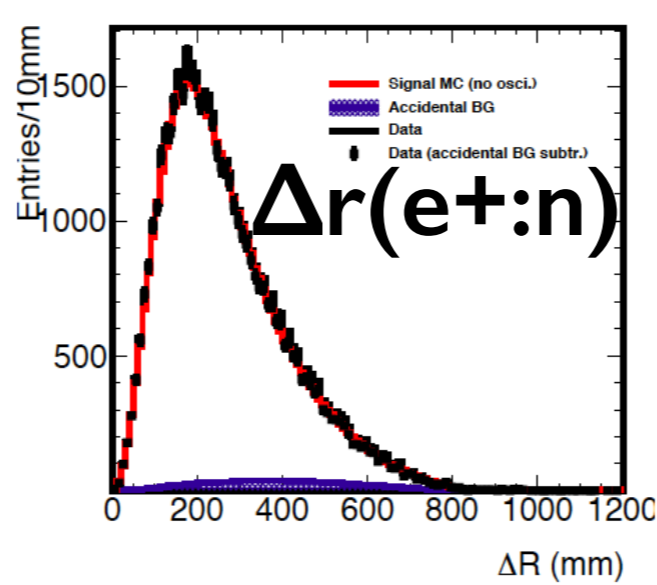
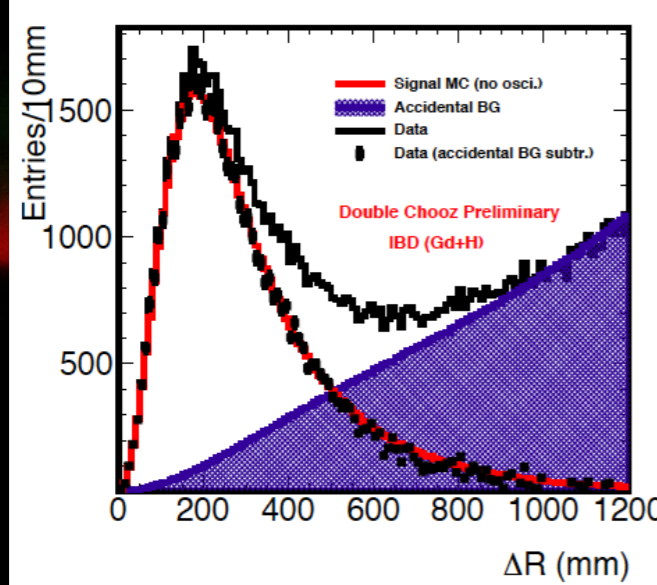
(i.e. longer Δt , longer Δr , etc)

IBD(Gd+H) definition: 5D coincidence \oplus ANN...



before after

ANN IBD definition



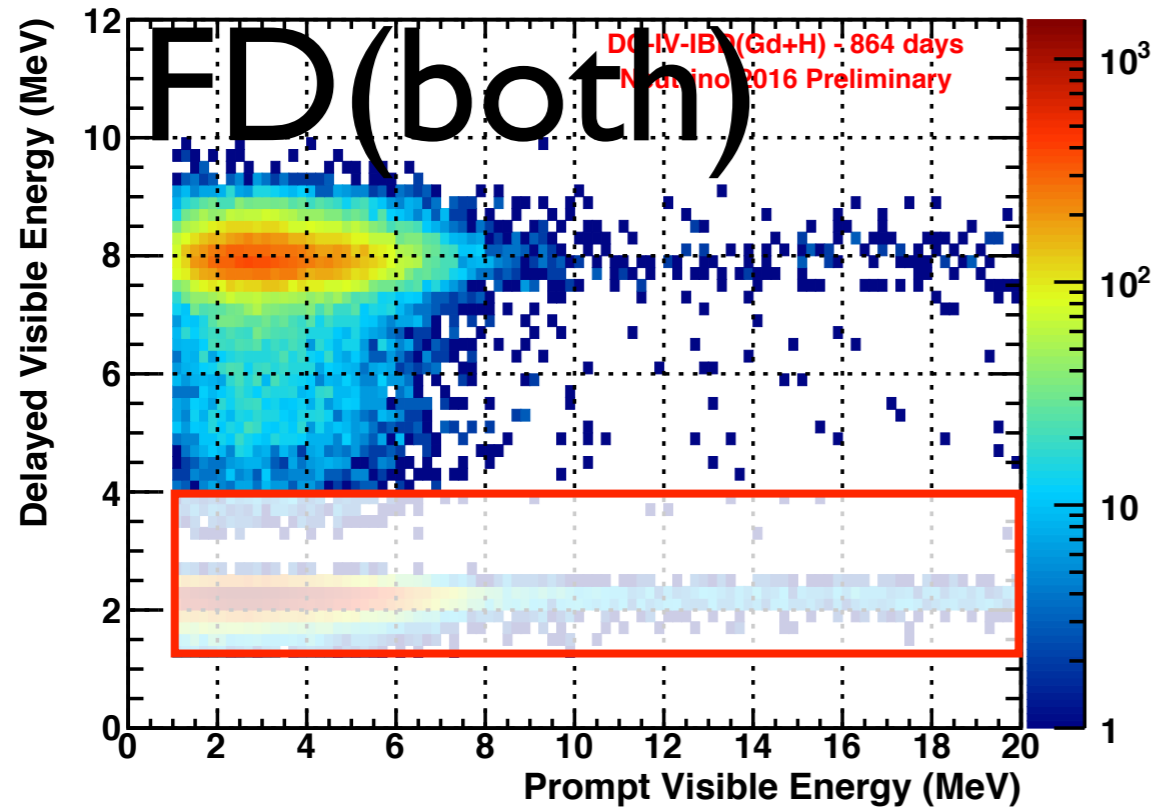
IBD:3D coincidence
(exploits accurate MC)

- $\Delta E(\text{delay})$ [1D]
- $\Delta t(e+:n)$ [1D]
- $\Delta r(e+:n)$ [3D]
- ANN [1D]

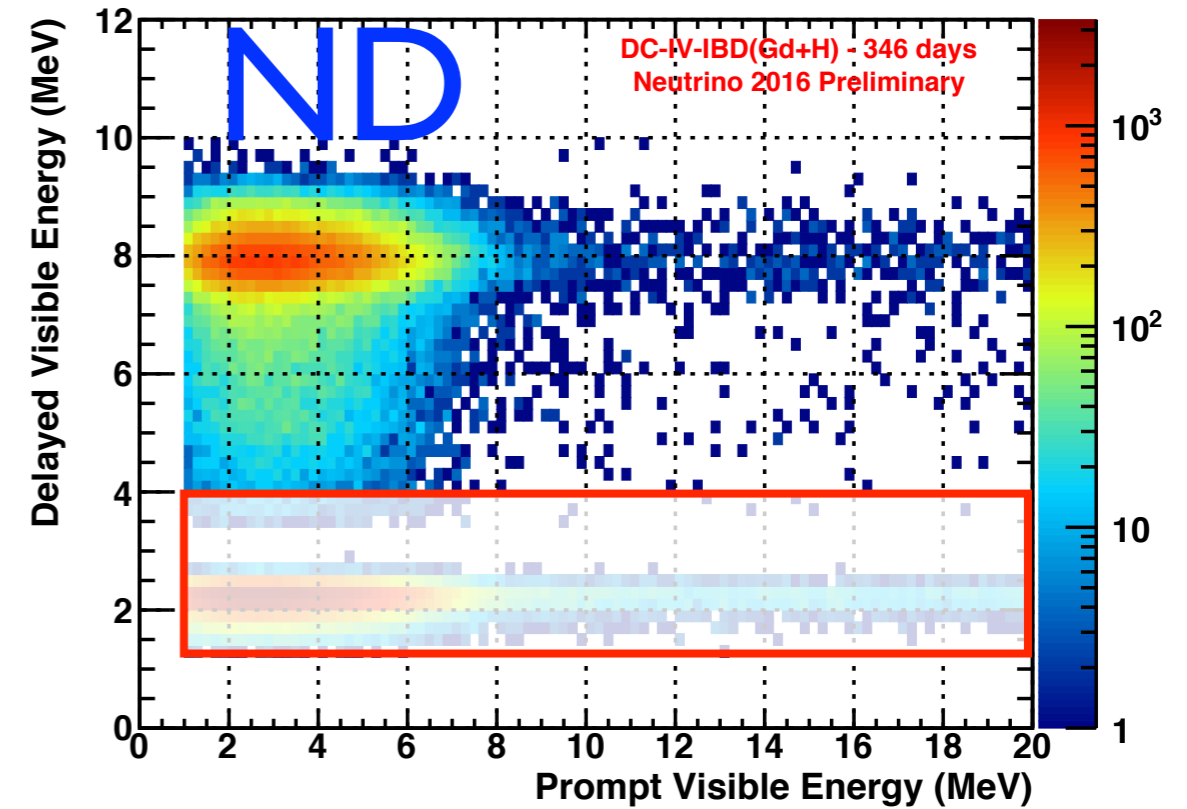
(\Rightarrow ANN multi-D)

larger single- θ_{13} -target...

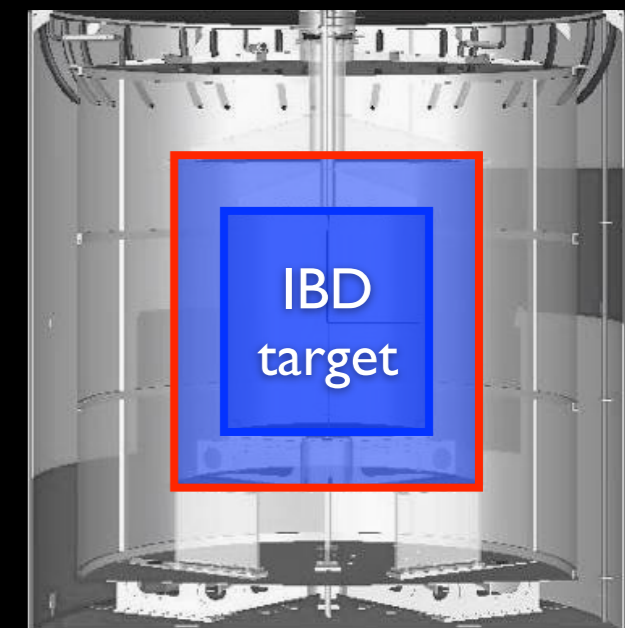
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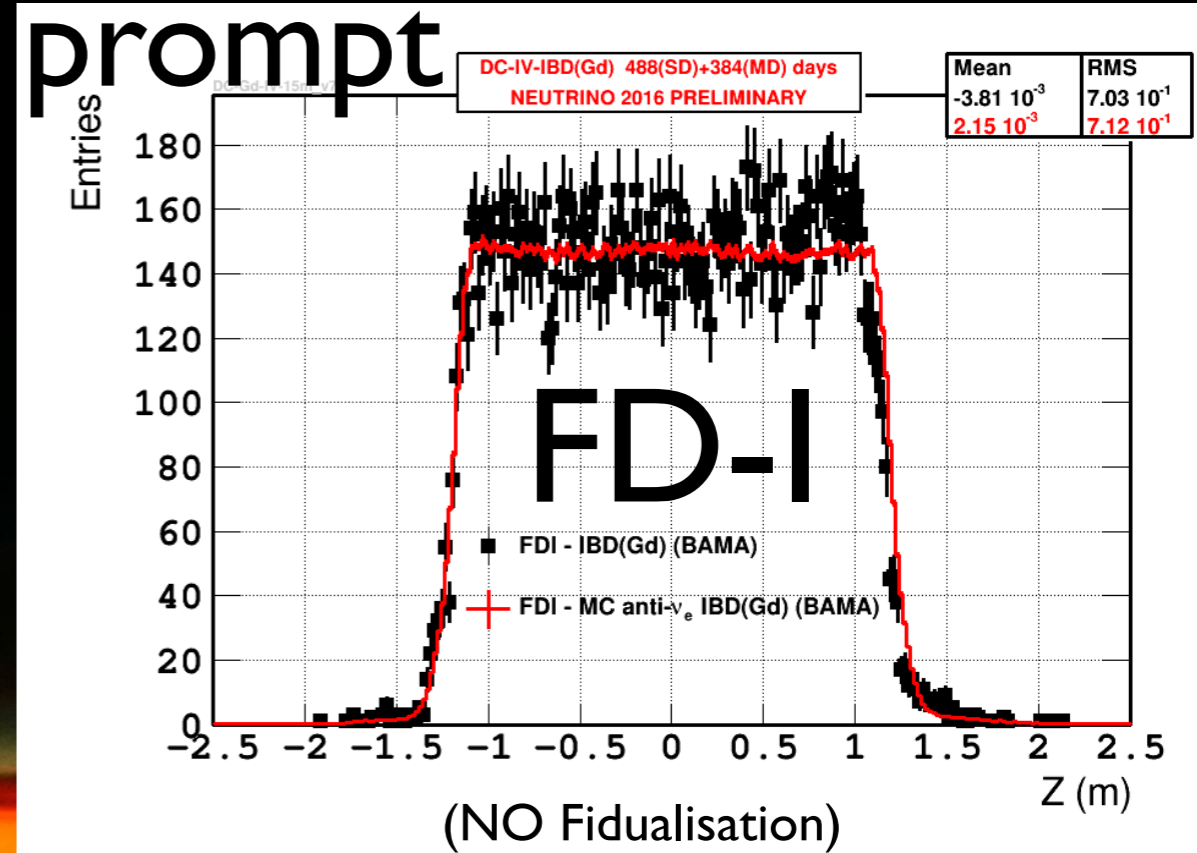
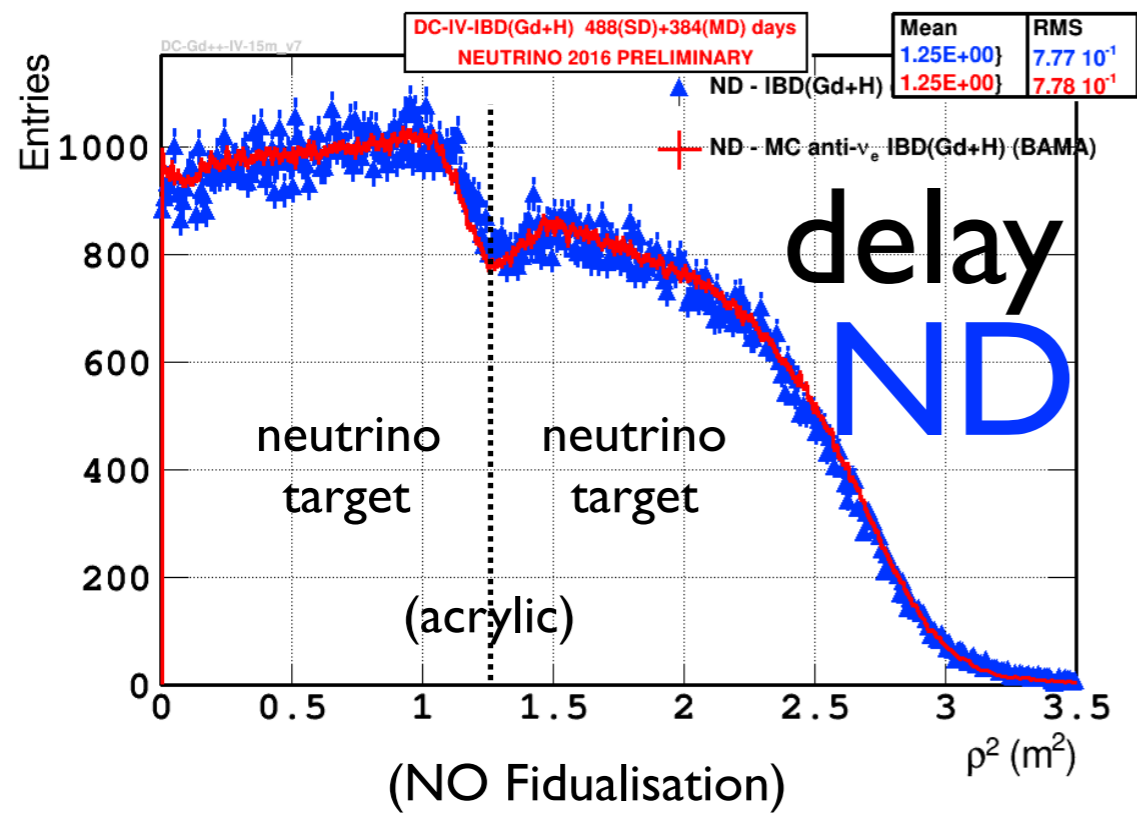
Near Detector



IBD(Gd)

target: $\sim 8t$ (smallest θ_{13} target)target: $\sim 30t$ (large θ_{13} single detector target)IBD(Gd \oplus H \oplus C)

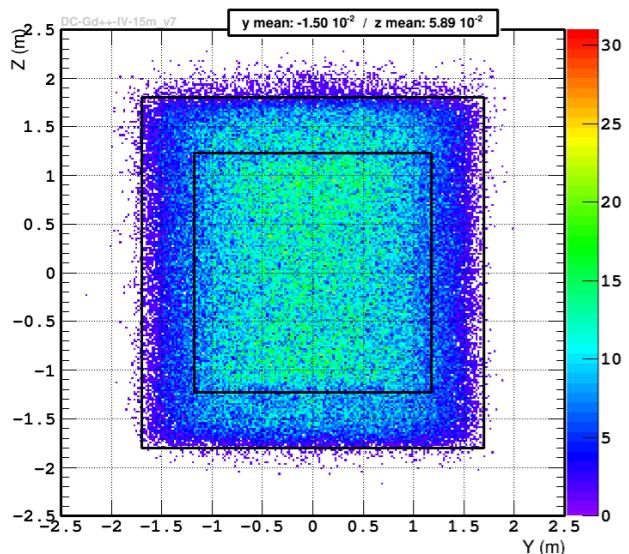
14 IBD(Gd+H)-large vs IBD(Gd)-small ν -target...



IBD(Gd+H+C)

target: $\sim 30t$ (large $\theta 13$ single detector target)

Signal/BG: $\sim 10^{FD}$ and $\sim 20^{ND}$

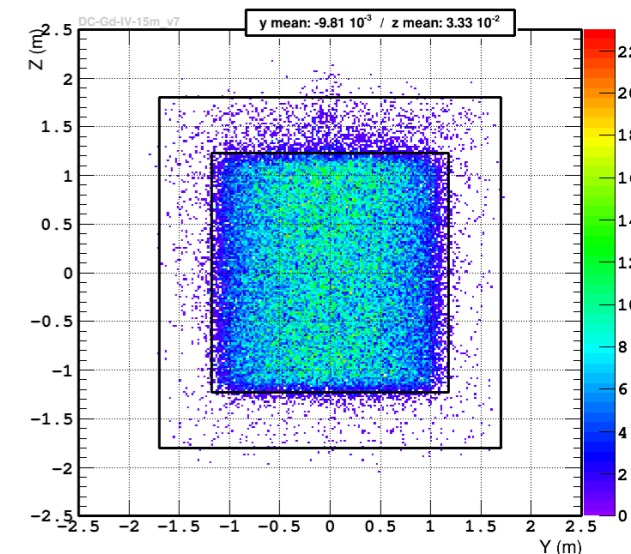


target: $\sim 8t$ (smallest $\theta 13$ target)

Signal/BG: $\sim 25^{FD}$ and $\sim 30^{ND}$

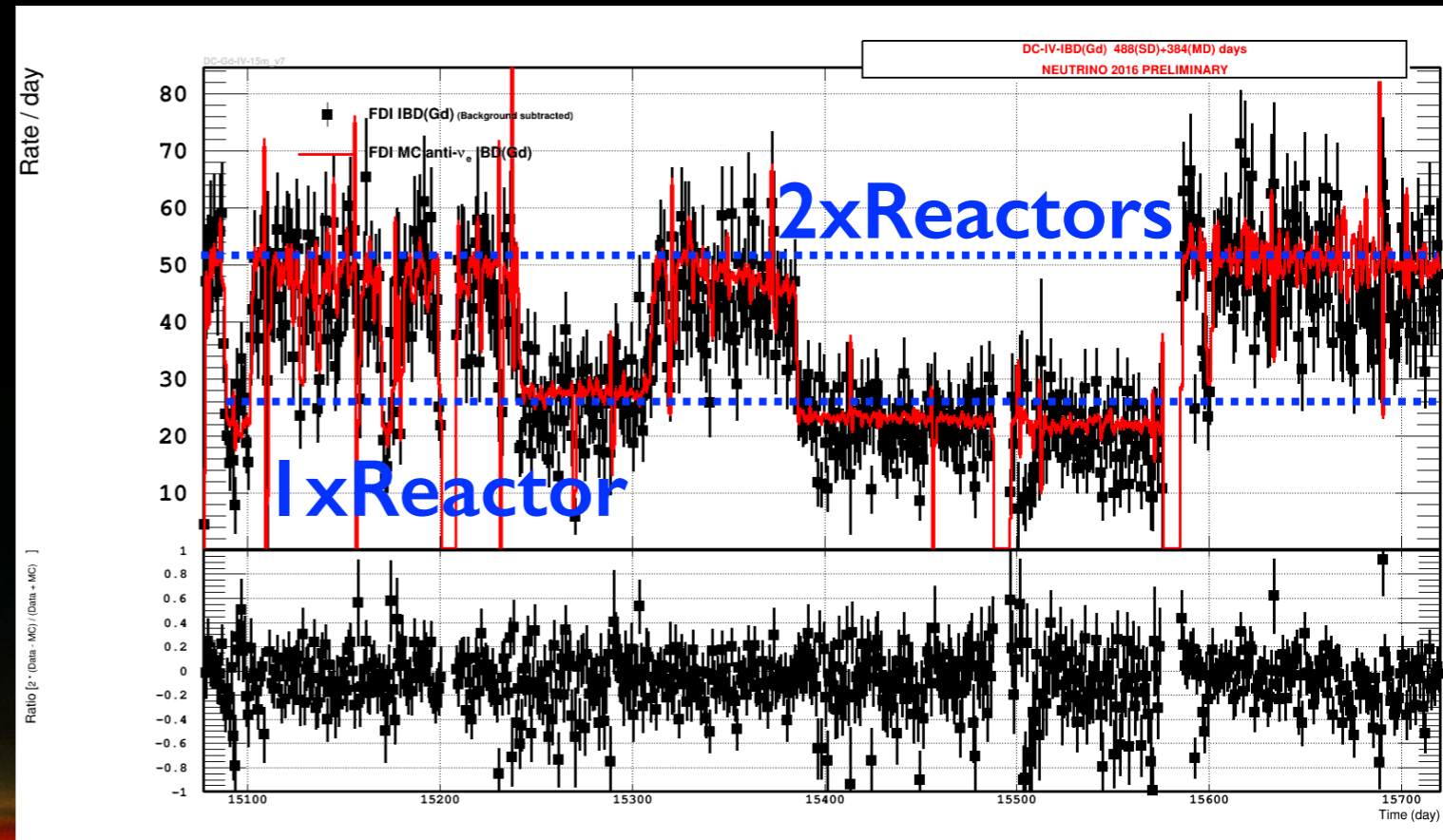
IBD(Gd) reference to tune IBD(Gd+H)

IBD(Gd)



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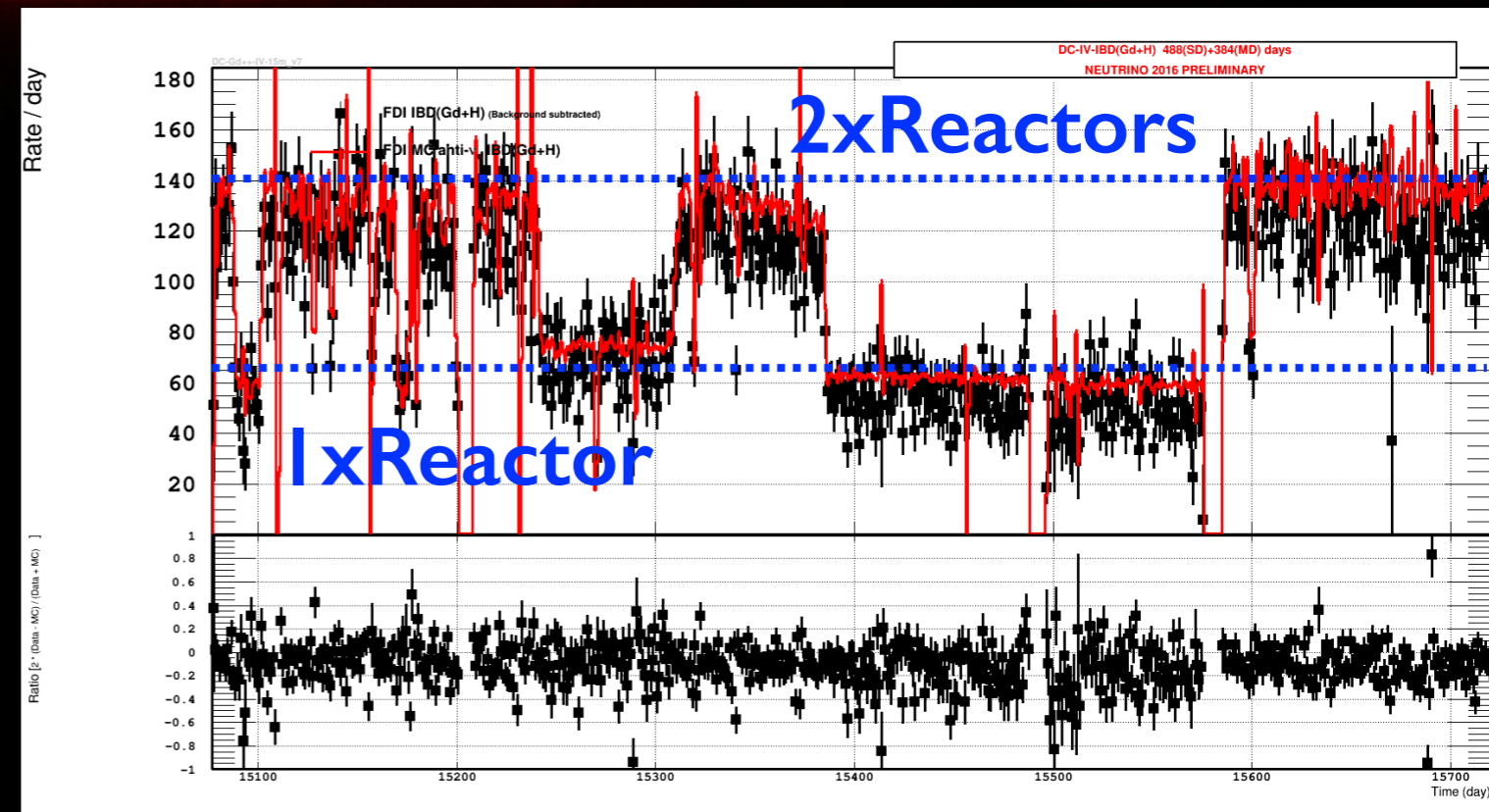
$\approx 50 \text{ day}^{-1} @ \text{FD}$
 $\sigma^{\text{stat}} = 0.56\% \text{ now}$



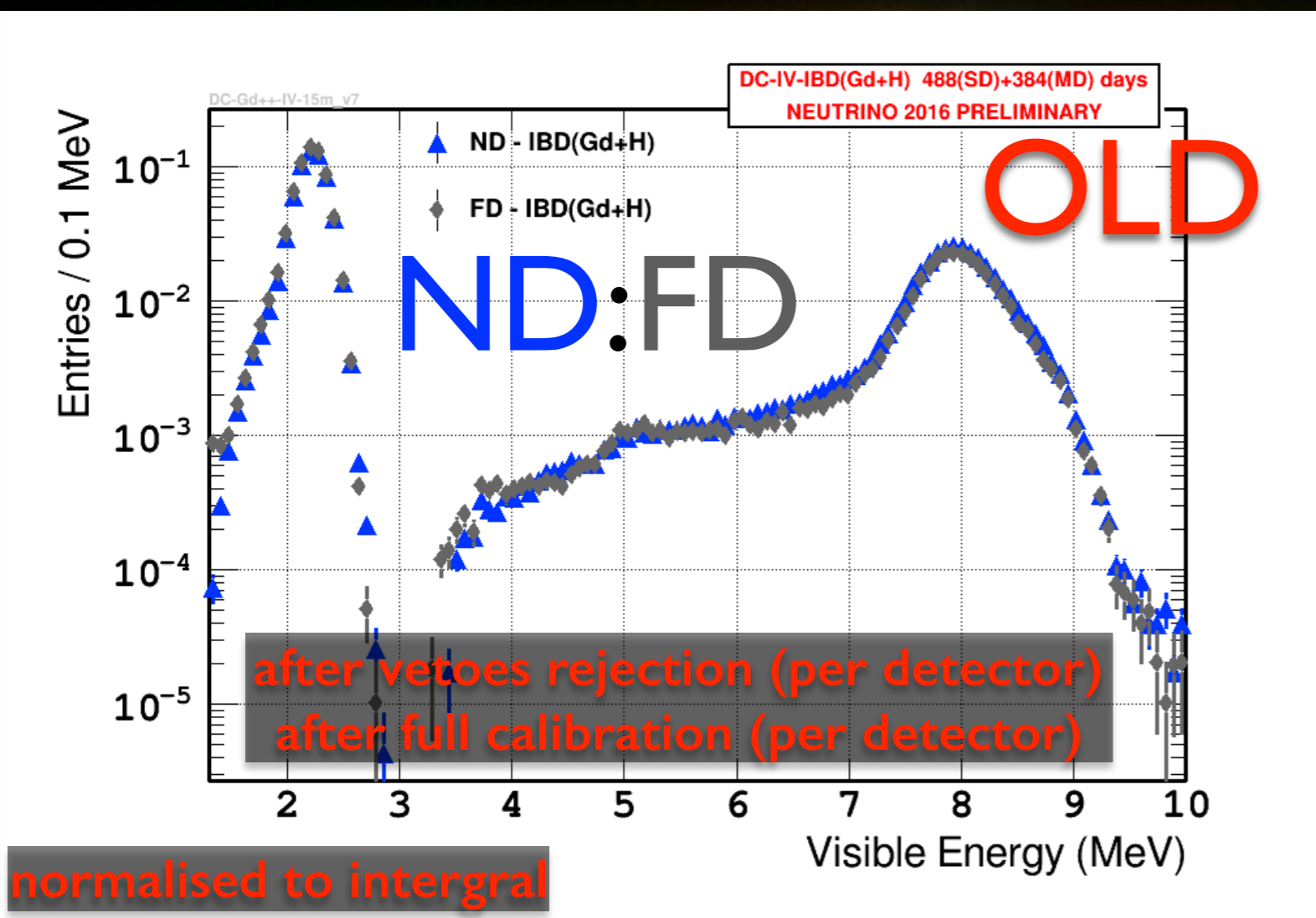
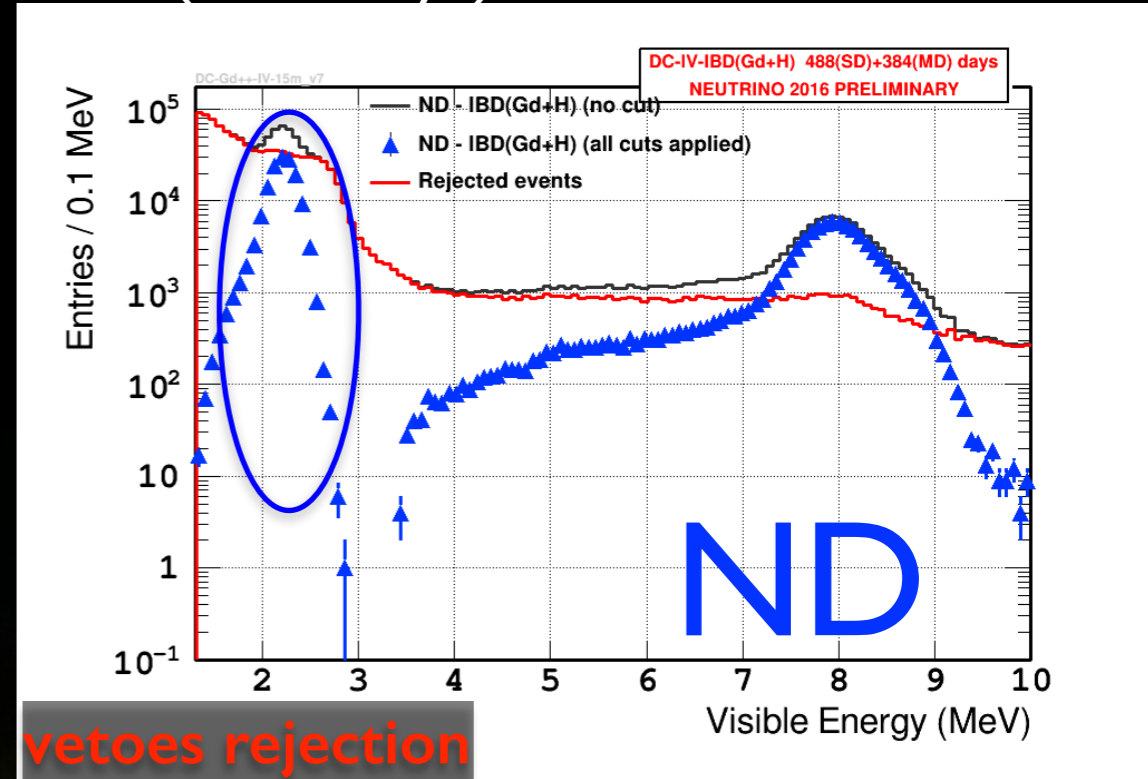
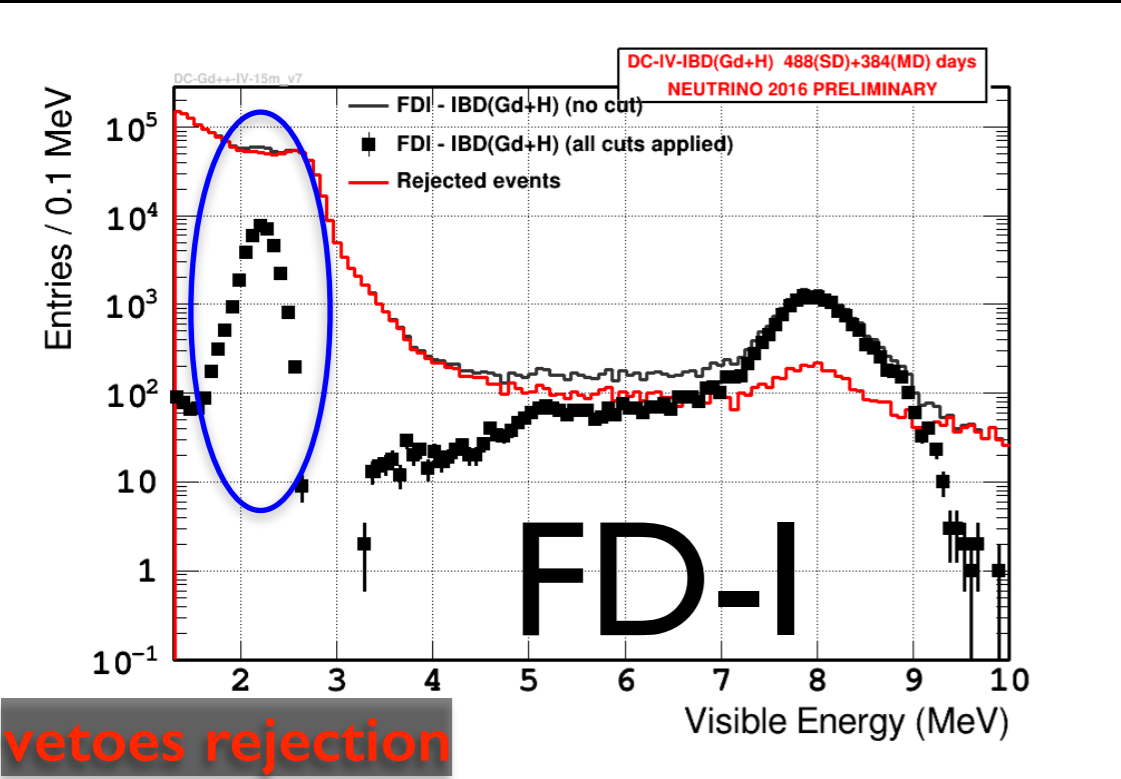
IBD(Gd ⊕ C ⊕ H)

$\approx 140 \text{ day}^{-1} @ \text{FD}$
 $\sigma^{\text{stat}} = 0.35\% \text{ now}$

[$\Rightarrow \sim 0.2\% \text{ stat final}$]



BG rejection: E(delay)MeV view...

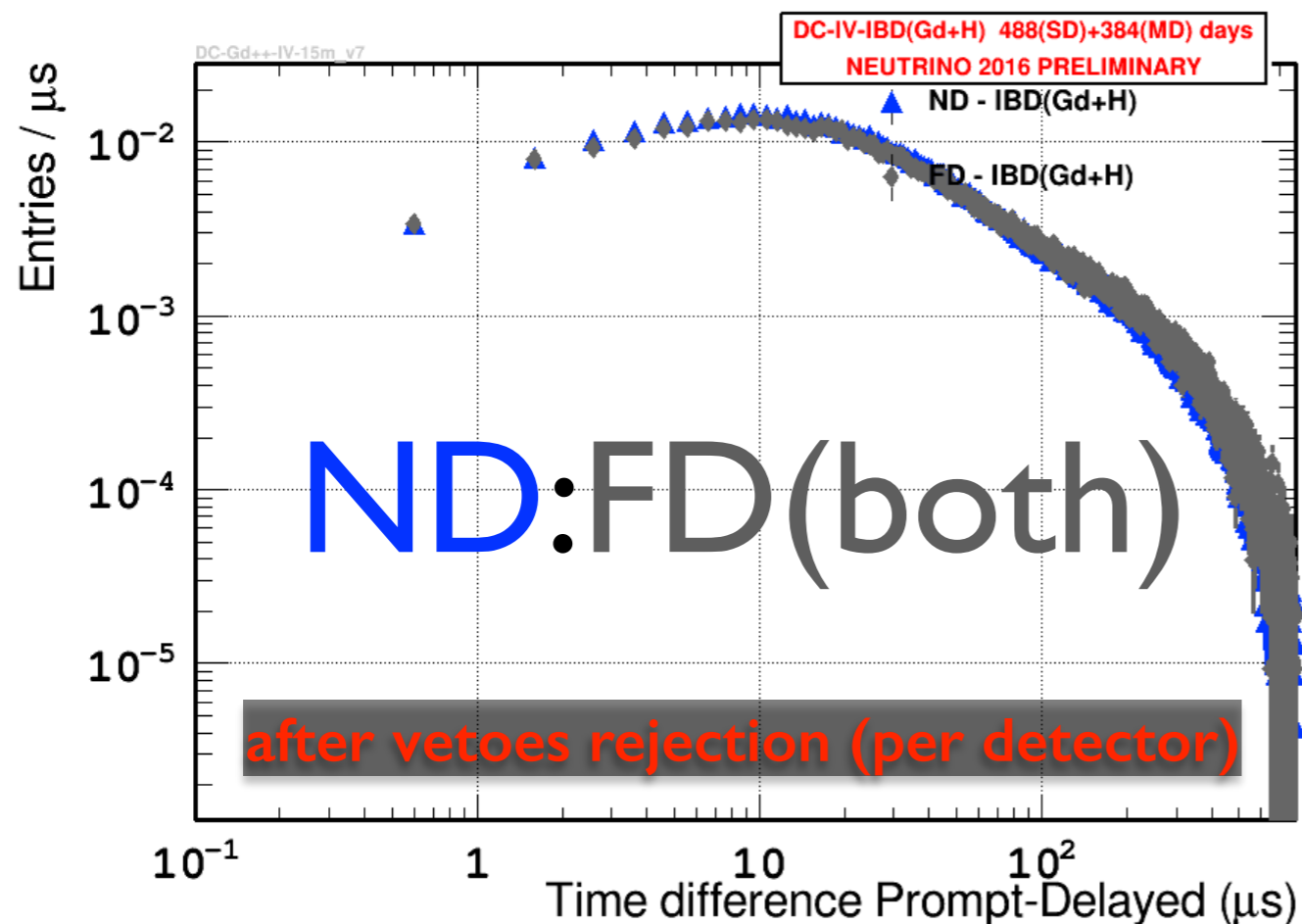
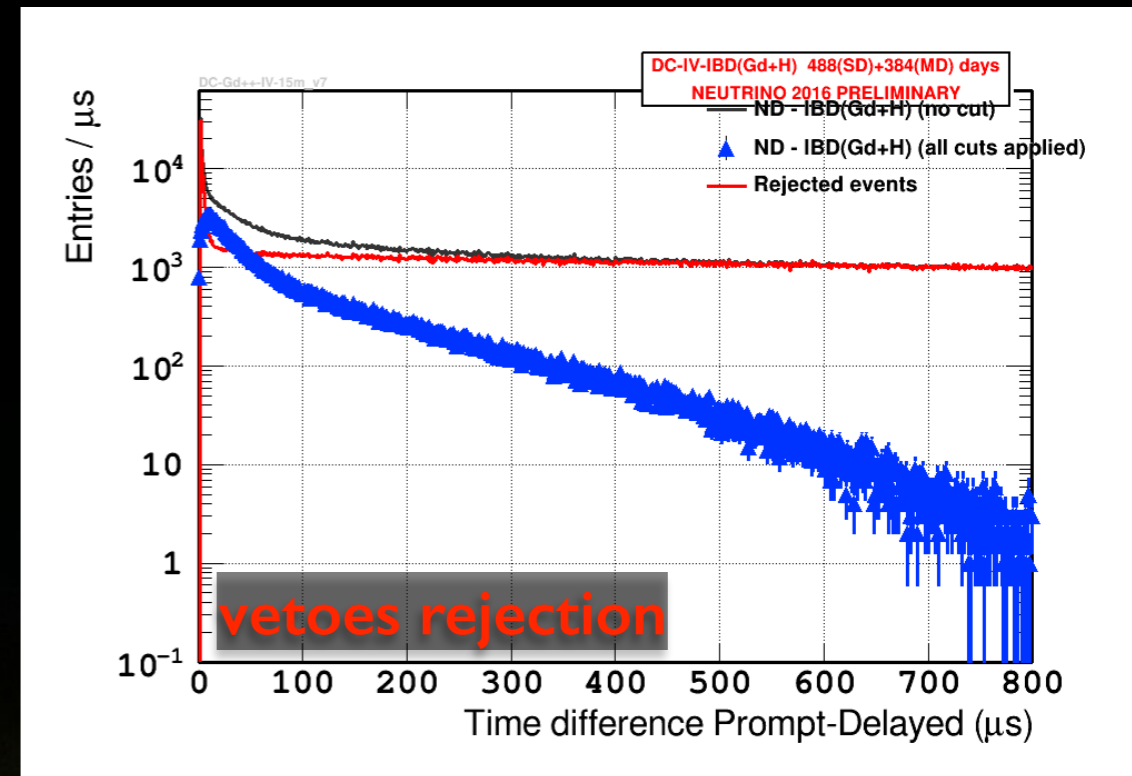
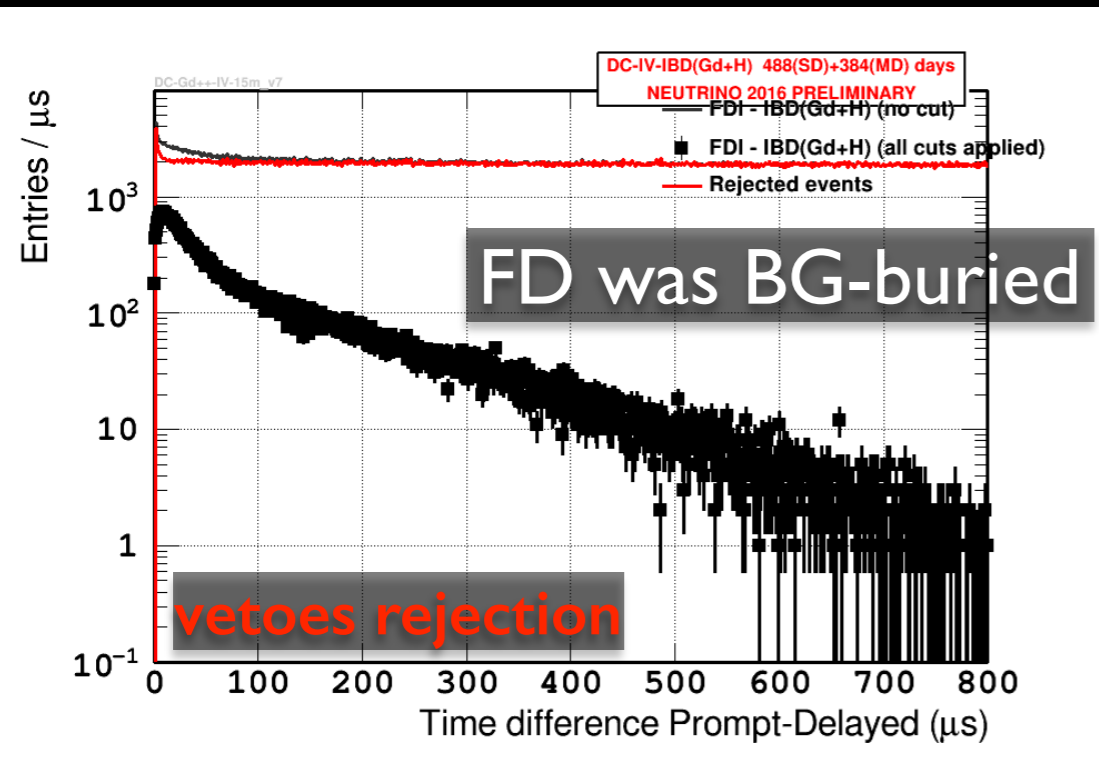


E(delay)

vetoes rejection impact
(demonstration $> 10^3$ range)

ND \approx FD(both)
(after vetoes)

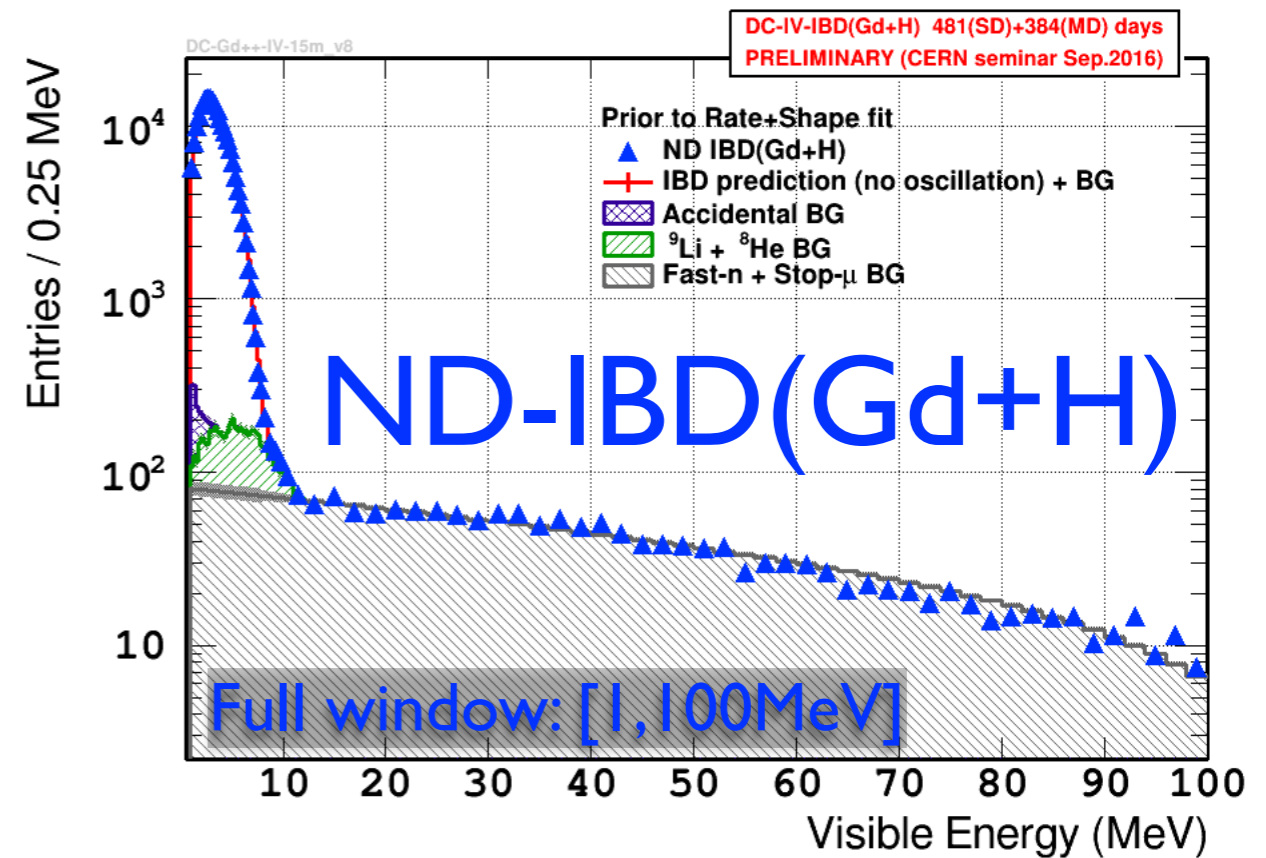
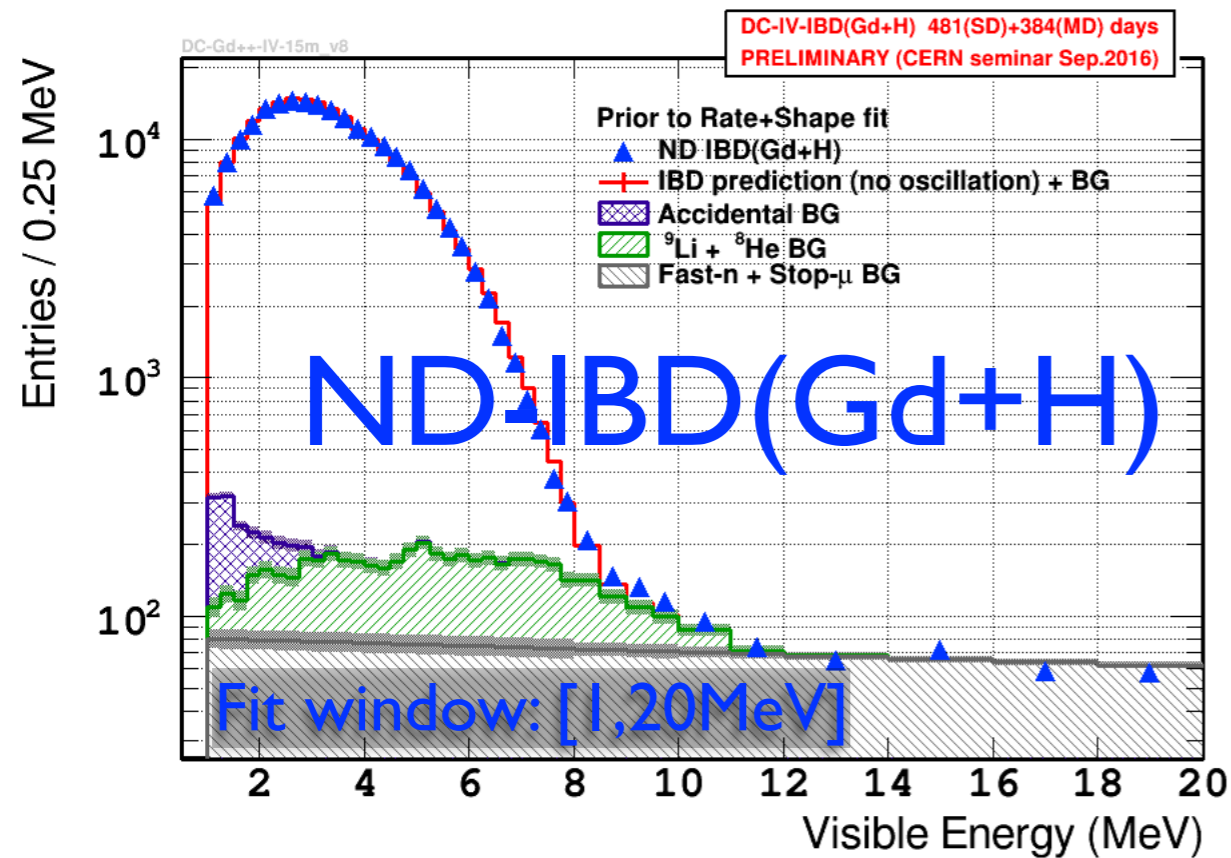
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$\Delta t(\text{prompt}:\text{delay})$

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BG model: $\text{BG}(\Sigma) = \text{BG}(\text{accidental}) + \text{BG}(\text{fast-neutron}) + \text{BG}({}^9\text{Li})$

BG(acc): via OFF-time coincidence [$\sigma(\text{BG}) \rightarrow \sim 0\%$]

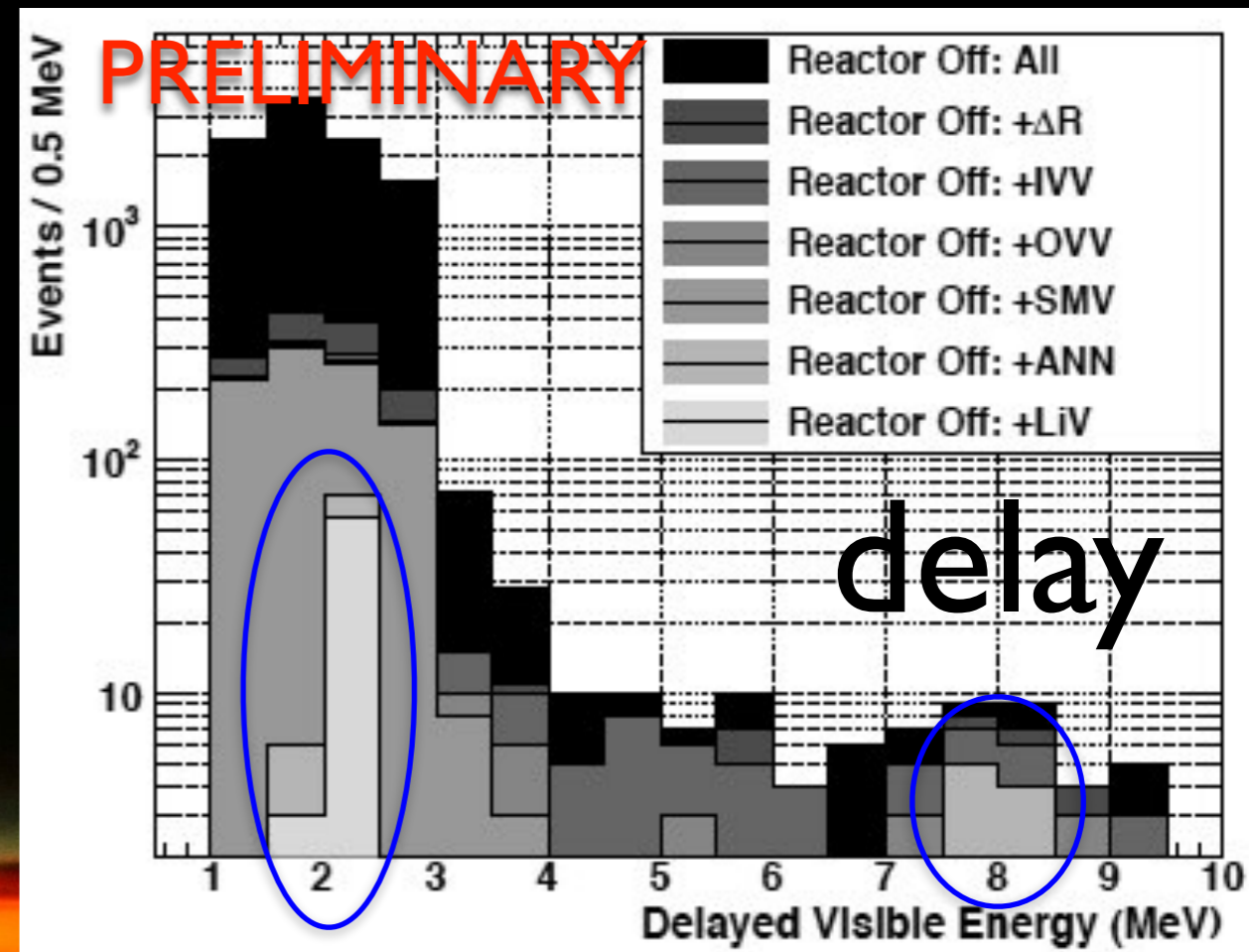
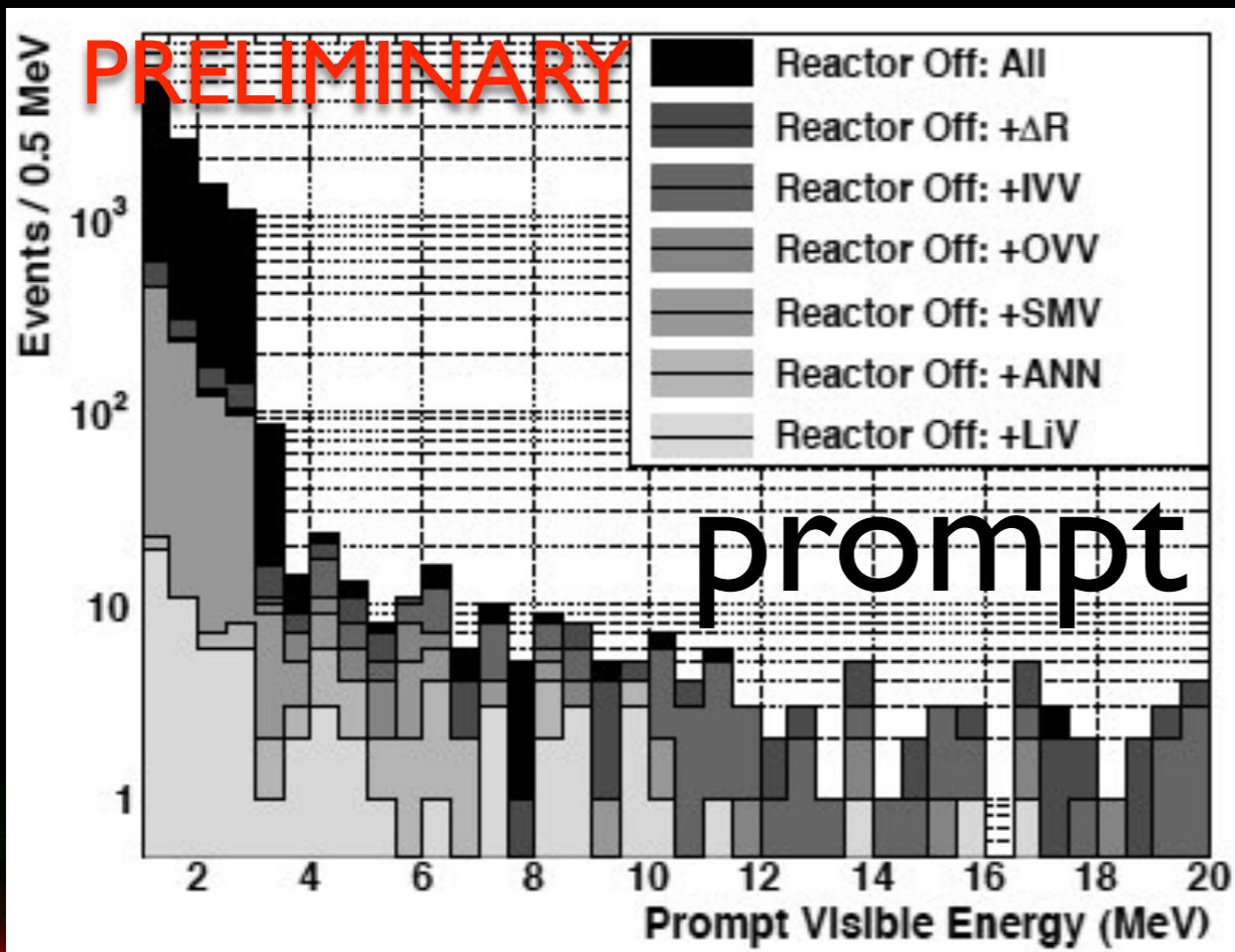
BG(fast-n): via μ -detector tagging (IV checked by OV) up to 100MeV [$\sigma(\text{BG}) \rightarrow \sim \text{small}$]

BG(${}^9\text{Li}$): via μ -spallation correlated production ($\leq 50\%$ vetoed) [$\sigma(\text{BG}): \sim 0.3\% \text{FD}$]

$\text{BG}(\Sigma)^{\text{exclusive}} \approx \text{BG}(\text{reactor-OFF})^{\text{inclusive}} \Rightarrow \text{BG-model is complete}$

(implies **BG(stopped- μ), BG(${}^{12}\text{B}$), BG(BiPo), BG(multi-captures): all negligible!!)**

precious reactor-OFF (~7 days) validation...



Rejection Power estimation (total and per-veto)

IBD(Gd+C+H): 158x (6:1000 selection) while efficiency: 95.00 ± 0.03

[IBD(Gd): 11x (9:100 selected)]

IBD(Gd+H) allows BG strategy validation of IBD(Gd) by an one extra order of magnitude

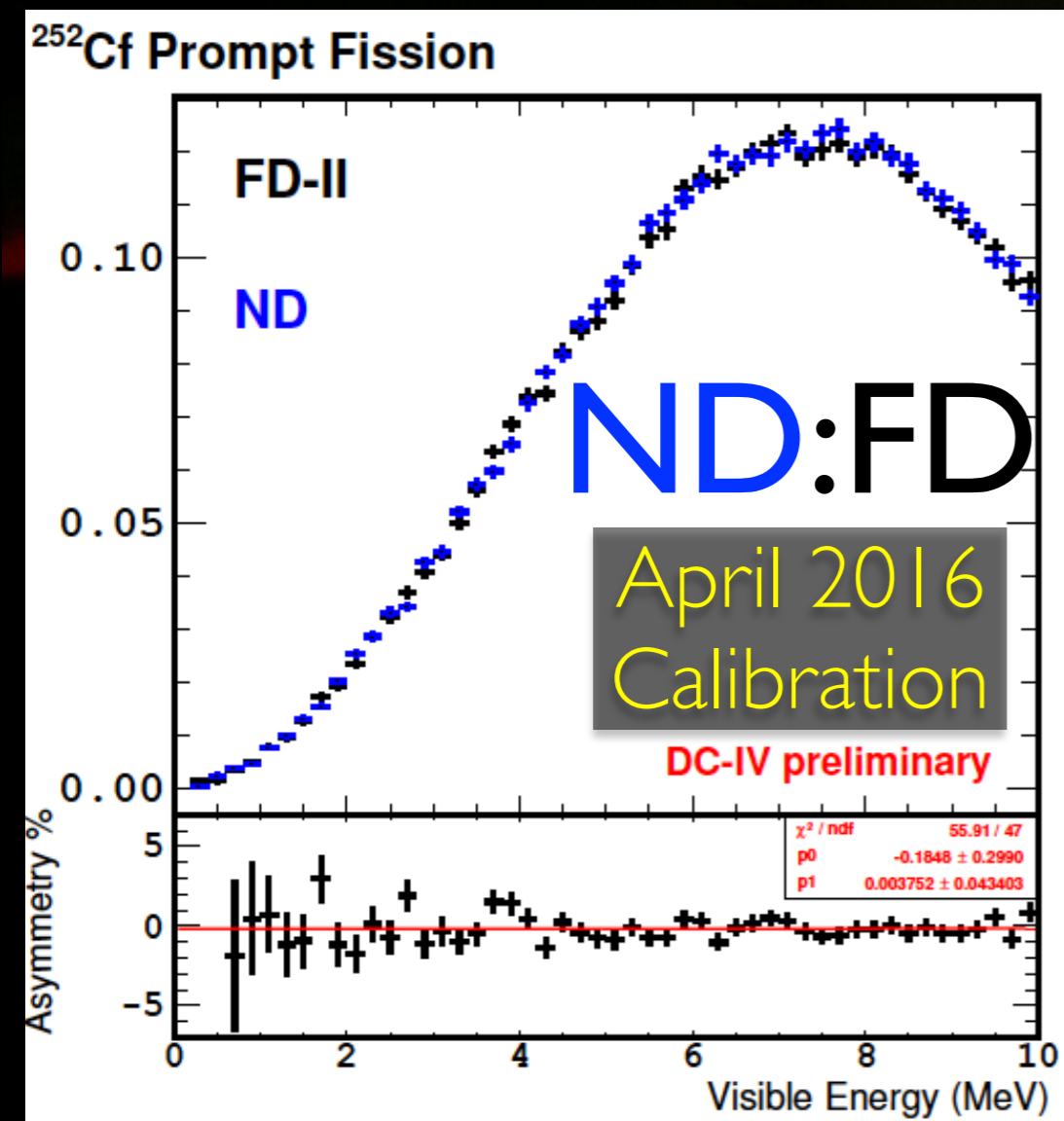
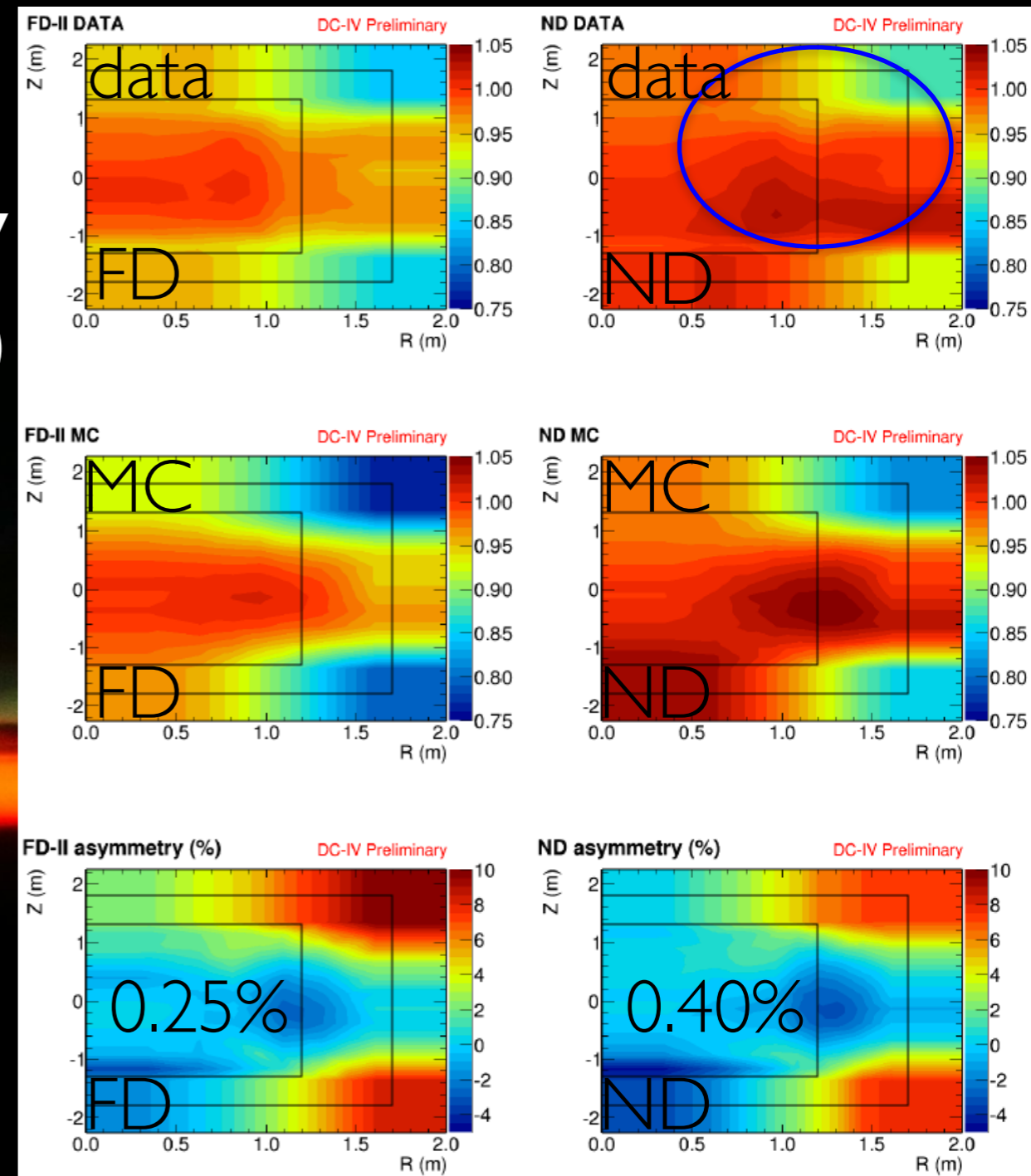
BG-model inclusiveness validation [done]

~ 1 day reactor-OFF ND...

(a few weeks ago)

response uniformity

(systematics $\sim 0.25\%^{\text{FD}}$ & $\sim 0.40\%^{\text{ND}}$)

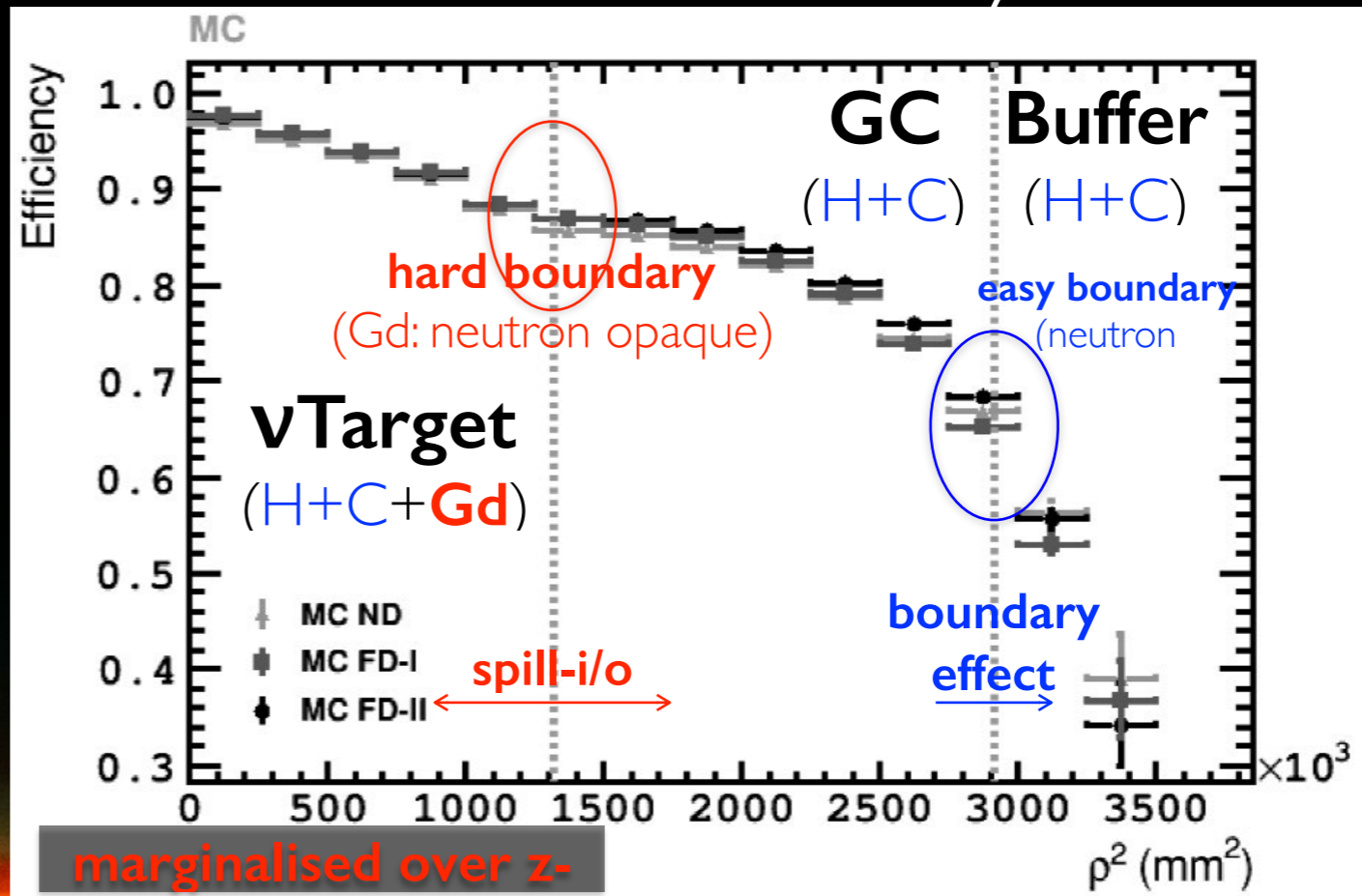
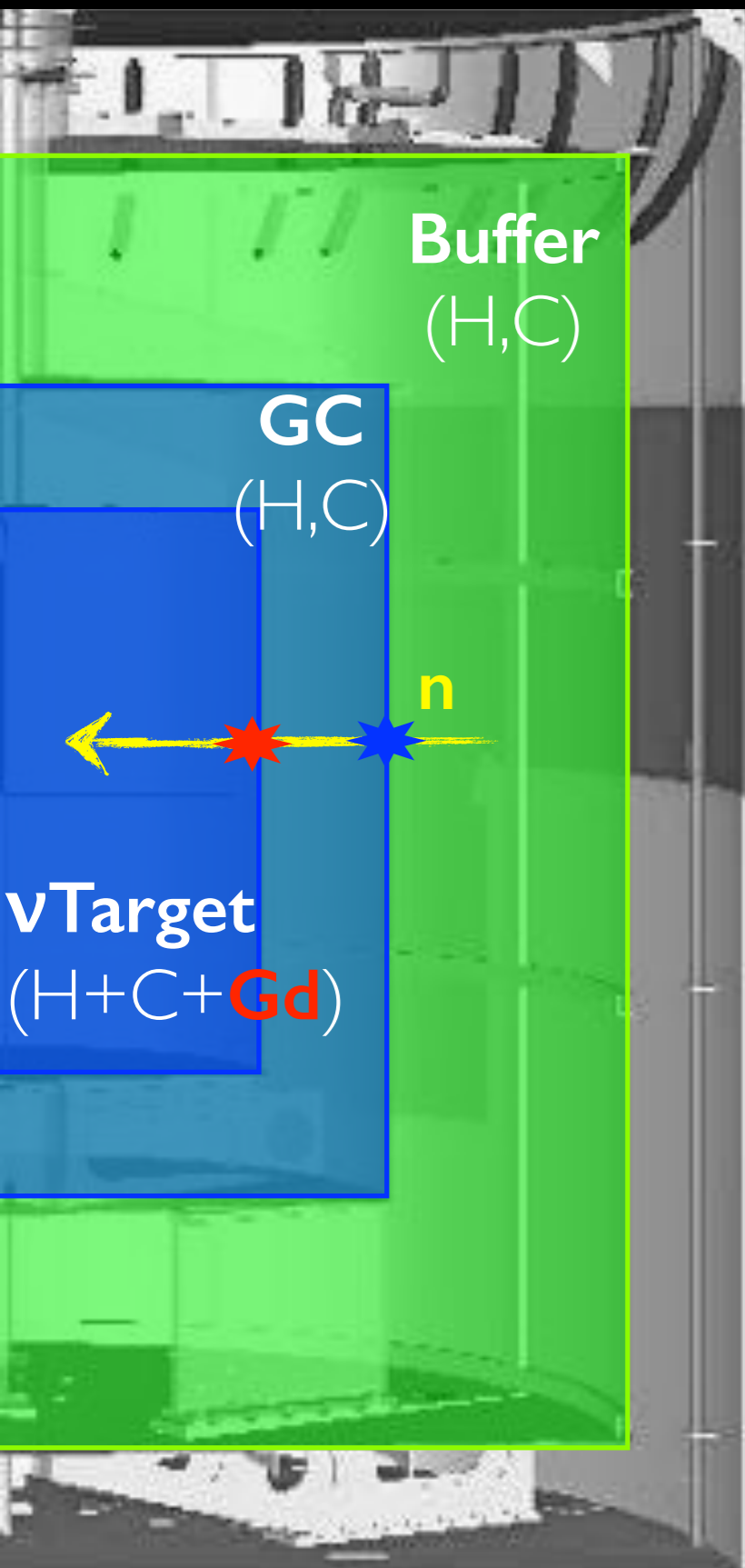


response linearity

(relative $\leq 0.3\%$ within $[1, 10]\text{MeV}$)

\Rightarrow same ^{252}Cf source (both detectors)

22 IBD(Gd+H+C) yields lower detection systematics...



IBD(Gd⊕H⊕C) smooth neutron interface
⇒ major systematics reduction!!

(systematics)	IBD(Gd+C)	IBD(Gd+H+C)
DAQ⊕Trigger	negligible (<0.1%)	<0.01%
BG rejection veto	small (0.1%)	<0.05%
Gd Fraction	largest (0.4%)	irrelevant →
Efficiency IBD (ANN)	large (0.3%)	0.26%/0.27%
Spill I/O	large (0.3%)	irrelevant
GC Boundary	—	0.00%/0.20%
Proton# (NT+GC)	small (0.3%)	0.56%/0.74% !!!

IBD(Gd+C+H) selection...

- **most robust multi-isotope n-capture strategy...**

(H vs G vs C exclusive inaccurate predictions \Rightarrow **multi-detector goal**)

- \Rightarrow **forces excellent DATA:MC agreement**

(MC inaccuracies do not manifest \rightarrow inclusive H+Gd+C contribution)

- \Rightarrow **robust inter-detector selection normalisation**

(in both single/absolute and multi/relative detector configurations)

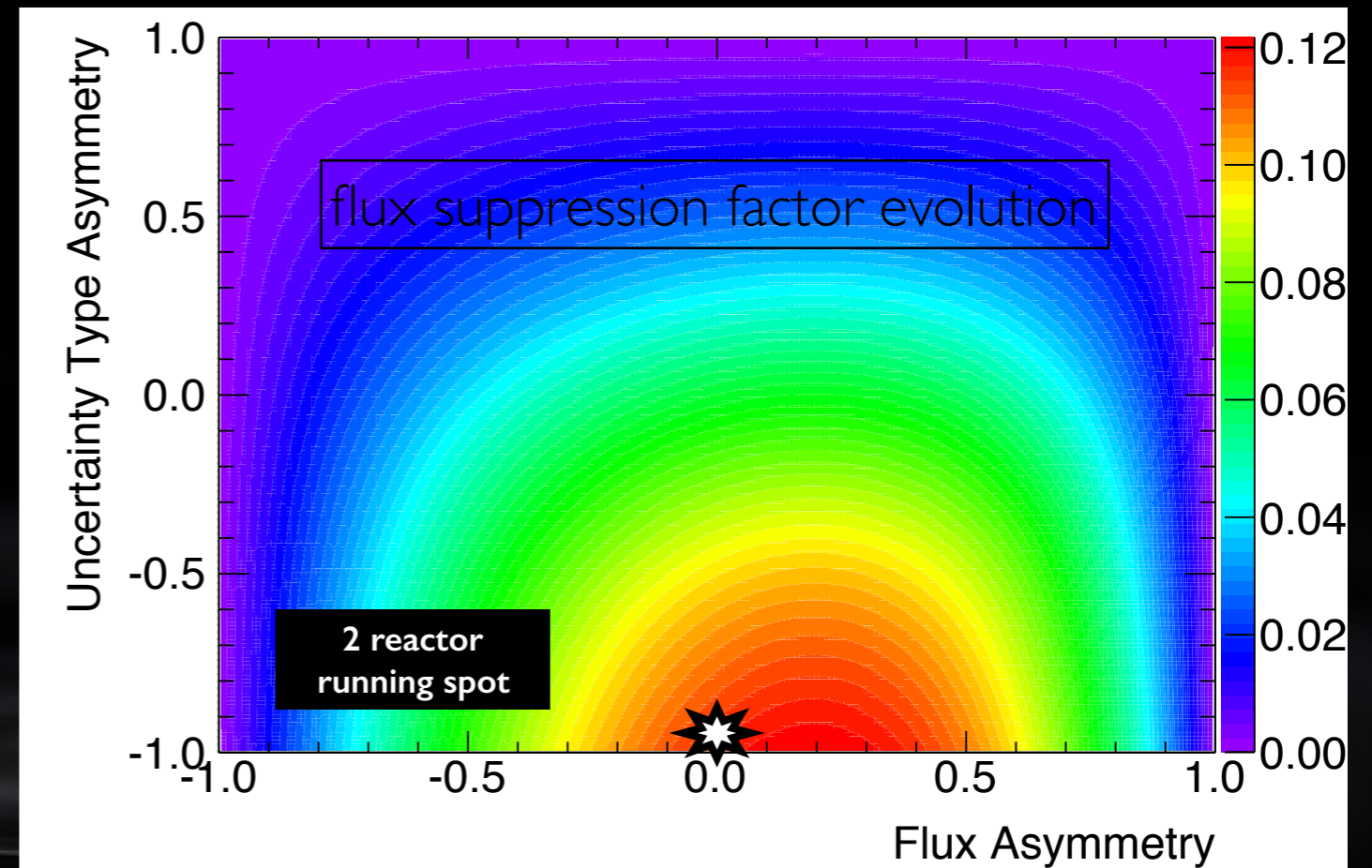
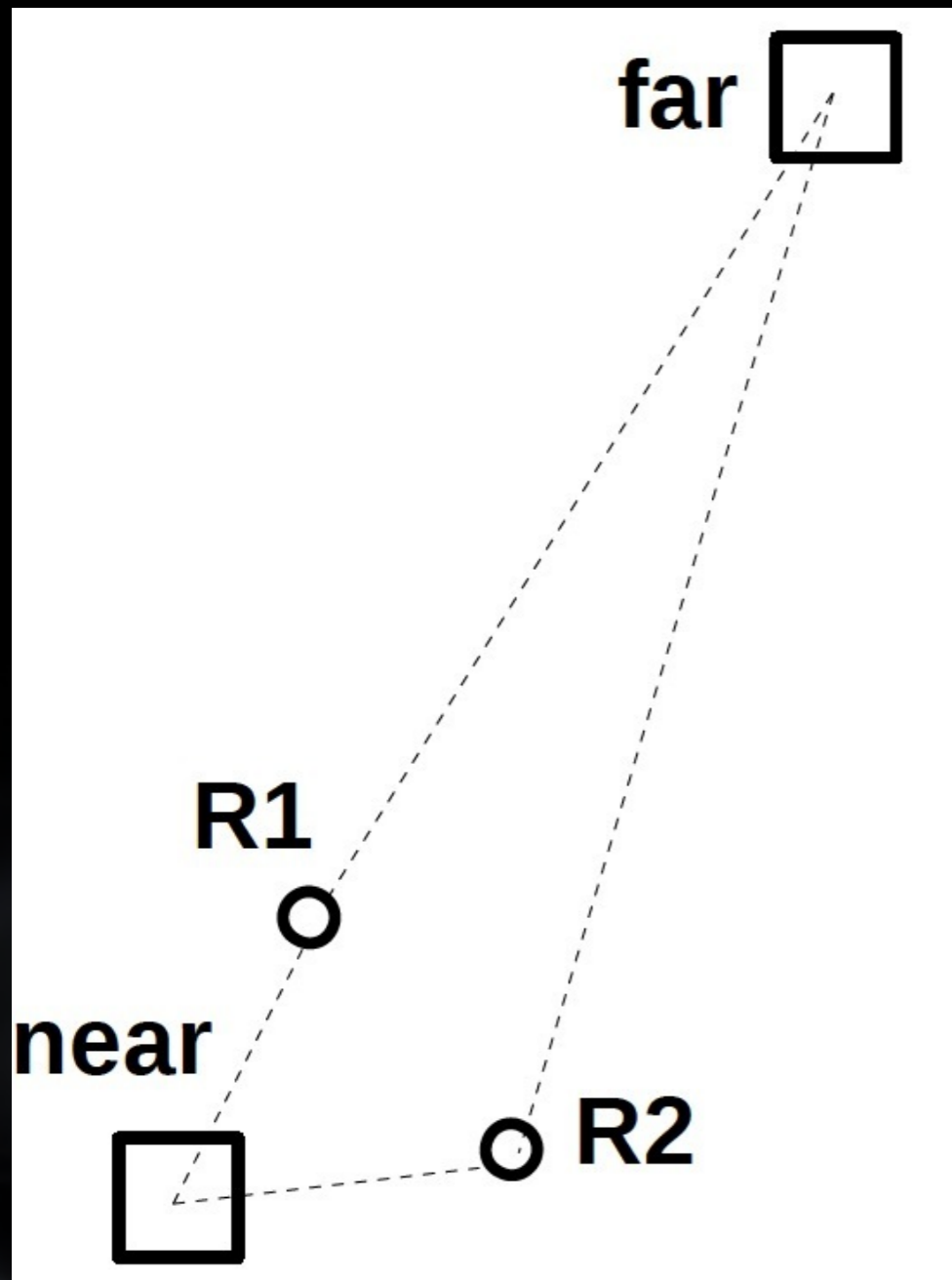
- \Rightarrow (gratis) **inter-volume leak immunity (if any)**

(to 1st order: all neutrons are caught — regardless of isotope)

major $\delta(\text{flux})$ cancellation (with ND)...

DC most isoflux experimental setup

$\Rightarrow \approx 90\%$ $\delta(\text{flux})$ suppression



reactor error correlations \rightarrow $\delta(\text{flux})$ suppression

$\delta(\text{flux})^{\text{FD}} = 1.7\% \rightarrow \delta(\text{flux})^{\text{FD+ND}} = 0.1\%$ (preliminary)

“Reactor Induced Systematics for Multi-Detector $\theta 13$ Experiments”

Cucoanes, Novella, Cabrera et al. ([arXiv:arXiv:1501.00356](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.00356)) Anatael Cabrera (CNRS-IN2P3 & APC)

IBD($G \oplus C \oplus H$) implies...

DC statistics solved!
(better systematics)

extremely delicate interplay
detector \oplus analysis
—lucky too—



physics now...

our latest references...

latest Multi-Detector analysis

DC-IV @ CERN (2016) [publication(s) in preparation]
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/548805/>

(most of the techniques used @ CERN → Gd-III ⊕ H-III analyses)

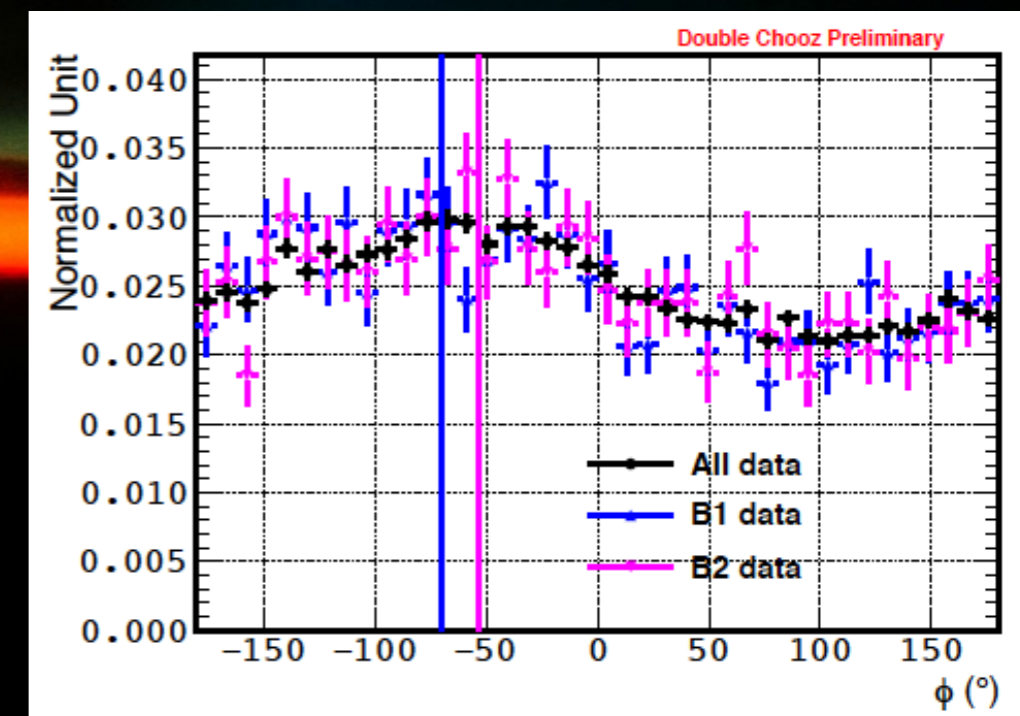
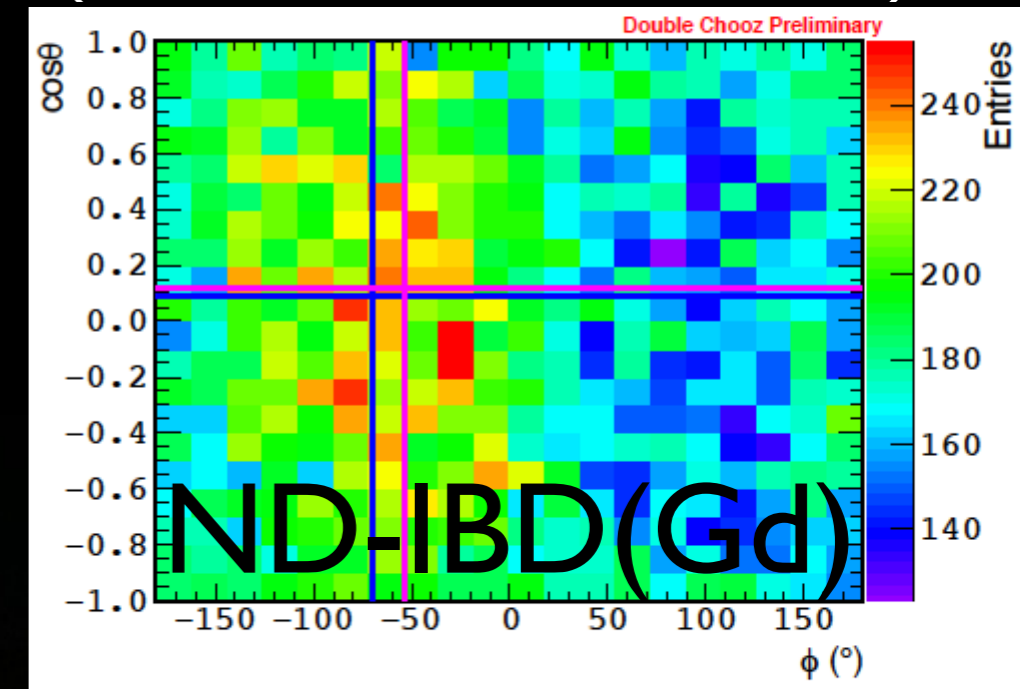
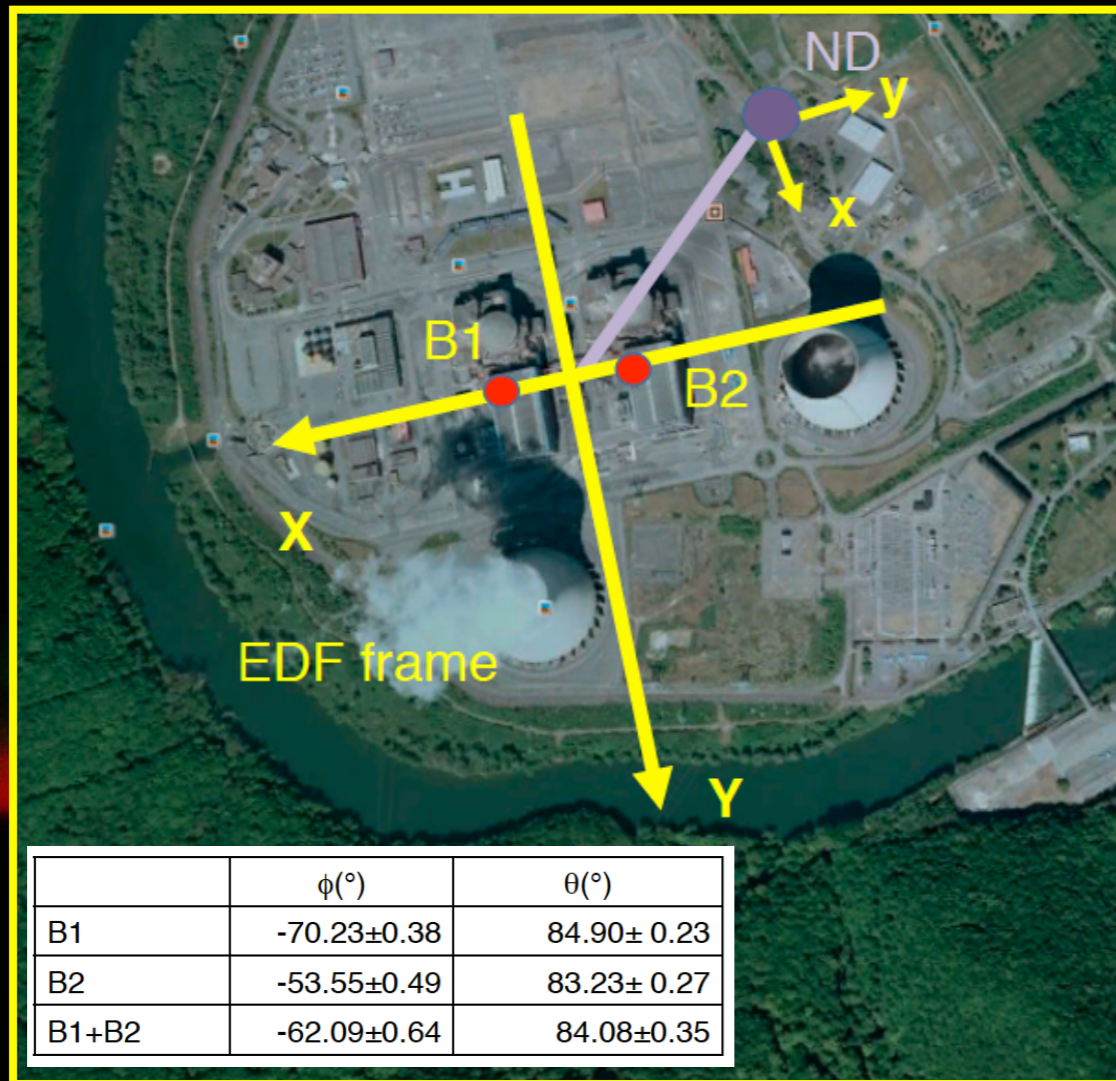
latest Single-Detector analyses

DC-III Gd-IBD's only: publication@JHEP (2014) [long paper]
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.7763>

DC-III H-IBD's only: publication@JHEP (2015) [long paper]
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1510.08937>

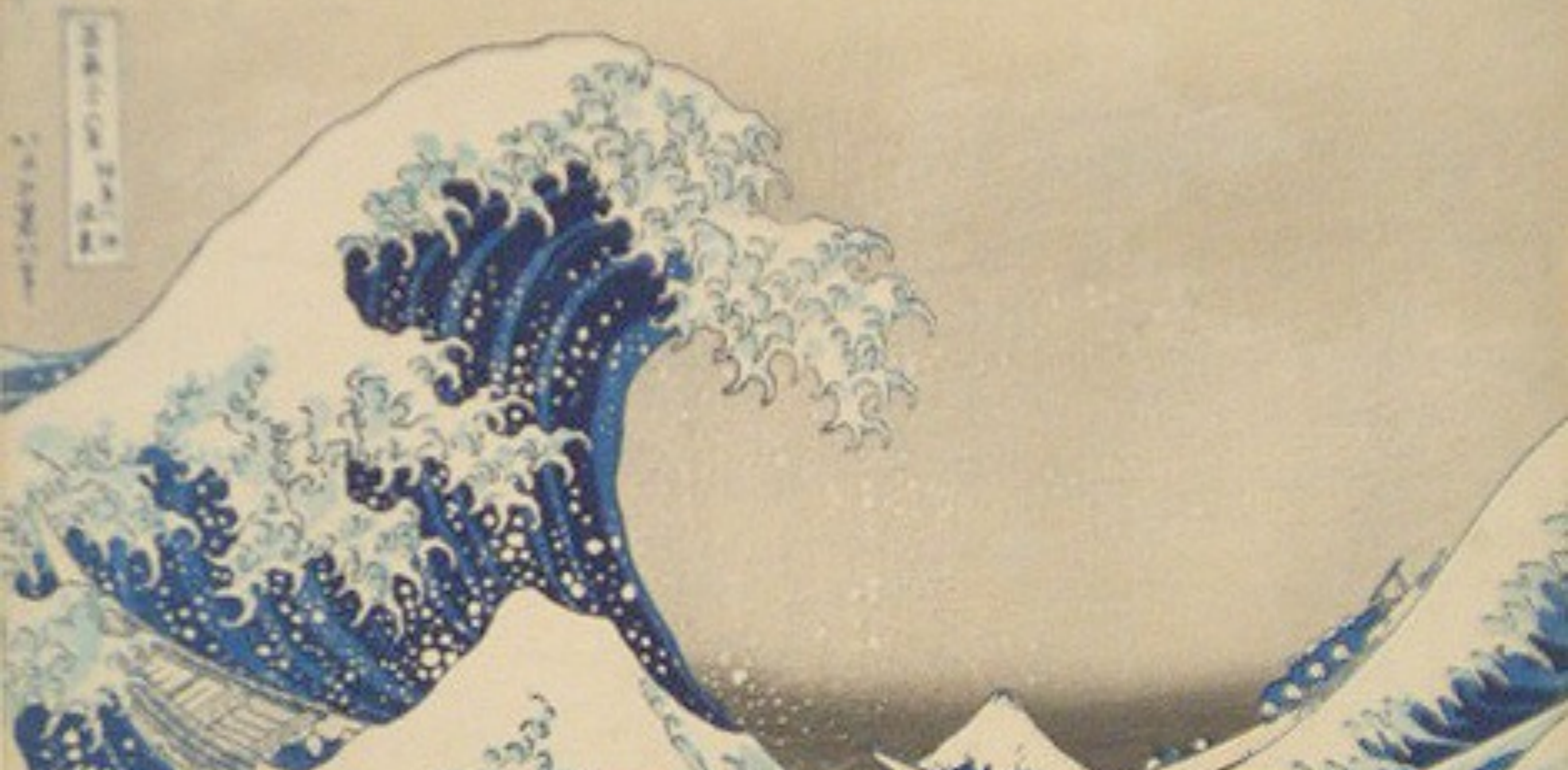
IBD (un)directionality (world ref: DC) ...

IBD ($\nu_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$) **incident direction** from linear momentum defined by $\Delta l(e^+:n)$ vector

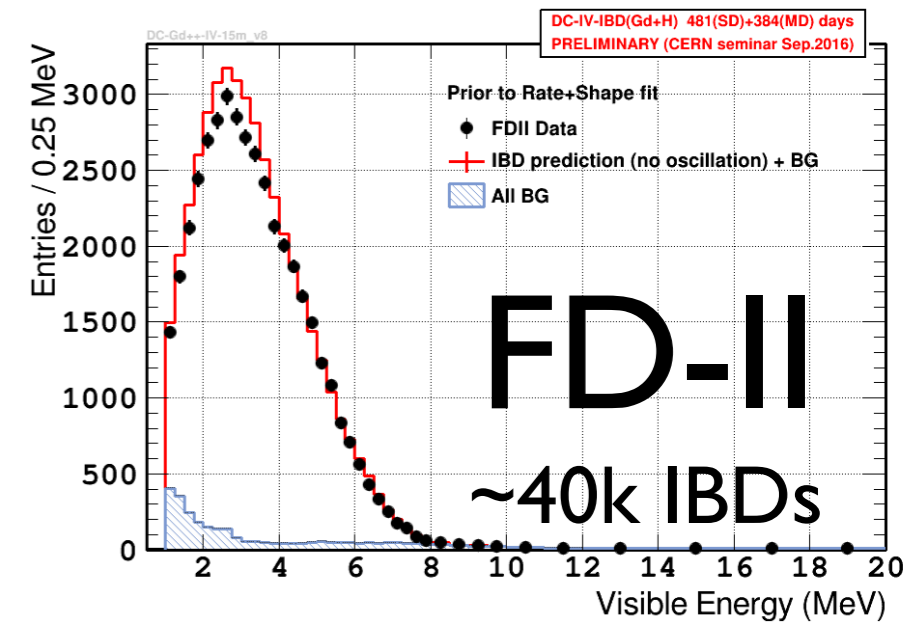
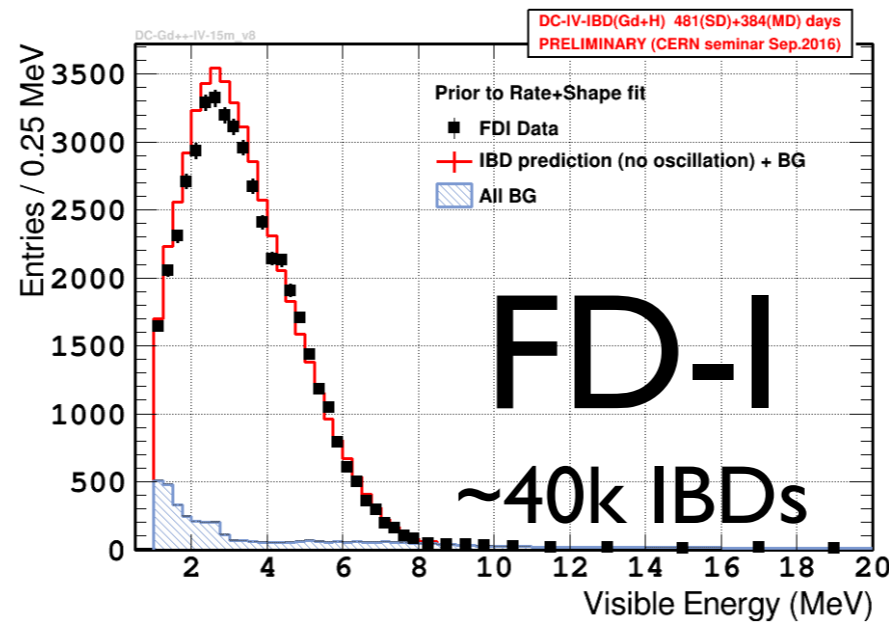
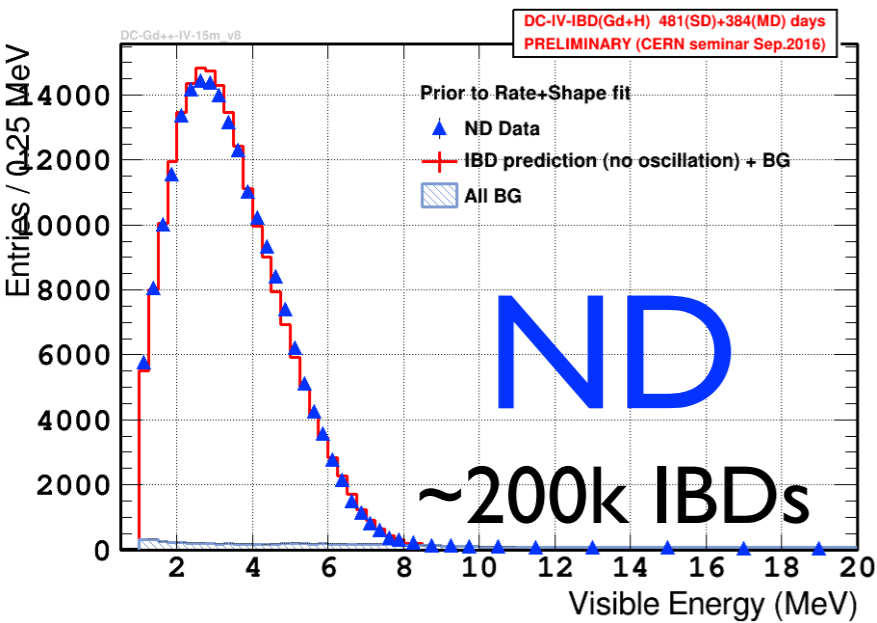


IBD directionality regarded as a statistical deformation (rather than event-wise pointing)

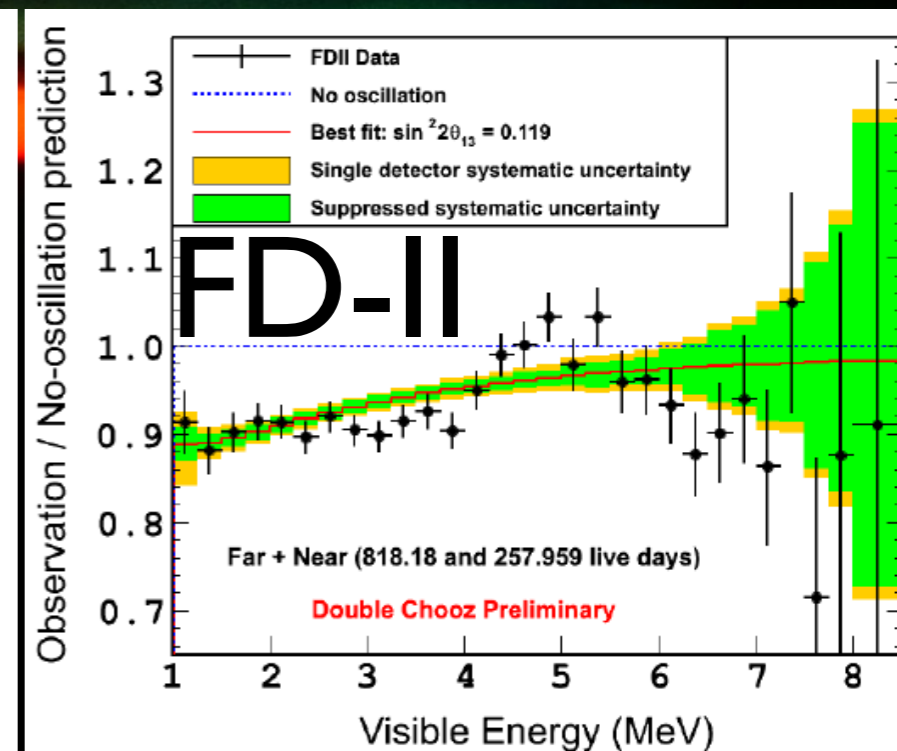
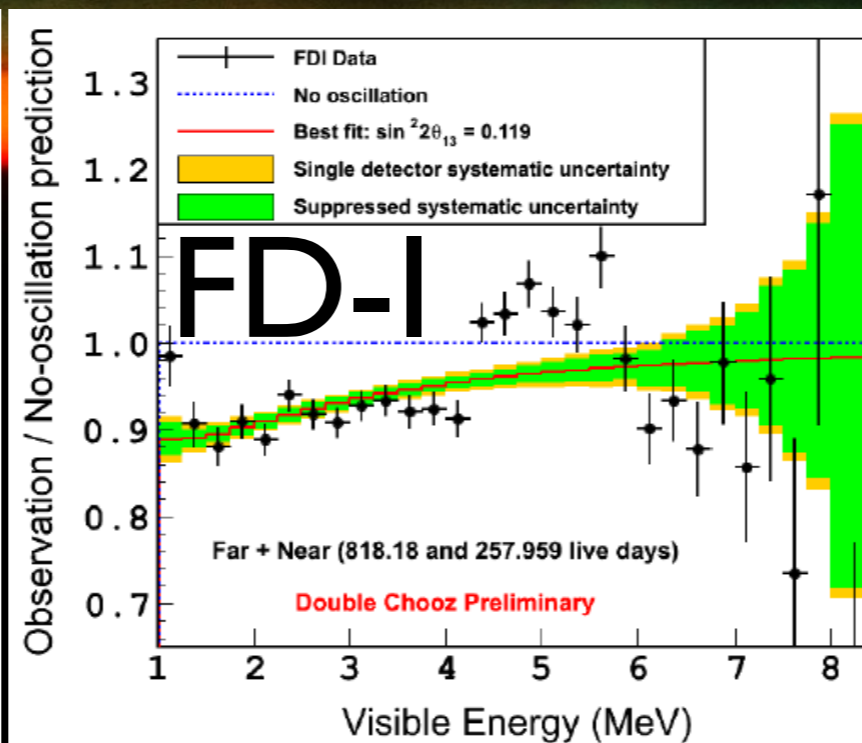
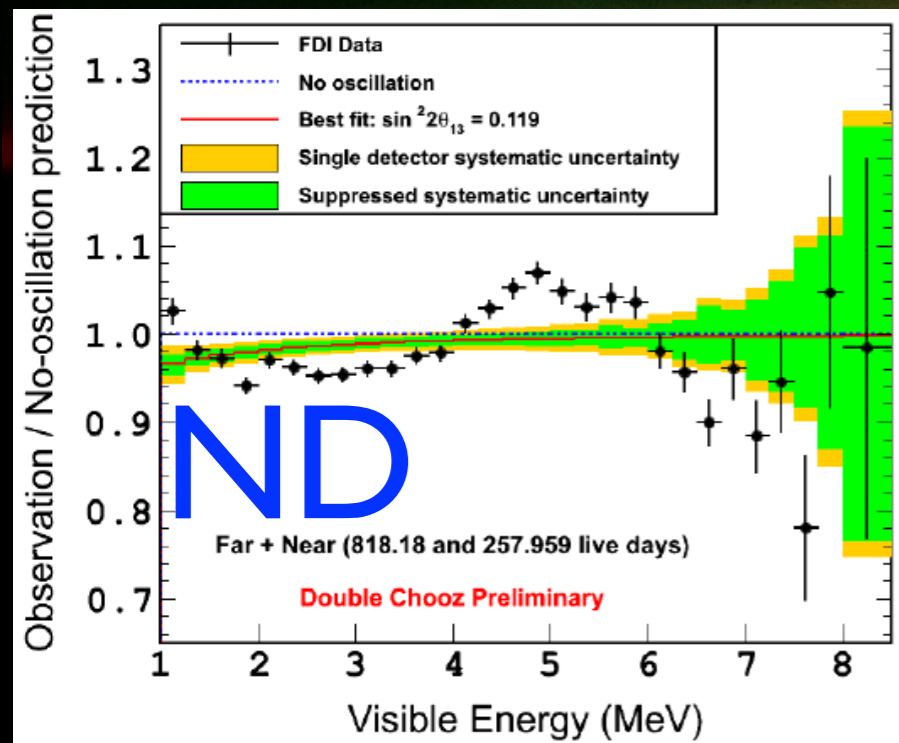
	Events	$\phi(^{\circ})$	$\theta(^{\circ})$	Stat($^{\circ}$)	Sys($^{\circ}$)	$\Delta l(\text{mm})$
B1	4616	-81.0	101.8	9.4	1.4	21.2 ± 4.5
B2	4001	-69.2	96.6	12.0	3.3	21.8 ± 4.6
All	73869	-69.3	87.5	2.8	0.6	17.2 ± 1.0



measuring θ_{13} with DC...

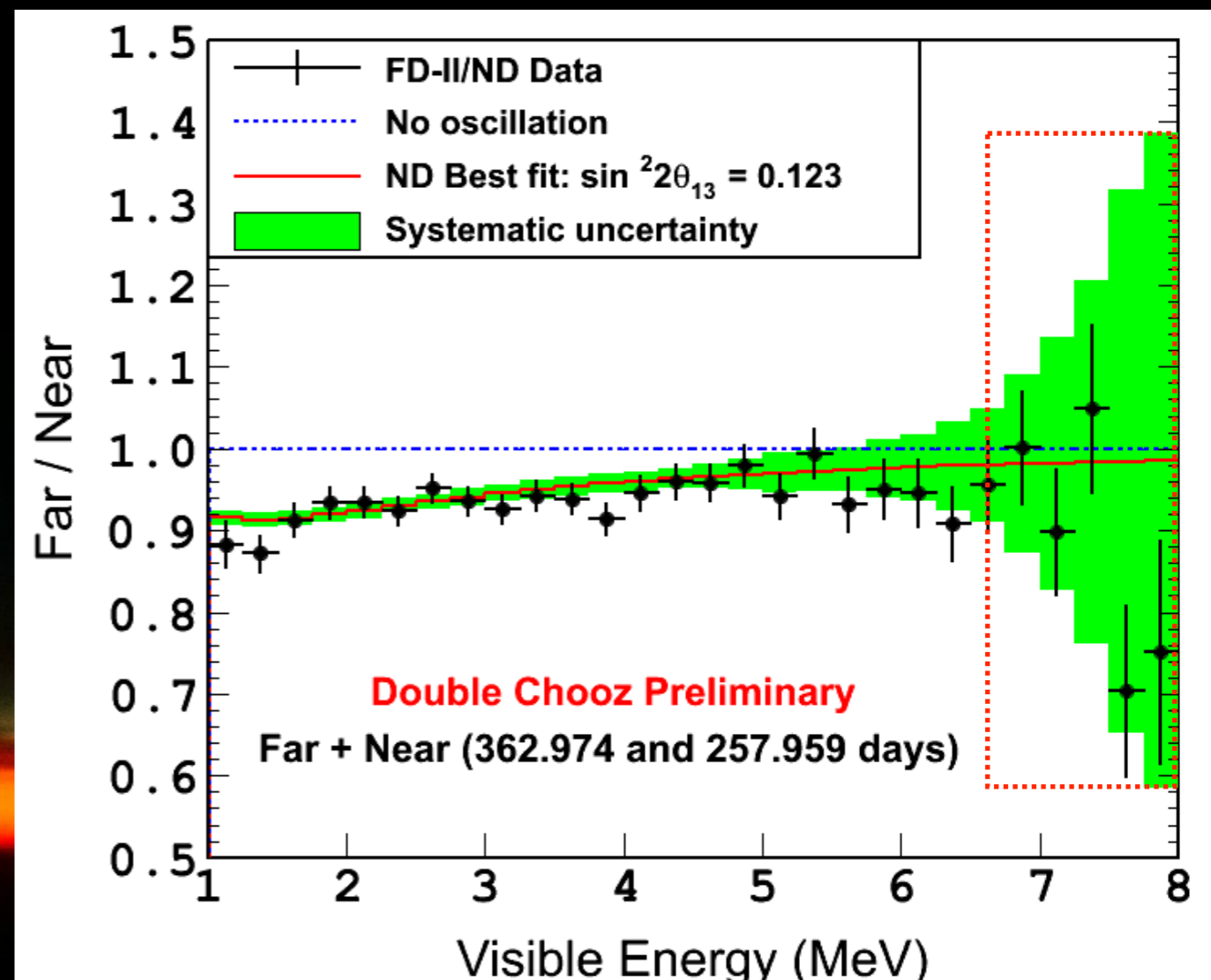
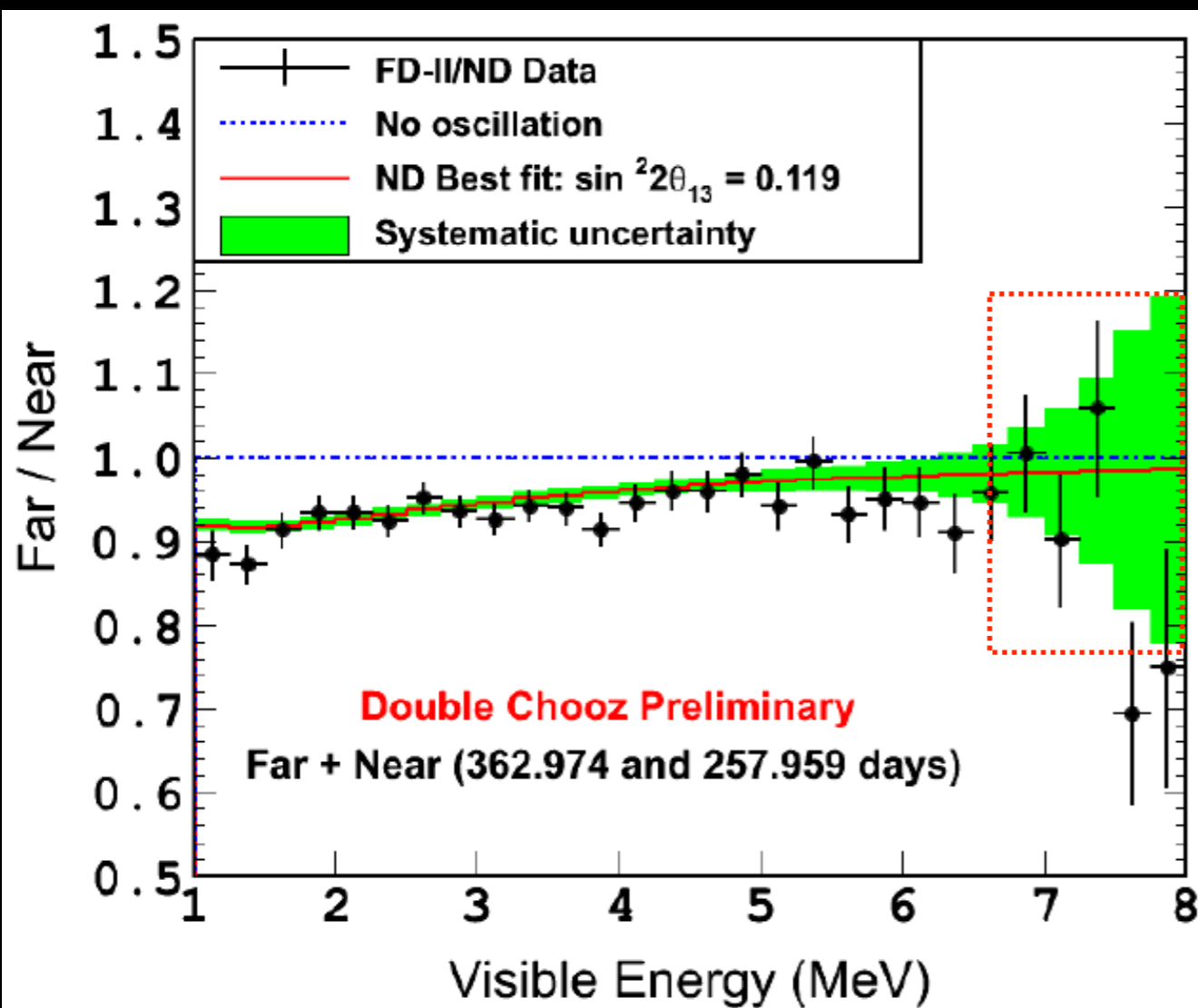


3x SD-fits (MC) \oplus MD-fit (inter-detector correlations)



$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})^{R+S} = (0.119 \pm 0.016) \text{ with } \chi^2 / \text{ndf}: 236.2 / 114$$

(marginalised over $\Delta m^2 = (2.44 \pm 0.09) \text{eV}^2 \rightarrow$ [arXiv:1601.07464](https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07464))



Data to MC FIT

FD-I ⊕ FD-II ⊕ ND each SD

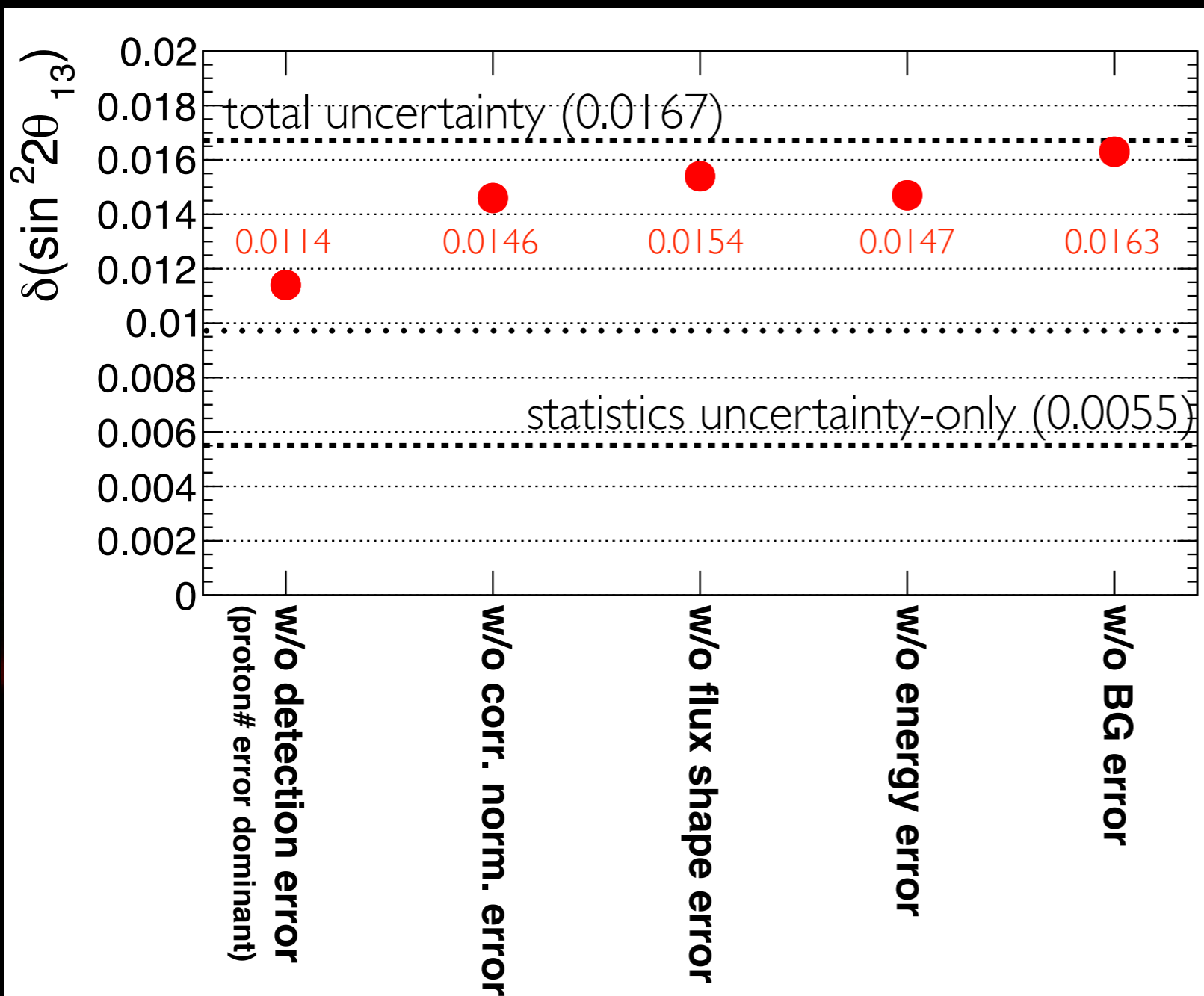
Data to Data FIT

FD-II ⊕ ND

both methods are similar but not identical

(agreement is expected → **important cross-check**)

θ_{13} systematics: much room for improvement...



statistical error ($1\sigma \approx 0.005$)...

→ @FD ~80k IBDs [0.35%] with S/BG > 10

→ @ND ~200k IBDs [0.22%] with S/BG > 20

SYSTEMATICS...

• **detection ($1\sigma \approx 0.012$)**

→ driven by proton# (very conservative)

now **0.75%/0.53% full volume**

• **correlated-norm ($1\sigma \approx 0.008$)**

→ driven by ND statistics un-oscillated normalisation constraint to FD [improving]

• **energy ($1\sigma \approx 0.008$)**

→ driven by scintillator linearity [improving]

• **flux error ($1\sigma \approx 0.007$)**

→ driven by poorer FD-I:ND correlation

→ iso-flux (FD-II:ND) limitations are tiny

• **background ($1\sigma \approx 0.004$)**

→ driven by Li constraint [improving]

DC largely dominated by proton#

(conservative → working to improve — if possible)

our CERN result (SEPT-2016)...

Double Chooz
JHEP 1410, 086 (2014)

Preliminary DC-IV
(CERN seminar 2016)
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = (0.119 \pm 0.016)$

Daya Bay [Kam-Biu's talk]
PRL 115, 111802 (2015)

RENO
PRL 116 211801(2016)

T2K [Kobayashi's talk]
PRD 91, 072010 (2015)

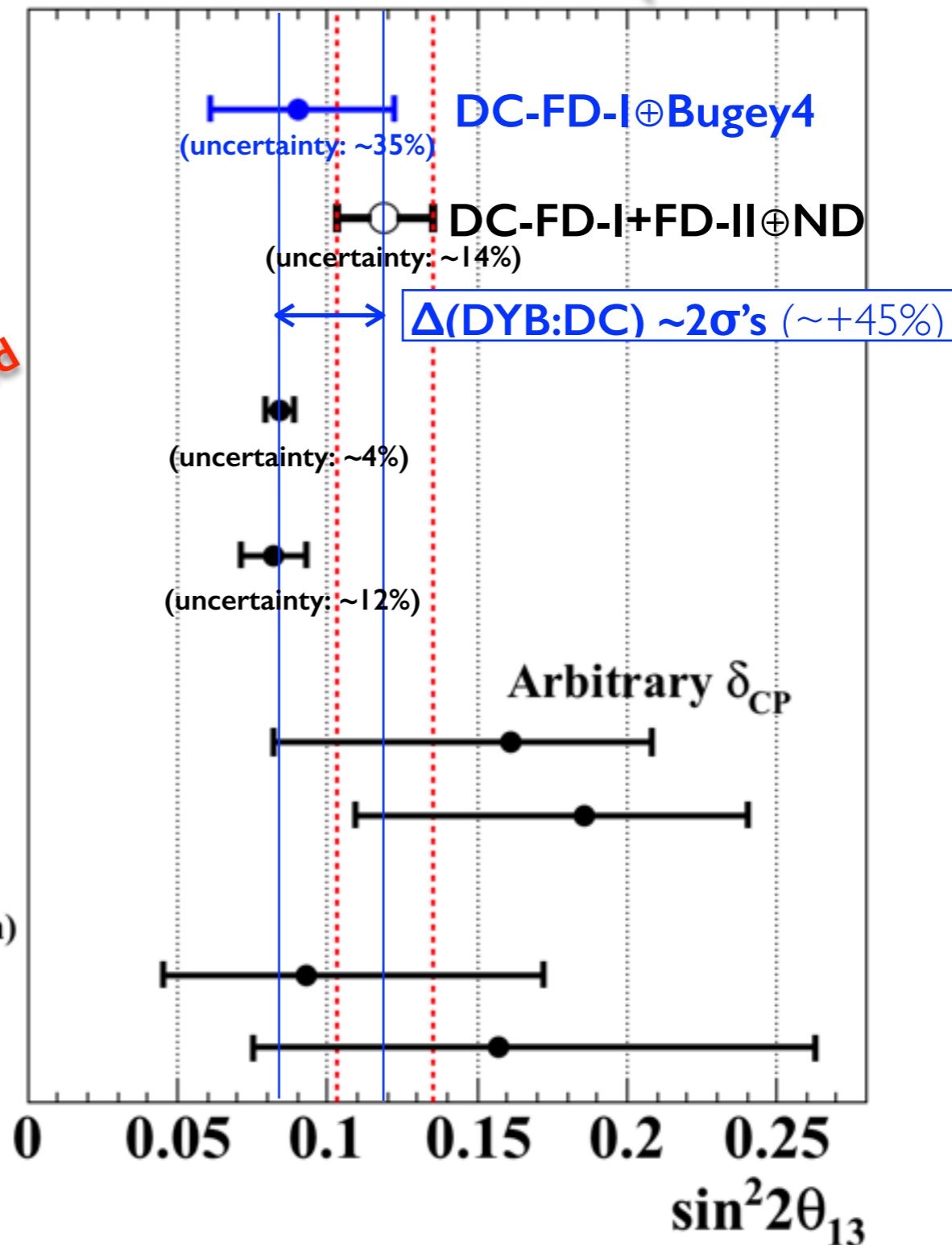
$$\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$$

NOvA [Peter's talk]
Preliminary (private communication)

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$$



DC-IV-PRELIMINARY @ CERN

statistical fluctuation ruled out $>5\sigma$'s \Rightarrow it's all about systematics @ % level (complex)

(i.e. more IBD statistics is expected to drive little change)

$\sim 2\sigma$ means $\sim 2\sigma$

(no more & no less \rightarrow inconclusive still)

“issue” vs “poor-ish agreement”

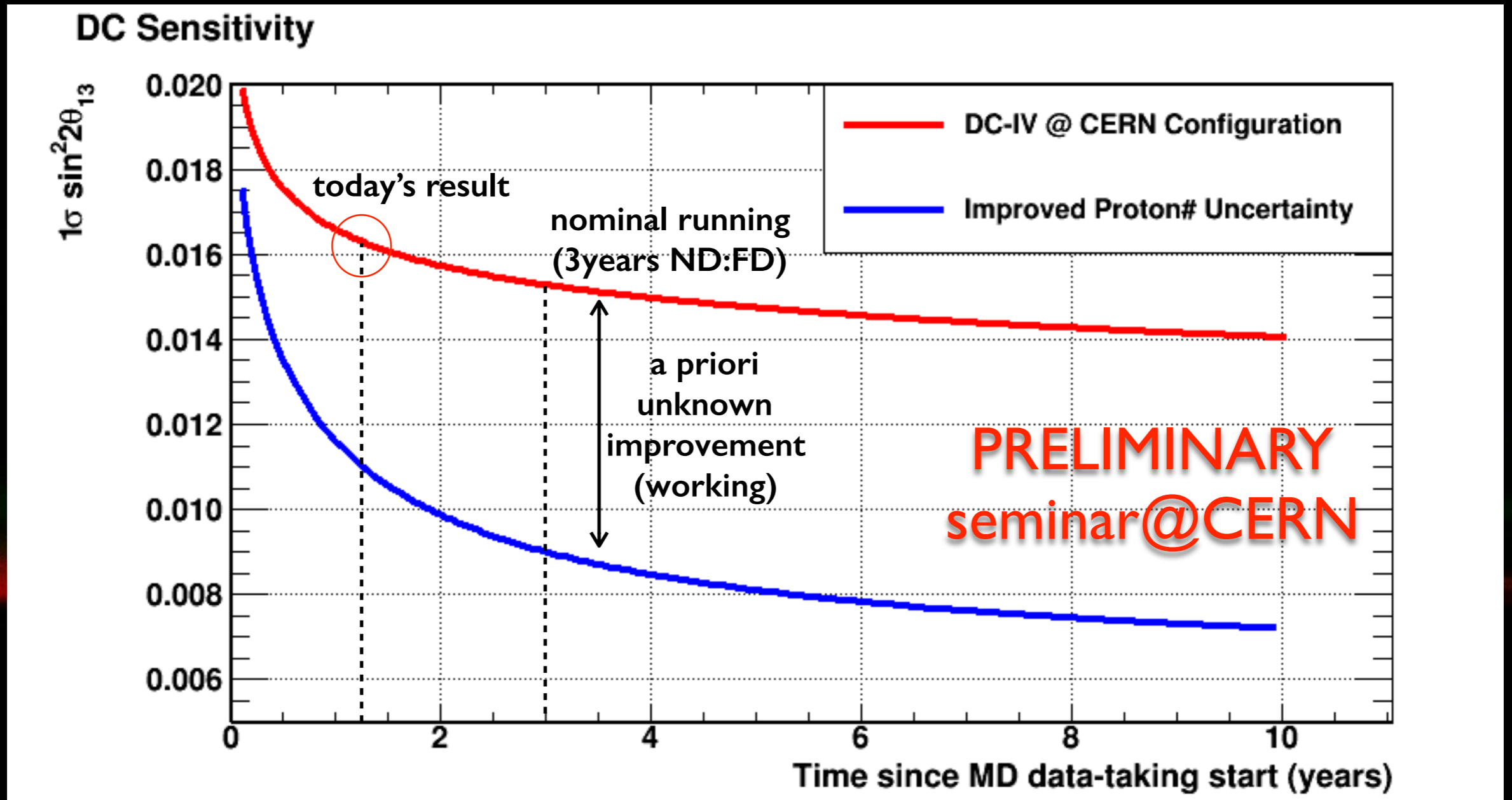
(1 year reviewing our systematics \rightarrow new cross-checks)

new results imminent on our publication

DC record (so far)...

[Nov. 2011] $\sim 2\sigma$ on θ_{13} \rightarrow confirmed DYB+RENO 2012

[May 2014] $\sim 3\sigma$ spectral distortion reactor (“bump”) \rightarrow confirmed RENO+DYB



DC largely dominated by proton# → improvement possibility?

(most conservative inputs/assumptions adopted @ CERN)

collaboration is **committed improve to resolve** (internally & together with DYB+RENO)

pushing for **multi-experiment reactor- θ_{13} forum** (→ next slide)

possible implications...



T2K Best Fit:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0277^{+0.0054}_{-0.0047} \text{ (NH)}$$

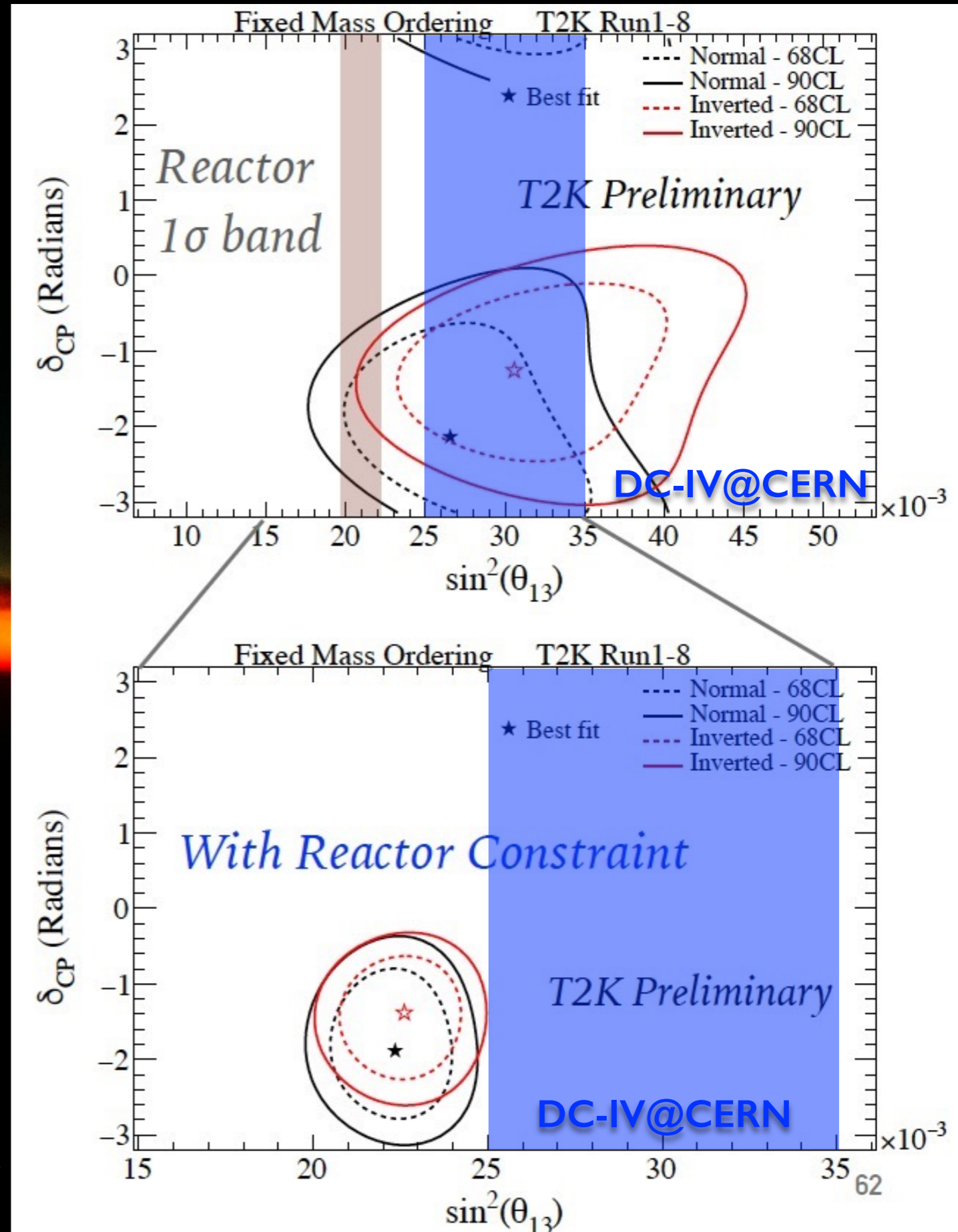
PDG 2016:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0210 \pm 0.0011$$

T2K's θ_{13} (alone) central value higher (~25%)
(wider uncertainty due to θ_{23} , δ_{CP} , NO/IO)

T2K's result uses "reactor- θ_{13} " (DYB driven)
 \Rightarrow major improved insight on δ_{CP}
(marginalised over θ_{23} & NO/IO)

[Concha's talk] "T2K doing better than expected"
(overall consistency critical to conclude on δ_{CP})



Reactor- θ_{13}

(combining results)

Daya Bay ⊕ **Double Chooz** ⊕ **RENO**

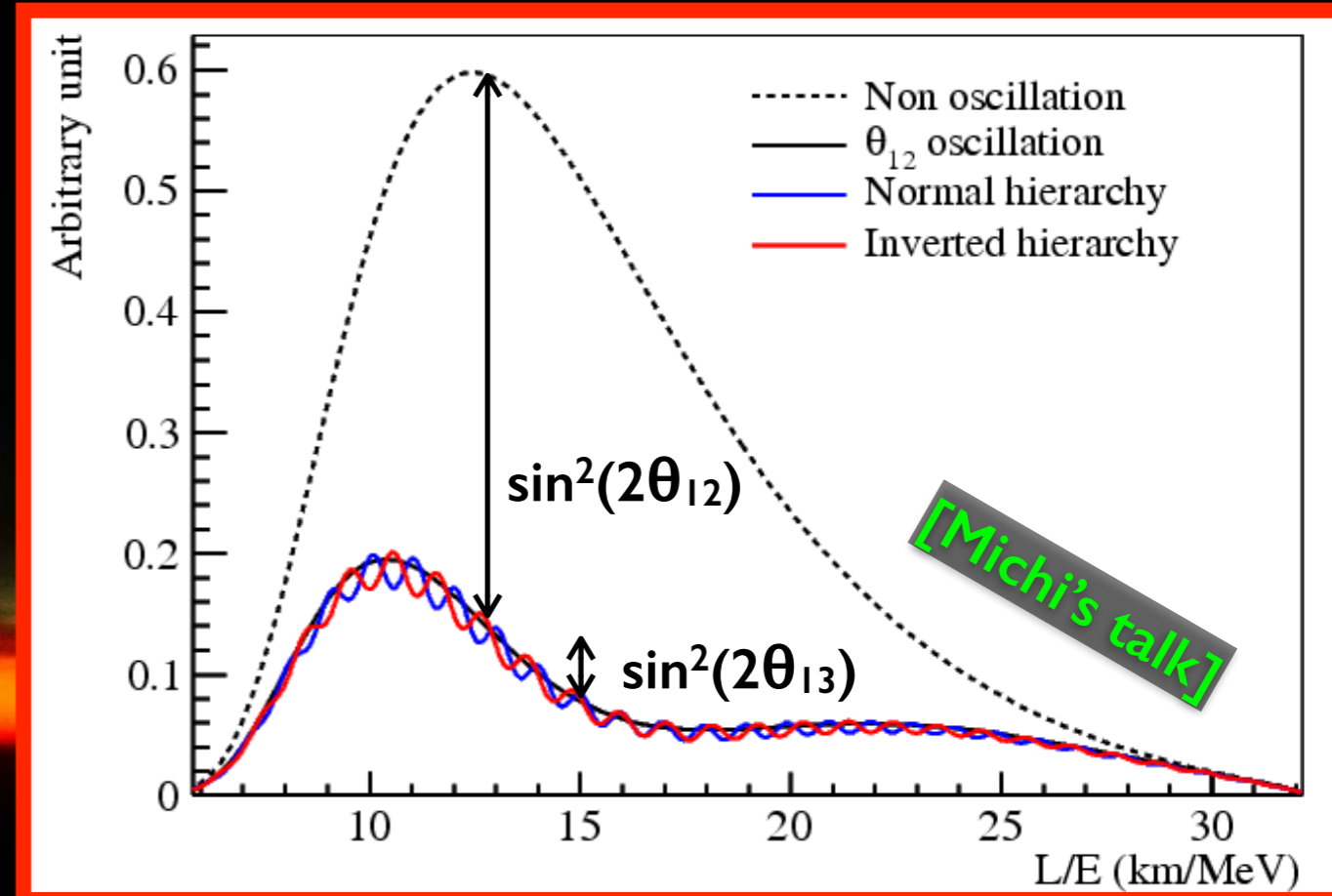
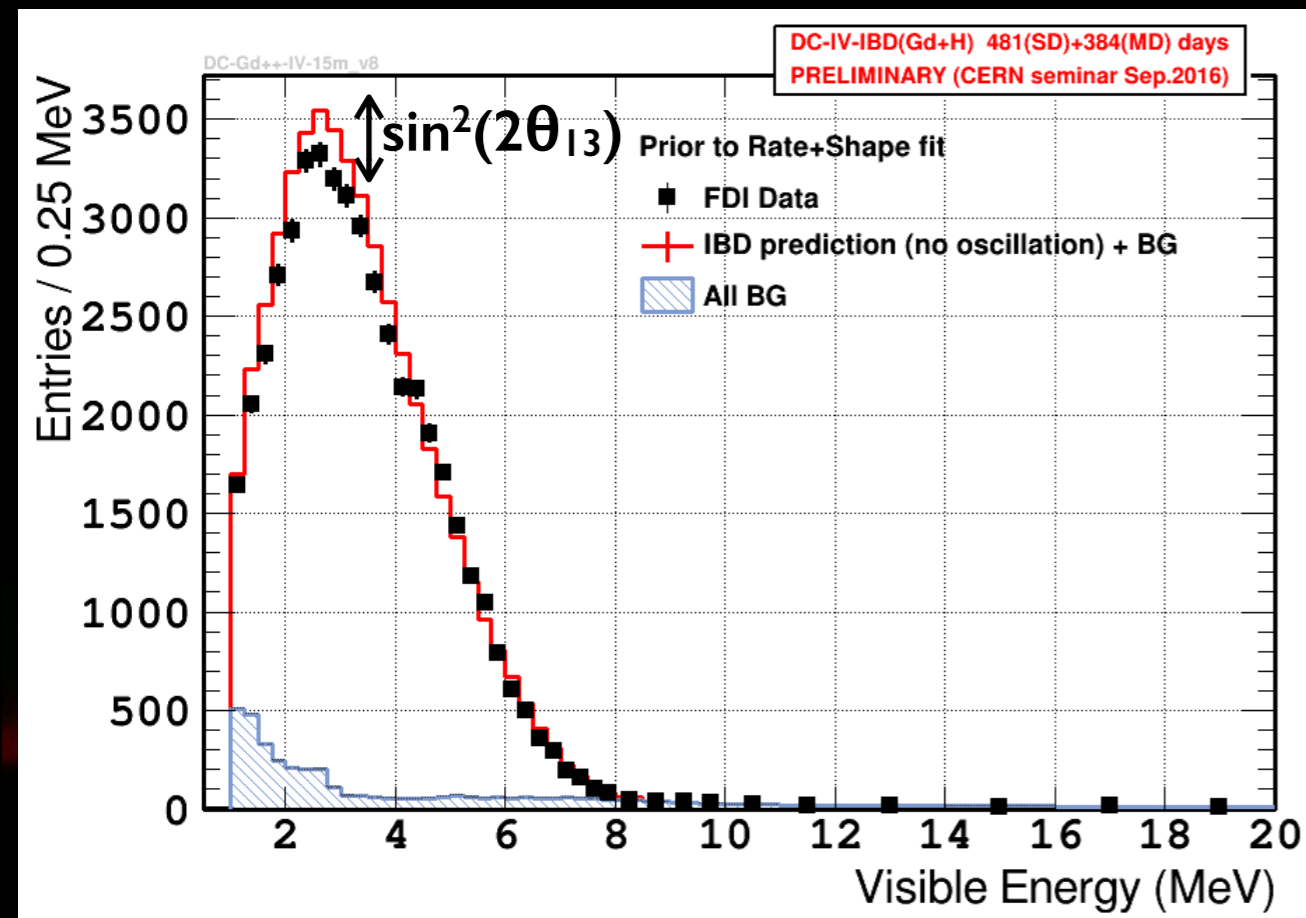
0th discussion/planning → @ Neutrino-2016, London (UK)

1st workshop → October 2016 (Seoul, South Korea)
(systematics, results consistency)

2nd workshop → June 2017 (Paris, France)
(further θ_{13} systematics consistency)

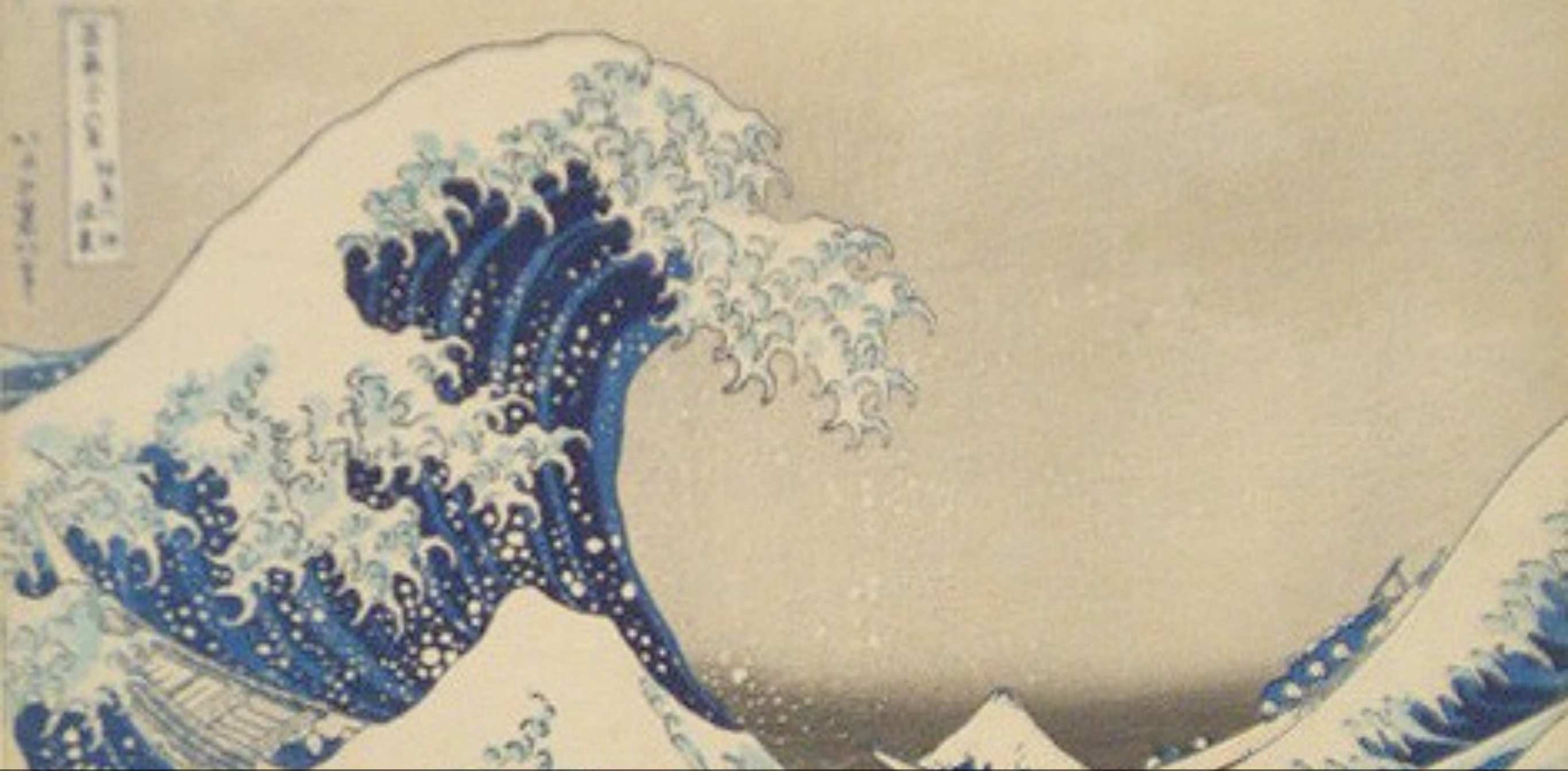
3rd workshop → X 2018 (Hong Kong, China)

(likely) most precise input to θ_{13} for several decades...

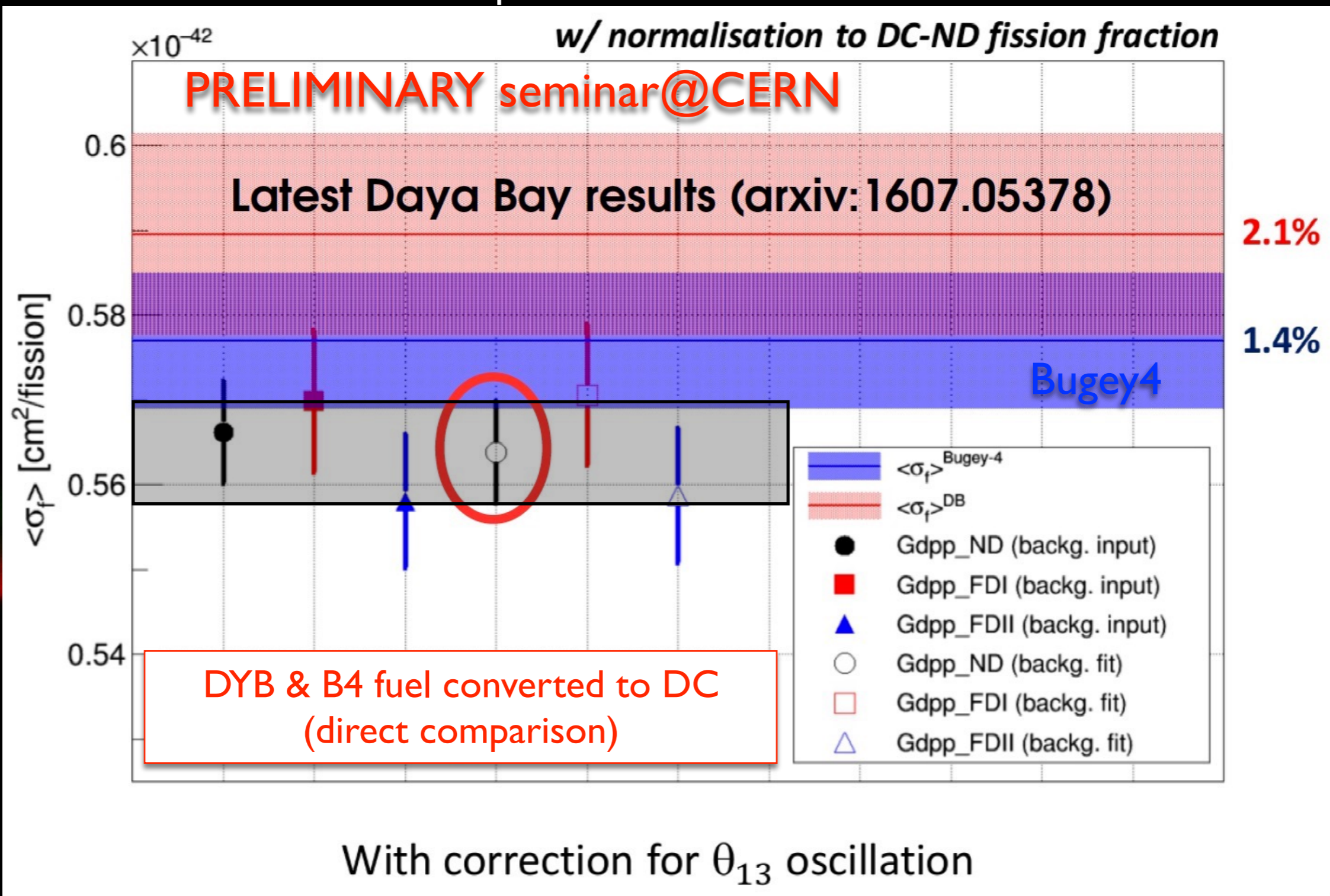


Double Chooz (alike)
(FD \oplus ND R+S analysis)

JUNO
(FD shape-only analysis)



reactor spectral characterisation...



$$\langle \sigma_f \rangle^{\text{ND}} = 0.564 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2/\text{fission}$$

uncertainty: $\pm 1.1\%$ \rightarrow world most precise measurement

BUMP?

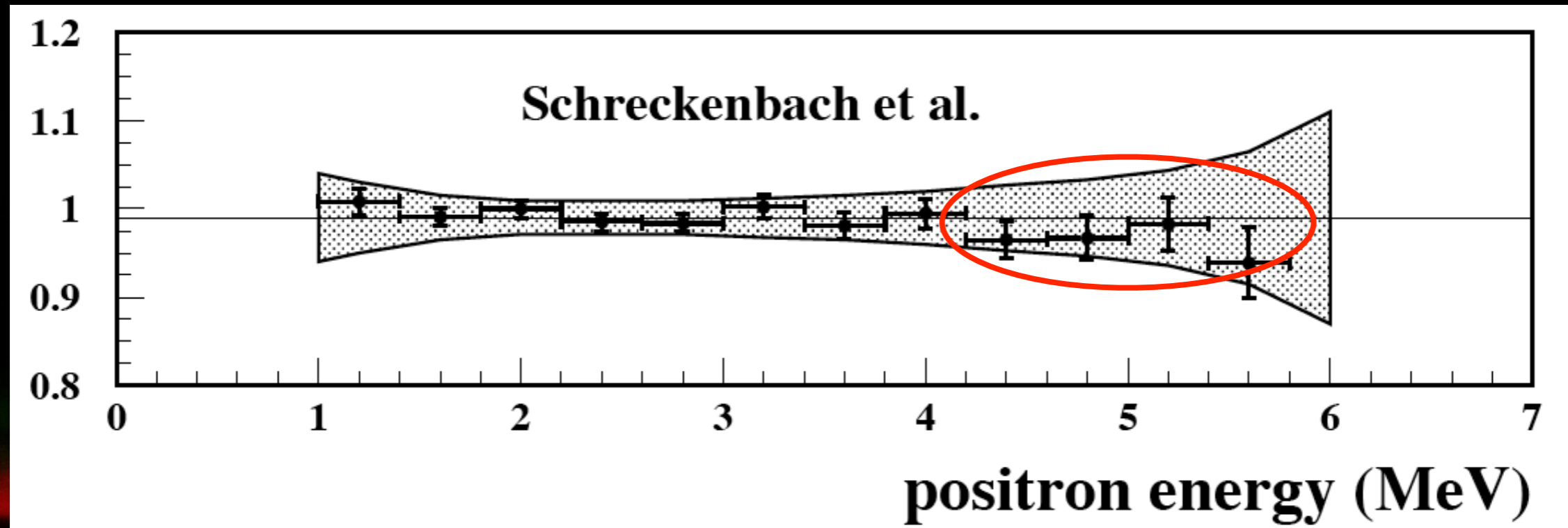


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up to Bugey3: no problem...

SHAPE-ONLY (i.e. normalisation = 1)

Ratio = data/prediction



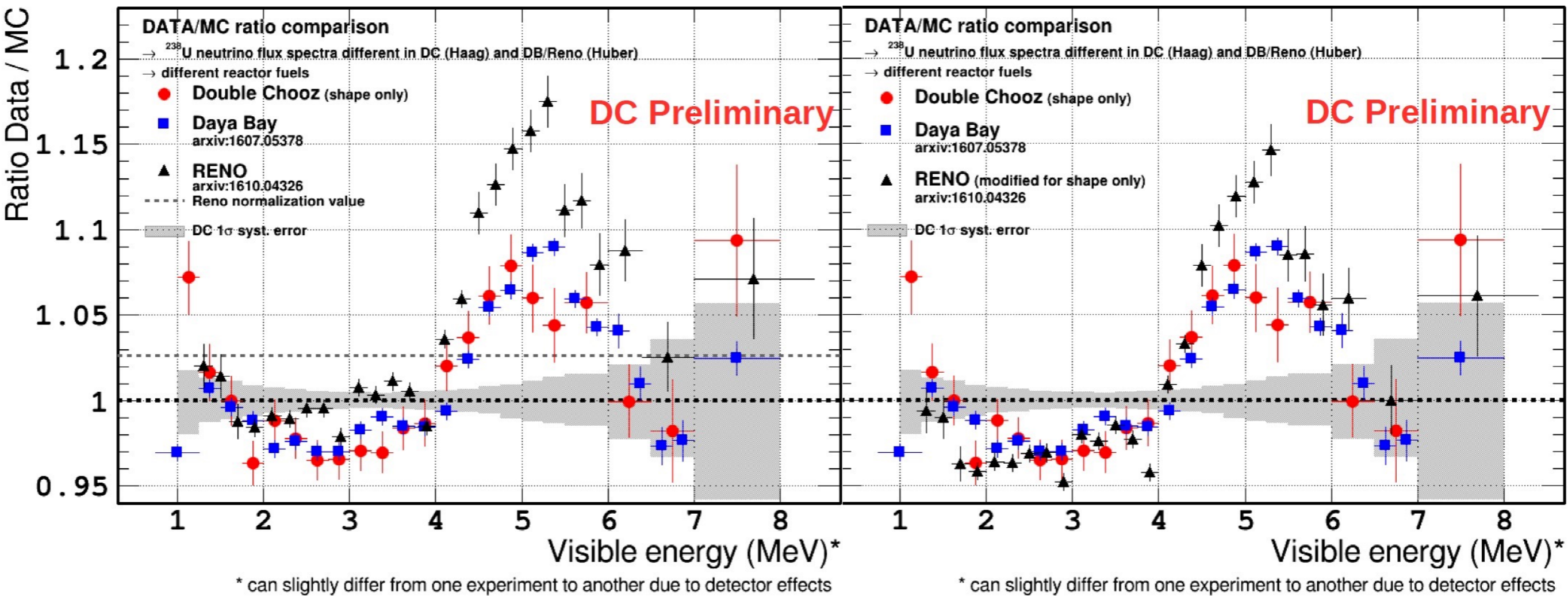
KNOWLEDGE priori θ_{13} -experiments

ILL-based prediction (\approx Bugey3 IBD data) \Rightarrow 1σ budget of prediction reliable?

can we use reactor neutrinos to probe (new) physics (amplitude $\leq 5\%$)?
 [absolute measurement means data to prediction(data) ratio]

situation upon $\theta 13$ experiments...

DC: 210 000 events / DB: 1.2 million events / Reno: 280 000 events

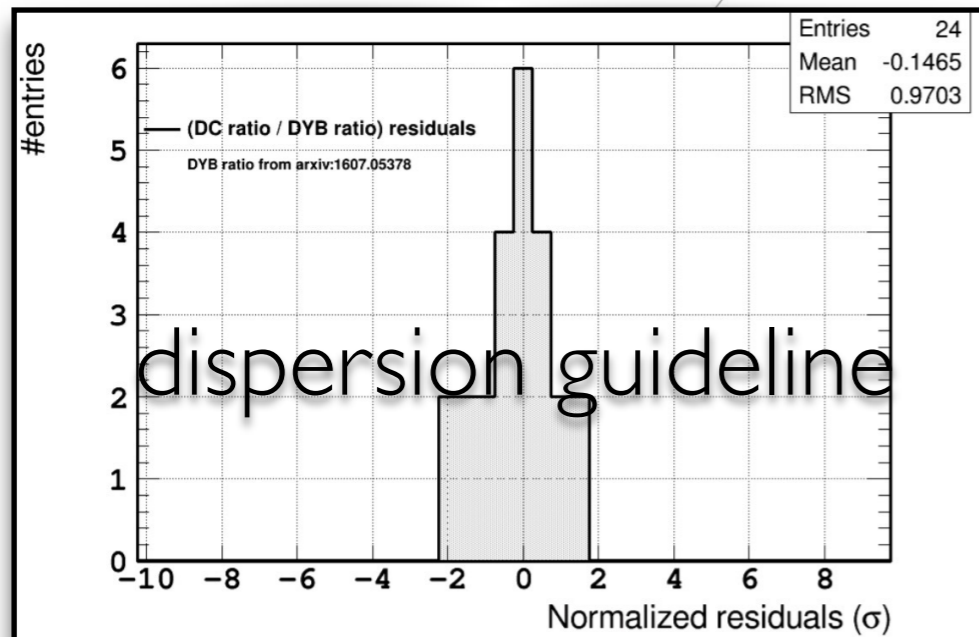
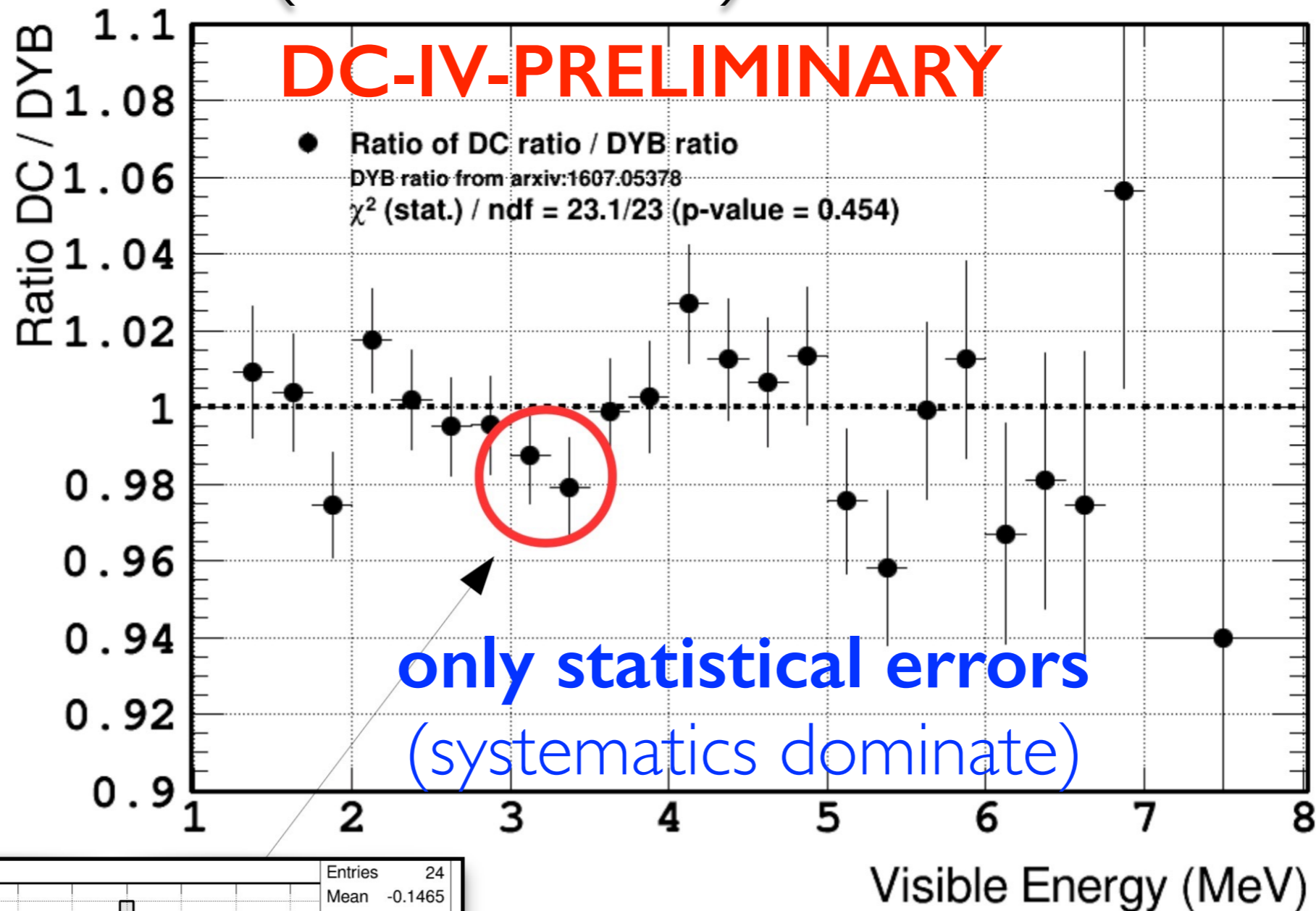


observation: $\theta 13$ experiments disagree (i.e. energy distortion)

if(!) “ILL-based” predicted shape is inaccurate → **trust normalisation?**

[answer: **not evident!**]

(anecdotal) it seems $DC \approx DYB \dots$



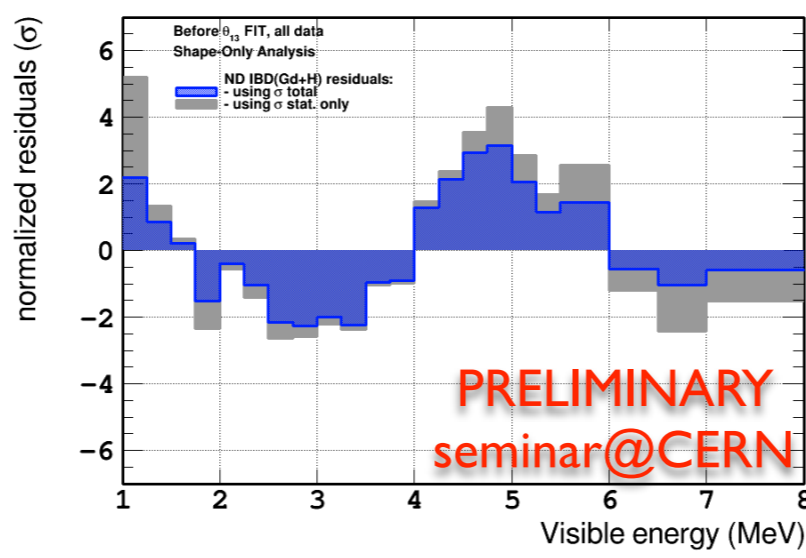
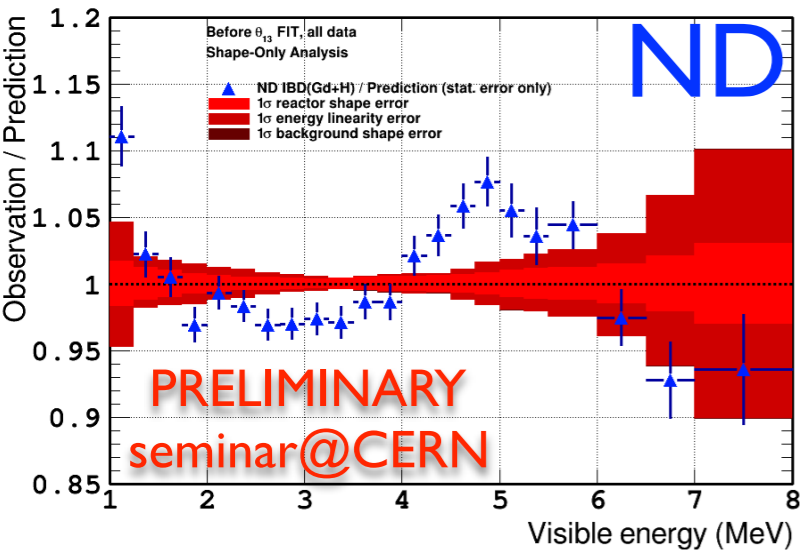
- **DC & DYB very different readout** (known non-linearities)
 - if wrongly calibrated \rightarrow should not agree (fine tuning)
 - \Rightarrow energy driven effects are very unlikely (my opinion)
- **DC & DYB similar reactors AREVA** (the “French connection”)
 - implication on refuelling strategy \Rightarrow **similar ratio?** (as observed)
 - RENO differences due to different reactors? [not known]

rate-only: deficit is anomalous?
[necessity for ν (sterile) hypothesis] [Christian's talk]

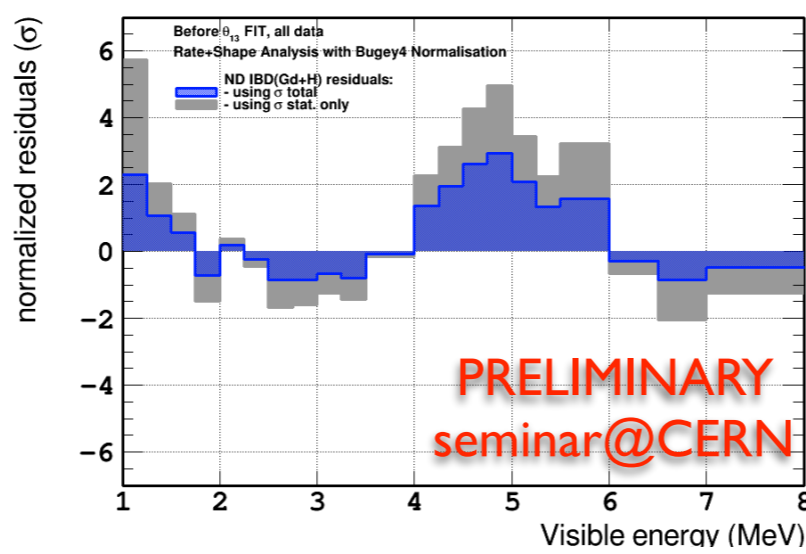
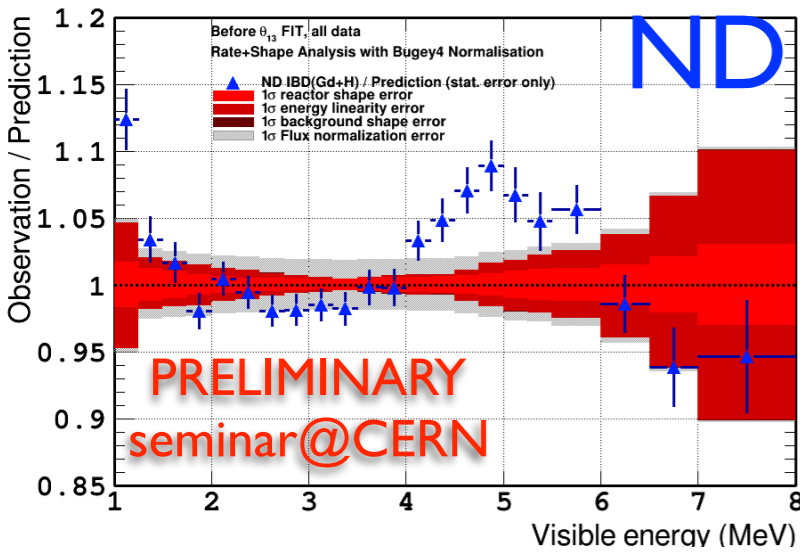
shape-only: $\sim 5\text{MeV}$ bump?

rate+shape analysis?
(a complete story)

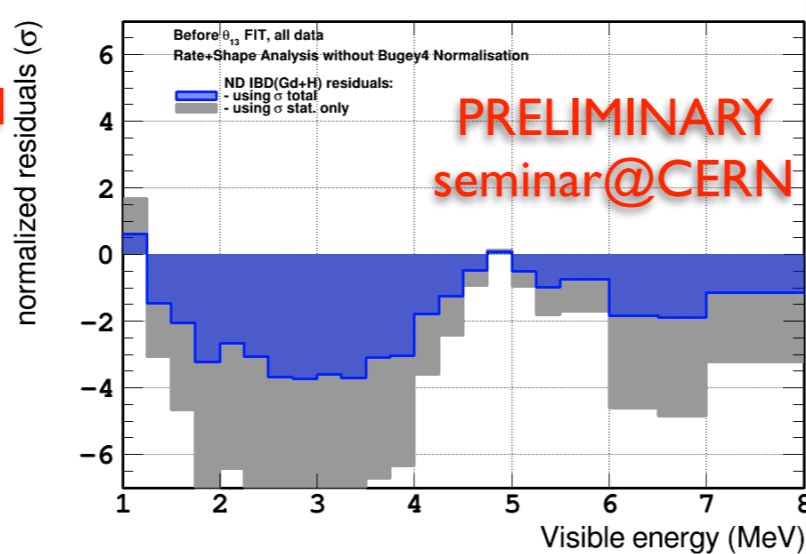
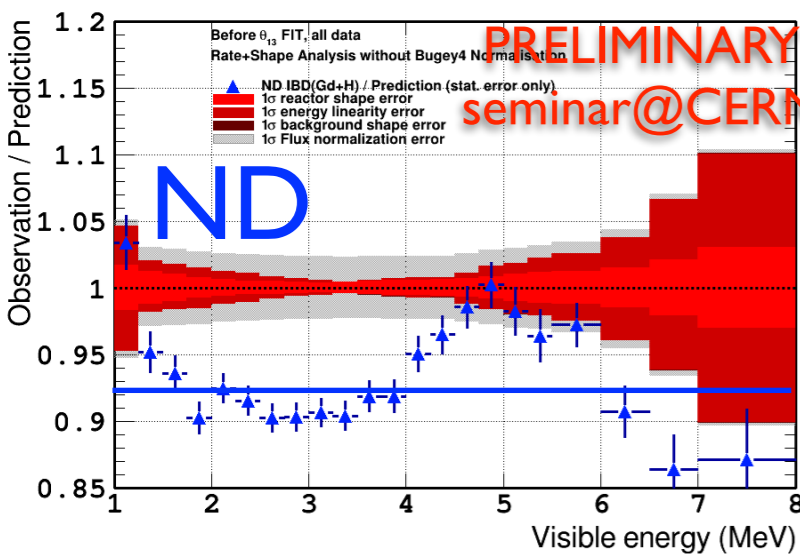
distorsions analysis with ND rate \oplus shape...



Shape-Only



R+S \oplus Bugey4



R+S \oplus ILL-prediction

test the existence of features
not biased by shape-only
assumption
(i.e. smaller errors)

shape-only \approx Bugey4
(consistency of Bugey4?)

non-statical features

- which is deficit?
- which excess?
- which is OK?

\Rightarrow less evident!!

careful analysis before stating
the "trouble region"
is bump problem really?
(maybe no bump whatsoever)

(bias question \Rightarrow bias answer)

what's going (i.e. mechanism)?

answer: **nobody knows for sure!**
(several suggestions, but none conclusive)

a few cases (not exhaustive — sorry)...

- [nuclear] (un/mis)accounted β branches (Ru, etc) **[R+S]**
- [Hayes et al] unaccounted transition (forbidden, etc) **[R+S]**
 - [Hayes et al] Z(effective) correction **[R+S]***
 - [DYB \oplus Giunti et al] ^{235}U off by $\approx 2\sigma$ **[R+S?]**

(very long etc...)

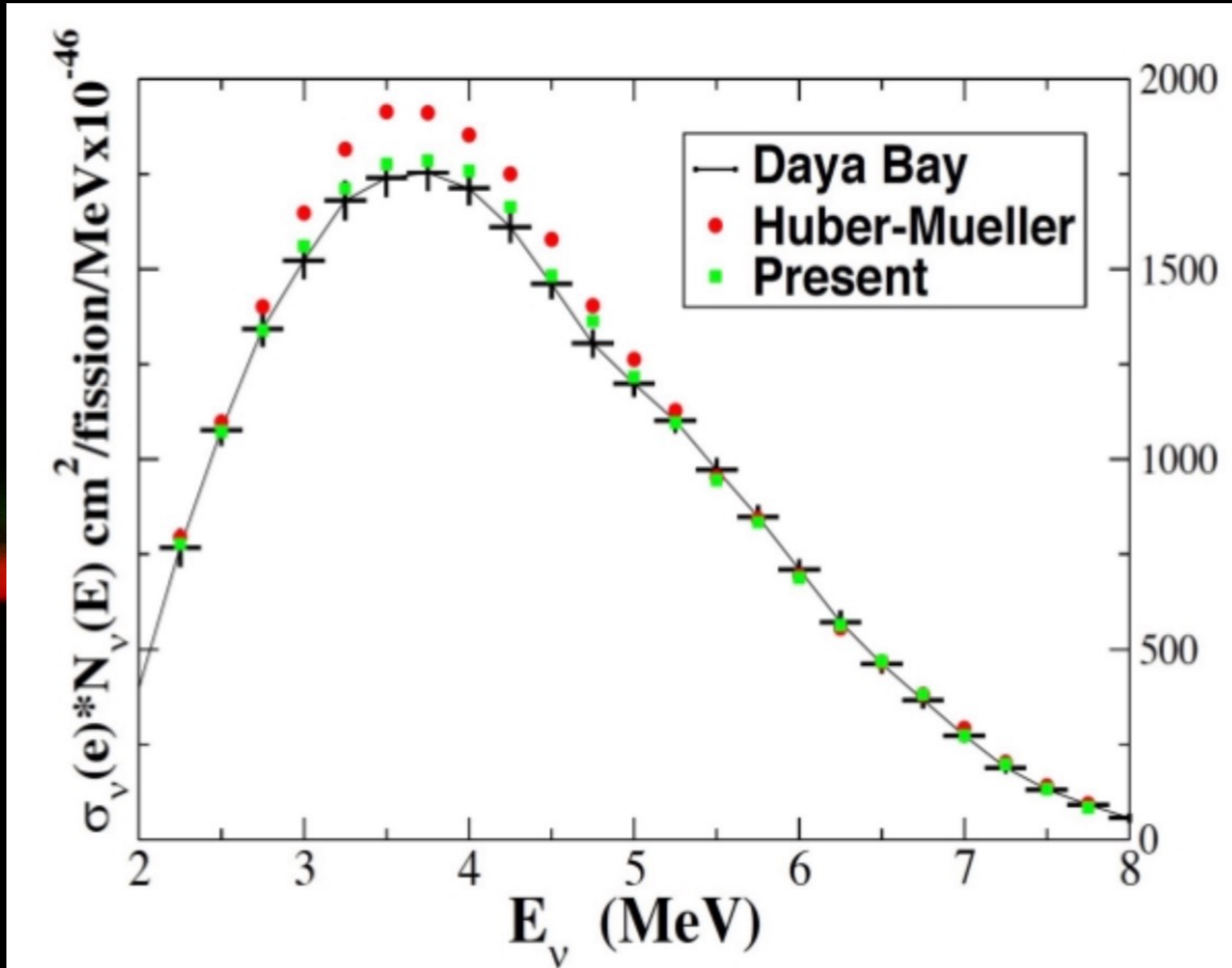
and/or

- [Mention et al] energy distorsion **[Shape-Only protect]**

[Alejandro's talk]

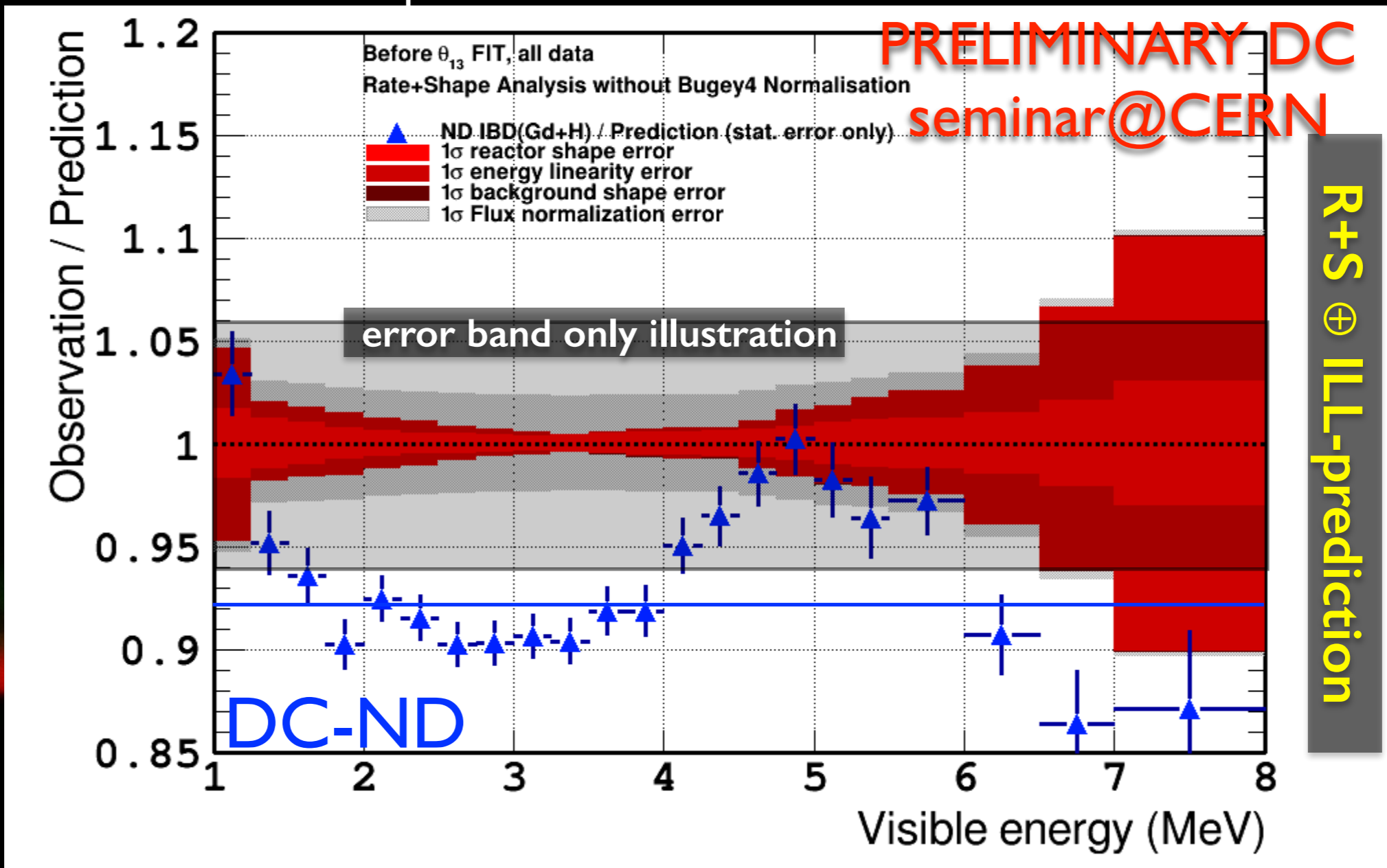
[Kam-Biu's talk]

[Vogel might like to add further]



Z(efficient) correction alone: solve all?
 (likely solution is combination of several effects)

R+S reactor spectral issue → new uncertainty?



reactor spectrum is prediction complex issue [well motivated issues → uncertainties]

⇒ exact mechanism behind R+S features (deficit ⊕ distortion) is unknown

a (combined) solution ever? likely combination of several issues

(my opinion)

new uncertainty budget is most important (while mechanism's remain unclear)

reactor neutrino measurement vs prediction: no uncertainty better ~6% (rough)

(⇒ probe sterile neutrino hypothesis only via data-driven measurements; i.e. no predictions)

STRUCTURE

careful!

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A joint Fermilab/SLAC publication

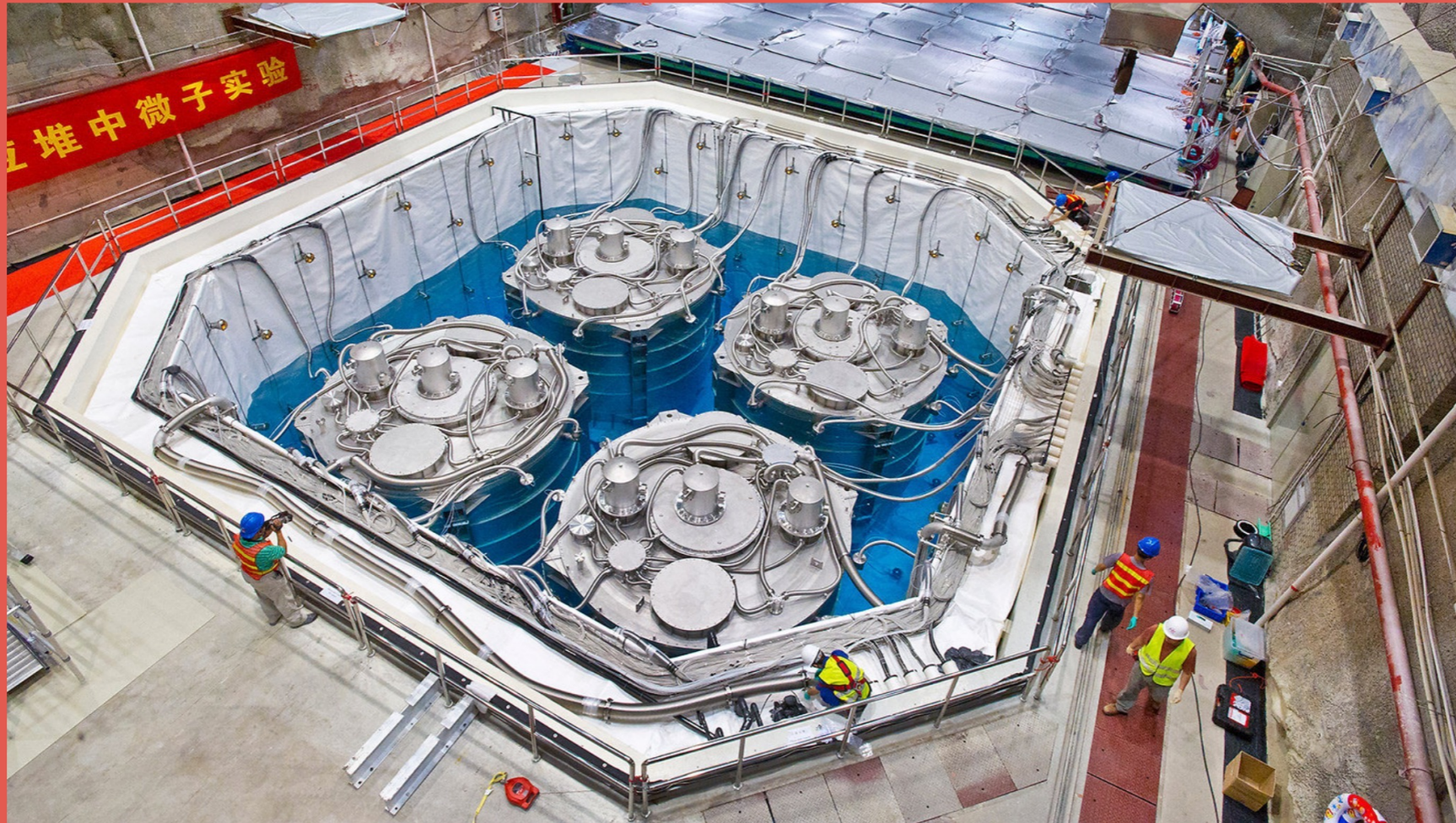


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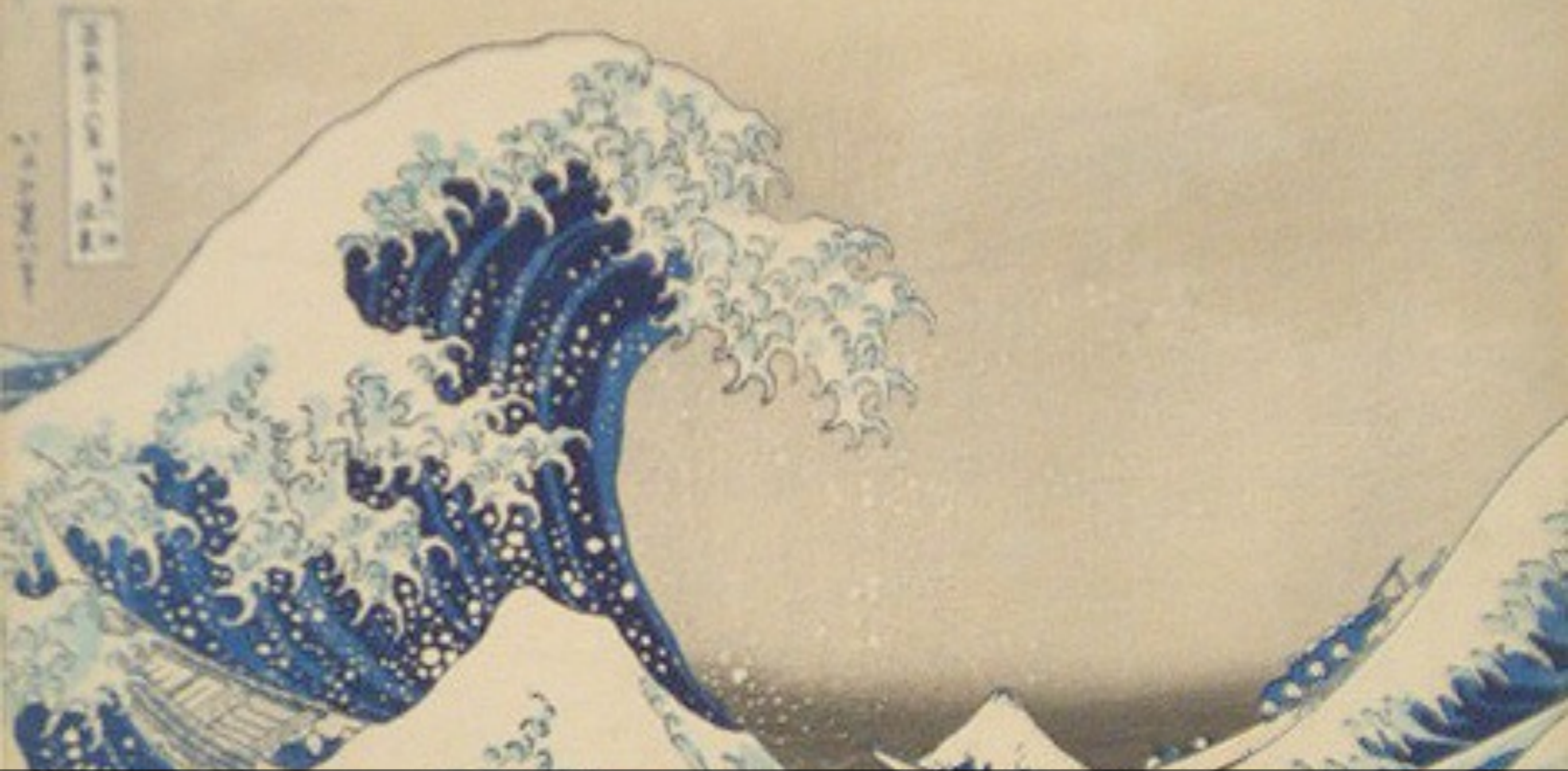
Daya Bay discovers a mismatch

02/12/16 | By Kathryn Jepsen

The latest measurements from the Daya Bay neutrino experiment in China don't align with predictions from nuclear theory.

actually, prediction is (much) based on data (ILL, fits, etc)

no collaboration (so far) has claimed any “discovery” → but **symmetry** does!



what to remember...?

- DC (despite ND delay) **delivering high precision & accuracy physics...** (more to come)
 - **high quality analyses demonstrated** (all through our history)...
 - every-single “inconsistency” found has been indeed an issue: $\geq 2\sigma$ suffice? (surprising)
 - latest **H \oplus C \oplus Gd IBD a master piece** \rightarrow yield higher precision (stats & systematics)
 - **DC-FD(30tons)** comparable $\sim 2x$ **DYB-FD** and $\sim 2x$ **larger than RENO-FD**
- **DC-IV PRELIMINARY results @ CERN...** (publication's soon)
 - **new $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$: non-statistical $\sim 2.0\sigma$ wrt DYB: ok agreement? [systematics review]**
 - **new reactor spectrum characterisation (rate \oplus shape): major improvement...**
 - **intriguing spectral distortions behaviour & implications**
 - **DC-ND** superseding past world best reactor references ~~Bugey4~~ & ~~Bugey3~~
 - complementary info to DYB (powerful statistics @ ND)
 - **ILL-based prediction error budget is questioned: new error budget?**
- (@NEUTRINO) **DC world best IBD-directionality measurements** [backup] \rightarrow **still improving!!**

more in our paper(s) very soon...

stay tune!

[our DC languages]

obrigado...

merci...

danke...

ありがとう...

Спасибо...

gracias...

thank you...

谢谢...

hvala...