

A new method for a sterile neutrino search

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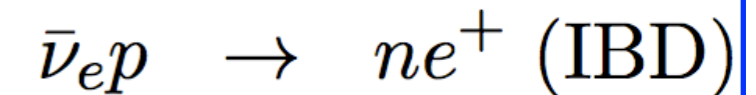
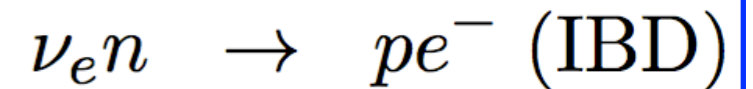
- ❖ What are neutrinos and how do we measure them?
- ❖ Sterile neutrinos and the reactor neutrino anomaly
- ❖ Difficulties in current analysis techniques (the so-called shape anomaly)
- ❖ Describe a 2-reactor 1-detector analysis technique that provides a new approach to searching for sterile neutrinos
- ❖ Case Study: Double Chooz near detector

Neutrinos: what you need to remember

(Cliff notes)

- * Neutrinos are produced radioactive decay, nuclear reactions, high energy collision (neutron decay, muon decay, nuclear power operation, cosmic rays hitting the atmosphere, ...)
- * We have confirmed there is at least 3 flavors of neutrinos (electron, muon, tau neutrinos)
- * These neutrino can oscillate to other flavor of neutrino (electron neutrino can go to muon neutrino), this oscillation is a function of distance traveled over the energy of the neutrino (L/E)
- * There are possible hints **from reactor neutrino experiments** for what are called sterile neutrinos (reactor antineutrino anomaly)

We **measure** low energy neutrinos through Inverse Beta Decay (IBD) and Electron Scattering (ES)



Neutrinos: they can oscillate from one to the other

Neutrino oscillations are parameterized by the PMNS matrix, U :

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

flavor eigenstates solar - θ_{12} atmospheric - θ_{23} reactor - θ_{13} mass eigenstates
 where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

Oscillation probability:

$$P(\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \text{Re}(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2(\Delta_{ij}) - 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im}(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin(2\Delta_{ij})$$

$$\text{where } \Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_j^2 - m_i^2$$

θ_{12} and Δm_{12}^2 -> Probed with Solar + KamLAND data

θ_{23} and Δm_{23}^2 -> Probed with SuperK, K2K and MINOS data

θ_{13} -> As of Nov. 2011, weak indication of $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ from Chooz, MINOS and T2K

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For reactor anti-neutrino detector close to a reactor, this can be boiled down to:

$$P_{ee} = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_{\bar{\nu}_e}}\right)$$

Neutrino physicist: we live for those anomalies! (e.g.: Solar neutrino anomaly)

**0.5 ^{37}Ar per day for
133 ton ^{37}Cl**

Expect 8.6 SNU

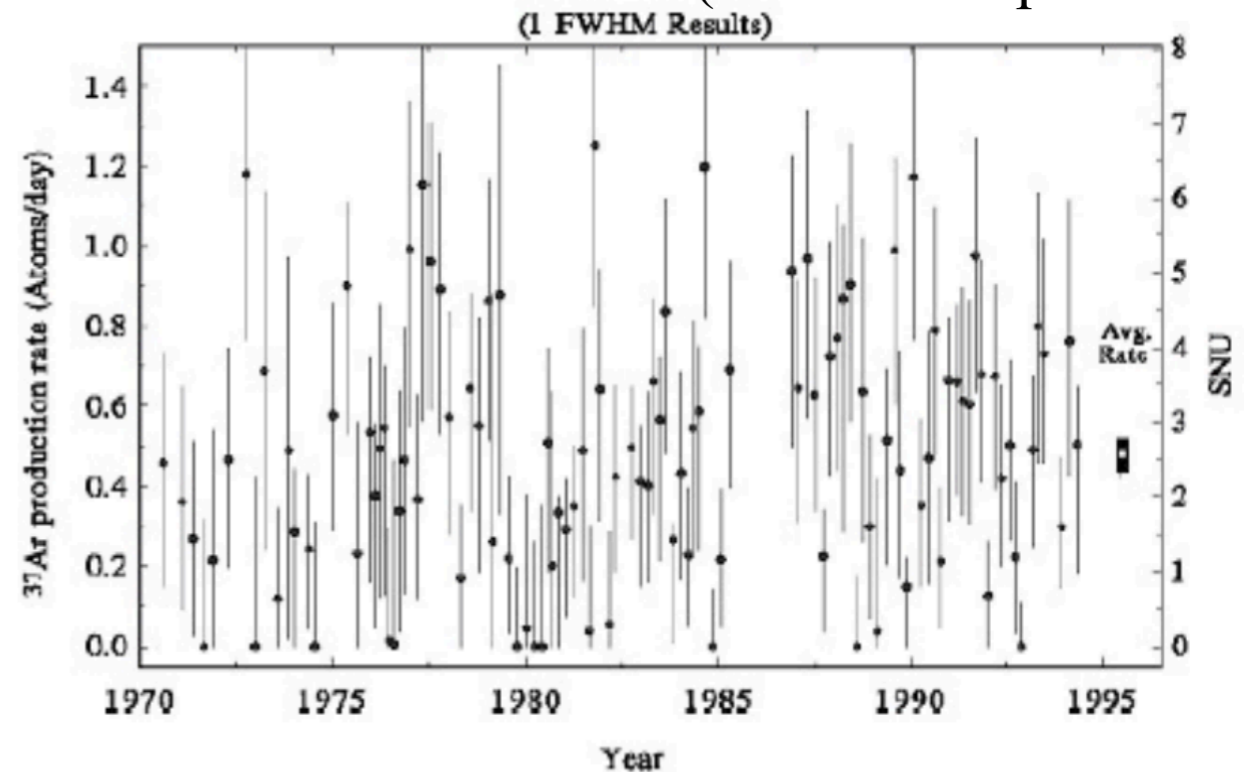
Measure 2.5 SNU

40 year of counting!

$$\Phi_{\text{meas}} / \Phi_{\text{exp}} = \mathbf{0.301 \pm 0.027}$$

1 SNU = 1 neutrino interaction per second for 10^{36} target atoms

Radiochemical Detectors (Davis Cl experiment)



SuperK neutrino Elastic Scattering measurement

$$\phi_{\text{SK}}^{\text{ES}}(\nu_x) = 2.32 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat.) }_{-0.07}^{+0.08} \text{ (sys.) } \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

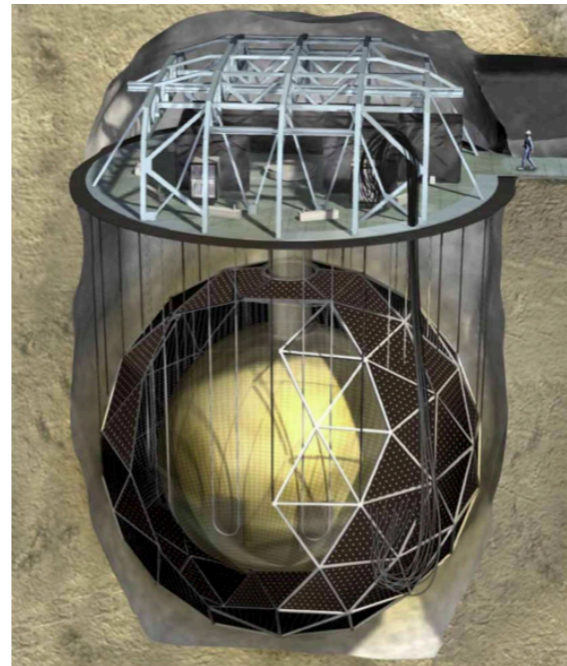
$$\Phi_{\text{SK}} / \Phi_{\text{solar model}} = \mathbf{0.406 \pm 0.014}$$

Hence, the solar neutrino anomaly

How to measure amplitude: $\sin^2(2\theta)$

How we measure solar neutrinos in SNO

One kiloton of D₂O
12 m diameter acrylic
vessel



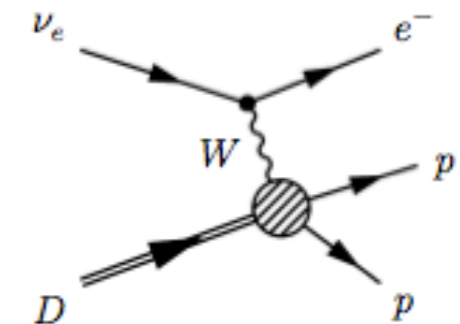
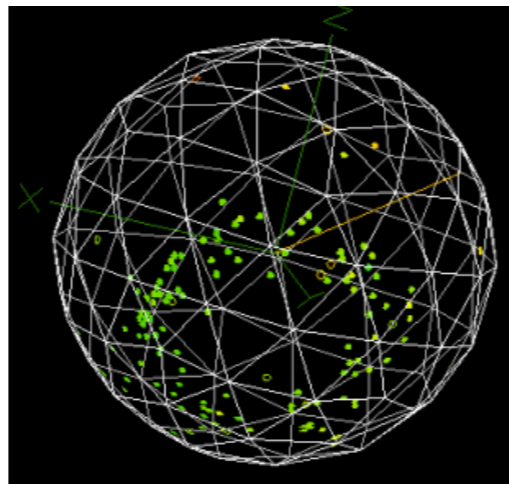
$$D = {}^2\text{H} = np$$

Deuteron is weakly bound together:

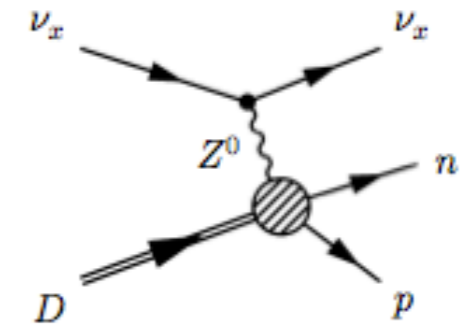
$$\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + \boxed{e^-} \text{ (CC)}$$

$$\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + \boxed{n} + \nu_x \text{ (NC)}$$

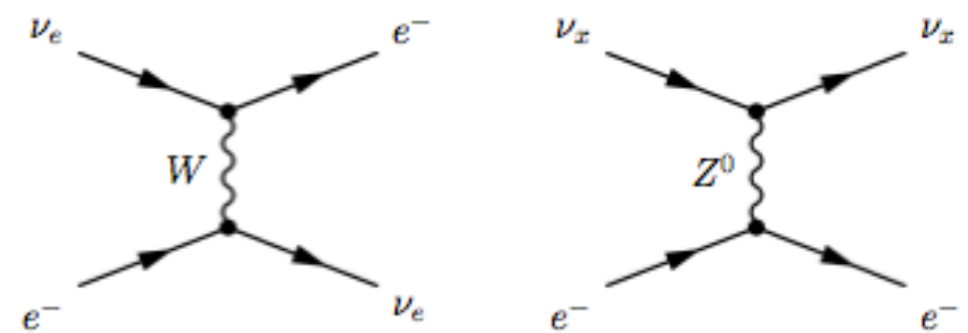
$$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^- \text{ (ES)}$$



(a) Charged-current



(b) Neutral-current



(c)

(d)

Elastic scattering

Again, three types of flavor: (electron, muon, tau) neutrino

How to measure amplitude: $\sin^2(2\theta)$

SNO was able to measure the total rate

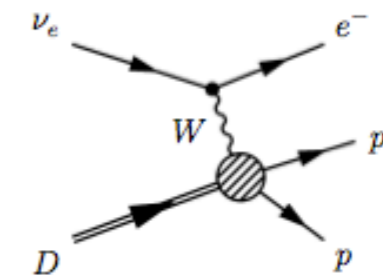
Solar neutrino problem solved!

SNO's first result

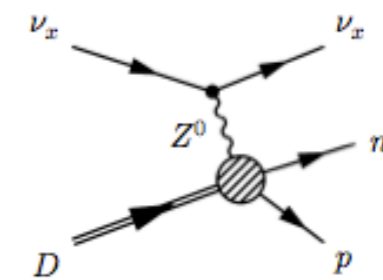
$$\phi_{CC}^{SNO} = 1.76_{-0.05}^{+0.06} (\text{stat.})_{-0.09}^{+0.09} (\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{ES}^{SNO} = 2.39_{-0.23}^{+0.24} (\text{stat.})_{-0.12}^{+0.12} (\text{syst.})$$

$$\phi_{NC}^{SNO} = 5.09_{-0.43}^{+0.44} (\text{stat.})_{-0.43}^{+0.46} (\text{syst.}).$$



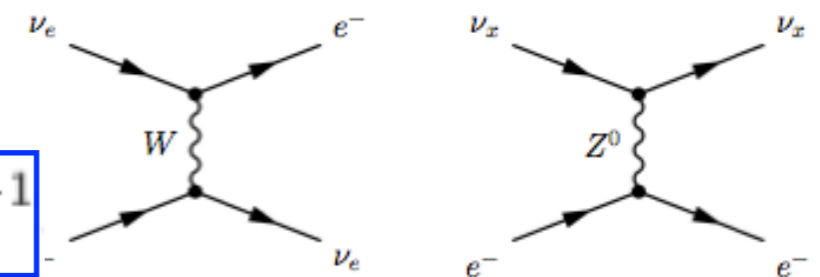
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SNO's consistent with SuperK ES measurement

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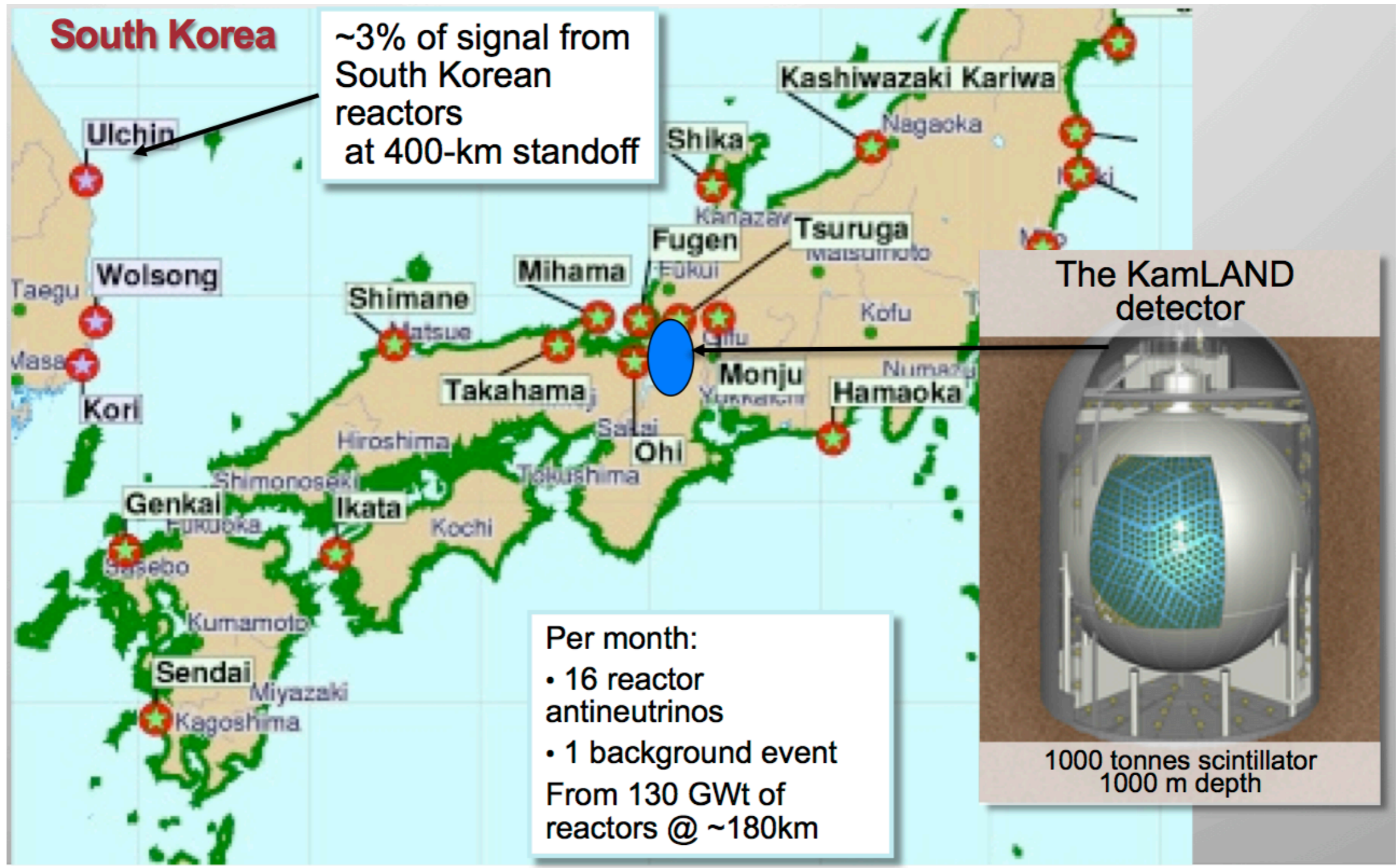
CC/NC is consistent with Chlorine experiment!

$$\phi_{CC}/\phi_{NC} = 0.301 \pm 0.033 (\text{total})$$

$$\phi_{Cl}/\phi_{\text{solar model}} = 0.301 \pm 0.027$$

How to measure frequency (Δm^2)

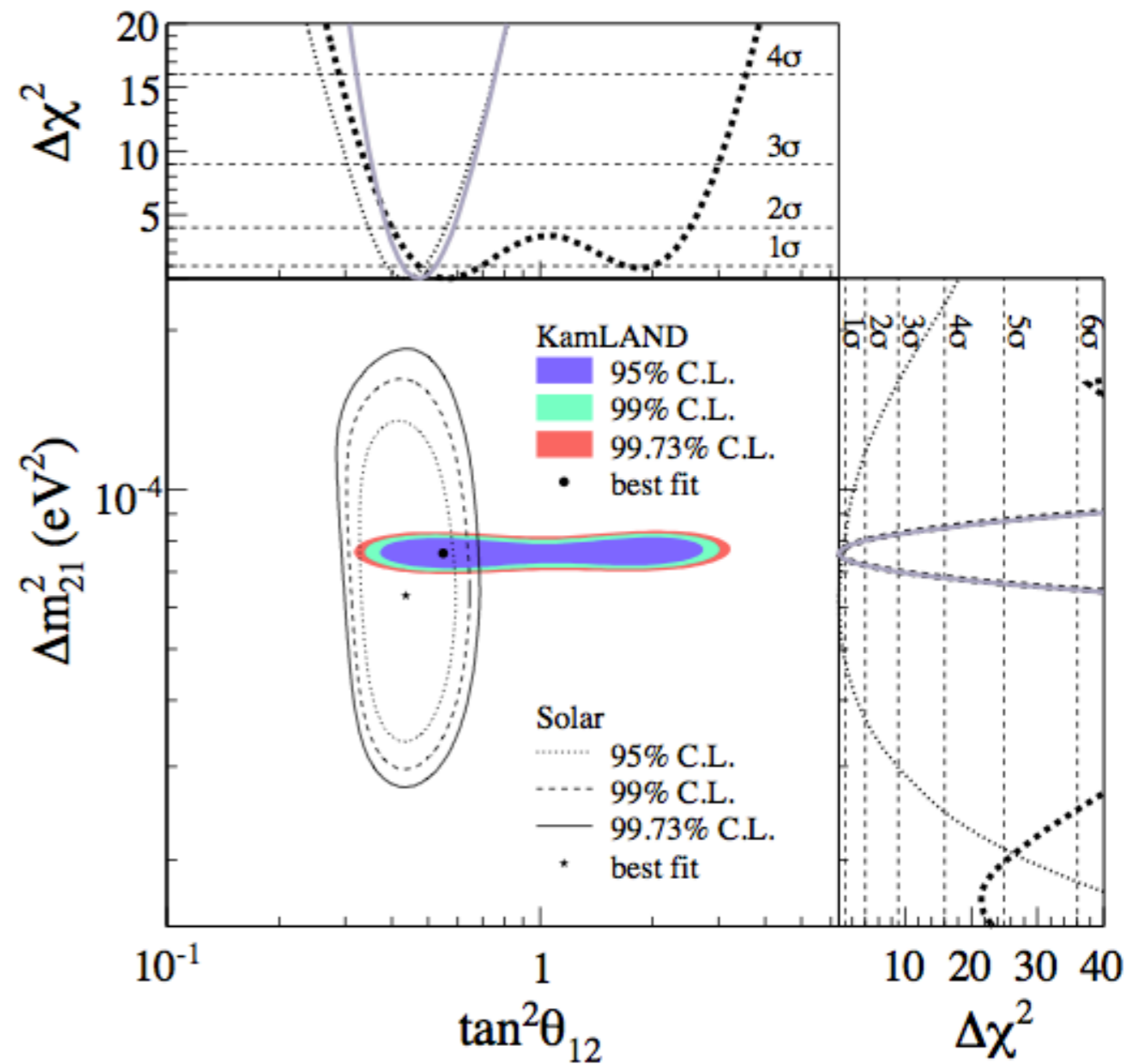
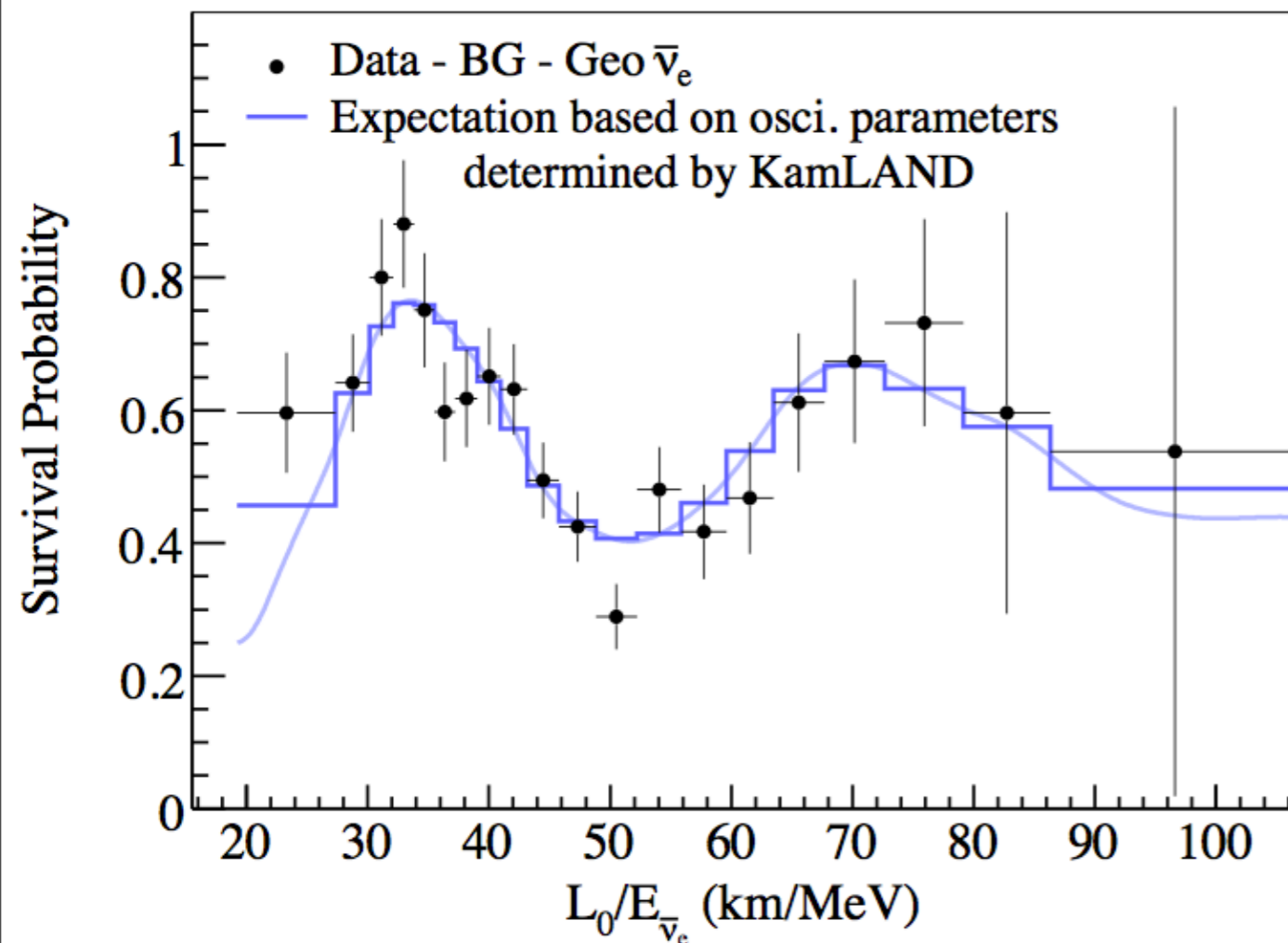
KamLAND



How to measure frequency (Δm^2)

KamLAND (disappearance experiment)

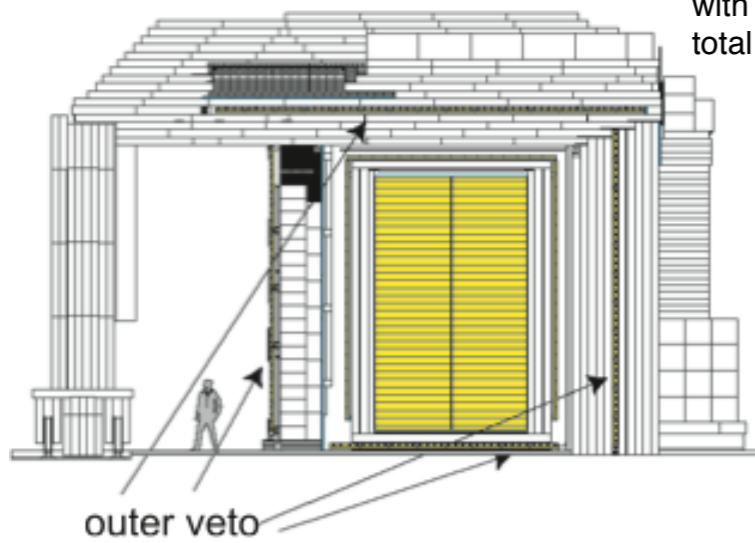
$$P_{ee} \cong 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_{\bar{\nu}_e}}\right)$$



What about appearance experiments?

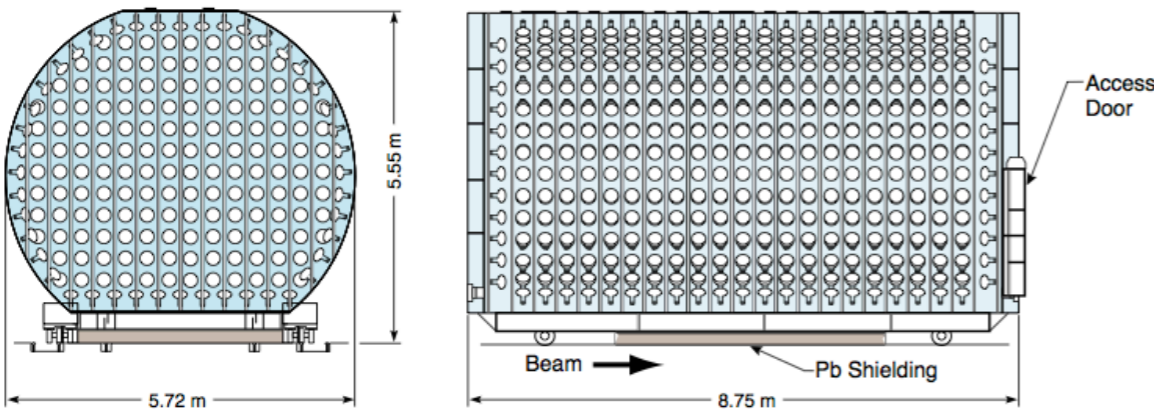
LSND claim (π beam close to rest)

KARMEN



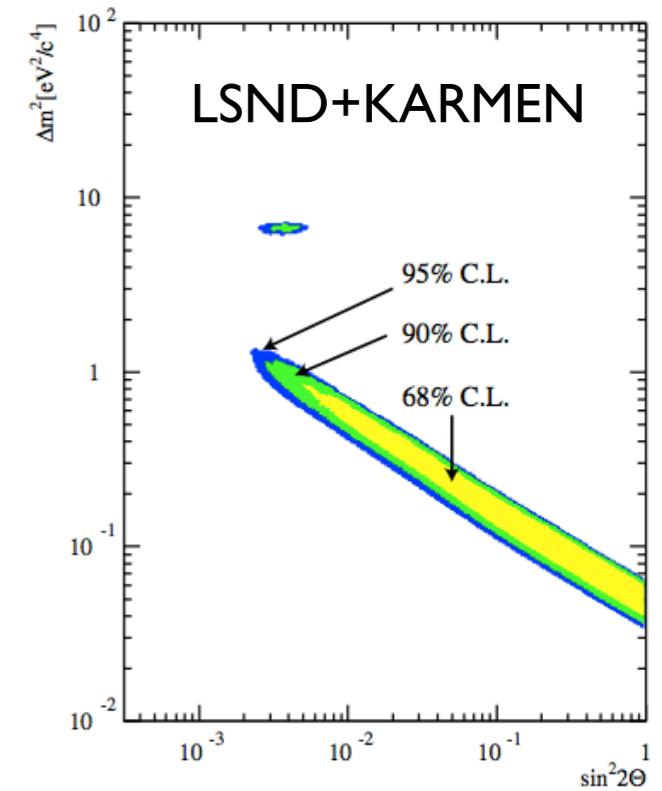
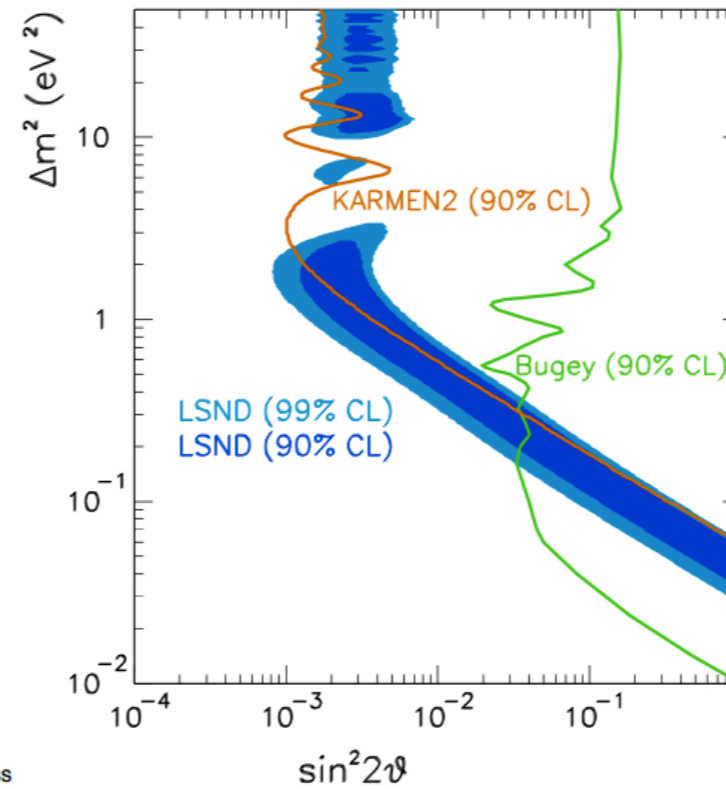
segmented liquid scintillator calorimeter with 608 modules and a total mass of 56 t

LSND



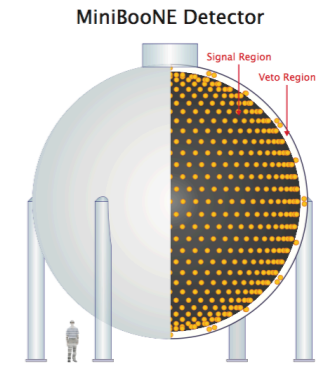
167 t of liquid scintillator mineral oil and 0.031 g/l of b-PBD

LSND collected 28,896 C on target and observed a 3.8σ excess of events consistent with $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ [$P_{osc} = (0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.04)$]

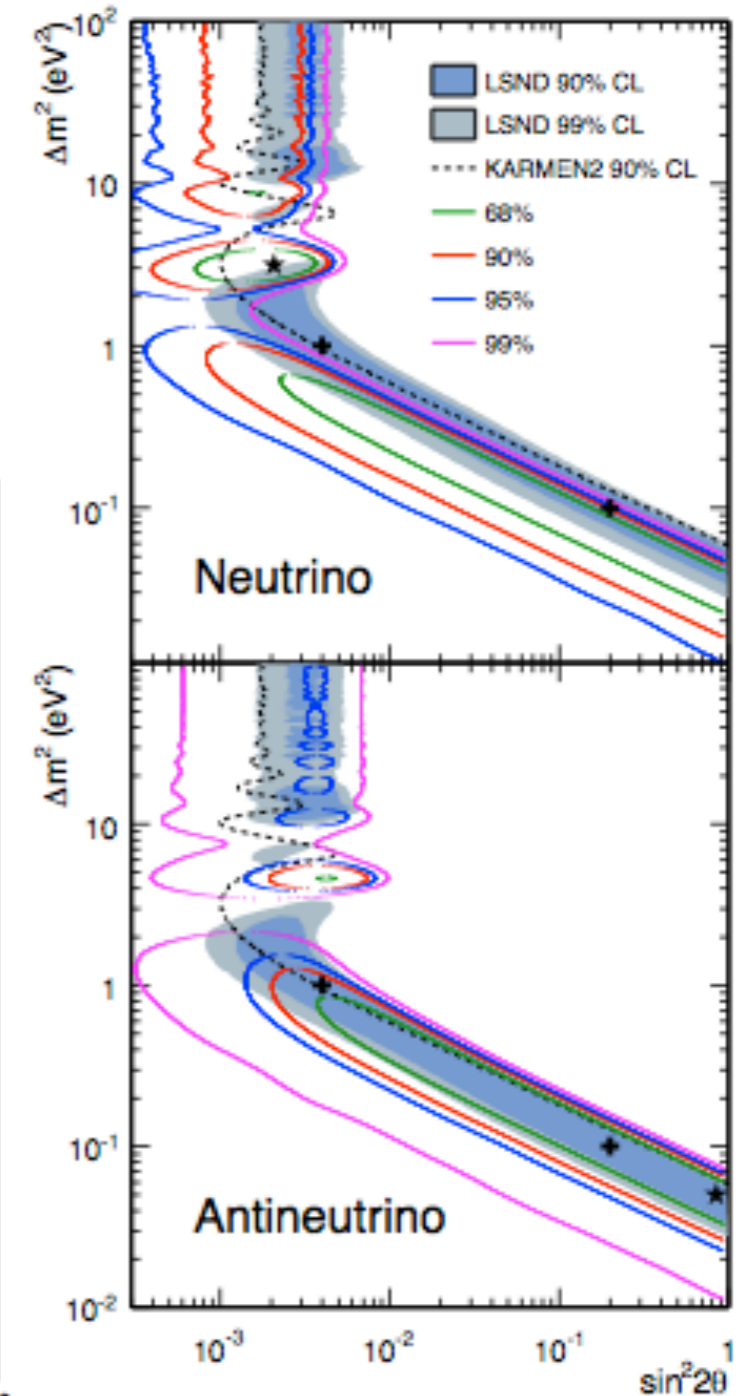
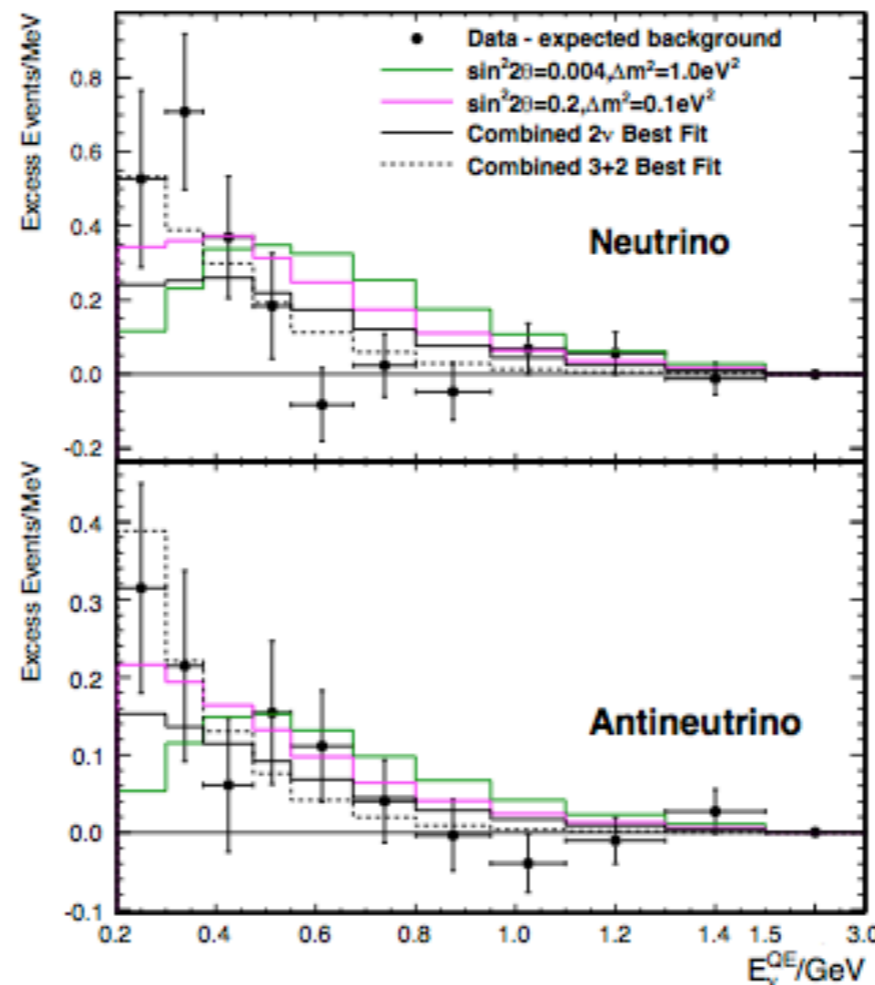
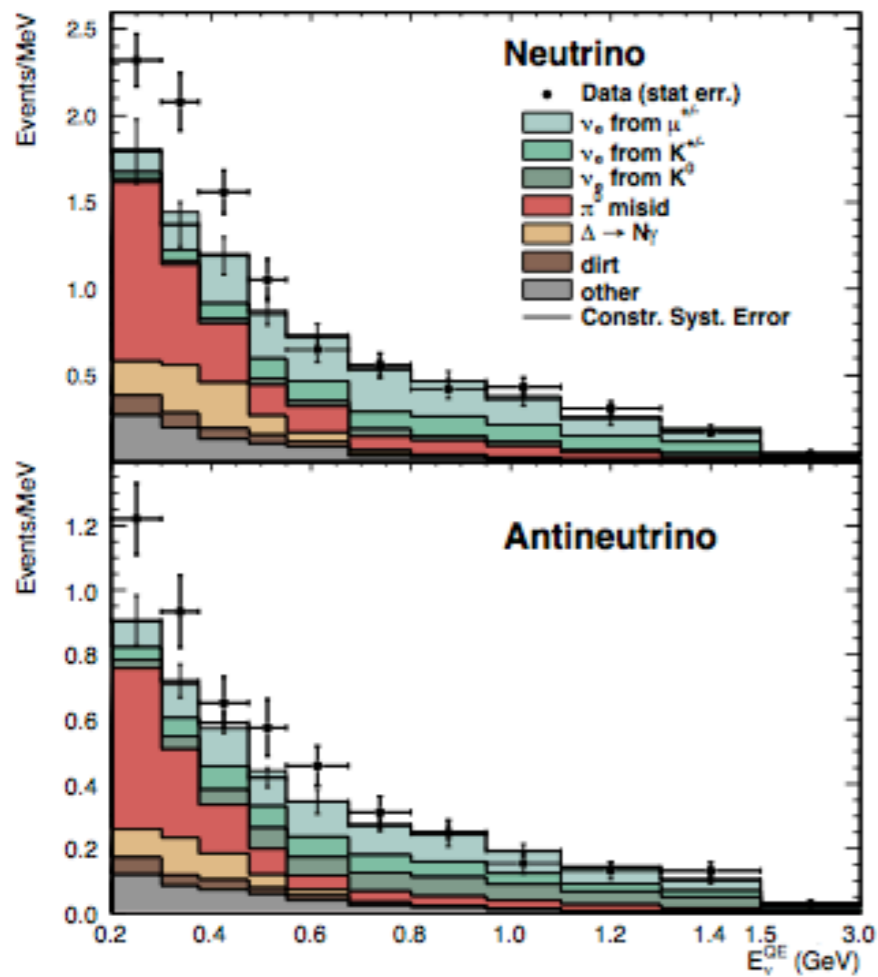


Property	LSND	KARMEN
Proton Energy	798 MeV	800 MeV
Proton Intensity	1000 μ A	200 μ A
Protons on Target	28,896 C	9425 C
Duty Factor	6×10^{-2}	1×10^{-5}
Total Mass	167 t	56 t
Neutrino Distance	30 m	17.7 m
Particle Identification	YES	NO
Energy Resolution at 50 MeV	6.6%	1.6%
Events for 100% $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ Transmutation	33,300	14,000

MiniBoone excess

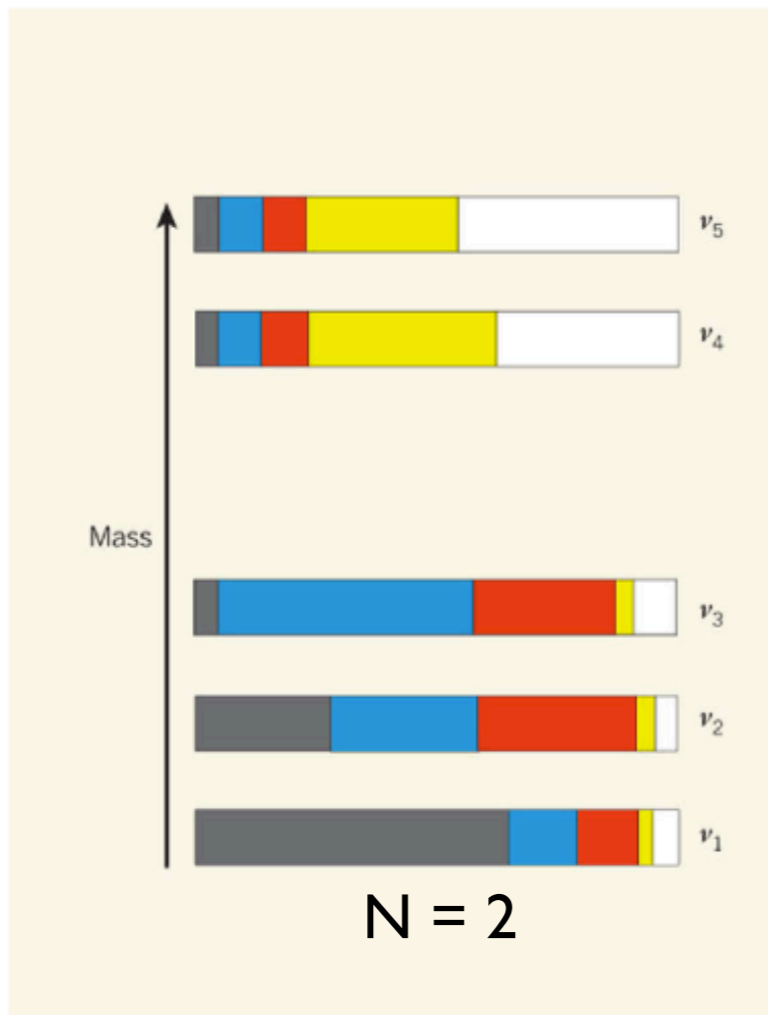


The MiniBoone experiment at Fermilab reports results from an analysis of the combined ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance data from 6.46×10^{20} protons on target in neutrino mode and 11.27×10^{20} protons on target in antineutrino mode. A total excess of $240.3 \pm 34.5 \pm 52.6$ events (3.8σ) is observed from combining the two data sets in the energy range $200 < E_\nu^{QE} < 1250$ MeV. In a combined fit for CP-conserving $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ oscillations via a two-neutrino model, the background-only fit has a χ^2 -probability of 0.03% relative to the best oscillation fit. The data are consistent with neutrino oscillations in the $0.01 < \Delta m^2 < 1.0$ eV² range and with the evidence for antineutrino oscillations from the Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector (LSND).



<http://arxiv.org/abs/1207.4809v2>

Sterile Neutrinos?



- 3+N models
- $N > 1$ allows CP violation for short baseline experiments
 - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e \neq \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

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 \text{flavor} & \text{solar - } \theta_{12} & \text{atmospheric - } \theta_{23} & \text{reactor - } \theta_{13} & \text{mass} \\
 \text{eigenstates} & & & & \text{eigenstates} \\
 & & \text{where } c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij} \text{ and } s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} & & \\
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 \end{array}$$

You mentioned something about a reactor anomaly?

Neutrino: how they are produced in nuclear reactors and measured by detectors?

$\bar{\nu}_e$ Flux Source:

β -decays from neutron-rich fission products in nuclear reactors

- ~ 200 MeV / fission
- ~ 6 anti-nu's / fission
- ~ 2×10^{20} anti-nu's / GW_{th}

To calculate fission rates:

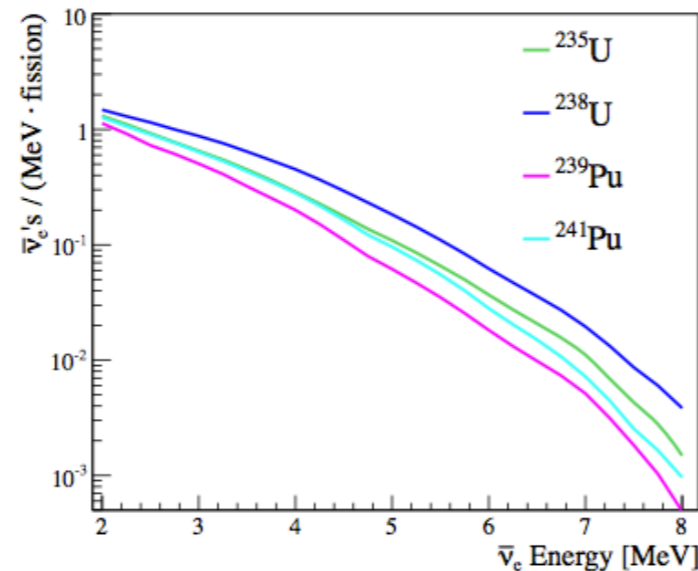
Double Chooz uses reactor simulations (MURE and DRAGON) in combination with an anchor point from Bugey4 to minimize systematic uncertainty

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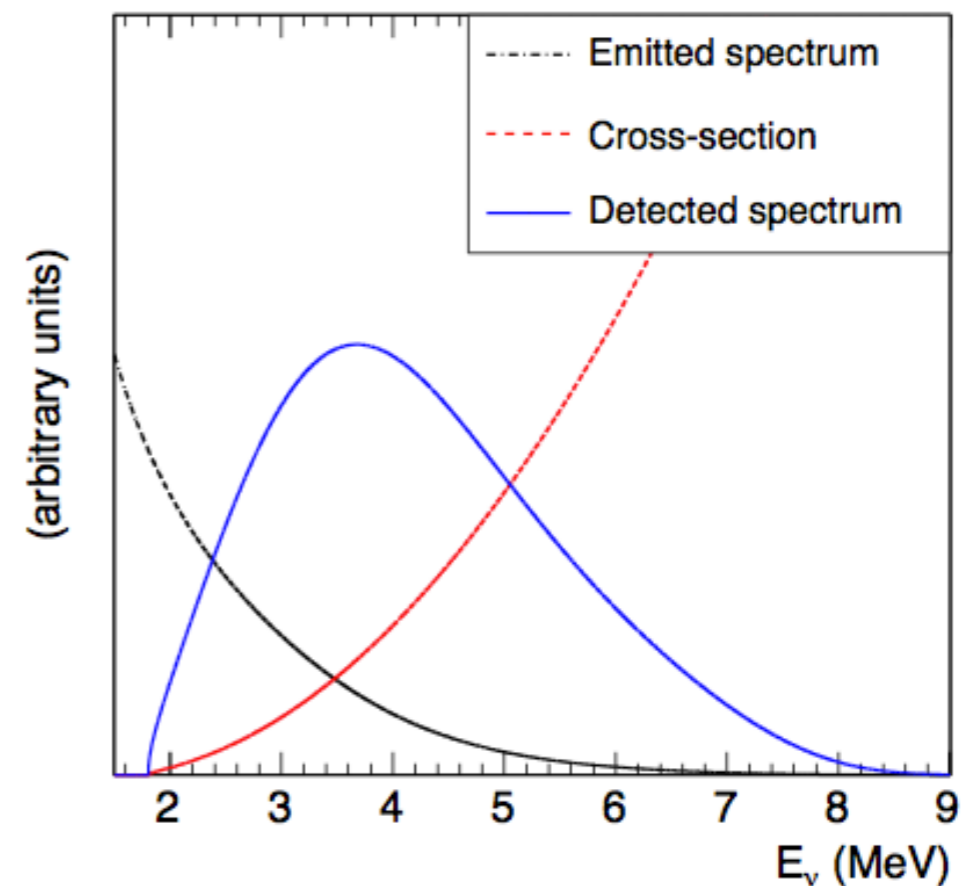
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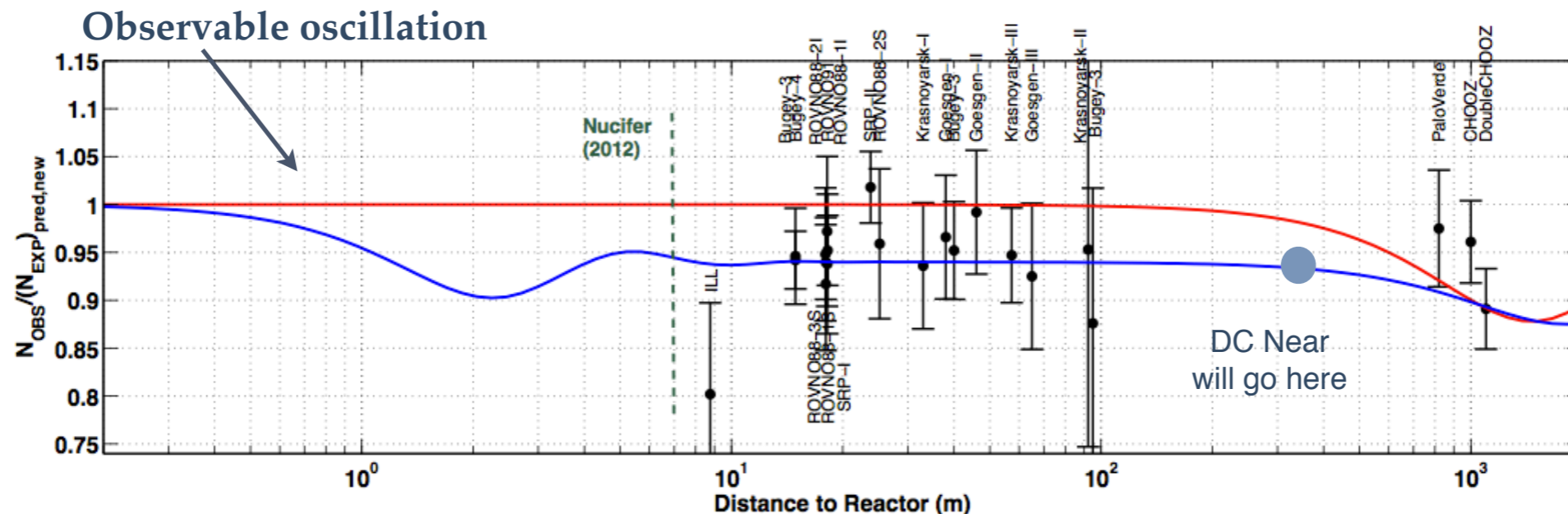
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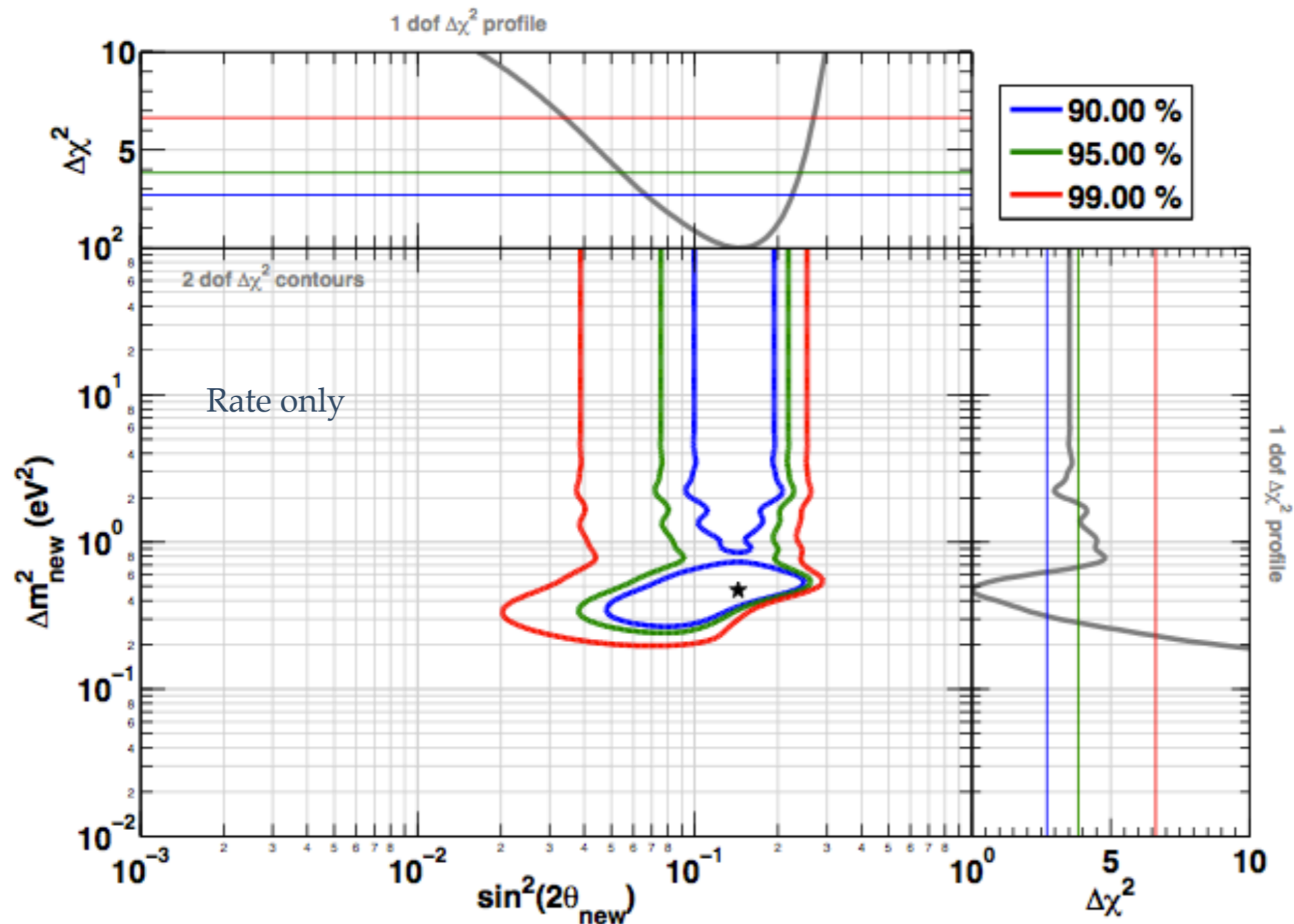
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The current reactor experiments probe regions of $\Delta m^2 > 0.3 \text{ eV}^2$



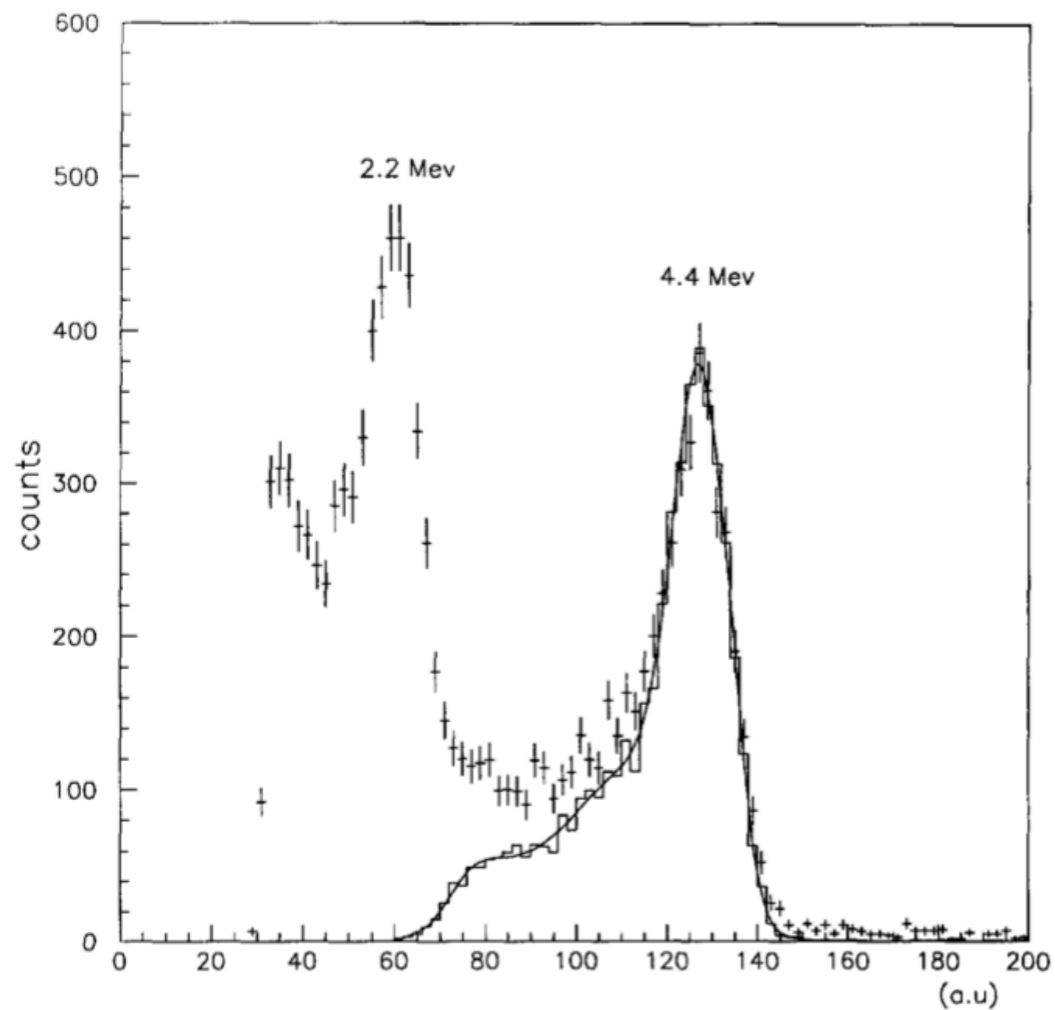
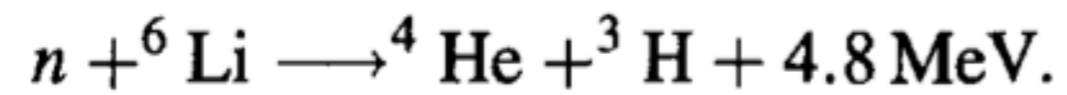
Sterile neutrino allowed mixing parameters for RNA

These different have allowed solutions to the oscillation formula

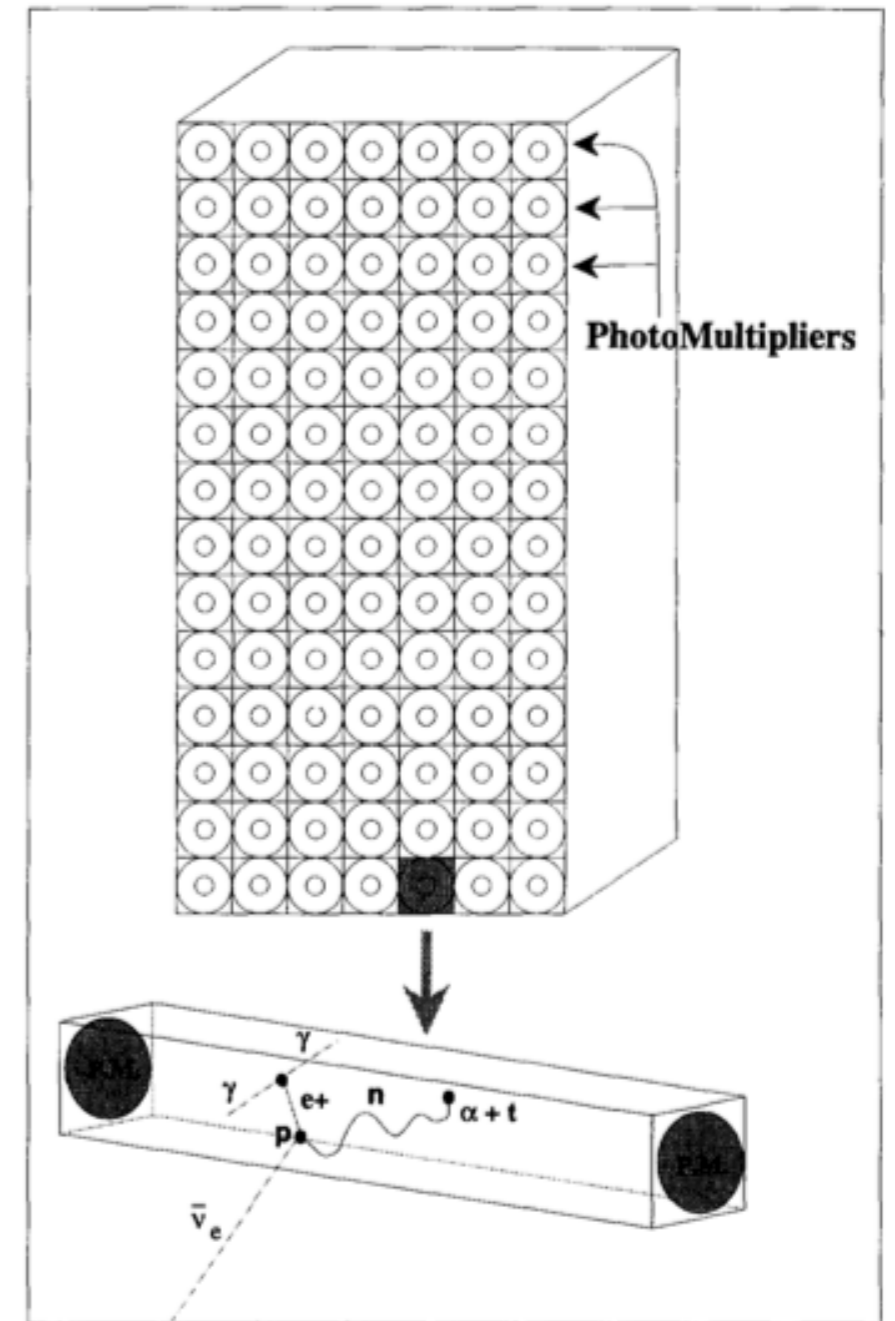


BUGEY-3 measurement of oscillation:

${}^6\text{Li}$ loaded scintillator

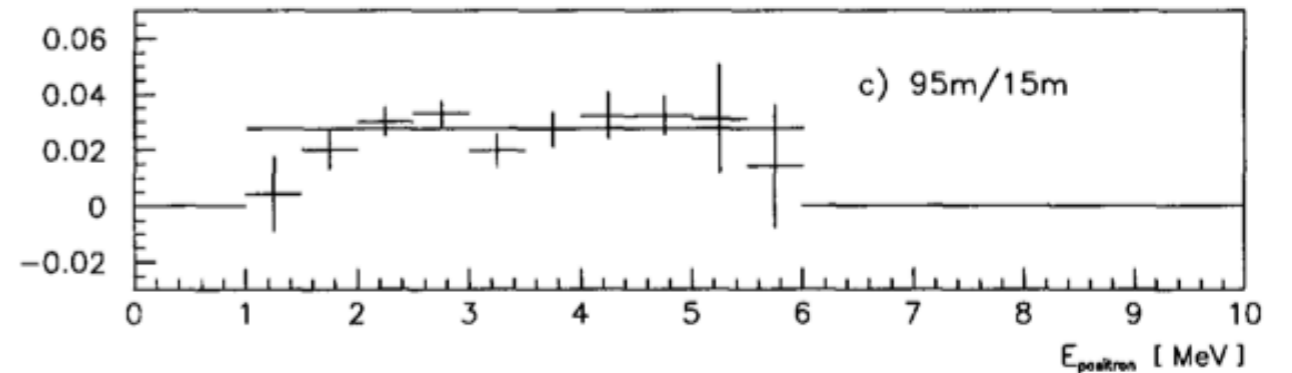
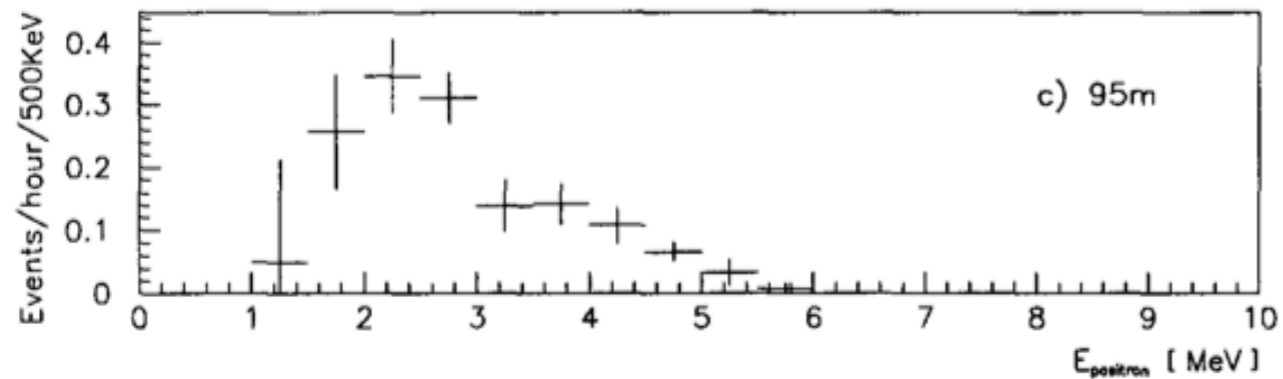
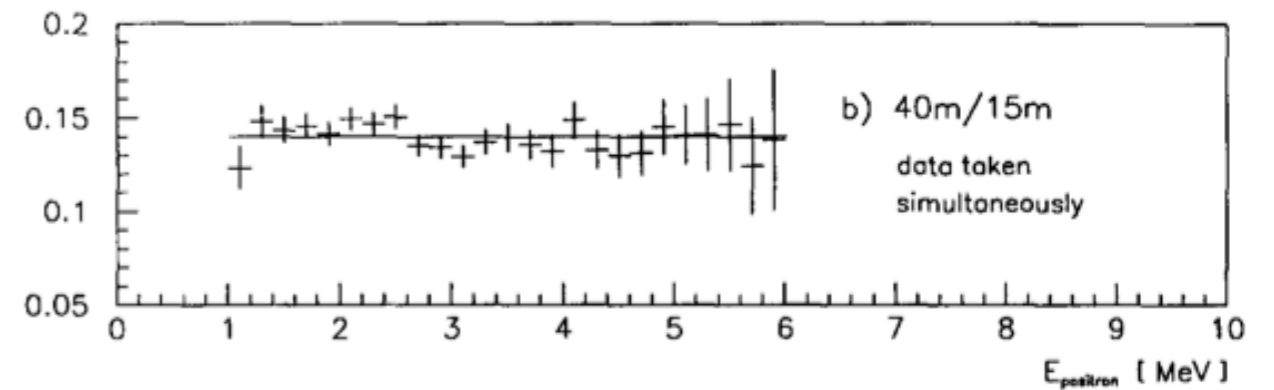
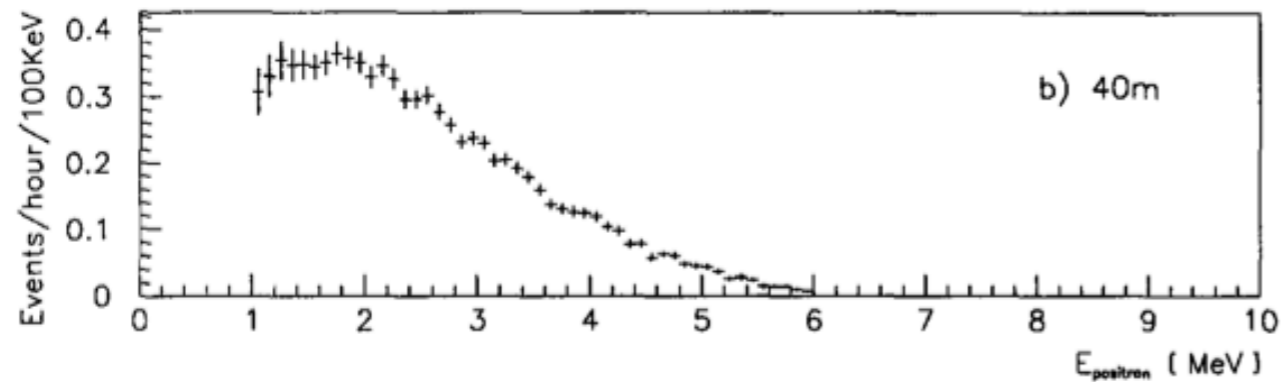
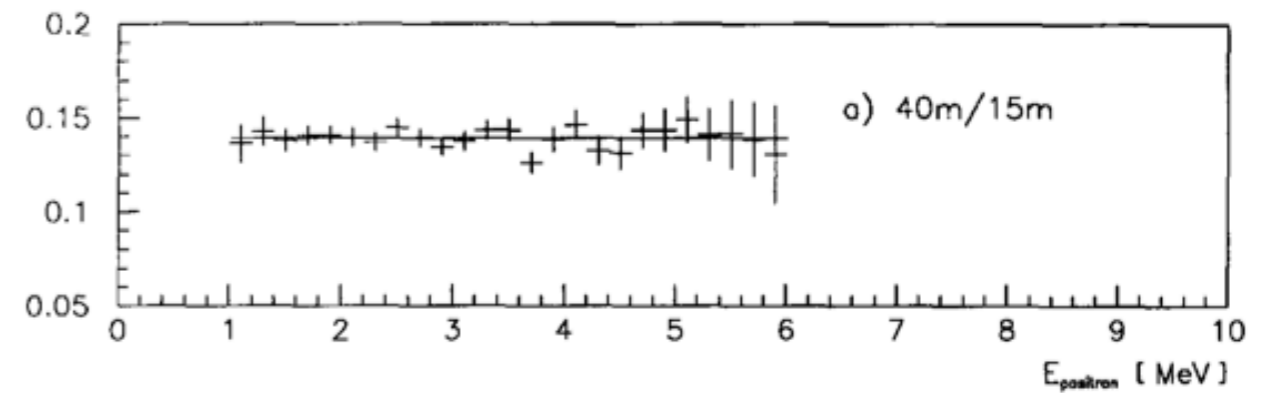
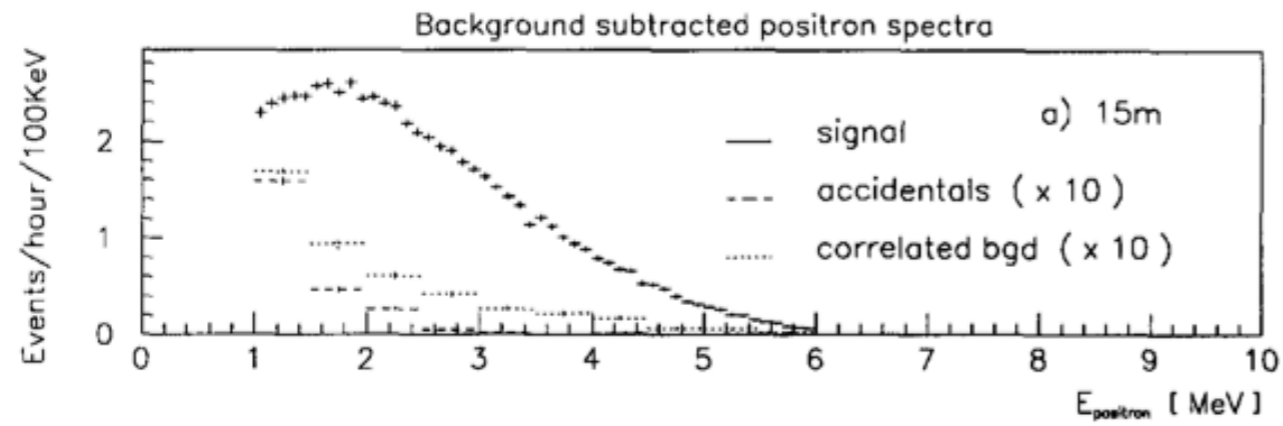


AmBe 4.4 MeV gamma source

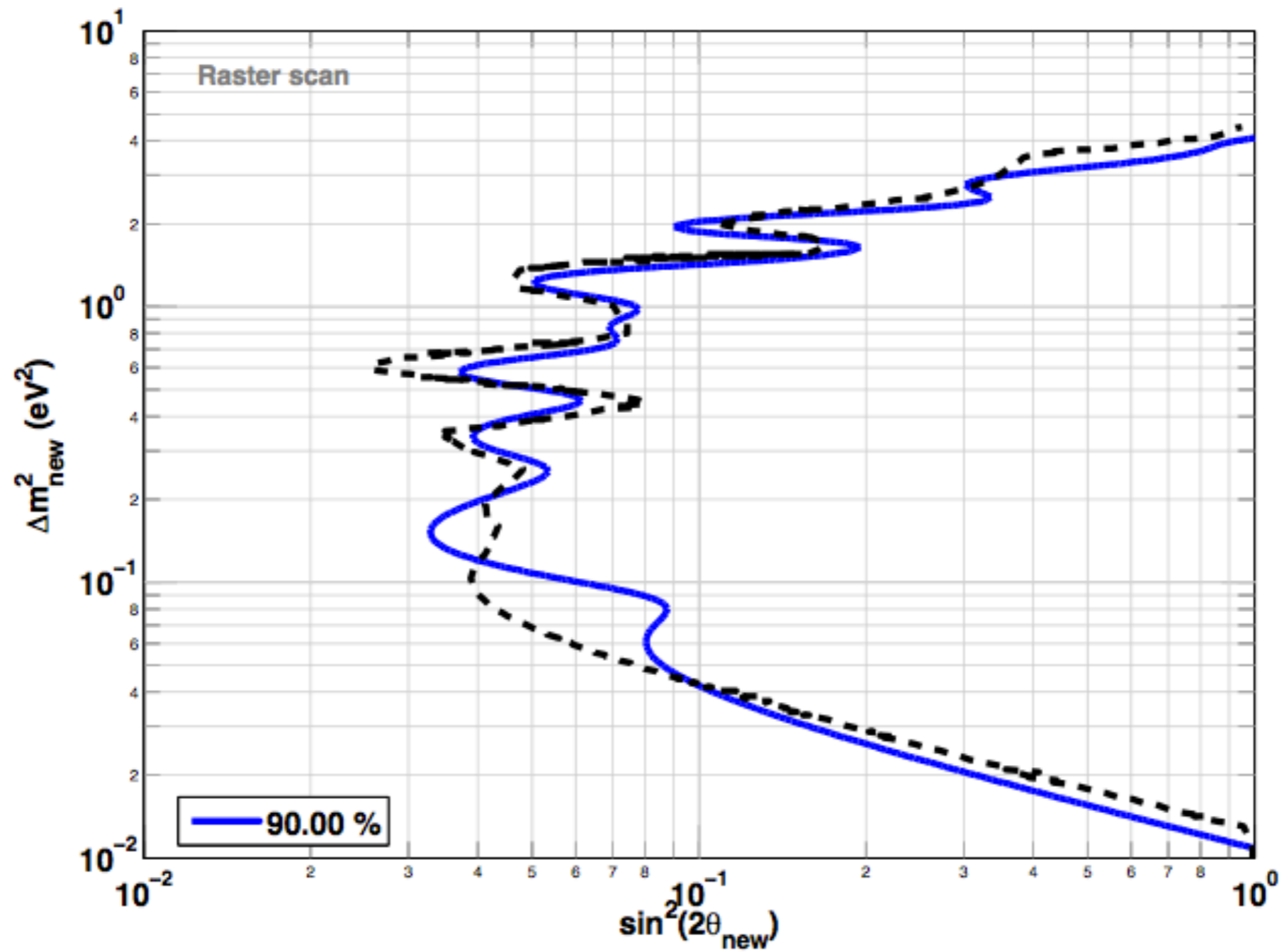


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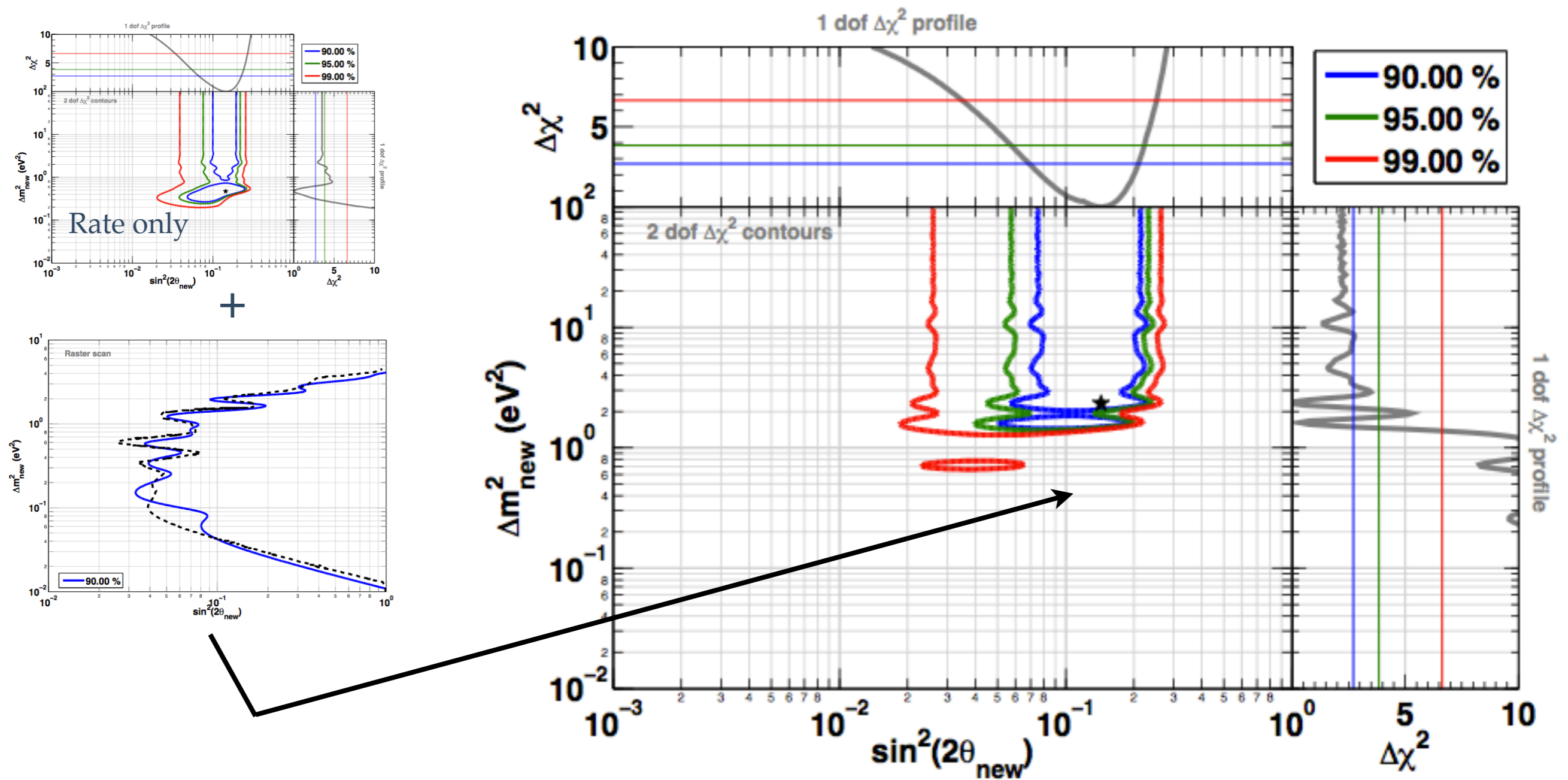
BUGEY-3 measurement of oscillation:



No oscillation was seen:
(exclusion plot of solutions)



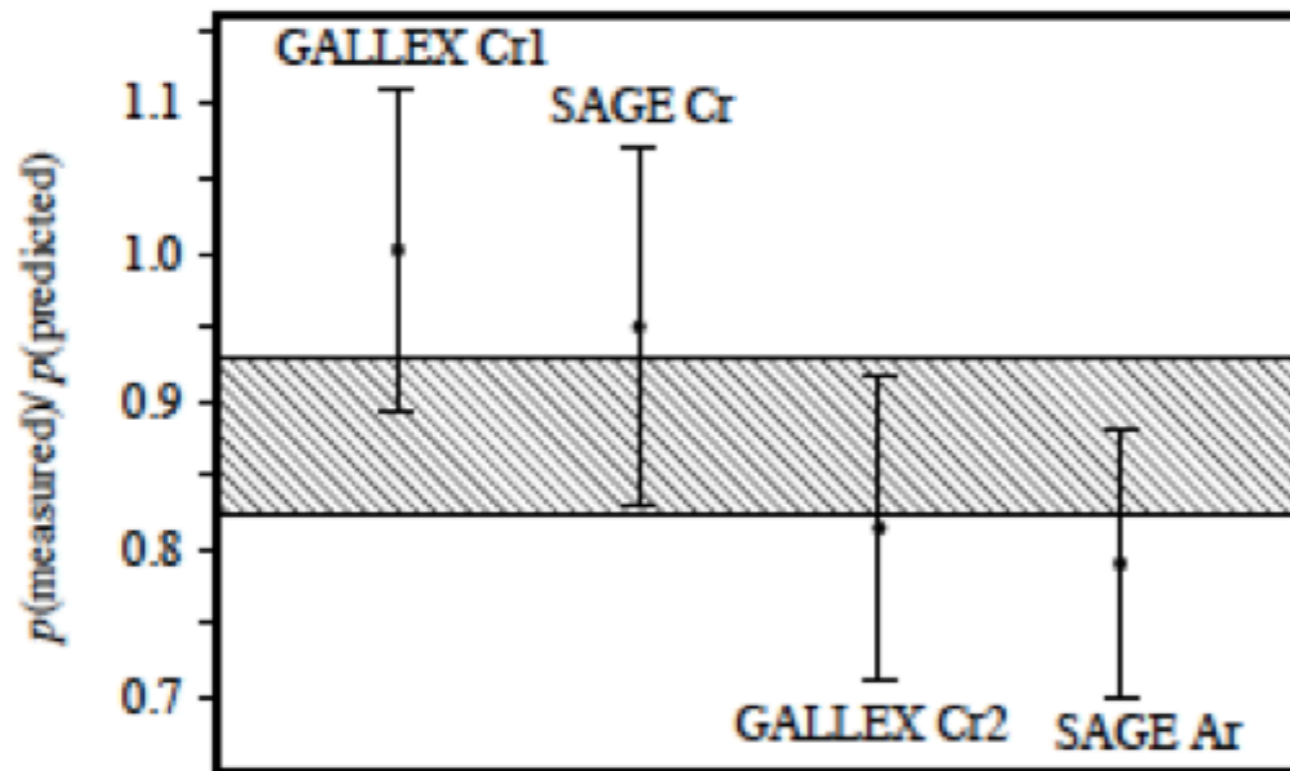
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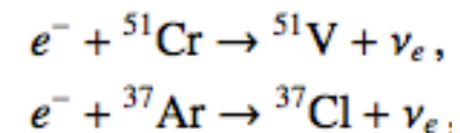
Further anomaly? The SAGE/GALLEX study:

Radioactive Neutrino Source Anomaly

SAGE, Phys. Rev. C 73 (2006) 045805



Create a neutrino source close to the detector



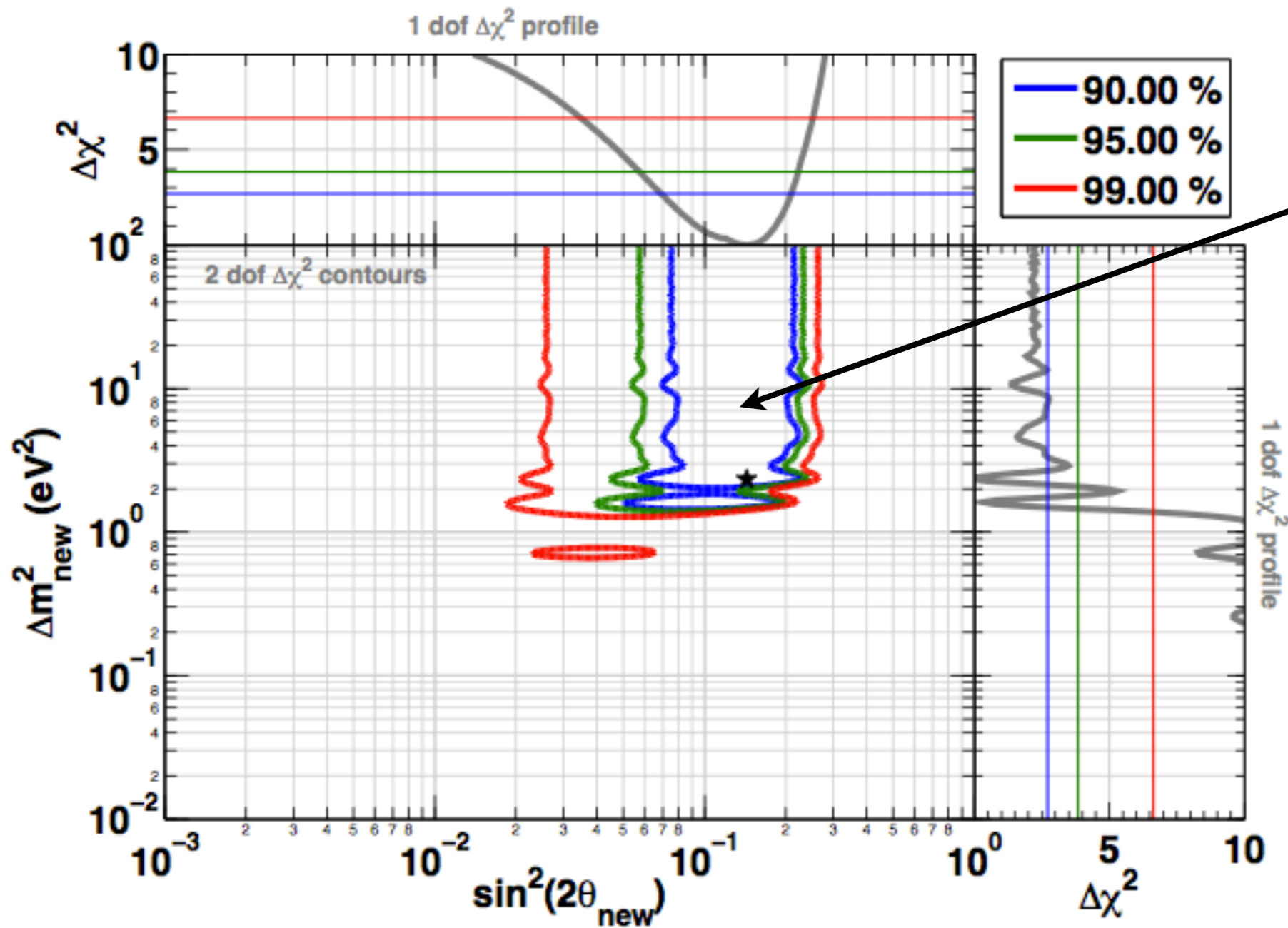
k	GALLEX		SAGE	
	G1 source ${}^{51}\text{Cr}$	G2 ${}^{51}\text{Cr}$	S1 ${}^{51}\text{Cr}$	S2 ${}^{37}\text{Ar}$
R_B^k	0.953 ± 0.11	$0.812^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	0.95 ± 0.12	$0.791 \pm^{+0.084}_{-0.078}$
R_H^k	$0.84^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	$0.71^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	$0.84^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$	$0.70 \pm^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
radius [m]	1.9		0.7	
height [m]	5.0		1.47	
source height [m]	2.7	2.38	0.72	

R=0.86±0.05

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GALLEX & SAGE observe fewer events than expected from their calibration measurements, consistent with ν_e disappearance to sterile neutrinos

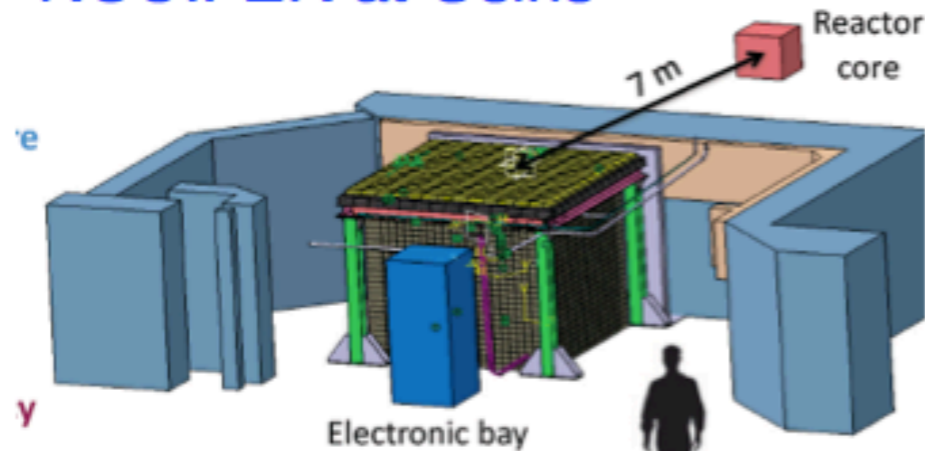
Future Experiments to measure sterile neutrinos?



Build experiments to go at higher modulation frequencies (higher Δm^2)

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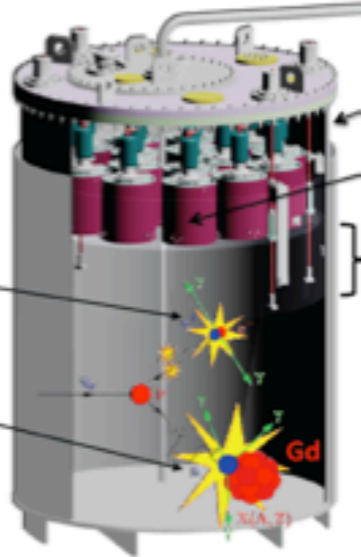
NUCIFER at Osiris



core: $\sigma \sim 0.3\text{m}$
baseline: 7m

"inverse β -decay" process
 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$

Prompt e^+ signal
+
Delayed neutron signal ($\Delta t \sim 30 \mu\text{s}$)

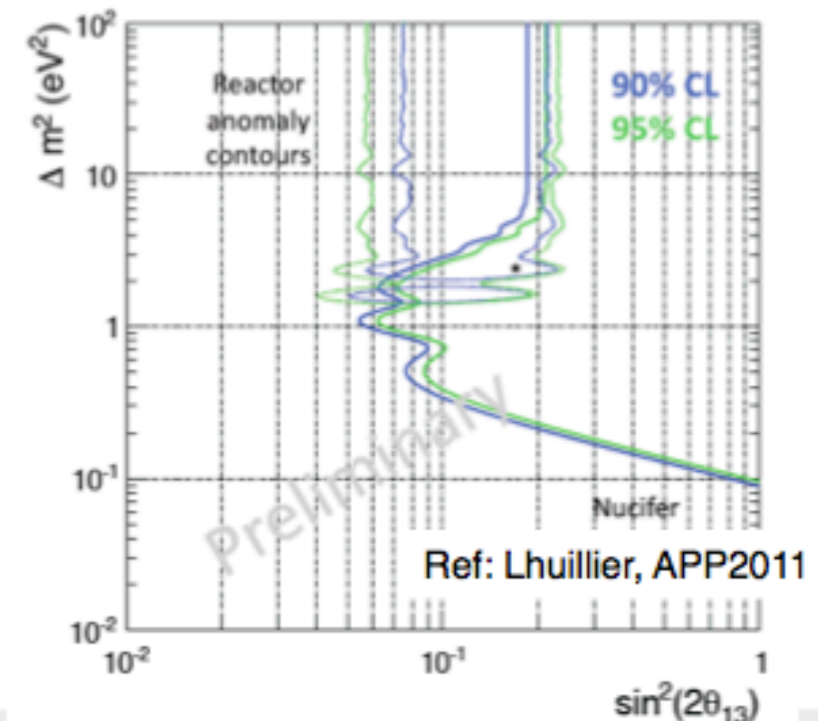
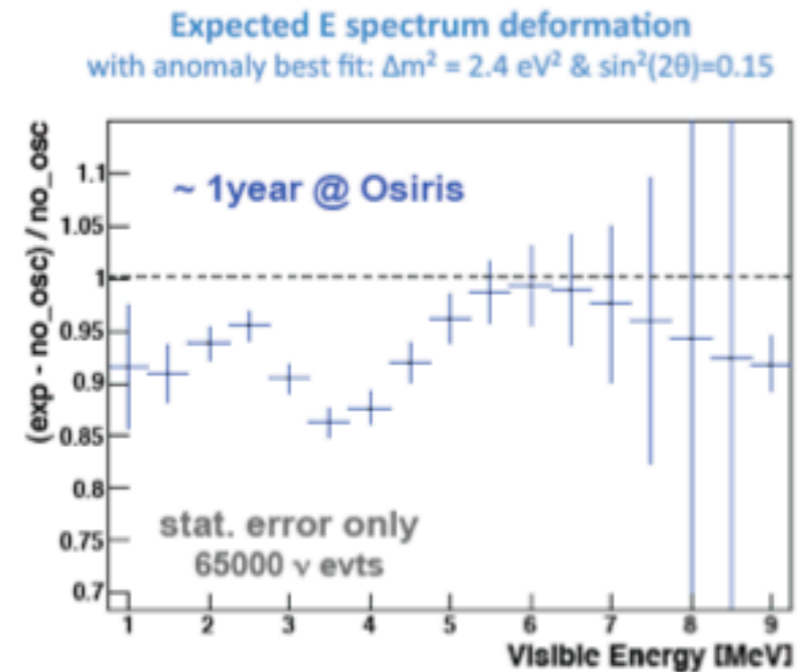


- Norm error = 4%
- 100 days full power @ Osiris
- S/B = 1 (?), assuming same shapes (worst case).
- E resol = 0.15 * E

Pre-industrial, unattended reactor neutrino monitor

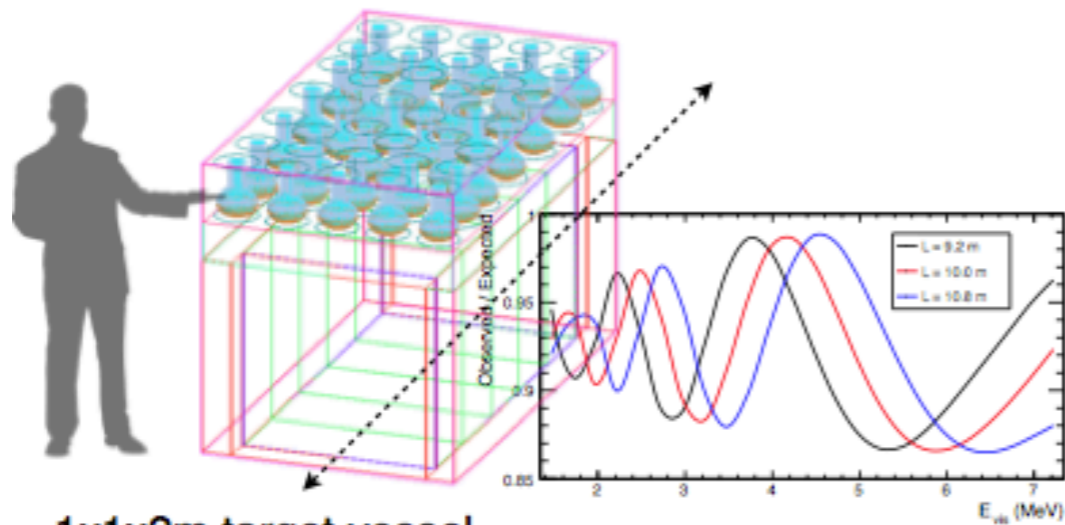
May be used to test reactor anomaly with compact core.

PSD R&D for background rejection.



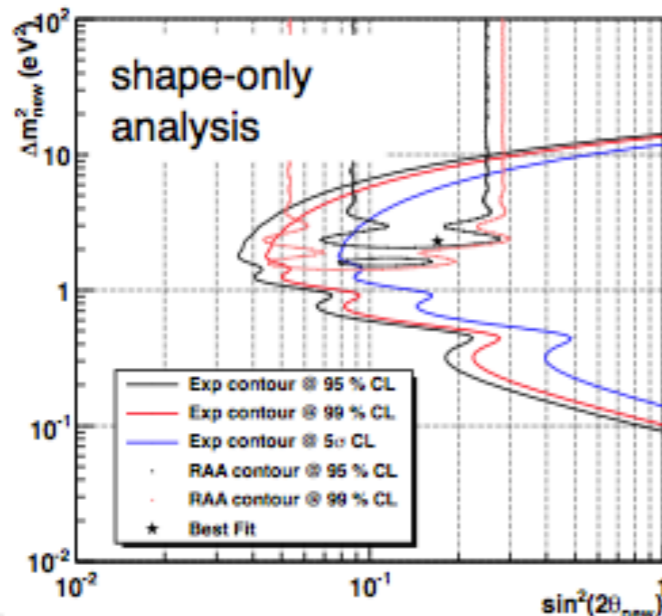
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Stereo at ILL, France



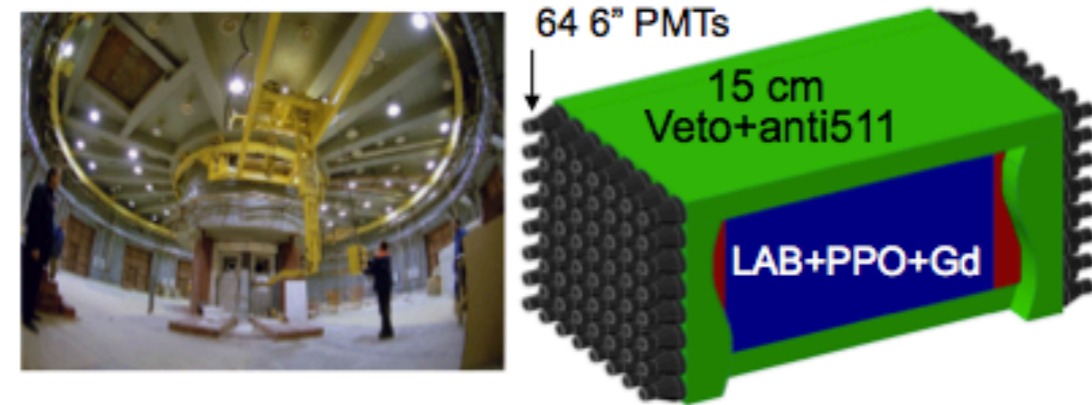
1x1x2m target vessel
filled with Gd-LS
5 baseline bins by foils

shift detector to verify
oscillation signal

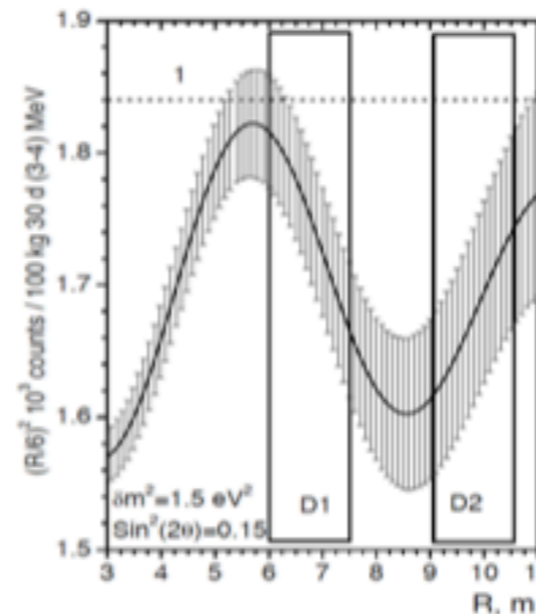


Karsten Heeger, Univ. of Wisconsin

POSEIDON at Reactor PIK, Russia



Gd-LS Detector: $2.1 \times 1.3 \times 1.3 \text{ m}^3$
Energy resolution: $\sigma = 7\%$ at 1 MeV
Spatial resolution: $\sigma_x = 15 \text{ cm}$ at 1 MeV



Energy and spatial
resolution to measure
oscillation curves for
different E_{ν}

aim to detect
oscillatory signature

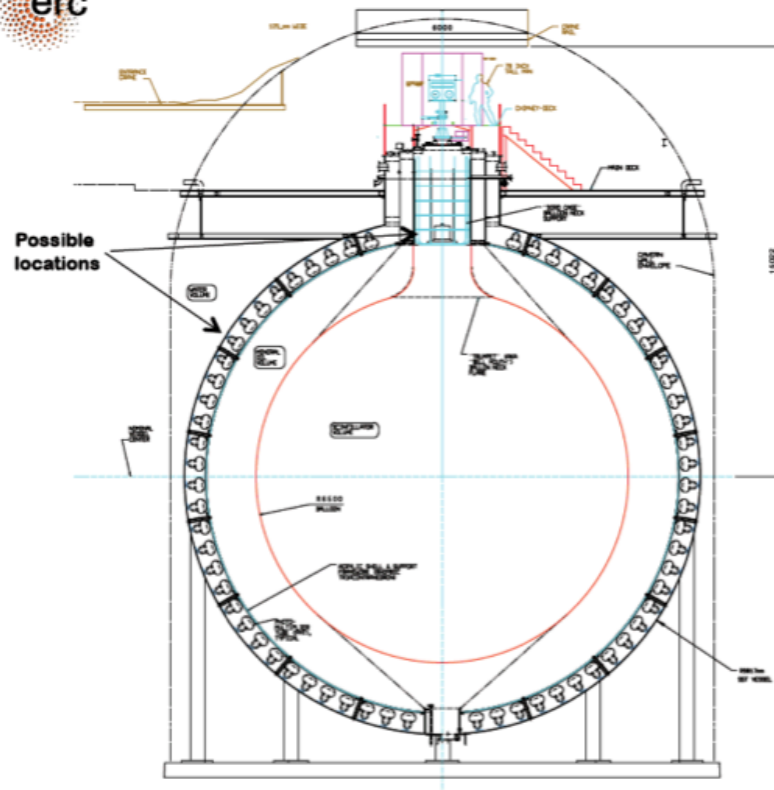
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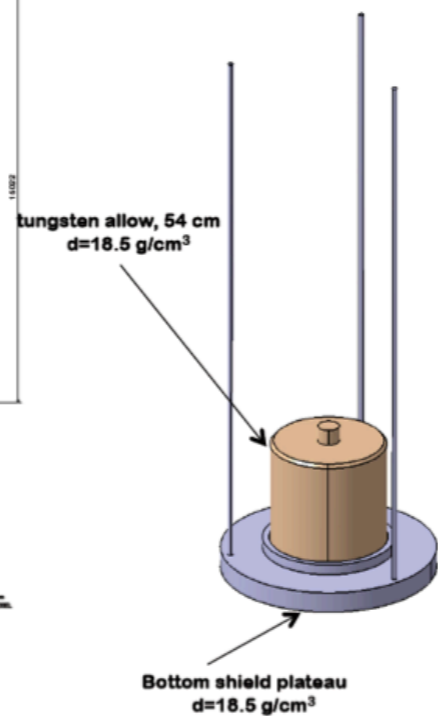
Bring the source to the detector!

CeLAND Concept with KamLAND Detector

cea ¹⁴⁴Ce Source @external + 35 cm W-alloy

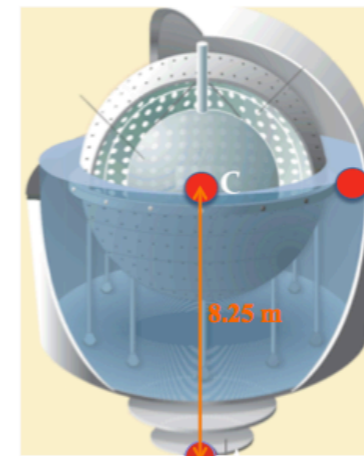


Source @2.5-3.5 m from LS
75 kCi & 6 months of data taking

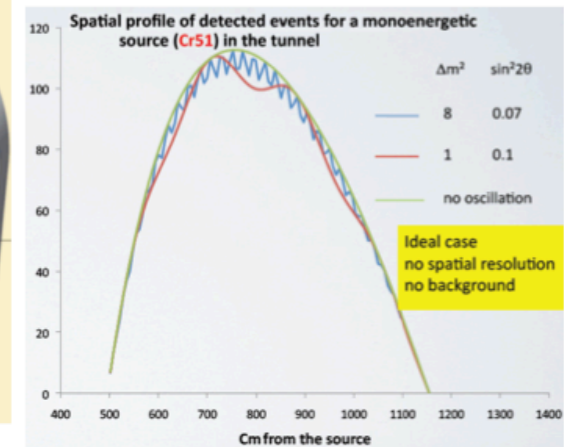


J. Link, SLAC Intensity
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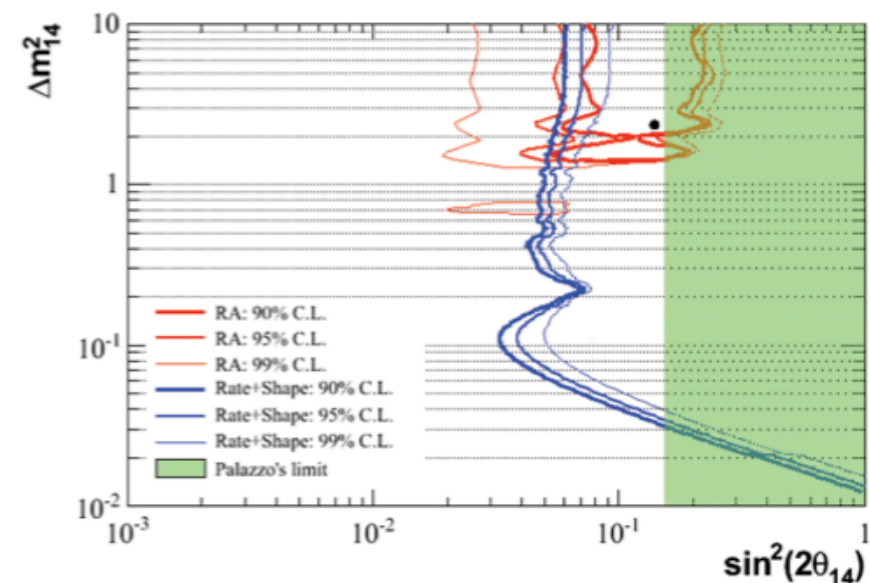
Short Distance Oscillations with Borexino Concept



Source Under Detector



Borexino Sensitivity



10 MCi ⁵¹Cr Source with a 100 day exposure

What about the other extreme?
Neutrino evaluated from cosmic measurement

But what about cosmic limits?

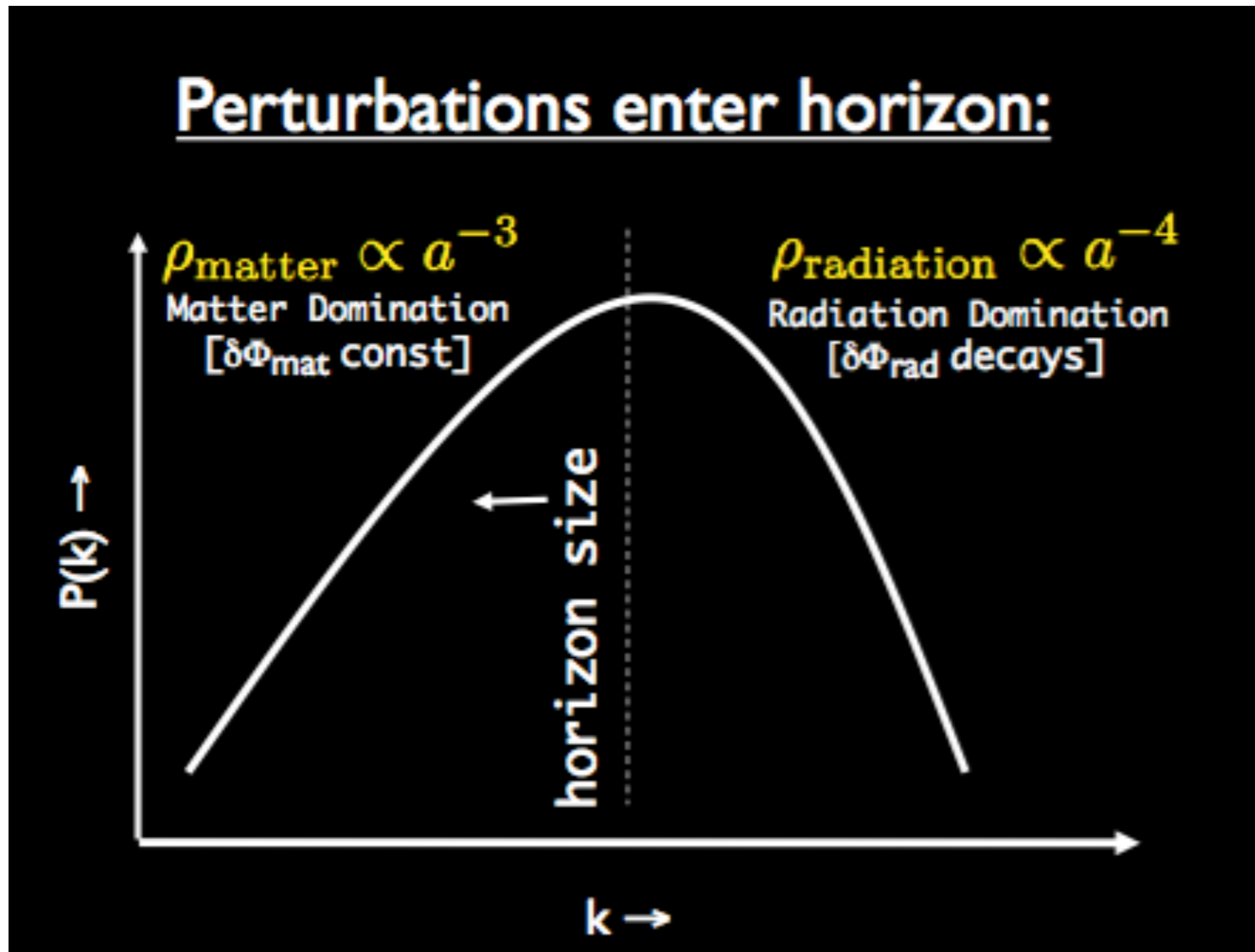
Summary of Cosmological N_{eff} Constraints

WMAP7	• SDSS BOSS Galaxy Clustering + BAO + WMAP 7 + SNe + H_0 (Zhao et al 2012)	$N_{\text{eff}} = 4.308 \pm 0.794$	68% CL
	• SPT + WMAP 7 + H_0 (Hou et al. 2012)	$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.71 \pm 0.35$	⋮
	• ACT + WMAP 7 + BAO + H_0 (Sievers et al 2013)	$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.78 \pm 0.55$	
WMAP9	• WMAP 9 + eCMB + BAO + H_0 (Hinshaw et al. 2012 v2)	$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.84 \pm 0.40$	

but, see Verde et al. 2011: shape of priors

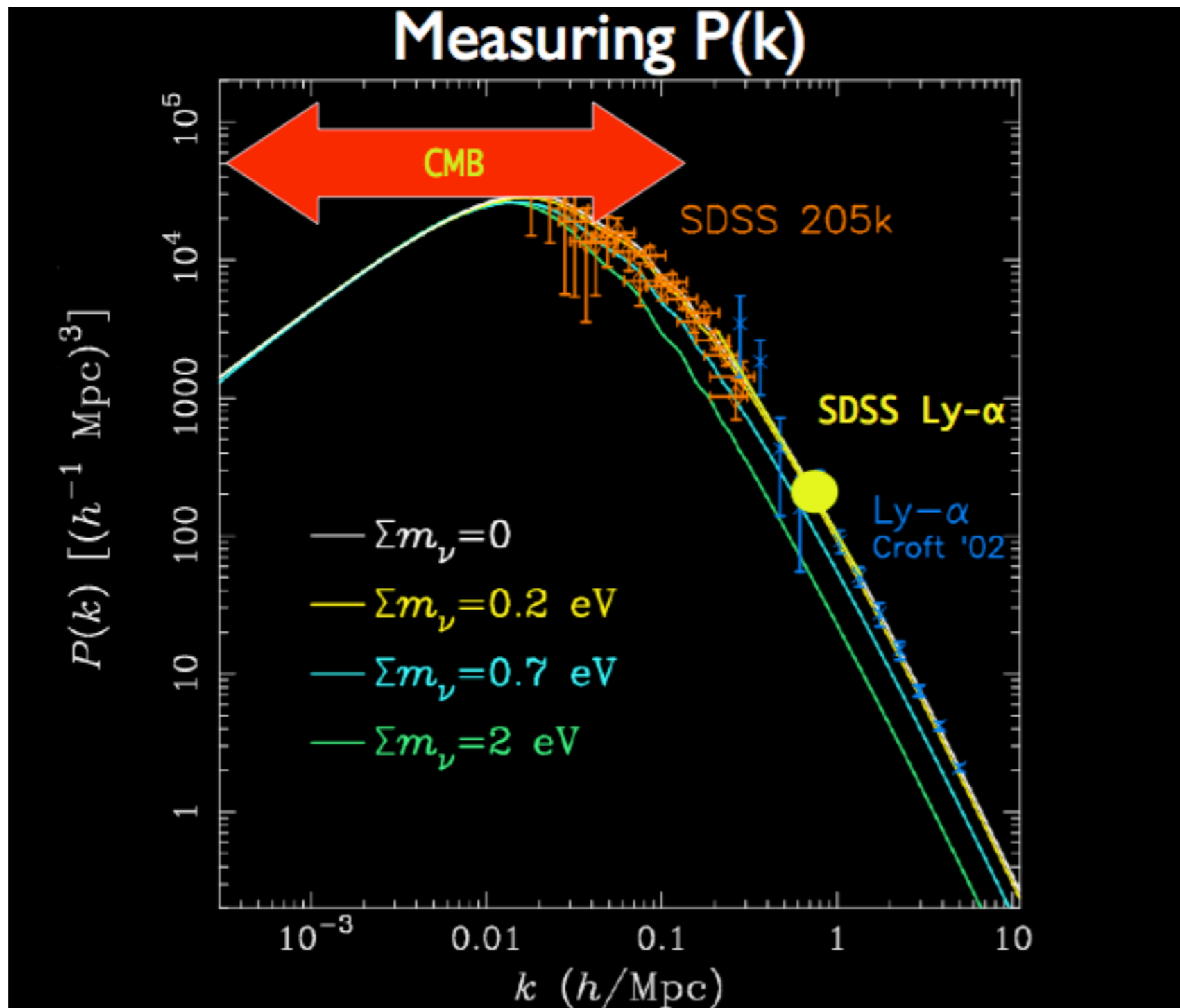
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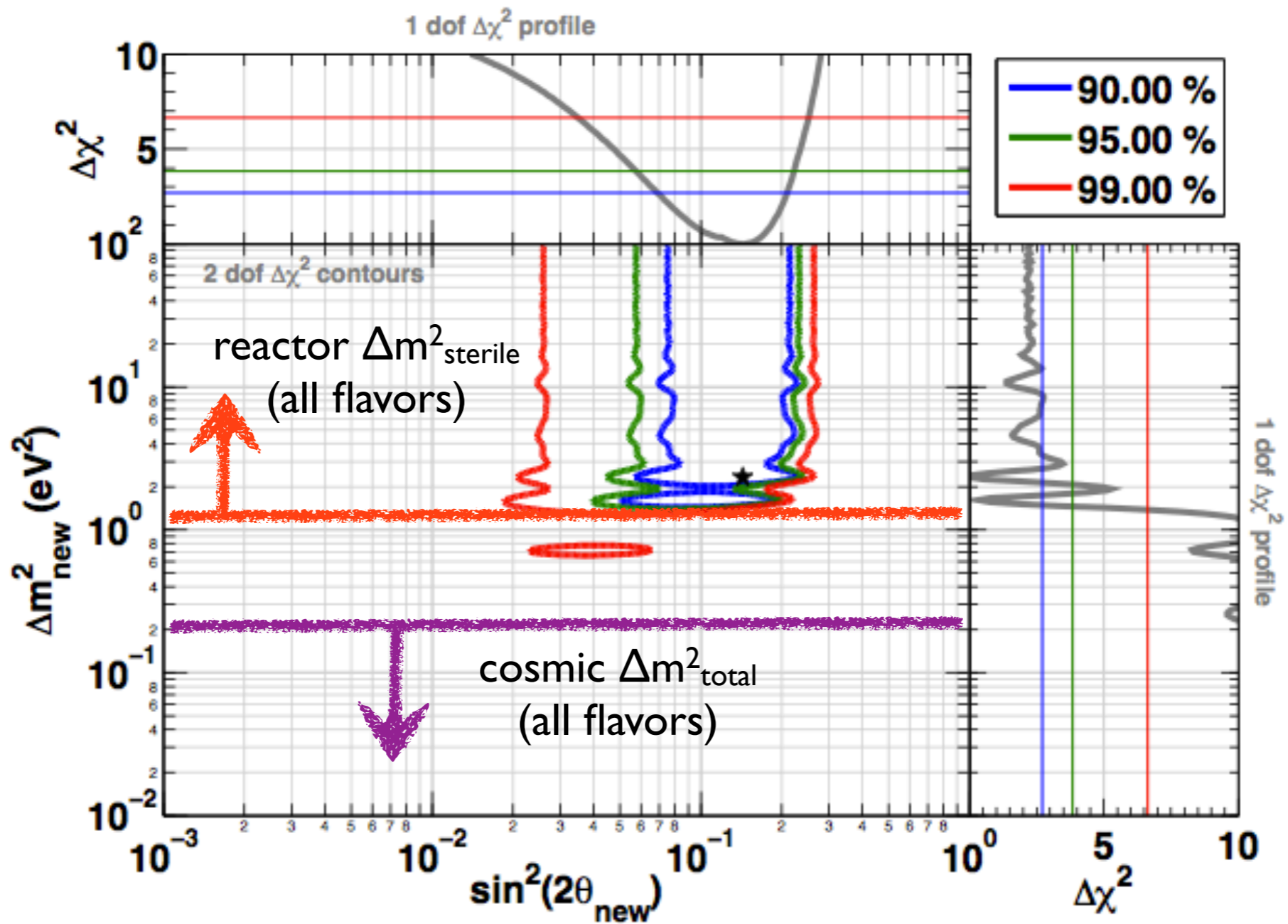
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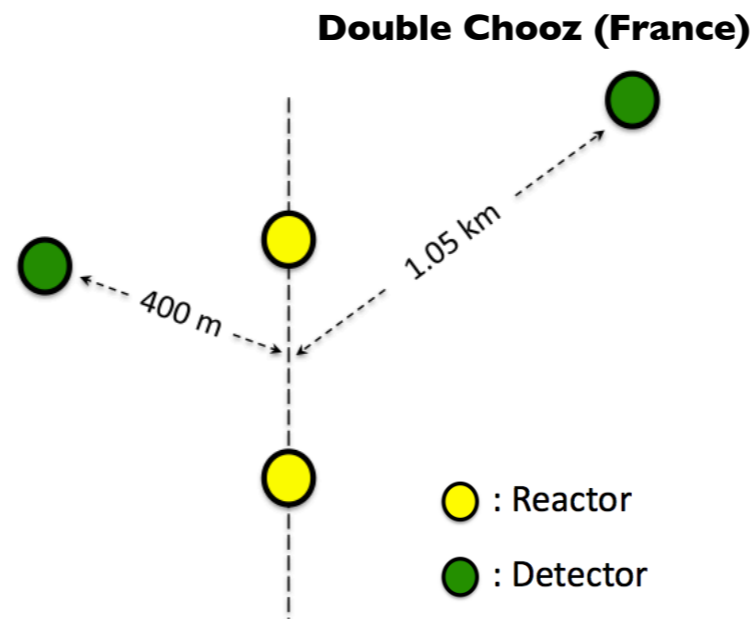
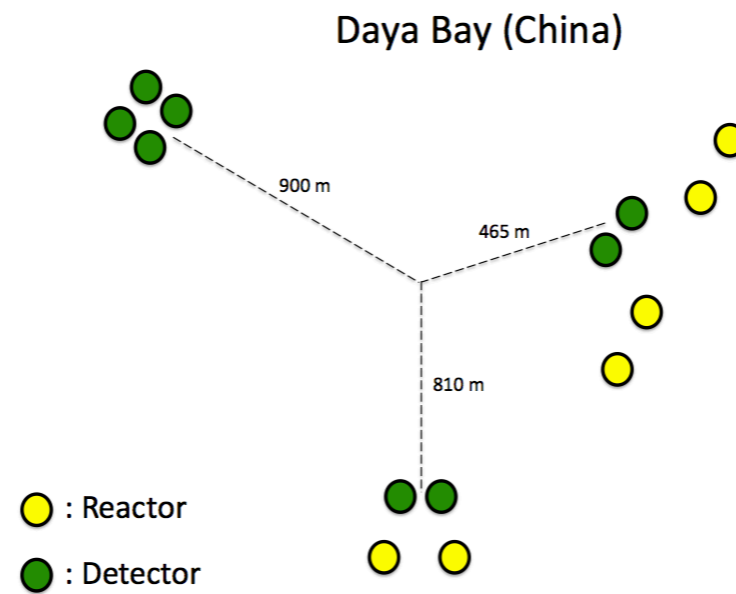
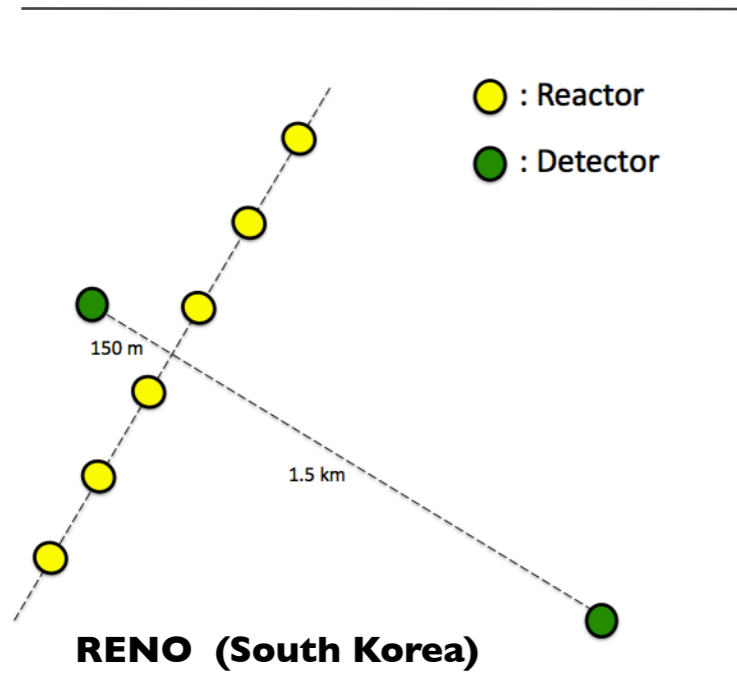
A real anomaly!



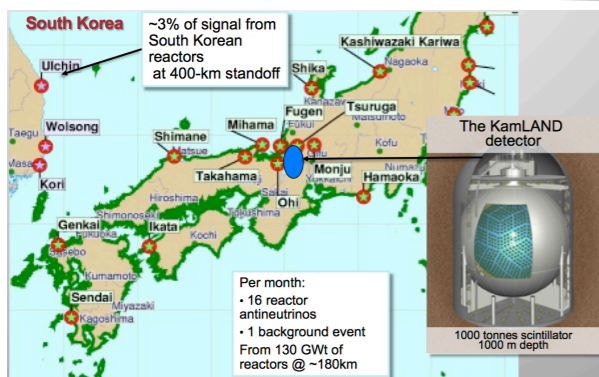
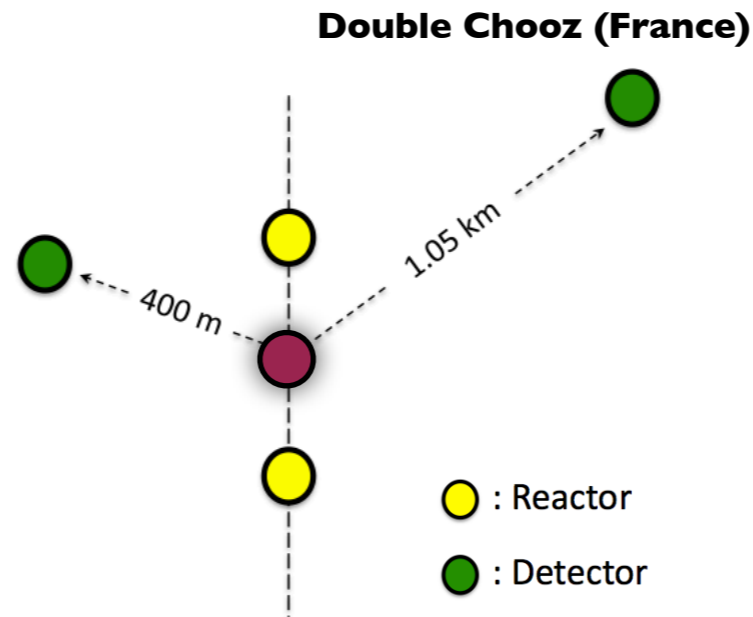
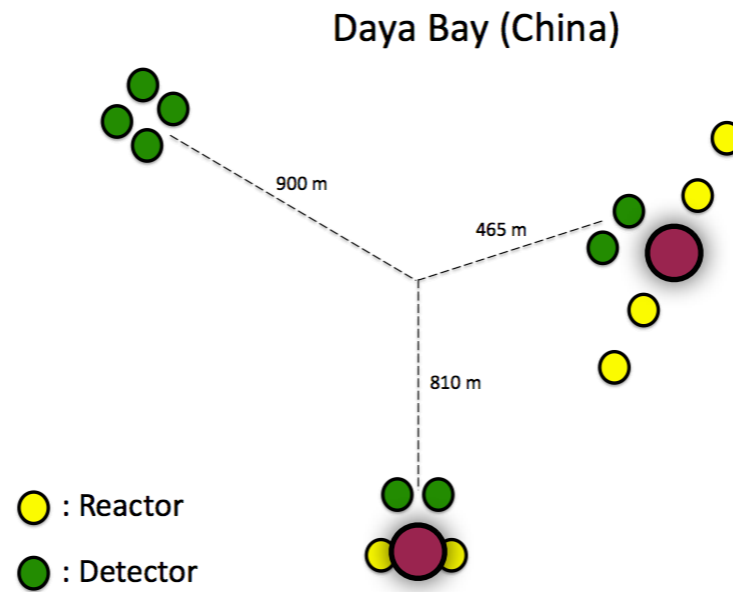
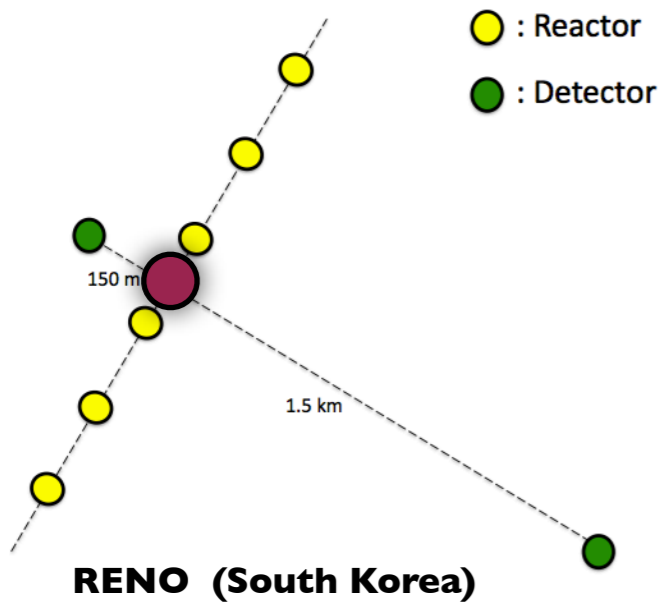
A new method to look for sterile neutrinos

Bergevin, Grant, Svoboda: arxiv.1303.0310v1

Traditional way of looking at a reactor-detector relationship:

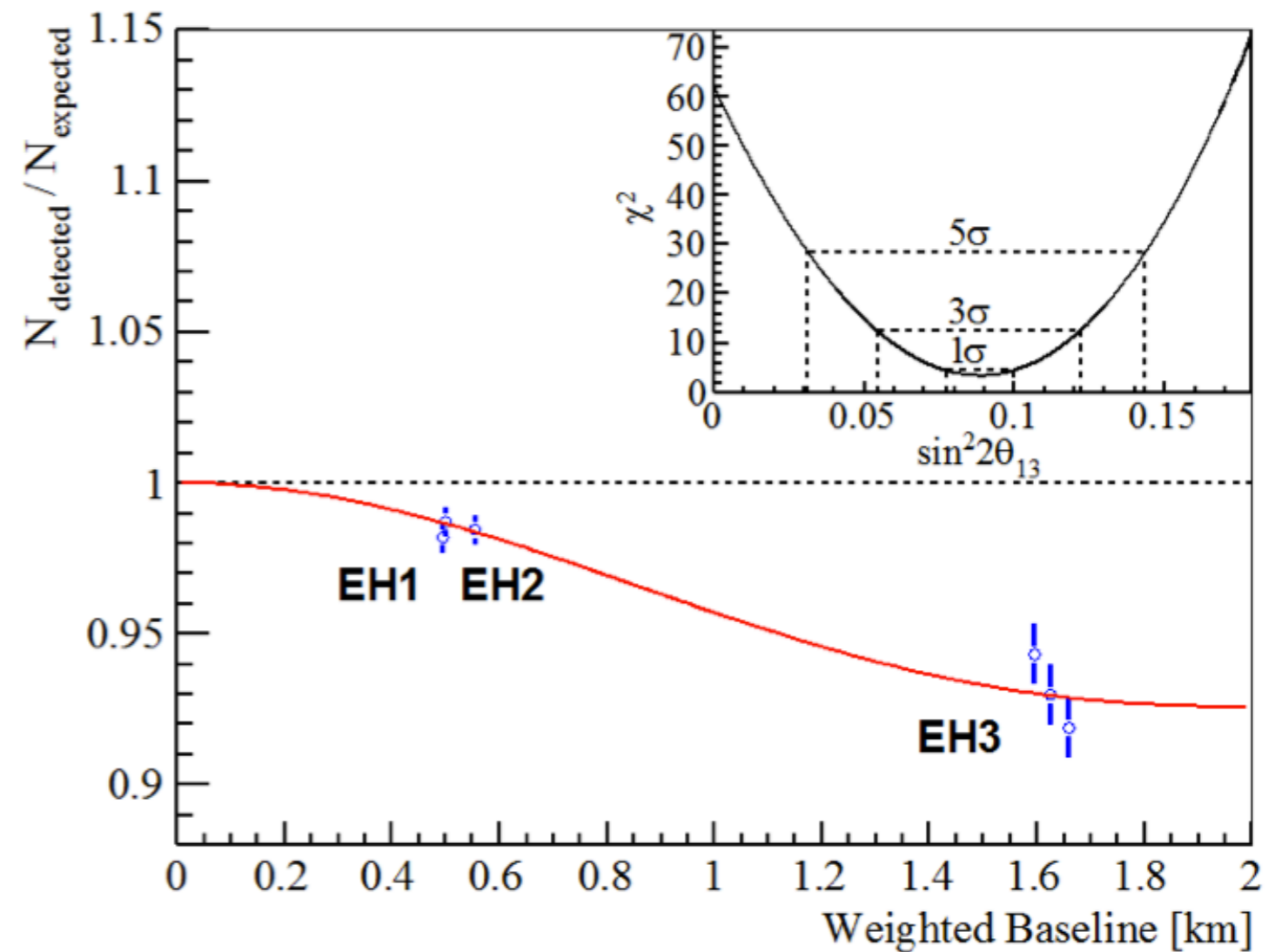
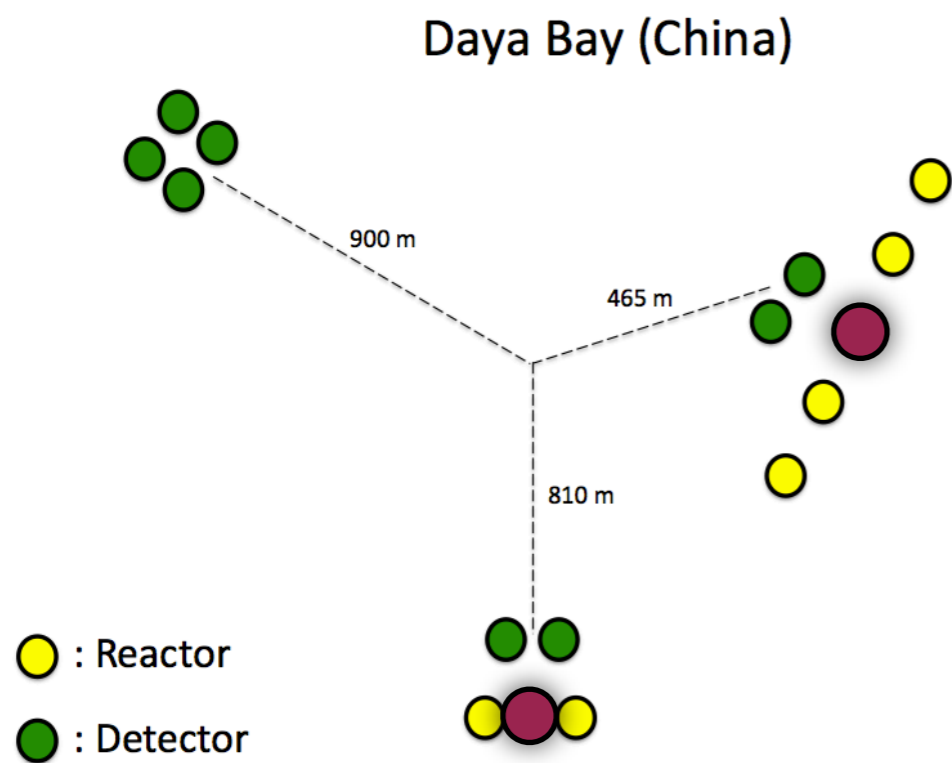


Average the reactors to amplitude evaluation

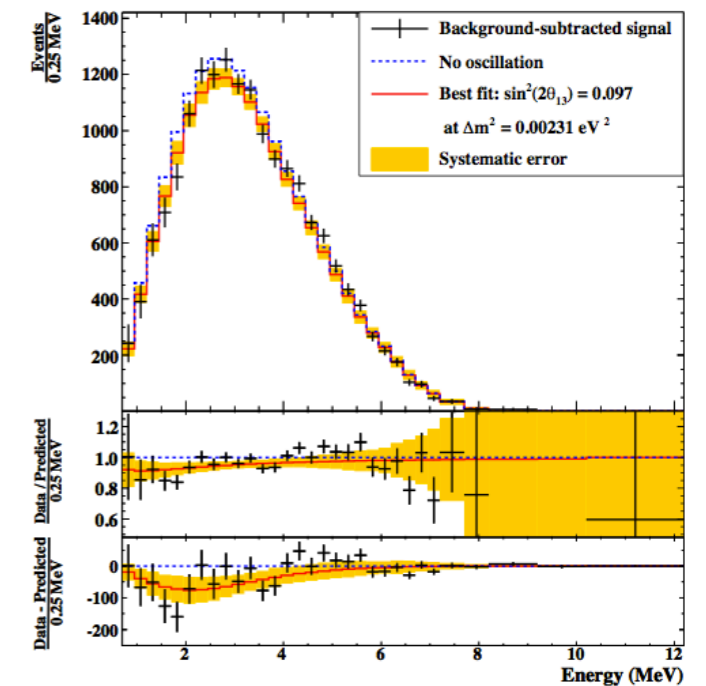
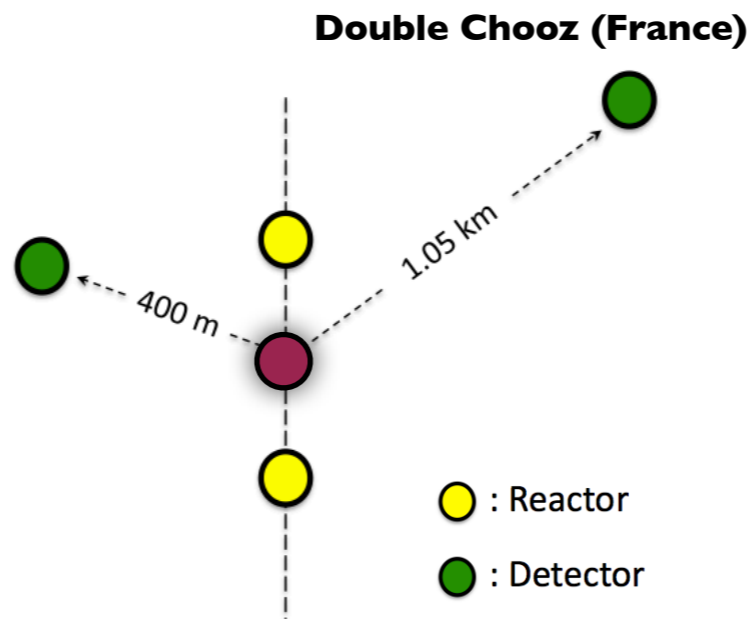
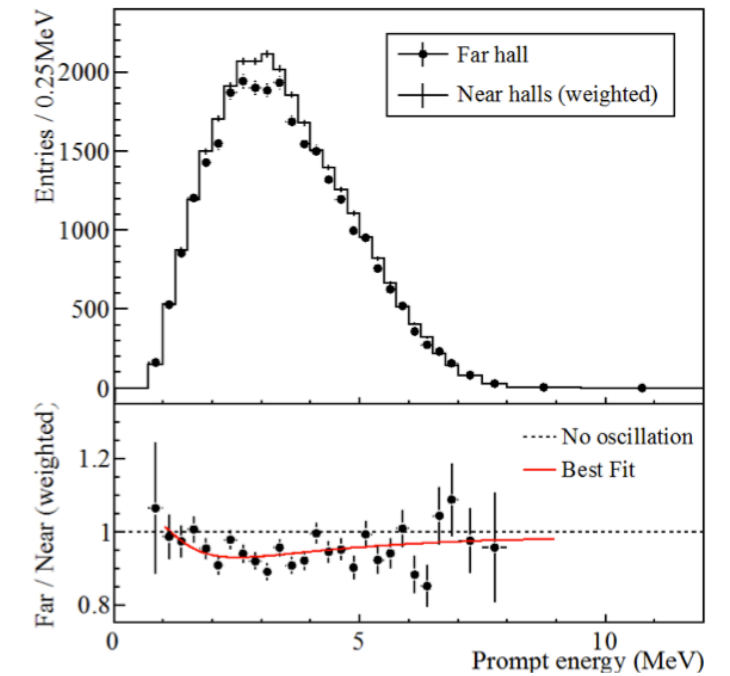
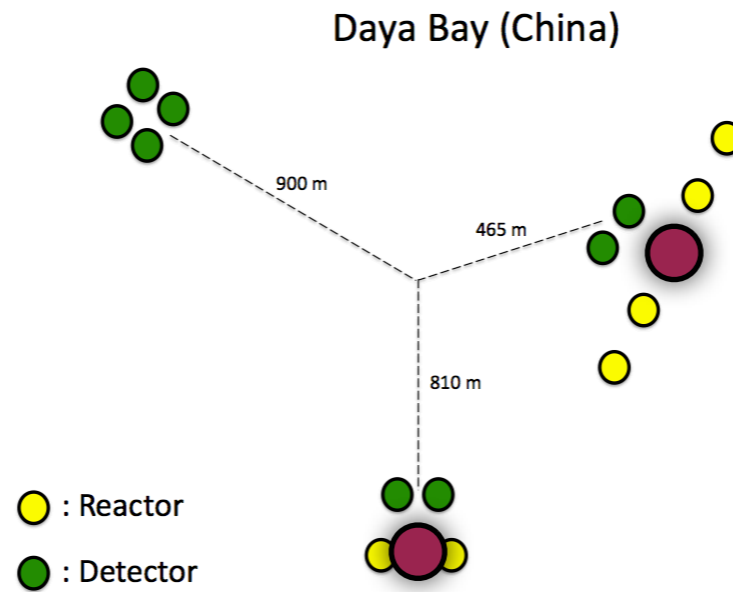
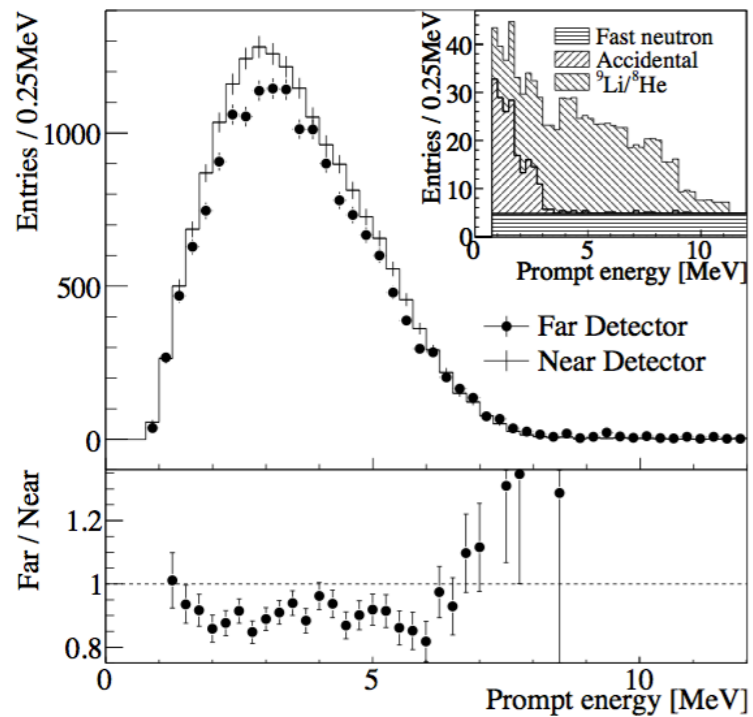
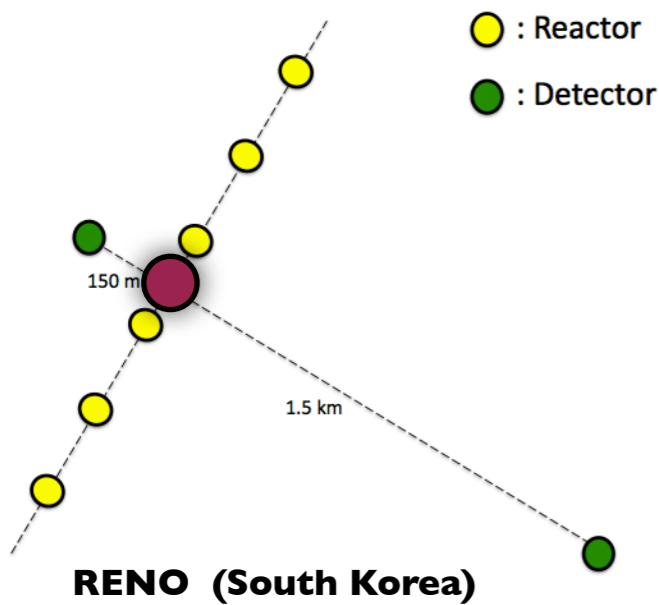


Daya Bay finally called it!

(Measured amplitude change)

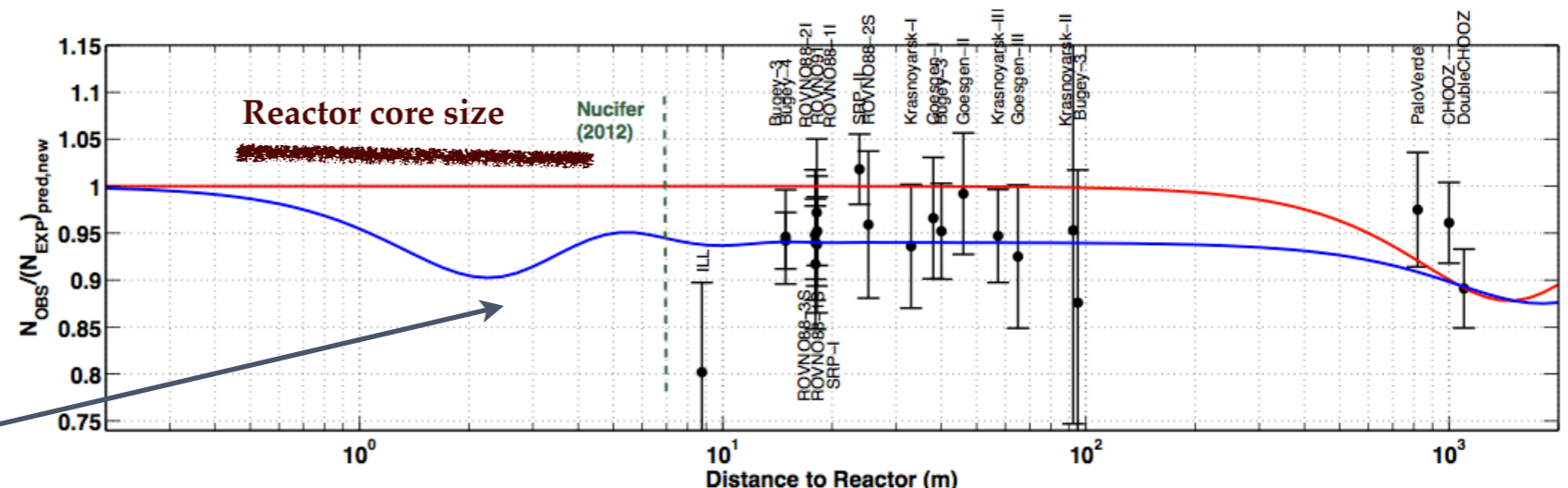


However, taking the ratio leads to strange behaviors (a possible shape anomaly)



Why the “1”-reactor multi-detector sterile neutrino rate or shape analysis is difficult:

- A traditional rate analysis of the neutrino spectra at each detector may not be sufficient to detect a higher Δm^2_{14} due to systematic uncertainties in the absolute rate
- The **detector resolution will wash out** the large Δm^2 such that the survival probability will average out to $0.5 \cdot \sin^2(2\theta_{14})$ for a shape analysis
- In addition, distances implied are on the order of the core size which will also wash it out the oscillation feature in a shape analysis



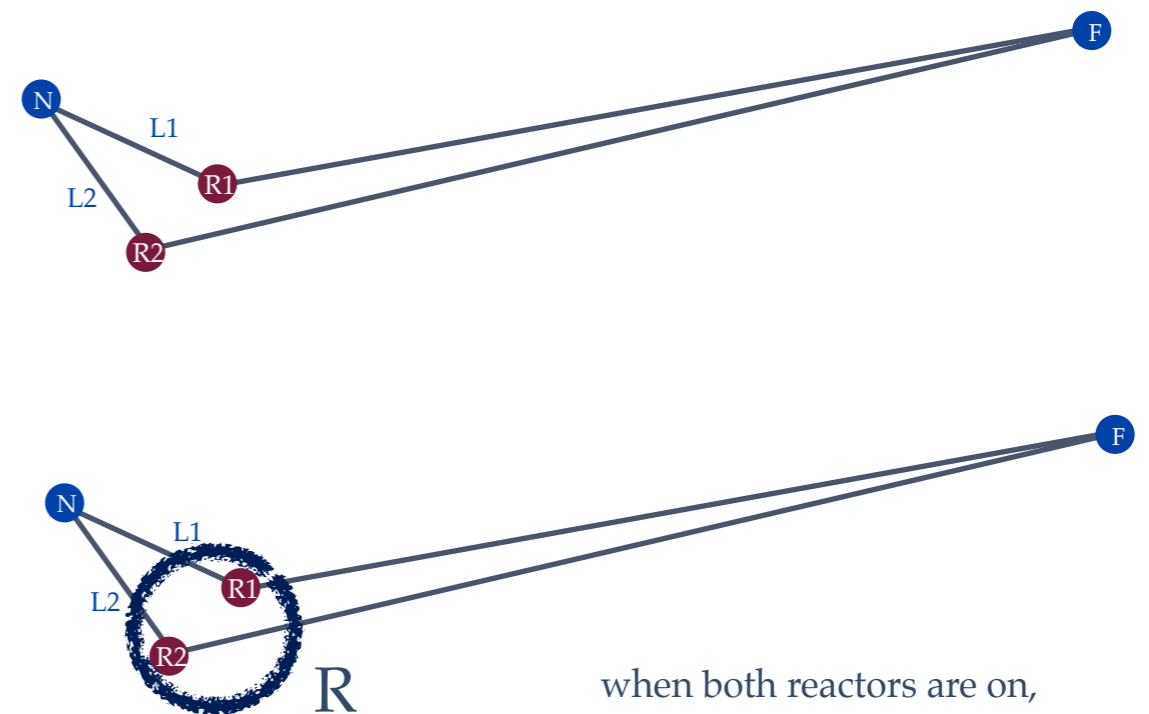
distance dependent
rate is difficult

Traditional way of looking at a reactor-detector relationship (DC case study)

As stated before, a 2-reactor 2-detector set-up, it is customary to think of an “average” reactor and multiple detector scenario (“1”-reactor 2-detector)

In the rare case when both reactors are off, gain better understanding of detector related systematics (^9Li , FN)

It is fairly common for one reactor to be on while the other is off. In the case of DC, it is 30% of the time



when both reactors are on,
we cannot tell from which reactor
the anti-neutrinos are originating

Double Chooz:

- Two 4.25 GWth Reactors
(1,2 for this talk)
- 2 Detectors (Near, Far)

New idea of the reactor-detector relationship for a Shape-Only analysis:

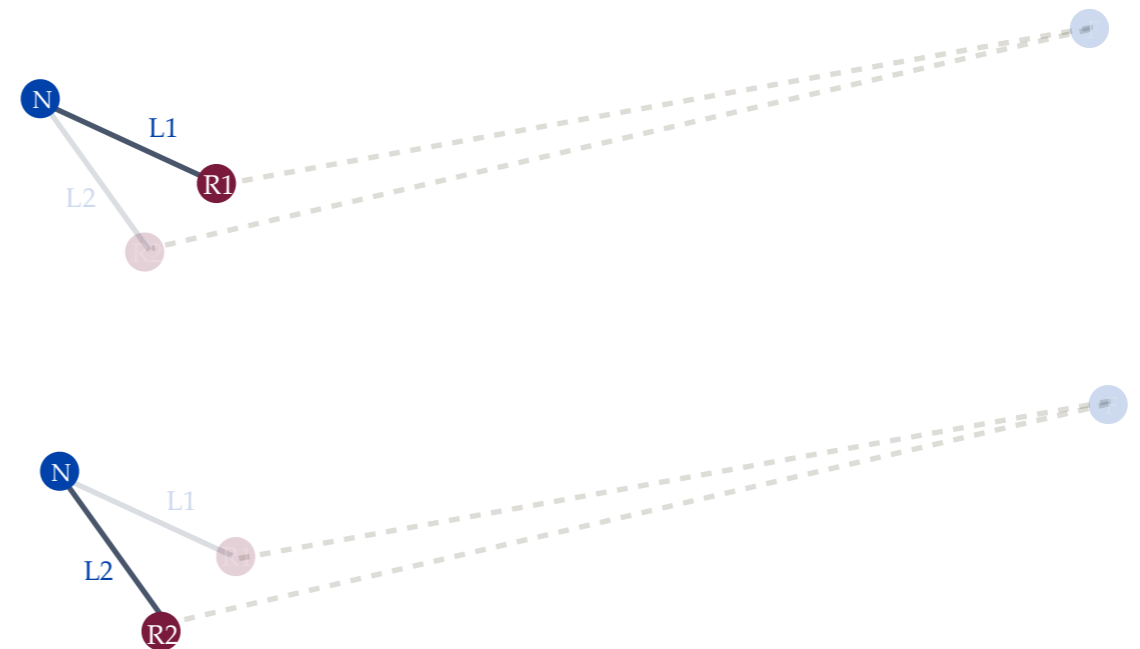
Do not have the two reactor running at the same time (luckily, we don't have to convince anyone, this happens naturally)

Collect data when Reactor 1 is on and Reactor 2 off and vice versa

One can then think of a **near and far reactor**

Do a ratio of the energy spectra corrected for livetime and distance for near and far reactor:

This can be used in a shape analysis that **does not depend on rate information**



Only works with 2
“identical” reactors

In a shape only analysis, major detector related systematics (fast neutrons, ^9Li production, ...) can be constrained

A quantitative case study : DC Near detector

Assumption for this analysis:

~274 days of data per Reactor
assuming down cycle of 15% per
Reactor. (implies 5 years total of
detector operation)

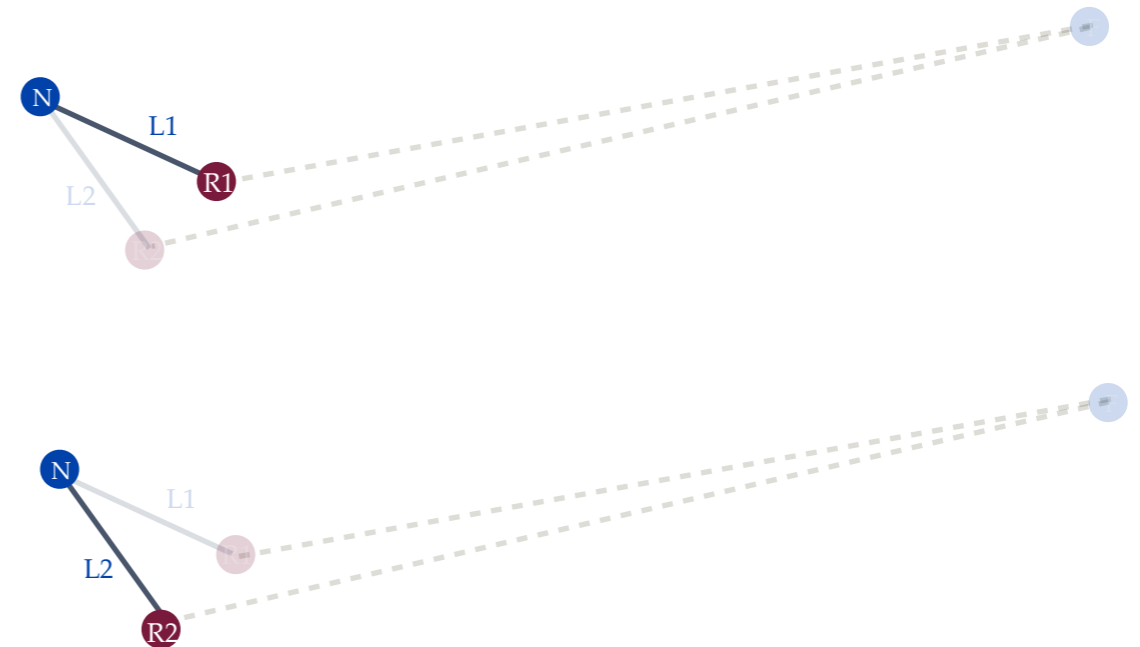
Reactor 1-Near detector :

- 351 meters away from DC detector
- ~460 anti-neutrinos per day

Reactor 2-Near detector :

- 465 meters away from detector
- ~260 anti-neutrinos per day

Do a ratio of the energy spectra corrected for livetime and distance for near and far reactor!



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Understanding the shape distortion from the ratio of the oscillated spectra:

$$P_{ee} = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{new}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{new}^2 L}{4E_{\bar{\nu}_e}}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{ratio + simplify}} \frac{P_{ee}^{R_1}}{P_{ee}^{R_2}} = \frac{1 - \alpha^2 \sin^2(\beta L_1)}{1 - \alpha^2 \sin^2(\beta L_2)}$$

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do some math

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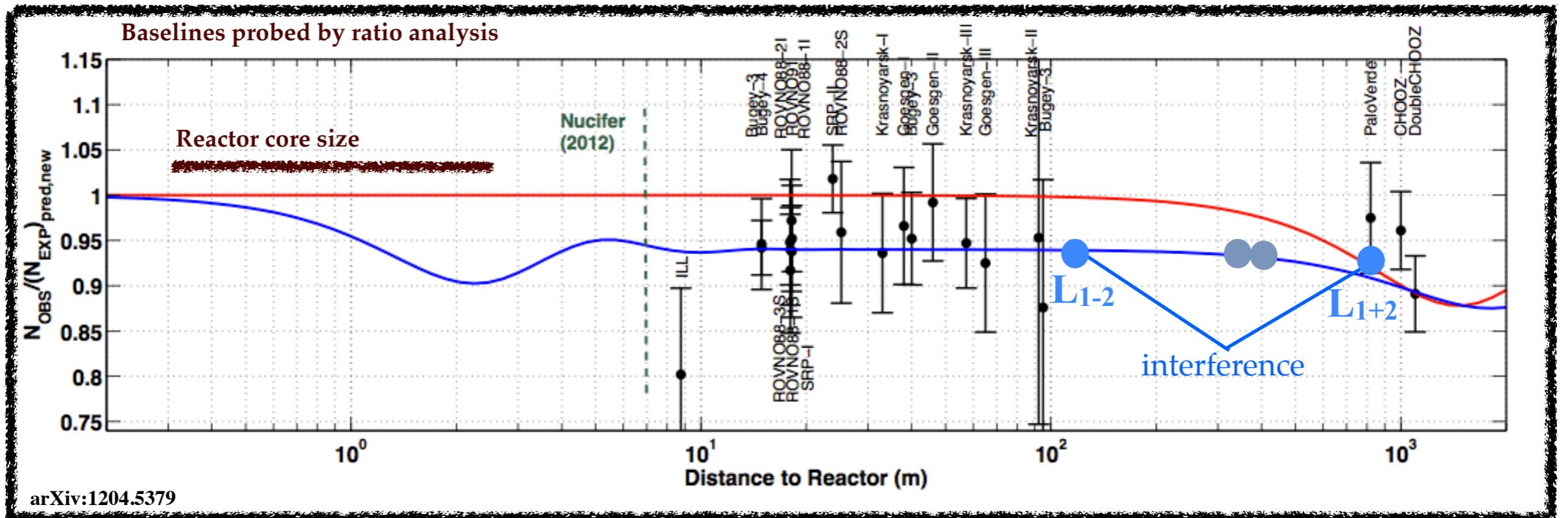
Doing a ratio of two distribution yields an **interference term** with a behavior $\sim \sin(\gamma/E)$ **function** (and not as the square of a sin function)

- (a) $L_1 \equiv$ distance from detector to reactor 1
- (b) $L_2 \equiv$ distance from detector to reactor 2
- (c) $L_{2-1} \equiv L_2 - L_1$
- (d) $L_{1+2} \equiv L_1 + L_2$ *identify 4 baselines*

What can be probed with these baselines?

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$$\frac{P_{ee}^{R_1}}{P_{ee}^{R_2}} \approx 1 + [1 - \alpha^2 \sin^2(\beta L_2)] [\alpha^2 \sin(\beta L_{2-1}) \sin(\beta L_{1+2})] + O(6) + \dots$$

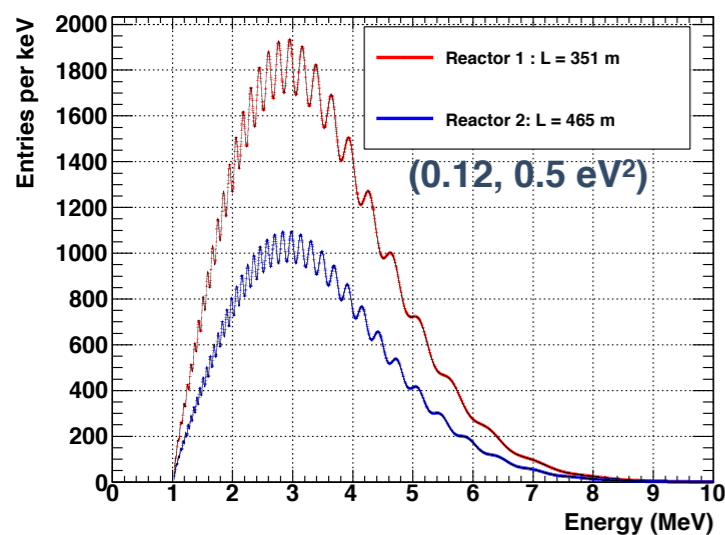


How is this ratio observed in a detector?

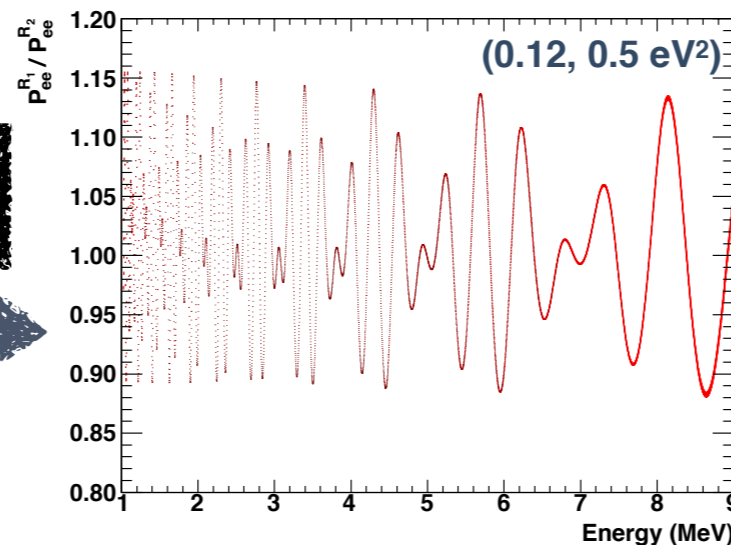
- Convolve 4th neutrino with 3-neutrino oscillation
- Make appropriate livetime, core evolution and distance corrections
- Finally, convolve with detector energy resolution and finite core size

Adding detector resolution removes many of the features, **but not all!**

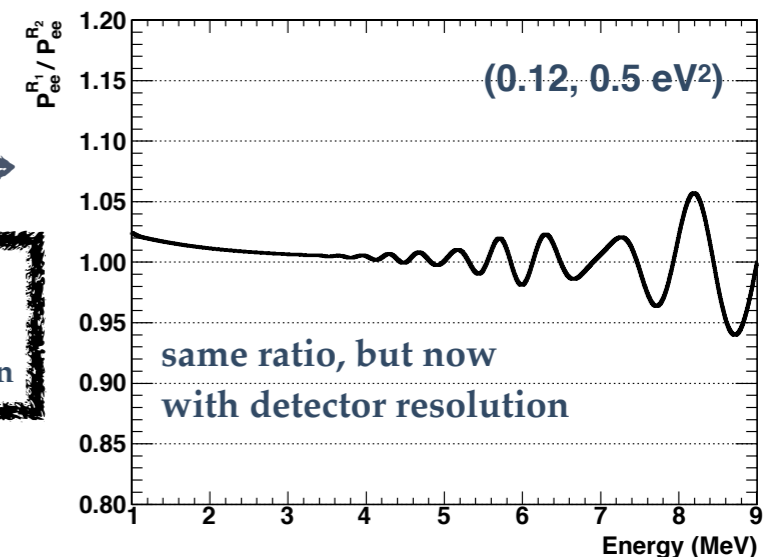
Expected spectra after applying oscillation and core evolution



take ratio



Apply detector resolution



How does this ratio change as a function of Δm^2 ?

Rate

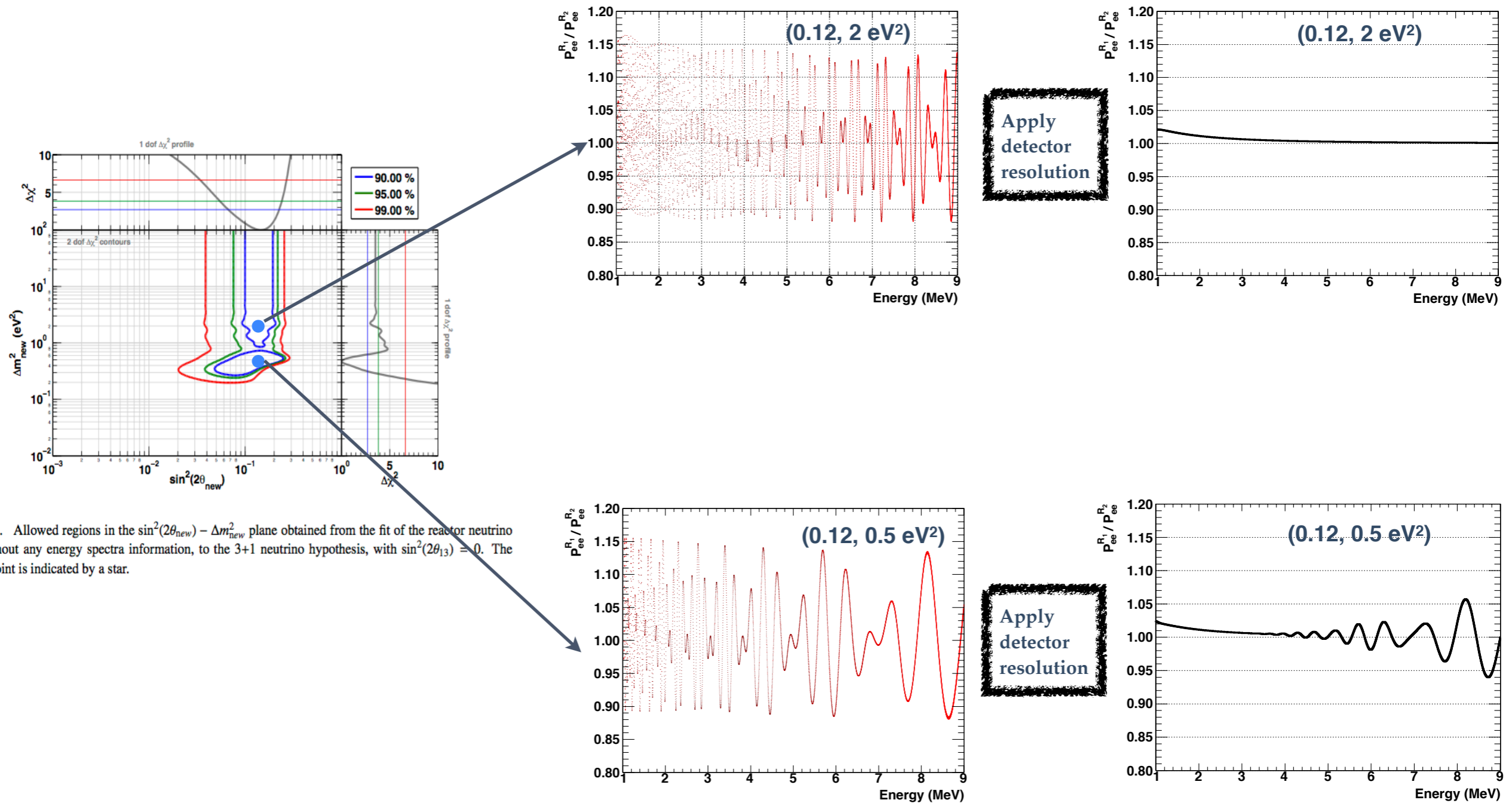


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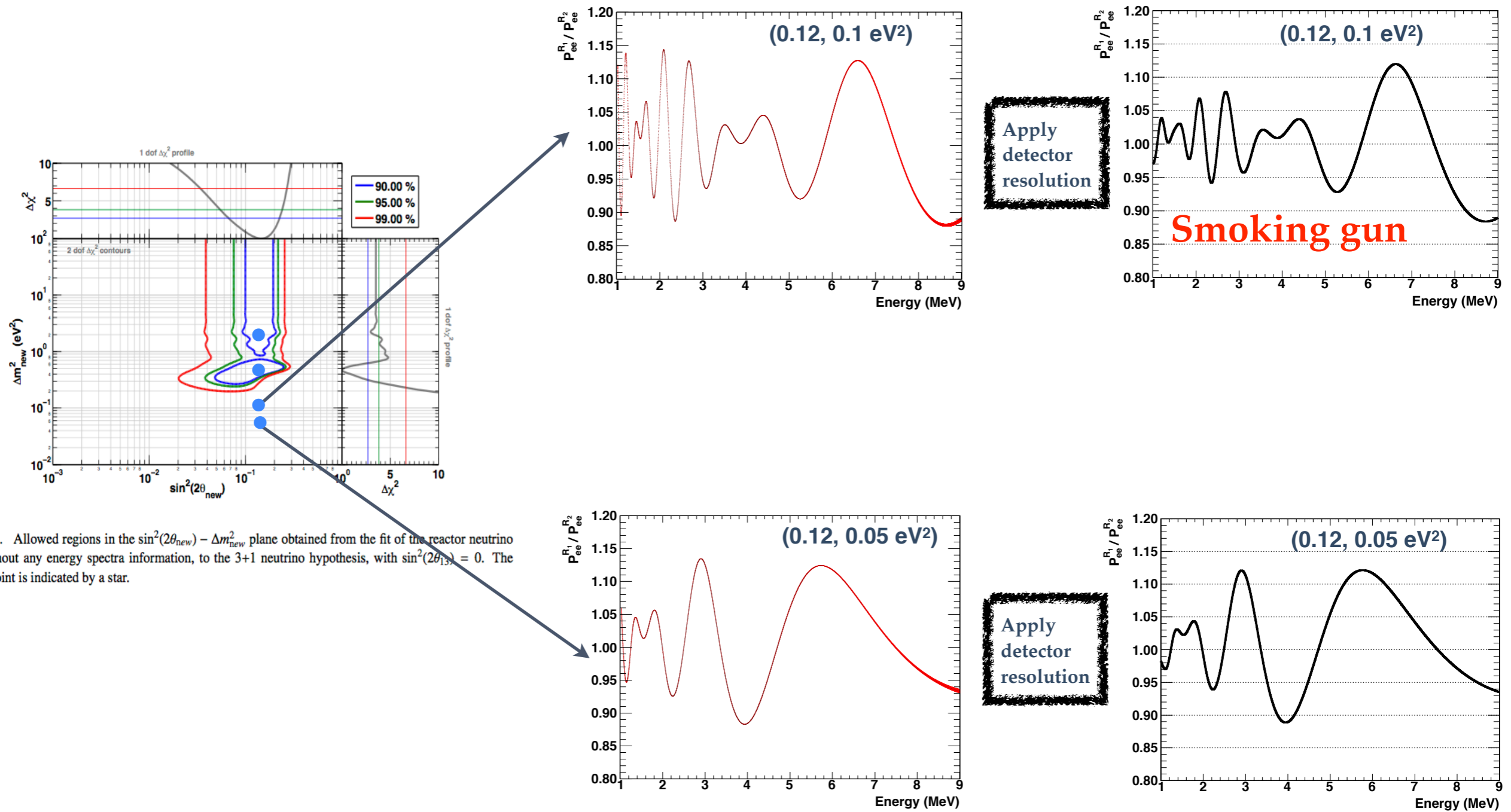
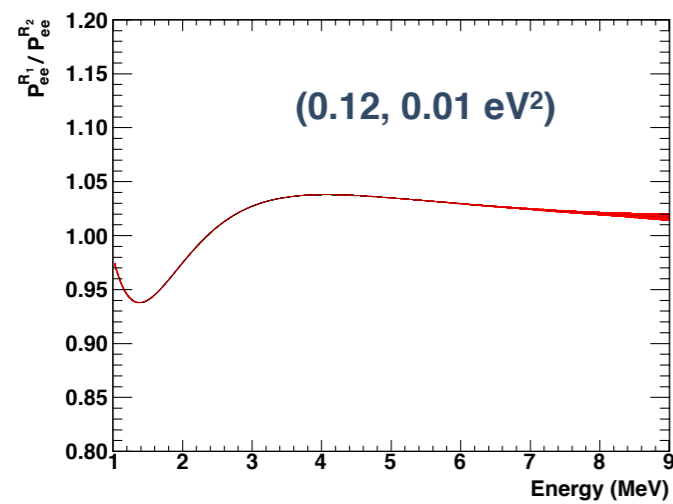
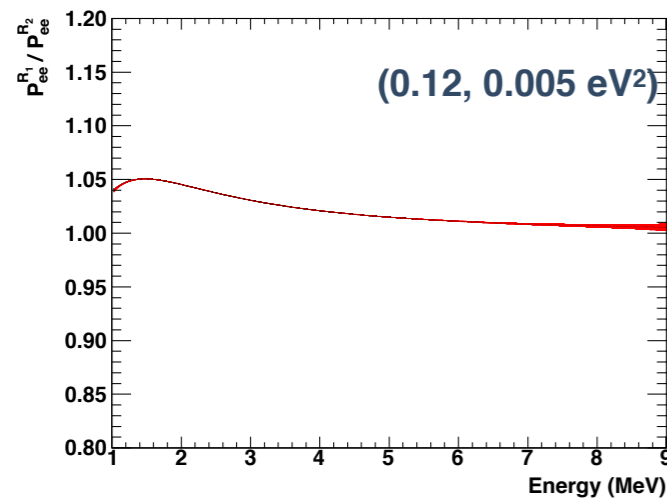
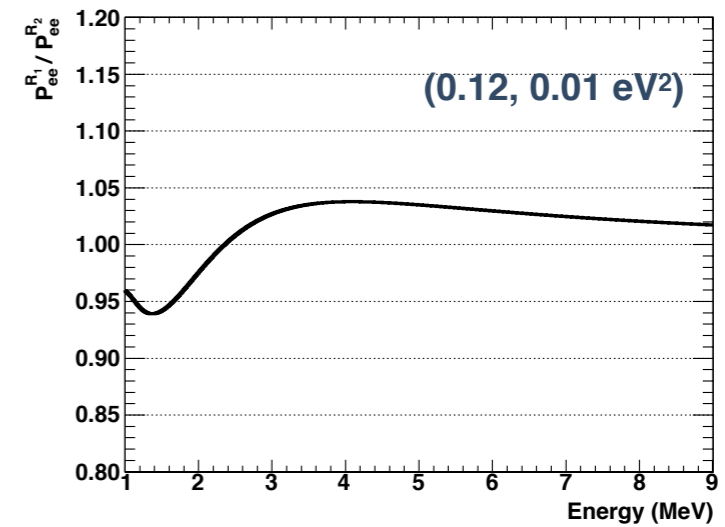


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At even lower Δm^2 the detector resolution has less of an impact:

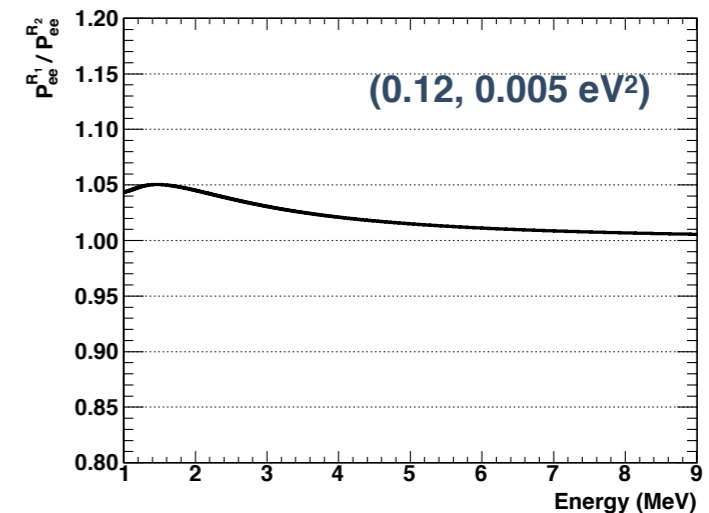


Apply
detector
resolution

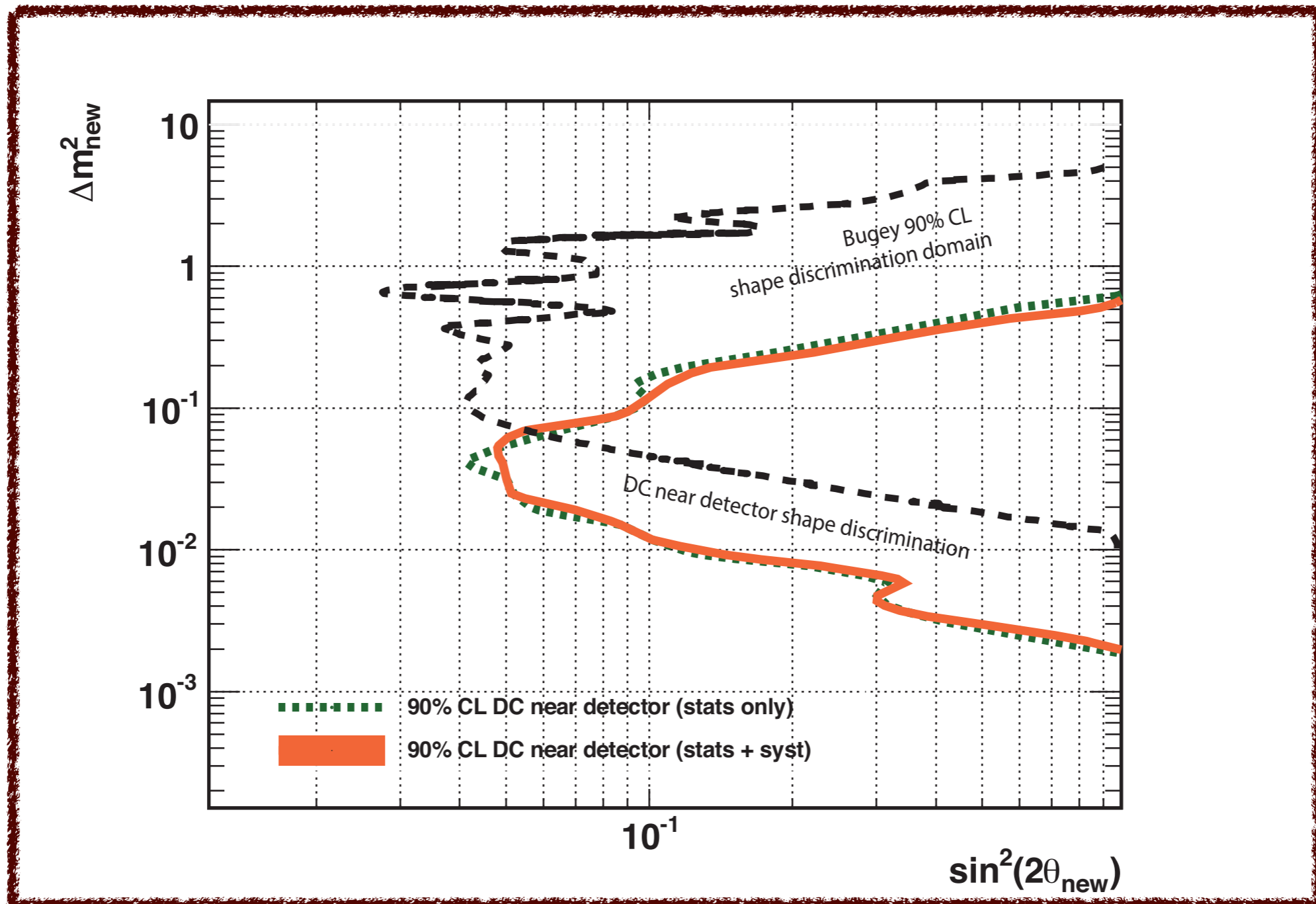


Apply
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θ_{13} order



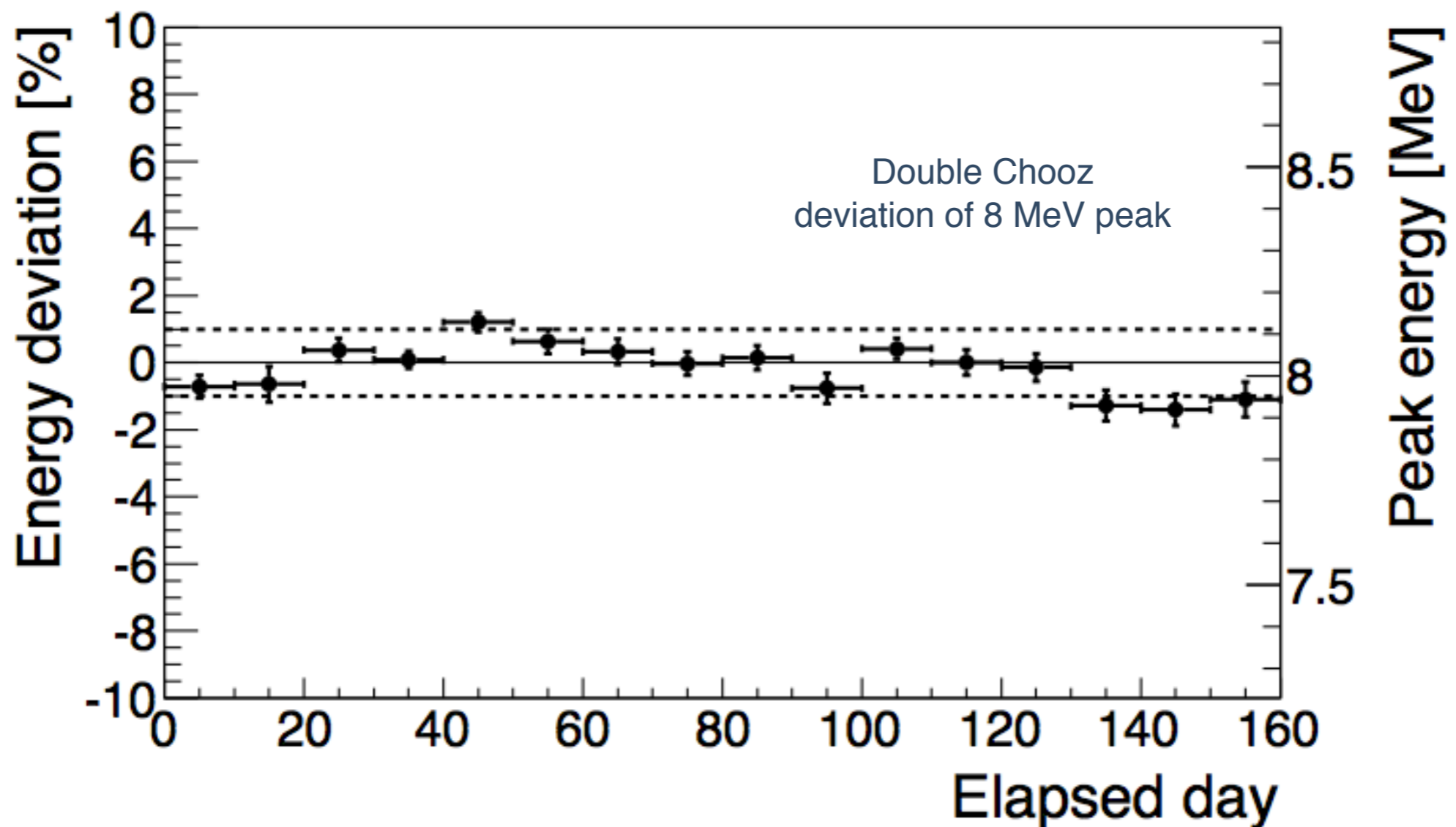
Result first: domain with 5 year of near detector



What are these systematics?

Systematic Uncertainties from the detector

-resolution used (7 +/- 1)%
-energy scale stability ~1%



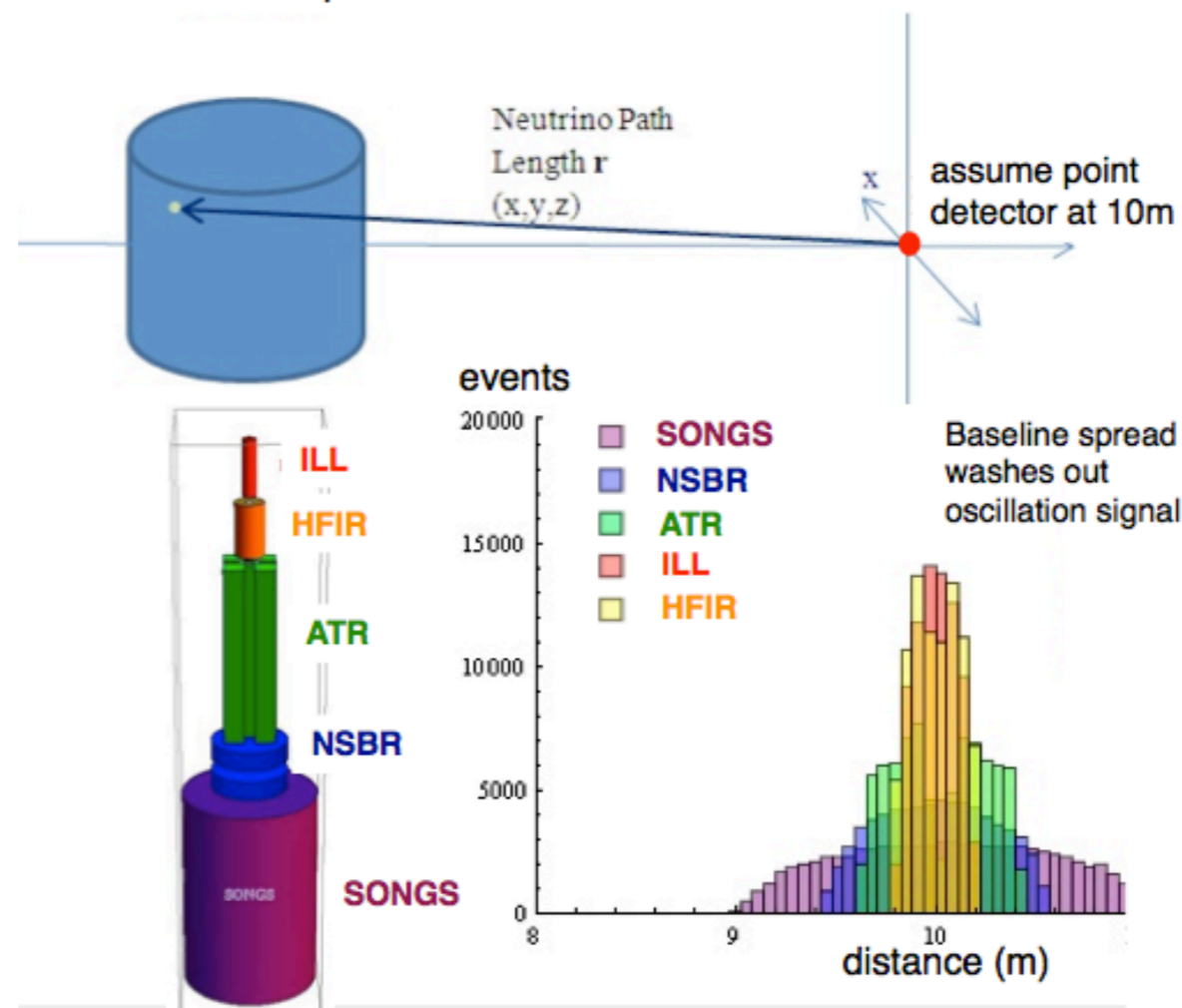
Systematic Uncertainties from the reactor

- Full loading $< 0.01\%$
- Reactor core size of 3.47 meter

Some Experimental Issues

Reactor Core Size
small core preferred

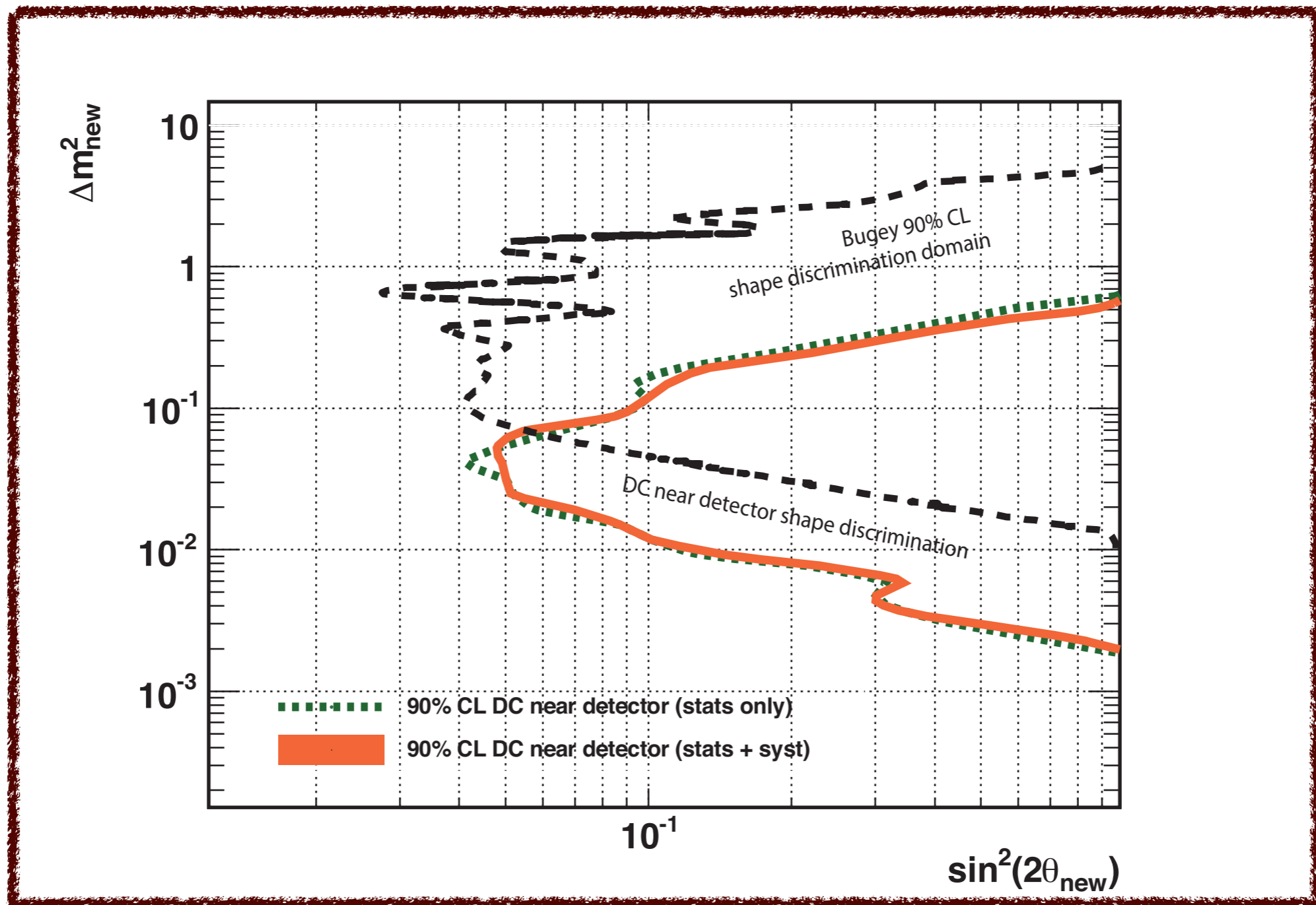
Baseline Spread
at detector from core



Karsten Heeger, Univ. of Wisconsin

Neutrino2012, Kyoto, June 4, 2012

Exclusion domain with 5 year of near detector operation + shape systematics

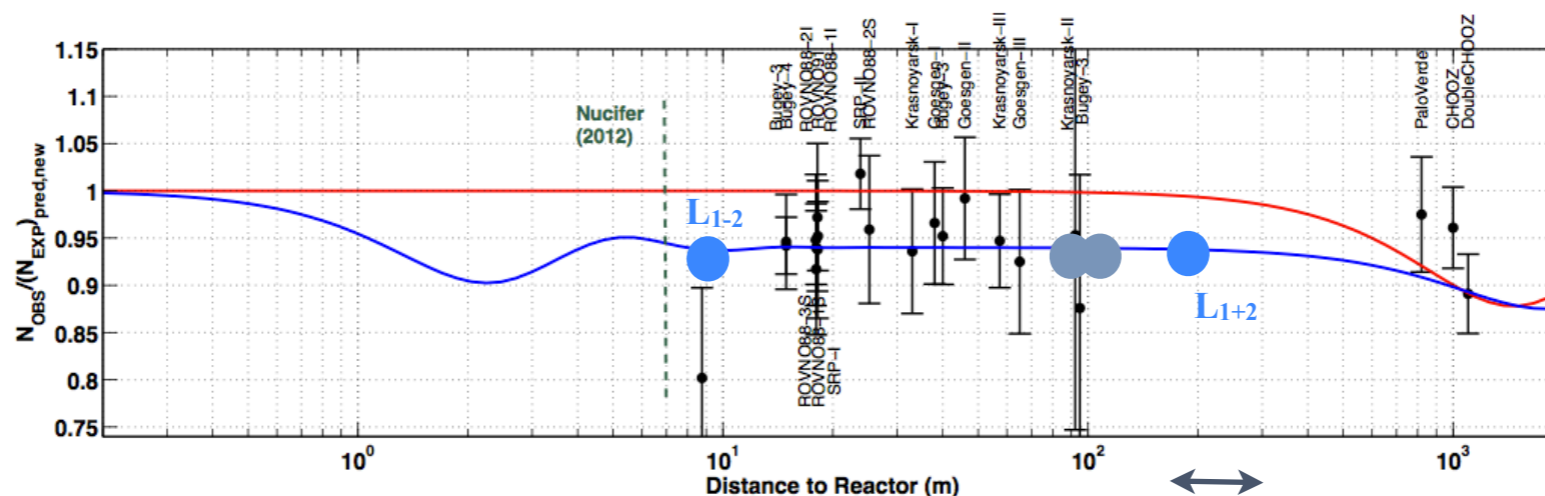


To Do from the Davis group:

- Add rate constraint with appropriate systematics
- Look at better performing detectors (better energy resolutions)
- Try same analysis in L/E instead of as a function of E
- Optimize position for new experiment to probe higher Δm^2
- Optimize binning strategy for different Δm^2 domain

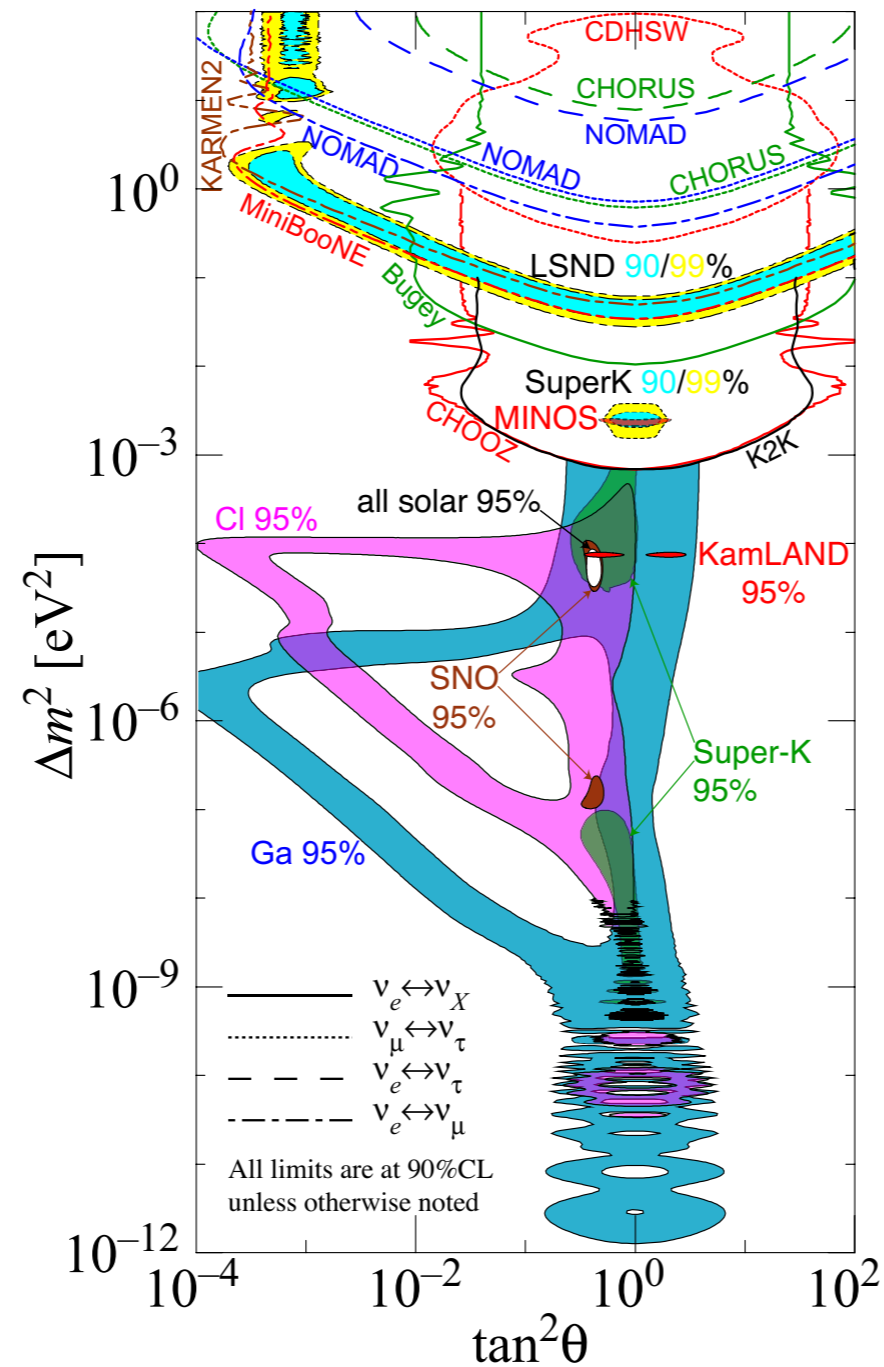
Conclusions

- ❖ The DC near detector experiment is being built (no cost) and offers sensitivity in a region of phase space not explored before
- ❖ Formalism developed can be applicable for different experimental sites. Braidwood is a good example, 2 identical cores separated by ~ 100 m
- ❖ The choice of the location of the detector is paramount: L_{1-2} and L_{1+2} should be optimized for specific detector set-up: for example with $L_{1-2}=10\sim 15$ meters, the ILL region might be probed by the interference terms



Backup: Sensitivity map

Going in a unexplored region



<http://hitoshi.berkeley.edu/neutrino>