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# Secrets of the Ghostly Neutrino

What we know, Hints at New Phenomena, and What's Up at UH

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M. Rosen, M. Sakai, S. Smith, G. Varner, and more....  
+ slides from T. Lasserre, R. Raffelt, T. Schwetz*

# "Talking to the neighbors"

"A modest proposal for an interstellar communications network"

Economist, 7 April 2011



Not what this talk is about....

[http://www.economist.com/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story\\_id=18526871](http://www.economist.com/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story_id=18526871)



Breakfast Nus?

Neutrino Contents about  
0.00000000000000000002 kCal

Thanks Joshua Murillo

gluon

photon

W & Z

Quarks

Leptons

u  
up

c  
charm

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top

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strange

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electron

$\mu$   
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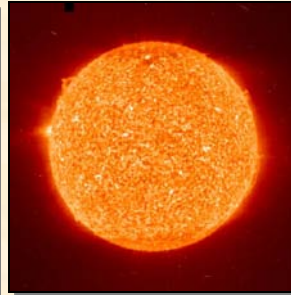
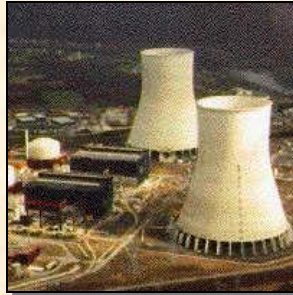
$\nu_?$   
sterile  
neutrino

$\nu_?$   
sterile  
neutrino

unstable

# Where do Neutrinos come from?

✓ Nuclear Reactors  
(power stations, ships)



Sun



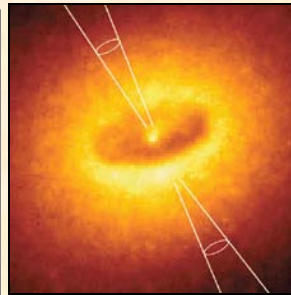
✓ Particle Accelerator



Supernovae  
(star collapse)

SN 1987A ✓

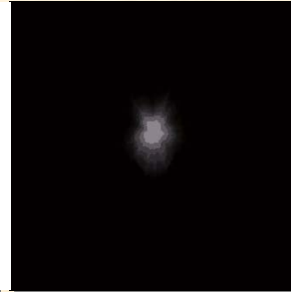
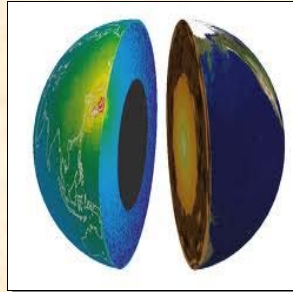
✓ Earth's Atmosphere  
(Cosmic Rays)



Astrophysical  
Accelerators

Soon ?

✓ Bulk Earth  
(U/Th Radioactivity)



Big Bang  
(here  $330 \text{ v/cm}^3$ )

Indirect Evidence

# What do we know well about neutrinos?

- No electric charge.
- Little or no electric/magnetic dipole moment.
- Essentially point particles.
- Very small mass compared to other fermions.
- Participates only in SM weak interaction.
- Falls under gravity (SN1987A).
- Produced in only left-handed helicity state (neutrino = right)
- Come in three flavors, e, mu and tau
- Lepton number is conserved
- No known lifetime (but...).
- Has nothing to decay to amongst known particle zoo (but  $\nu \rightarrow \nu$  OK)
- SM processes produce neutrinos as superposition of mass states
- Mass states' relative phases change with flight time, producing morphing between interaction states.
- Three mass states explains all accepted data, but room for new things.
- *Almost* surely we are living in a bath of undetectable  $\sim 600 \nu/\text{cm}^3$  left from Big Bang, which travel  $\sim 300 \text{ km/s}$ .

# Unanswered Neutrino Questions

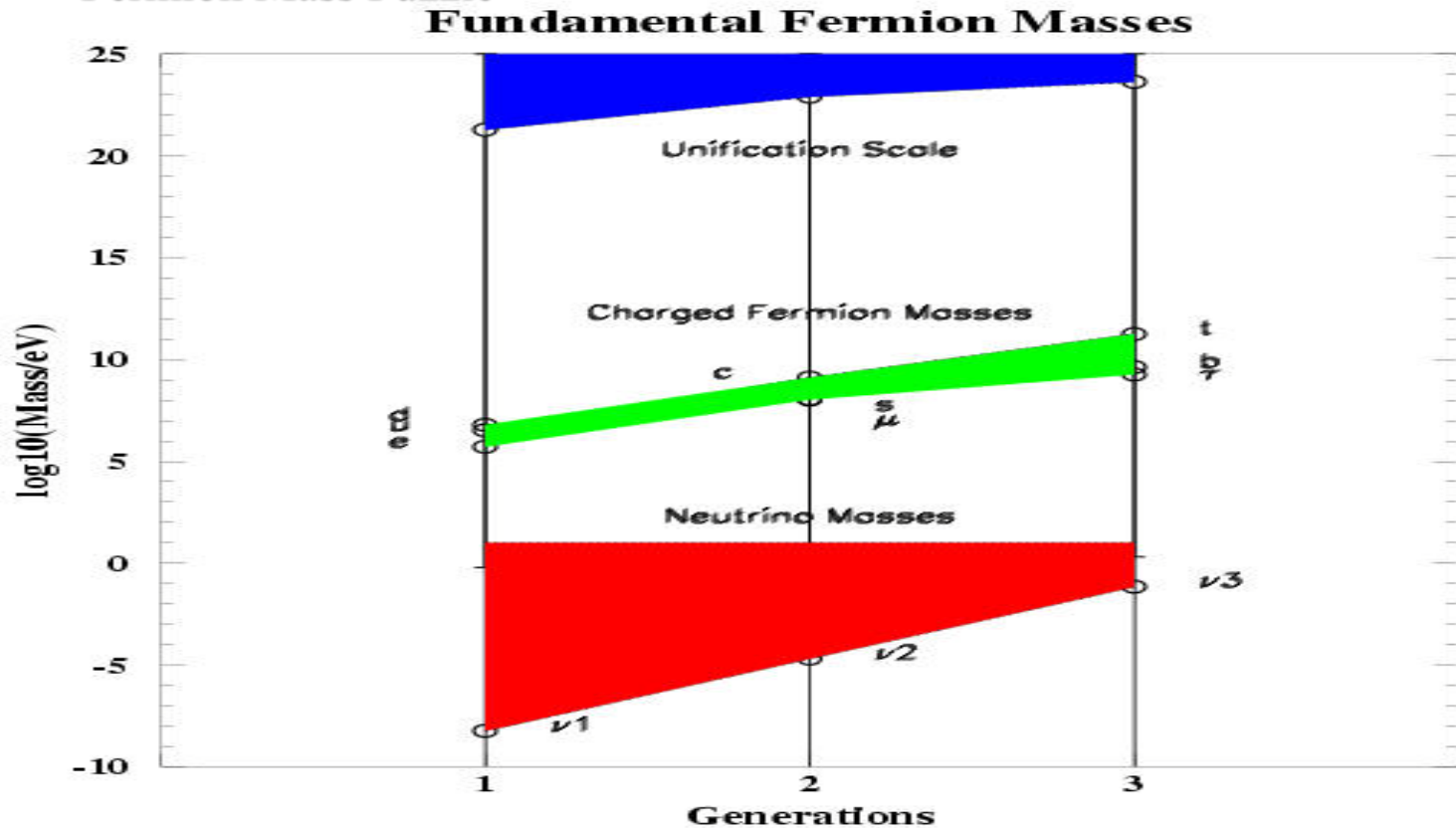
- 1) Who needed them anyway? Only uncharged fundamental fermion.
- 2) Why are masses so small?
- 3) What is the absolute mass scale?
- 4) What is the mass order?
- 5) Why is mixing matrix so different from quarks?
- 6) What is  $\theta_{13}$ ? Is mixing tri-bimax?
- 7) Is there CP violation as with quarks?
- 8) Are there heavy (TeV - GUT scale) right handed neutrinos?
- 9) Are neutrinos Majorana or Dirac particles?
- 10) Are there any light (eV scale) sterile neutrinos?

We have no guidance from a unified theory...  
almost all prior theory guesses/biases were wrong...

It is an experimentalists game.

# Neutrinos as Key To Grand Unification?

## Fermion Mass Puzzle



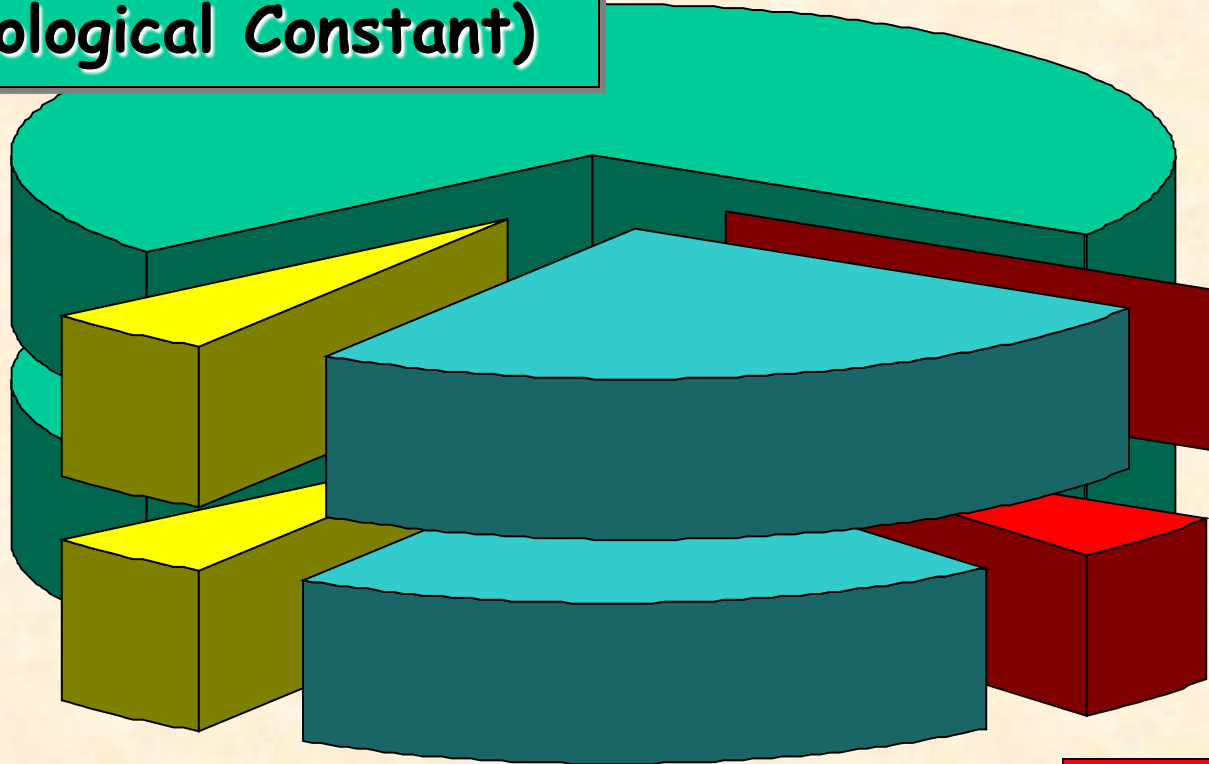
CP and CPT Violation Possible in  $\nu$  Sector: Could be Key?



# Matter Inventory of the Universe

**Dark Energy  
(Cosmological Constant)**

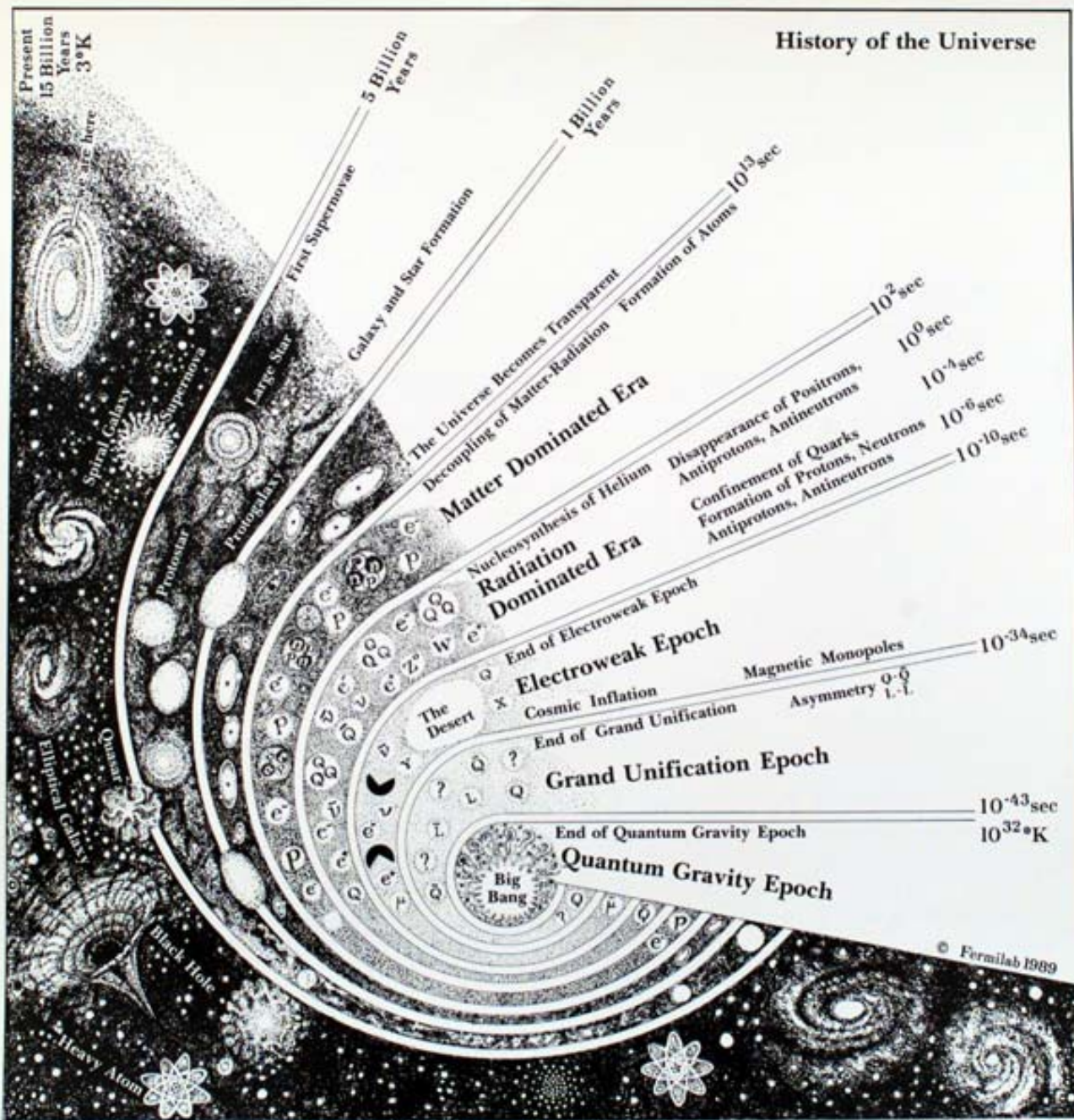
Copernicus<sup>n</sup>!



**Normal Matter  
(of which ca.  
10% luminous)**

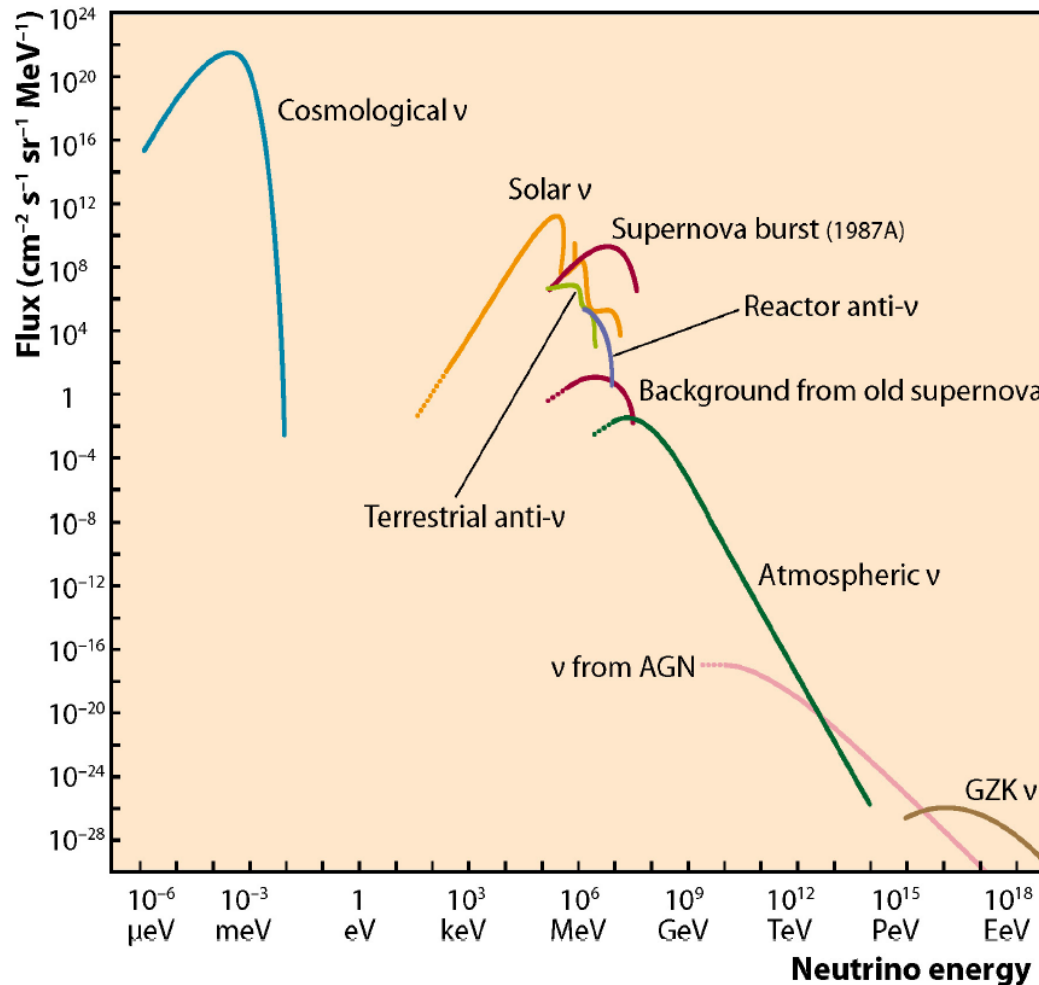
**Dark  
Matter**

**Neutrinos  
min. 0.1%  
max. 6%**



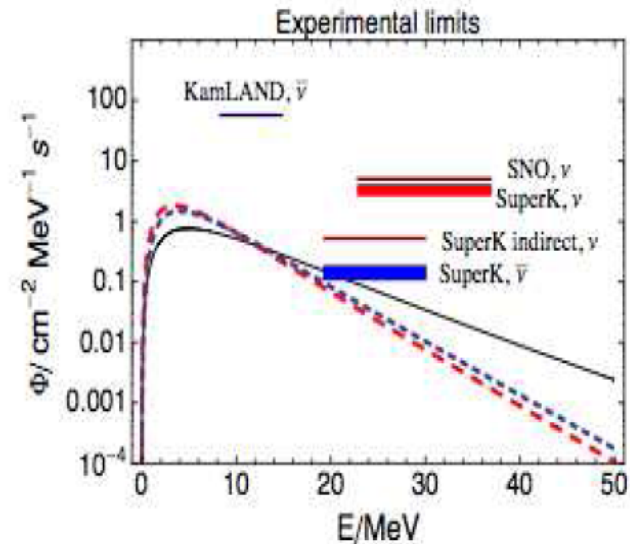
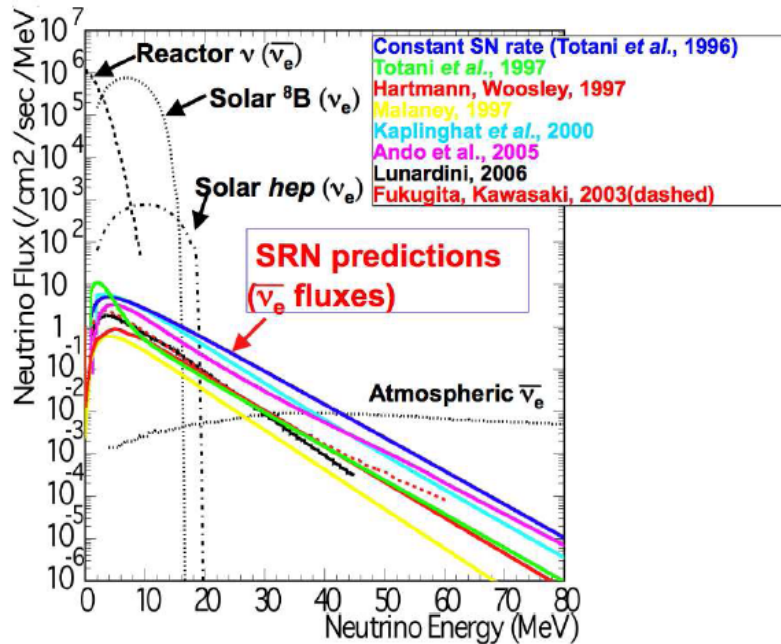
Neutrinos may play crucial role in the genesis of excess matter over anti-matter in the universe.

... and vast lands are to be explored:  
one should be open to unexpected results.



*A synoptic view of neutrino fluxes. (from ASPERA roadmap)*

# Neutrinos from All Earlier Supernovae



Reference Configuration	Expected Annual SRN Signal (events/year)	Expected Annual Background (events/year)	Years of LBNE Data Needed for a 3.0- $\sigma$ Signal Assuming Maximum/Minimum SRN Flux
300kt WCD 30%	5 – 52	320	1.3/144
300kt WCD 30% + Gd	13 – 74	64	0.13/0.9
100kt WCD + 100kt WCD-Gd + 17kt LAr	5 – 39	114	0.35/3
100kt WCD-Gd + 34 kt LAr	4 – 27	21	0.32/3

# New Window on Universe? Expect Surprises

Telescope	User	date	Intended Use	Actual use
Optical	Galileo	1608	Navigation	Moons of Jupiter
Optical	Hubble	1929	Nebulae	Expanding Universe
Radio	Jansky	1932	Noise	Radio galaxies
Micro-wave	Penzias, Wilson	1965	Radio-galaxies, noise	3K cosmic background
X-ray	Giacconi ...	1965	Sun, moon	neutron stars accreting binaries
Radio	Hewish, Bell	1967	Ionosphere	Pulsars
$\gamma$ -rays	military	1960?	Thermonuclear explosions	Gamma ray bursts
Water-Cherenkov	IMB, Kamioka	1987	Nucleon Decay	$\nu$ 's from SN1987A
Water-Cherenkov	SuperK	1998	Nucleon Decay	$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$ mixing $\nu$ mass
Solar Neutrino	Homestake, SuperK, SNO	2001	Solar Burning	$\nu_e$ Oscillations

# Some Neutrino Experimental Peculiarities

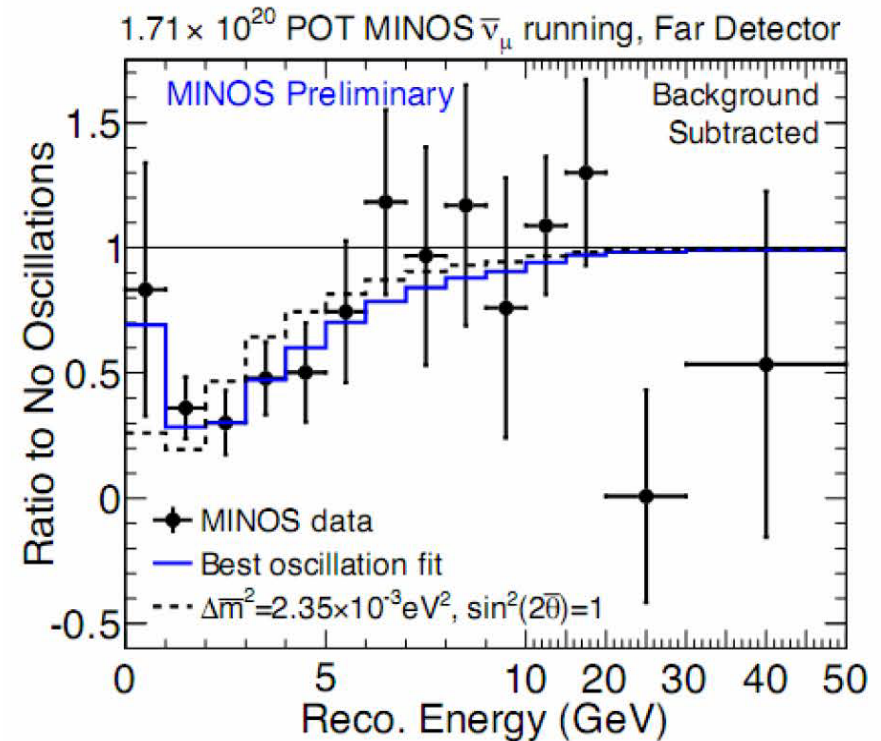
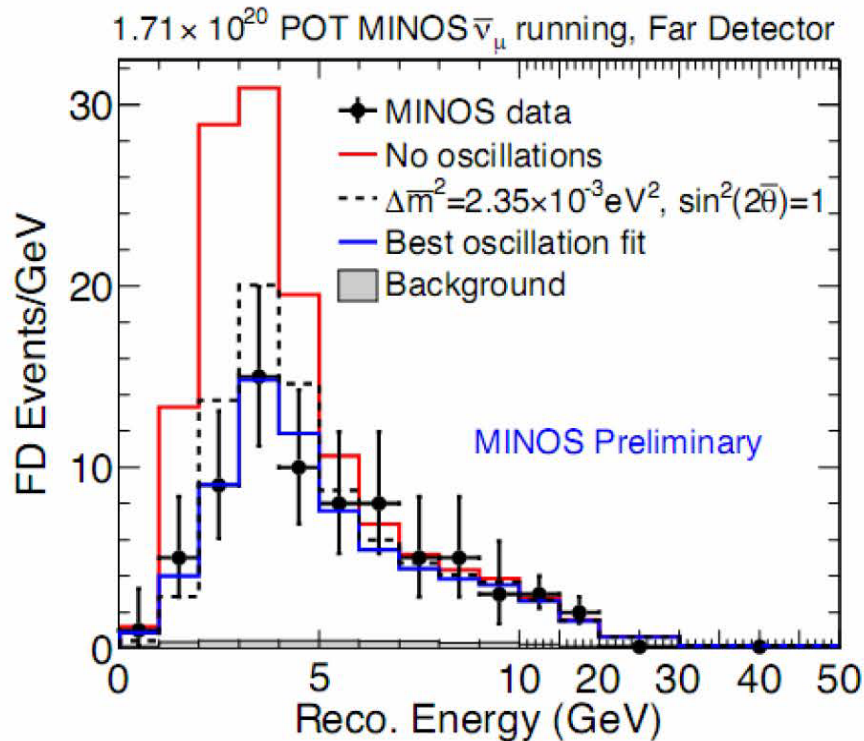
- 1) Flux calcs always under-predict observed rate both at accelerators, reactors and from atmospheric cosmic ray interactions. (Known but may be boring, or not?)
- 2) SN1987A events pointed too well.... Need another SN
- 3) Where are the very high energy cosmic neutrinos? (Another talk)
- 4) MINOS finds apparent CPT violation hints in two different runs
- 5) LSND anomaly...  $\nu_e$  appear from stopped pion target
- 6) MiniBOONE... unexplained bumps in both  $\nu$  and antinu runs, but not at same E
- 7) Revised reactor neutrino flux calcs exceed measurements taken over many years in experiments from 10-2000 m distance.
- 8) Solar Gallium experiments radioactive source calibrations came out a little low in 4 trials
- 9) Cosmological neutrino counting coming in high by +1 or +2

*Will talk a little about 5-9 today*

# A couple of comments on the MINOS CPT? results



## MINOS $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ result

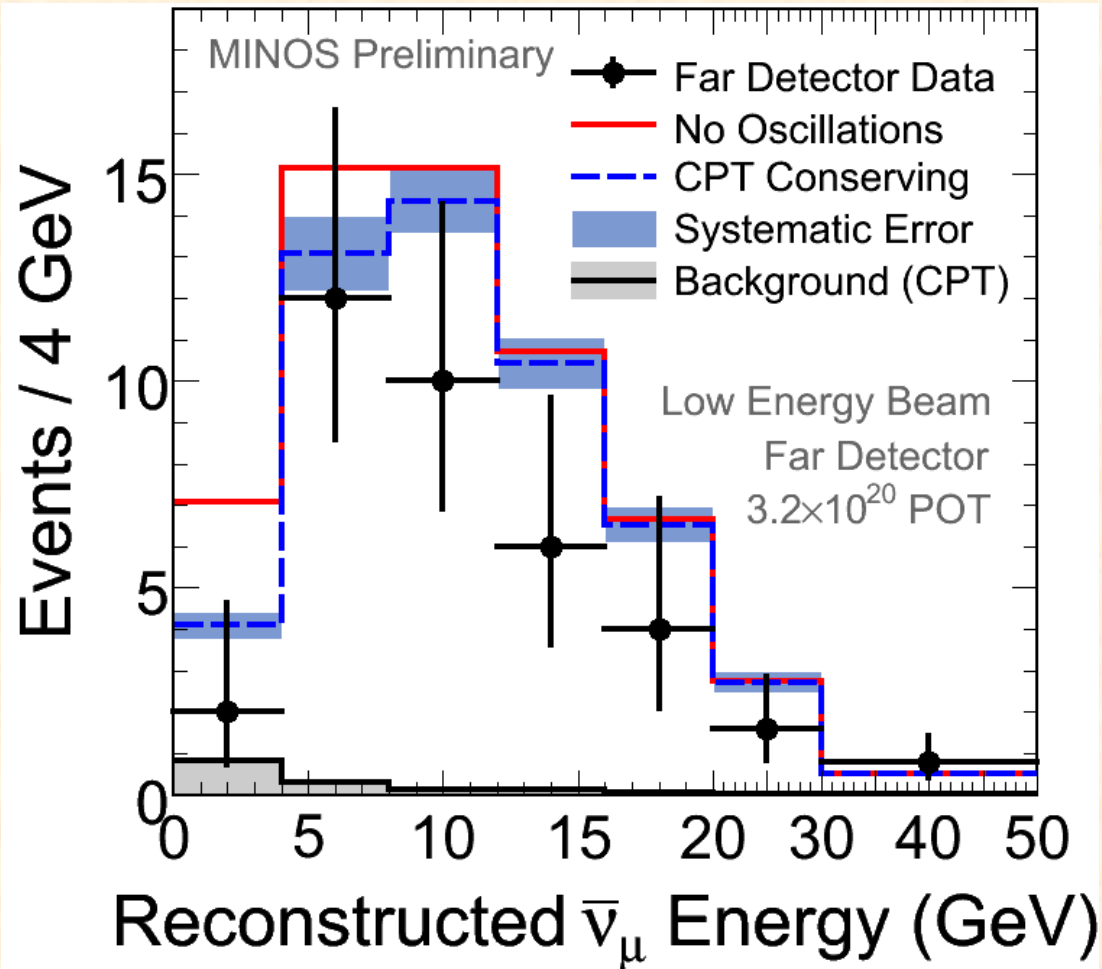


- ◆ Expected (no osc.): 155 events
- ◆ Observed: 97 events

- ◆ No oscillation is disfavored at 6.3 $\sigma$

# Far Detector Spectrum - Wrong Sign Muons

- Observe **42 events** in the Far detector
- **First direct observation of  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  in an accelerator long-baseline experiment**
  - Predicted events with CPT conserving oscillations:
    - $58.3 \pm 7.6$  (stat.)  $\pm 3.6$  (syst.)
  - Predicted events with null oscillations:
    - $64.6 \pm 8.0$  (stat.)  $\pm 3.9$  (syst.)



Jeff Hartnell, Fermilab May 2009





# $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ versus $\nu_\mu$

$$|\overline{\Delta m^2}| = 3.36^{+0.45}_{-0.40} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

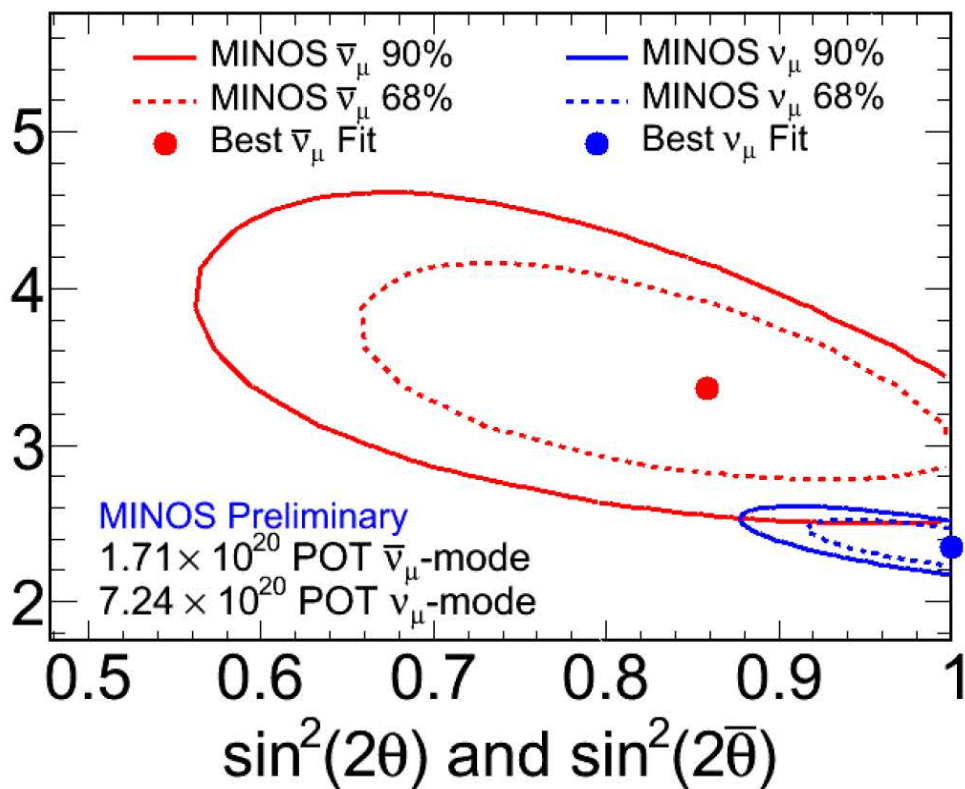
$$\sin^2(2\bar{\theta}) = 0.86 \pm 0.11$$

$$|\Delta m^2| = 2.35^{+0.11}_{-0.08} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) > 0.91 \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

- ◆  $\sim 2\sigma$  inconsistency
- ◆ more antineutrino running is under way to improve  $\bar{\nu}$ -bar measurement

$|\Delta m^2|$  and  $|\overline{\Delta m^2}|$  ( $10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ )

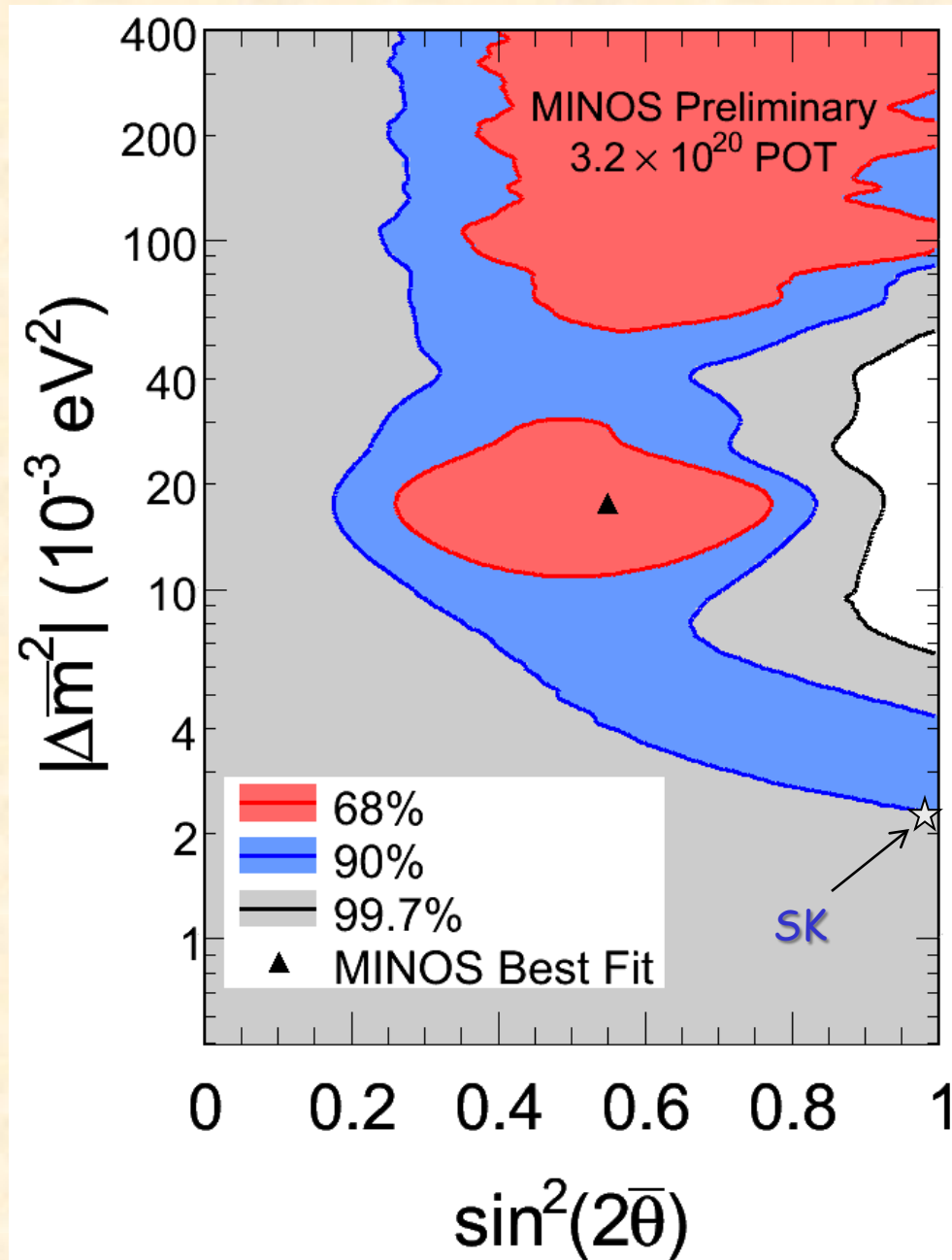


# Wrong sign Allowed Region

- Contours obtained using Feldman-Cousins technique, including systematics
- Null oscillation hypothesis excluded at 99%
- CPT conserving point from the MINOS neutrino analysis is within 90% contour
- $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  best fit is at high value, due to deficit at high energy
- Unshaded region around maximal mixing is excluded at 99.7% C.L.

jgl conclusion..

Some internal problems in MINOS



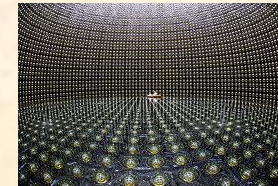
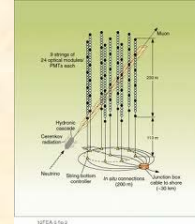
# Step back...

- Overview of UH Neutrino work
- Quick historical tour
- Small tutorial on oscillations

# UH Neutrino Group Projects

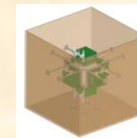
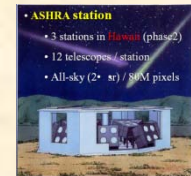
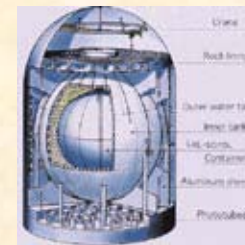
## Past

- Beginning Neutrino Astronomy (Workshops, DUMAND)
- IMB (first Hints at Neutrino Oscillations 1983, SN1987A observed in neutrinos)
- Neutrino Phenomenology and Astrophysics
- K2K (confirmation of oscillations with accelerator)
- Forte' (terrestrial radio pulses seen from space)
- GLUE (radio pulses from moon)



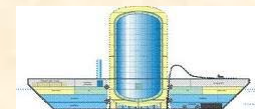
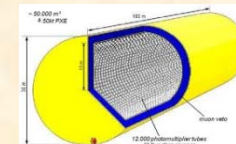
## Present

- Super-Kamiokande (discovery of neutrino oscillations)
- KamLAND (electron neutrino oscillations from reactors)
- Radio Detection Studies (mechanisms, at accelerators, lab)
- [ASHRA (Nitrogen Fluorescence Air Shower, Mauna Loa)]
- ANITA (radio neutrino detection from balloon in Antarctic)
- miniTimeCube
- Reactor Monitoring
- ARA (radio detection in ice at South Pole)



## Future Possibilities

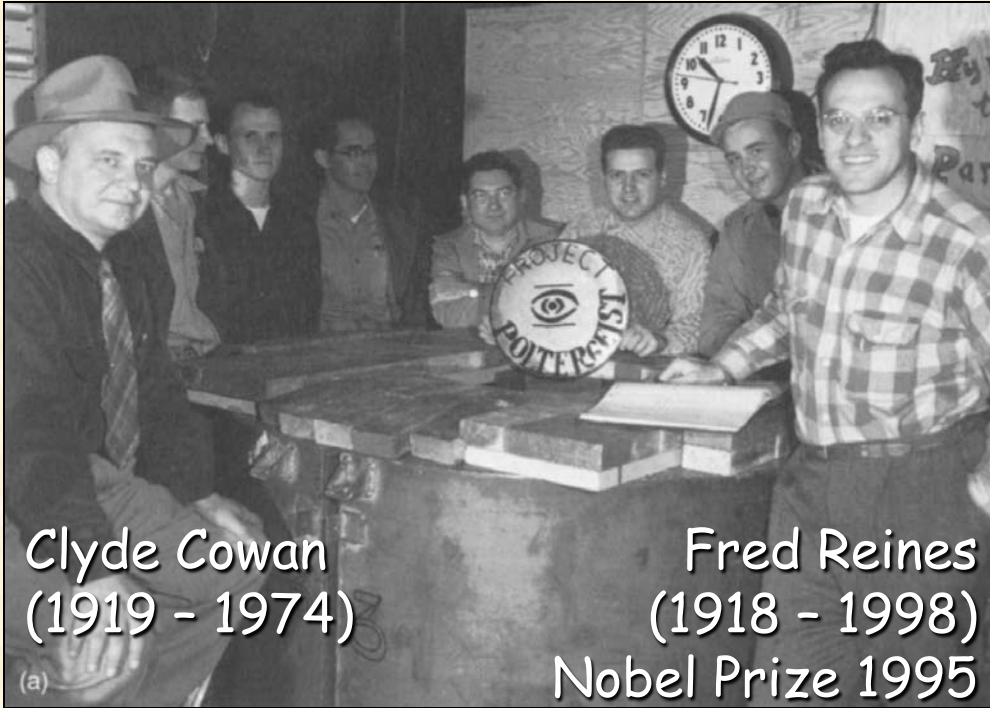
- Long Baseline Neutrino Detector (DUSEL, Homestake South Dakota)
- Hanohano (ocean going >10 kiloton liquid scintillation detector)
- LENA (50 kiloton, liquid scintillation detector in Europe)
- Giant version of ANITA



# Non-Accelerator Neutrino History Survey

- Neutrinos were proposed in 1930 as solution to missing energy in beta decays.
- Said to be undetectable, but....

# First Detection ! (1954 - 1956)



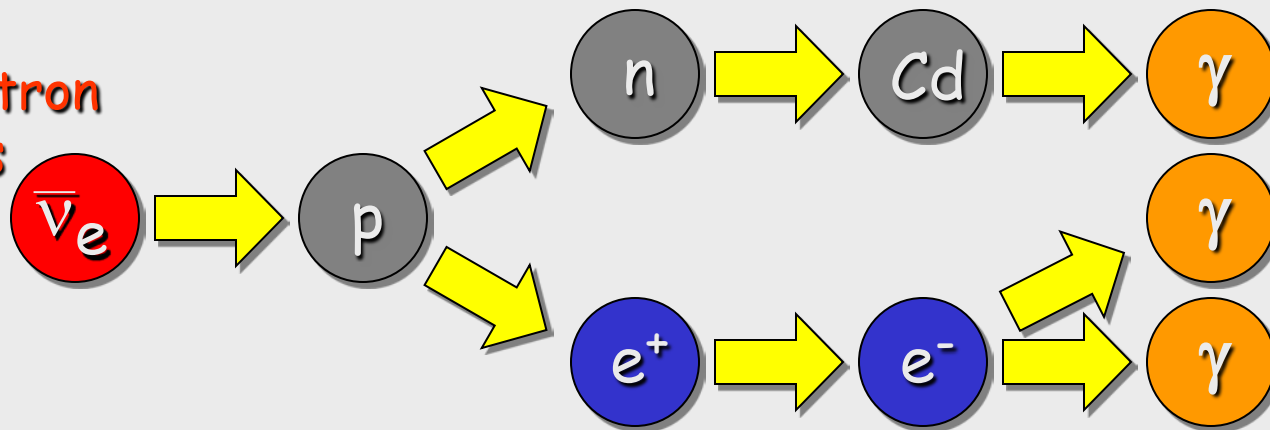
Clyde Cowan  
(1919 - 1974)

Fred Reines  
(1918 - 1998)  
Nobel Prize 1995



Detector Prototype

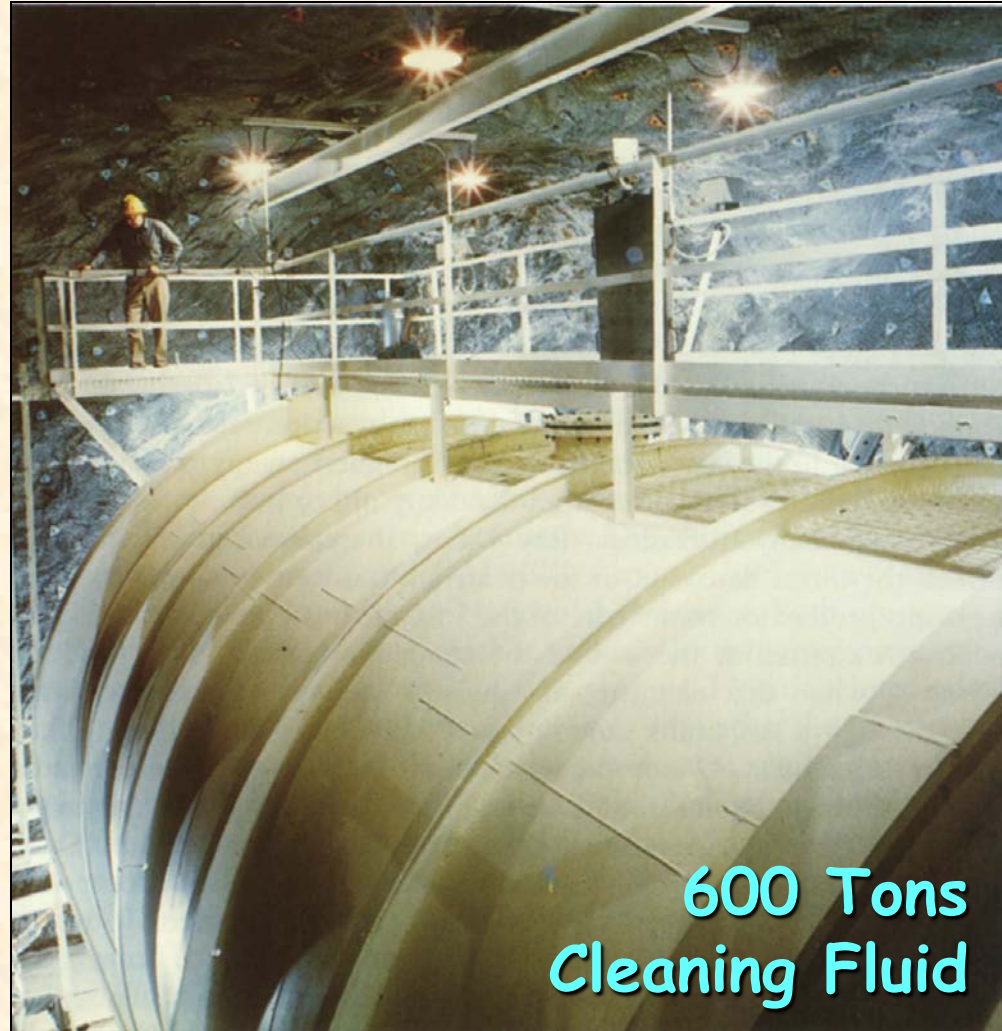
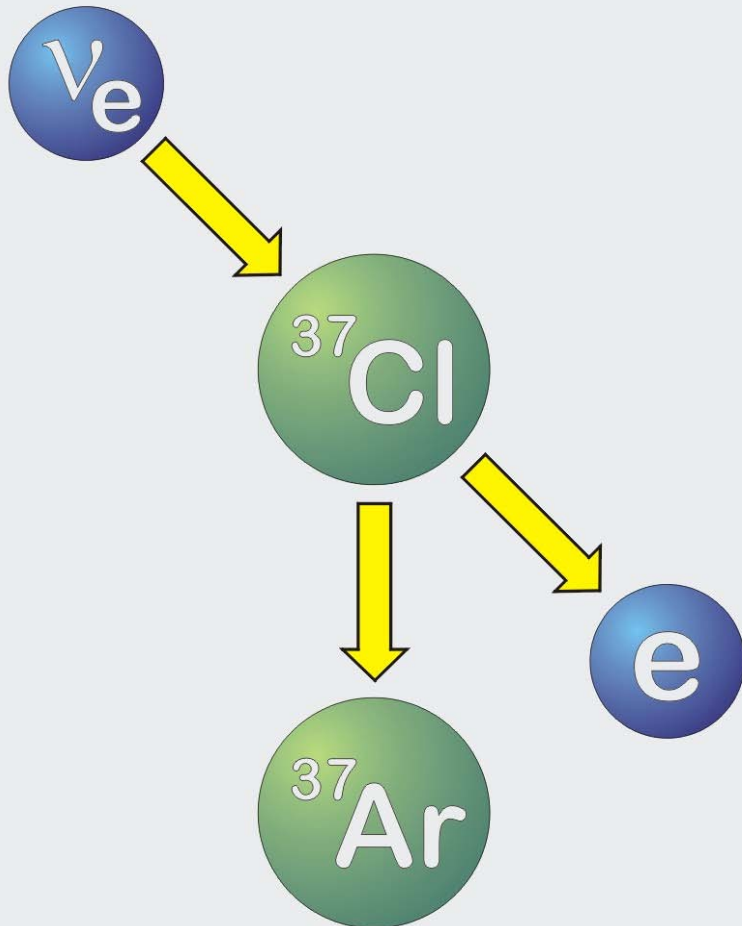
Anti-Electron  
Neutrinos  
from  
Hanford  
Nuclear  
Reactor



3 gamma  
quanta in  
coincidence

# First Observation of Solar Neutrinos

## Inverse Beta-Decay ("Neutrino Capture")



600 Tons  
Cleaning Fluid

Homestake Solar-Neutrino  
Observatory (since ca. 1967)

# 1980's

Solar neutrino experiments not seeing predicted rates...  
blame game between solar modelers and experimentalists.  
Theory provides a few possible explanations, including oscillations.

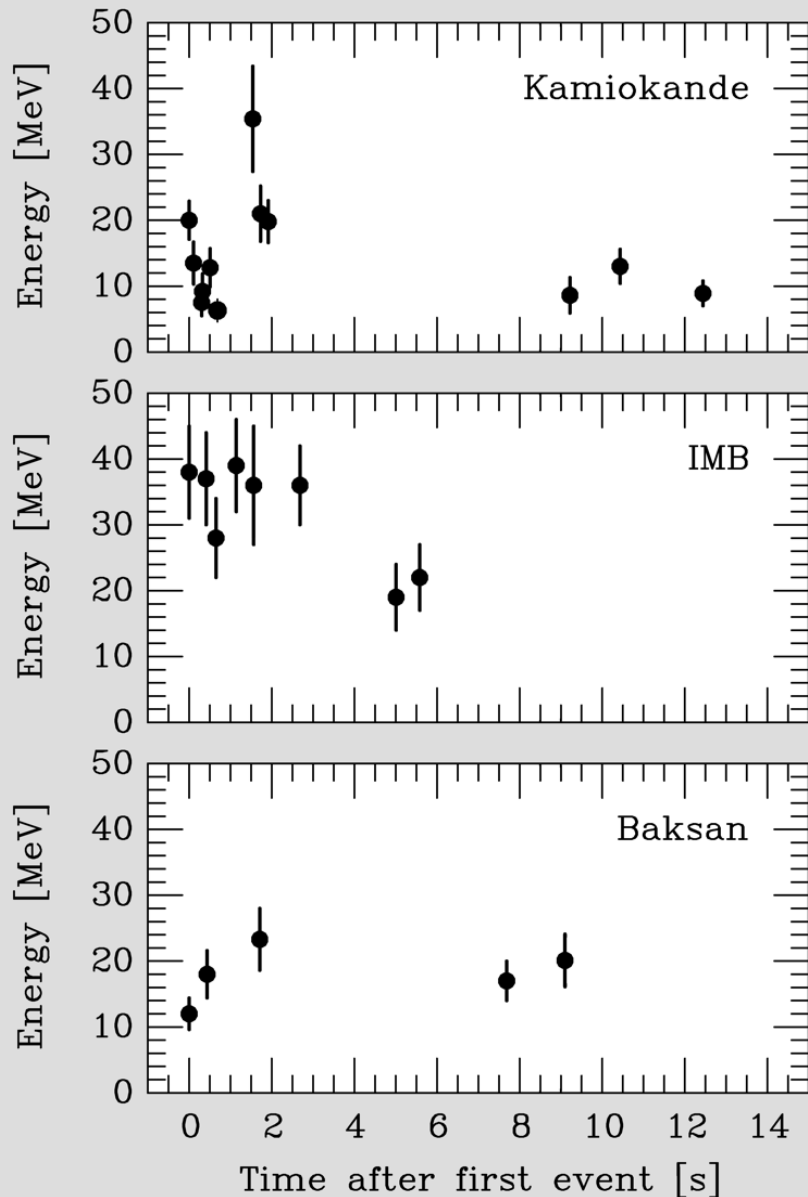
Underground cosmic ray neutrino detectors built to search  
for nucleon decay, find peculiar deficit of muon/electron  
neutrinos in US and Japan, but not in Europe.

Lots of confusion, finger pointing, enthusiasm, but  
ambiguous conclusions.

But then one great highlight, resulting in hundreds of papers:



# Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



Kamiokande (Japan)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 1$  min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 50$  ms

Baksan Scintillator Telescope  
(Soviet Union)  
Clock uncertainty  $+2/-54$  s

Within clock uncertainties,  
signals are contemporaneous

# Neutrino Fever Hits in the 1990's

Kamiokande detects solar electron neutrinos, with directionality!

Rate is lower than models... suspicions of electron neutrino oscillations, but other solutions not ruled out.

In 1996 the 50 kiloton SuperKamiokande detector starts, and by 1997 things are beginning to become clear...

# Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly

from above

$\nu_e$

$\nu_\mu$

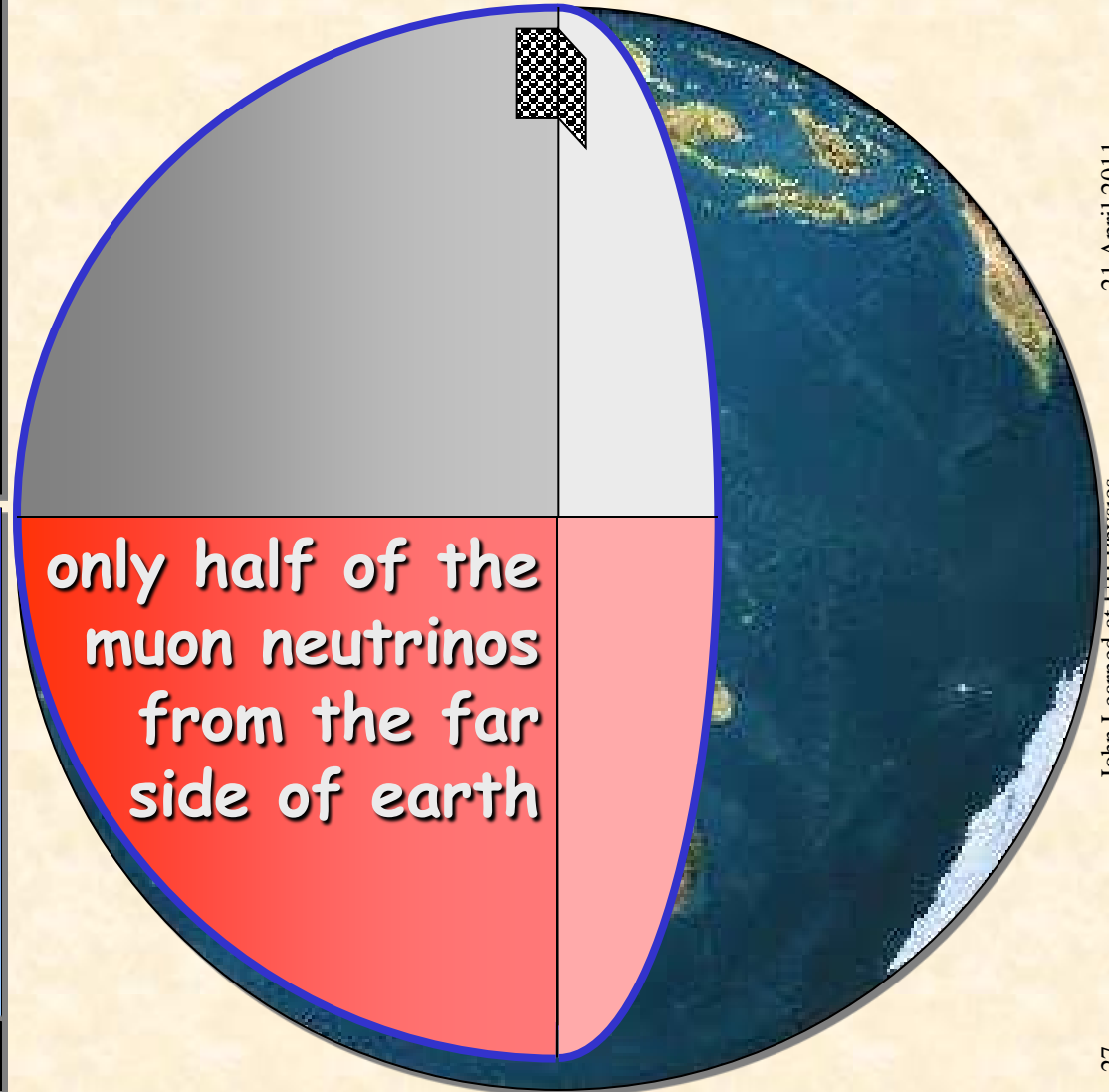
$\nu_e$

$\nu_\mu$

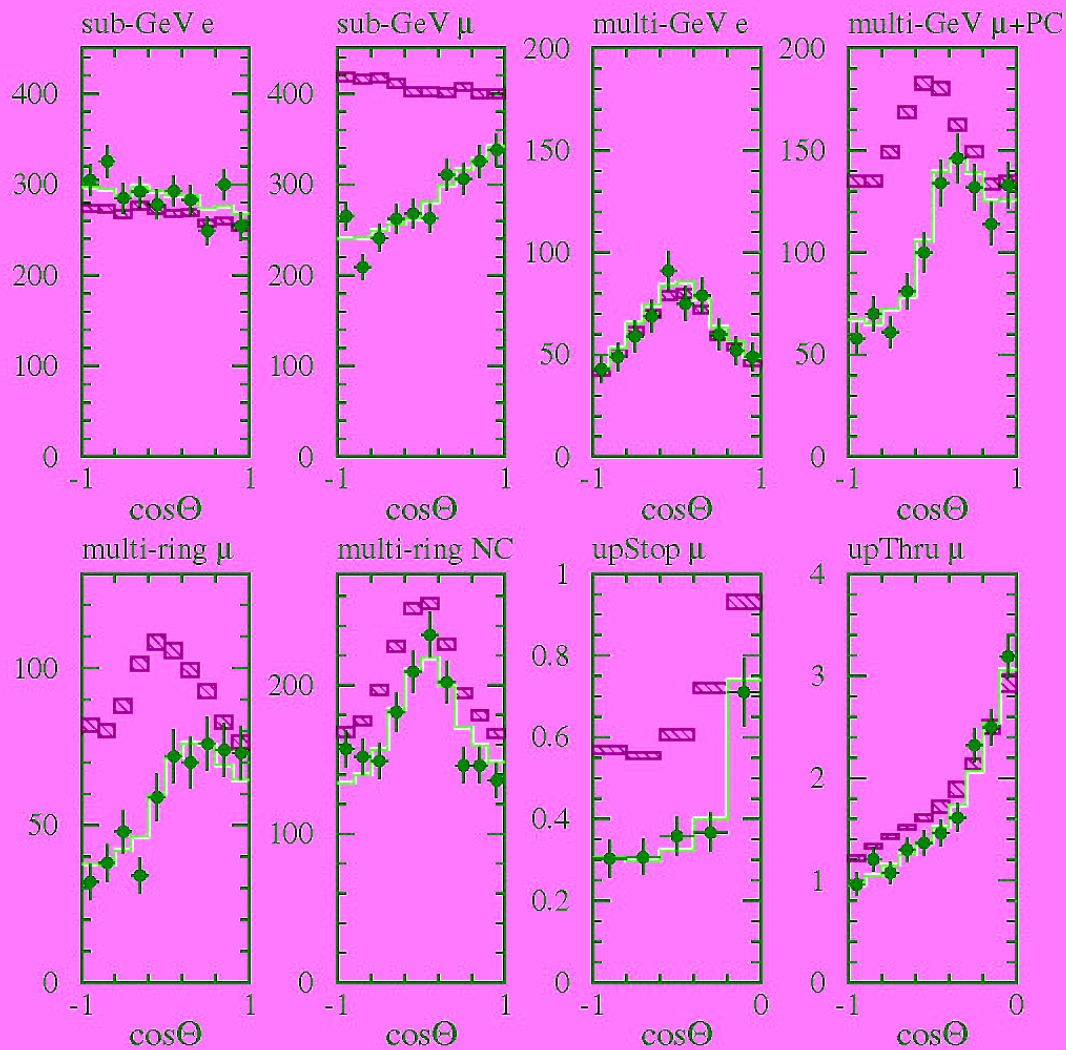
from below

Super-Kamiokande

only half of the  
muon neutrinos  
from the far  
side of earth



# Fit to Entire Atmospheric $\nu$ Data Set

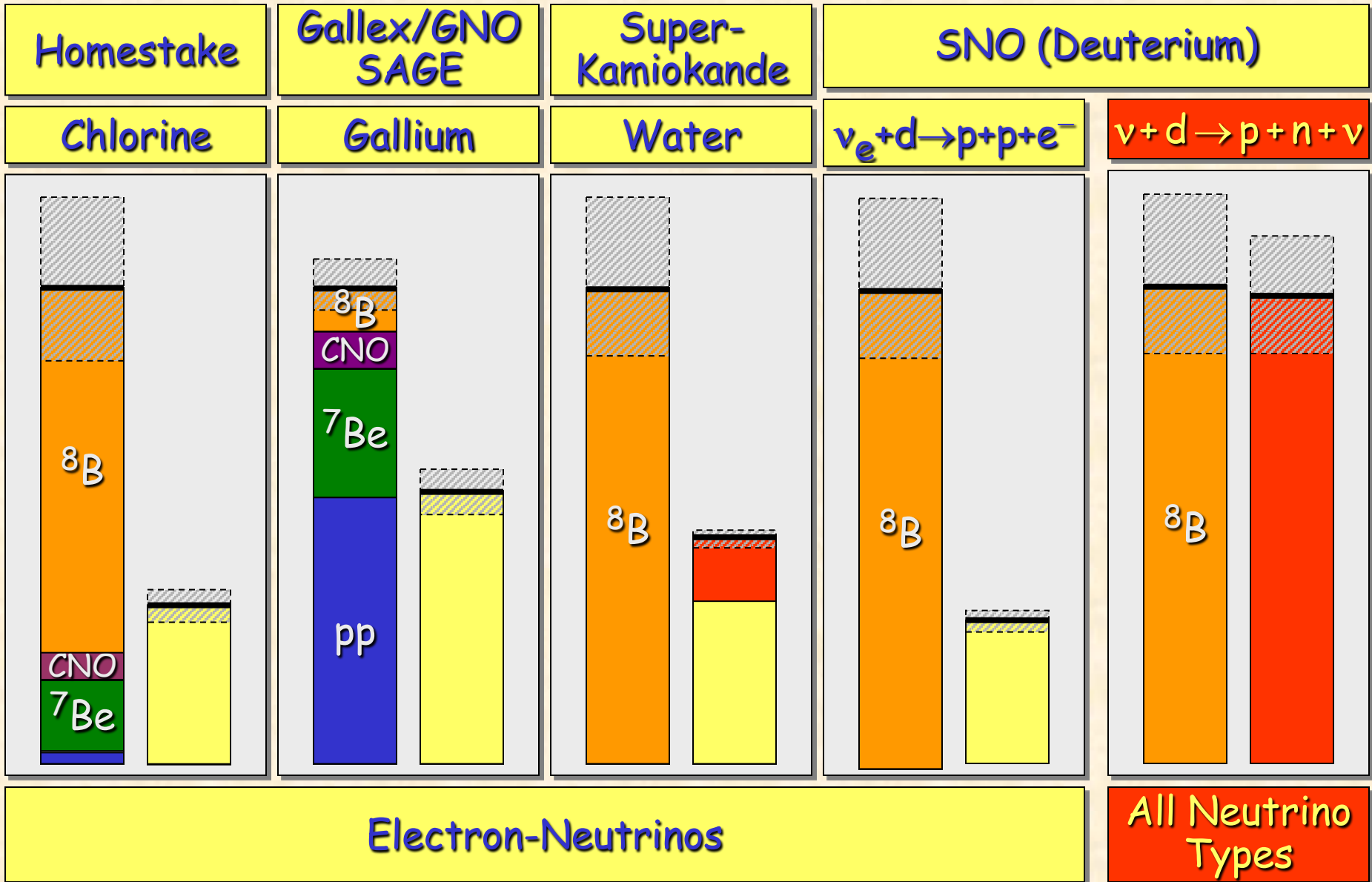


MC No-Osc

$$\nu_{\mu} - \nu_{\tau}$$

SuperK neutrino oscillations paper now most cited paper in history of experimental particle physics  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 81, 1562 (1998).

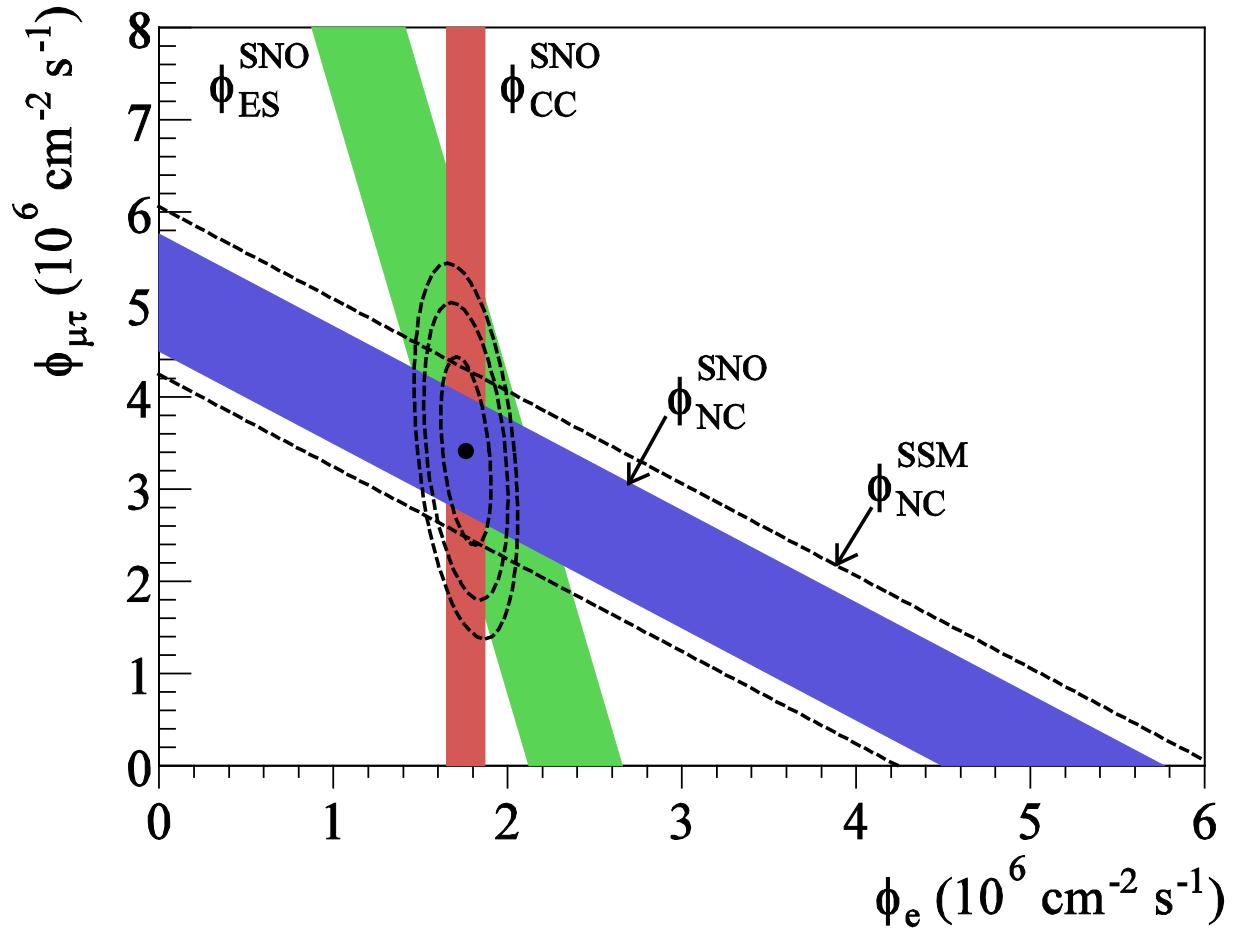
# SNO Settles the Solar Neutrino Problem



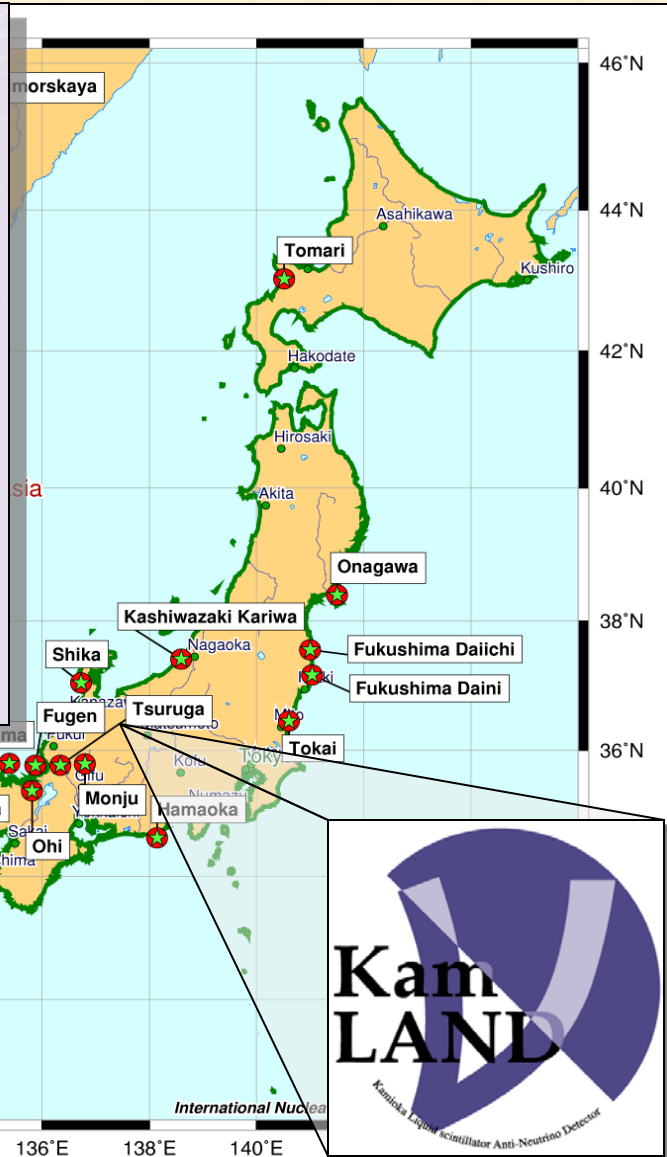
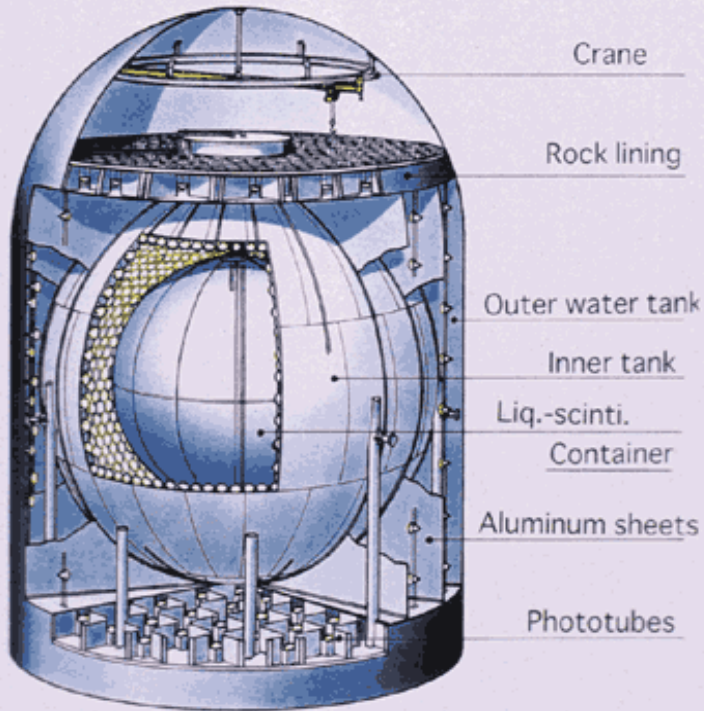
# Consistency Between Measurements

$$\Phi_{\text{ssm}} = 5.05^{+1.01}_{-0.81} \quad \Phi_{\text{sno}} = 5.09^{+0.44+0.46}_{-0.43-0.43}$$

$\Phi_{\mu\tau}$  is  
5.3  $\sigma$   
from  
zero



# KamLAND Reactor Neutrino Experiment (Japan)



detect  $\nu_e$   
 from >100km  
 and observe  
 deficit due to  
 oscillations

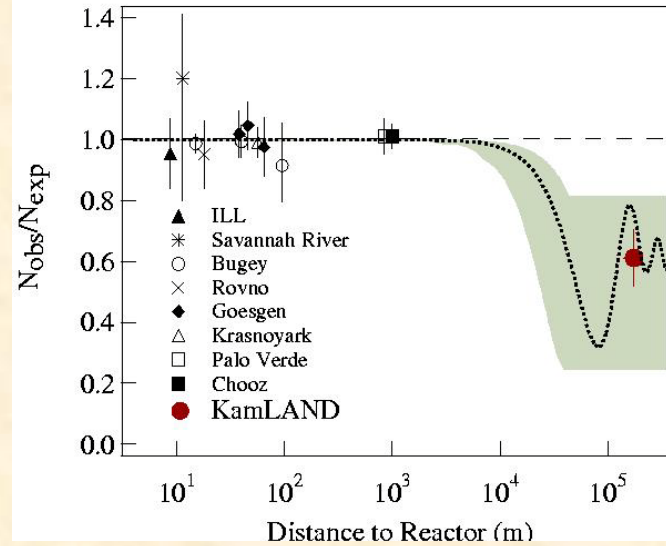
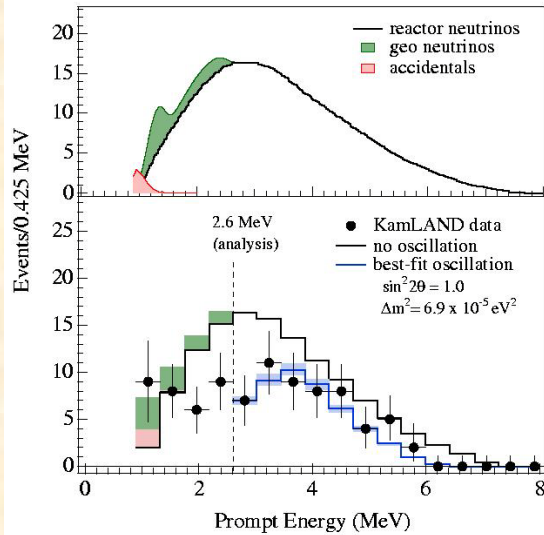
Japanese  
 nuclear  
 reactors  
 60 GW  
 (20%  
 world  
 total)

- ~1 neutrino capture per day
- Taking data since Jan. '02
- **Conclusive Results** Fall '02.

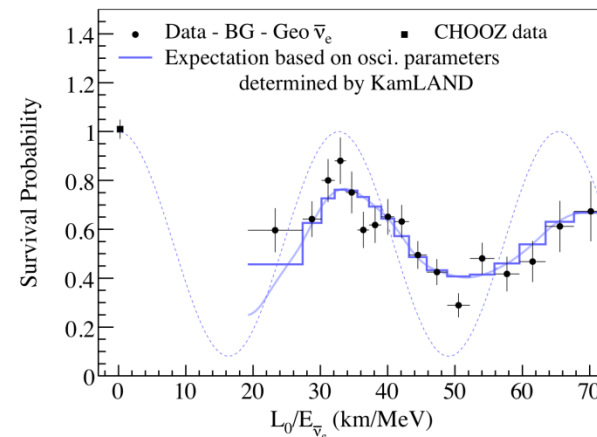
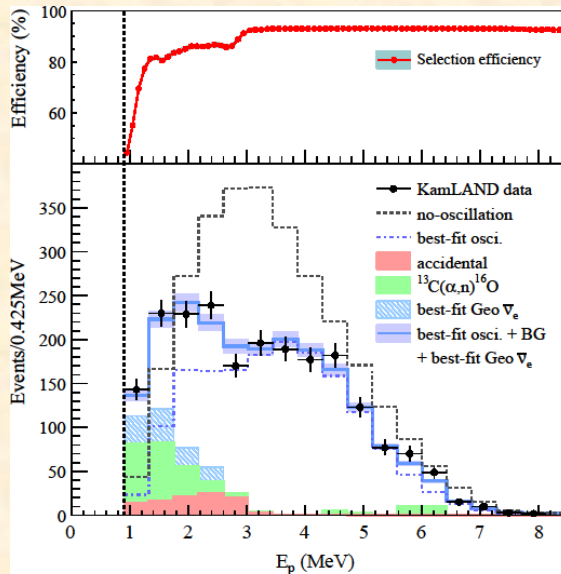


# KamLAND Settles the Solar Problem

2003

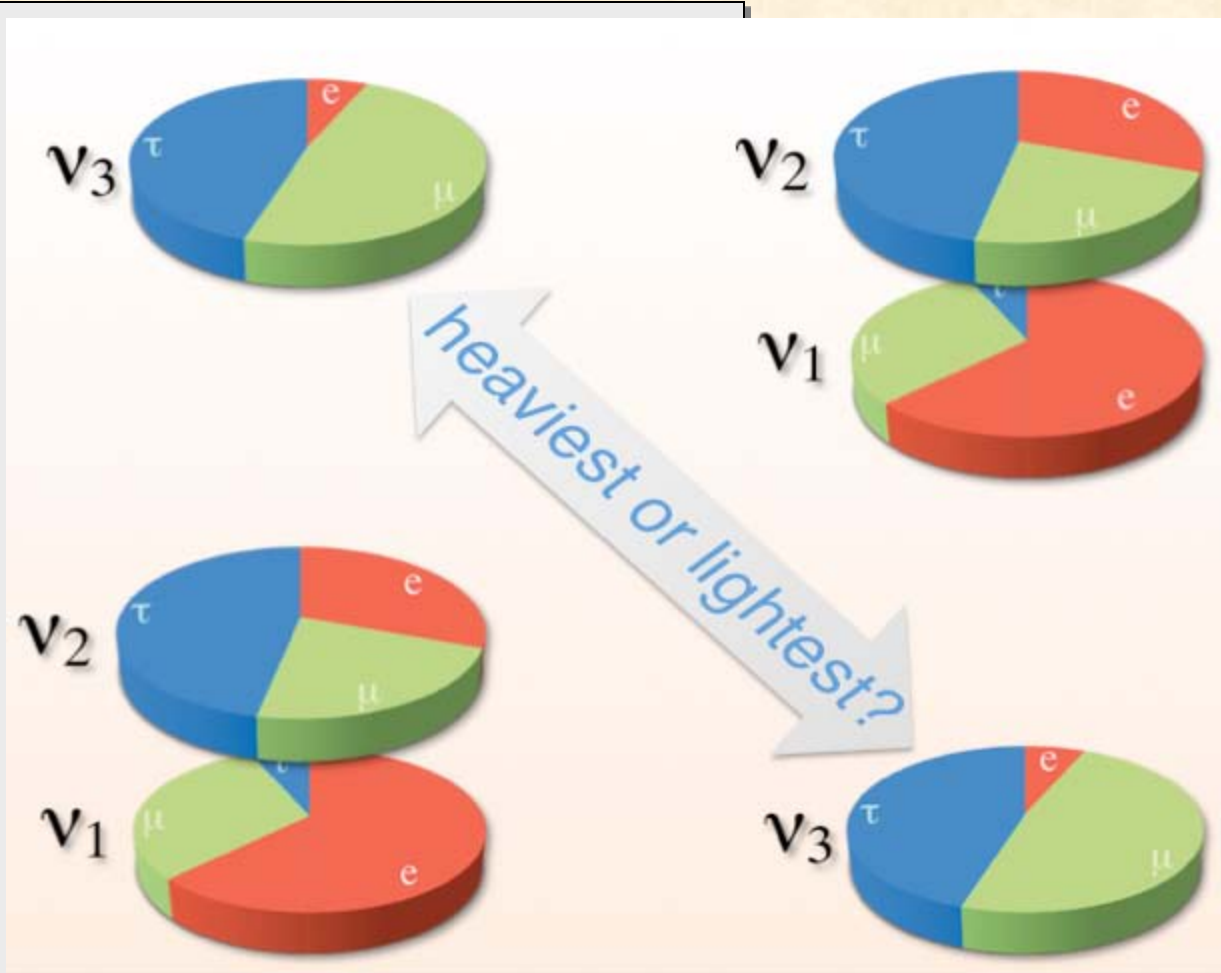
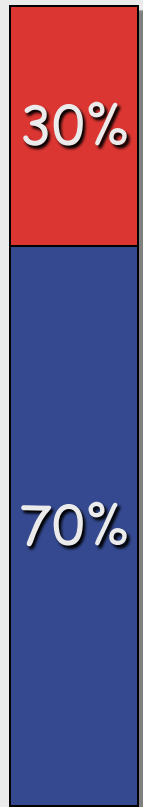


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# Neutrino Mass and Composition



15%

15%



Mixings peculiarly large

of neutrino  
om  
nts.

nos:  
3 eV<sup>2</sup>

10<sup>-5</sup> eV<sup>2</sup>

# Neutrino Oscillation Mixing Matrix

–  $U$ : 3 angles, 1 CP-phase + (2 Majorana phases)

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{21} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Neutrinos

$$U_{MNSP} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & ? \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Quarks

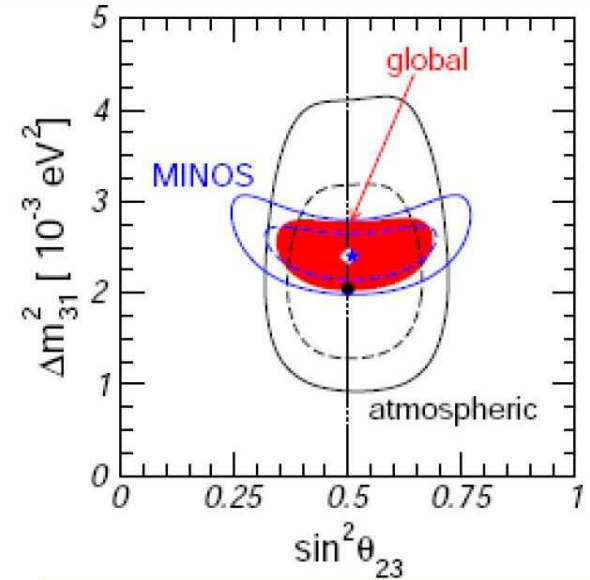
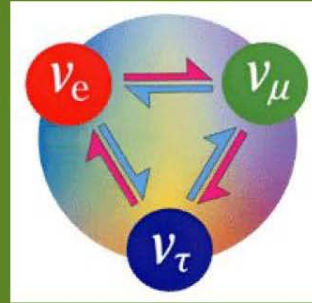
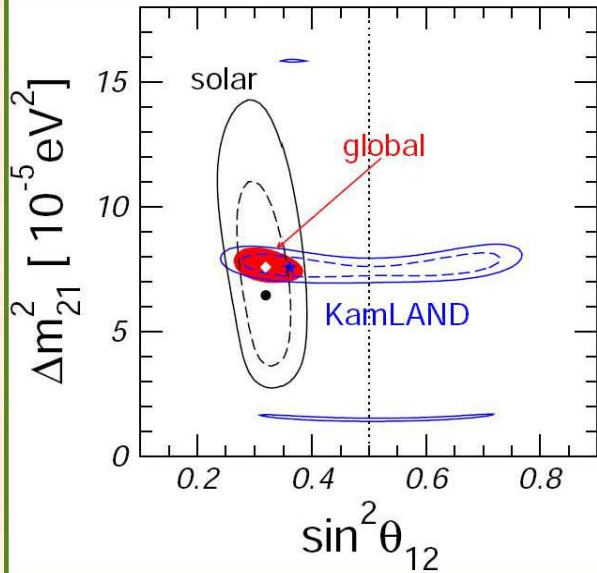
$$V_{CKM} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.005 \\ 0.2 & 1 & 0.04 \\ 0.005 & 0.04 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Very Different

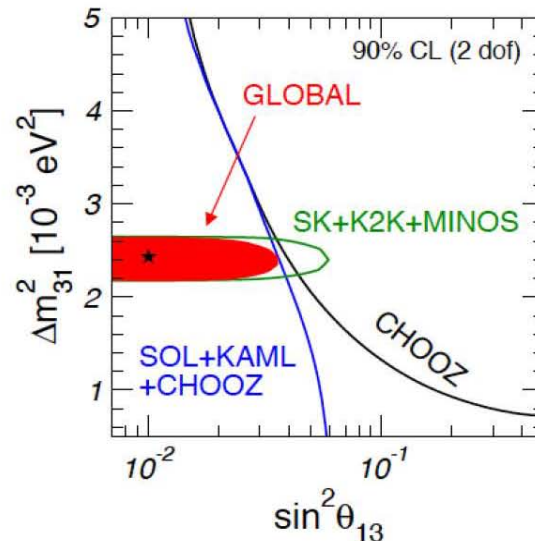
# Three Neutrinos Fits Almost all Data

Update of Schwetz et al, NJP 10 (2008) 113011

[rev. Maltoni et al, NJP 6 (2004) 122]



Homestake, SAGE  
 GALLEX/GNO,  
 Super-K, SNO-I, SSM  
 Borexino  
 KamLAND (180 Km)



... Super-K

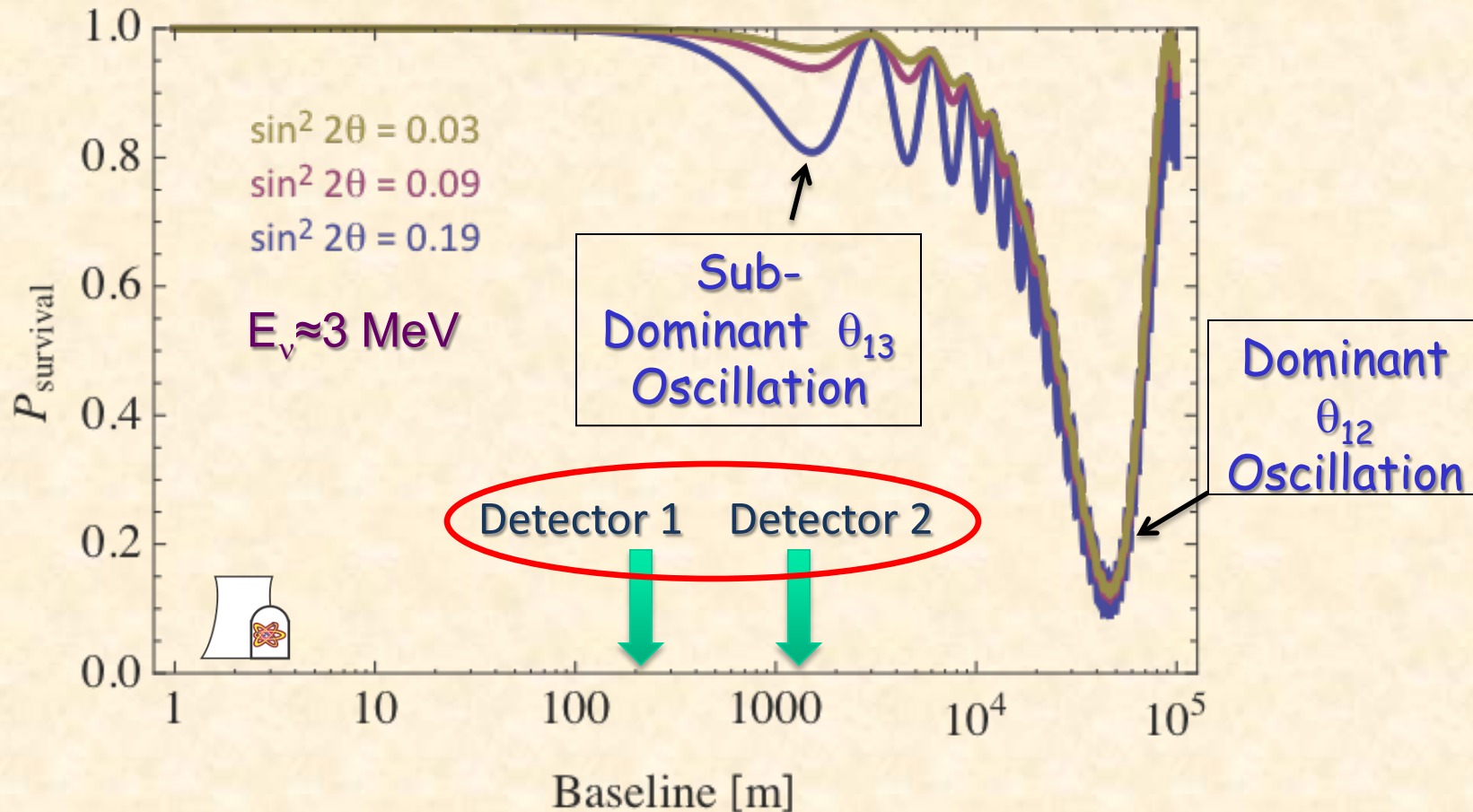
K2K (250 Km)  
 MINOS latest app  
 (735 Km)

# What next in Neutrino Measurements?

- For lack of time will skip exciting doings in absolute neutrino mass measure and double beta decay (now about half dozen experiments)...
- Also no comments on indirect Dark Matter measurements via neutrinos (but UH involvement here... Mich, Stefanie, Jason...)
- [And Sven doing direct detection, no nus].
- Everyone agrees 3  $\nu$  oscillations real
- Where next? Measure  $\theta_{13}$

# Precision Reactor Experiments for $\theta_{13}$

L. Mikaelyan, arXiv:hep-ex/0008046v2 (Krasnoyarsk)



**build nearly identical detectors with nearly identical efficiency**

# Three New Reactor Experiments Starting

- Double CHOOZ in France
  - Daya Bay in China
  - RENO in Korea
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- DC starting with one detector now
  - DB to start in a year or two
  - RENO claims start in June!

Will be interesting horse race!

# Now Enters the Peculiar New "Reactor Neutrino Anomaly"

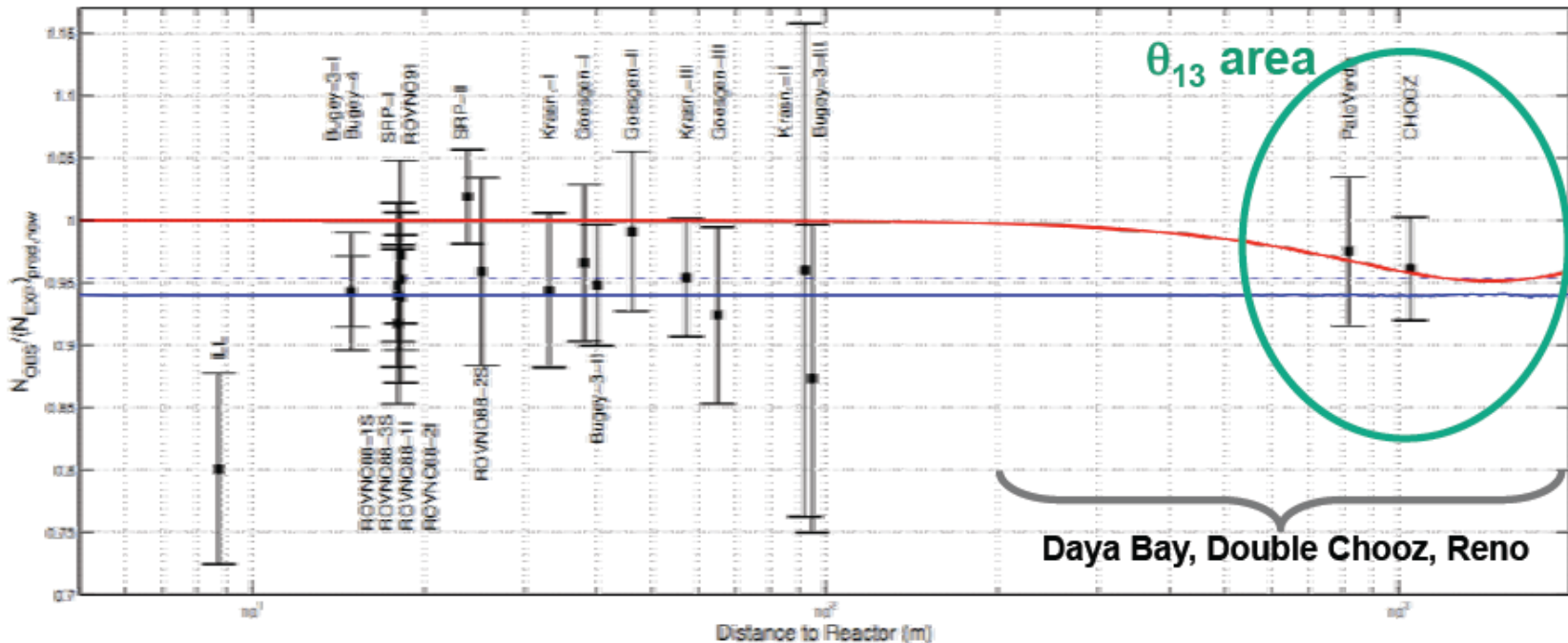
- Re-evaluation of the calculation of the neutrino flux from reactors leads French group to conclude that all earlier experiments have been observing a deficit.
- No significant objection so far from nuclear experts.
- If so, where could these be going? Possibly short range oscillations into a new fourth but "sterile" neutrino.
- Could solve some other problems...
- This could be revolutionary, and could be a key to a new domaine of matter.

# New Prediction, Old Results and Implications for $\theta_{13}$

- The choice of normalization is crucial for reactor experiments looking for  $\theta_{13}$  without near detector

$\sigma_f^{\text{pred,new}}$  : new prediction of the antineutrino fluxes

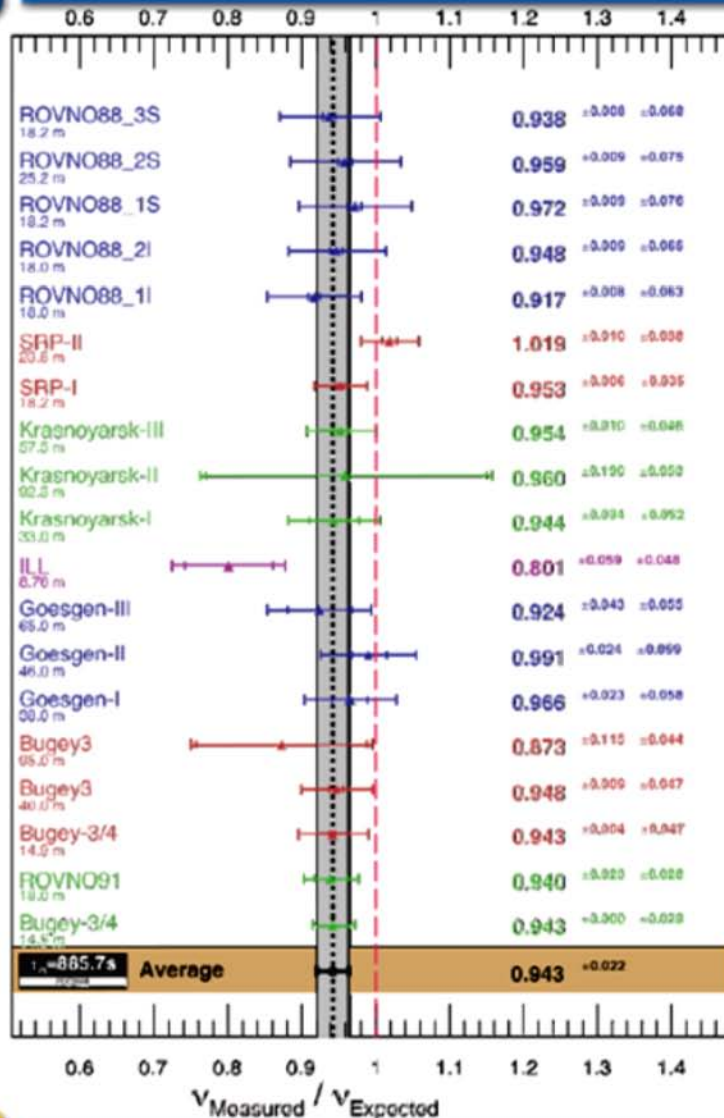
$\sigma_f^{\text{ano}}$  : experimental cross section (best fitted mean averaged)



- A deficit observed at 1-2 km can either be induced by  $\theta_{13}$  induced oscillation BUT also by other explanations (experimental, new  $\phi$ , ...)



# The Reactor Neutrino Anomaly

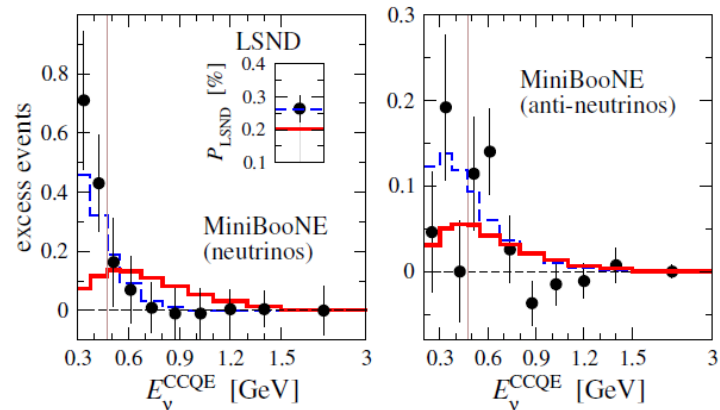
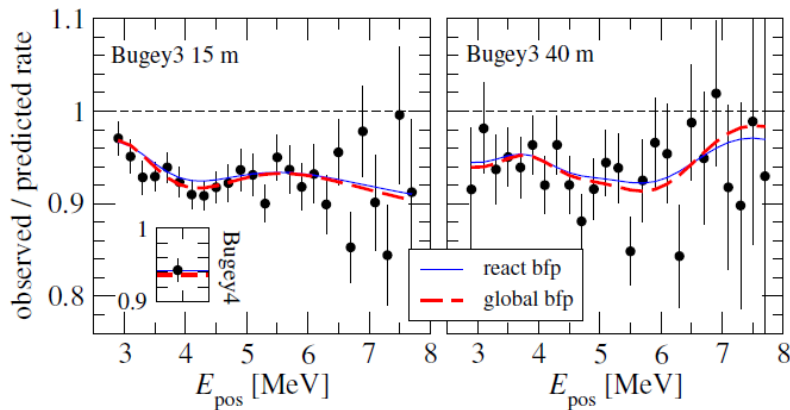


$$\chi^2 = (r - \vec{R})^T W^{-1} (r - \vec{R})$$

- **Best fit :  $\mu = 0.943$**
- **Uncertainty : 0.023**
- $\chi^2 = 19.6/19$
- **Deviation from unity**
  - Naïve Gaussian : 99.3% C.L.
  - Toy MC: 98.6% C.L. ( $10^6$  trials)
- **No hidden covariance**
  - 18% of Toy MC have  $\chi^2_{\min} < 19.6$

# An Oscillations fit to Old and New Data

## 3+2 best fit point



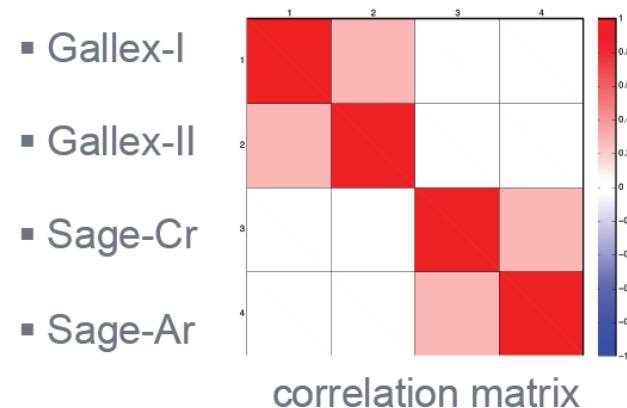
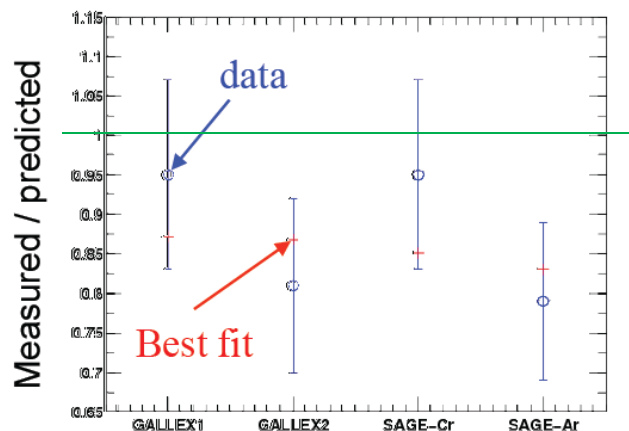
$\Delta\chi^2$  between global bfp and app/disapp separate bfp:

LSND	MB $\bar{\nu}$	MB $\nu$	KAR	React	CDHS	Atmos
1.2	2.9	2.5	1.5	0.9	2.4	2.3

Kopp, Maltoni, TS, 1103.xxxx

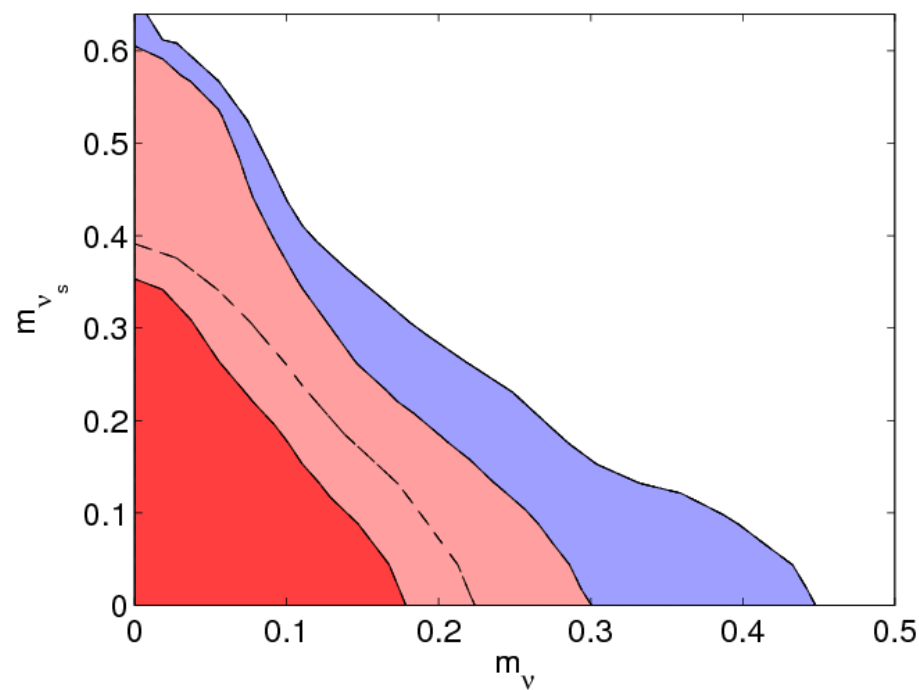
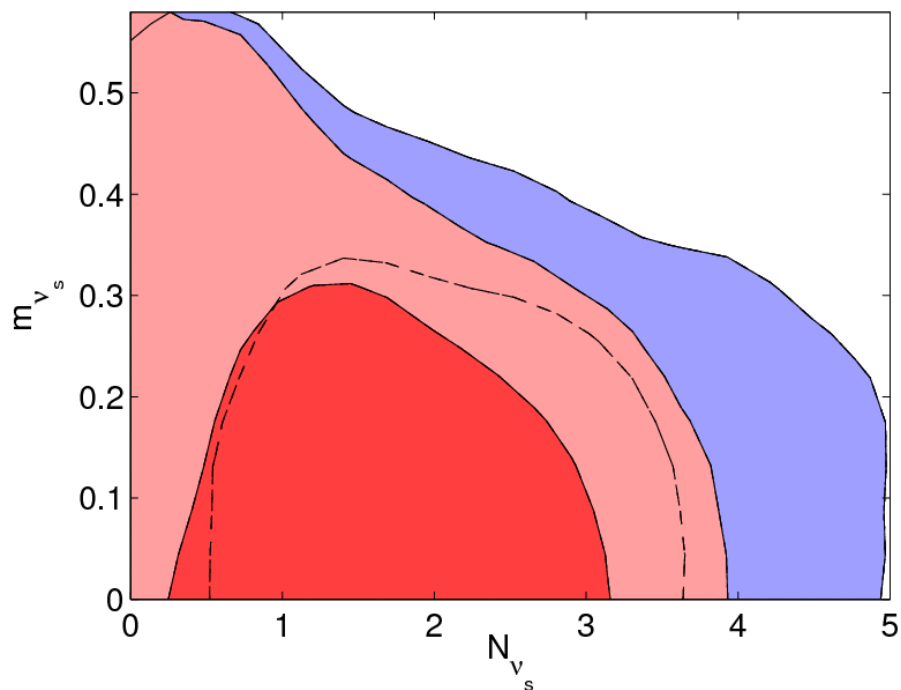
# Other Possible Evidence: the Gallium Anomaly

- 4 calibration runs with intense MCi neutrino sources:
  - 2 runs at Gallex with a  $^{51}\text{Cr}$  source (750 keV  $\nu_e$  emitter)
  - 1 run at SAGE with a  $^{51}\text{Cr}$  source
  - 1 run at SAGE with a  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  source (810 keV  $\nu_e$  emitter)
  - All observed a deficit of neutrino interactions compared to the expected activity. Hint of oscillation ?
- Our analysis for Gallex & Sage:
  - Monte Carlo computing mean path lengths of neutrinos in Gallium tanks
  - **NEW** : Correlate the 2 Gallex runs together & the 2 SAGE runs together



# Latest Cosmological Sterile Neutrino Analysis

Giusarma et al., 2011 <http://arxiv.org/abs/1102.4774>  
 includes masses both in active and sterile Neutrinos.



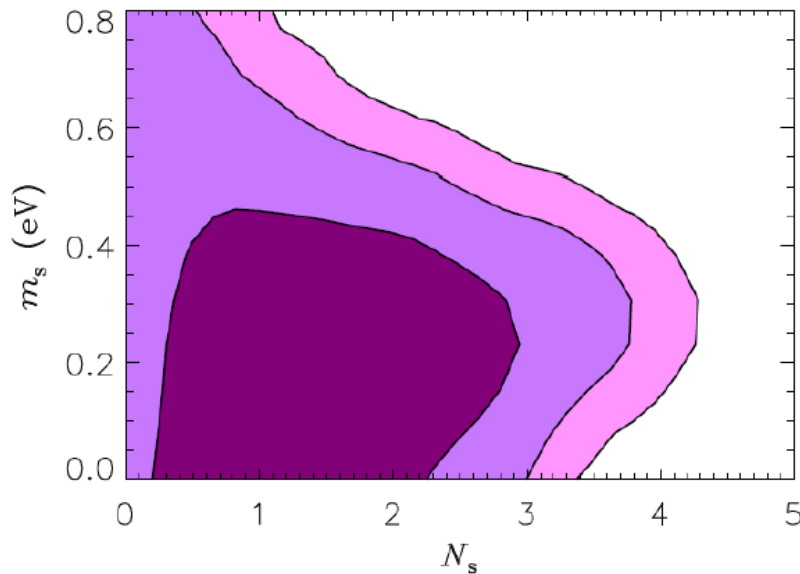
Blue: CMB+HST+SDSS

Red: CMB+HST+SDSS+SN-Ia

Parameter	68% CL(r1)	95% CL(r1)	68% CL (r2)	95% CL (r2)
$N_{\nu_s}$	0.94 – 3.16	0.21 – 4.63	0.69 – 2.53	0.13 – 3.56
$m_{\nu}$ [eV]	0.02 – 0.19	< 0.36	0.01 – 0.14	< 0.24
$m_{\nu_s}$ [eV]	0.04 – 0.31	< 0.70	0.03 – 0.30	< 0.70

# Summary of Possible Signatures of Light Sterile Neutrinos

- ▶ checked solar/KamLAND fit:  $U_{e4}, U_{e5}$  similar effect as  $U_{e3}$
- ▶ MINOS NC [1001.0336](#) analysis may give additional constraints
- ▶ Deficit in radioactive source experiments at Gallium exps [C. Giunti](#)
- ▶ Cosmology:



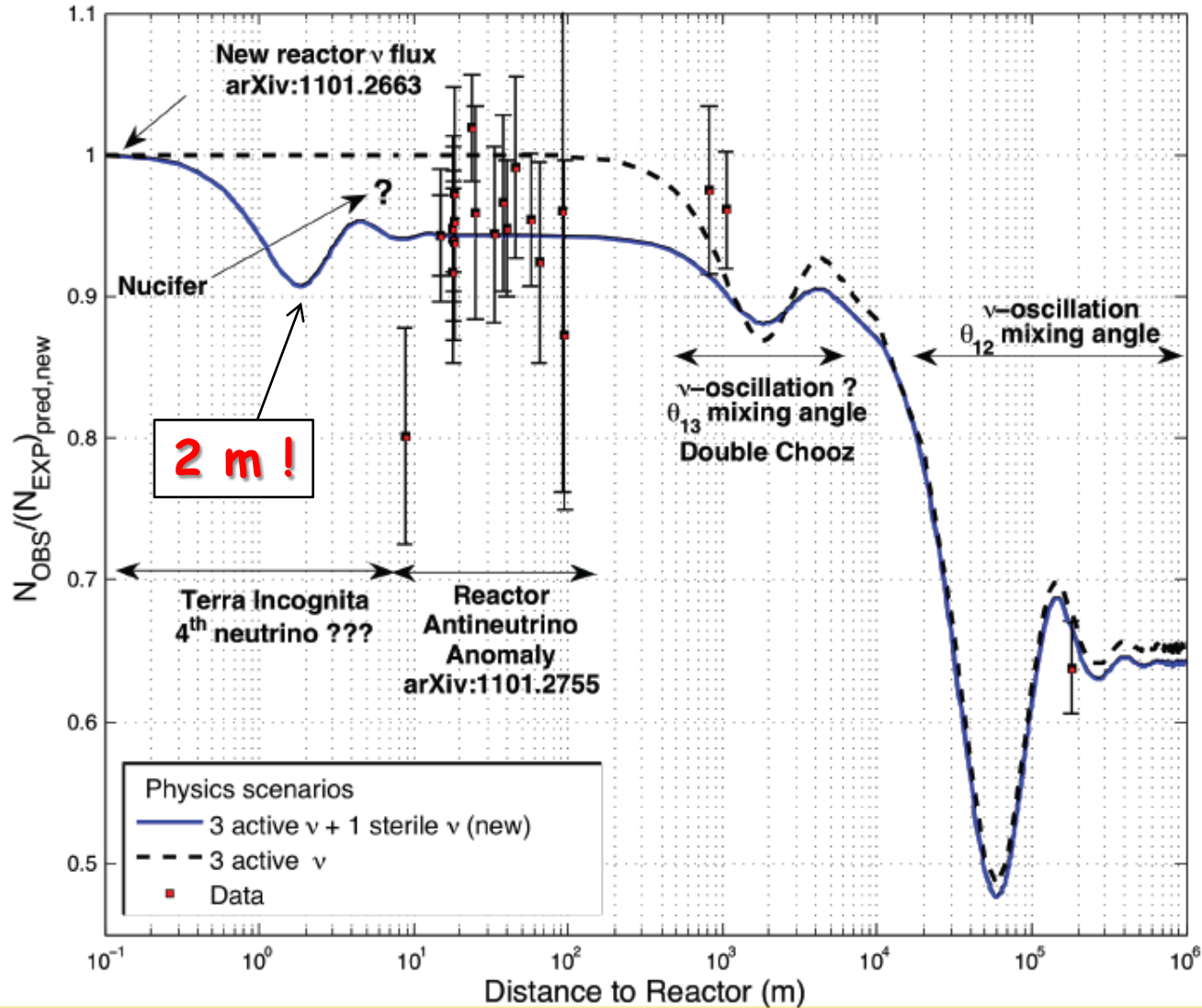
CMB, SDSS, HST

[Hamann et al., 1006.5276](#)

talk by A. Melchiorri

- ▶ BBN:  $N_s < 1.2$  (95% CL) [Mangano, Serpico, 1103.1261](#)

# Need for New Experiments!



# Temporary Conclusions on Reactor Neutrino Anomaly

- ▶ slightly ambiguous status of  $\theta_{13}$  due to new reactor fluxes:  
 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.1 - 0.3$  with hints for  $\theta_{13} > 0$  at  $1.8 - 3.2\sigma$
- ▶ intriguing accumulation of hints for eV-scale sterile neutrinos (LSND/MiniBooNE/reactor/Gallium)  
3+2 model with **two eV-scale neutrinos** gives good fit to global data

*Thomas Schwetz, NuTel2011*

Stay tuned for a rush of proposals to untangle this shaky web!

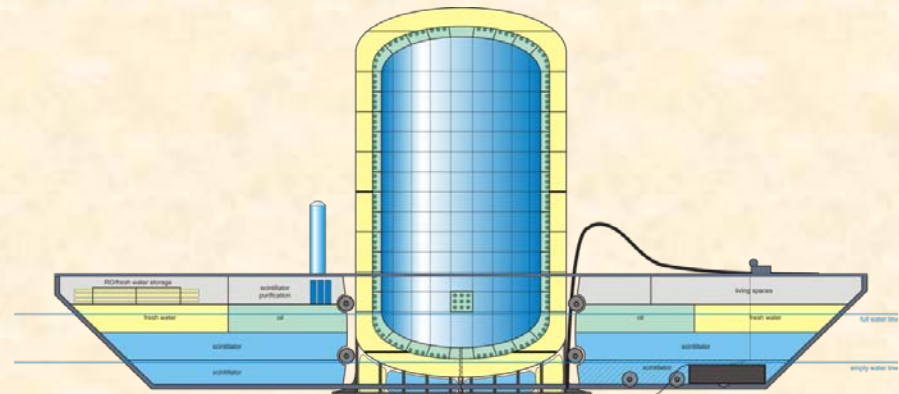
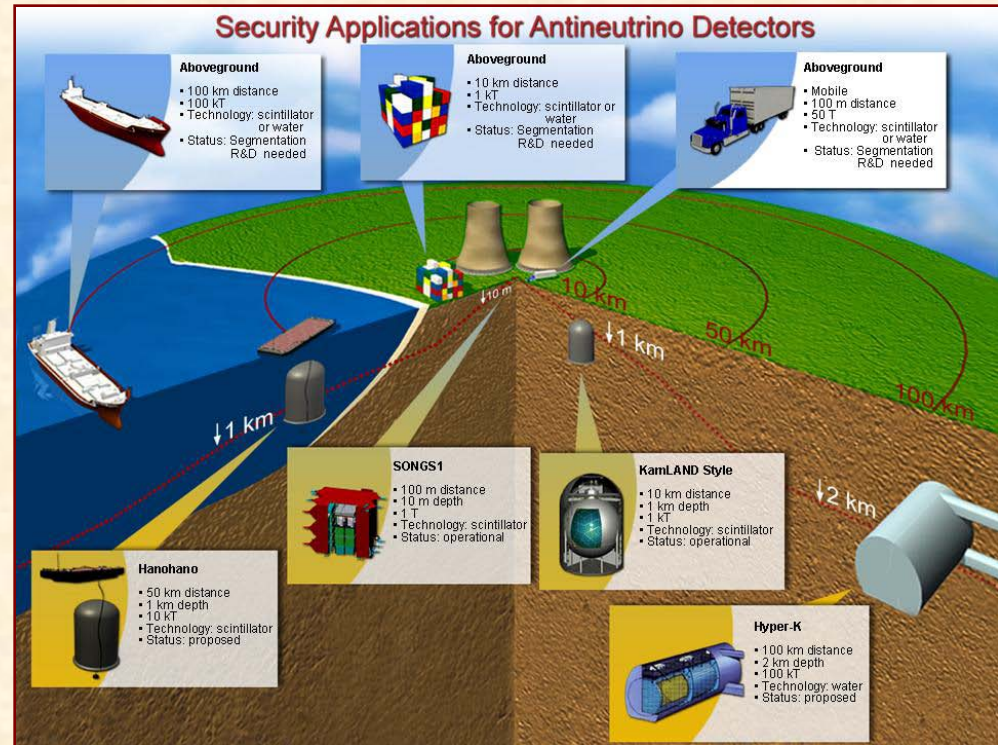
## And now for something different, but related...

- We have been studying large and in some versions portable electron anti-neutrino detectors for three applications:
  - More detailed oscillations studies
  - Development of remote reactor monitoring
  - Study of geoneutrinos



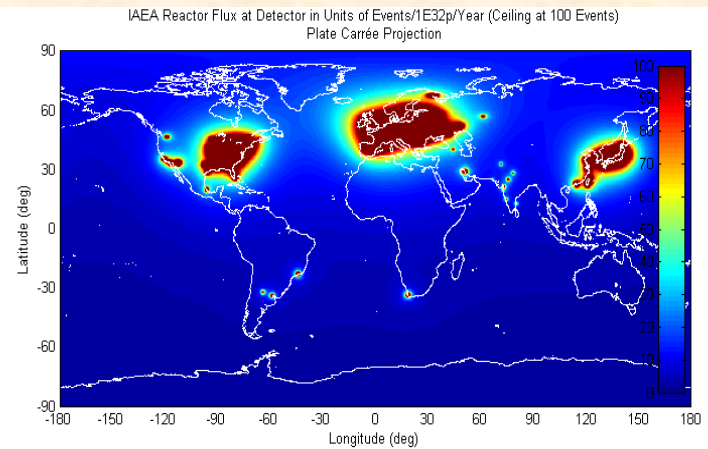
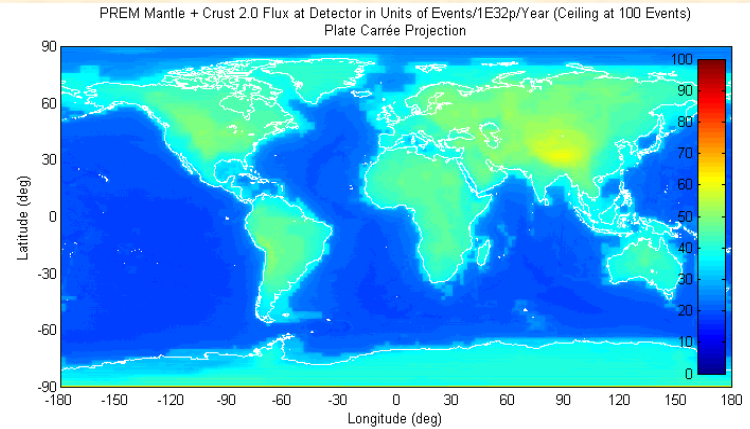
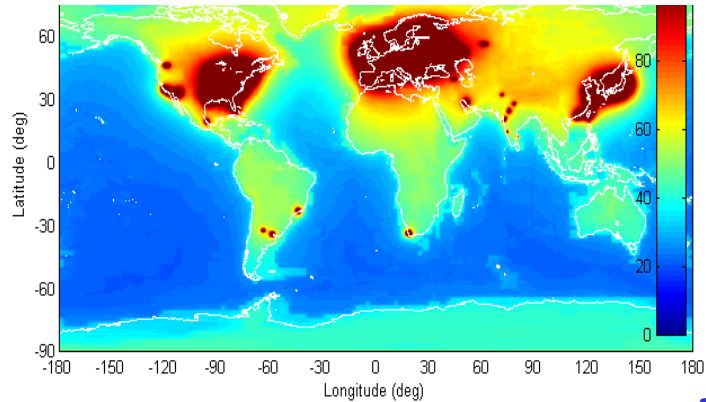
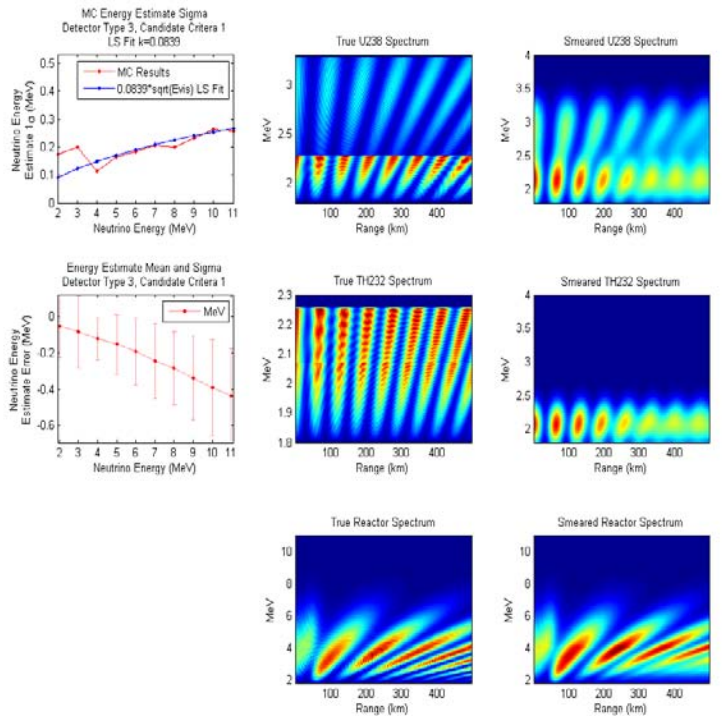
# Nuclear Reactor Monitoring for Anti-Proliferation

- miniTimeCube: UH building tiny portable unshielded neutrino detector which can measure useful rate near power reactor, and get some neutrino directionality.
- Assemble this year, take to reactor for demonstration.
- For economical construction need LAPPDs (ANL/Chicago project).
- Next version  $\sim 1\text{m}^3$ , able to measure reactors outside the fence from small van.
- Future: stacks of same in shipping containers.
- Reactor monitoring, but also moving towards geoneutrinos and other science.



Hanohano Detector

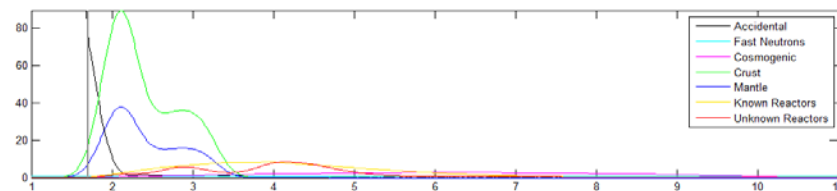
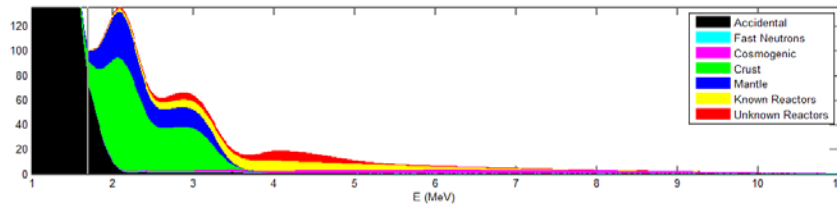
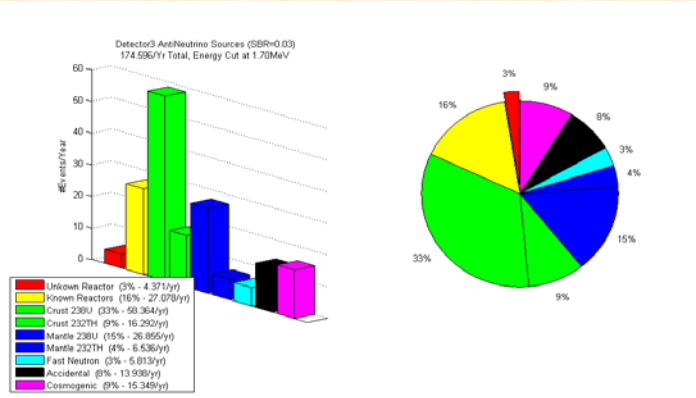
# Doing Detailed Modeling of Reactor Backgrounds



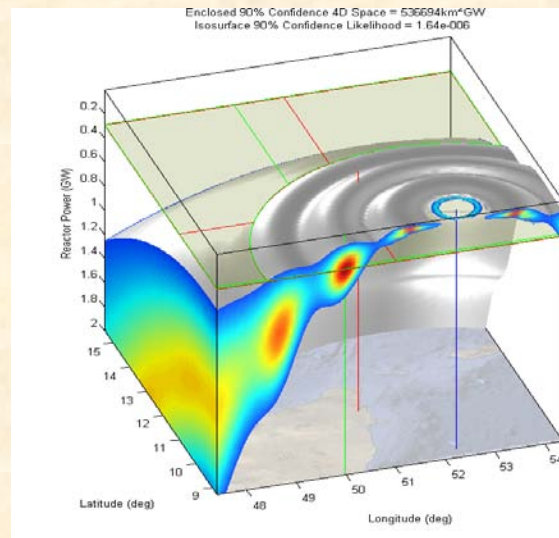
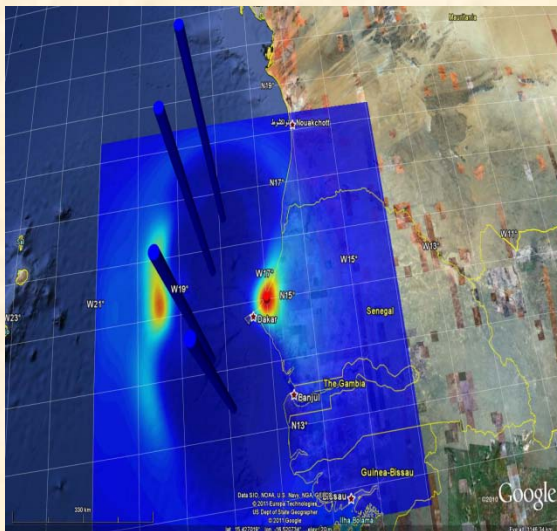
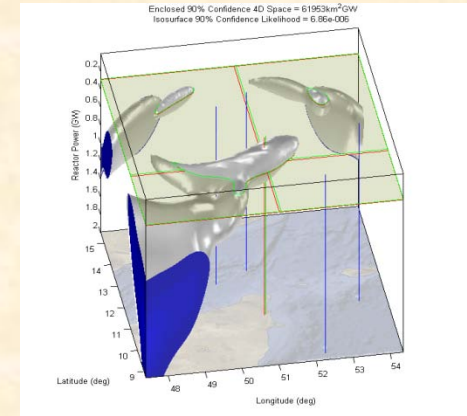
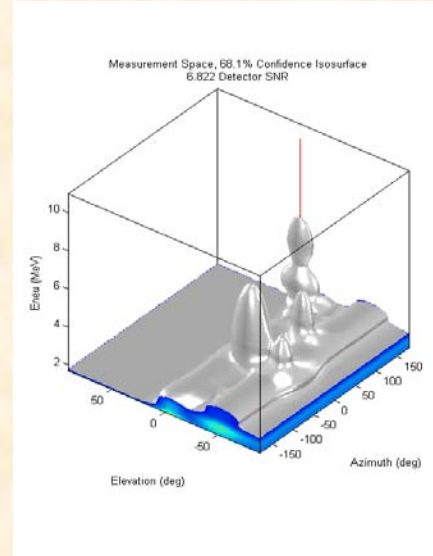
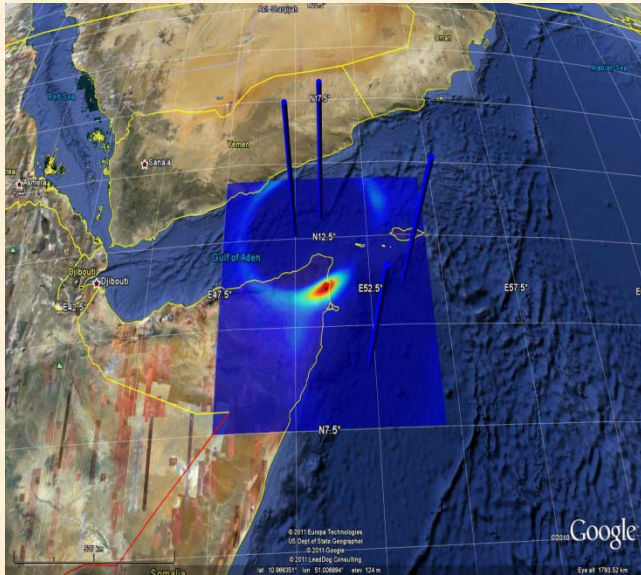
Plots from Glenn Jocher, Integrity Applications Inc

# More on Detailed Modeling

We have a program allowing arbitrary placement of detectors, including depth and calculations of all backgrounds (based on KamLAND and Borexino experience)



# Finding and Measuring Remote Reactors



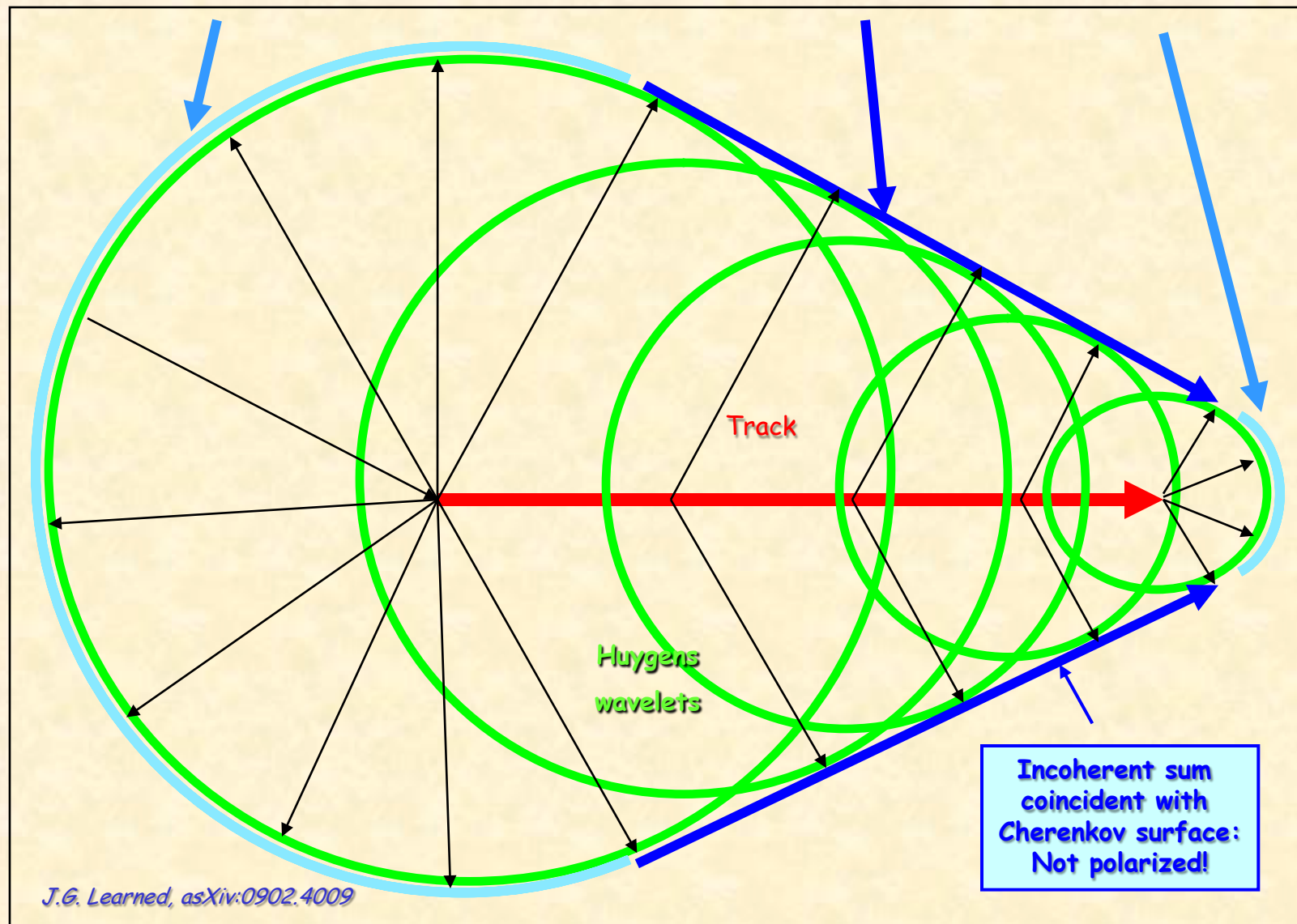
# Change Gears and Talk about New Detectors

- Intro to new means of reconstructing events in liquid scintillator, where tracks radiate light isotropically
- (not like Cherenkov radiation in water as in SUpErK)

# 2009 Realization that Liquid Scint Detector Can Reconstruct Events

First light yields topology. Now important part of LENA project proposal.

## Snapshot of the Fermat Surface for a Single Muon-like Track



# Application in 50 Kiloton LS LENA Detector



FIG. 1: Artist's view of the LENA detector.

LENA is major project proposed for Europe, probably Finland (1/3 of LAGUNA initiative)

Much nice physics to be done with such.

Major White Paper on Web shortly

Most interesting for this talk, is ability to do long baseline GeV neutrino studies Using the Fermat trick.

(Michinari Sakai working on testing with KamLAND data.)

# LENA Simulation of Muon Event

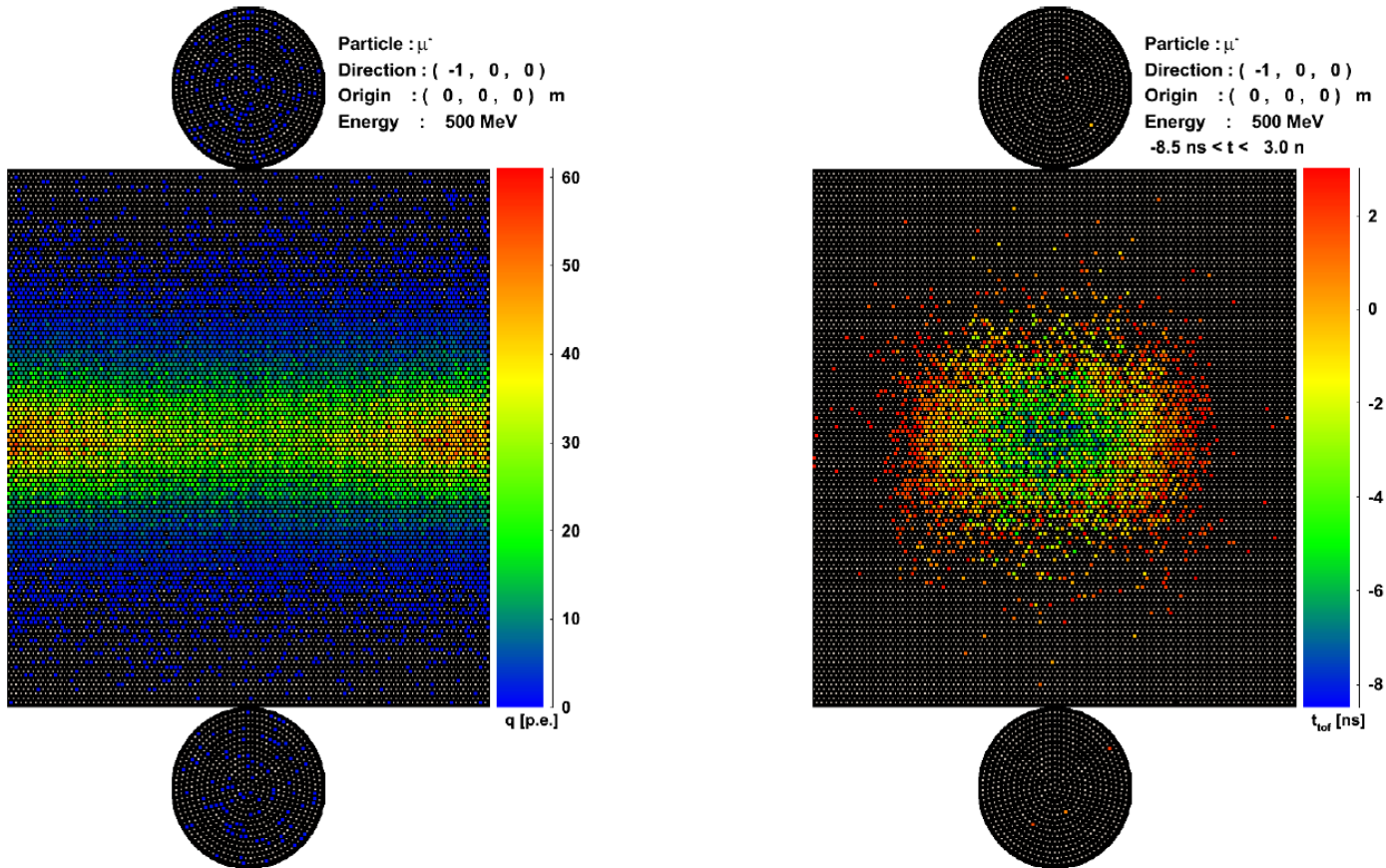


FIG. 18: A 500 MeV muon in LENA. On the left, the color coded information is the charge seen by each PMT, while the hit time of the first photon at each PMT is shown on the right, applying a time of flight correction with respect to the charge barycenter of the track.



# Muons Reconstructed Very Well

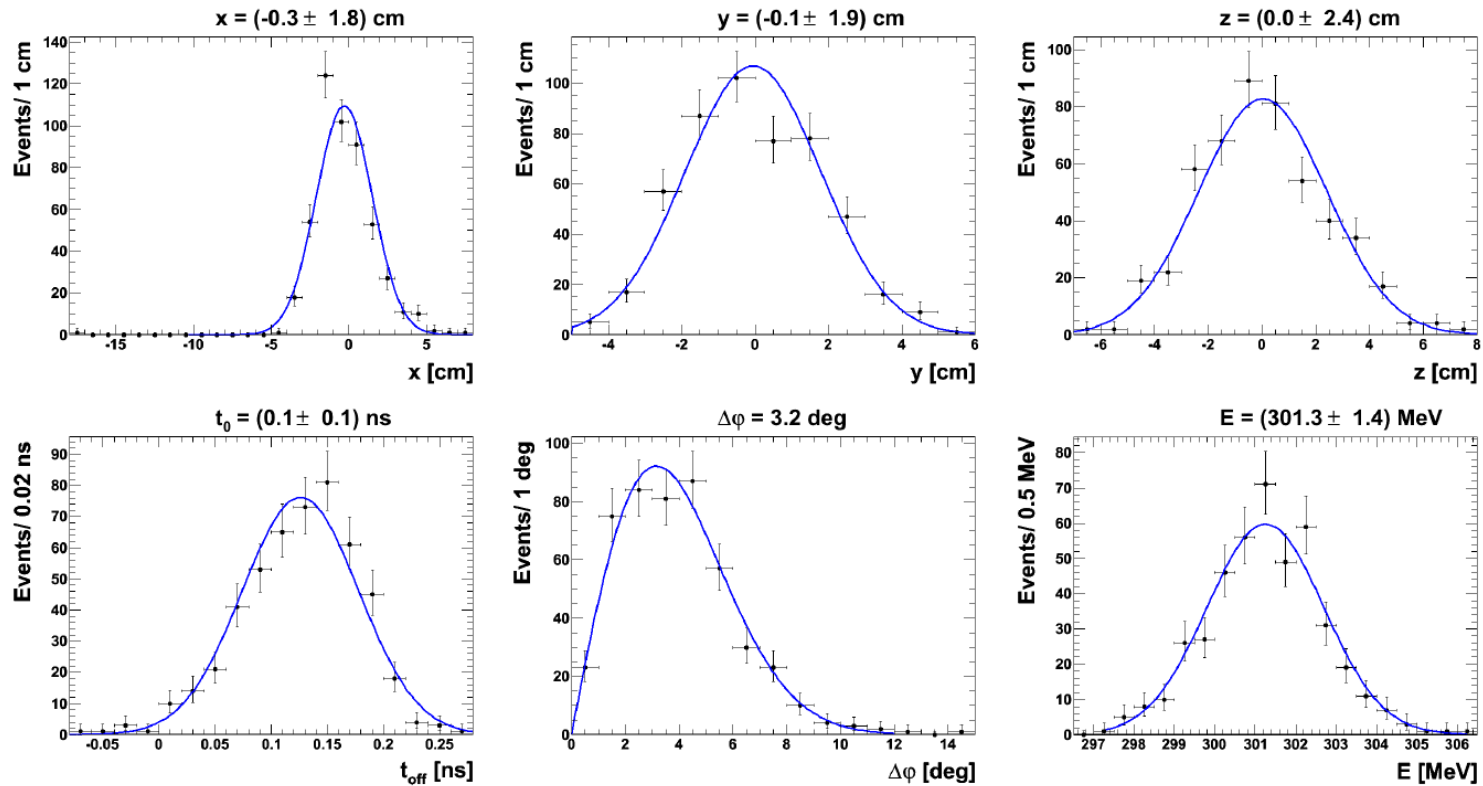
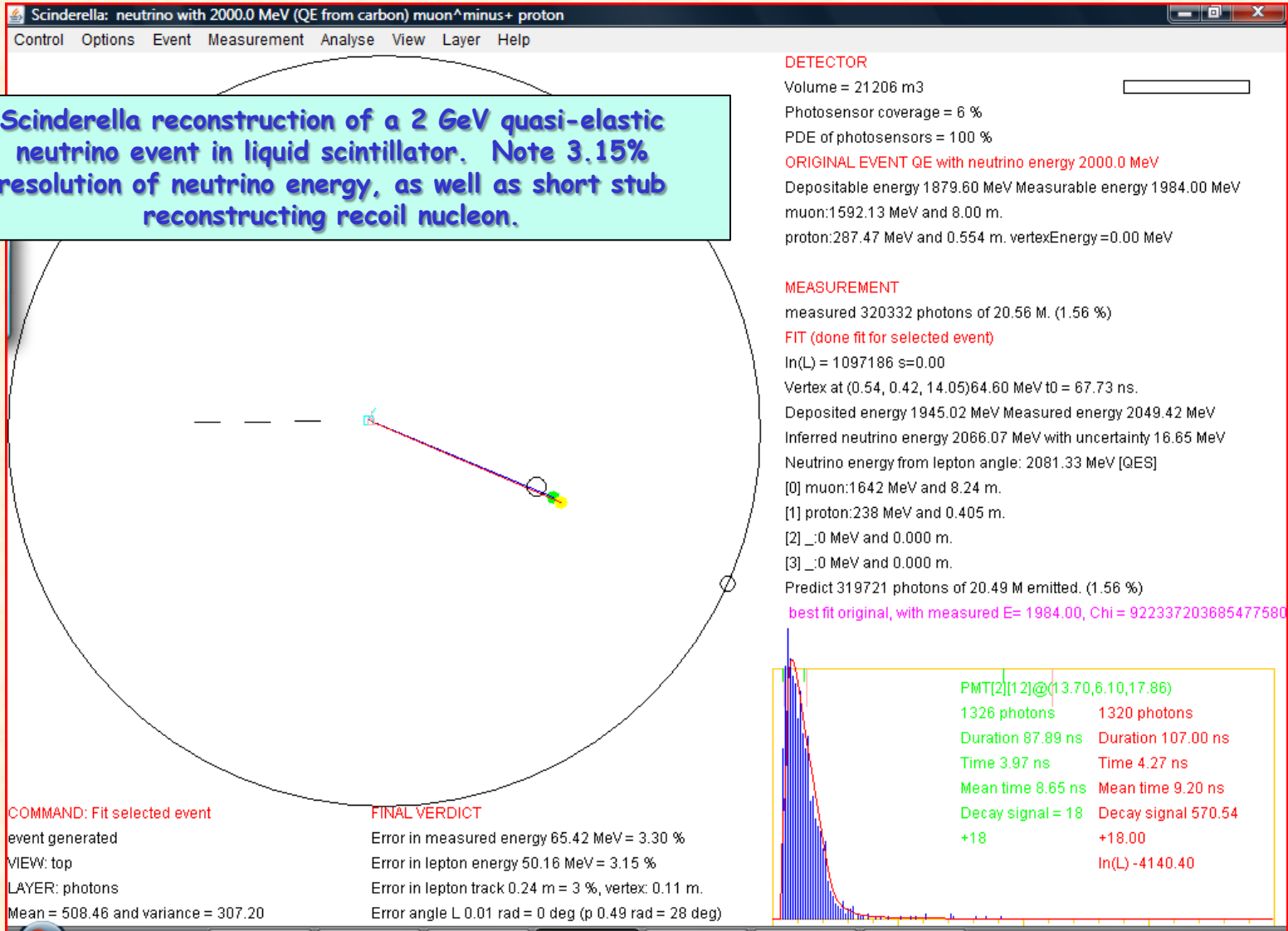


FIG. 19: Results obtained by reconstructing 300 MeV muons created in the center of the detector and traveling in negative  $x$  direction (500 events). The upper row shows the results for the start point of the track, the lower row shows the reconstructed start time (left), the angular deviation of the reconstructed track from the Monte Carlo truth (center) and the kinetic energy of the muon (right).

# If one can employ the full waveforms...

Scinderella reconstruction of a 2 GeV quasi-elastic neutrino event in liquid scintillator. Note 3.15% resolution of neutrino energy, as well as short stub reconstructing recoil nucleon.

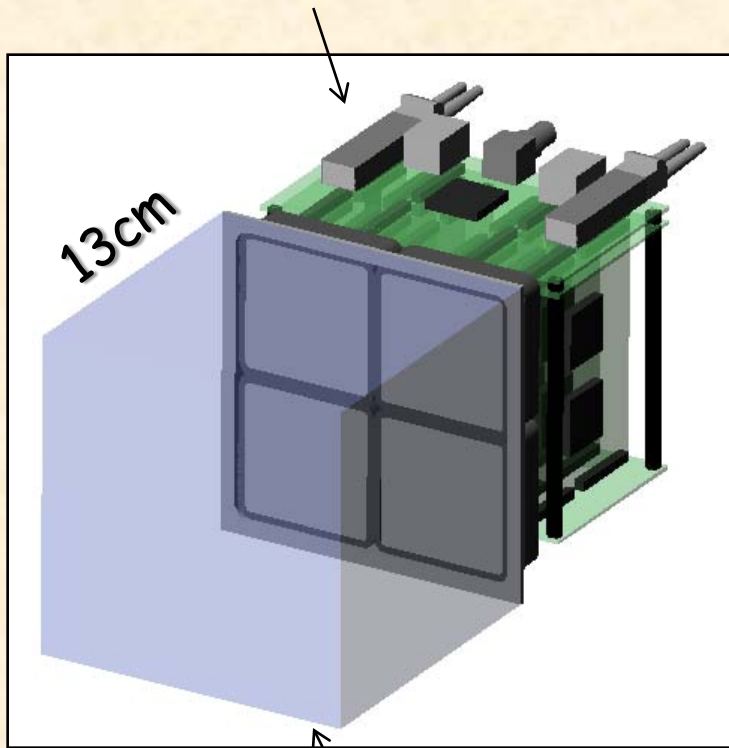


# Back to UH for our miniTimeCube

Springboarding from this and wanting to develop a way to get directionality for electron antineutrinos we came up with a new type of detector, with time replacing optics.

# Idea for Small and Directional Inverse Beta Detector

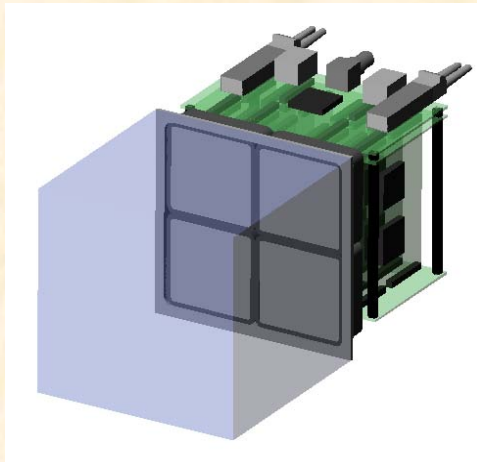
Fast digitizing electronics (x6)



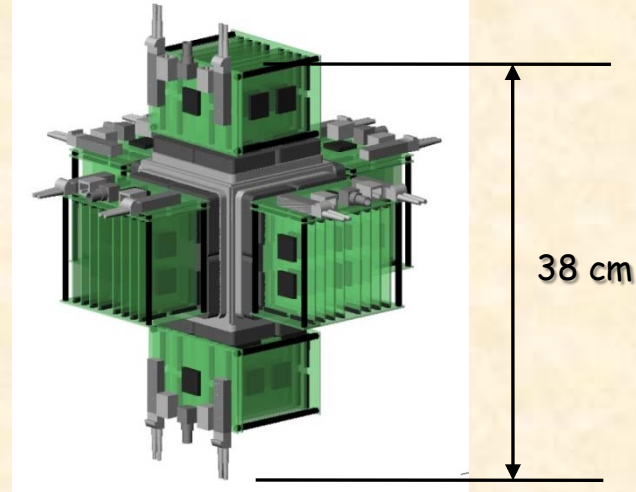
2.2 liter scintillator

- Small portable 2.2 liter scintillating cube with neutron capture doping.
- Contain positron, lose gammas
- Do imaging with fast timing, not optics (time reversal imaging).
- Get some neutrino directionality between positron origin and neutrino capture point.
- Reject noise on the fly; no shielding needed
- 4 x 6 MCP (x64 pixels each) fast (<100 ps) pixel detectors on surrounding faces
- ~10/day anti-neutrino interactions (inverse beta decay signature) from reactor.

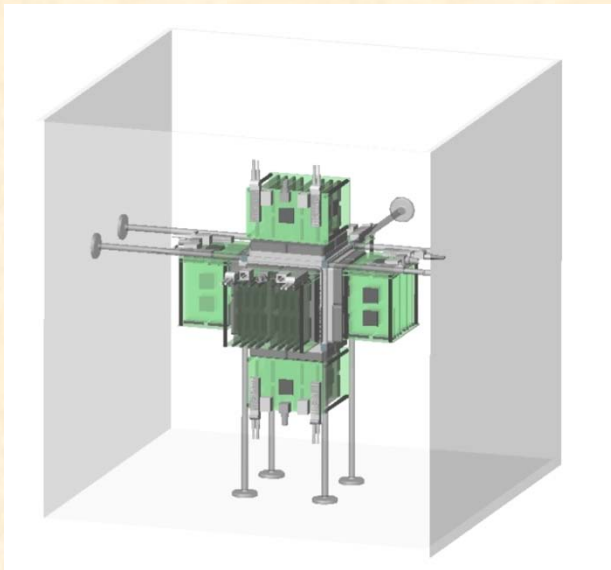
# Mini Time Cube Based On 13cm<sup>3</sup> Boron Loaded Plastic Scintillator



MTC with read-out electronics on one face



MTC fully populated with read-out UH-ID electronics



MTC within 2ft<sup>3</sup> enclosure

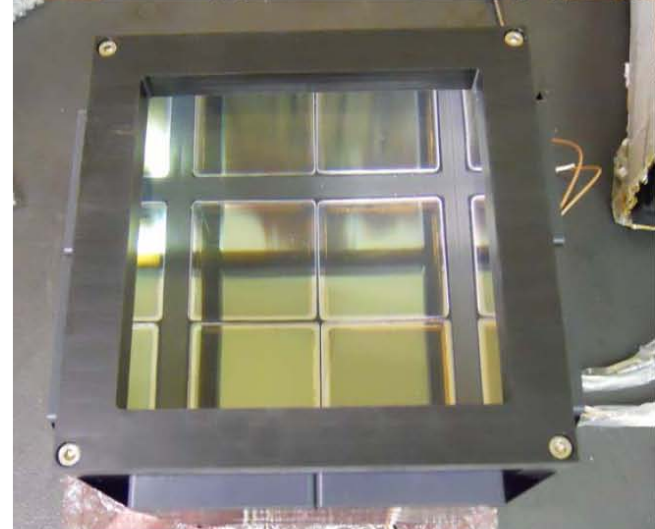
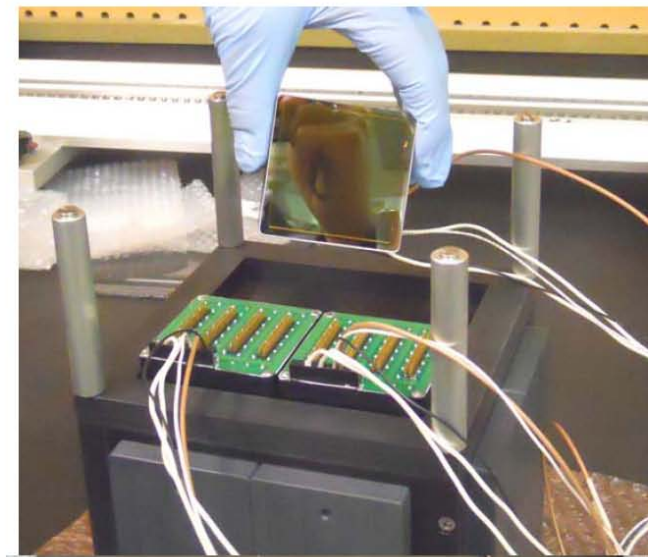
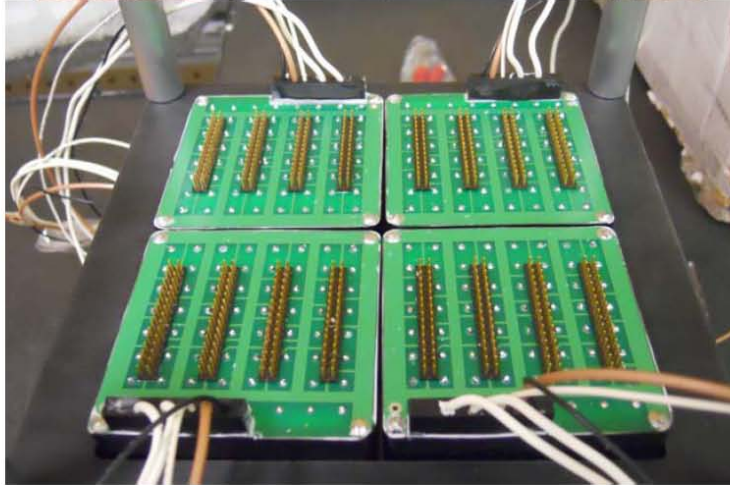


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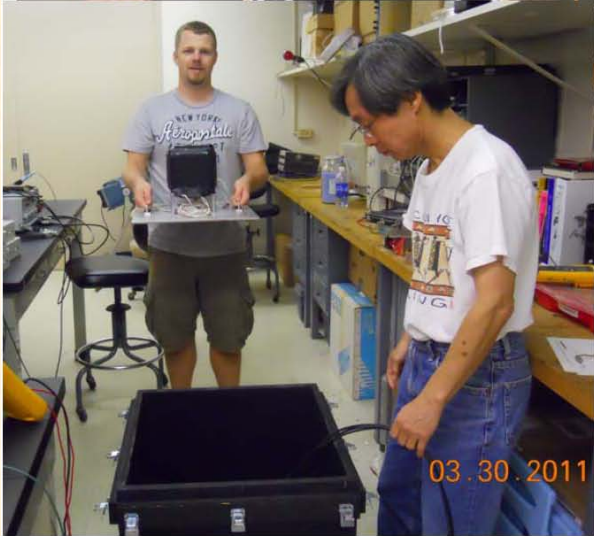
Detector fits lower case

Stackable transport cases

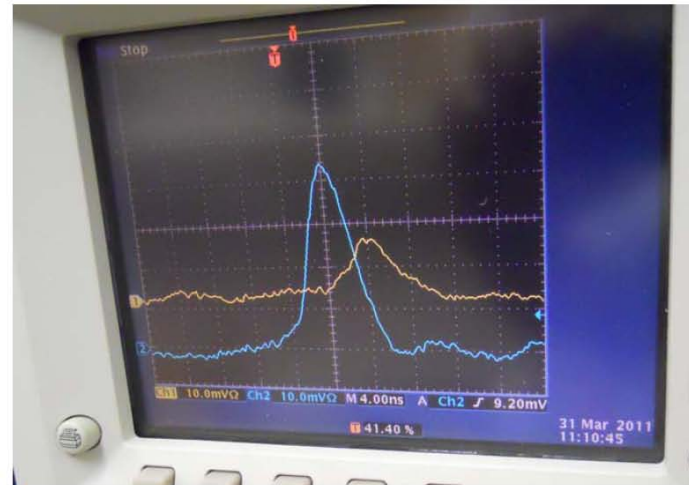
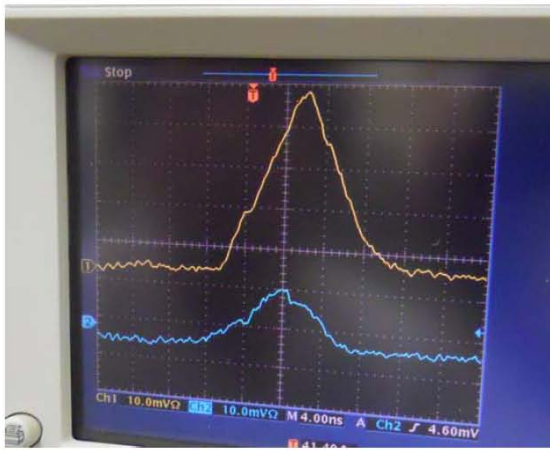
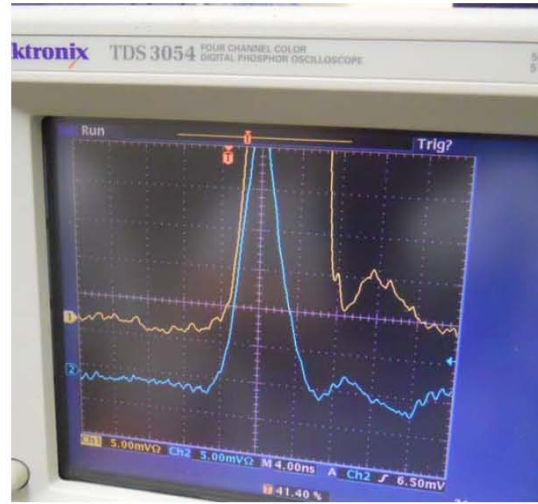
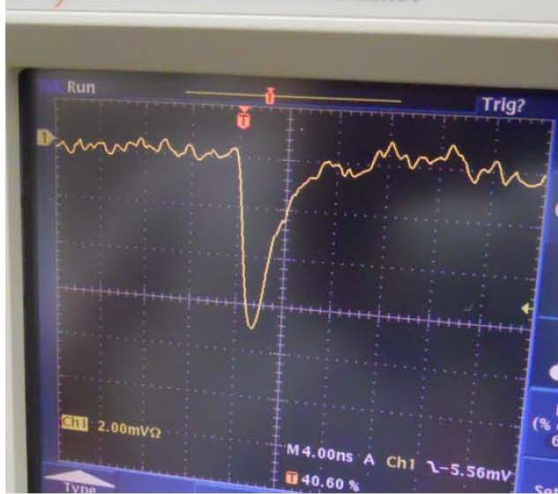
# First Installation of Tubes on mTC



# Starting Counting of Muons in Lab

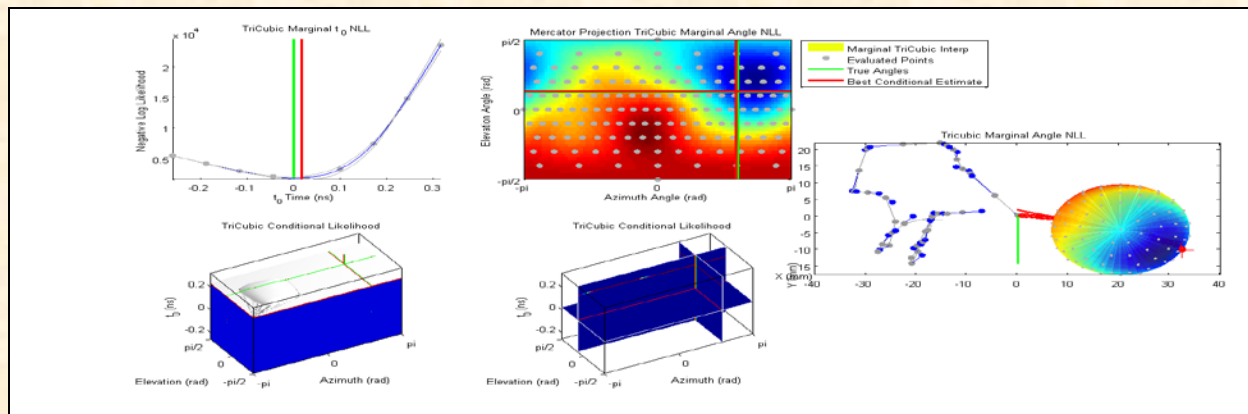


# First Scope Traces

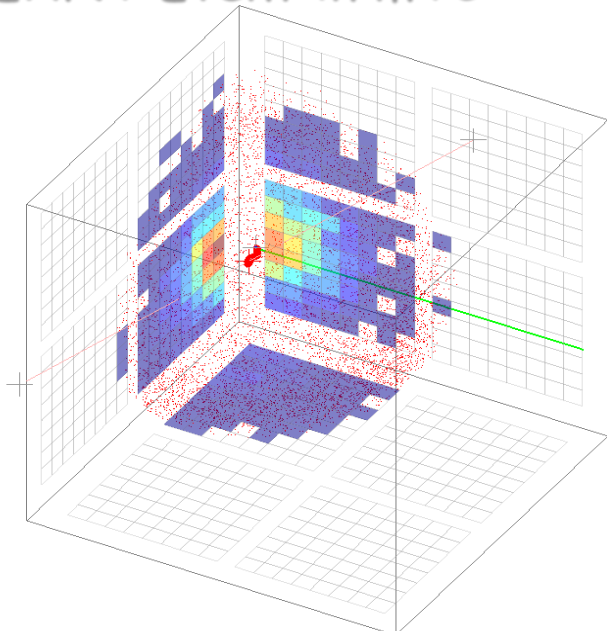




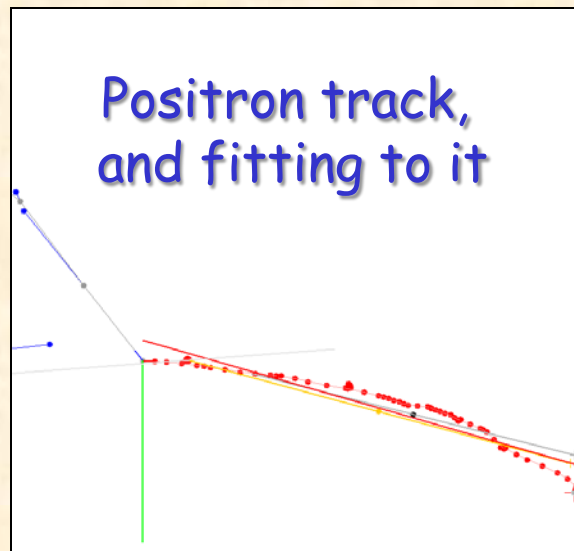
# Fitting the Positron Track in mTC



## GEANT Event in mTC



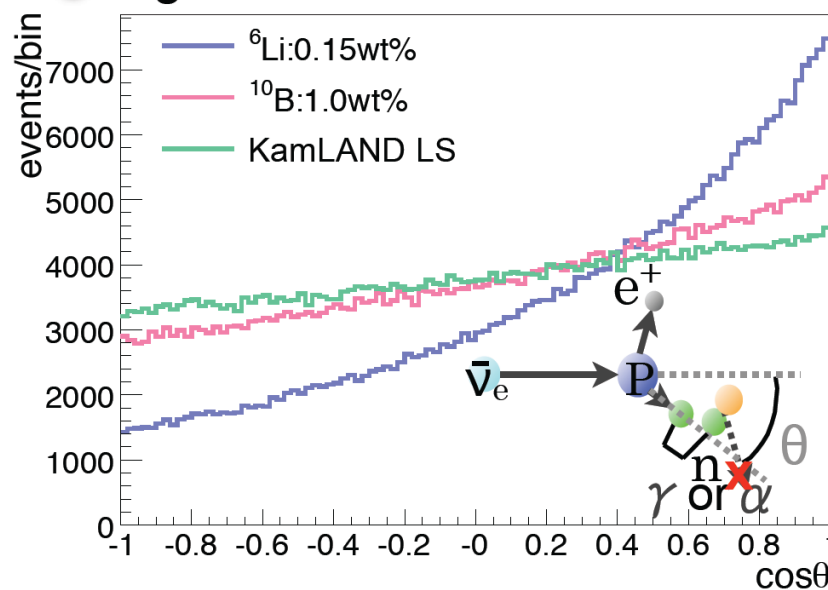
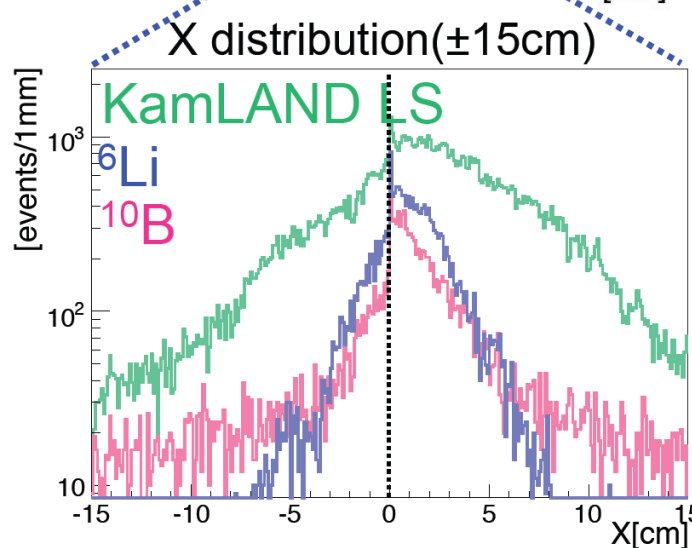
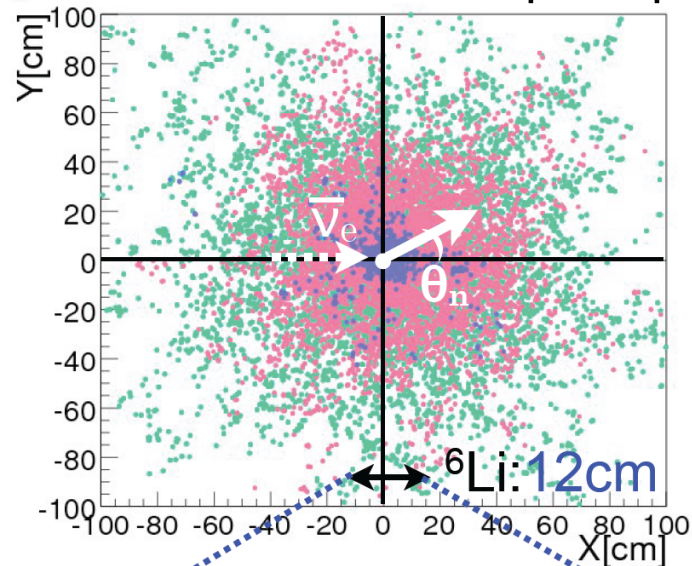
## Positron track, and fitting to it



Glenn Joshcer, IAI

# Angular Response Studies for KamLAND

neutron diffuse and capture point      angler resolution



	angler resolution $\Delta\theta$	$\theta > 45^\circ$
<b>best</b> ${}^6\text{Li}$ LS	90.1°	27.7%
${}^{10}\text{B}$ LS	114.1°	19.0%
KamLAND LS	118.6°	17.0%

... miniTimeCube will be much better

# mTC Virtues, Summary

- Small size avoids gammas which smear resolution ( $X \sim 42$  cm)
- Fast pixel timing ( $< 100$ ps) and fast processing of waveforms rejects background in real time, resulting in
- Lack of need for shielding (unlike other detectors).
- Feasible even in high noise environment, near reactor vessel, at surface (eg. in a truck).
- Neutrino directionality via precision measure of positron production and neutron absorption locations.
- Challenges: build one and demonstrate, scale up, make more economically.
- Question under present study: Can we attack RANA with this?

## Conclusion: Much Fun to be Had Untangling the Secrets of the Neutrinos

- Probably a hundred neutrino projects, large and small, underway around the world.
- This talk does no justice to the scope of the programs at accelerators, and with reactors and natural sources.
- Hopefully you get the sense of adventure as we look for the newest twists and surprises from the wily neutrino