

# Reactor Neutrino Experiments - Lecture II

- Precision Oscillation Physics With Reactor Antineutrinos -

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# Outline

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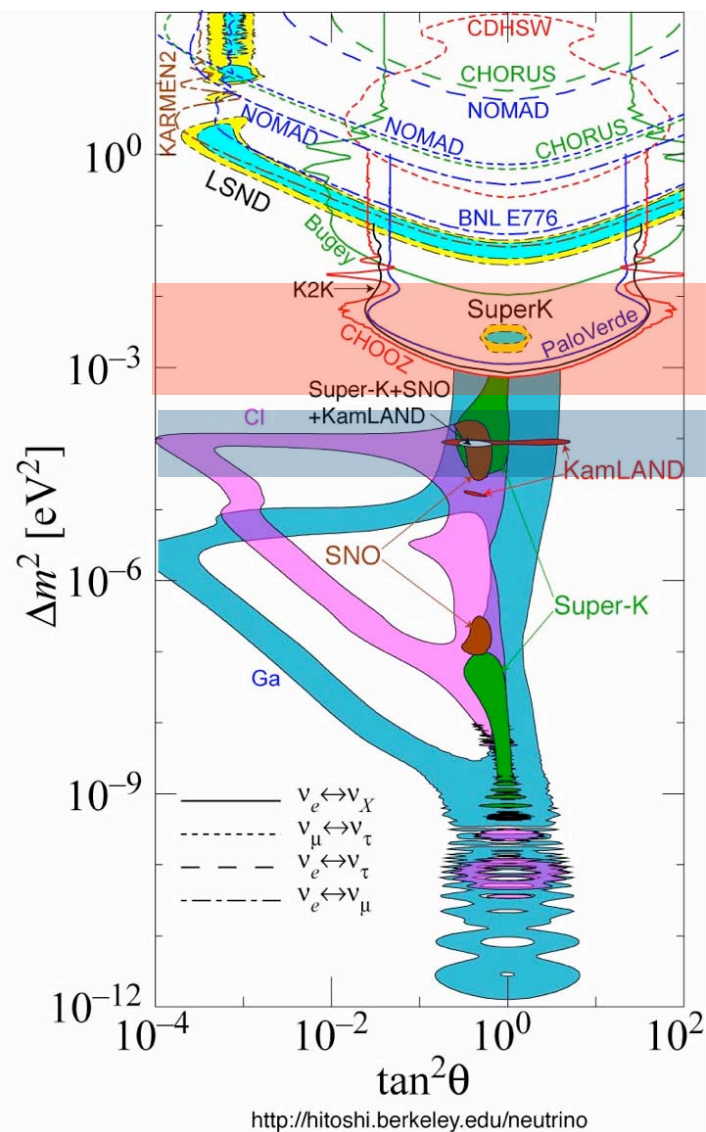
## **Lecture I - The First 50 Years: From The Discovery of the Antineutrino to the First Observation of Antineutrino Disappearance**

- The Reactor as an Antineutrino Source
- Detection of Antineutrinos
- Discovery of the Free Antineutrino
- Search for Neutrino Oscillation with Reactor Antineutrinos
- Observation of Reactor Antineutrino Disappearance at KamLAND
- Other Reactor Neutrino Experiments

## **Lecture II - Precision Oscillation Physics with Reactor Antineutrinos**

- Precision Measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{12}$  at KamLAND
- Evidence for Oscillation of Reactor Antineutrinos at KamLAND
- Search for the Unknown Neutrino Mixing angle  $\theta_{13}$
- Future Opportunities: Precision Measurement of  $\theta_{12}$
- Applied Neutrino Physics: Reactor Monitoring with Antineutrinos

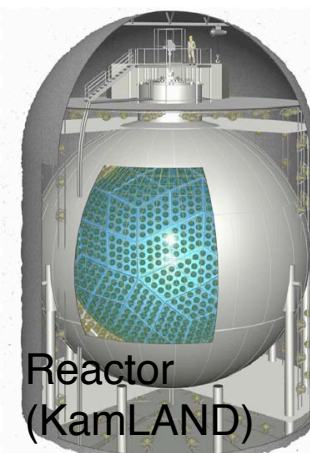
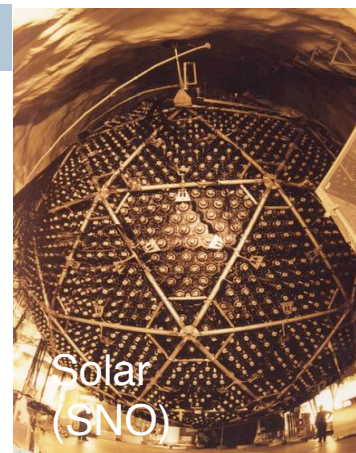
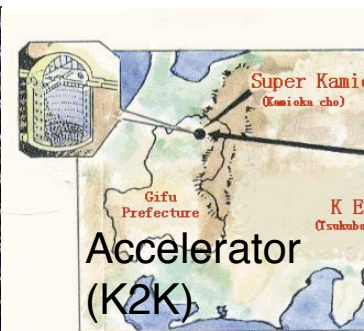
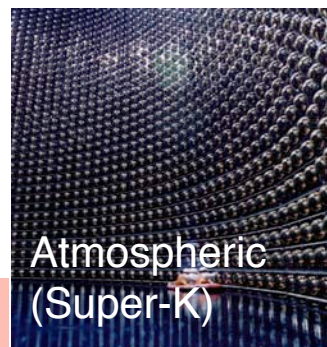
# Discovery Era in Neutrino Physics: 1998 - Present



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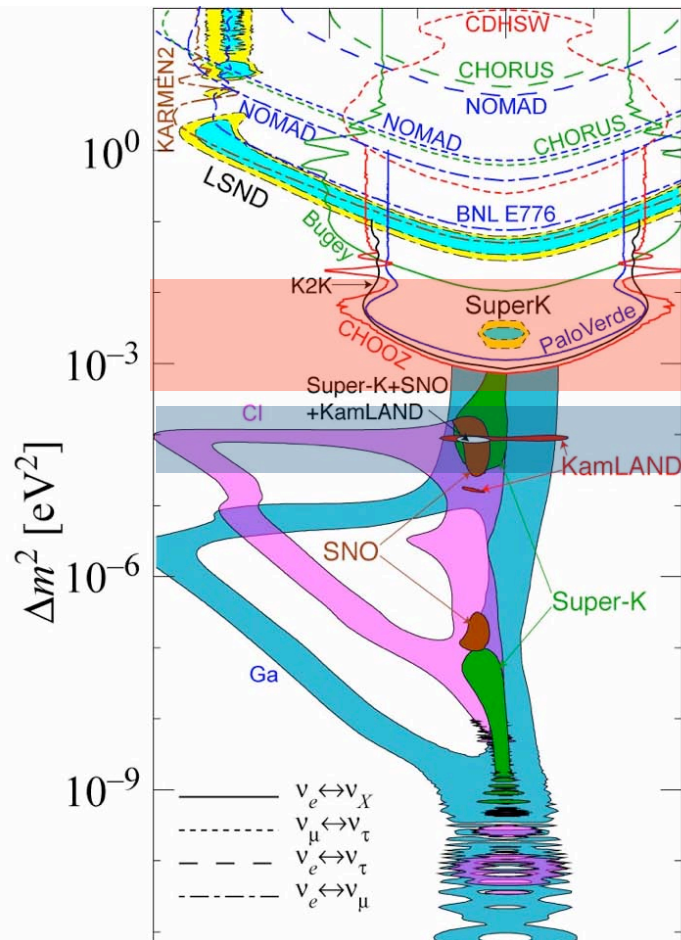
$$\nu_e \Rightarrow \nu_{\mu,\tau}$$

$\Delta m_{ij}^2$  measured  
and confirmed.



SK: zenith angle dependence of atm  $\nu_\mu$   
 SNO: solar  $\nu_e$  flavor transformation  
 KamLAND: reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance

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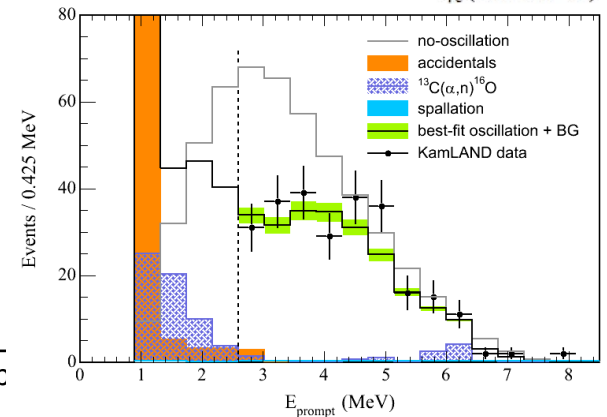
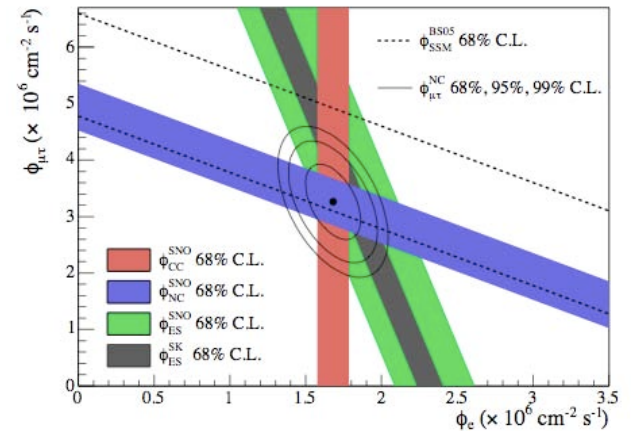
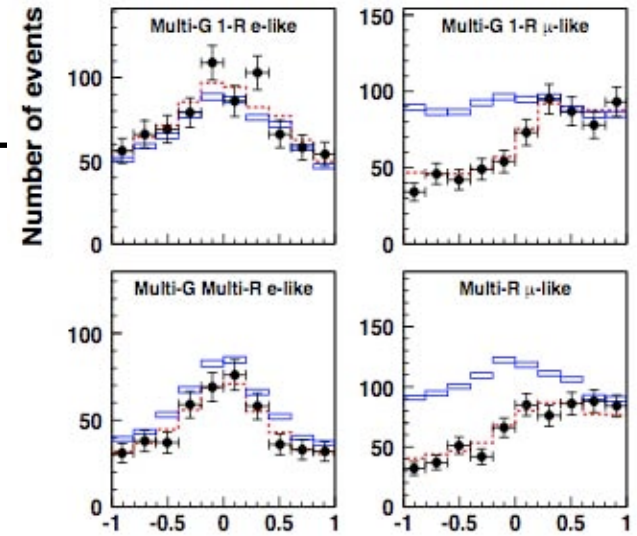


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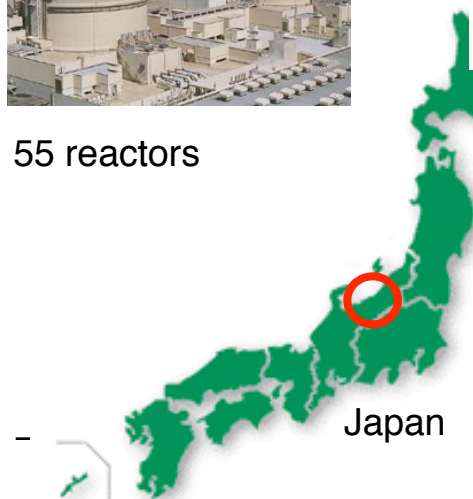
# Measurement of Reactor Antineutrinos in KamLAND



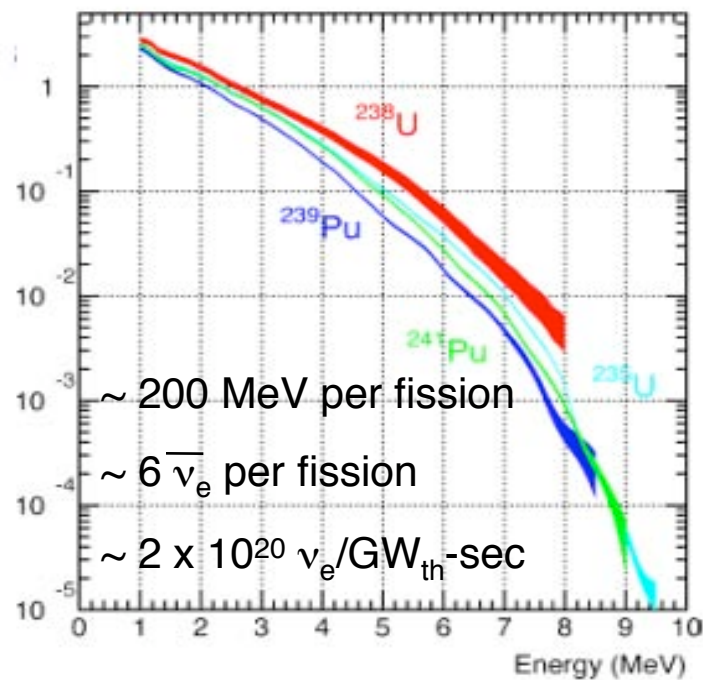
## Japanese Reactors



55 reactors



## Reactor Isotopes



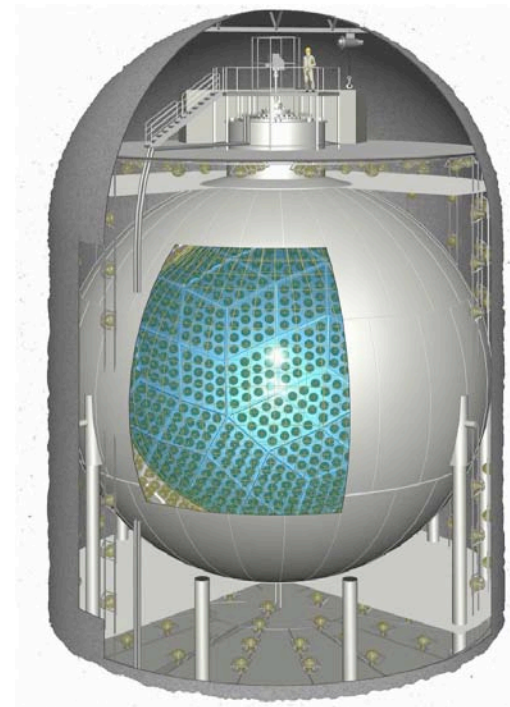
$$^{235}\text{U} : ^{238}\text{U} : ^{239}\text{Pu} : ^{241}\text{Pu} = 0.570 : 0.078 : 0.0295 : 0.057$$

reactor  $\bar{\nu}$  flux  $\sim 6 \times 10^6 / \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$

## Antineutrino Detection in KamLAND



through inverse  $\beta$ -decay





## Updates to 2007 KamLAND analysis:

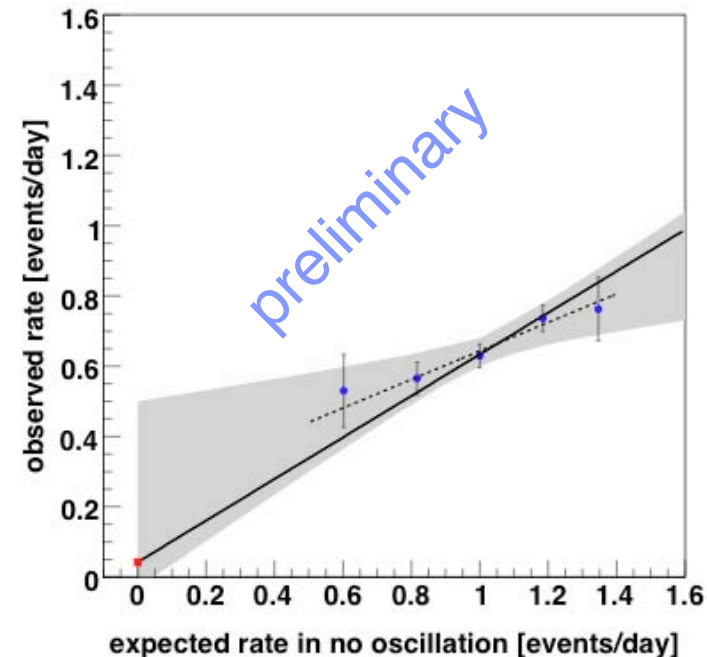
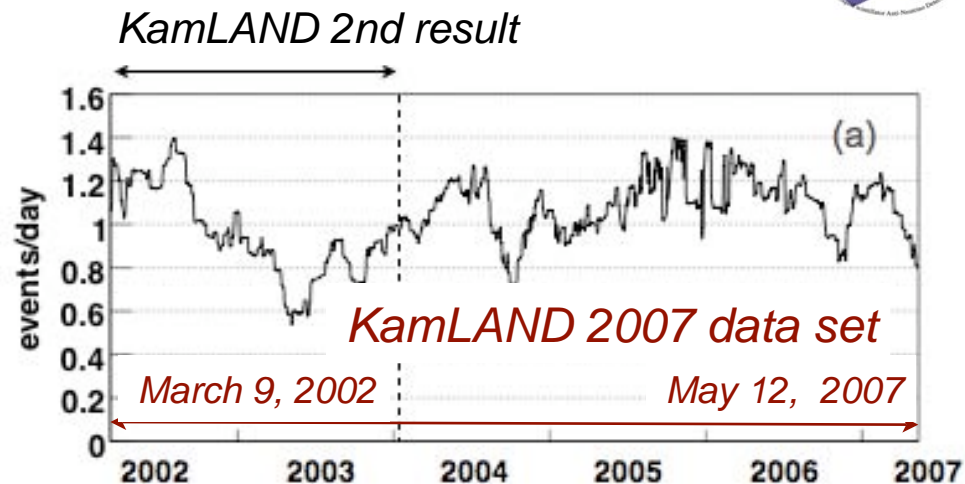
- increased livetime
- lowered analysis threshold
- modified analysis to enlarge the fiducial volume
- reduced uncertainty in  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$  backgrounds
- reduced systematic in target protons (fiducial volume)

## In KamLAND 2007 analysis:

fiducial volume:  $R_p, R_d < 6.0\text{m}$

livetime: 1491 days

exposure:  $2.44 \times 10^{32}$  proton-year



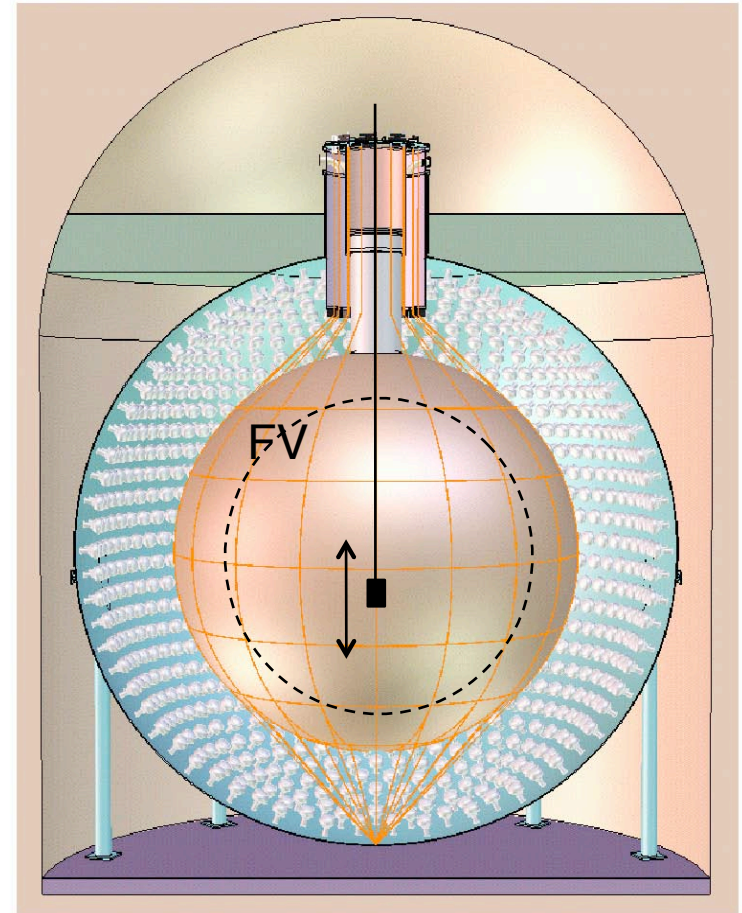
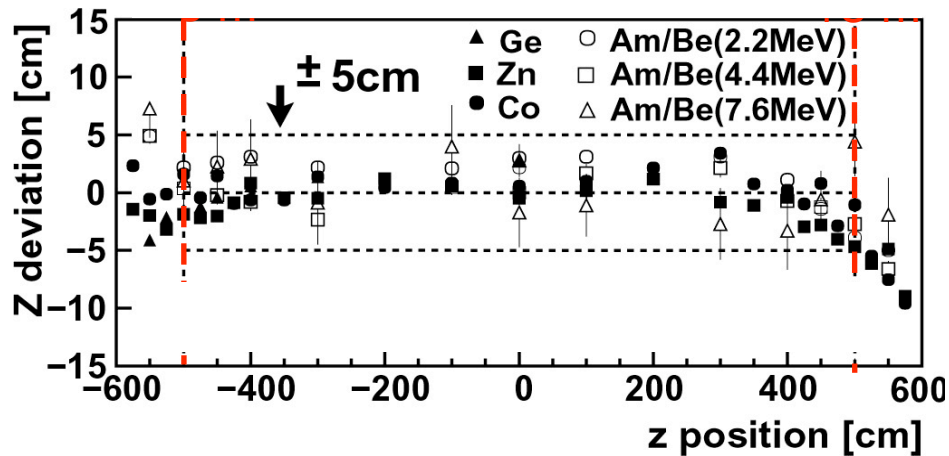
# KamLAND "Z-axis Calibration"



## Routine Calibration Sources

$^{68}\text{Ge}$	$e^+$	$2 \times 0.511 \text{ MeV}$
$^{65}\text{Zn}$	$\gamma$	$1.116 \text{ MeV}$
$^{60}\text{Co}$	$\gamma$	$2.506 \text{ MeV}$
$^{241}\text{Am}^9\text{Be}$	$\gamma, n$	$2.22, 4.44, \text{ and } 7.65 \text{ MeV}$
$^{203}\text{Hg}$		
$^{137}\text{Cs}$		

## Laser and LEDs



**new:** also used a  $^{210}\text{Po}^{13}\text{C}$  source to study the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction and to calibrate MC code

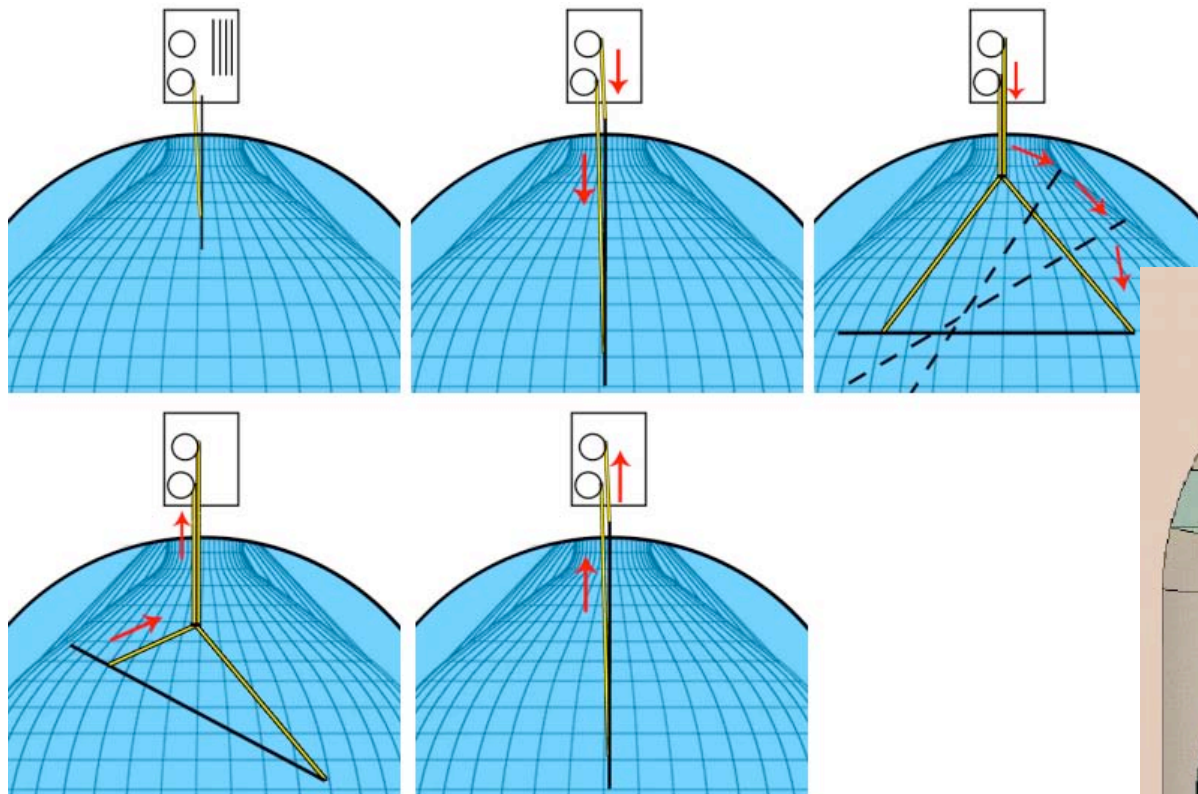
energy resolution  $\sigma = 6.5\% \sqrt{E}$   
 vertex reconstruction resolution  
 $\sim 12\text{cm}/\sqrt{E}$



# KamLAND 4 $\pi$ “Full-Volume” Calibration



## Calibration throughout entire detector volume



Calibration volume:  $R < 5.5$  m

$$\Delta R_{FV} = 5 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \Delta V = 2.7\%$$

$$\Delta R_{FV} = 2 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \Delta V = 1.1\%$$

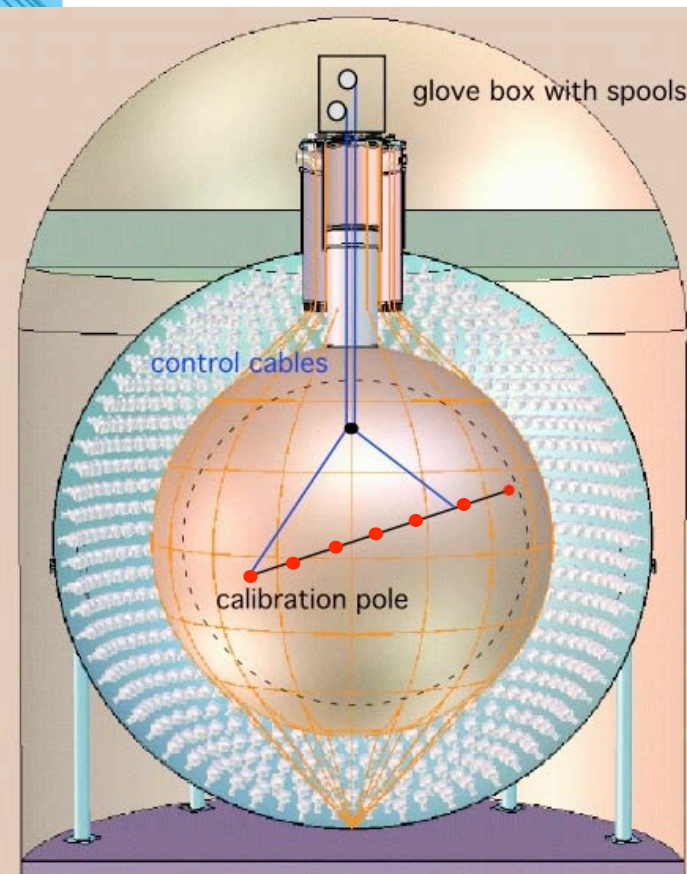
Can study position dependence of detector response:

Event energy

$$E(r, \theta, \phi)$$

Vertex reconstruction

$$R_{\text{fit}}(r, \theta, \phi)$$

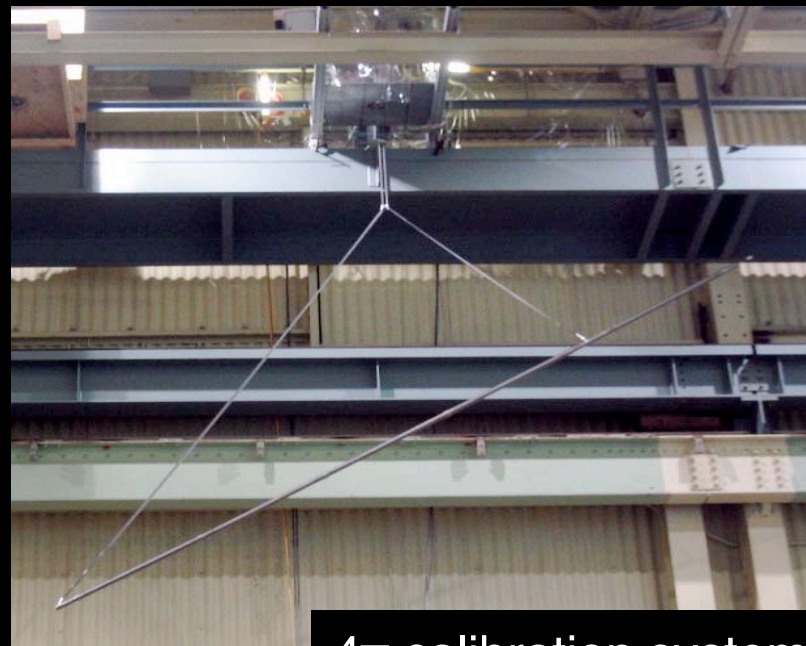




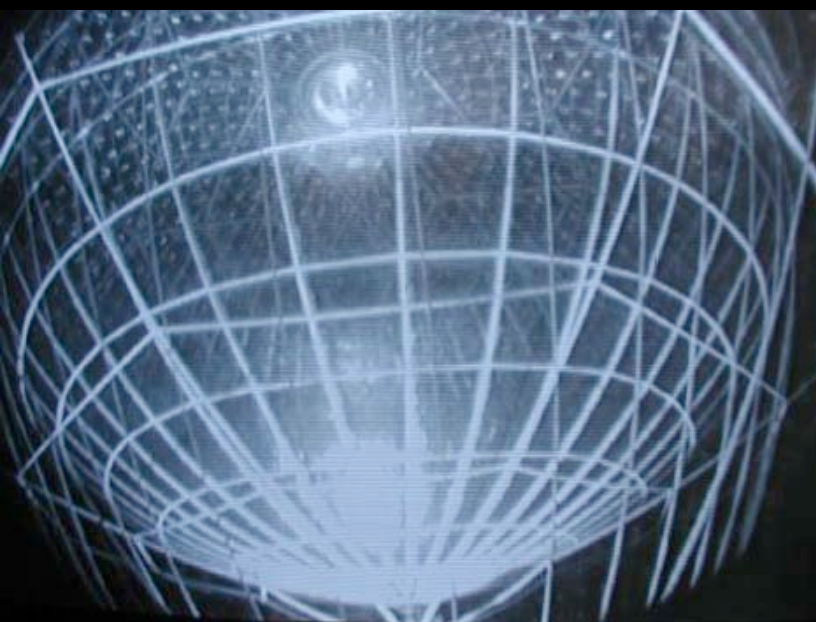
calibration deck



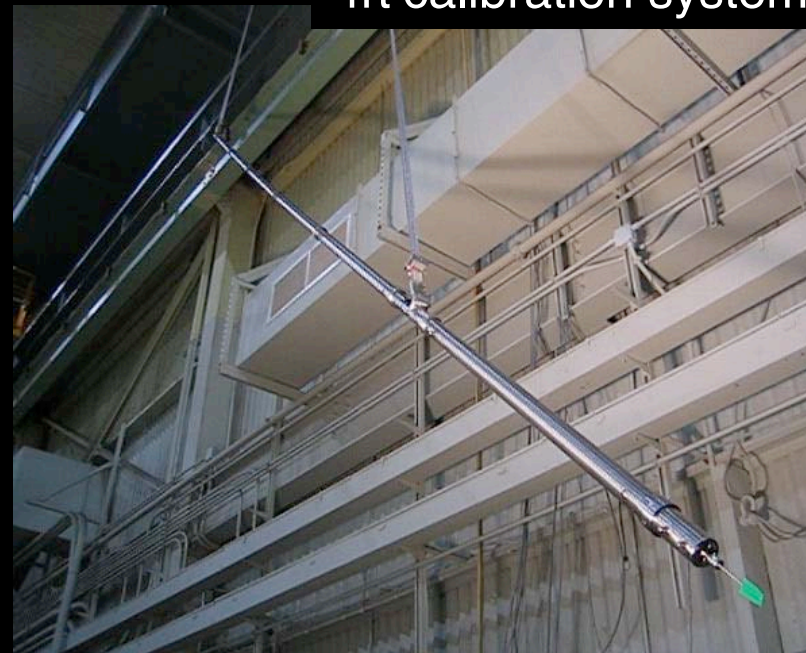
# 4 $\pi$ Full-Volume Calibration



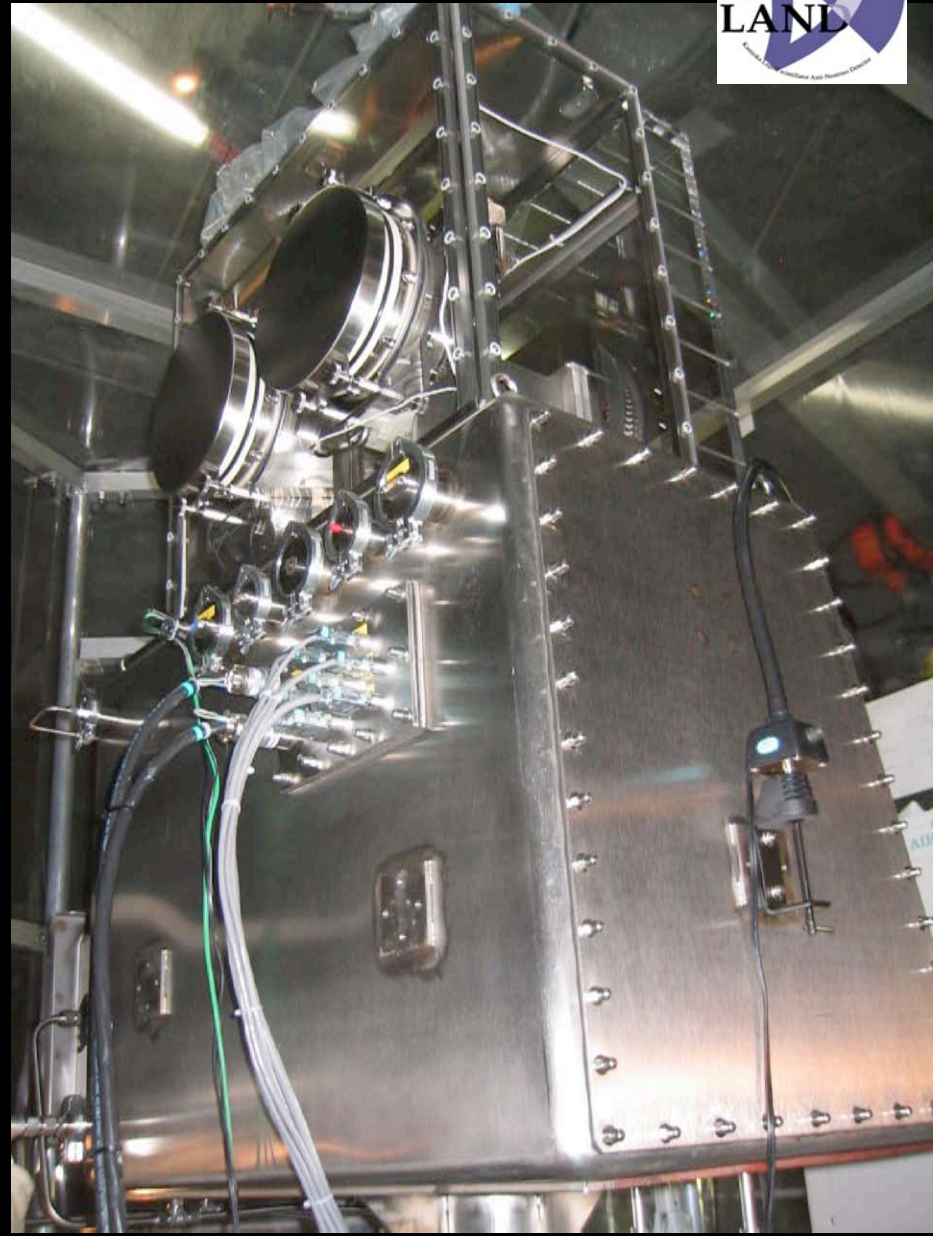
4 $\pi$  calibration system



inside view of KamLAND detector

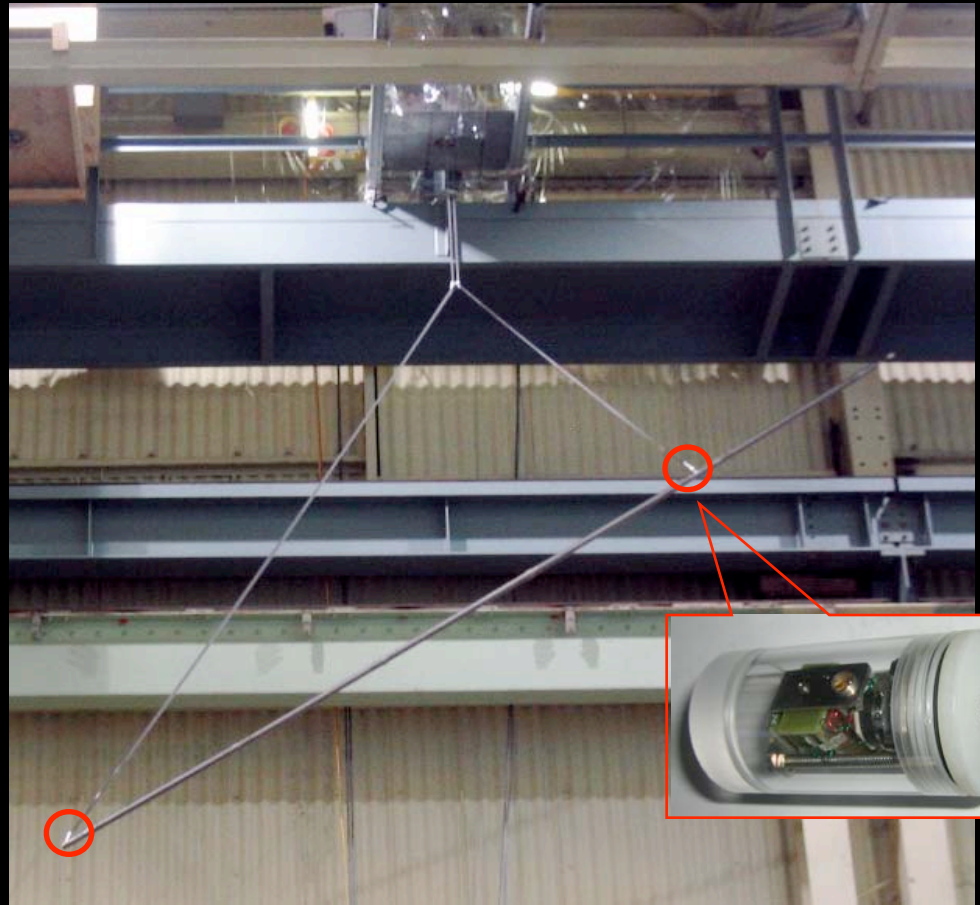
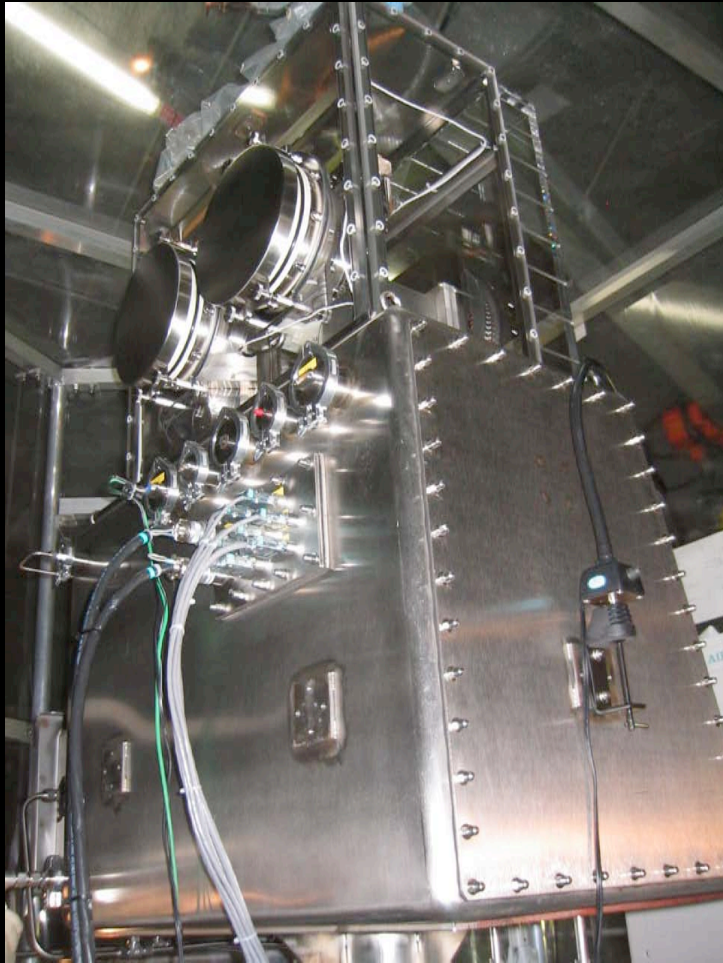








# KamLAND Calibration Upgrade



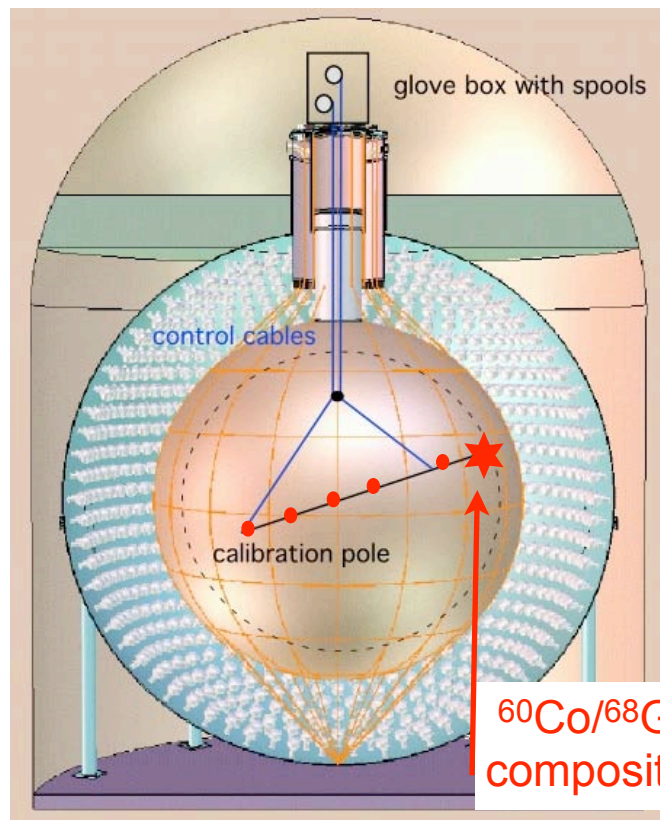
Installation completed in  
December 2005



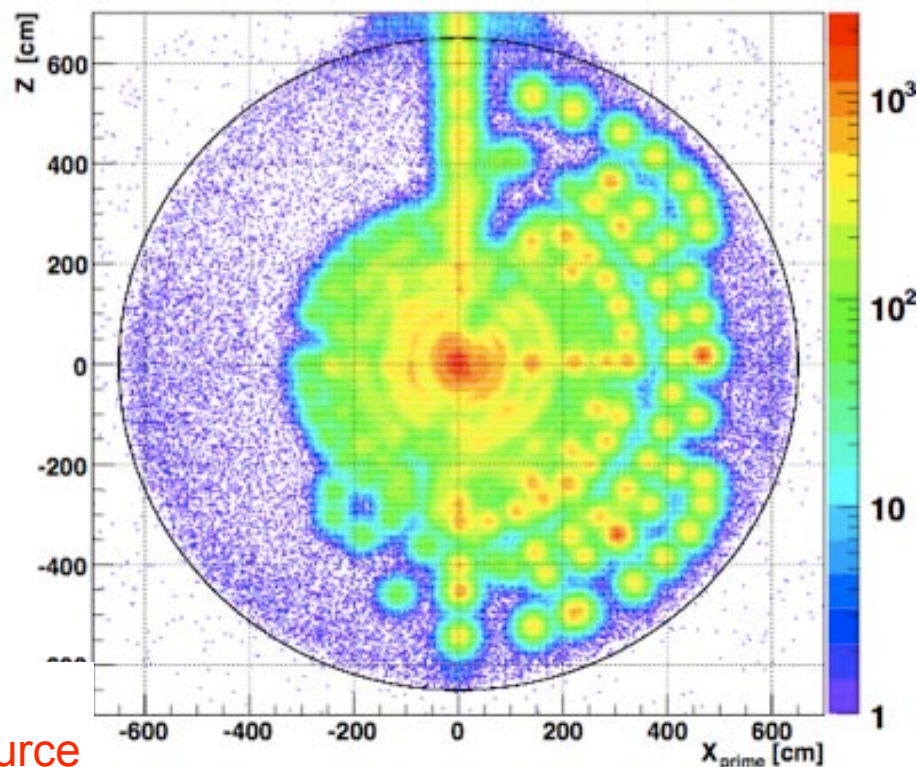
# 4 $\pi$ Full-Volume Calibration of KamLAND



Artist's conception of 4 $\pi$  system



Vertex distribution of  $^{60}\text{Co}/^{68}\text{Ge}$  composite source in 4 $\pi$  calibration runs.



$X_{\text{prime}}$  axis is defined by azimuth angle of the source.

Source positions are used determined to check the radial dependence of vertex and energy biases.

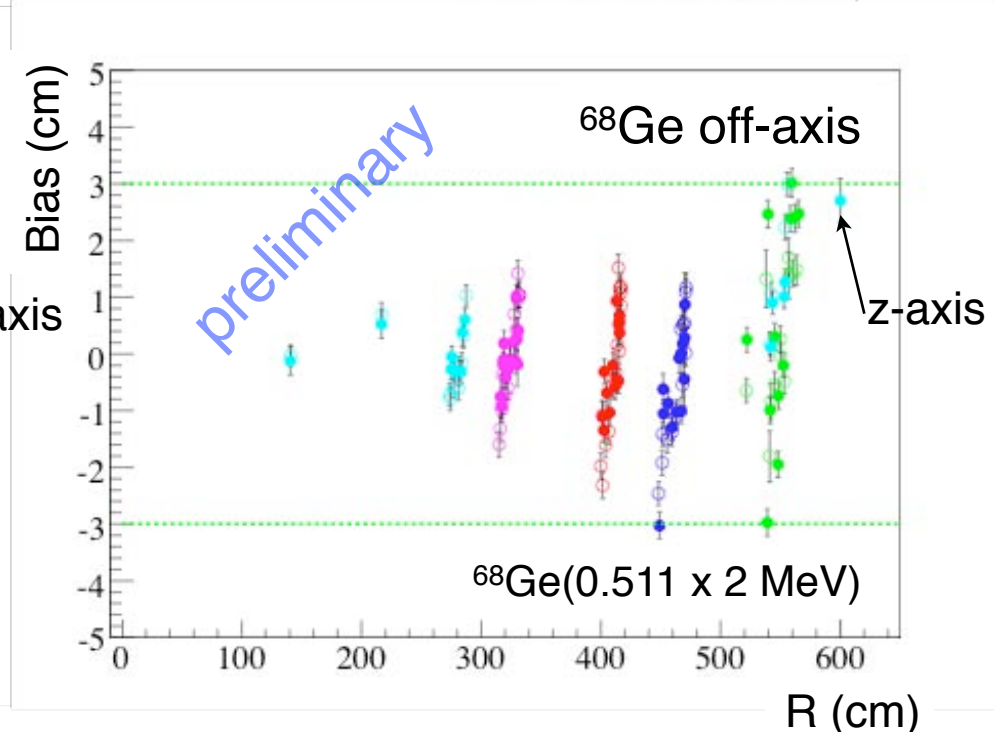
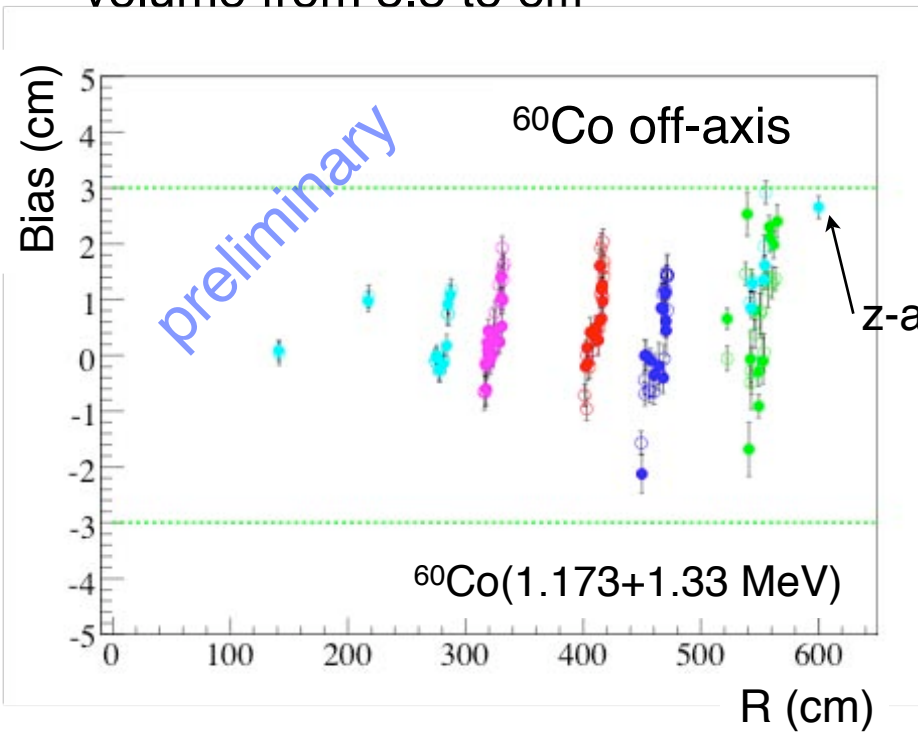
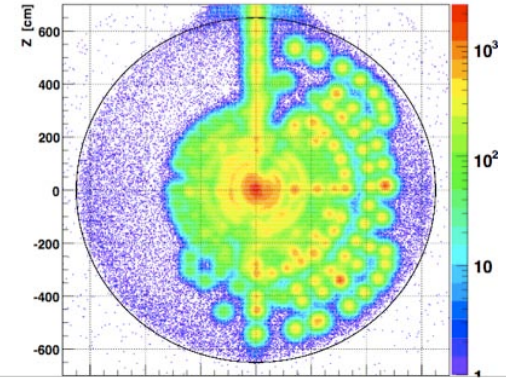
# Radial Dependence of Vertex Reconstruction Biases



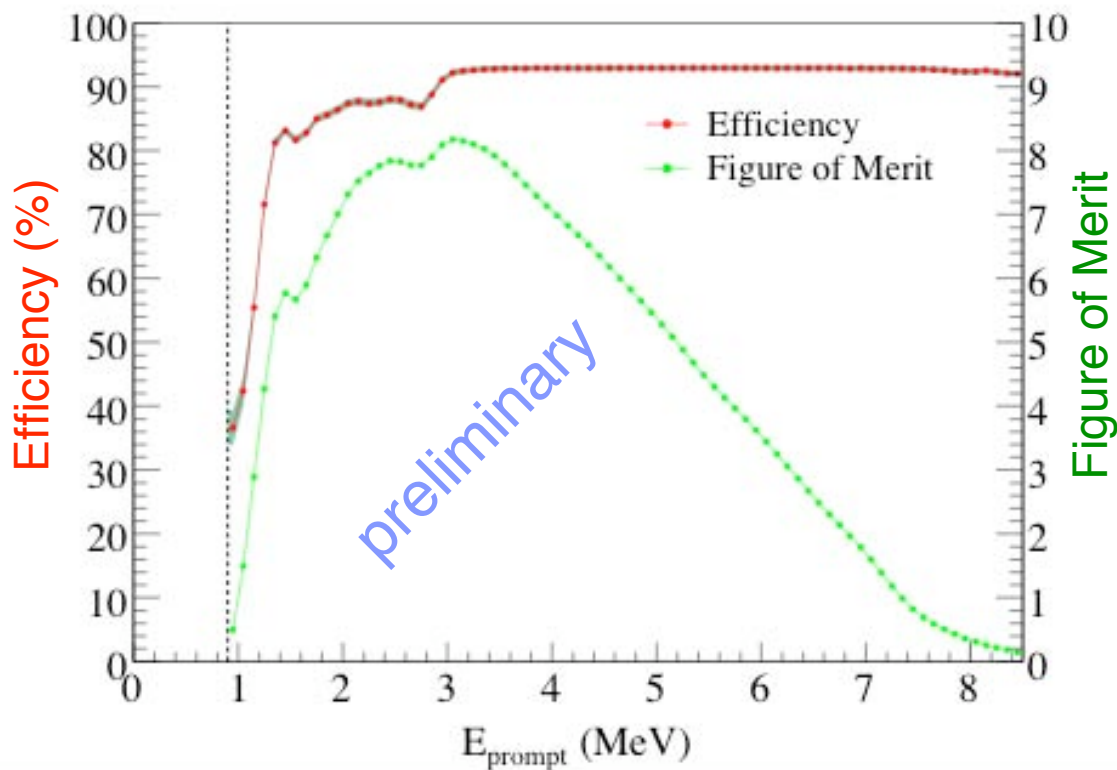
source location radii  $R \sim 2.8, 3.3, 4.1, 4.6, 5.5\text{m}$

→ for the range shown below all biases are within 3cm

spallation products are used to extend fiducial volume from 5.5 to 6m



1. construct PDF for accidental coincidence events  $f_{acc}(E_d, \Delta R, \Delta T, R_p, R_d)$   
 - pair coincidence events in a delayed-coincidence window between 10ms and 20s



*shaded region indicates the 1 sigma error band caused by the uncertainties in the likelihood selection*

2. construct PDF of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  signal using GEANT4

$$f_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E_d, \Delta R, \Delta T, R_p, R_d)$$

3. introduce discriminator

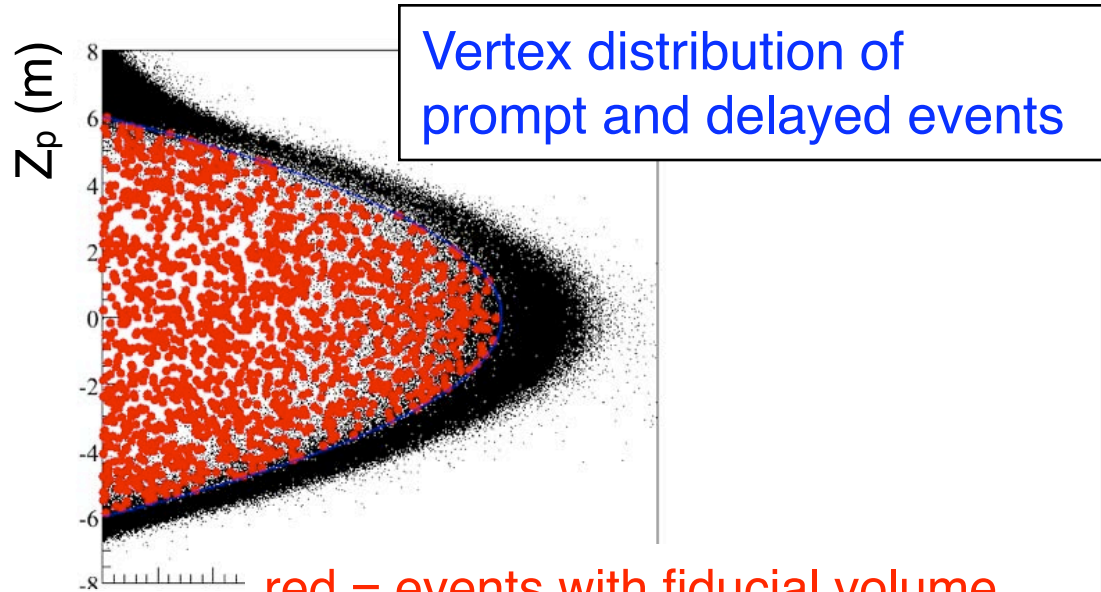
$$L(E_p) = \frac{f_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{f_{\bar{\nu}_e} + f_{acc}}$$

4. maximize figure of merit

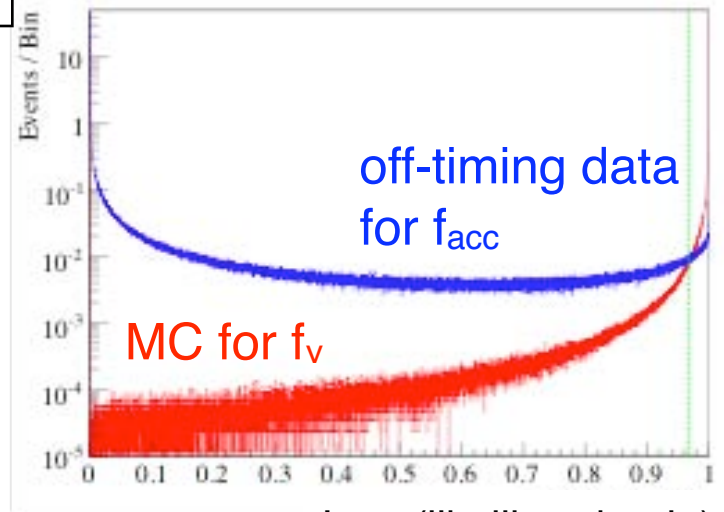
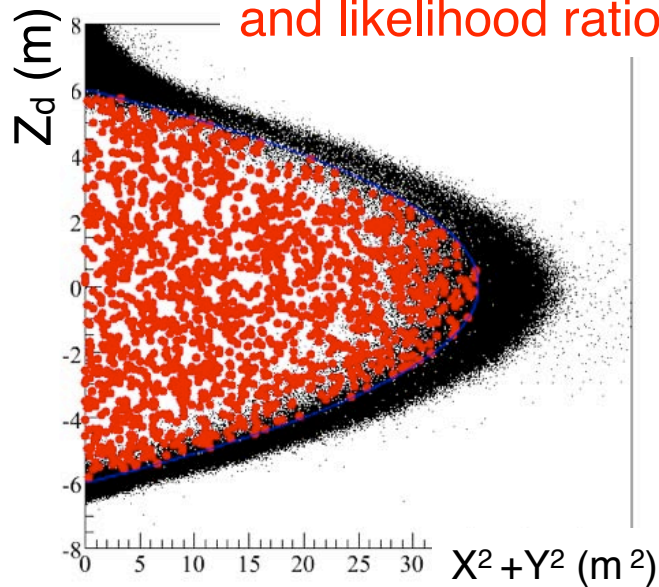
$$\frac{S}{\sqrt{S + B_{acc}}}$$



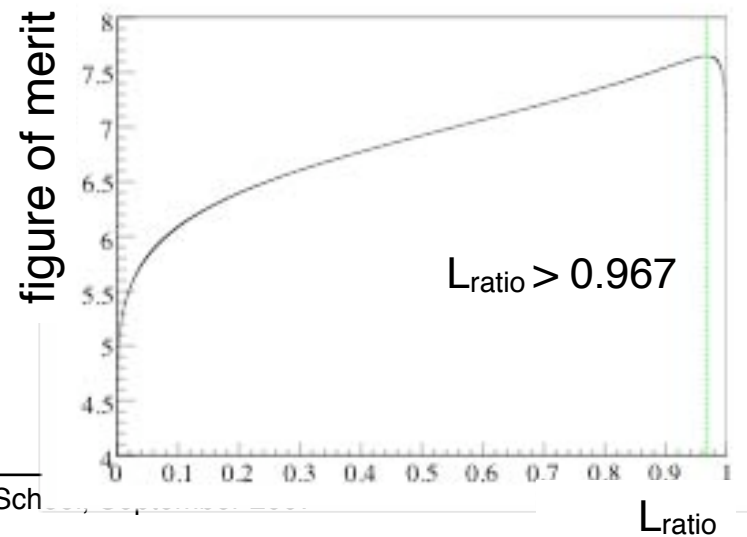
# KamLAND 2007 Data Set



red = events with fiducial volume and likelihood ratio cut

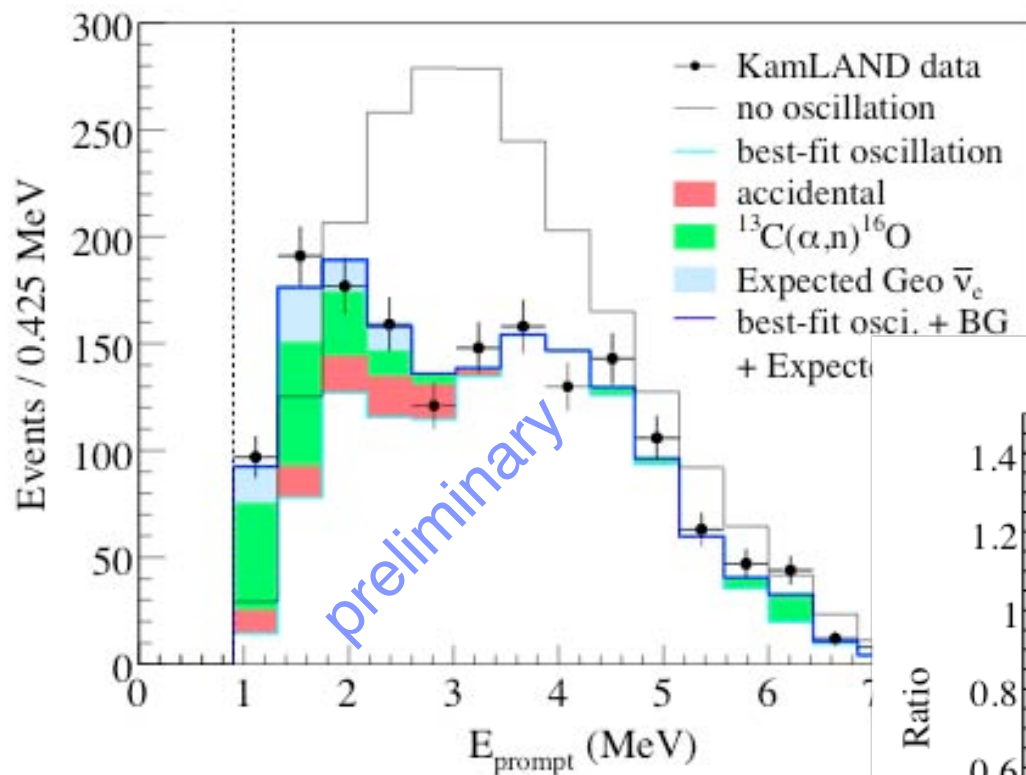


$L_{ratio}$  (likelihood ratio)





## Prompt event energy spectrum for $\bar{\nu}_e$



number of events

expected (no-oscillation): 2178

observed: 1609

bkgd: 276

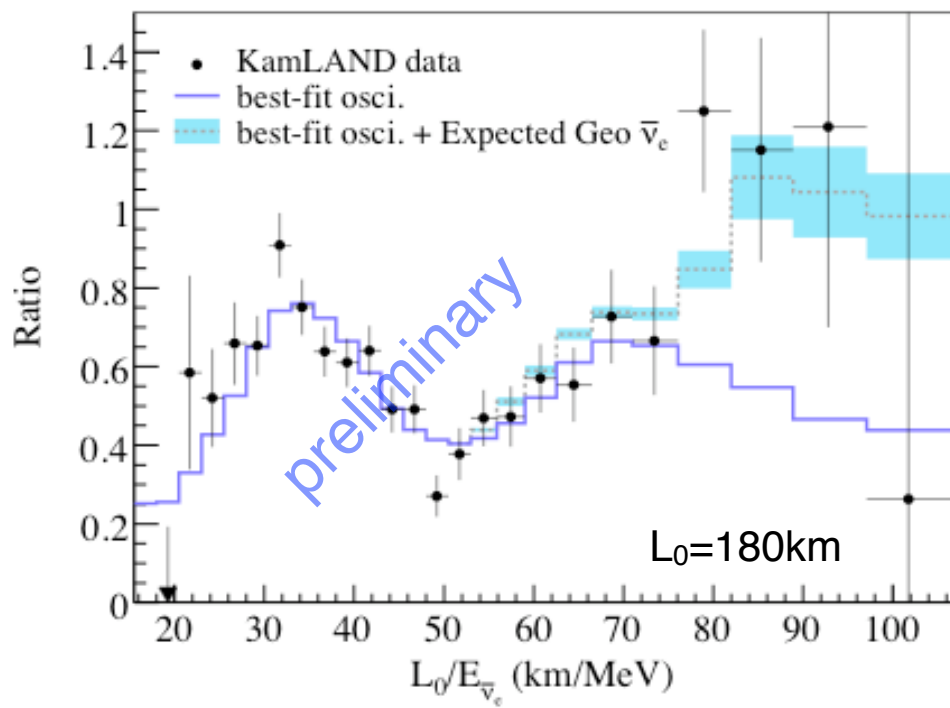
significance of disappearance

(with 2.6 MeV threshold):  $8.5\sigma$

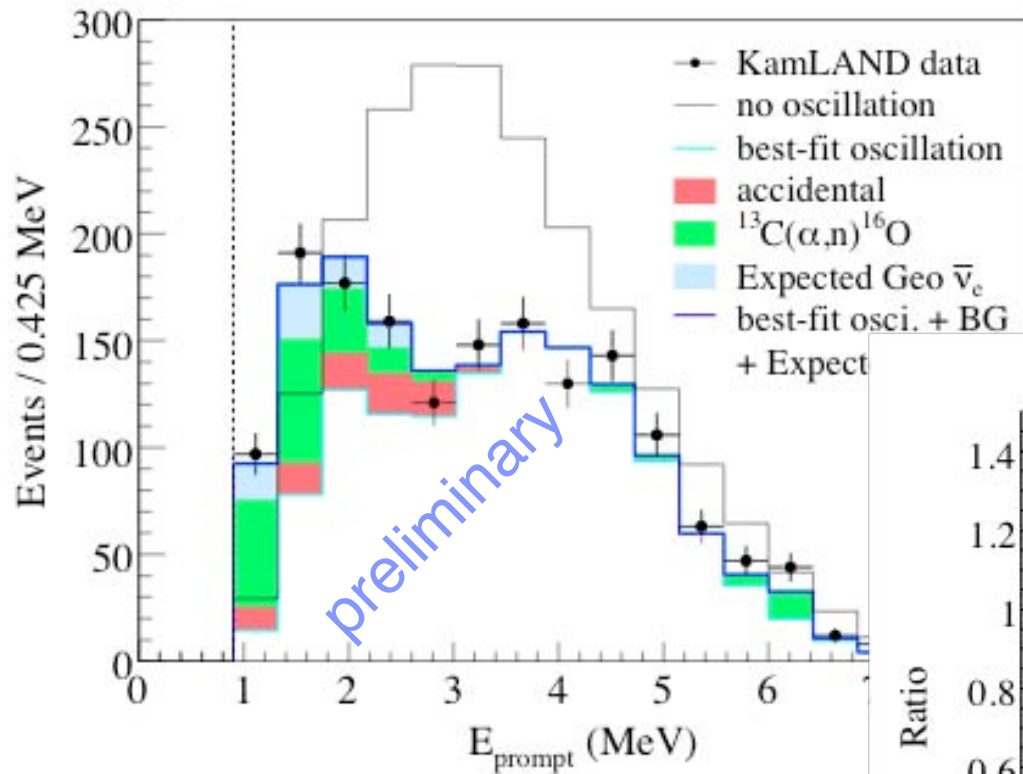
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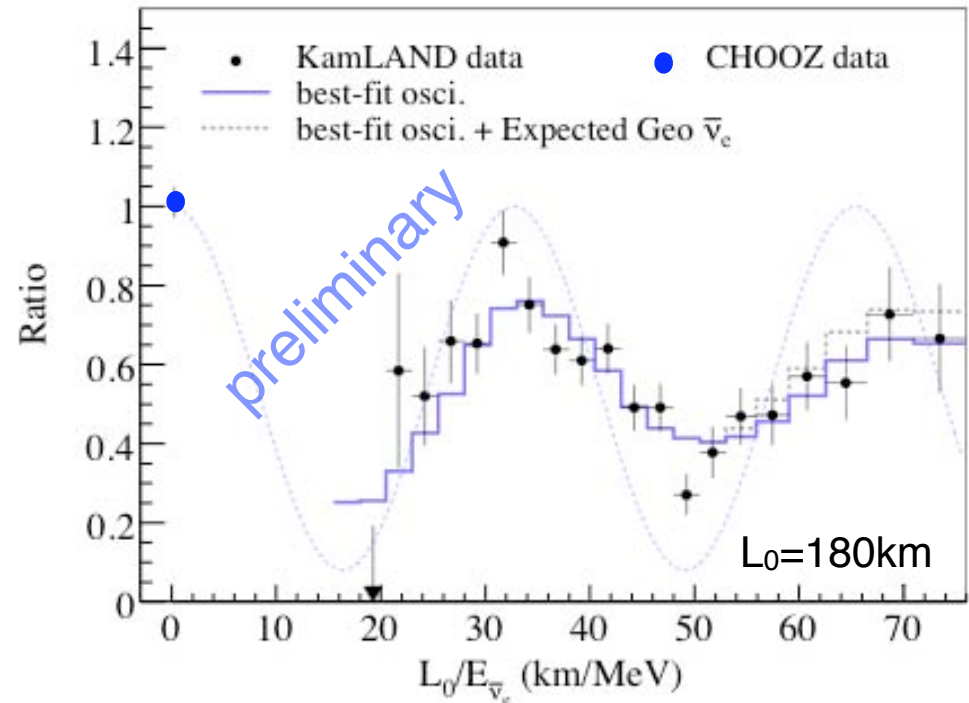
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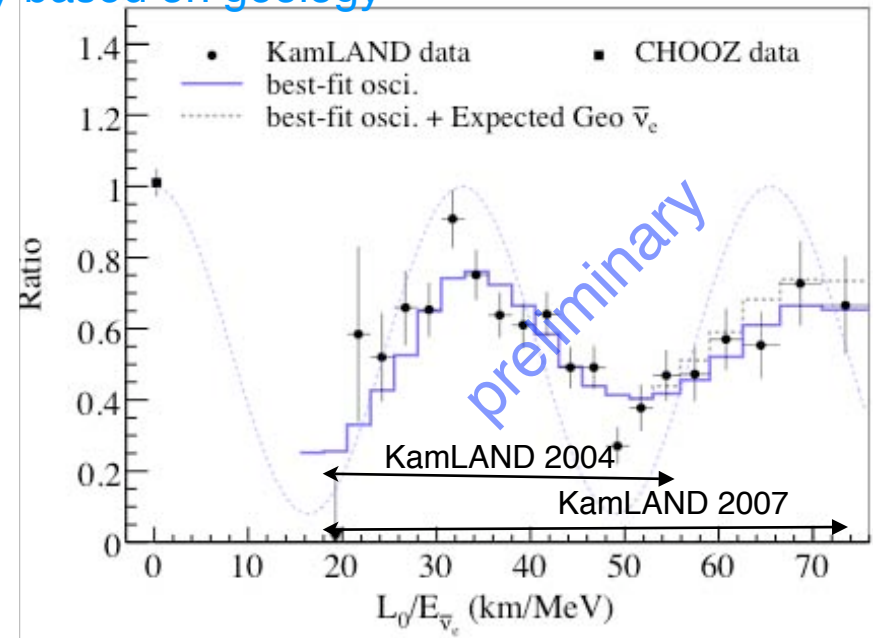
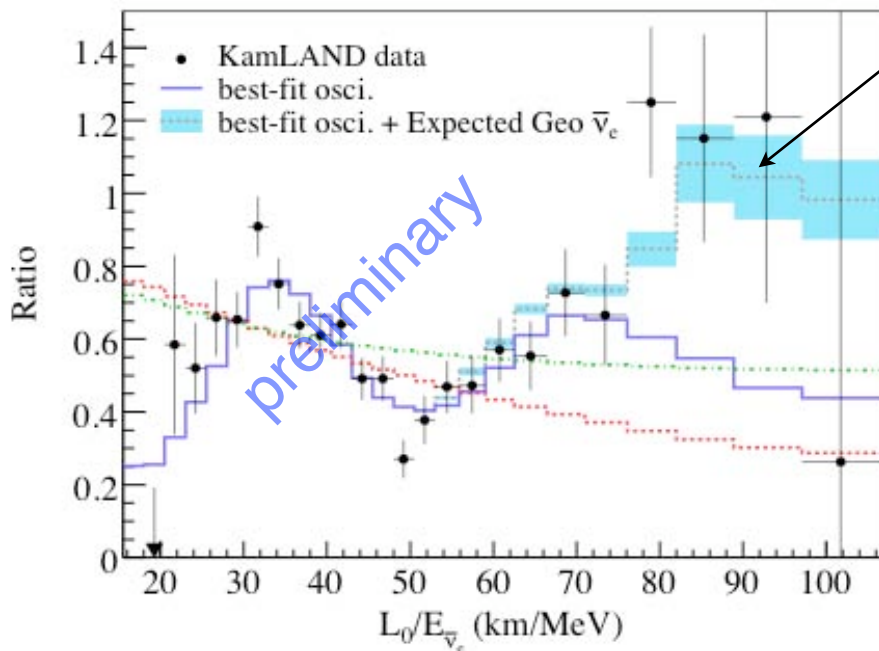
# KamLAND 2007 Data



Ratio of the observed anti-neutrino spectrum to the expectation for no-oscillation as a function of  $L_0/E$ .

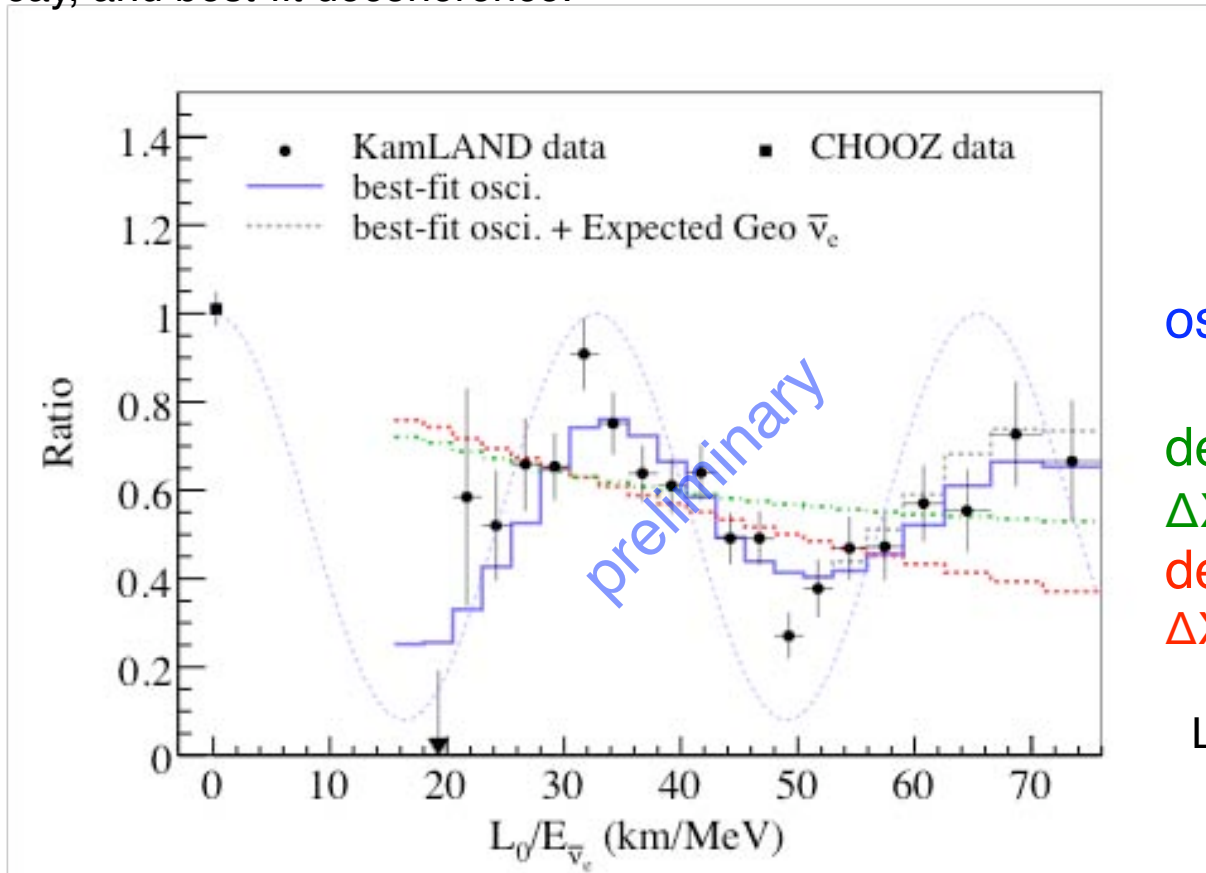
$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{(\text{Observed-Bkg})}{\text{No-Oscillation Expectation without geo-neutrinos}}$$

20% geo-neutrino flux uncertainty based on geology



## Alternative Hypotheses

The solid, dash and dot-dash curves show the expectation for the best-fit oscillation, best-fit decay, and best-fit decoherence.



oscillation

decoherence

$\Delta\chi^2=45.0$

decay

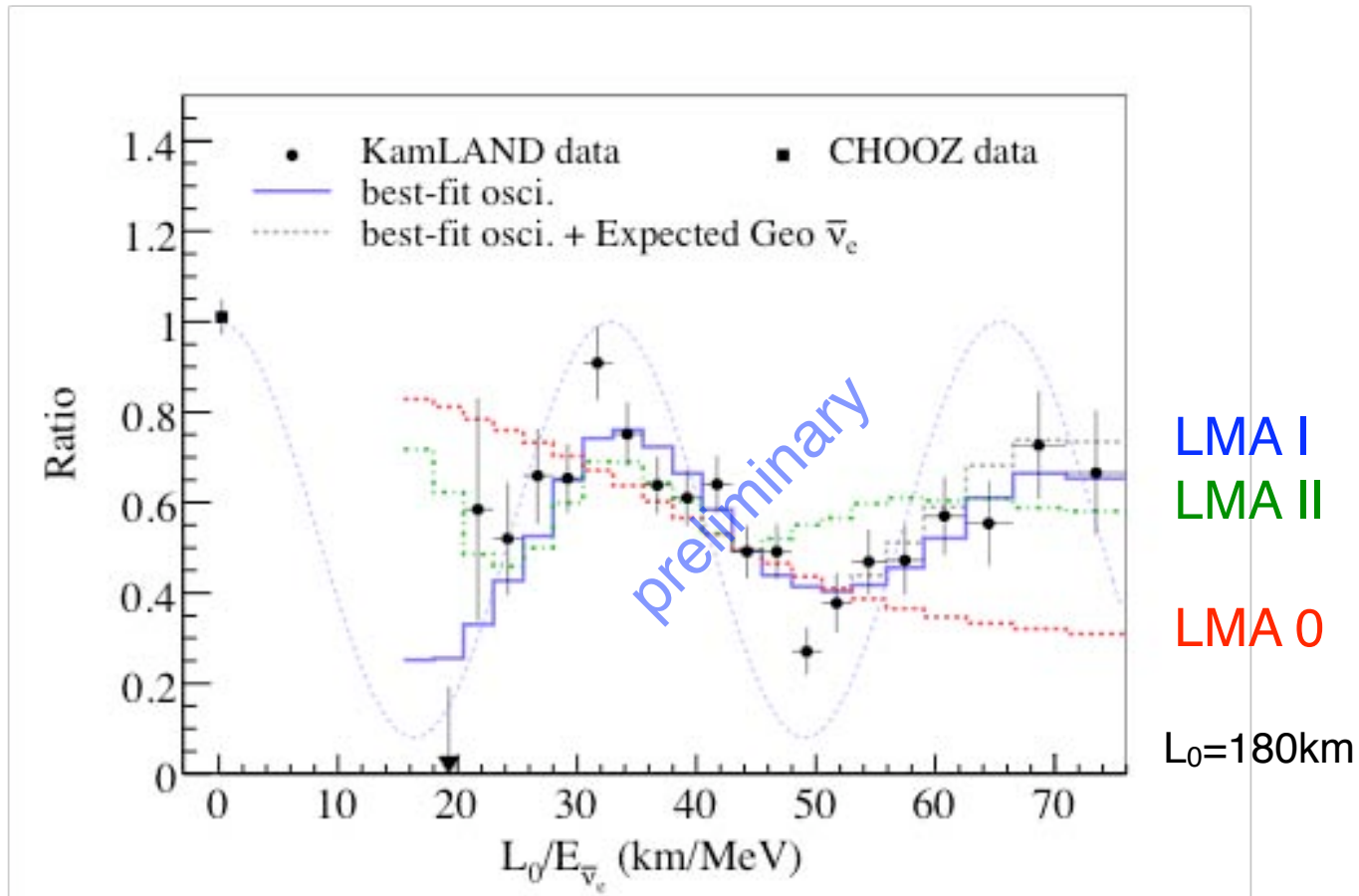
$\Delta\chi^2=34.5$

$L_0=180\text{km}$

best fit = neutrino oscillation



## Alternative Oscillation Wavelength



The solid, dash and dot-dash curves show the expectation for the best-fit LMA I, LMA 0, and LMA II.

# Systematic Uncertainties and Backgrounds



## Systematic Uncertainties

Principal change from 2004 → 2007:  
fiducial volume 4.7% → 1.8%

- energy threshold, cut eff.  
→ energy scale, L-selection

Detector related		Reactor related	
Fiducial volume	1.8	$\bar{\nu}_e$ -spectra	2.4
Energy scale	1.5	Reactor power	2.1
L-selection eff.	0.6	Fuel composition	<1.0
OD veto	0.2	Long-lived nuclei	0.3
Cross section	0.2	Time lag	0.01
Livetime	0.03		
Sum of syst. uncert.:		2.4	3.4

total systematics: 4.1%

Background	Contribution
Accidentals	$80.5 \pm 0.1$
${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$	$13.6 \pm 1.0$
Fast neutron & Atmospheric $\nu$	<9.0
${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ G.S.	$157.2 \pm 17.3$
${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ ${}^{12}\text{C}(n, n\gamma){}^{12}\text{C}$ (4.4 MeV $\gamma$ )	$6.1 \pm 0.7$
${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ 1 <sup>st</sup> exc. state (6.05 MeV $e^+e^-$ )	$15.2 \pm 3.5$
${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ 2 <sup>nd</sup> exc. state (6.13 MeV $\gamma$ )	$3.5 \pm 0.2$
Total excluding geo-neutrinos	$276.1 \pm 23.5$

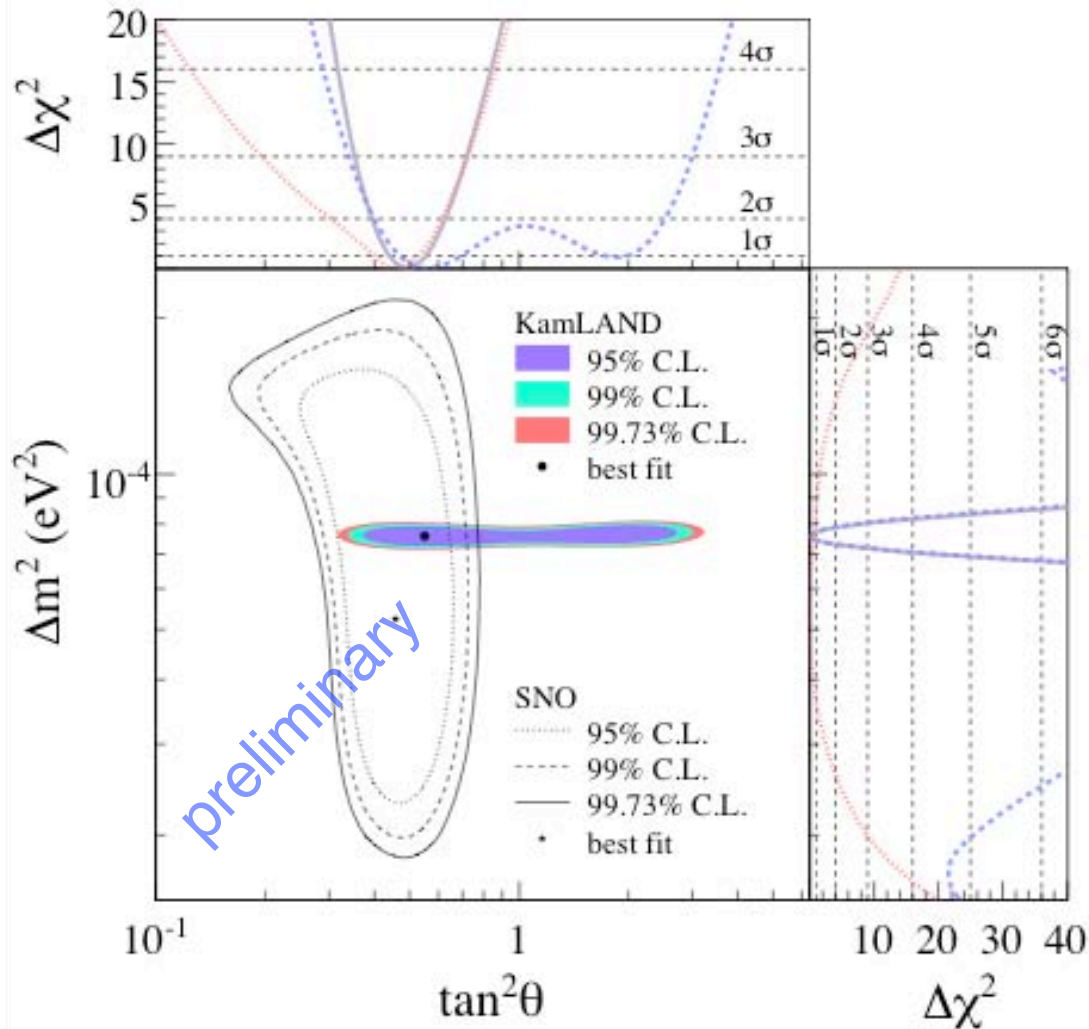
estimated backgrounds in the data set

(number of events)

# KamLAND Oscillation Parameters



## Rate-Shape-Time Analysis



### KamLAND only

$$\tan^2\theta = 0.56^{+0.14}_{-0.09}$$

$$\Delta m^2 = 7.58^{+0.21}_{-0.20} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

### KamLAND+SNO

$$\tan^2\theta = 0.49^{+0.14}_{-0.09}$$

$$\Delta m^2 = 7.59^{+0.20}_{-0.21} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

# KamLAND Collaboration



**RCNS, Tohoku University**

**University of Alabama**

**UC Berkeley/LBNL**

**California Institute of Technology**

**Colorado State University**

**Drexel University**

**University of Hawaii**

**Kansas State University**

**Louisiana State University**

**Stanford University**

**University of Tennessee**

**UNC/NCSU/TUNL**

**IN2P3-CNRS and University of Bordeaux**

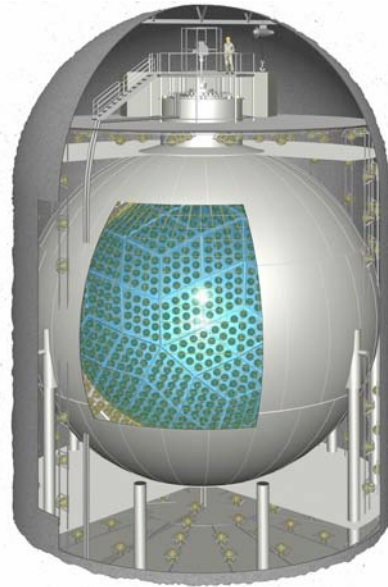
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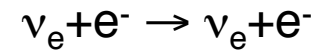
# KamLAND (Anti-)Neutrino Program



## Reactor Antineutrinos



## Solar ${}^7\text{Be}$ Neutrinos



## Anti-Neutrinos from the Sun

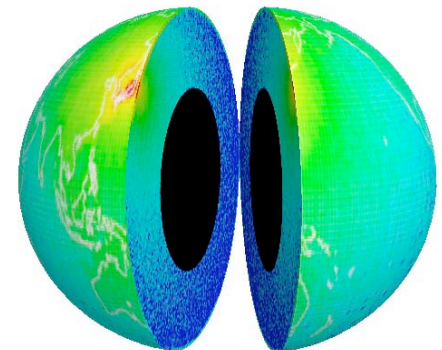


*PRL 92:071301 (2004)*

## Other Physics Studies

- Oscillation analysis of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  spectrum
- Nucleon decay studies
- Supernova watch
- Muon spallation

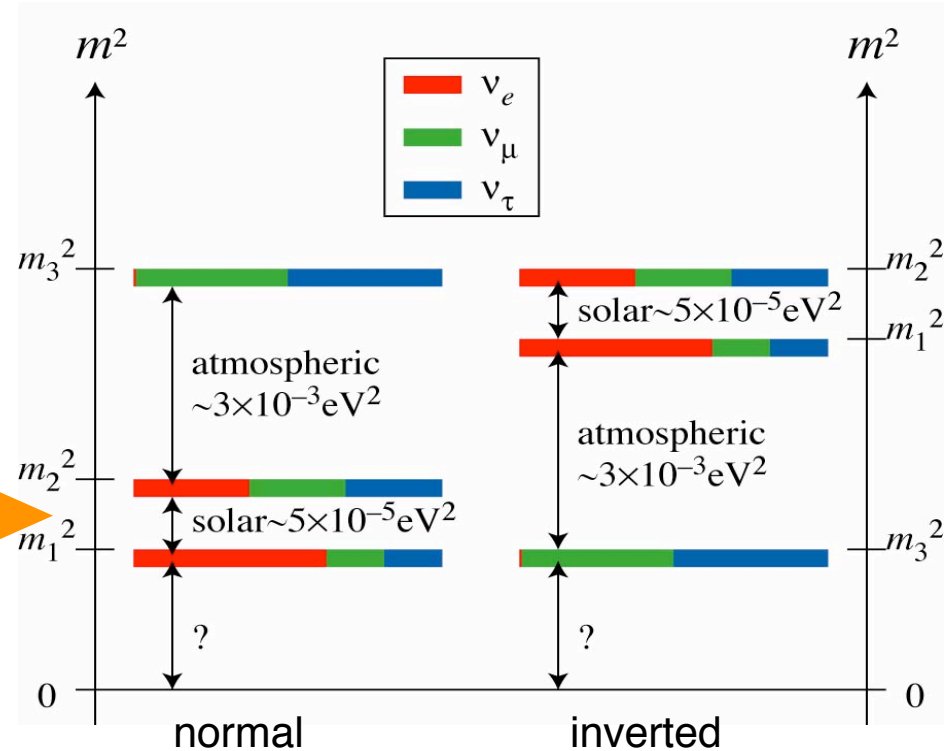
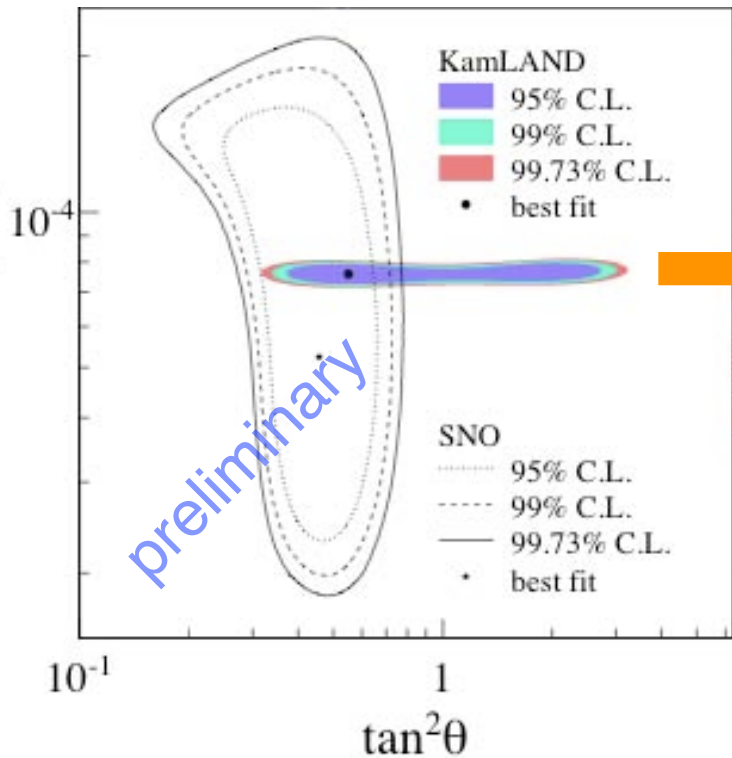
## Terrestrial Antineutrinos



# Precision Measurement of Oscillation Parameters

## Neutrino Mass Splitting

KamLAND 2007

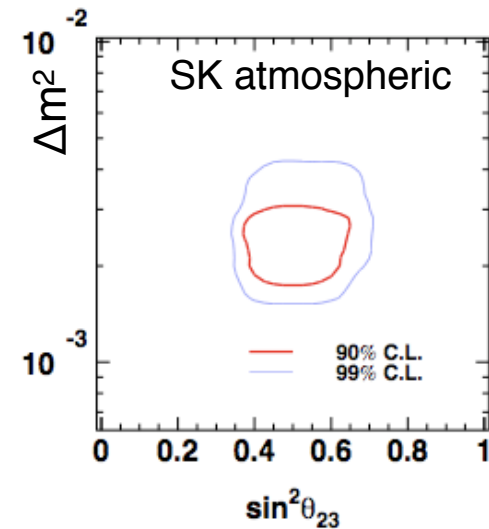
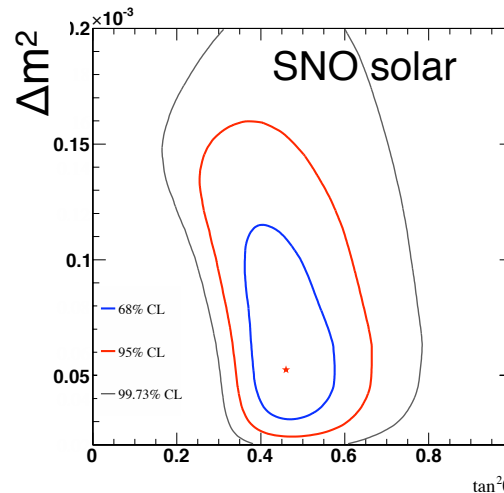


- KamLAND provides best measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{12}$  to 2.8% precision
- KamLAND improves the definition of  $\tan^2\theta$  when combined with the SNO data (assumption of CPT invariance)

# Precision Measurement of Oscillation Parameters

## Neutrino Mixing Angles

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & U_{e3} \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$



## $U_{\text{MNSP}}$ Matrix

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, Pontecorvo

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{atmospheric, K2K}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{reactor and accelerator}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{SNO, solar SK, KamLAND}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha/2+i\beta} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{0}\nu\beta\beta}$$

atmospheric, K2K

reactor and accelerator

SNO, solar SK, KamLAND

$0\nu\beta\beta$

$$\theta_{23} = \sim 45^\circ$$

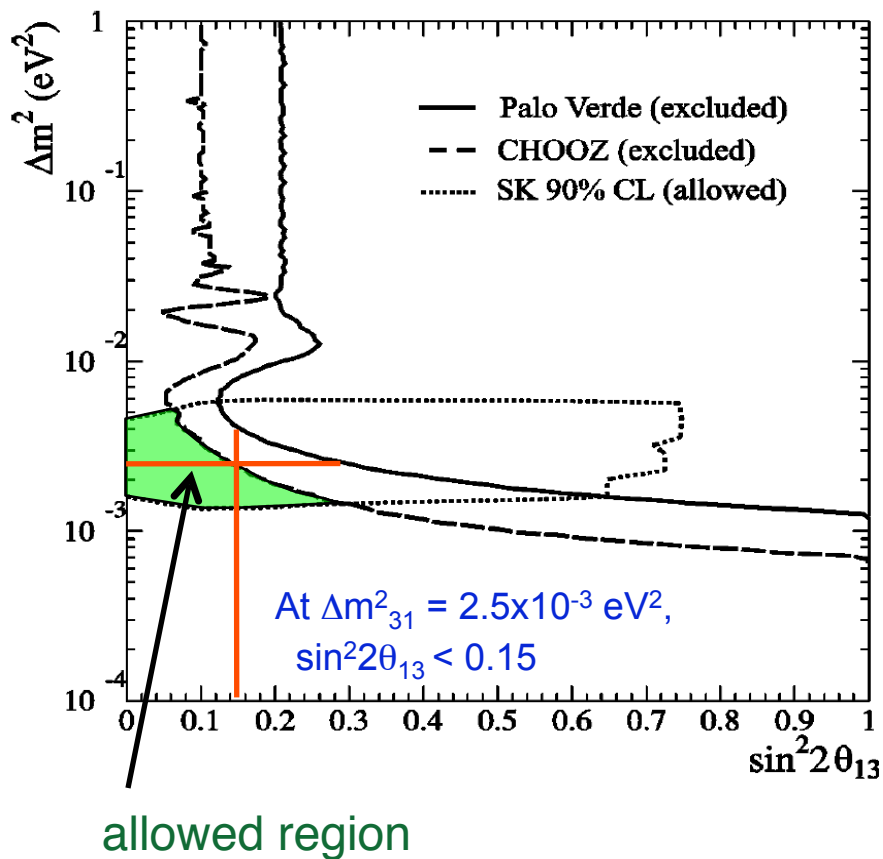
$$\theta_{13} = ?$$

$$\theta_{12} \sim 32^\circ$$

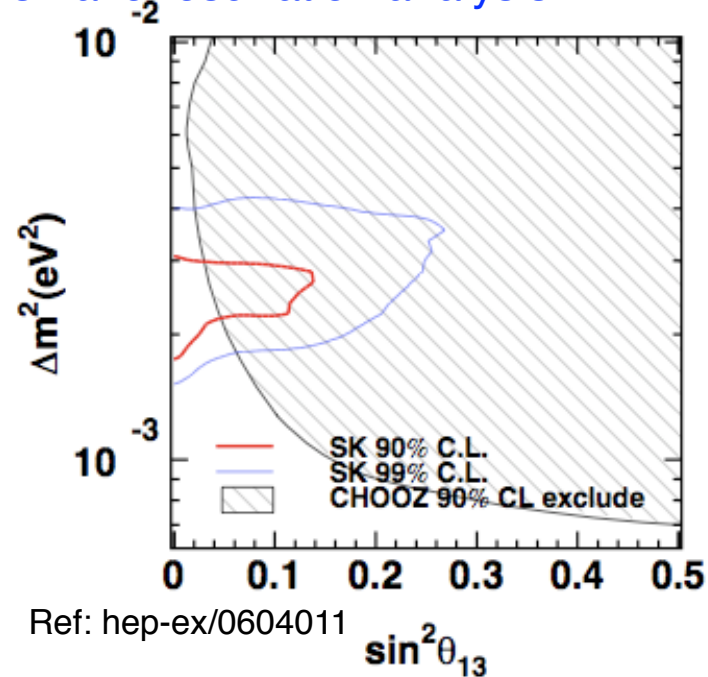


# Current Knowledge of $\theta_{13}$

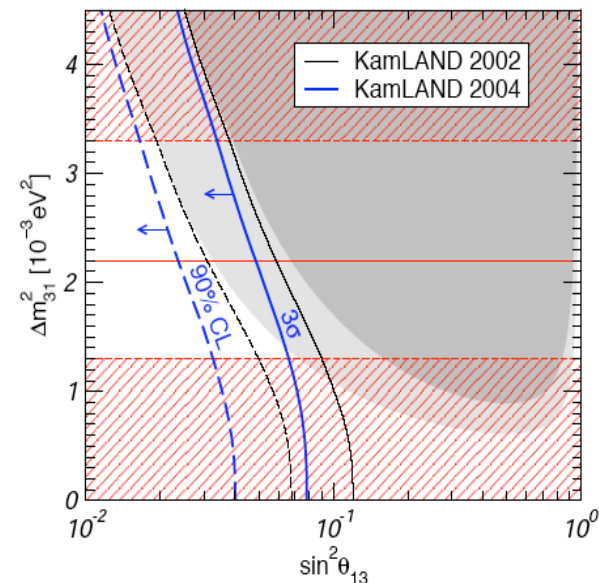
## Direct search at Chooz and Palo Verde



## SK 3-flavor oscillation analysis

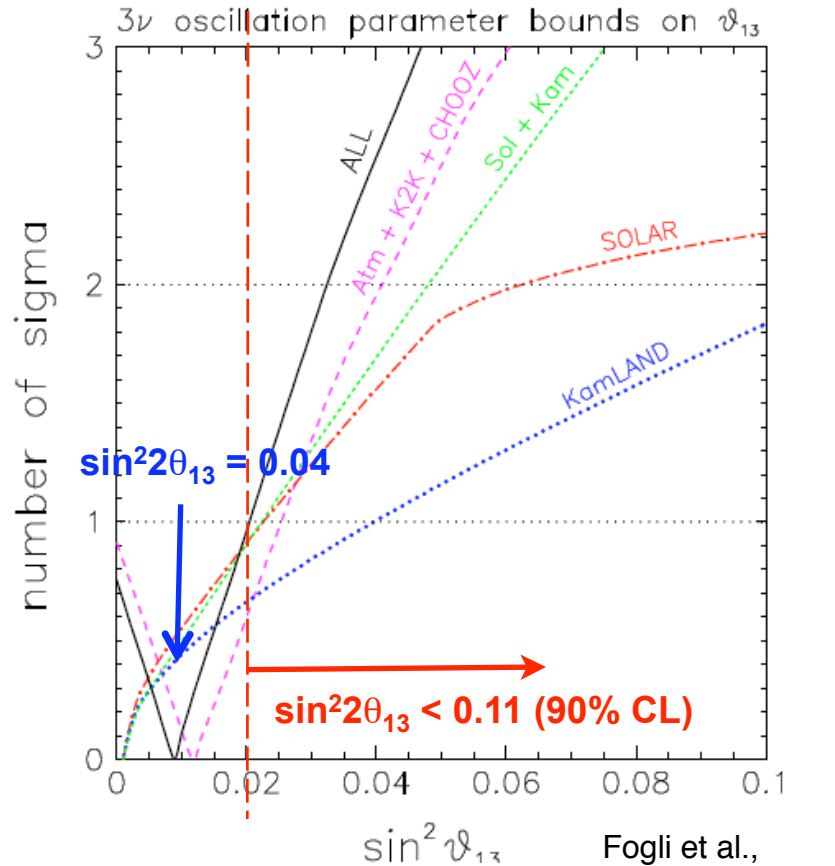


## Global analysis of solar+other data



# Experiment & Theory

## Global Fit



$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.9_{-0.9}^{+2.3} \times 10^{-2},$$

$$\delta m^2 = 7.92 (1 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2,$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.314 (1_{-0.15}^{+0.18}),$$

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.4 (1_{-0.26}^{+0.21}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2,$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.44 (1_{-0.22}^{+0.41}).$$

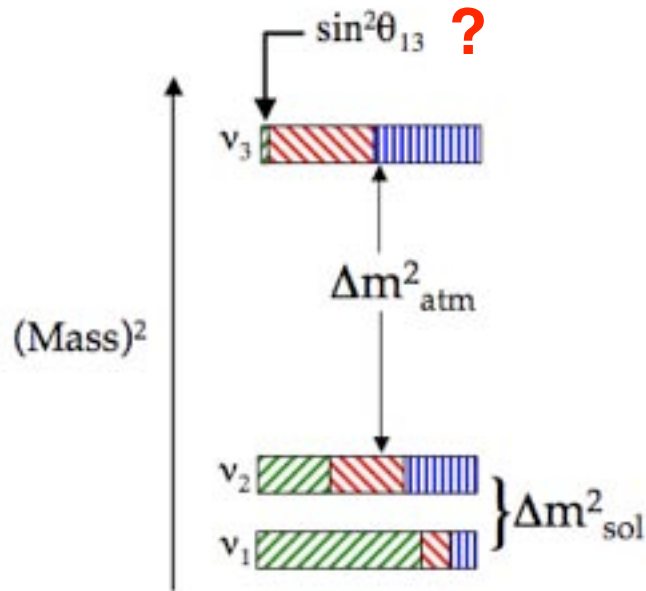
## Theory

Model(s)	Refs.	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
Minimal SO(10)	[22]	0.13
Orbifold SO(10)	[23]	0.04
SO(10) + Flavor symmetry	[24]	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
	[25]	$7.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	[26–28]	0.01 .. 0.04
	[29–31]	0.09 .. 0.18
SO(10) + Texture	[32]	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .. 0.01
	[33]	0.04
SU(2) <sub>L</sub> × SU(2) <sub>R</sub> × SU(4) <sub>c</sub>	[34]	0.09
Flavor symmetries	[35–37]	0
	[38–40]	$\lesssim 0.004$
	[41–43]	$10^{-4}$ .. 0.02
	[40, 44–47]	0.04 .. 0.15
Textures	[48]	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .. 0.01
	[49–52]	0.03 .. 0.15
3 × 2 see-saw	[53]	0.04
	[54] (n.h.)	0.02
	(i.h.)	$> 1.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Anarchy	[55]	$> 0.04$
Renormalization group enhancement	[56]	0.03 .. 0.04
M-Theory model	[57]	$10^{-4}$

*we don't know 13...*

Ref: FNAL proton driver report, hep-ex/0509019

# $\theta_{13}$ and Particle Physics



$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = -16s_{12}c_{12}s_{13}^2c_{13}^2s_{23}c_{23} \sin\delta \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{12}^2}{4E}L\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{4E}L\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{23}^2}{4E}L\right)$$

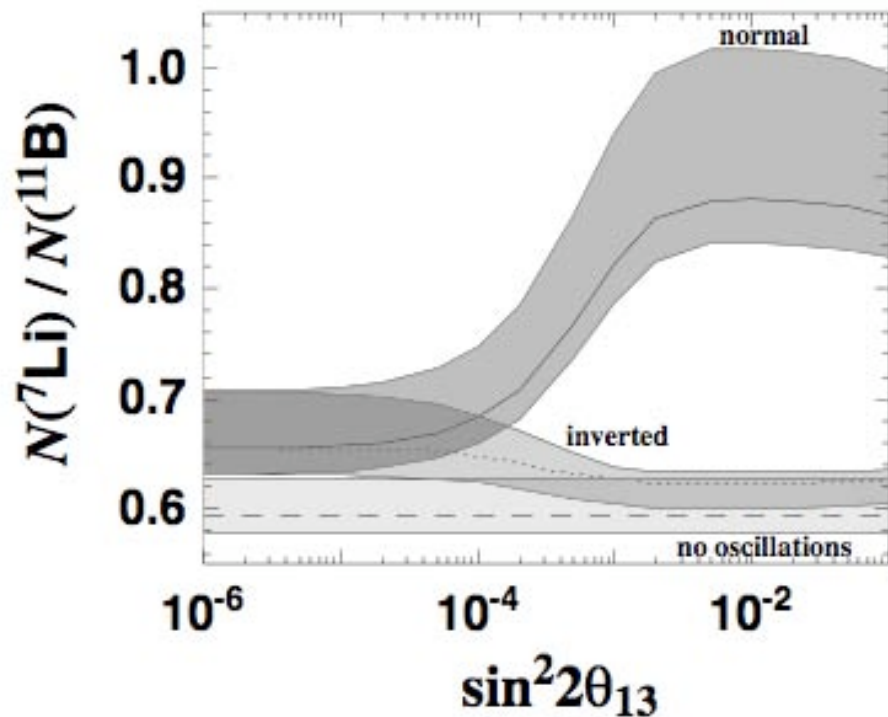
Is there  $\mu$ - $\tau$  symmetry  
in neutrino mixing?

Can we search for leptonic  $\mathcal{CP}$ ?



# $\theta_{13}$ and Nuclear Astrophysics

neutrino oscillation effects on  
supernova light-element synthesis



astr-ph/0606042

understanding the origin of matter  
(vs antimatter)



## Leptogenesis

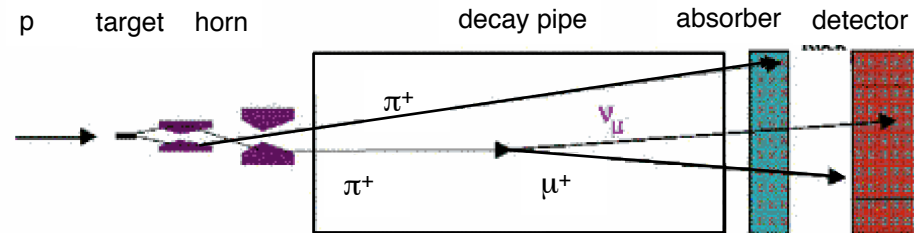
*Fukugita, Yanagida, 1986*

- Out-of-equilibrium L-violating decays of heavy Majorana neutrinos leading to L asymmetry but leaving B unchanged.  $B_L - L_L$  is conserved.

# Measuring $\theta_{13}$

## Method 1: Accelerator Experiments

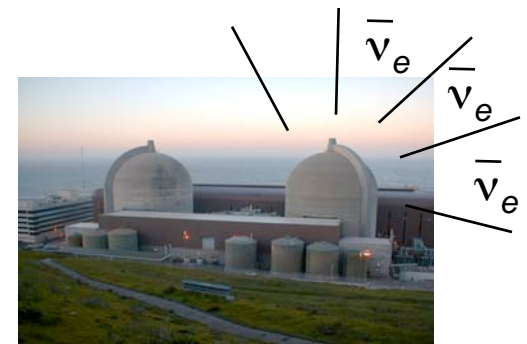
$$P_{\mu e} \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} + \dots$$



- appearance experiment  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
- measurement of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  yields  $\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}$
- baseline  $O(100 - 1000 \text{ km})$ , matter effects present

## Method 2: Reactor Neutrino Oscillation Experiment

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$



- disappearance experiment  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$
- look for rate deviations from  $1/r^2$  and spectral distortions
- observation of oscillation signature with 2 or multiple detectors
- baseline  $O(1 \text{ km})$ , no matter effects

# $\theta_{13}$ from Reactor and Accelerator Experiments

reactor ( $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance)

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

- Clean measurement of  $\theta_{13}$
- No matter effects

mass hierarchy

CP violation

accelerator ( $\nu_e$  appearance)

matter

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = & 4c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{31} \\
 & + 8c_{13}^2 s_{13} s_{23} c_{23} s_{12} c_{12} \sin \Delta_{31} [\cos \Delta_{32} \cos \delta - \sin \Delta_{32} \sin \delta] \sin \Delta_{21} \\
 & - 8c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 s_{12}^2 \cos \Delta_{32} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21} \\
 & + 4c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 [c_{12}^2 c_{23}^2 + s_{12}^2 s_{23}^2 s_{13}^2 - 2c_{12} c_{23} s_{12} s_{23} s_{13} \cos \delta] \sin^2 \Delta_{21} \\
 & - 8c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 (1 - 2s_{13}^2) \frac{aL}{4E_\nu} \sin \Delta_{31} \left[ \cos \Delta_{32} - \frac{\sin \Delta_{31}}{\Delta_{31}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  is missing key parameter for any measurement of  $\delta_{CP}$



# Resolving the $\theta_{23}$ Parameter Ambiguity

Super-K, T2K

$\nu_\mu$  disappearance

$$\theta_{23} = 45 \pm 9^\circ$$

NOvA, T2K

$\nu_e$  appearance experiments measure

$$P[\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e]$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) =$$

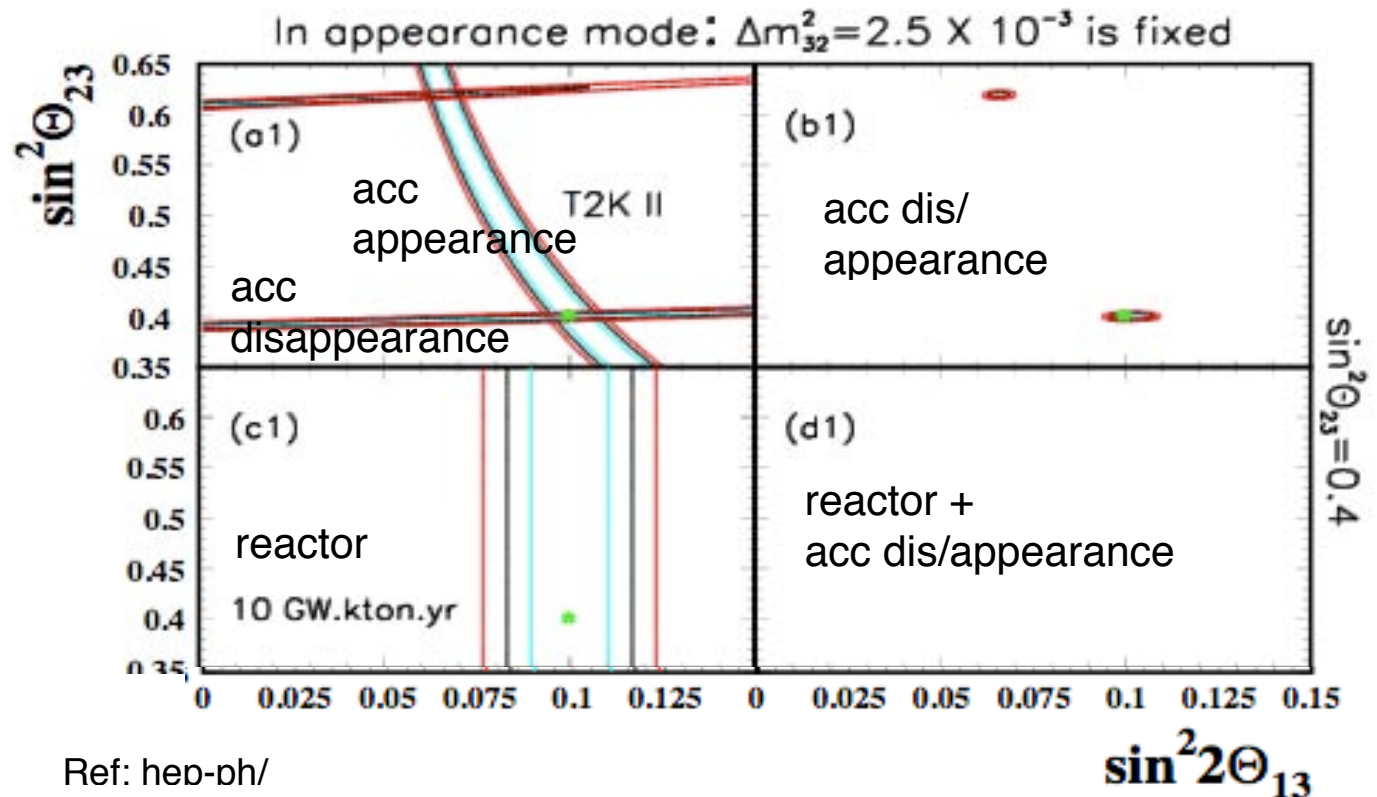
$$+ 8c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 c_{23}^2$$

$$- 8c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 s_{23}^2$$

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Approximately



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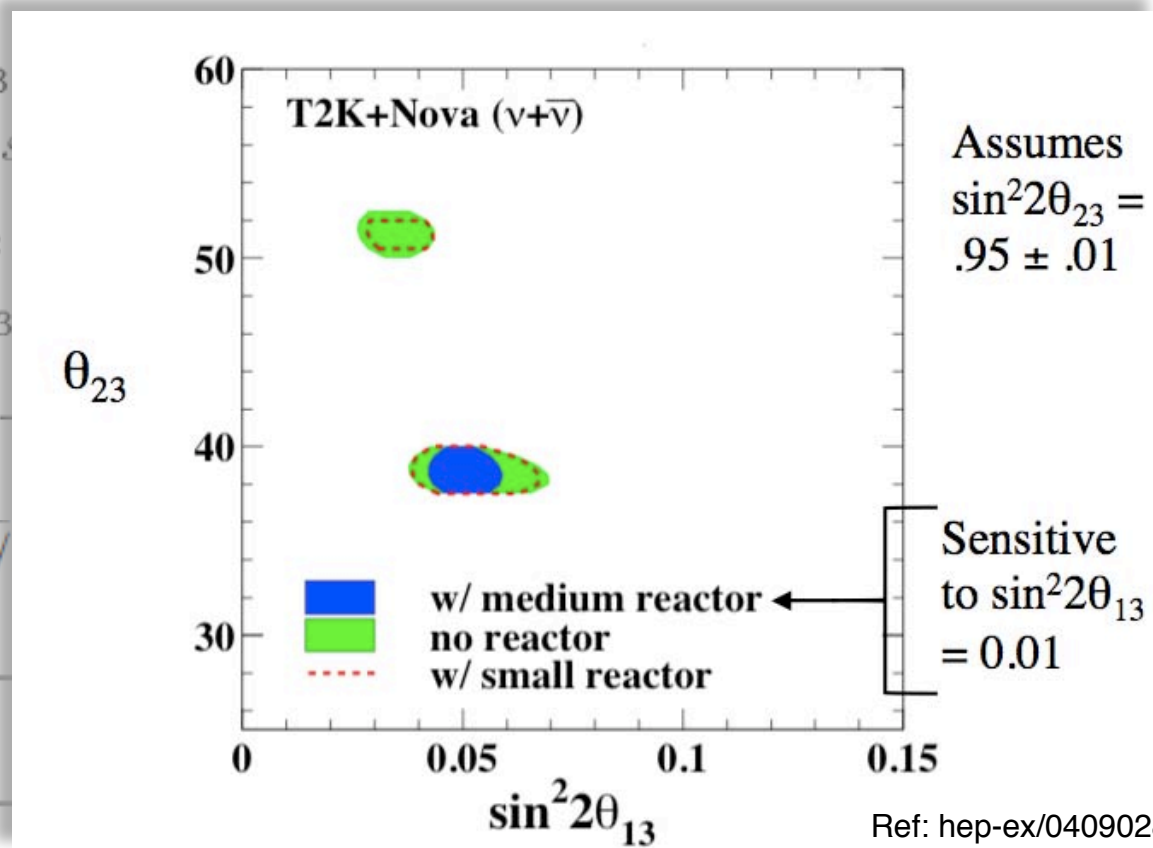
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 & - 8c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 s_{12}^2 \\
 & + 4c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 [c_{12}^2 c_{23}^2 \\
 & - 8c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 (1
 \end{aligned}$$

Approximately,  $\Delta m_{21}^2 /$

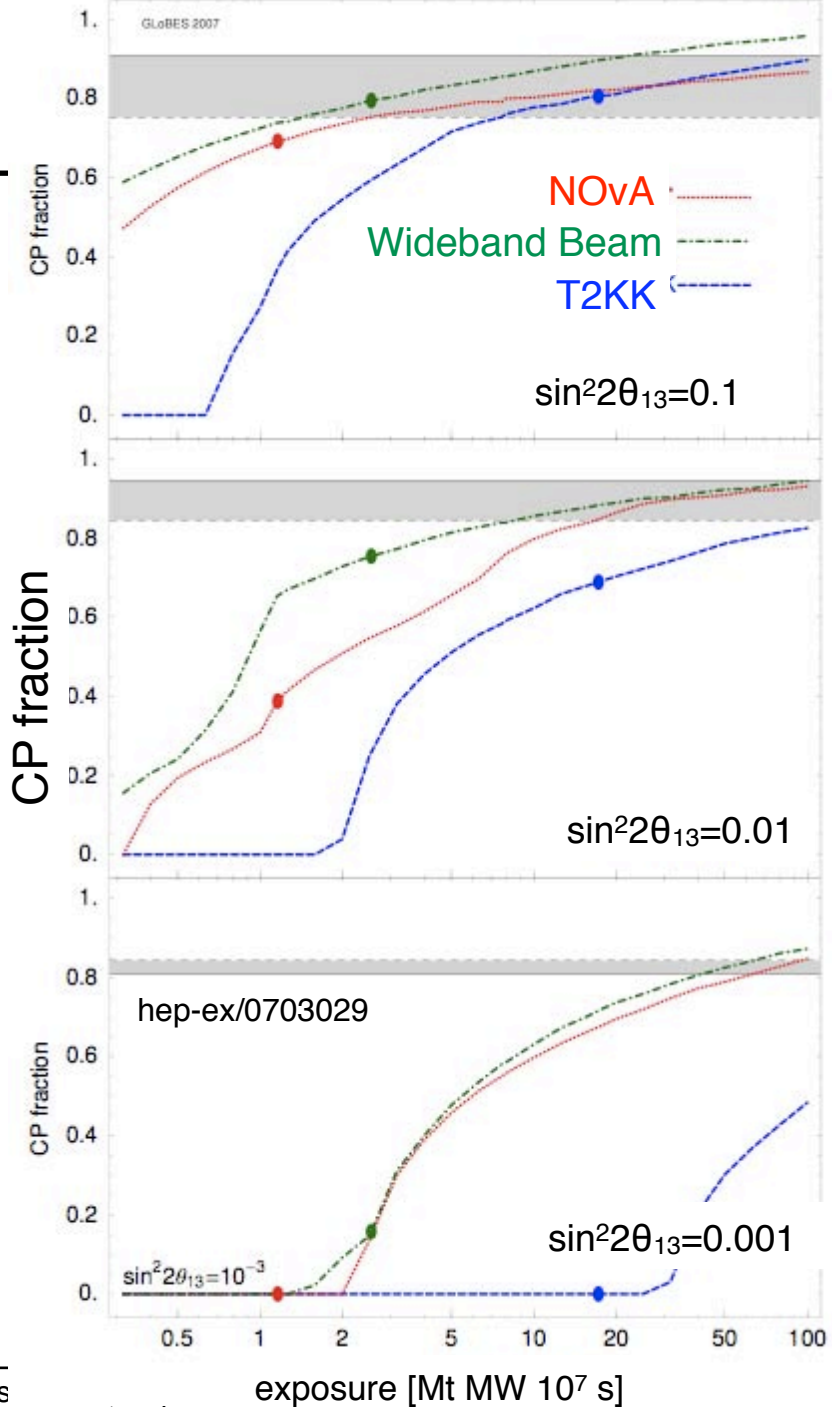
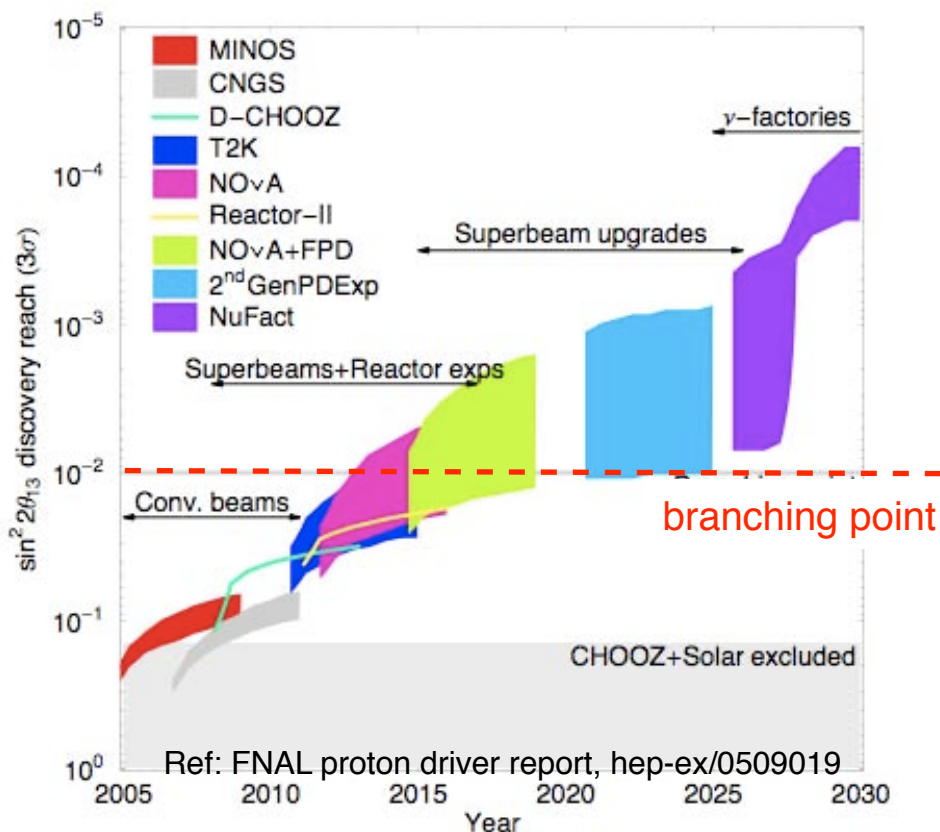
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

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# Branch Point: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01$

for techniques to measure CP violation ...





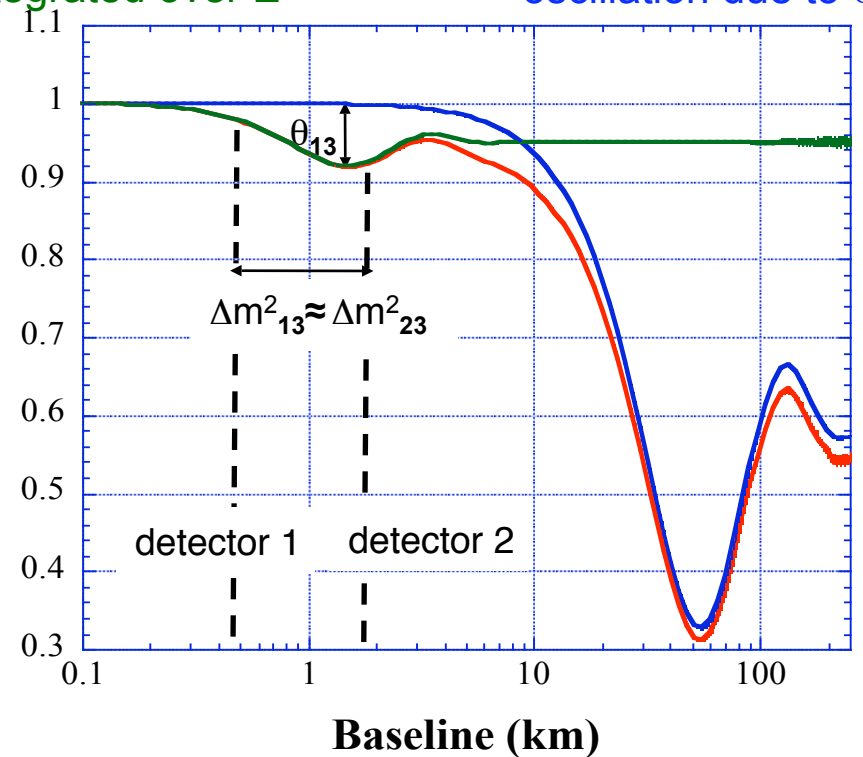
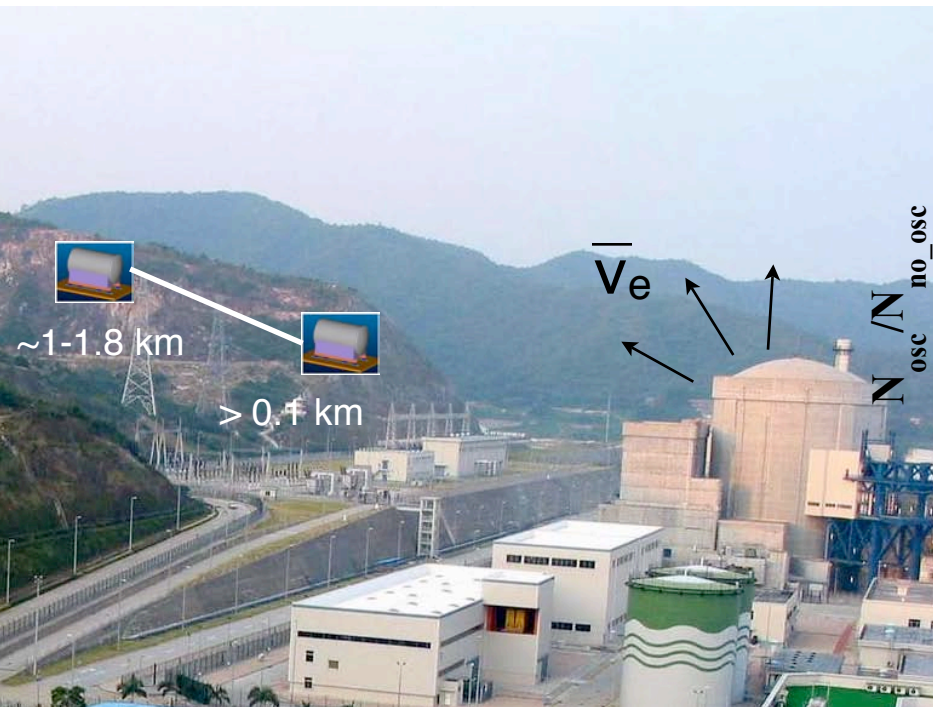
# High-Precision Measurement of $\theta_{13}$ with Reactor Antineutrinos

Search for  $\theta_{13}$  in new oscillation experiment with multiple detectors

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right) - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

Small-amplitude oscillation  
due to  $\theta_{13}$  integrated over E

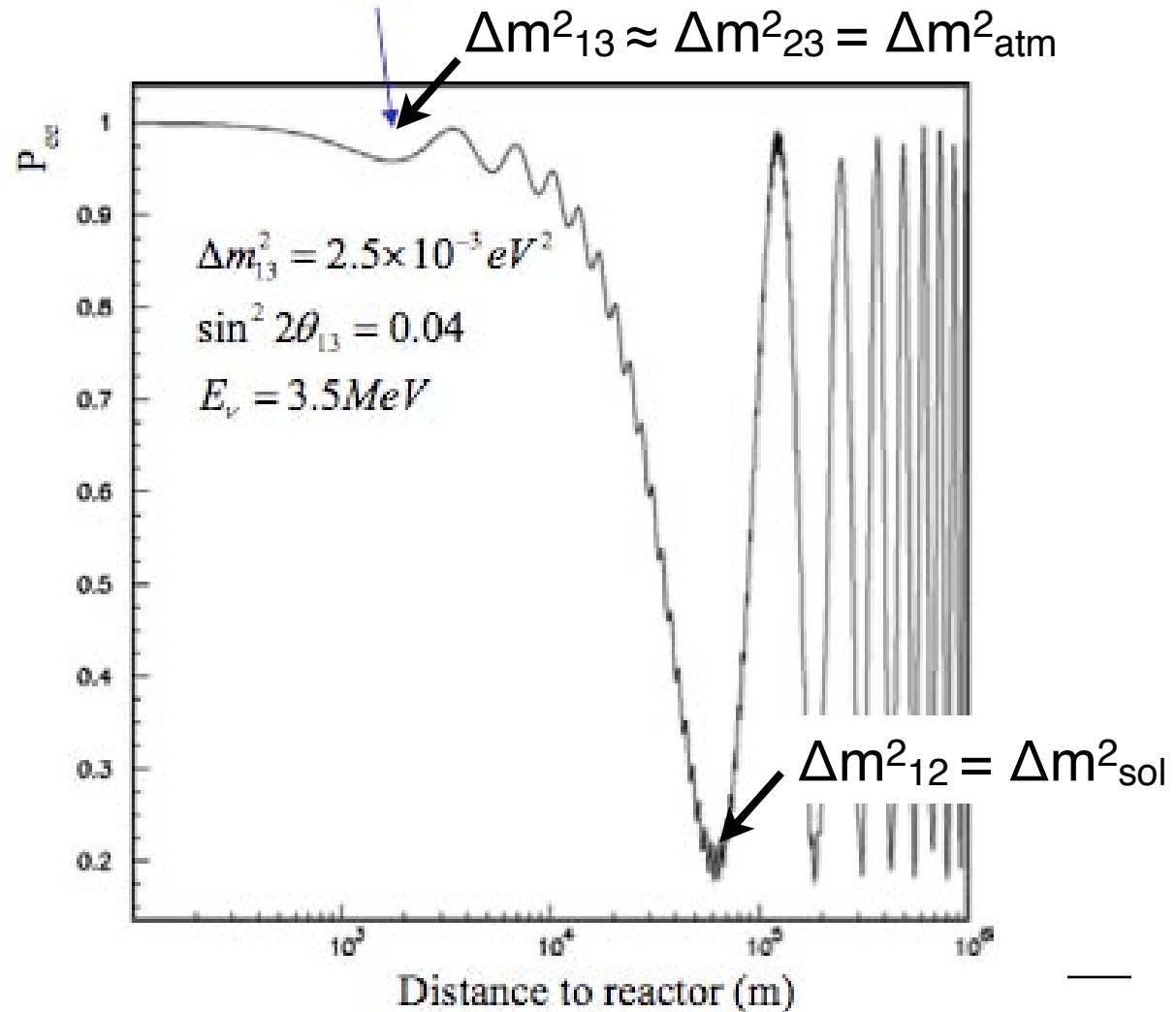
Large-amplitude  
oscillation due to  $\theta_{12}$



# Two Oscillation Wavelengths: $\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}$ and $\Delta m^2_{\text{sol}}$

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \approx 1 - \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2_{13} L}{4E}}_{\Delta m^2_{13} \approx \Delta m^2_{23} = \Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}} - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2_{12} L}{4E}$$

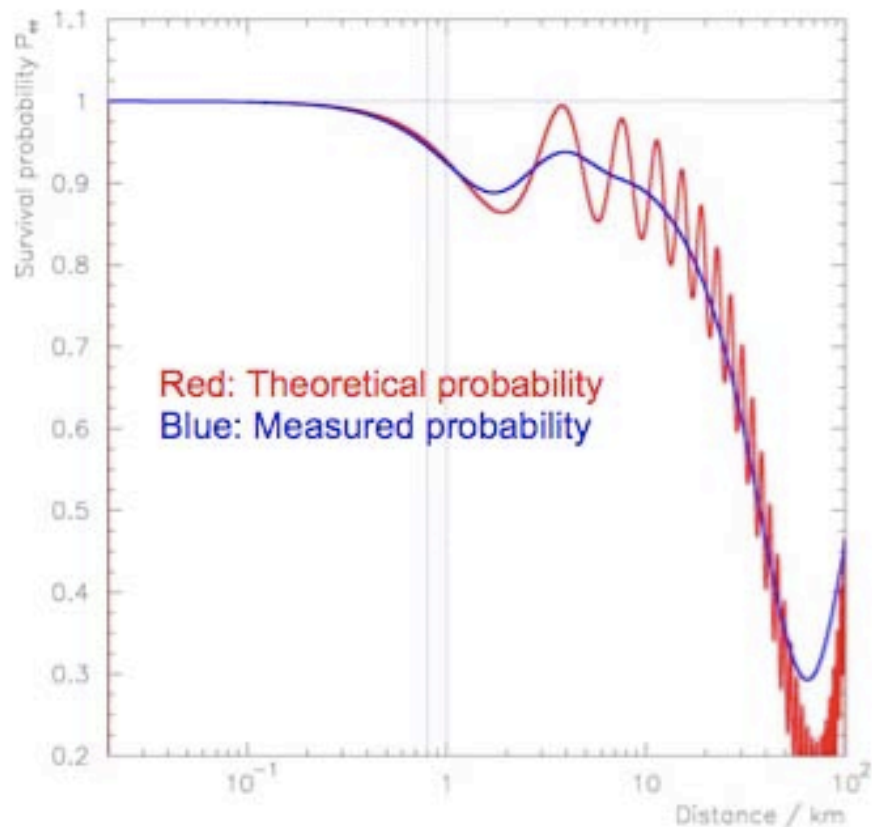
reactor antineutrinos  
oscillate with two  
wavelengths



# Experimental Resolution

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

- Oscillation probability is dependent on neutrino energy and distance from source-detector
- Oscillatory behavior is “washed” out by:
  - Finite energy resolution
    - Effectively integrate over the ~7-10 % uncertainty in the measured energy
  - Spread in distances from reactor
    - Reactor core size
    - Varying distances from multiple reactors

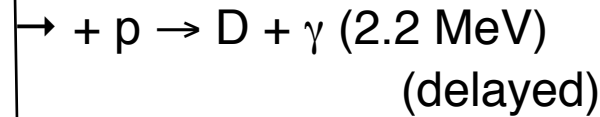




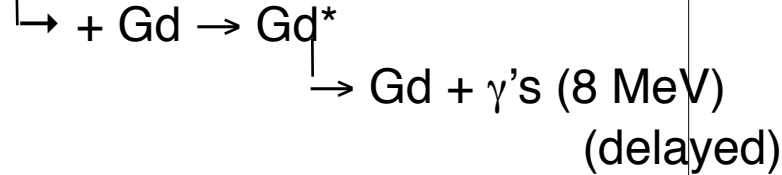
# Detecting Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$



0.3 b



49,000 b



*coincidence signal allows background suppression*

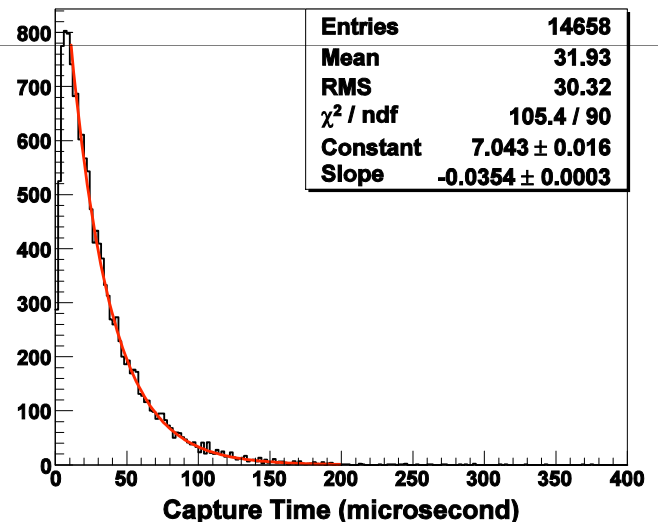
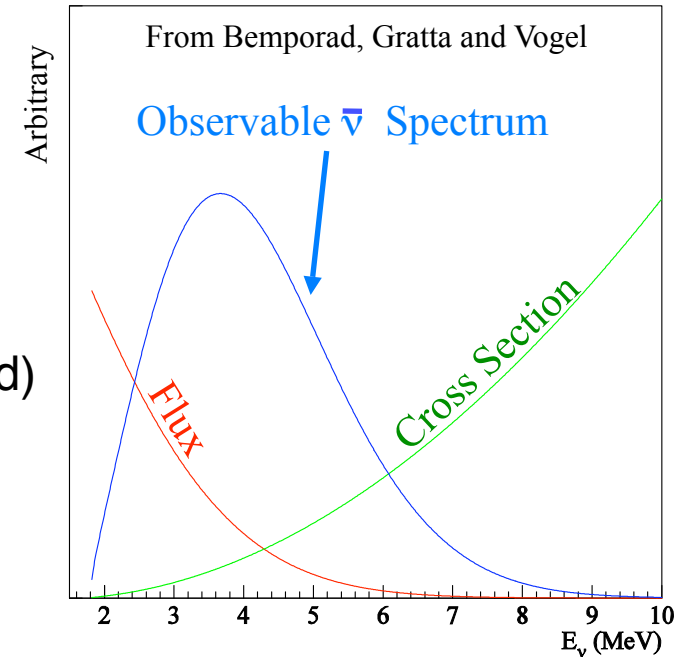
## 0.1% Gadolinium-Liquid Scintillator

- Proton-rich target
- Easily identifiable n-capture signal above radioactive backgrounds
- Short capture time ( $\tau \sim 28 \mu\text{s}$ )
- Good light yield

$^{155}\text{Gd} \quad \Sigma\gamma = 7.93 \text{ MeV}$

$^{157}\text{Gd} \quad \Sigma\gamma = 8.53 \text{ MeV}$

other Gd isotopes with high abundance have very small neutron capture cross sections



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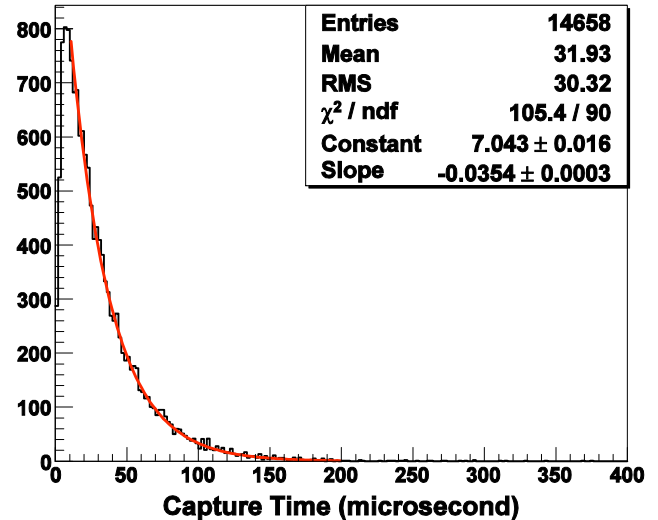
### Isotopic Abundance

**Gd(152)** 0.200  
**Gd(154)** 2.18  
**Gd(155)** 14.80  
**Gd(156)** 20.47  
**Gd(157)** 15.65  
**Gd(158)** 24.84  
**Gd(160)** 21.86

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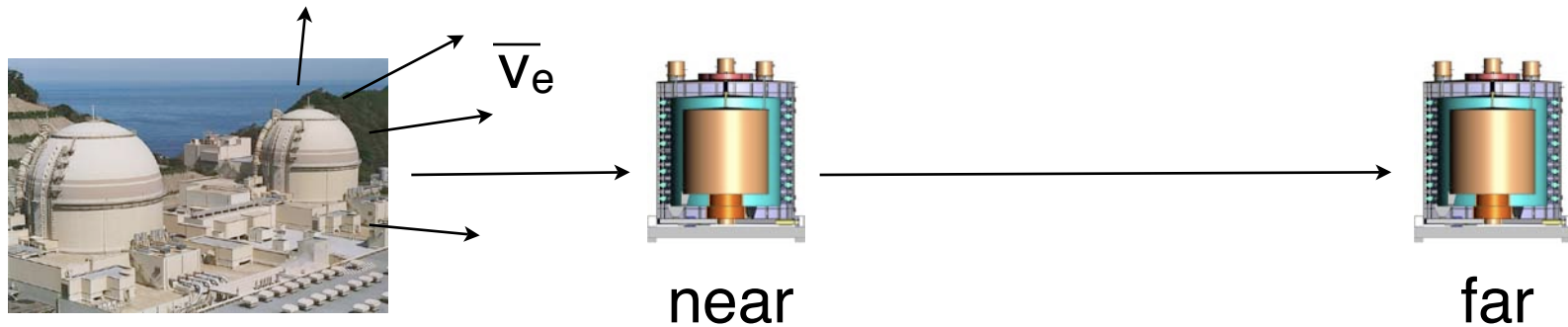


	fraction by weight
C	0.8535
H	0.1288
N	0.0003
O	0.0164
Gd	0.0010

Gd capture	86.7%
H capture	13.2%
C capture	0.08%

# Principle of Relative Measurement

Measure ratio of interaction rates in detector (+shape)



$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left( \frac{N_{p,f}}{N_{p,n}} \right) \left( \frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left[ \frac{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_f)}{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_n)} \right]$$

Measured  
Ratio of  
Rates

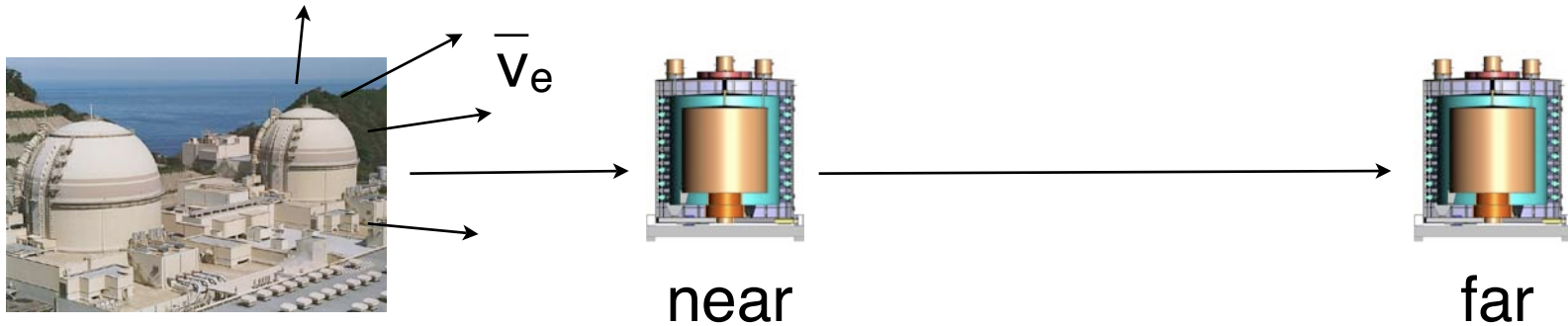
Detector  
Mass Ratio,  
H/C

Detector  
Efficiency  
Ratio

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



# Concept of Reactor $\theta_{13}$ Experiments



## Strategy/Method

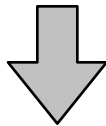
1. relative measurement between detectors at different distances
2. cancel source (reactor) systematics
3. need "identical detectors" at near and far site

## Concept of "Identical Detectors"

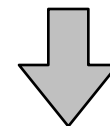
identical target

+

identical detector response



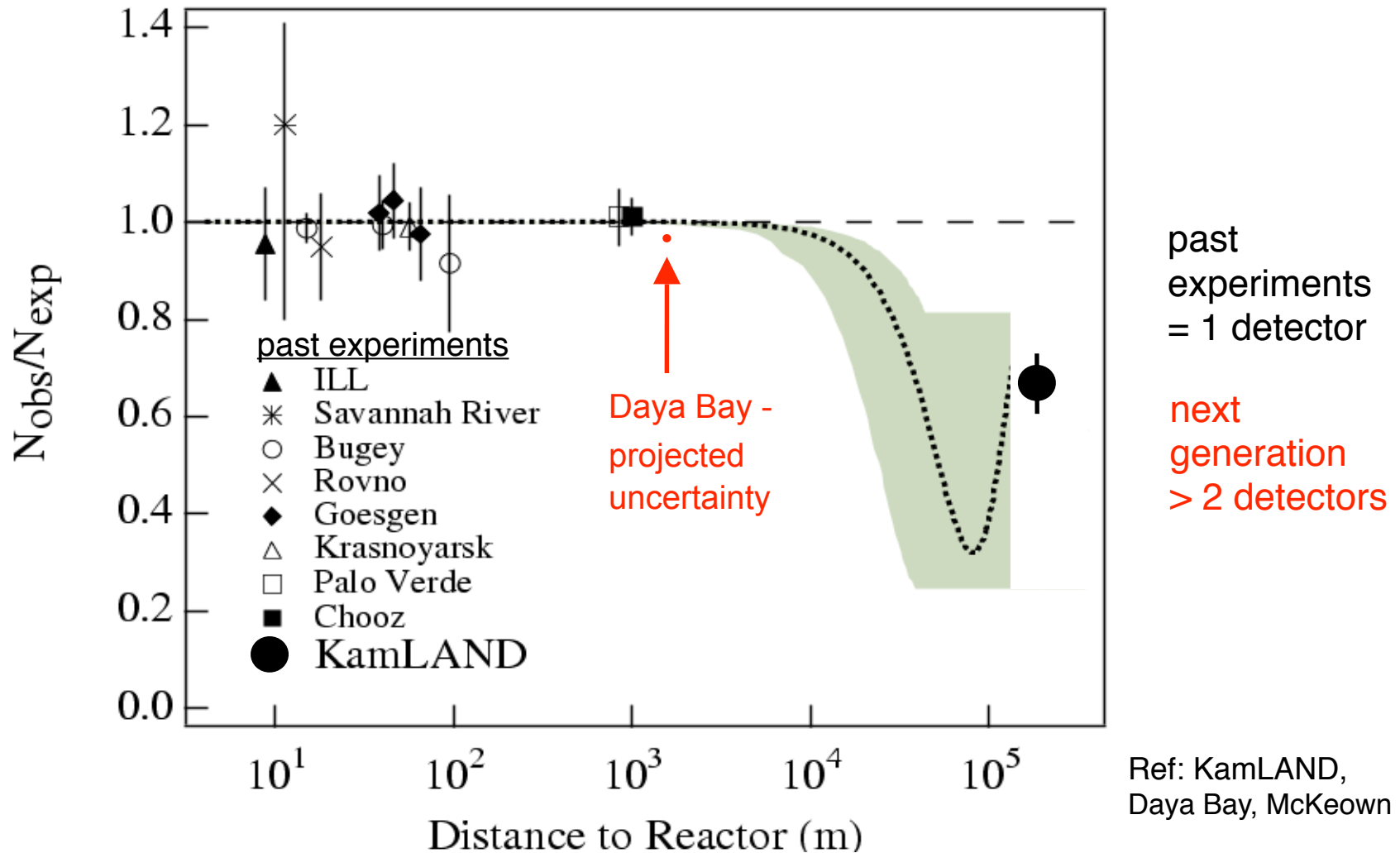
- relative target mass (measure to  $< 0.1\%$ )
- relative target composition between pairs of detectors (e.g. fill pairs of detectors from common reservoir)



- calibrate relative antineutrino detection efficiency of detector pair to  $< 0.25\%$

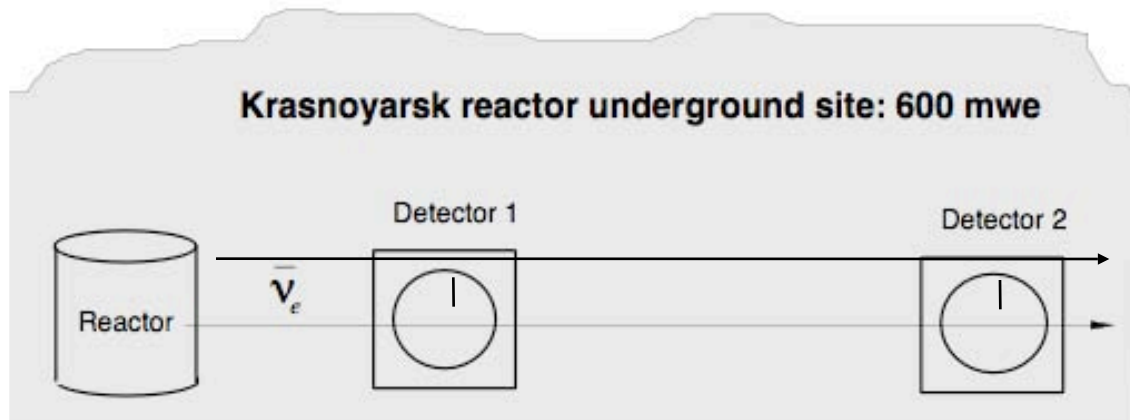
# Ratio of Measured to Expected $\bar{\nu}_e$ Flux

Expected precision in Daya Bay to reach  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01$



# Reactor $\theta_{13}$ Experiment at Krasnoyarsk, Russia

Original Idea: First proposed at Neutrino2000



Krasnoyarsk

- underground reactor
- detector locations determined by infrastructure

115 m

1000 m

Target: 46 t

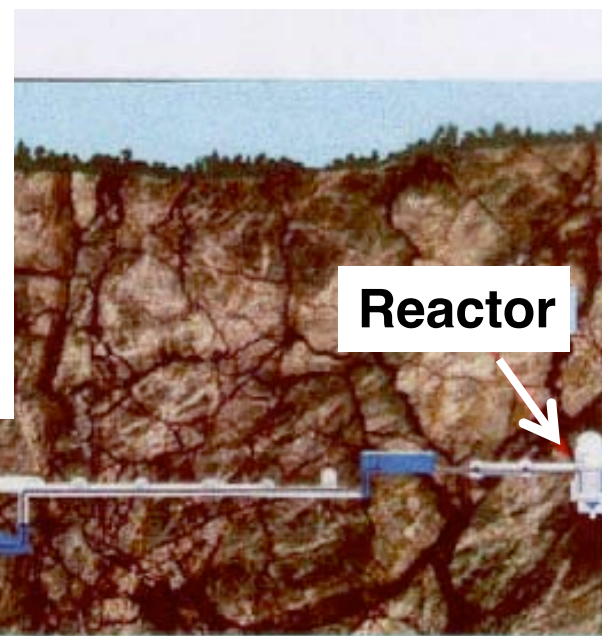
46 t

Rate:  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^6$  ev/year

$\sim 20000$  ev/year

S:B  $\gg 1$

$\sim 10:1$



Ref: Marteyamov et al,  
hep-ex/0211070

# World of Proposed Reactor $\theta_{13}$ Neutrino Experiments

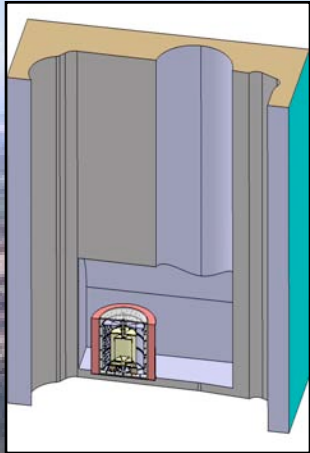


Double Chooz, Daya Bay, and RENO have strong international collaborations.  
→ Ready to start construction.

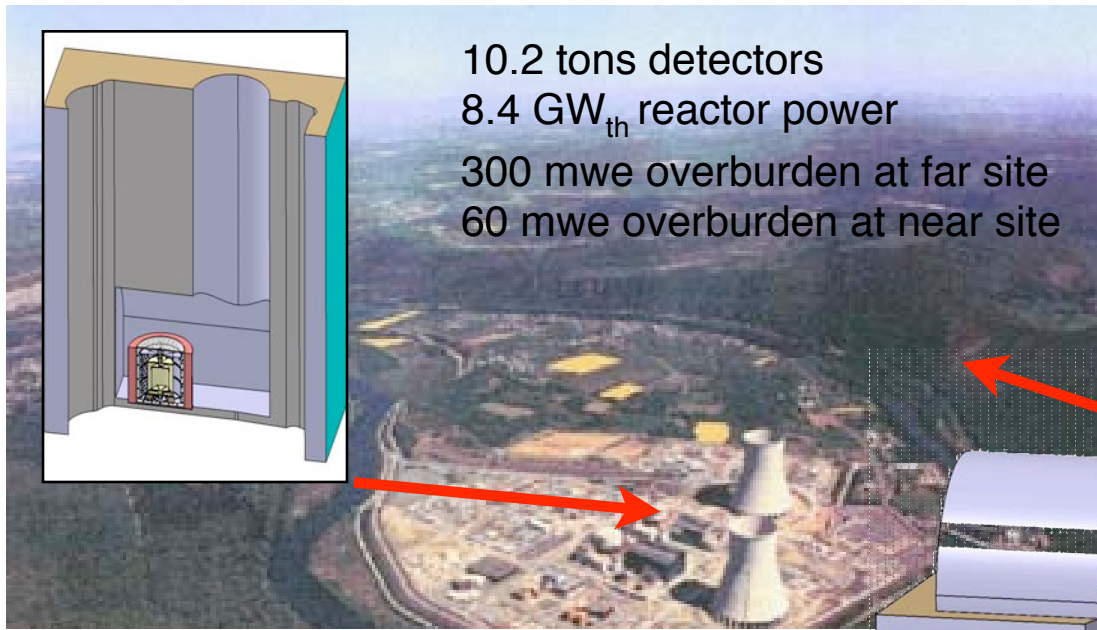
Proposed and R&D.



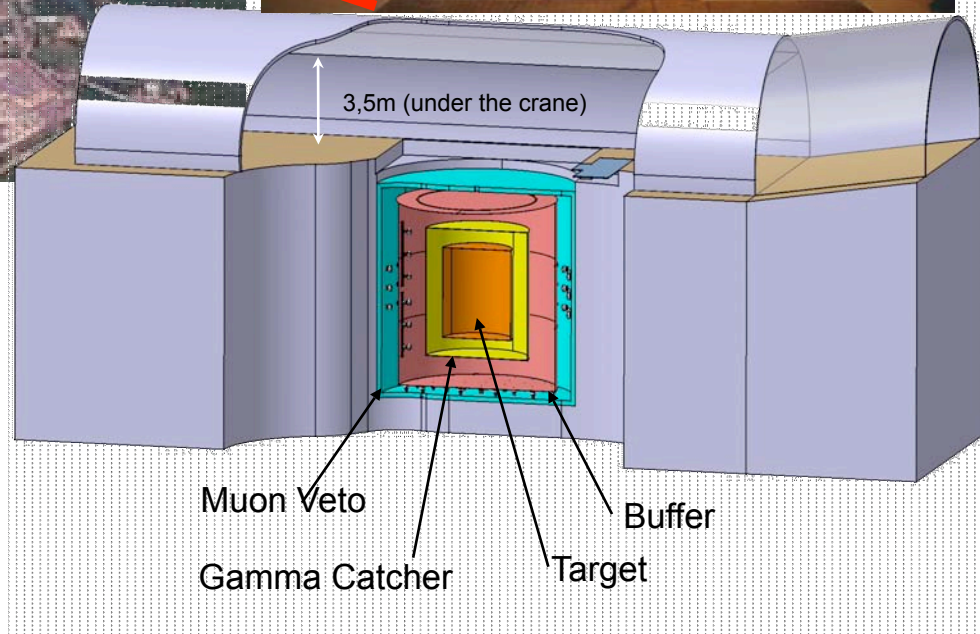
# Double Chooz



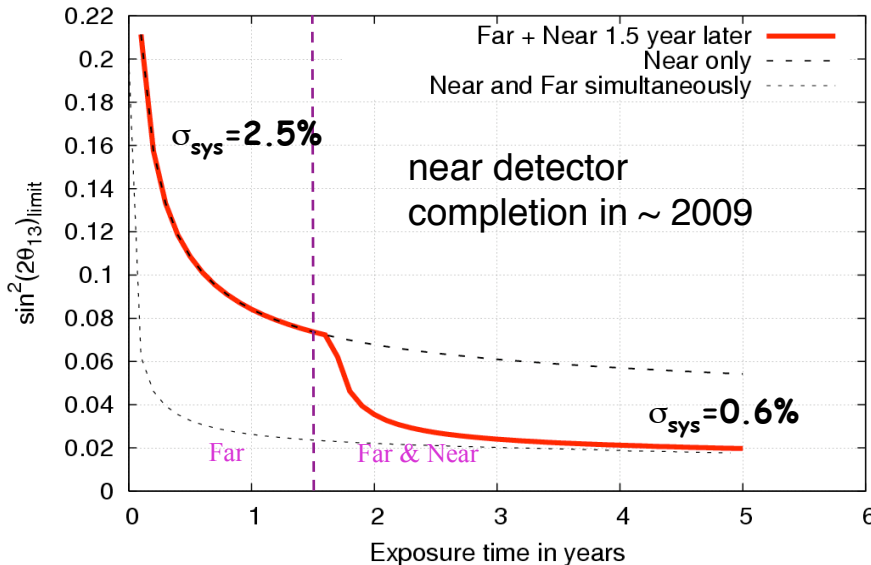
10.2 tons detectors  
 8.4 GW<sub>th</sub> reactor power  
 300 mwe overburden at far site  
 60 mwe overburden at near site



<http://doublechooz.in2p3.fr/>



Double-Chooz 90% C.L. Limit versus year

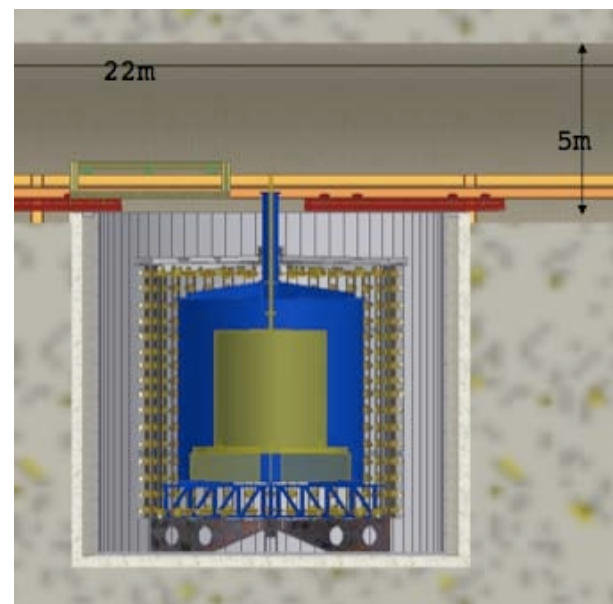
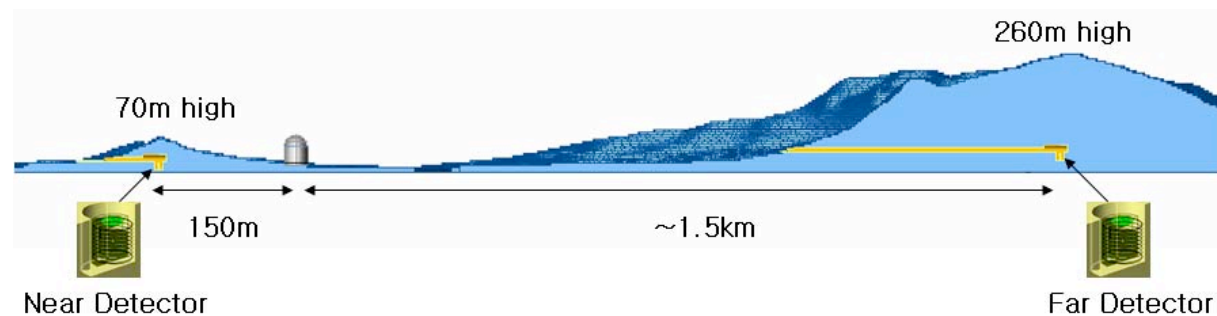
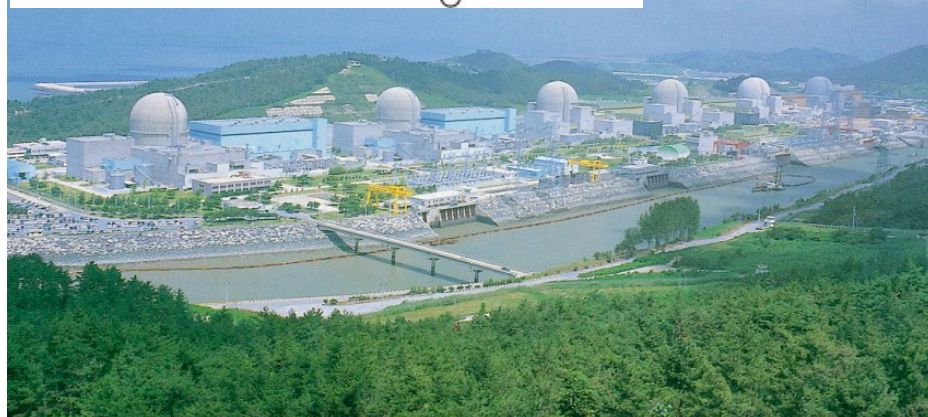
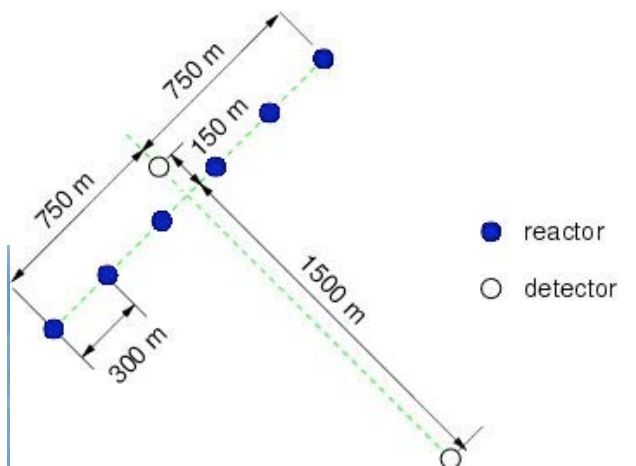


**$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.03$  @ 90.C.L. in 3 years**

# Reactor Experiment for Neutrino Oscillations (RENO) at YongGwang, Korea



<http://neutrino.snu.ac.kr/RENO/>



$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.02$  @ 90.C.L. in 3 years

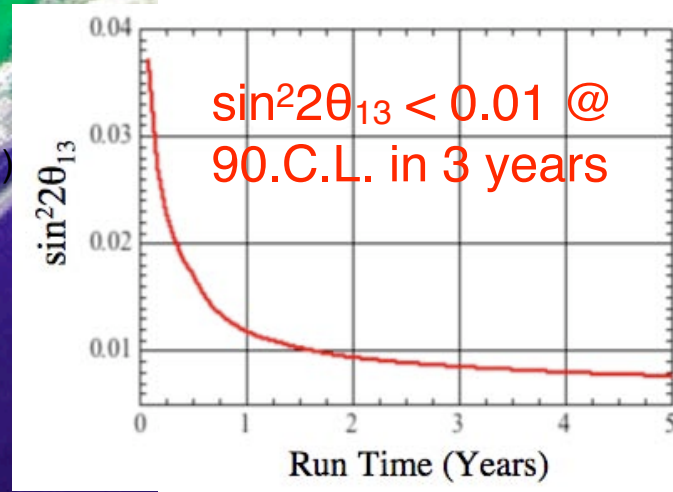


# Daya Bay, China

<http://dayawane.ihep.ac.cn/>



Sites	DYB	LA	Far
DYB cores	363	1347	1985
LA cores	857	481	1618
LA II cores	1307	526	1613





# Daya Bay, China



## Powerful $\nu_e$ Source:

Multiple reactor cores.

(at present 4 units with 11.6 GW<sub>th</sub>,  
in 2011 6 units with 17.4 GW<sub>th</sub>)

## Shielding from Cosmic Rays:

Up to 1000 mwe overburden nearby.

Adjacent to mountain.

<http://dayawane.ihep.ac.cn/>



# Daya Bay Site

## Far Site

1600 m from Ling Ao  
2000 m from Daya  
Overburden: 350 m

## Ling Ao Near

500 m from Ling Ao  
Overburden: 98 m

Ling Ao II  
(under construction)

Ling Ao

## Daya Bay Near

360 m from Daya Bay  
Overburden: 97 m

Daya Bay



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error from multiple cores

4 reactors: 0.087%

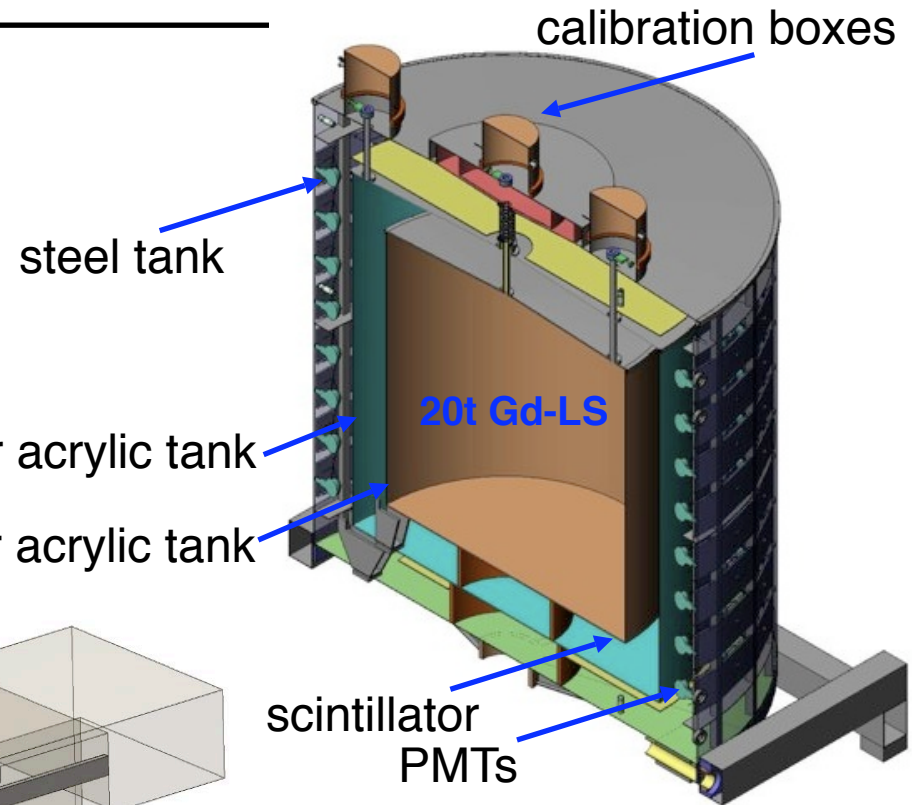
6 reactors: 0.126%

# Baseline Design of Detector and Halls

multiple 3-zone antineutrino detectors

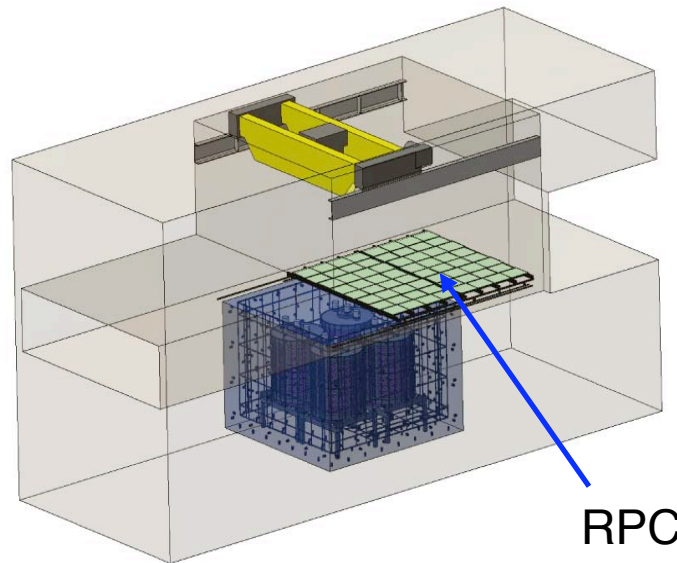
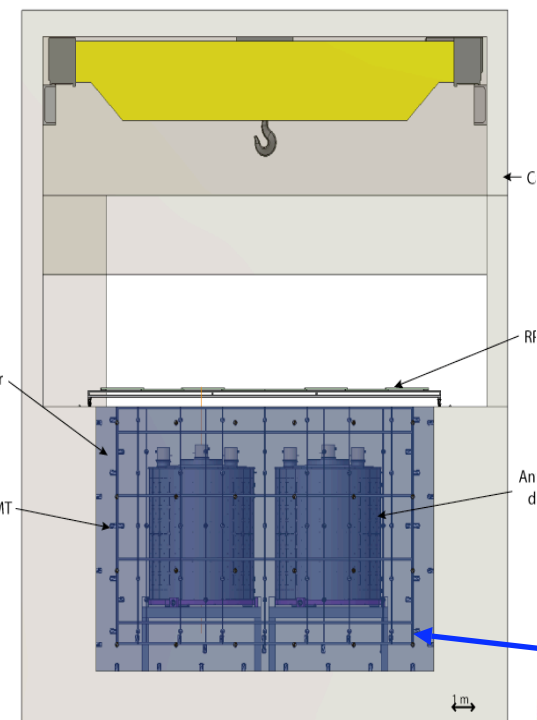
muon detectors

- water pool and Cherenkov counter
- RPC on top for tracking muons



**8 antineutrino detectors**

**3 experimental halls and muon systems**



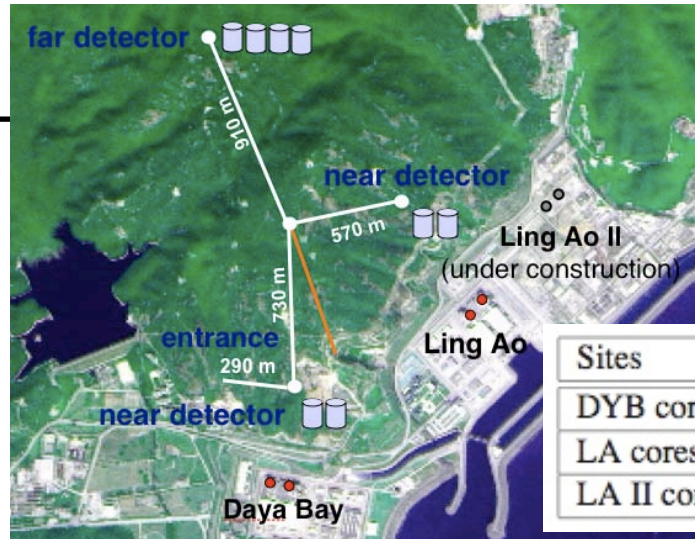
water pool



# Event Rates and Signal

## Antineutrino Interaction Rates (events/day per 20 ton module)

Daya Bay near site      960  
 Ling Ao near site      ~760  
 Far site                      90

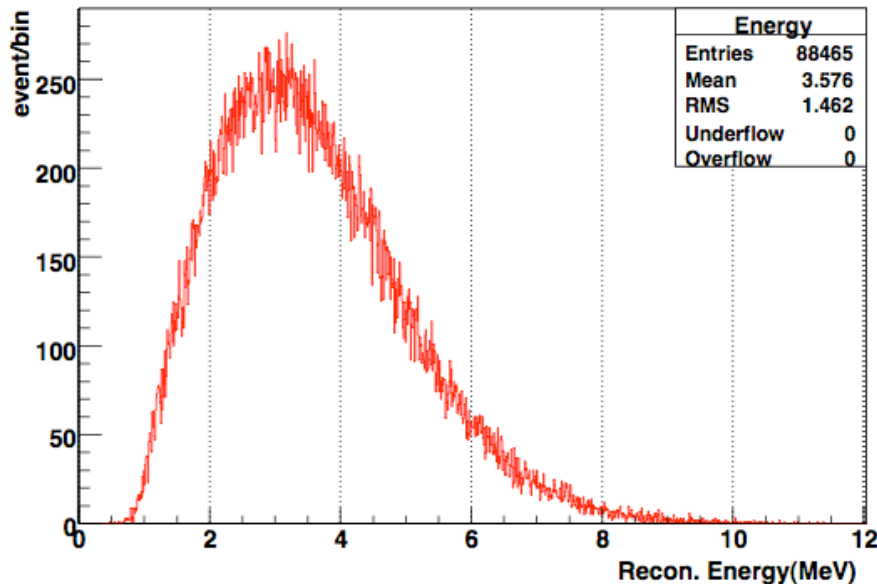


Distances to Sites (m)

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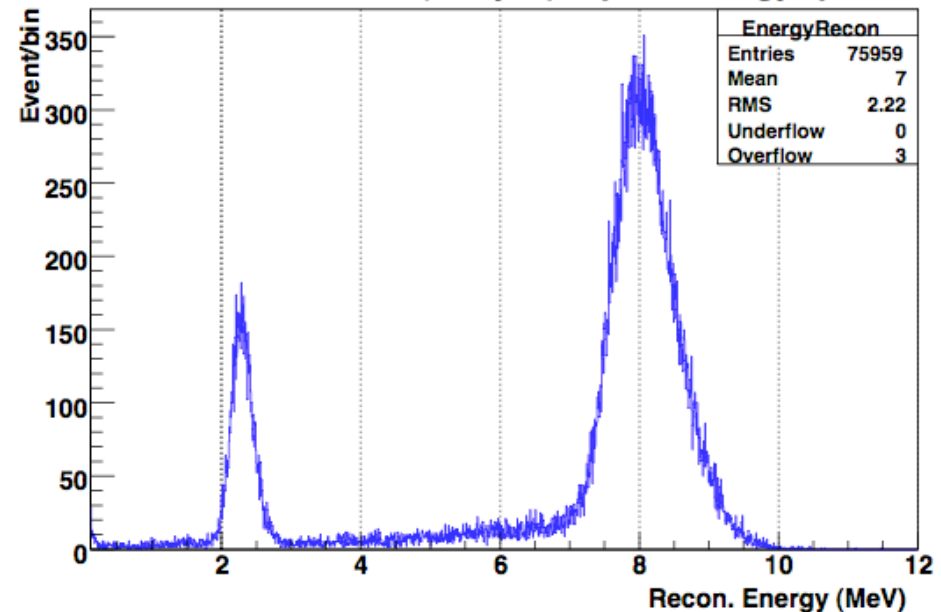
## Prompt Energy Signal

Reconstructed Positron Energy Spectrum



## Delayed Energy Signal

reconstructed neutron (delayed) capture energy spectrum



Statistics comparable to single detector in far hall

# Design, R&D, and Prototyping for Daya Bay

## Design of civil infrastructure



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groundbreaking on October 13, 2007

## Joint R&D program in US and China on Gd-LS Production

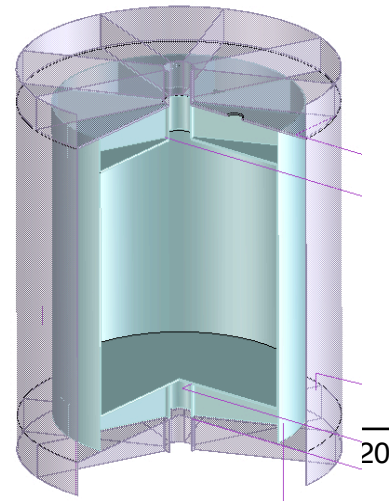


## Acrylic Vessel Prototyping

## Detector Prototypes at IHEP and in Hong Kong



Neutrino



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# Upcoming Reactor $\theta_{13}$ Neutrino Experiments

	Location	Thermal Power (GW)	Distances Near/Far (m)	Depth Near/Far (mwe)	Target Mass (tons)	Exposure in 3 yrs (ton-GW-y)
Angra <i>proposed / R&amp;D</i>	Brazil	4.1	300/1500	250/2000	500	~ 6150
<b>Daya Bay</b> <i>construction start in 07</i>	China	11.6 17.4 after 2010	360(500)/1750	260/910	80	~ <b>4180</b>
<b>Double-CHOOZ</b> <i>under construction</i>	France	8.7	150/1067	80/300	8	~ <b>210</b>
<b>RENO</b> <i>ready to start construction</i>	Korea	17.3	150/1500	230/675	15.4	~ <b>800</b>

\* *experiments are underway*

# Systematic Errors from the Detector

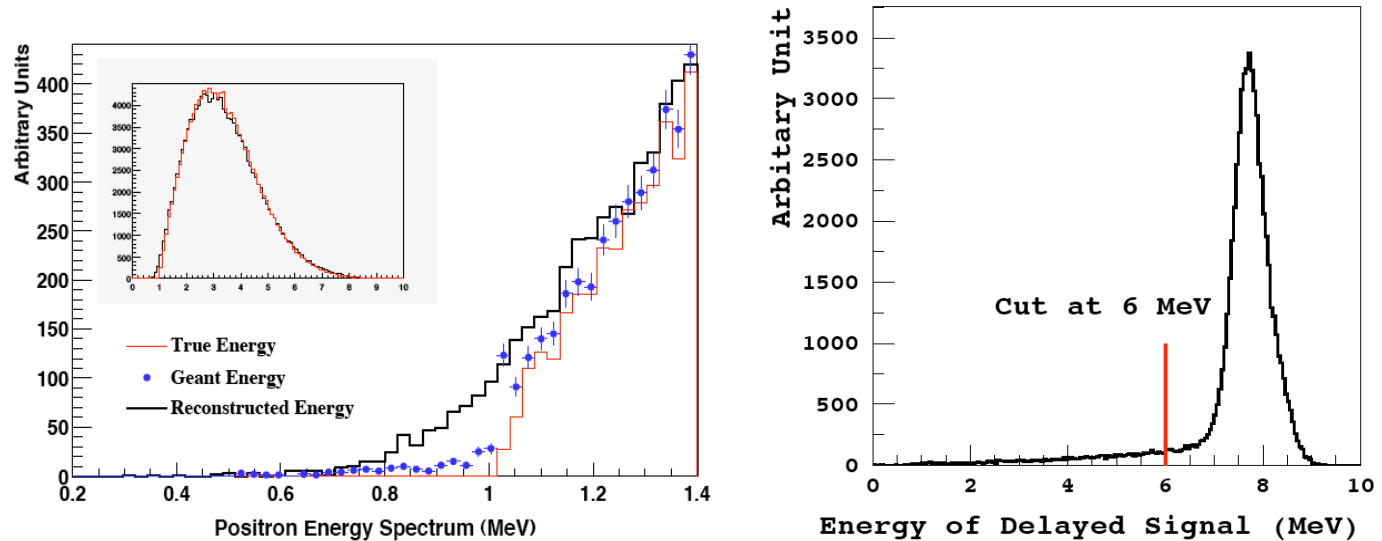
## Number of Protons

- reproducibility: **volume flow < 0.02%**, **mass flow < 0.1%**
- combustion analysis, NMR or neutron beam to determine H/C ratio

## Position & Time Cuts

- no position cuts: volume defined by neutron capture on Gd.
- time cuts: time window 1-200 $\mu$ s, precision <10ns, **uncertainty < 0.03%**

## Energy Cuts



Low-energy threshold: Routine calibration using positron annihilation source ( $^{68}\text{Ge}$ )

Calibrate the 6 MeV cut  $\rightarrow$  relative uncertainty in neutron efficiency **< 0.2%**.

## Gd/H Ratio

1% mass uncertainty causes 0.12% change in n-capture efficiency

# Goal of Future Precision Reactor Neutrino Experiments

## Detector-Related Uncertainties

*Daya Bay as an example: most ambitious in reducing error between detectors*

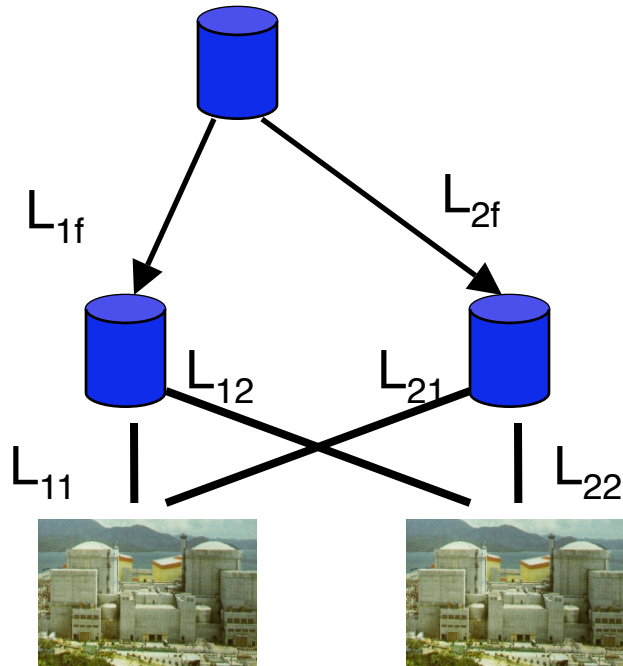
Source of uncertainty		Absolute measurement	Relative measurement		
		Chooz ( <i>absolute</i> )	Daya Bay ( <i>relative</i> )		
			Baseline	Goal	Goal w/Swapping
# protons		0.8	0.3	0.1	0.006
Detector Efficiency	Energy cuts	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1
	Position cuts	0.32	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Time cuts	0.4	0.1	0.03	0.03
	H/Gd ratio	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
	n multiplicity	0.5	0.05	0.05	0.05
	Trigger	0	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Live time	0	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Total detector-related uncertainty		1.7%	0.38%	0.18%	0.12%

*O(0.2%) precision for relative measurement between detectors at near and far sites*

Ref: Daya Bay TDR

# Reactor Related Systematic Uncertainty

For multi cores, **reweight oversampled** cores to maximize near/far cancellation of the reactor power fluctuation.



$$\alpha = \frac{\frac{1}{L_{22}^2 L_{1f}^2} - \frac{1}{L_{21}^2 L_{2f}^2}}{\frac{1}{L_{11}^2 L_{2f}^2} - \frac{1}{L_{12}^2 L_{1f}^2}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Near}}{\text{Far}} = \alpha \frac{\text{Near1}}{\text{Far}} + \frac{\text{Near2}}{\text{Far}}$$

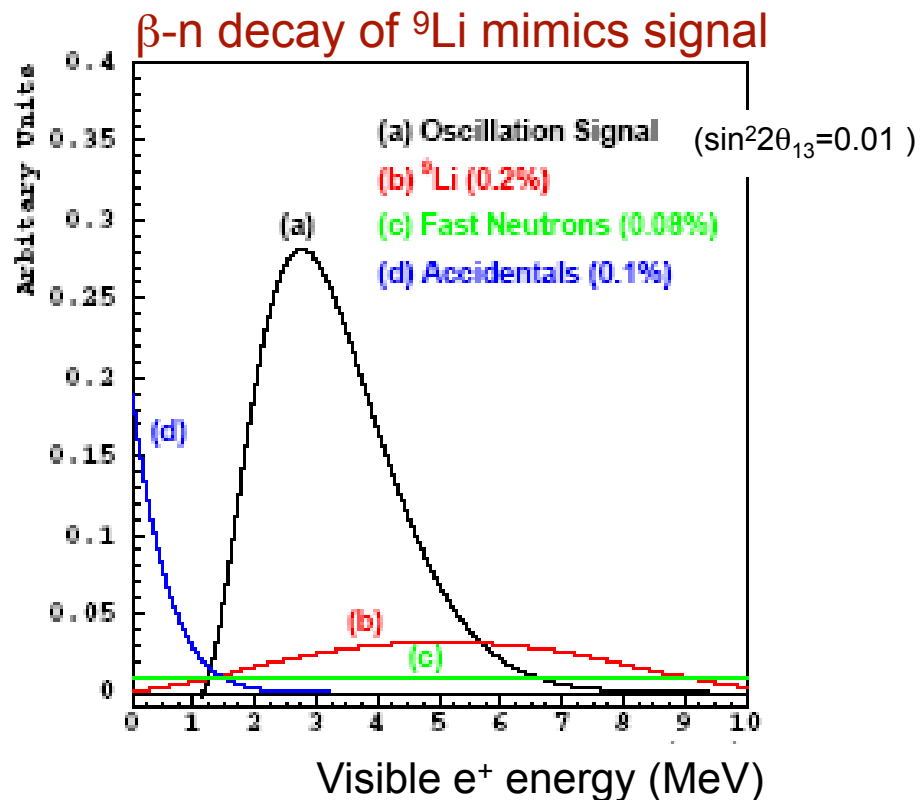
Assuming 30 cm precision in core position

Number of cores	$\alpha$	$\sigma_\rho(\text{power})$	$\sigma_\rho(\text{location})$	$\sigma_\rho(\text{total})$
4	0.338	0.035%	0.08%	0.087%
6	0.392	0.097%	0.08%	0.126%



1. **Natural Radioactivity:** PMT glass, steel, rock, radon in the air, etc
2. **Slow and fast neutrons** produced in rock & shield by cosmic muons
3. **Muon-induced cosmogenic isotopes:**  $^8\text{He}/^9\text{Li}$  which can  $\beta$ -n decay

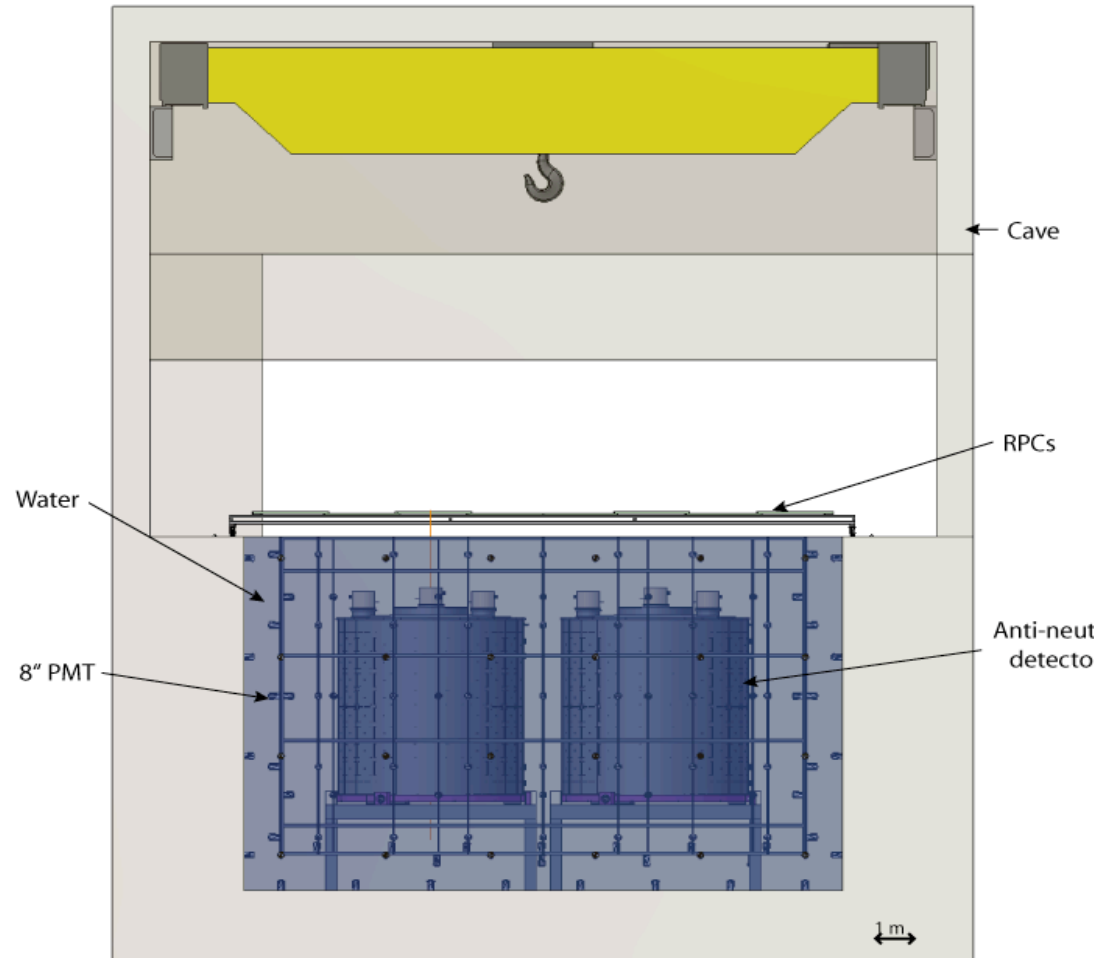
- Cross section measured at CERN (Hagner et. al.)
- Can be measured in-situ, even for near detectors with muon rate  $\sim 10$  Hz:



# Background Reduction with Muon Veto

## Muon System: Water Pool with PMTs + RPC

- Muon Veto
  - spallation neutrons
  - 99.5% efficient
  
- Water shield (2.5m)
  - rock neutrons
  - radioactivity



# Backgrounds After Muon Veto

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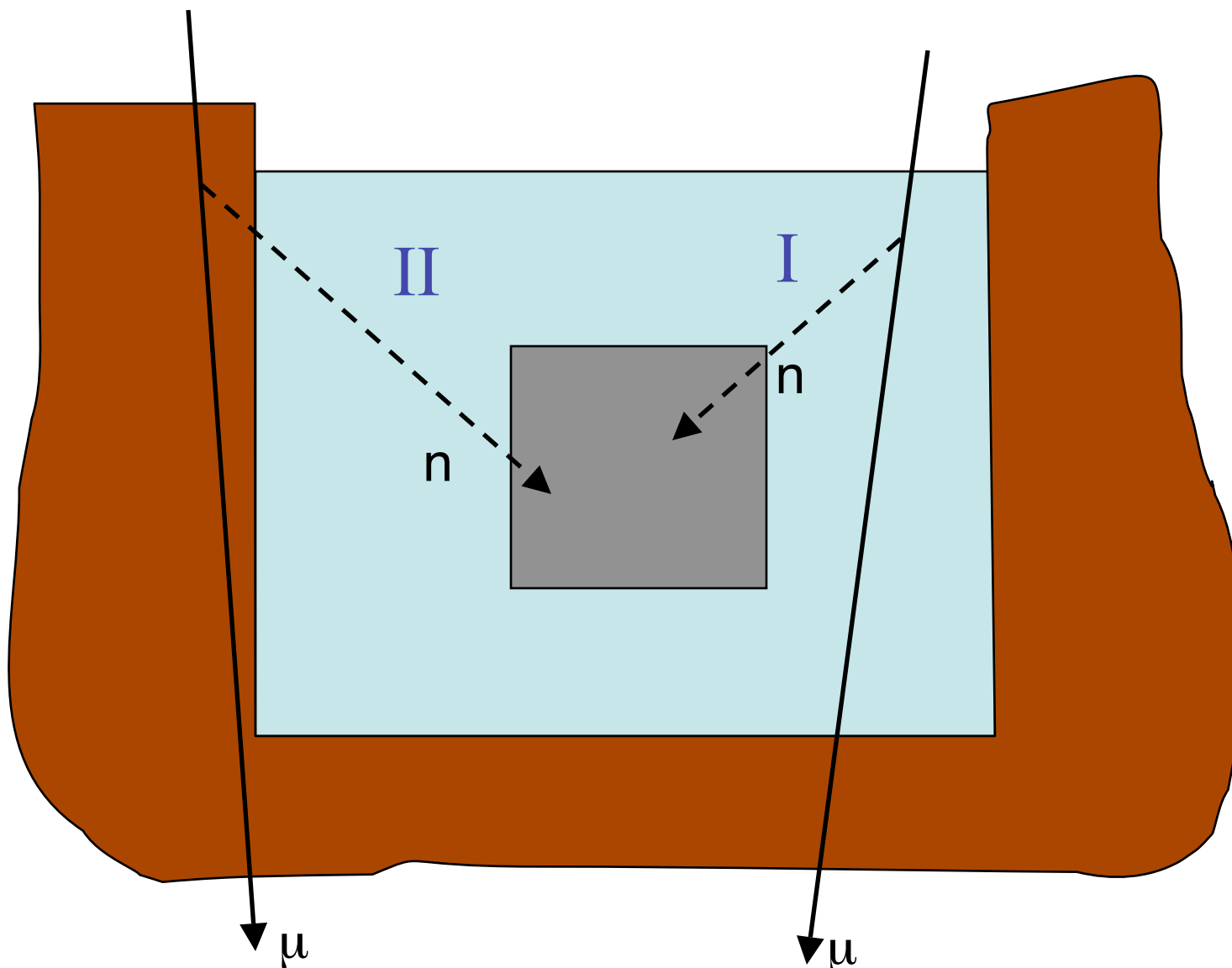
Assuming 99.5% muon veto, even with delayed coincidence event signature, the following backgrounds remain:

- Fast neutrons (prompt recoil, delayed capture)
- ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 178$  msec,  $\beta$  decay w/neutron emission, delayed capture)
- Accidental coincidences

(Other smaller contributions can be neglected)

⇒ All three remaining backgrounds are small (<1%) and can be measured and/or constrained using data.

# Fast Neutrons from Muons





# ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$



$$Q=13 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{1/2}= 178 \text{ msec}$$

(Long  $T_{1/2}$  & poor spatial correlation with  $\mu$  track make rejection problematic.)

Rates computed from CERN measurements (Hagner et al.,)

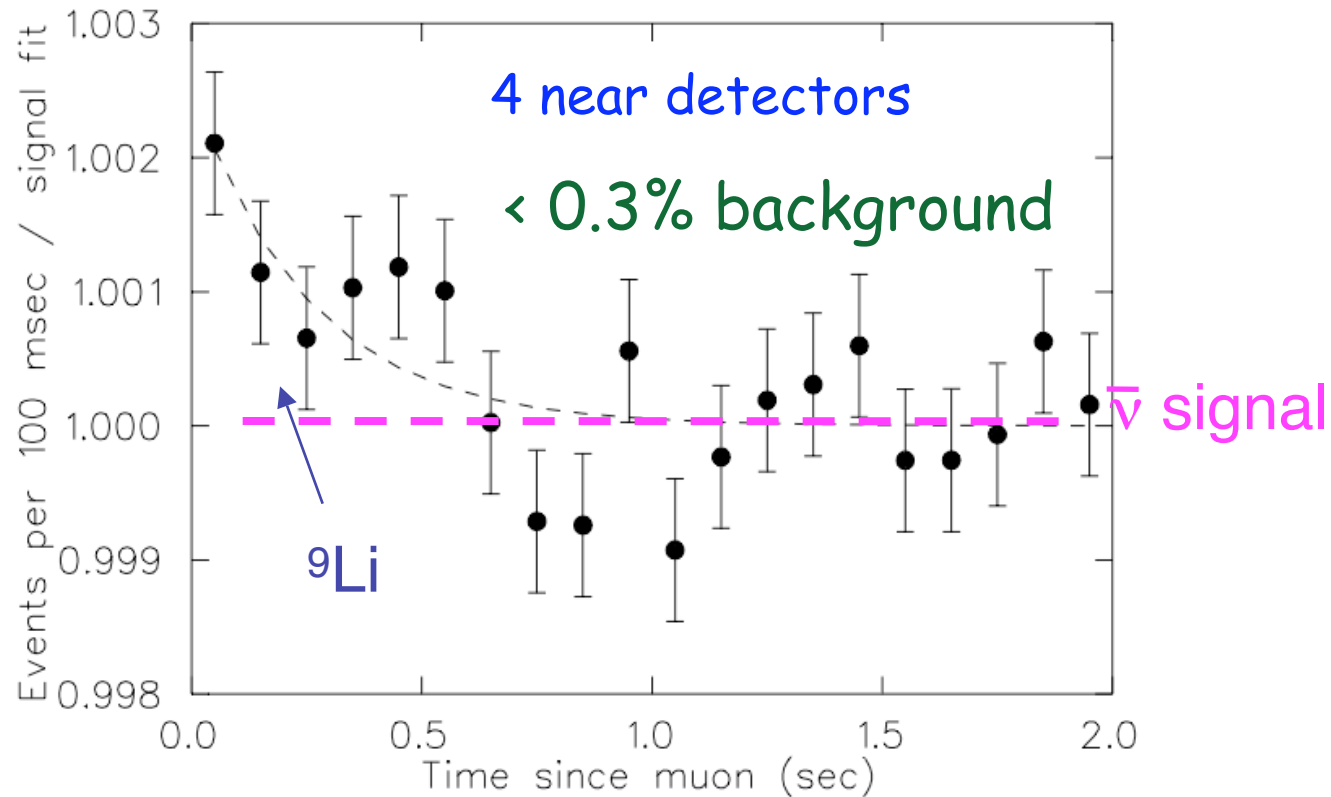
	DYB site	LA site	Far site
$({}^8\text{He}+{}^9\text{Li})/\text{day/module}$	3.7	2.5	0.26

**Note: B/S  $\sim$  0.3% for all sites**

$\Rightarrow$  Strategy: measure rate and statistically subtract from event sample. Issue: dead time from long veto on showering muons?

# Measuring $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$

## Measure time since muon for candidate events



Projected results:  $\sigma(\text{B/S}) = 0.3\%$  (near),  $0.1\%$ (far)

# Accidental Background

Prompt:  $\gamma$  from radioactivity ( $\sim 50\text{Hz}/\text{module}$ )

Delayed: 1.) untagged single neutron capture  
 2.) Cosmogenic beta emitters (6-10 MeV, mostly  $^{10}\text{B}$ )  
 3.) U/Th  $\rightarrow$  O, Si ( $\alpha, n \gamma$  [6–10 MeV])

	DB	LA	Far
neutrons	18/day	12/day	1.5/day
betas	210/day	141/day	14.6/day
( $\alpha, n\gamma$ )	<10/day	<10/day	<10/day
coinc rate	2.3/day	1.3/day	0.26/day
<b>B/S</b>	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$

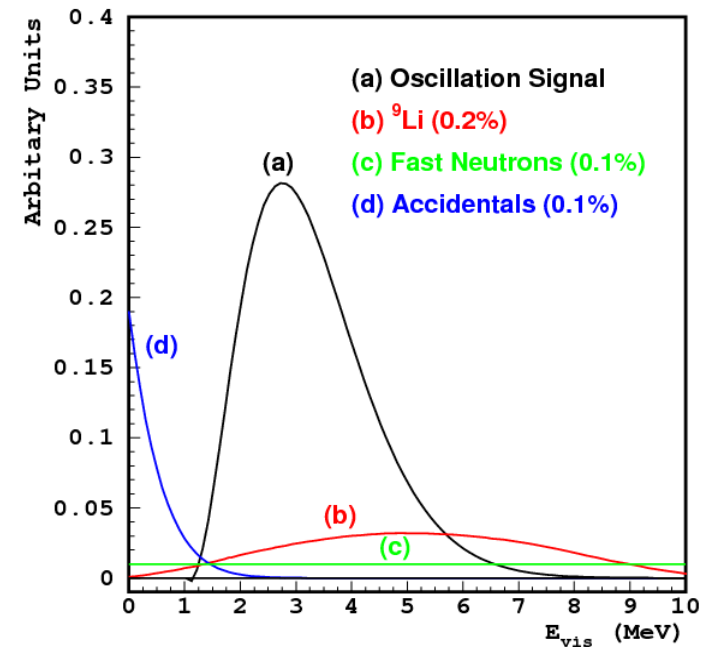
(use neutron capture time window  $\tau \sim 200\mu\text{sec}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Tiny, and subtractable.

# Daya Bay Background Summary

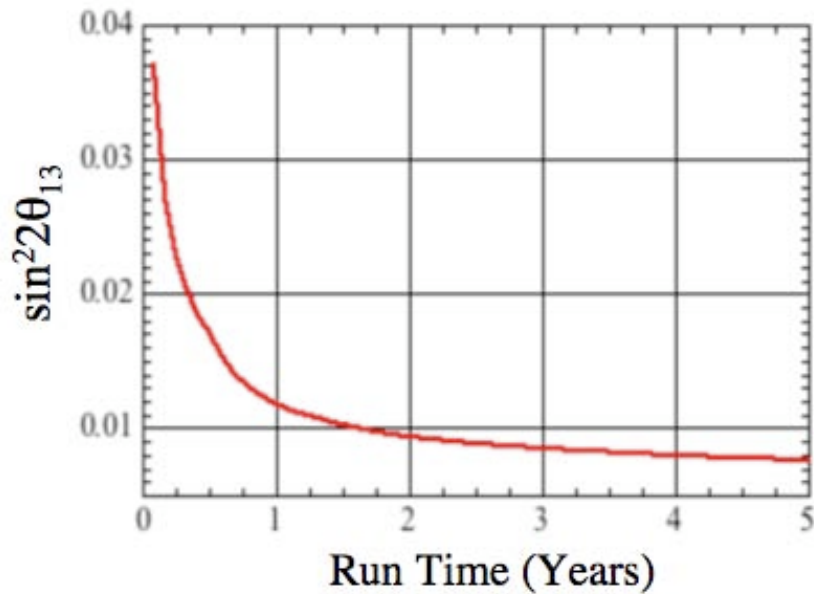
	Daya Bay site	Ling Ao site	Far site
Accidental/signal	<0.2%	<0.2%	<0.1%
Fast n / signal	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
$^9\text{Li}$ - $^8\text{He}$ / signal	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%

- B/S ~ same for near and far sites
- constrained by measurements to required precision
- input to sensitivity calculations (assume 100% uncertainty)



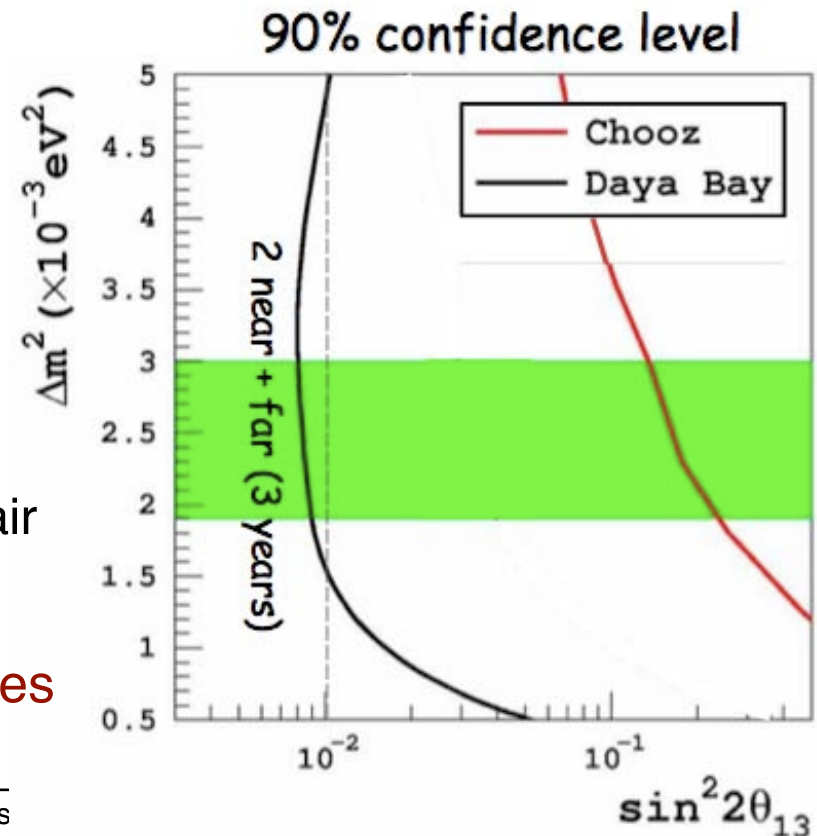


# Daya Bay Sensitivity & Milestones



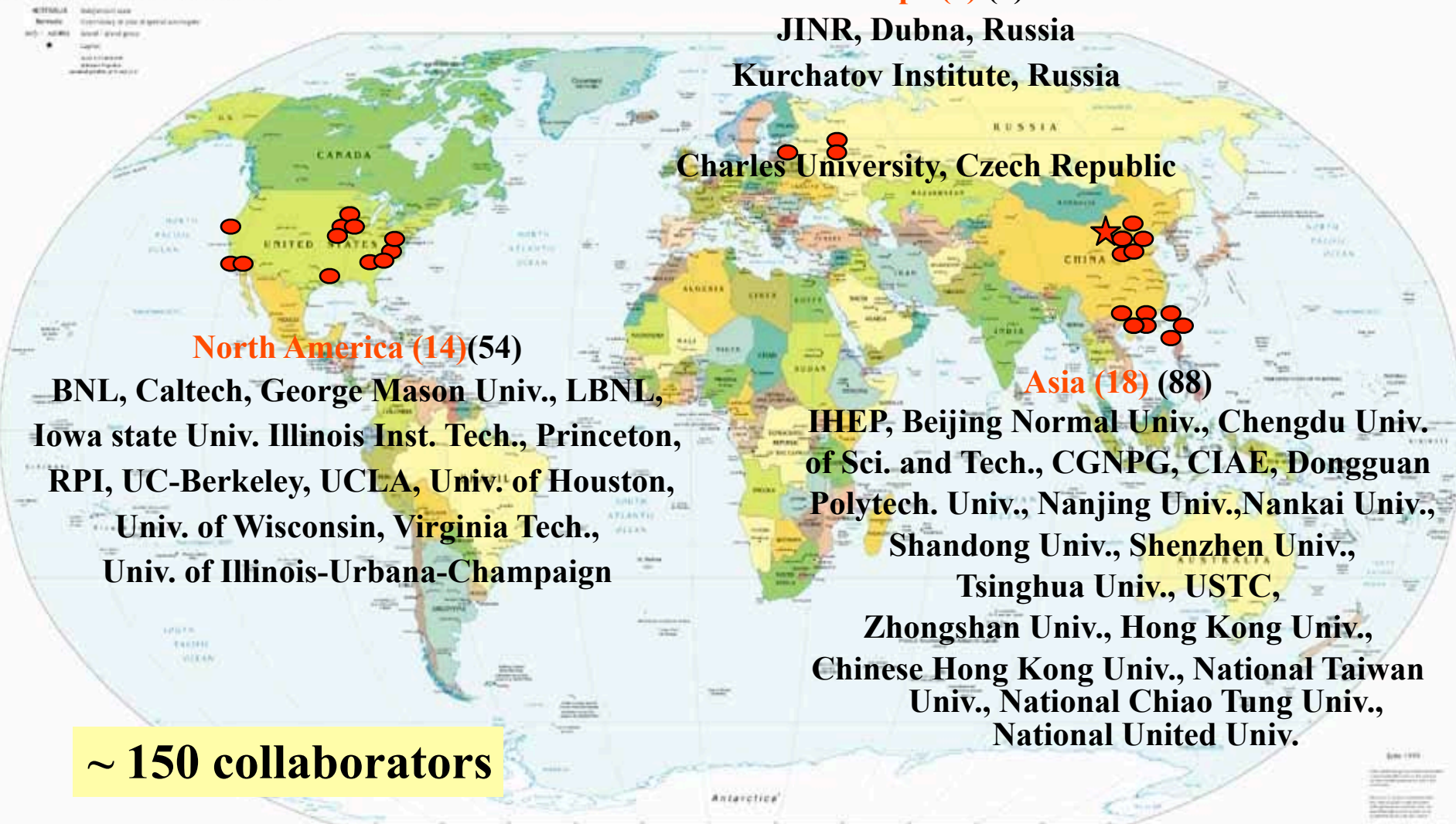
- Reactor-related systematics: 0.09% (4 cores)  
0.13% (6 cores)
- Relative detector systematics: 0.38% (baseline)
- Backgrounds will be measured: < 0.2%

- Apr 2007 completed DOE CD-1 review
- Oct 2007 start civil construction
- Oct 2008 delivery of Gd-LS to Daya Bay
- Aug-Dec 2008 assembly of first detector pair
- Aug 2009 start data taking at near site
- mid 2010 start data taking at near+far sites



# Daya Bay Collaboration

Political Map of the World, June 1999



**Europe (3) (9)**

**JINR, Dubna, Russia**

**Kurchatov Institute, Russia**

**Charles University, Czech Republic**

**North America (14)(54)**

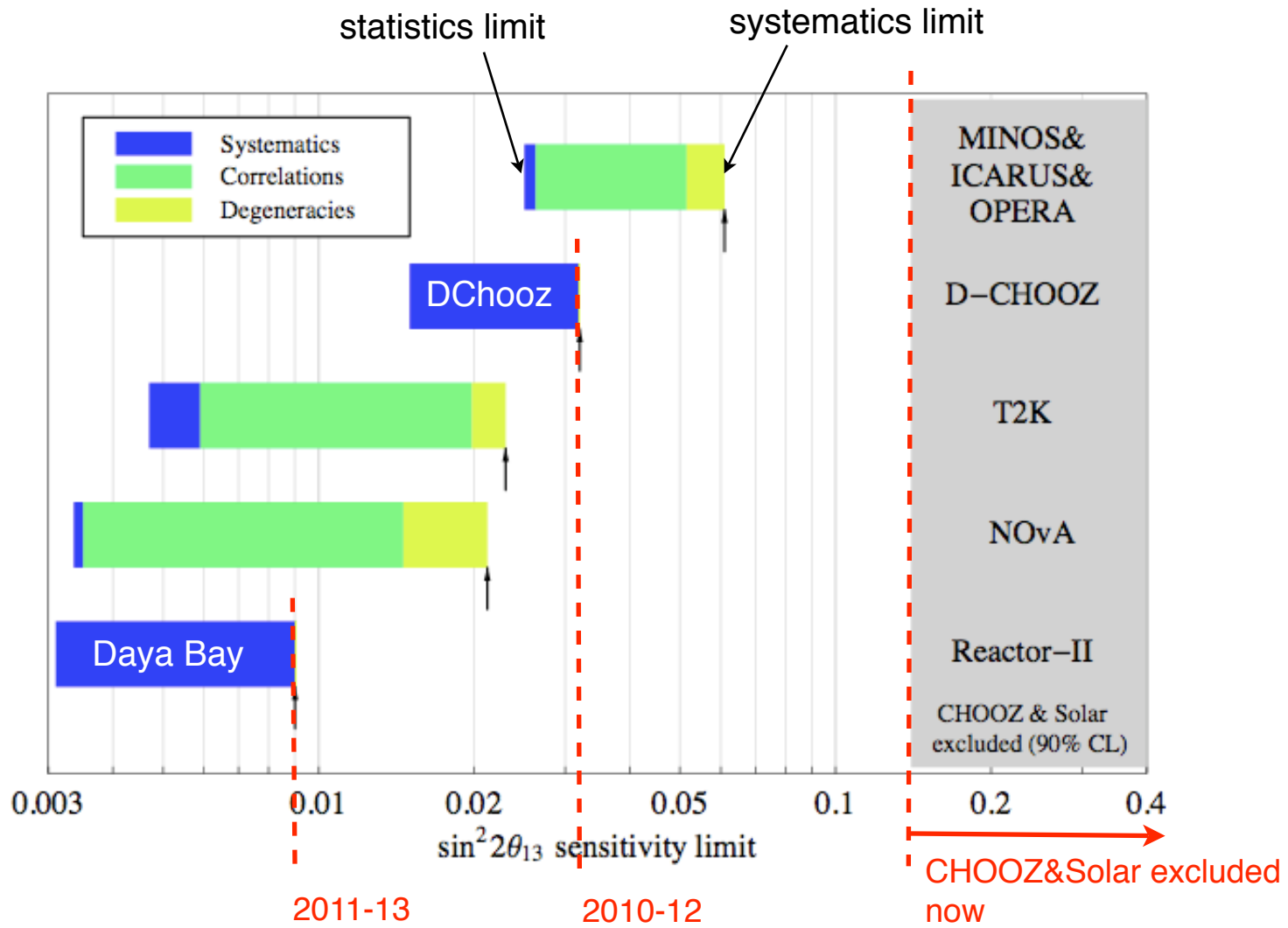
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**Asia (18) (88)**

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Polytech. Univ., Nanjing Univ., Nankai Univ.,  
Shandong Univ., Shenzhen Univ.,  
Tsinghua Univ., USTC,  
Zhongshan Univ., Hong Kong Univ.,  
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**~ 150 collaborators**

# $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Sensitivity Limits

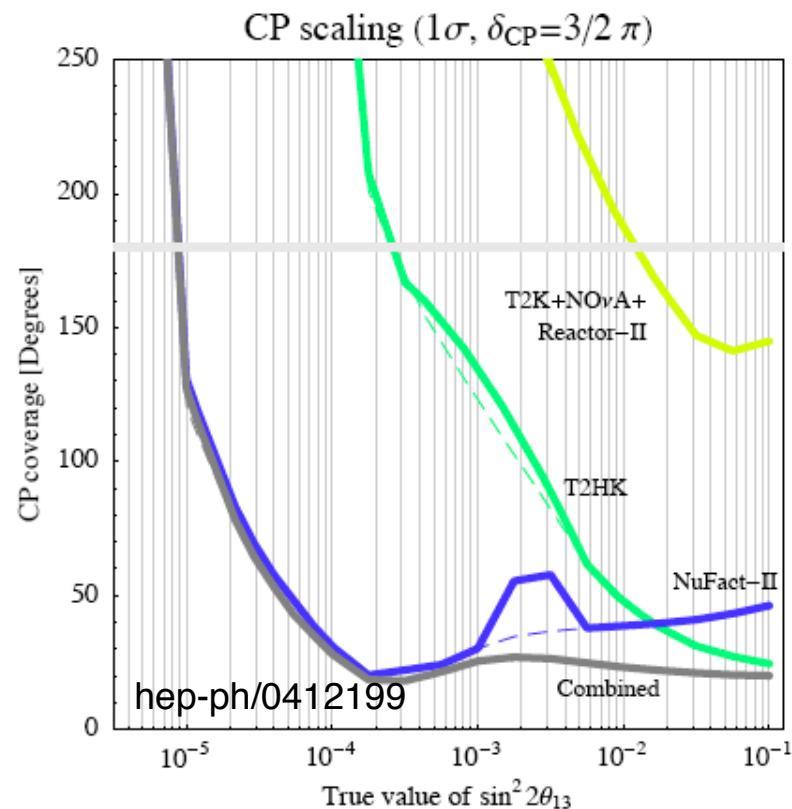
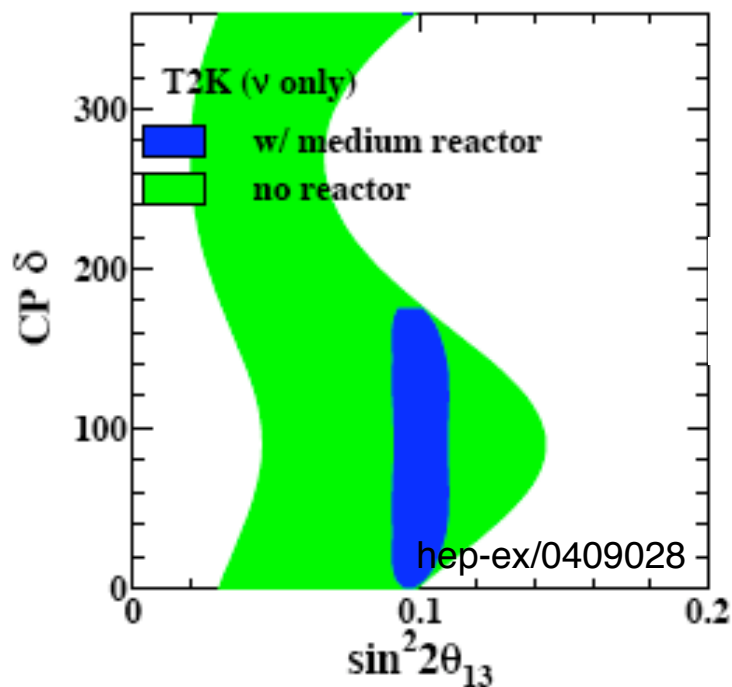


Ref: FNAL proton driver report, hep-ex/0509019

# Towards Measuring CP Violation in Neutrinos

Next-generation experiments will not measure CP violation but some values of  $\delta_{CP}$  could be excluded.

Allowed 90% CL region for  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\delta = 90$



**Why measure  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  to 1%?**

Planning future facilities:

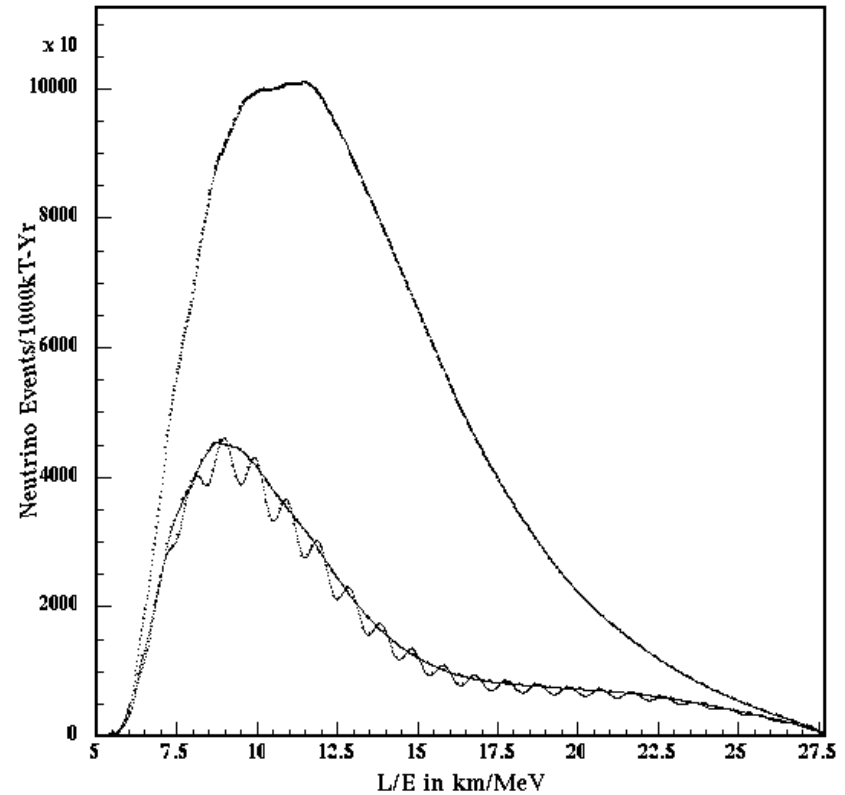
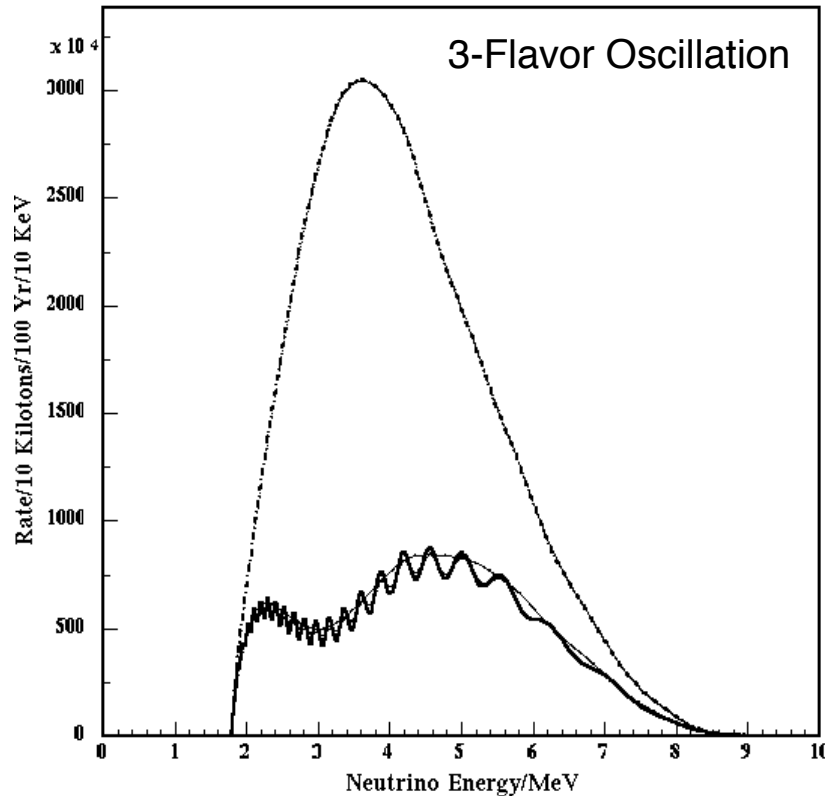
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \geq 10^{-2}$ : reactor finds  $\theta_{13}$  → superbeams

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 10^{-2}$ : NuFact with  $L \sim 3000$  km



# An Alternative Method of Measuring $\theta_{13}$

## Fourier Transform Approach



- “High-frequency” amplitude in energy spectrum is  $\theta_{13}$
- In L/E plot, a purely sinusoidal component
- Invites the use of Fourier Transform for analysis

*slides from J. Learned et al.*

# Fourier Transformed Spectrum

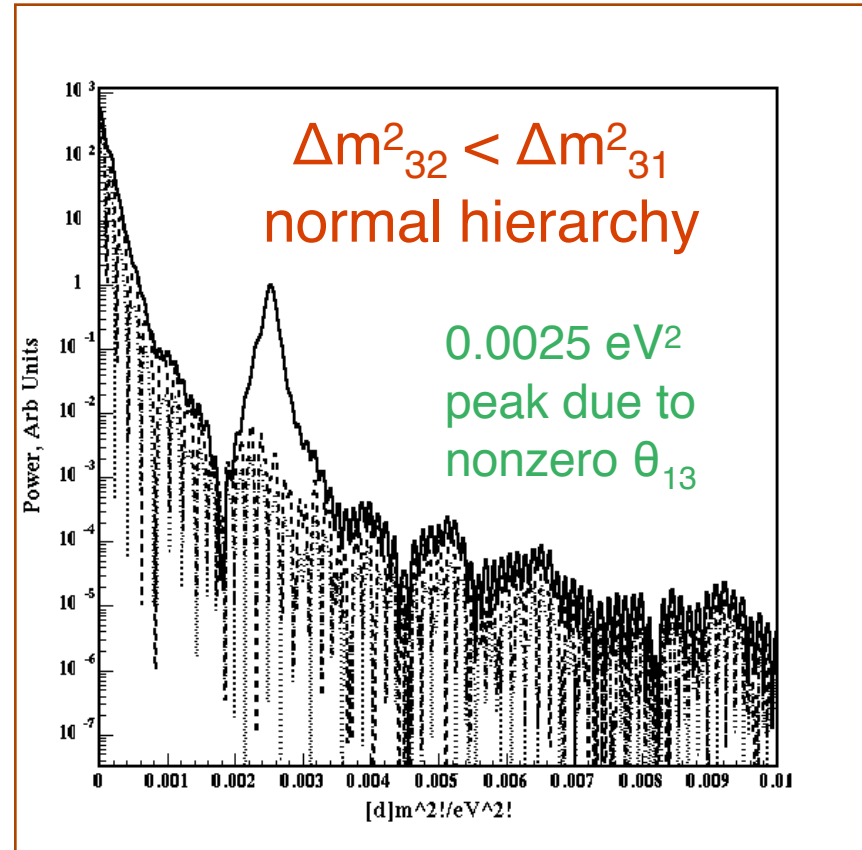
- Size of peak proportional to  $\theta_{13}$ .
- The asymmetry tells about hierarchy

*Preliminary*

*50 kt-y exposure at 50 km range*

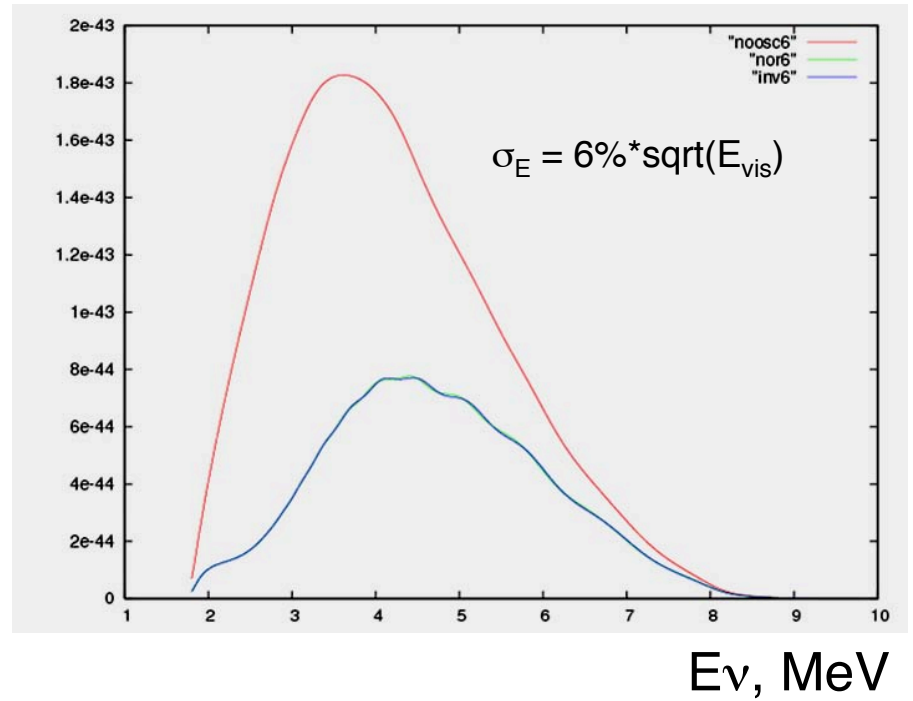
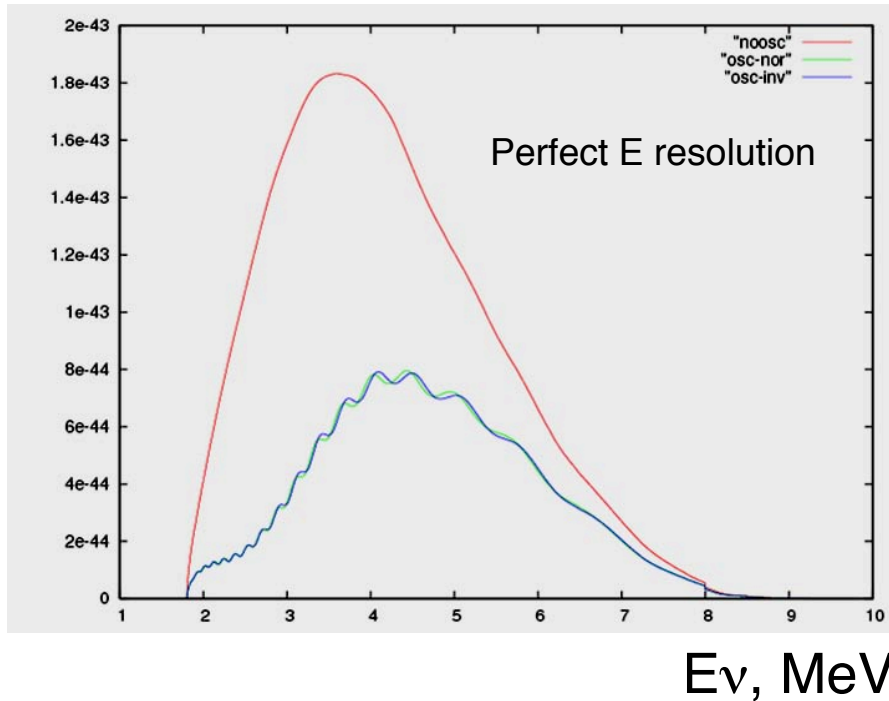
$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \geq 0.02$

$\Delta m^2_{31} = 0.0025 \text{ eV}^2$  to 1% level



Includes energy smearing

# Mass Hierarchy Discrimination



- Uses the difference in spectra
- Efficiency depends heavily on energy resolution

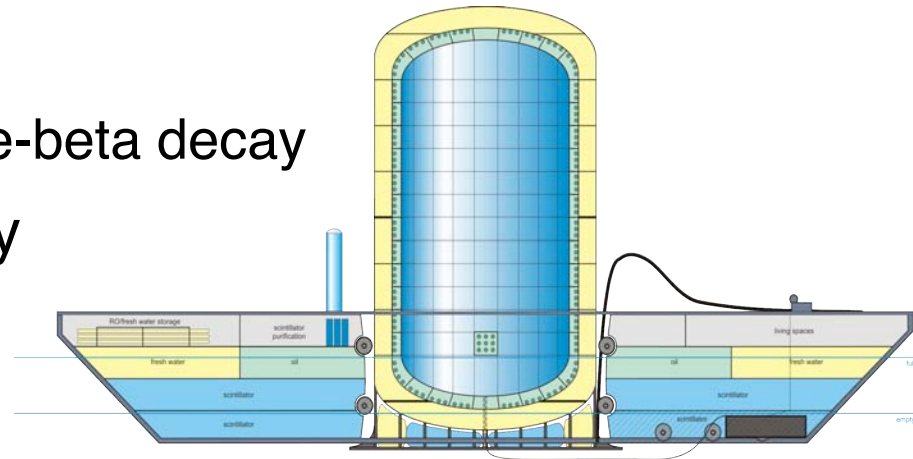
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# Hanohano Project

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## Detector for Geo and Reactor Antineutrinos

- 10-kt LS detector in ocean
- Primary detection method: inverse-beta decay
- Ocean-based detector, with key features:
  - Adjustable baseline
  - Ability to avoid reactor background in the geo-neutrino studies
  - Unique sensitivity to mantle geo-neutrinos
  - Ability to avoid reactor background when needed
  - Additional physics measurements achievable to higher precision, due to large size



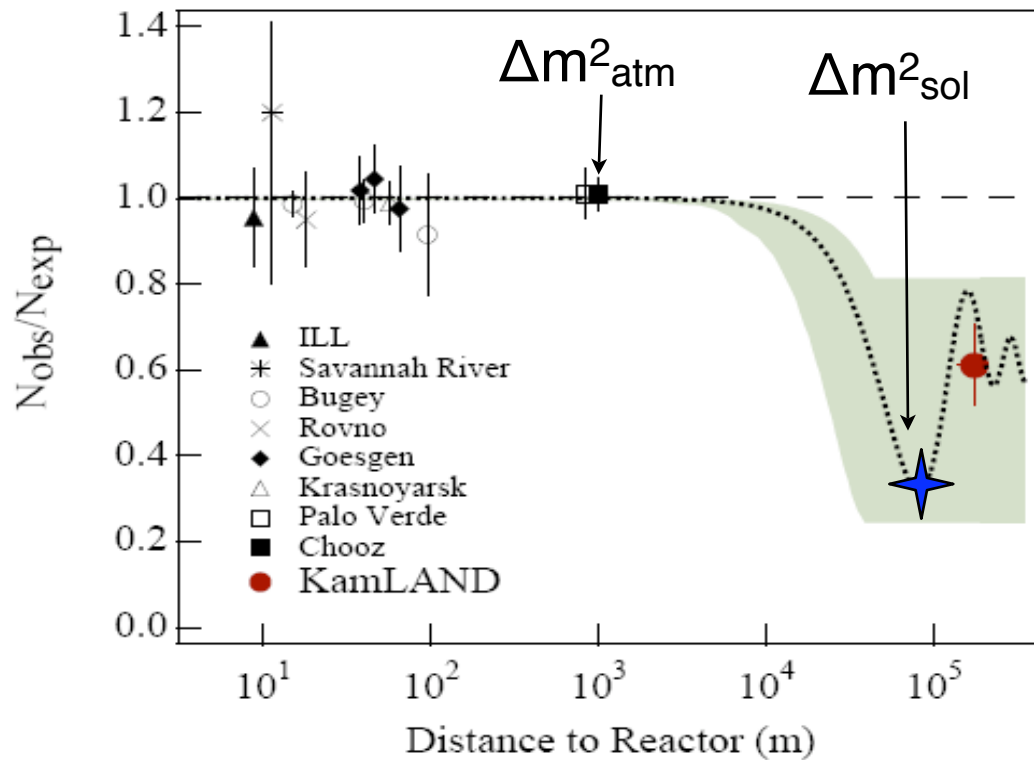
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# Precision Measurement of $\theta_{12}$ with Reactor Antineutrinos

## A Future Opportunity?

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2(\Delta m_{21}^2 L/4E)$$



60 GW·kt·y exposure at 50-70 km

- ~4% systematic error from near detector
- $\sin^2(\theta_{12})$  measured with ~2% uncertainty

*Bandyopadhyay et al., Phys. Rev. D67 (2003) 113011.*

*Minakata et al., hep-ph/0407326*

*Bandyopadhyay et al., hep-ph/0410283*

# Reactor Antineutrinos and Precision Oscillation Physics

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## Measurement of the Oscillation Parameters: A Summary

- **Mass Splitting**
  - KamLAND measures  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  to 2.8% precision. Best measurement of  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ .
- **Neutrino Mixing Angles**
  - KamLAND helps constrain the lower bound of the mixing angle  $\theta_{12}$ . (Best measurement of  $\theta_{12}$  from solar experiments.)
  - Next-generation reactor experiments will provide best sensitivity to  $\theta_{13}$  in a clean, degeneracy-free measurement. (using baseline from  $\Delta m_{13}^2 \approx \Delta m_{23}^2 = \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ )
  - Future long-baseline reactor antineutrino experiments may be used for a precision measurement of  $\theta_{12}$  (using baseline from  $\Delta m_{12}^2 = \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2$ )

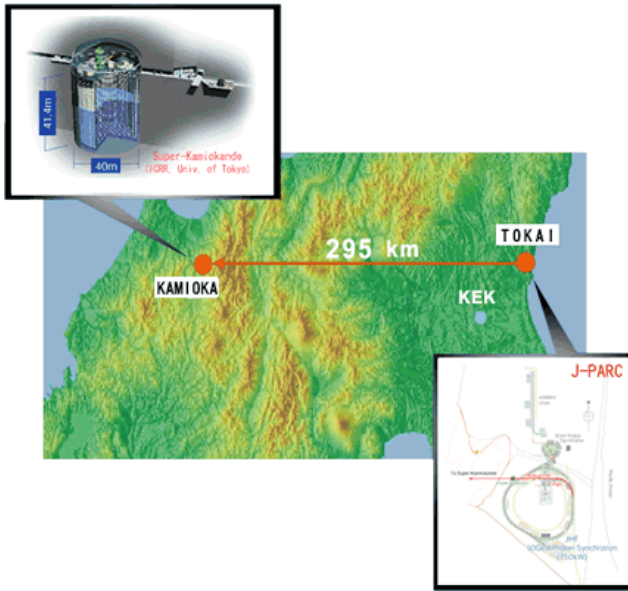
# Future of Neutrino Oscillation Physics: Next 10 Years

Measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  with reactor antineutrinos

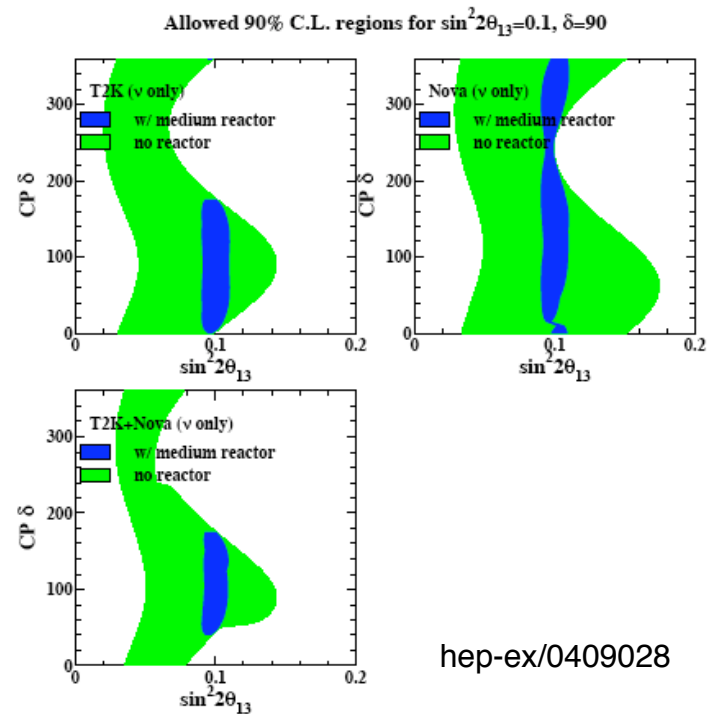


Accelerator neutrino studies of

$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$$



Constraining CP-violating parameters in combined analysis

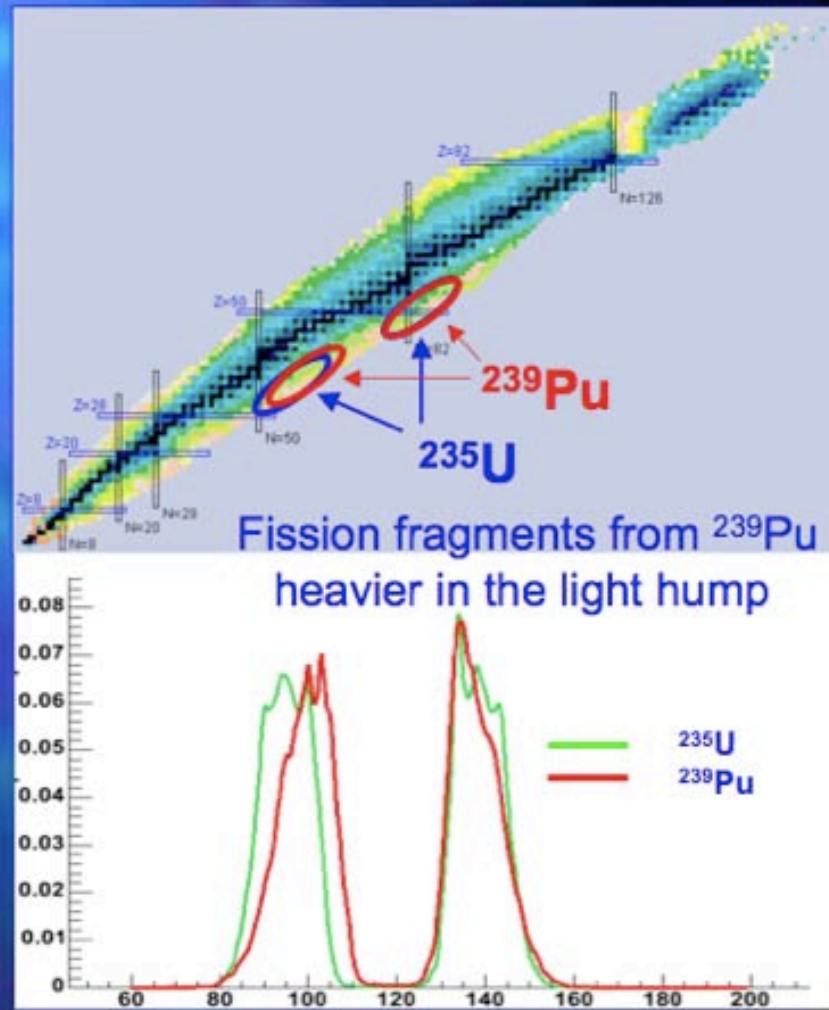
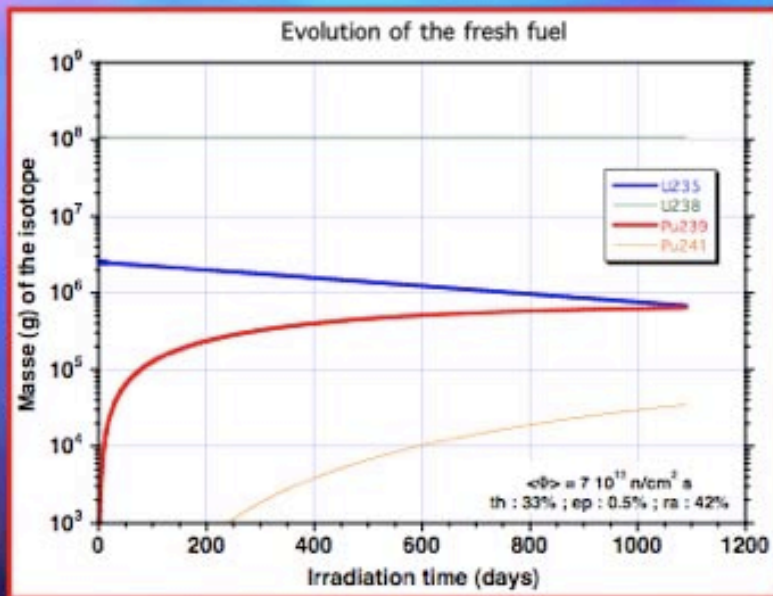
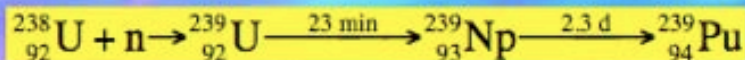


hep-ex/0409028

# Applied Neutrino Physics: Reactor Monitoring

## Burn-up & Fission

≈ 100 tons 3.5%  $^{235}\text{U}$  96.5%  $^{238}\text{U}$



- ◆ Grow up of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  during operation
  - ≈ 200 kg of Pu/y/reactor
- ◆  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  contribute to energy production



# Reactor Monitoring in US

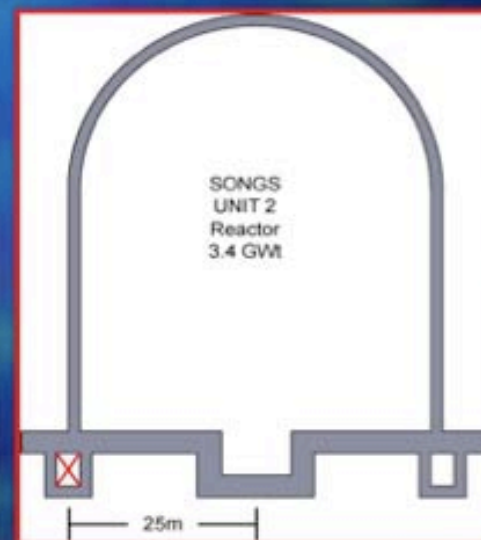
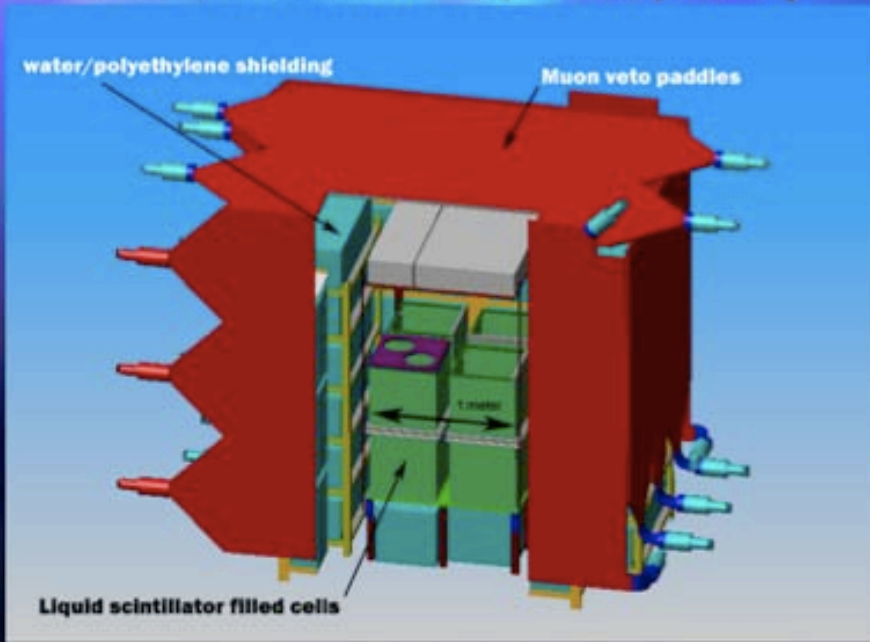


## SONGS

*see N. Bowden's poster*



- ❖ 3.46 GW<sub>th</sub> reactor @ San Onofre (Ca)
- ❖ Antineutrino detector in "tendon gallery" with  $10^{17}$   $\nu$  / s per m<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ 0.64 ton Gd doped liquid scintillator readout by 8x 8" PMT
- ❖ 4000 interactions expected per day



# Proposal for Reactor Monitoring in Brazil

## In Brazil : Angra 3



*J.C. Anjos et al., "Angra Neutrino Project", hep-ex/0511059*



# Neutrino Physics at Reactors: Past, Present, Future

Next - Precision measurement of  $\theta_{13}$

2007 - Precision measurement of  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ . Evidence for oscillation

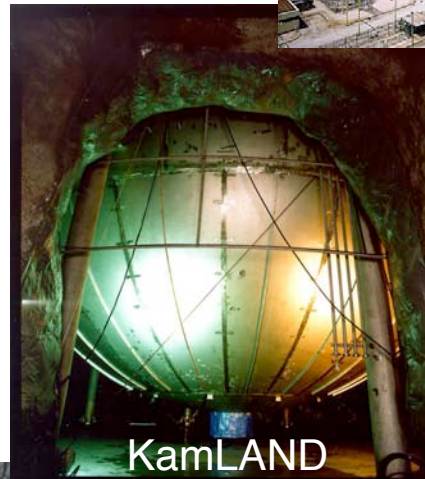
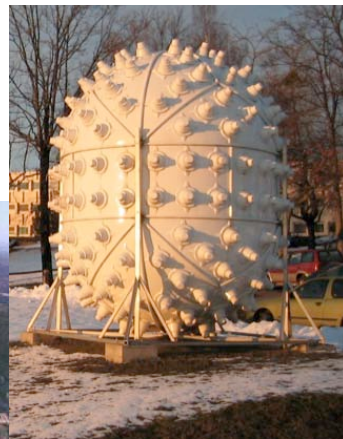
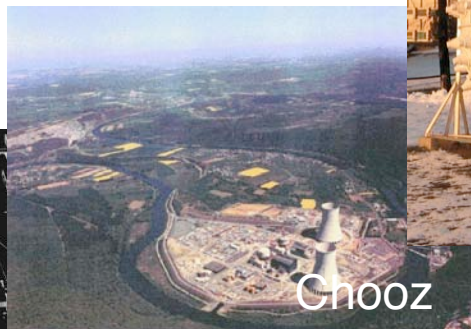
2004 - Evidence for spectral distortion

2003 - First observation of reactor antineutrino disappearance

1995 - Nobel Prize to Fred Reines at UC Irvine

1980s & 1990s - Reactor neutrino flux measurements in U.S. and Europe

1956 - First observation of (anti)neutrinos



## Past Experiments

Hanford  
Savannah River  
ILL, France  
Bugey, France  
Rovno, Russia  
Goesgen, Switzerland  
Krasnoyarsk, Russia  
Palo Verde  
Chooz, France  
Reactors in Japan

Tell me  $\theta_{13}$ !

Sheldon Lee  
Glashow

14 May 2003

「教えてください、 $\theta_{13}$ を！」

シェルドン・リー・グラシヨウ

2003年5月14日

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