

θ_{13}

*The Key
to CP (?)*

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The Mass Mixing Matrix for Neutrinos

Quarks mix via the CKM matrix;
neutrinos mix via the MNSP matrix ...

$$U_{\text{MNSP}} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} \sin \theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta} \sin \theta_{13} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

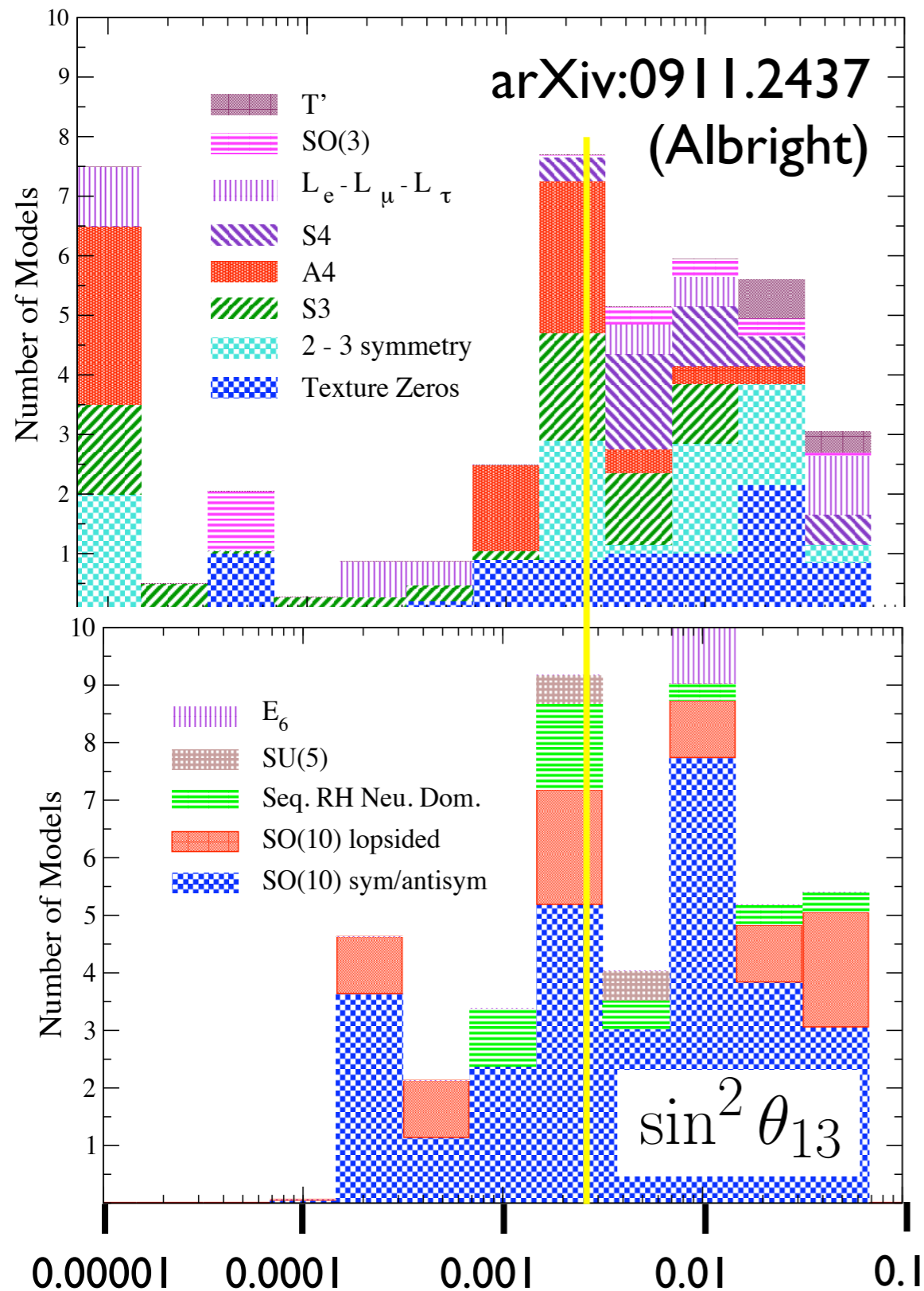
Atmospheric neutrinos, confirmed with MINOS and K2K

CP Violation!

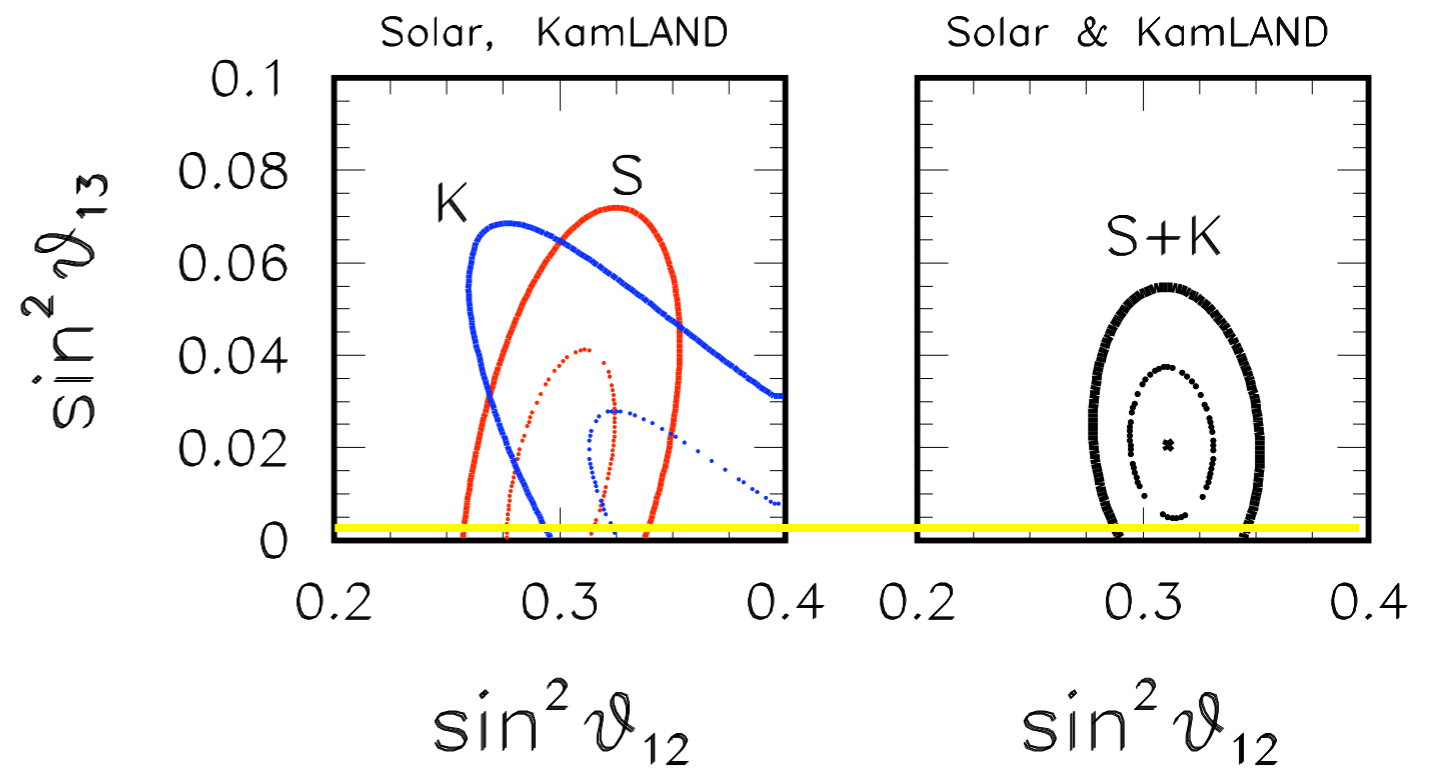
The extent depends on the size of θ_{13} , but current limits are consistent with zero.

Solar neutrinos, confirmed with KamLAND

Values for θ_{13} : Theory and Experiment



Fogli, et al, PRL 101(2008)141801



Expected sensitivity

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \approx \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}$$

Measuring Mixing: Neutrino Oscillations

Illustrate with
two flavors:

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \cos\theta_{ab}|\nu_a\rangle + \sin\theta_{ab}|\nu_b\rangle$$

$$|\nu_\beta\rangle = -\sin\theta_{ab}|\nu_a\rangle + \cos\theta_{ab}|\nu_b\rangle$$

Let it fly:

$$|\nu(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt}|\nu_\alpha\rangle$$

What is the
probability of
detecting what
you had first?

$$P = |\langle\nu_\alpha|\nu(t)\rangle|^2$$

$$= 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{ab} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{ab}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

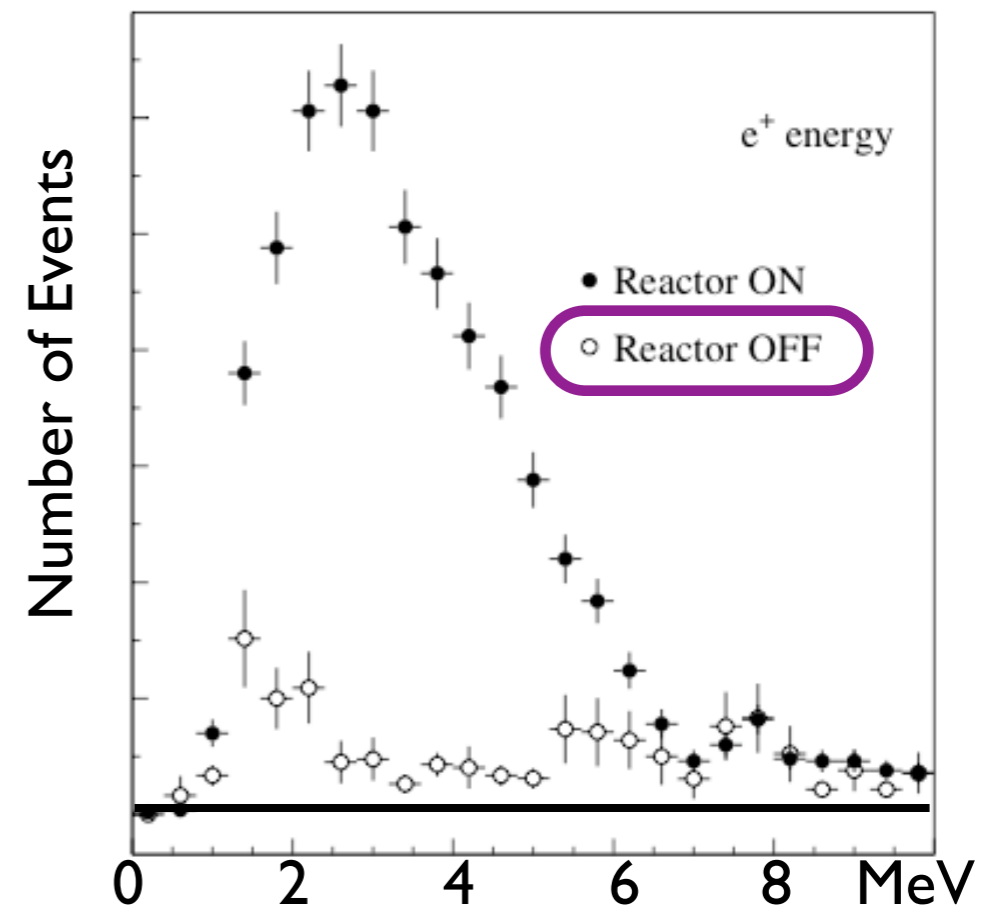
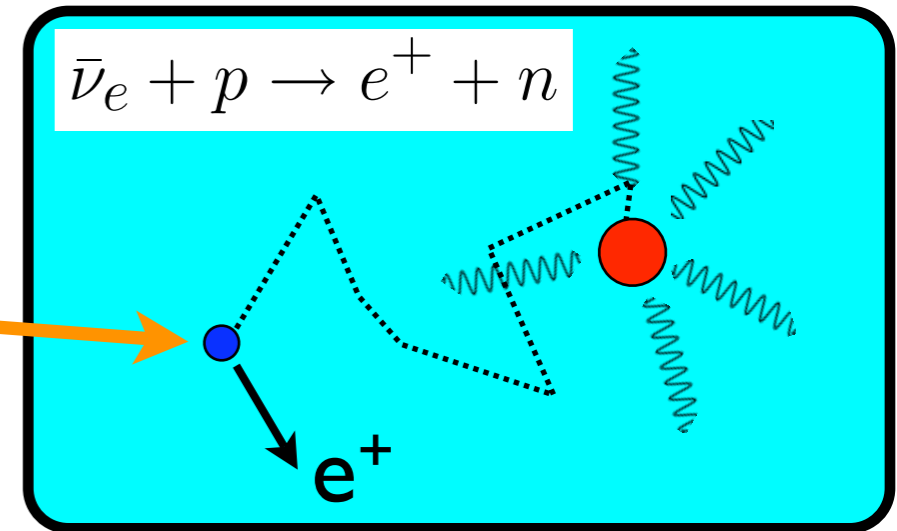
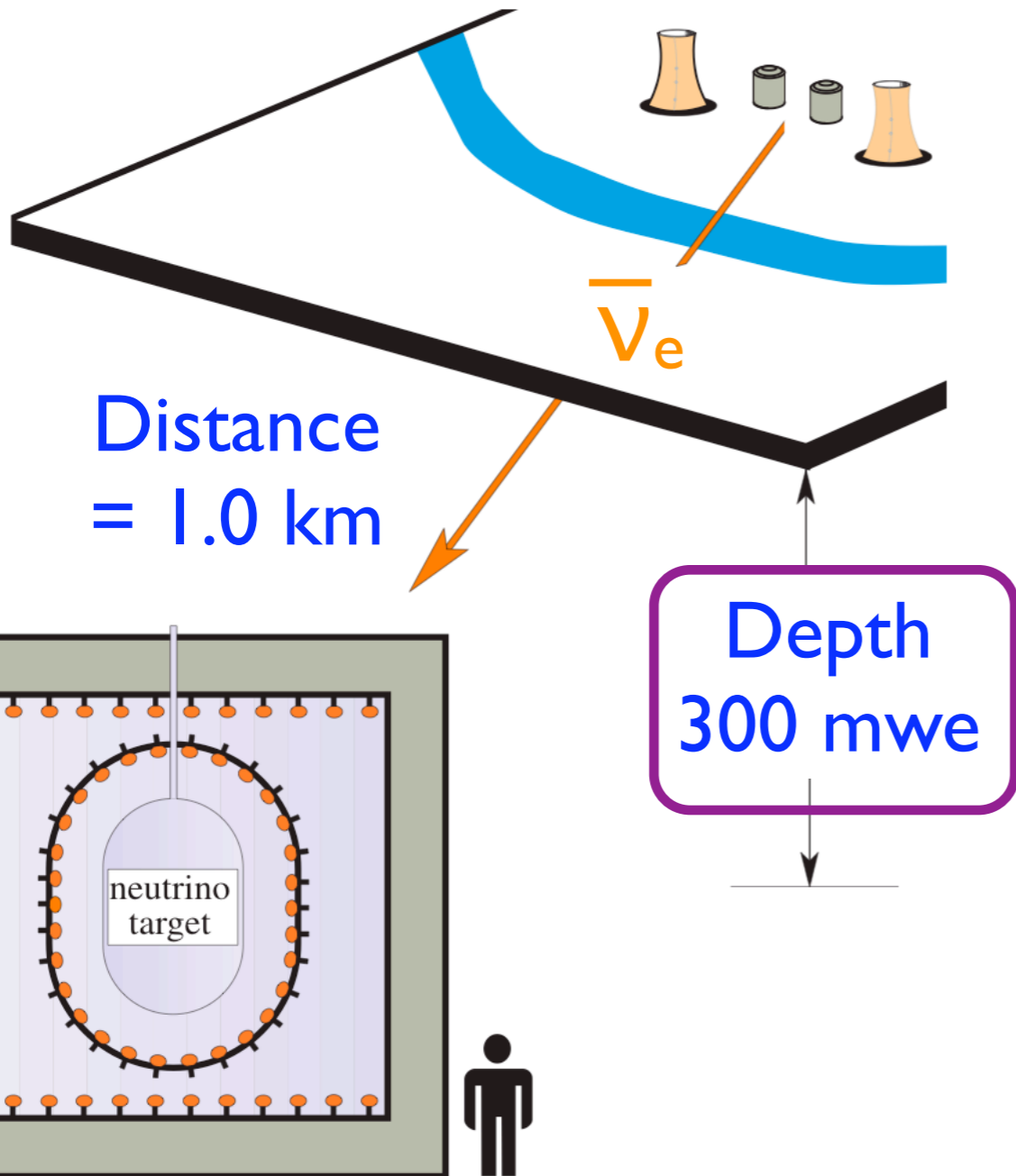
Mixing angle
sets the size
of the effect...

... but you need
to match L and
E to Δm^2 !

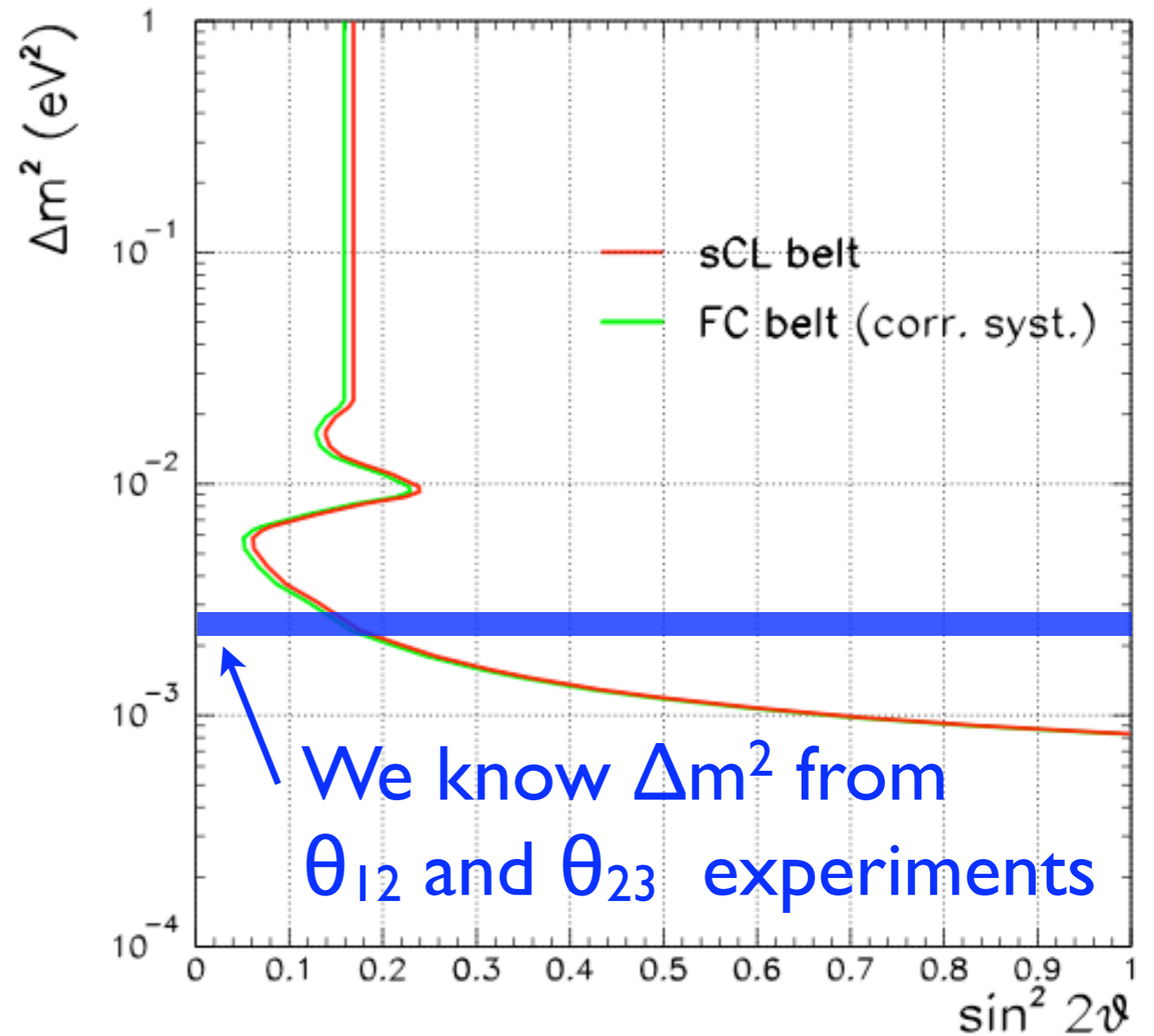
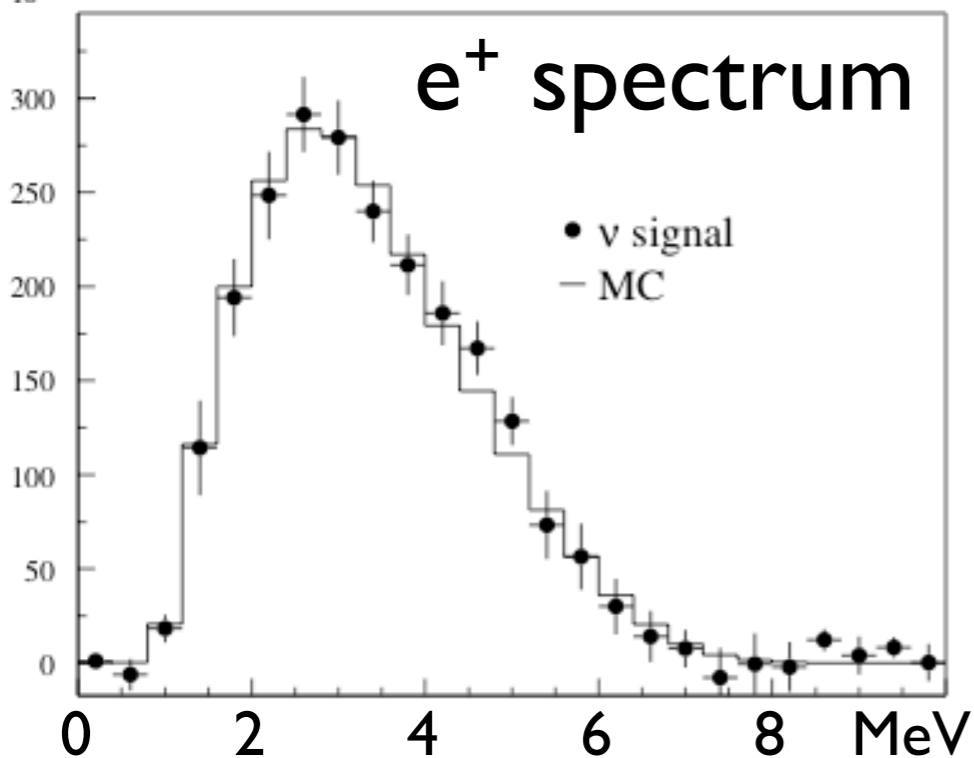
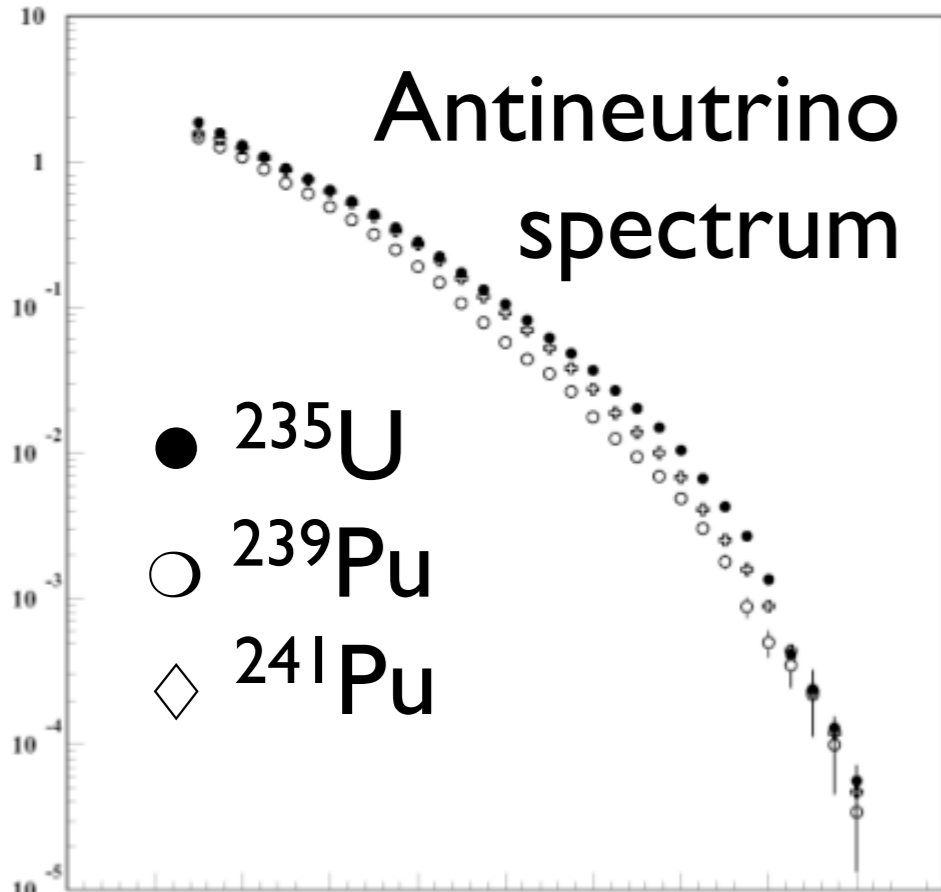
Measuring θ_{13} at Nuclear Reactors

Example (Chooz): Appolonio, et al., EPJ 27(2003)331

Reactors: 2×4.2 GWth

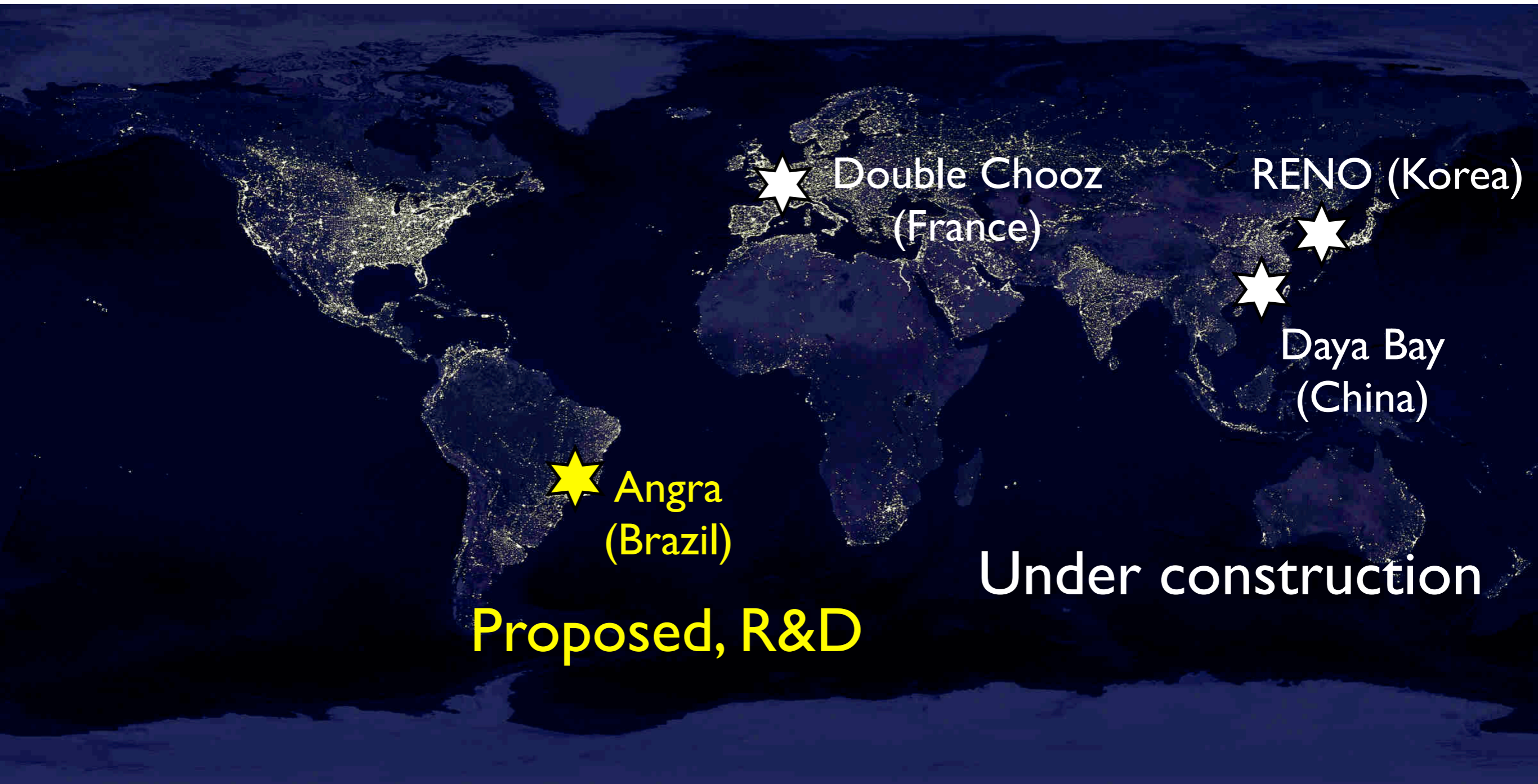


Interpreting the e^+ Energy Spectrum



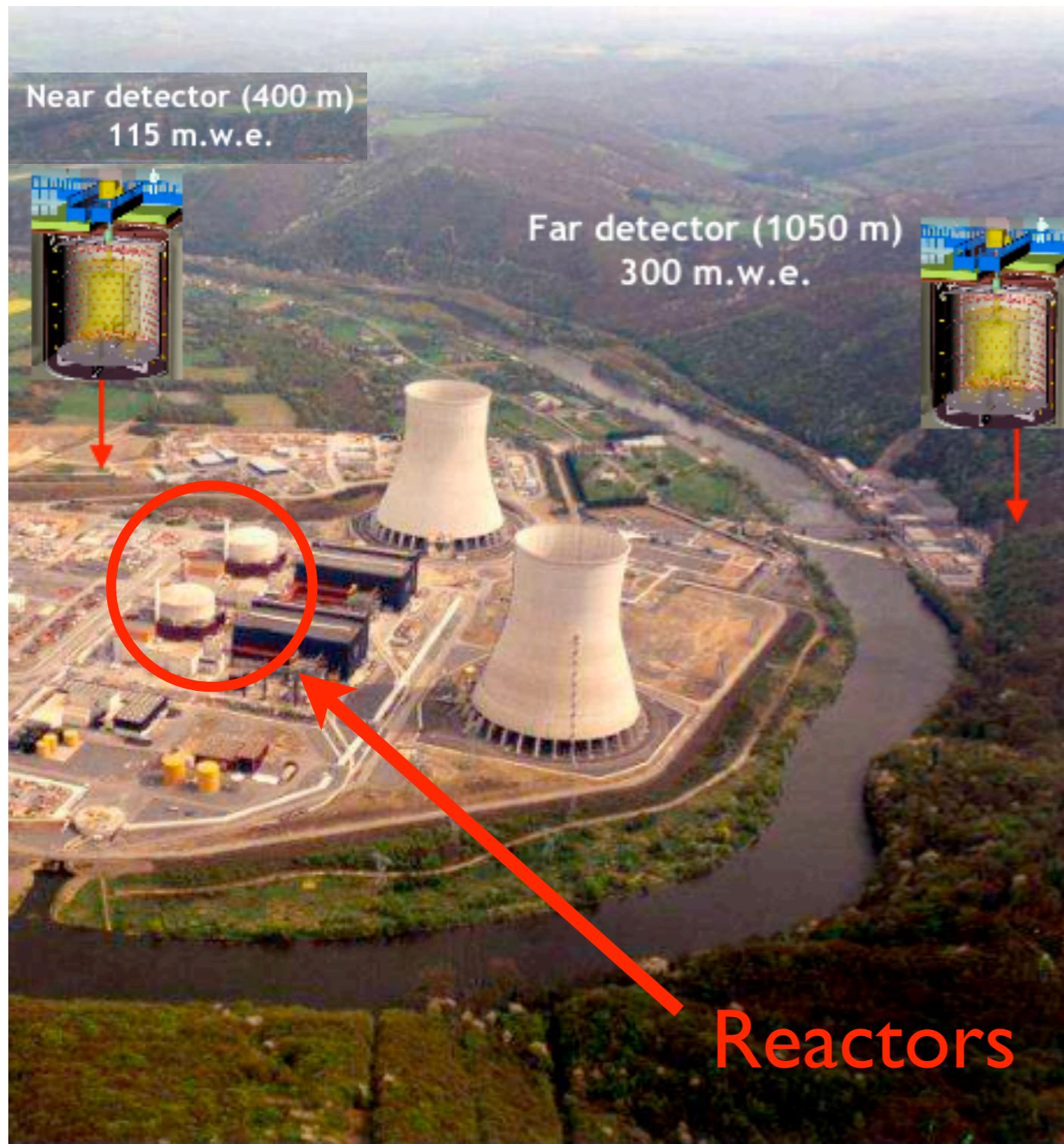
The correct baseline optimizes sensitivity!

Current θ_{13} Reactor Experiments



The Innovation: A “Near” Detector to Monitor the Flux

Double Chooz



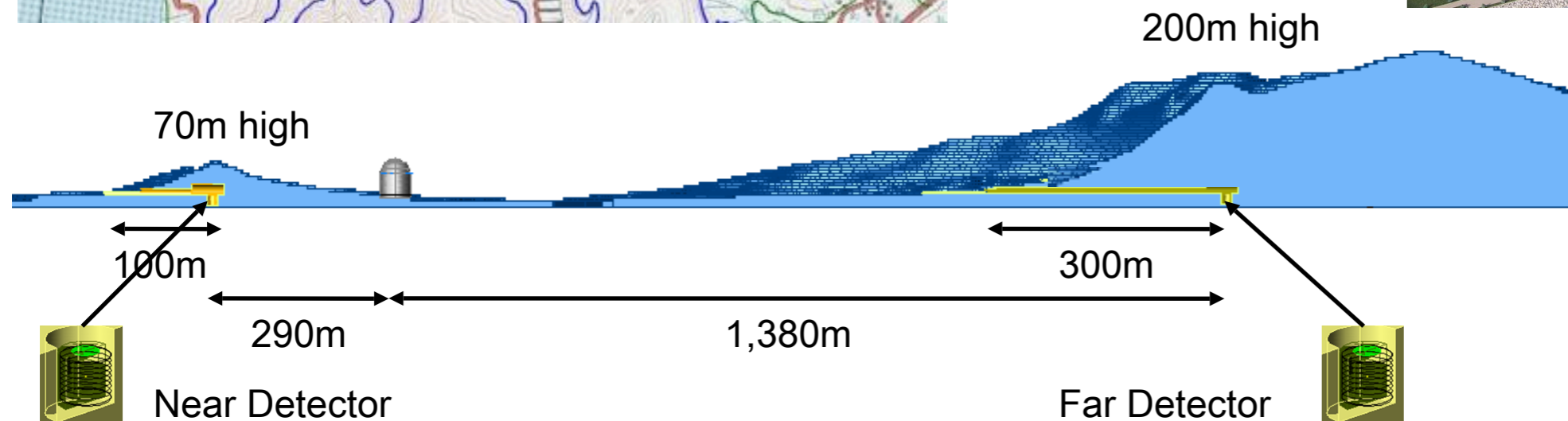
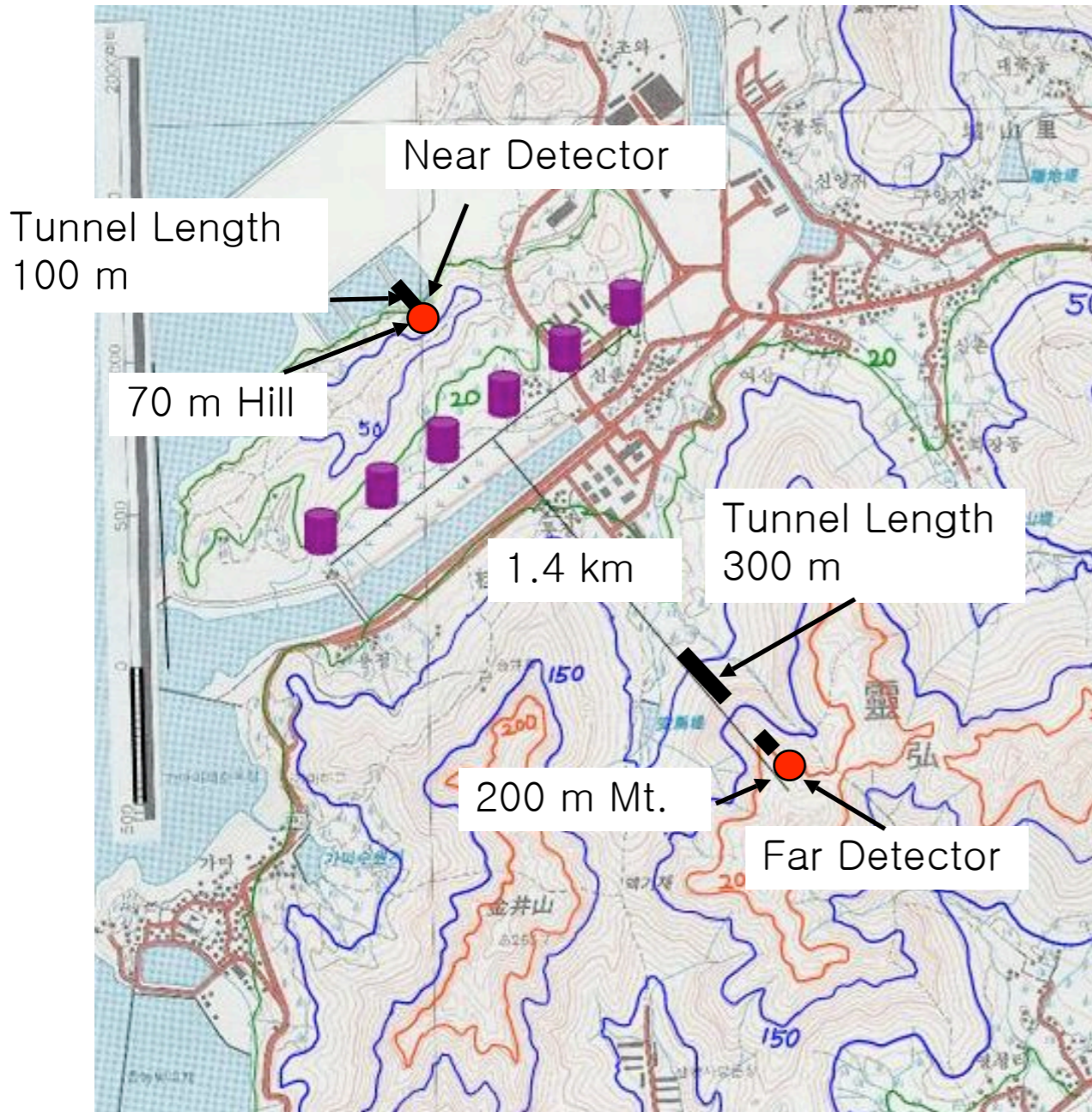
I. Gil-Botella,
J.Phys. Conf. 171 (2009)012067

**Far detector vessel
with PMTs installed**



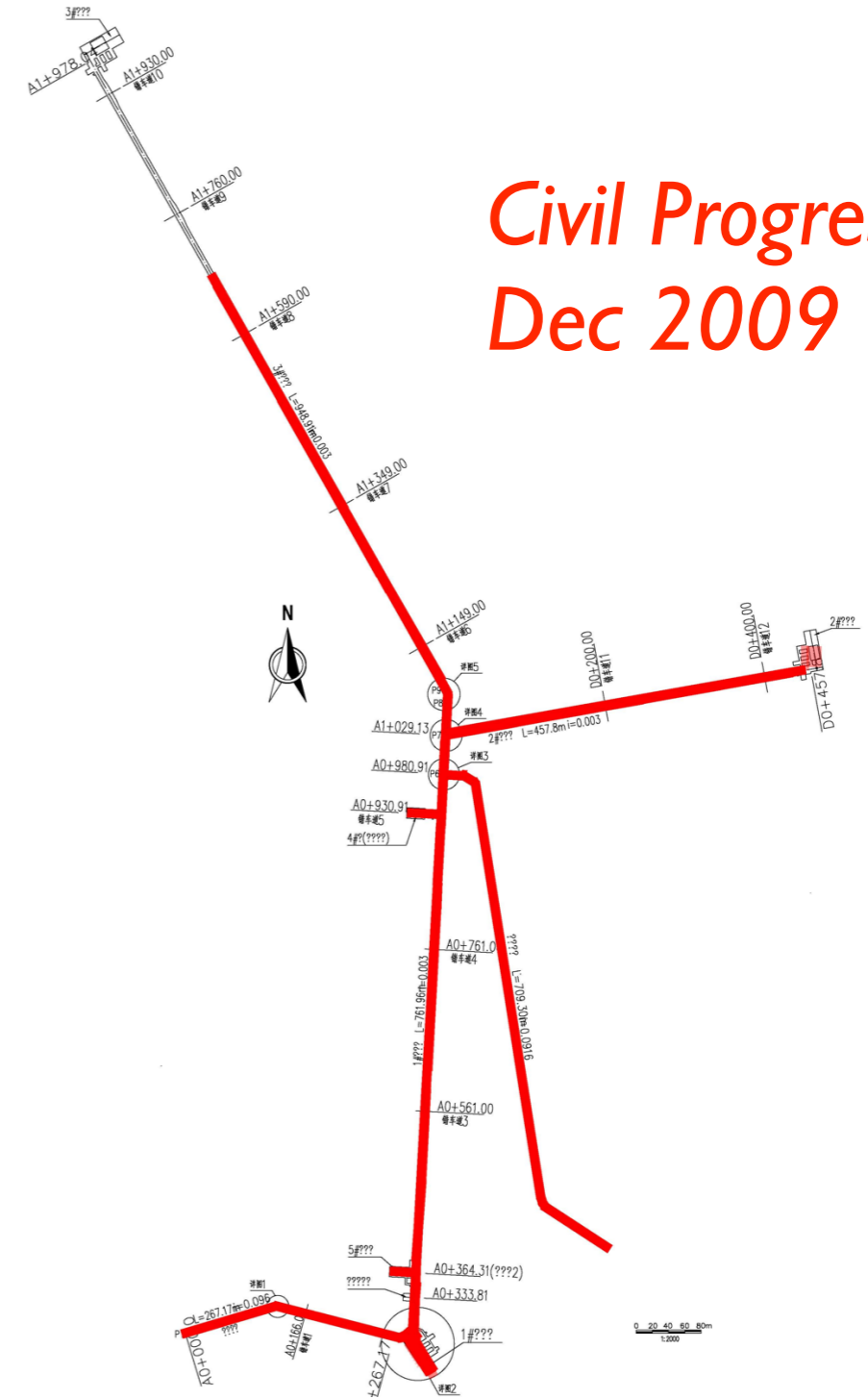
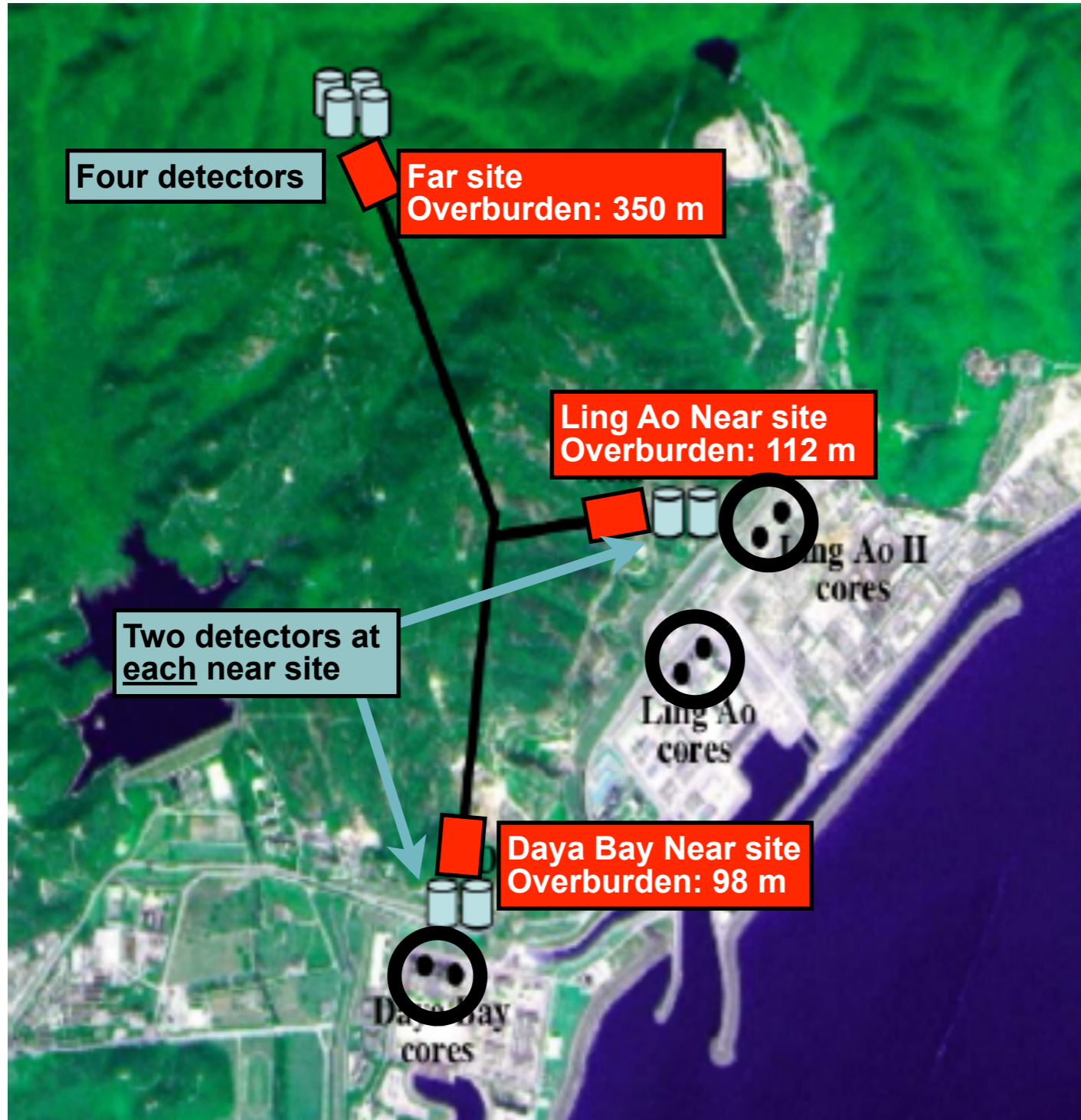
RENO

S.B.Kim, J.Phys. Conf. 120(2008)052025
Y.Oh, Nucl.Phys.B (Proc) 188(2009)109
(See also DBD 2007 and TAUP 2007)



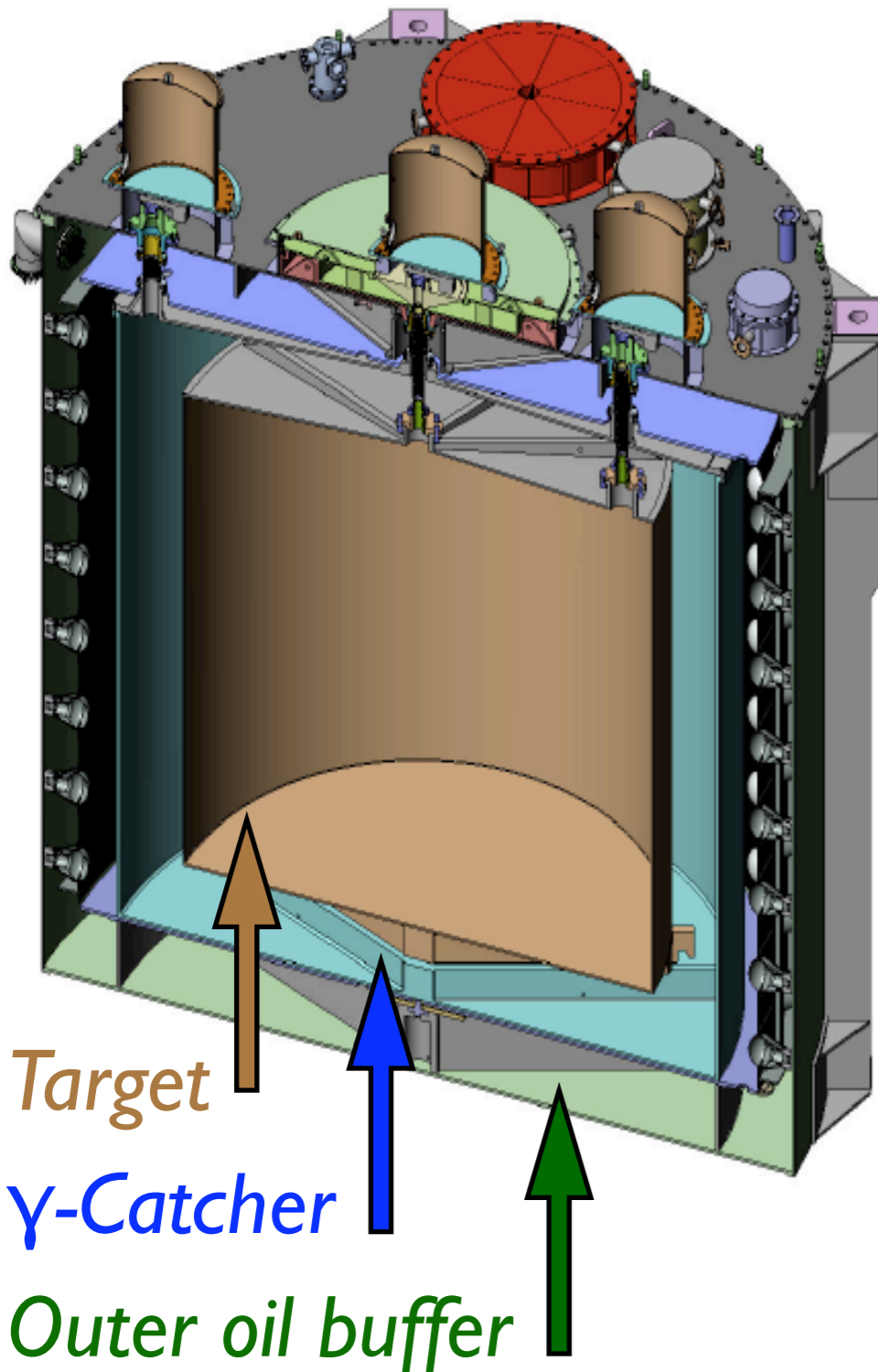
Daya Bay

Proposal - arXiv: hep-ex/0701029
 W.Wang, arXiv: hep-ex/0910.4605



Civil Progress
 Dec 2009

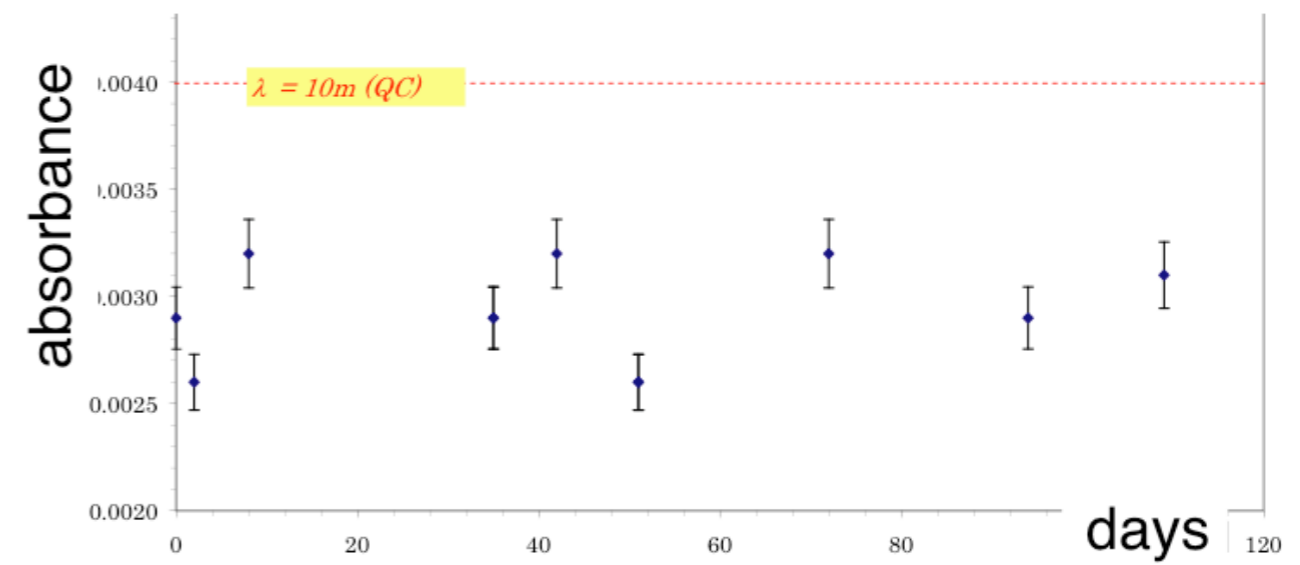
$\bar{\nu}_e$ Detectors: Three Zones



Gd-LAB Liquid Scintillator

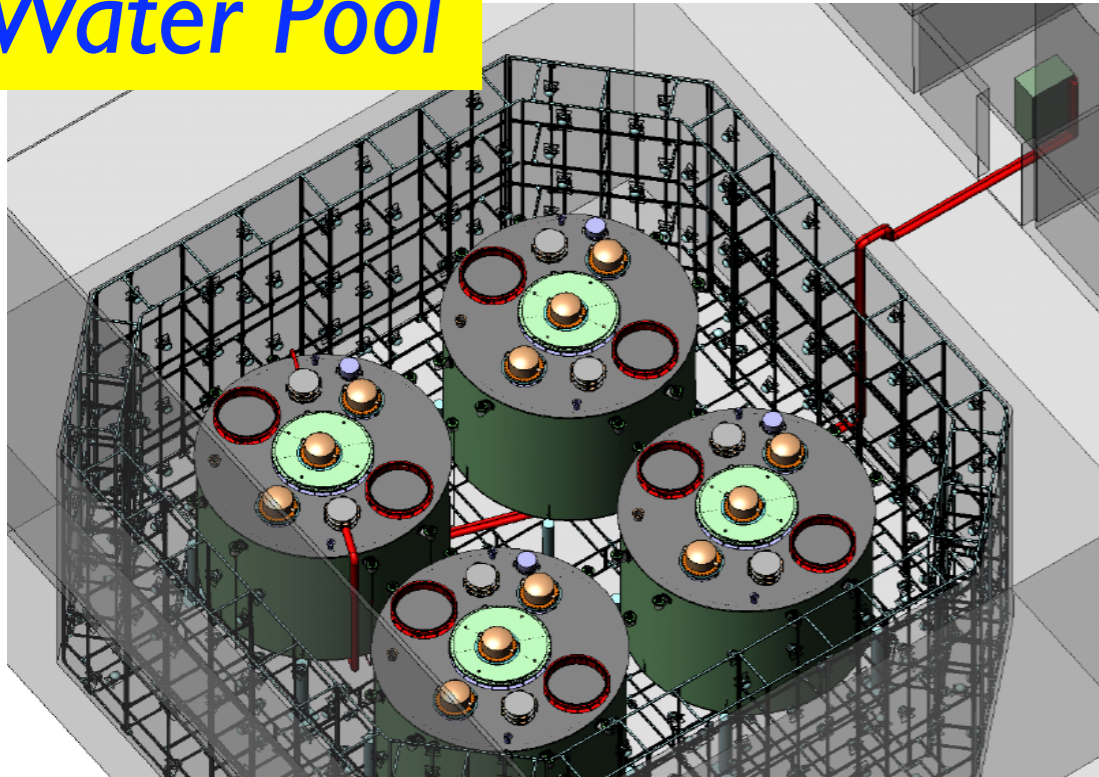


Liquid clarity is important

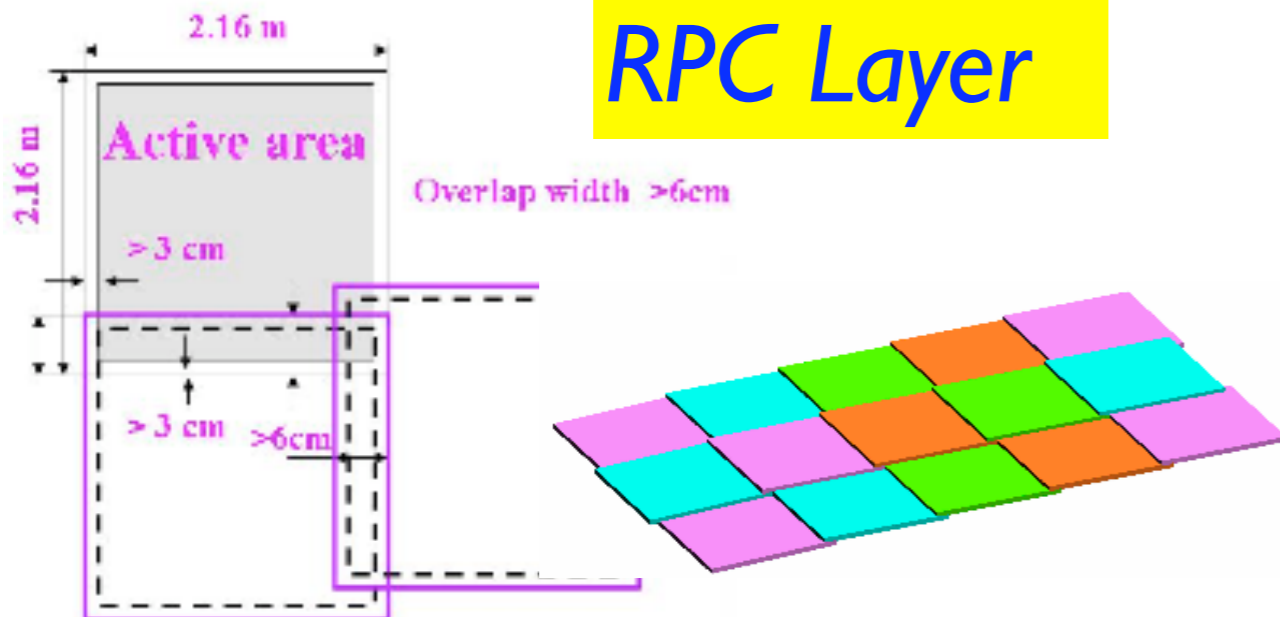


Muon Shielding

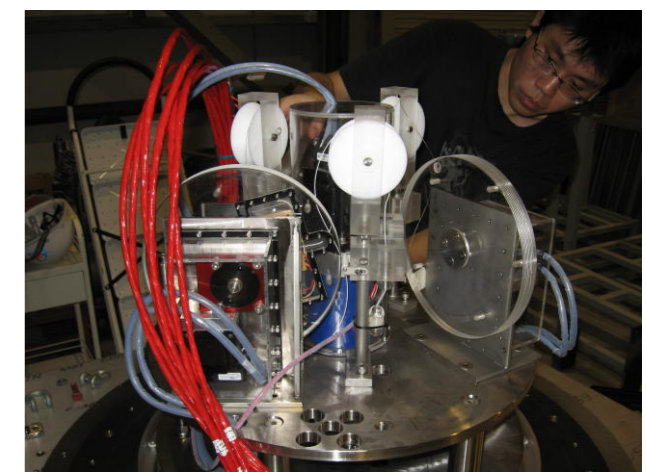
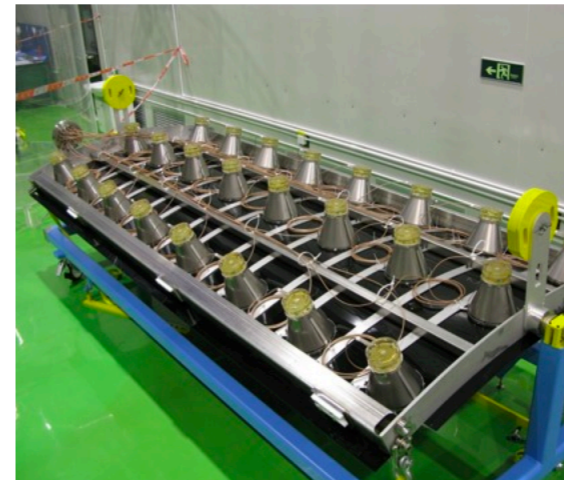
Water Pool



RPC Layer



Daya Bay: Progress

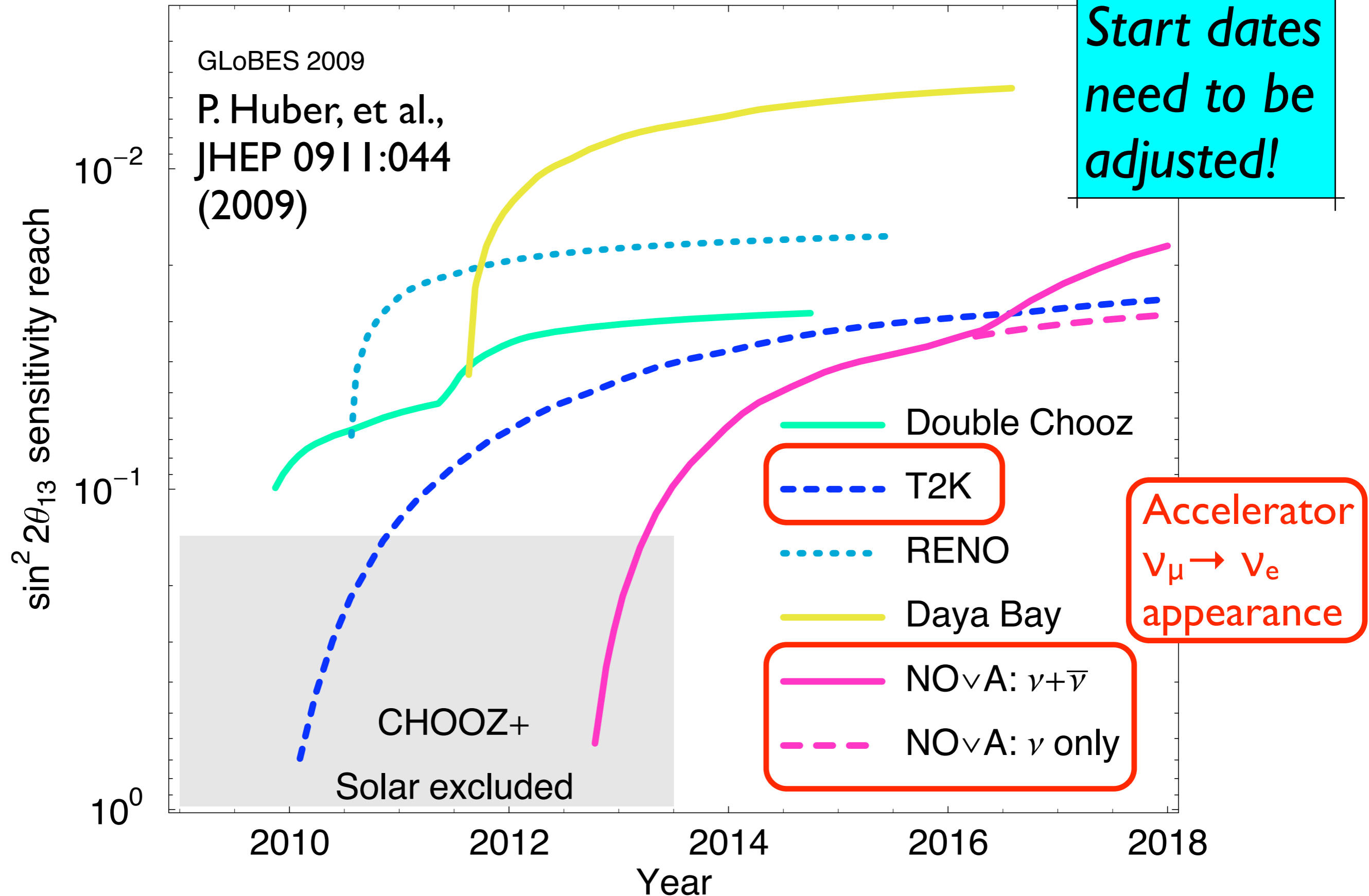


DB Near Physics Ready: 2010
Far Hall Physics Ready: 2011

Reactor θ_{13} Experiments

	Thermal Power (GW)	Mass (Tons)	Near		Far		δ_{SYST} (%)
			Dist (m)	Depth (mwe)	Dist (m)	Depth (mwe)	
Double Chooz	8.5	2×10	400	115	1050	300	0.6
RENO	16.4	2×16	290	130	1380	460	0.5
Daya Bay	17.4	8×20	363 & 481	260	1985 & 1613	910	> 0.2 < 0.4

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ sensitivity limit (NH, 90% CL)



Conclusion

- Establishing $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ critical for next phase in CPV
- Expect $\approx 1\%$ sensitivity from reactor experiments over the next few years
- Keep your fingers crossed that θ_{13} big enough for the “superbeam” experiments

Thanks!

