

# Experiments in Neutrino Physics

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# Outline

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- Neutrinos, neutrino oscillations
- Neutrino oscillation experiments
  - solar,
  - Atmospheric and  $\nu$  telescopes
  - reactor,
    - accelerators,
- Some future experiments
- Summary

# Neutrinos

Part of the *Standard Model* of particles and their interactions

## THE STANDARD MODEL

	Fermions			Bosons	
Quarks	$u$ up	$c$ charm	$t$ top	$\gamma$ photon	Force carriers
	$d$ down	$s$ strange	$b$ bottom	$Z$ Z boson	
Leptons	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$W$ W boson	
	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	$g$ gluon	
	Higgs* boson				

\*Yet to be confirmed

Source: AAAS

- Fermions ( $s=1/2$ ), no electric charge,
  - very small mass ( $< 2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ ),
  - no (?) magnetic moment ( $< \sim 10^{-10} \mu_B$ ),
  - associated to a charged lepton ( $e, \mu, \tau$ ).
- Feel only the Weak Interactions ( $W^\pm, Z^0$ ).
- Exist as *mixtures* of states with definite mass  $\rightarrow$  *Oscilaciones*.

Copiously produced in:

- The Sun, supernovae, AGN's, etc.
- Earth's atmosphere, Earth's interior,
- Nuclear reactors, accelerator beams

In general whenever weak interaction processes occur (ej.  $\beta$  decay of radioactive nuclei)

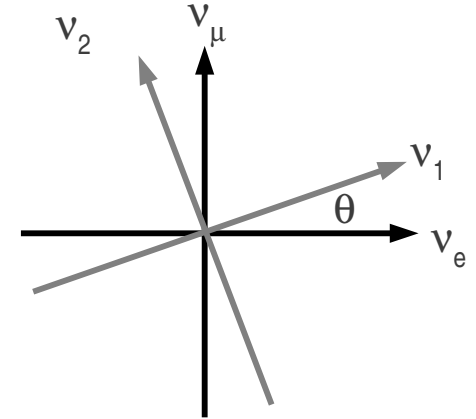
# Neutrino oscillations

- If flavor eigenstates are different from mass eigenstates and neutrinos have mass  $\Rightarrow$  **interference phenomenon**

Example: *Mixing* of two neutrinos:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Mixing Matrix



$$|\nu(t)\rangle = -\sin\theta |\nu_1\rangle e^{-iE_1 t} + \cos\theta |\nu_2\rangle e^{-iE_2 t}$$

$L \sim ct$

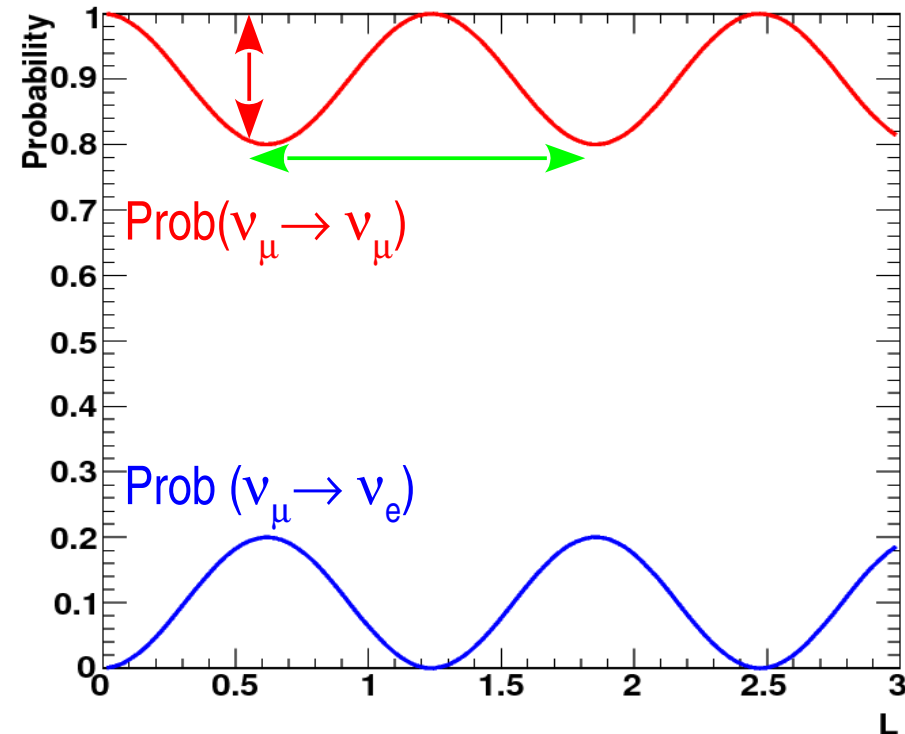
Survival probability  
Detected as  $\nu_\mu$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = |\langle \nu_\mu | \nu(0) \rangle|^2$$

Oscillation probability  
Detected as  $\nu_e$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = |\langle \nu_e | \nu(0) \rangle|^2$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$






# Neutrino oscillations, PMNS mixing matrix

We know there are (at least) 3 neutrino flavors. Then the mixing matrix is (at least) 3x3 (Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata → PMNS)

Parameterized by 3 angles ( $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\theta_{23}$ ) + 1 CP-violating phase ( $\delta$ )  
(also 2 more Majorana phases which are not observable in oscillations)



$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Atmospheric sector                      Reactor sector                      Solar sector

The (vacuum) oscillation probabilities are:

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2 \left[ 1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 (L/E) \right] \\ + 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2 \left[ 2.54 \Delta m_{ij}^2 (L/E) \right]$$

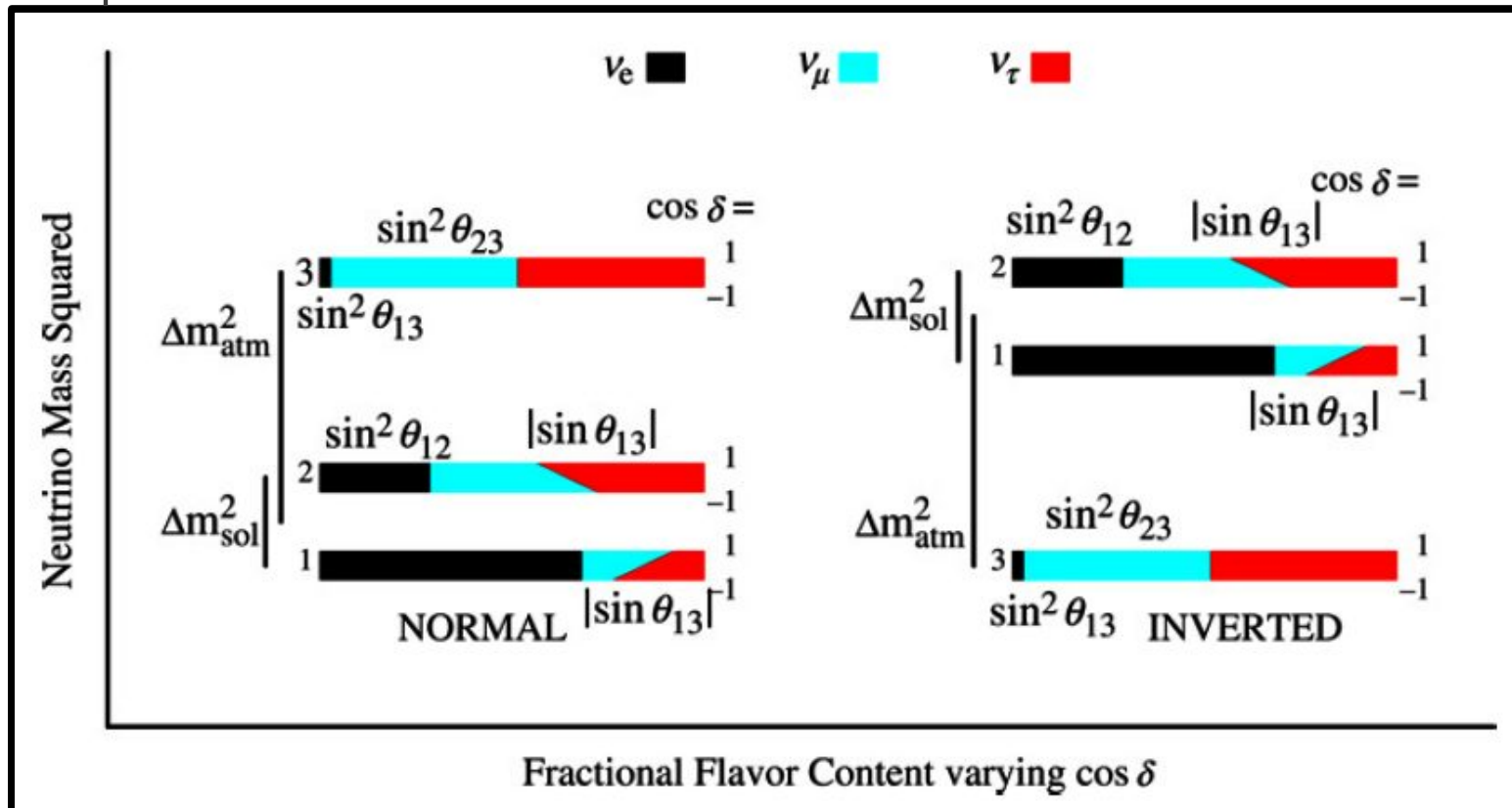
$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2 (\text{eV}^2), \quad L(\text{Km}), \quad E(\text{GeV})$$

# Neutrino mass hierarchy

Experiments indicate:

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = \Delta m_{\odot}^2 \ll \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = |\Delta m_{32}^2| \approx |\Delta m_{13}^2|$$

Two possible hierarchies:



(H. Nunokawa, S.J. Parke, J.W.F. Valle, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.60:338-402,2008)  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$

# Neutrino oscillations (in vacuum)

Mass hierarchy:  $|\Delta m_{12}^2| \ll |\Delta m_{23}^2| \rightarrow$  approx. decoupling of effects

Atmospheric and accelerator (long baseline):

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) \approx \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E) \longrightarrow \text{Super-K, K2K, MINOS, OPERA}$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E) \longrightarrow \text{T2K, NOvA}$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E) \longrightarrow ?$$

Reactor neutrinos:

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \approx 1 - P1 - P2 ,$$

$$P1 = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{12}^2 L/E)$$

$$P2 = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)$$

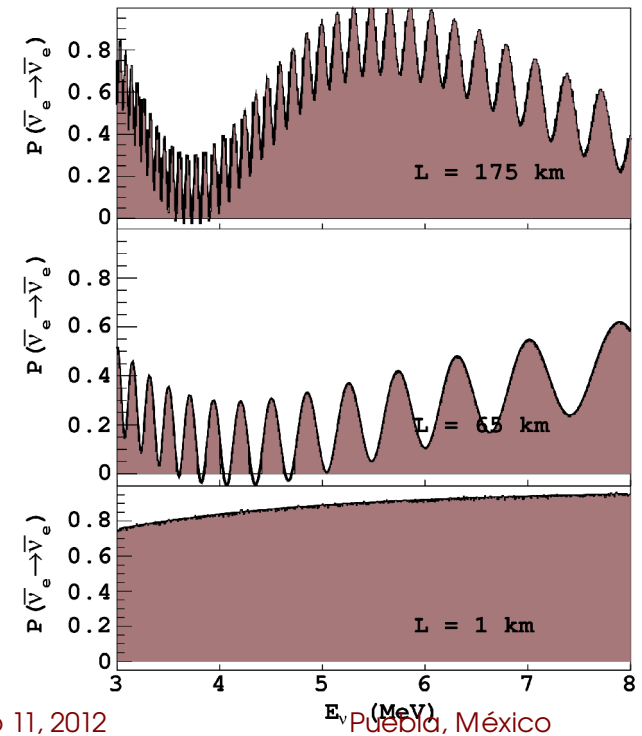
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Double-Chooz,  
Daya-Bay, RENO

$$\theta_{13} = (8.8 \pm 3.7)^\circ$$

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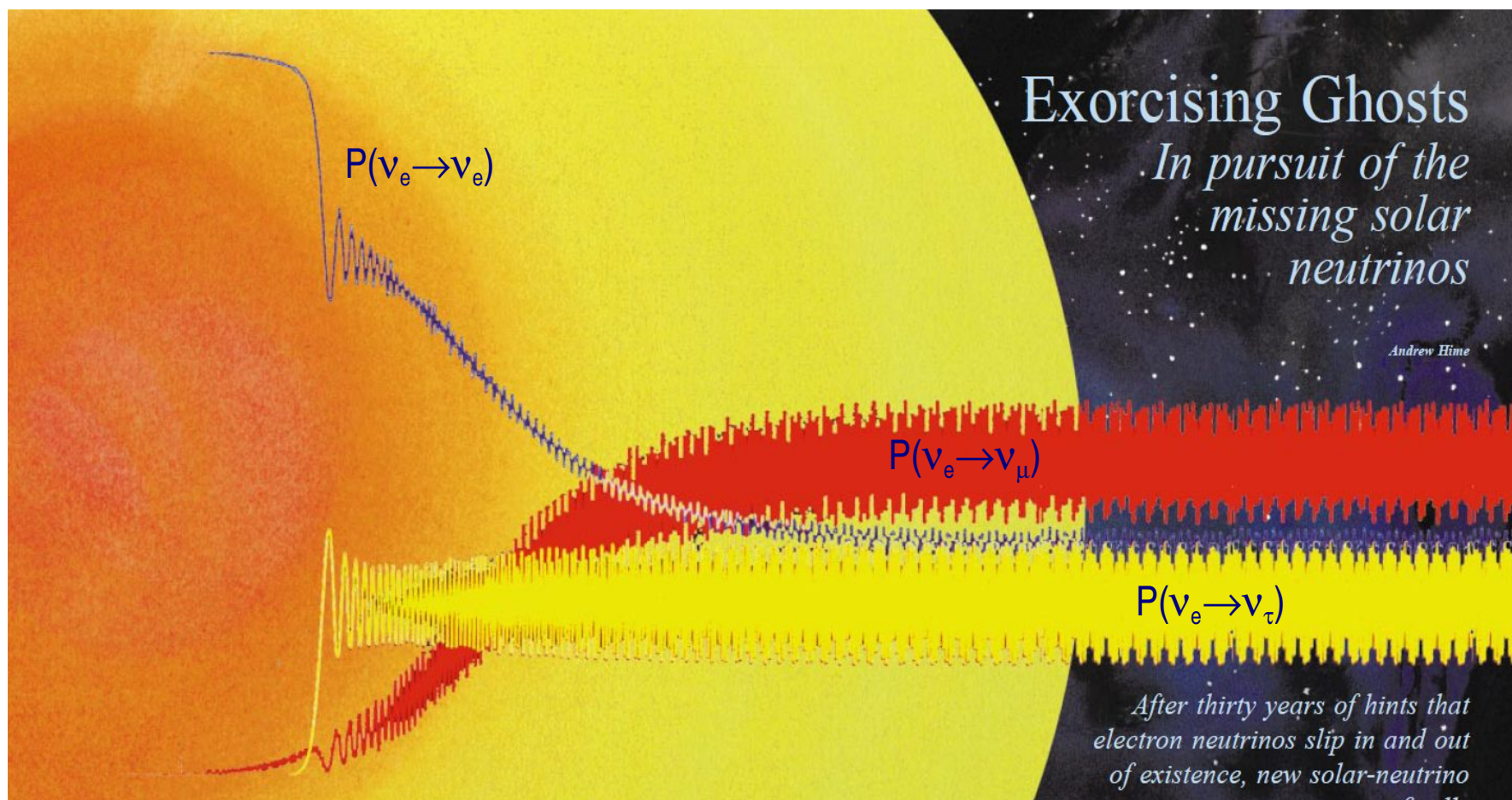


# Solar neutrino oscillations, MSW effect

Resonant oscillation effect in solar matter

$$P_{ee} \approx \frac{1}{2} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \left[ 1 + \cos 2\theta_{12} \cos 2\theta_{12}^m(r_0, E_\nu, \Delta m_{12}^2) \right] + \sin^4 \theta_{13}$$

Depends on matter density profile



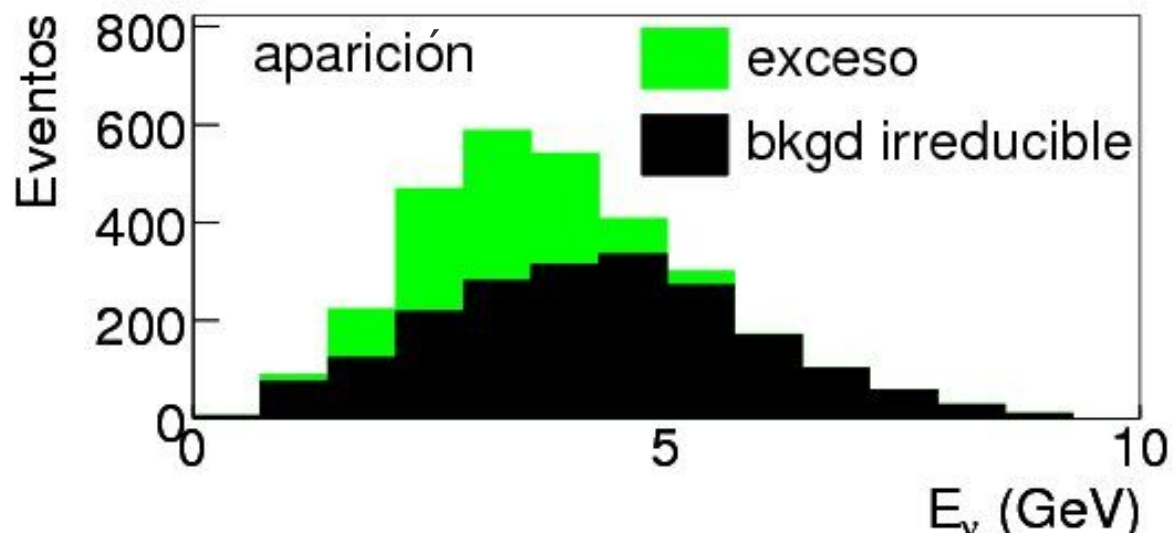
# Oscillation experiments

At distance  $L$  from the source:  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 (L/E))$

## 1. appearance:

Look for  $\nu_\beta$  in a beam of  $\nu_\alpha$ .  
Det. must be flavor sensitive

e.g., searches for  $(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$   
In accelerator beams.

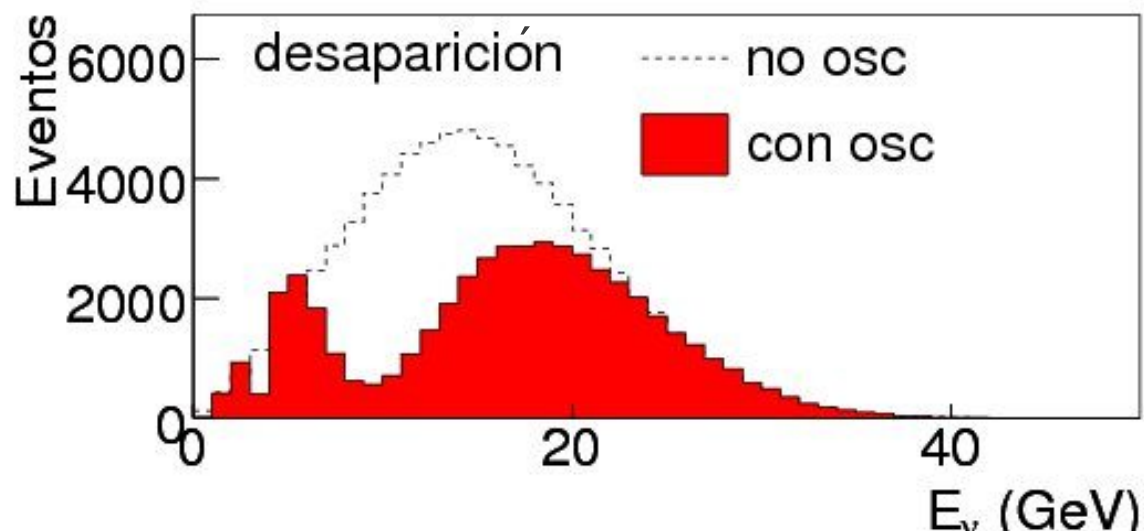


## 2. disappearance:

Compare fluxes  $\Phi(L)/\Phi(0)$   
of neutrinos of flavor  $\nu_\alpha$

ratio =  $P_{\text{surv}}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$ ,

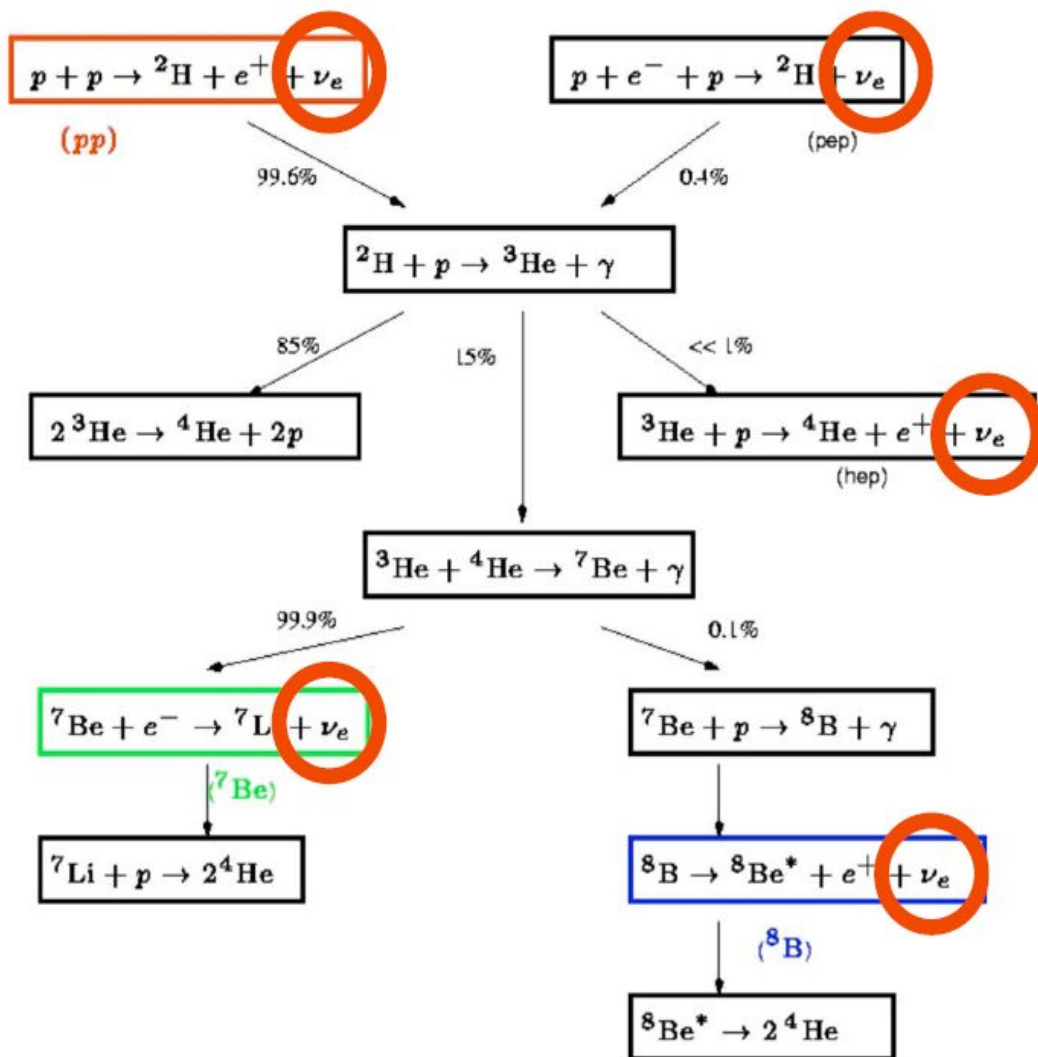
eg. solar and reactor  $\nu$ 's,  
some *LBL* experiments.



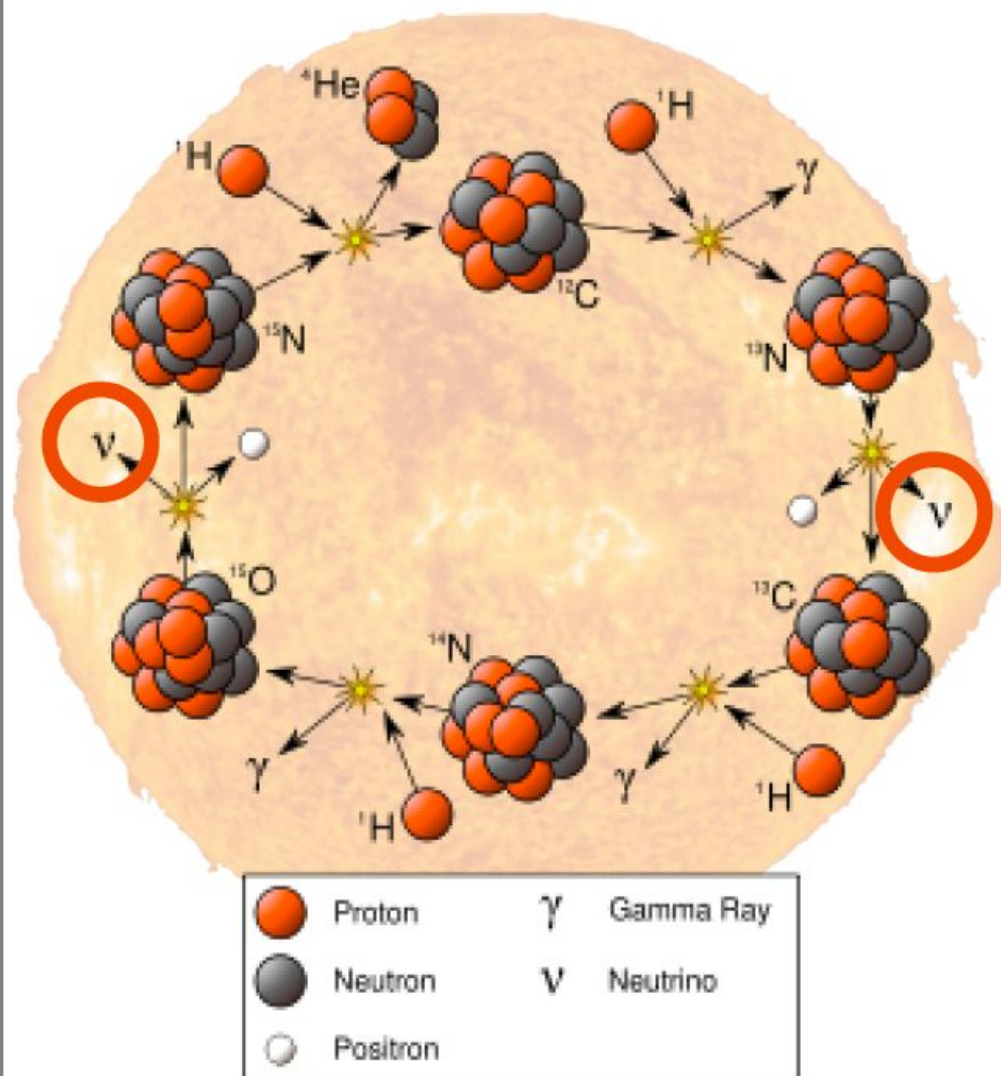


# Neutrinos Solares

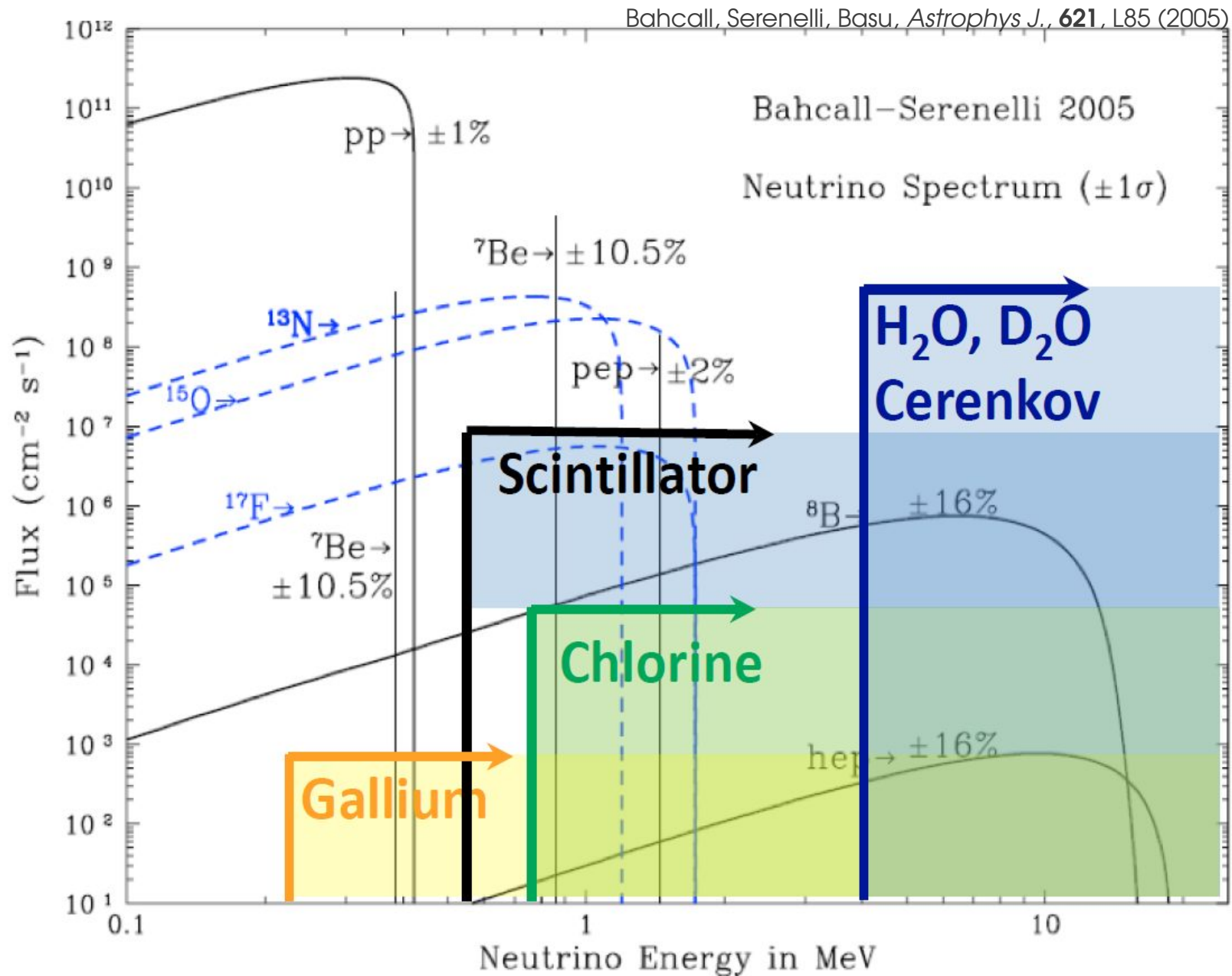
## pp Chain



## CNO Cycle (contributes ~1% of solar energy)



# Solar neutrino spectrum



Total solar neutrino flux reaching the Earth:  $\Phi_{\text{Tot}} \sim 65 \times 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



# Ray Davis experiment (Homestake)

First detection of Solar neutrinos.

Took data from 1967 until 1995

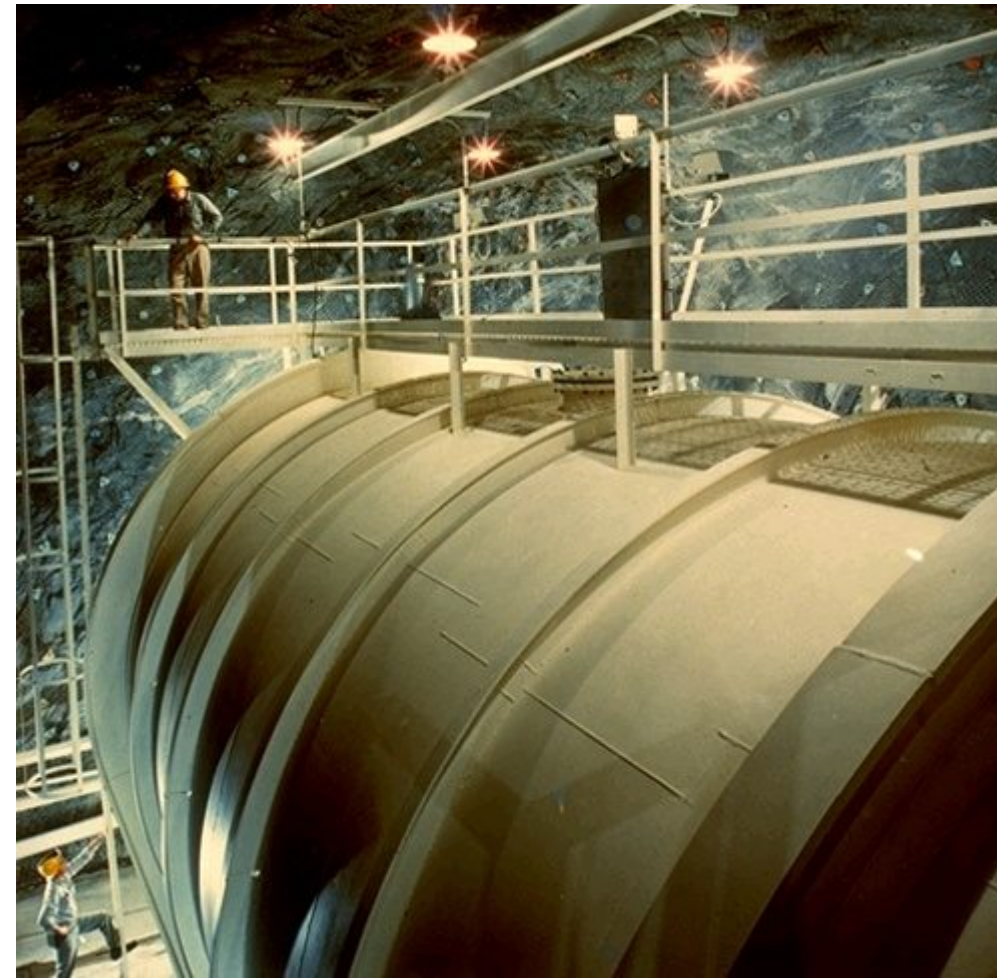
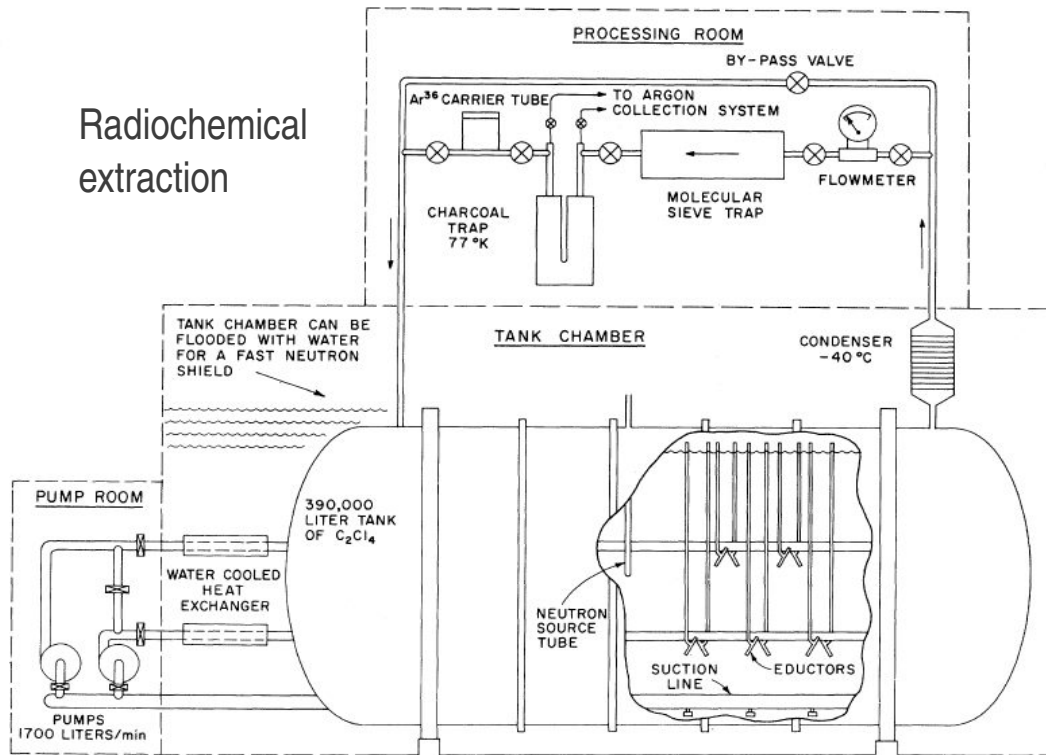
390,000 liters of Tetrachloroethylene ( $C_2Cl_4$ )

1,478 m underground (4,400 m.w.e.)



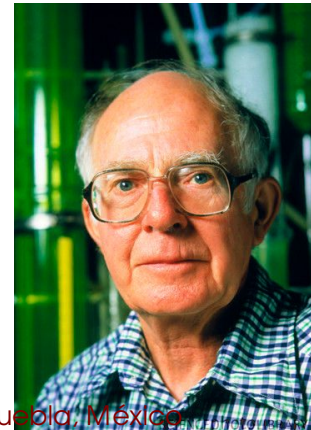
${}^{37}\text{Ar}$  extracted from medium by He gas purge.

The decays were counted ( $\sim 0.4/\text{day}$ ).



Ray Davis Jr. received the Nobel Prize in Physics en 2002

Observed  $\sim 1/3$  of the expected neutrinos according to the SSM.





# Radiochemical experiments

Solar  $\nu_e$  + nucleus  $\rightarrow$  unstable nucleus ... watch decay.

**1 SNU =  $10^{-36}$   $\nu$ -captures/atom/s**

**Chlorine:**  $\nu_e + \text{Cl}^{37} \rightarrow \text{Ar}^{37} + e^+$  ( $E_\nu > 0.813$  MeV)

100,000 gal. tetrachloroethylene (1968-1995) (Homestake, R. Davis)

**Result:  $2.56 \pm 0.23$  SNU (expected SSM:  $7.6 \pm 1.3$ )**

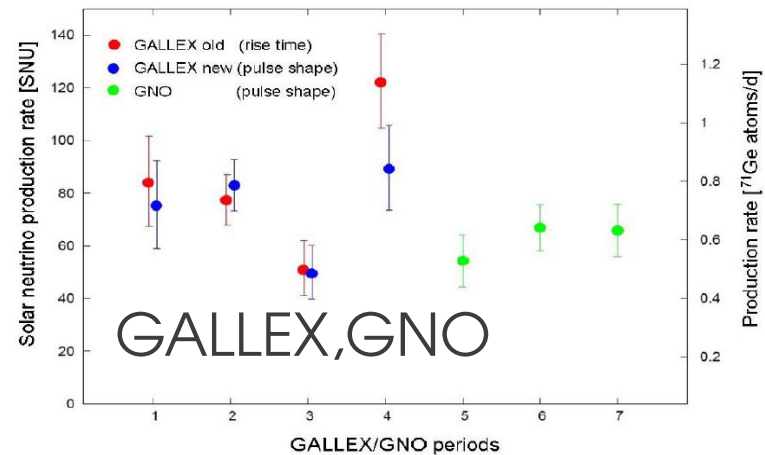
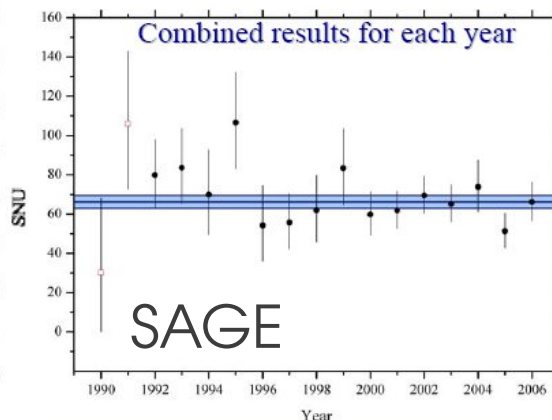
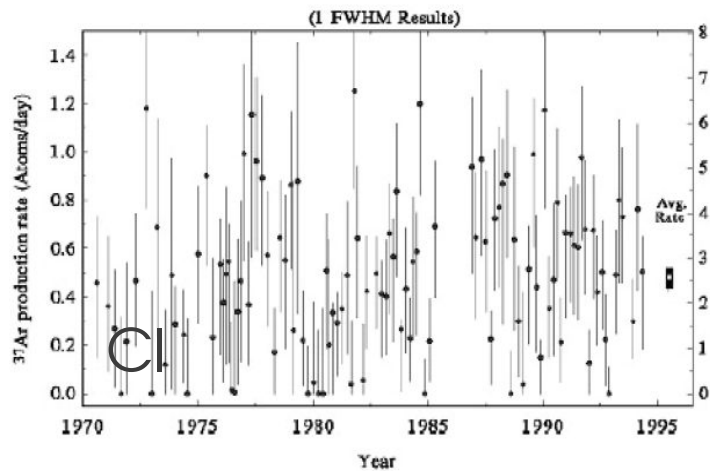
**Gallium:**  $\nu_e + \text{Ga}^{71} \rightarrow \text{Ge}^{71} + e^+$  ( $E_\nu > 0.233$  MeV)

GALLEX (1991-1997), GNO (1998-2003) (Lab. Gran Sasso)

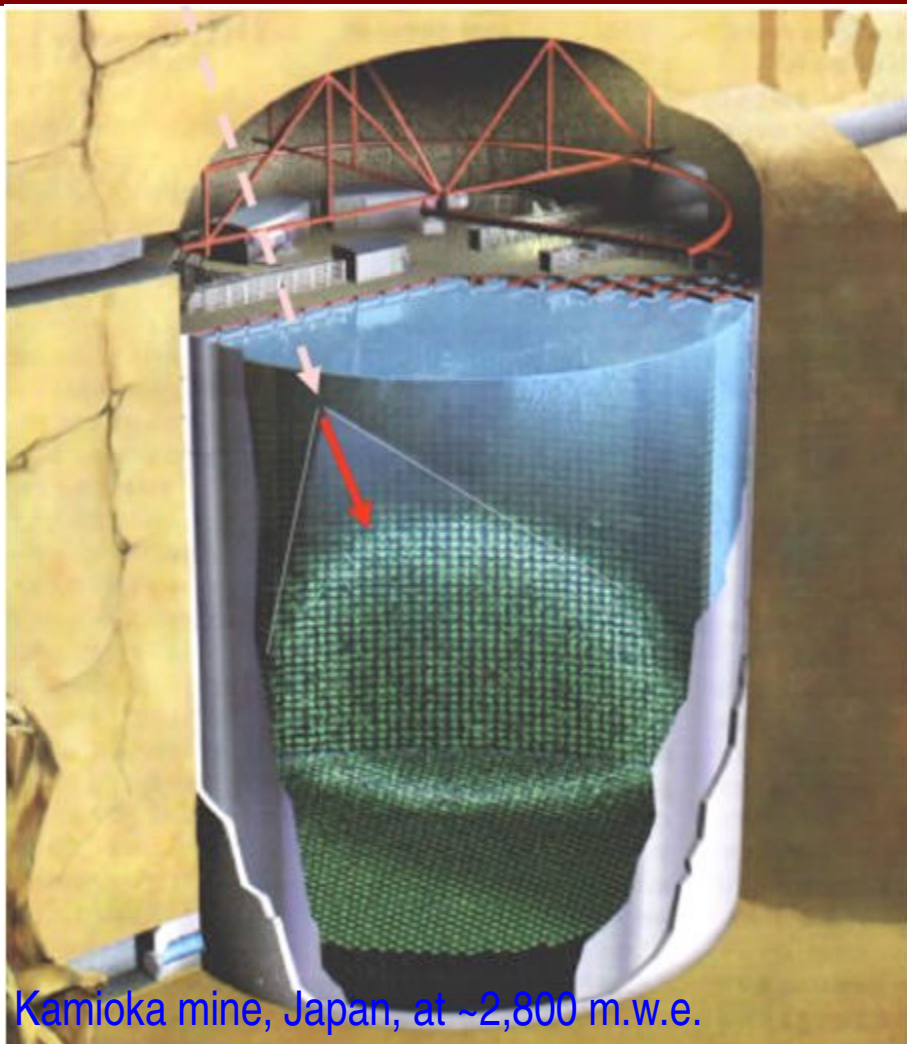
100 ton solution of Ga & Cl in water (30 ton of Ga)

SAGE (1990-2006) ,45.6 ton of metallic Ga (Baskan, Rusia)

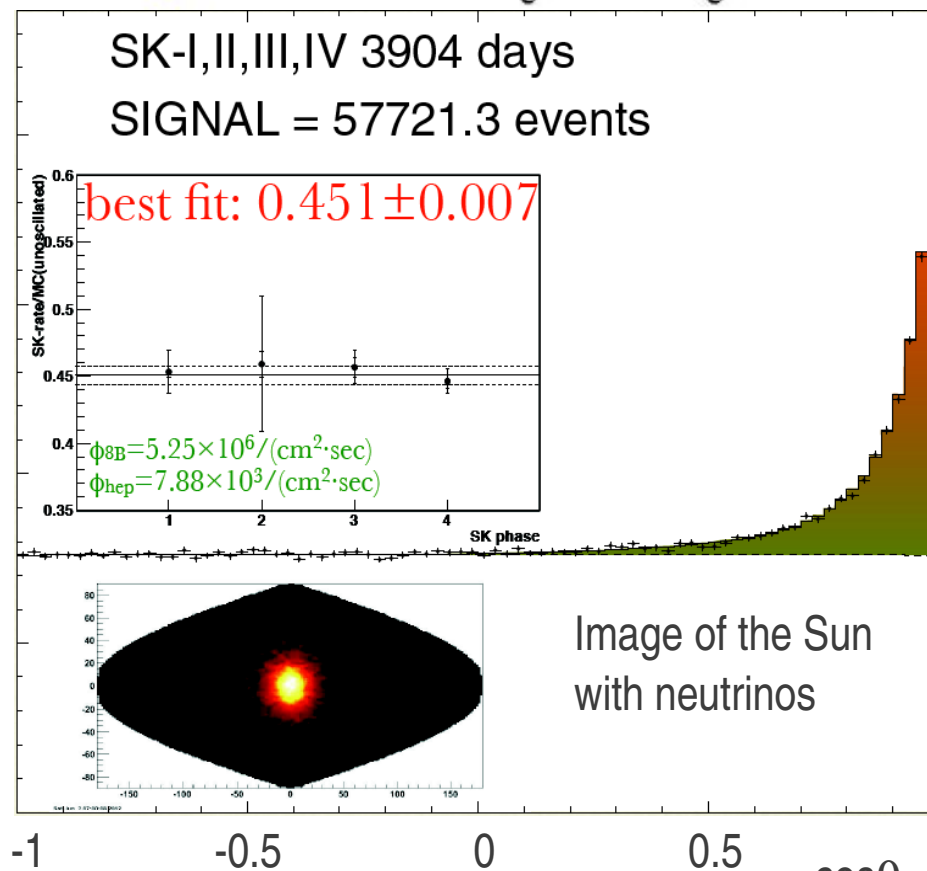
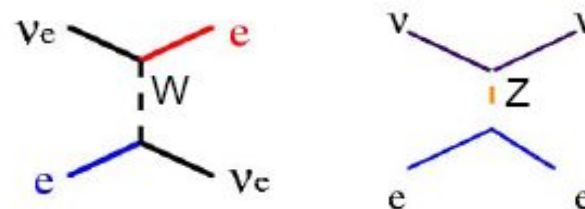
**Result:  $67.6 \pm 3.71$  SNU (expected SSM:  $128 \pm 9$  SNU)**



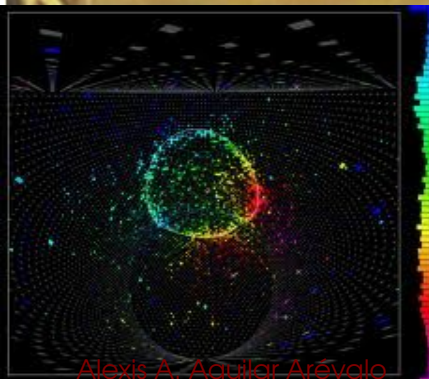
# Super Kamiokande



- Cylinder: 41.4 m h x 39.3 m diameter
- Water Cherenkov detector (50 kton  $H_2O$ )
- Detects Solar  $\nu$ 's through  $\nu_e$  **Elastic Scattering**:  
 $\nu_e + e \rightarrow \nu_e + e$ , threshold  $E_\nu > 5$  MeV.

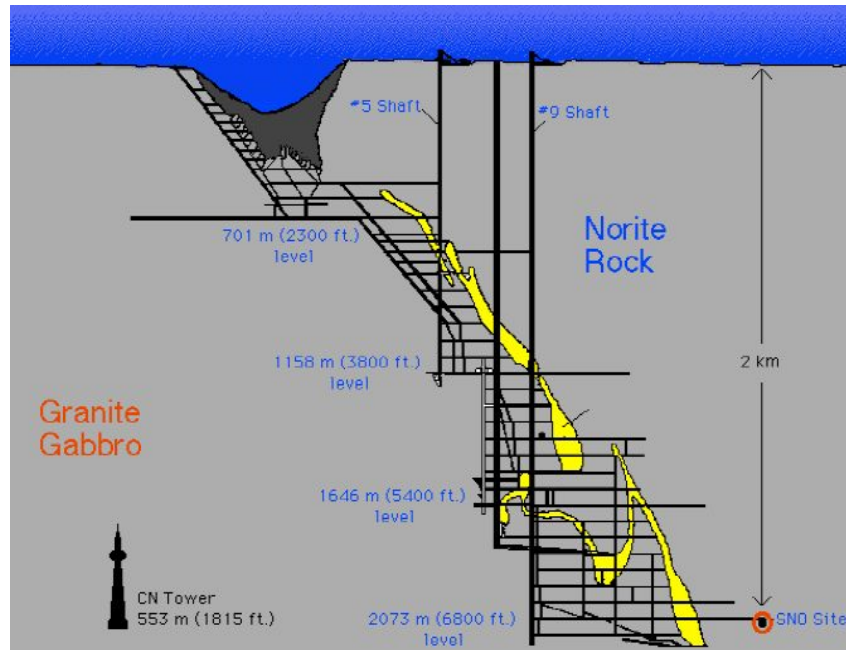
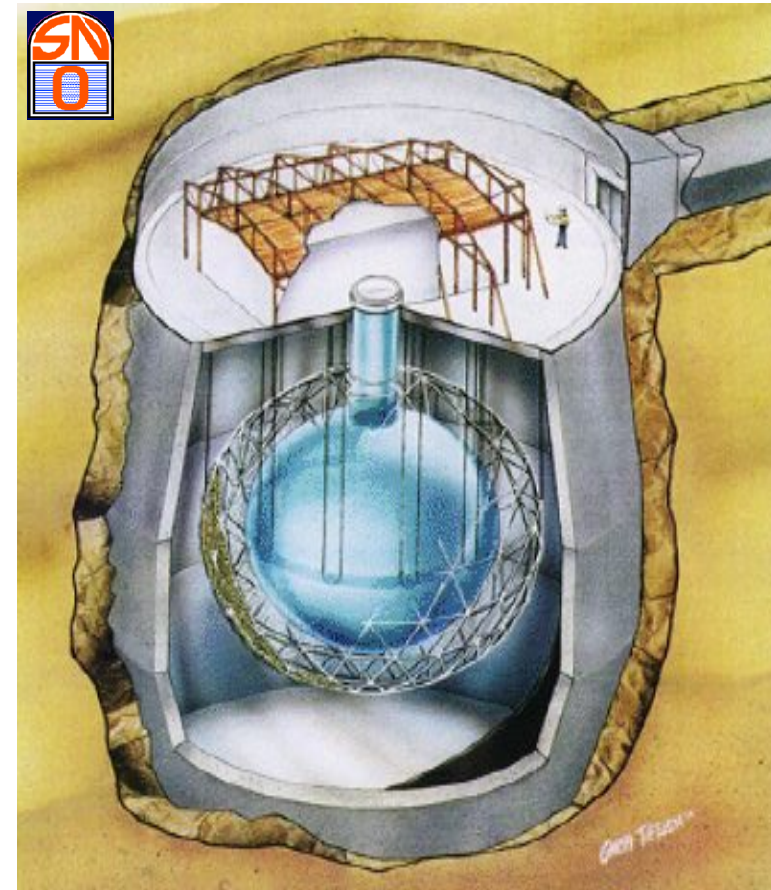


Measures consistently  
 ~45% of the number  
 expected from the SSM.



# SNO (Sudbury Neutrino Observatory)

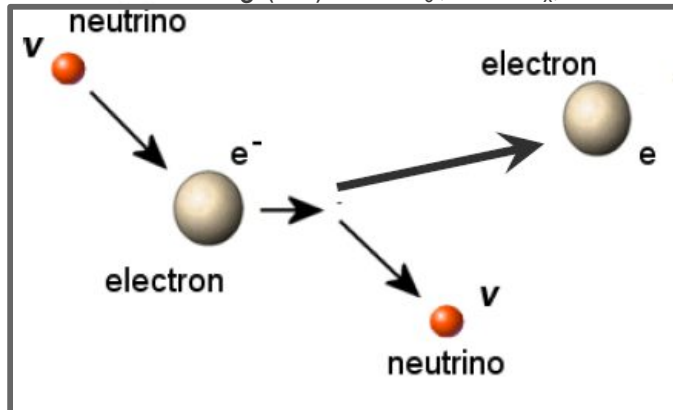
Underground:  
2092 m (6010 m.w.e.)



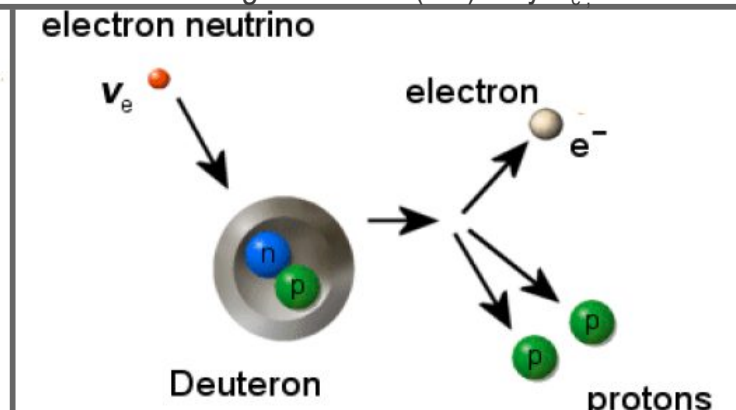
- 1,000 ton of heavy water ( $D_2O$ ) in acrylic vessel (12 diam)
- PMT Support structure 18 m in diameter
- 1,700/5,300 ton of  $H_2O$ , internal/external shield

SNO studied 3 types of reactions:

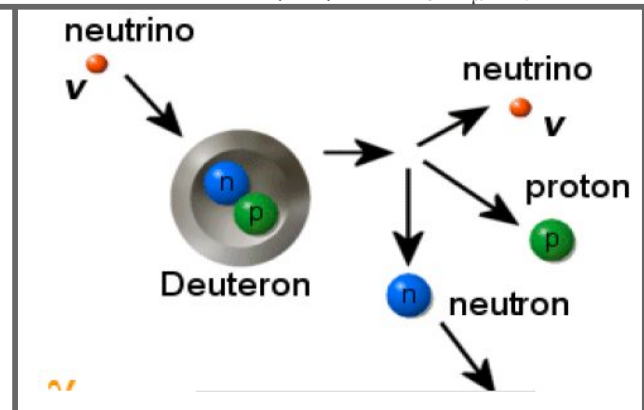
Elastic scattering (ES) 86%  $\nu_e$ , 14%  $\nu_x$



Charged-Current (CC) only  $\nu_e$

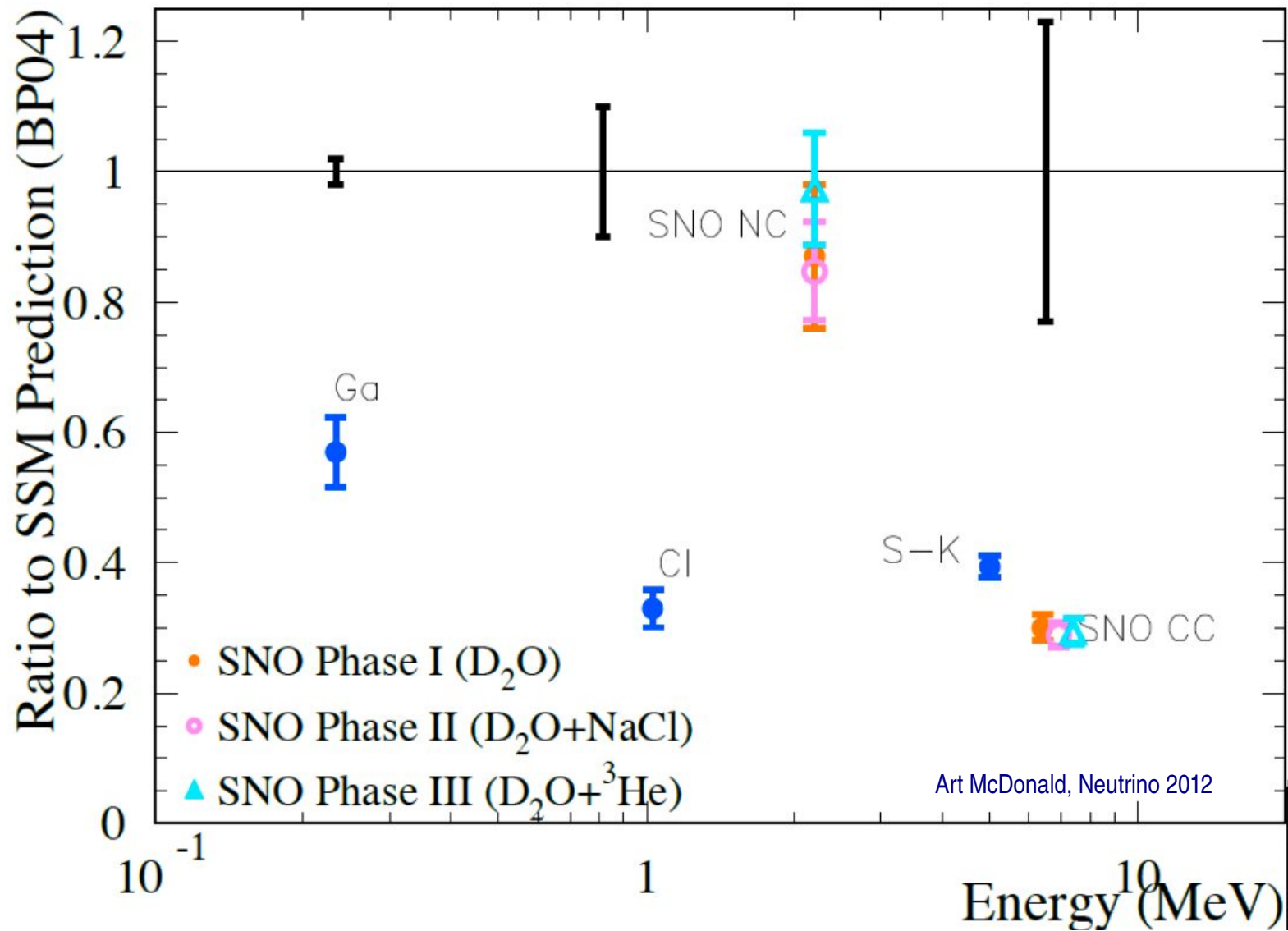


Neutral-Current (NC), All:  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$





# SNO solved the Solar neutrino problem



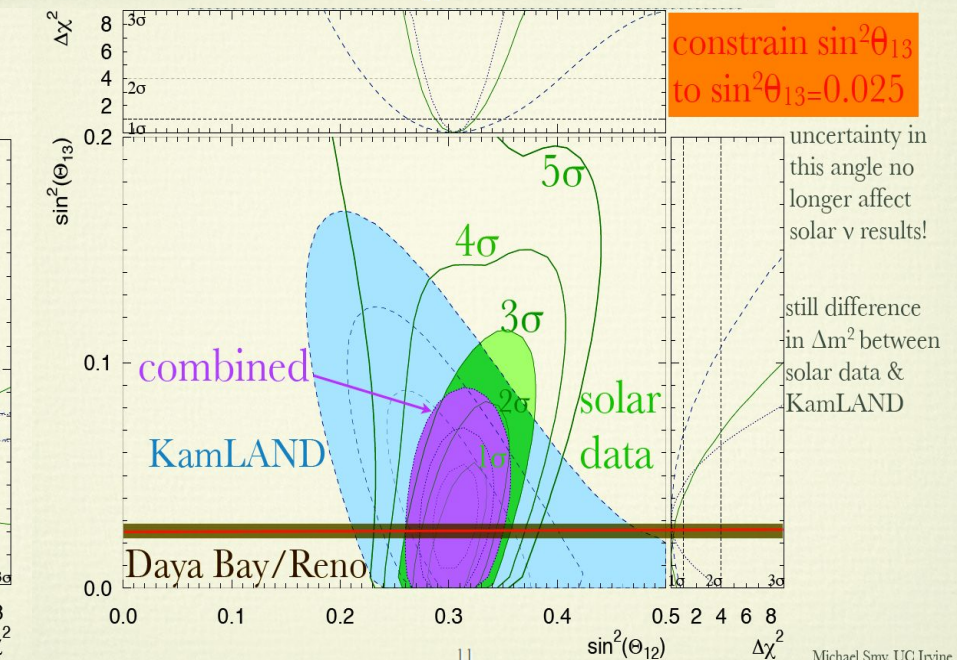
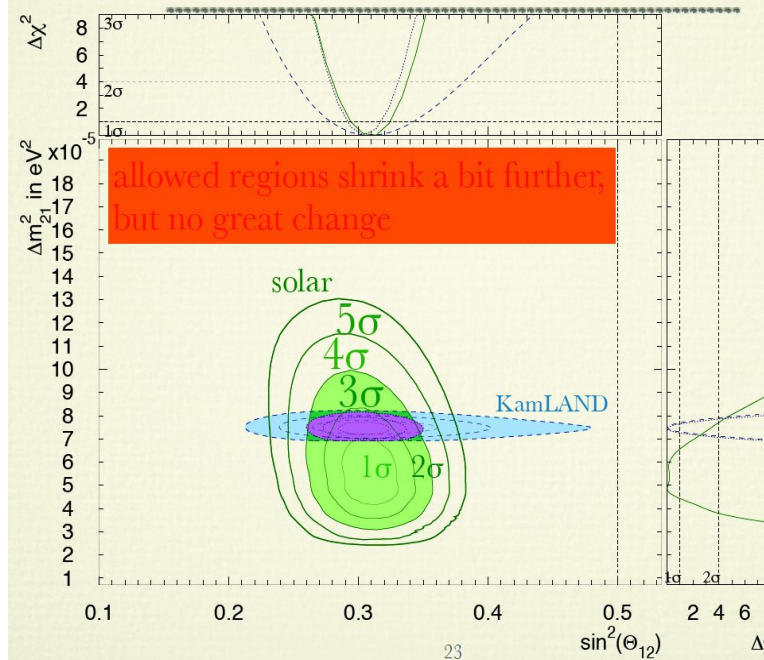
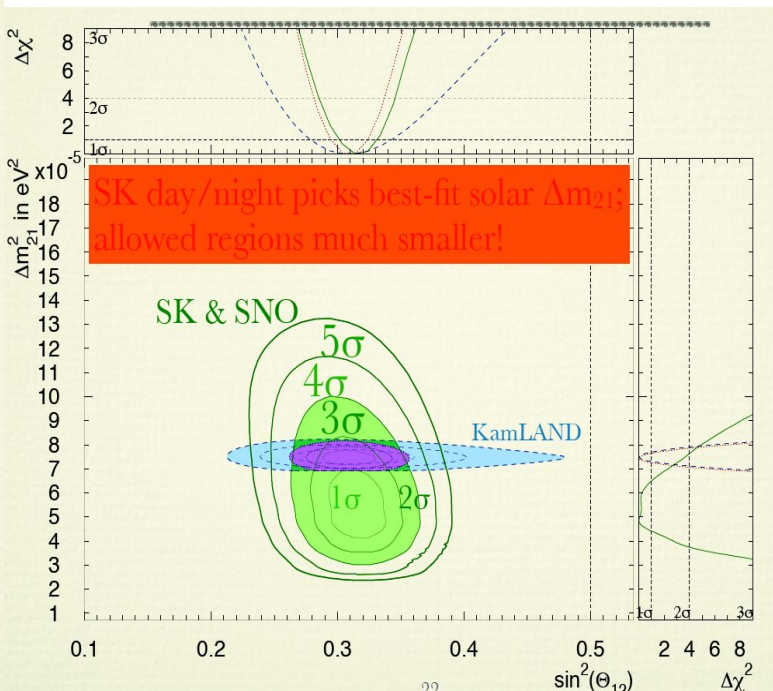
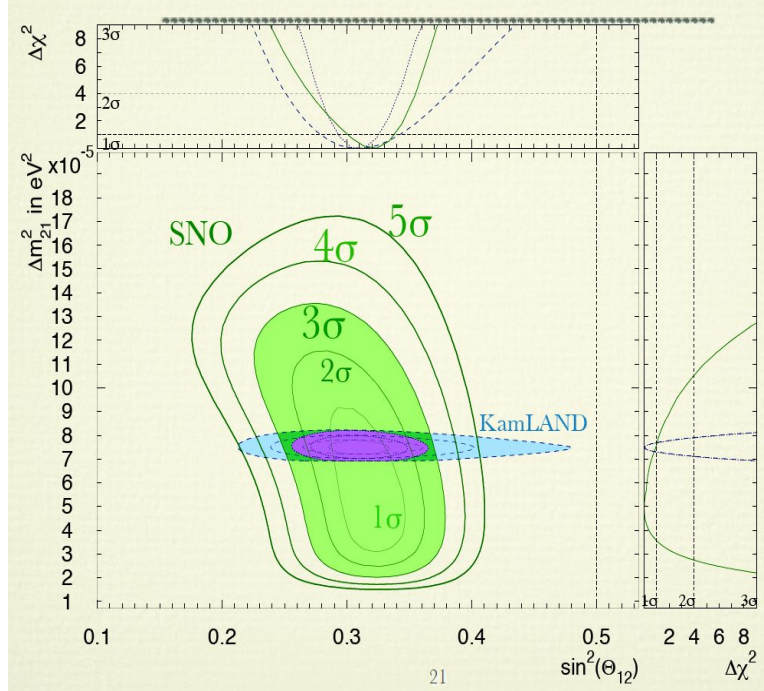
$\phi(\text{CC}) = \phi(\nu_e)$   
 $\phi(\text{NC}) = \phi(\text{SSM})$   
 $\phi(\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau) = \phi(\text{NC}) - \phi(\text{CC})$

$$\Phi_{B8} = (5.25 \pm 0.19) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{SSM}} = (5.05 \pm 1.0) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (BS05)}$$

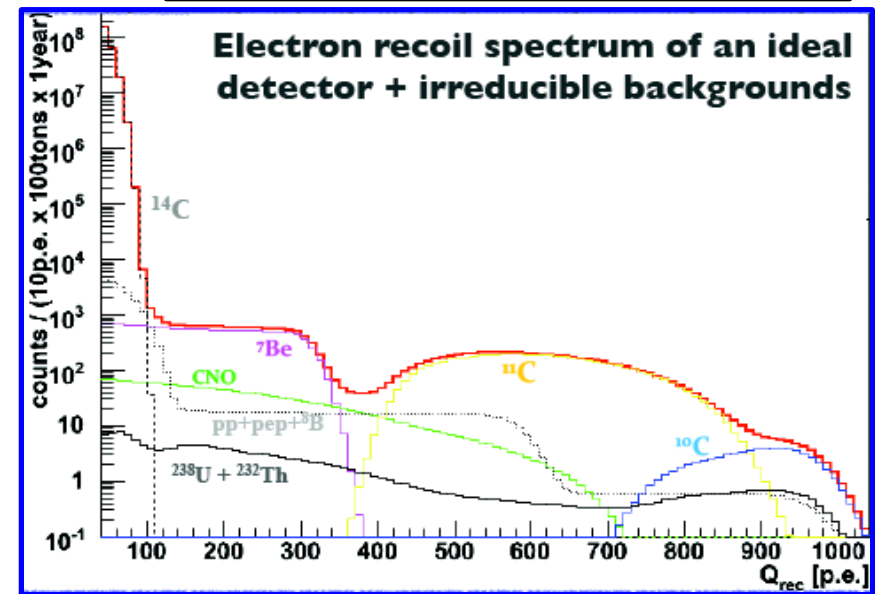
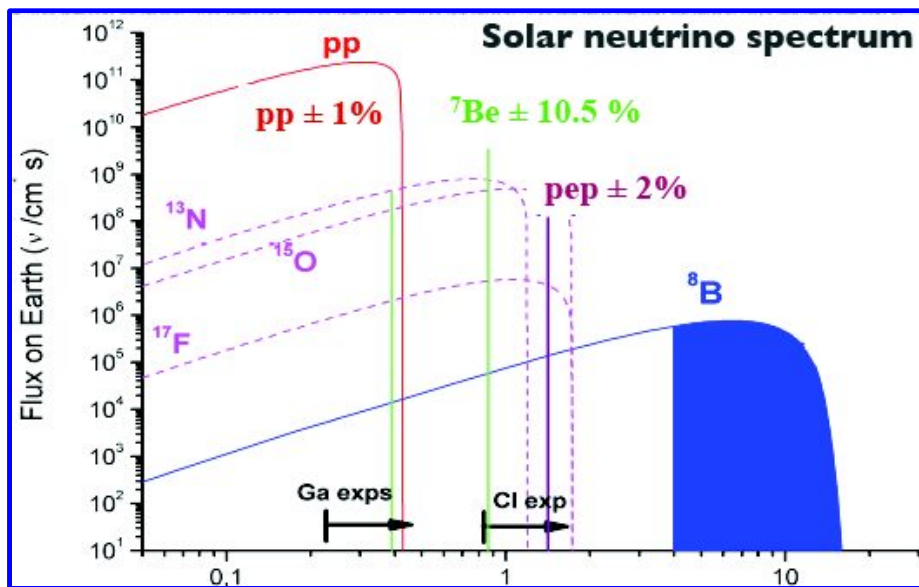
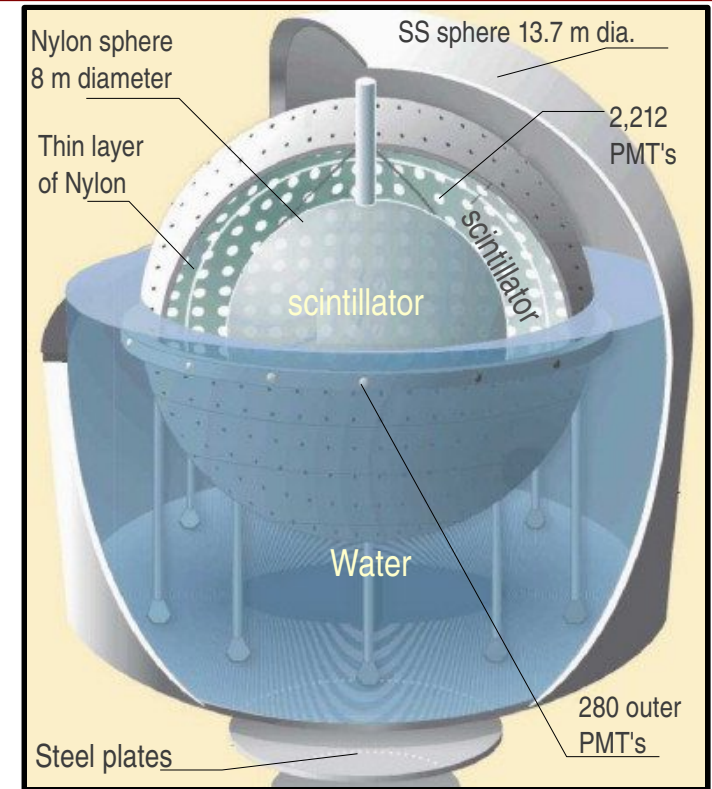
# Neutrino oscillations parameters from solar data: $\Delta m_{21}^2$ , $\theta_{12}$ , $\theta_{13}$

Michael Smy, Neutrino 2012



# Borexino (Gran Sasso Laboratory, Italy)

- Detects  $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$  in high purity organic liquid scintillator (~300 ton).
- **Ultra-low radioactive background** achieved via **selection**, **shielding** and **purification**.
- Low threshold ( $E_\nu > 250$  keV), good energy resolution.
- Main goal: Detect solar  ${}^7\text{Be}$  neutrinos in real time.
- First real-time measurement of *pep* neutrinos.

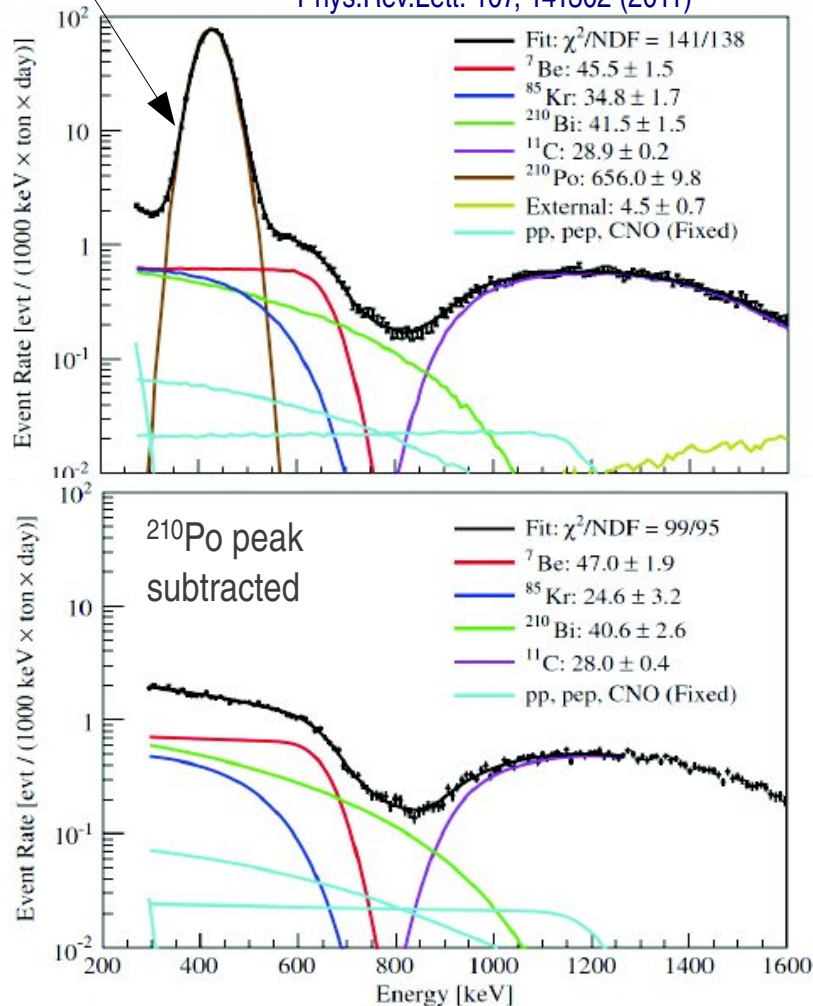




# Borexino, $^7\text{Be}$ and $pep$ neutrinos

$\alpha$ 's from  $^{210}\text{Po}$  decays  
(intrinsic to scintillator)

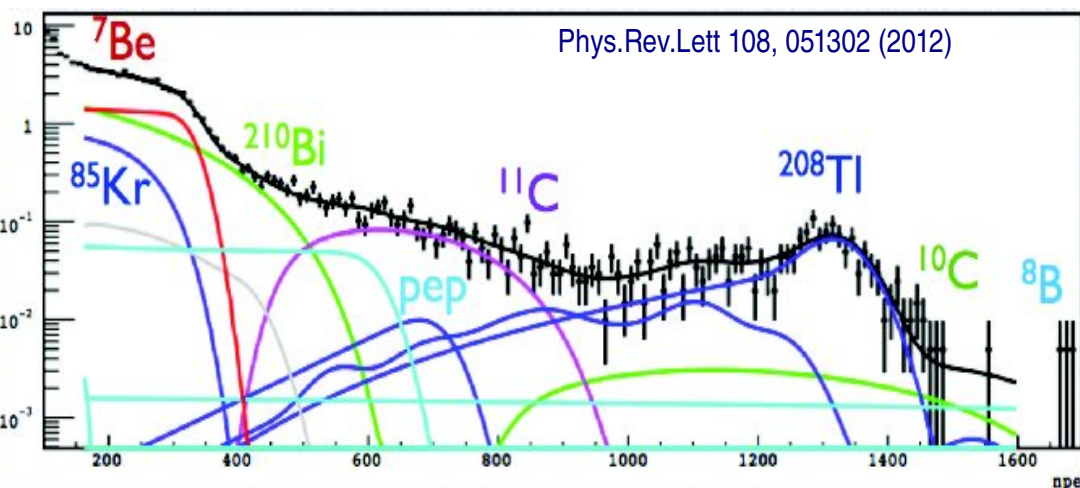
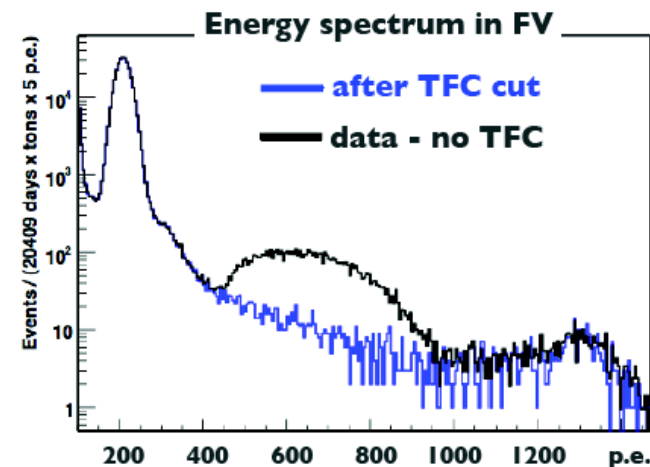
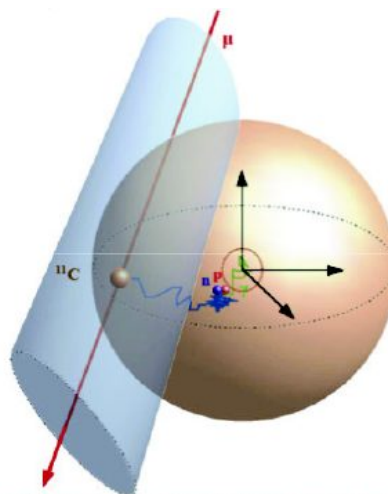
Phys.Rev.Lett. 107, 141302 (2011)



$$R(^7\text{Be}) = 46 \pm 2.1 \text{ evts. (100 ton)}^{-1} \text{ día}^{-1}$$

$$\Phi(^7\text{Be}) = (4.84 \pm 0.24) \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Detection of  $pep$  neutrinos possible thanks to improvements in bkgd reduction, specially  $^{11}\text{C}$ .

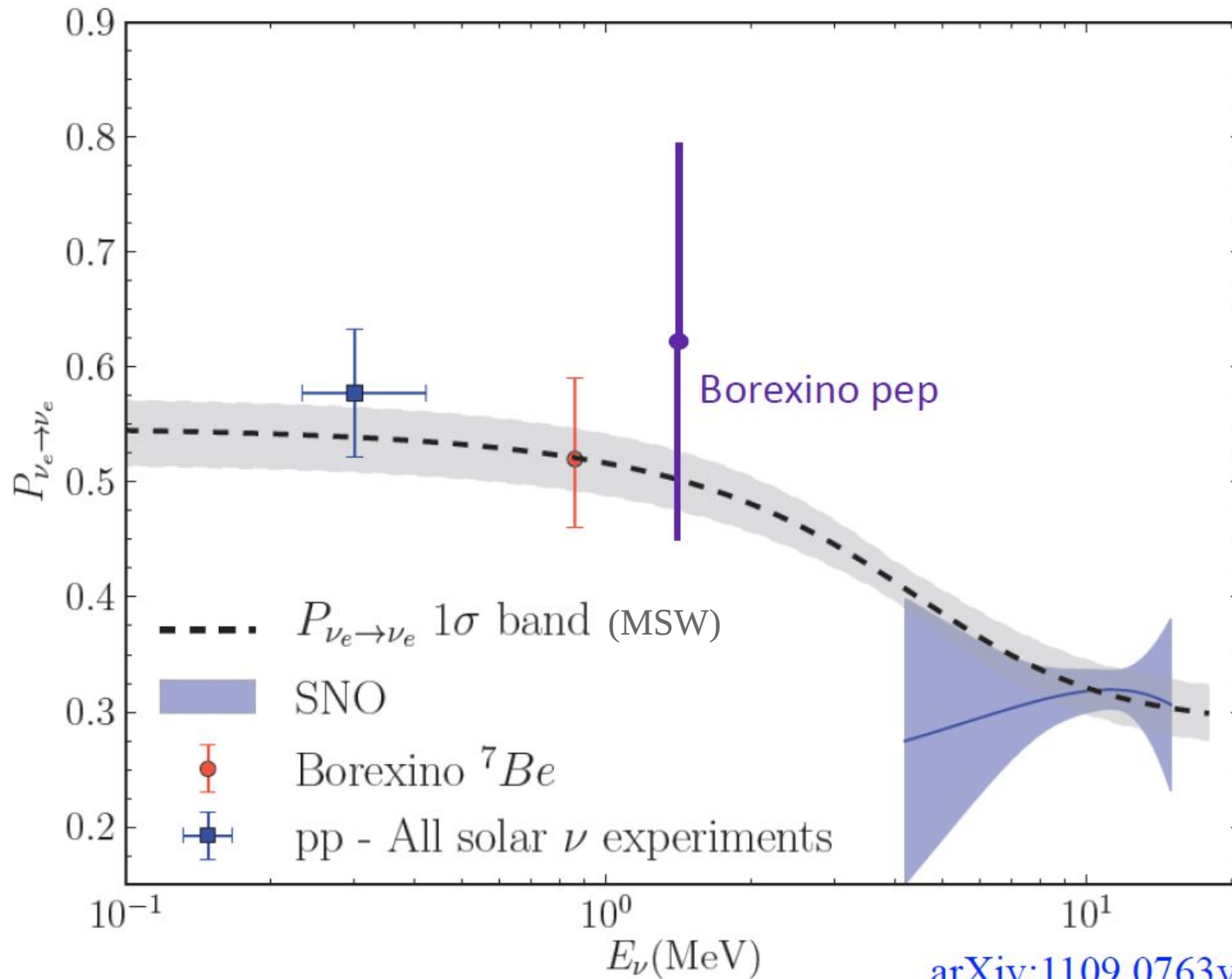


$$R(pep) = 3.1 \pm 0.67 \text{ evts. (100 ton)}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$$

$$\Phi(pep) = (1.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Consistent with MSW effect:  $\Delta m^2 = 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta = 0.32$

# Survival probability status, 2012



[arXiv:1109.0763v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.0763v1) [nucl-ex]



# Atmospheric neutrinos

Decay of  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\mu$  produced by cosmic rays (protons) interactions with  $O_2$  &  $N_2$  in the upper atmosphere.

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu,$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu,$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu + X,$$

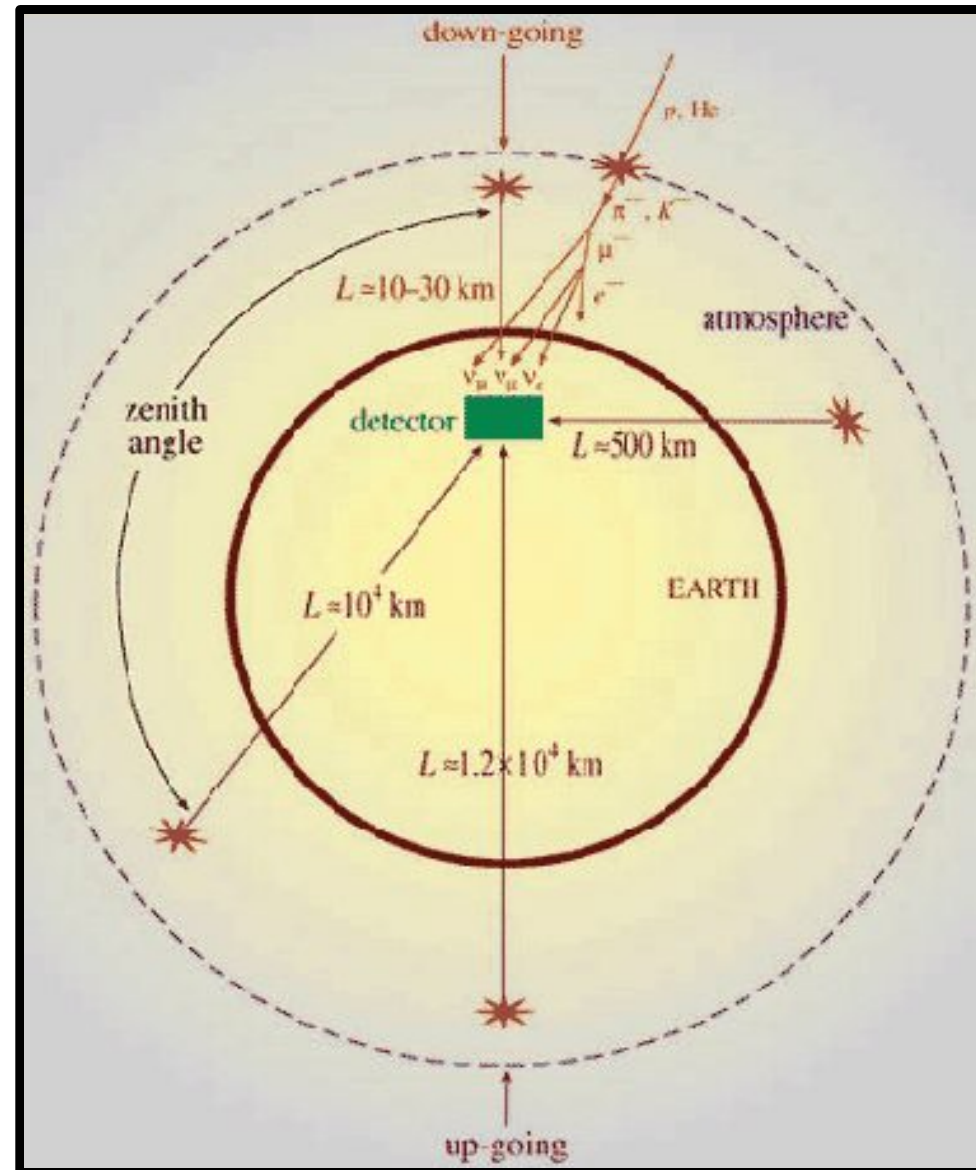
$$K^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu + X,$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e,$$

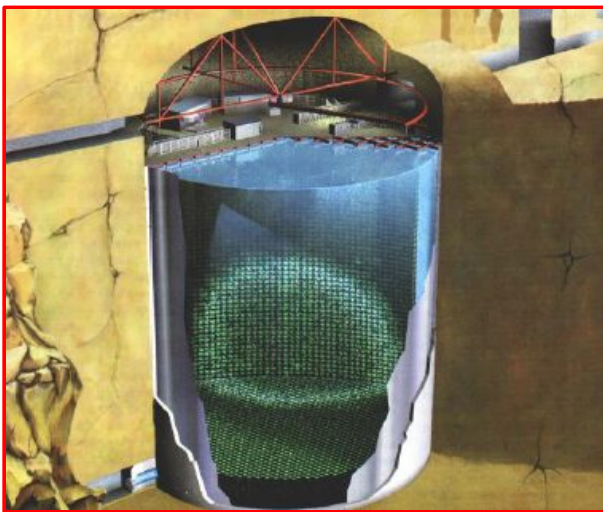
$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e$$

If all  $\mu$  decayed:

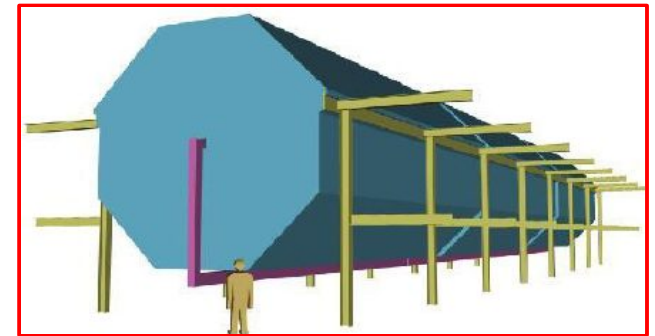
$$\frac{(\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{(\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e)} = 2$$



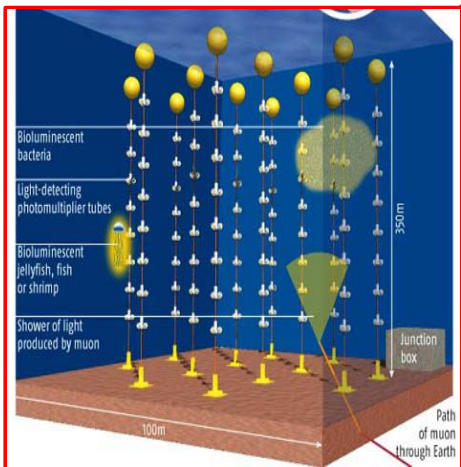
# Atmospheric neutrino experiments (2012)



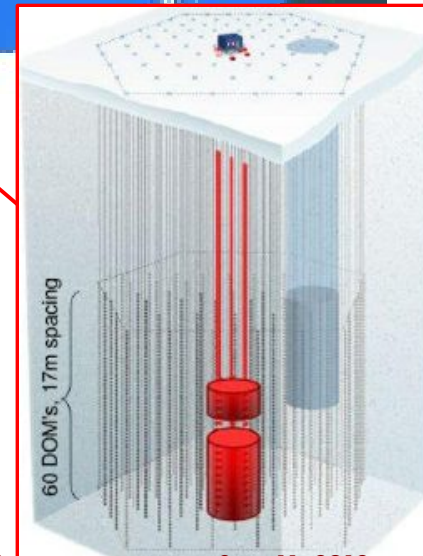
Super-Kamiokande (1996-)  
50 kt Water Cherenkov  
Low threshold ( $>4$  MeV)  
Highly advanced analysis



MINOS (Far Detector)  
5.4 kt magnetized Iron  
( $0.1 \text{ GeV} < E_\nu < 250 \text{ GeV}$ )  
Tracker, magnetic field



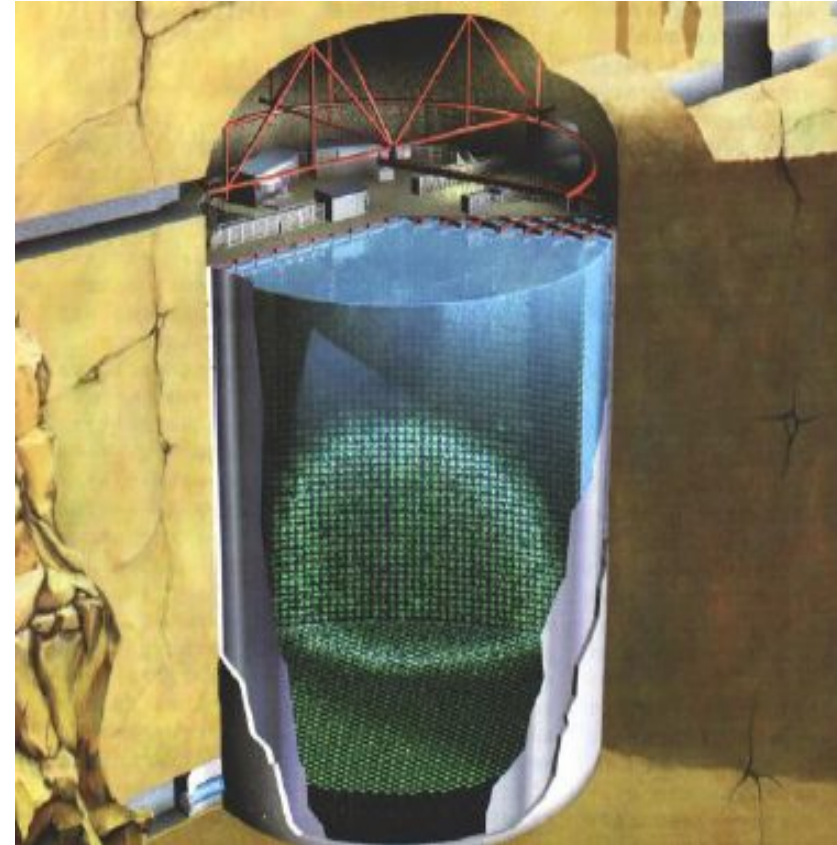
ANTARES  
20 Mt sea water  
( $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ )  
10,000 m<sup>2</sup> undersea area



IceCube/DeepCore  
(2005-/2010-)  
1 Gt /  $\sim 1$  Mt of ice.  
( $\sim 100 \text{ GeV} / 10 \text{ GeV}$ )  
Gigantic target volume

# Atmospheric neutrinos with Super-K

- Detect  $\nu$ 's with  $\sim 300 \text{ MeV} < E_\nu < 50 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Events grouped in various samples:
  - low  $E_{\text{dep}}$  fully contained (FC).
  - high  $E_{\text{dep}}$  partially contained (PC).
  - $e$ -like, or  $\mu$ -like
- Compare *upward* and *downward* going  $\mu$ 's
  - $\uparrow \mu$  : traverse the Earth (12,00 km)
  - $\downarrow \mu$  : traverse the atmosphere (20 km)

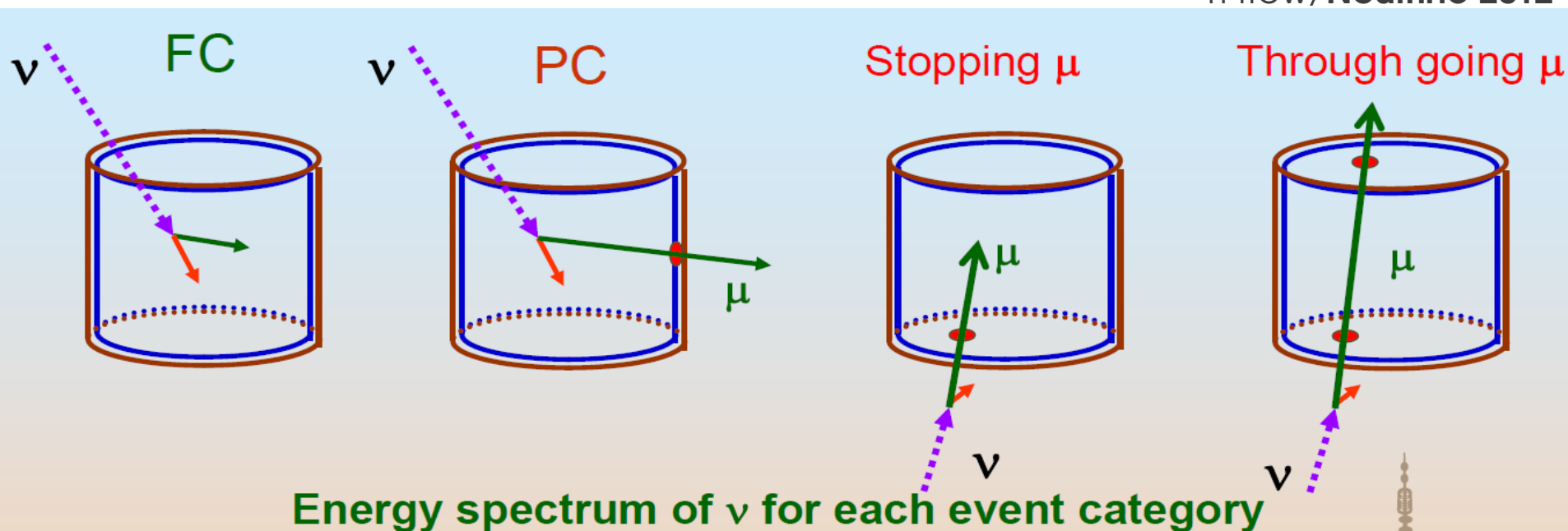


SK's observation in 1998 of atmospheric neutrino disappearance was the first conclusive evidence in favor of neutrino oscillations

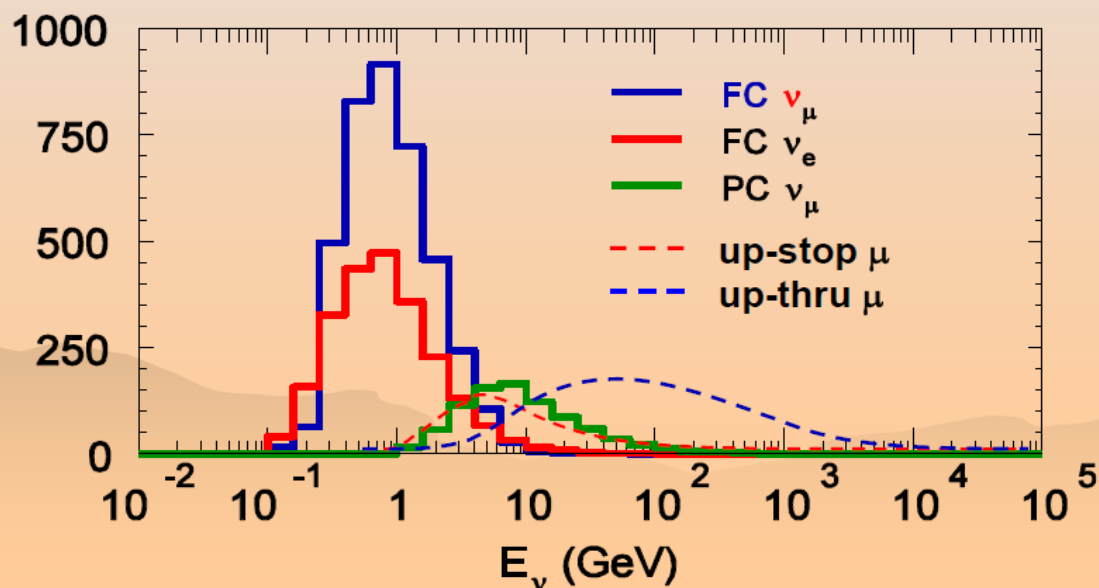
Y.Fukuda *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 81 (1998) 1562-1567.

# Super-K: atmospheric neutrino event categories

Y. Itow, **Neutrino 2012**

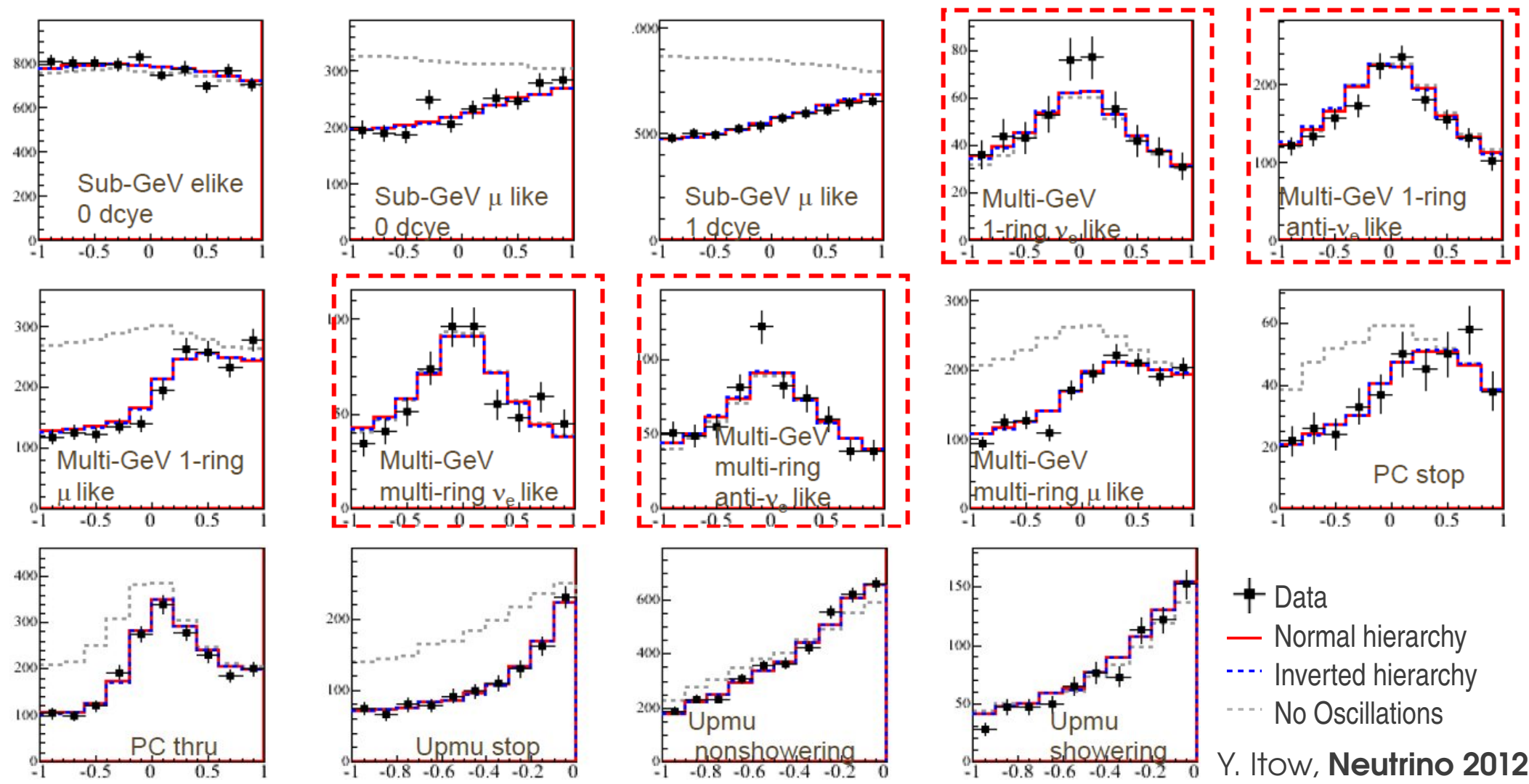


Energy spectrum of  $\nu$  for each event category

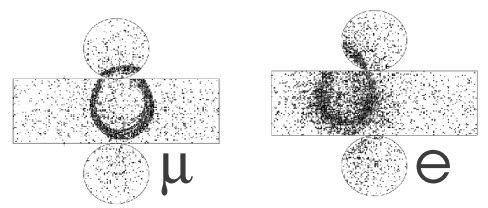




# Super-K (I+II+III+IV): atmospheric neutrinos, 3- $\nu$ analysis



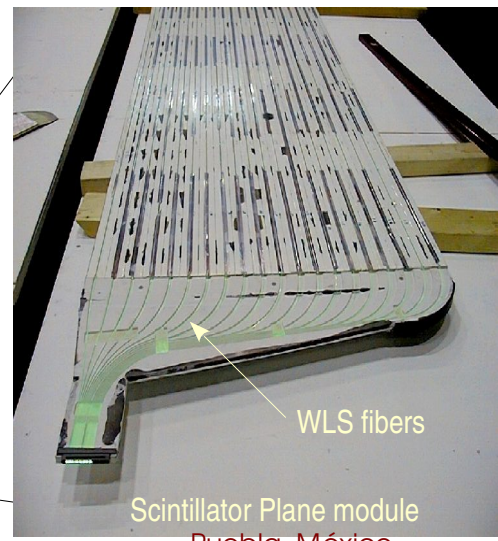
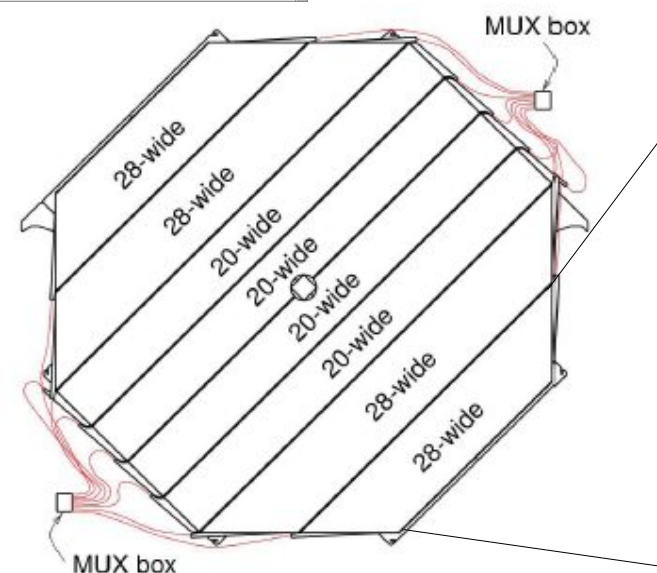
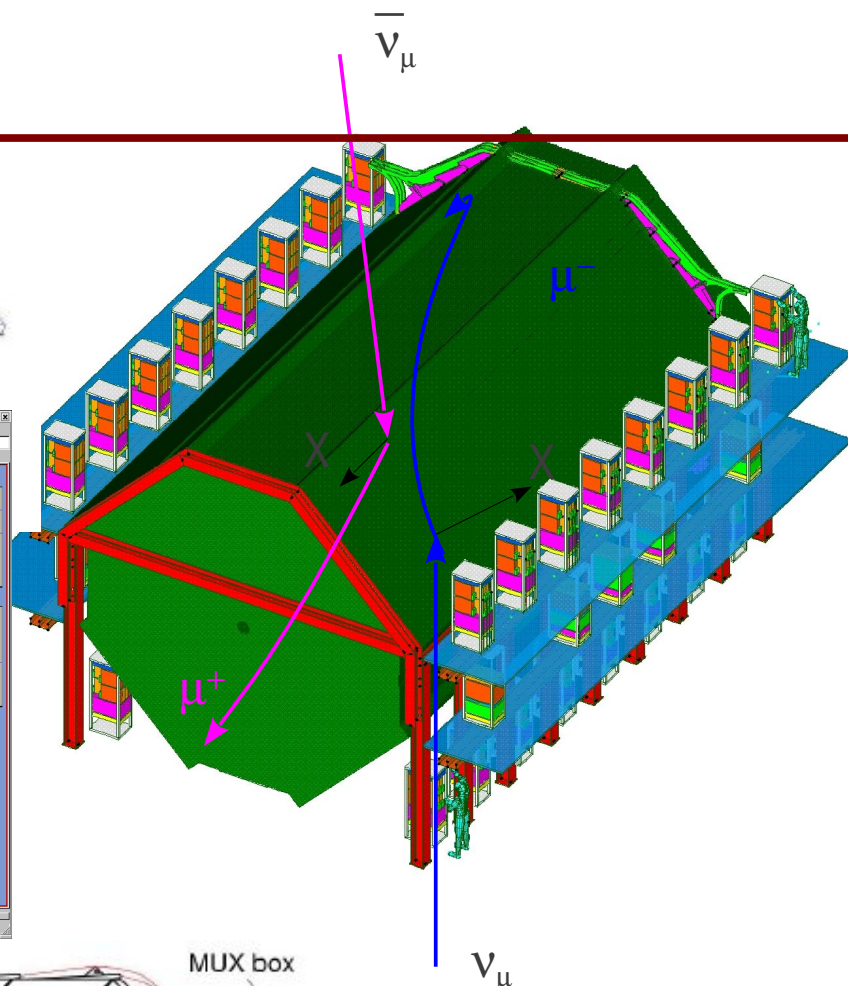
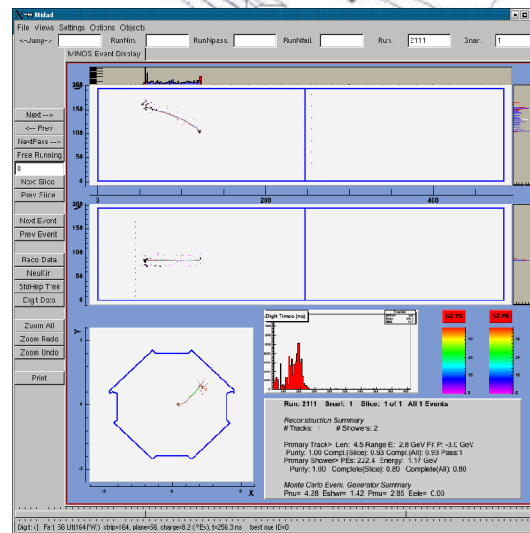
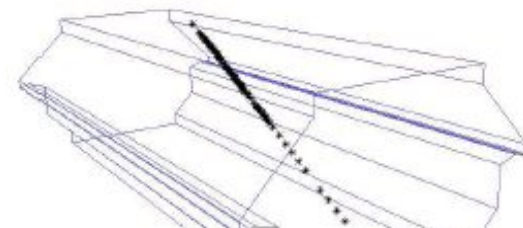
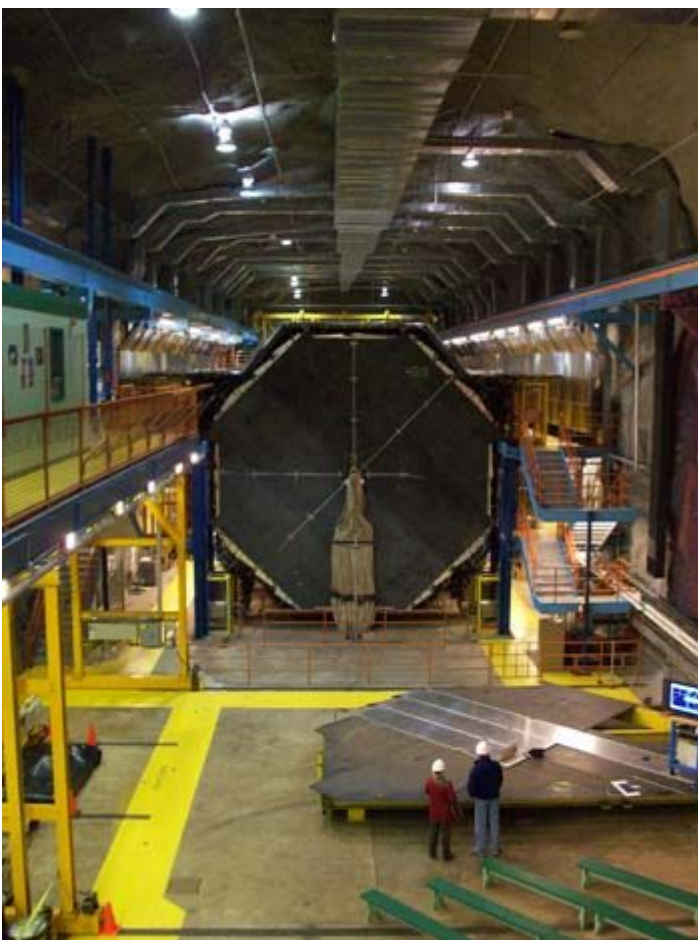
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$\uparrow \cos\theta = -1$   
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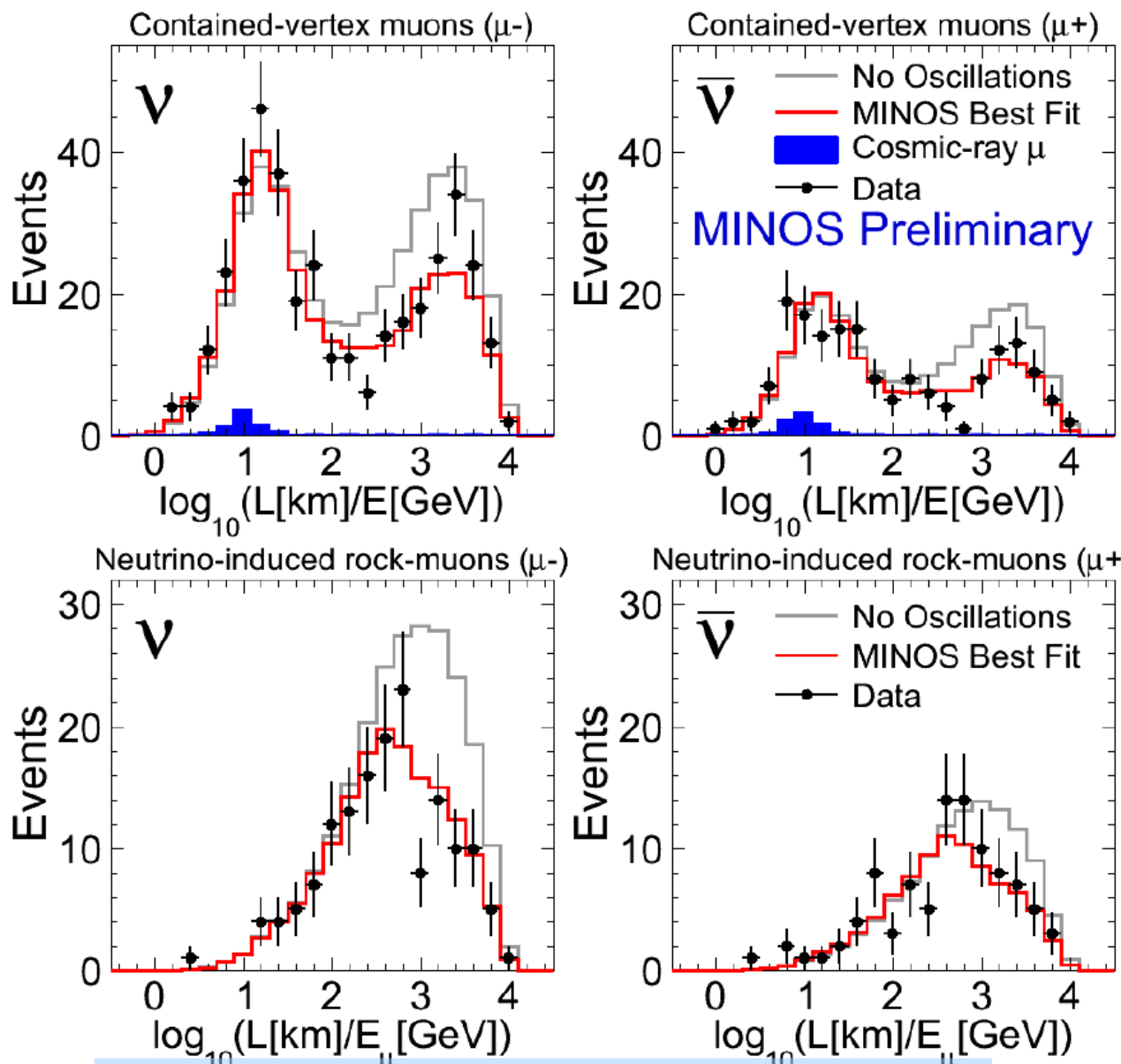
**$\mu$ -like events coming from below are disappearing (oscillate to  $\nu_\tau$ ).**

# MINOS Far Detector



- Magnetized Fe detector (15 kA-turns)
- Can separate  $\mu^+$  from  $\mu^-$  tracks
- 486 planes (Fe & plastic scintillator sandwich)
- U/V oriented planes give X-Y position of hits along a track. Plane position gives Z.
- 5,400 ton mass

# MINOS: atmospheric neutrinos

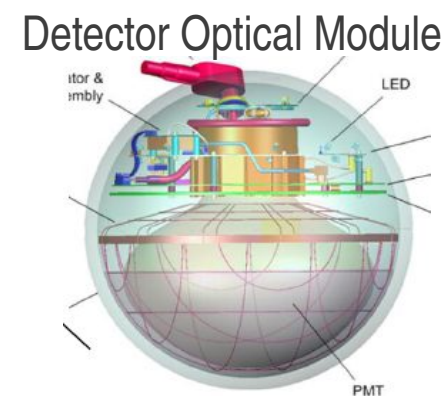
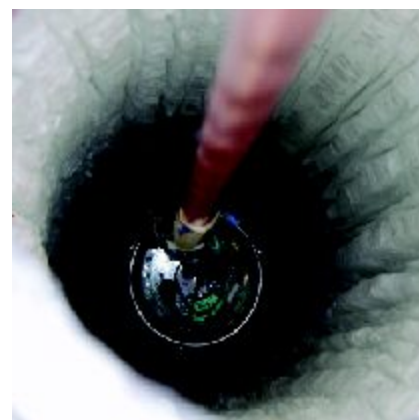
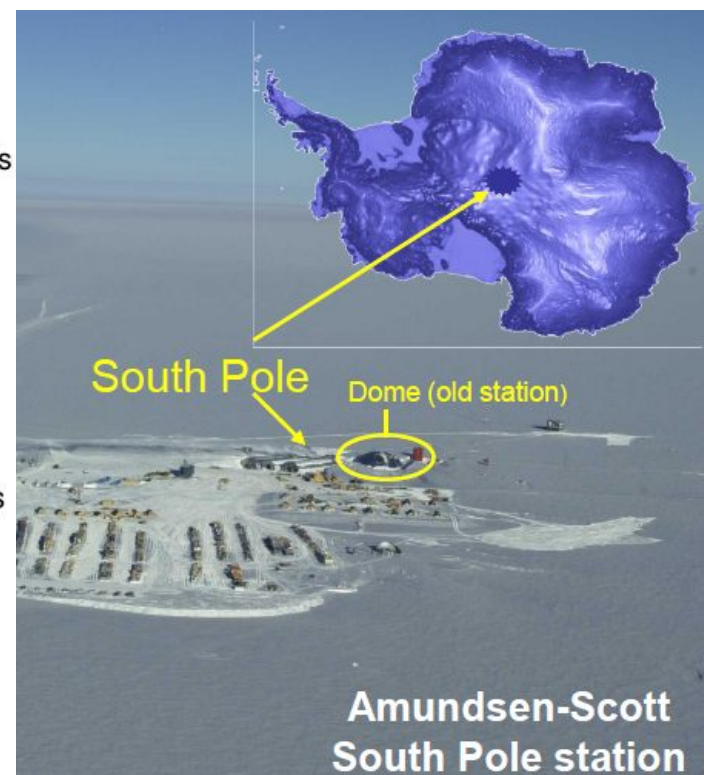
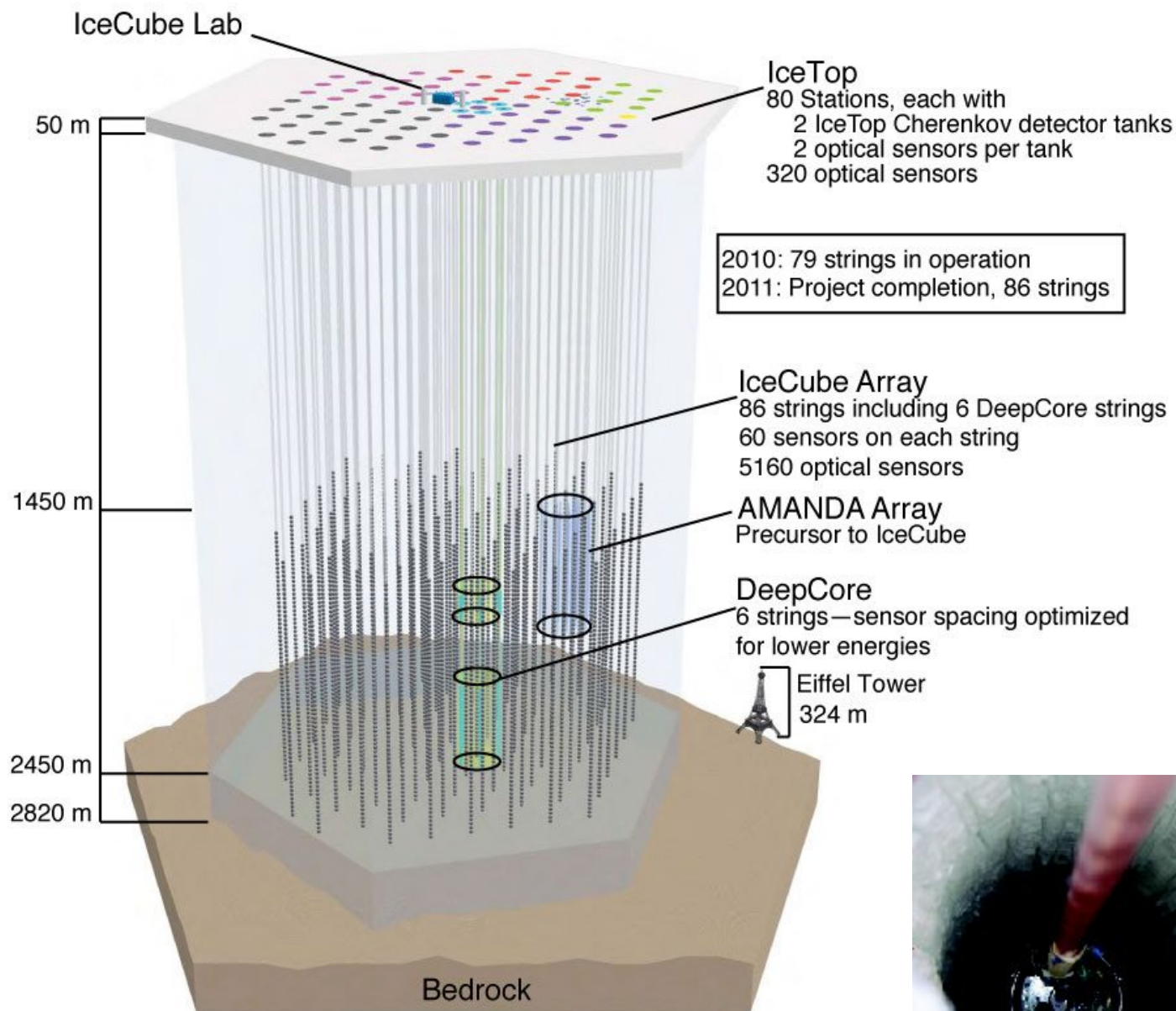


37.9 ton-yr  
531  $\nu$   
268  $\bar{\nu}$   
(98% purity)

B. Rebel, Neutrino 2012



# IceCube/DeepCore

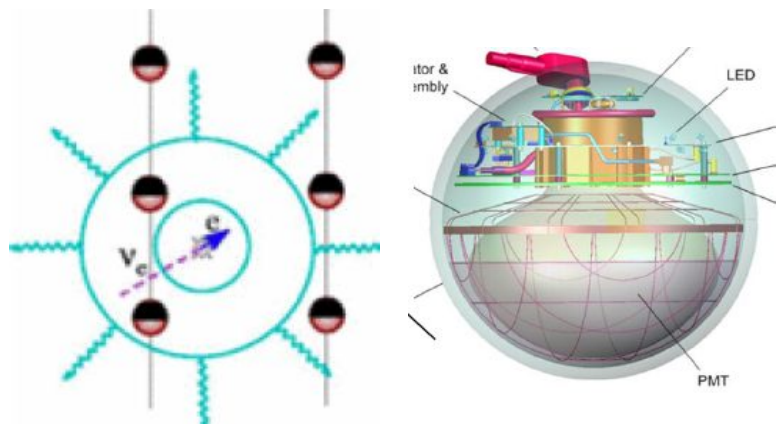
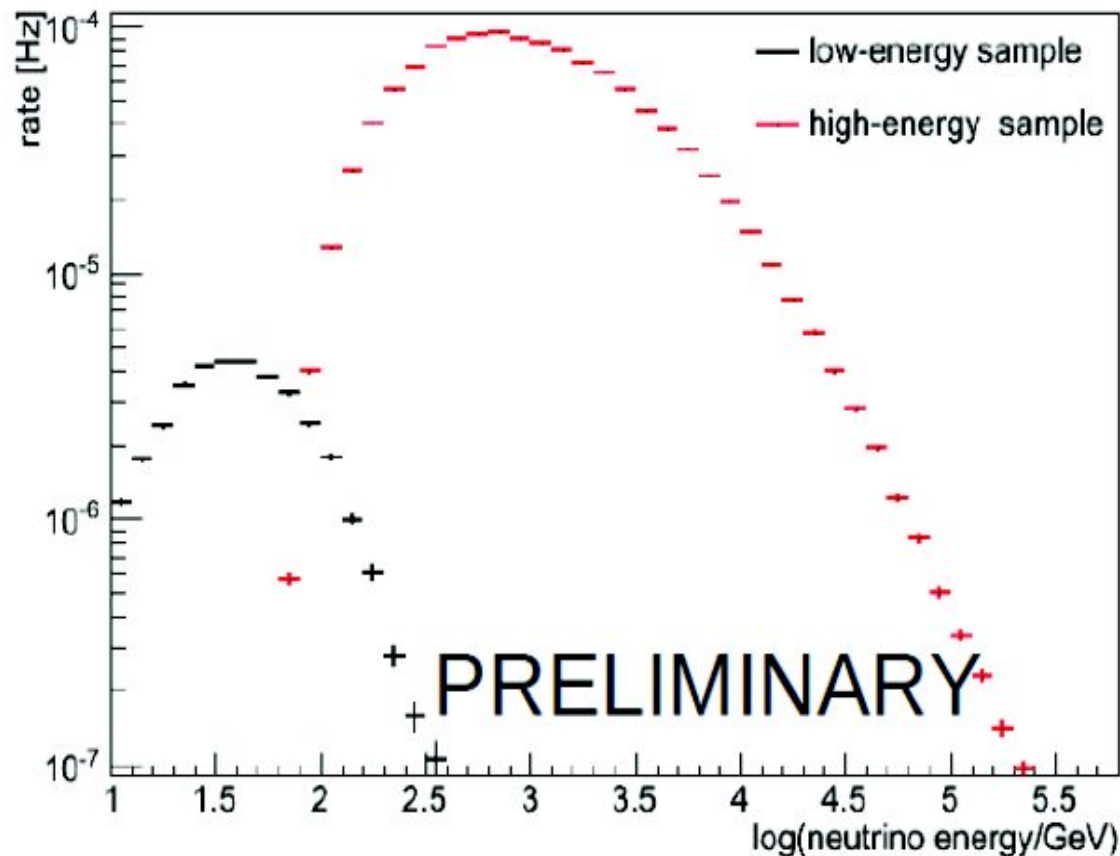
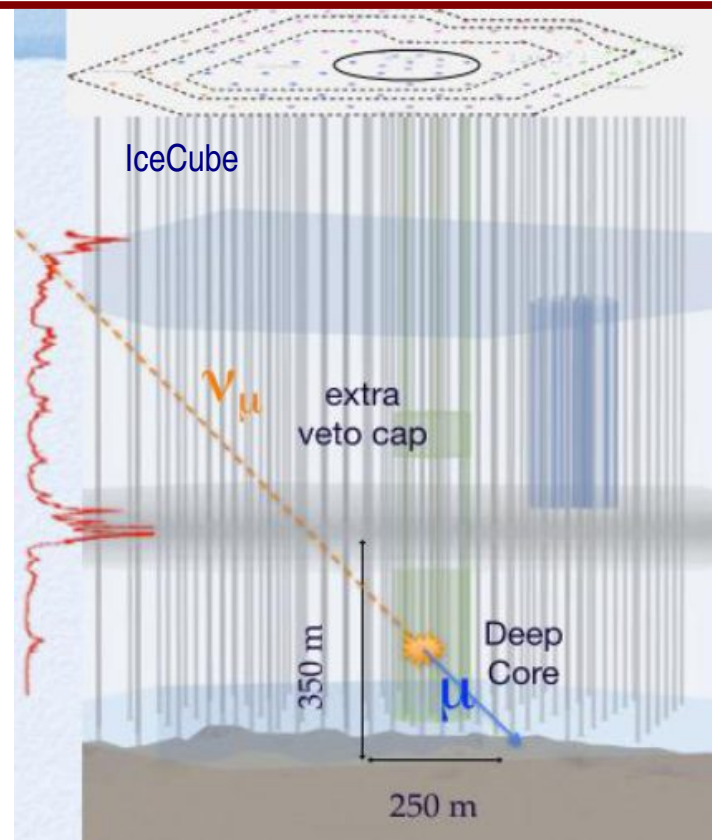


**Primary goal: Detect UHE  $\nu$ 's from the cosmos**



# IceCube/DeepCore: atmospheric neutrinos

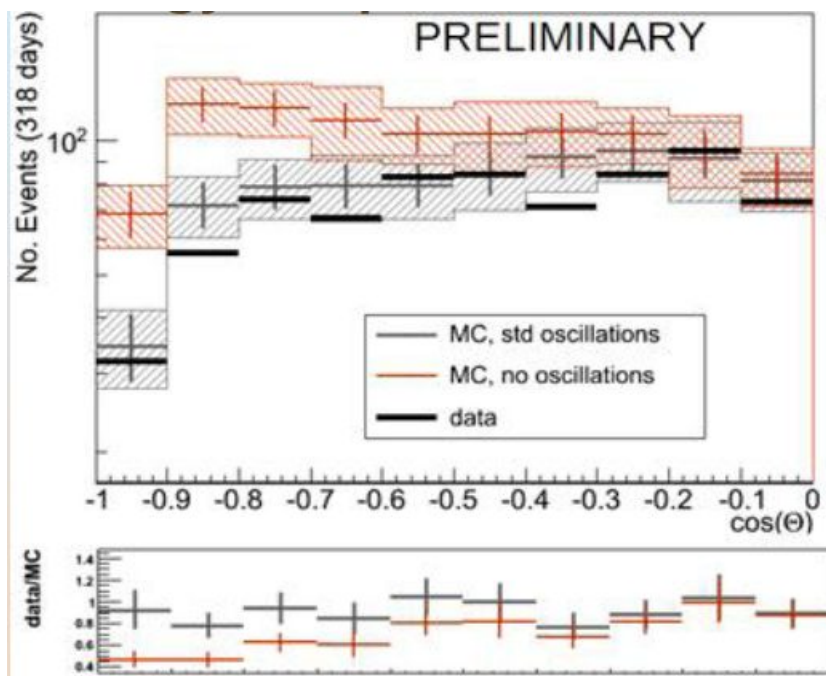
- Inner array of 8 strings within IceCube
- Spaced every 72 m (vs 125 m in IceCube).
- Strings instrumented with 60 high efficiency DOM's.
- Allows detection of lower energy  $\nu$ 's (10 – 500 GeV)
- Taking data since June 2012.



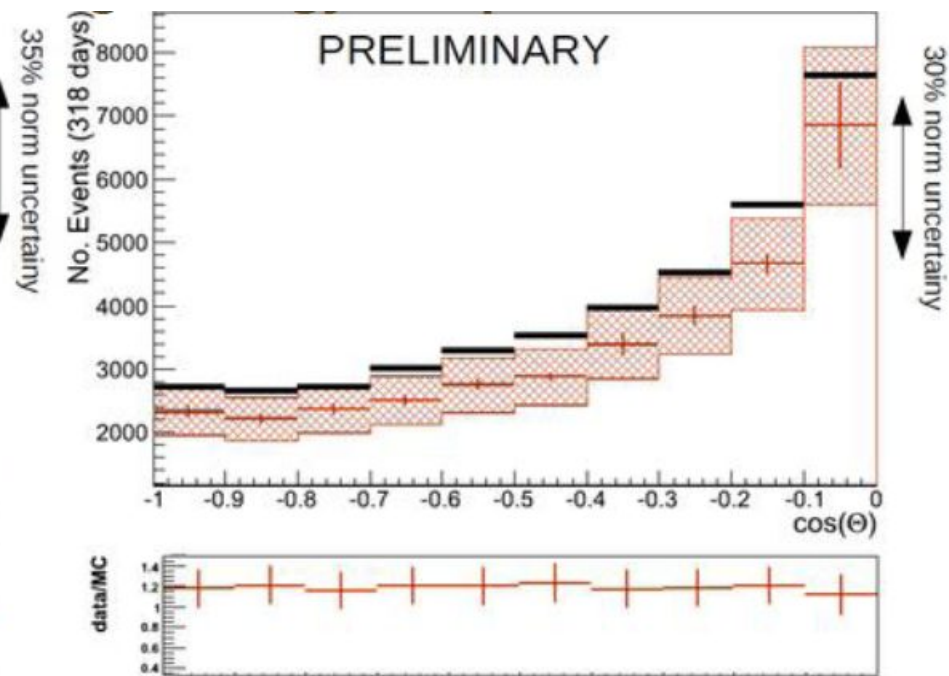
DOM

# IceCube/DeepCore: atmospheric neutrinos, IC-79

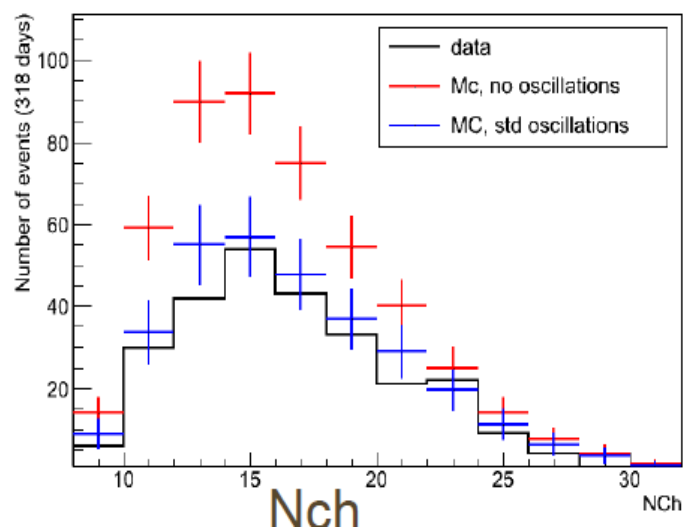
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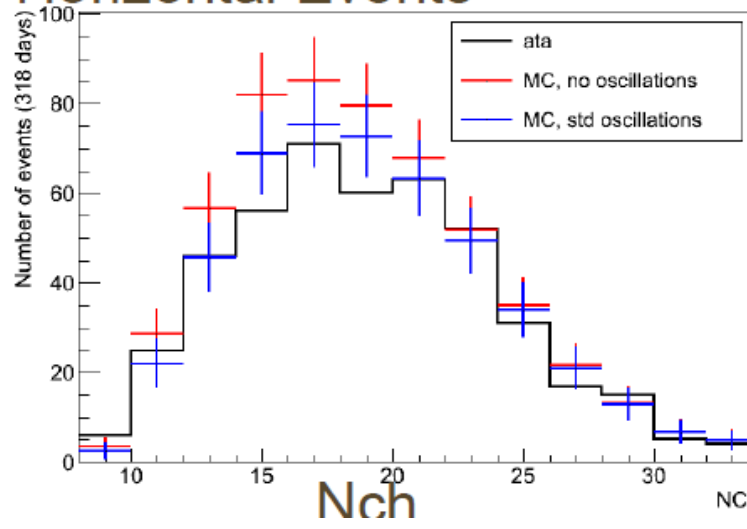
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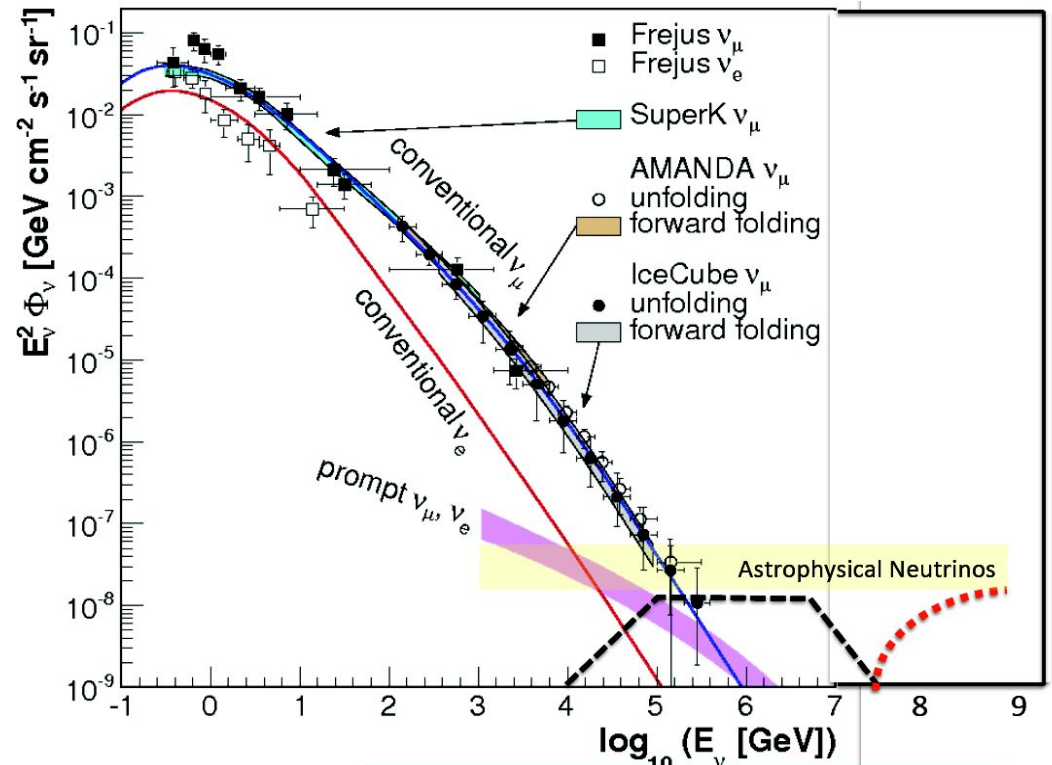
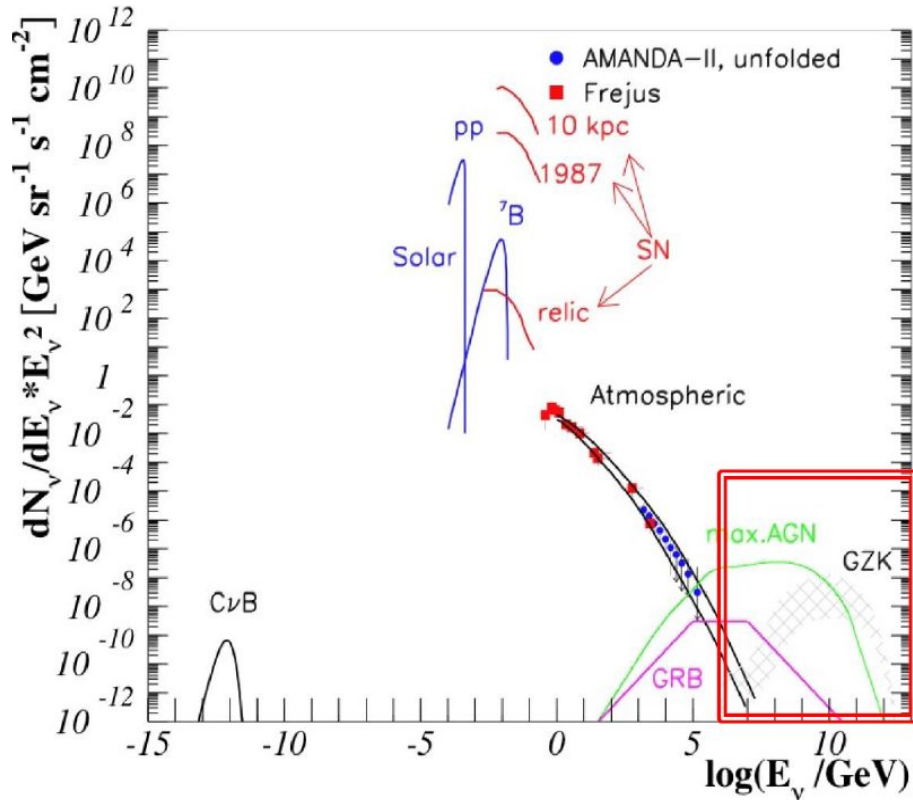
Vertical Events



Horizontal Events



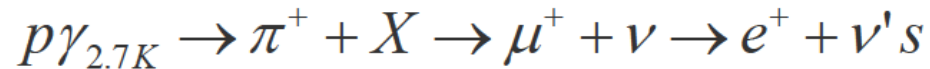
# Ultra high energy neutrinos (UHE- $\nu$ 's) ( $>PeV$ )



- Higher energies than atmospheric neutrinos which dominate in flux
- UHE cosmic rays “warrant” UHE- $\nu$ 's.
- Expected from a variety of sources: eg. AGN's, GRB's, GZK cut-off

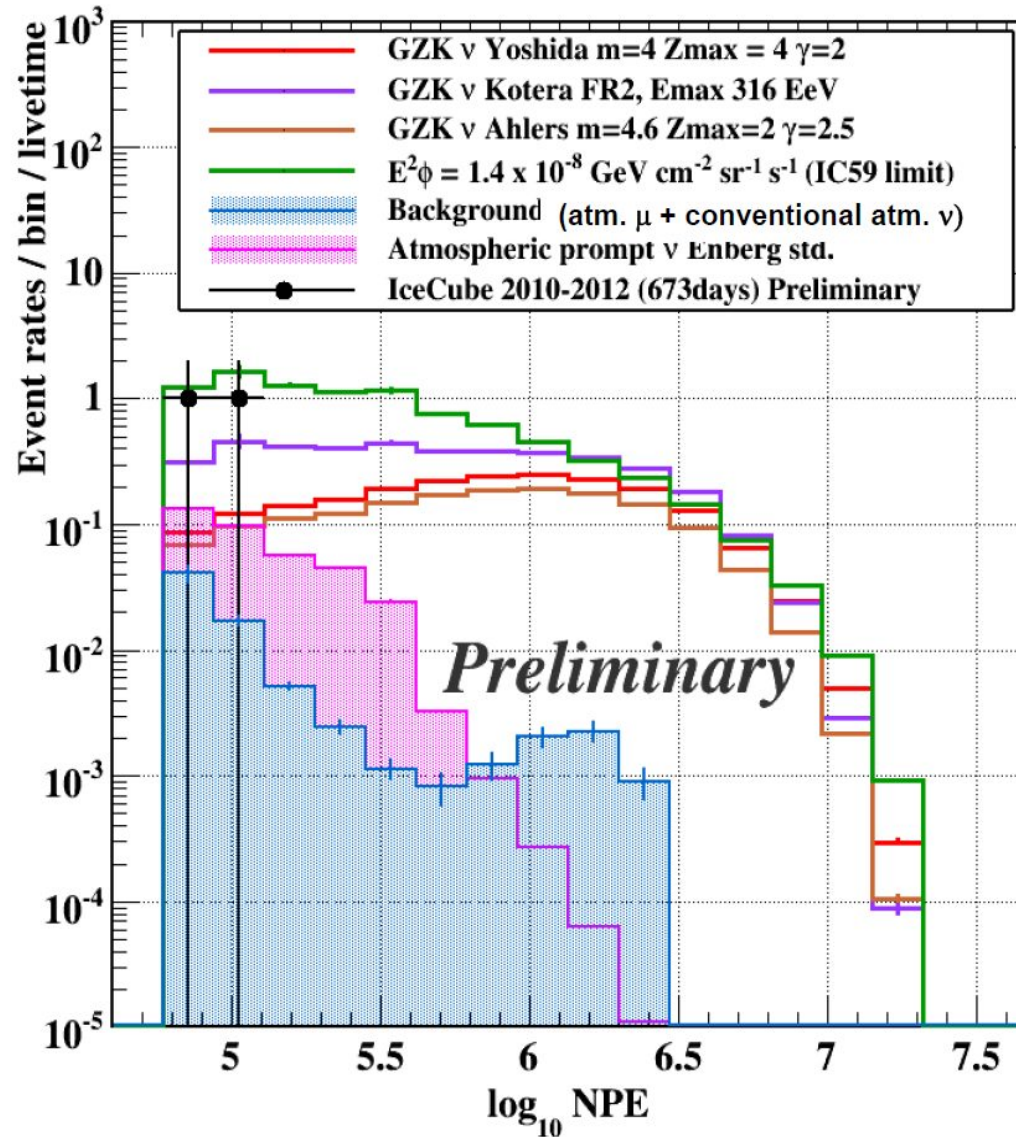
**Cosmogenic neutrinos:** induced by the interactions of cosmic rays with CMB photons

- Produced via the GZK (Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzimnin) mechanism ( $E_\nu \sim 10^{8-10}$  GeV ).





# IceCube, search for UHE- $\nu$ 's (2010-2012 data)



- 2010-2012 search (672.7 days).
- Observes 2 high PE events.  
Energy estimated around 1 – 10 PeV.
- Models predict between 2 and 4 events.
- **No** indication that they are instrumental noise.
- Could be:
  - cosmogenic neutrinos
  - conventional atmospheric neutrinos
  - non-conventional atmospheric neutrinos (prompt)

# IceCube, search for UHE- $\nu$ 's (2010-2012 data)

2010-2011 (79 strings) + 2011-2012 (86 strings)

2 events / 672.7 days – expected bkg. (atmos.  $\mu$  + conventional atmos.  $\nu$ ) 0.14 events  
p-value:  $p=0.0094$  ( $2.36 \sigma$ )

Run119316-Event36556705

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

NPE  $9.628 \times 10^4$

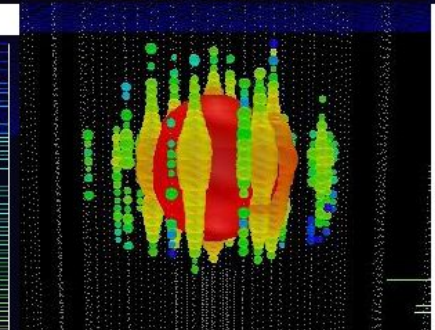
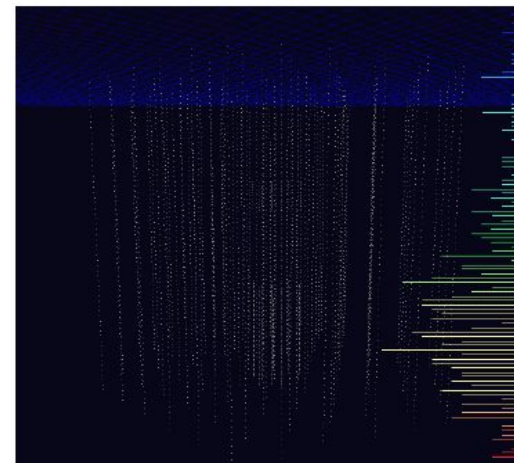
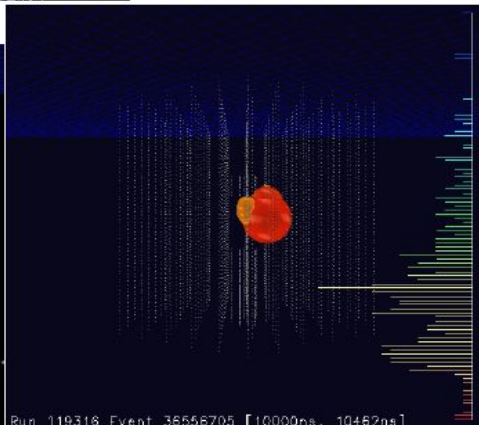
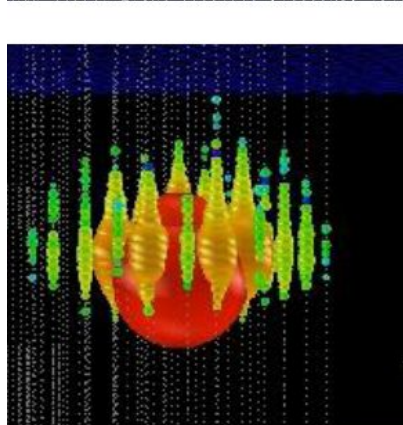
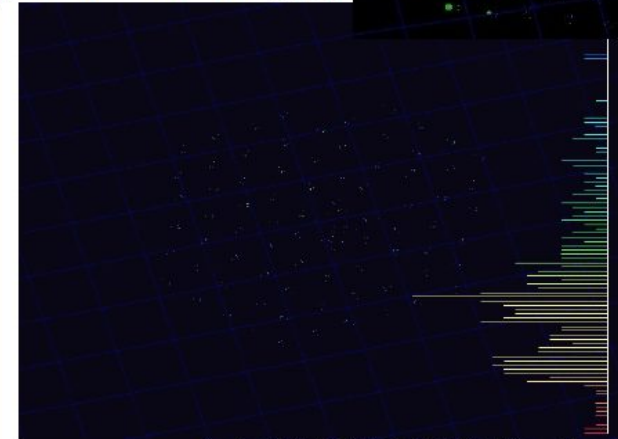
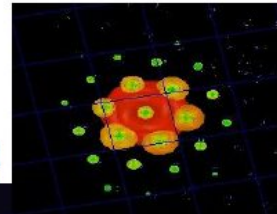
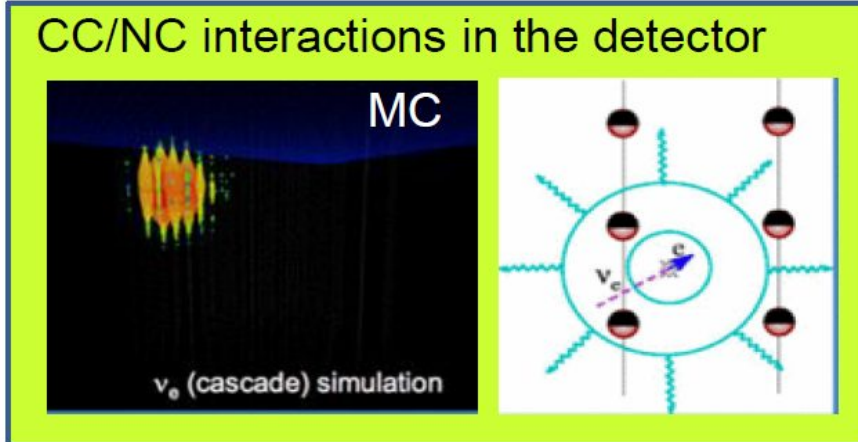
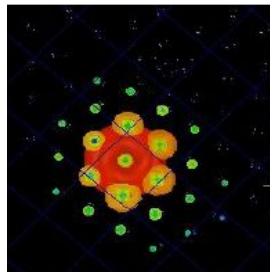
Number of Optical Sensors 312

Run118545-Event63733662

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

NPE  $6.9928 \times 10^4$

Number of Optical Sensors 354



A. Ishihara, Neutrino 2012

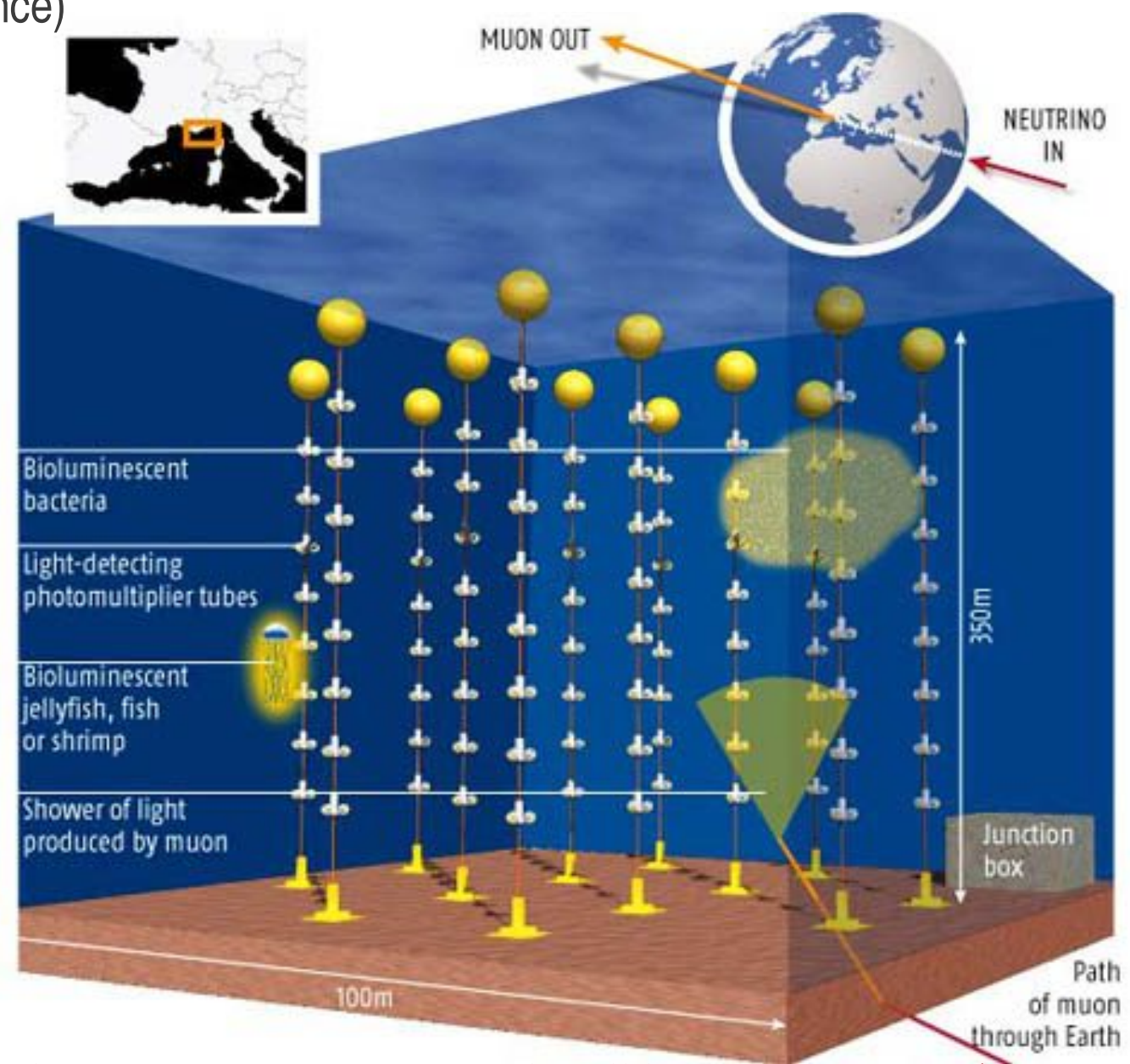
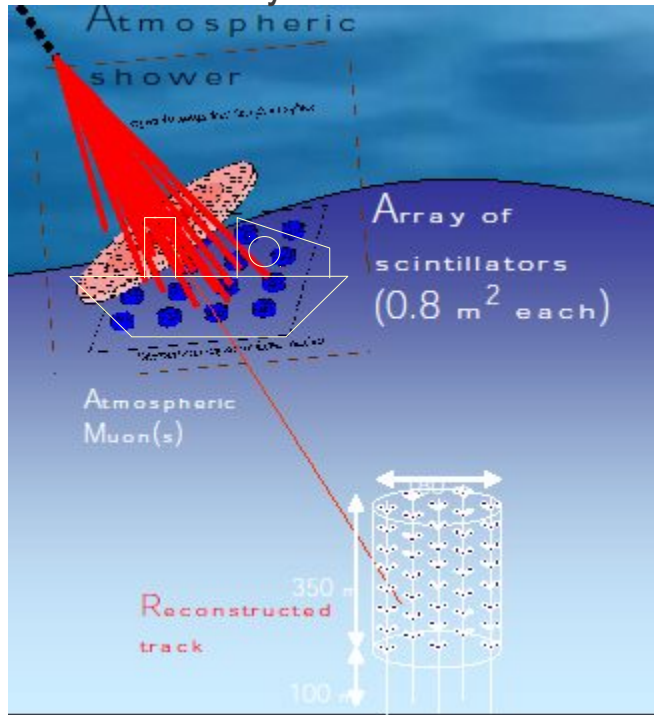


# ANTARES (Astronomy with a Neutrino Telescope and Abyss RESearch)

- Underwater neutrino telescope in the northern hemisphere
- Mediterranean sea (Toulon, France)
- 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> surface area
- 20 Mton instrumented volume

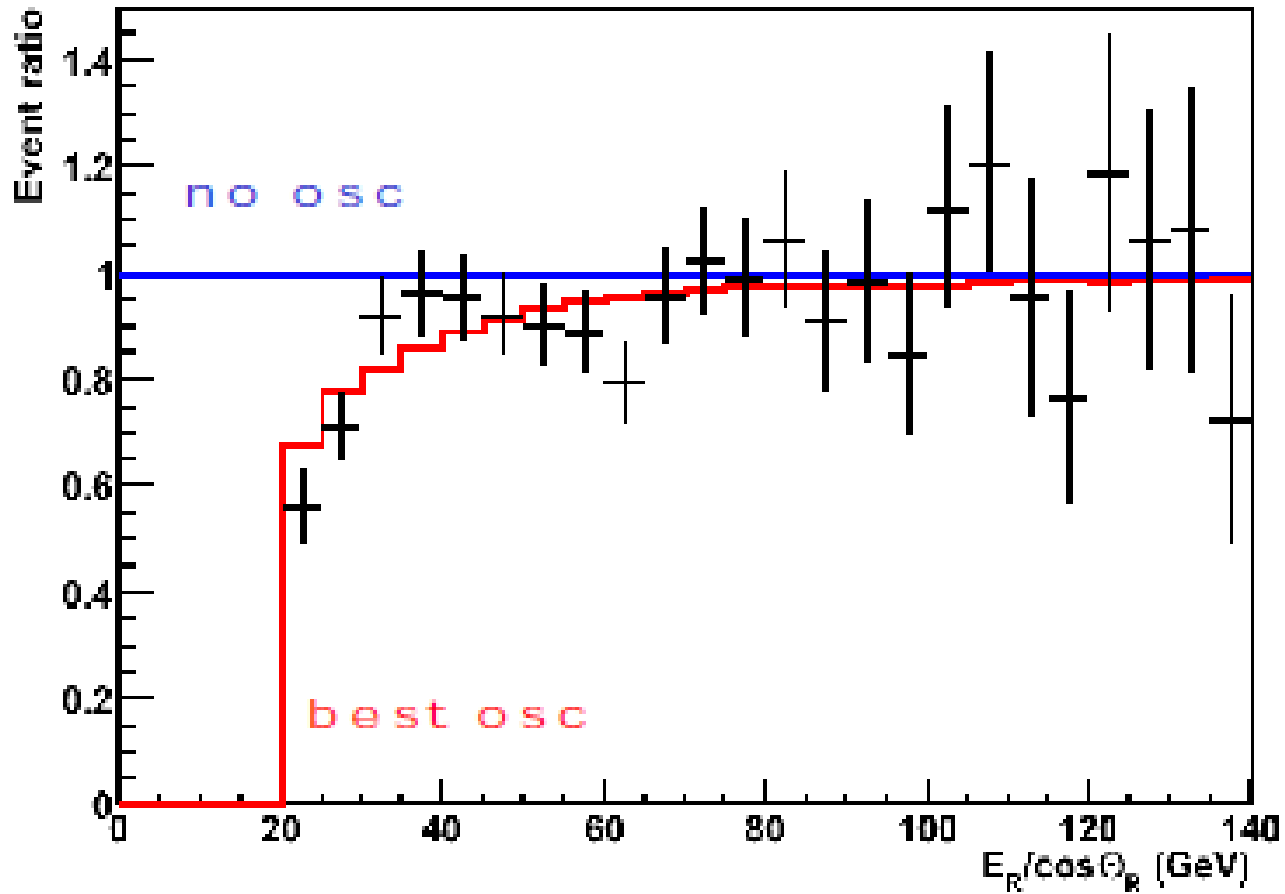
## Direccionality:

Scintillator array in a boat

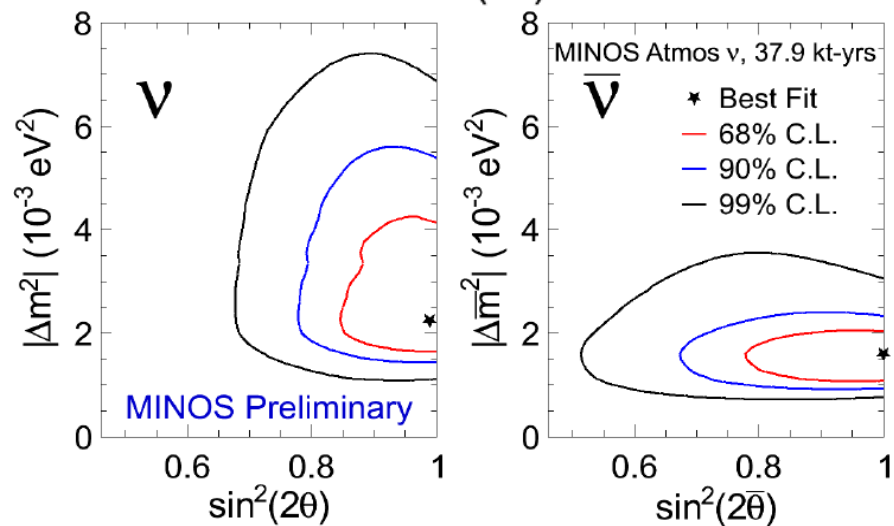
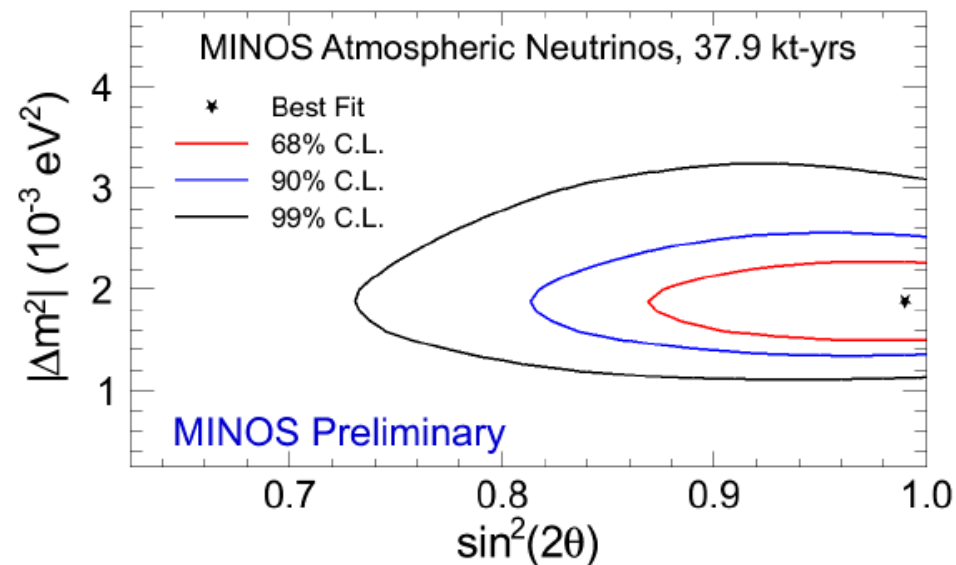


# ANTARES, atmospheric neutrino oscillations

ANTARES preliminary

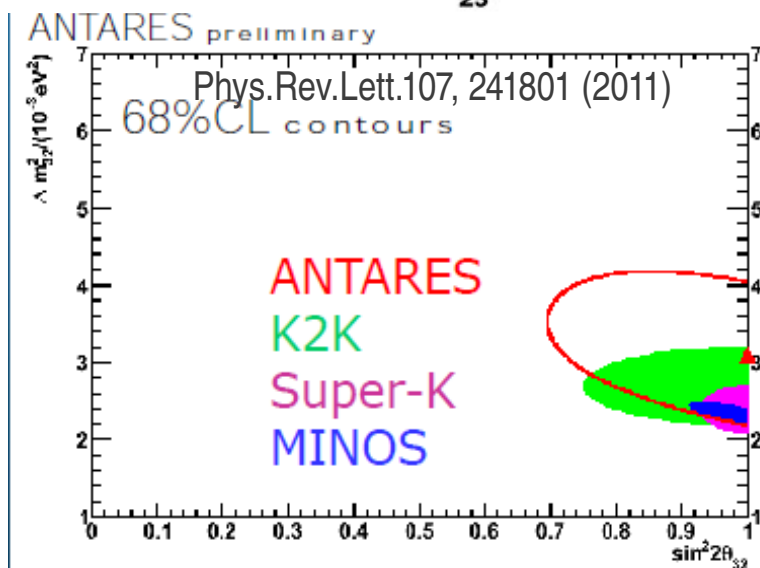
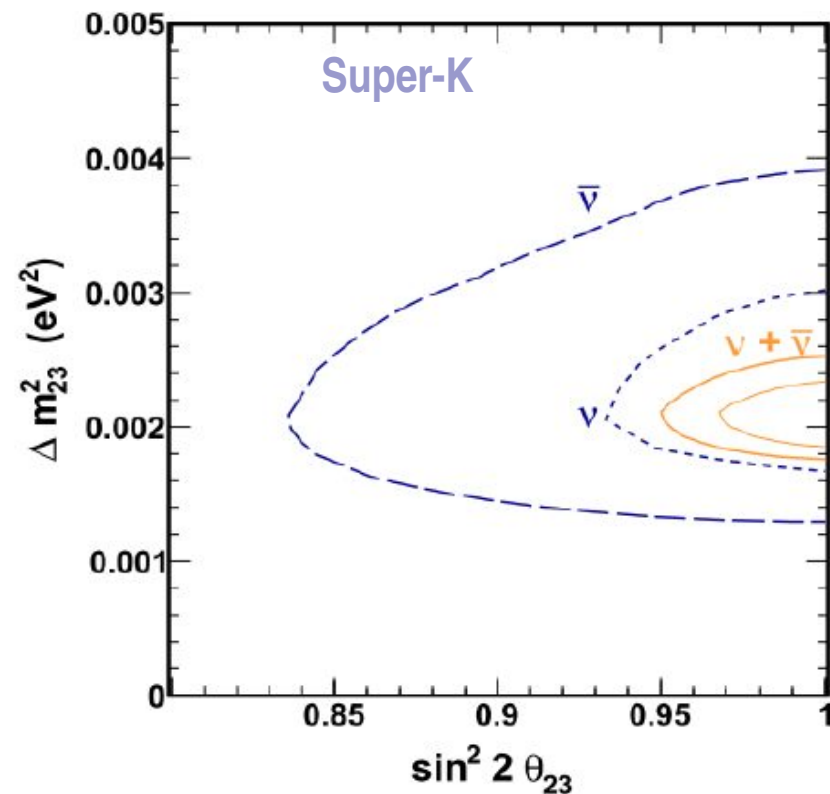


# Atmospheric neutrino oscillations



$$\Delta m_{23}^2 \sim 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sim 44^\circ$$





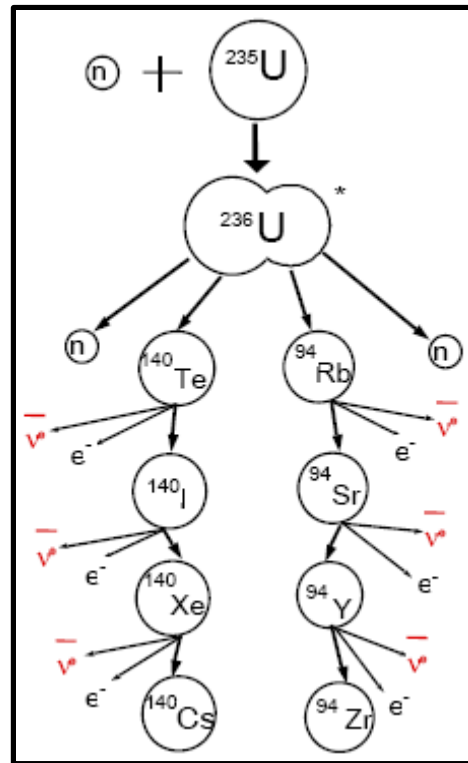
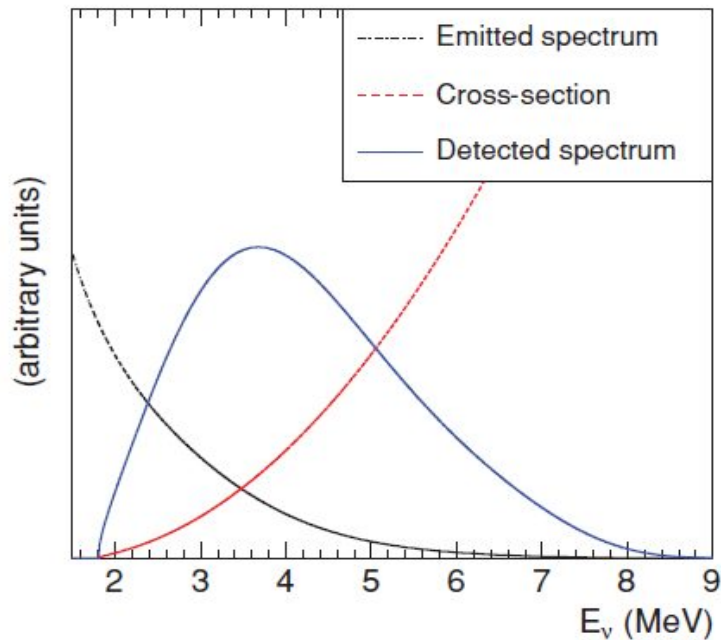
# Neutrinos from nuclear reactors

- Intense sources of  $\bar{\nu}_e$ :  $\sim [6 \bar{\nu}_e, 200 \text{ MeV}] / \text{fission}$
- Typically:  $\sim 2 \times 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e / \text{sec} / \text{GW}_{th}$

$$R_{\nu} = \frac{6 \bar{\nu} / \text{fission}}{200 \text{ MeV} / \text{fission}} \times \frac{P_{th} (\text{Watts})}{1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} / \text{MeV}} = 1.875 \times 10^{20} \left( \frac{P_{th}}{1 \text{ GWatt}} \right) \frac{\bar{\nu}}{\text{s}}$$

- Neutrino flux depends on:

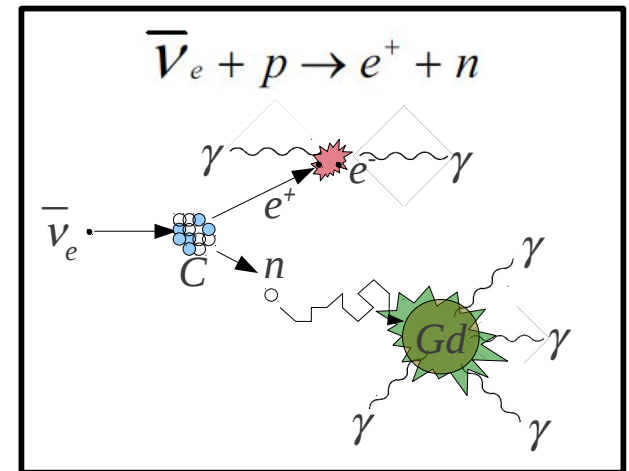
1. Reactor power,
2. Fission rates of  $U^{235}$ ,  $U^{238}$ ,  $Pu^{239}$ ,  $Pu^{241}$ ,
3.  $E_{\nu}$  spectra of fission product  $\beta$  decays



Detected via **inverse  $\beta$  decay (IBD)**:

→ Threshold:  $E_{\nu} > 1.8 \text{ MeV}$

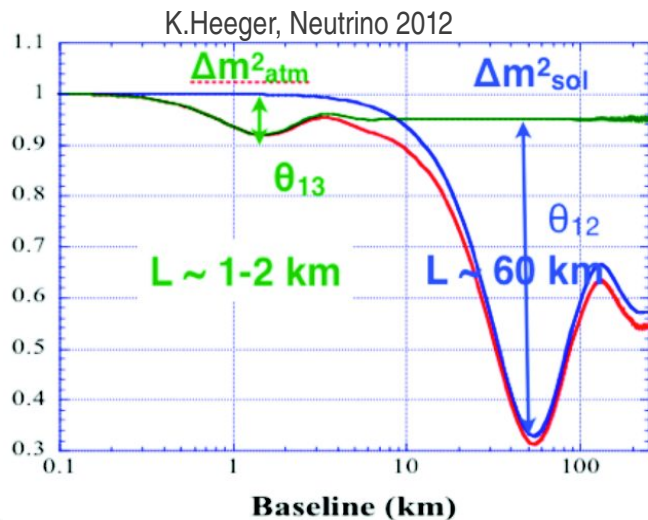
→  $\Sigma_{IBD} \sim 10^{-41} (E_{\nu} / 10 \text{ MeV})^2 \text{ cm}^2$



# Measuring oscillations with reactor neutrinos

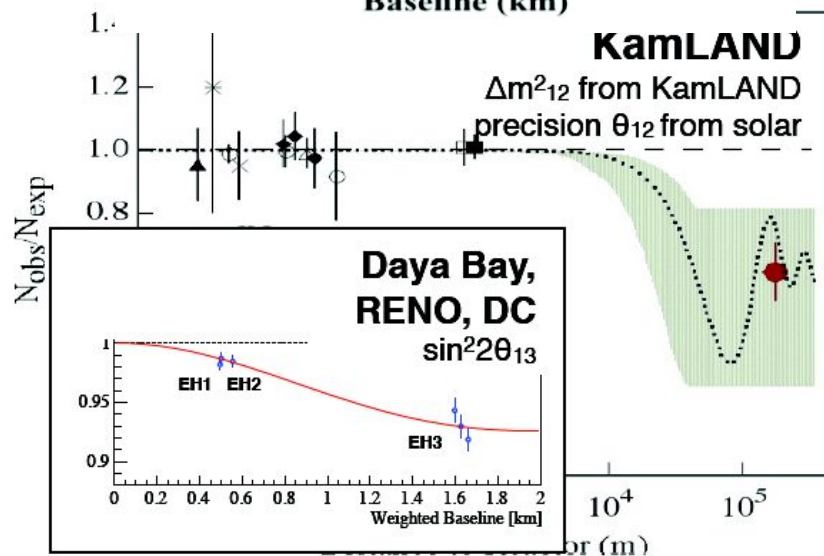
$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right)}_{\Delta m_{31} \text{ term}} - \underbrace{\cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right)}_{\Delta m_{21} \text{ term}}$$

Most previous  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance searches with reactor neutrinos were too close to the sources.



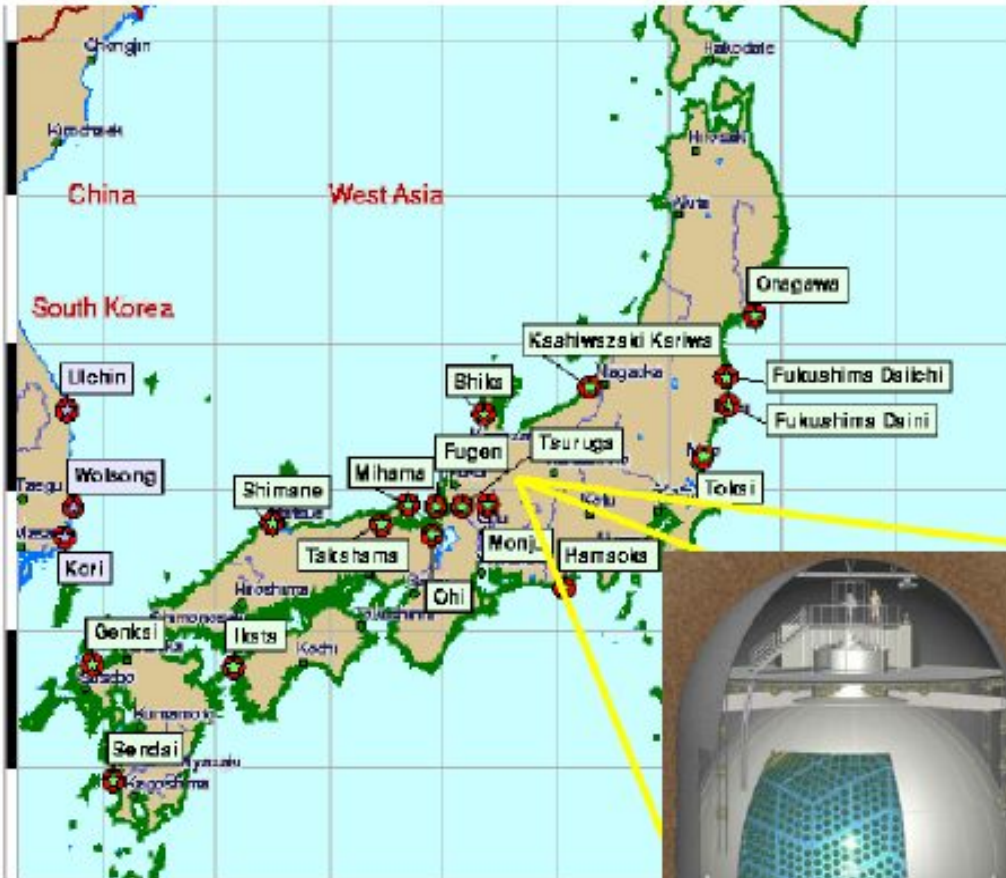
KamLAND observed the effect of the  $\Delta m_{21}$  term by placing a detector at  $\langle L \rangle \sim 150$  km from reactors around Japan.

Later, (2011-2012) Double-Chooz, Daya Bay, and RENO reported the observation of the effect of the  $\Delta m_{31}$  term.



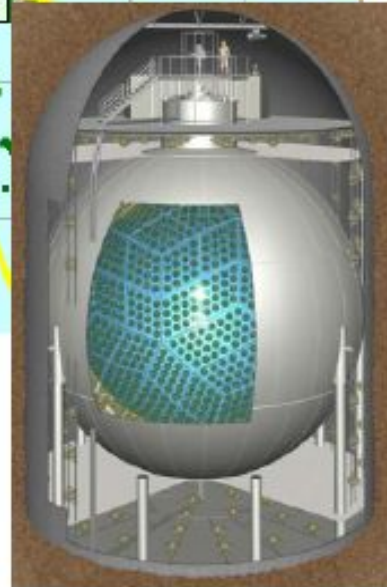
# KamLAND (Kamioka Liquid Antineutrino Detector)

Detected  $\bar{\nu}$ 's from 54 reactors around Japan with  $\langle L \rangle = 150$  k  
Kamioka mine, at 2700 m.w.e. (former site of Kamiokande)



- Balloon 13 m in diameter
- 1 kton of liquid scintillator,
- 2,000 PMTs, 1km underground
- Running since 2001.
- 1<sup>st</sup> detected Geo-neutrinos.

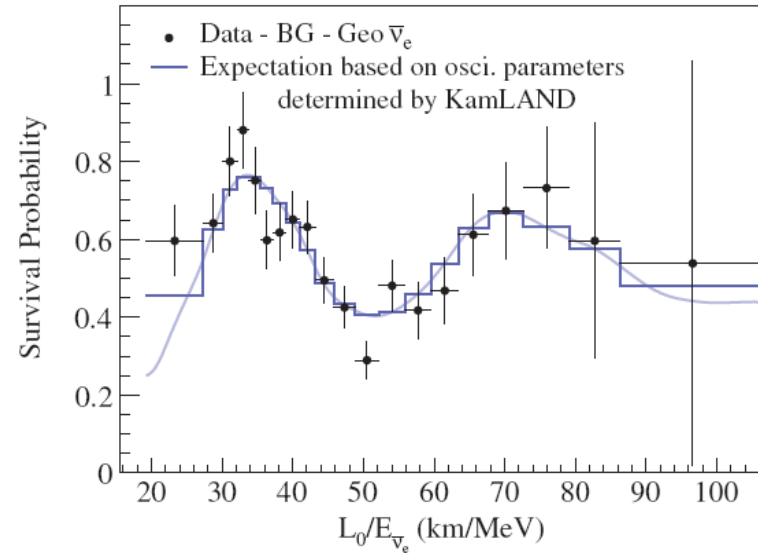
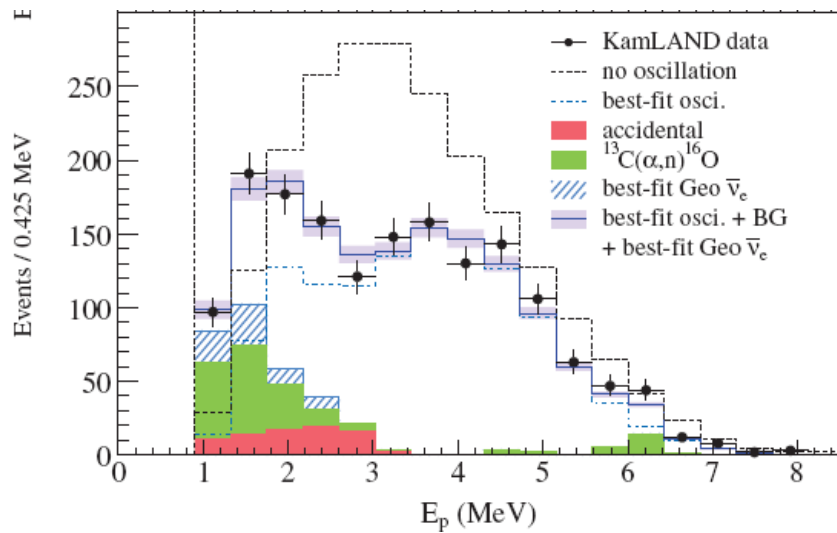
Since 2011 KamLAND-Zen  
Neutrino-less double  $\beta$  decay search



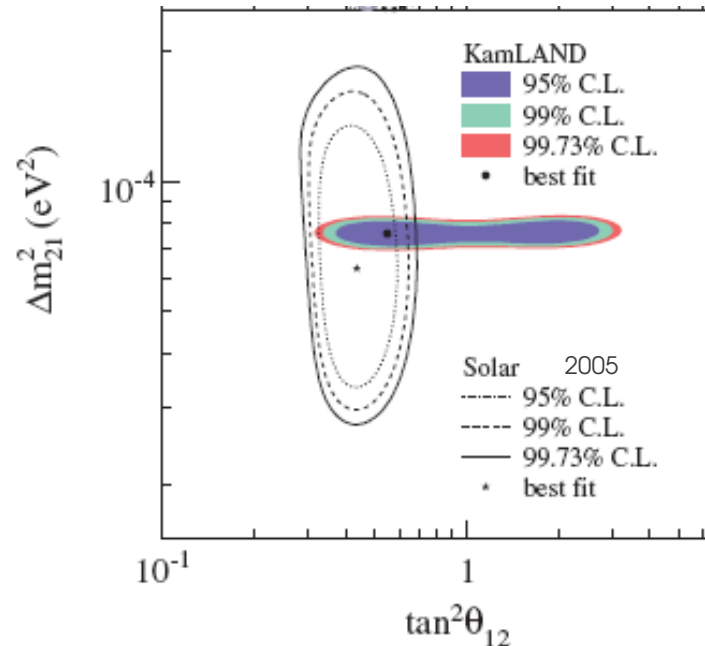
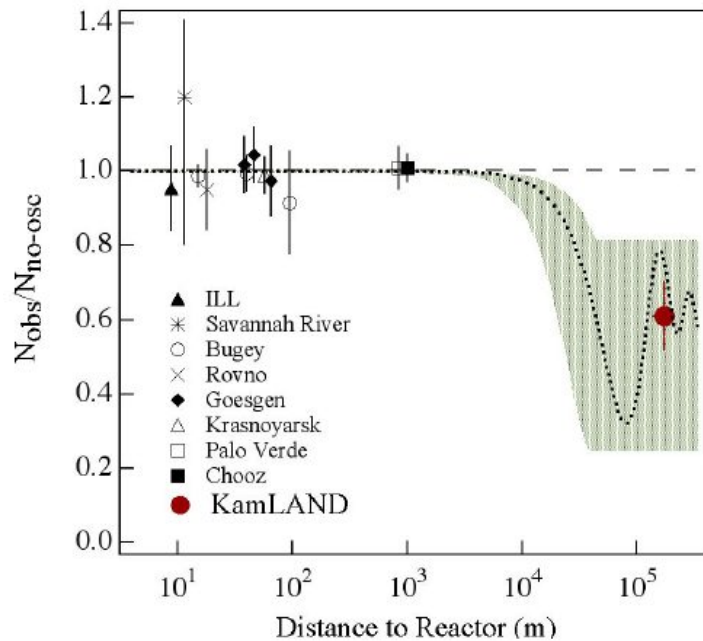


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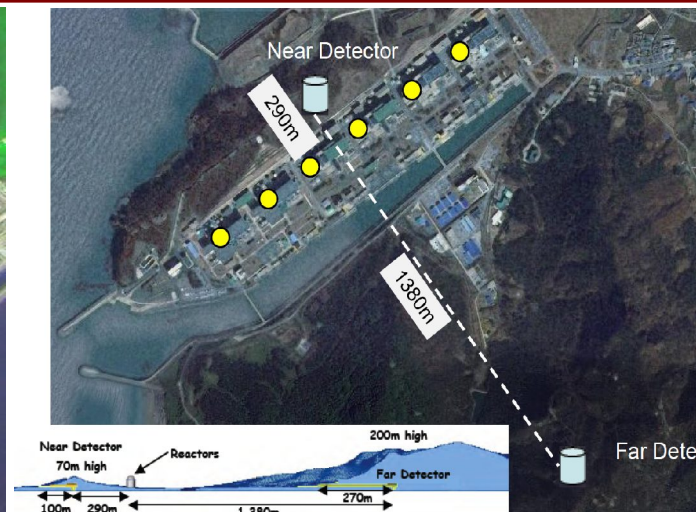
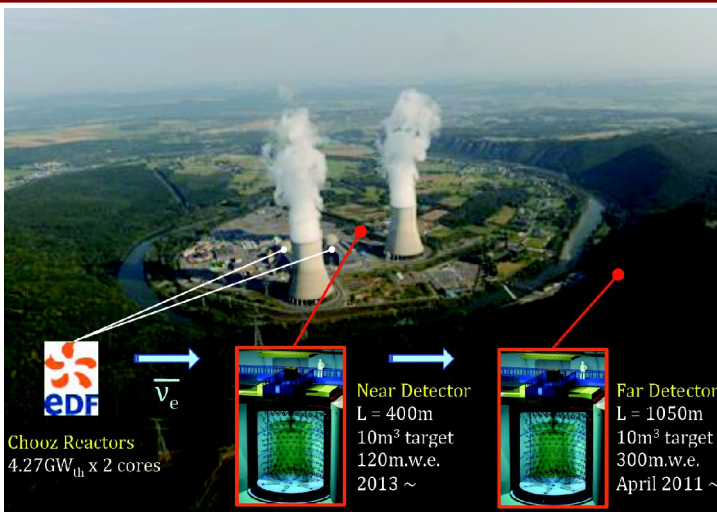
Araki et al. PRL **100**, 221803(2008)



KamLAND favors the LMA solution for solar neutrino oscillations



# Reactor experiments measuring $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



## Double-CHOOZ (France)

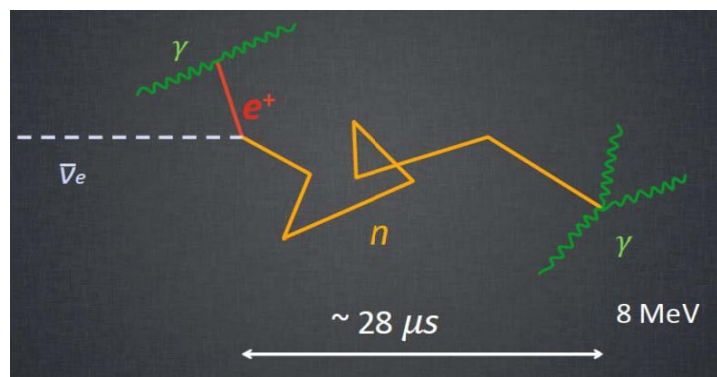
- Two reactor cores (4.27 GW<sub>th</sub> each)
- Two identical design detectors:  
Near: @ 400 m (ready >2013)  
Far: @ 1050 m
- 10 m<sup>3</sup> of LS+GD per detector

## Daya Bay (China)

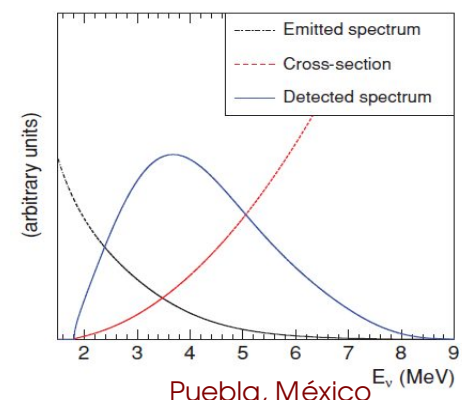
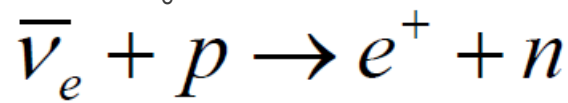
- 6 reactors in 3 sites (17.4 GW<sub>th</sub> total power)
- 6 detectors (8 planned), 3 halls:  
Near hall 1: 1 det. (2 planned)  
Near hall 2: 2 det.  
Far hall: 3 det. (4 planned)  
(dist. to cores: 300-2000 m)
- 20 ton of LS+Gd per detector

## RENO (South Korea)

- 6 reactors along 1.3 km line (2 × 2.66 GW<sub>th</sub> + 4 × 2.8 GW<sub>th</sub>)
- Two identical design detectors:  
Near: @ 290 m from line  
Far: @ 1380 m from line
- 16 ton of LS+Gd per detector



All 3, detect  $\bar{\nu}_e$ 's via inverse  $\beta$  decay:

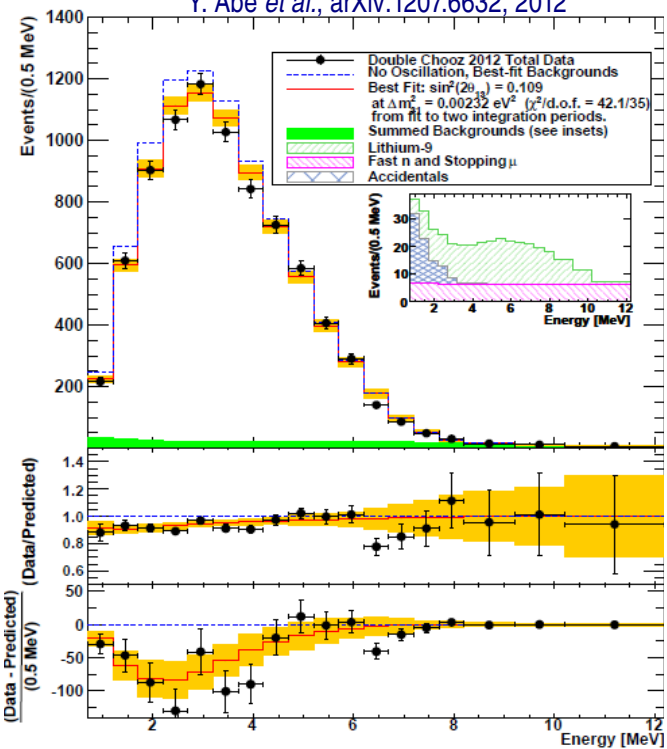


# Reactor experiments measuring $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ (cont'd)

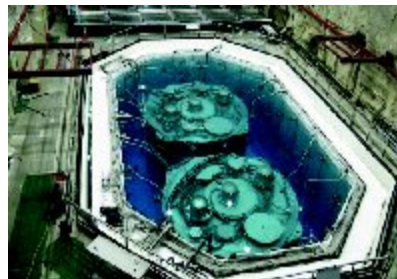


Double-Chooz (Jul, 2012)

Y. Abe et al., arXiv:1207.6632, 2012

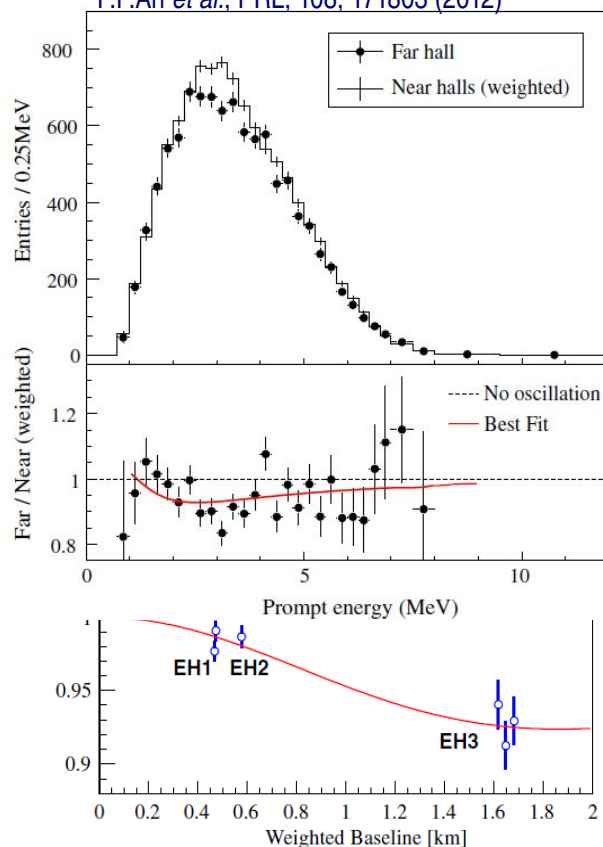


$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.109 \pm 0.030(\text{stat}) \pm 0.025(\text{sys})$$

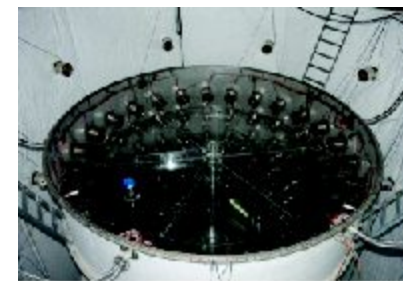


Daya Bay (Mar, 2012)

F.P.An et al., PRL, 108, 171803 (2012)

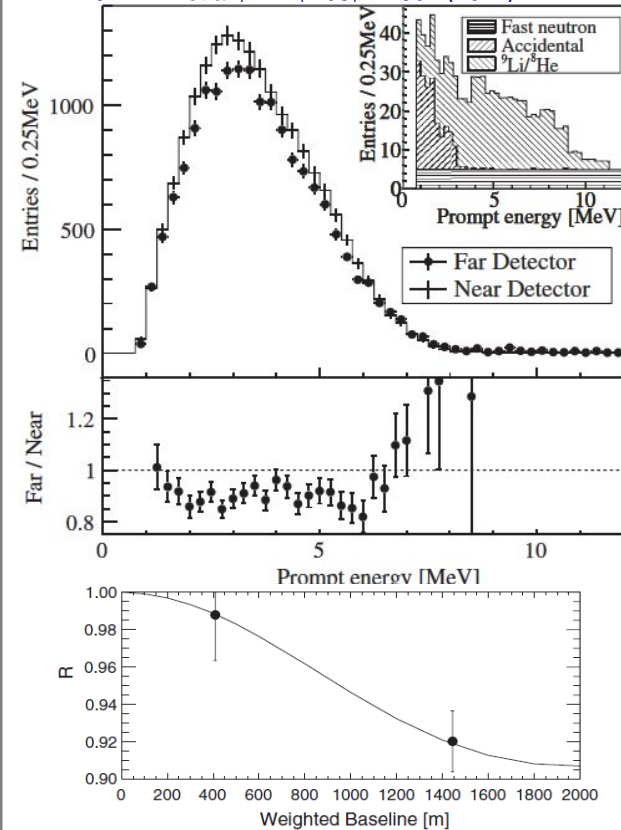


$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010(\text{stat}) \pm 0.005(\text{sys})$$



RENO (Apr, 2012)

J.K.Ahn et al., PRL, 108, 111802 (2012)



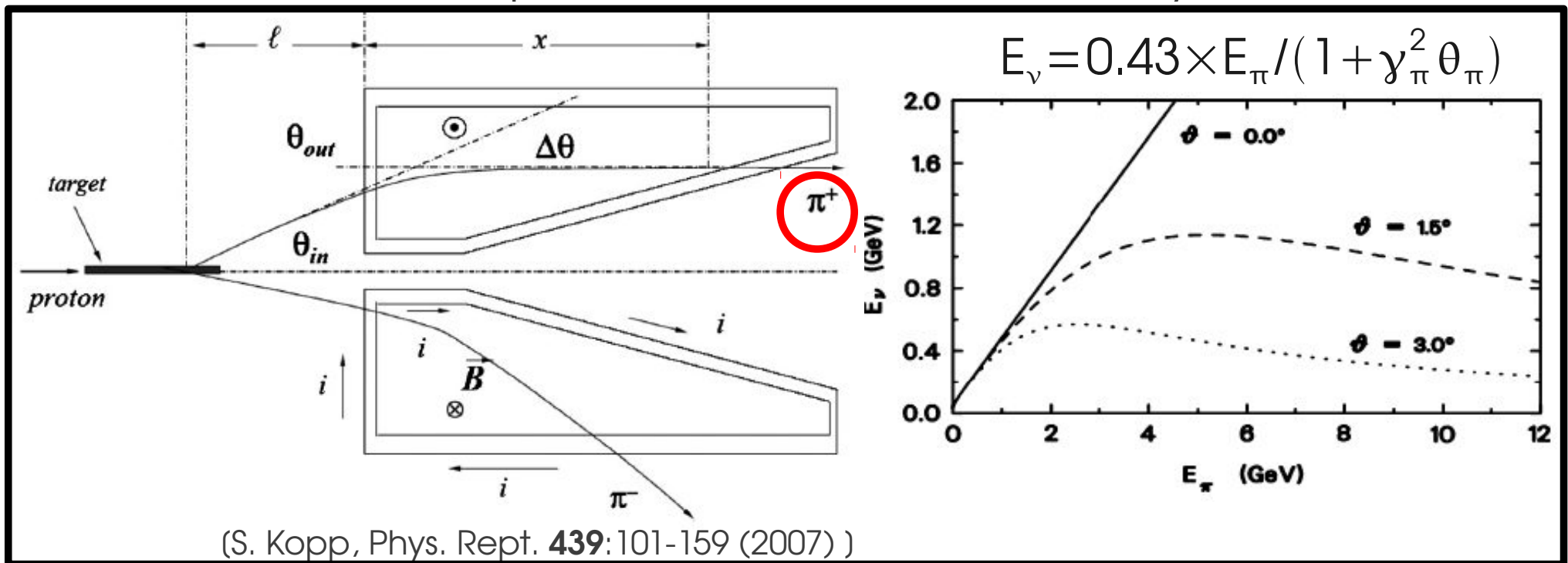
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.113 \pm 0.013(\text{stat}) \pm 0.019(\text{sys})$$



# Accelerator neutrino beams

1. Accelerate protons and impact them in a target.
2. Products are focused with *magnetic horns* (Van de Meer, 1961).
3. Focused  $\pi$ 's & K's (horn polarity selects charge) decay in a tunnel.
4. All particles, except the  $\nu$ 's, are stopped in an absorber.
5. Figure of merit : # of Protons On Target (P.O.T.)

\*LSND, KARMEN: isotropic  $\nu$  sources -no horns- (decay at rest)



# Accelerator neutrino oscillation searches

**Long Baseline:**  $L >$  a few 100 km

oscillations

K2K: KEK – Kamioka	$L/E \sim 1 \text{ GeV}/250 \text{ km}$ , disapp.	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \times$
MINOS: FNAL – Soudan	$L/E \sim 5 \text{ GeV}/735 \text{ km}$ , disapp.	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \times$
OPERA: CERN to LNGS	$L/E \sim 17 \text{ GeV}/730 \text{ km}$ , appear.	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$
T2K: Tokai to Kamioka	$L/E \sim 2 \text{ GeV}/295 \text{ km}$ , appear.	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$
NOvA: FNAL – Ash River	$L/E \sim 5 \text{ GeV}/810 \text{ km}$ , appear.	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$

**Short baseline:**  $L <$  a few 100 m

oscillations (?)

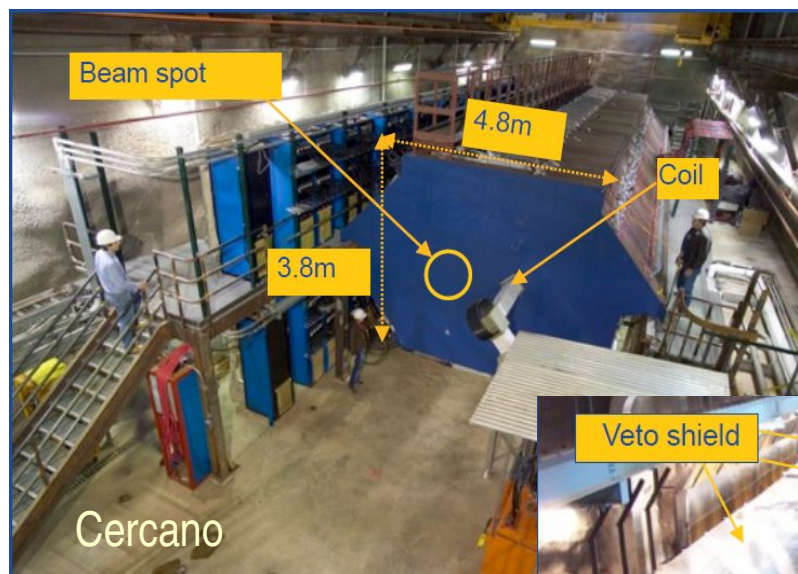
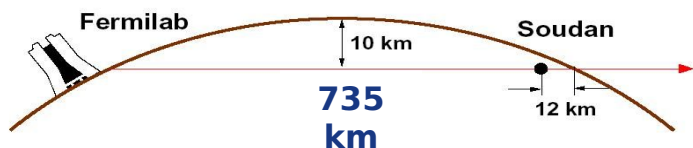
anomalies

A) Bubble chambers (GGM, BEBC, FNAL-15ft)

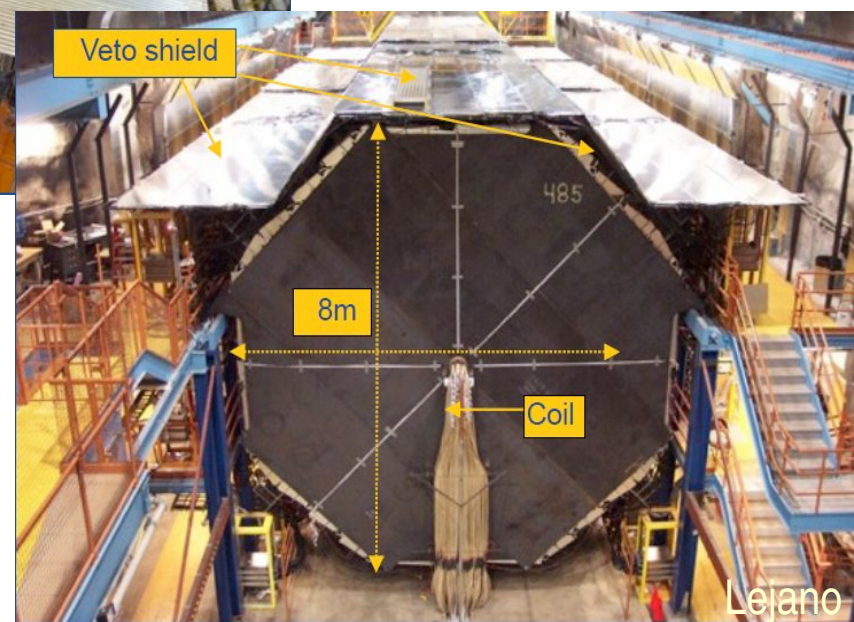
B) electronic detectors: NOMAD, CHORUS, CHARM, CCFR, BNL-E776, BNL-E734, CDHS, KARMEN, MiniBooNE.

# MINOS

Two segmented magnetized iron calorimeters ( $\Rightarrow$  tracker)  
Near detector at  $\sim 1$  km: FNAL, 980 ton, 107 m underground.  
Far detector at  $\sim 735$  km: Soudan MN, 5.4 kton, 700 m underground.  
Measures curvature of  $\mu^-$  tracks produced in  $\nu_\mu + \text{Fe} \rightarrow \mu^- + X$



- Can distinguish  $\nu_\mu$  from  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- 6.4% of CC interactions are  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ 's when running a  $\nu_\mu$  beam.

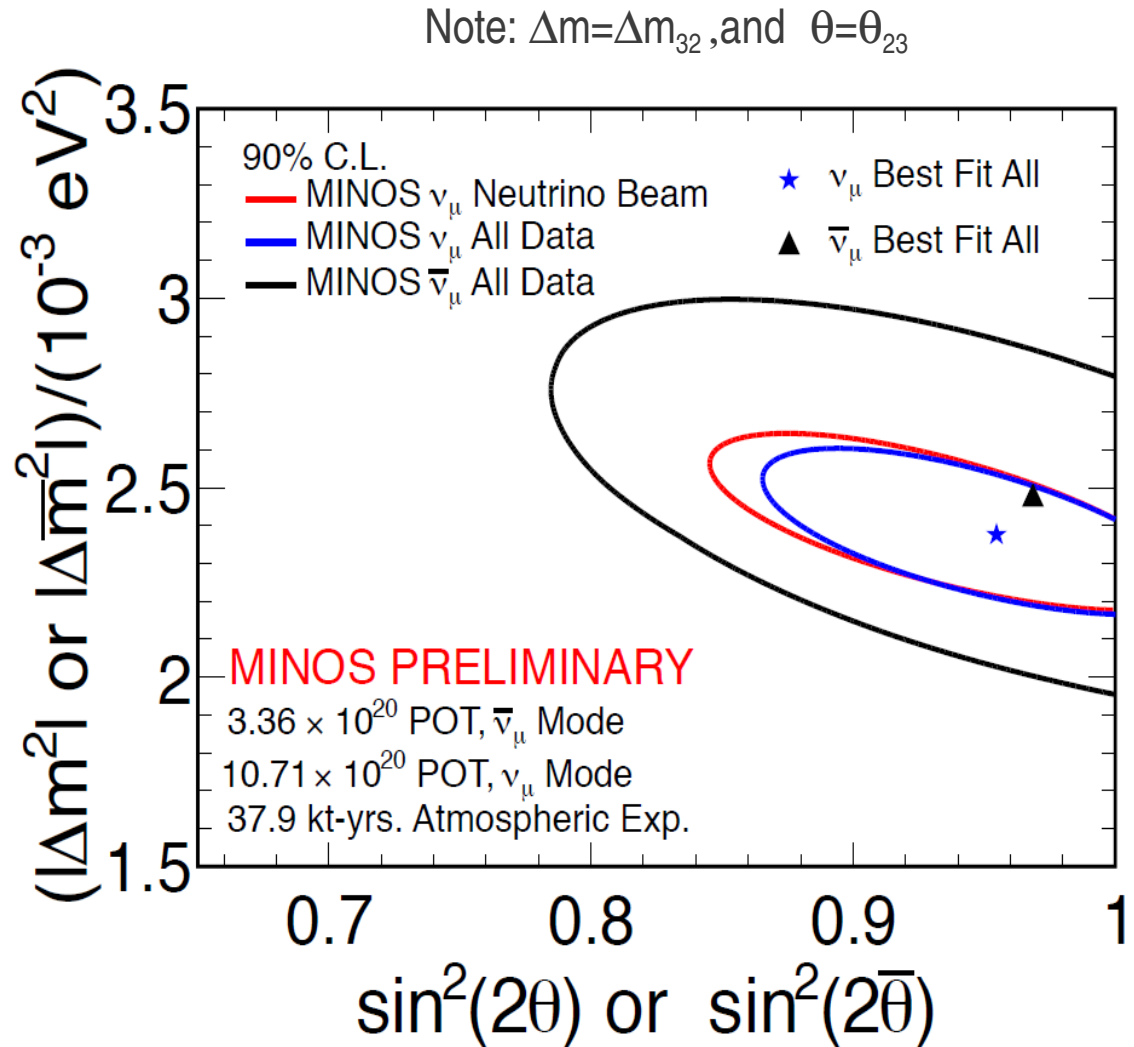
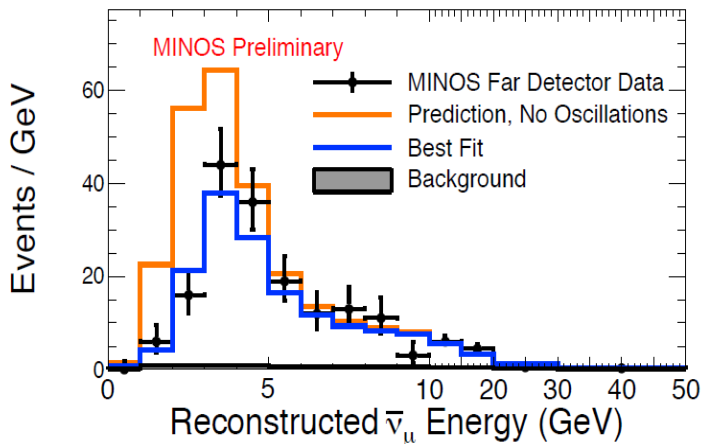
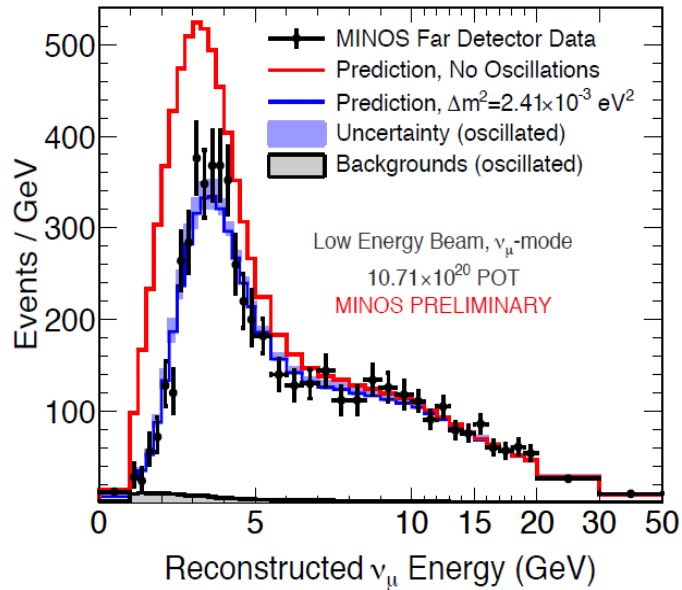




# MINOS

$\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance in beam with  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 4-7$  GeV

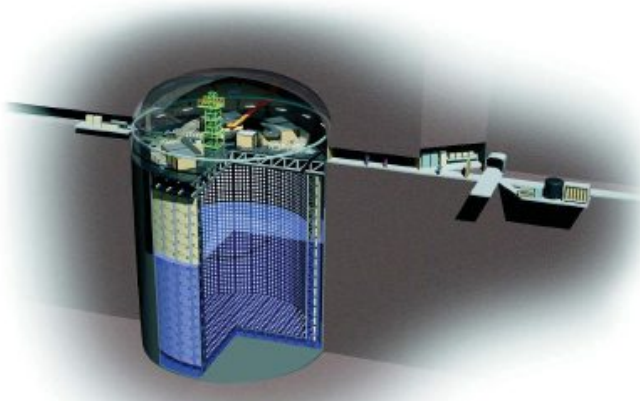
Direct test of  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)$ .



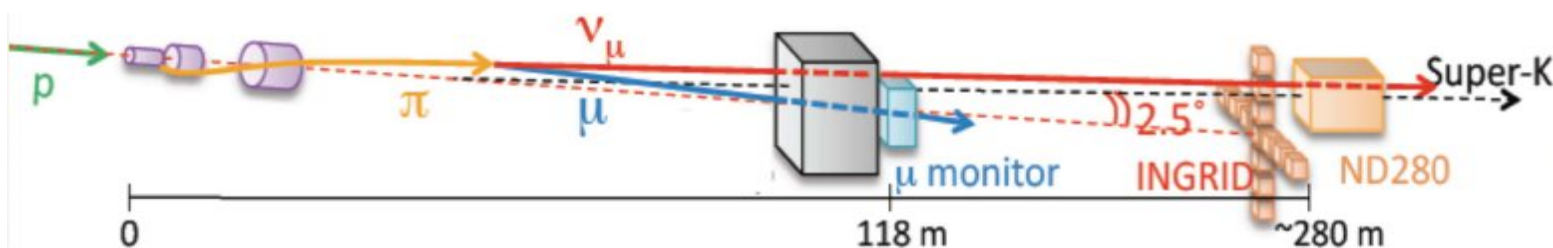
R. Nichol, Neutrino 2012

# T2K (Tokai to Kamioka)

## Super-K in Kamioka



## J-PARC accelerator in Tokai



- High power accelerator
- Powerfull and high quality neutrino beam
- High resolution near detector
- Huge far detector (Super-Kamiokande)

**Goal: Measure  $\theta_{13}$  through the appearance of  $\nu_e$ 's in a  $\nu_\mu$  beam.**

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)$$

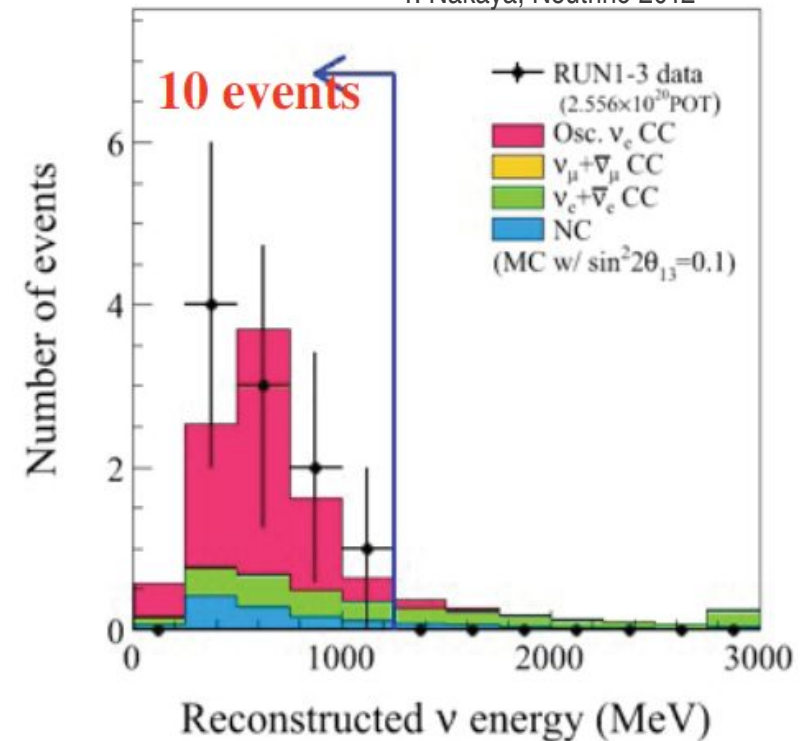
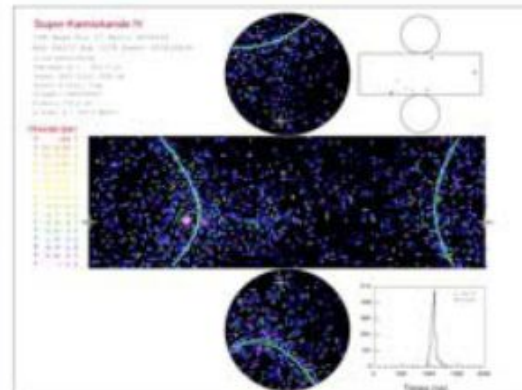
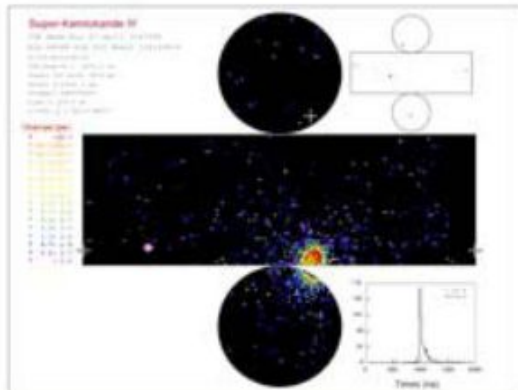
**11 March, 2011 earthquake affected the J-PARC accelerator complex severely.  
Back in operation since December 2011.**

# T2K, electron neutrino events

T. Nakaya, Neutrino 2012

## $\nu_e$ event selection:

- T2K beam timing
- Fully Contained events (FC)
- Vertex within fiducial volume (FV)
- 1 e-like Cherenkov ring.
- Visible energy  $E_{\text{vis}} > 100$  MeV
- No additional signals from  $\mu$ -decay electrons.
- $\pi^0$  Invariant mass  $< 105$  MeV (assumes 2 rings)
- Reconstructed neutrino energy  $E_\nu < 1250$  MeV



Observed: 10 events

Expected (no osc):  $2.73 \pm 0.37$

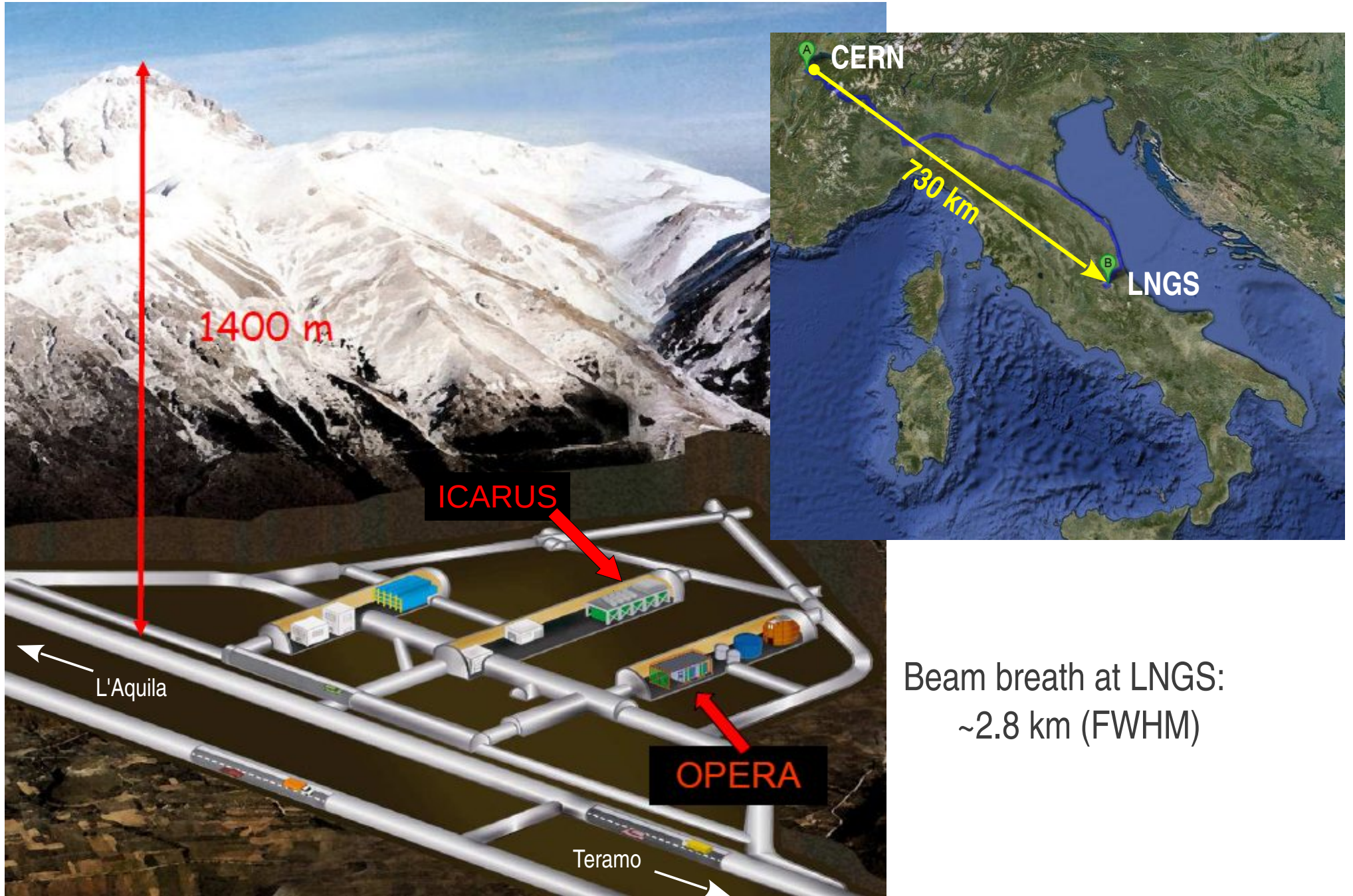
Evidence for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance!

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\theta_{23} \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.104^{+0.060}_{-0.045} \text{ for } \Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} eV^2, \delta_{CP} = 0, \theta_{23} = \pi/4$$



# Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS)



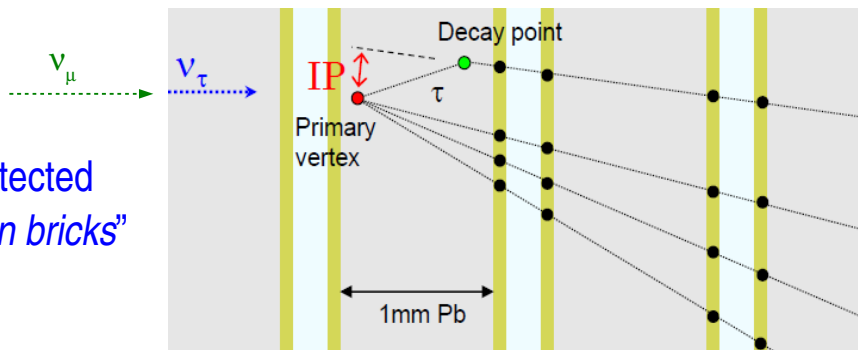
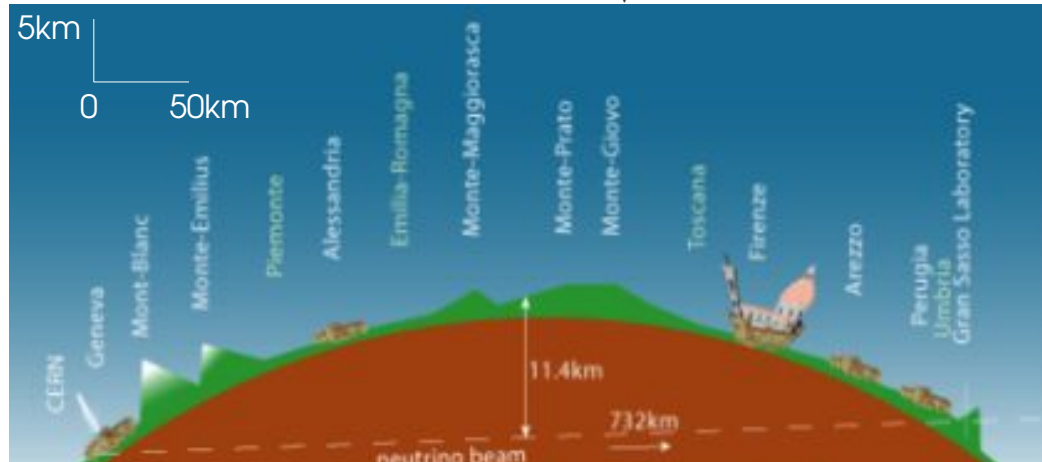
Beam breath at LNGS:  
~2.8 km (FWHM)



# OPERA (Oscillation Project with Emulsion-tRacking Aparatus)

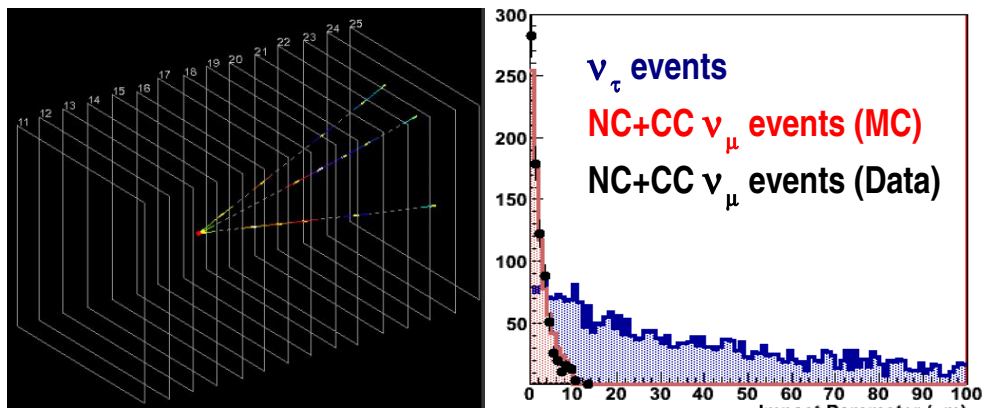
Searches for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillations through the appearance of  $\nu_\tau$  (also  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance)

Uses the CNGS beam, with  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 17$  GeV

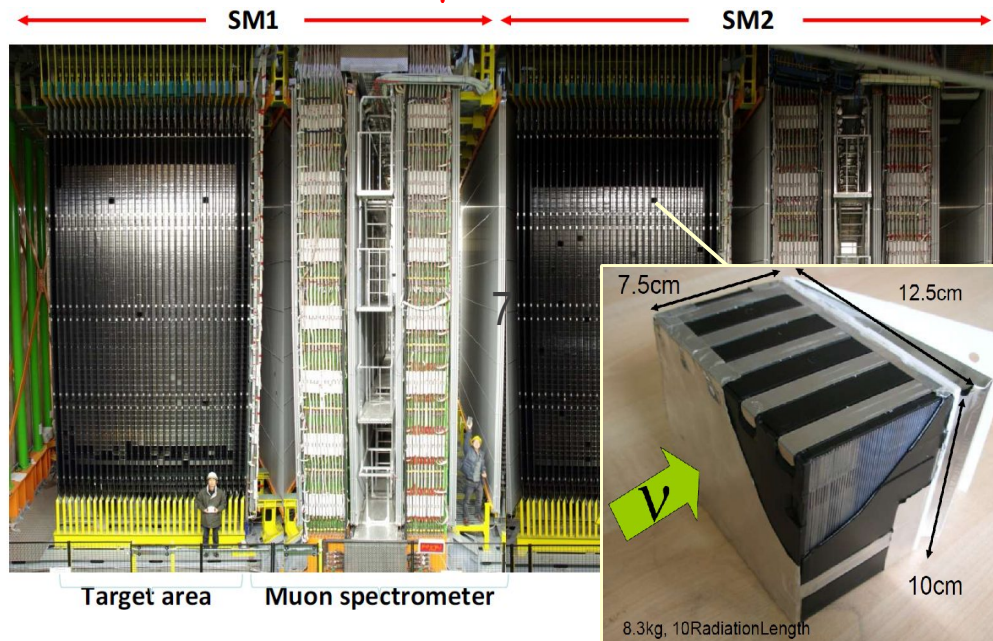


$\tau$  vertex detected in "emulsion bricks"

Brick data



Alexis A. Aguilar Arevalo



Two 900 ton detector modules (SM1, SM2):

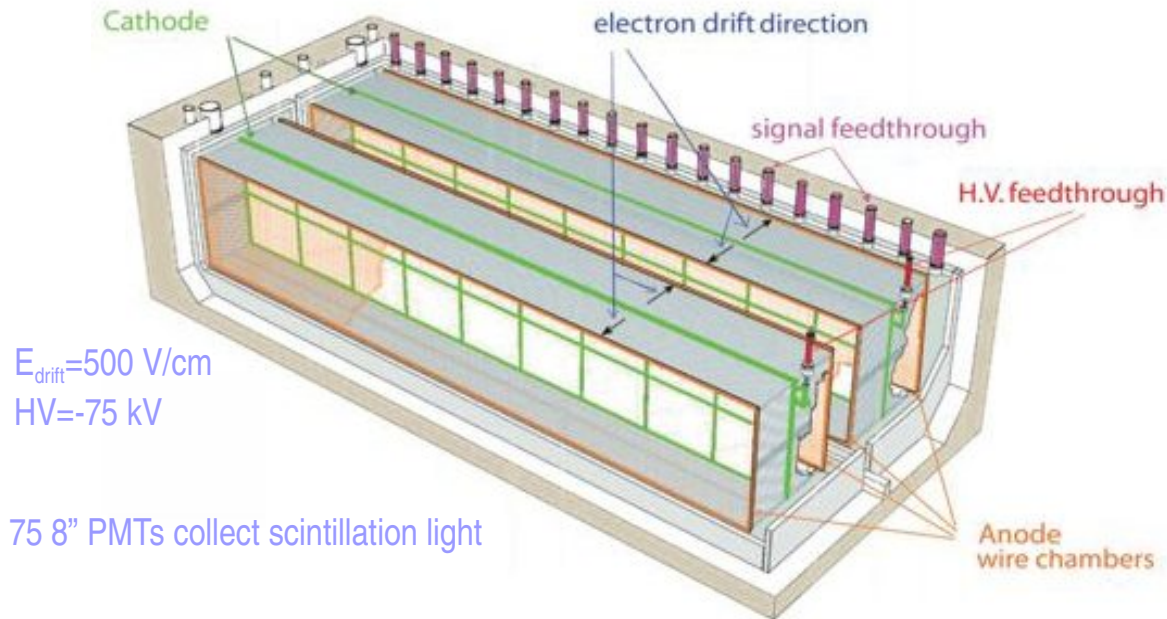
- **target:** Pb plates interleaved with walls of "emulsion bricks", and scintillator strips.
- **Magnetic spectrometer**

Total 150,000 bricks, mass of 1,250 ton.

- Collecting CNGS events since 2008.
- Partial data analysis (up to 2011): **observed 2  $\nu_\tau$  candidate events** (expected 2.1 with 0.2 bkgd.)
- For  $22.5 \times 10^{19}$  POT expects 7.6 evt. (w/ $\sim 0.8$  bkgd) according to  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  with  $\Delta m^2 \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$

New Journal of Physics, 14, 033017 (2012)

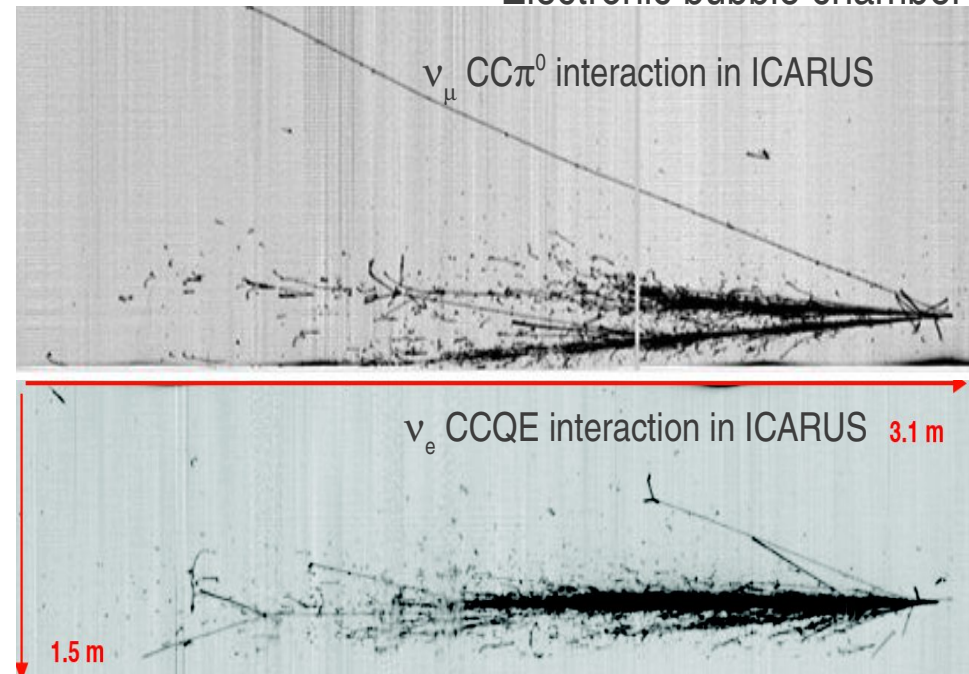
# ICARUS T600 [Imaging Cosmic And Rare Underground Singals]



- Liquid Argon TPC (LAr-TPC), two modules of  $3.6 \times 3.9 \times 19.6 \text{ m}^3$ , total mass  $\sim 760 \text{ ton}$ .
- Can reconstruct tracks of “all” charged particles in an event. Good energy resolution.
- Acquiring data w/o interruption since Oct. 2010.
- First large LAr-TPC operated underground. Major milestone towards more massive LAr detector.

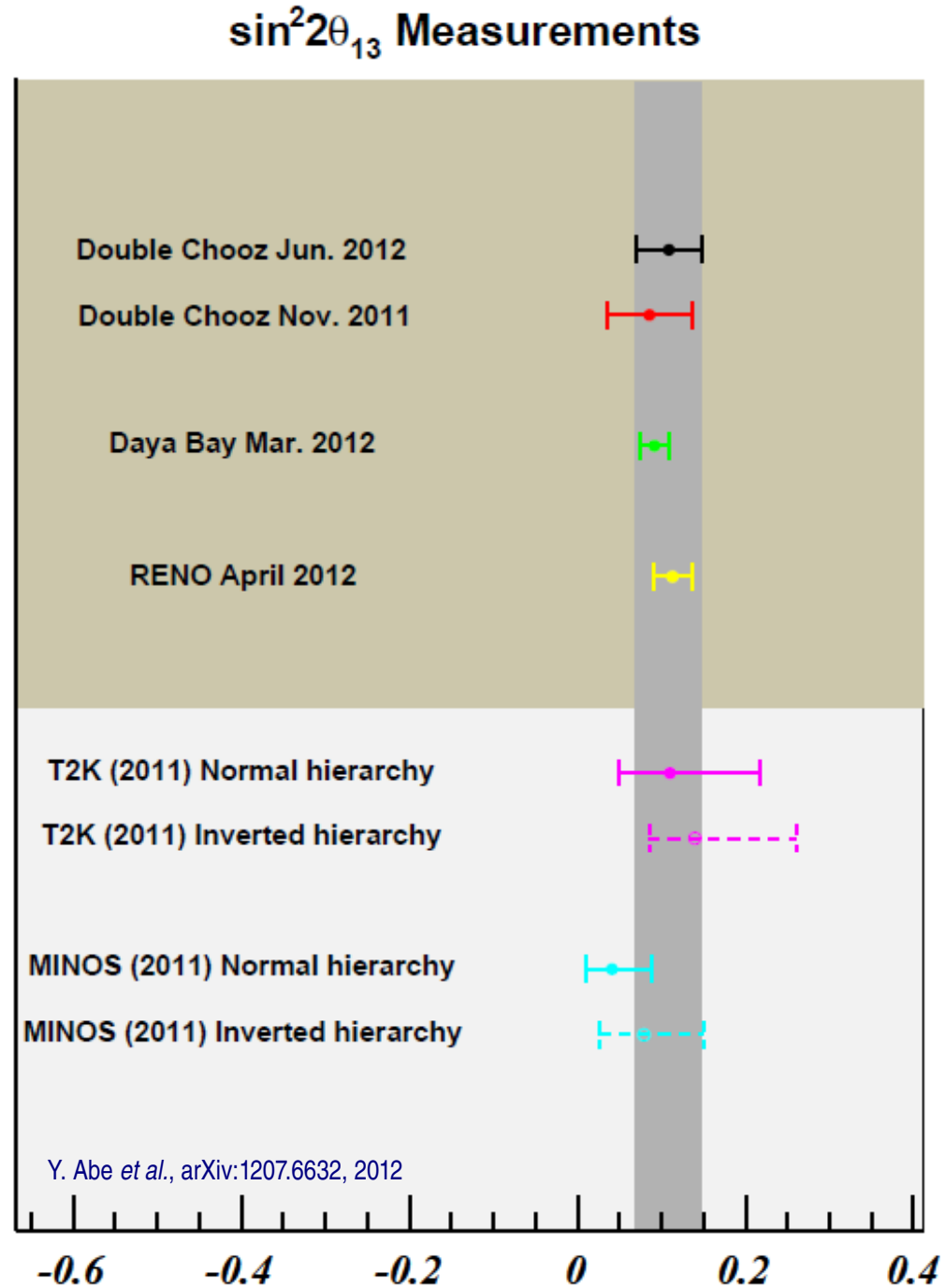
Physics:  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$  oscillations

“Electronic bubble chamber”





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

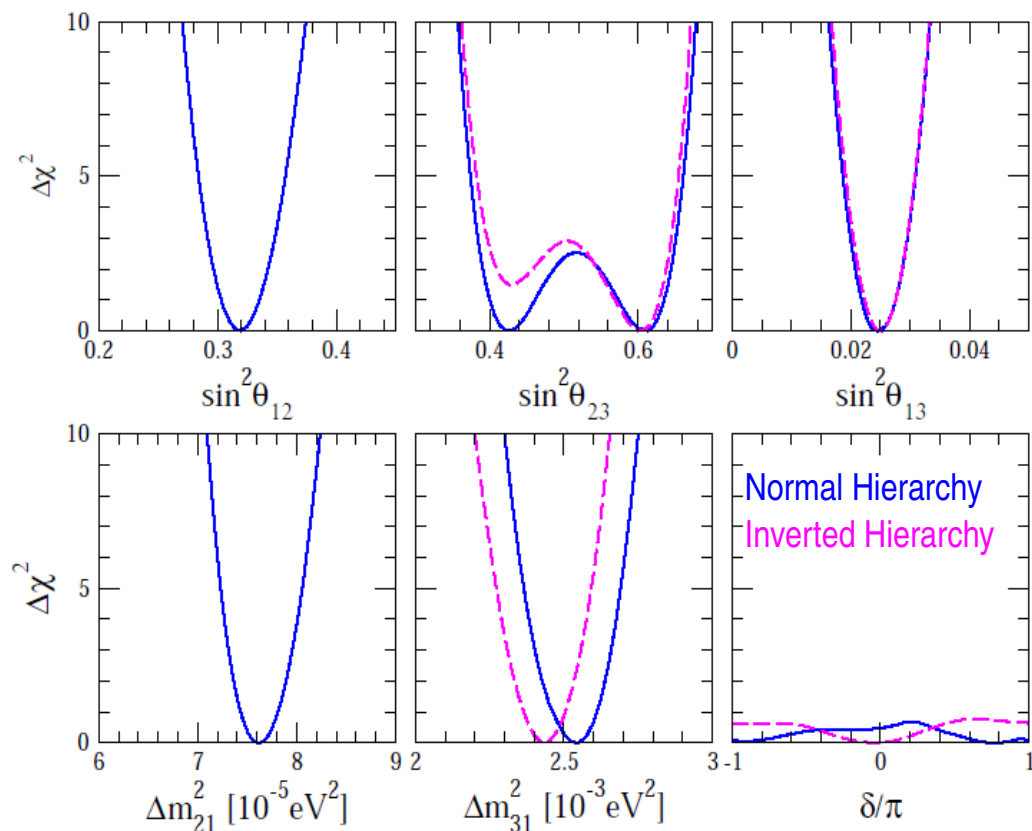


# A global analysis: arXiv:1205.4018(2012)

**Solar:** Cl, Gallex/GNO, SAGE, Super-K I-III, SNO I-III,

**Reactor:** KamLAND, Double-CHooz, Daya Bay, RENO,

**Atmospheric and accelerator:** Super-Kamiokande I-III, MINOS  $\nu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}$ , T2K,



parameter	best fit	$1\sigma$ range
$\Delta m_{21}^2 [10^{-5} \text{eV}^2]$	7.62	7.43–7.81
$ \Delta m_{31}^2  [10^{-3} \text{eV}^2]$	2.55	2.46 – 2.61
	2.43	2.37 – 2.50
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.320	0.303–0.336
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.613 (0.427) <sup>a</sup>	0.400–0.461 & 0.573–0.635
	0.600	0.569–0.626
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0246	0.0218–0.0275
	0.0250	0.0223–0.0276
$\delta$	$0.80\pi$ $-0.03\pi$	$0 - 2\pi$

D.V.Forero, M. Tortola, J.W.F. Valle, arXiv:1205.4018 (2012)

Neither the Mass Hierarchy, nor the phase  $\delta$  can be determined with current experiments.

# Oscillation probability $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ through the Earth (3ν)

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

$$\underline{4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2} \cdot \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{12} & : \text{solar } \nu \text{ oscillations } \sim \text{small} \\ \Delta_{13} \sim \Delta_{23} & : \text{atmospheric } \nu \text{ oscillations} \\ S_{23}^2 \sim 0.5, S_{12}^2 \sim 0.3, S_{13}^2 \sim 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

$$+8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cdot \cos \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31} \cdot \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$-8C_{13}^2 C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} \sin \delta \cdot \sin \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31} \cdot \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$+4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2 (C_{12}^2 C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{23} S_{13} \cos \delta) \cdot \sin^2 \Delta_{21}$$

$$-8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \cdot \frac{aL}{4E_\nu} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \cdot \cos \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31}$$

$$+8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \frac{a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \cdot \sin^2 \Delta_{31},$$

For  $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}$ ,  
 $a \rightarrow -a, \delta \rightarrow -\delta$

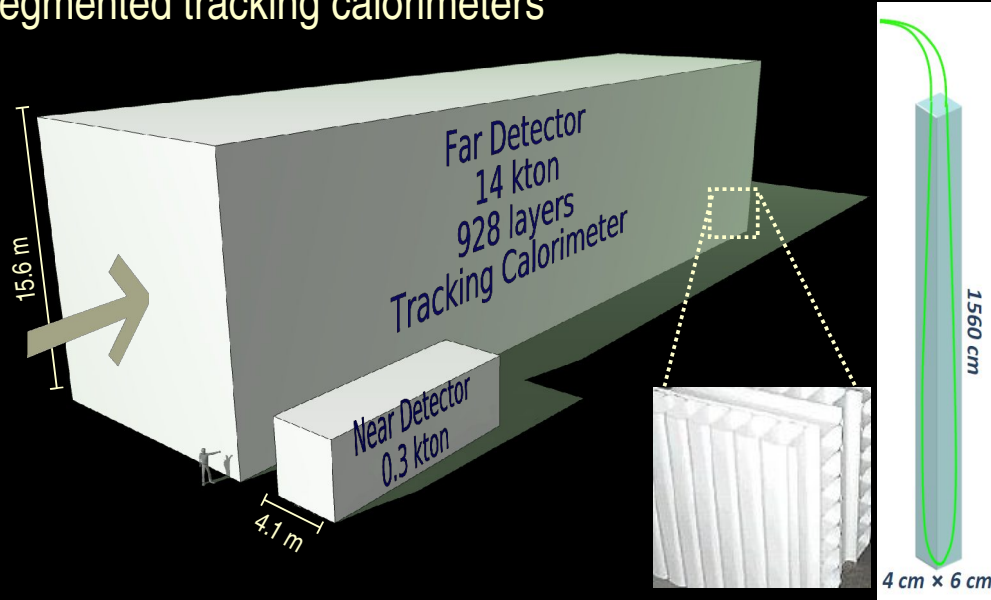
Oscillation term  $\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / 4E_\nu$

Matter effect  $a[\text{eV}^2] = 7.56 \times 10^{-5} \times \rho[\text{g/cm}^3] \times E_\nu[\text{GeV}]$



# NOvA (NuMI Off-Axis)

## Segmented tracking calorimeters



## Physics capabilities

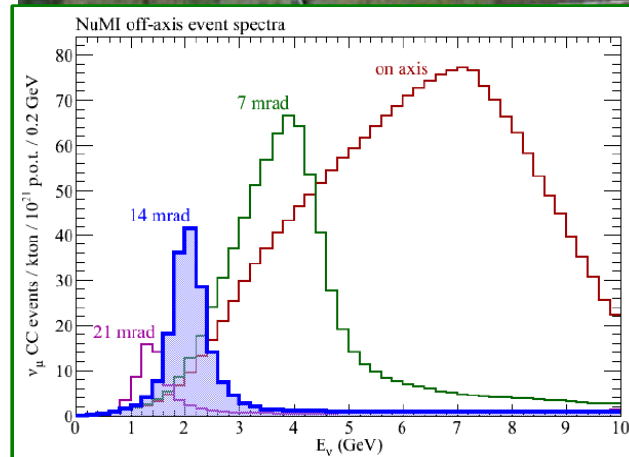
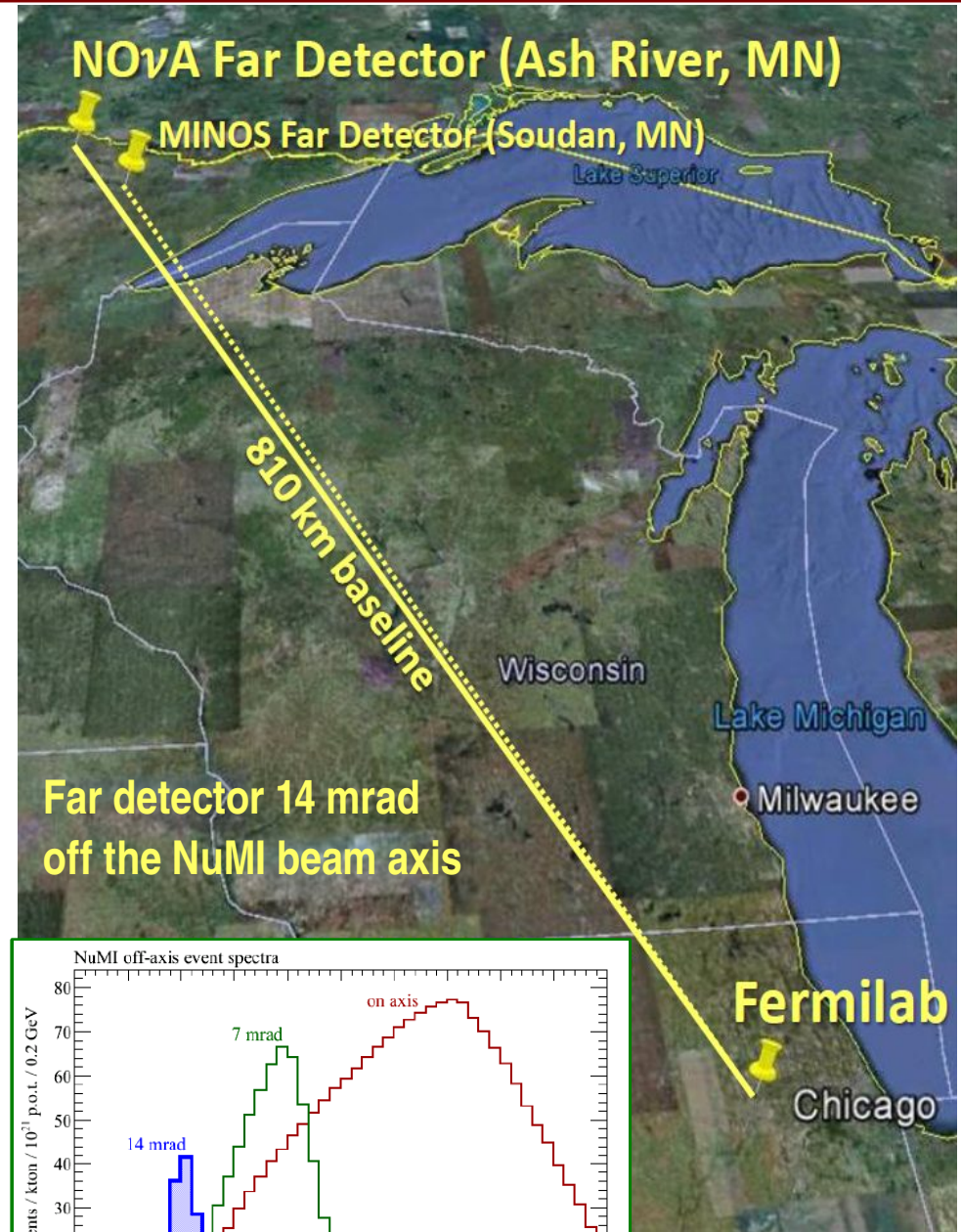
With  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

- Measure  $\theta_{13}$  using  $\nu_e$  appearance
- Determine the  $\nu$  mass hierarchy
- Search for  $\nu$  CP violation
- Determine if  $\theta_{23}$  is  $>$ ,  $<$ , or  $=$  to  $\pi/4$

With  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$

- Precision measurement of the atmospheric parameters  $\theta_{23}, |\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2|$

**Will start taking data in May 2013, NuMI beam ramp up to 700 kW in 6 months.**



R.Patterson, Neutrino 2012

# NOνA measurement principle

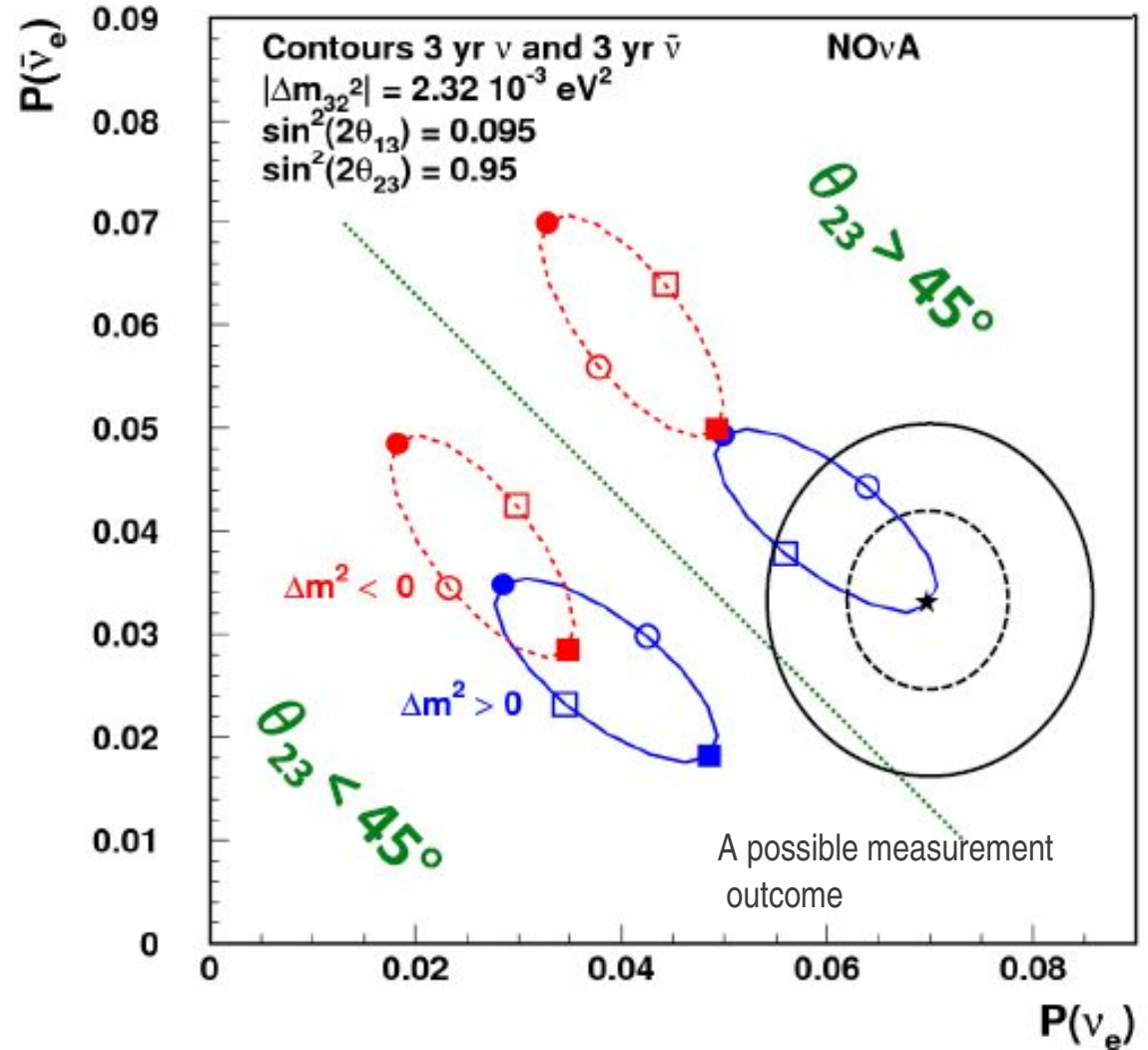
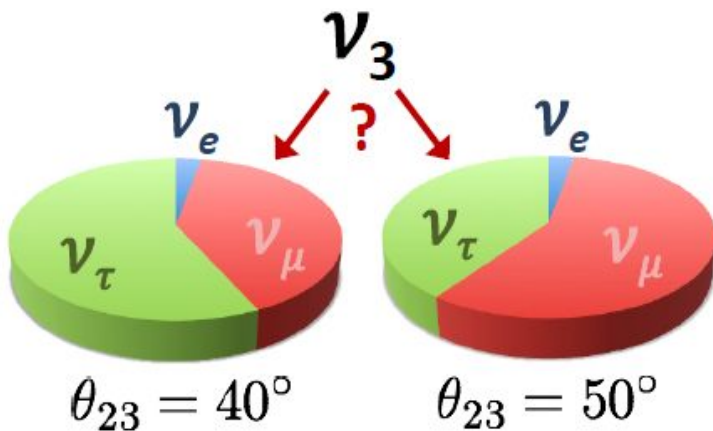
## NOνA will measure:

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \text{ at } 2 \text{ GeV}$$

and

$$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \text{ at } 2 \text{ GeV}$$

These depend *in different ways* on the CP phase  $\delta$  and on  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2)$ .



If  $\delta \sim 3\pi/2$ , and  $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$  the measurement could  
Exclude all inverted hierarchy scenarios at  $>2\sigma$

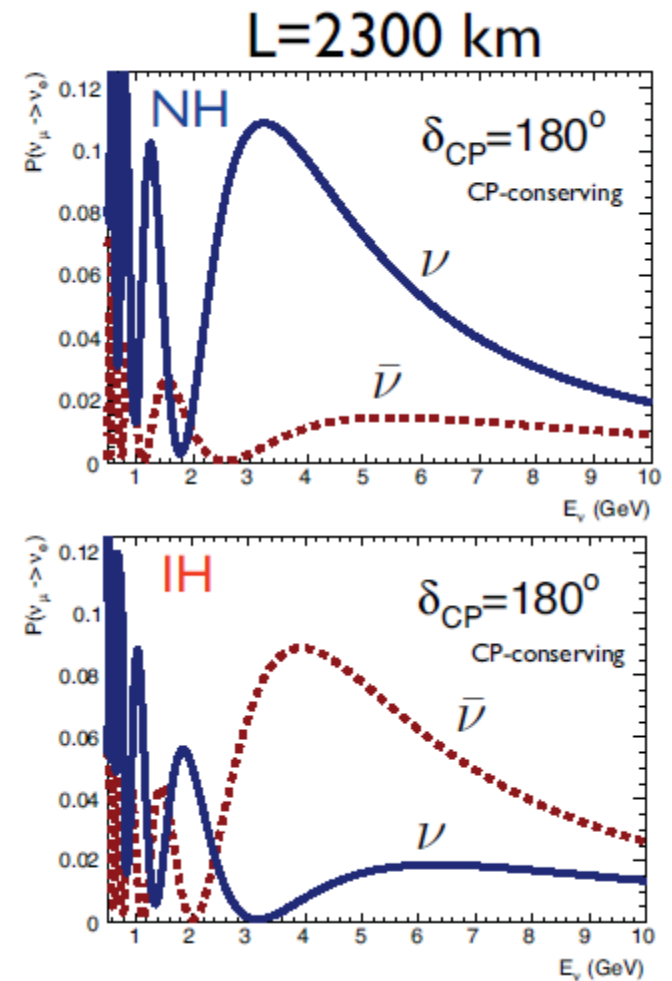
# Determining the Mass Hierarchy and the phase $\delta$

Could be achieved by comparing the oscillation probabilities of neutrinos and antineutrinos with the effect of the Earth matter over very long baselines:  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$  vs  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

Need:

- A very intense beam ( $\sim$  Mega-Watt power)
- Massive detectors (depending on technology chosen)
  - 20 kton Lar-TPC, or
  - few 100 kt Water Cherenkov
- A long baseline ( $>1500$  km)
- Several years of data (5-10 yr)

Could achieve a better sensitivity than a T2K+NOvA.



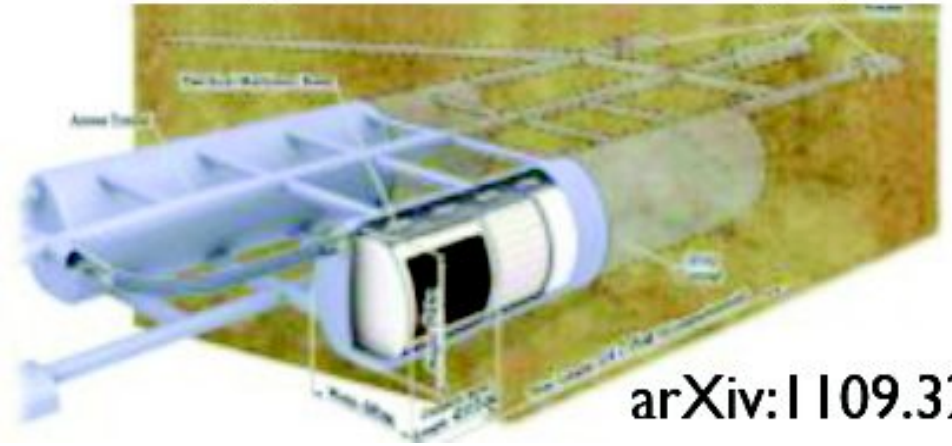
A finely grained Magnetized Iron calorimeter for atmospheric neutrinos with good energy and direction resolution could provide complementary information.



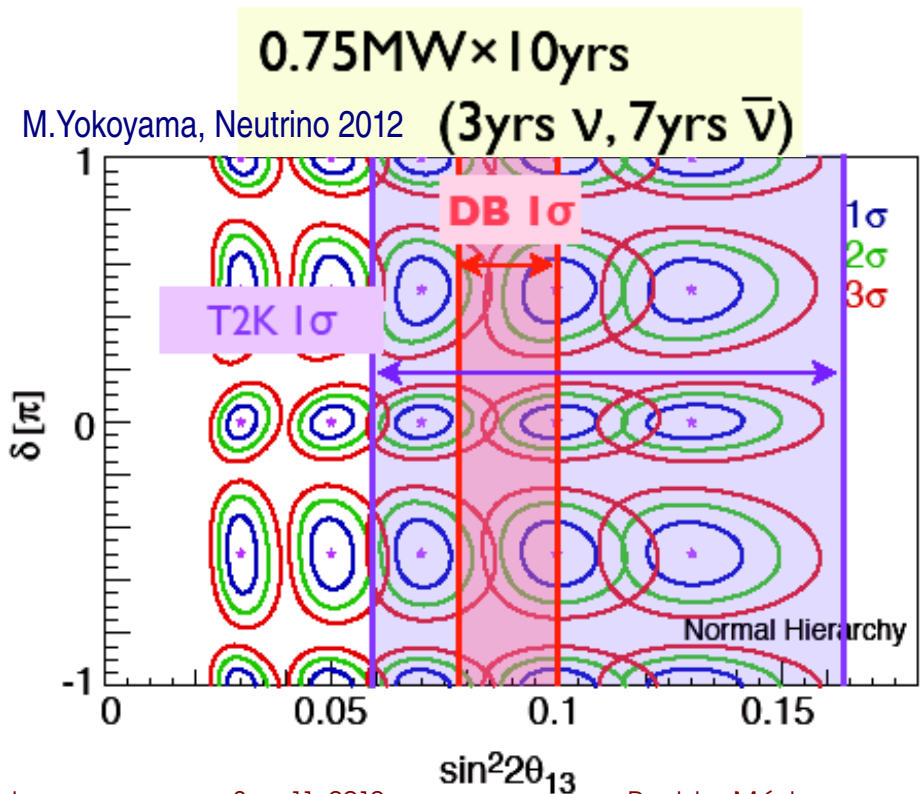
# Hyper-Kamiokande + JParc

- Mton-scale Water Cherenkov detector
- Proven technology, can be reliably used.
- With JParc upgraded beam can resolve the Mass Hierarchy and look for CPV.

## Hyper-Kamiokande (JP)



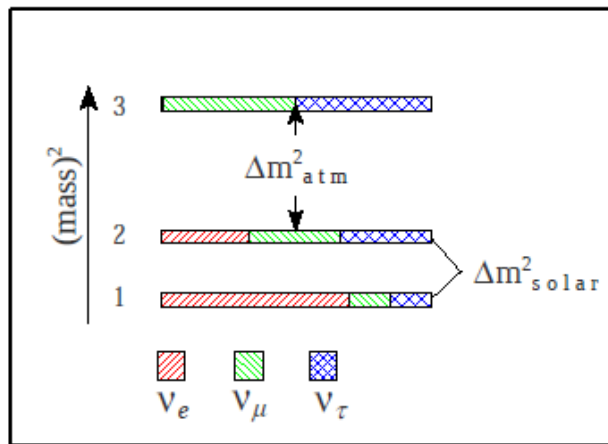
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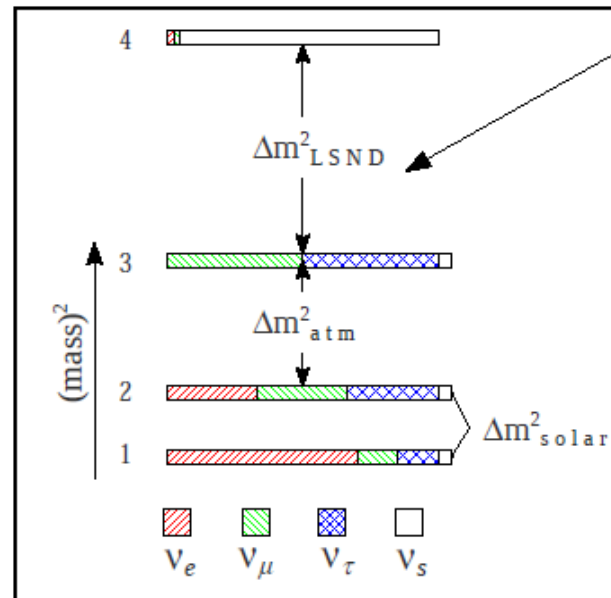
# Anomalies and sterile neutrinos

- Most experiments are consistent with 2  $\Delta m^2$  values:  $\Delta m^2_{12} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ , and  $\Delta m^2_{13} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
- Oscillations at a different  $\Delta m^2$  value would signal the existence of more than 3 neutrinos.
- LEP constrains the number of light active neutrinos to 3, therefore, the new states would have to be *sterile*.

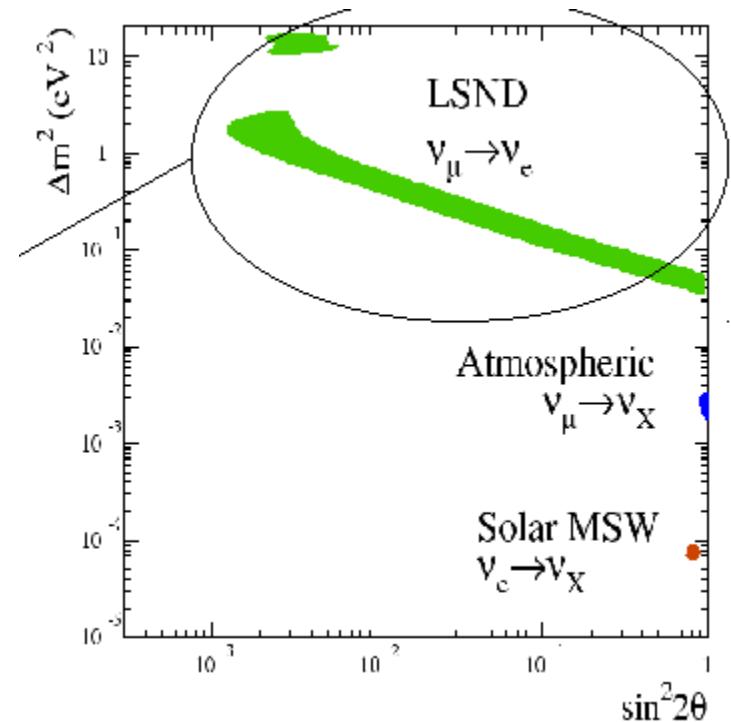
3+1 model  $\rightarrow$



3 neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  2 distinct  $\Delta m^2$ 's



4 neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  3 distinct  $\Delta m^2$ 's



Anomaly	Type	Channel	Significance
LSND	DAR	$\bar{\nu}$ CC	$3.8 \sigma$
MiniBooNE	SBL accelerator	$\nu$ CC	$3.0 \sigma$
MiniBooNE	SBL accelerator	$\bar{\nu}$ CC	$1.7 \sigma$
Gallium/Sage	Source - e capture	$\nu$ CC	$2.7 \sigma$
Reactor	Beta-decay	$\bar{\nu}$	$3.0 \sigma$

A few positive indicators exist of a  $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$ , all at short baselines, but there is tension with other data.

**Maybe more than 1 sterile? 3+N?**

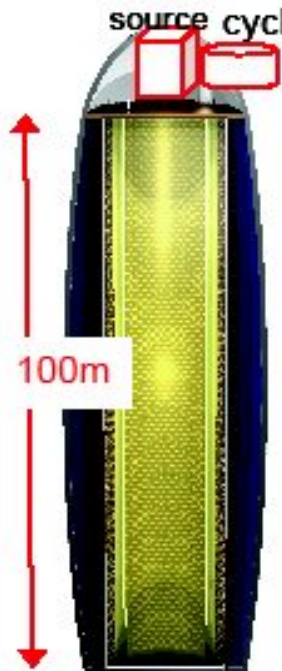
# Short baseline oscillations with Decay at rest sources (DAR)

- Intense DAR source placed near a large detector  $\Rightarrow$  good oscillation sensitivity
- For a small source (<25 cm) with energies 20-50 MeV it is possible to observe  $L/E$  oscillations *within the detector*.
- Detectors: Water Cherenkov, Liquid Argon, or Liquid Scintillator

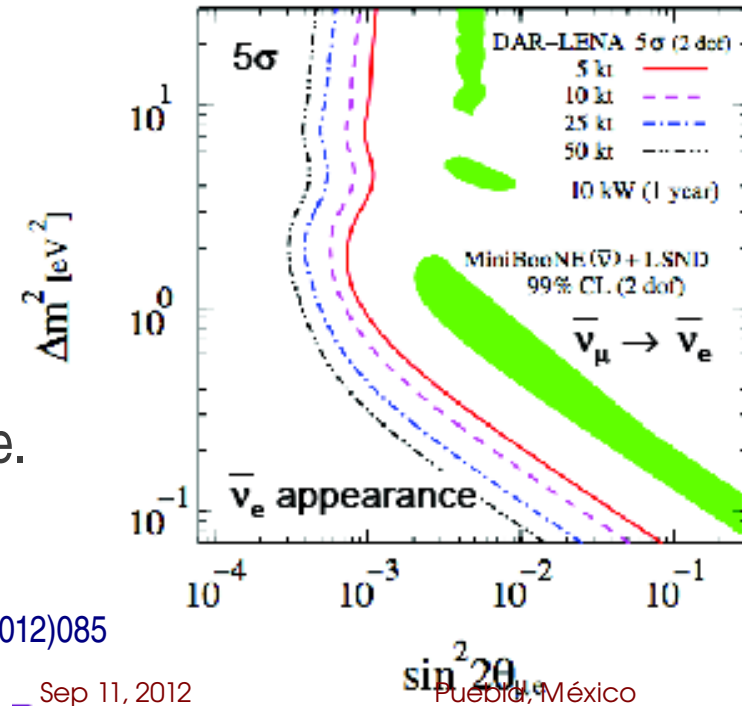
Intense (Mega-Curie)  $\nu_e$  source:  $\nu_e$  disappearance

Stopped  $\pi^-$  source of  $\nu_\mu$ 's:  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance

Example: LENA (Low Energy Neutrino Astrophysics) scintillator detector:



- Deep location (4000 m.w.e.) for minimal muon backgrounds
- Need 10 kW source with 5 kt detector for 1 year for  $5\sigma$  coverage
- Appearance and disappearance possible.

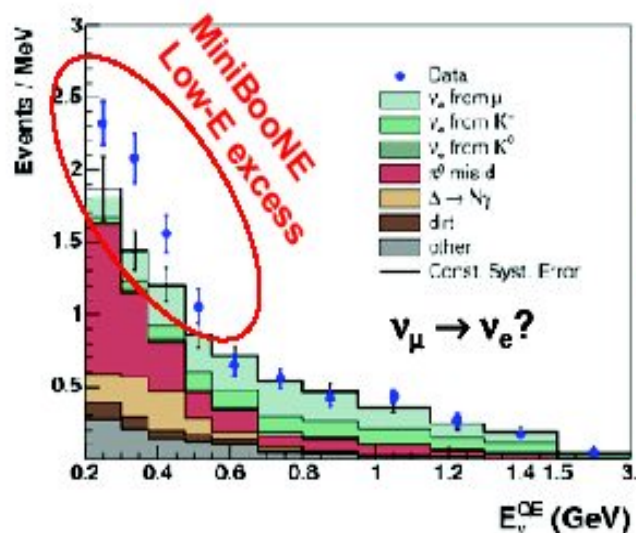
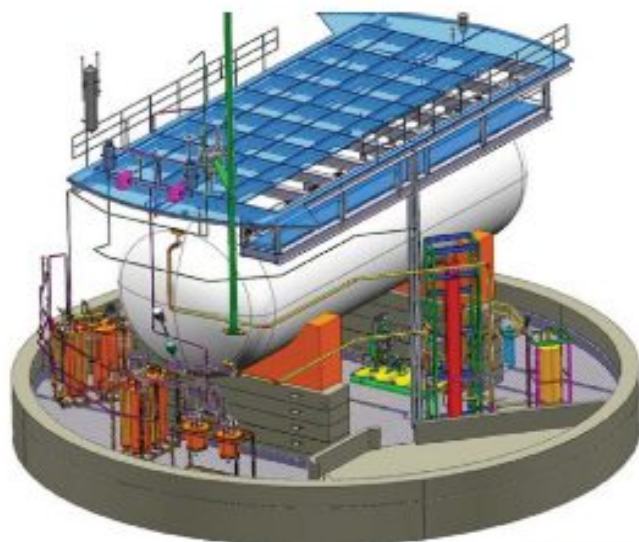


Argawalla, et al. JHEP 1112(2012)085

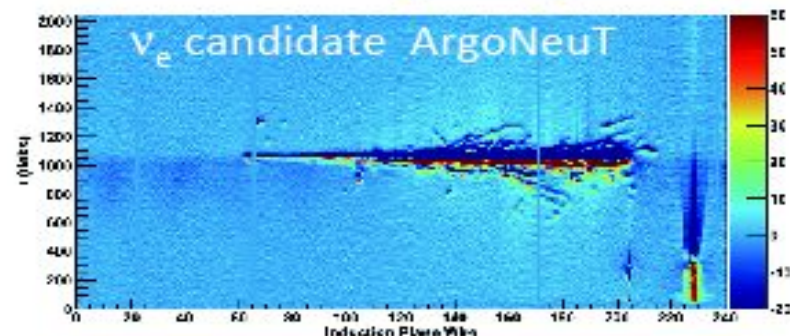


# MicroBooNE (under construction)

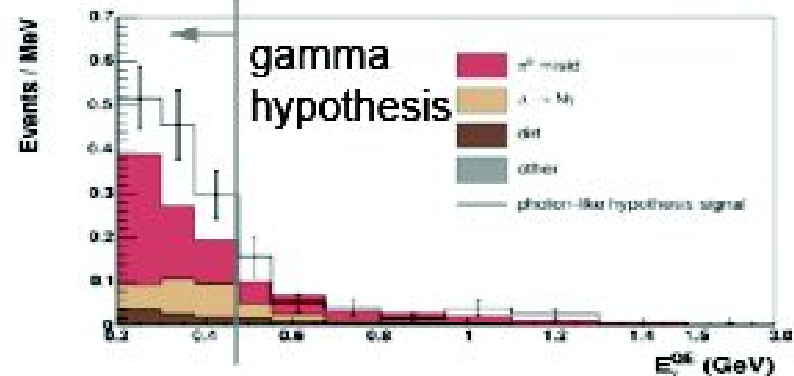
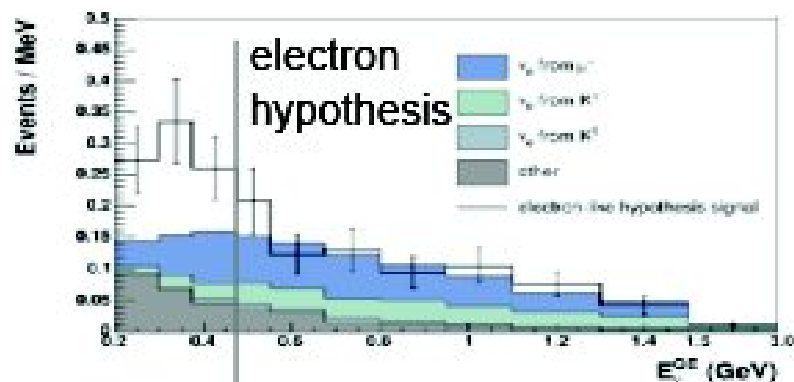
170 ton LAr-TPC to explore the MiniBooNE excess



Is it electrons or gammas?



Use topology and  $dE/dx$  to differentiate electrons (signal) from gammas (background)  
(Indistinguishable in Cerenkov imaging detectors)

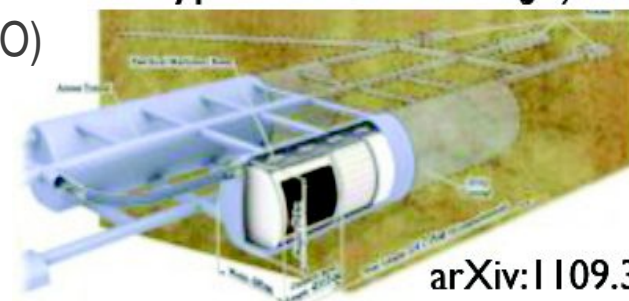


# Some other future detectors

## Atmospheric $\nu$ experiments:

- Magnetized Iron calorimeters: ICA@India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO)
- Water Cherenkov Detectors: Hyper-Kamiokande Mton size Super-K type.
- (Magnetized) Liquid Argon: Glacier
- Multi-Mton Ice detectors: PINGU denser string infill of IceCube

## Hyper-Kamiokande (JP)

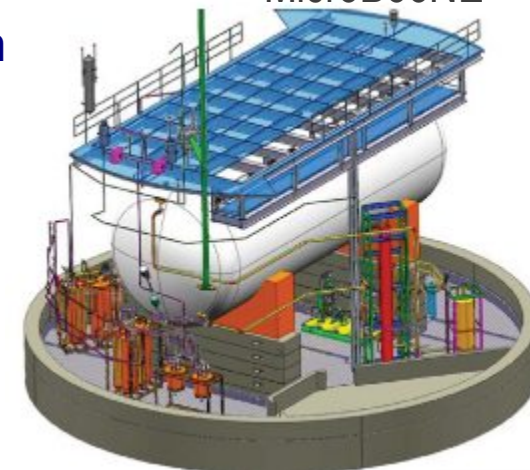


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## Long/Short Baseline oscillations with Lar TPC's:

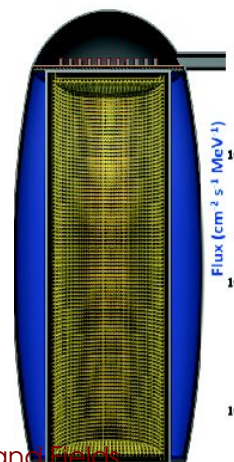
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|-----------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| • MicroBooNE:         | 170 t,        | 0.47 km, | FNAL BNB      | <b>in construction</b> |
| • LAr1 :              | 1000t         | 0.7 km   | FNAL-BNB      | proposal               |
| • ICARUS-NESSIE:      | 150 t+ 478 t, | 0.3+1.6  | CERN          | proposal               |
| • GLADE:              | 5000 t,       | 810 km,  | NuMI Off-axis | Letter of Intent       |
| • LBNE+LAr:           | 2 x 17,000 t  | 1300 km  | Homestake     | Reconfiguration        |
| • GLACIER-LAGUNA      | 20,000 t +    | 2,300 k  | Finland       |                        |
| • GLACIER-Okinoshima: | 100,000 t,    | 665 km   | Jparc beam    | R&D proposal           |

## MicroBooNE

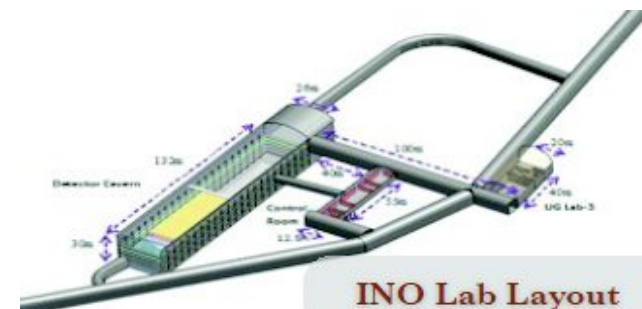


## Large scintillator detectors:

- LENA 50 kt, Phyasalmi, Finland, 4000 m.w.e. depth  
Radioactive source short distance oscillometry,  
LBL Far detector, Solar, Super-Nova, Geo- $\nu$ ,



LENA



INO Lab Layout

# Summary

- Neutrino oscillations well established. Experiments are now measuring with high precision the parameters of the oscillations (dominant behavior from Solar+Atmos+reactor+LBL accel.)
- Reactor experiments have measured a  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$  larger than expected. Determination of the Mass Hierarchy will be easier. Opens possibility to measure CPV.
- Earth matter effects in neutrino vs antineutrino oscillations will be exploited by future experiments to try to measure the Mass Hierarchy and explore CPV in the leptonic sector.
- Will take several years (5-10 yr) of data taking after construction of the new large experiments to finally measure precisely all the properties of neutrinos.
- Experiments will test the anomalies of LSND/MiniBooNE. Establishing the existence of sterile neutrinos would be a major result for particle physics.
- Note that all these experiments will not be able to find the neutrino absolute masses!  
⇒ other experiments are being performed to address this (subject of another full talk!)
- Exciting times to be do neutrino physics!

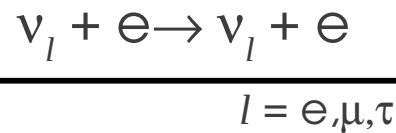


**Thank you!**

**Backup**

# Neutrino interactions

**$\nu$ -electron elastic scattering:**  
(CC &/or NC)



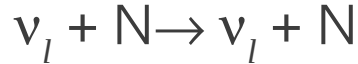
$$\sigma(\nu_e) = 0.93 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 (E_\nu / \text{GeV})$$

$$\sigma(\nu_{\mu, \tau}) = 0.16 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 (E_\nu / \text{GeV})$$

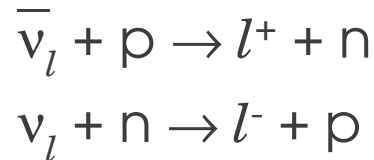
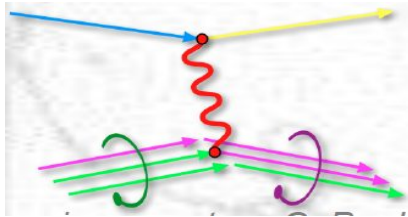
strongly directional:  $\theta_e \leq 2m_e / E_\nu$

**$\nu$ -nucleon (N=n,p) scattering:**

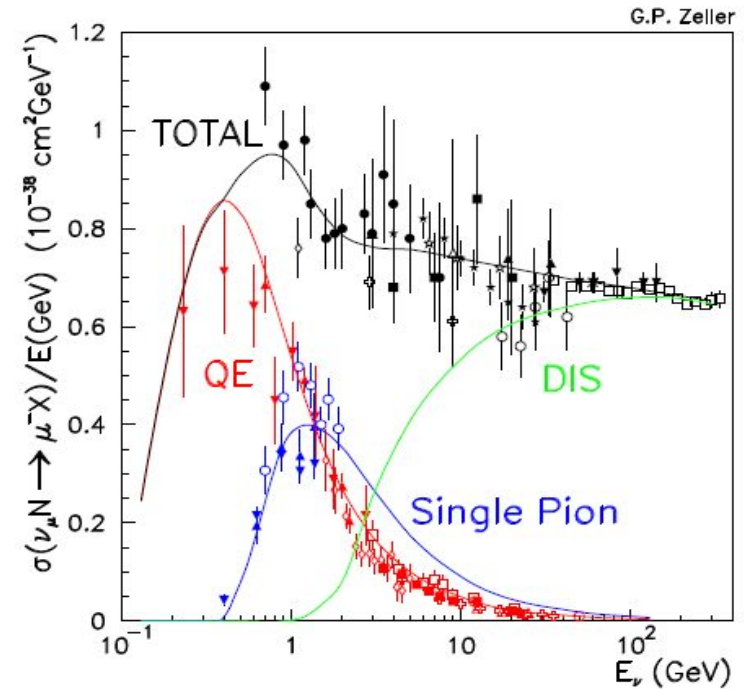
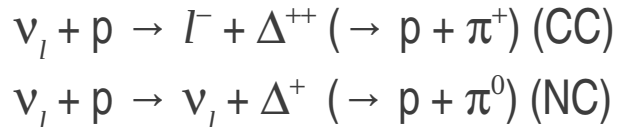
- Elastic scattering (NC)



- Quasi-elastic (CC)

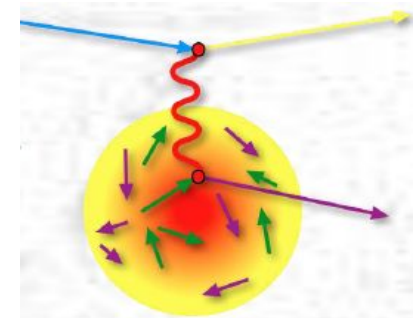


- $\pi$  production



## Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)

- CC interactions  $\rightarrow$  charged lepton + debris
- CN interactions  $\rightarrow$  outgoing neutrino + debris





# Atmospheric neutrino oscillations

Oscillation probabilities for neutrinos with  $E_\nu \sim 1-50$  GeV

$$\begin{aligned} L \text{ (km)}, E \text{ (GeV)} \quad & P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) \approx \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E) \\ & P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E) = P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \\ & P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \underbrace{\sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)}_{\sim \pi/2 \text{ when } L \sim 5,000 \text{ km and } E \sim 10 \text{ GeV}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{23}^2 &= 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \theta_{13} &= 8.8^\circ \end{aligned}$$

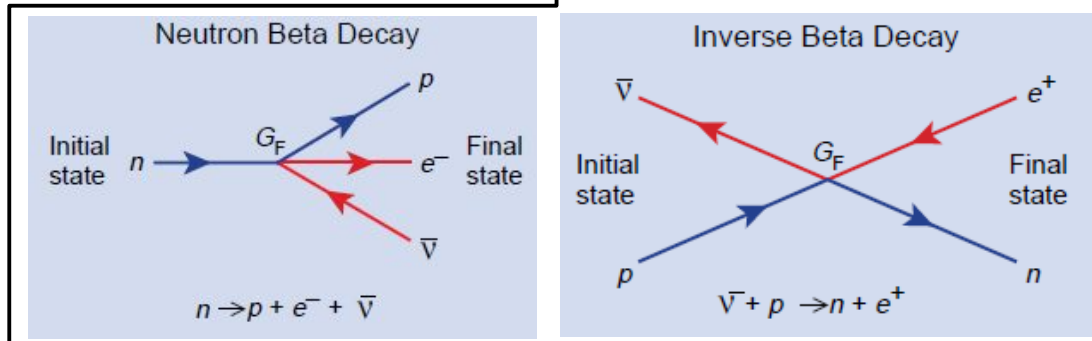
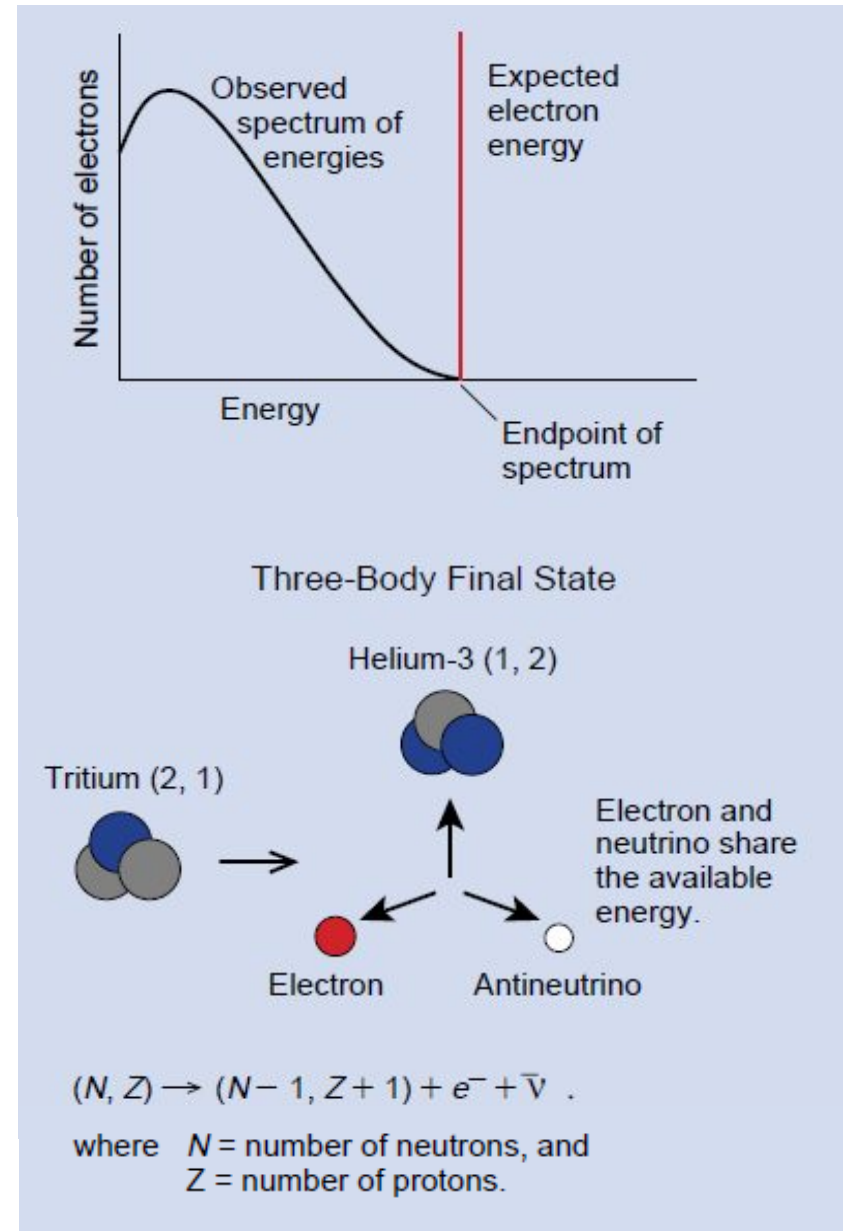
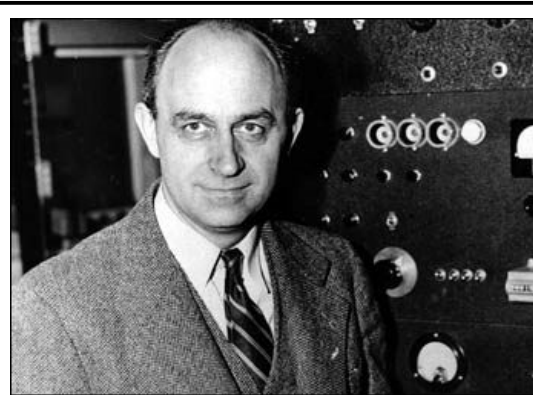
$\theta_{13}$  small(ish)  $\Rightarrow P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)$  dominates

**Note:** Artificial beam with  $E_\nu \sim 1.5$  GeV along  $\sim 750$  km would have the same  $L/E$ .

# Neutrinos

In 1930, Pauli postulated the existence of a new particle to explain the observed energy spectrum of the electrons emitted in nuclear beta decay.

In 1934, Enrico Fermi introduces the “neutrino” in his theory of beta decay.



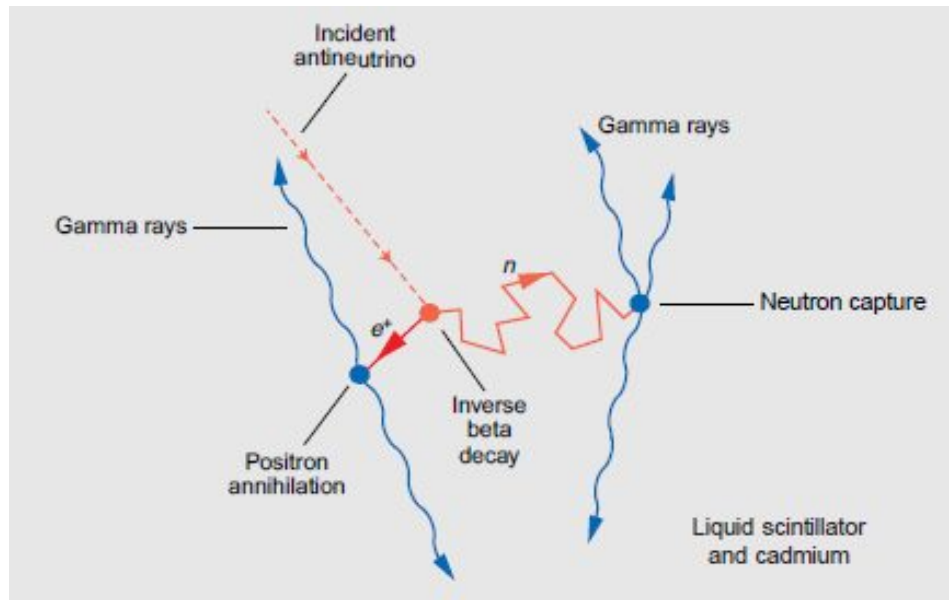
# Experimental discovery, 1956

F. Reines and C. Cowan, Los Alamos, U.S.A.

**Source:** Nuclear reactor, Savannah River, SC

**Detector:** - 3 tanks with liquid scintillator

- 2 targets with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  w/  $\text{CdCl}_2$  dissolved



June 14, 1956, telegram for W. Pauli:

"We are happy to inform you that we have definitively detected neutrinos from fission fragments by observing inverse beta decay. "

F. Reines & C. Cowan

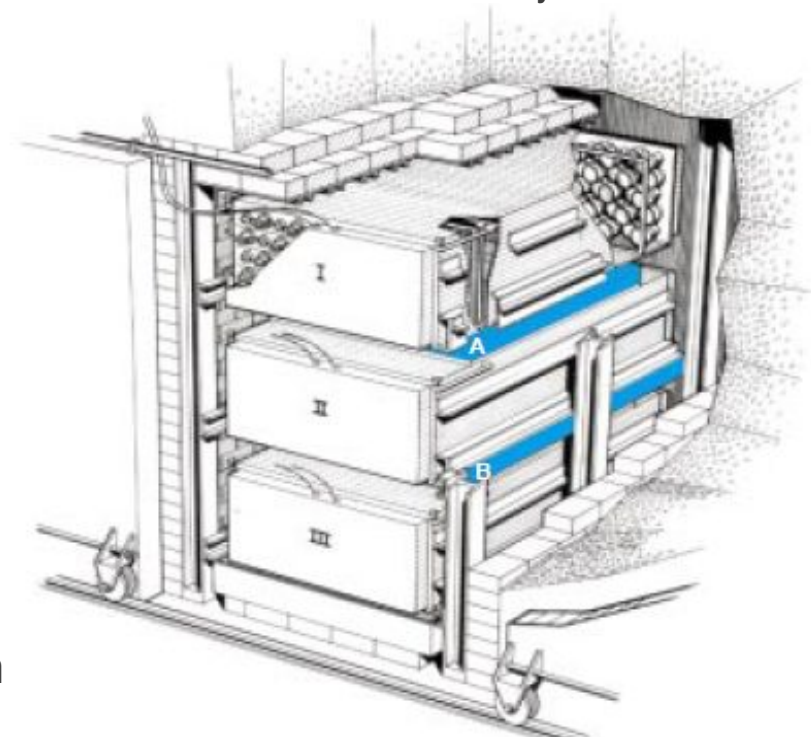


Physics Nobel Prize, 1995



Frederick Reines

Clyde Cowan





# Neutrino oscillations

- Studied experimentally by:  
***appearance*** and ***disappearance***
- Relevant parameters:
  - $\Delta m^2$  → frequency,  $\theta$  → Amplitude : **Fixed by Nature**
  - Energy  $E$  of  $\nu$ , distance  $L$  from source to detector  
: **Fixed by Experimenter**
- Disappearance

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

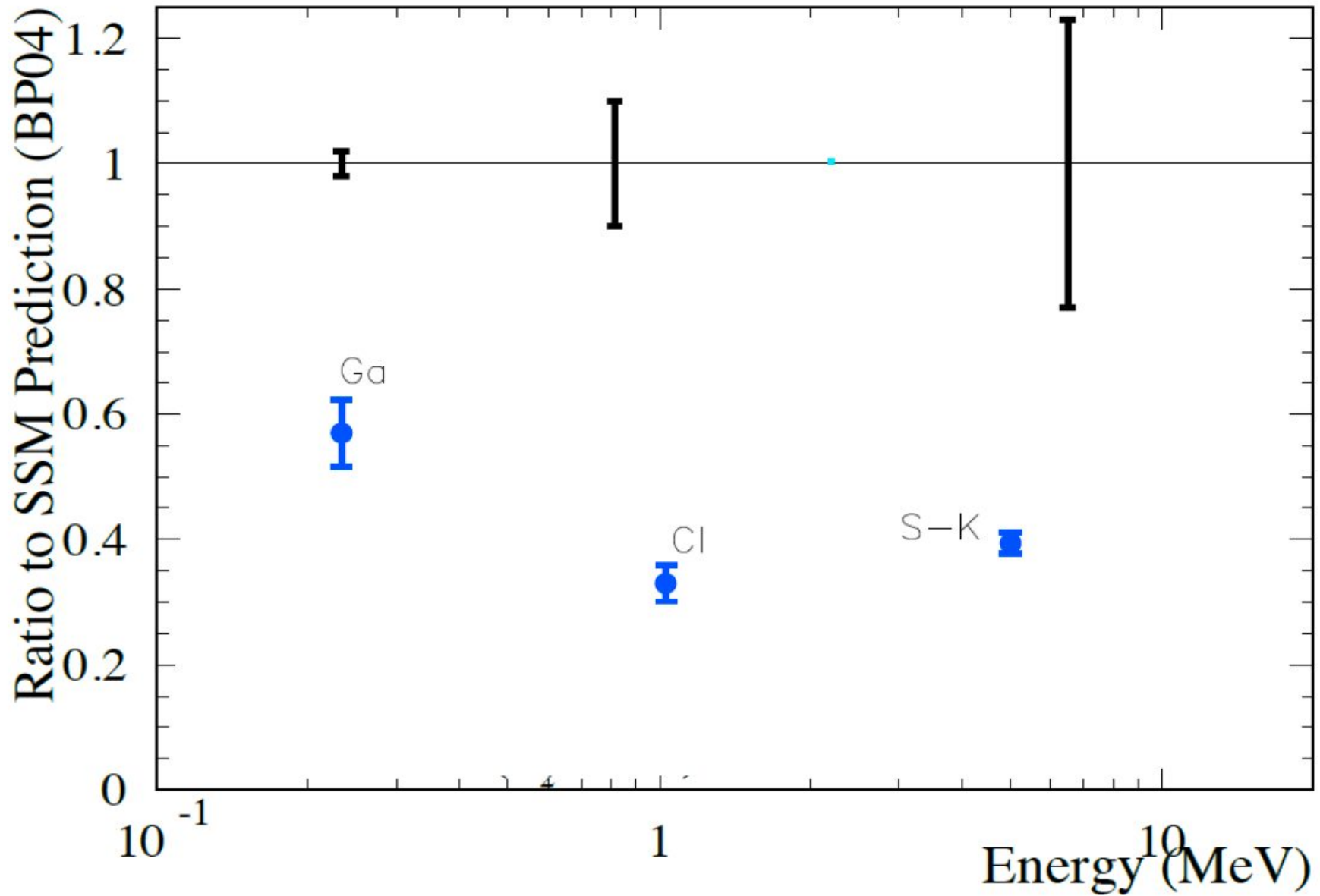
- Appearance

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

$\alpha \neq \beta$

Notation:  $\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} = \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E}$ ,  $\Delta m^2$  (eV<sup>2</sup>),  $L$  (km),  $E$  (GeV)

# Solar neutrino problem



# Three phases of SNO (neutron detection)

## Pure D<sub>2</sub>O

Nov 99 – May 01



( $E_{\gamma} = 6.25$  MeV)

PRL 87, 071301 (2001)

PRL 89, 011301 (2002)

PRL 89, 011302 (2002)

PRC 75, 045502 (2007)

## Salt (2 ton)

Jul 01 – Sep 03



( $E_{\Sigma\gamma} = 8.6$  MeV)

enhanced NC rate  
and separation

PRL 92, 181301 (2004)

PRC 72, 055502 (2005)

## <sup>3</sup>He Counters

Nov 04 – Nov 06



proportional counters

$\sigma = 5330$  b

event-by-event  
separation

PRL 101, 111301 (2008)

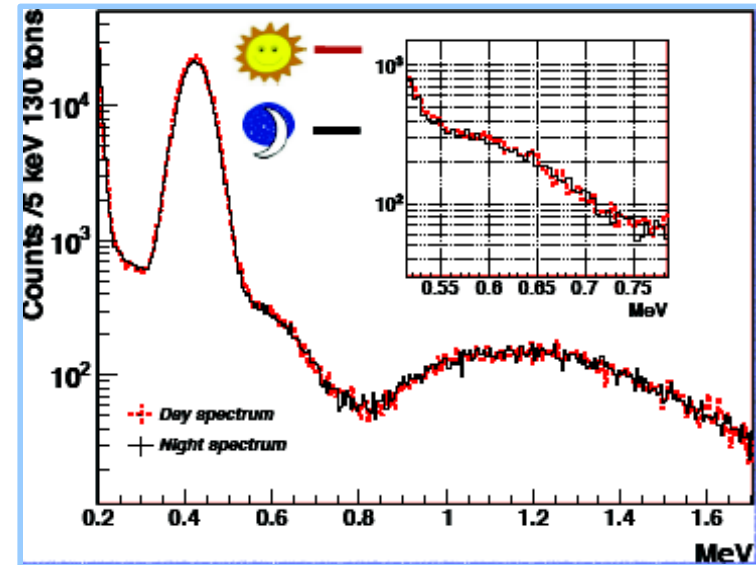


# Borexino, day/night asymmetry

Phys.Lett. B707,22-26, 2012

$$A_{dn} = 2 \frac{R_N - R_D}{R_N + R_D} = 0.001 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$$

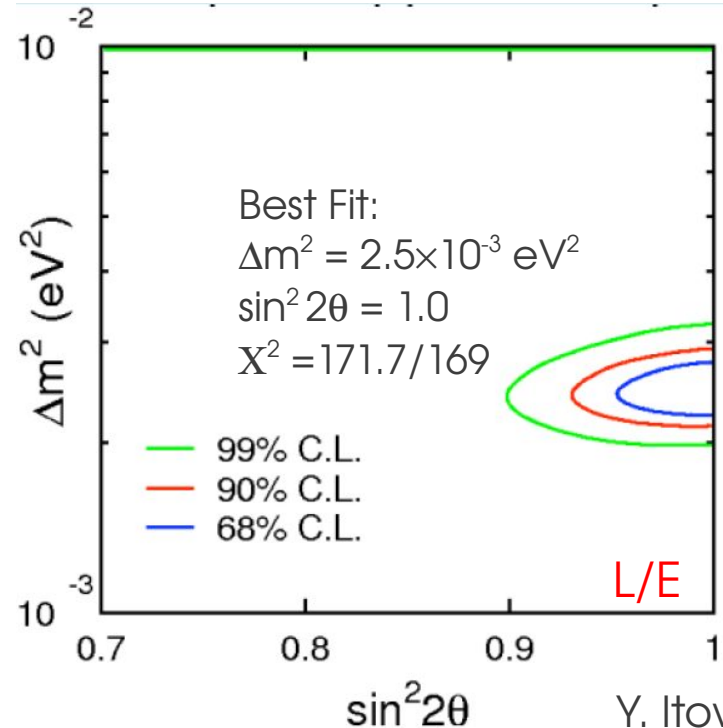
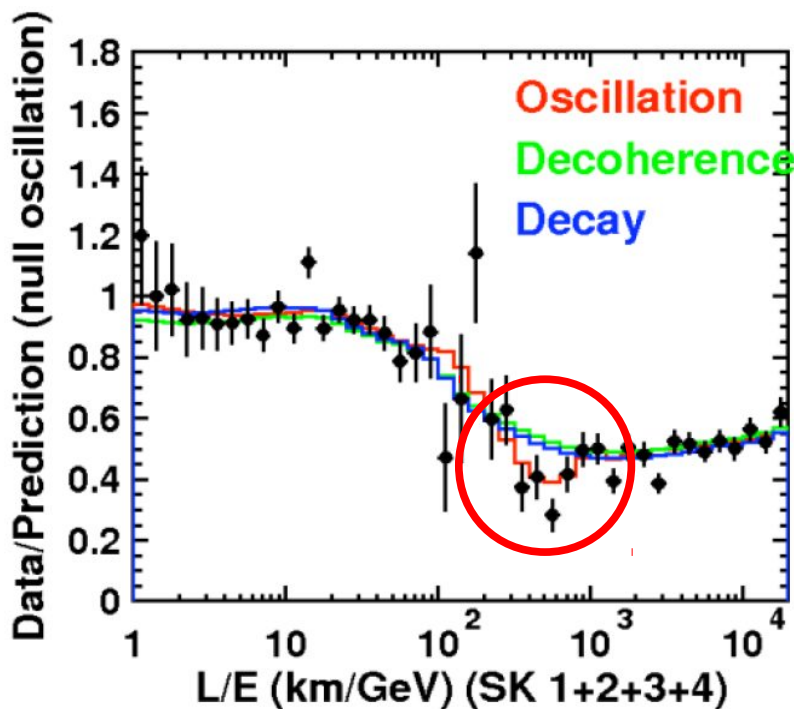
**No asymmetry observed**



⇒ Earth matter effects are small for solar neutrinos. Allows to select LMA solution from solar data only (previously, one needed KamLAND data for this).

# Super-K (I+II+III+IV): atmospheric neutrinos, L/E analysis

- Arrival direction determines the traveled distance  $L$  across the Earth (or the atmosphere).
- Oscillation interpretation is strongly favored by the details in the L/E spectrum.
- Alternative explanations are disfavoured:  
decoherence ( $4.4 \sigma$ ) y neutrino decay ( $5.4 \sigma$ )



$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$$

# Neutrinos from nuclear reactors

Decaimiento  $\beta^-$ :  ${}^A_Z X \rightarrow {}^A_{Z+1} Y + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$

	${}^{235}\text{U}$	${}^{239}\text{Pu}$	${}^{238}\text{U}$	${}^{241}\text{Pu}$
$E_{\text{Fisión}}$ (MeV)	202	210	205	212
$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle$ (MeV)	1.46	1.32	1.56	1.44
$\langle N_{\nu} \rangle$ ( $E_{\nu} > 1.8$ MeV)	5.58 (1.92)	5.09 (1.45)	6.69 (2.38)	5.89 (1.83)

Typically:  $\sim 2 \times 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e / \text{sec} / \text{GWatt}$

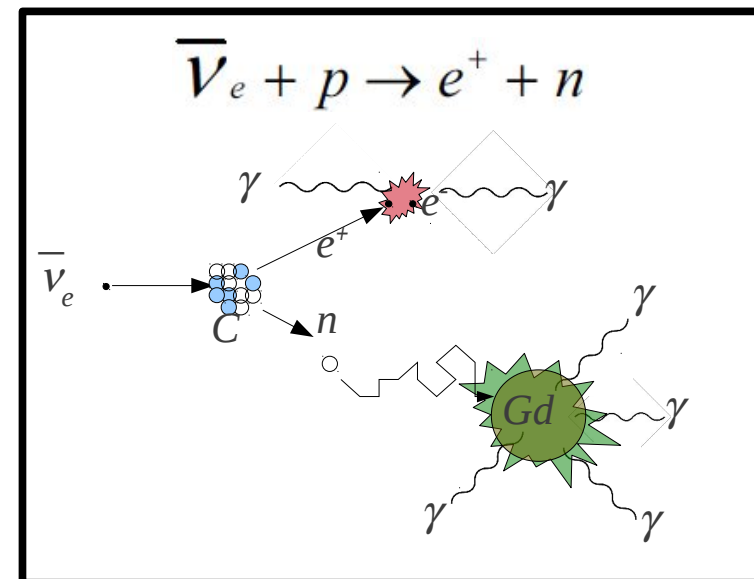
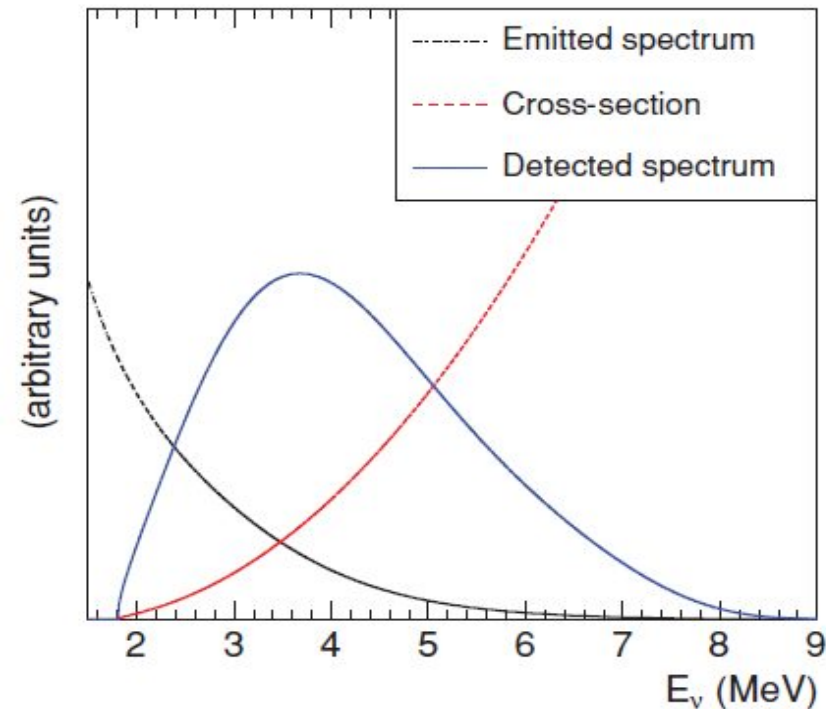
Detected through *inverse  $\beta$  decay*:

- Reaction threshold:  $E_{\nu} > 1.8$  MeV
- Cross section ( $\propto E_{\nu}^2$ ):  $\langle \sigma \rangle \sim 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$

Signal  $e^+$ : Cherenkov +  $\gamma$ 's (annihilation)

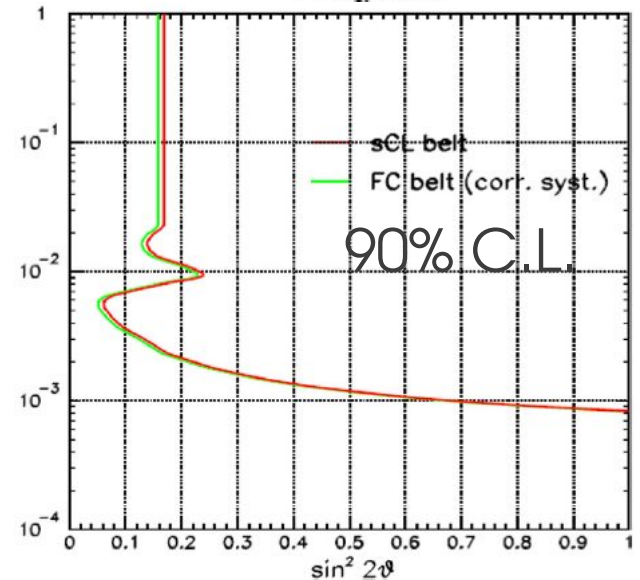
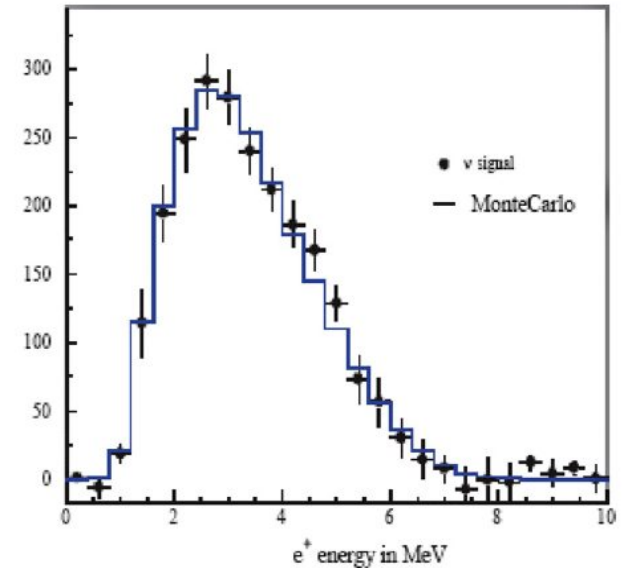
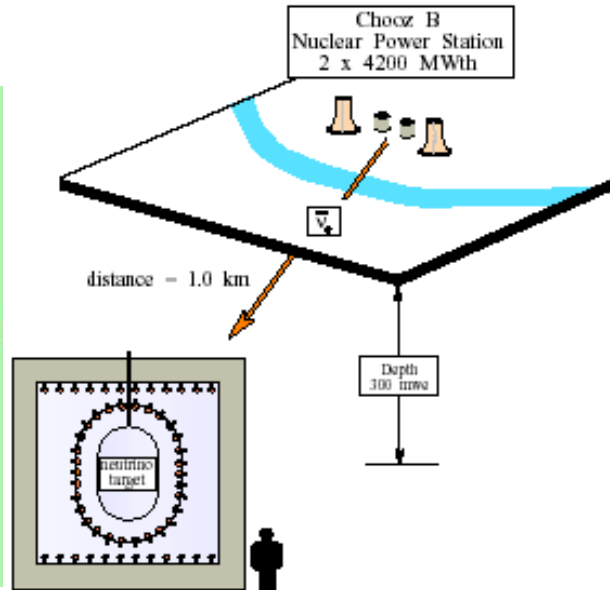
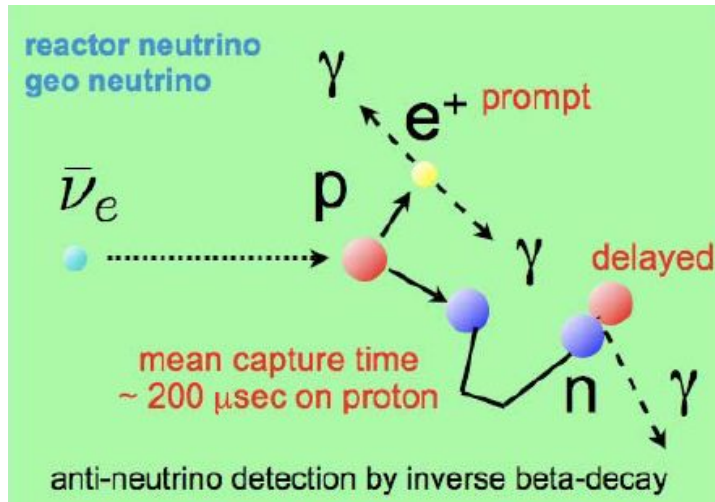
Signal  $n$ :  $\gamma$ 's from capture in Gd ( $\sim 8$  MeV)

**The delayed coincidence of the  $e^+$  and  $n$  signals, identify the interaction of a  $\bar{\nu}_e$  with a proton.**



# Experimento CHOOZ

5 ton de centellador líquido dopado con Gd.



$$R = \frac{\text{dat}}{\text{no} - \text{osc}} = 1.01 \pm 0.0028 \pm 0.0027$$

Apollonio et al. ( Eur.Phys.J C 27 331 (2003))

$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_x$  excluida para  $\Delta m^2 \geq 8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  SK-atm no es  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  ( $\Delta m_{\text{SK-atm}}^2 \sim 10^{-3}$ )



# Reactor experiments measuring $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

## Double-CHOOZ detectors

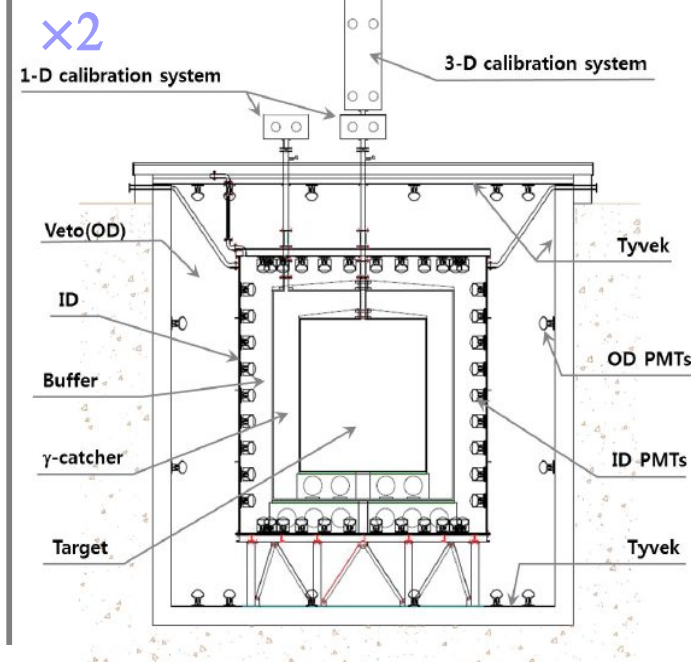
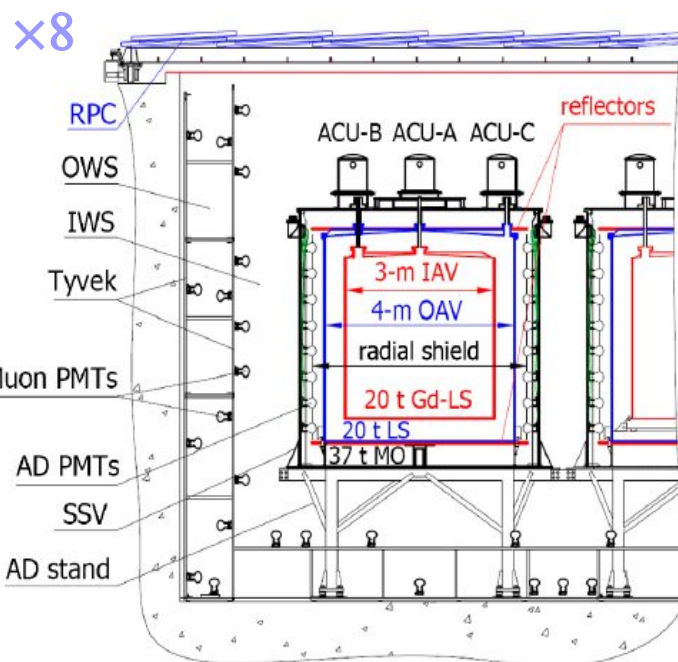
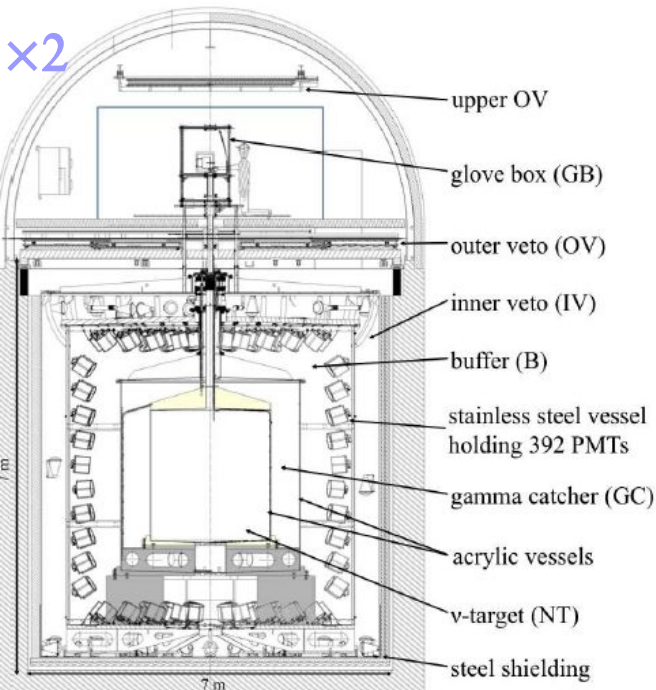
Outer Veto: *plastic scintillator strips*  
 === Steel shield (15 cm thick) ===  
 78 8" PMTs  
 Inner Veto: *LS (90 m<sup>3</sup>)*  
 ===== SS vessel =====  
 Holds 392 10" PMT's  
**Buffer: mineral oil (110 m<sup>3</sup>)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
 **$\gamma$ -catcher: LS (22 m<sup>3</sup>)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
 **$\nu$  target: LS+Gd (10m<sup>3</sup>)**

## Daya Bay detectors

Upper Veto: *RPC array*  
 === Water veto shield ===  
 Segmented: outer/inner, *PMT's*  
 purified water (>2.5 m thick)  
 ===== SS vessel =====  
 Holds 192 PMT's  
**Buffer: mineral oil (37 ton)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
 **$\gamma$ -catcher: LS (20 ton)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
**target: LS+Gd (20 ton)**

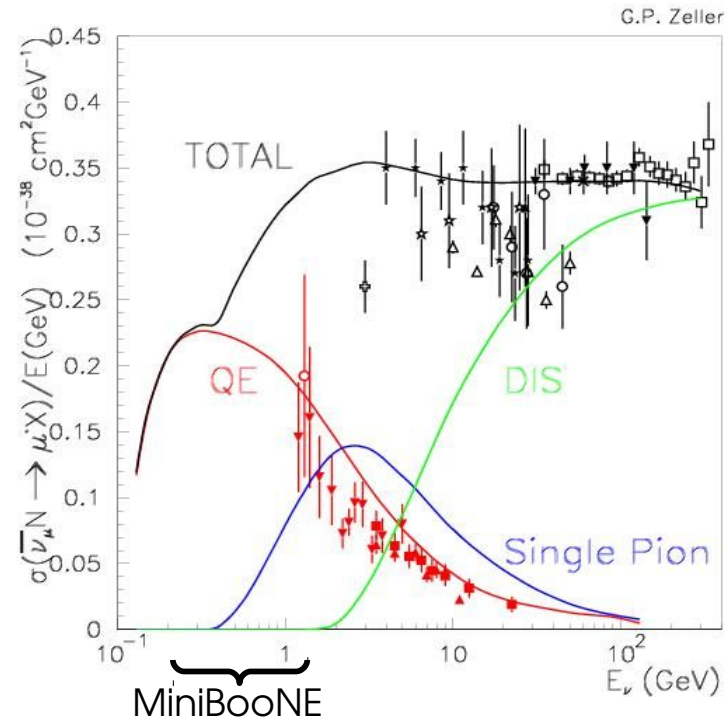
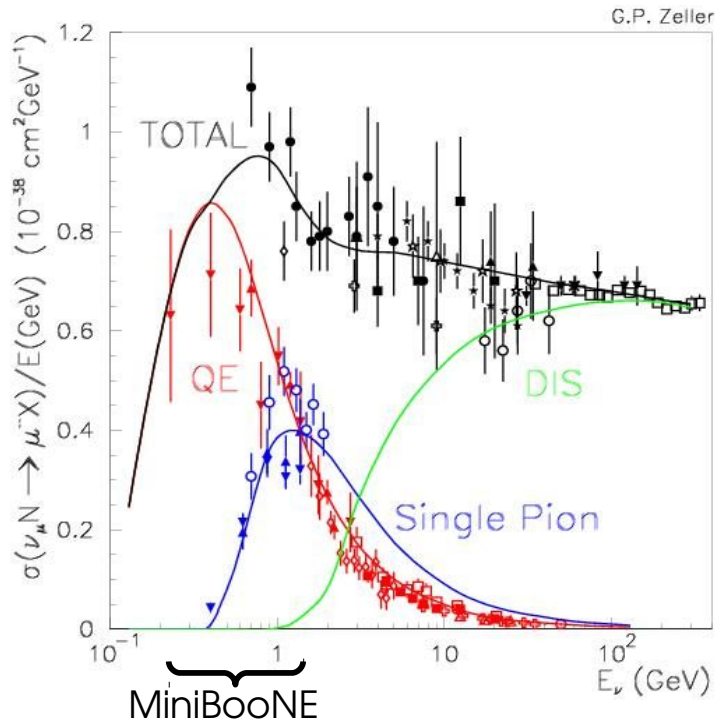
## RENO detectors

Outer veto  
 ===== Water veto shield =====  
 67 10" PMTs  
 purified water (1.5 m thick)  
 ===== SS vessel =====  
 Holds 354 10" PMT's  
**Buffer: mineral oil (65 ton)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
 **$\gamma$ -catcher: LS (60 cm thick)**  
 ===== Acrylic vessel =====  
**target: LS+Gd (16 ton)**



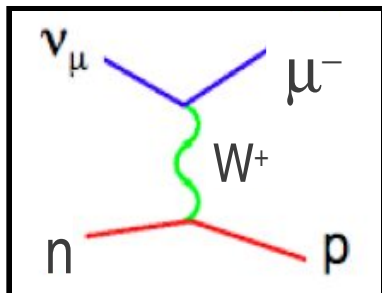
# Neutrino Interactions ( $\nu$ & $\bar{\nu}$ )

Cross sections modeled with NUANCE event generator (D. Casper, U.C. Irvine)



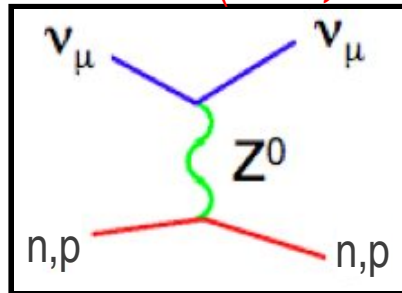
(T. Katori, J. Grange)

CCQE (MB ✓)



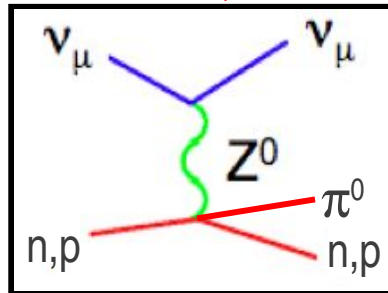
(D. Perevalov)

NC Elastic (MB ✓)



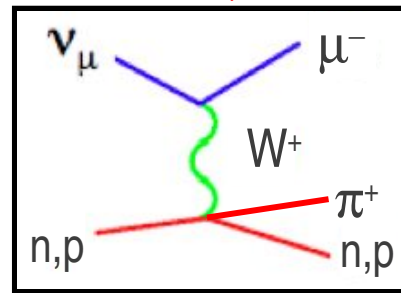
(C. Anderson, J. Link)

NCπ⁰ (MB ✓)



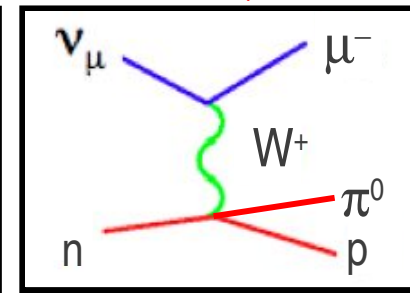
(S. Linden, M. Wilking)

CCπ⁺ (MB ✓)



(R. Nelson)

CCπ⁰ (MB ✓)



PRL 100, 032301 (2008)  
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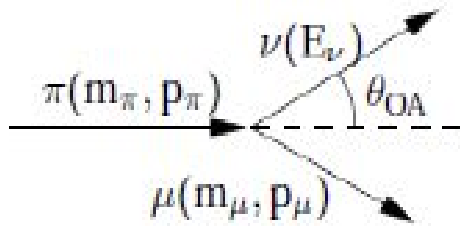
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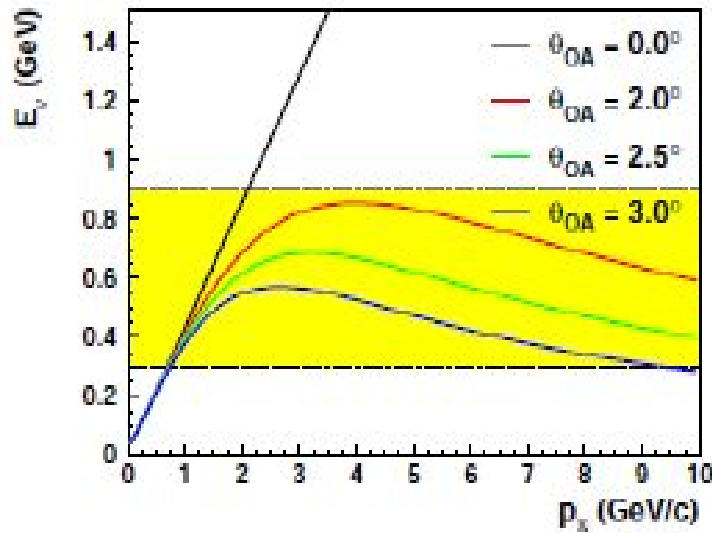
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# Experimentos “fuera del eje”, T2K y NOvA

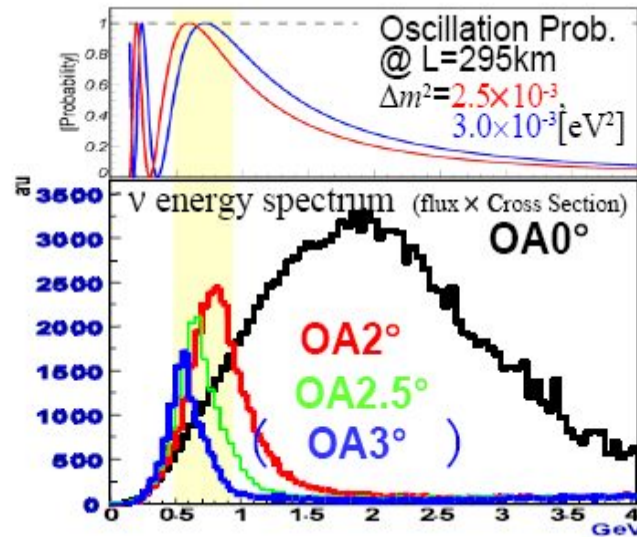


$$E_\nu = \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2}{2(E_\pi - p_\pi \cos \theta_{OA})}$$

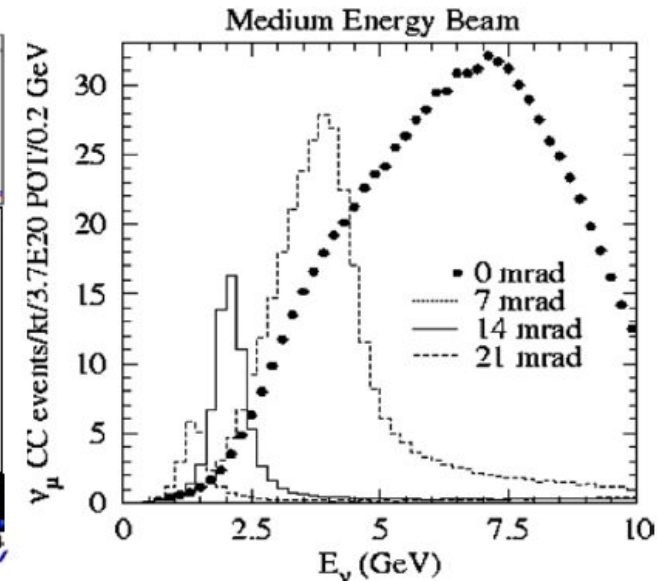
- haces enfocados con cuernos magnéticos
- $\nu$ 's a un ángulo  $\theta \neq 0$  respecto al eje.
- Espectro de  $E_\nu$  pseudo-monocromático
- menor flujo, pero menor bkgd.
- NuMI-MiniBooNE: 1<sup>er</sup> ejemplo [arXiv:0809.2447](https://arxiv.org/abs/0809.2447)



T2K



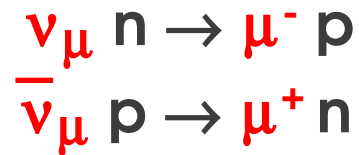
NOvA



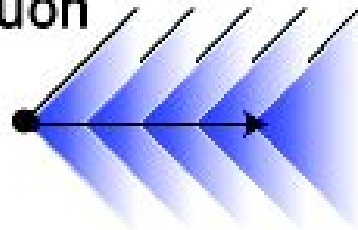
# Eventos en MiniBooNE

Identificación basada en topología de eventos.

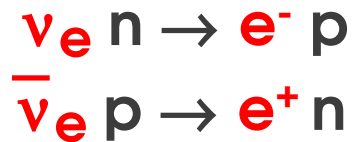
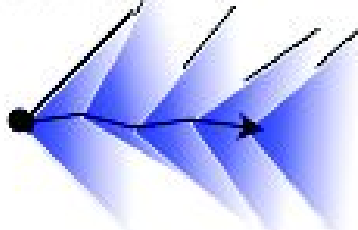
Usa principalmente luz Cherenkov, pero también de centelleo



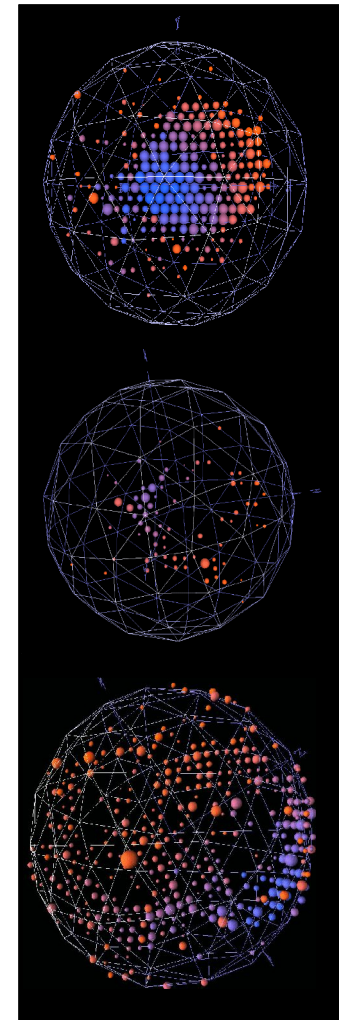
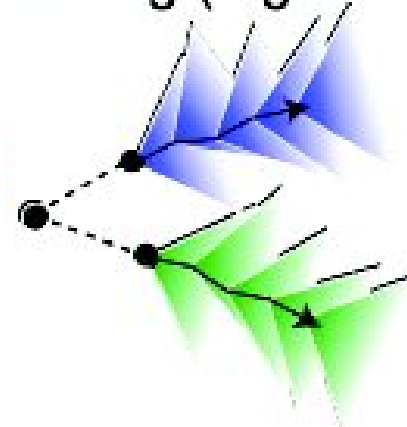
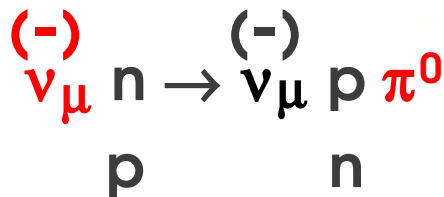
Muon



Electron

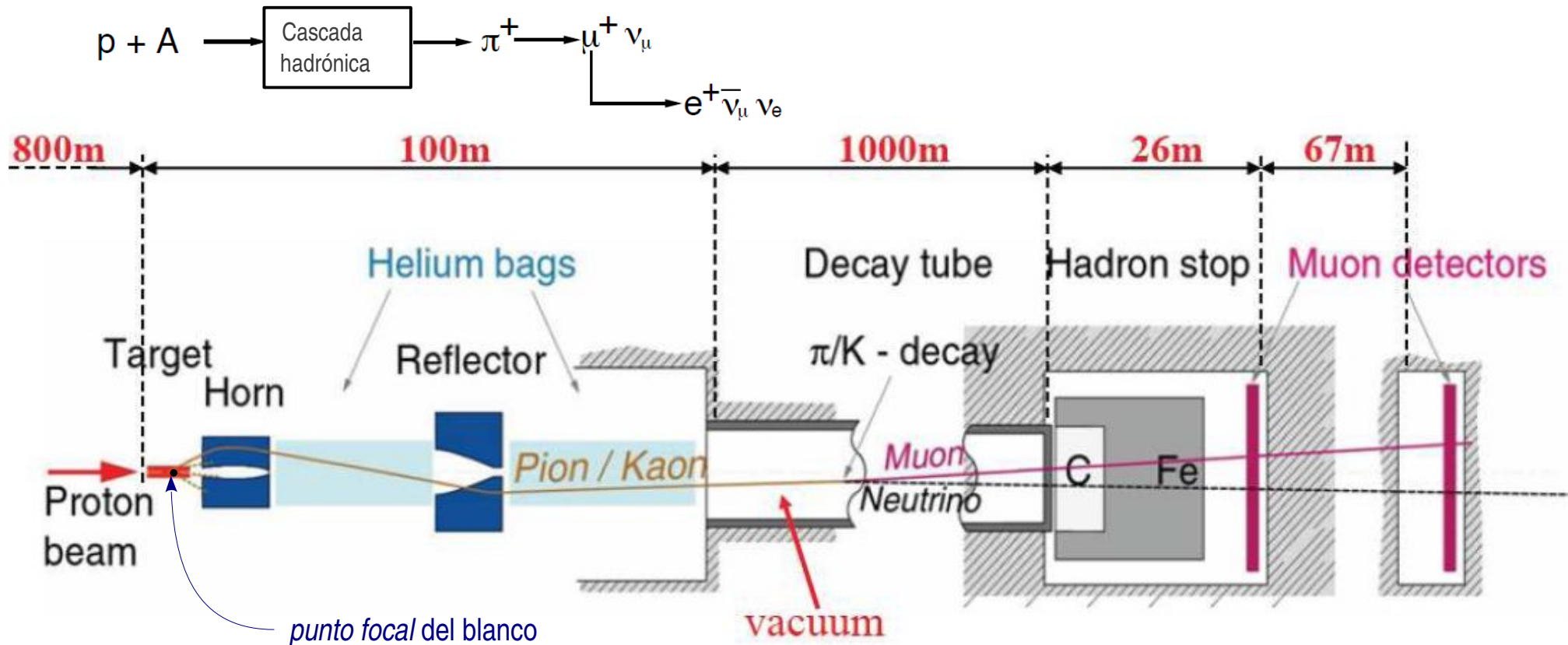


Multi-ring (e.g.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )





# Haz de neutrinos de CERN a Gran Sasso (CNGS)

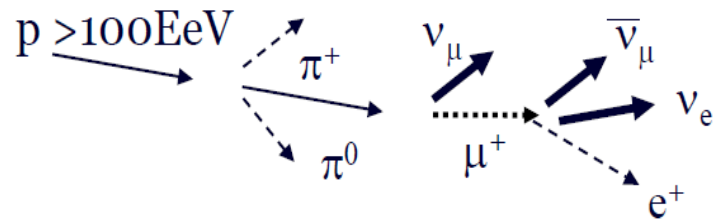


- Protones impactan blanco fijo de grafito ( $p+C \rightarrow X+\pi/K$ ).
- Mesones secundarios ( $\pi, K$ ) enfocados por *cuernos magnéticos*.
- Mesones  $\pi, K$  decaen en túnel, produciendo neutrinos ( $\nu_\mu > 99\%$ )
- Componente hadrónica remanente detenida en blanco de Fe.
- Monitores de muones miden perfil cercano del haz.
- Haz inclinado  $\sim 5^\circ$  hacia abajo toma en cuenta curvatura terrestre.

# Ultra high energy neutrinos (UHE- $\nu$ 's) (>PeV)

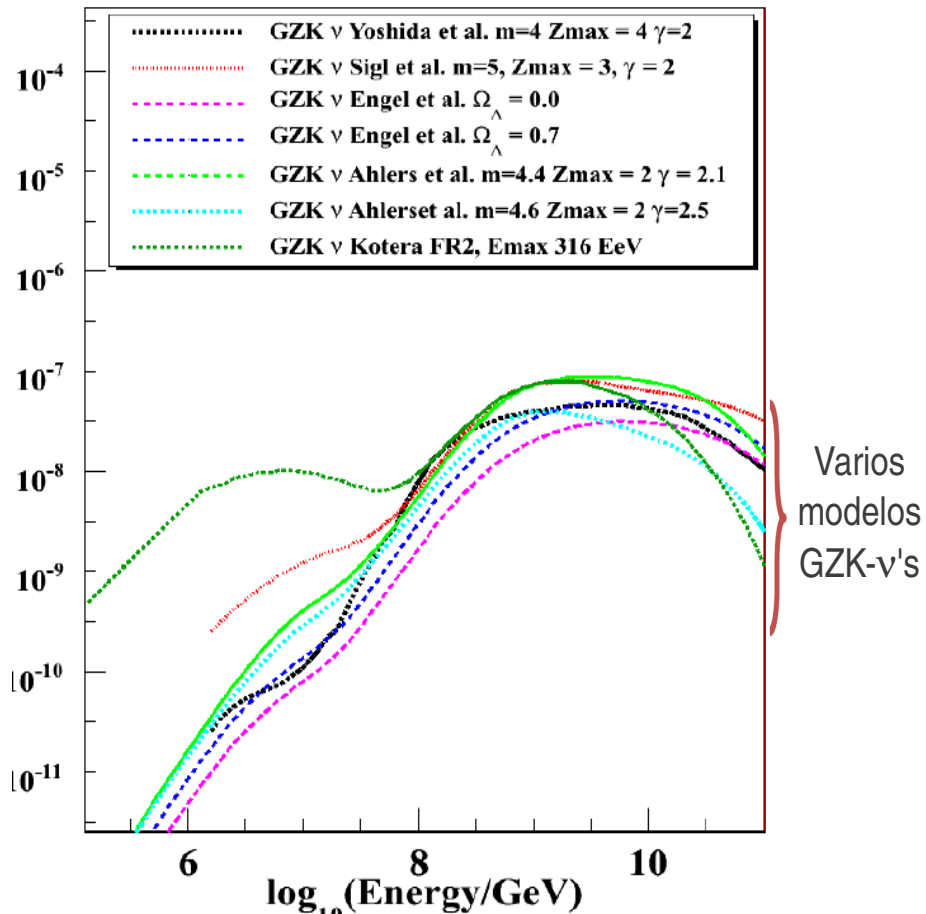
**Cosmogenic neutrinos:** induced by the interactions of cosmic rays with CMB photons

- Produced via the GZK (Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzimnin) mechanism.



Energy range:  $E_\nu \sim 10^8-10^{10}$  GeV

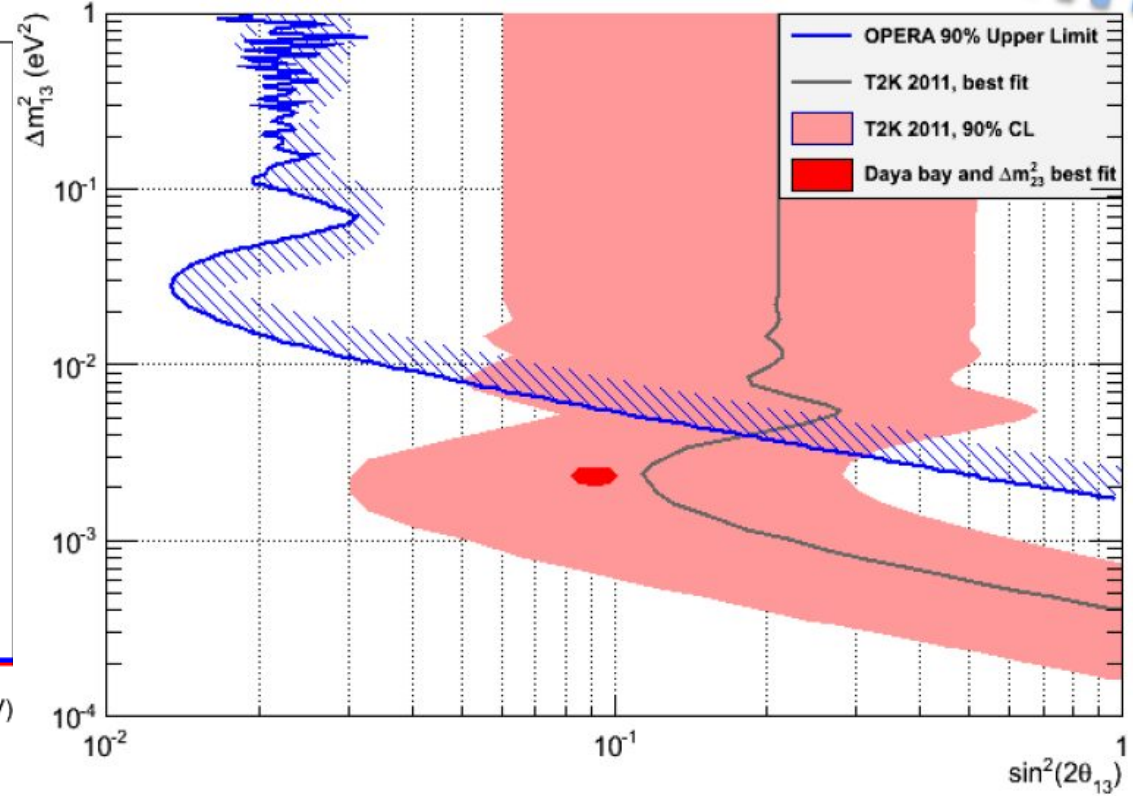
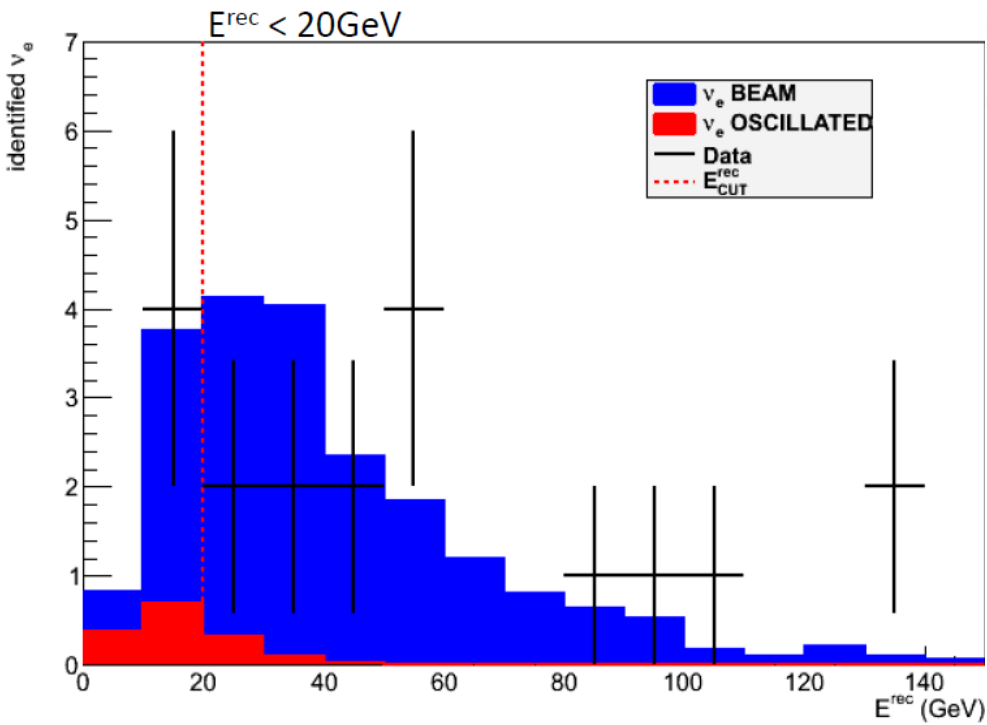
$$p\gamma_{2.7K} \rightarrow \pi^+ + X \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu \rightarrow e^+ + \nu's$$



**UHE- $\nu$ 's carry information about:**

- Location of cosmic ray sources.
- Cosmological evolution of these sources
- Cosmic ray spectrum *at the sources*
- Cosmic ray composition
- Particle physics beyond energy reach of accelerators.

# OPERA, $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance results

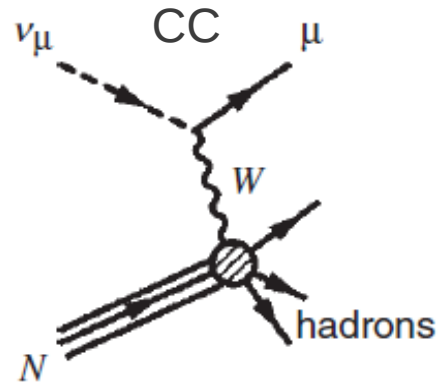


Expected events: oscillated  $\nu_e$  1.5, beam  $\nu_e$  19.2.  
Observed  $\nu_e$  : 19 events

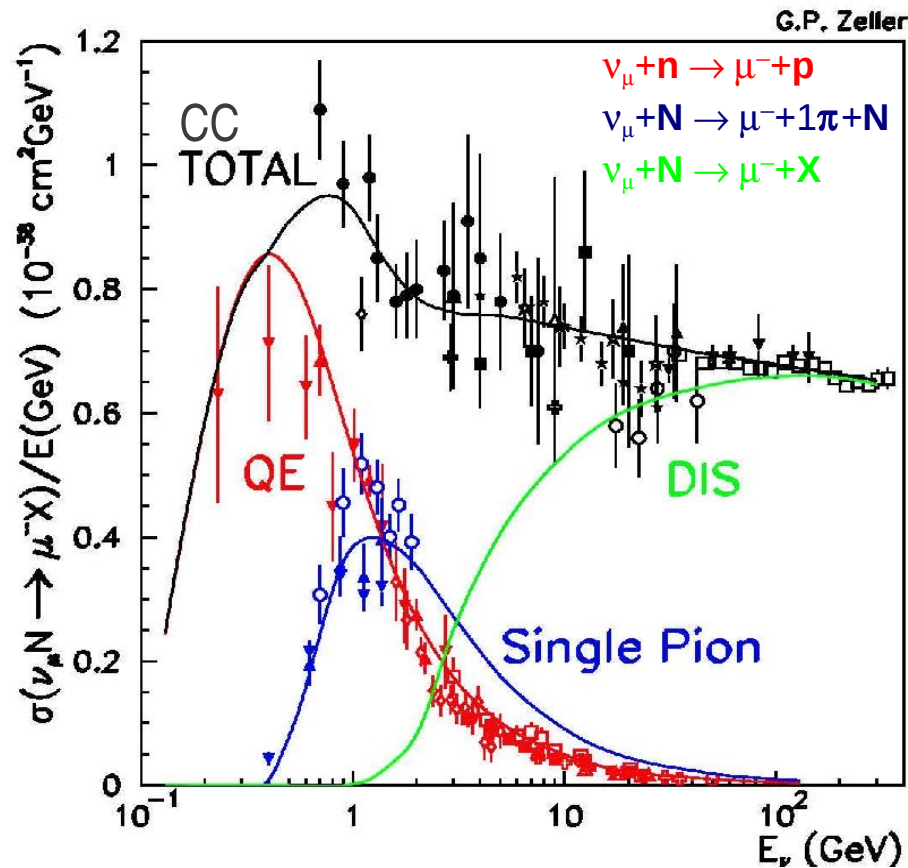
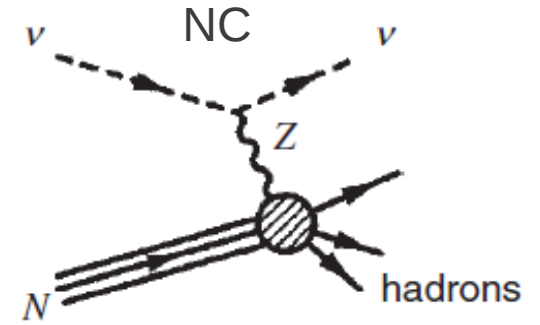
# Interacciones de neutrinos

$E_\nu > 10$  GeV: principalmente Dispersión Inelástica Profunda (DIS)

Corriente Cargada



Corriente Neutra

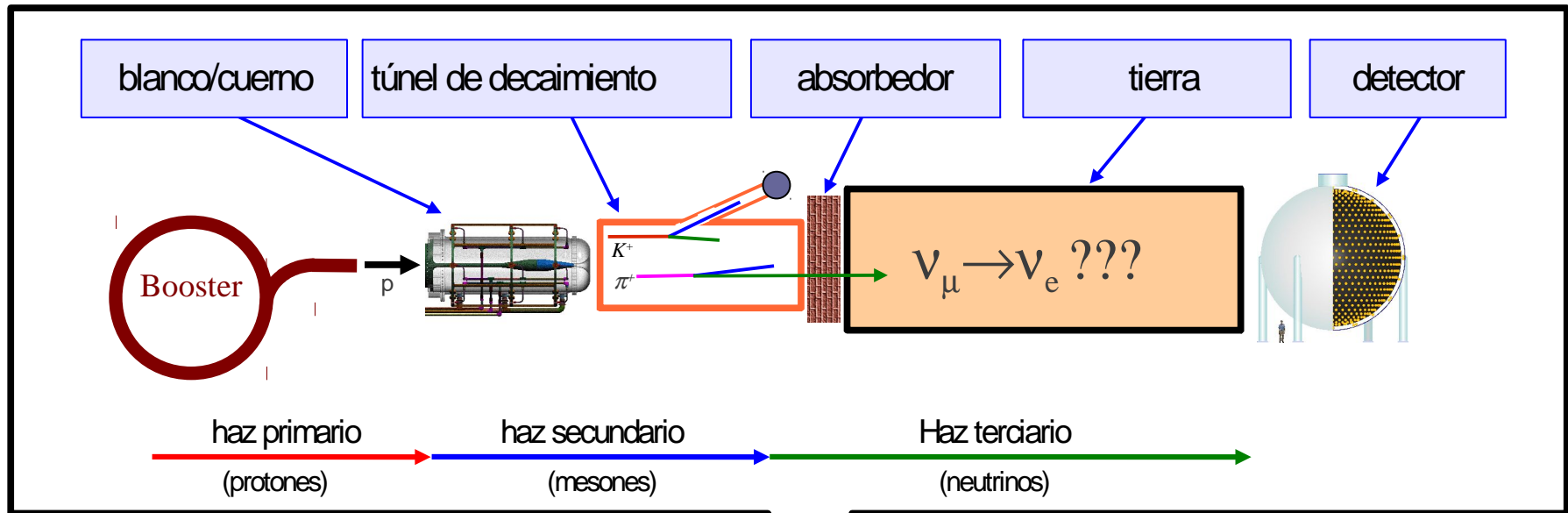


CC: El  $\mu$  permite identificar al  $\nu_\mu$ ,  
Se puede medir la energía del neutrino incidente:  $E_\nu \approx E_\mu + E_{\text{had}}$ .

NC: Sólo la parte hadrónica es visible al detector  $\Rightarrow$  mala estimación de  $E_\nu$ .  
(el  $\nu_\mu$  saliente no es observado)



# Mini-Booster Neutrino Experiment



$L/E$  similar to LSND

MiniBooNE  $\sim 500$  m /  $\sim 500$  MeV

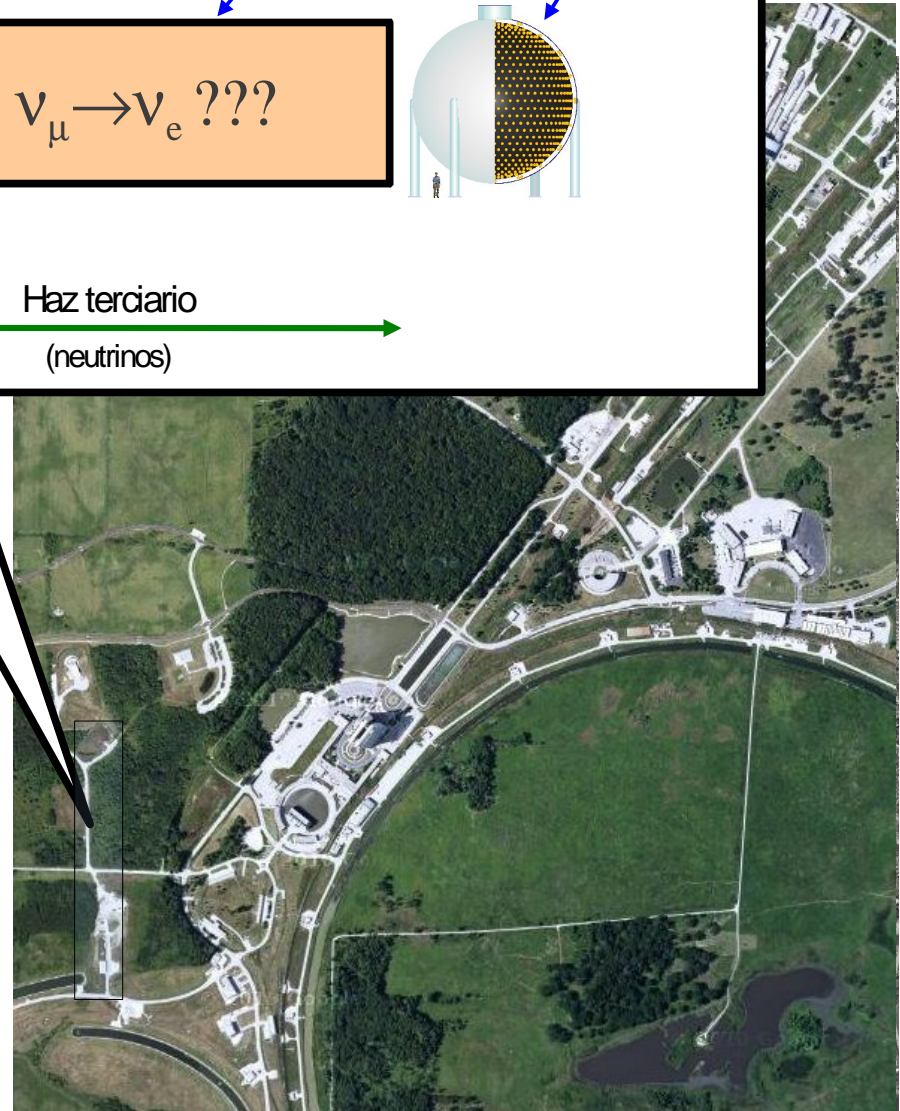
LSND  $\sim 30$  m / 30 MeV

Focused beam, "magnetic horn"

**Polarity  $\rightarrow$  neutrinos or anti-neutrinos**

Cherenkov Detector

800 ton mineral oil



# Supernova neutrinos

- Supernova: • End phase of stellar evolution for massive stars ( $M > 5-10 M_{\text{Sol}}$ ).
- (Tipo II) • Enormous explosion liberates  $E \sim 10^{53}$  erg ( $\sim 99\%$  neutrinos and  $\sim 1\%$  light)
- Stellar nucleus  $\rightarrow$  *neutron star or black hole*
  - Neutrinos escape the medium  $\sim 1$  hr before photons (weakly interacting)



- SN1987A: - Observed 23/Feb/1987, on the Great Magellanic Cloud ( $D \sim 168,000$  light-years)
- 3 neutrino detectors counted events from this supernova:

Kamiokande II (Japón): 11 events  
IMB (EE.UU.): 8 events  
Baksan (Rusia): 5 events

All within an interval of  $\sim 10$  to  $12$  seconds  
approx. **4 hrs before the luminous signal.**

- Angular distribution and energy ( $E_{\nu} \sim 10$  MeV)  $\rightarrow$  *electron antineutrinos*.

Detectable with most large neutrino detectors: Solar, accelerator,  $\nu$ -telescopes, etc.

**SNEWS** network: **S**uper **N**ova **E**vent **W**arning **S**ystem



# Search for diffuse $\nu_\mu$ 's, IceCube (59 cuerdas)

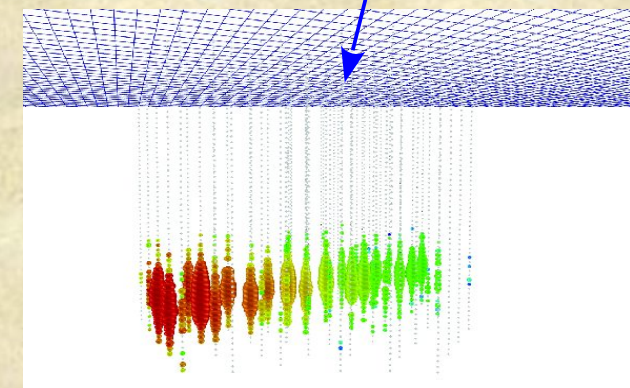
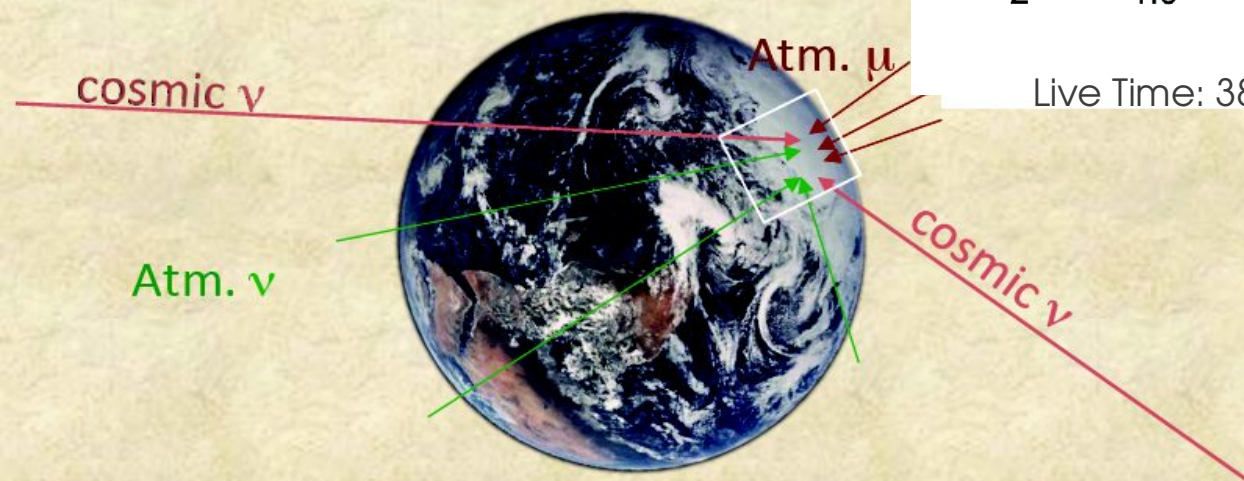
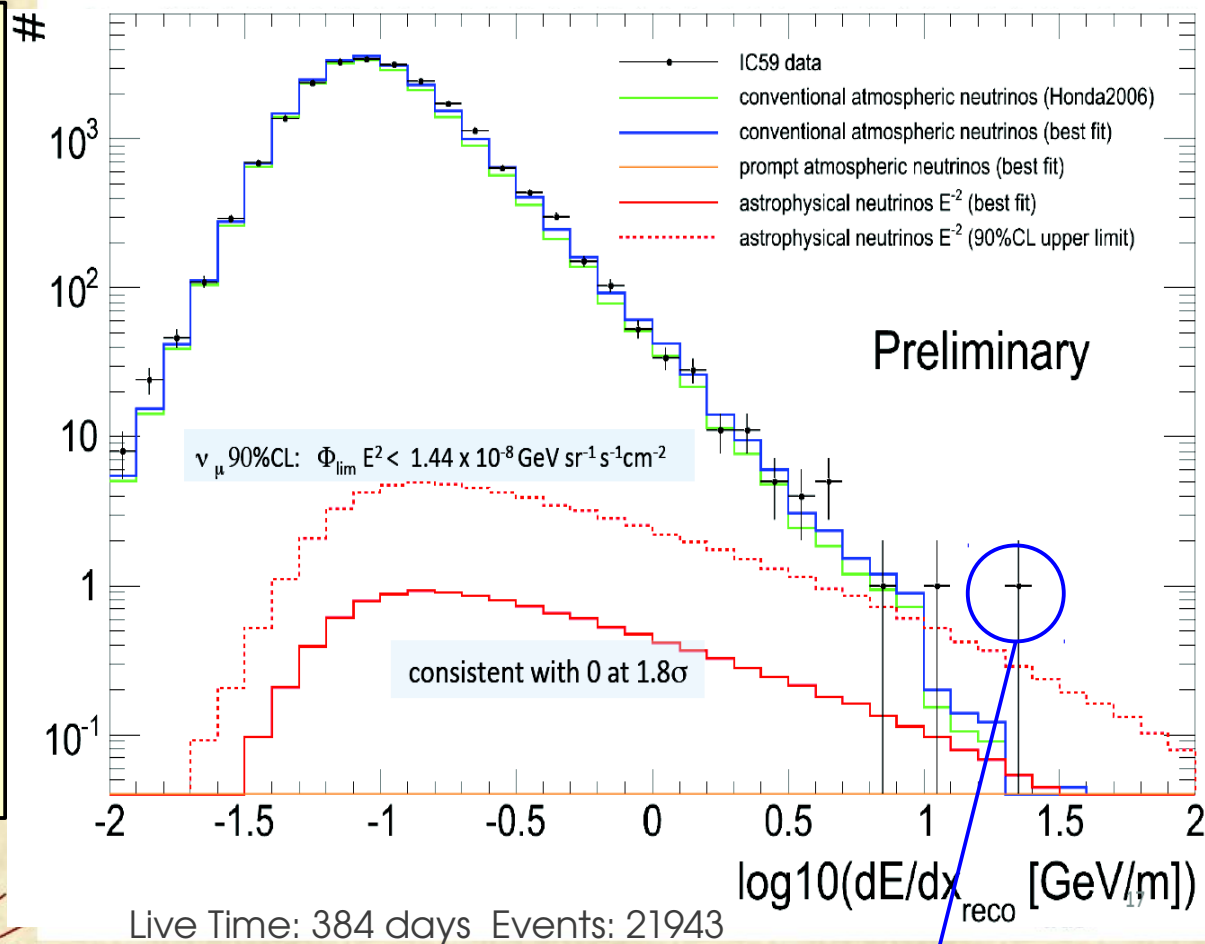
Look for upward-going tracks ( $\uparrow$ ) with energies higher than those of conventional atmospheric  $\nu$ 's.

Selection cuts eliminate:

- downward-going events
- mis-reconstructed cosmic ray  $\mu$ 's
- cosmic ray events with multiple  $\mu$ 's

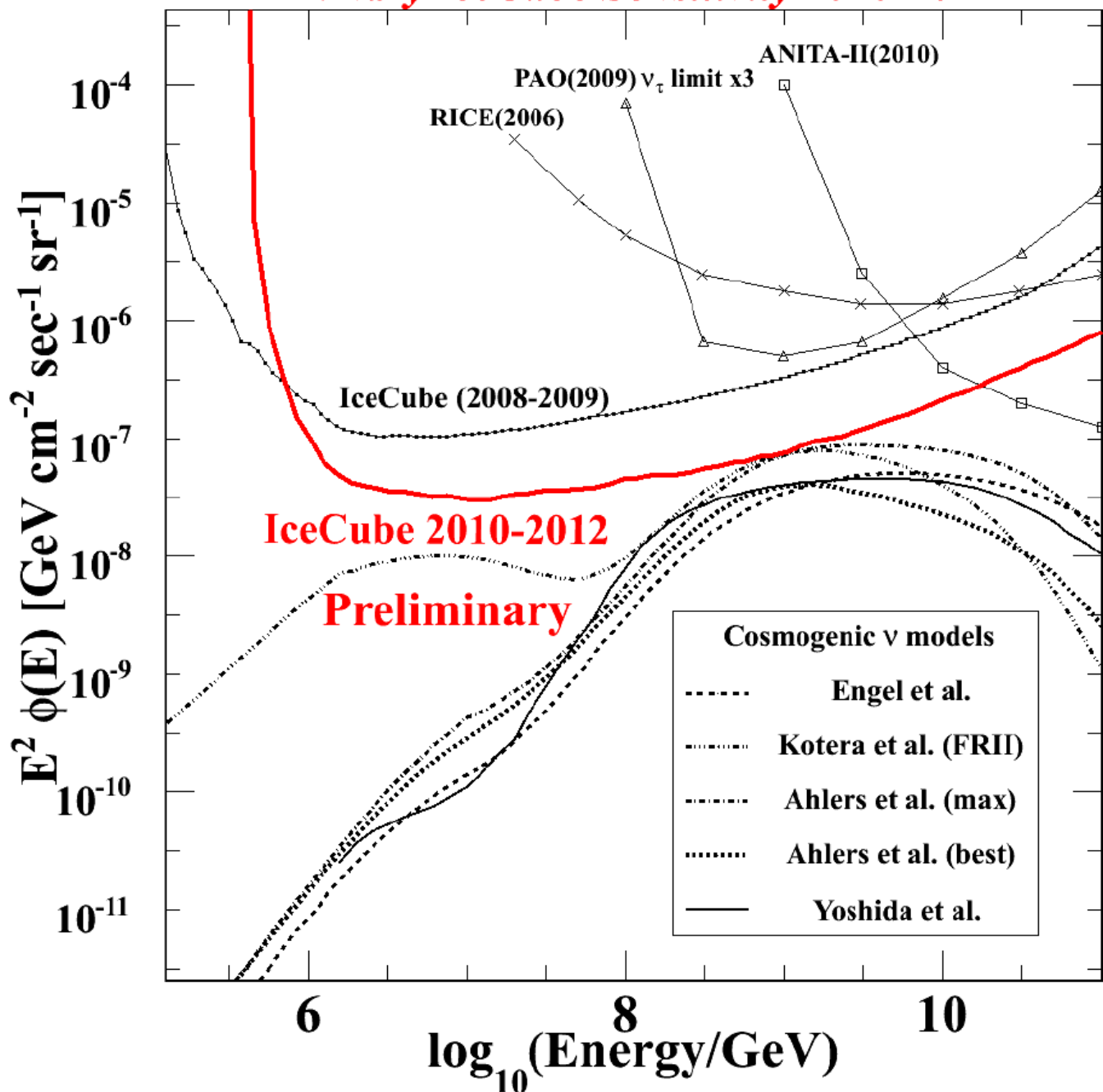
Achieves:

- 99.8% pure  $\nu$  sample
- ~12% efficiency (atmospheric  $\nu$ )
- ~30% efficiency (astrophysical  $\nu$ )



# IceCube, sensitivity to UHE neutrinos

## Primary IceCube Sensitivity 2010-2012

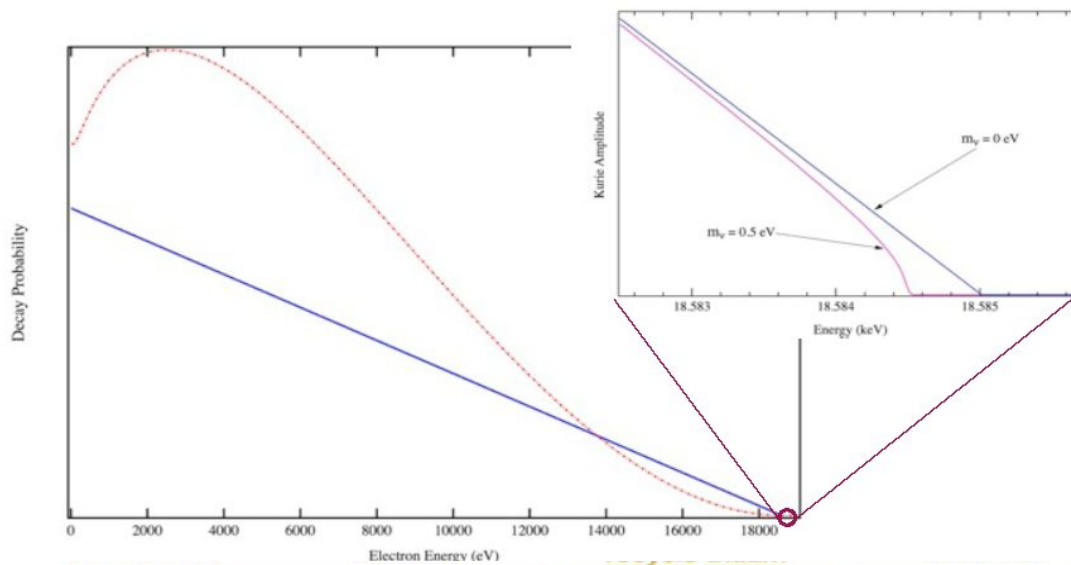


Has the highest sensitivity to cosmogenic  $\nu$ 's.

Will exclude or detect the  $\nu$  flux predicted by models with medium-strong intensity sources.



# KATRIN (KARlsruhe TRItium Neutrino Experiment)



Precise energy selection of electrons

Count electrons measure their Energy, position

