

# Super Beam Experiments

- What's a Super Beam?
- The Physics
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  - Jaeri to Super-Kamiokande
  - CERN to Frejus
  - CERN to Gulf of Taranto
  - Fermilab to “Up North” via NuMI
  - Brookhaven to NUSEL (or others?)
- Conclusions

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# What's a “Super Beam” Experiment?

- I know it when I see it. (Justice Potter Stewart)
- Any conventional neutrino beam experiment where currently there is:
  - No Accelerator or
  - No Detector or
  - No Beamline or
  - Combinations of all of the above.
- A conventional neutrino beam experiment with a whole lot of proton power and a really big detector.
- I'll settle for defining a “Super Beam” experiment as any conventional, long baseline, high energy neutrino beam experiment seriously “proposed” but not yet approved.

# Physics Goals

- Improved measurement of  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance oscillation parameters.
  - Any odd energy/distance features?
  - How close is  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$  to 1.0? New symmetry?
- Measure the  $m_{23}$  mass hierarchy using matter effects.
- Measure  $\theta_{13}$  or show that it is so small that it is somehow “odd” compared to the other mixing parameters... Mechanism for making it so small?
- Attempt to measure CP violation, if  $\theta_{13}$  is big enough.
- Constrain CPT violation (or discover it!)
- And what if LSND is confirmed???????? Things get very interesting, and complicated.

# $\nu_\mu \Rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillation experiment

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4$$

$$P_1 = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{13} \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

$$P_2 = \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{AL}{2}$$

$$P_3 = J \cos \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right) \cos \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \sin \frac{AL}{2} \sin \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

$$P_4 = J \sin \delta \left( \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_\pm} \right) \sin \frac{\Delta_{13} L}{2} \sin \frac{AL}{2} \sin \frac{B_\pm L}{2}$$

$$P = f(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \delta, \text{sgn}(\Delta m_{13}^2), \Delta m_{12}^2, \Delta m_{13}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}, L, E)$$

3 unknowns, 2 parameters under control L, E, neutrino/antineutrino  
 Need several independent measurements to learn about underlying physics

Note, if there are any sterile  $\nu$ 's things can be more complicated!

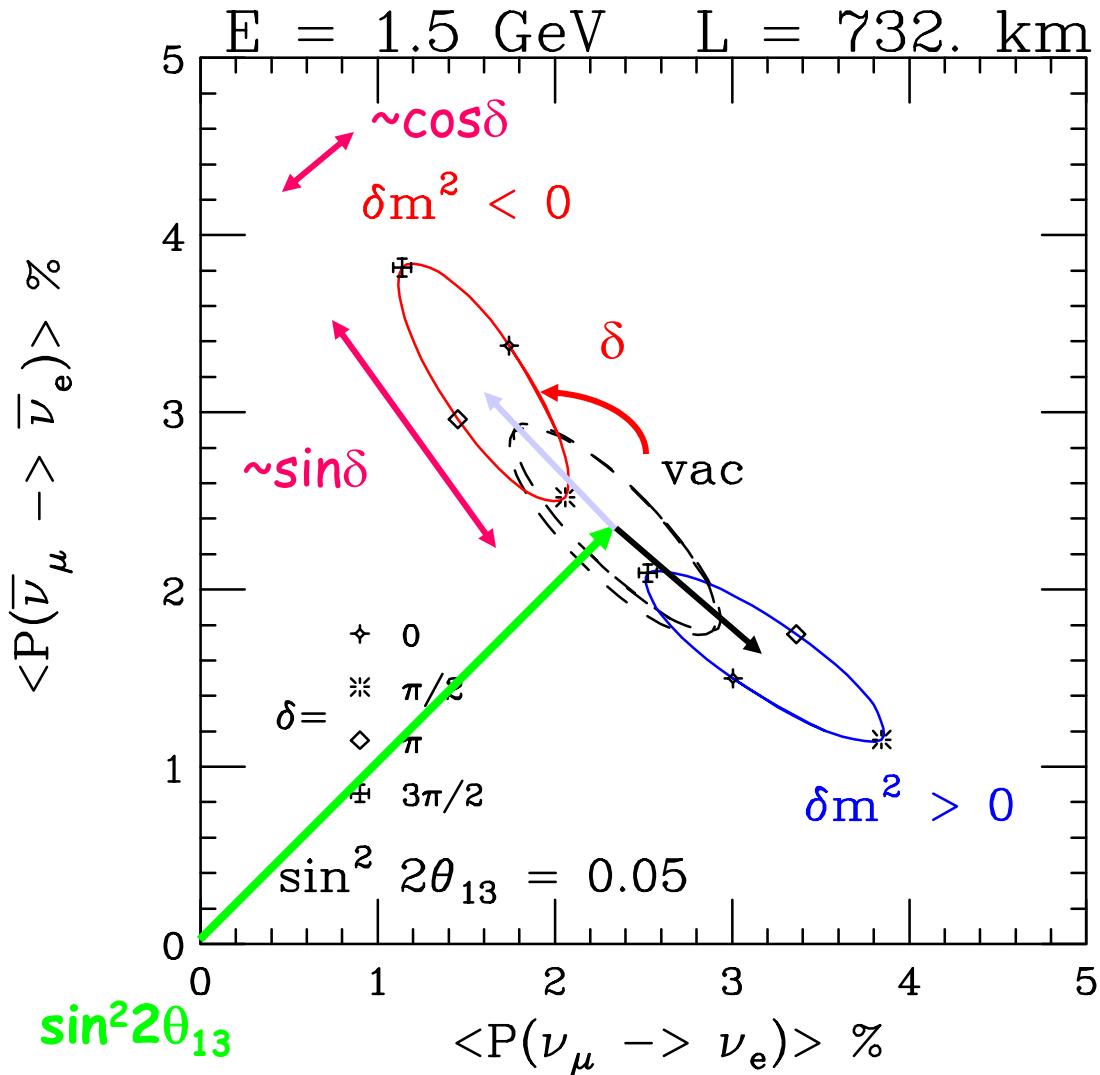
$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_\nu};$$

$$A = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e;$$

$$B_\pm = |A \pm \Delta_{13}|;$$

$$J = \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23}$$

# Anatomy of Bi-probability ellipses



Example from NuMI Off-Axis

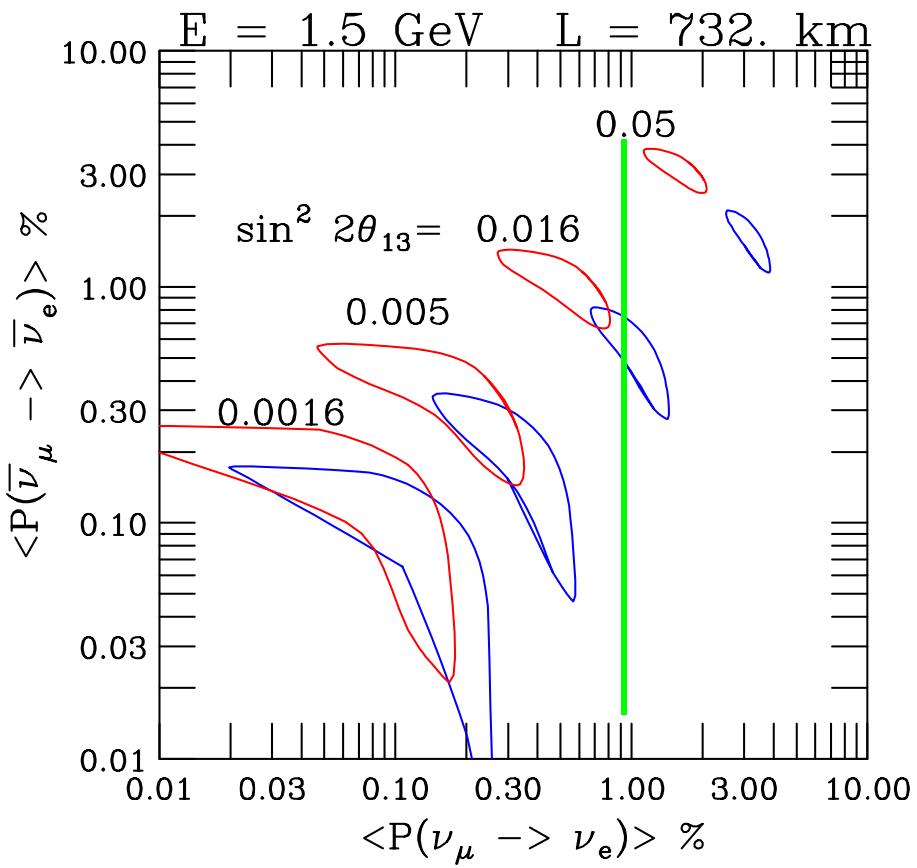
Minakata and Nunokawa,  
hep-ph/0108085

Observables are:

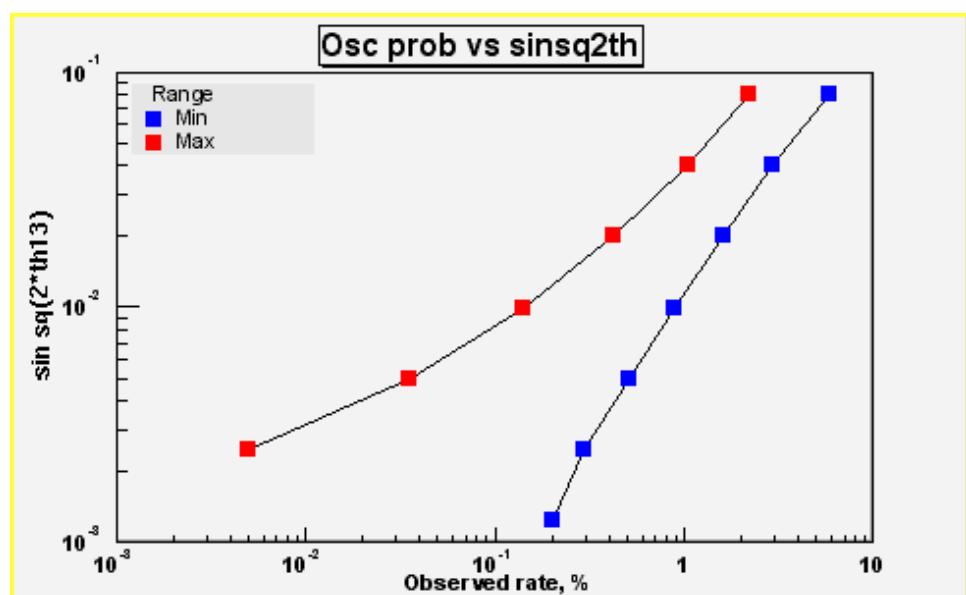
- $\langle P(\bar{\nu}_\mu -> \bar{\nu}_e) \rangle \%$
- $\langle P(\nu_\mu -> \nu_e) \rangle \%$

Interpretation in terms of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ ,  $d$  and sign of  $Dm^2_{23}$  depends on the value of these parameters and on the conditions of the experiment:  
 $L$  and  $E$

# Oscillation probability vs physics parameters

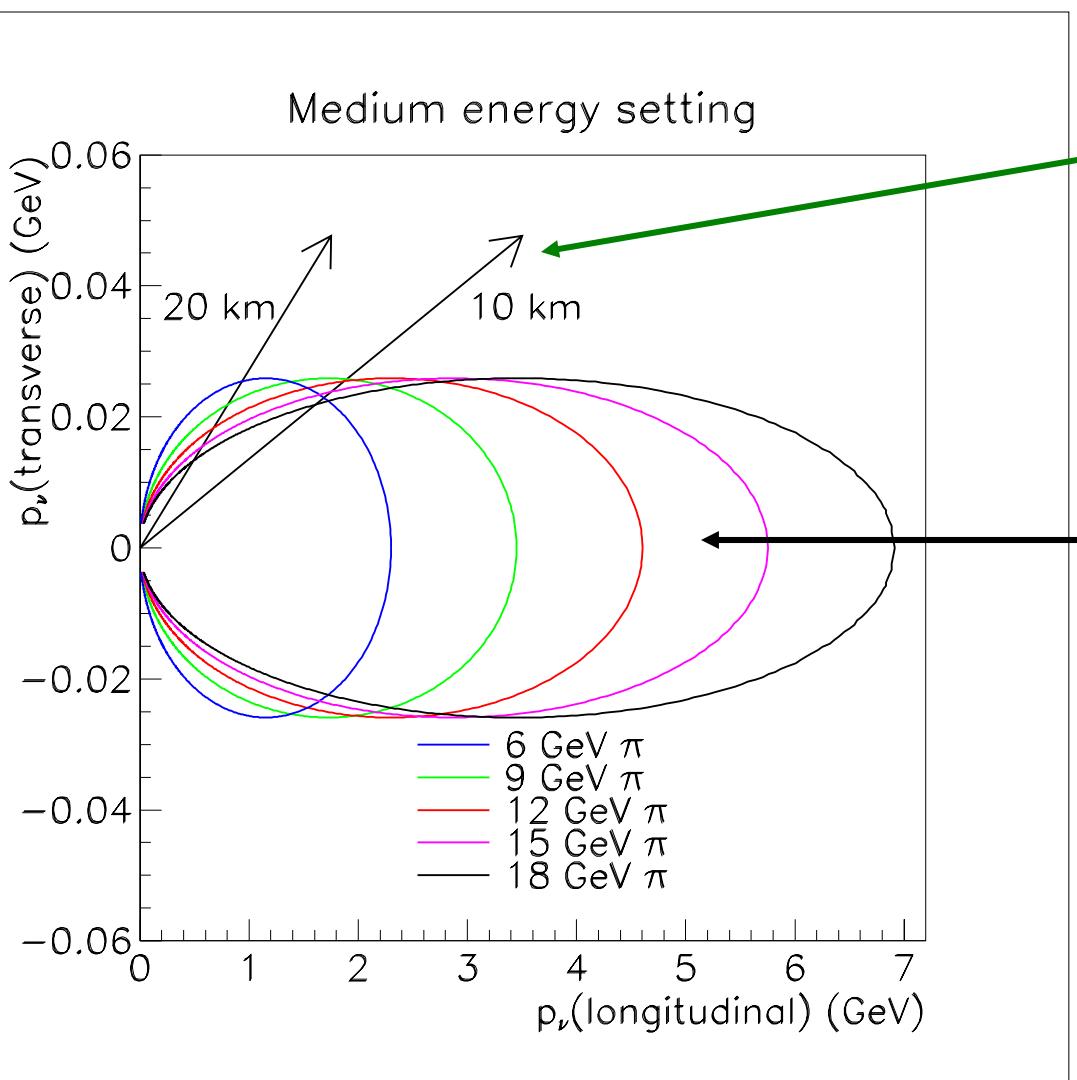


Parameter correlation: even very precise determination of  $P_{\bar{\nu}}$  leads to a large allowed range of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \rightarrow \underline{\text{antineutrino beam}}$  is more important than improved statistics



Example from NuMI Off-Axis

# The Off-Axis Trick



At this angle, 15 mrad, energy of produced neutrinos is 1.5-2 GeV for all pion energies → very intense, narrow band beam

‘On axis’:  $E_\nu = 0.43 E_\pi$

$$p_L = \gamma(p^* \cos \theta^* + \beta E^*)$$
$$p_T = p^* \sin \theta^*$$

# J-PARC → Super-Kamiokande project





Pacific Ocean

# J-Parc Facility

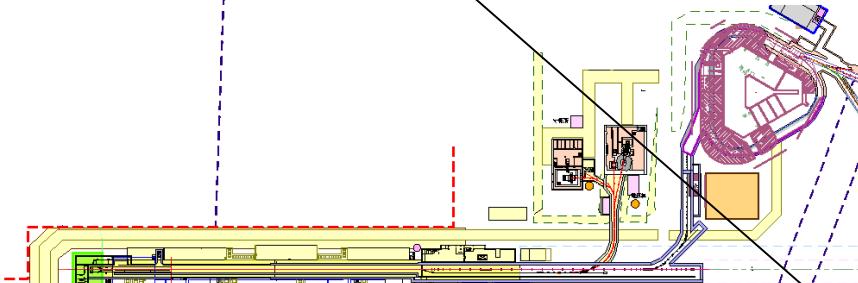
Construction

2001~2006 (approved)

$\nu$  beam-line

budget request submitted

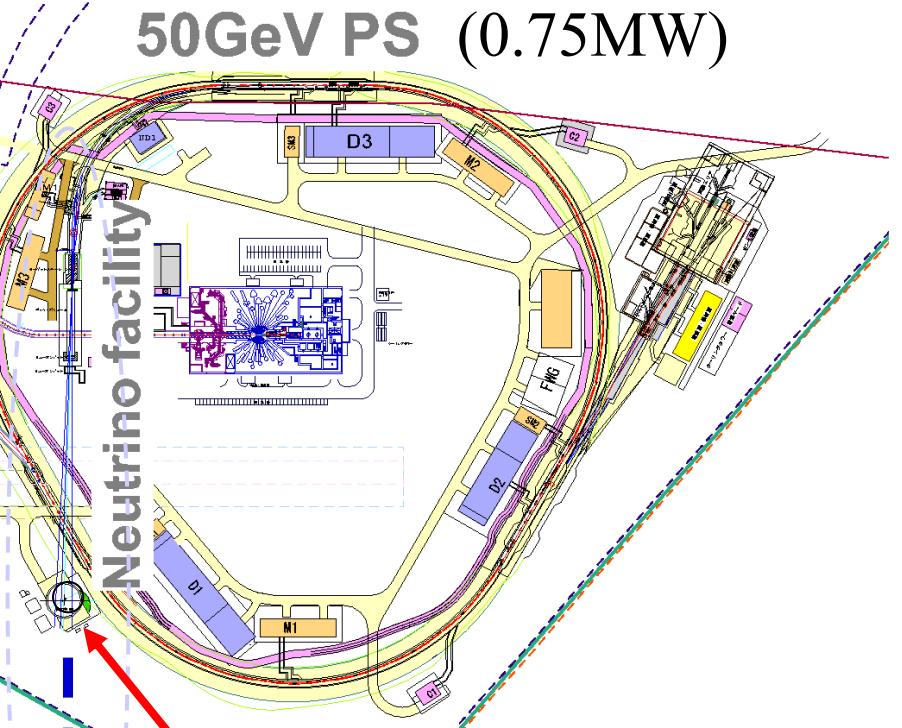
3GeV PS



400MeV LINAC

50GeV PS (0.75MW)

Neutrino facility



Kondo-Ichikawa

Near detectors (280m, 2km)

	JHF	NuMI (FNAL)	K2K
E(GeV)	50	120	12
Int.( $10^{12}$ ppp)	330	40	6
Rate(Hz)	0.275	0.53	0.45
Power(MW)	0.75	0.41	0.0052

# Off Axis Beam

Super-K.



(ref.: BNL-E889 Proposal)

- ◆ Quasi Monochromatic Beam
- ◆ x2~3 intense than NBB

Tuned at oscillation maximum

~0.7 GeV

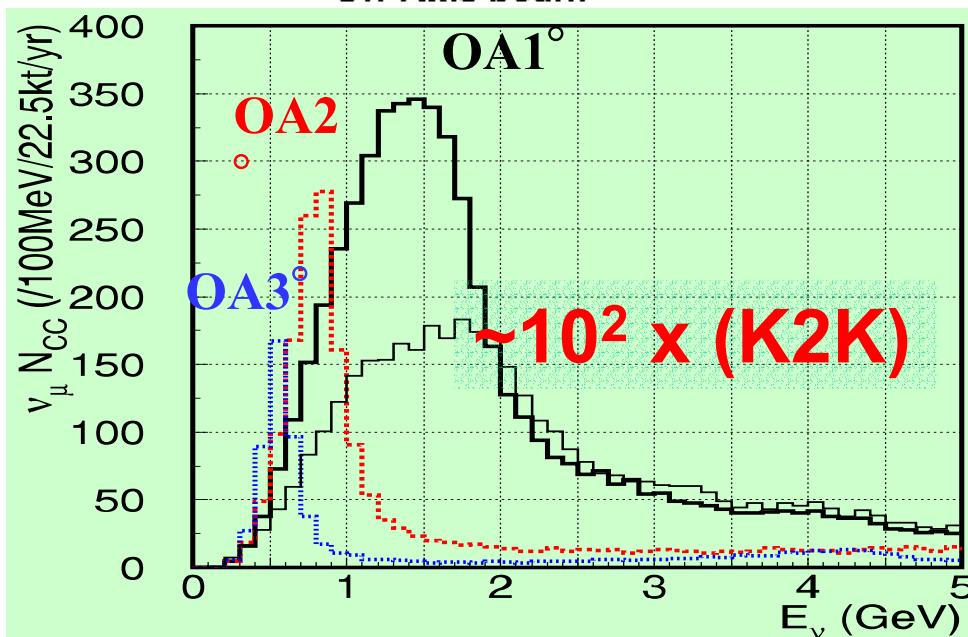
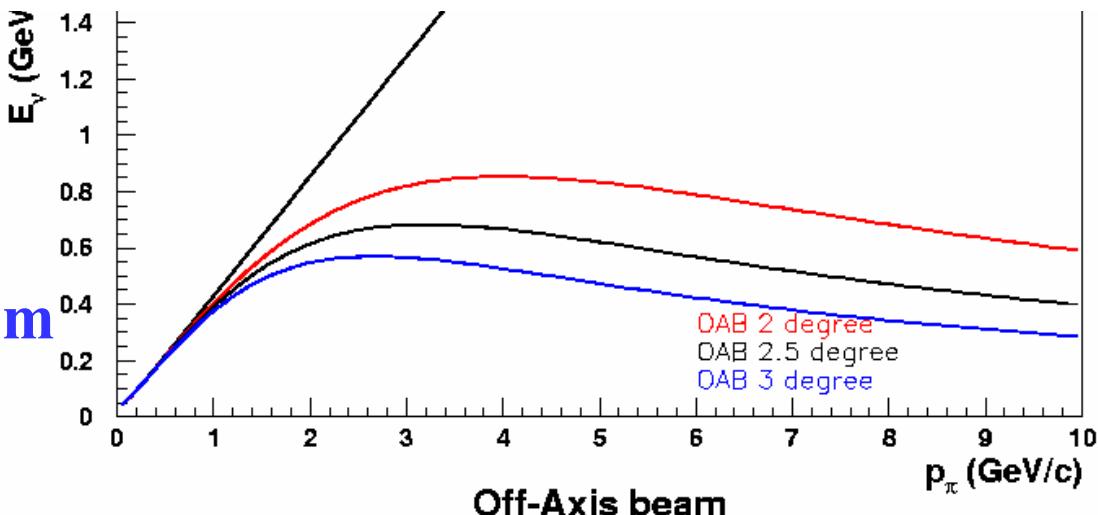
Statistics at SK

(OAB2deg,1yr,22.5kt)

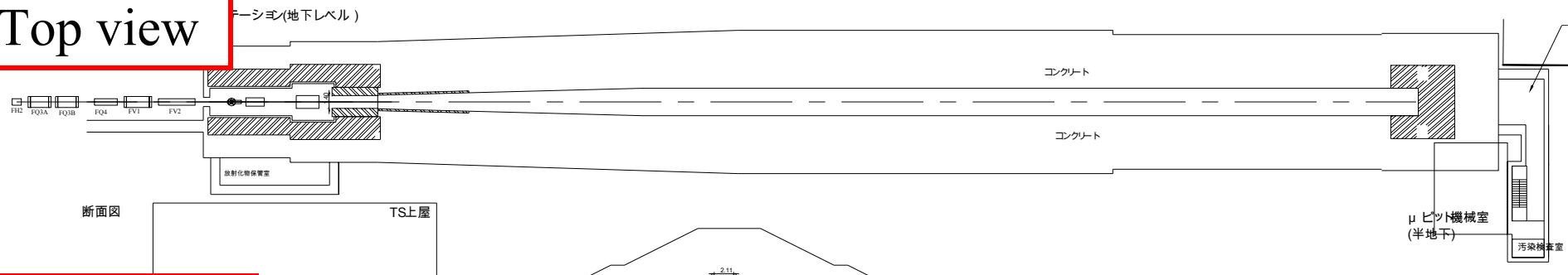
~4500  $\nu_\mu$  tot

~3000  $\nu_\mu$  CC

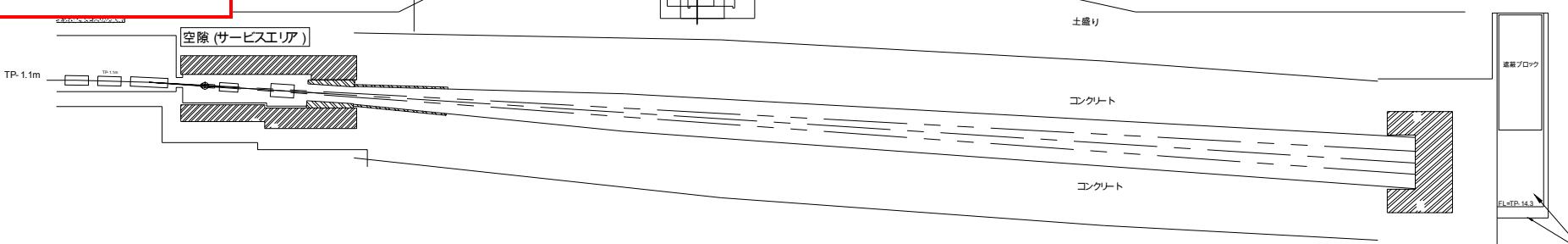
$\nu_e$  ~0.2% at  $\nu_\mu$  peak



# Top view

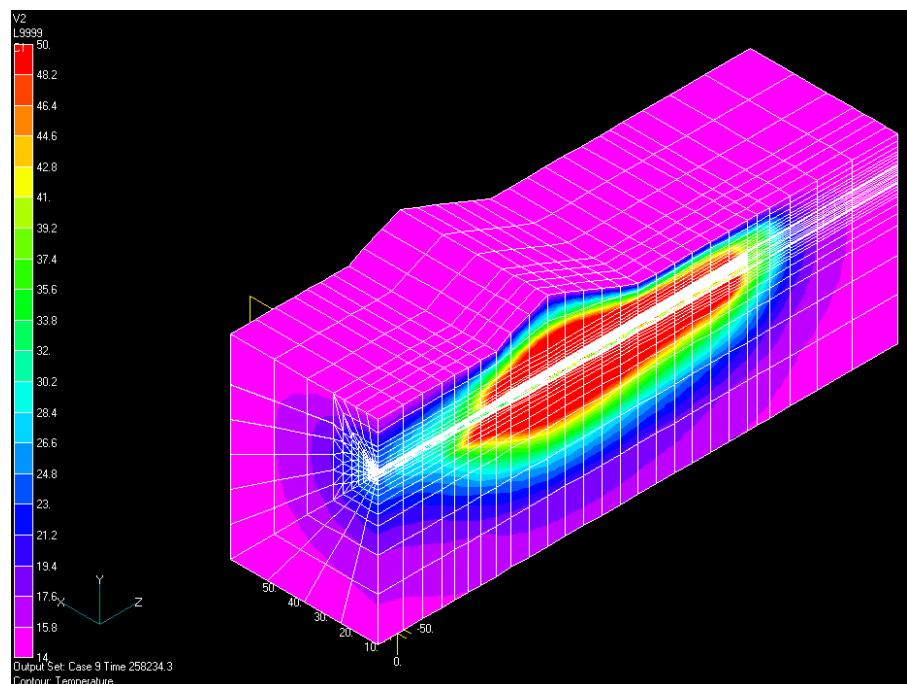


# Side View

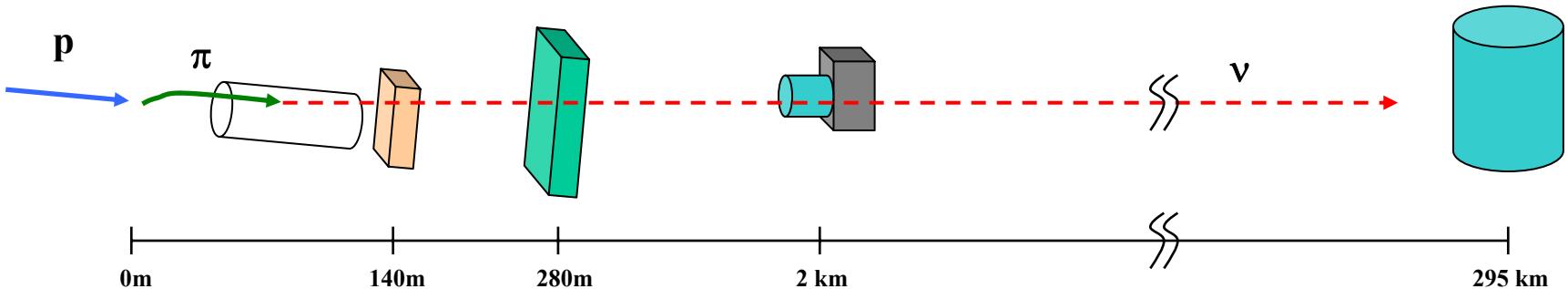


# Decay Volume

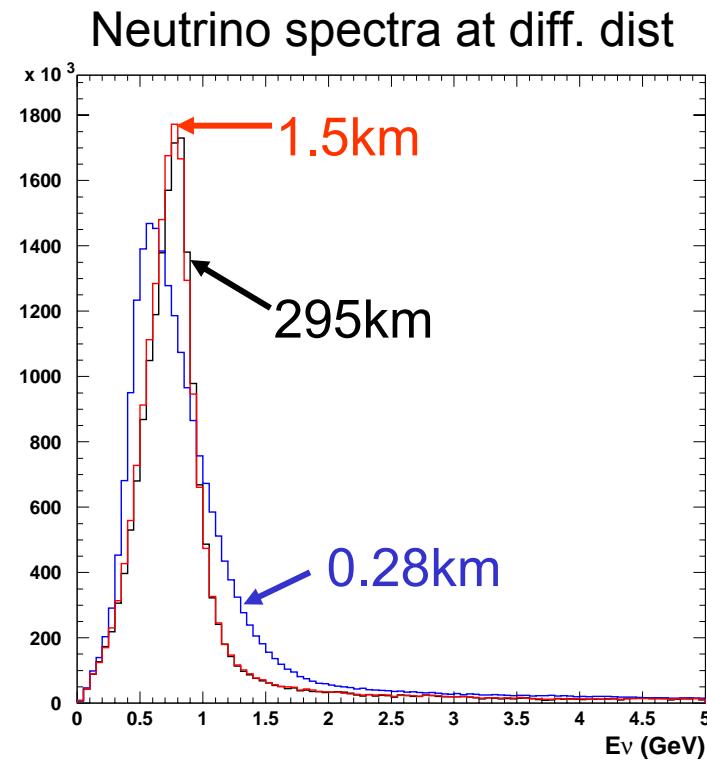
4MW beam can be accepted.



# Detectors



- **Muon monitors @  $\sim 140\text{m}$** 
  - Fast (spill-by-spill) monitoring of beam direction/intensity
- **First Near detector @  $280\text{m}$** 
  - Neutrino intensity/spectrum/direction
- **Second Near Detector @  $\sim 2\text{km}$** 
  - Almost same  $E_\nu$  spectrum as for SK
  - Water Cherenkov can work
- **Far detector @  $295\text{km}$** 
  - Super-Kamiokande (50kt)



dominant syst. in K2K

# Measurement of $\sin^2 2 \theta_{23}, \Delta m^2_{23}$

Based on 5 years running with full 0.75 MW Jaeri Beam

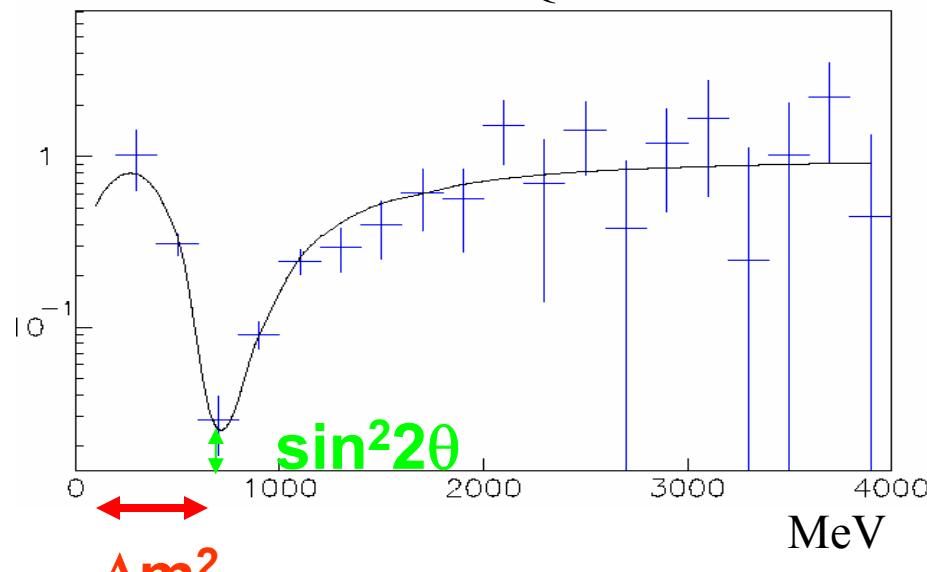
$\nu_\mu$  disappearance

FC, 1-ring,  $\mu$ -like events

Sys. error 10% for near/far

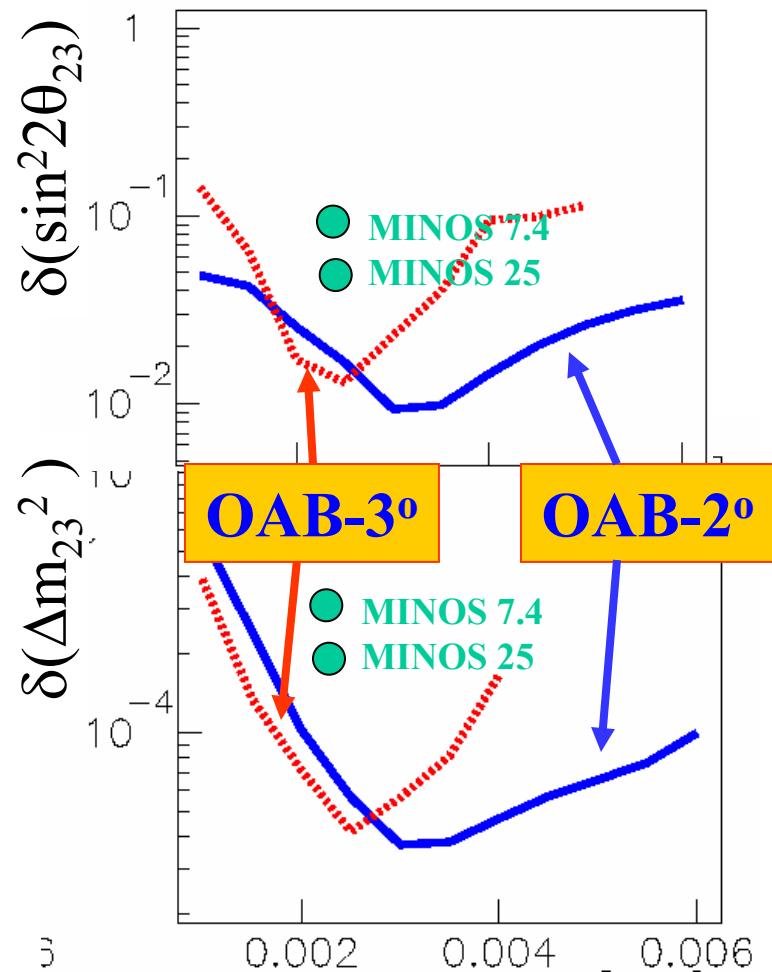
4% energy scale

20% non-QE B.G.



$$\delta(\sin^2 2\theta) \sim 0.01$$

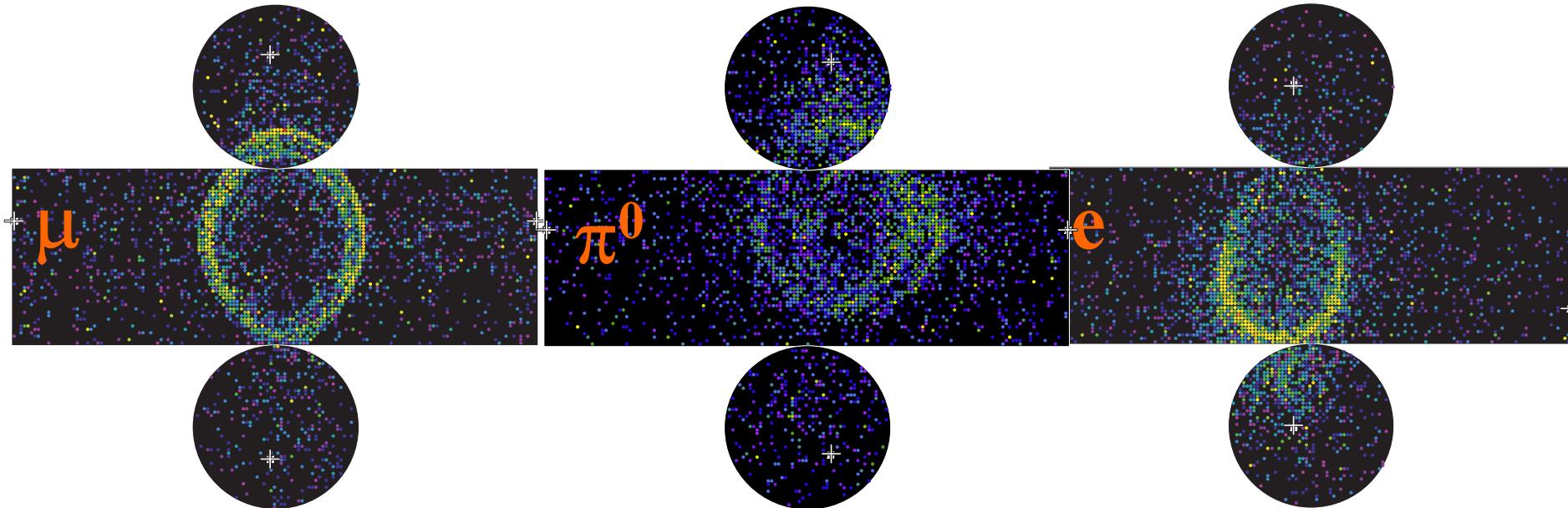
$$\delta(\Delta m^2) \sim <1 \times 10^{-4}$$



True  $\Delta m^2_{23}$  (eV<sup>2</sup>)

Kondo-Ichikawa

# $\nu_e$ appearance in JHF-Kamioka



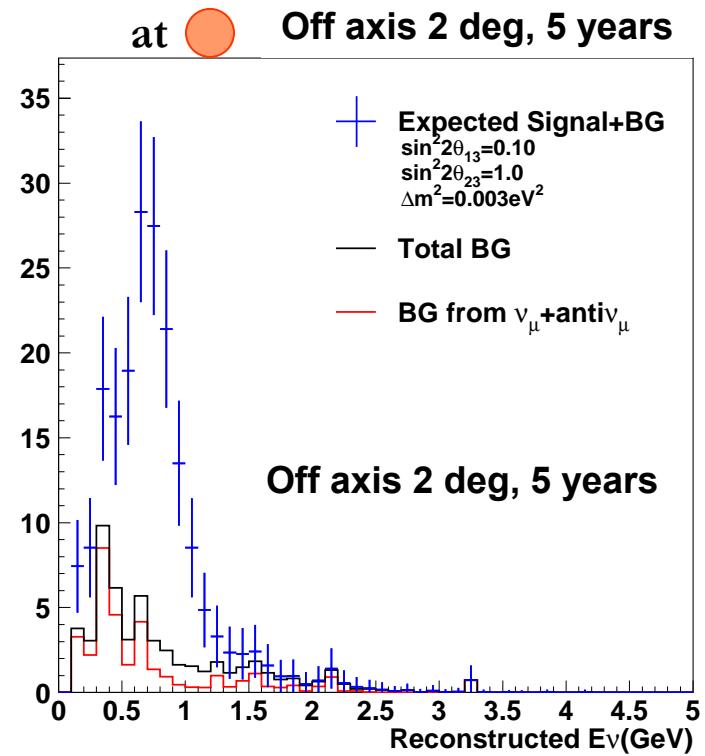
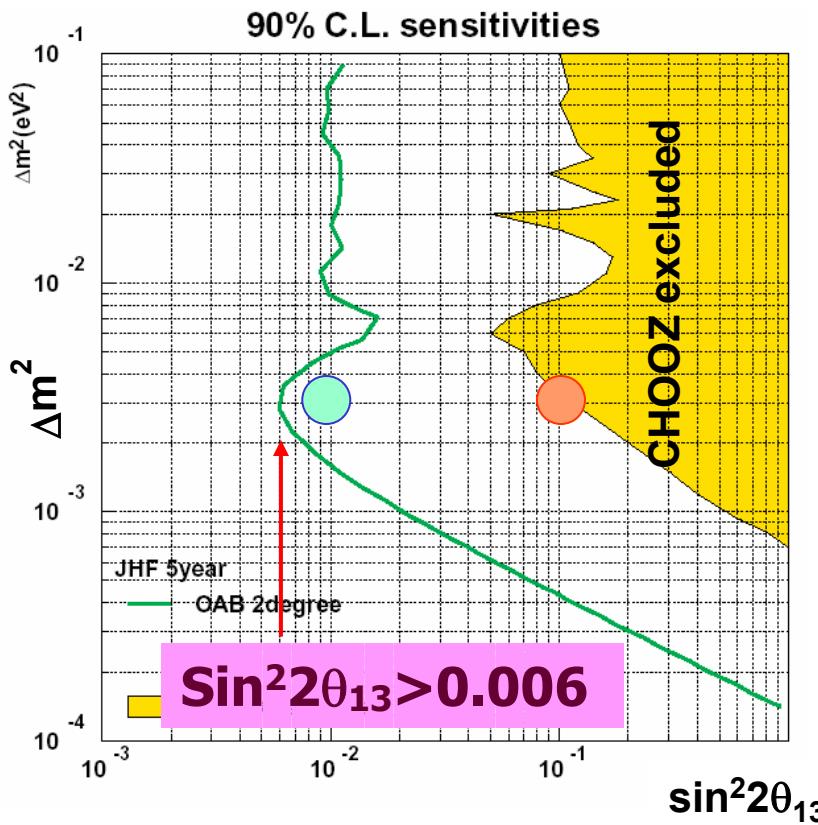
## Back ground for $\nu_e$ appearance search

- Intrinsic  $\nu_e$  component in initial beam
- Merged  $\pi^0$  ring from  $\nu_\mu$  interactions

Requirement 10% uncertainty for BG estimation

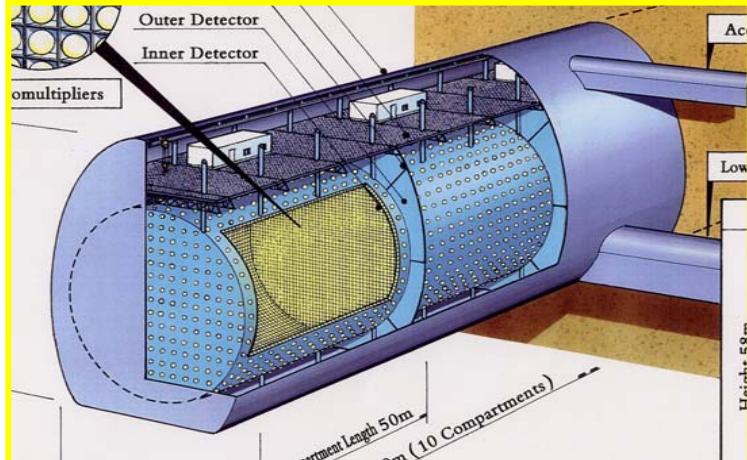
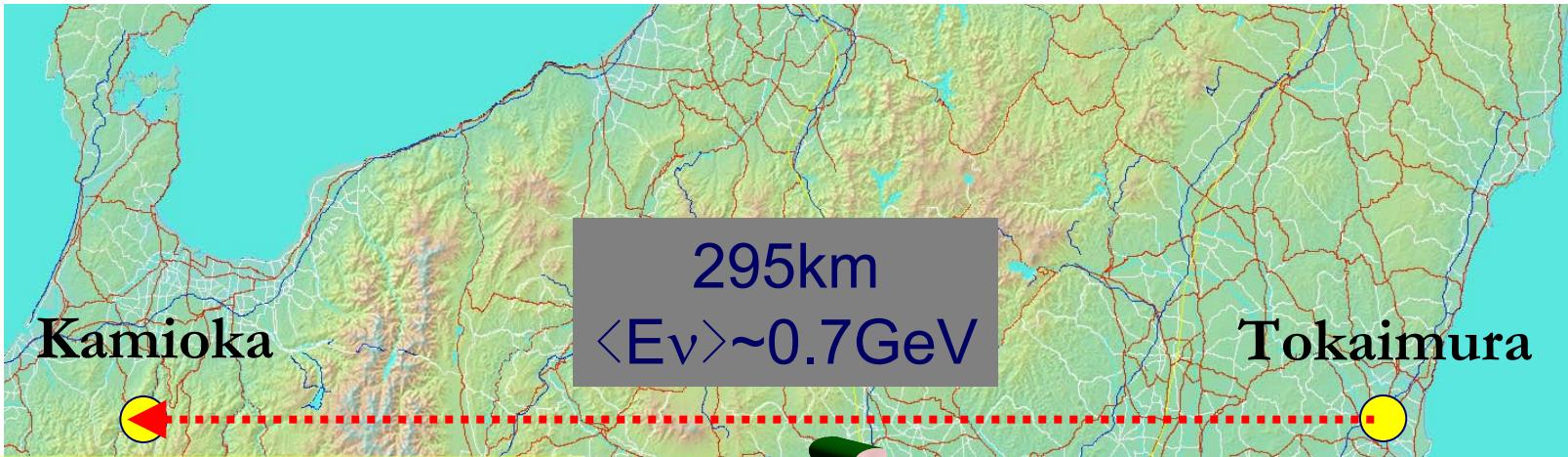
The 1kt  $\pi^0$  data will be studied for exercise

# $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ from $\nu_e$ appearance



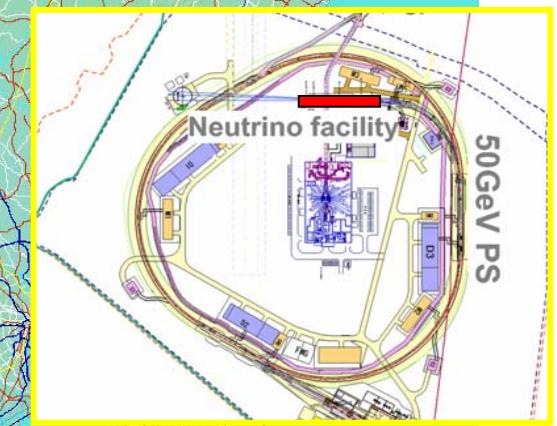
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	Background in Super-K (as of Oct 25, 2001)					Signal	Signal + BG
	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	total		
0.1	12.0	10.7	1.7	0.5	24.9	114.6	139.5
0.01	12.0	10.7	1.7	0.5	24.9	11.5	36.4

### 3. JHF $\nu$ experiment -CPV

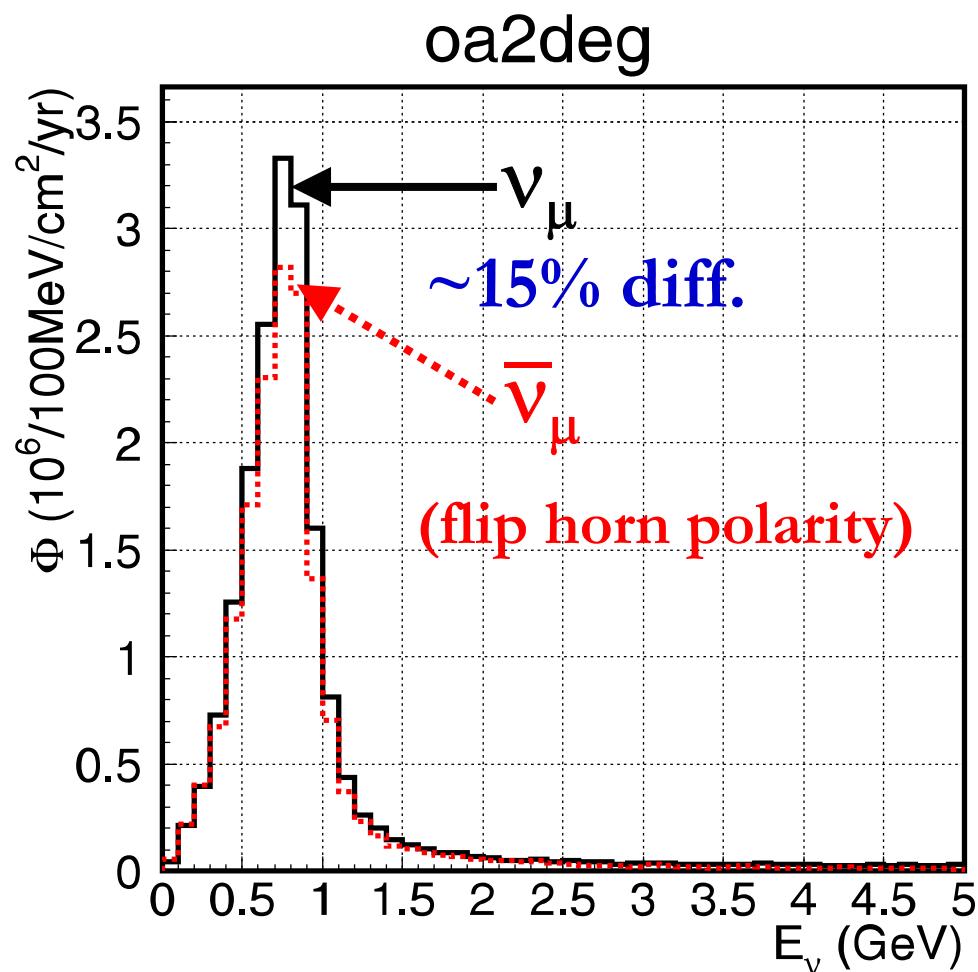
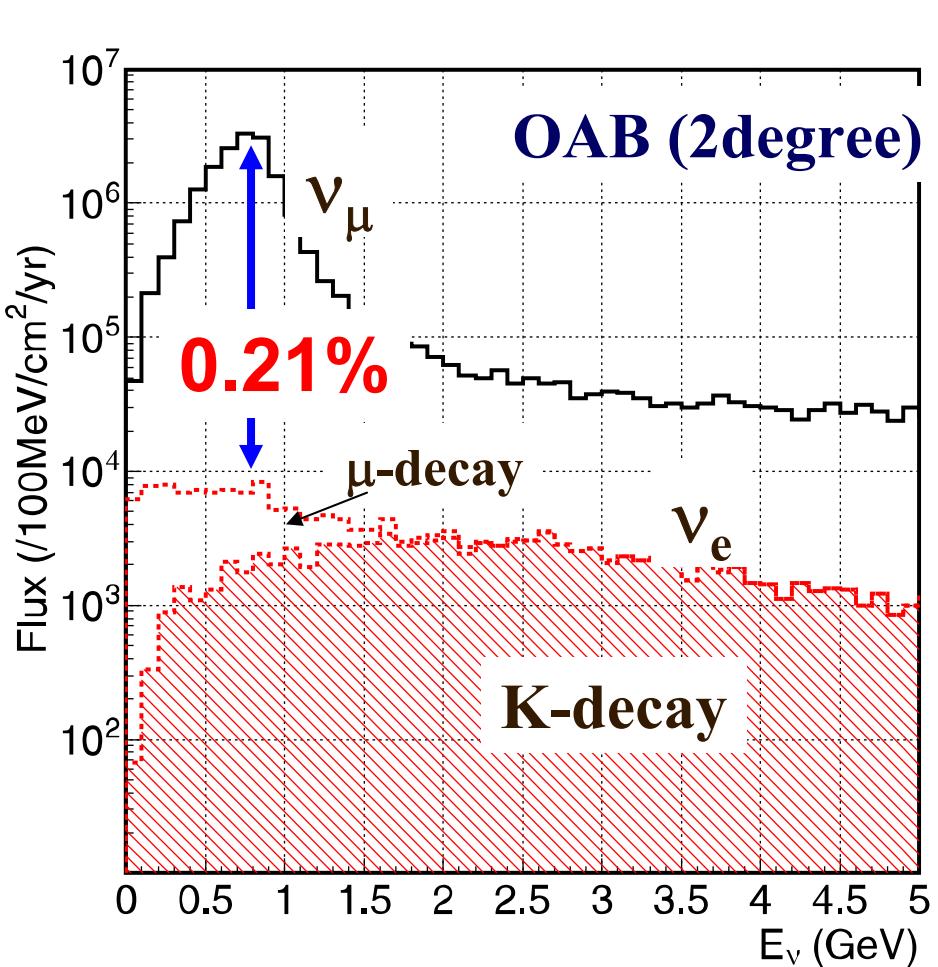


0.54Mton Kamiokande

4MW 50GeV Protons

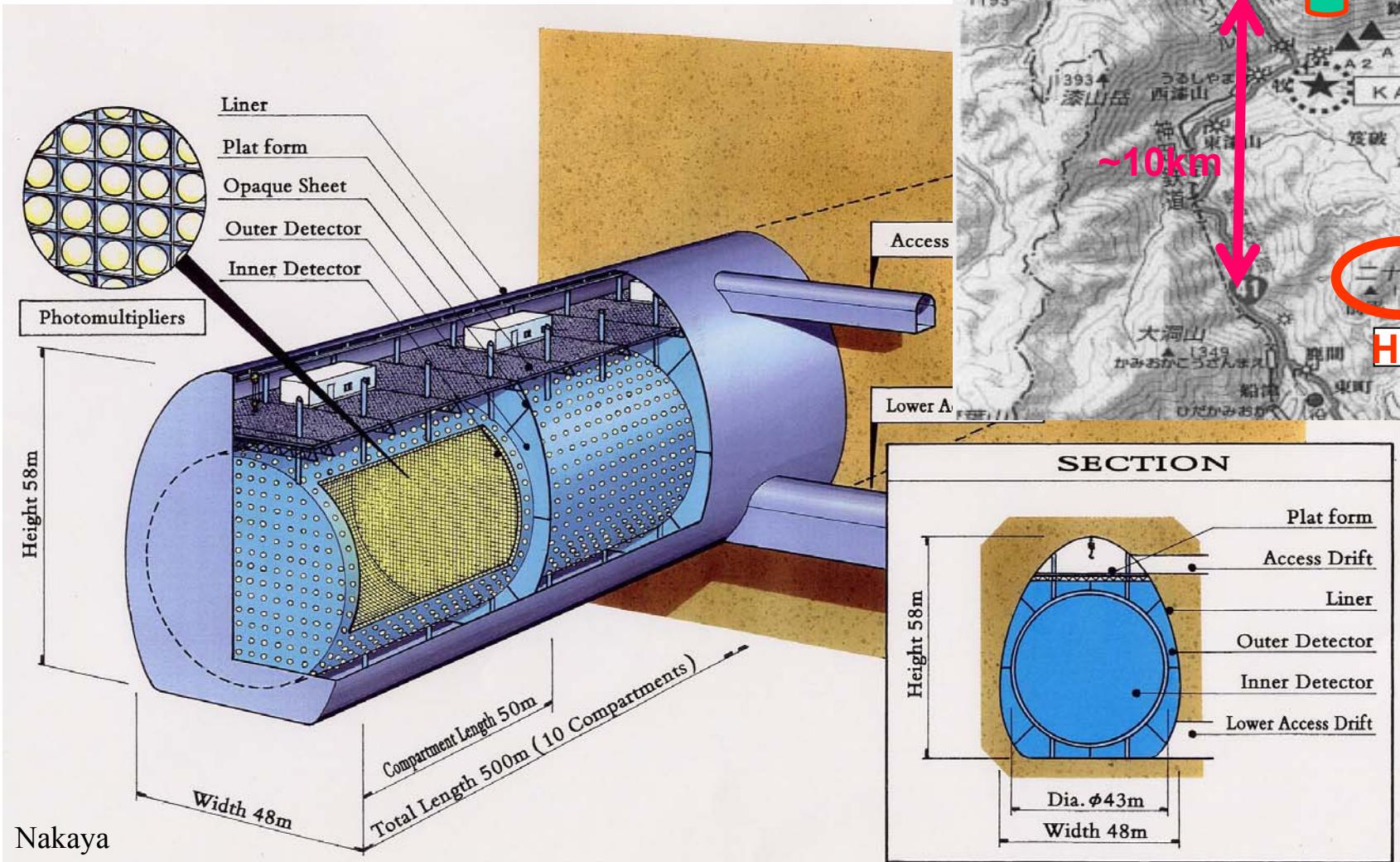


# $\nu / \bar{\nu}$ beam flux



# Hyper-Kamiokande

~540kton fiducial volume

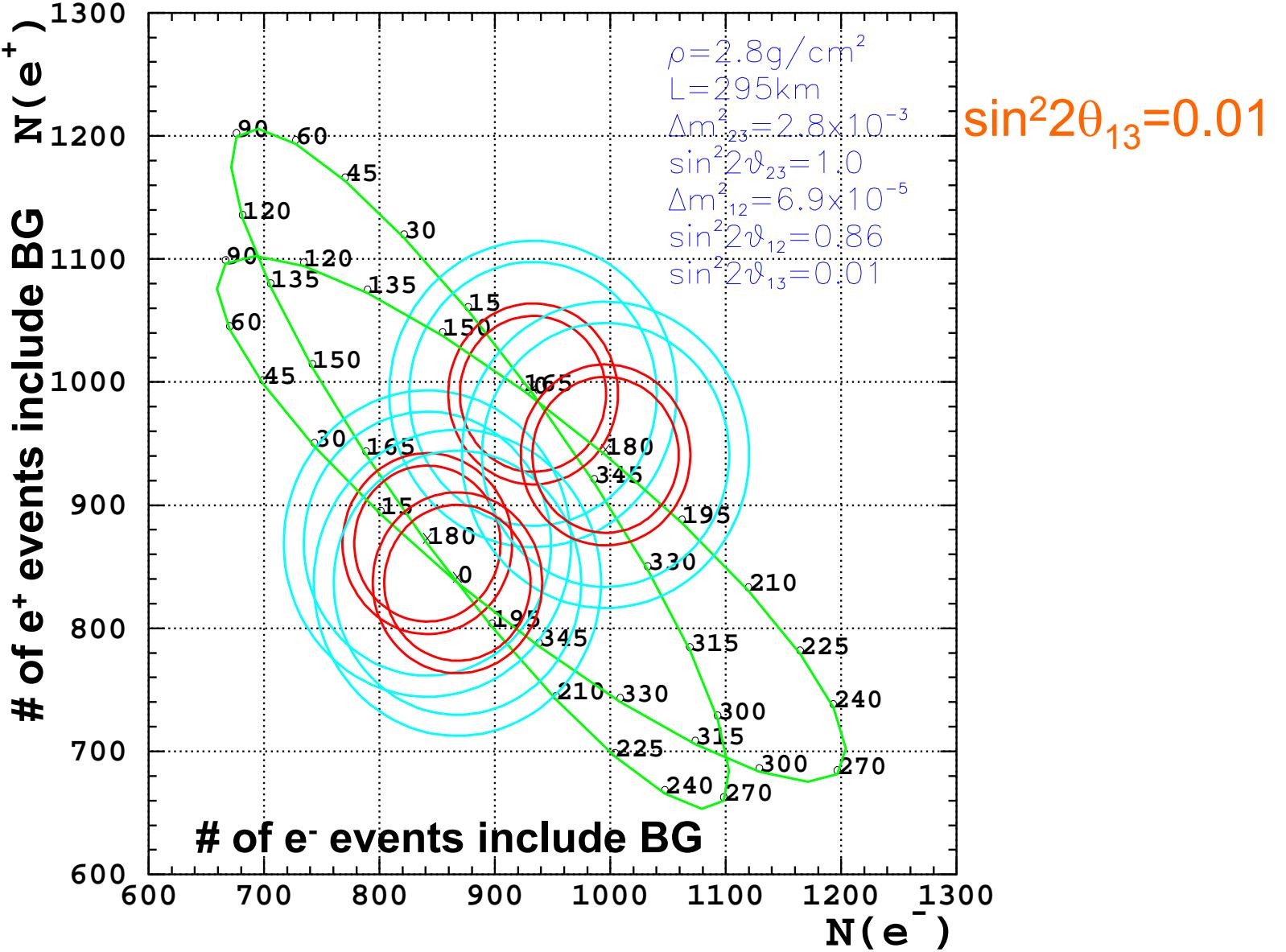


# Expected signal and Background

$$\begin{array}{ll} \nu_\mu: 2\text{yr}, \bar{\nu}_\mu: 6.8\text{yr} & \Delta m_{21}^2 = 6.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2 \\ 4\text{MW} & \Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \\ 0.54\text{Mt} & \theta_{12} = 0.594 \\ & \theta_{23} = \pi/4 \\ & \theta_{13} = 0.05 (\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.01) \end{array}$$

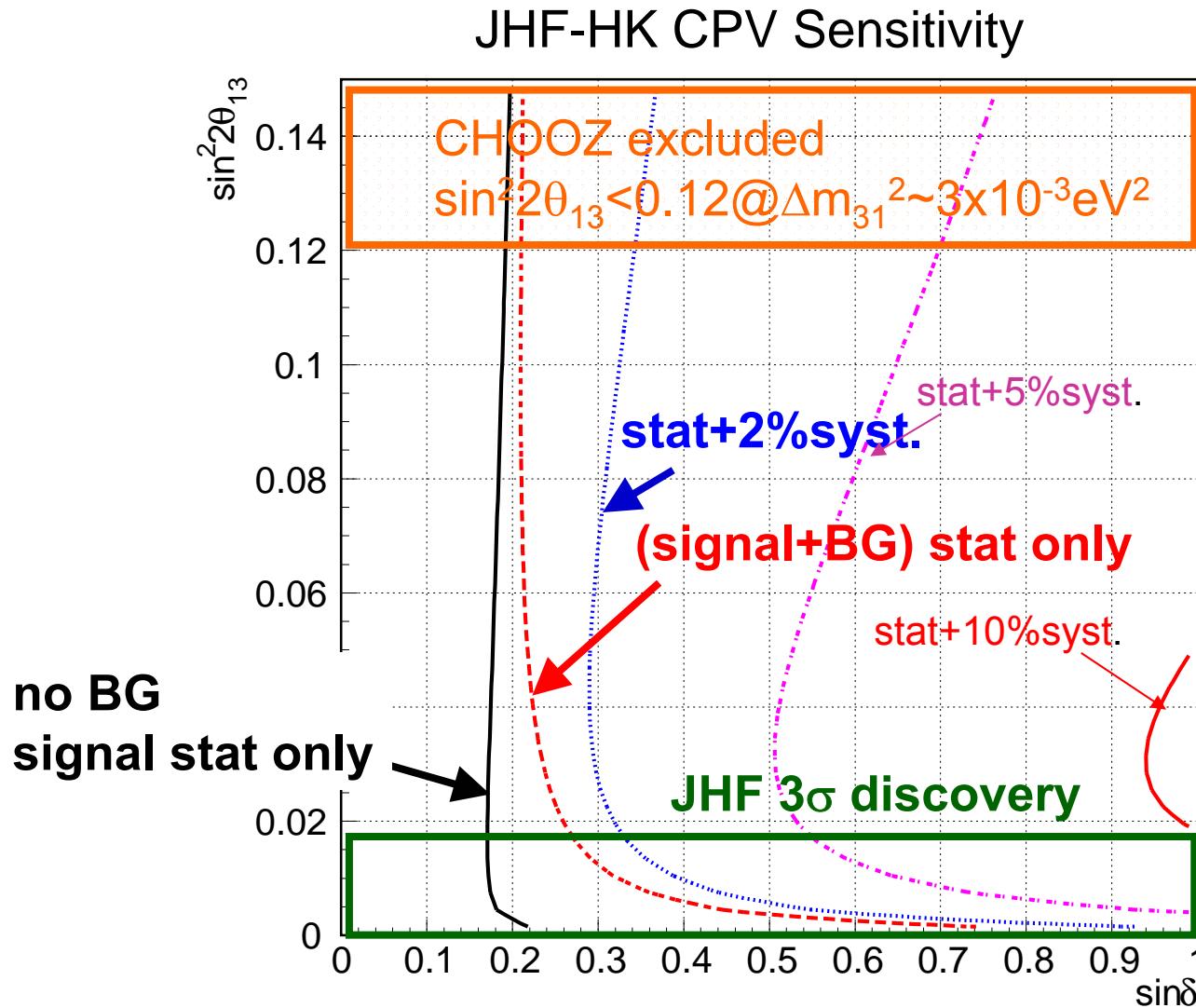
	signal		background				
	$\delta=0$	$\delta=\pi/2$	total	$\nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e$
$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	536	229	913	370	66	450	26
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	536	790	1782	399	657	297	430

# number of $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$ appearance events



3 $\sigma$  CP sensitivity :  $|\delta| > 20^\circ$  for  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} = 0.01$

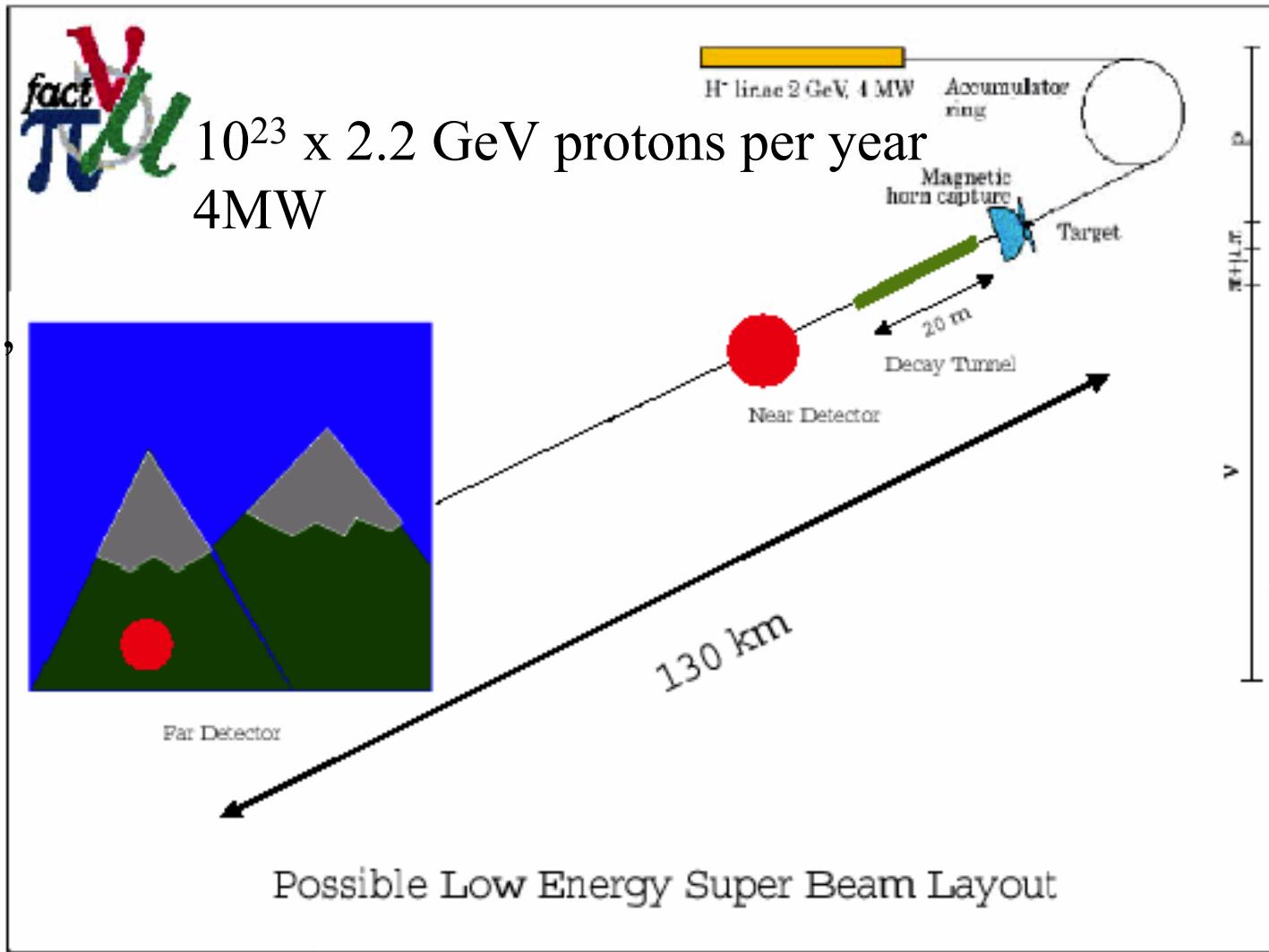
# ~~CP~~ sensitivity ( $3\sigma$ )



**$3\sigma$  CP sensitivity :  $|\delta| > 20^\circ$  for  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01$  with 2% syst.**

# CERN SPL to Frejus

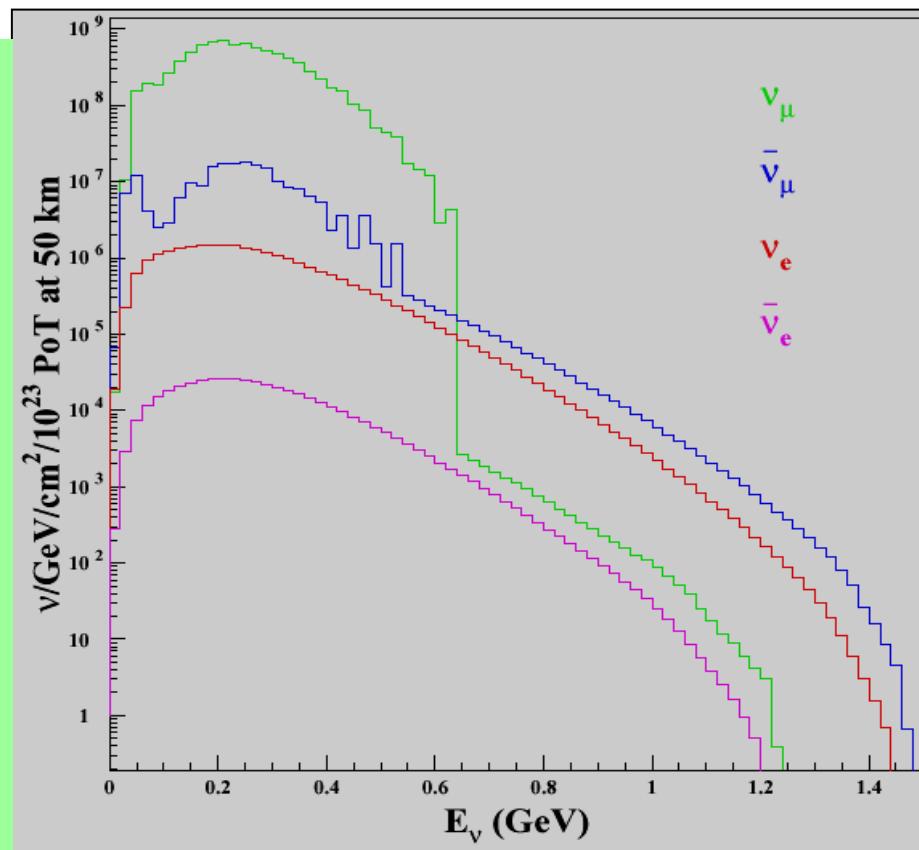
“Super-K”  
~50 kT  
or  
“UNO”  
~500 kT  
water



# Fluxes for SPL Beam

Flux intensities at 50 km from the target

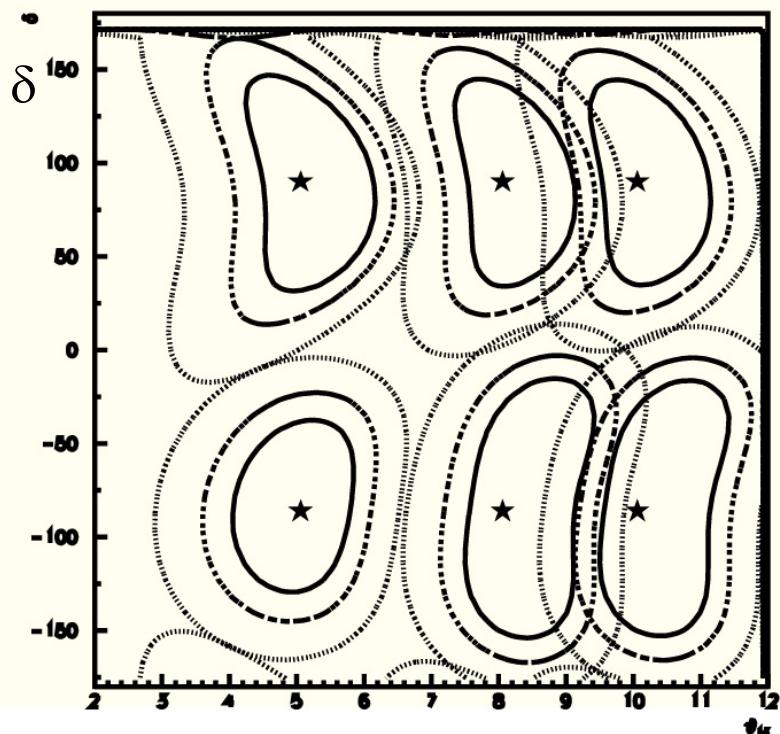
Flavour	Absolute Flux ( / $10^{23}$ pot/ m $^2$ )	Rel. Flux (%)	E (GeV)
$\mu$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{12}$	100	0.27
$\bar{\mu}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{10}$	1.6	0.28
e	$5.2 \cdot 10^9$	0.67	0.32
$\bar{e}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^8$	0.004	0.29



## Preliminary CP sensitivity

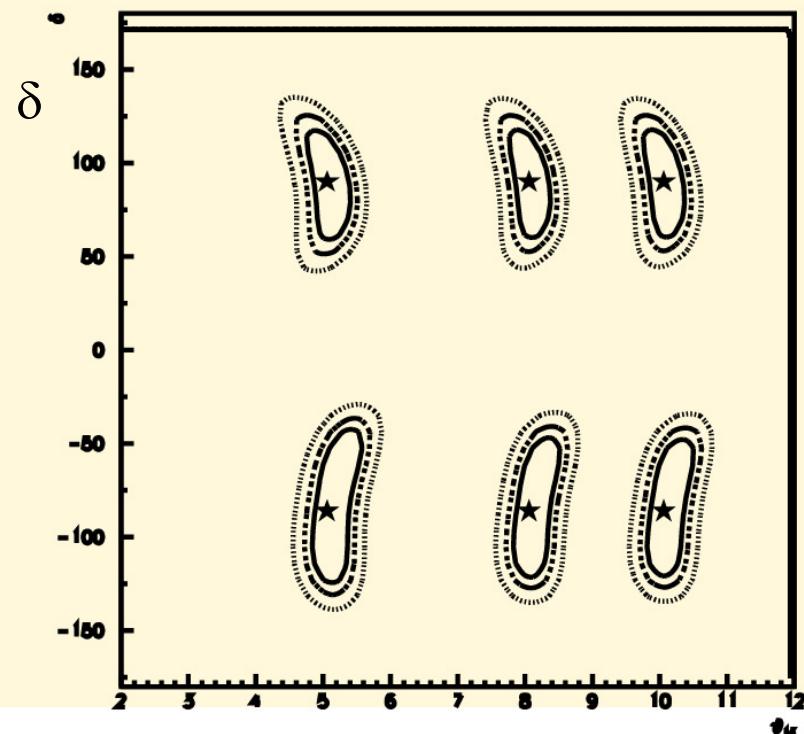
40 kton water detector

1 , 90%CL, 99%CL lines



400 kton water detector

1 , 90%CL, 99%CL lines



$\Theta_{13}$

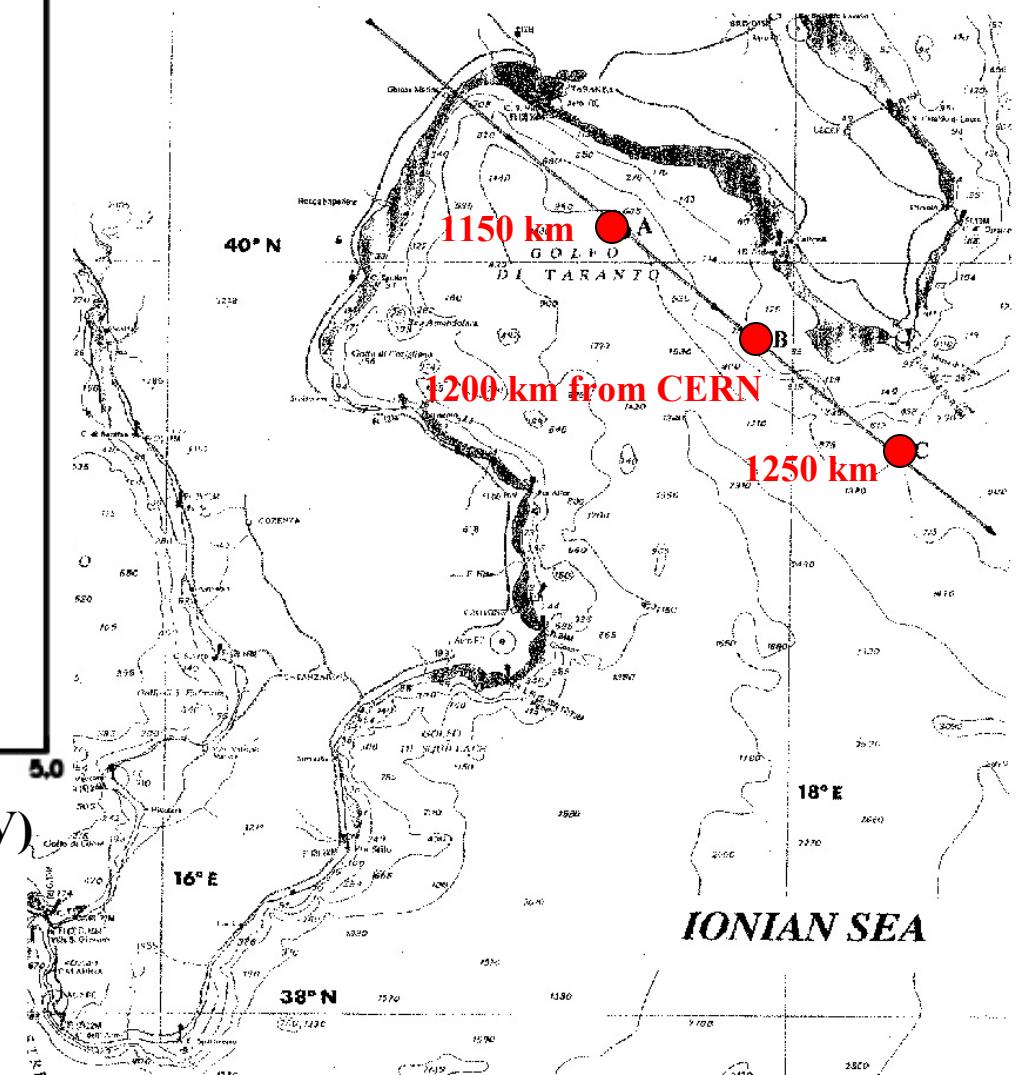
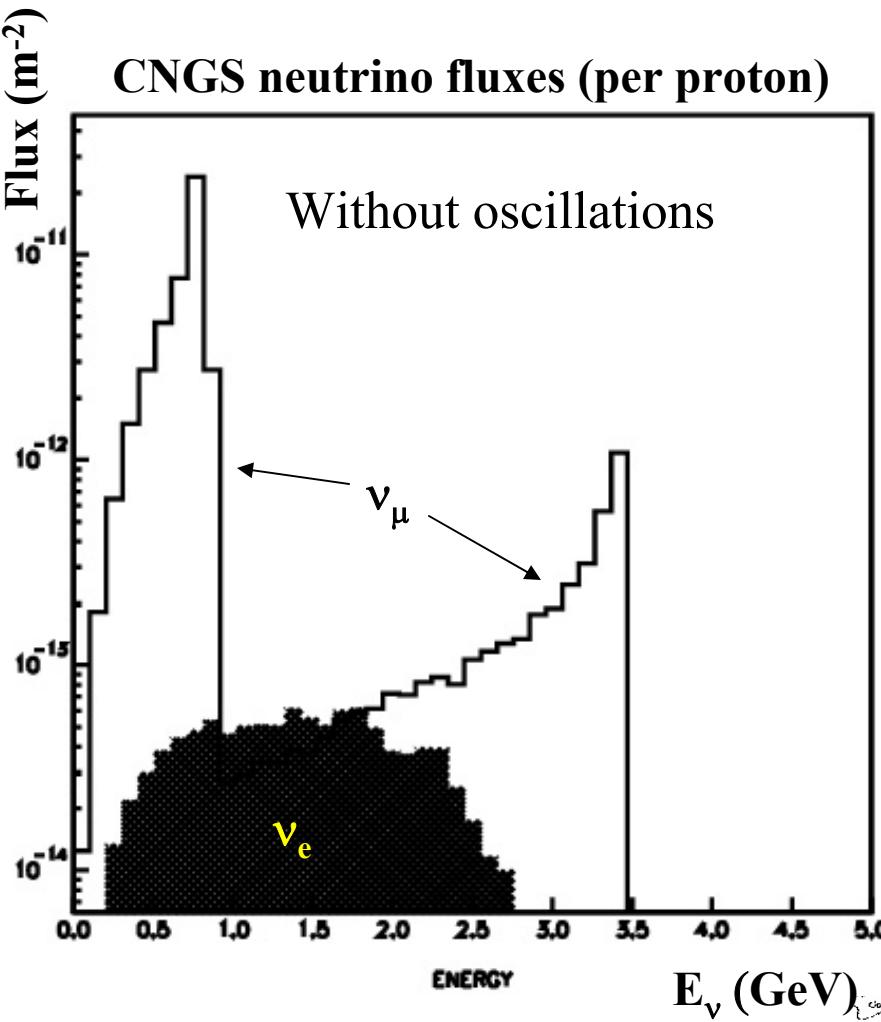
$\Theta_{13}$

Mezzetto

M. Mezzetto, "Future Neutrino Oscillations ", Moriond, March 17, 2003. .

# Off-Axis CNGS to Gulf of Taranto

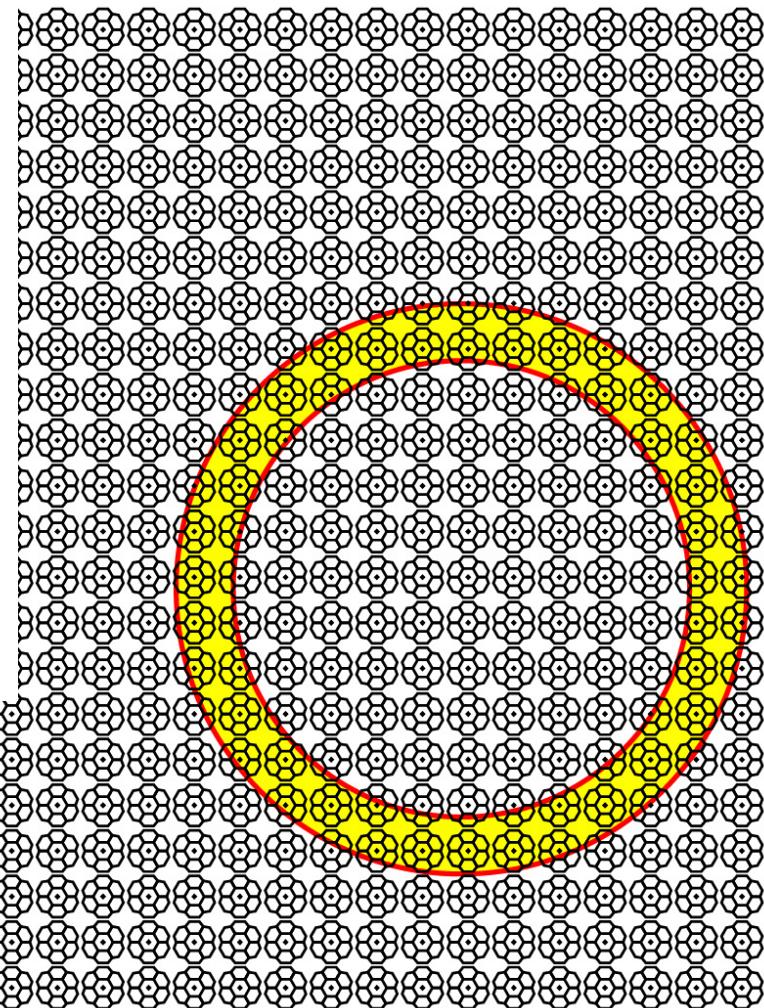
CNGS neutrino fluxes (per proton)



# Gulf of Taranto Detector

Detector wall In Gulf of Taranto...

<b>Depth</b>	<b>1000 m</b>
<b>Diameter</b>	<b>300 m</b>
<b>No. of PMT's</b>	<b>8000</b>
<b>Distance between PMT's</b>	<b>3.2 m</b>
<b>Area per PMT</b>	<b>8.9 m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Transverse dimension of mirror unit</b>	<b>1.2 m</b>
<b>Fraction of active coverage</b>	<b>14%</b>



...later re-arranged as km<sup>3</sup> underwater array

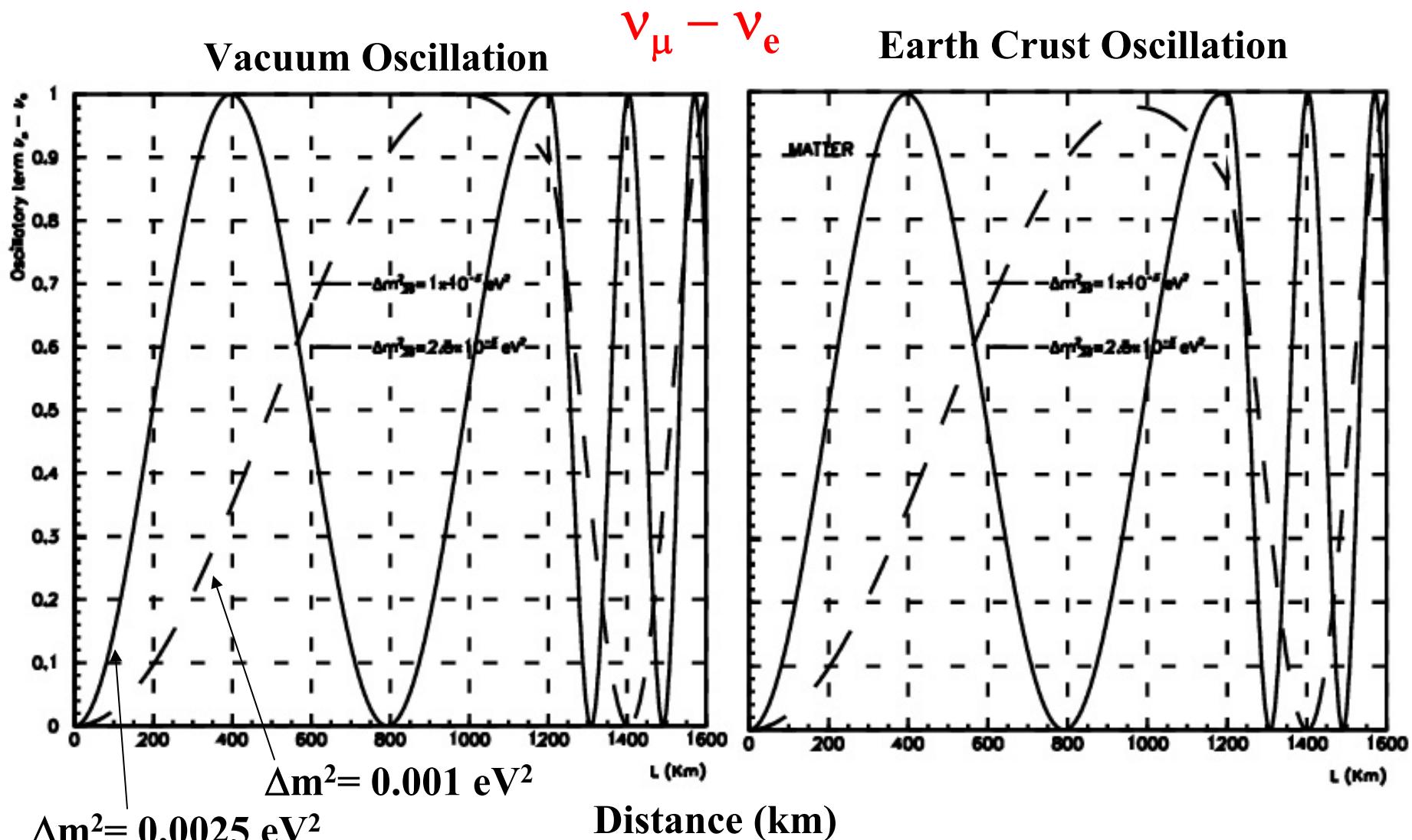
<b>Depth</b>	<b>as large as possible</b>
<b>Distance between PMT's</b>	<b>50 m</b>

	<b>No. of events</b>
<b>Reference: <math>\nu_\mu^\pi</math> CC events w/o oscillation</b>	<b>14700</b>
<b>NC background (1<math>\pi^0</math>) from <math>\nu_\mu^\pi</math></b>	<b>50</b>
<b>NC background (1<math>\pi^0</math>) from <math>\nu_\mu^K</math></b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Intrinsic <math>\nu_e</math> (<math>\sim 0.1\%</math>)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Sum of all backgrounds</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Error on background (stat. + syst.)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>90% CL on <math>\sin^2\theta_{13}</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 0.002</math></b>

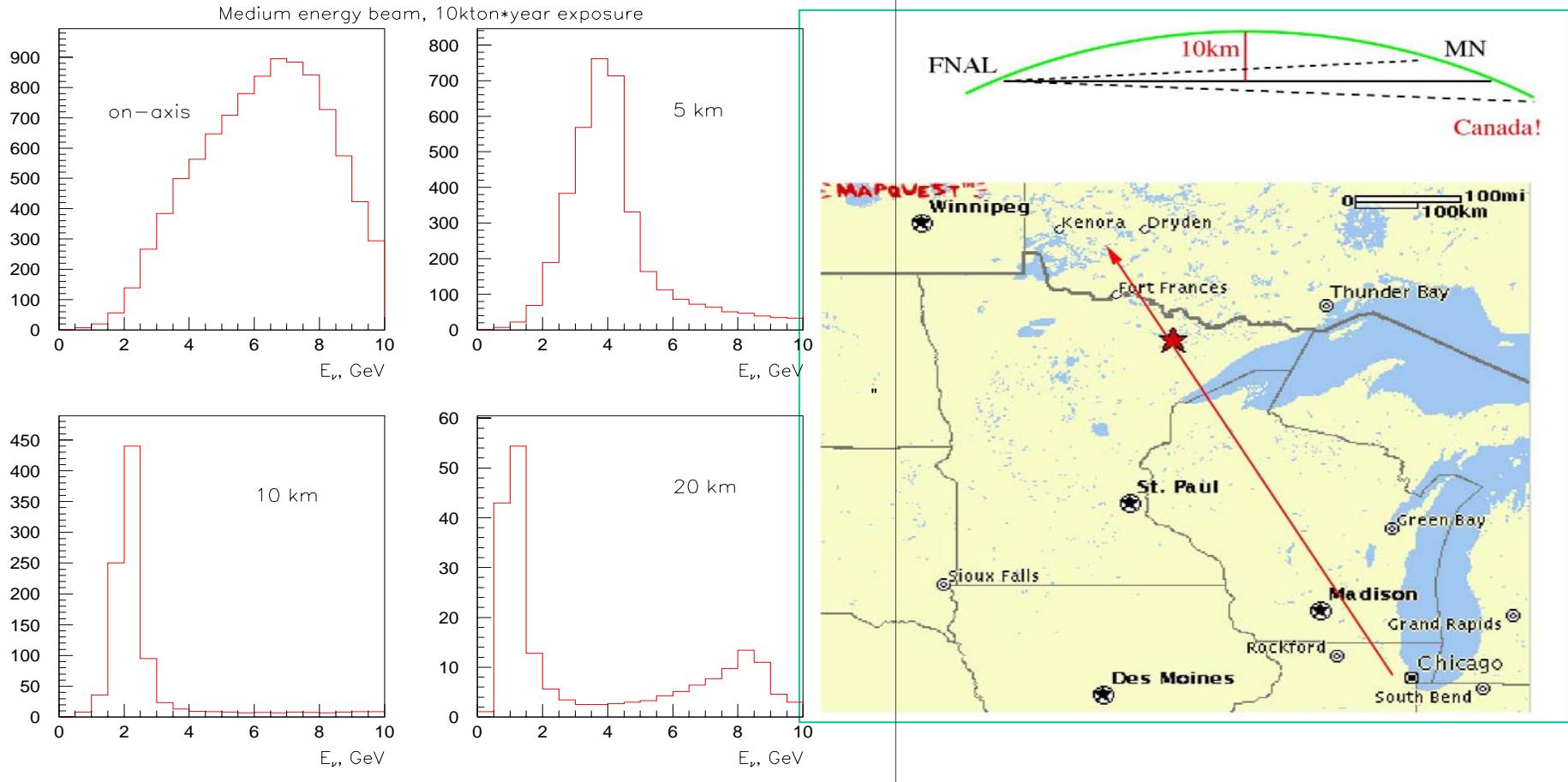
2MT fiducial mass running for 3 years with  $5 \times 10^{19}$  protons/year

Dydak

# Oscillation Amplitudes for 800 MeV Neutrinos



# Off-Axis NuMI Beams



- $\sim 2$  GeV energy :
  - Below t threshold
  - Relatively high rates per proton, especially for antineutrinos
- Matter effects to differentiate mass hierarchies
- Baselines 700 – 1000 km

# Sources of the $\nu_e$ background

# NuMI Off-axis Detector

Low Z imaging calorimeter:

- Glass RPC or
- Drift tubes or
- Liquid or solid scintillator

Electron ID efficiency  $\sim 40\%$  while keeping NC background below intrinsic  $\nu_e$  level

Well known and understood detector technologies

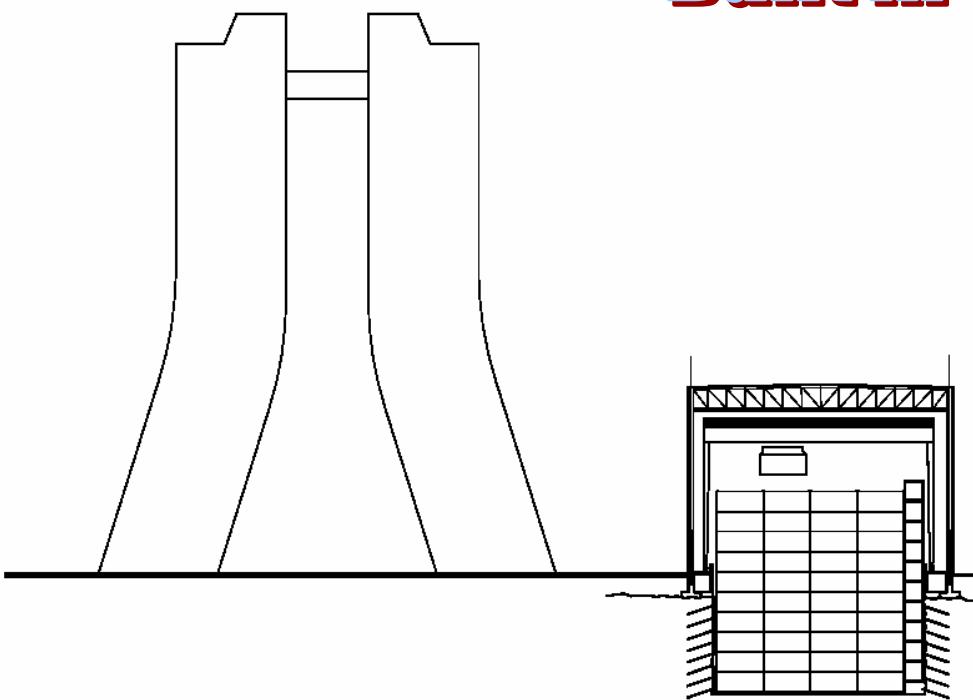
Primarily the engineering challenge of (cheaply) constructing a very massive detector

How massive??

50 kton detector, 5 years run =>

- 10% measurement if  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  at the CHOOZ limit, or
- $3\sigma$  evidence if  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  factor 10 below the CHOOZ limit (normal hierarchy,  $\delta=0$ ), or
- Factor 20 improvement of the limit

# A Modular Detector Built in Shipping Containers?



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**PROPOSED  
DETECTOR**

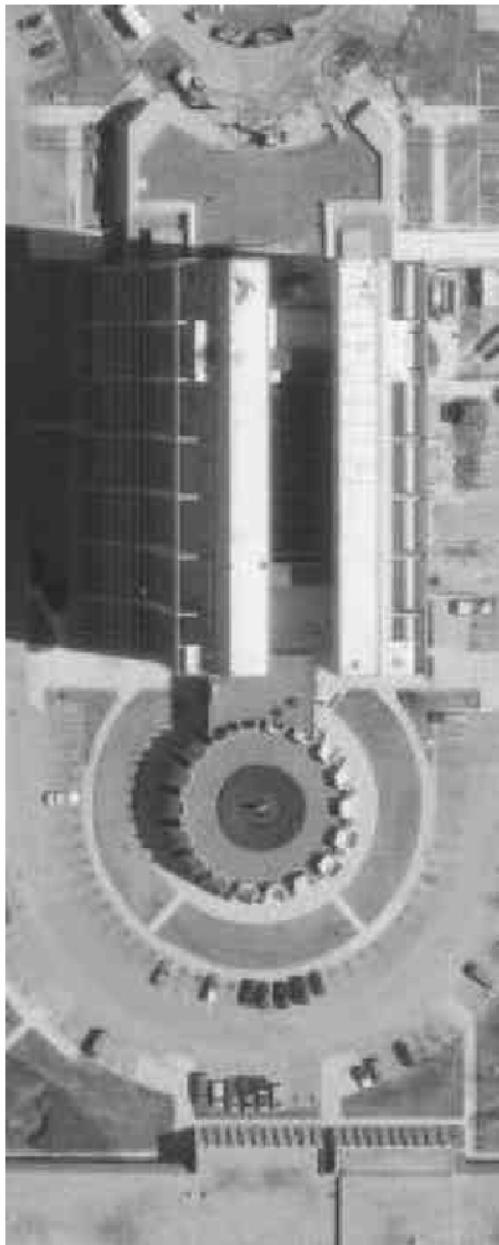


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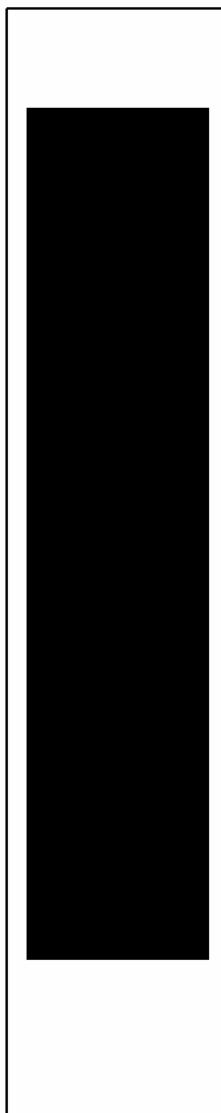


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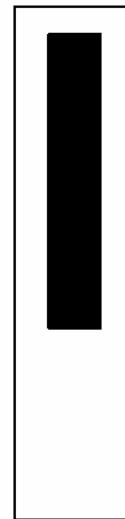
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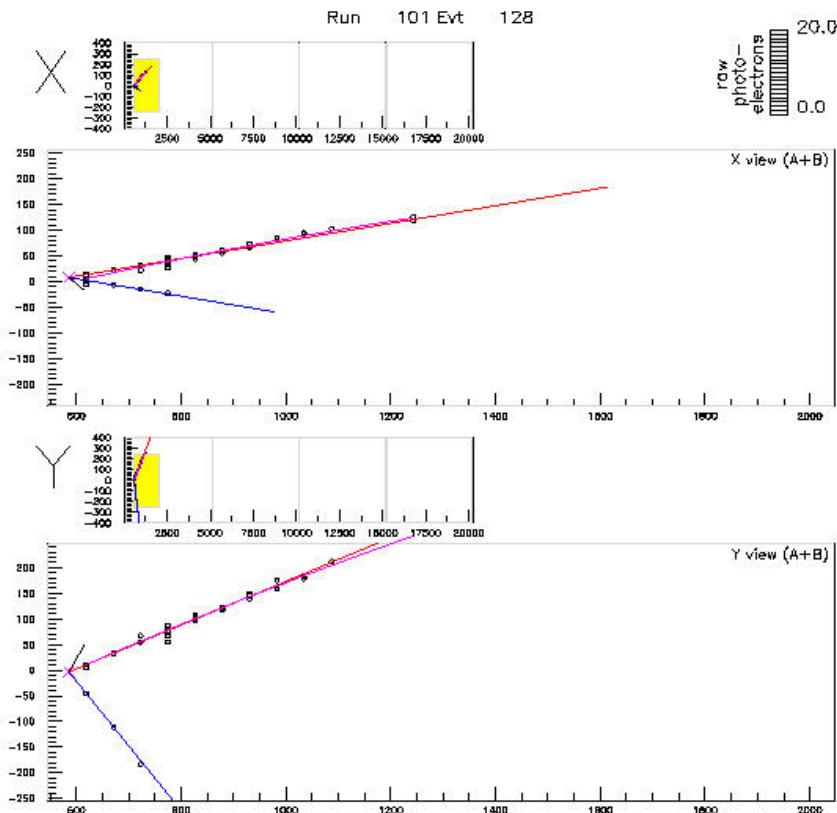
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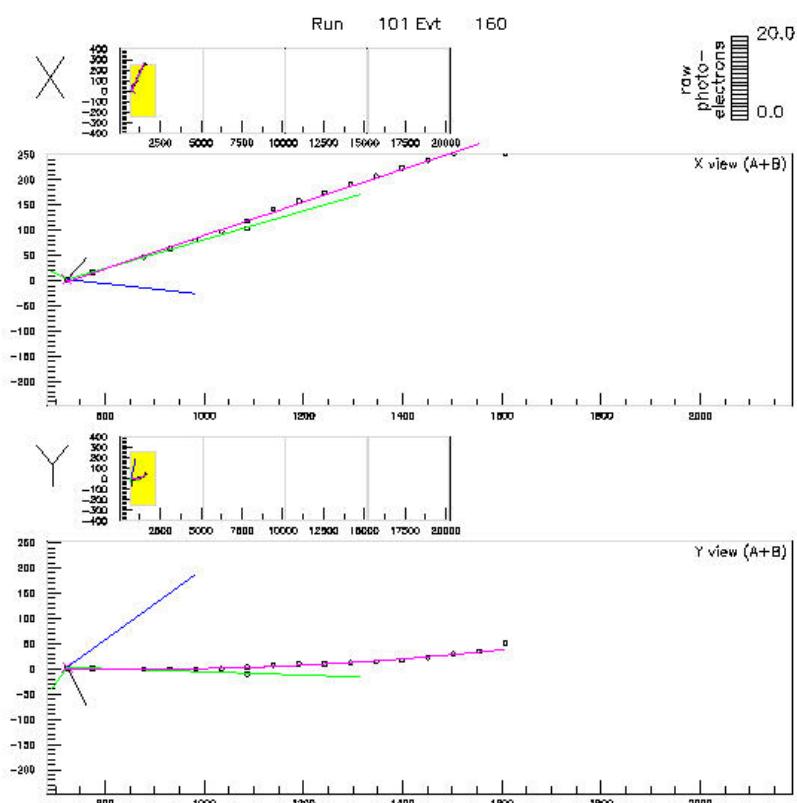
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# Signal and background

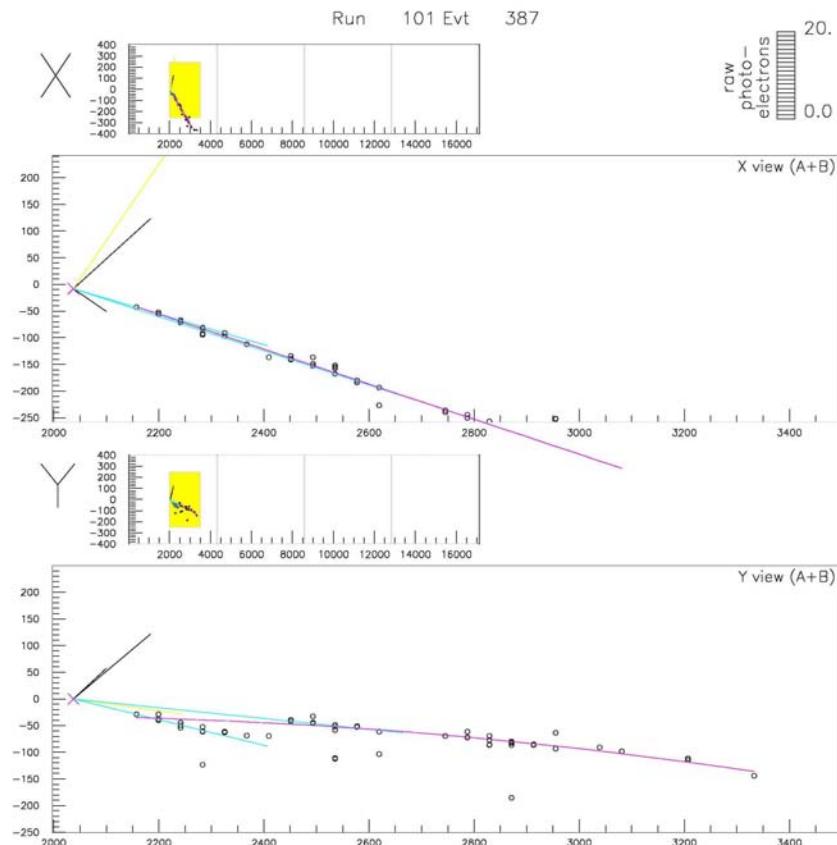


Fuzzy track = electron

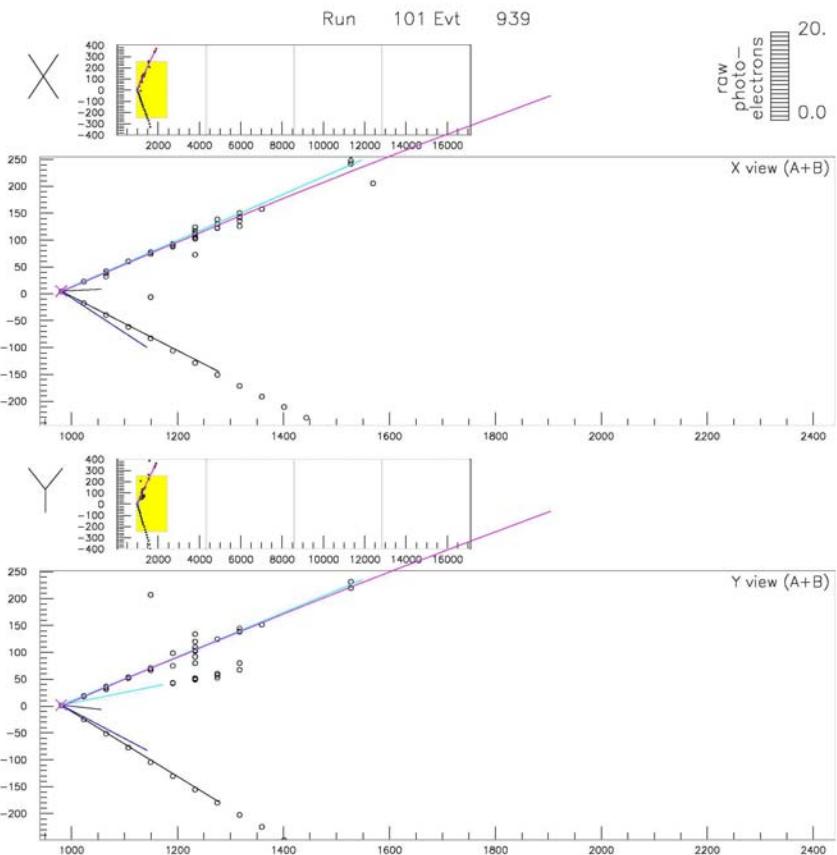


Clean track = muon (pion)

# Background examples



$NC - \pi^0 - 2$  tracks



$\nu_\mu CC - \text{with } \pi^0 - \text{muon}$

# Two phase program?

Phase I? ( $\sim \$100\text{-}200$  M, running 2008 – 2014)

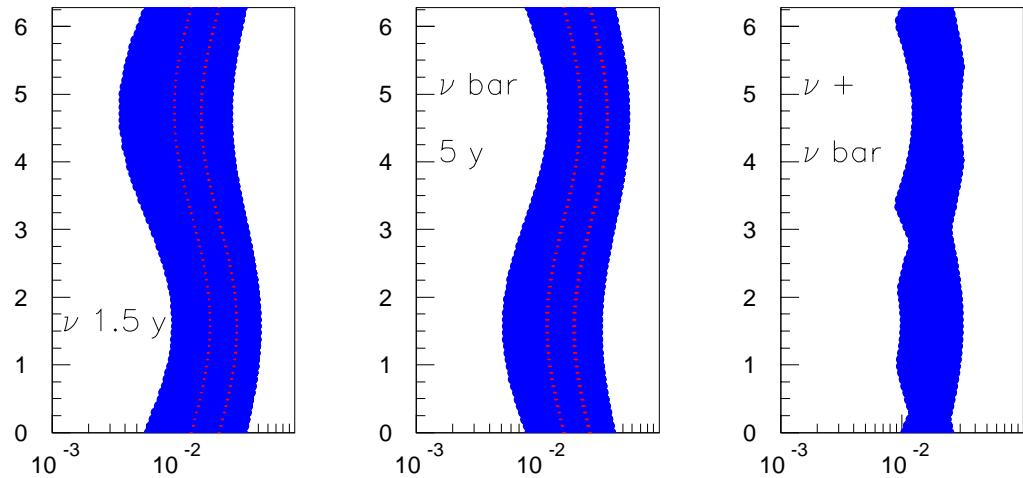
- 50 kton (fiducial) detector with  $\varepsilon \sim 35\text{-}40\%$
- $4 \times 10^{20}$  protons per year (Nominal NuMI design plan... conservative? 6-8?)
- 1.5 years neutrino ( $6000 \nu_\mu$  CC, 70-80% ‘oscillated’)
- 5 years antineutrino ( $6500 \bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC, 70-80% ‘oscillated’)

Phase II? ( running 2014-2020)

- 200 kton (fiducial) detector with  $\varepsilon \sim 35\text{-}40\%$
- $20 \times 10^{20}$  protons per year (needs new proton source)
- 1.5 years neutrino ( $120000 \nu_\mu$  CC, 70-80% ‘oscillated’)
- 5 years antineutrino ( $130000 \bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC, 70-80% ‘oscillated’)

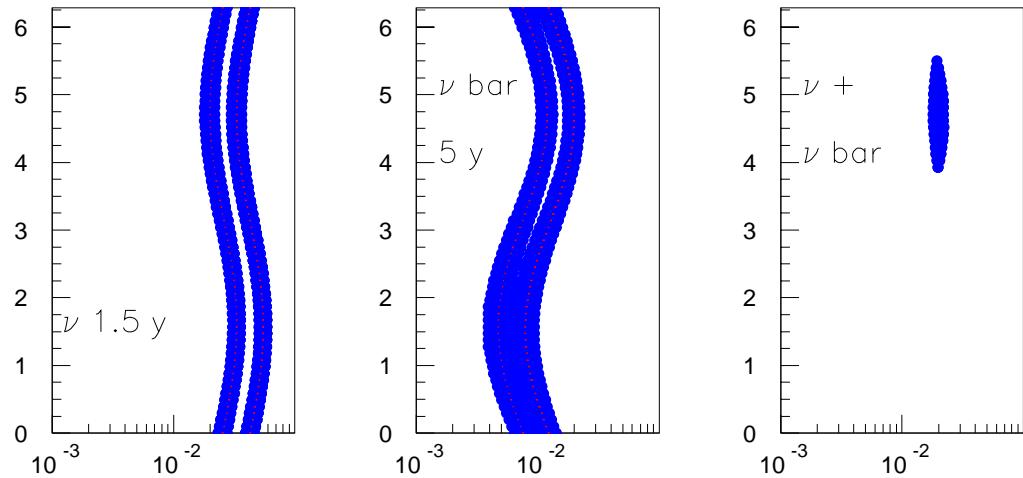
# NuMI Off-Axis Sensitivity for Phases I and II

$\delta - \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13}$  correlation,  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} = 0.02$ ,  $\delta = 3\pi/2$ , Phase I



We take the Phase II to have 25 times higher POT x Detector mass

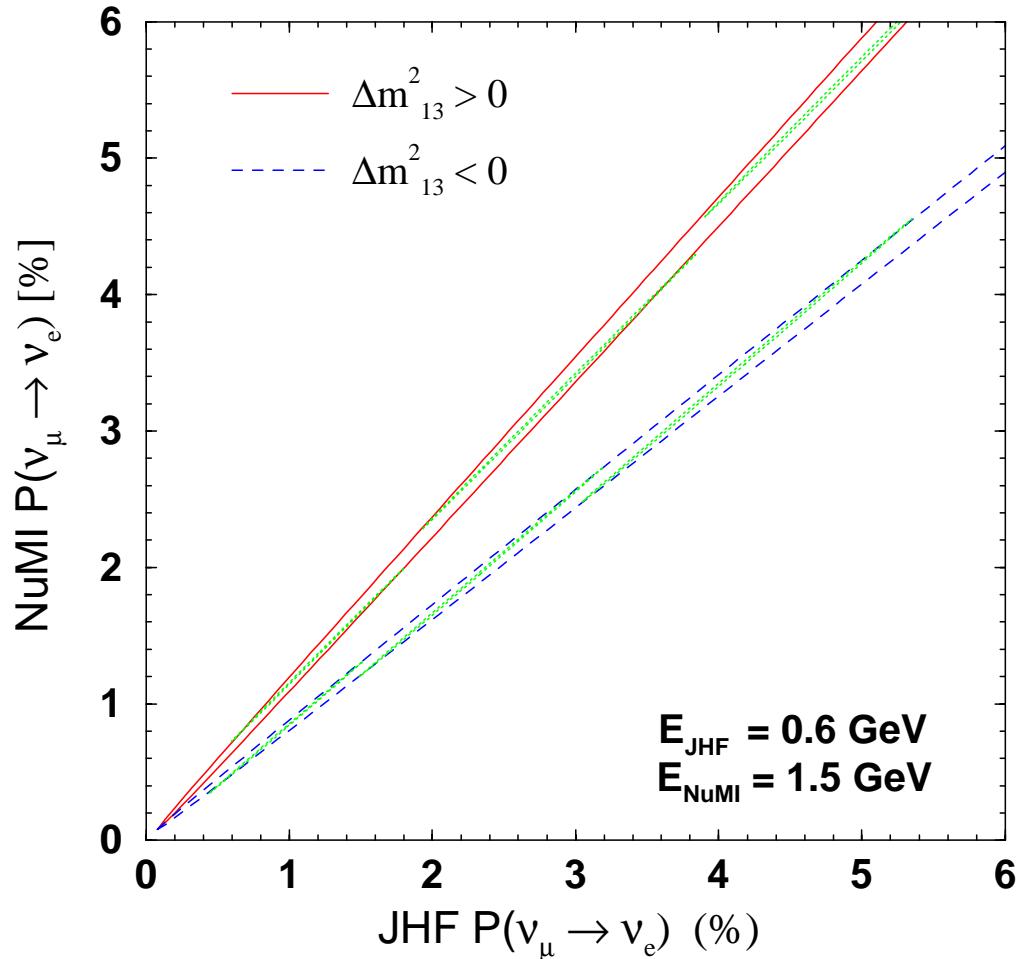
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	NuMI Off-axis 50 kton, 85% eff, 5 years, $4 \times 10^{20}$ pot/y		JHF to SK Phase I, 5 years	
	all	After cuts	all	After cuts
$\nu_\mu$ CC (no osc)	28348	6.8	10714	1.8
NC	8650	19.4	4080	9.3
Beam $\nu_e$	604	31.2	292	11
Signal ( $\Delta m^2_{23} = 2.8/3 \times 10^{-3}$ , NuMI/JHF)	867.3	307.9	302	123
FOM (signal/bckg)		40.7		26.2

# Determination of mass hierarchy: complementarity of JHF and NuMI

Combination of different baselines: NuMI + JHF extends the range of hierarchy discrimination to much lower mixing angles

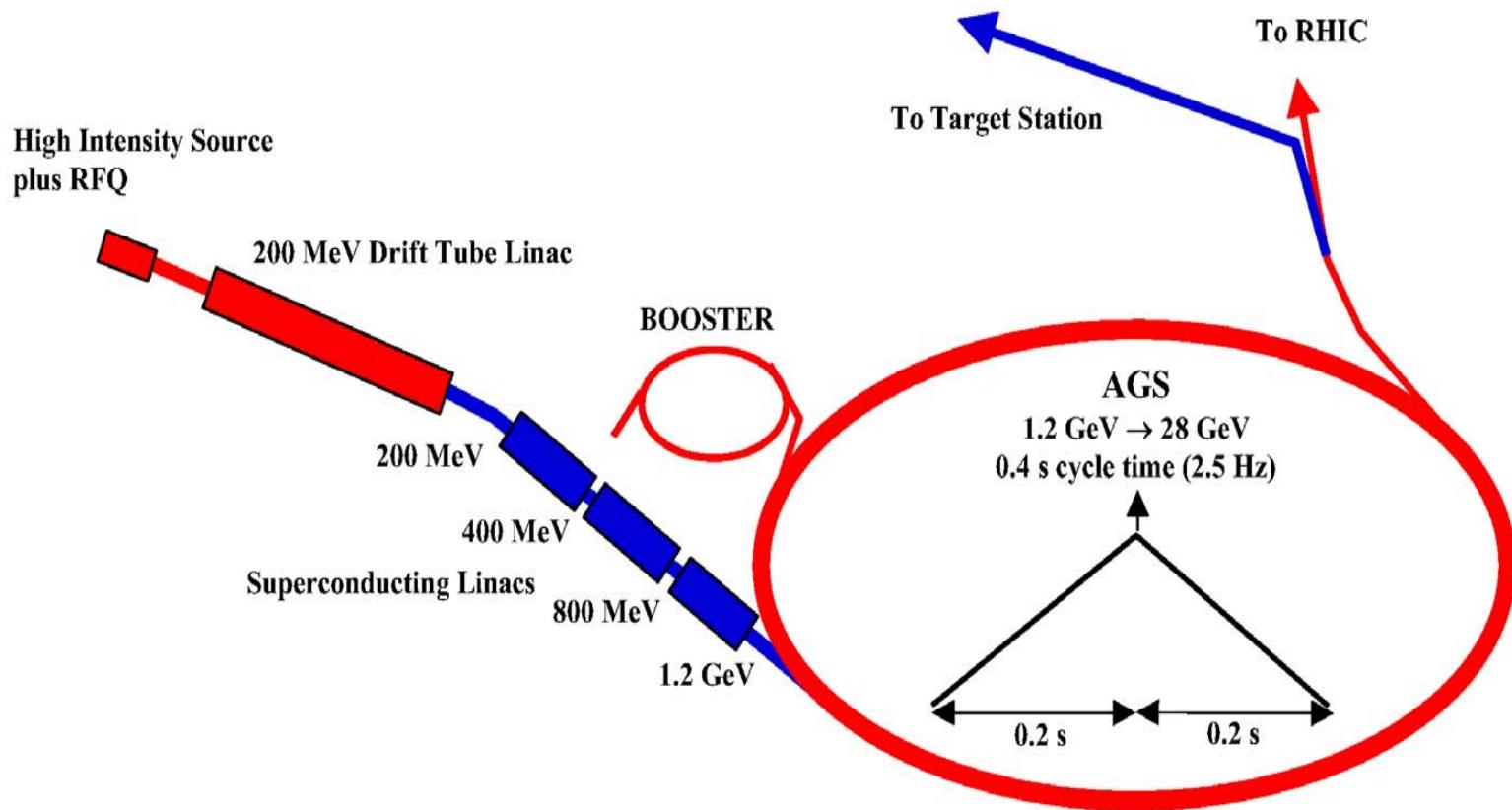


# BNL → Homestake Super Neutrino Beam



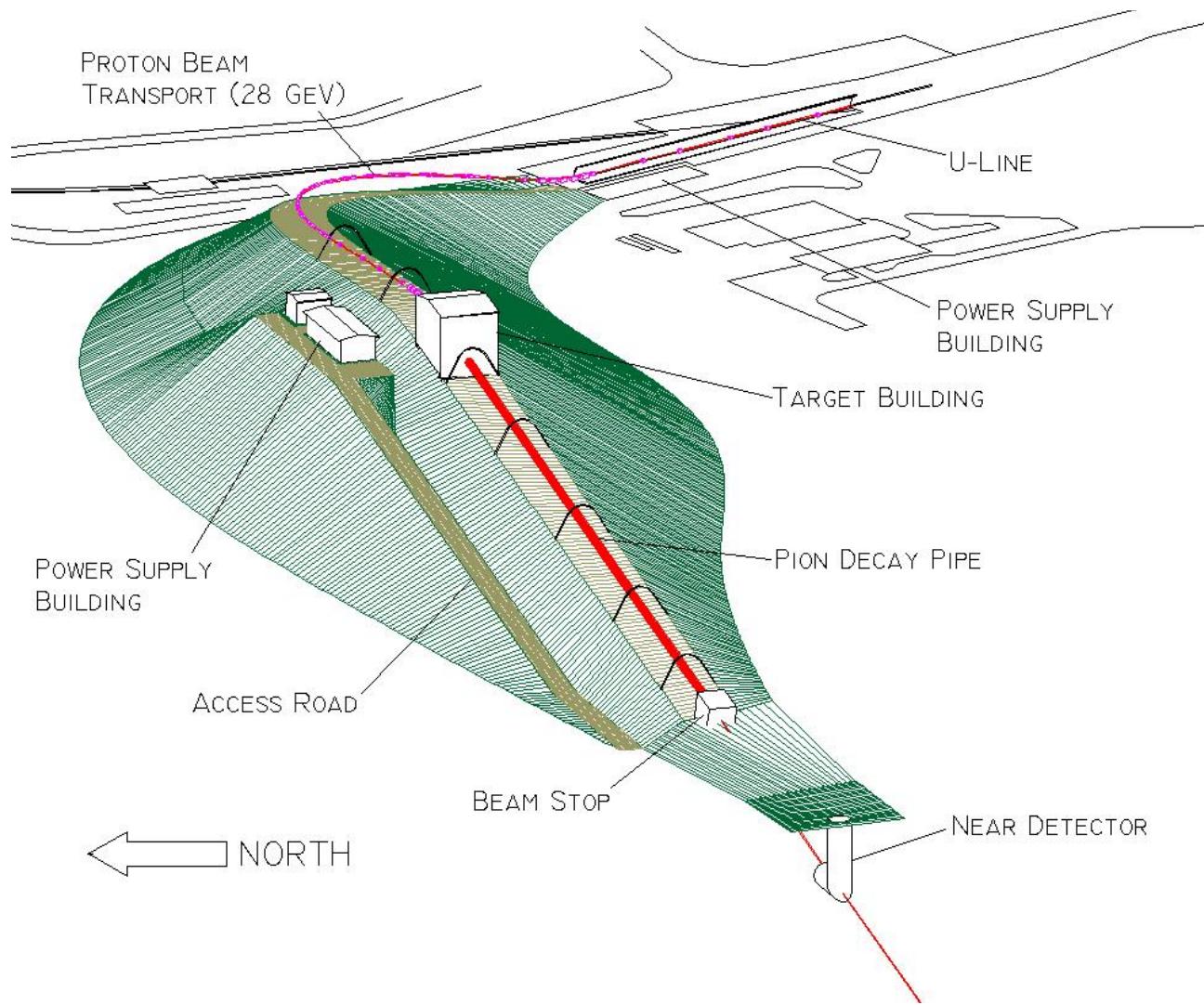
28 GeV protons, 1 MW beam power  
500 kT Water Cherenkov detector  
5e7 sec of running, Conventional Horn based beam

# AGS Target Power Upgrade to 1 MW



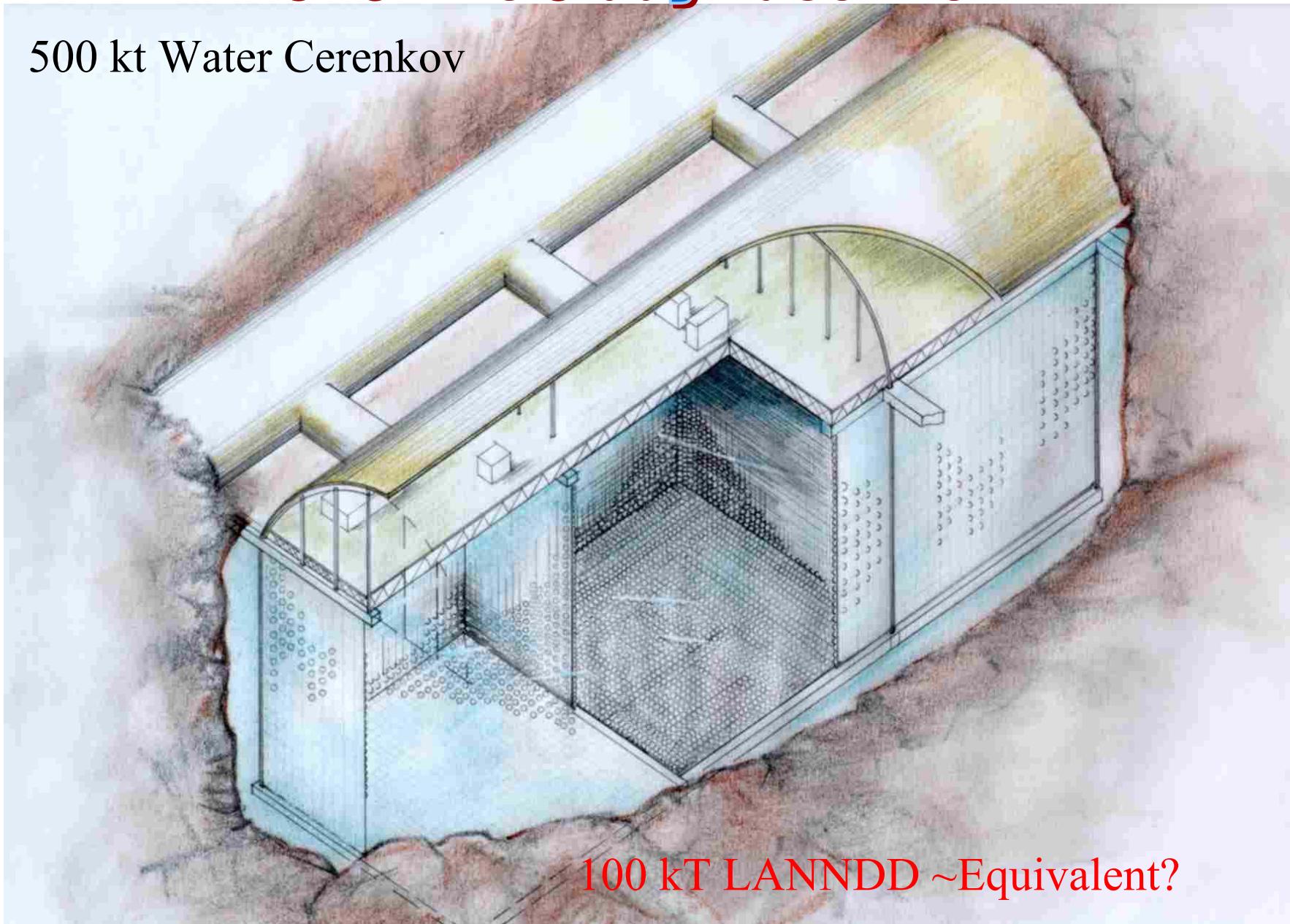
- the *AGS Upgrade* to provide a source for the 1.0 MW Super Neutrino Beam will cost \$265M FY03 (TEC) dollars

# 3-D Neutrino Super Beam Perspective



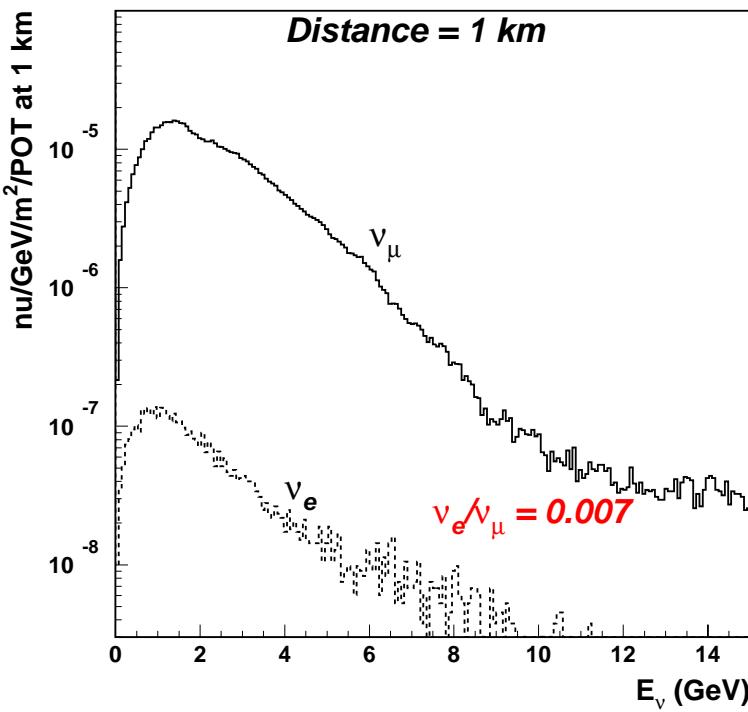
# UNO: The Study Baseline

500 kt Water Cerenkov



# Neutrino spectrum from AGS

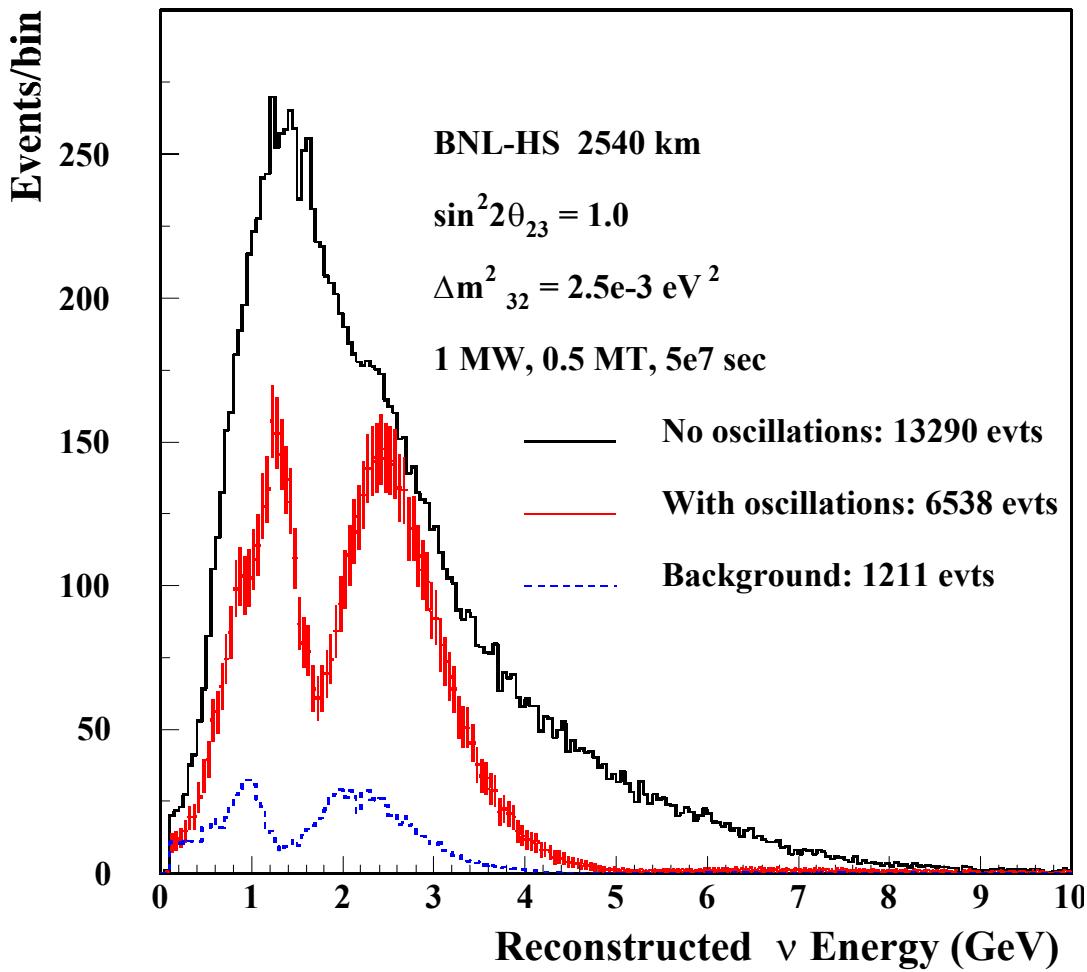
BNL Wide Band. Proton Energy = 28 GeV



- Proton energy 28 GeV
- 1 MW total power
- $\sim 10^{14}$  proton per pulse
- Cycle 2.5 Hz
- Pulse width 2.5 mu-s
- Horn focused beam with graphite target
- $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ v/m}^2/\text{POT} @ 1\text{km}$

# Advantages of a Very Long Baseline

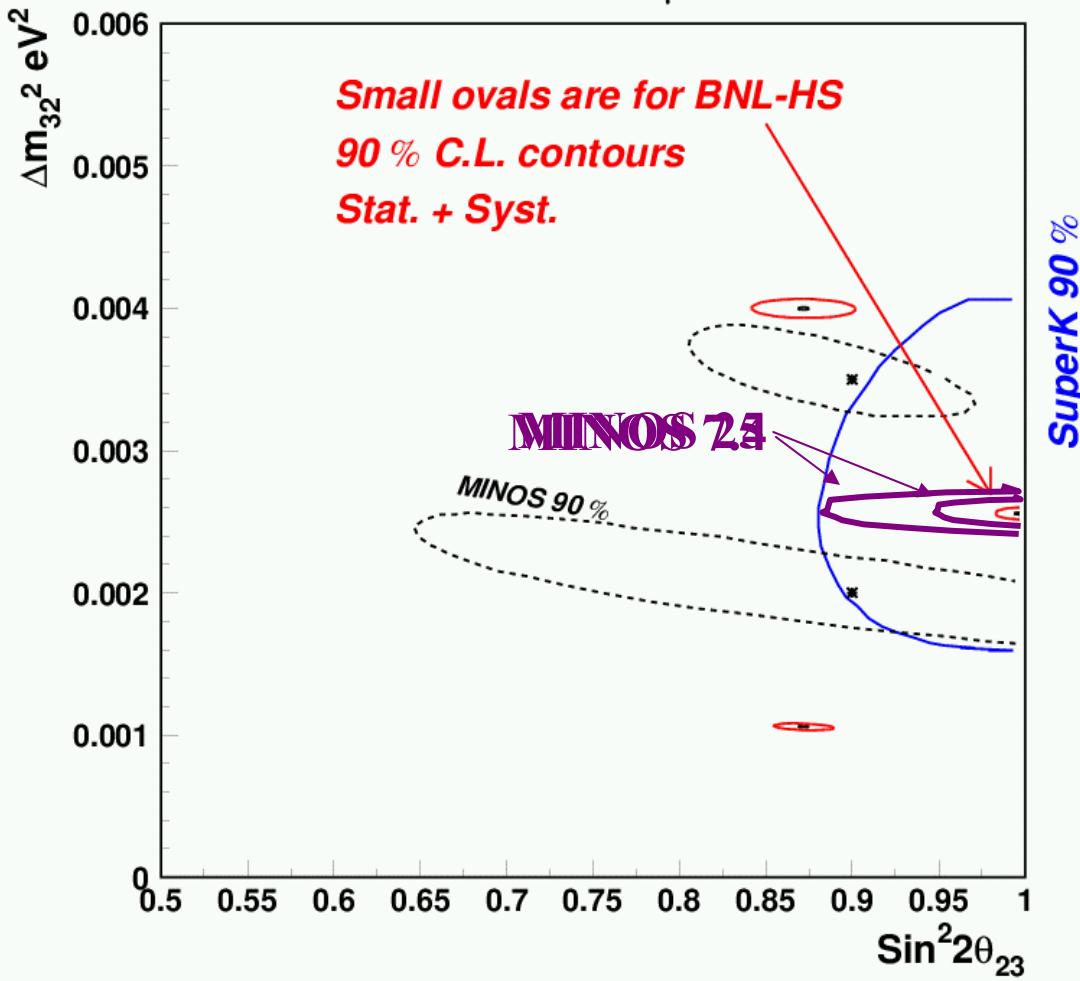
## $\nu_\mu$ DISAPPEARANCE



- neutrino oscillations result from the factor  $\sin^2(\Delta m_{32}^2 L / 4E)$  modulating the  $\nu$  flux for each flavor (here  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance)
- the oscillation period is directly proportional to distance and inversely proportional to energy
- with a *very long baseline* actual oscillations are seen in the data as a function of energy
- the multiple-node structure of the very long baseline allows the  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  to be precisely measured by a *wavelength* rather than an amplitude (reducing systematic errors)

# VLB Application to Measurement of $\Delta m_{32}^2$

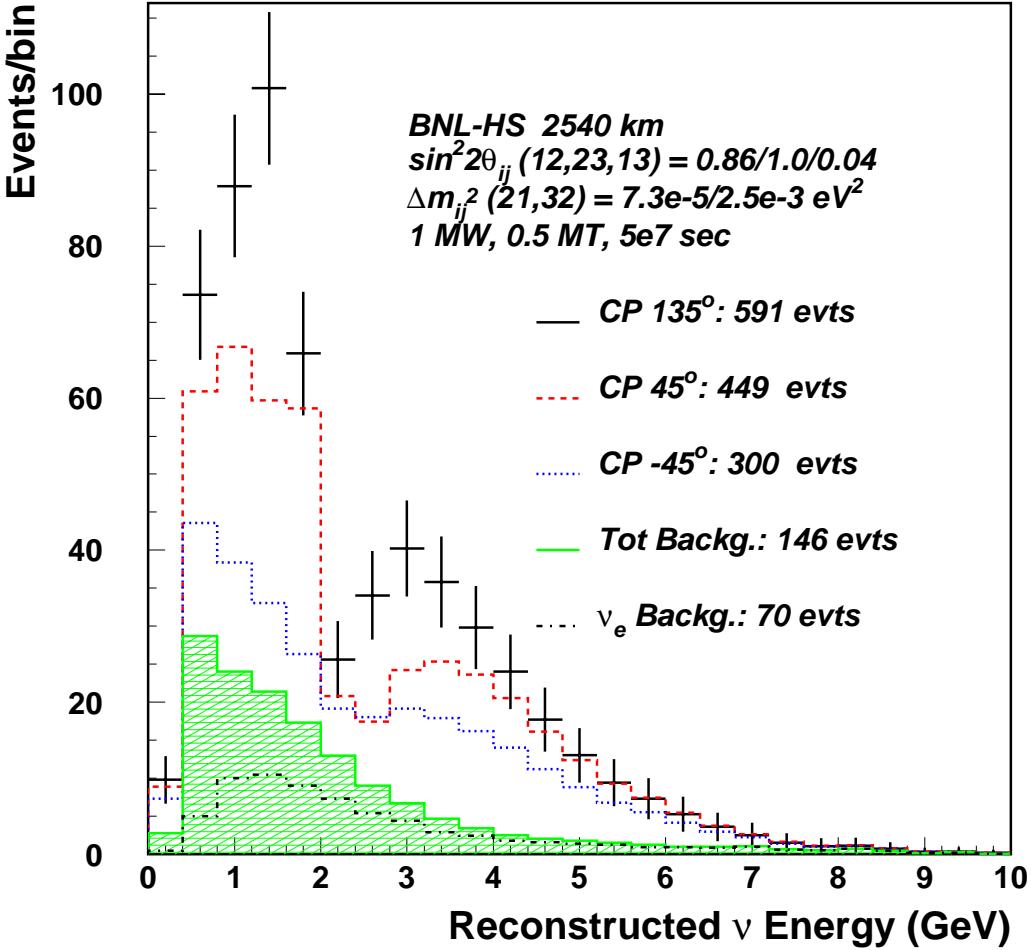
## Test points for $\nu_\mu$ disapp



- the multiple node method of the VLB measurement is illustrated by comparing the BNL 5-year measurement precision with the present Kamiokande results and the projected MINOS 3-year measurement precision; all projected data include both statistical and systematic errors
- there is no other plan, worldwide, to employ the VLB method (a combination of target power and geographical circumstances limit other potential competitors)
- other planned experiments can't achieve the VLB precision

# $\nu_e$ Appearance Measurements

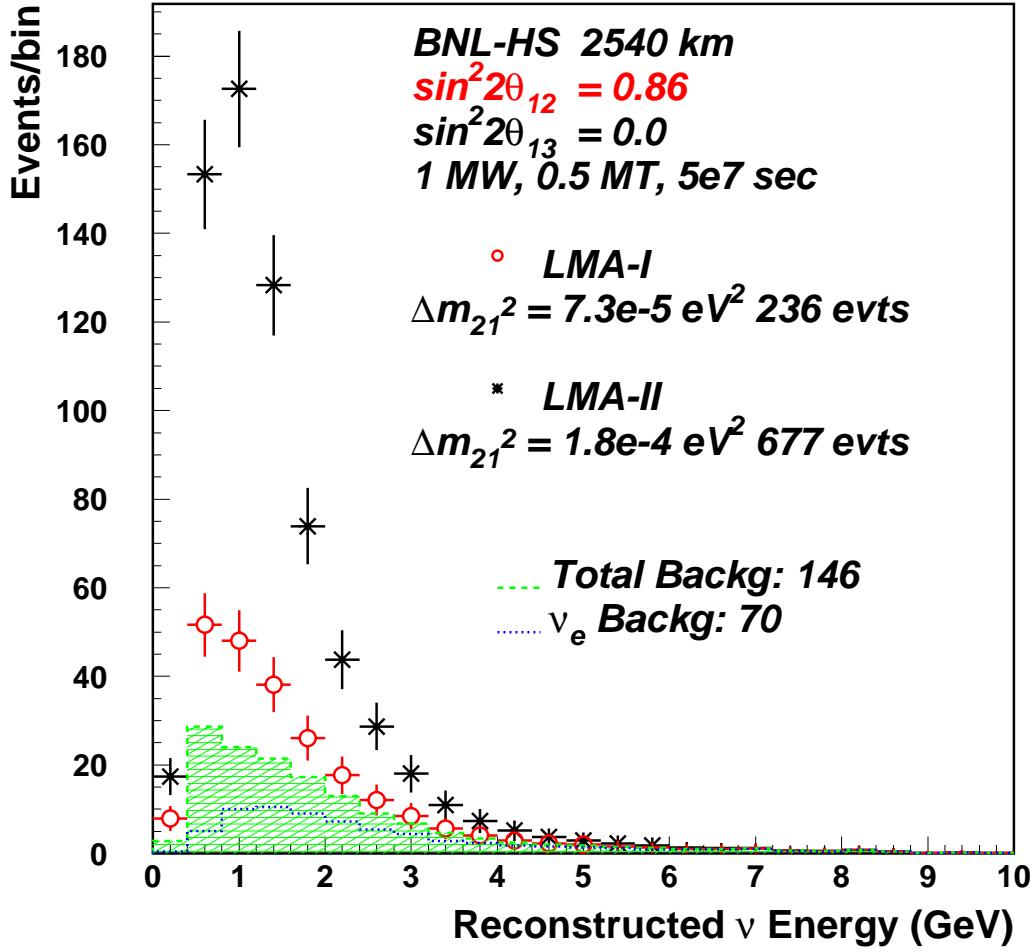
## $\nu_e$ APPEARANCE



- a direct measurement of the **appearance of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$**  is important; the VLB method competes well with any proposed super beam concept
- for values  $> 0.01$ , a measurement of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  can be made (the current experimental limit is 0.12)
- for most of the possible range of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ , a good measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  and the **CP-violation parameter  $\delta_{CP}$**  can be made by the VLB experimental method

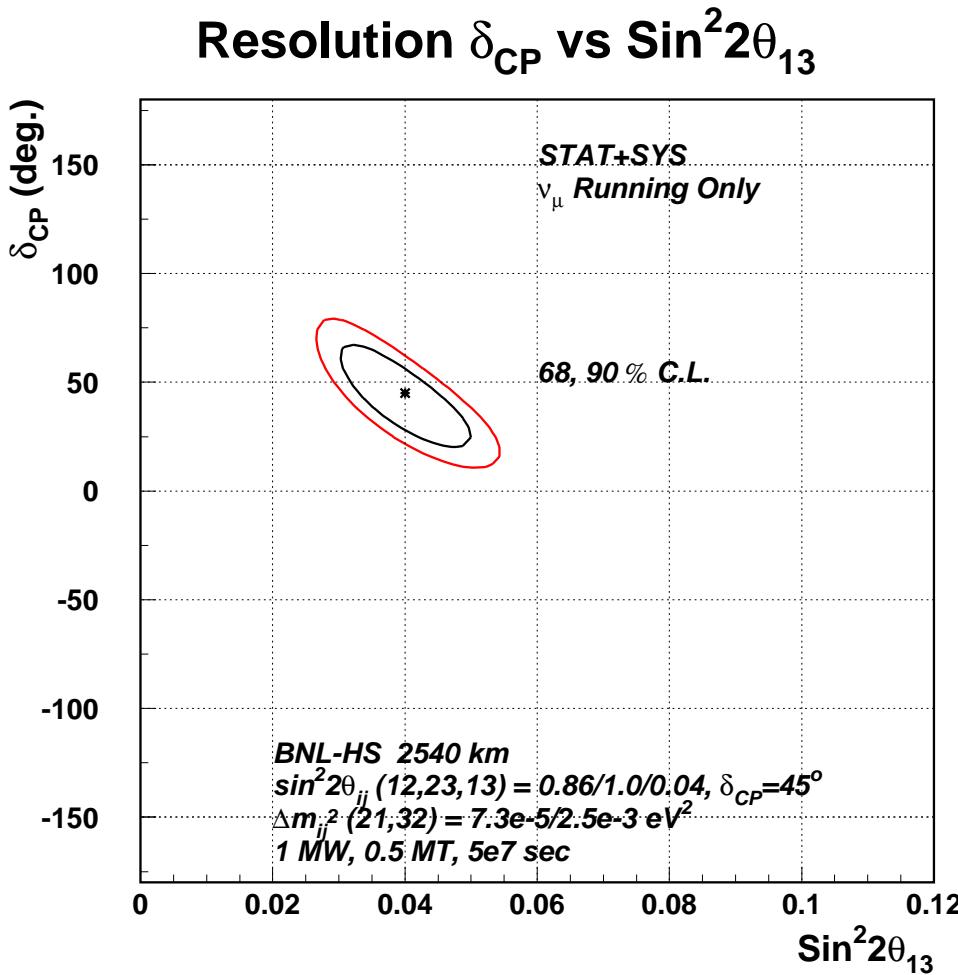
# $\nu_e$ Appearance Measurements (Cont.)

## $\nu_e$ APPEARANCE FROM $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ONLY



- even if  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0$ , the current best-fit value of  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.3 \times 10^{-5}$  induces a  $\nu_e$  appearance signal
- the size of the  $\nu_e$  appearance signal above background depends on the value of  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ; the figure left indicates the range of possible measured values for the  $\nu_e$  yields above background for various assumptions of the final value of  $\Delta m_{21}^2$

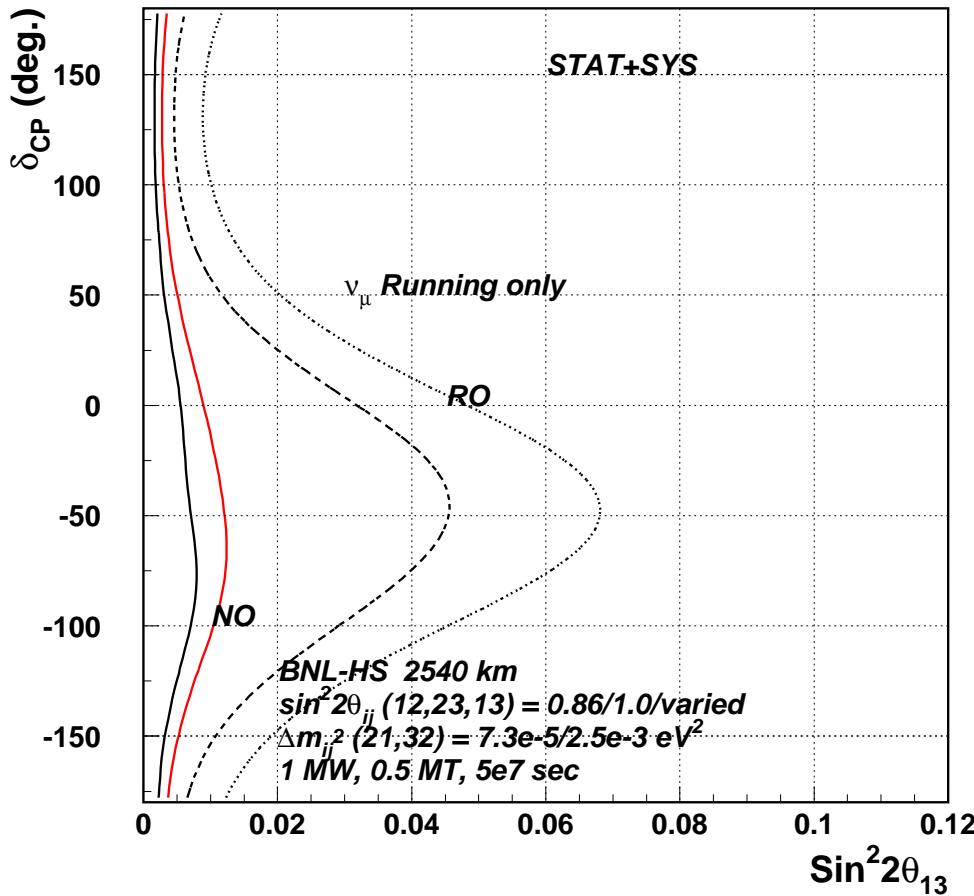
# Mass -ordering and CP-violation Parameter $\delta_{CP}$



- the CP-violation parameter  $\delta_{CP}$  can be measured in the VLB exp. And is relatively insensitive to the value of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
- the mass-ordering of the neutrinos is determined in the VLB exp;  $\nu_1 < \nu_2 < \nu_3$  is the natural order but  $\nu_1 < \nu_3 < \nu_2$  is still possible experimentally; VLB determines this, using the effects of matter on the higher-energy neutrinos

# Possible limits on $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ versus $\delta_{CP}$

90, 99.7 % CL signal,  $\delta_{CP}$  vs  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



- For normal mass ordering limit on  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  will be 0.005 for no CP

If reversed mass ordering then need to run antineutrinos

# Comparison of Some Experiments

	F2S	C2GT	JHF2K	JHF2K-II	C2F	C2F+BB	$\nu F$	MINOS25	BNL-NUSEL
$\langle E_\nu \rangle$ [GeV]	2	0.8	1	1	0.3	0.3	10	1-5	1-10
Fiducial mass	Water Cherenkov		1 Mt	22.5 kt	1 Mt	40 kt	1Mt		500 kT
	Iron/scintillator	20 kt							5kT
	Plastic/RPCs	20 kt							100kt LA?
Physics reach	$\sigma(\Delta m_{31}^2)$ [eV $^2$ ]	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$		$1 \times 10^{-4}$			$2 \times 10^{-4}$
	$\sigma(\sin^2 2\theta_{23})$	0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01			0.05
	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ [90% CL]	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$		$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$		$\sim 0.03$
	$\theta_{13}$ [deg; 90% CL]	2.2		2.2	0.9	2.2	0.3		$\sim 0.003$
	sgn $\Delta m_{31}^2$	?	No	No	?	No	No	Yes	Yes...
	CP-violation	No	No	No	?	No	?	Yes	No
Incremental material cost (facility + detector [ $10^9$ US \$])	- 0.1-0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.7	2.0	2.0	0-0.05	But may Need nubar. 1.0
Year of earliest operation	2008	2008		2015		2020		Done 2010	2010-2012?

# Conclusions

- Although no option provides a “fast path” to the future of oscillation measurements, there do appear to be several paths which will provide a rich variety of data on these measurements.
- It is likely that more than one will be essential to completely answer all of the questions available in a reasonable period of time.
- Take care for discovery potential beyond what we think we are after now!
- Which ones to undertake? The attraction of incremental investments certainly appears seductive... But taking a bolder step should be seriously considered and debated.