

Precise clock generation for the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment

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LNE: Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais

SYRTE: SYstèmes de Référence Temps-Espace

Operating frequency standards for SI second definition (Sr + fountain)

Generates UTC(OP) for legal time in France: [here](#)

Strong expertise in frequency standards and UTC realization

Fruitful discussions and feedbacks from LNE-SYRTE

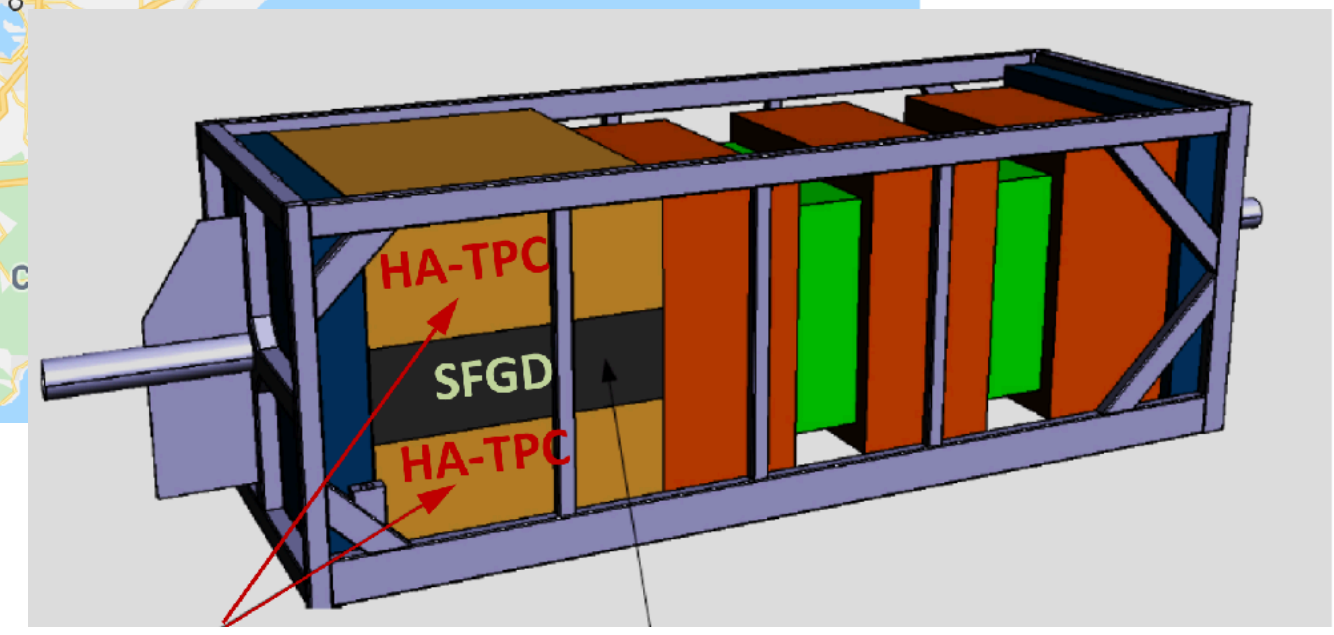
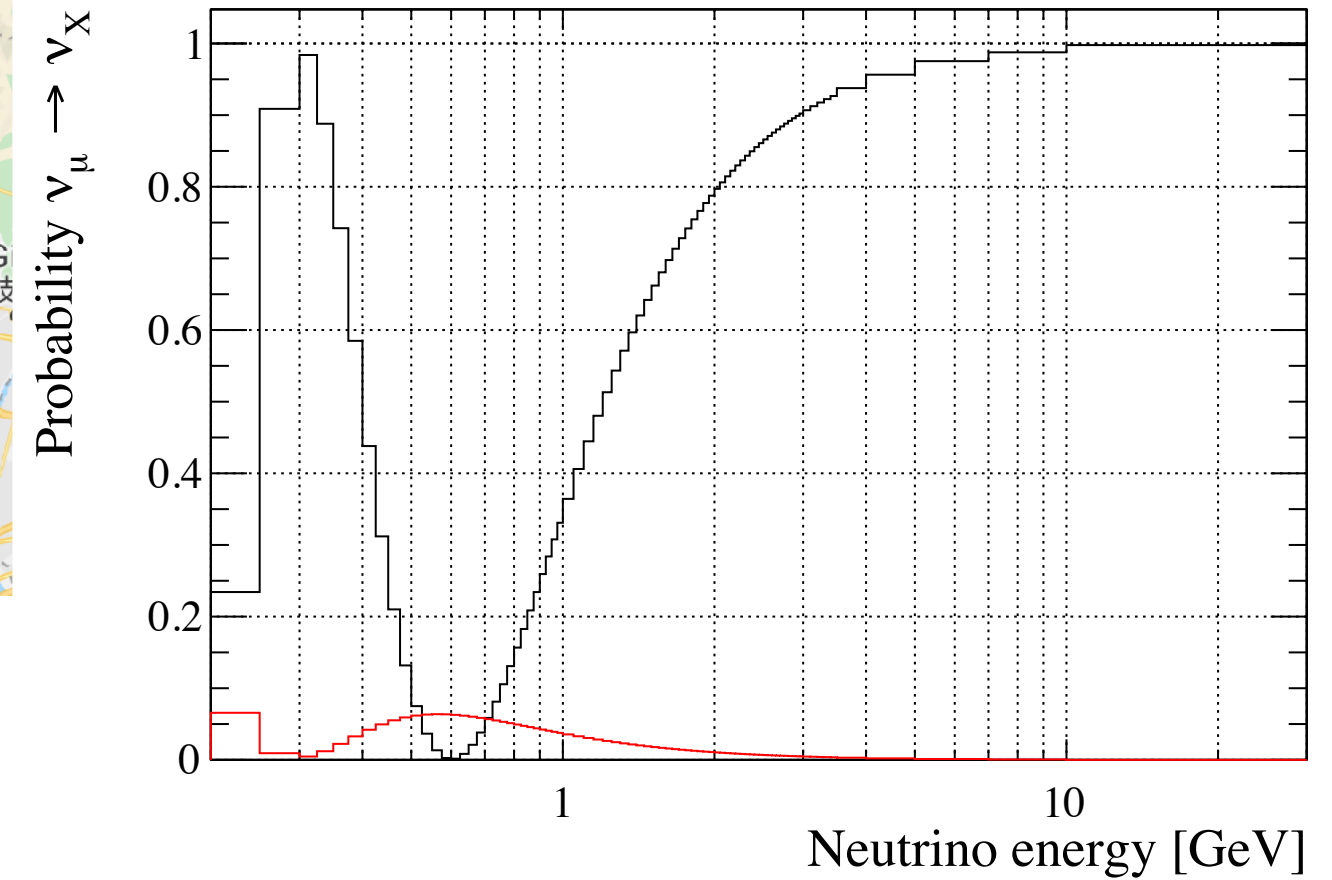
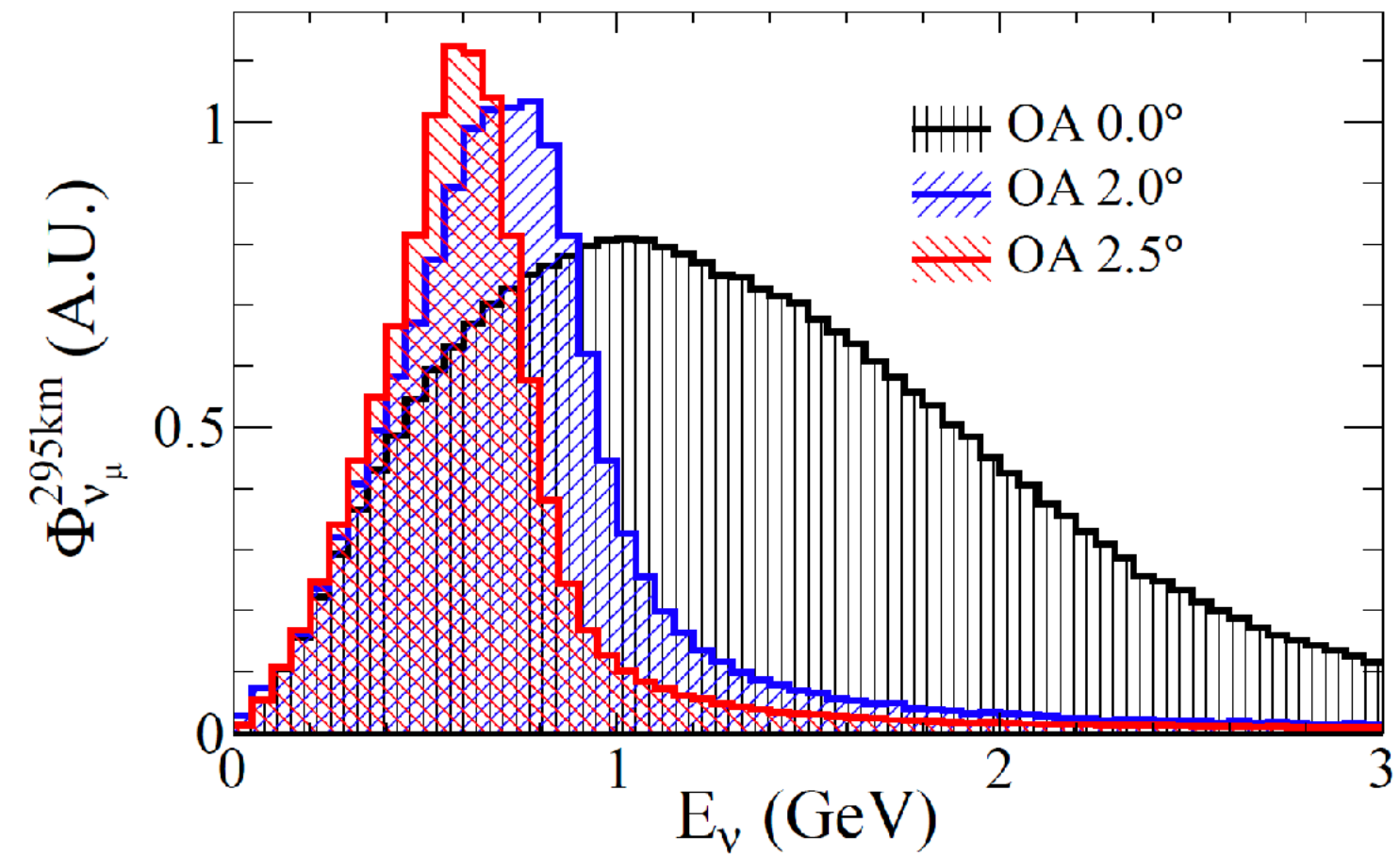
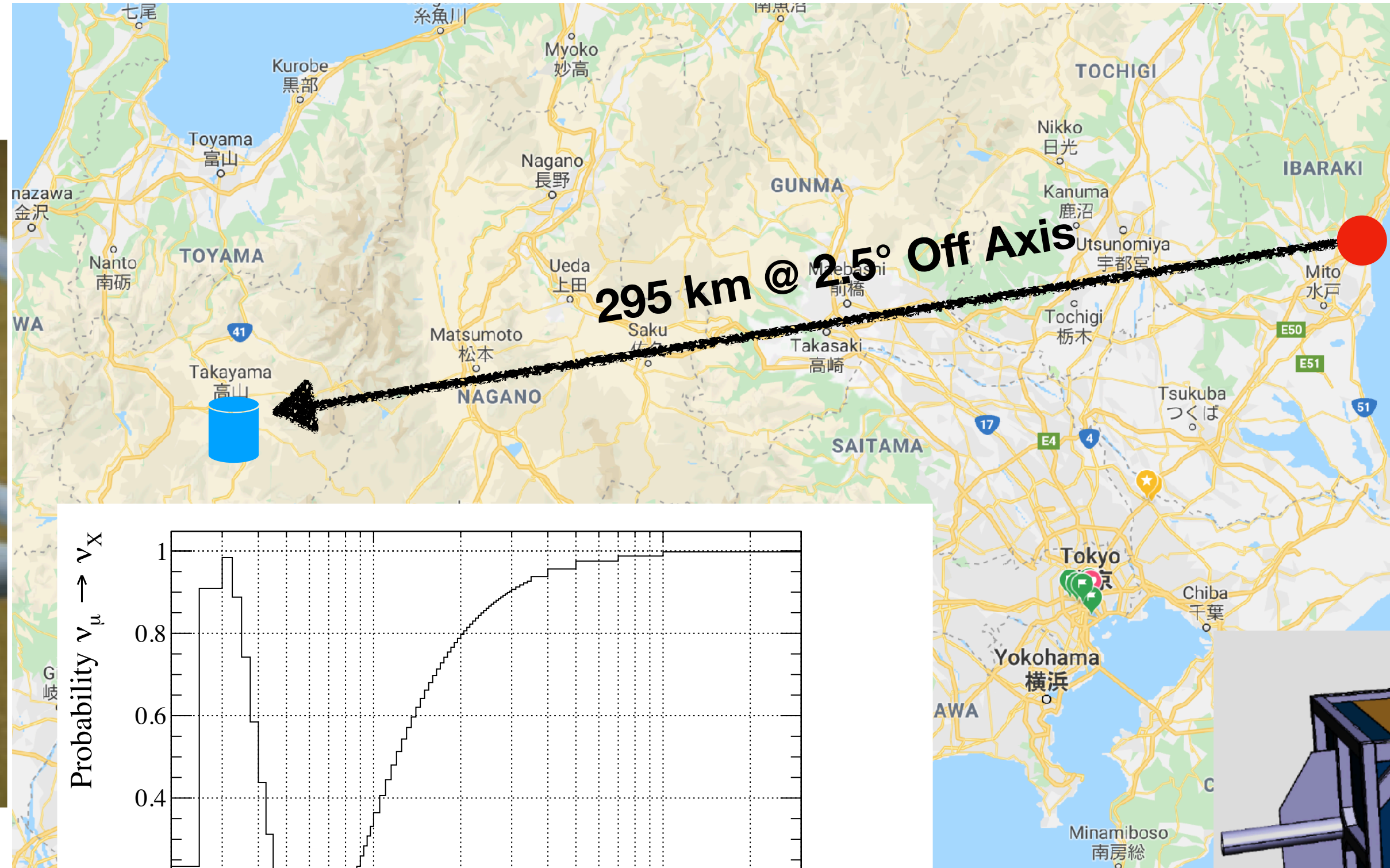
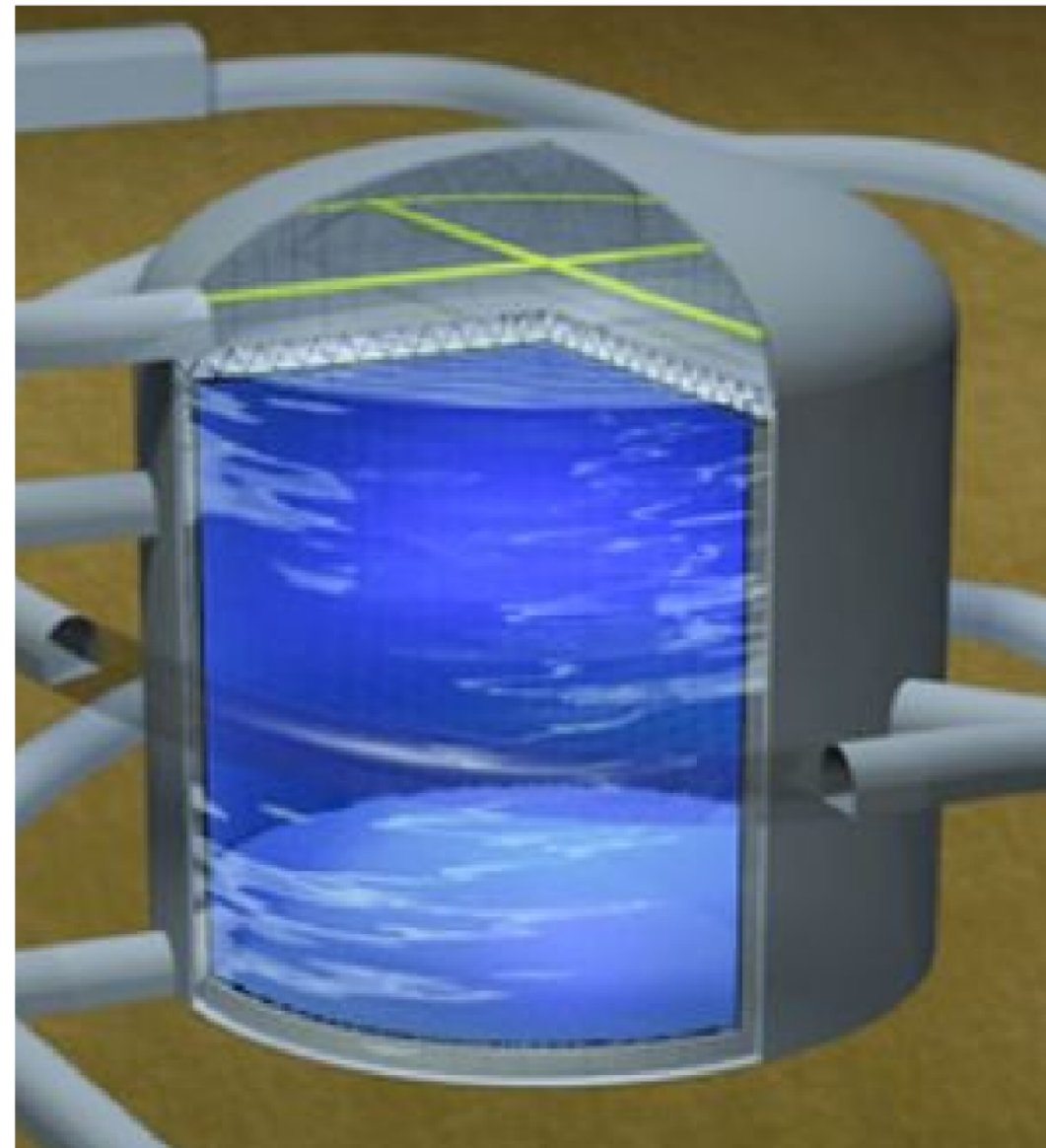
Lots of the designs are based on discussions with the team

Happy to collaborate with IN2P3 teams

→ **Useful R&D for future projects at IN2P3**



Hyper Kamiokande in a nutshell

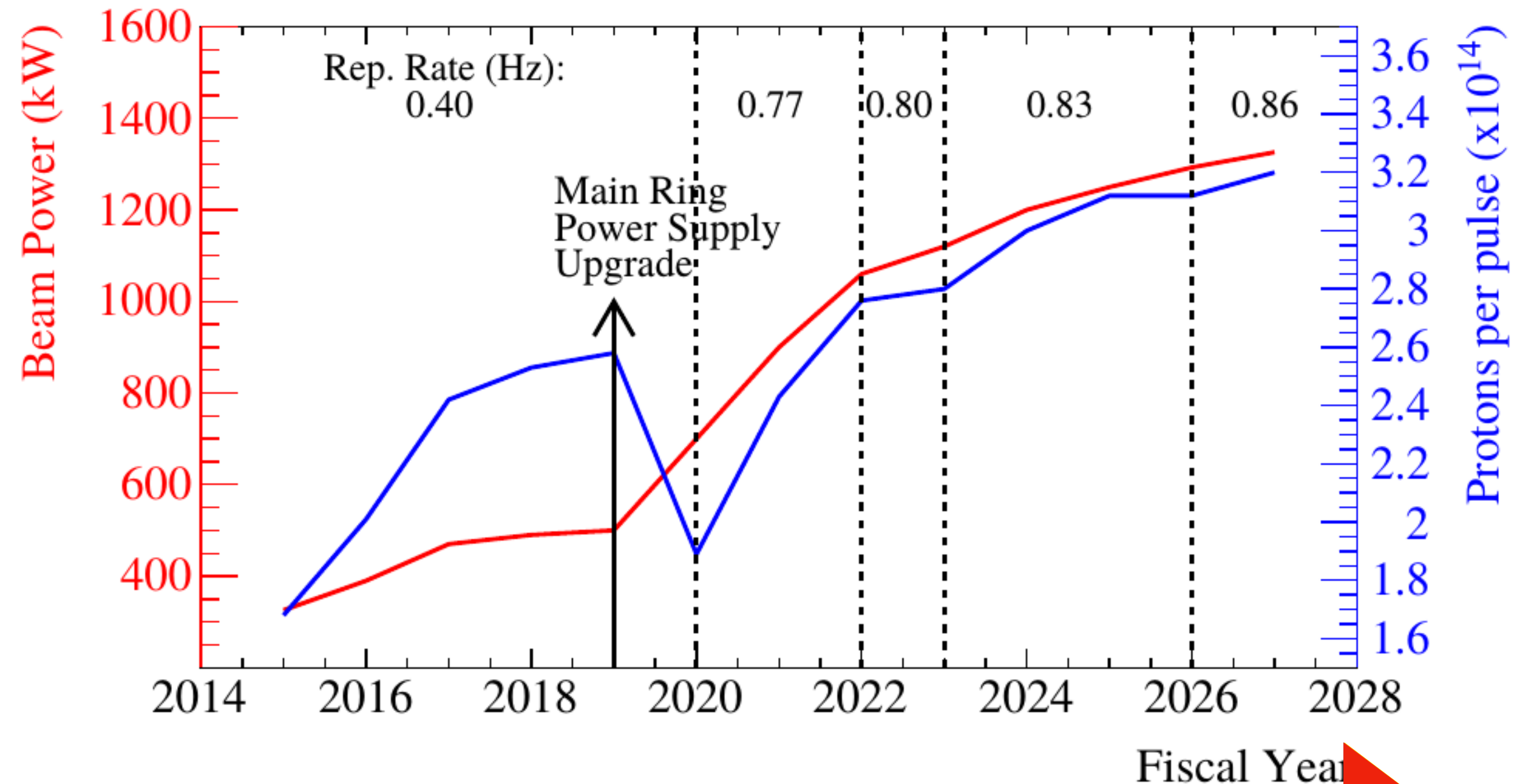


Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment and astroparticle observatory
 Muon (anti)neutrinos off-axis beam btw Tokai and HK Water Cherenkov detector
 Measurement of changes in the energy spectrum induced by neutrino oscillation

Tokai to HK: what will be new?

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J-PARC Main Ring Fast Extraction Power Projection



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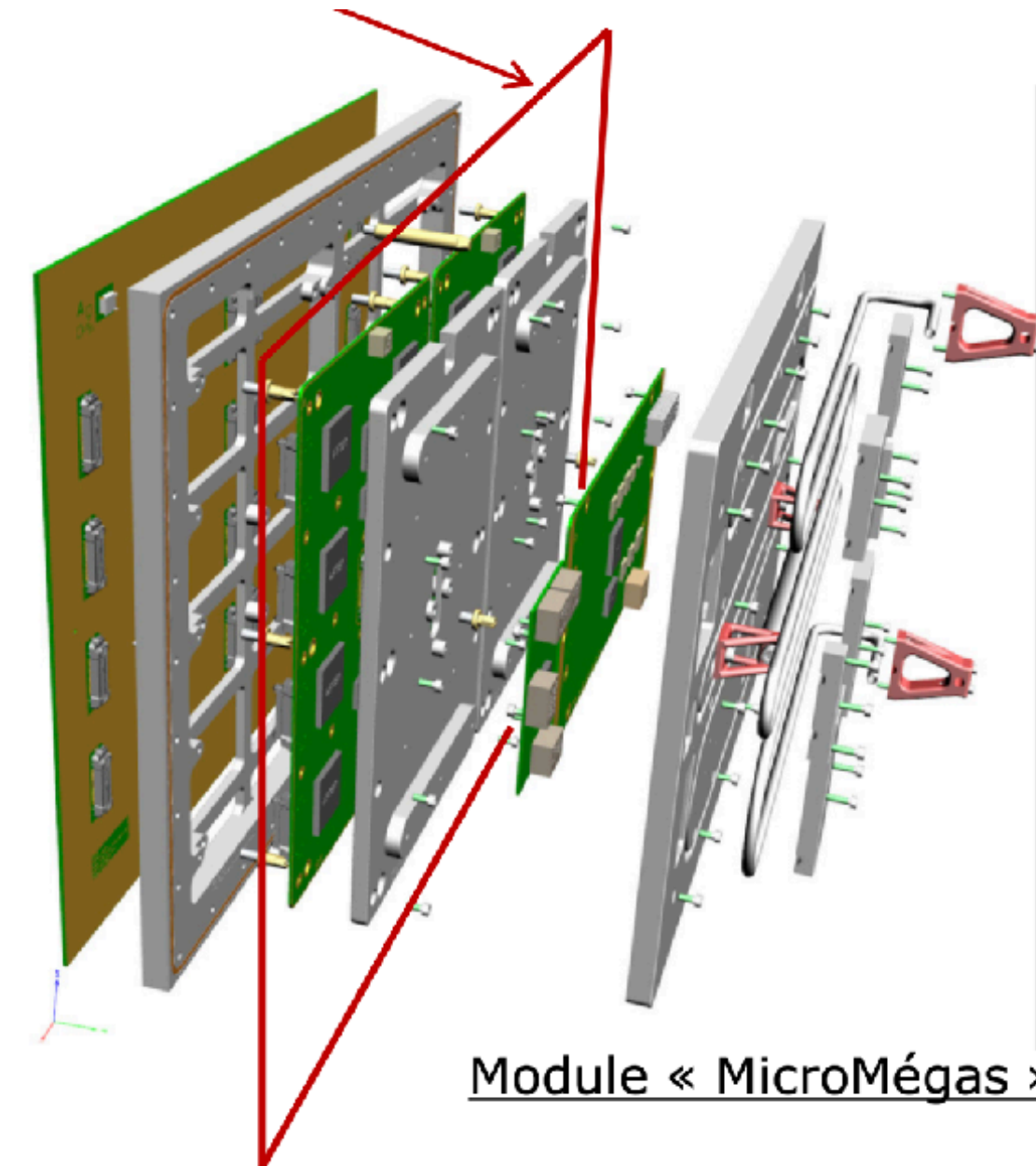
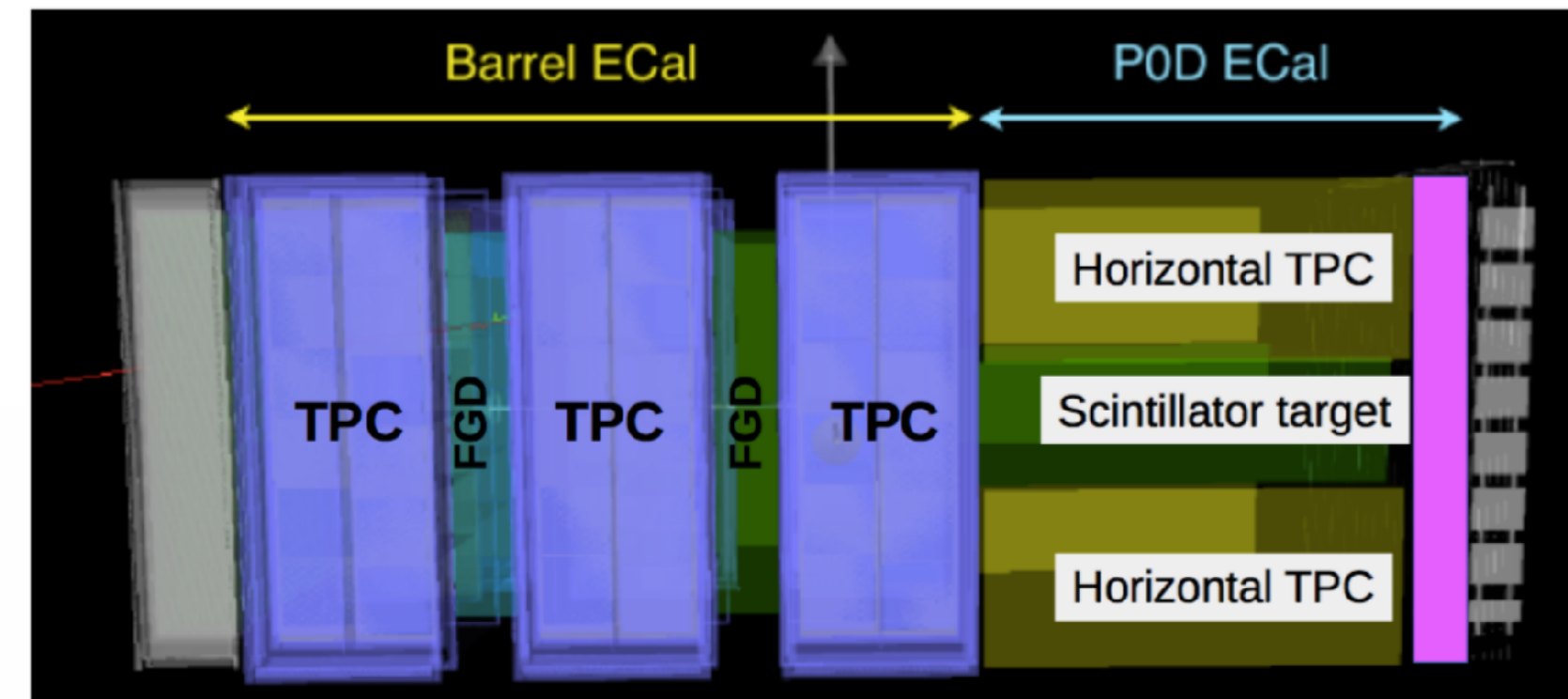
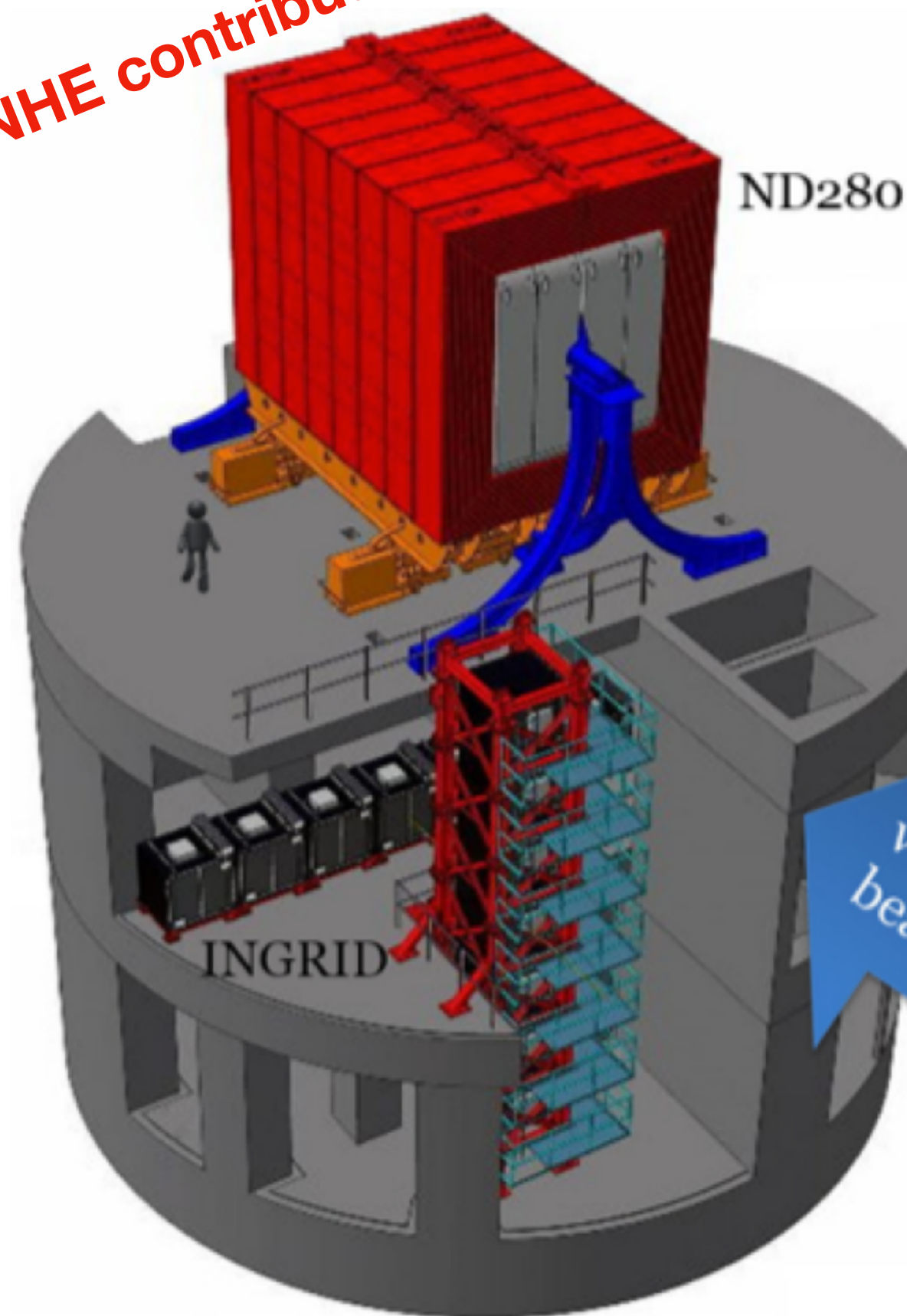
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LPNHE contributions



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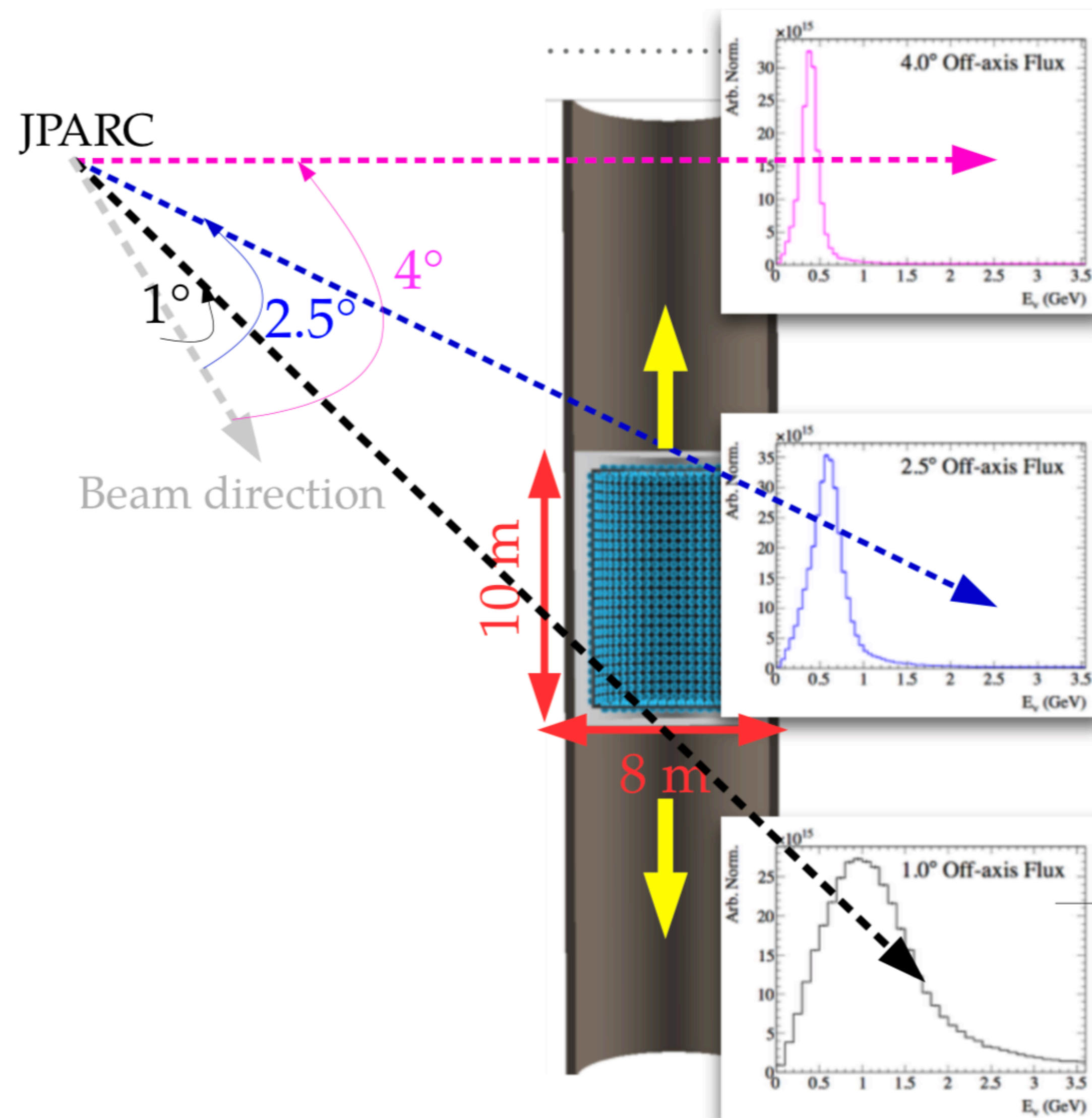
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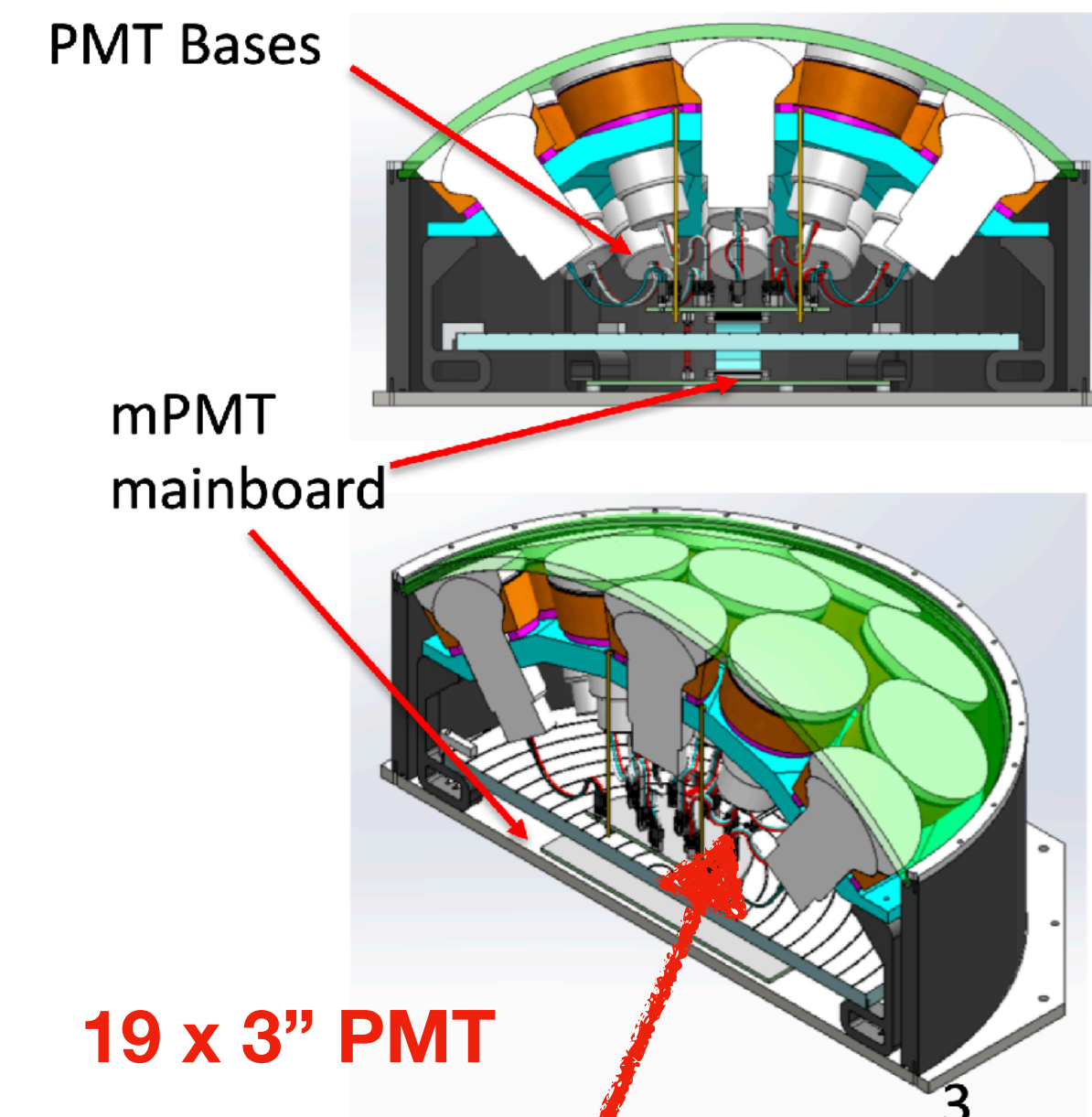
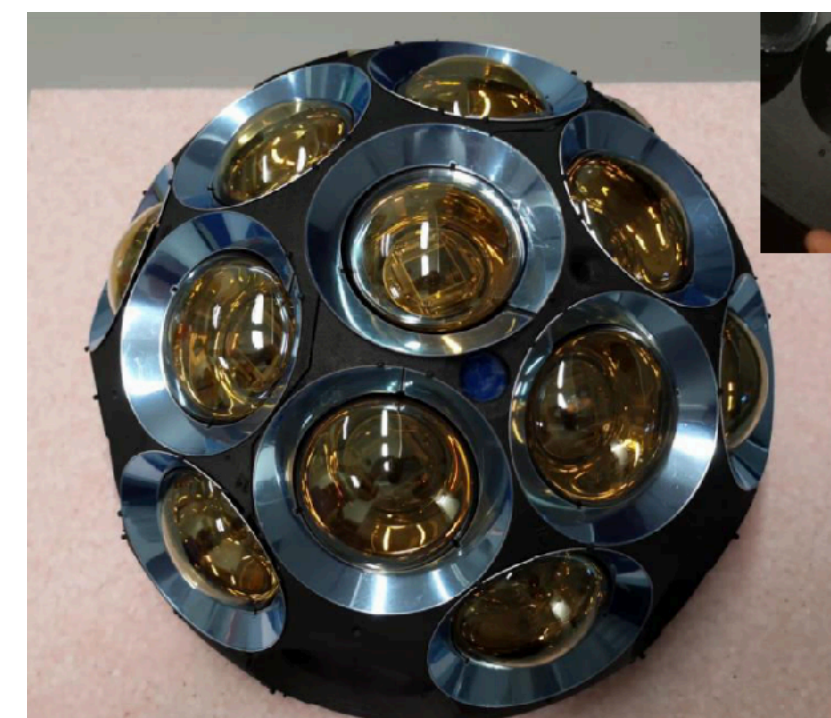
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Use additional 5k+ mPMTs to enhance physics performance

Increase fiducial volume

Better momentum resolution, SNR

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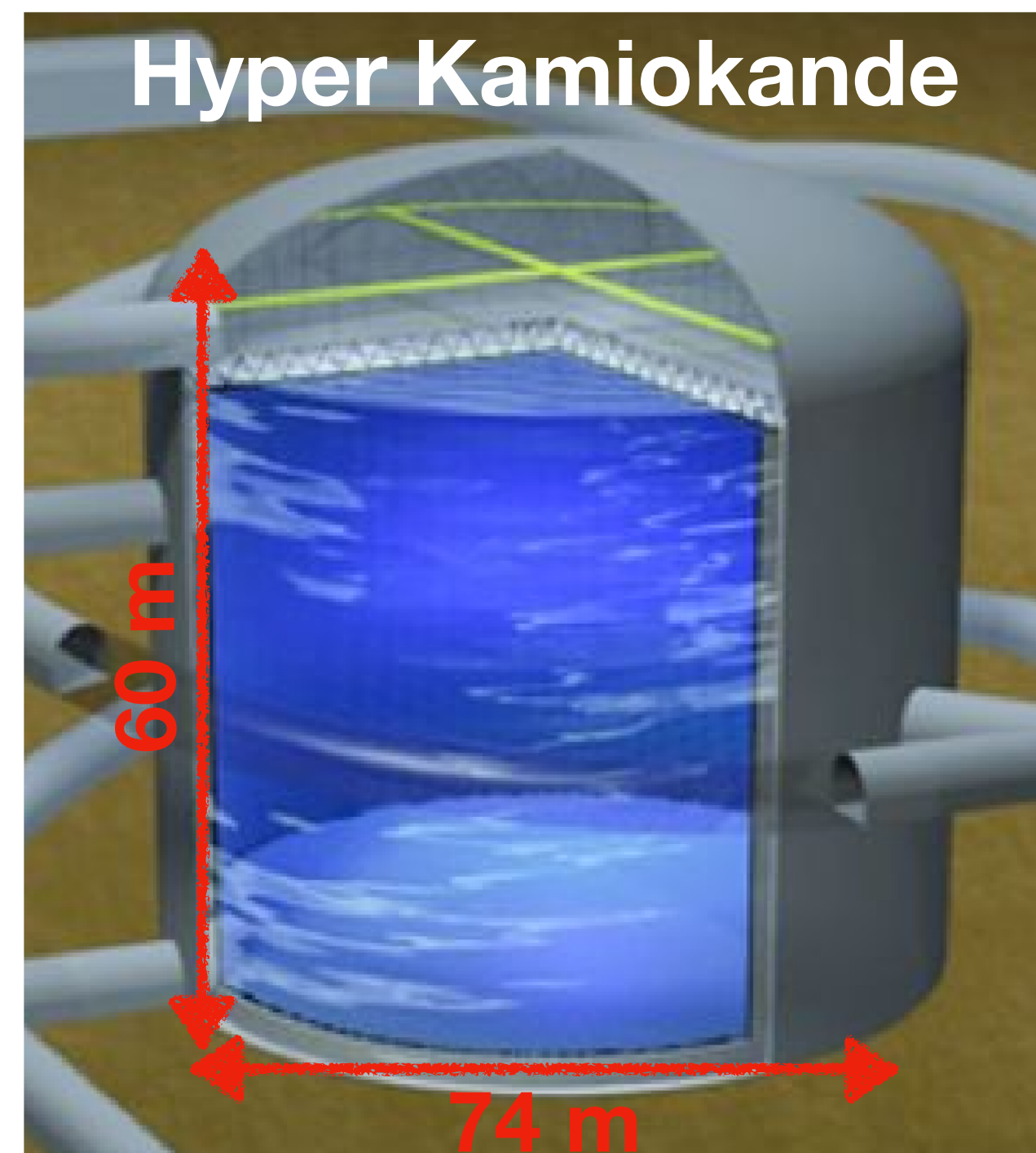
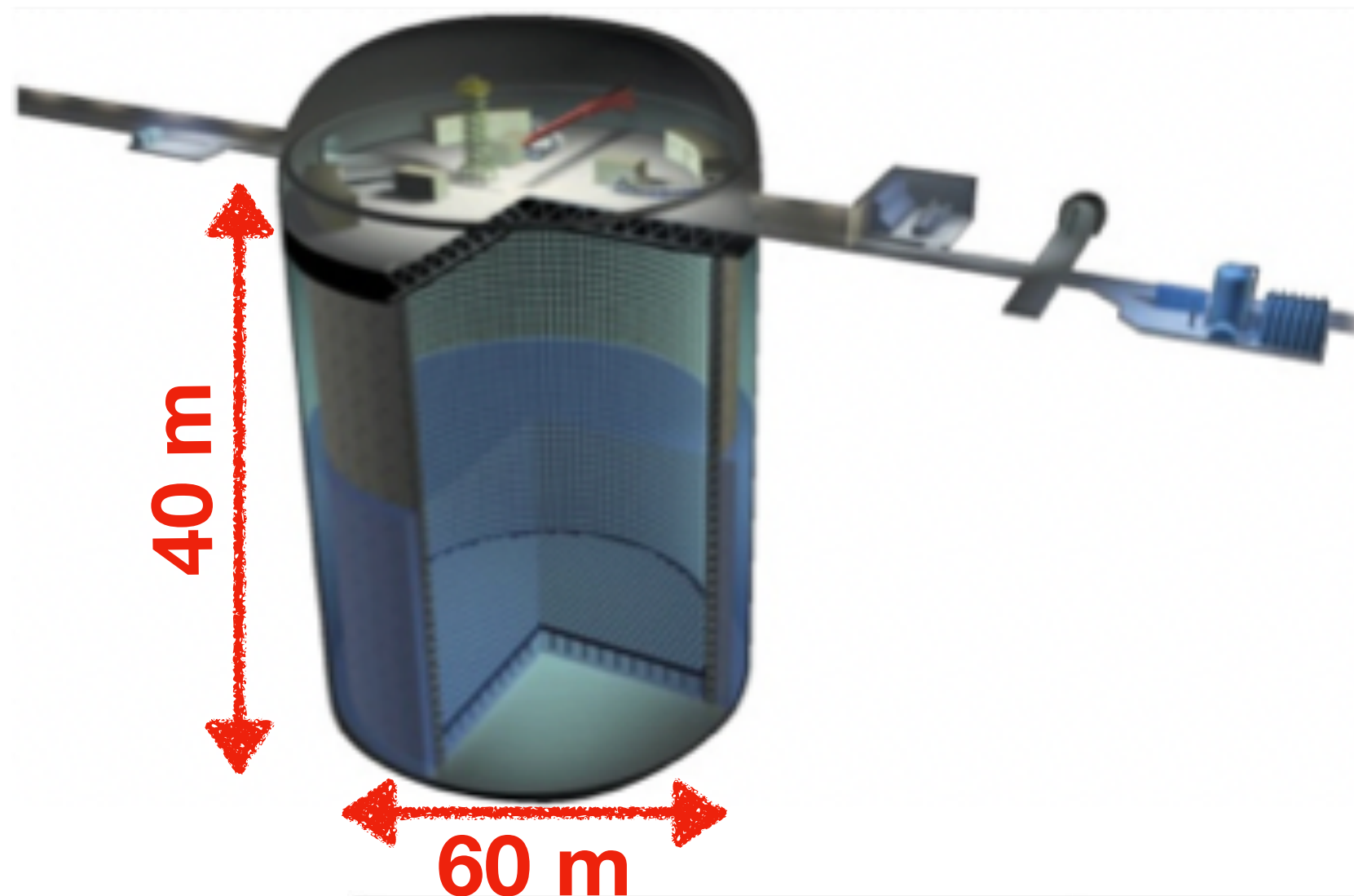


19 x 3" PMT



Hyper Kamiokande: far detector

Super Kamiokande



	Super-K	Hyper-K (1st tank)
Site	Mozumi	Tochibora
Number of ID PMTs	11,129	40,000
Photo-coverage	40%	40% (x2 sensitivity)
Mass / Fiducial Mass	50 kton / 22.5 kton	260 kton / 187 kton

Start operations in 2027

CP-violation

60% @ 5σ of δ_{CP} phase-space after 10 y

Atmospheric parameters

Resolution of $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
0.6% precision on Δm_{32}^2

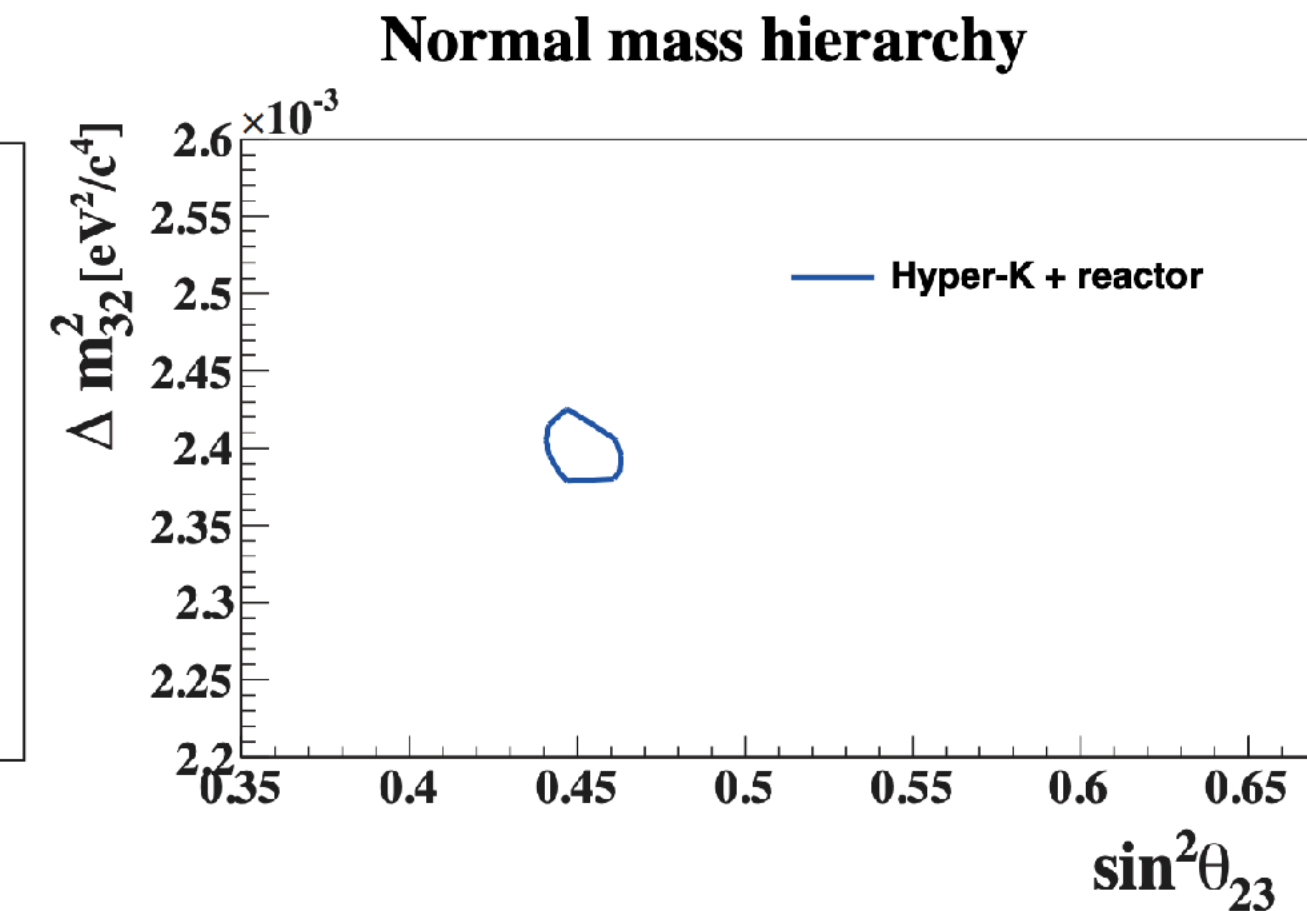
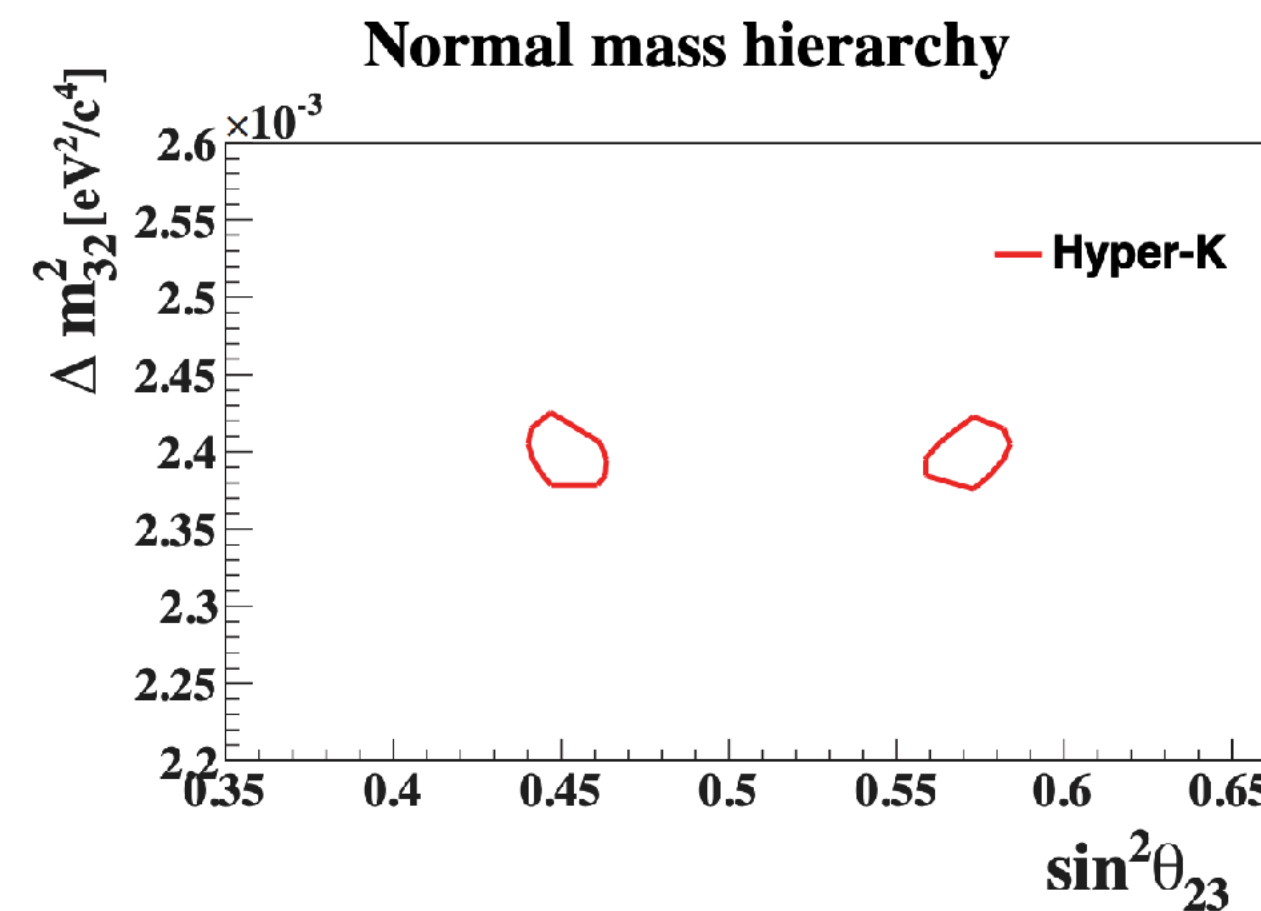
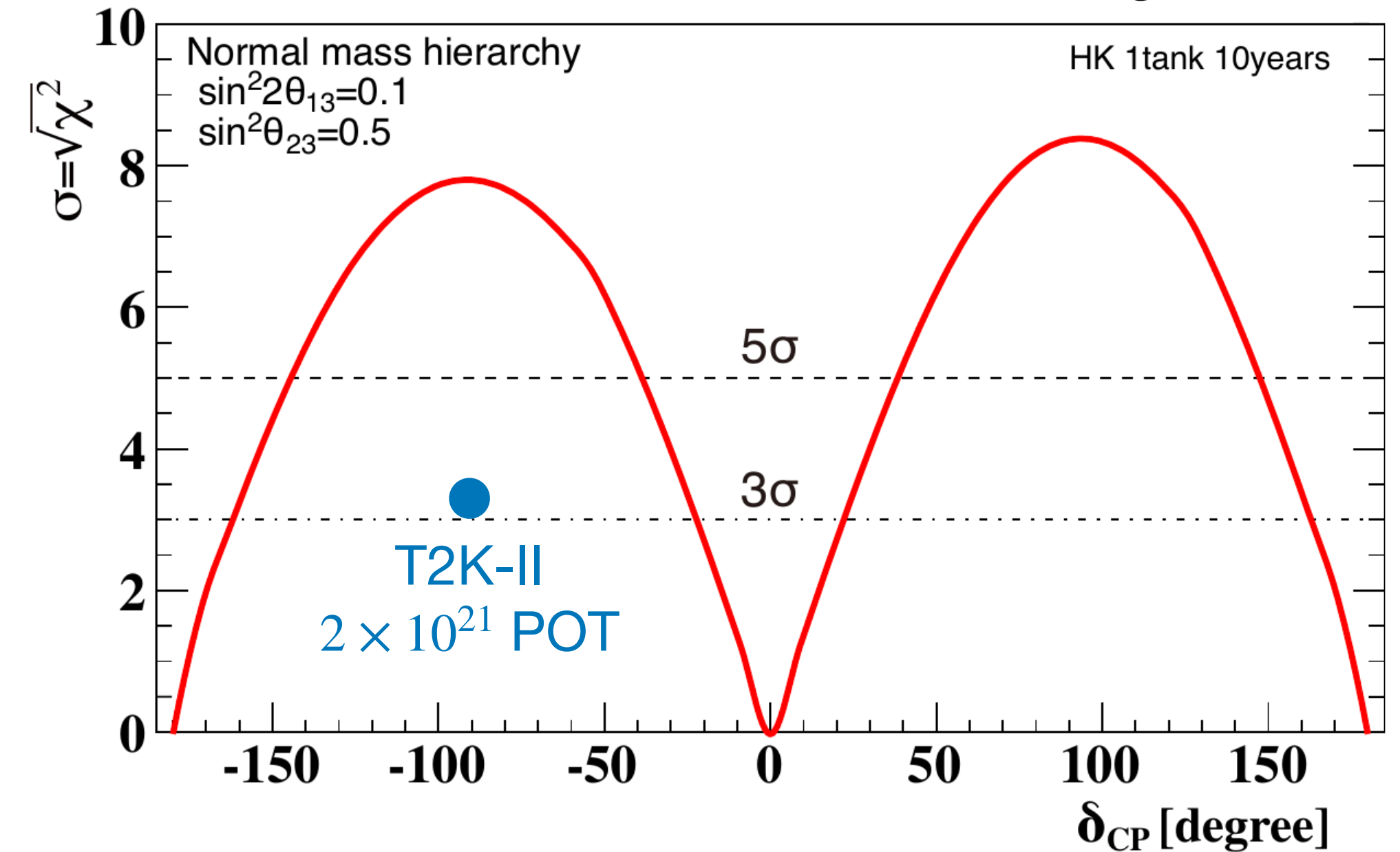
Mass hierarchy: 5σ after 10 years

Neutrino cross-sections

Sterile neutrinos w/ ND and ID

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Assuming 1.3 MW



Proton decay

Sensitivity to GUT predictions

x10 on “golden channel” $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$

Supernova neutrinos [arXiv:2101.05269](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.05269)

Increase by 200 in stats sensitivity

SN1987A type ~2500 events

Galactic center: ~50000+ events

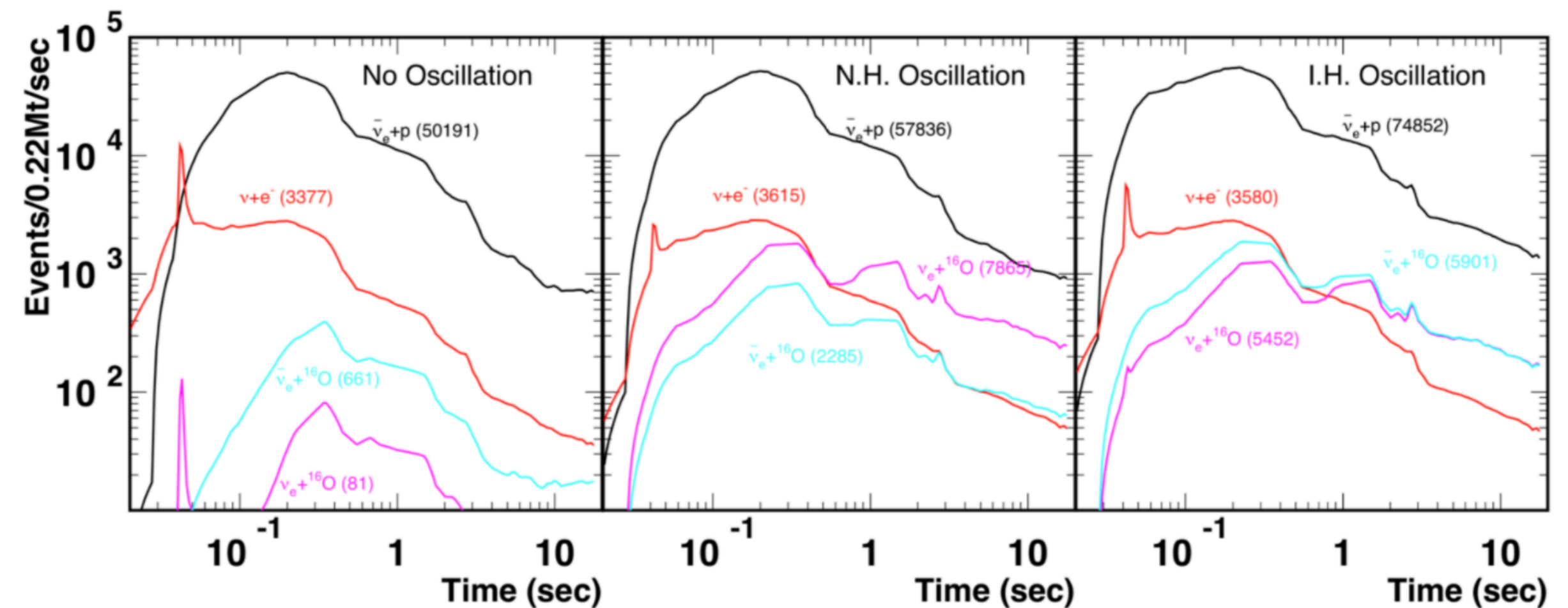
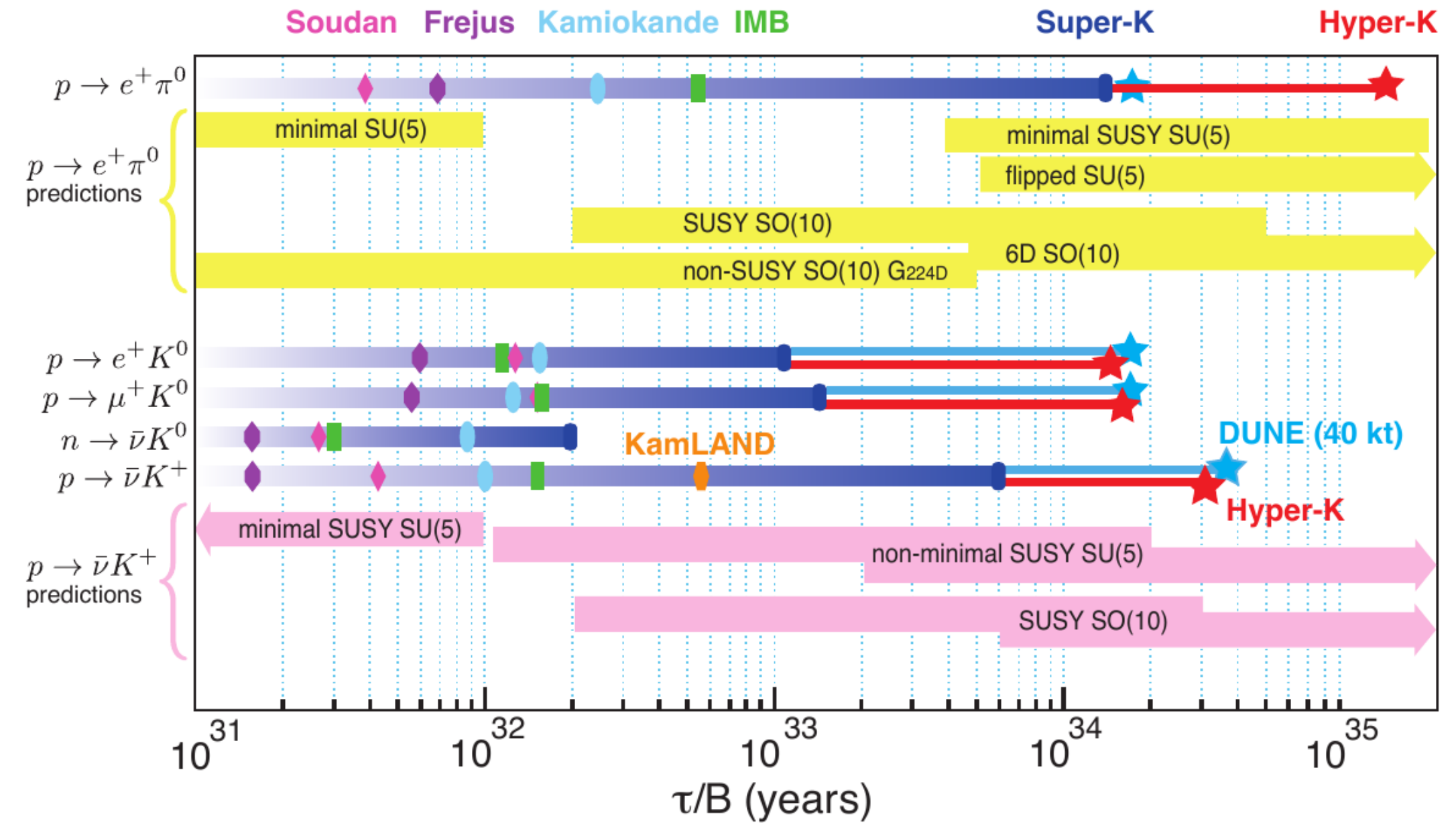
Direction → triangulation (1°@10kpc)

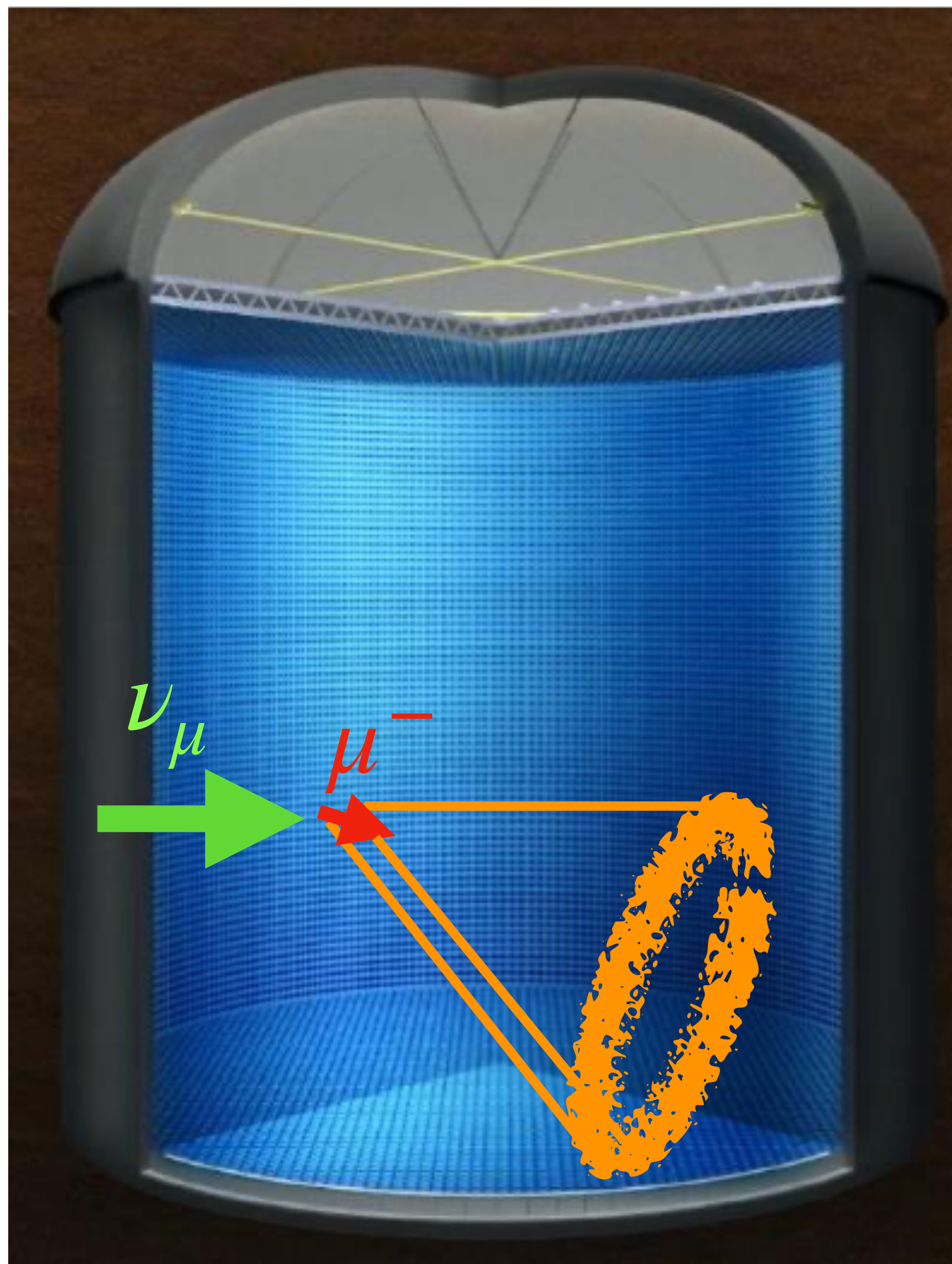
Time profile: collapse models

Gravitational waves sources

Nearby (10Mpc) neutron star mergers

→ Multi-messengers observations





Events are reconstructed from Cherenkov ring by means of PMTs. Precise time determination of the light arrivals on PMT is essential.

→ **time “jitter” cause reconstruction issues**

The total number of PMTs is up to 50.000 read with more than 2.000 Front-End board.

Hyper-K is expected to be operated for >20 yrs.

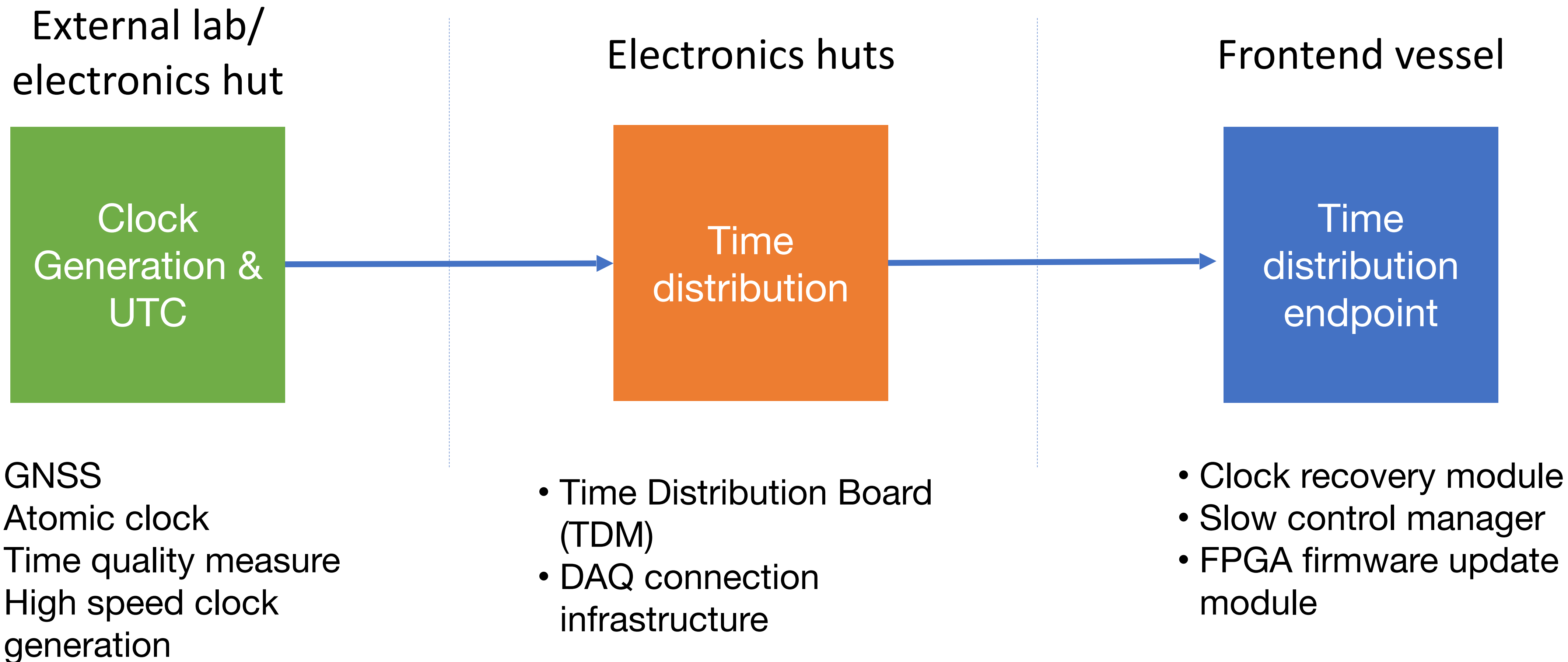
→ **long term stability and durability are essential**

Multi-messengers physics and correlation with other astro-detectors requires time tagging

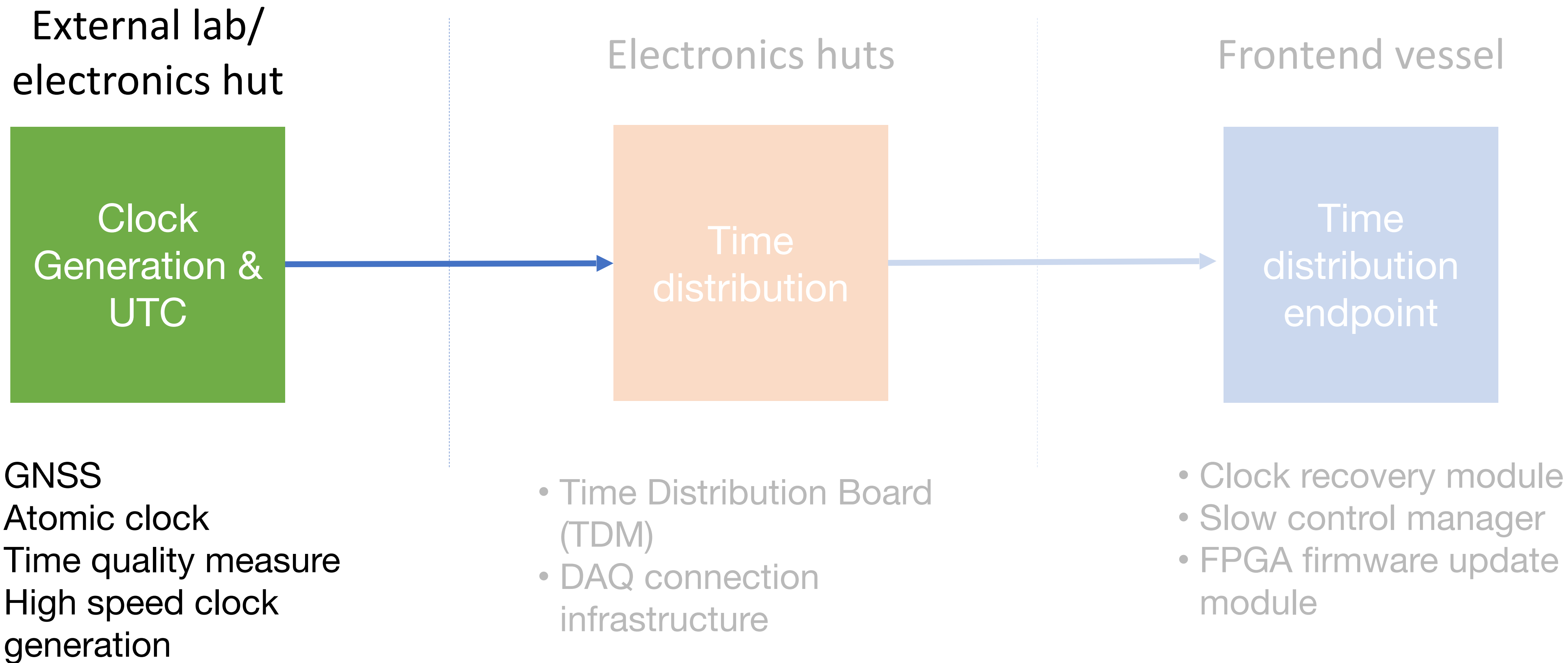
→ **need of a system synchronized with UTC(k)**

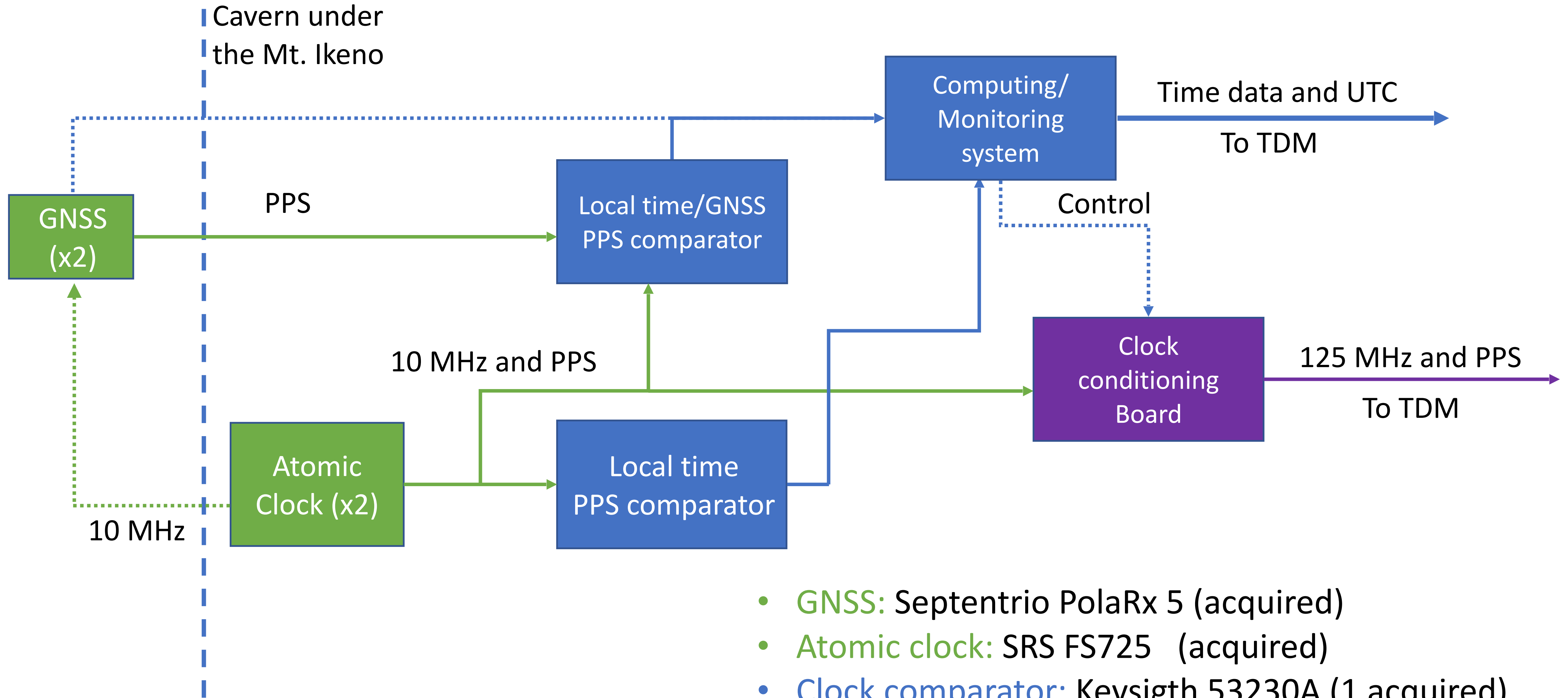
Time Synchronization Experimental Constraints	
Total Jitter	$\leq 100 \text{ ps}^*$
Board to Board skew	fixed over any reset and power cycle
Accuracy to UTC	$\leq 50 \text{ ns}^*$

Full System Block System



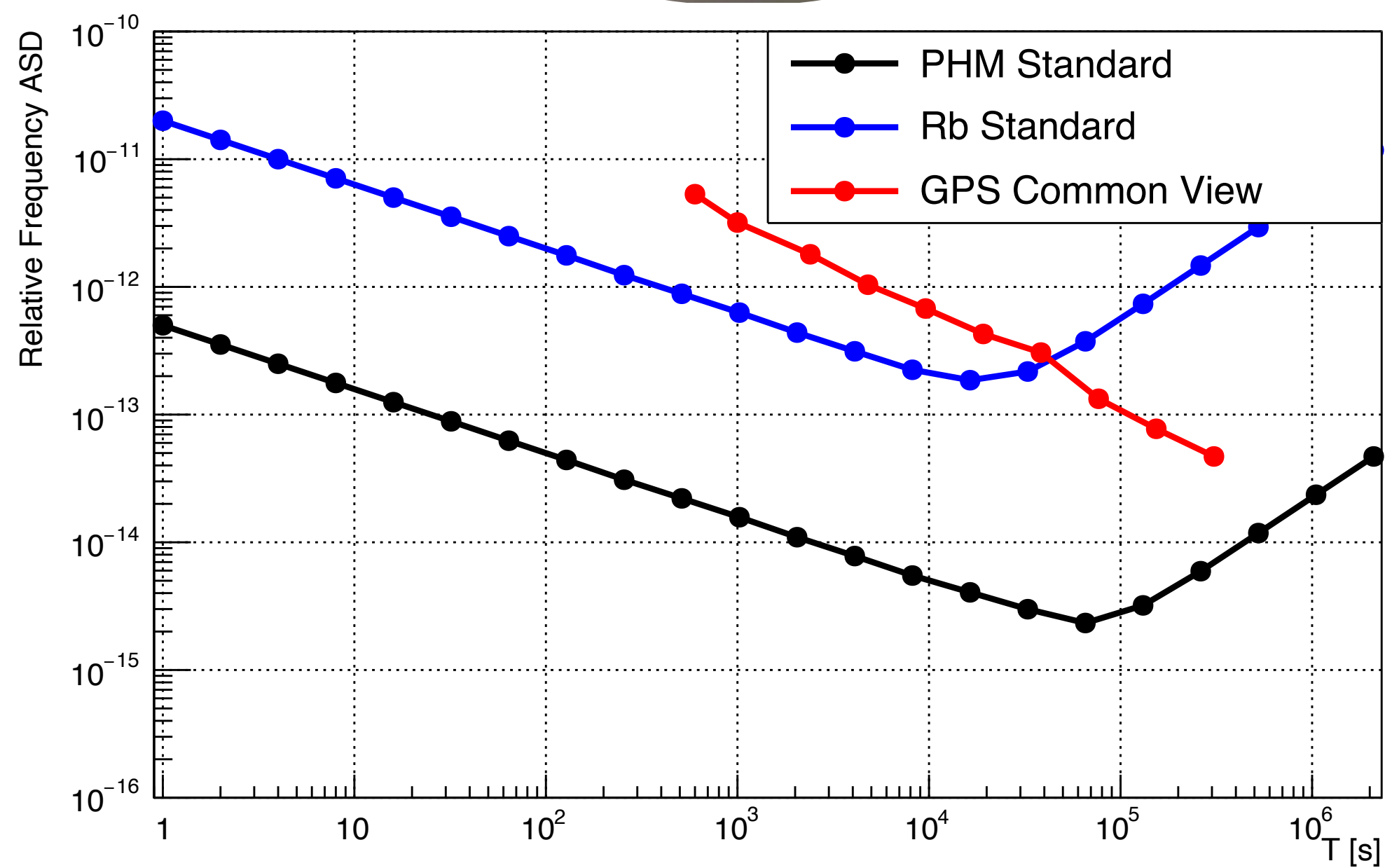
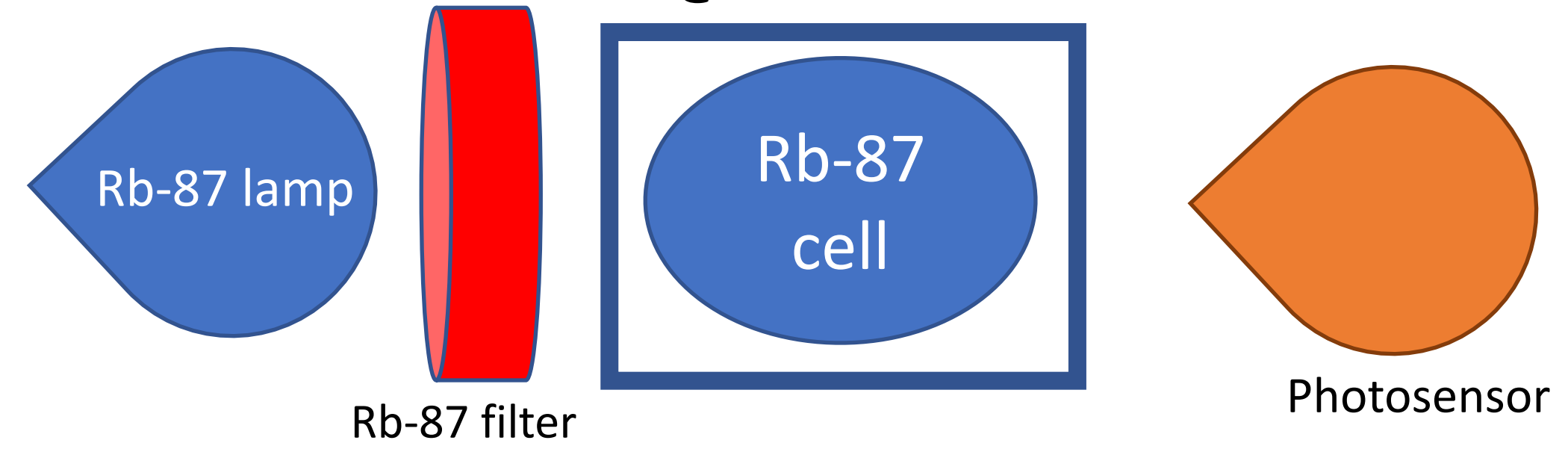
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- **GNSS:** Septentrio PolaRx 5 (acquired)
- **Atomic clock:** SRS FS725 (acquired)
- **Clock comparator:** Keysight 53230A (1 acquired)
- **Clock conditioning board:** custom (under review)

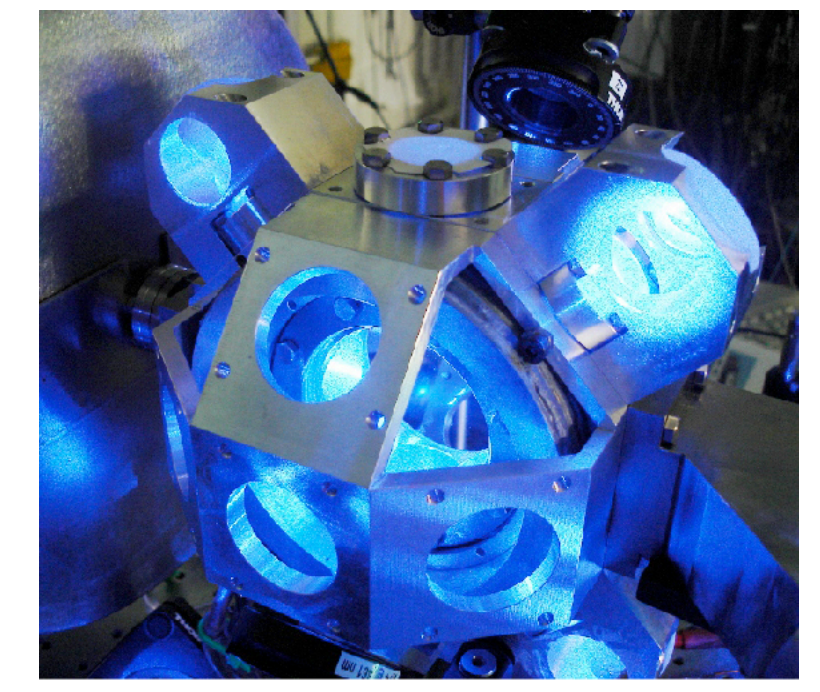
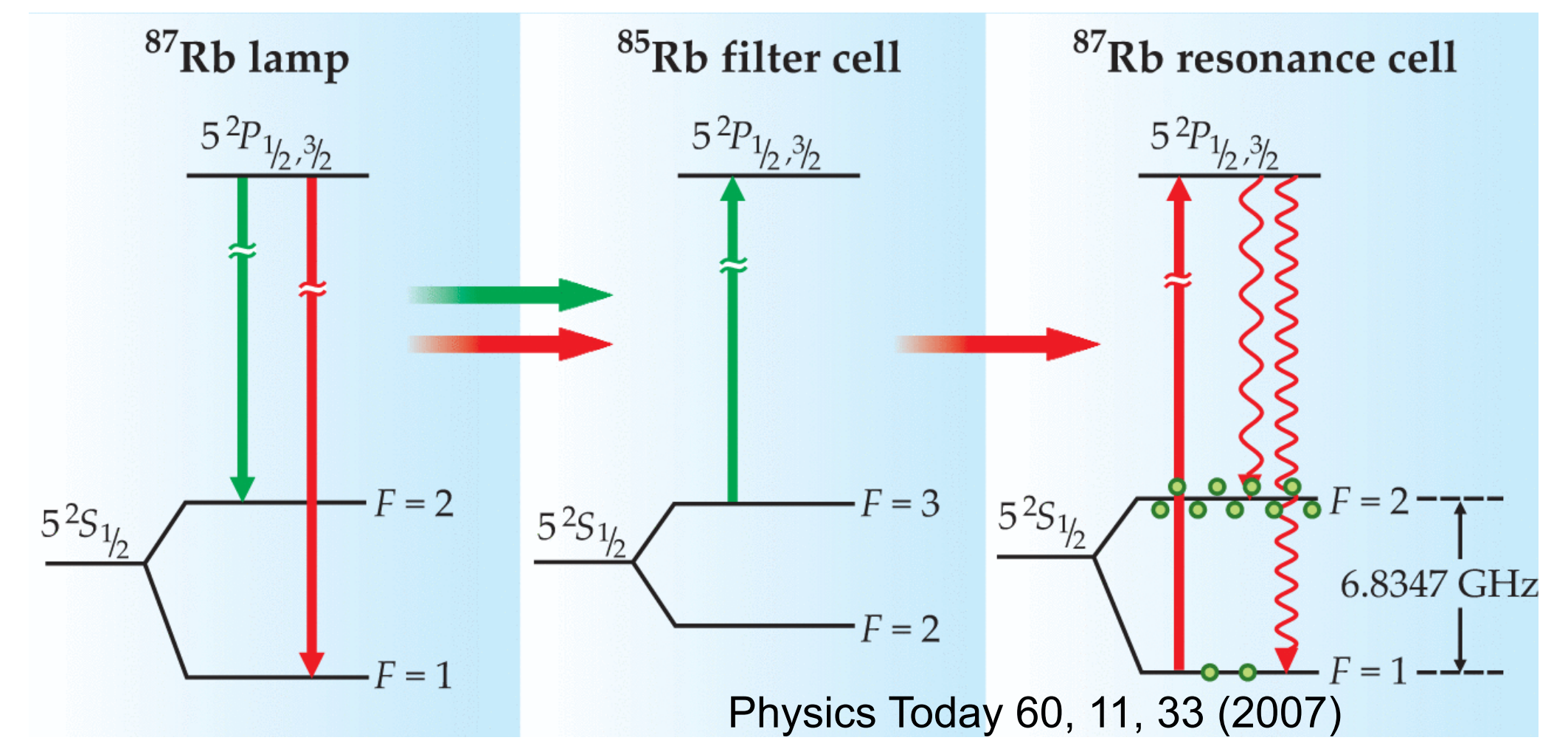
Rb atomic clock



Allan standard deviation: [paper](#)

Comparison with time reference at SYRTE → **performances studies**

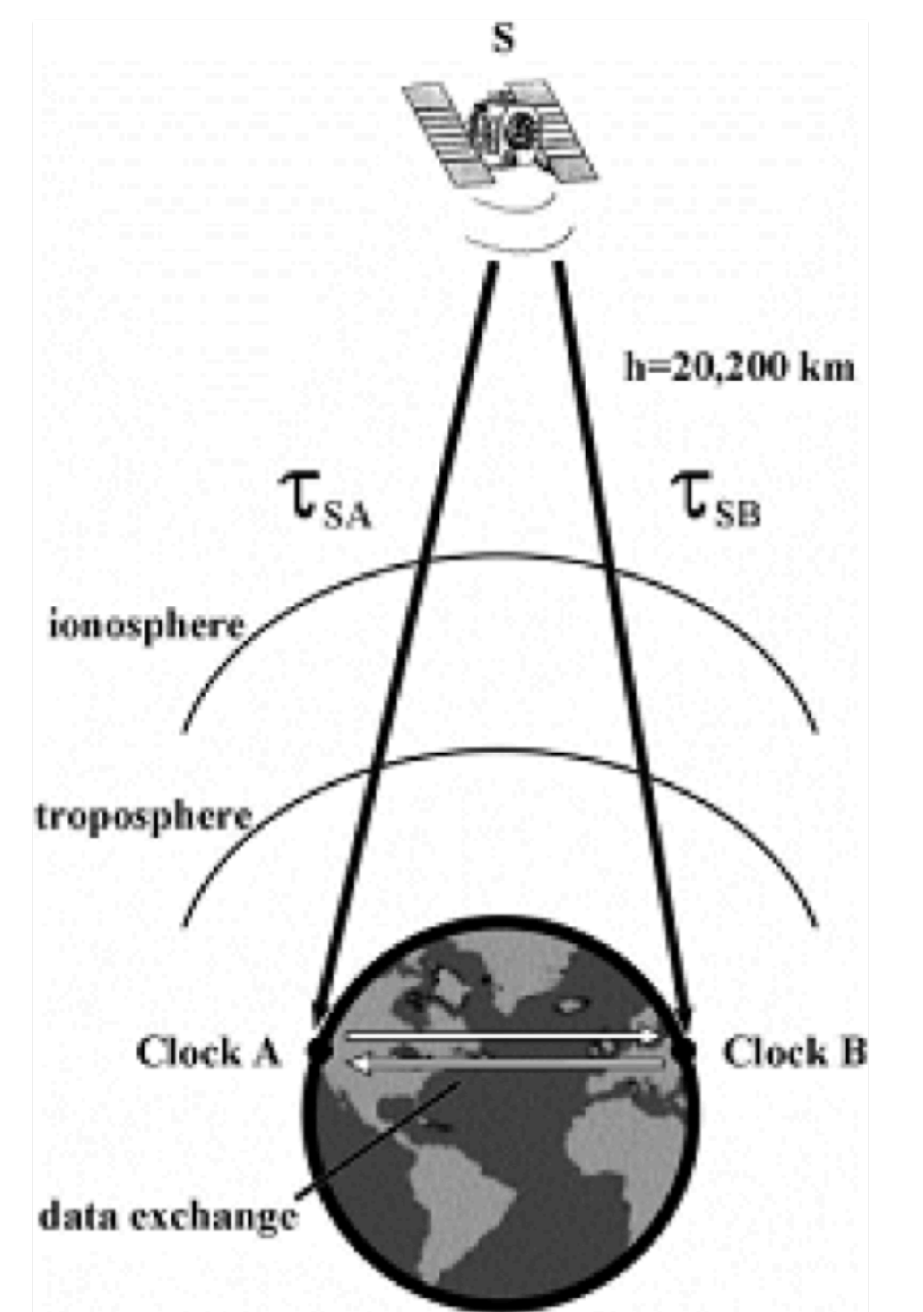
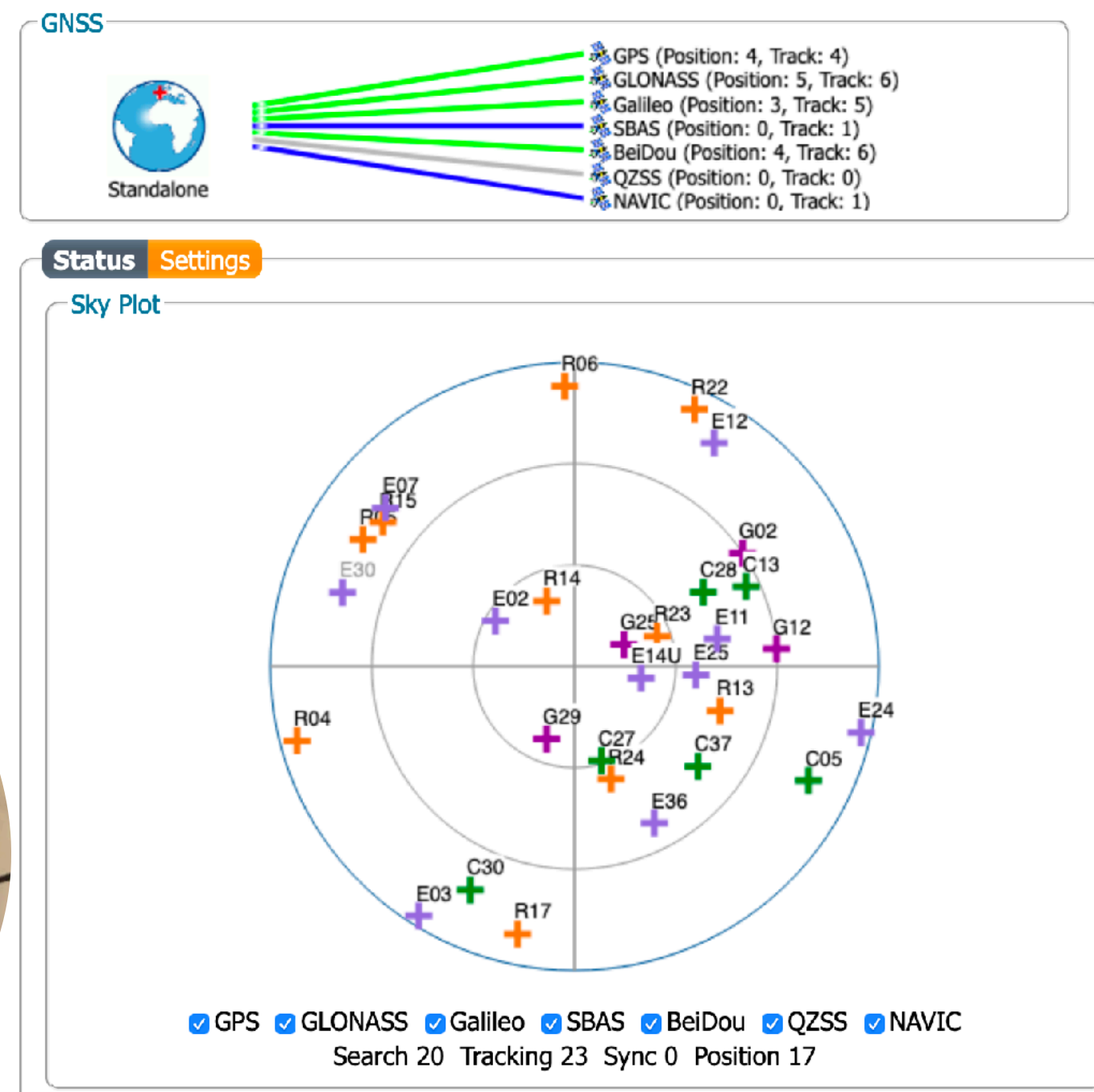
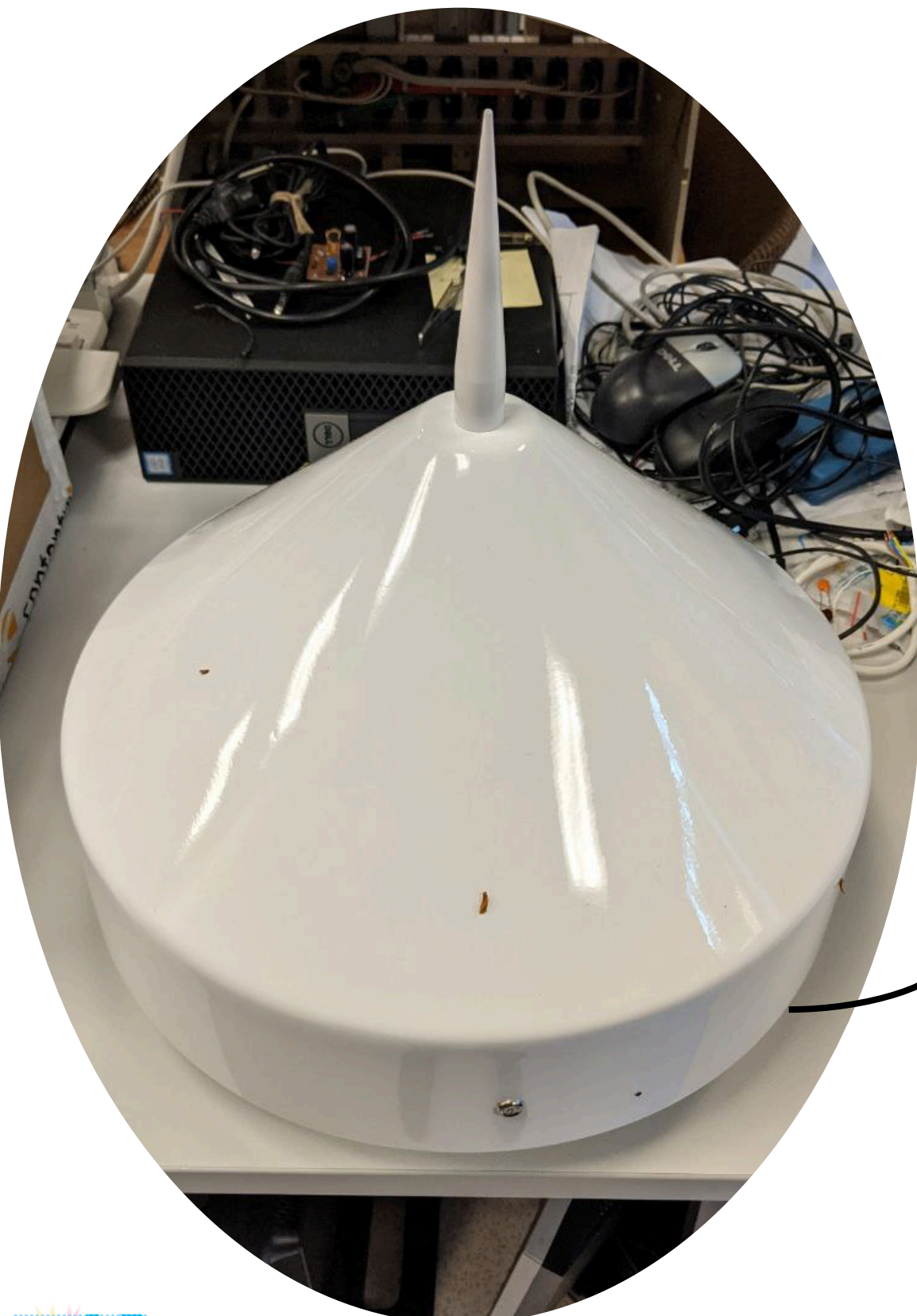
Test using more stable clocks e.g. Passive Hydrogen Maser (PHM1008)



Strontium optical atomic clock @SYRTE

GNSS antenna and receiver

Receive signals from various satellites e.g. Galileo
Produce 1 PPS using received signals
Synchronization with UTC (after calibration & correction)



Dedicated tests and performances at SYRTE

Clock and GNSS calibration planned over the summer

Creation of a dedicated lab to study clocks and GNSS at LPNHE

Room for long-term tests (5th floor, Tower 13)

Time transfer (White Rabbit) between Syrte-Obs.Paris and Jussieu

PPS with UTC(OP) available in lab soon

Installation of GNSS antenna on the Jussieu roof (Tower 13)

Long-term studies and comparison using
atomic clocks and PPS-Syrte

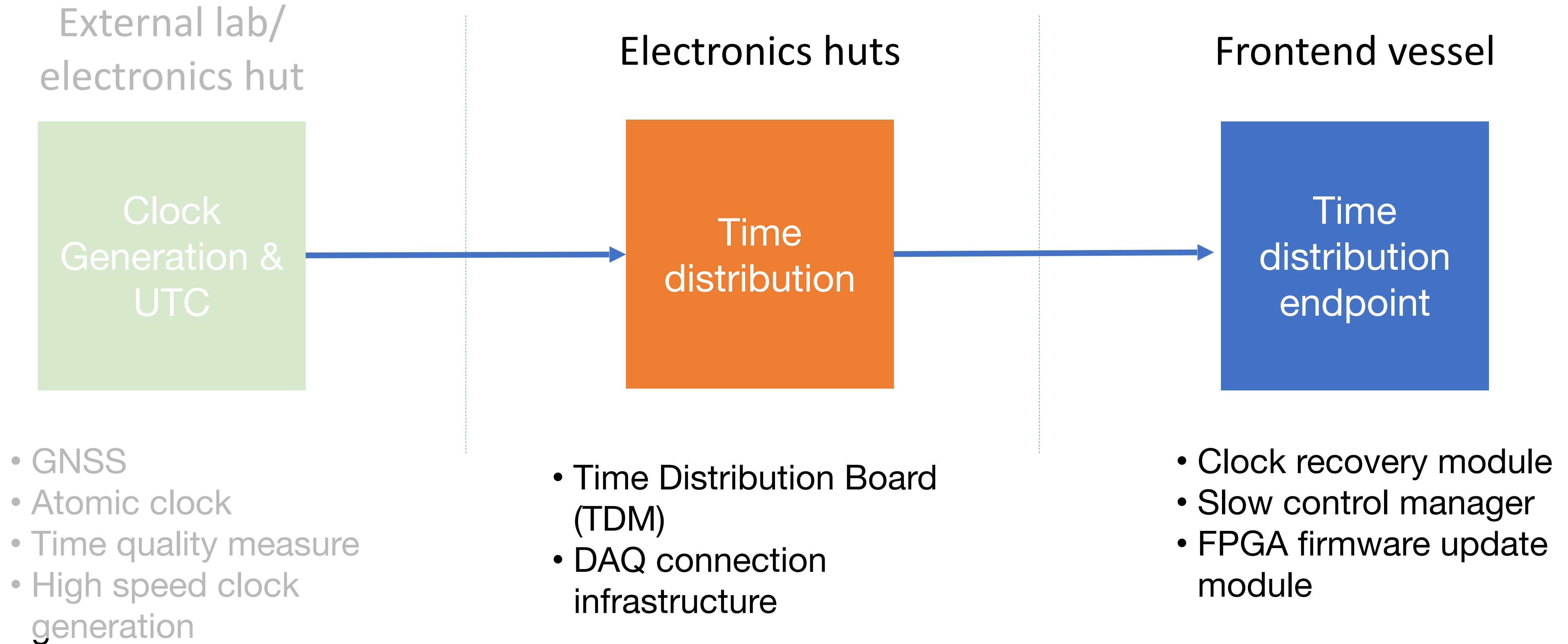
First implementation of GNSS signals corrections

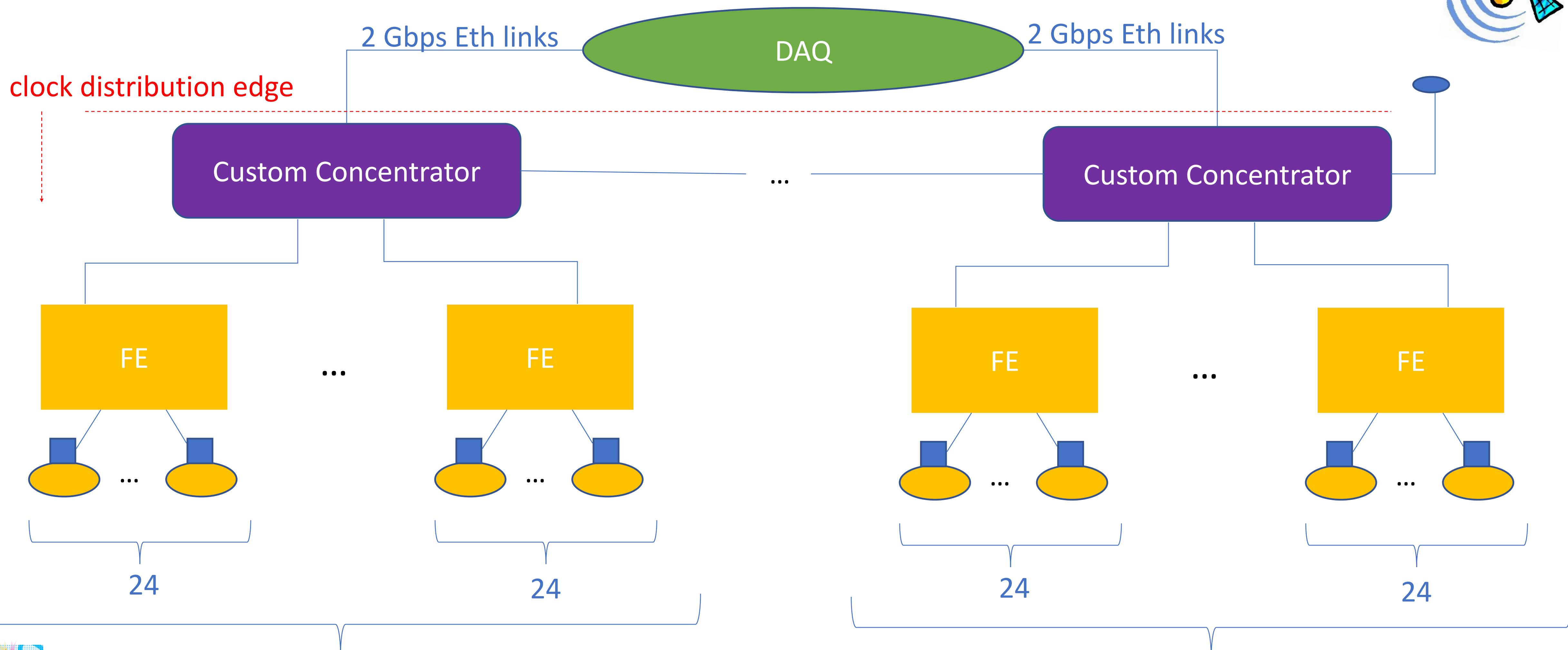
Build prototypes for HK

→ **R&D towards HK and other IN2P3 projects**



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WCTE and IWCD

New Intermediate Water Cherenkov detector (IWCD)

Time synchronization with J-PARC

Clock distribution to ~1000 mPMTs (~few TDMs)

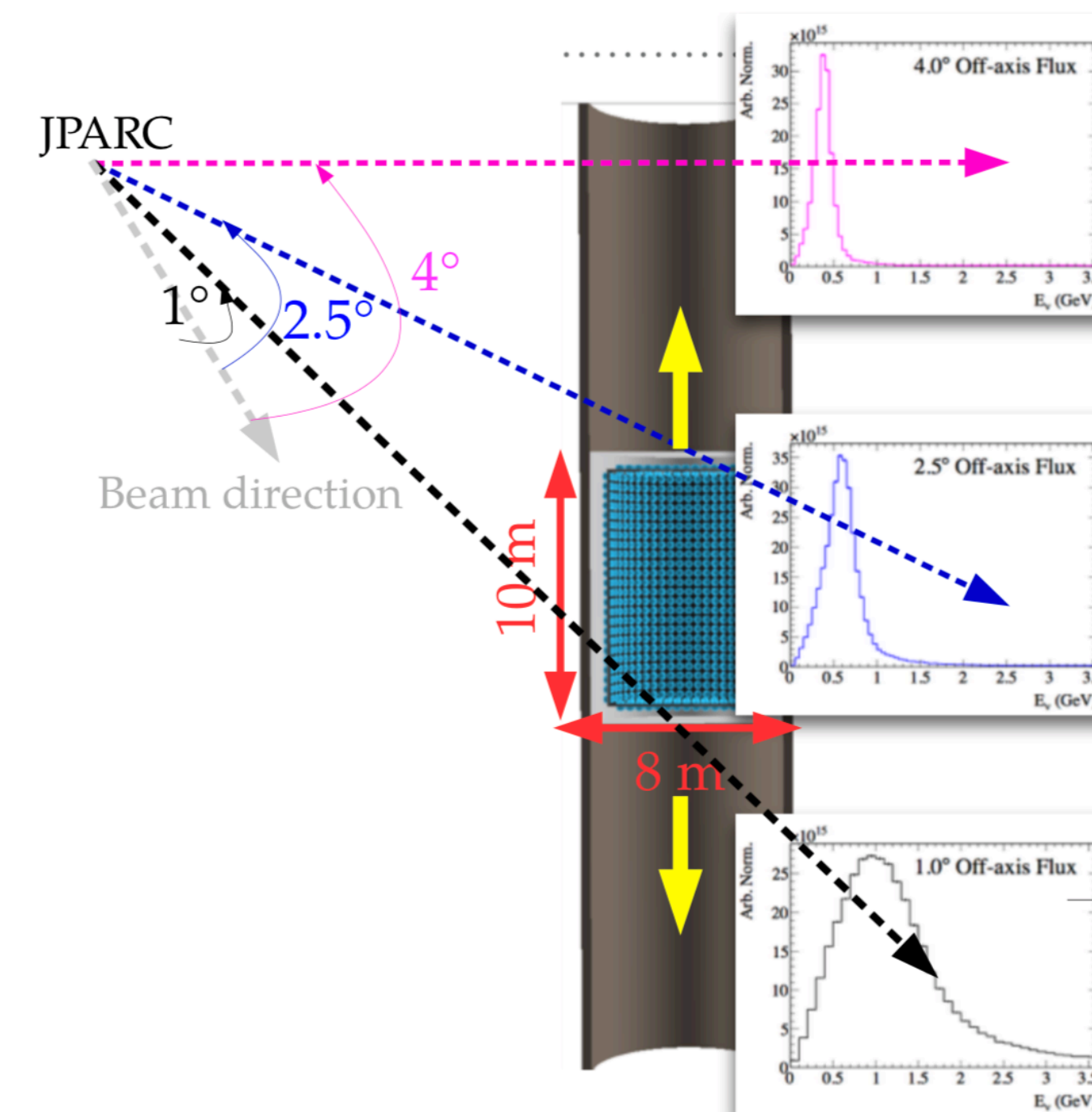
Need to test the design on a scaled-down version

Water Cherenkov Test Experiment (WCTE)@CERN

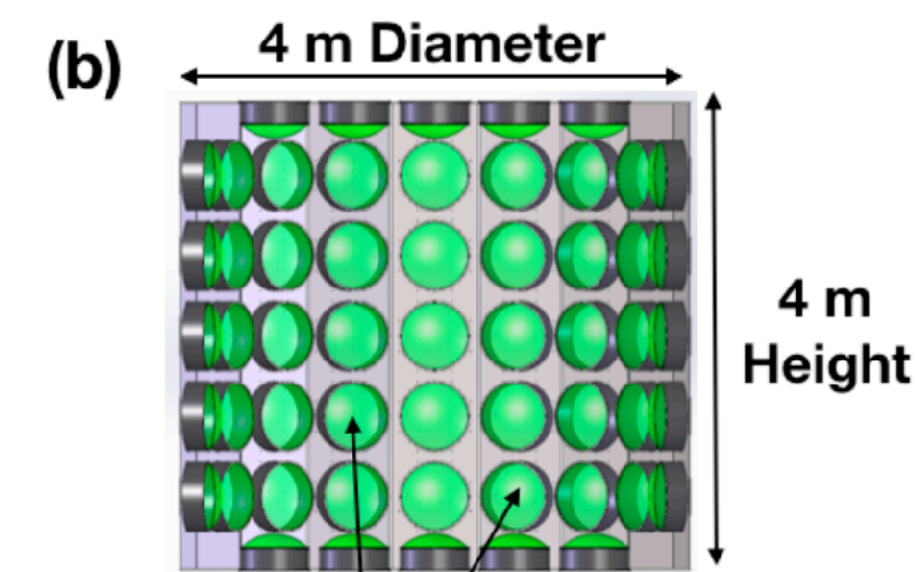
~128 mPMTs → 1 TDM is needed

Use prototypes developed during R&D on the setup

WCTE starts operations in 2023



IWCD detector



128 multi-PMT Photosensors

WCTE detector

R&D on UTC generation and clock synchronization

Useful discussions and feedbacks initiated with SYRTE

Development of UTC generation prototype for HK

Implementation of GNSS satellites signals corrections

Try to reach below 10 ns accuracy

Long-term know-how at LPNHE

Ongoing and future IN2P3 projects could profit from this R&D work on HK, in particular in view of multi-messenger observations

Knowledge and technology transfer beneficial to IN2P3