



## **Neutrino Oscillation (and Mass) Experiments**

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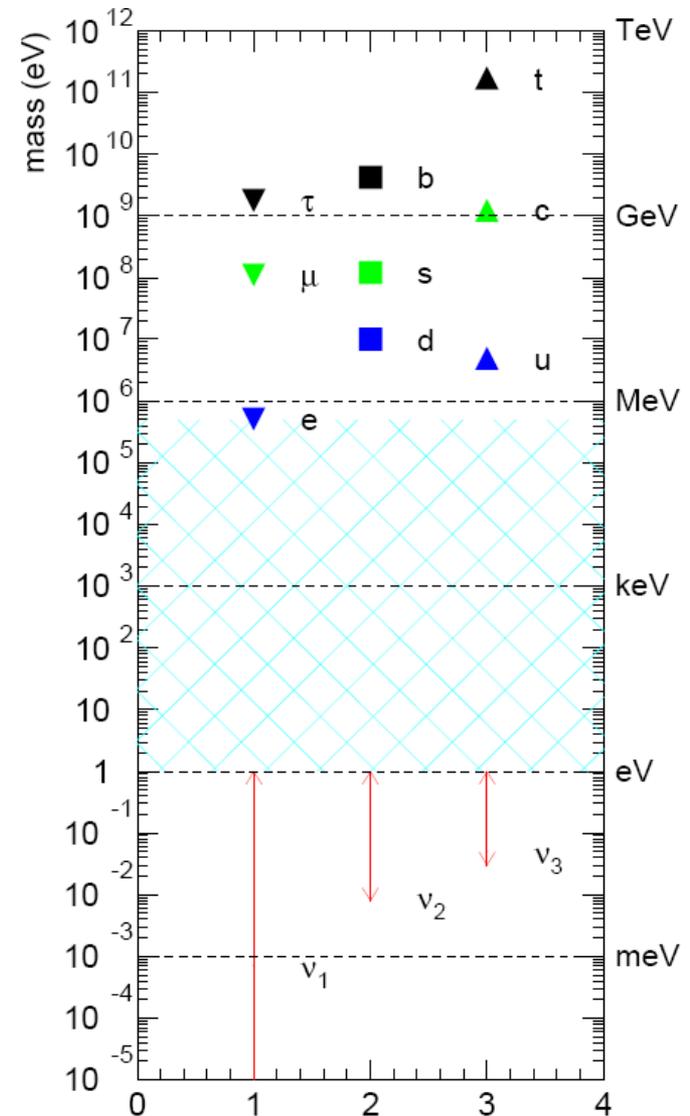
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# Neutrinos in the Standard Model

- Neutrinos are the only fundamental fermions with no electric charge
- Neutrinos are left-handed (Antineutrinos are right-handed) since only (V-A) interactions
- Neutrinos are massless
- Lepton number is conserved  $\Rightarrow$  No neutrino flavor mixing

**We now know:**

- 1. Neutrinos have tiny masses**
- 2. The neutrino flavor mix**



# Current Major Neutrino Questions

- What are their masses?
  - Neutrinos have extremely tiny masses. Why?
  - But important contributors to how the universe works.
- Are there more than three types of neutrinos (electron, muon, and tau neutrino)?
  - Could there be new “sterile” type neutrino partners?
  - Are these “sterile” neutrinos the reason that neutrinos are different?
- Neutrinos can change from one type to another
  - What is the pattern (and explanation) of these mixings?
  - Could this hold the key to the “matter-antimatter” asymmetry in the universe?
- Are neutrinos a new type of matter particle where the particle and antiparticle are the same? (Are neutrinos Majorana fermions?)

# Absolute Mass Scale Determinations

Tritium  $\beta$   
decay

$$m_{\nu_e} = \left( \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$[c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1^2 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2^2 + s_{13}^2 m_3^2]^{1/2}$$

Neutrinoless  
double beta  
decay

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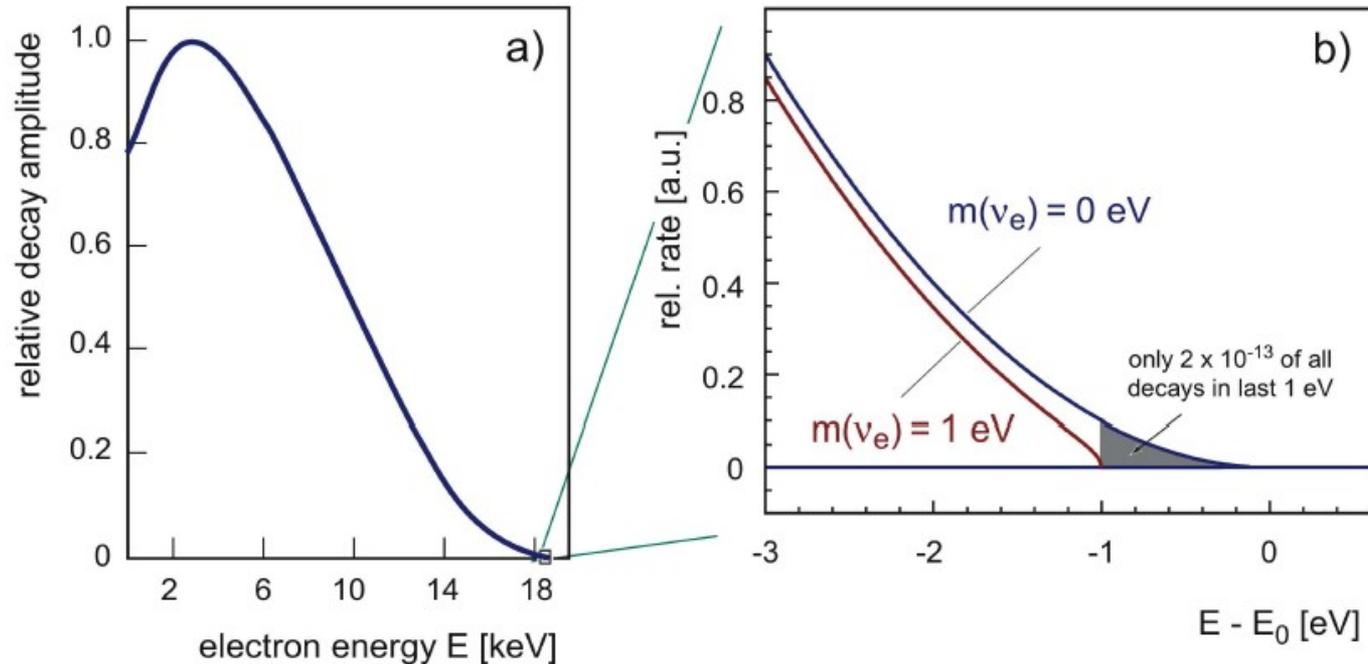
$$|c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3}|$$

Cosmology

$$\sim \sum_i m_i$$

# $\nu_e$ Mass Measurements (Tritium $\beta$ -decay Searches)

- Search for a distortion in the shape of the  $\beta$ -decay spectrum in the end-point region.

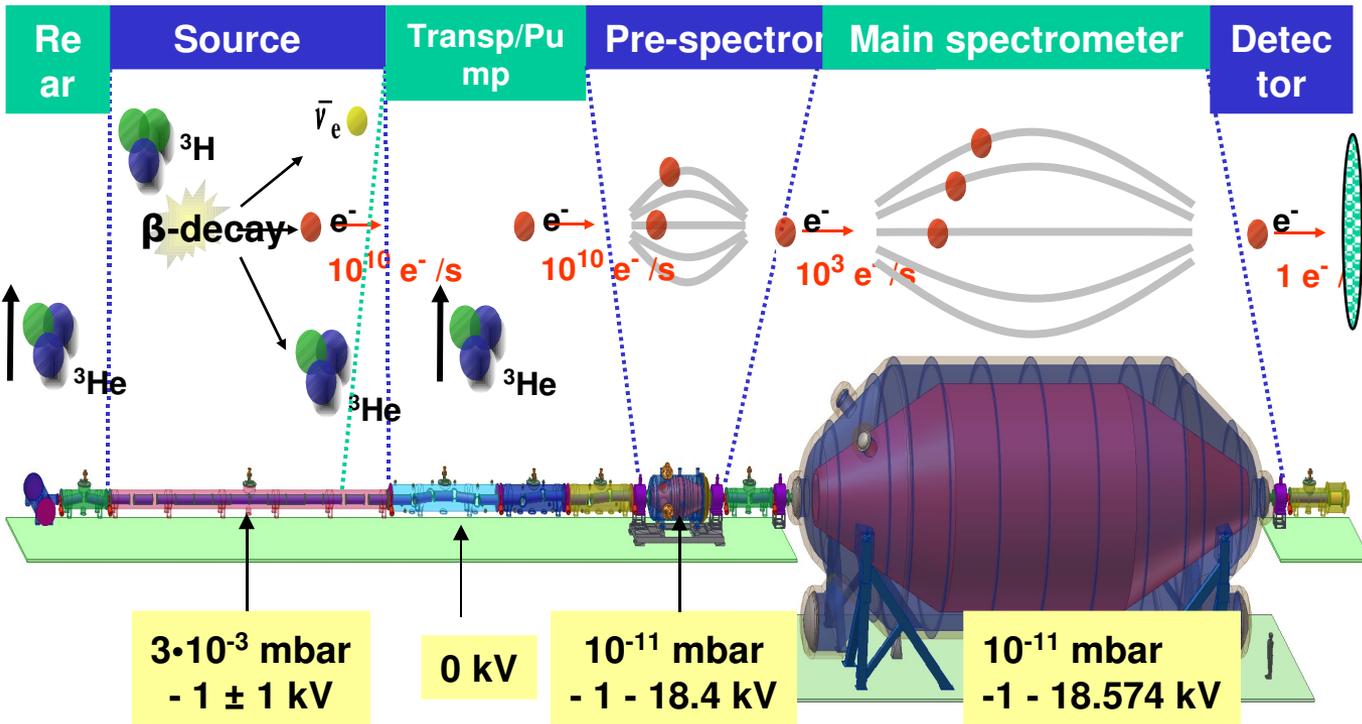


Current limit:  $m_\nu < 2.2$  eV @ 95% CL (Mainz group 2000)

# Next Generation KATRIN Experiment



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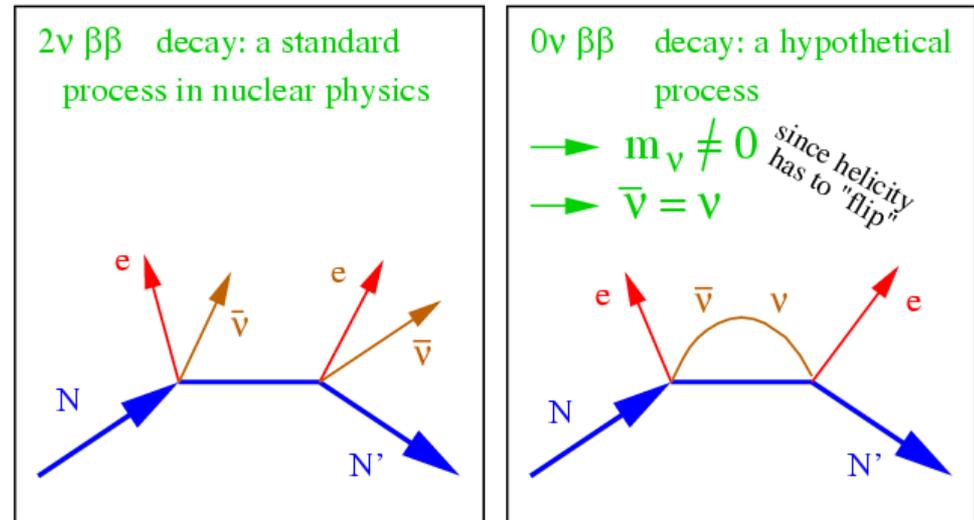


discovery potential:  
 $m_\nu = 0.35 \text{ eV} (5\sigma)$   
 $m_\nu = 0.3 \text{ eV} (3\sigma)$

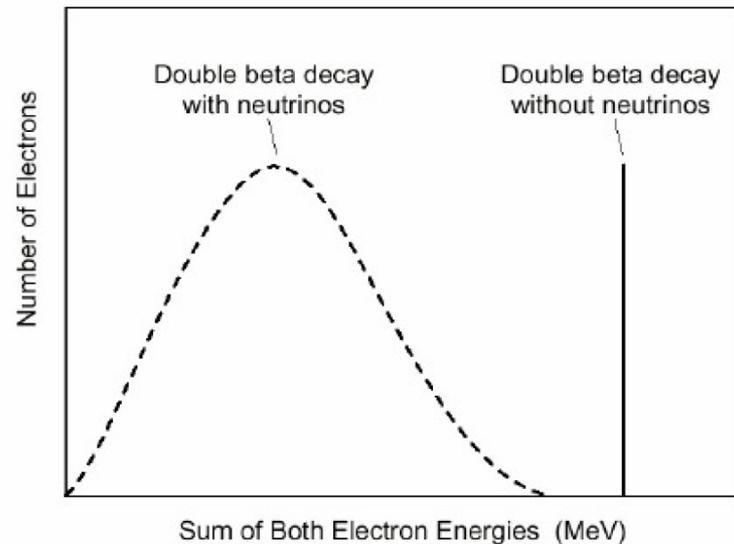
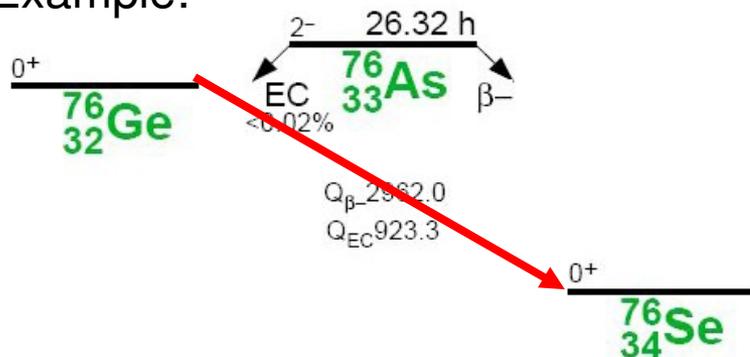
sensitivity:  
 $m_\nu < 0.2 \text{ eV} (90\% \text{ CL})$

# Double Beta Decay

- Some nuclei are stable against single beta decay and so only decay with double beta decay
- $2\nu\beta\beta$  can always occur for these nuclei  
 $\Rightarrow$  but if the neutrino is Majorana, the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  can also occur

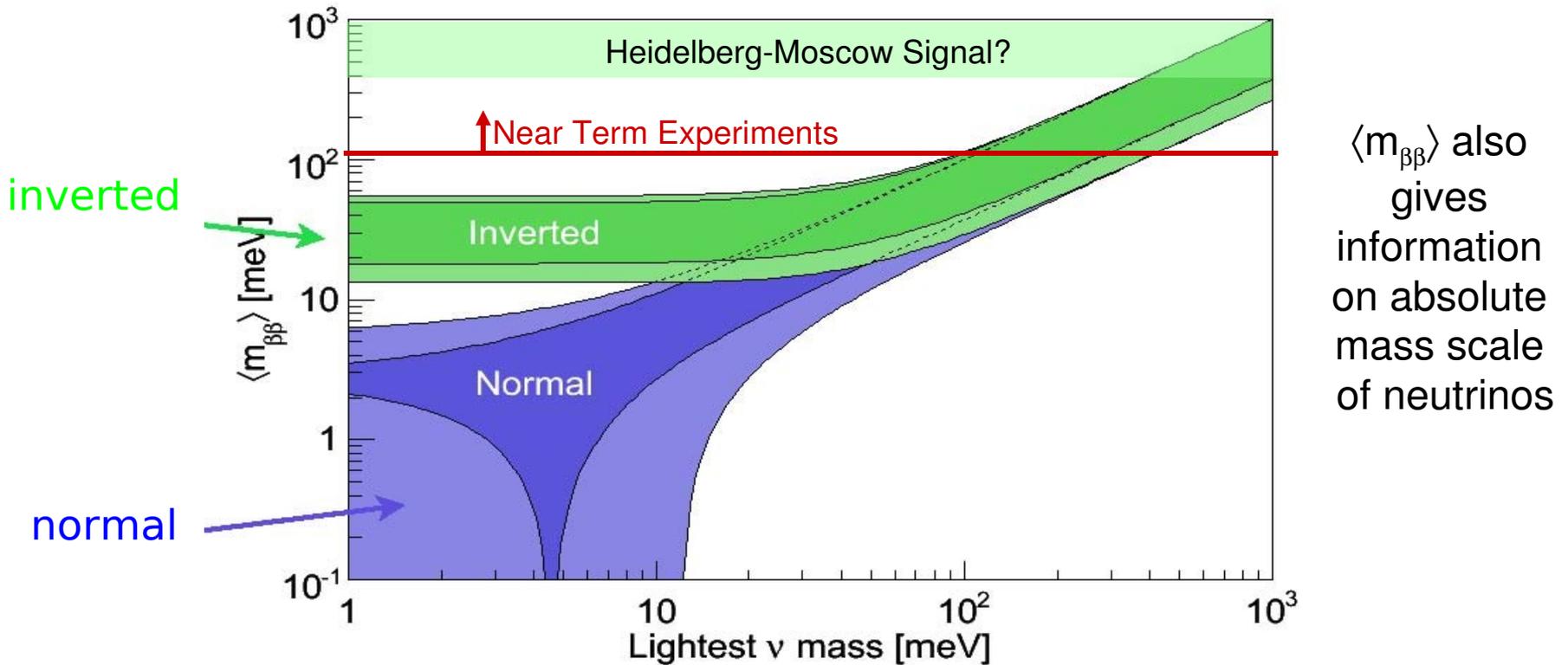


Example:



# Double Beta Decay Measurement Interpretations

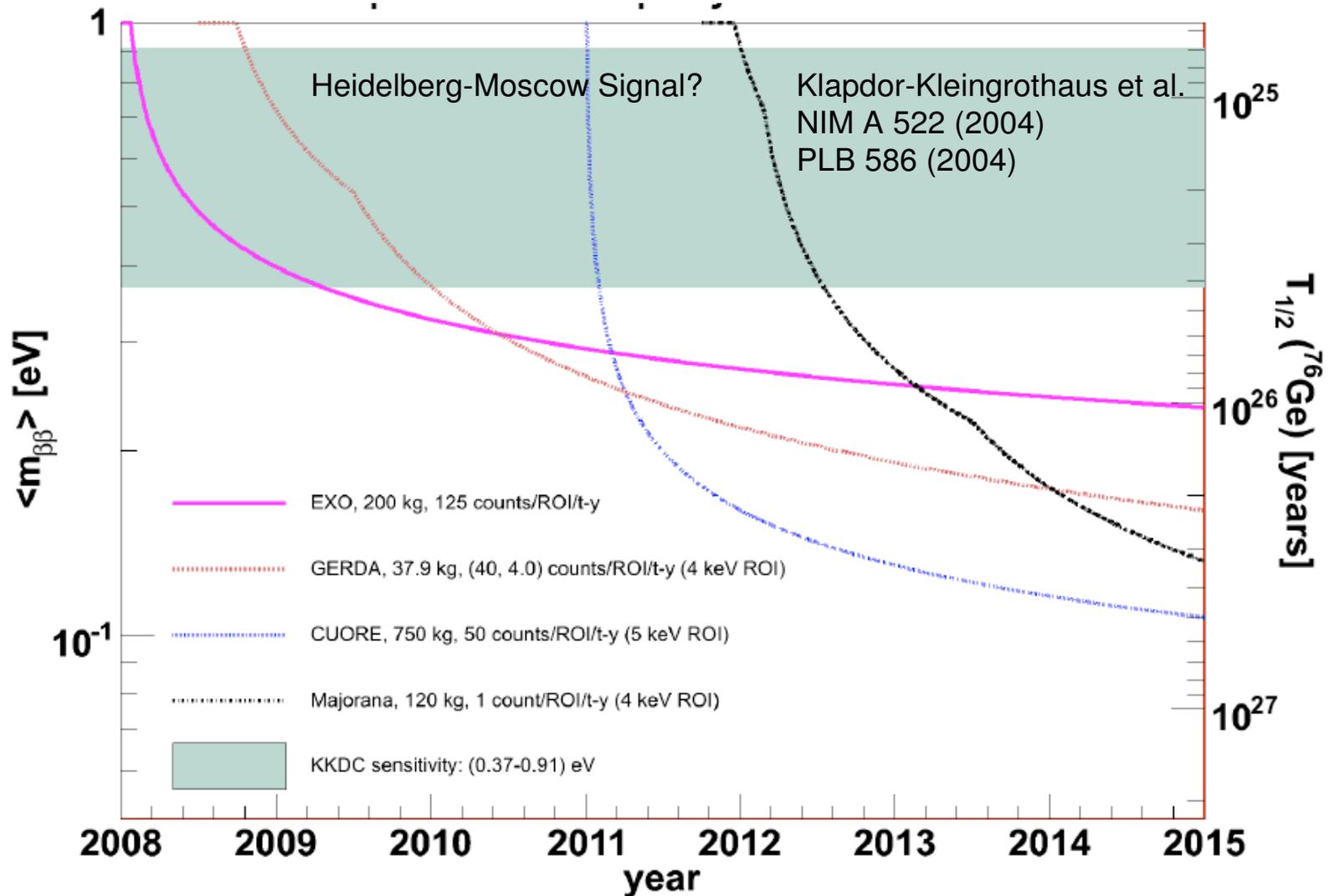
$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\alpha_i} m_i \right|$$



$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$  also gives information on absolute mass scale of neutrinos

- If detect  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay  $\Rightarrow$  Neutrinos are Majoranna particles
- If know inverted hierarchy and do not detect  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay with sensitivity of  $> 10$  meV (0.01 eV)  $\Rightarrow$  Neutrinos are not Majoranna particles
- If normal hierarchy and do not detect  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay  $\Rightarrow$  Cannot determine if neutrinos are Majoranna or not

# Projected Sensitivity of Various 2- $\beta$ Experiments

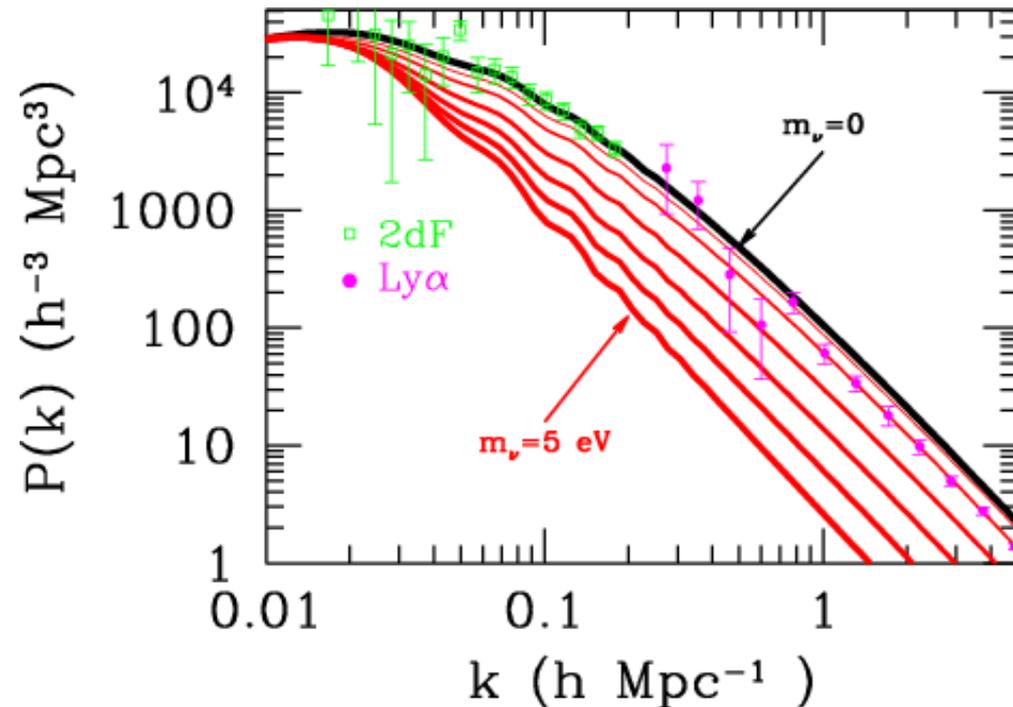
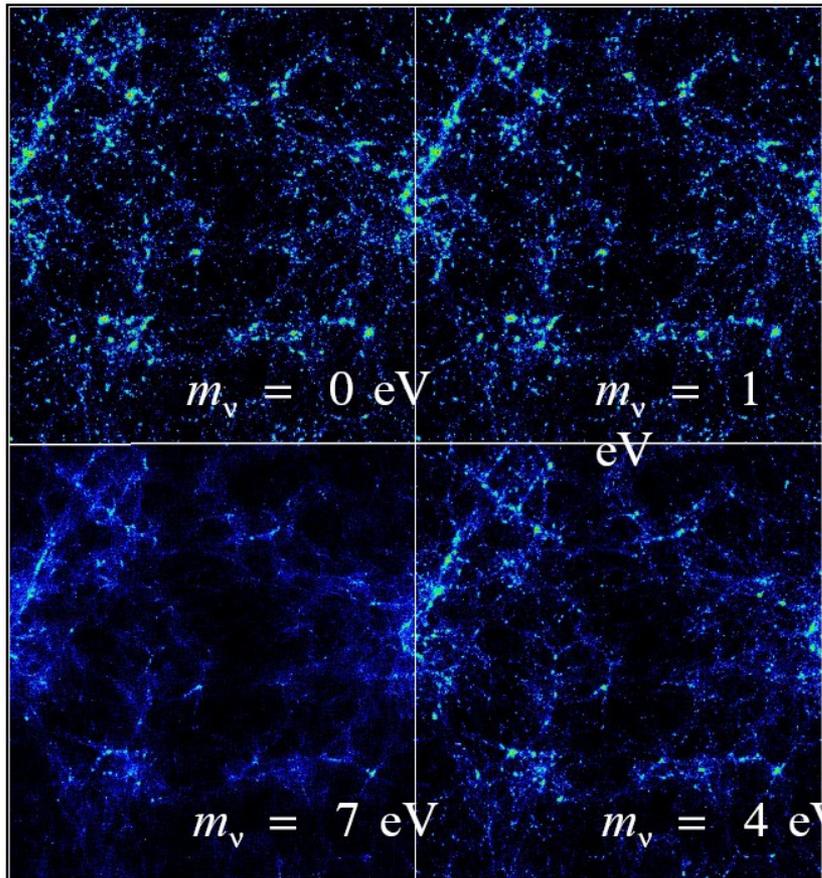


*These projected timescales are a few years old*

# Cosmological Neutrino Mass Limits

- Density fluctuations are affected by neutrino mass in the early universe
  - Highly model dependent
    - *What data is used*
    - *Cosmological model and set of parameters*
    - *Assumed properties of the big bang neutrinos*

Limits sum of neutrino masses:  $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.7 \text{ eV}$



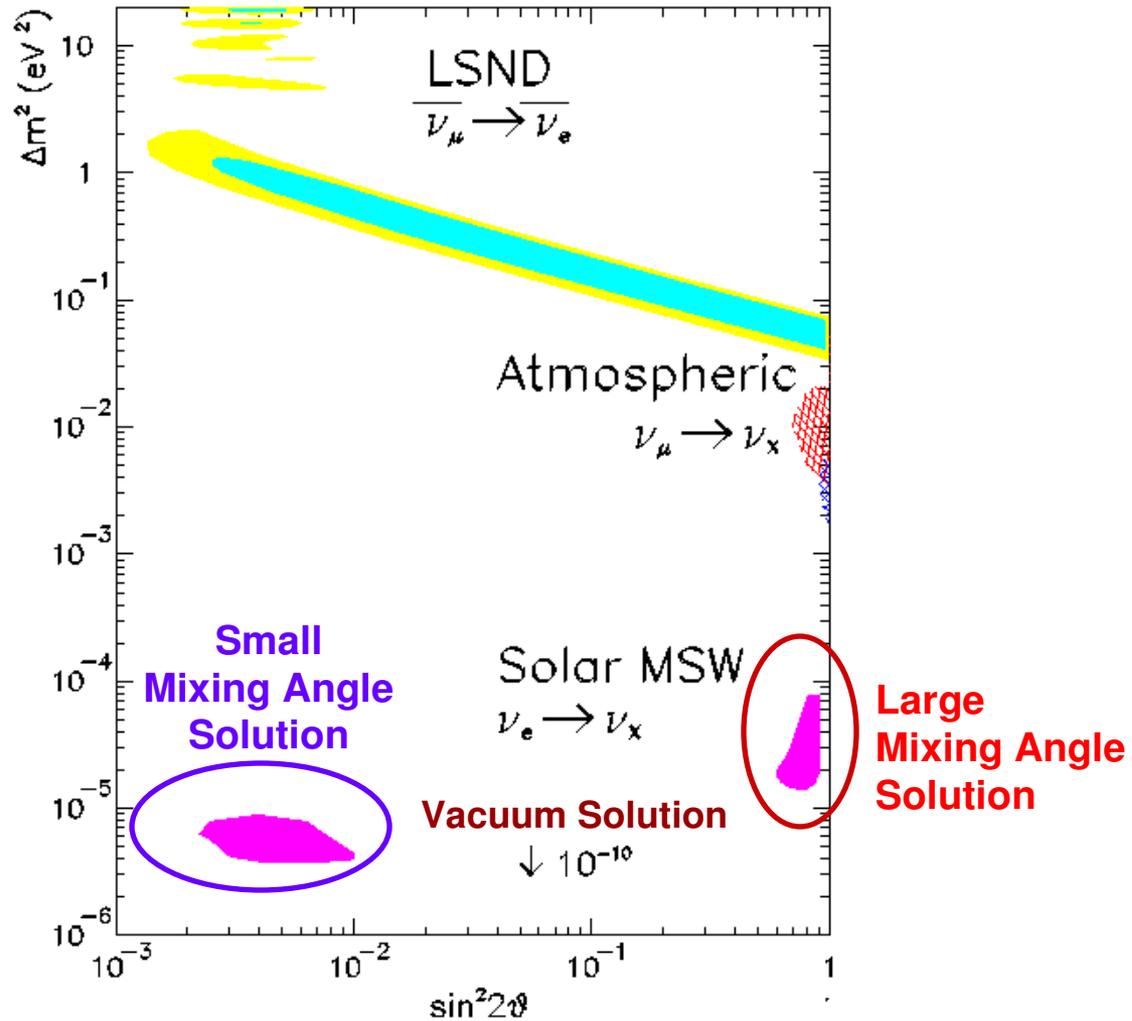
# Neutrino Oscillations

The observation of neutrino oscillations where one type of neutrino can change (oscillate) into another type implies:

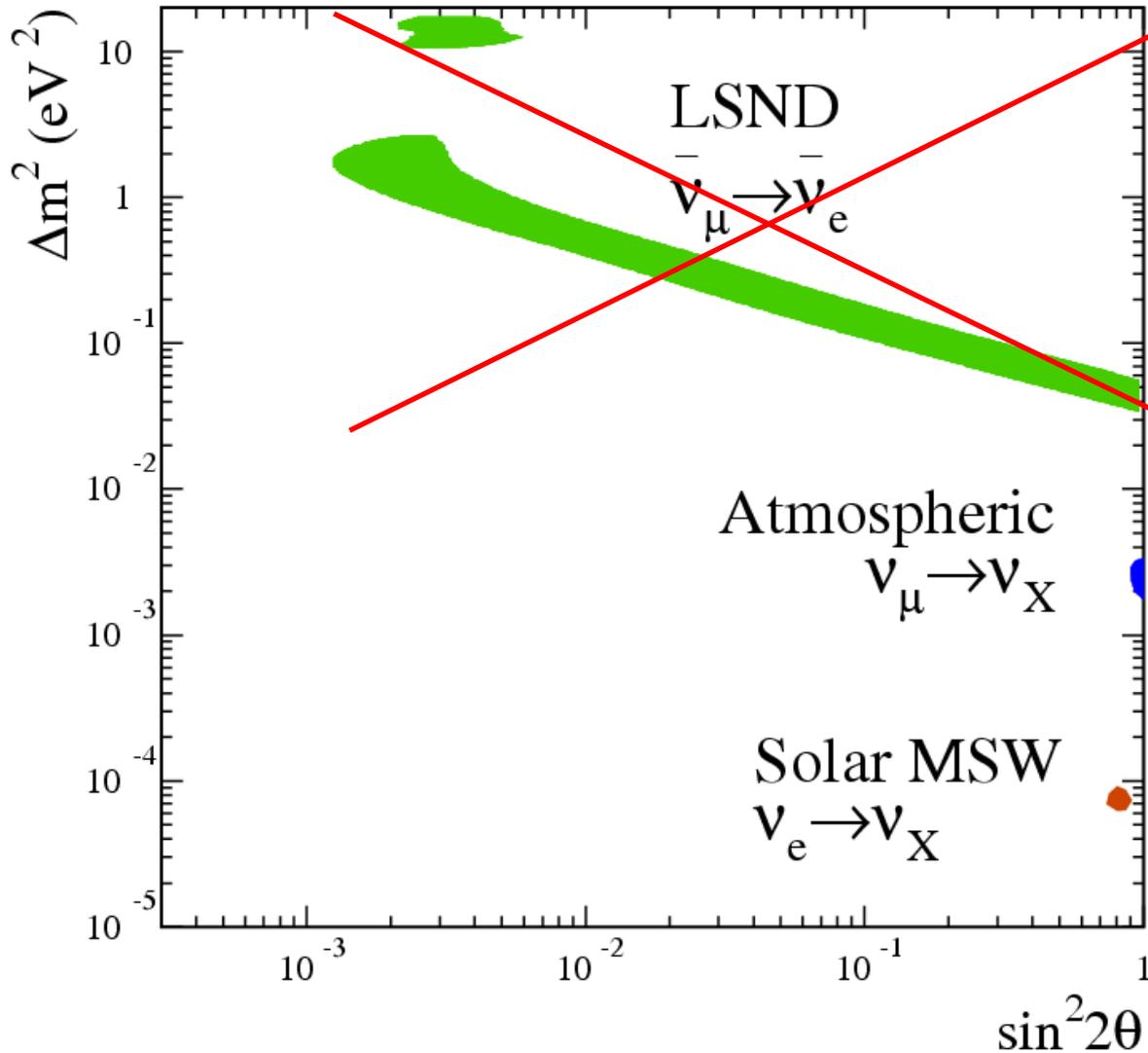
- **Neutrinos have mass**
- and
- **Lepton number (electron, muon, tau) is not conserved**  
( $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ ,  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ )
- The phenomena comes about because the mass and flavor states are different as parameterized by a mixing matrix

- Two types of oscillation searches:  $P_{osc} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E)$ 
  - *Appearance Experiment:*  
Look for appearance of  $\nu_e$  or  $\nu_\tau$  in a pure  $\nu_\mu$  beam vs. L and E
    - **Need to know the backgrounds**
  - *Disappearance Experiment:*  
Look for a change in  $\nu_{e/\mu}$  flux as a function of L and E
    - **Need to know the flux/and cross sections**

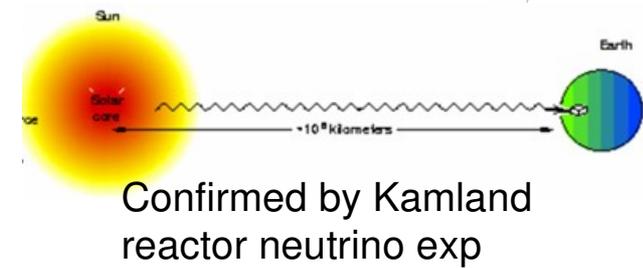
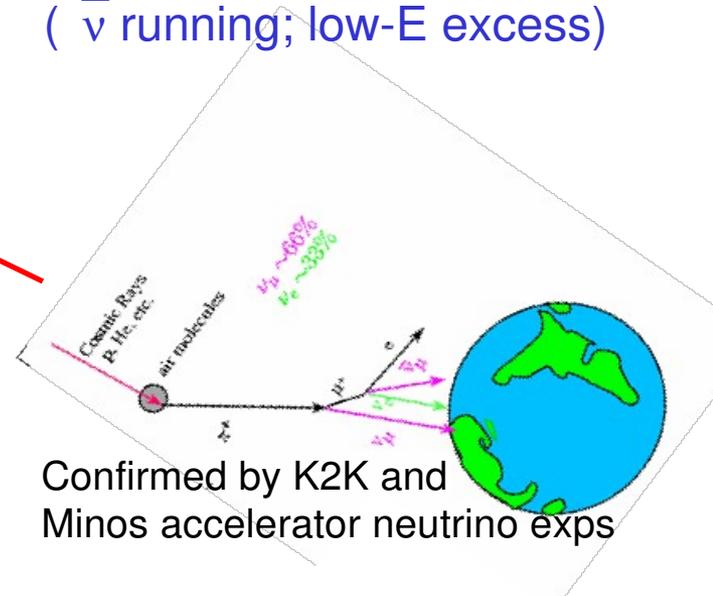
# Three Signal Regions (Mid 1990's)



# Current Oscillation Summary



Ruled out by  
MiniBooNE (almost)  
( $\bar{\nu}$  running; low-E excess)



## Oscillations Parameterized by 3x3 Unitary Mixing Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3}e^{i\delta} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Flavor} \\ \text{Eigenstate} \end{pmatrix} = (\text{Mixing Matrix}) \begin{pmatrix} \text{Mass} \\ \text{Eigenstate} \end{pmatrix}$$

Three mass splittings:  $\Delta m_{12}^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2$  ,  $\Delta m_{23}^2 = m_2^2 - m_3^2$  ,  $\Delta m_{31}^2 = m_3^2 - m_1^2$

But only two are independent since only three masses

If  $\delta \neq 0$ , then have CP violation  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

Current Measurements:  $\Delta m_{12}^2 = 8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$  (solar) ,  $\Delta m_{13}^2$  (atmospheric)  $\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

3-mixing  
angles

Solar:  $\theta_{12} \sim 33^\circ$

Little mixing angle,  $\theta_{13}$   
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.14$  at 90% CL  
(or  $\theta_{13} < 11^\circ$ ) and  $\delta = ??$

Atmospheric:  $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$

## CP Violation in Neutrino Oscillations

- Disappearance measurements cannot see CP violation effect

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)$$

- Very, very hard to see CP violation effects in exclusive (appearance) measurements.
  - Only can see CP violation effects if an experiment is sensitive to oscillations involving all three types of neutrinos.

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 4 \operatorname{Im}(U_{\mu 1} U_{e 1}^* U_{\mu 3}^* U_{e 3}) (s_{12} + s_{23} + s_{31})$$

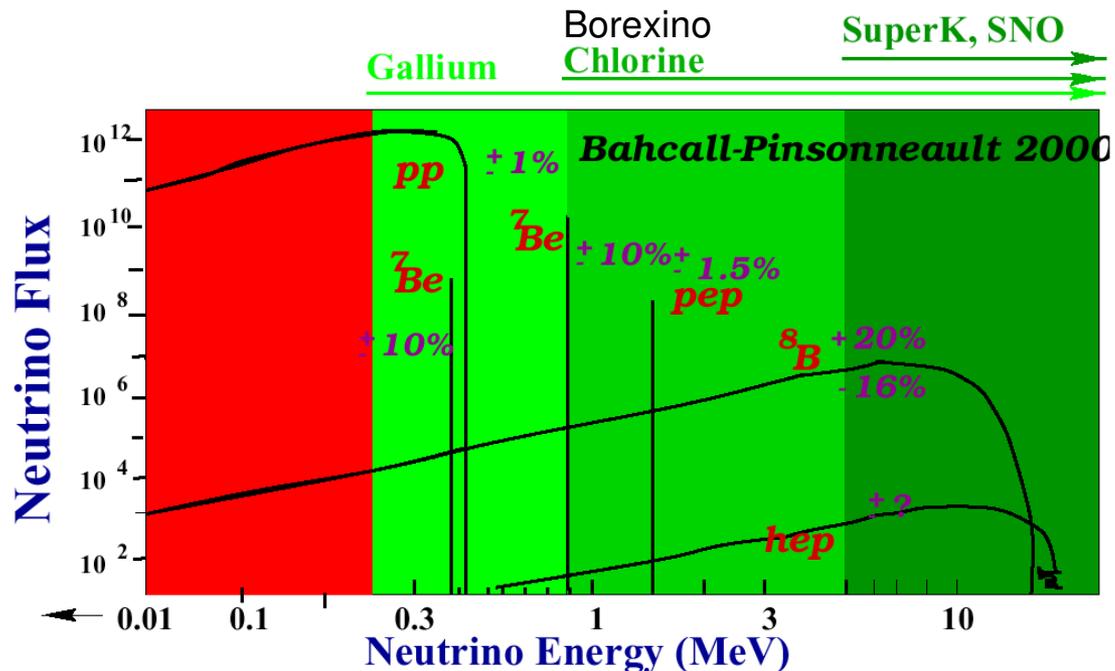
$$\text{where } s_{ij} = \sin(\delta m_{ij}^2 L/2E) \text{ and } \delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

⇒ **To see CP violation must be sensitive to all three neutrino oscillations**

**i.e. the hardest is usually the lowest (solar neutrino)**

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

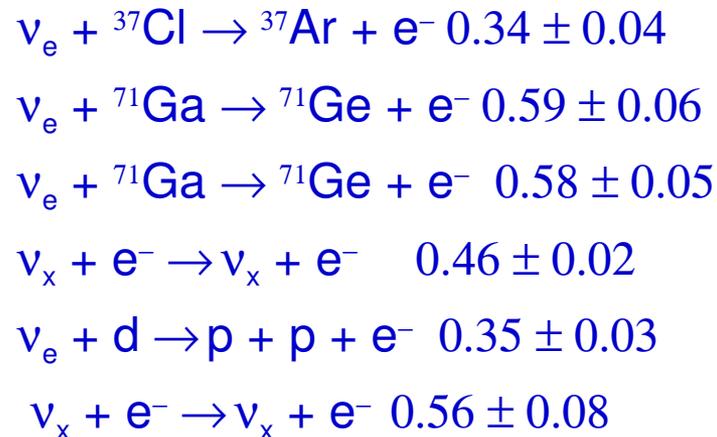
# Solar Neutrino Experiments – Phenomenology Well Understood



## Rate measurement

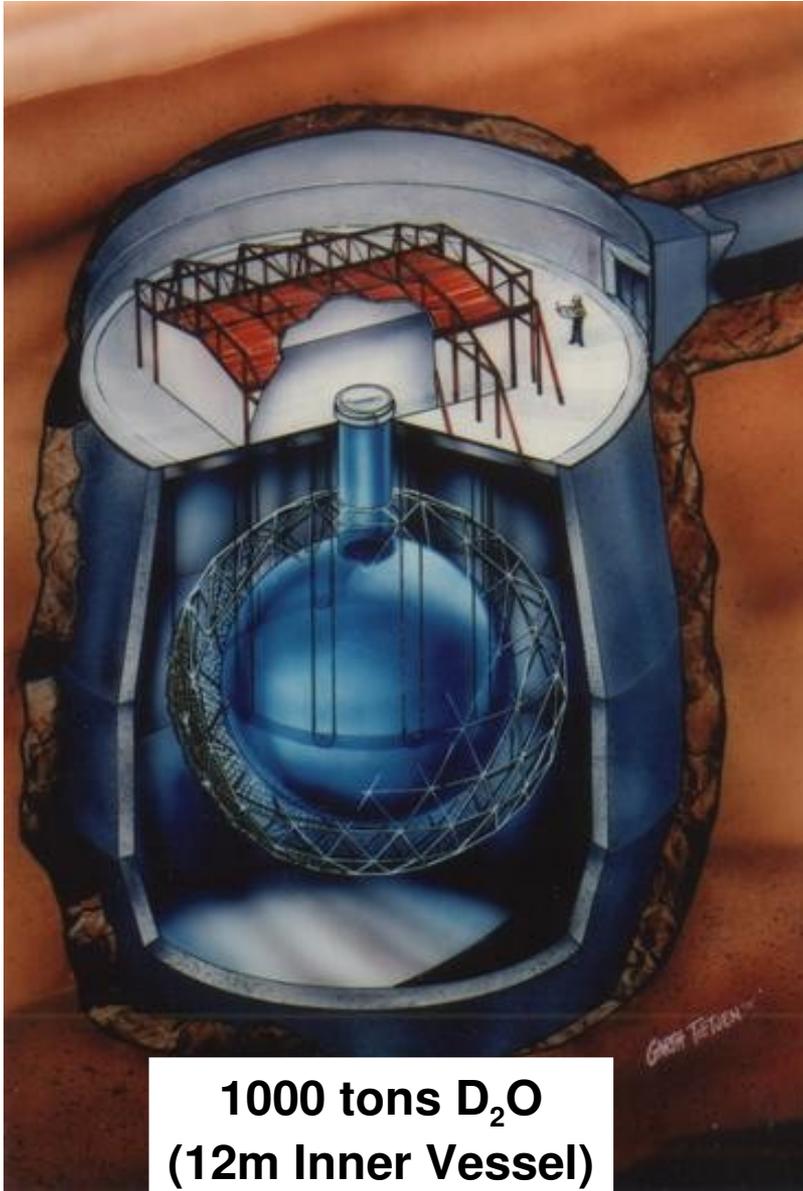
- Homestake (US)
- SAGE (Russia)
- Gallex+GNO (Italy)
- Super-K (Japan) H<sub>2</sub>O
- SNO (Canada) D<sub>2</sub>O
- BOREXINO

## Reaction



## Obs / Theory

# Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)



**1000 tons D<sub>2</sub>O  
(12m Inner Vessel)**



- Advantages of Heavy vs Light Water
  - $\nu_x + d \rightarrow \nu_x + n + p$  (D<sub>2</sub>O)
  - $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$  (D<sub>2</sub>O)
  - $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$  (H<sub>2</sub>O or D<sub>2</sub>O)
  - Cross section  $\propto (E_{cm})^2 = s$ 
    - $s = 2 m_{target} E_\nu$
    - $\Rightarrow s_N/s_{e^-} = M_p/M_e \approx 2000$
  - But x5 more electrons in H<sub>2</sub>O than n's

**SNO (1kton) 8.1 CC events/day**  
**SuperK (22ktons) 25 events/day**

# Neutrino Reactions in SNO



- pure  $\nu_e$  measurement

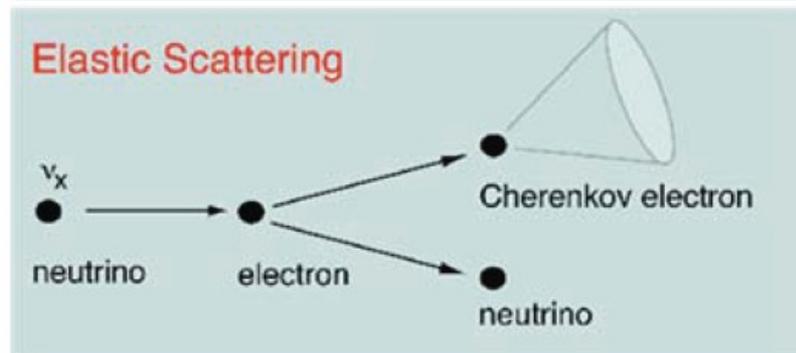
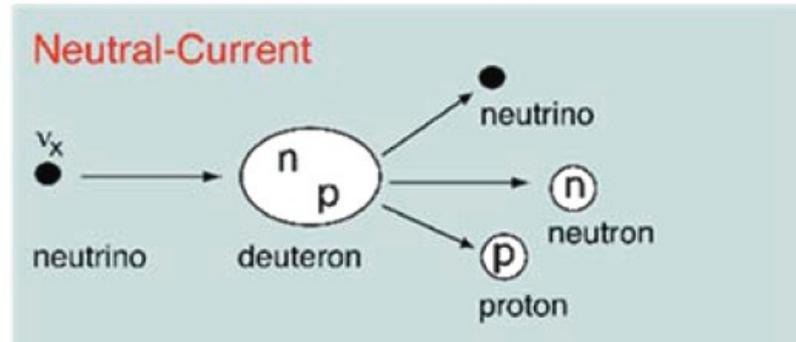
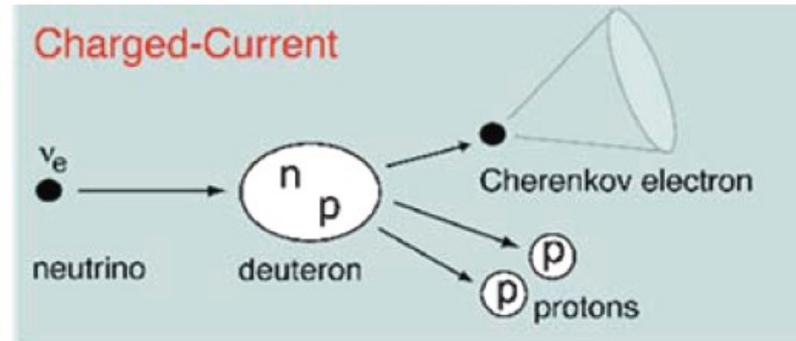


- measures total  $^8\text{B}$   $\nu$  flux from the Sun  
- equal cross section for all active  $\nu$  flavors



Three Phases for neutron capture:

- On Deuterium
- On Salt
- Using  $^3\text{He}$  Counters



# SNO Physics

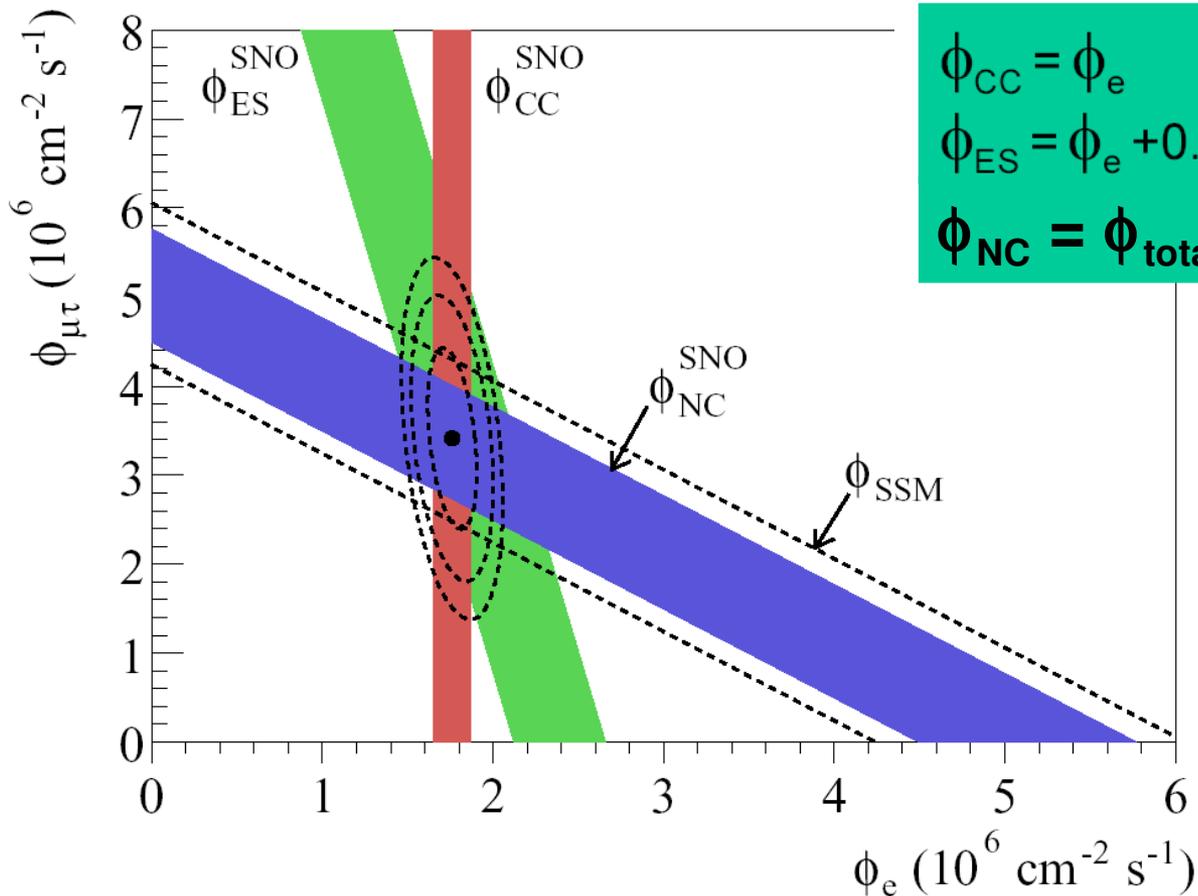
- First measurement of the total flux of  $^8\text{Be}$  neutrinos:

$$\phi_{\text{total}}(^8\text{Be}) = 5.21 \pm 0.47 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

⇒ **Solar Oscillations  
not totally to sterile  
neutrinos**

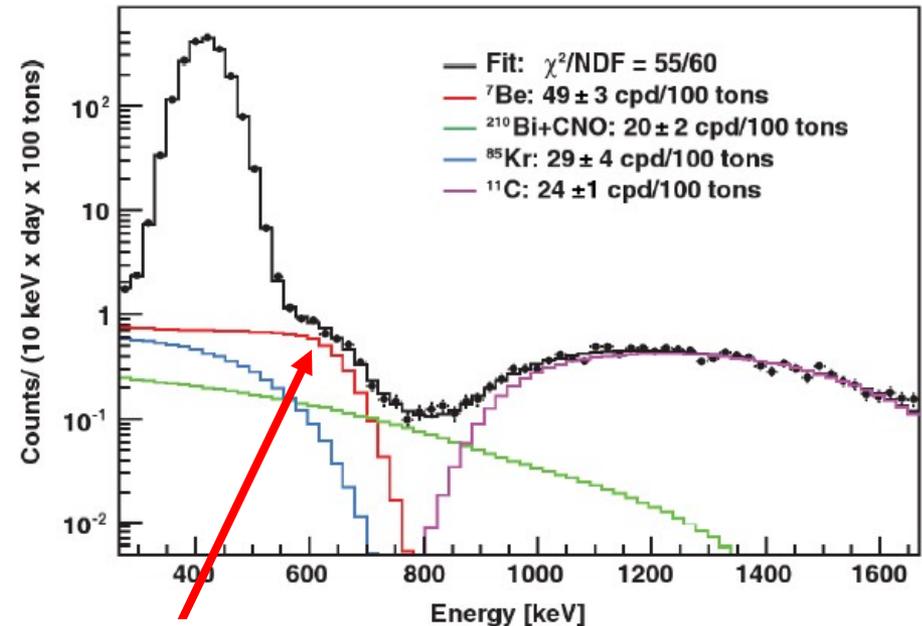
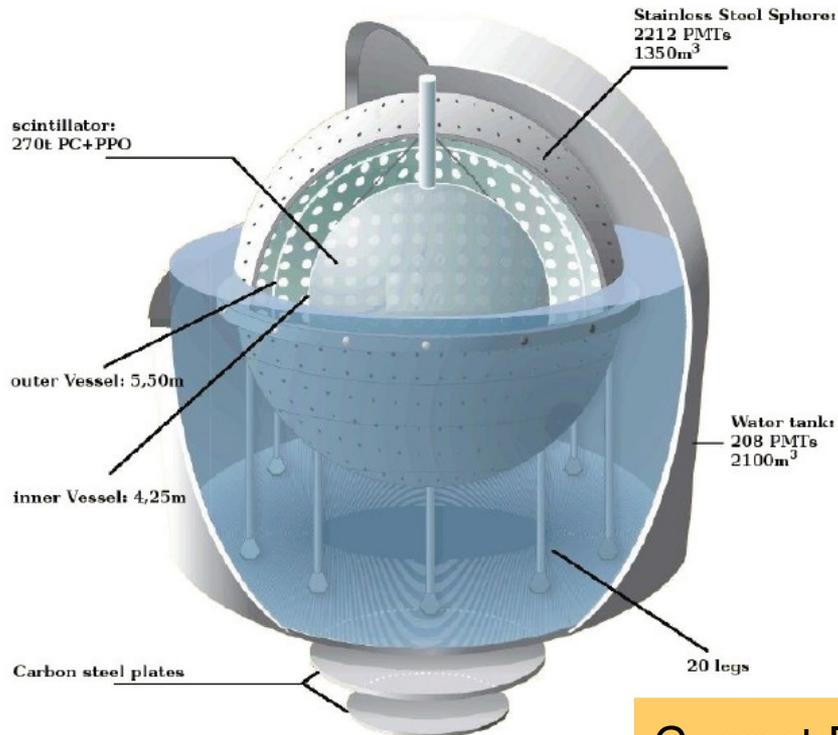
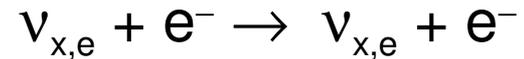
- Agrees well with solar models:

$$\phi_{\text{total}}(^8\text{Be}) = 5.05 \pm 1.00 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$



# Borexino – Real Time Measurement of ${}^7\text{Be}$

- Neutrino-Electron scattering at Low energy  $\Rightarrow {}^7\text{Be}$  neutrinos
- Liquid scintillator neutrino target ( $\sim 100\text{t}$  fiducial mass)
- Main issue is radioactive contamination
  - Need to use very “clean” material
  - Reduce cosmic muons



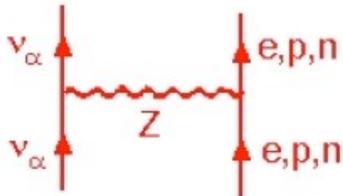
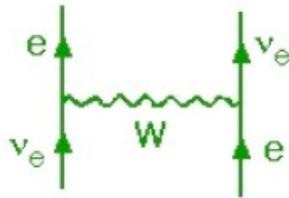
**${}^7\text{Be}$  Neutrinos**

Current Result:  $49 \pm 3_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{syst}}$  Counts/day/100 tons  
 Obs/SSM =  $0.56 \pm 0.08$

# Matter Effects in the Sun

Comes about due to interactions with the electron plasma in the sun  
 $\Rightarrow$  Which makes  $\nu_e$  propagation different from  $\nu_{\mu/\tau}$  interactions

## Coherent Forward Scattering:



Wolfenstein '78

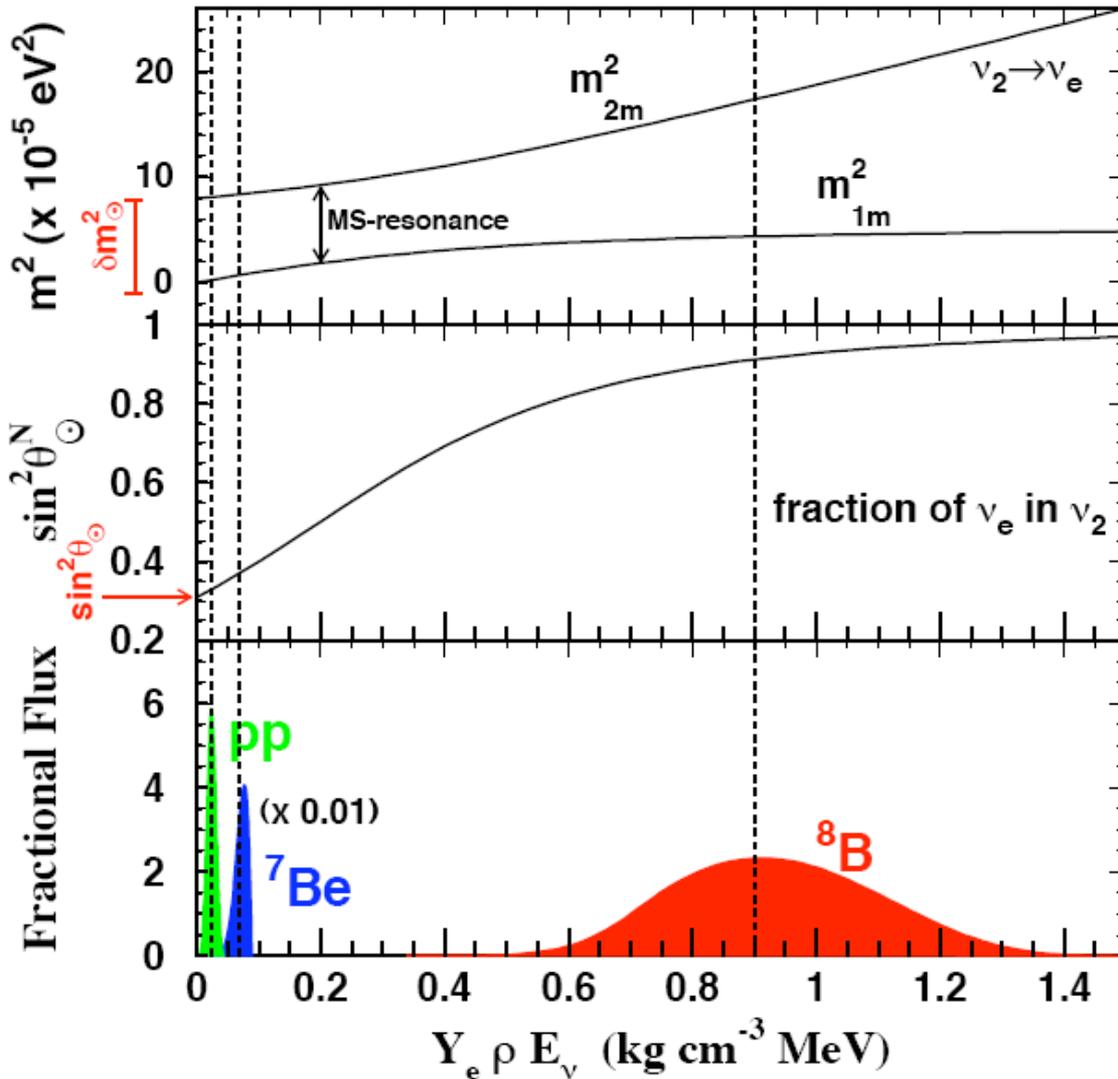
These matter effects change masses and mixings of the neutrino eigenstates

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\odot}^N = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{(A - \delta m_{\odot}^2 \cos 2\theta_{\odot})}{\sqrt{(\delta m_{\odot}^2 \cos 2\theta_{\odot} - A)^2 + (\delta m_{\odot}^2 \sin 2\theta_{\odot})^2}} \right\}$$

$$\delta m_N^2 = \sqrt{(\delta m_{\odot}^2 \cos 2\theta_{\odot} - A)^2 + (\delta m_{\odot}^2 \sin 2\theta_{\odot})^2}$$

$$A \equiv 2\sqrt{2}G_F(Y_e\rho/M_n)E_{\nu}$$

# Matter Effects in the Sun



In Vacuum

$$\delta m_\odot^2 = 8.0 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_\odot = 0.31 \pm 0.03$$

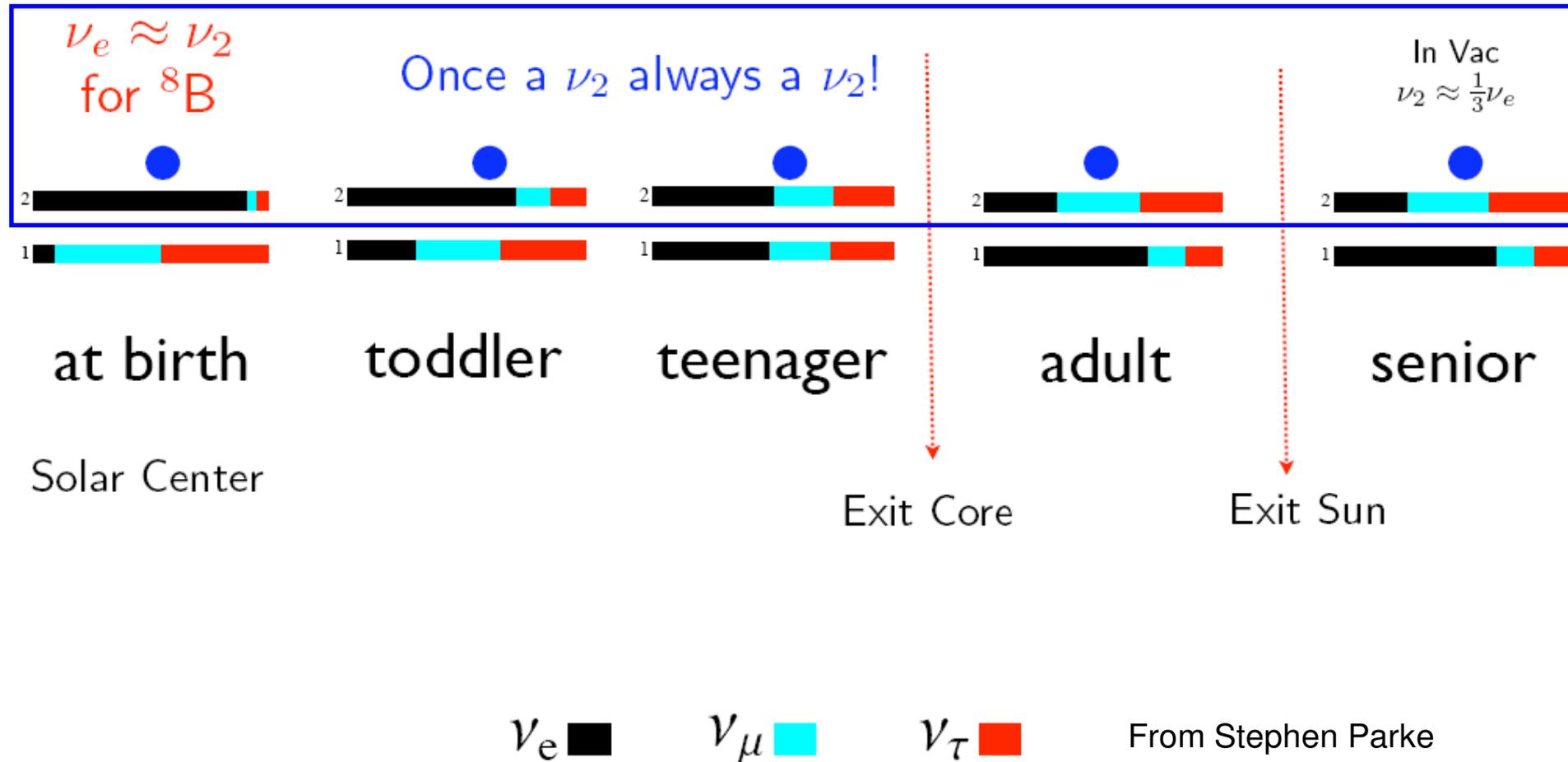
( $pp$  and  ${}^7\text{Be}$  are quasi-vacuum osc.)

Whereas for  ${}^8\text{B}$   
at center of Sun

$$\delta m_N^2 = 14 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_\odot^N = 0.91$$

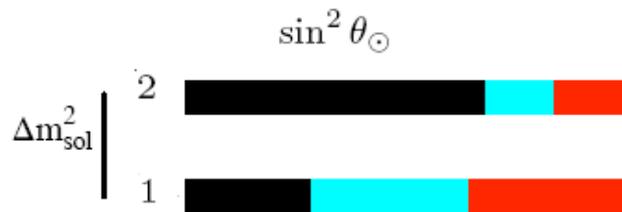
# Life of a Boron-8 Solar Neutrino:



From Stephen Parke  
 (See PRD 74 (2006) 13006)

# Solar Mass Hierarchy Also Determined From Matter Effects

If we chose the wrong mass hierarchy for the  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$ , then:



$$\theta_\odot > \pi/4$$

$$\nu_e \blacksquare \quad \nu_\mu \blacksquare \quad \nu_\tau \blacksquare$$

Solar matter effects put more of the neutrino into  $\nu_2$ .

This raises the survival probability above vacuum value since  $\nu_2$  has more  $\nu_e$ .

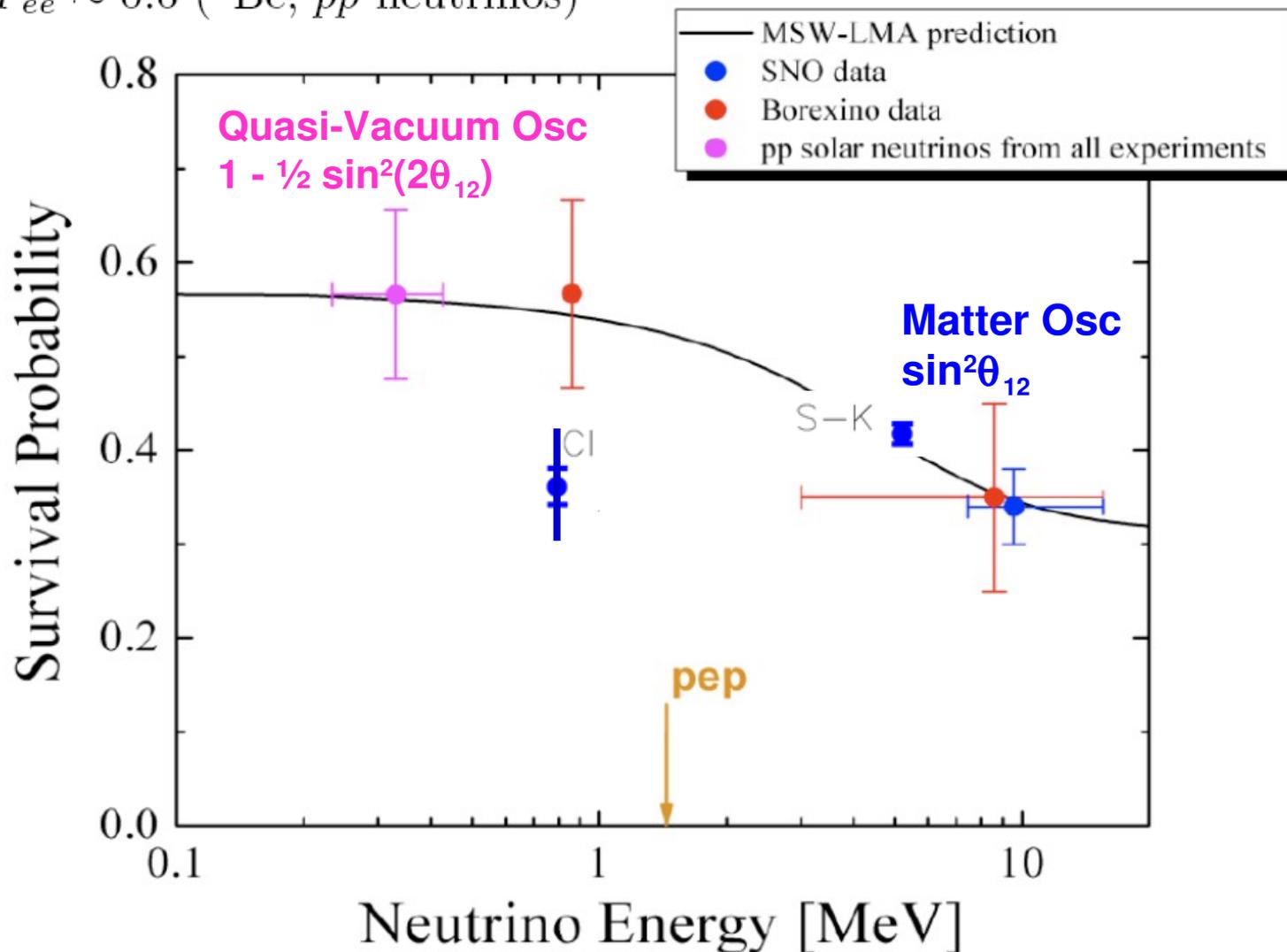
For this hierarchy  $P_{ee}^{\text{matter}} \geq P_{ee}^{\text{vac}} \geq 1/2$

But  $P_{ee}^{\text{SNO}} = 0.347 \pm 0.038 < 1/2$

**This solar hierarchy EXCLUDED !!!.**

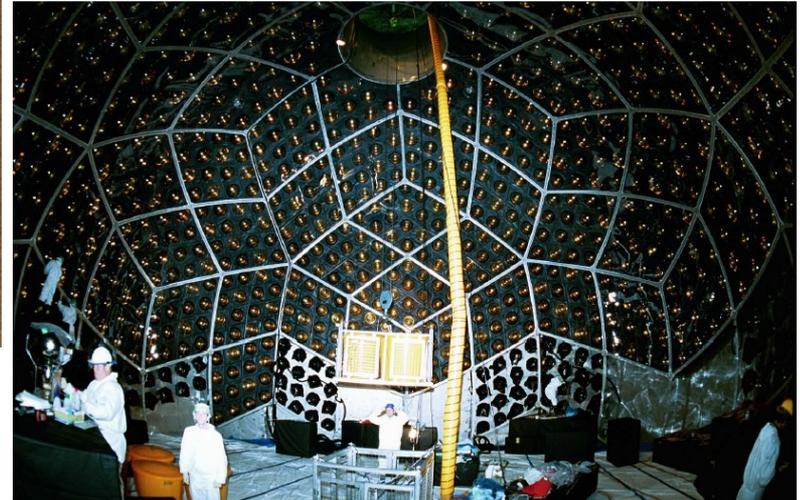
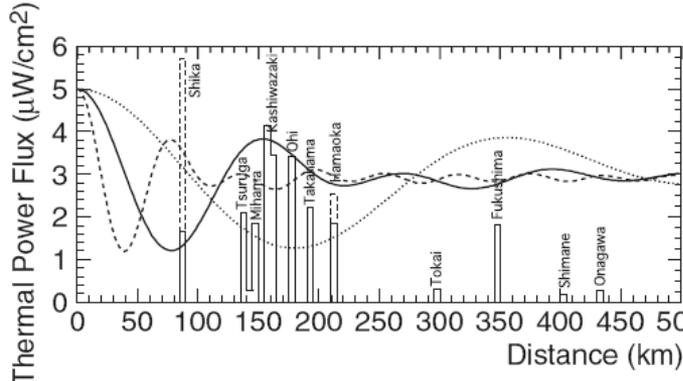
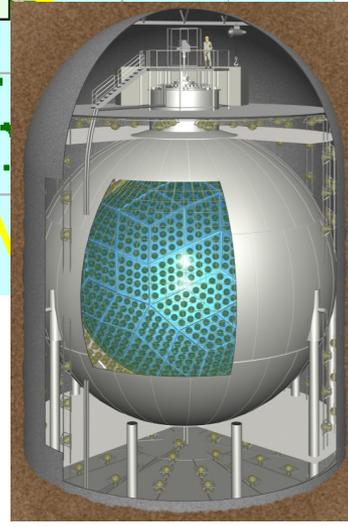
# Transition from Vacuum to Matter Oscillations

- $P_{ee} \sim 0.3$  ( $^8\text{B}$  neutrinos)
- $P_{ee} \sim 0.6$  ( $^7\text{Be}$ ,  $pp$  neutrinos)



# Kamland Reactor Exp. (Probes for $\bar{\nu}_e$ Osc. In the Solar Region)

- Uses  $\bar{\nu}_e$  from all the reactors in Japan
- 85% of signal events from:
  - Closest 60 GW of power
  - Distance range 140km-344 km with mean 180km
- KamLAND is a 1 kton liquid scintillator detector
  - 2000 photomultiplier tubes
  - 1 km underground



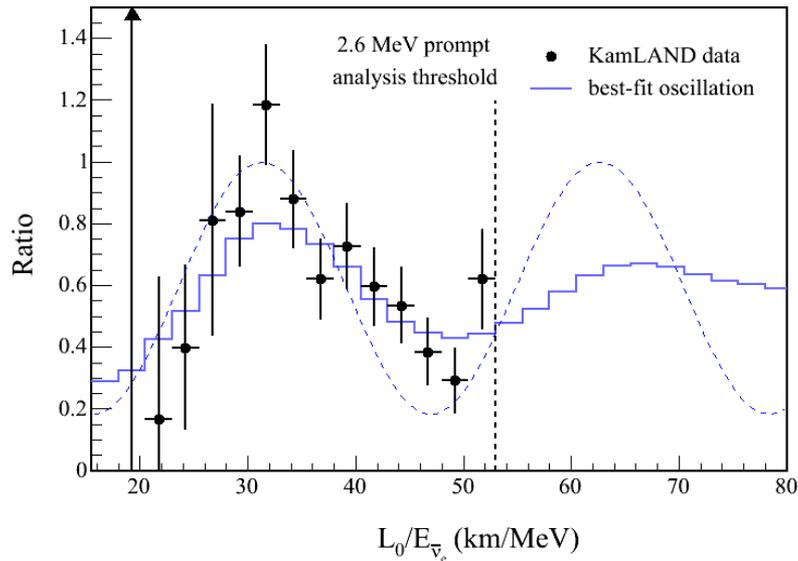
# KamLAND Neutrino Oscillation Measurements

Distribution has L/E behavior  
expected for neutrino oscillations

KamLAND best fit :

$$\Delta m^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

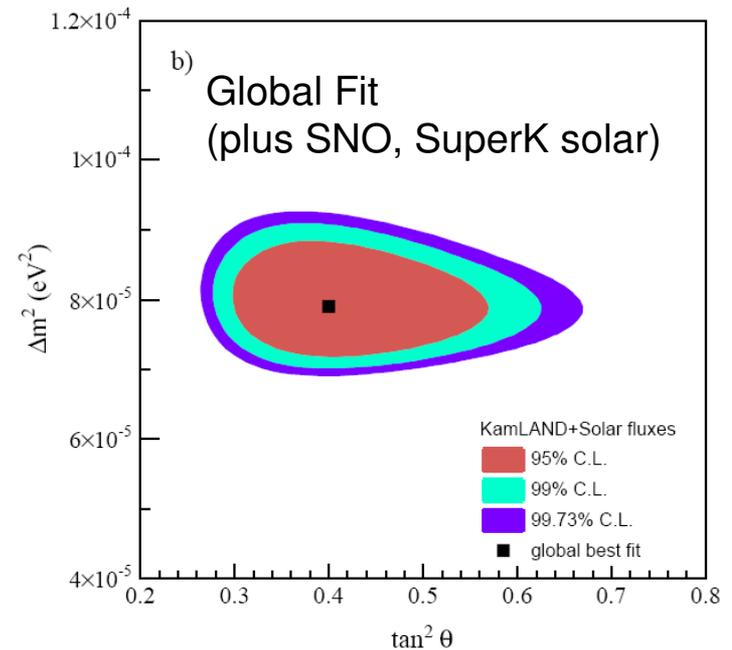
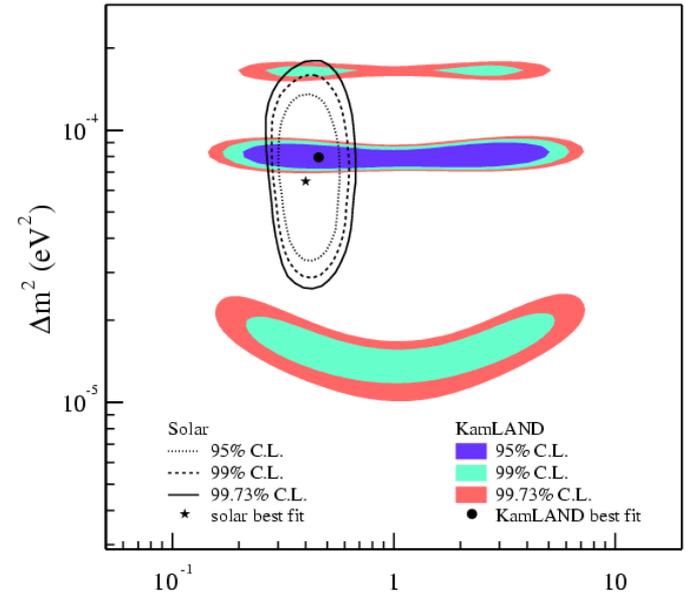
$$\tan^2 \theta = 0.45$$



$$\Delta m^2 = 7.9^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

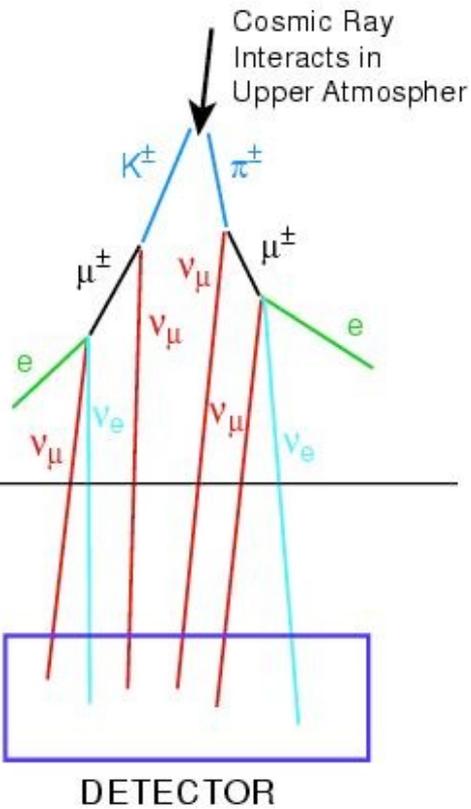
$$\tan^2 \theta = 0.40^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$$

$$(\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.82^{+0.07}_{-0.07})$$

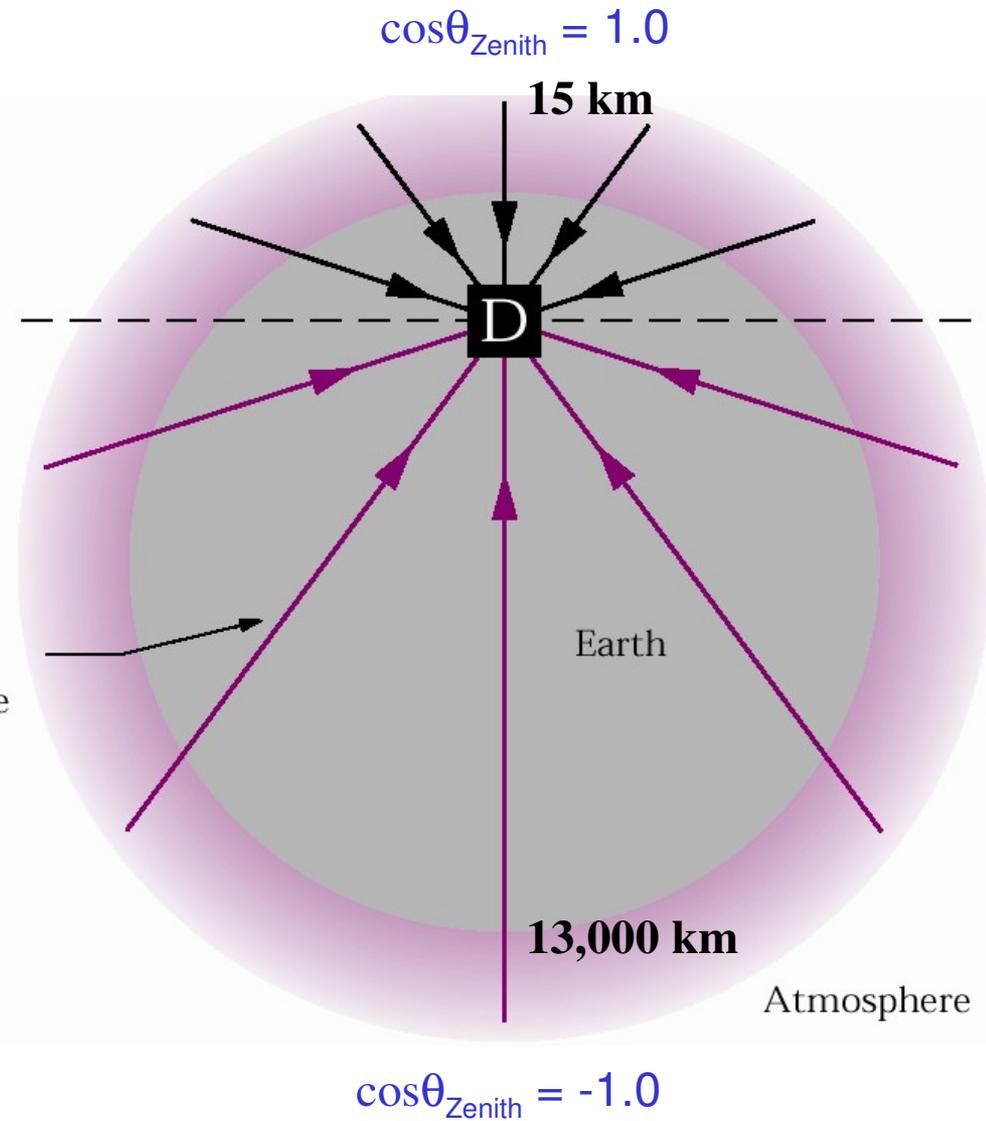


# Atmospheric Neutrino Studies

$$E_\nu \sim 300 \text{ MeV} - 2 \text{ GeV}$$

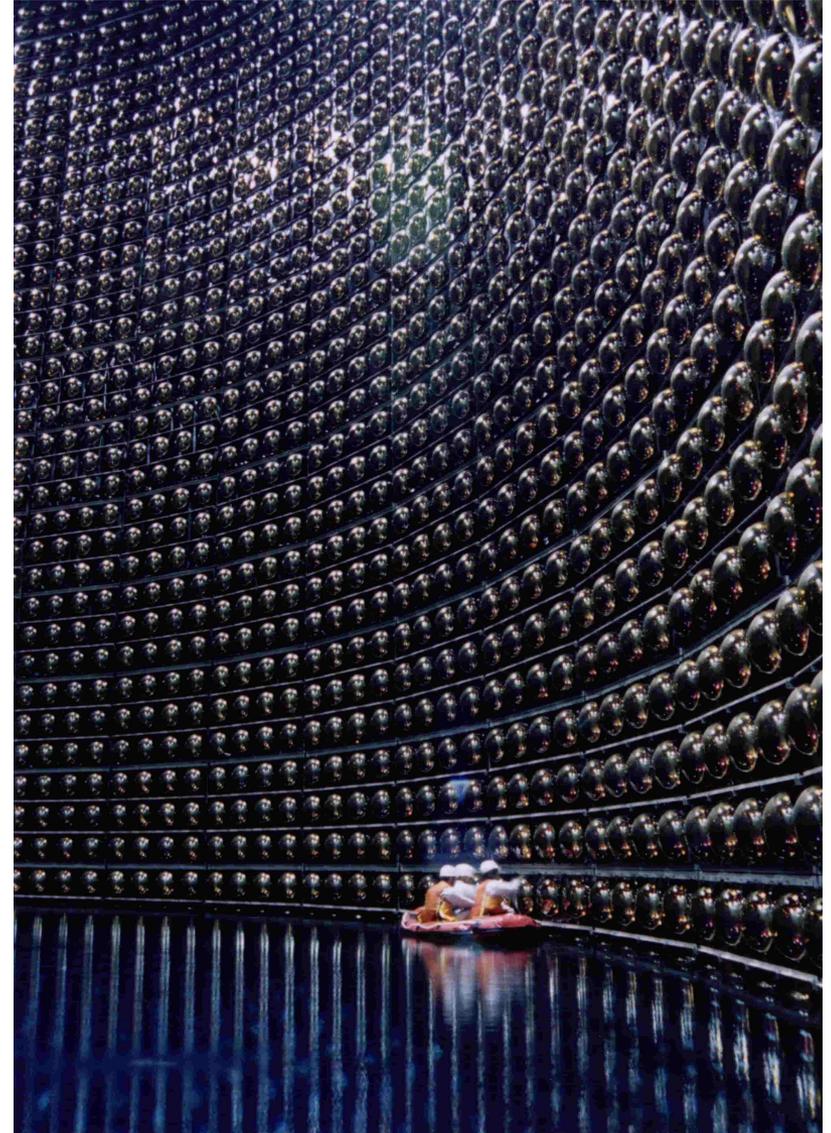


Neutrino Made  
in the Atmosphere



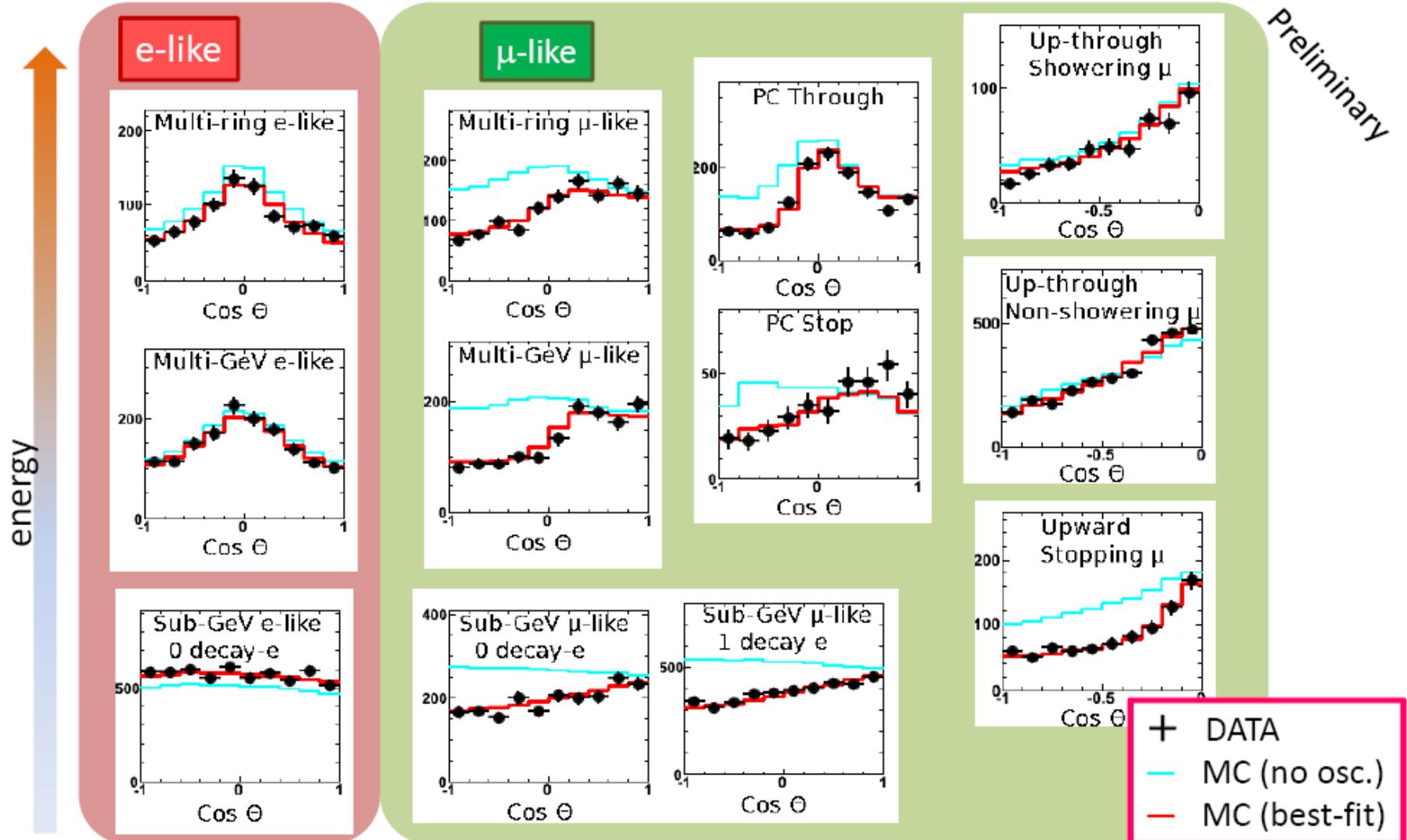
# Super-Kamiokande (Super-K) Detector

- 22.5 kton of ultra-pure water
- 11,150 20 inch phototubes
- Located in Kamioka mine at a depth of 1000m below the surface



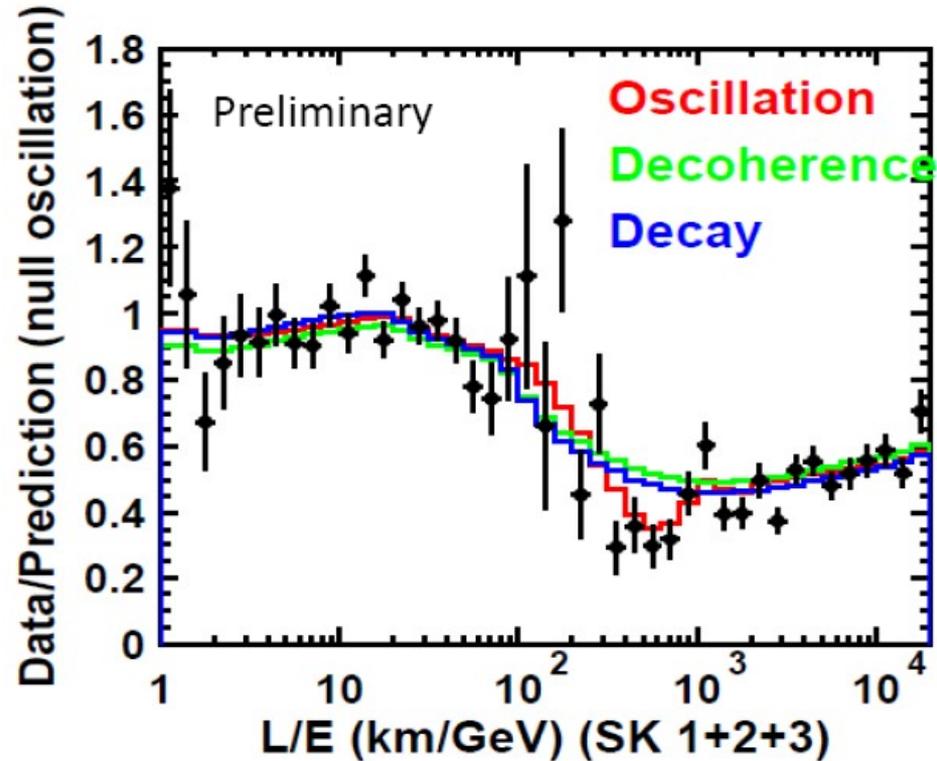
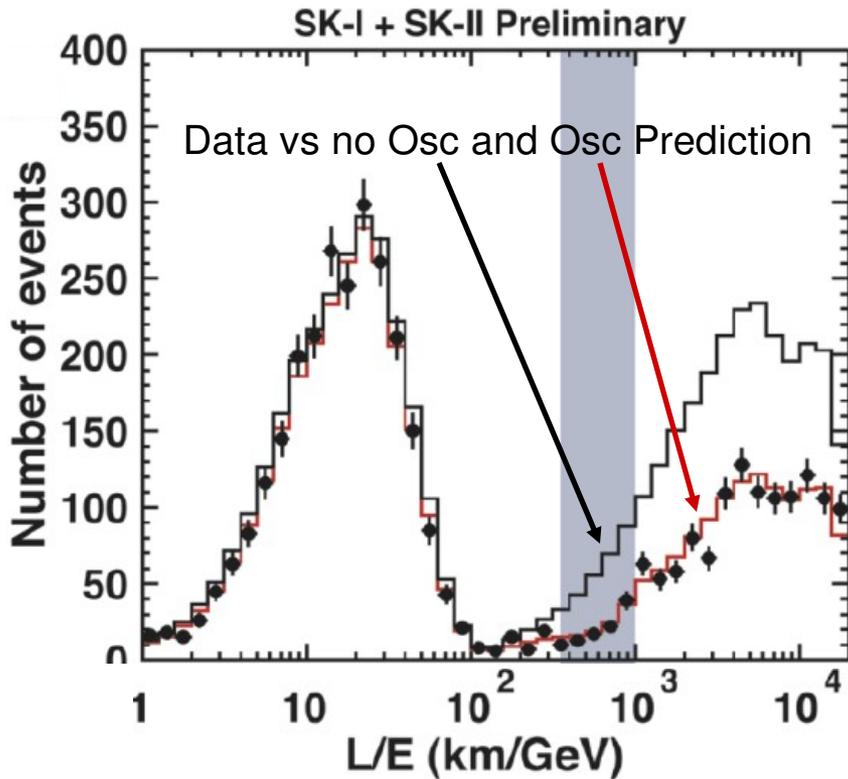
# Atmospheric Neutrino Data from Super-K

Super-K-I+II+III (2806 days (173kton·yr) for FC+PC, 3109 days for up- $\mu$ )



# Atmospheric Oscillation Results vs L/E Osc Behavior

$$P_{osc} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m^2 L/E\right)$$



$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} > \approx 0.92$  @ 90% CL

$1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \leq \Delta m^2 \leq 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Inconsistent with:

Neutrino decay ( $4.4\sigma$ )

Neutrino decoherence ( $5.4\sigma$ )

# MINOS Accelerator Oscillation Experiment at Fermilab

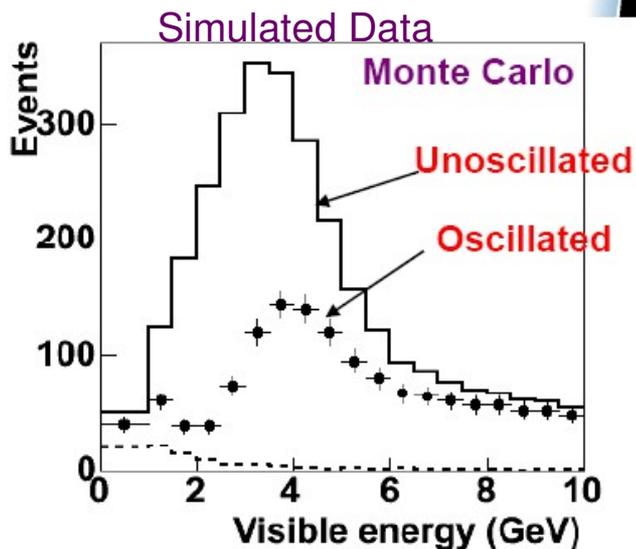


5.4 kton MINOS far detector



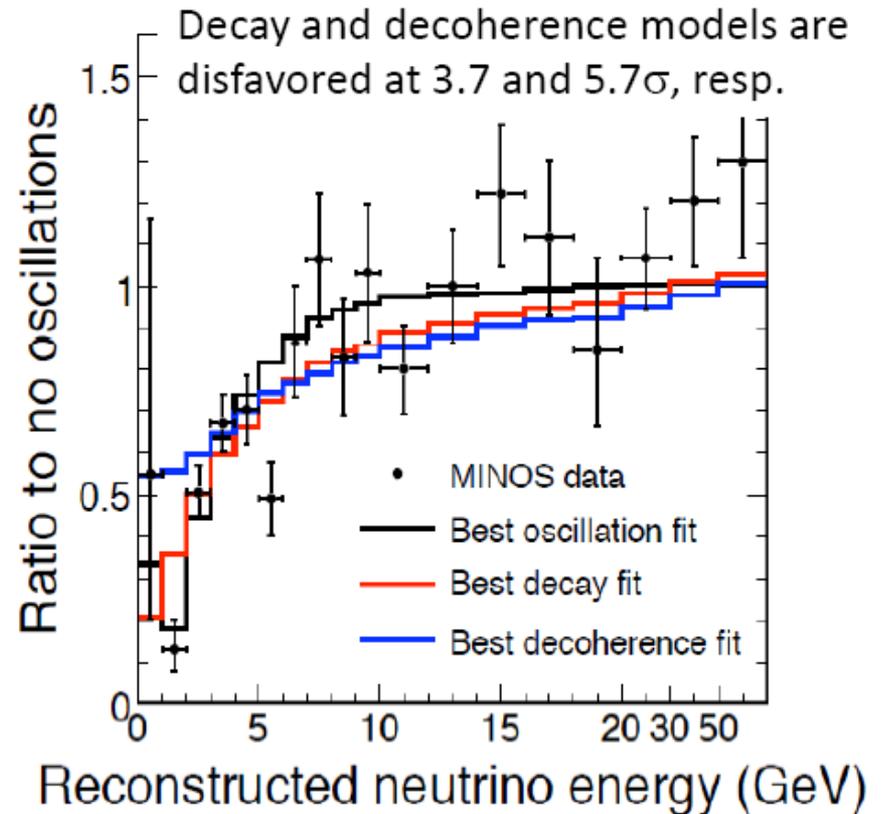
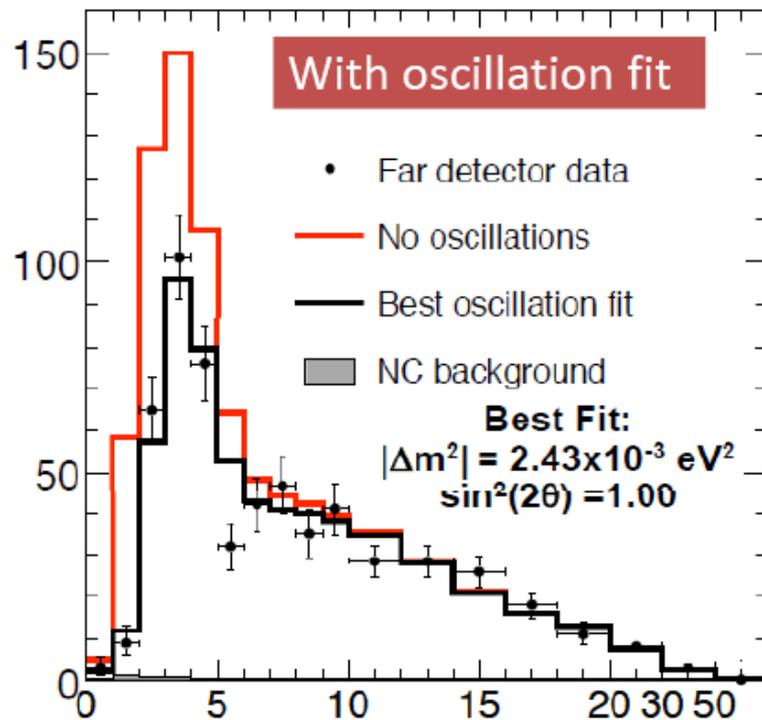
1 kton near detector

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# MINOS $\nu_\mu$ Disappearance Results

848 CC  $\nu_\mu$  candidates  $\leftrightarrow$   $1065 \pm 60$ (syst) no-osc. prediction



$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.43 \pm 0.13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

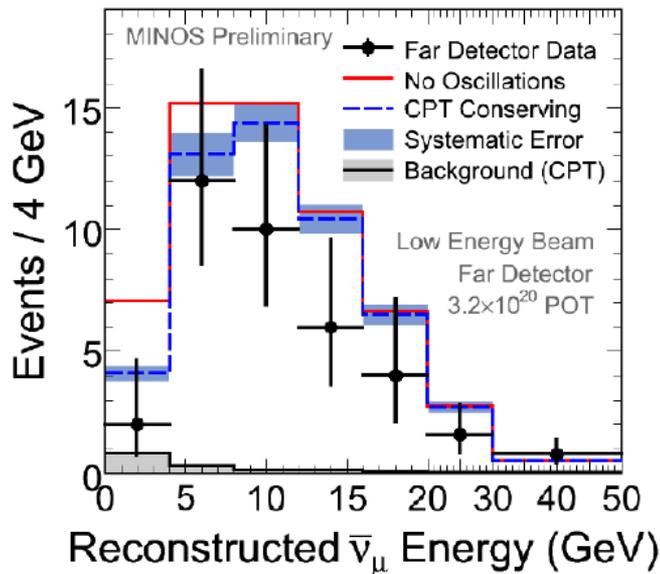
(5% accuracy, MINOS)

PRL 101 (2008) 131802

(hep-ex/0806.2273)

# 1<sup>st</sup> “Pure” $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ Disappearance Results from MINOS

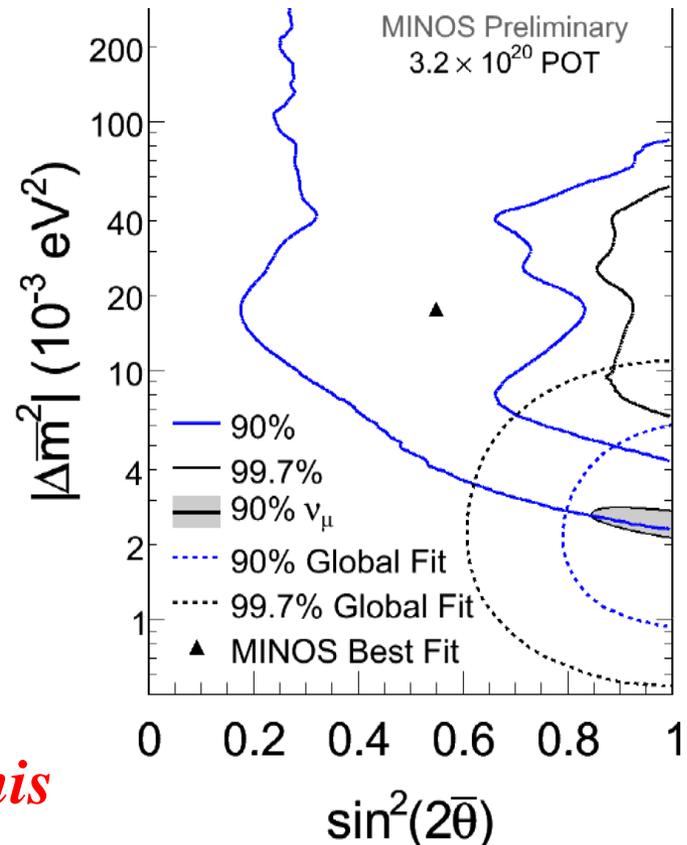
- CPT invariance requires that  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance should be the same
  - MINOS is first longbaseline experiment that can separate  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  interactions using the sign of the outgoing muon.
    - For the standard  $\nu_\mu$  running, 6.4% of CC interactions from  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  with 82% efficiency and 97% purity.
- ⇒ Can search for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance!



Results: 42 events observed  
 Expect: No osc:  $65 \pm 8_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{syst}}$   
 CPT conserving:  $58 \pm 8_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{syst}}$

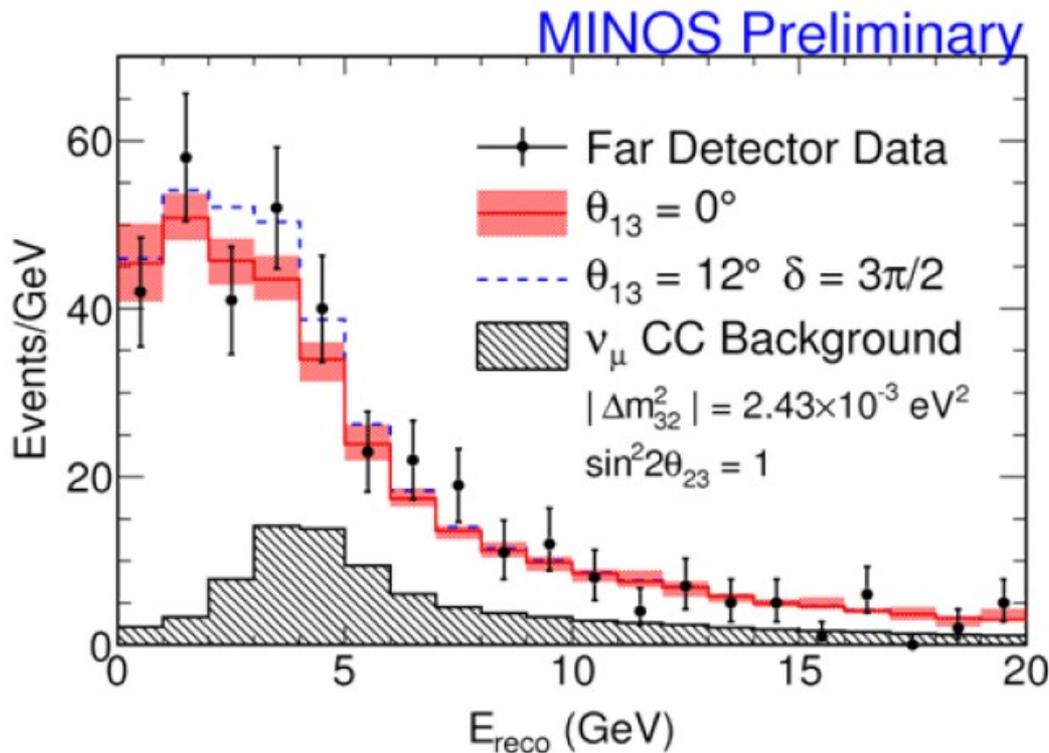
*Next: Running  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  currently to check this*

**$\bar{\nu}_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  Compatible within statistical uncertainties**



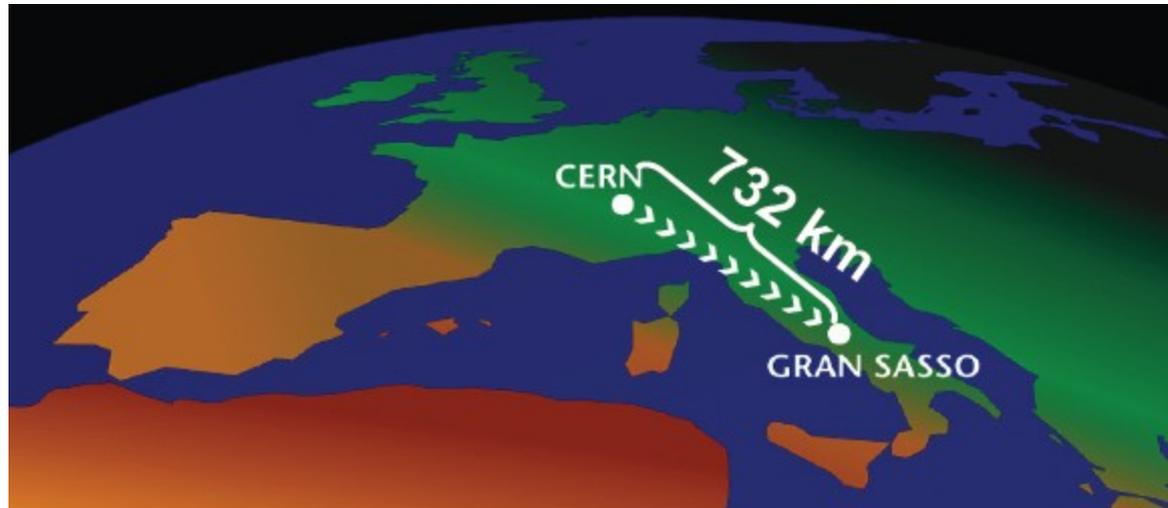
# MINOS Search for Oscillations to Sterile Neutrinos

- “Atmospheric region” oscillations from  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  but  $\nu_\tau$  energy is below threshold to produce  $\tau$  leptons  $\Rightarrow$  only  $\nu_\tau$  NC interactions  $\Rightarrow$  NC rate in near and far detector should be the same
- If  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_{\text{sterile}}$  then NC rate should be less in far detector

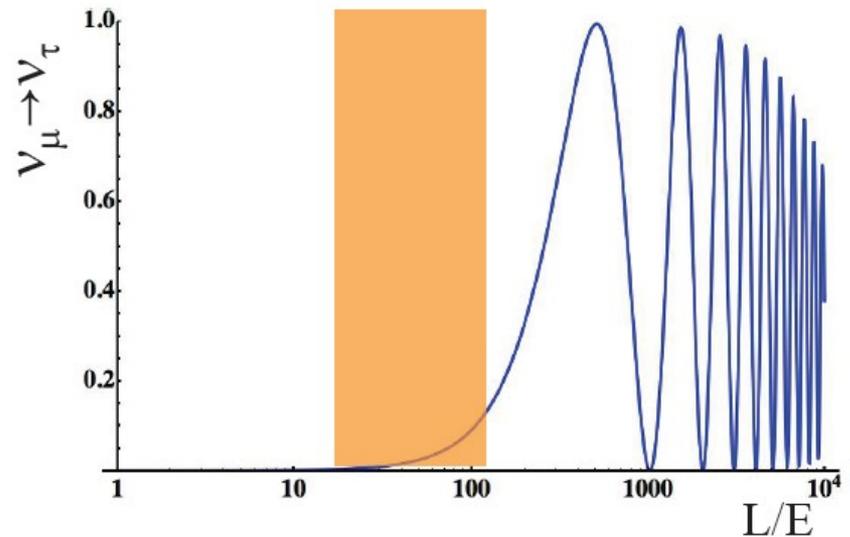


Data are consistent with no NC deficit at FD and thus with no sterile neutrino mixing

# OPERA and ICARUS: $\nu_\tau$ Appearance Search

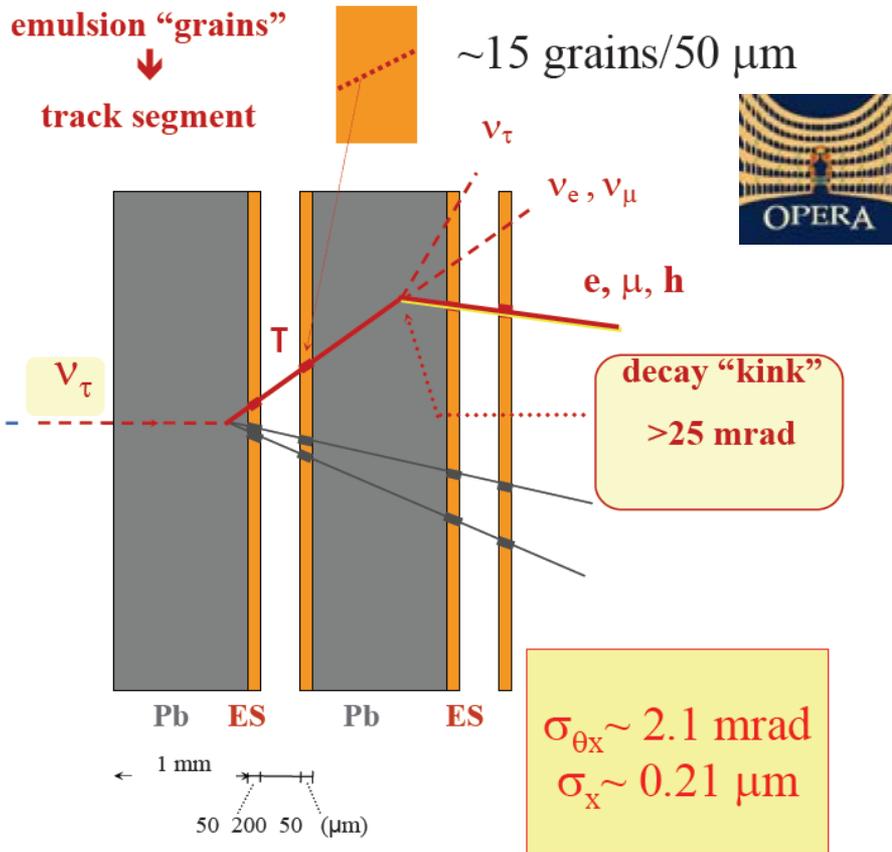


- Uses 400 GeV protons to produce neutrino beam  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \approx 17$  GeV
- ∇  $\langle E_\nu \rangle$  above threshold to produce  $\tau$  leptons from  $\nu_\tau$
- ∇  $\langle L/E \rangle \approx 43$  so oscillation probability for  $\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}$  is small



# OPERA: Nuclear Emulsion plus Lead

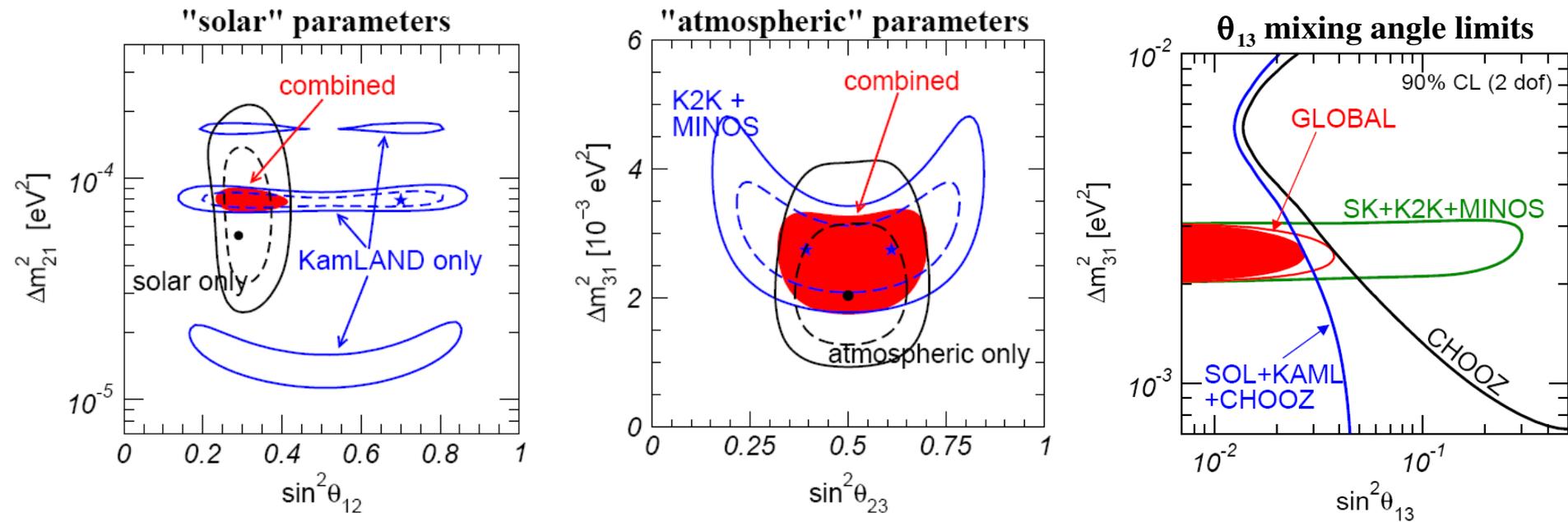
# ICARUS: Liquid Argon TPC 600 Tons



- Scintillator Strips isolate emulsion brick with an event
- Robot then picks out brick to be scanned.
- Currently running since 2007
- Expect about 15  $\nu_\tau$  events in 5 years

- Will use kinematic reconstruction to isolate  $\nu_\tau$ -events.
- 1<sup>st</sup> event expected by end of 2009

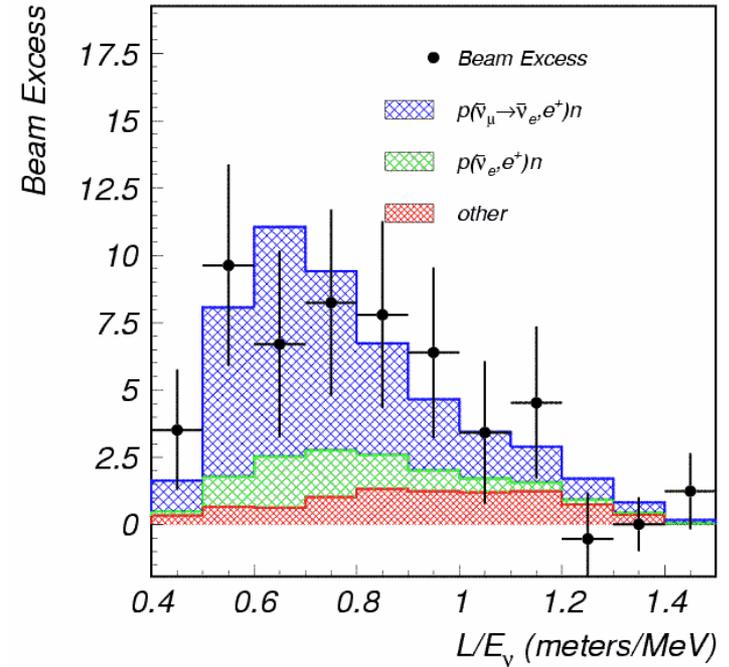
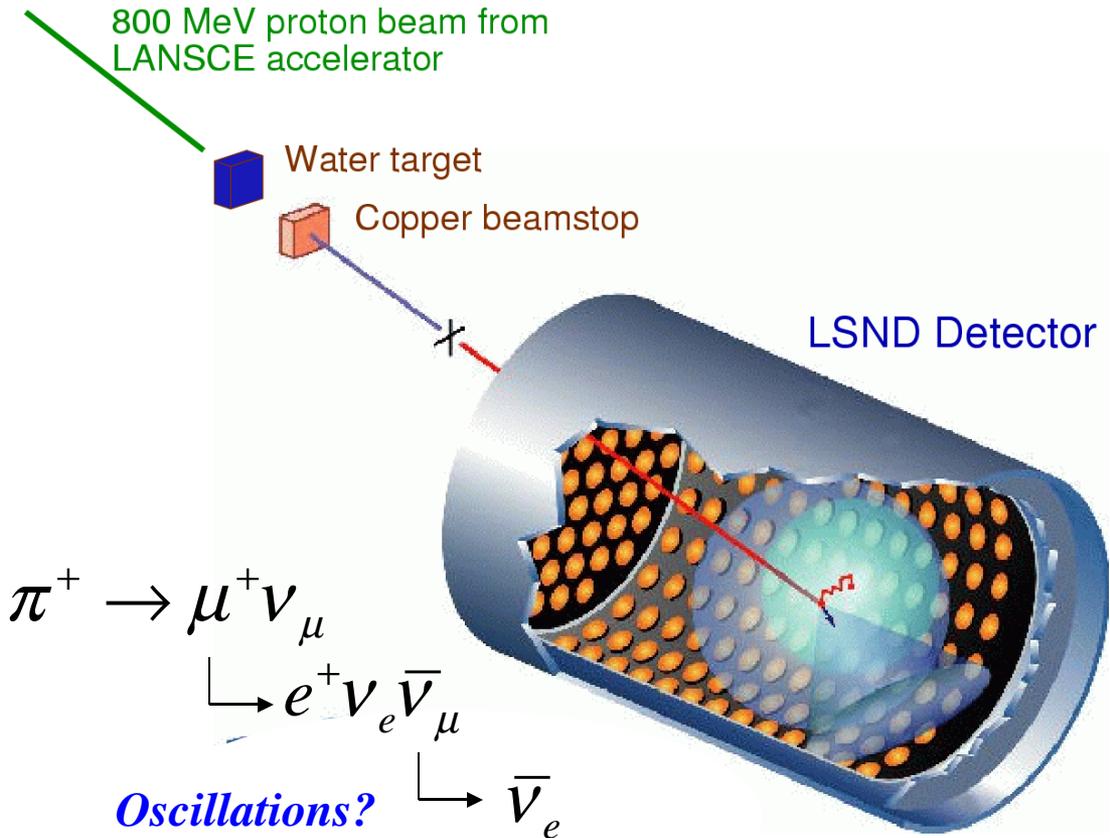
# Current Global Fits to Solar, Atmospheric, Accelerator, and Reactor Data<sup>9</sup>



Parameter	Best fit	2 $\sigma$	3 $\sigma$
$\Delta m_{21}^2$ (10 <sup>-5</sup> eV <sup>2</sup> )	7.6	7.3–8.1	7.1–8.3
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ (10 <sup>-3</sup> eV <sup>2</sup> )	2.4	2.1–2.7	2.0–2.8
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.32	0.28–0.37	0.26–0.40
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.50	0.38–0.63	0.34–0.67
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.007	$\leq 0.033$	$\leq 0.050$

# The Fly in the Ointment – “La mosca en la sopa”

## The LSND Anomaly



**Saw an excess of:**  
 **$87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$  events.**

**With an oscillation probability of**  
 **$(0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.045)\%$ .**

**$3.8 \sigma$  evidence for oscillation.**

LSND in conjunction with the atmospheric and solar oscillation results needs more than 3  $\nu$ 's

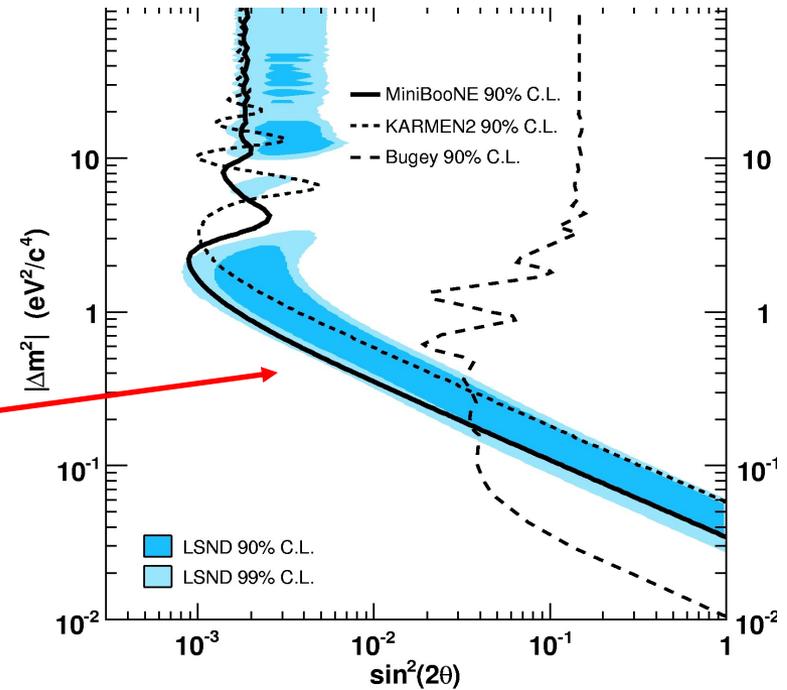
$\Rightarrow$  Models developed with 2 sterile  $\nu$ 's

or

$\Rightarrow$  Other new physics models

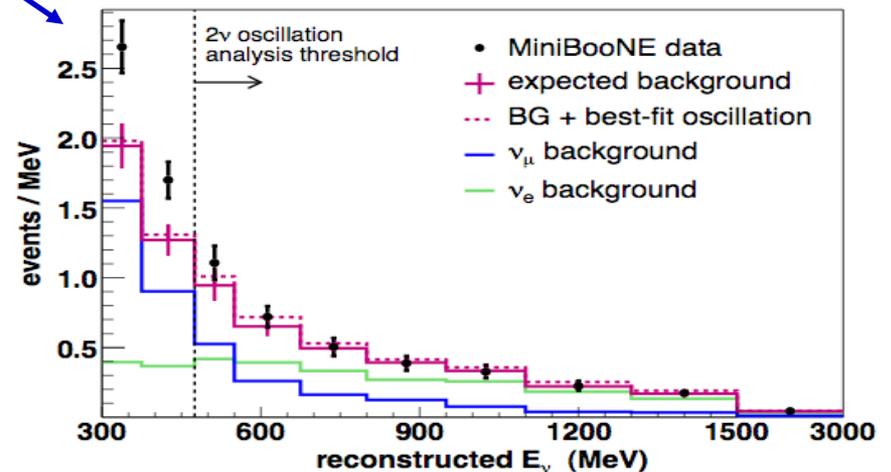
# MiniBooNE $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Appearance Search in LSND Region <sup>41</sup>

- Method: Search for an excess of “ $\nu_e$ ” events over expectation  
⇒ Knowing expectation is key  
Use observed  $\nu_\mu$  events to constrain  $\nu_e$  physics and background
- In analysis region between  $475 < E_\nu < 3000$  MeV, **no evidence for oscillation in LSND region**
  - Simple  $2\nu$  osc excluded at 98% CL
- Unexpected excess of events at low energy  $< 475$  MeV



Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 231801 (2007),  
arXiv:0704.1500 [hep-ex]

Also: “Unexplained Excess of  
Electron-Like Events from a 1 GeV  
 $\nu$  Beam”, PRL 102, 101802 (2009)



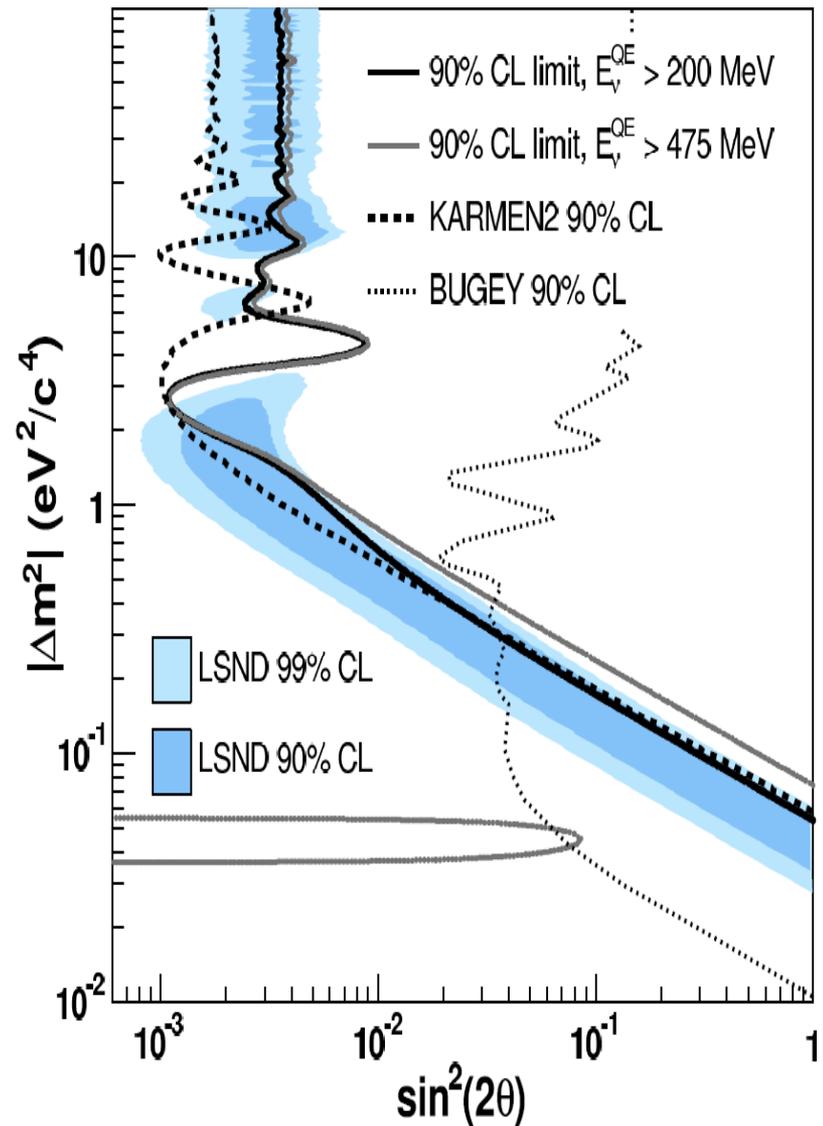
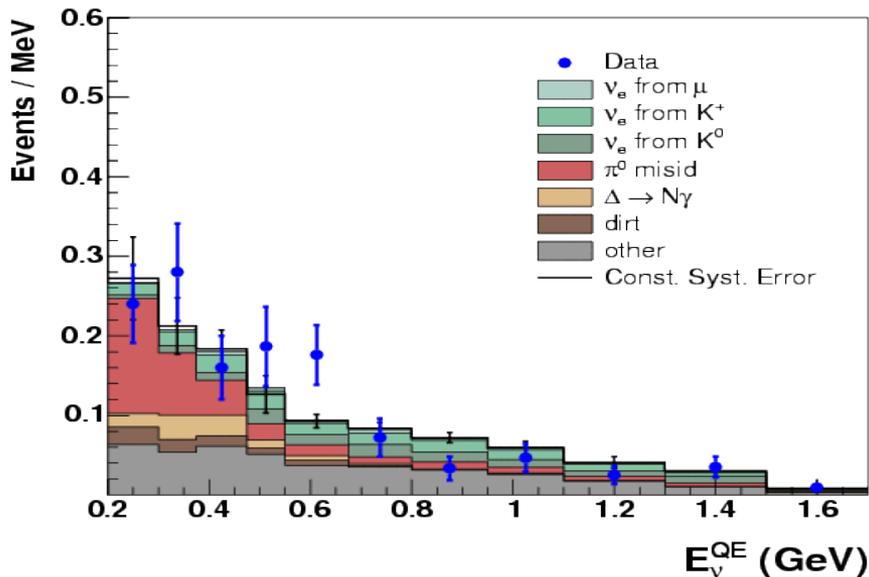
# New MiniBooNE $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ Appearance Results

- The antineutrino search important because
  - Provides direct tests of LSND  $\bar{\nu}$  appearance
  - More information on low-energy excess
- The backgrounds at low-energy are almost the same for the neutrino and antineutrino data samples.
- Antineutrino analysis is the same as the neutrino analysis.
- First antineutrino result has low statistics
  - $3.4 \times 10^{20}$  POT giving about 100K event
  - Inconclusive wrt LSND

**No indication of  $\bar{\nu}$  data-MC excess:**

**200-475 MeV:  $-0.5 \pm 11.7$  events**

**475-1250 MeV:  $3.2 \pm 10.0$  events**



(arXiv:0904.1958)

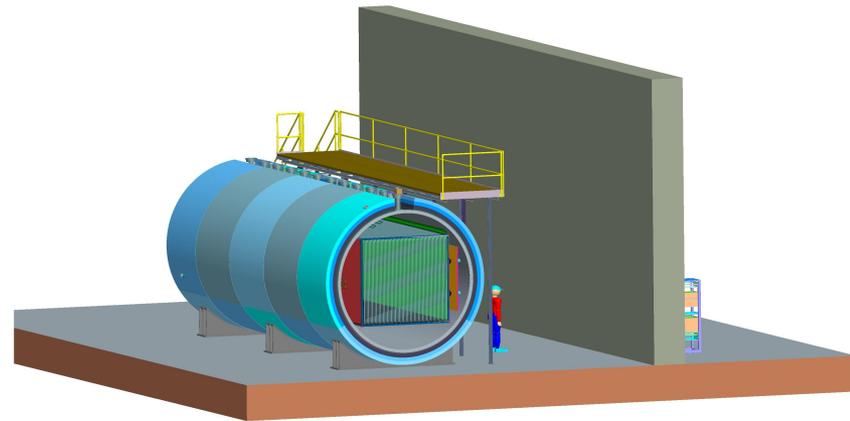
## Low Energy Excess Models

- Few standard model explanations and many new physics ideas
- Many models have equal effects in neutrinos and antineutrinos  
 $\Rightarrow$  These models are “disfavored” by absence of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  excess.

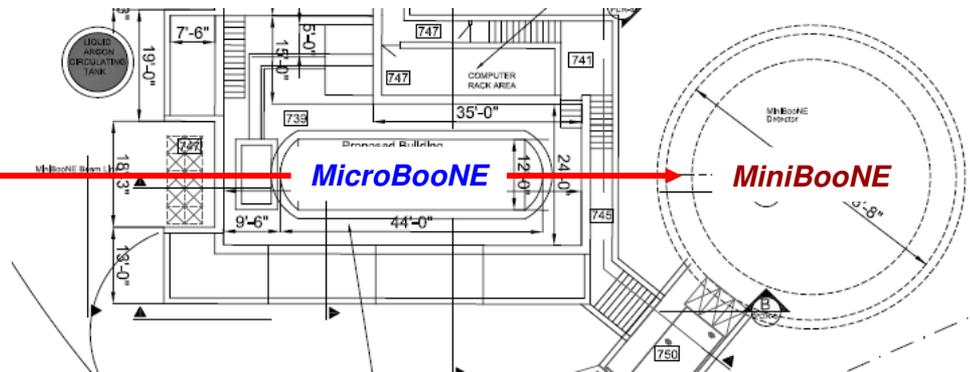
Possible explanation	Status
<b>Anomaly Mediated Neutrino-Photon Interactions:</b> <i>Harvey, Hill, &amp; Hill, arXiv: arXiv:0905.029</i>	Disfavored
<b>CP-Violation 3+2 Model:</b> <i>Maltoni &amp; Schwetz, arXiv:0705.0107; T. Goldman, G. J. Stephenson Jr., B. H. J. McKellar, Phys. Rev. D75 (2007) 091301.</i>	Possible
<b>Lorentz Violation:</b> <i>Katori, Kostelecky, &amp; Tayloe, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 105009</i>	Possible
<b>CPT Violation 3+1 Model:</b> <i>Barger, Marfatia, &amp; Whisnant, Phys. Lett. B576 (2003) 303</i>	Possible
<b>VSBL Electron Neutrino Disappearance:</b> <i>Giunti and Laveder arXiv:0902.1992</i>	Disfavored
<b>New Gauge Boson with Sterile Neutrinos:</b> <i>Ann E. Nelson &amp; Jonathan Walsh, arXiv:0711.1363</i>	Disfavored

# Future Plans and Prospects

- Will triple the MiniBooNE  $\bar{\nu}$  data over the next 2 years  
 ⇒ Allow better comparison of low-energy excess
- New MicroBooNE Experiment approved at Fermilab
  - Liquid Argon TPC detector which can address the low-energy excess:
    - Reduced background levels
    - Is excess due to single electron or photon events?
  - Approximately 70-ton fiducial volume detector, located near MiniBooNE (initial data: end 2011)

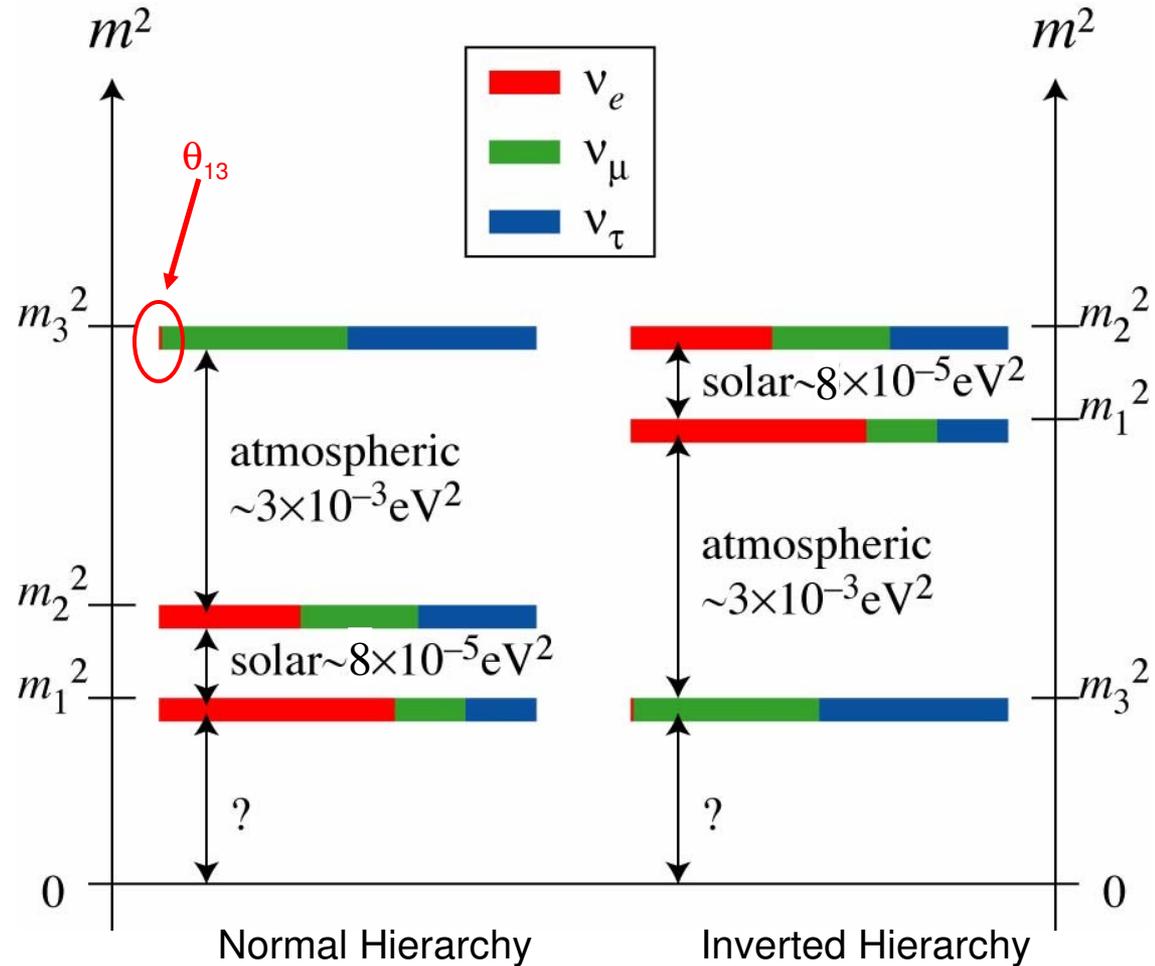


Use MiniBooNE  
Beamline



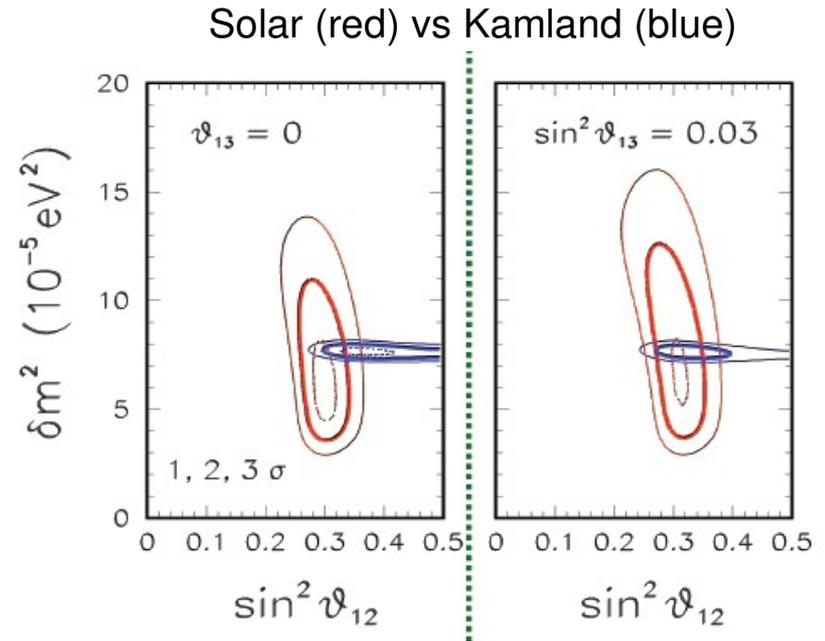
# Big Questions in Neutrino Oscillations

- What is  $\nu_e$  component in the  $\nu_3$  mass eigenstate?  
 $\Rightarrow$  The size of the “little mixing angle”,  $\theta_{13}$  ?
  - Only know  $\theta_{13} < 11^\circ$
- 3. What is the mass hierarchy?
  - Is the solar pair the most massive or not?
- 4. Do neutrinos exhibit CP violation, i.e. is  $\delta \neq 0$ ?



# Some Current Hints of Non-zero $\theta_{13}$

- 3v analysis **Atmospheric** region from Super-K, K2K, and Chooz
  - Small excess of sub-GeV electron-like events if solar  $\delta m^2$  included in the fit  $\Rightarrow$  1 sigma effect
- Solar and Kamland prefer a different value of  $\theta_{12}$  unless  $\theta_{13} > 0$ 
  - 1.2 to 1.5 sigma effect
- MINOS sees a 1.5 sigma excess in  $\nu_e$  appearance search

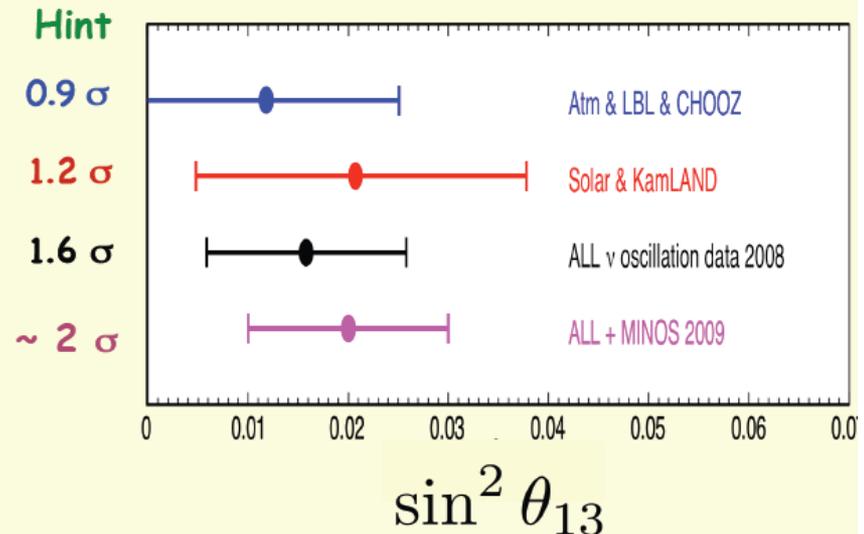


Be careful, these are regions for  $\sin^2 \theta_{ij}$  !!

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.02 \Rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.08$$

Cheat Sheet:

$$U_{e3}^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{13} \sim \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta_{\mu e} \sim \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}$$



**The Search for the “Little Mixing Angle” ( $\theta_{13}$ ),  
CP Violation, and the Mass Hierarchy**

$$\theta_{13}$$

- Long-Baseline Accelerators: Appearance ( $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$ ) at  $\Delta m^2 \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ 
  - Look for appearance of  $\nu_e$  in a pure  $\nu_{\mu}$  beam vs. L and E
    - Use near detector to measure background  $\nu_e$ 's (beam and misid)

NOvA:

$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 2.3 \text{ GeV}$

L = 810 km



T2K:

$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 0.7 \text{ GeV}$

L = 295 km



- Reactors: Disappearance ( $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ ) at  $\Delta m^2 \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ 
  - Look for a change in  $\bar{\nu}_e$  flux as a function of L and E
    - Look for a non-  $1/r^2$  behavior of the  $\nu_e$  rate
    - Use near detector to measure the un-oscillated flux

Double Chooz:

$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 3.5 \text{ MeV}$

L = 1100 m



## Long-Baseline Accelerator Appearance Experiments

- Oscillation probability complicated and dependent not only on  $\theta_{13}$  but also:

- CP violation parameter ( $\delta$ )
- Mass hierarchy (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )
- Size of  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = & 4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \times \left( 1 + \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \right) \\
 & + 8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cos \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \\
 & - 8C_{13}^2 C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} \sin \delta \sin \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \\
 & + 4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2 \{ C_{12}^2 C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{23} S_{13} \cos \delta \} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \\
 & - 8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \cos \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \frac{aL}{4E} (1 - 2S_{13}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

*⇒ These extra dependencies are both a “curse” and a “blessing”*

## Reactor Disappearance Experiments

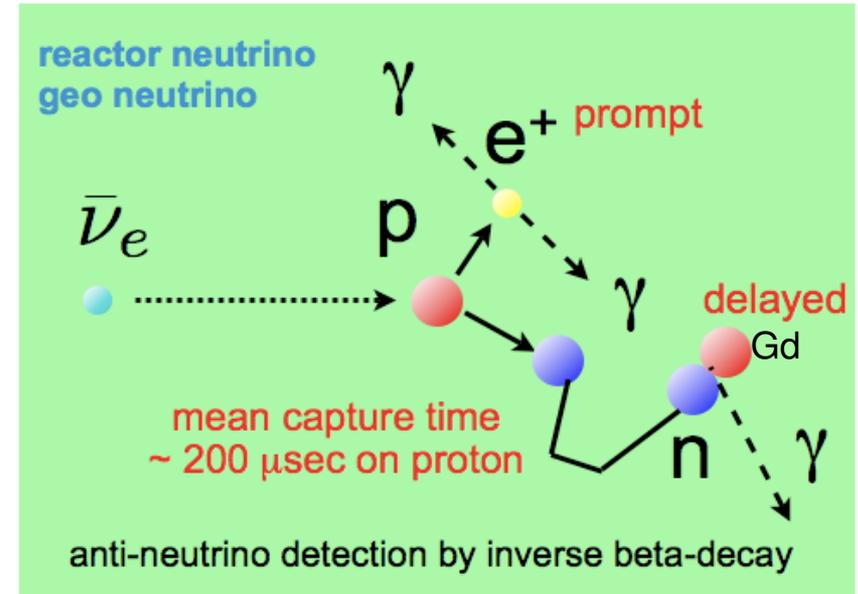
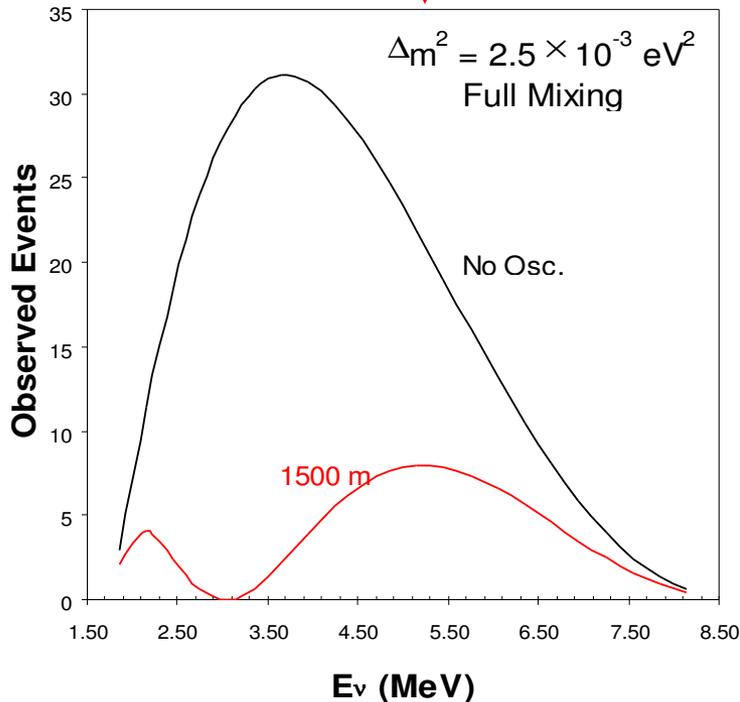
- Reactor disappearance measurements provide a straight forward method to measure  $\theta_{13}$  with no dependence on matter effects and CP violation

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 L}{4E} + \text{small terms}$$

# Reactor Neutrino Experiments

# Reactor Measurements of $\theta_{13}$

- Nuclear reactors are very intense sources of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  with a well understood spectrum
  - 3 GW  $\rightarrow 6 \times 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e/s$
  - 700 events / yr / ton at 1500 m away
  - Reactor spectrum peaks at  $\sim 3.7$  MeV
  - Oscillation Max. for  $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  at L near 1500 m



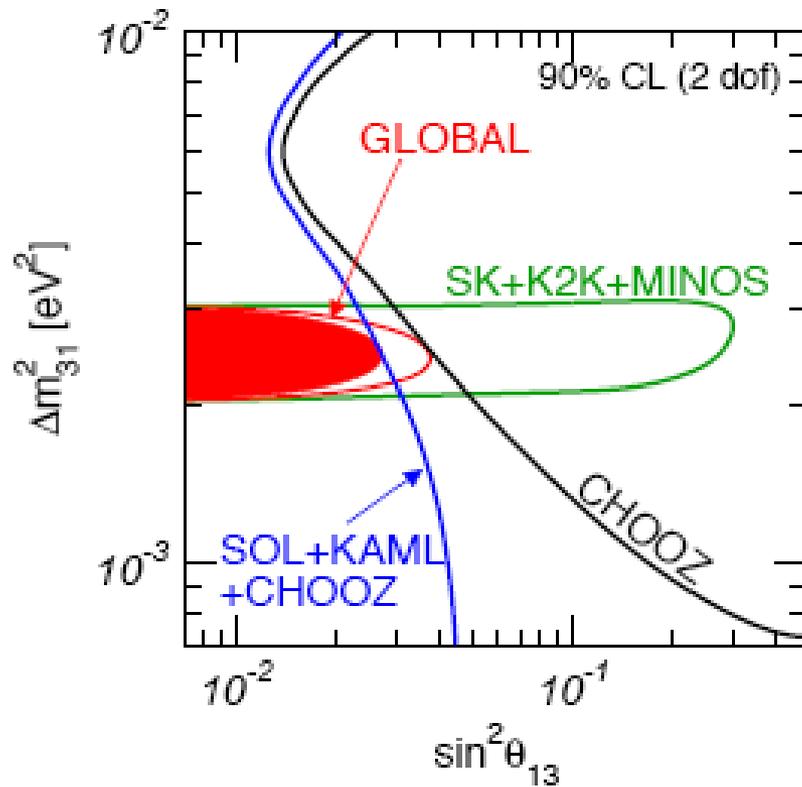
- Disappearance Measurement:
  - Look for small rate deviation from  $1/r^2$  measured at near and far baselines*
  - Counting Experiment
    - Compare events in near and far detector
  - Energy Shape Experiment
    - Compare energy spectrum in near and far detector

# Current Limits on $\sin^2\theta_{13}$

Best current limit from:  
**CHOOZ (single detector experiment)**

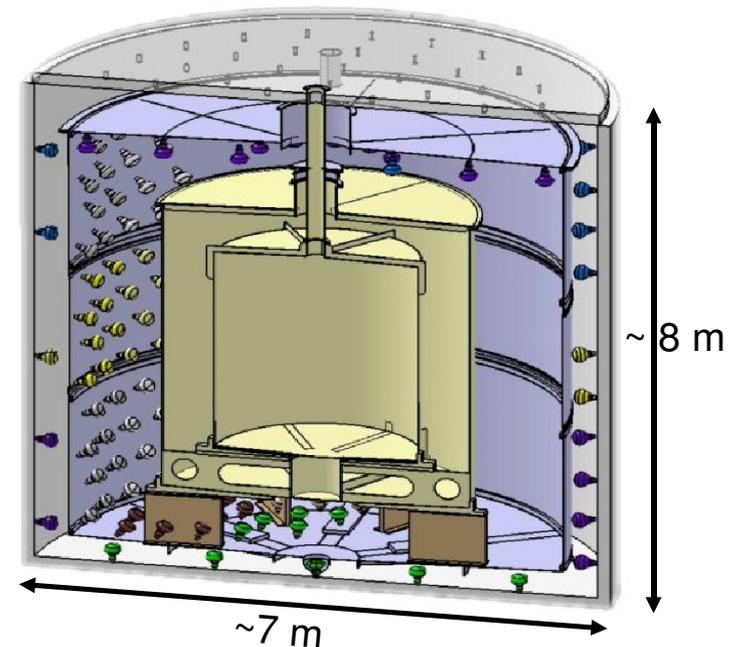
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.14$$

$$(\sin^2(\theta_{13}) < 0.035)$$

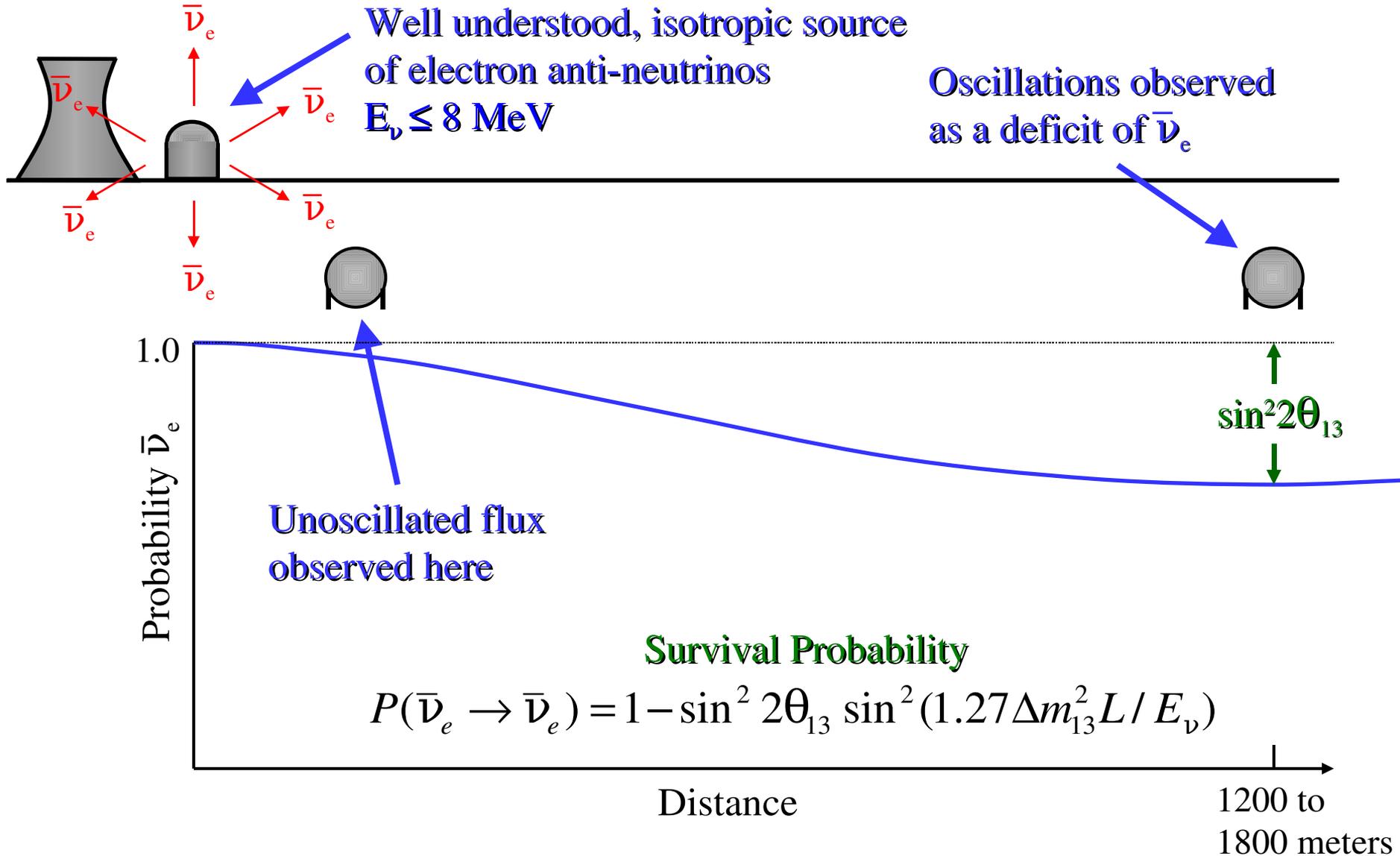


**How to do better than previous reactor experiments?**

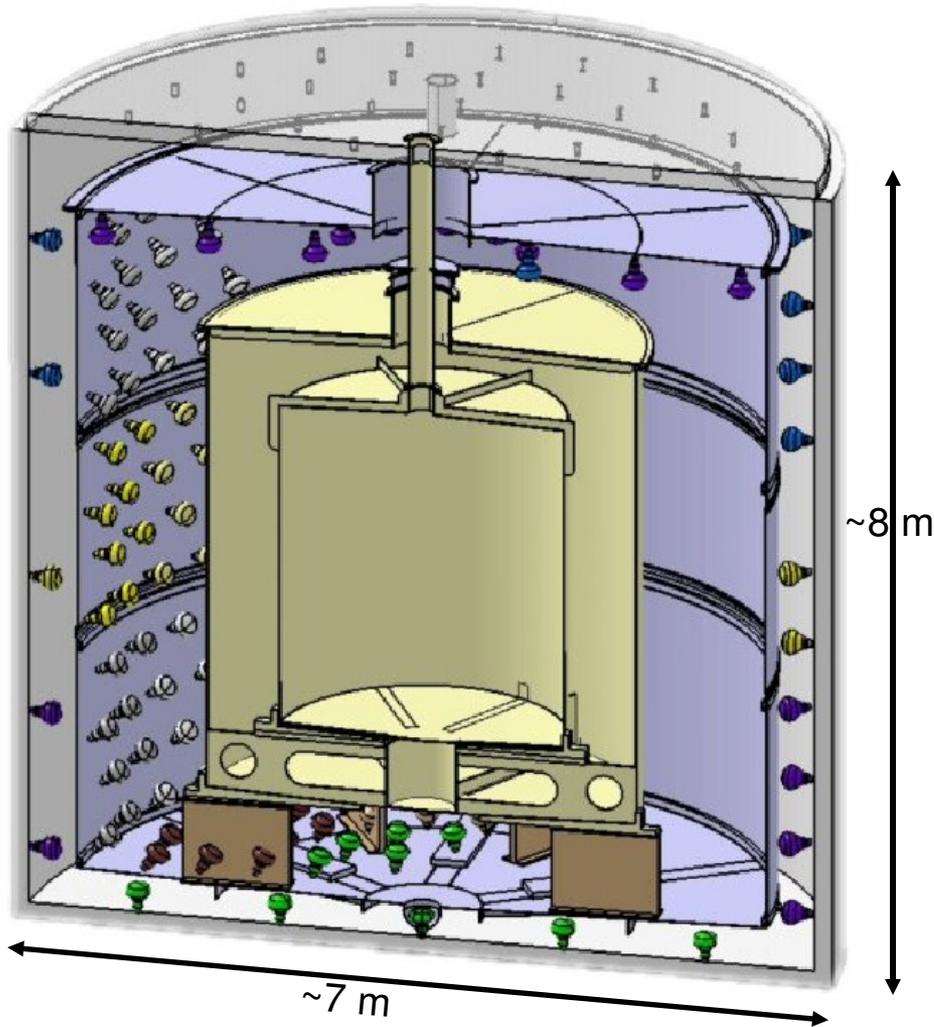
- ⇒ Reduce systematic uncertainties due to reactor flux and detector
- ⇒ Larger detectors
- ⇒ Reduce and control backgrounds
- ⇒ Use Near/Far Detectors



# Two Detector Reactor Experiment



# Improved Detector Design



- Multi-layer, high efficiency veto system

- Homogenous Volume

- Viewed by PMT's  
Coverage of 10% or better

- Gadolinium Loaded, Liquid Scintillator Target (10 – 20 tons)  
Enhances neutron capture

- Extra scintillator region to capture gammas that might leak out from Gd target region

- Pure Mineral Oil Buffer  
To shield the scintillator from radioactivity in the PMT glass



# Double Chooz Reactor Experiment<sup>55</sup> in Ardennes, France

Near 8.6t  
overbdn 45m

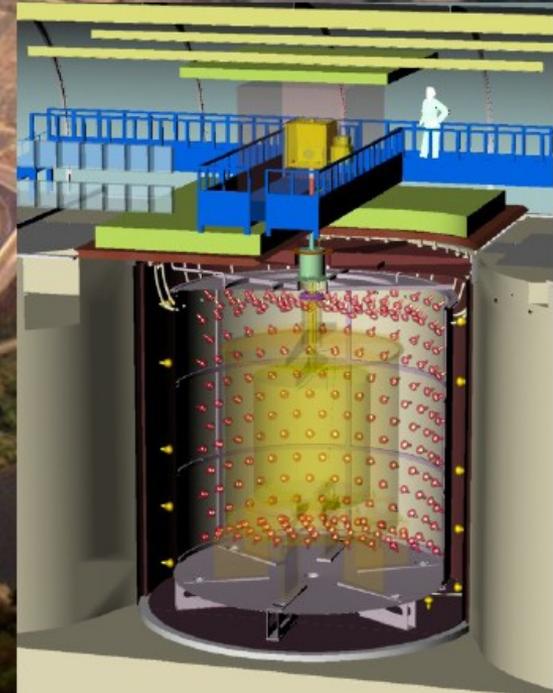
Far 8.6t  
overbdn 110m

400m

1050m

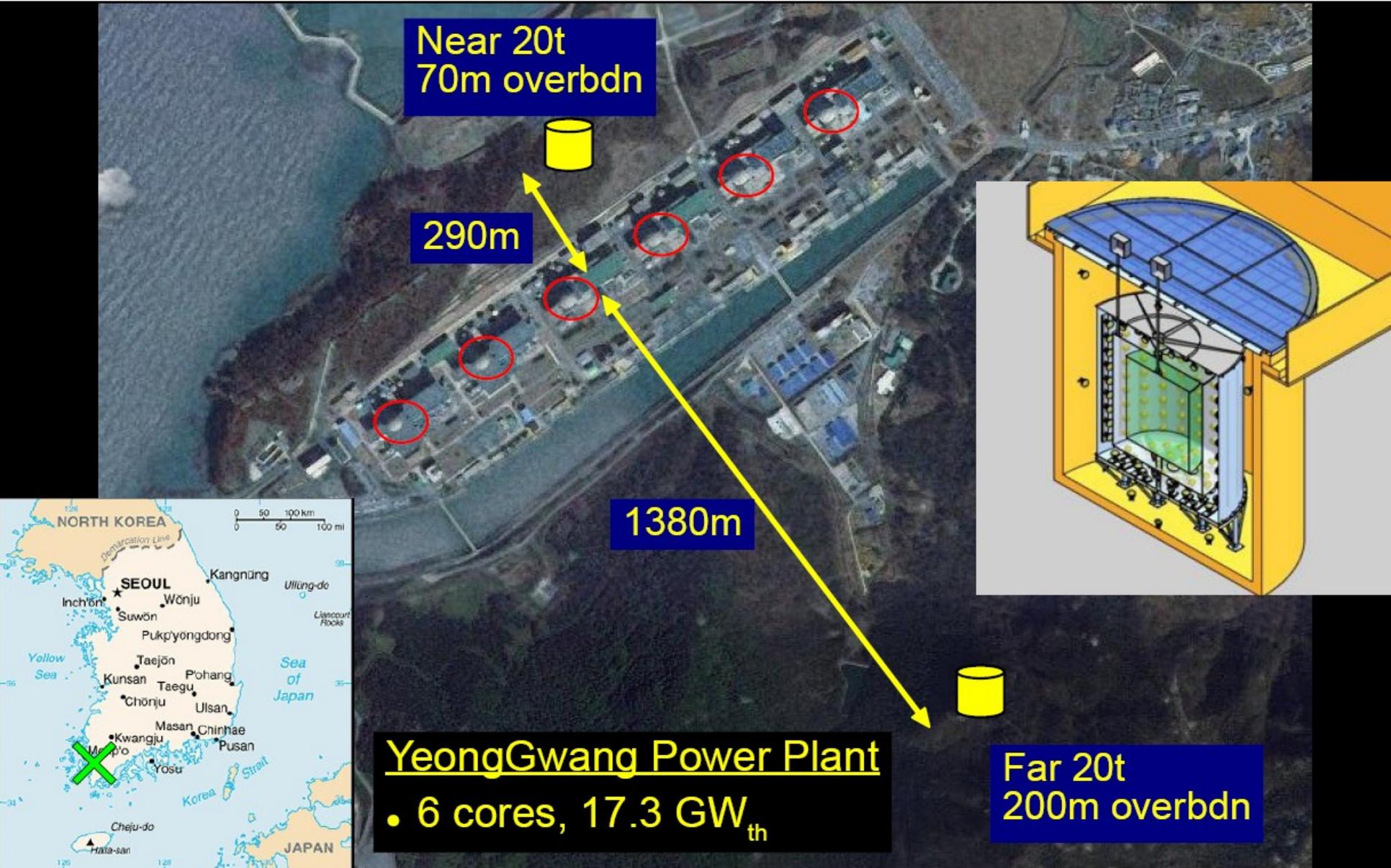


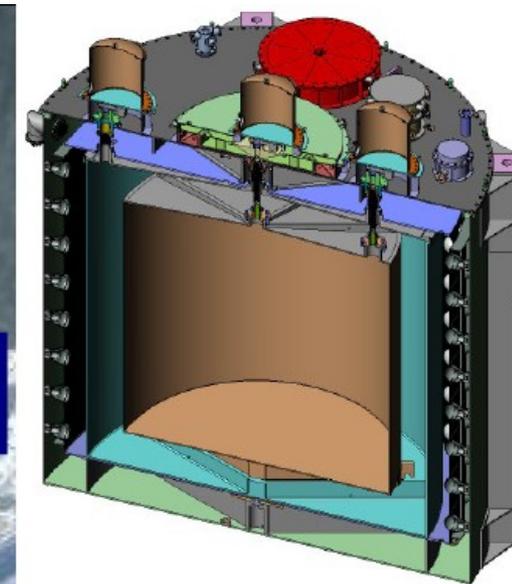
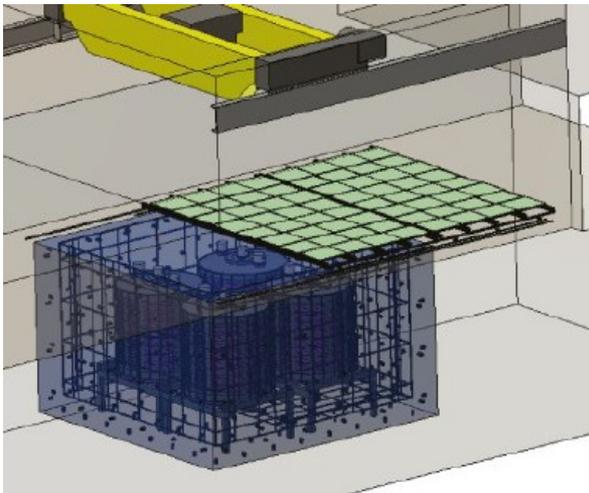
**Chooz-B Power Plant**  
• 2 cores, 8.6 GW<sub>th</sub>



# Systematic uncertainties

		Chooz		Double-Chooz
Reactor-induced	$\nu$ flux and $\sigma$	1.9 %	<0.1 %	Two "identical" detectors, Low bkg
	Reactor power	0.7 %	<0.1 %	
	Energy per fission	0.6 %	<0.1 %	
Detector - induced	Solid angle	0.3 %	<0.1 %	Distance measured @ 10 cm + monitor core barycenter
	Volume	0.3 %	0.2 %	Precise control of detector filling
	Density	0.3 %	<0.1 %	Accurate T control (near/far)
	H/C ratio & Gd concentration	1.2 %	<0.1 %	Same scintillator batch + Stability
	Spatial effects	1.0 %	<0.1 %	Identical detectors and monitoring
	Live time	-----	0.25 %	Special electronic systems and monitoring
Analysis	From 7 to 3 cuts	1.5 %	0.2 - 0.3 %	Simplified cuts due to detector design
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.7 %</b>	<b>&lt; 0.6 %</b>	





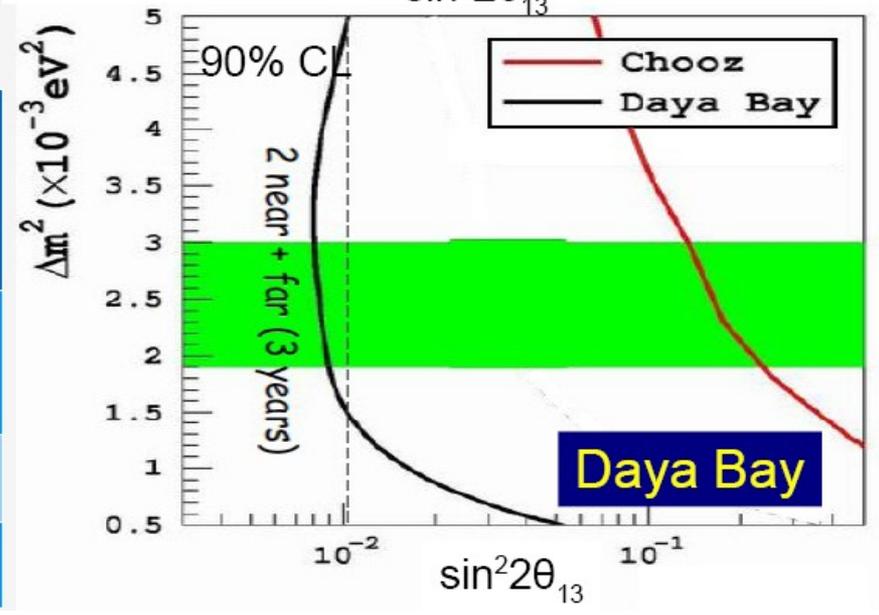
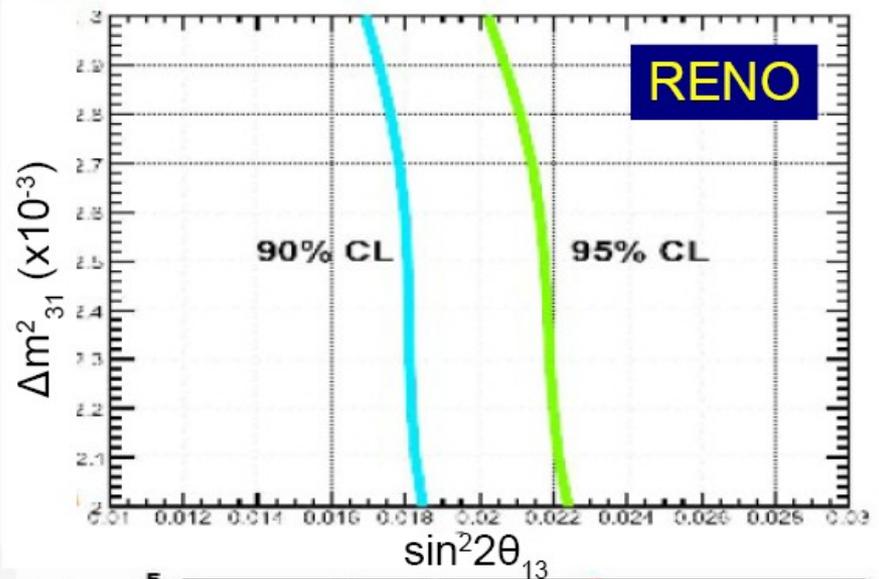
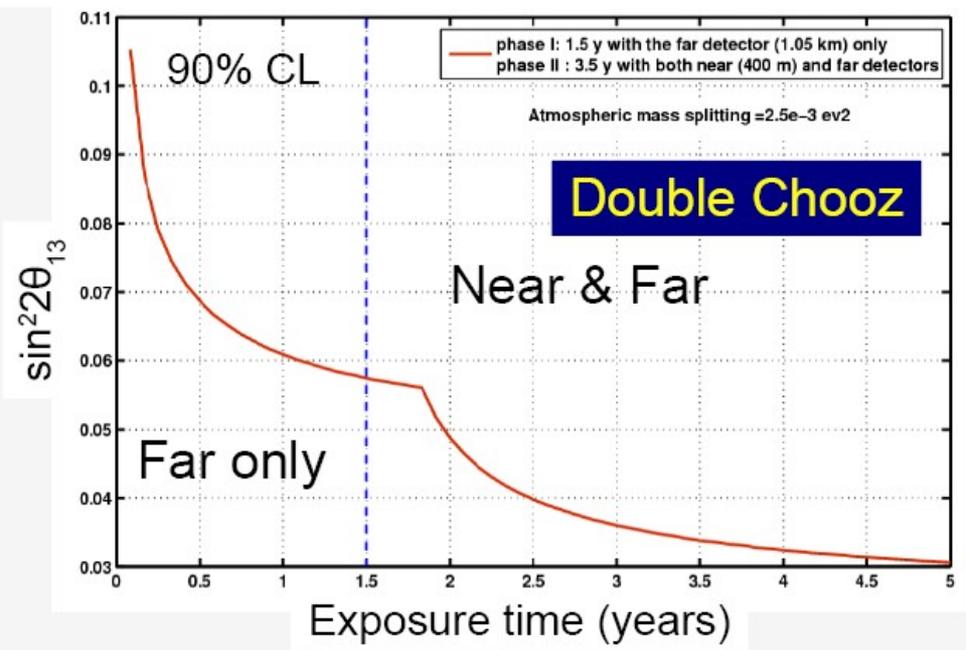
	DYB Site (m)	LA Site (m)	Far Site (m)
DYB	363	1347	1985
I.A	857	481	1618
LA II	1307	526	1613



**Daya Bay/Ling Ao Power Plant**

- 4 cores, 11.6 Gw<sub>th</sub>
- 2011: 6 cores, 17.4 GW<sub>th</sub>

# Expected Sensitivities



Expt	$\sigma_{\text{stat}}$ [%]	$\sigma_{\text{syst}}$ rel. [%]	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} >$ (90% CL)
Double Chooz	0.5	0.6	0.03
RENO	0.3	0.5	0.02
Daya Bay	0.2	0.4	0.01

## Longbaseline $\nu_e$ Appearance Experiments

# Long-Baseline Accelerator Appearance

- Oscillation probability dependent not only on mixing angles but also:
  - CP violation parameter ( $\delta$ )
  - Mass hierarchy (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )
  - Size of  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  (as opposed to the measured  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ )
- These are both complications and an opportunity to measure these parameters
  - Use information from other oscillation measurements: reactors, solar/atmospheric/accelerator disappearance
  - Use combinations of appearance measurements for neutrinos and antineutrinos at different baselines to determine CP  $\delta$  and mass hierarchy

# Ambiguities and Correlations in Appearance Measurements

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{long-baseline} &\simeq \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta \\
 &\mp \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin \delta_{CP} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin^3 \Delta \\
 &+ \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \delta_{CP} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos \Delta \sin^2 \Delta \\
 &+ \alpha^2 \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta
 \end{aligned}$$

Mass Hierarchy

Expansion to second order in  $\alpha$  and  $\Delta$

with  $\alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{23}^2$  and  $\Delta \equiv \Delta m_{31}^2 L / (4E_\nu)$

Ambiguities due to:

= Need  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$   $\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23}}}{2}$ , **Measured by Atmos**, not  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$

$\Delta$  Sign of  $m_{31}^2$  Overall shifts

Correlations:

CP violation phase  $\delta$  Ellipse Regions

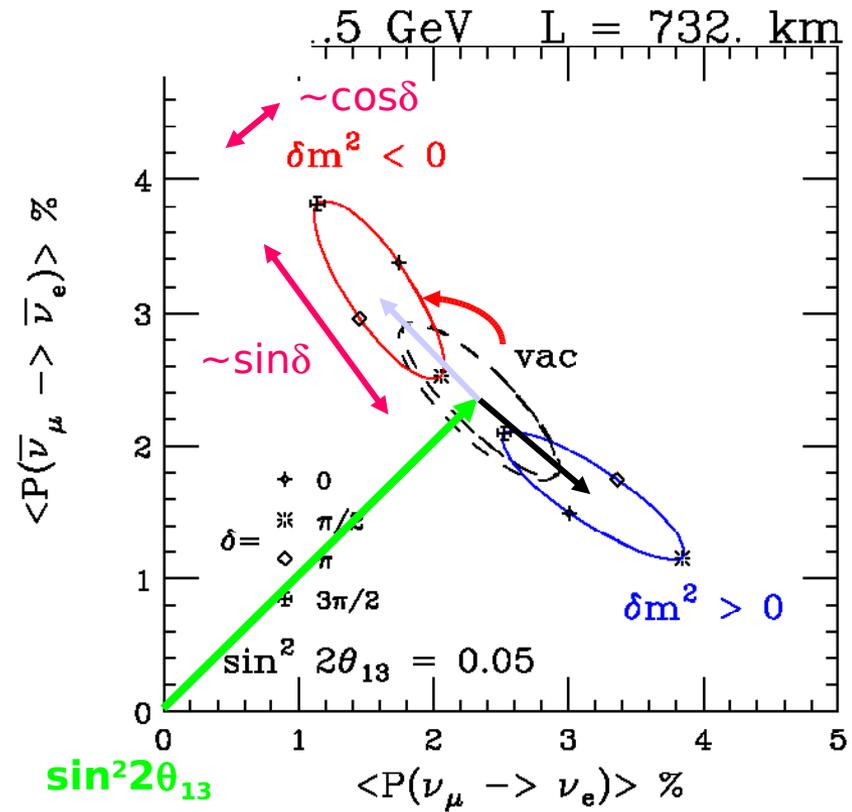
$\Delta$  Interference with subdominant  $m_{12}^2$  terms

Matter Effects:

$$P_{e\mu} = \sin^2 2\theta_M \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta_M L}{2} \right)$$

$$\Delta_M = \sqrt{(A - \Delta \cos 2\theta)^2 + \Delta^2 \sin^2 2\theta}$$

$$A = \pm \sqrt{2} G_F N_e \text{ (+ for neutrinos, - for antineutrinos)}$$



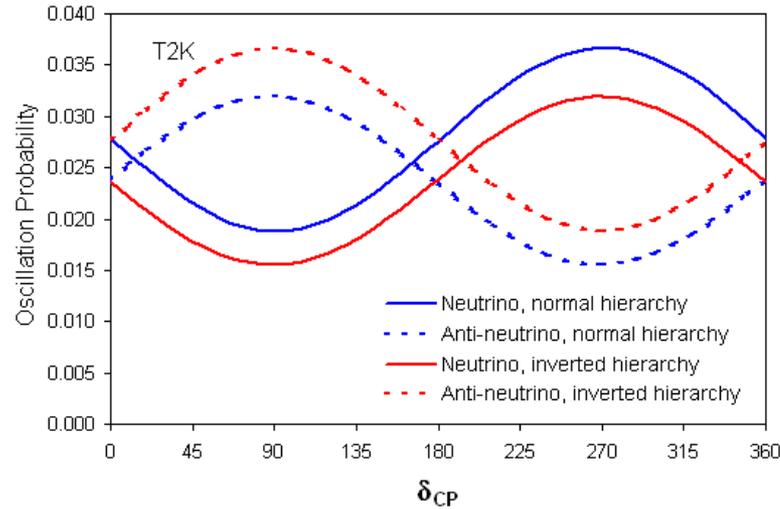
# The “Curse” and the “Blessing”

**Oscillation probability vs  $\delta_{CP}$  for T2K and Nova**

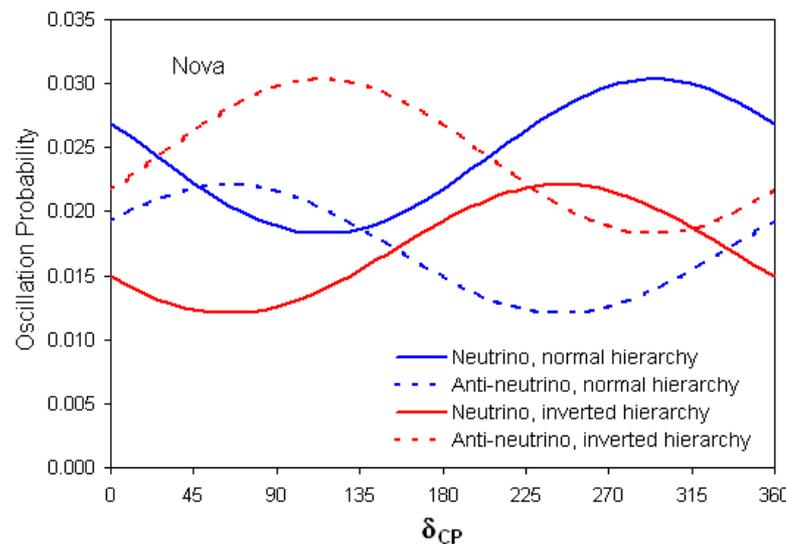
Blue: normal hierarchy

Red: inverted hierarchy

$$(\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.05)$$



T2K:  
Small matter effects



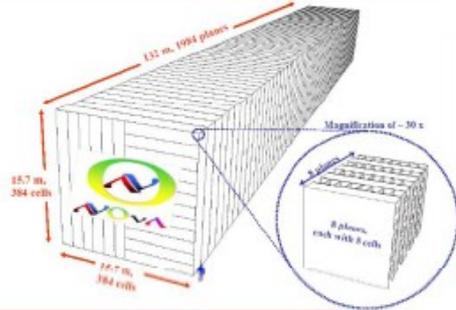
Nova:  
Large matter effects

Solid: neutrino

Dashed: antineutrino

# Upcoming Longbaseline Experiment: T2K and Nova

*Improved Beams and Near/Far Detectors  
Much Higher Intensity*



15 kton totally active detector



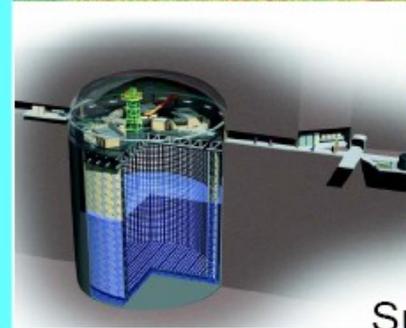
NuMI beam intensity upgrade to 700 kW



**NOvA**  
(~2013 -)

**T2K**  
(2009 -)

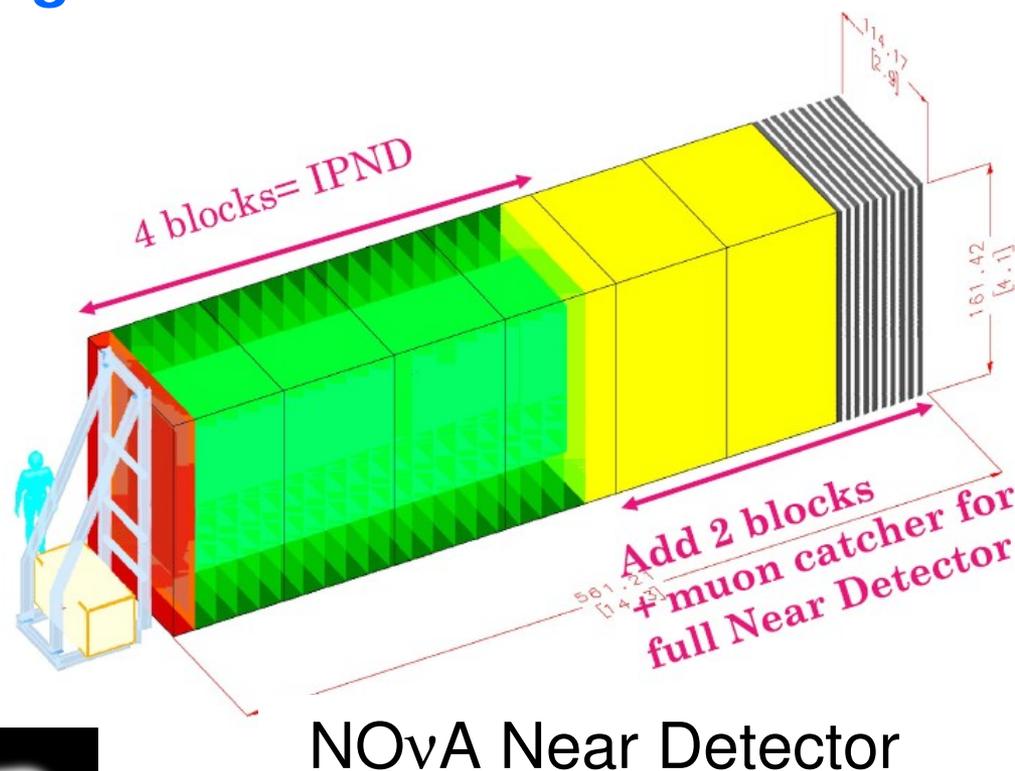
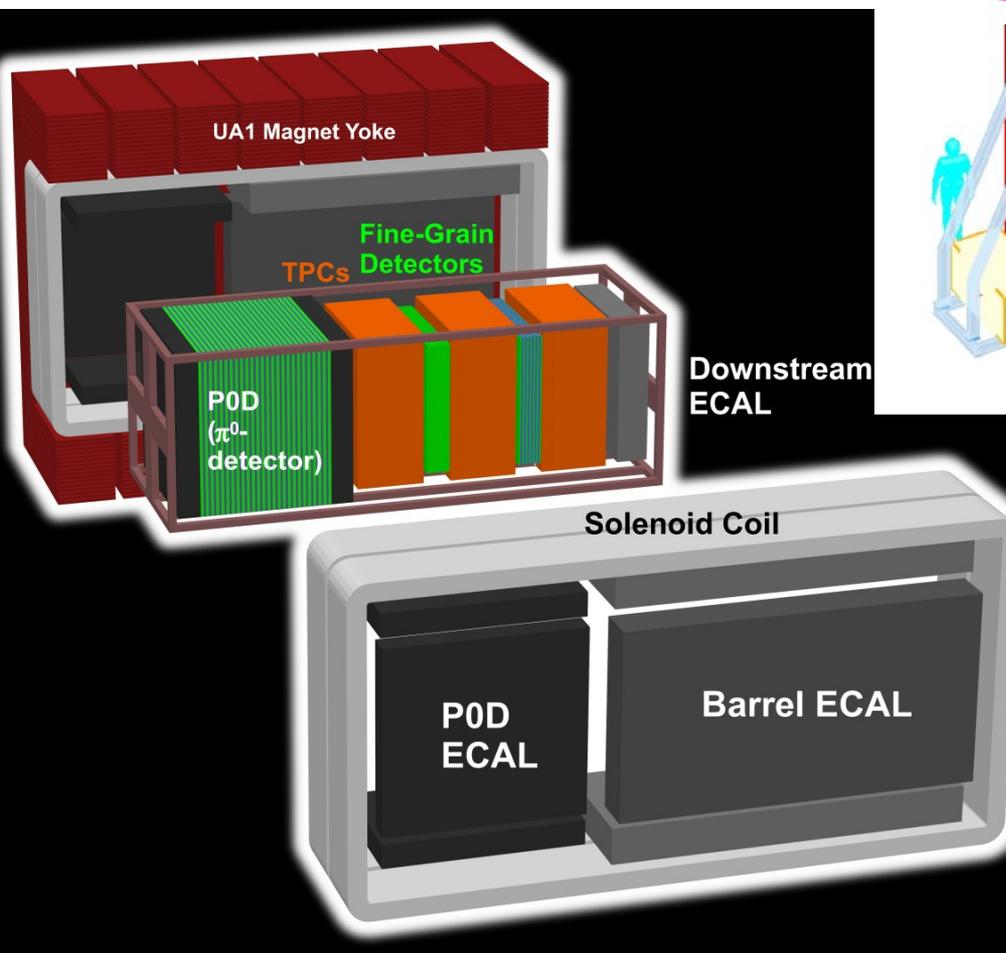
J-PARC  
(750kW design)



Super-Kamiokande  
(22.5 kton fid. vol)

# Use Near Detectors to Measure Beam Flux and Backgrounds

## T2K Near Detector



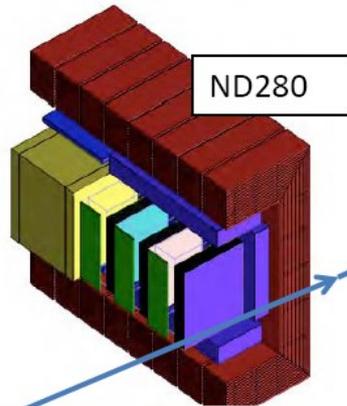
## NOvA Near Detector

# T2K Experiment

JParc  
ν beam-line

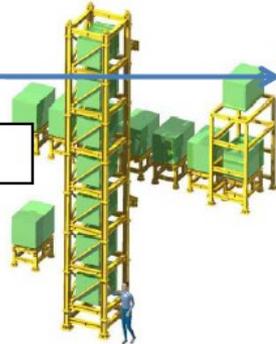


30 GeV protons



ND280

INGRID



$\theta_{OA}$  off-axis  
angle =  $2.5^\circ$

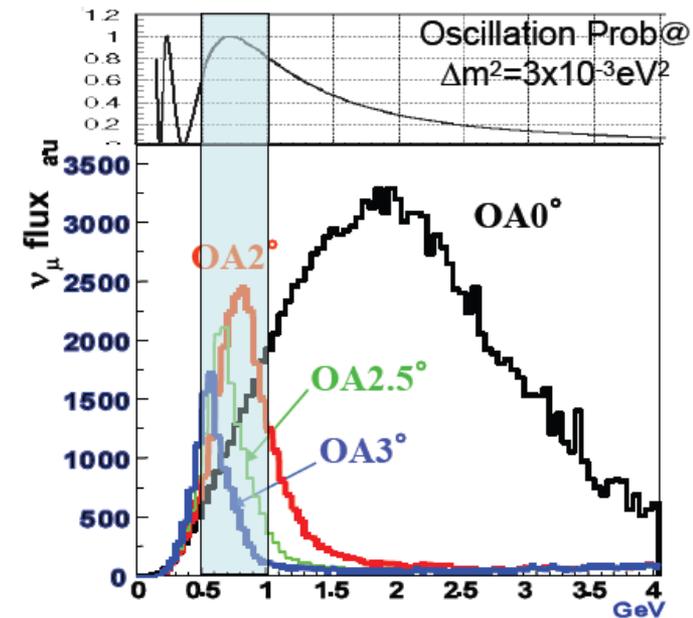


SK

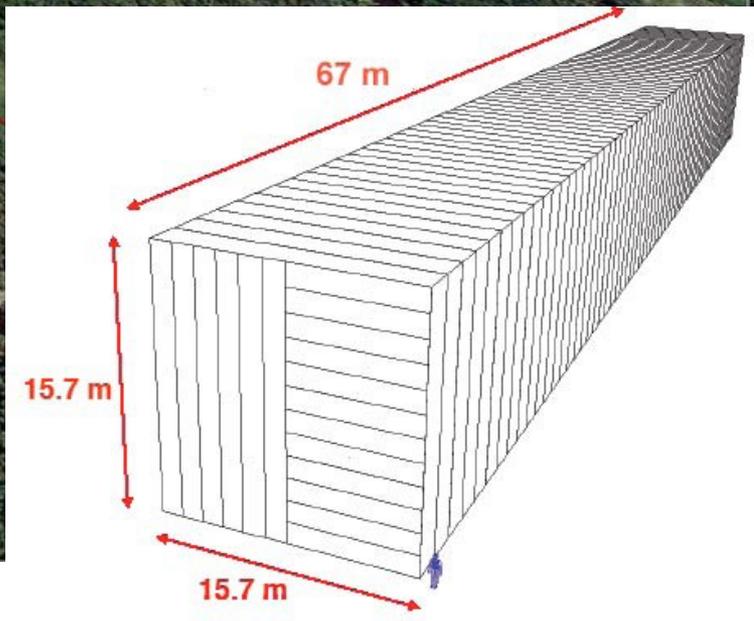
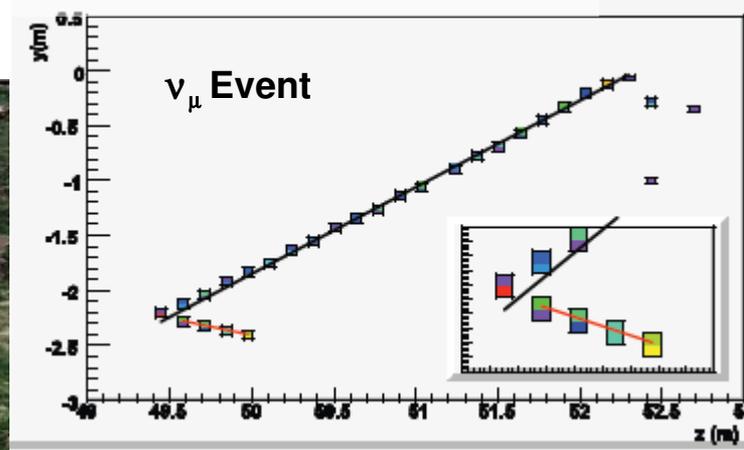
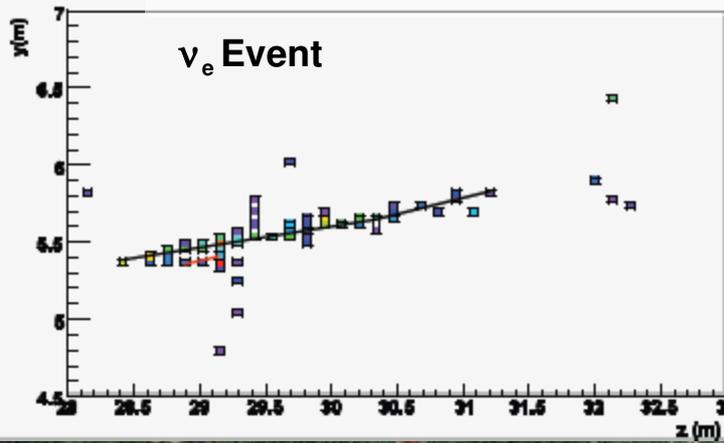
22.5 kt water  
cerenkov

295 km

**Statistics at SK**  
(OAB 2.5 deg, 1 yr, 22.5 kt)  
~ 2200  $\nu_\mu$  tot  
~ 1600  $\nu_\mu$  CC  
 $\nu_e$  ~0.4% at  $\nu_\mu$  peak



# NOvA Experiment in Minnesota

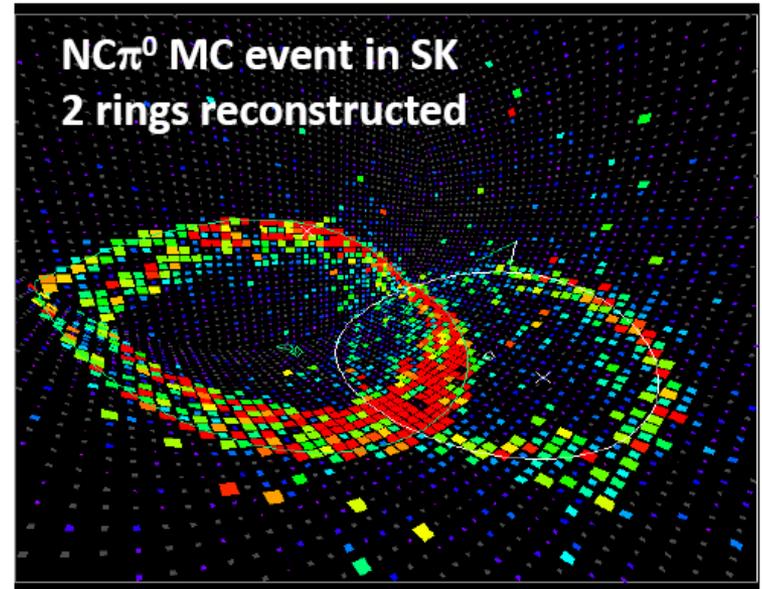
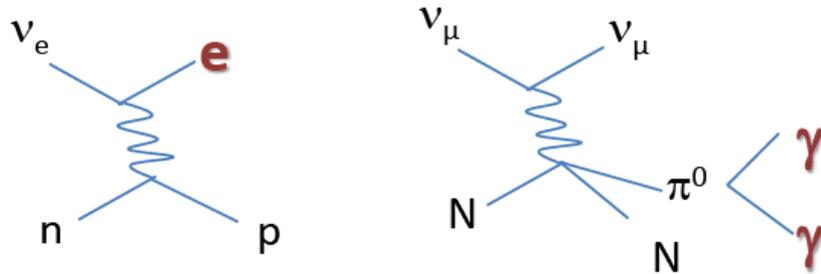


# Main Backgrounds For Appearance Experiments

•for  $\nu_e$  appearance

- beam  $\nu_e$
- NC $\pi^0$  events

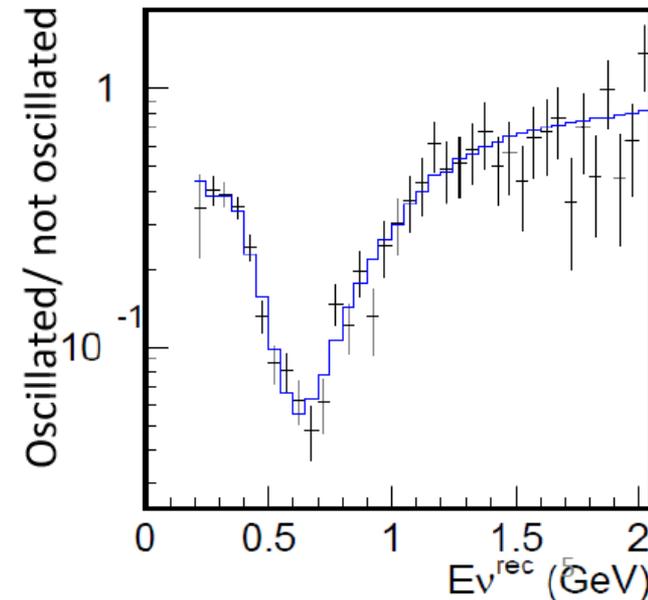
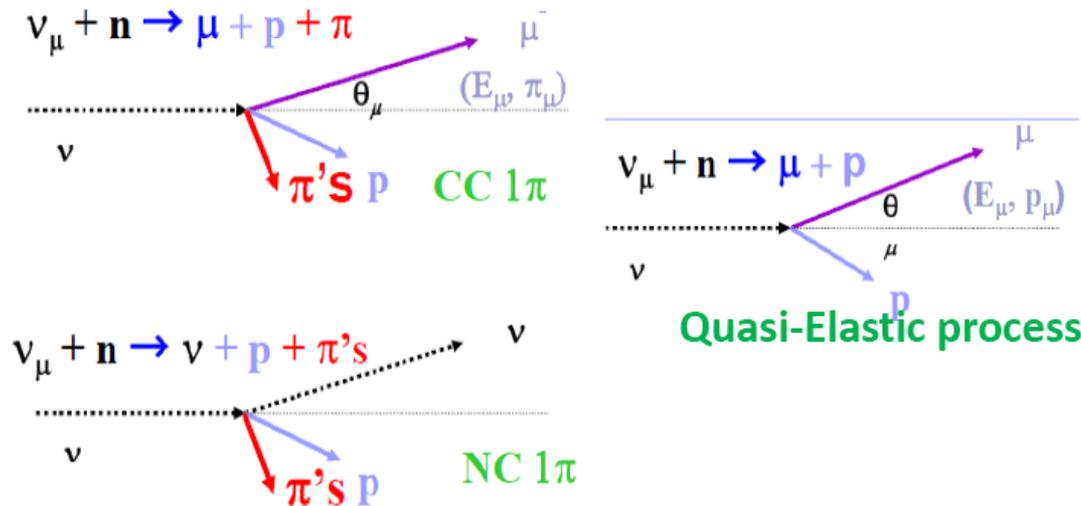
Measure  $\theta_{13}$



•for  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance (muon energy measurement)

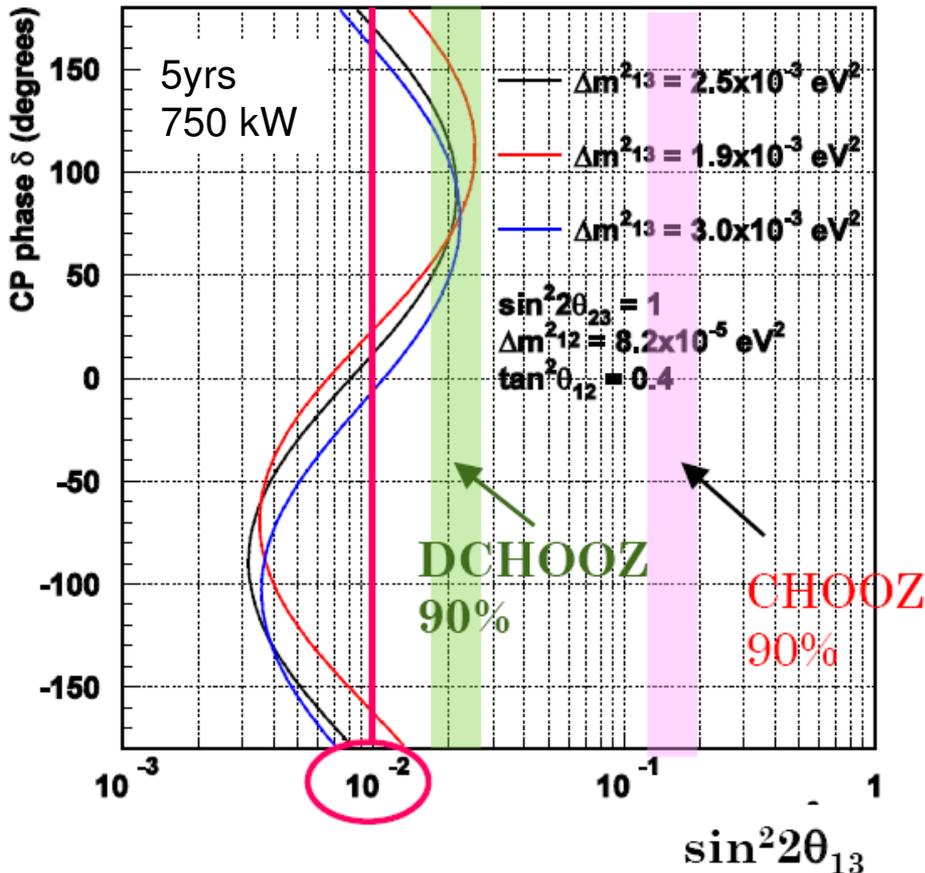
- inelastic processes

Measure  $\theta_{23}$



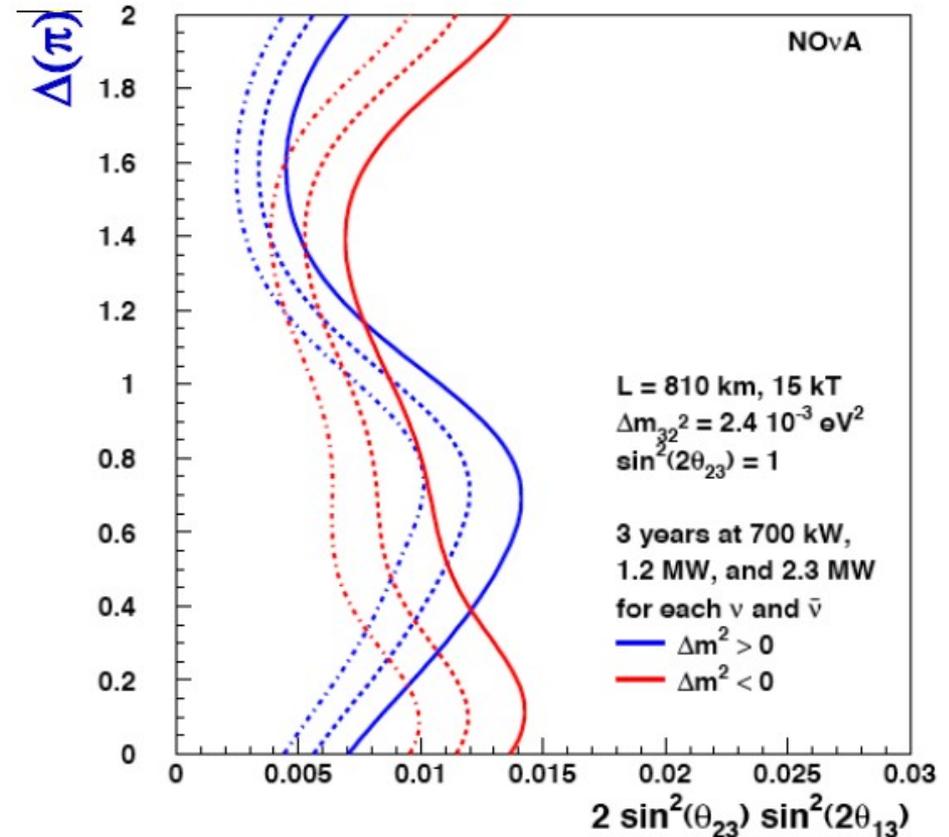
# Expected Sensitivity to $\theta_{13}$

## T2K



## NOvA

90% CL Sensitivity to  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \neq 0$



Experiments sensitive to  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) > 0.008$

# Better Measurements of $\theta_{23}$ and $\Delta m^2_{23}$

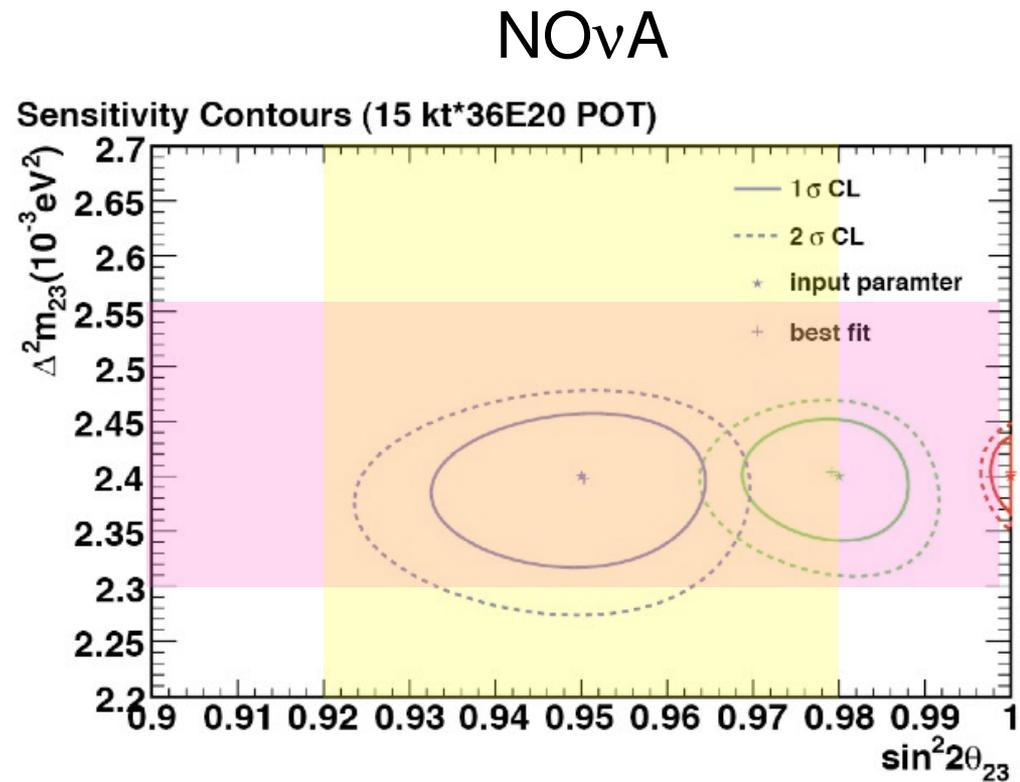
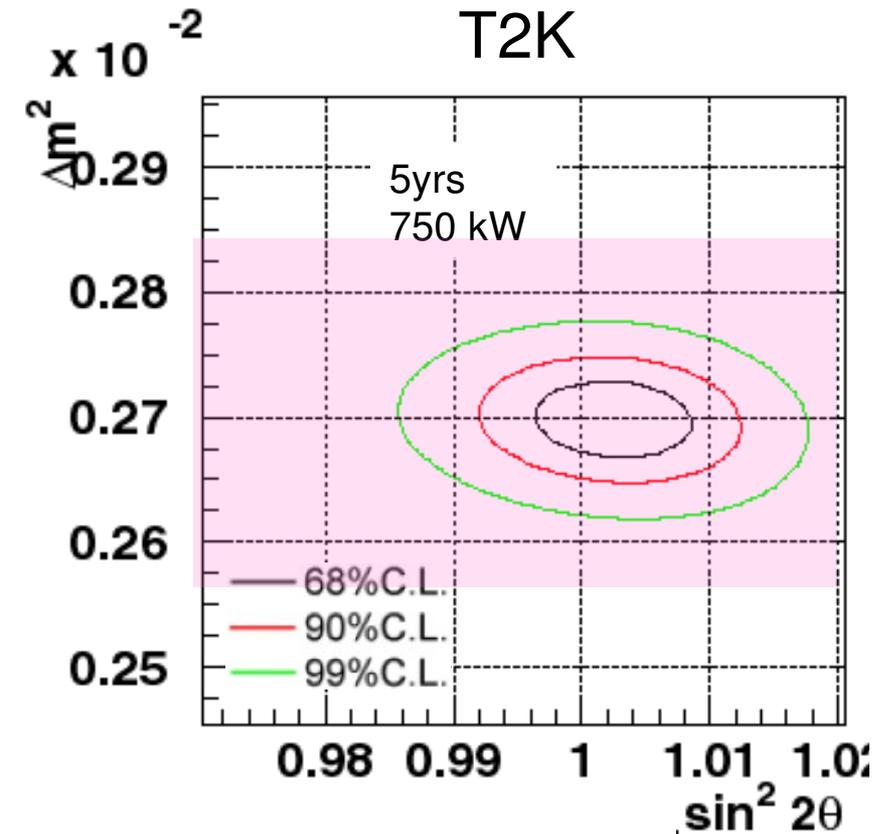
Current Measurements:

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.43 \pm 0.13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1.00 \pm 0.03$$

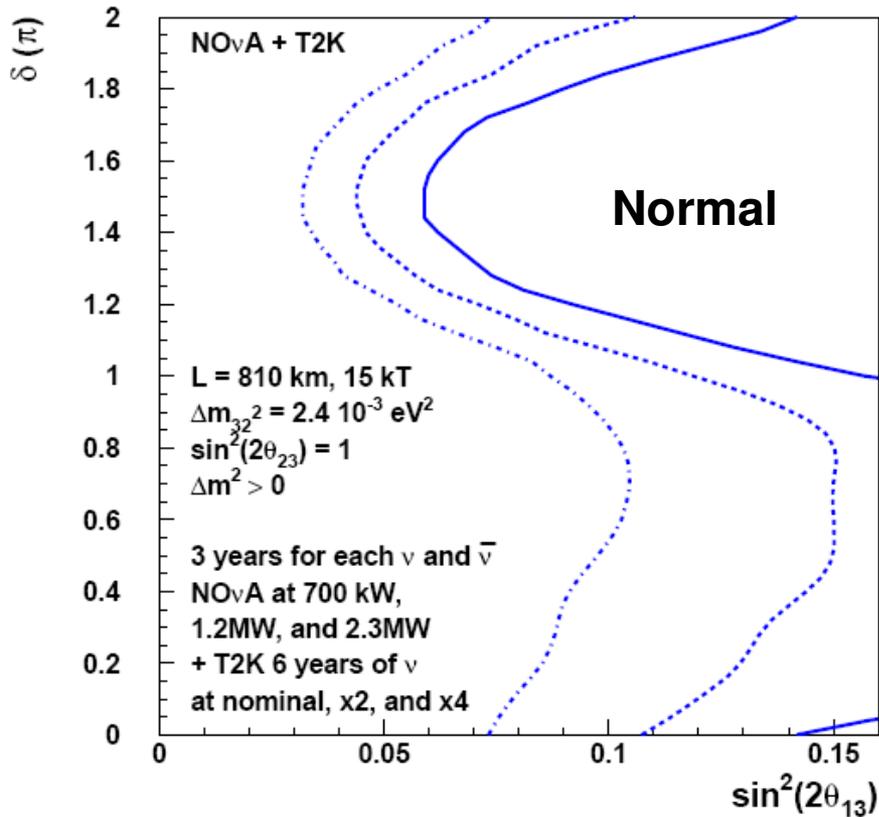


Improvements by x3 to x5

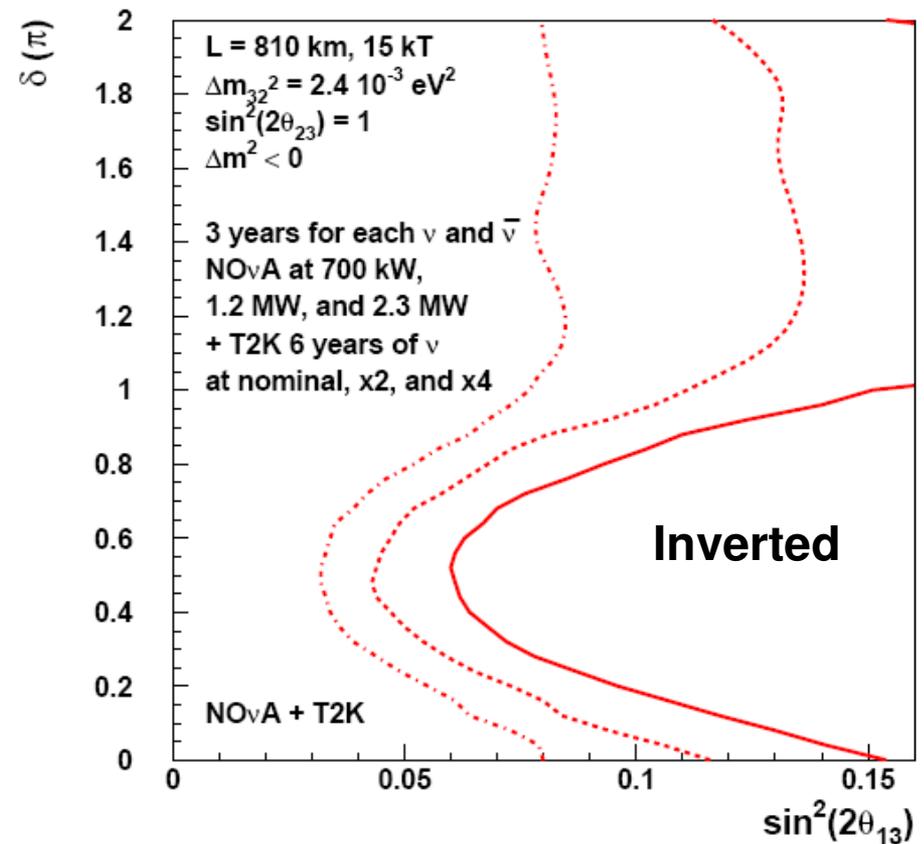


# NOvA + T2K Has Some Sensitivity to Mass Hierarchy (sign $\Delta m^2_{23}$ )

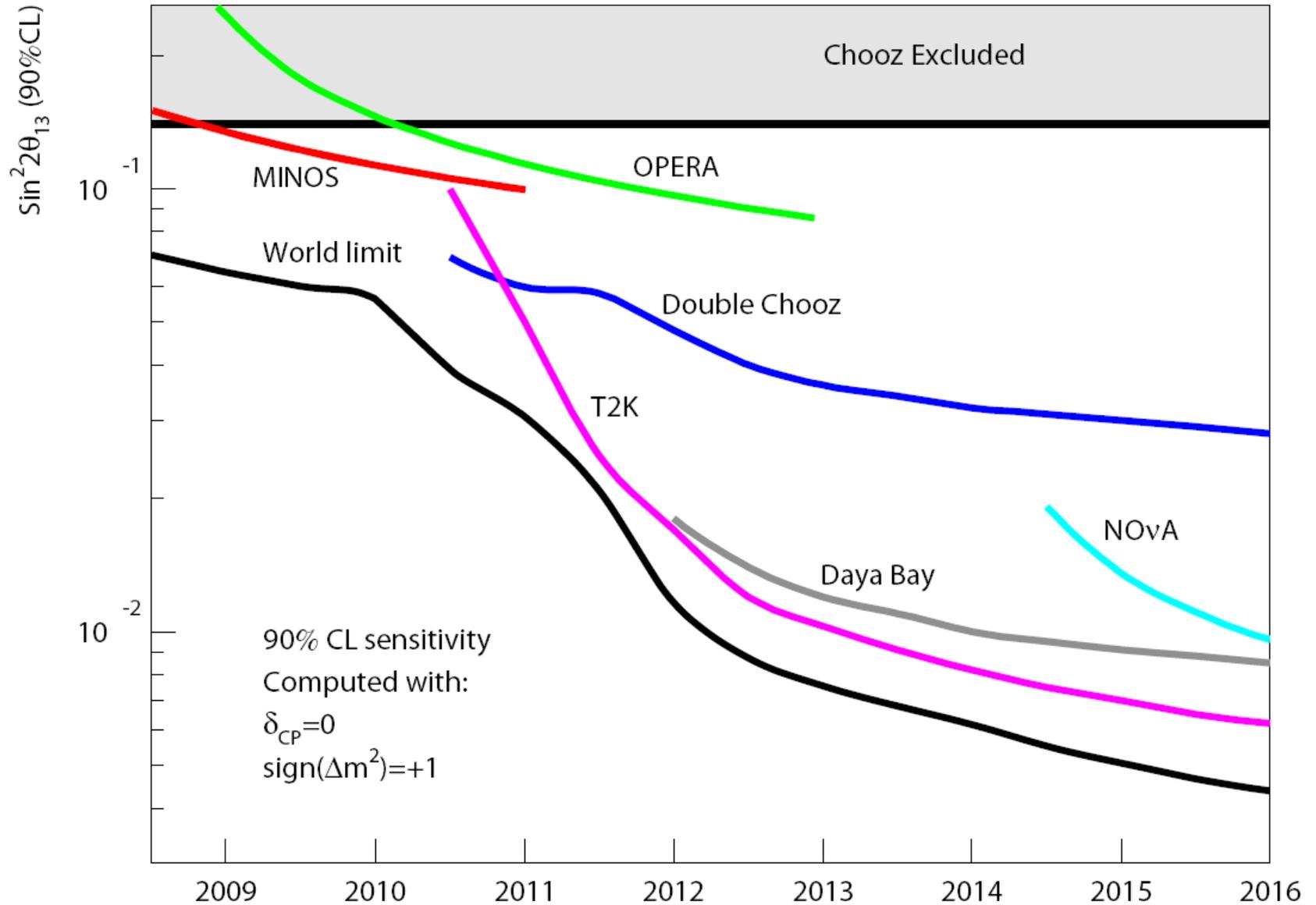
95% CL Resolution of the Mass Ordering



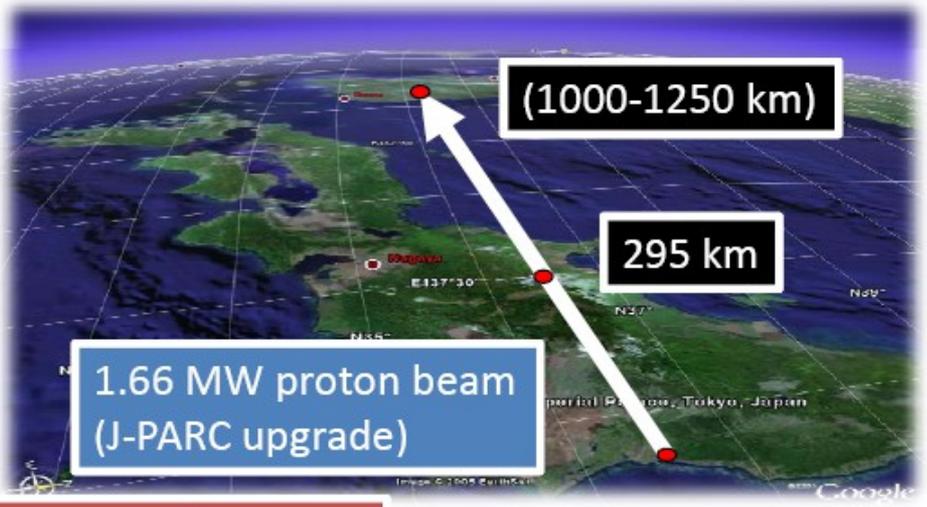
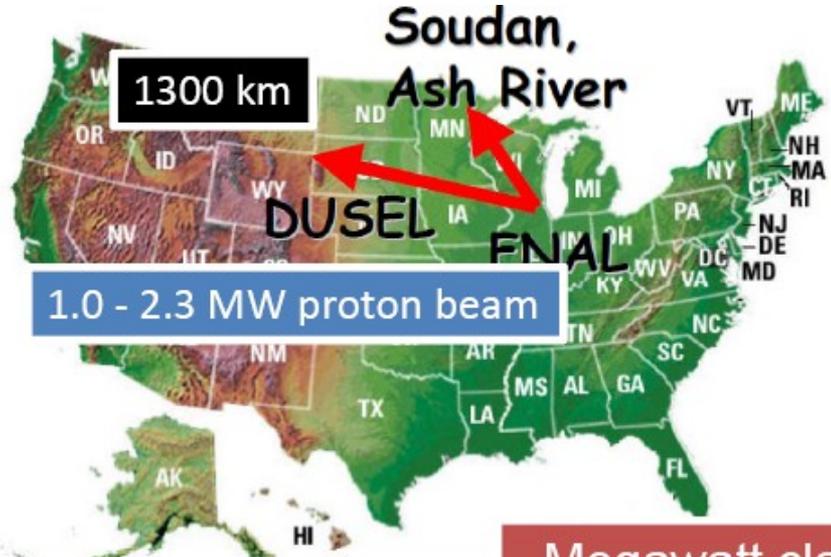
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# Sensitivity Estimates for $\theta_{13}$ vs Time

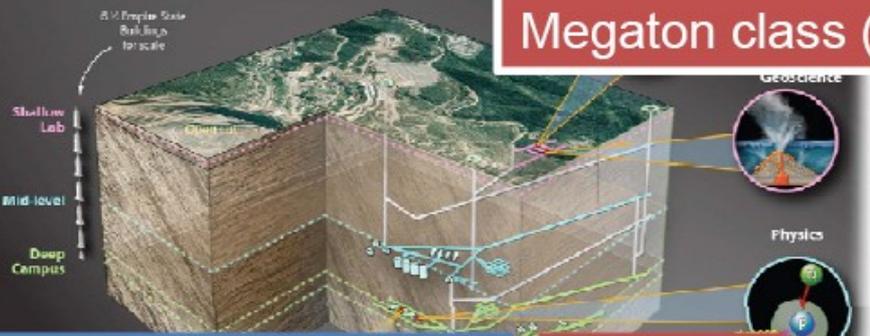


# Future Longbaseline Experiments



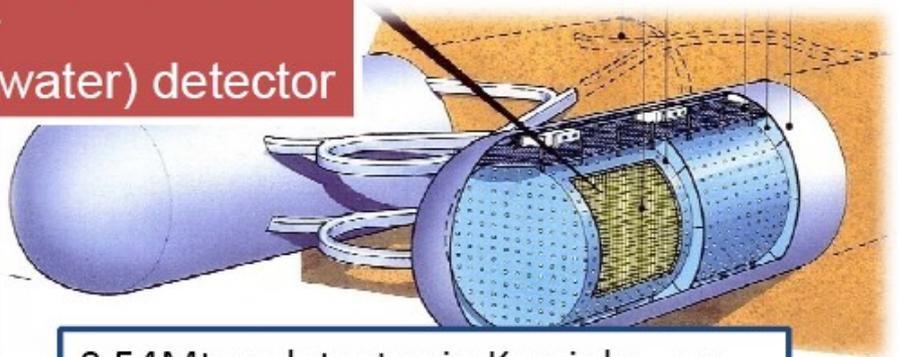
**DUSEL** Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory at Homestake

**Megawatt class super-beam + Megaton class (water) detector**



**100kton modular water Ch.**  
➔ Total mass = 300 ktons

**Or, 50-100 kton LAr.**



**0.54Mton detector in Kamioka, or 0.27 Mton water Cherenkov detector in Kamioka and Korea.**

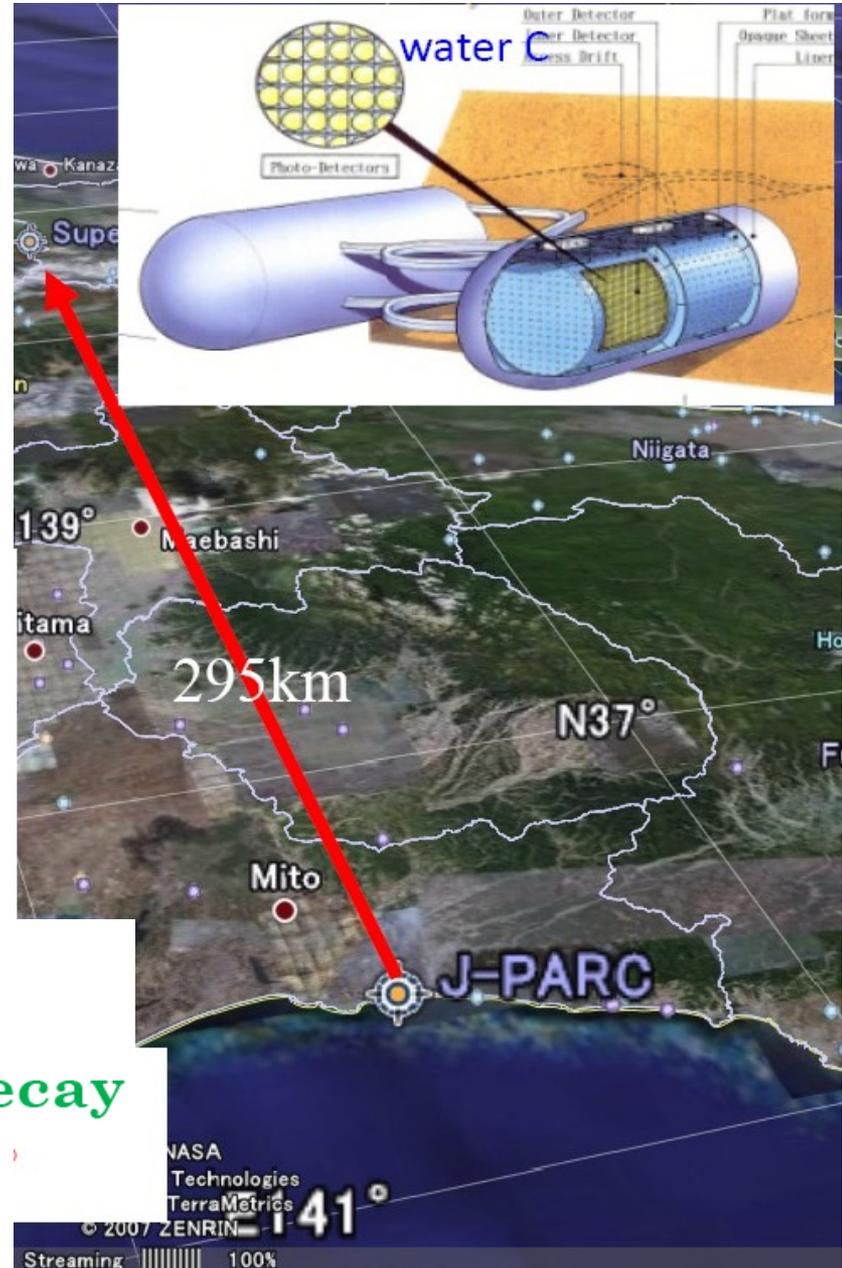
# Hyper-K Experiment

J-PARC Upgrade  
KEK Roadmap  
→ 1.7MW

Best Optimization

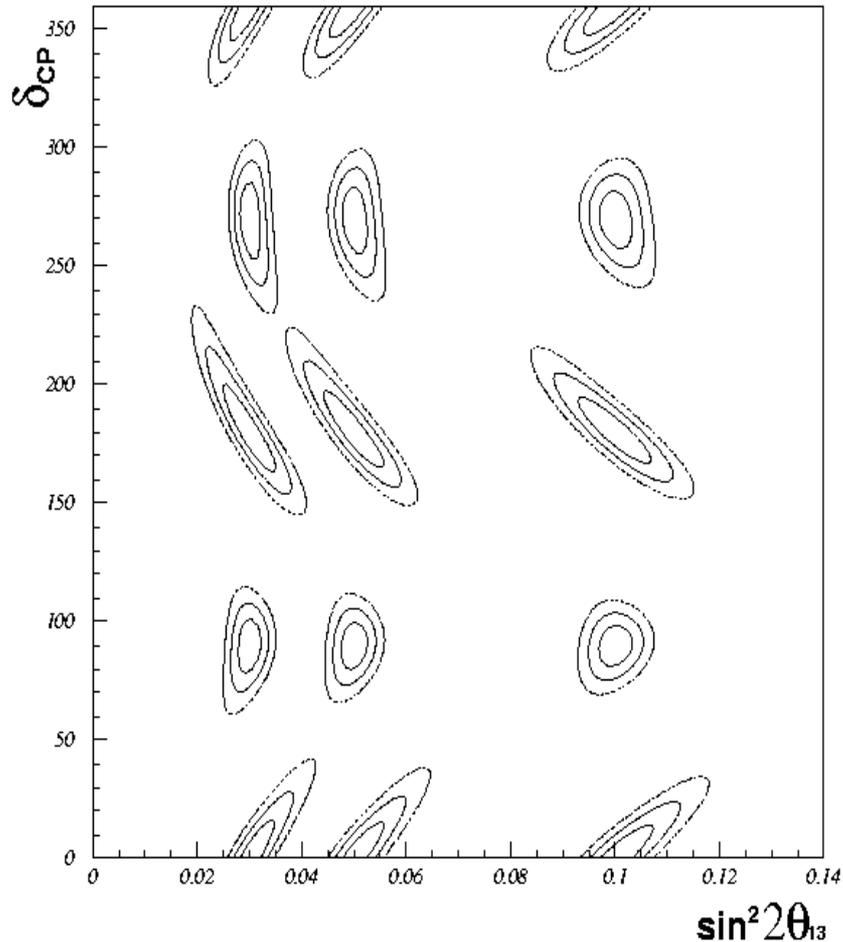
- Huge  $\nu$  detector
- Water Cherenkov (500 kton)
- Lq. Ar TPC  
 $O(\sim 100\text{k})\text{ton}$

GUT  
Proton Decay

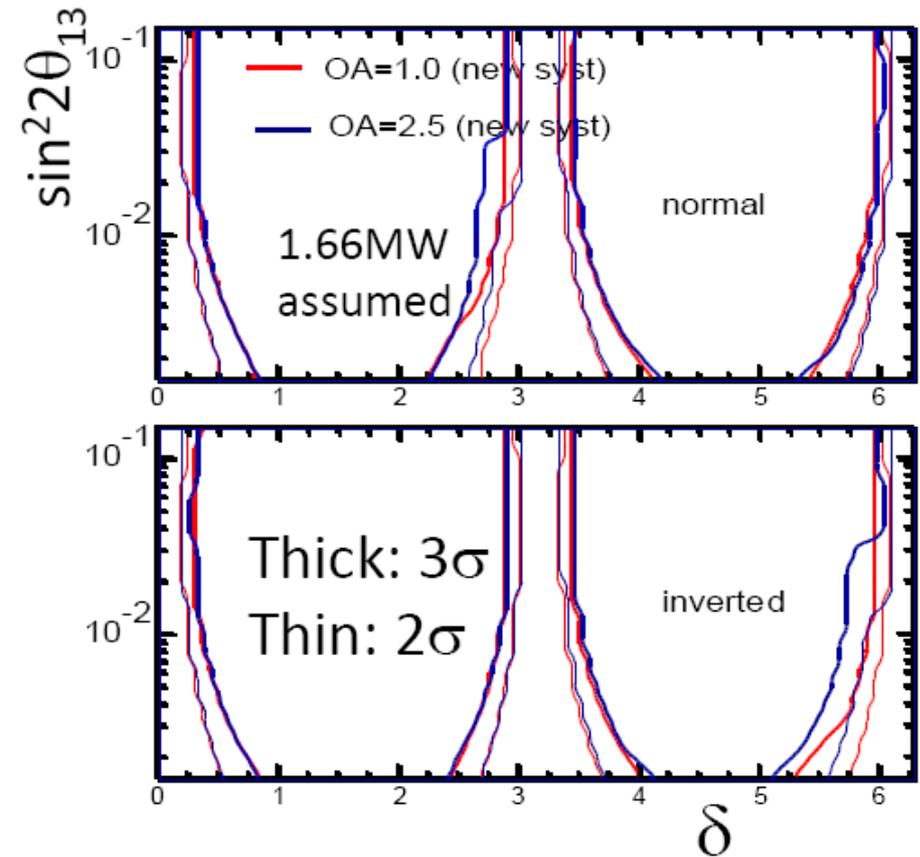


# Hyper-K CP Violation Sensitivities

## 100 kton Liquid Argon Detector



## J-PARC to Kamioka + Korea



# Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment at DUSEL (LBNE)

**DUSEL** Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory

Homestake mine  
South Dakota

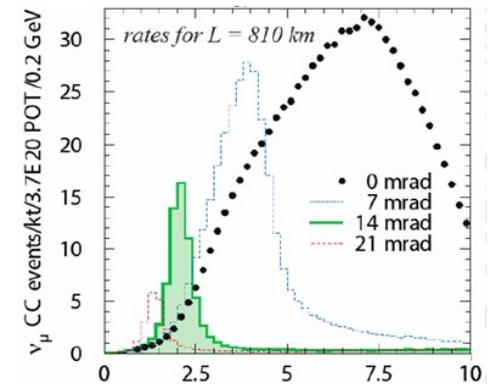


Two detector technologies:  
- Water Cherenkov (WC)  
- Liquid Argon (LAr)

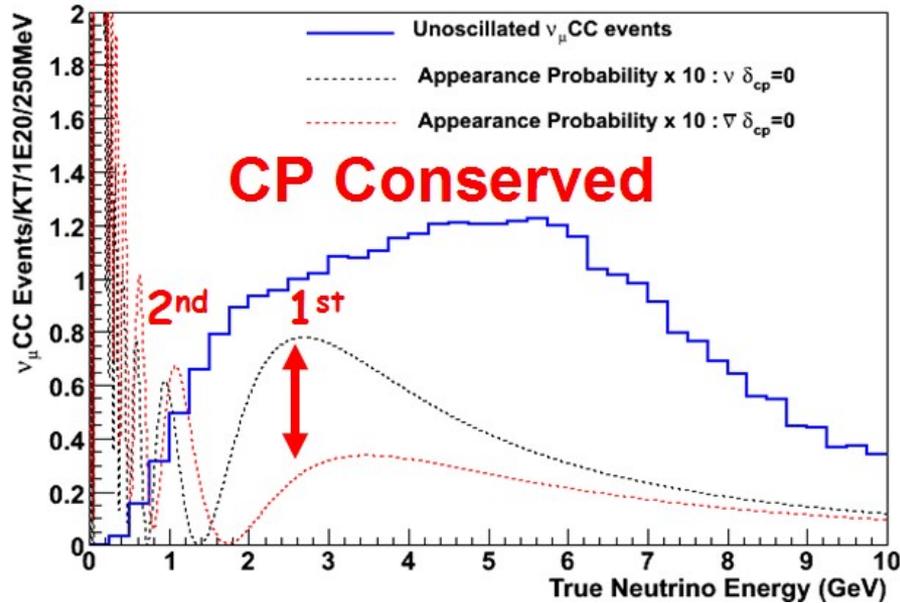
- Beam Requirements:
    - Large neutrino flux covering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation max points (0.8 and 2.4 GeV)
    - High purity  $\nu_\mu$  flux with little  $\nu_e$  contamination
    - Minimize flux with energy above 5 GeV that causes background
- ⇒ Run at reduced energy  $90 \pm 30$  GeV but then less flux

# On-axis Beam May Be Better for DUSEL Exp

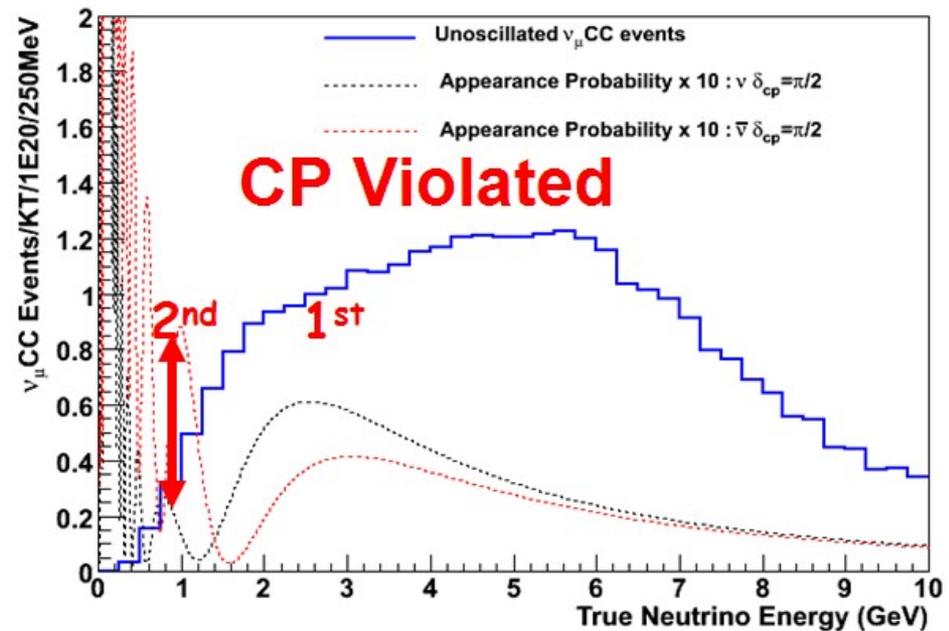
- On-axis beam spans large energy region that allows one to measure the oscillation probability at both the first and second maximum ( $\sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2 L/E)$ )



1300 km On Axis new WBB



1300 km On Axis new WBB

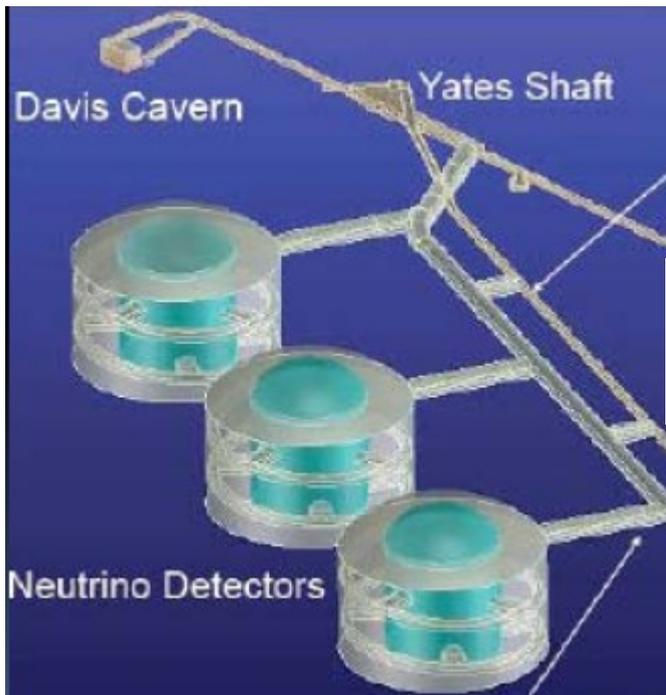


**1<sup>st</sup> Maximum : Gives the neutrino mass hierarchy**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Maximum : Sensitive to CP Violation effects**

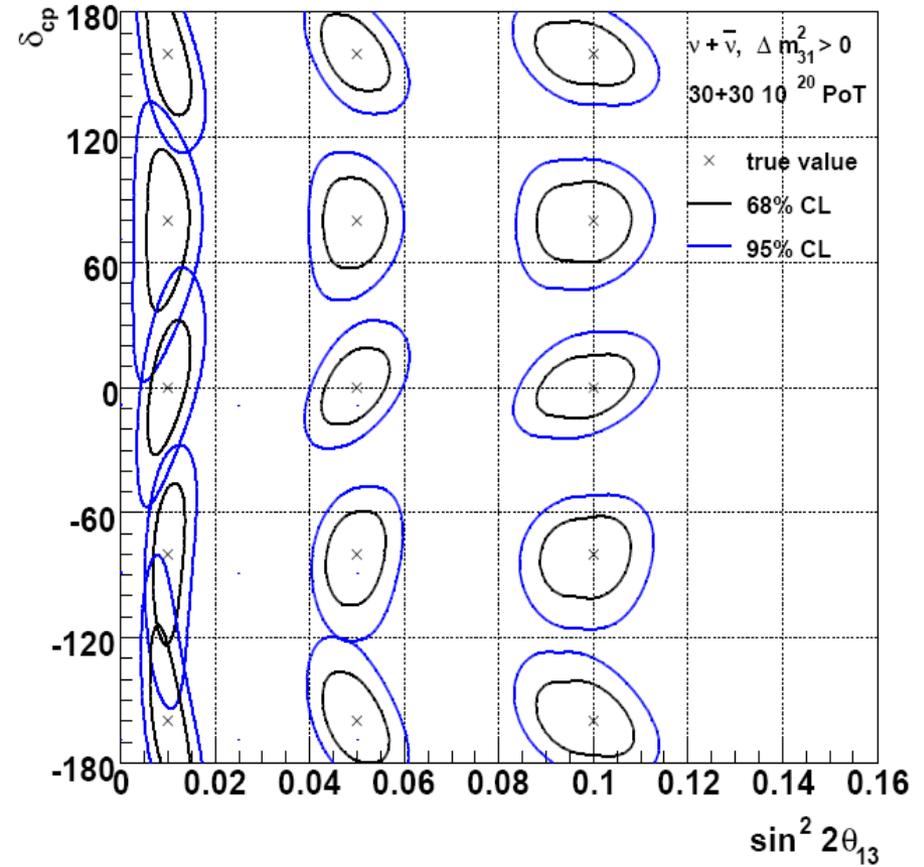
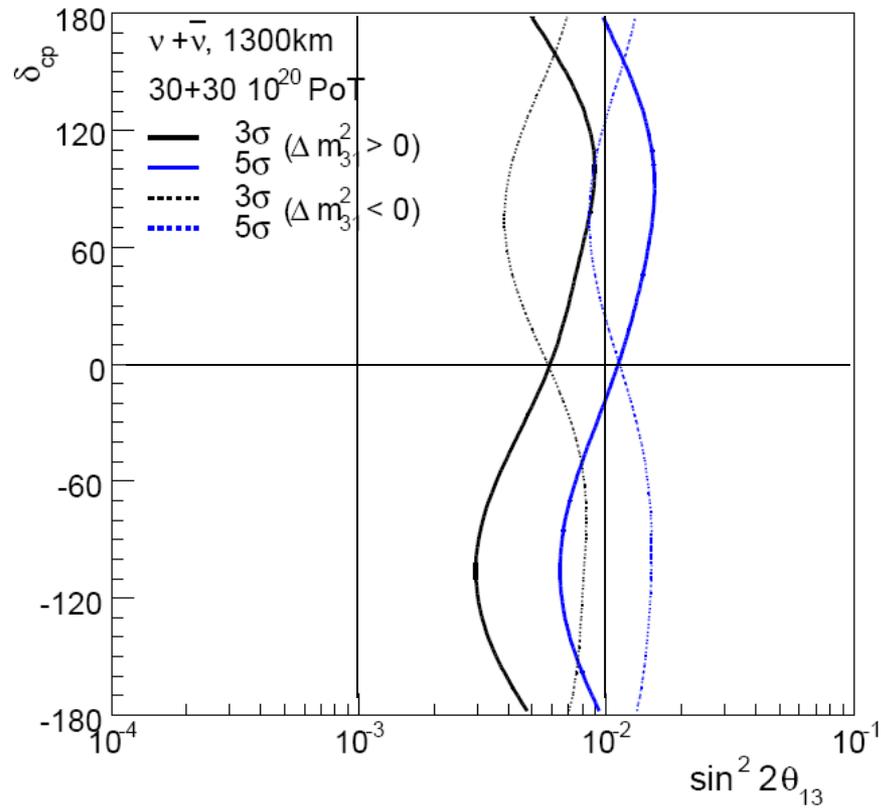
# DUSEL LBNE Experiment and Expectations

- Baseline experiment:
  - Three 100 kton fiducial “water Cherenkov” detectors (Each 5 times Super-K)
  - 1 MegaWatt (2.3 MW) 120 GeV beam with plug to reduce high  $E_\nu$
  - 3 yrs  $\nu$  + 3 yrs  $\bar{\nu}$  of data



	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \neq 0$ $3\sigma$ , all $\delta_{cp}$	$\text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$ $3\sigma$ , all $\delta_{cp}$	CPV $3\sigma$ , 50% $\delta_{cp}$
1 MW	0.007	0.021	0.019
2.3 M	0.004	0.014	0.012

# LBNE Sensitivity (3 yr $\nu$ and 3 yr $\bar{\nu}$ )



- Reactor and longbaseline experiments will be soon providing new information on  $\theta_{13}$ 
  - $\theta_{13}$  is a important physics parameter for modeling  $\nu$  mixing
  - $\theta_{13}$  is key for planning future long-baseline experiments to measure CP violation and the mass hierarchy
    - If  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  is  $> \sim 0.03$ , T2K and Nova can make important measurements
    - If  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  is  $< \sim 0.01$ , need other techniques to access the physics (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> max. measurements; Superbeam exps, Neutrino Factory....)
- Longbaseline experiments are more complicated but have the promise to give information on the mass hierarchy and CP violation
  - T2K and Nova could give some early hints of these parameters
  - Next generation superbeams will be necessary to make quantitative measurements
- There is a strong ongoing program of oscillation experiments and serious plans for taking the next step to superbeams
  - ⇒ Exciting times for neutrino physics