The Current and Future Neutrino Program

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The Present Neutrino Landscape

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha/2+i\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.54\,^{+0.26}_{-0.22} \times 10^{-5}\ eV^2$

$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.42\,^{+0.07}_{-0.11} \times 10^{-3}\ eV^2$

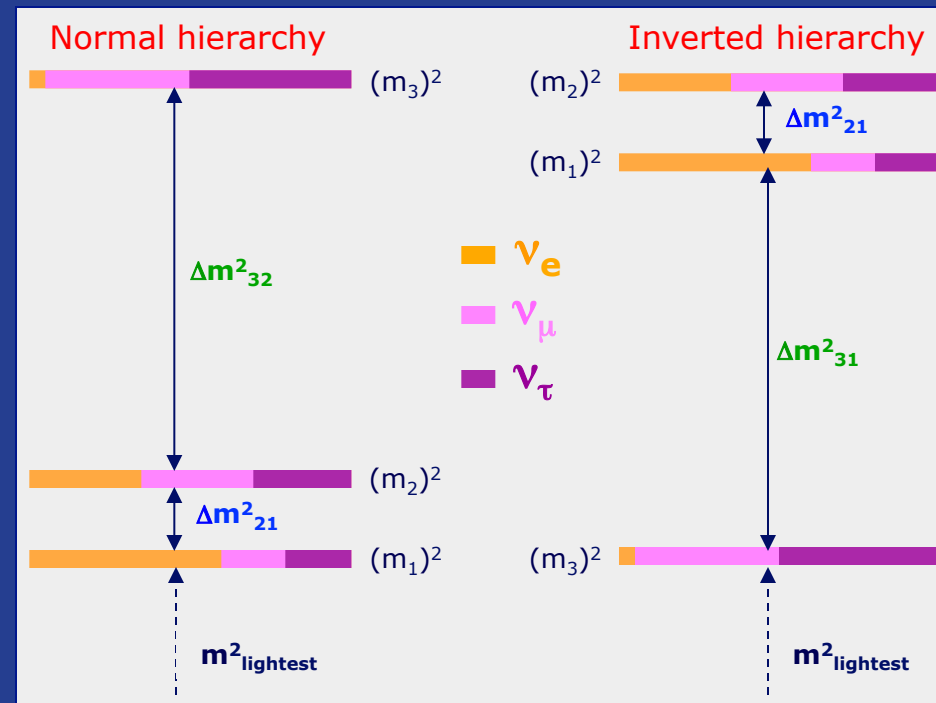$m(\nu_e) < 2.3\ eV\ (95\%\ CL)$

$\theta_{12} = 33.6\,^{+1.1}_{-1.0}\ deg$

$\theta_{23} = 38.6\,^{+2.4}_{-1.4}\ deg$
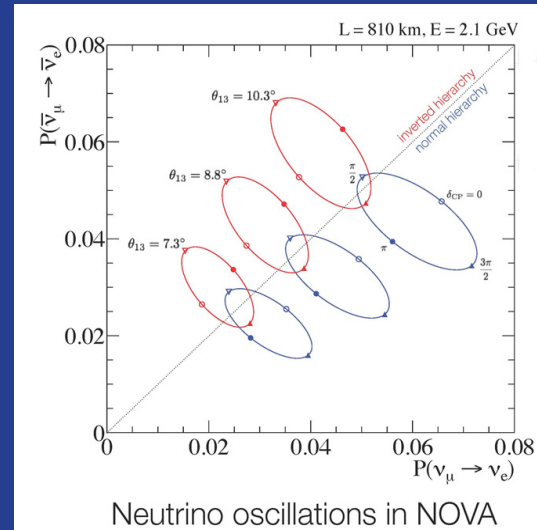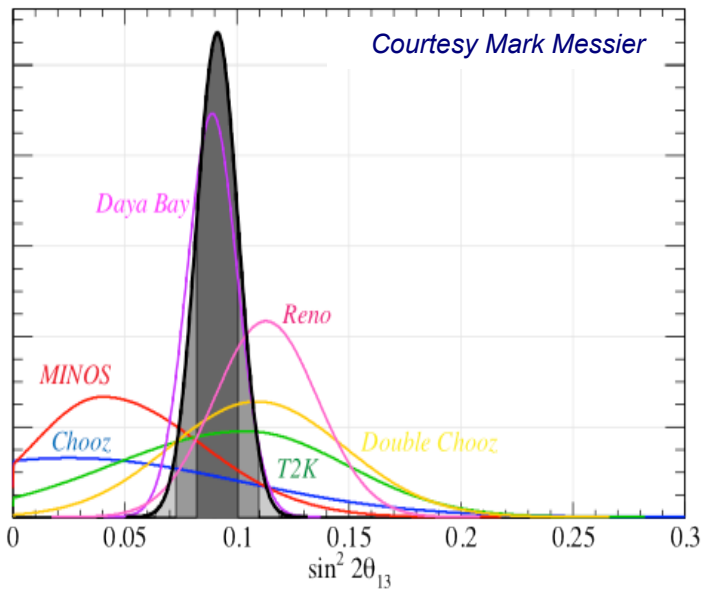
$\theta_{13} = 9.0\,^{+0.4}_{-0.5}\ deg$

$m_{lightest} = ?$

$sign\ \Delta m_{32}^2 = ?$

$\delta = ?$

Normal hierarchy   Inverted hierarchy

$(m_3)^2$ $(m_2)^2$

$(m_1)^2$

Δm_{21}^2

Δm_{32}^2

Δm_{31}^2

ν_e

ν_μ

ν_τ

$(m_2)^2$

$(m_1)^2$ $(m_3)^2$

Δm_{21}^2

$m_{lightest}^2$ $m_{lightest}^2$

Marginalized 1D !σ uncertainties, Fogli et al 1205.5254, C.Kraus et al Eur. Phys. J. C40, 447 (2005)

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Now That We Know θ_{13} Is 9°…

Now that we know that θ_{13} has a large value long baseline neutrino physics is richer and near term experiments have some sensitivity to hierarchy


Neutrino oscillations in NOVA

same L/E as NOvA

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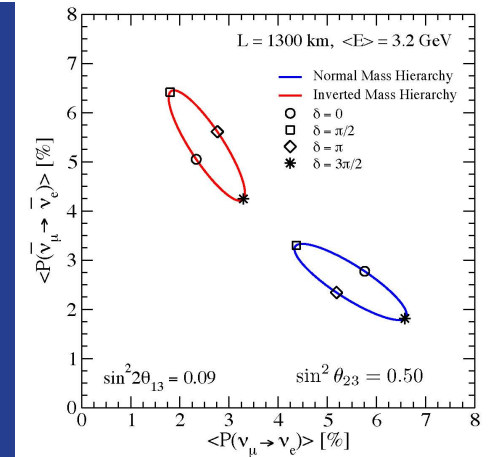
Worldwide Experimental Thrusts in Neutrino Physics

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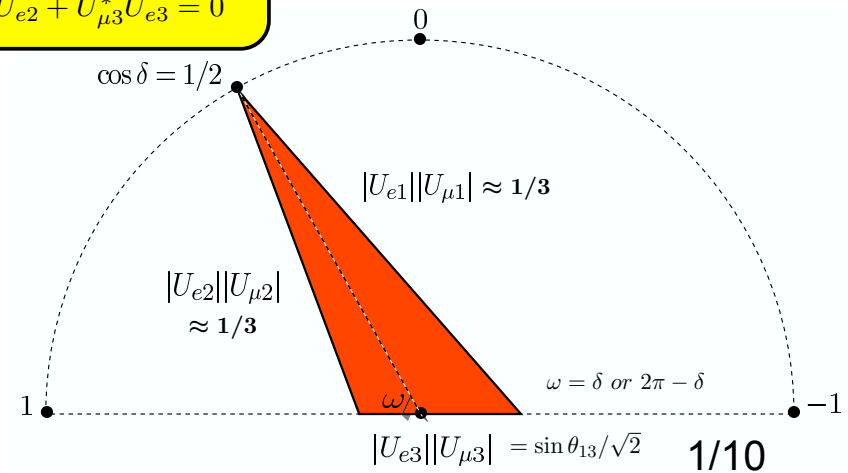3) **Carry out the neutrino engineering measurements that make 1) and 2) possible**

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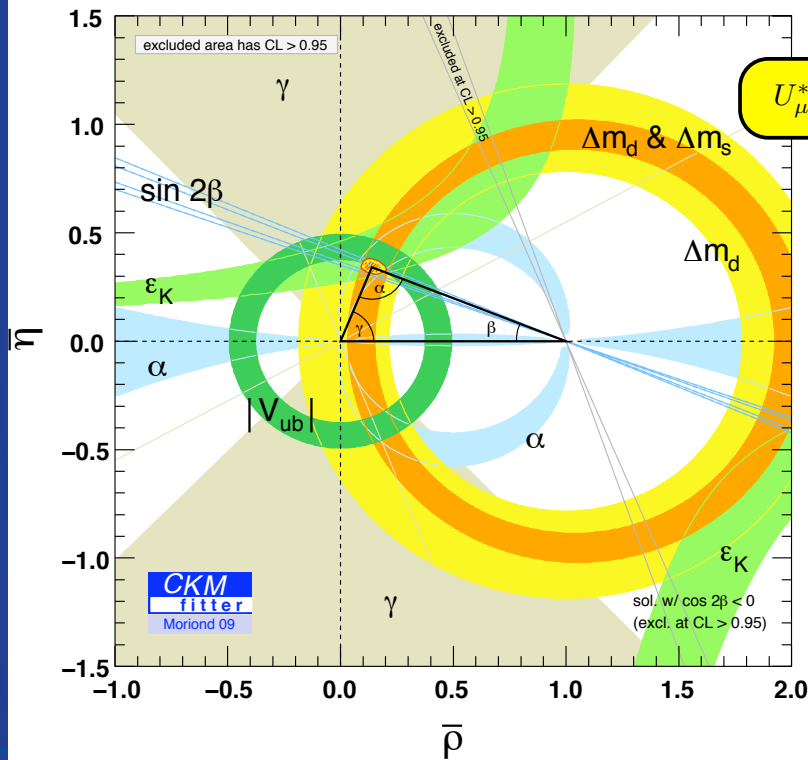
Unitarity Triangle:

$$U_{\mu 1}^* U_{e1} + U_{\mu 2}^* U_{e2} + U_{\mu 3}^* U_{e3} = 0$$

$|J| = 2 \times \mathcal{Area}$

$J = s_{12} c_{12} s_{23} c_{23} s_{13} c_{13}^2 \sin \delta$

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Quarks

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Why Answer the Big Neutrino Questions?

Masses & Mixings (conti.)

Models predict relationships between neutrino parameters

- ☐ Quark-Lepton Complementarity $\quad \theta_{12} + \theta_C = 45^o$

- ☐ Solar sum rules

Bimaximal	$\theta_{12} = 45^o + \theta_{13}\cos\delta$
Tri-bimaximal	$\theta_{12} = 35^o + \theta_{13}\cos\delta$
Golden Ratio	$\theta_{12} = 32^o + \theta_{13}\cos\delta$

Plus HO corrections...

- ☐ Atm. sum rules

Tri-bimaximal-Cabibbo $\quad \theta_{12} = 35^o \quad \theta_{23} = 45^o$
$\theta_{13} = \theta_C/\sqrt{2} = 9.2^o$

Trimaximal1 $\quad \theta_{23} = 45^o + \sqrt{2}\theta_{13}\cos\delta$

Trimaximal2 $\quad \theta_{23} = 45^o - \dfrac{\theta_{13}}{\sqrt{2}}\cos\delta$

Plus Charged Lepton Corrections...

Now that θ_{13} is measured these predict $\cos\delta$

Precision Parameter Measurement
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Model Discrimination
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Underlying Physics

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Why Answer the Big Neutrino Questions?

- A(The?) Big Question:-
    - Today: B = #(Baryons) - #(Antibaryons) ≠ 0
    - Standard cosmology: Right after the big bang B = 0
    - How did B=0 ➜ B≠0 ?

- B=0 ➜ B≠0 requires CP violation (A.D.Sakharov JETP 5: 24-27 (1967))

- The CP violation in the CKM matrix leads to a Baryon Number B far smaller than that observed

- Leptogenesis *can* explain the observed Baryon Number through CP violating heavy neutrino decays (M. Fukugita and T. Yanagida, Phys. Lett. B 174, 45 (1986))

- *Generically*, leptogenesis and light neutrino CP violation imply each other

- So look for light neutrino CP violation

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Current and Planned Fermilab Neutrino Experiments

Experiment	Beamline	Status	# institutions (# countries)	# publications
ArgoNeut	NuMI	Completed 2010	9(3)	1 phys, 2 instr
MINOS	NuMI	Completed 2012	30(5)	28 phys, 23 instr
MINERvA	NuMI	Running	21(8)	1 phys, 1 instr
NOvA	NuMI	Under Construction	32(5)	-
MINOS+	NuMI	Fermilab Approved	34(6)	-
MiniBooNE	BNB	Completed 2012	19(2)	22 phys, 1 instr
SciBooNE	BNB	Completed 2008	17(5)	7 phys
MicroBooNE	BNB	Under Construction	16(3)	-
LBNE	LBNE Beamline	Seeking CD1	62(5)	-

The Fermilab Neutrino Program involves 120 institutions from 15 countries

NuMI = Neutrinos from the Main Injector: 120 GeV protons on a carbon target

BNB = Booster Neutrino Beamline: 8 GeV protons on a beryllium target

LBNE Beamline: 60 -120 GeV protons from the Main Injector

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Project X Example Power Staging Plan

Program:	Onset of NOvA operations in 2013	Stage-1: 1 GeV CW Linac driving Booster & Muon, n/edm programs	Stage-2: Upgrade to 3 GeV CW Linac	Stage-3: Project X RDR	Stage-4: Beyond RDR: 8 GeV power upgrade to 4MW
MI neutrinos	470-700 kW**	515-1200 kW**	1200 kW	2450 kW	2450-4000 kW
8 GeV Neutrinos	15 kW + 0-50 kW**	0-42 kW* + 0-90 kW**	0-84 kW*	0-172 kW*	3000 kW
8 GeV Muon program e.g, (g-2), Mu2e-1	20 kW	0-20 kW*	0-20 kW*	0-172 kW*	1000 kW
1-3 GeV Muon program, e.g. Mu2e-2	-----	80 kW	1000 kW	1000 kW	1000 kW
Kaon Program	0-30 kW** (<30% df from MI)	0-75 kW** (<45% df from MI)	1100 kW	1870 kW	1870 kW
Nuclear edm ISOL program	none	0-900 kW	0-900 kW	0-1000 kW	0-1000 kW
Ultra-cold neutron program	none	0-900 kW	0-900 kW	0-1000 kW	0-1000 kW
Nuclear technology applications	none	0-900 kW	0-900 kW	0-1000 kW	0-1000 kW
# Programs:	4	8	8	8	8
Total max power:	735 kW	2222 kW	4284 kW	6492 kW	11870kW

* Operating point in range depends on MI energy for neutrinos.

** Operating point in range is depends on MI injector slow-spill duty factor (df) for kaon program.

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Fermilab Experimental Thrusts in Neutrino Physics

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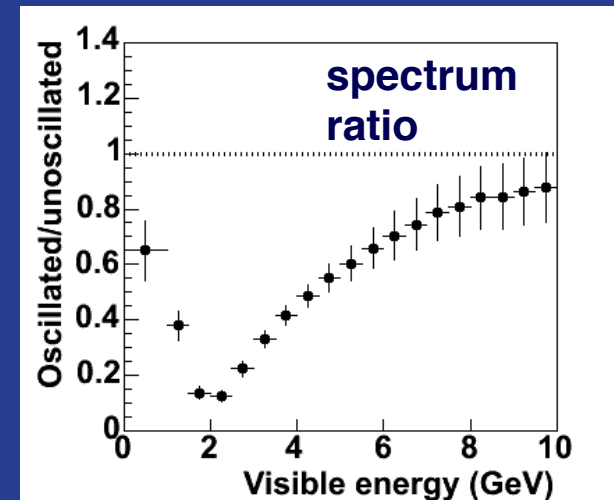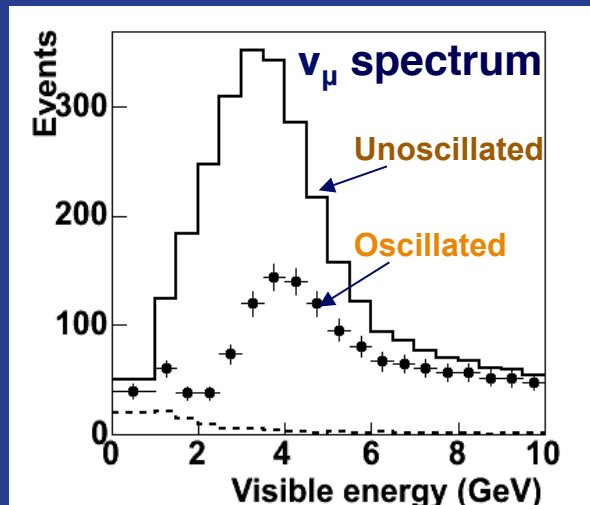
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Reveal the Pattern of Neutrino Masses and Mixings

- ## What are the neutrino masses?

    - Tritium β decay and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments

    - Not an area in which Fermilab participates

    - Cosmological constraints (here Fermilab does contribute)

- ## Are neutrinos their own anti-particles?

    - Several $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments worldwide

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Is θ_{23} Maximal?

- Study using ν_μ disappearance

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23})\sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2_{32} L / E)$$

- If it is maximal something is making it that way
  - A clue to the mixing parameters more generally?

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The MINOS Experiment
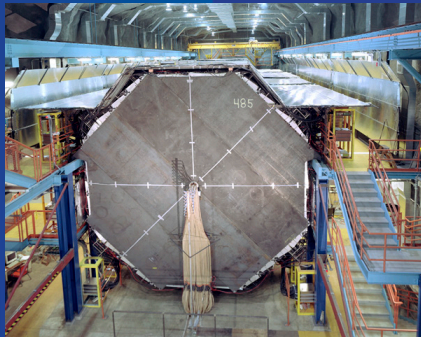
Far detector

Far Detector:
Soudan, Minnesota, 735 km from target
5.4 kton mass
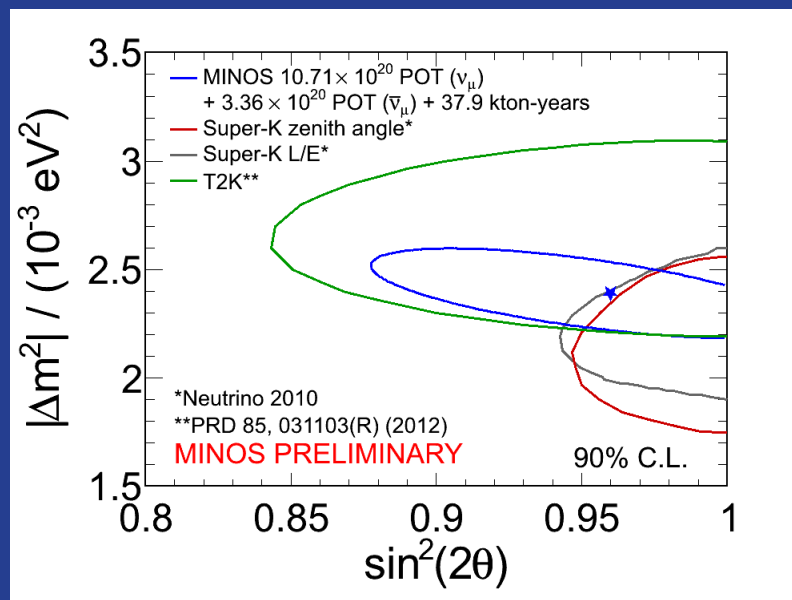484 steel/scintillator planes, $8\times8\times30$ m^3

107 collaborators from 30 institutions in 5 countries

Near Detector:
Fermilab, 1km from target
1 kton mass
282 steel planes
153 scintillator planes, $3.8\times4.8\times15$ m^3

Near detector

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Is θ_{23} Maximal?

- ## MINOS latest results announced at Neutrino 2012

- ## Full dataset
  - ### Both horn current modes + atmospheric neutrinos
- ## Two flavor oscillation assumption
  - ### Full three flavor analysis being worked on

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Is θ_{23} Maximal? – NOvA and T2K Sensitivities

NOvA

14 kton Fiducial
18×10^{20} POT ν
18×10^{20} POT $\bar{\nu}$

— 1σ CL
···· 2σ CL
+ Input Parameter

T2K

(0.75 kW x 5yr)

68% C.L.
90% C.L.
99% C.L.

stat. error only

LBNE

θ_{23}-Δm_{31}^2 sensitivity for LBNE LA detector (34 kt) 5 years in neutrino mode

5σ
3σ
1σ
MINOS 90% C.L., preliminary, Neutrino 2010
MINOS 68.3% C.L., preliminary, Neutrino 2010
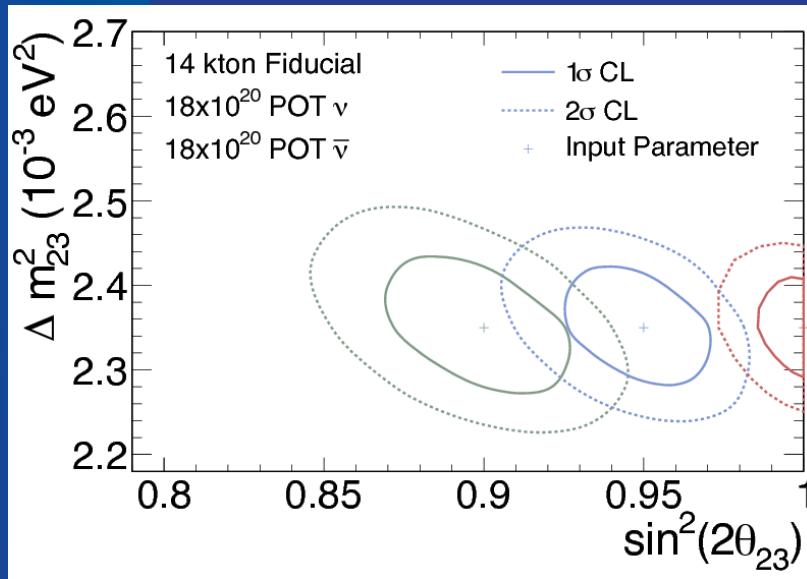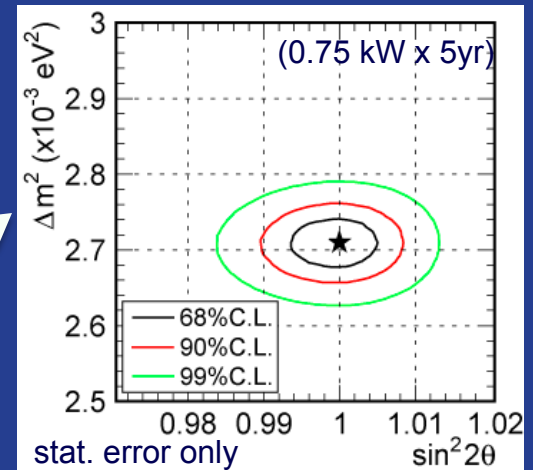
- NOvA and T2K measurements may well provide a "no" answer to the question
  - "Octant question" attacked by combining NOvA/T2K and reactor experiments

- If the question is still relevant at the end of the decade then LBNE can weigh in

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How are the Masses Ordered?

The mass hierarchy (sign of Δm_{32}^2) can be extracted from a comparison of $P(\nu_\mu$ to $\nu_e)$ to $P(\text{anti-}\nu_\mu$ to $\text{anti-}\nu_e)$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2\theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \frac{\sin^2(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)^2} \Delta_{31}^2$$

$$+ \cos^2\theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(aL)}{(aL)^2} \Delta_{21}^2$$

$$+ \cos\delta \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos\Delta_{32} \left(\frac{\sin(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)} \Delta_{31}\right)\left(\frac{\sin(aL)}{(aL)} \Delta_{21}\right)$$

$$+ \sin\delta \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin\Delta_{32} \left(\frac{\sin(\Delta_{31} - aL)}{(\Delta_{31} - aL)} \Delta_{31}\right)\left(\frac{\sin(aL)}{(aL)} \Delta_{21}\right)$$

$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e): \quad \sin\delta \rightarrow -\sin\delta, \quad a \rightarrow -a$ $\qquad \Delta_{ij} \equiv 1.27 \Delta m^2_{ij} L / E$

Matter effect $a \equiv G_F N_e / \sqrt{2} \approx (4000\,\text{km})^{-1}$ $\qquad$ L(km), E(GeV), m(eV)

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How are the Masses Ordered?

P($\bar{\nu}_e$) vs. P(ν_e) for $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1$

NOvA
$|\Delta m^2_{32}| = 2.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.095$
$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1.00$

$\Delta m^2 < 0$

$\Delta m^2 > 0$

○ $\delta = 0$
● $\delta = \pi/2$
□ $\delta = \pi$
■ $\delta = 3\pi/2$

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The NOvA Experiment

Far Detector:

14 kTon liquid scintillator

Fine grained calorimeter

166 collaborators
from 32 institutions
in 5 countries
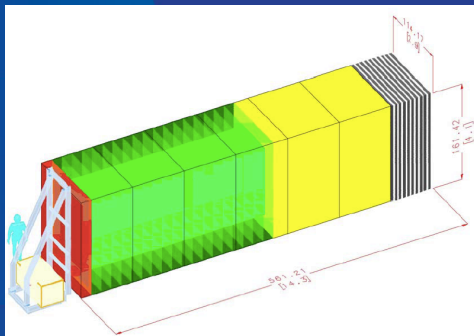
Near Detector:

330 ton version of the far detector

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NOvA + T2K Sensitivity
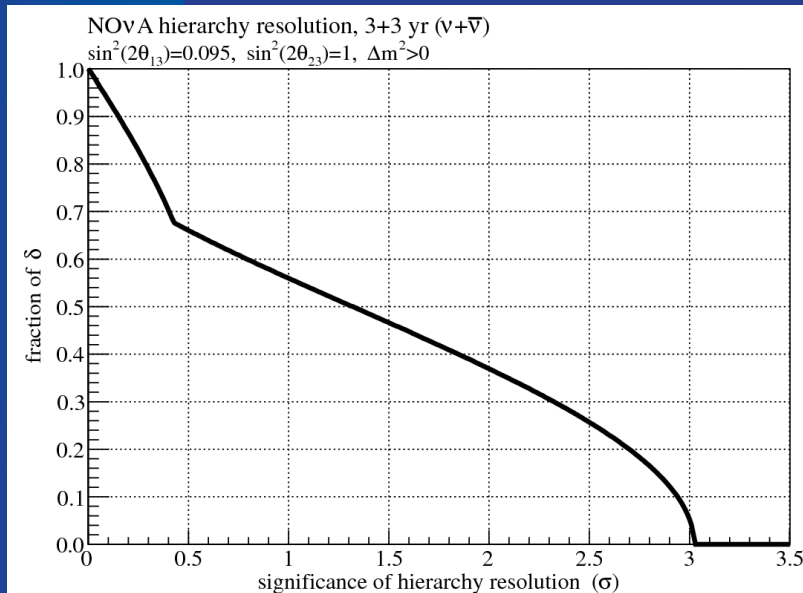
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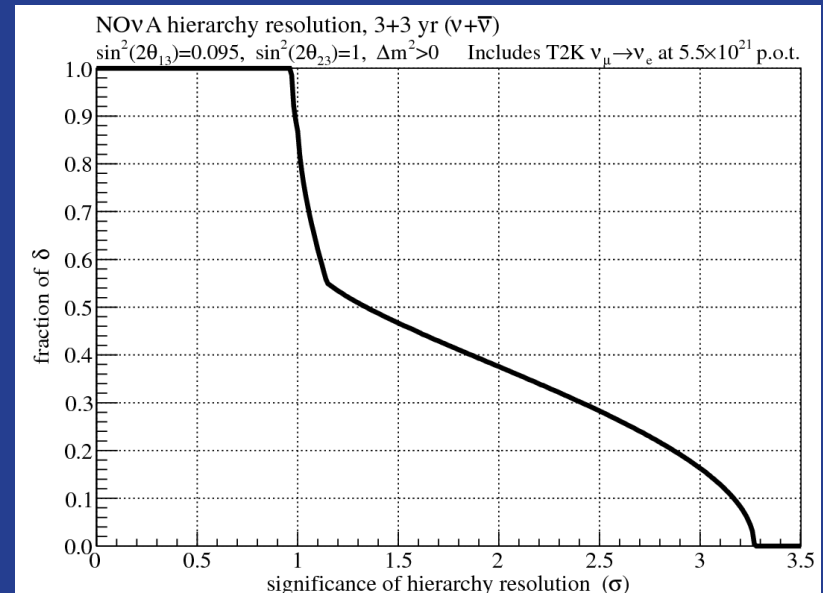
NOvA + T2K

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The LBNE Experiment

Phase 1: 10 kton Liquid Argon TPC Far Detector just below the surface
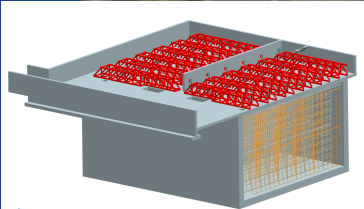
New 700kW broadband neutrino beam from Fermilab

1300km
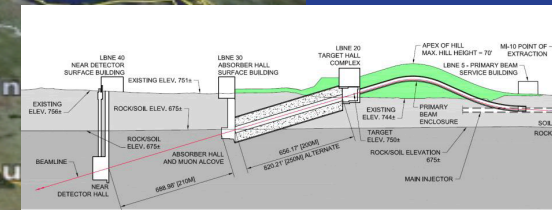
347 collaborators from 62 institutions in 5 countries

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LBNE Reconfiguration

July 2011: Decision to use "MI-10 Shallow" beamline option moving target , decay pipe and absorber above aquifer

Jan 2012: Decision to use LAr TPC technology rather than water Cerenkov

March 2012: Charge from DOE Office of Science to reconfigure

April 2012: Reconfiguration Committee and working groups formed

August 2012: Reconfiguration Committee's final report delivered

http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/lbne_reconfiguration

- Preferred option is a first phase with a 10kton LAr detector on the surface at Homestake with a new 700 kW beam from Fermilab

- Enhancements (larger detector, move underground, near detector, etc) available as future phases or with outside funds

- Phased LBNE can be interleaved with a phased Project X

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LBNE Project Supported LAr R&D

- LAr Far Detector prototyping in LBNE Project is part of larger program.

- Project built 3mx3m membrane wall panel in 2011 to demonstrate technology.

- Currently constructing 35 ton membrane cryostat prototype.
    - Expect to be operational in 2013.

- Planning how to use it beyond cryo testing
    - Subsystem components
    - System test of scaled-down detector

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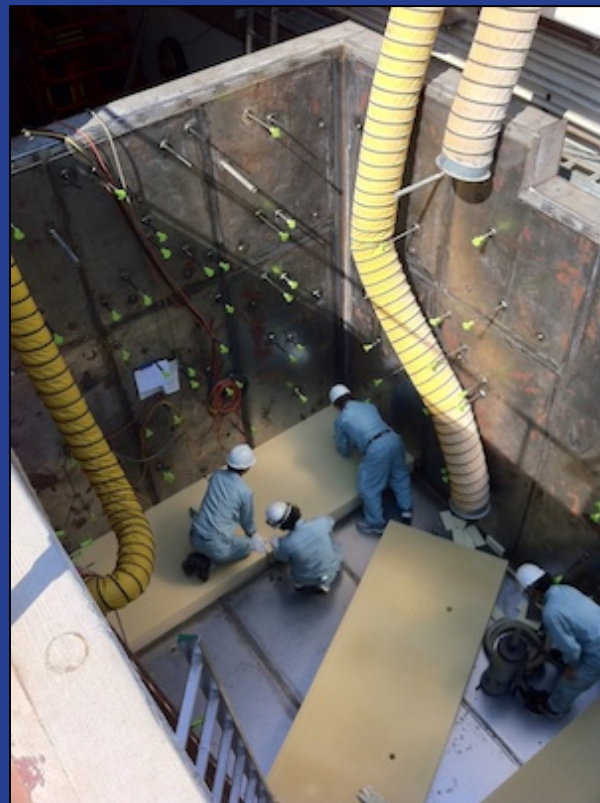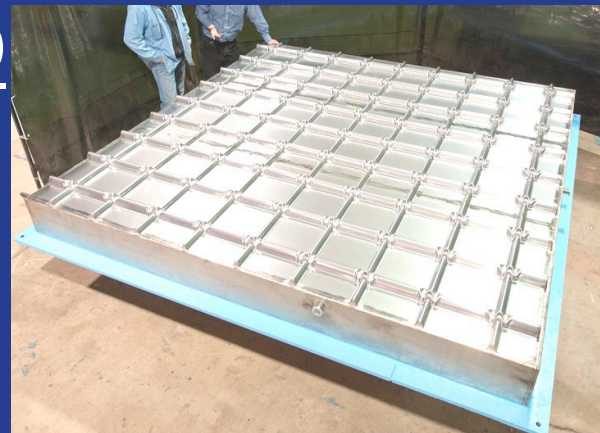
LAr R&D Program Successes So Far

· Purity without evacuation

· Foam insulation

· Membrane cryostats

· Cold electronics

· Long drift
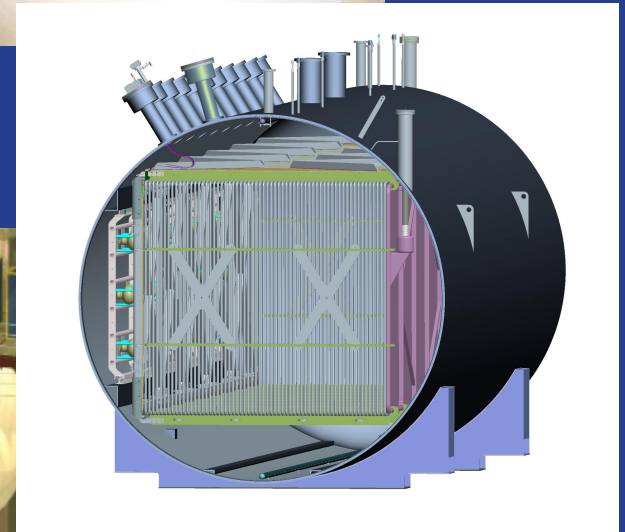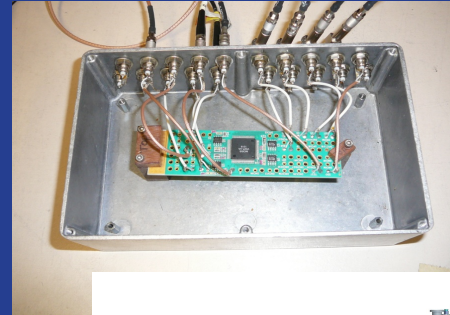
Early career award to Sam Zeller

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Liquid Argon In A Testbeam (LArIAT)

- 2009 LAr R&D review asked *How well known are the energy resolution and particle identification capabilities of a LArTPC?*

- No comprehensive test beam runs ever performed to look at particles and energies expected in neutrino experiments: e, p, π, µ, look at K with an eye toward nucleon decay

- Use a two-phased approach
  - First phase uses ArgoNeuT to understand charge to energy conversion and single track topologies
  - Second phase will be a much larger TPC to contain EM and hadronic showers
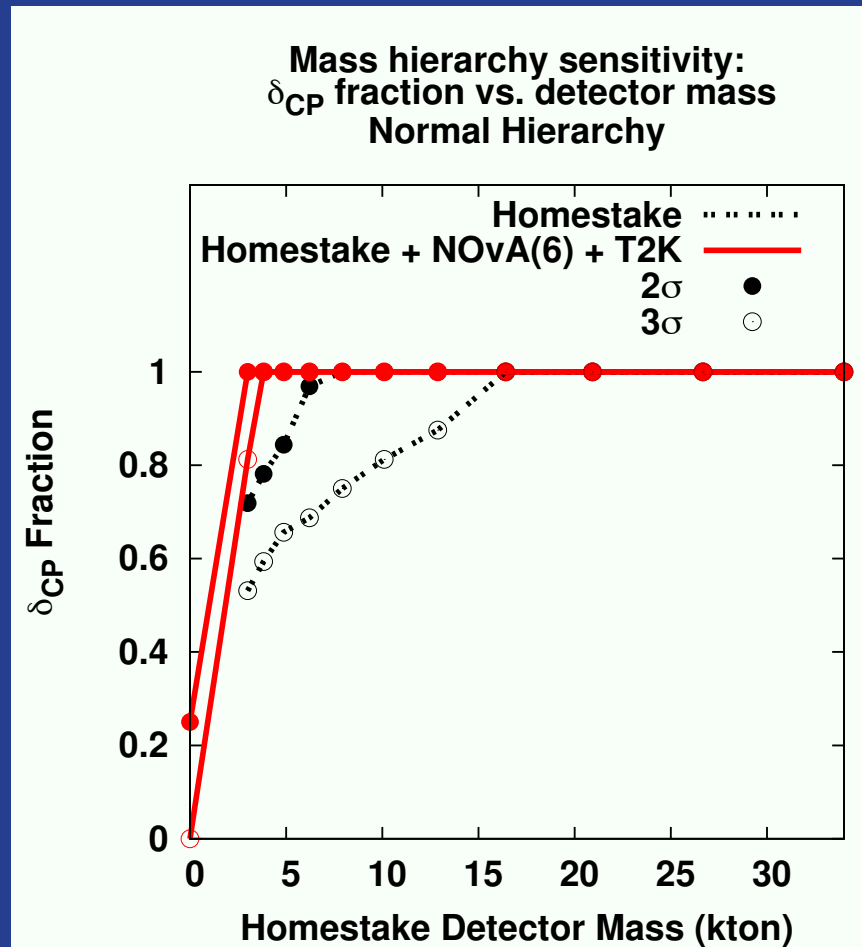
- Both phases look at e/γ separation

ArgoNeuT

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LBNE Bi-Probability Plot
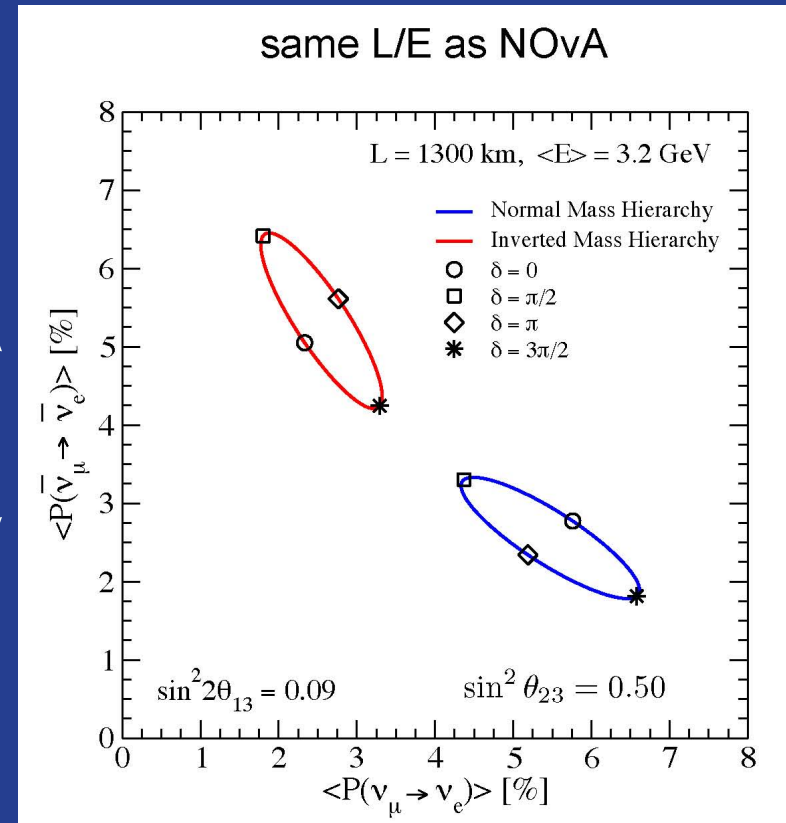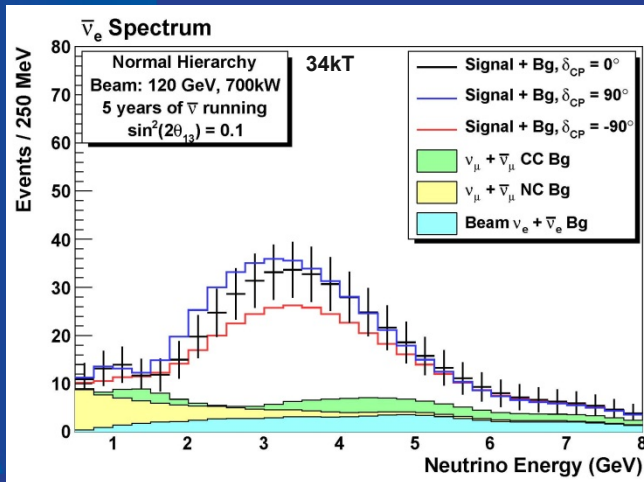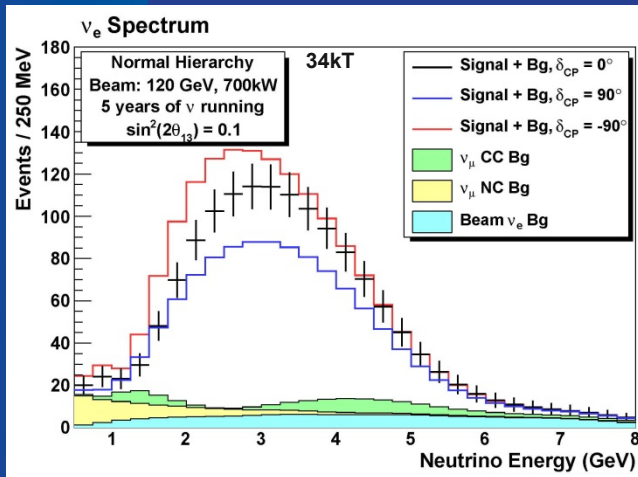
LBNE vs NOvA: Longer baseline ➔ more matter effect➔ hierarchy ellipses better separated

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How are the Masses Ordered? – LBNE Sensitivity

LBNE will nail the hierarchy if it hasn't already been determined by NOvA and T2K

In principle one could use reactor neutrino disappearance at a ~60km baseline to distinguish hierarchy. This would be an extremely (prohibitively?) difficult measurement (arXiv:1208.1551)

Mass hierarchy sensitivity:
δ_{CP} **fraction vs. detector mass**
Normal Hierarchy

Homestake ·········
Homestake + NOvA(6) + T2K ——
2σ ●
3σ ⊙

The fraction of δ_{CP} values for which the mass hierarchy can be resolved at $2/3\sigma$ (solid/open points) after 10 year run

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Measuring CP Violation in ν_e Appearance

δ_{cp} (and hierarchy together) can be extracted from a comparison of P(ν_μ to ν_e) to P(anti-ν_μ to anti-ν_e)

$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) = \sin^2\theta_{23}\sin^2 2\theta_{13}\frac{\sin^2(\Delta_{31}-aL)}{(\Delta_{31}-aL)^2}\Delta_{31}^2$$

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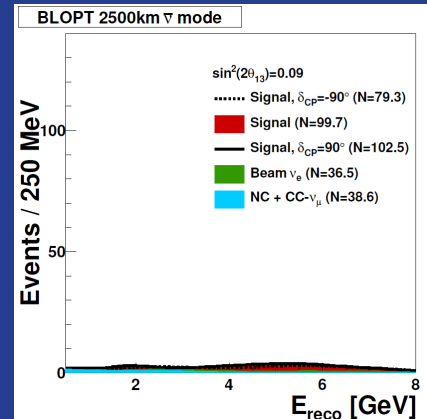# CP Violation and Measuring δ_{cp}

LBNE ν mode

LBNE anti-ν mode

LAr@2500km ν mode

LAr@2500km ν mode

- CP Violation is demonstrated by seeing ν_e and anti-ν_e appearance behave differently

- In principle δ_{cp} can be measured with just ν_e appearance without running in anti-neutrino mode

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LBNE Bi-Rate Plot with Statistical Errors

LAr34@Homestake (5+5 yr @ 700kW) $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$=0.03
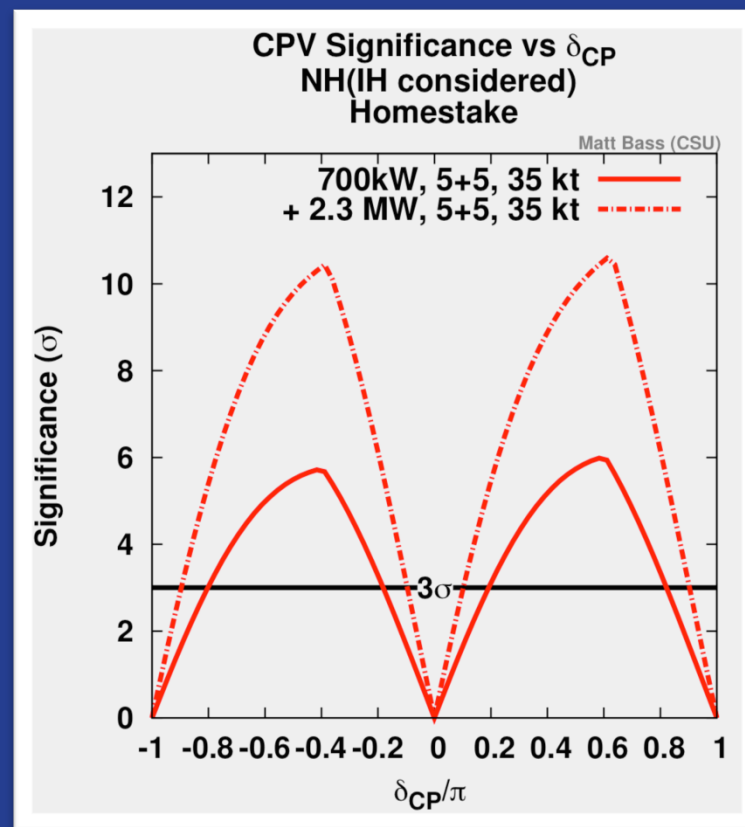
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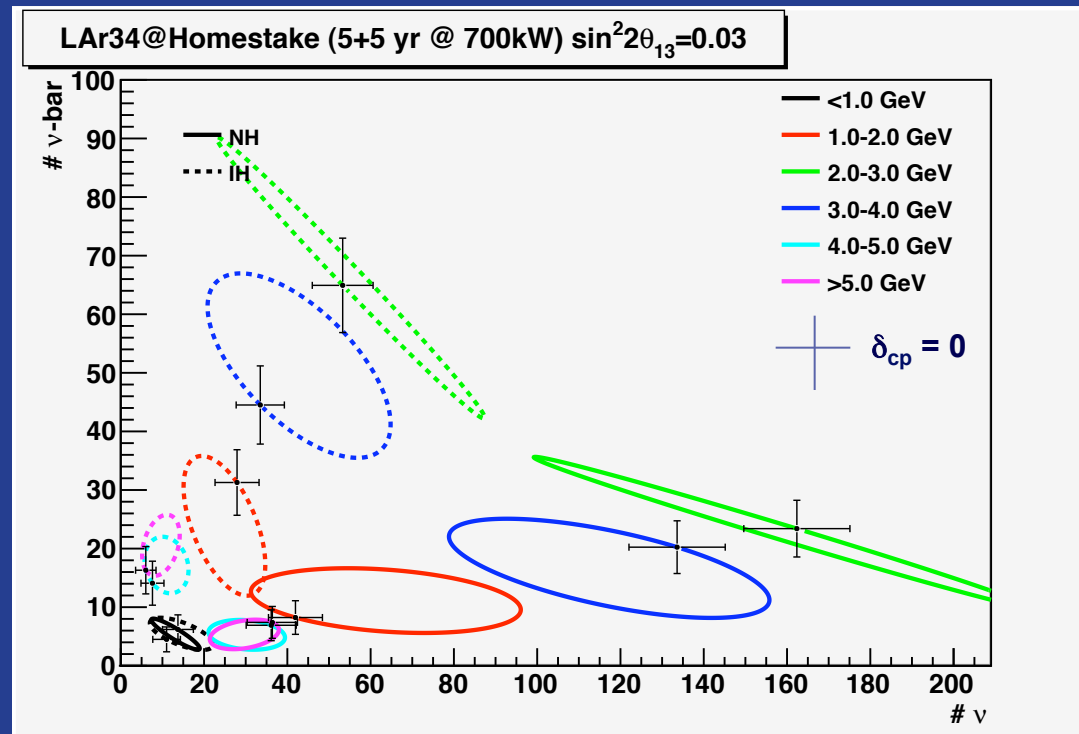
Is CP Violated? – LBNE Sensitivity
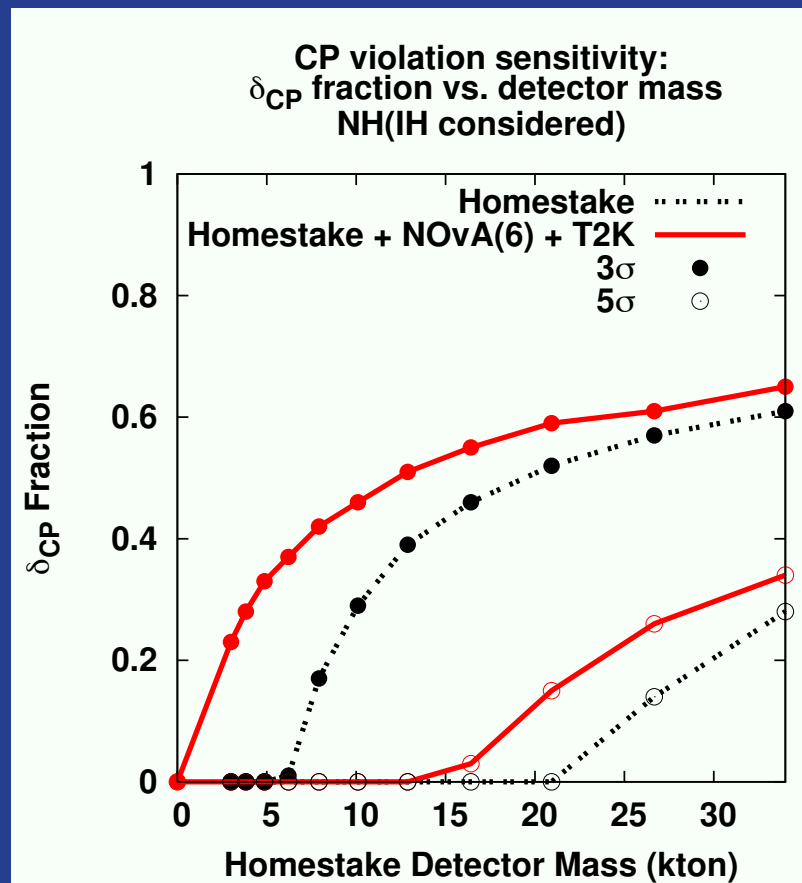
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Ultimate LBNE Sensitivity

With a full 35 kton detector and Project X. The CP violation discovery potential is impressive

CPV Significance vs δ_{CP}
NH(IH considered)
Homestake

Matt Bass (CSU)

700kW, 5+5, 35 kt
+ 2.3 MW, 5+5, 35 kt

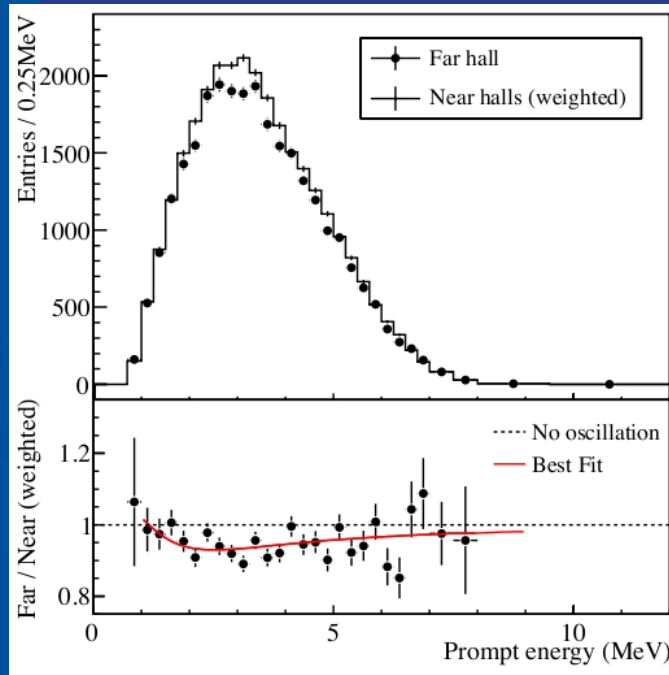Steve Brice, Fermilab Annual S&T Review, Sept. 5-7, 2012

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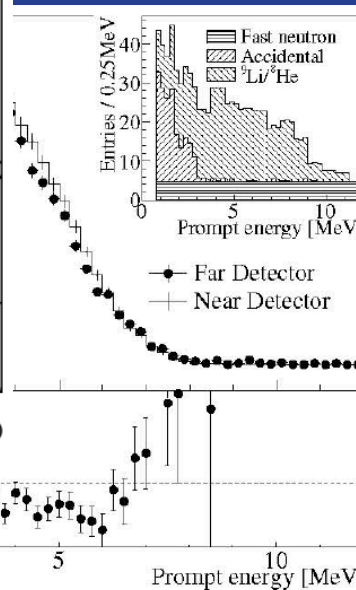
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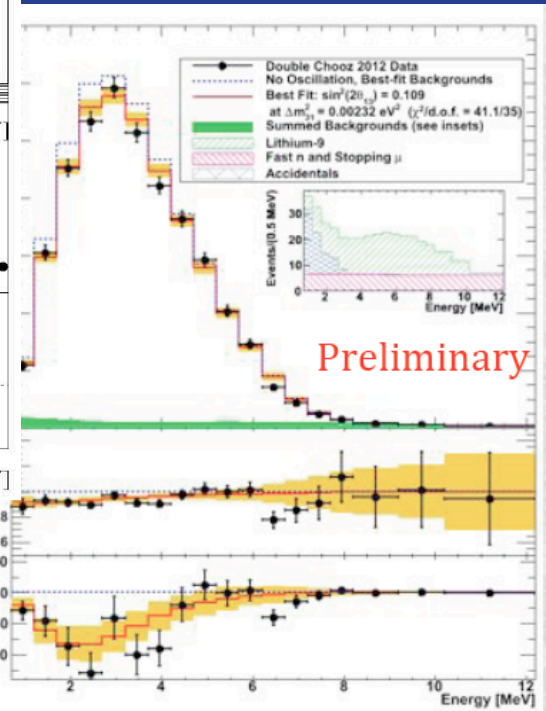# Reactor Measurement of θ_{13}

Daya Bay

Reno

Double Chooz

Preliminary

In 4 months this year we went from θ_{13} being almost unknown to it being the best measured mixing angle!

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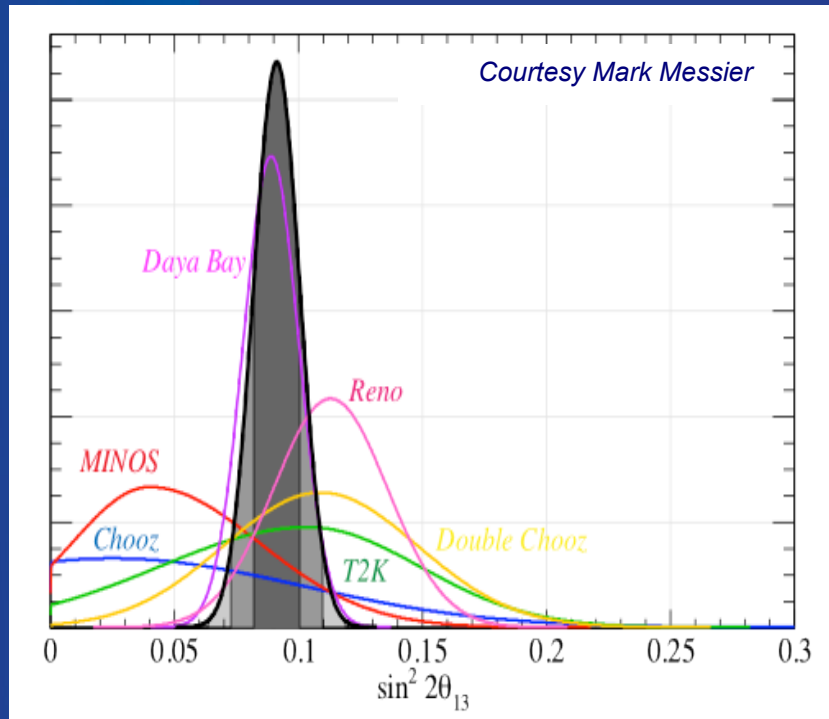$$+ \sin\delta\sin 2\theta_{23}\sin 2\theta_{12}\sin 2\theta_{13}\sin\Delta_{32}\left(\frac{\sin(\Delta_{31}-aL)}{(\Delta_{31}-aL)}\Delta_{31}\right)\left(\frac{\sin(aL)}{(aL)}\Delta_{21}\right)$$

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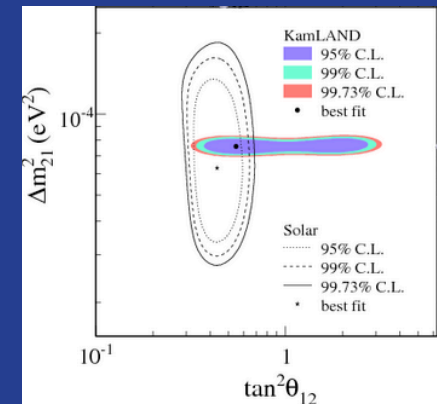Fermilab

Can we Independently Check the θ_{13} Measured by Reactor Experiments?

Courtesy Mark Messier

- Will NOvA and T2K measure ν_e appearance at the expected rate?

  - Yes – Then we will have powerful confirmation of our understanding of the 3x3 oscillation matrix

  - No – Then we will have a strong indication of some new physics

There is a close analogy here with the solar neutrino problem and the exquisite concordance of the SNO and KamLAND results
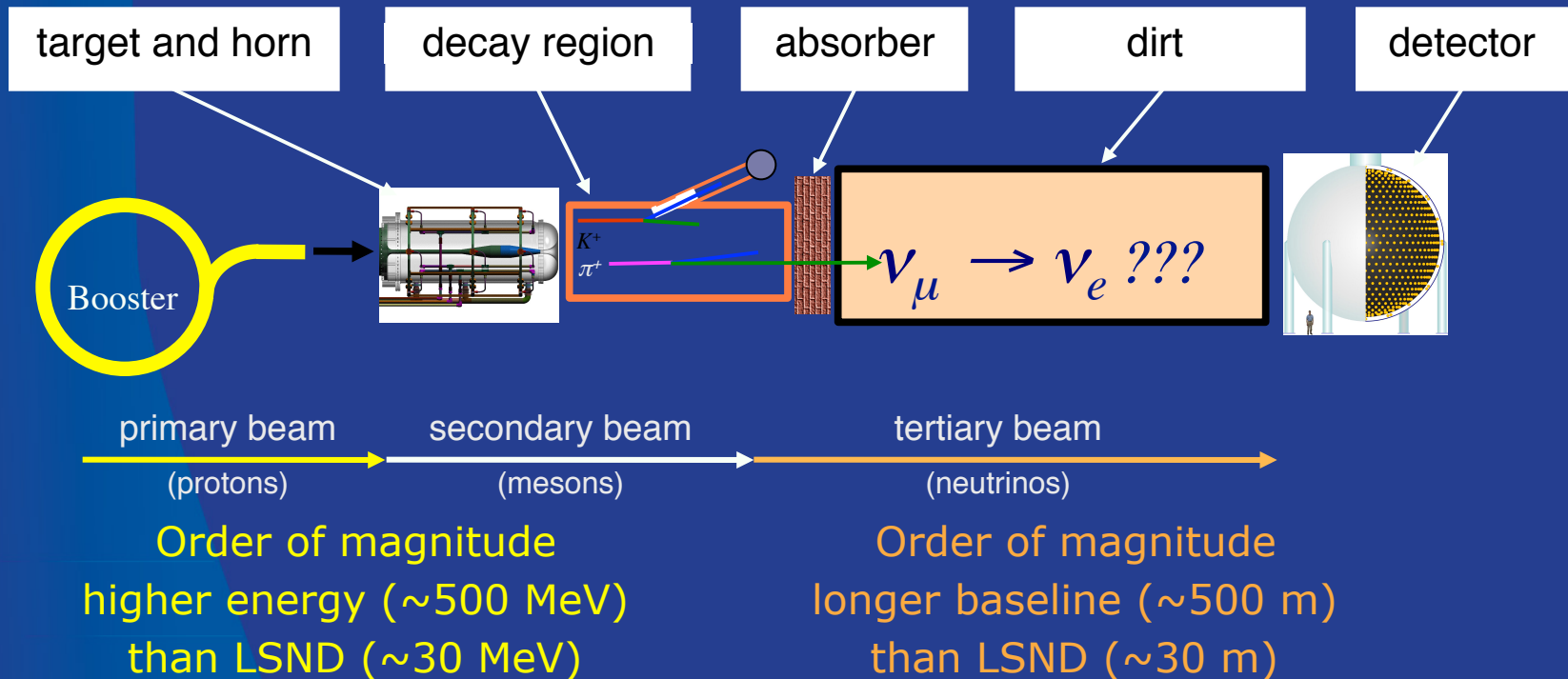

KamLAND, PRL. 100, 221803 (2008)

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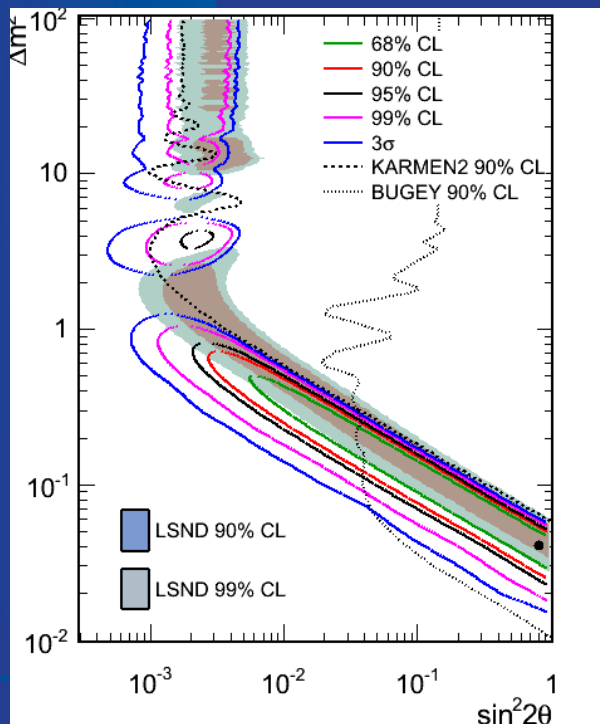**‡ Fermilab**

The MiniBooNE Experiment

Keep L/E same as LSND
while changing systematics, energy & event signature

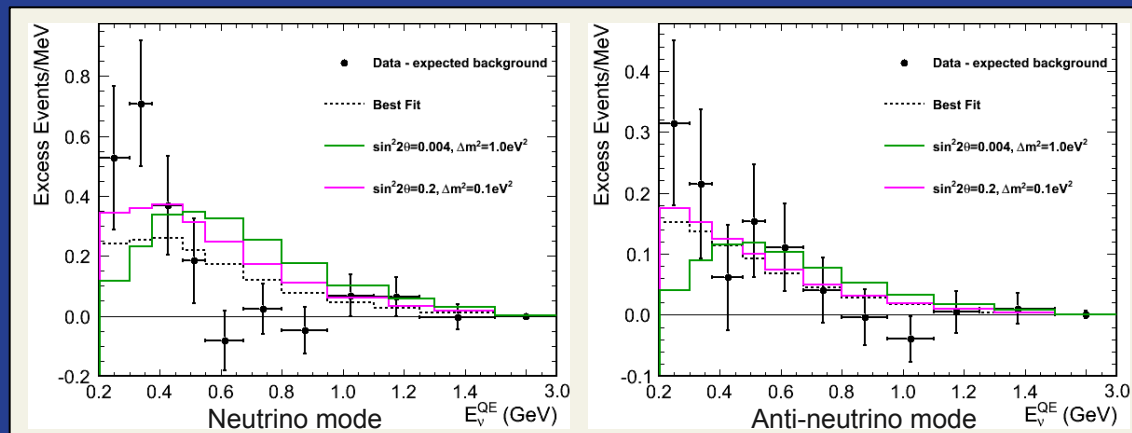$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \, \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L/E)$$

| target and horn | decay region | absorber | dirt | detector |

Booster

K^+
π^+

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e \; ???$

primary beam → secondary beam → tertiary beam →
(protons)   (mesons)   (neutrinos)

Order of magnitude
higher energy (~500 MeV)
than LSND (~30 MeV)

Order of magnitude
longer baseline (~500 m)
than LSND (~30 m)

86 collaborators from 19 institutions in 2 countries

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MiniBooNE Simultaneous 3+1 fit to ν and anti-ν data

Total Excess: 240.3 +/- 34.5 +/- 52.6

E>200 MeV Best Fit preferred at 3.6σ over null

combined	E > 200 MeV	E > 475 MeV
χ^2(null)	42.53	12.87
Prob(null)	0.1%	35.8%
χ^2(bf)	24.72	10.67
Prob(bf)	6.7%	35.8%

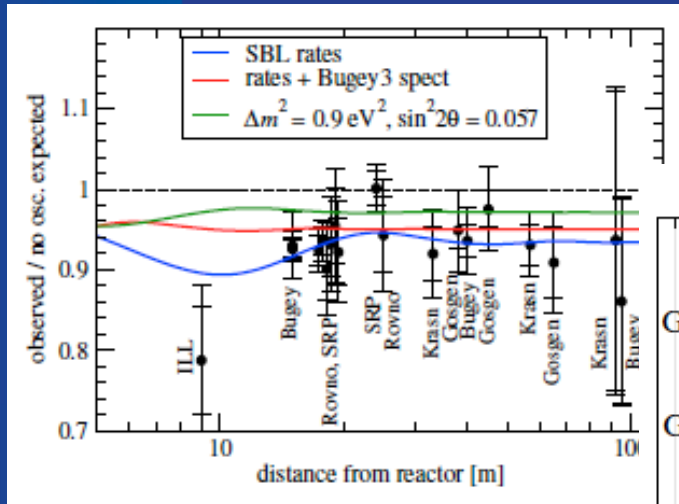Simultaneous fit (E>200 MeV) with fully-correlated systematic to entire MiniBooNE neutrino and anti-neutrino data
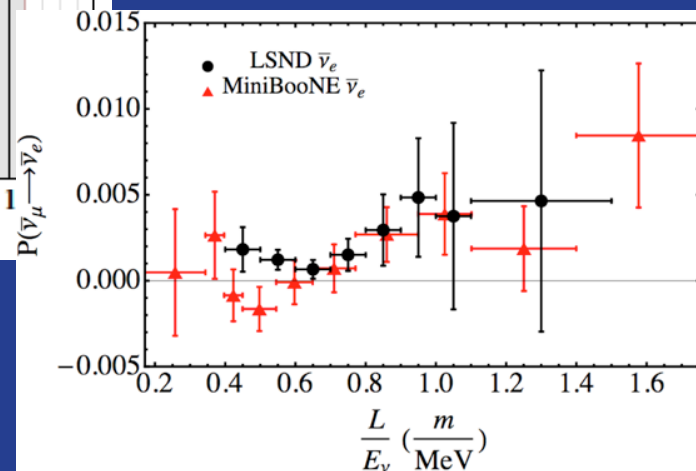
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Hints of Something at ~1eV²?

Reactor Neutrino Anomaly

Gallium Anomaly
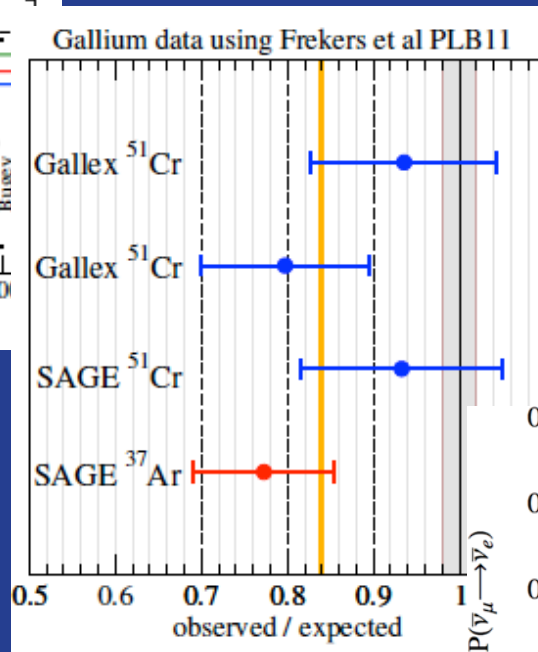
LSND & MiniBooNE

Additionally, cosmology hints at
more than 3 neutrino states

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Fermilab Short Baseline Focus Group

- Two Recommendations from last year's S&T review:-

  - It is recommended that Fermilab be more proactive in coordinating the neutrino program including beam requirements and provide overall scientific stewardship.

  - It is recommended that long range planning contingent on the results from the present round of neutrino experiments should be undertaken.

➔ Focus Group formed by Directorate to formulate a strategic plan for short-baseline experiments at Fermilab

- Timeline:-
  - Short-Baseline Neutrino Workshop, FNAL, May 12-14, 2011
  - Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier, 30 Nov – 2 Dec, 2011, Rockville, MD ➔ neutrino group report
  - Sterile Neutrinos at the Crossroads, 25-28 September 2011, Blacksburg, VA ➔ white paper on sterile neutrinos
  - Short Baseline Focus Group Community Meeting: 21 March 2012
  - Focus Group's final report released 7 June 2012

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Short Baseline Focus Group Summary

A new short-baseline accelerator-based experiment is well motivated and is necessary to definitively resolve (≥5σ) the LSND/MiniBooNE tensions with three-flavor mixing.
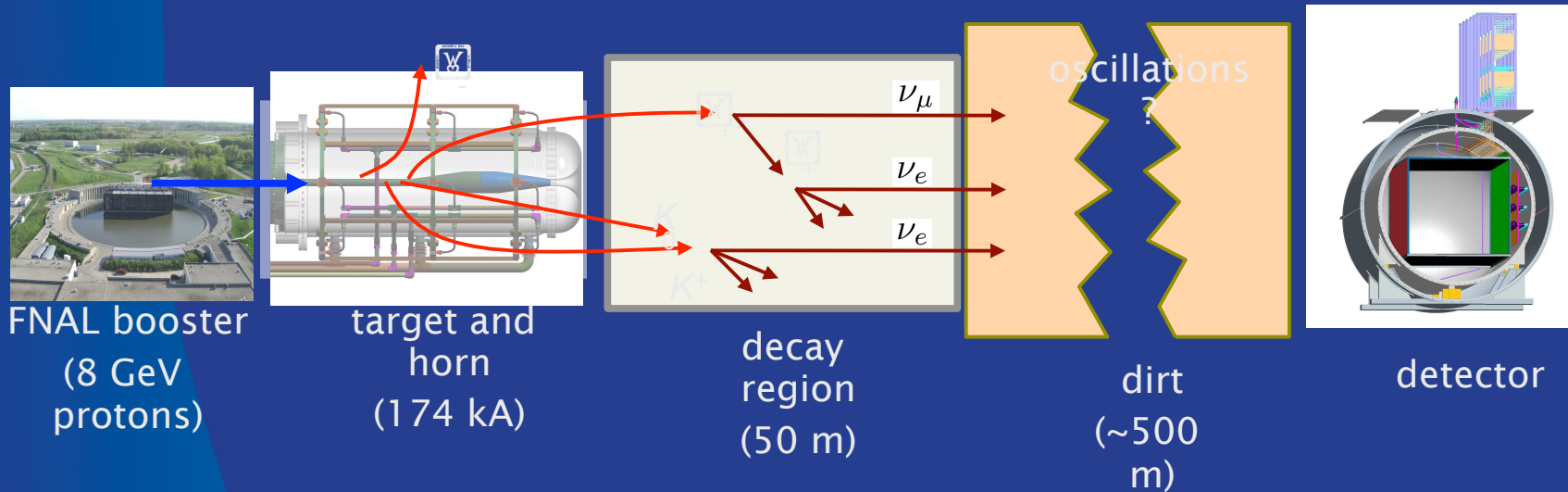
Recommendations

1. There be a new SBL experiment at FNAL.
2. The new experiment be pursued as vigorously as is practical.
3. There be a call for proposals → evaluated by the PAC at one time.
4. If sterile ν discovered, the SBL at FNAL program be further expanded.
5. Cross-section/particle production measurement-needs must be quantified for each proposal.
6. Study needed of potential for increasing the beam power at 8 GeV.

Final Report: http://sbl-neutrinos.fnal.gov/

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The MicroBooNE Experiment

MicroBooNE: Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

70 ton fiducial volume LArTPC to be exposed to the Booster and NuMI Neutrino Beams

FNAL booster
(8 GeV protons)

target and horn
(174 kA)

decay region
(50 m)

oscillations?

ν_μ

ν_e

ν_e

dirt
(~500 m)

detector

Look for low energy neutrino phenomena

- ◆ MiniBooNE low energy excess – distinguish electrons from gammas
- ◆ Low energy neutrino cross sections
- ◆ R&D for LArTPCs

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MicroBooNE Check of MiniBooNE Low Energy Excess

Low-E excess events have electrons

Low-E excess events have photons

6×10^{20} pot in neutrino mode (2-3 year run, starting 2014)

If the MiniBooNE low energy excess is due to electrons, MicroBooNE expects a 5σ signal

If the MiniBooNE low energy excess is due to photons, MicroBooNE expects a 4σ excess

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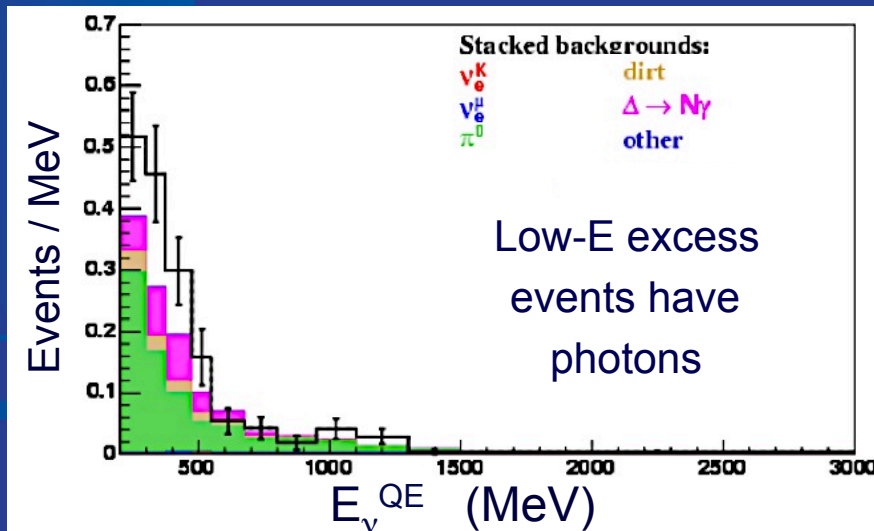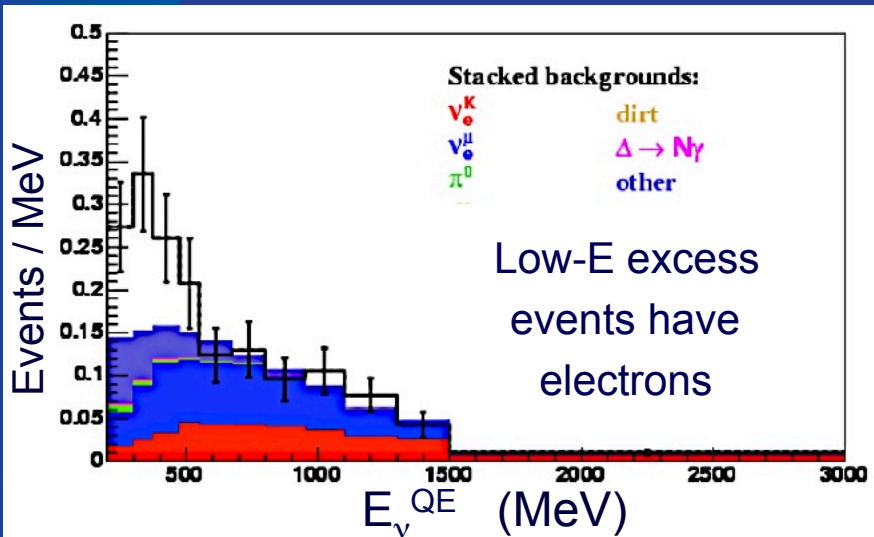
Future Short Baseline Possibilities

Currently 2 short baseline experiments are in the process of moving from LOI to Proposal

- LAr1
  - Two LAr detectors in the Booster & NuMI beams

- νStorm
  - Neutrinos from a muon storage ring aimed at near and far magnetized iron detectors
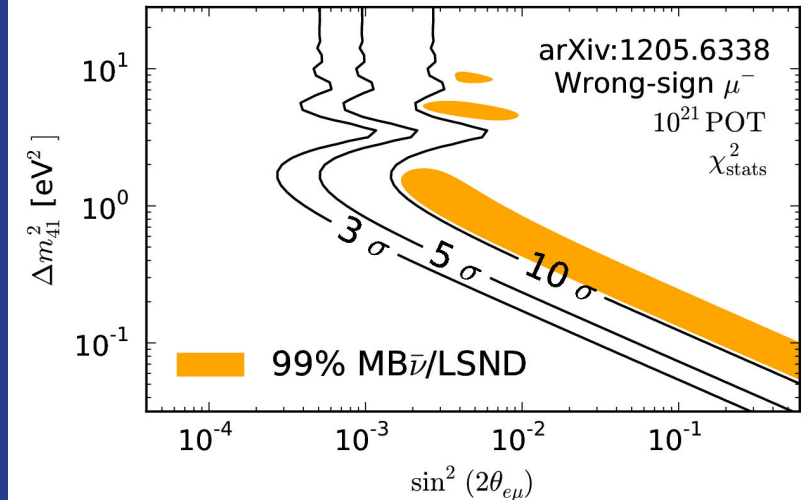
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νStorm

Magnetized iron detector (a la MINOS) in D0 Building

Few GeV muon storage ring with ~150m straight sections

Near hall with magnetized iron near detector + separate cross-section detector

arXiv:1205.6338
Wrong-sign μ^-
10^{21} POT
χ^2_{stats}

$3\,\sigma$ $5\,\sigma$ $10\,\sigma$

Δm^2_{41} [eV^2]

99% MB$\bar{\nu}$/LSND

$\sin^2(2\theta_{e\mu})$

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ appearance
CPT invariant channel to MiniBooNE

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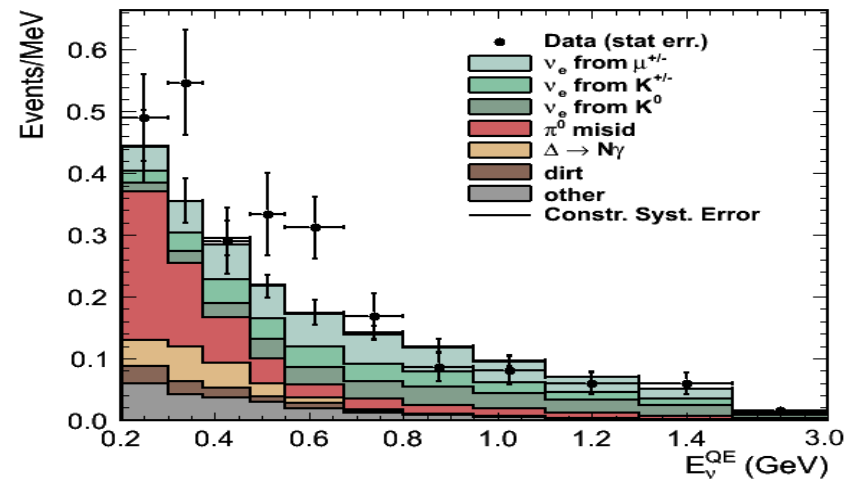# MiniBooNE ν_e and anti-ν_e Appearance Two Years Ago

The low energy excess seen in neutrino mode was not seen as strongly in anti-neutrino mode


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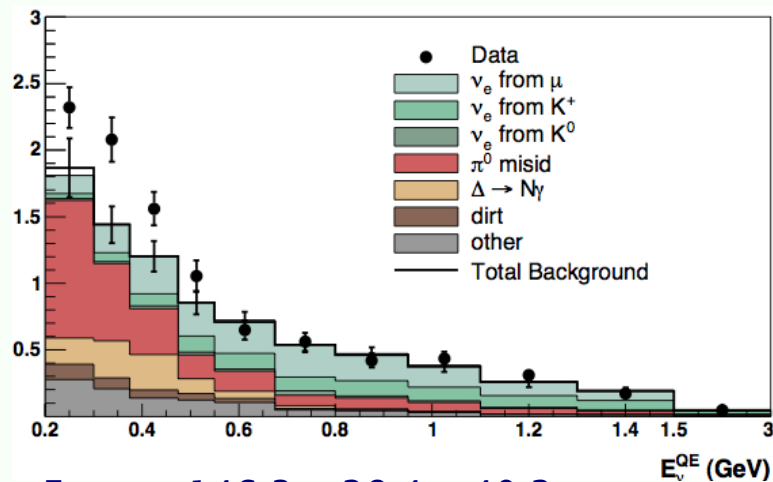
Excess: 146.3 ± 28.4 ± 40.2

5.7e20 POT anti-neutrino mode

Excess: 43.2 +/- 15.3 +/- 16.5

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# MiniBooNE ν_e and anti-ν_e Appearance Now

- Doubling of the anti-neutrino dataset in the last 2 years has enabled the resolution of MiniBooNE neutrino-antineutrino differences in ν_e appearance.

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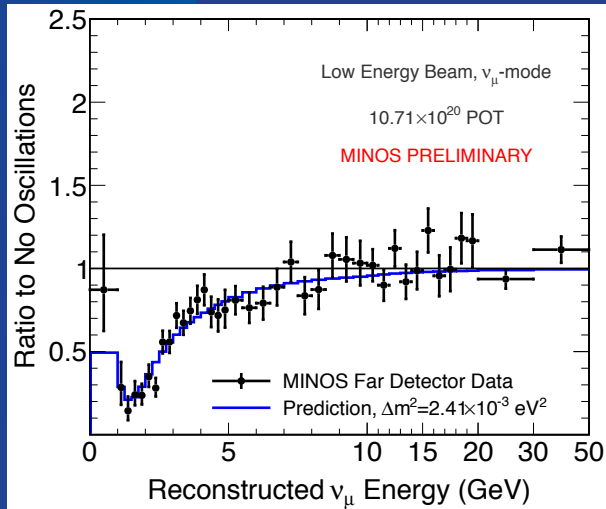
Excess: 77.8 +/- 20.0 +/- 23.4
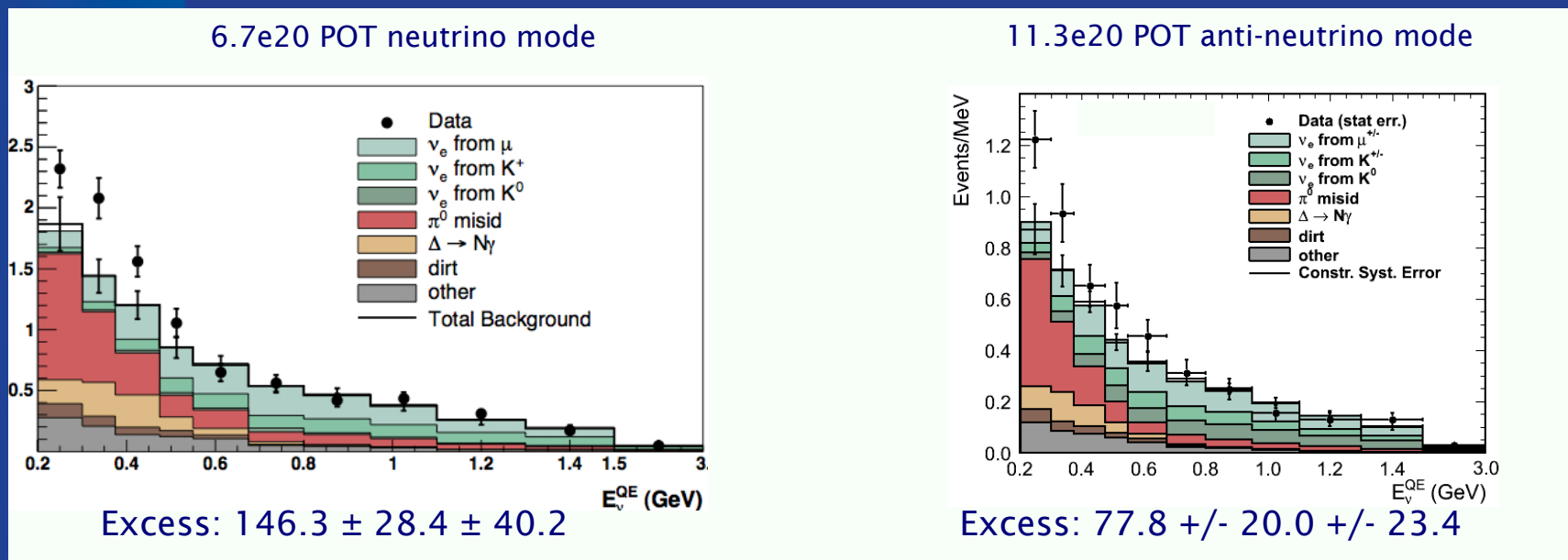
- Low energy excess appears in both modes.

- It is not clear what MiniBooNE is telling us, but at least the picture is consistent between neutrino and anti-neutrino modes

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MINOS ν_μ and anti-ν_μ Disappearance Two Years Ago

Oscillation parameters from ν_μ disappearance barely consistent with those from anti-ν_μ disappearance

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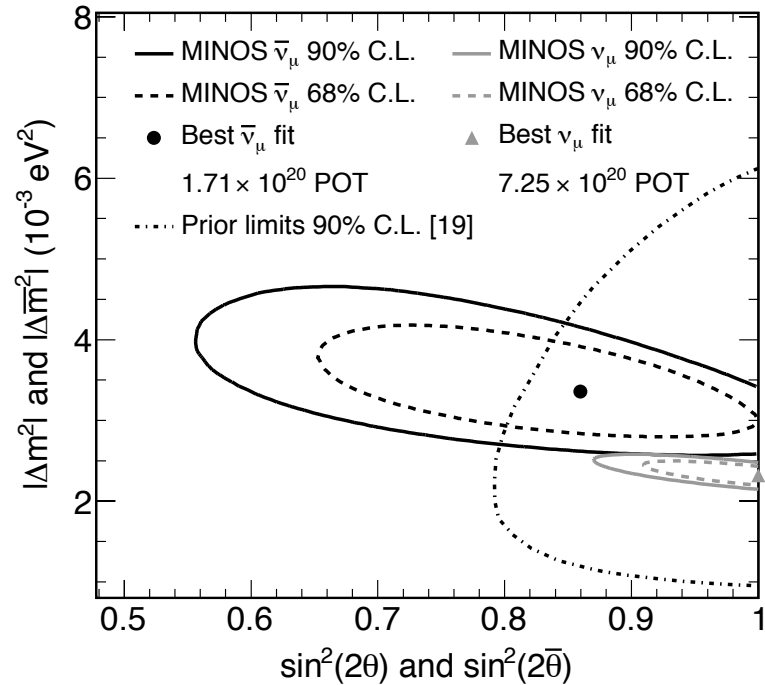
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MINOS ν_μ and anti-ν_μ Disappearance Now

Fermilab program planning decision to grant extra anti-neutrino running for MINOS
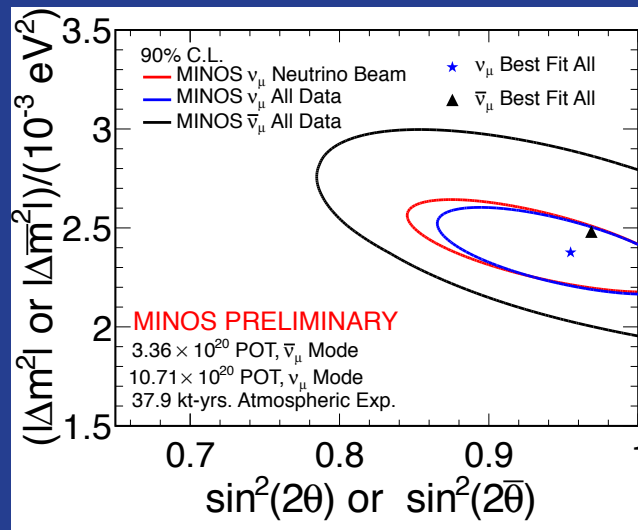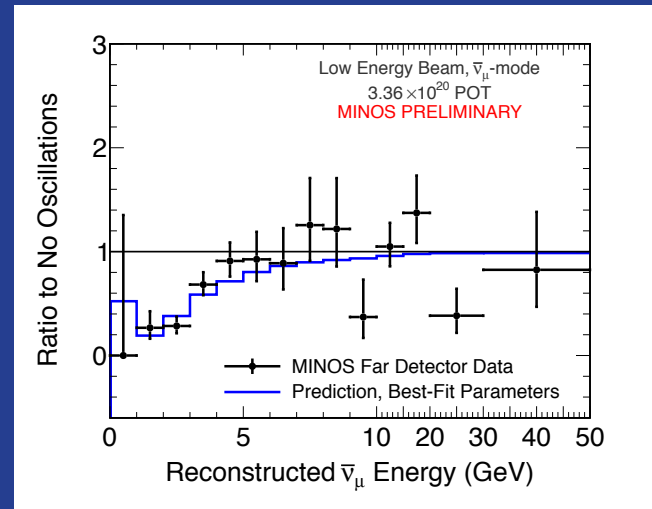
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MINOS+

Continued running of the MINOS far detector in the NOvA beam (MINOS near detector will be running anyway for MINERvA)

Running at the higher energies for which the MINOS detector was actually optimized

(Remember that when MINOS was designed the best fit Δm_{32}^2 was higher and so the energies relevant to the FNAL-Soudan baseline were higher)

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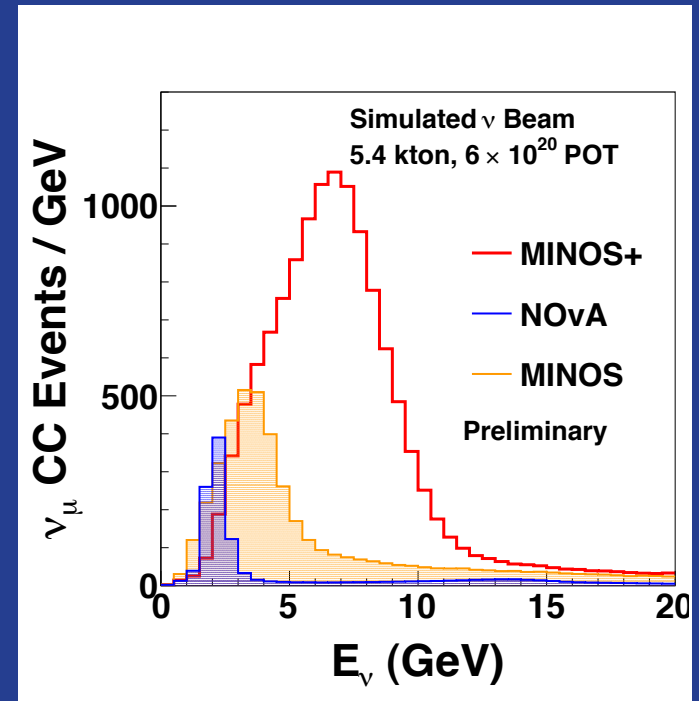
MINOS+ Capabilities

1. Improved measurement of θ_{23} and Δm_{32}^2
2. Study of high energy neutrinos
3. Search for sterile neutrinos
4. Search for tau neutrinos
5. Atmospheric neutrinos
6. Non-standard interactions
7. Measurement of the neutrino time of flight
8. Search for extra dimensions

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MINOS+ Non-Standard Interactions

If neutrinos have non-standard interactions these will produce additional matter effects beyond those expected when the beam traverses long distances and modify the oscillation probability

e.g. J.Kopp, P.A.N.Machado, and S.Parke
Phys. Rev. D82:113002 (2010)

Note the high energy differences between ν_μ and anti-ν_μ disappearance

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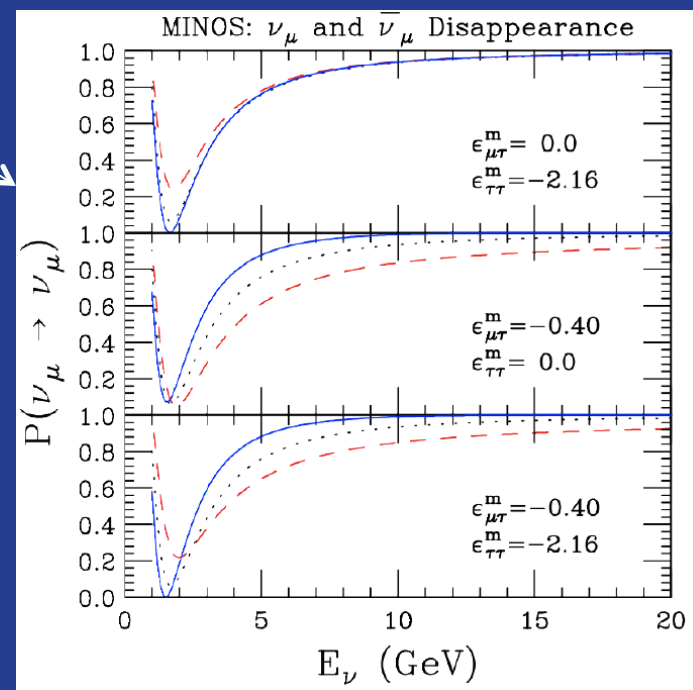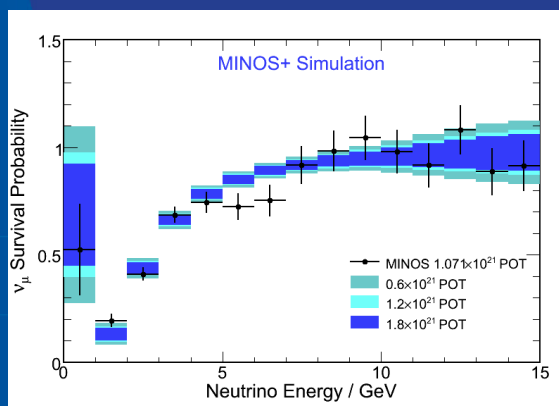
MINOS+ Neutrino Time of Flight Measurement

The most sensitive search for deviations from c of the muon neutrino speed are from OPERA:-

$$(v-c)/c = 2.7 \pm 3.1(stat) \, ^{+3.4}_{-3.3} \, (sys) \times 10^{-6}$$

Over the last year the timing hardware of MINOS has been extensively upgraded to have better than 1ns precision

MINOS+ will be capable of measuring to the level:-

$$(v-c)/c < 5 \times 10^{-7}$$

Not a relevant limit on neutrino mass (corresponds to about 2 MeV/c^2)
but a measurement with a demonstrated level of interest!

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The Need for Neutrino Cross-Section Measurements

**Far spectrum without oscillations is similar,
but not identical to the Near spectrum!**
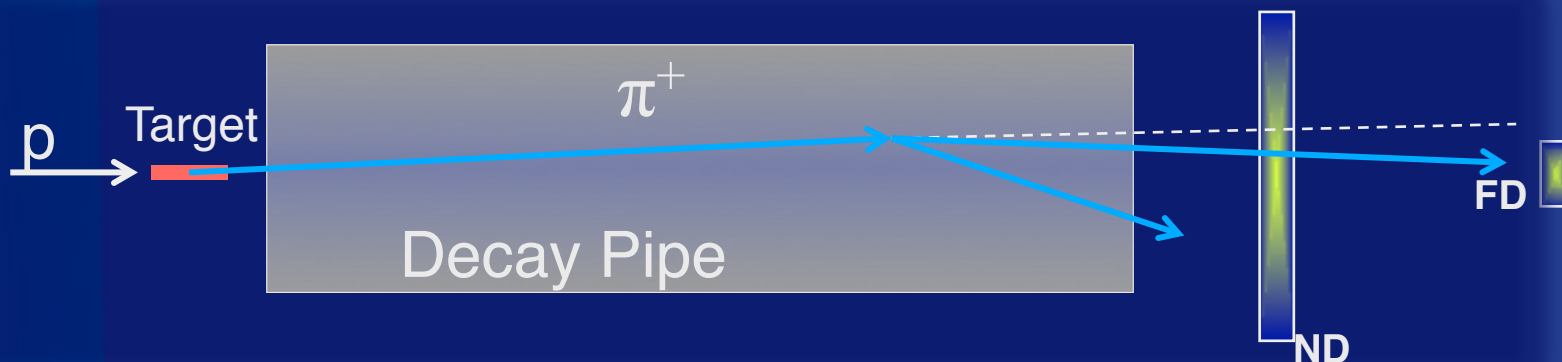
Adapted from P. Vahle

- Near detector predicts Far detector un-oscillated rate up to corrections

- Neutrino energy depends on angle wrt original pion direction and parent energy
  - Angular distributions different between Near and Far
  - Higher energy pions decay further along decay pipe
  - Neutrino source is pointlike as seen from far detector but not from near detector

$$E_v \approx 0.43 \frac{E_\pi}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta_v^2}$$

- Therefore you still need flux prediction and cross-section knowledge for a precision measurement even if you have a Near detector

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Some Relevant Cross-Section Examples

ν_e Charged Current Quasi-Elastic (CCQE)
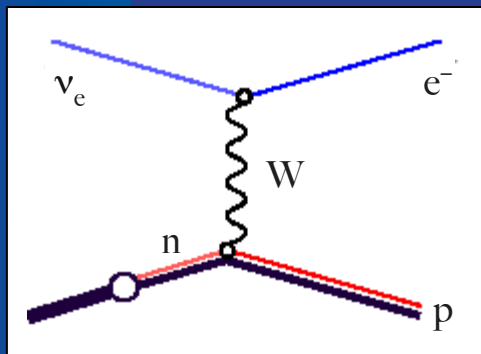
Used as ν_e appearance signal channel
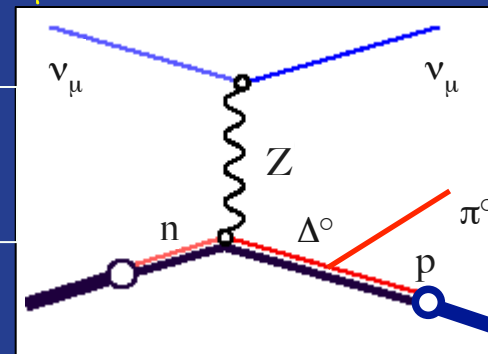
ν_μ Neutral Current π^0 (NCπ^0)

Background to ν_e appearance (π^0 fakes an e^-)

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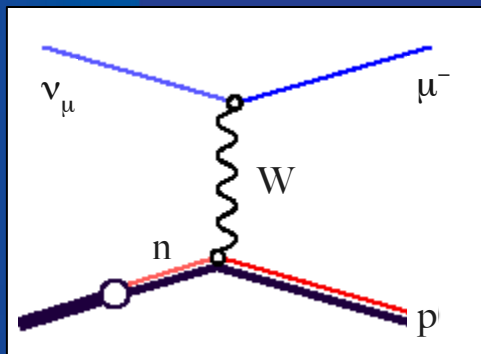
Used as ν_μ disappearance signal channel

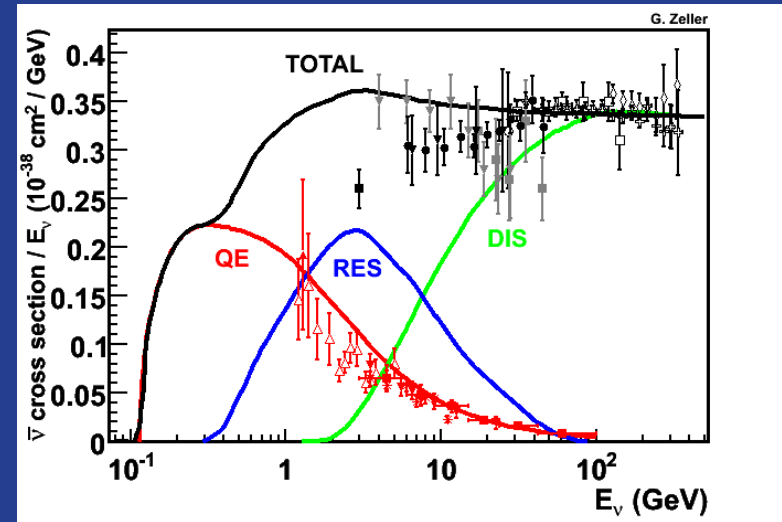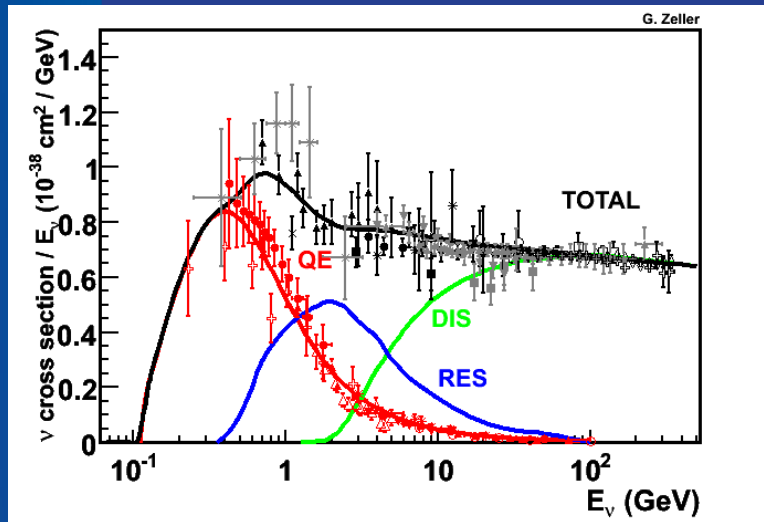**ν_μ Charged Current π^+ (CCπ^+)**
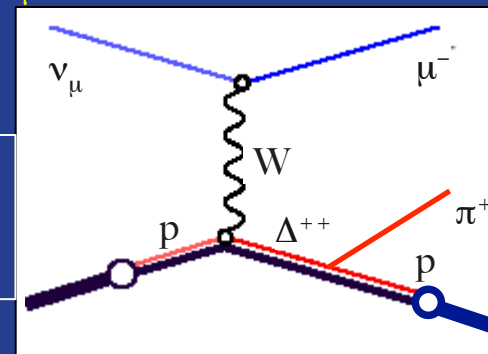
Background to ν_μ disappearance (π^+ gets lost)

And a number of less common processes (e.g. radiative Δ^0 decay)
And all the anti-neutrino version of these processes

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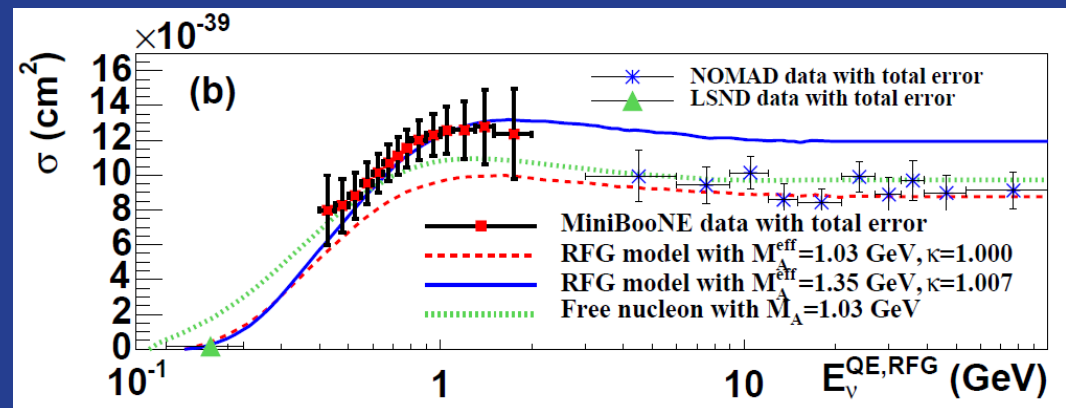# Status of GeV Neutrino Cross-Sections

Neutrino cross-sections around 1 GeV are not very well measured

J.A. Formaggio and G.P. Zeller, "From eV to EeV: Neutrino Cross Sections Across Energy Scales",
to be published in Rev. Mod. Phys., 2012.

Energy dependence and scale
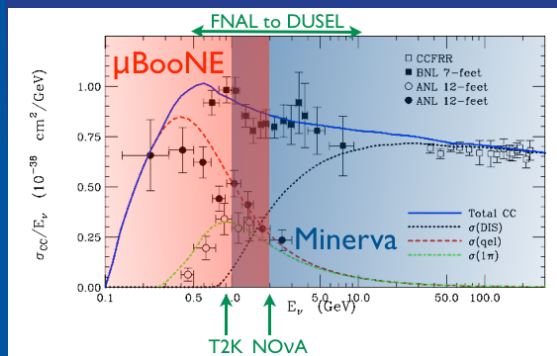of measured QE cross-section
not sufficiently well understood

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Fermilab Neutrino Cross-Section Measurements

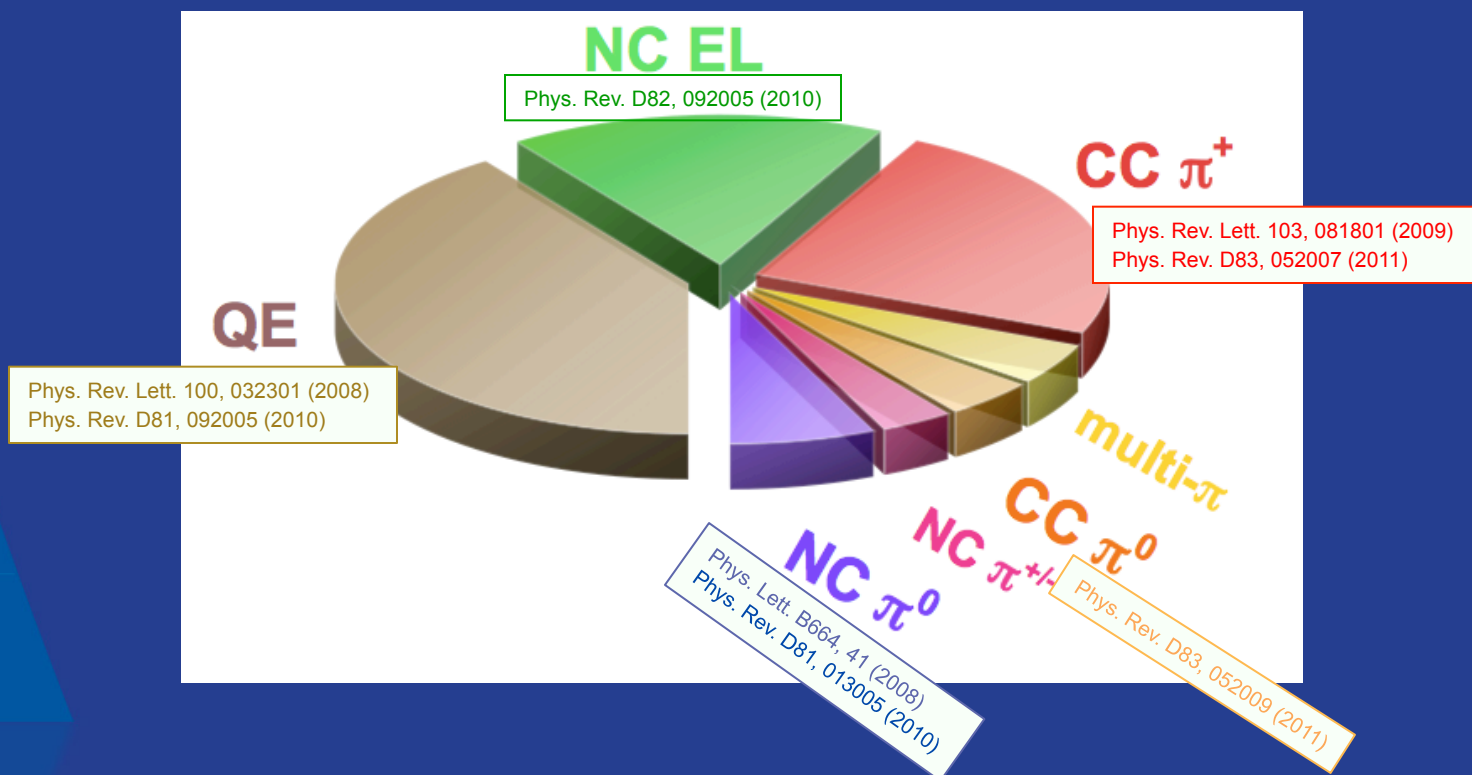| Experiment	Beamline	Status	Nuclear Target	capability
ArgoNeut	NuMI	Completed 2010	Ar	LAr TPC but tiny dataset
MINOS	NuMI	Completed 2012	Fe	No detailed final state ID
MINERvA	NuMI	Running	He, C, O, Fe, Pb	Fine grained tracking calorimeter
NOvA	NuMI	Under Construction	C	Fine grained tracking calorimeter
MINOS+	NuMI	Fermilab Approved	Fe	No detailed final state ID
MiniBooNE	BNB	Completed 2012	C	Some final state ID
SciBooNE	BNB	Completed 2008	C	Small, fine grained tracking calorimeter
MicroBooNE	BNB	Under Construction	Ar	LAr TPC

Current and future oscillation experiments need

- Detailed final state information
- On Carbon, Oxygen, and Argon
- For electron neutrinos and muon neutrinos
- For neutrinos and anti-neutrinos

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MiniBooNE Cross-Section Results

MiniBooNE measures cross-sections in exactly the 1 GeV range of interest to T2K, NOvA, and LBNE

NC EL
Phys. Rev. D82, 092005 (2010)

CC π⁺
Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 081801 (2009)
Phys. Rev. D83, 052007 (2011)

QE
Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 032301 (2008)
Phys. Rev. D81, 092005 (2010)

multi-π

CC π⁰
Phys. Rev. D83, 052009 (2011)

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Phys. Lett. B664, 41 (2008)
Phys. Rev. D81, 013005 (2010)

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MINERvA

- 120 stacked modules, mostly planes of scintillator strips
- Fully active, finely-segmented tracking region in center
- LHe and nuclear target region on upstream side
- Side and end EM and hadronic calorimeter regions
- MINOS near detector used as muon spectrometer

Elevation View

NuMI ν beam

Steel Shield

Scintillator Veto Wall

0.25t

Liquid Helium

Nuclear Target Region (C, Pb, Fe, H_2O)

ν-Beam

p

Active Tracker Region

8.3 tons total

Side HCAL

Side ECAL

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

15 tons

Hadronic Calorimeter

30 tons

Side ECAL 0.6 tons

Side HCAL 116 tons

μ

MINOS Near Detector (Muon Spectrometer)

2.14 m

3.45 m

5 m

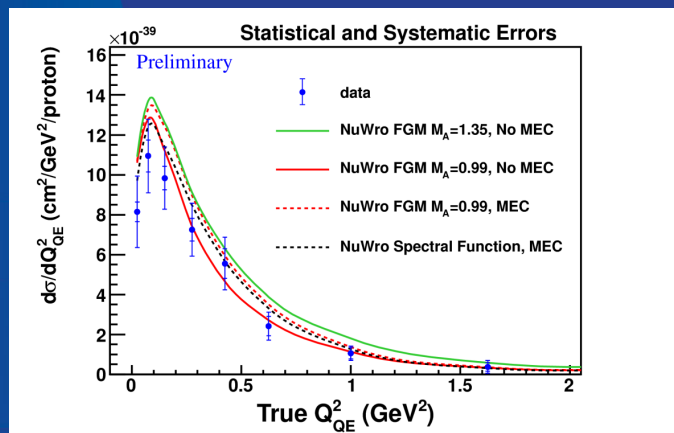2 m

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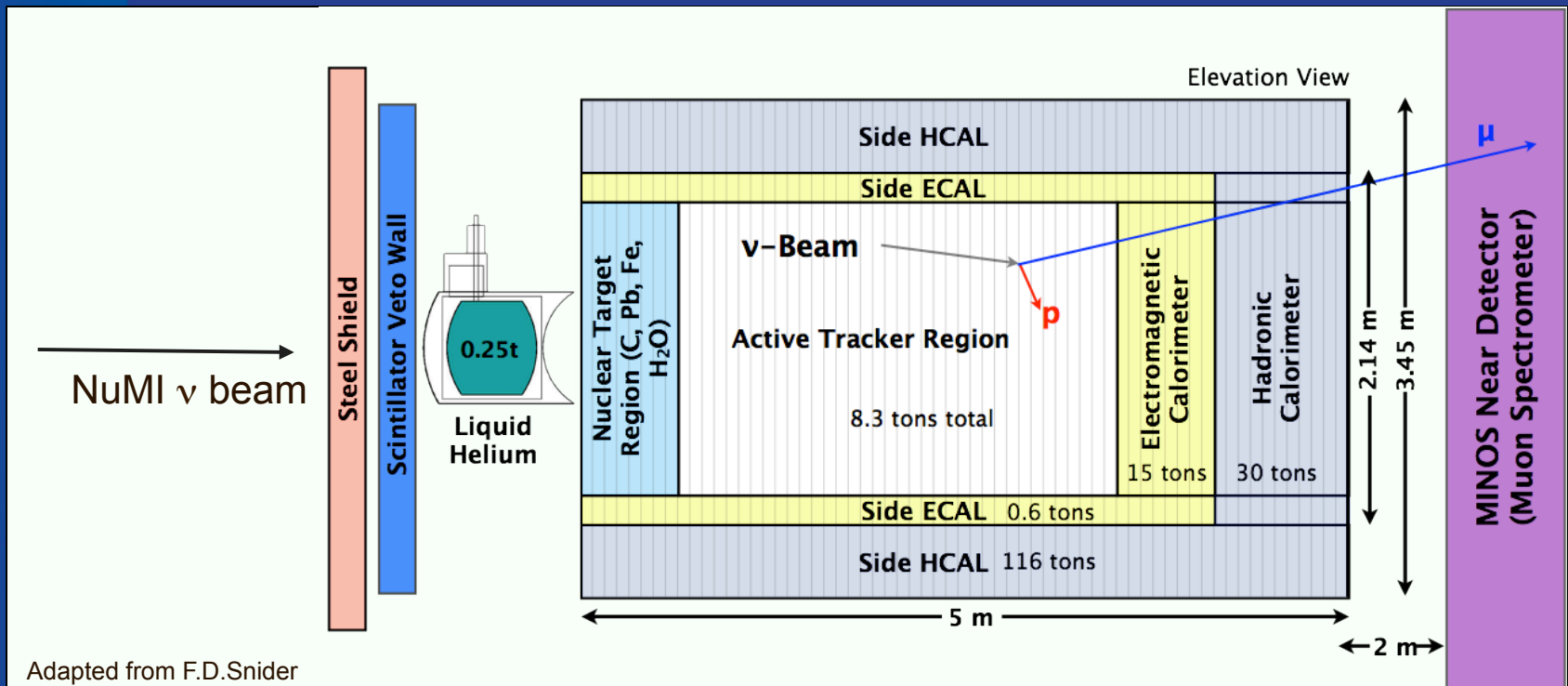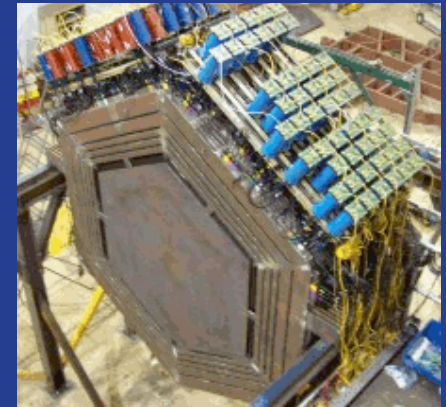
70 collaborators from 21 institutions in 8 countries

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MINERvA Latest Results

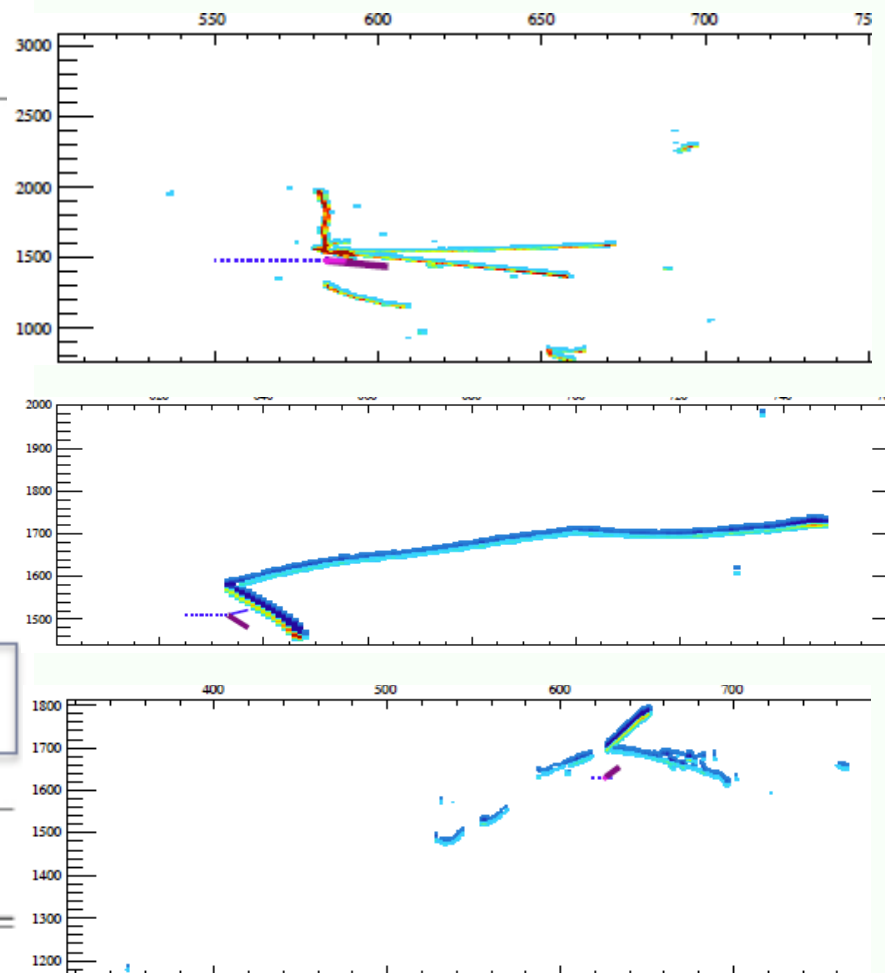## Neutrino CC Inclusive kinematic distributions
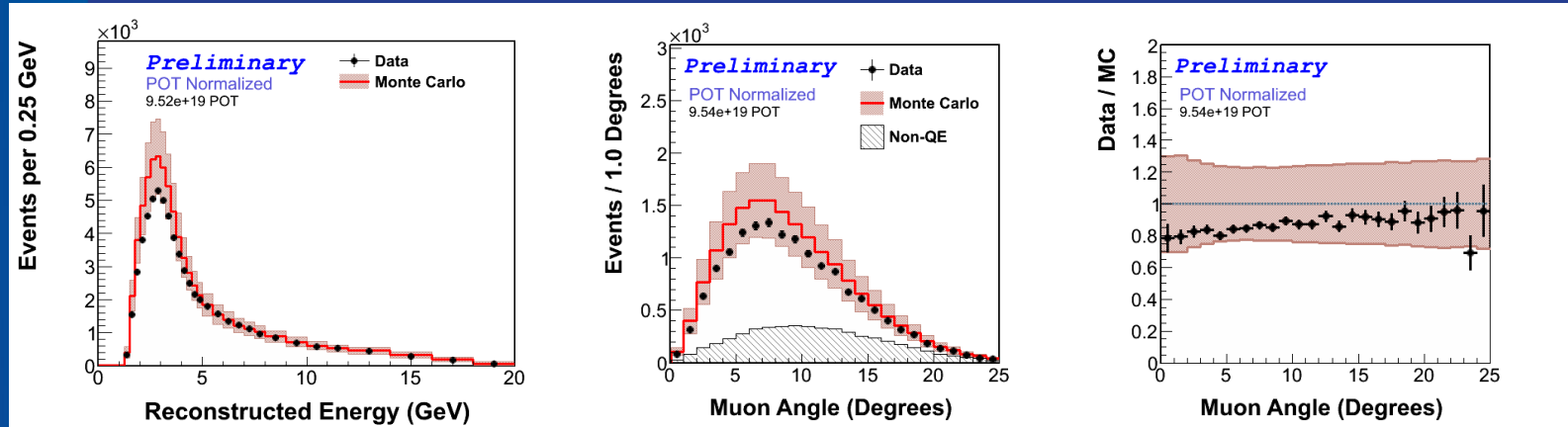
Anti-neutrino CCQE Cross-section

Neutrino CCQE Q^2 distribution

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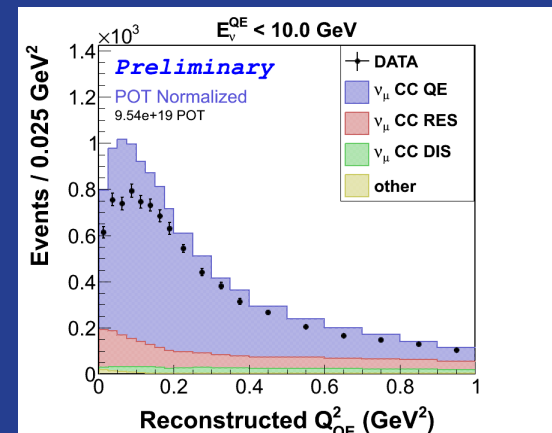
Expected event rates for 6.6 x 10²⁰ POT	
production mode	# events
CC QE ($\nu_\mu\, n \to \mu^-\, p$)	60,161
NC elastic ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \nu_\mu\, N$)	19,409
CC resonant π^+ ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \mu^-\, N\, \pi^+$)	25,149
CC resonant π^0 ($\nu_\mu\, n \to \mu^-\, p\, \pi^0$)	6,994
NC resonant π^0 ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \nu_\mu\, N\, \pi^0$)	7,388
NC resonant $\pi^\pm$ ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \nu_\mu\, N'\, \pi^\pm$)	4,796
CC DIS ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \mu^-\, X$, $W > 2$ GeV)	1,229
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NC coherent π^0 ($\nu_\mu\, A \to \nu_\mu\, A\, \pi^0$)	1,694
CC coherent π^+ ($\nu_\mu\, A \to \mu^-\, A\, \pi^+$)	2,626
NC kaon ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \nu_\mu\, K\, X$)	39
CC kaon ($\nu_\mu\, N \to \mu^-\, K\, X$)	117
other ν_μ	3,678
total ν_μ CC	98,849
total ν_μ NC+CC	133,580
ν_e QE	326
ν_e CC	657

And Neutrino Measurements not directly coupled to the Big Neutrino Questions

- MINERvA measurements of
    - structure functions
    - the A dependence of inclusive neutrino cross-sections
    - physics more coupled to the SeaQuest/QCD part of the lab's program

- Feasibility studies of a neutrino coherent scattering measurement
    - Using neutrinos from the Booster Neutrino Beamline
    - Stopped pion and muon decay
    - Currently investigating the neutron background
    - Project of JongHee Yoo (Wilson Fellow)

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Summary

- Fermilab's current neutrino program is world leading and has contributed significantly to our understanding of neutrino physics

- Fermilab's planned future neutrino program will see it play an even larger role in the global effort

- Fermilab management plays an active role in steering the program and defining its future course.
  - Evidenced by the lab's tough prioritization decisions and its commitment to long range planning

- The last decade has been revolutionary for neutrino physics and the next decade promises more. Fermilab will be the heart of the global program

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Fermilab Experimental Thrusts in Neutrino Physics

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