# Double Chooz (latest θ<sub>13</sub> measurements)

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# global status of $\theta_{13}$ ...





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# global impact of $\theta$ 13 (Lisi @ Shenzhen'2012)

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Adding 2012 SK atmospheric neutrino data:



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# those cool reactor-Vs...

### the coolest reason for us...



 $ND \rightarrow$  reduce correlated inter-detector systematic uncertainties

 $ND \rightarrow only \theta \mid 3$  (no other physics: hypothetical sterile-vs)

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# Double Chooz...

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# **Double Chooz collaboration**





### our experimental setup...



Chooz Reactors Power:  $8.5 \text{GW}_{\text{th}}$  $\Rightarrow \sim 10^{21} \text{v/s}$ (N4s: very powerful)

Near <L> 400m ~400v/day I20mwe Target: 8.2t in 2014



Far <L> 1050m ~50v/day 300mwe Target: 8.2t April 2011

# our neutrino " $\theta_{13}$ -telescope"...

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engineer's view



MC's view

our favourite view...

## our Outer-Veto...



# calibration...

## DC calibration system: redundancy...



## latest energy reconstruction...

### • Linearised-PE Calibration: Charge (DUQ) $\rightarrow$ PMT photo-electrons

- non-linear gain [electronics]  $g=f(q_i)$  [variance ~10%]
- $PE=\Sigma q_i \times g(q_i)$  [less non-linear, but ( $\rho$ ,z,t) dependent]
- applied the same for DATA and MC

#### • Uniformity Calibration: $PE(\rho,z) \rightarrow PE(\rho \rightarrow 0, z \rightarrow 0)$

- response varies by ~I0% across volume (DATA ≠ MC)
- responseMAPs using cosmogenic-n's 2.2MeV peak (H-n)

### • Stability Calibration: $PE(t) \rightarrow PE(t \rightarrow \tau)$

- response **varies by 2%** (gain drift dominated)
- use cosmogenic-n's capture on Gd drift as calibration
- time reference @  $\tau$  (standard candle "MeV definition")

#### • Absolute Energy Calibration: $PE(0,\tau) \rightarrow MeV(0,\tau)$

• <sup>252</sup>Cf deployed @ ( $\rho$ =0, z=0, t= $\tau$ ): **2.2MeV H-n peak** 

normalisation DATA and MC (no arbitrary knobs)







• Performance: any  $Q(q, \rho, z, t)$  [variance ~10%] to MeV [variance ~1.0%]

• critical for  $\delta$ (detection) and shape sensitivity to ( $\theta_{13}$ , BGs,  $\Delta m^2$ )

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# ND lab: delivered in a few weeks!

# un-oscillated spectrum... (MC + Bugey→ ND-like)

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reactor- $\mathbf{v}$  flux prediction... thermal power  $N_{v}^{\exp}(E,t) = \frac{N_{p}}{4\pi L^{2}} \times \frac{P_{th}(t)}{\langle E_{f} \rangle} \times \langle \sigma_{f} \rangle$ (@Chooz)  $\delta = \pm 0.46\%$ Mean energy per fission: k = <sup>235</sup>U, <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>241</sup>Pu fission rates  $\langle E_{k} \rangle = \sum \alpha_{k}(t) \langle E_{k} \rangle$ [<sup>235</sup>U, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>241</sup>Pu]  $\alpha_k$  : fractional fission rate (@Chooz) [MURE simulation]  $\left\langle \sigma_{f} \right\rangle_{k} = \int dE \, S_{k}(E) \, \sigma_{IBD}(E)$ Mean cross-section per fission:  $\left\langle \sigma_{f} \right\rangle = \left\langle \sigma_{f} \right\rangle^{Bugey} + \sum_{k} \left( \alpha_{k}^{DC}(t) - \alpha_{k}^{Bugey}(t) \right) \left\langle \sigma_{f} \right\rangle_{k}$ energy per fission & Ofission [<sup>235</sup>U, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>241</sup>Pu] Bugey4 anchor point V spectrum @ FD fuel composition (initial burn-up) for both Chooz reactors [<sup>235</sup>U, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>241</sup>Pu] (fuel cycle / exposure) (@Chooz) <sup>235</sup>U, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>241</sup>Pu]

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# Bugey as ND... •no hypothetical sterile-V (@ short baselines) contribution •most precise flux calculations so far → interesting results

## detector & readout simulation...

- **physics:** <u>generators</u> (G4 + customs)
  - IBD prediction @ FD: **δ(flux): 1.7%**

#### • DATA/MC detector remarkable agreement

- •δ(response): 1.13% (target)
- δ(detection): 1.0% (n physics modelling)

### • physical detector...

- geometry (<u>data tuned</u>)
- scintillator response (<u>data tuned</u>)
- optical interfaces (data tuned)

• conversion:  $MeV \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow PE$  (@ PMT)

### • detector readout...

PMT, FEE, FADC, Trigger (data tuned)

• pulse shapes, charge, digitisation, etc

### • conversion: PE→Charge

#### • detector calibration...

calibrate MC exactly as DATA (<u>data tuned</u>)

• biases & precision (systematics)

### • conversion: Charge→PE→MeV





FD oscillated spectrum...

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## Gd-IBD selection criteria...



## selection details...

	Gd-IBD	H-IBD	
<b>µ</b> -tagging	E(ID)≥30MeV & Q(IV)≥30kDUQ		Single
$\Delta t(\mu)$	lms		Selection
LN[QmQt]	≤0.09 (prompt) ≤0.06 (delay)		
$LN[RMS(t_{PMT})]$	40ns		
Δt(n~e+)	[2,100] <b>µ</b> s	[10,600] <b>µ</b> s	IBD
$\Delta$ d(n~e+)	_	<b>≤</b> 0.9m	Selection
E(delay)	[6,12]MeV	[1.5,3.0]MeV	
E(prompt)	[0.7,12.2]MeV		
Multiplicity	[-0.1,0.4]ms	[-0.6, l ]ms	
OV veto	yes	no	BG
Spallation- $\mu$ veto	yes	no	Rejection
		$\overline{\nabla}$	
	8249 IBDs (with BG) 227.9days	▼ 36284 IBDs (with BG) 240. I days	

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Neutrino Rate (day<sup>-1</sup>)



Number of Days Since April 13 2011

## IBD features...





# **Gd-IBD** Signal/BG ~19

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# BACKGROUNDS

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## our model: 3 backgrounds (so far)...



### cosmic-µ



### best known...

•**\delta**BG/Signal  $\rightarrow$  <0.01%(negligible rate uncertainties) •pile @ oscillation minima region ( $\Delta$ m<sup>2</sup> resolution)

# accidental... (the <u>good</u> one)



### cosmic-µ



### worst known...

•δBG/Signal→largest (poor statistics)

•poorly known data-shape (MC→KamLAND,etc)

# **isotopes**... (the <u>ugly</u> one)





### most dangerous...

slope @ low-energy: modelling (hard)
shape measured via IV tagging → mimics θ<sub>13</sub>?

# correlated... (the <u>bad</u> one)



p-recoil spectrum (with reactor ON)



### Correlated-BG (Gd-IBD)

### Correlated-BG (H-IBD)

- •a composite spectrum: **fast-n** (p-recoil) + **stopping-μ** (Bragg spectrum)
- •(fast-n) **p-recoil spectrum @ low energies** (**very challenging**)
  - •huge (100x)  $\nu$  BG during reactor ON over fitting region **[0.7,12.2]MeV**
  - •DC measures: **NOT necessarily flat** (quenching+acceptance)
- data measurement (accurate) → **IV & OV tagging** (<u>only DC</u>)
- •how about "extrapolation as flat" from HE?
  - DC: <u>rate biassed by  $I.5\sigma(Gd) \sim 7.4\sigma(H)$ </u> and **incorrect shape**
  - •biassed slope  $\rightarrow$  **bias (**similar signature)  $\theta_{13}$  (<u>bad</u>)



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# oscillation analyses results...

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# (Gd) rate+shape fit $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$ +BG estimation...

input: θ|3 model & full BG model (3 BGs and their rates and spectra)
output: θ|3 & cosmogenic BG re-evaluated (via pulls)



### •BG re-evaluation $\rightarrow \sim 15\%$ less BG (wrt rate)

• $\theta_{13}$  & BG fully correlated  $\rightarrow$  BG re-estimation varies  $\theta_{13}$  (consistency)

•BG(fit) in <u>better agreement wrt reactor-OFF</u> (only DC)

• same  $\theta_{13}$  with 1 or 2 Integration Periods  $\rightarrow$  result robust BG robust

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## two independent measurements of $\theta_{13}$ ...



rate+shape analysis  $\rightarrow$  clear  $\theta_{13}$  E/L pattern & BG constrains

**DC-II(Gd):**  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.109\pm0.04 \ [0.030^{\text{stat}}\pm0.025^{\text{syst}}]$ **DC-II(H):**  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.097\pm0.05 \ [0.034^{\text{stat}}\pm0.034^{\text{syst}}]$ 

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rate systematics breakdown...

	Gd-IBD (%)	H-IBD (%)	
$\delta$ (flux)	I.75		
$\delta$ (accidental-BG)	0.01	0.22	
$\delta$ (correlated-BG)	0.54	0.64	
$\boldsymbol{\delta}$ (isotopes-BG)	I.46	I.56	
$\delta$ (light Noise-BG)	~0	0.10	
$\delta$ (response)	0.3	0.3	
$\delta$ (detection)	1.01	1.56	
<b>δ</b> (stat)	1.12	1.08	

## observed vs expected rate...



**next:** plot observed vs expected IBD rate per day

### Reactor Rate Modulation Analysis...



## evolution of DC measurements...

DC  $\theta_{13}$  Analyses Evolution



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# measuring/validating BGs...

• **BG knowledge:** rate (easier) & shape (limited statistics) • CHOOZ BG: reactor OFF (no need for a model)  $\rightarrow$  Li (by KamLAND) • cosmogenic BG knowledge limited by statistics (~Iday<sup>-I</sup>) (slowly improving) • [I] exclusive measurement: each BG [difficult with reactor ON] ● technique: sub-samples (approximations/extrapolations) → systematics? ● limitation: assumes BG-model → <u>completeness</u>? (i.e. accuracy) • [2] exclusive measurement: each BGs upon rate+shape fit • technique: relies on a priori knowledge (rate & shapes) & relative interplay • advantage: robust  $\theta_{I3}$  (full model: <u>E/L & all known BG spectra</u>) • [3] inclusive (direct) measurement: reactor-OFF • technique: rate & shape of complete BG (no models)  $\rightarrow$  validate BG model • *limitation:* (so far)  $\perp$  week (poor stats)  $\rightarrow$  (virtually) no spectral info • [4] inclusive (indirect) measurement: RRM analysis (w/o reactor-OFF) • technique: compare expected vs observed IBDs $\rightarrow$ measure  $\theta_{13}$  & BG (correlation) • advantage: use reactor-OFF  $\rightarrow$  impact to inclusive BG,  $\theta_{13}$ 

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# background estimation summary...

	Gd-IBD		H-IBD	
	rate	rate+shape	rate	rate+shape
accidentals	0.261±0.002 (0.7%)		73.45±0.16 (0.2%)	
cosmo-isotopes	1.3±0.54	1.00±0.29	2.8±1.2	3.9±0.6
correlated	0.67±0.20	0.65±0.13	2.50±0.47	2.60±0.40
fast-n	~0.20	N/A	all	all
stopping- <b>µ</b>	~0.47	N/A	N/A	N/A
Light Noise	N/A	N/A	0.32±0.07	
total (Σ exclusive)	<b>2.2±0.6</b>	1.9±0.3	79.1±1.3	80.3±0.7
reactorOFF (inclusive)	1.0±0.4		N/A (yet)	
modulation (inclusive)	2.8±1.5	I.I±0.5	N/A (yet)	N/A (yet)



- DC short baseline (1050m)  $\rightarrow$  hard to see "rise" (poor constrain in  $\Delta m^2$ )
  - •coarse binning (Gd) 500keV
- •rate+shape: <a href="mailto:challenges.all.knowledge">challenges.all.knowledge</a>...
  - •<u>neutrino oscillation model</u>: E/L shape (using MINOS  $\Delta$ m2)
  - •<u>BG model</u> (completeness + rate + shape)
- •feature @ 6MeV→new BG vs fluctuation (large systematics)?
  - •(regardless) E/L (for DC is short-ish) & rate+shape  $\rightarrow$  **robust**  $\theta$  I 3



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## measurements by DC...

### (assumed a rate analysis à la DB & RENO)



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rate-like uncertainties...



uncertainty on R	FD only (%)	ND+FD (%)
$\pmb{\delta}$ (response)	0.3	<0.3
$\delta$ (flux)	Ι.7	<b>≤</b> 0.2 <b>? ∼iso-flux</b>
$\boldsymbol{\delta}$ (detection)	I.0	0.2 <b>?</b> à la DB/RENO
<b>δ</b> (BG)	0.9	~0.5? BG rejection (my view)
δ <sup>rate</sup> (total)	2.2	~0.6
δ(statistics)	<b>~I.I</b> (now)	<b>~0.6</b> (3 years ND+FD)

 $\delta(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \delta(\sin^2(2\theta_{13}))$  increase (DC: <u>shortest baseline</u>)

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# what to remember?

## conclusions...

### • θ I 3 reactor measurement will dominate for long...

- precision → <u>multi-detector</u> technique (combined: ~5%)
- accuracy→ better analyses (time) & inter-experiment validation
- global impact to neutrino oscillations → constraints & predictions

### • Double Chooz...

• few  $\theta$  **I3** measurements  $\rightarrow$  consistent (cross-check precision & accuracy) • improving all analyses  $\rightarrow$  surprises are coming!! • BG is most critical (but *that's what we do best*: 4 fold cross-checks) •  $\delta$ (systematics): 2.2%  $\rightarrow$  ~0.6% (prospected with ND) • FD-only:  $\sigma[sin^2(2\theta_{13})]$ : ~0.03 [dominated by  $\delta(flux)$ ] • ND+FD:  $\sigma$ [sin<sup>2</sup>(2 $\theta$ <sub>13</sub>)]: ~0.01 [i.e. ~10% for sin<sup>2</sup>(2 $\theta$ <sub>13</sub>)=0.1] • Global: final precision & accuracy of  $\theta$  | 3... • several experiments (different systematics)  $\rightarrow$  validate accuracy of  $\theta$  13 • DC: sensitive BG to  $\delta(BG)$  [also **RENO**] • **RENO/DB:** sensitive to  $\delta$ (flux)