

Status of θ_{13} measurements

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With inputs from Double/Super Chooz, RENO and Daya Bay collaborations

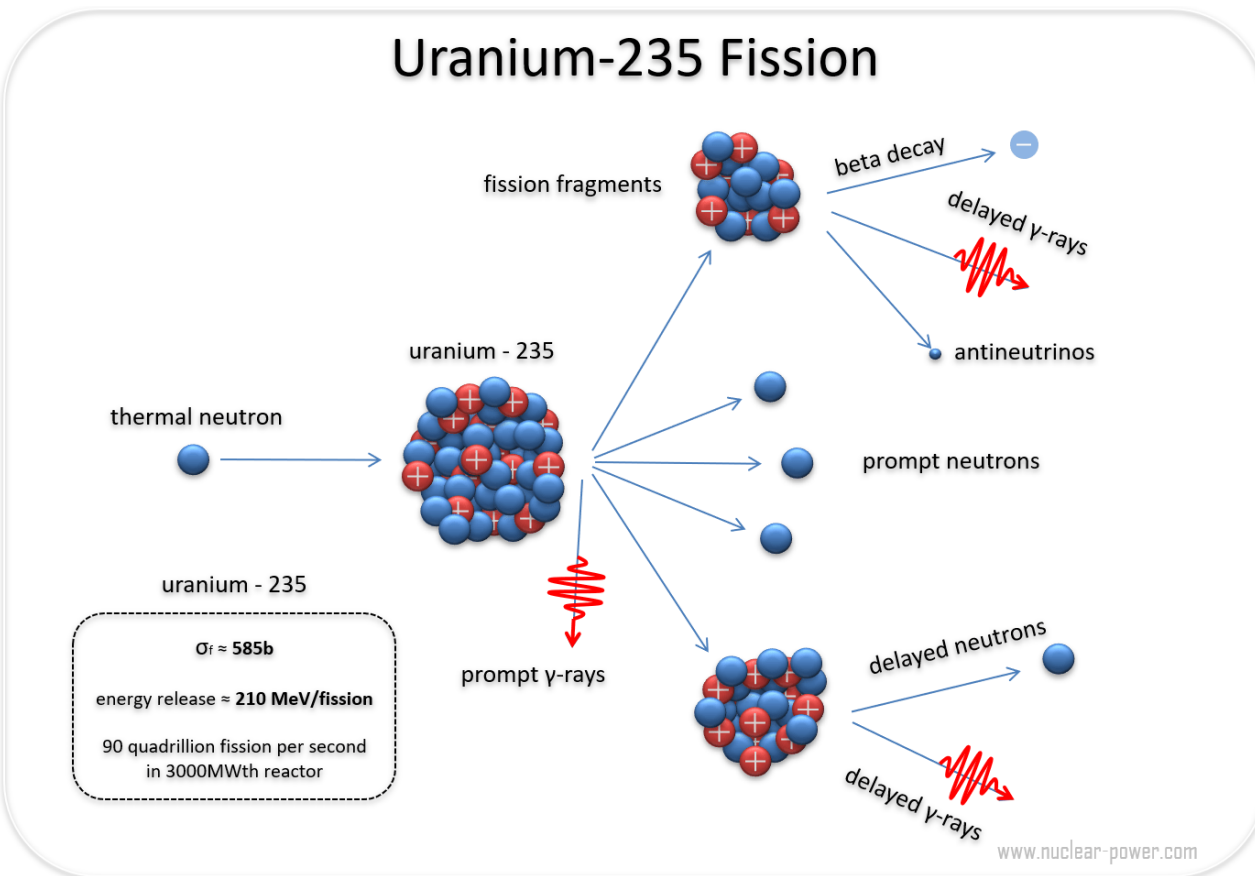


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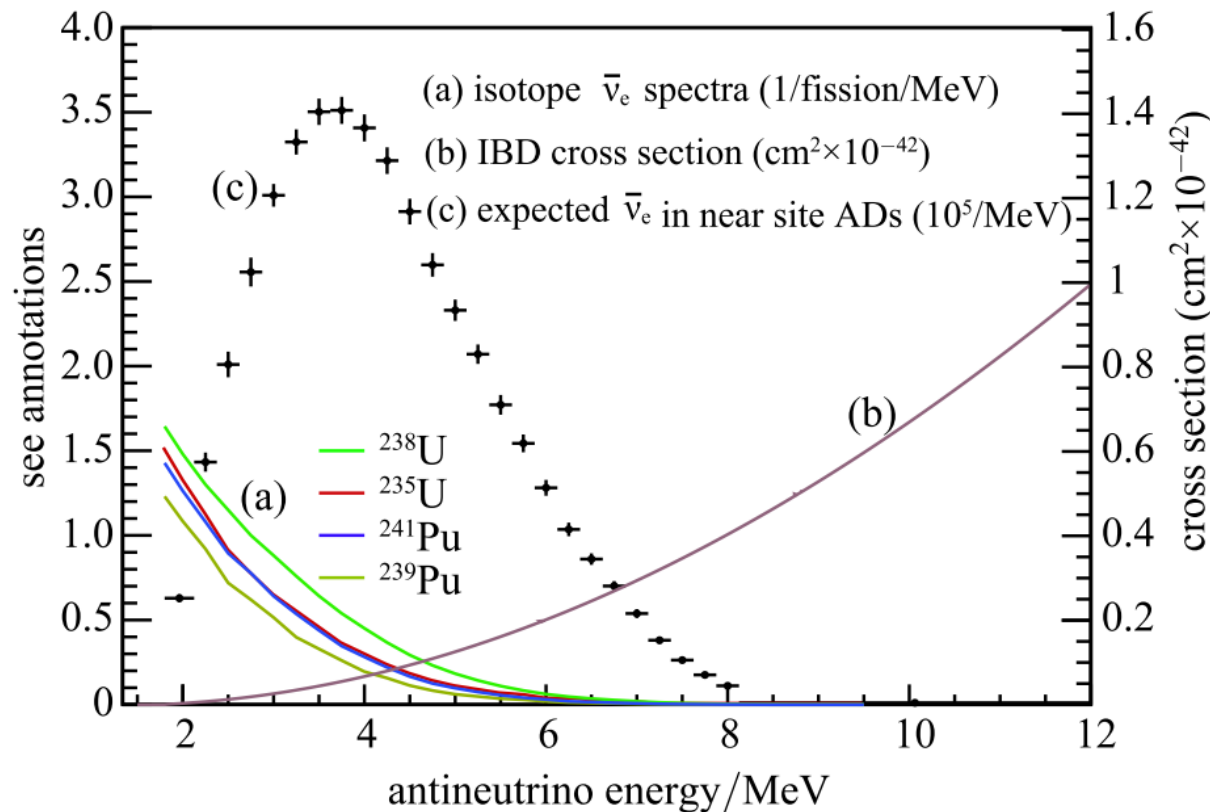
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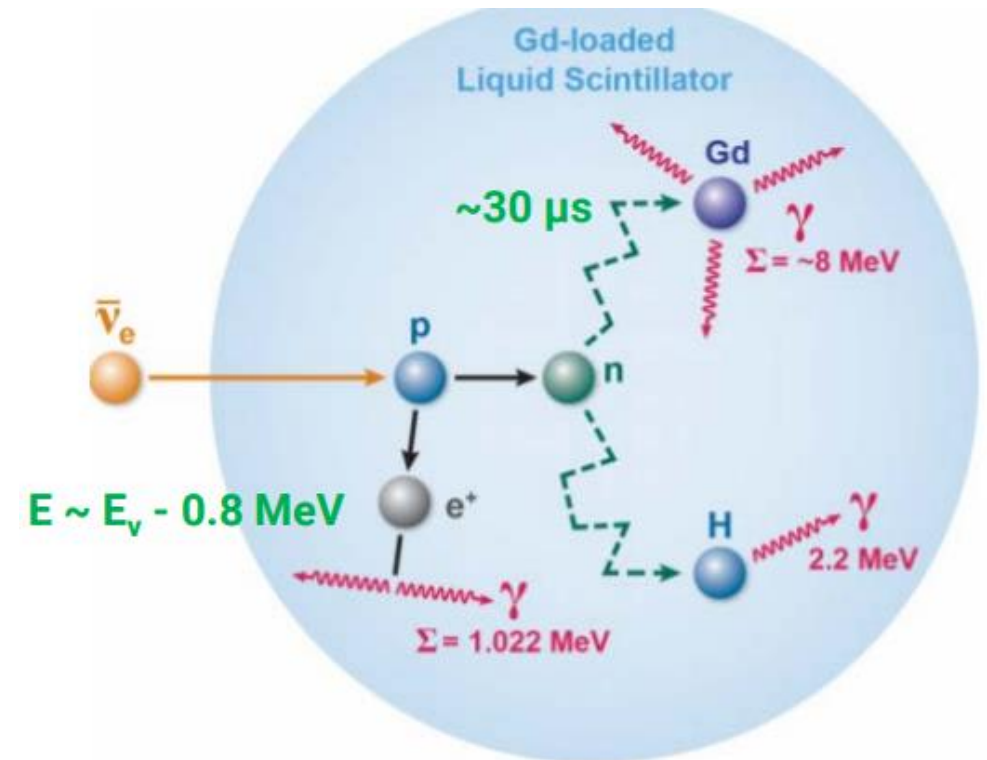
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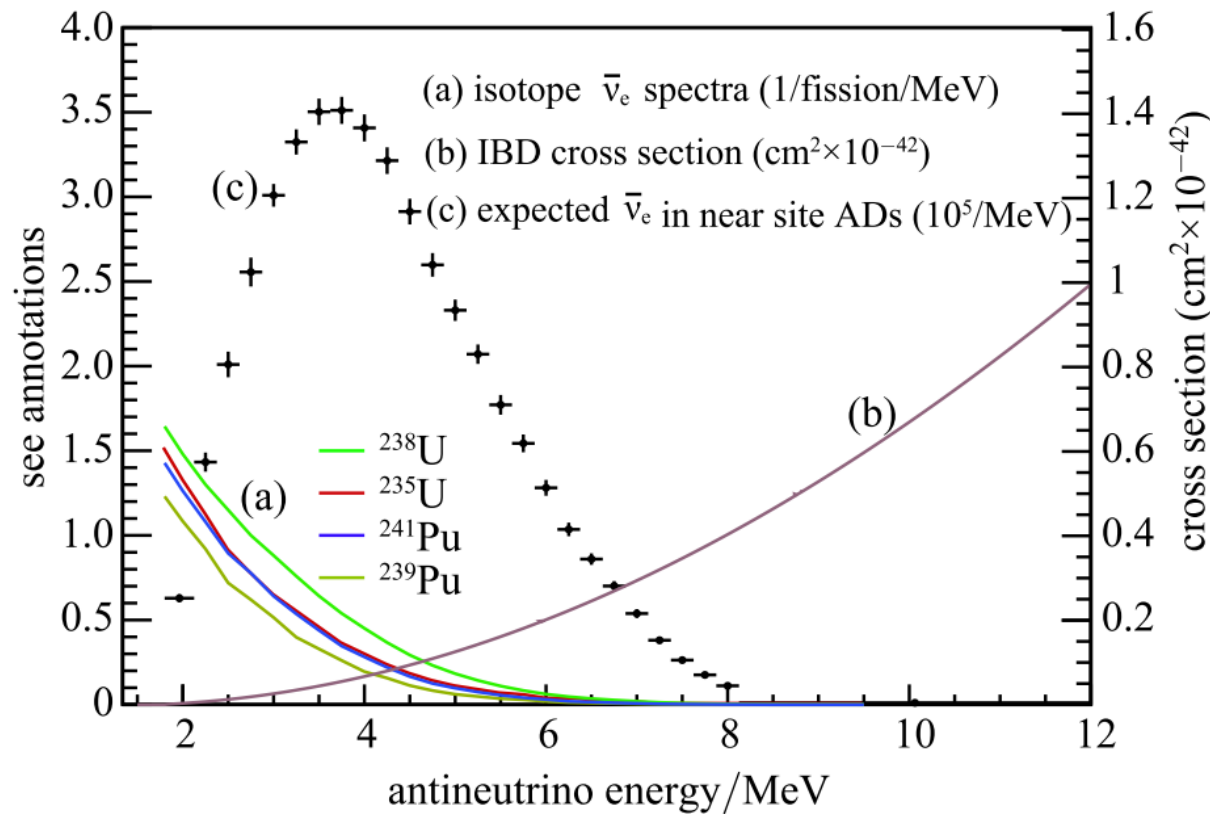
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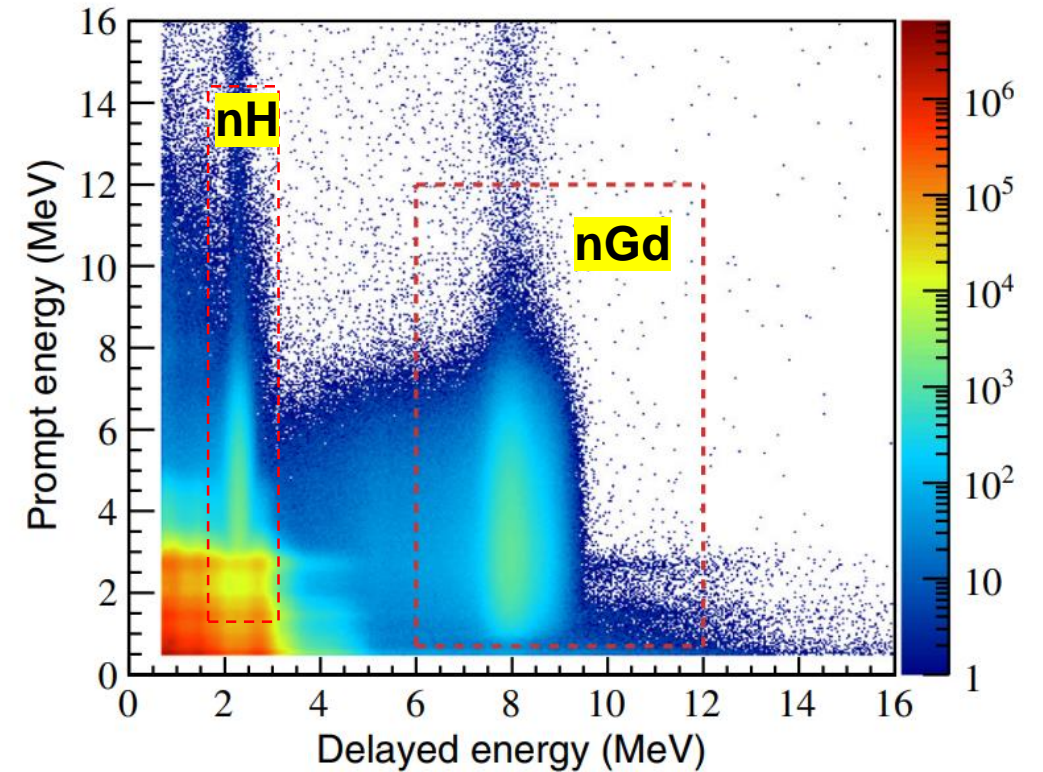
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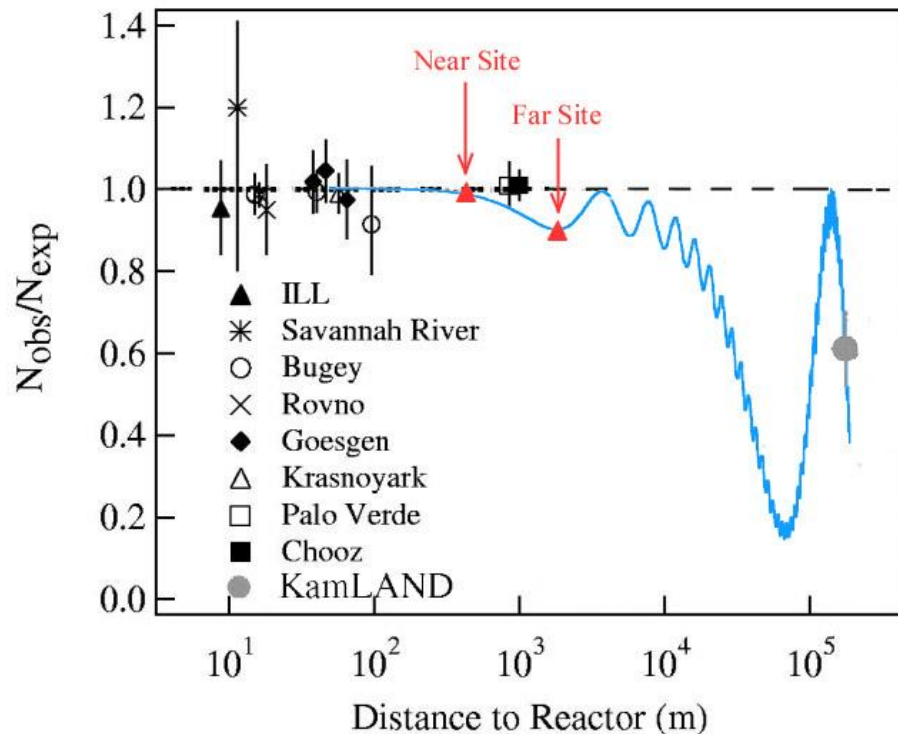


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Place two detectors for a relative measurement, <1% systematics



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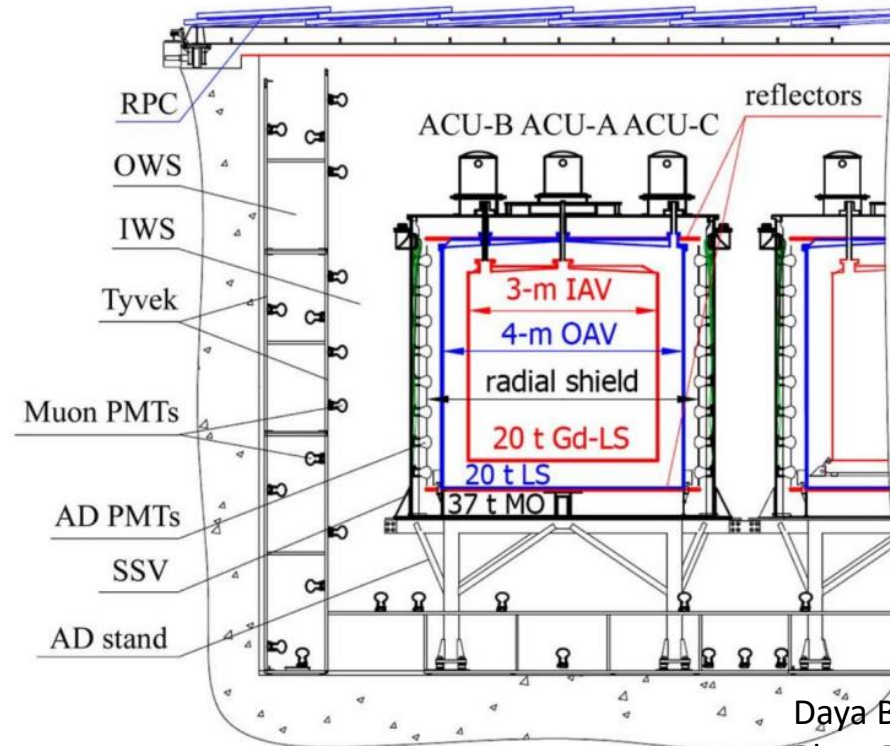
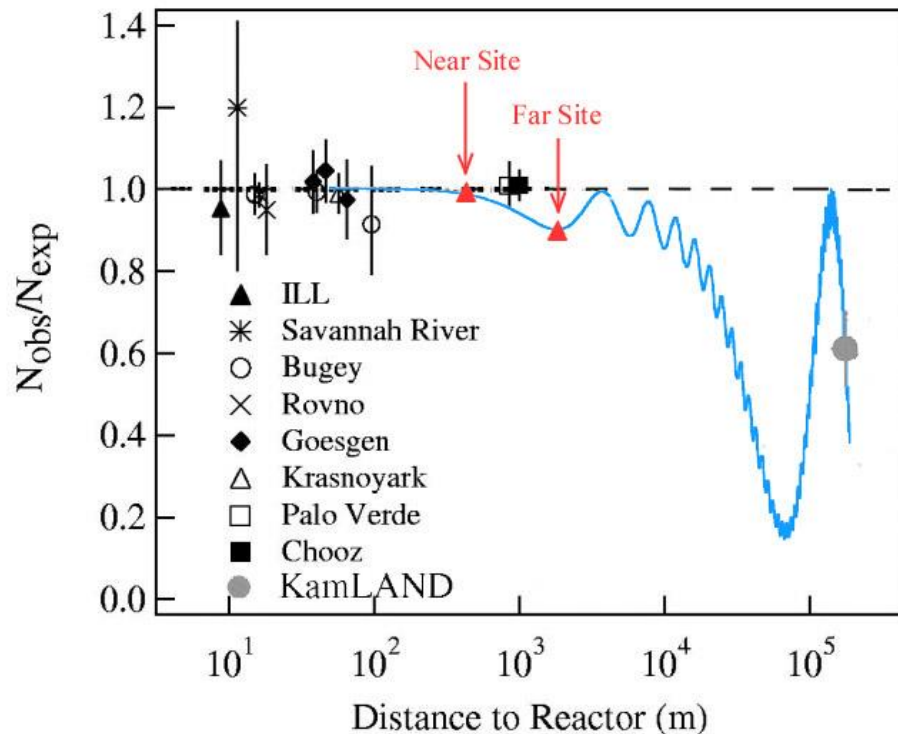


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Three zones, Gd-LS/LS/oil, naturally define the fiducial volume, good shielding

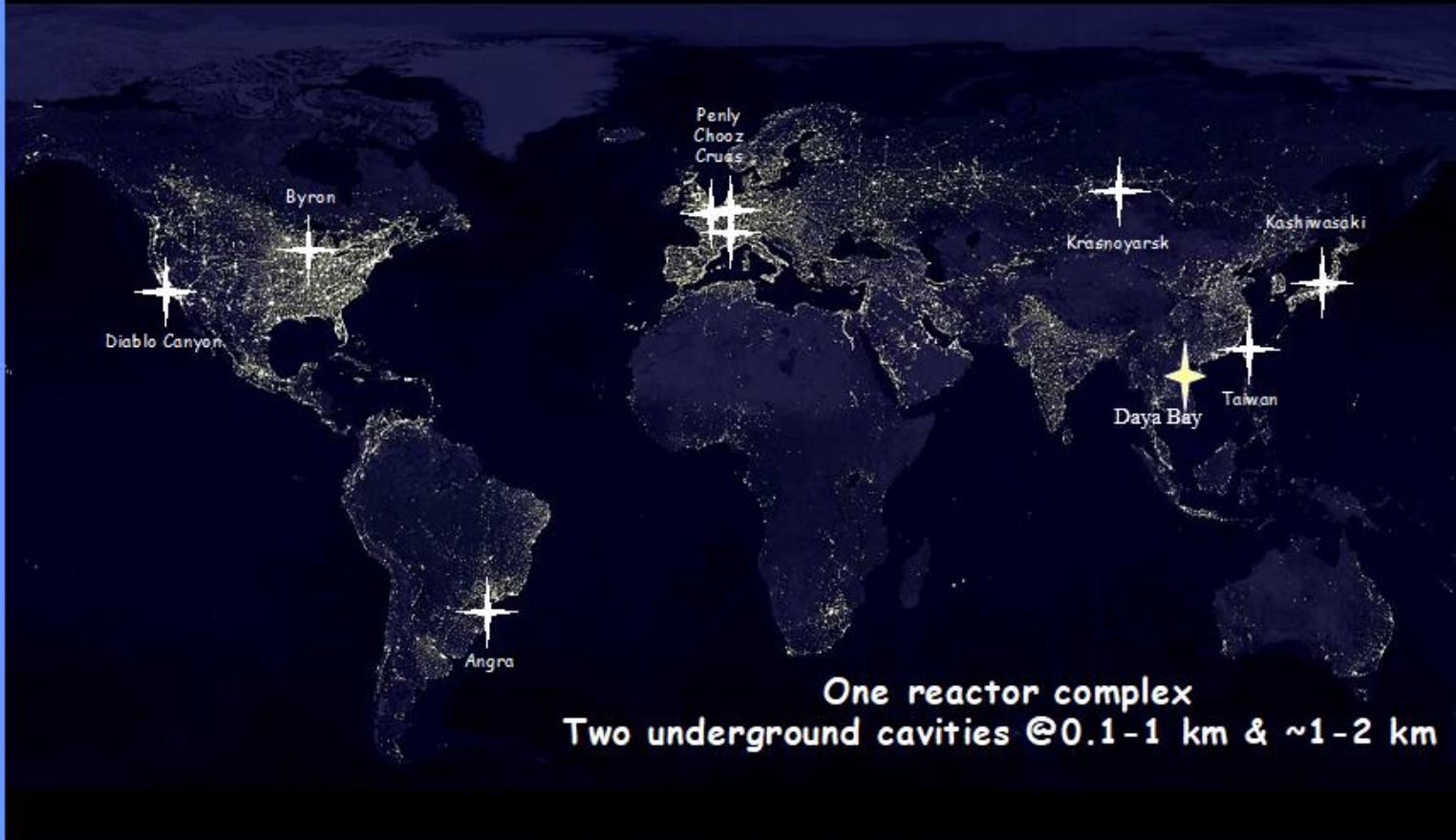


θ_{13} status at Neutrino-2004



Search for θ_{13} with a new reactor experiment is very promising, white paper ready

Which site for the experiment ?



A world map with a dark background and glowing city lights. Several sites are marked with white starburst symbols and labeled: Diablo Canyon (USA), Byron (USA), Angra (Brazil), Penly (France), Chooz (France), Cruas (France), Krasnoyarsk (Russia), Kashirasaki (Japan), Daya Bay (China), and Taiwan (China).

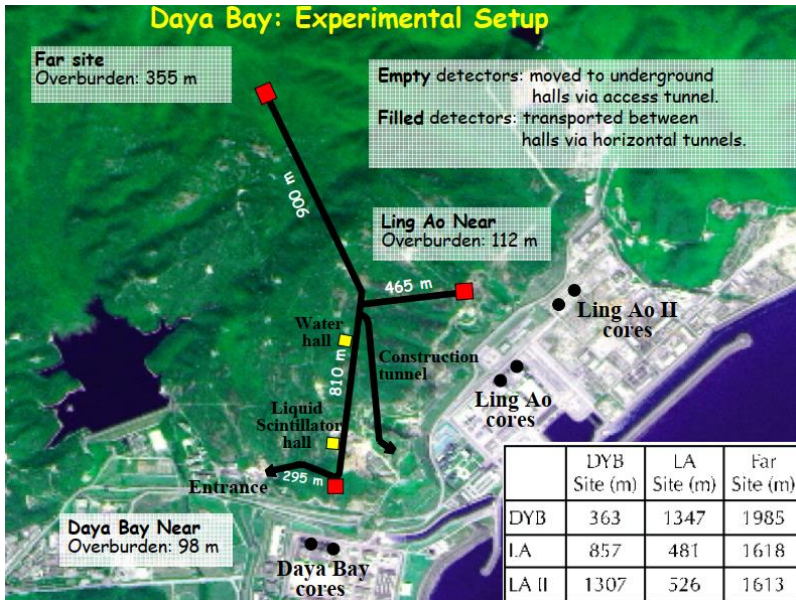
One reactor complex
Two underground cavities @0.1-1 km & ~1-2 km

L. Oberauer, Paris, June 2004

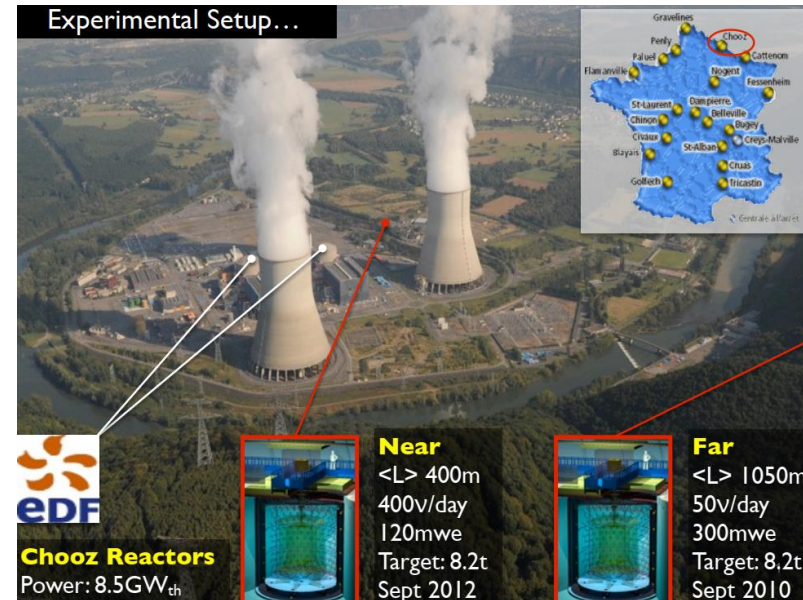
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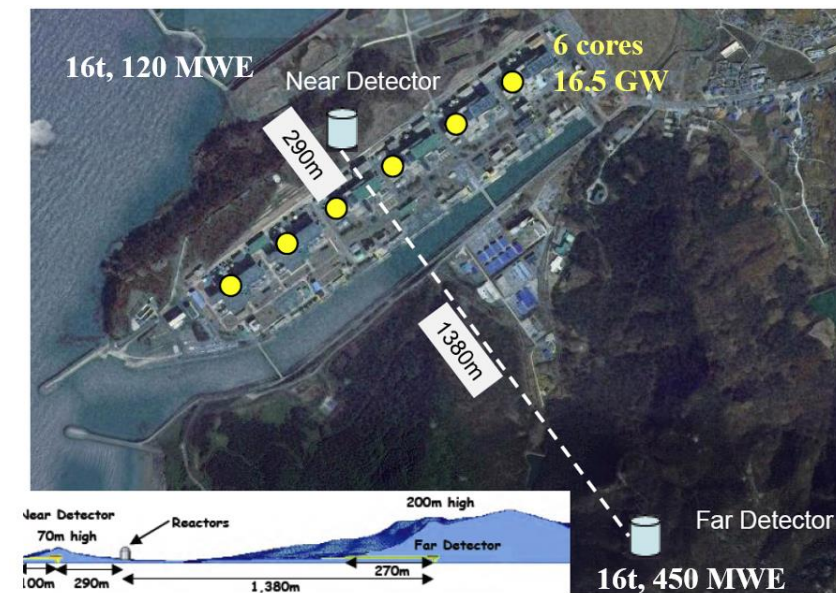
Three experiments, Daya Bay, Double Chooz and RENO started construction



- Daya Bay will reach a sensitivity of ≤ 0.01 for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
- Civil construction has begun
- Subsystem prototypes exist
- Long-lead orders initiated
- Daya Bay is moving forward:
 - Surface Assembly Building - Summer 2008
 - DB Near Hall - installation activities begin early in 2009
 - Assembly of first AD pair - Spring 2009
 - Commission Daya Bay Hall by November 2009
 - LA Near and Far Hall - installation activities begin late in 2009
 - Data taking with all eight detectors in three halls by Dec. 2010



- **Double Chooz Far integration Started in May 08**
- **First goal: measurement of θ_{13}**
 - 2008-09 → Far Detector construction & integration
 - Middle 09 → Start of phase I : Far 1 km detector alone
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.06$ after 1,5 year (90% C.L.) if no-oscillation
 - 2008-10 → Near Lab Excavation & Near Detector Integration
 - 2011 → Start of phase II : Both near and far detectors
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.03$ after 3 years (90% C.L.) if no-oscillation

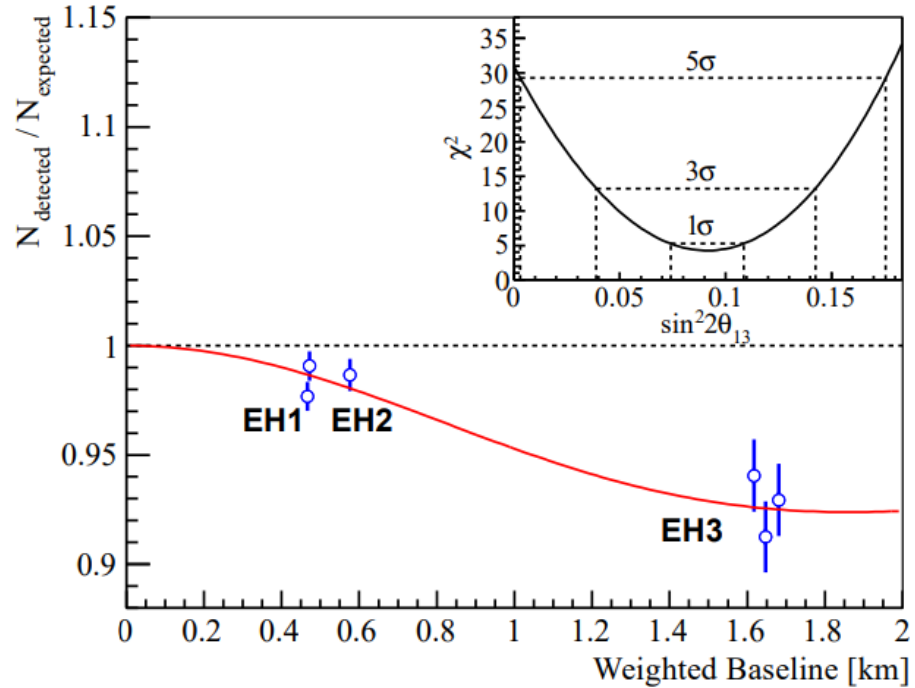


- RENO is suitable for measuring θ_{13} ($\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) > 0.02$)
- Geological survey and design of access tunnels & detector cavities are completed. Civil construction will begin in early June, 2008.
- RENO is under construction phase.
- Data taking is expected to start in early 2010.

Nature is kind to us!

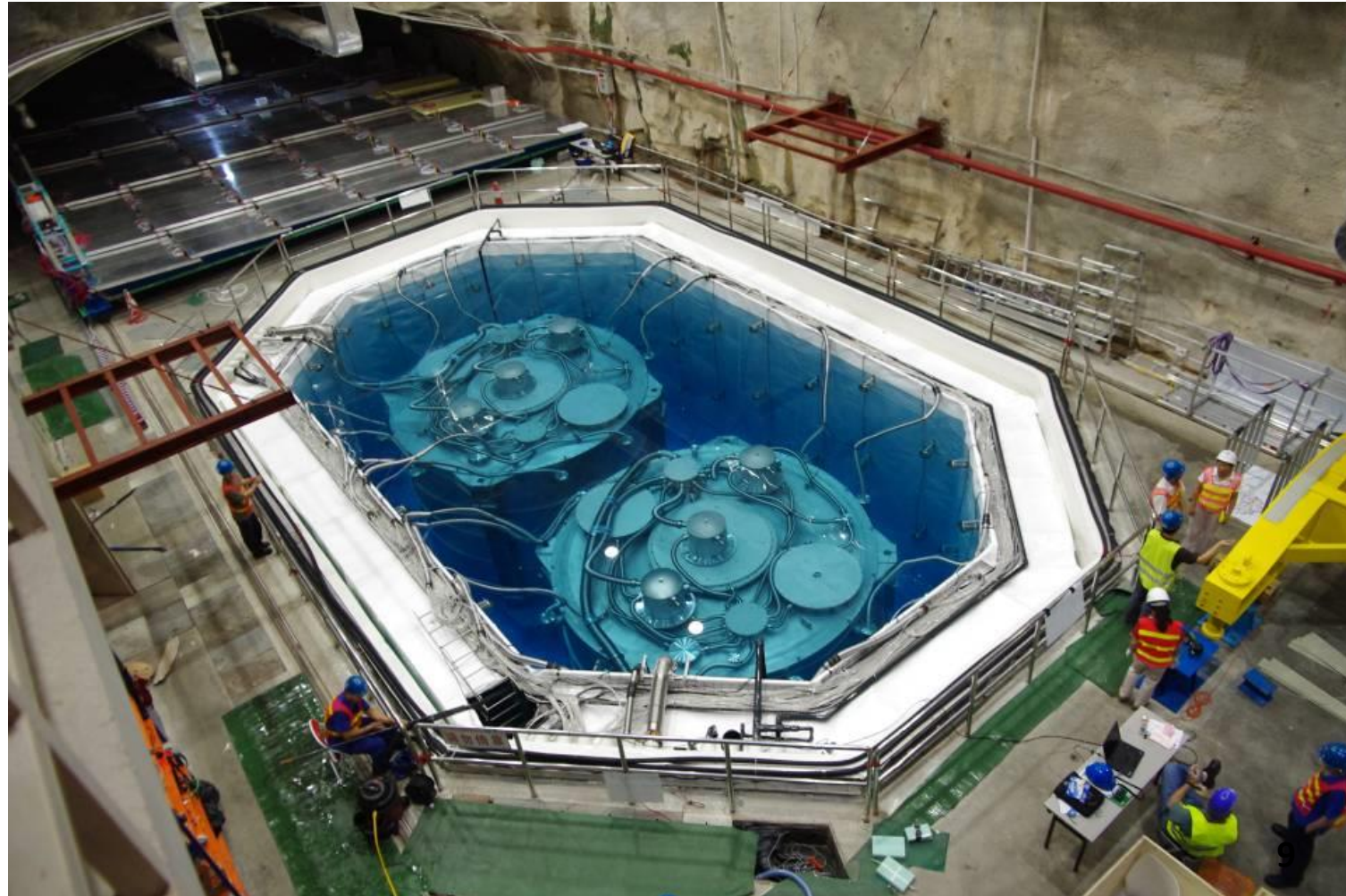
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Daya Bay

Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 171803



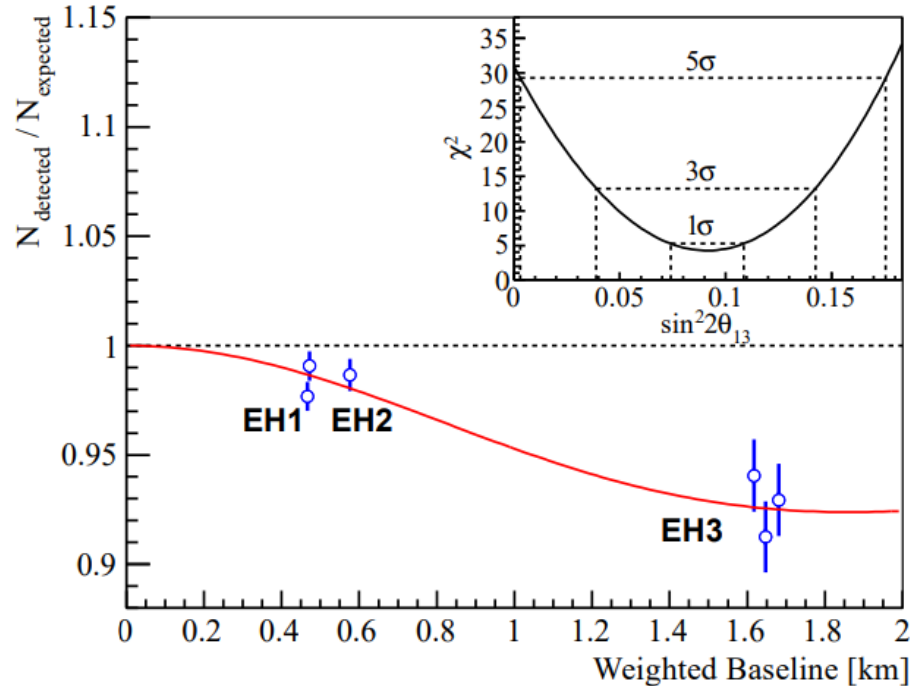
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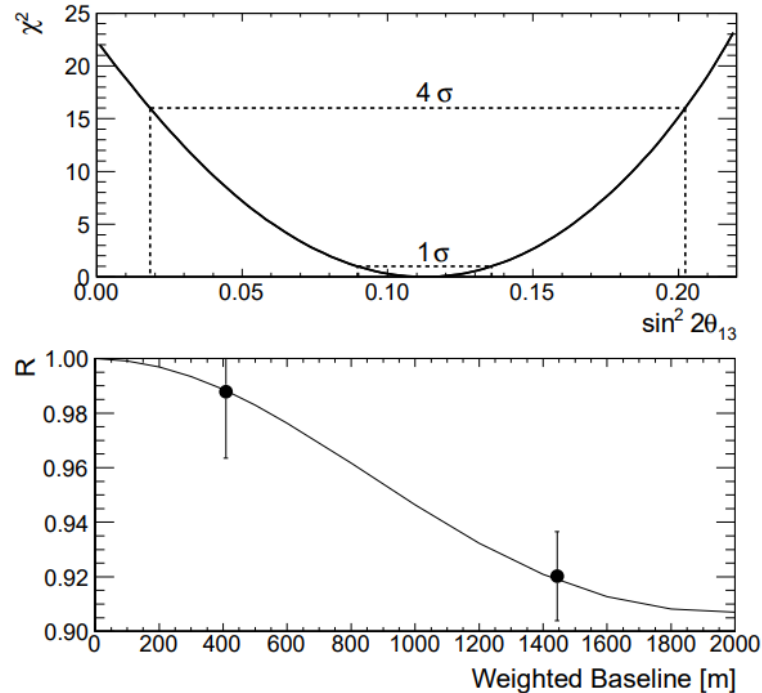
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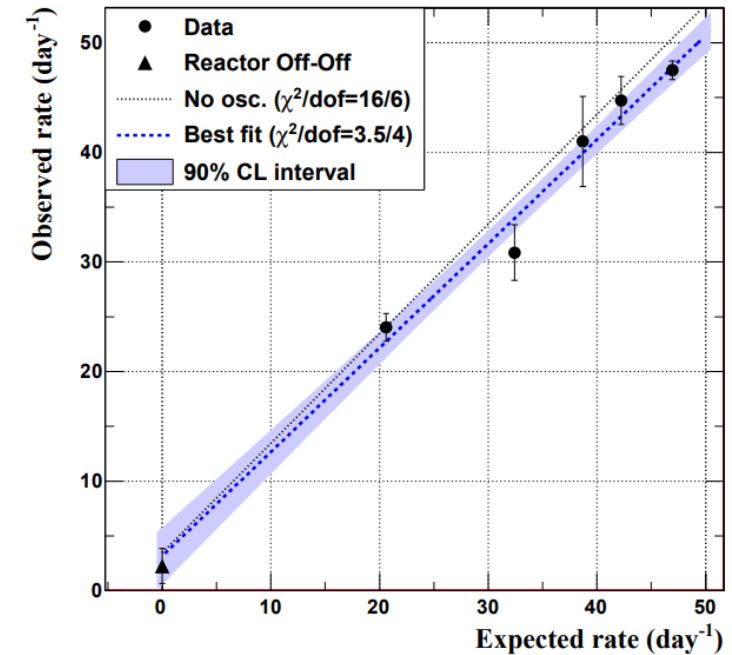
$0.113 \pm 0.013(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.019(\text{syst.})$
 April 2012, 4.9σ



RENO

Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 191802

$0.086 \pm 0.041(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.030(\text{syst.})$
 Nov. 2011, 94.6% C.L.



Double Chooz far detector

Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 131801

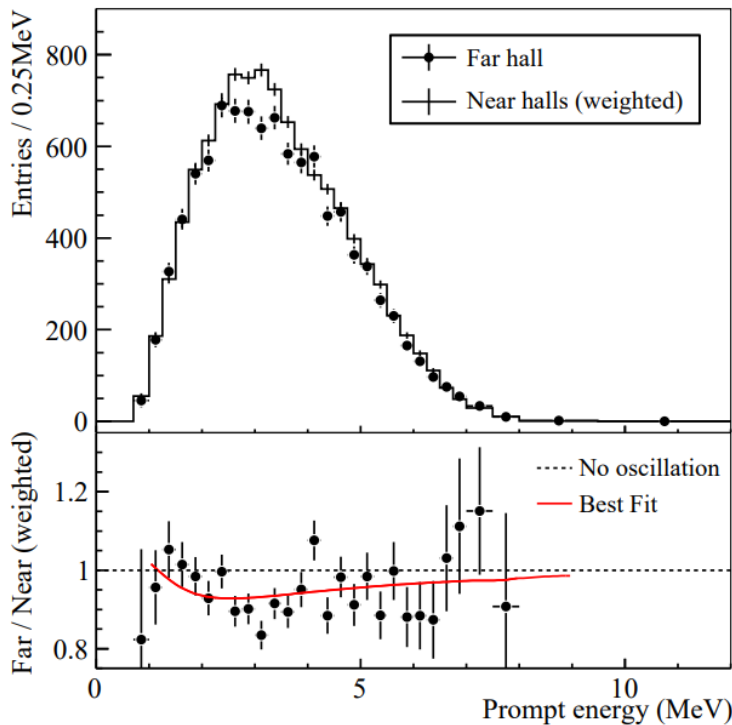
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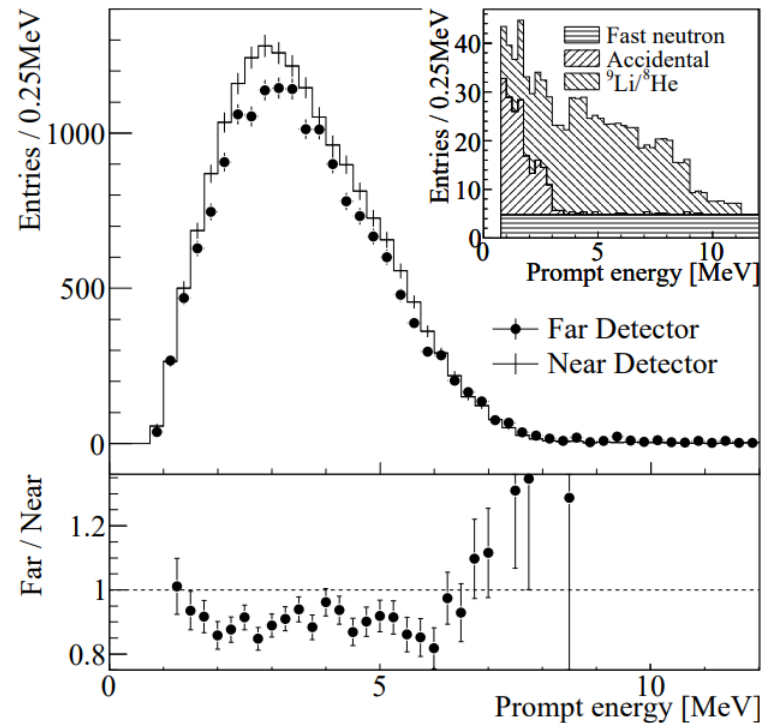
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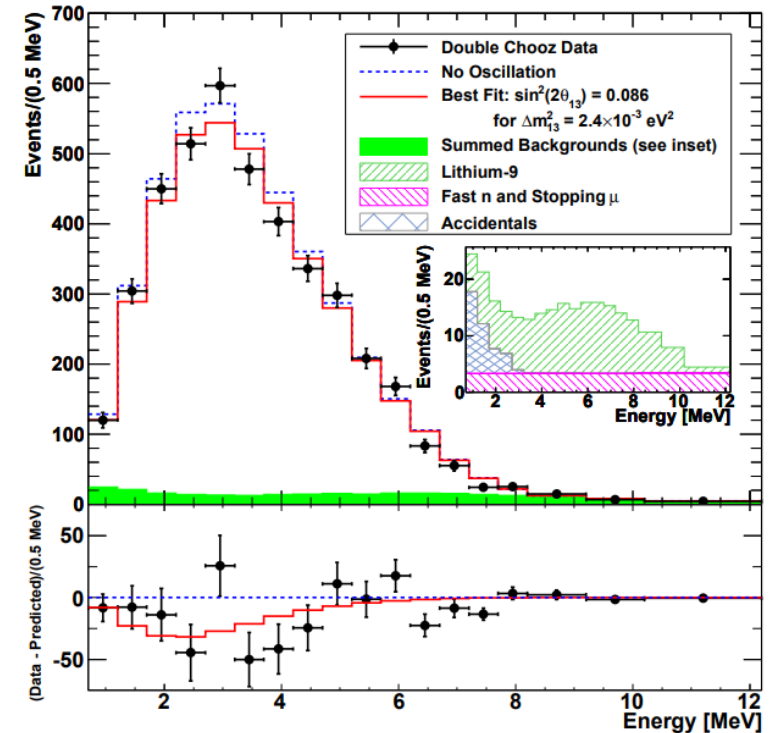
Shape distortions consistent with three-flavor oscillation predictions



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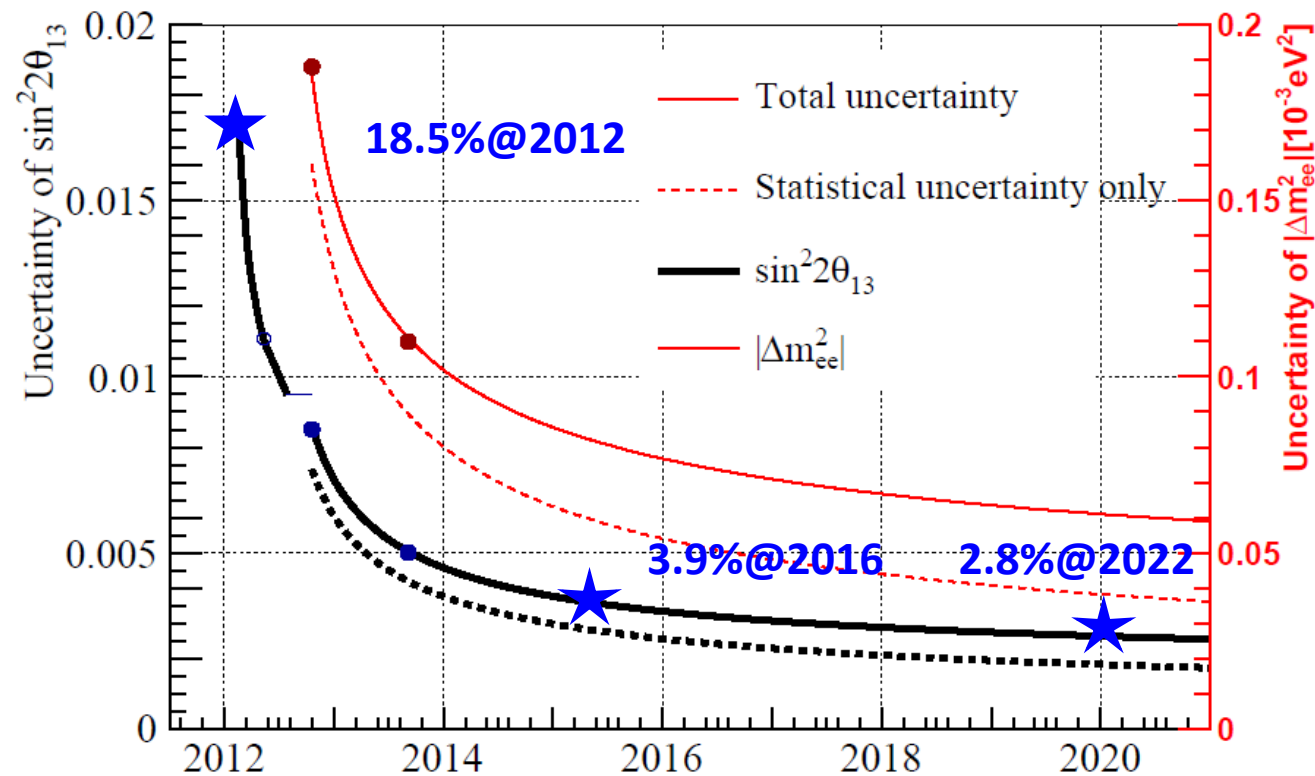
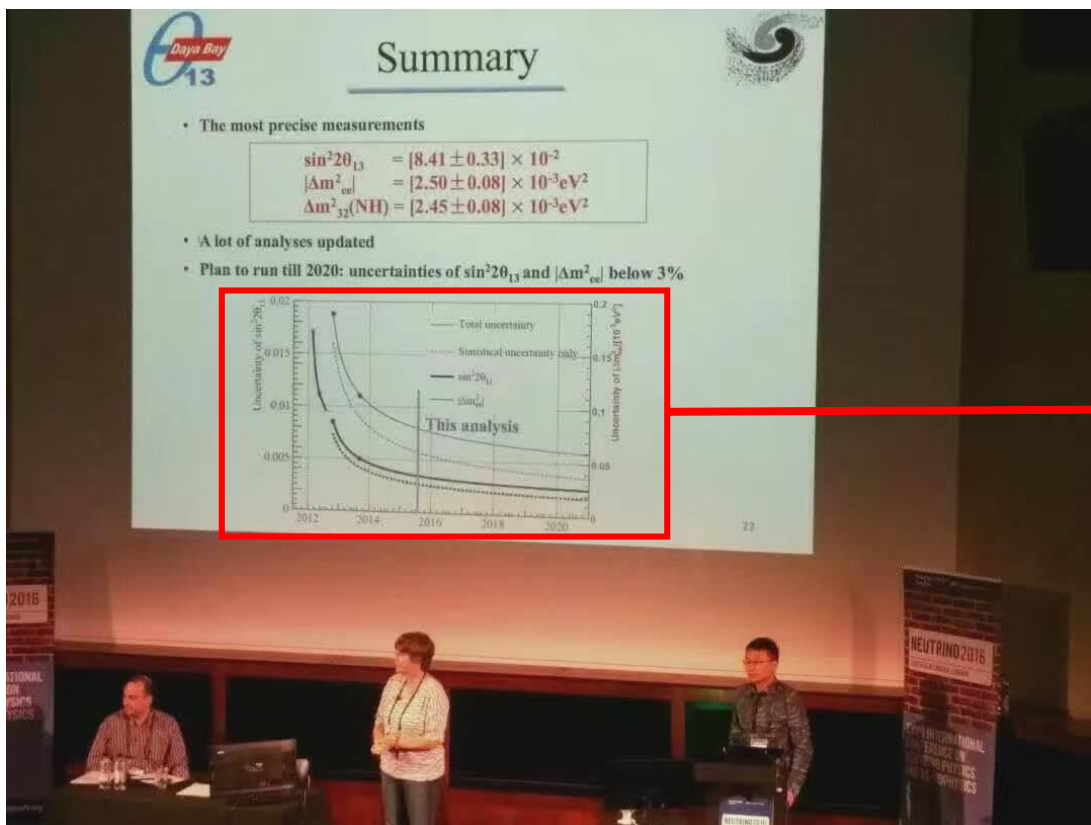


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How to improve θ_{13} precision?



- 1、 **Accumulate statistics** → Stable data taking, include nH IBDs
- 2、 **Improve systematics** → Detector identicalness, backgrounds
- 3、 **Rate+shape analysis** → Accurate energy response model



Daya Bay talk by Zeyuan Yu at Nu-2016



Data sets

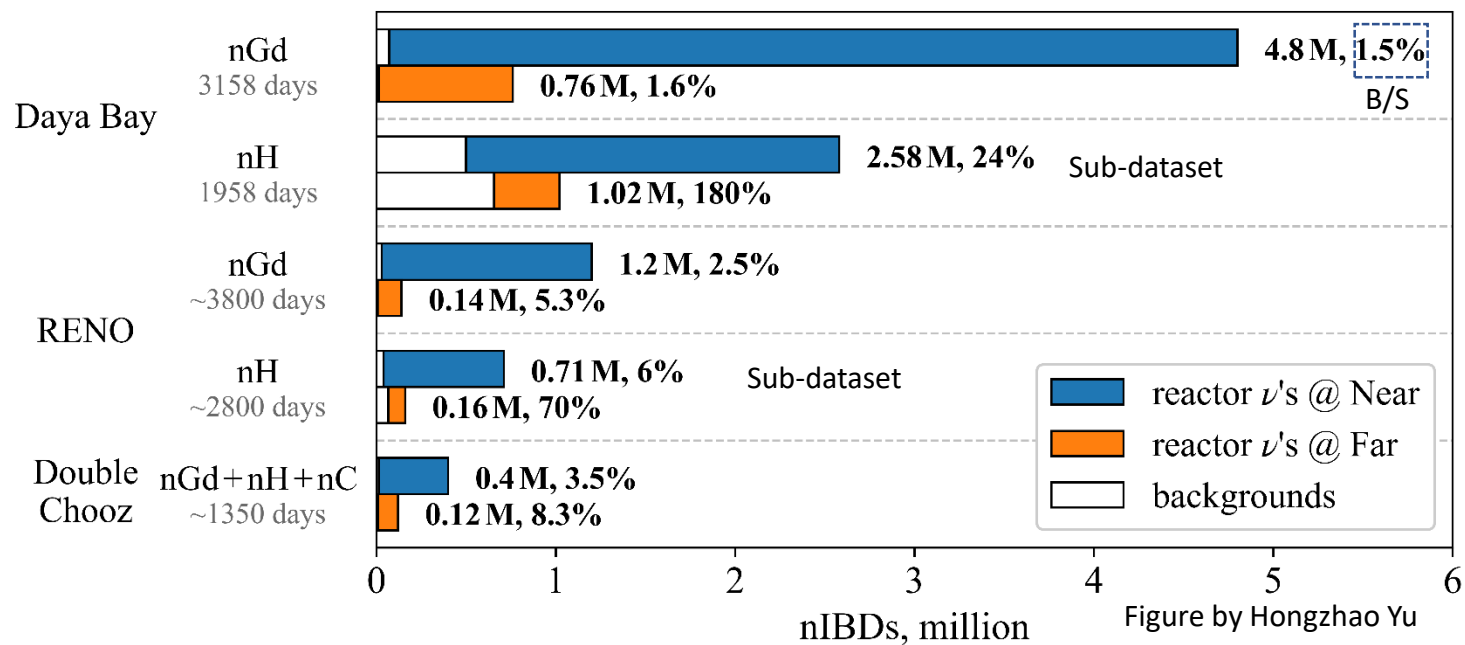


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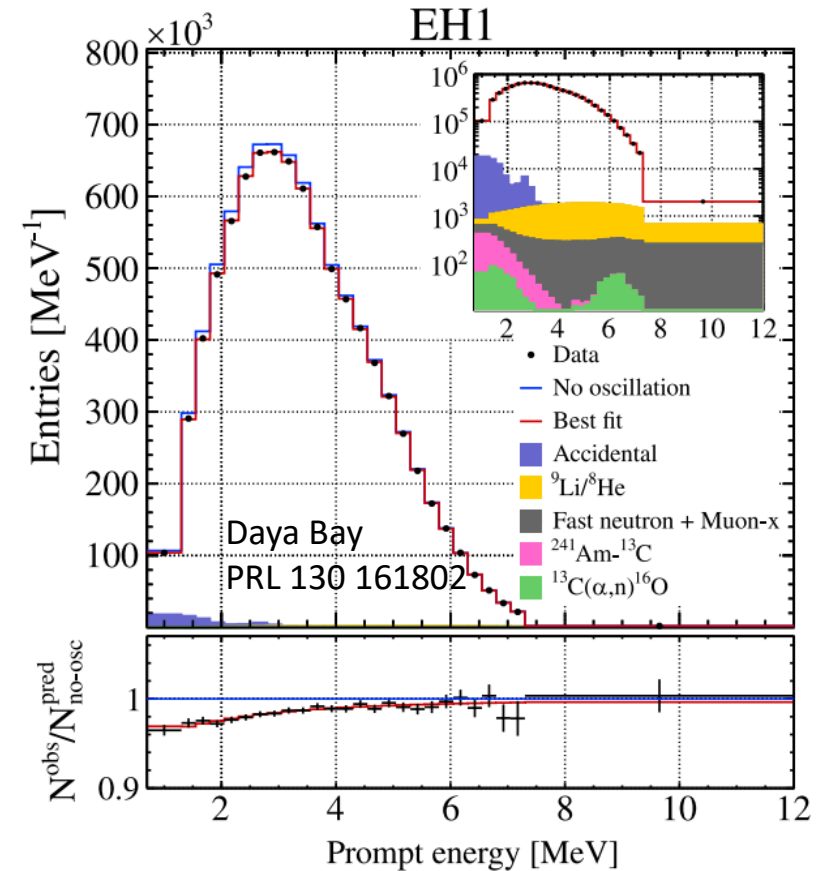
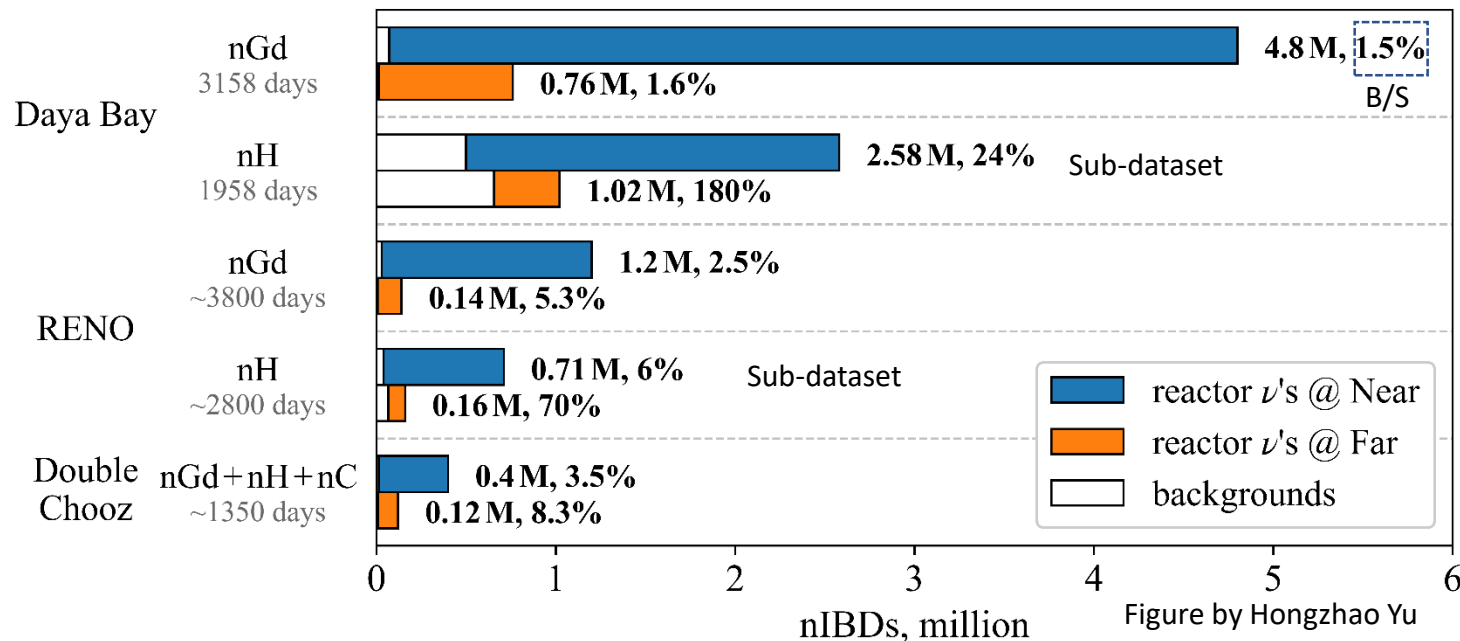


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Backgrounds and systematics well studied

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Accidentals: measured w/ time off-window

Correlated: ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$, cosmogenic and radiogenic neutrons, more crucial

Backgrounds - cosmogenic $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$



Production yields of $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ measured

→ Good power-law versus muon energies

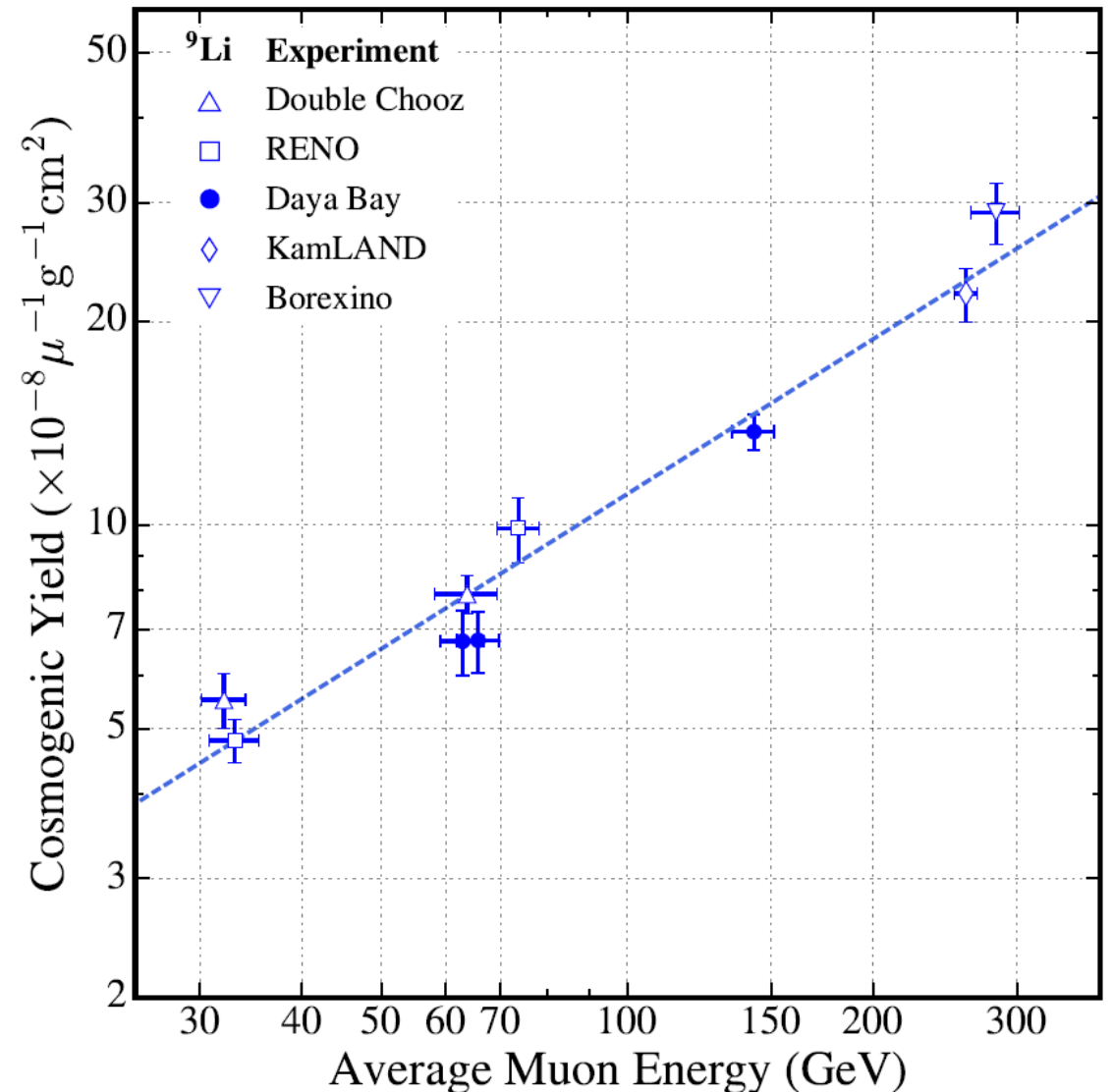
→ However, unknown $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ ratio

Several methods for the high-rate low-energy-deposit muons

→ Muon-Neutron capture- $^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ triple coincidence

→ Multiple dimension fitting

→ Reactor-off data (Double Chooz)



Backgrounds - cosmogenic ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$

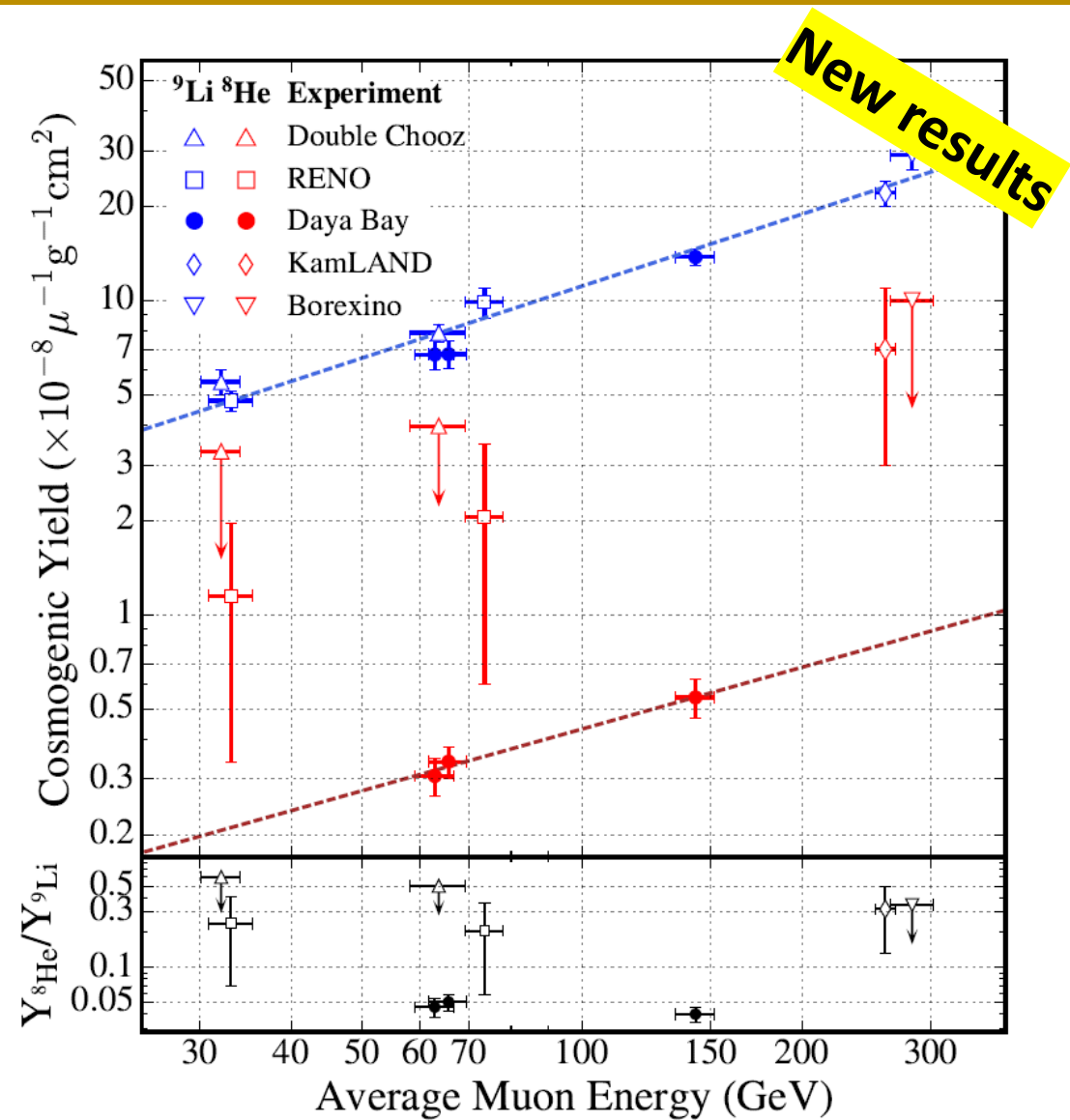
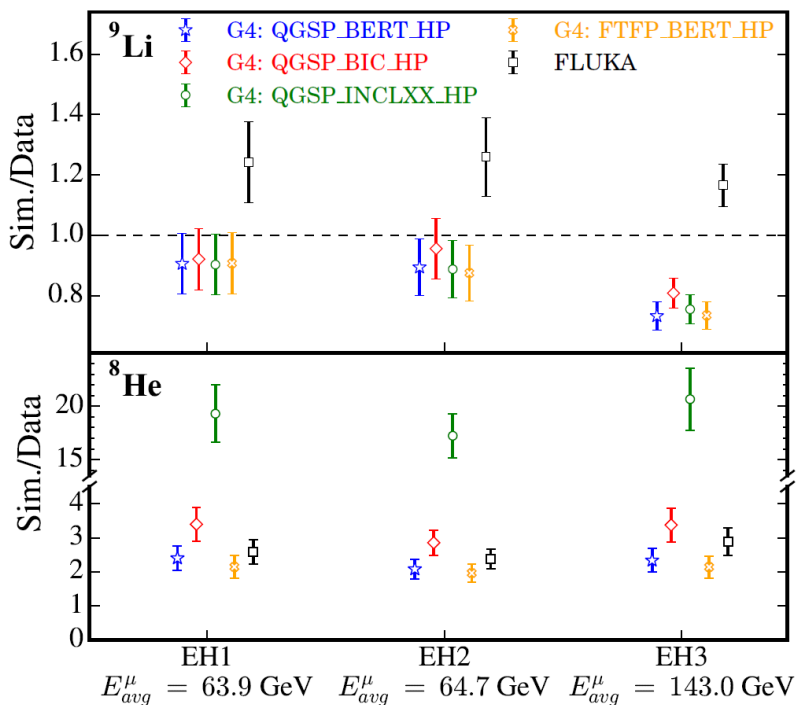
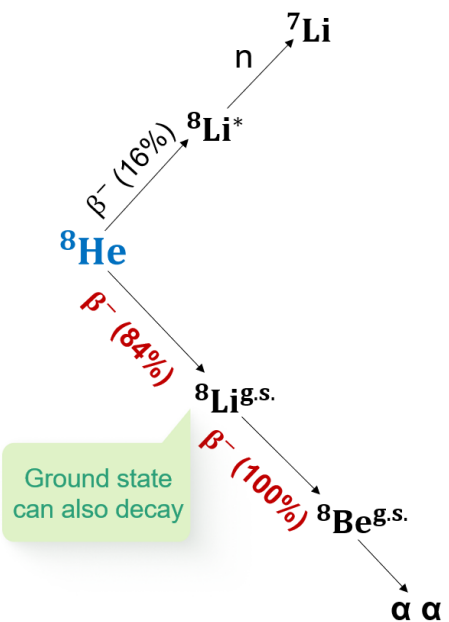


First observation of ${}^8\text{He}$ at Daya Bay

using β cascade decays of ${}^8\text{He}$ - ${}^8\text{Li}^{\text{g.s.}}$.

→ The smallest production yield isotope in LS

→ Valuable inputs for future experiments

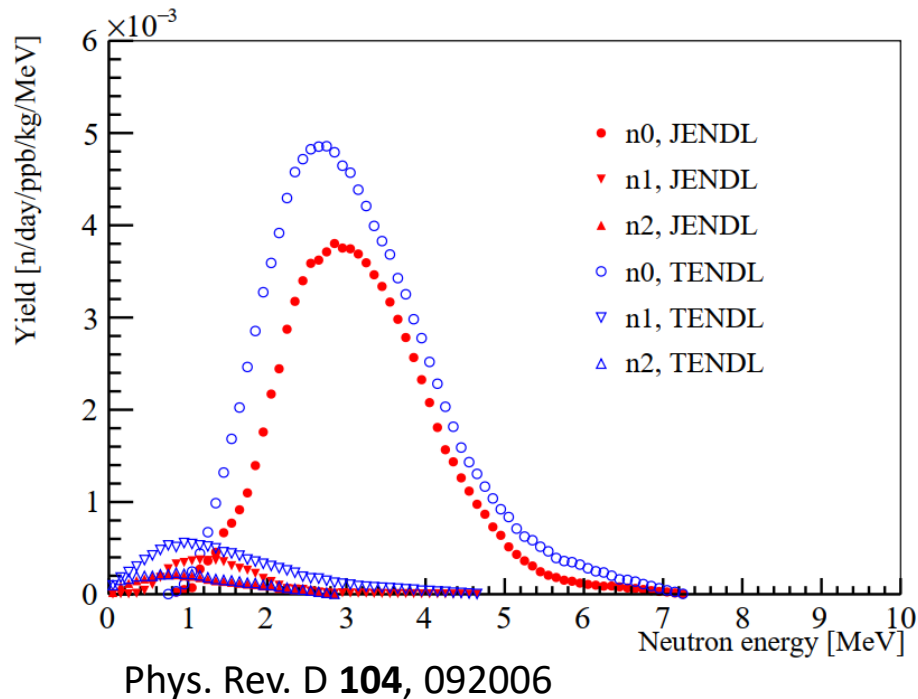


Backgrounds – radiogenic neutrons

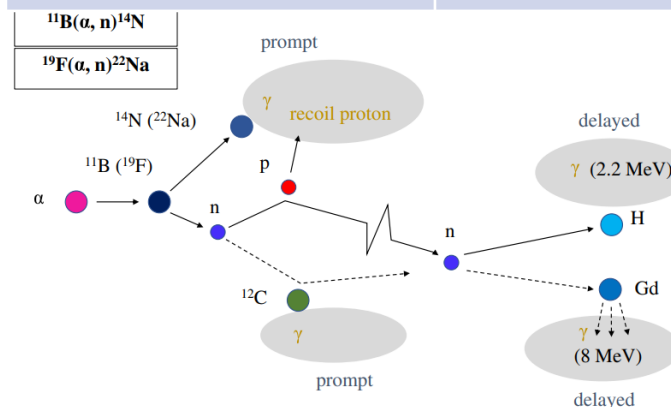


Neutrons from (α, n) reactions and spontaneous fissions

- **Gd-LS, LS and acrylic:** clean, ^{238}U and ^{232}Th < 0.1 ppb, 1.1% ^{13}C , $O(0.05)$ n's/day
- **PMT glass:** $O(100)$ ppb $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$ and 20% boron, $O(100)$ n's/day/100kg glass
- **Negligible for nGd but not for nH** if PMTs not well shielded from LS
 - Five Daya Bay PMTs were broken to measure the Boron fraction in glass
 - Also investigated the material screening results, no other non-negligible neutron source



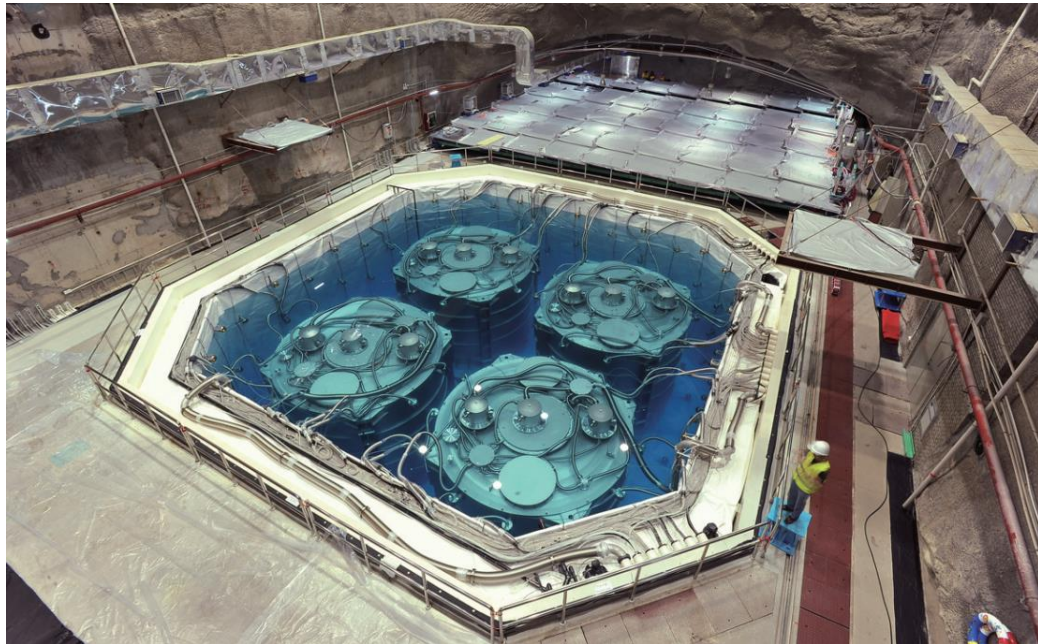
Distance from PMT to LS	Residual bkg in nH	
Daya Bay	20 cm	0.2/day/AD
RENO	~50 cm	$< 10^{-4}$ /day
Double Chooz	~45 cm	$< 10^{-4}$ /day



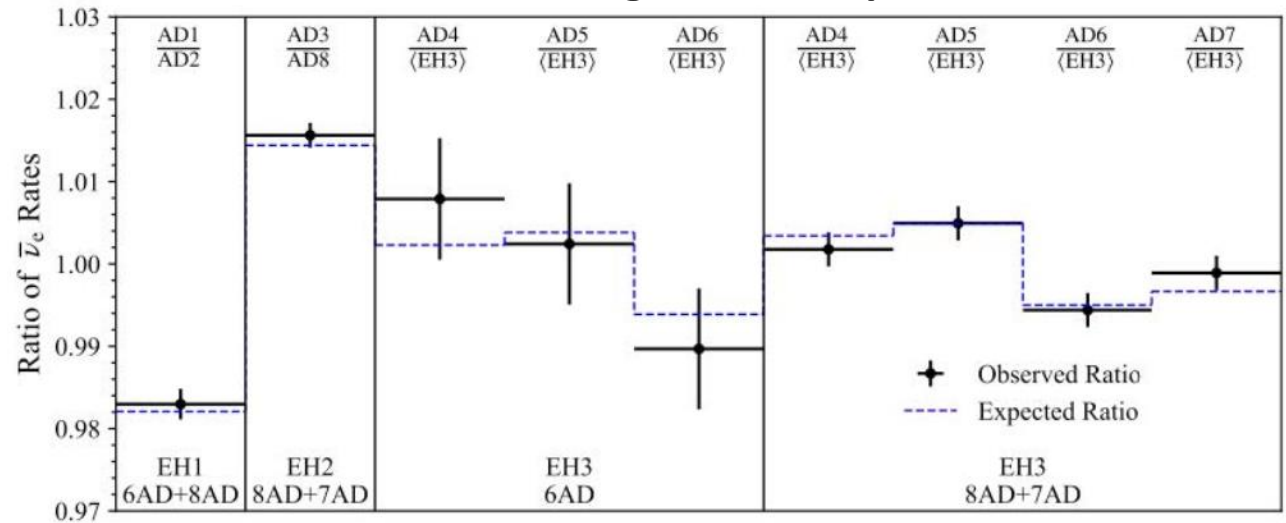
Detector identicalness

Multiple detectors at the same site at Daya Bay enables **side-by-side comparison**

→ Confirms that systematic errors are under control



IBD measurement agrees with prediction well



Relative differences on **energy scales (<0.2%)** and **Gd capture fractions (<0.1%)**

Detector energy response



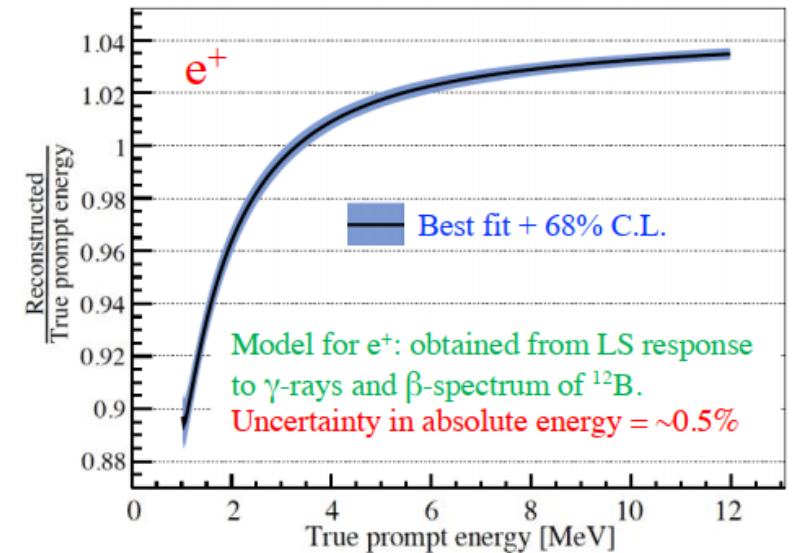
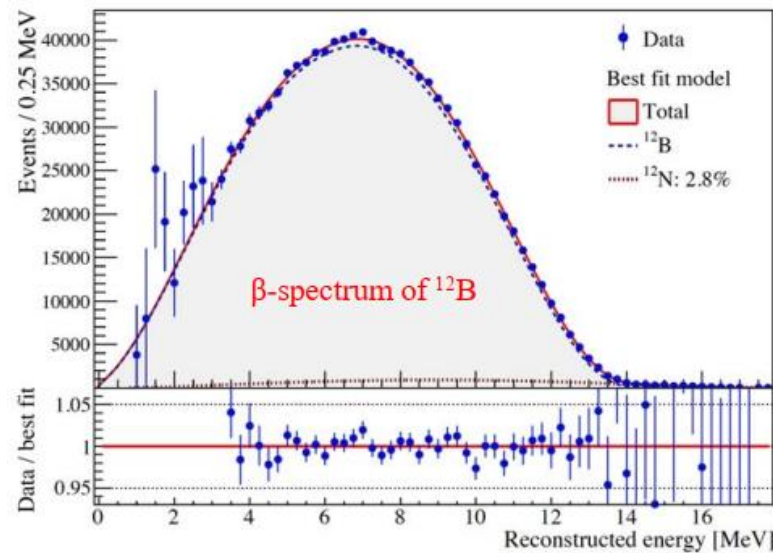
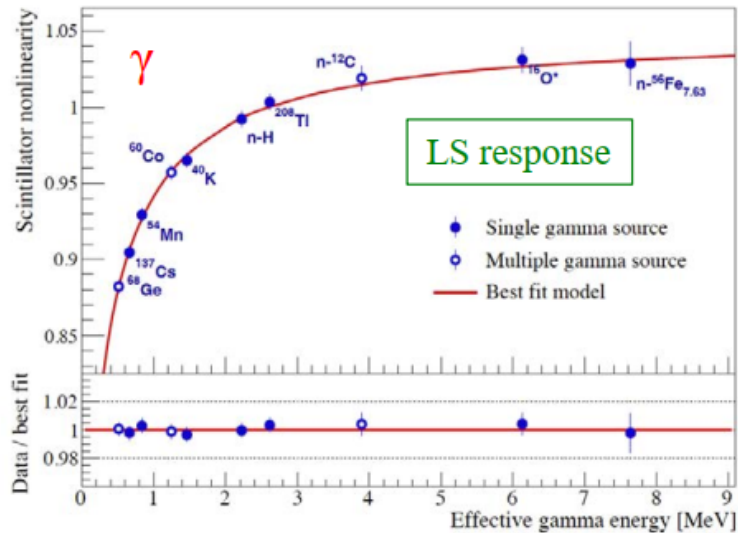
Nonlinear energy response due to quenching and Cherenkov effects

Three experiments obtained 0.5% precision using multiple γ 's and ^{12}B spectrum

Refer to the ESCAPE before Nu-2018 focused on the calibration strategies in antineutrino experiments

→ More than 10 experiments shared calibration details, better understandings with each other

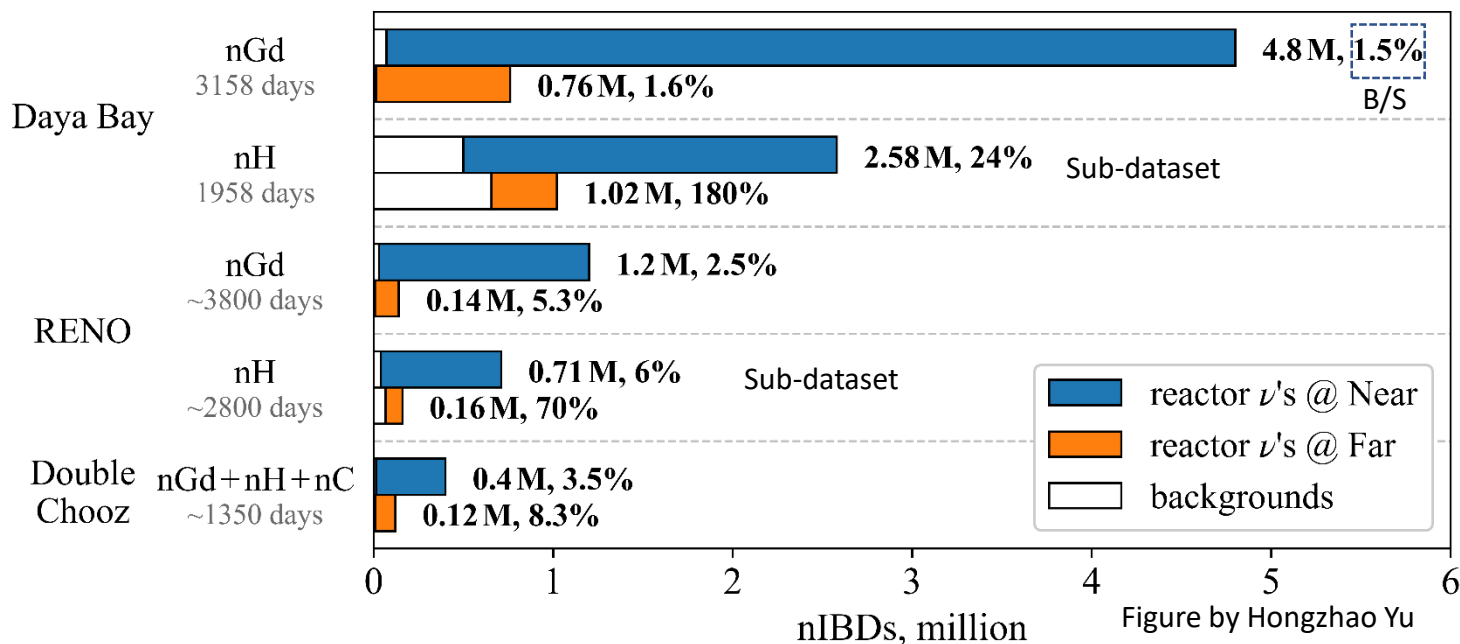
→ <https://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/escape2018/>



Plots from Kam-Biu Luk's Daya Bay talk at Nu-2022, also refer to Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 940 (2019) 230-242 and 895 (2018) 48-55



Latest oscillation results





θ_{13} with nGd -- Daya Bay

Daya Bay reported the precision measurement with 3158-days full dataset in 2022

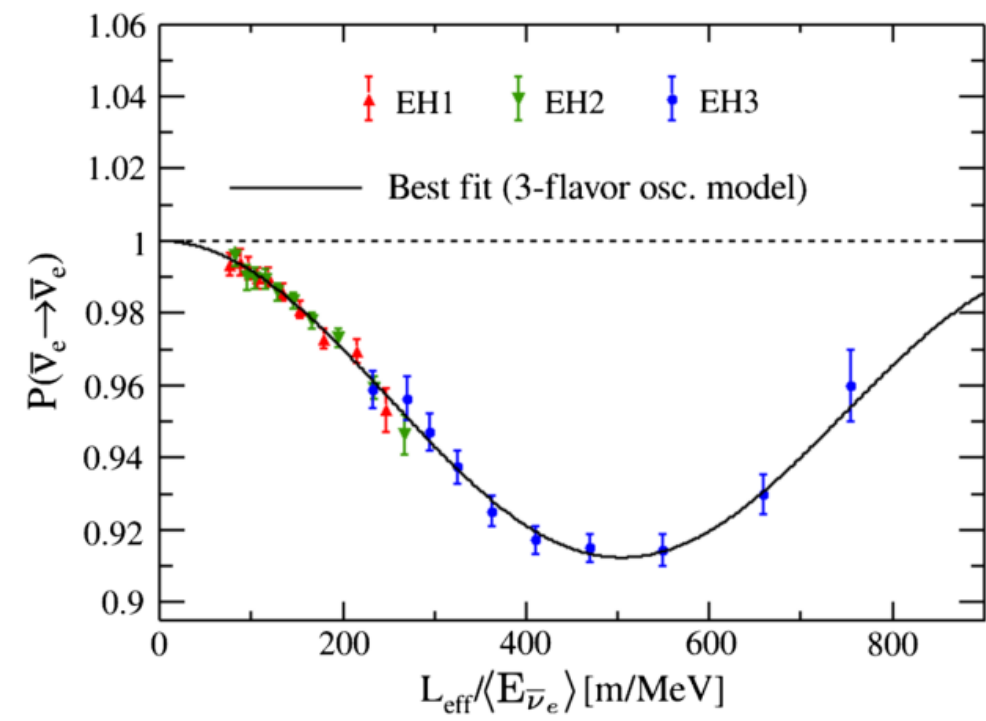
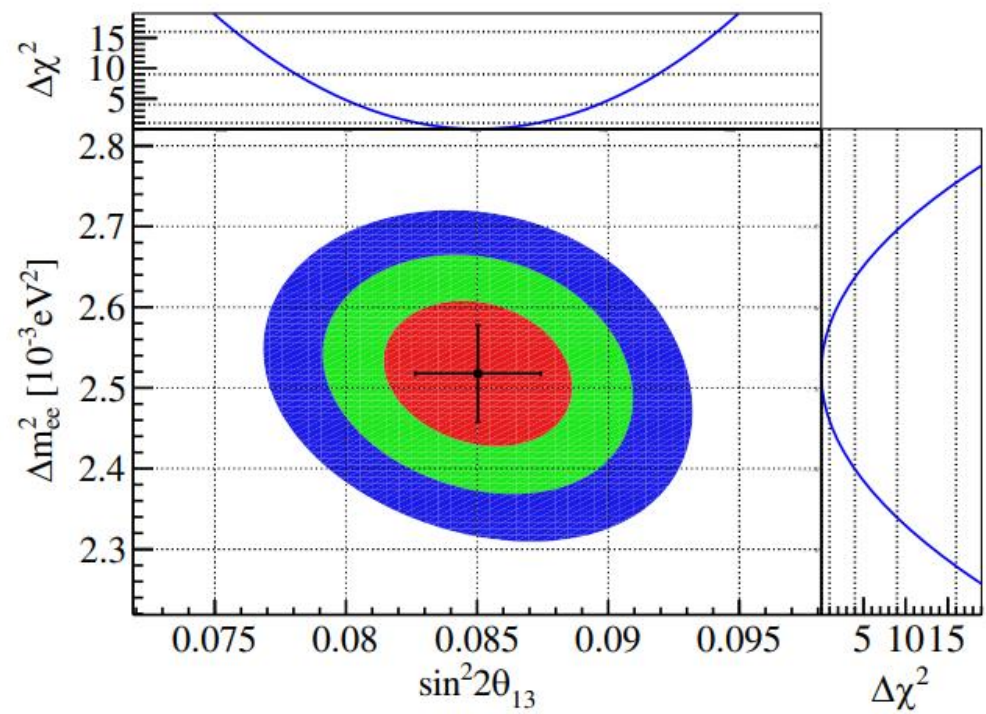
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0851 \pm 0.0024$$

precision 2.8%

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.466 \pm 0.060 \underset{\text{NO}}{(-2.571 \pm 0.060)} \underset{\text{IO}}{\times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$$

precision 2.4%

Systematics, mainly detector differences, contributed about 50% in the total error

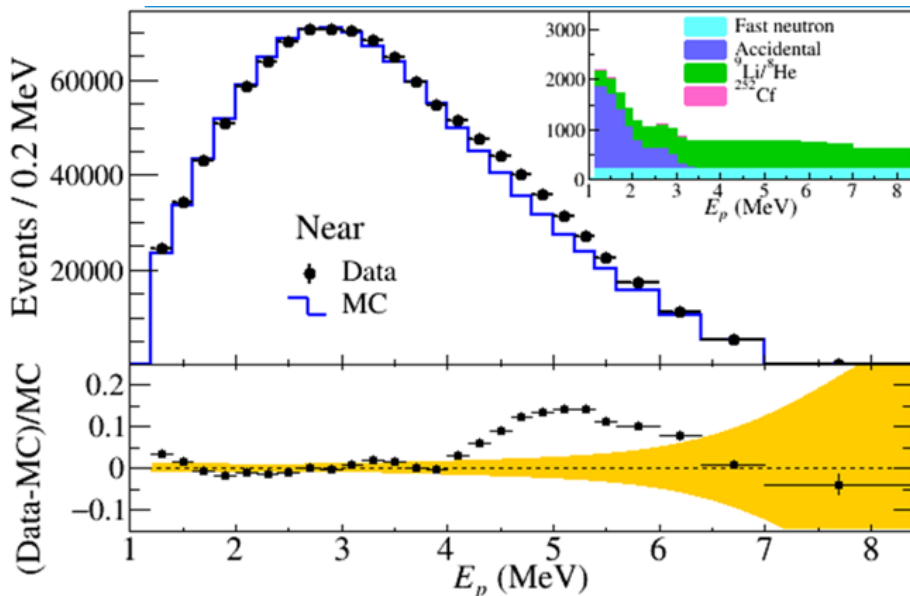
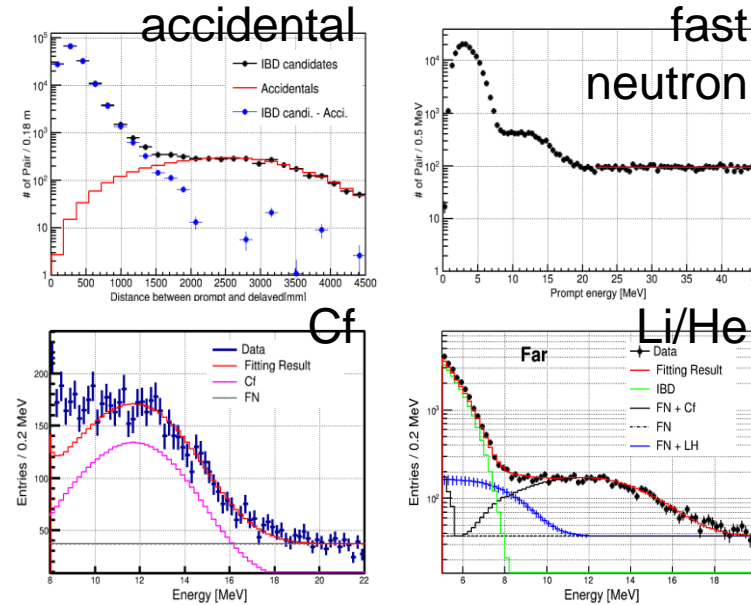


θ_{13} with nGd -- RENO



- **1,211,995(144,667) $\bar{\nu}_e$ candidate events** obtained for near(far) in 3800 days
- **Data driven background estimate**
 - 9.08 ± 0.18 (2.06 ± 0.13) events per day
 - 2.5%(5.3%) of IBD signals
- Compare with a reactor model prediction w/ oscillation confirms the 5-MeV bump

New results



Detector	Near	Far
IBD rate	366.47 ± 0.33	38.70 ± 0.10
after background subtraction	357.39 ± 0.38	36.64 ± 0.16
total background rate	9.08 ± 0.18	2.06 ± 0.13
live time [days]	3307.25	3737.85
accidental rate	2.30 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.01
fast neutron rate	1.74 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.01
^{252}Cf contamination rate	0.07 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.04
$^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ rate	4.97 ± 0.17	1.02 ± 0.12

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New results

- Based on the measured far-to-near ratio of IBD rates and prompt spectra

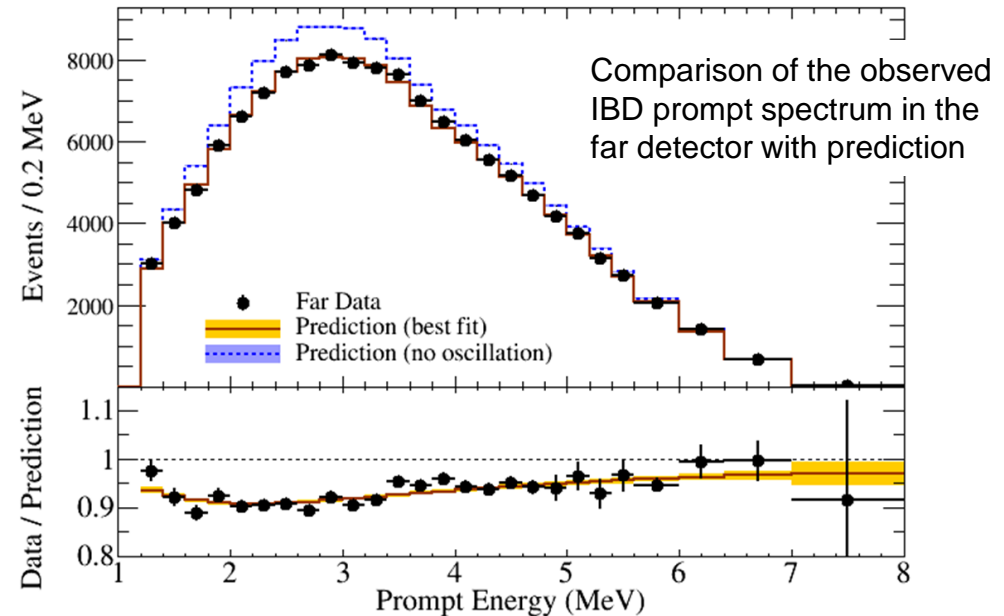
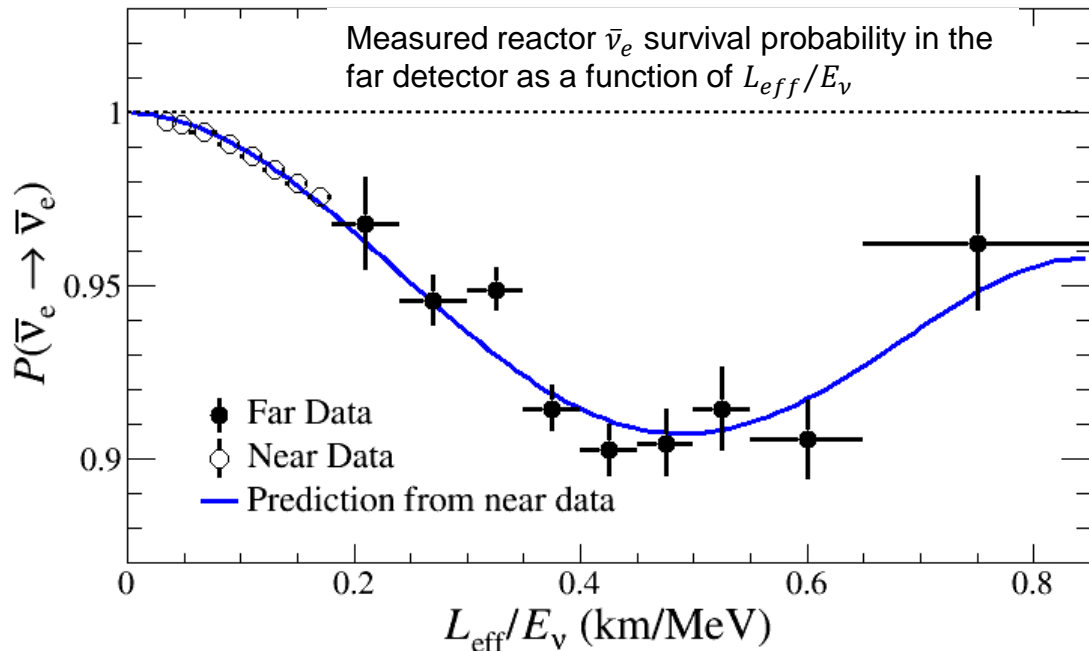
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0920^{+0.0044}_{-0.0042} (stat.)^{+0.0041}_{-0.0041} (syst.)$ precision 6.5%

- $\Delta m_{ee}^2 = 2.57^{+0.10}_{-0.11} (stat.)^{+0.05}_{-0.05} (syst.) [\times 10^{-3} eV^2]$ precision 4.6%

- (reference) 2200[d] result published at 2018

- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0896 \pm 0.0048(stat.) \pm 0.0047(syst.)$ precision 7.5%

- $\Delta m_{ee}^2 = 2.68 \pm 0.12(stat.) \pm 0.07(syst.) [\times 10^{-3} eV^2]$ precision 5.2%



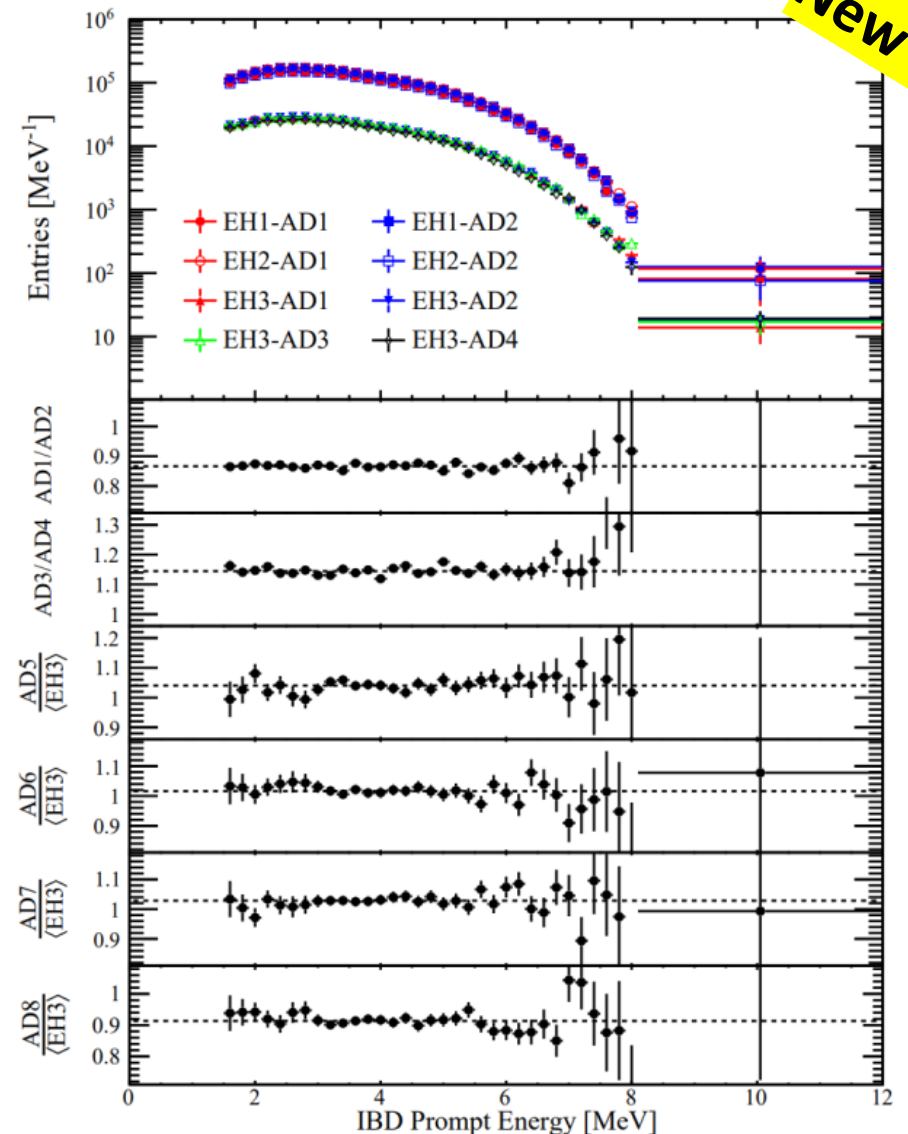
θ_{13} with nH -- Daya Bay



A new θ_{13} measurement with 1958-days data

- Two independent analyses
- Crosschecks on backgrounds, systematics, and fitting codes
- Identification of radiogenic background
- Development of energy response matrix
- Previous publication used 621-days data and rate-only analysis Phys.Rev.D 93 (2016) 7, 072011

	Uncertainty (%)	
	Analysis A	Analysis B
Target protons	0.11	0.11
Prompt energy	0.13	0.13
[1, 1500] μ s	0.10	0.10
Delayed energy	0.20	0.24
Coincidence DT	0.20	0.21
Combined (ϵ)	0.34	0.37



θ_{13} with nH -- Daya Bay



New results

Consistent with nGd results within 2σ

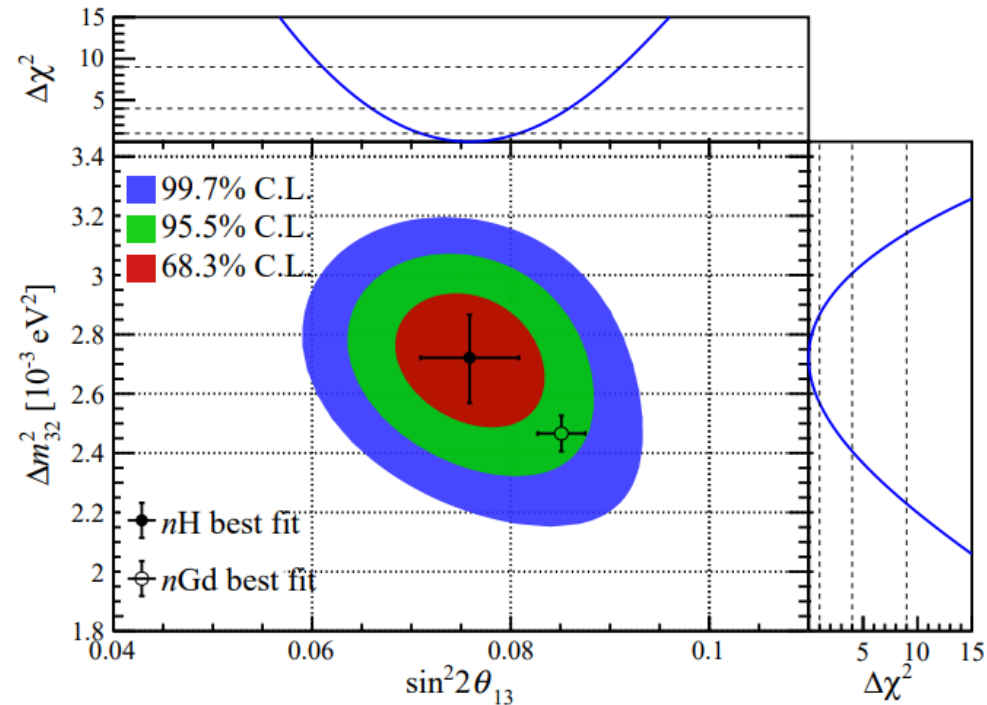
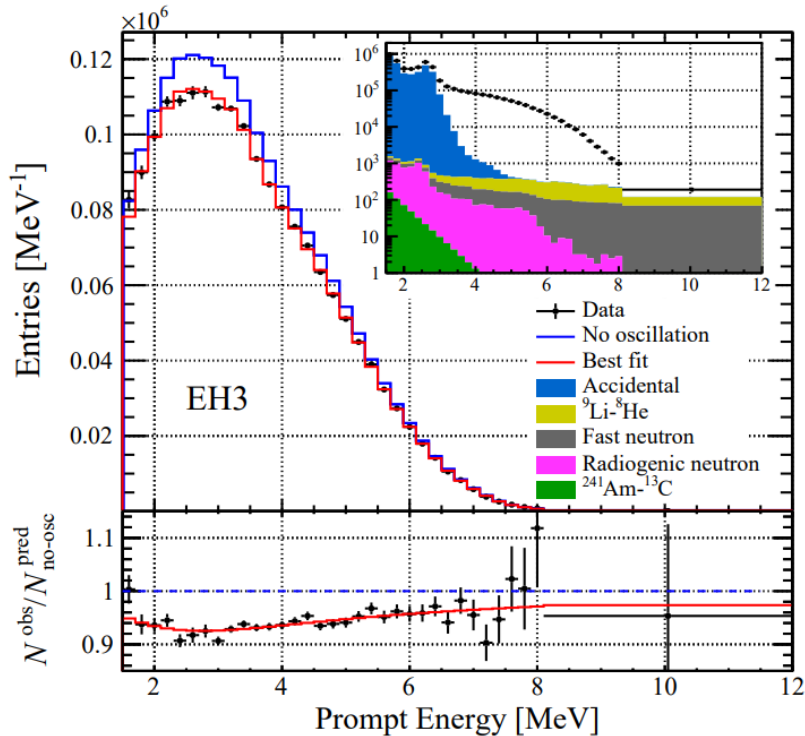
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0759 \pm 0.005$$

precision 6.5%

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.72 \pm 0.15 \text{ (NO)} \quad (-2.83 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (IO)}$$

precision 5.3%

Statistics contribute 47% and 64% to the errors of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ and Δm_{32}^2 , respectively



θ_{13} with nH -- RENO



Using nH data set of about 2800 days

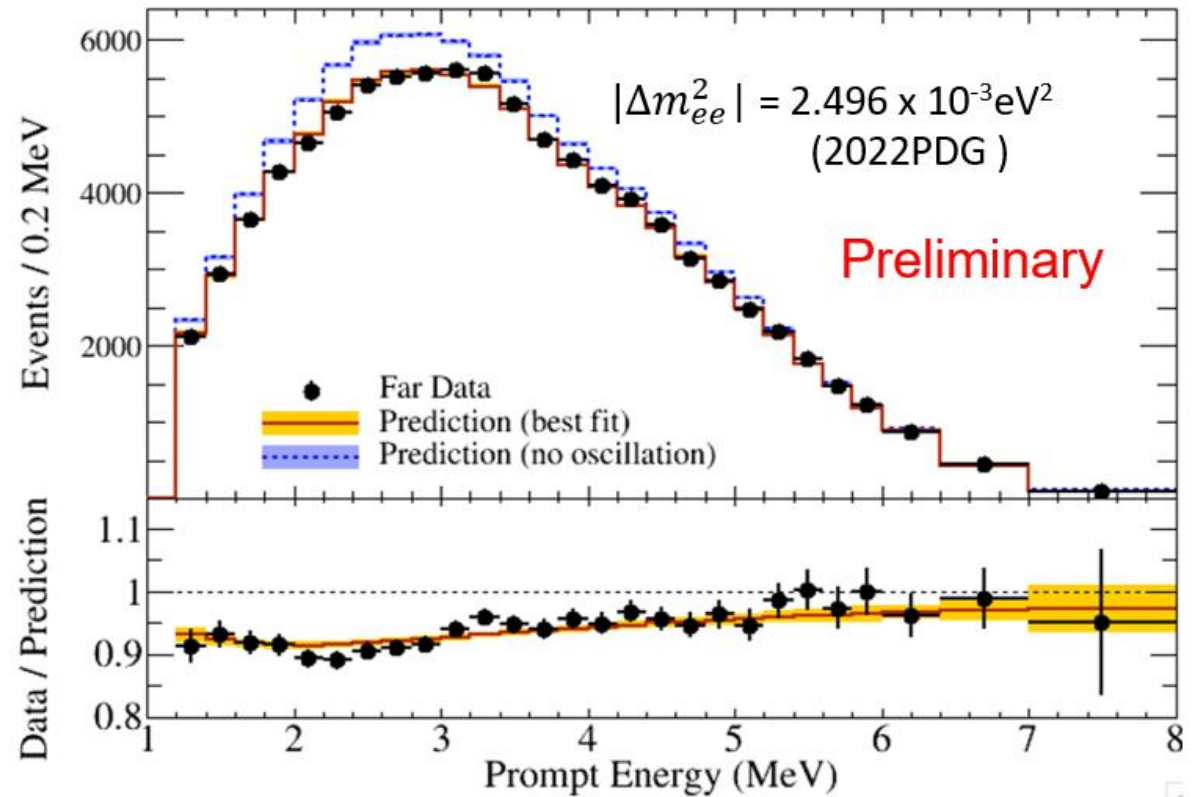
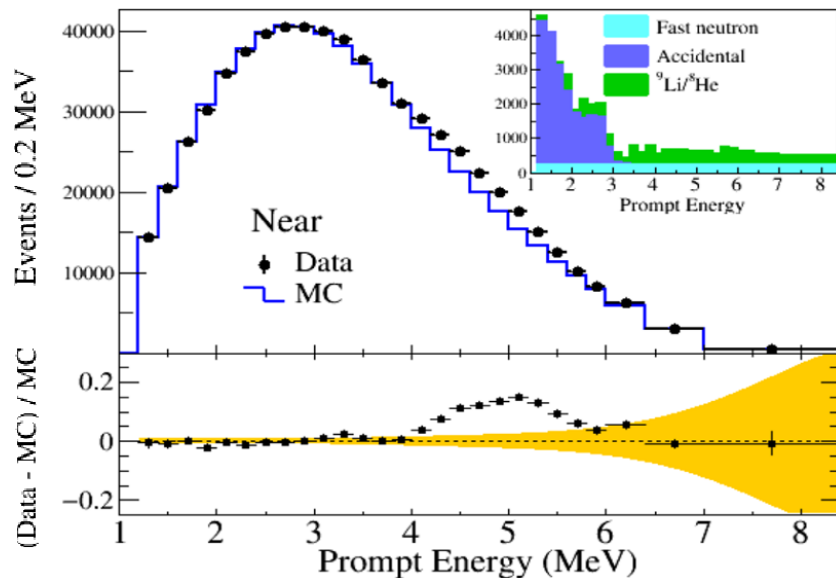
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precision 15.9%

[reference] JHEP (2019) 1500 days of nH: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.086 \pm 0.008(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst.})$ precision 18.7%

New results

	Near	Far
DAQ live time (days)	2259.298	2653.297
IBD candidates & backgrounds rate	316.67 ± 0.37	61.10 ± 0.15
After background subtraction	298.60 ± 0.62	35.67 ± 0.28
Total background rate	18.06 ± 0.50	25.43 ± 0.24



This shows the possibility of Δm_{ee}^2 measurement in nH analysis.

θ_{13} with all captures - Double Chooz



Double Chooz preliminary results with full data set, presented at Nu-2020

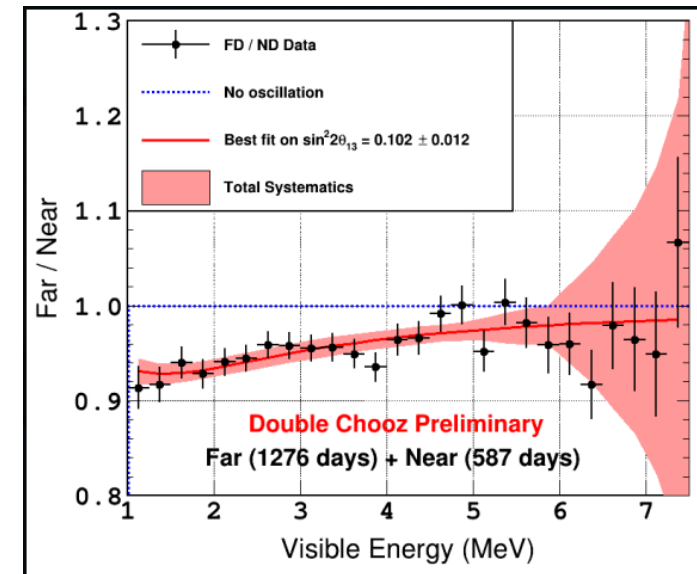
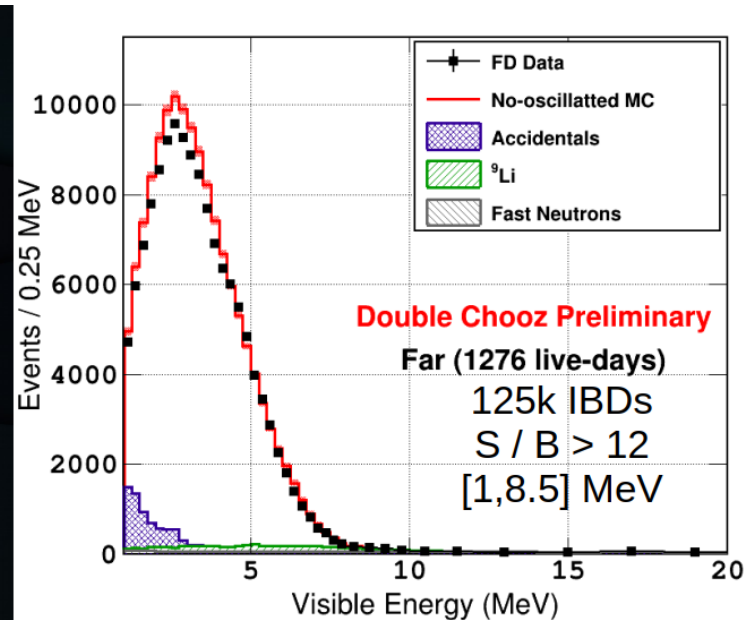
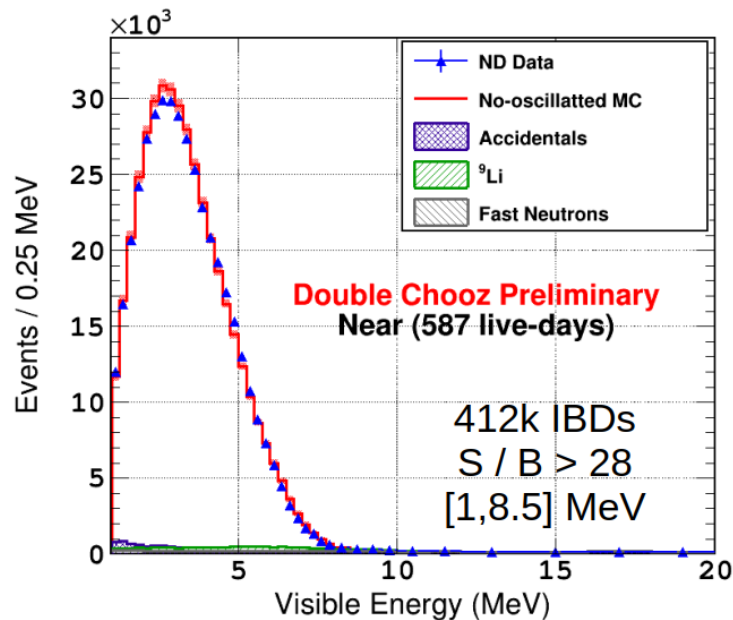
Using ANN to suppress accidental background

Total neutron capture enhanced the detection efficiency for n-Gd

Plan to finalize by end of 2024

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.102 \pm 0.004(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.011(\text{syst.})$$

precision 11.8%



Plots from Thiago Bezerra's Double Chooz talk at Nu-2020



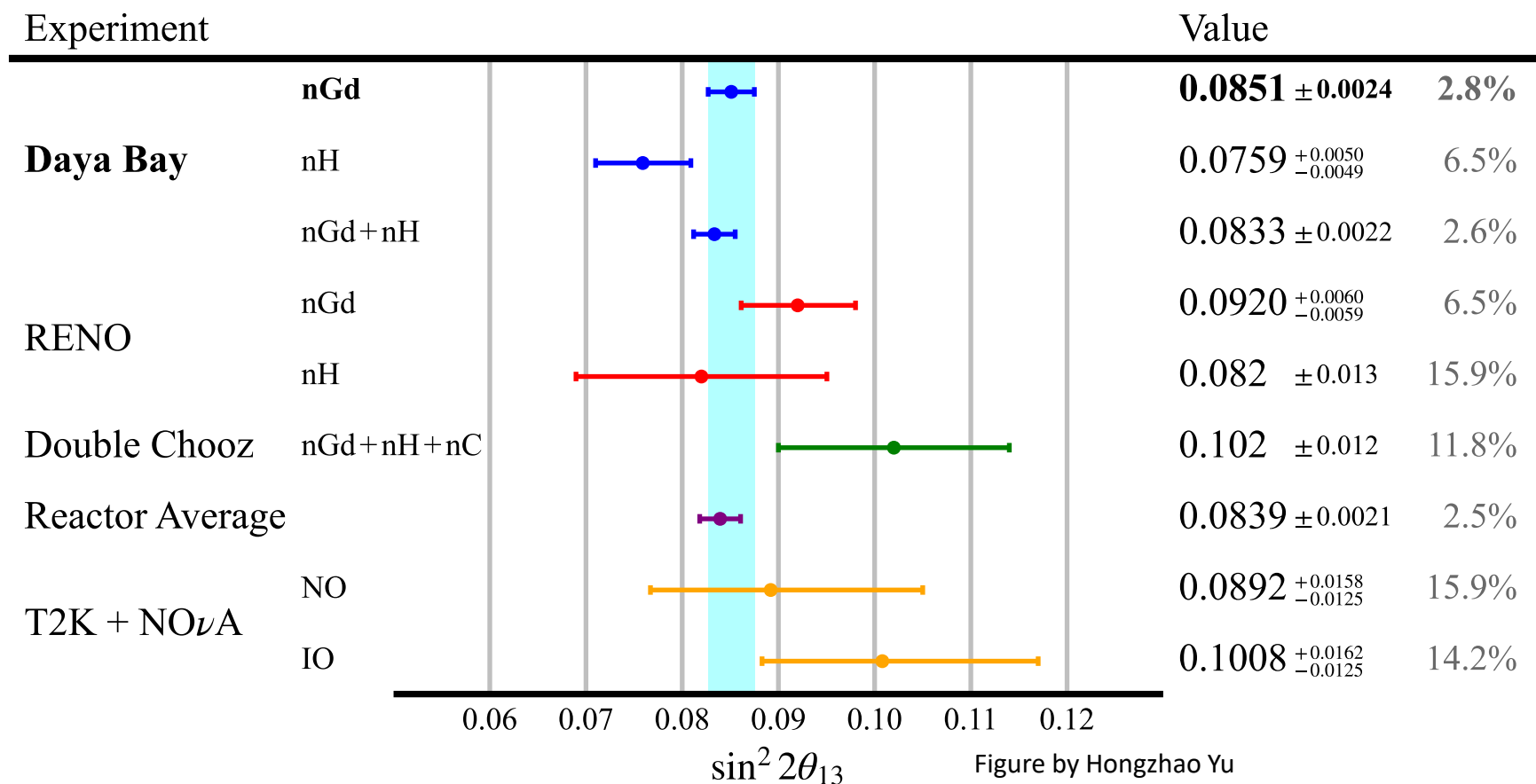
Global comparison θ_{13}



Daya Bay leads the precision measurement, nGd+nH gives 2.6% precision

By combining all reactor results, ultimate precision of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$: 2.5%

Consistent results from reactor and accelerator experiments



Note: average is error weighted average assuming no correlation

Figure by Hongzhao Yu



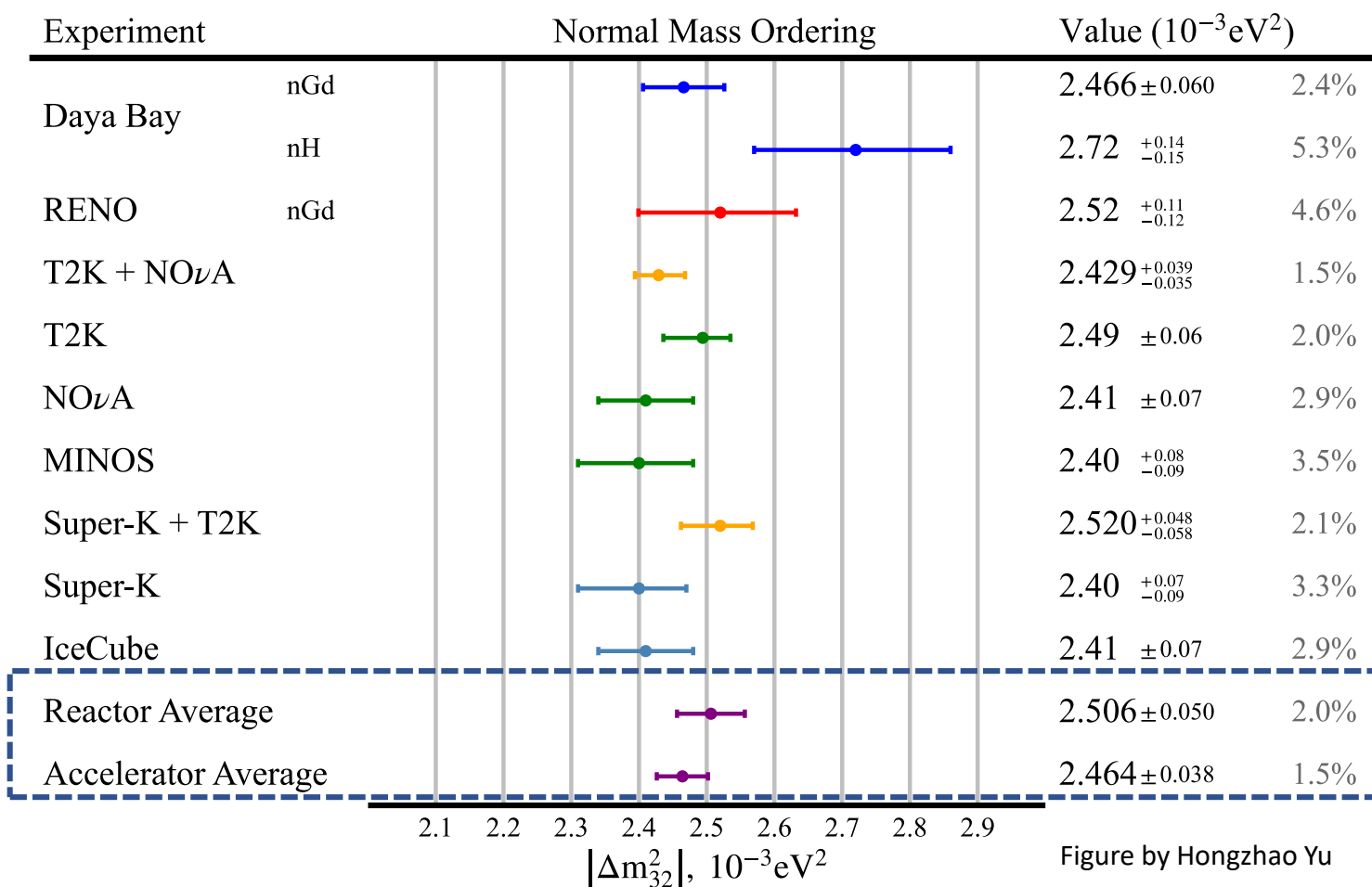
Global comparison Δm^2



Consistent results from reactor and accelerator experiments

Reactor weighted average 2% dominated by Daya Bay

Accelerator weighted average 1.5% (SK+T2K) + NOvA + MINOS + IceCube



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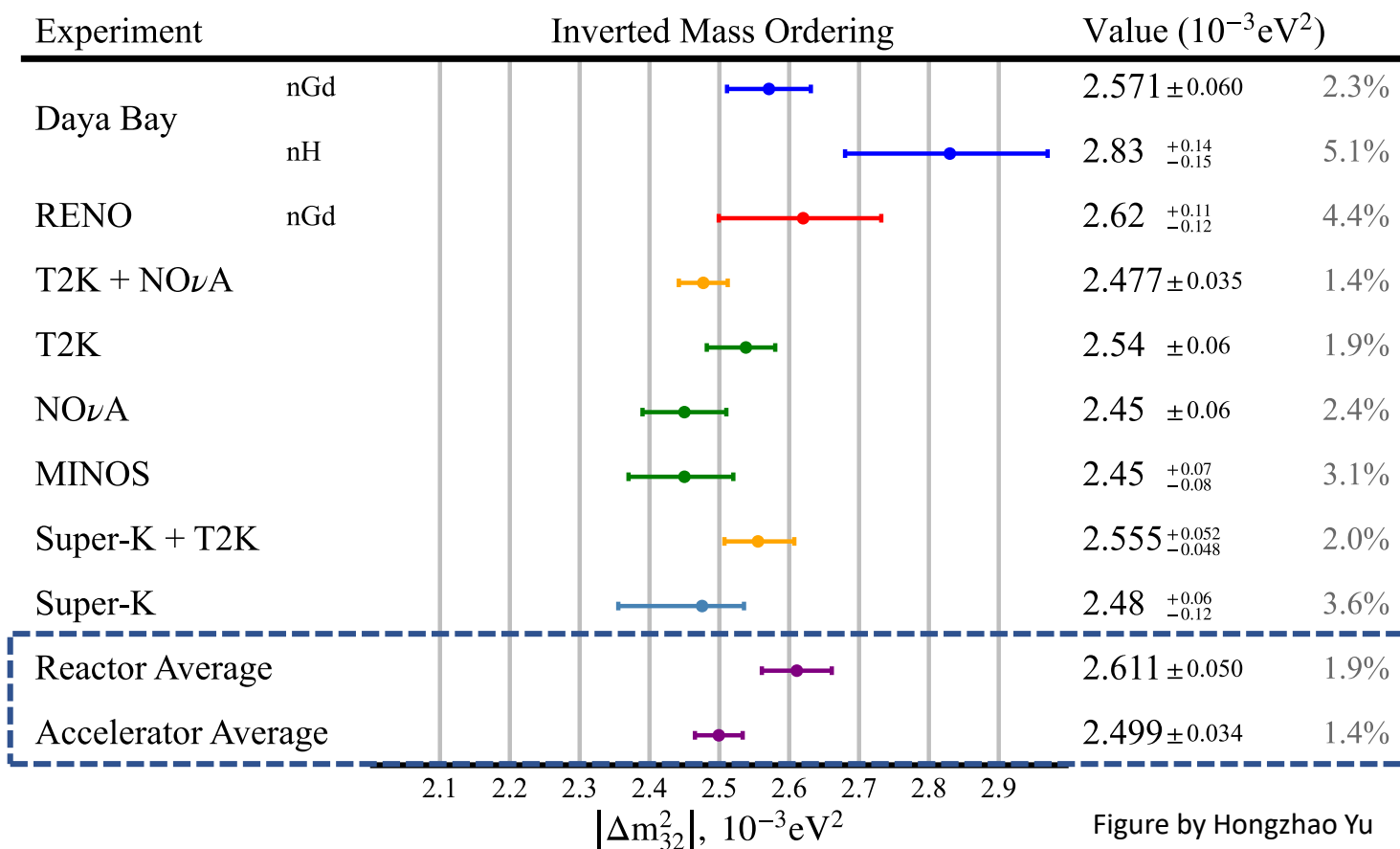


Global comparison Δm^2



Consistent results from reactor and accelerator experiments

Normal Ordering slightly preferred ($<2\sigma$) from reactor/accelerator averages



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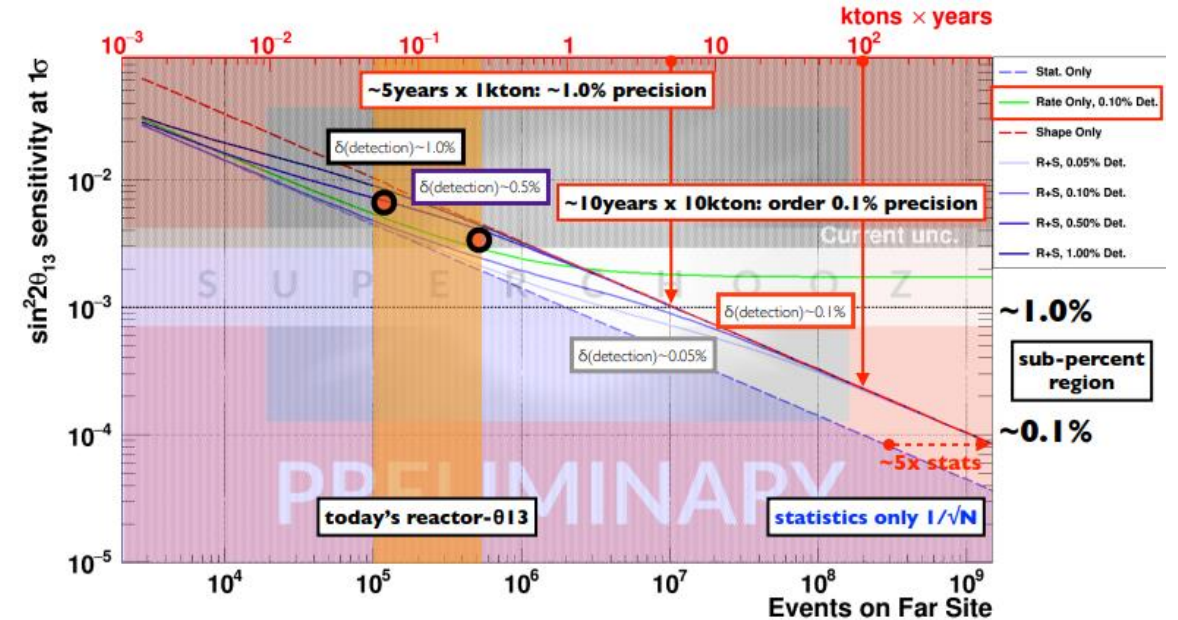
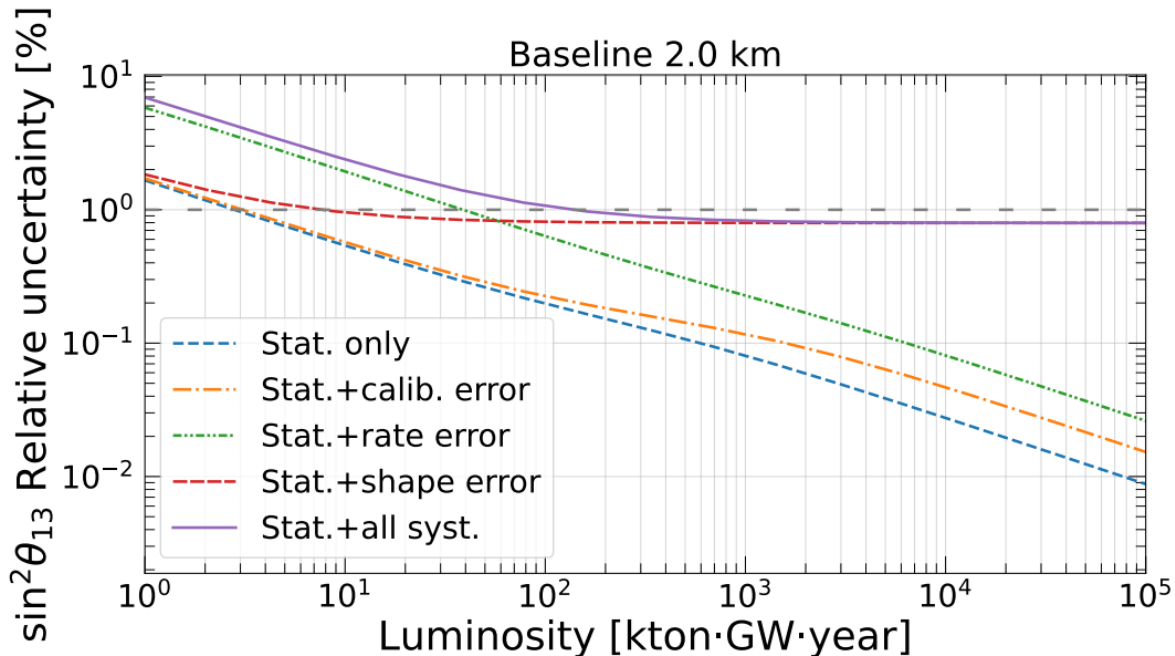
1% precision $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$?



In future, if unitarity test of PMNS matrix is limited by θ_{13} , two ways to improve

1. Shape distortion 1kt LS detector at 2.0km baseline

2. Rate deficit 10kt LiquidO detector at 1.1km baseline



Requires 1% shape uncertainty and 0.5% energy scale
 Fulfilled by inputs of TAO and intensive calibration
 JHEP, 2023, 03: 072

Super Chooz: LiquidO to suppress bkg.
<https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.7504161>

Poster from Raphaël Gazzini, ID-635

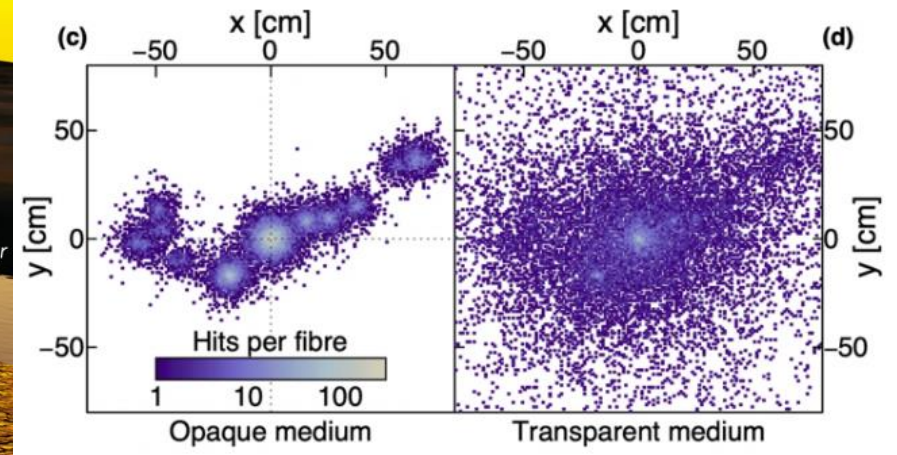
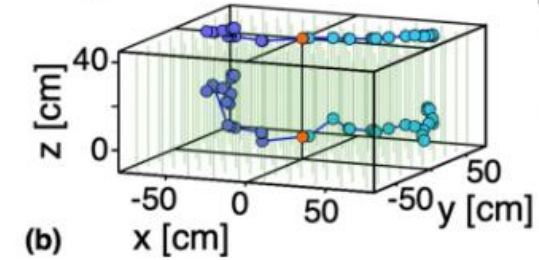
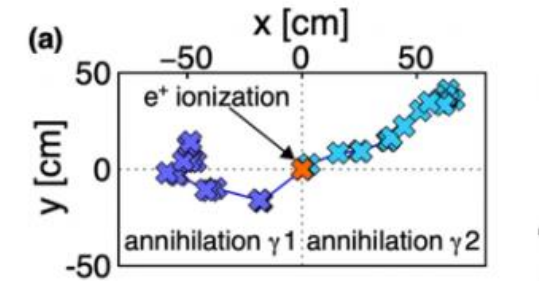
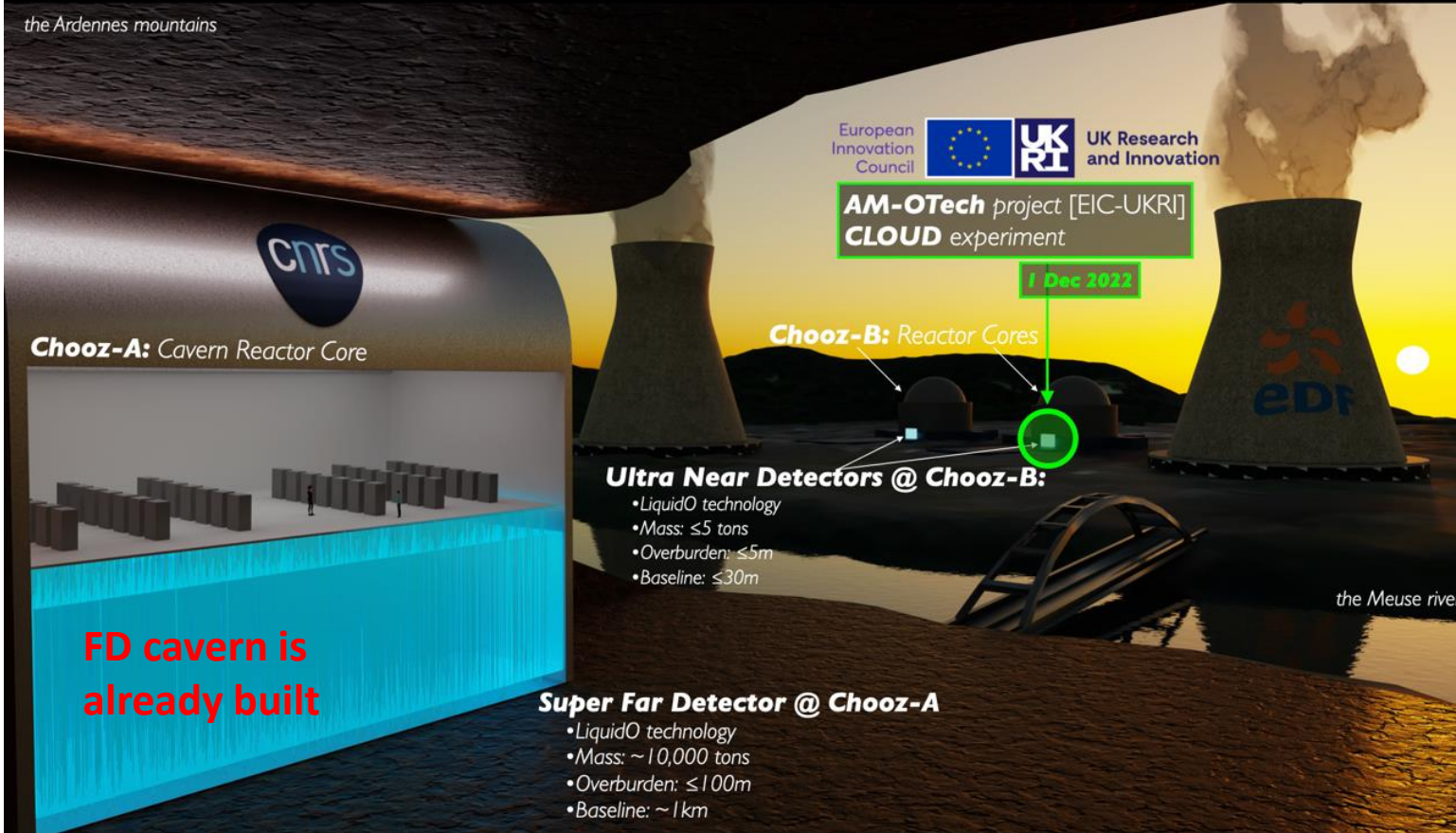


Super Chooz setup



Under ongoing experimental demonstration & exploration via the CLOUD experiment

SuperChooz experimental setup...





1. Daya Bay, RENO, and Double Chooz all stopped data taking

- Well controlled systematics ($< 0.2\%$), in total more than 1 million IBDs at far sites
- Almost equal contributions from systematics and statistics in oscillation parameters
- Side-by-side comparison at Daya Bay verified the systematics control

2. Daya Bay leads the precision measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ and $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$ in reactor side

2.1 Reactor experiments average: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0839 \pm 0.0021$, 2.5% precision

- The most precisely measured mixing angle up to Nu-2024

2.2 Reactor experiments average: $\Delta m^2_{32} = (2.51[-2.61] \pm 0.05) * 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$, 2% precision

- Slightly prefer normal mass ordering by comparing with accelerator results

3. Working on final results

- Full nH data set in Daya Bay and RENO, final results from Double Chooz

4. $< 1\%$ precision of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ achievable using either shape distortion or rate deficit



Daya Bay,

- 1、 Daya Bay oscillation results with neutron capture by hydrogen, Zhiyuan Chen, ID-321
- 2、 Reactor neutrino flux and spectrum measurements with Daya Bay full data set, Yang Han, ID-236
- 3、 Neutron Capture Cross Section Measurement on Carbon, Yuchin Cheng *et al*, ID-486
- 4、 Seasonal Variation of Muon Rates Using Full Dataset, Bangzheng Ma, ID-291
- 5、 First measurement of the yield of ^8He isotopes produced in LS, Chengzhuo Yuan, ID-488

Super Chooz,

- 1、 The SuperChooz project: a LiquidO-based neutrino oscillation experiment, Raphaël Gazzini, ID-635

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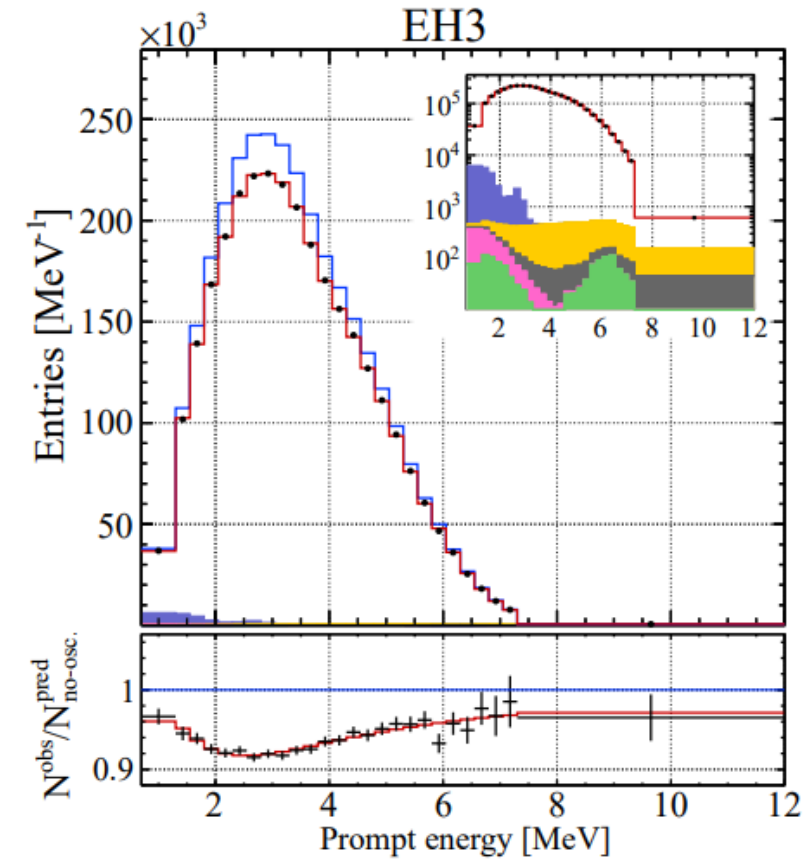
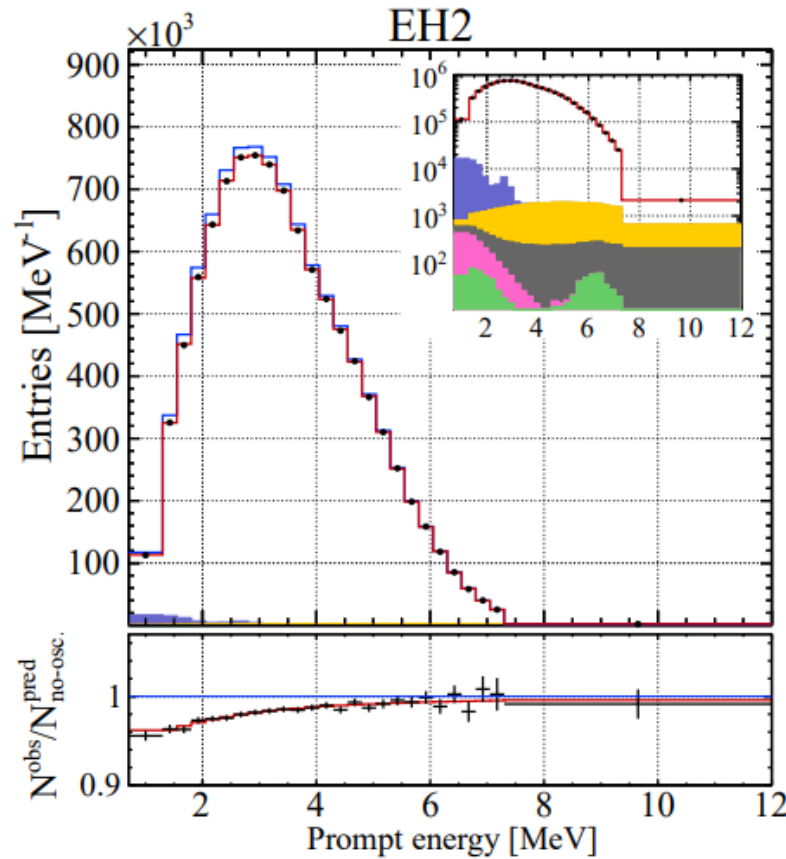
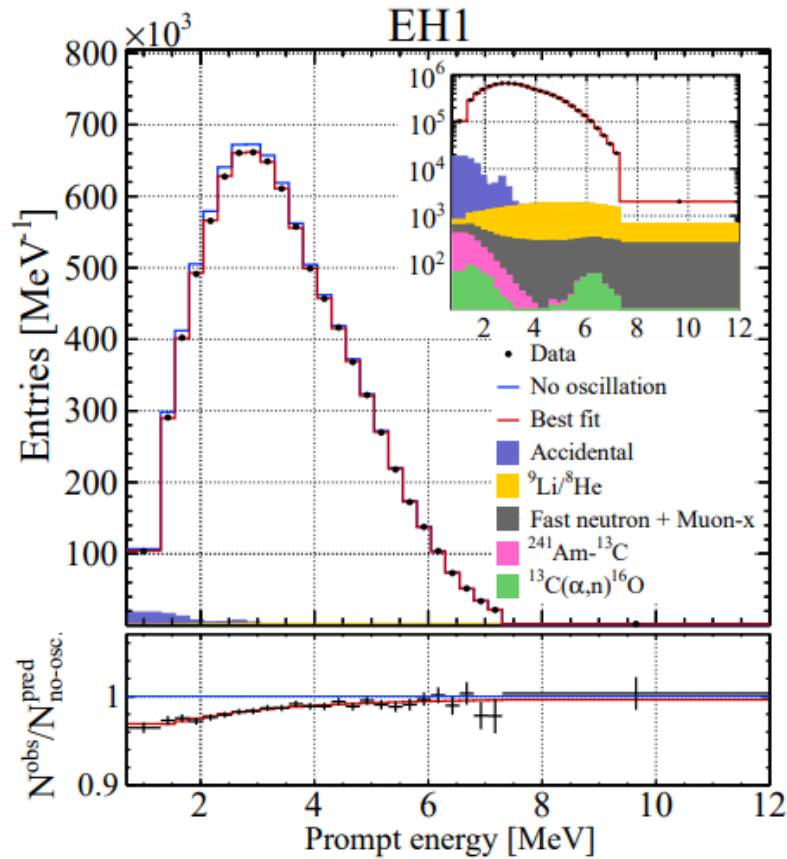
Experiment	Reference
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Double Chooz	Neutrino 2020 talk
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NOvA	Phys. Rev. D 106, 032004 (2022) arXiv:2311.07835
T2K + NOvA	Reports (2024) found at https://indico.fnal.gov/event/62062/ https://kds.kek.jp/event/49811/
MINOS	Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 131802 (2020)
Super-K	Phys. Rev. D 109, 072014 (2024)
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Backup



Measured prompt energy spectra at Daya Bay





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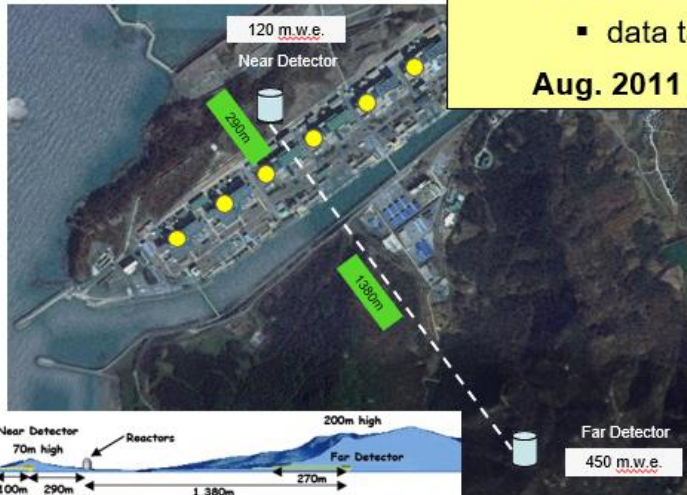
RENO



- Reactor Experiment for Neutrino Oscillation
- The RENO experiment has precisely measured the amplitude and frequency of reactor antineutrino oscillation at Hanbit Nuclear Power Plant.
- Data taking : Aug. 2011 ~ Mar. 2023 (corresponding to ~3800[d] live time)



- Total cost : \$10M
- Start of project : 2006
- data taking : Aug. 2011 ~ Mar. 2023

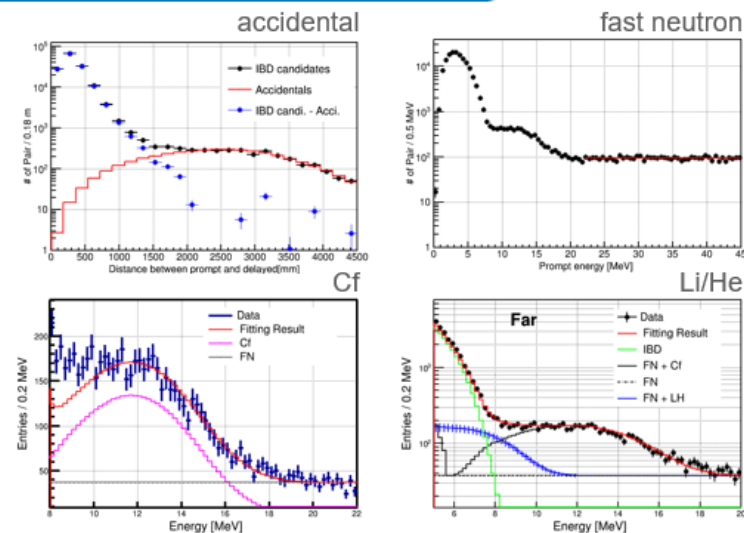


period	live time	result
Aug. 2011 ~ Feb. 2018	2200 [days]	2018 PRL
Aug. 2011 ~ Mar. 2023	3800 [days]	new



IBD Candidate Sample & Background Estimation (n-Gd)

- By applying selection criteria, **1,211,995(144,667) $\bar{\nu}_e$ candidate events** were obtained for near(far).
- The remaining background rates and spectral shapes are obtained from control data samples.
- The total background rates are estimated to be $9.08 \pm 0.18 (2.06 \pm 0.13)$ events per day for near(far) detectors, which corresponds to 2.5%(5.3%) of the total background fraction.



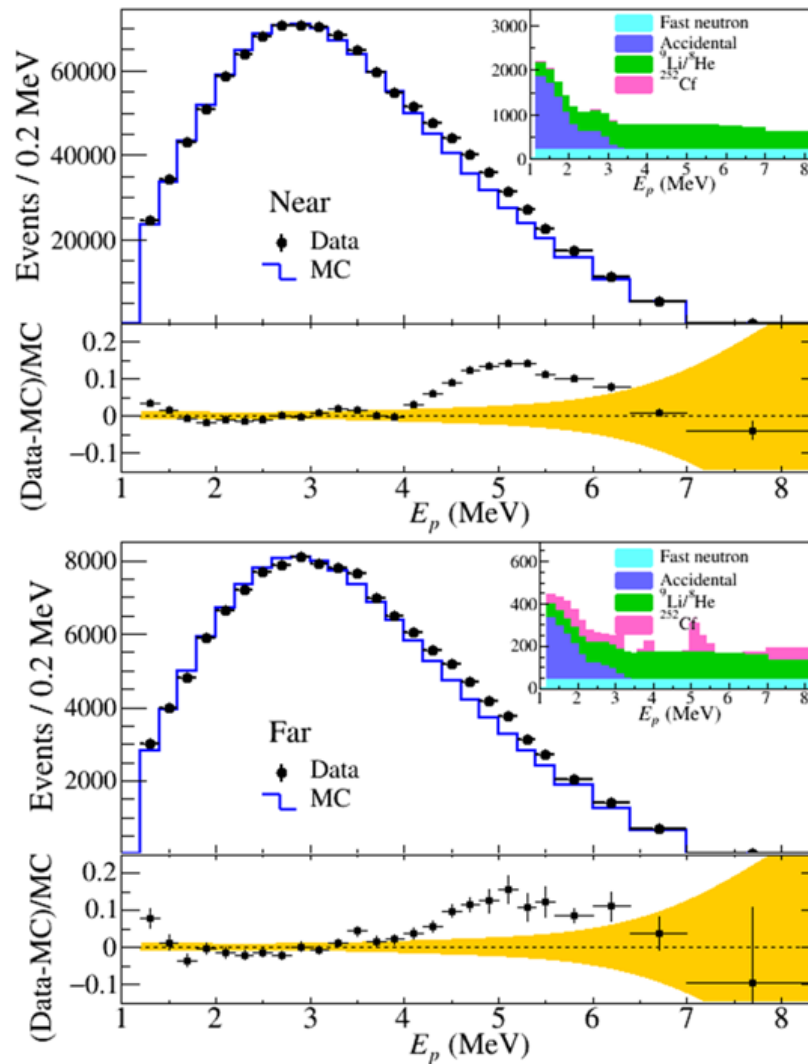
Detector	Near	Far
IBD rate	366.47 ± 0.33	38.70 ± 0.10
after background subtraction	357.39 ± 0.38	36.64 ± 0.16
total background rate	9.08 ± 0.18	2.06 ± 0.13
live time [days]	3307.25	3737.85
accidental rate	2.30 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.01
fast neutron rate	1.74 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.01
^{252}Cf contamination rate	0.07 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.04
$^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ rate	4.97 ± 0.17	1.02 ± 0.12

measured IBD and estimated background rates with $1.2 < E_p < 8.0$ [MeV], given per day



IBD Spectrum (n-Gd)

- A shape comparison between the observed IBD prompt spectrum and the prediction from a reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ model.
- observed IBD prompt spectrum from data after background subtraction
- prediction from MC w/ the best-fit oscillation
- The fractional difference b/w data and prediction is also shown in the lower panel.
- A clear discrepancy b/w the observed and the predicted spectral shapes is found in the region of 5 [MeV] in both detectors.





Oscillation Measurement (n-Gd)

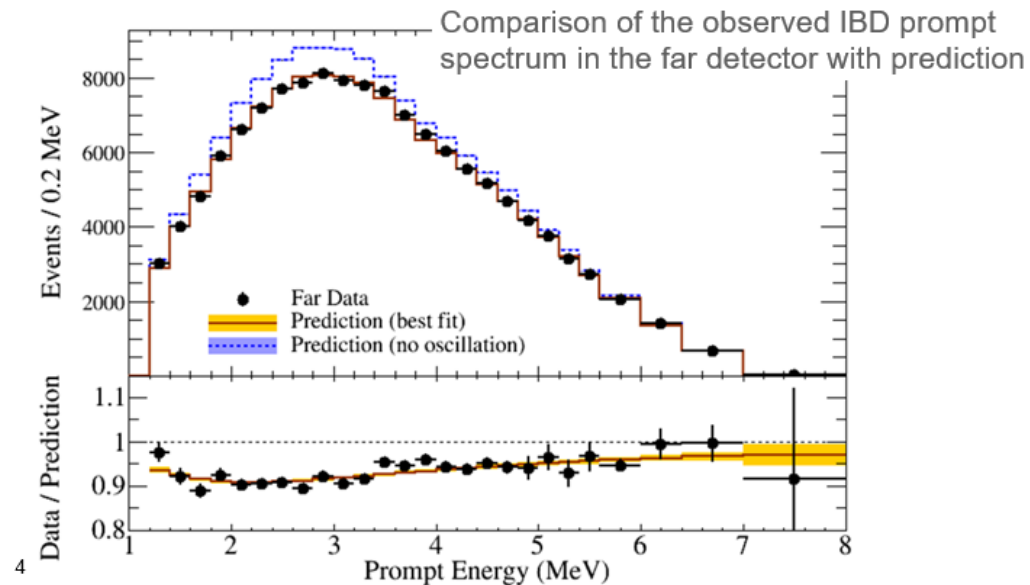
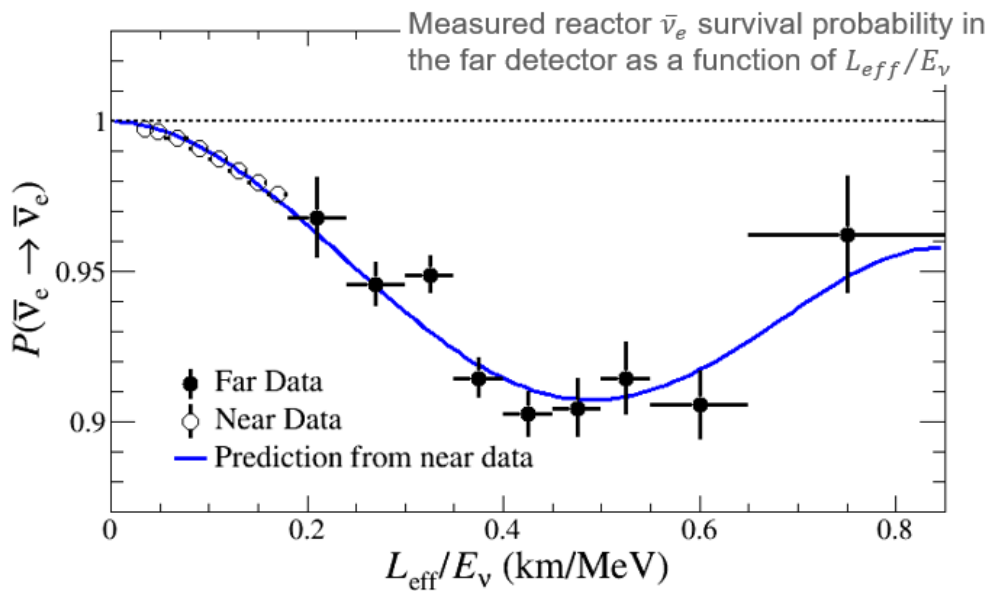
- Based on the measured far-to-near ratio of prompt spectra from the 3800[d] sample, we obtain the following final result.

$$- \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0920^{+0.0044}_{-0.0042} (stat.)^{+0.0041}_{-0.0041} (syst.)$$

$$- \Delta m_{ee}^2 = 2.57^{+0.10}_{-0.11} (stat.)^{+0.05}_{-0.05} (syst.) [\times 10^{-3} eV^2]$$

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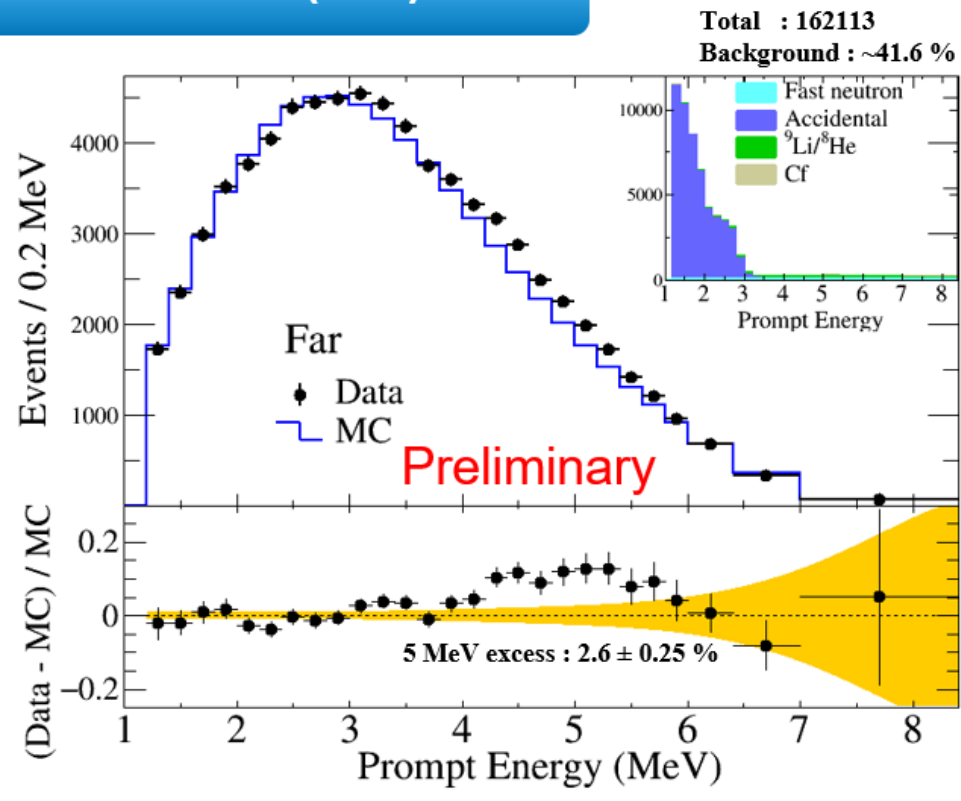
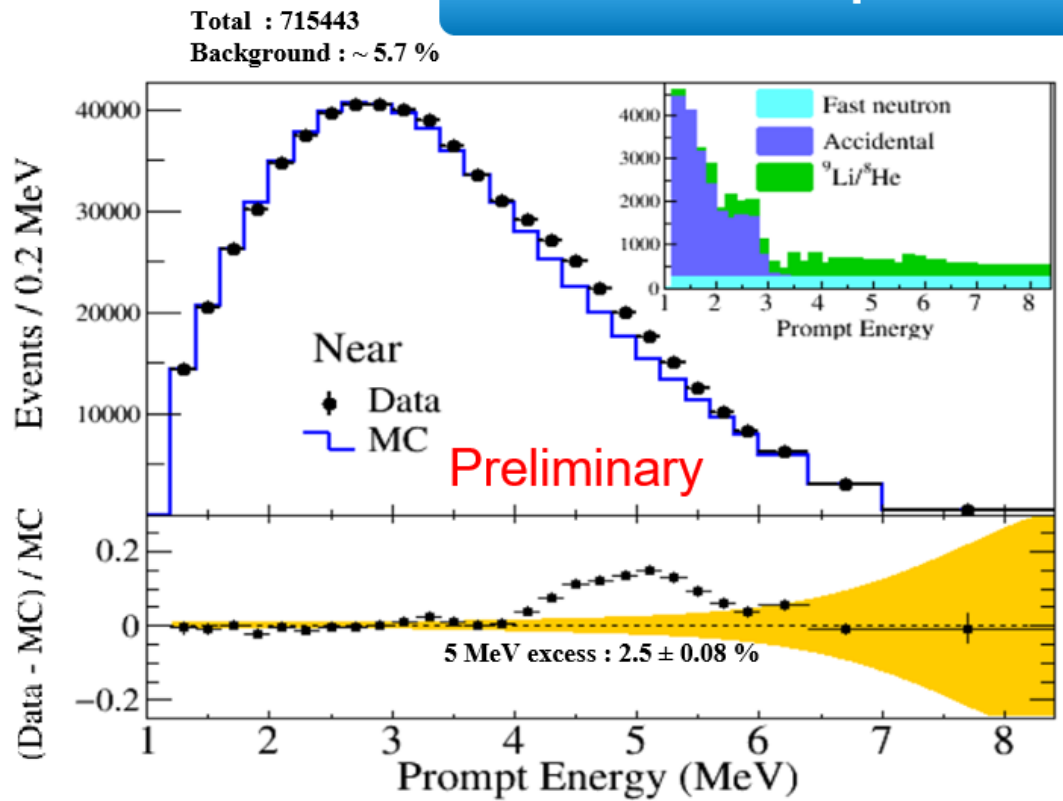
- (reference) 2200[d] result published at 2018
 - $-\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0896 \pm 0.0048(stat.) \pm 0.0047(syst.)$
 - $-\Delta m_{ee}^2 = 2.68 \pm 0.12(stat.) \pm 0.07(syst.) [\times 10^{-3} eV^2]$



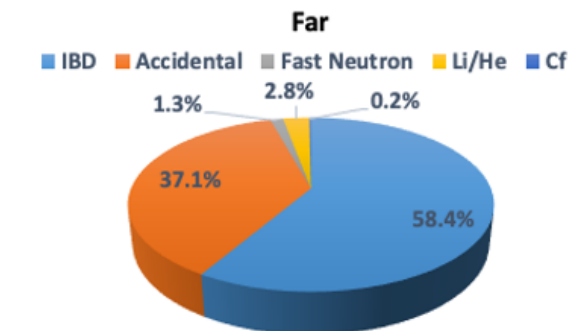
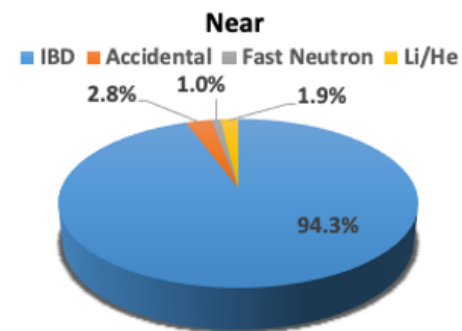
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Final Sample of IBD Candidates (n-H)



	Near	Far
DAQ live time (days)	2259.298	2653.297
IBD candidates & backgrounds rate	316.67 ± 0.37	61.10 ± 0.15
After background subtraction	298.60 ± 0.62	35.67 ± 0.28
Total background rate	18.06 ± 0.50	25.43 ± 0.24

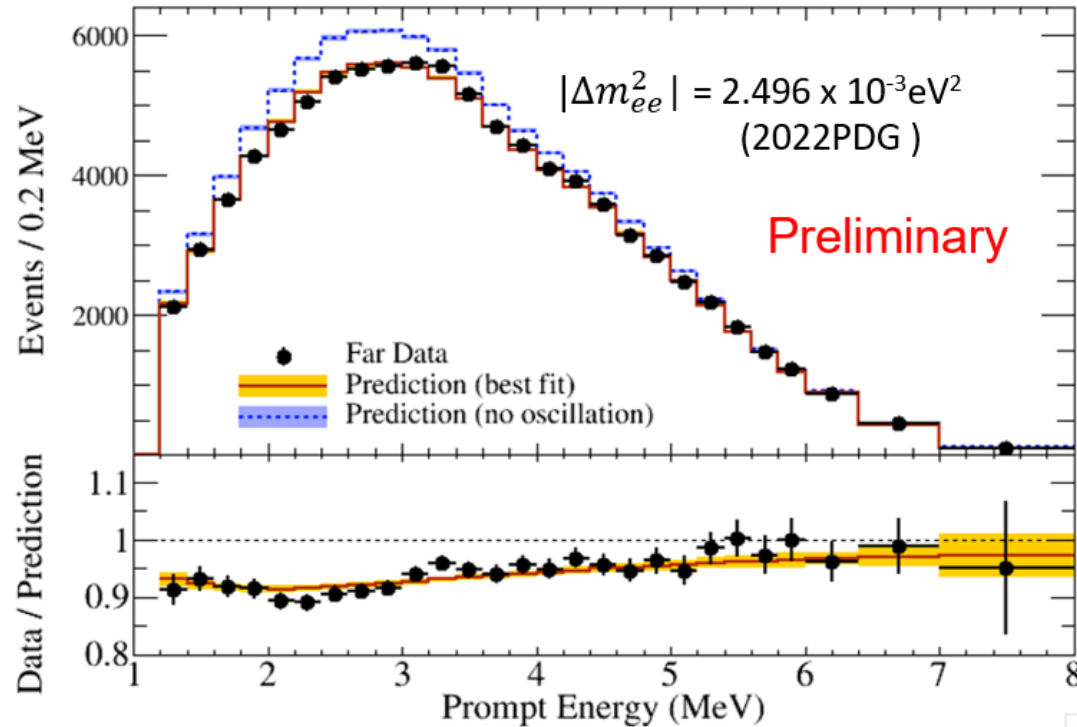


θ_{13} Measurement (n-H)

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.082 \pm 0.007(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.011(\text{syst.})$$

JHEP(2019) : 1500days n-H result $\rightarrow \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.086 \pm 0.008(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst.})$

PRL(2018) : 2200days n-Gd result $\rightarrow \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.0896 \pm 0.0048(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.0047(\text{syst.})$



nGd(2200d) + nH(2800d) combined result

$$\text{Correlation} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{correlated}}^{n-H} \cdot \sigma_{\text{correlated}}^{n-Gd}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{n-H} \cdot \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{n-Gd}}$$

	Uncertainty fraction (%)	Correlation
Statistical	38.0	0
Reactor	19.7	1
Detector	21.3	0.1
Total background	22.8	0
Combined	101.8	0.1

Combined result Error weighted mean (nGd+nH)
 (No correlated) $\rightarrow 0.0871 \pm 0.0064(\text{tot.})$
(apply correlation) $\rightarrow 0.0871 \pm 0.0040(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.0045(\text{syst.})$
[$\pm 0.0060(\text{tot.})$]

This shows the possibility of Δm_{ee}^2 measurement in nH analysis.