

Neutrino Detectors for Reactor Monitoring: **the Angra Project**

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The ANGRA Neutrino Project

- Now: Safeguards Tool Development
- Eventually: Nu Oscillation Measurement





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Main Goal:

- Monitor reactor with antineutrinos:
Gain insight on the technique
Improve it

Possible Future Goal:

- Neutrino Oscillations:

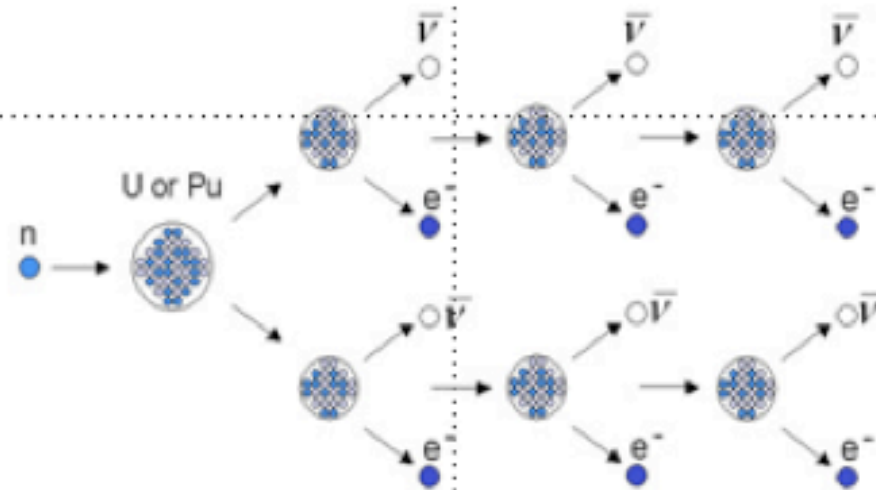
Measure the mixing angle θ_{13}

Neutrinos from Reactors

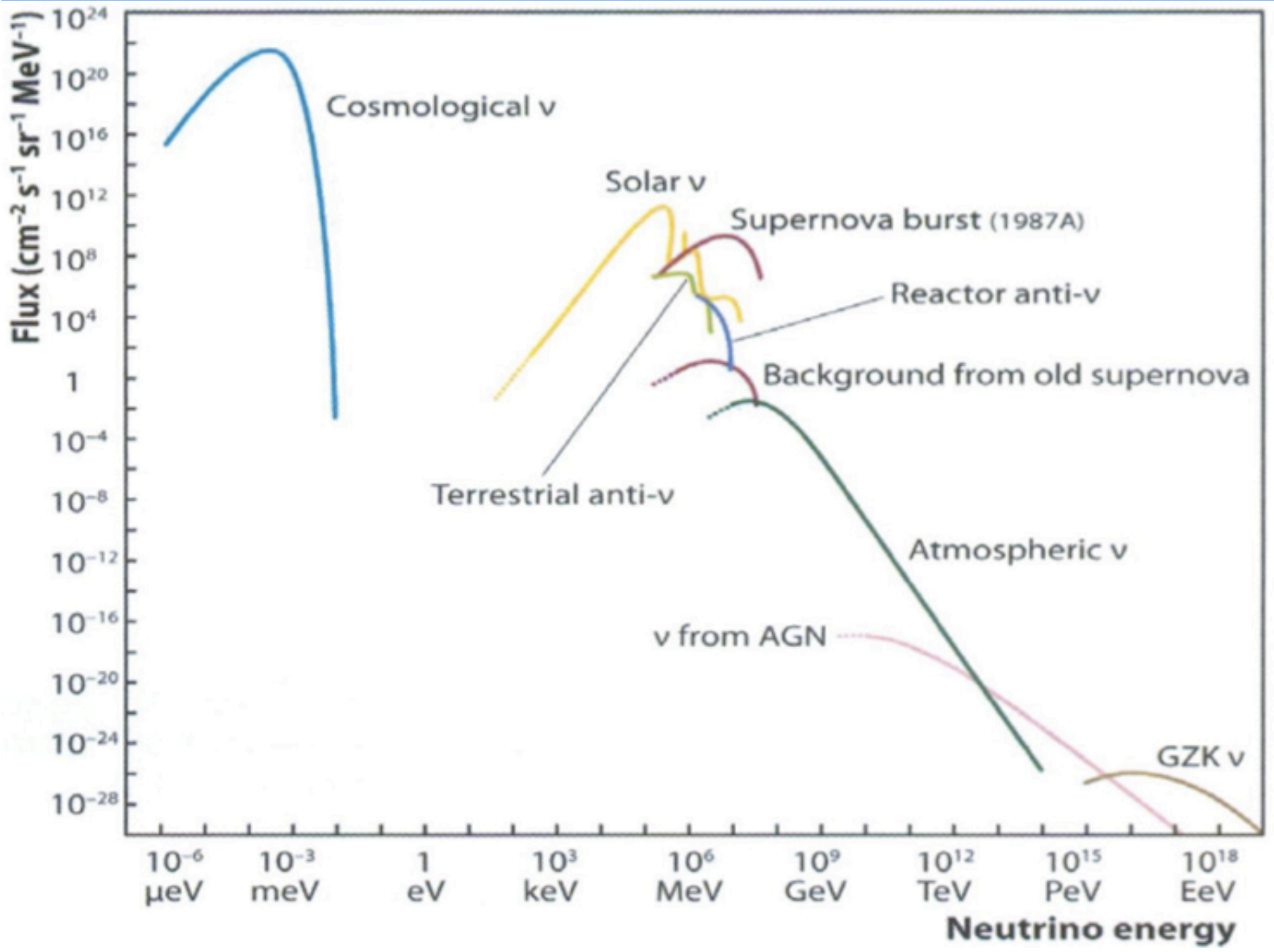
- Nuclear reactors produce lots of (electron) antineutrinos
- Typical fluxes: 10^{20} s^{-1}
- Typical energy: a few MeVs

Reactor Neutrinos: main features

- Source: copious β -decays from fission process



$\langle N_{\bar{\nu}} \rangle = 6,7$ antineutrinos / fission



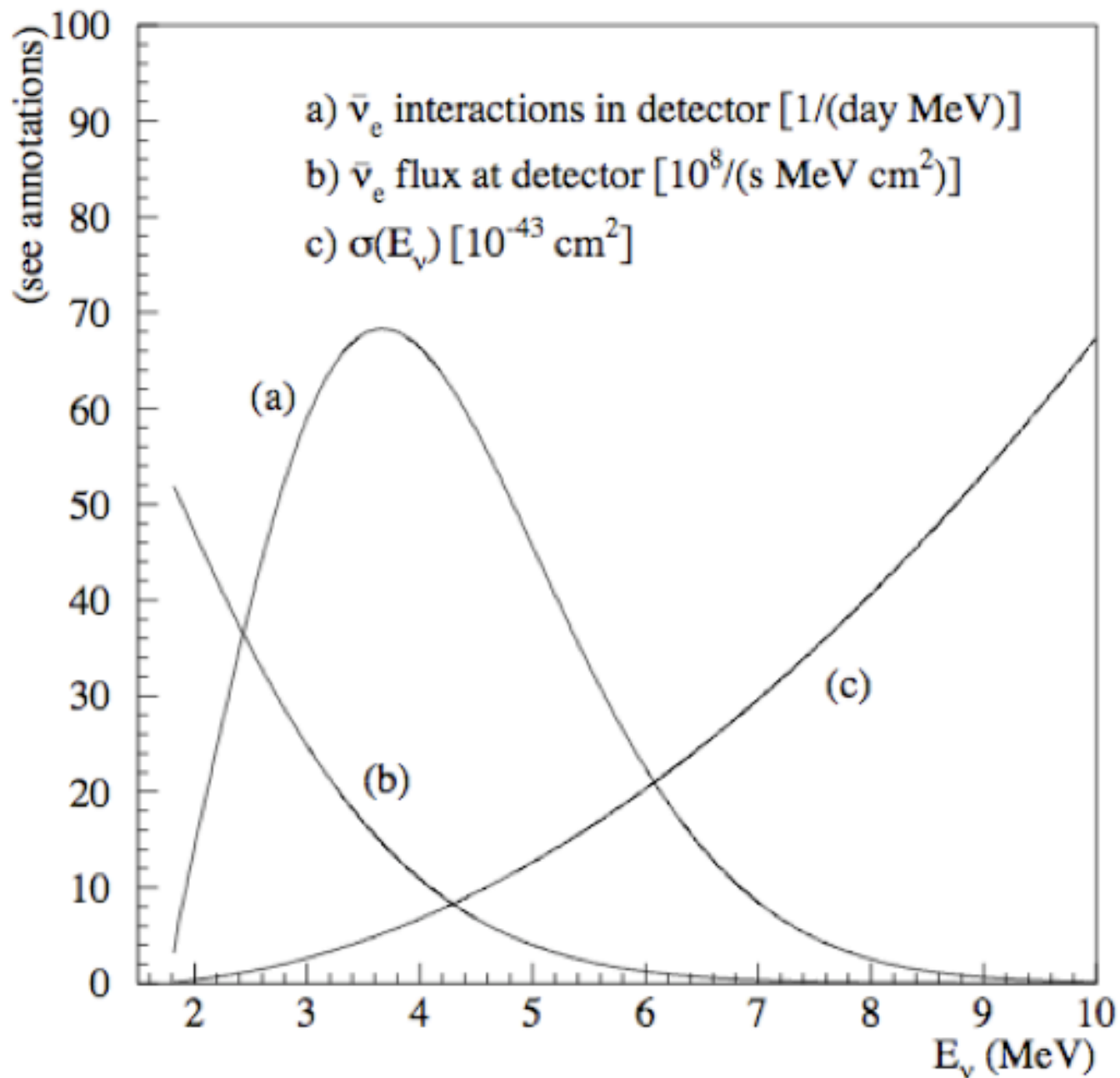


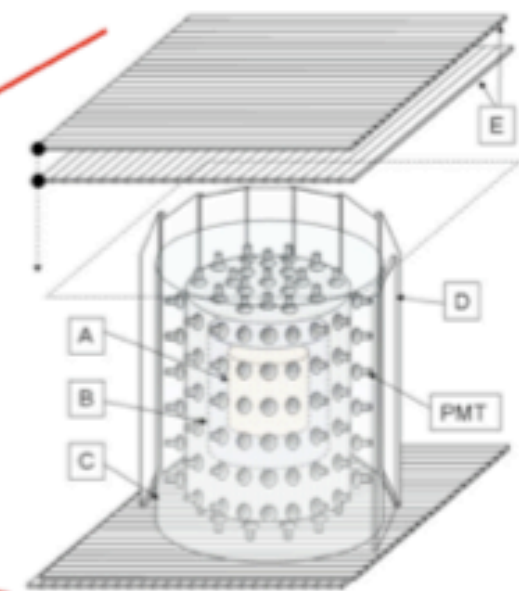
FIG. 2. Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux, inverse beta decay cross section, and $\bar{\nu}_e$ interaction spectrum at a detector based on such reaction.

Aplicação de Física dos Neutrinos

monitoramento de reactores nucleares



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salvaguarda e não-proliferação de armas nucleares

Neutrino Detection Principle

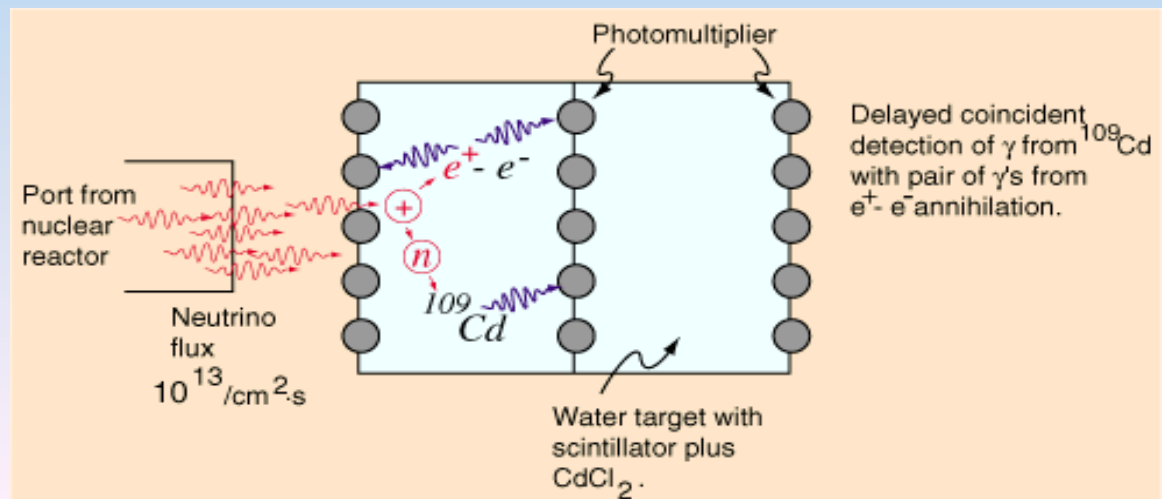
The $\bar{\nu}_e$ interacts with a proton (from the target) via the inverse β -decay:



The e^+ quickly annihilates

Later the neutron gets captured producing a *coincident signal*

Reines and Cowan used Cd to enhance the n capture



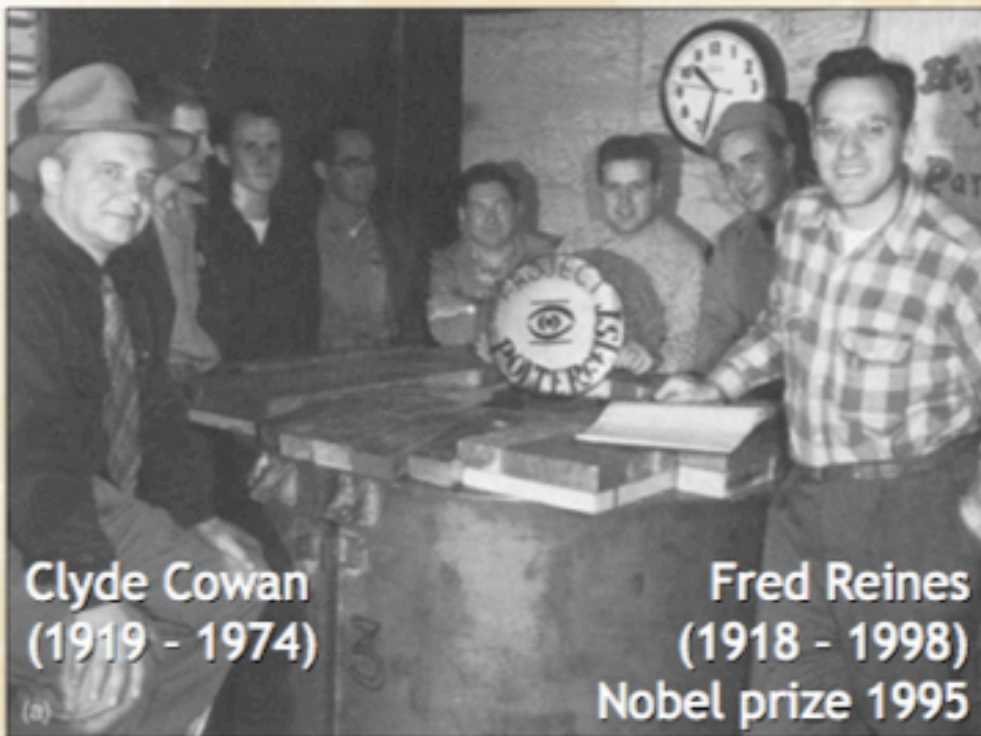
1953-1956

The Reines-Cowan Experiments

Detecting the Poltergeist

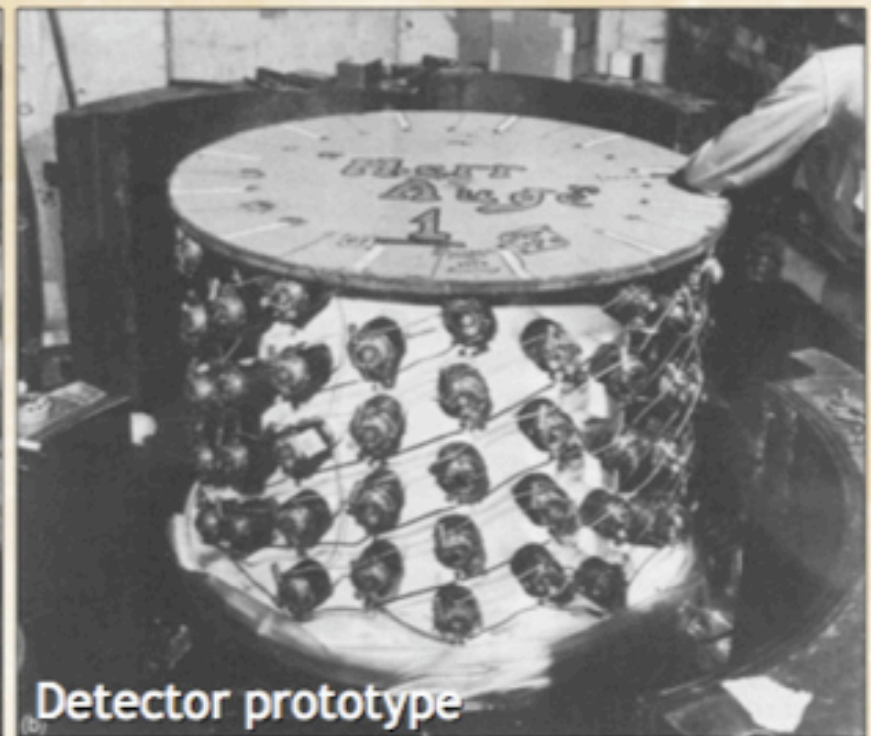


First Detection (1954 - 1956)



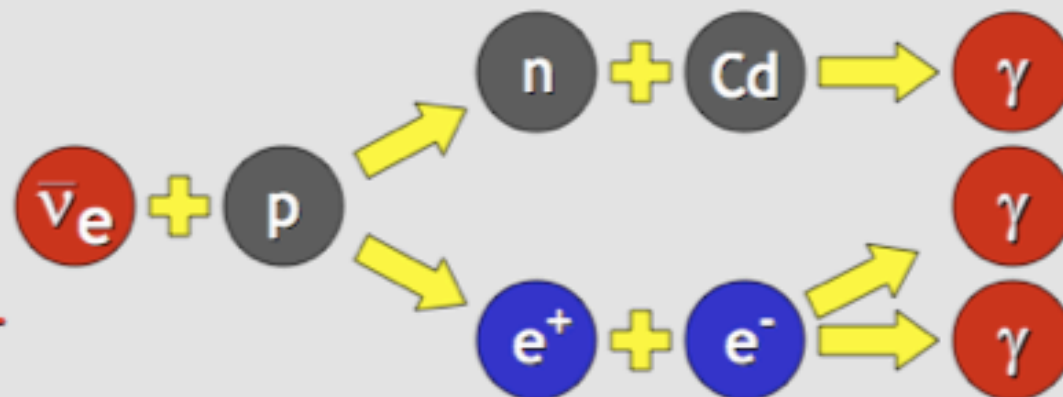
Clyde Cowan
(1919 - 1974)

Fred Reines
(1918 - 1998)
Nobel prize 1995



Detector prototype

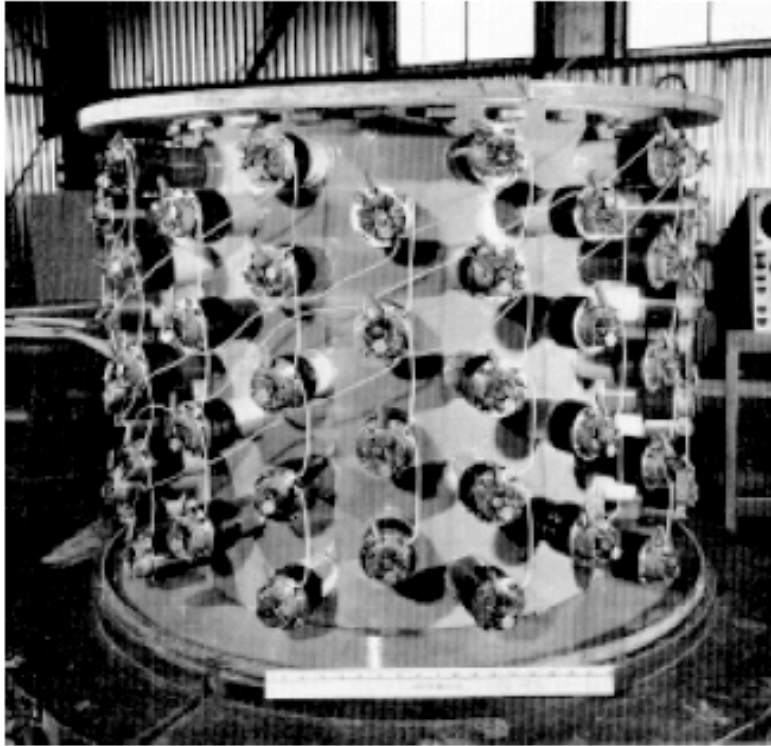
Anti-Electron
Neutrinos
from
Hanford
Nuclear Reactor



3 Gammas
in coincidence

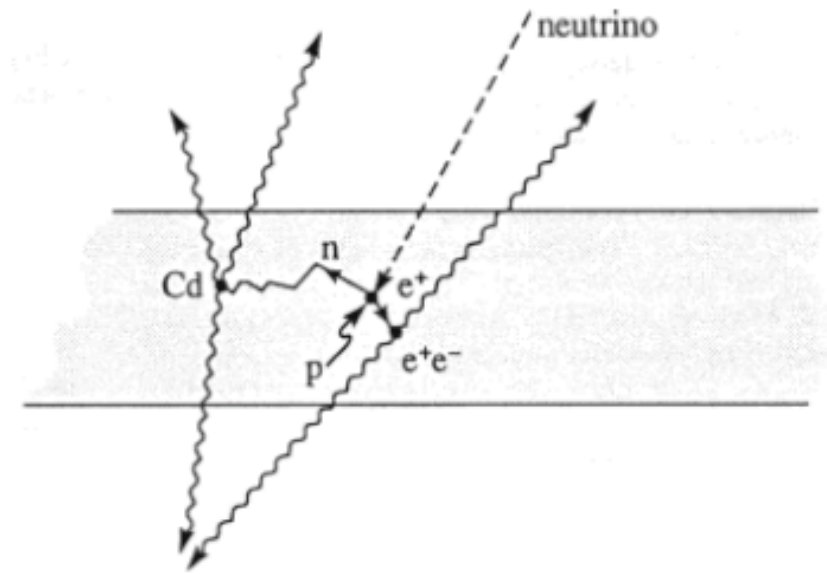
Reines-Cowan first Detector

Hanford experiment (1953)



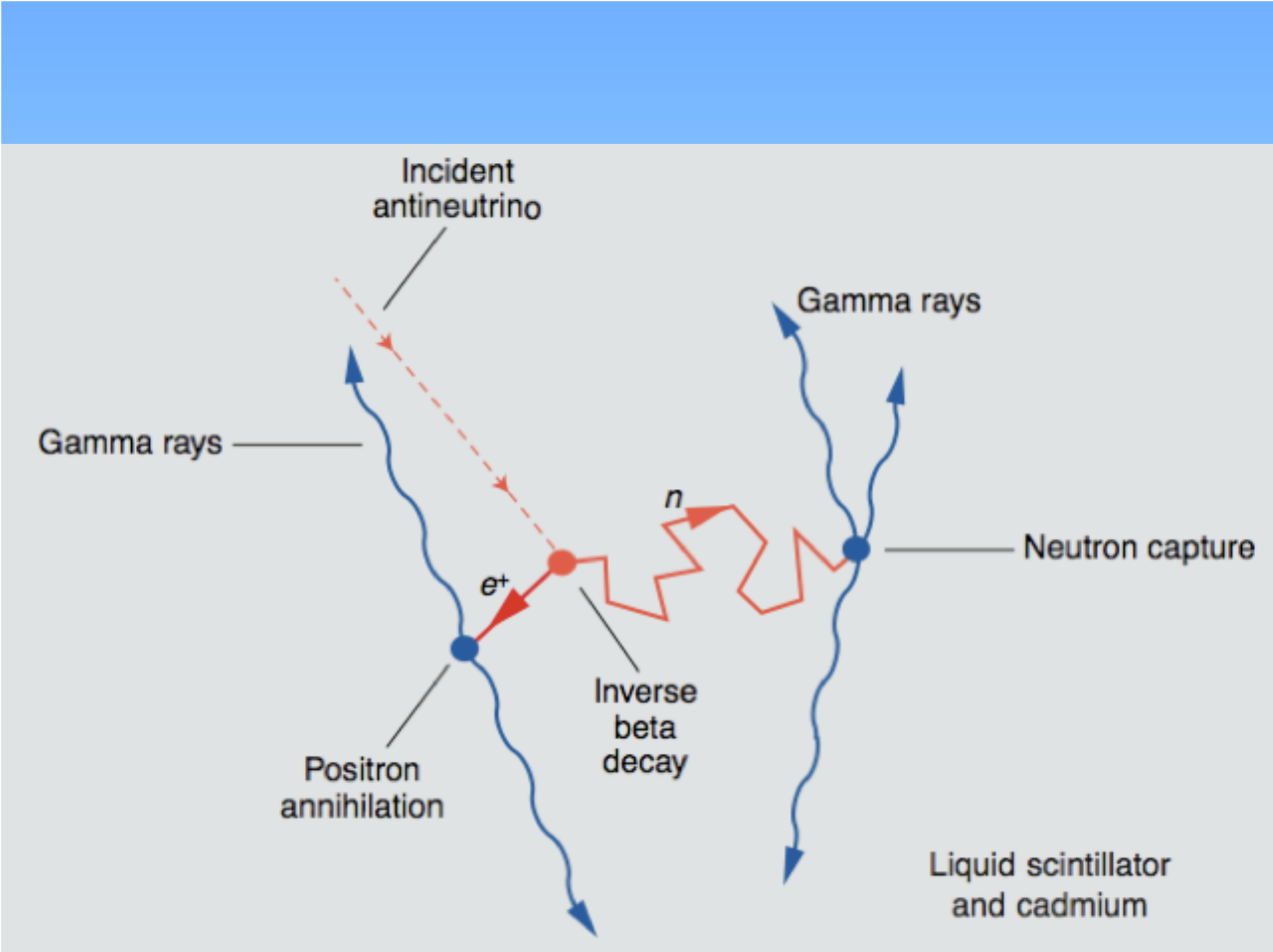
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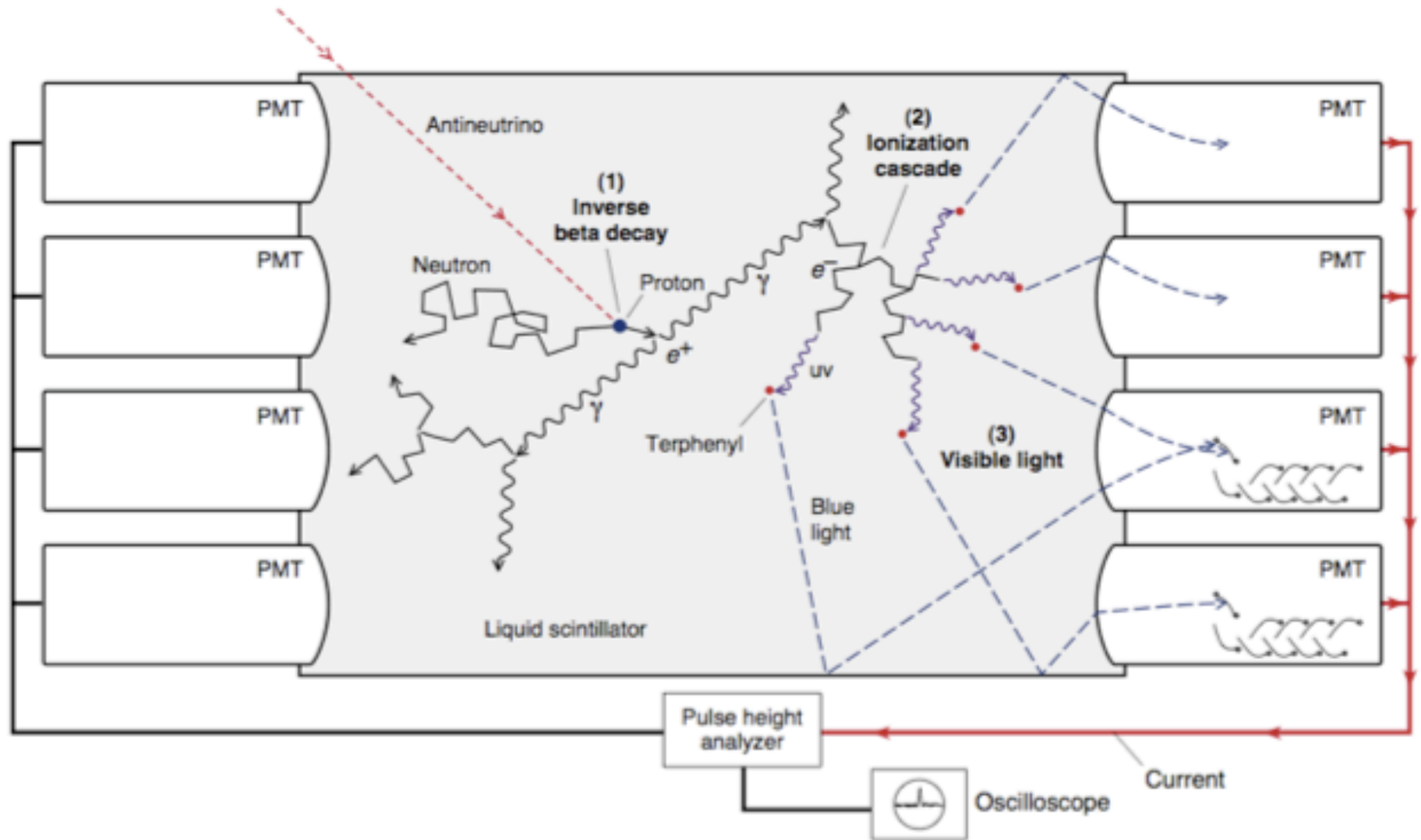
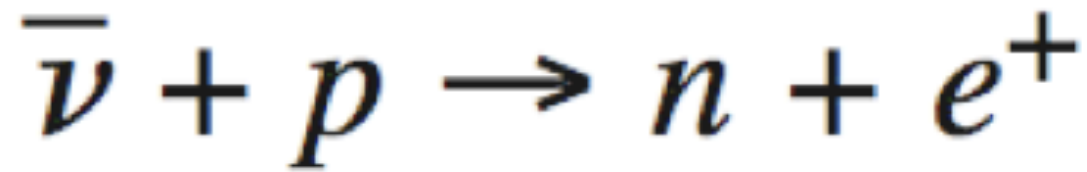
300 lt target, 90 2" PMT's



Captured by Cadmium

Annihilation with electron





Neutrino Event Signature:

- Two-component coincidence signal
(→ bckgd reduction)
- Scintillator doped with Gd to enhance n capture

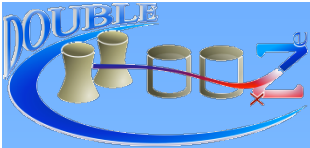
Reactor (anti)Neutrinos

Flux:

$$\Phi_{\nu} = \frac{\langle N_{\nu} \rangle}{4\pi D^2} \left(6.241 \times 10^{21} \cdot \frac{P_{th} [GW]}{W [MeV]} \right) s^{-1} cm^{-2}$$

D : distance from reactor core [~ 50 m]
P_{th} : delivered thermal power [~ 4 GW]
W : energy release per fission [203.87 MeV]
 $\langle N_{\nu} \rangle$ ~ 6.7/fission

$$\Phi_{\nu} = 2.6 \times 10^{12} s^{-1} cm^{-2}$$



Double Chooz Detector

Outer Veto :
Scintillator panels

Target ν : 10,3 m³

80% C₁₂H₂₆ + 20% PXE + 0,1% Gd
+ PPO + Bis-MSB

γ Catcher : 22,6 m³

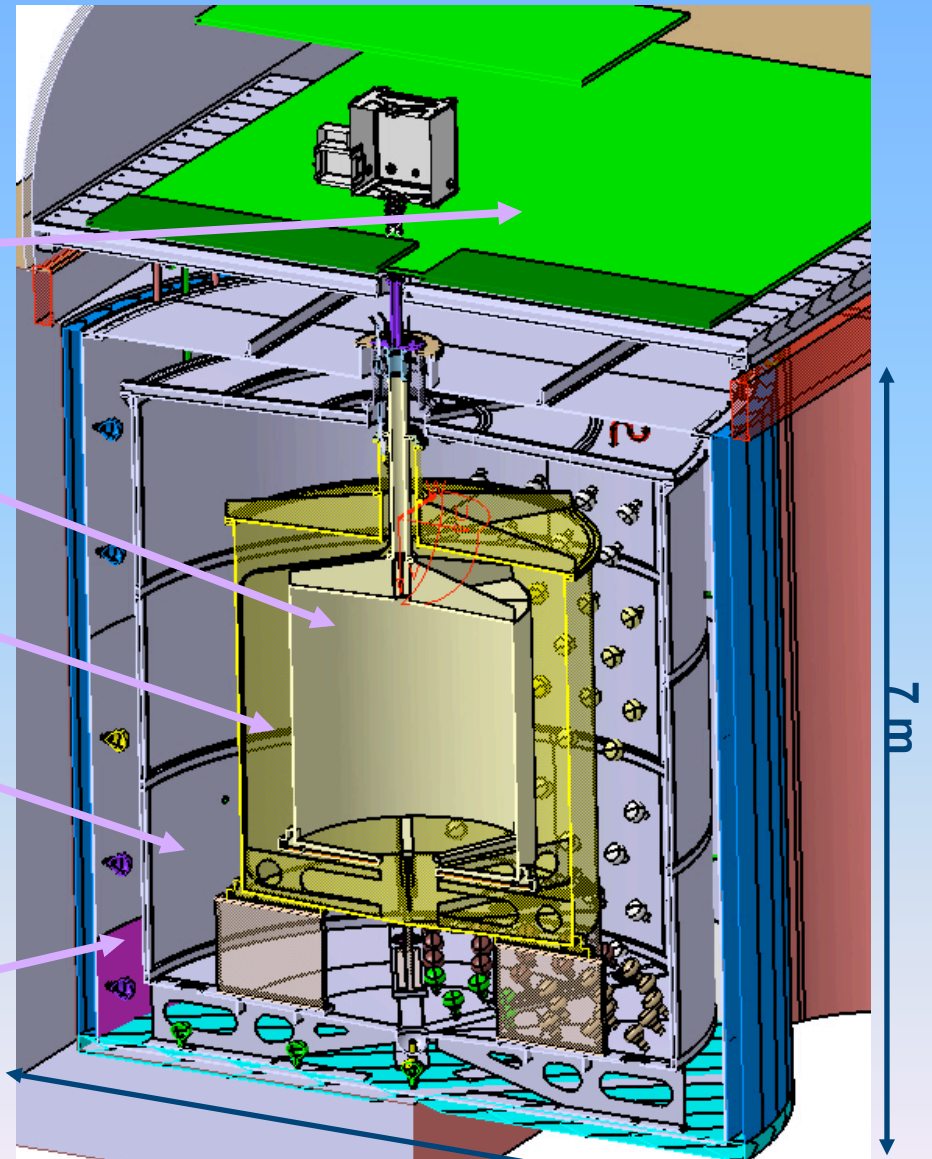
80% C₁₂H₂₆ + 20% PXE + PPO + Bis-MSB

Non-scintillating Buffer : 114 m³
mineral oil

Buffer vessel & 390 10" PMTs :
Stainless steel 3 mm

Inner Muon Veto : 90 m³
mineral oil + 70 8" PMTs

Steel Shielding :
17 cm steel, All around



Motivations for ANGRA



- *Neutrino Applied Physics in Latin America*



Motivations for ANGRA

- Possibility to do frontier experimental Physics by using existing infrastructure:
Angra-I and Angra-II reactors
- --> **Low-cost**



Neutrinos & Non-Proliferation

- ~ 450 nuclear power reactors worldwide
- ~ 200 Kg Pu produced per reactor cycle (~1.5 y)
- ~ 90 tons Pu produced every year worldwide
- A few Kg of Pu suffice to make a nuclear weapon



Neutrinos & Non-Proliferation

- **IAEA - verification authority**

The International Atomic Energy Agency inspects nuclear facilities under safeguards agreements: keep track of all Pu produced; verify that fissile materials are used for civil appliances

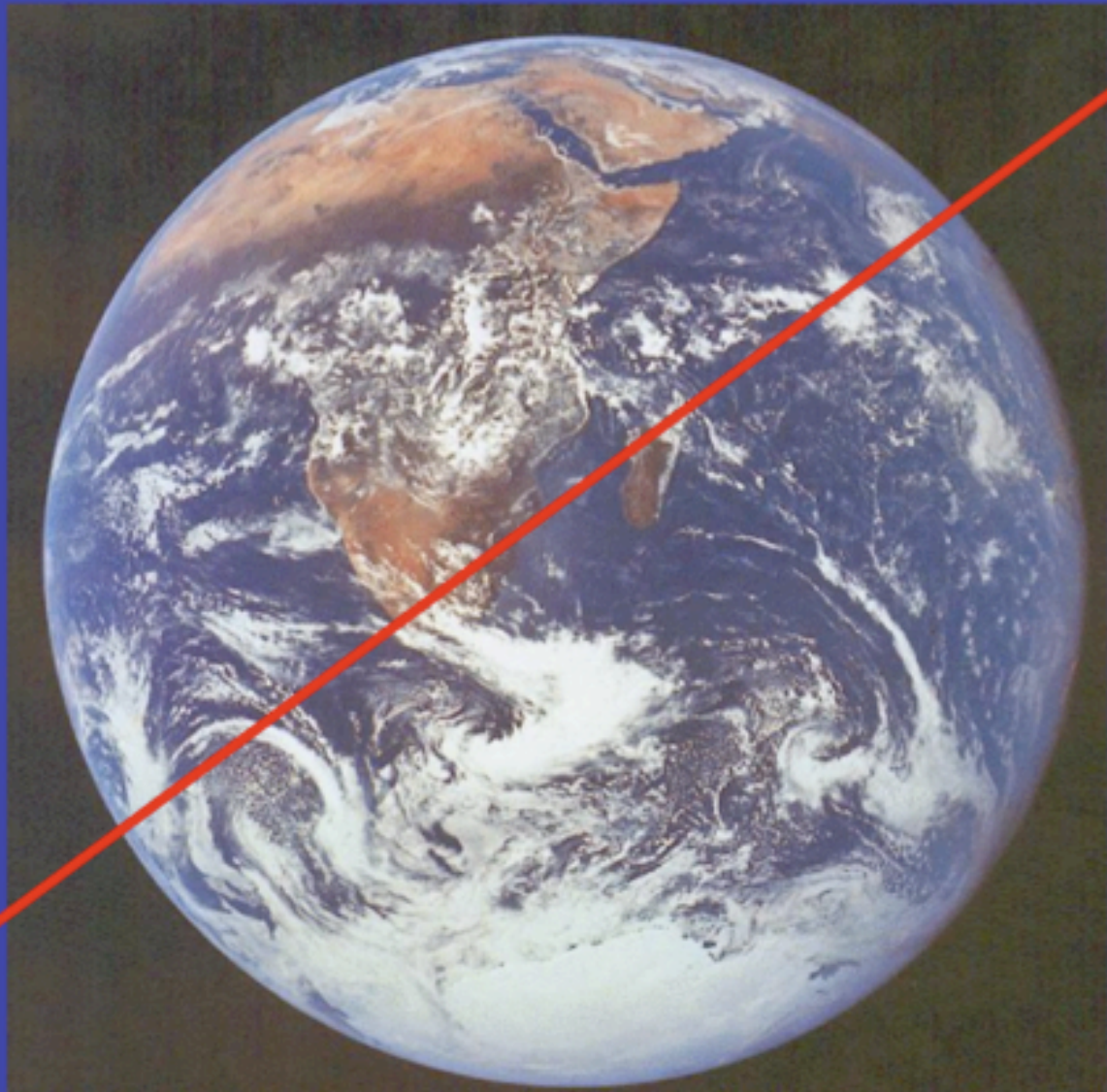
Why Neutrino Detectors?

- Explore new methods for nuclear safeguards
- Antineutrinos can not be shielded
- Reactor Antineutrinos can reveal fissile composition of nuclear fuel
- Reliable, Non-intrusive, Remote, Real-Time monitoring
- Can provide Thermal Power info as well as

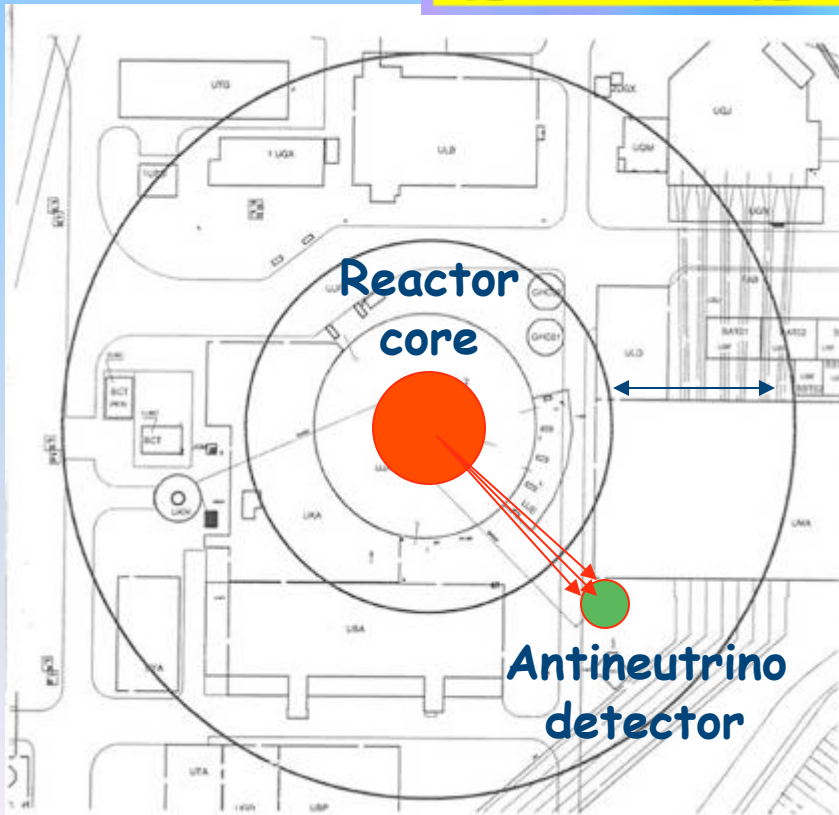
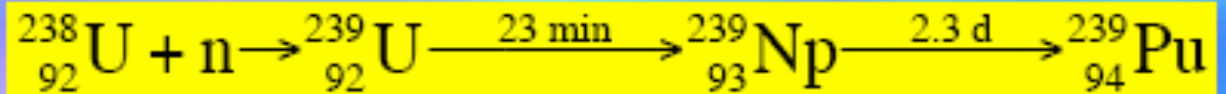
Neutrino
energy
 $E = 1 \text{ MeV}$

Neutrino
cross-section
 $\sigma = 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$

Probability of one
interaction in
crossing the
Earth diameter
 $P \sim 10^{-11}$



The Angra Project a non-intrusive method to check reactor activity



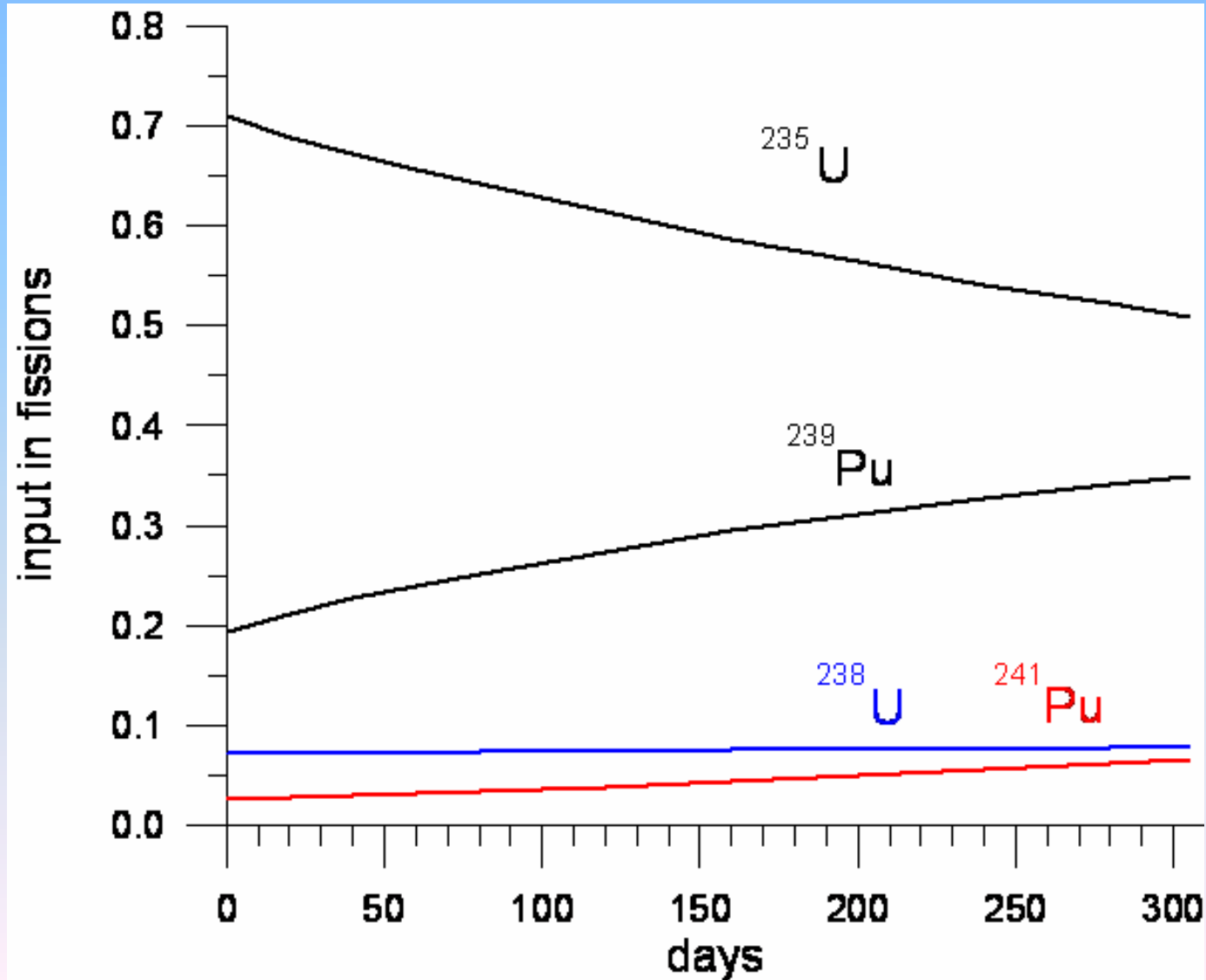
Pu production chain



Reactor Fuel Monitoring: (anti)Neutrino rates

- As the reactor goes through its irradiation cycle, the amount of U decreases and the amount of Pu increases
- The number of antineutrinos emitted by U-235 and by Pu-239 differs sensibly
- As Pu-239 builds up in the reactor over time, the antineutrino rates measured in a detector will drop (by about 5-10% over the reactor fuel cycle)

Fuel Composition Burn-up Effect



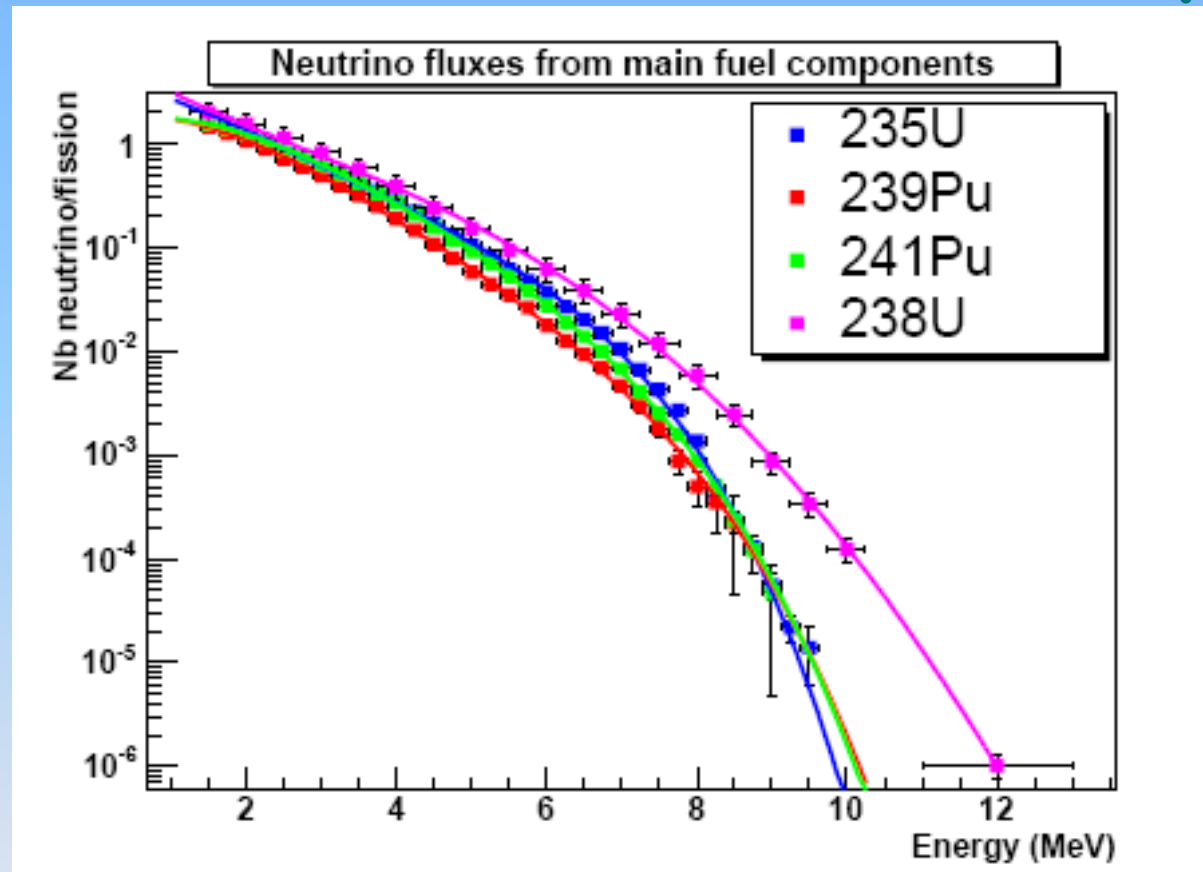
Reactor Fuel Monitoring: Antineutrino Rates

- Removing Pu along the way or altering operation parameters to increase Pu production will show up in the antineutrino count rates
- Method works better with independent reactor power measurement

Reactor Fuel Monitoring: Energy Spectra Comparison

- The energy spectra of antineutrinos emitted by Pu-239 and U-235 are different
- Can determine the relative amounts of Pu and U by measuring ratios between spectra taken at different times
- No need for independent power measurement

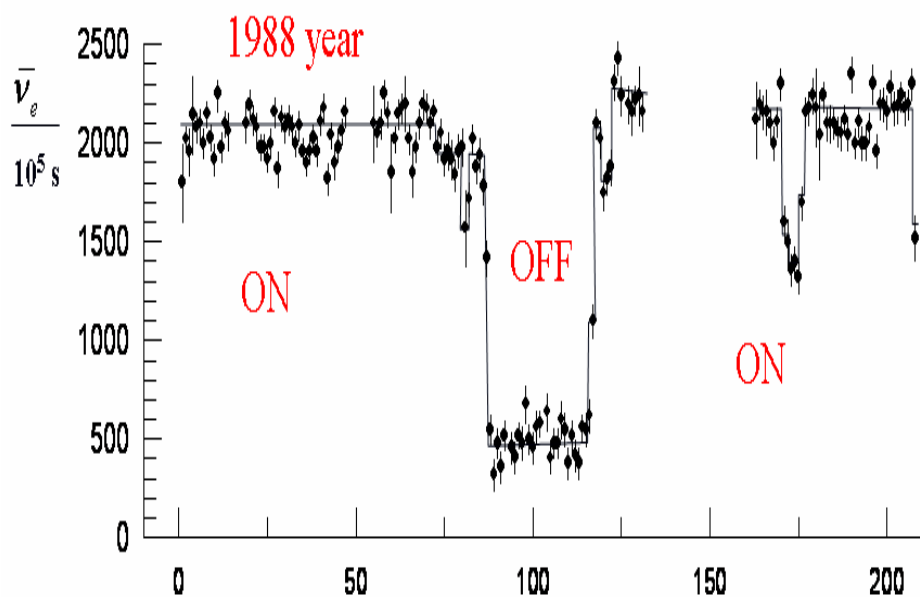
Reactor Fuel Antineutrino Spectra



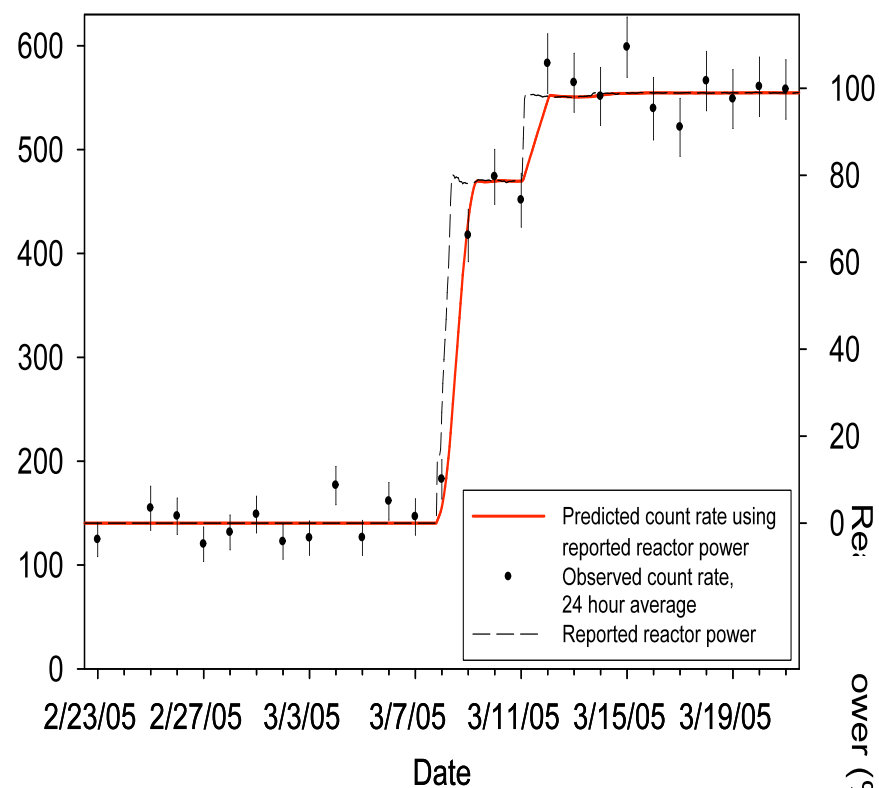
Antineutrino spectra
measured
1983-1989

	Mean energy per fission (MeV)	Start of Cycle	End of Cycle
^{235}U	201.7 ± 0.6	60.5%	45.0%
^{238}U	205.0 ± 0.9	7.7%	8.3%
^{239}Pu	210.0 ± 0.9	27.2%	38.8%
^{241}Pu	212.4 ± 1.0	4.6%	7.9%

San Onofre: reactor activity:



Rovno (Ukraine)



San Onofre (USA)

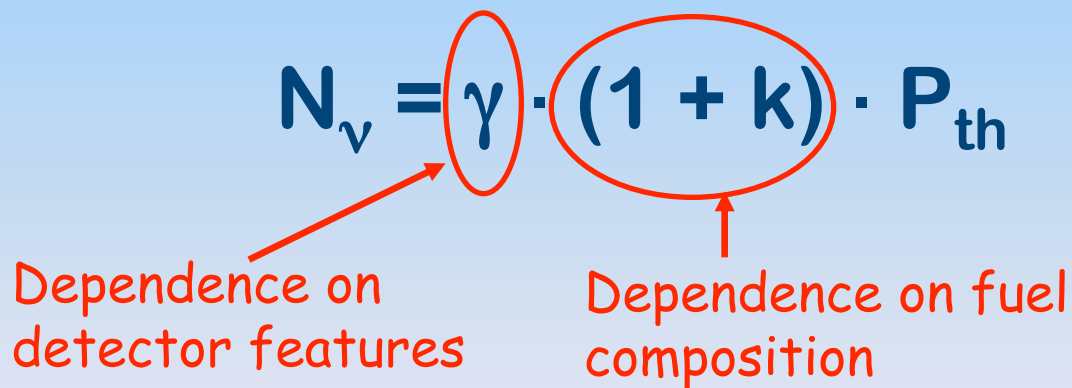
Reactor Thermal Power and Antineutrino flux

Delivered thermal power and antineutrino rates

$$N_{\nu} = \gamma \cdot (1 + k) \cdot P_{th}$$

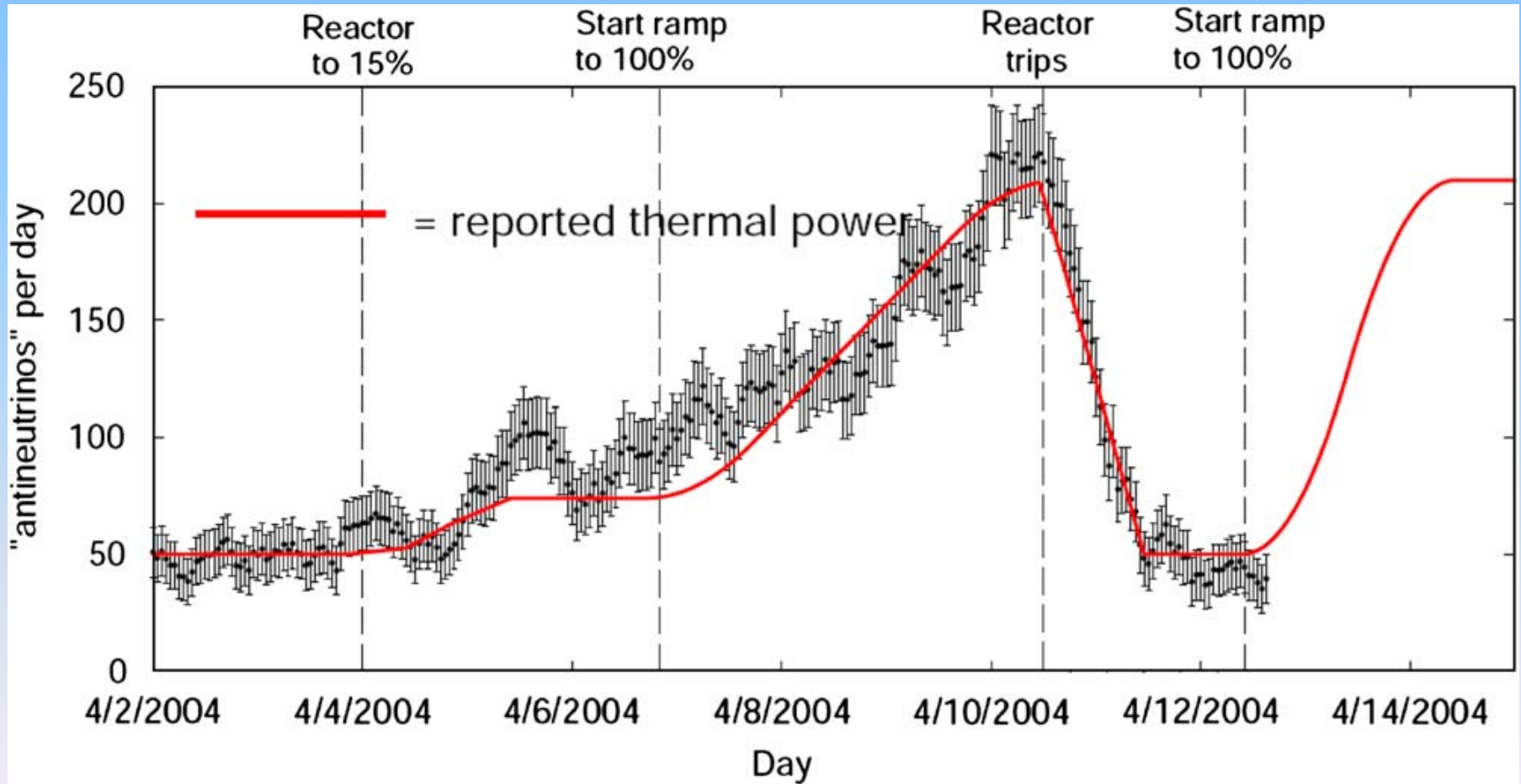
Dependence on detector features

Dependence on fuel composition



(Topic of interest for Eletronuclear, CFE, etc.)

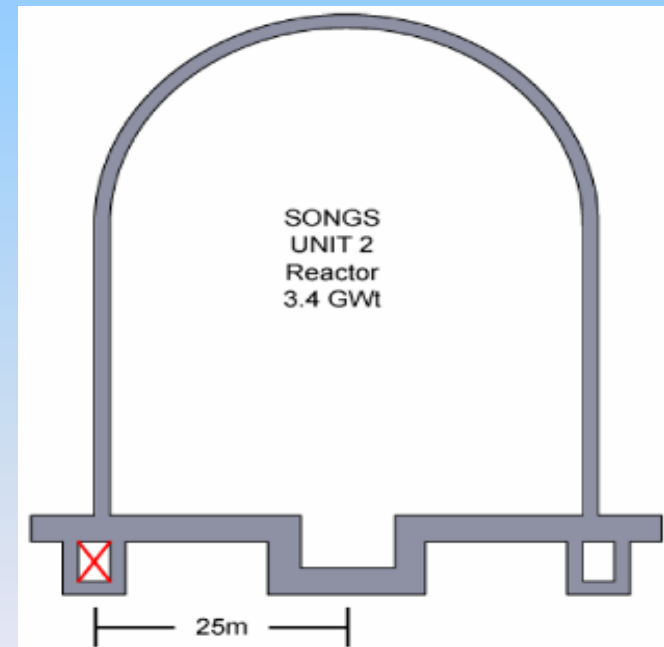
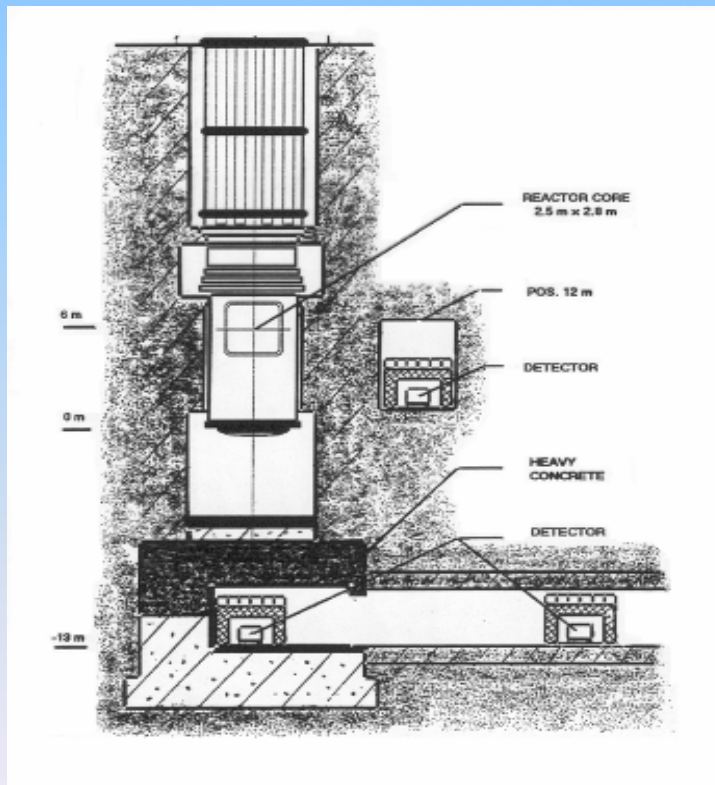
San Onofre: Thermal Power Measurement



Previous and On-going Experiments:

Rovno (Ukraine, 88-90)

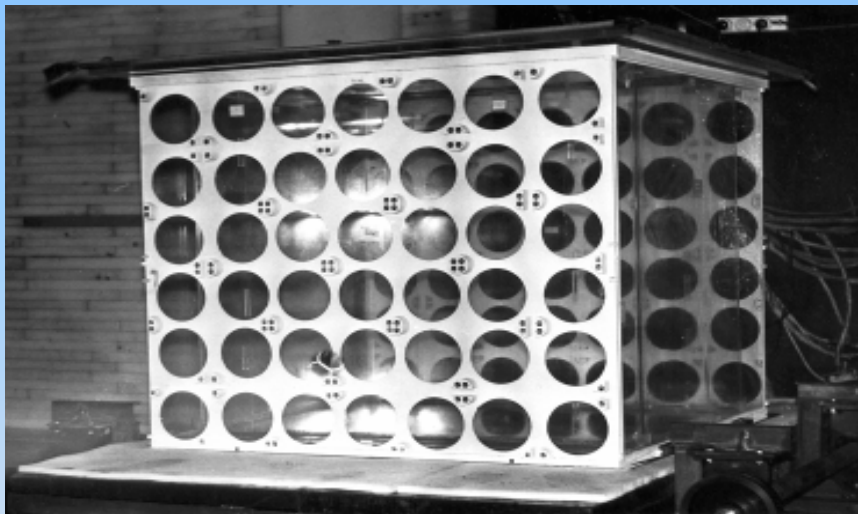
San Onofre (USA, 2004)



Bugey (France, 1994)

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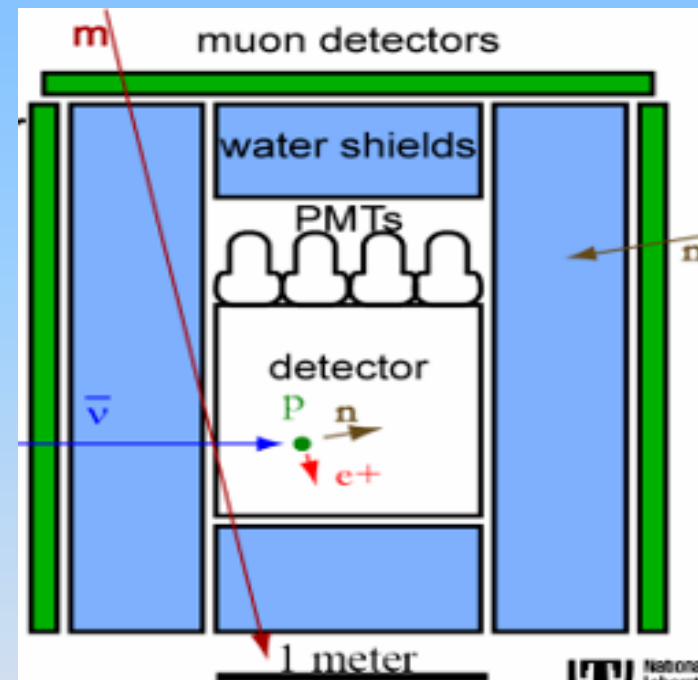
Rovno



- 1,050 lt liquid scintillator
- central volume: 510 lt
- 0.5 g/lt Gd
- 84 PMTs

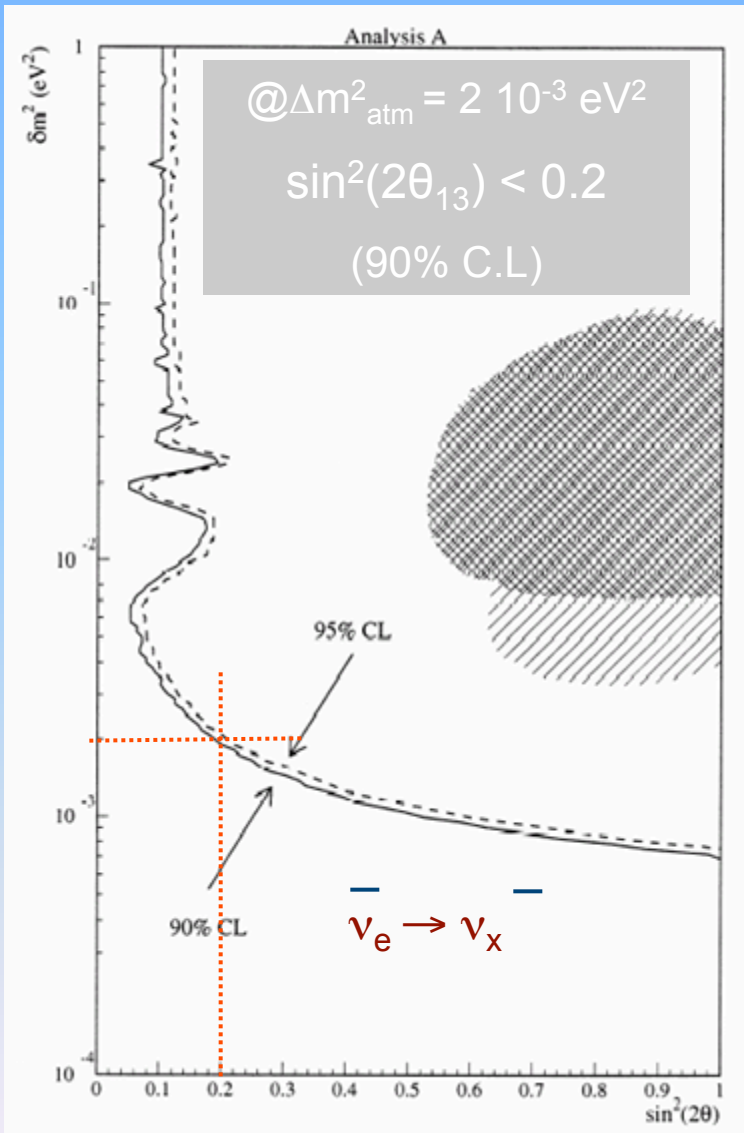
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San Onofre



- 1 m³ liquid scint central detector
- Gd loaded
- 8 PMTs on top
- Passive water shield
- Active muon shield

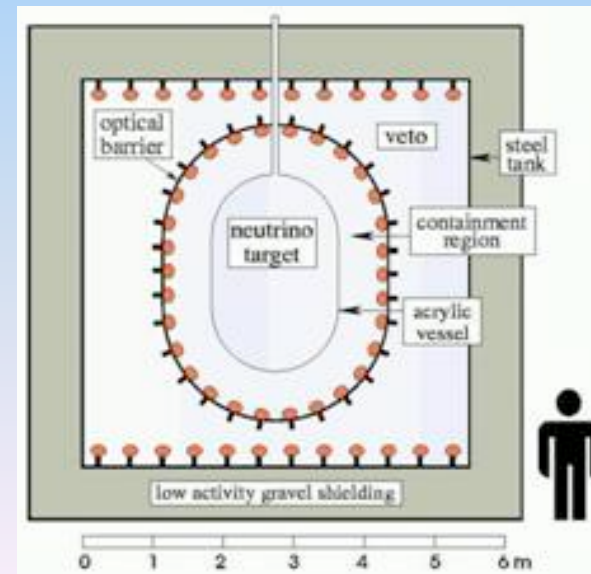
Best Current Limit: CHOOZ



M. Apollonio et. al., Eur.Phys.J. C27 (2003) 331-374

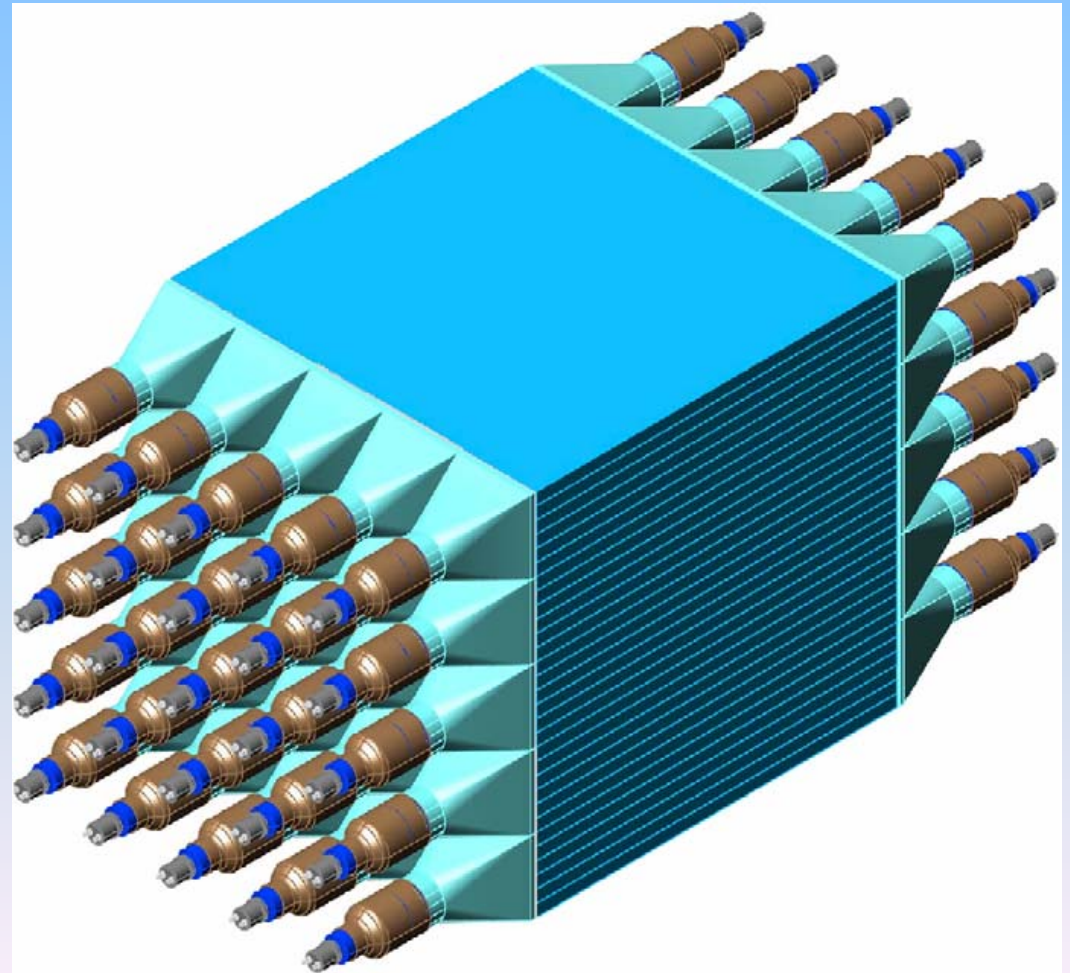
$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ (disappearance experiment)

$P_{\text{th}} = 8.4 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$, $L = 1.050 \text{ km}$, $M = 5 \text{ t}$
Overburden: 300 mwe



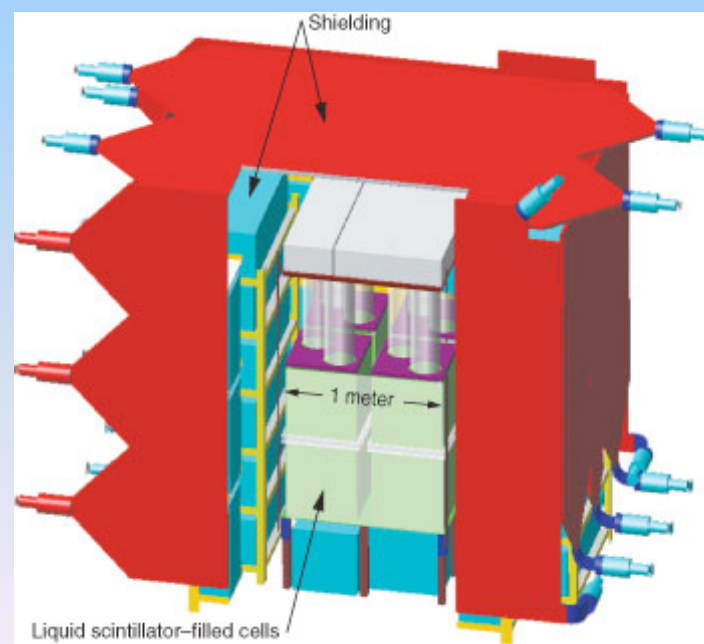
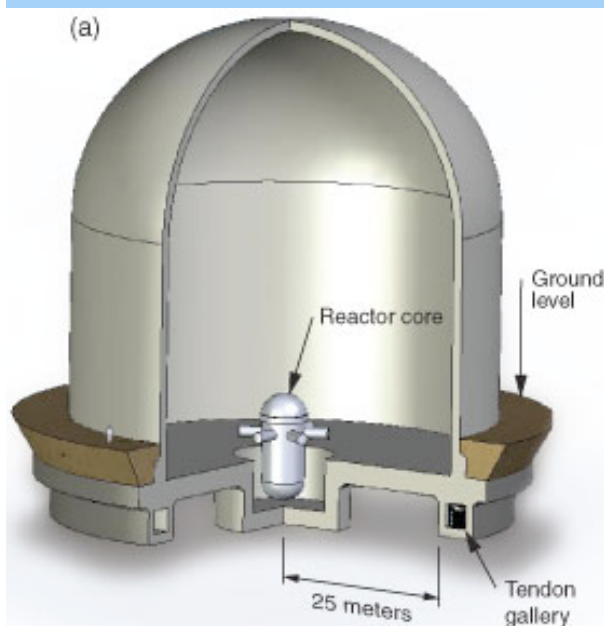
Italian (INFN-Genova) Prototype

- Plastic Scintillator
- Gd foils



San Onofre Detector

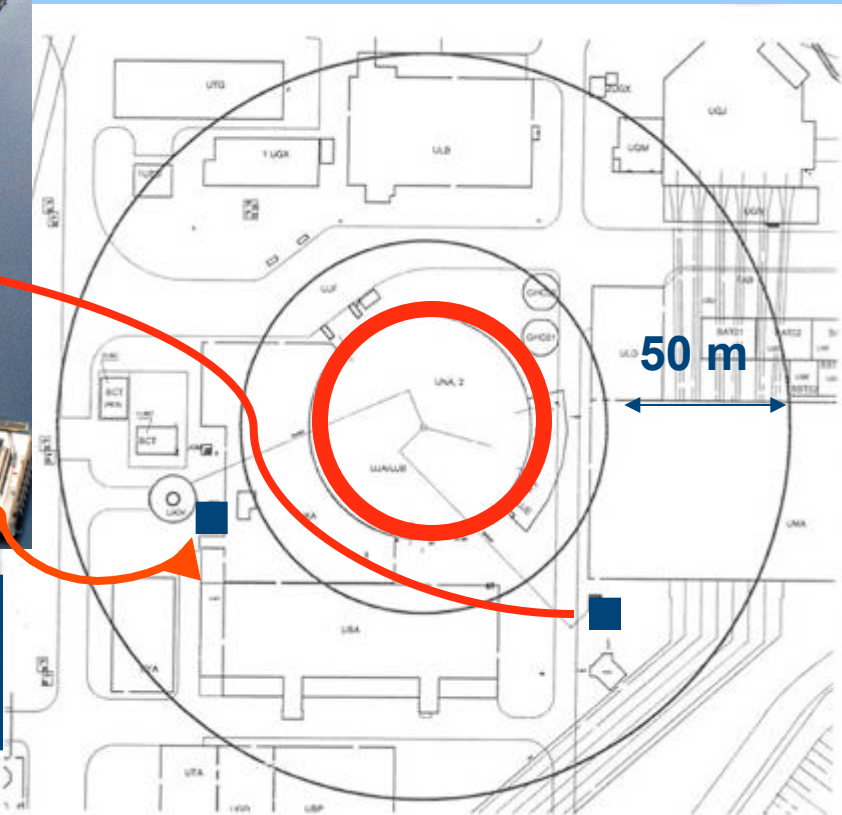
- San Clemente, California, 2004-2009
- Livermore Lab + SANDIA Teams
- Size: 3m x 3m x 3m
- 25 m from reactor, 10m underground



Workshop on the ANGRA Detector Design

CBPF - May 16-19, 2006, Rio de Janeiro

Safeguards Detector site:



Possible Locations for the
SAFEGUARDS DETECTOR

Safeguards Detector: Initial Design: 3-volume

A) Target ($R_1=0.5\text{m}$; $h_1=1.3\text{m}$)

- Acrylic vessel + lqd scintillator(+Gd)

B) Gamma-Catcher ($R_2=0.8\text{m}$ $h_2=1.9\text{m}$)

- Acrylic vessel + lqd scintillator

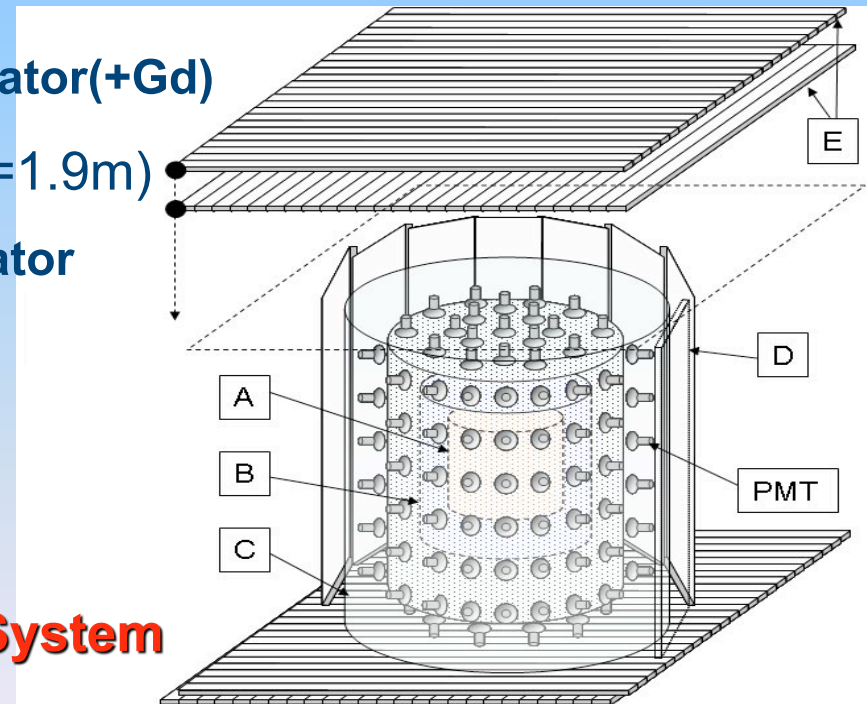
C) Buffer ($R_3=1.4\text{m}$; $h_3=3.10\text{m}$)

- Steel vessel + mineral oil

D) Vertical Tiles of Veto System

E) X-Y Horizontal Tiles of Veto System

- Plastic scintillator padles



Important Dates:

- Sep 2006: Meeting with Eletronuclear representatives
- Dec 2006: Proposal presented to the Brazilian Minister of Science and Technology
- March 2007: Project Neutrinos Angra approved by FINEP ~ 0.6 MUSD

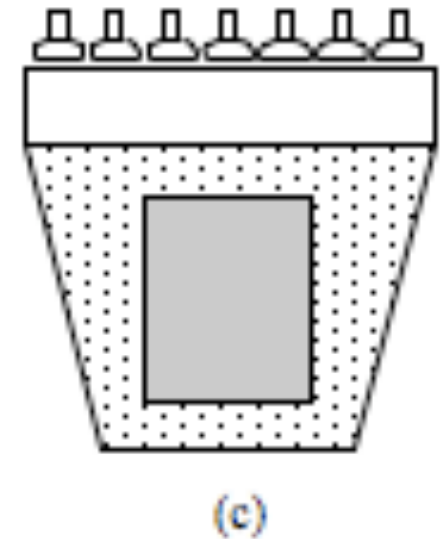
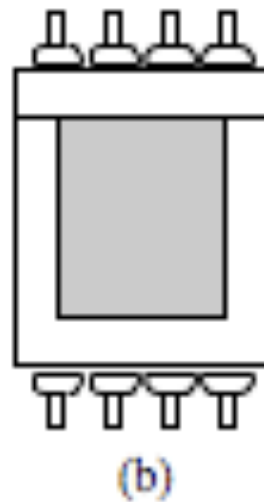
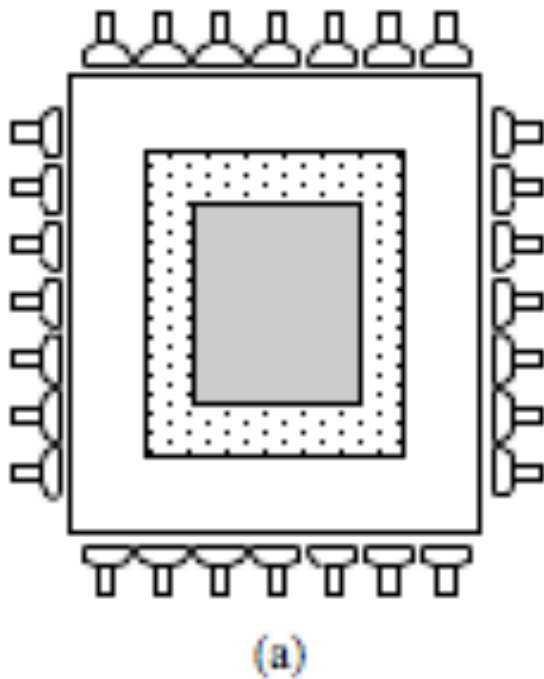
Projeto NEUTRINOS ANGRA



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contêiner: 1º laboratório em Angra

Some possible detector geometries



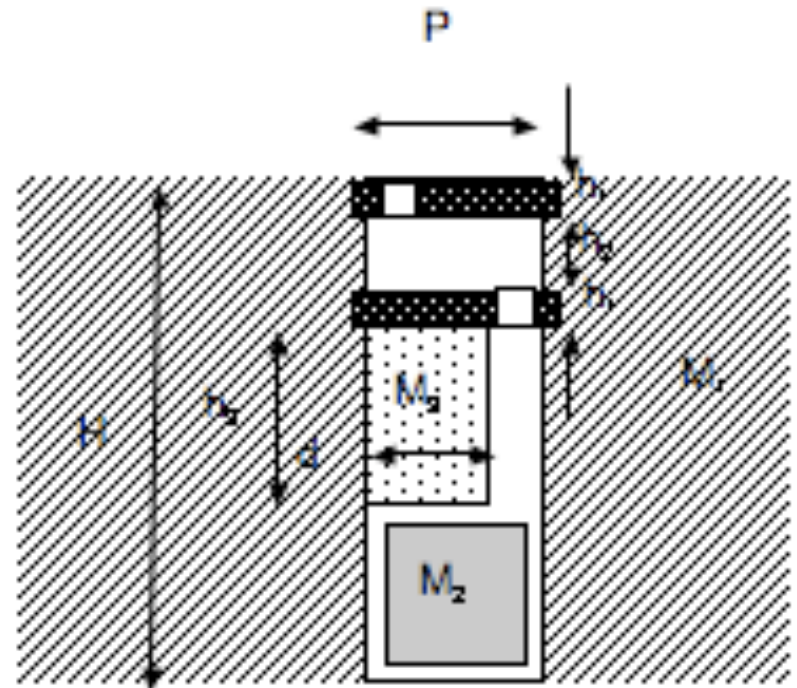
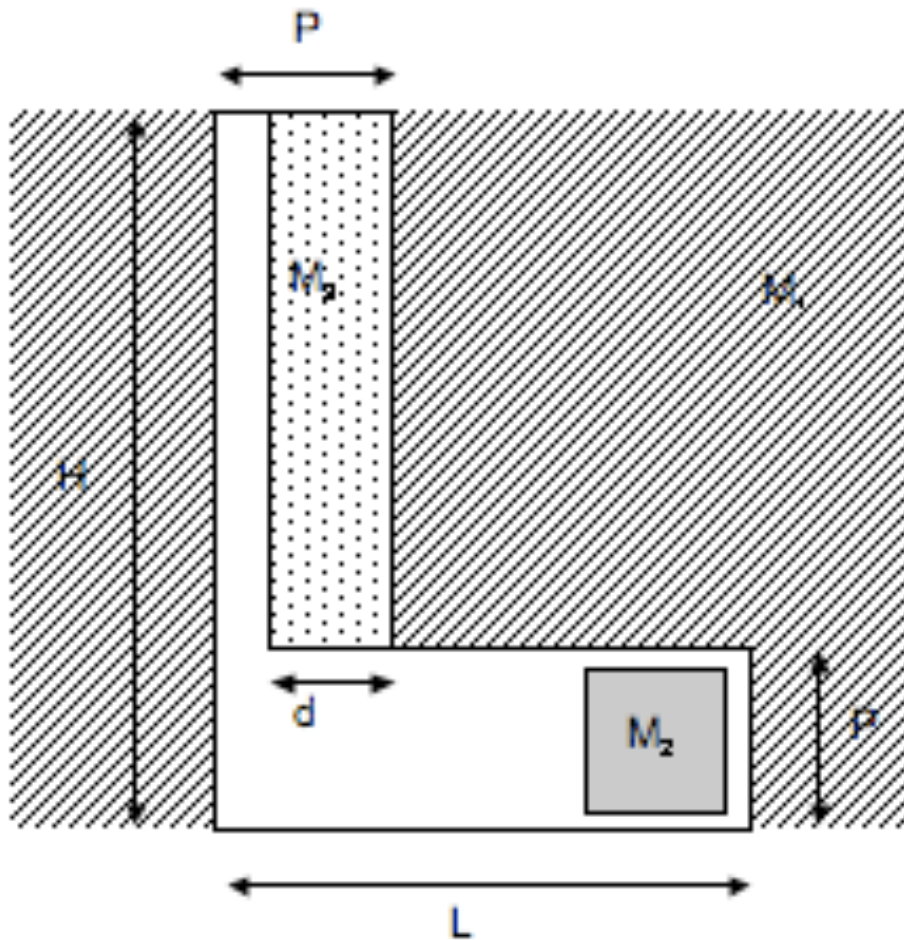
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gama catcher

buffer

PMT

Some Shaft Options



Expected Neutrino Signals & Muon Background

Cylindrical Detector

R: 1.40m; H: 3.10m; Target Mass: 1ton

Distance (m)	Signal (d ⁻¹)	Depth (mwe)	Muons (Hz)
60	1270	20	755
70	933	30	450
80	714	40	350
90	564	50	245
100	457	80	110

Number of Photomultiplier Tubes

Cylinder R= 1.10m; H=2.50m,

$A_{\text{Top}} = 3.80132$; $A_{\text{Side}} = 17.2787$; $A_{\text{Total}} = 24.8814$

Photocathode Coverage (%)	Number of PMTs	PMT Density (PMTs / m ²)
6	40	1.58
8	53	2.11
10	66	2.63
12	79	3.16
14	92	3.68
16	105	4.21

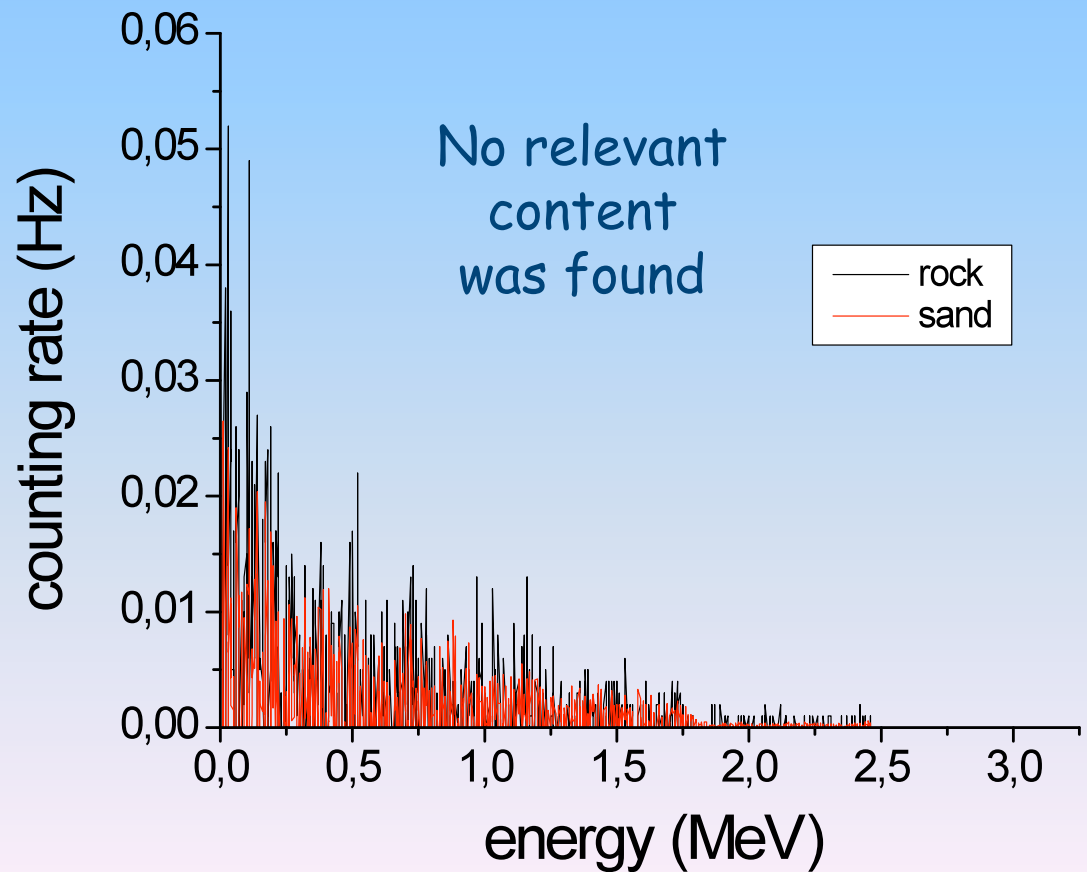
Phase I:

Setup infrastructure at CBPF & UNICAMP:

Start tests of components at CBPF and UNICAMP:

- **Central detector:** test 8" PMTs
- **Muon veto:** test 64 channels PMTs
- **DAQ:** design VME electronics
- **High Voltage:** design power supply
- **Radioactivity Background:** survey local material
- **Network communication:** build Infrastructure

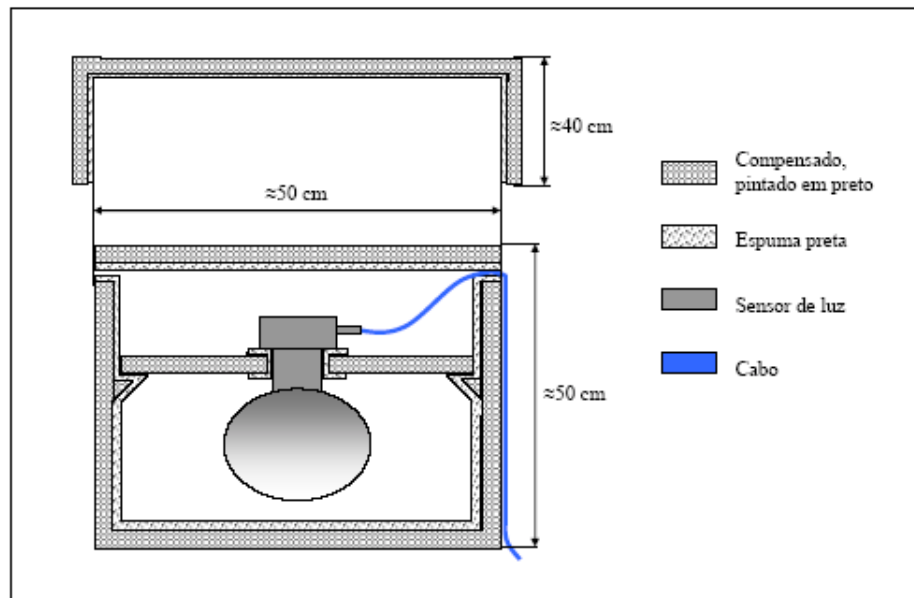
Radioactivity Site Background Measurement (rocks and sand)



R&D at CBPF: Test of components

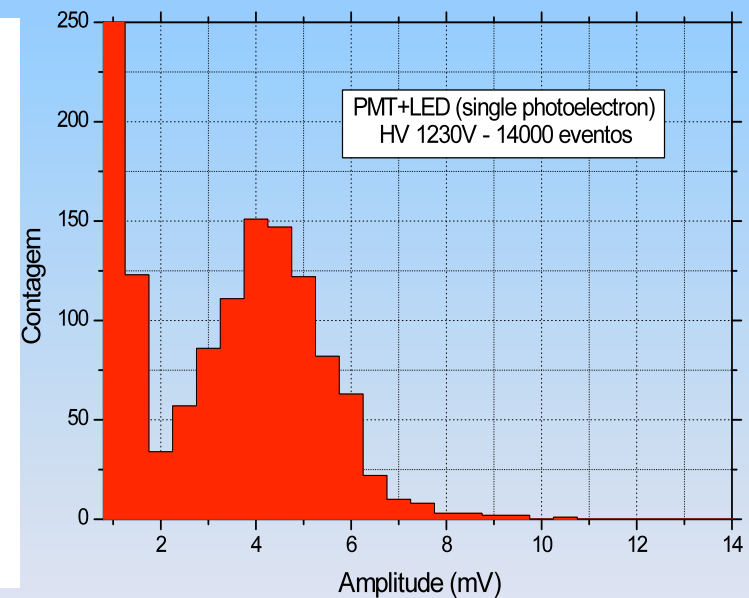
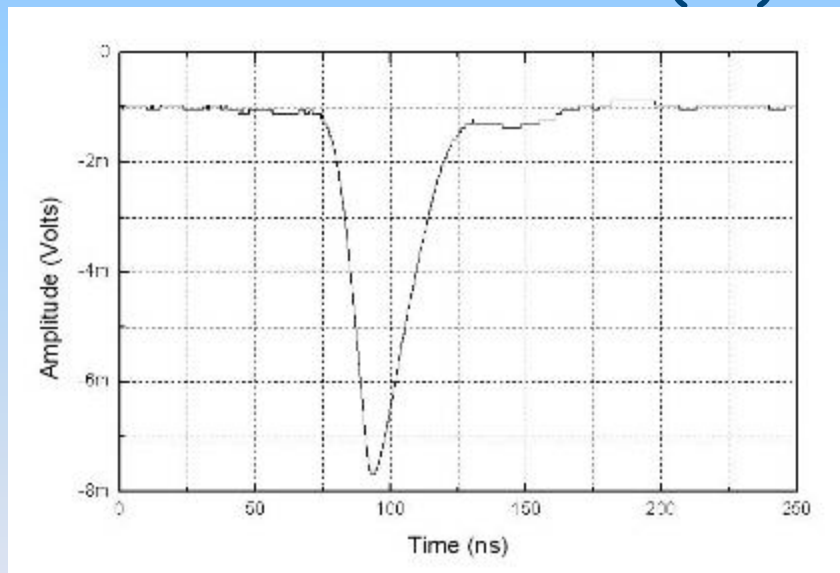
- Hamamatsu 8" PMT characterization

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R&D at CBPF: PMT characterization

- Hamamatsu R5912 (8")

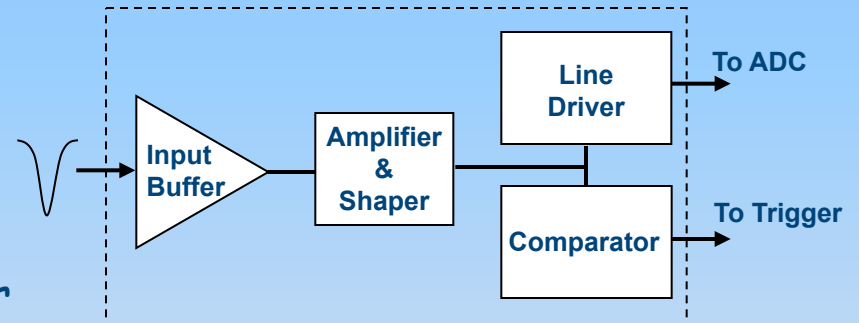


Typical Signal, **100MHz** digital oscilloscope
Rise time $\approx 20\text{ns}$, duration $\approx 50\text{ns}$ (FWHM)

Electronics & DAQ

- Front-end electronics

- ✓ input buffer + amplifier/shaper
- ✓ To ADC: + line driver
- ✓ To Trigger system: + comparator



- Data Acquisition (DAQ)

- ✓ VME-based
- ✓ off-the-shelf high-performance devices (ADCs, FPGAs, FIFOs)
- ✓ two sub-systems: neutrino signal / VETO
- ✓ Neutrino: ~ 120 input channels sampled at 250Msps / 10-bit resolution
- ✓ VETO: ~ 110 LVDS signals to a large/fast FPGA (Stratix II)

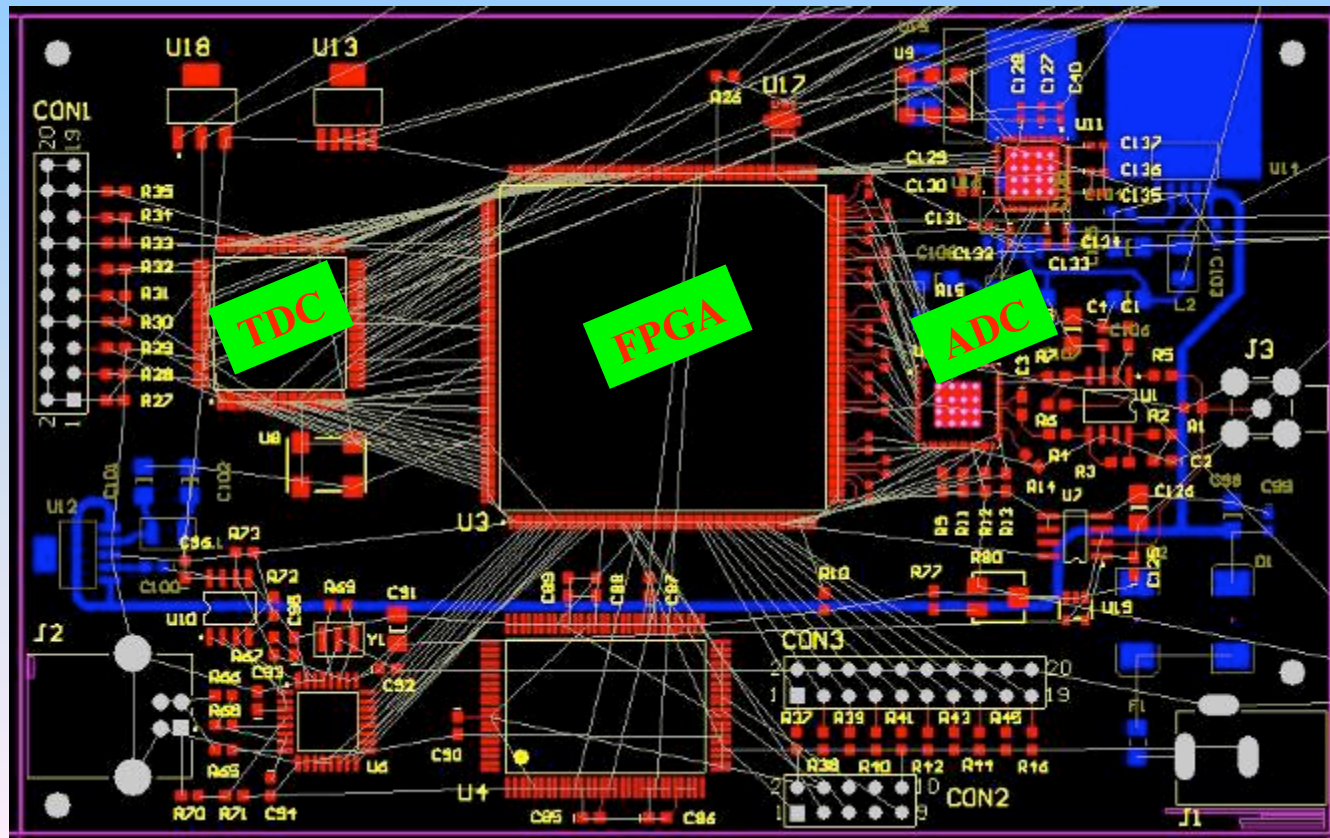
R&D at CBPF: DAQ electronics prototype

Layout design - top layer (red), bottom layer (blue)

digital inputs

USB connector

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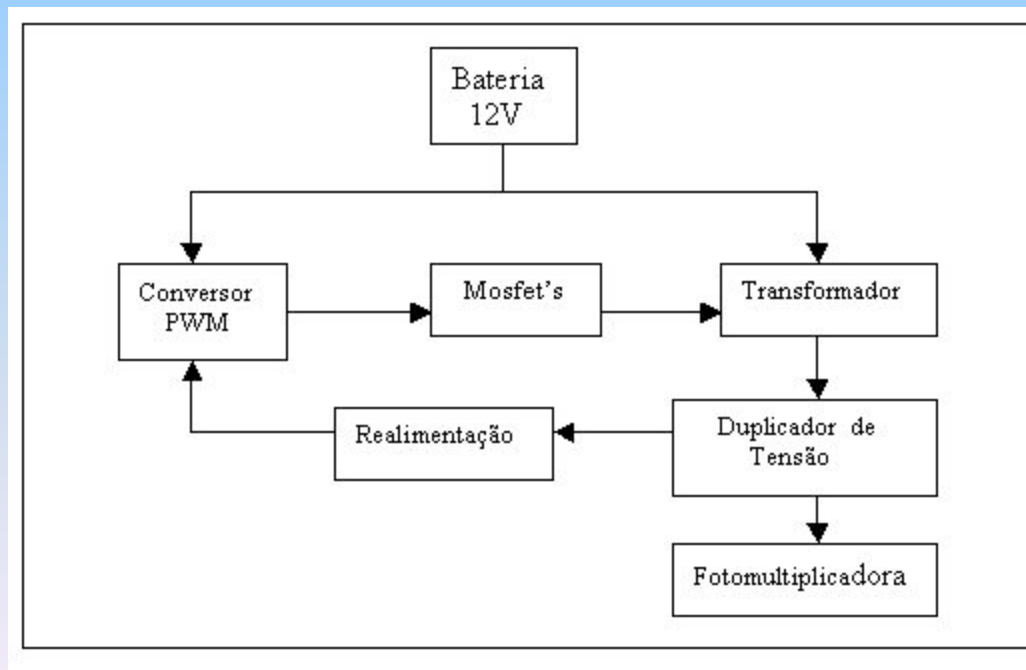


analog input

power connector

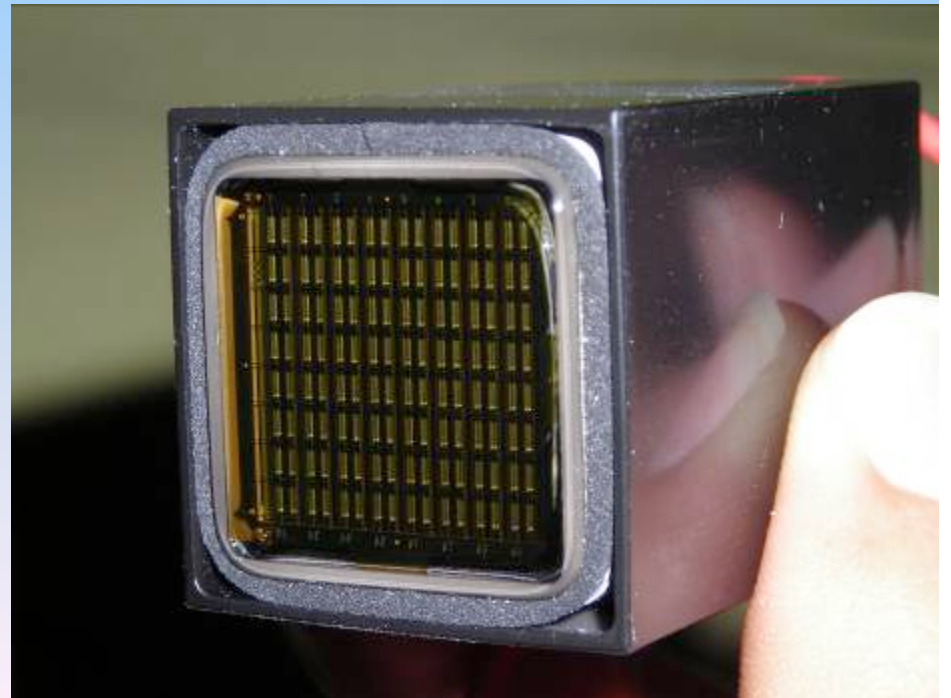
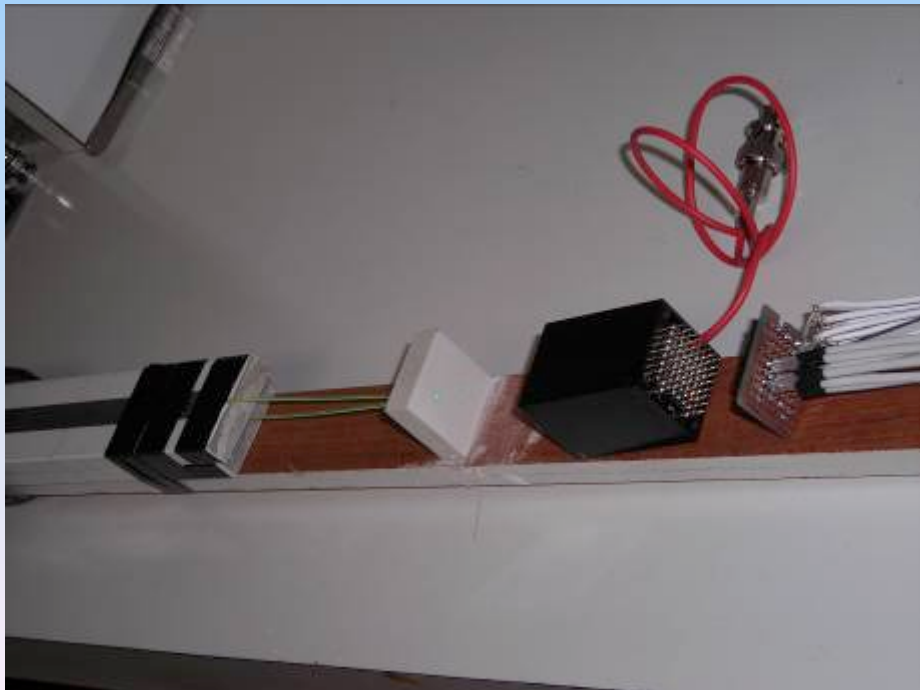
R&D at CBPF: test of components

CBPF HVPS - High Voltage Switching Power Supply



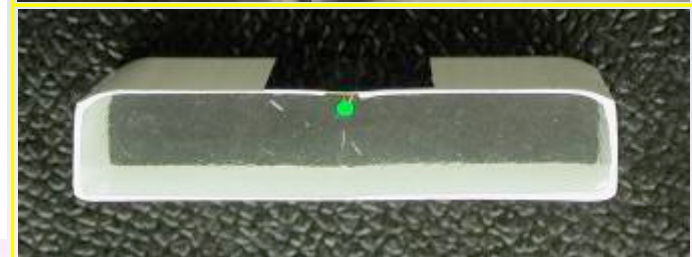
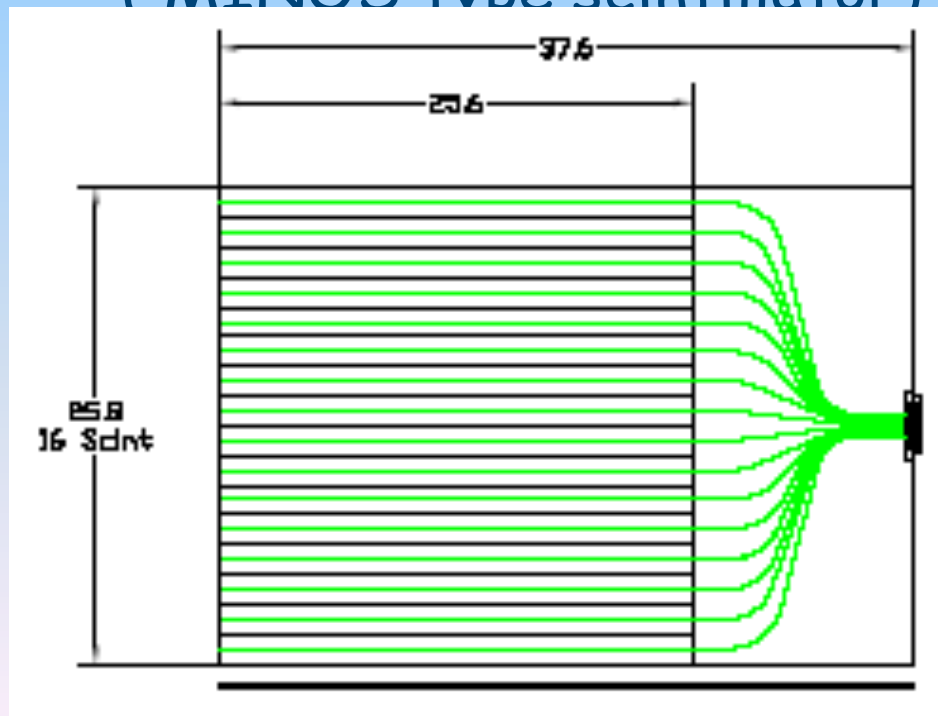
R&D at CBPF: Outer Muon Veto Test

- 64-channel PMTs Hamamatsu R8520



R&D at CBPF: Outer Muon Veto Tests

- Muon telescope: 4 planes
(MINOS type scintillator)



Setup infrastructure at the Angra site:

- 20' container near reactor building



- Measurement of local muon flux:
Cerenkov detector
(Auger test tank)
- Muon telescope deployment
(4 Minos scintillator planes)



R&D: ANGRA NOTES

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Preliminary simulation study of the front-end electronics for the central detector PMTs

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Front-end electronics integration for the Angra Project central detector

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Current Angra Detector Design

Central Detector: 1-ton water (liq scint:
flammable, toxic, and carcinogenic!!)
with Gd salts

Size: 1,90m (l) x 1,60m (w) x 1,60m (h)

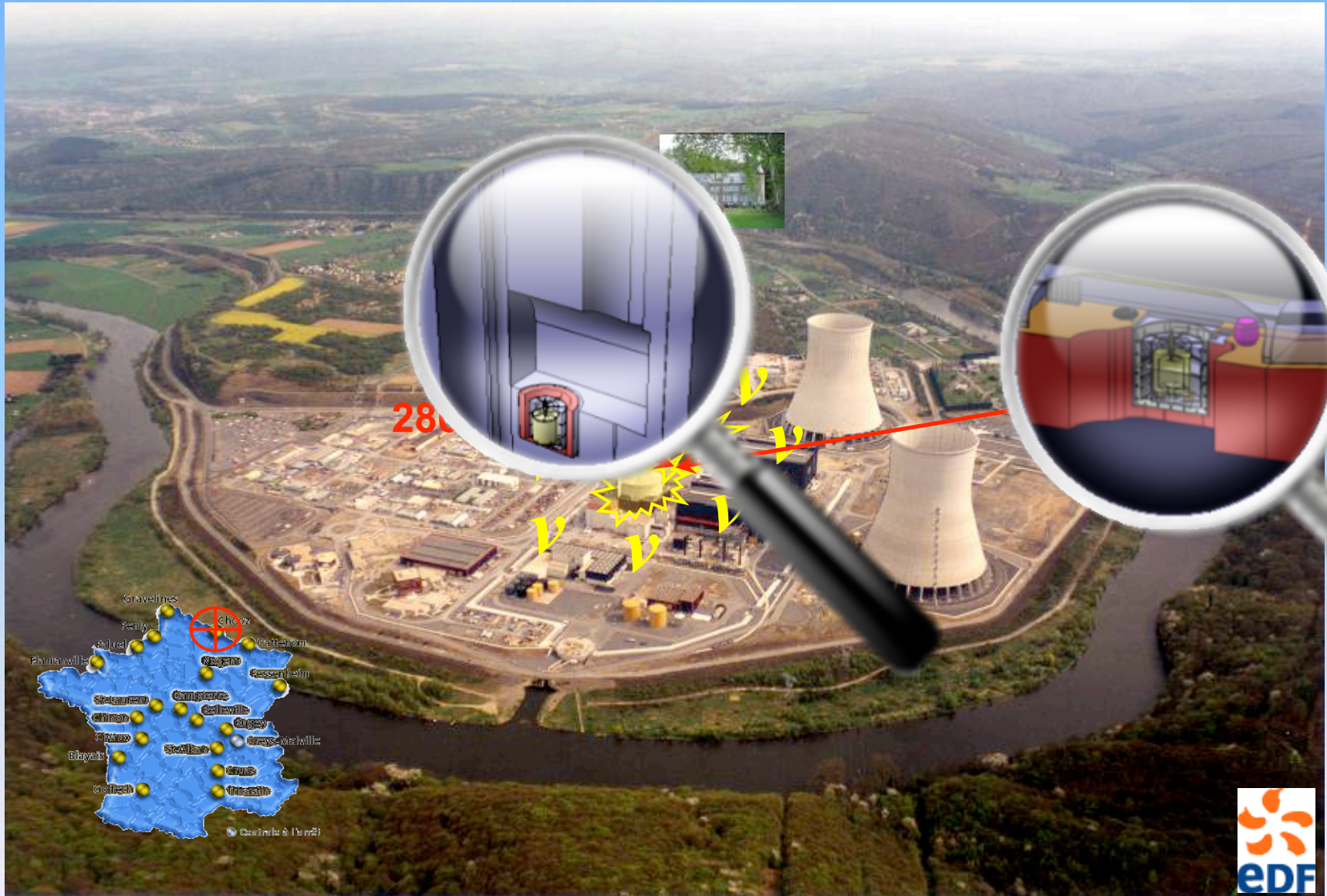
Muon active Veto, Neutron shielding

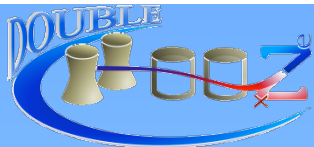
75 9-in head-on PMTs

θ_{13}

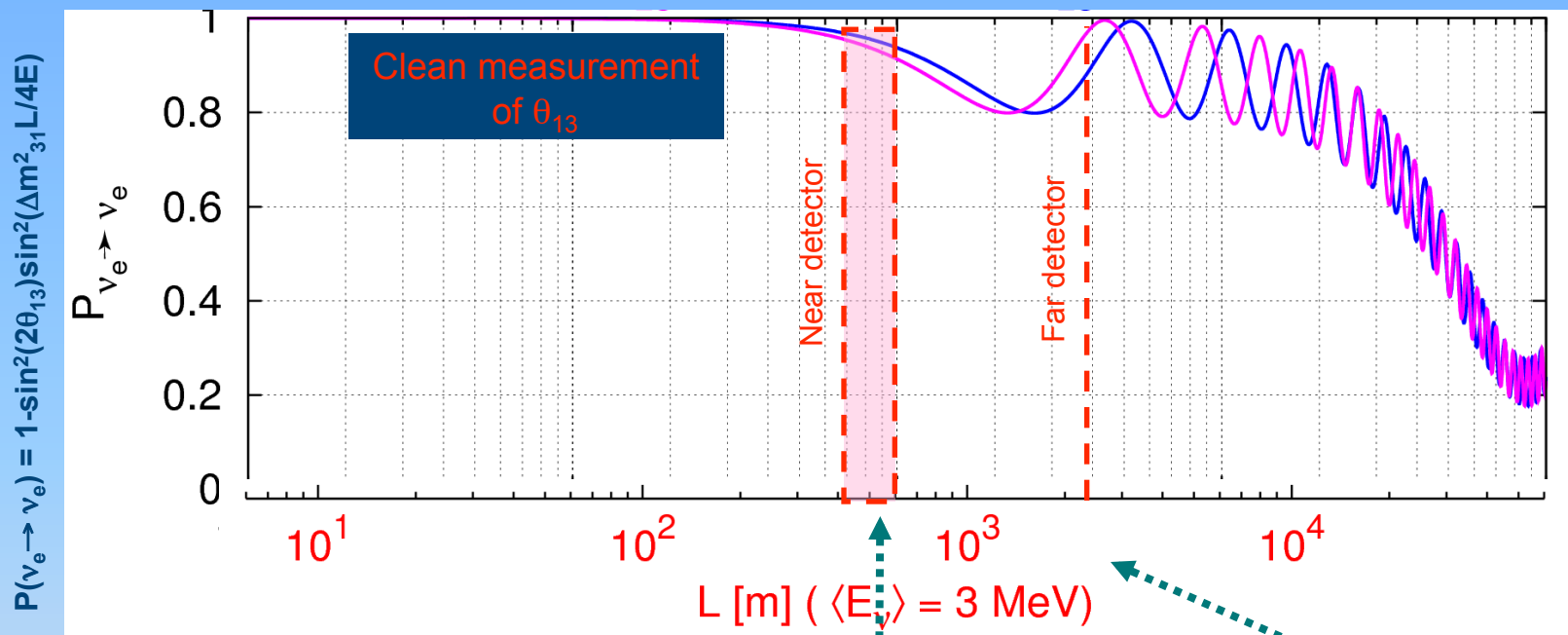


The Chooz site in French Ardennes





Experimental Approach

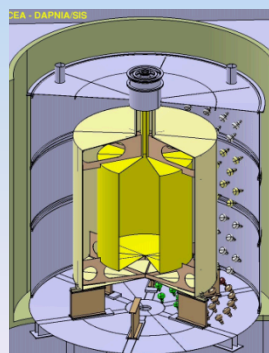


Nuclear power station
 2 cores: 4.27 GW_{th}



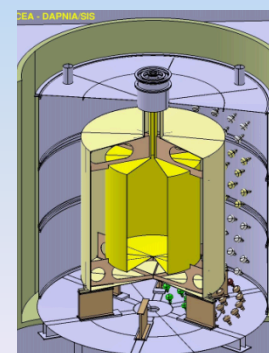
Electron antineutrinos
 flux : 10^{21} ν_e /s

Near detector



~250 m

Far detector



1050 m

2015, perhaps: high precision measurement of θ_{13}



“Morro do Frade”



- Near (reference) detector:
 - 50 ton detector (7.2 m dia)
 - 300 m from core
 - 250 m.w.e.
- Far (oscillation) detector:
 - 500 tons (12.5 m dia)
 - 1500 m from core
 - 2000 m.w.e.
(under “Frade” peak)
- Very Near detector:
 - 1 ton prototype project
 - < 50m of reactor core
- Detector Construction
 - Standard 3 volume design

Conclusions

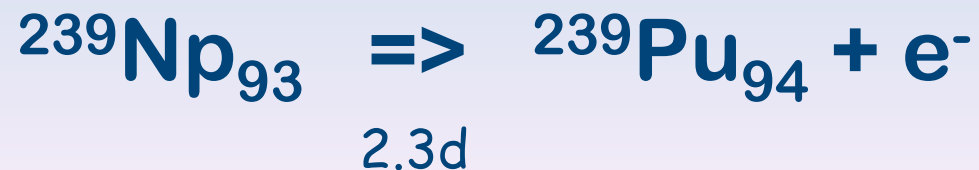
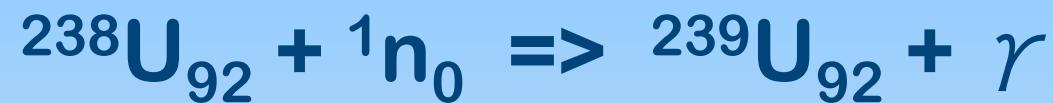
- Previous experiments indicate feasibility of using nu detectors for nuclear reactor distant monitoring
- Thermal power and fuel composition measurement can be achieved
- Better accuracy and general improvement of technique is needed
- Good opportunity to develop experimental nu physics in LA and to contribute to develop new safeguards techniques
- Neutrino Oscillations: collaboration with Double Chooz. Way towards high precision experiment in LA by 2015.

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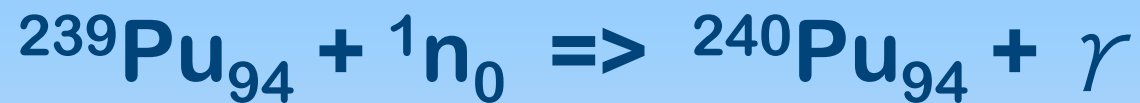
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Pu production chain



Pu production chain (cont...)



Ar- and Ge-based nu detectors

Detect antineutrinos through coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering.

In this process, an antineutrino collides with a nucleus of argon or germanium, which results in nuclear recoil.

As the recoiling nucleus collides with its neighbors, it shakes loose a few electrons.

Then a sensitive transistor can extract and amplify the electrons.

Ar- and Ge-based nu detectors (cont...)

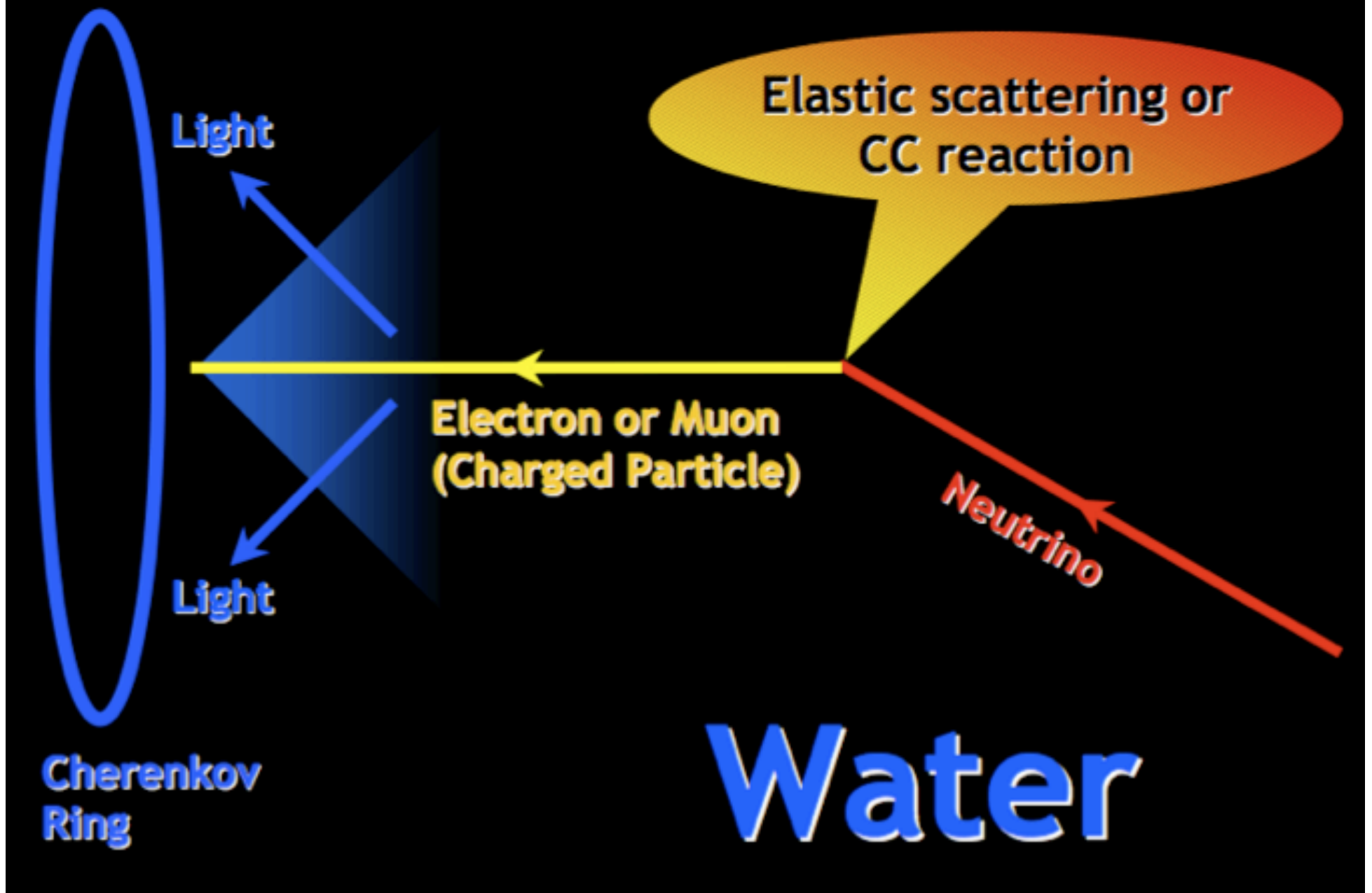
The Ar detector uses a dual-phase detection process.

In the first phase, the electron signal is produced in liquid Ar. In the second phase, the signal is amplified in an Ar gas blanket above the liquid to generate copious scintillator light, which is detected by PMTs.

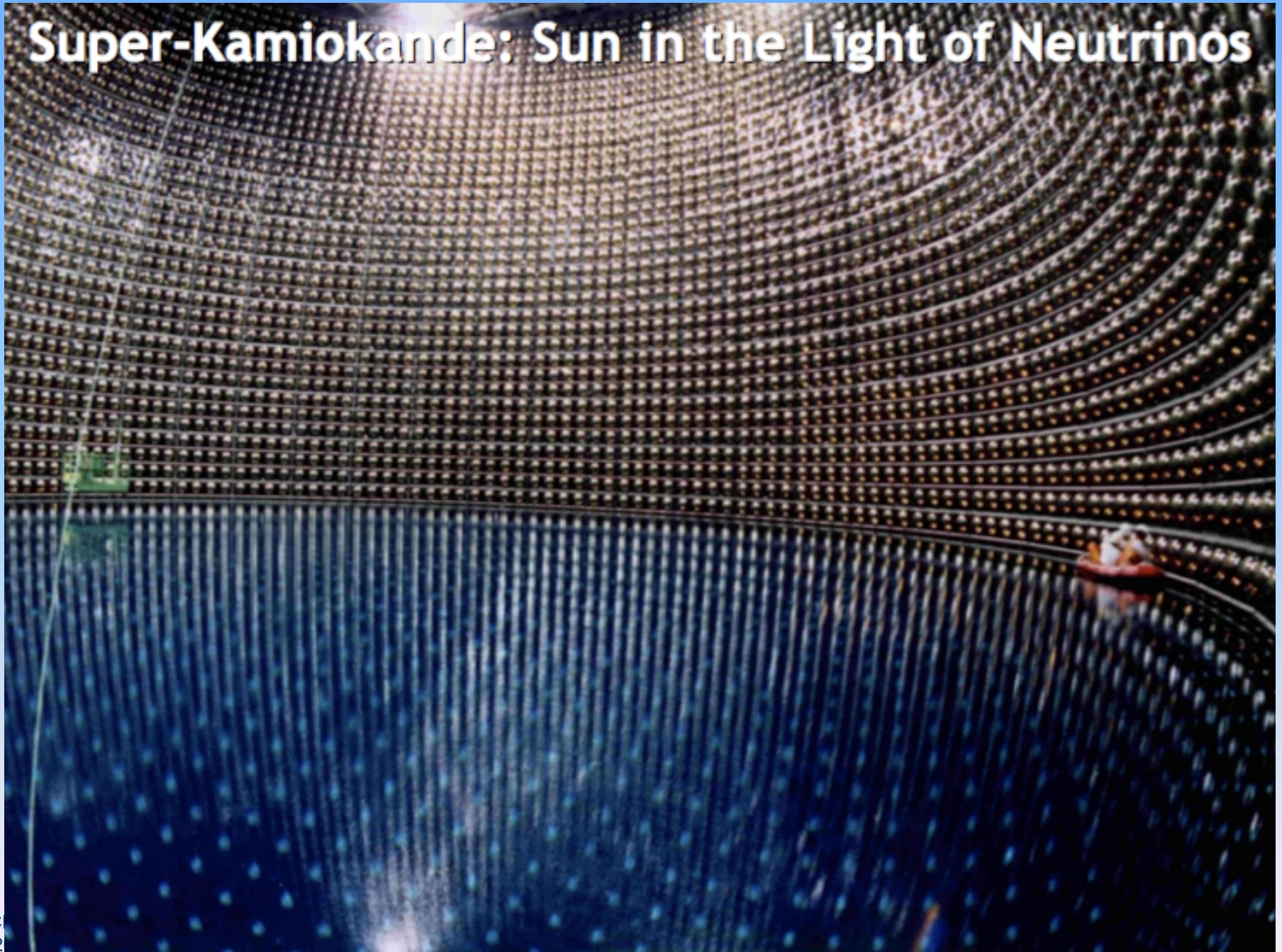
The coherent scatter process has a much higher antineutrino interaction rate per volume of detection medium compared with detectors that rely on inverse beta decay. This process has long been predicted but never observed. Detecting the coherent scatter signal with either approach would signify a major breakthrough.

Because detectors that use coherent scatter have a high probability of interaction per unit mass, they can also have a much smaller footprint, possibly as small as 1 cubic meter with the necessary shielding.

Cherenkov Effect



Super-Kamiokande: Sun in the Light of Neutrinos



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Prospects for a Reactor Measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

Angra, Brazil

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.005$$

- R&D on reactor monitoring. Proposal for θ_{13} measurement after Double Chooz.

Daya Bay, China

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01$$

- Approved by the Chinese Academy of Science for 50M RMB.
- Other Chinese agencies are expected to contribute ~100M RMB.
- US DOE has provided 0.8M\$ for R&D for FY06. Working towards US project start in FY08.
- Plan to start near-mid data taking in 2009, and begin full operation in 2010.

Double-CHOOZ, France

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.03$$

- Funding commitment in France and Germany.
- Begin running far detector in 2008.
- Complete near detector in 2009.

RENO, Korea

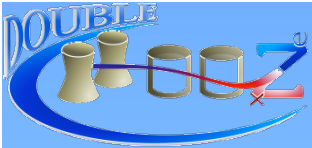
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.02$$

- Approved by Ministry of Science and Technology for US \$9M. R&D program starting.
- Plan to begin data taking in 2009/2010.

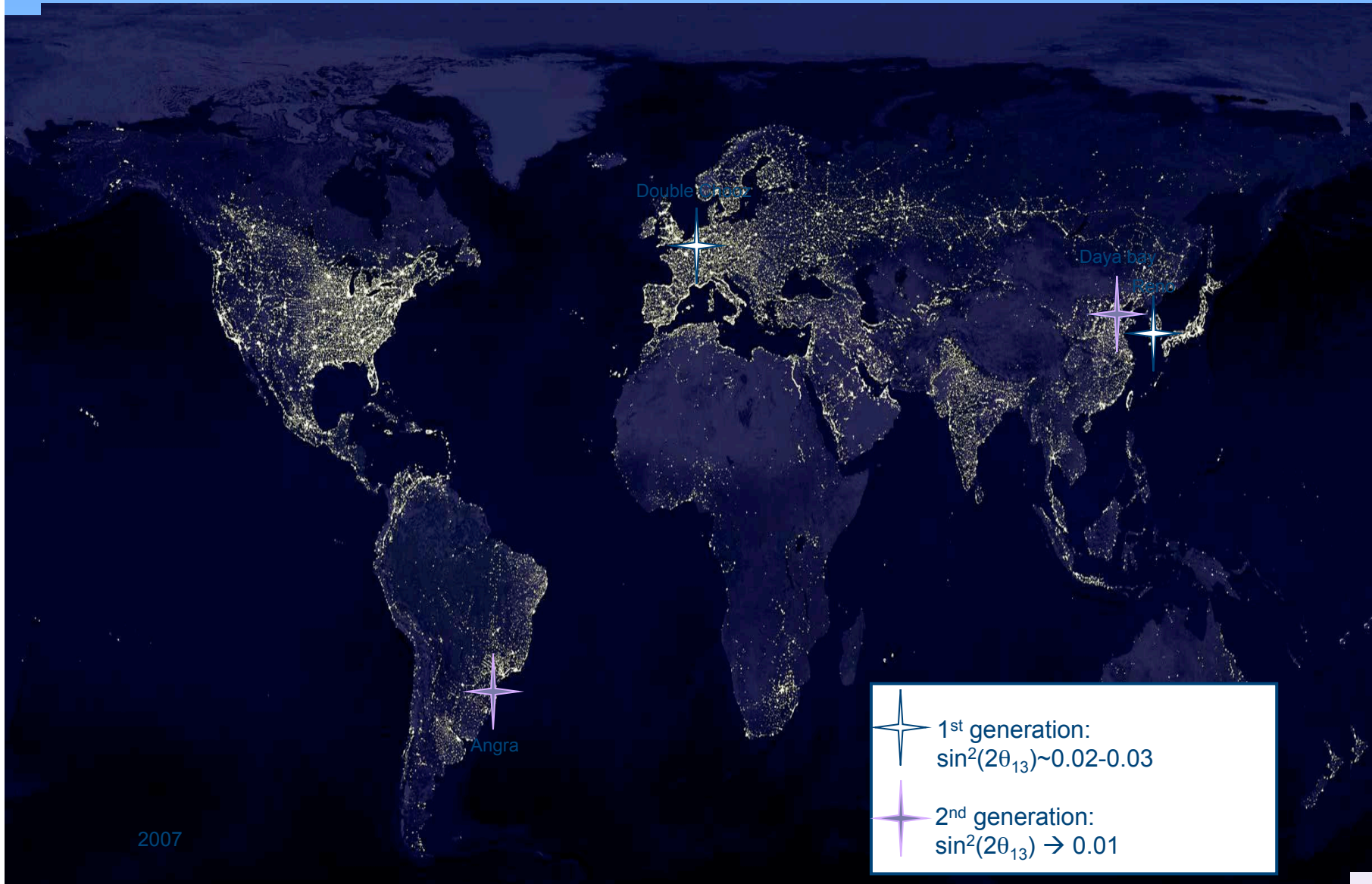
KASKA, Japan

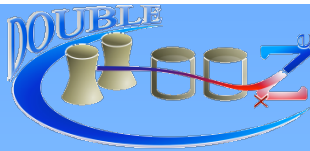
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.025$$

- R&D program in progress. If funded, plan to begin data taking in 2009/2010.

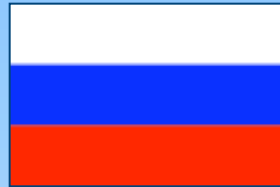


Remaining (alive) proposals...





Double Chooz Collaboration

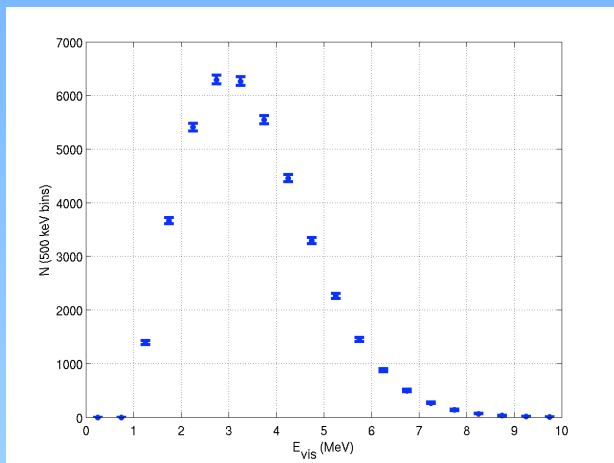


Research groups from: France, Germany, USA,
Spain, Japan, UK, Russia, Brazil, Italy
> 120 physicists & engineers

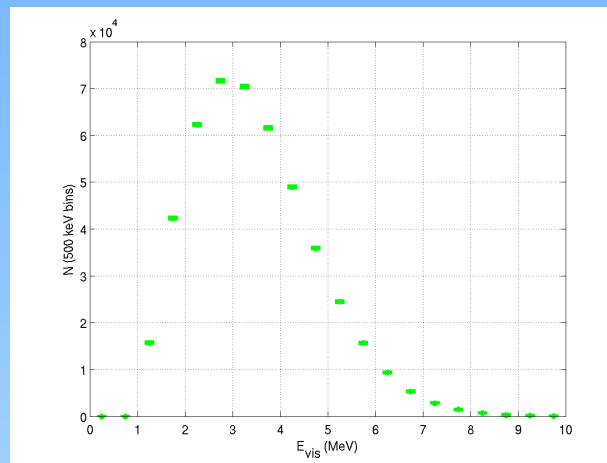




Expected Oscillation Signal



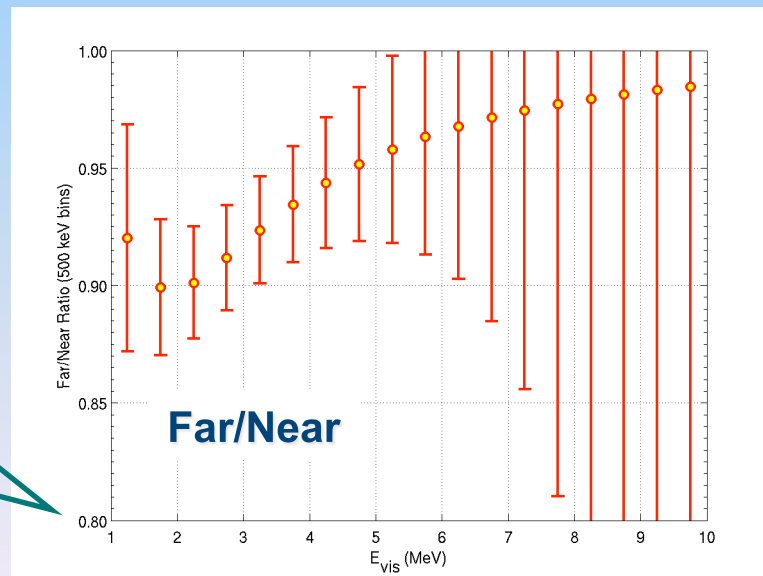
Far Spectrum



Near Spectrum

$$\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}} = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

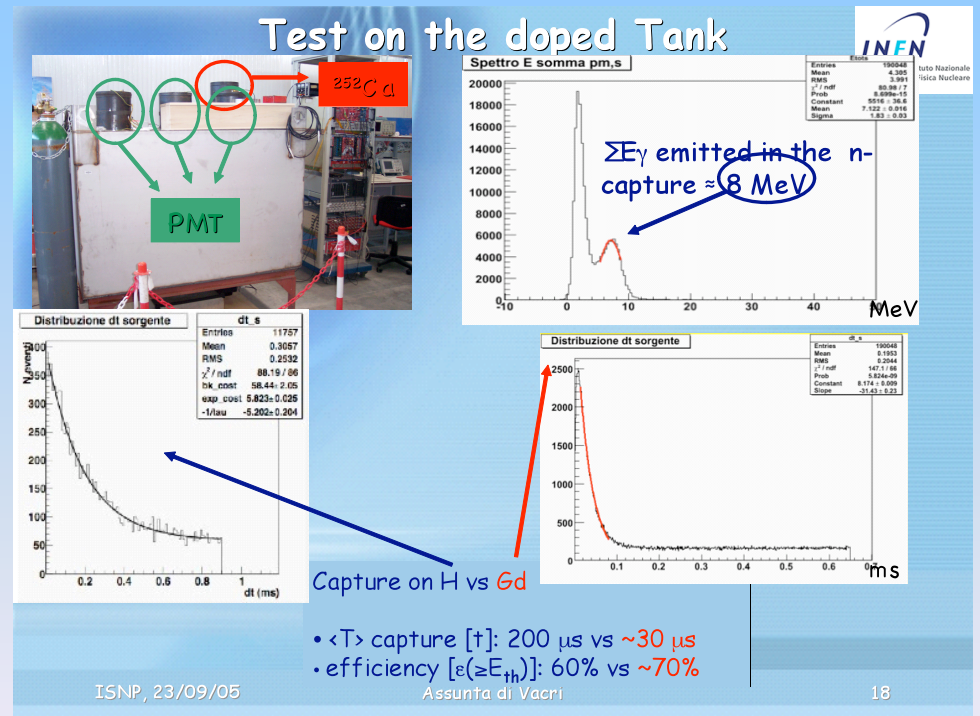
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.12$$



Far/Near

Deploy LVD tank

- 1 ton Gd doped liquid scintillator tank
- Test signal+background
- Tests with Californium source
- Final site selection for underground laboratory



SOURCES OF NEUTRINOS

● *Neutrinos from mankind's activity*

- *Nuclear reactors* produce $\bar{\nu}_e$, typical energy few MeV, flux 10^{20} per second
- *Particle accelerators (CERN, Fermilab)* produce beams of $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu (\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_\tau)$
Energies up to 500 GeV, typical flux 10^{11} per second

● *Neutrinos from the Earth*

- *Natural radioactivity* provides the Earth with 20 TW of power.
Generates $\bar{\nu}_e$ of a few MeV, typical flux 10^7 per cm^2 per second

● *Neutrinos from Space*

- *The Sun* is a prolific source of ν_e (10^{38} per second). Flux on Earth 10^{11} per cm^2 per second
Typical energy < 1 MeV, but spectrum extends up to 15 MeV
- *Supernova* explosions produce 10^{57} ν_e in 10 seconds. Flux on Earth depends on distance.
- *Cosmic rays* (mainly protons) interacting in the atmosphere generate $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu (+\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e)$
produced in pion (muon) decay. Typical energy 1 GeV, typical flux 10^3 per m^2 per second
- *The Big Bang* generated 10^{87} neutrinos of all types. Typical energy today 0.0004 eV
Average density in Universe 660 per cm^3

Richard Wigmans

The idea is quite old...

- Kurchatov Institute, 1988

MEASURING NUCLEAR PLANT POWER OUTPUT
BY NEUTRINO DETECTION

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N. S. Panashchenko, D. A. Sokolov,
O. M. Solov'yanov, N. D. Tverdovskii,
A. D. Yarichin, S. N. Ketov, V. I. Kopeikin,
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UDC 539.123:621.039.577

Revisited recently

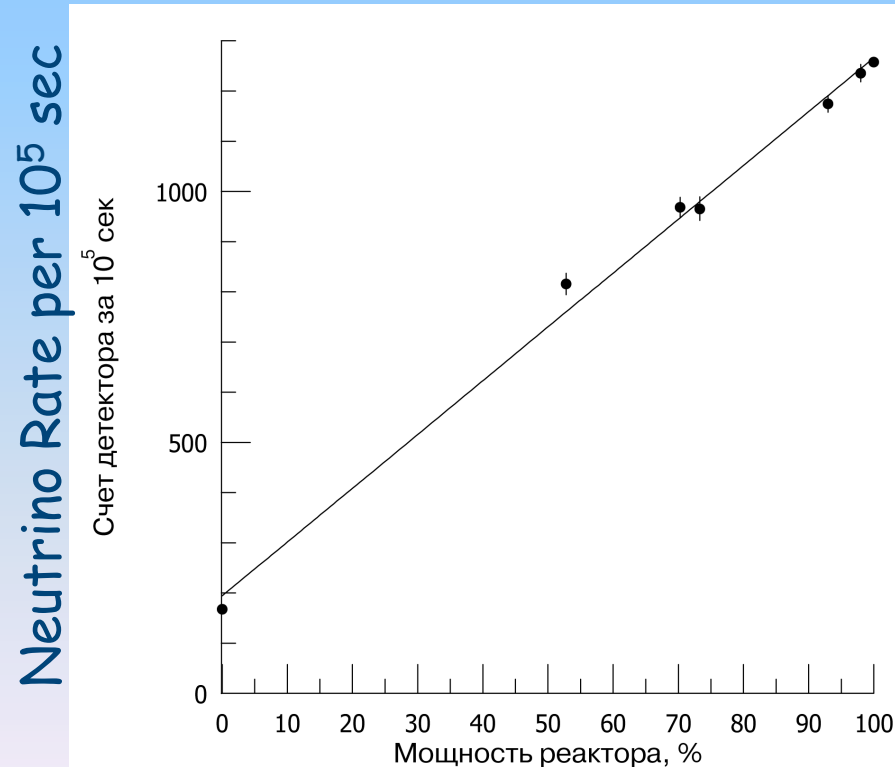
Precision spectroscopy with reactor anti-neutrinos

arXiv:hep-ph/0407026 v2 14 Oct 2004

Patrick Huber^a and Thomas Schwetz^b

Reactor power x neutrino flux

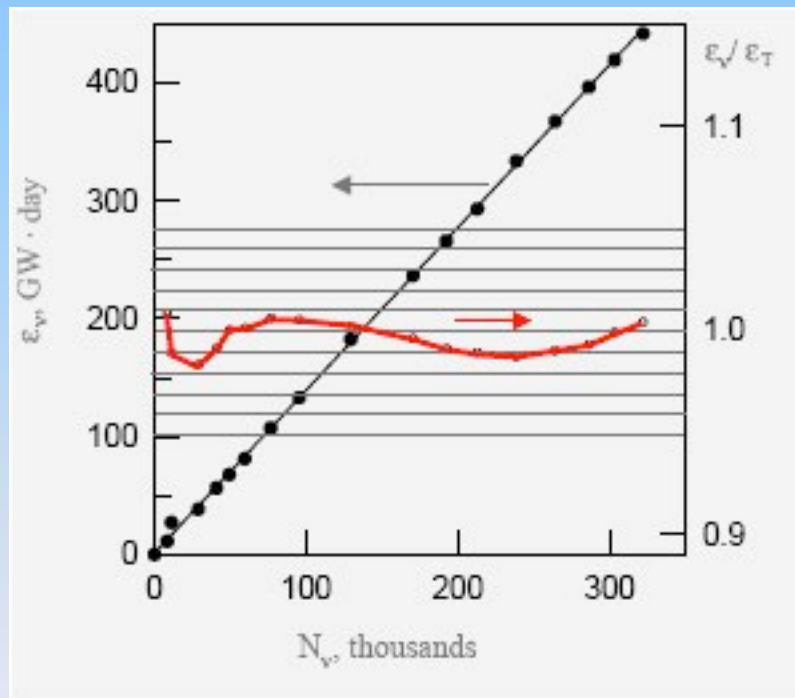
Measuring of power production by neutrino method



Reactor power in % from nominal value (1375 MW)

Reactor power x neutrino flux

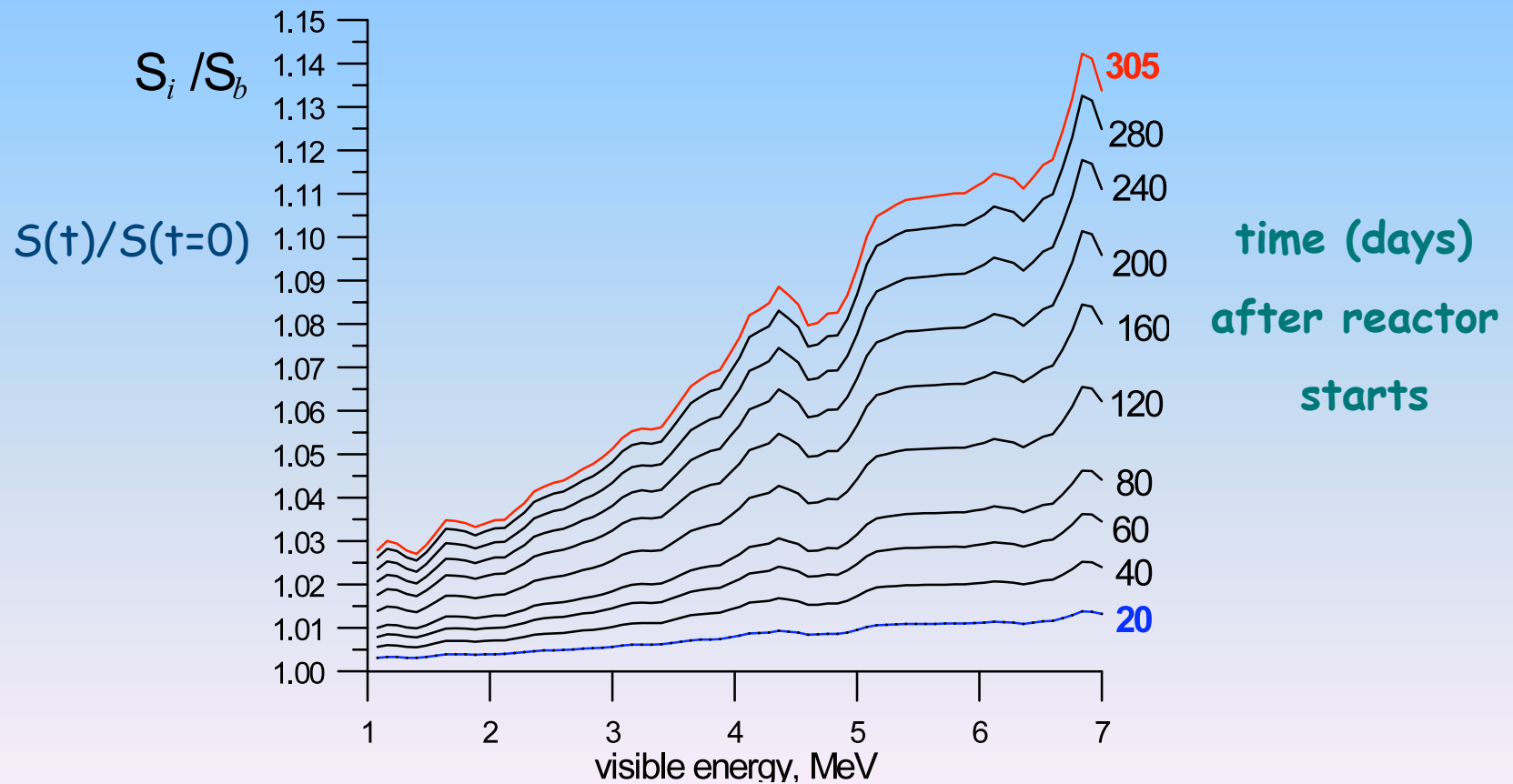
Power generation



Power ν / Power Th

Number of antineutrinos

Ratio of spectra: time evolution



Reactor ν experiment physics

Reactor	Optimistic start date	GW-t-yr (yr)	90% CL $\text{Sin}^2 2\theta_{13}$ sensitivity	for Δm^2 (10^{-3}eV^2)	efficiencies	Far event rate
ANGRA	2013(full)	3900(1) 9000(3) 15000(5)	0.0070 0.0060 0.0055	2.5	0.8×0.9	350,000/yr
Braidwood	2010	845(1) 2535(3) 7605(9)	0.007 0.005 0.0035	2.5	0.75	41,000/yr
Daya Bay	08(fast) 09(full)	3700(3)	0.008	2.5	0.75×0.83	70,000/yr 110,000/yr (before/after 2010)
Double Chooz	Oct 07(far) Oct 08(near)	29(1) 29(1+1) 80(1+3)	0.08 0.04 0.025	2.5	0.8 ×0.9	15,000/yr
KASKA	Mar 09	493(3)	0.015	2.5	0.8×0.88	24,000/yr
RENO	Late 09	340(1)	0.03	2.0	0.8	18,000/yr

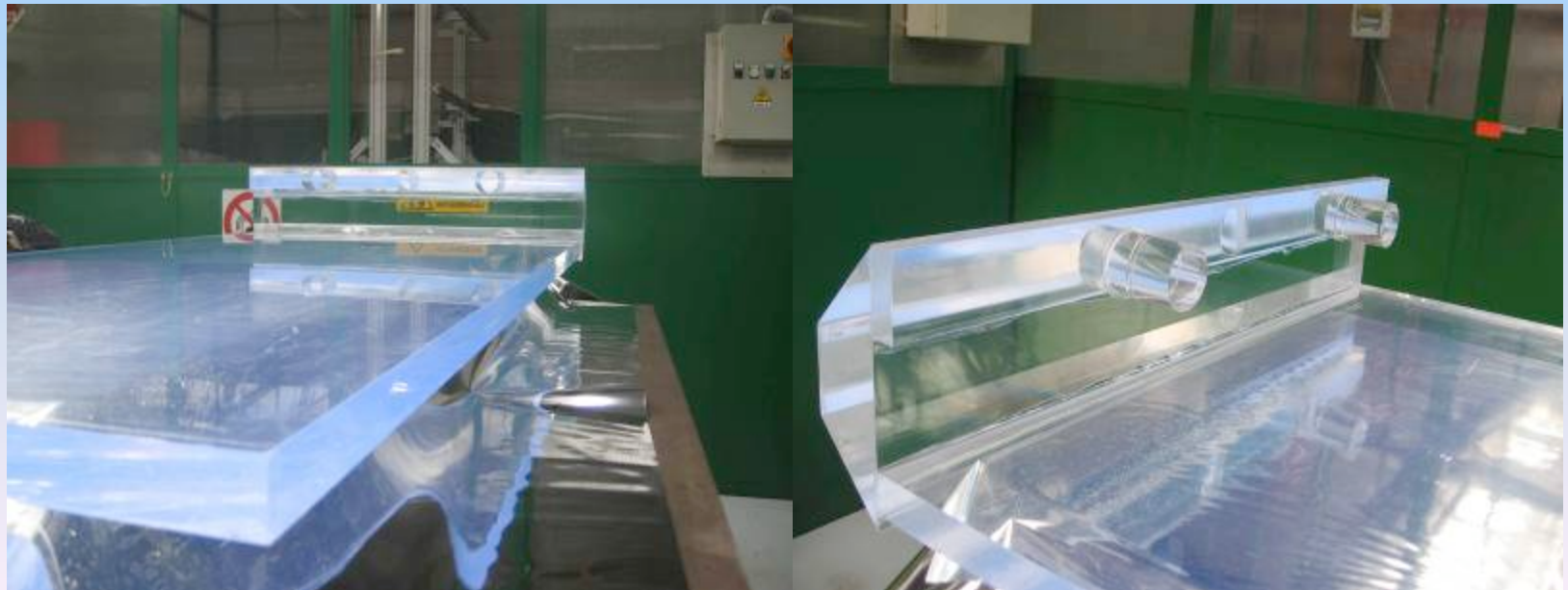
Expected Signal & Background

Rates presented at ICRC 2007
Cylindrical Detector - $R_3 = 1.40\text{m}$; $H = 3.10\text{m}$

Depth (mSR)	Muons (Hz)
10	365
20	150
30	063
40	043
50	019

Phase II: Deploy LVD tank

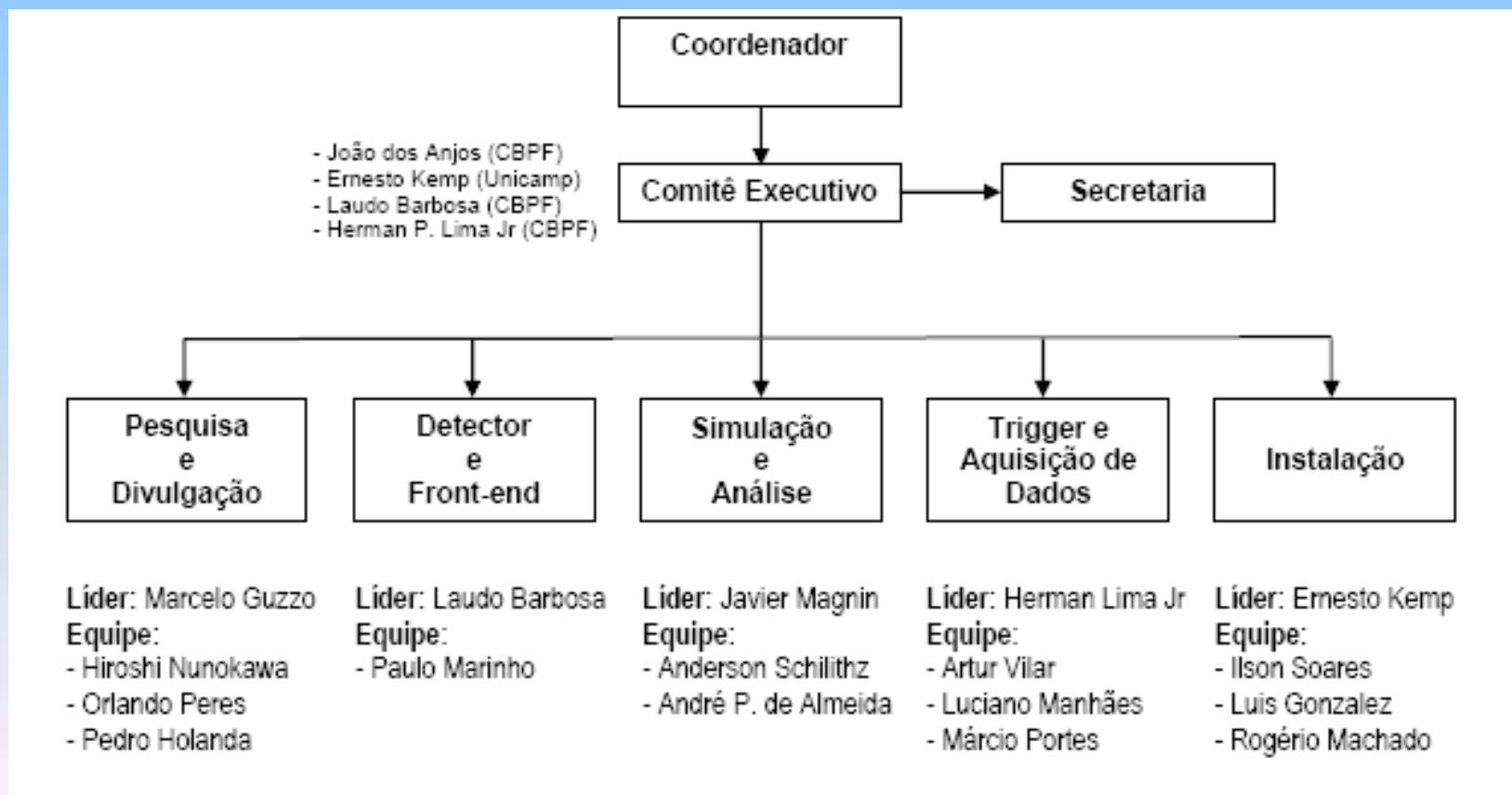
Muon veto construction at LNGS





Projeto Neutrinos Angra

Estrutura Funcional
20/03/2007





Physics Motivations:

- The discovery of neutrino oscillations implies that neutrinos are massive and that the SM is incomplete.
- These observations may have profound astrophysical consequences. CP violation in the lepton sector may hold the key of matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe.
- **The minimal extension of the SM requires 3 mass eigenstates, ν_1 , ν_2 , ν_3 and a unitary mixing matrix U which relates the neutrino mass basis to the flavor basis.**



Standard Model Extension:

- Minimal extension of the SM requires **7** parameters:
 - 3 neutrino masses m_1 , m_2 and m_3
 - 3 mixing angles θ_{12} , θ_{23} , and θ_{13}
 - a CP violating phase parameter δ
- The oscillation probabilities depend on the mass-squared differences $\Delta m^2_{12} = m_2^2 - m_1^2$ and $\Delta m^2_{23} = m_3^2 - m_2^2$
- **Challenges of neutrino experimental community include to measure as precisely as possible**

$$\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \Delta m^2_{12}, \Delta m^2_{23}$$



Neutrino Mixing Matrix

Experimental status:

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

Atmospheric

Reactor and LBL

Solar

- The parameters θ_{23} and Δm^2_{23} determined using atmospheric neutrino data from Super-Kamiokande and K2K. (10% level)
- Data from SNO, KamLAND and Super-Kamiokande used to determine θ_{12} and Δm^2_{12} with 10 – 20% precision.
- For θ_{13} there exists only a limit by the reactor experiment
CHOOZ $\sin^2 (2 \theta_{13}) < 0.2$

Motivations for reactor experiments:



- **Physics considerations:**

- Measurement of θ_{13} is important for it is a fundamental parameter
- It is crucial for investigation of leptonic CP violation
- CP violation phase δ can be measured only if $\theta_{13} \neq 0$
- Its value will determine the tactics to best address other questions in neutrino physics

Motivations for reactor experiments:



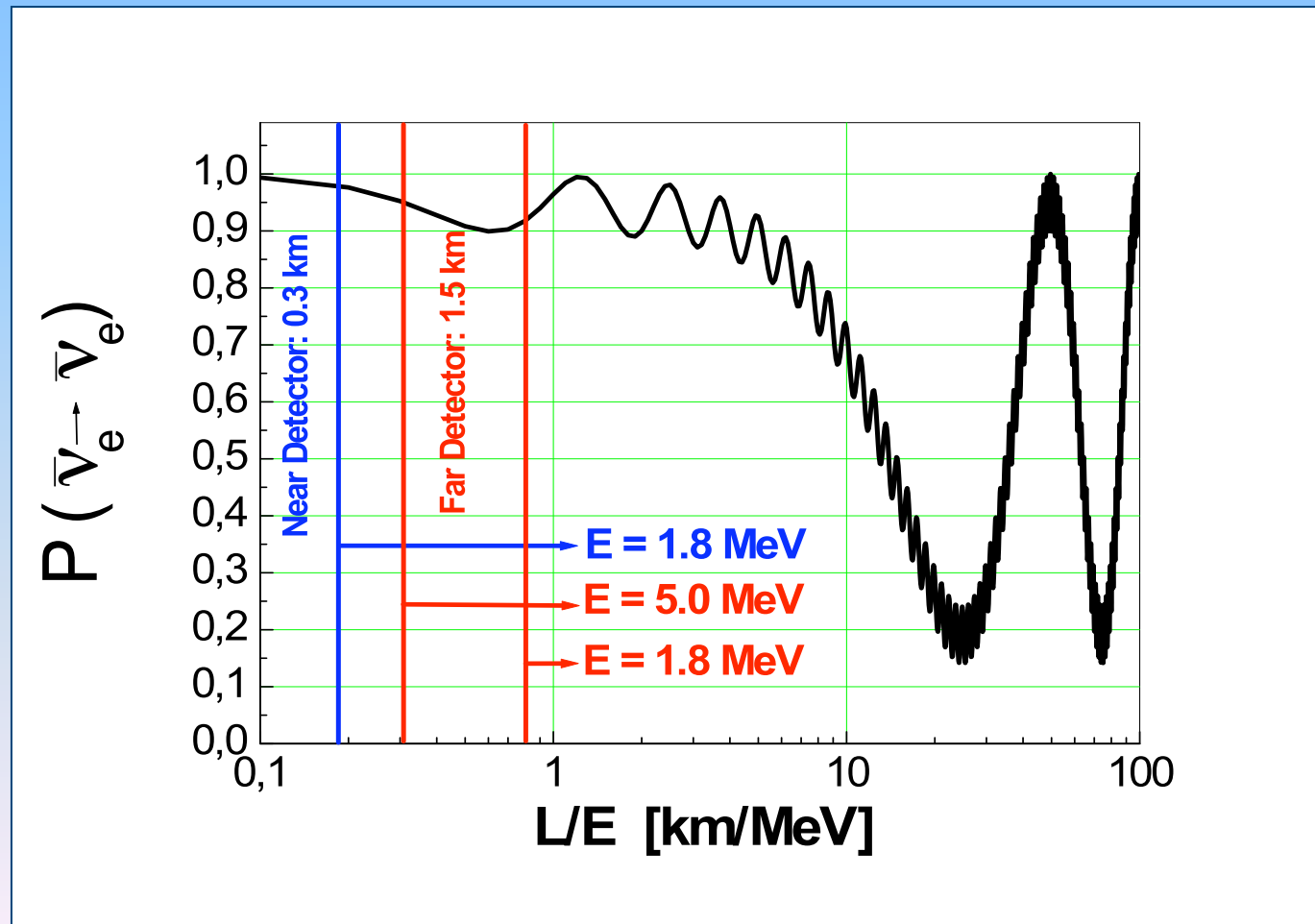
- **Reactor Experiment ADVANTAGES**

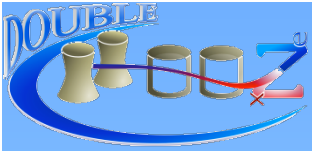
- **Clean measurement of θ_{13}** : $L \sim 1-4\text{Km}$: too short for matter effects to be important → **No matter-effects** and parameter degeneracy
- **High luminosity**: 4 GW thermal power (Angra II)
 $\sim 10^{20}$ antineutrinos/s
- 50 - 500 tons detectors – **high number of target protons**
- Precise shape measurement of energy spectrum
- Can have Low Background: large overburden

ANGRA II:

$\bar{\nu}_e$ Survival Probability

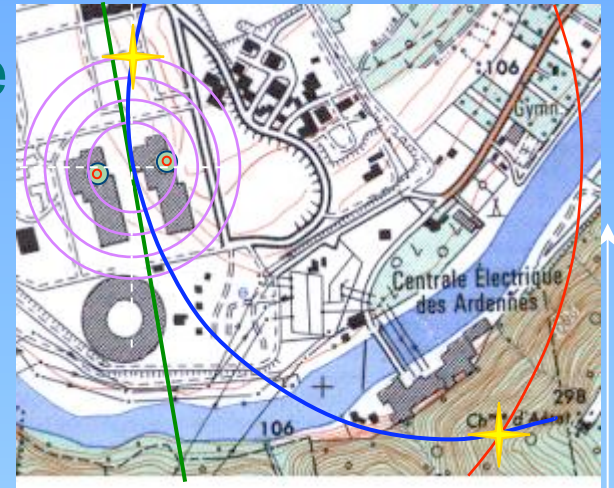
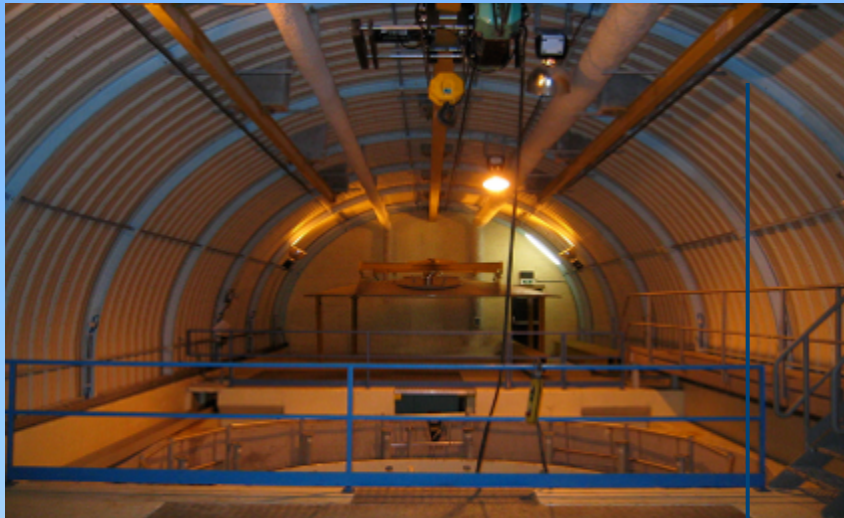
$E_{\min} = 1.8 \text{ MeV}; \quad 95\% @ 5 \text{ MeV (far detector)}$



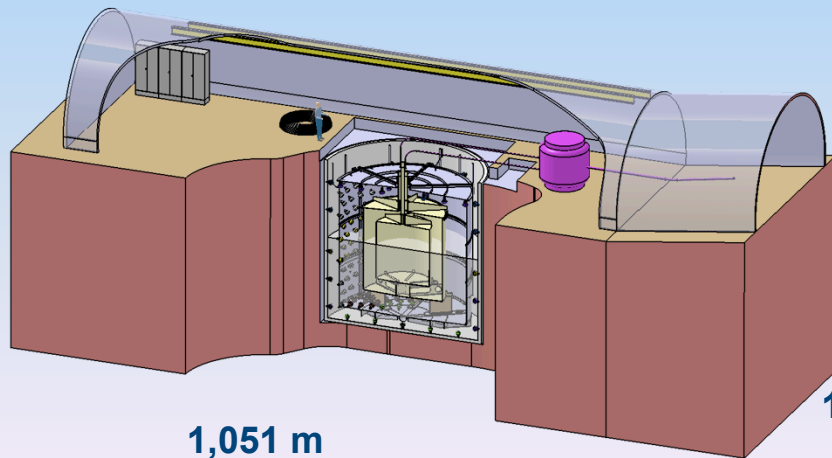


1 km site

274 m site

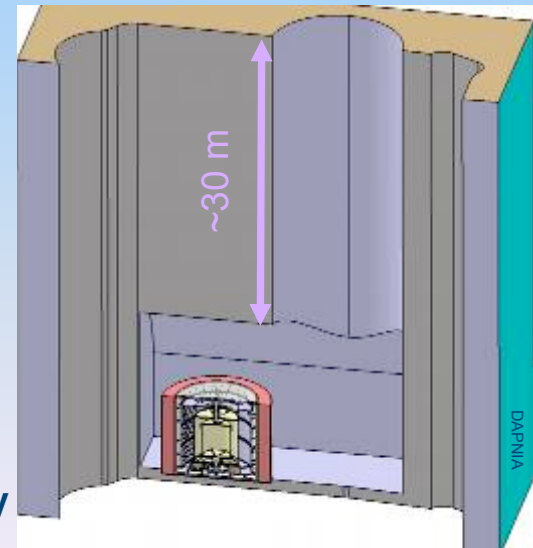


Integration start mid-2007

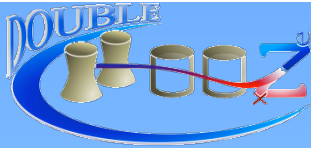


1,051 m
300 mwe
15,200 events/y

274 m
80 mwe
162,260 events/y

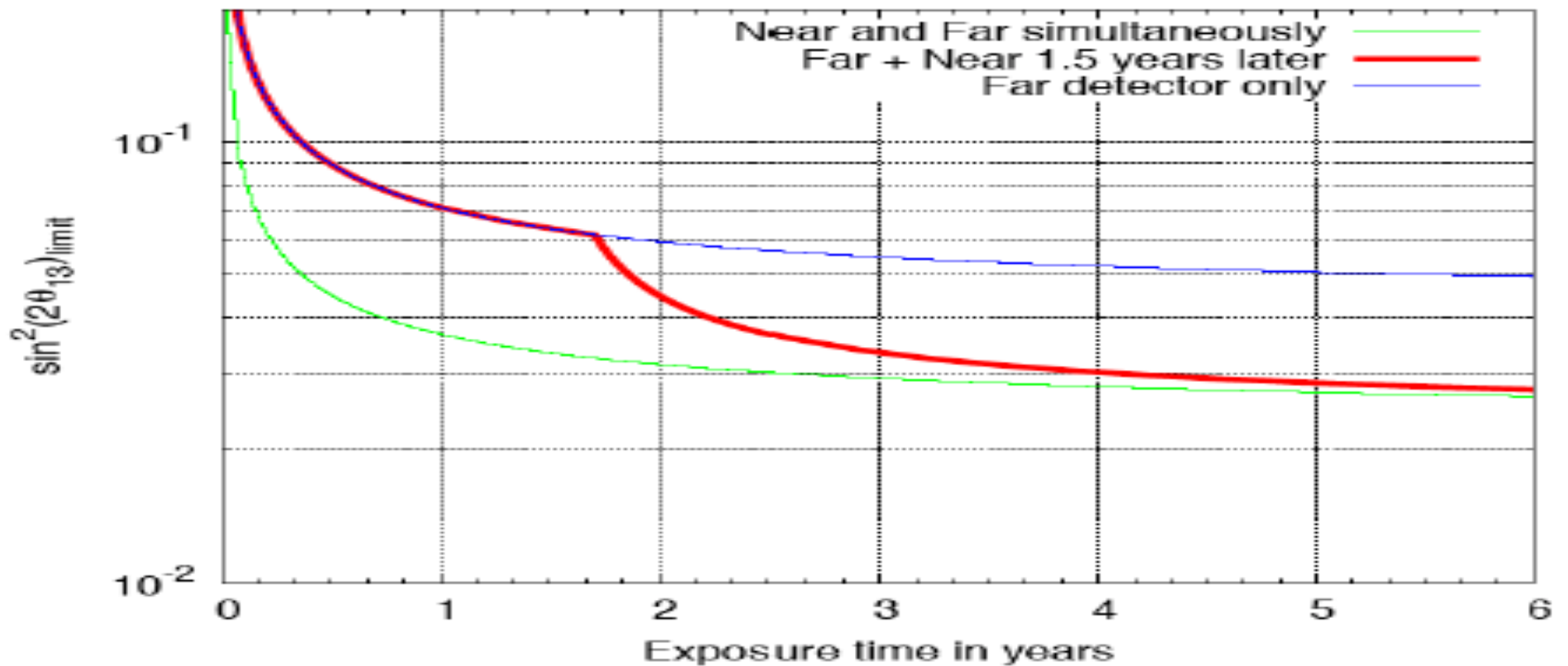


Integration end of 2009



EXPECTED SENSITIVITY

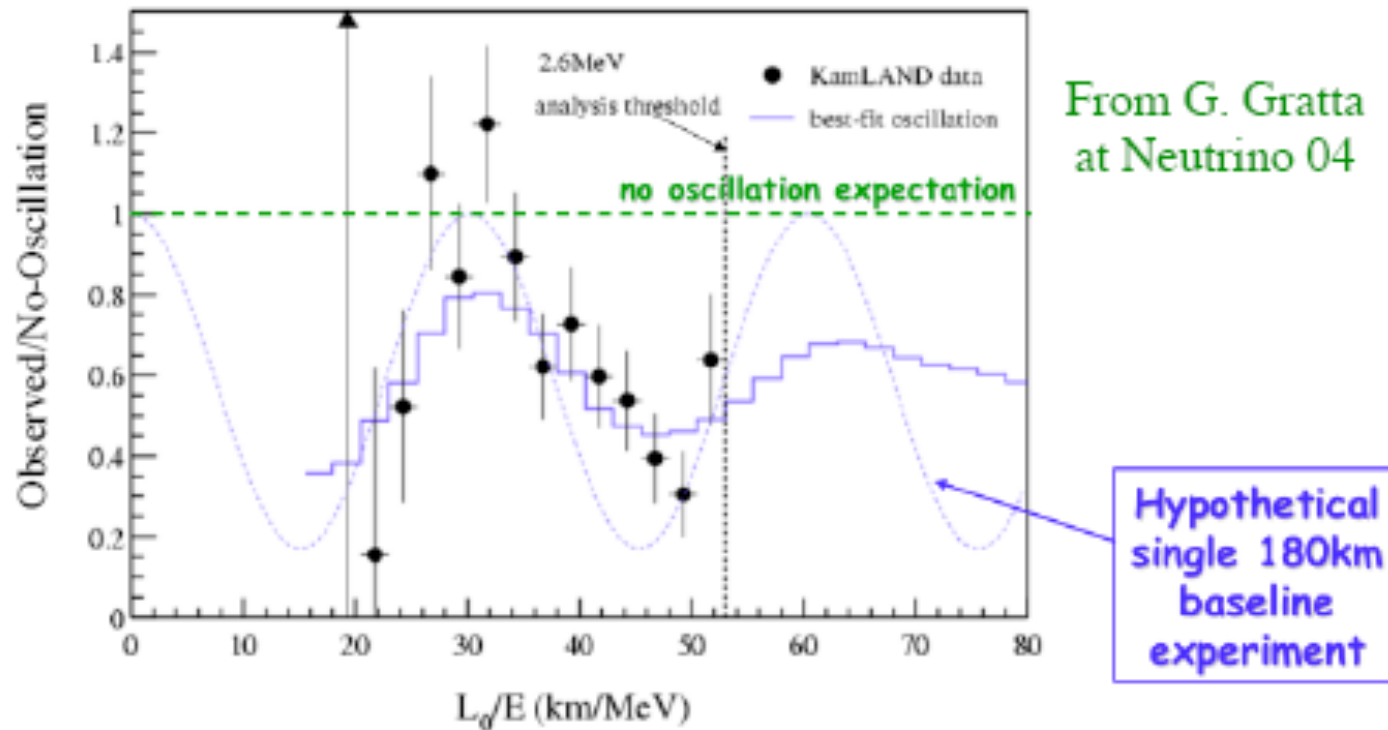
Sensitivity Goal





KamLAND results

Evidence for the θ_{13} of flavor change



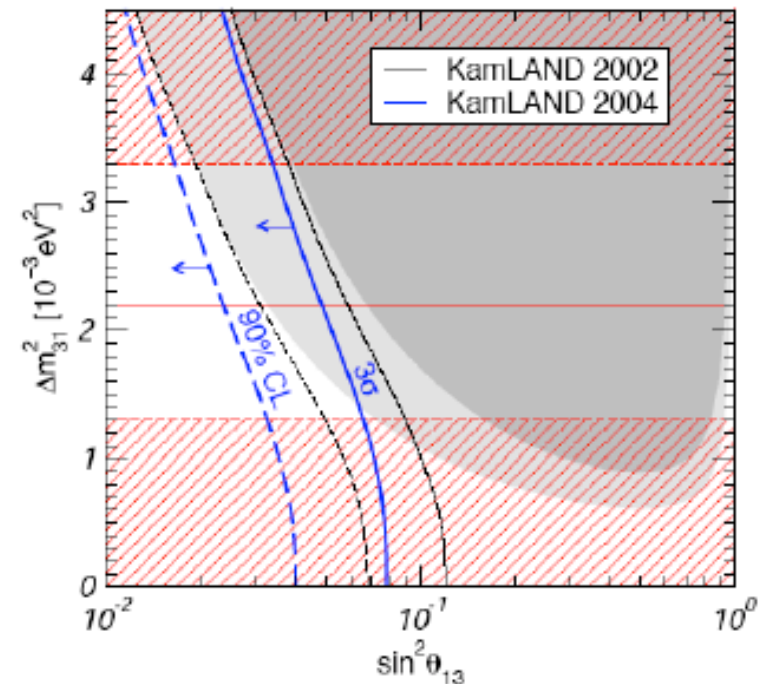
KamLAND $\bar{\nu}_e$ event rate vs. L/E , assuming each $\bar{\nu}_e$ traveled $L = L_0 = 180$ km.

Neutrino Mixing

U_{MNSP} Matrix

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, Pontecorvo

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



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

atmospheric, K2K

reactor and accelerator

SNO, solar SK, KamLAND

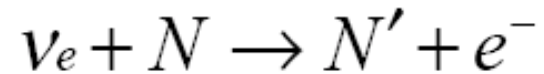
$0\nu\beta\beta$

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

$$\theta_{13} = ?$$

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

Radiochemical experiments



Proposed by Pontecorvo in 1946.

N' (unstable) is separated from the target with physical-chemical techniques and quantitatively measured by observing its decay back in N .

$$\text{Interaction Rate } (R) = N_{\text{target}} \cdot \sum_i \int \sigma_i(E) \cdot \frac{d\Phi_i(E)}{dE} dE$$

$$\sigma_i \sim 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2; \Phi_i \sim 6 \times 10^{10} [\text{s cm}^2]^{-1}$$

Experiment Homestake (1967-2002)



Raymond Davis Jr.



615 ton de C_2Cl_4

2.2×10^{33} atmos de ${}^{37}\text{Cl}$

KamLAND results

KamLAND actually does see —

$$\frac{\phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{\phi_{\bar{\nu}_e} | \text{No Disappearance}} = 0.658 \pm 0.044(\text{stat}) \pm 0.047(\text{syst}) .$$

Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ do disappear.

Daya Bay - A Versatile Site

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

Mid Site
 ~1000 m from Daya
 Overburden: 208 m

Ling Ao Near
 500 m from Ling Ao
 Overburden: 98 m

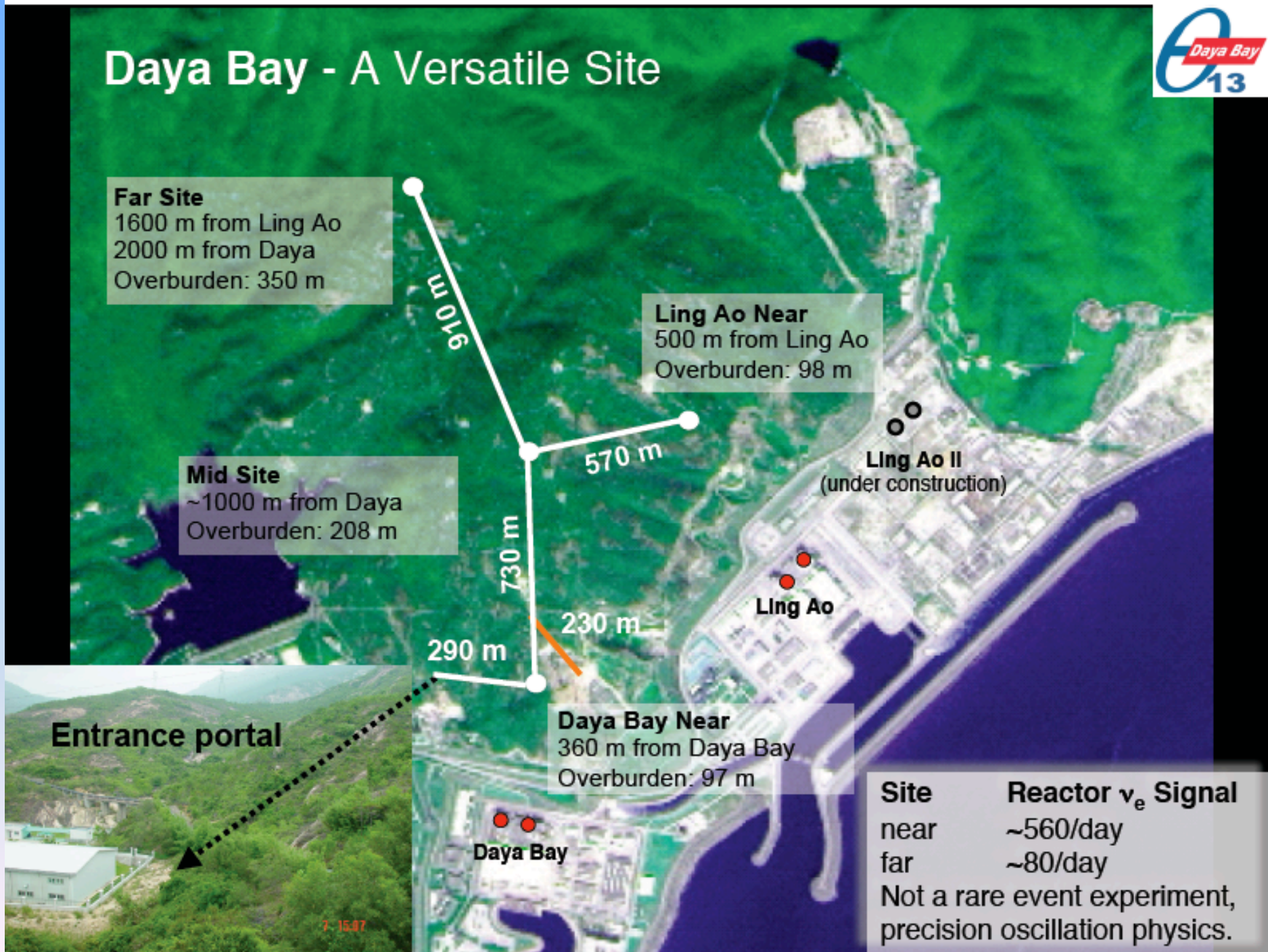
Ling Ao II
 (under construction)

Ling Ao

Daya Bay Near
 360 m from Daya Bay
 Overburden: 97 m

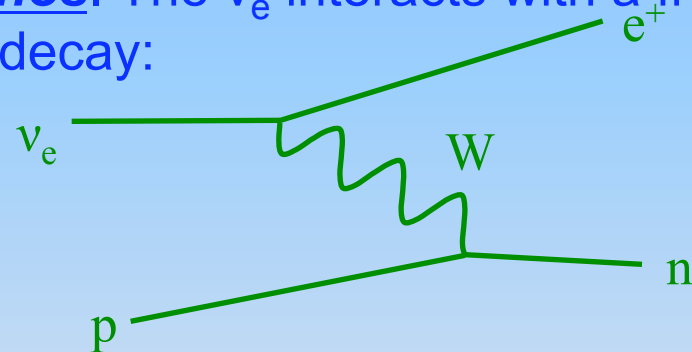
Daya Bay

Site	Reactor ν_e Signal
near	~560/day
far	~80/day
Not a rare event experiment, precision oscillation physics.	

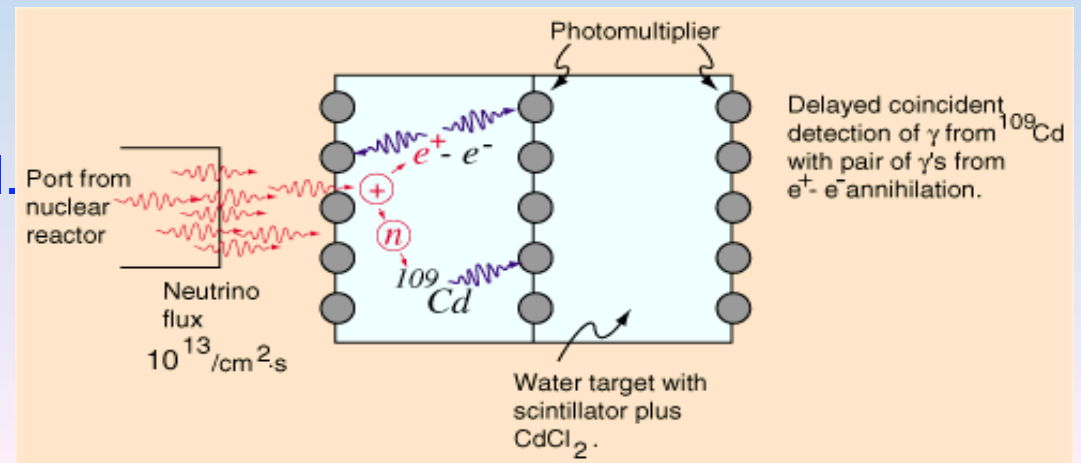


Reactor Neutrinos: detection principles

...actually we detect anti-neutrinos. The $\bar{\nu}_e$ interacts with a free proton (hydrogen) via inverse β -decay:



Later the neutron captures giving a coincidence signal. Reines and Cowan used cadmium to enhance the neutron capture



Non-proliferation in Latin-America: ABACC



- The **Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC)** is a binational agency created by the governments of Brazil and Argentina (1991), responsible for verifying the peaceful use of nuclear materials that could be used, either directly or indirectly, for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.

Neutrino discoverers

Neutrino- Reines & Cowan

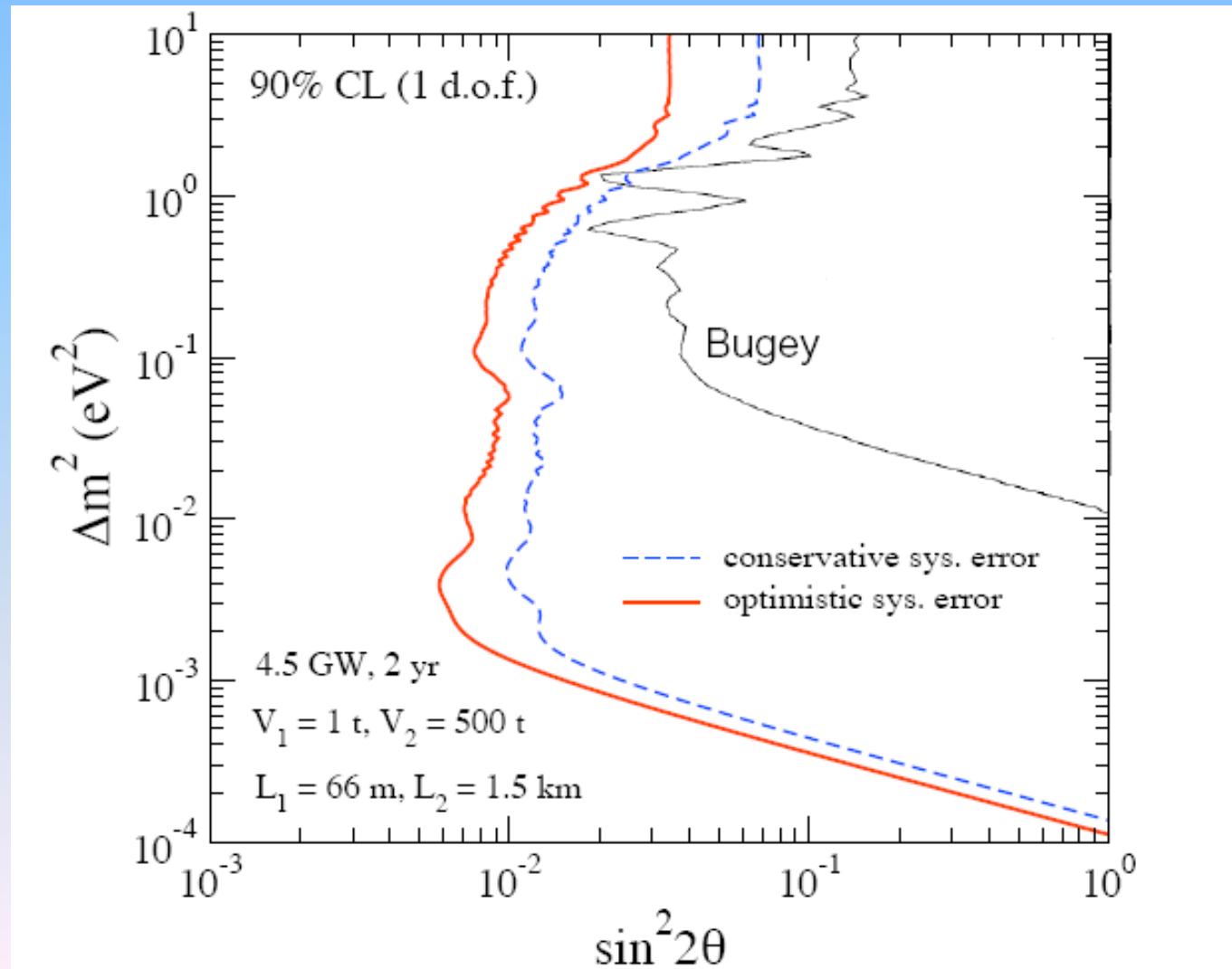


Clyde Cowan Jr.

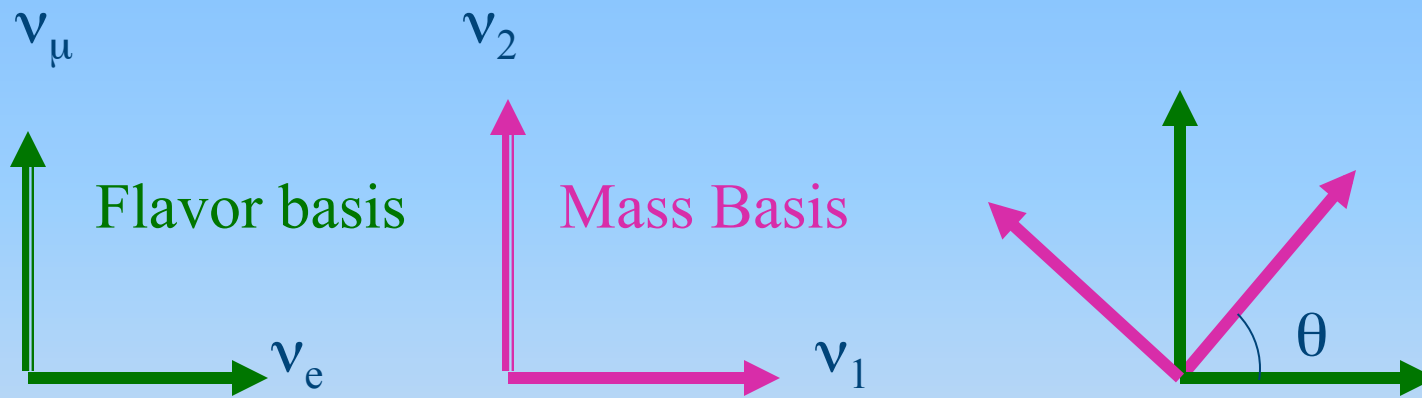


Frederick Reines H.W. Kruse

Sensitivity to Sterile Neutrinos



Physics: Flavor Oscillation basics



$$\nu_e = \nu_1 \cos\theta + \nu_2 \sin\theta$$

$$\nu_\mu = -\nu_1 \sin\theta + \nu_2 \cos\theta$$

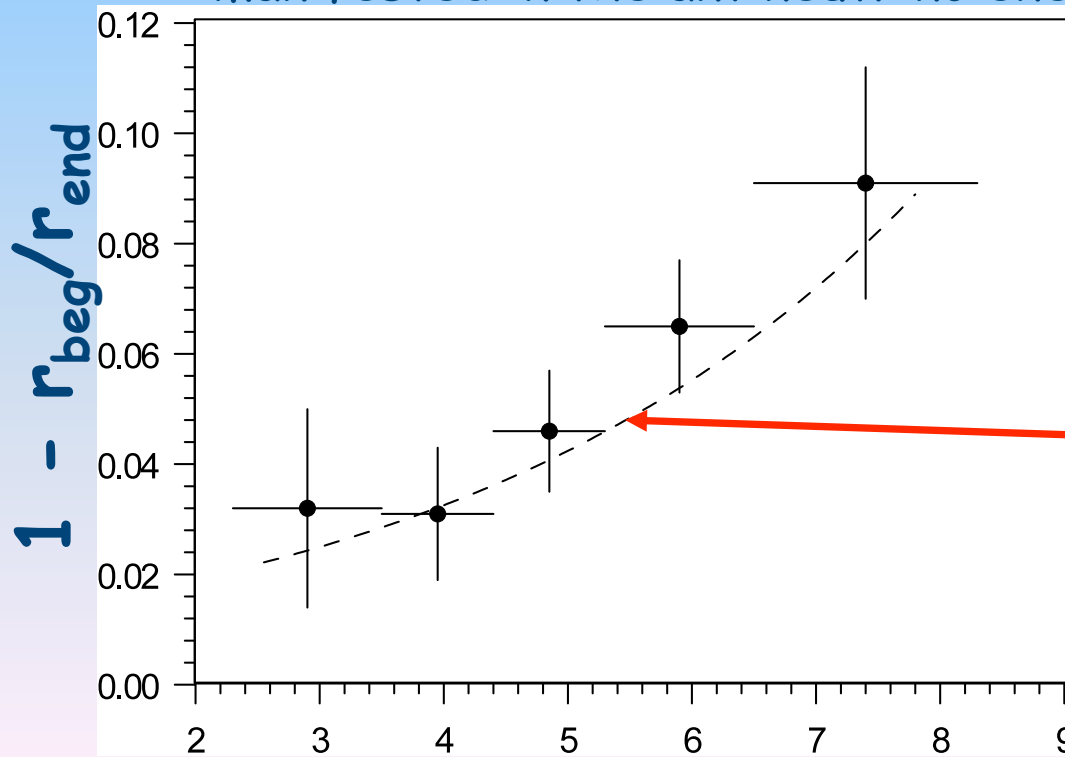
$$\nu(t) = e^{-iEt} \nu(0)$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = \langle \nu_\mu(t) | \nu_e(0) \rangle = \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta |e^{-iE_2 t} - e^{-iE_1 t}|^2$$

$$= \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L/E)$$

Composition of the Fuel

- The effect of the composition of the fuel is more strongly manifested in the antineutrino energy spectrum



Rovno 1988-1990

Main ABACC interest

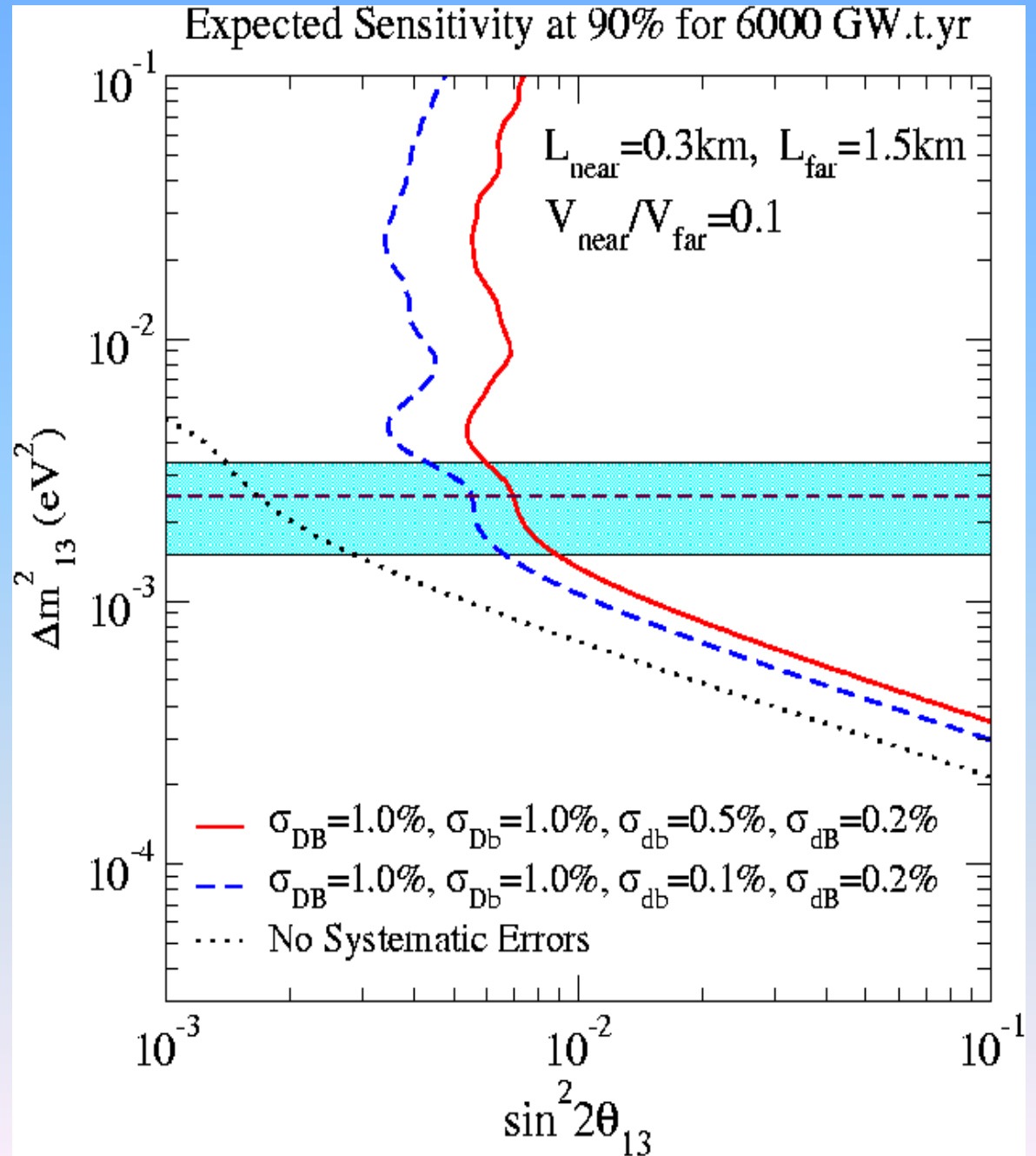
Expected from
ILL spectra

E_{ν} , MeV

Sensitivity studies

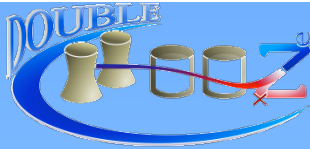
conventions

- d/D:
detectors
- b/B:
bin (energy)
- capital:
correlated
- small:
uncorrelated



Outline

- The Angra dos Reis nuclear power plant
- The ANGRA Neutrino Project
- The Angra Detector
- Conclusions



Double Chooz Status

- Funding has been established in Europe
→ Request in Japan and US
- First goal: measurement of θ_{13}
Double Chooz moving towards the construction phase !
 - 2007-08 → *Detector construction & integration*
 - 2008 → *Start of phase I : Far 1 km detector alone*
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.06$ in 1,5 year (90% C.L.)
 - 2009 → *Start of phase II : Both near and far detectors*
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.025$ in 3 years (90% C.L.)
Complementarity with Superbeam experiments: T2K, Nova
- Feasability study on non proliferation
Reactor ν 's track the Pu isotopic content of reactors
 - 2009-10 → Near detector at 280 m = prototyping a future IAEA monitor?