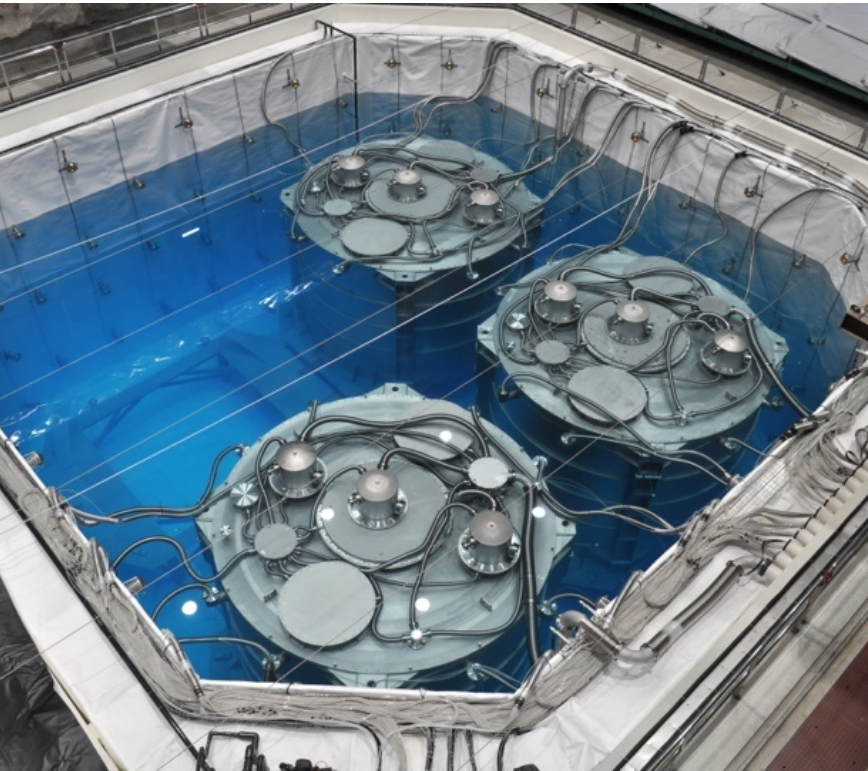


Reactor Neutrino Experiments: Recent Results and Future Prospects

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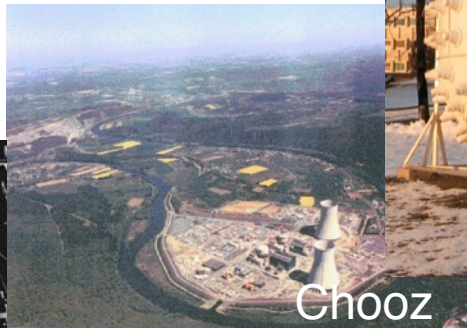
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Past Reactor Experiments

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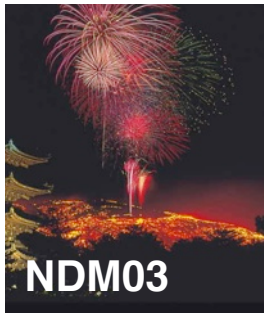


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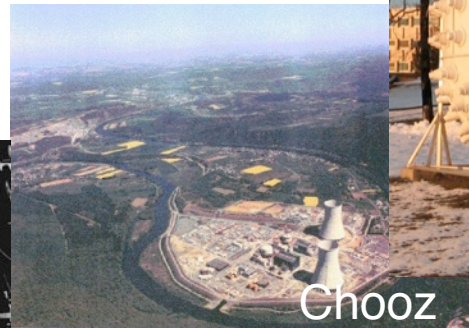
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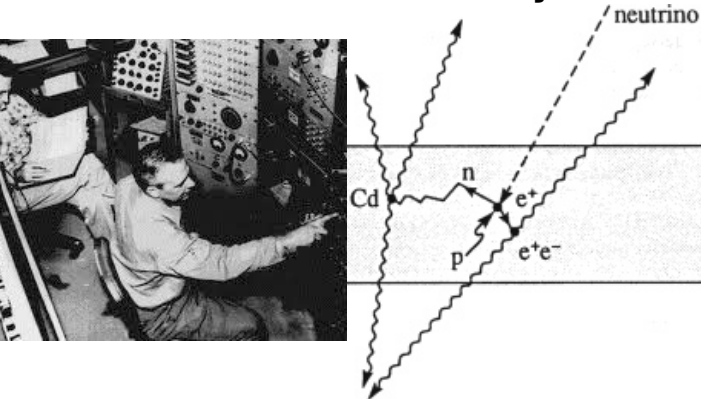
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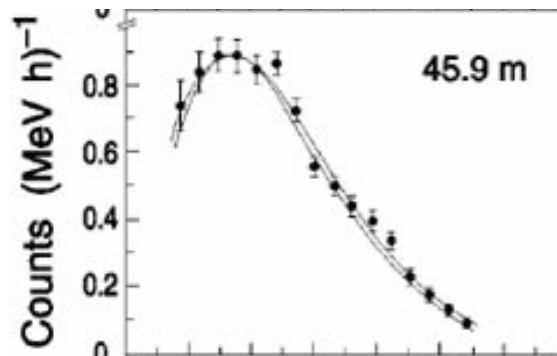
Physics with Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$

Discoveries and Precision Measurements of Neutrino Properties

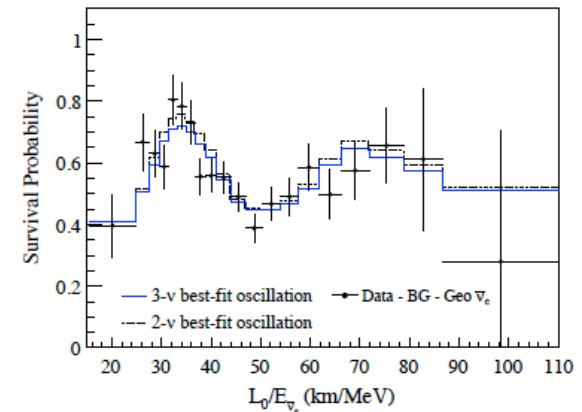
Antineutrino Discovery



Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ Spectra

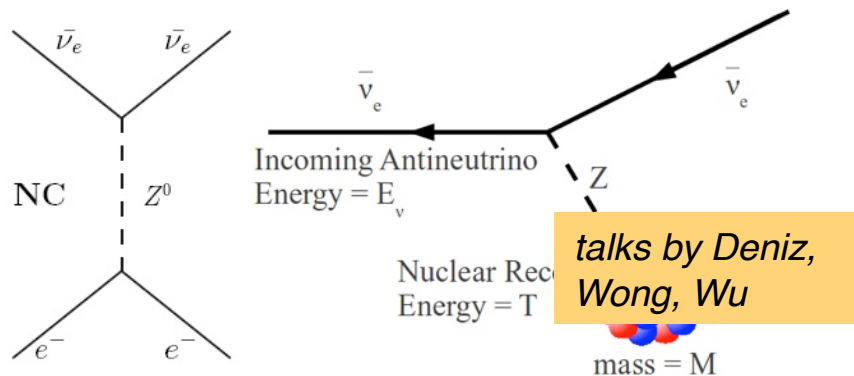


$\bar{\nu}_e$ Oscillations

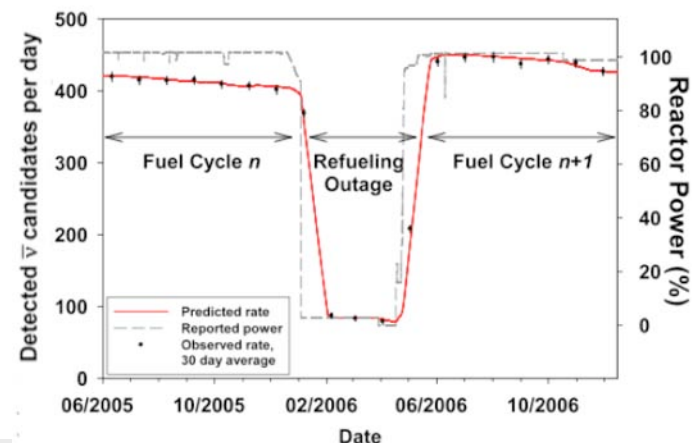


Searches for New Physics

neutrino magnetic moment and
coherent scattering searches



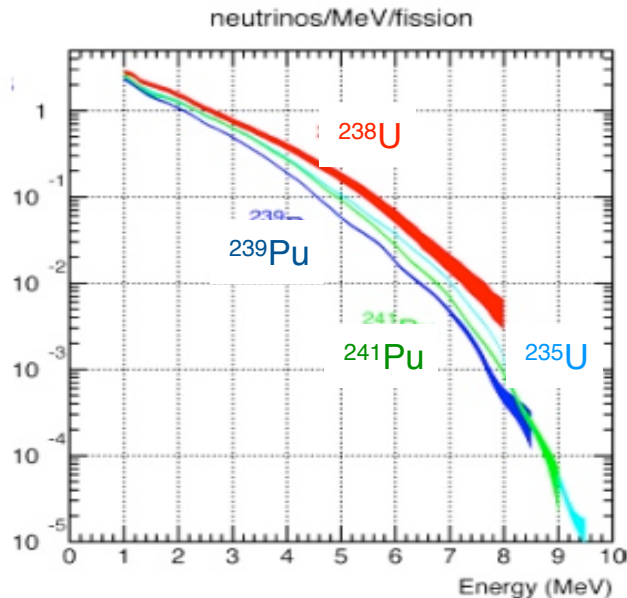
Reactor Monitoring and Application fuel burnup and isotopic composition



Reactor Antineutrinos

Source

$\bar{\nu}_e$ from β -decays
of n-rich fission products



$$^{235}\text{U} : ^{238}\text{U} : ^{239}\text{Pu} : ^{241}\text{Pu} = 0.570 : 0.078 : 0.0295 : 0.057$$

~ 200 MeV per fission

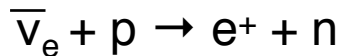
~ 6 $\bar{\nu}_e$ per fission

~ $2 \times 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e / \text{GW}_{\text{th}}\text{-sec}$

pure $\bar{\nu}_e$ source

Detection

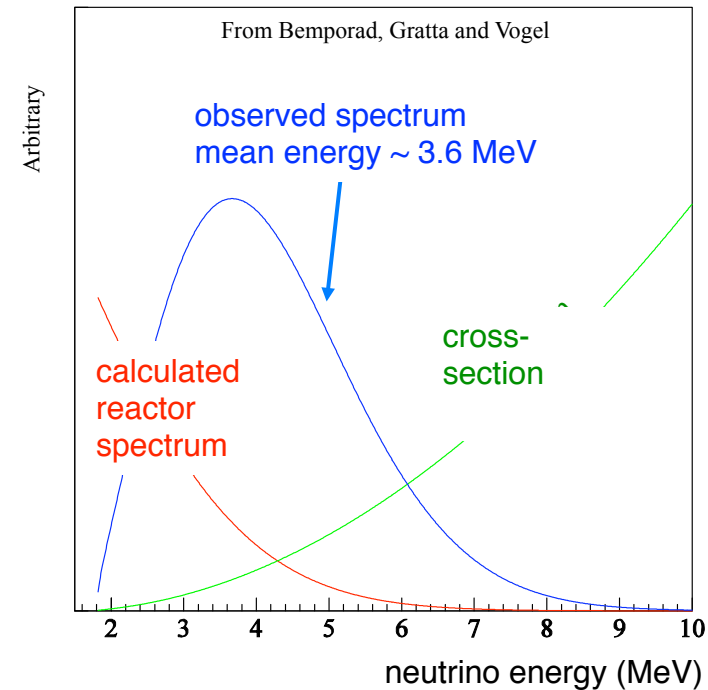
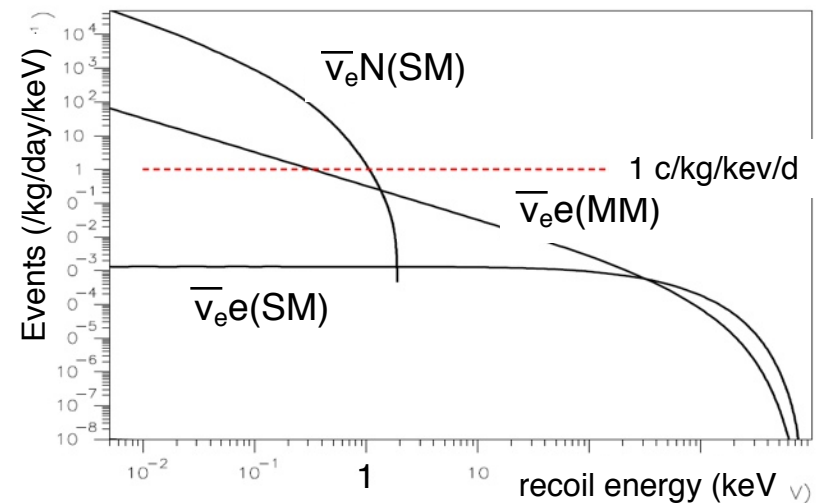
inverse β -decay



observable **rate** and
energy spectrum

only disappearance
experiments possible

$\bar{\nu}_e$ scattering



Oscillation Experiments with Reactors



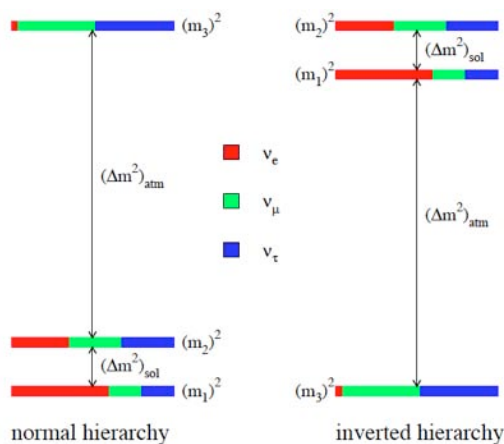
Measure (non)- $1/r^2$ behavior of $\bar{\nu}_e$ interaction rate

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

$L/E \rightarrow \Delta m^2$

amplitude of oscillation $\rightarrow \theta$

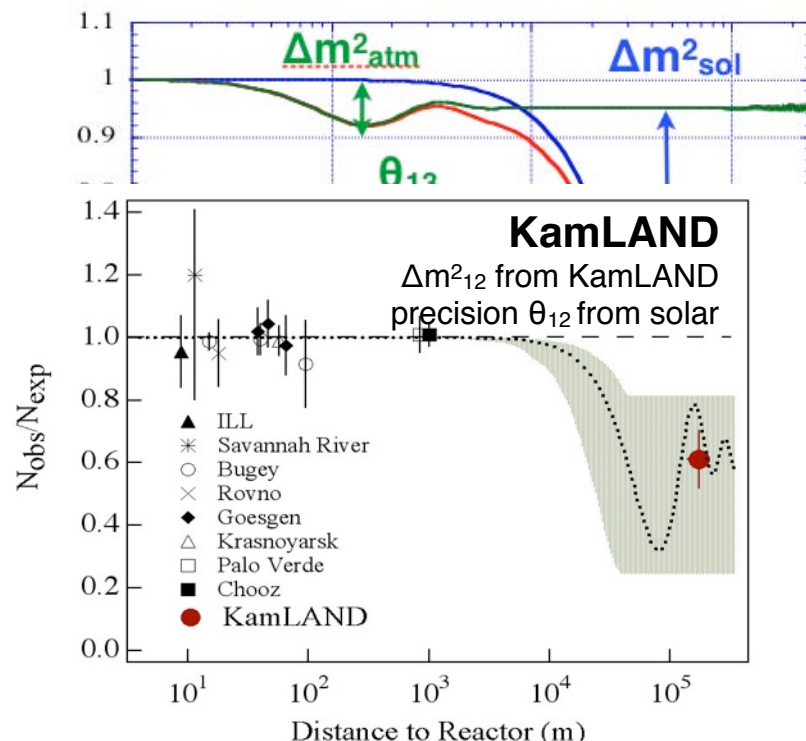
for 3 active ν , two different oscillation length scales: $\Delta m_{12}^2, \Delta m_{23}^2$



$$\Delta m_{12}^2 \sim 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 \sim 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 \approx \Delta m_{13}^2$$



Measuring θ_{13} with Reactor Experiments

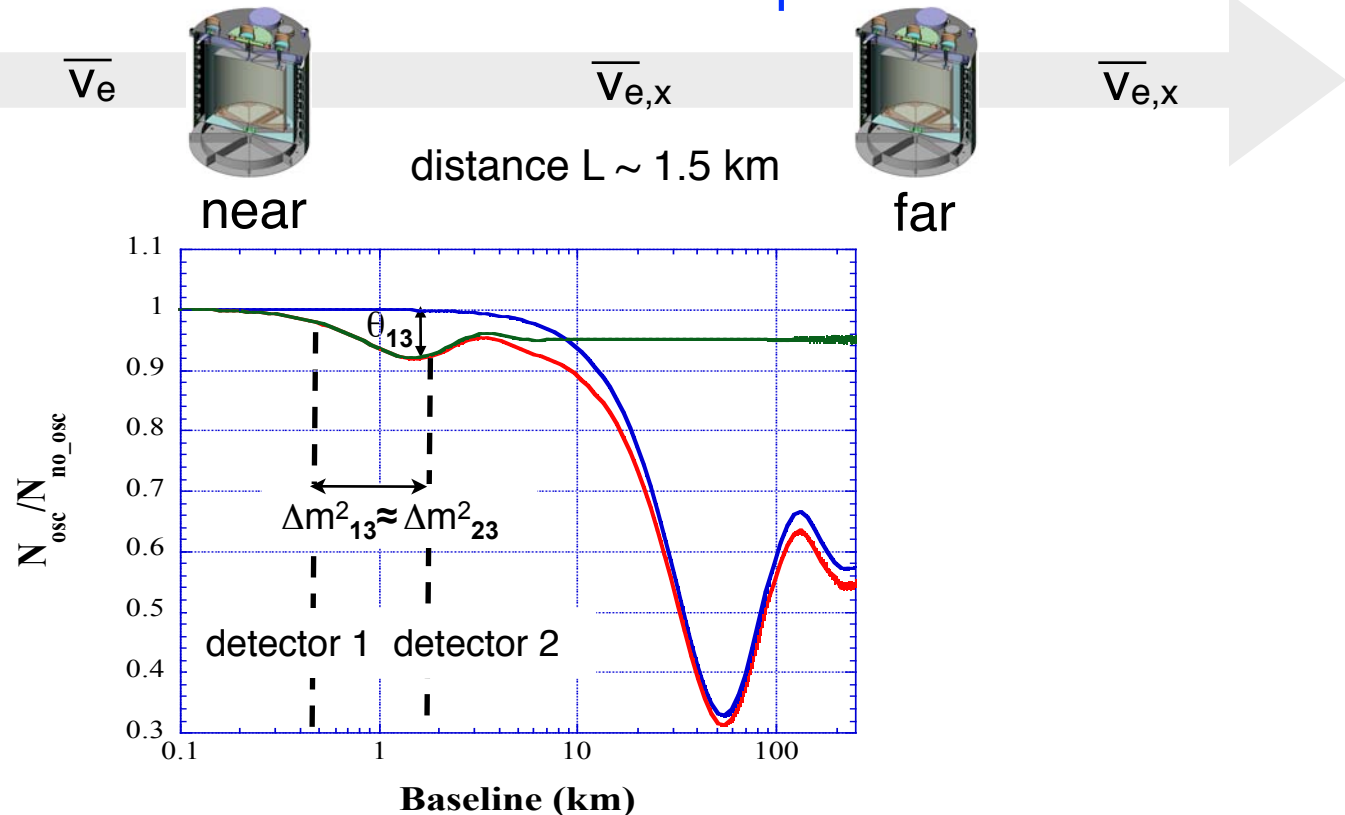


Absolute Reactor Flux
Largest uncertainty in
previous measurements

Relative Measurement
Removes absolute
uncertainties!

First proposed by L. A.
Mikaelyan and V.V. Sinev,
Phys. Atomic Nucl. 63 1002
(2000)

Near-Far Concept



$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left(\frac{N_{p,f}}{N_{p,n}} \right) \left(\frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left[\frac{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_f)}{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_n)} \right]$$

far/near $\bar{\nu}_e$ ratio
target mass
distances
efficiency
oscillation deficit

Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant



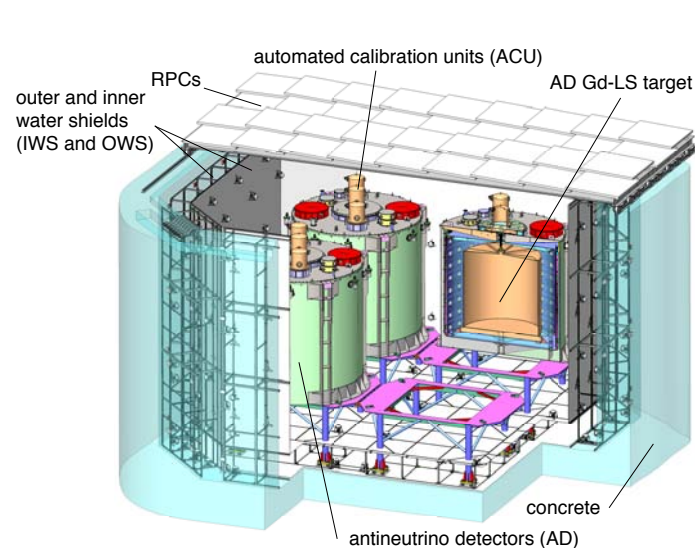
A Powerful Neutrino Source

- Among the top 5 most powerful reactor complexes in the world, producing $17.4 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$ ($6 \times 2.95 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$)
- All 6 reactors are in commercial operation
- Adjacent to mountains; convenient to construct tunnels and underground labs with sufficient overburden to suppress cosmic rays



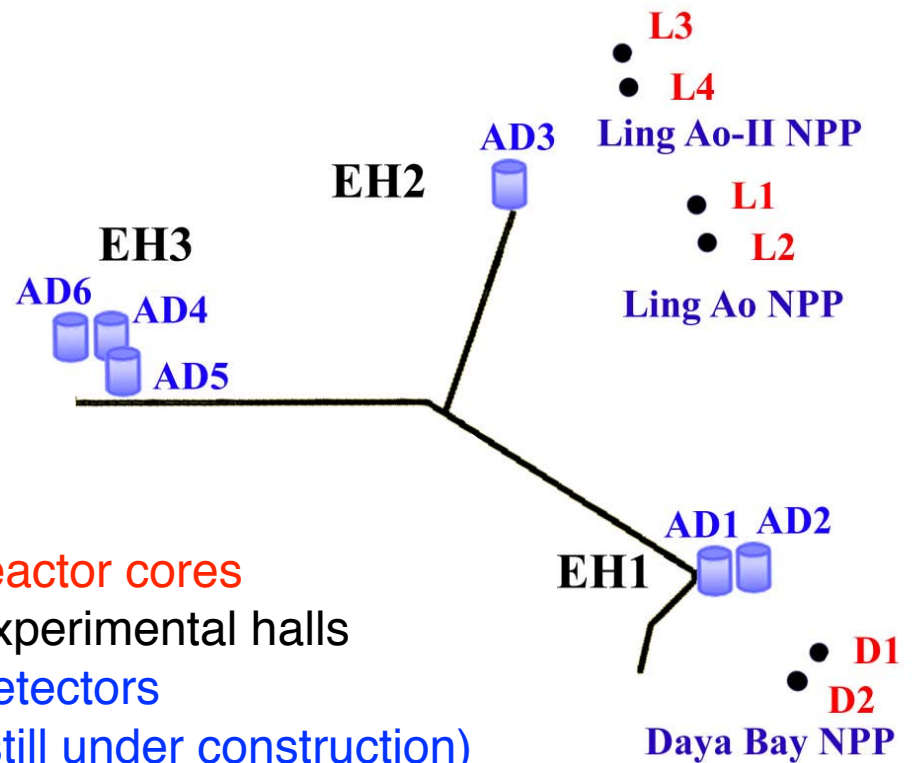
Reactors produce $\sim 2 \times 10^{20}$ antineutrinos/sec/GW

Daya Bay Experiment Layout

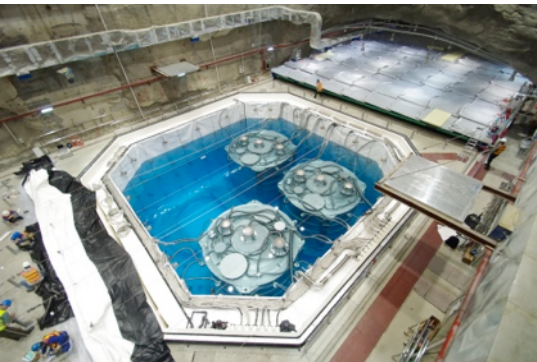


	Overburden	R_{μ}	E_{μ}	D1,2	L1,2	L3,4
EH1	250	1.27	57	364	857	1307
EH2	265	0.95	58	1348	480	528
EH3	860	0.056	137	1912	1540	1548

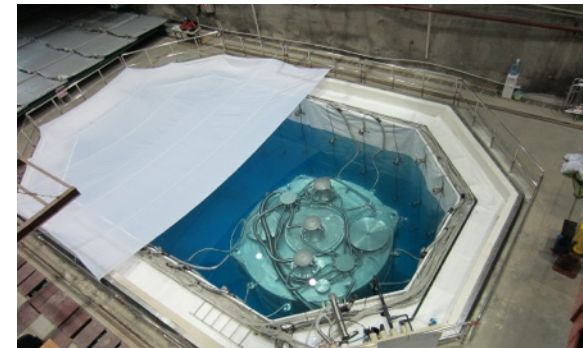
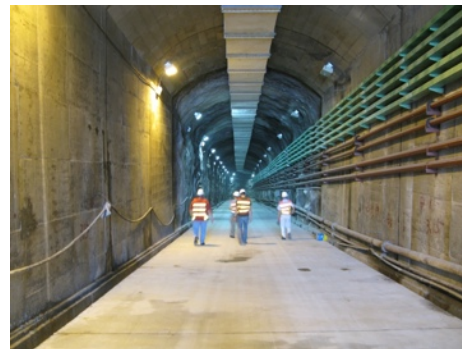
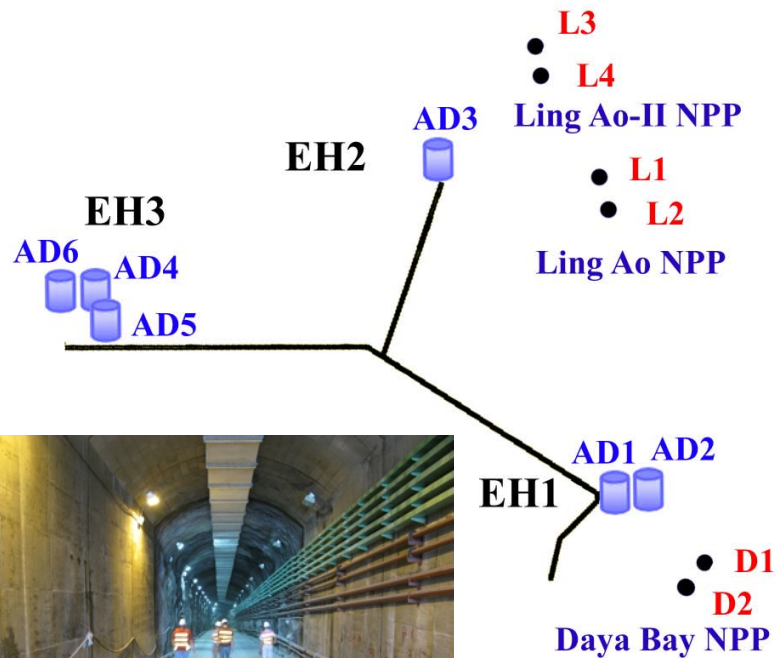
6 reactor cores
 3 experimental halls
 6 detectors
 (2 still under construction)



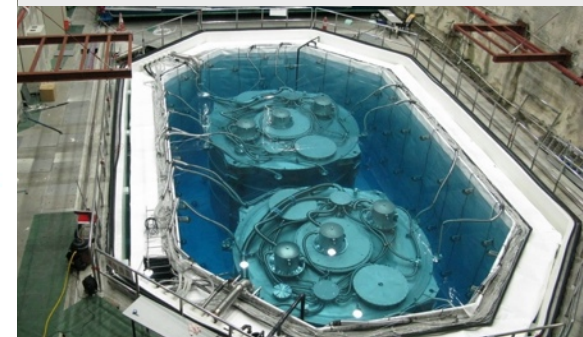
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Hall 3: began 3 AD operation on Dec. 24, 2011



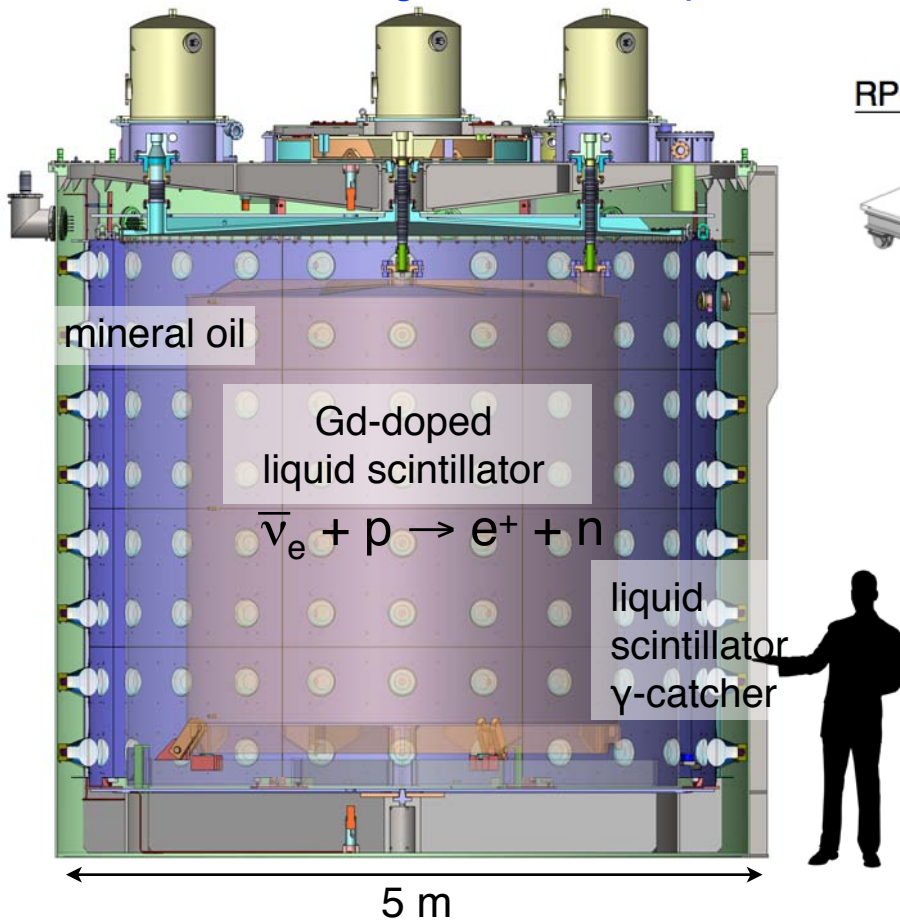
Hall 2: began 1 AD operation on Nov. 5, 2011



Hall 1: began 2 AD operation on Sep. 23, 2011

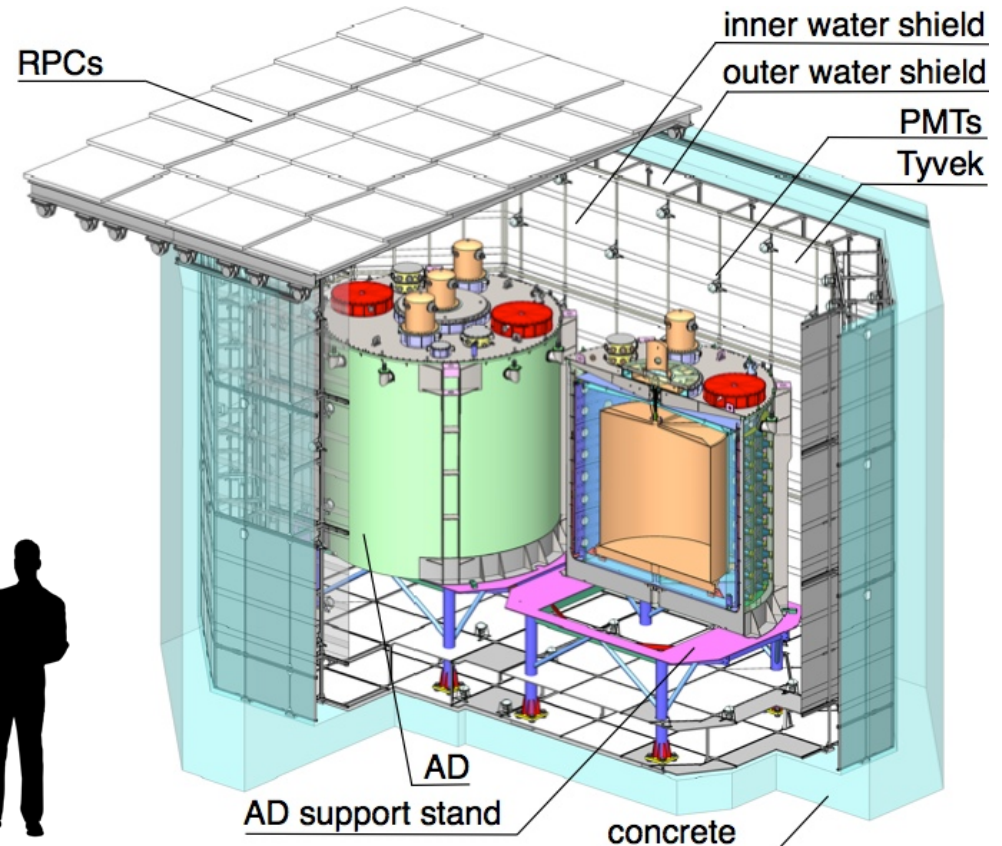
Daya Bay Detectors

6 “functionally identical” detectors
Gd-LS defines target volume, no position cut



target mass: 20 ton per AD
photosensors: 192 8"-PMTs
energy resolution: $(7.5 / \sqrt{E} + 0.9)\%$

Dual tagging systems: 2.5 meter water shield and RPCs



Two-zone ultrapure water Cherenkov detector
multiple detectors allow comparison and cross-checks

Liquid Scintillator Hall



Liquid Scintillator Hall

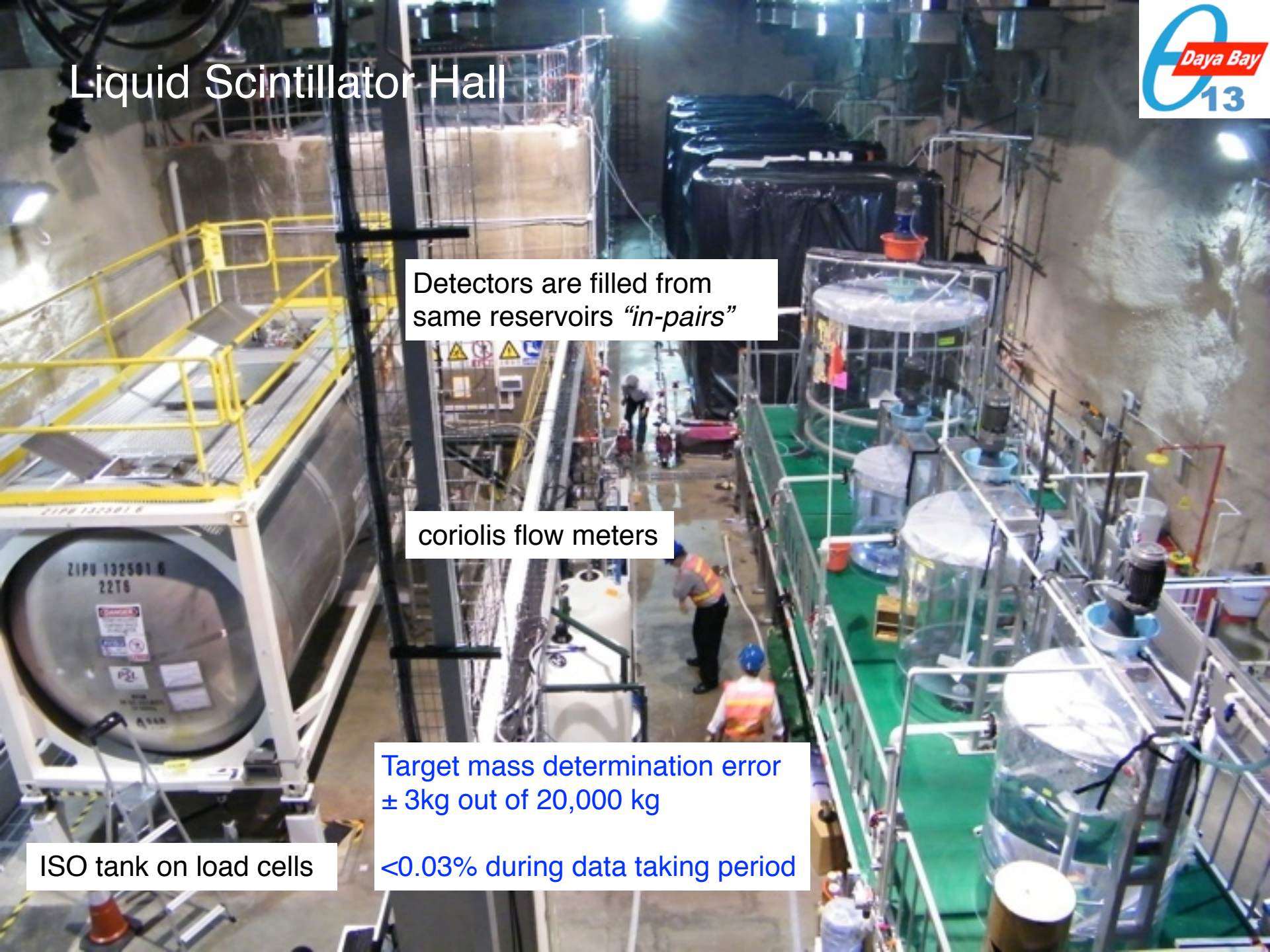
Detectors are filled from same reservoirs “in-pairs”

coriolis flow meters

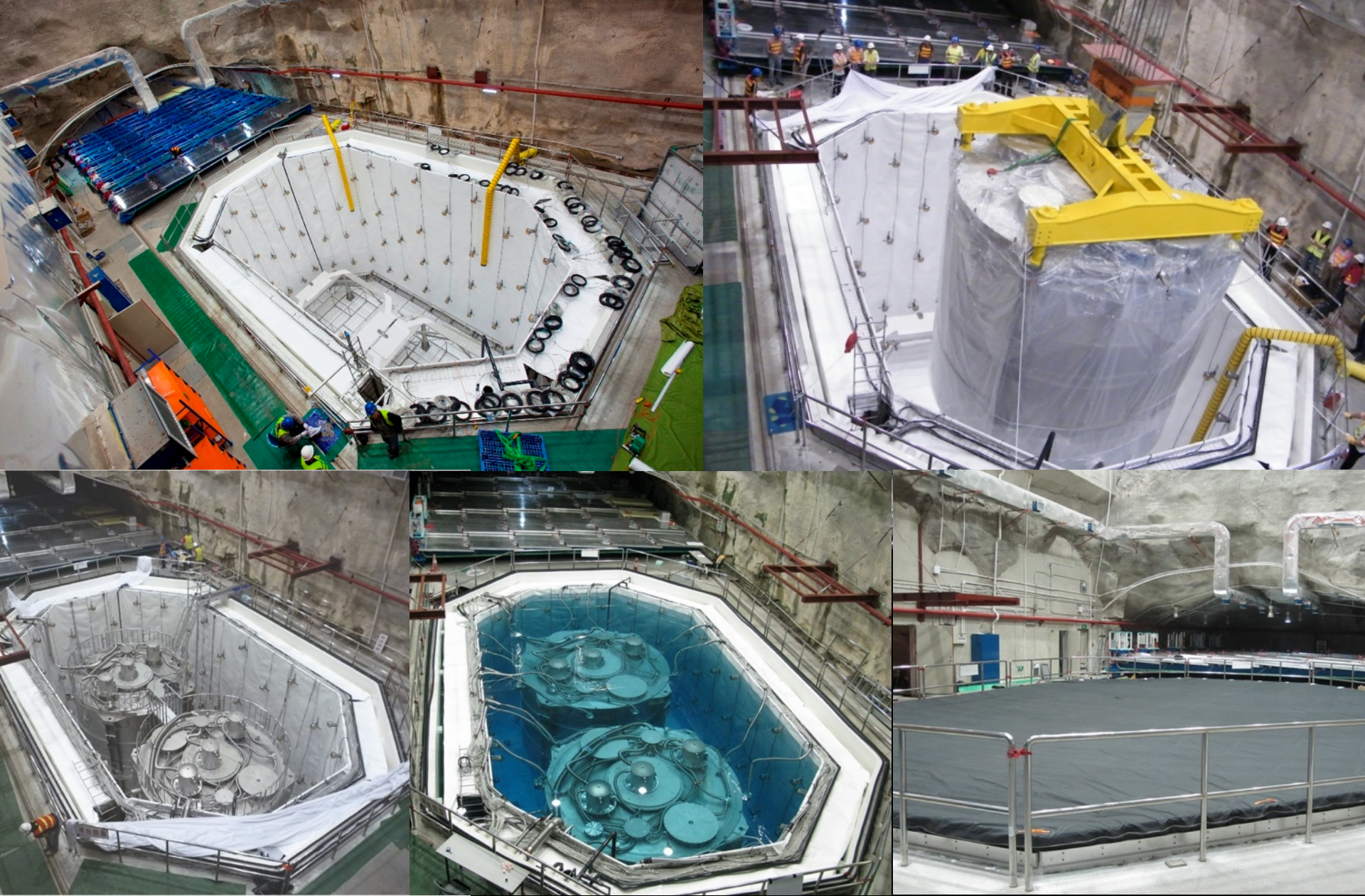
Target mass determination error
 $\pm 3\text{kg}$ out of 20,000 kg

ISO tank on load cells

$<0.03\%$ during data taking period



Antineutrino Detector Installation - Near Hall



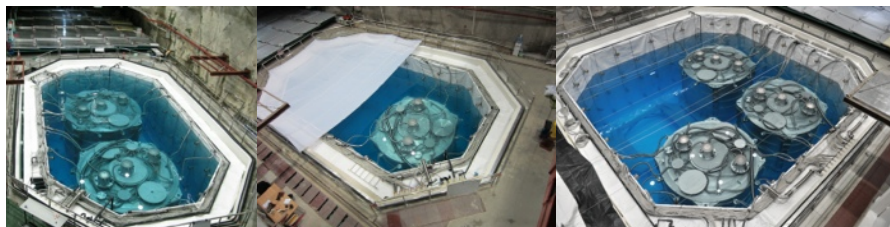
Data Periods



Daya Bay Collab.
arXiv:1202.6181 (2012)
accepted in NIMA

Two Detector Side-by-Side Comparison

- Sep. 23, 2011 – Dec. 23, 2011
- Side-by-side comparison of 2 detectors
- Demonstrated detector systematics 2x better than TDR
- **Detector-related relative uncertainty: 0.2%**



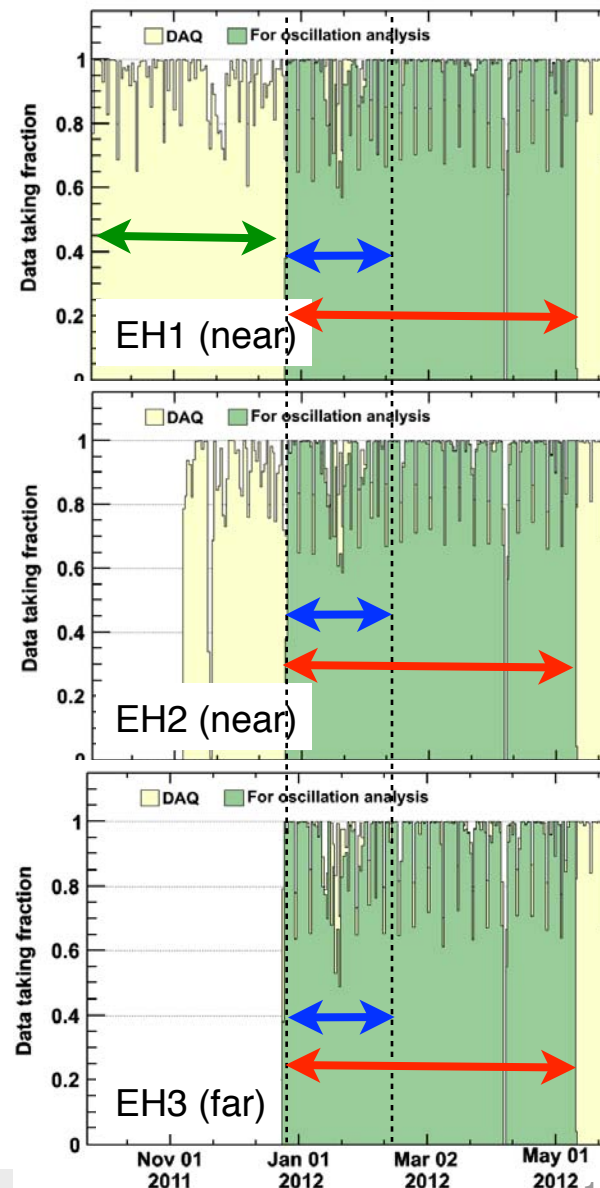
First Oscillation Analysis

- Dec. 24, 2011 – Feb. 17, 2012
- All 3 halls (6 ADs) operating
- DAQ uptime: >97%
- Antineutrino data: ~89%
- **observed 6% deficit in detected $\bar{\nu}_e$ at far site**

Daya Bay Collab.
Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 171803

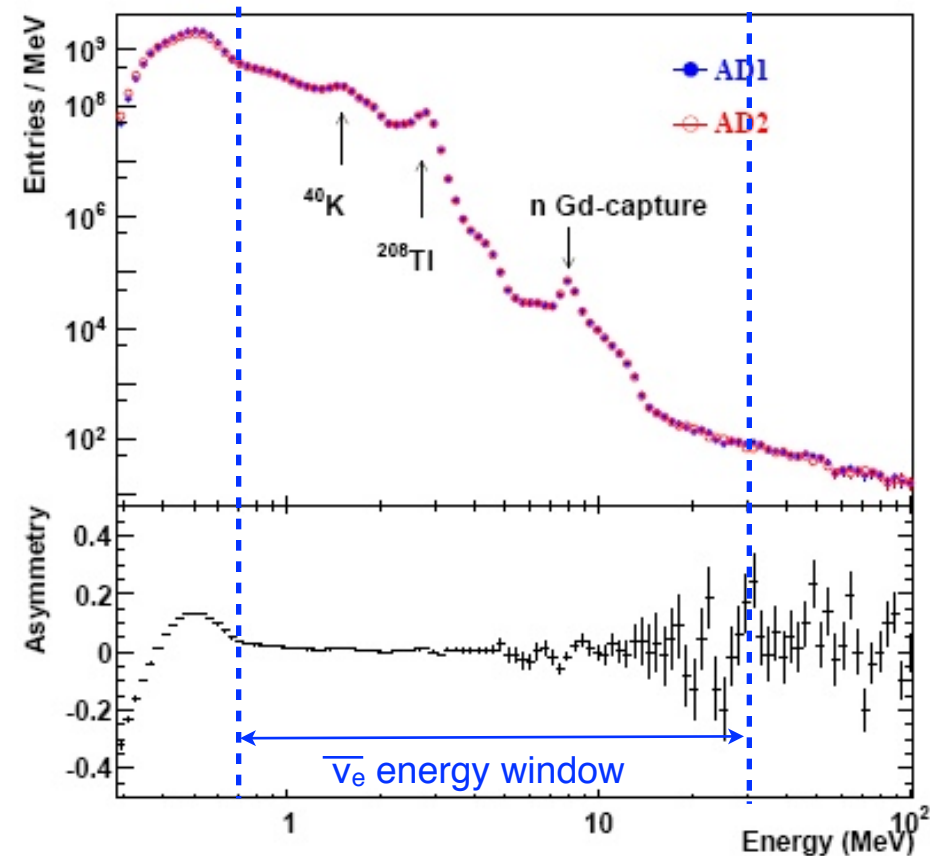
June 2012 Oscillation Analysis

- Dec. 24, 2011 – May 11, 2012
- 2.5x previous data set



Detector Side-by-Side Comparison

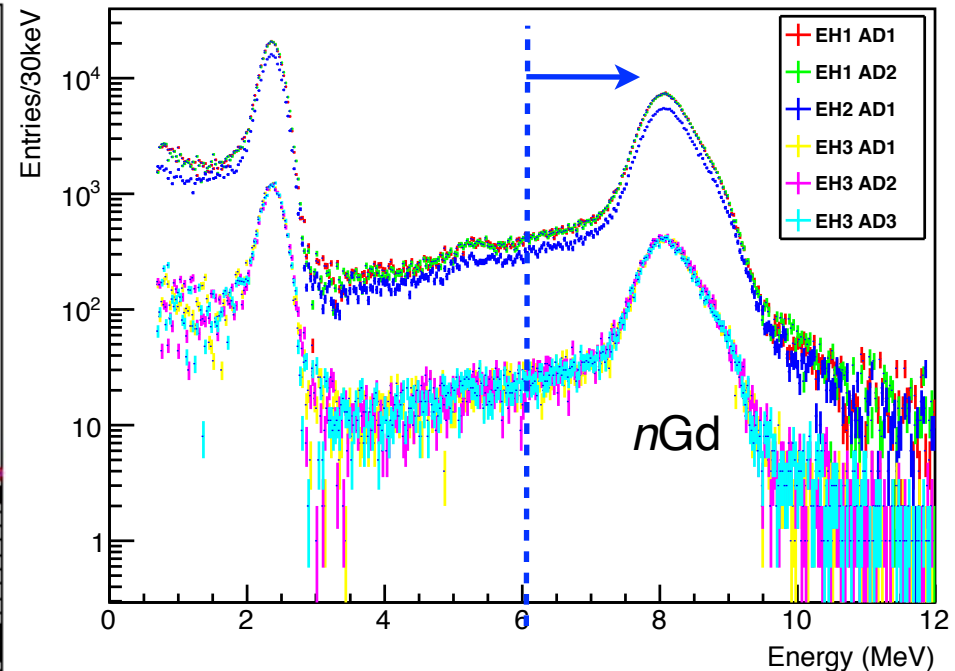
Singles Spectrum of AD1,2 in EH1



$$\text{asymmetry } A = 2 \times \frac{AD1 - AD2}{AD1 + AD2}$$

→ AD's have functionally identical detector response

Spallation Neutron Capture

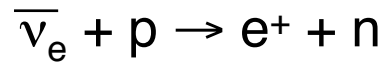


response of all detectors to neutrons
constrains largest systematic uncertainty

→ multiple detectors allow
comparison and cross-checks

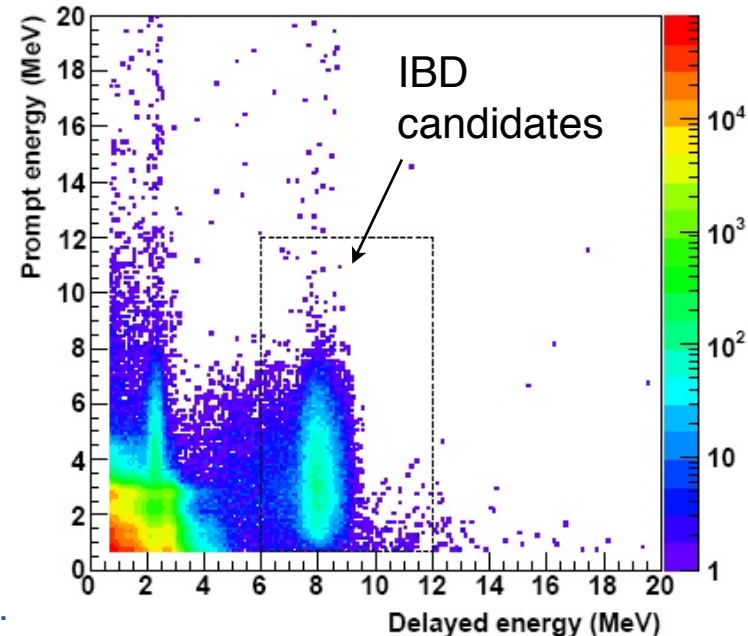
Antineutrino Candidates (Inverse Beta Decay)

Prompt + Delayed Selection

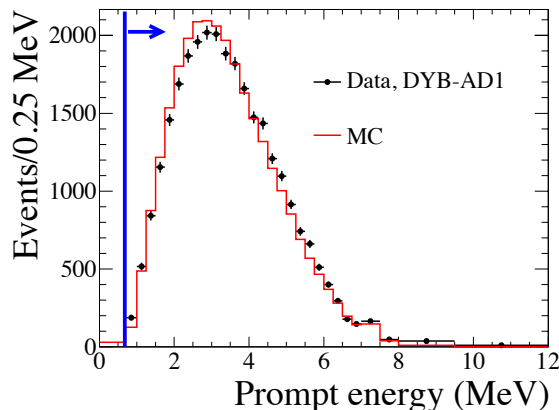


- Reject Flashers
- Prompt Positron: $0.7 \text{ MeV} < E_p < 12 \text{ MeV}$
- Delayed Neutron: $6.0 \text{ MeV} < E_d < 12 \text{ MeV}$
- Capture time: $1 \mu\text{s} < \Delta t < 200 \mu\text{s}$
- Muon Veto:
 - Pool Muon: Reject 0.6ms
 - AD Muon ($>20 \text{ MeV}$): Reject 1ms
 - AD Shower Muon ($>2.5 \text{ GeV}$): Reject 1s
- Multiplicity:

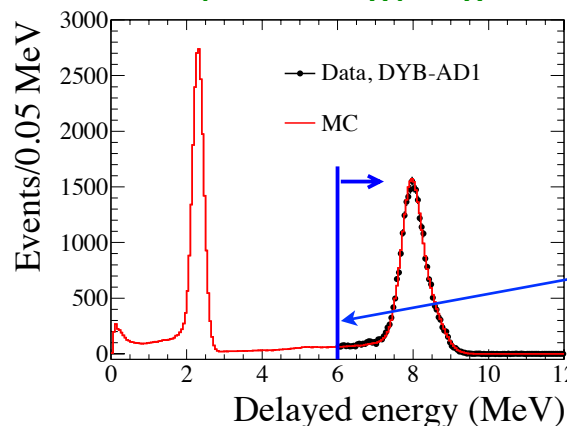
No other signal $> 0.7 \text{ MeV}$ in $-200 \mu\text{s}$ to $200 \mu\text{s}$ of IBD.



Prompt Energy Signal



Delayed Energy Signal



Uncertainty in relative E_d efficiency (0.12%) between detectors is largest systematic.

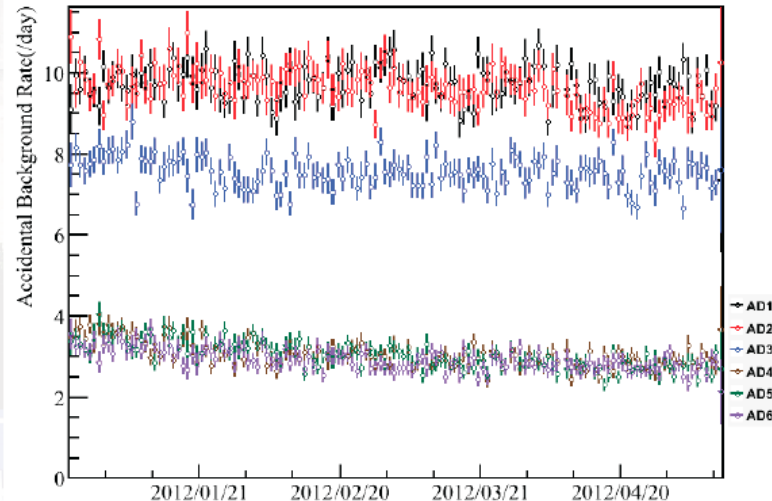
Background Summary

Total backgrounds: 5%(2%) in far(near) halls.

	Near Halls		Far Hall	
	B/S %	$\sigma_{B/S}$ %	B/S %	$\sigma_{B/S}$ %
Accidentals	1.5	0.02	4.0	0.05
fast neutrons	0.12	0.05	0.07	0.03
$^8\text{He}/^9\text{Li}$	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
$^{241}\text{Am}-^{13}\text{C}$	0.03	0.03	0.3	0.3
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$	0.01	0.006	0.05	0.03

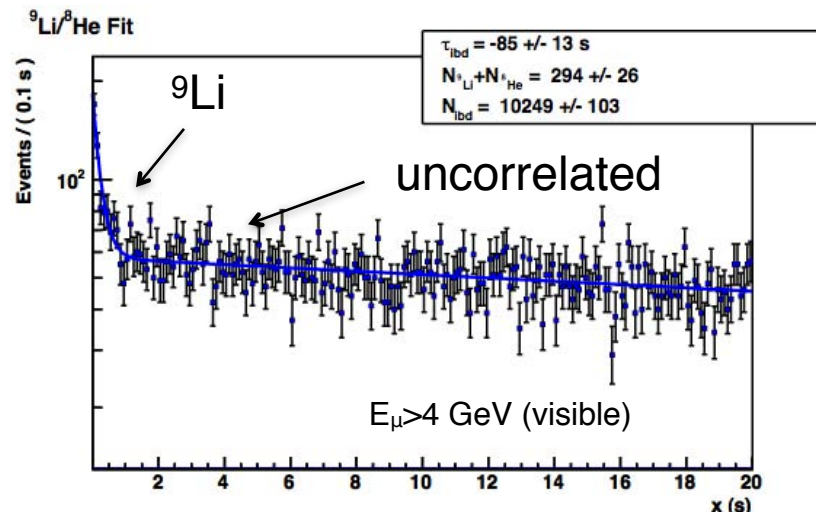
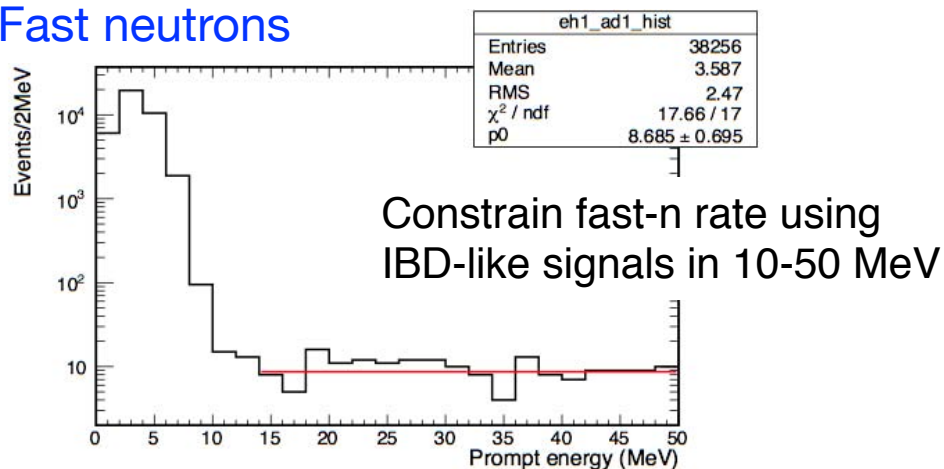
Backgrounds uncertainties are 0.3%(0.2%) in far(near) halls.

Accidentals



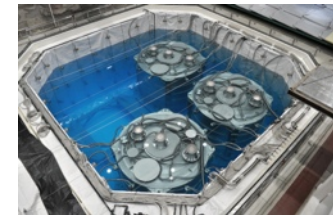
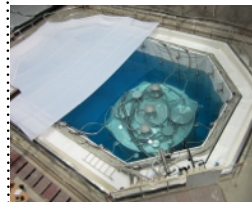
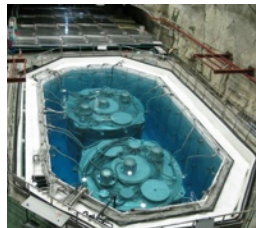
Correlated β -n decay

Fast neutrons



Daya Bay Data Set Summary

~200k near
~30k far detector
antineutrino interactions

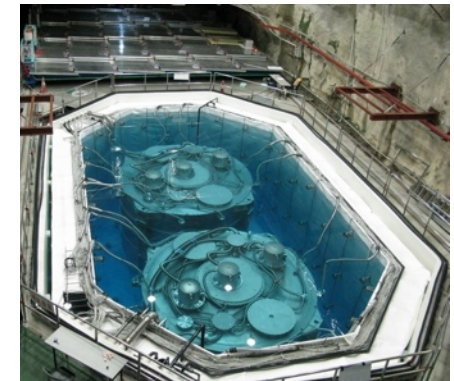
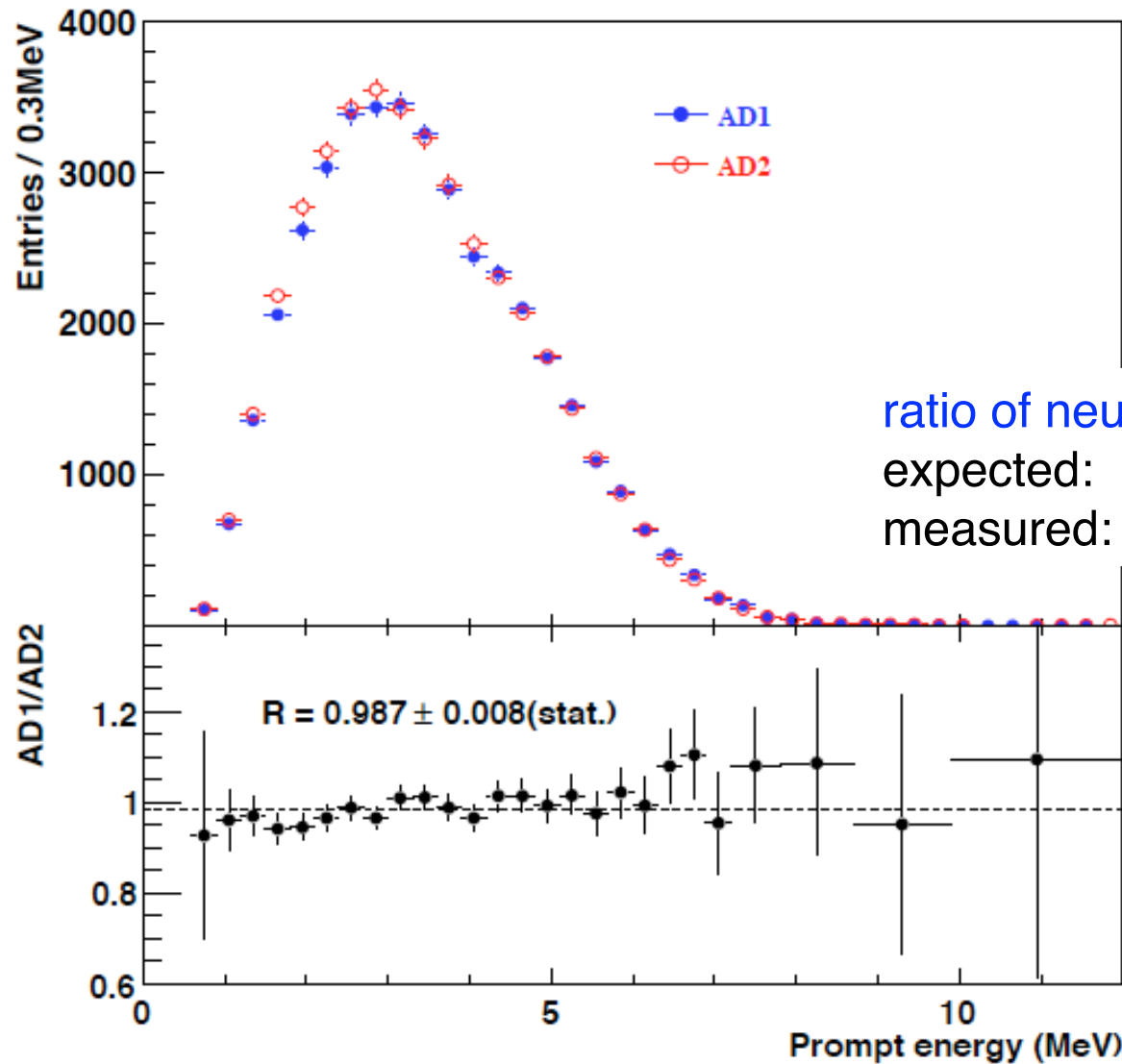


	AD1	AD2	AD3	AD4	AD5	AD6
Antineutrino candidates	69121	69714	66473	9788	9669	3452
DAQ live time (day)	127.5470		127.3763	126.2646		
Efficiency	0.8015	0.7986	0.8364	0.9555	0.9552	0.9547
Accidentals (/day)	9.73±0.10	9.61±0.10	7.55±0.08	3.05±0.04	3.04±0.04	2.93±0.03
Fast neutron (/day)	0.77±0.24	0.77±0.24	0.58±0.33	0.05±0.02	0.05±0.02	0.05±0.02
$^8\text{He}/^9\text{Li}$ (/day)	2.9±1.5		2.0±1.1	0.22±0.12		
Am-C corr. (/day)			0.2±0.2			
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ (/day)	0.08±0.04	0.07±0.04	0.05±0.03	0.04±0.02	0.04±0.02	0.04±0.02
Antineutrino rate (/day)	662.47 ±3.00	670.87 ±3.00	613.53 ±2.69	77.57 ±0.85	76.62 ±0.85	74.97 ±0.84

rates /day/AD

consistent rates for side-by-side detectors
uncertainty dominated by statistics

Side-by-Side Comparison in Near Hall



ratio of neutrino events in AD1 and AD2
expected: **0.981**
measured: **$0.987 \pm 0.008 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.003$**

ratio is not 1 because of
baseline difference

Daya Bay Collab. arXiv:
1202.6181 (2012)

Reactor Flux Expectation



Antineutrino flux is estimated for each reactor core

$$S(E_\nu) = \frac{W_{th}}{\sum_i (f_i/F) e_i} \sum_i^{istopes} (f_i/F) S_i(E_\nu)$$

Reactor operators provide:

- Thermal power data: W_{th}
- Relative isotope fission fractions: f_i

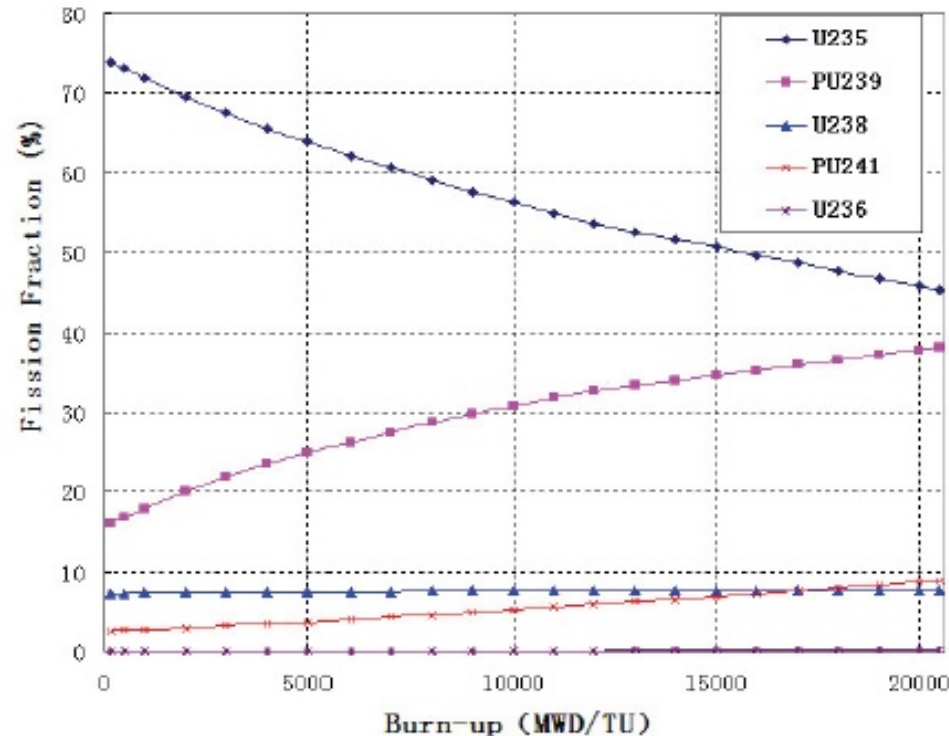
Energy released per fission: e_i

V. Kopekin et al., Phys. Atom. Nucl. 67, 1892 (2004)

Antineutrino spectra per fission: $S_i(E_\nu)$

- K. Schreckenbach et al., Phys. Lett. B160, 325 (1985)
- A. A. Hahn et al., Phys. Lett. B218, 365 (1989)
- P. Vogel et al., Phys. Rev. C24, 1543 (1981)
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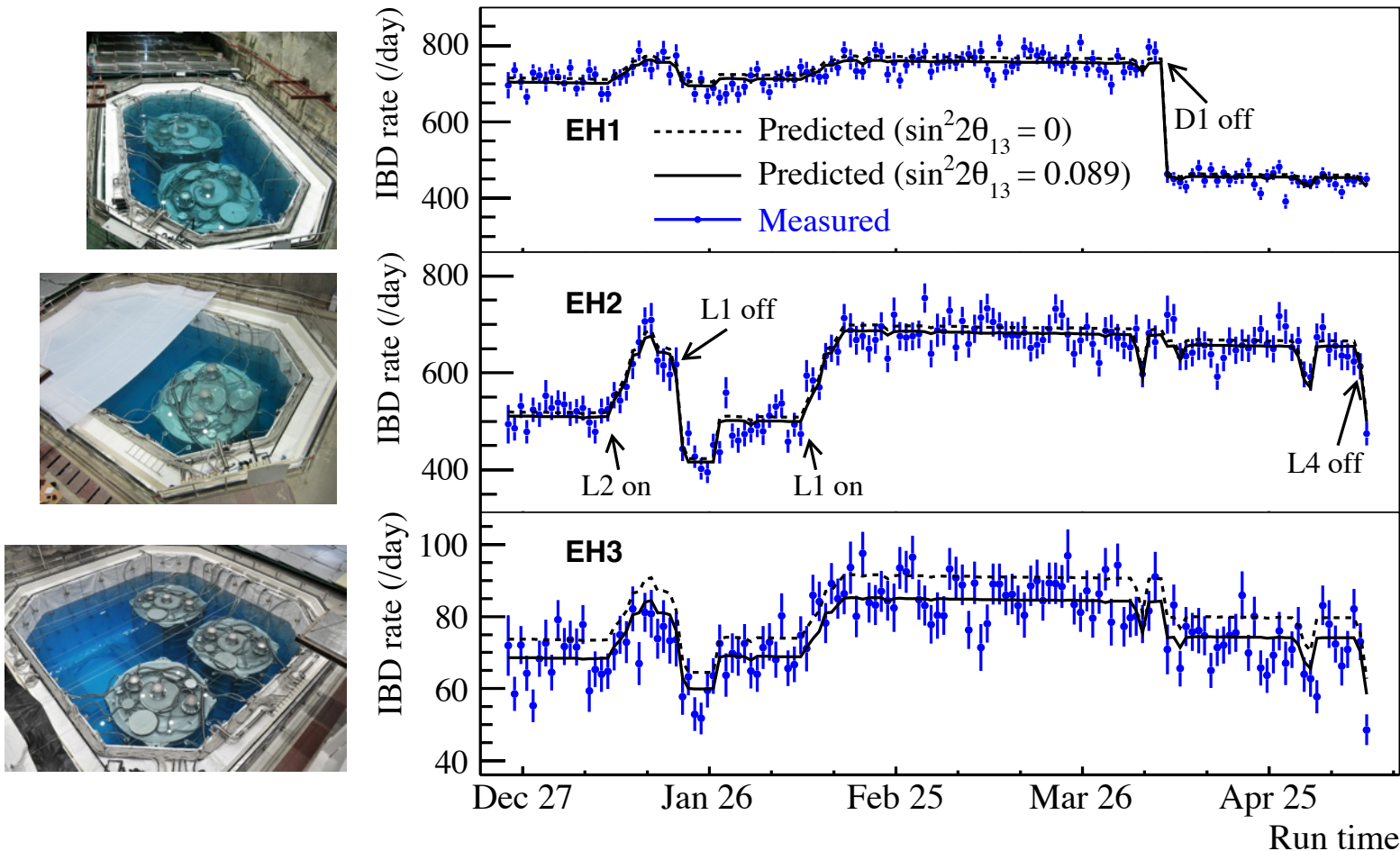
Isotope fission rates vs. reactor burnup



Flux model has negligible impact on far vs. near oscillation measurement

Antineutrino Rate vs. Time

Detected rate strongly correlated with reactor flux expectations



Predicted Rate assumes no oscillation.

Normalization is determined by fit to near detector data.

Uncertainty Summary

Detector		
	Efficiency	Correlated
Target Protons		0.47%
Flasher cut	99.98%	0.01%
Delayed energy cut	90.9%	0.6%
Prompt energy cut	99.88%	0.10%
Multiplicity cut		0.02%
Capture time cut	98.6%	0.12%
Gd capture ratio	83.8%	0.8%
Spill-in	105.0%	1.5%
Livetime	100.0%	0.002%
Combined	78.8%	1.9%

For near/far oscillation, only uncorrelated uncertainties are used.

Largest systematics are smaller than far site statistics (~1%)

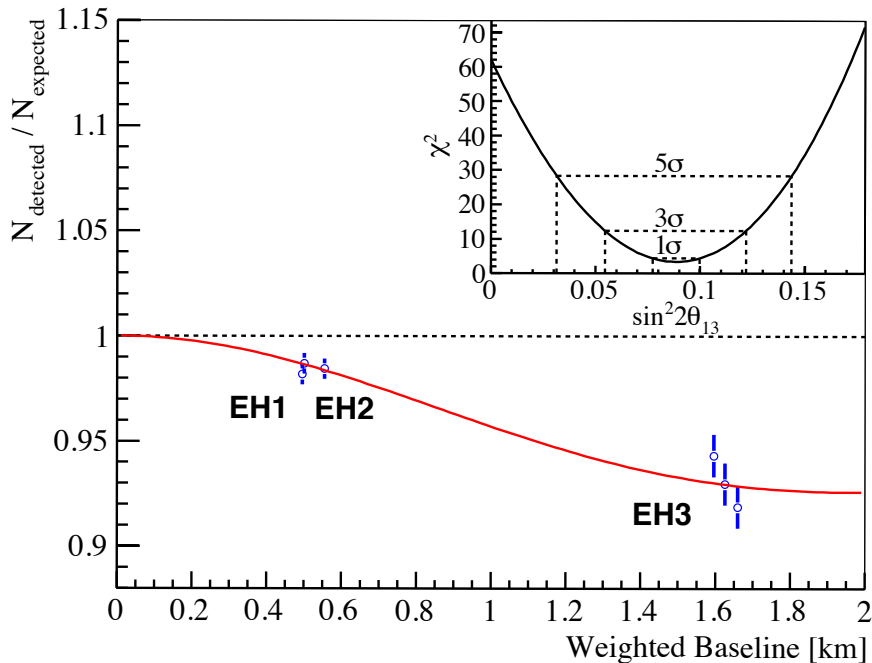
uncorrelated detector uncertainty

Reactor			
Correlated		Uncorrelated	
Energy/fission	0.2%	Power	0.5%
$\bar{\nu}_e$ /fission	3%	Fission fraction	0.6%
		Spent fuel	0.3%
Combined	3%	Combined	0.8%

Influence of uncorrelated reactor systematics is reduced to by far vs near measurement.

uncorrelated reactor uncertainty

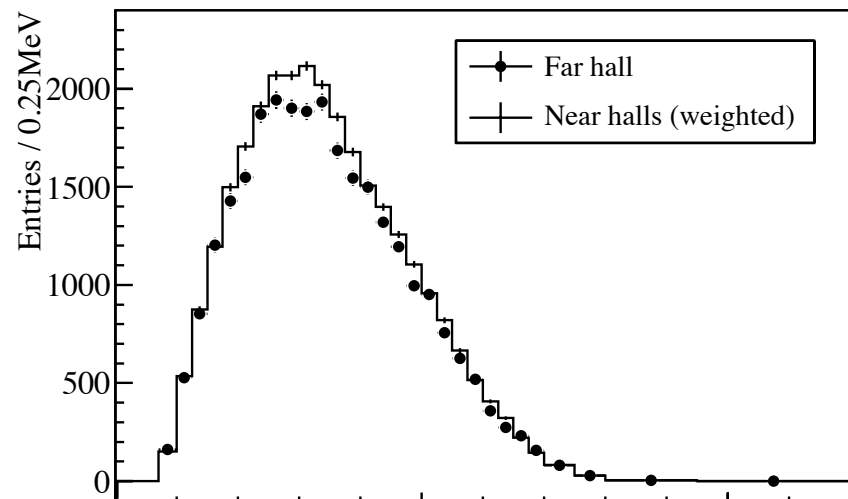
Rate Deficit & Near/Far Ratio



Far vs. near relative measurement.
Absolute rate is not constrained.

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

Most precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ to date.



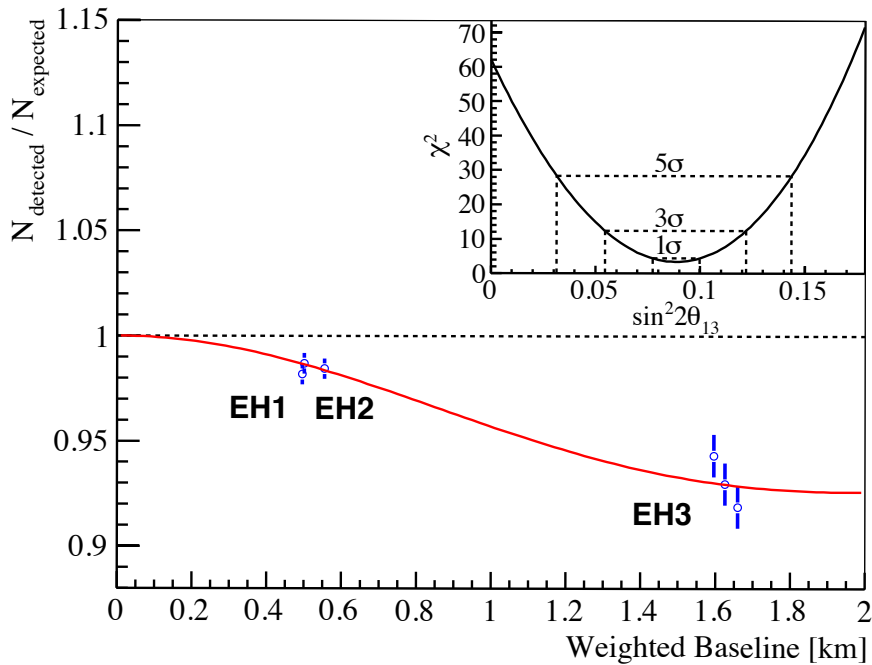
$$R = \frac{Far_{\text{measured}}}{Far_{\text{expected}}} = \frac{M_4 + M_5 + M_6}{\sum_{i=4}^6 (\alpha_i (M_1 + M_2) + \beta_i M_3)}$$

M_n are the measured rates in each detector. Weights α_i, β_i are determined from baselines and reactor fluxes.

$$R = 0.944 \pm 0.007 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.003 \text{ (syst)}$$

Clear observation of far site deficit.

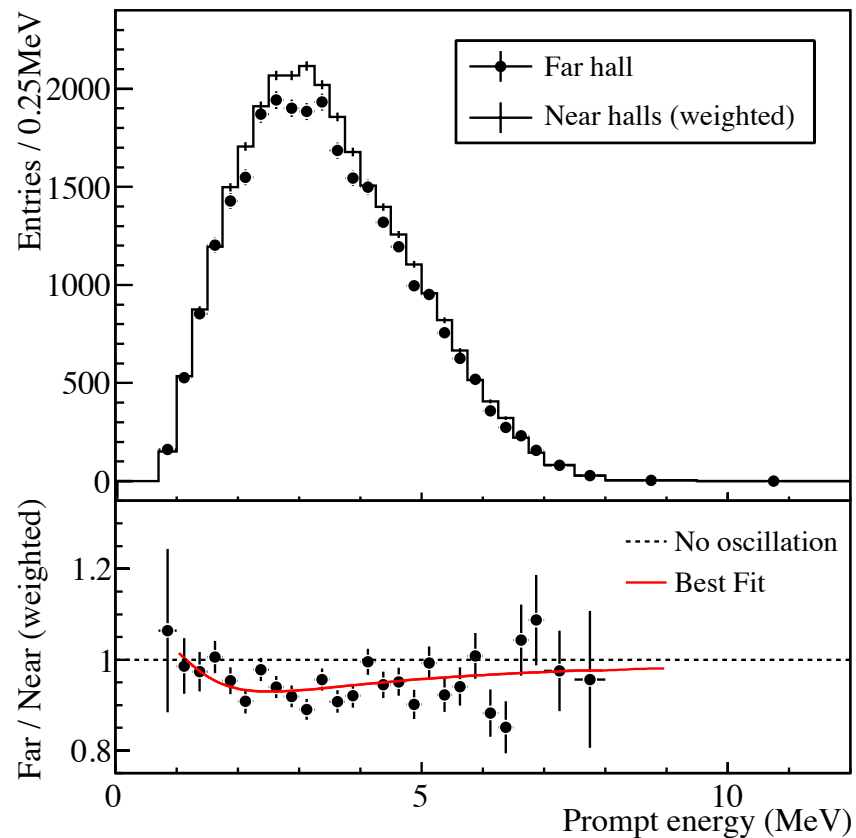
Rate Deficit & Near/Far Ratio



Far vs. near relative measurement.
Absolute rate is not constrained.

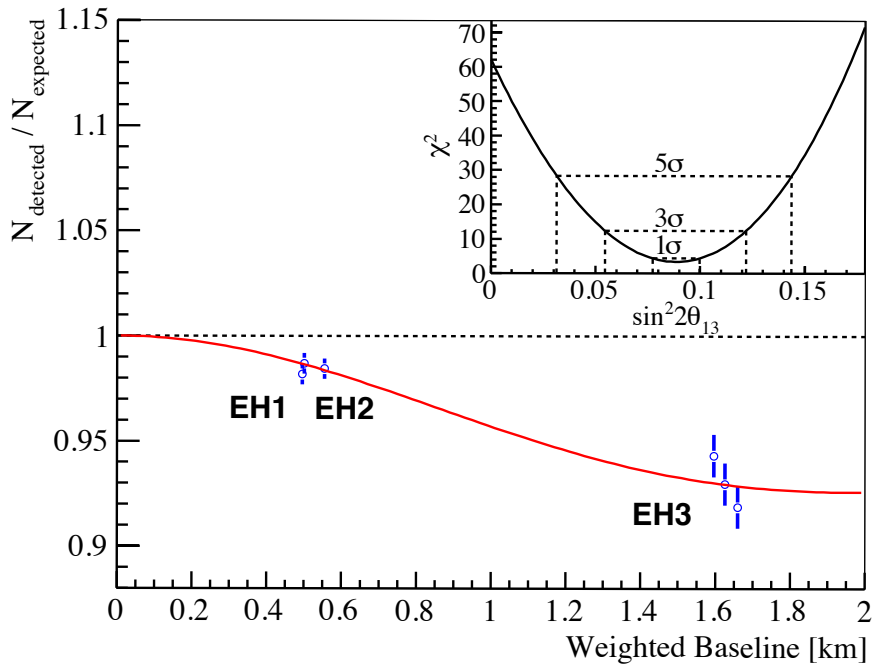
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst)}$$

Most precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ to date.



Spectral distortion consistent with expected oscillation from rate analysis*
(* Caveat: Spectral systematics not yet fully studied)

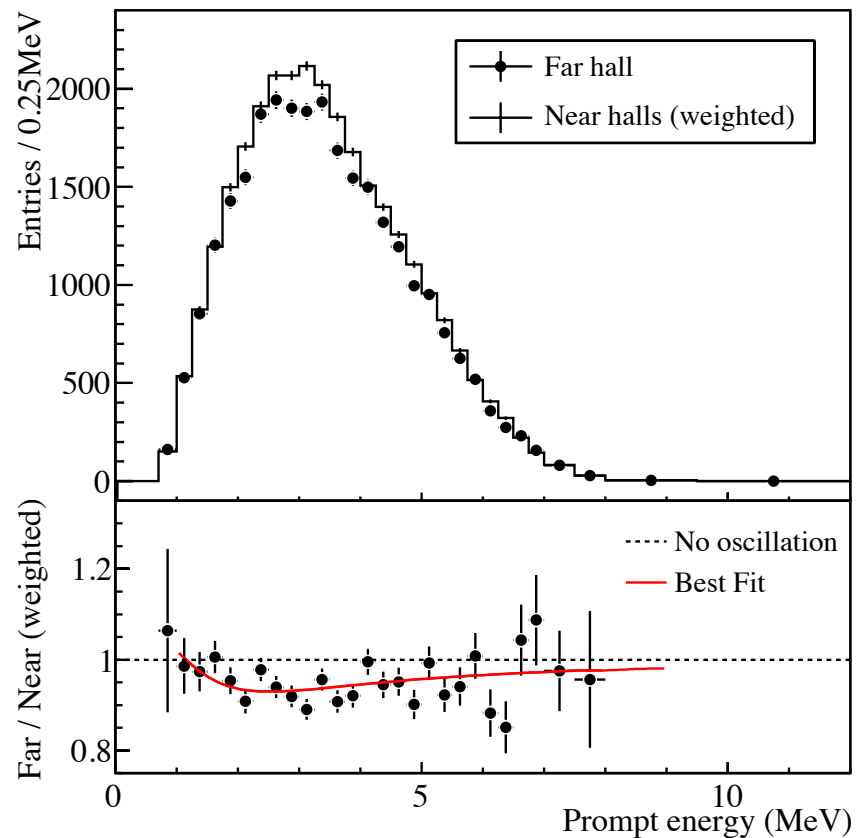
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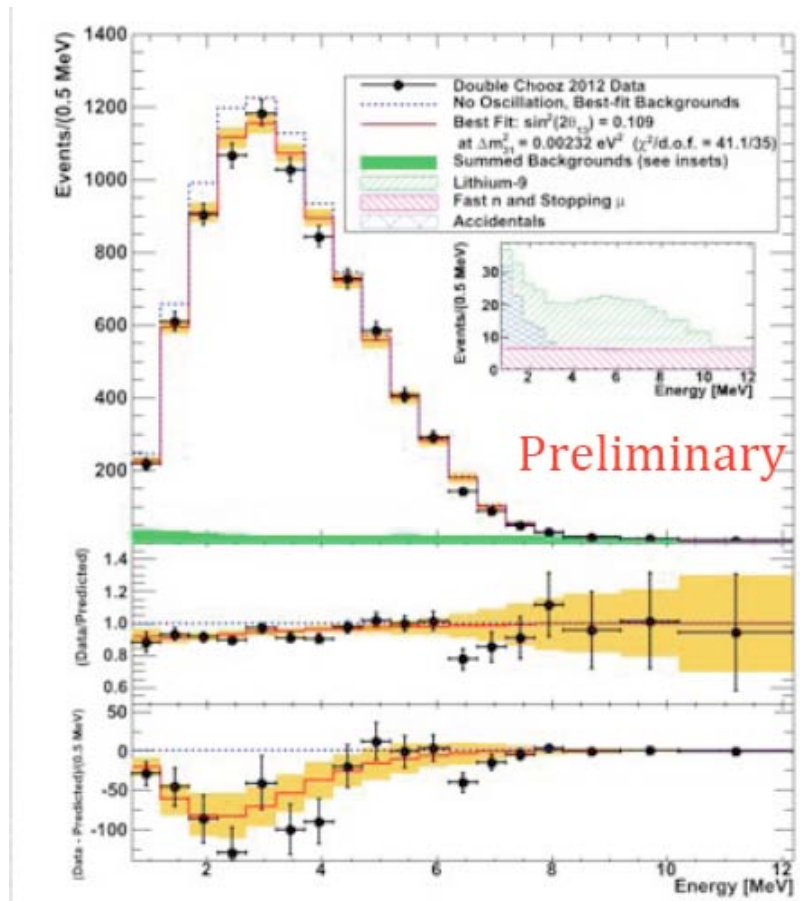
Next

- shape analysis for oscillation ($\theta_{13}, \Delta m_{13}^2$)
- spectral shape vs reactor prediction
- absolute flux normalization

stay tuned!

Other Reactor Experiments

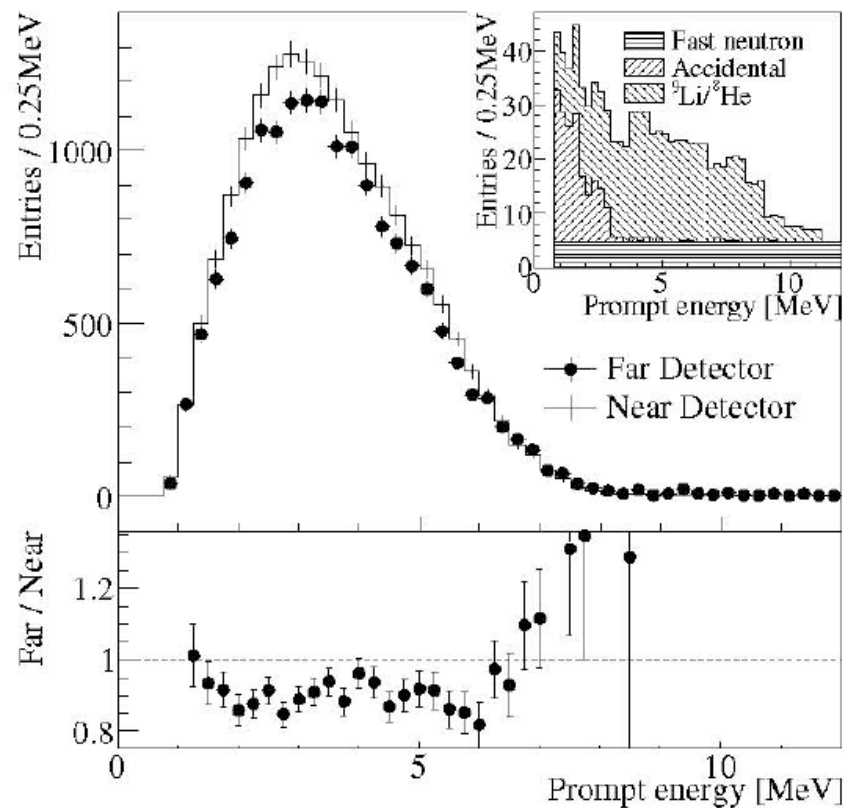
Double Chooz



Rate only: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.170 \pm 0.035(\text{stat}) \pm 0.040(\text{syst})$
 Rate+Shape: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.109 \pm 0.030(\text{stat}) \pm 0.025(\text{syst})$

Ref: Ishitsuka, Neutrino2012

RENO

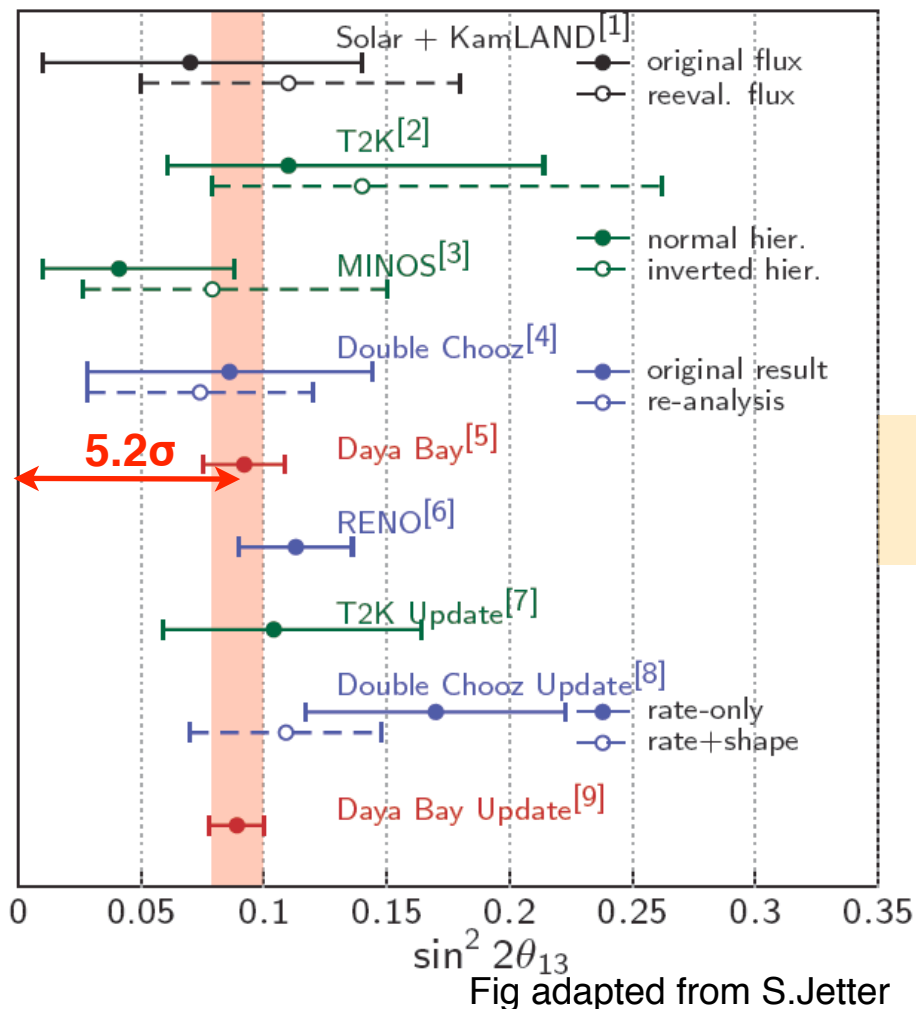


$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.113 \pm 0.013(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.019(\text{syst.})$$

PRL, 108 (2012) 191802

Global θ_{13} Measurements

2011/2012 -The year of θ_{13}



2011 - Early indications of

2012 Mar - Daya Bay observes non-zero θ_{13}

2012 Apr - Reno confirms

2012 Jun - Updates at Neutrino2012

Global θ_{13} Measurements

2011/2012 -The year of θ_{13}

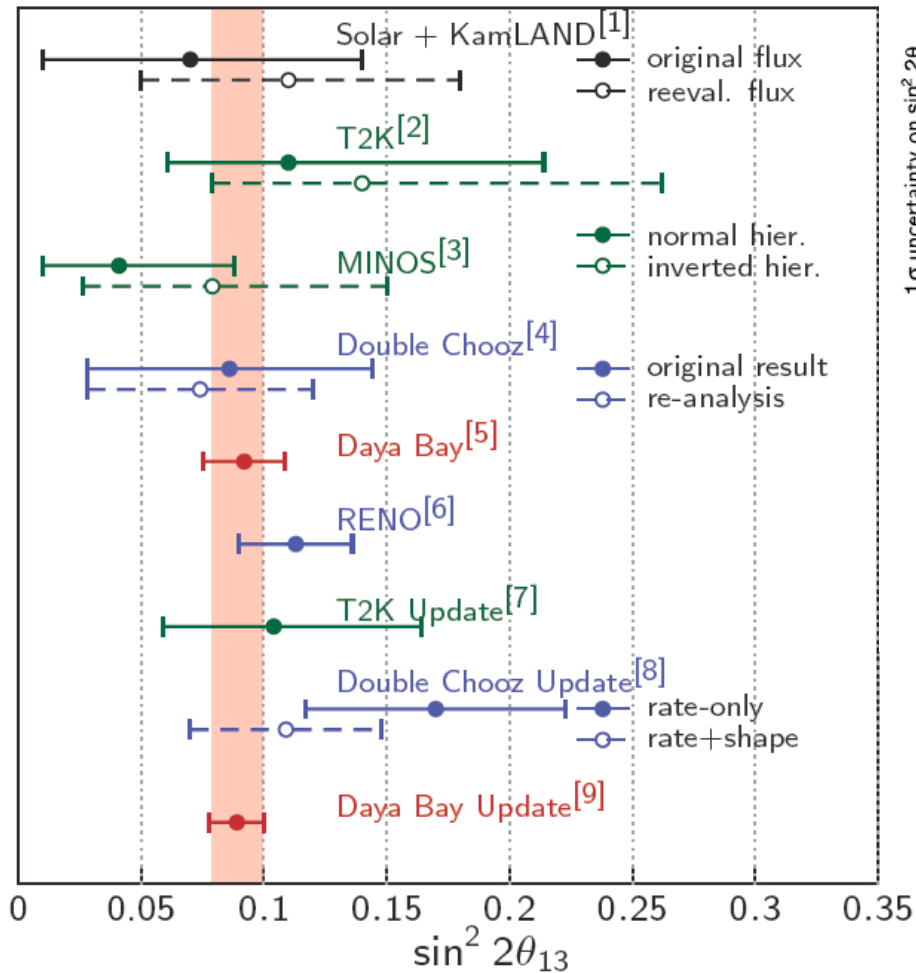
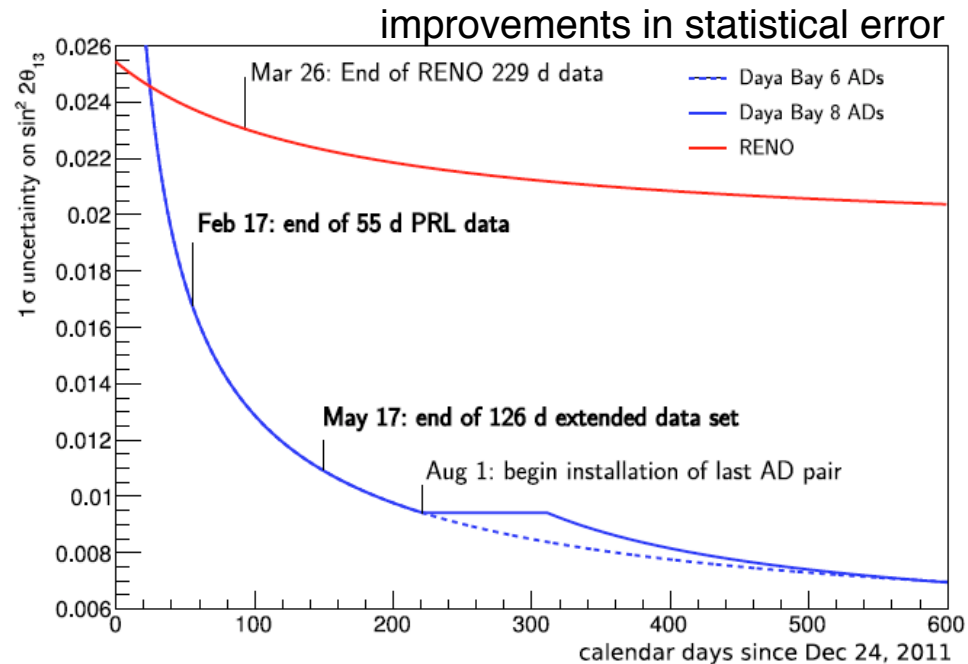


Fig adapted from S.Jetter

Daya Bay Future



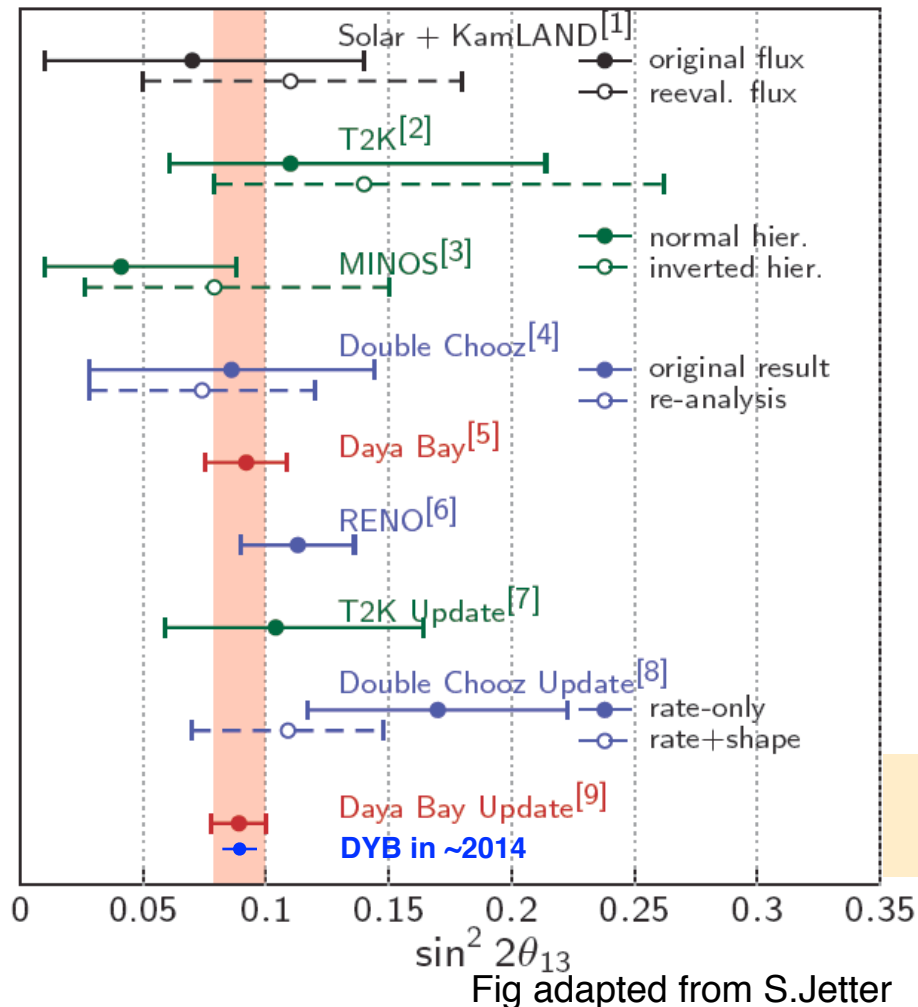
Will continue to provide most precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ in the world.

Statistical and systematic uncertainties become equal in 560 days.

Will deploy 2 more detectors in 2012 and perform additional calibrations

Global θ_{13} Measurements

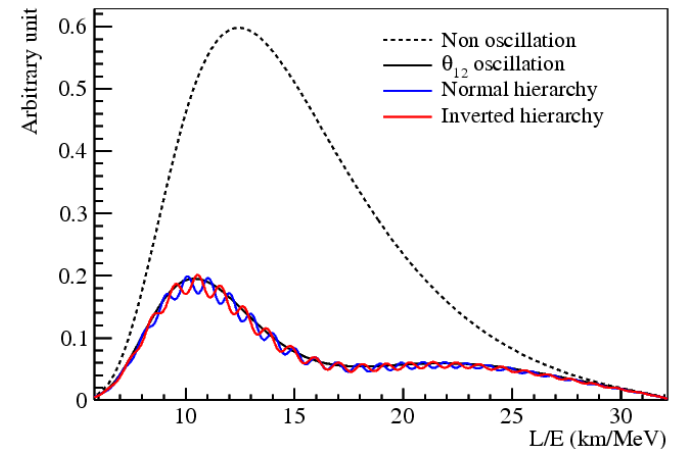
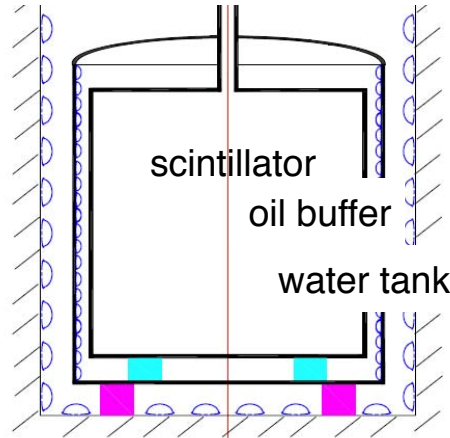
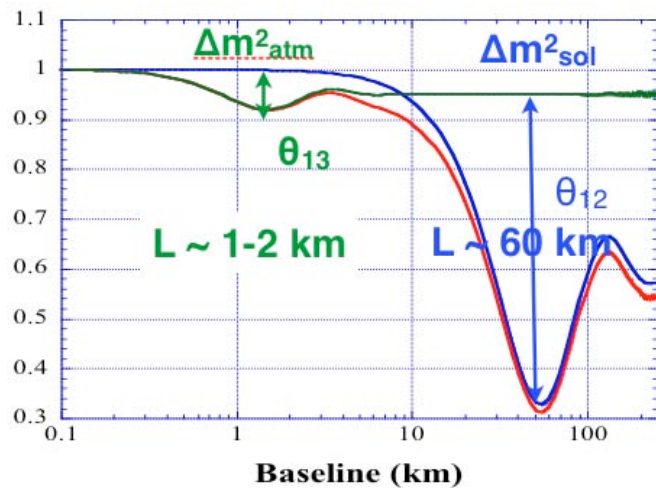
Future Outlook



With ~3 years of Daya Bay running, reduce uncertainty from ~13% to ~4-5%.

θ_{12} and Mass Hierarchy

Measure spectrum at 1st oscillation maximum of θ_{12} oscillation



in principle, determine mass hierarchy from precision measurements of $|\Delta m^2_{31}|$ and $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$

$$P_{ee}(L/E) = 1 - P_{21} - P_{31} - P_{32}$$

$$P_{21} = \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2(\Delta_{21})$$

$$P_{31} = \cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31})$$

$$P_{32} = \sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32})$$

$$\Delta m^2_{31} = \Delta m^2_{32} + \Delta m^2_{21}$$

$$\text{NH} : |\Delta m^2_{31}| = |\Delta m^2_{32}| + |\Delta m^2_{21}|$$

$$\text{IH} : |\Delta m^2_{31}| = |\Delta m^2_{32}| - |\Delta m^2_{21}|$$

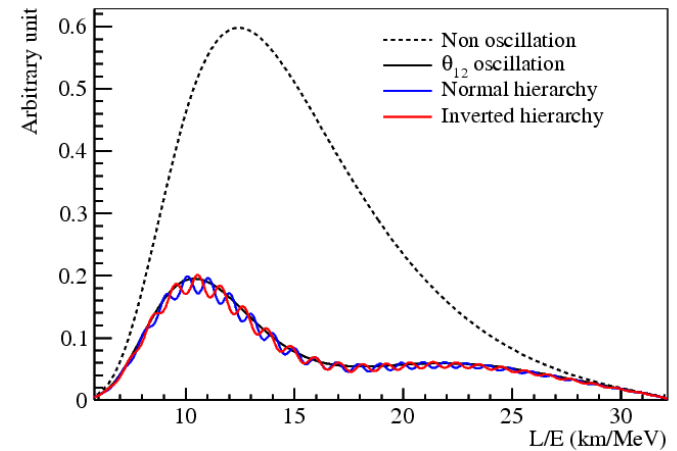
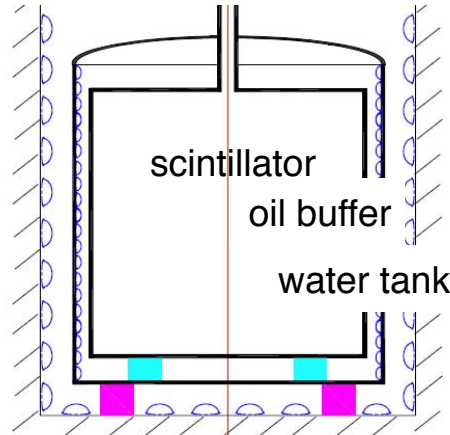
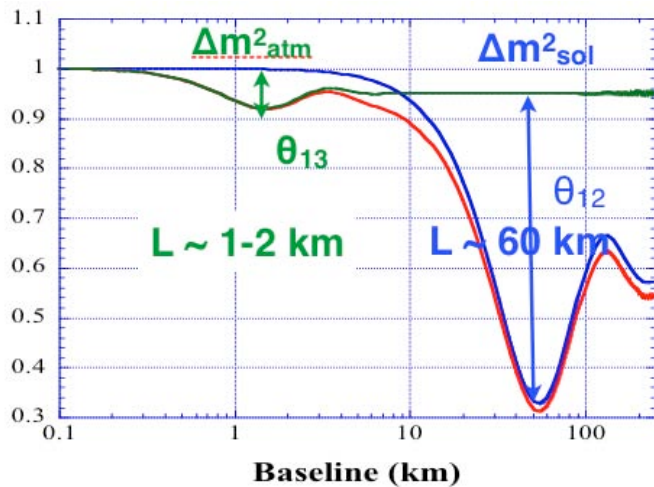
Δm^2_{21} is only 3% of $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$

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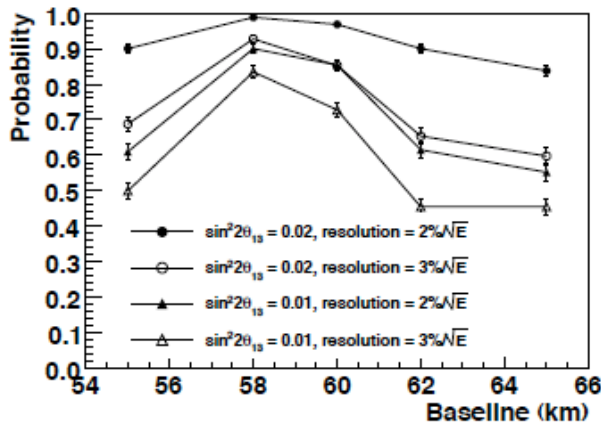
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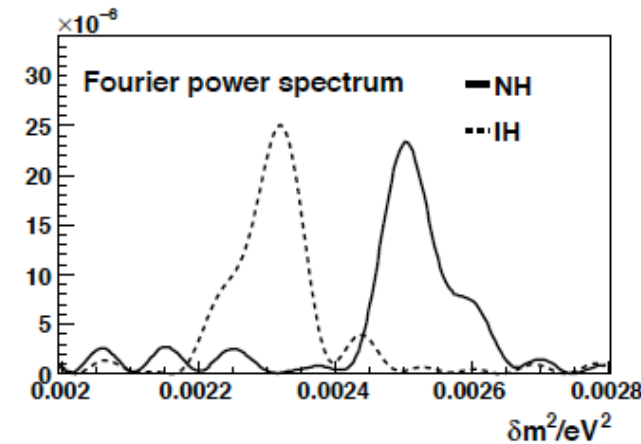


optimize baseline for detector,
 $L=58$ km



extremely good E
resolution of $3\%\sqrt{E}$

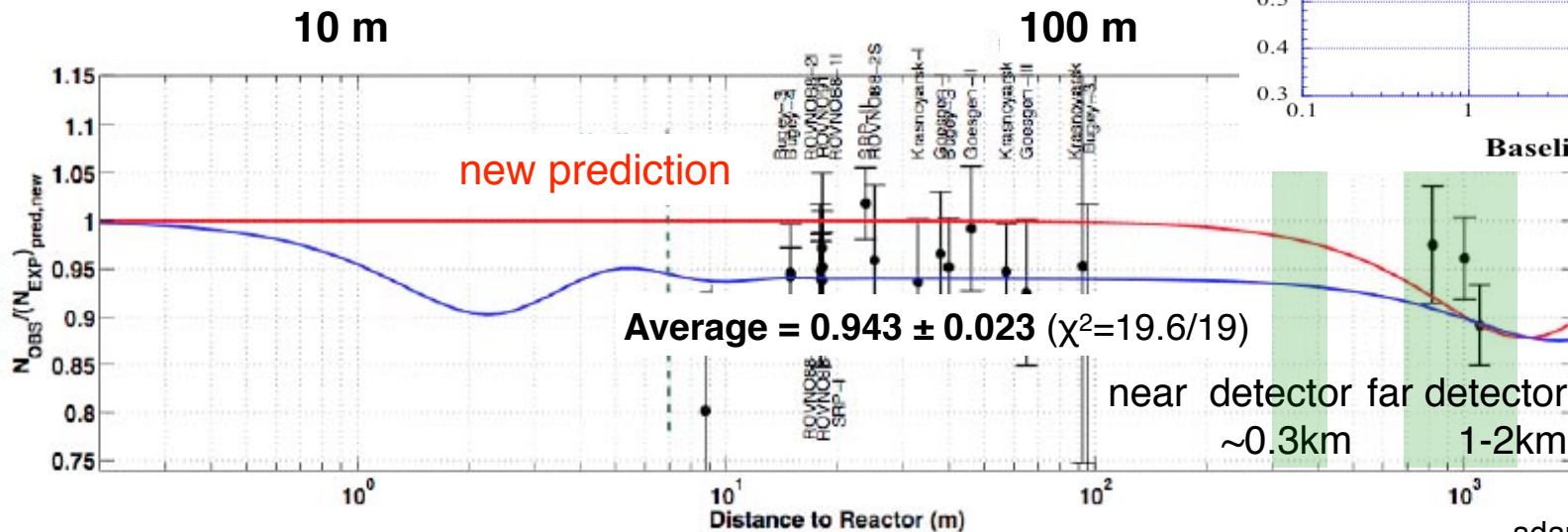
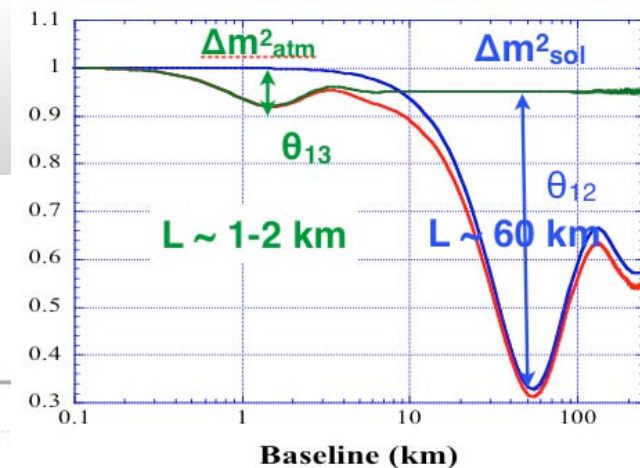
e.g. 20kton,
15,000 20" PMTs



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Beyond 3-v Mixing with Reactor $\bar{\nu}$



adapted from Schwetz
Neutrino2012

2011 $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux predictions

- new reactor antineutrino spectra
- re-analysis of 19 short-baseline reactor results
- neutron lifetime correction, off-equilibrium effects



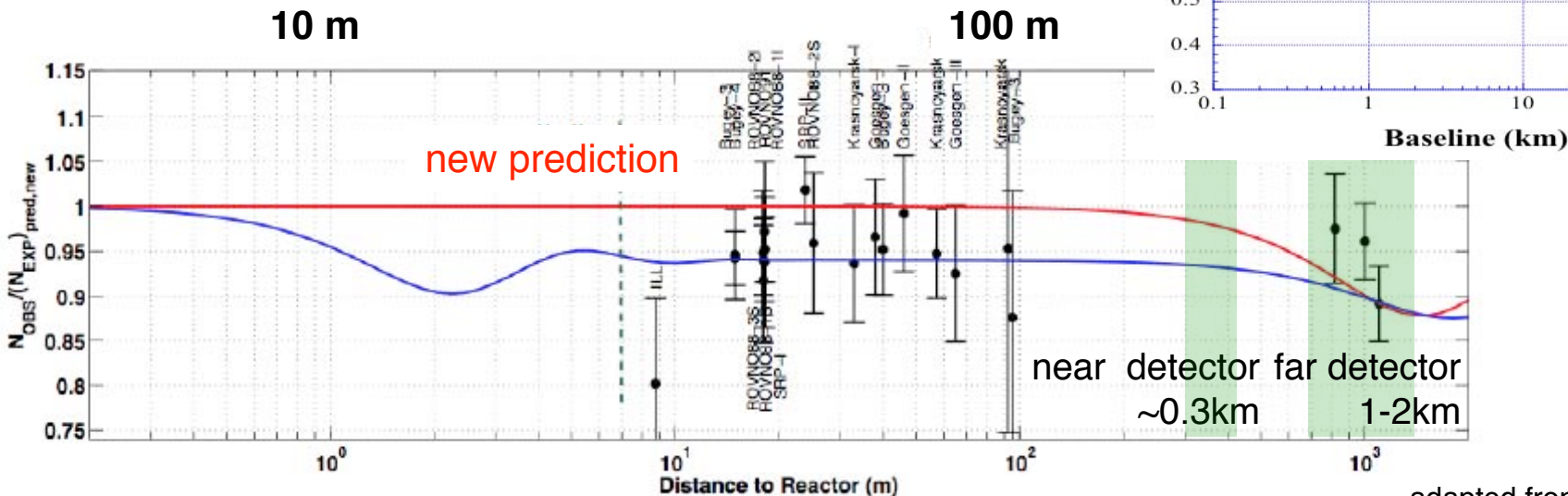
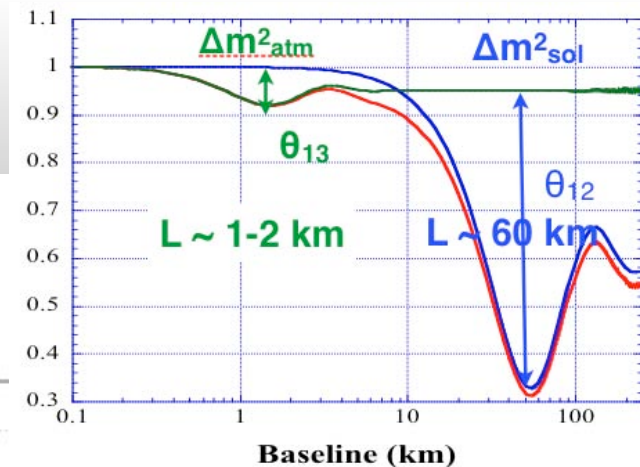
**net 3% upward
shift in energy
averaged fluxes**

deficit from flux normalization problem or from
additional oscillation at $L \sim \mathcal{O}(1-10\text{m})$?

nuclear physics or new physics?

Beyond 3-v Mixing with Reactor $\bar{\nu}$

What can reactor θ_{13} experiments contribute?



Absolute flux measurement

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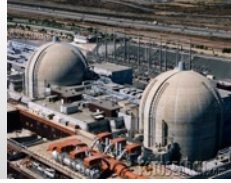
	Double Chooz	RENO	Daya Bay
detector systematic	2.1%	1.5% (correlated)	1.9% (correlated)
reactor systematic	1.8%	2.0% (correlated)	3.0% (correlated)

- difficult to make definitive statement
- work on improving correlated uncertainties

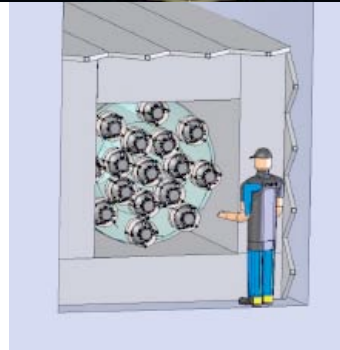
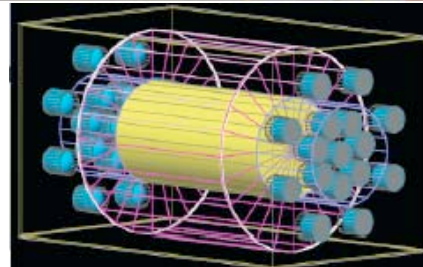
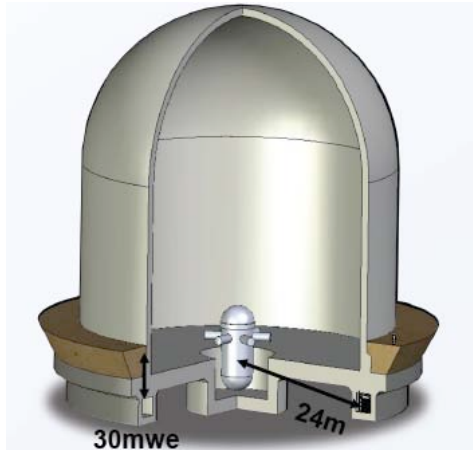
Precision Spectral Measurement

→ important to verify that we understand how to predict reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectrum, reactor θ_{13} experiments not optimized to resolve 'anomaly'

Reactor Monitoring Experiments for Sterile ν Searches



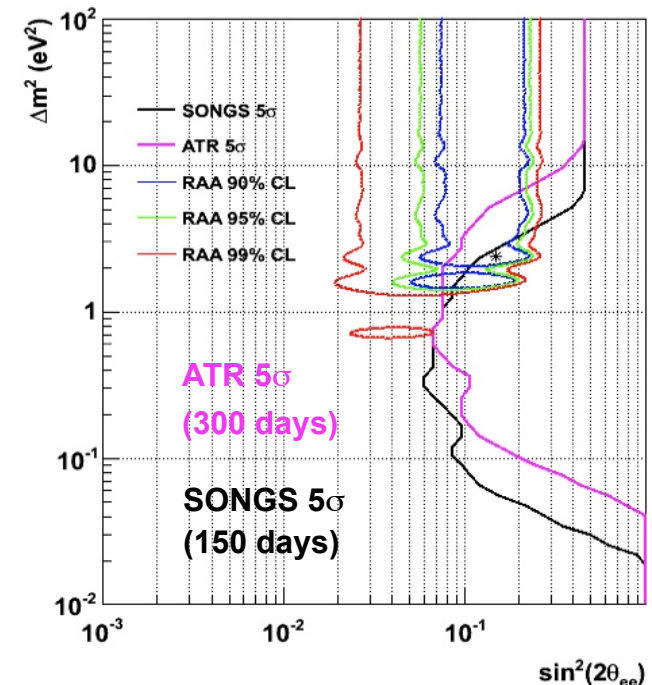
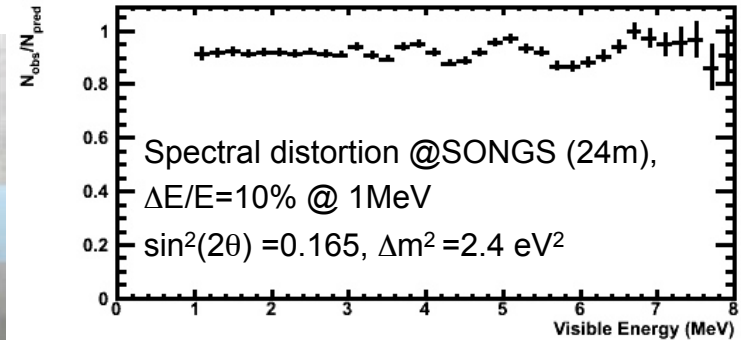
SCRAAM: Southern California Reactor Antineutrino Anomaly Monitor



core $\varnothing$: $\sim 3\text{m}$,
fixed baseline: 24m

Adapt existing compact detector
design/technology, limited by
backgrounds

Limitations: Existing designs require
overburden for background reduction –
limits range of deployment sites, especially
very close ($<10\text{m}$) to compact cores



Ref: Bowden, poster 153-3

Short Baseline v Oscillation Searches

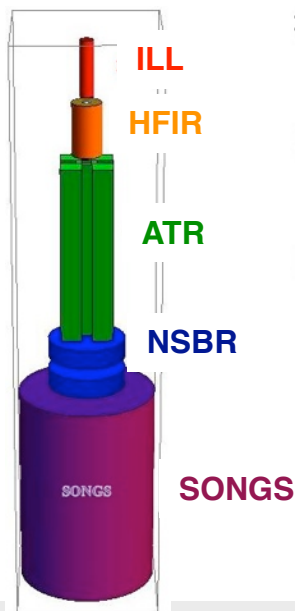
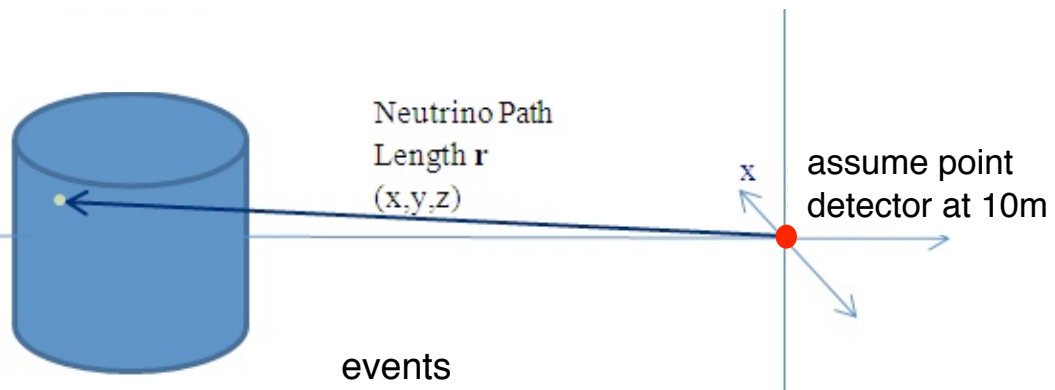
Some Experimental Issues

Reactor Core Size

small core preferred

Baseline Spread

at detector from core



events

20000
15000
10000
5000
0

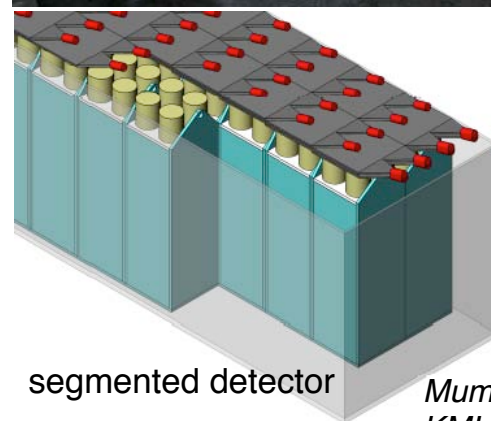
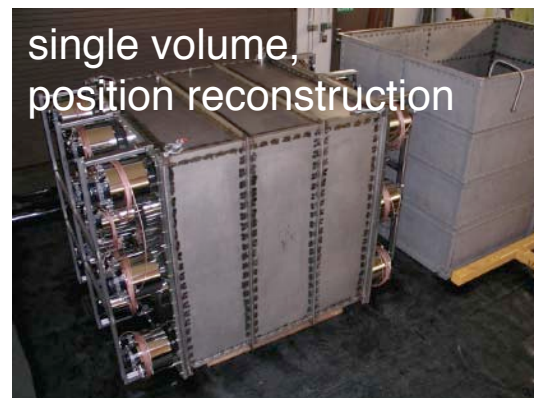
SONGS
NSBR
ATR
ILL
HFIR

Baseline spread
washes out
oscillation signal

distance (m)

Detector Technology Choice

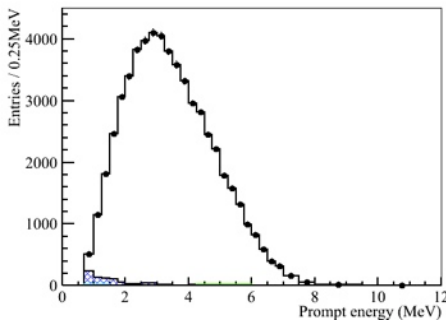
*localize events,
PSD(?) for background rejection,
good E resolution for spectrum*



segmented detector

Mumm,
KMH

Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ at Short Baselines - Scientific Opportunities



Reactor cores, fuel, and antineutrino spectra

- precision studies of **reactor antineutrino spectra**
- studies of **fuel composition** and **burnup cycle**
- studying **HEU to LEU core conversion** at US research reactors

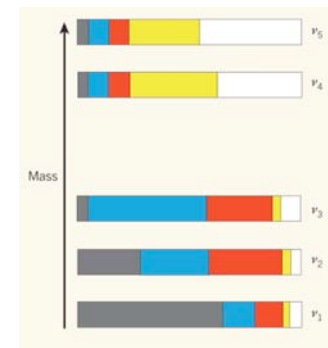


Background studies and detector development

- understand **high n and γ environment** near reactors
- segmented vs monolithic detectors with position reconstruction
- **scintillators for neutron detection** (Gd and Li-doped, LAB vs water)
- test of **on-surface antineutrino detectors** with minimum overburden
- background studies during on-off cycles at research reactor

Searches for new physics

- Understanding **reactor anomaly** & test sterile ν hypothesis
 - requires unique signatures: oscillation in E and distance
- neutrino **magnetic moment** and **coherent scattering** searches

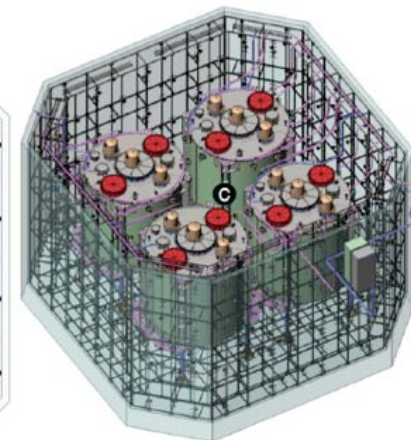
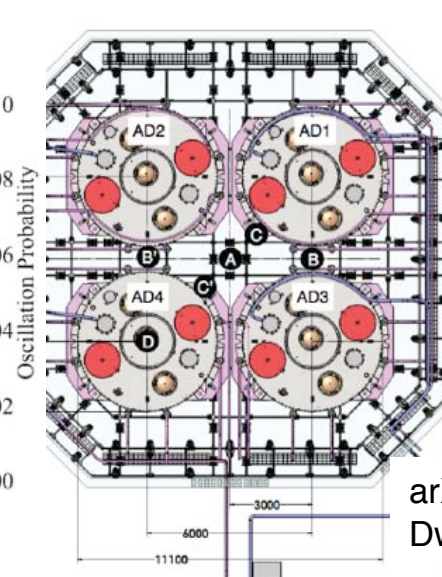
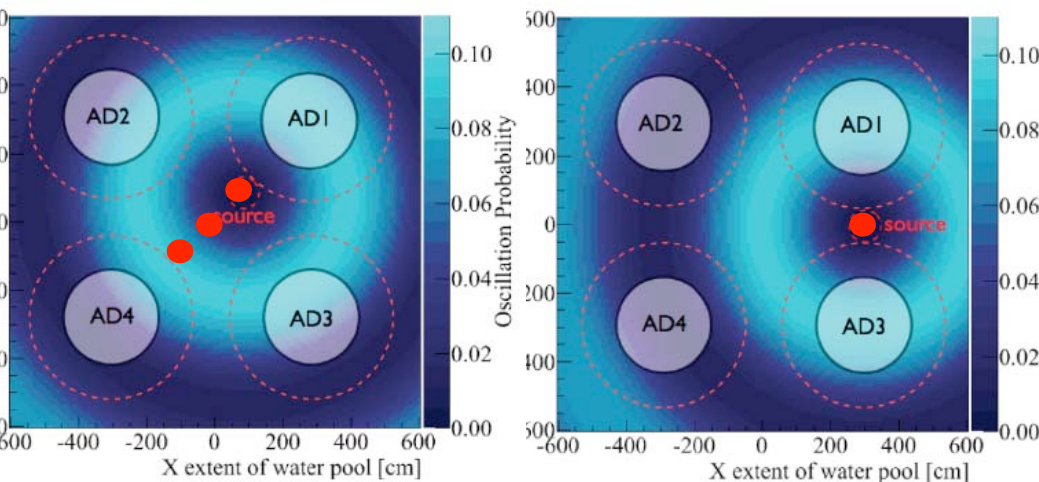
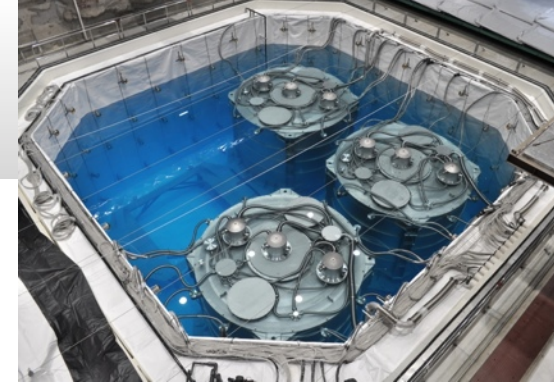


Sterile Neutrino Search at Daya Bay

18 PBq ^{144}Ce source at the Daya Bay far site

Signal

- baseline range: $\sim 1.5 - 8$ m
- ν energy range: 1.8 - 3 MeV
- 30k - 40k inverse beta-decay (IBD) events/per year
- Probing baselines from 1.5-8 m with an antineutrino source in the water pool of the Daya Bay Far Hall
- Advantageous to place source outside detectors in water pool.
- Multiple detectors allow for control of systematics.

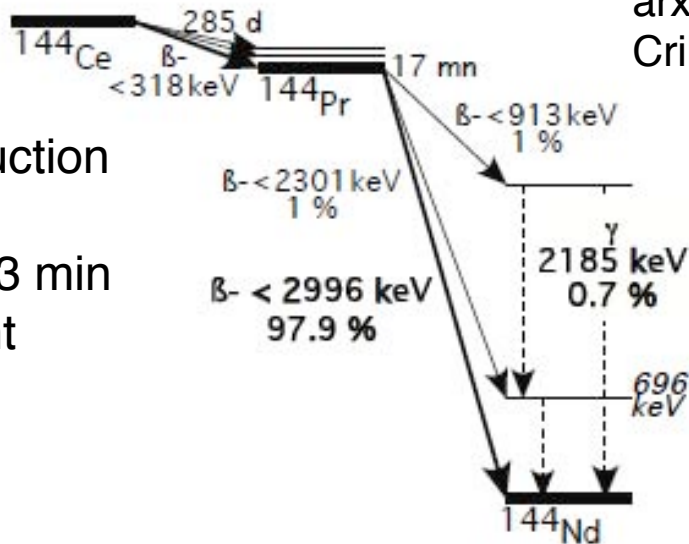


arXiv:1109.6036
Dwyer, Littlejohn, Vogel, KMH

Sterile Neutrino Search at Daya Bay

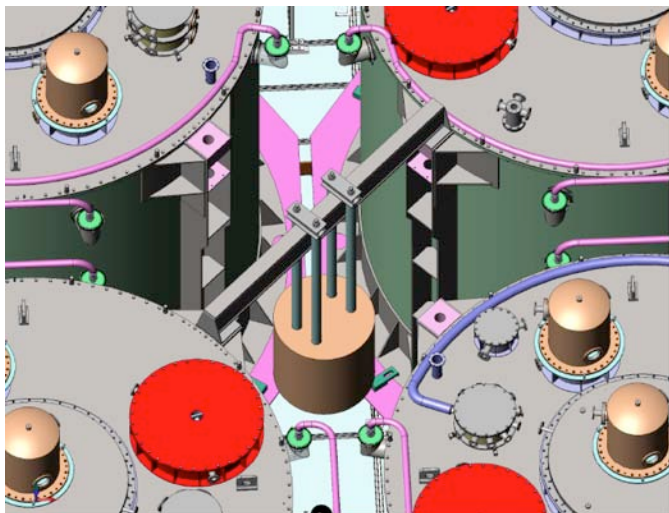
^{144}Ce - ^{144}Pr Antineutrino Source

- $Q_\beta > 1.8 \text{ MeV}$ (IBD threshold)
- lifetime long enough to allow for production and transport
- $T_{1/2} (^{144}\text{Ce}) = 285 \text{ days}$, $T_{1/2} (^{144}\text{Pr}) = 17.3 \text{ min}$
- contained in fission fragments of spent nuclear fuel



arxiv:1107.2335
Cribier et al

Ce-144 source with W shielding



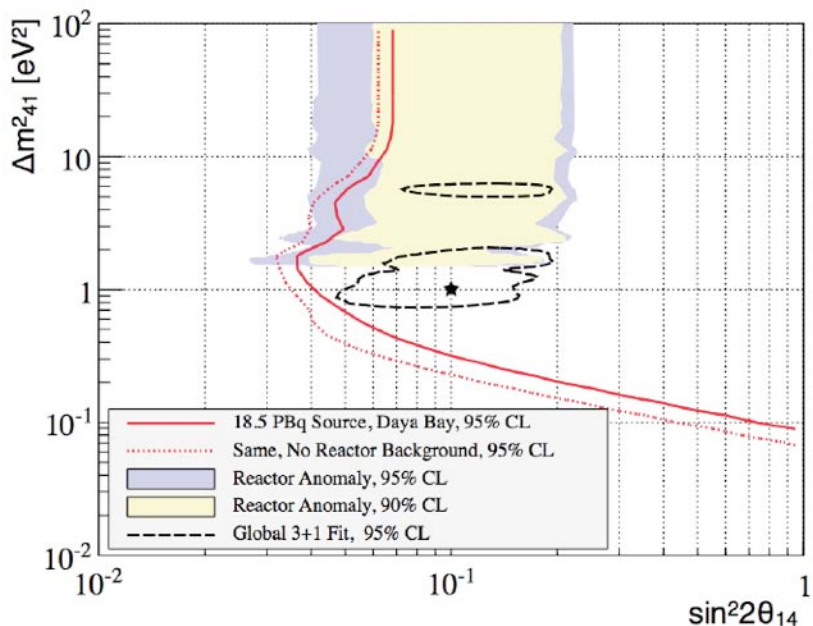
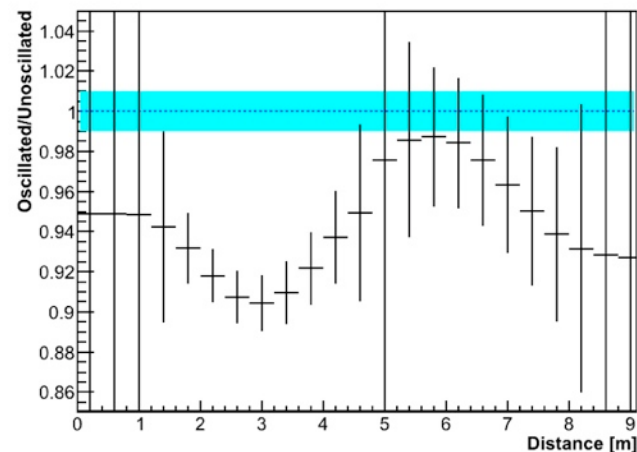
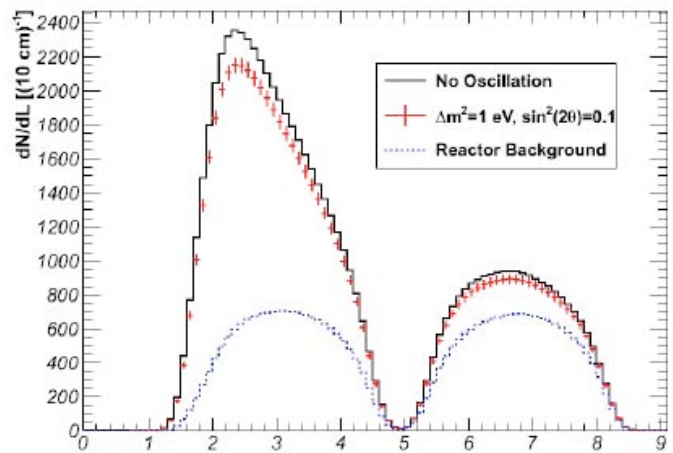
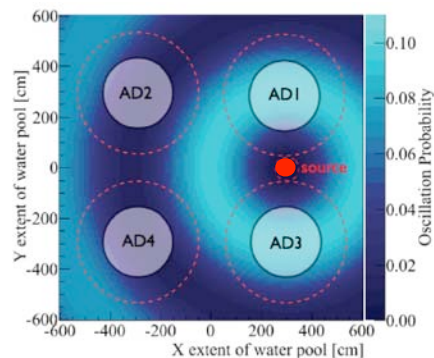
Background

- $\sim 0.5 \text{ m}$ thick shielding makes source gammas negligible
- Water pool also shields, cools source outside detector
- Reactor neutrino 'background' well-known to $< 1\%$ from near detectors

Ref: Littlejohn, KMH

Sterile Neutrino Search at Daya Bay

Signal and Event Distributions



Distance (m)

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Sterile neutrino oscillations with mass $> 1\text{ eV}$ can be tested using ^{144}Ce source in the Far Hall of the Daya Bay experiment after θ_{13} measurement.

Summary

For > 50 years reactor experiments have played an important role in neutrino physics, in both discoveries and precision measurements.

Current reactor experiments (**$L \sim 1\text{-}2\text{km}$**) provide precision data on θ_{13} , and **reactor antineutrino spectra** from power reactors. Data taking for next $\sim 3\text{-}5$ years.

Intermediate-baseline (**$L \sim 60\text{km}$**) reactor antineutrino experiments may be used for a precision measurement of θ_{12} , and determination of the **mass hierarchy**.

Very short baseline (**$L \sim 10\text{m}$**) measurements offer opportunities for precision studies of the **reactor spectra**, **fuel evolution** and searches for **new physics**. On-surface **neutrino monitors** may be developed.

Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ enable a rich program in probing neutrino properties, detector development, and nuclear monitoring with neutrinos.

Daya Bay Collaboration

An International Effort



Asia (20)

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Charles Univ., Dubna

~230 collaborators



