

WIND

Water In Neutrino Detectors

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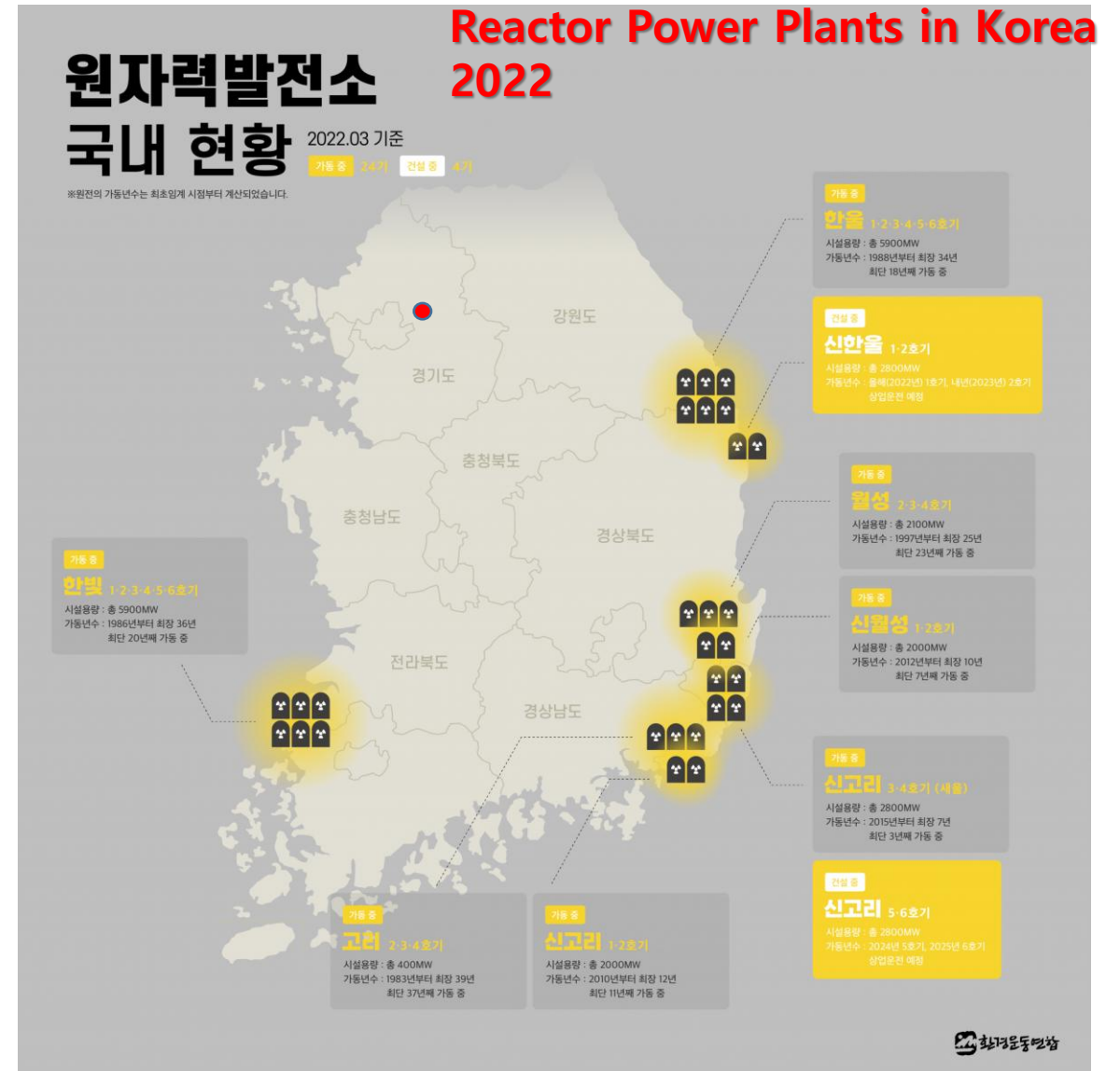
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- KNU: 박정식
- SNU: 유종희

- Water-based Liquid Scintillator into RENO Detectors
 - Kilo-ton Scale Detector R&D
 - GeV-scale neutrino detection
 - MeV-scale neutrino detection
- BNL WbLS R&D with 1-ton and 30-ton prototype
- Renovate and reuse the RENO facilities
- Plan to monitor all reactors in Korea



Reactor No.	Near Detector (m)	Far Detector (m)
1	667.9	1556.5
2	451.8	1456.2
3	304.8	1395.9
4	336.1	1381.3
5	513.9	1413.8
6	739.1	1490.1

Table 1.2: Distances of the reactor cores from the near and far detectors.

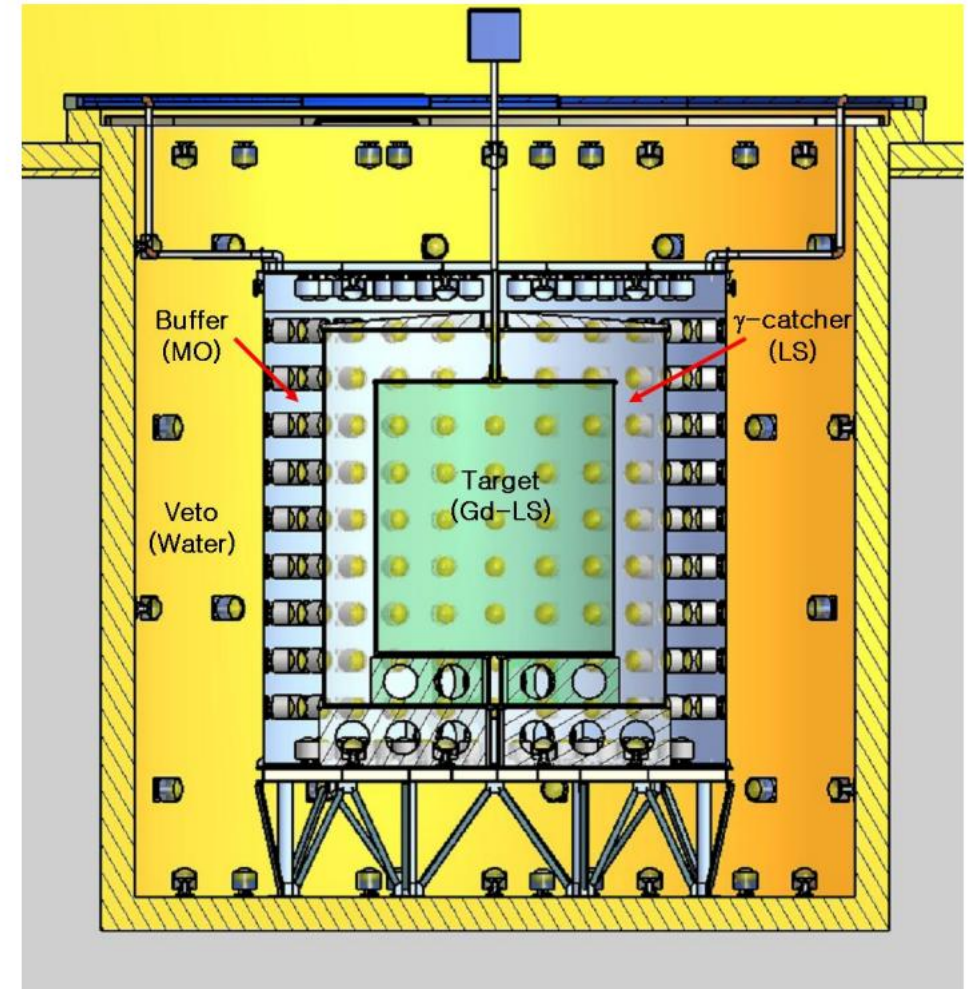


RENO

- Overburden: ND 120 m.w.e.
FD 450 m.w.e.
- Target: 16-ton Liquid Scintillator with 0.1% Gd
- PMT: 354 10-inch Hamamatsu (R7081)
- 14% photo-sensitive surface area coverage
- IBD rate per day without background :
FD 46.8 / ND 464 for $1.2 \text{ MeV} < E_p < 8 \text{ MeV}$

Detector Component	Outer Diameter(mm)	Outer Height(mm)	Thickness (mm)	Material	Volume (m ³)	Mass (tons)
Target	2750	3150	–	Gd-loaded LS	18.70	16.08
Target Vessel	2800	3200	25	Acrylic	0.99	1.18
γ -catcher	3940	4340	570	LS	33.19	28.55
γ -catcher Vessel	4000	4400	30	Acrylic	2.38	2.83
Buffer	5388	5788	694	Oil	76.46	64.22
Buffer Vessel	5400	5800	6/12*	SUS	1.05	8.39
Veto	8400	8890	1500	Water	354.84	354.84

Table 3.1: Dimensions of the mechanical structure of the detector. (*)The buffer vessel thickness is 6 mm for the top and barrel sections and 12 mm for the bottom section.

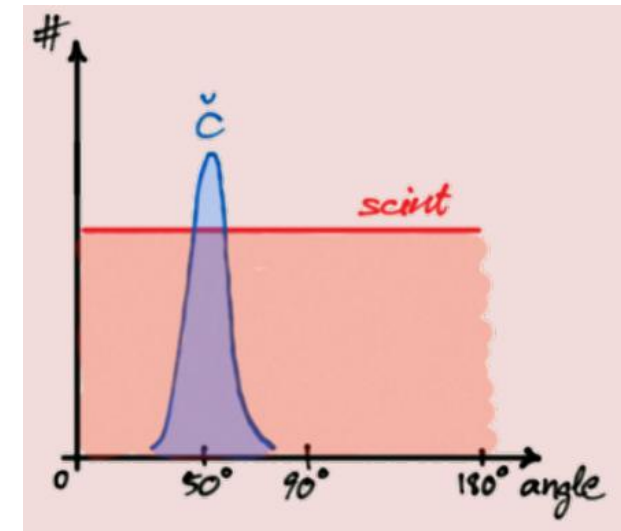
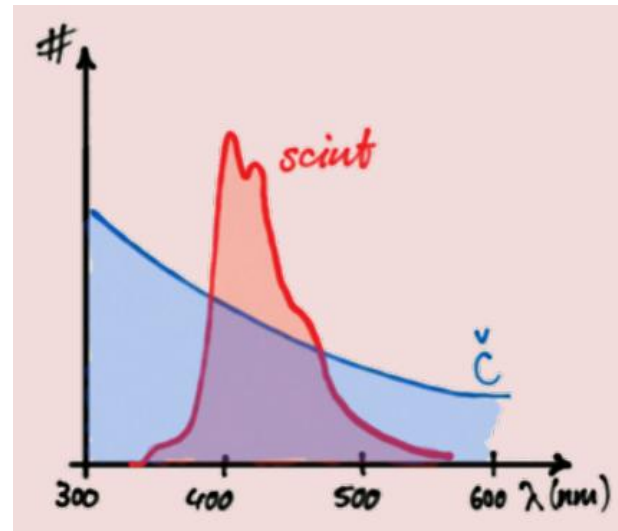
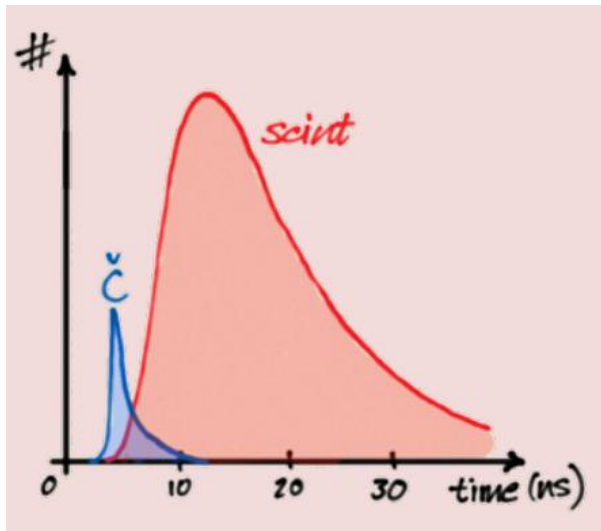


WbLS basic performance

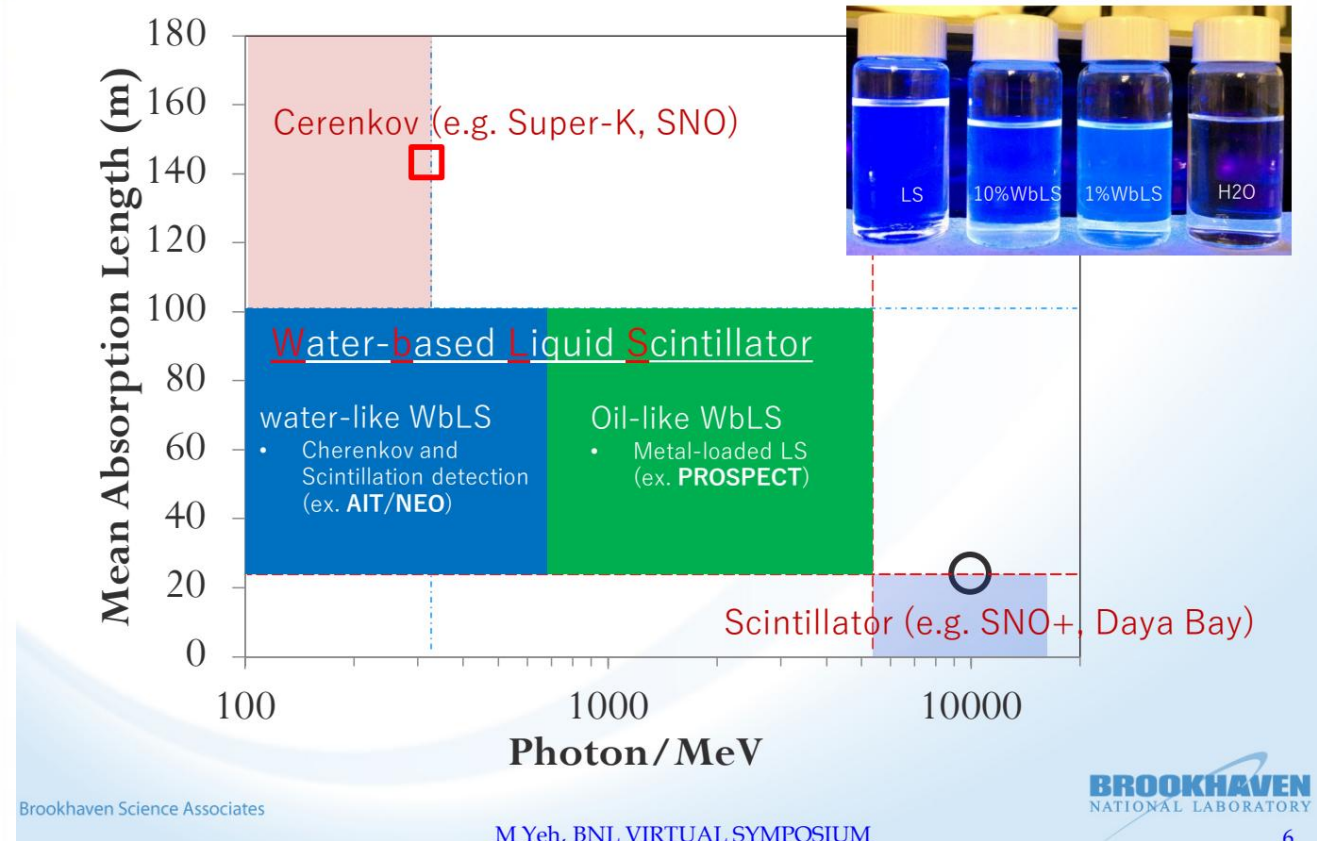
- Developed and characterized a variety of WbLS formulas for multiple frontiers.
- In the context of neutrino physics, Cherenkov and Scintillation light separation is a key feature.

In general:

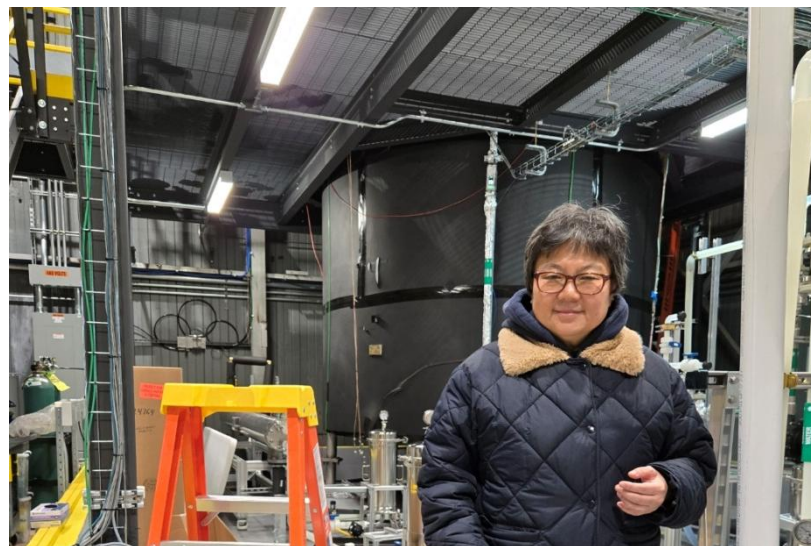
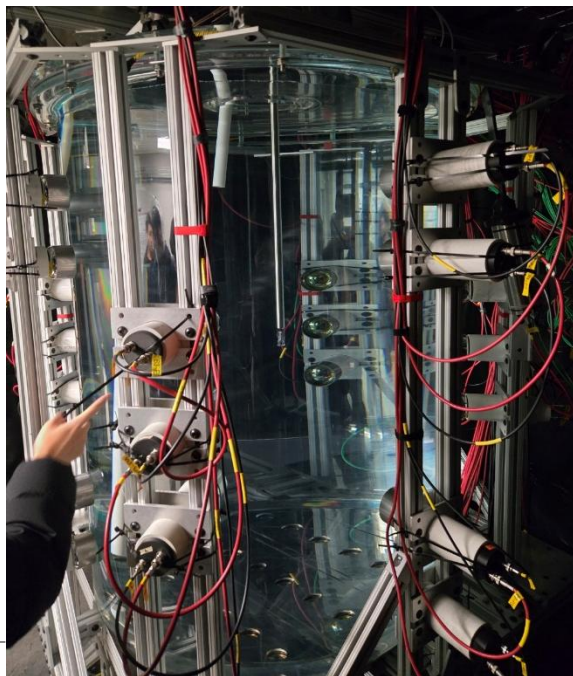
- Scintillation light yield proportional to WbLS concentration
- Scintillation light later than Cherenkov light
- Scintillation light with a narrower wavelength distribution than Cherenkov light
- Scintillation light generated isotropically



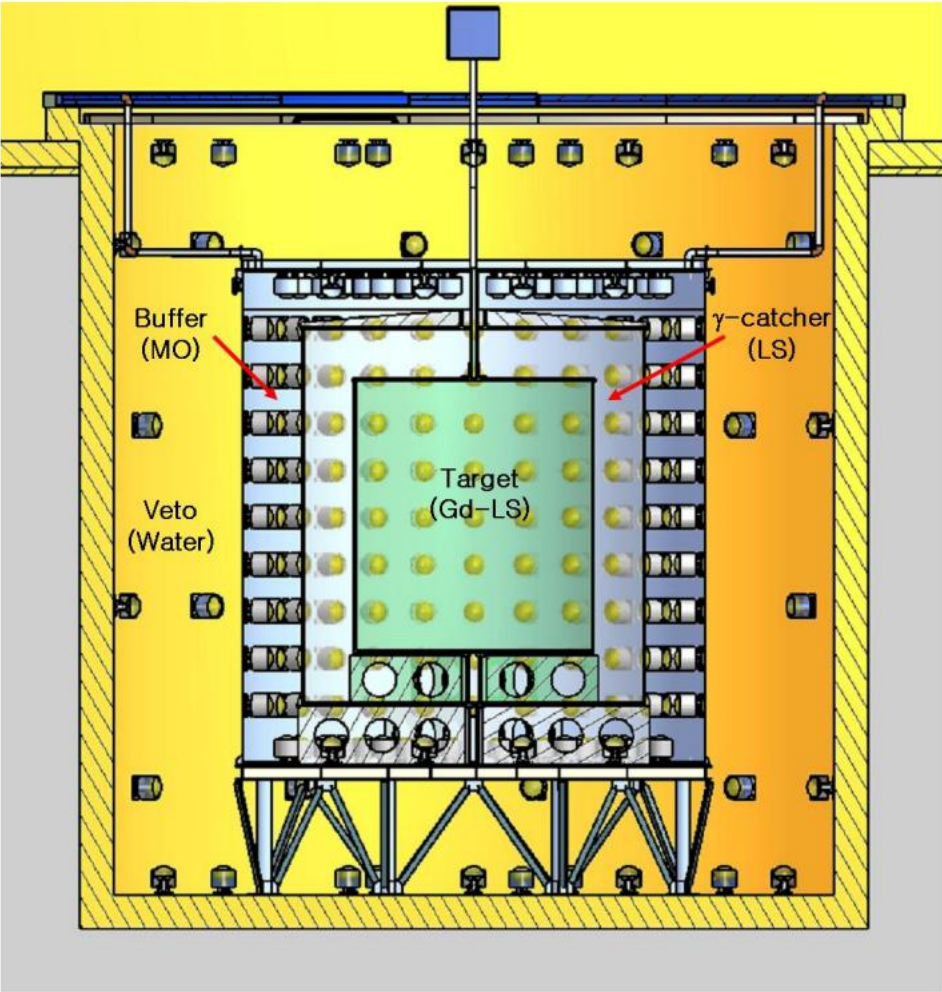
1ton under UV



Cooperation of CAU Nula and BNL WbLS Group



RENO Detector



	U-235	U-238	Pu-239	Pu-241
Fission Fraction	57.4%	7.3%	29.8%	5.5%
Released Energy [MeV]	202.36	205.99	211.12	214.26

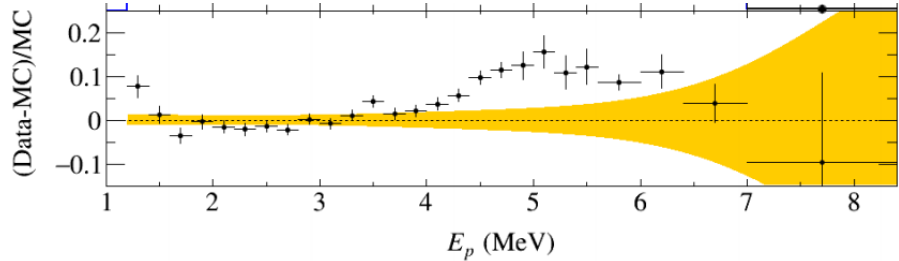
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$\langle Y_{IBD} \rangle = 5.891 \times 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2/\text{fission}$
 RENO's average IBD yield
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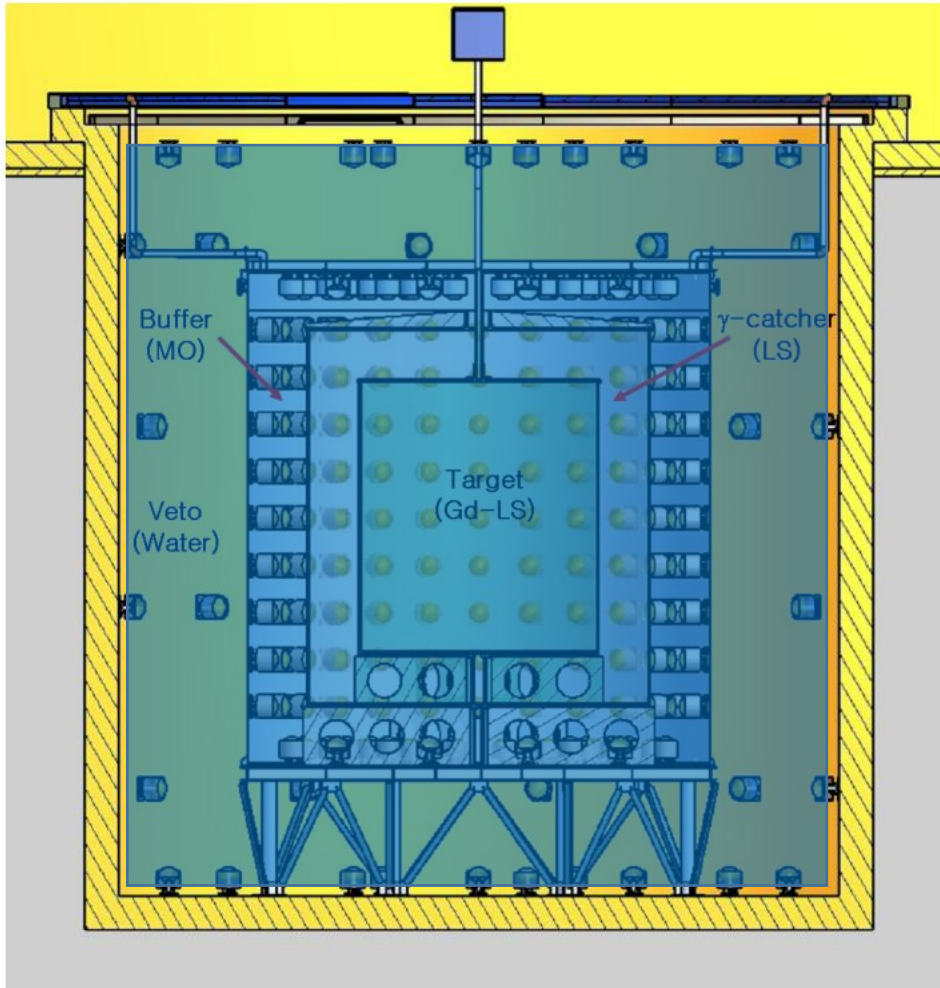
From Yang's
 Slide "RENO"

- 1,211,995(144,667) $\bar{\nu}_e$ candidate events observed for near(far).

Detector	Near	Far
IBD rate	366.47 ± 0.33	38.70 ± 0.10
after background subtraction	357.39 ± 0.38	36.64 ± 0.16
total background rate	9.08 ± 0.18	2.06 ± 0.13
live time [days]	3307.25	3737.85



Water In the Neutrino Detector



- Water 450 m³
- Inner surface 270 m²
- 350 PMT -> photo-cathode coverage 6.5%
1500 (2000) PMTs -> 27.8% (37.0%)

- Number of protons $N_p = 3.02 \times 10^{31}$
- Efficiency $\varepsilon = 70\%$
 - Cf: RENO 76.5%, Daya Bay 78.8%
- Number of neutrino events

$$N_v = \sum_i^6 \frac{N_p \epsilon}{4\pi L_i^2} \langle Y_{IBD} \rangle \frac{P_{th,i}}{\langle E_{rel} \rangle}$$

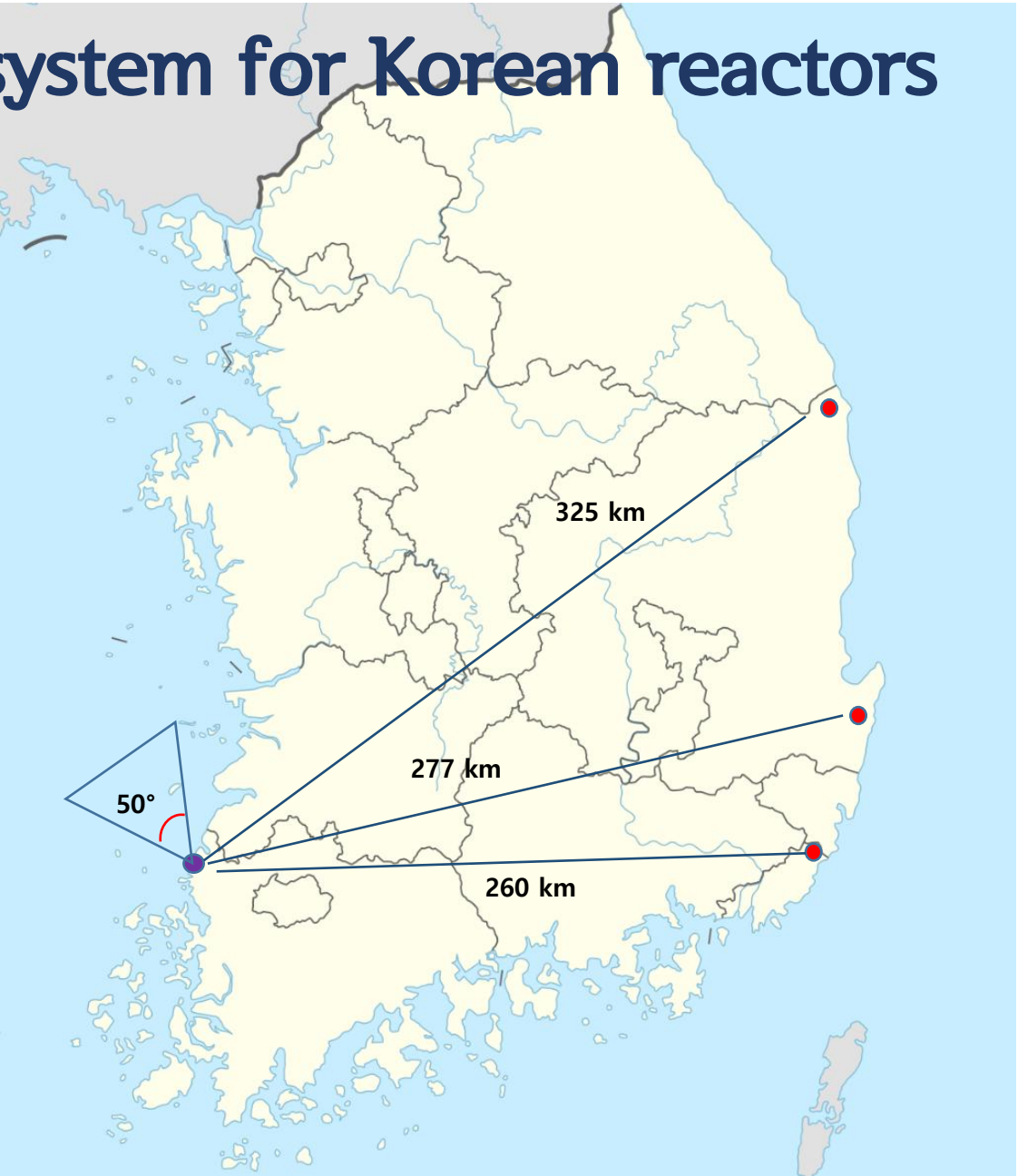
- 2,090 per day >>> 763,000 per year
 - Cf: RENO 144,667 / 3800 days

- Sufficient statistics for 5-MeV excess using the target H₂O.

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Monitoring system for Korean reactors

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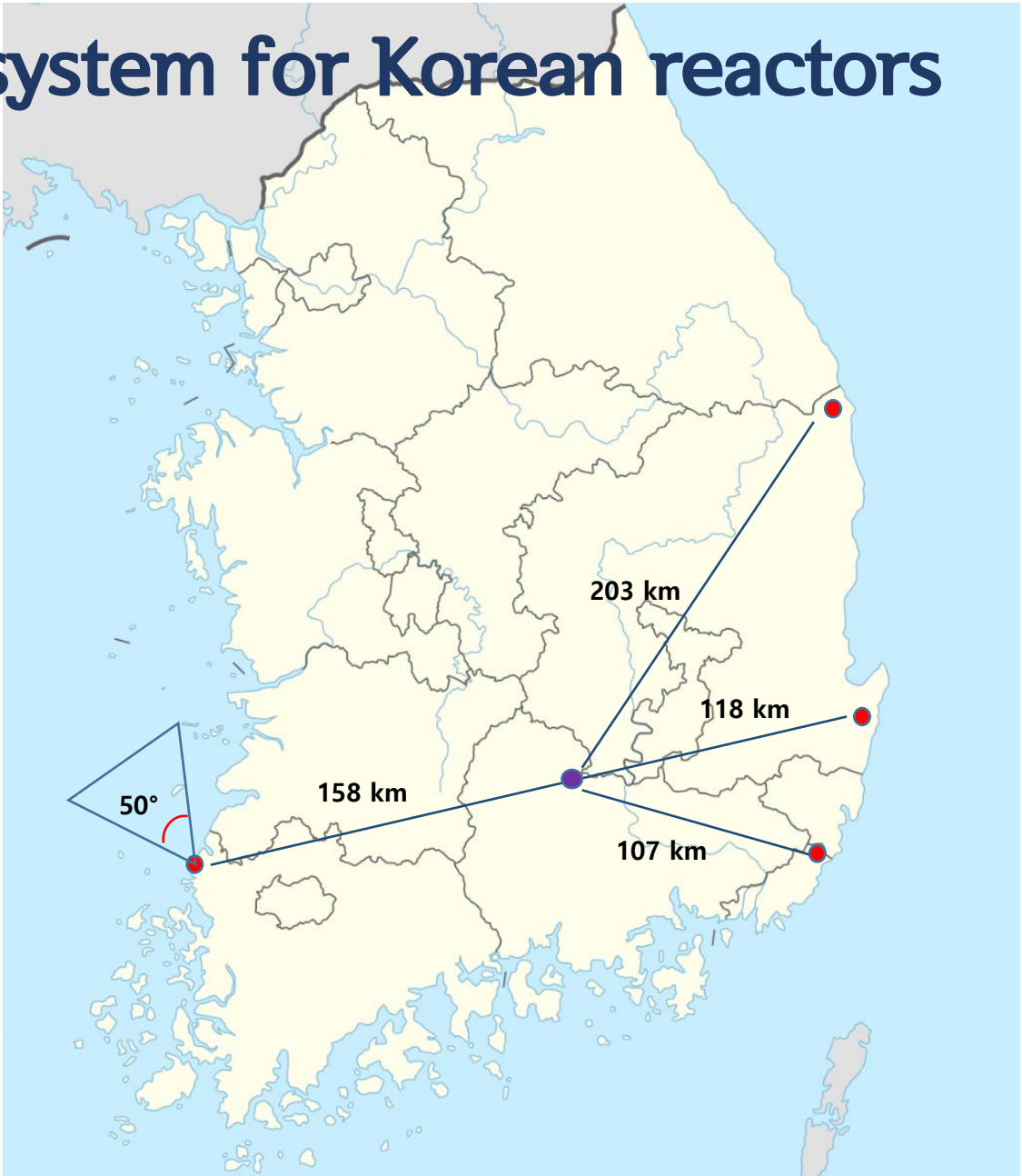


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From PRIS at IAEA.org

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Novel directional β source

Goals: Direction

Source(s): $^{90}\text{Sr} \rightarrow ^{90}\text{Y}$, endpoint 2.3 MeV
 $^{106}\text{Ru} \rightarrow ^{106}\text{Rh}$, endpoint 3.5 MeV

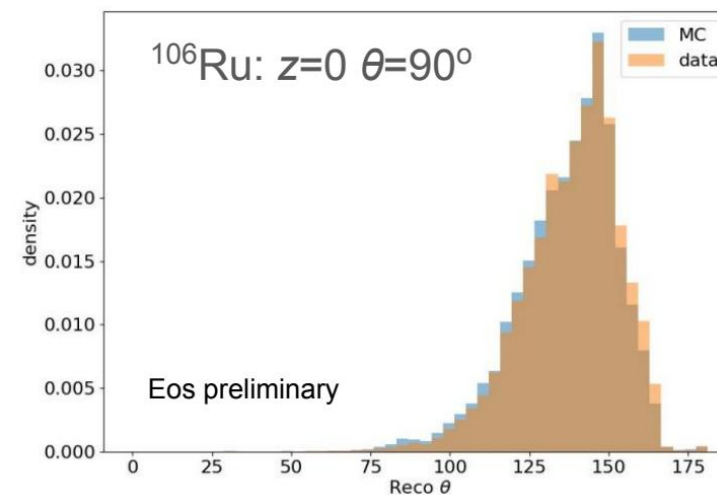
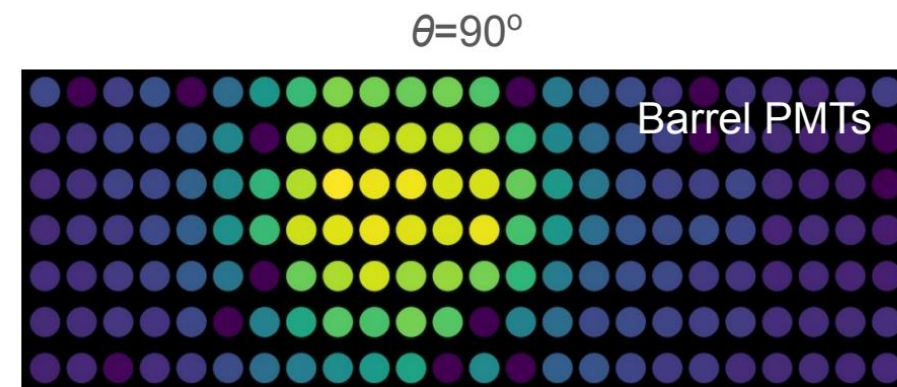
Design:

- Modestly narrow beam of collimated electrons.
- Triggering on scintillating fibers (0.2 mm \Leftrightarrow 33%) viewed by two Silicon PhotoMultipliers (SiPMs).
- ~Hz of tagged events (coinc. with detect.).
- Deployed at various polar & azimuthal orientations.

Status:

- Very good performance.
- More smaller sources under construction.

Directionality clear.
Reconstruction performs well.



Directional Resolution of Cherenkov Light

- Low-energy electrons(positrons) travel only centimeters in water.

Length of the cone = track length

The light from a few centimeter–cone can be detected by kton detector?

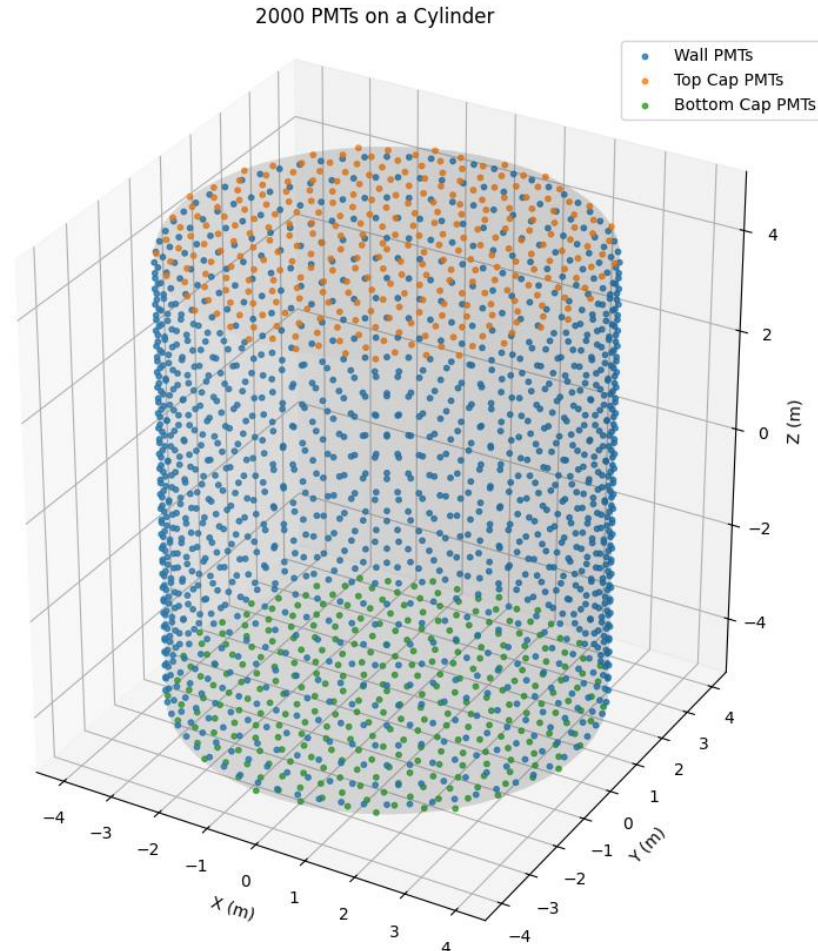
- Scattering angles are big for IBD events.

How big?

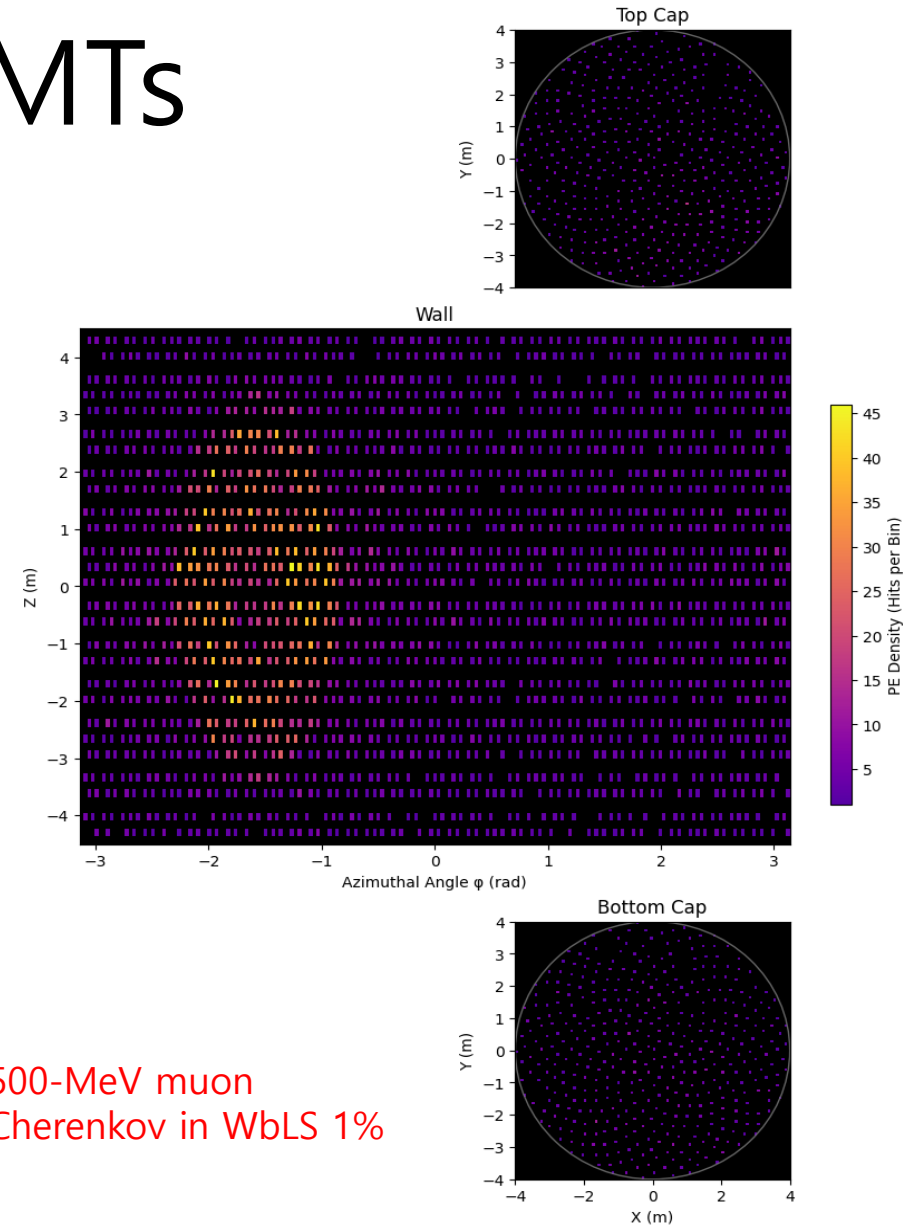
80~90 degree or isotropic?

RENO Well with 2000 PMTs

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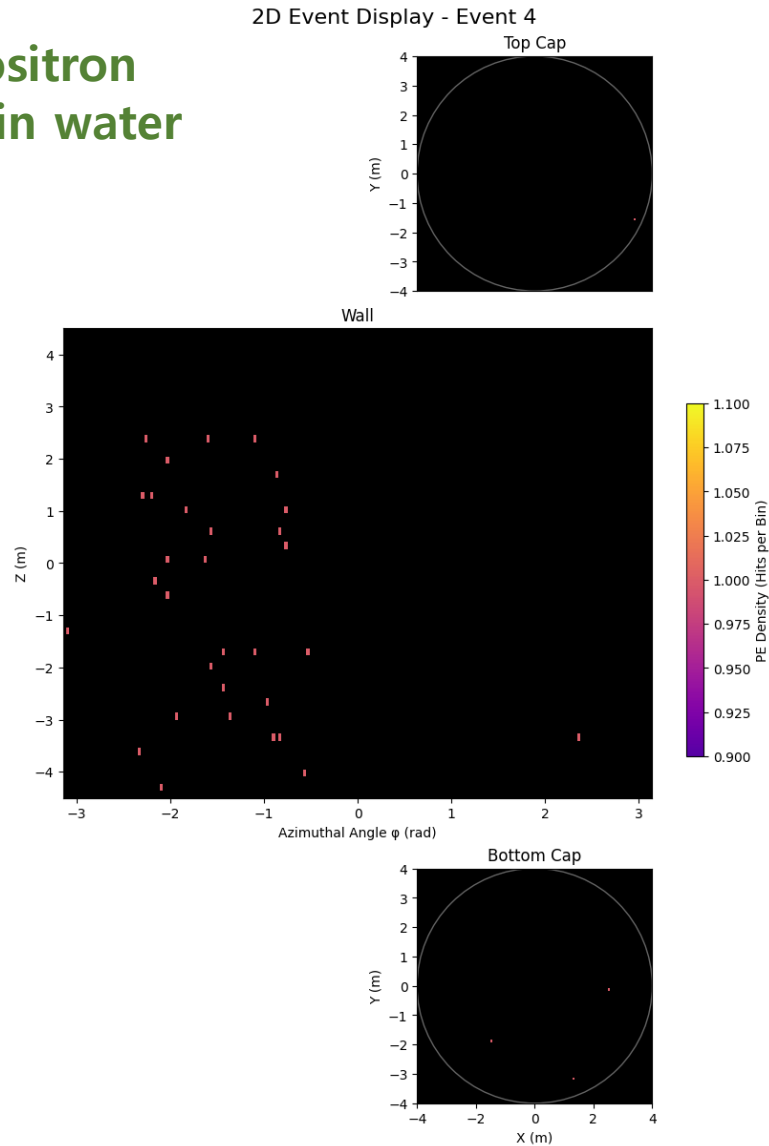


2D Event Display - Event 0

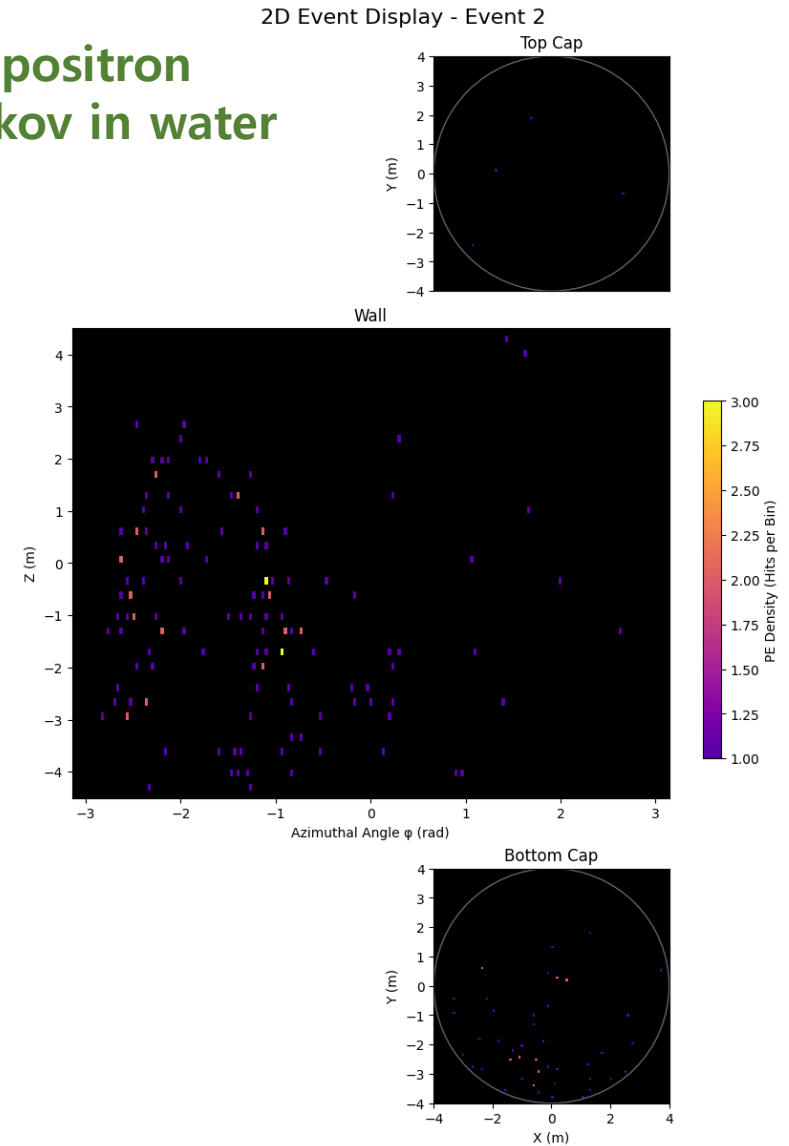


500-MeV muon
Cherenkov in WbLS 1%

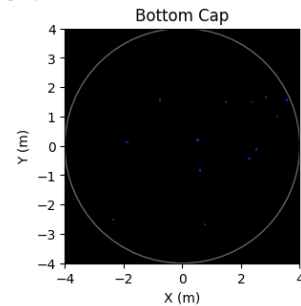
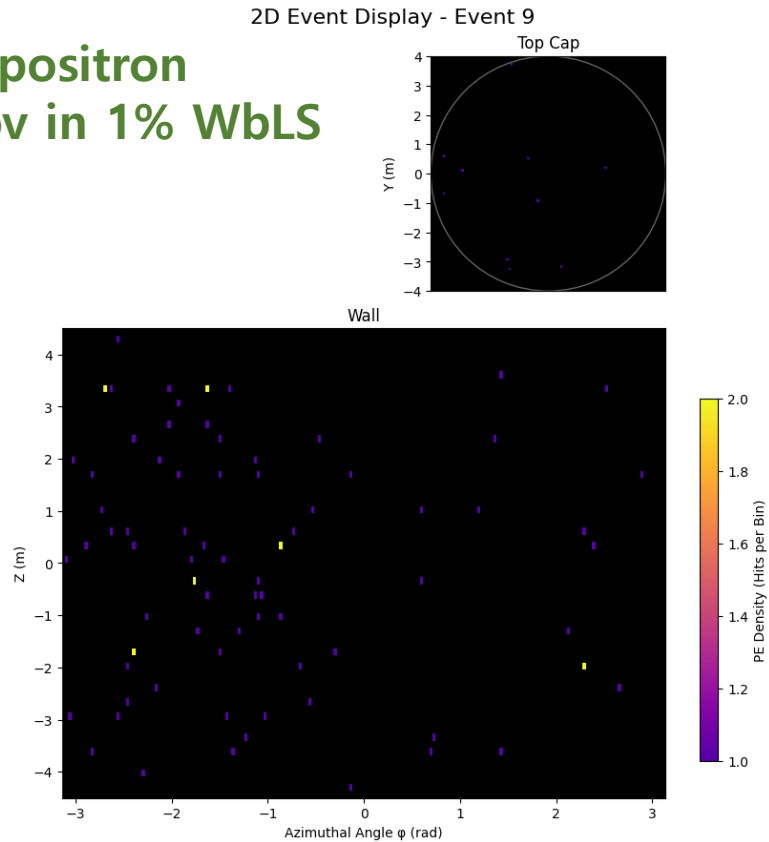
2.7-MeV positron Cherenkov in water



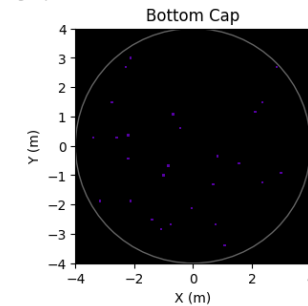
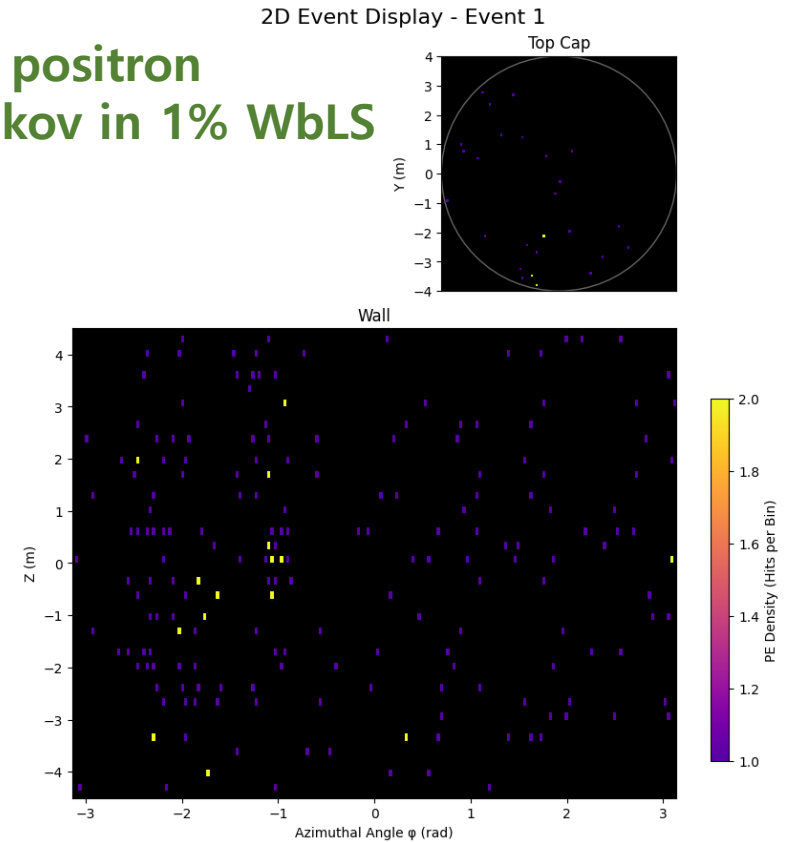
8-MeV positron Cherenkov in water



2.7-MeV positron Cherenkov in 1% WbLS



8-MeV positron Cherenkov in 1% WbLS



Find the way to separate the
Cherenkov from the scintillation

- # of PMT's
- Reduce the concentration
- Delay the time of scintillation

Angular distribution of neutron inverse beta decay, anti-neutrino(e) + p ---> e+ + n

P. Vogel (Caltech), John F. Beacom (Caltech)

Mar, 1999

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- Scattering by 91~93 degree -> Slightly backward!

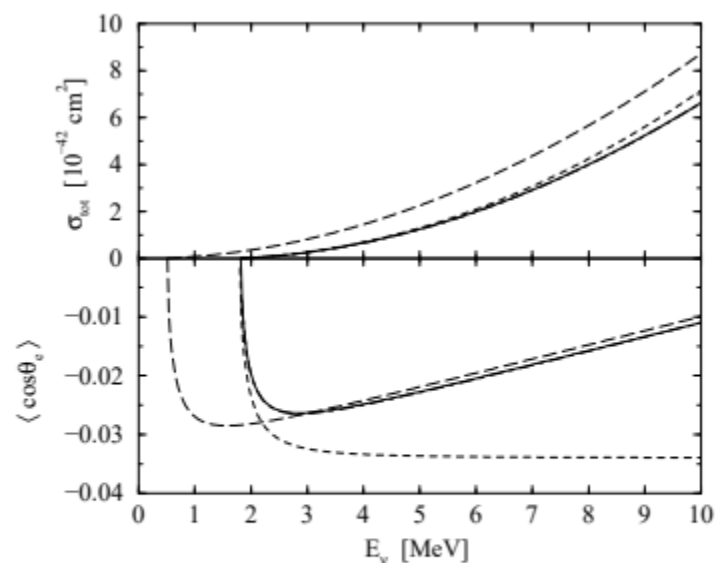
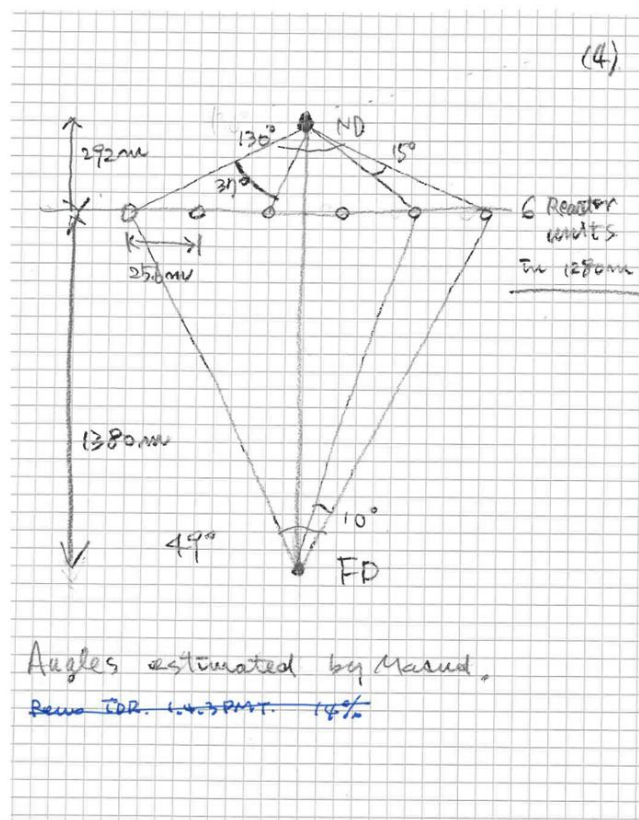


FIG. 1. Upper panel: total cross section for $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$; bottom panel: $\langle \cos \theta_e \rangle$ for the same reaction; both as a function of the antineutrino energy. The solid line is our $\mathcal{O}(1/M)$ result and the short-dashed line is the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ result. The

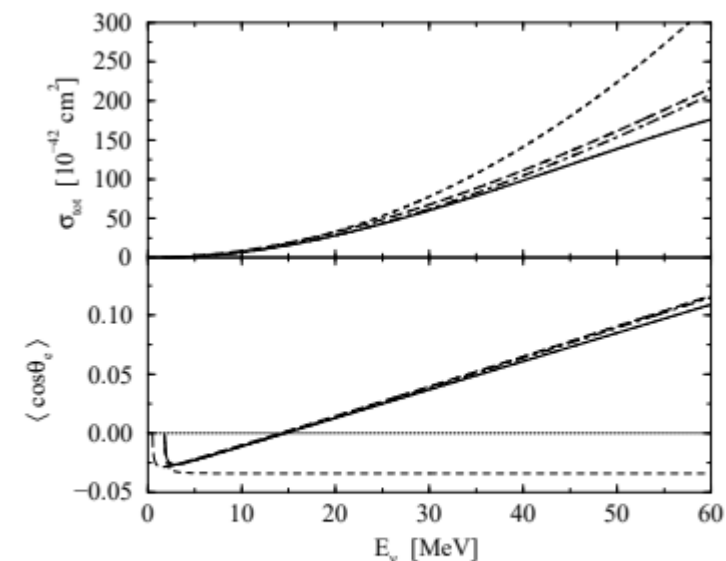


FIG. 2. The same as Fig. 1, but over a larger range of antineutrino energy. The long-dashed and dot-dashed lines are nearly indistinguishable in the lower panel.

Concluding Remarks

WIND (WbLS in RENO FD)

WbLS is a novel type of particle detector to take advantage of both Cherenkov and scintillation light detection.

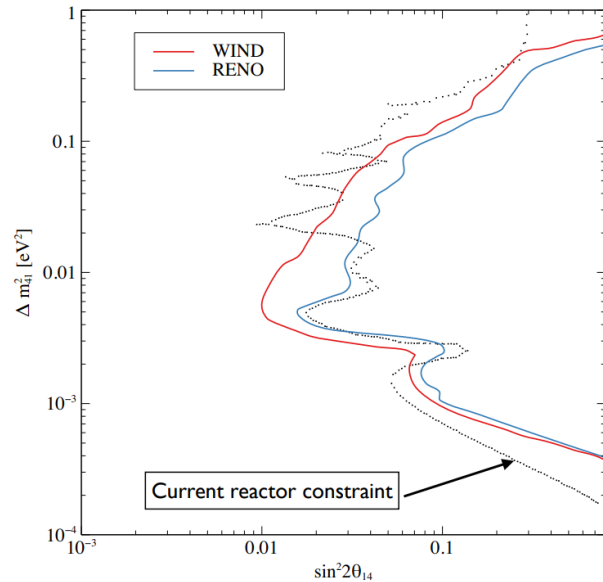
- Cherenkov >> Directional info and fast timing
- Scintillation >> High LY and good energy resolution

RENO Site

- Renovate and reuse the neutrino detector hall and the well.
- Good size and distances from reactor plants in South Korea.
- Chance to validate the 5-MeV excess issue with water target.

Mehedi Masud for KPS 2025

WIND : sterile neutrino



$$P_{ee} \simeq 1 - \sin^2 \theta_{ee} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

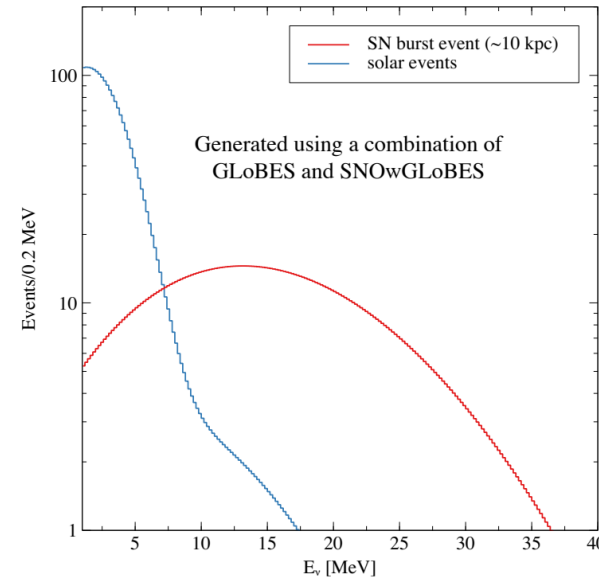
where

$$\sin^2 \theta_{ee} = \sin^2 \theta_{ee}(\theta_{14}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13})$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} \frac{(O_i^{F/N} - T_i^{F/N})^2}{U_i^{F/N}} + \sum_{d=N,F} \left(\frac{b^d}{\sigma_{\text{bkg}}^d} \right)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^6 \left(\frac{f_r}{\sigma_{\text{flux}}^r} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\eta}{\sigma_{\text{scale}}} \right)^2,$$

GLOBES can be used for implementing sterile neutrinos and various systematic uncertainties for χ^2 calculation

WIND : looking into the sky



Substantial events from Sun and a future galactic Supernova burst

Directionality can be leveraged to identify events

Possibility of:

- Precision study for $\Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{12}$
- Day-night asymmetry, matter effects, NSI
- Supernova constraints (e.g., using light bosons)
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Projects of Water-Based Liquid Scintillator

Project	Size	Purpose	Status
BNL 1-ton WbLS	1 ton	- Study light yield, timing, and scaling potential	Operation
BNL 30-ton WbLS	30 ton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To characterize the properties of WbLS as prototype for large-scale neutrino experiments - Aiming to evaluate the scalability and stability - Testbed for refining WbLS formulations, purification techniques, and deployment methods. 	Operation Mixing LS
EOS (UC Berkeley)	4 ton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 240 PMT - The separation of Cherenkov and scintillation at a multi-ton scale. - Directional Resolution with beta sources. - Advanced photodetector technologies, e.g., fast-timing PMTs and Dichroic filters for spectral photon sorting. - Expecting insights for the design of larger-scale detectors 	Commissioning
Theia-25 Theia-100	25 kton 100 kton	DUNE FD4 Neutrinoless Double Beta Decays	Conceptual Design

Projects of Water-Based Liquid Scintillator

Project	Size	Purpose	Status
ANNIE (Accelerator Neutrino Neutron Interaction Experiment)	366 liters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neutron yields from nu-nucleus interaction - Fermilab - Neutron tagging in a beam environment 	Operation
CHESS (Cherenkov and Scintillation Separation)	~liters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tabletop scale - To study the separation of Cherenkov and scintillation light in WbLS operation 	R&D
WATCHMAN (WATER Cherenkov Monitor for Anti-Neutrinos)	1 kton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under consideration for AIT-NEO (Advanced Instrumentation Testbed-Neutrino Expt. One) - The feasibility of remote monitoring of nuclear reactors via antineutrino detection. - To utilize WbLS to improve sensitivity to antineutrino signals - USA and UK 	Under Development

WATCHMAN for Non-Proliferation

- 1100-m Boulby Underground Laboratory
- 1-kton WATCHMAN
- 30-ton BUTTON (Boulby Underground Technology Testbed for Observing Neutrinos)
>> Button1000
- Hartlepool Reactor
 - 26 km from Boulby
- Heysham Reactor
 - 148 km from Boulby

