

# Neutrino Physics at the Crossroads

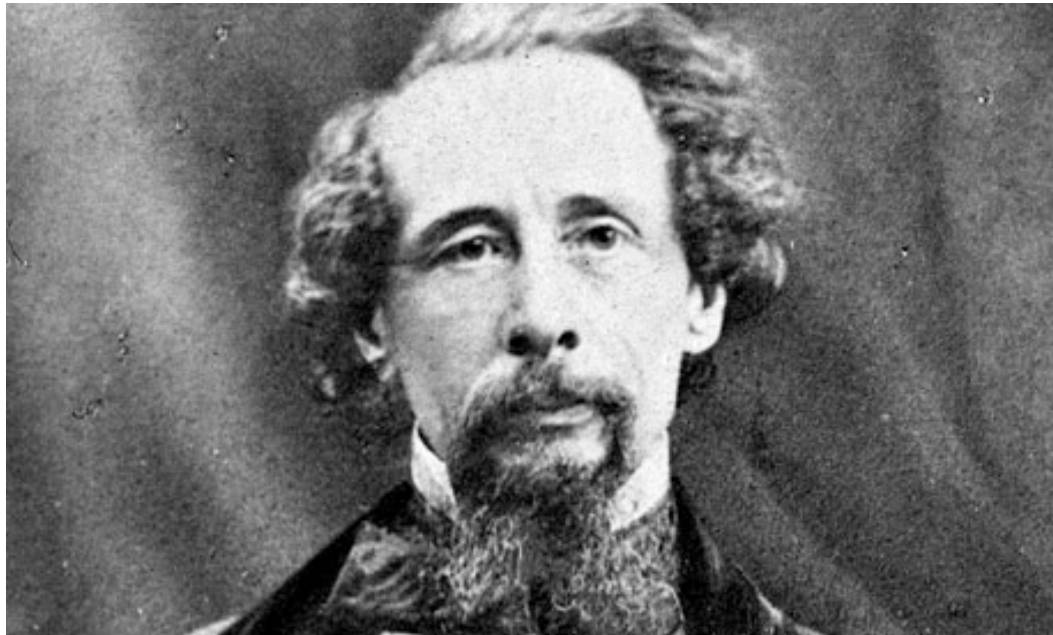
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On the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
birth of Charles Dickens:

*A Tale of Two Earthquakes  
(and one tsunami)*



# Neutrino Physics

- Neutrino Physics always seems to deliver surprising and important results
  - It supplied the first evidence for electroweak unification – the discovery of neutral currents
  - Neutrinos from the sun were first direct evidence of nuclear fusion reactions in the core of stars
  - Three neutrino families (no more, no less!)
  - Neutrinos from cosmic rays, from the sun and from reactors showed evidence for neutrino oscillations – first evidence for neutrino mass and physics beyond the Standard Model
  - Other surprises and controversies – sterile neutrinos (LSND)?, Majorana neutrinos (double beta decay)?, superluminal neutrinos (Opera)?

# Outline

## □ Current and future neutrino oscillation experiments

- Neutrino mixing and oscillations
- Atmospheric neutrinos, K2K and MINOS
- Solar neutrinos, KamLand
- T2K and recent MINOS results on  $\theta_{13}$
- Reactor experiments: Double Chooz, RENO, Daya Bay
- LSND, MiniBoone and sterile neutrinos
- Future long baseline experiments: NOVA, LBNE, Beta Beams and Neutrino Factories

## □ Superluminal neutrinos

I will not say anything about direct neutrino mass or double beta decay – a talk in its own right!

# Neutrino Oscillations

- Weak eigenstates do not coincide with mass eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

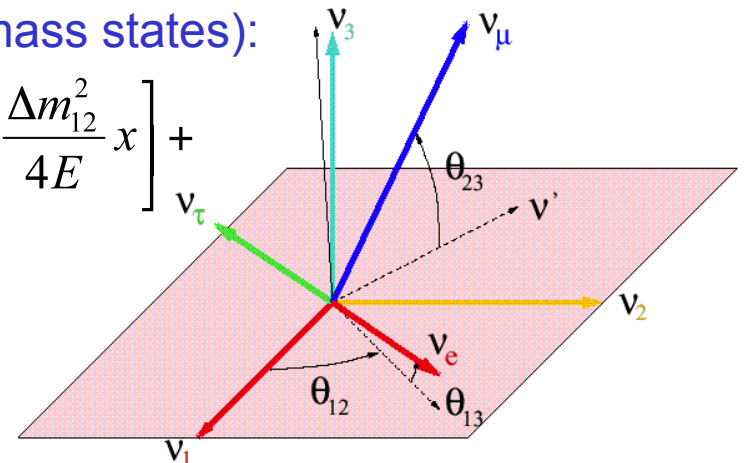
Neutrino mixing matrix (Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata, PMNS matrix) similar to CKM matrix of quark sector.

- Neutrino mixing predicts neutrino oscillation and CP violation:

States:  $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i\rangle$  where  $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3$

Probability of mixing (rotation between flavour and mass states):

$$P_{\nu_e \nu_\mu}(\bar{\nu}_e \bar{\nu}_\mu)(x) = s_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{4E} x \right] + c_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2}{4E} x \right] + \tilde{J} \cos \left[ \pm \delta - \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{4E} x \right] \left( \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2}{4E} x \right) \sin \left[ \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{4E} x \right]$$



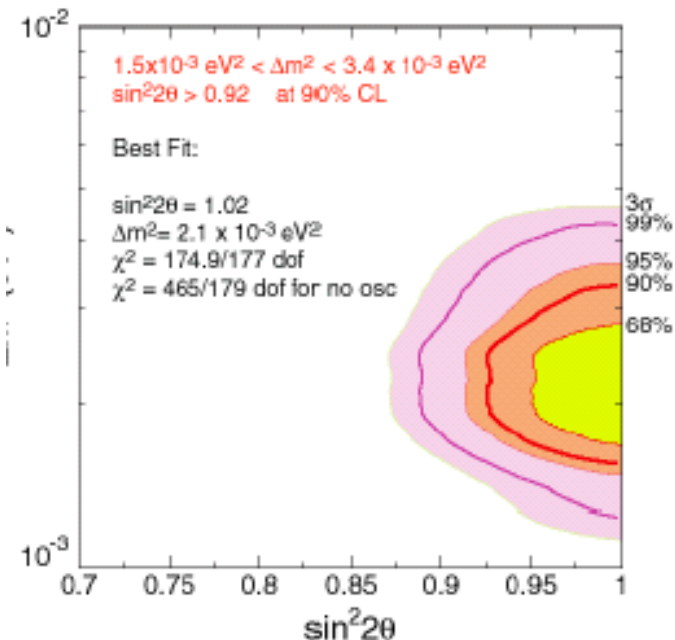
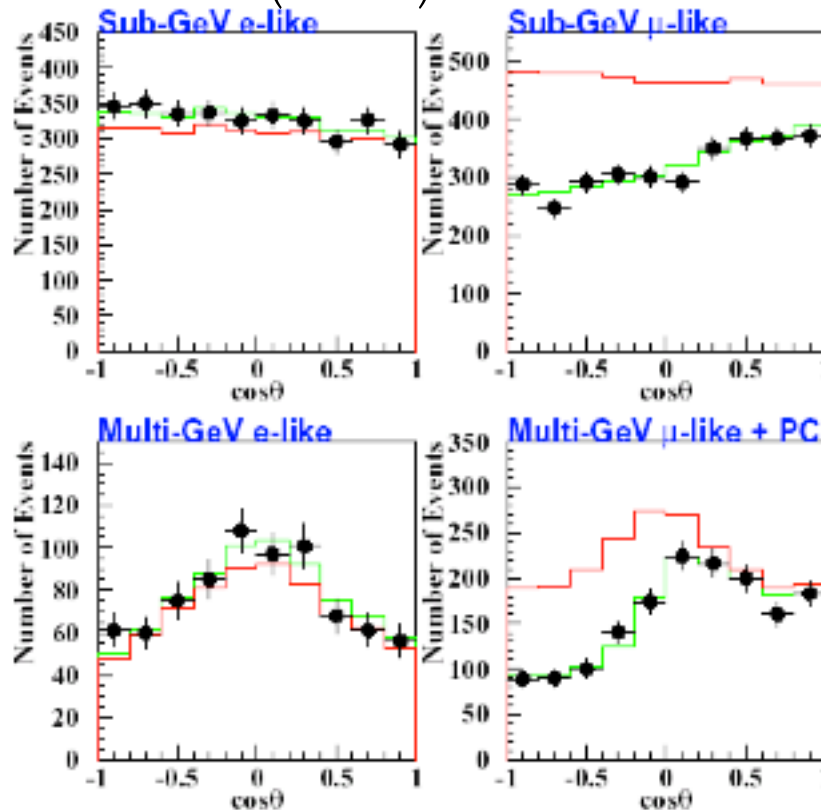
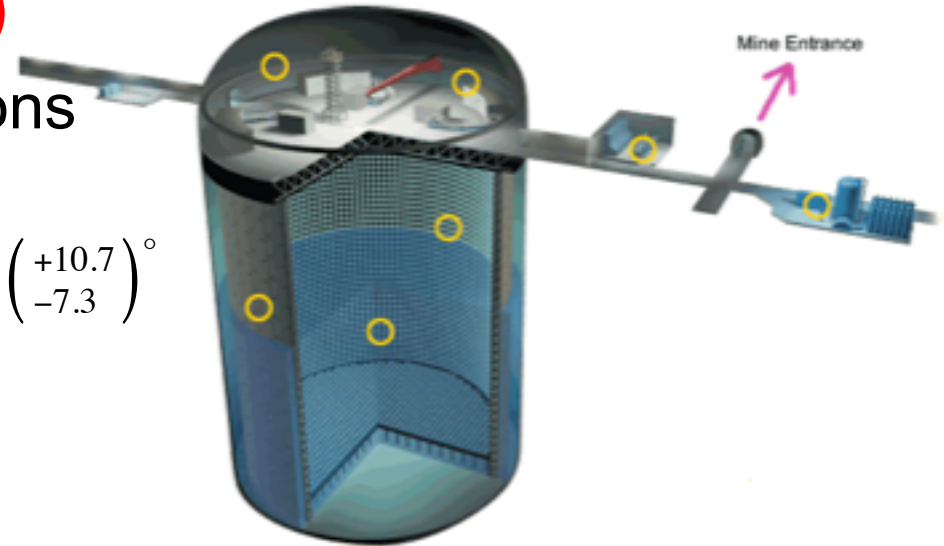
# Atmospheric Neutrinos

## Super-Kamiokande (1998)

- Discovery neutrino oscillations
- Neutrino mixing maximal?

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.9 \Rightarrow \theta_{23} = 42.8^{+4.7}_{-2.9} \left( {}^{+10.7}_{-7.3} \right)^\circ$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = \left( 2.1^{+1.9}_{-0.6} \right) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$



# Long Baseline Accelerator Data

## □ K2K Long Baseline:

— Confirmation neutrino oscillations

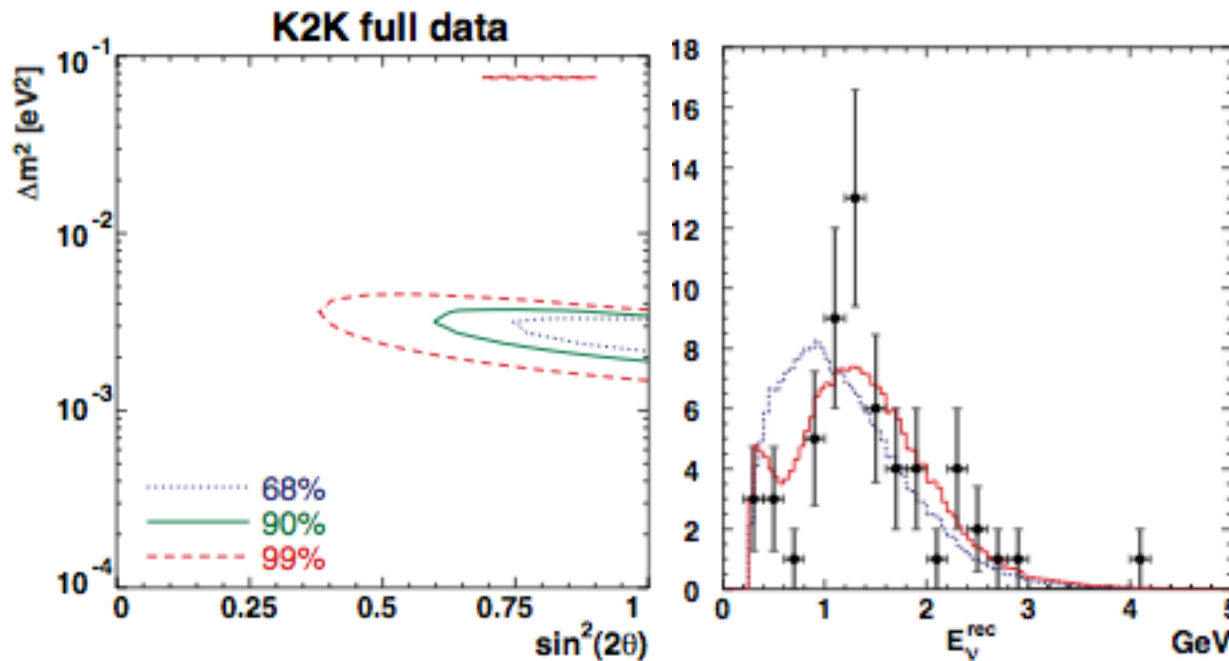
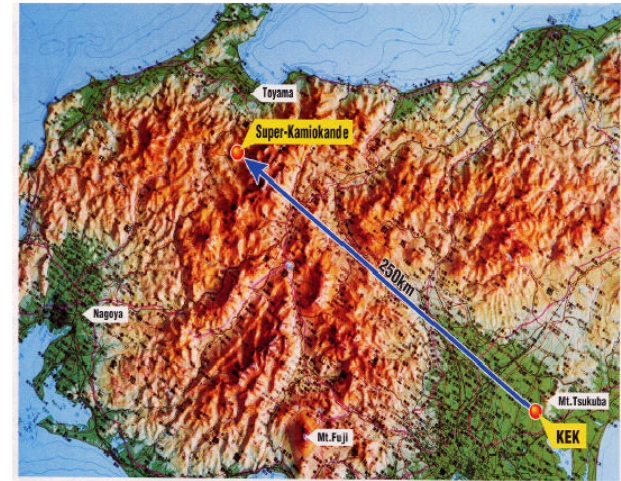
Observed: 112 events in Super-K

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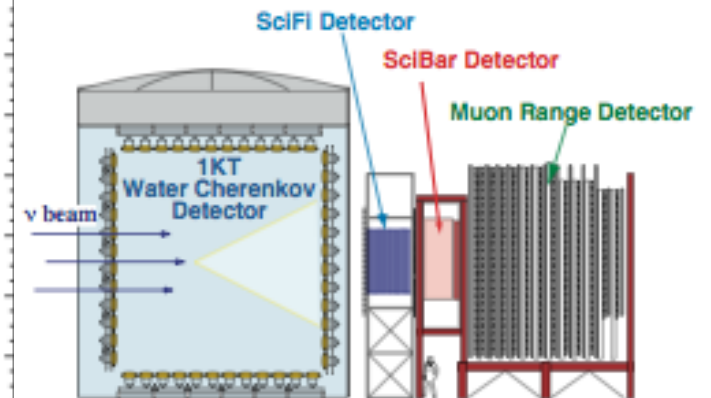
Expected (no oscillation):  $158.1^{+9.2}_{-8.6}$

— Same parameters as atmospheric:

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1 \quad \Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$



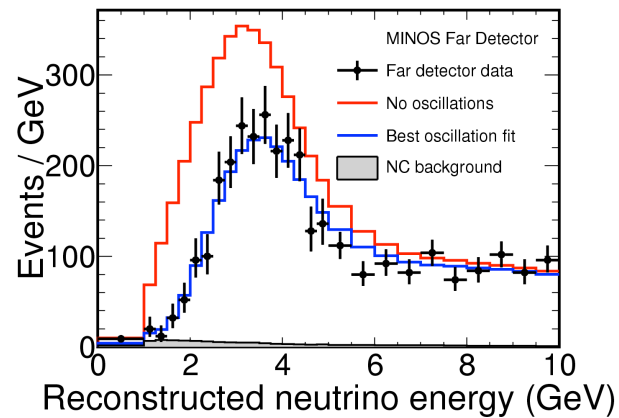
## K2K Front Detector



# Long Baseline Accelerator Data

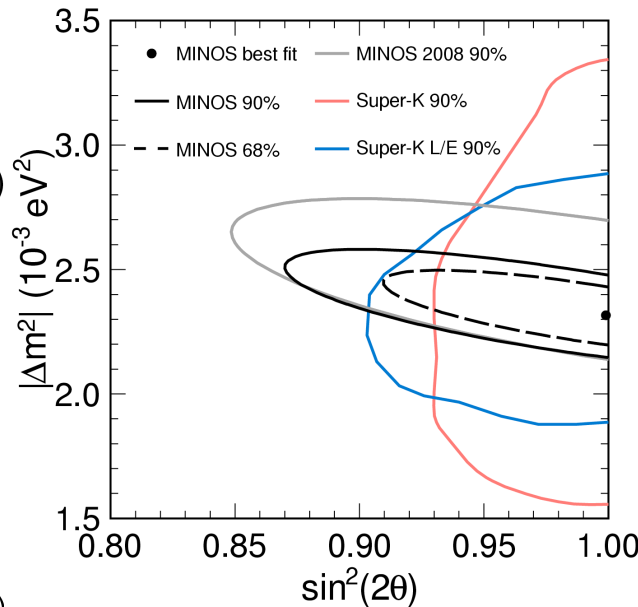
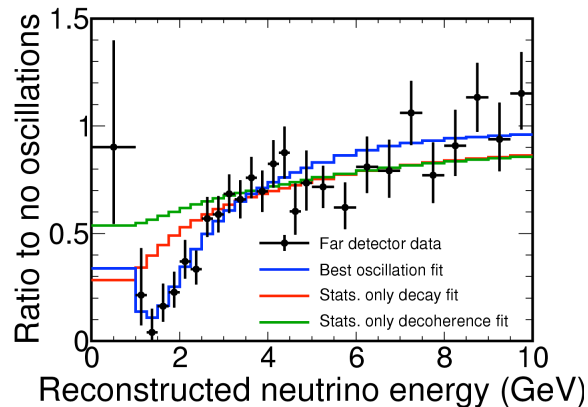
## MINOS Long Baseline:

- More sensitive measurement oscillations  
Observed: 1986 events (FC), 2017 (PC)
- Expected (no oscillation): 2451 events (FC), 2206 (PC)
- Agreement with SupeK, K2K



$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = (2.32^{+0.12}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.90 @ 90\% CL$$



MINOS FD





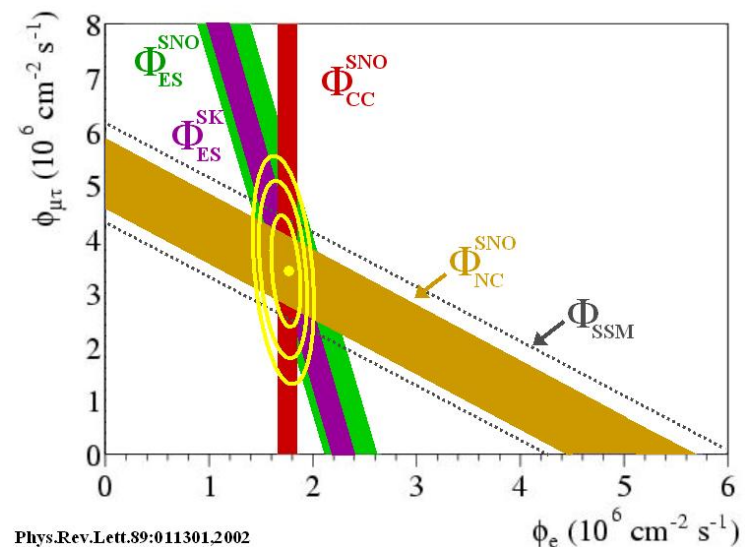
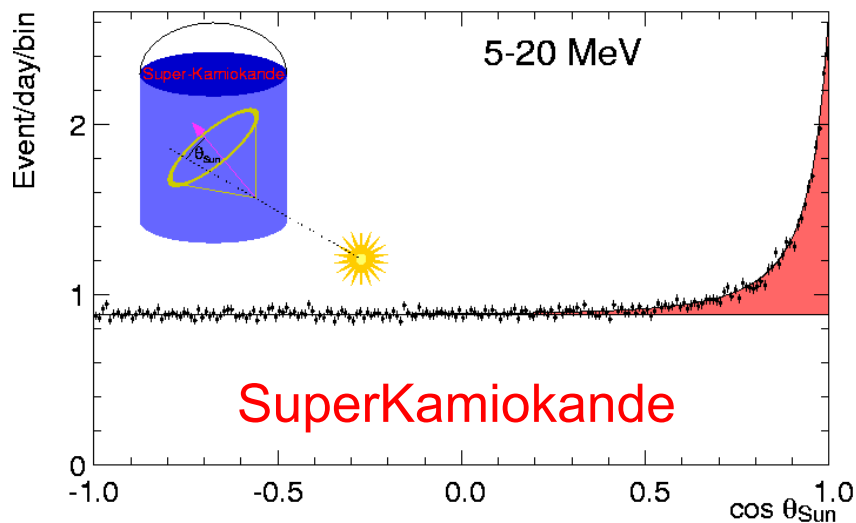
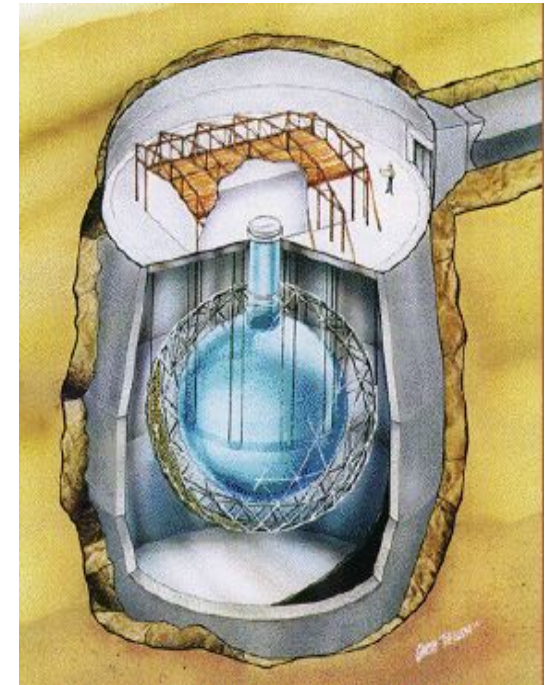
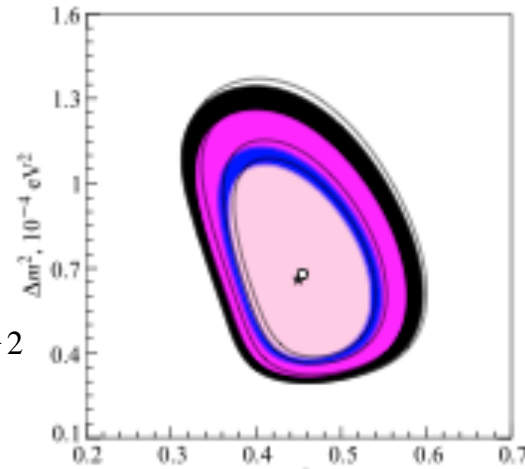
# Solar Neutrinos

- Combination solar neutrino experiments also established neutrino oscillations through adiabatic MSW effect in matter

- Chlorine, Gallium
- Super-Kamiokande
- Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.59 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\theta_{21} = 34.4^\circ \pm 1^\circ \pm 3^\circ$$



# KamLAND

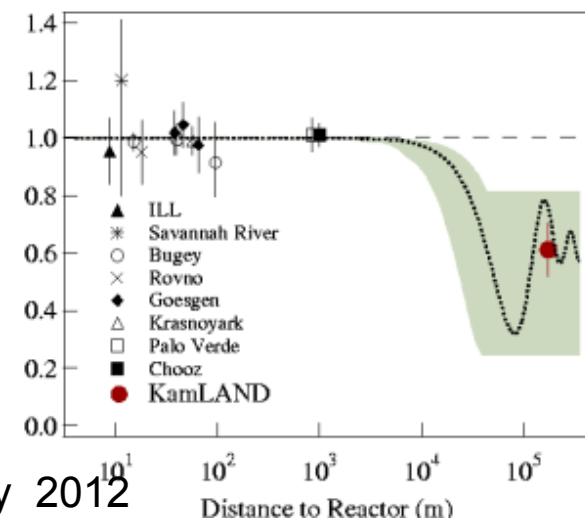
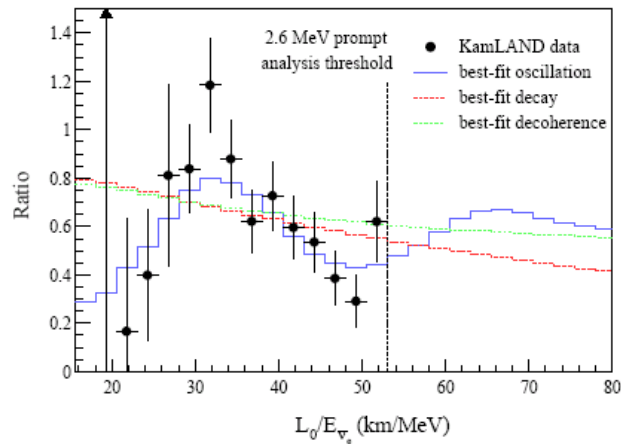
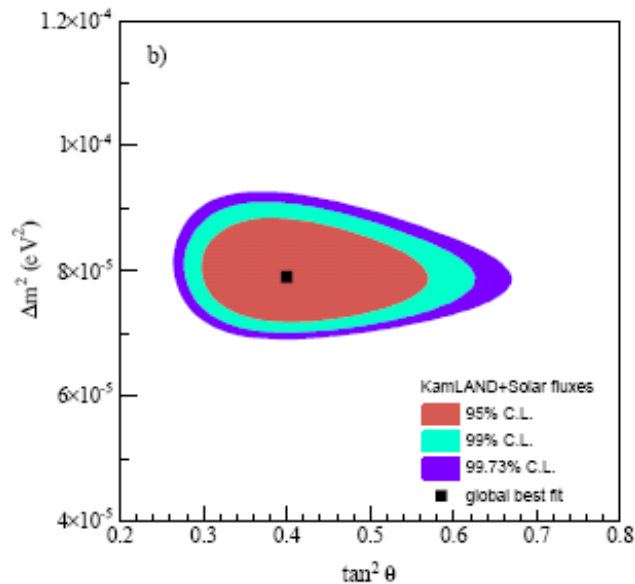
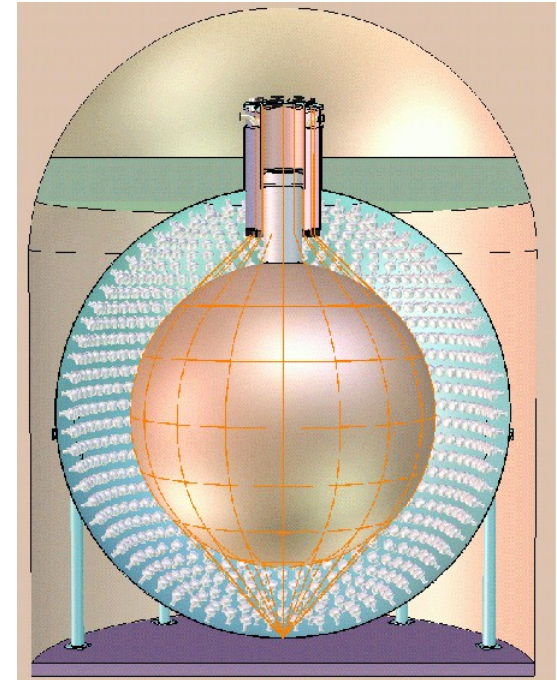
## □ Long baseline reactor experiment in Japan

– Average distance (L) to reactors:  $175 \pm 35$  km

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \left[ 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right]$$

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = 7.9_{-0.5}^{+0.6} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.46_{-0.07}^{+0.10} \Rightarrow \theta_{12} = 34.1^\circ$$

## Confirmation of solar neutrino results with antineutrinos



# Global fits

Consistent picture emerging:

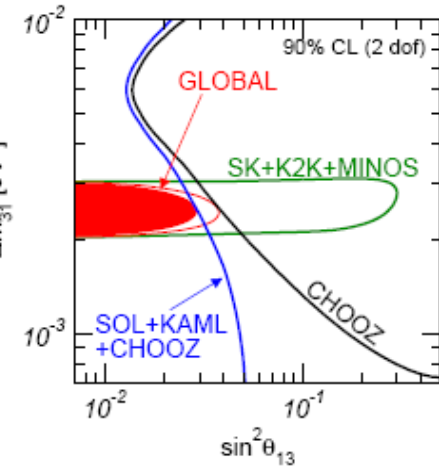
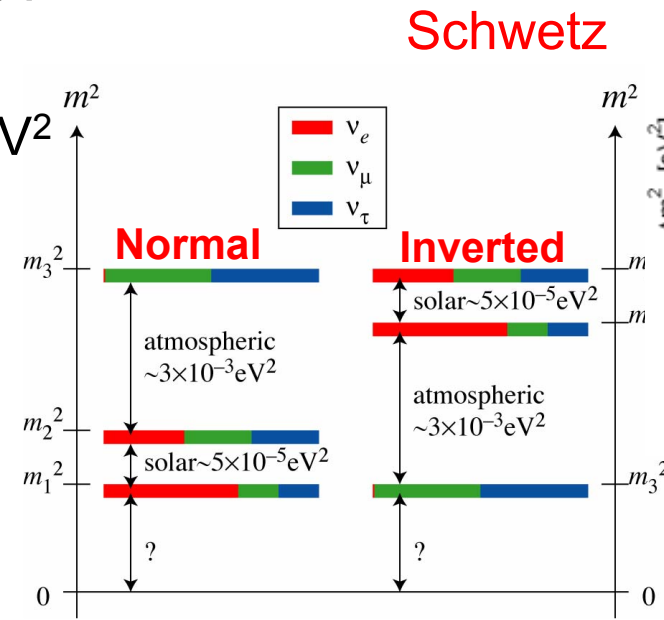
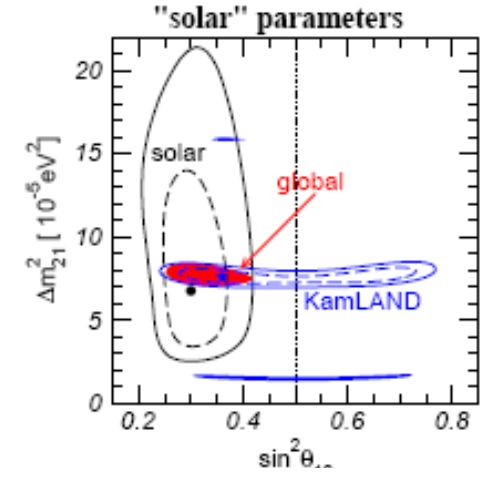
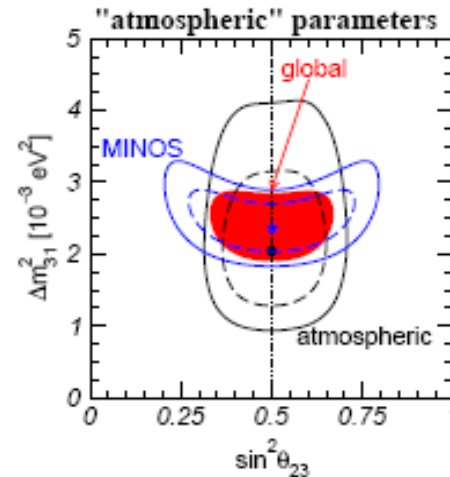
- Atmospheric+MINOS/K2K
- Solar+KamLand
- Reactor limits (Chooz)

Global fit provides:

- $\sin^2\theta_{12}=0.312\pm 0.017$
- $\Delta m_{12}^2=7.59\pm 0.20\times 10^{-5}\text{ eV}^2$
- $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.51\pm 0.06$
- $\Delta m_{23}^2=2.45\pm 0.09\times 10^{-3}\text{ eV}^2$

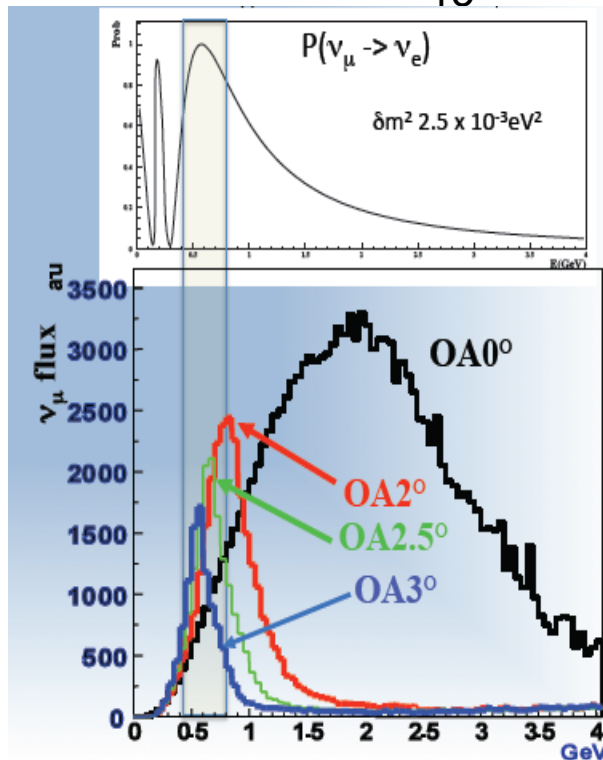
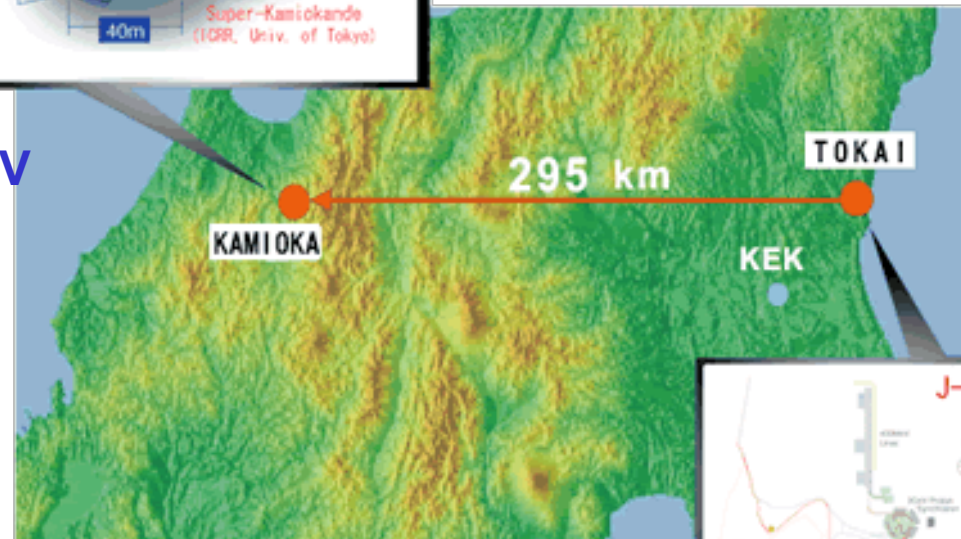
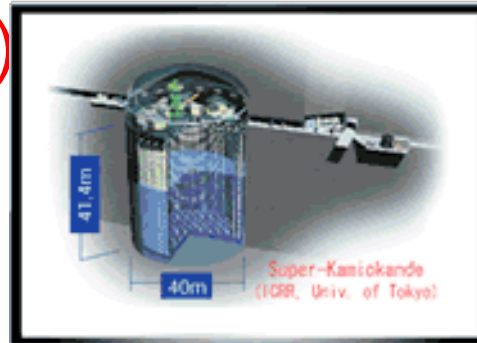
Unknown quantities:

- $\sin\theta_{13}<0.224$  (@ $3\sigma$ ),
- Is  $\theta_{23}=\pi/4, <\pi/4$  or  $>\pi/4$ ?
- Mass hierarchy:
- sign  $\Delta m_{13}^2$
- CP violation phase  $\delta$



# The search for $\theta_{13}$

- ❑ The next goal in neutrino oscillation physics is the discovery of  $\theta_{13}$  – first step towards CP violation
- ❑ T2K (Tokai-to-Kamioka)
  - First off-axis beam to discover  $\theta_{13}$ :  $2.5^\circ$



$E_\nu = 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

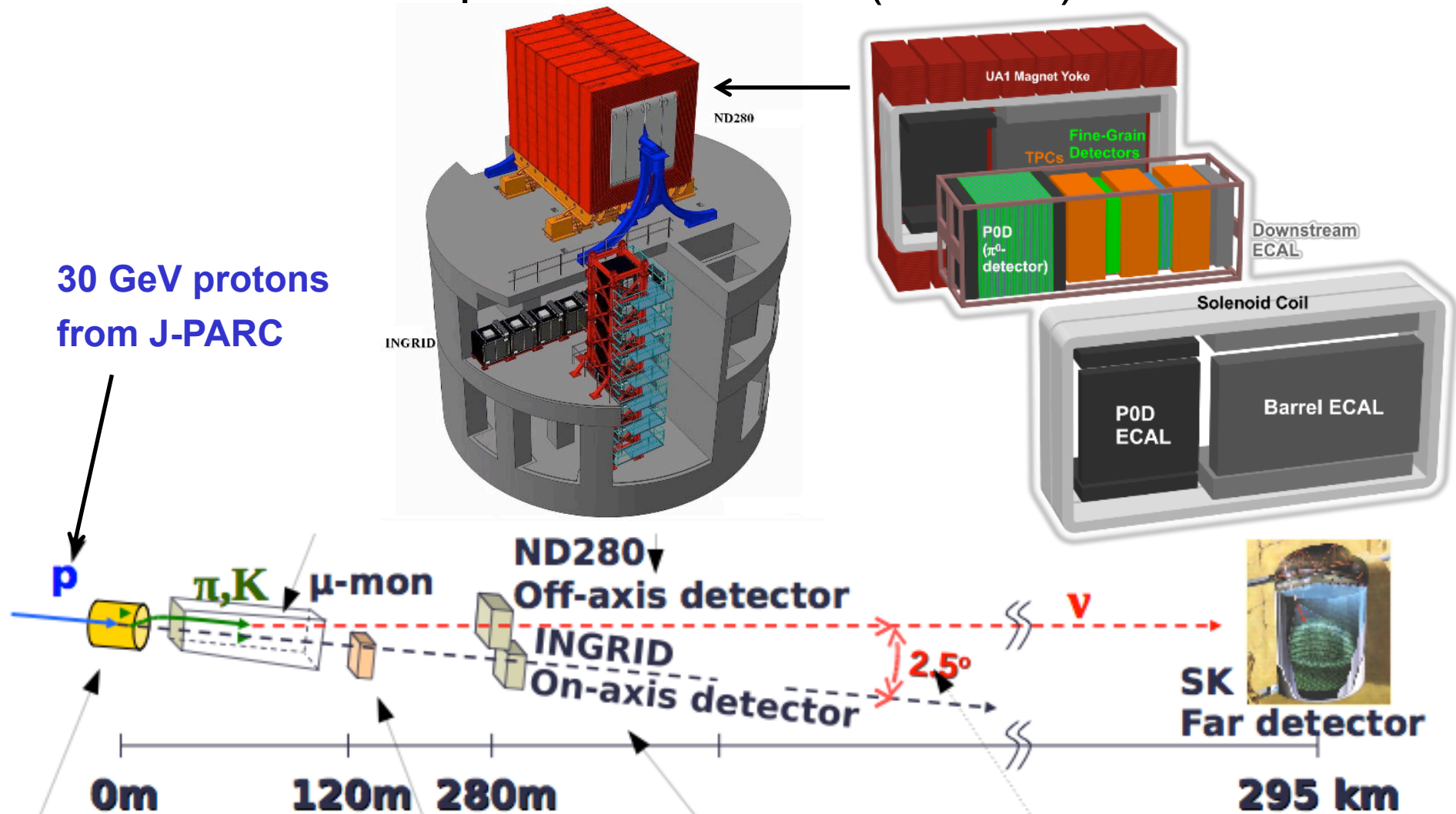
Off-axis: narrower energy band:

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

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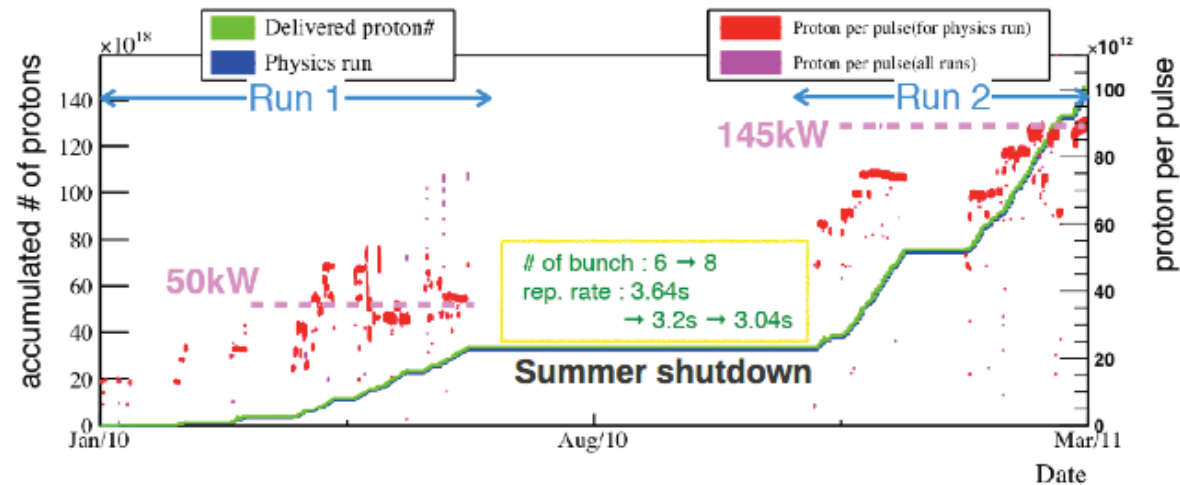
# T2K Detectors

- ❑ Near detectors:  $\mu$ -mon, INGRID and ND280
- ❑ Far detector: Super-Kamiokande (295 km)

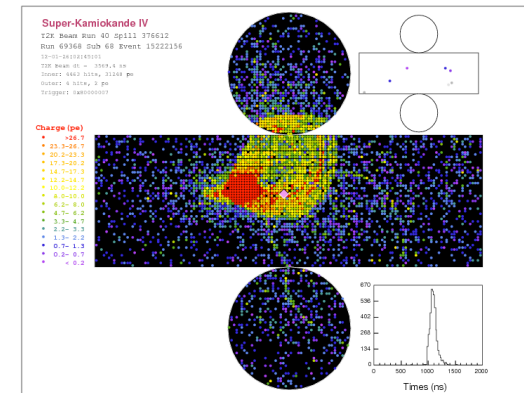


# T2K Detectors

- Data taking:  $1.43 \times 10^{20}$  POT (2% expected data)



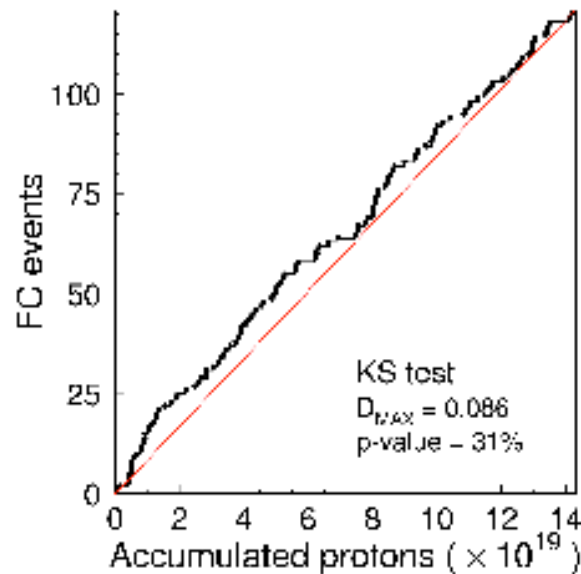
- Run cut short by devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on 11 March 2011
- Accelerator damaged and repaired
- Facility was recovered and T2K started data taking again on 24 Dec 2011 (without horn)
- One event Jan 2012
- Resumption full data taking March 2012



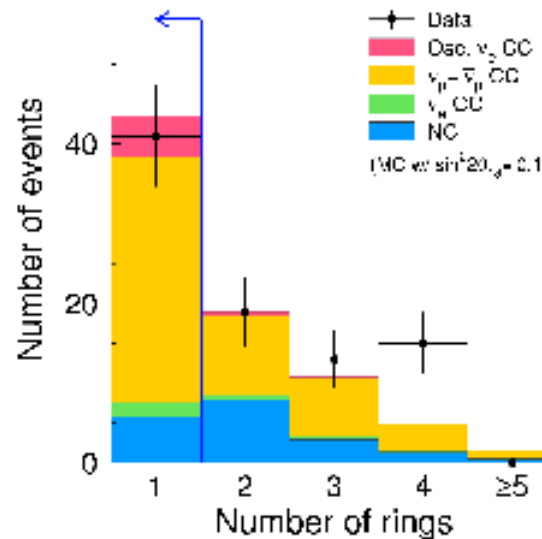
# T2K electron neutrino appearance

## Data selection:

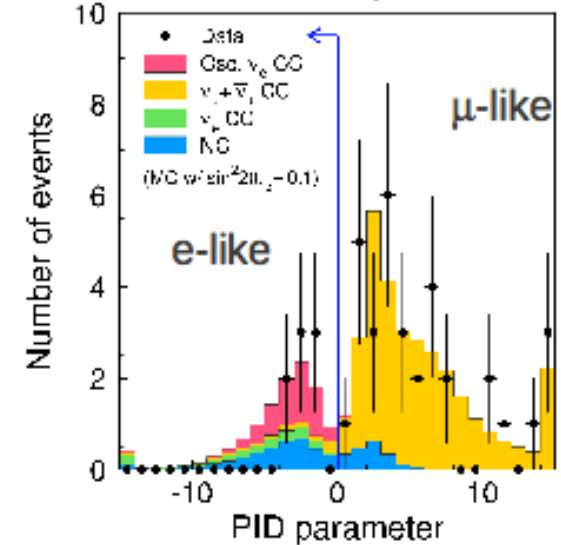
88 FCFV events



41 single ring events

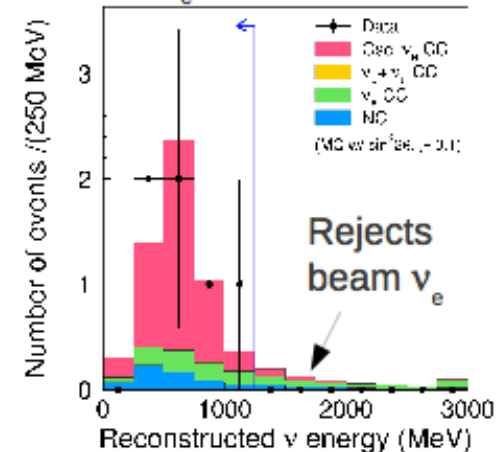


8 e-like events, 33  $\mu$ -like events



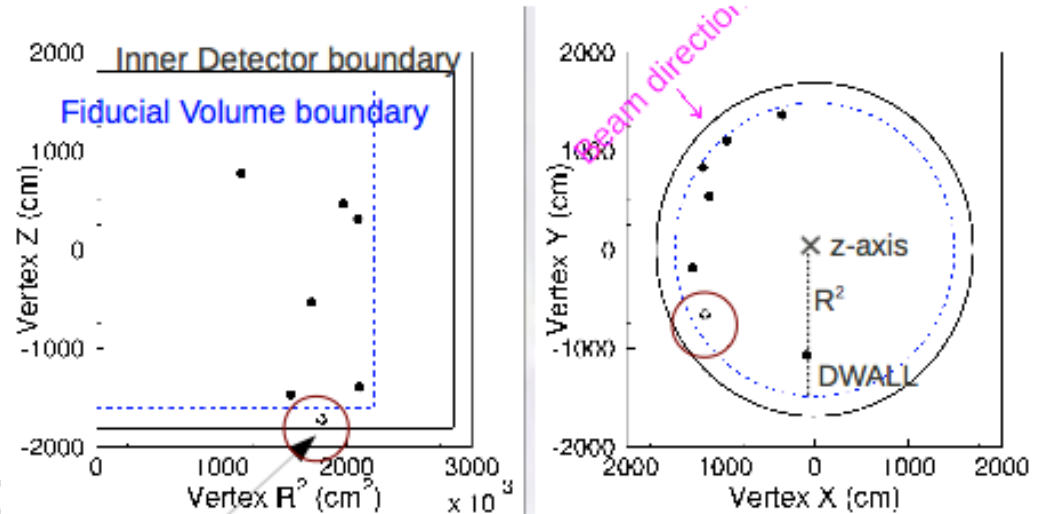
- Finally, 6 events survive cuts ( $1.5 \pm 0.3$ ) unoscillated background
- If  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$  then 5.5 events would have survived cuts

6  $\nu_e$  events

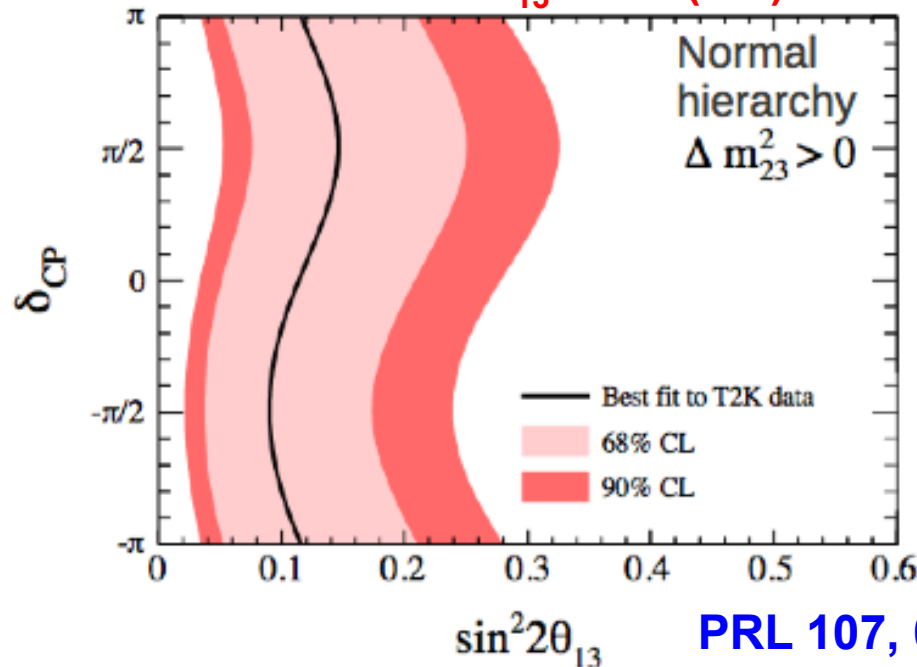


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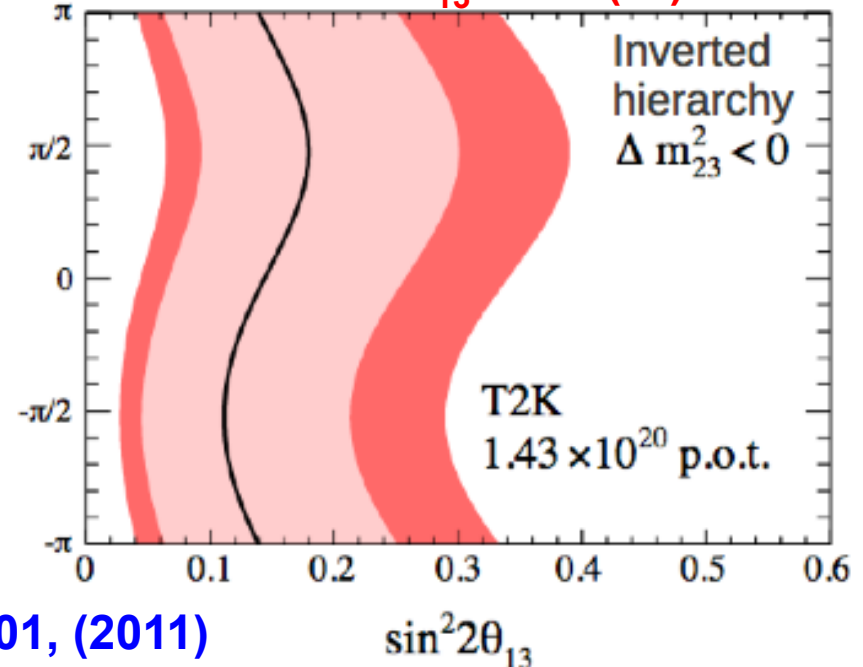
- Some issue with events being close to fiducial volume edge, but no evidence for bias
- Final sensitivity of  $\theta_{13}$  as a function of CP phase  $\delta$ :



$0.03 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.28$  (NH)



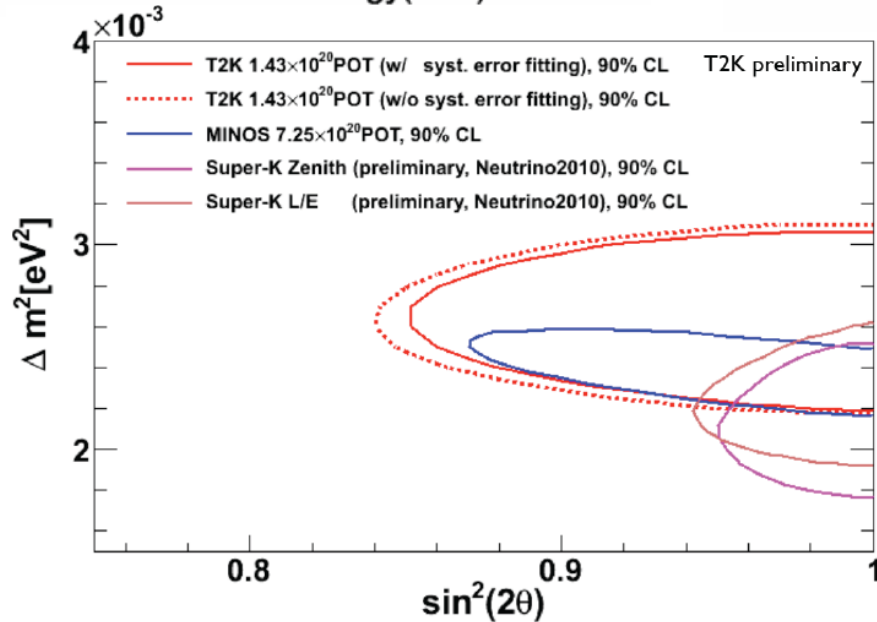
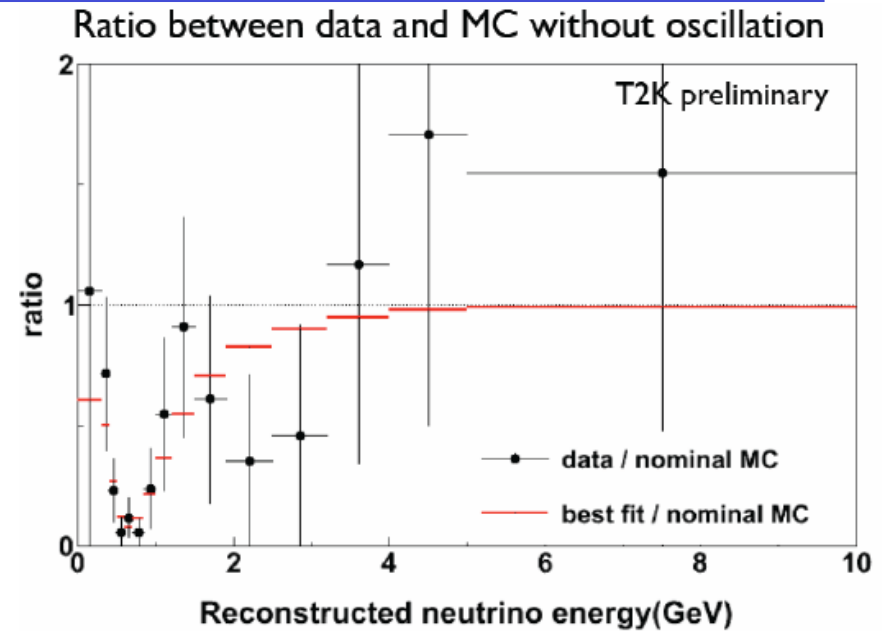
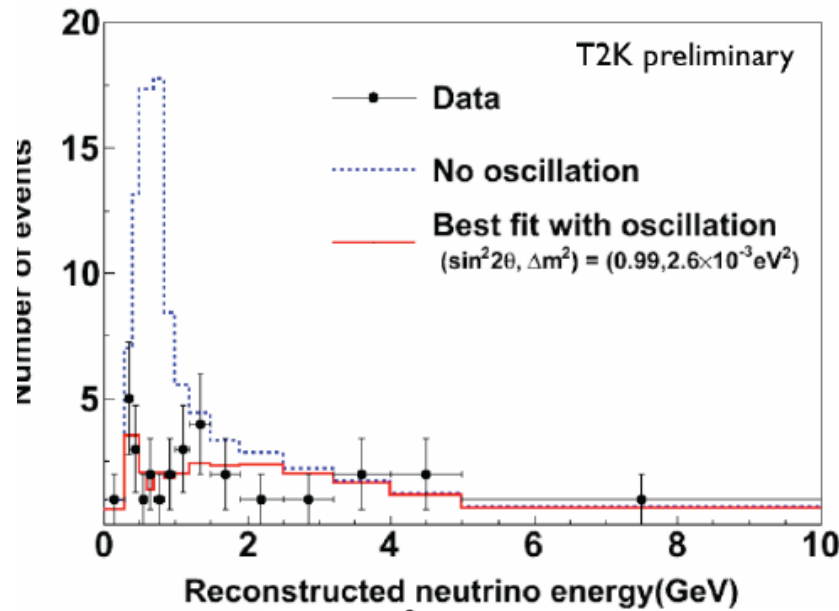
$0.04 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.34$  (IH)



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# T2K $\nu_\mu$ disappearance



Recent published paper:  
Arxiv: 1201.1386

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.99$$

$$\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.63 \times 10^{-3}$$

# MINOS $\nu_e$ results

## Appearance Result for 15-Bin Fitting

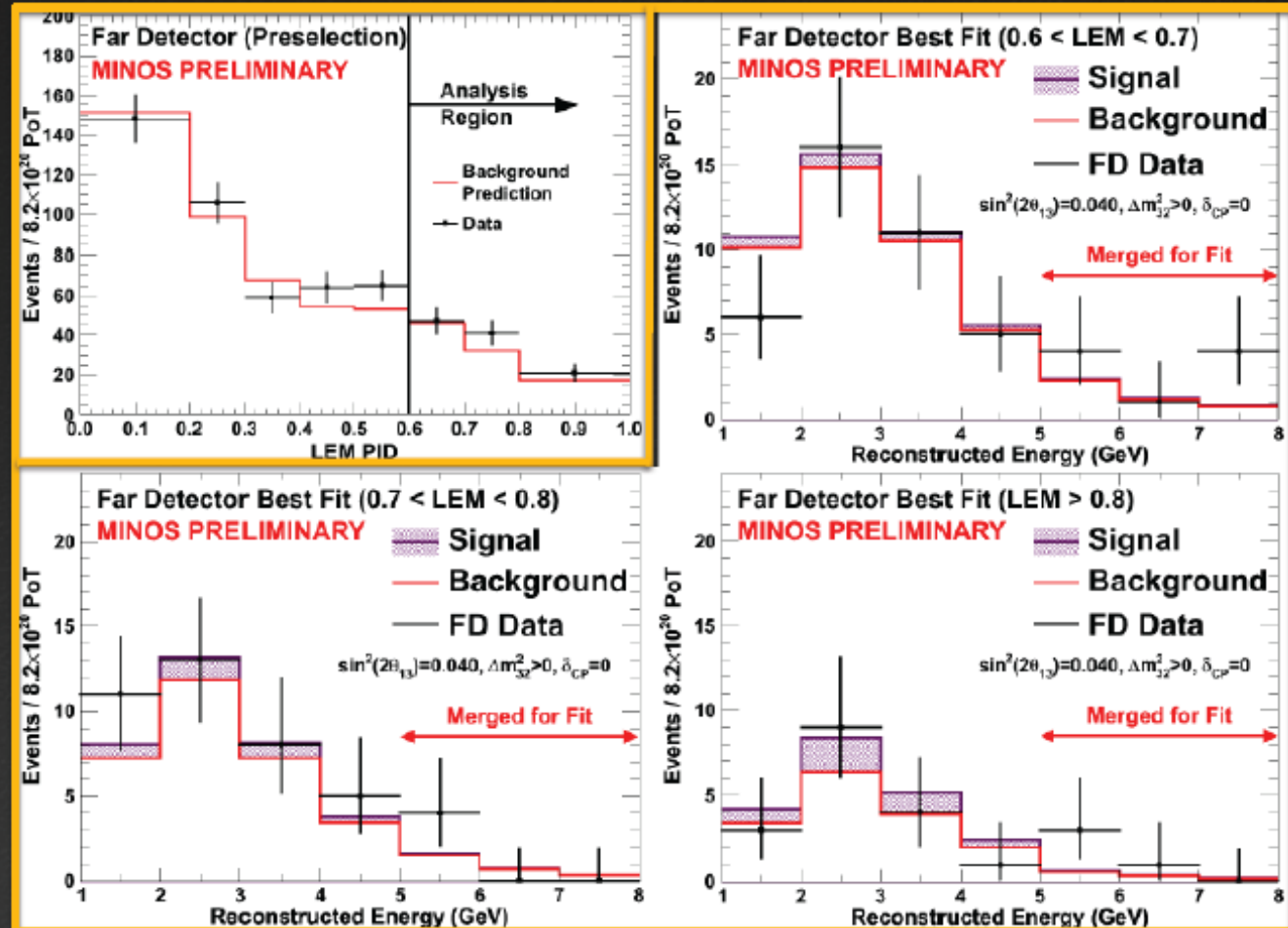
The fit uses 15 bins – three in PID and 5 in reconstructed energy.

Best Fit:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.040$$

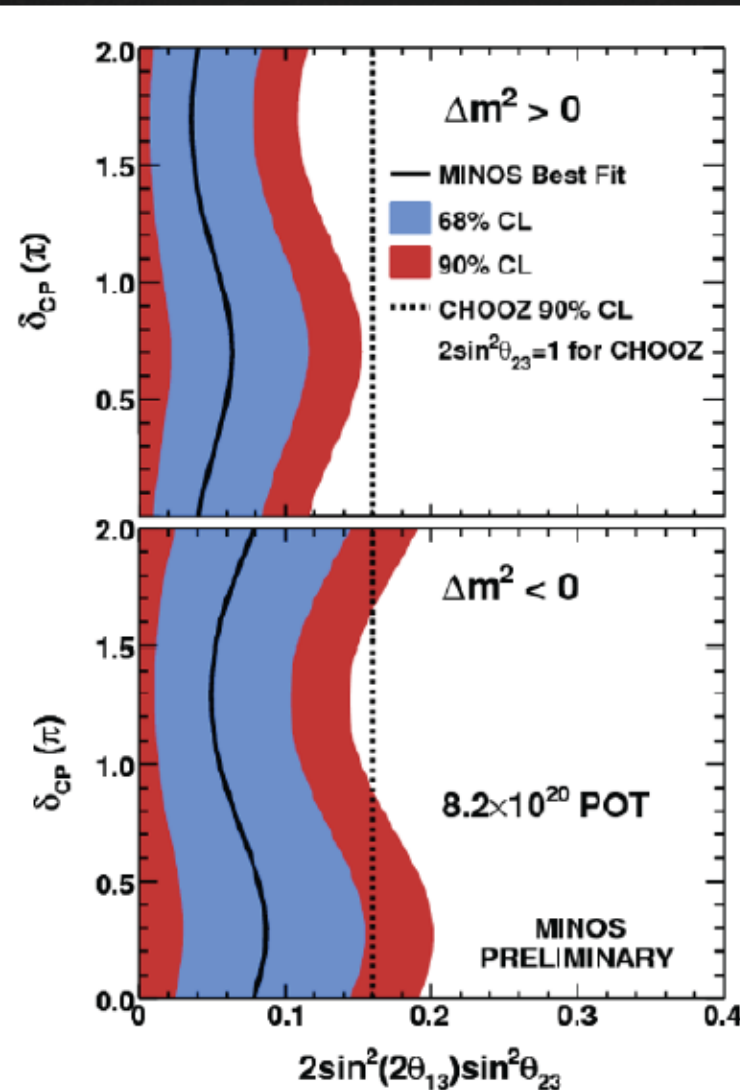
for  $\delta=0$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$ , normal mass hierarchy

Signal enhanced region  $LEM>0.7$ :  
expect  $49.5 \pm 7.0(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.8(\text{syst.})$ , observed 62 events in the FD



# MINOS $\nu_e$ results

## Region Allowed by Fit



MINOS has updated its electron neutrino appearance analysis for an exposure of  $8.2 \times 10^{20}$  POT, with shape fitting and a new selection variable

$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.12$  for normal mass hierarchy,  $< 0.19$  for inverted hierarchy, at 90% C.L., for  $\delta = 0$

$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.04$  (0.08) are the best fit values

$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0$  excluded at 89% C.L.

For the first time, an experiment has been able to exclude beyond the Chooz limit in all of the parameter space for the normal mass hierarchy

# MINOS $\nu_\mu$ results

## Muon Neutrino Disappearance

Muon neutrinos are observed to disappear as they travel. The most precise result in  $\Delta m^2$  was obtained by MINOS:

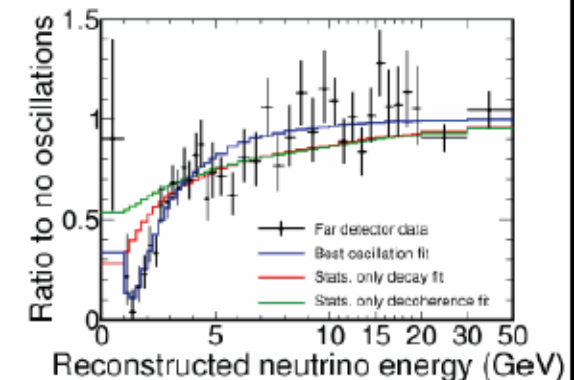
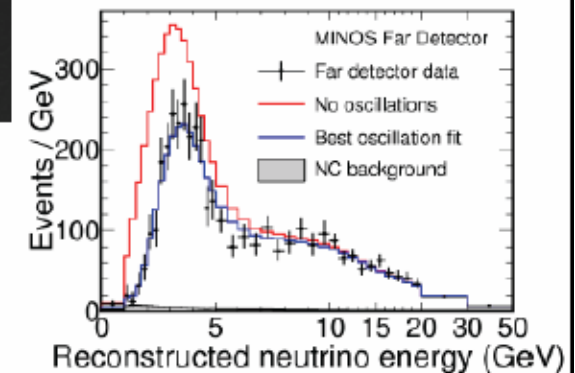
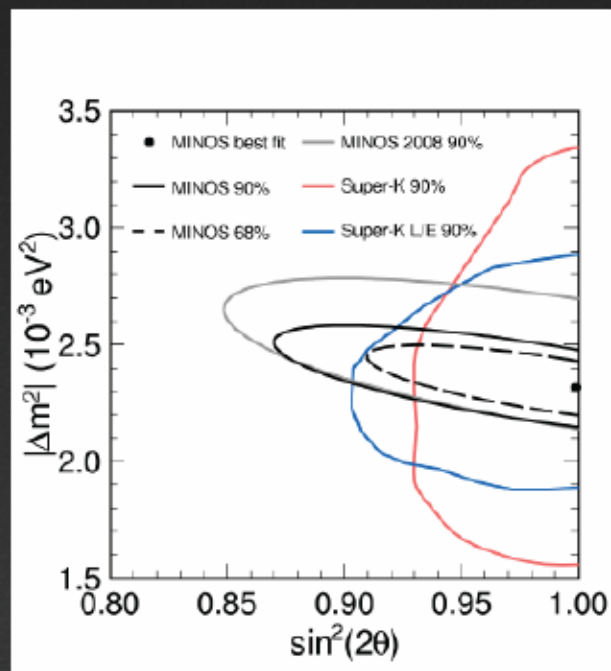
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{32}^2 L/E)$$

$$|\Delta m^2| = 2.32^{+0.12}_{-0.08} \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) > 0.90 (90\% C.L.)$$

Expected 2451 events  
Observed 1986 events

Exclude decay at  $7\sigma$   
Exclude decoherence  
at  $9\sigma$



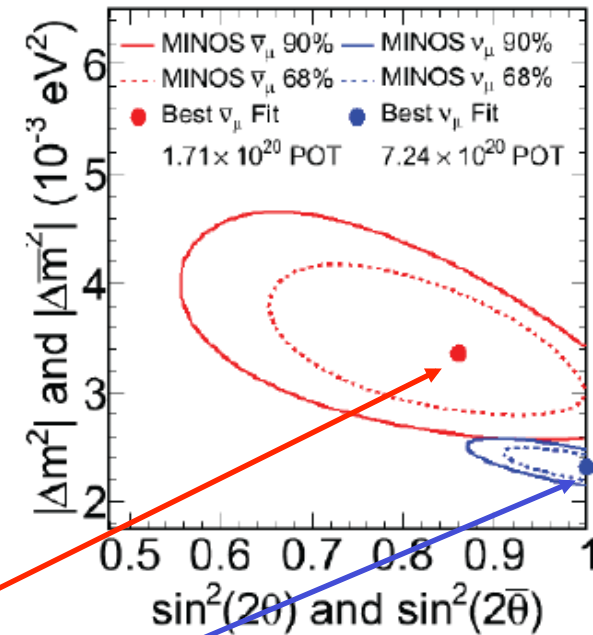
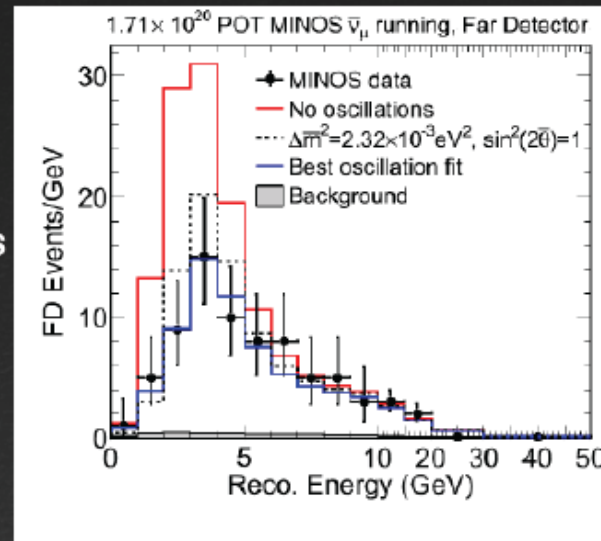
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# MINOS anti- $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ results

## Muon Anti-Neutrino Disappearance

By reversing the horn current, NuMI can create an anti-neutrino beam, can analyze the resulting data in a similar way to the neutrino data

No oscillation  
 Prediction: 156 events  
 Observe: 97 events  
 No oscillations  
 disfavored at  $6.3\sigma$



$$|\overline{\Delta m^2}| = (3.36_{-0.40}^{+0.46} (stat.) \pm 0.06 (syst.)) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

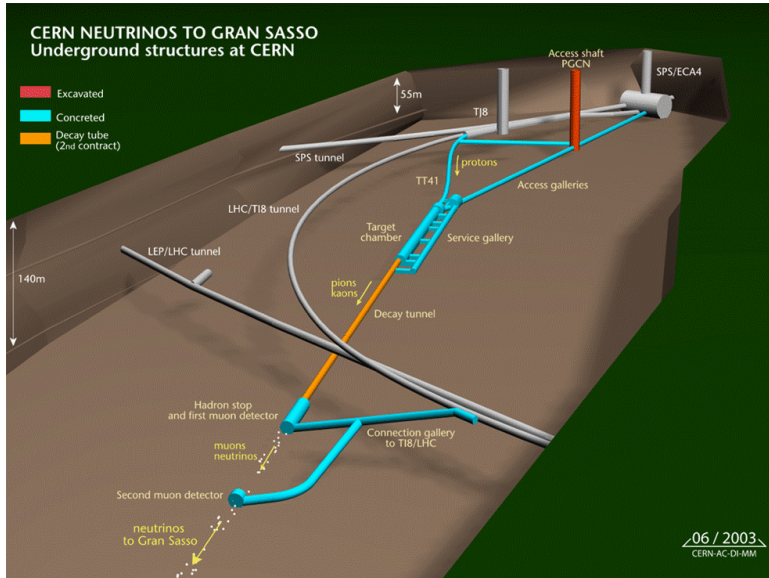
$$\sin^2(2\bar{\theta}) = 0.86_{-0.12}^{+0.11} (stat.) \pm 0.01 (syst.)$$

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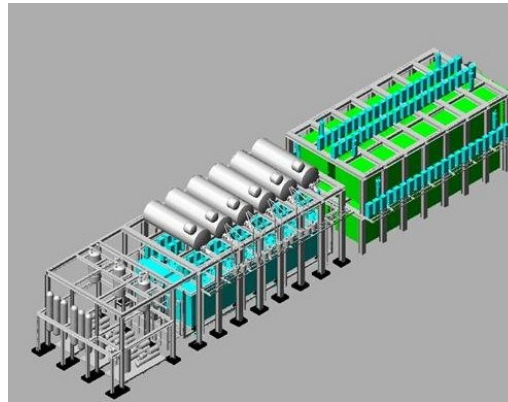
Tension antineutrino-neutrino results:  $\sim 2\sigma$

# OPERA at Gran Sasso

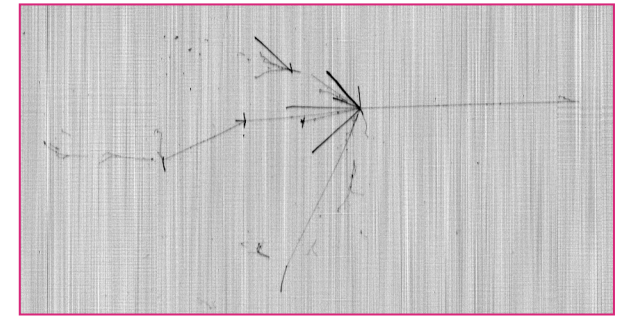
❑ **CNGS: CERN to Gran Sasso (Italy). L= 732 km,  $\langle E \rangle = 30$  GeV. Started in 2006.**



❑ **ICARUS (600 ton liquid argon TPC): kinematic selection of  $\nu_\tau$**



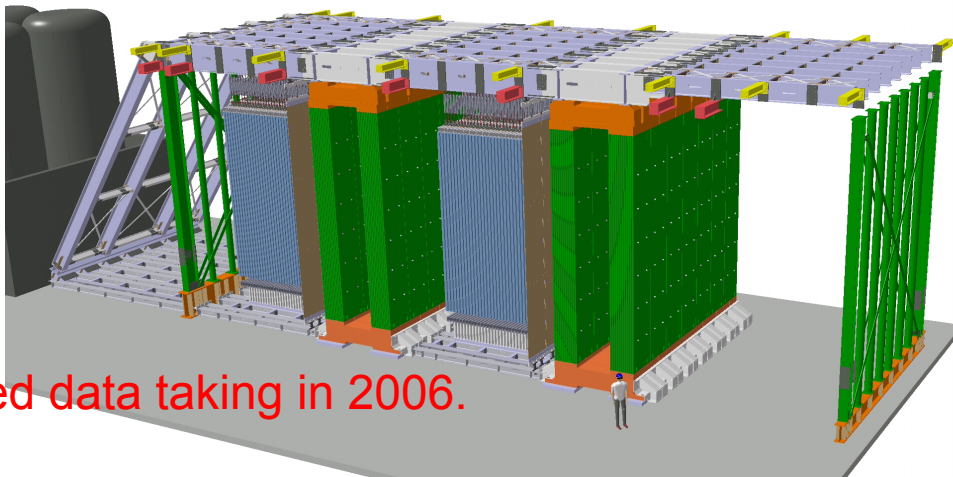
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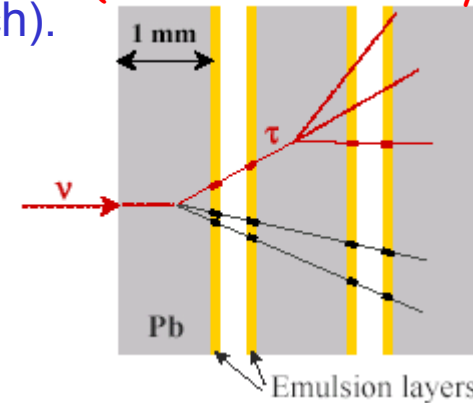
**206,336 "ECC bricks" (56 Pb/Emulsion layers)**

❑ **OPERA (1.8 kton emulsion based  $\nu_\tau$  appearance search).**

$\nu$  beam



**Started data taking in 2006.**



**6.6  $\nu_\tau$  signal events ( $\Delta m^2 = 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$ )** 22

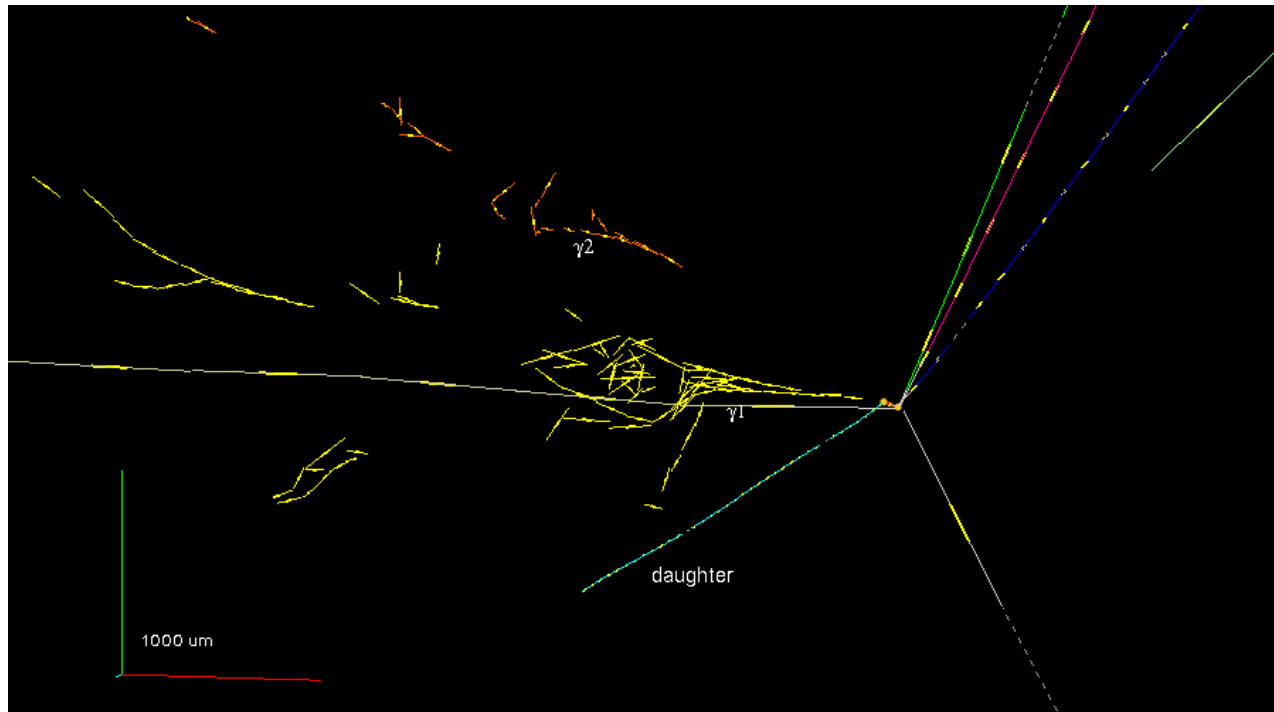
# OPERA at Gran Sasso

- OPERA: first tau candidate found in 2010

Consistent with  $\tau$  decay to  $\rho$ :

$$\nu_\tau + N \rightarrow \tau^- + X$$

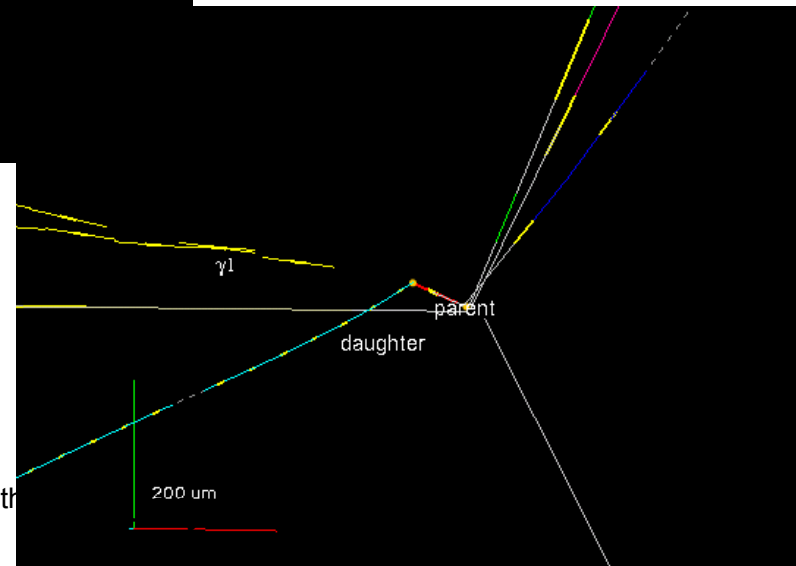
$$\tau^- \rightarrow \rho(\pi^- \pi^0) + \nu_\tau$$



Background:  $0.045 \pm 0.020$

Significance:  $2.36\sigma$

Higgs-Maxwell Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup>



# New OPERA $\nu_\tau$ results

## Updated OPERA sensitivity

Including all the improvements in the analysis

Decay channel	Number of signal events expected for $Dm^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	
	$22.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ p.o.t.}$	Analysed sample
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	1.79	0.39
$\tau \rightarrow e$	2.89	0.63
$\tau \rightarrow h$	2.25	0.49
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	0.71	0.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.63</b>	<b>1.65</b>

In the analyzed sample (92% of '08+'09 data) one  $\nu_\tau$  observed in the  $\tau \rightarrow h$  channel compatible with the expectation of 1.65 signal events.

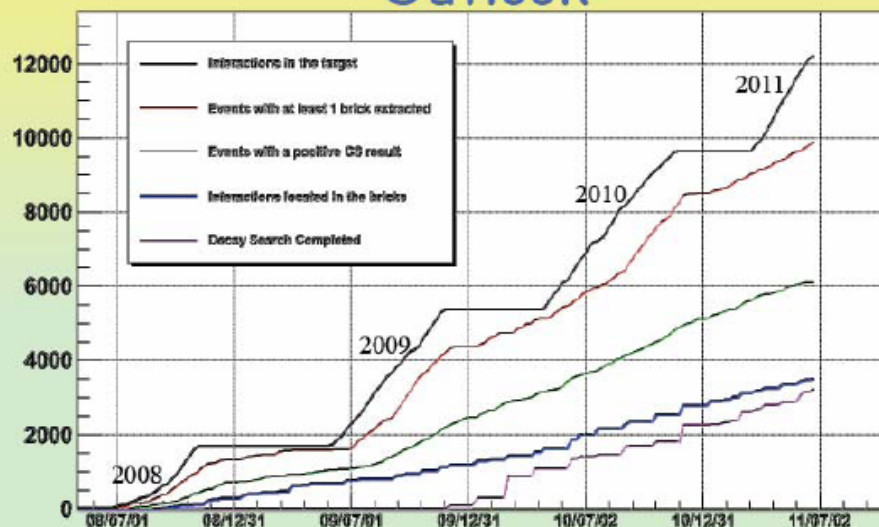
## Summary of background

Very clean channel

Decay channel	Number of background events for:							
	$22.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ p.o.t.}$				Analysed sample			
	Charm	Hadron	Muon	Total	Charm	Hadron	Muon	Total
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	0.025	0.00	0.07	$0.09 \pm 0.04$	0.00	0.00	0.02	$0.02 \pm 0.01$
$\tau \rightarrow e$	0.22	0	0	$0.22 \pm 0.05$	0.05	0	0	$0.05 \pm 0.01$
$\tau \rightarrow h$	0.14	0.11	0	$0.24 \pm 0.06$	0.03	0.02	0	$0.05 \pm 0.01$
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	0.18	0	0	$0.18 \pm 0.04$	0.04	0	0	$0.04 \pm 0.01$
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b><math>0.73 \pm 0.15</math></b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b><math>0.16 \pm 0.03</math></b>

The expected background in the  $\tau \rightarrow h$  channel is  $0.05 \pm 0.01$   
 The probability of a background fluctuation up to at least one event is 5%.  
 The total expected background is  $0.16 \pm 0.03$  and the probability a background fluctuation is 15%.

## Outlook

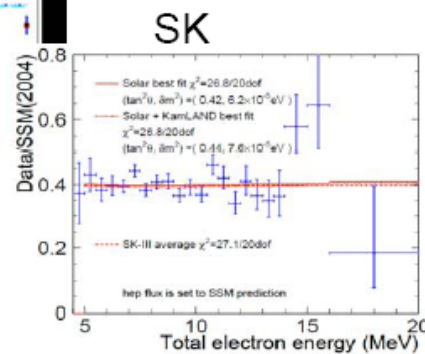
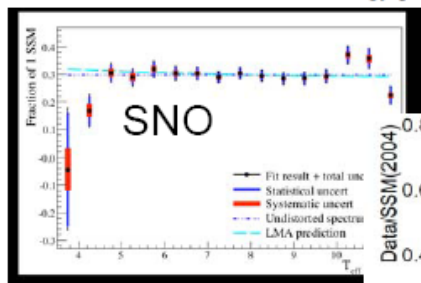
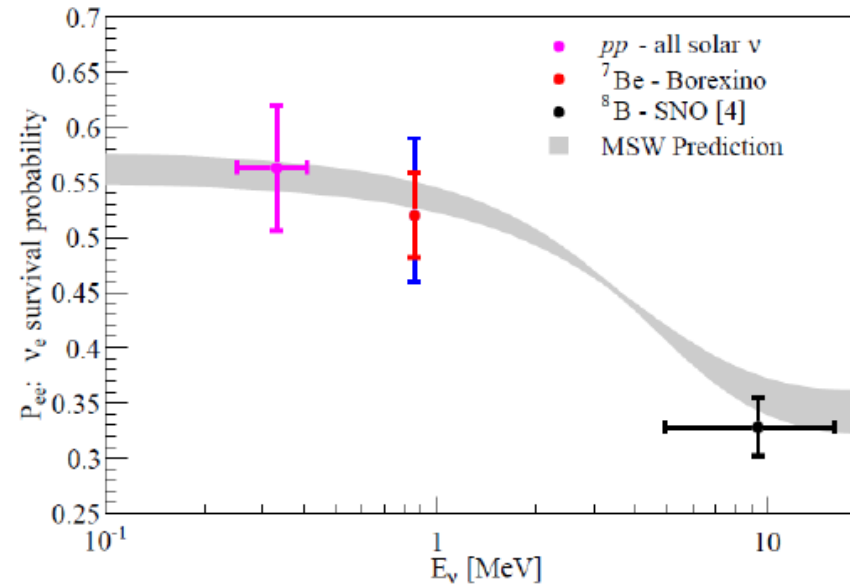
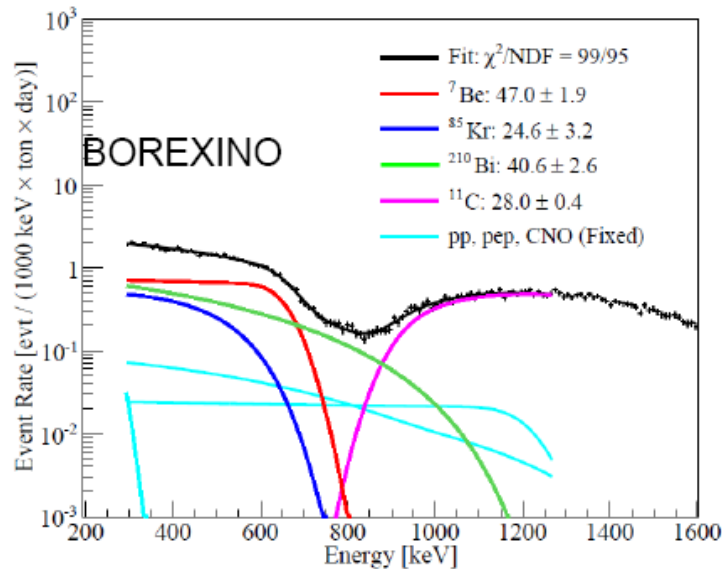


- 1  $\nu_\tau$  event observed
- 1.65  $\nu_\tau$  events expected
- $0.16 \pm 0.03$  background expected
- Full OPERA sample expectation:
- 7.63  $\nu_\tau$  events expected
- $0.73 \pm 0.15$  background expected



# Borexino

## Precision measurement of solar ${}^7\text{Be}$ with Borexino



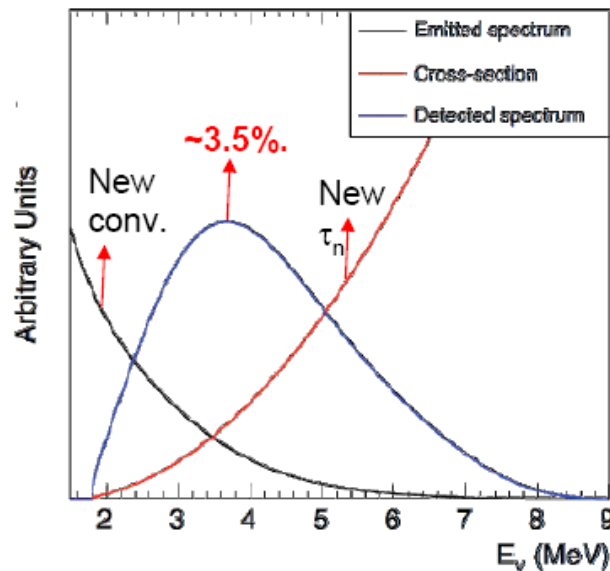
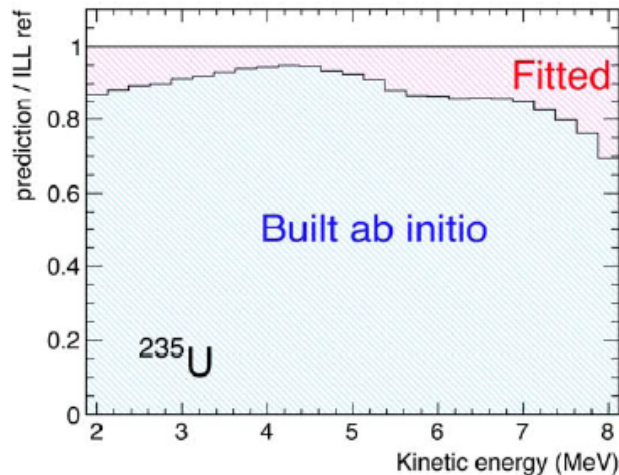
Mapping the MSW suppression:

Transition region is sensitive to NSI:  
Lower B threshold required to map  
Expected up-turn

# Reactor anomaly

## Revised reactor neutrino spectra & VSBL reactor $\nu$ -anomaly

T. Mueller et al. Phys. Rev. D83, 073006, 2011



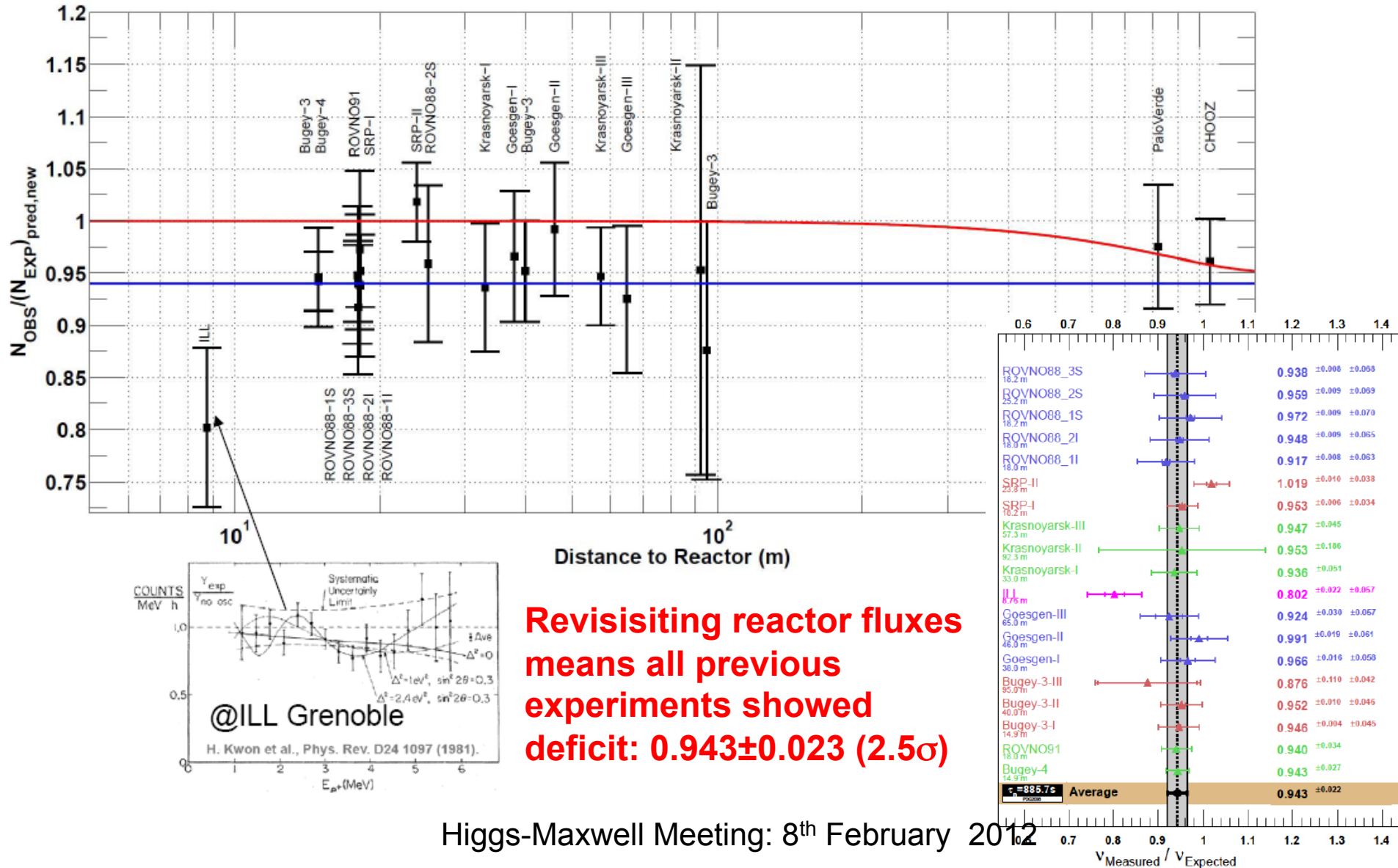
- Triggered by evaluation for DC far-detector phase
- Improved conversion from  $\beta$  to  $\bar{\nu}_e$  spectra:
  - Anchored to experimental ILL BILL-spectra of fission products
  - Conversion at individual  $\beta$ -branch level; residuals fitted as in original ILL conversion
  - Off-equilibrium effects included
- Improved (& increased) neutron life time measurement; also improved weak magnetism and radiative corrections

$$\sigma_f^{pred} = \int_0^\infty S_{tot}(E_\nu) \sigma_{V-A}(E_\nu) dE_\nu = \sum_k f_k \sigma_{f,k}^{pred}$$

	old [3]	new	new/old
$\sigma_{f,^{235}\text{U}}^{pred}$	$6.39 \pm 1.9\%$	$6.61 \pm 2.11\%$	+3.4%
$\sigma_{f,^{239}\text{Pu}}^{pred}$	$4.19 \pm 2.4\%$	$4.34 \pm 2.45\%$	+3.6%
$\sigma_{f,^{238}\text{U}}^{pred}$	$9.21 \pm 10\%$	$10.10 \pm 8.15\%$	+9.6%
$\sigma_{f,^{241}\text{Pu}}^{pred}$	$5.73 \pm 2.1\%$	$5.97 \pm 2.15\%$	+4.2%

# Reactor anomaly

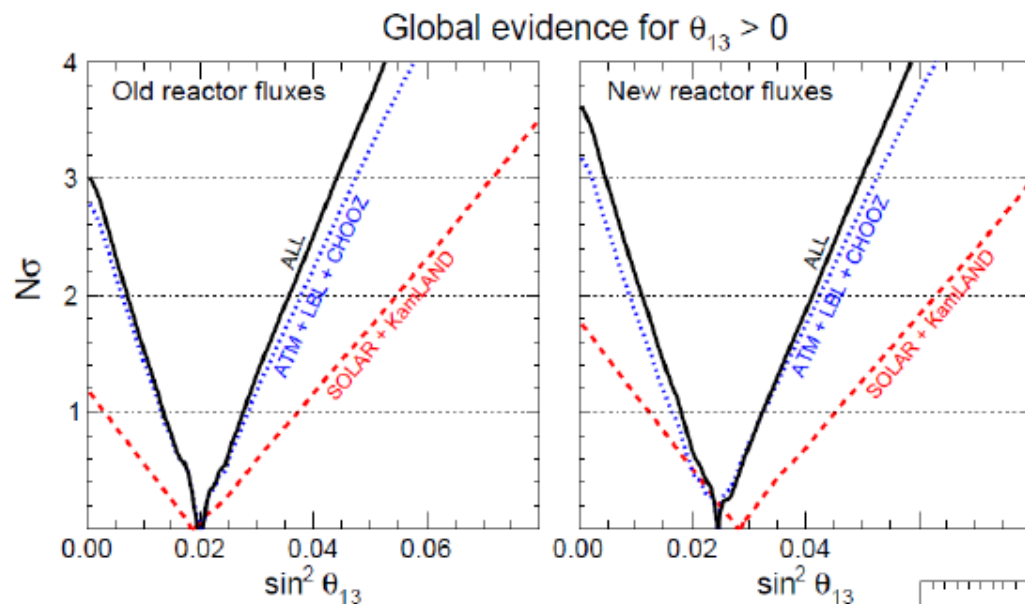
G. Mention et al. arXiv:1101.2755v4



Higgs-Maxwell Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

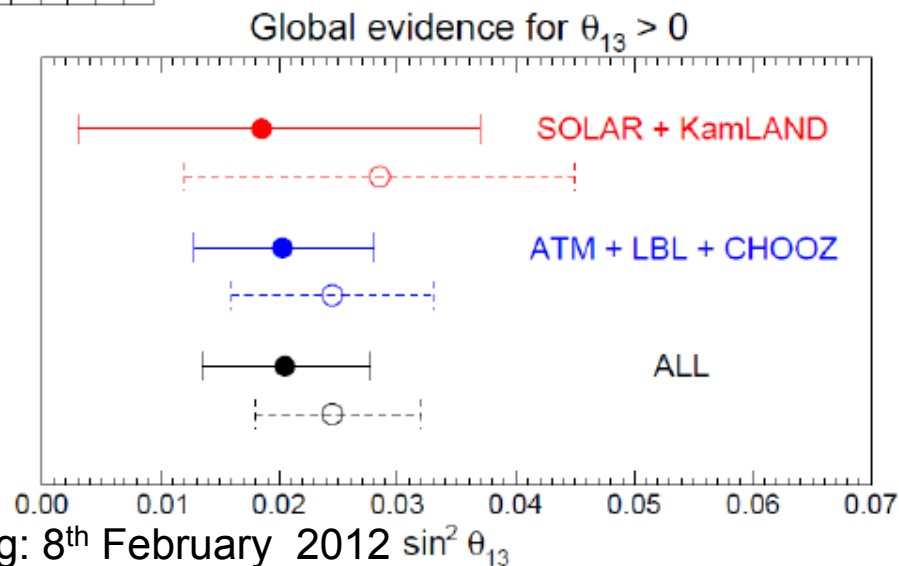
# New global fits

## Global $3\nu$ analysis inclusive T2K and Minos results



Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Palazzo, Rotunno,  
arXiv:1106.6028 [hep-ph]

**With old reactor fluxes: 3.0 sigma**  
(With new reactor fluxes: 3.6 sigma)

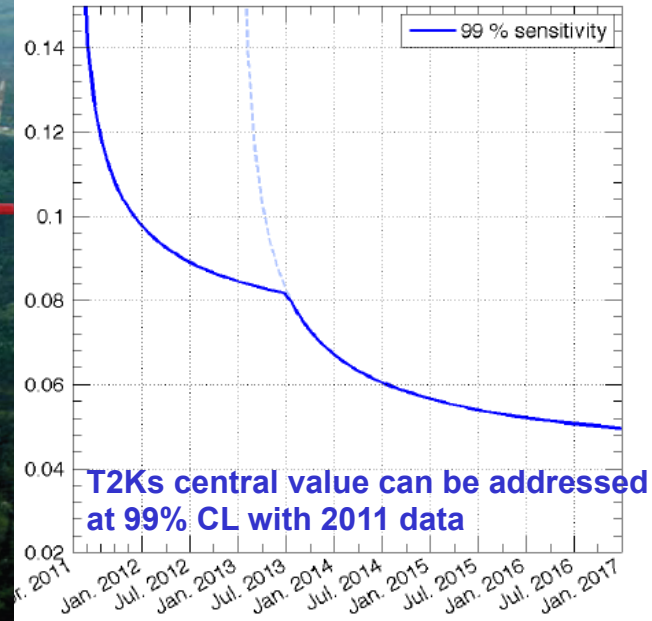


# Reactor experiments

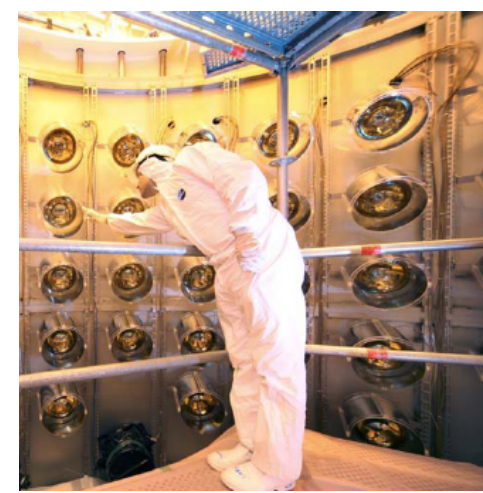
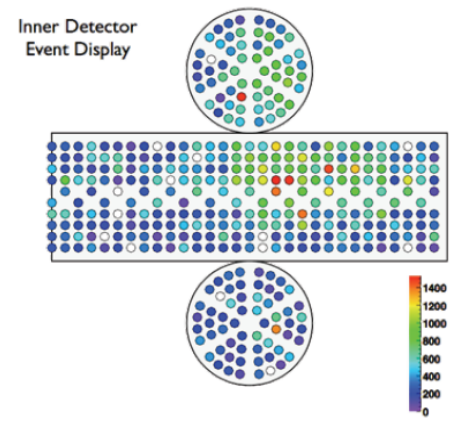
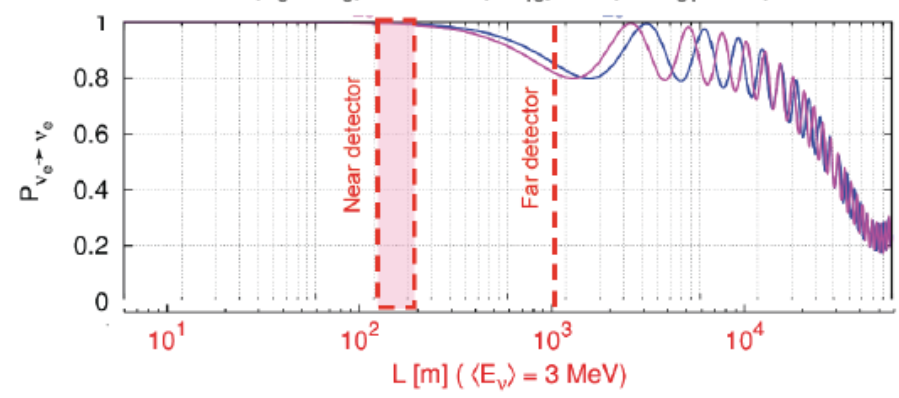


## Double Chooz (France) Data taking since April 2011

Double Chooz - sensitivity, no oscillations



$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta m^2_{31} L / 4E)$$

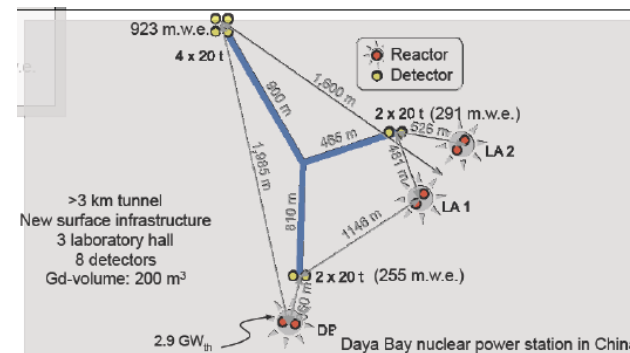
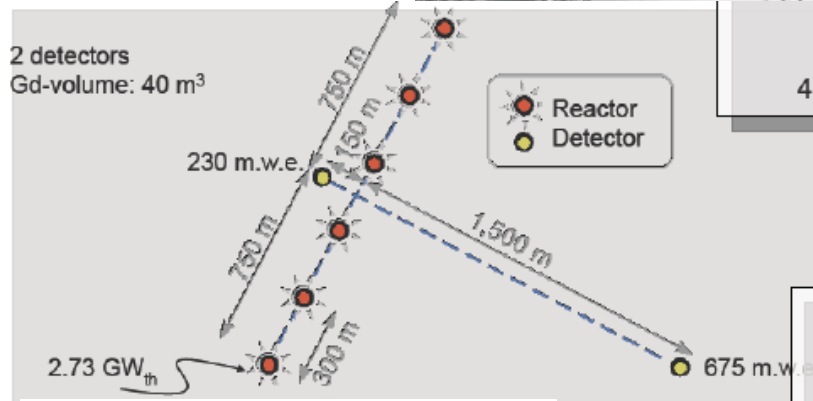
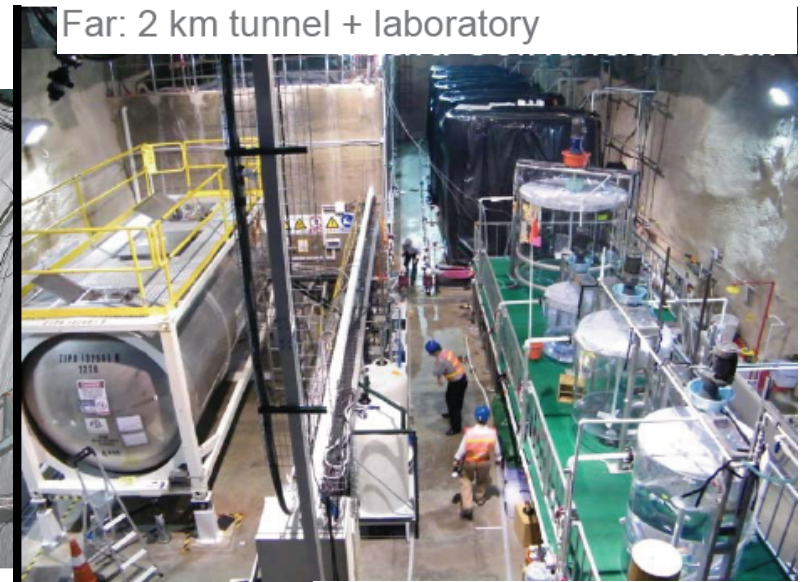
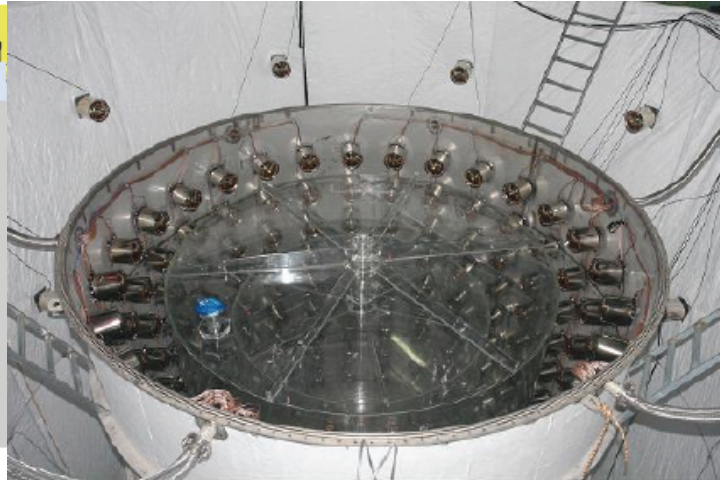
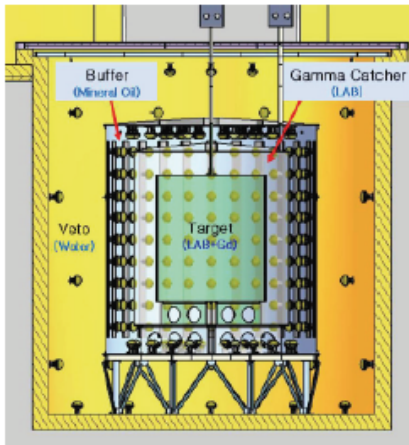


# Reactor experiments

**RENO** Site: Youngwang, Korea  
 Tunnel + halls ready  
 6 cores, 16 GW

**Daya Bay**

Site: Daya Bay Plant (11.6+6 GWth), China  
 Near: 1 km tunnel + laboratory  
 Far: 2 km tunnel + laboratory

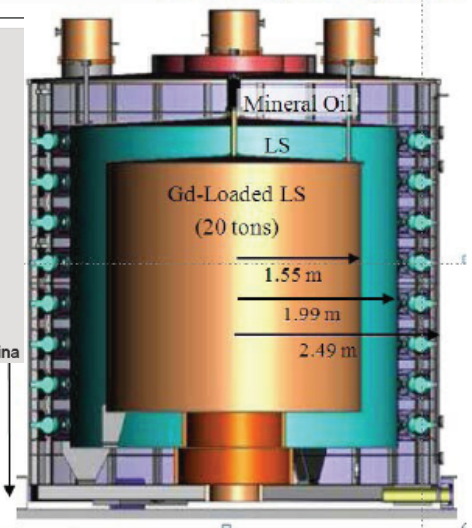


## Status

Two detector filled  
 Data taking by August 2011

## Status

2 near det. running by Summer 2011  
 4 far detectors deployment in 2012



# LSND and sterile neutrinos

- Accelerator experiments in 1990s:
  $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$        $\bar{\nu}_\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ 
  - LSND: Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector (Los Alamos)
  - KARMEN: Karlsruhe Rutherford Medium Energy Neutrino (RAL)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \quad \text{(in flight or at rest)} \\ \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e \quad \text{(at rest)} \end{array} \right.$$

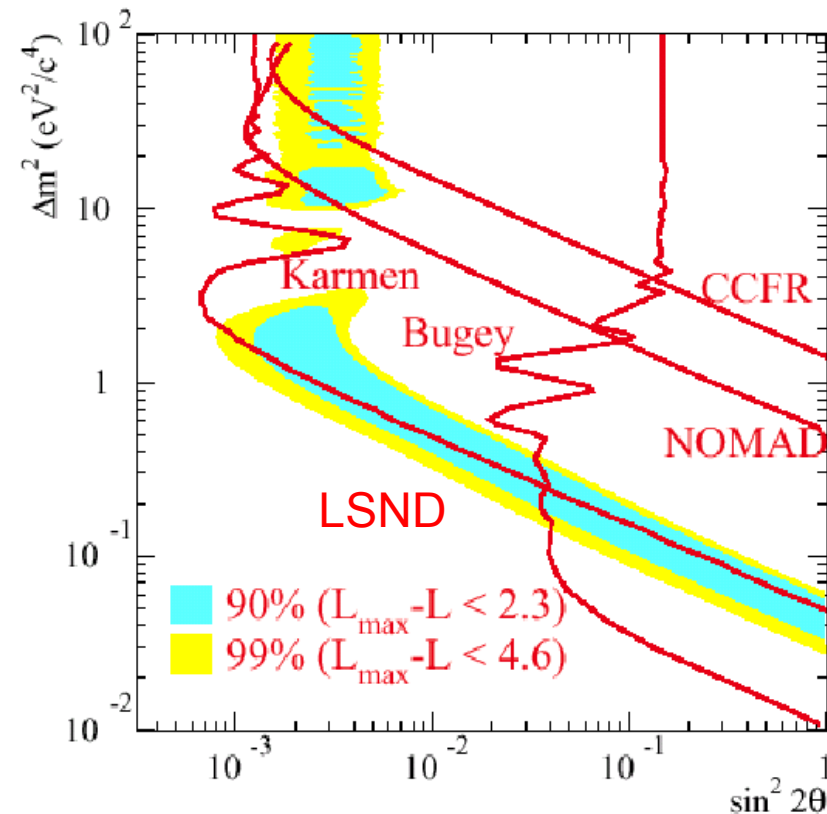
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \quad \text{(in flight)} \\ \mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e \quad \text{(at rest)} \end{array} \right.$$

Claim by LSND of  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  oscillations:

$$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = (3.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-3}$$

Not confirmed by KARMEN:

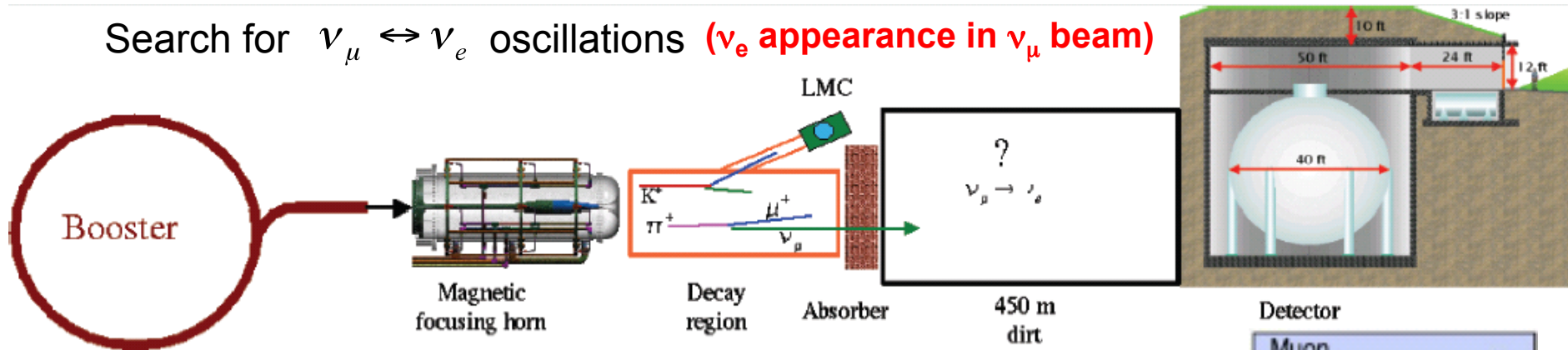
$$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) < 4.2 \times 10^{-3} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$



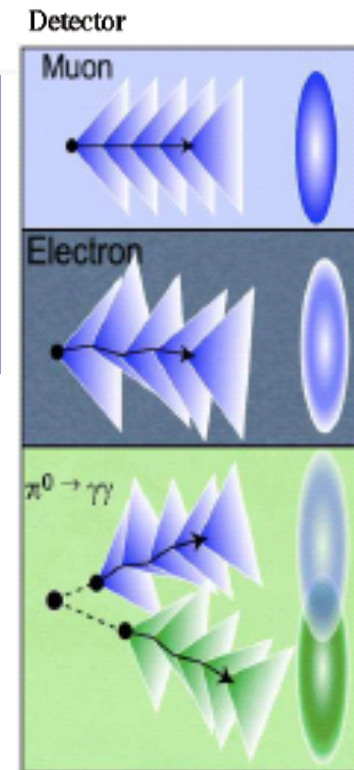
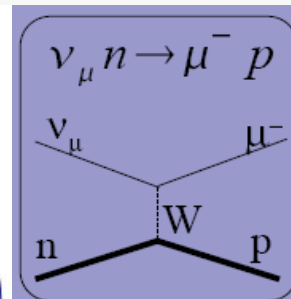
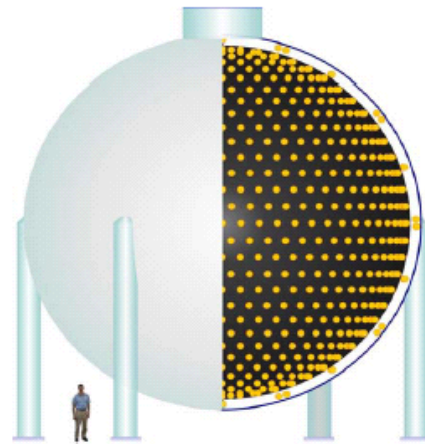
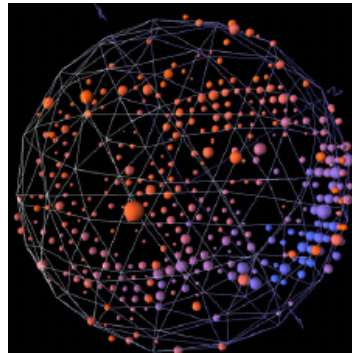
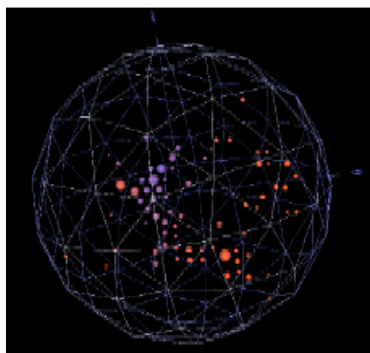
# MiniBoone

- MiniBoone (Fermilab) to confirm or deny LSND claim. Started data taking in 2002.

Search for  $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations ( $\nu_e$  appearance in  $\nu_\mu$  beam)



## Michel electron $\pi^0$ event

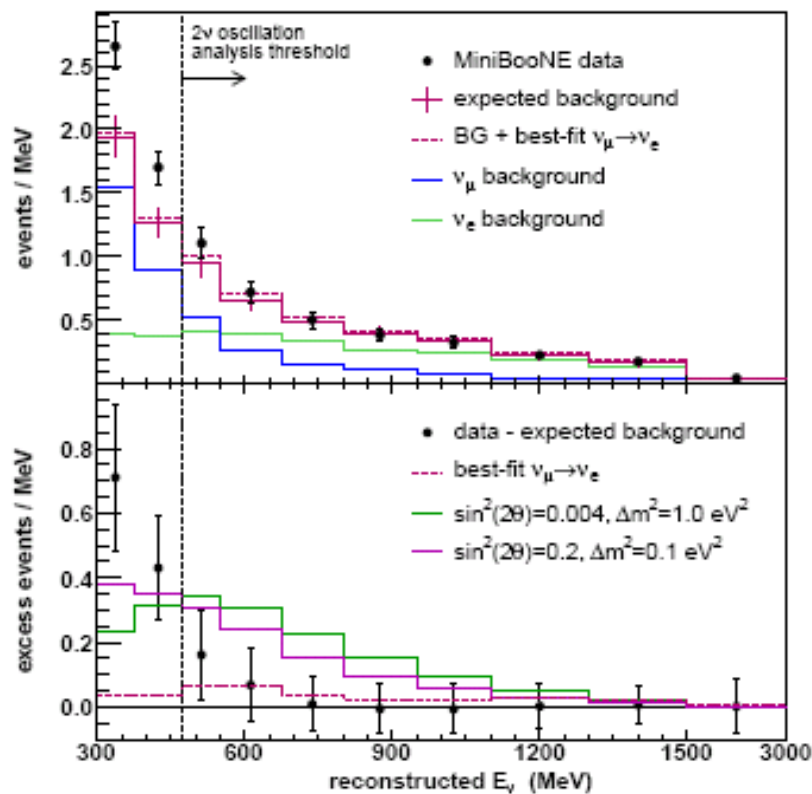




# MiniBoone

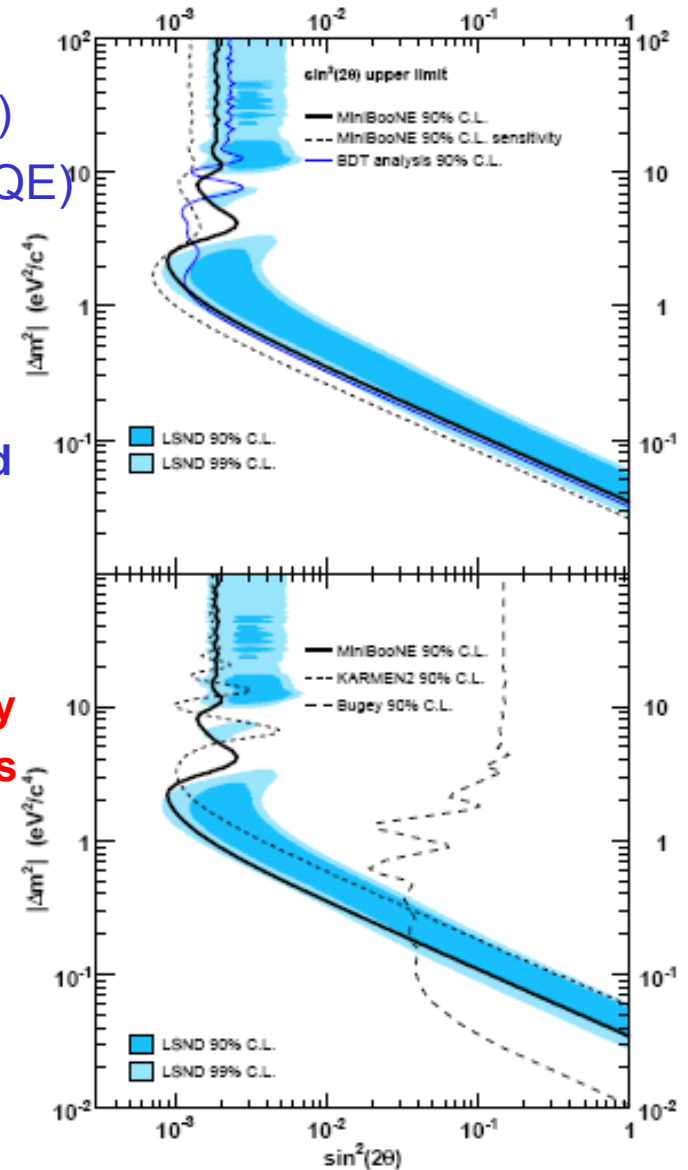
- MiniBoone analysis relies on knowing:
  - Flux of neutrinos from accelerator (hadron yields)
  - Charged current quasi-elastic cross-section (CCQE)
  - $\nu_e$  background from  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  and K decay
  - NC backgrounds (eg:  $\pi^0$ ,  $\Delta$  resonance)

Search for  $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations



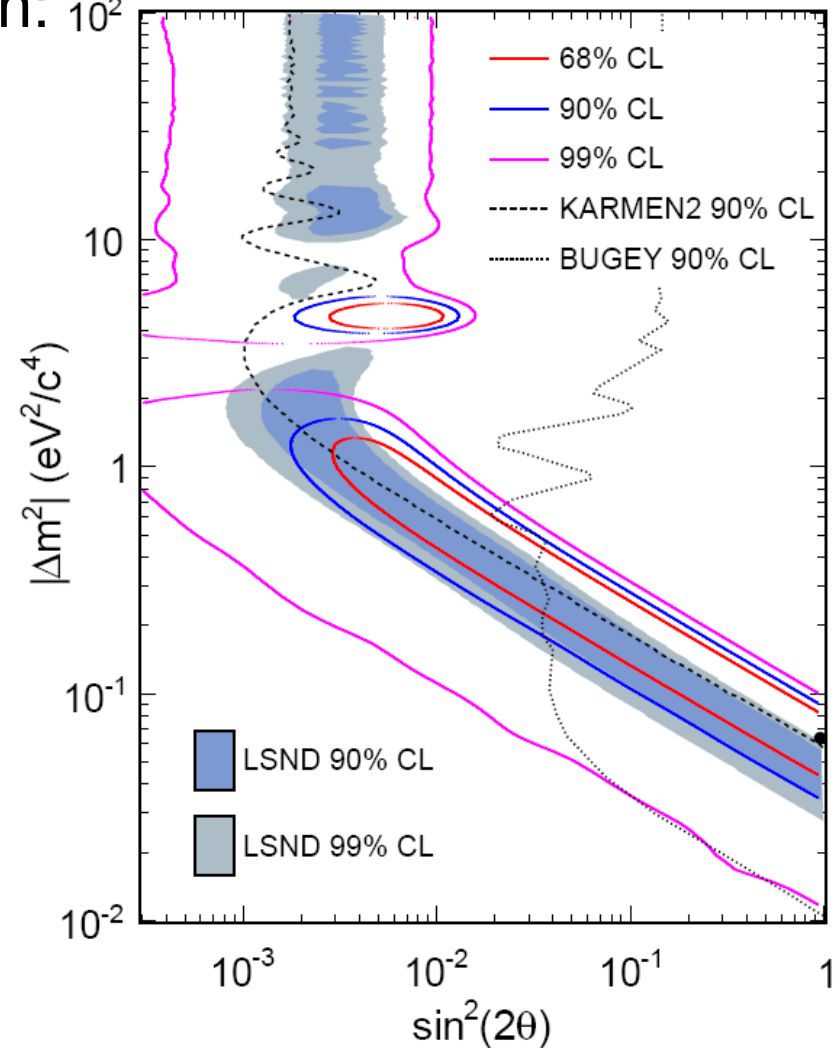
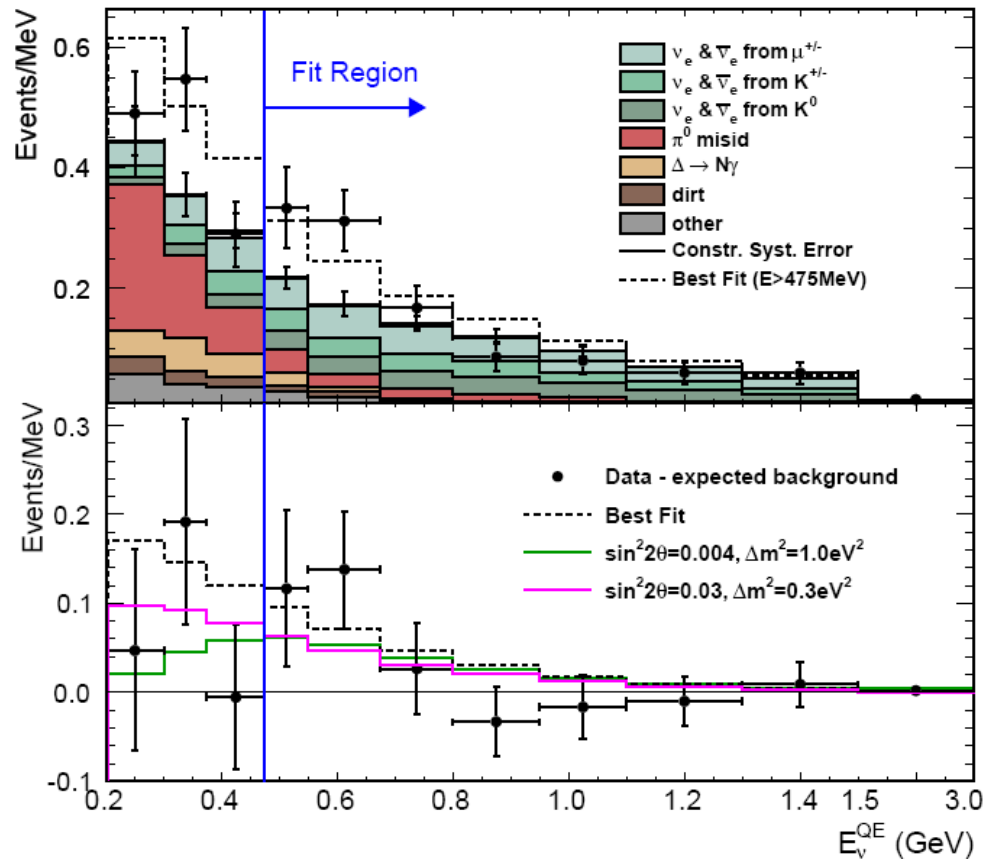
Results published June 2007.

No excess of  $\nu_e$  events in  $\nu_\mu$  energy window but excess at low energy



# MiniBoone

MiniBoone recent antineutrino run:



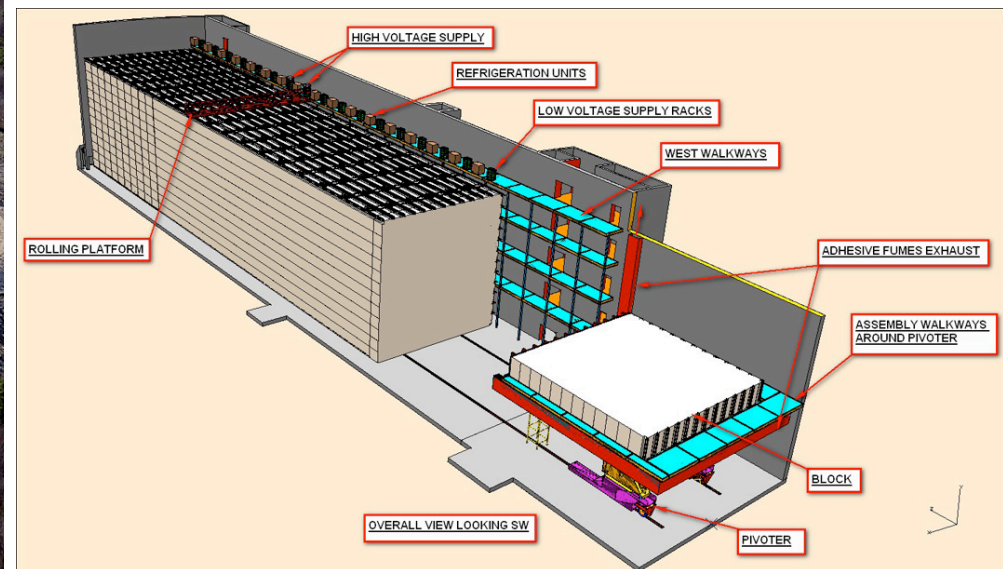
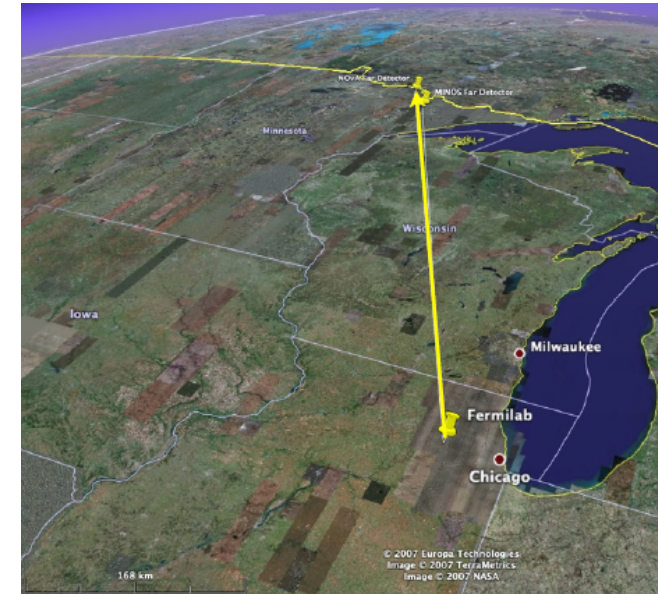
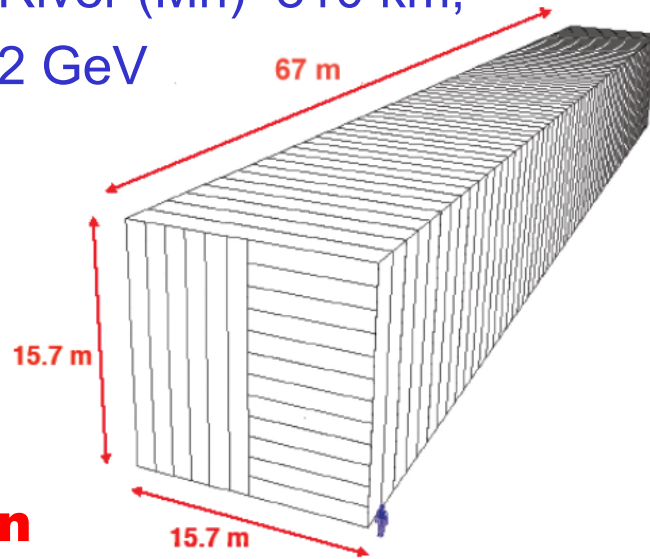
Agreement with LSND?

# NOVA neutrino appearance

- Fermilab to Ash River (Mn) 810 km,  
— 14 mrad, ~2.2 GeV

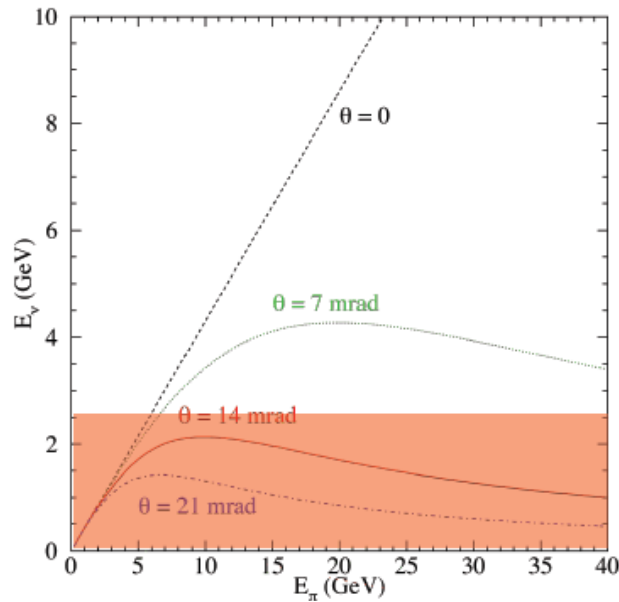
**14 kt liquid scintillator detector**

**Under construction**

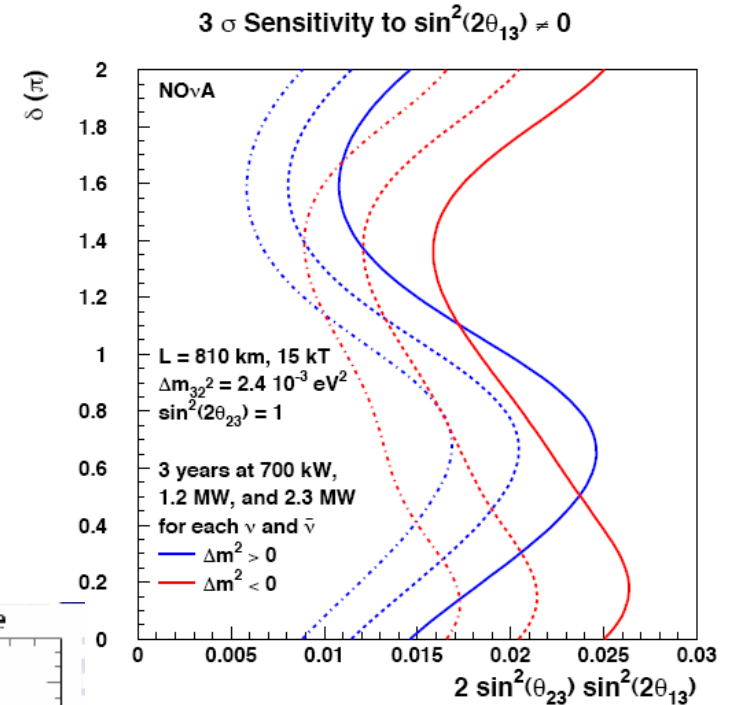
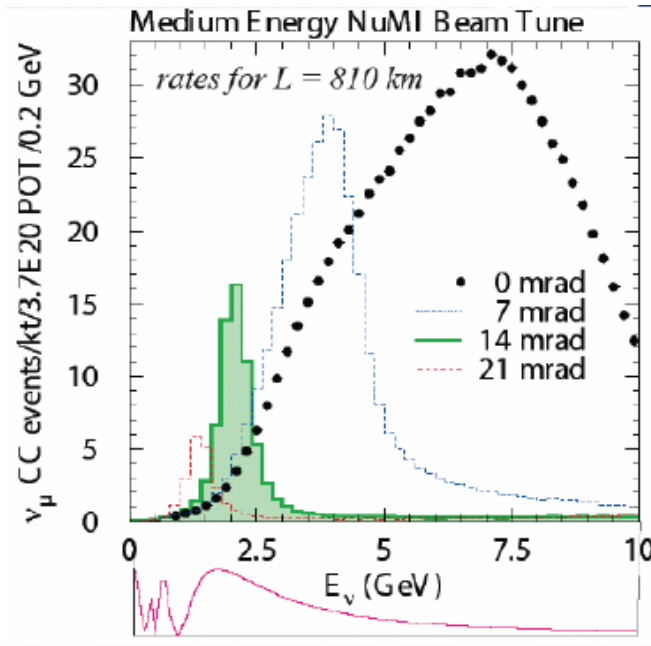


# NOVA neutrino experiment

- ▣ Fermilab to Ash River (Mn) 810 km,
  - 14 mrad, ~2.2 GeV

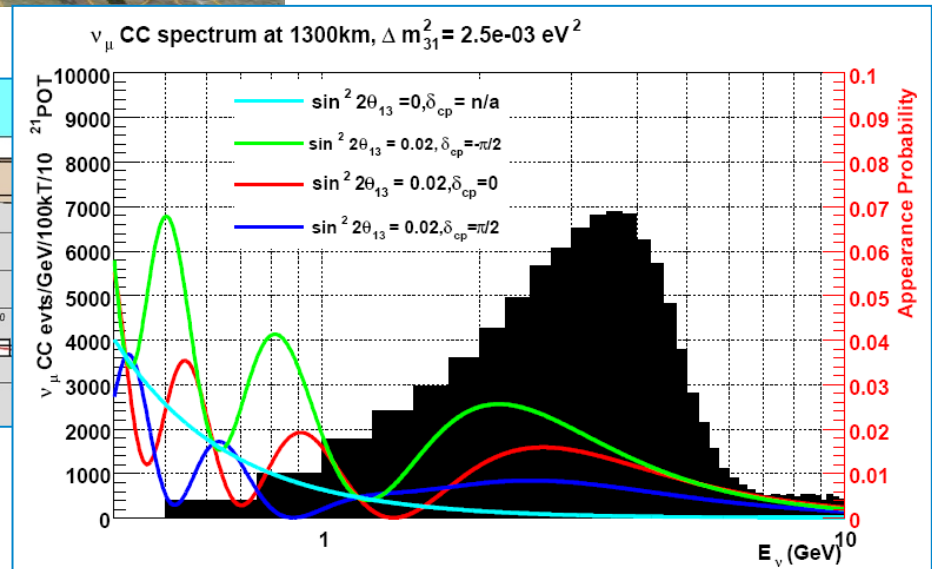
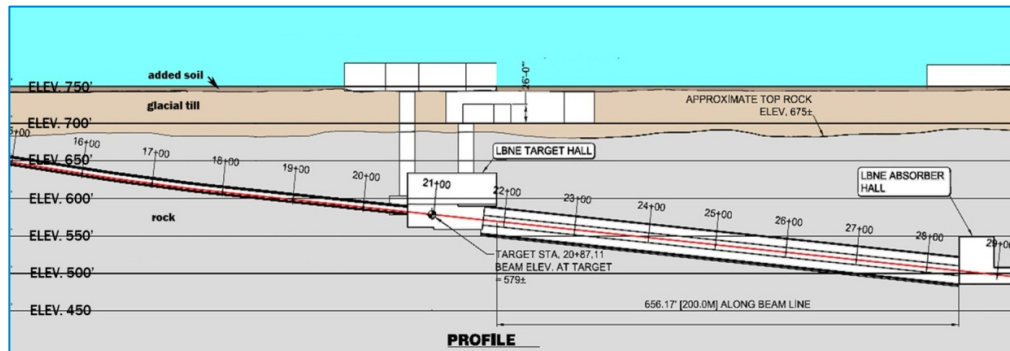
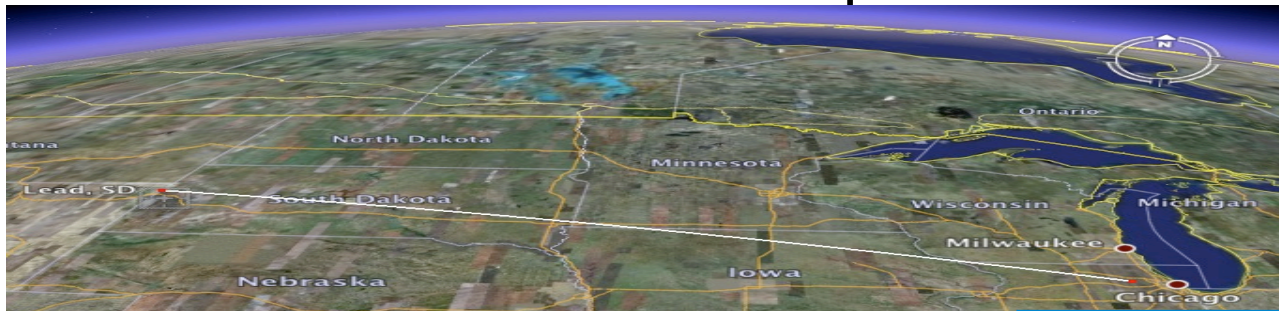


**Main goals:  $\theta_{13}$ , mass hierarchy and CP violations**



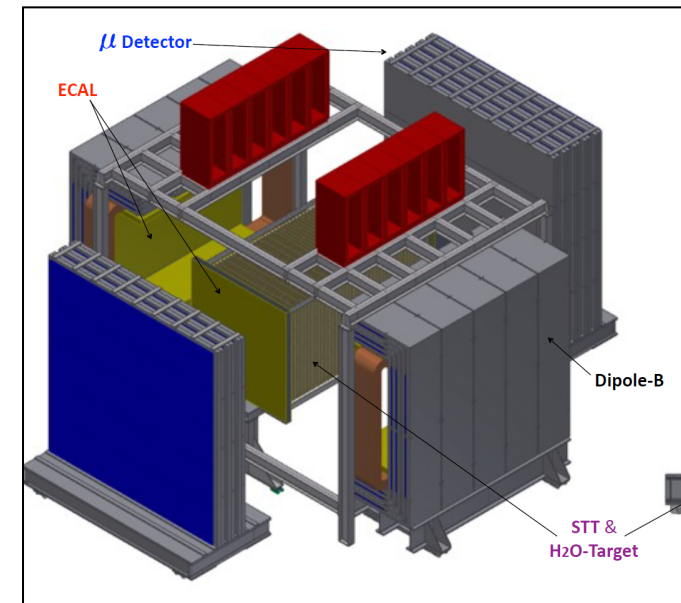
# LBNE

- Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE):  
Fermilab-Sanford Lab, SD (formerly Homestake or DUSEL)
  - CD0 approval Jan 2010
  - Wide band beam: multiple oscillation maxima  $\nu_e$  appearance

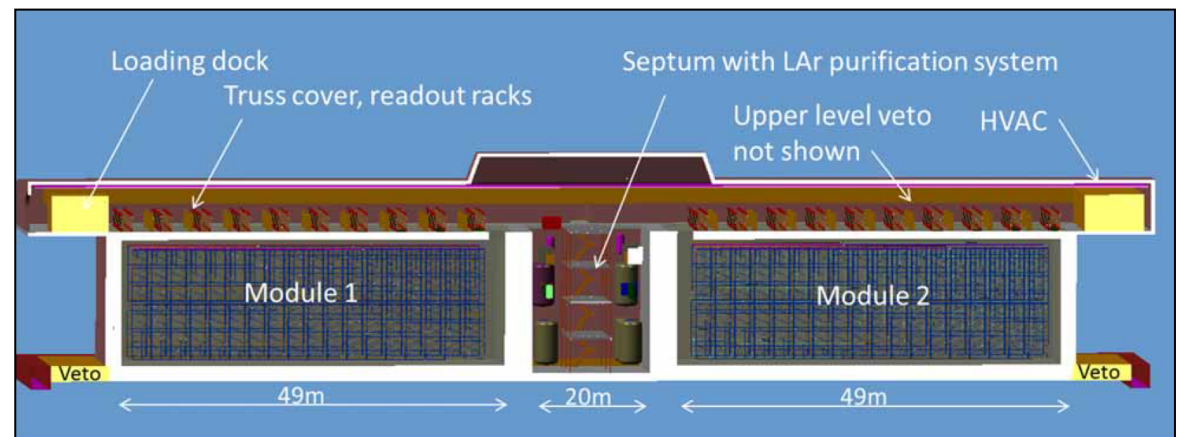
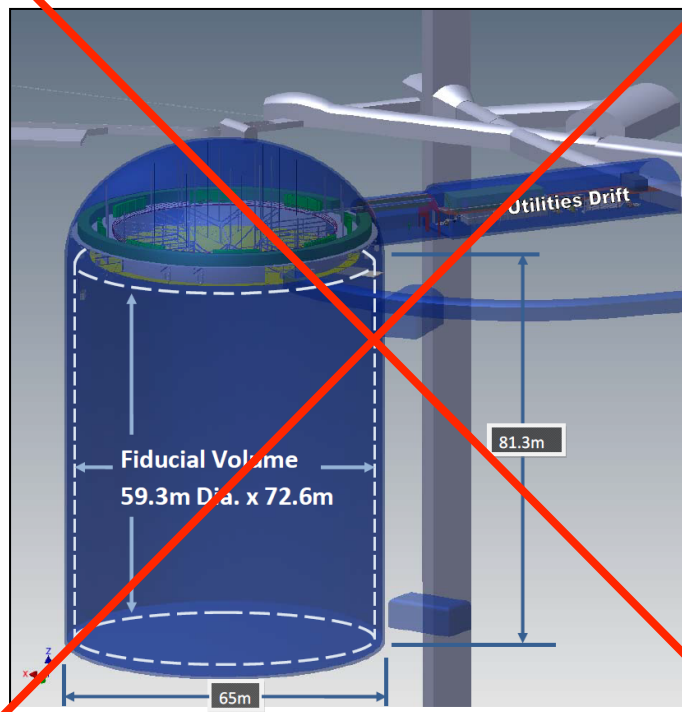


# LBNE

- ❑ Fine grained near detector:
- ❑ Far detector: 200 kton water Cherenkov or 33 kton Liquid Argon TPC
  - Technical decision: Dec 2011



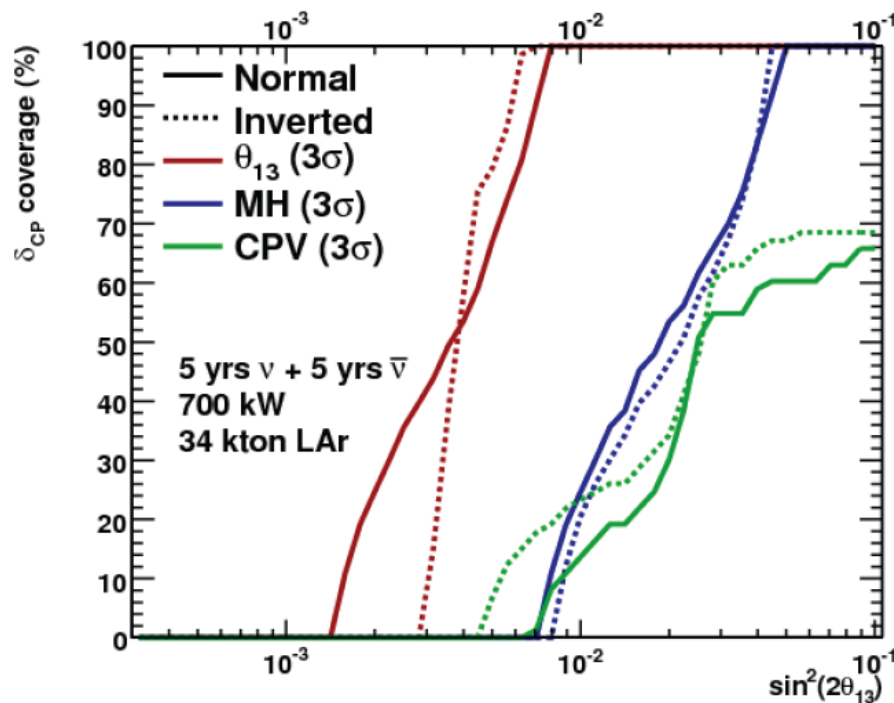
## Liquid Argon



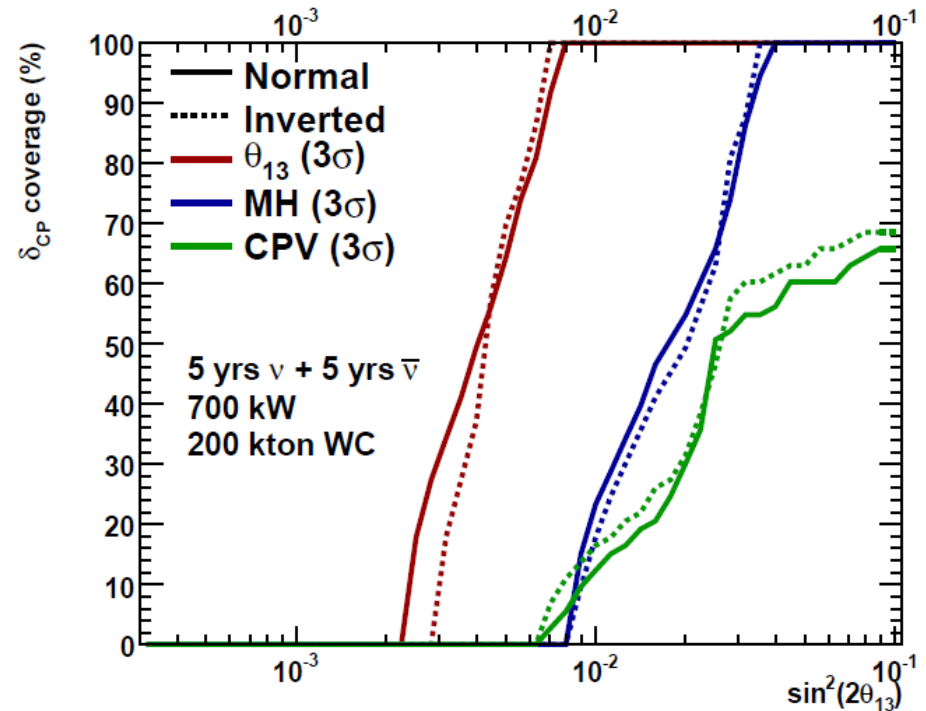
# LBNE Physics Coverage

- Far detector: 200 kton Water Cherenkov or 33 kton Liquid Argon – factor of 7 in mass for equivalent sensitivity

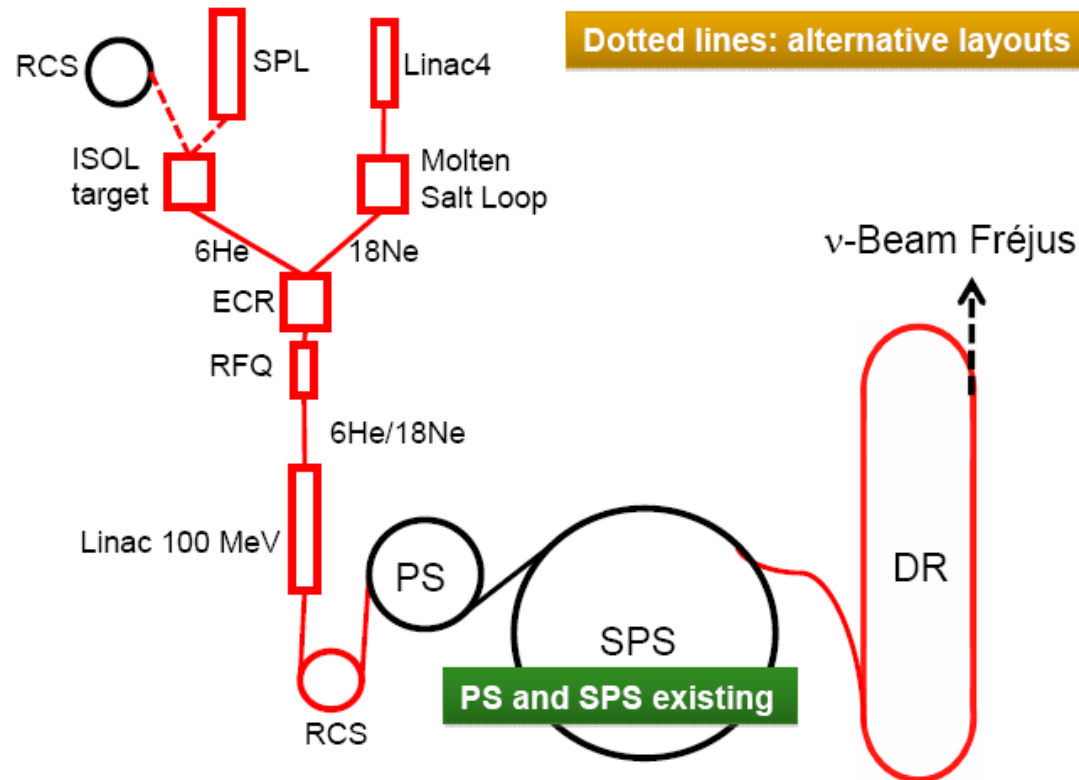
## 34 kt LAr TPC



## 200 kt WCD



# Future: Beta Beams?

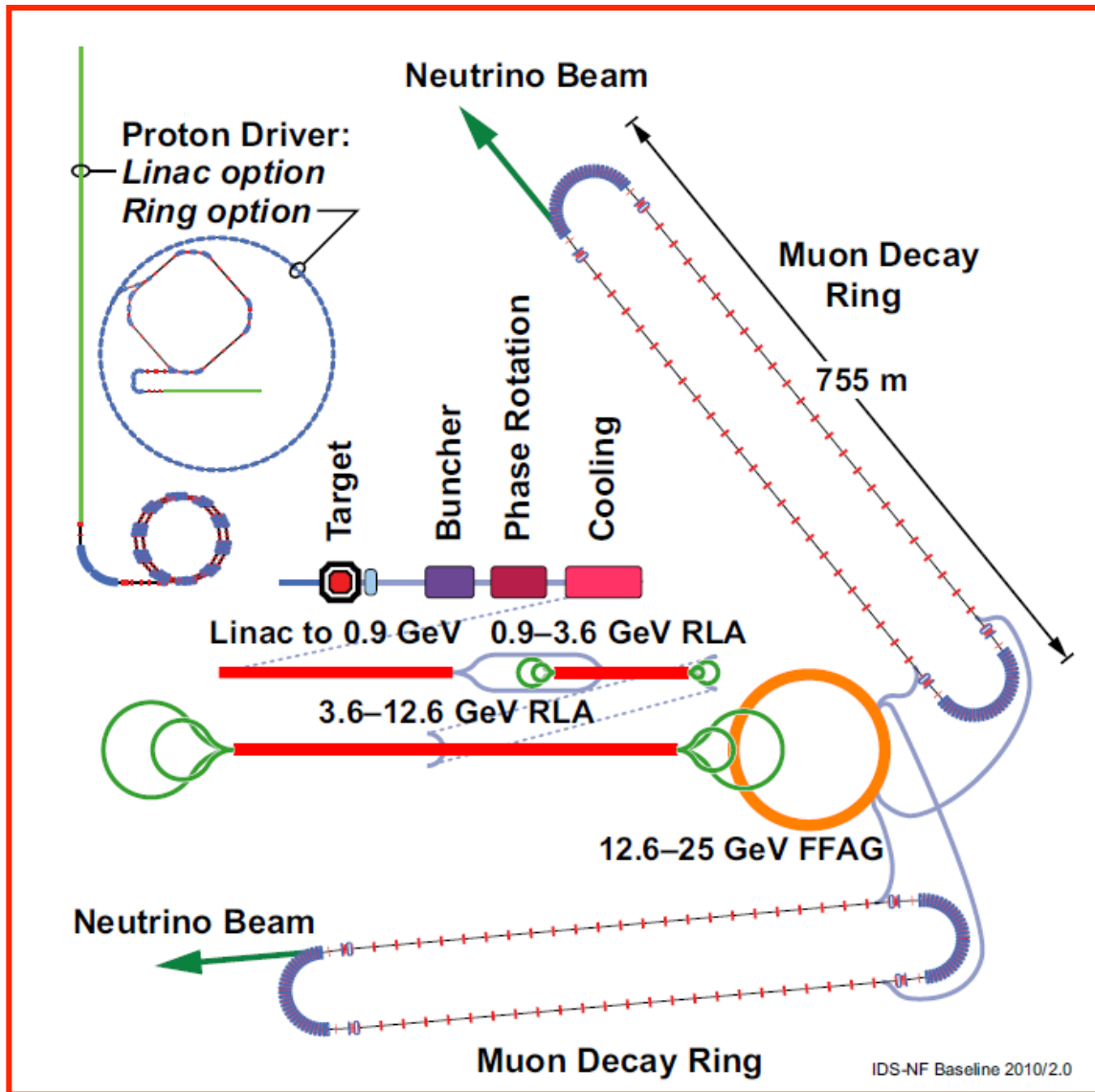


$B\rho \sim 500 \text{ Tm}$ ,  $B = \sim 6 \text{ T}$ ,  $C = \sim 6900 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_{ss} = \sim 2500 \text{ m}$ ,  $\gamma = 100$ , all ions

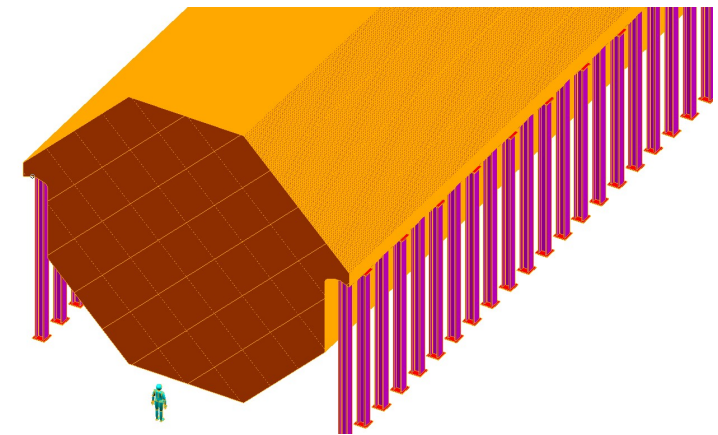
- SF in Decay Ring (CERN, Cockroft)
  - RF hardware seems feasible
- 60 GHz Ion Source (LPSC, CNRS, Grenoble)
  - Tests of magnetic field for plasma containment ok
  - Tests of assembly with 28 GHz (emittances and efficiencies)
  - 60 GHz gyrotron: awaiting reception 2012
- Collection of high-Q ions from production ring (UCL, Louvain)
  - Collection ok
  - Efficiencies now measured
- Measurements of x-sections 8B and 8Li (INFN, Legnaro)
  - Analysis of results available in September
- Decay Ring Redesigned (CEA)
  - Collective effects less important
- Collimation in Decay Ring (CERN)
  - Needs good solution



# Future: Neutrino Factory?



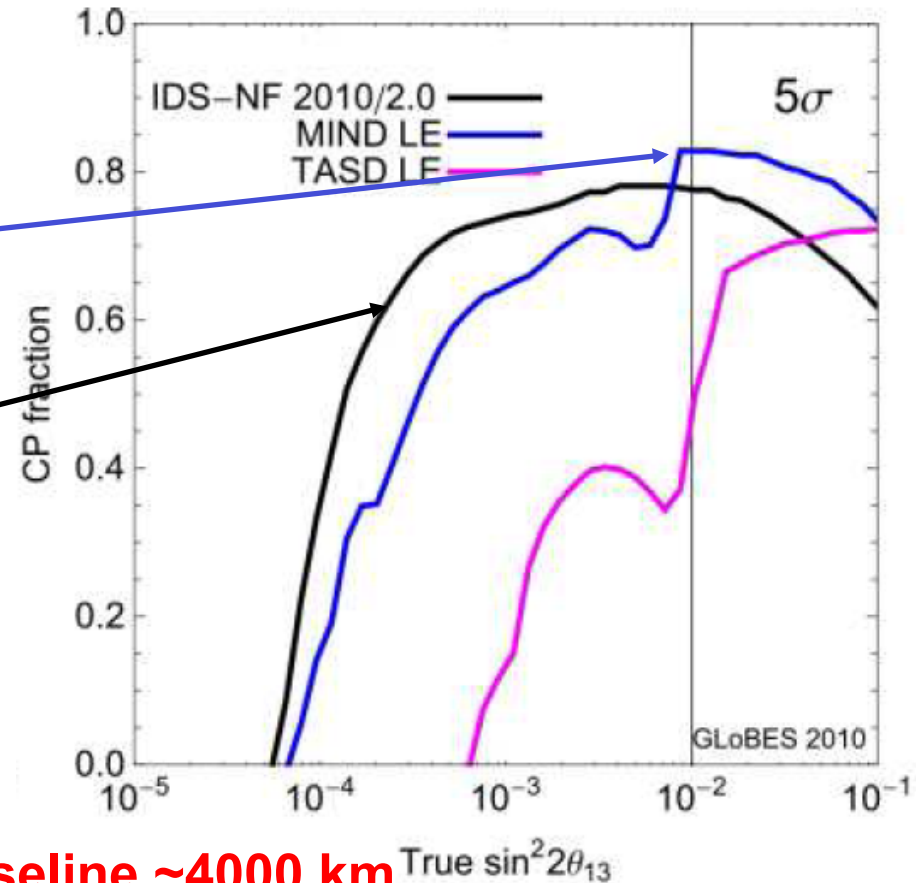
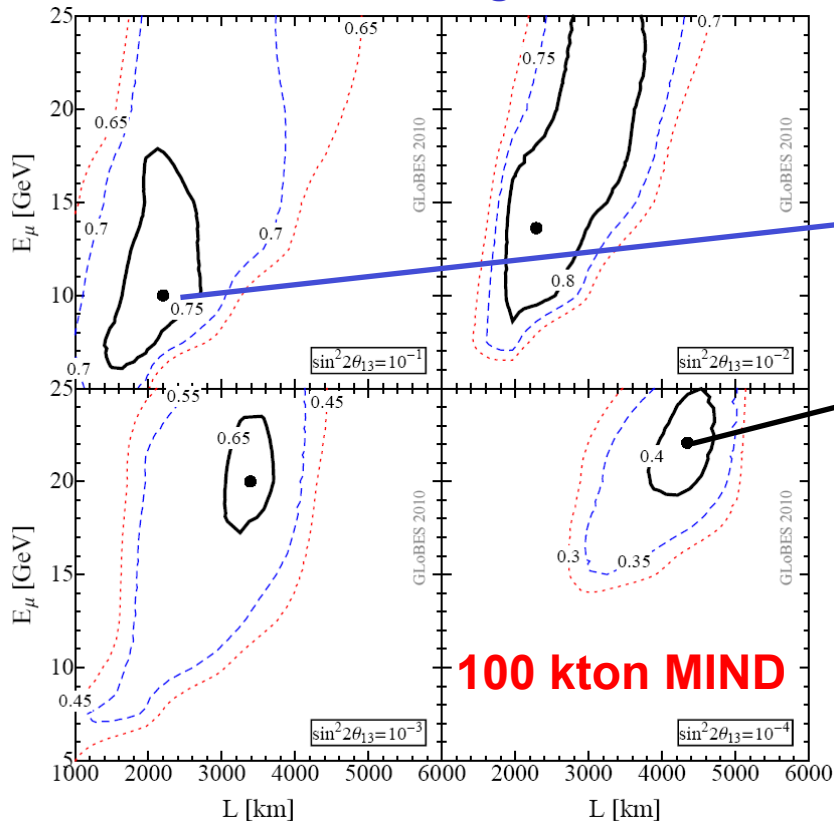
- Two Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detectors (MIND):
  - 100 kton at 2500-5000 km
  - 50 kton at 7000-8000 km



**Baseline constantly under review in light of new physics results**

# Flexible design of Neutrino Factory

- Optimisation as function of  $\theta_{13}$
- Contours of CP coverage

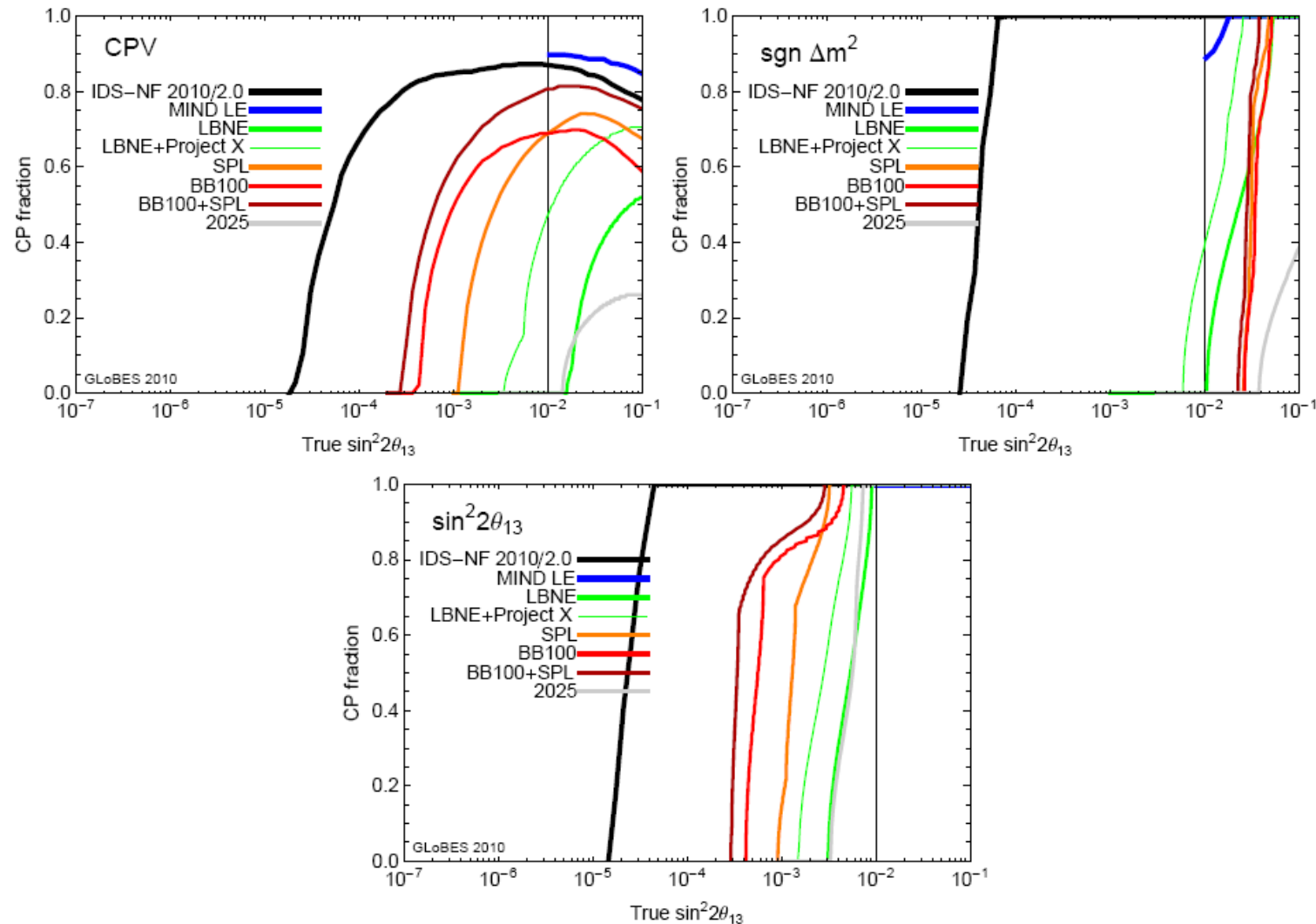


**For small  $\theta_{13}$ : Energy  $\sim 25$  GeV, Baseline  $\sim 4000$  km**

**For large  $\theta_{13}$ : Energy 10 GeV, Baseline  $\sim 2000$  km**

# Neutrino Factory performance

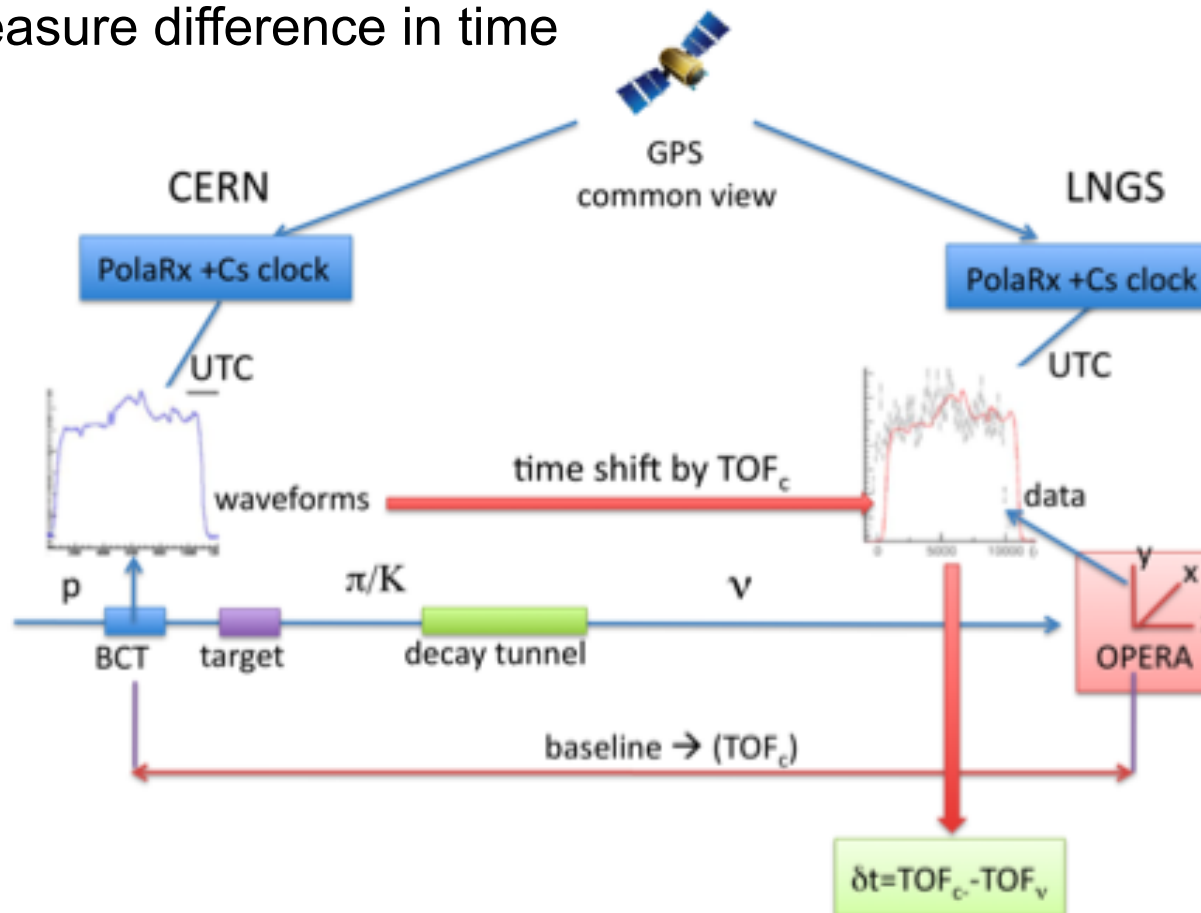
- Comparison Neutrino Factory and other facilities
  - Neutrino Factory outperforms all other facilities**



# Superluminal neutrinos with OPERA?

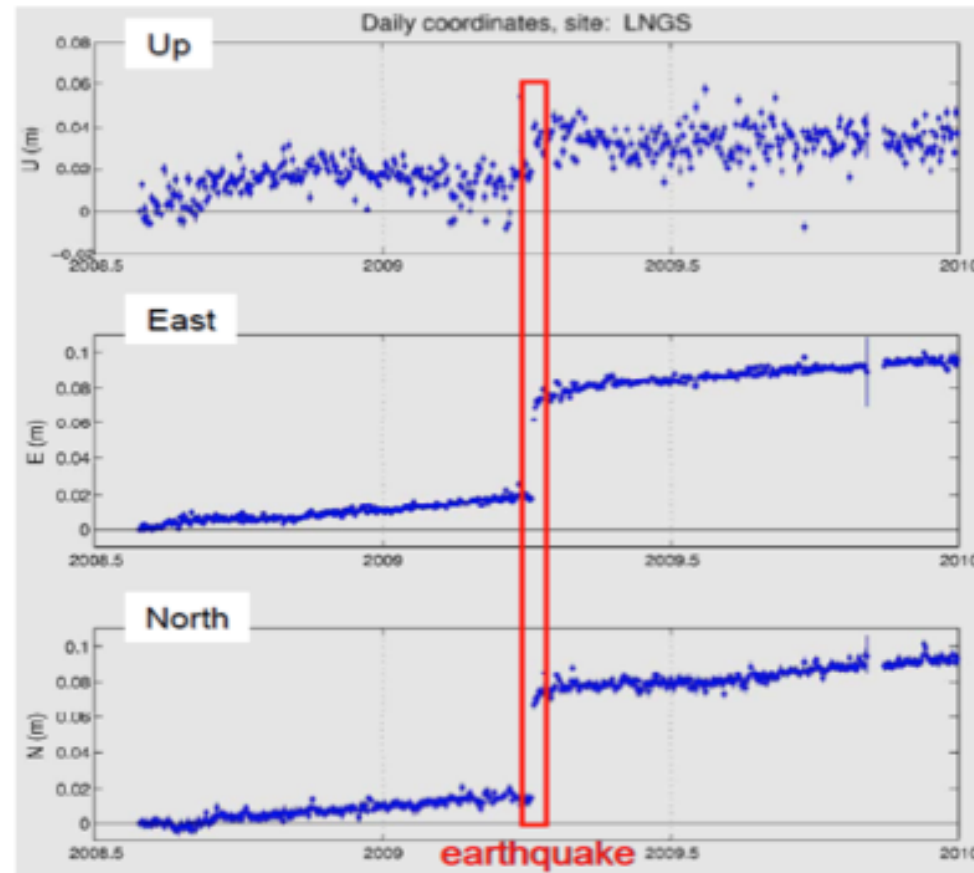
## Principle of measurement:

- Measure proton pulse time picked up by Beam Current Transformer (BCT) with GPS synchronised clock
- Measure neutrino arrival time with same synchronised clock
- Measure difference in time



# Superluminal neutrinos with OPERA?

- Principle of measurement:
  - Use GPS also to measure distance between BCT and OPERA experiment in Gran Sasso:  $731278.0 \pm 0.2$  m
  - Distance measurement accurate enough to observe 7 cm shift from earthquake on 6 April 2009 in the l'Aquila region



# Superluminal neutrinos with OPERA?

## Results:

- There is 1034.4 ns offset, and 986.6 ns delays, so difference in time is:

$$\Delta t = (57.8 \pm 7.8(stat)_{-5.9}^{+8.3}) \times 10^{-5} ns$$

- Therefore:

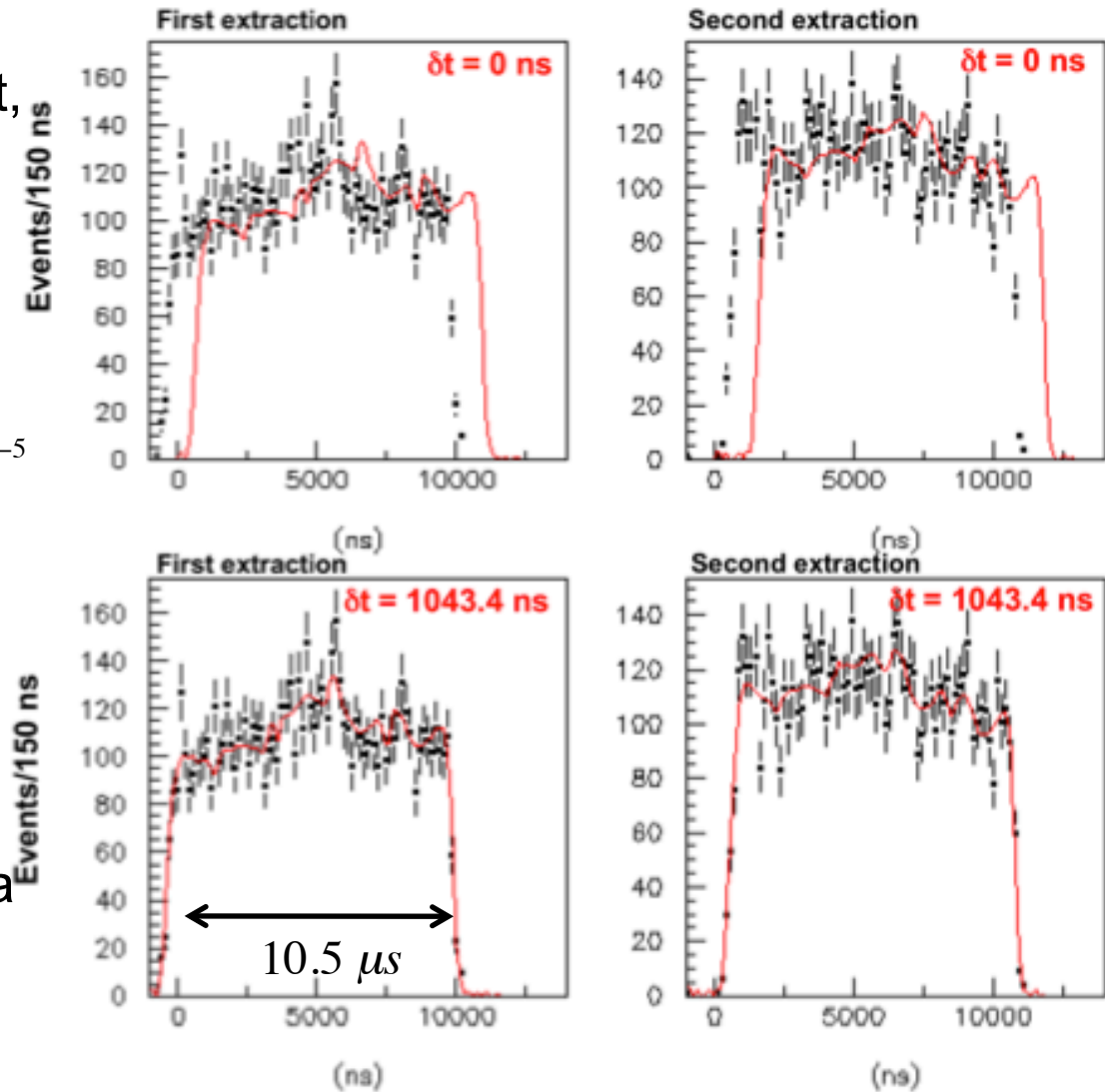
$$\frac{v - c}{c} = (2.37 \pm 0.32(stat)_{-0.24}^{+0.34}) \times 10^{-5}$$

- This agrees with MINOS less accurate result in 2007:

$$\frac{v - c}{c} = (5.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-5}$$

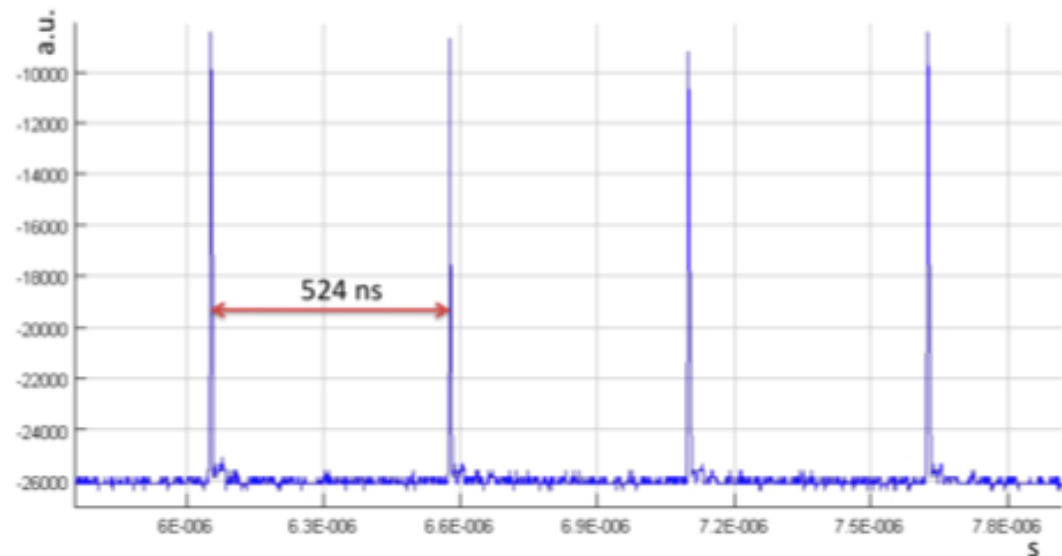
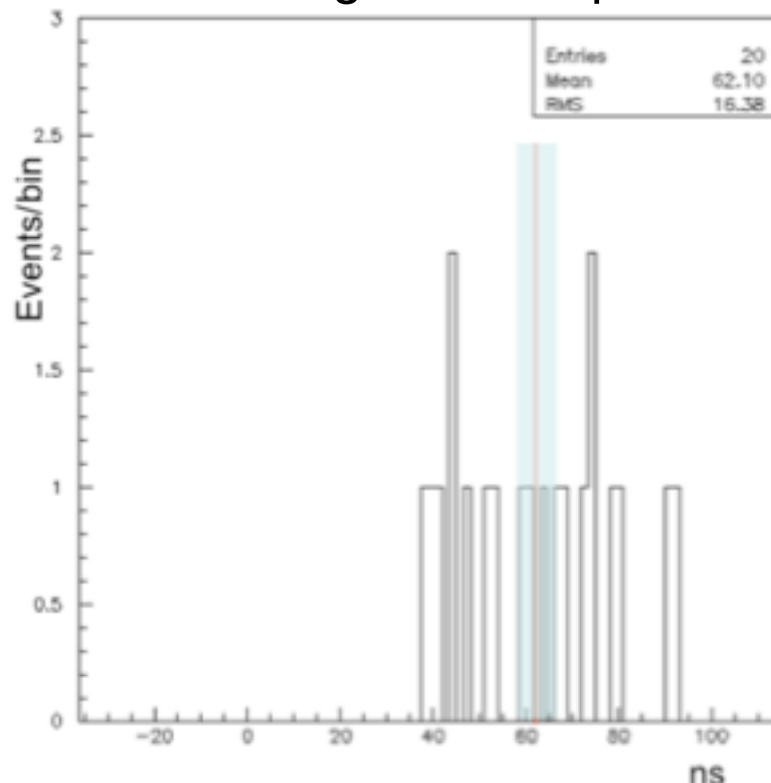
- It disagrees with SN187a neutrino flight results:

$$\frac{v - c}{c} = 2 \times 10^{-9}$$



# Superluminal neutrinos with OPERA?

- Final cross-check with pulsed proton beam with pulses 3 ns wide and 524 ns apart
  - 22 Oct-6 Nov 2011 for  $4 \times 10^{16}$  POT – 35 neutrino events
  - Therefore:  $\Delta t = (62.1 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-5}$  ns
  - This agrees with previous result



# Conclusions

- ❑ Neutrino oscillations so far explains all the atmospheric, solar and long baseline neutrino data
- ❑ There are hints that  $\theta_{13}$  is non-zero, and could have large values (between 0.02 and 0.1)
- ❑ This opens up the possibility of new long baseline experiments that may discover CP violation
- ❑ Which is best: a Super Beam like LBNE, Beta Beam, Neutrino Factory?
- ❑ However, short baseline data is conflicted: LBNE and MiniBoone not clarified yet
- ❑ Absolute neutrino mass and Majorana nature of neutrino seem to be very difficult, but a major discovery if double beta is found
- ❑ The final surprise in the neutrino sector: superluminal velocities or some unknown experimental error?





*Quote by Sydney Carton as he is going to the guillotine out of love for the wife of his nemesis Charles Darnay :*

*"It is a far, far better thing that **we** do, than **we** have ever done"*

*Tale of Two Cities (Charles Dickens)*