

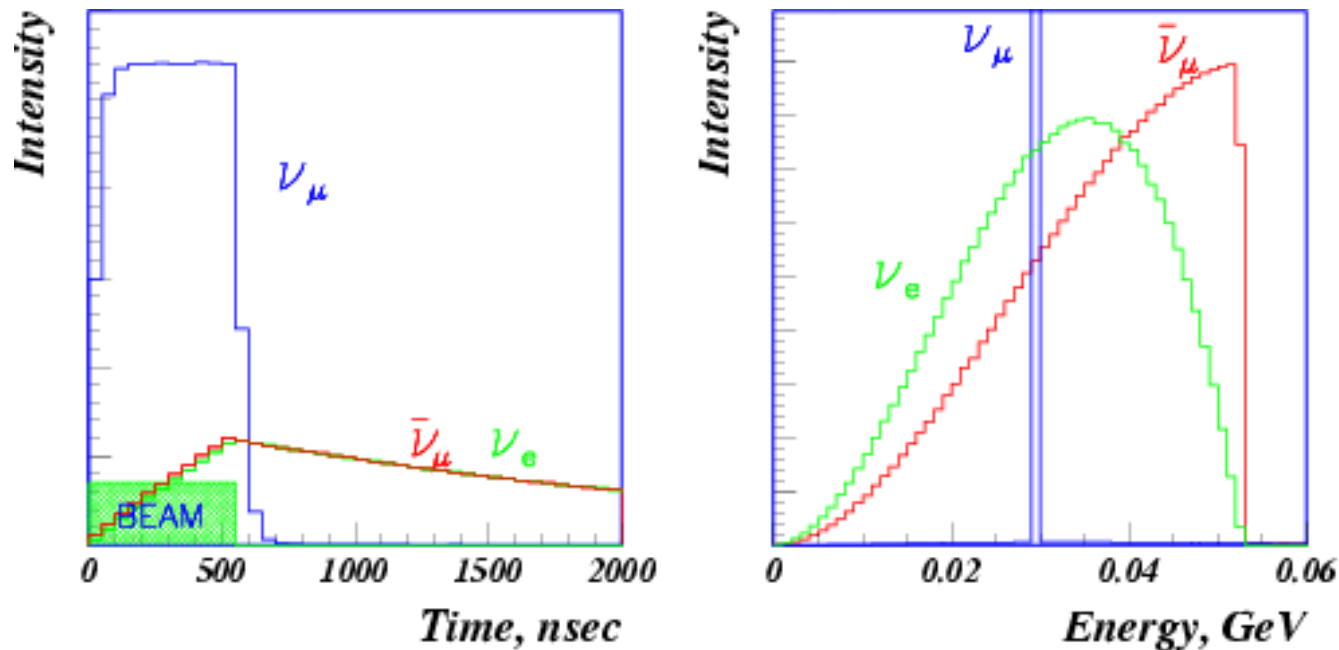
Review: Decay at Rest Sterile Neutrino Searches

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Two Main Options:

- *Pion Decay-At-Rest*
 - Highlight: OscSNS
- *Isotope Decay-At-Rest*
 - Highlight: IsoDAR

Pion Decay-At-Rest

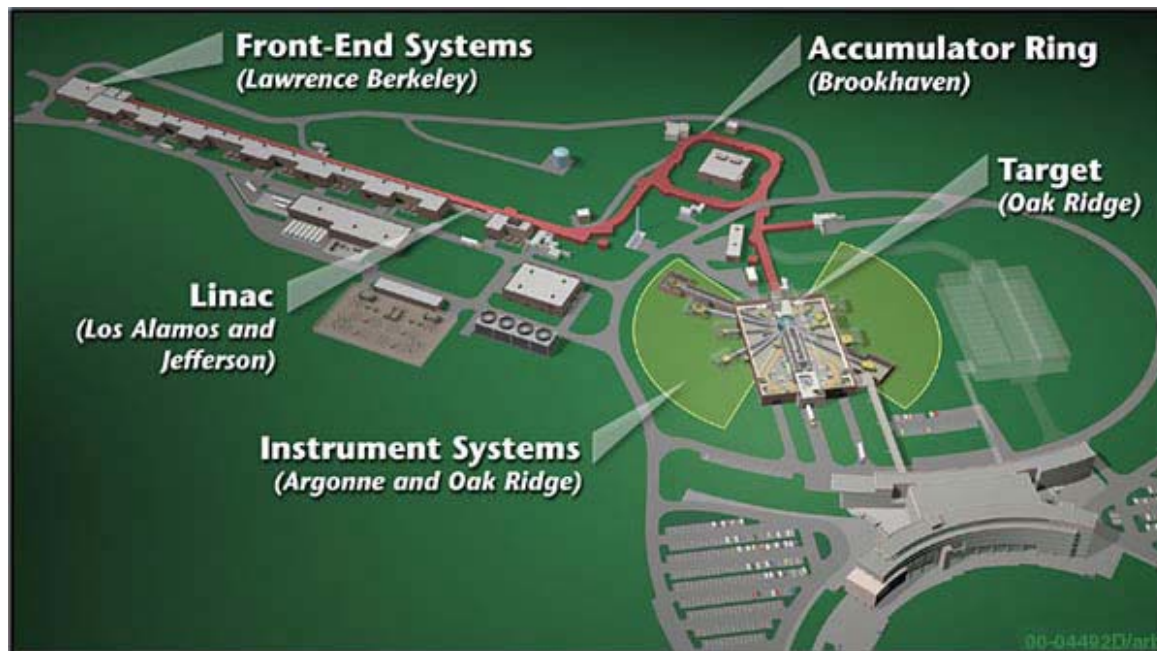


Simple beam dynamics well determined by the kinematics of the pions decaying at rest.

OscSNS

From:
W. Louis

- Make use of the “free” neutrinos being made at the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS).



The SNS is putting $2 \times 10^{23} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ protons on a liquid Hg target per year (1.4MW).

Pretty Picture:



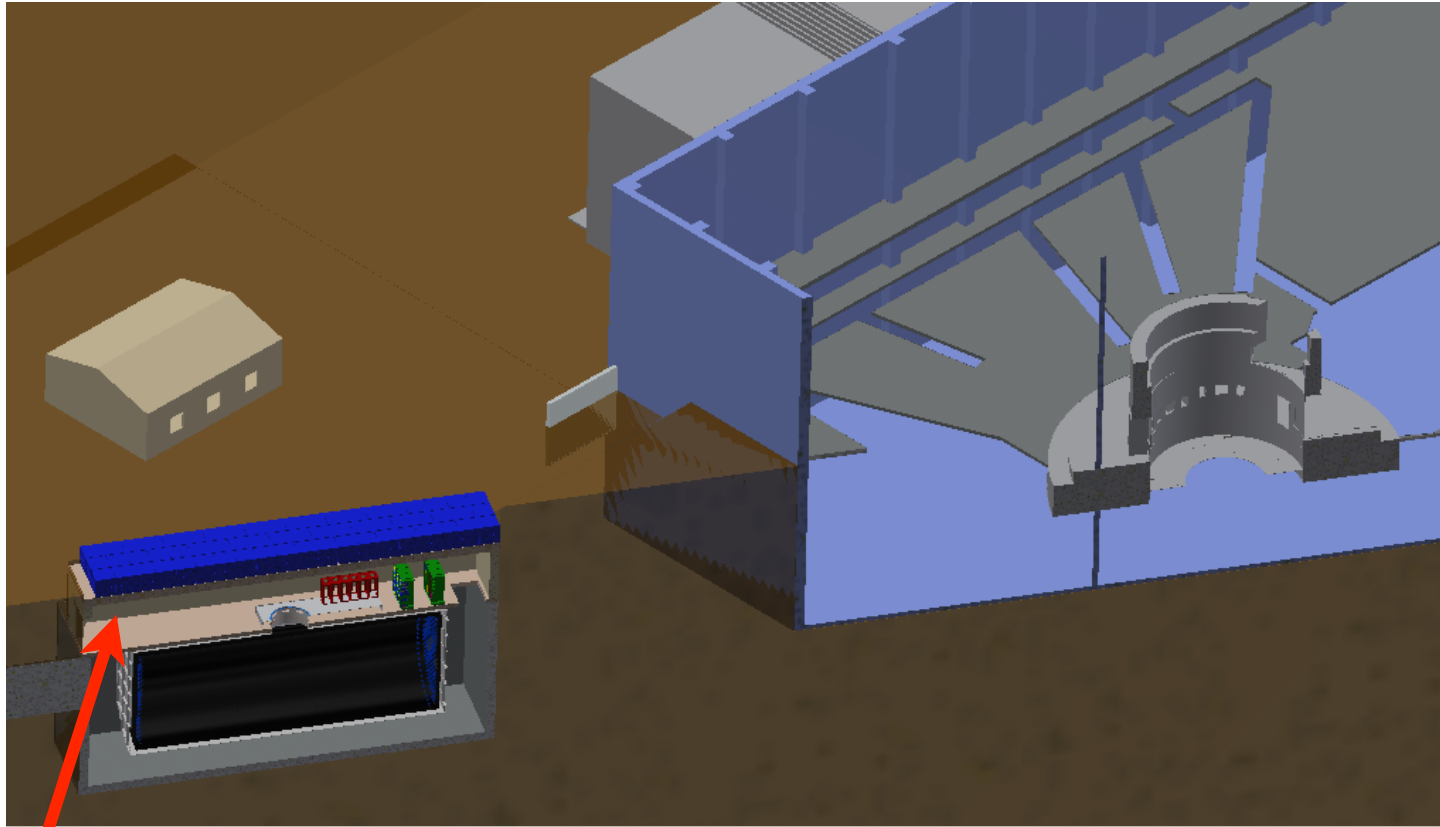
The SNS at ORNL

Zooming In:

Assumed
Detector
Location

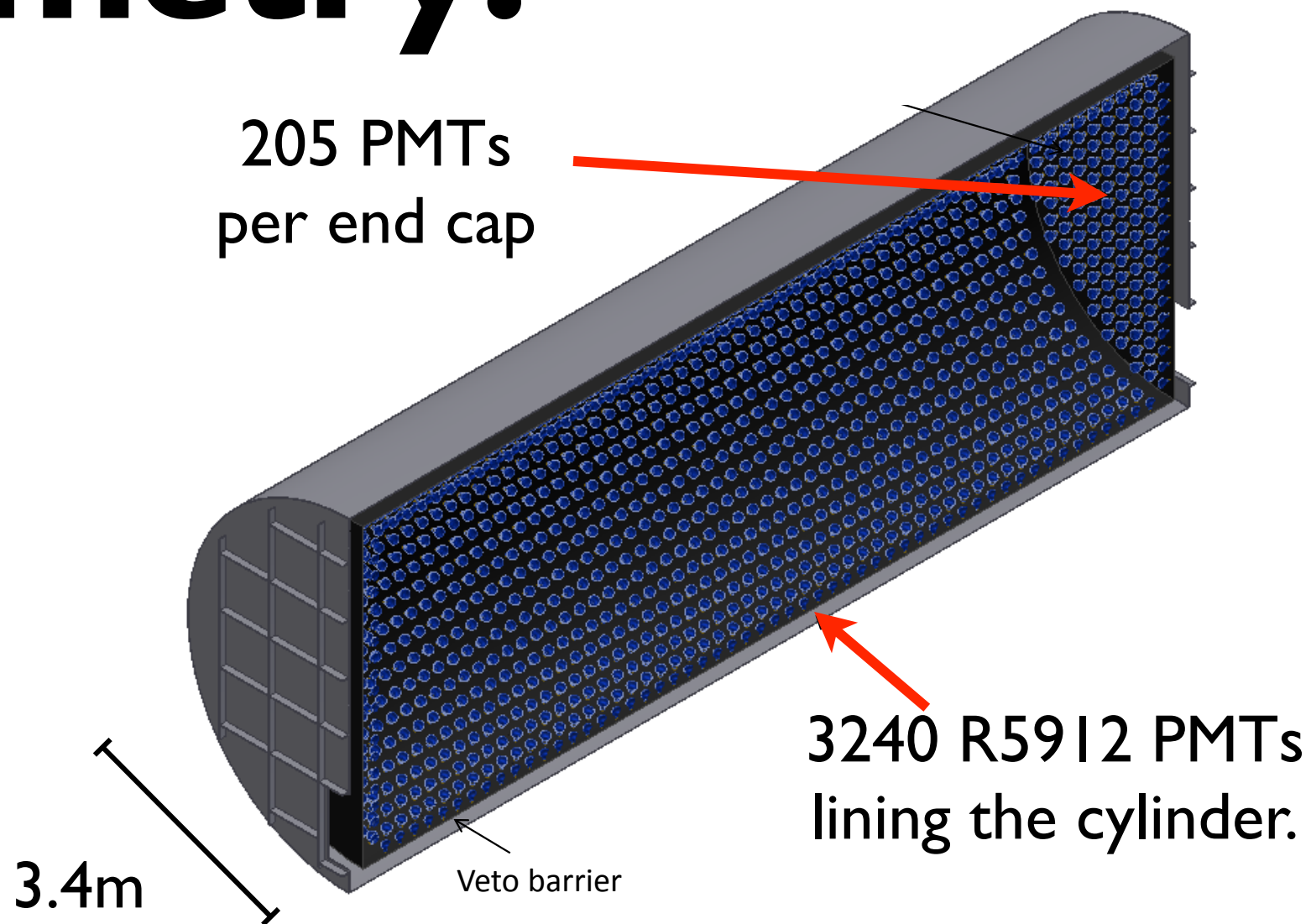


Detector Hall:



Steel Shielding

Detector Geometry:



Better Than LSND:

- Mass **5 x** Larger
- Neutrino Source Intensity **x 2**
- Lower Duty Factor **x 1000**
(less cosmogenic background)
- Separation of ν_μ & $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ with timing.
- Negligible Decay in Flight (backwards).
- Negligible neutrino background **x 2-4**
(60m vs. 30m)

Summary with LSND Parameters:

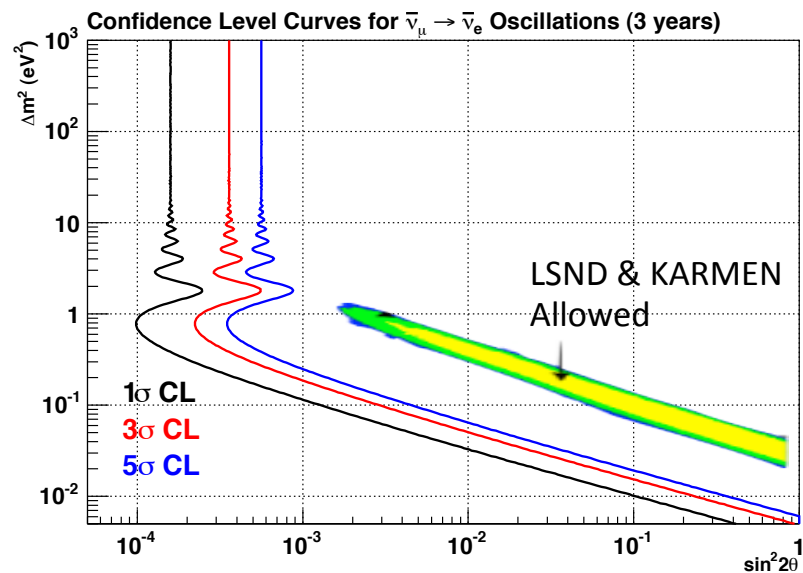
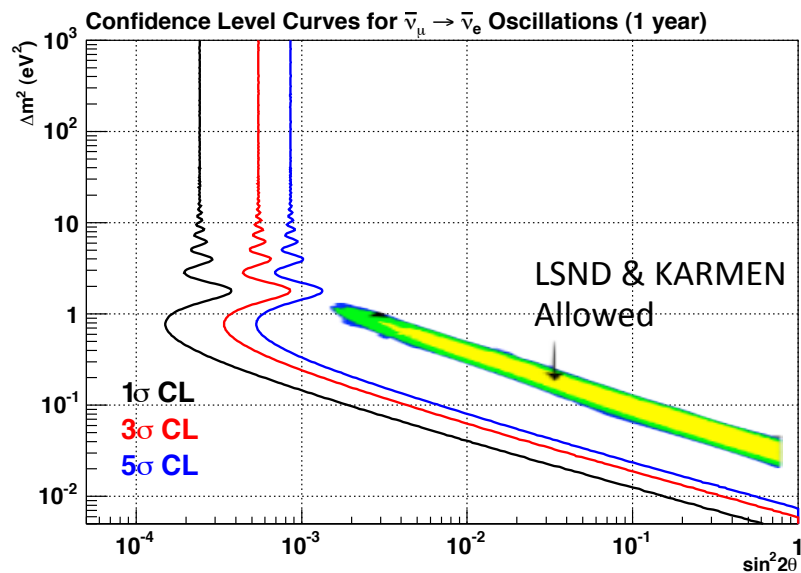
- 350 $\bar{\nu}_e$ oscillation events per year with 80 background events.
- Should also observe ν_e and ν_μ disappearance.

Should Also get cross section measurements and may be even a $\sin^2\theta_w$ measurement.

**Let's see what
it can do!**

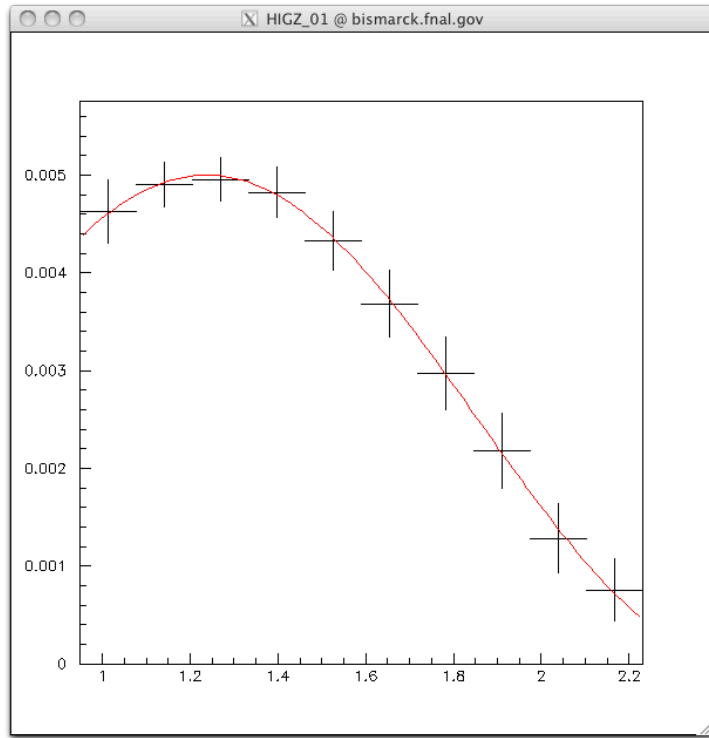
$\bar{\nu}_\mu \Rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ Appearance!

Sensitivity for 2 and 6 years of running

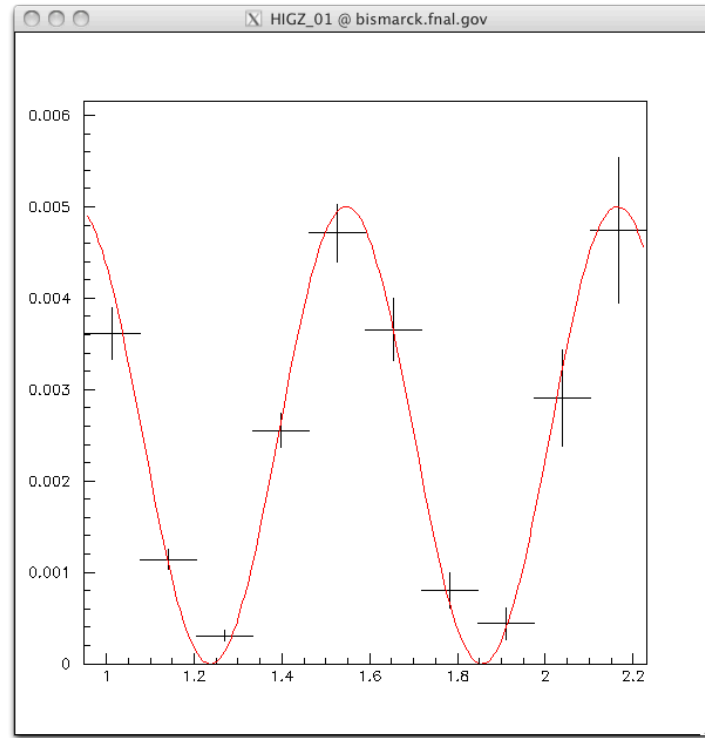


Can observe oscillation across the detector!

Assuming 10y of data & $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.005$, $\Delta m^2 = 1 \text{ eV}^2$



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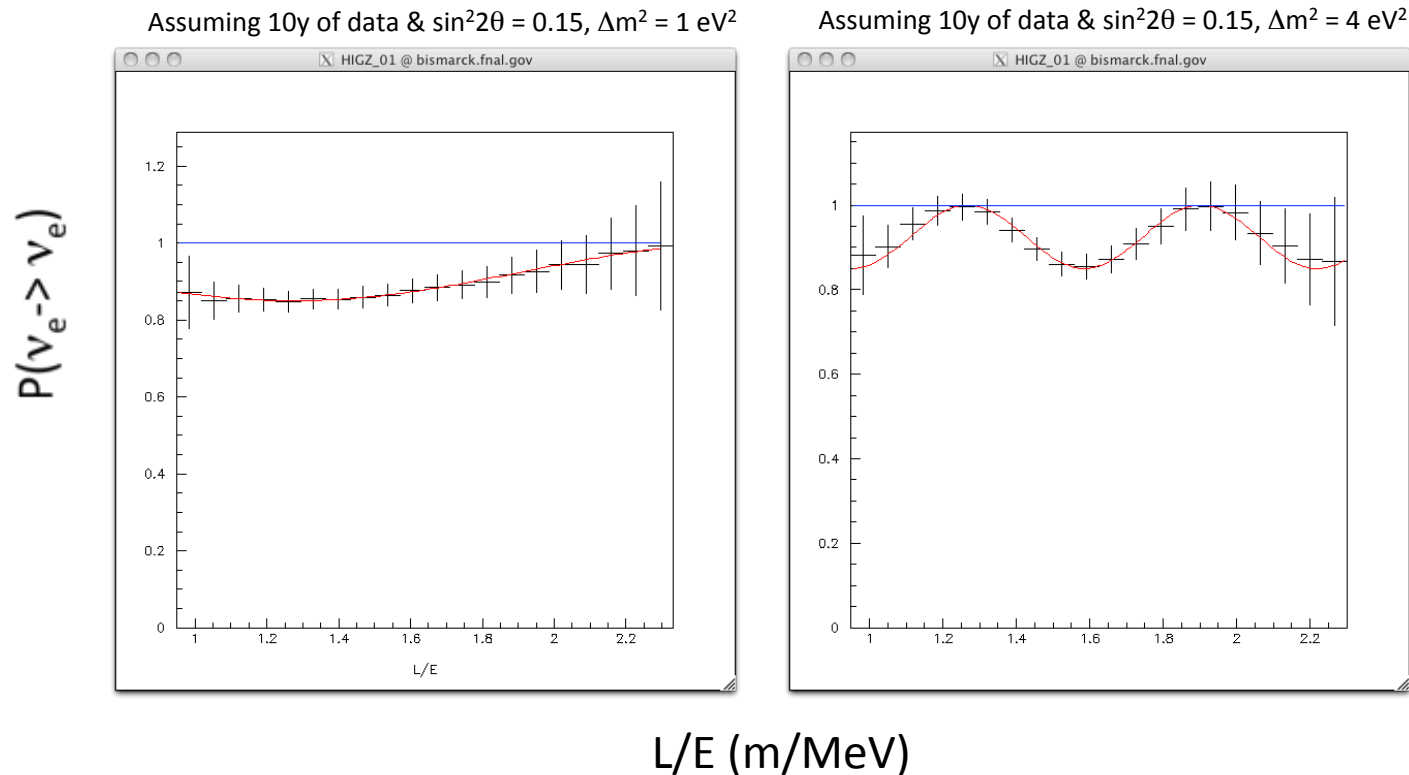


L/E (m/MeV)

Note the distinctive shape of the different possible parameters.

Disappearance in

$$\nu_e + C \Rightarrow e^+ + N \text{ then } N \Rightarrow C + e^+ + \nu_e$$



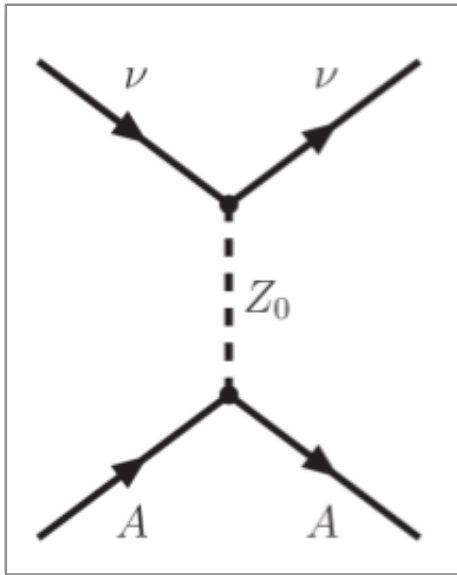
Once again the distinctive signature of oscillations across the detector.

For reference:

Channel	Events/2 years
$\nu_e C \rightarrow e^- N_{gs}$	4705
$\nu_e C \rightarrow e^- N^*$	2247
$\nu_\mu C \rightarrow \nu_\mu C^*(15.11)$	1490
$\nu C \rightarrow \nu C^*(15.11)$	7070
$\nu_e e^- \rightarrow \nu_e e^-$	1353
$\nu_\mu e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^-$	450
100% $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, \nu_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$	92,308
0.26% $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, \nu_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$	240

**Two quick
variations:**

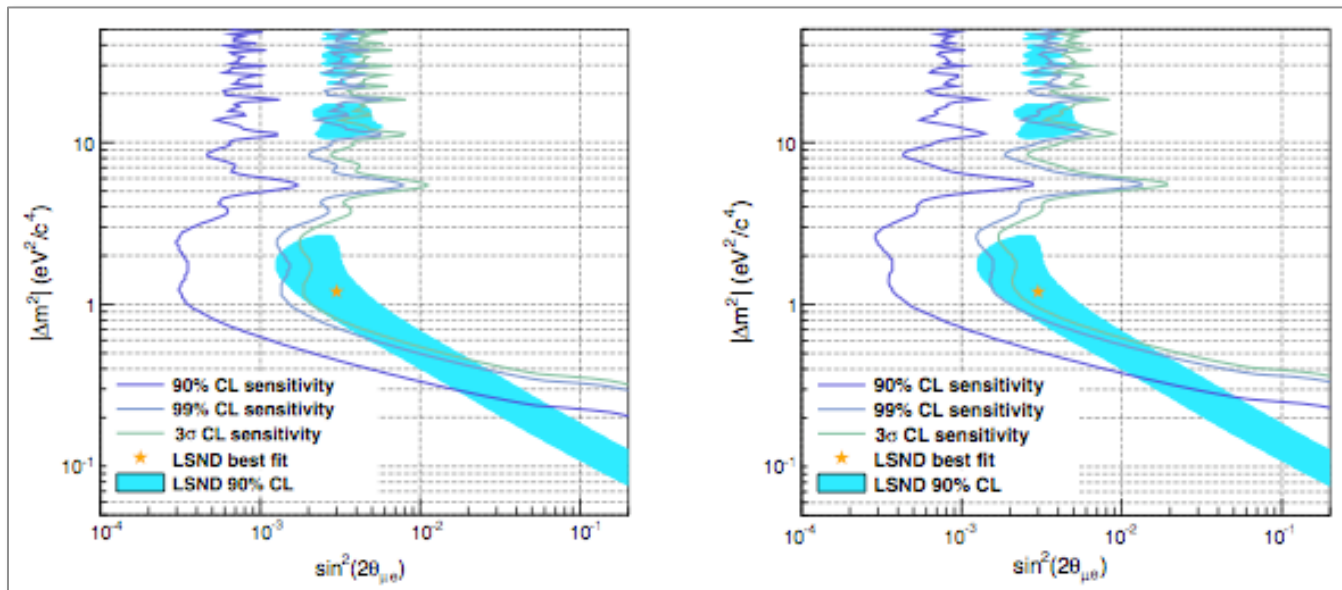
Coherent PiDAR



If we can observe coherent neutrino scattering then with either a Ge or Ar based detector.

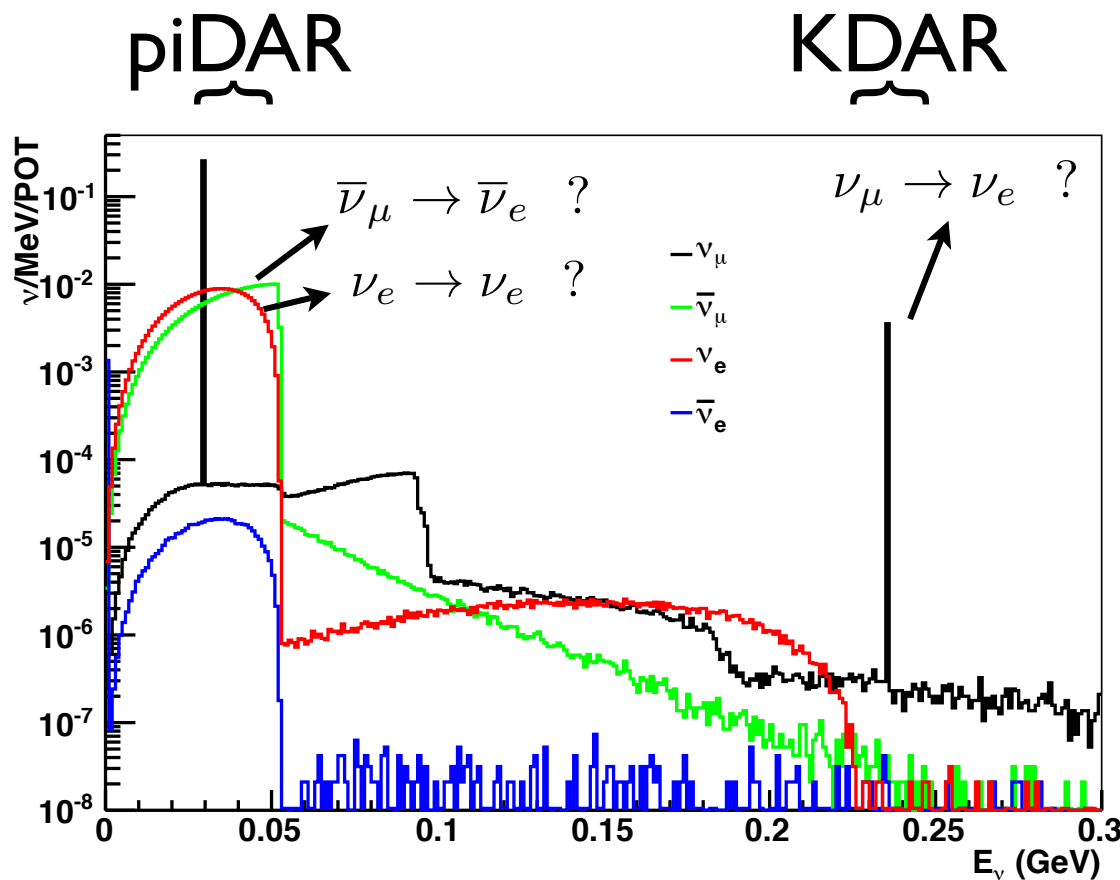
	^{76}Ge	^{40}Ar
Active mass	100 kg	456 kg
Efficiency	0.67 (flat)	0.50 (flat)
Threshold	10 keV	30 keV
$\frac{\Delta E}{E}$ at threshold	3%	18%
Radiogenic background	2/year	See text
Cosmogenic background	0.1/(10 kg · day)	0.1/(10 kg · day)
Beam-related background	0/year	0/year

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From:
G. Karagiorgi

PiDAR and KDAR @ JPARC



- Spallation neutron source at JPARC's Material and Life Science facility provides 3 GeV protons at (eventually) 1 MW.
- Short beam window (~ 80 ns x2, 25 Hz).
- Reduced steady-state background by 10,000 compared to LSND.
- Liquid scintillator detector; parameters (baseline, size, ...) are under consideration.
- Sensitivity to oscillations in multiple channels and with neutrino and antineutrino!
- Provides discovery confidence.
- If it exists, precision measurements of sterile properties.

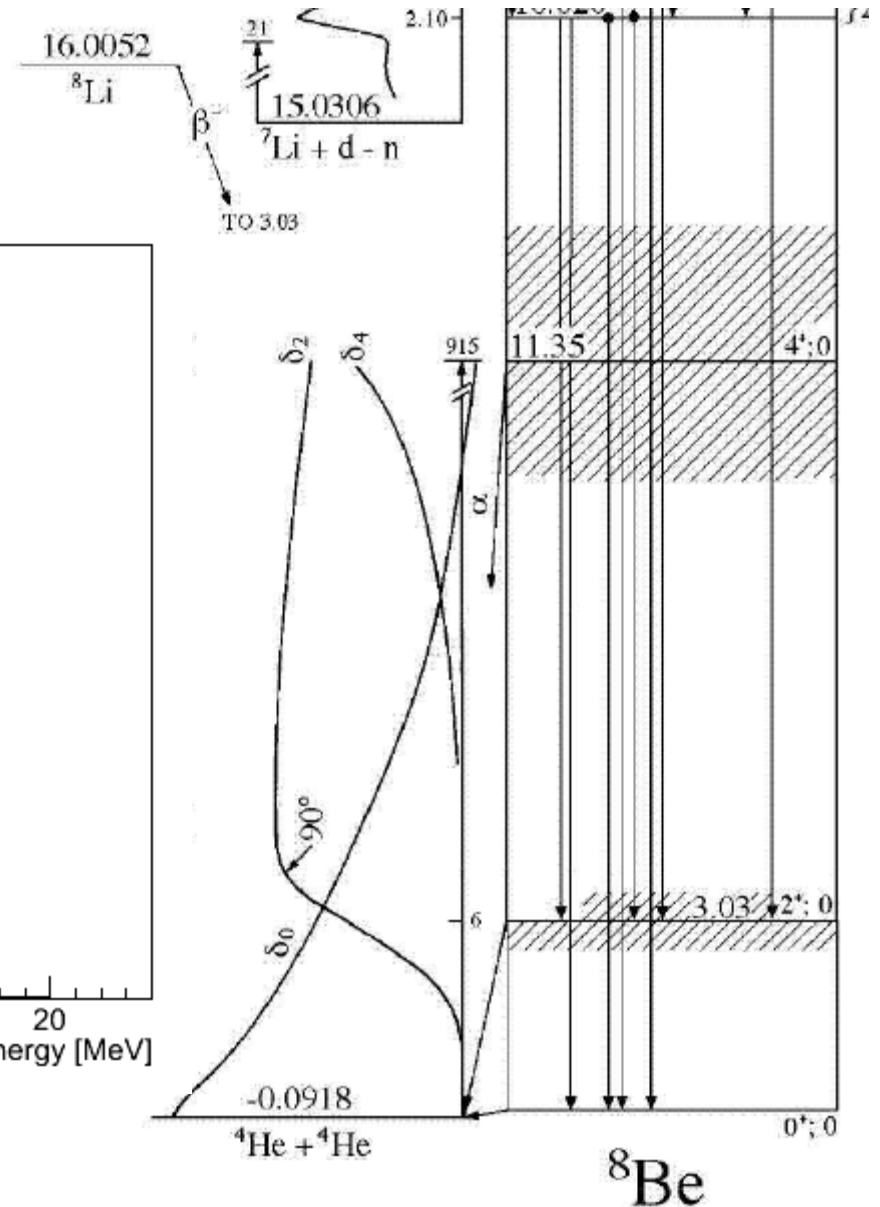
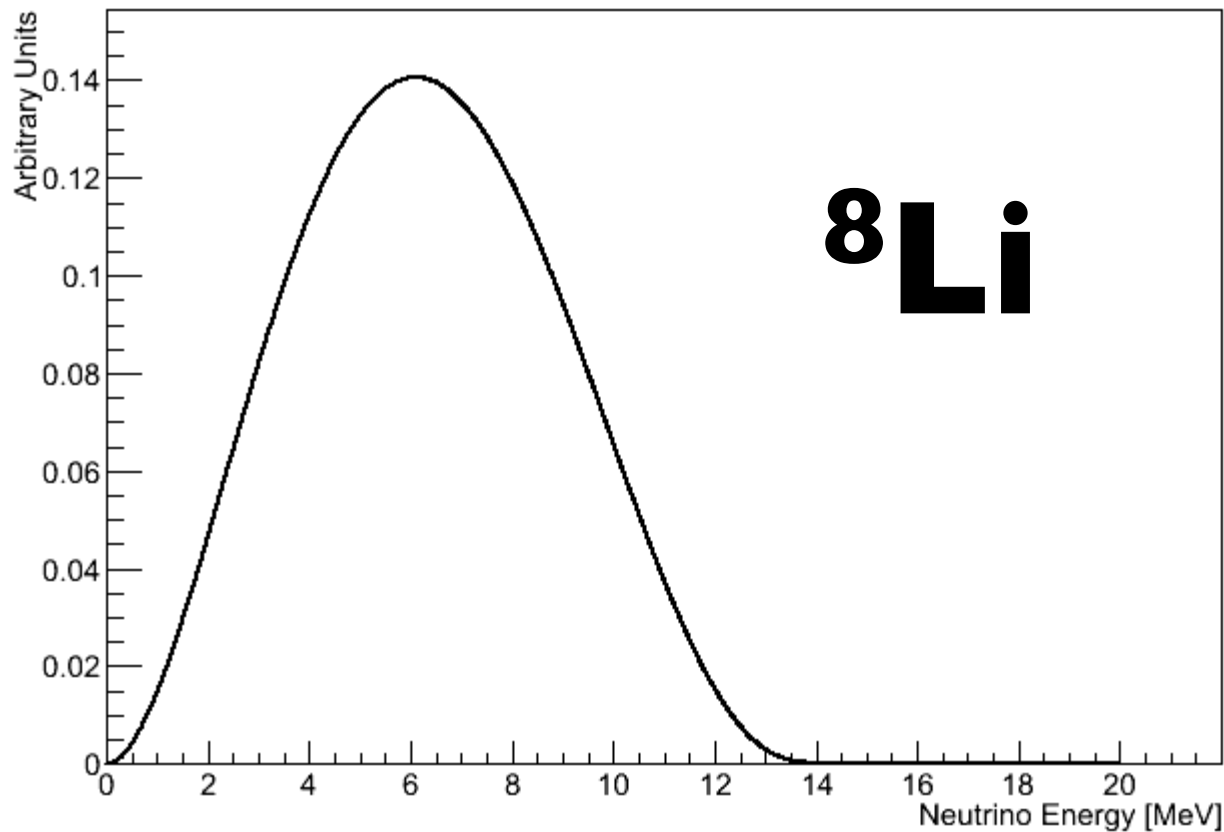
From:
J. Spitz

KDAR described in Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 093020

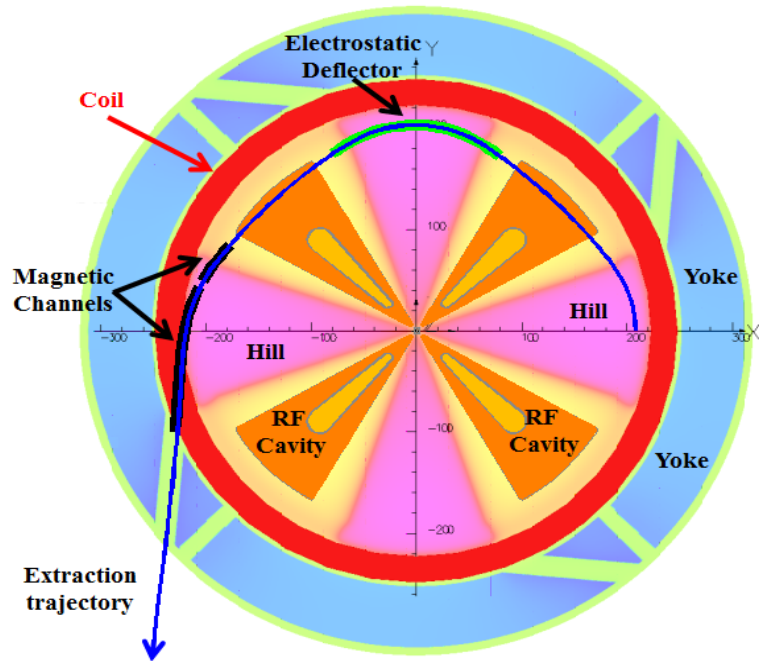
Next Up:

Isotope Decay-At-Rest

Even a complicated beta decay is well understood.

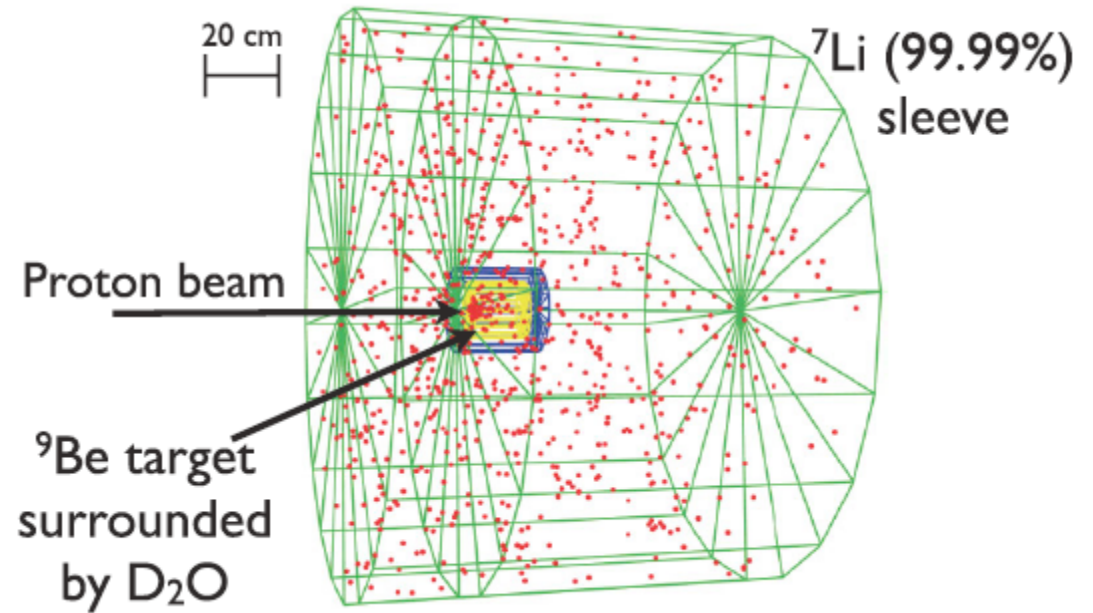


IsoDAR

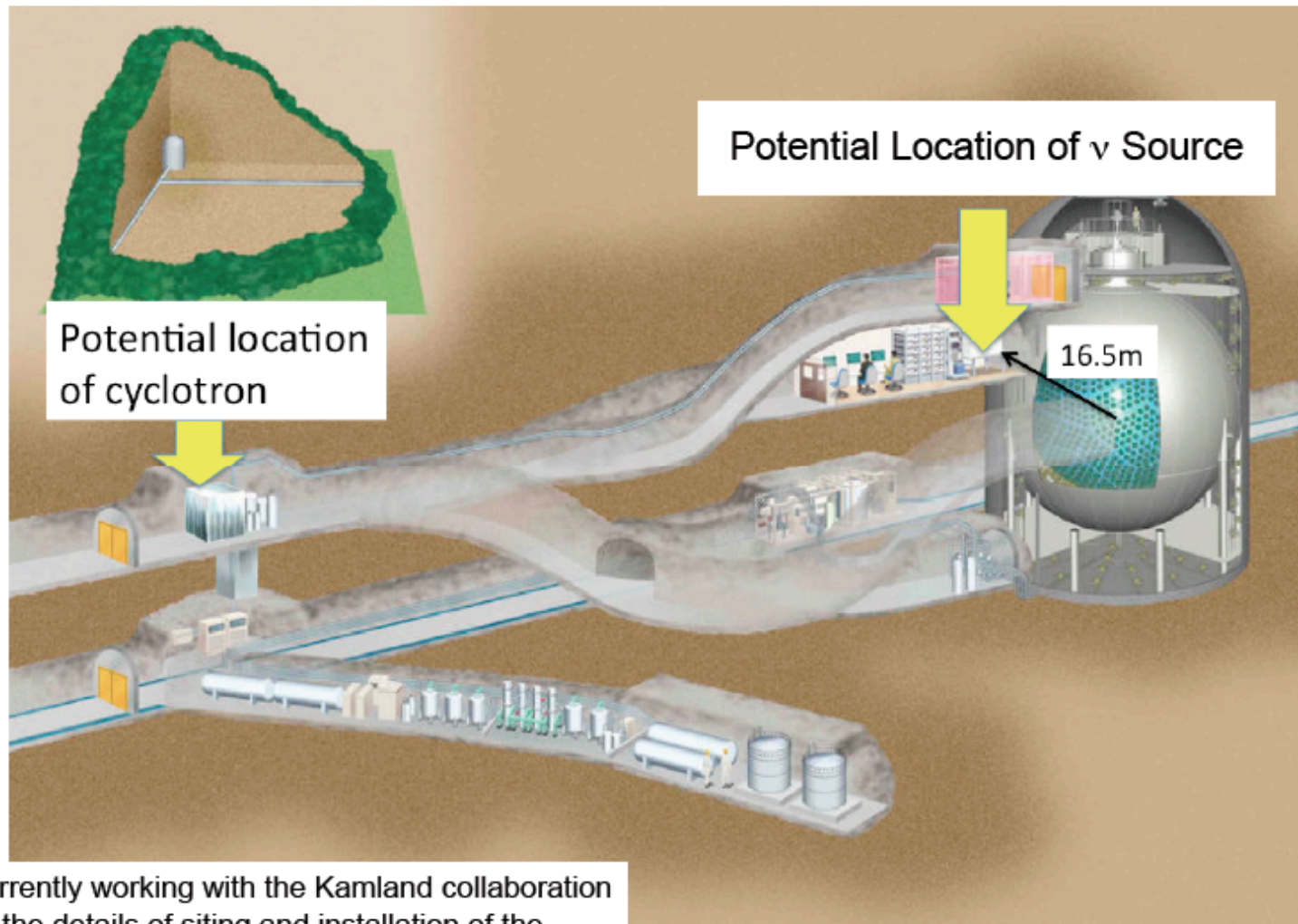


Accelerating H_2^+ ,
60MeV/n @ 5ma

Neutrons capture
on ^7Li to make ^8Li .



Place Source Near Detector:



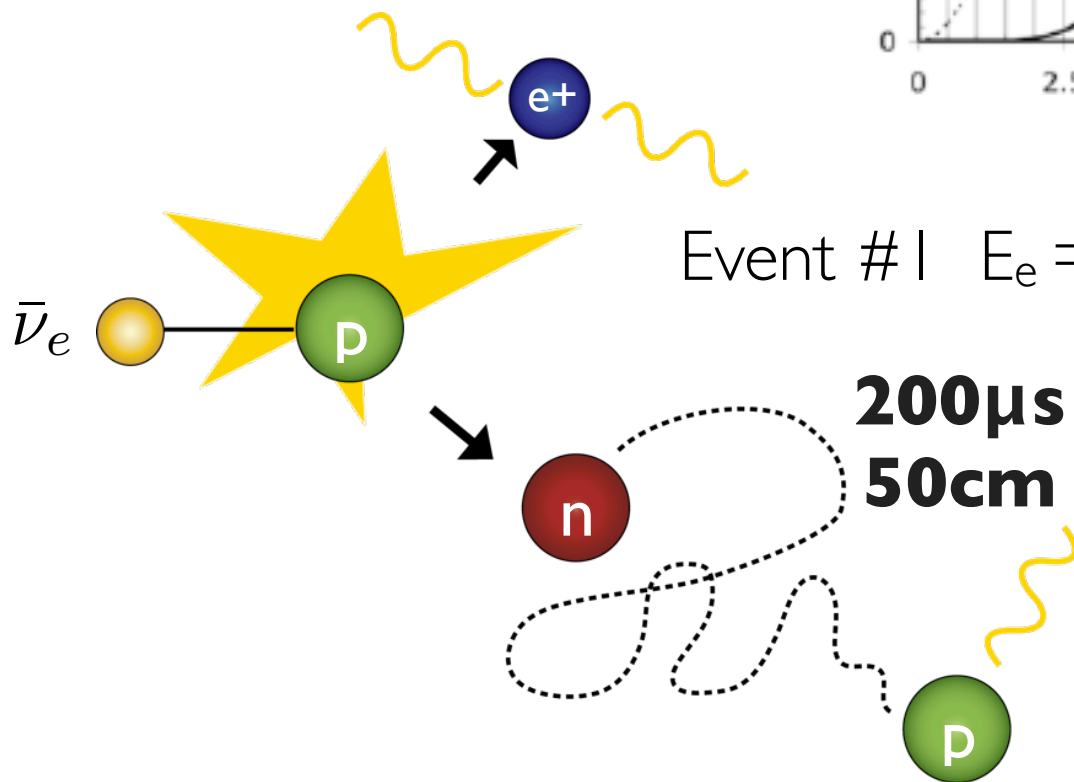
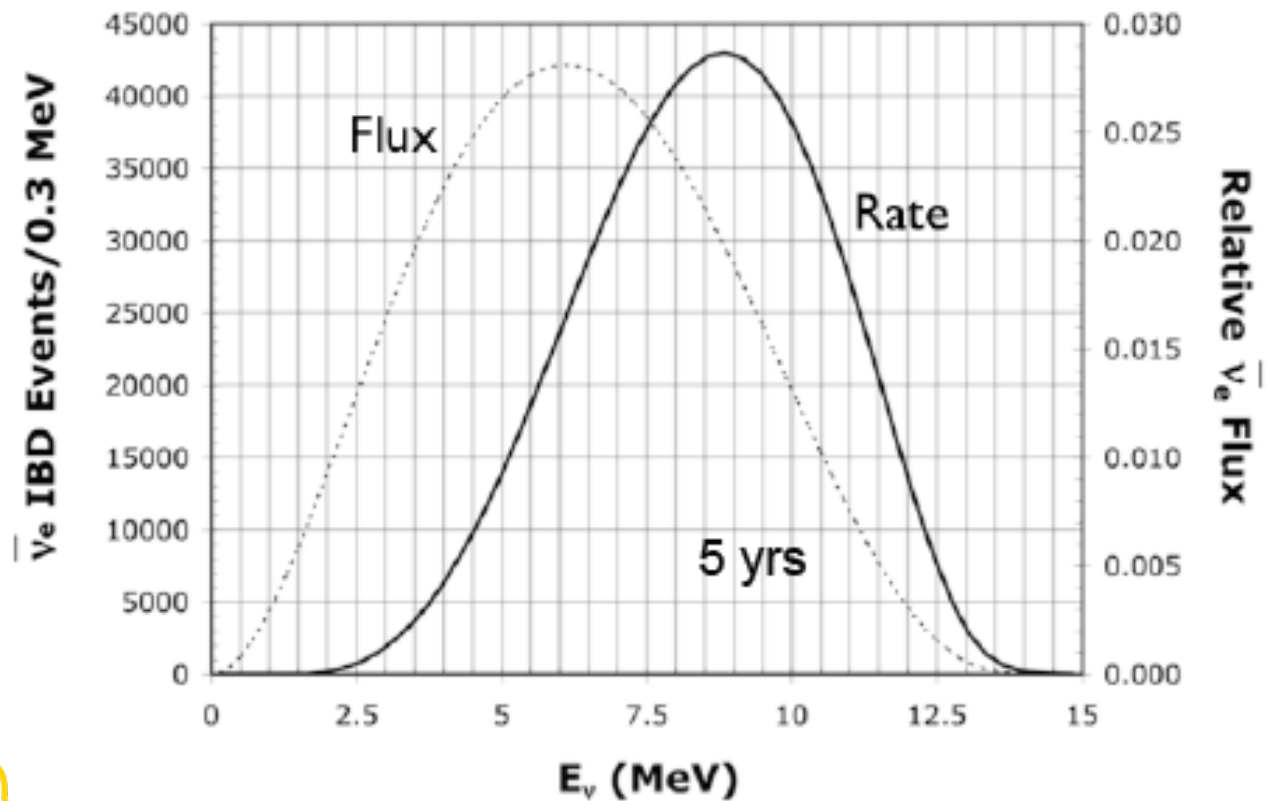
Currently working with the Kamland collaboration on the details of siting and installation of the cyclotron, beamline, and neutrino source.

Make Disappearance Measurement:

- Look for $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance.
- Look for L/E dependence across detector.
- Sensitivity to LSND signal region and Reactor/Source anomalies.

For details see Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 141802.

The Signal: *Inverse Beta Decay*

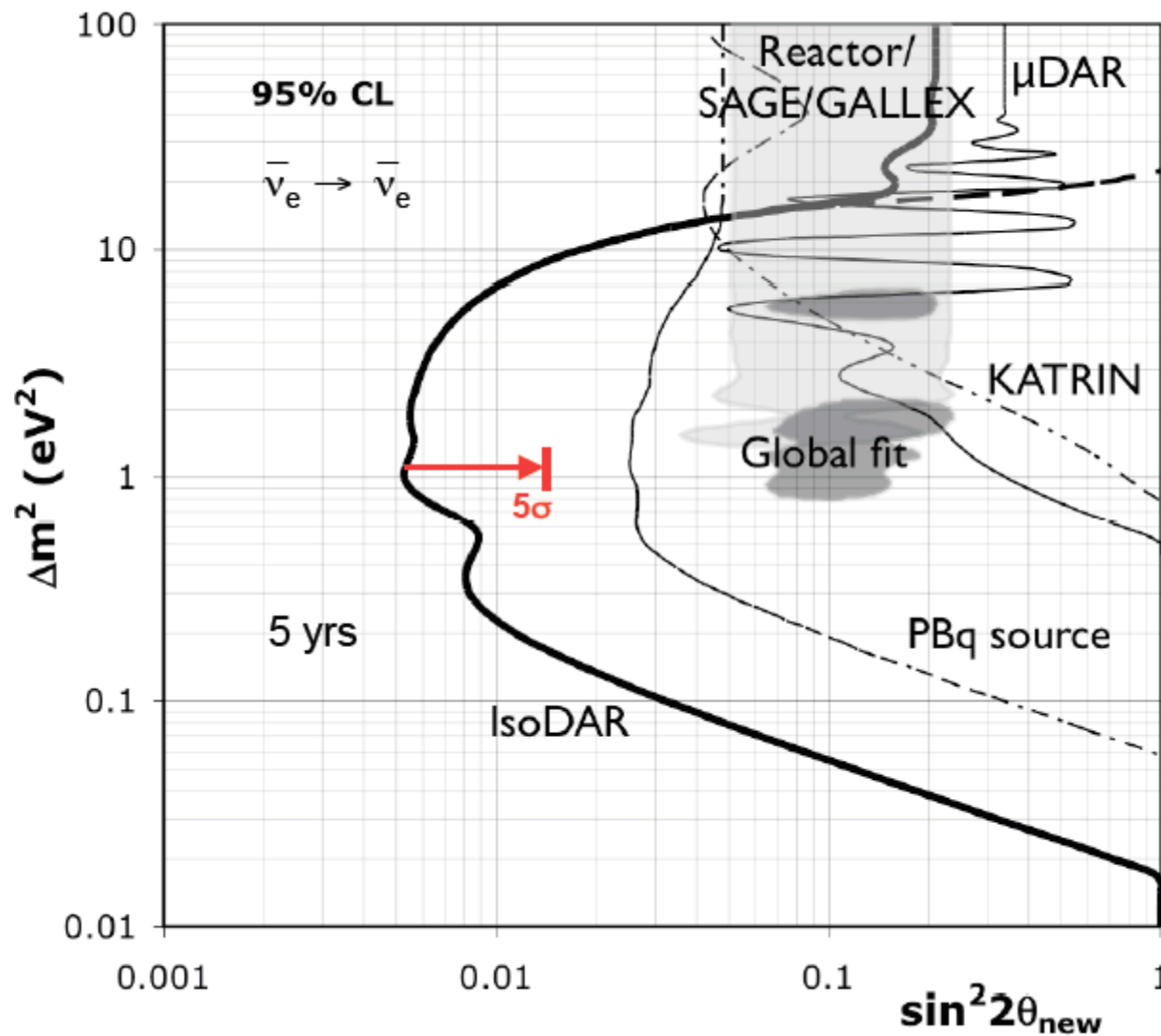


Event #1 $E_e = E_v - 0.8\text{MeV}$

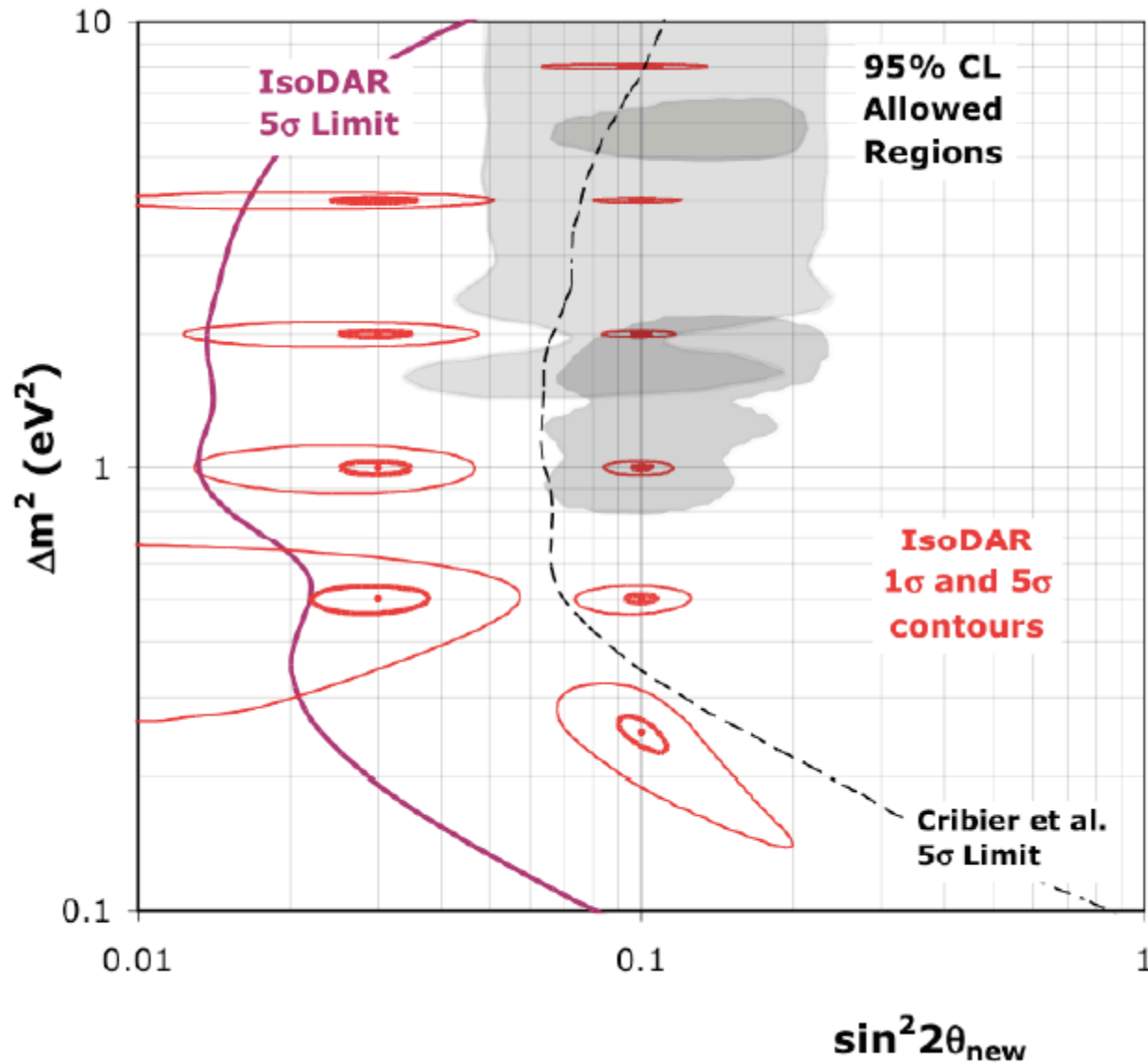
Event #2 $E_\gamma \sim 2.2\text{MeV}$

***~160,000 IBD
reconstructed
per year!***

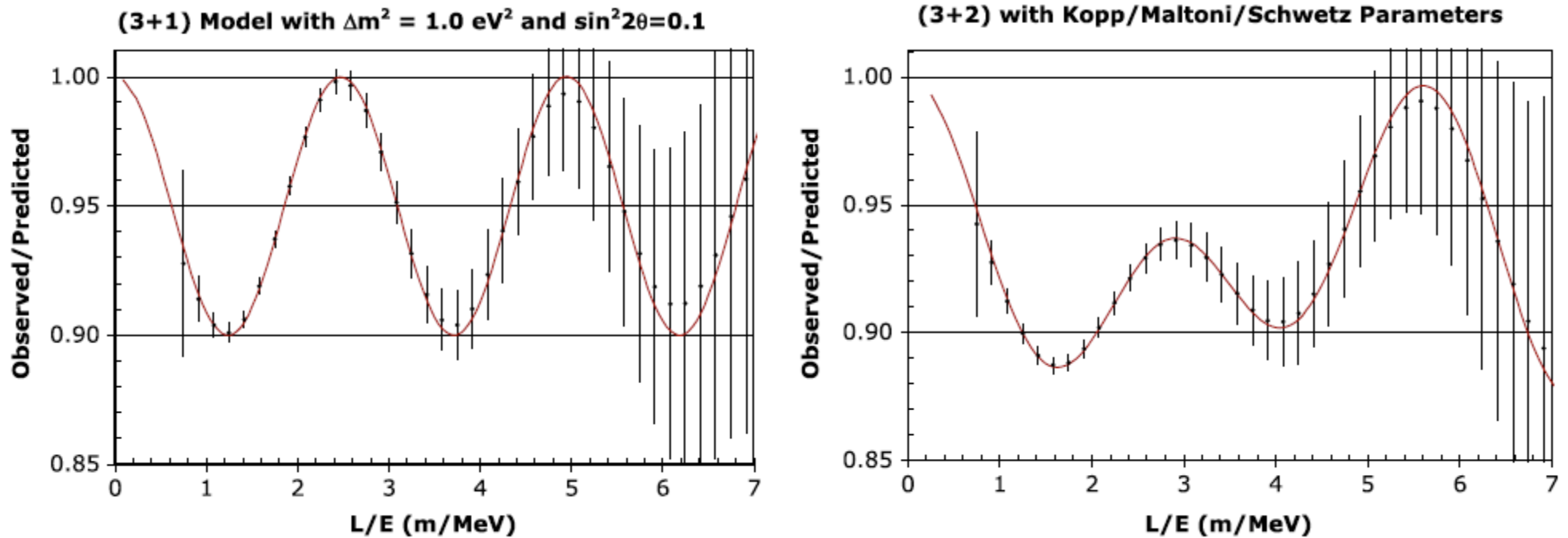
IsoDAR $\bar{\nu}_e$ Disappearance Oscillation Sensitivity (3+1)



IsoDAR Measurement Sensitivity

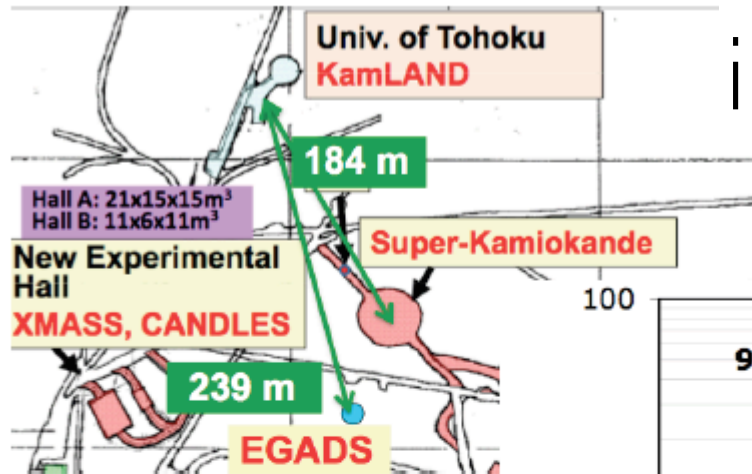


IsoDAR Oscillation in L/E

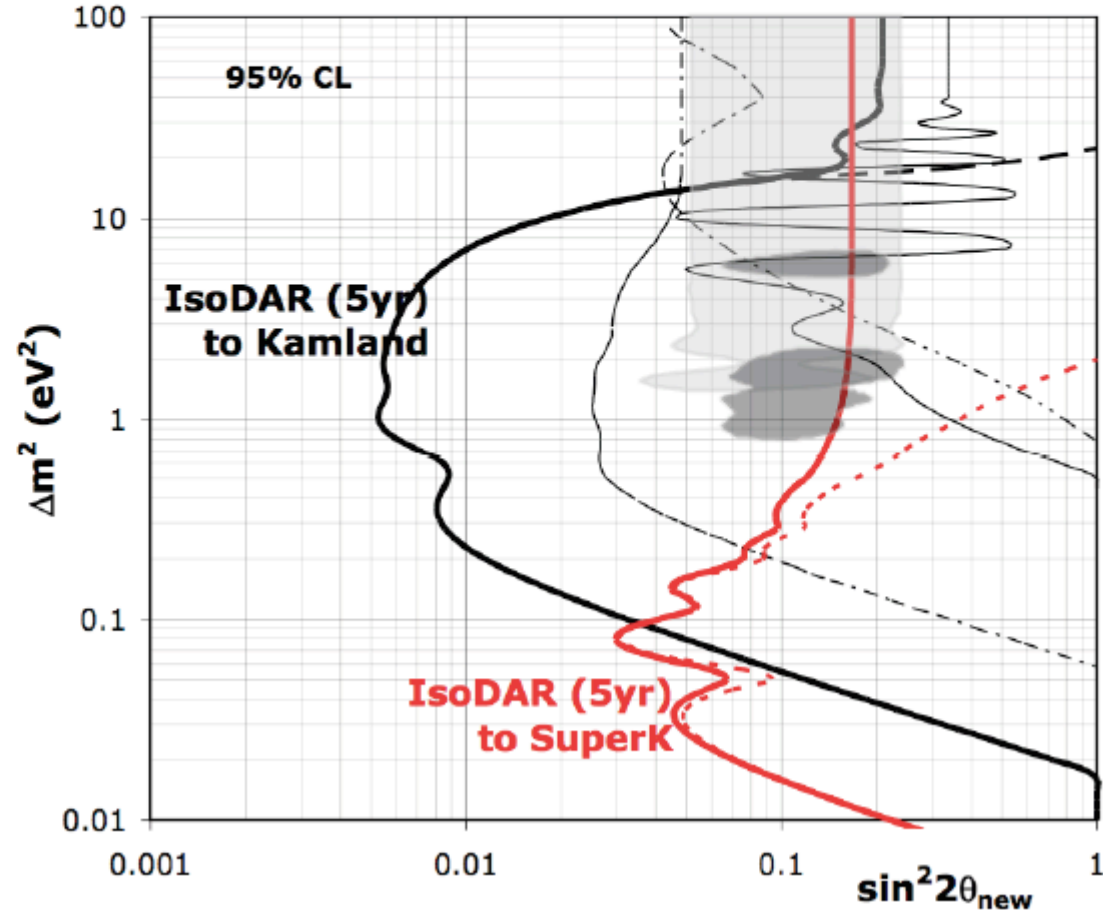


IsoDAR's high statistics and good L/E resolution has the potential to separate 3+1 and 3+2 models.

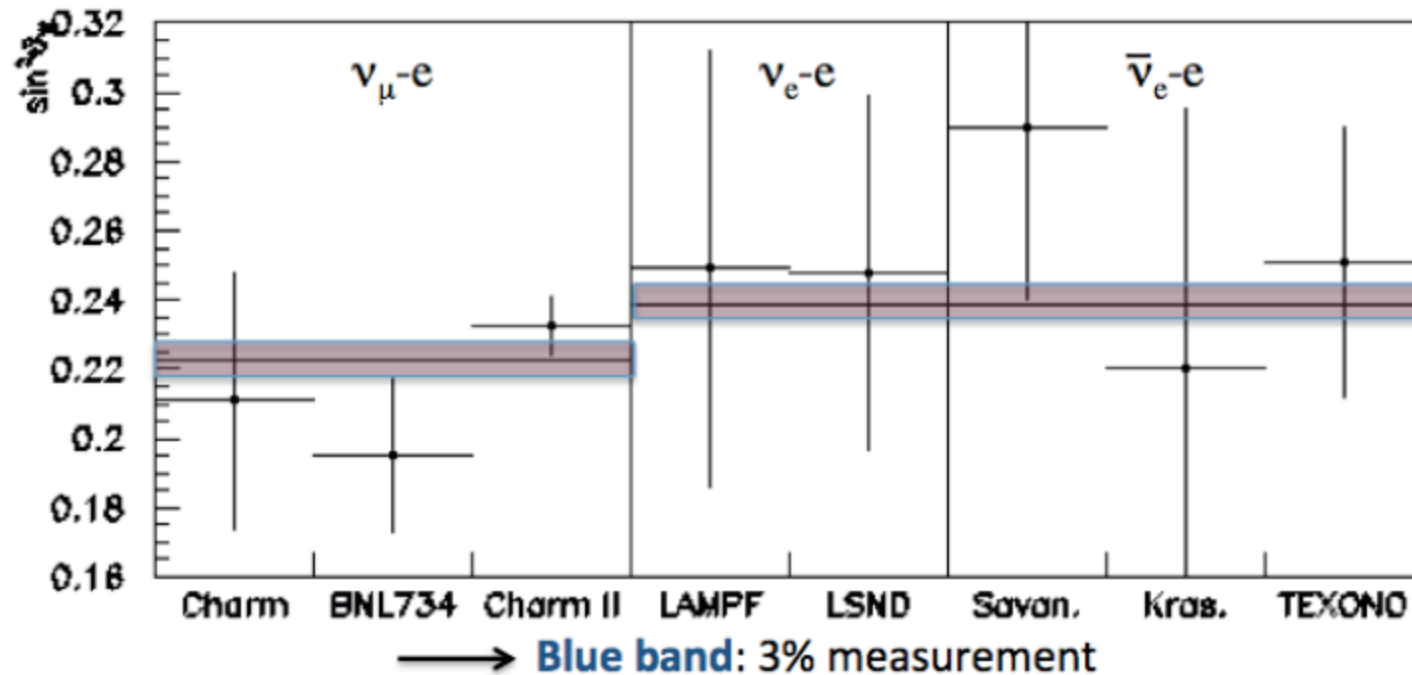
Possibility to probe lower
in Δm^2 using Super-K.



Mass 22.5 kton
Enu > 5.5 MeV requirement
sig(E) $-0.123+0.376\sqrt{E}+0.0349E$ in Me
sig(L) $2.23m/\sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$
L 185m
eff 0.402 = 60%*67%
DF fraction 90%
IBD Events (5yrs) 52,000

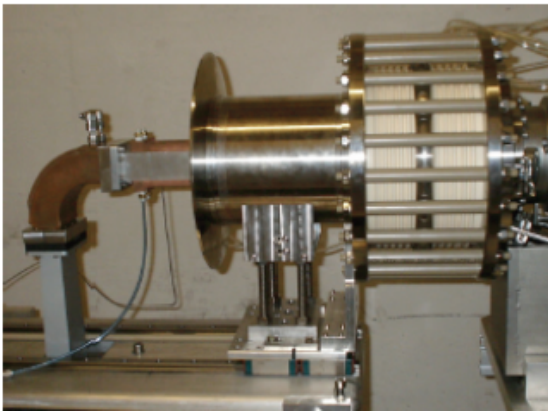
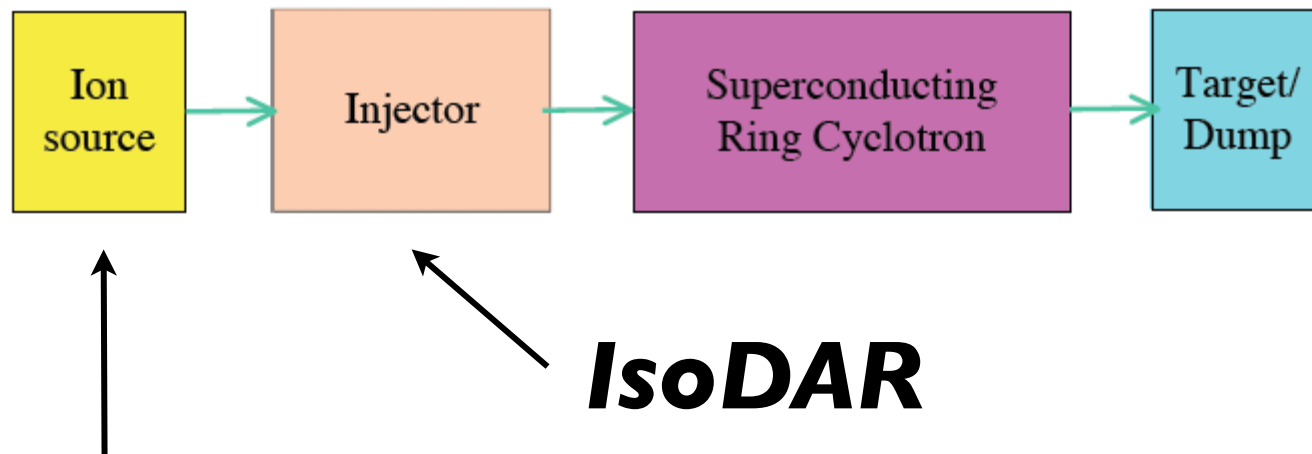


Can also do a scattering measurement...



IsoDAR produces 7,200 events in five years allows a 3% measurement. This is not as good as NuTeV (0.7%) but would be the best $\bar{\nu}_e$ -e measurement to date.

IsoDAR is part of the greater DAEdALUS program to develop multi-megawatt cyclotrons for a CP violation experiment.



Much work is underway including tests of the ion source at Best Cyclotrons, Inc in Vancouver this summer!

Summary:

Decay-At-Rest sources provide high flux and well characterized beams for sterile neutrinos searches. The high statistics allow these experiments to see the signature of oscillations, the L/E shape across a detector.

The End