

High Energy Analysis at KamLAND and Application to Dark Matter Search

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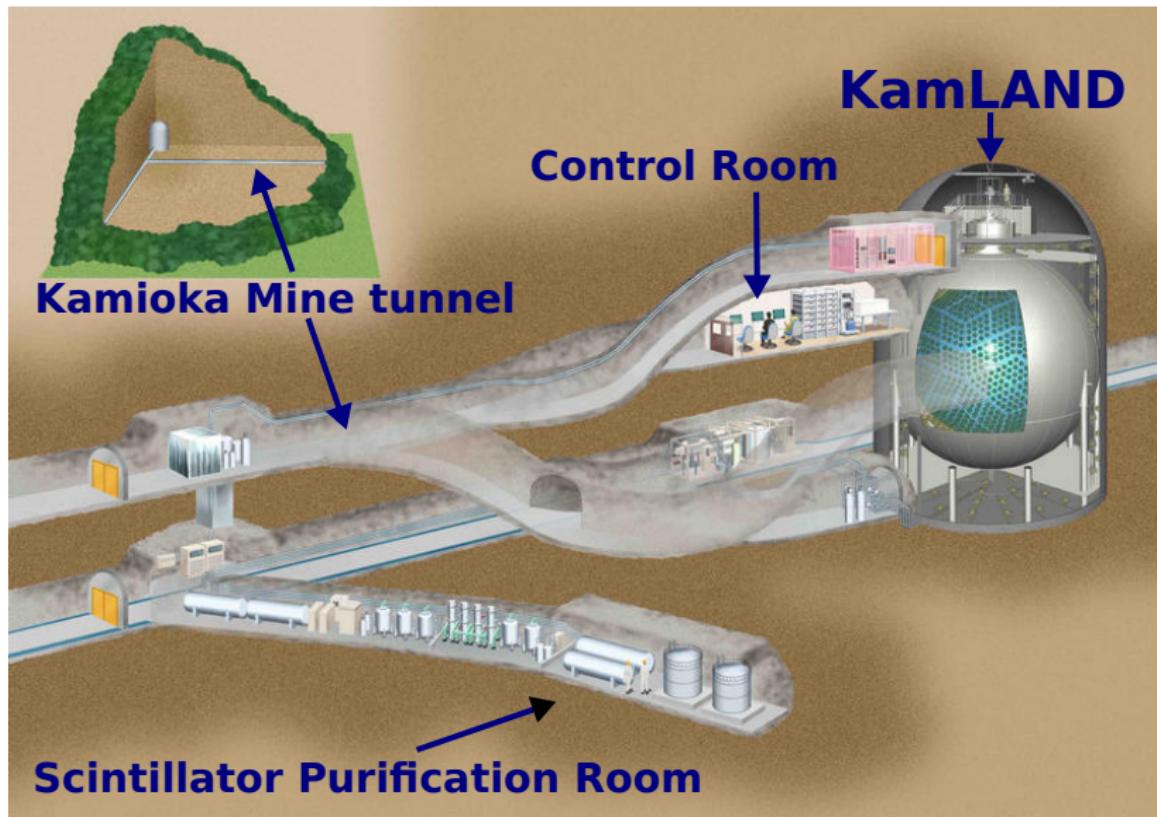
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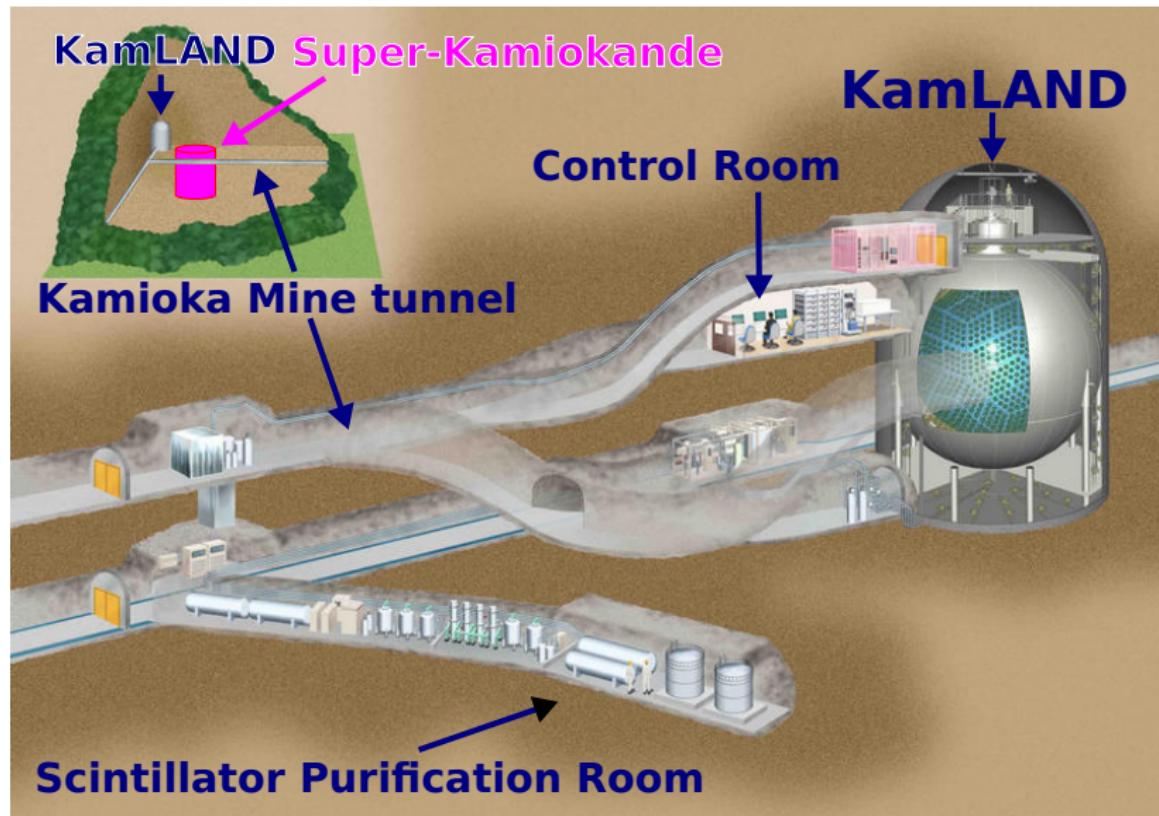
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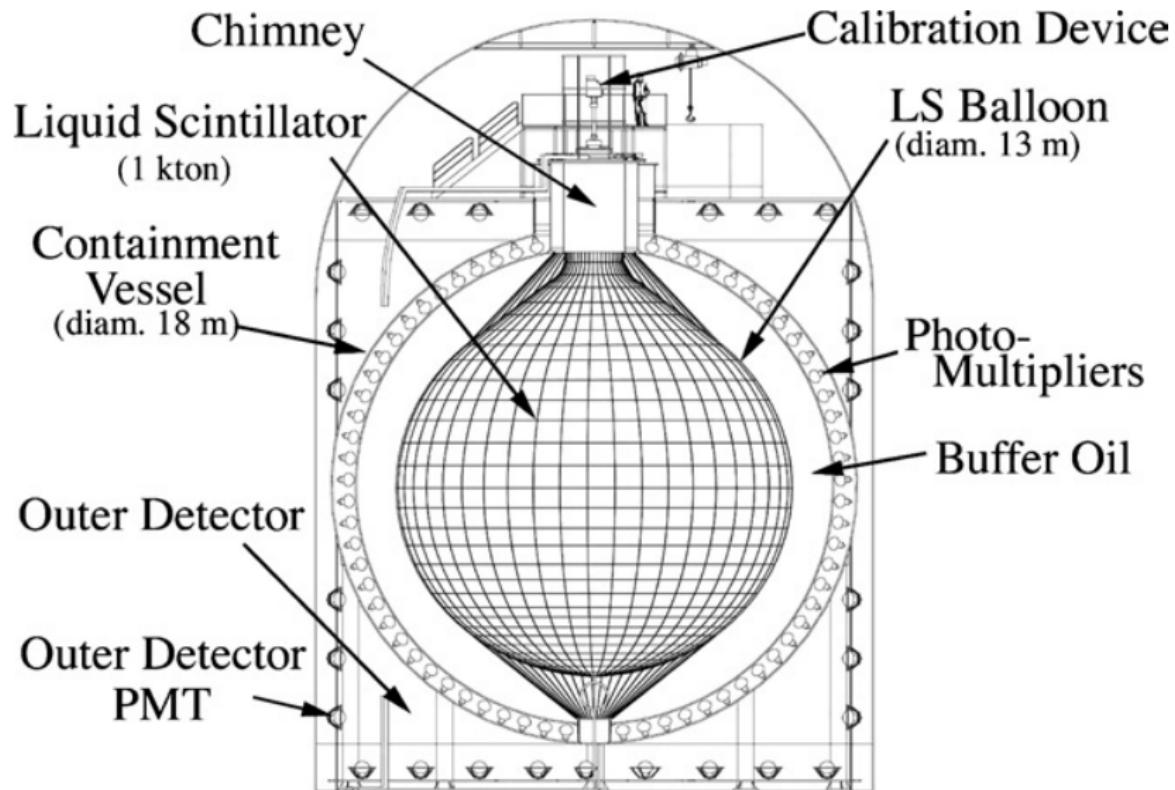
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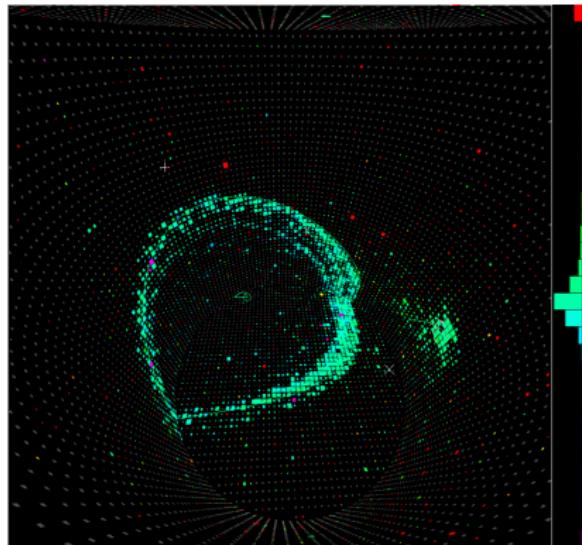
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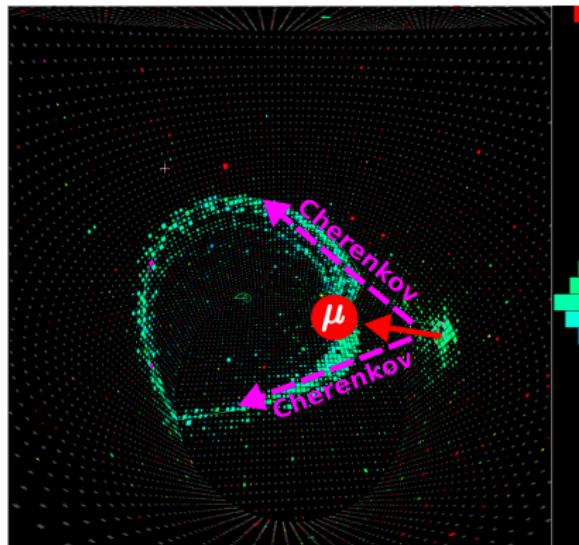
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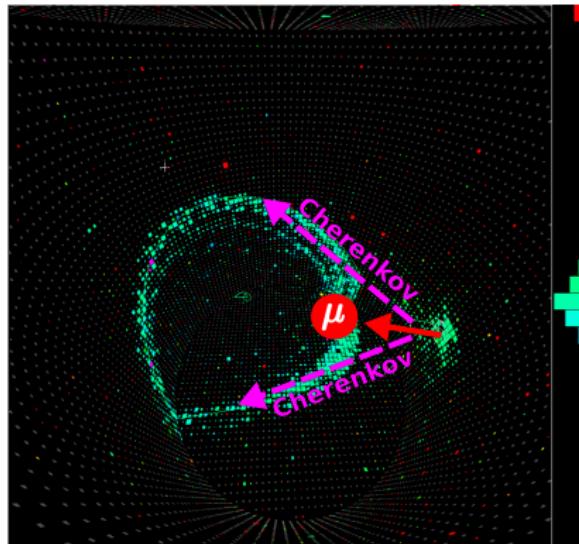
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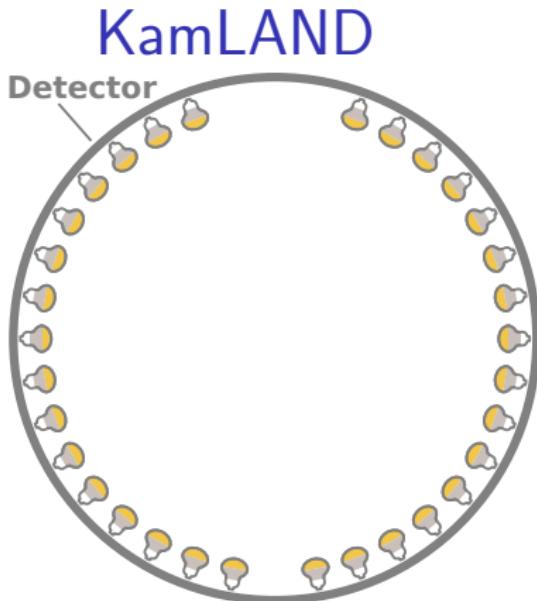
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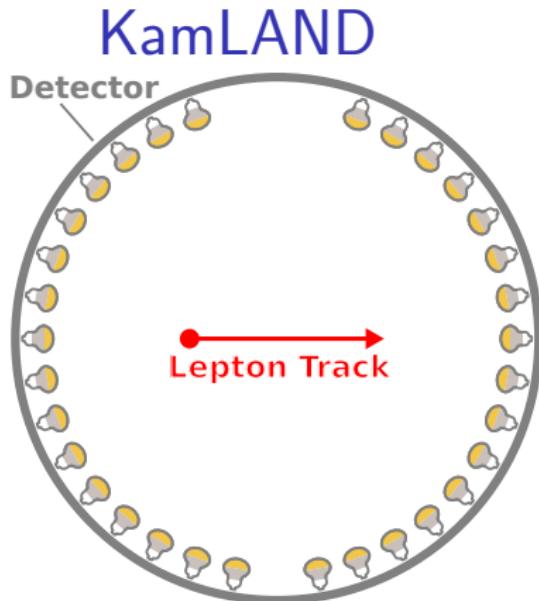


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- ▶ Can we do something similar in scintillator?

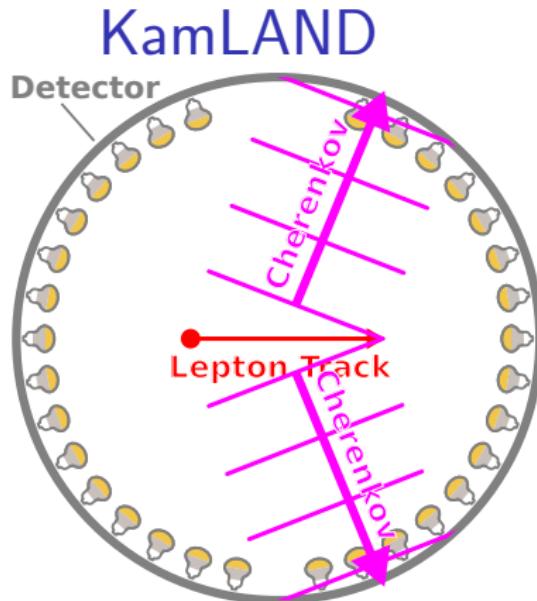
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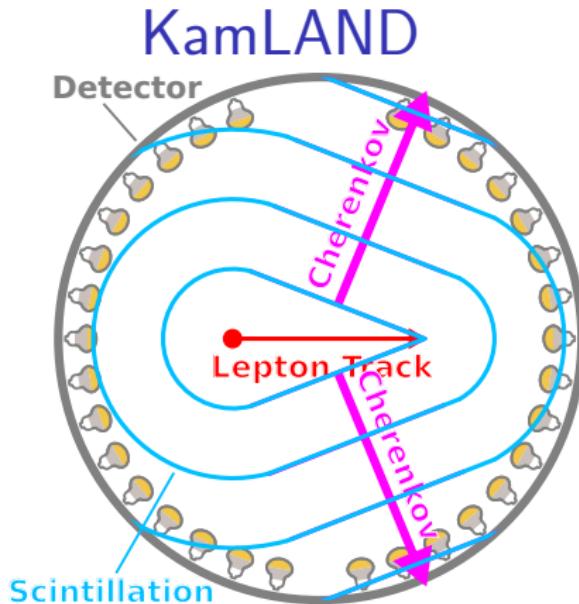


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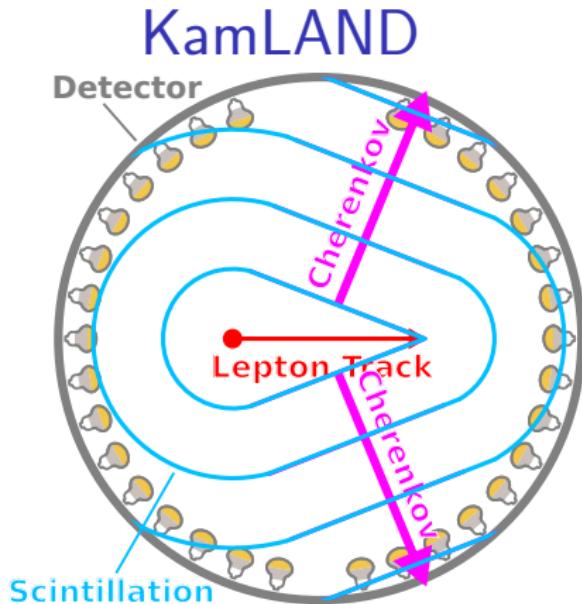
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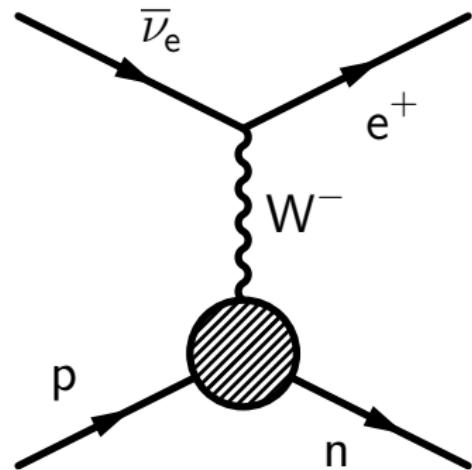
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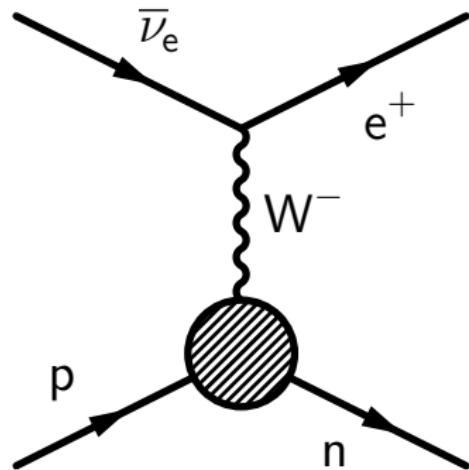
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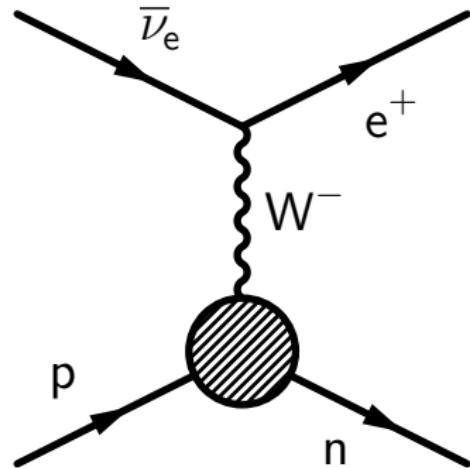
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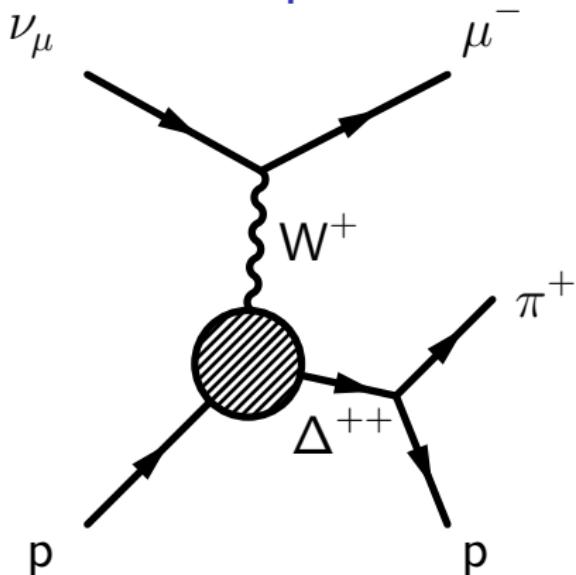
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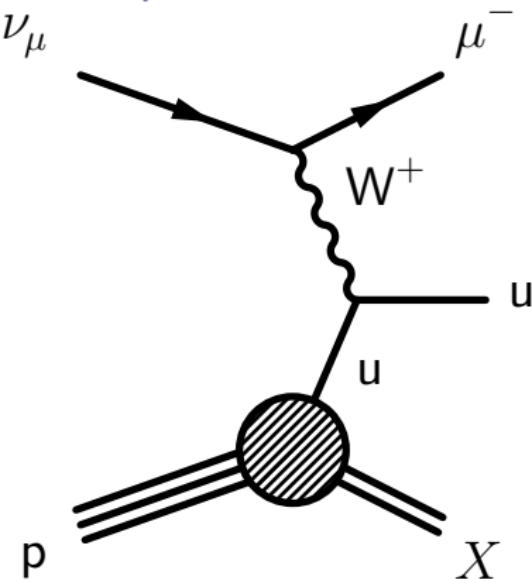
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- ▶ Single final-state lepton

But at higher energies, the kinematics is not so simple

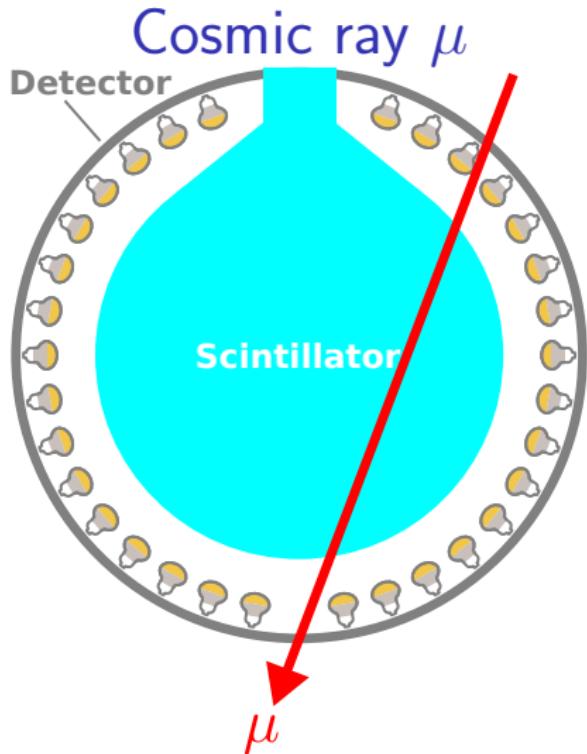
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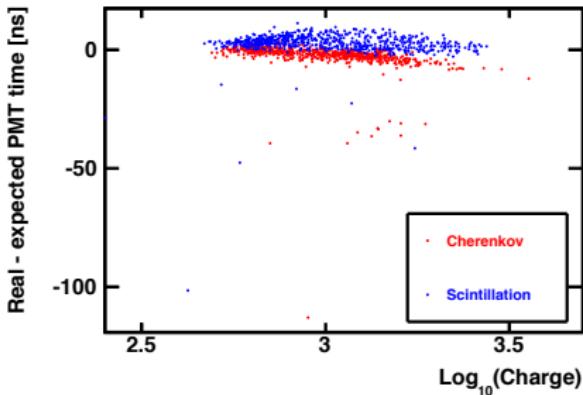
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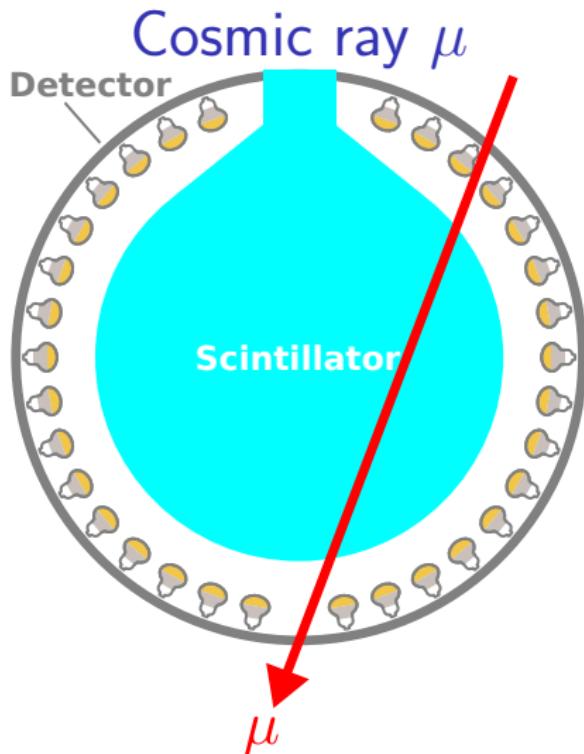
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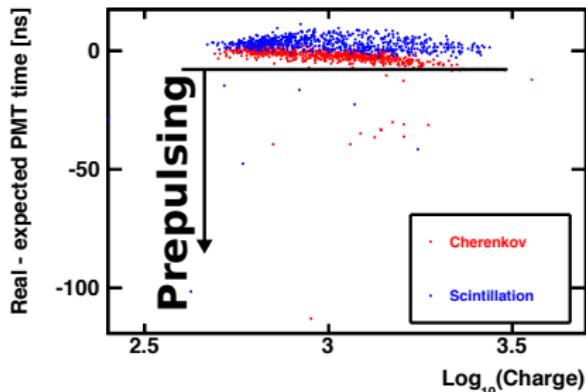
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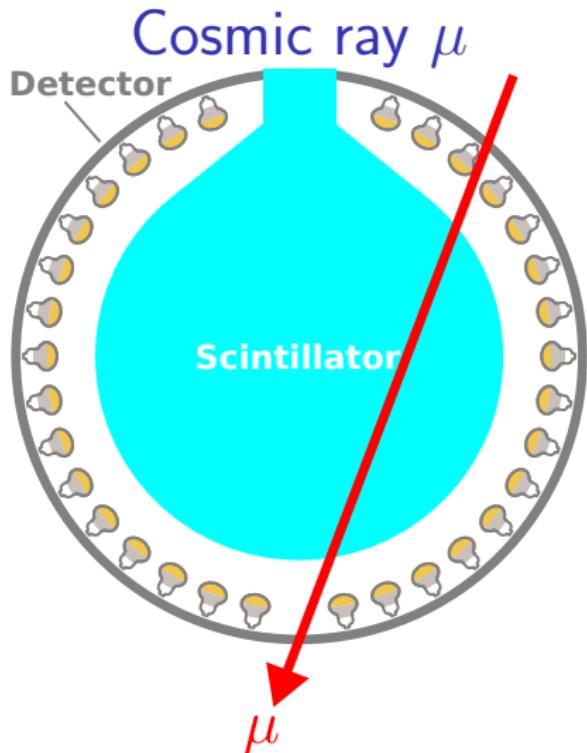
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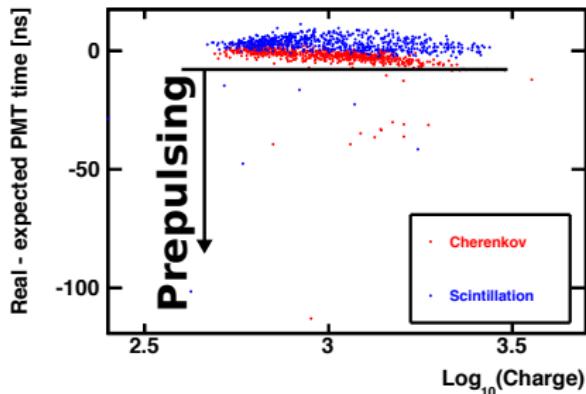
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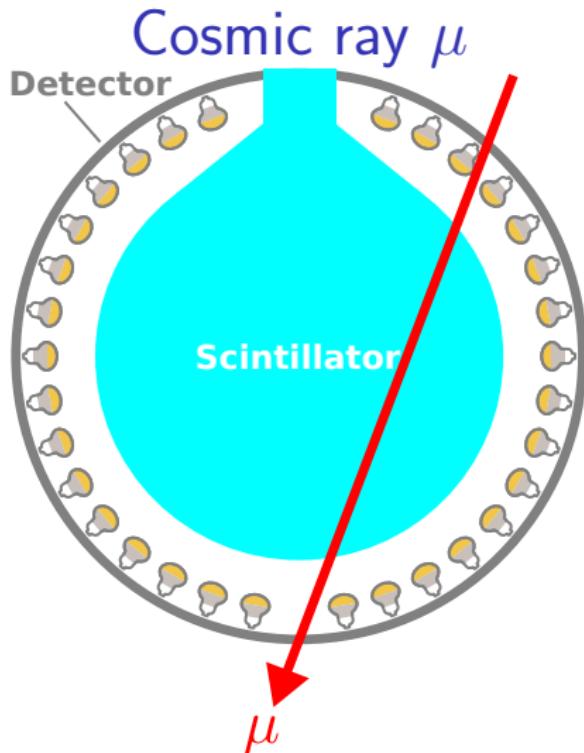


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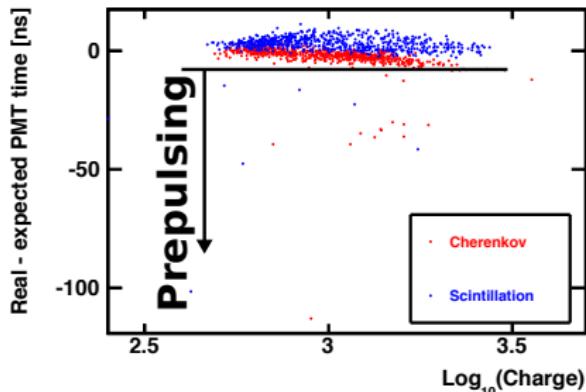


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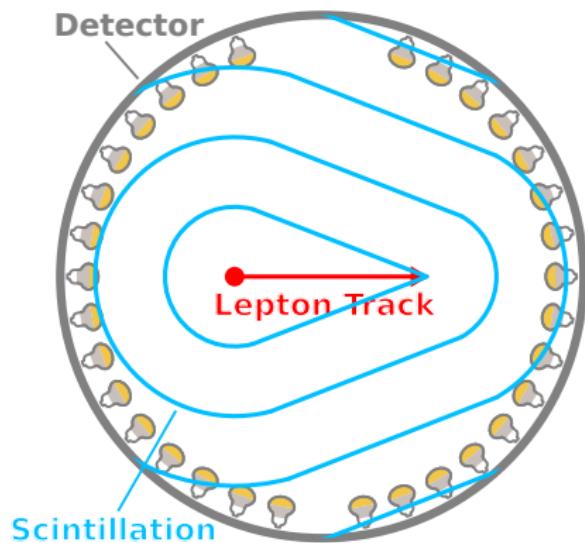
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- ▶ Or we can just use LAPPDs!

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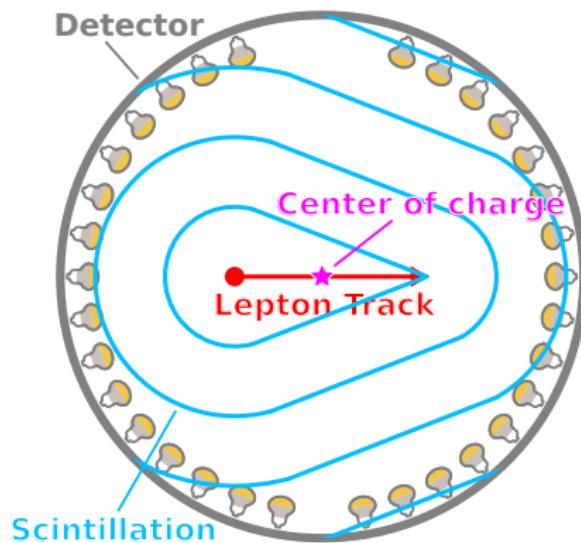
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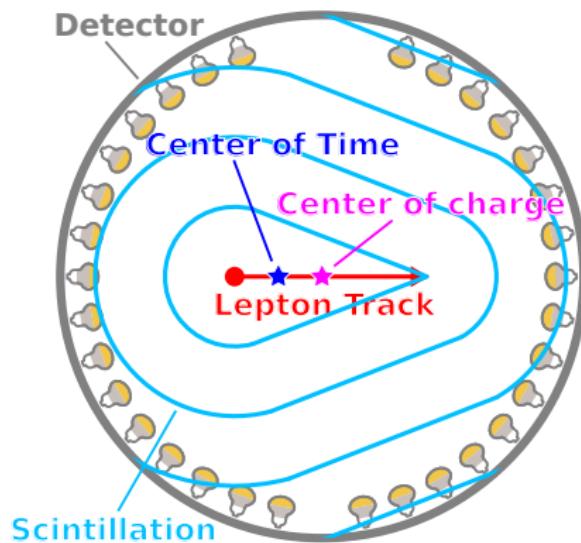


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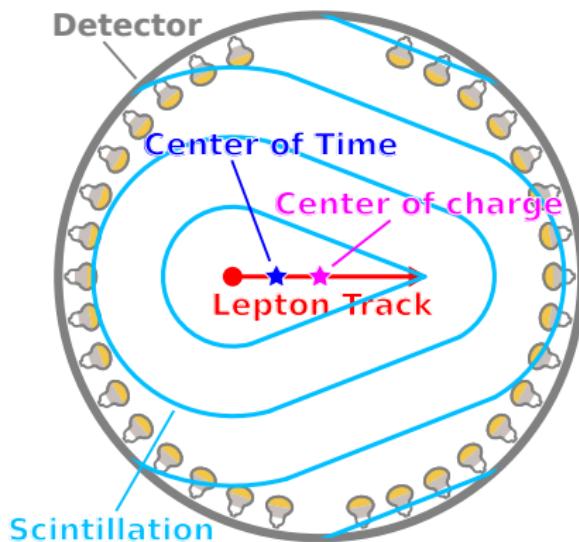


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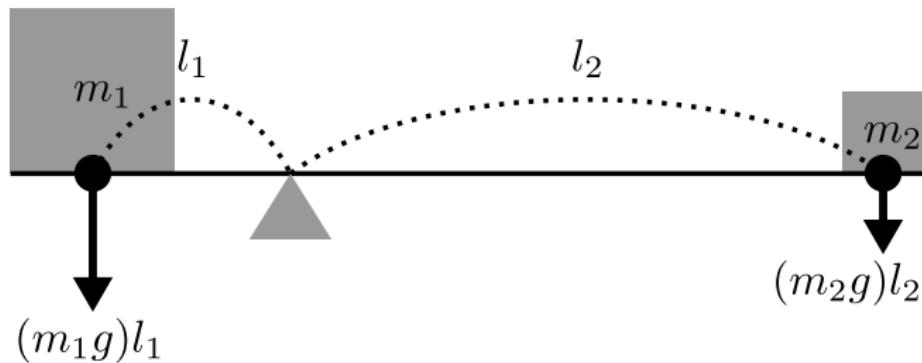
- ▶ But, what do we use for the weights in the **weighted mean**:

$$\frac{\sum_i w_i x_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

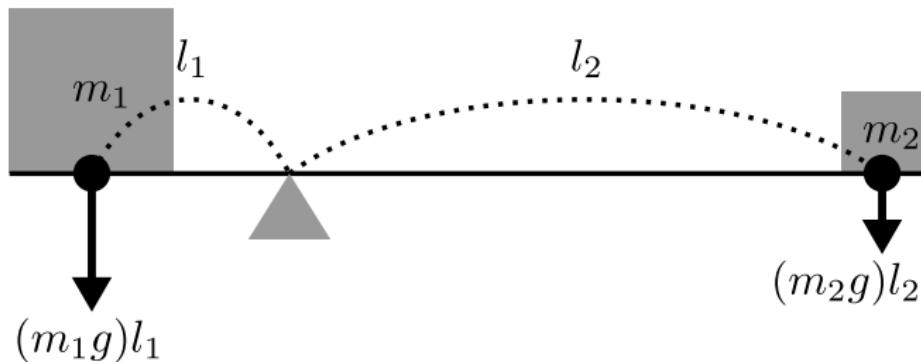
when calculating center of charge and time?

Let's review some basic
physics...

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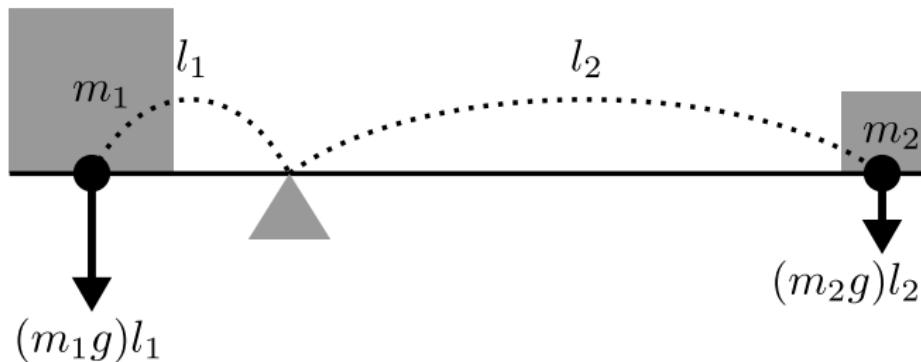
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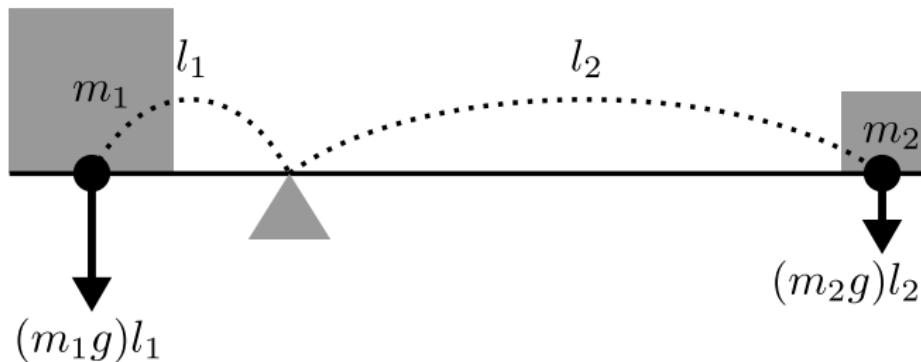
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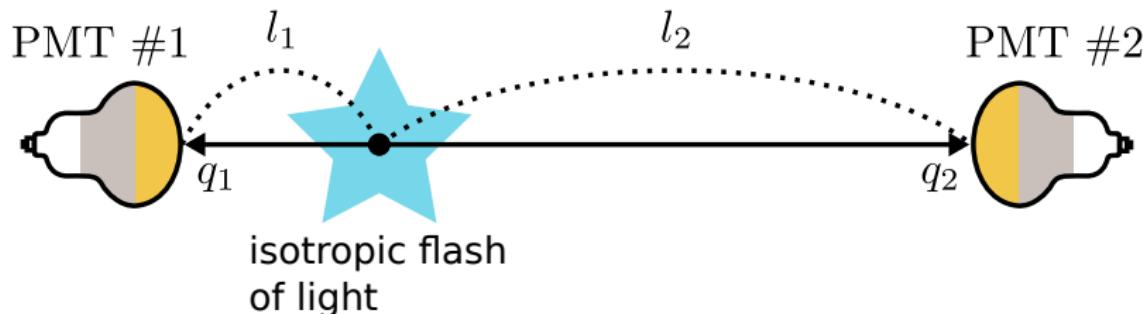
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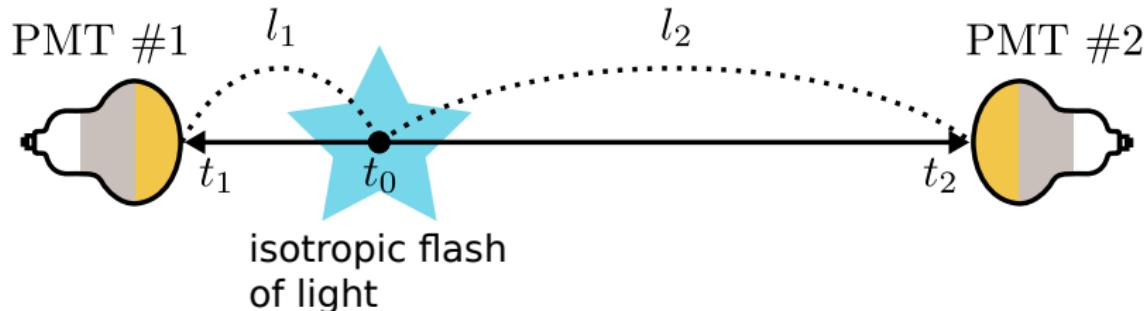
$$q_1 \propto \frac{1}{l_1^2}, \quad q_2 \propto \frac{1}{l_2^2}$$

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$$\text{Let } \Delta t_i \equiv t_i - t_0$$

$$\implies \Delta t_1 = \frac{l_1}{c}, \quad \Delta t_2 = \frac{l_2}{c}$$

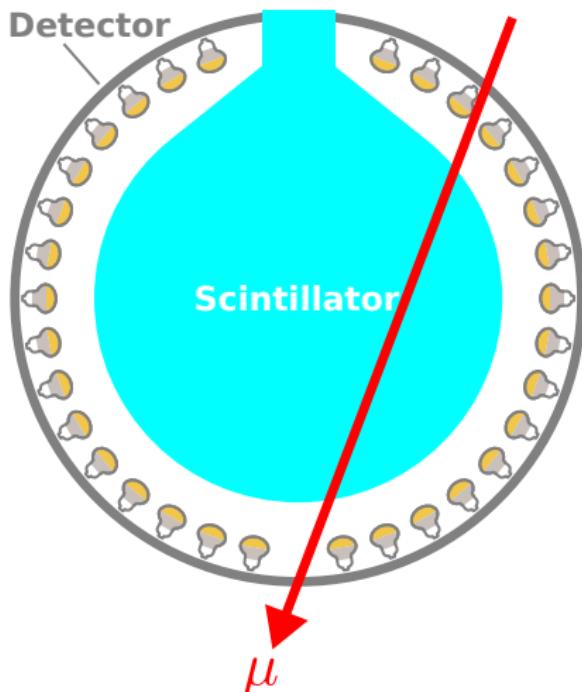
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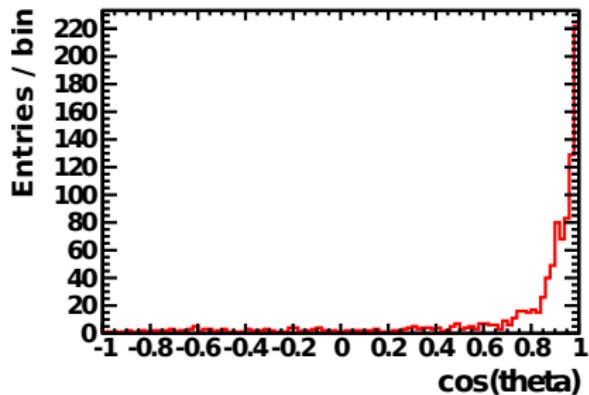
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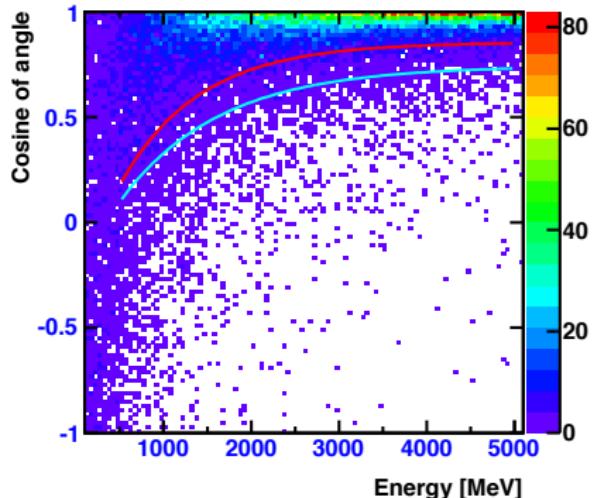
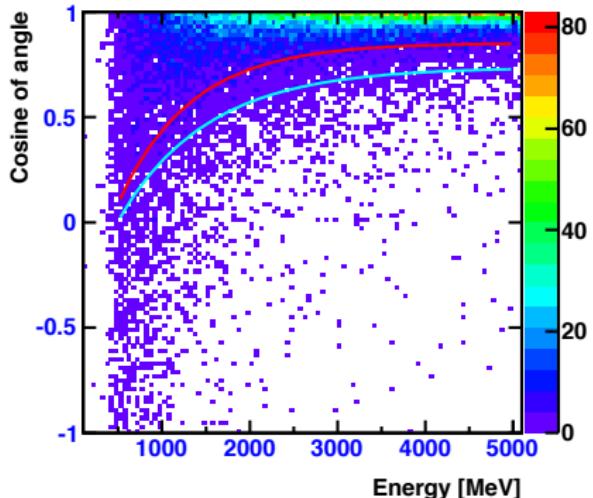
Cosmic ray μ



Agreement with μ -fitter
which uses
entry/exit points



Test algorithm against ν (MC)



Legend:

- 1σ of reconstructed angle from ν direction
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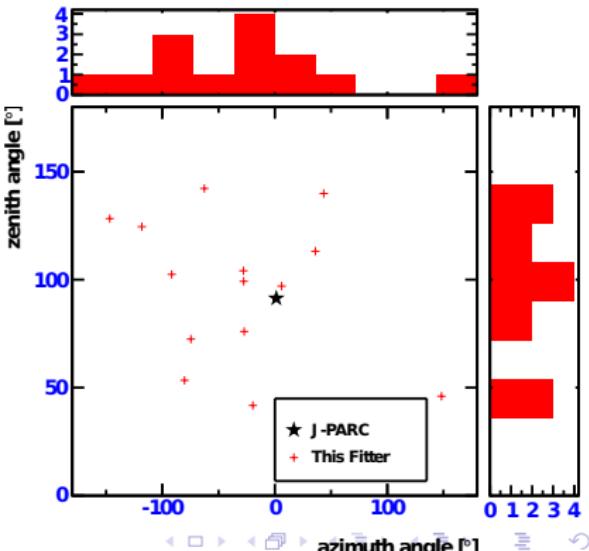
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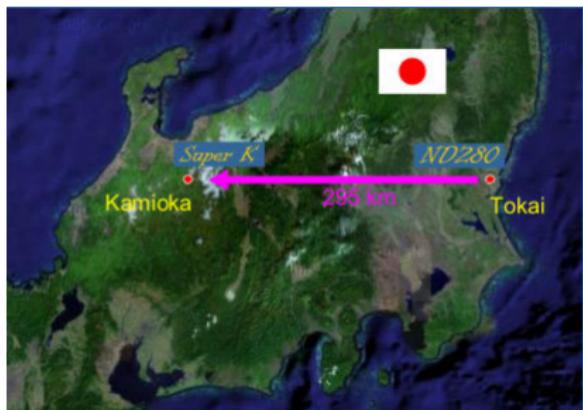
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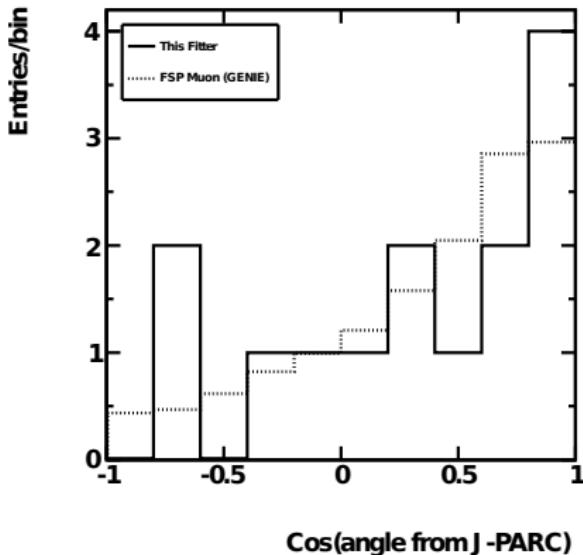
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Track Reconstruction and Particle ID

Hellgartner's algorithm

(former LENA grad student)

$$h(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PMT}}} \Theta(q_i - q_{\text{threshold}}) \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\gamma}} f(t_{ij} - t_i^{\text{TOF}}, t)$$

N_{PMT} : number of PMTs

N_{γ} : number of photon hits to count per PMT

q_i : charge on i -th PMT, $q_{\text{threshold}}$: minimum charge for analysis

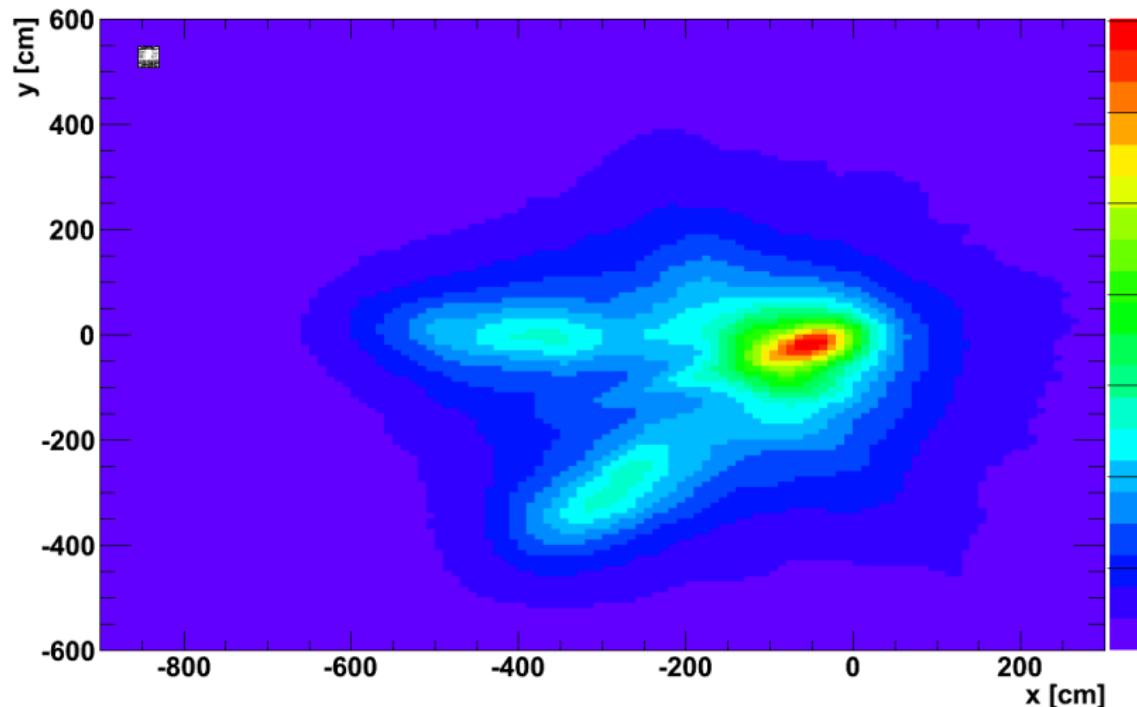
t_{ij} : j -th hit time on i -th PMT

t_i^{TOF} : expected time-of-flight between i -th PMT and \vec{x}

$$f(\Delta t, t) \propto (t - \Delta t) \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta t - t)^2}{2\sigma_{\text{tts}}} \right]$$

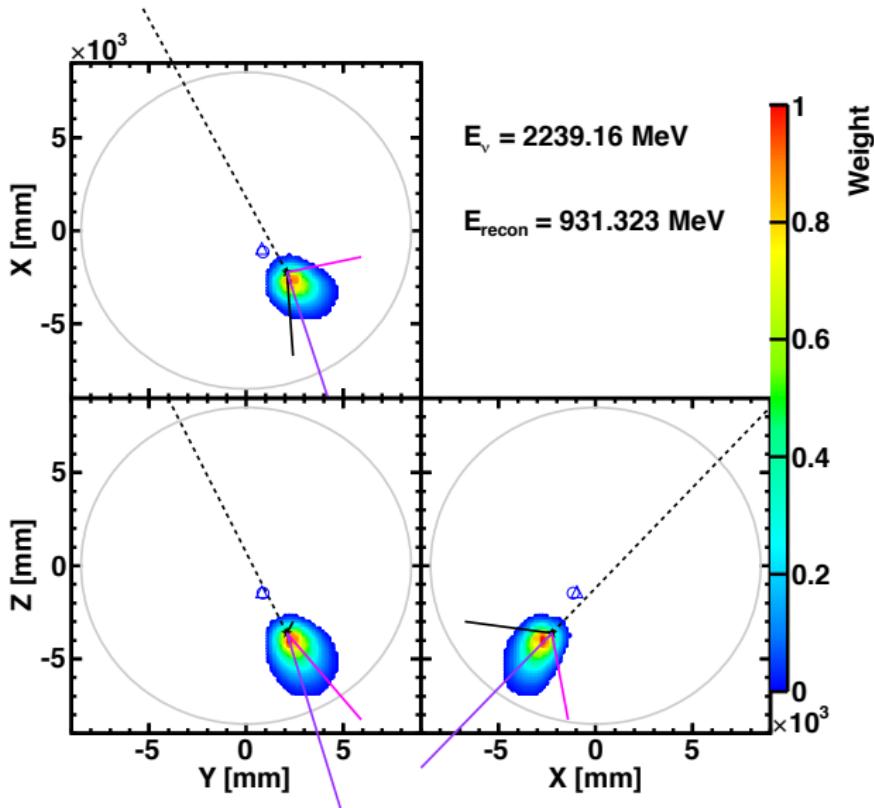
Figure of merit for each test point in space $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\vec{x}, t)|^2 dt$

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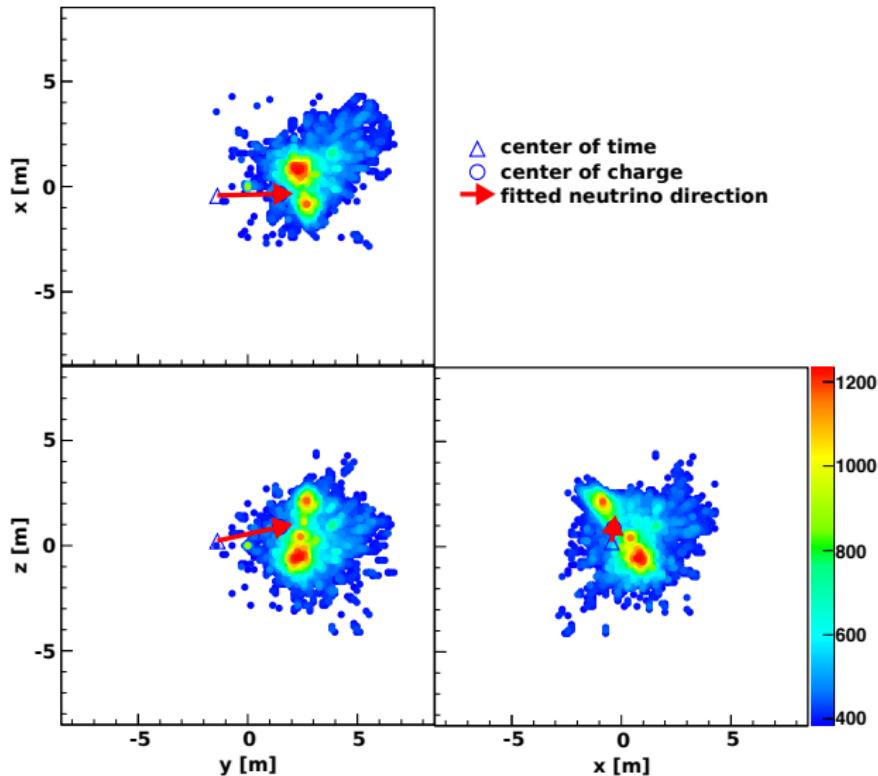
Dominikus Hellgartner

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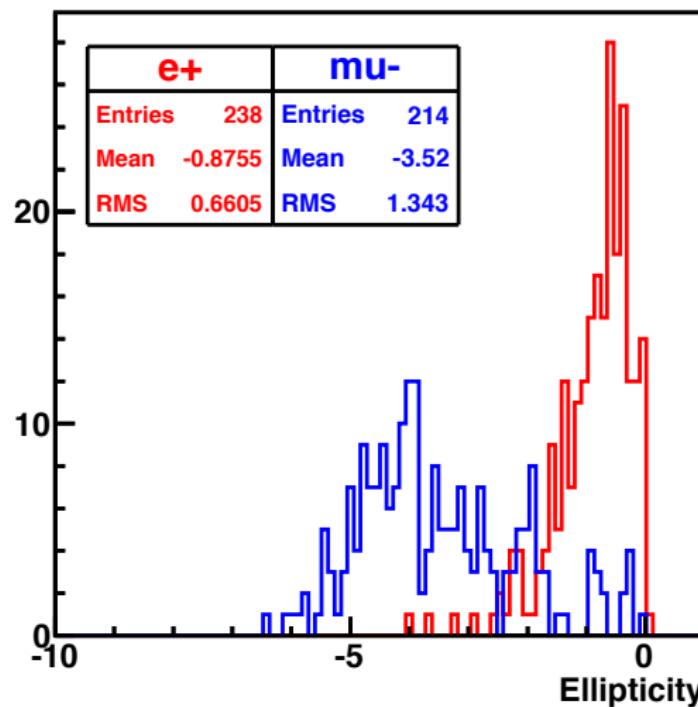
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($E_{\text{reconstructed}} = 363 \text{ MeV}$)



Test lepton discrimination (MC)

(Using track ellipticity)

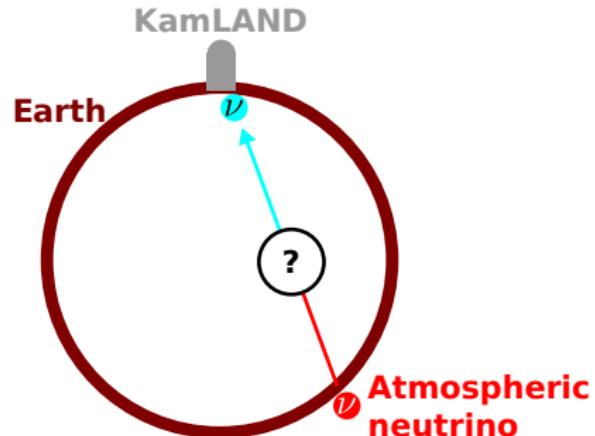
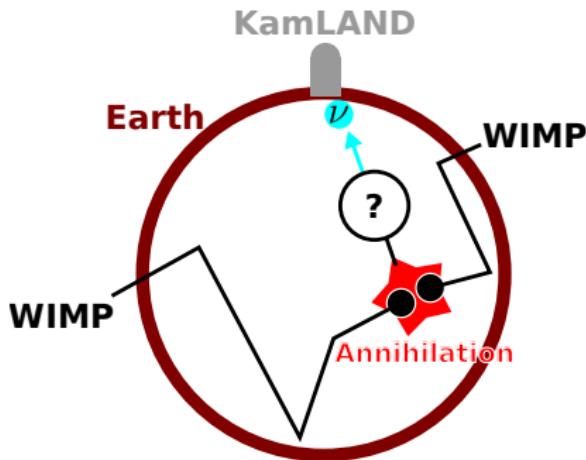


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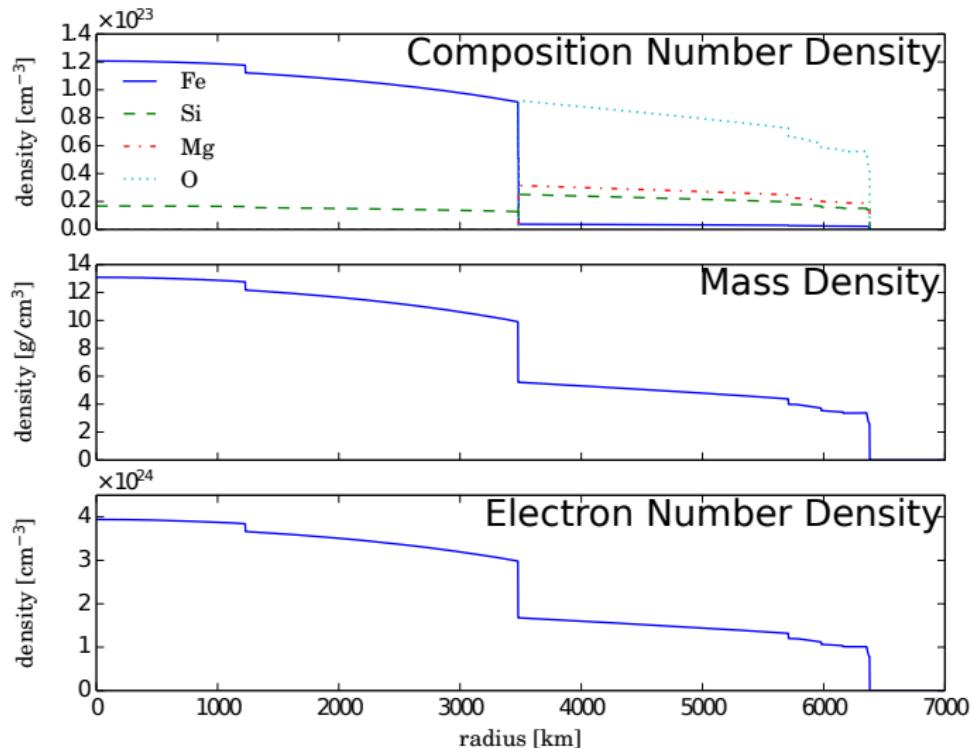
Dark matter detection scheme

Signal: Dark matter (WIMP)
annihilation induced ν

Background: atmospheric ν



Earth Model (PREM)

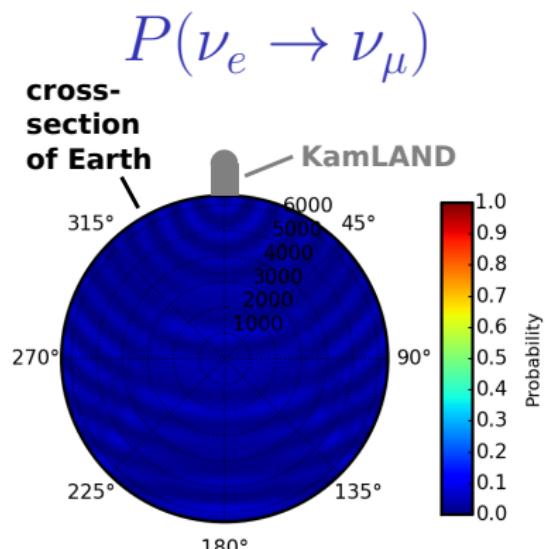
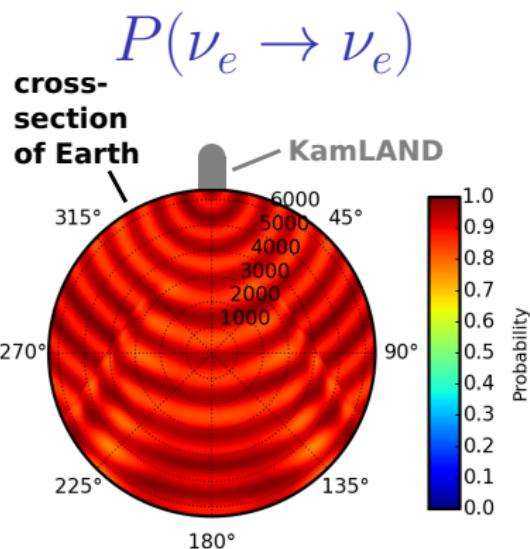


Neutrino Oscillation Parameters

(normal hierarchy, PDG 2014)

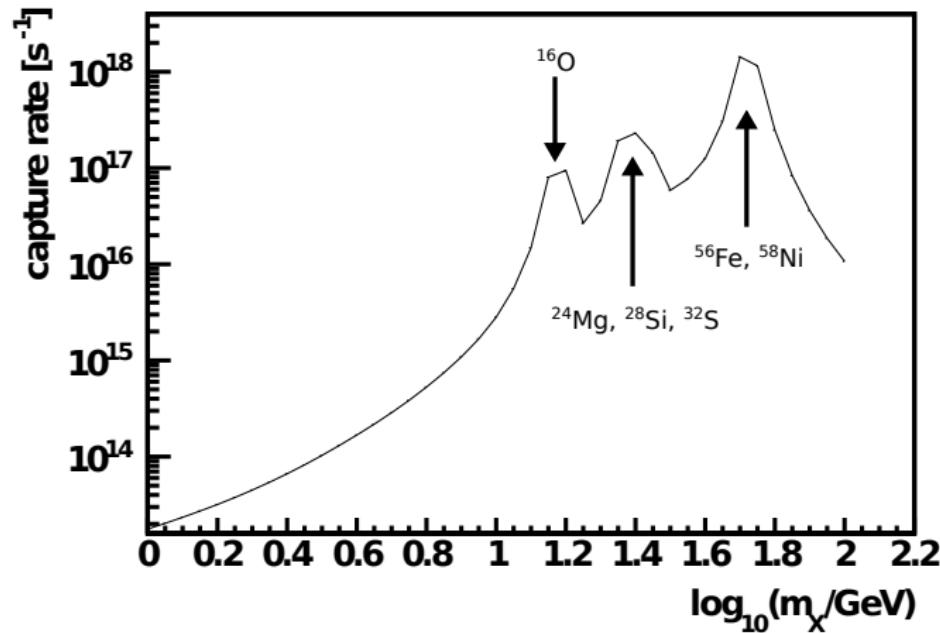
- ▶ $\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.846 \pm 0.021$
 $\implies \theta_{12} = 33.45^\circ$
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 $\implies \theta_{13} = 8.88^\circ$
- ▶ $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 0.999^{+0.001}_{-0.018}$
 $\implies \theta_{23} = 44.09^\circ$
- ▶ $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.53 \pm 0.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$
- ▶ $\Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.52 \pm 0.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

$1 \text{ GeV } \nu_e$ oscillation probability $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x)$ from inside Earth to KamLAND



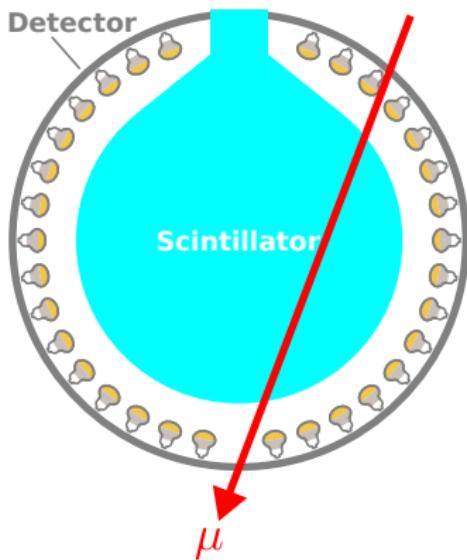
Dark matter capture in Earth vs mass m_x

(Spin-independent cross-section $\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 1 \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$)

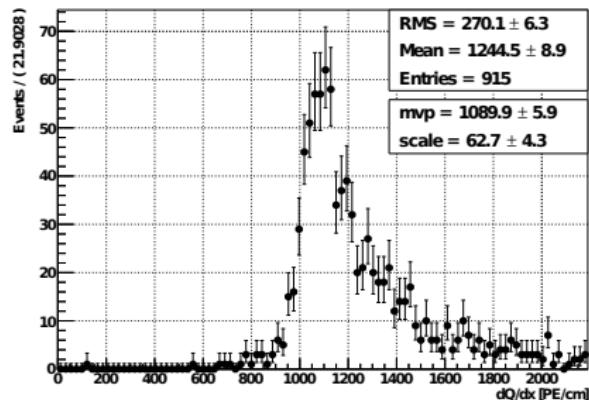


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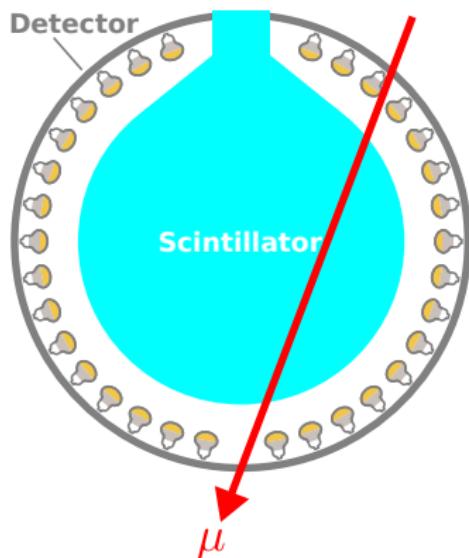


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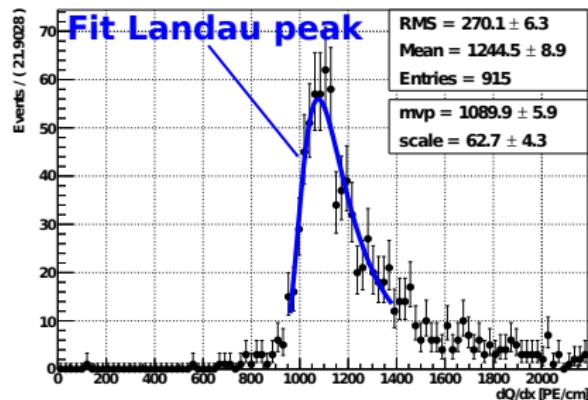


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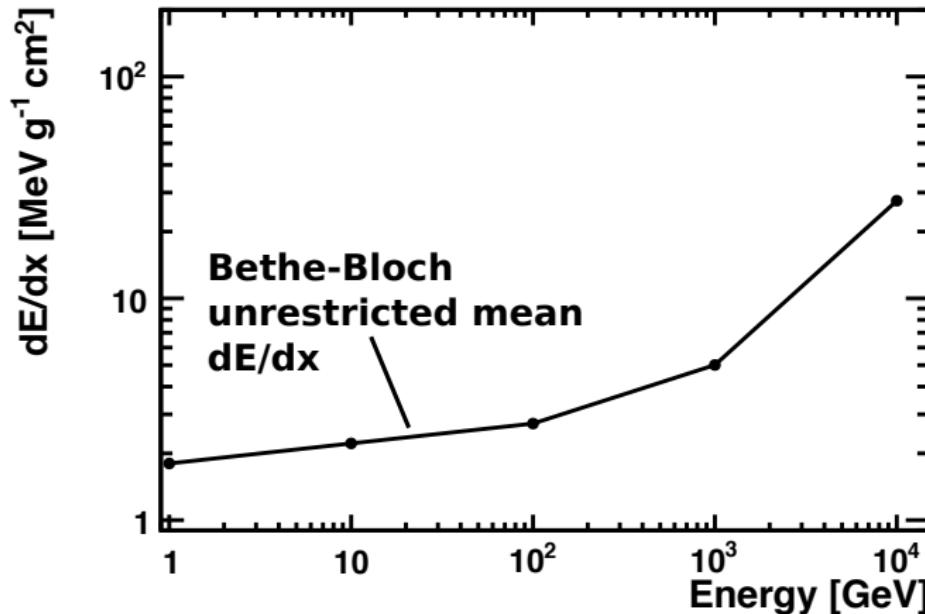
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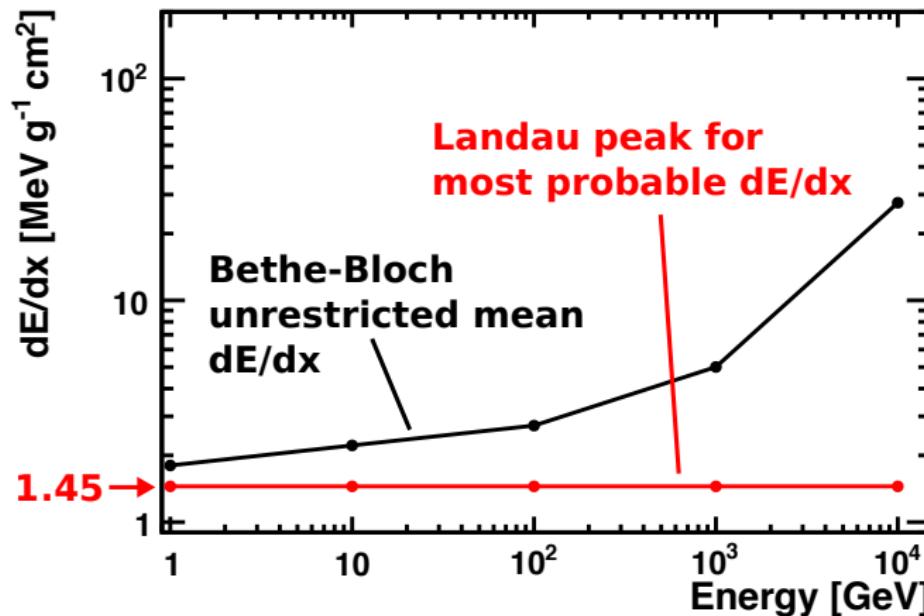
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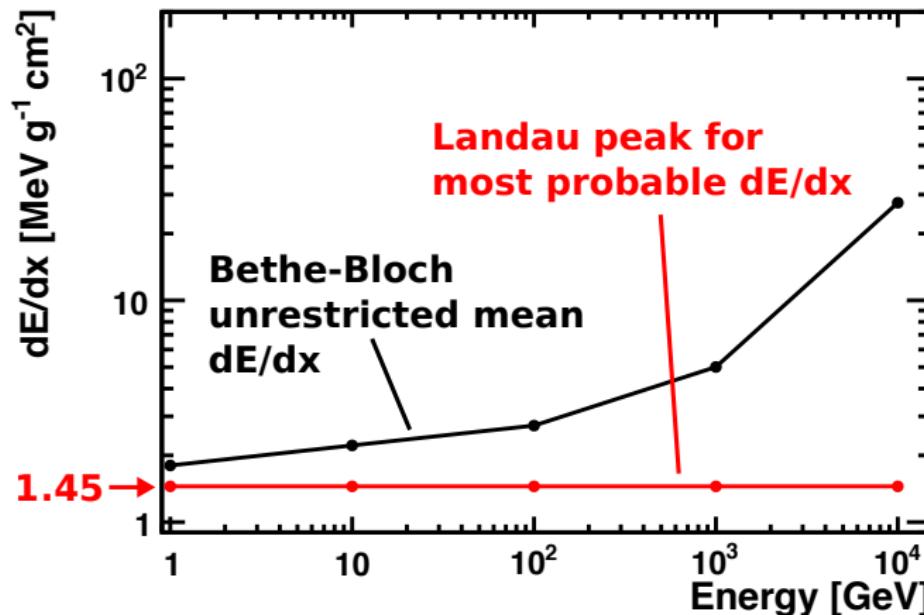


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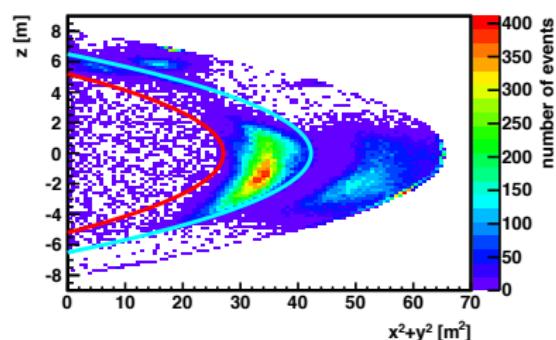
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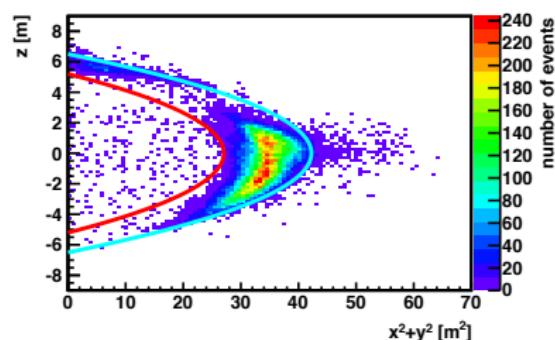
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 - ▶ $E_{\text{reconstructed}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$ (predicted by theory)

Reconstructed Vertex (data)

$E_{\text{reconstructed}} > 30 \text{ MeV}$



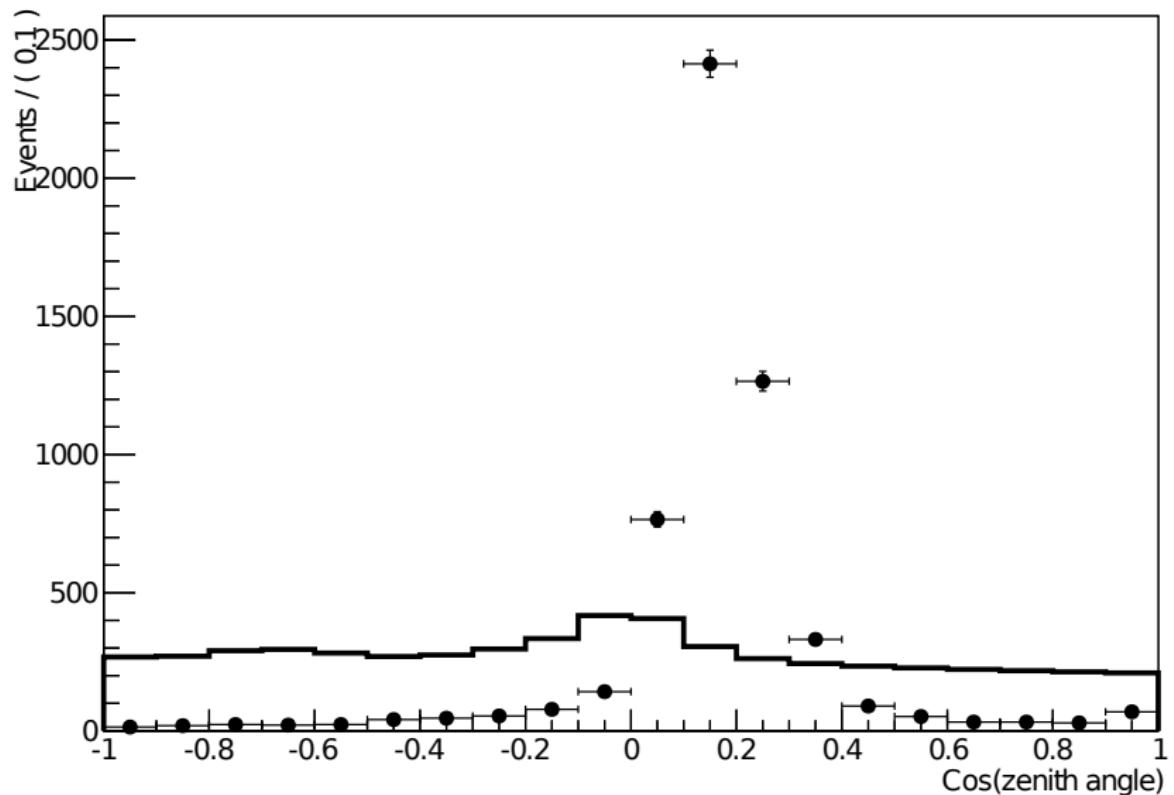
$E_{\text{reconstructed}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$



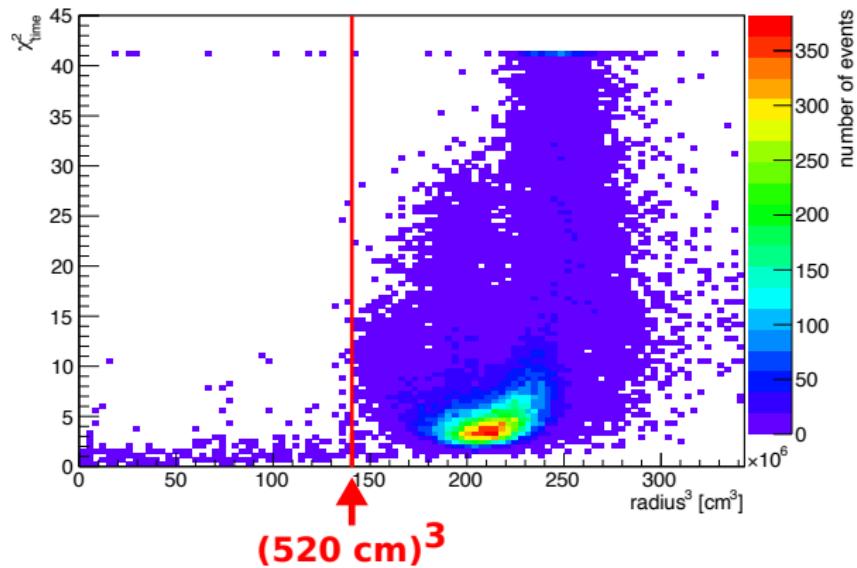
Legend:

- 5.2 m radius fiducial volume cut
- 6.5 m radius balloon edge

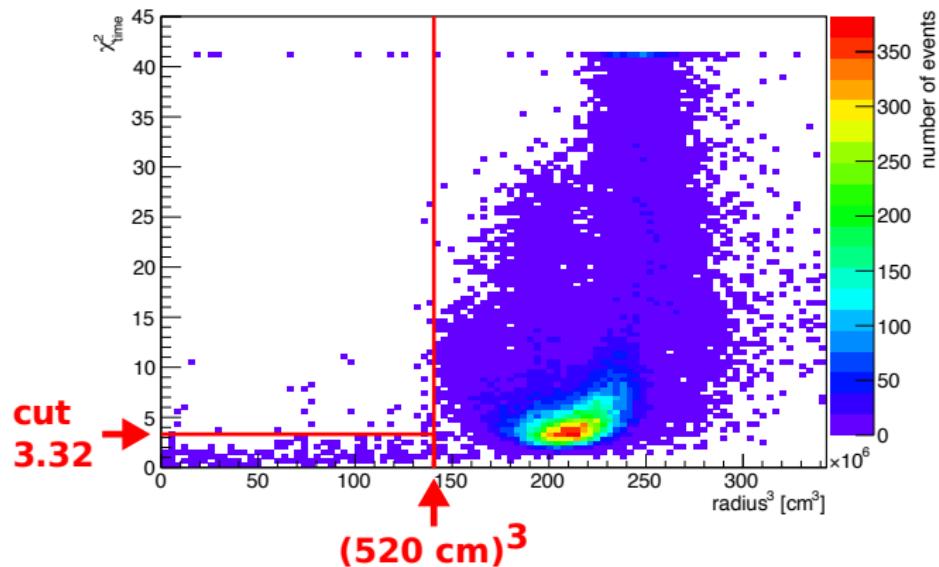
Fit data to background model



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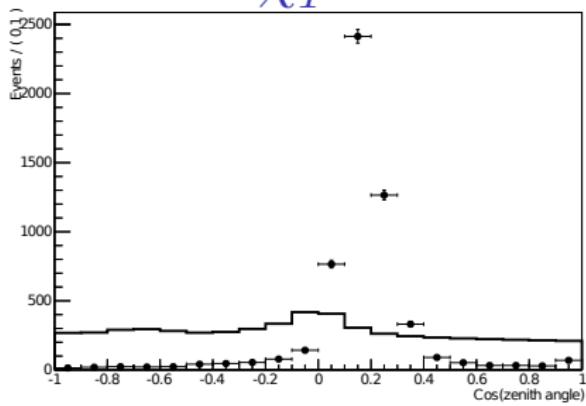


- ▶ Reject events that are too elongated in shape (most likely μ)

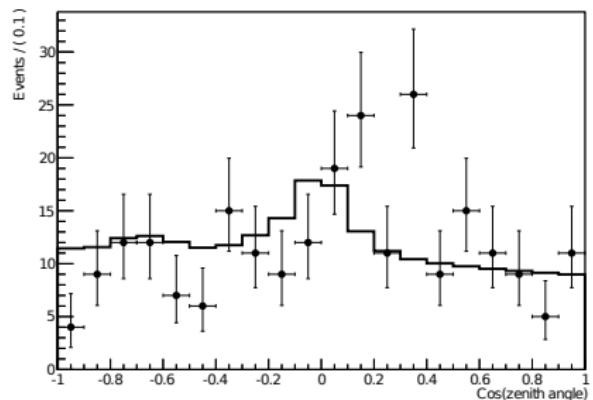
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(with $\chi_T^2 < 3.32$ cut)

No χ_T^2 cut



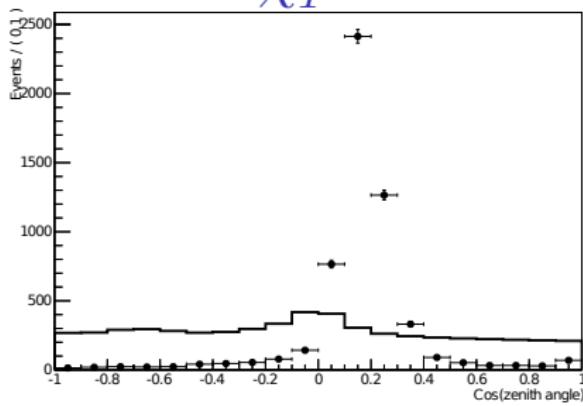
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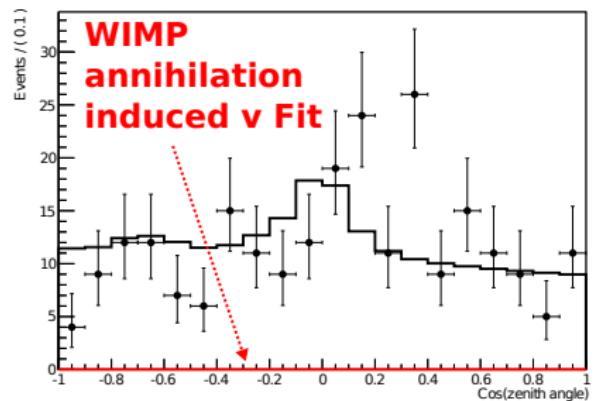
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Event rate equation

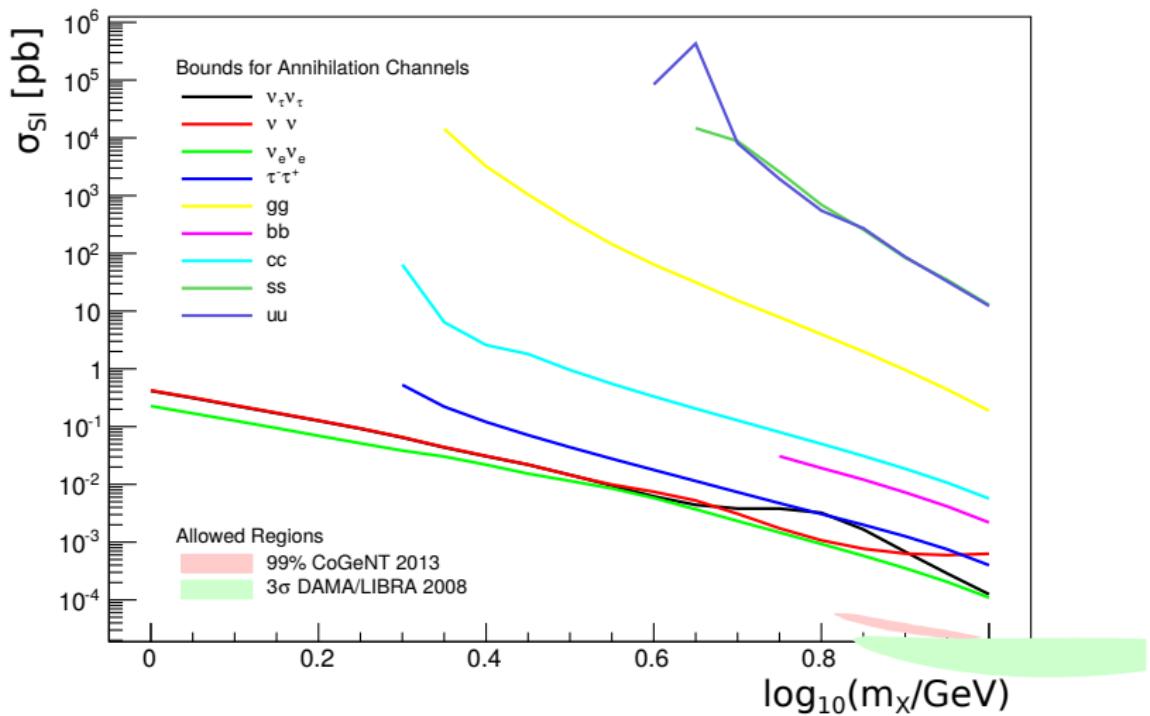
$$\text{rate}_{\text{signal}} = \Gamma_A \times \sum_{\substack{\text{channel} = i \\ \nu-\text{flavor} = \alpha}} \left[B_i \int dE_\alpha \frac{dN_{i,\alpha}}{dE_\alpha} \frac{\sigma_{\text{effective}}(E_\alpha)}{4\pi R_{\text{Earth}}^2} \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma_A = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_C & (\chi\bar{\chi} \text{ annihilation rate at equilibrium}) \\ \Gamma_C = \sigma_{\chi-\text{nucleon}} C_0 & (\chi \text{ capture rate}) \\ E_\alpha & (\text{energy of neutrino for flavor } \alpha) \\ N_{i,\alpha} & (\text{neutrino yield of flavor } \alpha \text{ per annihilation for channel } i) \\ \sigma_{\text{effective},\alpha}(E_\alpha) & (\text{effective detector cross-section}) \\ R_{\text{Earth}} & (\text{Earth radius}) \end{cases}$$

bound on $\text{rate}_{\text{signal}}$ \implies bound on $\sigma_{\chi-\text{nucleon}}$

WIMP σ_{SI} bounds

(90 % C.L.)



Summary

- ▶ Developed and tested **directionality** and **track reconstruction** techniques for high energy ν in scintillator.
- ▶ Studied **lepton flavor discrimination** algorithms in scintillator.
- ▶ Studied **high-energy calibration** using cosmic ray μ .
- ▶ Placed bounds on **dark-matter-nucleon cross-sections** by looking at annihilation induced ν from Earth's core.
- ▶ One of **first physics application** of ν directionality in scintillator.

Thank you for listening!

Backup slides

KamLAND: features

- ▶ Commissioned: 2001
- ▶ Medium: liquid scintillator
 - ▶ Decay constants: $\tau_1 = 4.0 \text{ ns}$, $\tau_2 = 8.6 \text{ ns}$
- ▶ Size: 1 kt
- ▶ Photomultiplier tubes (Hamamatsu):
 - ▶ 1325 17-inch, 7 ns rise-time, 3.5 ns TTS
 - ▶ 779 20-inch, 10 ns rise-time, 5.5 ns TTS
 - ▶ 34 % photocathode coverage
- ▶ Analysis: $\sim \text{MeV } \bar{\nu}_e$ (inverse-beta decay)
- ▶ Energy resolution: $7.0 \pm 0.1 \% / \sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$
- ▶ Vertex resolution: $13.8 \pm 2.3 \text{ cm}$
- ▶ Directional sensitivity: thought to be **NONE**
- ▶ No analysis at higher energies