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# *Super-Kamiokande*

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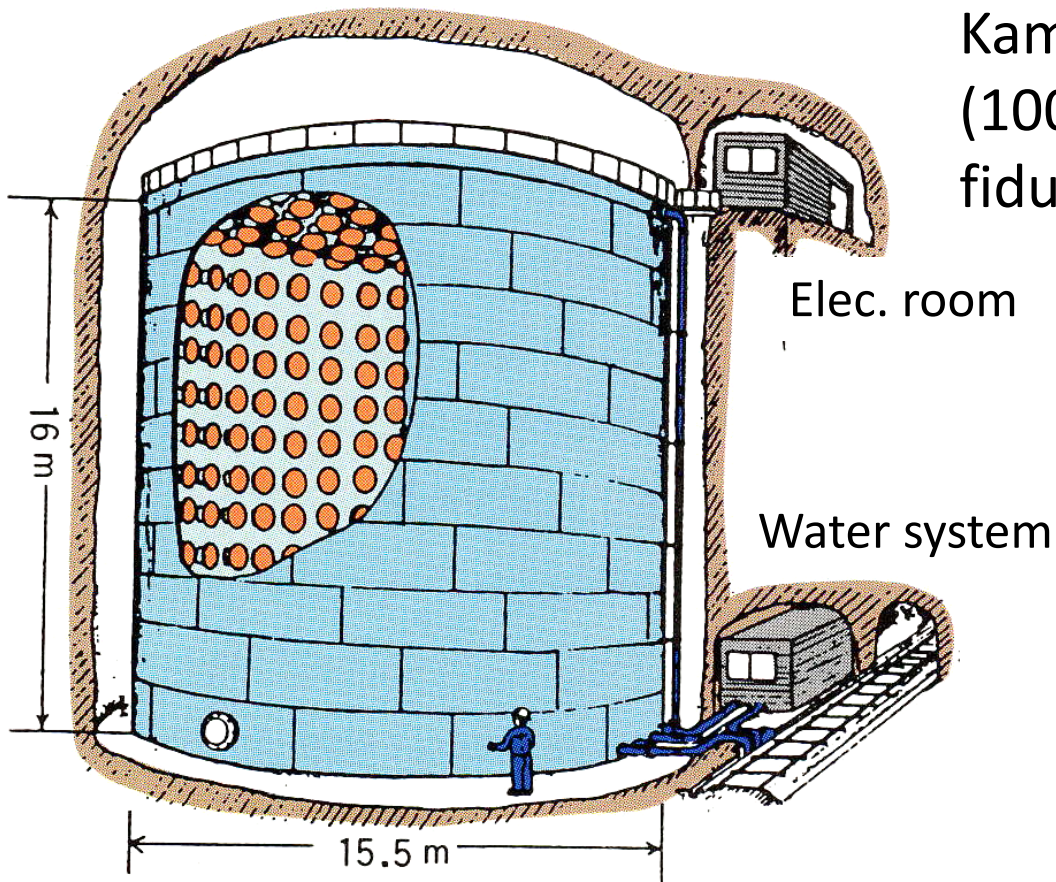
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- *Super-Kamiokande*
- *Discovery of atmospheric neutrino oscillations*
- *Contribution to the discovery of solar neutrino oscillations*
- *Some recent results from Super-Kamiokande (non-accelerator results)*
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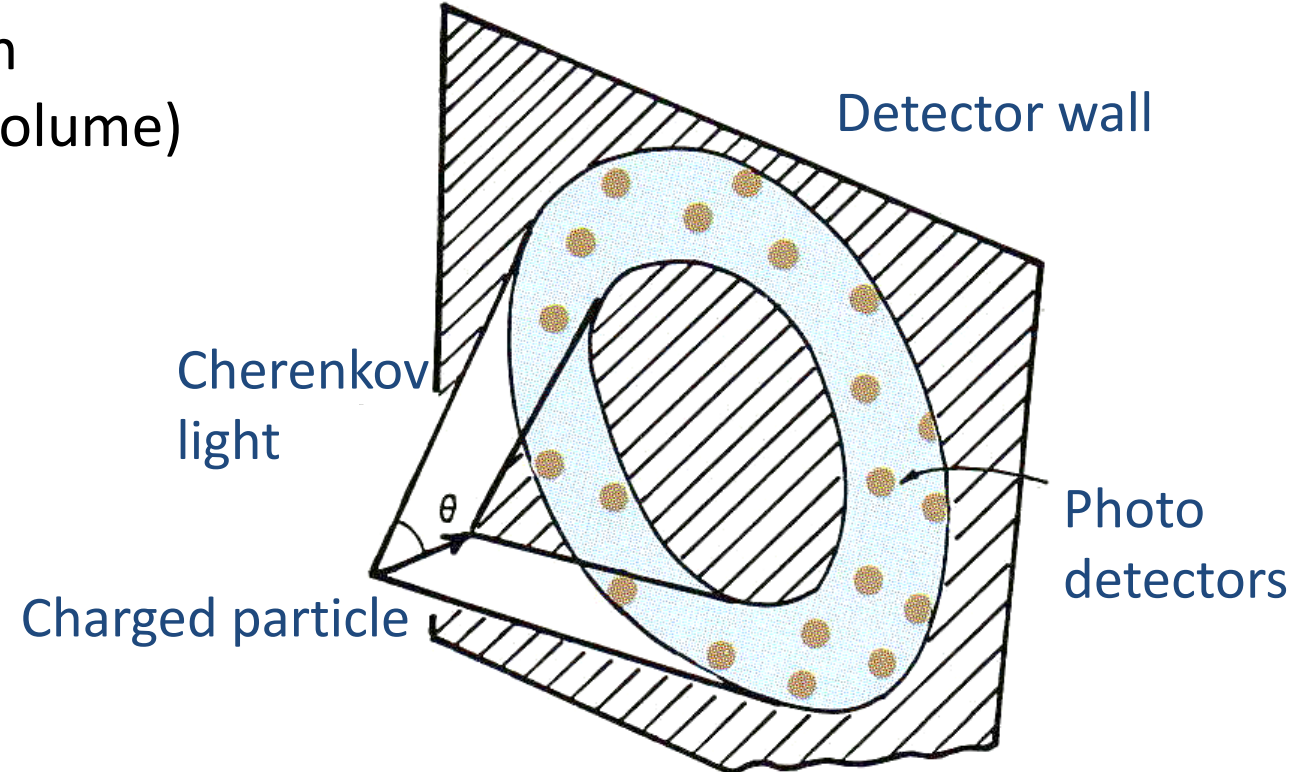
# *Introduction: Kamiokande*

# Kamioka Neutron Decay Experiment (Kamiokande)

- ✓ In the late 1970's, Grand Unified Theories were proposed.
- ✓ They predicted that protons and neutrons should decay with the lifetime of  $10^{28}$  to  $10^{32}$  years.
- ✓ Several proton decay experiments began in the early 1980's. One of them was the Kamiokande experiment.



Kamiokande  
(1000 ton  
fiducial volume)



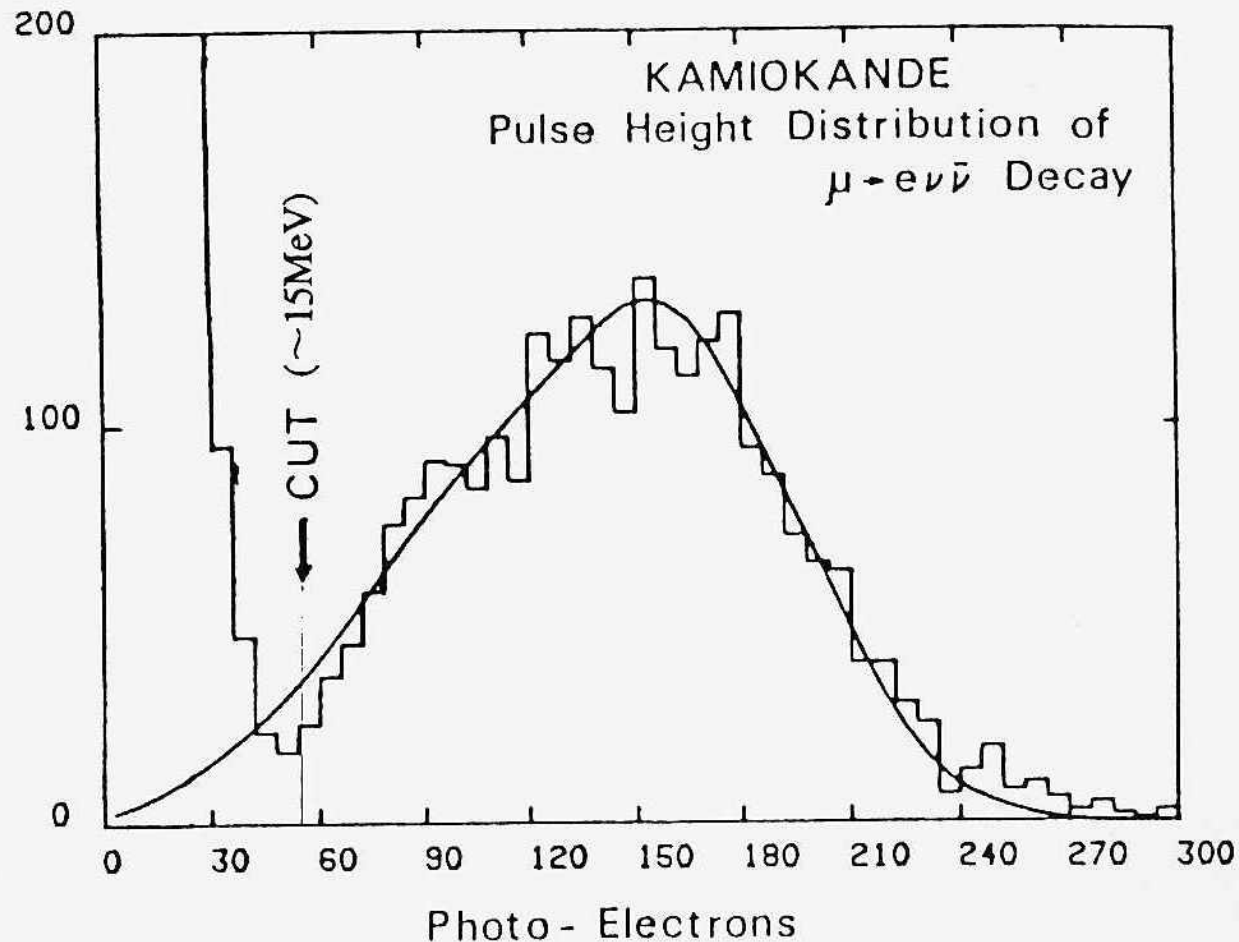
# *Construction of the Kamiokande detector (spring 1983)*



The Kamiokande experiment started in July 1983.

# Didn't observe proton decays, but...

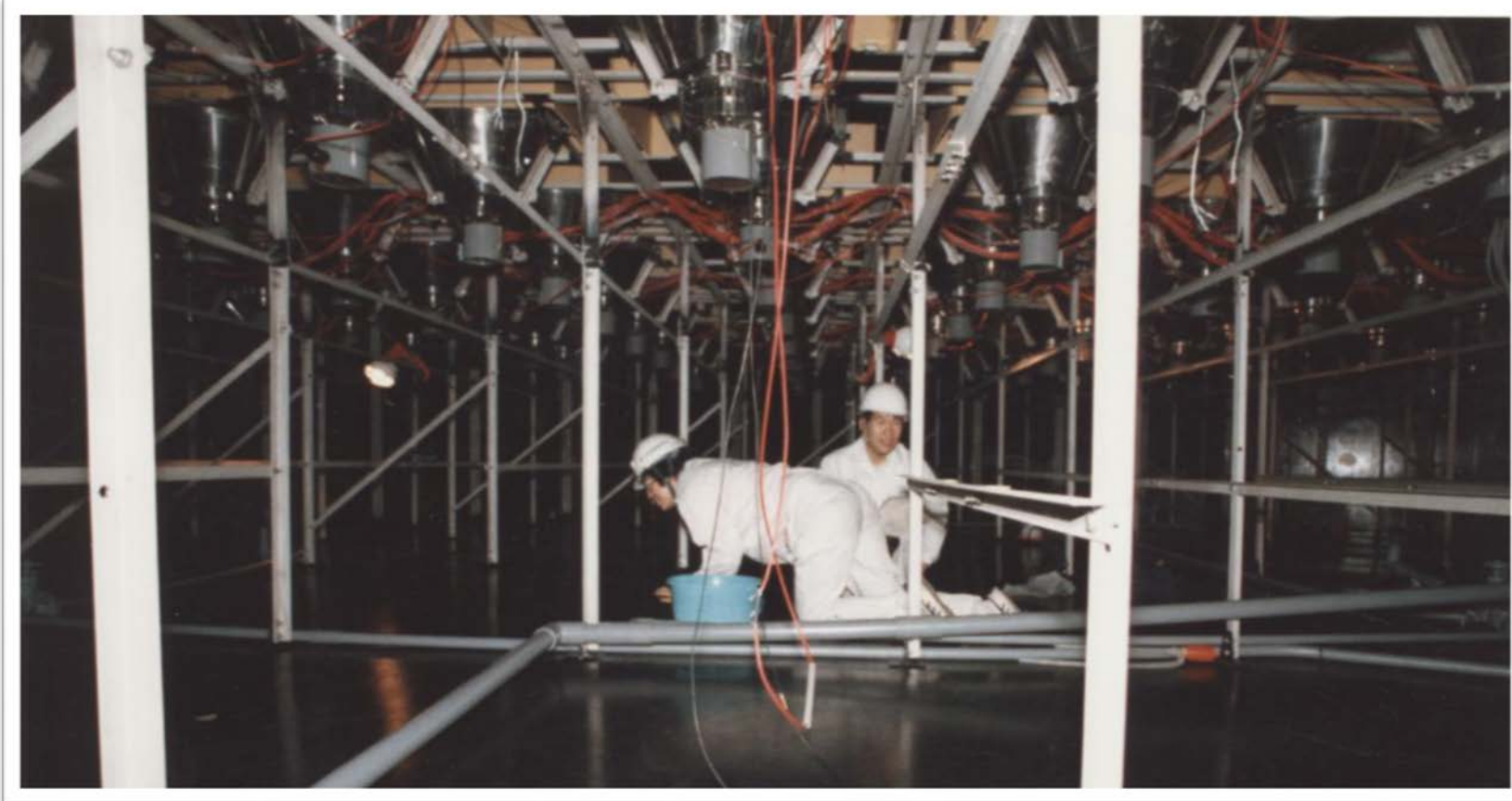
Pulse height distribution for electrons from the decays of cosmic ray muons (early autumn 1983)



Neutrinos with the energies of about 10 MeV could be observed.

- ✓ Improvement of the Kamiokande detector to observe solar neutrinos.
- ✓ Initial idea of Super-Kamiokande. (both by M. Koshiba)

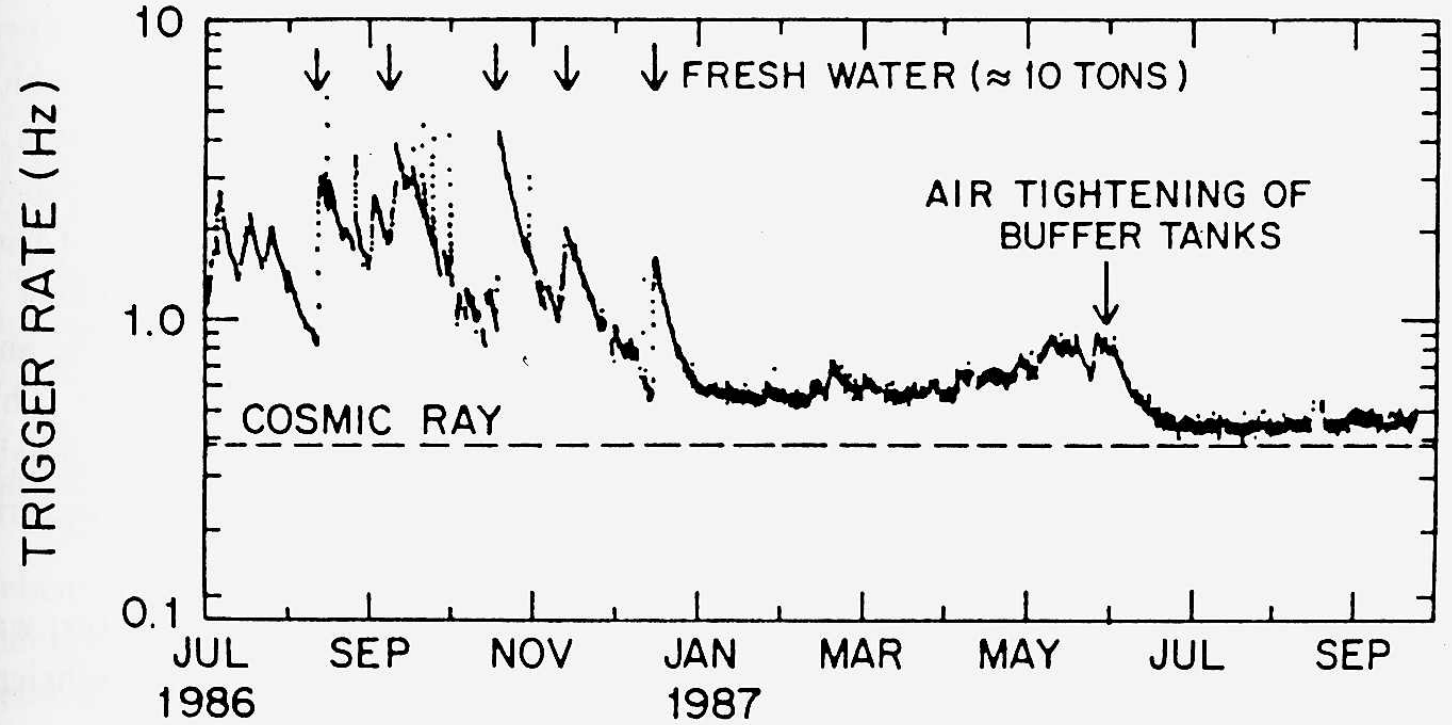
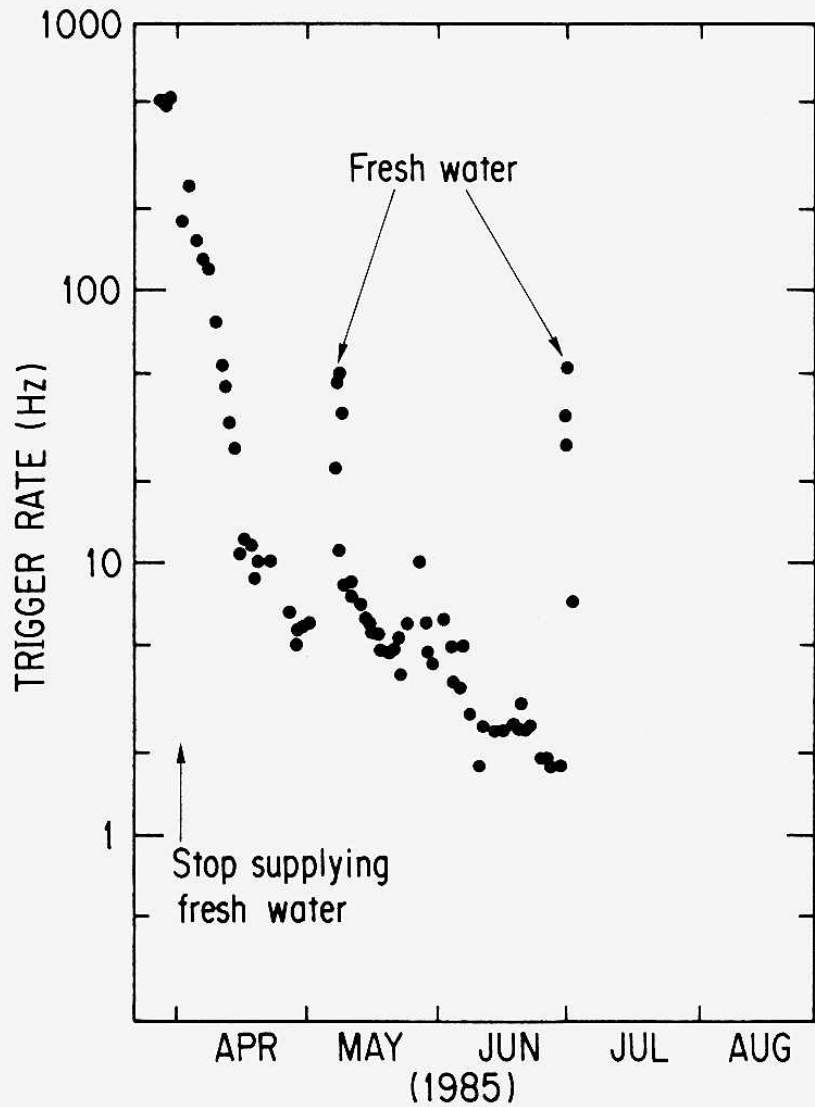
# *Toward Kamiokande-II (1984-5)*



Construction of the bottom outer detector

Construction of the side outer detector  
(between the steel tank and the rock)

# Water and the trigger rate



Radioactivities (mostly Rn at that stage) was the most serious issue.

Stable trigger rate after Jan. 1987.

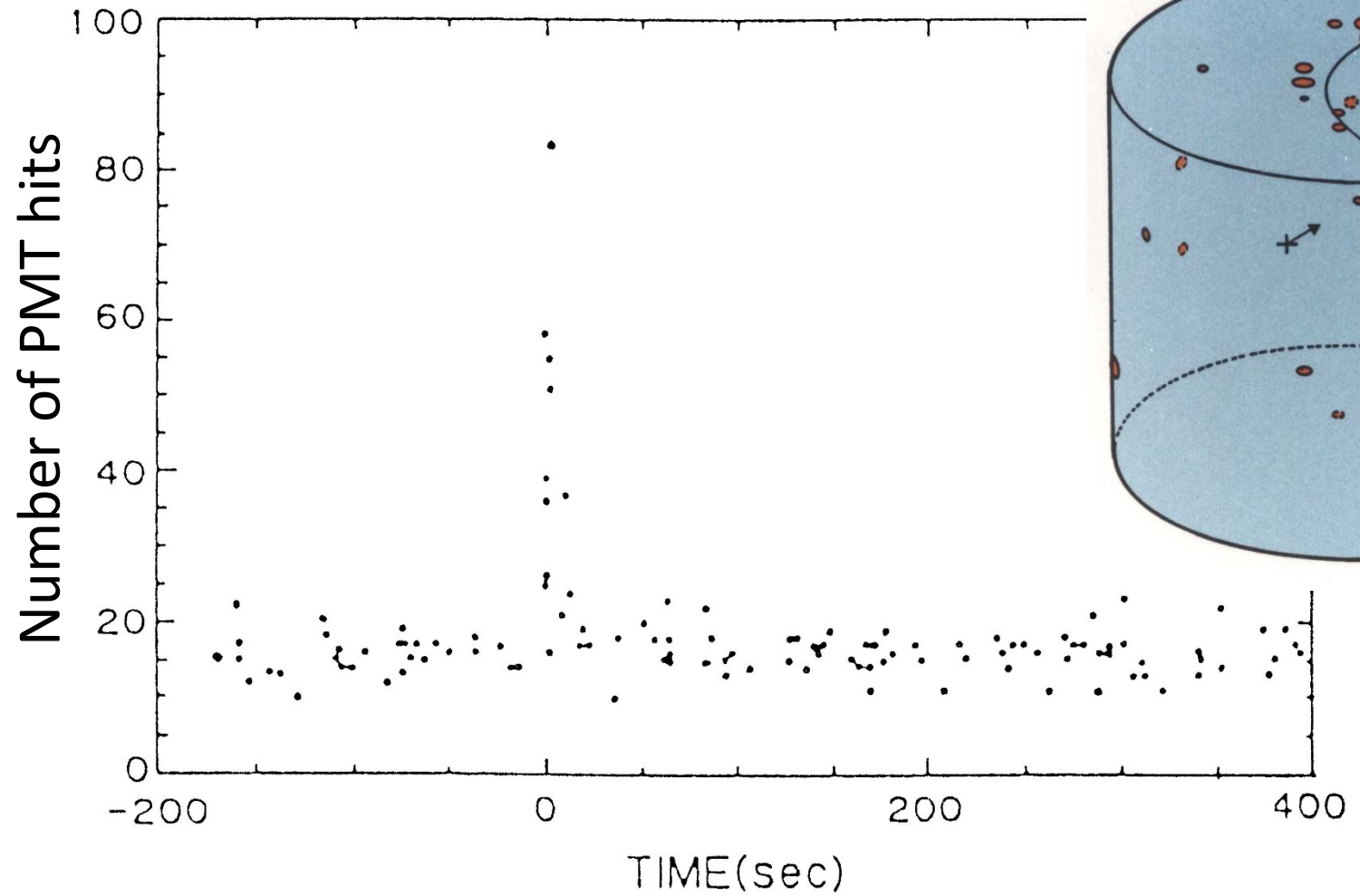


# SN1987A (Feb. 23, 1987)

SN1987A (at LMC)



K. Hirata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 58 (1987) 1490.

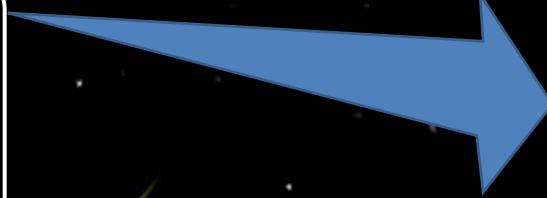
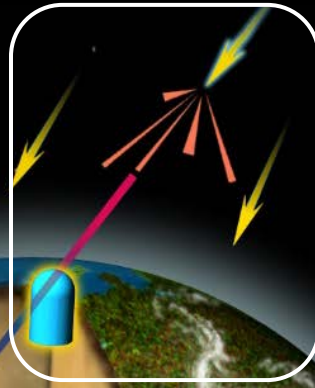


(The IMB experiment also observed the neutrino signal.)

# Atmospheric neutrinos

INCOMING  
COSMIC RAYS

Oscillating neutrino



COSMIC  
RAY

AIR  
NUCLEUS

PION

MUON

ELECTRON

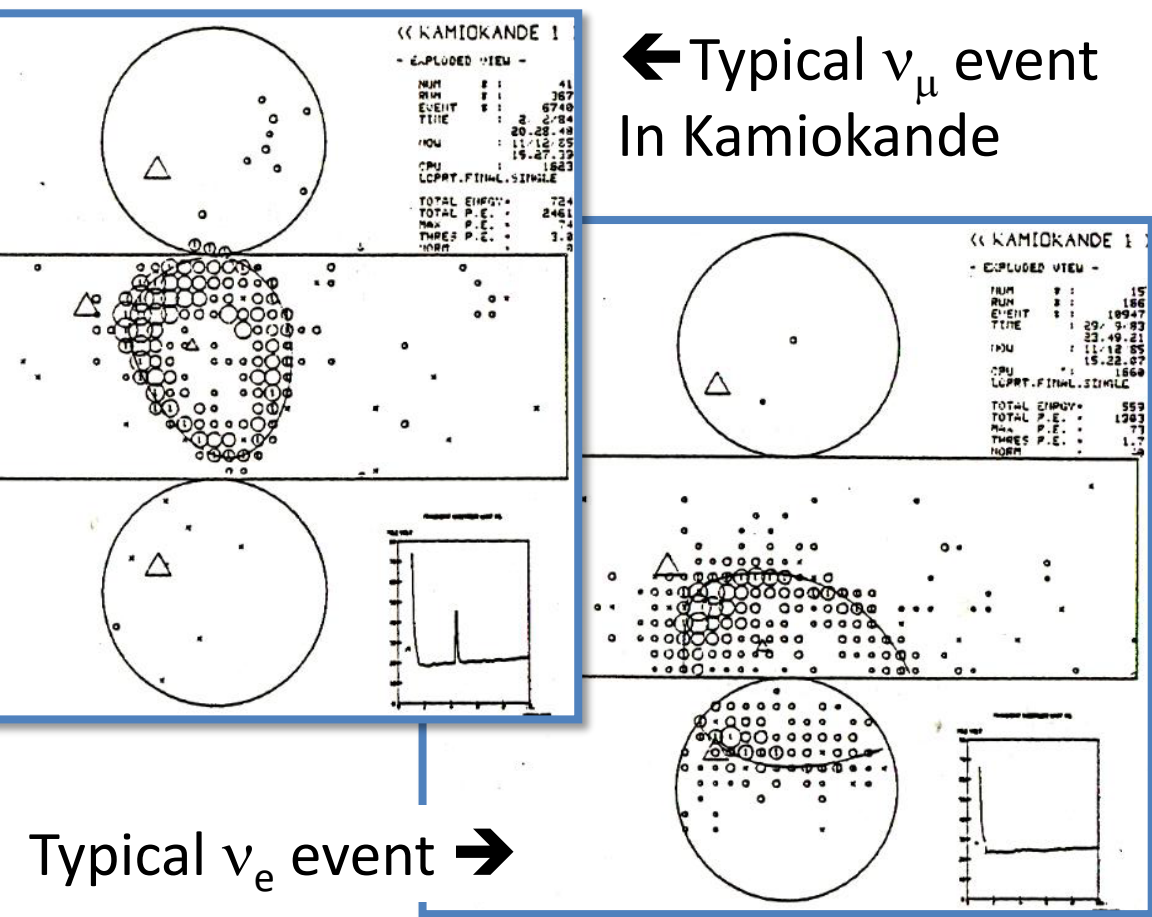
2 muon-  
neutrinos

1 electron-  
neutrino

# Atmospheric $\nu_\mu$ deficit (1988)

Atmospheric neutrinos have been the most serious background for the proton decay searches... Therefore, these background should be understood in order to find the proton decay signals.

K. Hirata et al, Phys.Lett.B 205 (1988) 416.



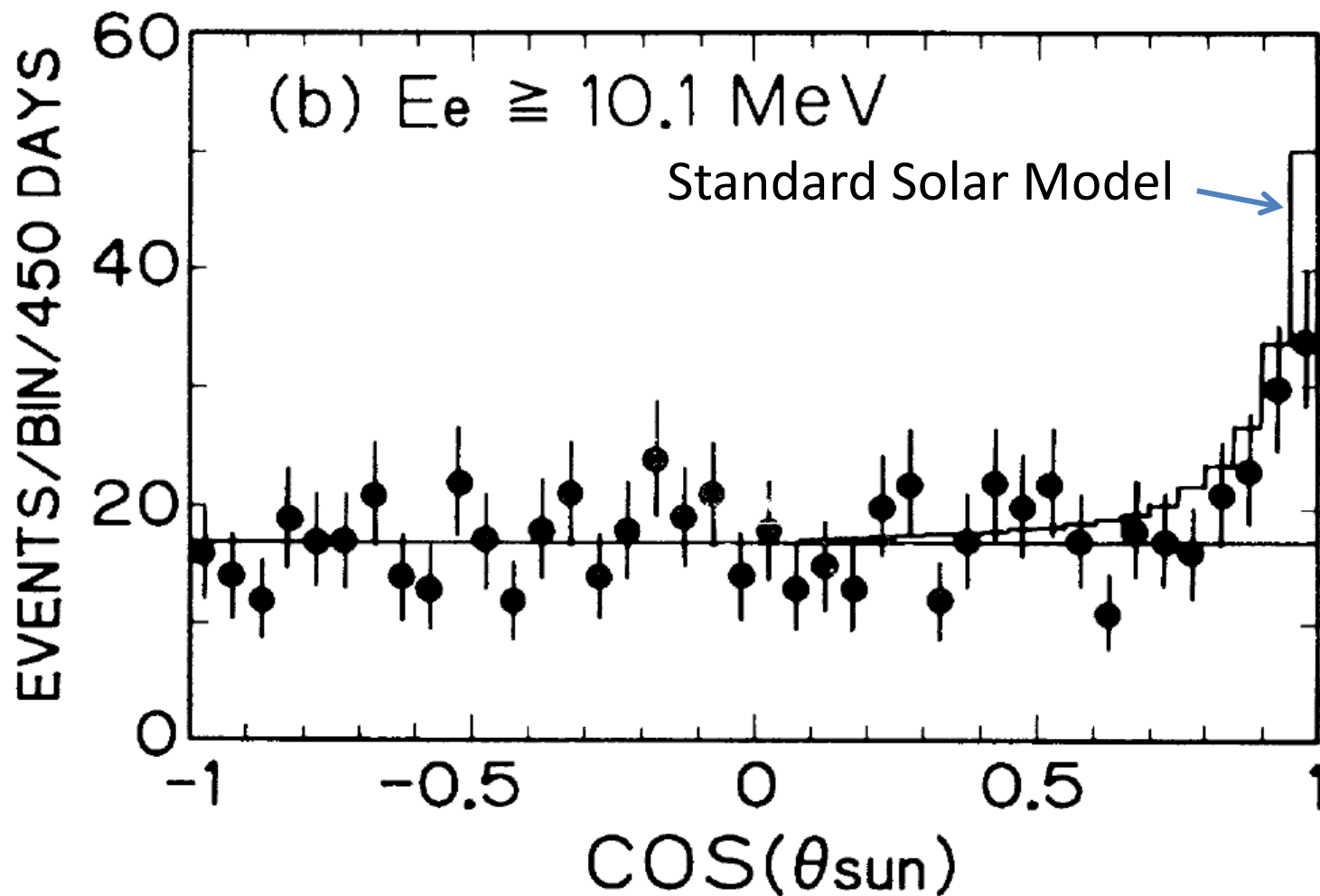
	Data	MC prediction
e-like ( $\sim CC \nu_e$ )	93	88.5
$\mu$ -like ( $\sim CC \nu_\mu$ )	85	144.0

Paper conclusion: “We are unable to explain the data as the result of systematic detector effects or uncertainties in the atmospheric neutrino fluxes. Some as-yet-unaccounted-for physics such as neutrino oscillations might explain the data.”

(The IMB experiment also observed the similar results.)

# Confirmation of solar $\nu_e$ deficit (1989)

Solar neutrino data between Jan. 1987 and May 1988:



K. S. Hirata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 63 (1989) 16.

The Kamiokande results on;

- Supernova neutrinos (1987)
- Atmospheric neutrino deficit (1988)
- Solar neutrino deficit (1989)

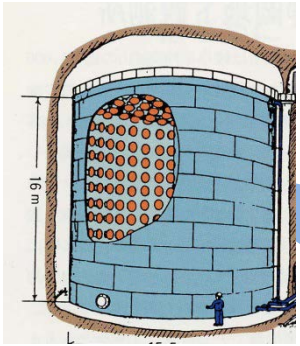
were evaluated to be very important.



The construction of the Super-Kamiokande experiment was approved in 1991 by the Japanese government.

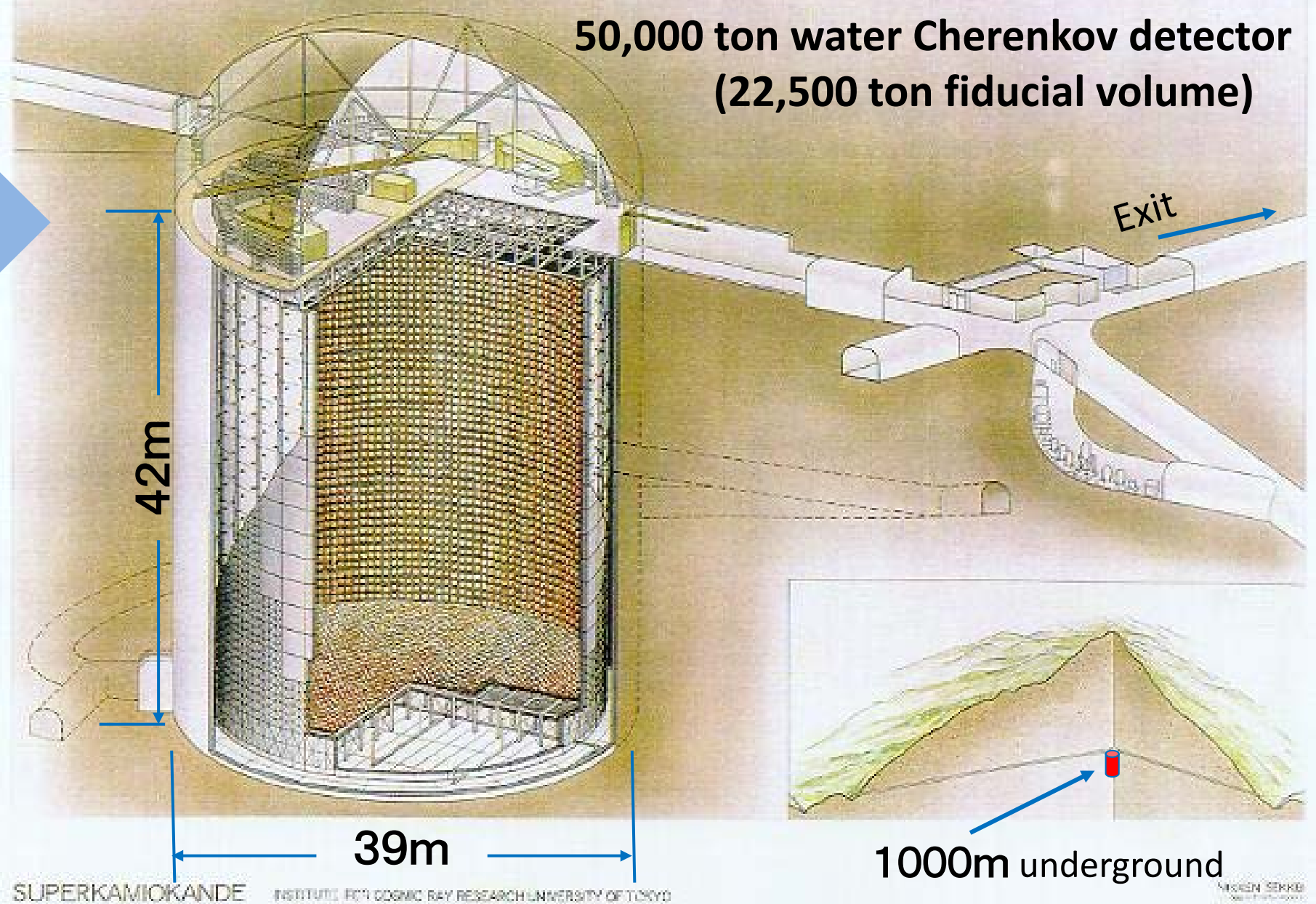
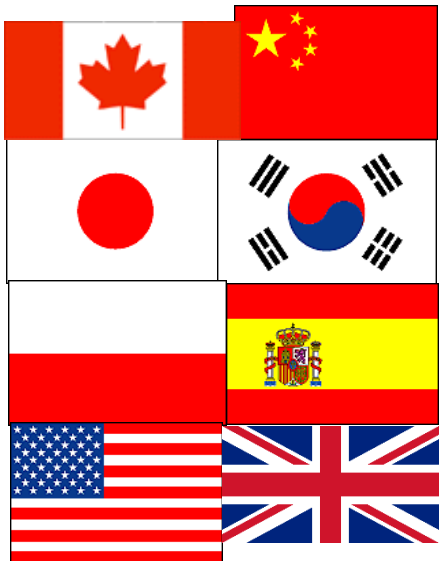
# *Super-Kamiokande*

# Super-Kamiokande detector



More than 20 times larger mass

~140 collaborators



1000m underground

# Initial idea of Super-Kamiokande



KEK Report 84-12  
September 1984  
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PROCEEDINGS OF  
WORKSHOP ON GRAND UNIFIED THEORIES  
AND COSMOLOGY

KEK, Tsukuba, Japan  
December, 7-10, 1983

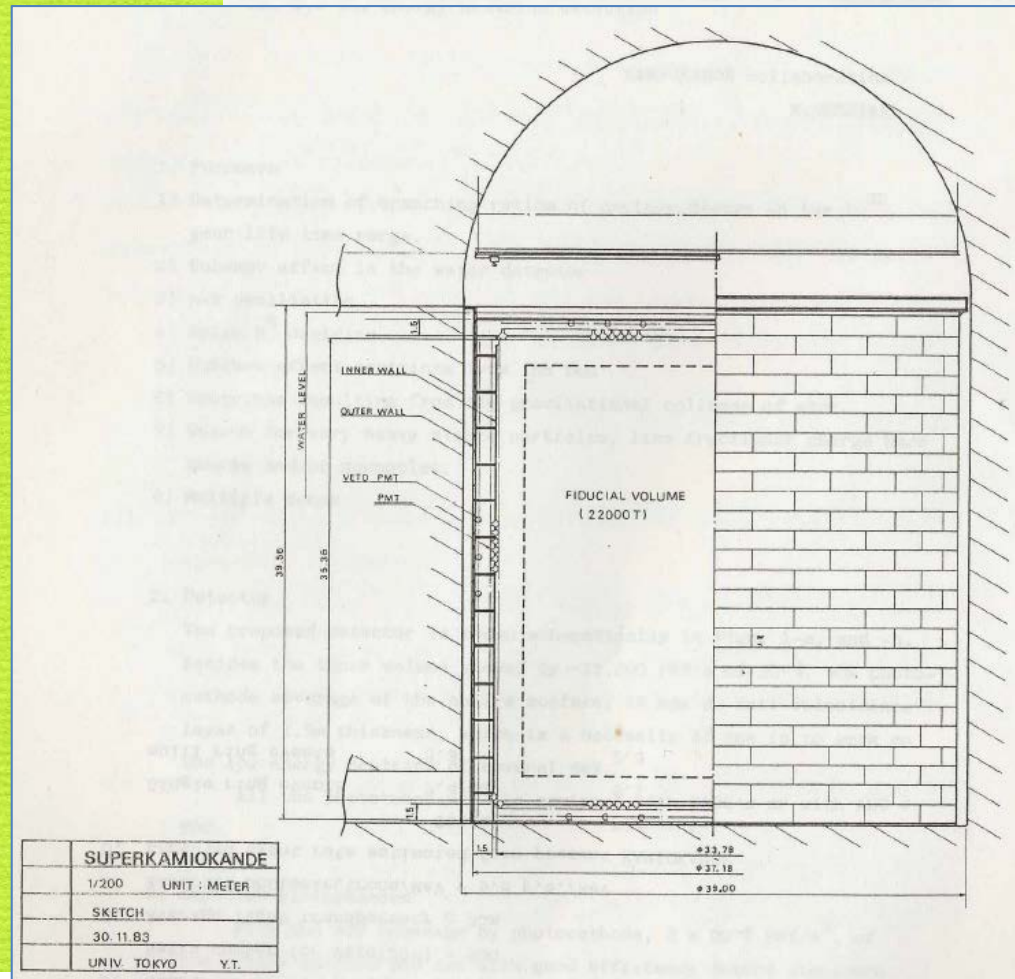
Edited by

K. ODAKA and A. SUGAMOTO

## 32 Kton Water Cerenkov Detector(JACK)

A proposal for detailed studies of nucleon decays  
and for low energy neutrino detection

KAMIOKANDE collaboration  
M. KOSHIBA



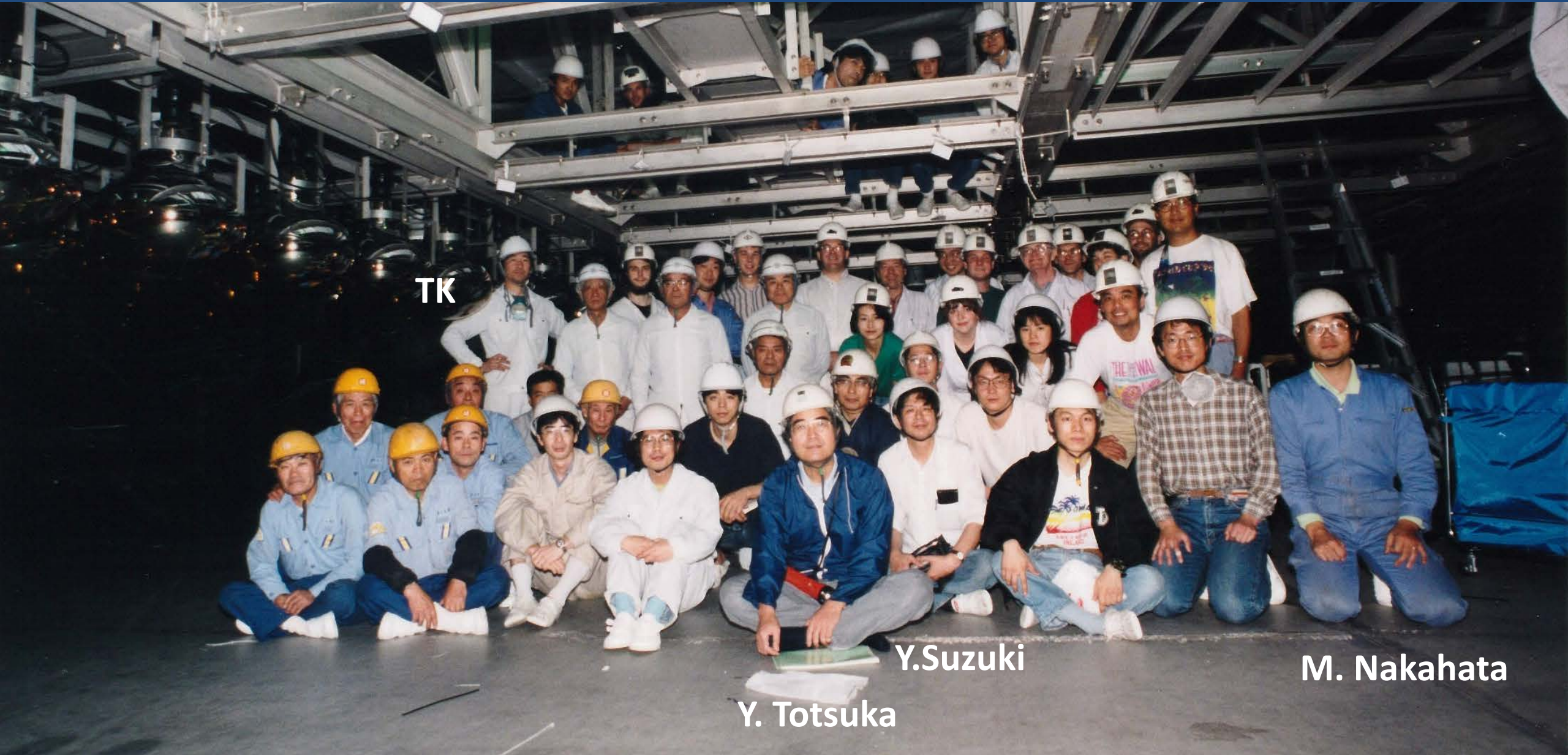
# *Beginning of the Super-Kamiokande collaboration between Japan and USA*



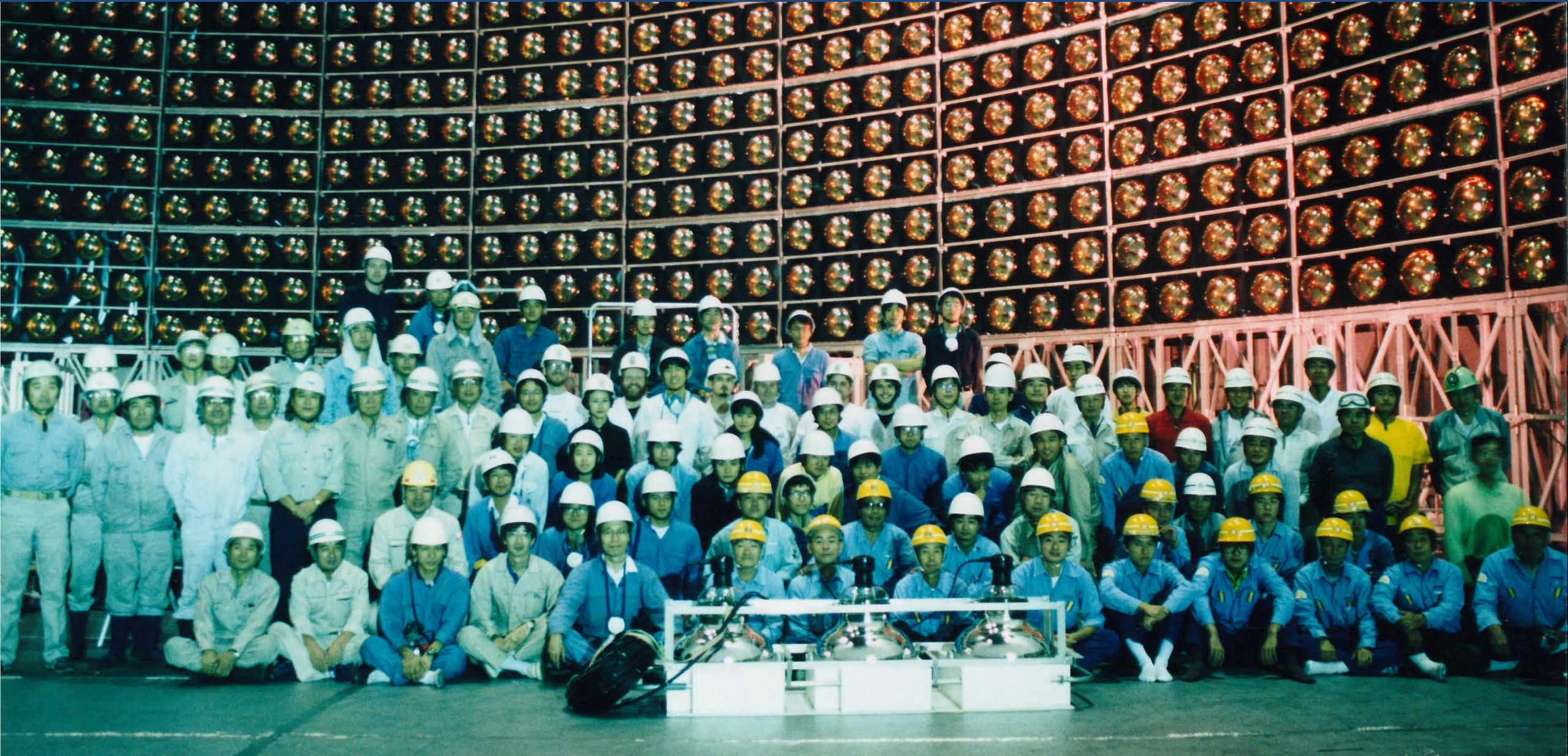
@ Institute for  
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Research, 1992



# *Constructing the Super-Kamiokande detector (spring 1995)*



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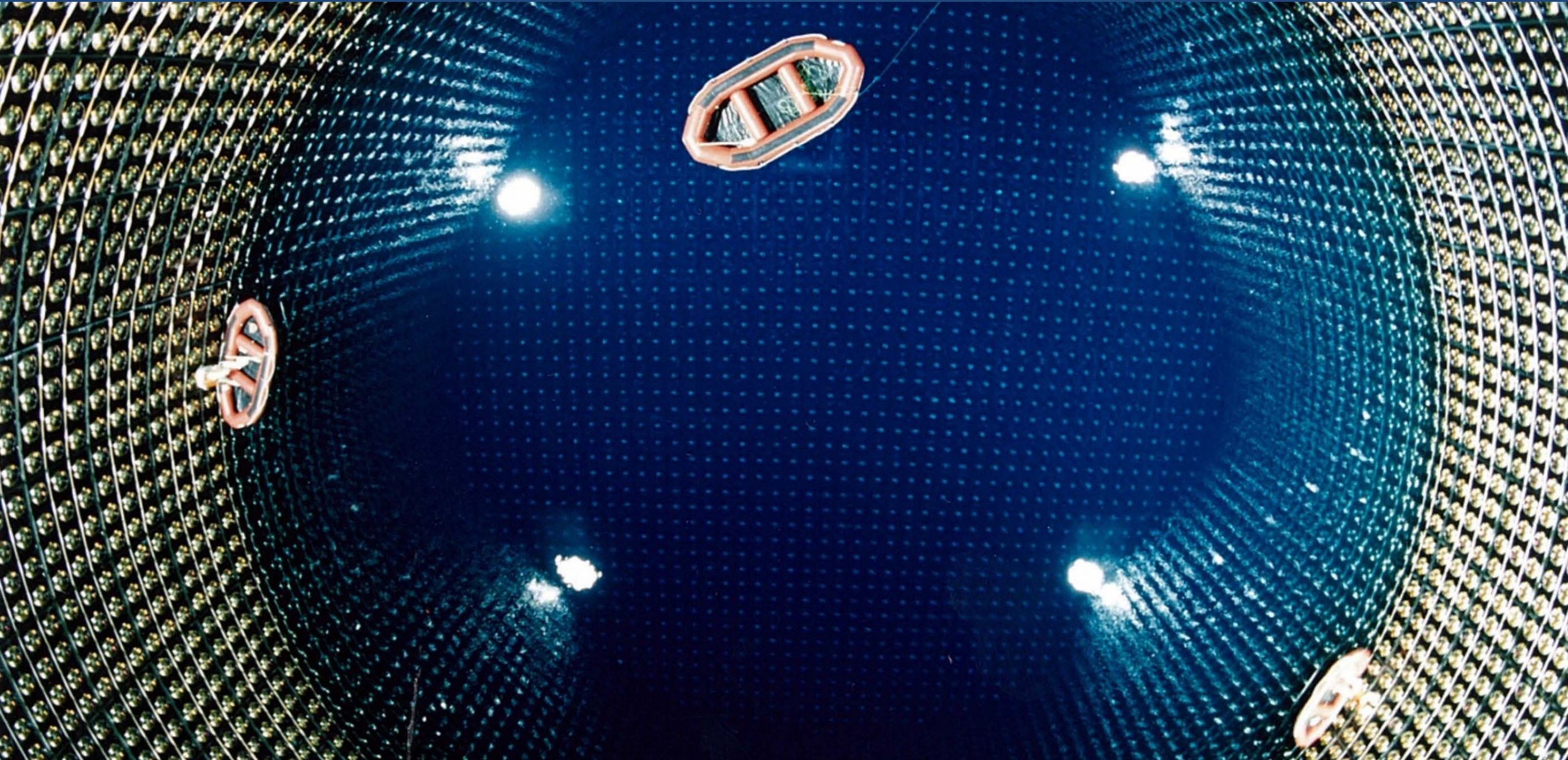


# *Constructing the Super-Kamiokande detector (Aug. 1995)*



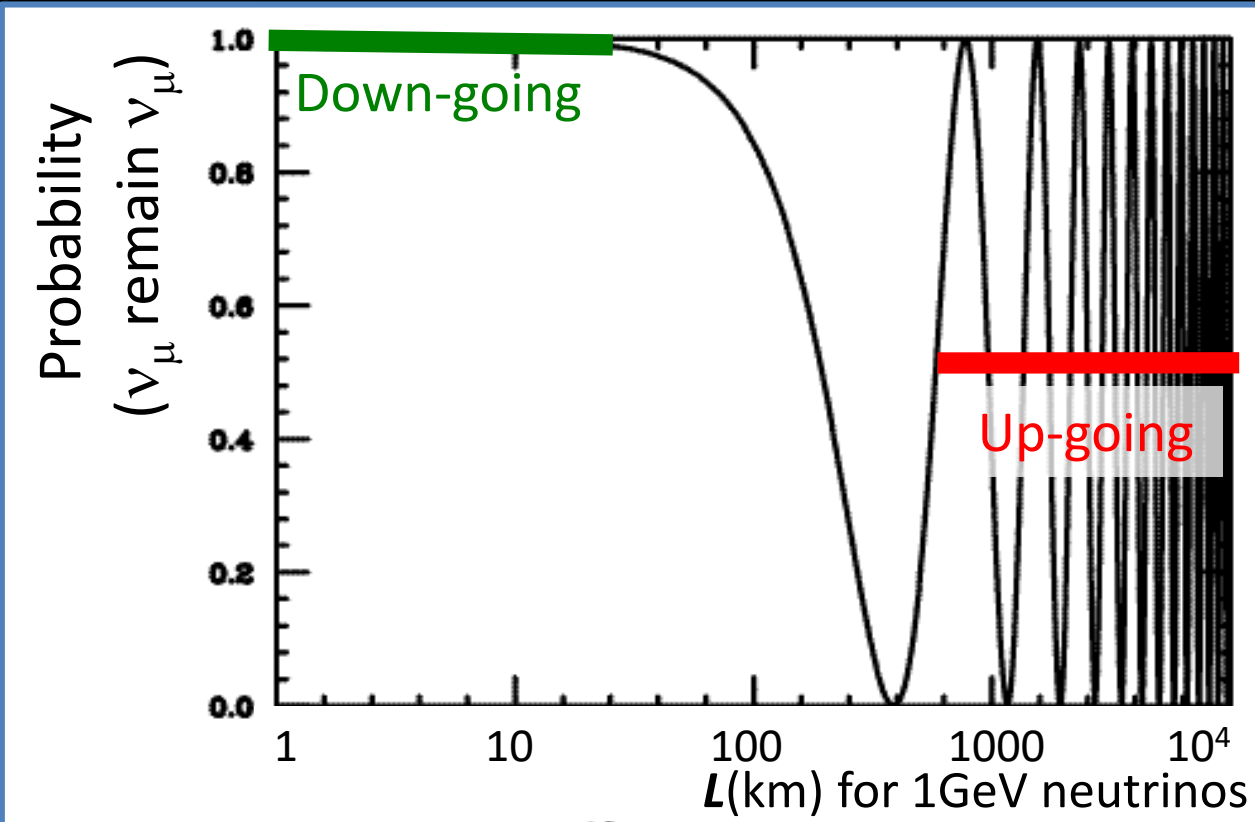
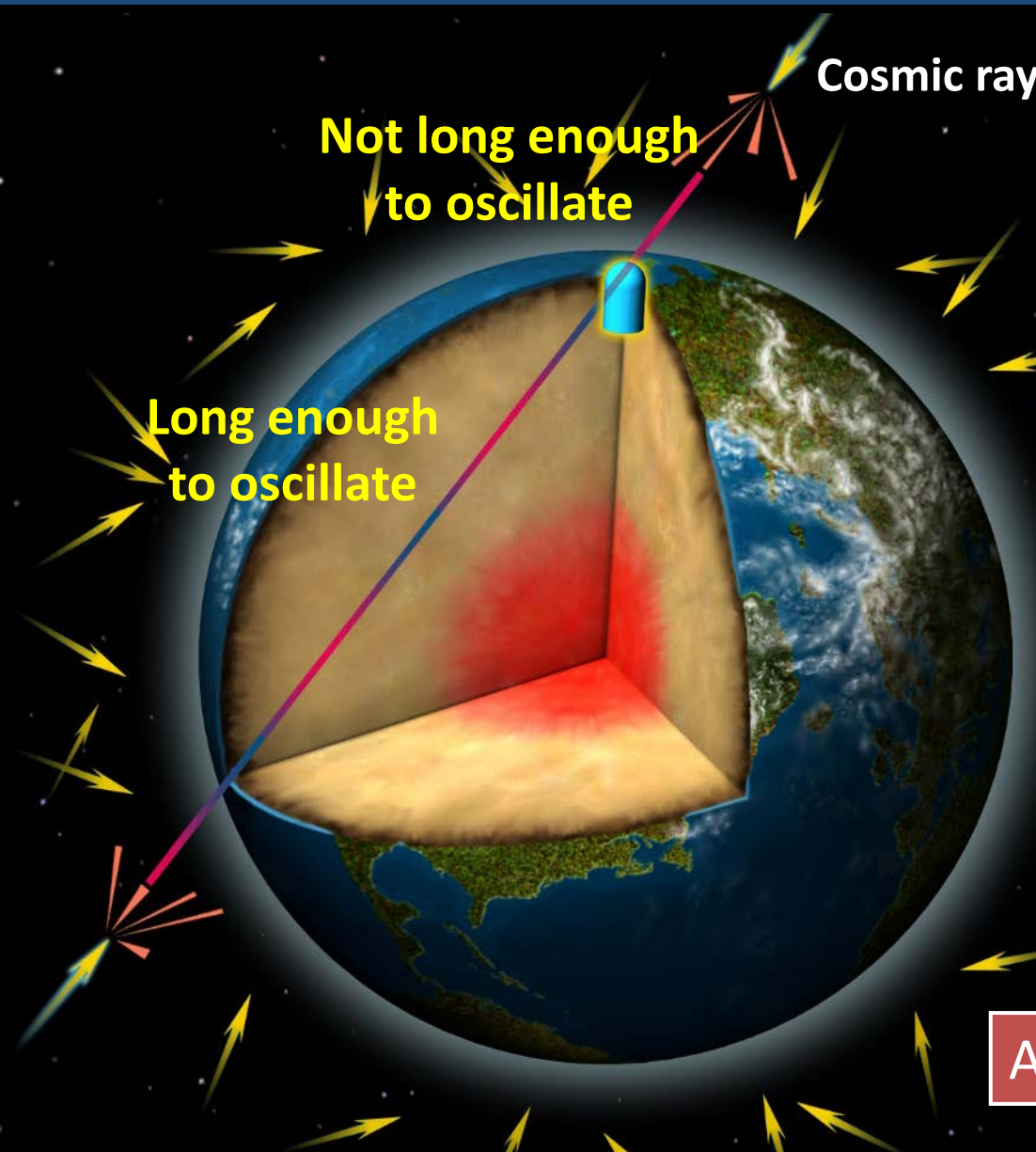
# Filling water in Super-Kamiokande

Jan. 1996



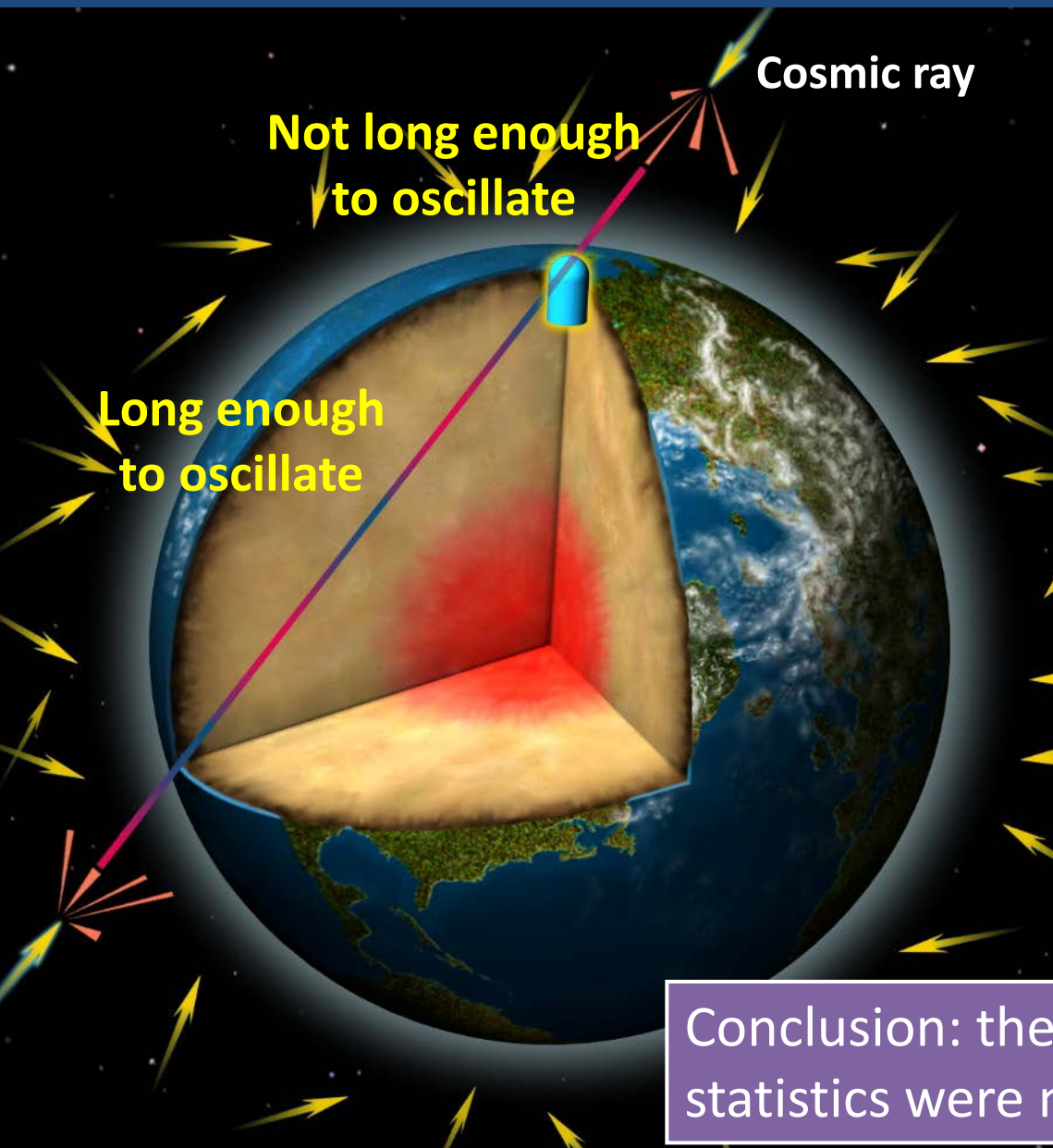
# *Discovery of atmospheric neutrino oscillations*

# What will happen if the $\nu_\mu$ deficit is due to neutrino oscillations

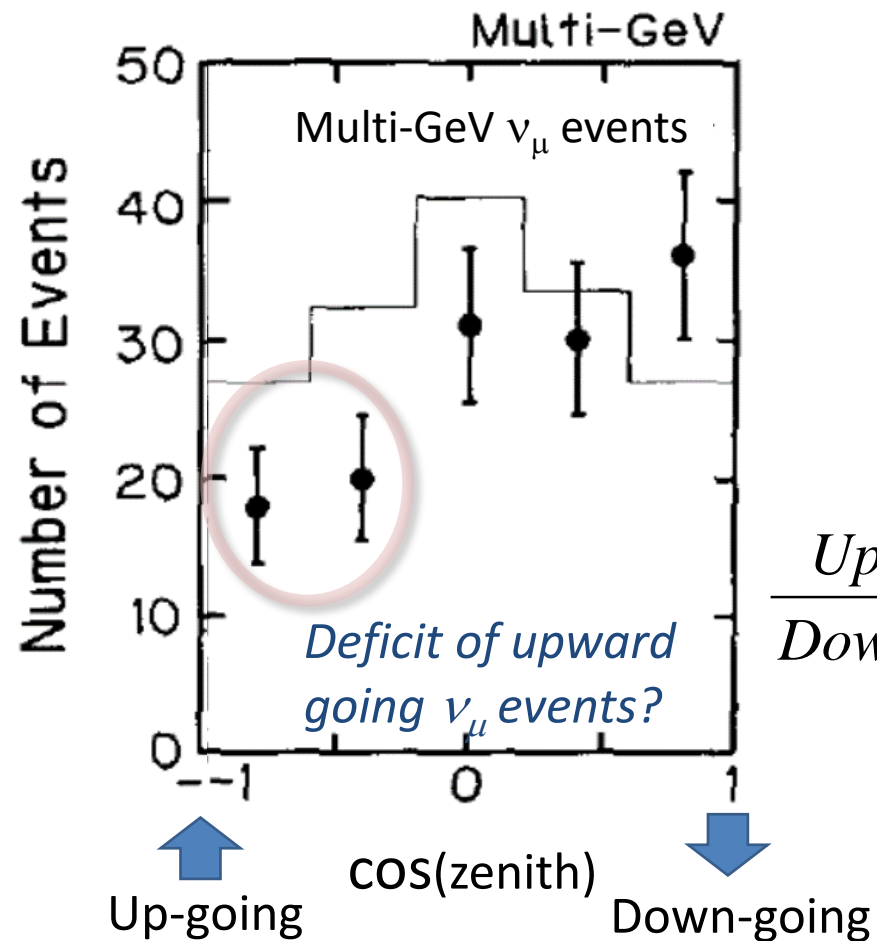


A deficit of upward going  $\nu_\mu$ 's should be observed!

# Appendix: Zenith angle distribution from Kamiokande (1994)



Kamiokande Phys. Lett. B 335, 237 (1994)



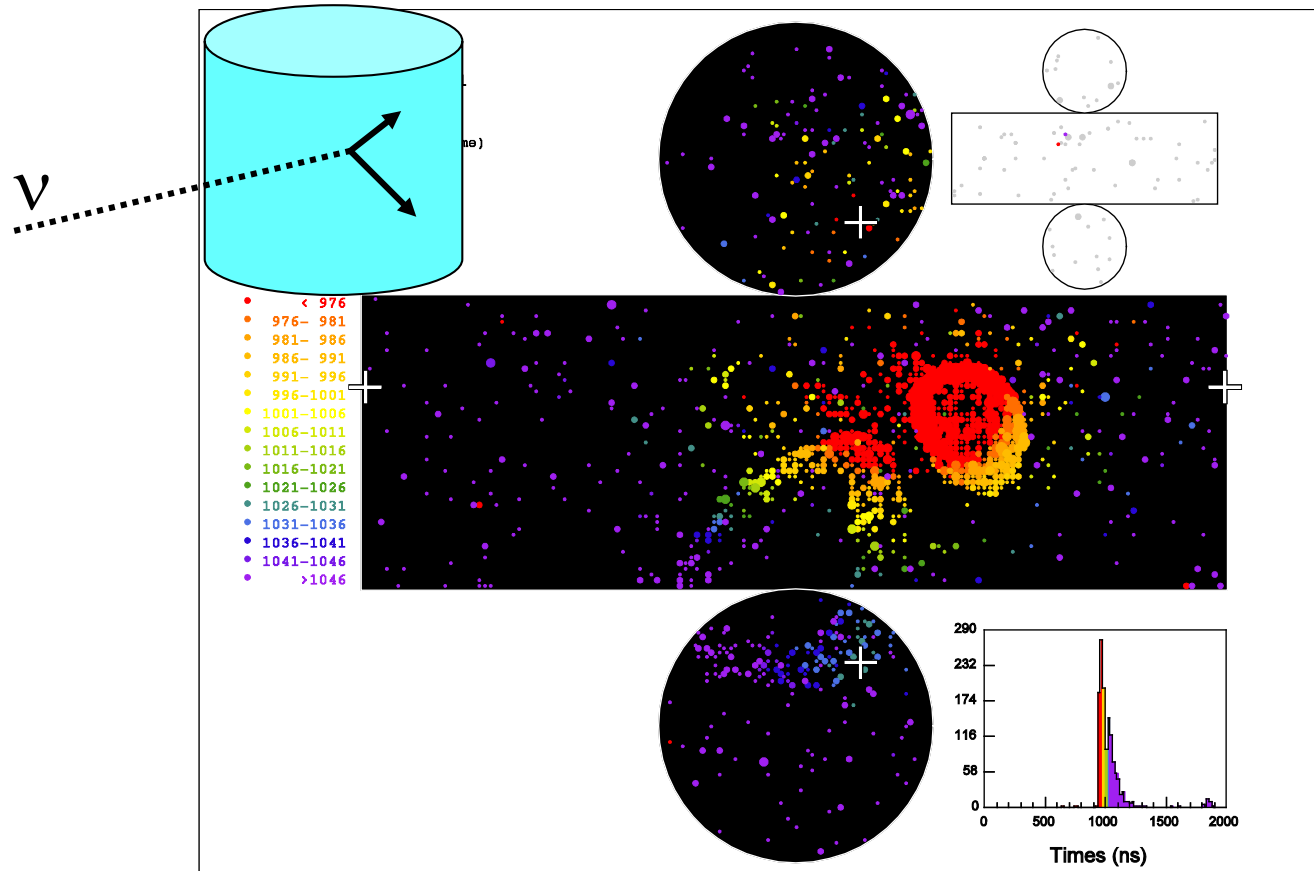
$$\frac{Up}{Down} = 0.58^{+0.13}_{-0.11} (2.9\sigma)$$

Conclusion: the data suggested something interesting. But the data statistics were not large enough. Much larger detector needed.

# Fully automated analysis

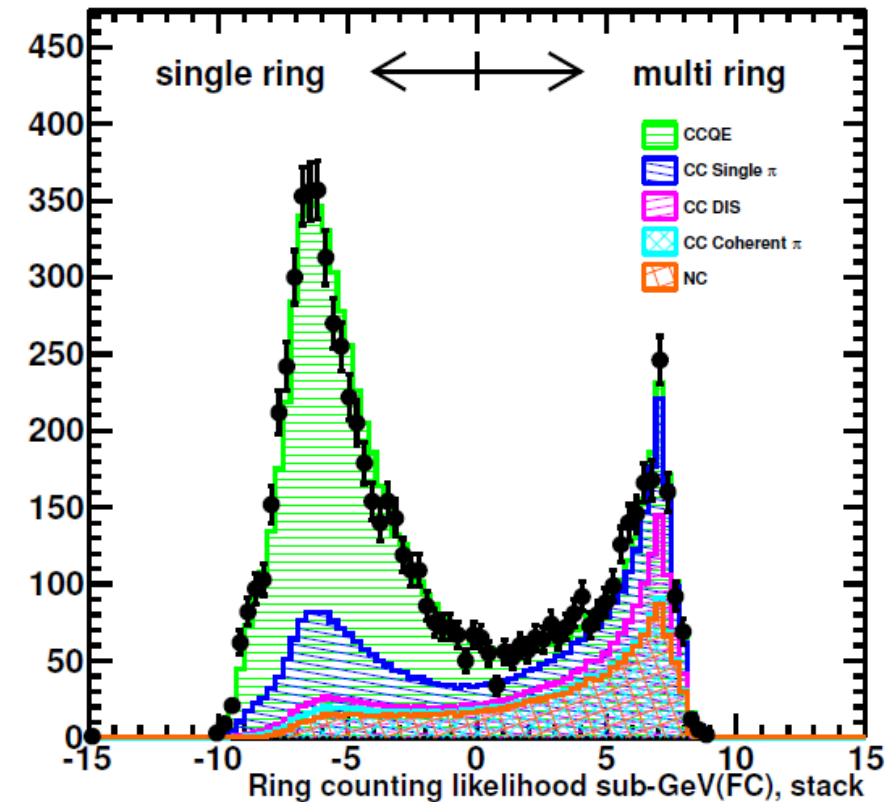
- One of the limitations of the Kamiokande's analysis was the necessity of the event scanning for all data and Monte Carlo events, due to no satisfactory ring identification software.

## Multi Cherenkov ring event



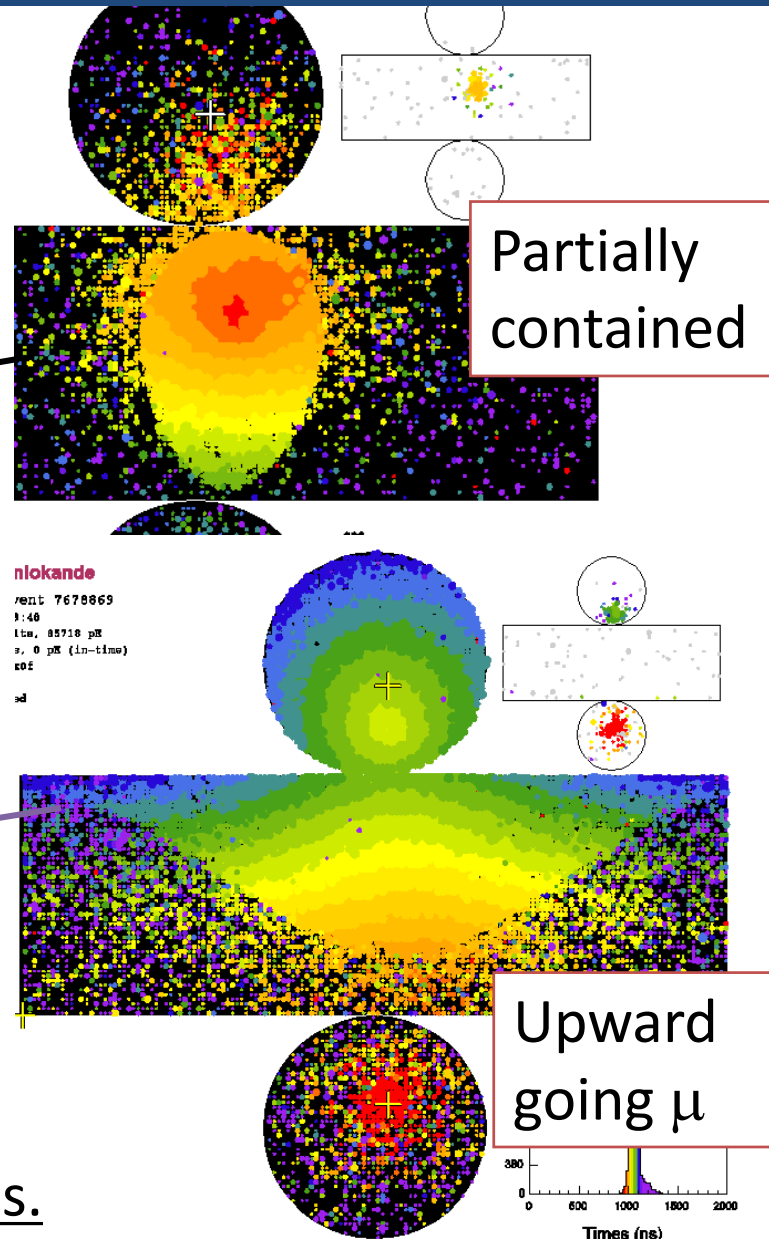
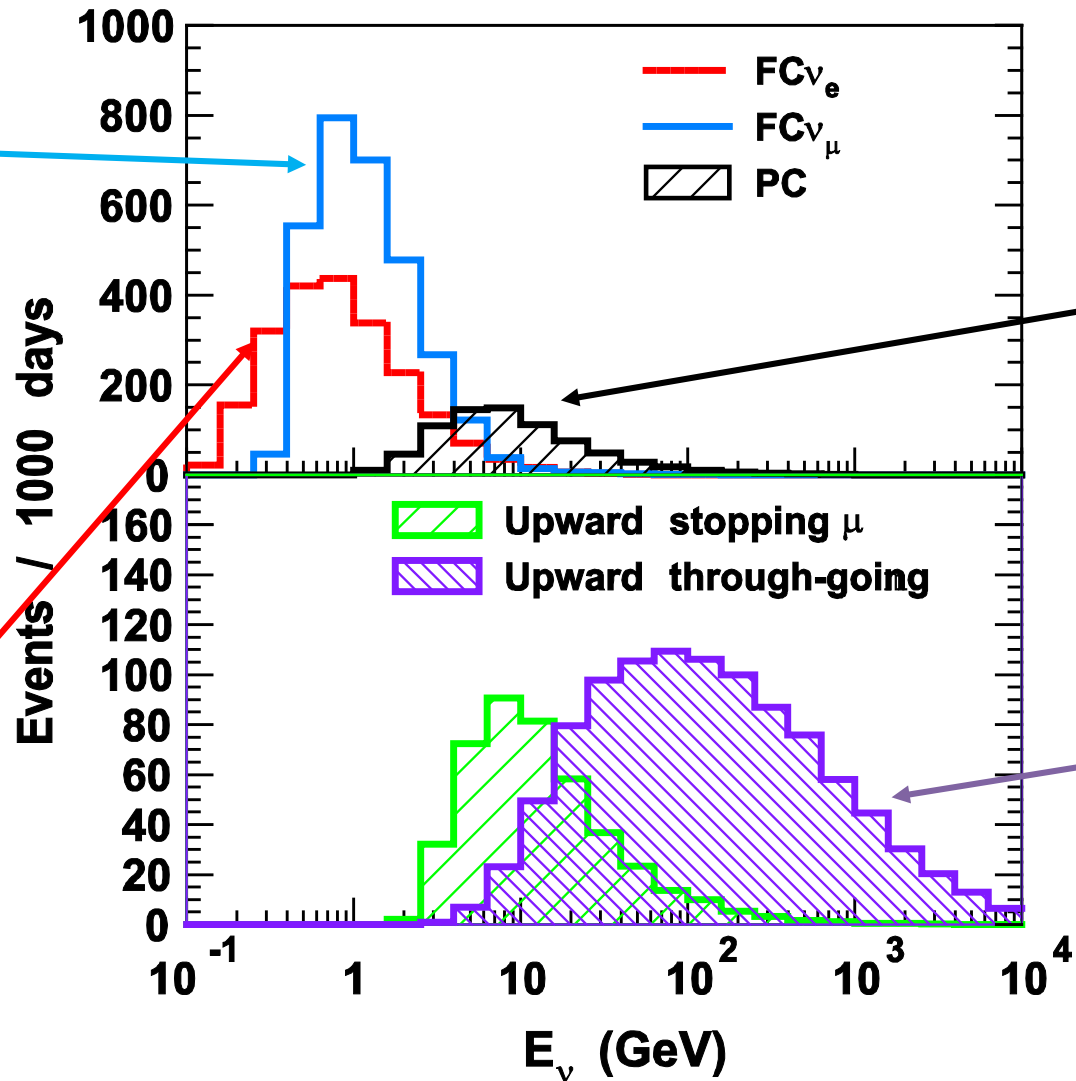
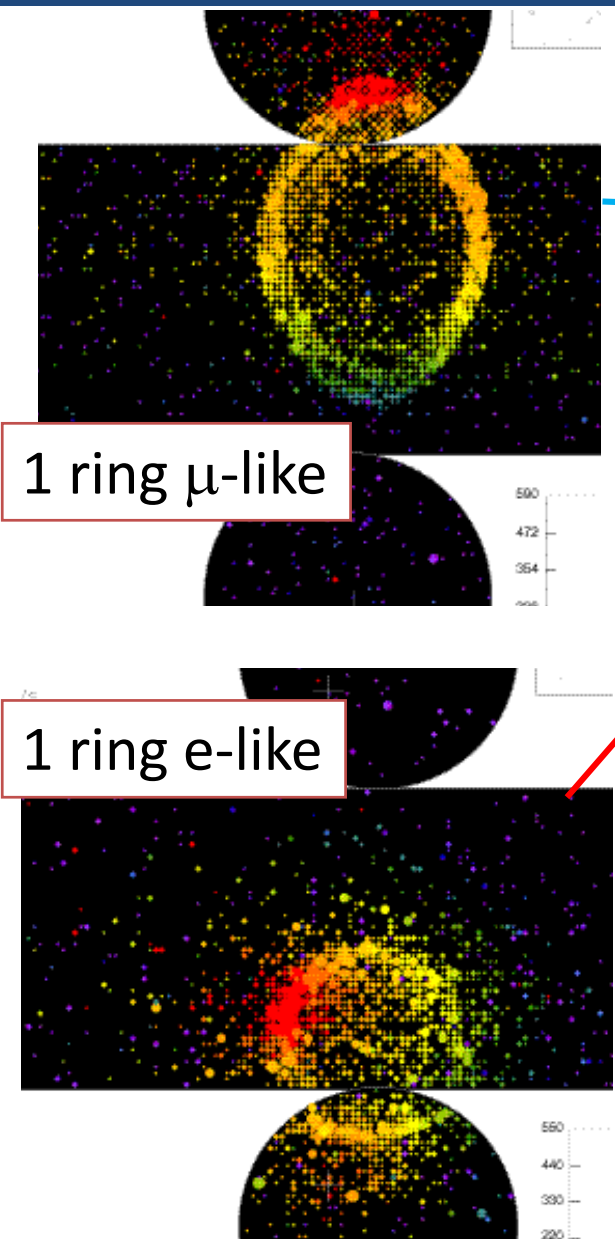
## Hough transformation + maximum likelihood

Super Kamiokande I 1489.2 days





# Event type and neutrino energy

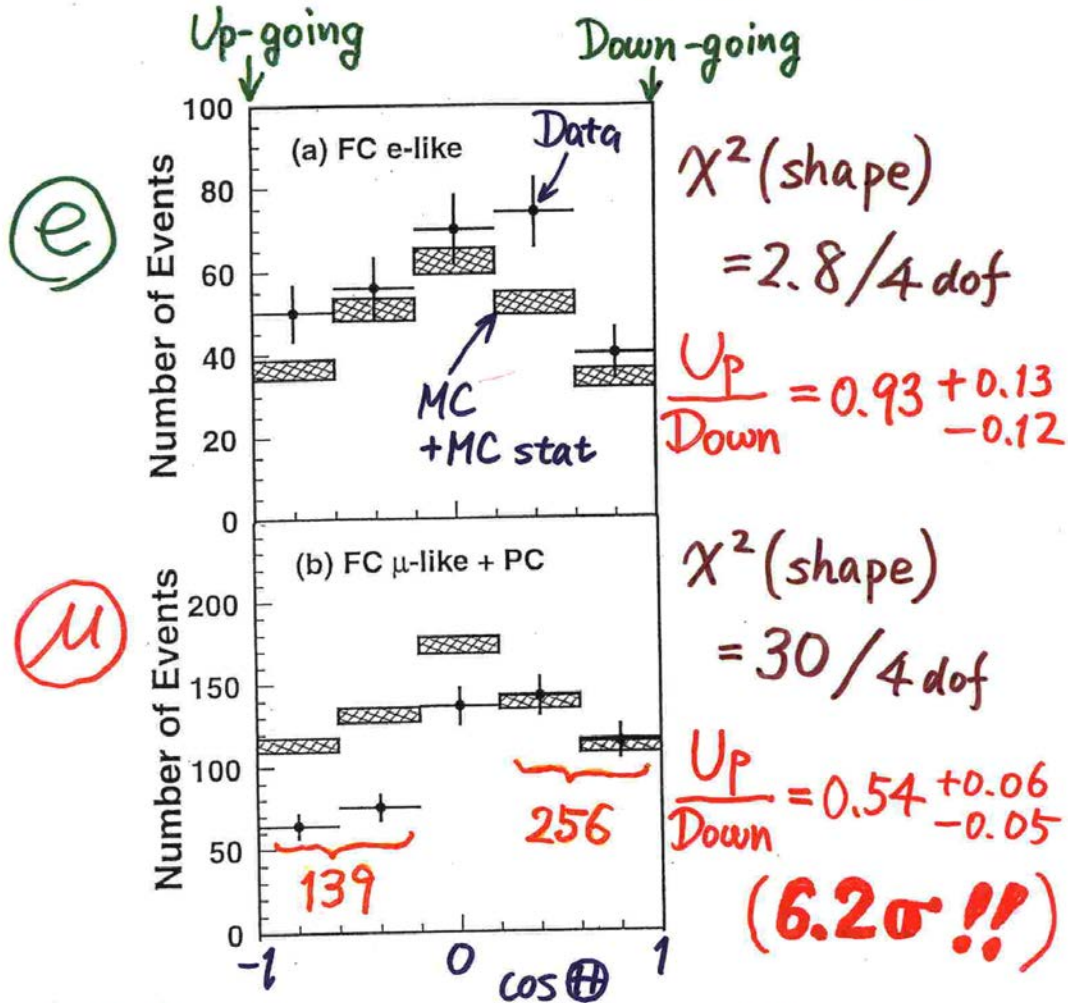


All these events are used in the analysis.

# Evidence for neutrino oscillations (Super-Kamiokande @Neutrino '98)

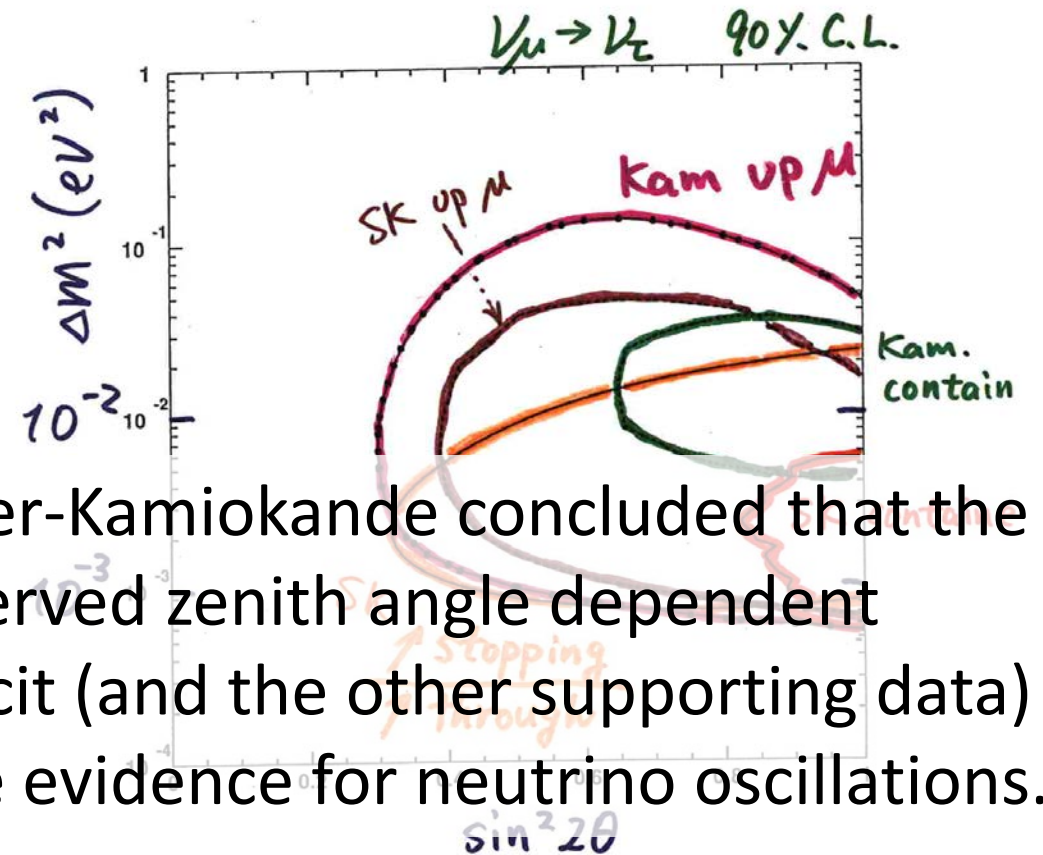
Y. Fukuda et al., PRL 81 (1998) 1562

## Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV)



## Summary

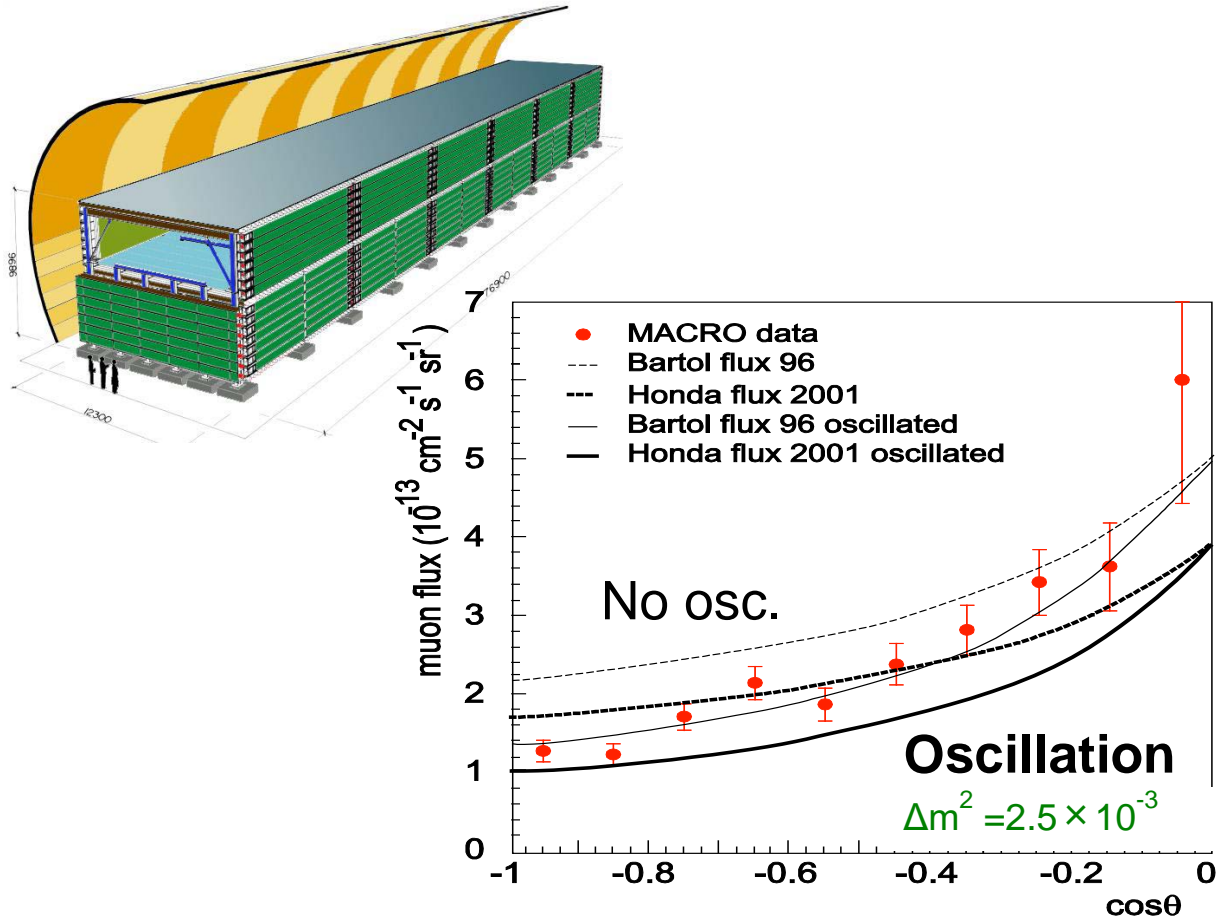
### Evidence for $\nu_\mu$ oscillations



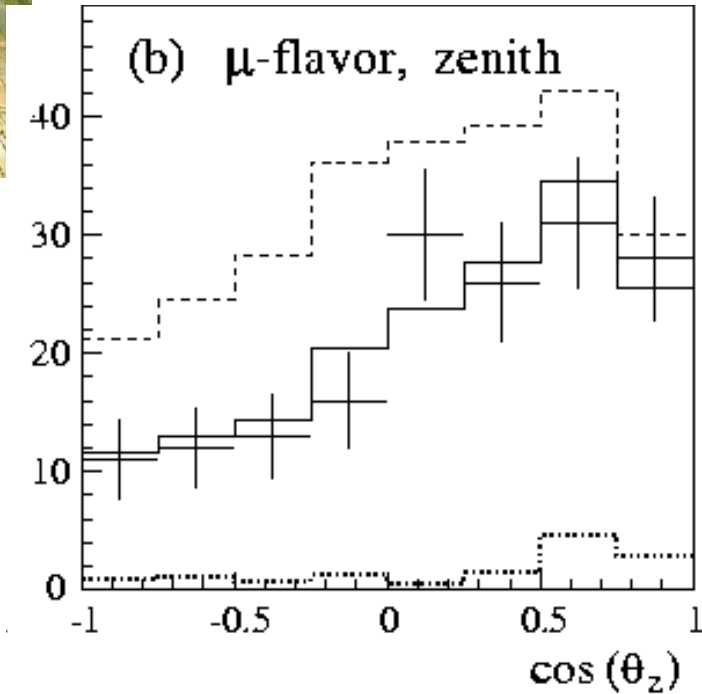
Super-Kamiokande concluded that the observed zenith angle dependent deficit (and the other supporting data) gave evidence for neutrino oscillations.

# Results from the other atmospheric neutrino experiments

## MACRO



## Soudan-2



These experiments observed atmospheric neutrinos and confirmed neutrino oscillations.

# Neutrino oscillation studies

In addition to atmospheric neutrino experiments, various accelerator based long baseline neutrino oscillation have been studying neutrino oscillations in detail.

**K2K**



**MINOS (USA)**



**NOvA**

**OPERA**



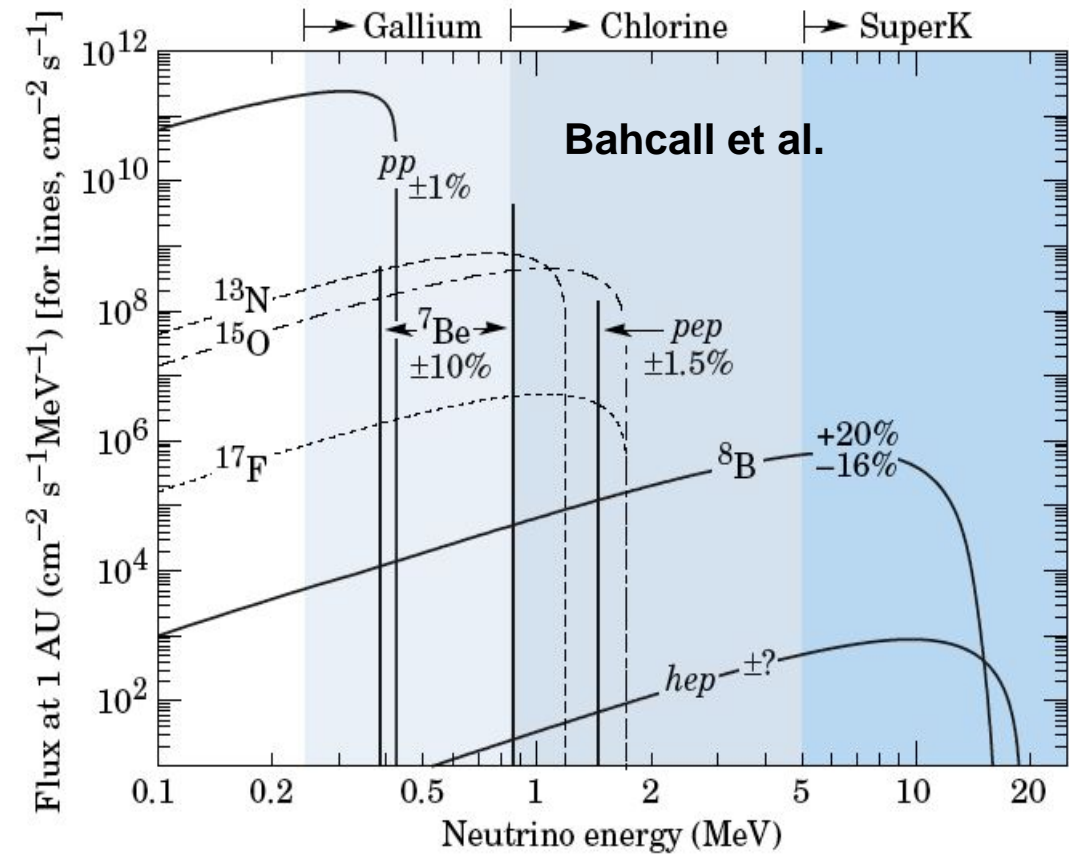
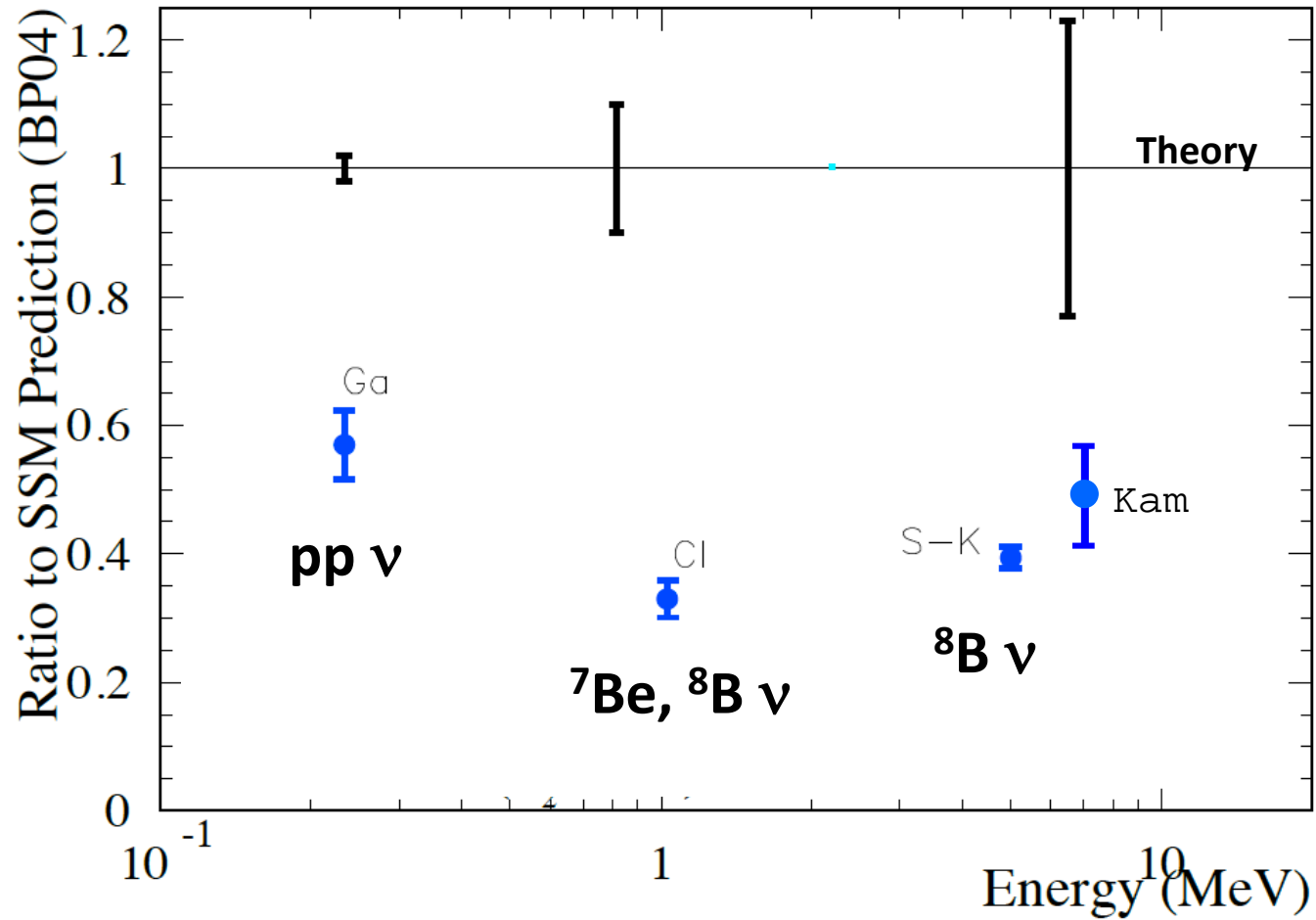
**T2K**



(will be discussed by Nakaya-san)

*Contribution to the discovery of solar neutrino oscillations*

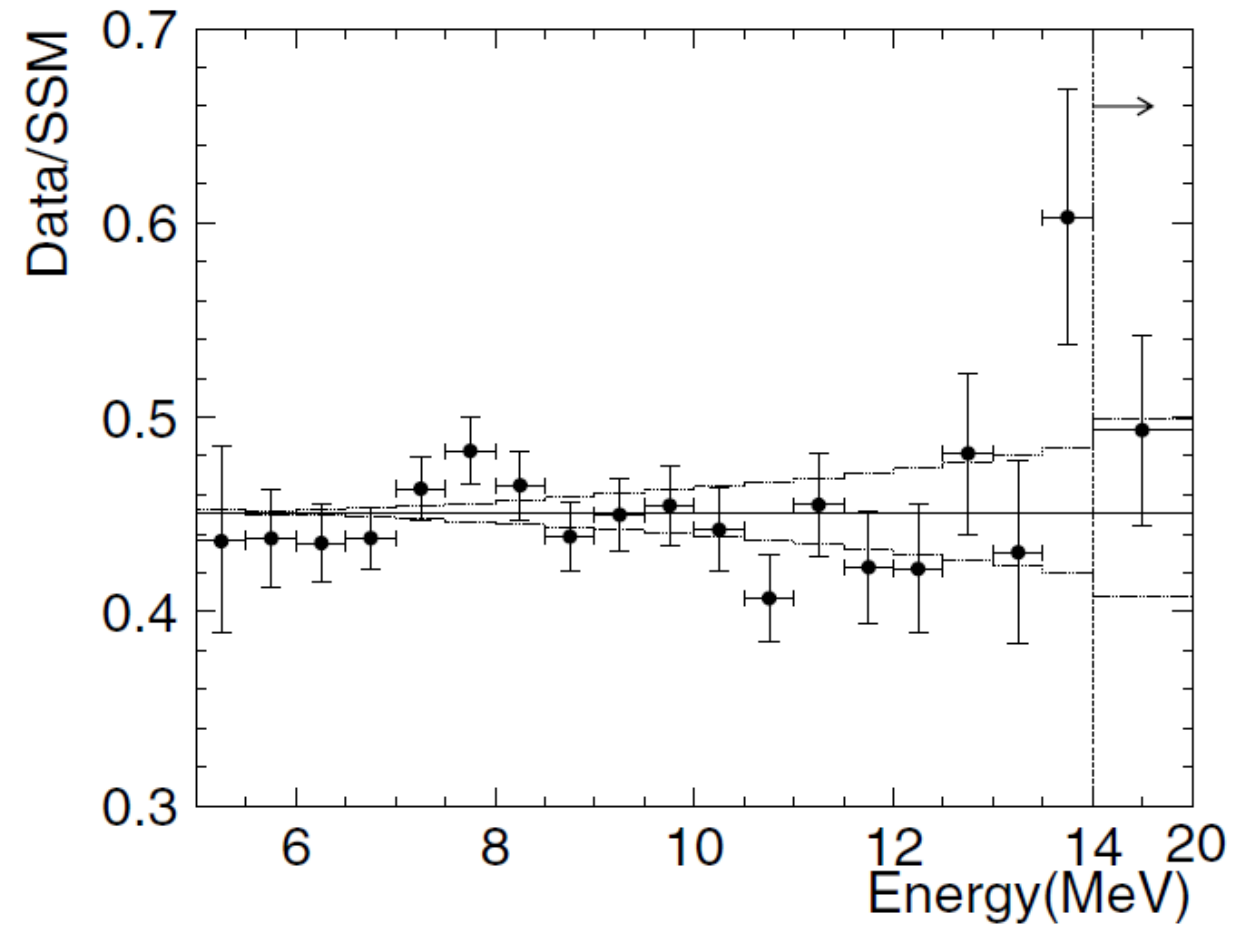
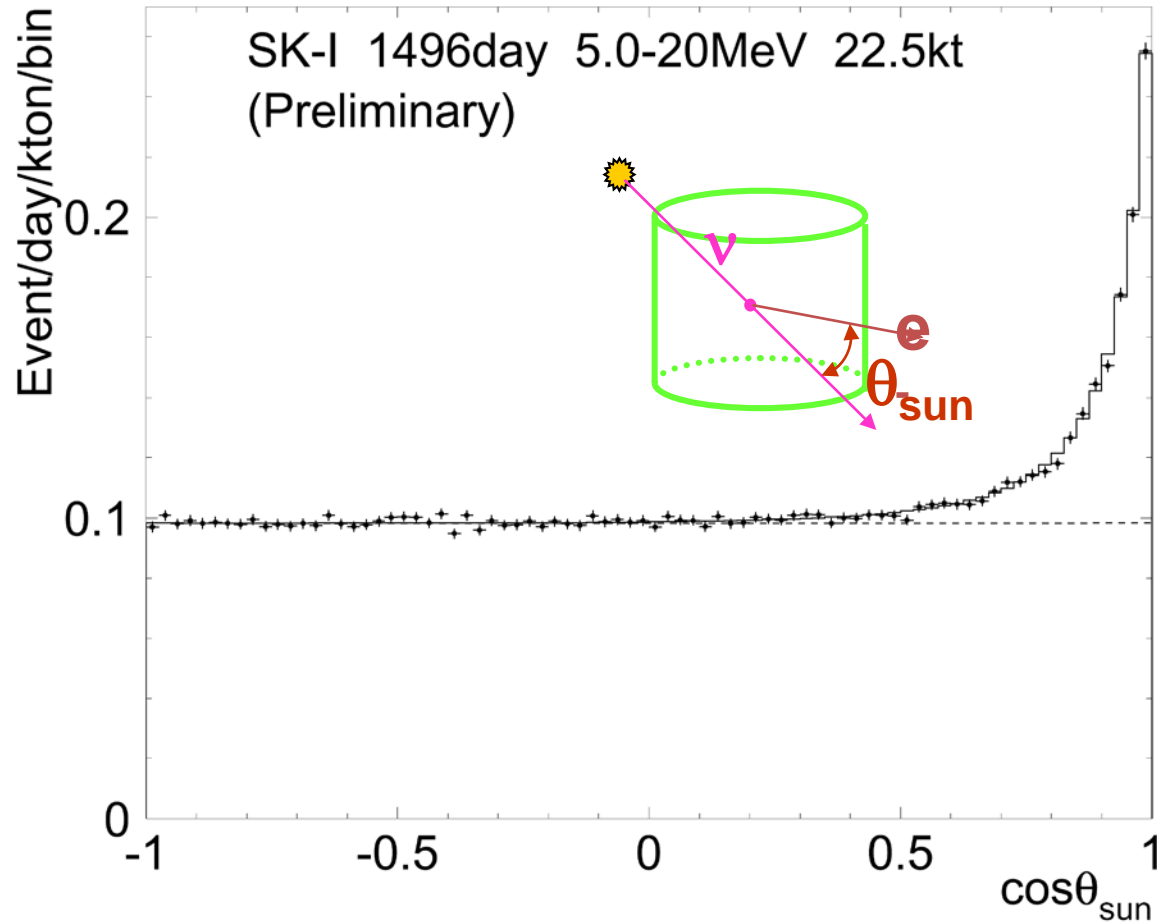
# Results from solar neutrino experiments (before ~2000)



Subsequent solar neutrino experiments in the 80's and 90's confirmed the deficit of solar neutrinos.

# Early solar neutrino data from Super-Kamiokande (2001)

SK collab. Phys. Rev. Lett. 86 (201) 5651.  
SK collab. PLB 539 (2002) 179.



In spite of these precise measurements, the solar neutrino problem was unsolved by SK alone.

# Unique signatures of heavy water ( $D_2O$ ) experiments

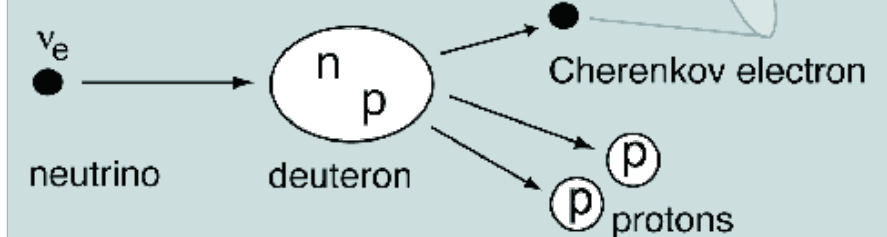
Herbert Chen, PRL 55, 1534 (1985)

“Direct Approach to Resolve the Solar-neutrino Problem”

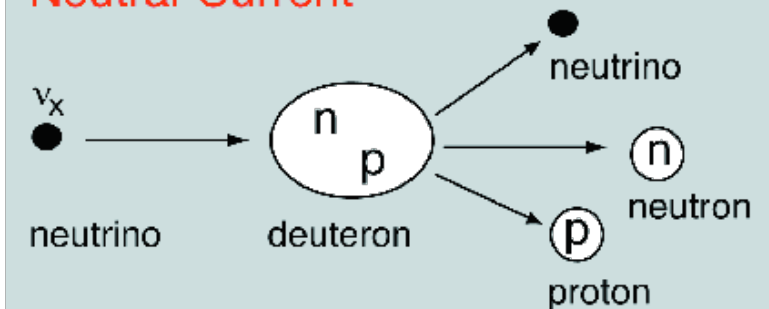
A direct approach to resolve the solar-neutrino problem would be to observe neutrinos by use of both neutral-current and charged-current reactions. Then, **the total neutrino flux and the electron-neutrino flux would be separately determined** to provide independent tests of the neutrino-oscillation hypothesis and the standard solar model. **A large heavy-water Cherenkov detector**, sensitive to neutrinos from  ${}^8\text{B}$  decay via the neutral-current reaction  $\nu + d \rightarrow \nu + p + n$  and the charged-current reaction  $\nu_e + d \rightarrow e^- + p + p$ , is suggested for this purpose.



## Charged-Current

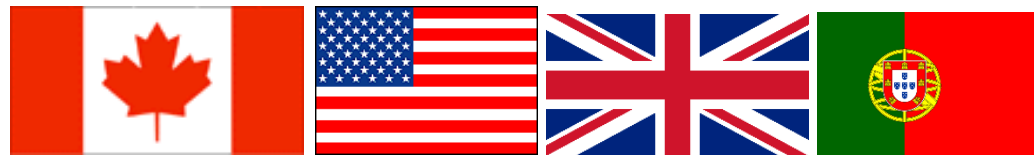
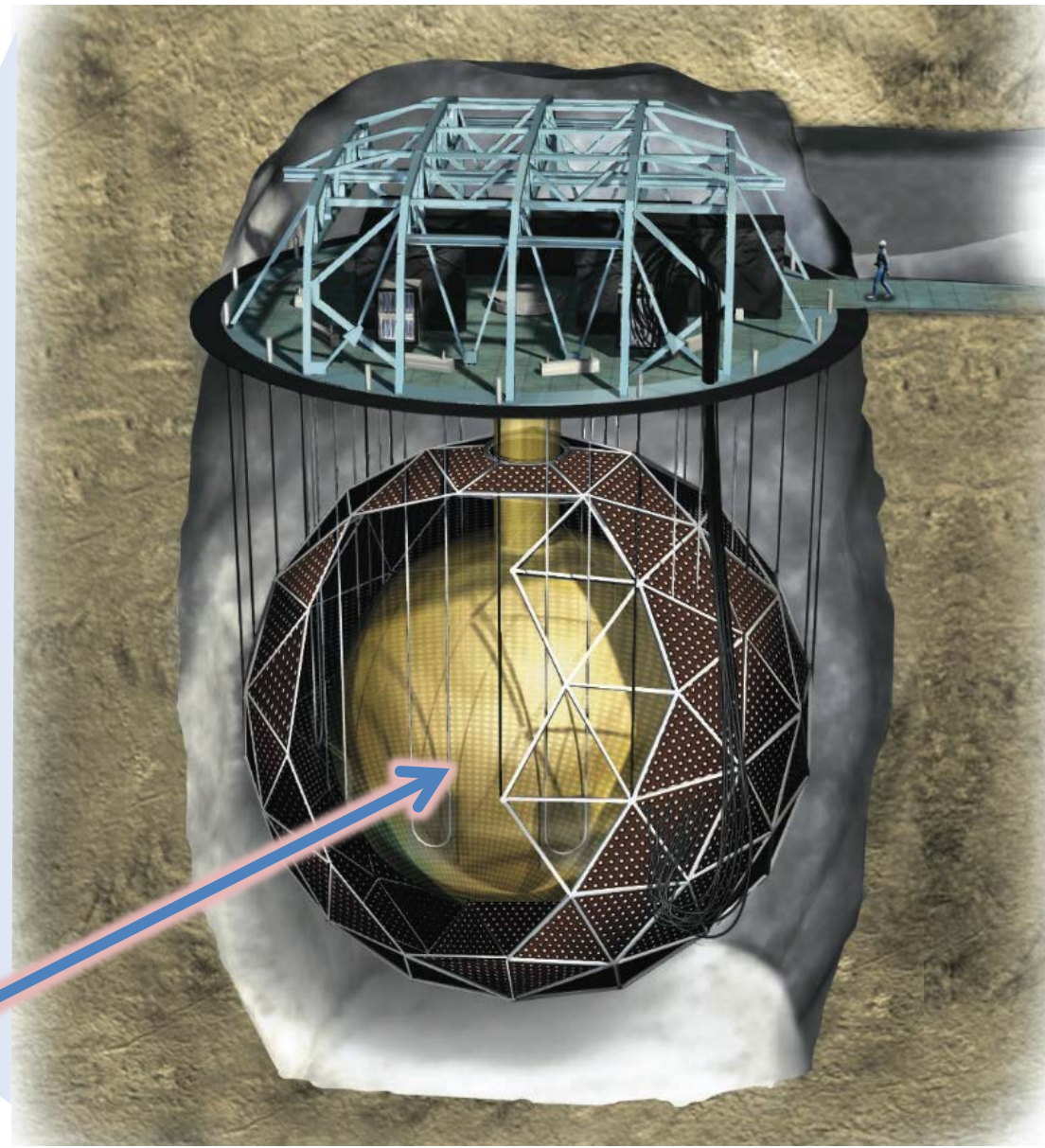
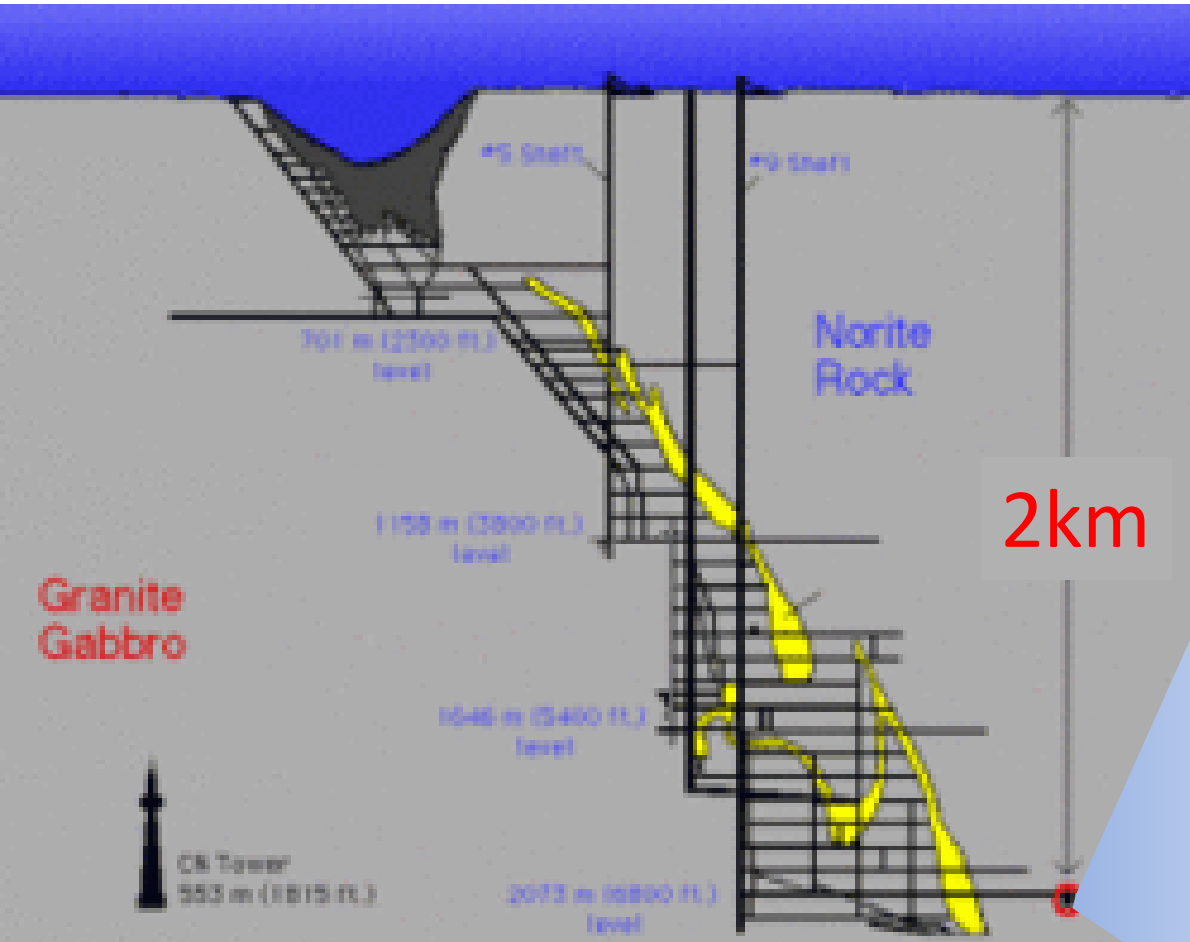


## Neutral-Current





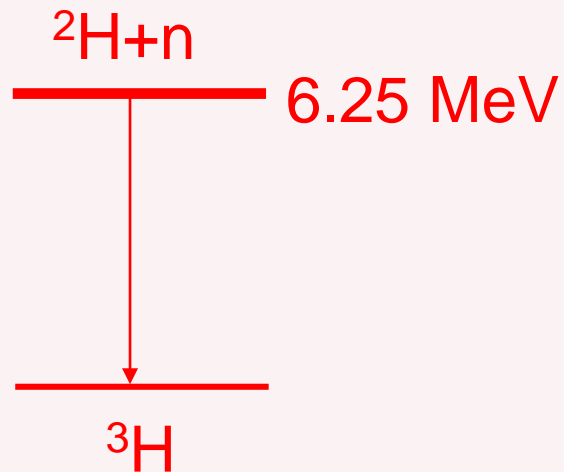
# SNO detector



# 3 neutron detection methods (for $\nu d \rightarrow \nu pn$ measurement)

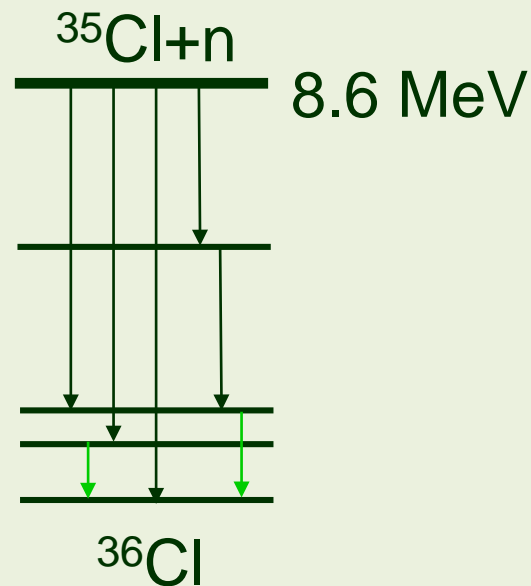
Phase I ( $D_2O$ )  
Nov. 99 - May 01

n captures on  
 ${}^2H(n, \gamma){}^3H$   
Eff.  $\sim 14.4\%$



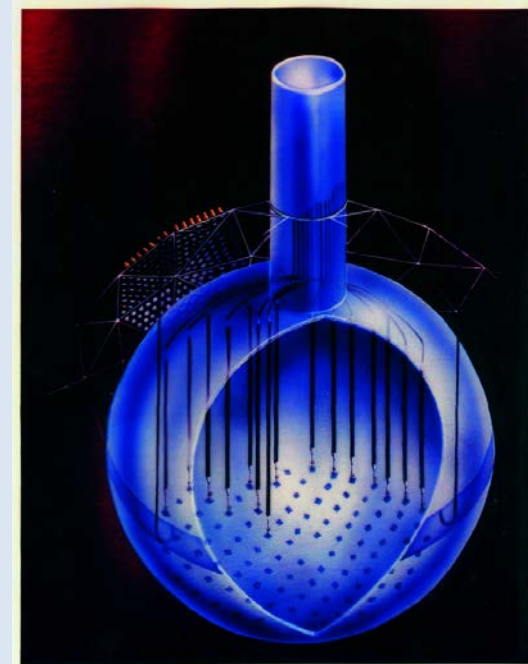
Phase II (salt)  
July 01 - Sep. 03

2 tonnes of NaCl  
n captures on  
 ${}^{35}Cl(n, \gamma){}^{36}Cl$   
Eff.  $\sim 40\%$



Phase III ( ${}^3He$ )  
Nov. 04-Dec. 06

400 m of proportional  
counters  
 ${}^3He(n, p){}^3H$   
Effic.  $\sim 30\%$  capture



# Initial evidence for solar neutrino oscillations

SNO PRL 87 (2001) 071301  
(SK PRL. 86 (201) 5651.)

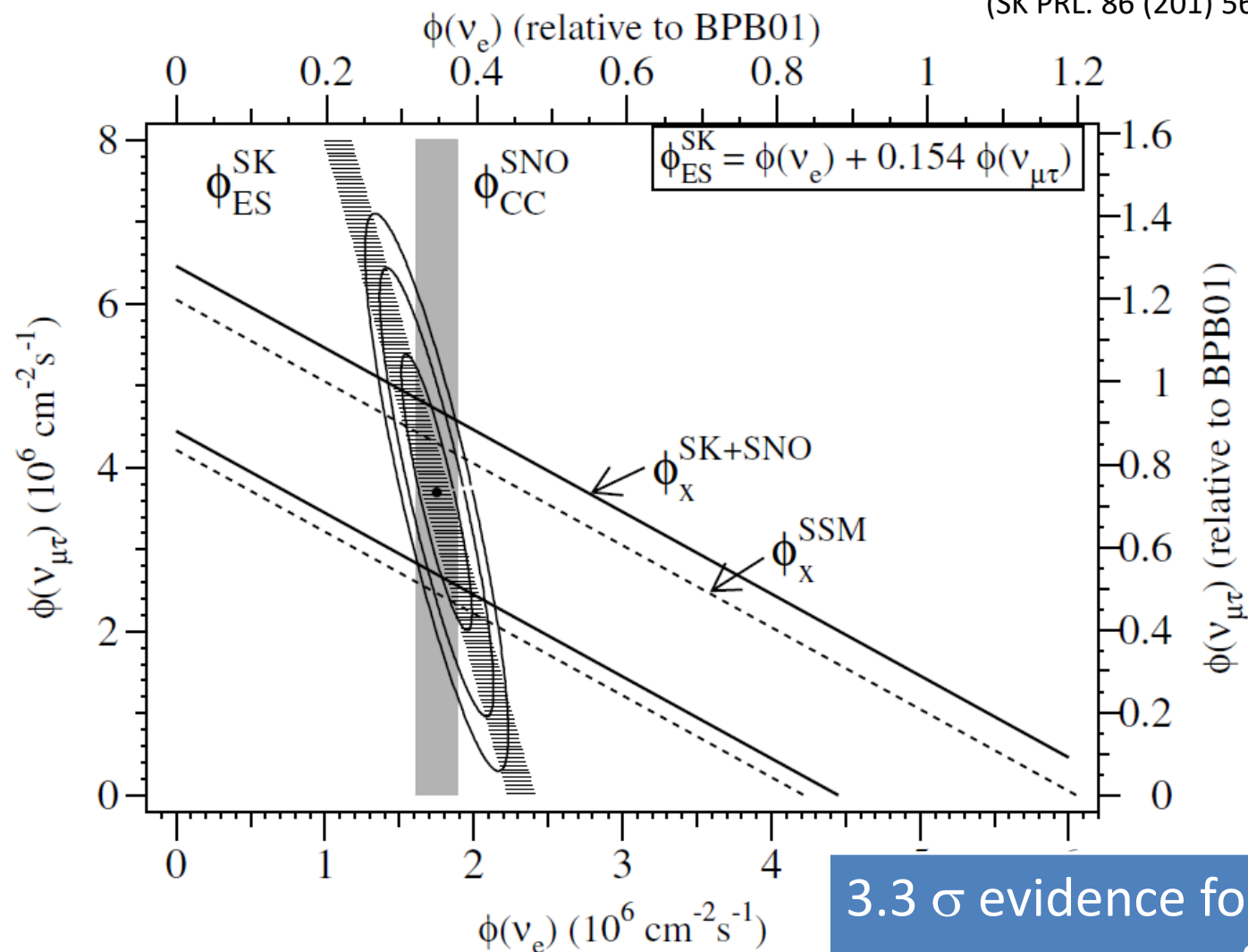
◆ SNO:  $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$

(only sensitive to  $\nu_e$ )

→  $1.75 \pm 0.07^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$   
 $\times 10^6 / \text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$

◆ SK:  $\nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^-$  (mostly sensitive to  $\nu_e$ , but has  $\sim 1/7$  sensitivity to  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$ )

→  $2.32 \pm 0.03^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$   
 $\times 10^6 / \text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$   
(assuming  $\nu_e$  only)

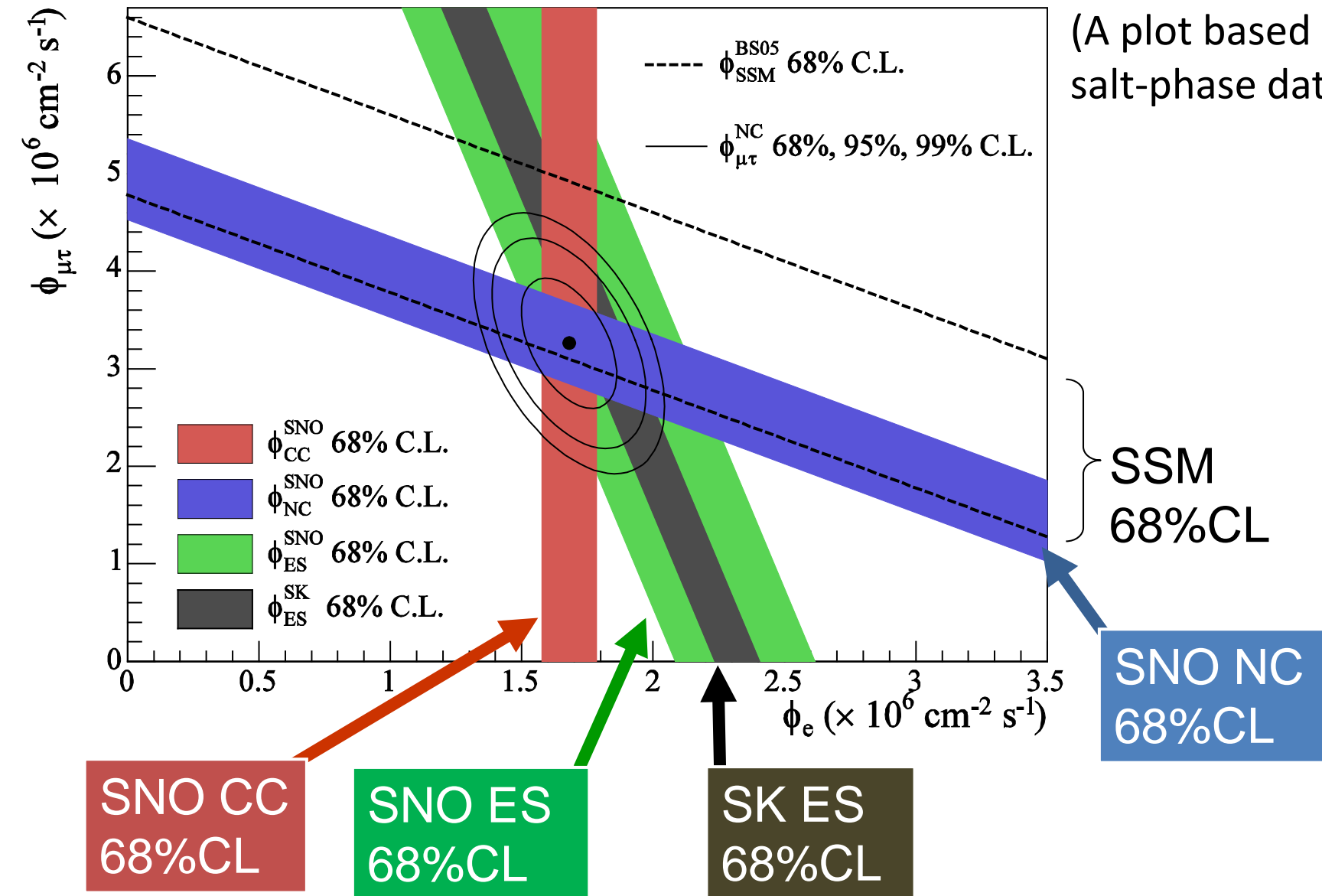


3.3  $\sigma$  evidence for  
non-zero  $\nu_\mu + \nu_\tau$  flux

# Evidence for solar neutrino oscillations

SNO PRL 89 (2002) 011301  
SNO PRC 72, 055502 (2005)

(A plot based on the salt-phase data)



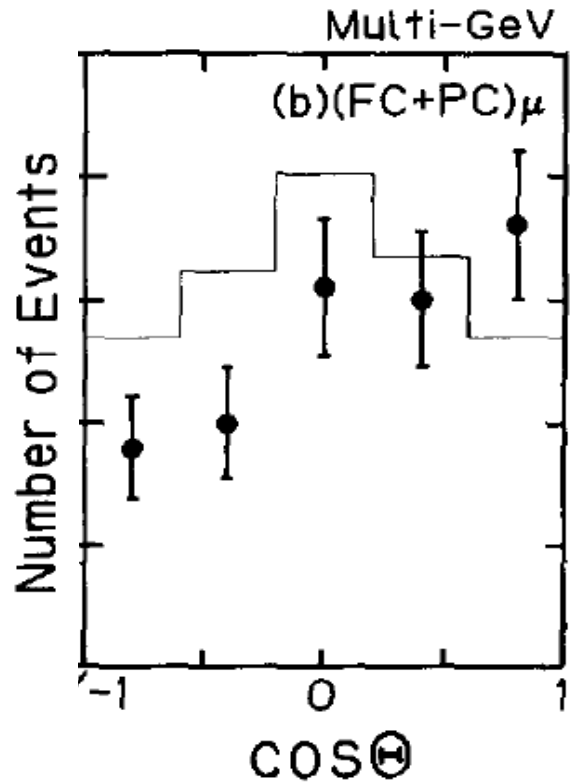
Three (or four) different measurements intersect at a point.

✓ Evidence for  $(\nu_{\mu} + \nu_{\tau})$  flux  
( $> 5\sigma$ )

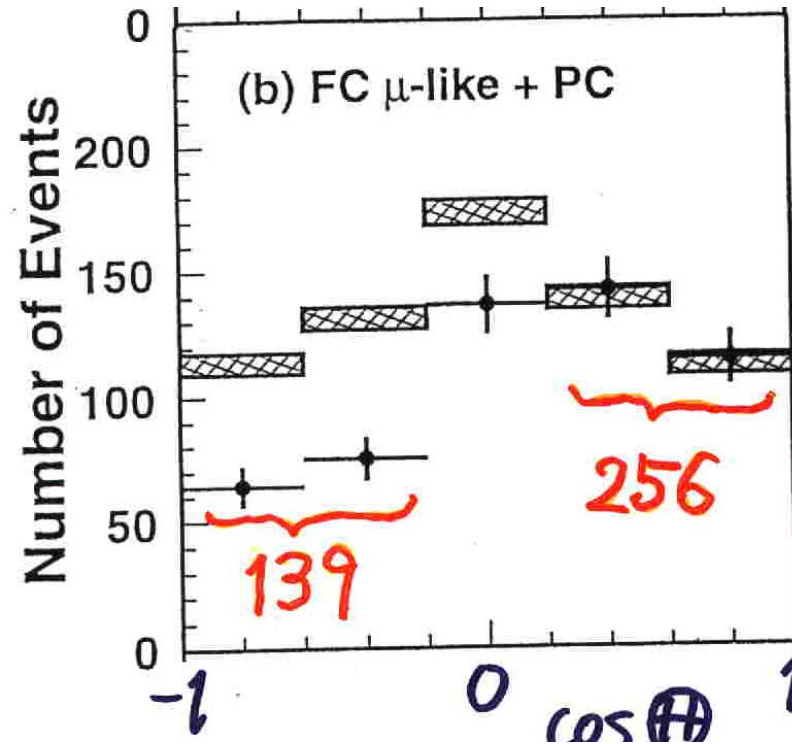
*Some recent results from Super-kamiokande (non-accelerator results)*

# Atmospheric neutrinos: Data updates

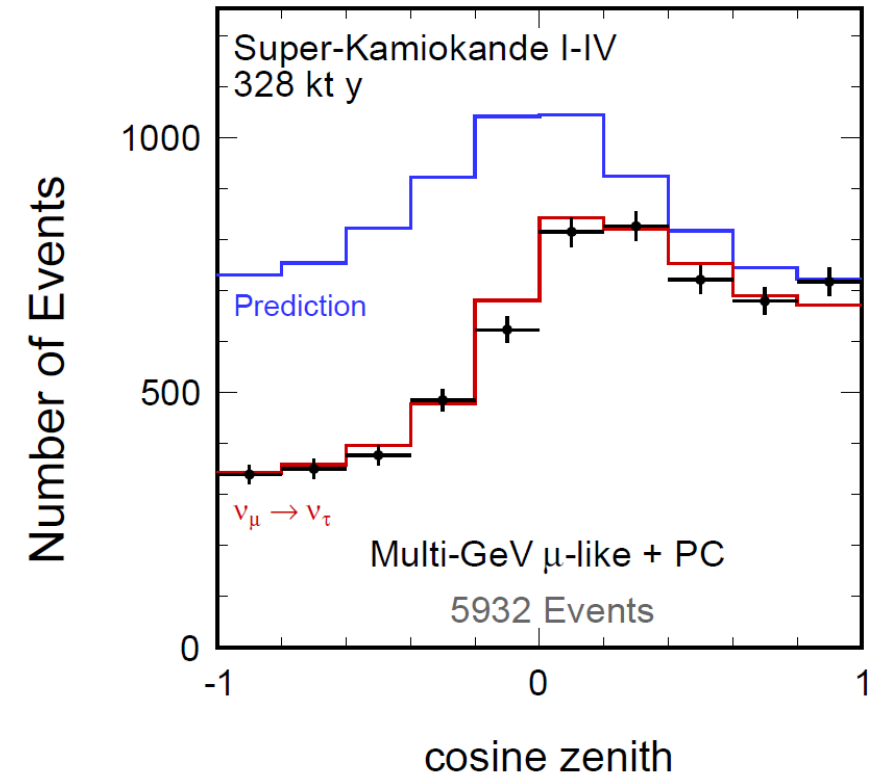
Kamiokande (1994)



Super-K @Neutrino98



Super-K (2016)



Number of events plotted:

135 events

531 events

5932 events

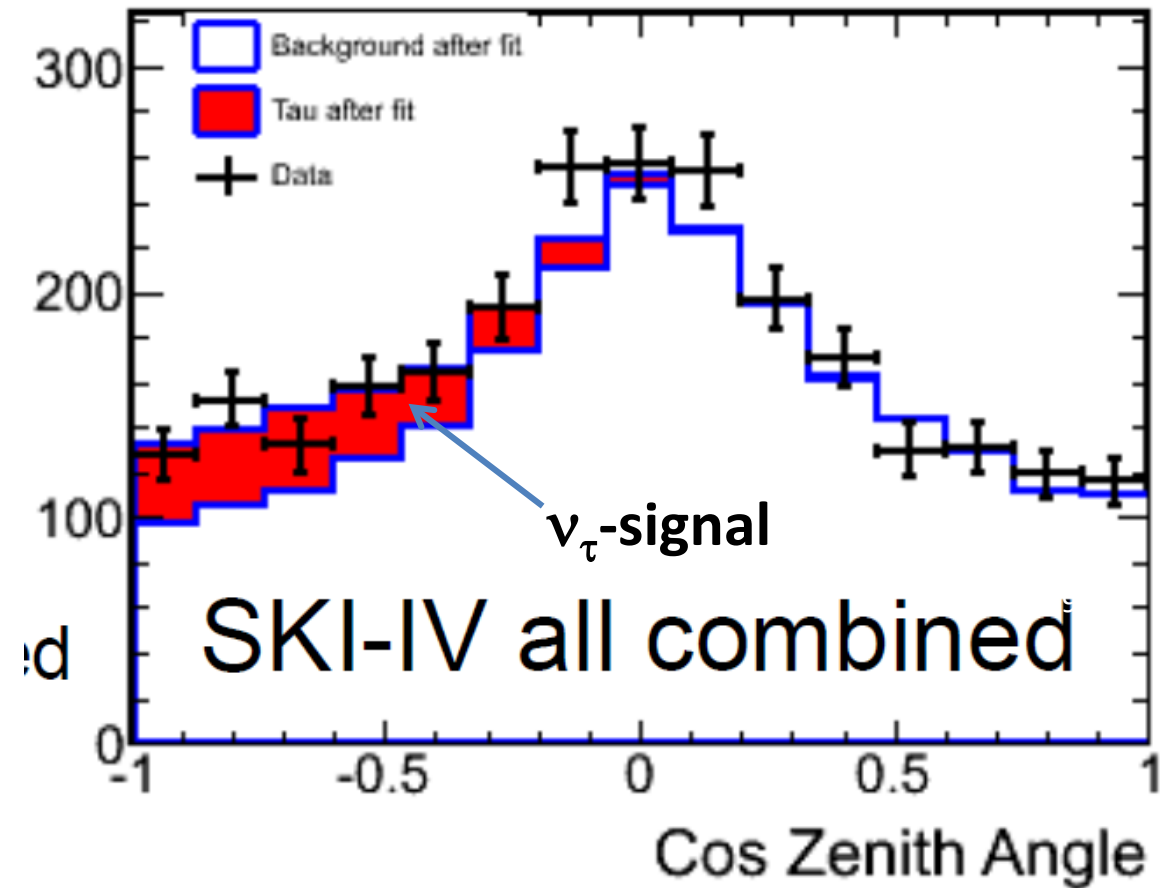
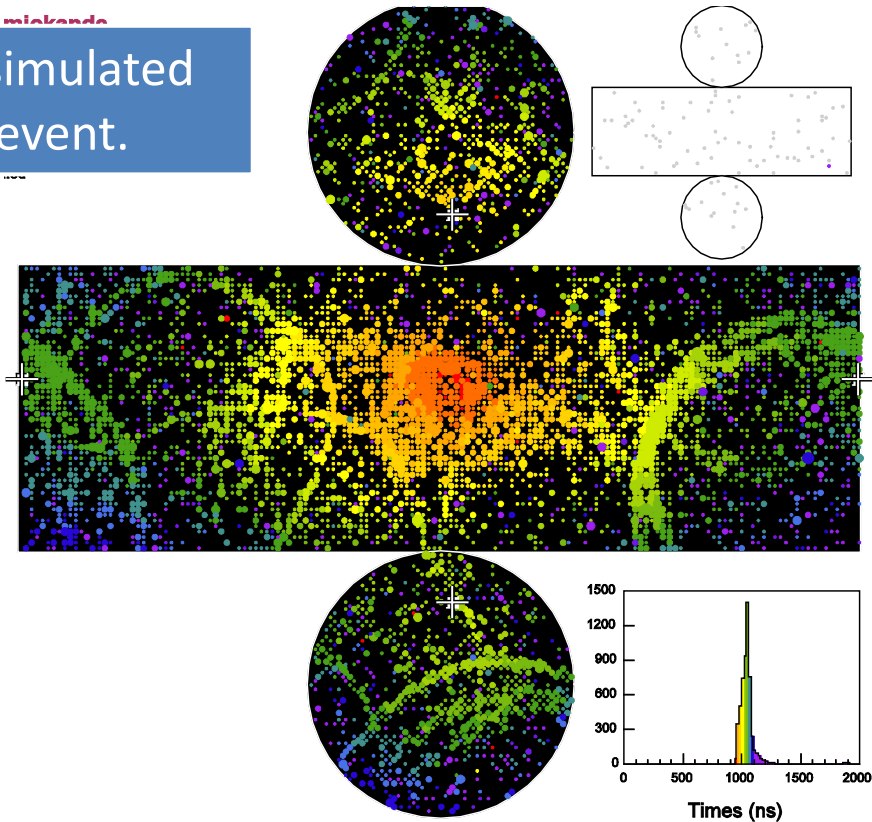
# Detecting tau neutrinos

SK@Neutrino 2016,

See also, SK PRL 110(, 181802 (2013), SK PRL 97, 171801 (2006)

If the oscillations are between  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$ , one should be able to observe  $\nu_\tau$ 's.

A simulated  $\nu_\tau$  event.

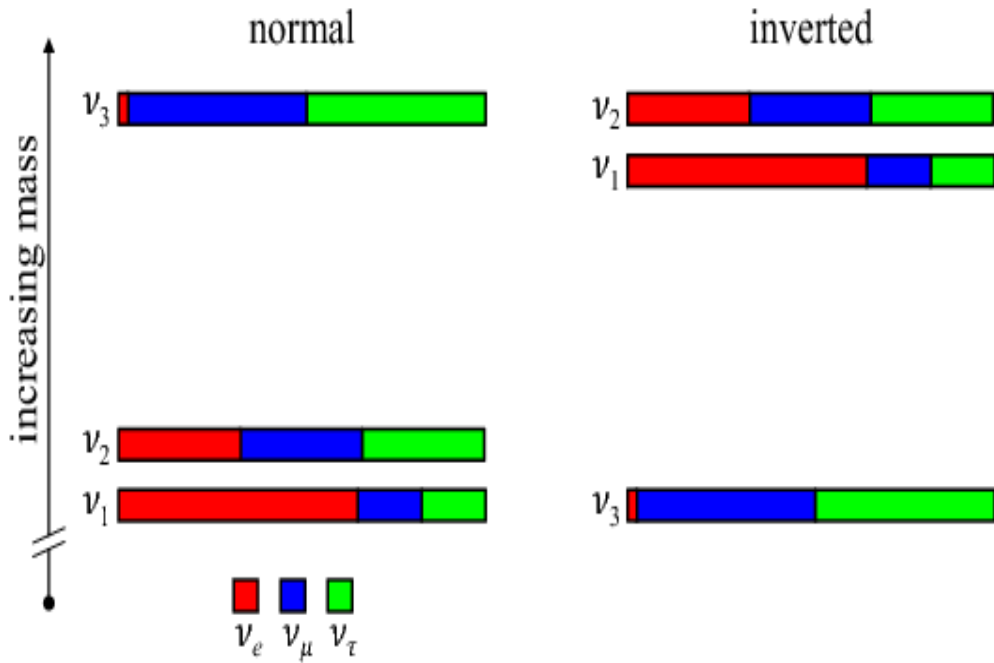


It is not possible for Super-K to identify  $\nu_\tau$  events by an event by event bases.  $\rightarrow$  Statistical analysis knowing that  $\nu_\tau$ 's are upward-going only.

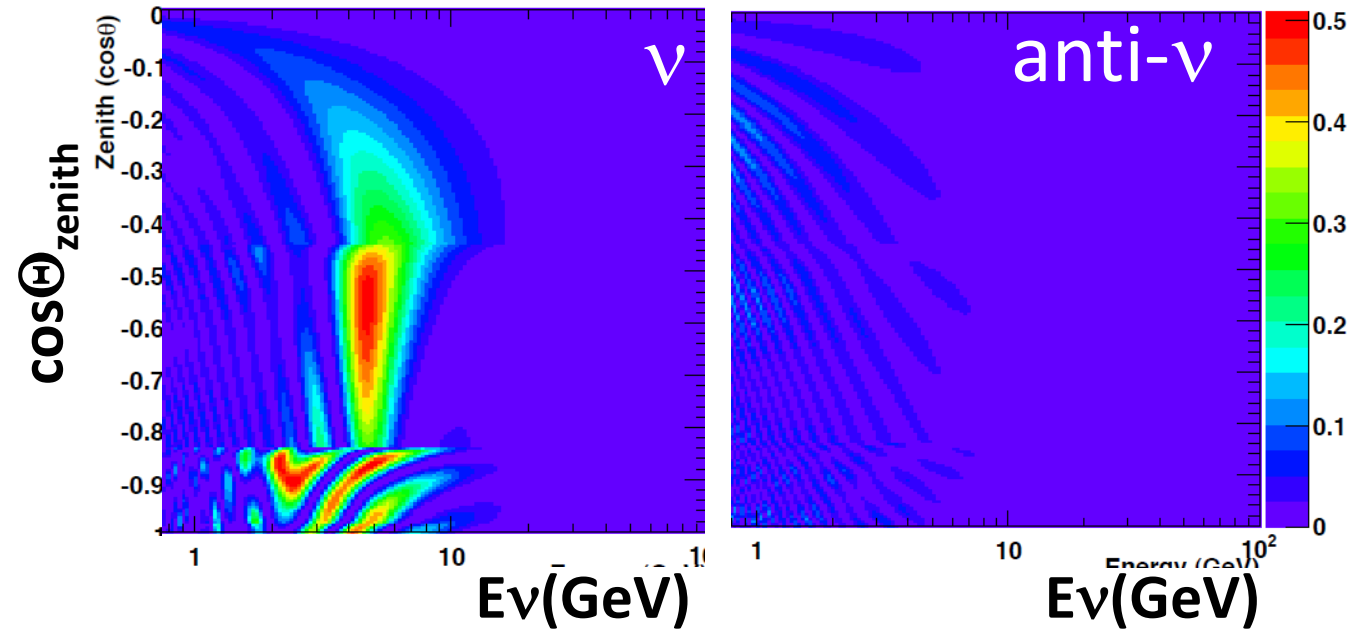
$\tau$ -appearance at  $4.6\sigma$  (consistent with OPERA)

# Studying neutrino mass hierarchy

## Neutrino mass hierarchy?



$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$  and  $P(\text{anti-}\nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e)$   
for normal hierarchy

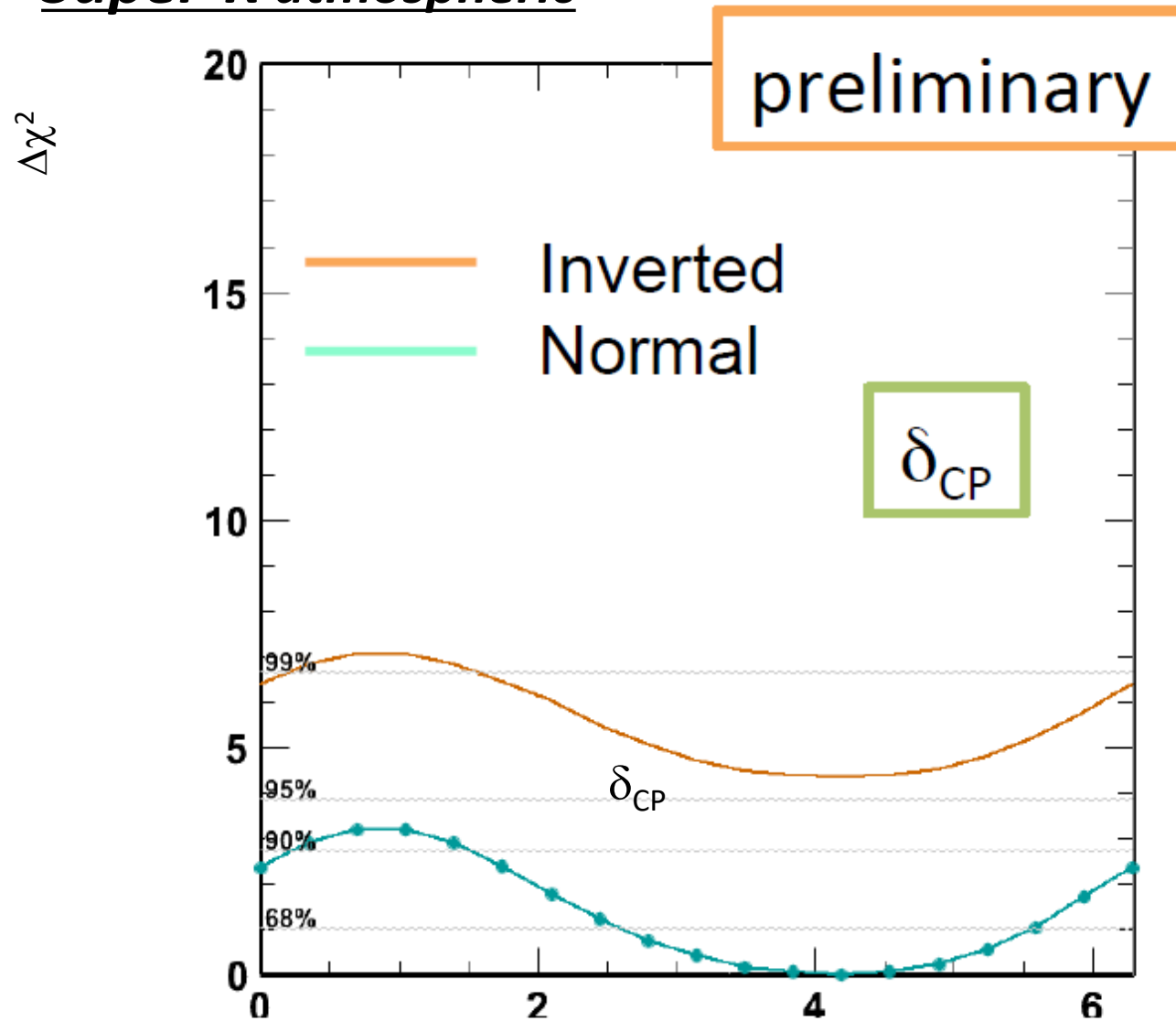


Inv. hierarchy:  $\nu \leftrightarrow \text{anti-}\nu$



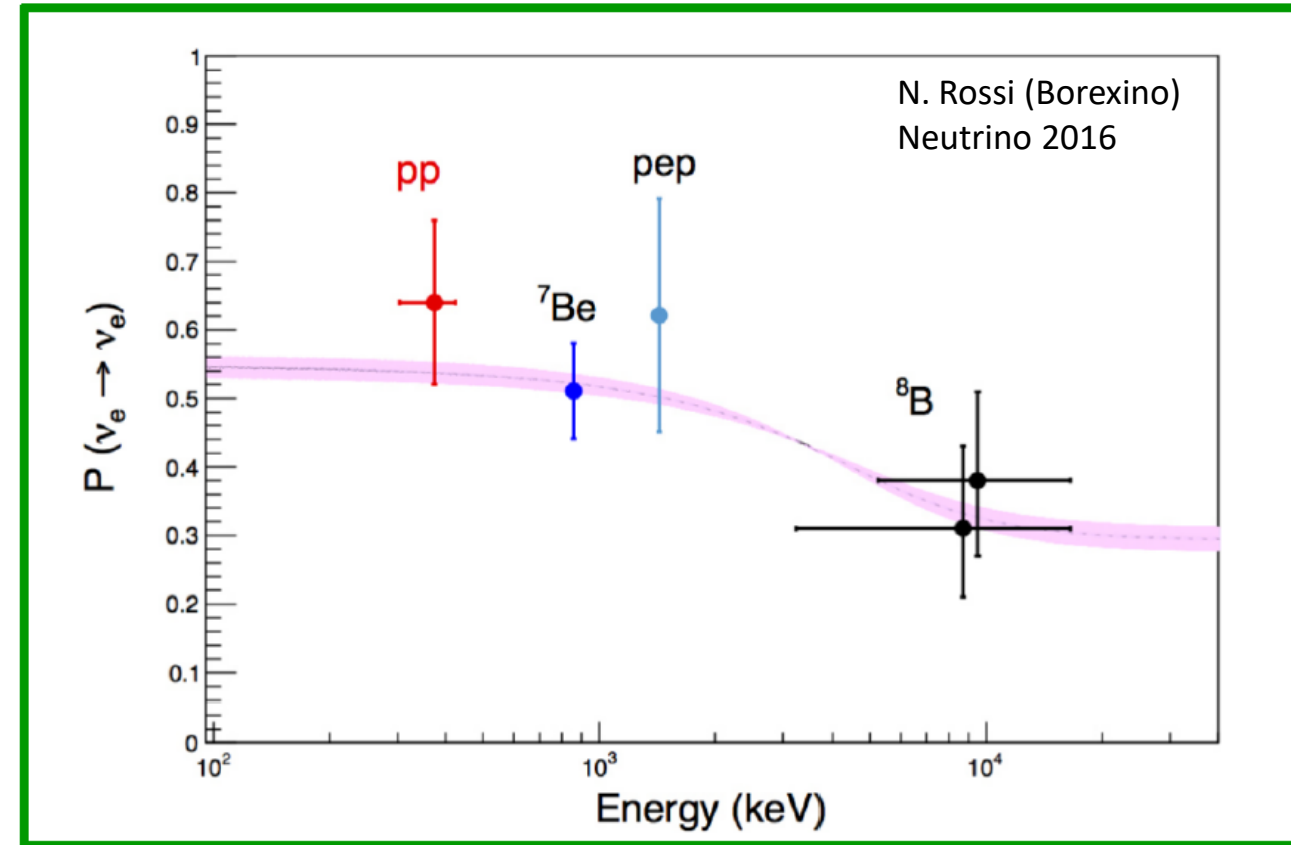
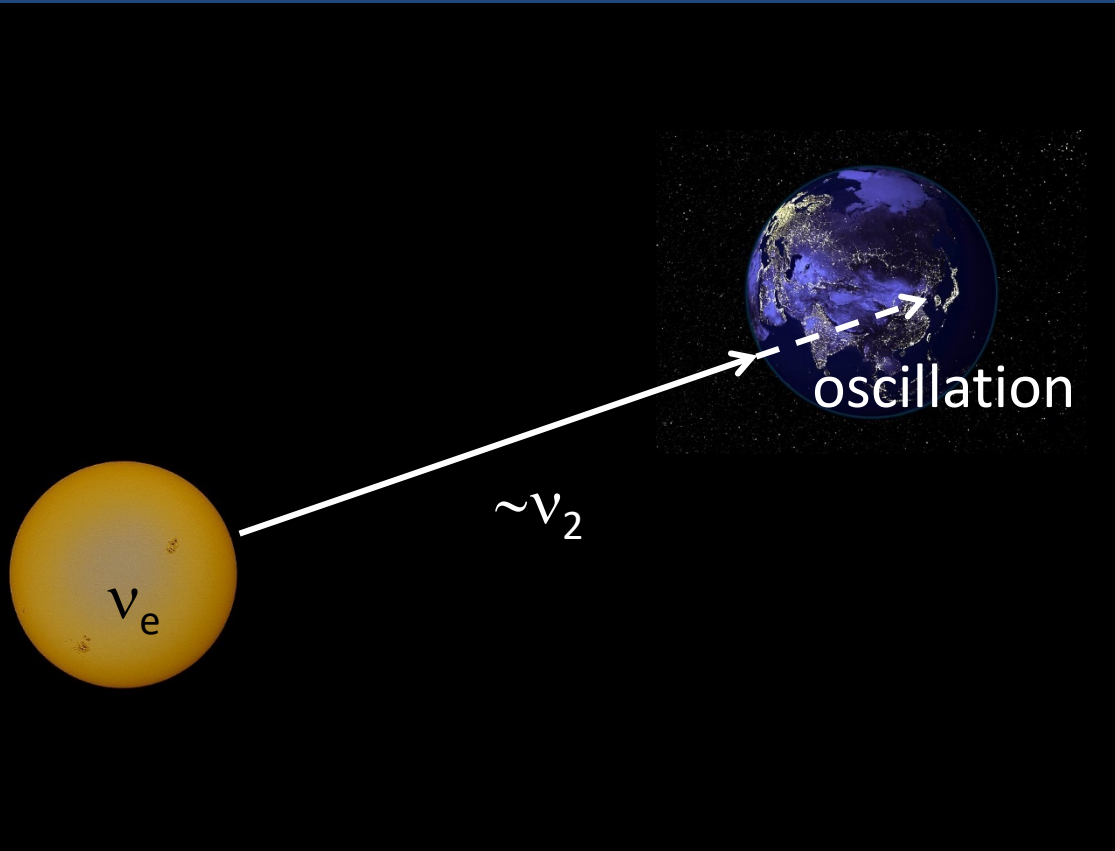
# Mass hierarchy and CP violation measurements @Neutrino 2016

## Super-K atmospheric



$\Delta\chi^2$  (IH-NH) = 4.3 (expt'd = 3.1)  
and  
Some preferred  $\delta_{CP}$  range...

# Solar neutrino oscillations: further confirmation of the MSW effect

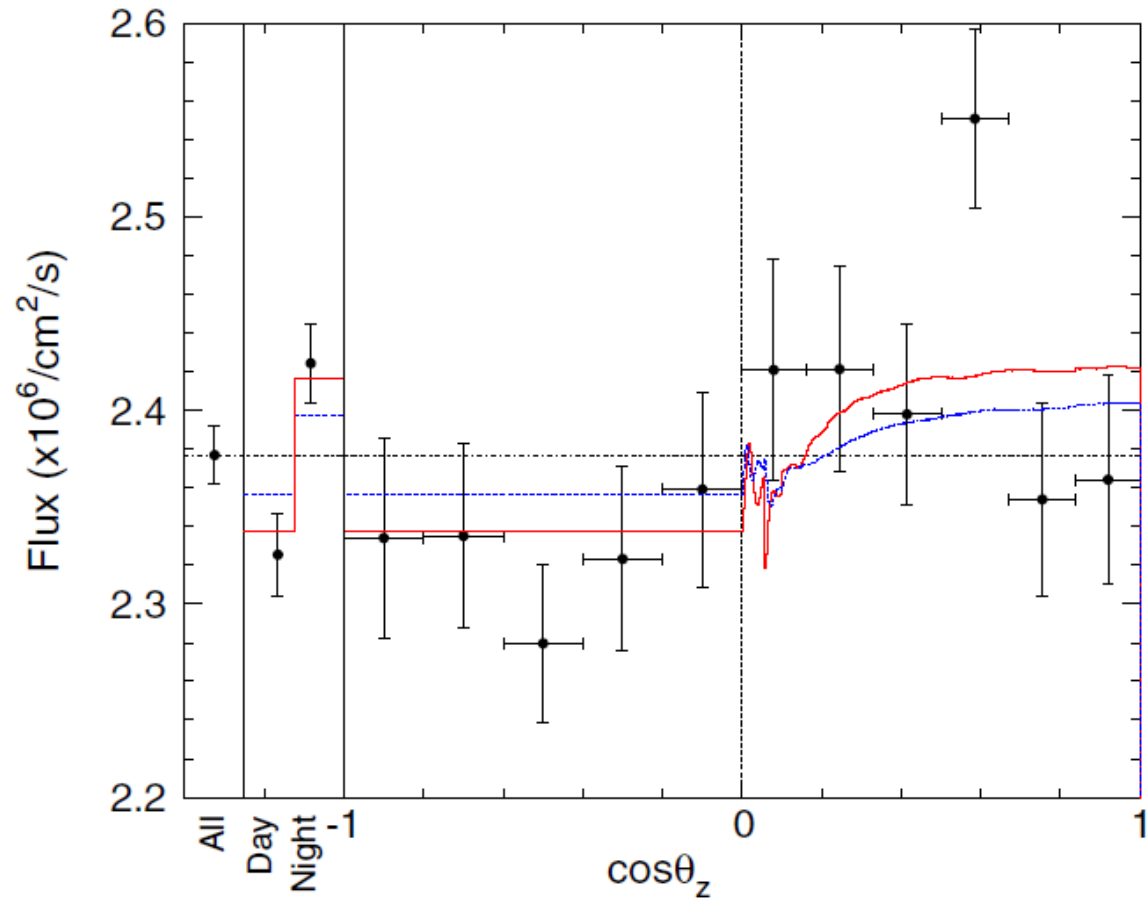


Oscillations (in matter) occur in the Earth  
→ day-night flux difference (night flux higher) → Day-night effect should be observed.)

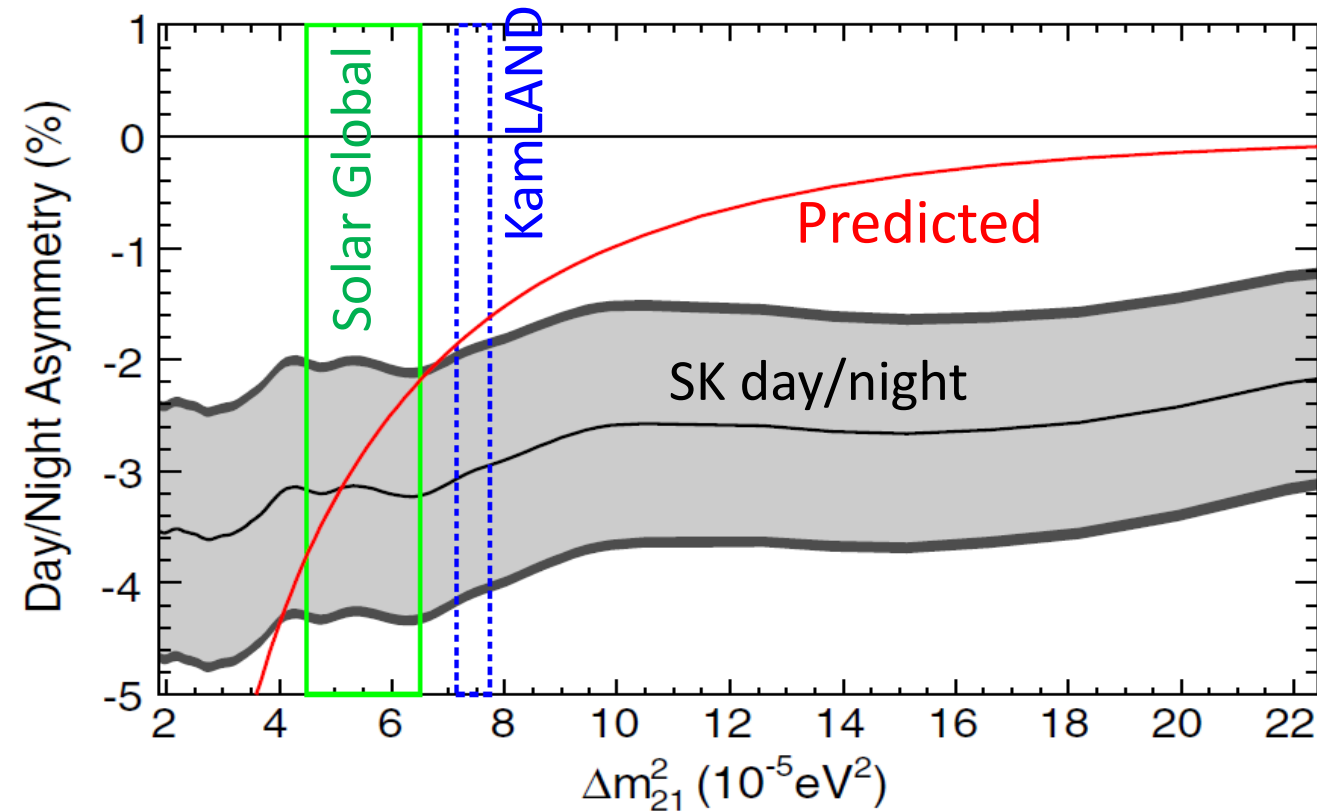
In the standard MSW scenario, the oscillation probability depends on the neutrino energy.  
→ Flux upturn should be observed for low-energy part of the  ${}^8\text{B}$  solar neutrinos.

# Precise solar neutrino measurements: Day-night effect

Super-K, PRL 112, 091805 (2014)



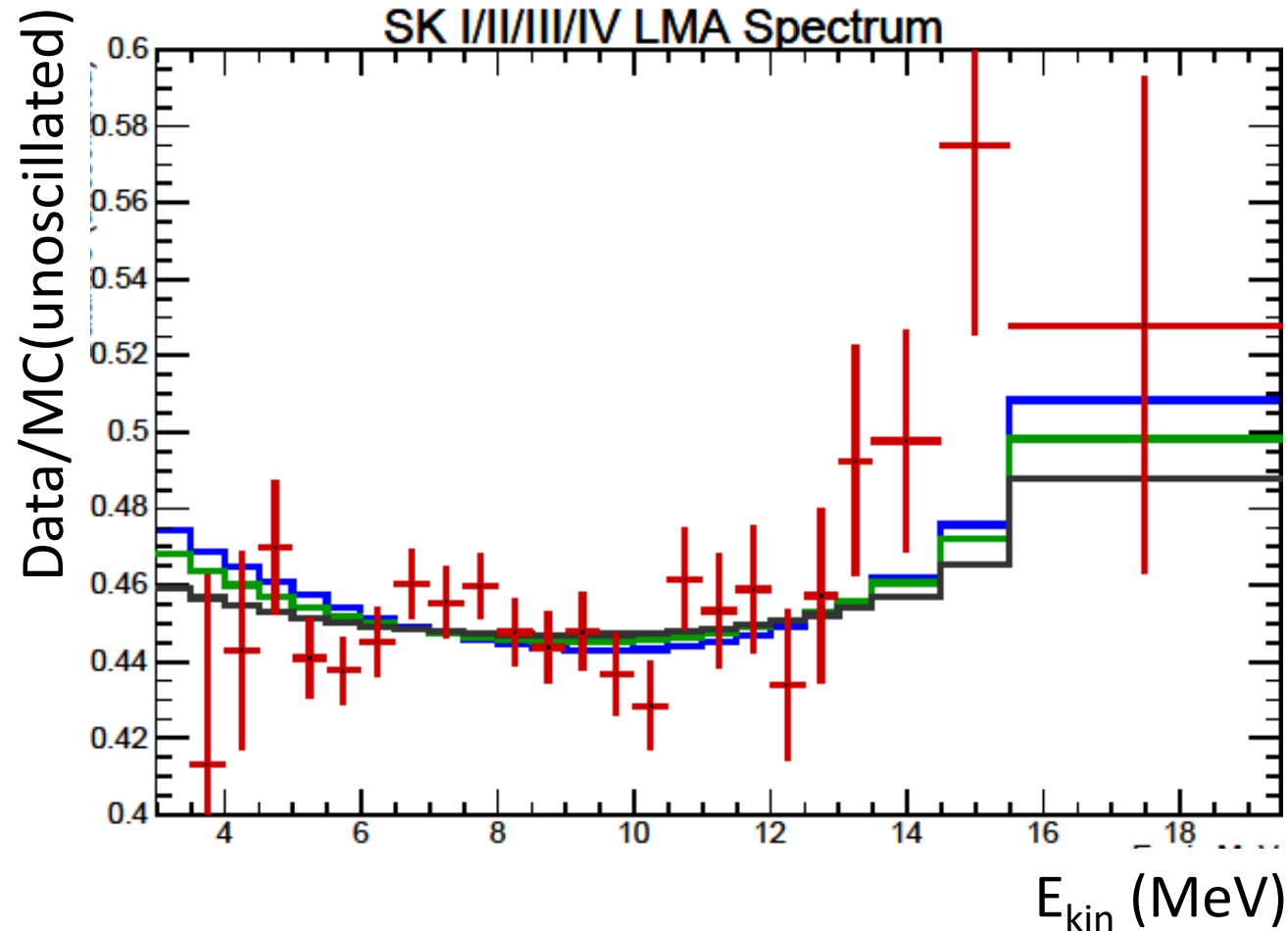
Day-night asymmetry:  $[-3.2 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.5] \%$   
( $2.7\sigma$  effect!)



The observed day-night asymmetry is slightly larger than the expected value for the KamLAND  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ .

# Precise solar neutrino measurements: spectrum

S. Moriyama, Neutrino 2016



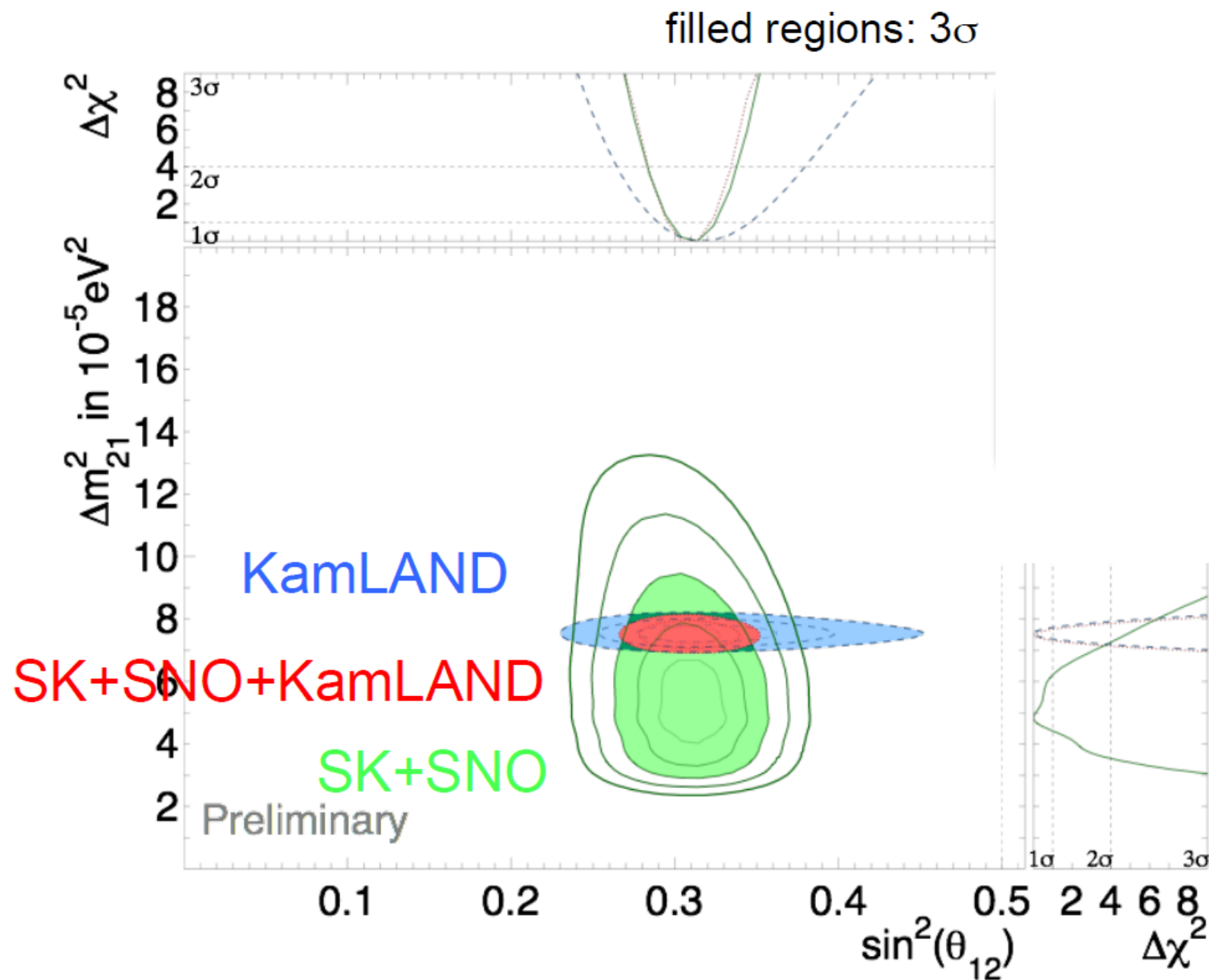
Assumptions	$\chi^2$
Solar + KamLAND best fit	76.60
Solar best fit	73.86
Energy independent $P_{ee}$	72.72

“Solar + KamLAND” has slightly larger  $\chi^2$  than “Solar”. ( $\Delta\chi^2=2.74$ ). ...

Data are more consistent with energy independent oscillations. (→ No evidence for up-turn yet.)

# $\Delta m_{12}^2$ tension ?

S. Moriyama (Super-K), Neutrino 2016

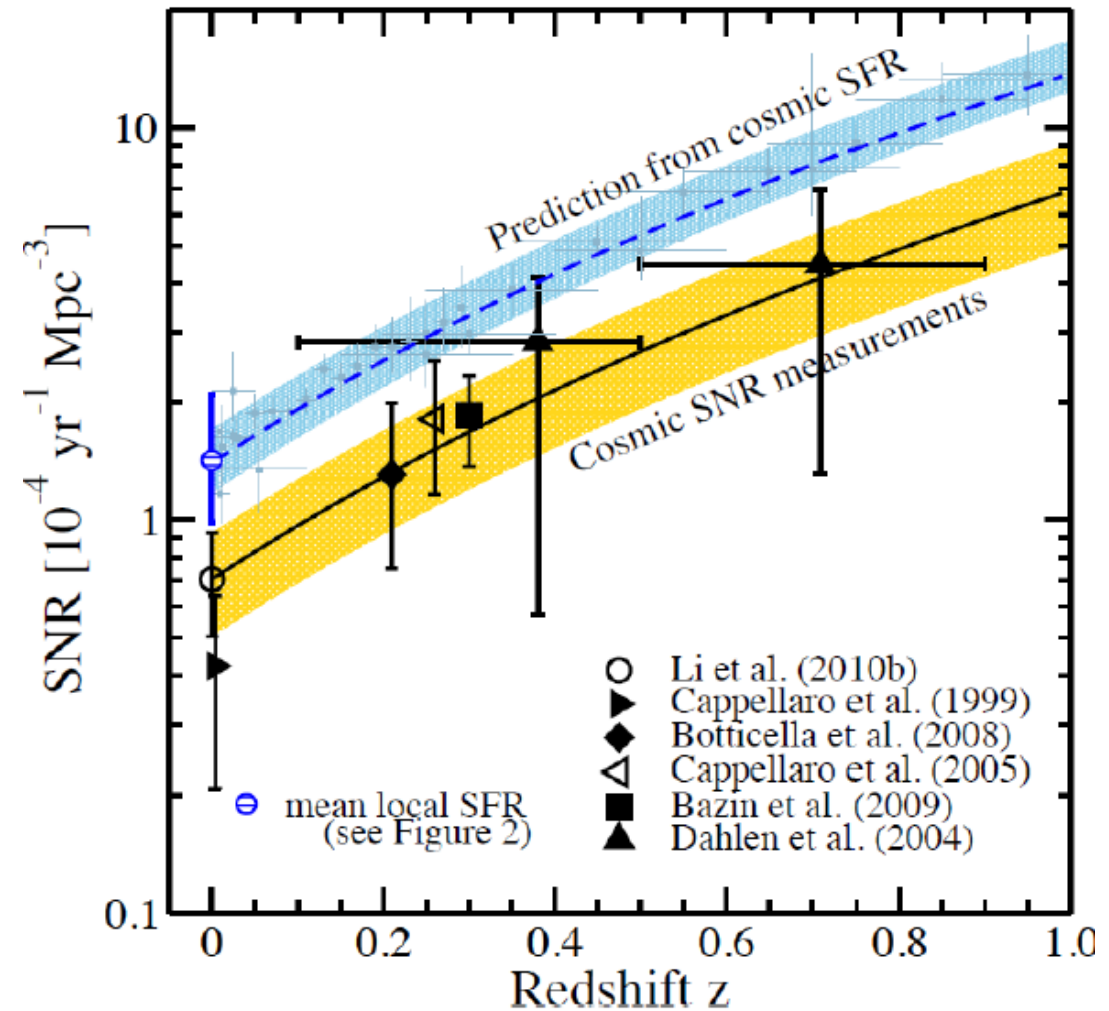
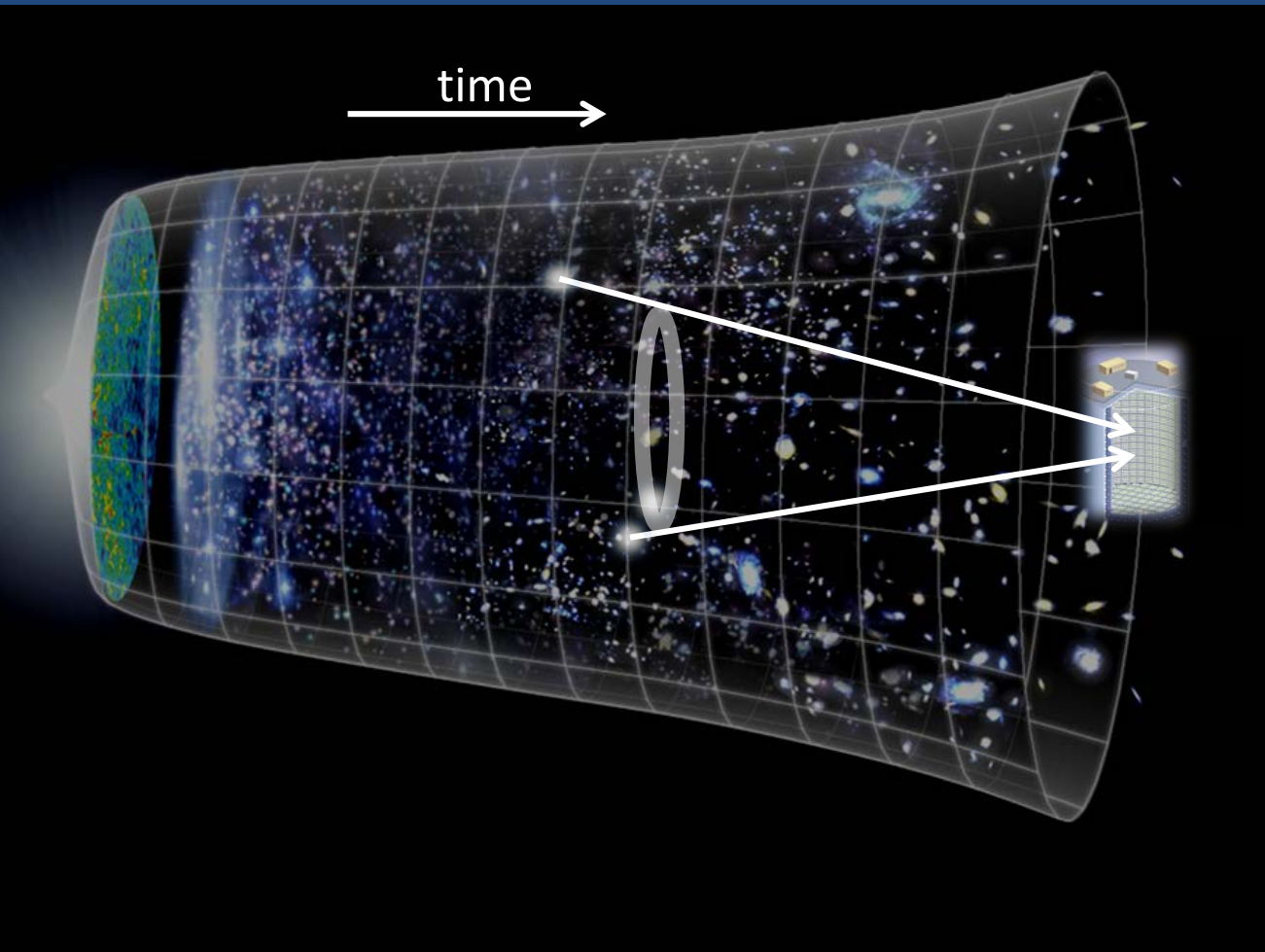


There is about  $2\sigma$  tension between “solar” and “solar+KamLAND” best fit  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ 's.

Just a statistical fluctuation or ...?

*Future*

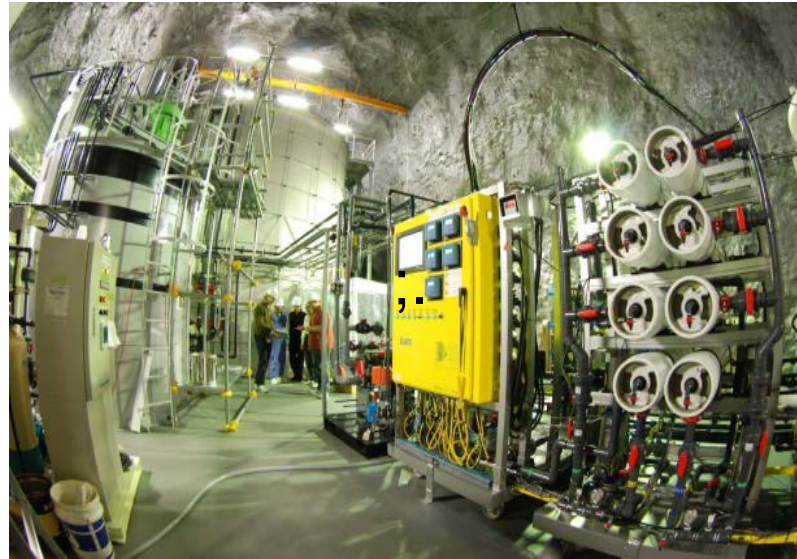
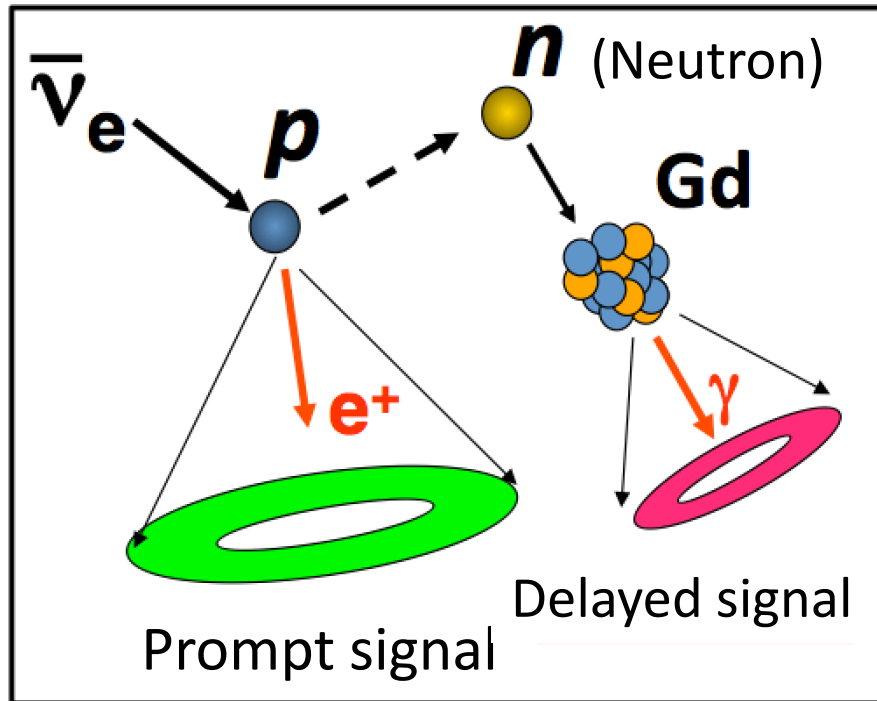
# Future of Super-Kamiokande (non-accelerator)



Horiuchi et al., Ap.J., 738(2011)154.

# Toward the measurement of the past Supernova neutrinos

Idea: coincidence of prompt ( $e^+$ ) and delayed ( $n$ ) signals to reduce the non-anti- $\nu_e$  events.



Water system R&D to clean the Gd loaded water without removing Gd. This R&D project has been successful.

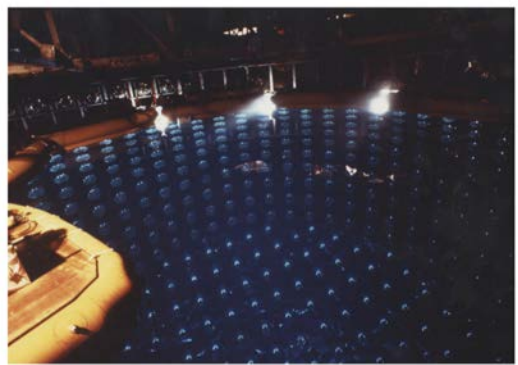


A new cavern to install new water system.

(The SK tank will be opened in 2018 for the SK-Gd phase.)

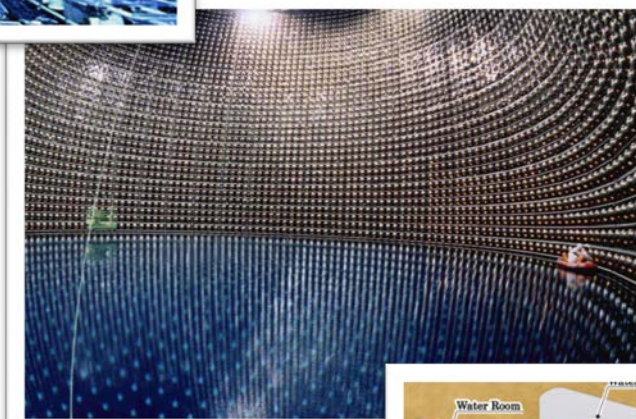


# *Hyper-K as a natural extension of water Ch. detectors*



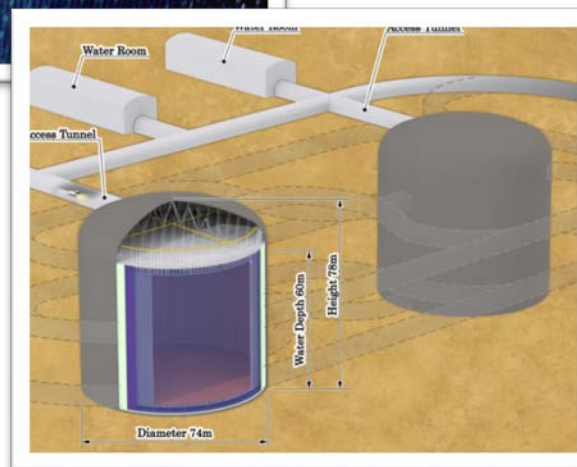
## Kamiokande & IMB

*Neutrinos from SN1987A  
Atmospheric neutrino deficit  
Solar neutrino (Kam)*



## Super-K

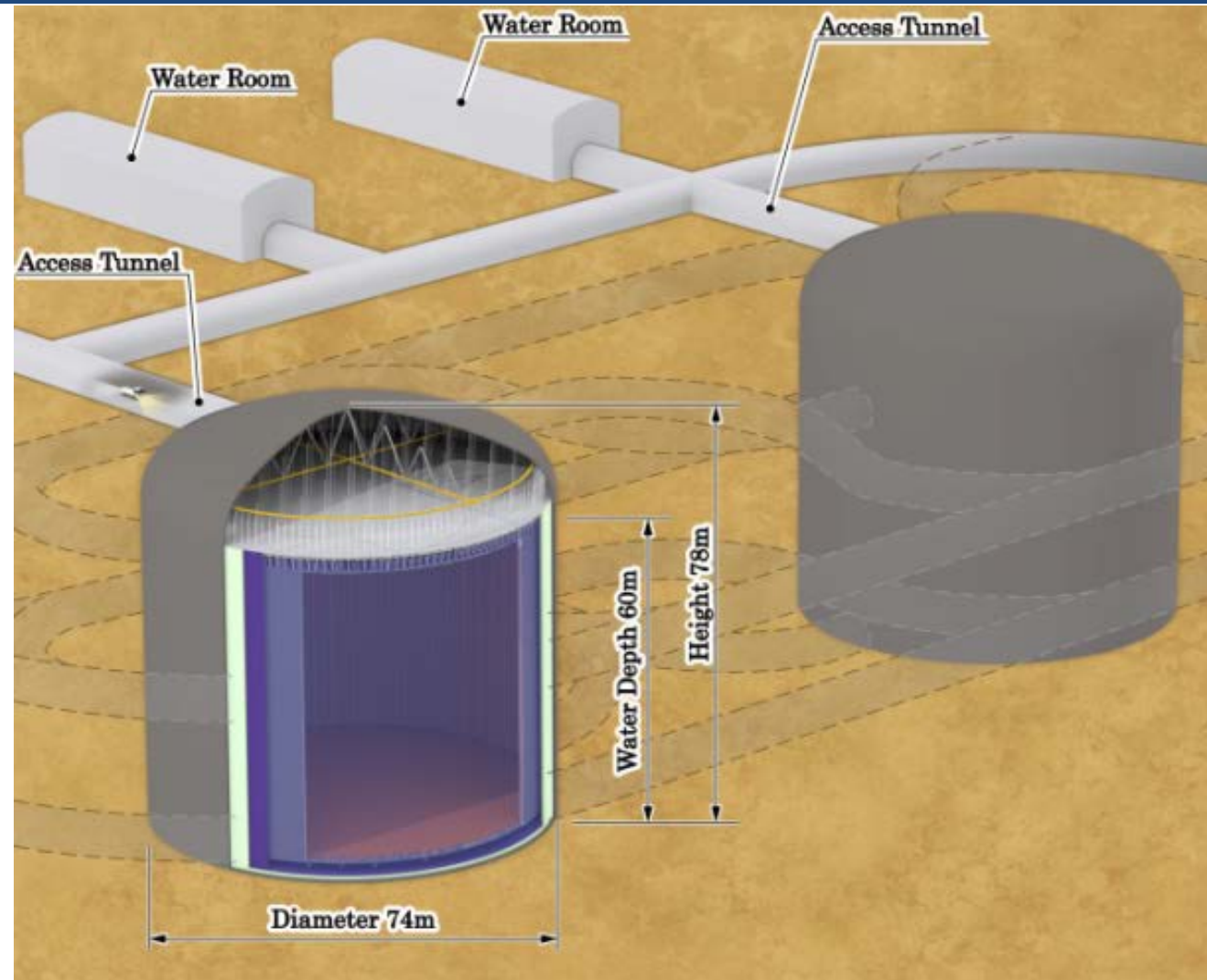
*Atmospheric neutrino oscillation  
Solar neutrino oscillation with SNO  
Far detector for K2K and T2K*



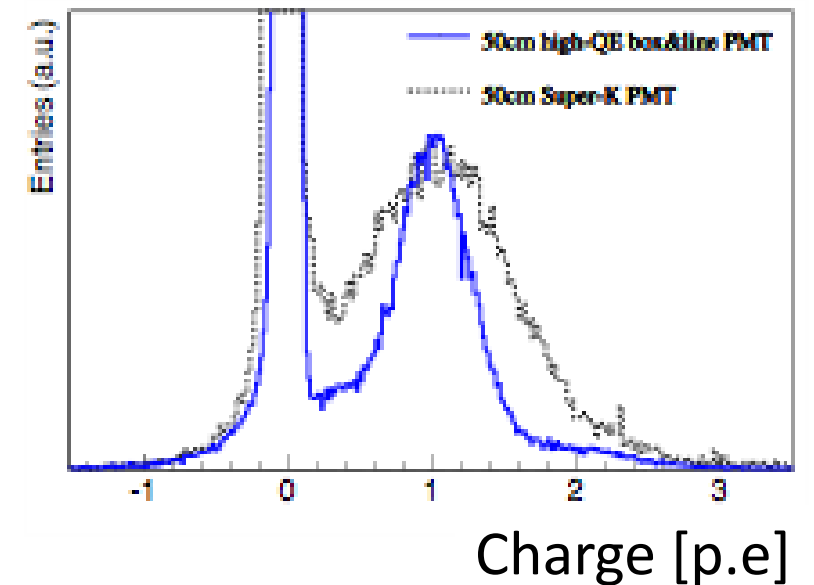
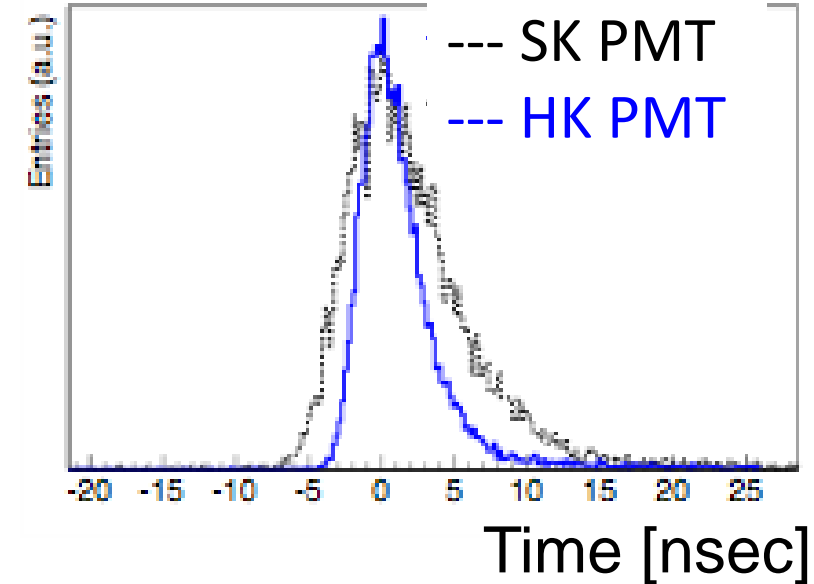
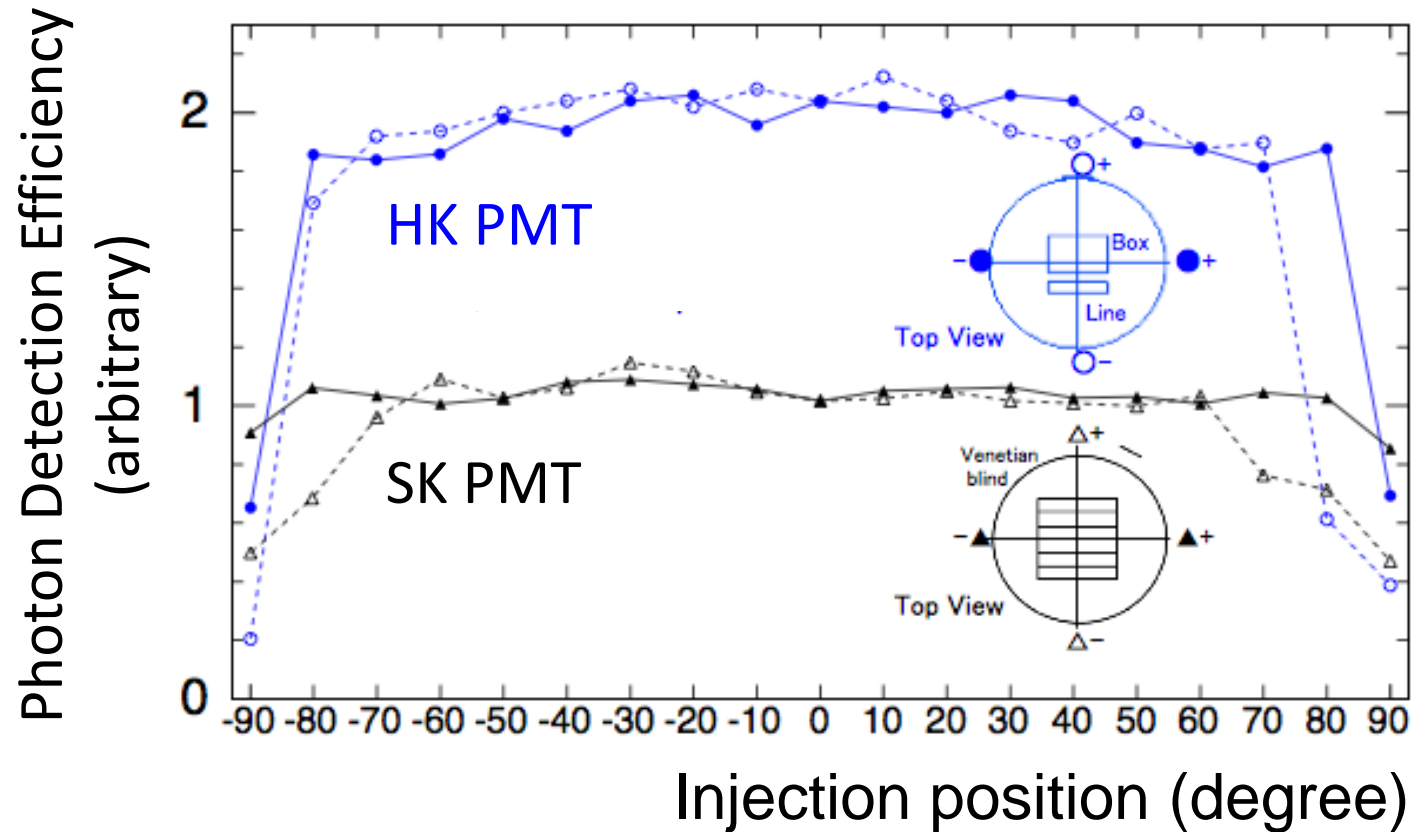
## Hyper-K

# Design of Hyper-K

- ✓ Super-K-like structure
- ✓ 2 tanks with staging  
(2<sup>nd</sup> tank assumed to be ready 6 years later)
- ✓ 1 tank will be;
  - 60m(H) × 74m(D)
  - Total volume: 260 kton
  - Fiducial volume(FV): 190 kton  
~10 x Super-K FV
  - PMT coverage 40%, 40,000 ID-PMT,  
6,700 OD-PMT
  - Newly developed PMTs
- ✓ The candidate site is ~8km south of SK (2.5 degree off axis beam, L=295km) ← CPV measurement.



# A highlight of the Hyper-K R&D: New 50cm $\phi$ PMT

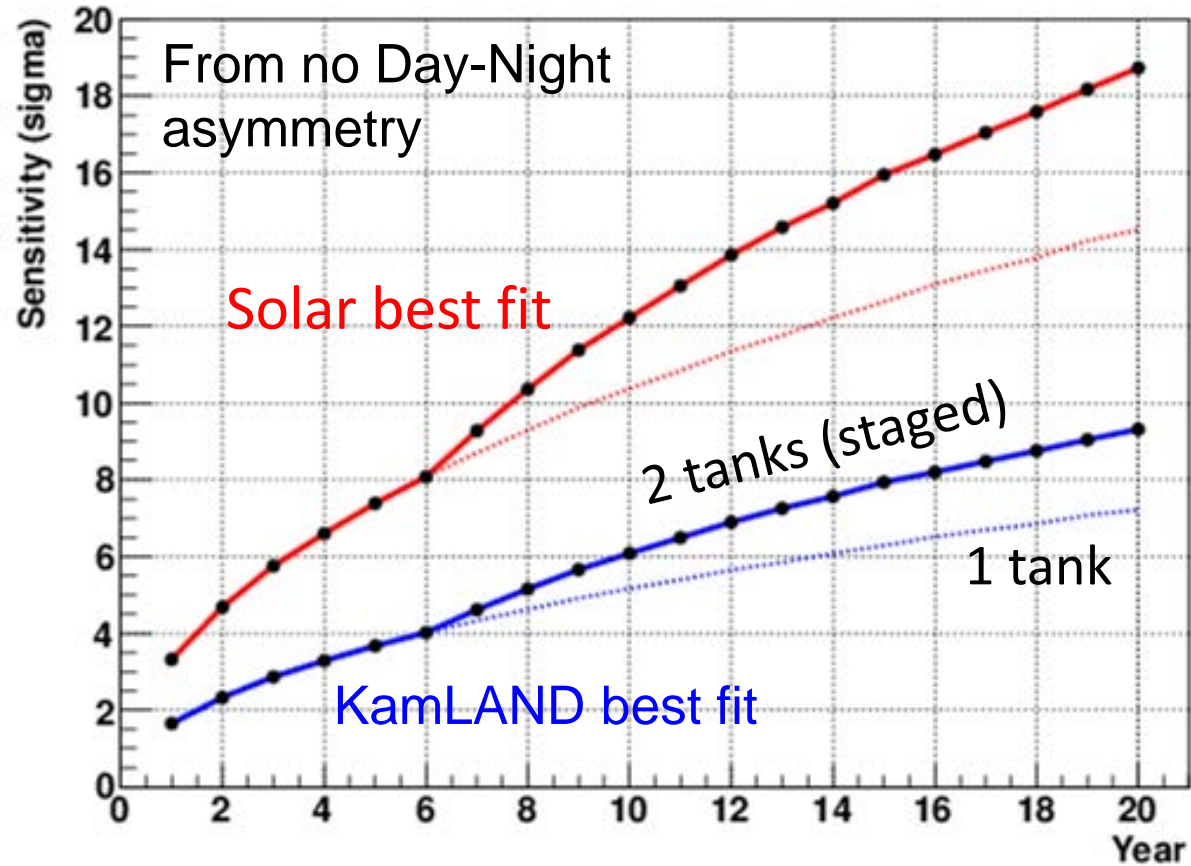


- ✓ Photon detection efficiency x 2,
- ✓ Timing & charge (@1 p.e.) resolution x 1/2
- ✓ (Pressure tolerance x 2 (>100m) )

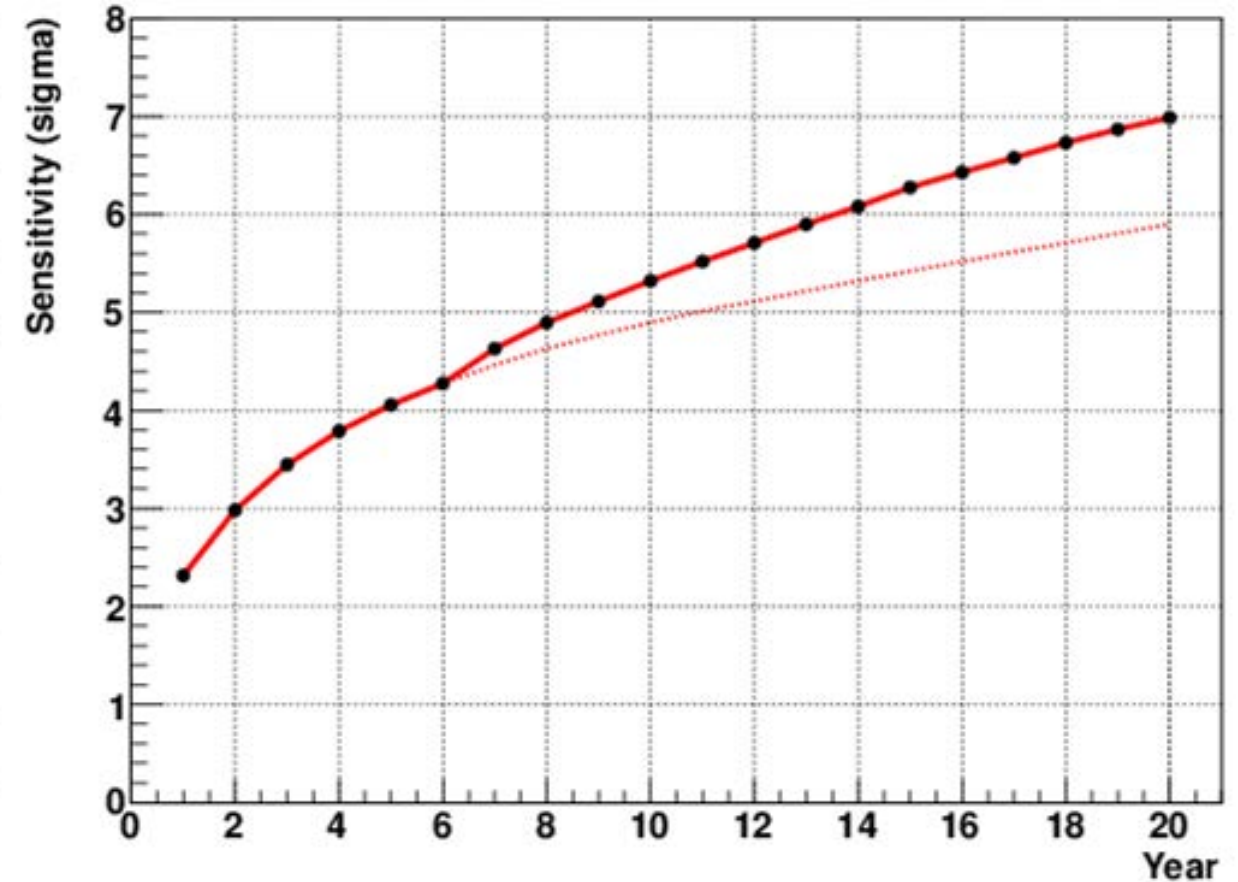
→ Large impacts to physics

# Hyper-K solar neutrino measurements

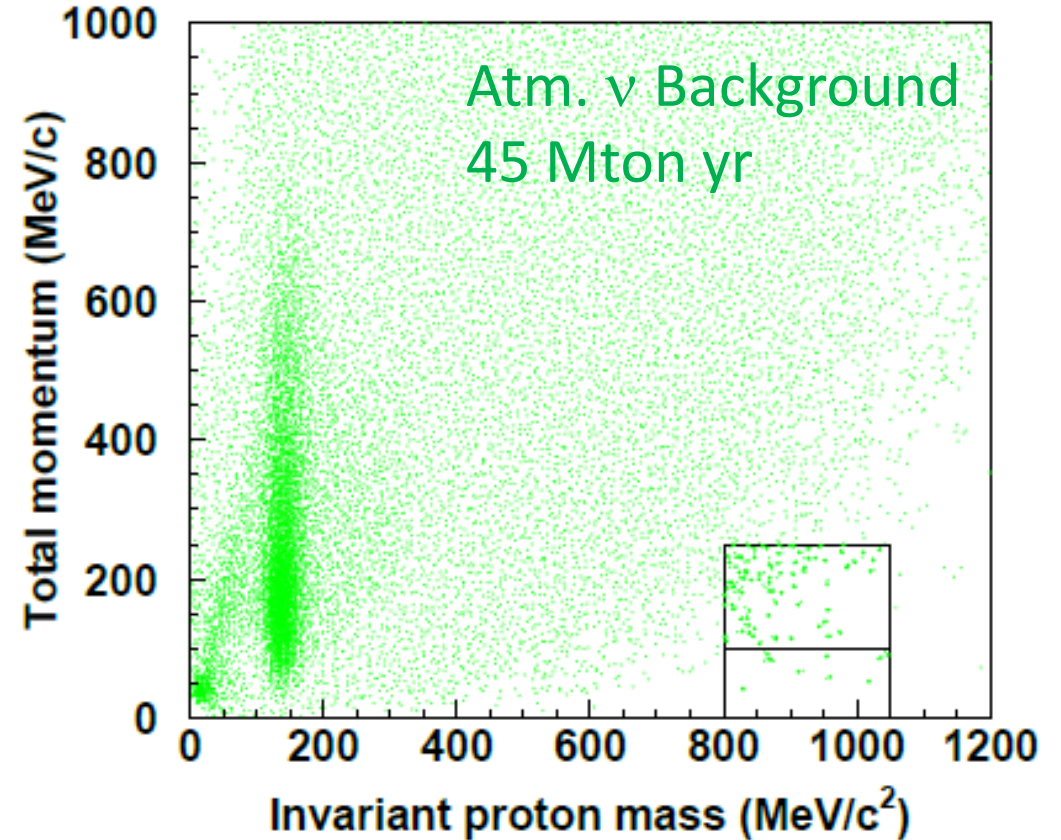
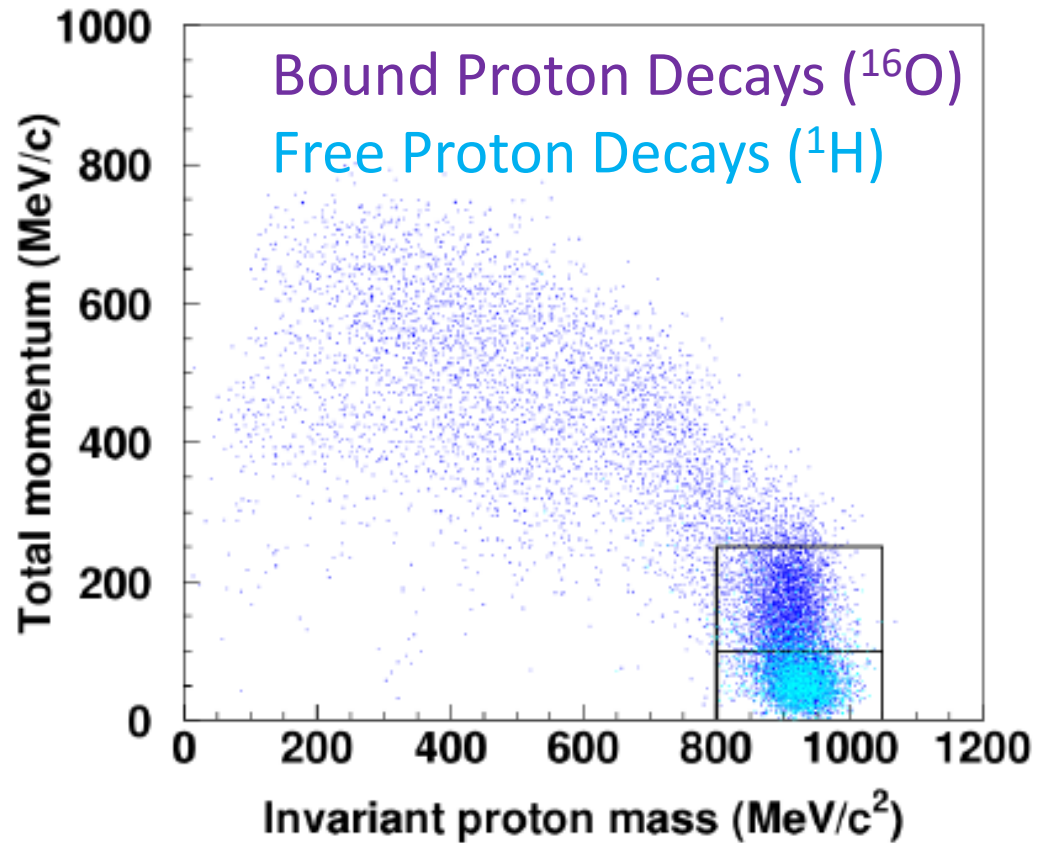
## Day-night asymmetry sensitivity



## Spectrum upturn discovery sensitivity



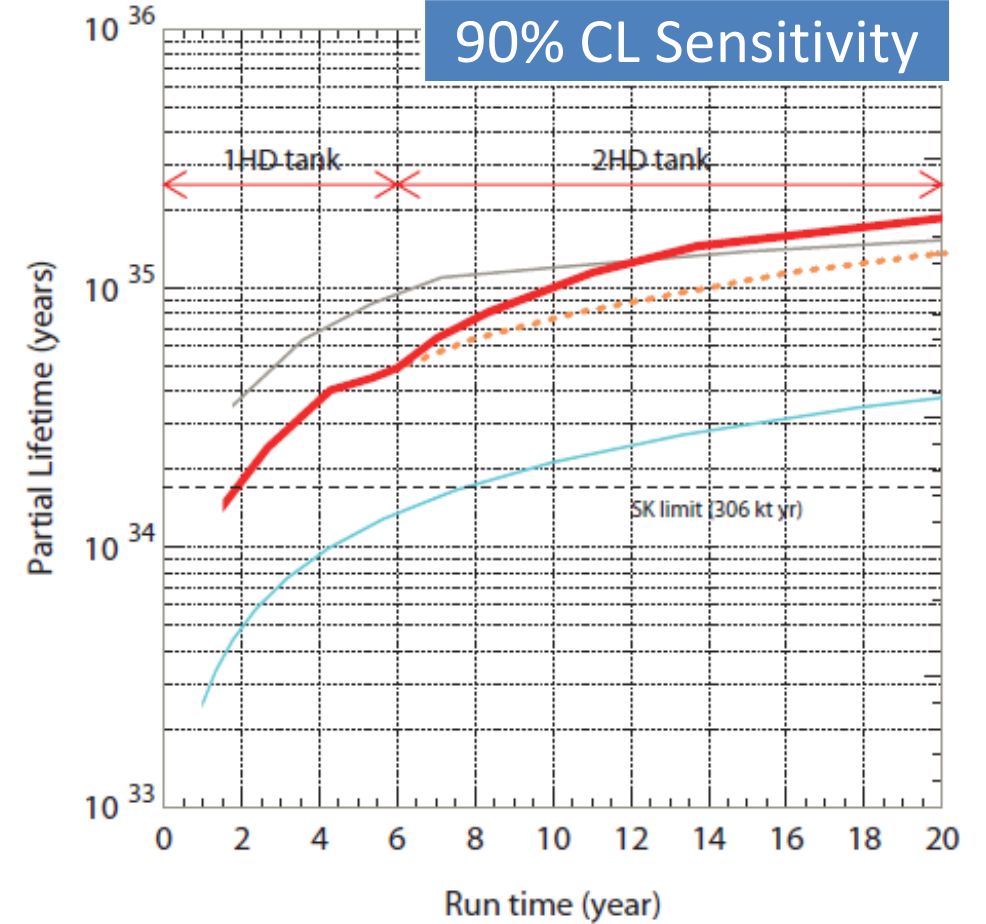
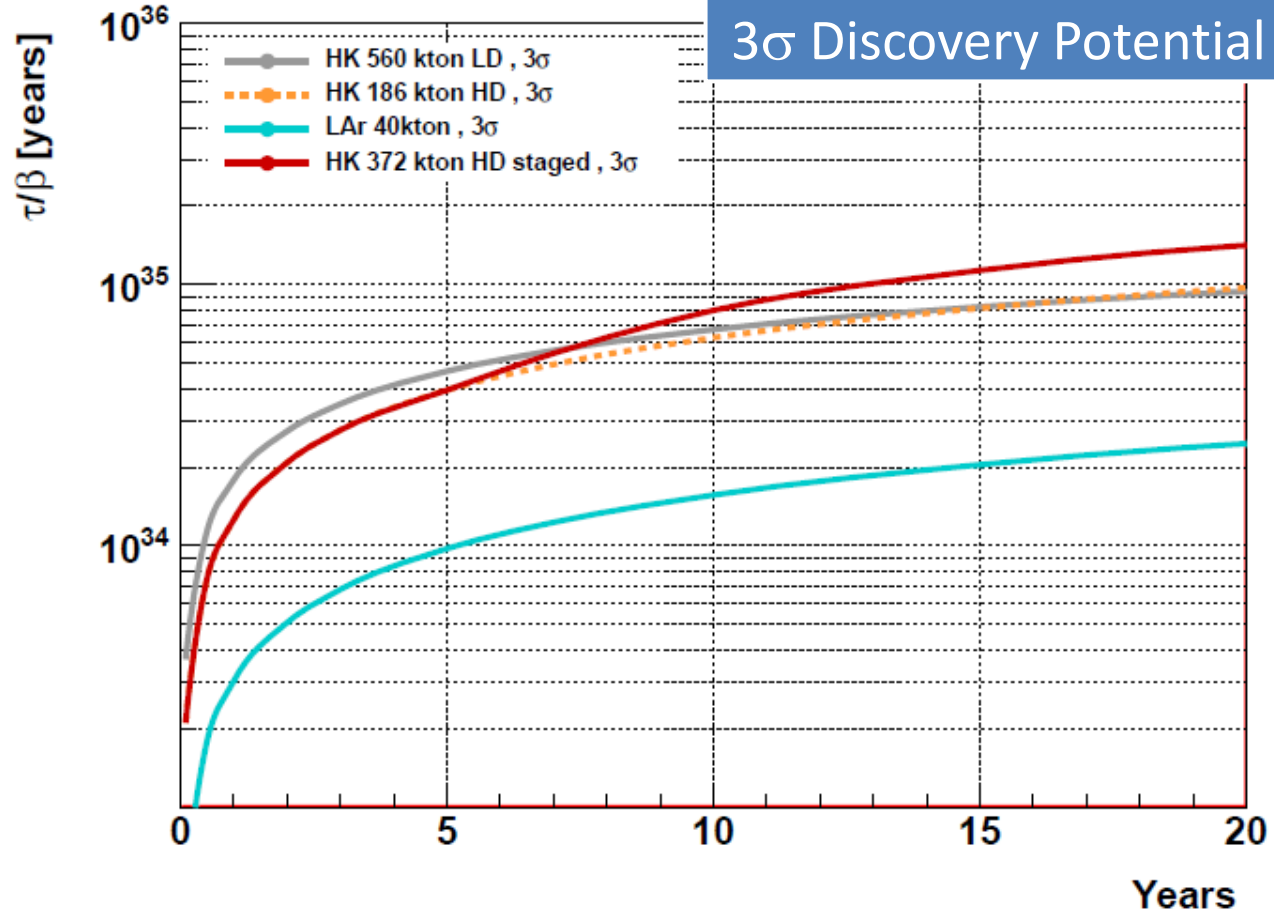
# Proton decay ( $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ )



	$P_{\text{total}} < 100 \text{ MeV/c}$		$P_{\text{total}} < 250 \text{ MeV/c}$	
	efficiency	Background (/Mtonyr)(*)	Efficiency	Background (/Mtonyr)(*)
Hyper-K	18.7%	0.06	38.1%	0.68

(\*) Neutron tagging included to reduce the background

# $P \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ : sensitivity

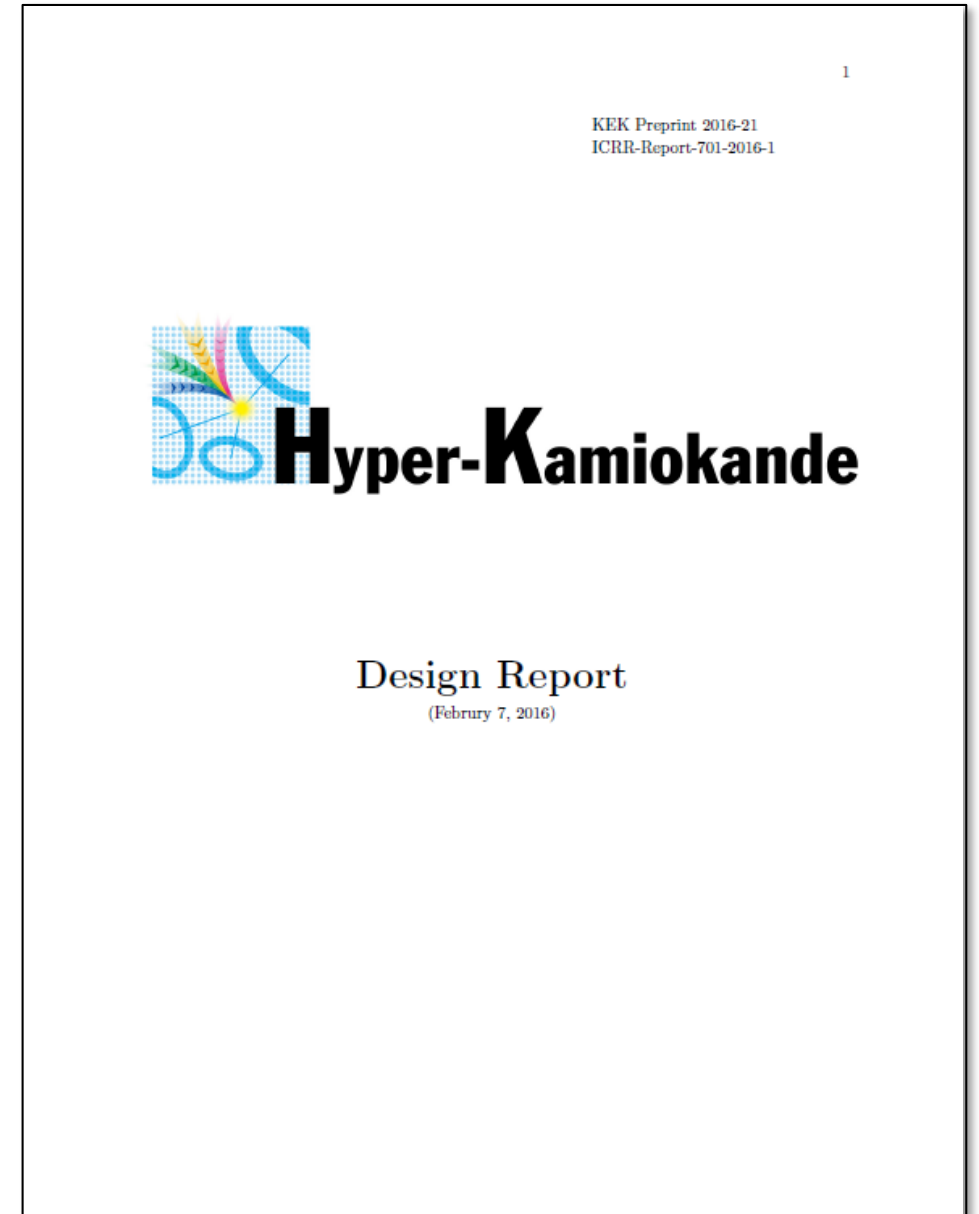


- ✓  $> 1 \times 10^{35}$  years after 2.7 Mton yr (90%CL). Or 3 $\sigma$  evidence for  $1 \times 10^{35}$  years with 4.0 Mtonyr.
- ✓ If proton lifetime is near the current Super-K limit ( $1.7 \times 10^{34}$  years), Hyper-K will observe a positive signal at 8.9 $\sigma$  in 2.7 Mtonyr exposure.

(Lines for the liquid argon experiment have been generated based on numbers in the literature (efficiency: 45% bkg: 1 event/Mtonyr ).)

# Status of Hyper-K

- ✓ The design report has been written and reviewed by the Hyper-K Advisory Committee.
- ✓ The plan of Hyper-K was submitted to the Science Council of Japan (SCJ). If things goes well, Hyper-K will be listed as one of the “Master Plan Projects” of SCJ.
- ✓ Then, Hyper-K will be reviewed by the Ministry of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in 2017. If it is evaluated highly, it will be listed in the MEXT “Roadmap”.
- ✓ Then, ...



# Summary

- Kamiokade observed Supernova neutrinos, atmospheric  $\nu_\mu$  deficit and confirmed solar  $\nu_e$  deficit. These results gave strong motivation for the construction of Super-Kamiokande.
- In 1998, Super-Kamiokande discovered atmospheric neutrino oscillations.
- Precise solar neutrino studies in Super-K contributed to the discovery of solar  $\nu_e$  oscillations.
- Since then, Super-Kamiokande has been contributing to the studies of neutrino oscillations.
- It is already 20 years since the beginning of the Super-Kamiokande experiment. Super-K is still going to improve the detector to observe anti- $\nu_e$ 's from the past Supernovae.
- Now, Hyper-K is proposed as the successor of Super-Kamiokande.