

Solvay-Francqui Workshop on

Neutrinos: from Reactors to the Cosmos

Recent results from reactor experiments and prospects for the future

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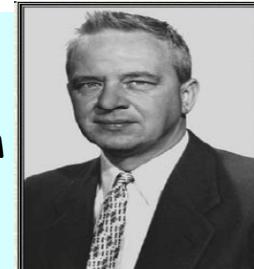
Outline

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- Neutrino Oscillations
- Past Oscillation Experiments for θ_{13} measurement
- θ_{13} hunting
- Present neutrino oscillation reactor experiments
- Future projects and neutrino mass hierarchy

First neutrino detection...

1956: Fred Reines and Clyde Cowan detect the first neutrino interactions near the nuclear reactor of Savannah River at the USA (11 m from the reactor and 12 m underground).

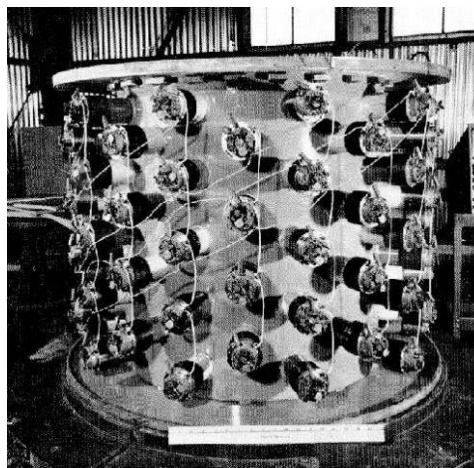
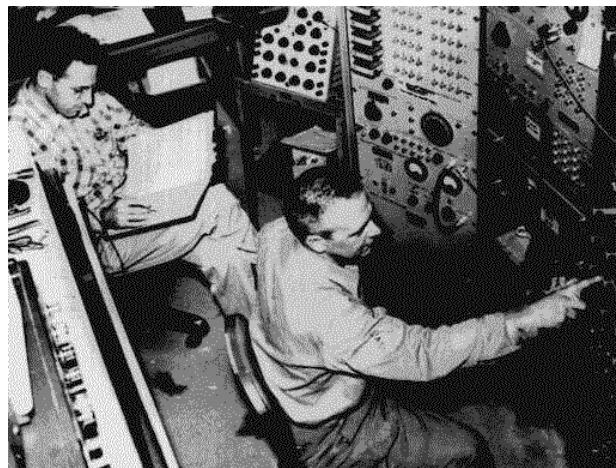


Clyde Cowan Jr.



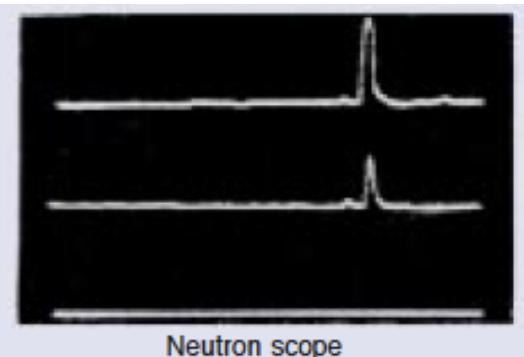
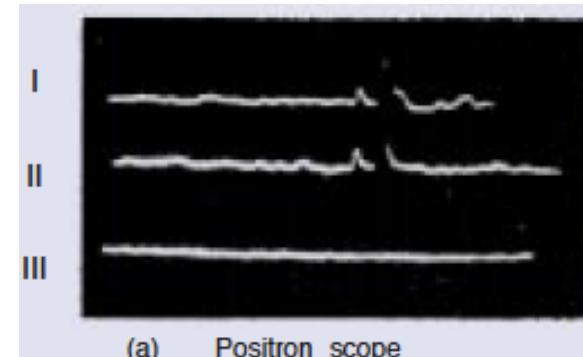
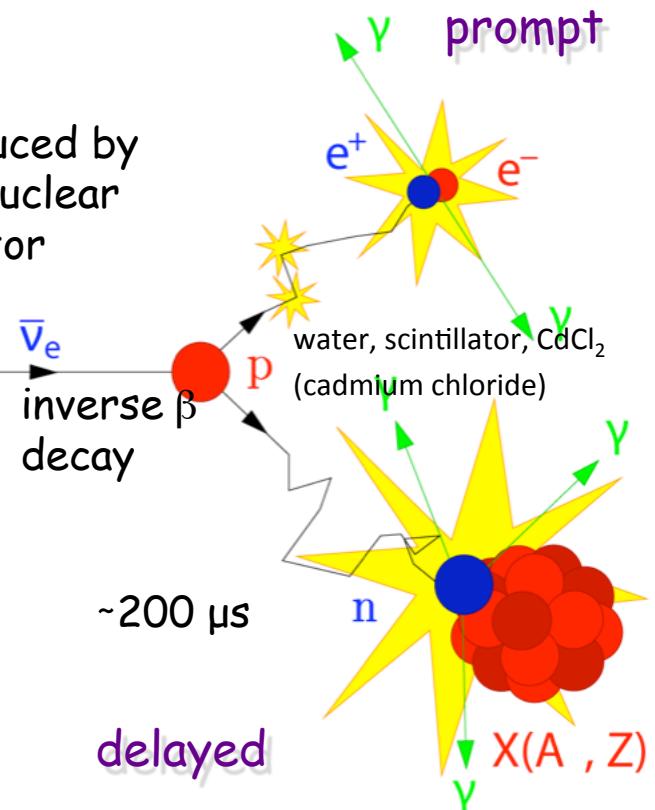
Frederick Reines

Nobel prize
in 1995

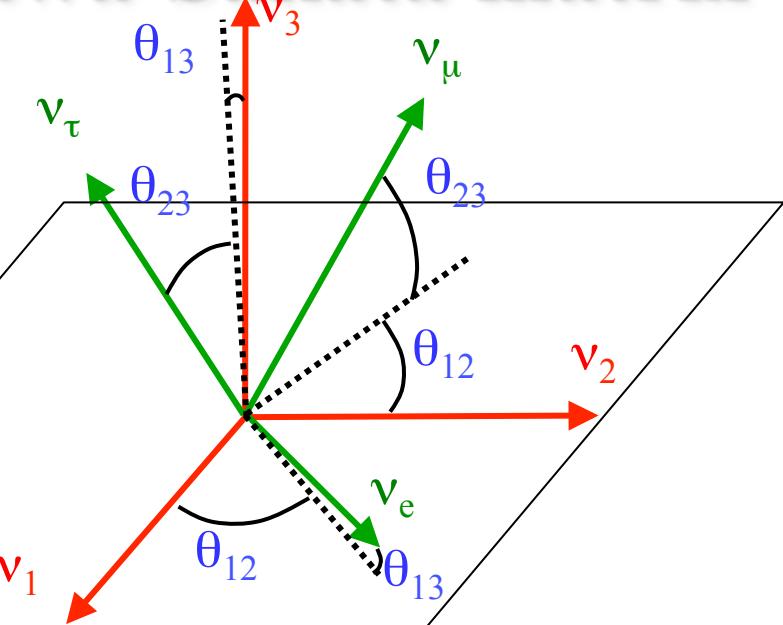
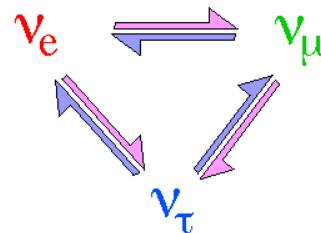


about three neutrinos per hour

produced by
the nuclear
reactor



Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata matrix



Usual parametrization

$$U_{\alpha i} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rotation around } x\text{-axis with angle } \theta_{23}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rotation around } y\text{-axis with angle } \theta_{13}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{rotation around } z\text{-axis with angle } \theta_{12}}$$

atmospheric,
accelerators

reactors,
accelerators
CP violation

solar,
reactors

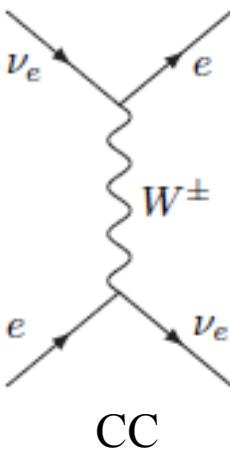
- δ_{CP} for neutrinos
- $-\delta_{CP}$ for anti-neutrinos

How neutrinos propagate through matter?

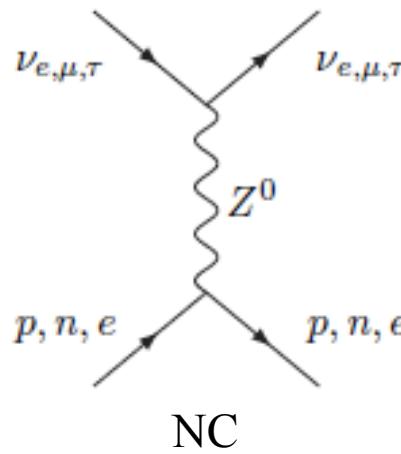
(Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect)

$$|\nu_j(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\nu_j(0)\rangle$$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = H_f \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$



only for
electron
neutrinos



in "ordinary" matter

$$H_f = U H U^\dagger = \frac{1}{2E} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger \rightarrow \frac{1}{2E} \left[U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + \begin{pmatrix} A_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\text{with: } A_{CC} = 2EV_{CC} = 2\sqrt{2}EG_F N_e \approx 7.56 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{g/cm^3} \right) \left(\frac{E}{GeV} \right) \quad (\rho \sim 3 \text{ g/cm}^3 \text{ for earth crust})$$

How neutrinos propagate through matter? (Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect)

LBL experiments

reactor experiments

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \simeq s_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left(\frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_\mp} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\tilde{B}_\mp L}{2} \right) \quad \text{"atmospheric"}$$

$$+ c_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{AL}{2} \right) \quad \text{"solar"}$$

$$+ \tilde{J} \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_\mp} \sin \left(\frac{AL}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\tilde{B}_\mp L}{2} \right) \cos \left(\pm \delta_{CP} - \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \right) \quad \text{"interference"}$$

$$\tilde{J} \equiv c_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13}, \Delta_{ij} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_\nu}, \tilde{B}_\mp \equiv |A \mp \Delta_{13}|, A = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$$

matter effect

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} c_{13}^4 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}$$

no δ_{CP} dependence
matter effect negligible

$$- \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[c_{12}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + s_{12}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right]$$

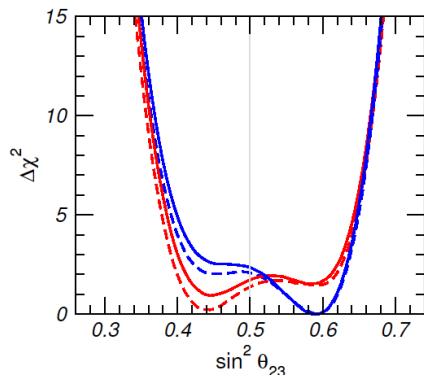
Present measurements

$$\theta_{23} = 42.3^{+3.0}_{-1.6} \text{ or } 49.5^{+1.5}_{-2.2} \text{ deg.}$$

$$|\Delta m_{31}^2| = (2.46 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\theta_{12} = 33.5 \pm 0.8^\circ$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.50 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$



$\theta_{13} < 12.4^\circ$, 90% CL
up to recently

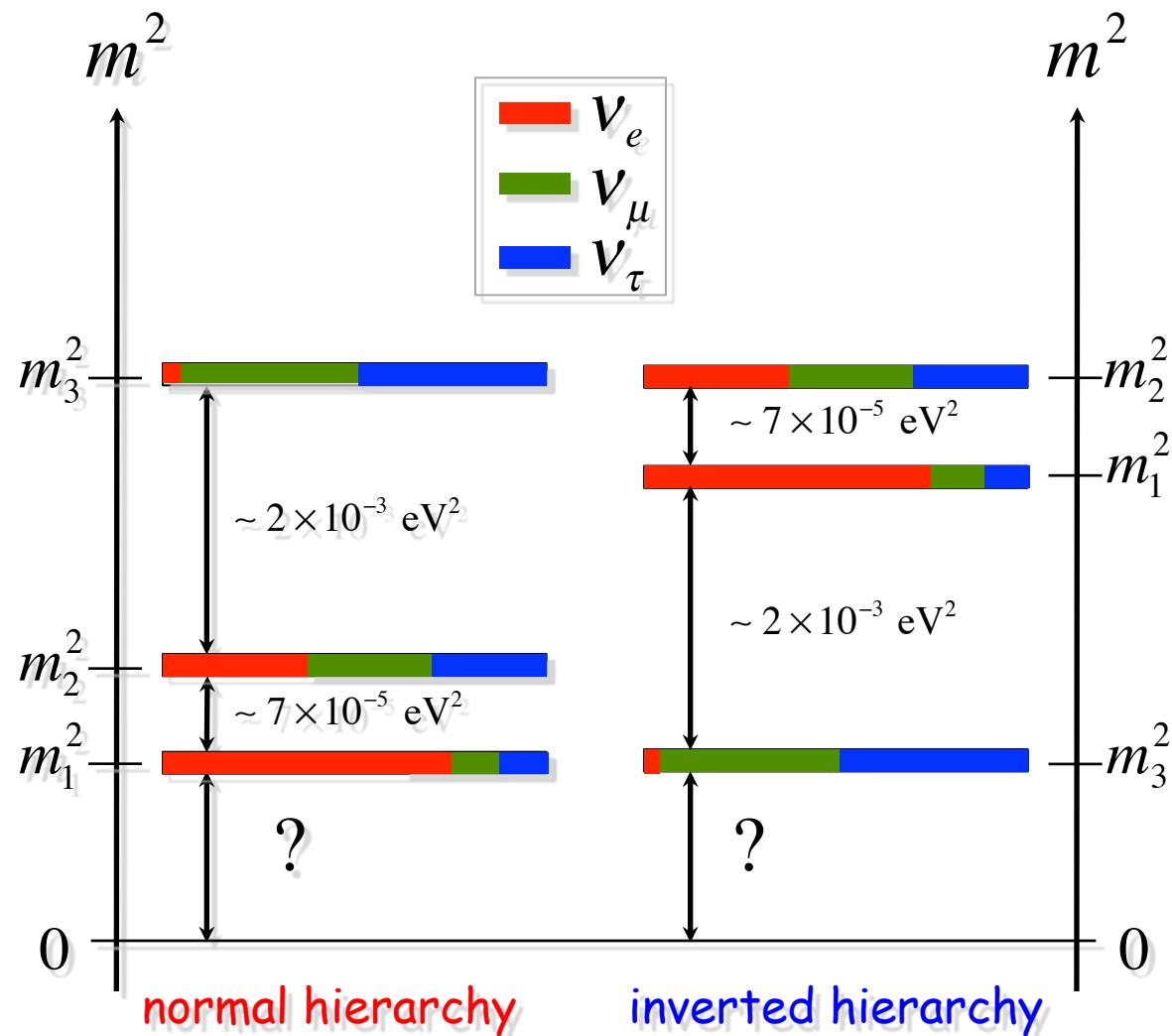
~no information about δ_{CP}

We can then write:

$$\Delta m_{13} \approx \Delta m_{23} \equiv \Delta m$$

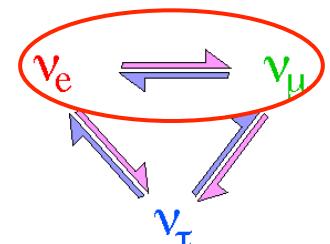
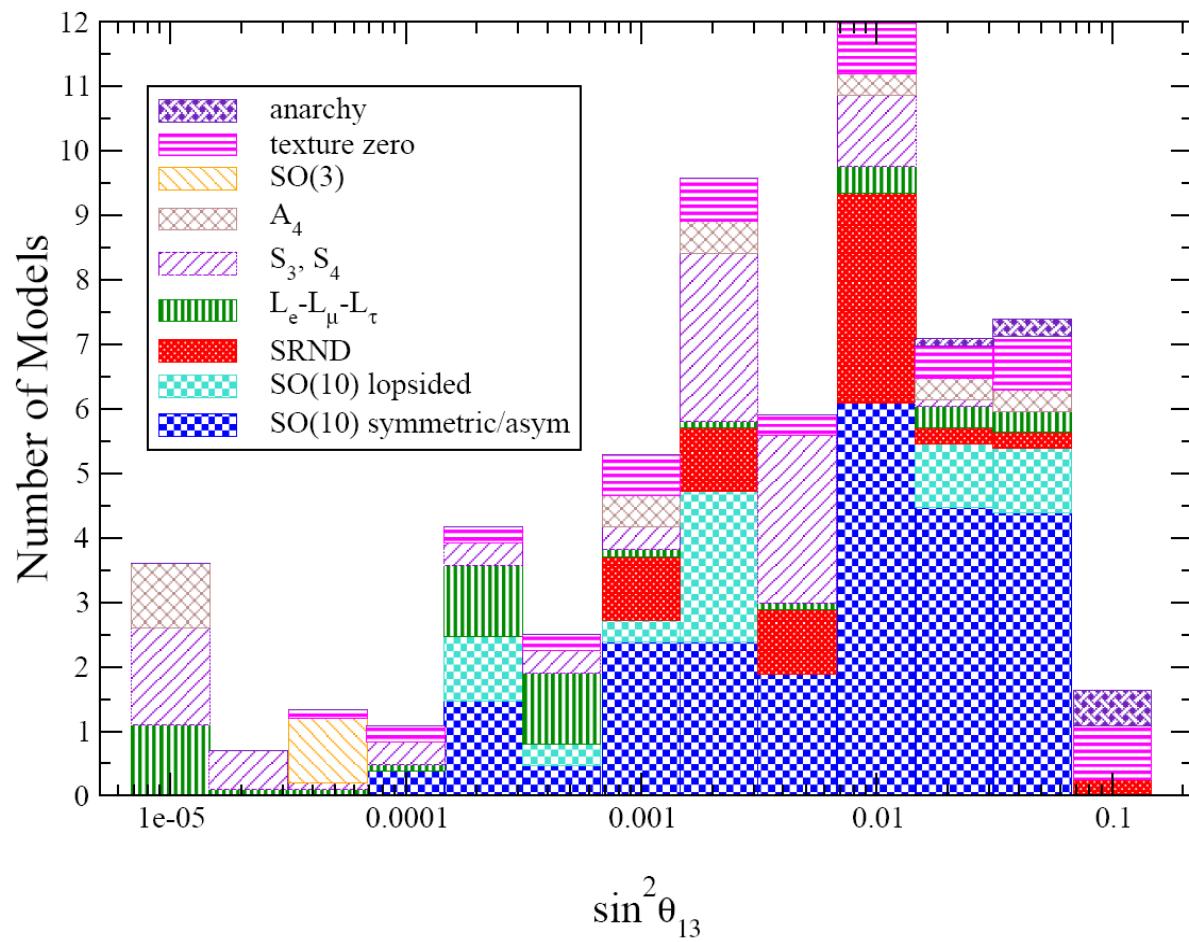
$$\Delta m_{12} \equiv \delta m$$

$$\Delta m \gg \delta m$$



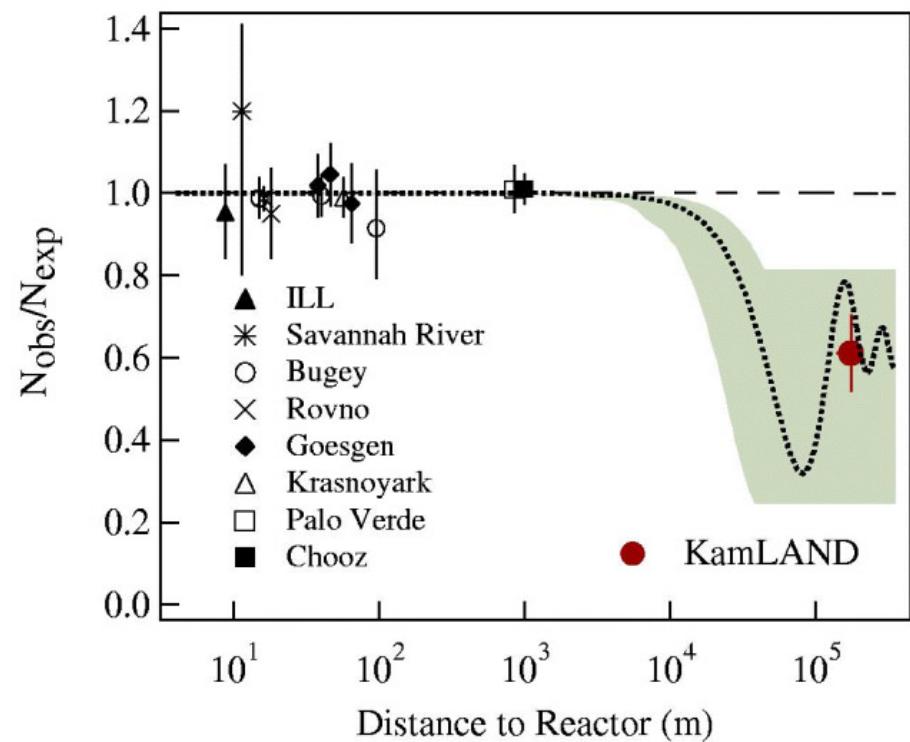
The θ_{13} hunting

predictions of 63 models

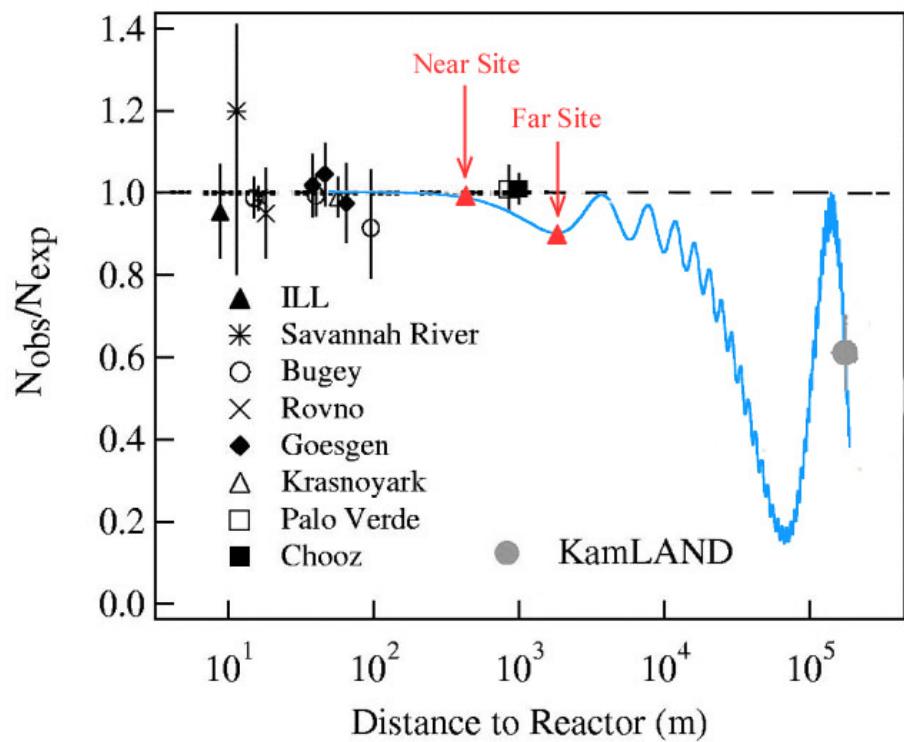


The θ_{13} hunting

disappearance of electron neutrinos

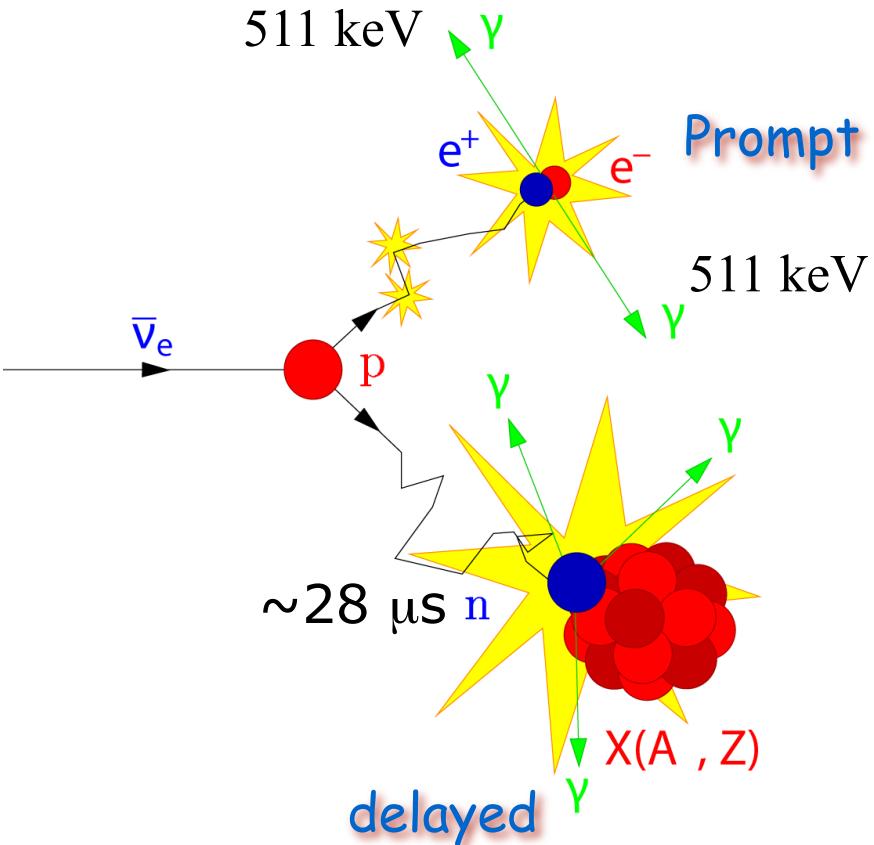
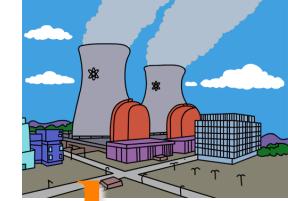


Actually, we have almost neglected θ_{13} on this figure



For $\theta_{13} \sim 10^\circ$

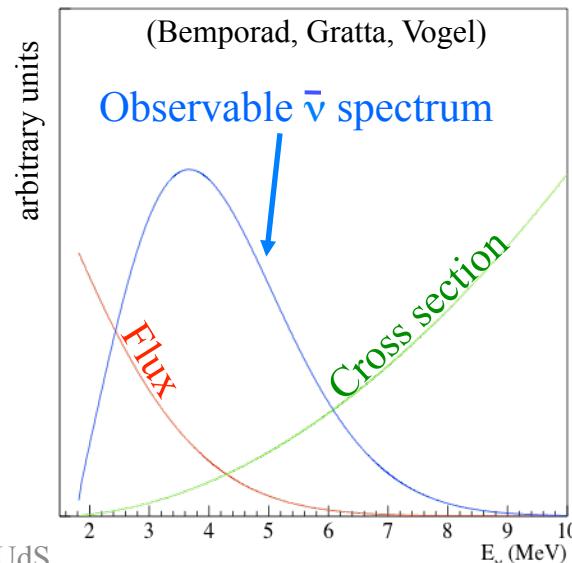
Inverse β decay and reactor neutrino detection mode



In a pure scintillator the neutron will be captured by hydrogen:

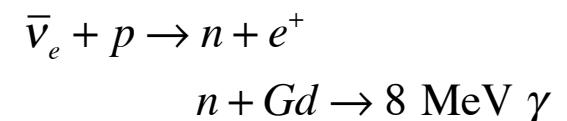
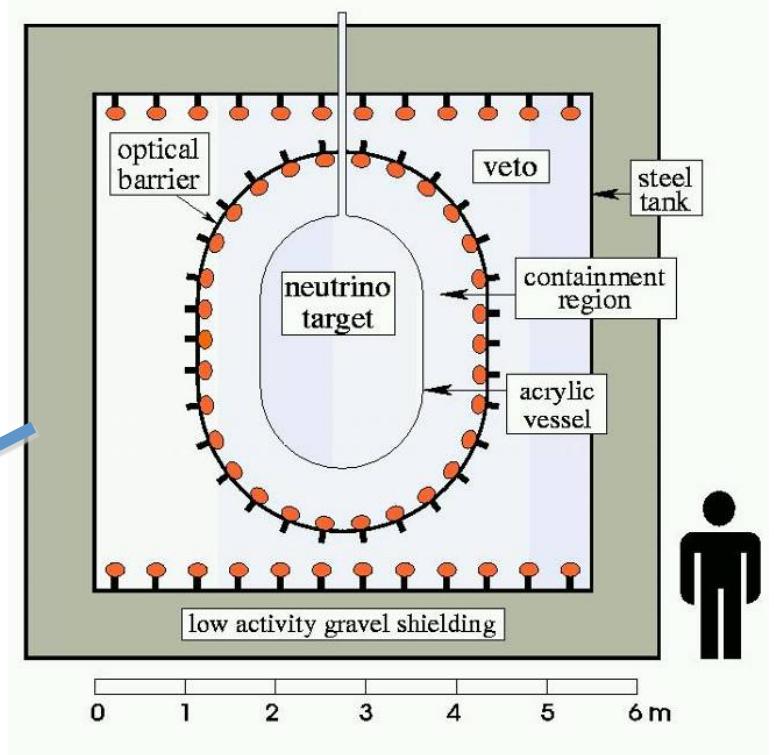


Very often the scintillator is doped with gadolinium that increase the capture probability and liberates more γ 's:

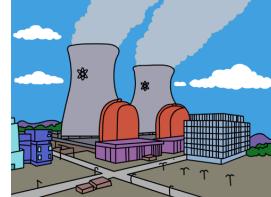


The CHOOZ detector

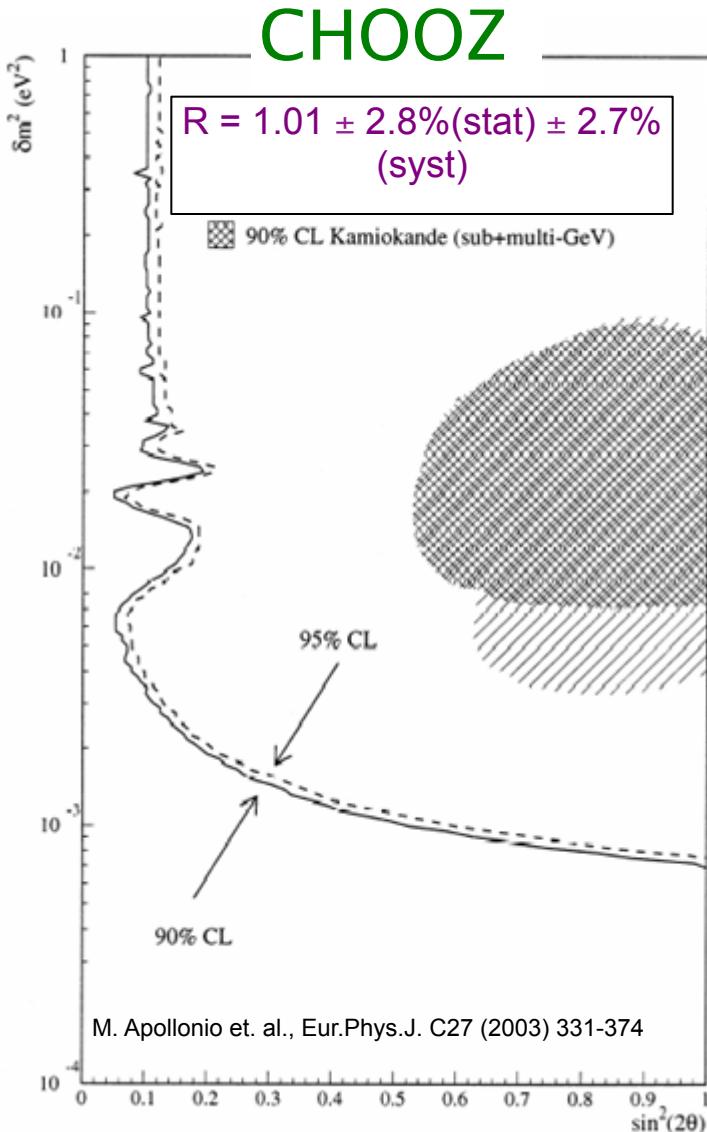
- Site: nuclear plant of CHOOZ, Ardennes (France)
- 2 reactors: 2x4200 MW
- deep: 300 mwe
- 5 tons liquid scintillator (doped with gadolinium)
- $\langle L \rangle \sim 1 \text{ km}$



5-ton target



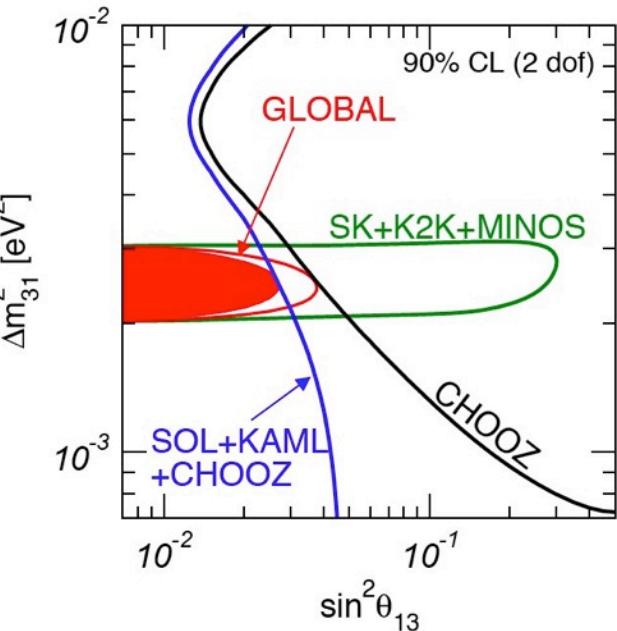
Chooz results



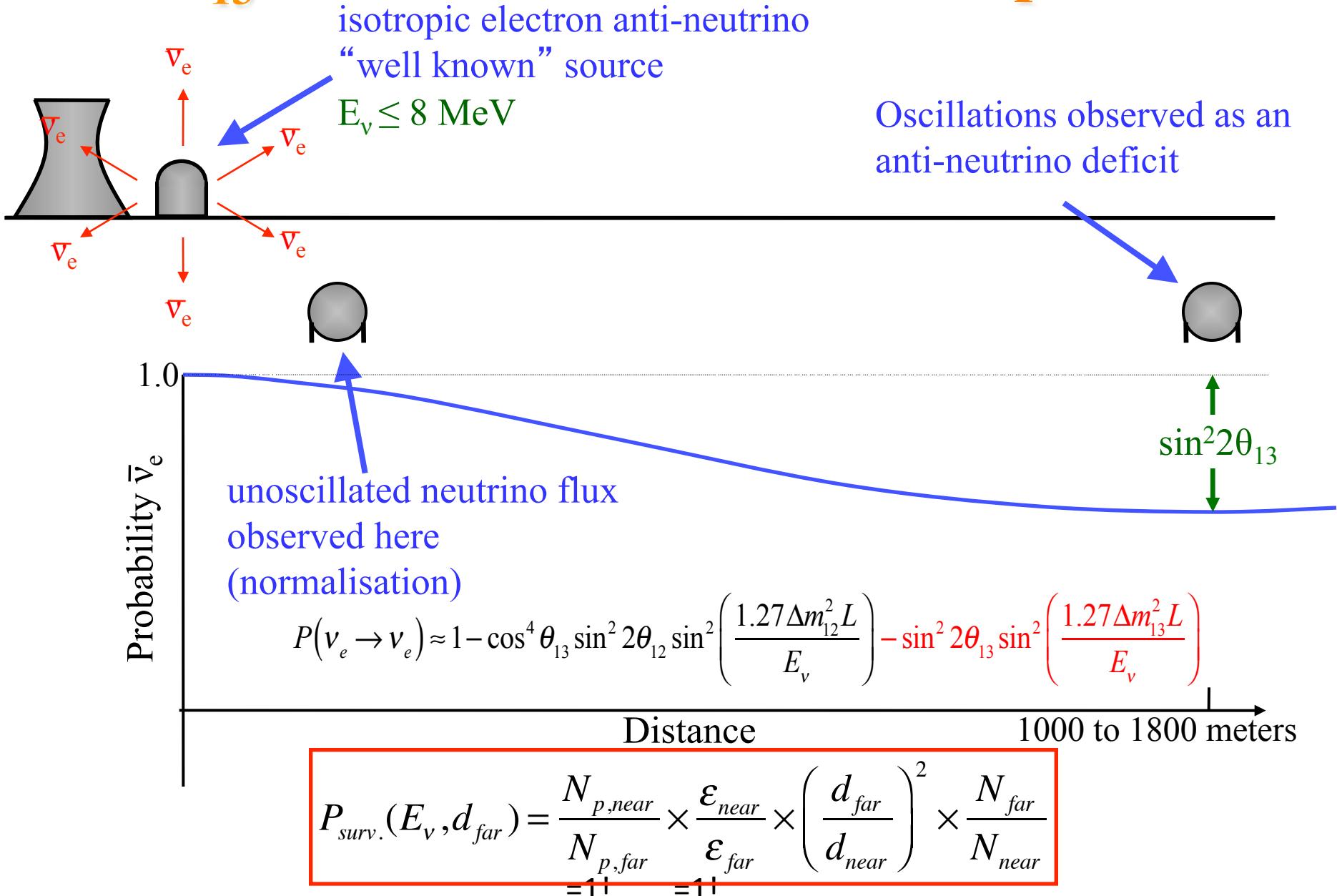
- Best limit up to 2011: **CHOOZ nuclear reactor experiment**

$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_x$ disappearance experiment

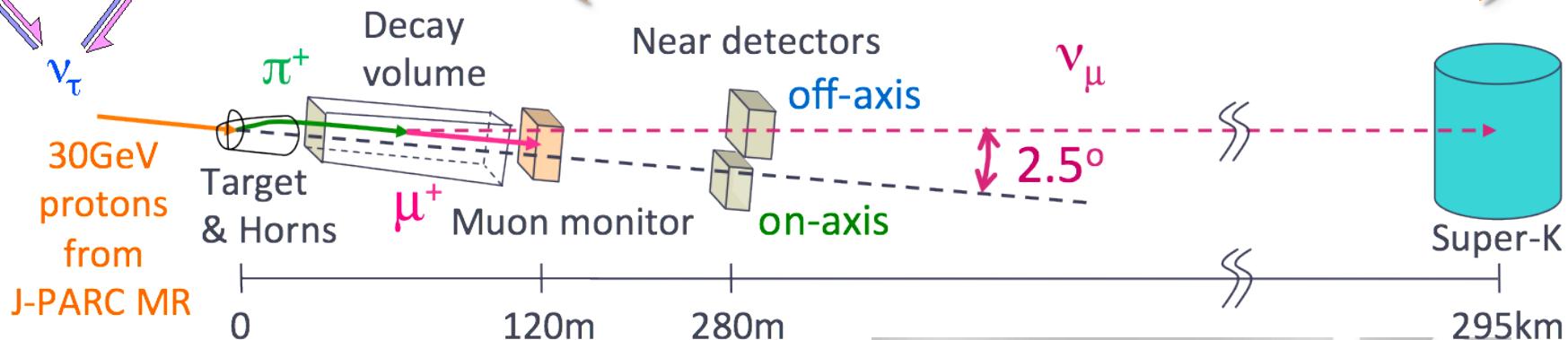
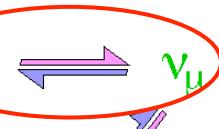
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.12 - 0.2 \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$



$\text{Sin}^2 2\theta_{13}$ and the "new" reactor experiments

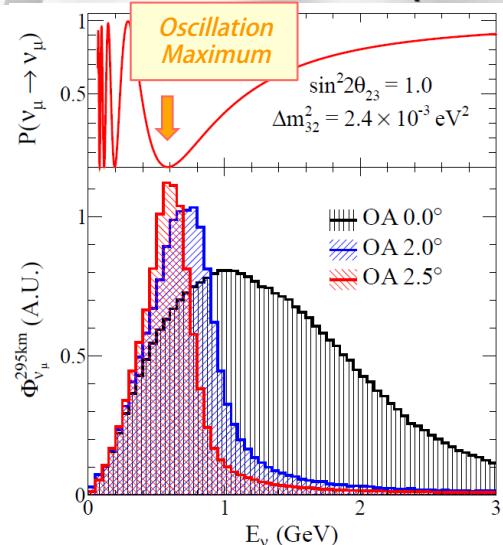
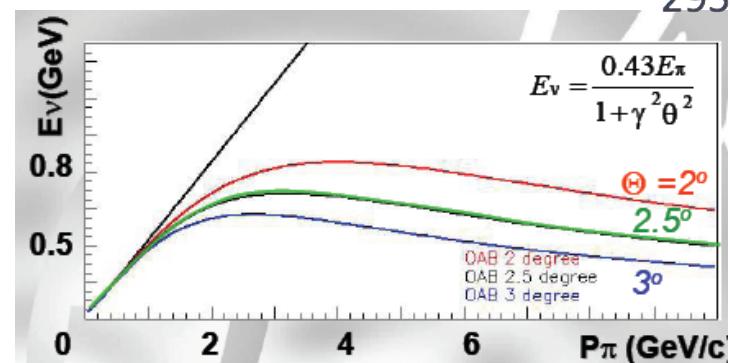
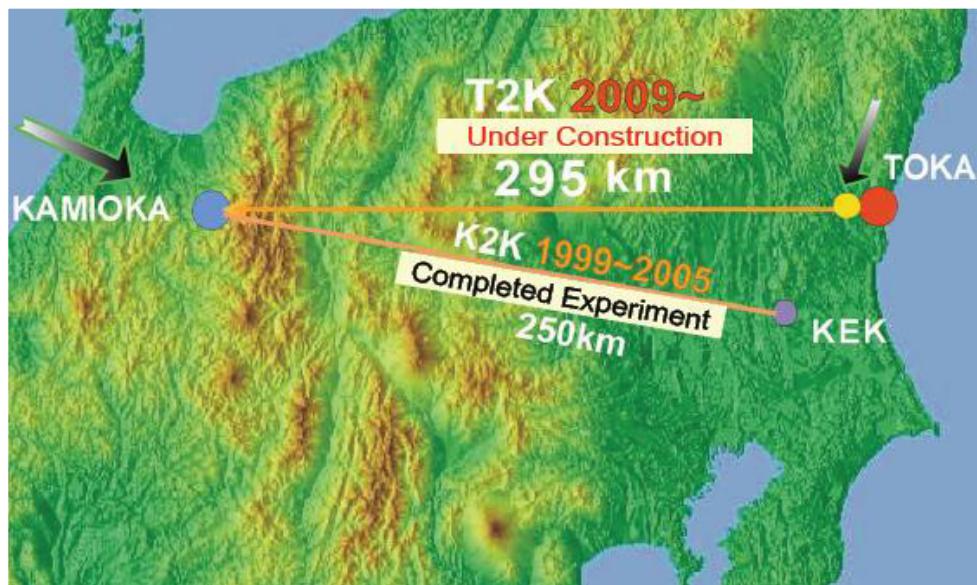


T2K (θ_{13} on accelerators)



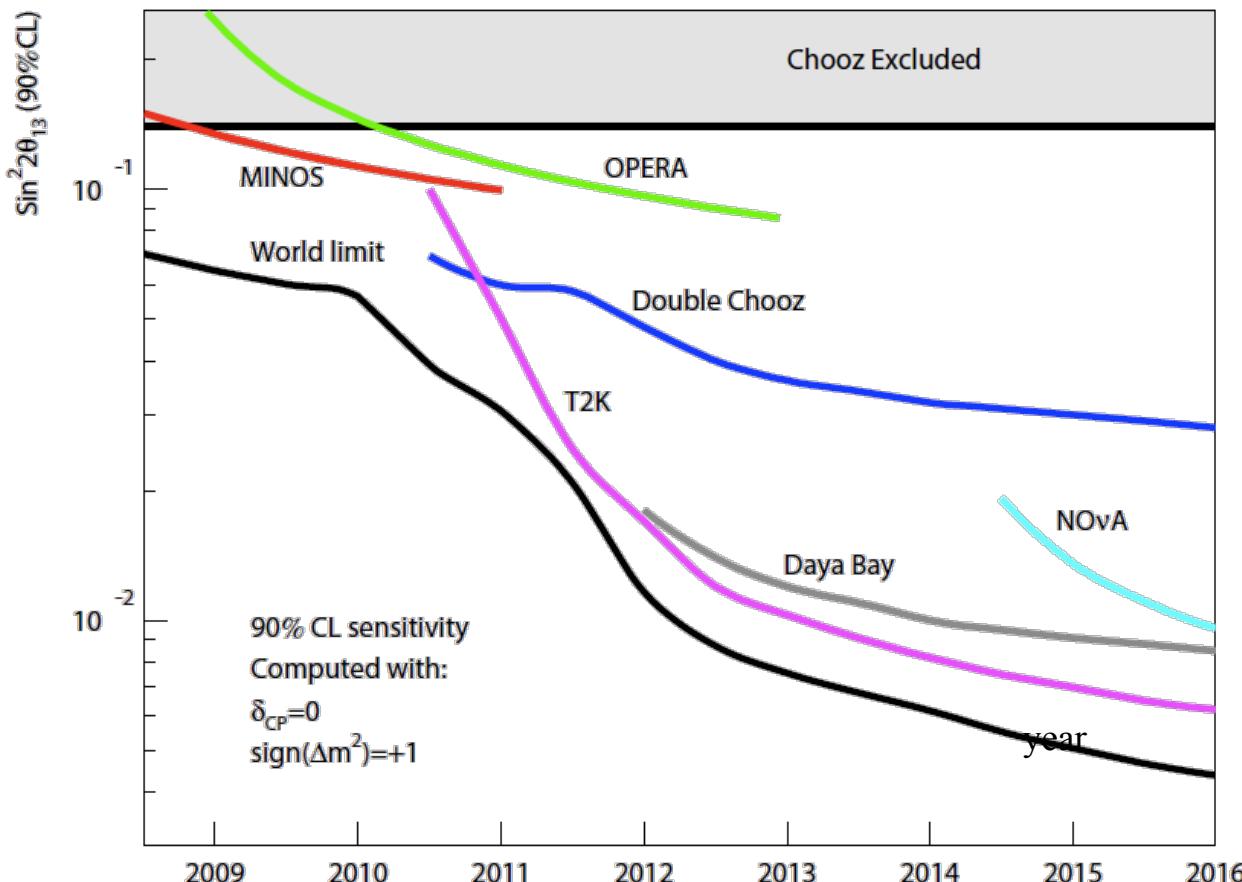
Very intense proton beam
(0.75 MW nominal power, 30 GeV)

Off-axis (2.5 deg.)
 $< E > 0.7 \text{ GeV}$



θ_{13} hunting... (<2012)

~short term expectations

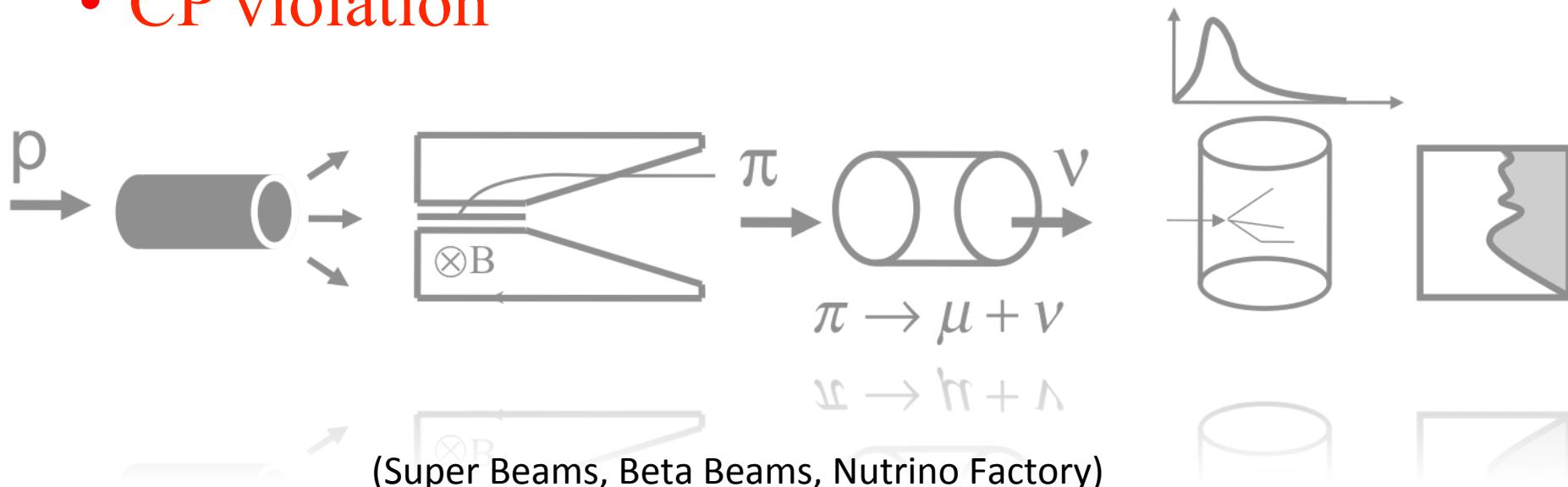


optimization in order to go as low as possible in θ_{13}

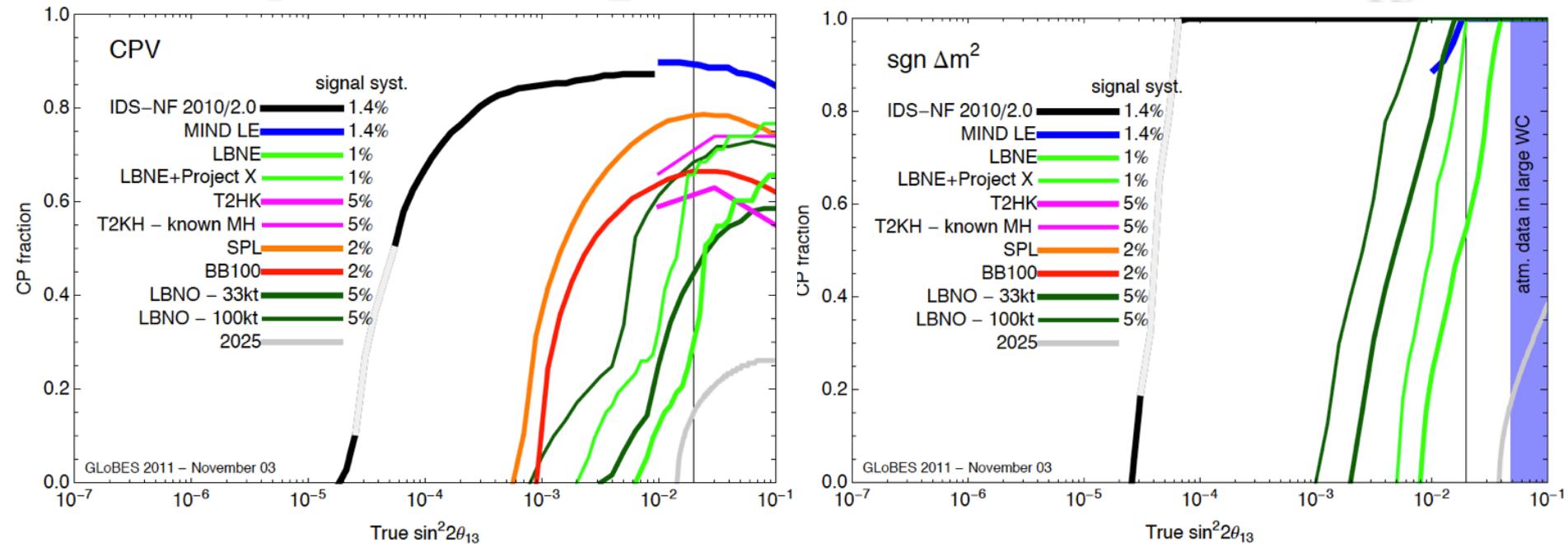
Meanwhile...

New proposals for neutrino beams to measure:

- θ_{13} as low as possible
- neutrino mass hierarchy (sign of Δm_{13})
- CP violation



Project Comparison (unknown θ_{13})



| name | baseline | type | mass | power | sec. in year | years | sig. syst. |
|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------|
| LBNE | 1300 | WC/LAr | 200/33 | 0.7MW | 2×10^7 | 5+5 | 1% |
| LBNE+ Pro. X | 1300 | WC/LAr | 200/33 | 2.3MW | 2×10^7 | 5+5 | 1% |
| LBNO 33kt | 2300 | LAr | 33 | 1.7MW | 1.7×10^7 | 5+5 | 5% |
| LBNO 100kt | 2300 | LAr | 100 | 1.7MW | 1.7×10^7 | 5+5 | 5% |
| T2HK | 295 | WC | 560 | 1.66MW | 1×10^7 | 2.1+2.9 | 5% |
| SPL | 130 | WC | 440 | 4MW | 1×10^7 | 2+8 | 2% |
| BB100 | 130 | WC | 440 | 1.1×10^{18} Ne | 1×10^7 | 5+5 | 2% |
| | | | | 2.9×10^{18} He | | | |
| IDS-NF 2.0 | 4000+7500 | MIND | 100+50 | 4MW | 1×10^7 | 5+5 | 1.4% |
| MIND LE | 2000 | MIND | 100 | 4MW | 1×10^7 | 5+5 | 1.4% |

Meanwhile...

New Reactor Projects ready (2011)

Daya Bay
(China)



Double Chooz
(France)



RENO
(South Korea)



| | Luminosity in 3 years (ton·GW·y) | Overburden near/far (mwe) | Expected sensitivity | Start of data taking |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Daya Bay | 4200 | 270/950 | <0.01 | August 2011 |
| Double Chooz | 210 | 80/300 | 0.02~0.03 | April 2011 |
| RENO | 740 | 90/440 | ~0.02 | August 2011 |

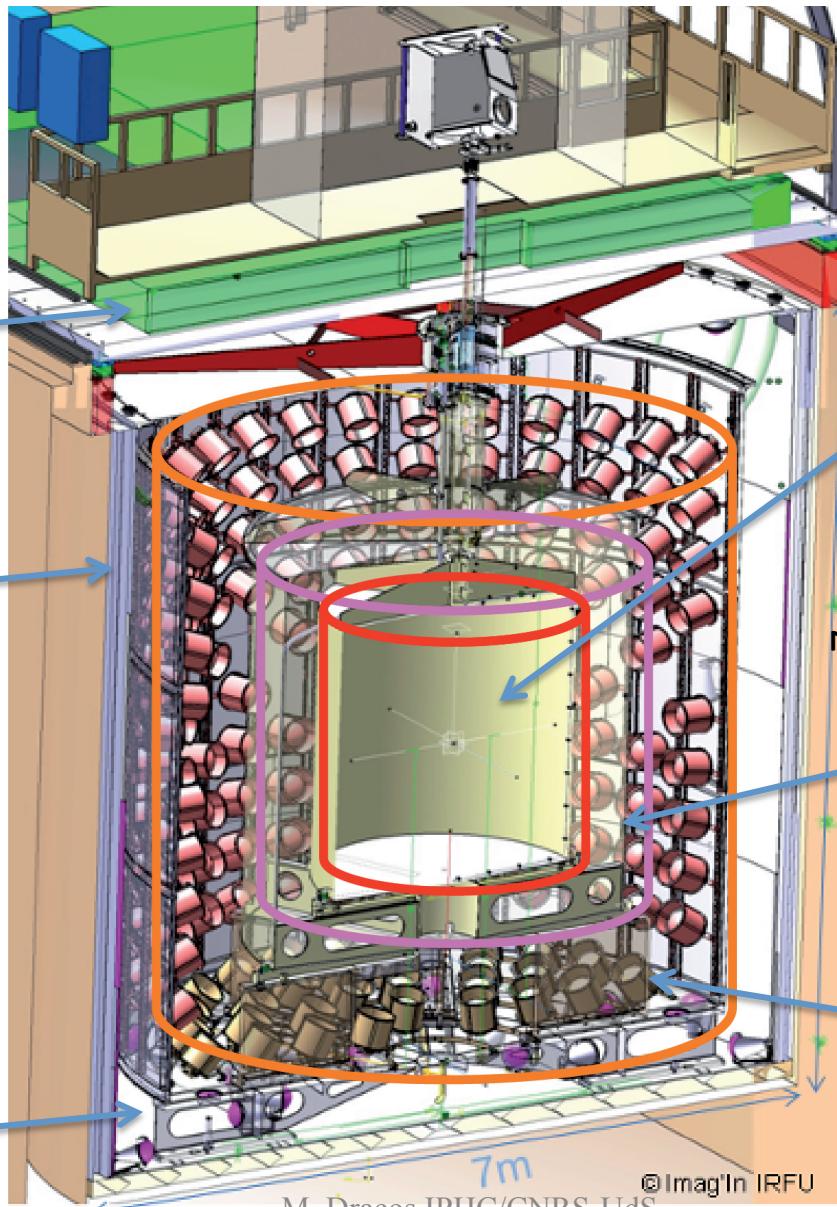
Reactor neutrino detectors



Outer Veto
(plastic scintillator)

Shielding
(15 cm steel)

Inner Veto
(liquid scintillator)
78 (8") PMTs

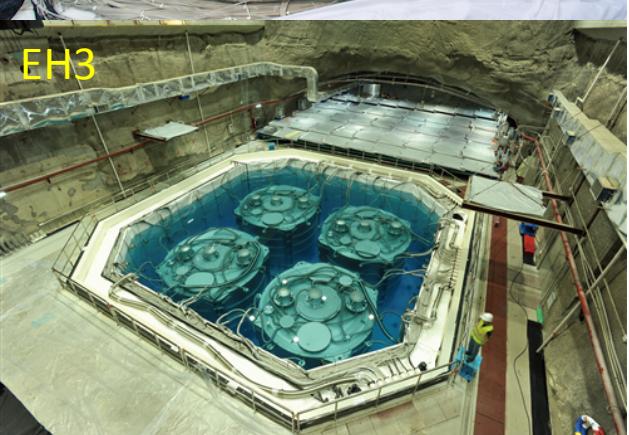
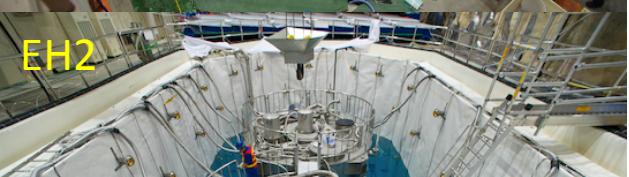


Target ($r=1.2$ m)
• acrylic vessel (8 mm)
• 8.3 tons Gd-scintillator

Gamma Catcher ($e=0.55$ m)
• scintillator

Buffer ($e=1.05$ m)
• steel (3 mm)
• 80 tons "oil"
• 390 PMTs (10")

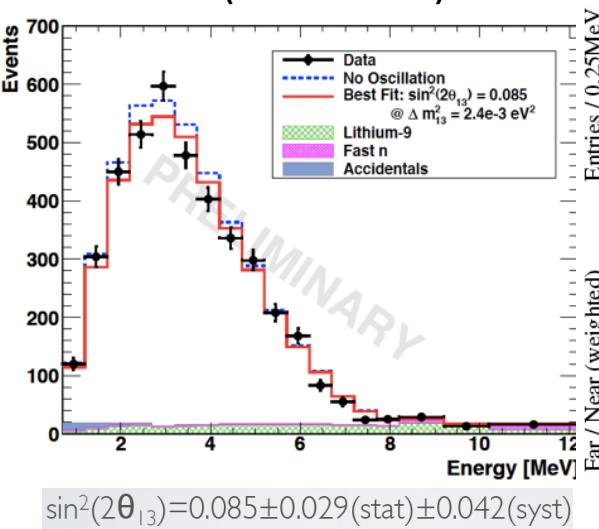
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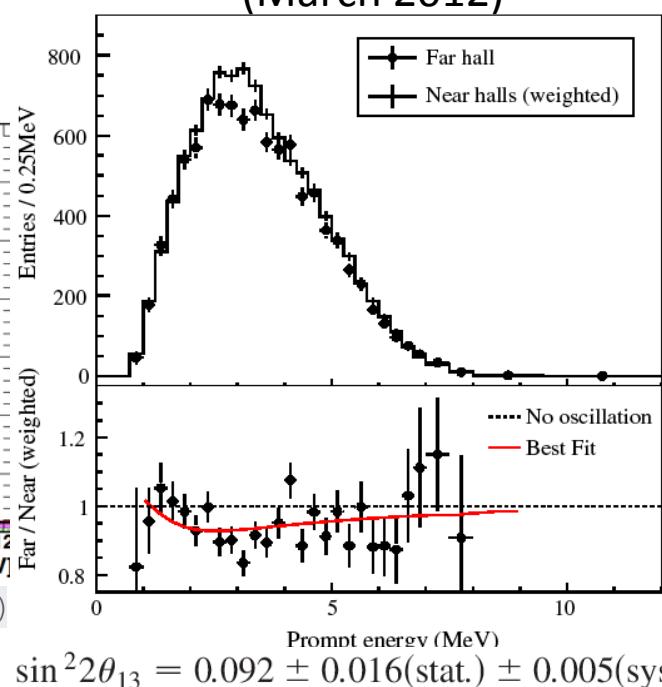
θ_{13} is large!!!

reactor experiments discovery
of the $1 \rightarrow 3$ oscillation

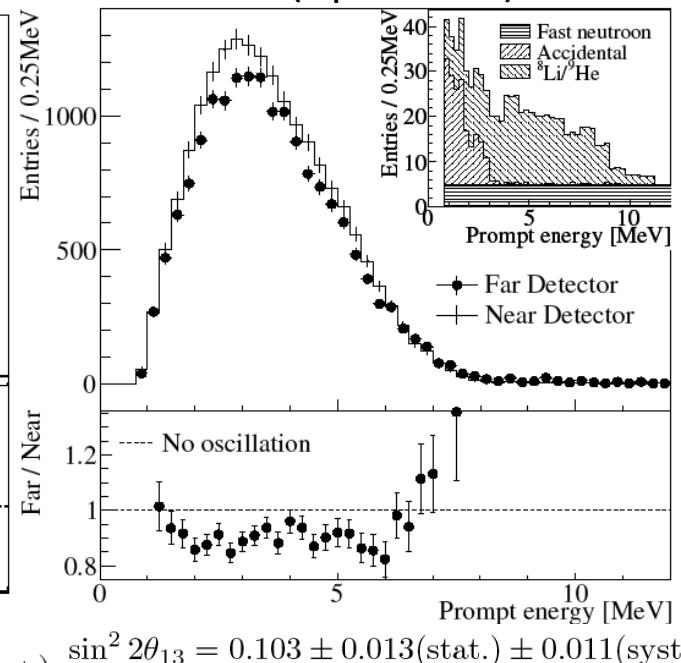
Double Chooz
with only a far detector
(Nov. 2011)



Daya Bay
(March 2012)



RENO
(April 2012)



$\theta_{13} > 0$ (C.L. $> 5 \sigma$)

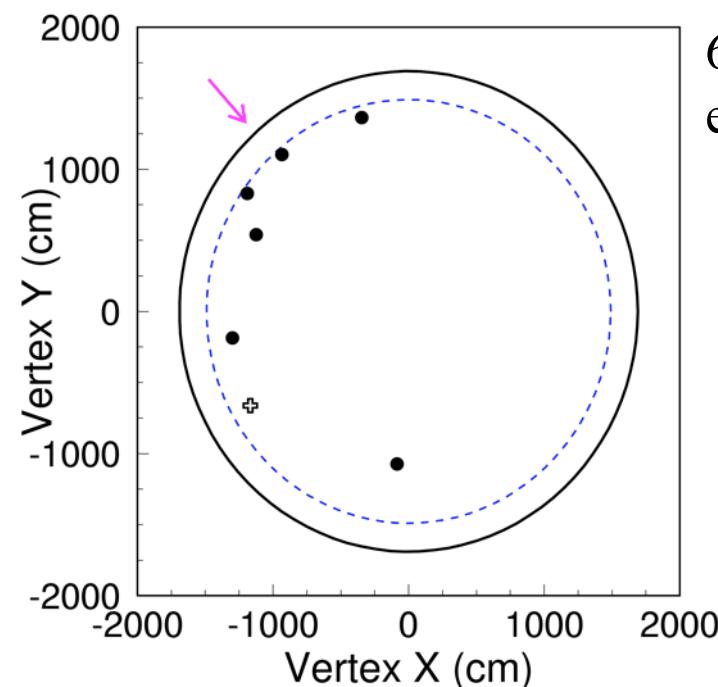
proposed LBL beam facilities had to be readjusted...
now, the name of the game is MH and CPV



T2K

Do not forget the T2K evidence...

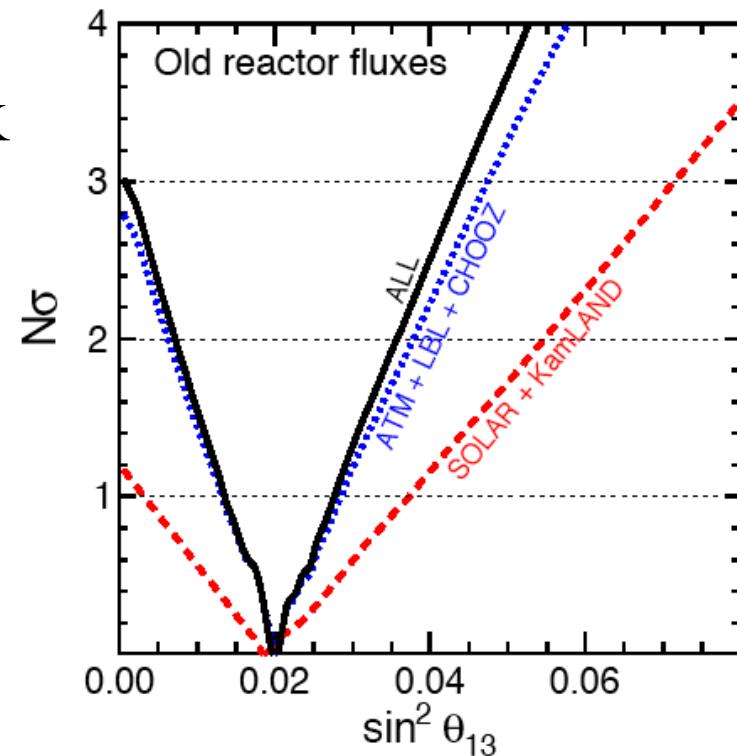
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6 electron-like
events in SuperK



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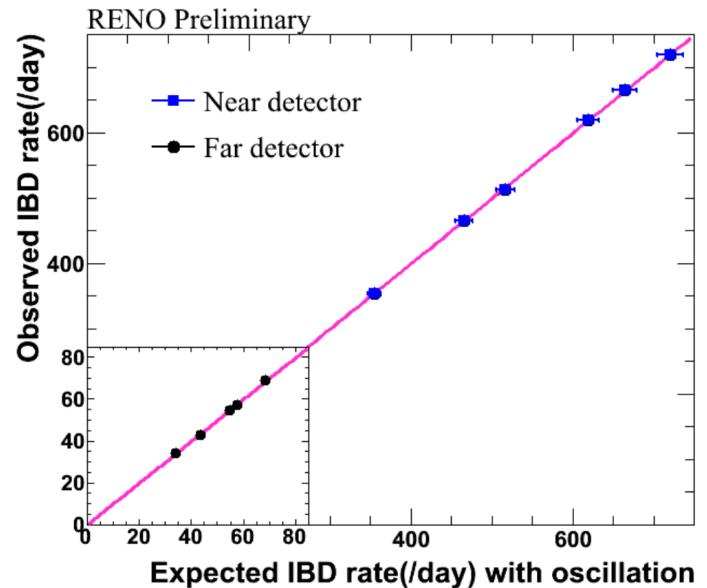
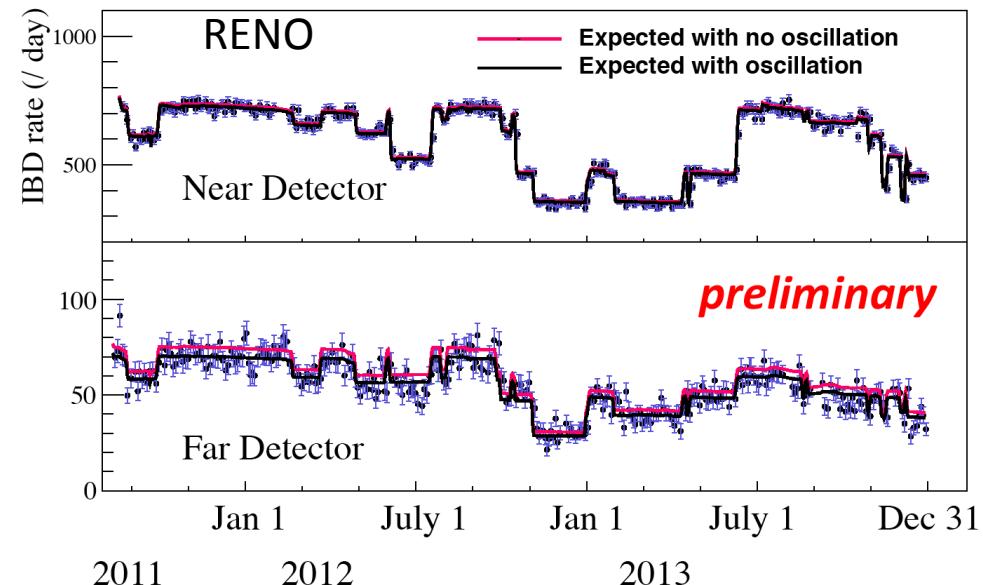
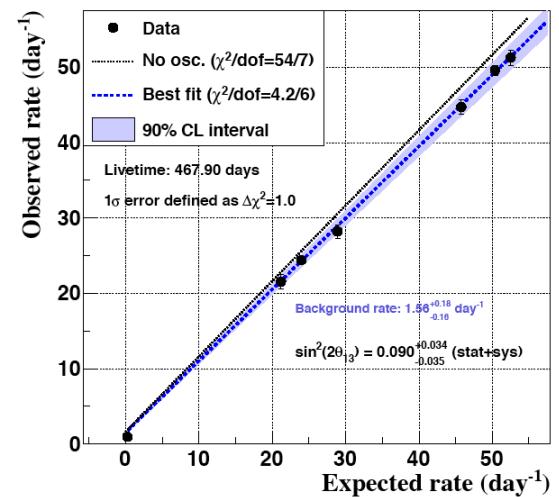
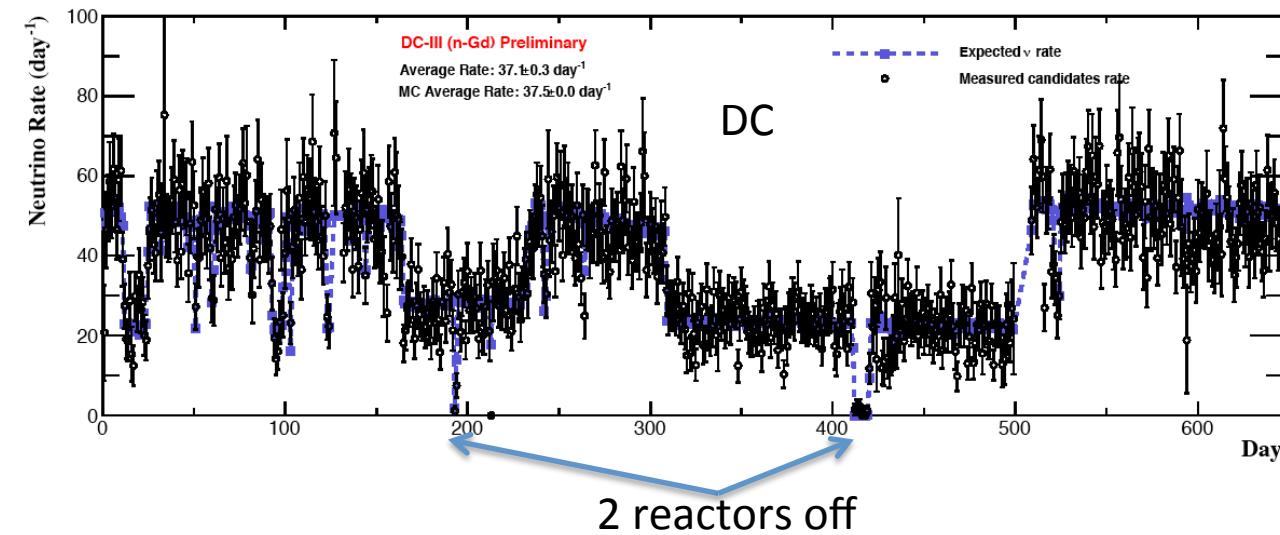
Normal hierarchy, $\delta=0$:

- Best fit: $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.11$
- $0.03 < \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.28$ @ 90% C.L.

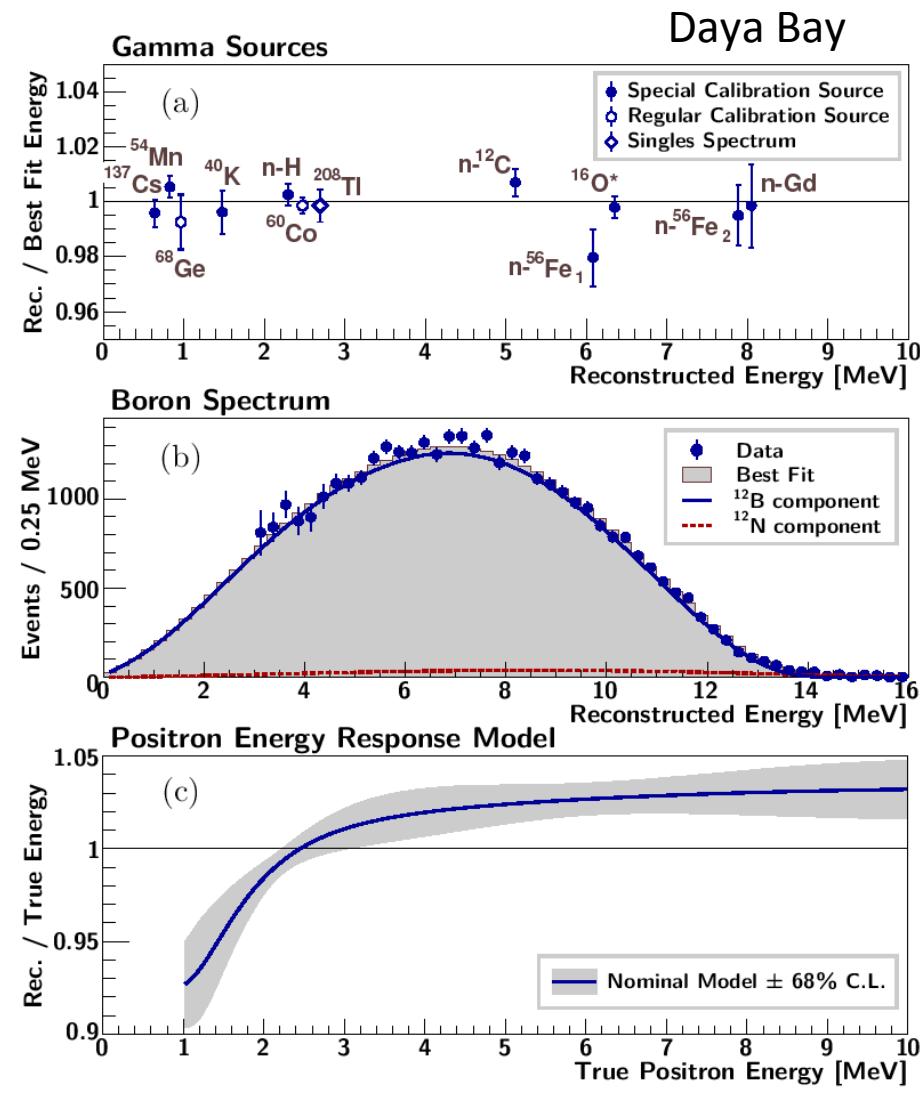
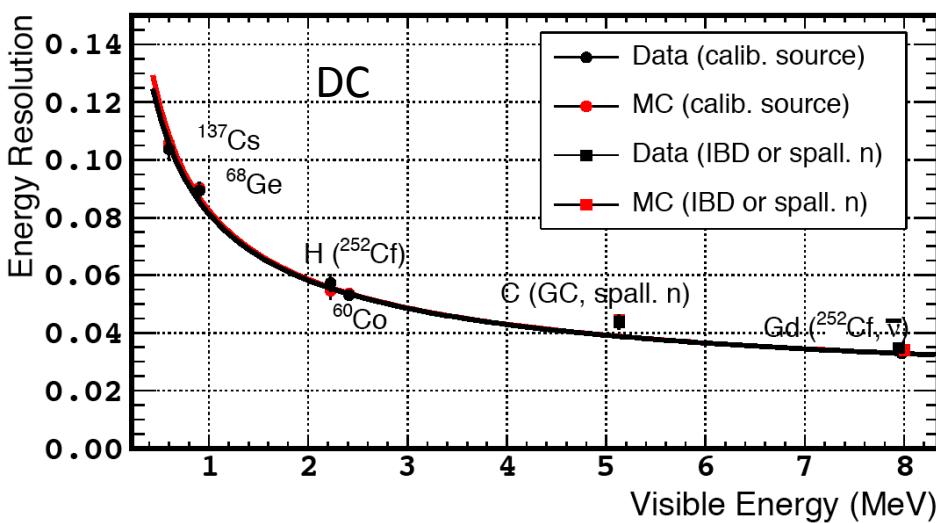
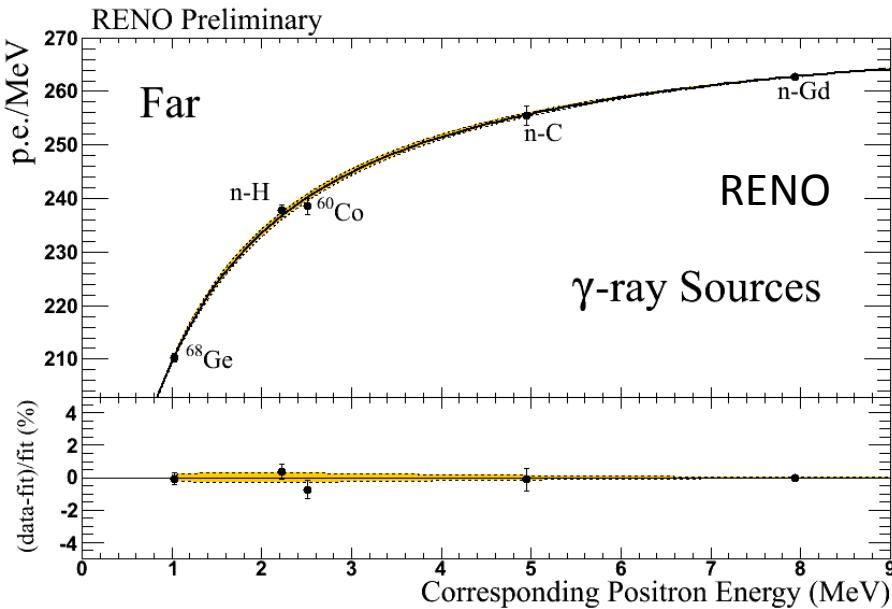
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0$ at 2.5σ

2011 global results:
 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.021 \pm 0.007$
 \Rightarrow
 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} > 0$ with C.L. $\sim 3 \sigma$

Precision era with high statistics



Detector calibration



Systematic errors

(limiting factor)

DC

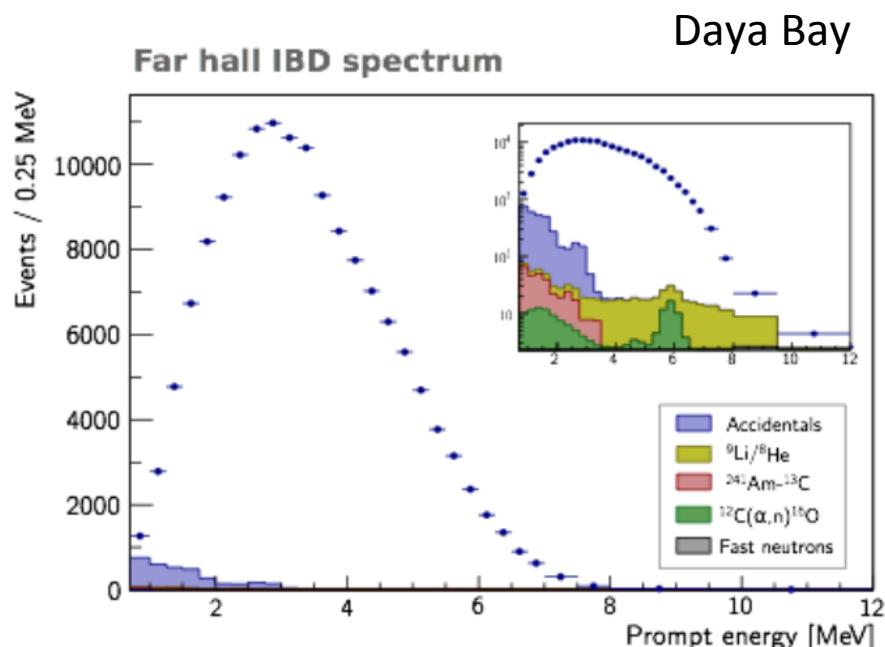
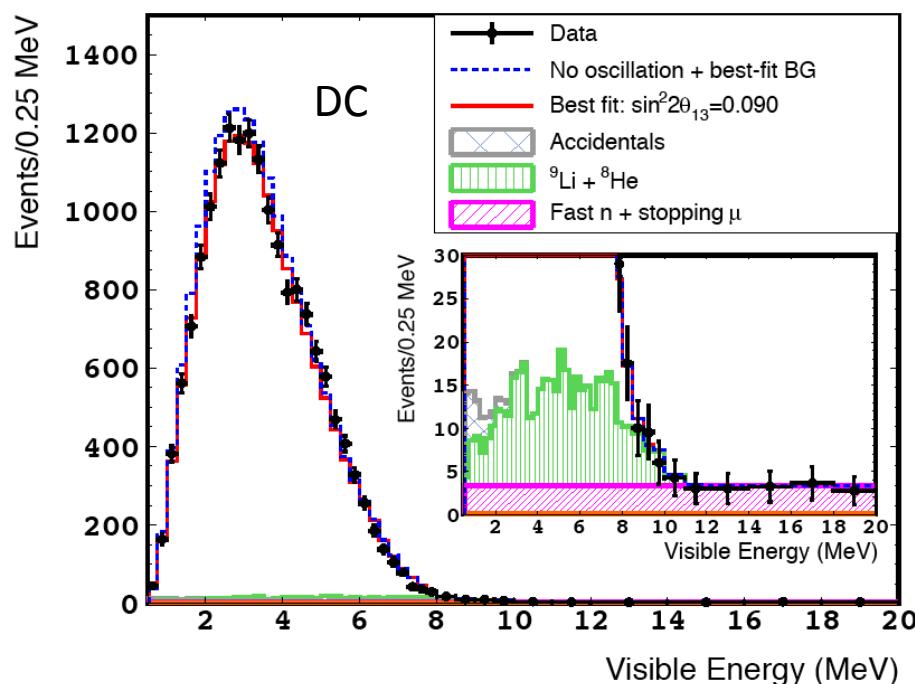
| Source | Uncertainty (%) |
|---|-----------------|
| Bugey4 measurement | 1.4 |
| Fractional fission rate of each isotope | 0.8 |
| Thermal power | 0.5 |
| IBD cross-section | 0.2 |
| Mean energy released per fission | 0.2 |
| Distance to reactor core | < 0.1 |
| Total | 1.7 |

| | Efficiency | Uncertainty | |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Correlated | Uncorrelated |
| Target Protons | | 0.47% | 0.03% |
| Flasher cut | 99.98% | 0.01% | 0.01% |
| Delayed Energy cut | 92.7% | 0.97% | 0.12% |
| Prompt Energy cut | 99.81% | 0.10% | 0.01% |
| Capture time cut | 98.70% | 0.12% | 0.01% |
| Gd capture ratio | 84.2% | 0.95% | 0.10% |
| Spill-in correction | 104.9% | 1.50% | 0.02% |
| Combined | 80.6% | 2.1% | 0.2% |

RENO

| Uncertainties sources | Uncertainties (%) | Errors of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Error (fraction) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Statistics (near) (far) | 0.21 % 0.54 % | 0.008 |
| Isotope fraction | 0.7 % | 0.003 → 15.6 % |
| Thermal power | 0.5 % | 0.002 → 6.9 % |
| Detection efficiency | 0.2 % | 0.003 → 15.6 % |
| Backgrounds (near) (far) | 0.14 % 0.51 % | 0.006 → 62.3 % |

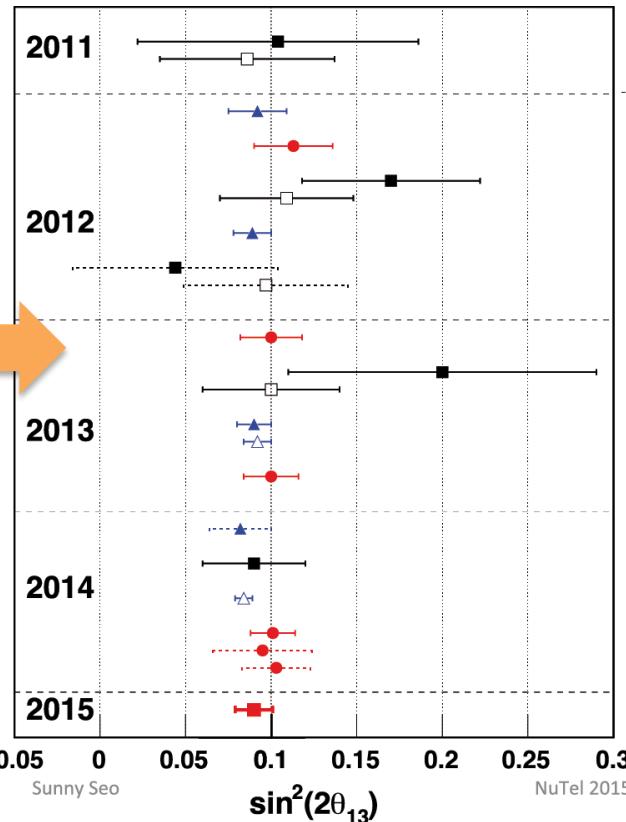
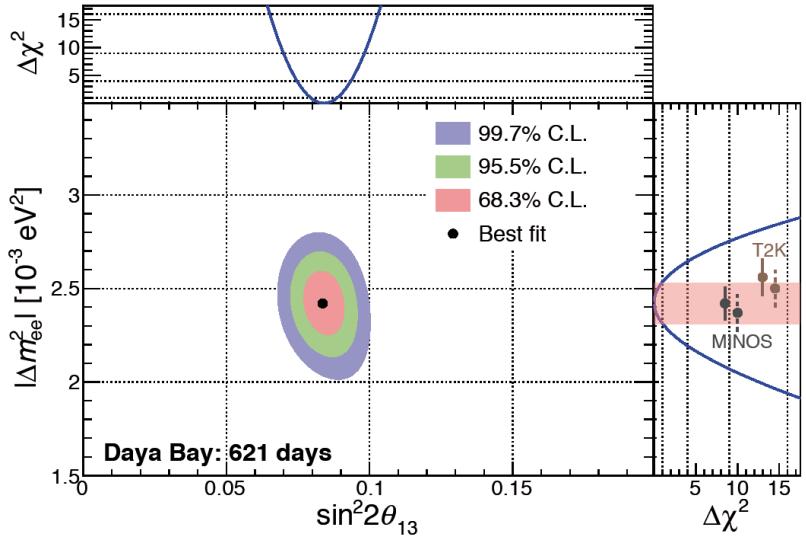
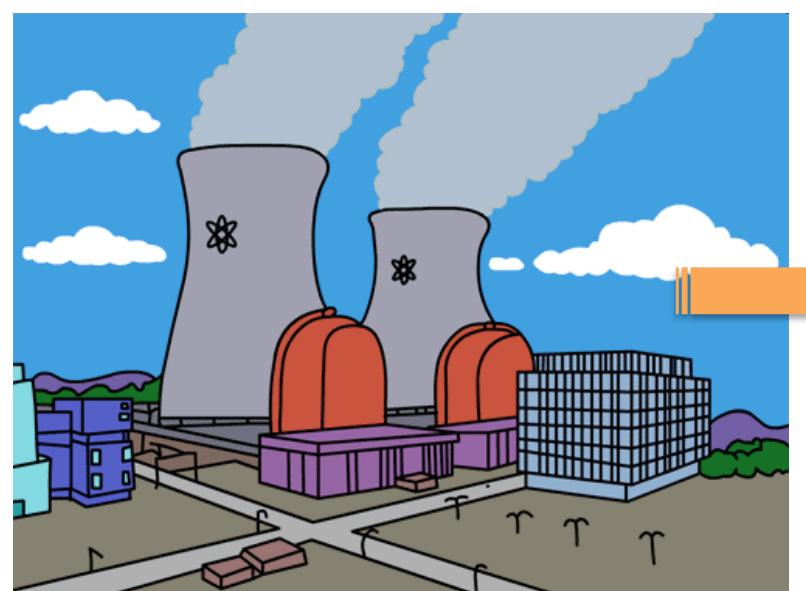
Background



| | Background | Near | Far | Uncertainty | Method |
|----------|---|-------|------|-------------|--|
| Daya Bay | Accidentals | 1.4% | 2.3% | negligible | statistically calculated from uncorrelated singles |
| | ${}^9\text{Li} / {}^8\text{He}$ | 0.4% | 0.4% | 50% | measured with after-muon events |
| | ${}^{241}\text{Am}-{}^{13}\text{C}$ | 0.03% | 0.2% | 50% | MC benchmarked with single gamma and strong AmC source |
| | Fast neutrons | 0.1% | 0.1% | 30% | measured from AD/water/RPC tagged muon events |
| | ${}^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{C}$ | 0.01% | 0.1% | 50% | calculated from measured radioactivity |

Present results

(NuTel2015)



$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.084 \pm 0.005$$

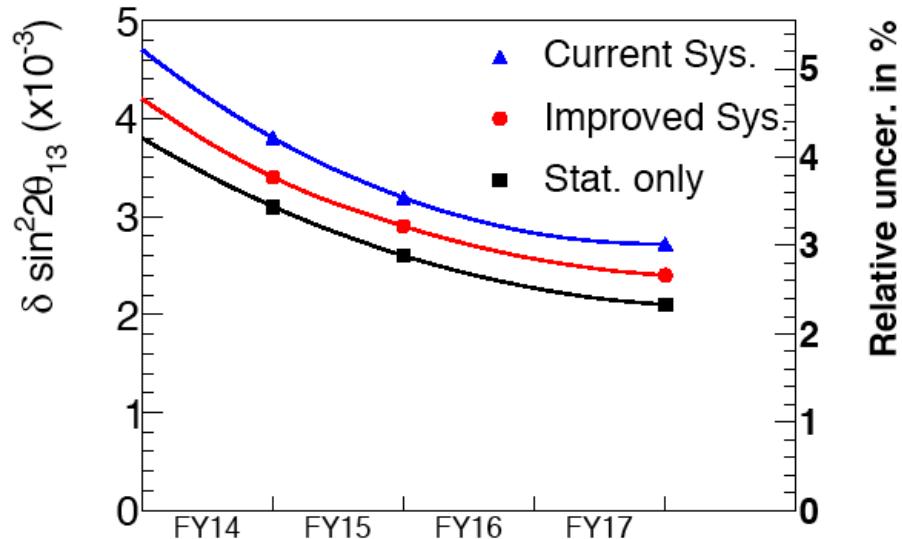
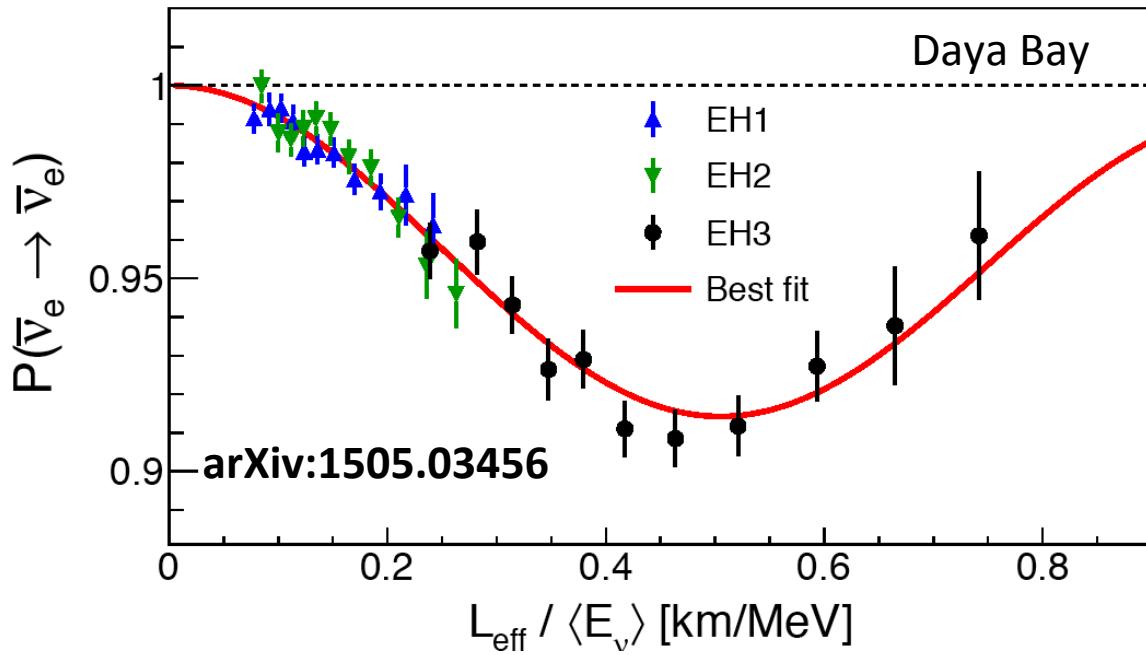
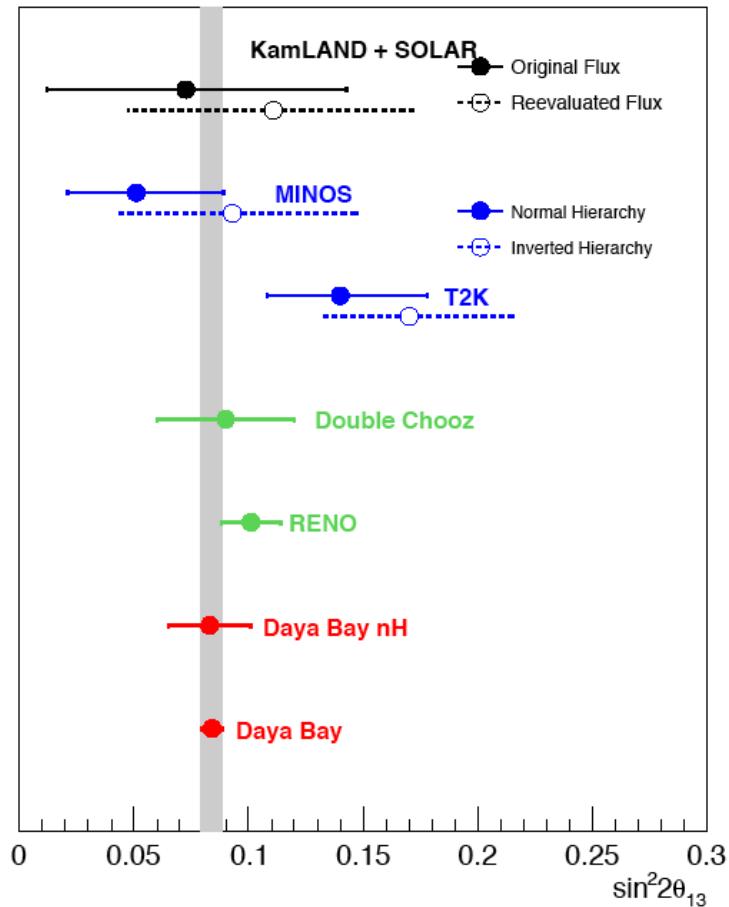
$$|\Delta m^2_{ee}| = 2.42 \pm 0.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

arXiv:1505.03456

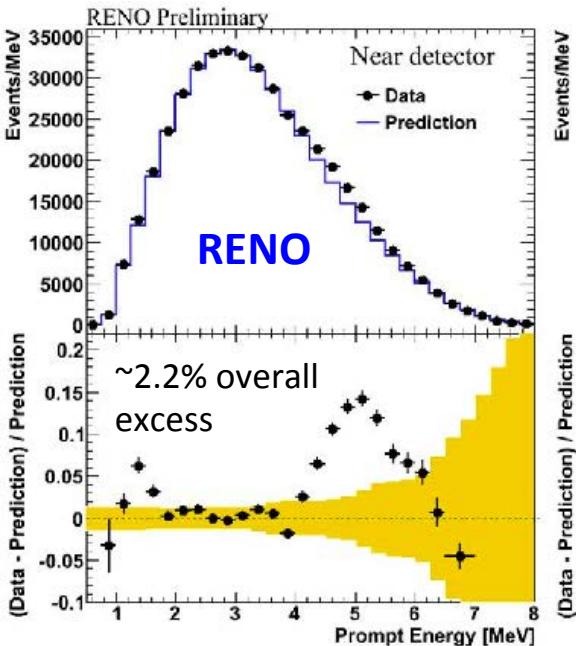
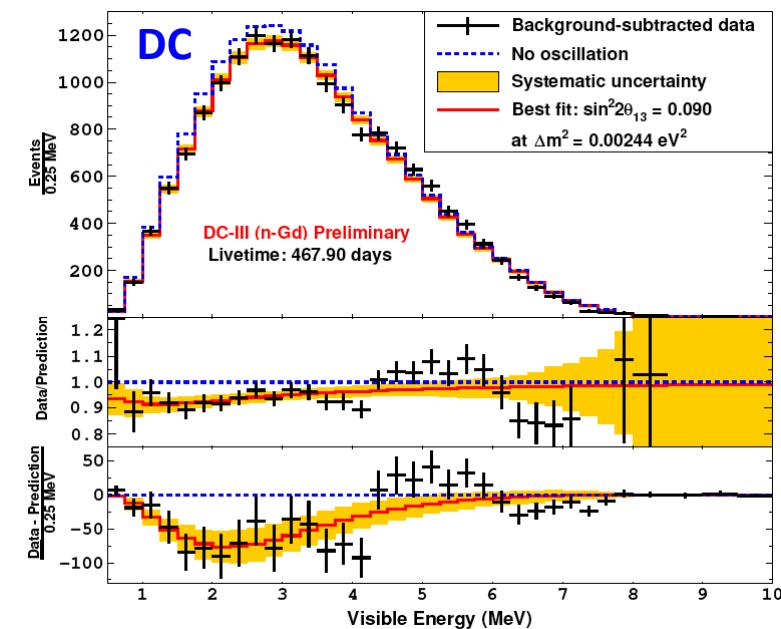
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Precision era

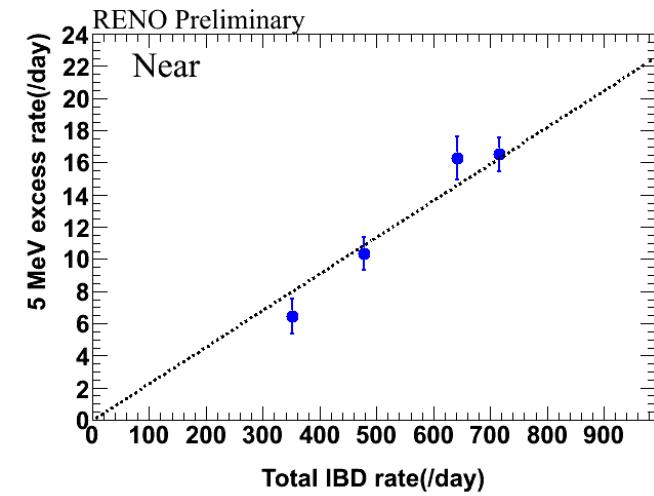
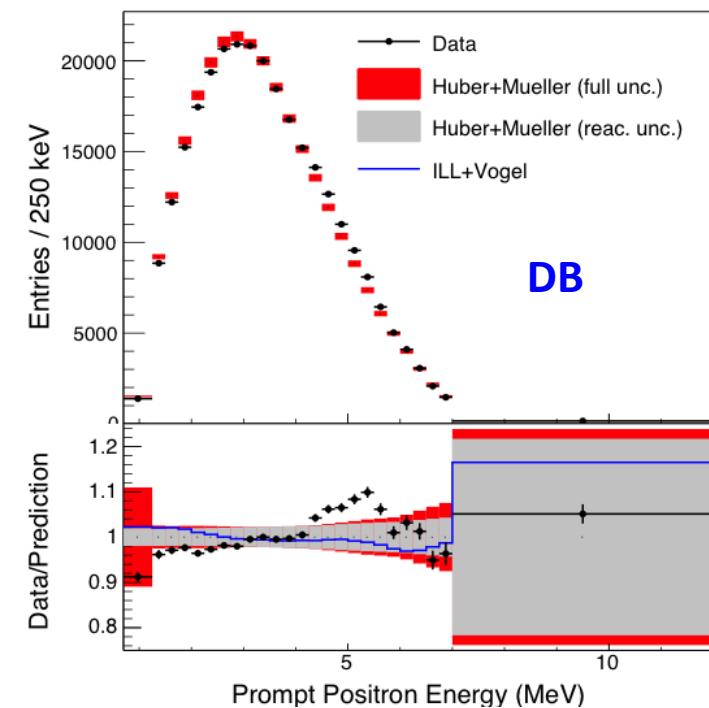
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excess for $4 < E < 6$ MeV



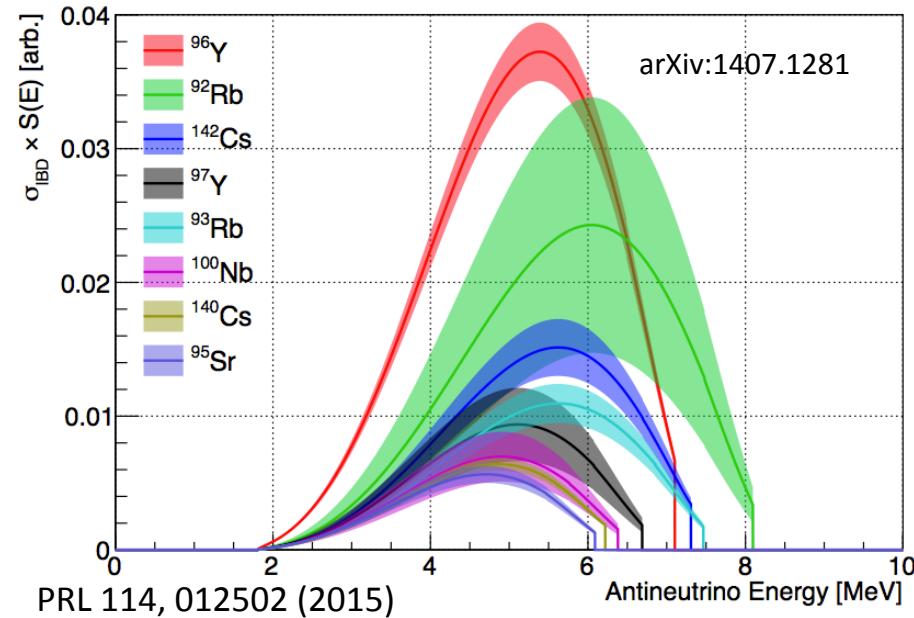
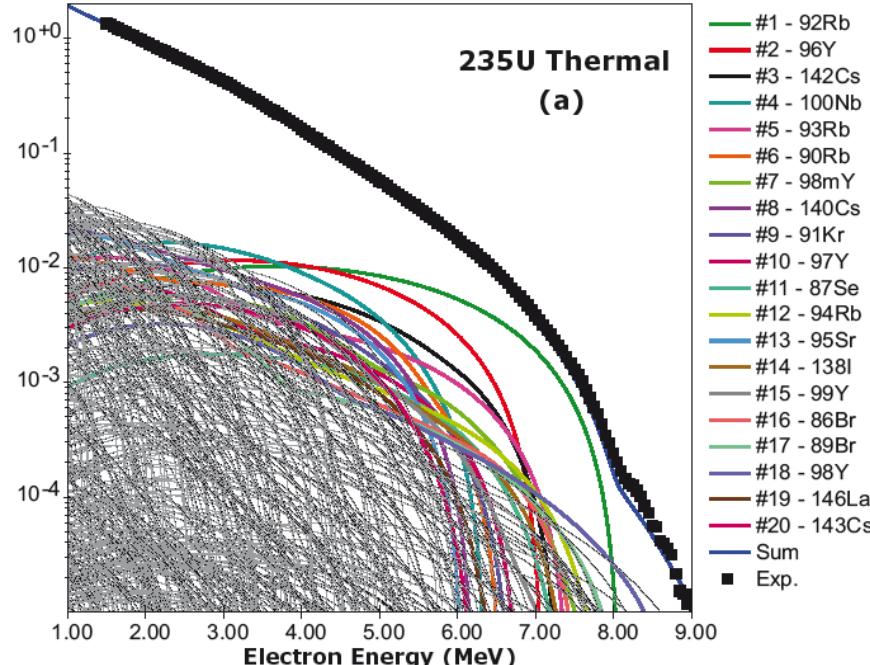
Oups... a problem!



How about the spectrum predictions?

- Significance: globally $\sim 2 \sigma$, locally up to 4σ
- Events depending on reactor power disfavouring unexpected backgrounds
- A single β -branch or mono-energetic line cannot simulate this excess
- A possible explanation:
 - Decays of prominent fission daughter isotopes ($\sim 42\%$ rate from ^{96}Y , ^{92}Rb , ^{142}Cs , ^{97}Y , ^{93}Rb , ^{100}Nb , ^{140}Cs , ^{95}Sr)

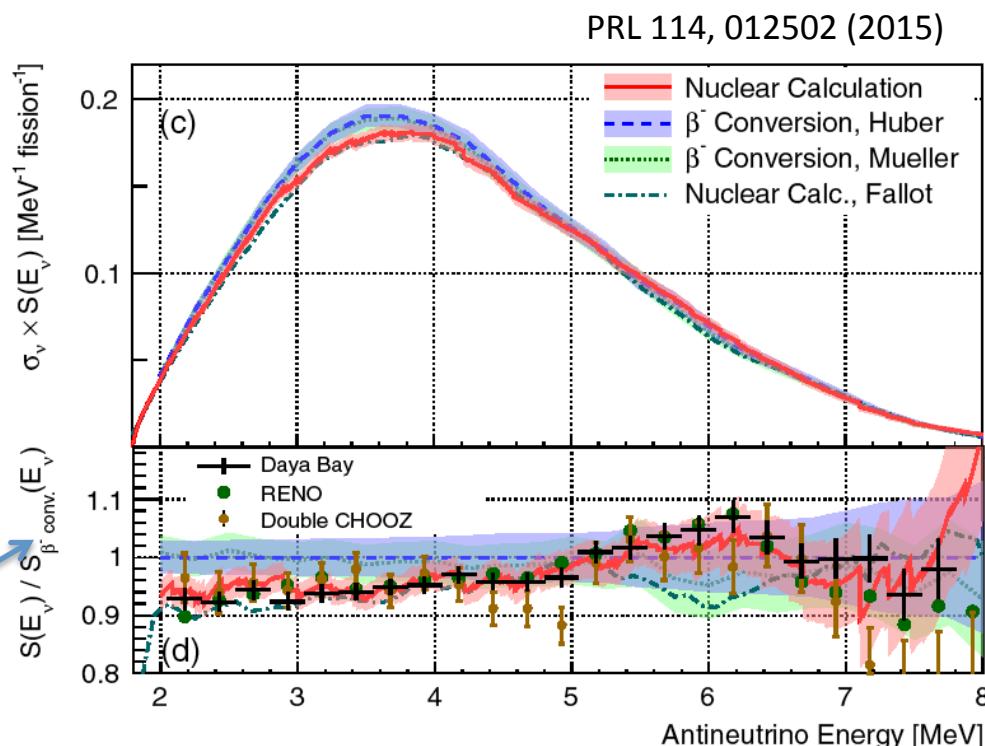
- No effect to θ_{13} especially if near-far comparison is applied.
- Not large enough to explain the reactor anomaly.



Possible explanations

Two general approaches used to calculate antineutrino spectra:

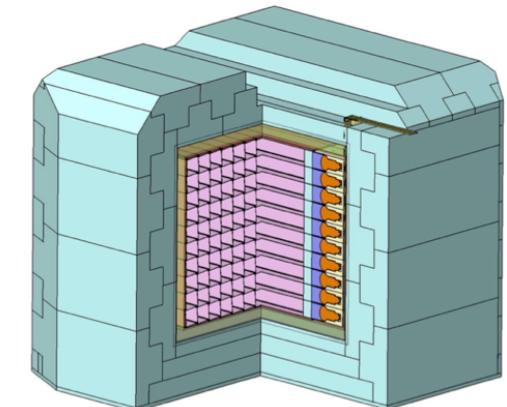
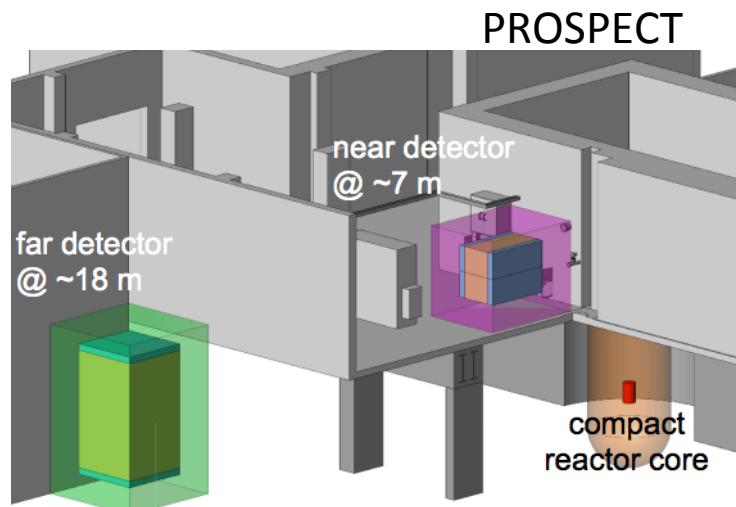
- **Conversion method:** relies on the measured β^- spectra from the ILL which are fitted with a set of virtual β^- branches and then converted into the corresponding antineutrino spectra.
- **Summation (or ab initio) method:** makes use of all available information on the β^- decays of each fission fragment, summing each nuclide's individual β^- spectrum weighted by its yield in fission.



*"illustrative comparison...
the overall agreement between the
measurements and ab initio calculation is
surprising..."*

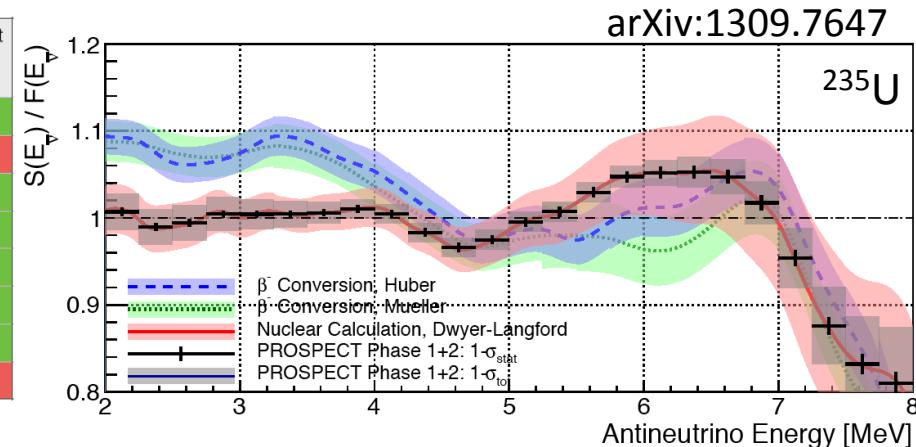
Precision measurements of energy spectrum needed

- New Very Short Baseline experiments (mainly for sterile neutrino searches)
- Very good energy resolution needed



Li loaded Liquid scintillator

| <u>Effort</u> | Dopant | Good X-Res | Good E-Res | L Range (meters) | Fuel | Exposure, MW*ton | Movable? | Running at intended reactor? |
|-----------------|--------|------------|------------|------------------|------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| PROSPECT | Li | Yes | Yes | 6.5-20 | HEU | 185 | Yes | Yes |
| NuLat | Li/B | Yes | Yes | TBD | TBD | TBD | Yes | No |
| Nucifer | Gd | No | Yes | 7 | HEU | 56 | No | Yes |
| STEREO | Gd | Yes | Yes | 9-11 | HEU | 100 | No | Yes |
| SoLid | Li | Yes | No | 6-8 | HEU | 155 | No | Yes |
| DANSS | Gd | Yes | No | 9.7-12 | LEU | 2700 | Yes | Yes |
| Neutrino4 | Gd | Yes | No | 6-12 | HEU | 150 | Yes | Yes |
| Hanaro | Li/Gd | No | Yes | 20-ish | LEU | 30 | No | No |



B. Littlejohn Fermilab Intensity Frontier Seminar 2015

What next? (mass hierarchy)

$$P\left(\overline{\nu}_e \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e\right) \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} c_{13}^4 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}$$

$$-\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[c_{12}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} + s_{12}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right]$$



$$P_{ee}(L/E) = 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{21}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E})$$

$$-\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{31}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E})$$

$$-\sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{21}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E}) \cdot \cos(2\Delta m_{31}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E})$$

$$\pm \frac{\sin^2 \theta_{12}}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin(2\Delta m_{21}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E}) \cdot \sin(2\Delta m_{31}^2 \cdot \frac{L}{4E})$$

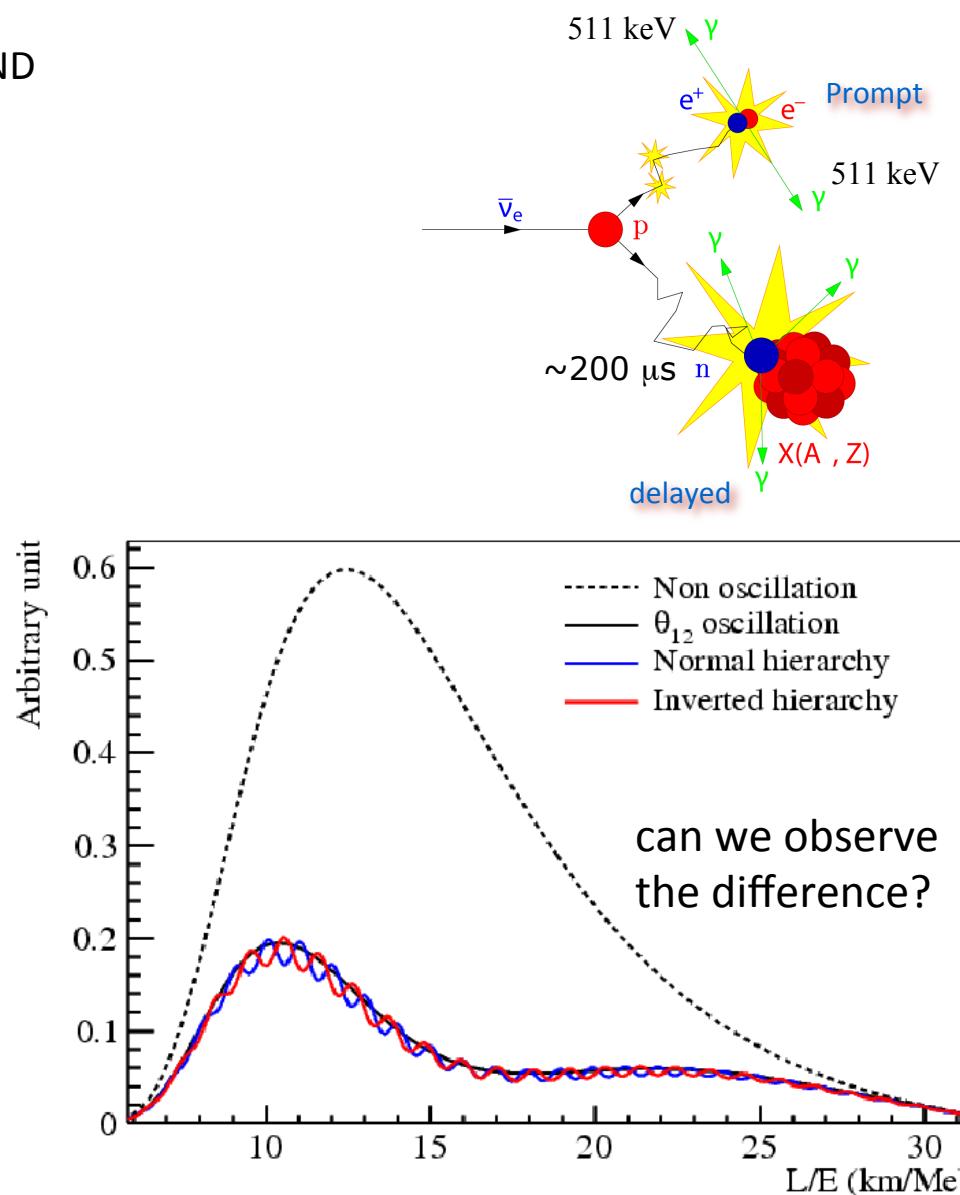
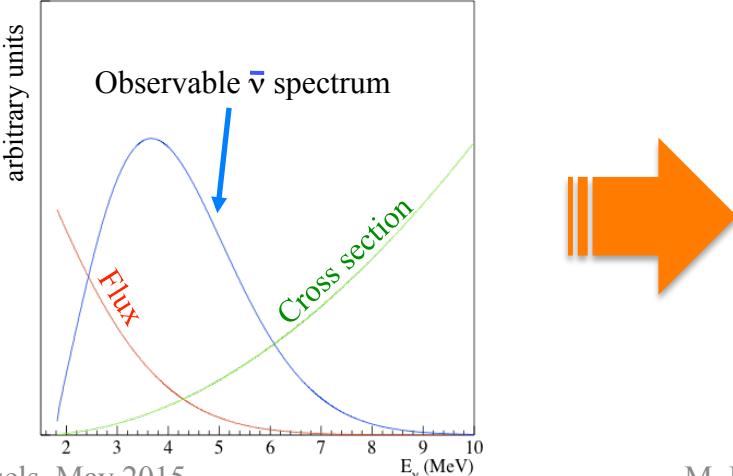
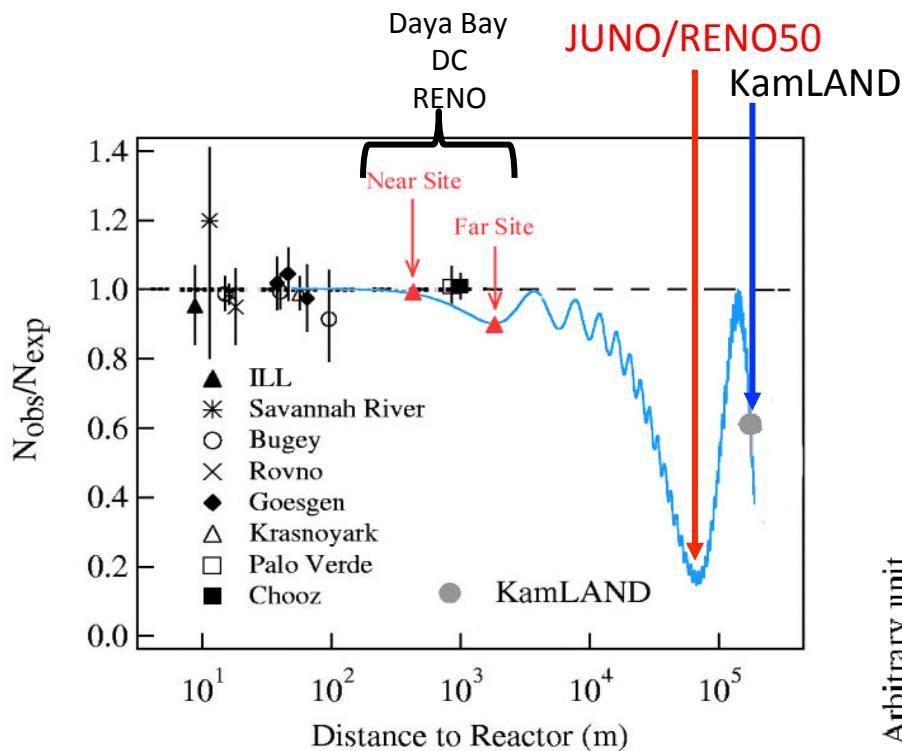
↳ [
 $= (2n-1)\pi/2 \Rightarrow \text{max. sens.}$
 $= n\pi \Rightarrow \text{non sensitivity}$

with:

$$\Delta m_{31}^2 \equiv \begin{cases} m_3^2 - m_1^2 > 0 & (\text{NH}) \\ m_3^2 - m_1^2 < 0 & (\text{IH}) \end{cases}$$



Neutrino spectrum



Energy resolution

The sensitivity will strongly depend on the energy resolution (E_m : measured energy)

Measured spectrum (without background):

$$N(E_m) = \int R(E_\nu, E_m) \phi(E_\nu) \cdot \sigma(E_\nu) \cdot P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e}(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$

Shift in energy spectrum of $\sim \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2 \sim 3\%$

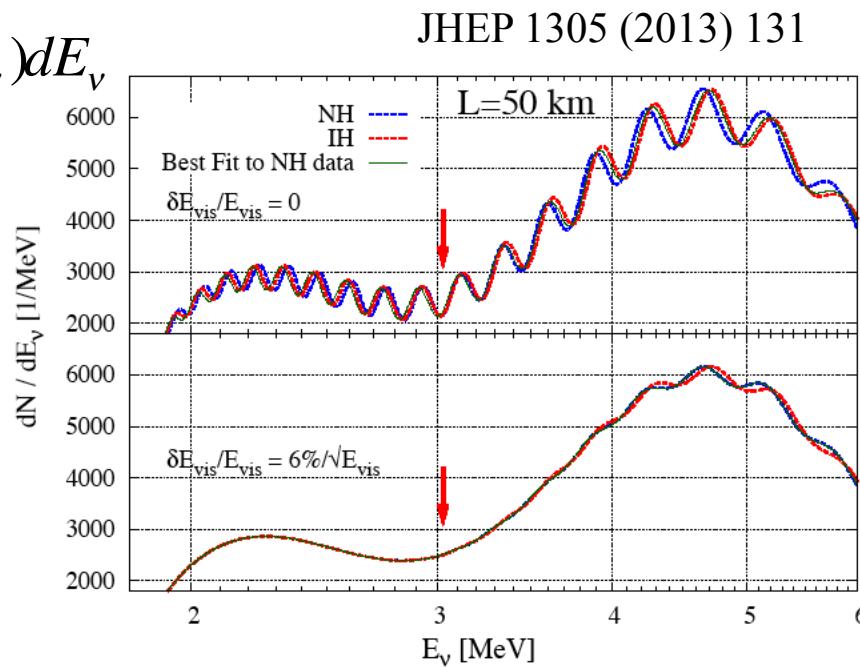


An energy resolution of $\sim 3\%$ (for $E \sim 1$ MeV) is needed

$$R(E_\nu, E_m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(E_m - E_\nu)^2}{2\sigma_E^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{E} + b^2 + \frac{c^2}{E^2}$$

↑ stat. ↑ syst. ↓ noise
 (N_{pe}) (non-uniformities,
energy leaks...)



Spectral analysis

Fourrier transform of the energy spectrum $F(t)$:

($t=L/E$)

$$FCT(\omega) = \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} F(t) \cos(\omega t) dt$$

$$FST(\omega) = \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} F(t) \sin(\omega t) dt$$

Discriminant variables:

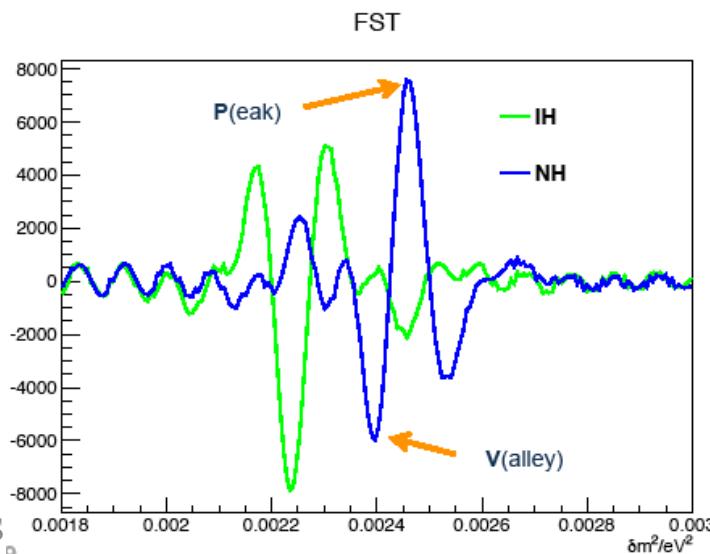
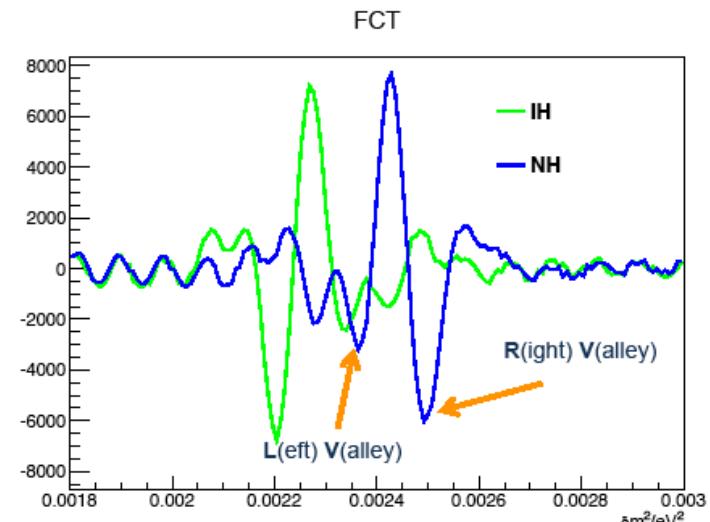
$$RL = \frac{RV - LV}{RV + LV} \quad (\text{for FCT})$$

$$PV = \frac{P - V}{P + V} \quad (\text{for FST})$$

$RL > 0$ and $PV > 0 \rightarrow \text{NH}$

$RL < 0$ and $PV < 0 \rightarrow \text{IH}$

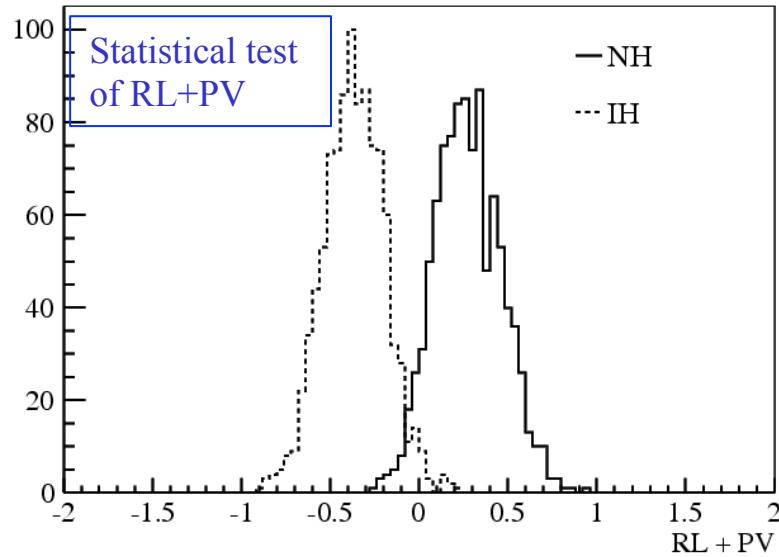
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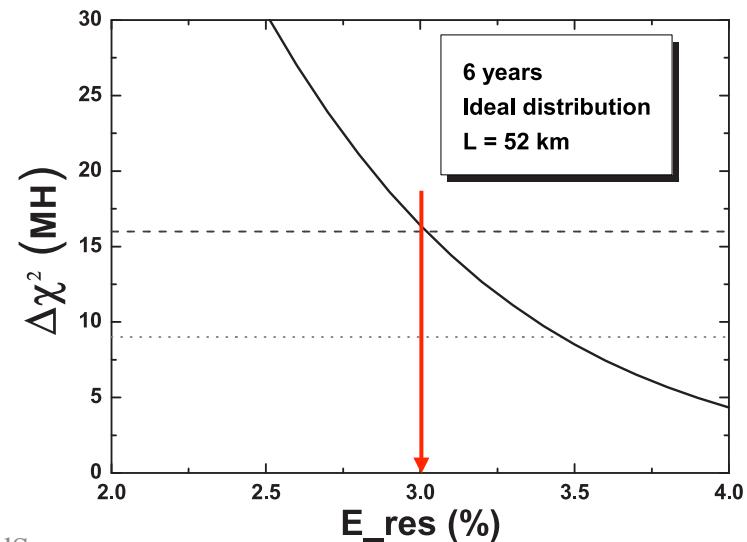
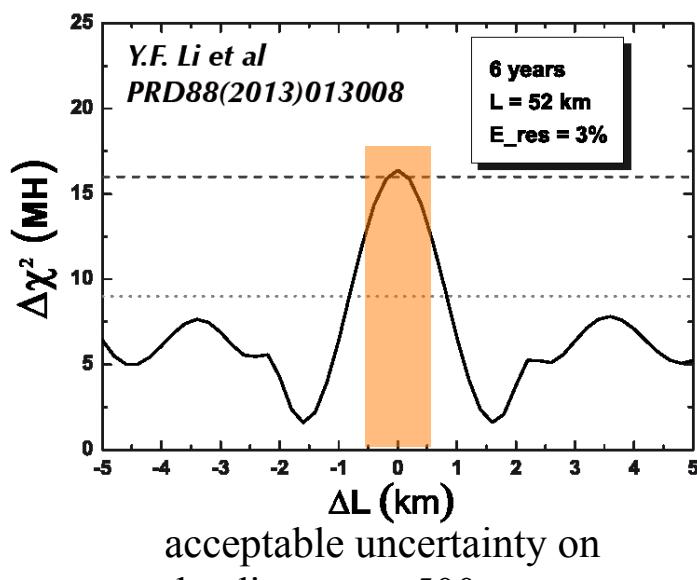
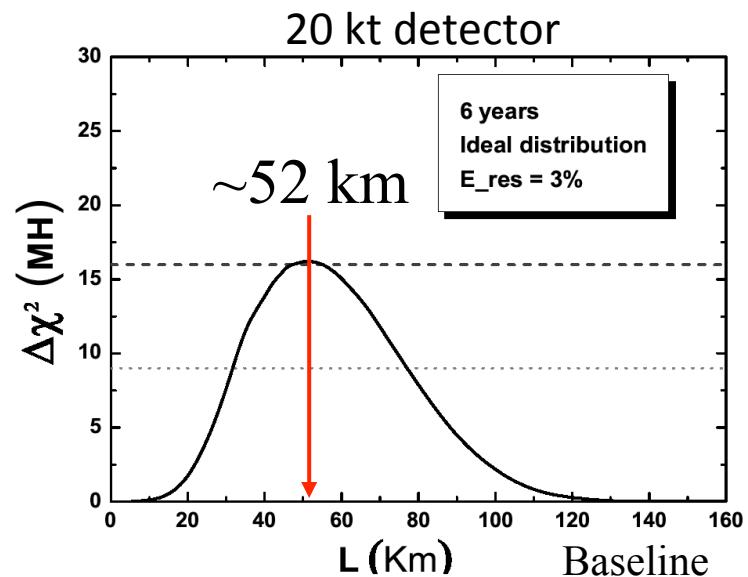
Statistical test of $RL+PV$

Detector position

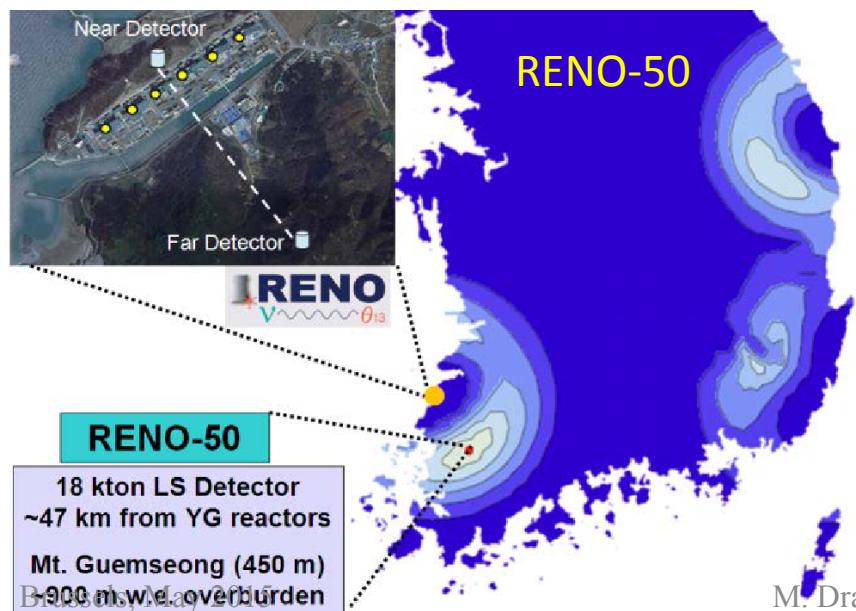
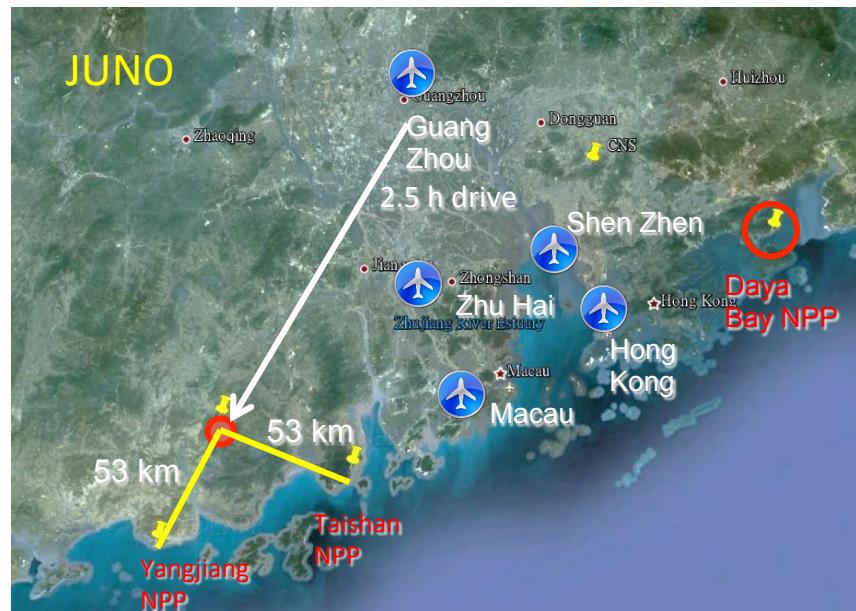
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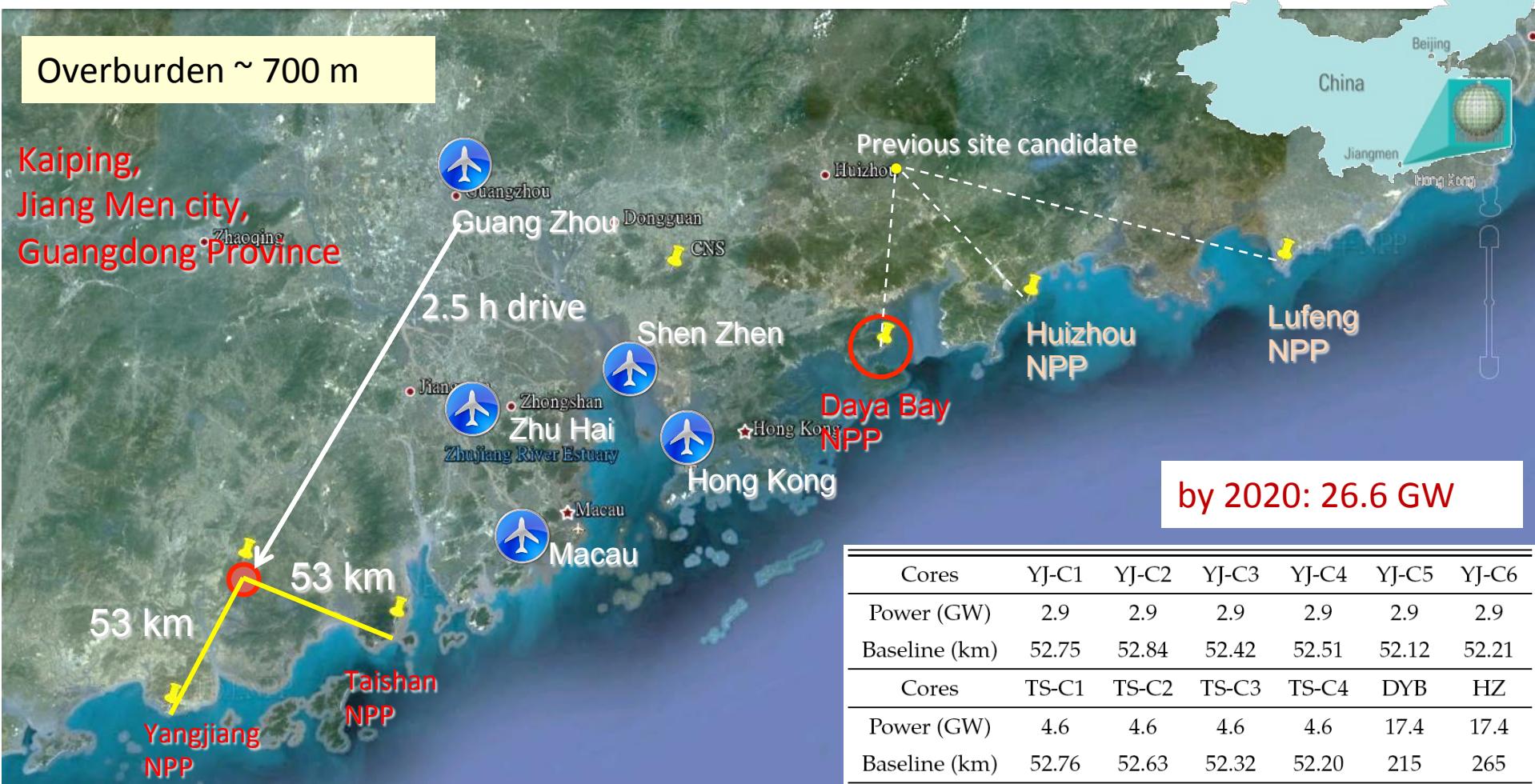
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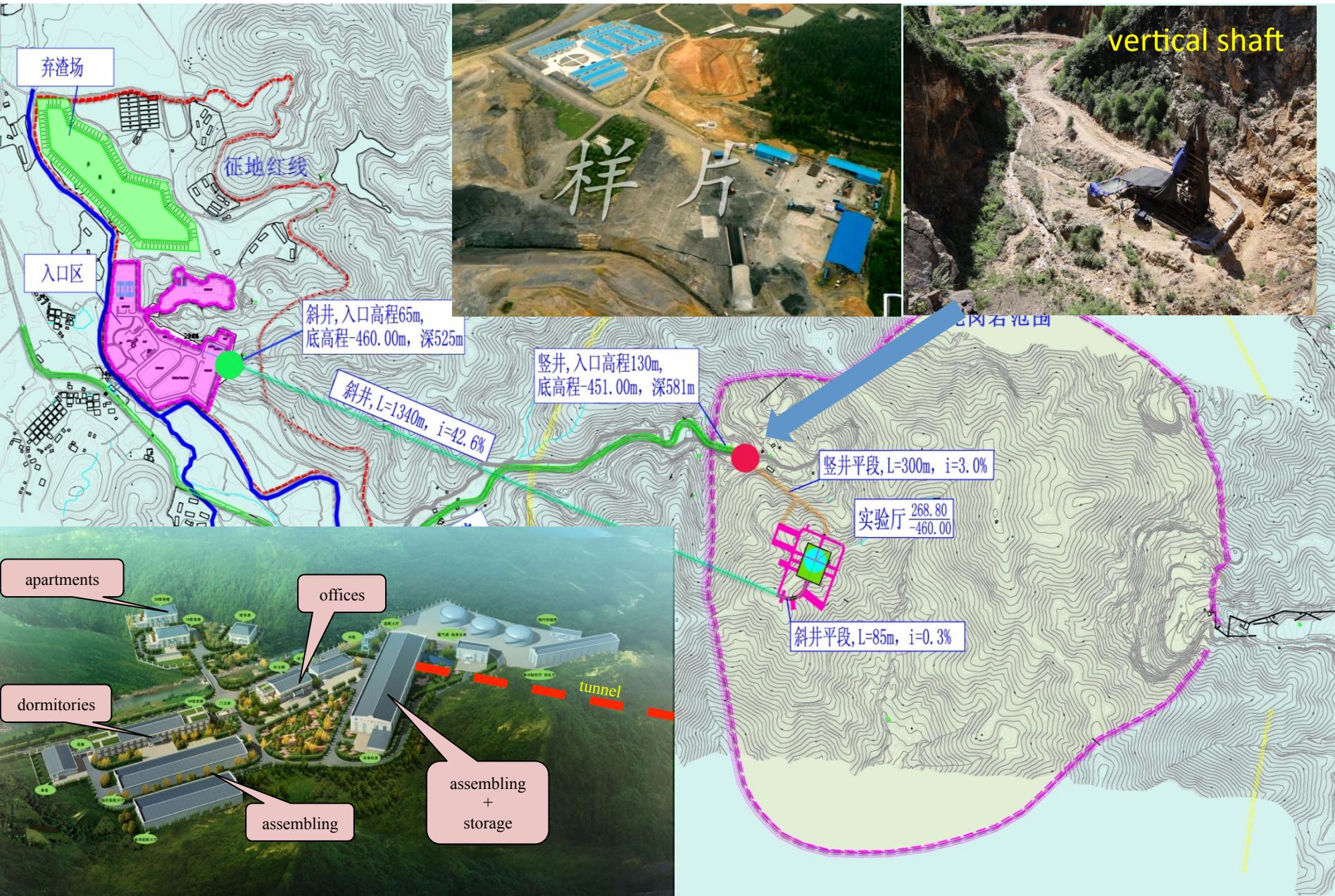
- Rich physics program:
 - Reactor neutrinos
 - Mass Hierarchy
 - precision measurements of oscillation parameters
 - Supernovae neutrinos
 - Geoneutrinos
 - Solar neutrinos
 - Atmospheric neutrinos
 - Exotic searches

JUNO

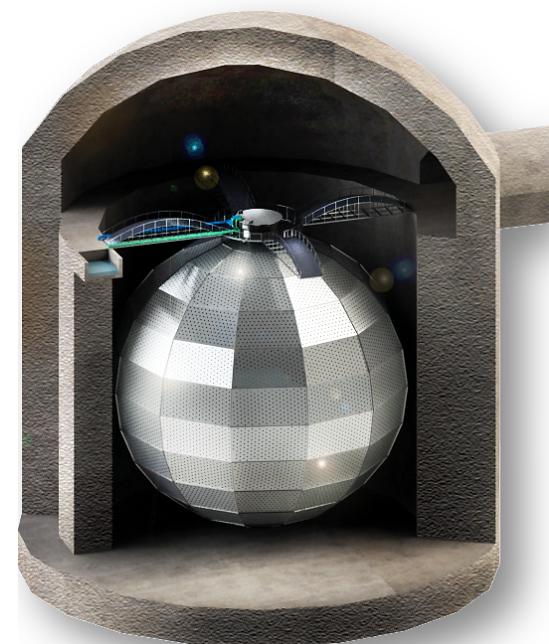
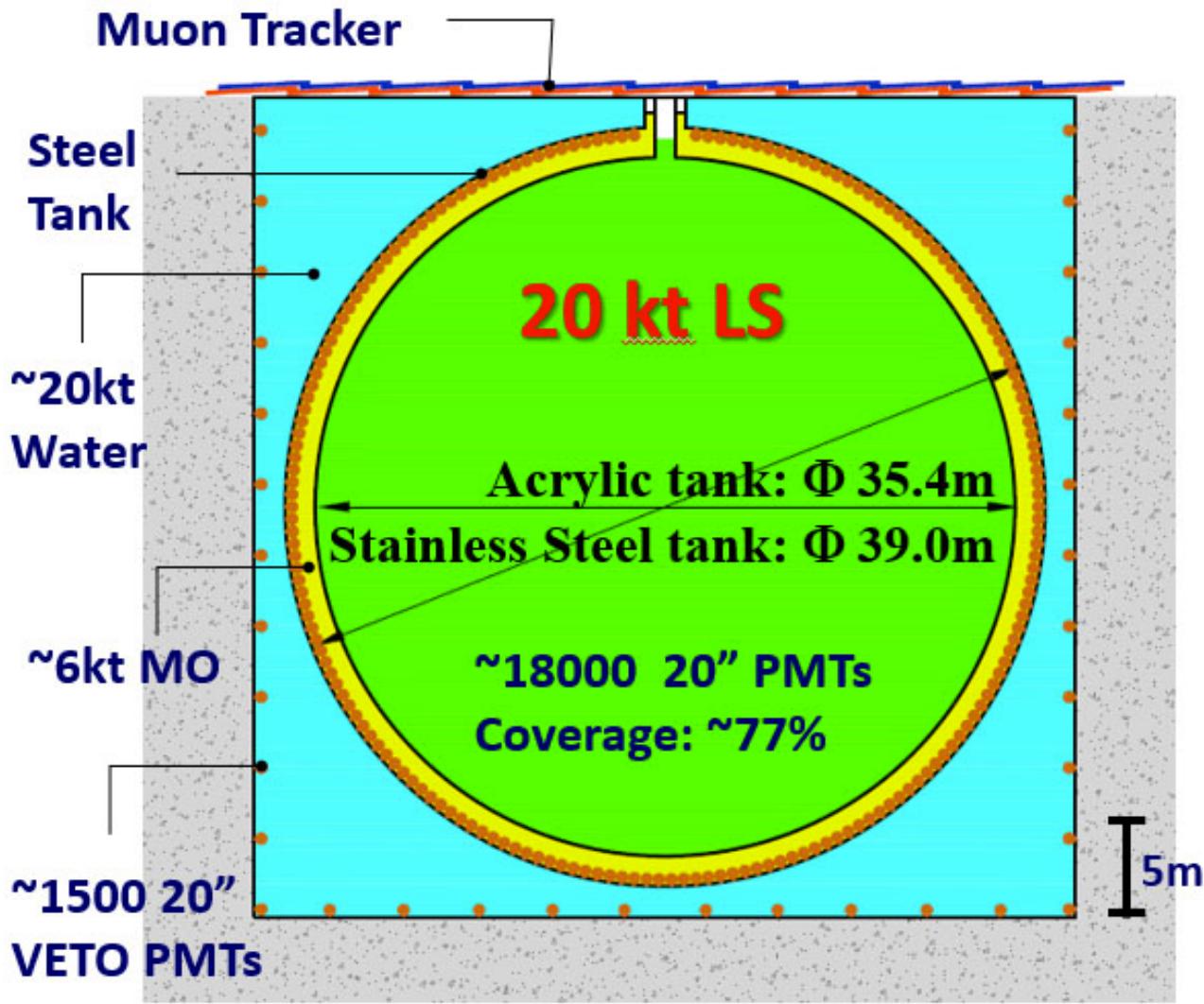
| NPP | Daya Bay | Huizhou | Lufeng | Yangjiang | Taishan |
|--------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Status | Operational | Planned | Planned | Under construction | Under construction |
| Power | 17.4 GW | 17.4 GW | 17.4 GW | 17.4 GW | 18.4 GW |



Experimental site



JUNO detector

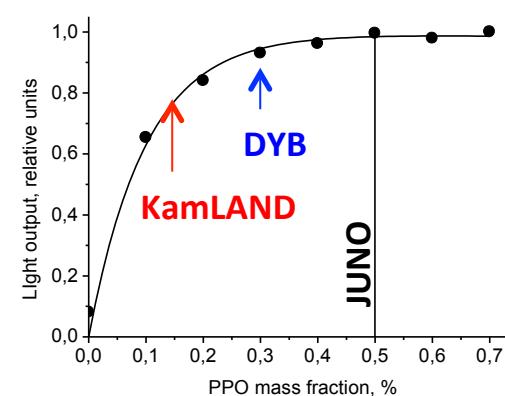
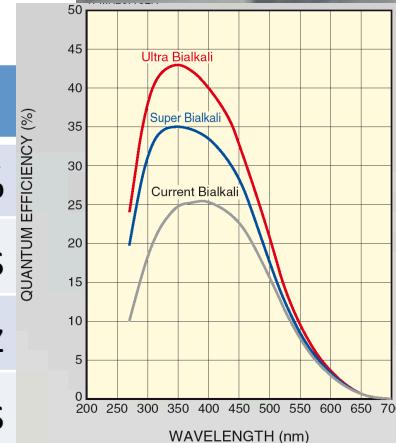


High energy resolution

How to reach the required energy resolution?

- Photocathode coverage: 77% with 20" PMTs
- High PMT QE: ~35%
- Liquid scintillator attenuation length: ~30 m
- High light yield with optimised fluors

| | R5912 | R5912-100 | MCP-PMT |
|------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| QE@410 nm | 25% | 35% | 25% |
| Rise time | 3 ns | 3.4 ns | 5 ns |
| Dark noise | 1 kHz | 3.5 kHz | 2.2 kHz |
| TTS | 5.5 ns | 1.5 ns | 3.5 ns |



| | | KamLAND | BOREXINO | JUNO |
|-------------------|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| LS mass | | 1 kt | 0.5 kt | 20 kt |
| Energy Resolution | | 6%/√E | 5%/√E | 3%/√E |
| Light yield | | 250 p.e./MeV | 511 p.e./MeV | 1200 p.e./MeV |

Background

IBD~60/day

Singles

| Event Type | Raw rate | Reduction |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Radioactivity (in FV <17.2m) | 0.4 Hz (PMTs) 2.2 Hz (LS) 3.7 Hz (acrylic) 0.2 Hz (support) 1.3 Hz (Rn) ~ 0.03 (rock) | Use low radioactivity PMTs; LS raw material purification (w/o distillation after LS production) |
| Cosmogenic isotopes (delayed) | 340/day | |
| Spallation neutron | 1.8 Hz | |

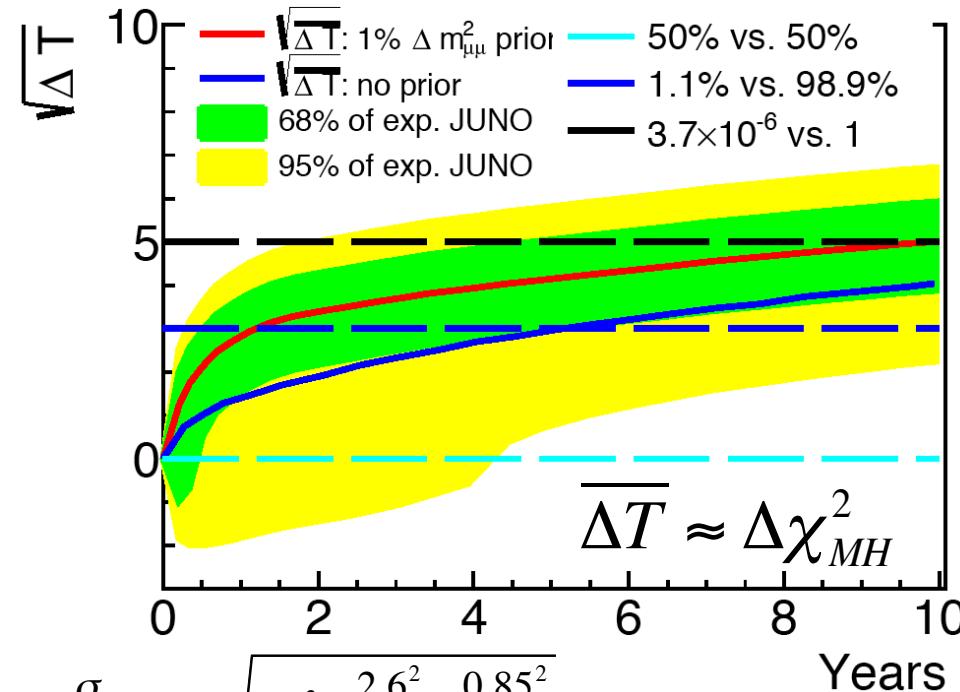
IBD bkg

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Accidentals | ~410/day | → 1.1 /day w/ prompt-delayed distance $R_{p-d} < 1.5\text{m}$. Negligible. |
| Fast neutron | 0.01/day | 0.01/day ($\sigma=100\%$) |
| $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ | 80/day | 1.8/day after muon veto ($\sigma=20\%$) |
| (a, n) | 3.8/day (acrylic) 0.2/day (balloon) | → 0.05 /day (acrylic), FV cut ($\sigma=50\%$) → negligible (balloon), FV cut |

Performance

PRD 88 013008 (2013)

JUNO sensitivity (Y.F. Li et al.)



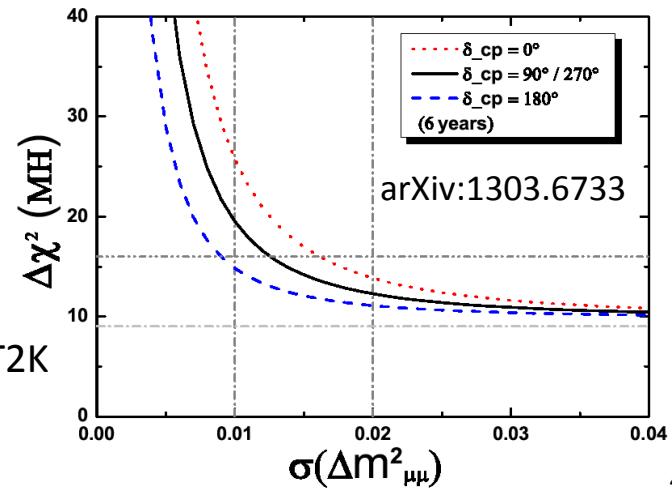
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} (\%) \sim \sqrt{0.7^2 + \frac{2.6^2}{E} + \frac{0.85^2}{E^2}}$$

$$\Delta m_{ee}^2 \simeq \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2,$$

$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 \simeq \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2 + \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin \theta_{13} \tan \theta_{23} \cos \delta \Delta m_{21}^2,$$

by NOvA, MINOS, T2K

- Inputs
 - 100 kevents (6 years)
 - 3% @ 1 MeV energy resolution
 - 1% energy scale uncertainty
 - realistic backgrounds
- Sensitivity
 - JUNO only
 - 50% chance to have 3 σ or higher
 - 2.3% chance to have 5 σ or higher
 - JUNO + 1% $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2$
 - 84% chance to have 3 σ or higher
 - 16% chance to have 5 σ or higher

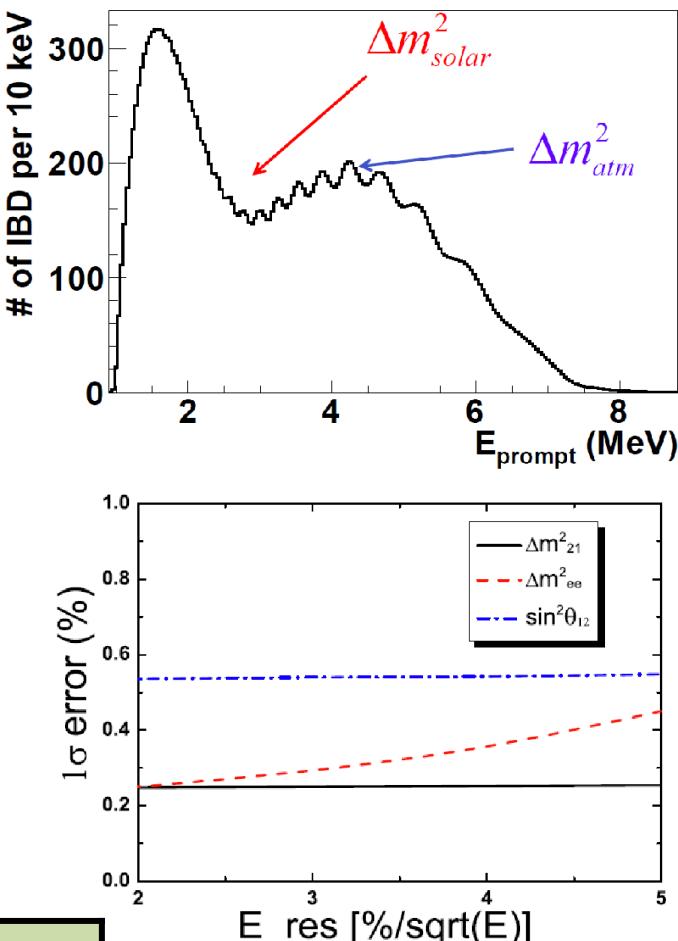


Oscillation parameters

(precision measurements)

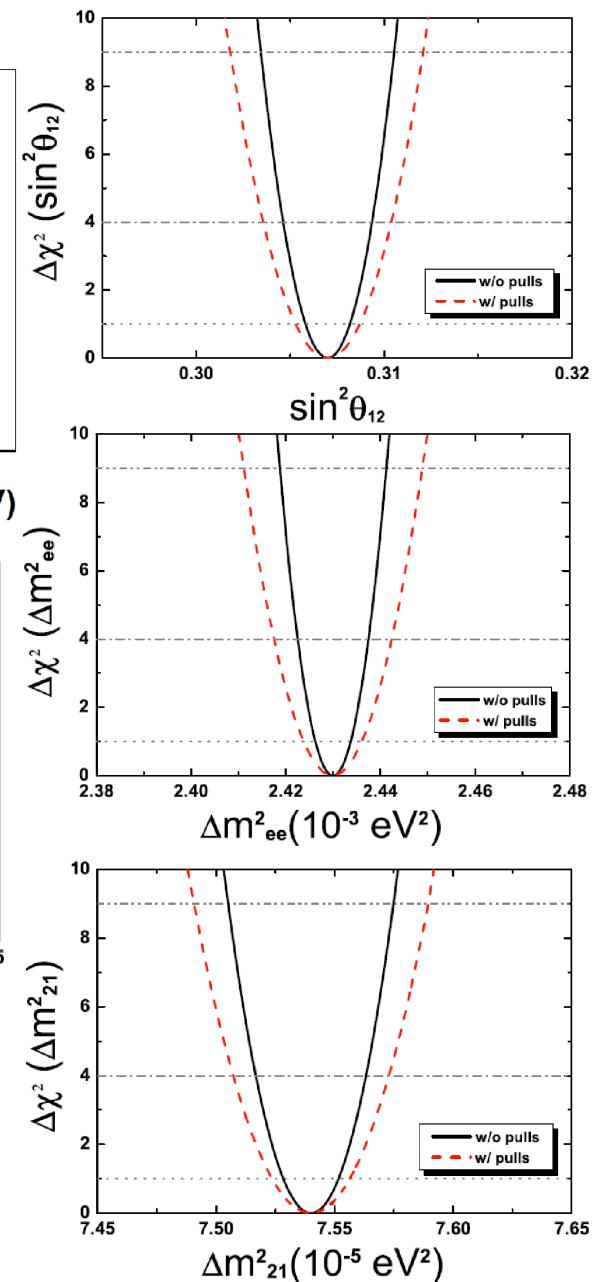
JUNO 100k IBD Events

- First experiment to observe:
 - simultaneously “solar” and “atmospheric” oscillations
 - more than two cycles of neutrino oscillations
- Complementary to long baseline accelerator program
- Probing the unitarity of U_{PMNS} to the sub-percent level!



better precision than for CKM matrix elements

| | Current | JUNO |
|----------------------|---------|-------|
| Δm^2_{21} | ~3% | ~0.6% |
| Δm^2_{32} | ~4% | ~0.5% |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ | ~7% | ~0.7% |



JUNO schedule

First get-together meeting

Funding(2013-2014) review approved



Geological survey and preliminary civil design



Collaboration formed

1st 20"
MCP-PMT

Groundbreaking Ceremony (10 Jan. 2015)



2013

Kaiping Neutrino Research Center established

Funding from CAS: "Strategic Leading Science & Technology Programme" approved (~CD1)

2014

Civil/infrastructure construction bidding

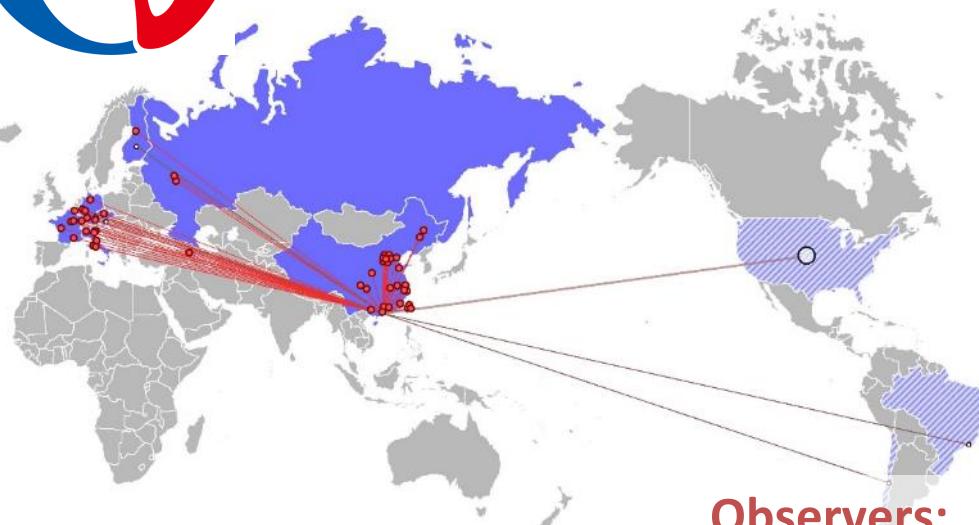
Yangjiang NPP started to build the last two cores

Civil design approved

- Civil construction: 2015-2017
- Detector component production: 2016-2017
- PMT production: 2016-2019
- Detector assembly & installation: 2018-2019
- Filling & data taking: 2020



JUNO Collaboration



Europe (23)

APC Paris
Charles U
CPPM Marseille
FZ Julich
INFN-Frascati
INFN-Ferrara
INFN-Milano
INFN-Padova
INFN-Perugia
INFN-Roma 3
IPHC Strasbourg

INR Moscow
JINR
LLR Paris
RWTH Aachen
Subatech Nantes
TUM
U.Hamburg
ULB
U Mainz
U Oulu
U Tuebingen
YPI Armenia

Observers:

US institutions
HEPHY Vienna
PUC Brazil
PCUC Chile
Jyvaskyla U.

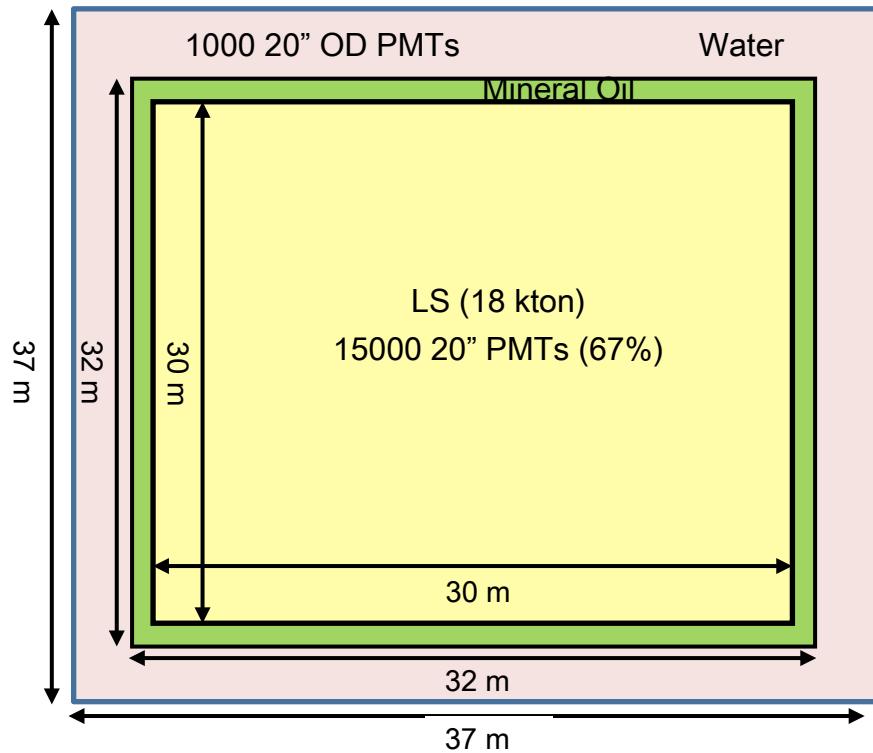
Asia (28)

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| BNU | Nanjing U | SYSU |
| CAGS | Nankai U | Tsinghua |
| CQ U | Natl. CT U | UCAS |
| CIAE | Natl. Taiwan U | USTC |
| DGUT | Natl. United U | Wuhan U |
| ECUST | NCEPU | Wuyi U |
| Guangxi U | Pekin U | Xiamen U |
| HIT | Shandong U | Xi'an JTU |
| IHEP | Shanghai JTU | |
| Jilin U | Sichuan U | |



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RENO-50



- 18 kton liquid scintillator underground detector
- 15000 20" PMTs
- R&D funding (\$ 2M in 3 years, 2015~2017) given by the Samsung Science & Technology Foundation.
- A proposal has been submitted to obtain construction funding.
- 2015:
 - Group organization
 - Detector simulation & design
 - Geological survey
- 2016 ~ 2017 :
 - Civil engineering for tunnel excavation, Underground facility ready, Structure design,
 - PMT evaluation and order, Preparation for electronics, HV, DAQ & software tools, R&D for liquid scintillator and purification
- 2018 ~ 2020 : Detector construction
- 2021 ~: Data taking & analysis

RENO-50 physics

- Determination of neutrino mass hierarchy

- 3σ sensitivity from 5 years of data

- Precise measurement of θ_{12} , Δm^2_{21} and Δm^2_{32}

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \theta_{12}}{\sin^2 \theta_{12}} < 1.0\% (1\sigma)$$

$$\frac{\delta \Delta m^2_{21}}{\Delta m^2_{21}} < 1.0\% (1\sigma)$$

$$\frac{\delta \Delta m^2_{32}}{\Delta m^2_{32}} < 1.0\% (1\sigma)$$

- Neutrino burst from a Supernova in our Galaxy

- $\sim 5,600$ events (@8 kpc)

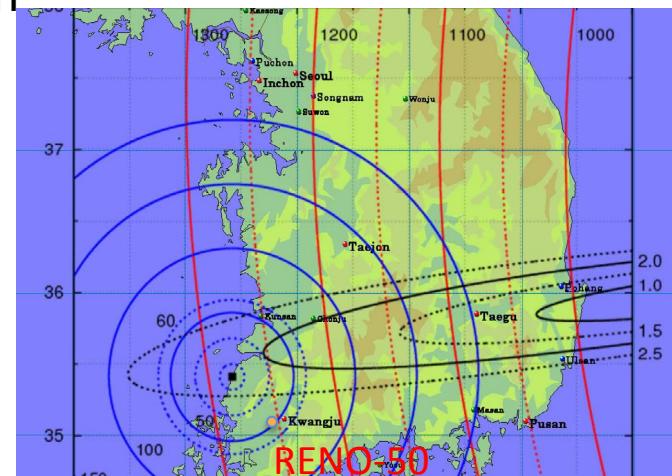
- Geo-neutrinos : $\sim 1,000$ geo-neutrinos for 5 years

- Study the heat generation mechanism inside the Earth

- Solar neutrinos : with ultra low radioactivity

- MSW effect on neutrino oscillation and solar models

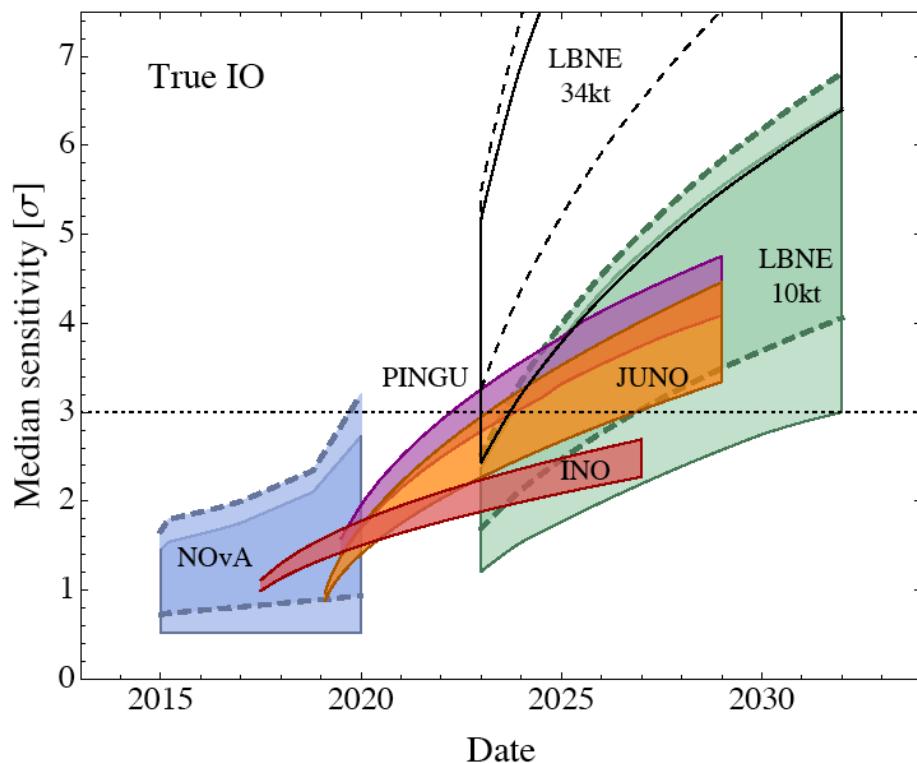
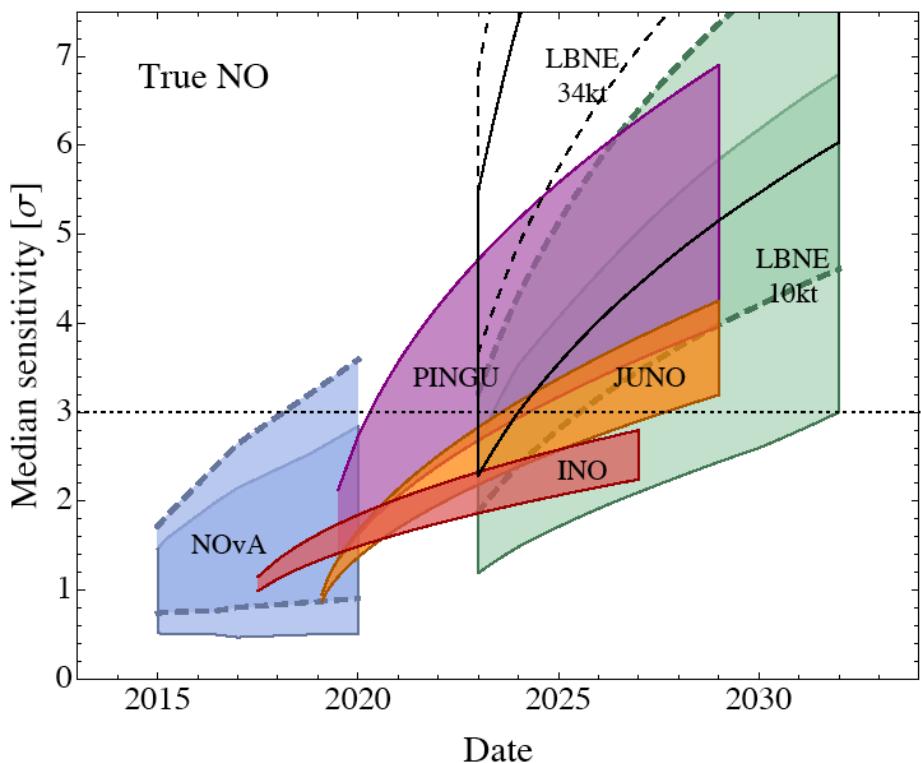
Detection of J-PARC beam (Hyper-K): ~ 200 events/year



RENO-50

Comparisons and complementarities

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- width of bands due to
 - δ_{CP} (for NOvA and LBNE)
 - $40^\circ < \theta_{23} < 50^\circ$ (for INO and PINGU)
 - $3.0\% \sqrt{1 \text{ MeV}/E} < \sigma_E < 3.5\% \sqrt{1 \text{ MeV}/E}$

- complementarities
 - reactors (low energy)
 - LS, antineutrinos
 - LBL (high energy)
 - accelerator and atm. neutrinos
 - LAr, WC, ...

Conclusions

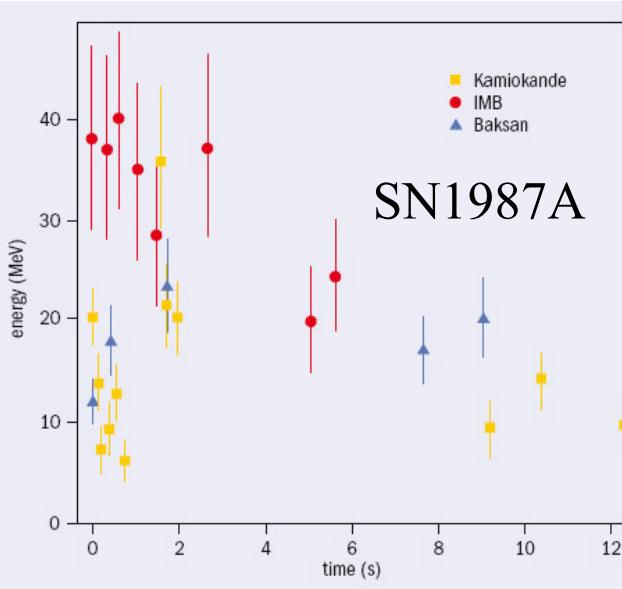
- Reactor experiments allowed the θ_{13} measurement and opened now the door to:
 - neutrino Mass Hierarchy determination
 - observation of a possible CP violation in the lepton sector using conventional neutrino beams.
- Better reactor predictions are needed
 - new very short baseline reactor experiments in preparation will probably do the job.
- New Medium baseline large volume reactor experiments will very probably solve the Mass Hierarchy problem during the next 10 years:
 - High energy resolution is needed.
 - JUNO:
 - Under construction in China
 - RENO-50:
 - In R&D phase in S. Korea.
- Accurate measurement of neutrino oscillation parameters.

Is that all?

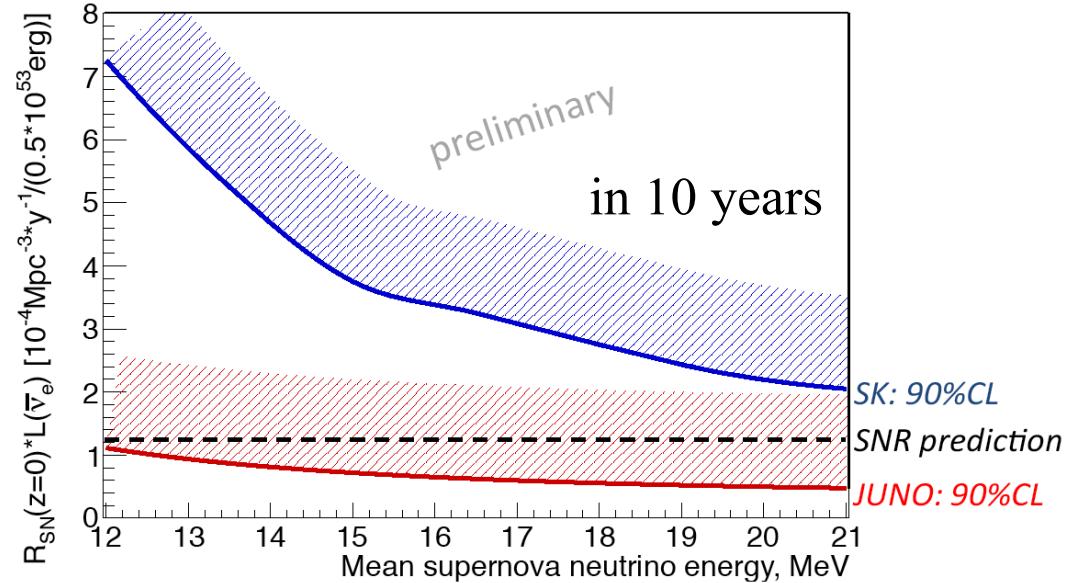
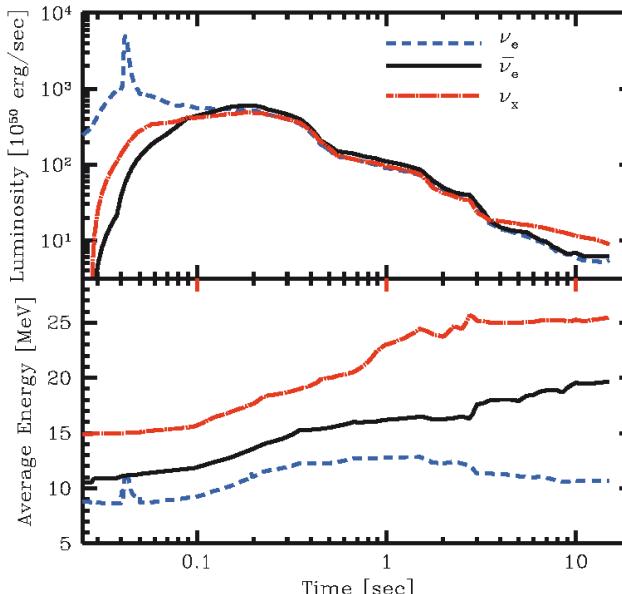


Backup

Supernovae explosions

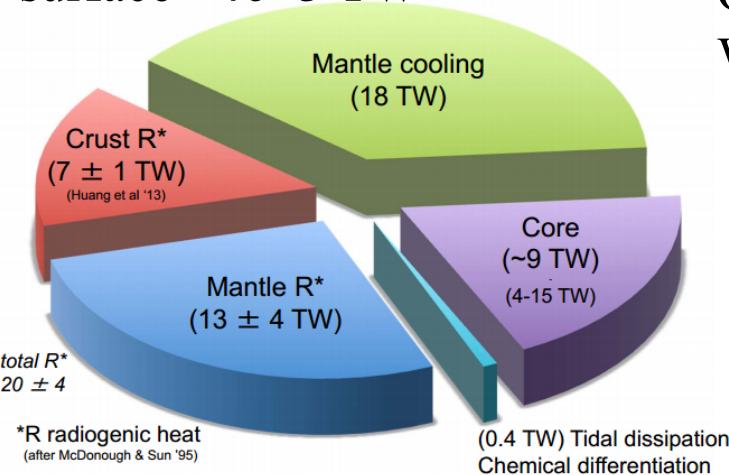


- 5000 ν will be detected by JUNO if explosion at 10 kpc (centre of our galaxy)
 - energy spectrum
 - time distribution
- better understanding of the explosion mechanisms
- detection of relic neutrinos produced by previous explosions



Detection of Geo-neutrinos

Heating at the earth surface $\sim 46 \pm 3$ TW



Radiogenic contribution at the earth surface.
Quantity of U and Th in the mantle.
What is it hidden in the centre of the earth?

| Decay | E_{\max} [MeV] | Q [MeV] | $Q - \langle E_{\nu} \rangle$ [MeV] |
|---|---------------------|------------|--|
| $^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb} + 8\alpha + 6e^- + 6\bar{\nu}_e$ | 3.25 | 51.7 | 47.6 |
| $^{232}\text{Th} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb} + 6\alpha + 4e^- + 4\bar{\nu}_e$ | 2.25 | 42.7 | 40.4 |
| $^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ca} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ (89%) | 1.311 | 1.311 | 0.59 |
| $^{40}\text{K} + e^- \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ar} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ (11%) | 0.044 | 1.505 | 1.461 |

$$N_{\text{geo}} = 116 \pm 28(10\text{y})$$

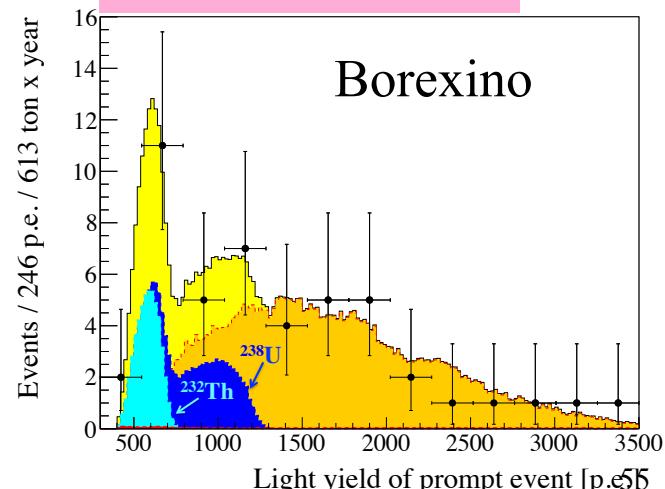
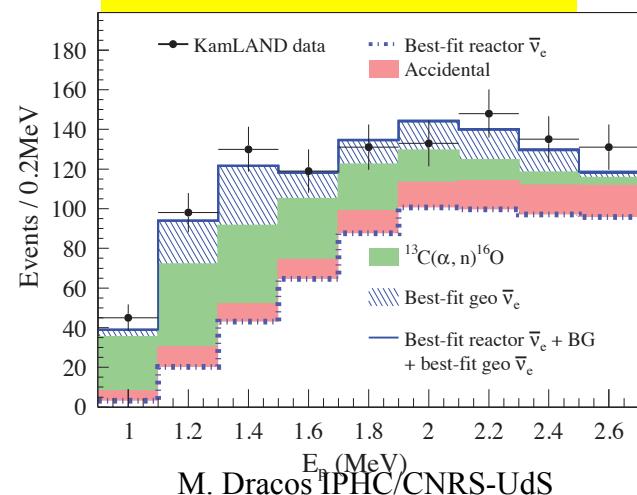
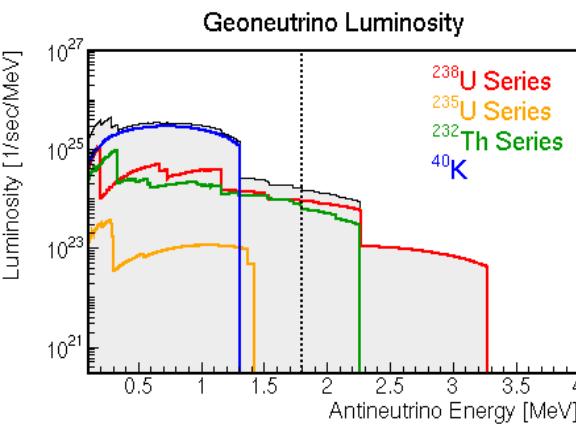
$$S_{\text{geo}} = 28 \pm 6.7 \text{ TNU}$$

$$\text{B/S} = 0.24$$

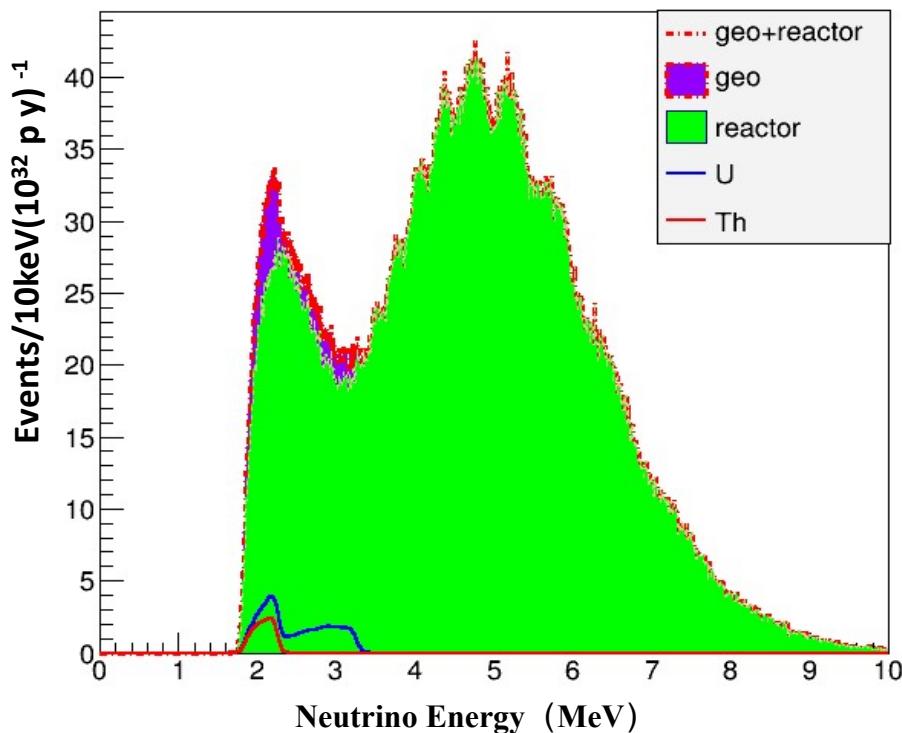
$$N_{\text{geo}} = 14.3 \pm 4.4 \text{ (5y)}$$

$$S_{\text{geo}} = 38.8 \pm 12.0 \text{ TNU}$$

$$\text{B/S} = 0.31$$



Geo-neutrinos in JUNO



1.8-3.4MeV

Reactor Neutrinos: $14 \pm 0.14/\text{day}$

Geo-neutrinos $2 \pm 0.5/\text{day}$

JUNO ~700/year
Kamland 116/10 years
Borexino 14.3/5 years

KamLAND: 30 ± 7 TNU

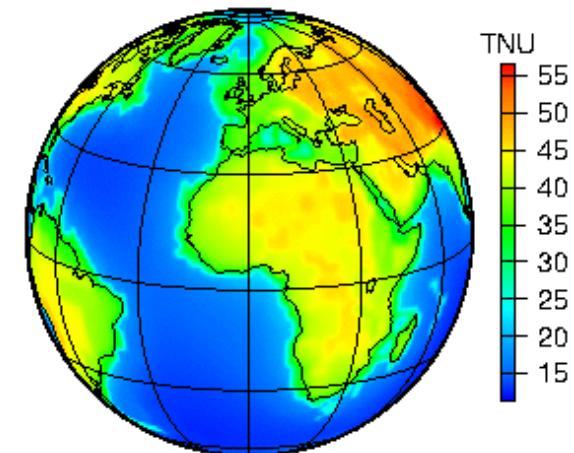
Borexino: 38.8 ± 12.0 TNU

JUNO:

reach an uncertainty of 3 TNU

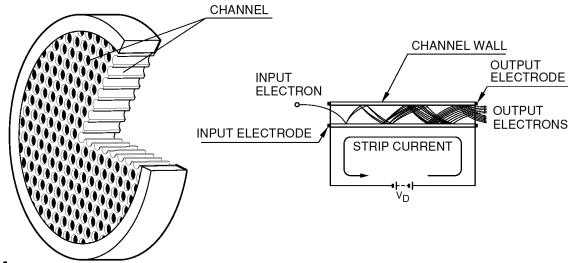
large background from reactors

Aim: $37 \pm 10\% \text{ (stat.)} \pm 10\% \text{ (syst.)}$

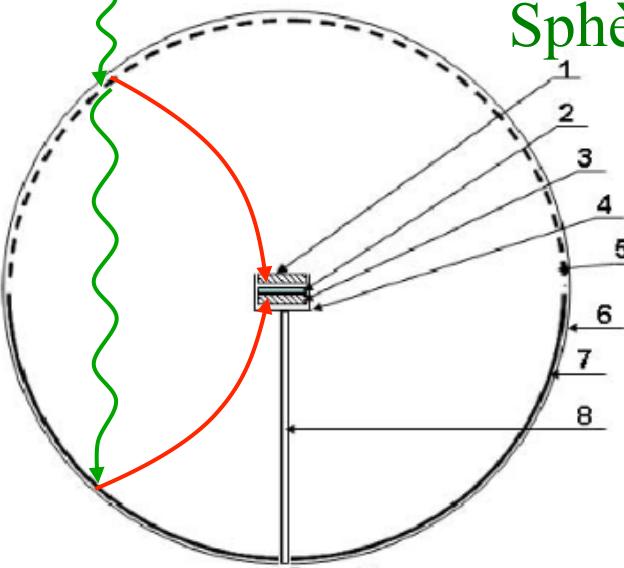
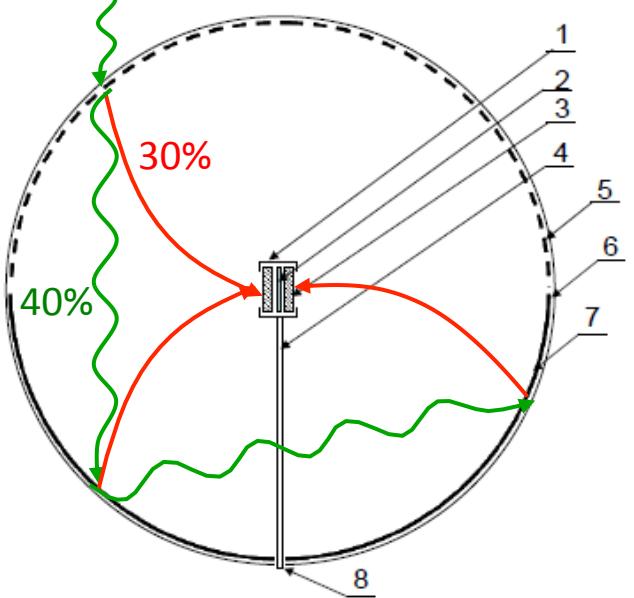


(TNU ~ number of detected $\nu/\text{year}/\text{kt LS (IBD, } 10^{32} \text{ p)}$)

Photodetectors

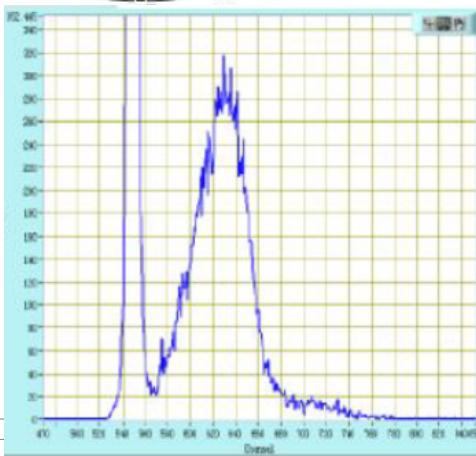


Nouveau type de PMT: MCP (remplacement des dynodes)



MicroChannel Plates
Sphère entièrement active

- 1. Insulated trestle table
- 2. Anode
- 3. MCP dodule
- 4. Bracket of the cables
- 5. Transmission Photocathode
- 6. Glass shell
- 7. Reflection Photocathode
- 8. Glass joint



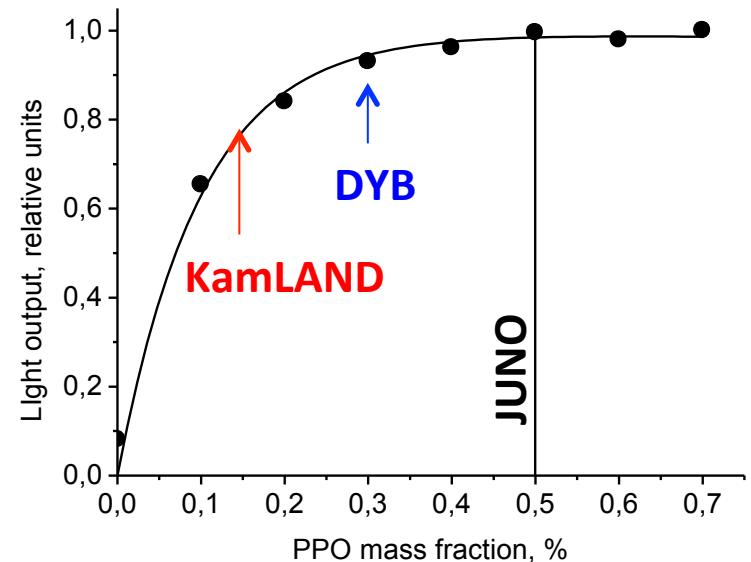
Efficacité quantique: 30%

Transmission du verre: 40%

Efficacité de collection: 70%

Liquid scintillator

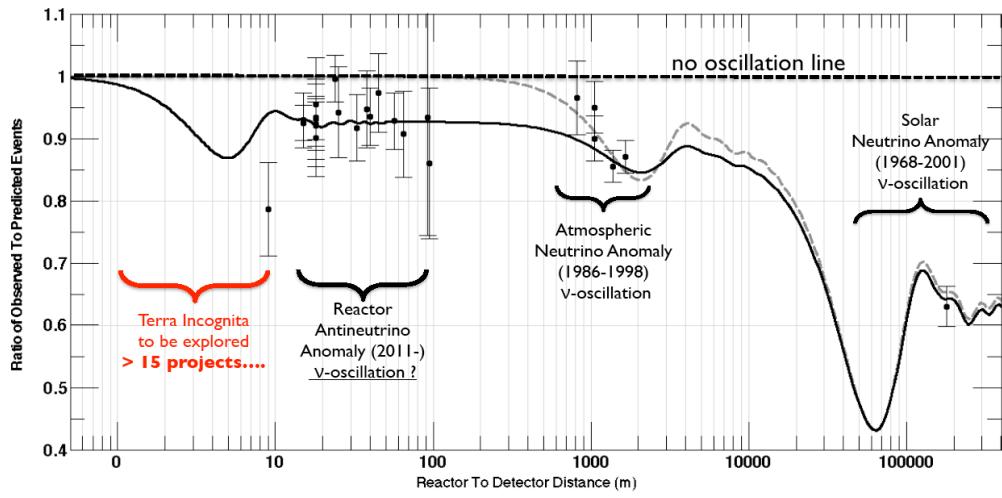
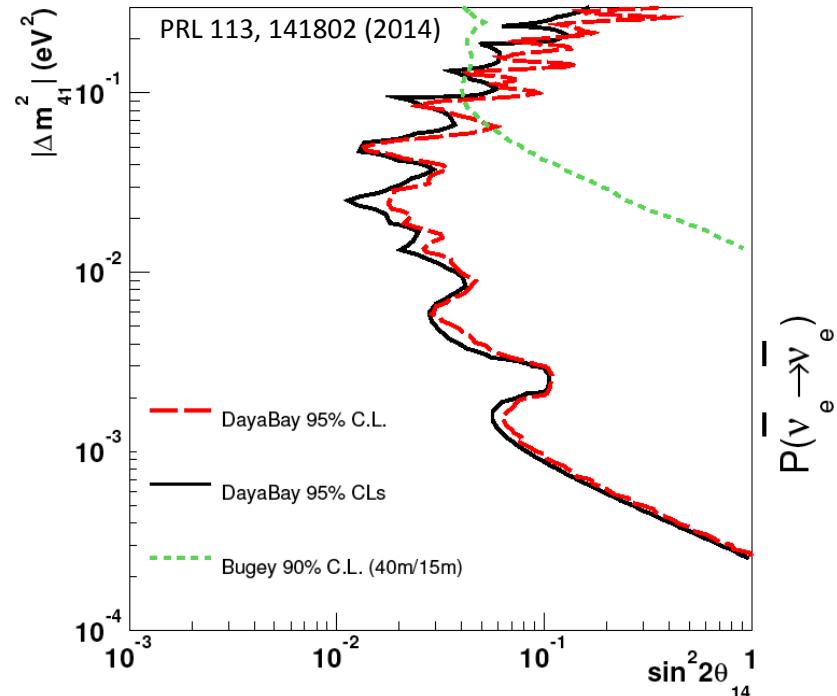
- **Baseline:**
LAB+PPO+bisMSB (without Gd)
- **Improvement of the light yield**
 - Optimisation of the fluor concentration
- **Improvement of the transmission**
 - Solvent: LAB
 - improvement of the production process
 - Handling/purification
 - distillation, filtration, water extraction, N₂ separation, ...
- **Radioactivity reduction**
 - less critical due to Gd absence
 - Singles<3Hz (>0.7MeV), if ⁴⁰K/U/Th <10⁻¹⁵ g/g (preliminary)



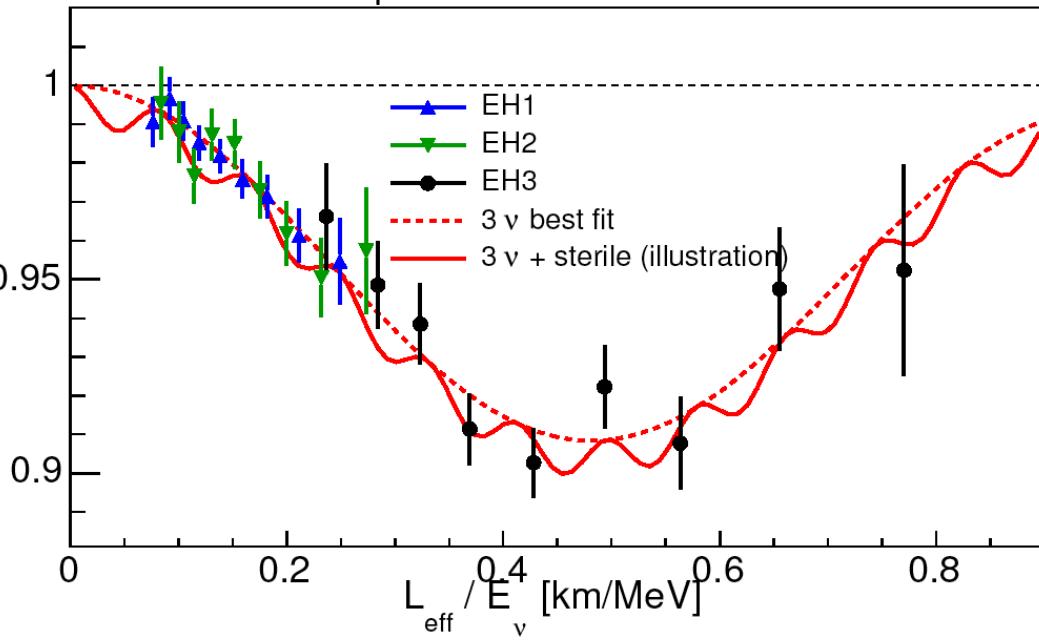
| Linear Alky Benzene (LAB) | Atte. Length @ 430 nm |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| RAW | 14.2 m |
| Vacuum distillation | 19.5 m |
| SiO ₂ column | 18.6 m |
| Al ₂ O ₃ column | 22.3 m |
| LAB from Nanjing, Raw | 20 m |
| Al ₂ O ₃ column | 25 m |

Sterile neutrinos in Daya Bay

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \approx 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{14} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{ee}^2 L}{4E} - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$

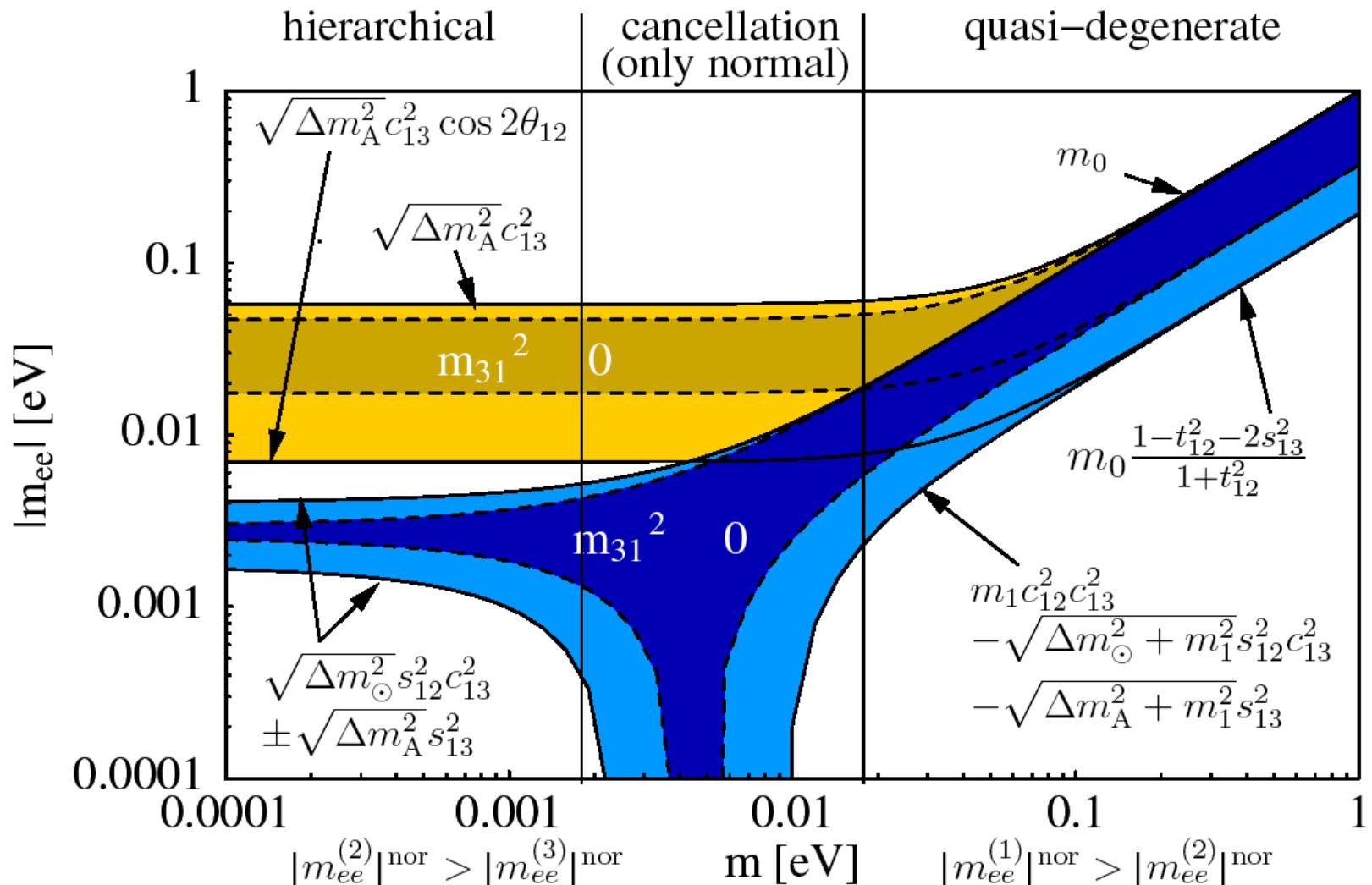


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Double beta decay

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