

# Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics

# Neutrino mixing

- EW CC:  $j_\alpha^W = 2 \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} \bar{\nu}_{lL} \gamma_\alpha l_L + 2 \sum_{q=u,c,t} \bar{q}_L \gamma_\alpha q'_L$   
where  $\nu_{lL}$ ,  $l_L$ ,  $q_L$  are left-handed neutrino, lepton and quark fields and  $q'_L = \sum_{q=d,s,b} U_{q'q} q_L$
- In analogy to quark mixing in the lepton sector:  $\nu_{lL} = \sum_k U_{lk} \nu_{kL}$  where  $U$  is unitary,  $\nu_k$  is the  $\nu$  field with mass  $m_k$ .
- Since  $Q_\nu=0$  neutrinos can be Dirac or Majorana particles...

# Dirac mass term

$$L^D = - \sum_{l',l} \bar{\nu}_{l' R} M_{l'l} \nu_{l L} + h.c. = - \bar{\nu}'_R M \nu'_L + h.c.$$

$$\nu'_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{\mu L} \\ \nu_{\tau L} \end{pmatrix} \quad \nu'_R = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eR} \\ \nu_{\mu R} \\ \nu_{\tau R} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonalisation  $M=VmU^+ \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  in terms of mass eigenstates :

$$L^D = - \bar{\nu}_R m \nu_L - \bar{\nu}_L m \nu_R = - \bar{\nu} m \nu = - \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k \bar{\nu}_k \nu_k$$

$$\nu_R = V^+ \nu'_R$$
$$\nu_L = U^+ \nu'_L$$
$$\nu = \nu_R + \nu_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Majorana mass term

- Using  $\nu_{lL}$  and  $(\nu_{lL})^c = C \bar{\nu}_{lL}^\top$  (Charge conjugation matrix)
- $L^M = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l',l} (\bar{\nu}_{l'L})^c M_{l'l} \nu_{lL} + h.c. = -\frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}'_L)^c M \nu'_L + h.c.$
- $M$  is symmetric  $M = (U^+)^T m U^+$

$$L^M = \frac{1}{2} (\nu'_L)^T C^{-1} (U^+)^T m U^+ \nu'_L + h.c. = -\bar{\chi} m \chi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k \bar{\chi}_k \chi_k$$

$$\chi = U^+ \nu'_L + (U^+ \nu'_L)^c = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \\ \chi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Field with majorana mass  $m_k$

Violates L

# General term

- Dirac + Majorana mass terms with L&R-handed fields

$$L^{D-M} = -\frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\nu}'_L)^c M_L \nu'_L + (\bar{\nu}'_R M_R (\nu'_R)^c + (\bar{\nu}'_R)' M_D \nu'_L + (\bar{\nu}'_L)' M_D^T (\nu'_R)^c] + h.c.$$

$$L^{D-M} = -\frac{1}{2} (\bar{n}_L)^c M n_L + h.c.$$

$$n_L = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}'_L \\ (\nu'_R)^c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} M_L & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonalising  $M$  we get :

$$L^{D-M} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\chi} m \chi = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^6 m_k \bar{\chi}_k \chi_k$$

$$\chi = U^+ n_L + (U^+ n_L)^c = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \chi_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
Majorana type

# More on the general mass term

$$n_L = U \chi_L$$
$$\nu_{lL} = \sum_{k=1}^6 U_{lk} \chi_{kL}$$

1<sup>st</sup> 3 rows

$$(\nu_{lR})^c = \sum_{k=1}^6 U_{\bar{l}k} \chi_{kL}$$

Last 3 rows

Right handed neutrinos (sterile)

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a 6x6 matrix into two 3x3 blocks. The first 3x3 block (top-left) is labeled '1<sup>st</sup> 3 rows' and corresponds to the left-handed neutrino mass term. The last 3x3 block (bottom-right) is labeled 'Last 3 rows' and corresponds to the right-handed neutrino mass term. A red circle highlights the  $(\nu_{lR})^c$  component, which is part of the right-handed neutrino mass term.

- $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j$  flavour transitions are possible
- Active to sterile neutrinos are also possible !

# For one family

- $M = O m' O^\top$  (no CP violation)  $O = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \\ \cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$

$$\nu_L = \sin\theta\chi_{1L} - \cos\theta\chi_{2L}$$

$$m_L = \sin^2\theta m'_1 + \cos^2\theta m'_2$$

$$(\nu_R)^c = \cos\theta\chi_{1L} + \sin\theta\chi_{2L}$$

$$m_R = \cos^2\theta m'_1 + \sin^2\theta m'_2$$

$$2m_D = \sin 2\theta (m'_1 - m'_2)$$

- $M$  eigenvalues :

$$m'_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2}(m_L + m_R \pm \sqrt{(m_L - m_R)^2 + 4m_D^2})$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{2m_D}{\sqrt{(m_L - m_R)^2 + 4m_D^2}}$$

# Seesaw Mechanism

- Limiting case  $m_L \approx 0, m_R \gg m_D$

$$m_1 \approx m_R, m_2 \approx m_D^2/m_R$$

$$\theta \approx m_D/m_R$$

$$v_L \approx -\chi_{2L} \quad (v_R)^c \approx \chi_{1L}$$

If  $m_D \approx m_{l,q}$  then  $m_v \approx m_q^2/m_R$  or  $m_l^2/m_R$

$m_R$  is assumed GUT scale  $\sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$

The heavy right-handed Majorana mass generates the small active neutrino mass

# Oscillations in vacuum

$$|\psi_i\rangle = \sum_k U_{ik}^* |\psi_k\rangle \quad |\psi_k(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_k t} |\psi_k(0)\rangle$$

$$|\psi_i(t)\rangle = \sum_{i'} \sum_k U_{i'k} e^{-iE_k t} U_{ik}^* |\psi_{i'}\rangle$$

Transition amplitude:  $A_{ii'}(t) = \langle \psi_{i'} | \psi_i(t) \rangle = \sum_k U_{i'k} U_{ik}^* e^{-i(E_k - E_{i'})t}$

$$P(\psi_i \rightarrow \psi_{i'}) = |A_{ii'}(t)|^2 = \sum_{kj} U_{ik}^* U_{i'k} U_{lj} U_{i'j}^* e^{-i(E_k - E_j)t}$$

relativistic v:  $m \ll E : E_k - E_j \approx \Delta m_{kj}^2 / 2E$

$$P(\psi_i \rightarrow \psi_{i'}) = |A_{ii'}(t)|^2 = \sum_{kj} U_{ik}^* U_{i'k} U_{lj} U_{i'j}^* e^{-i(\Delta m_{kj}^2 L / 2E)}$$

# Oscillations cont'd

- Measuring oscillations will give us information on the mass differences
- Measurement of symmetry conservation:
  - CP violated :  $P(v_\alpha \rightarrow v_\beta) \neq P(\bar{v}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{v}_\beta)$
  - T violated :  $P(v_\alpha \rightarrow v_\beta) \neq P(v_\beta \rightarrow v_\alpha)$
  - CPT conserved :  $P(v_\alpha \rightarrow v_\beta) = P(\bar{v}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{v}_\alpha)$

# Mixing in two families

- Then mass and weak states are connected by means of an unitary transformation, the PMNS mixing matrix, which depends of a single parameter, the mixing angle  $\theta$

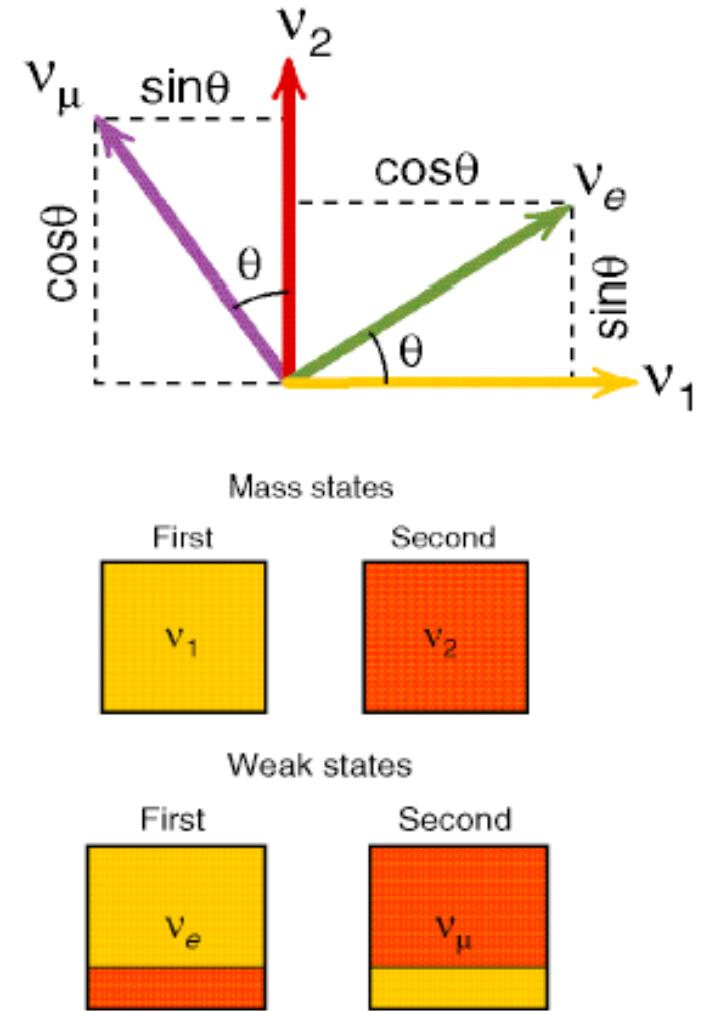
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nu_l = \cos\theta\nu_1 - \sin\theta\nu_2$$

$$\nu_{l'} = \sin\theta\nu_1 + \cos\theta\nu_2$$

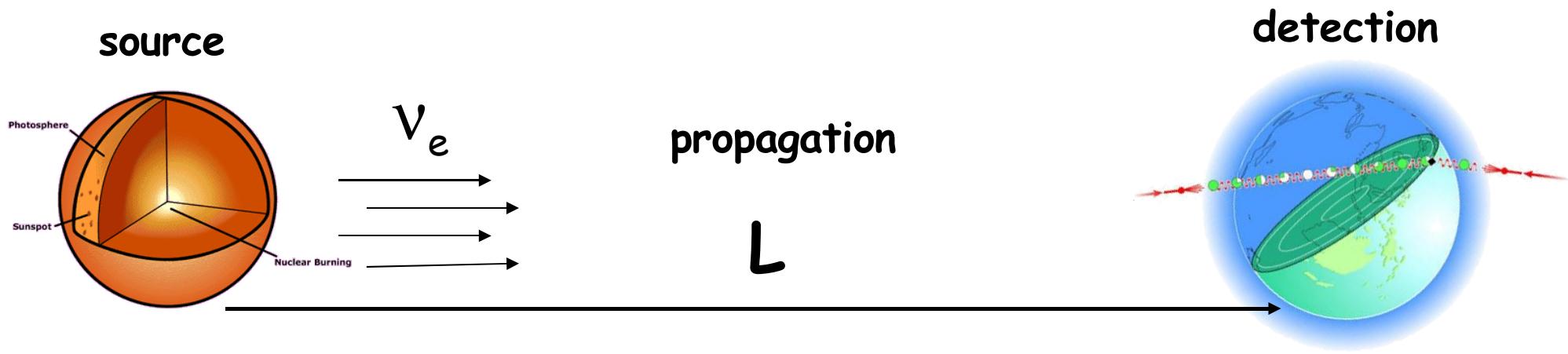
$$P_{\nu_1 \rightarrow \nu_2} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}$$

$$L_v = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} \approx 2.47 \frac{E(GeV)}{\Delta m^2(eV^2)} \text{ km}$$



PMNS: Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-. Sakata

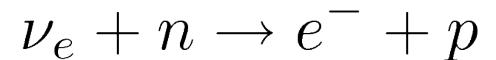
# Neutrino oscillations



The weak interaction  
produces neutrinos  
of a given flavour

The mass eigenstates  
Propagate at different  
velocities

Detection again via  
weak interaction



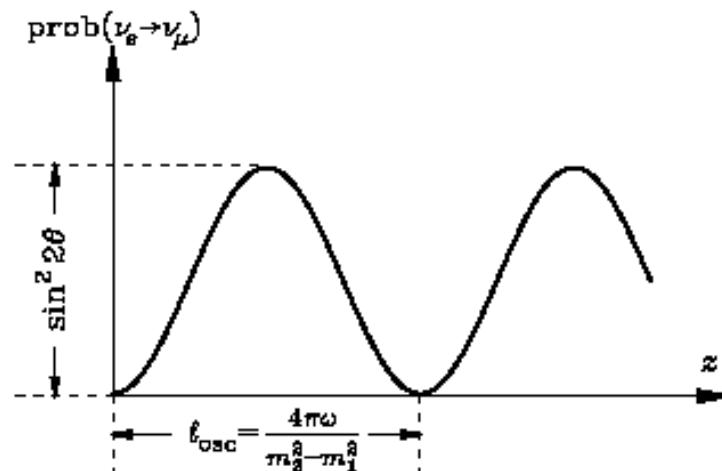
$$\begin{aligned} |\nu(x_0)\rangle &= |\nu_e\rangle \\ &= c|\nu_1\rangle + s|\nu_2\rangle \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} |\nu(x)\rangle &= c|\nu_1\rangle e^{i(Et - \vec{k}_1 \vec{x})} \\ &\quad + s|\nu_2\rangle e^{i(Et - \vec{k}_2 \vec{x})} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = |<\nu_\mu|\nu(x)>|^2$$

# Oscillation Probability

$$P_{(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu)}(L) = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 (eV^2)}{E(GeV)} L(km) \right)$$

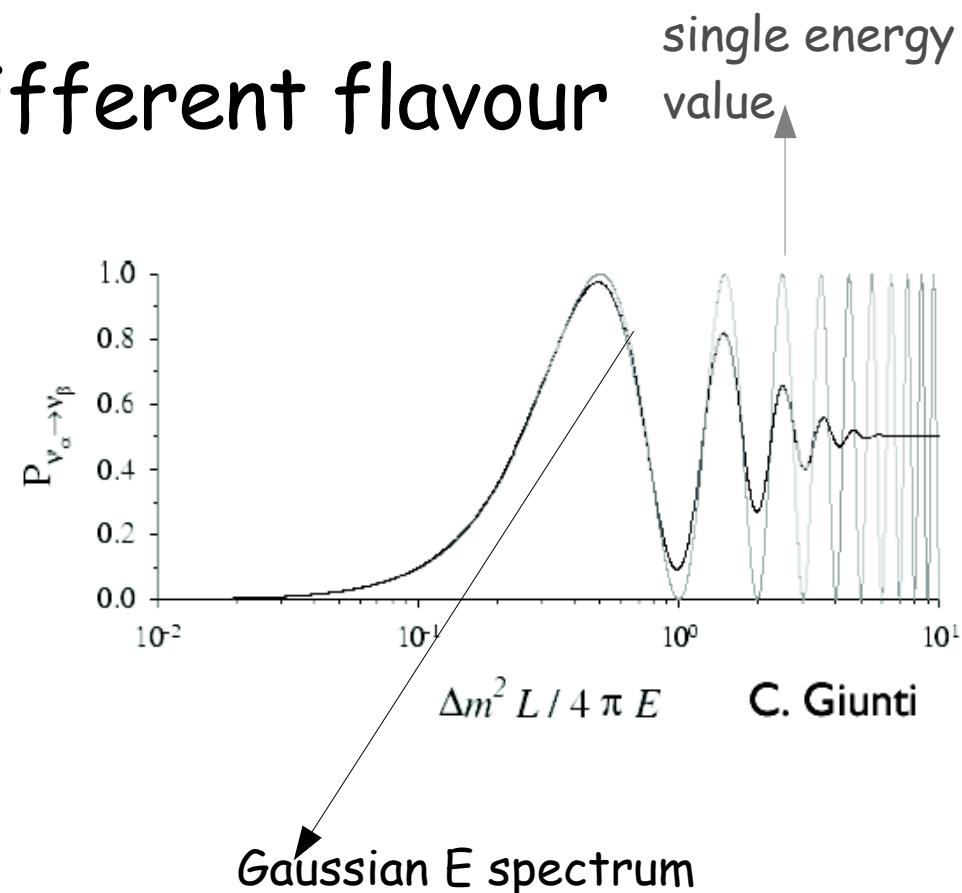
$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}(L) = 1 - P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu}(L)$$



$$L_v = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} \approx 2.47 \frac{E(GeV)}{\Delta m^2(eV^2)} \text{ km}$$

# Sensitivity to oscillations

- Disappearance experiments measure survival probability
- Appearance look for a different flavour
- No signal for  $\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \ll 1$
- Averaged out if  $\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \gg 1$

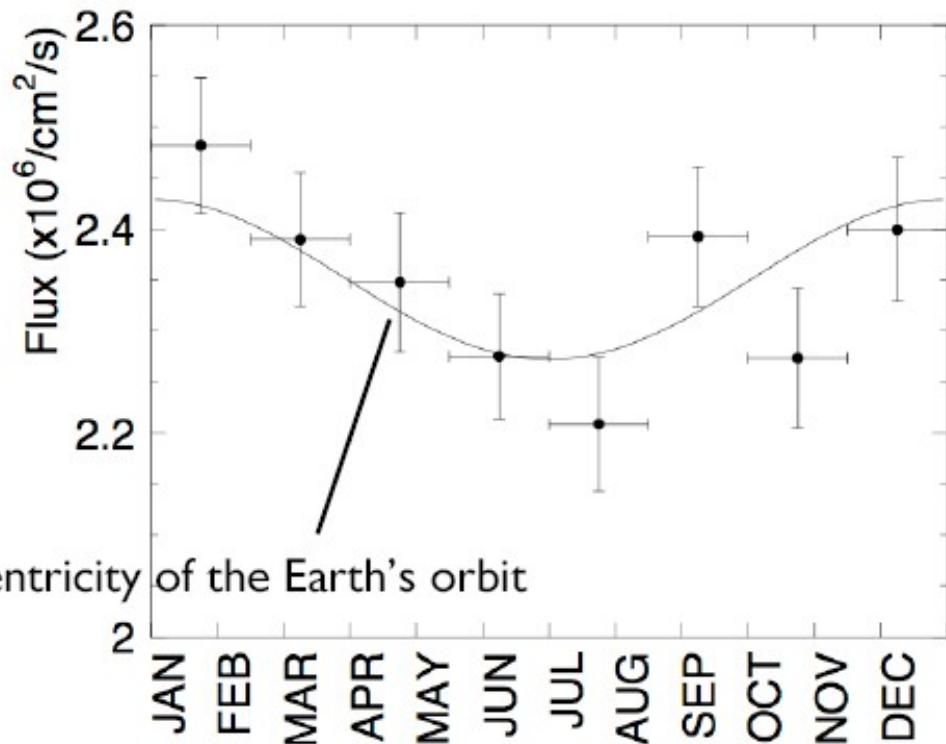
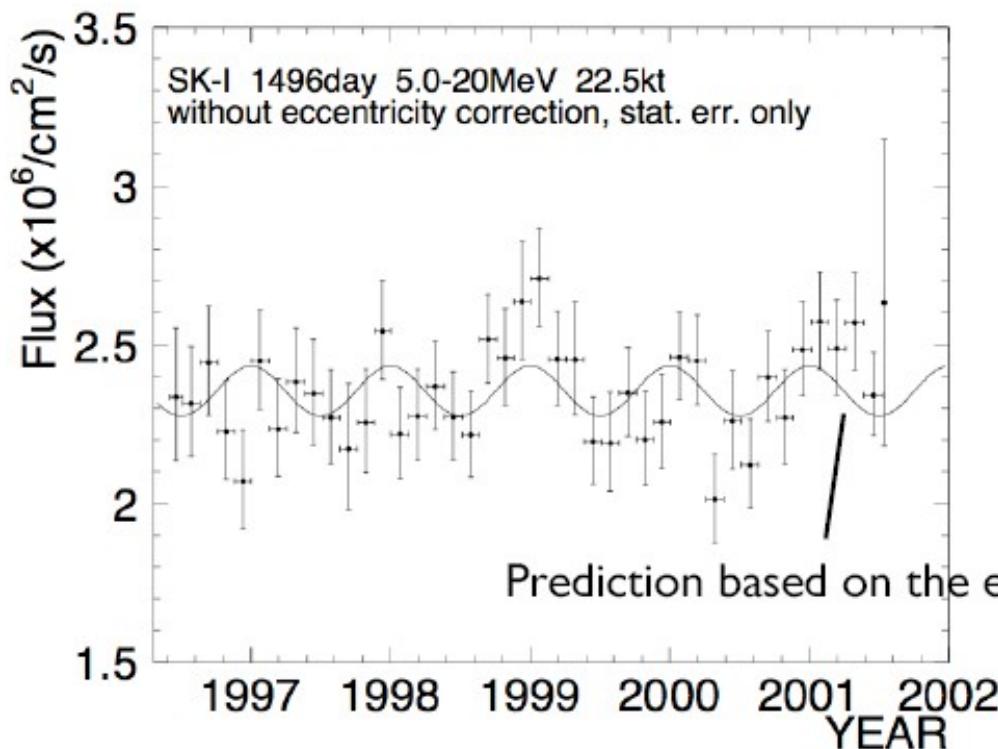


# Do oscillations solve the solar neutrino problem ?



- So far experiments did not measure NC
- If SSM is right NC will reproduce SSM fluxes
- Pontecorvo proposed neutrino oscillations in 1969
$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}(E, L(t)) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L(t)}{4E} \right)$$
- With the sun excentricity one should observe seasonal variation n neutrino fluxes

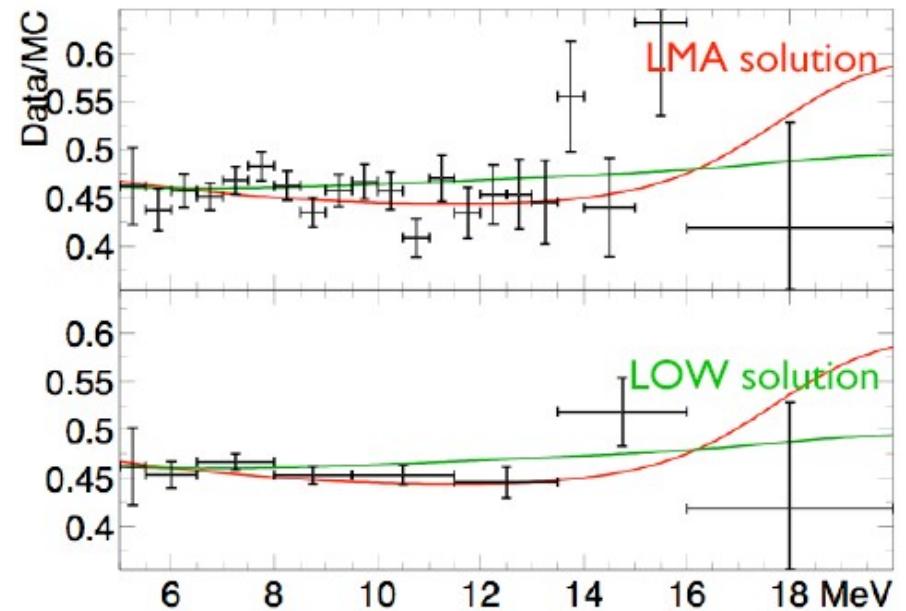
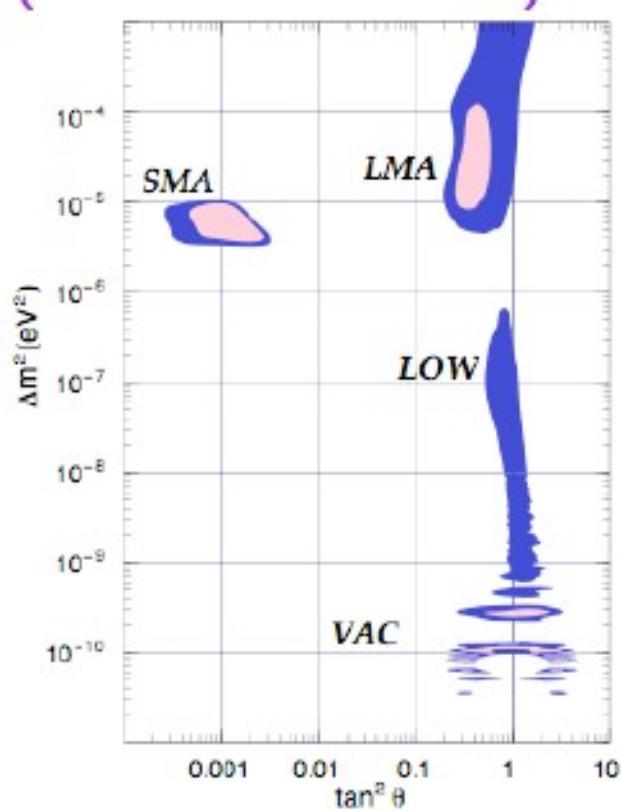
# Seasonal variations ?



- The observed variations are compatible with the modulation due to the distance variation
- No extra variation that could be attributed to oscillations

# And the E spectrum distortion?

- No distortion of the  ${}^8\text{B}$  spectrum is observed in the recoil electron energy in SK...



# What about neutral currents ?

Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

The diagram illustrates the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory's location at a depth of 2 km below the surface. It shows four shafts: #5 Shaft, #3 Shaft, #2 Shaft, and #1 Shaft. The layers of rock are labeled: Granite Gabbro, Norite Rock, and Quartzite. The detector site is located at a depth of 201 m (656 ft) below the surface. A cross-section of the detector shows the 12 m diameter acrylic vessel containing 1000 tonnes of D<sub>2</sub>O. The vessel is surrounded by 1700 tonnes of inner shielding H<sub>2</sub>O and 5300 tonnes of outer shield H<sub>2</sub>O. The entire assembly is housed within an Urylon liner and radon seal.

Granite Gabbro

Norite Rock

#5 Shaft

#3 Shaft

#2 Shaft

#1 Shaft

201 m (656 ft) level

1158 m (3800 ft) level

1646 m (5400 ft) level

2012 m (6600 ft) level

CR Tower  
802 m (2635 ft)

2 km

1000 tonnes D<sub>2</sub>O

Support Structure for 9500 PMTs, 60% coverage

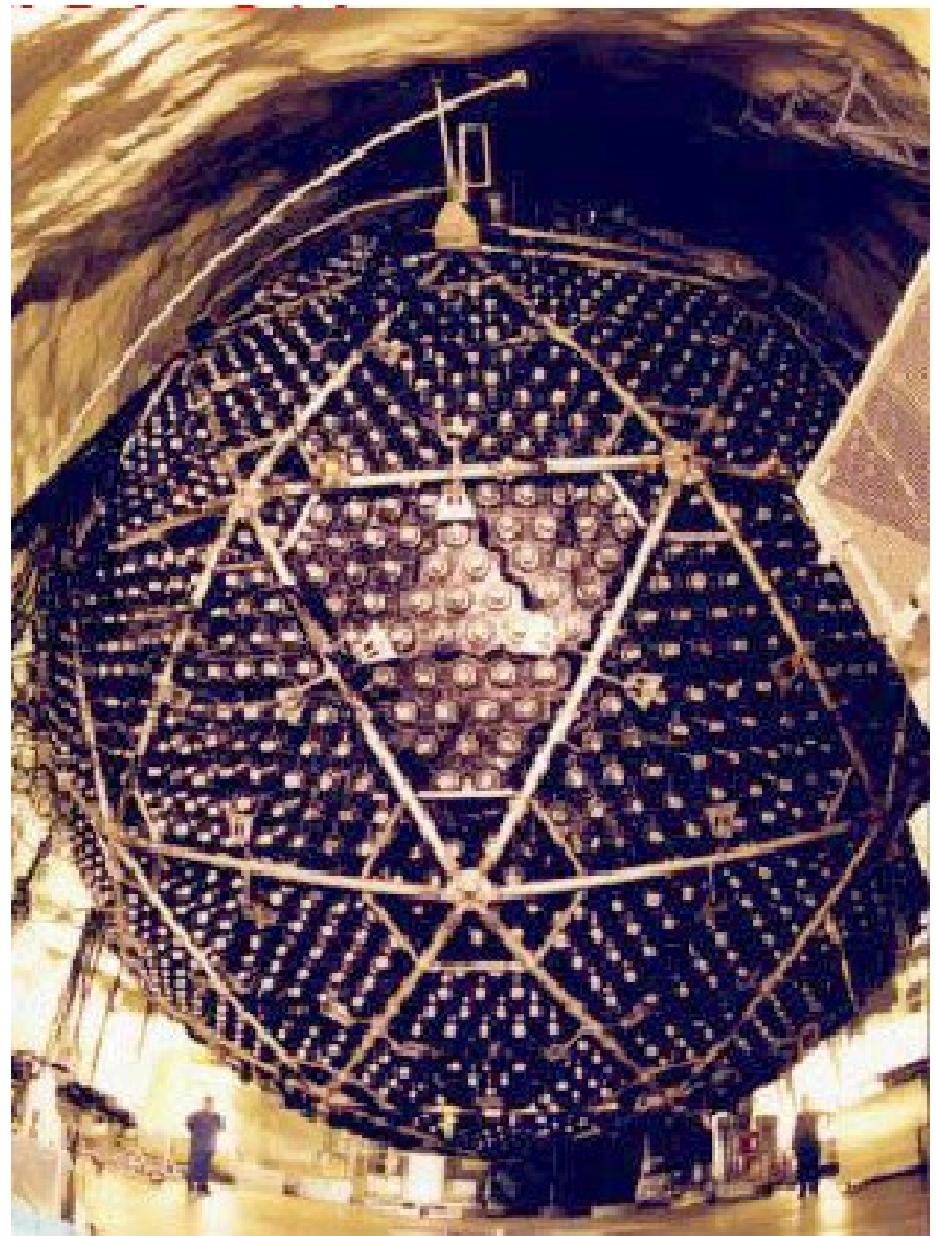
12 m Diameter Acrylic Vessel

1700 tonnes Inner Shielding H<sub>2</sub>O

5300 tonnes Outer Shield H<sub>2</sub>O

Urylon Liner and Radon Seal

# SNO detector



# Signals in SNO



$$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$$

Strong directional sensitivity



$$\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$$

Good measurement of  $\nu_e$  spectrum

Weak directional sensitivity

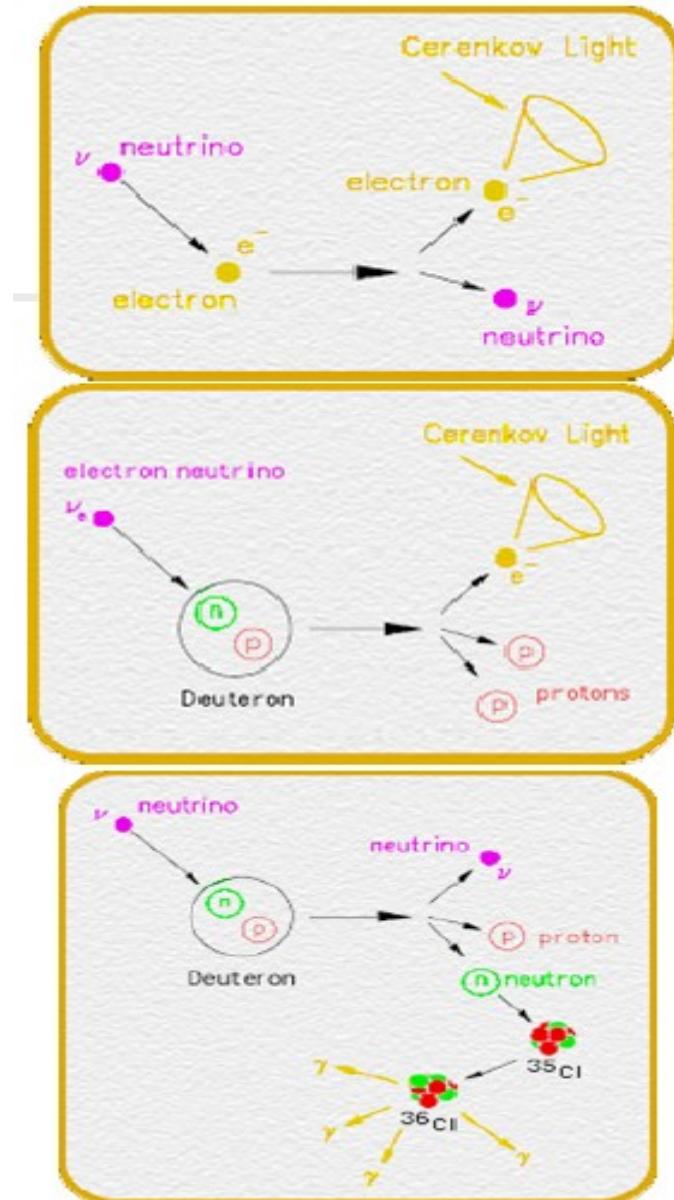
$\nu_e$  only



$$\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_x$$

Measure total  ${}^8\text{B}$  flux from the sun

Equal cross section for all types

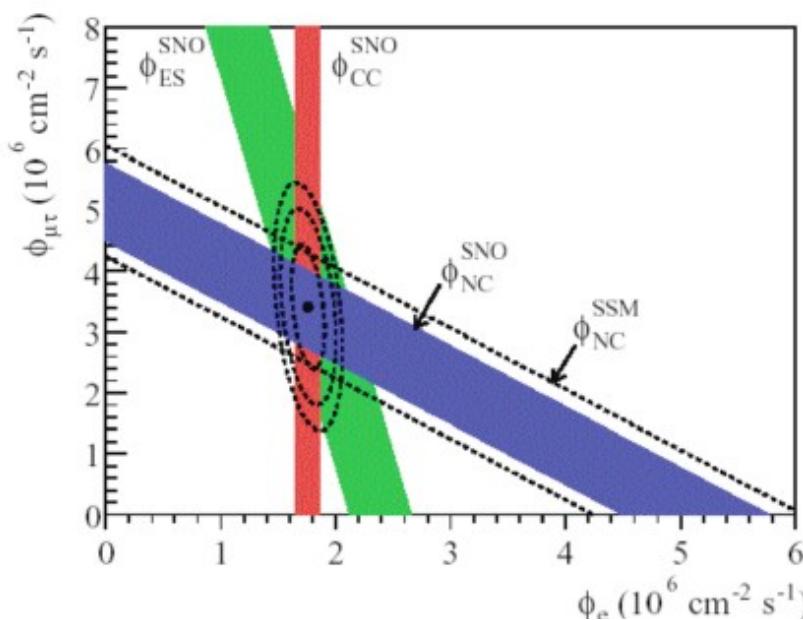


# SNO observations

**CC**  $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$

**ES**  $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$

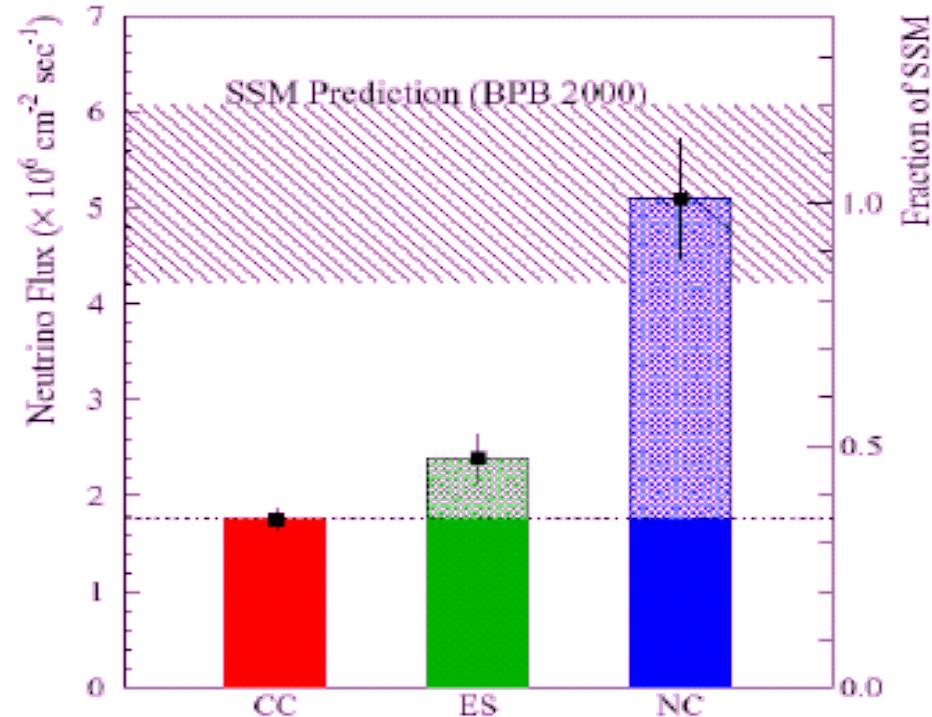
**NC**  $\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_x$



$$\Phi_{CC}^{SNO} = (1.68 \pm 0.06^{+0.06}_{-0.09}) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

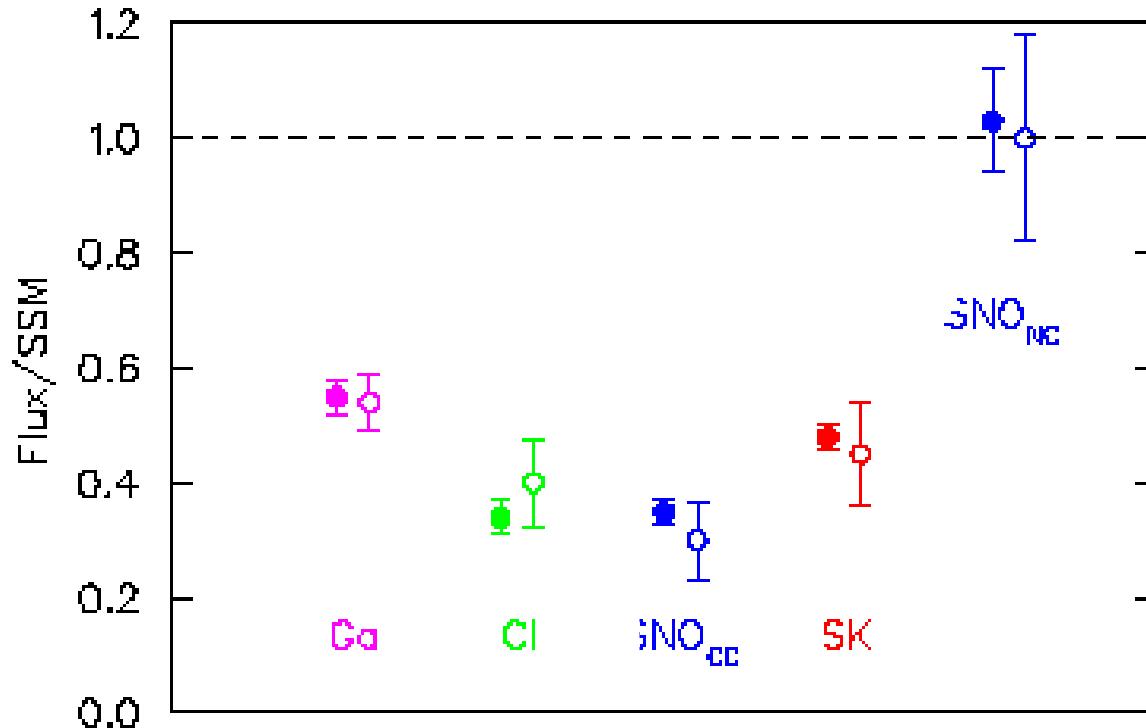
$$\Phi_{NC}^{SNO} = (4.94 \pm 0.21^{+0.38}_{-0.34}) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Phi_{ES}^{SNO} = (2.35 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.15) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



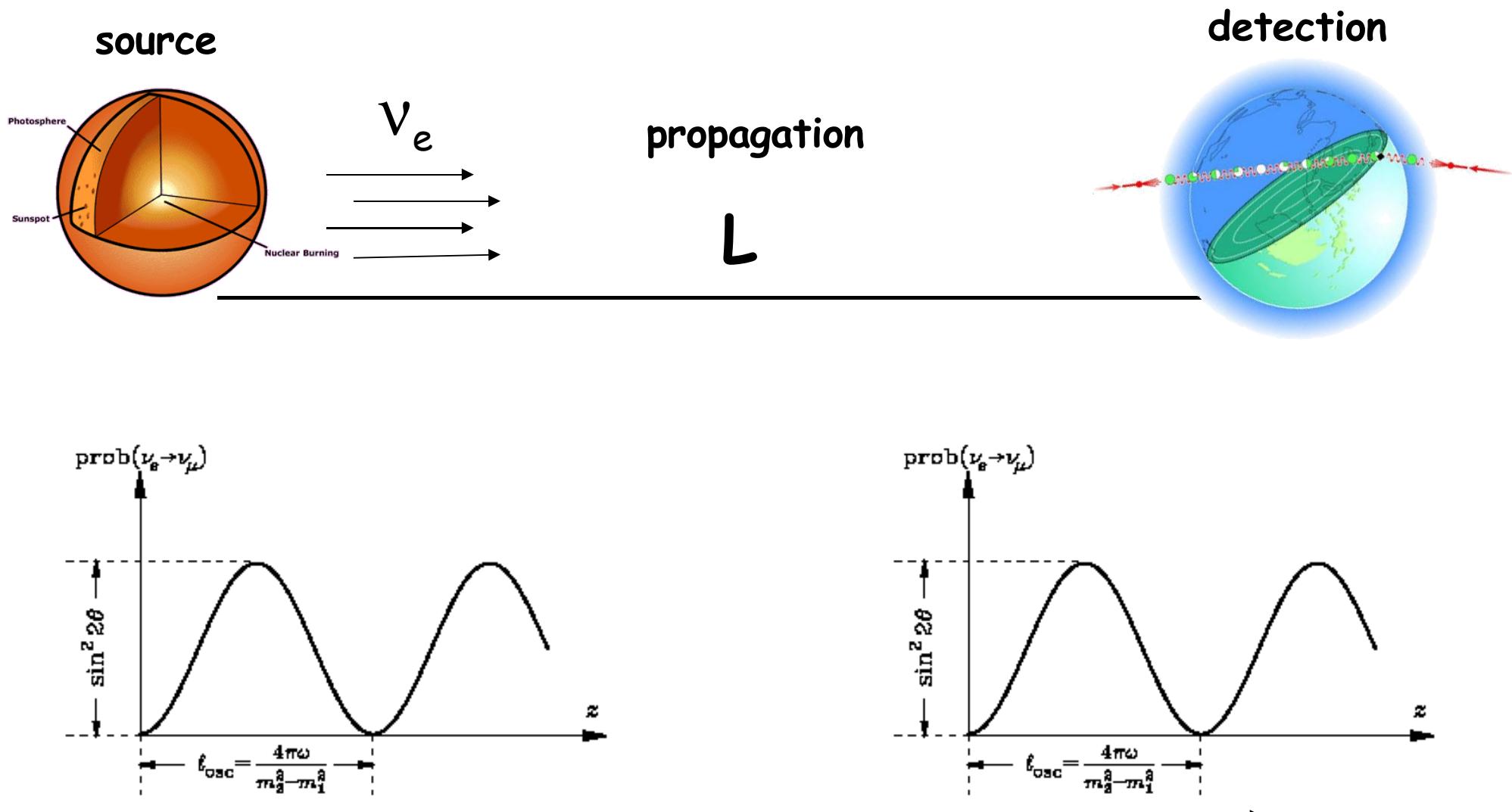
$$\frac{\Phi_{CC}^{SNO}}{\Phi_{NC}^{SNO}} = 0.340 \pm 0.023^{+0.029}_{-0.031}$$

# The solar neutrino problem



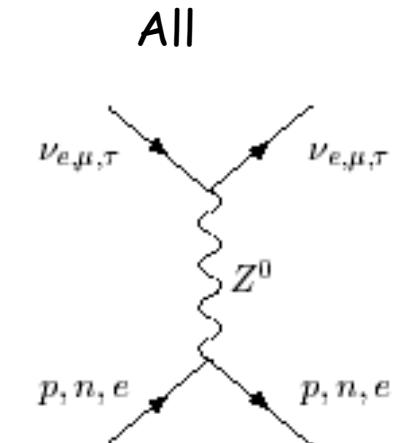
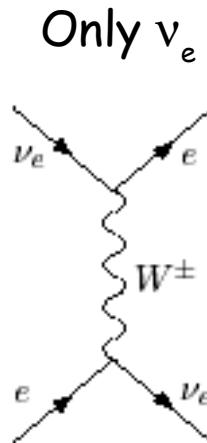
So the sun is shining the expected number of neutrinos but many of them are  $\nu_\mu$  and/or  $\nu_\tau$ ! Not only Davis, but also Bahcall was right!

# Fine-tuning oscillations ?



# Neutrino oscillations in Matter

$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  interact with e, p and n of matter via NC interactions (Z). Only  $\nu_e$  interact via (CC) with the electrons of the medium



- Neutrinos are subject to a potential linked due to their interaction with the medium

$$V_{CC} = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e \quad V_{NC} = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}G_F N_n$$

- $V_e = V_{CC} + V_{NC}$

- $V_\mu = V_\tau = V_{NC}$

# Hamiltonian in matter

$$H_m = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \cos^2 \theta + E_2 \sin^2 \theta + C + \sqrt{2}G_F \rho_e & -(E_2 - E_1) \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -(E_2 - E_1) \sin \theta \cos \theta & E_2 \cos^2 \theta + E_1 \sin^2 \theta + C \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_m = (E_1 \cos^2 \theta + E_2 \sin^2 \theta + C) \cdot \mathbf{I} + \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}G_F \rho_e & -\frac{1}{2}(E_2 - E_1) \sin 2\theta \\ -\frac{1}{2}(E_2 - E_1) \sin 2\theta & (E_2 - E_1) \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

To diagonalize  $H_m$  one needs  $\theta_m$  such that

$$\tan 2\theta_m = \frac{-(E_2 - E_1) \sin 2\theta}{\sqrt{2}G_F \rho_e - (E_2 - E_1) \cos 2\theta}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{1 - 2 \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{2}\rho_e G_F E}{\Delta m^2} \cos 2\theta + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}\rho_e G_F E}{\Delta m^2}\right)^2}$$

$$|\nu_e\rangle = \cos \theta_m |\nu_1\rangle_m - \sin \theta_m |\nu_2\rangle_m$$

$$|\nu_\mu\rangle = \sin \theta_m |\nu_1\rangle_m + \cos \theta_m |\nu_2\rangle_m$$

Maximal for  $\theta_m = \pi/4$

# Oscillations in matter

- Oscillation probability change in matter. There can be a resonant enhancement of the oscillation probability. The Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) effect.

$$\rho_e = \rho_R = \frac{\Delta m^2 \cos 2\theta}{2\sqrt{2}G_F E}$$

Only for  $\Delta m^2 > 0$   
and neutrinos or  
 $\Delta m^2 < 0$  and anti-neutrinos !!

$P_{osc}^{matter}$  can be large ( $\approx 1$ ) even if mixing angle in vacuum is small.

- In practice this implies that (if MSW is at work)  $\nu_e$  can oscillate to  $\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  BEFORE exiting the sun

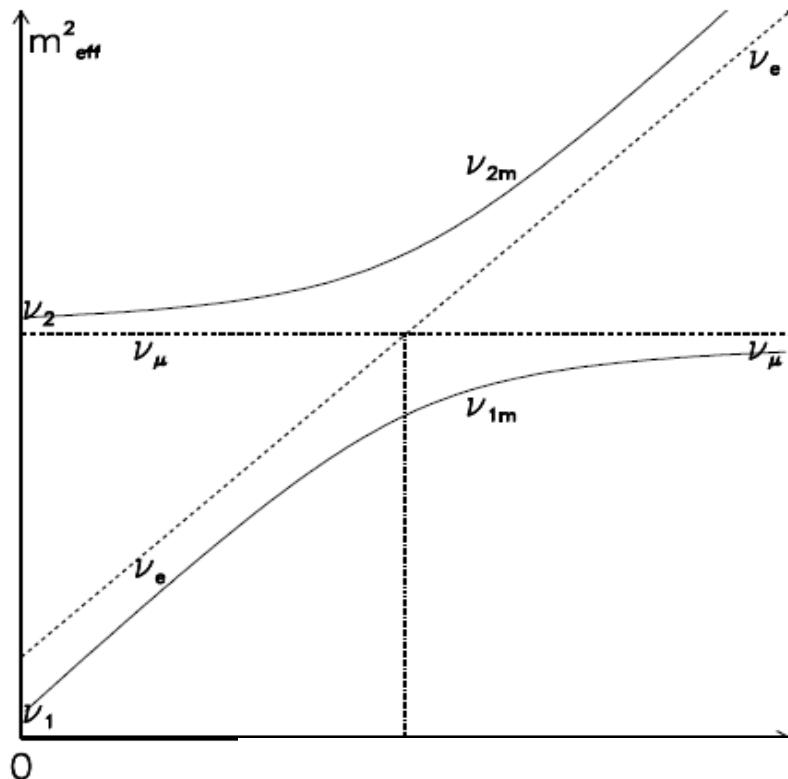
$$L_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2\rho_e G_F}}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{1 - 2 \cdot \frac{L_v}{L_0} \cos 2\theta + \left(\frac{L_v}{L_0}\right)^2}$$

Oscillation length in matter:

$$L_m = \frac{L_v}{\sqrt{1 - 2 \frac{L_v}{L_0} \cos 2\theta + \left(\frac{L_v}{L_0}\right)^2}}$$

# Adiabatic condition

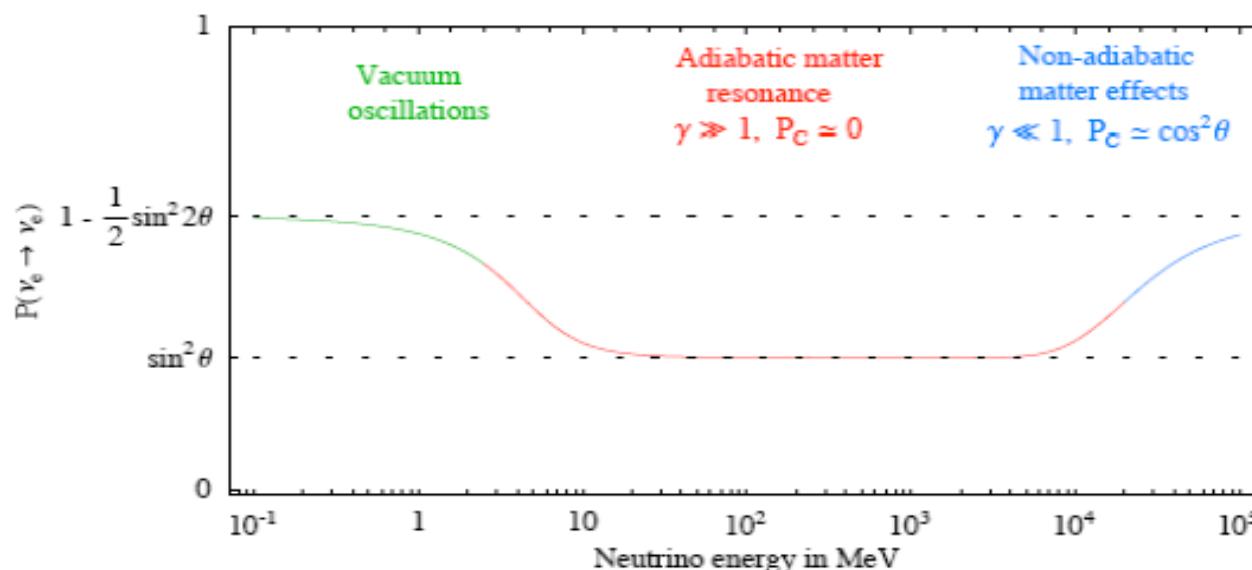


Fulfilled if the density layer corresponding to the resonance is thicker than an oscillation length

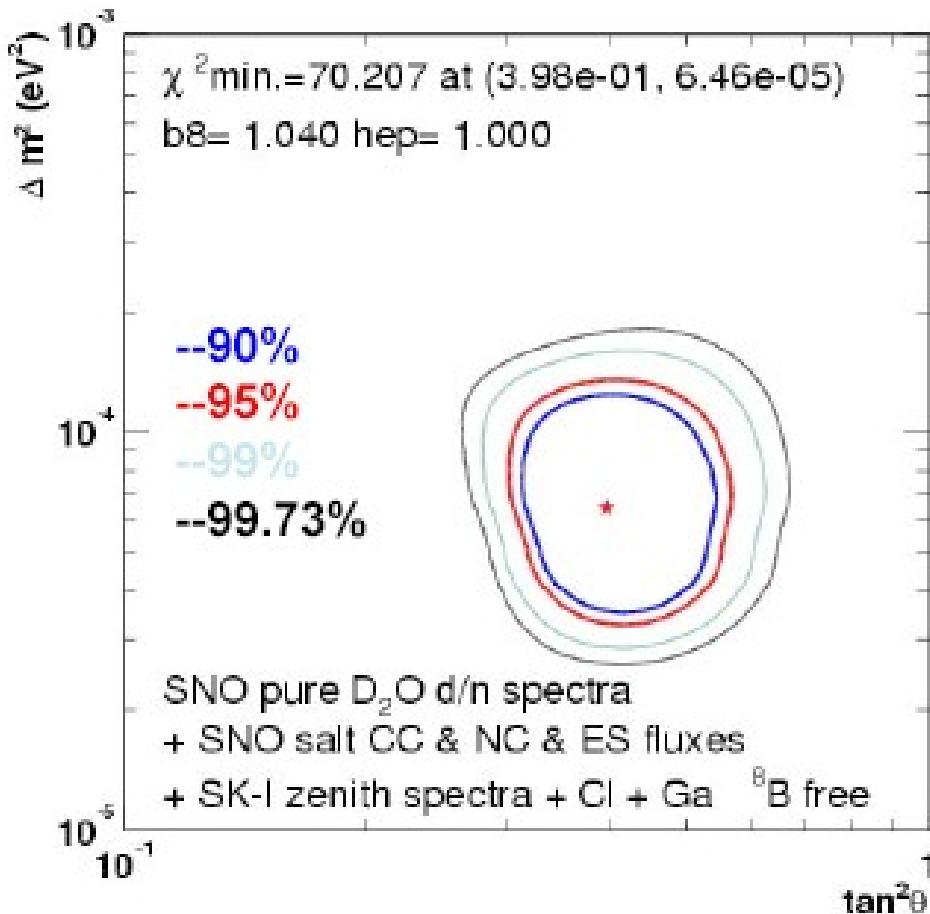
$$\Delta\rho_R = \rho_R \tan 2\theta$$

$$\left(\frac{d\rho}{dr}\right)^{-1} \Delta\rho_R > L_m$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} < \frac{(\Delta m^2)^2 \sin^2 2\theta}{8\pi\sqrt{2}G_F E^2}$$



# Solar oscillations



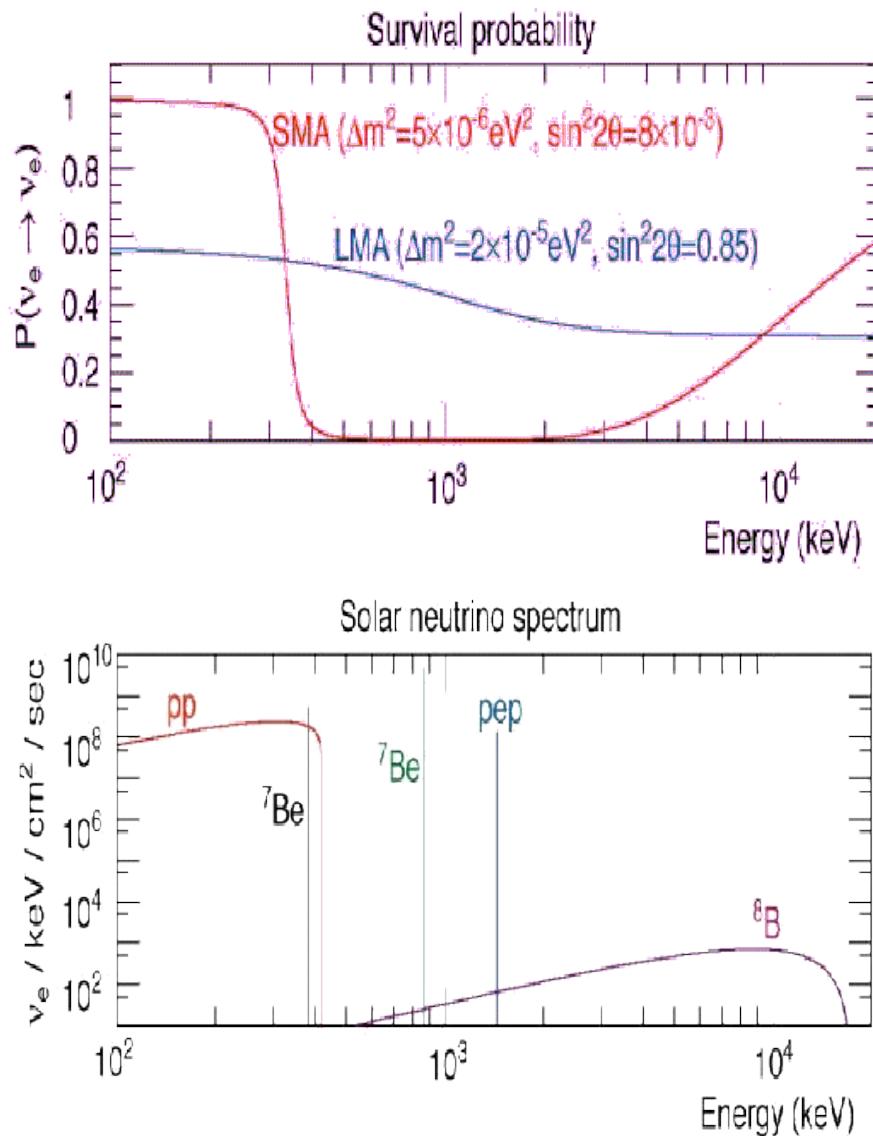
Neutrinos produced at the sun ( $\nu_e$ ) oscillate to other neutrinos via matter-enhanced MSW.

$$\Delta m^2 = 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\theta \approx 30^\circ$$

# Solar neutrino oscillations

**Matter effect on  $\nu_e$  from Sun to Earth**

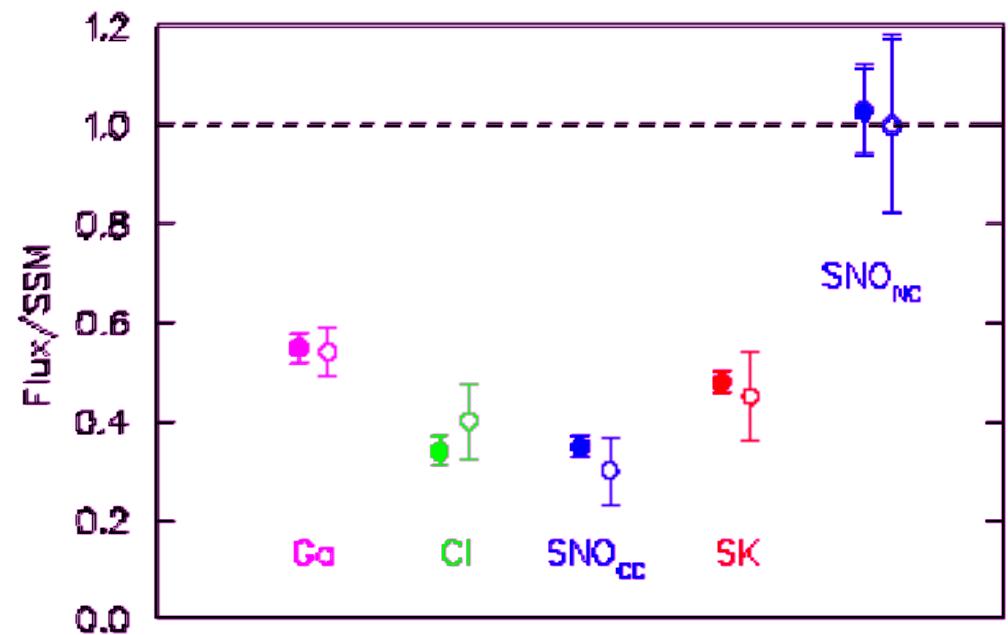


The LMA solar solution

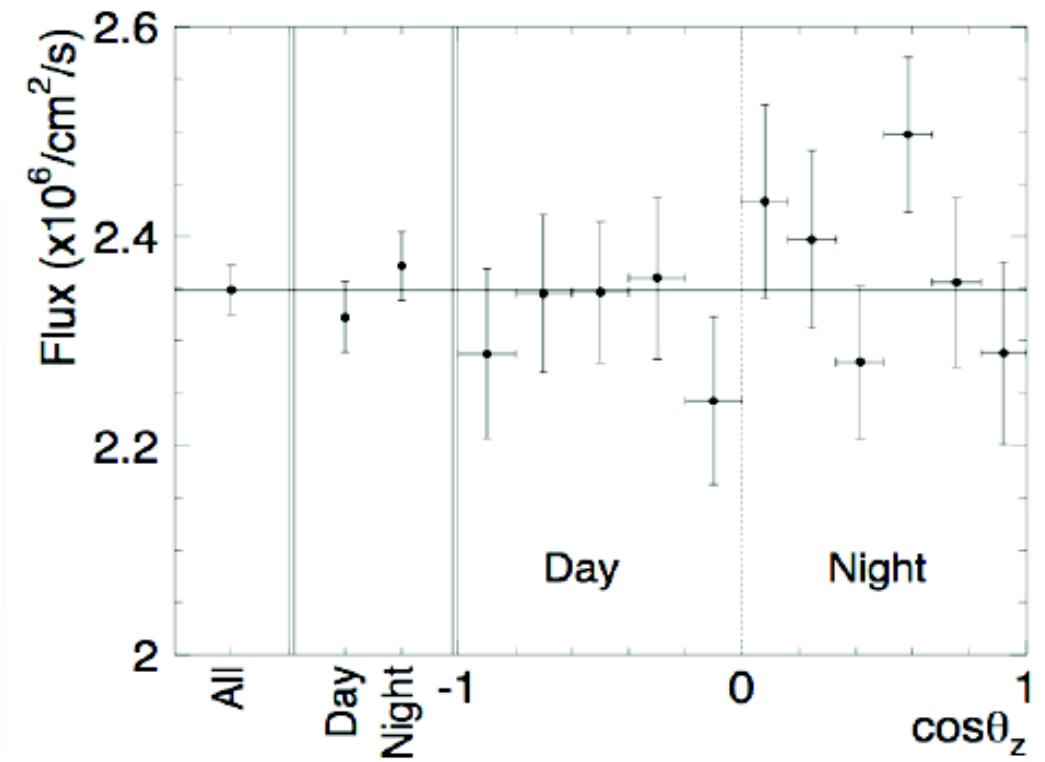
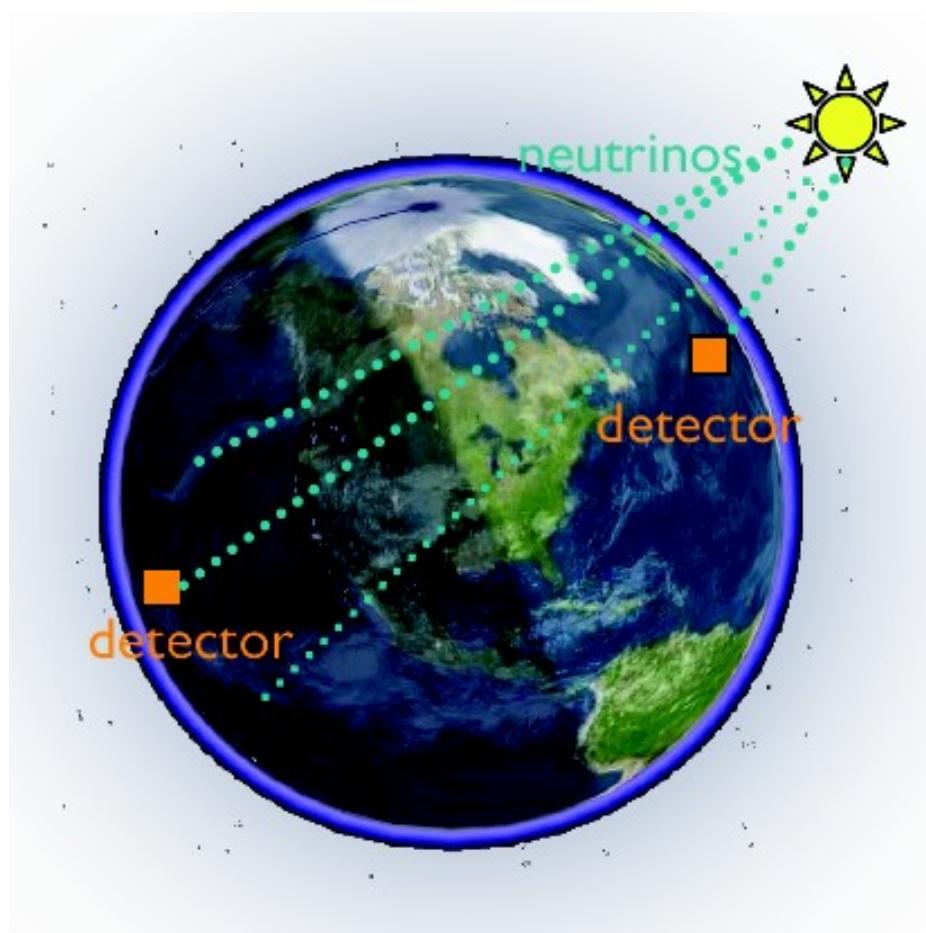
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matter effects

explain beautifully  
all solar neutrino experiments

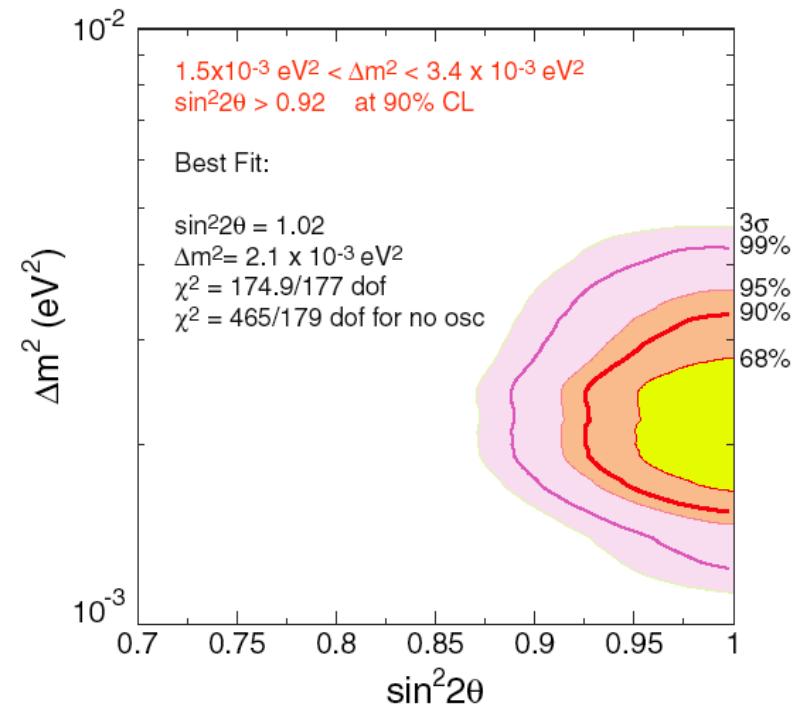
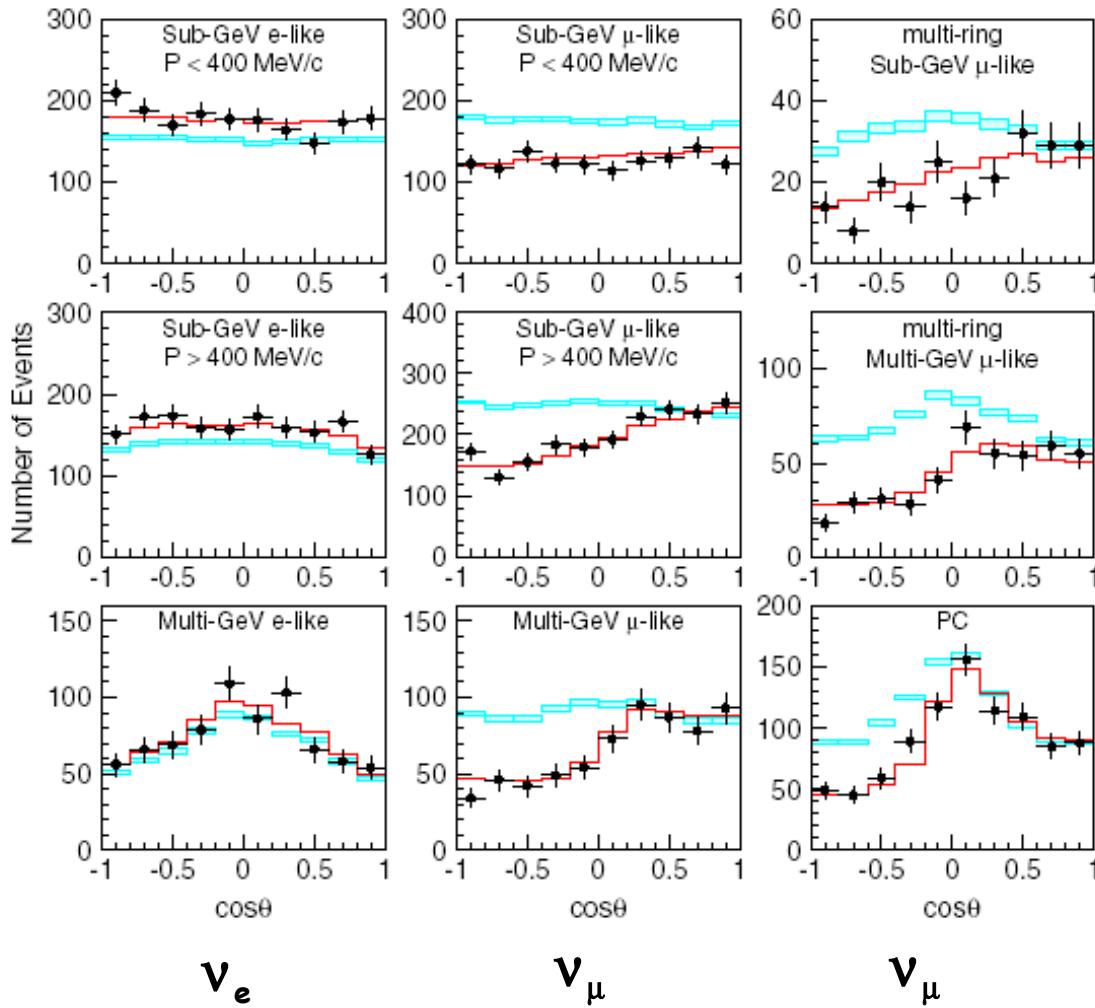


# Neutrino regeneration in the Earth ?



- SK sees no significant day-night effect

# Atmospheric $\nu$ oscillations



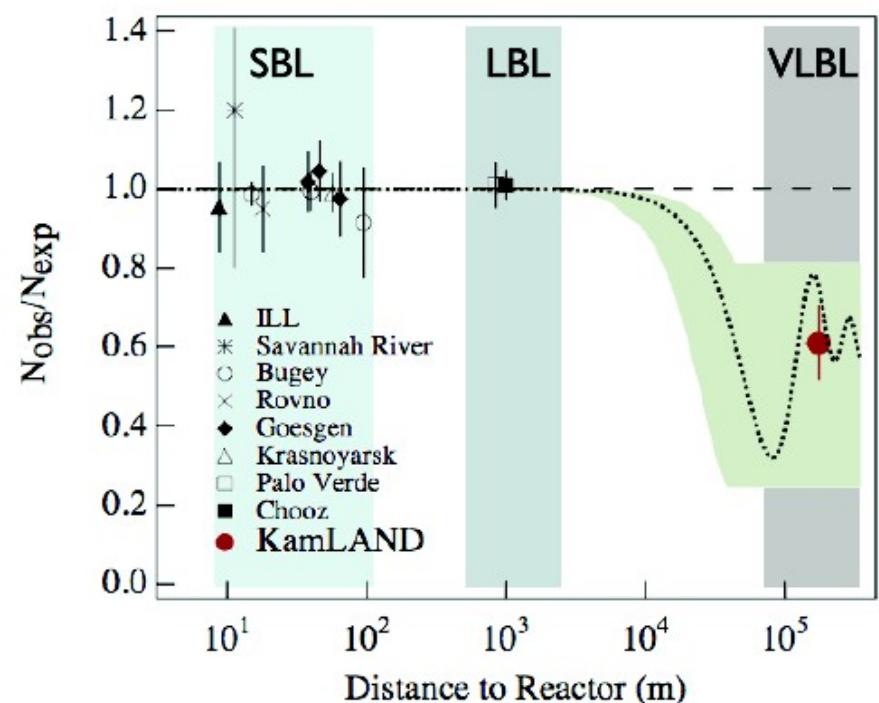
$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillations

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta \approx 1$$

# Reactor experiments

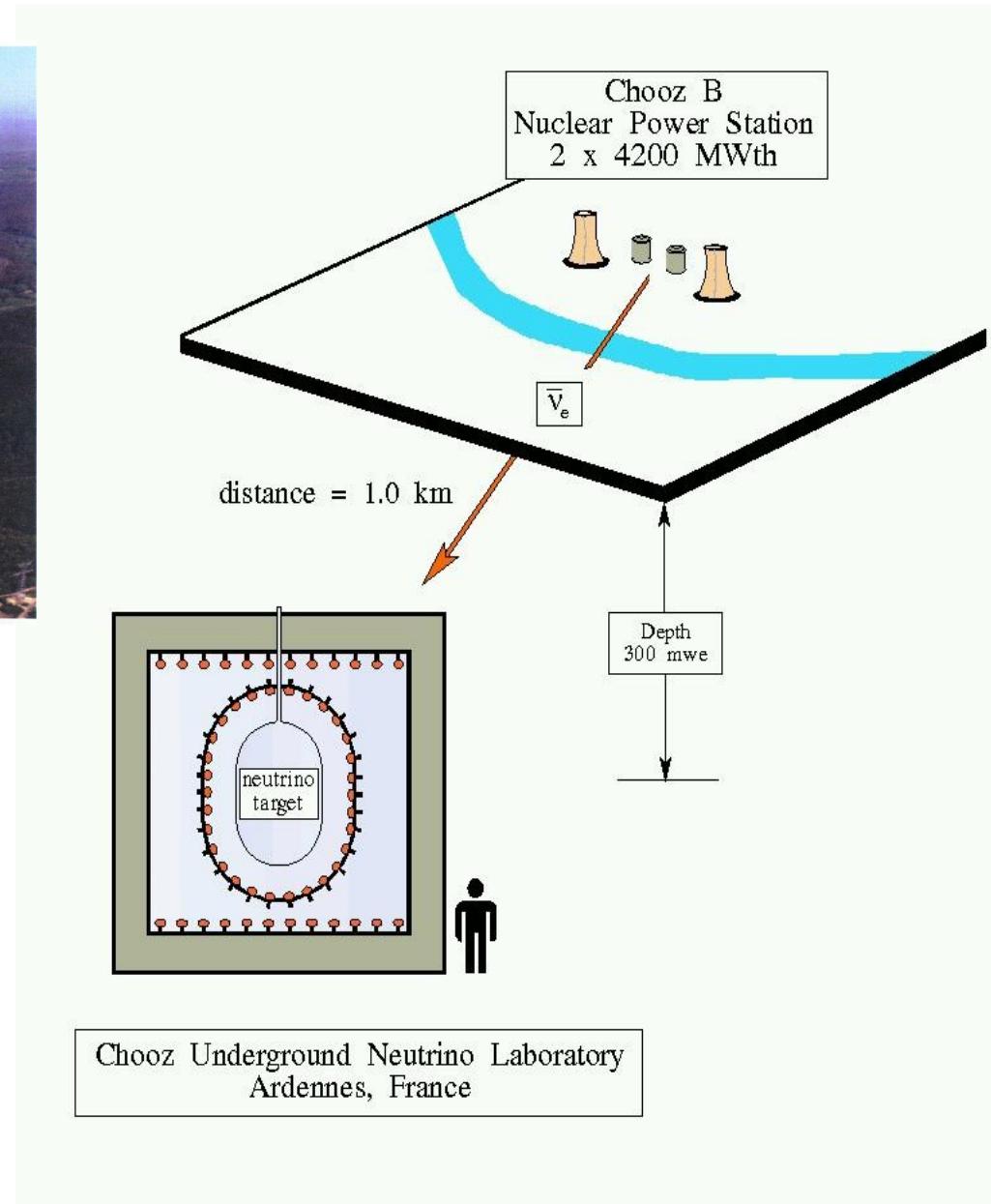
- SBL 10-100m from the reactor : exclusion regions
- LBL ~1 km CHOOZ, sensitive to Atmospheric neutrino parameter space
- VLBL 100km KamLAND evidence for disappearance



# LBL experiments

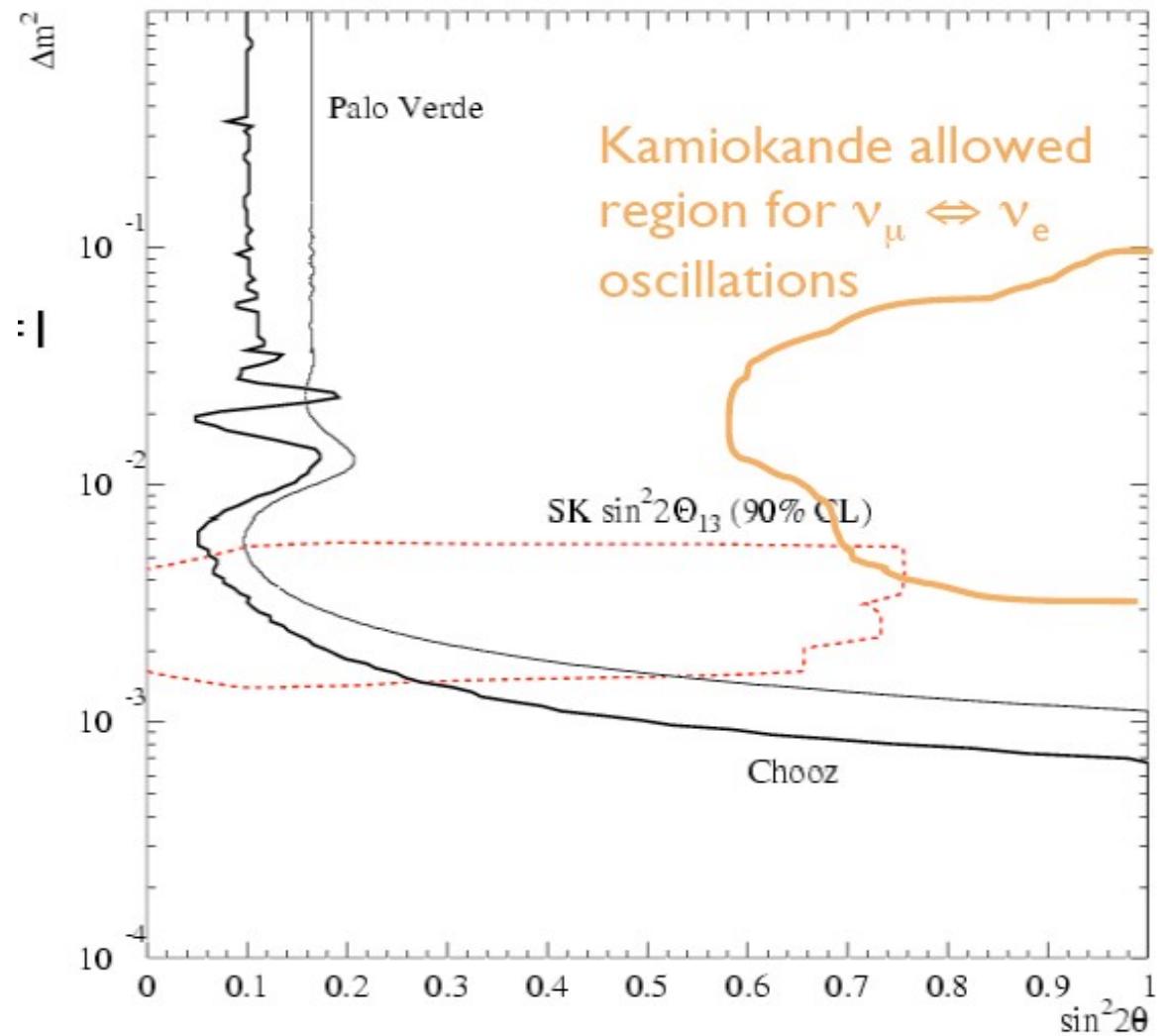


- Liquid scintillator +Gd
- Coincidence from  $e^+$  capture and n-capture (8MeV gamma)



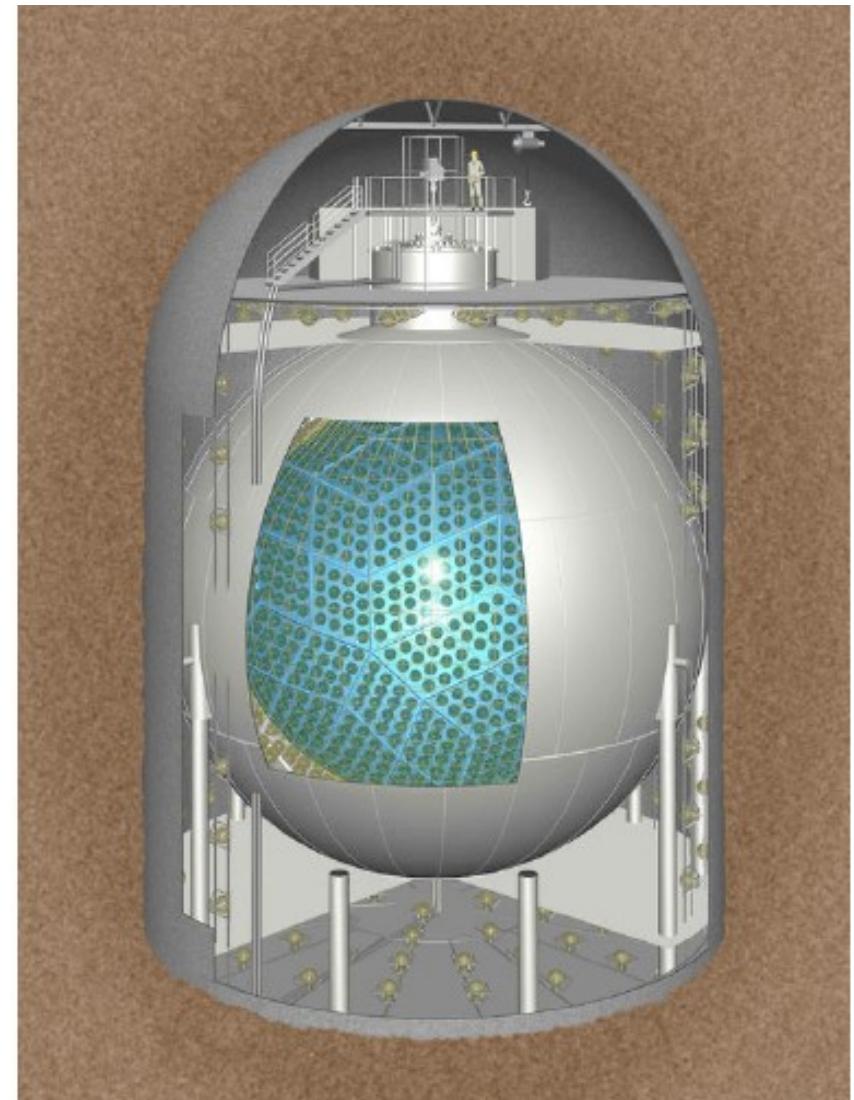
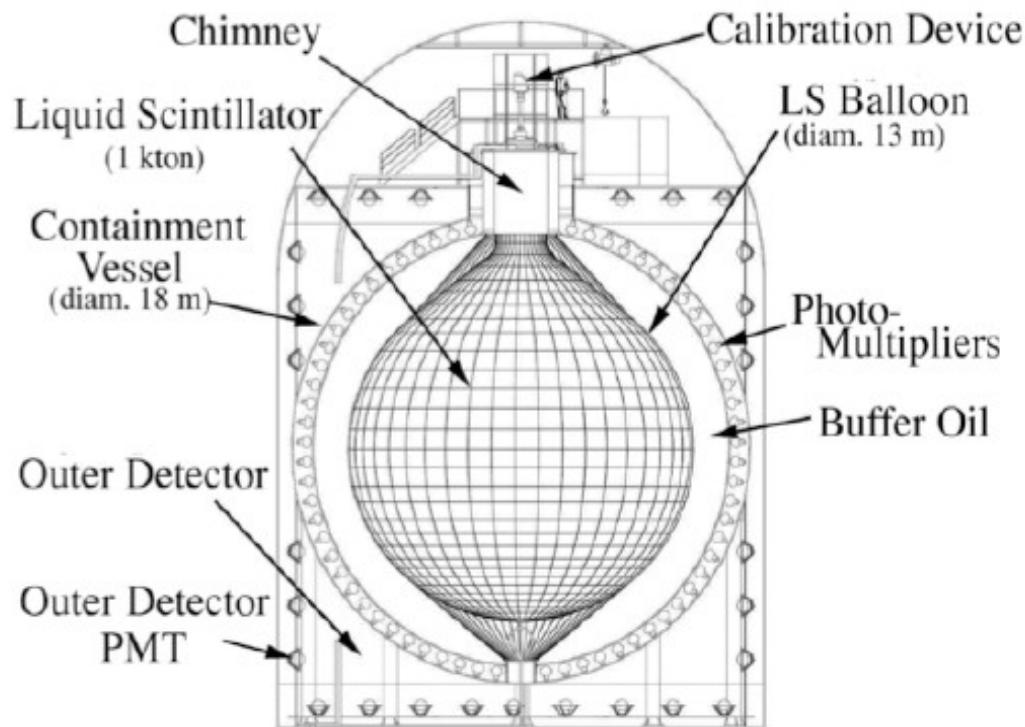
# Chooz and Palo Verde

- No disappearance observed
- Excludes the region allowed by SK atmospheric neutrino anomaly



# KamLAND

- Measuring  $\bar{\nu}_e$  from several reactors in Japan
- 1200m<sup>3</sup> of scintillator



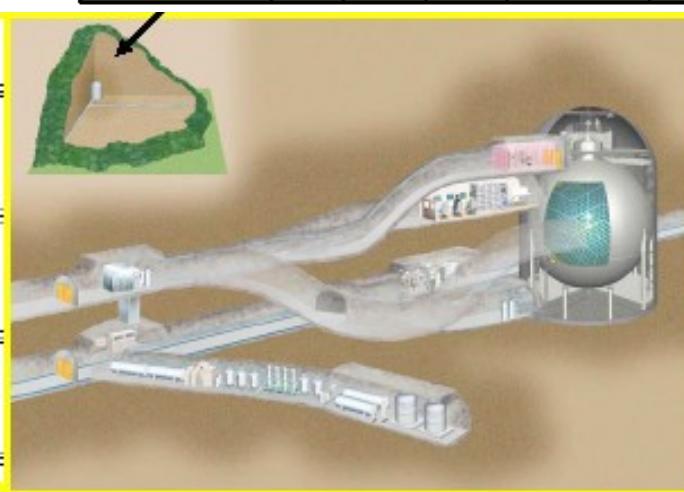
# Kamland location & flux

Many reactors contribute to the antineutrino flux at KamLAND



Site	Dist (km)	Cores (#)	$P_{\text{therm}}$ (GW)	Flux ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Rate noosc* ( $\text{yr}^{-1} \text{kt}^{-1}$ )
Kashiwazaki	160	7	24.3	$4.1 \cdot 10^5$	254.0
Ohi	179	4	13.7	$1.9 \cdot 10^5$	114.3
Takahama	191	4	10.2	$1.2 \cdot 10^5$	74.3
Tsuruga	138	2	4.5	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	62.5
Hamaoka	214	4	10.6	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	62.0
Mihama	146	3	4.9	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	62.0
Shika	88	1	1.6	$9.0 \cdot 10^4$	55.2
Fukushima1	349	6	14.2	$5.1 \cdot 10^4$	31.1
Fukushima2	345	4	13.2	$4.8 \cdot 10^4$	29.5
Tokai2	295	1	3.3	$1.6 \cdot 10^4$	10.1
Onagawa	431	3	6.5	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$	9.3
Simane	401	2	3.8	$1.0 \cdot 10^4$	6.3
Ikata	561	3	6.0	$8.3 \cdot 10^3$	5.1
Genkai	755	4	10.1	$7.8 \cdot 10^3$	4.8
Sendai	830	2	5.3	$3.4 \cdot 10^3$	2.1
Tomari	783	2	3.3	$2.3 \cdot 10^3$	1.4
Ulchin	712	4	11.5	$9.9 \cdot 10^3$	6.1
Yonggwang	986	6	17.4	$7.8 \cdot 10^3$	4.8
Kori	735	4	9.2	$7.5 \cdot 10^3$	4.6
Wolsong	709	4	8.2	$7.1 \cdot 10^3$	4.3
<b>Total Nominal</b>	-	<b>70</b>	<b>181.7</b>	<b><math>1.3 \cdot 10^6</math></b>	<b>803.8</b>

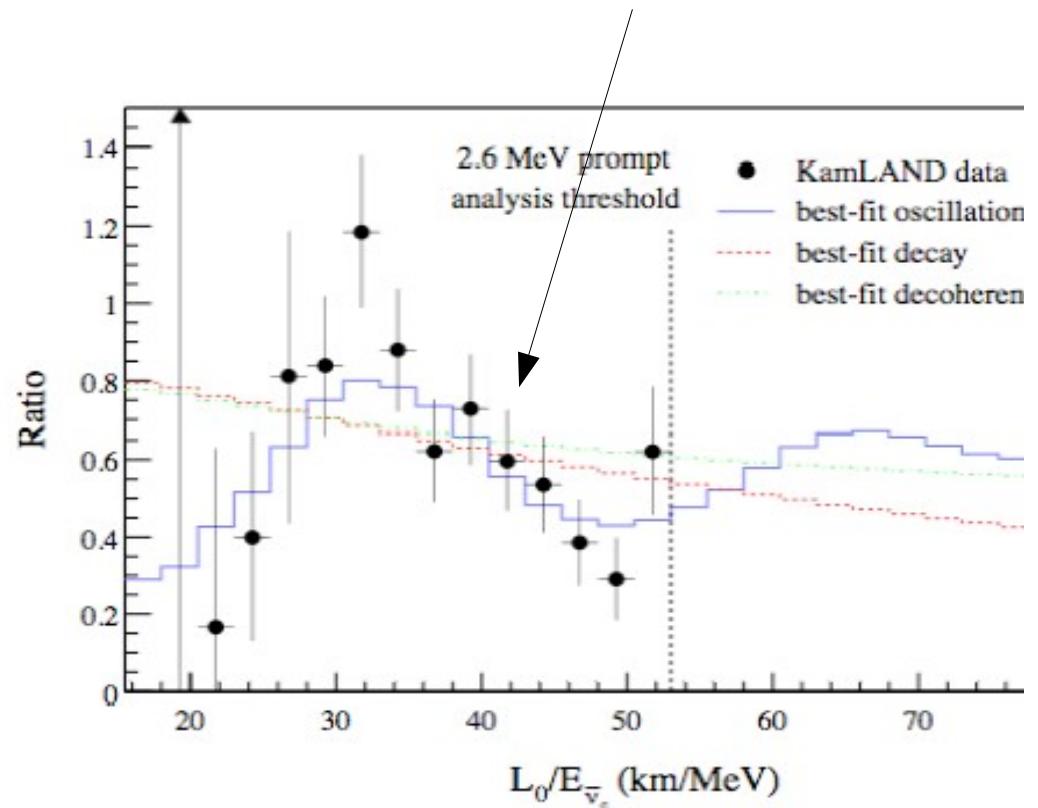
\* $E_{\nu} > 3.4 \text{ MeV}$   
 ( $E_{\text{prompt}} > 2.6 \text{ MeV}$ )  
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 Detailed power and fuel  
 Composition calculation used  
 ↓  
 From electrical  
 power  
 Japanese average  
 fuel used



# KamLAND results

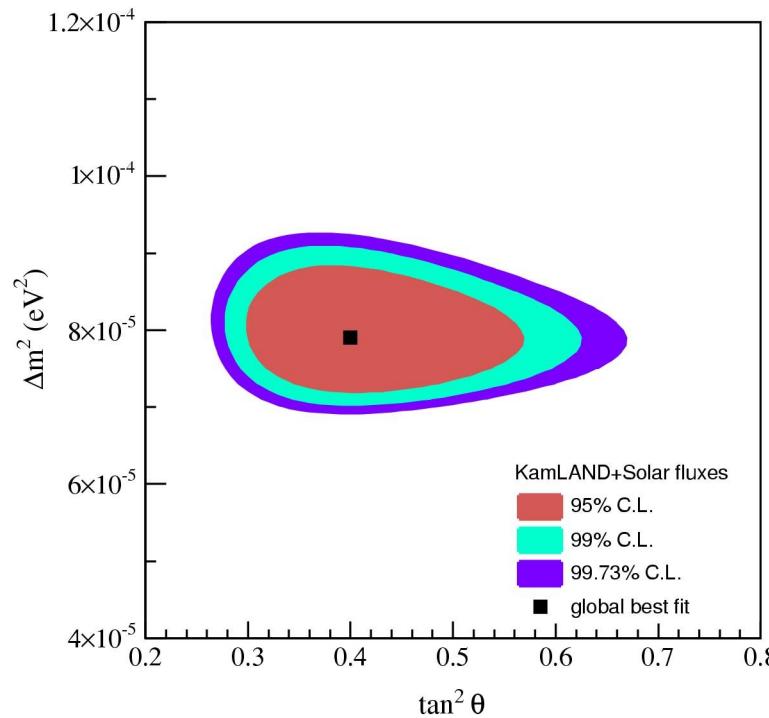
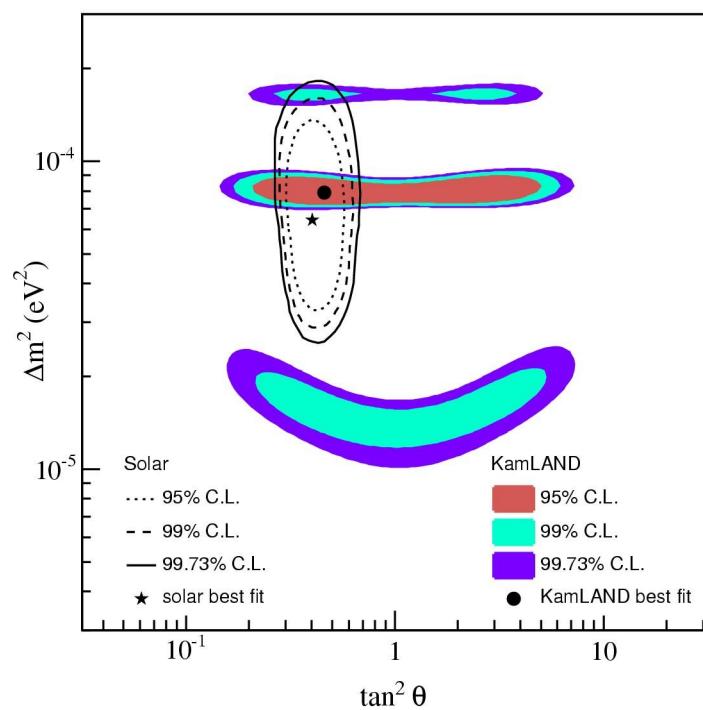
- Disappearance of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  observed
- Designed to check the Large Mixing Angle solar neutrino solution
- $R=0.658\pm0.044\pm0.047$

L/E dependance !!

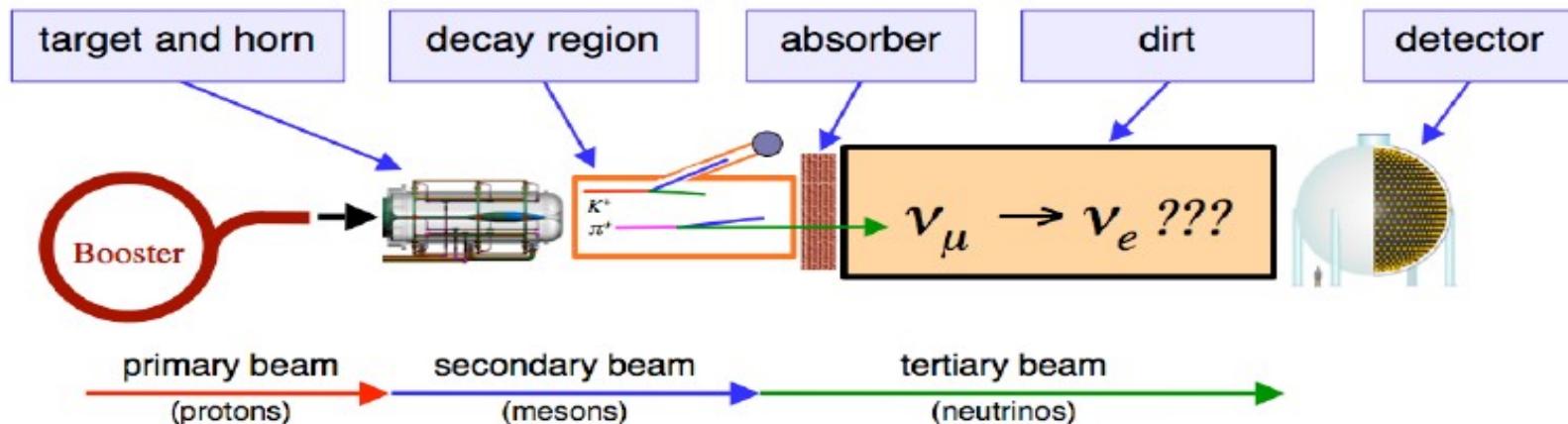


# KamLAND confirms solar oscillations

- LMA solution confirmed !



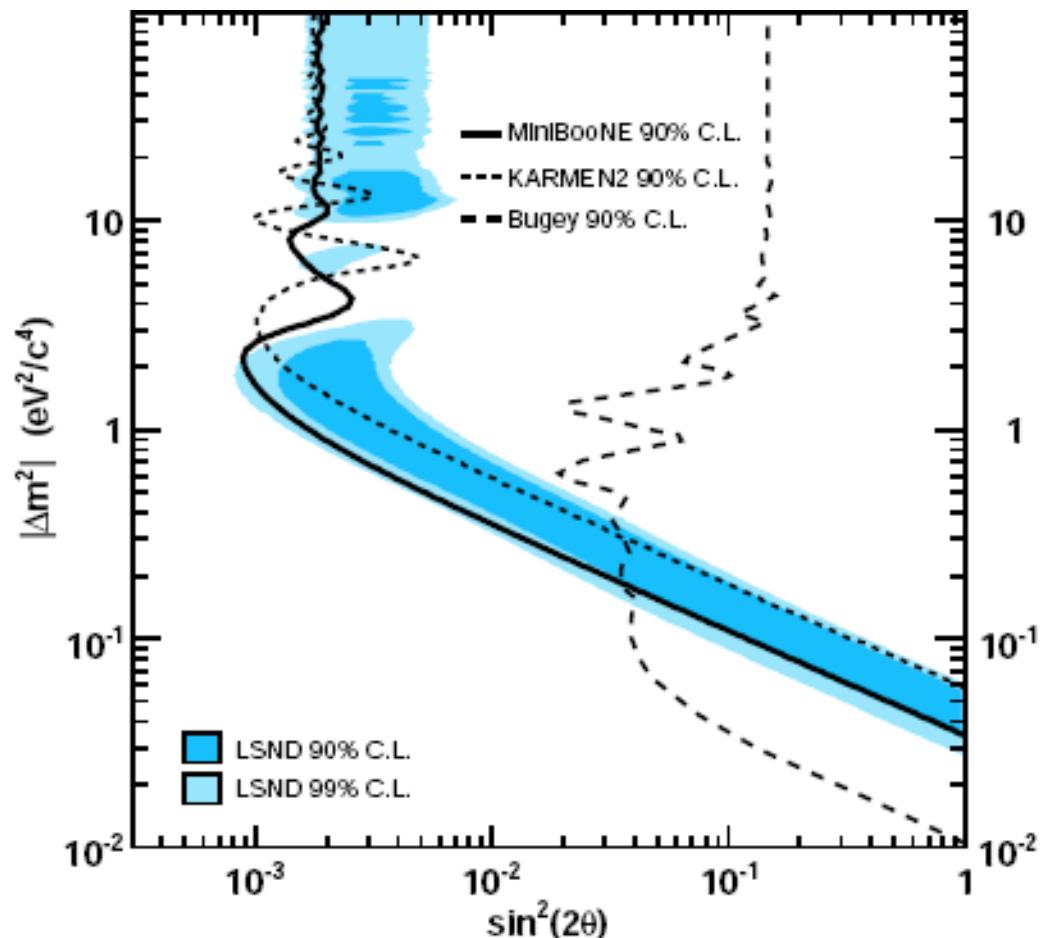
# Accelerator experiments

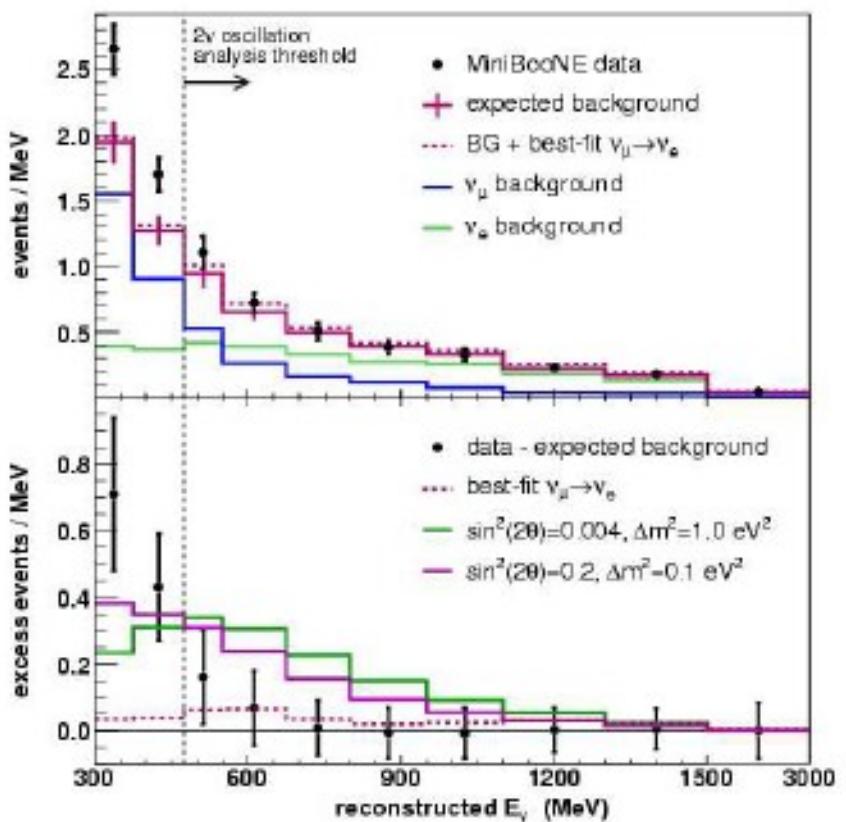


- Neutrinos produced by the decay of pions, kaons and muons from a proton beam onto a target
  - Pion decay in flight: mostly muon neutrinos (OR anti-neutrinos) with energies  $\sim$  GeV or more; e.g. SBL: CHORUS, NOMAD, CHARM, LSND; LBL: MINOS, OPERA, ICARUS, T2K
  - Muon decay at rest: muon anti-neutrinos of low energy from muondecay, with energy  $\sim$  tens MeV; e.g. KARMEN, LSND
  - Beam dump: protons of very high energy are completely stopped by a target; muon and electron neutrinos with energy  $\sim$  100 GeV

$$\nu_\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu_e \text{ SBL}$$

- Only LSND claims a signal in  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  and weaker in  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
- $L=30\text{m}$   $E\sim 30\text{MeV}$
- Not confirmed by other experiments



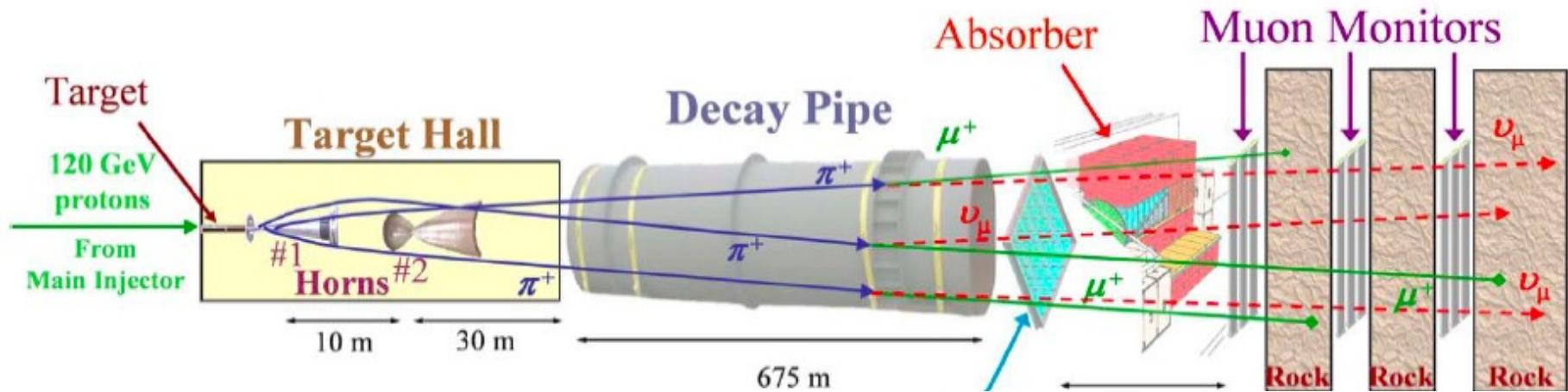


# MiniBoone

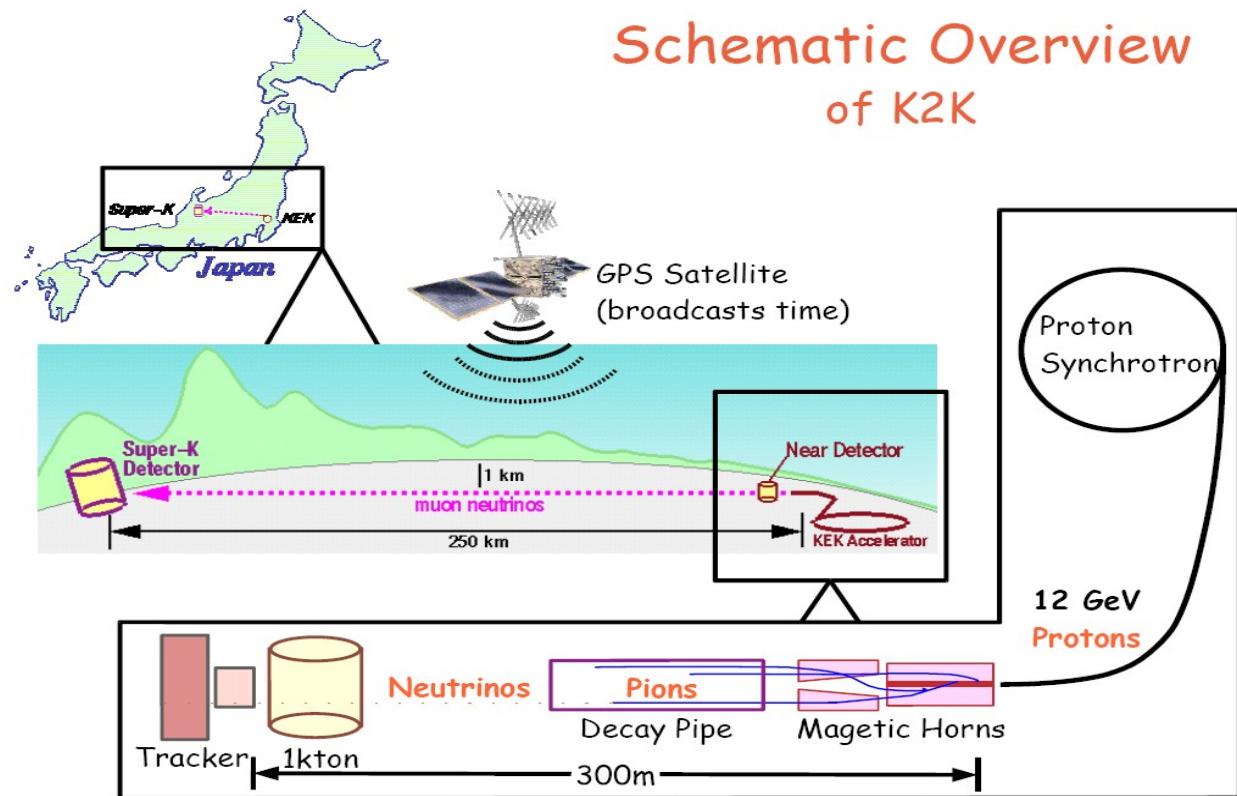
- Concept of sterile neutrino:
  - non-interacting light particle
  - Singlet in the  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  group
  - mixed with active neutrinos

$L=500\text{m}$   $E=500\text{MeV}$

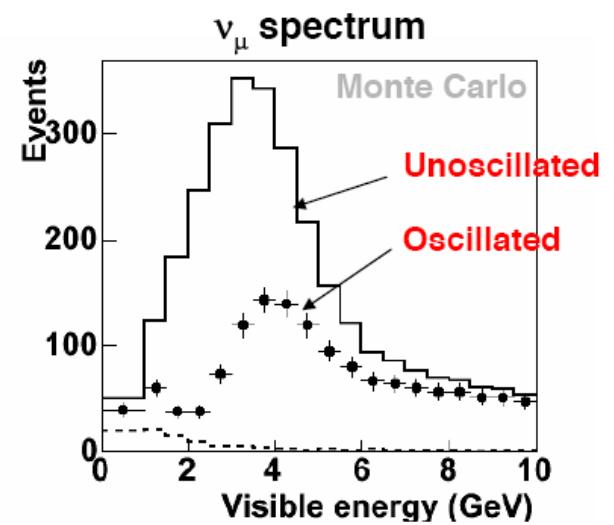
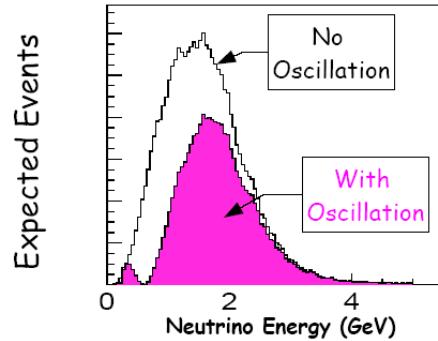
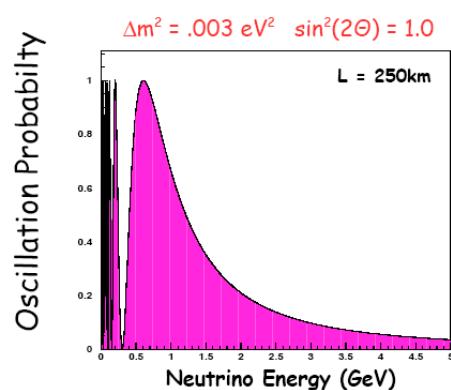
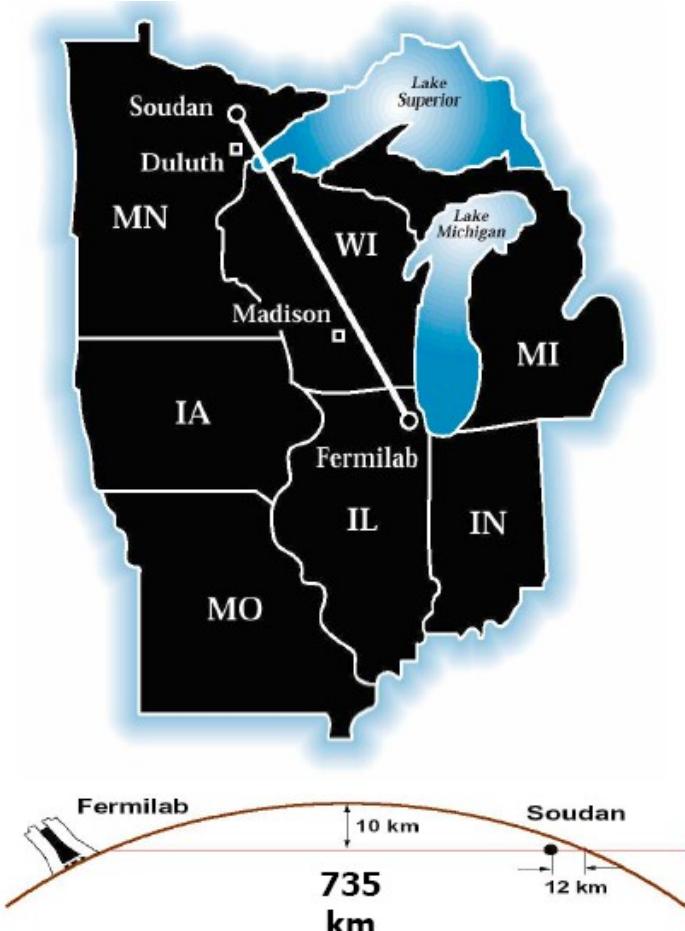
Now running anti- $\nu$  mode



Minos & K2K:



# K2K/Minos: confirm atmospheric oscillation with a controlled beam



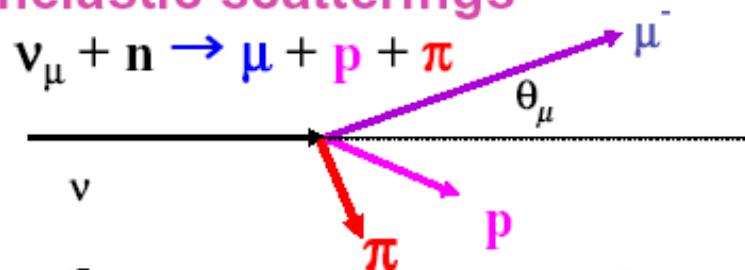
$E_{\text{K2K}} \sim 1\text{GeV} \Rightarrow L \sim 250\text{ Km}$

$E_{\text{Numi}} \sim 3\text{GeV} \Rightarrow L \sim 750\text{ Km}$

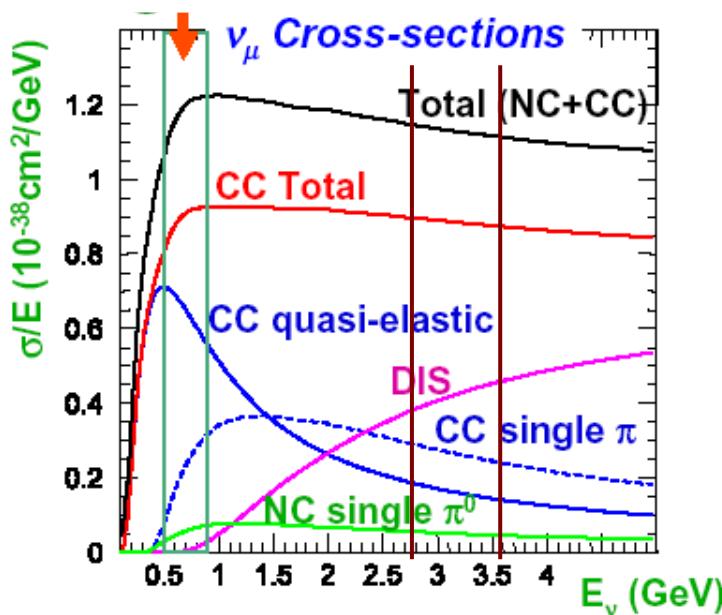
# Cross sections and energy reconstruction

Numi/MINOS

## Inelastic scatterings



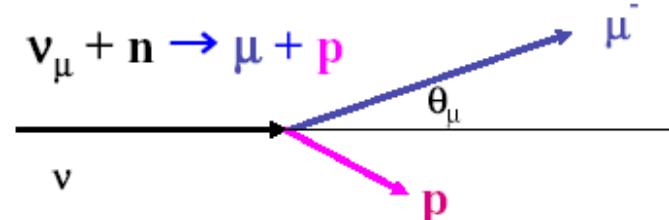
Beam  $E \sim 120\text{GeV}$



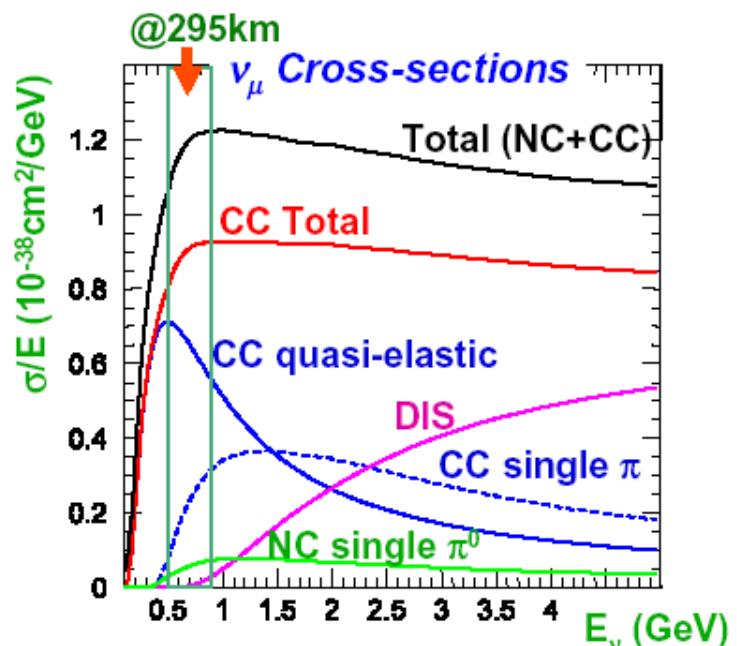
Oscillation maximum@750 km

K2K

## CC quasi elastic scatterings



## Oscillation maximum



# Detectors

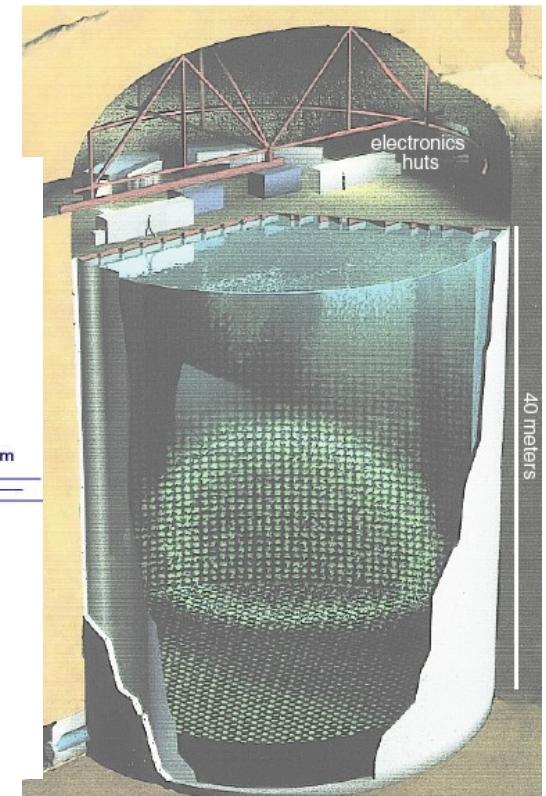
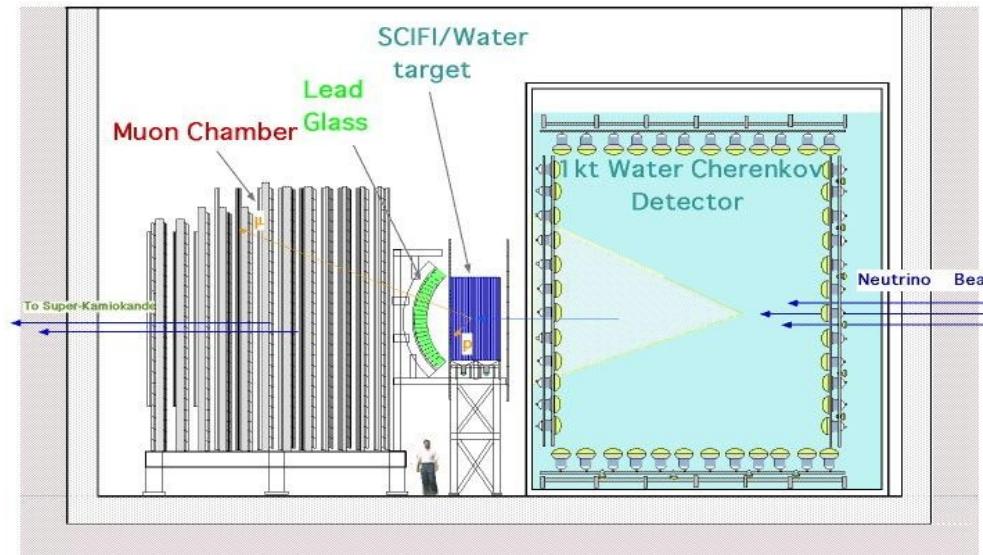
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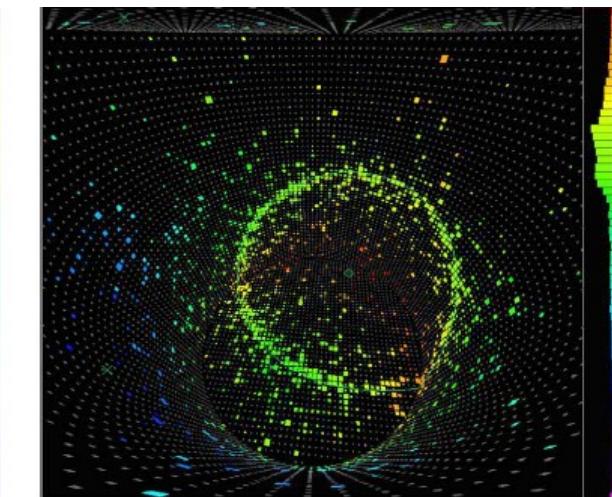
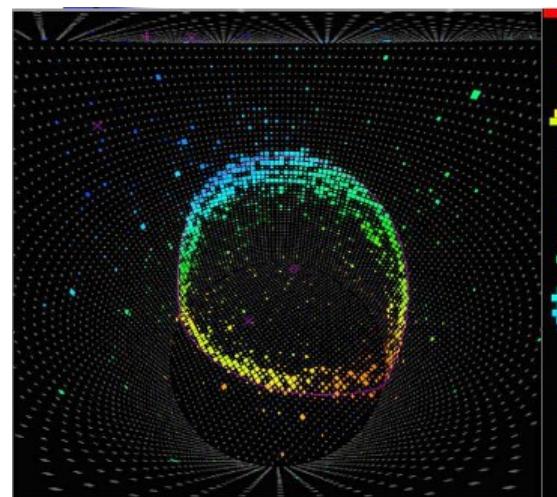
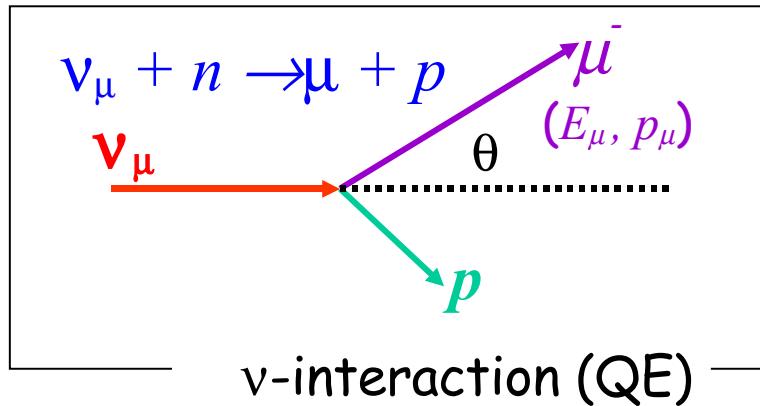


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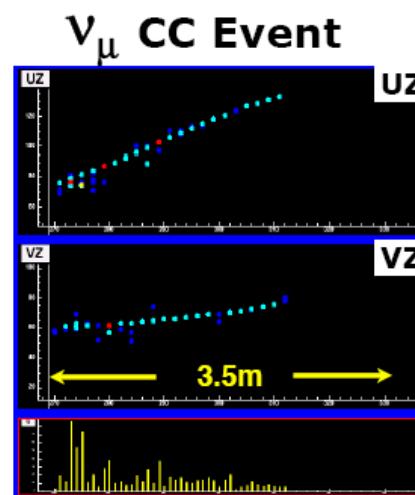
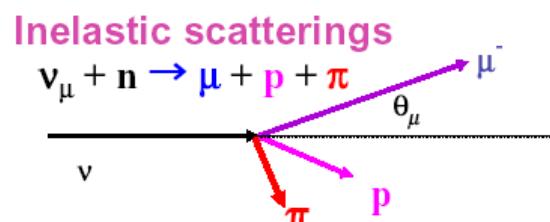


Two different technologies:  
Water & Iron

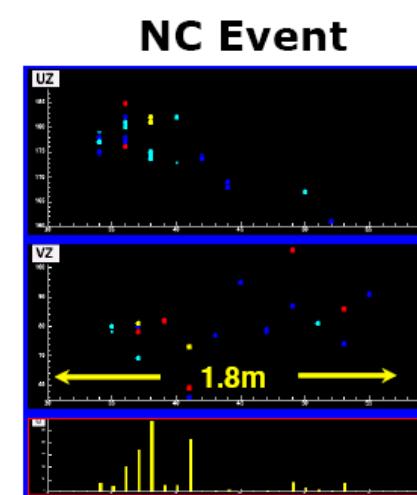




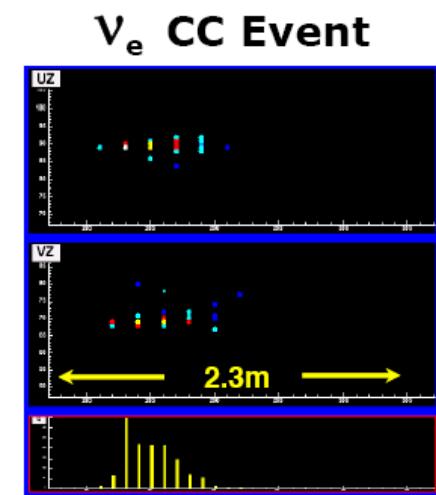
## Neutrinos in water & iron



- long  $\mu$  track + hadronic activity at vertex



- short event, often diffuse



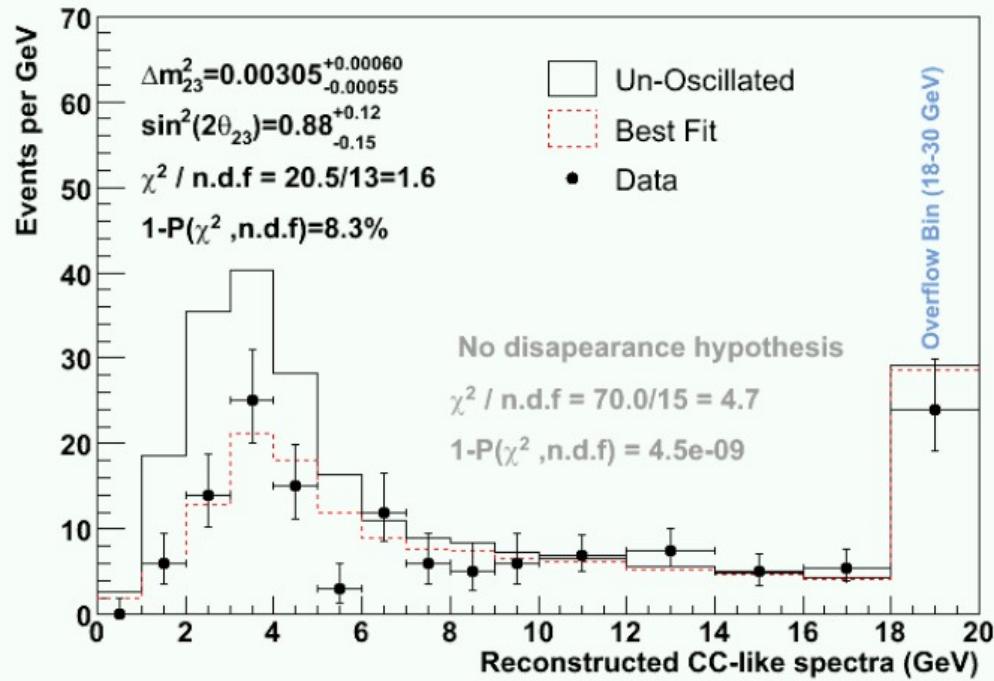
- short, with typical EM shower profile

$$E_\nu = E_{\text{shower}} + P_\mu$$

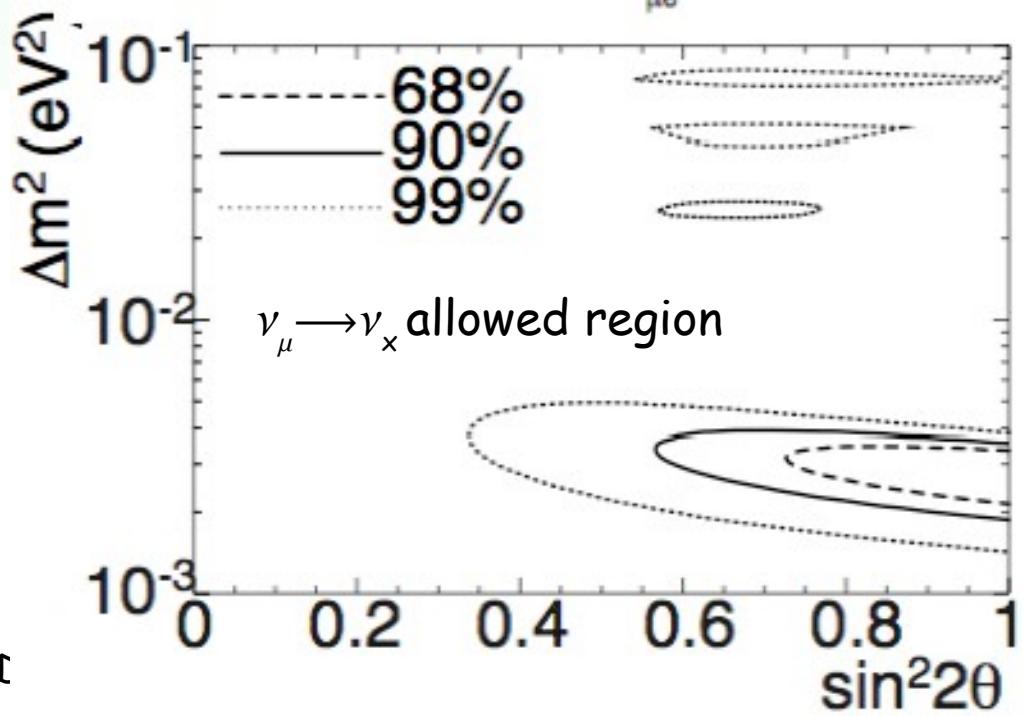
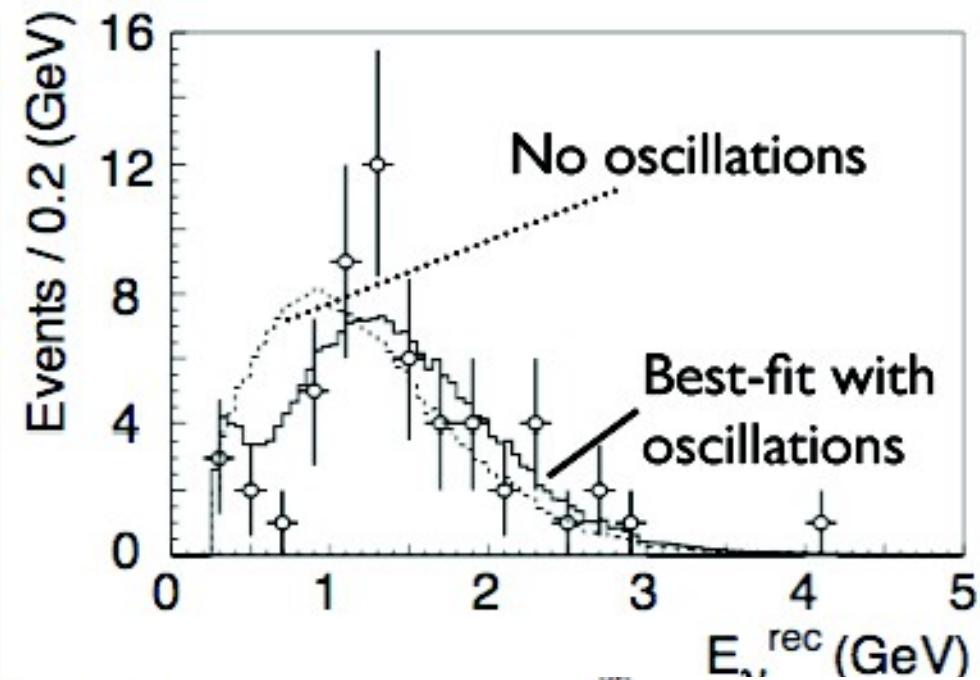
↑ 55%  $\sqrt{E}$   
↑ 6% range, 10% curvature

# Minos/K2K results

Oscillation Results for 0.93E20 p.o.t

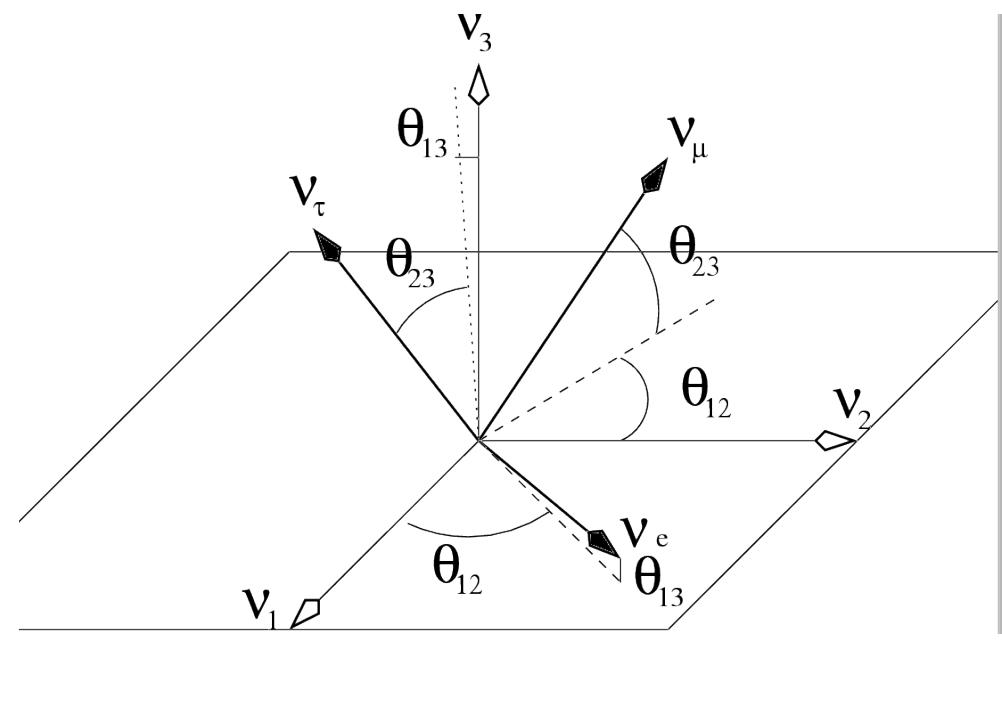
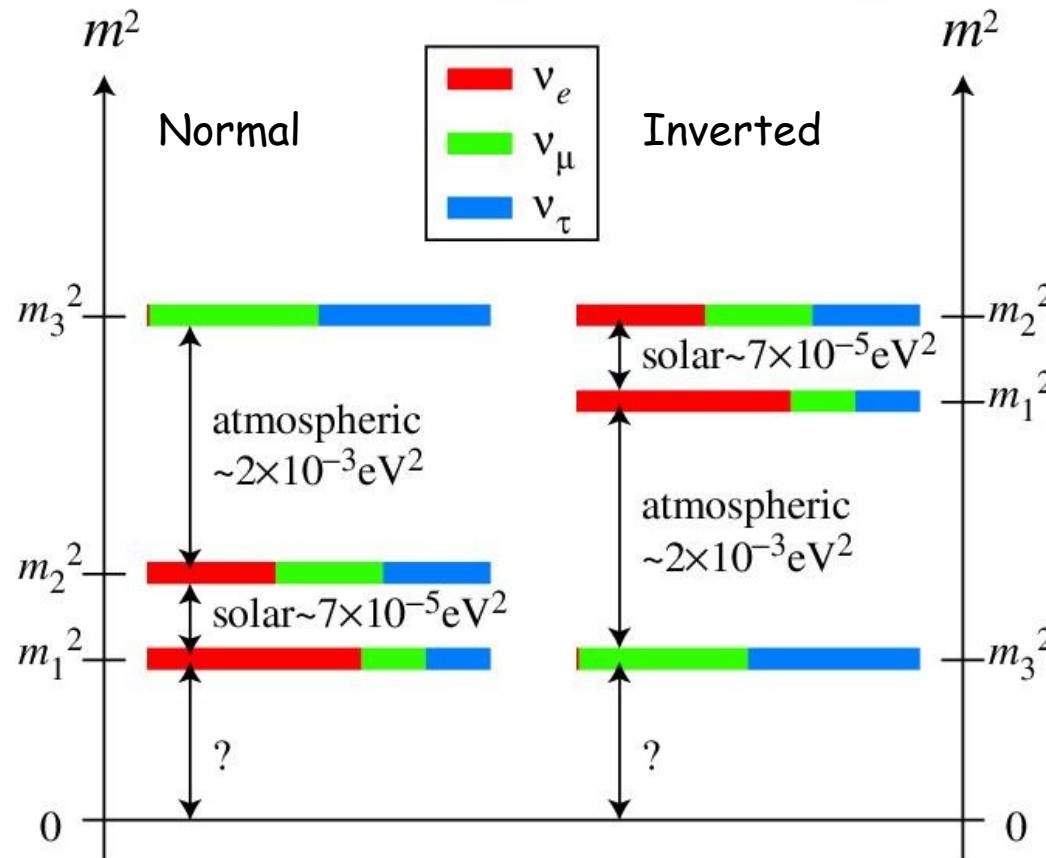


ATMOSPHERIC  
OSCILLATION  
CONFIRMED!



# Oscillations revisited

Oscillation parameter	central value	99% CL range
solar mass splitting	$\Delta m_{12}^2 = (8.0 \pm 0.3) 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$	$(7.2 \div 8.9) 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
atmospheric mass splitting	$ \Delta m_{23}^2  = (2.5 \pm 0.2) 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	$(2.1 \div 3.1) 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
solar mixing angle	$\tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.45 \pm 0.05$	$30^\circ < \theta_{12} < 38^\circ$
atmospheric mixing angle	$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.02 \pm 0.04$	$36^\circ < \theta_{23} < 54^\circ$
'CHOOZ' mixing angle	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0 \pm 0.05$	$\theta_{13} < 10^\circ$



# The neutrino mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\delta \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi \dots$  then weak interactions violate CP symmetry in the lepton sector (as in the quark sector)

