Theta_13 experimental measurements (reactor neutrinos results)

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Neutrino flavor eigenstates $|v_f\rangle$, $f = e/\mu/\tau$ produced in weak Interactions are different from mass eigenstates $|v_i\rangle$, i = 1/2/3

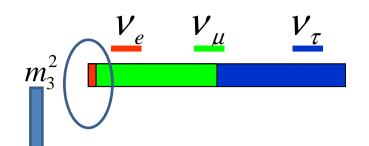
→ non-diagonal Unitary mixing matrix:

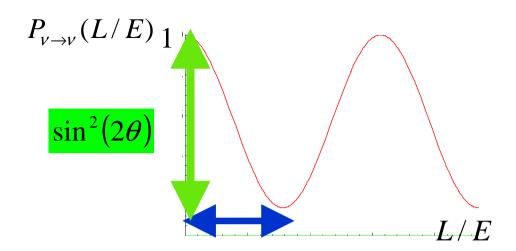
$$U_{fi} \equiv \langle v_f | v_i \rangle \Longrightarrow | v_f \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{3} U_{fi}^* | v_i \rangle$$

Canonical representation of Pontecorvo-Magi-Nakagawa-Sakata mixing matrix is done by ordered product of 12, 13 and 23 rotations, one CP phase δ connected to the smallest mixing angle θ_{13} and two Majorana phases $\alpha_{1,2}$ (irrelevant for oscillations)

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_{e} \\ v_{\mu} \\ v_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta_{23}) & \sin(\theta_{23}) \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta_{23}) & \cos(\theta_{23}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{13}) & 0 & \sin(\theta_{13}) \cdot e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{12}) & \sin(\theta_{12}) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta_{12}) & \cos(\theta_{12}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_{1}/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{2}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{1} \\ v_{2} \\ v_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$





 $(L/E)_{1stMINIMUM} = (\pi/2)4\hbar c/\Delta m^2$

 $\approx 0.5 \, km / MeV = 500 \, km / GeV$

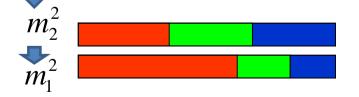
Two ∆m² differ app. by a factor of 30

Two very different oscillation length

→ two very different oscillation lengths $\approx 15 \, km / \, MeV = 15000 \, km / \, GeV$

$$\left| m_3^2 - m_1^2 \right| \cong 2.32 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

 $m_2^2 - m_1^2 \cong 7.59 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$



	0.5 km/MeV 500 km/GeV	15 km/MeV 15000 km/GeV
$v_e \rightarrow v_e$	Daya Bay Double Chooz RENO	Sun v _e (+ matter efffect) reactor KAMLAND
$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$	atm. acc.	

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Disappearance probabilty

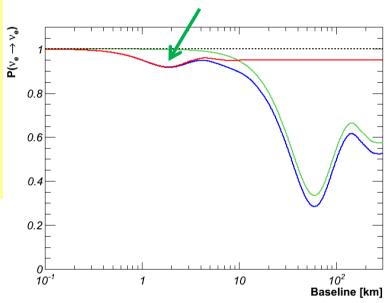
$$P_{\nu_f \to \nu_f}(x) = 1 - \sum_{i < j} 4 |U_{fi}|^2 |U_{fi}|^2 \sin^2 \left(1.267 \Delta m_{ij}^2 \left[eV^2 \right] \frac{x[m]}{E[MeV]} \right)$$

Disappearance probabilty for electron (anti)neutrinos:

$$P_{\nu_{e} \to \nu_{e}}(x) \xrightarrow{\Delta m_{31}^{2} \cong \Delta m_{32}^{2}} 1 - \sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) \sin^{2}(1.267\Delta m_{31}^{2} [eV^{2}] \frac{x[m]}{E[MeV]})$$

$$-\cos^{4}(\theta_{13}) \sin^{2}(2\theta_{12}) \sin^{2}(1.267\Delta m_{21}^{2} [eV^{2}] \frac{x[m]}{E[MeV]})$$

For E=4 MeV the first minimum is at ~2 km

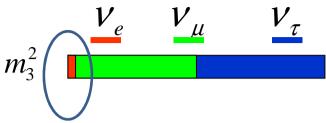


$$P_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}(x) \cong 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(1.267\Delta m_{31}^2 \left[eV^2\right] \frac{x[m]}{E[MeV]}\right)$$

Mixing angle θ 13

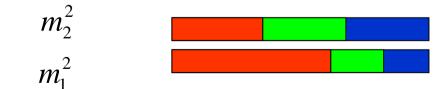
$$sin^2(\theta_{13}) = |Ue3|^2 (~2.3\%)$$

is the fraction of electron neutrino in the mass eigenstate m3

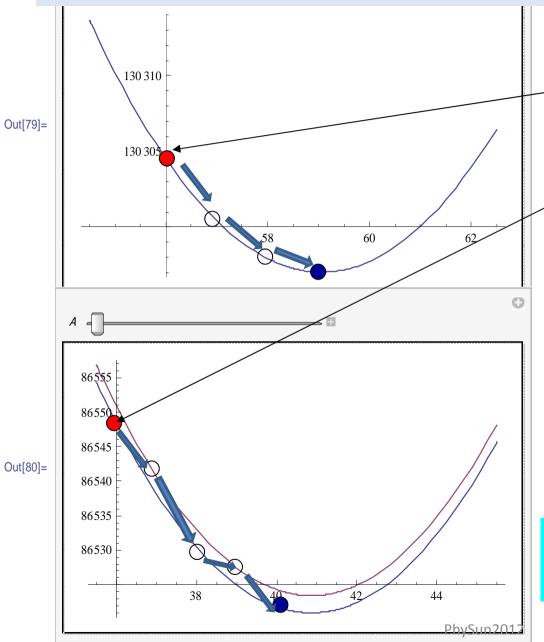


Two ways to measure θ 13 (measurements at small values of L/E~0.5km/MeV = 500 km/GeV)

- -To measure reactor electron antineutrino disappearance
- -To measure electron (anti)neutrino appearance in muon (anti)neutrino beam



Nuclear reactors are powerful sources of electron antineutrinos



$${}_{0}^{1}n+{}_{92}^{235}U \rightarrow {}_{56}^{139}Ba+{}_{36}^{94}Kr+3{}_{0}^{1}n$$

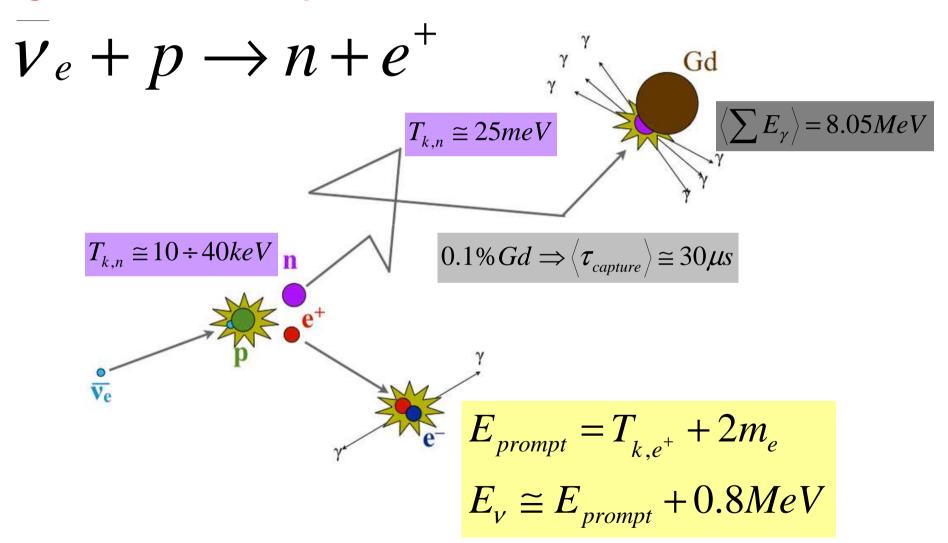
~3 neutrons are released in one fission, however fission products are still neutron rich.

The valley of stability is reached by series of beta- decays.

In average ~6 electron antineutrinos are produced per fission.

$$2 \cdot 10^{20} \overline{\nu}_e / s / GW_{th}$$

Detection of antineutrinos via Inverse Beta Decay (IBD). Coincidence of prompt signal from positron and delayed signal of neutron capture on Gd.



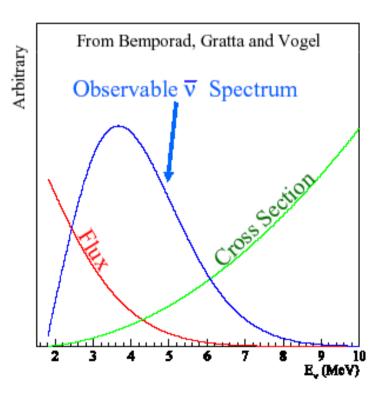
Detection of antineutrinos: Inverse Beta Decay (IBD)

$$\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$$

$$E_{v,THR} = \frac{(m_n + m_e)^2 - m_p^2}{2m_p} = \frac{m_n + m_p + m_e}{2m_p} (m_n - m_p + m_e)$$
$$= 1.00096 (m_n - m_p + m_e) = 1.83 MeV$$

Only antineutrinos with energies larger than 1.8 MeV interact.

Detected energy spectrum is the product of reactor neutrino spectrum and IBD cross section and it reaches the maximum around 4 MeV → the first oscillation minimum is at 0.5 km/MeV→2 km for 4MeV



Neutron capture on Gadollinium

$$n + {}_{64}^{A}Gd \rightarrow {}_{64}^{A+1}Gd \stackrel{*}{\rightarrow} {}_{64}^{A+1}Gd + E_{\gamma}$$

₆ ^A G	$\sigma_{n+{}^{A}_{64}\mathrm{Gd}^{A+1}_{64}\mathrm{Gd}^*}[b]$	Abund.[%]	B[MeV/A]
$A = 152 \left(\frac{\alpha}{148} Sm \right)$	735	0.20	8.233399
A = 154	85	2.18	8.224794
A = 155	60900	14.80	8.213248
A = 156	1.8	20.47	8.215320
A = 157	254000	15.65	8.203501
A = 158	2.2	24.84	8.201817
$A = 160 \left(\xrightarrow{2\beta}_{66}^{160} Dy \right)$	1.4	21.86	8.183010

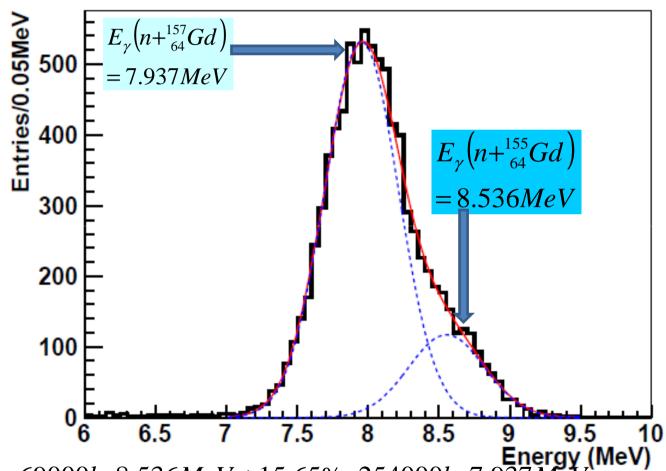
$$\sum_{\gamma} E_{\gamma}(n+\frac{155}{64}Gd) = 8.536MeV \sum_{\gamma} E_{\gamma}(n+\frac{157}{64}Gd) = 7.937MeV \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle = 8.048MeV$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
\stackrel{241}{95}Am \xrightarrow{432mil.years} \alpha + \stackrel{237}{93}Np \\
\alpha + \stackrel{13}{6}C \xrightarrow{8} O + n
\end{array}$$





 $\left\langle E_{\gamma}\right\rangle = \frac{14.80\% \cdot 69000b \cdot 8.536 MeV + 15.65\% \cdot 254000b \cdot 7.937 MeV}{14.80\% \cdot 69000b + 15.65\% \cdot 254000b} = 8.048 MeV$

Three running experiments

Daya Bay, China Daya Bay



6 reactors: **17.4 GW** total (thermal) power

A total of eight functionally identical and moveable detectors in three detector halls.

6 of the 8 detectors have been taking physics data since Dec. 2012

The remaining two detectors are installed and commissioned this year.



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The Daya Bay Collaboration





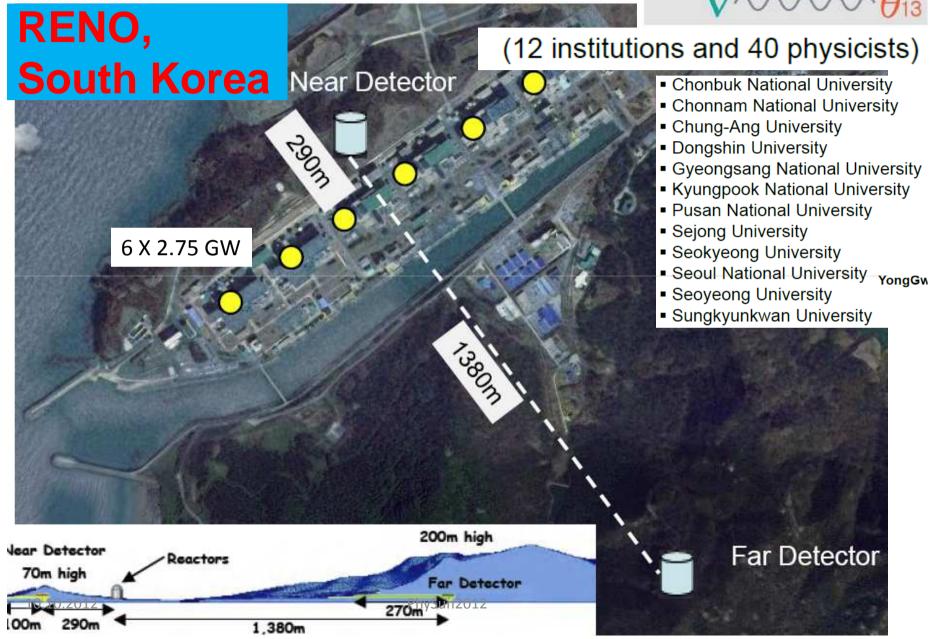
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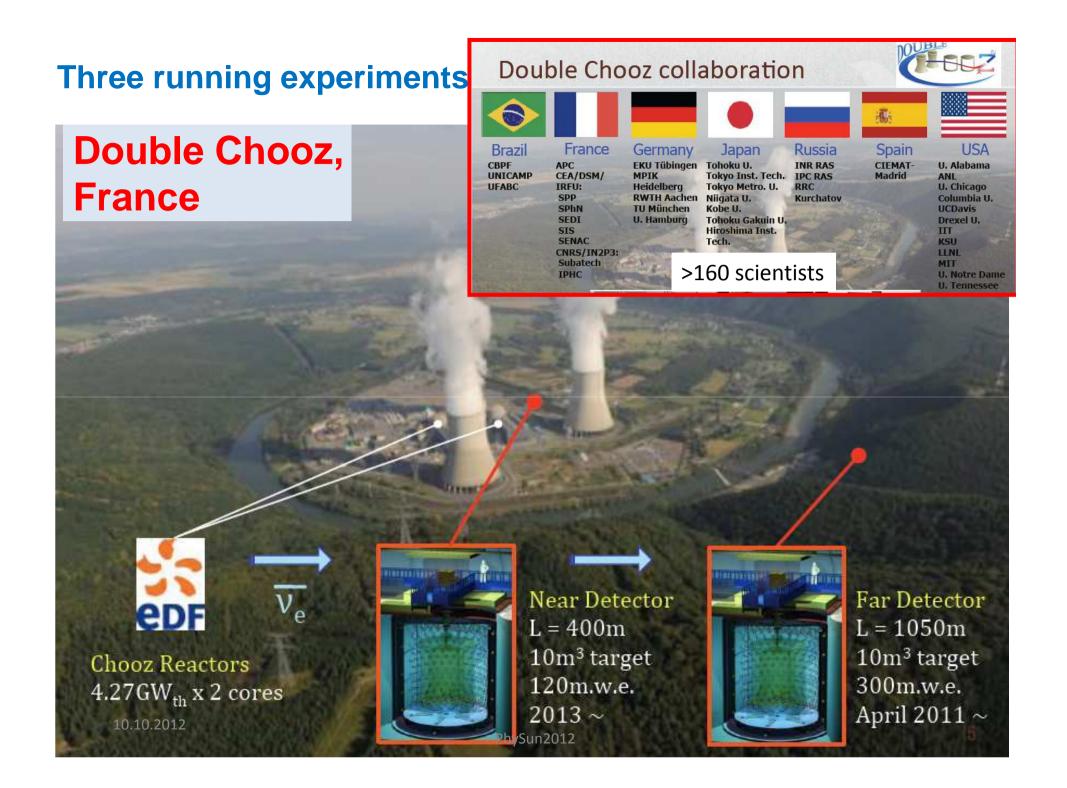
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National Taiwan Univ., National Chiao Tung Univ.,
National United Univ.

~230 Collaborators

Three running experiments







Three running experiments

	Power (GW)	Baseline(m) Near/Far	Detector(t) Near/Far	Overburden (MWE) Near/Far	Design sensitivity (90%CL)
Double Chooz	8.5	400/1050	~ / 8.2 (8.2/8.2)	120/300	~ 0.03
Daya Bay	17.4	470, 576/1650	2x20, 20 / 3x20 (2x20, 2x20/4x20)	250, 265/860	~ 0.008
RENO	16.5	409/1444	16 / 16	120/450	~ 0.02

The experiments are constructed following the concept of two identical near/far detecors proposed by:

L.Mikaelyan and V.V.Sinev [Phys.Atom.Nucl.63:1002-1006,2000; Yad.Fiz.63N6:1077-1081,2000]

Anti-neutrino detectors

The Daya Bay anti-neutrino detectors (ADs) are "three-zone" cylindrical modules.

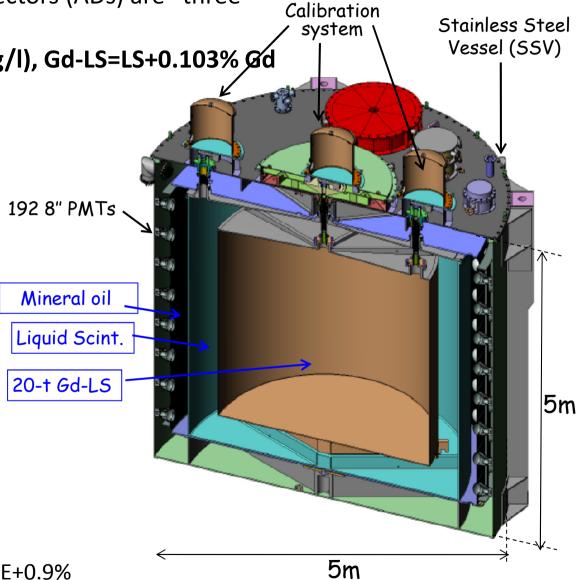
❖ LS=LAB+PPO(3 g/l)+MSB(15 mg/l), Gd-LS=LS+0.103% Ød

Zones are separated by acrylic vessels:

Zone	Mass	Liquid	Purpose
Inner acrylic vessel	20 t	Gd-doped liquid scintillator	Anti- neutrino target
Outer acrylic vessel	20 t	Liquid scintillator	Gamma catcher (from target zone)
Stainless steel vessel	37 t	Mineral Oil	Radiation shielding

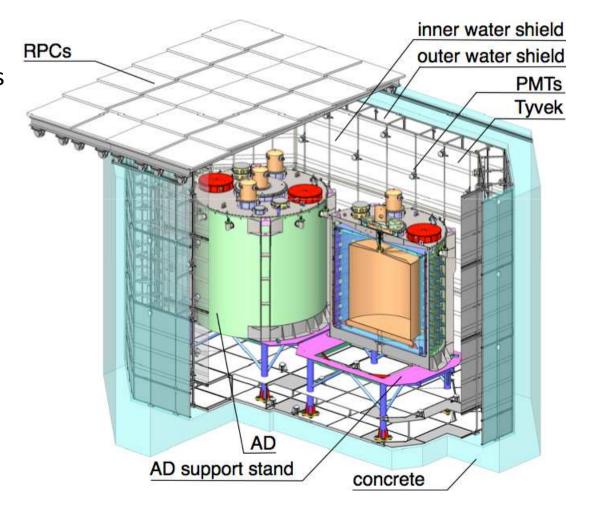
Top and bottom reflectors are used to increase light yield

 \triangleright Energy resolution: $\sigma_F/E = 7.5\%/VE + 0.9\%$



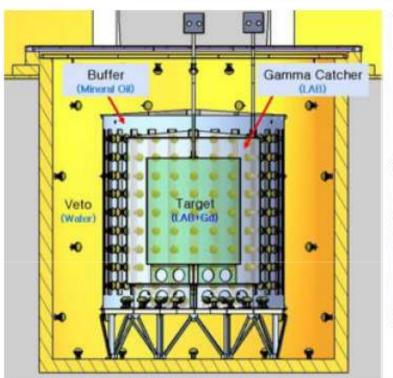


- Outer layer of water Čerenkov detector (on sides and bottom) is 1m thick, inner layer >1.5m. Water extends 2.5m above ADs
 - 288 8" PMTs in each near hall
 - 384 8" PMTs in Far Hall
- 4-layer RPC modules above pool
 - 54 modules in each near hall
 - 81 modules in Far Hall



RENO Detector





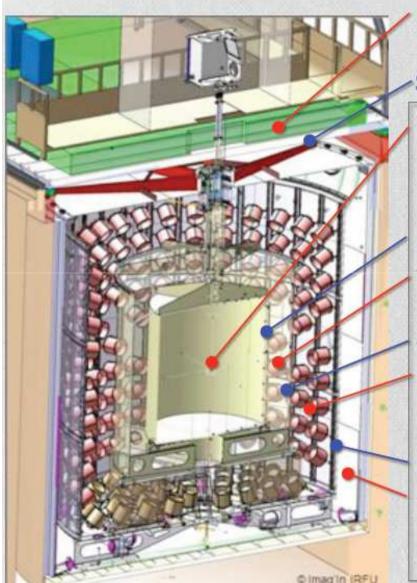


- 354 ID +67 OD 10" PMTs
- Target: 16.5 ton Gd-LS, R=1.4m, H=3.2m
- Gamma Catcher: 30 ton LS, R=2.0m, H=4.4m
- Buffer: 65 ton mineral oil, R=2.7m, H=5.8m
- Veto : 350 ton water, R=4.2m, H=8.8m



Double Chooz detector





Outer Veto: Plastic scintillator strips
Identify cosmic μ

Steel shield (15cm thick)

v-target:

Gd loaded (1g/l) liquid scint. (10m³)

Target of neutrino interaction Neutrons captured on Gd

Acrylic vessel

y-catcher: Liquid scintillator (22m3)

Measure γ 's escaped from v-target

Acrylic vessel -----

Buffer:

Mineral oil (110m³) & 390 10-inch PMT

Reduction of environmental γ's

Steel tank

Inner Veto:

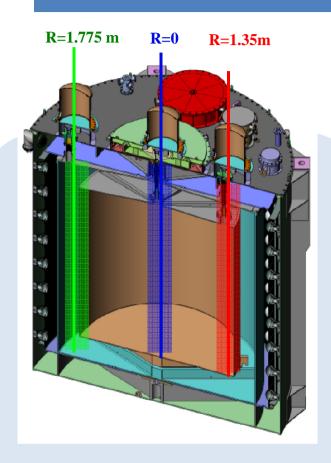
Liquid scintillator (90m³) & 78 8-inch PMT Identify cosmic μ &reduction neutrons

Daya Bay	Double Chooz	RENO	
		Cs, 662 keV	
Ge, 2x511 keV		Ge, 2x511 keV	
Co60 2.5 MeV	Co60 2.5 MeV	Co60 2.5 MeV	
	Cf252	Cf252	
Am241-C13			
LED	LED		
		Laser	

Three sources + LED in each calibration unit, on a turn-table:

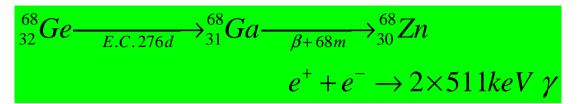
Can also use spallation neutrons (uniformity, stability, calibration, ... etc).

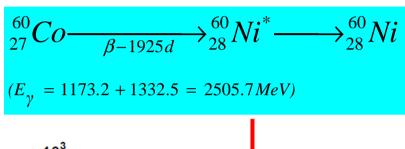
Detector calibration

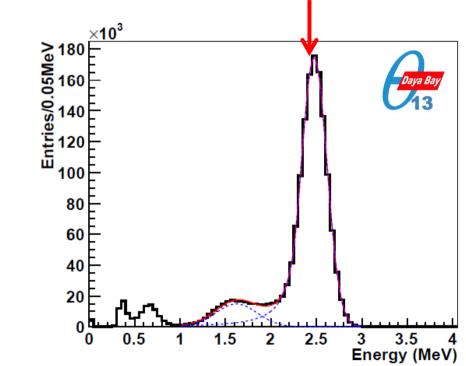


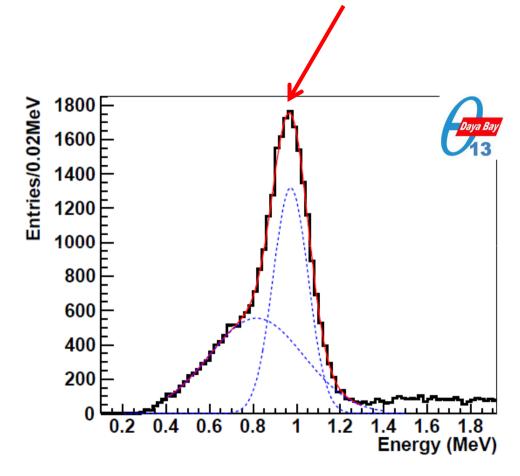
Automated Calibration Units (Daya Bay)

Three calibration units per detector that deploy sources along z-axis









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ENERGY RESOLUTION

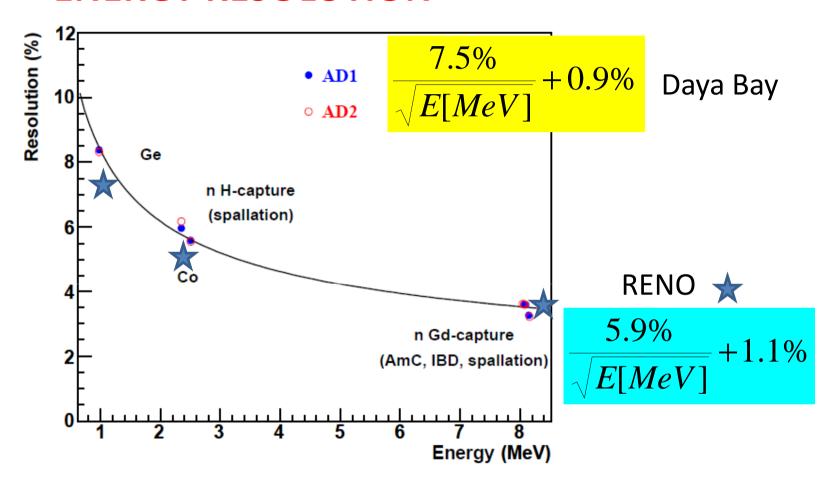
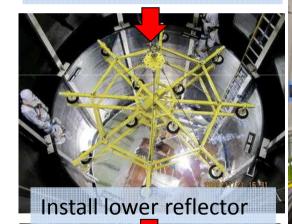


Figure 25: Resolution of reconstructed energy.

Assembly of Anti-neutrino detectors



Stainless Steel Vessel (SSV) in assembly pit





ADs are assembled in clean-room



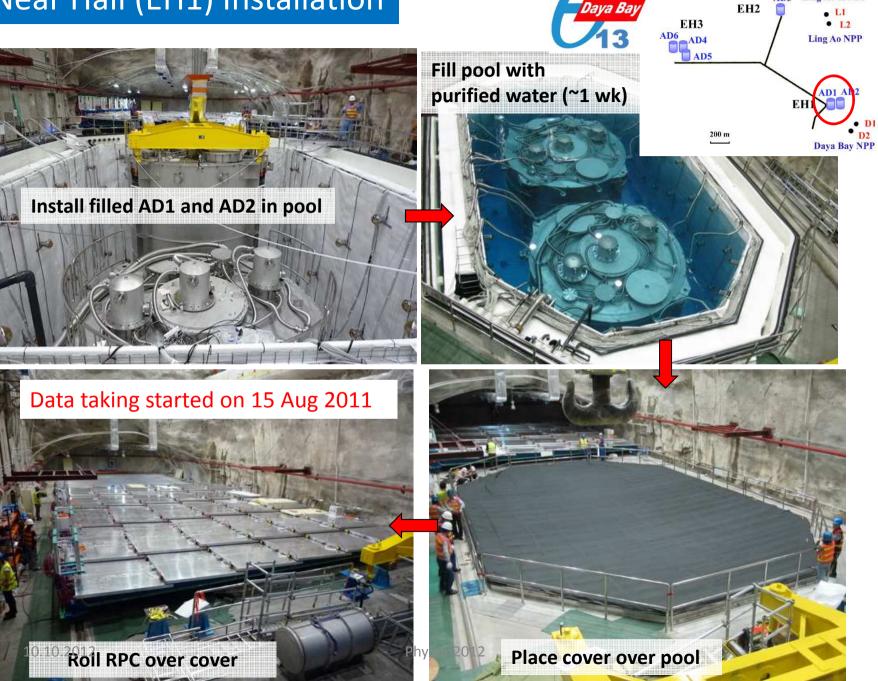






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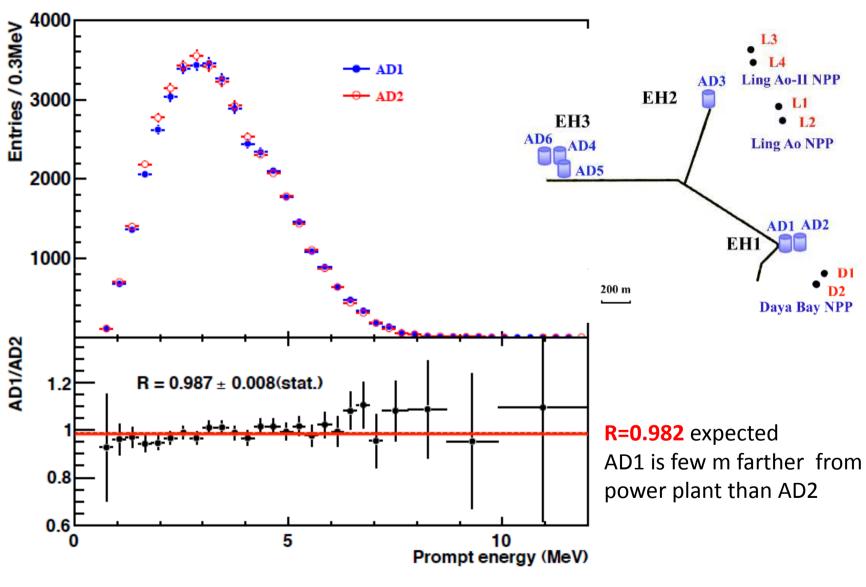
Near Hall (EH1) Installation



AD3 Ling Ao-II NPP

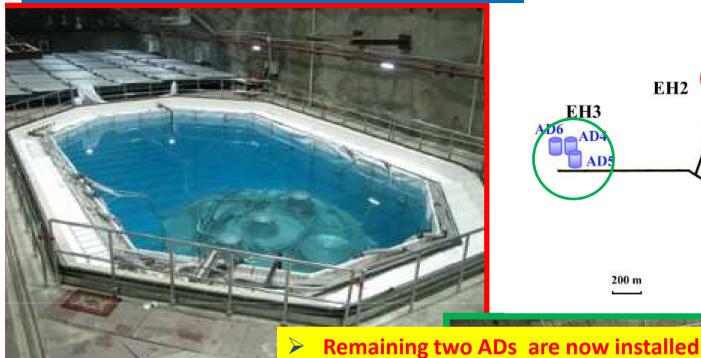
Detailed comparison of AD1 and AD2

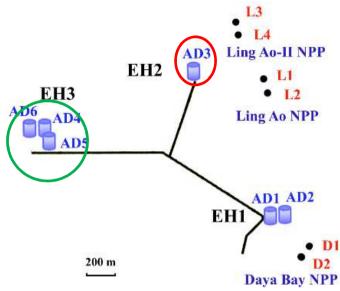




Ling Ao (EH2) and Far (EH3) Halls







EH2 (Ling Ao Near Hall):

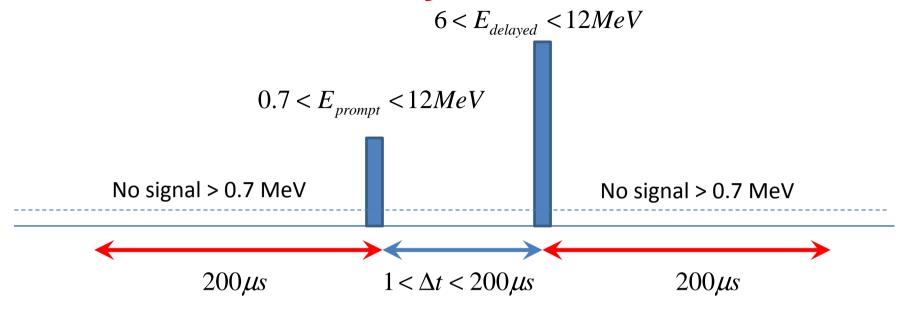
Began operation on 5 Nov 2011

EH3 (Far Hall):

Started data-taking on 24 Dec 2011



Inverse Beta Decay Events Selection

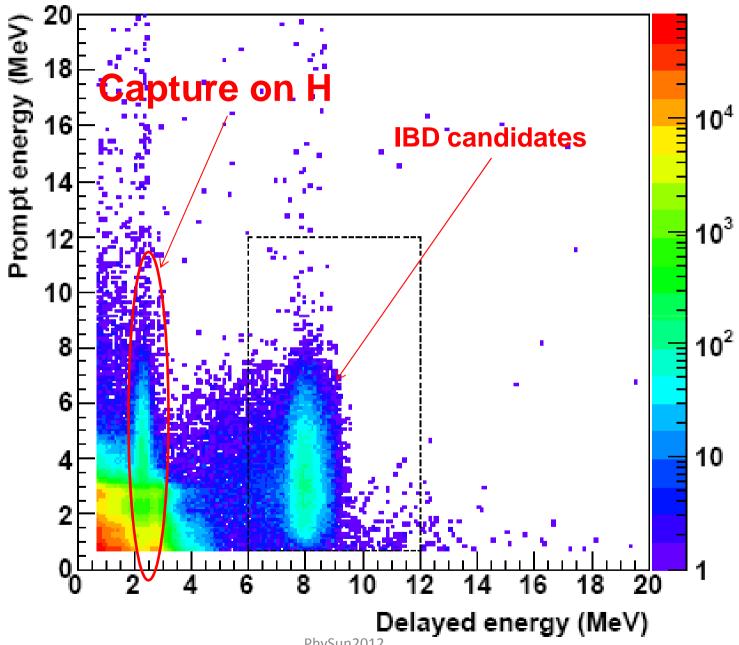


Prompt-delayed coincidence:

- Prompt positron: 0.7 MeV < E_p < 12 MeV (DYB, RENO), 12.2 MeV (Double Chooz)
- Delayed neutron: $6.0 \text{ MeV} < E_d < 12 \text{ MeV}$ (DYB, RENO, Double Chooz)
- Capture Time: 1 μ s < Δ t < 200 μ s (DYB), 2 μ s < Δ t < 100 μ s (Double Chooz, RENO)

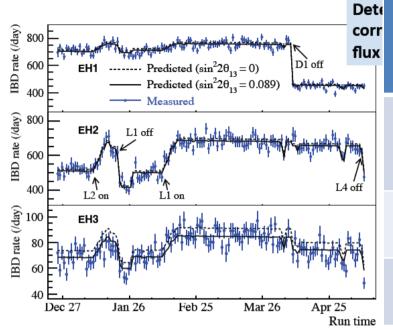
Multiplicity:

No signal 200 μs (Daya Bay), 100 μs (Double Chooz, RENO) around IBD)

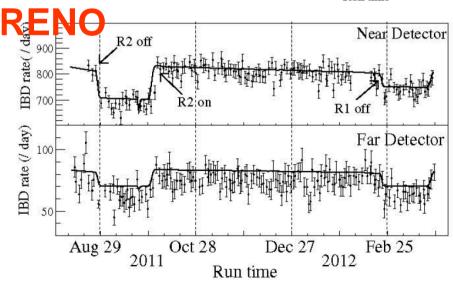


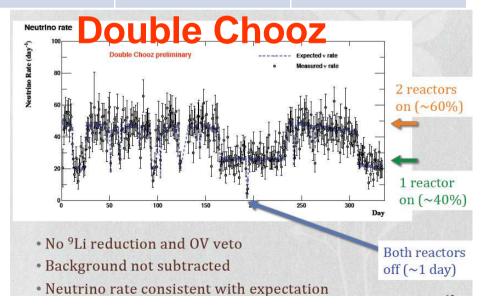


Antineutrino Rate vs. Time



IBD candidates/day and total	Near	Far
Daya Bay	662+671(EH1) 614 (EH2) Total = 205 308	78+77+75 Total = 28 909
Double Chooz		~40 Total = 8 249
RENO	779 Total = 154 088	73 Total = 17 102

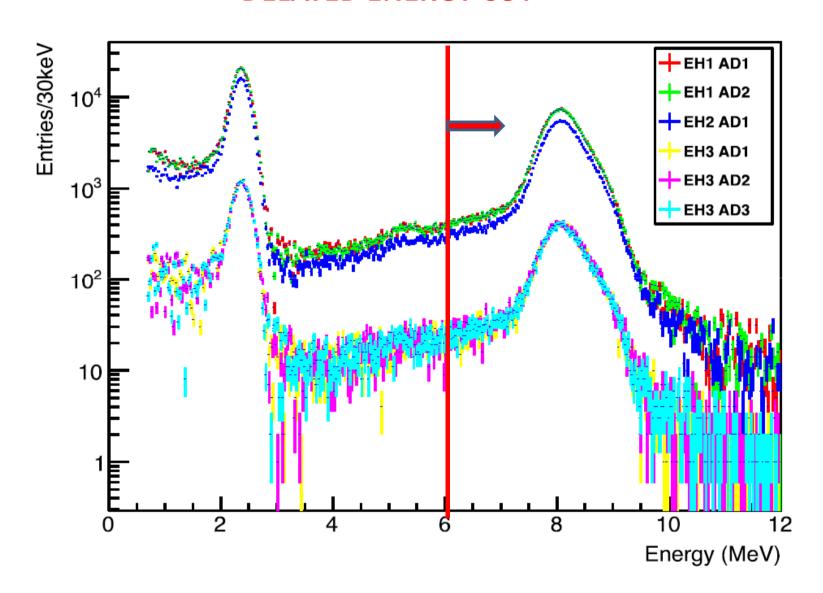




Detector related systematics

	Daya Bay		Reno		Double Chooz
	Corr.	Uncorr.	Corr.	Uncorr.	Corr/Uncorr.
Target proton	0.47%	0.03%	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%
Flasher cut	0.01%	0.01%	0.1%	0.01%	-
Delayed energy cut	0.6%	0.12%	0.5%	0.1%	0.7%
Prompt energy cut	0.1%	0.01%	0.1%	0.01%	-
Energy response	-	-	-	-	0.3%
Trigger efficiency					<0.1%
Multiplicity cut	0.02%	<0.01%	0.06%	0.04%	-
Capture time cut	0.12%	0.01%	0.5%	0.01%	0.5%
Gd capture ratio	0.8%	<0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	0.3%
Spill-in	1.5%	0.02%	1.0%	0.03%	0.3%
livetime	0.002%	<0.01%			-
Muon veto cut	-	-	0.06%	0.04%	-
Total	1.9%	0.2% in 2	012 1.5%	0.2%	1.0%

DELAYED ENERGY CUT



Gd content is monitored by measurement of the time of neutron capture on Gd

$$\langle \tau \rangle = \frac{1}{\langle v_n \cdot \sigma \rangle \cdot N_{Gd}}$$

$$\sim 28 \mu s$$

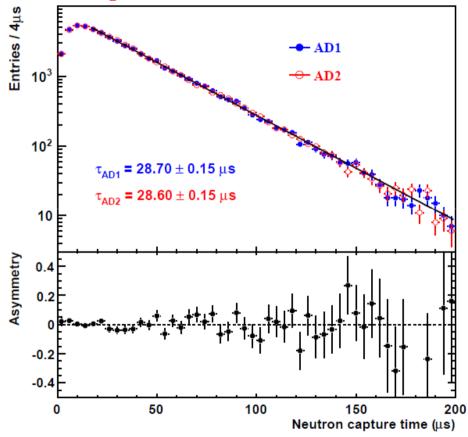


Figure 14: The neutron capture time on Gd from the Am-¹³C source at the detector center.

Reactor flux uncertainties

	Daya Bay		Reno		Double Chooz
	Corr.	Uncorr.	Corr.	Uncorr.	Corr./Uncorr.
Thermal power		0.5%		0.5%	0.5%
Fission fraction/Fuel composition		0.6%		0.7%	0.9%
Fission cross section /Bugey 4 measurement			1.9%		1.4%
Reference spectra	3%		0.5%		0.5%
IBD cross section			0.2%		0.2%
Energy per fission	0.2%		0.2%		0.2%
Baseline	0.02%		-		0.2%
Spent fuel		0.3%			
Total	3%	0.8%	2.0%	0.9%	1.8%

Only 0.04% contribution to the result

Backgrounds

-Accidental

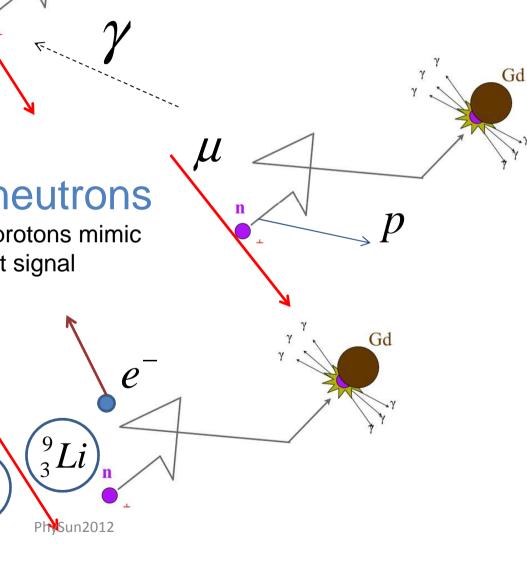
coincidencies of neutrons produced by cosmic muons and natural radioactivity



Recoiled protons mimic the prompt signal



Beta decays with neutron emission



Gd

Li9 and He8 background

These isotopes are products of photonuclear interactions of cosmic muons on C nuclei

$${}^{8}_{2}He \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}=119ms \, 16\%} \xrightarrow{}^{7}_{3}Li + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e} + n \qquad Q = 10.651 \, MeV$$

$${}^{8}_{2}He \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}=119ms \, 84\%} \xrightarrow{}^{8}_{3}Li^{*} + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e}$$

$${}^{8}_{3}Li^{*} \xrightarrow{}^{8}_{3}Li + 0.98 \, MeV \gamma$$

$${}^{8}_{3}Li \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}=840ms} \xrightarrow{}^{8}_{4}Be + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e}$$

$${}^{8}_{4}Be \xrightarrow{} \alpha + \alpha$$

$${}_{3}^{9}Li \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}=178ms \ 50\%} \xrightarrow{}_{4}^{8}Be + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e} + n \qquad Q = 13.607 \ MeV$$

$${}_{3}^{8}Be \rightarrow \alpha + \alpha$$

$${}_{3}^{9}Li \xrightarrow{T_{1/2}=178ms \ 50\%} \xrightarrow{}_{4}^{9}Be + e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e}$$

Muon Veto

Daya Bay

- "Pool" muon: veto following 0.6 ms
- AD muon (> 20 MeV): veto following 1 ms
- AD shower muon (>2.5 GeV): veto following 1 s(>5 T1/2 of Li9/He8 isotopes)

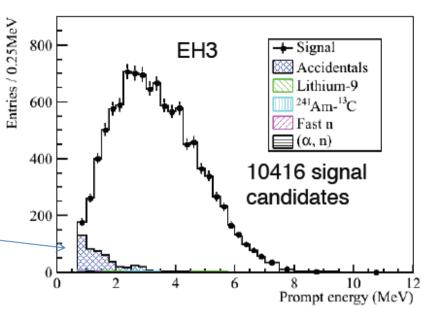
Double Chooz

- Muon>600 MeV veto 0.5 s

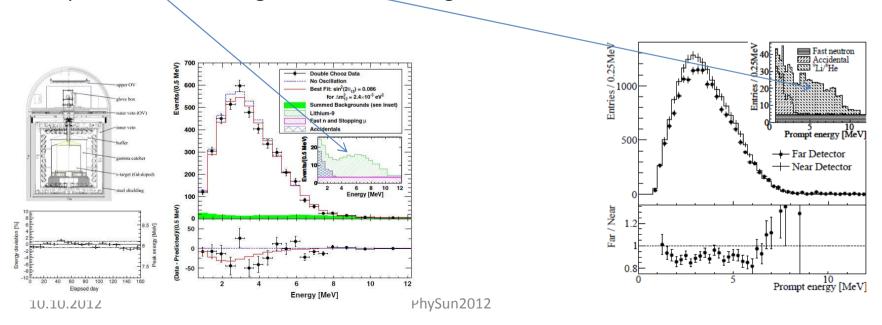
RENO

Muon>1.5GeV veto 0.01 s (RENO)

Due to large overburden and strict showering muons veto cut Daya Bay Li/He background is suppressed and the background is dominated by accidental coincidencies which are concentrated at low neutrino energies.

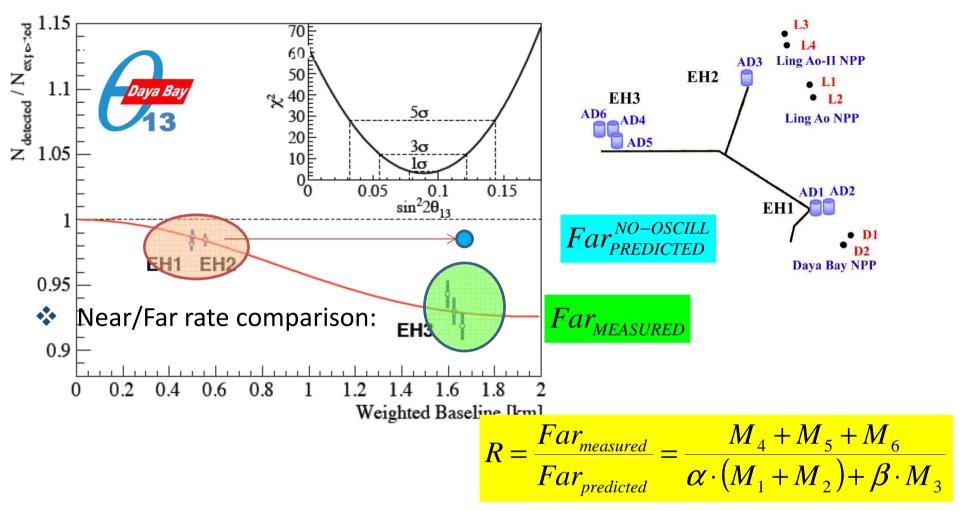


In Double Chooz and RENO the background is still dominated by decays of Li/He isotopes that spans the whole range of neutrino energies.



Backgrounds & uncertainties

Double Chooz
Far
0.6%
0.8%
1.6%
30%
(2.8%)
50%
-
-
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5.0%
1.5%)



 M_n : measured rate in ADn detector.

Weights α,β : determined from baselines and reactor fluxes, no oscillations

assumed.
$$R = 0.944 \pm 0.007 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.003 \text{ (syst)}$$

 $1-R = 5.6\% \pm 0.7\%$ (stat) $\pm 0.3\%$ (syst)

Unambiguous observation of antineutrino deficit at the far site!

Rate-only analysis

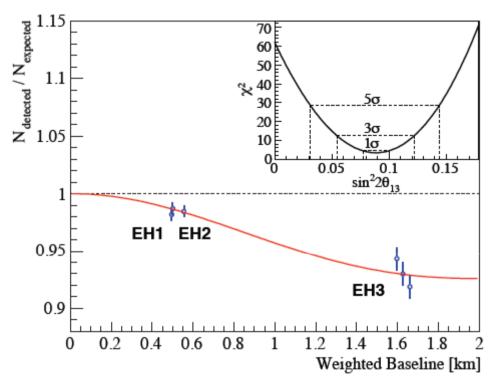


 \bullet Determine θ_{13} using measured rates in each detector:

Uses standard χ^2 approach ($\chi^2/NDF=4.26/4$)

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{d=1}^{6} \frac{\left[M_{d} - T_{d}(1 + \varepsilon + \sum_{r} \omega_{r}^{d} \alpha_{r} + \varepsilon_{d}) + \eta_{d}\right]^{2}}{M_{d} + B_{d}}$$
$$+ \sum_{r} \frac{\alpha_{r}^{2}}{\sigma_{r}^{2}} + \sum_{d=1}^{6} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{d}^{2}}{\sigma_{d}^{2}} + \frac{\eta_{d}^{2}}{\sigma_{B}^{2}}\right),$$

[Absolute rate ε is not constrained.] Consistent results obtained by independent analyses, different reactor flux models.



$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst)}$$

7.7 σ significance for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0$

$$\theta_{13} \cong 8.7^{\circ}$$
 The smallest lepton mixing angle is comparable to the largest (Cabibbo) quark mixing angle.

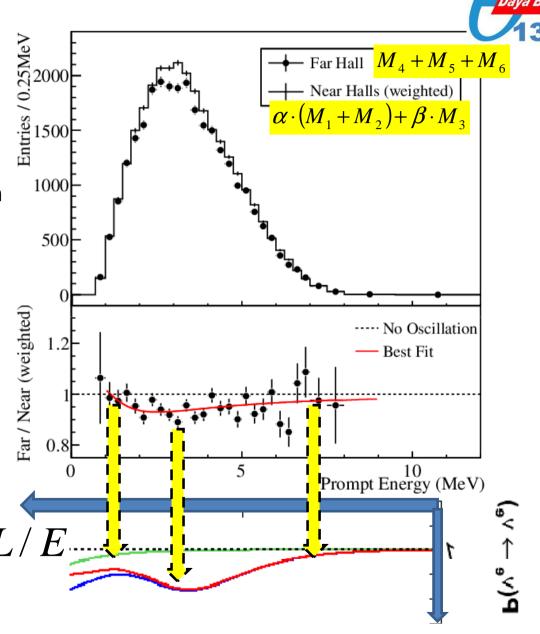
The disagreement of the spectra in far and near hall provides further evidence of neutrino oscillation.

The ratio of the spectra is consistent with the best-fit oscillation solution of

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089$$

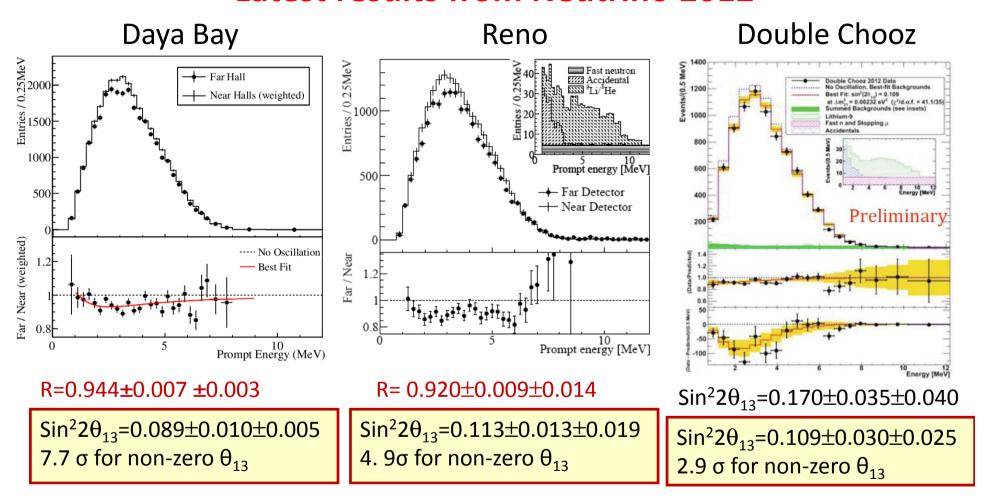
obtained from the rate-only analysis.

Currently the result is only from rate analysis!

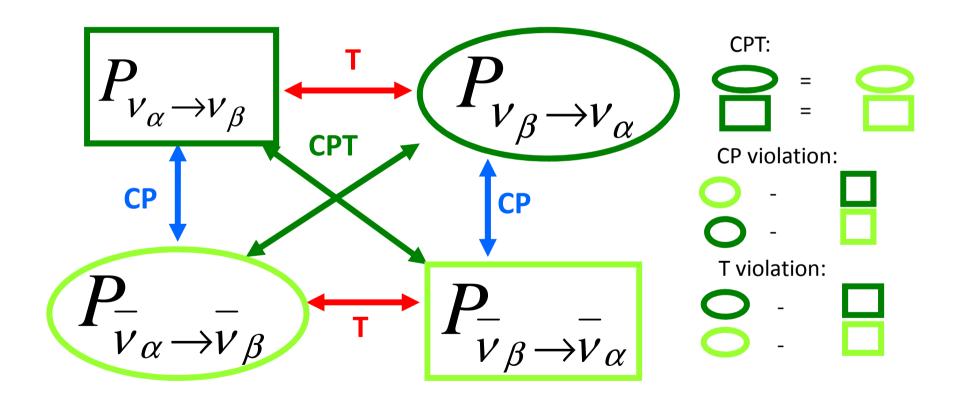


Reactor neutrinos Disappearence:

Latest results from Neutrino 2012



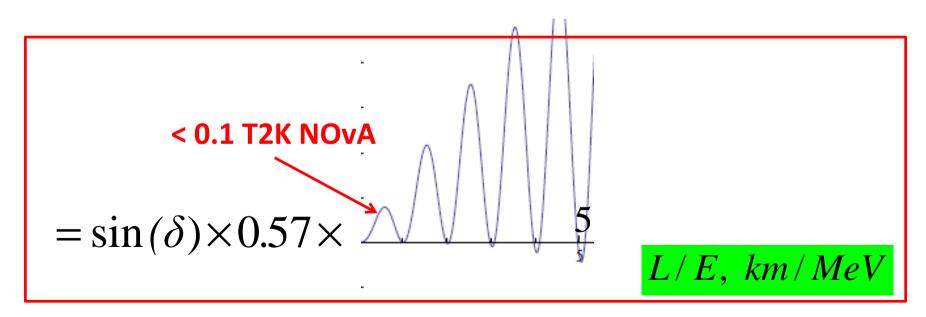
If $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ then CP and T violation in lepton sector could be investigated with neutrino oscillations



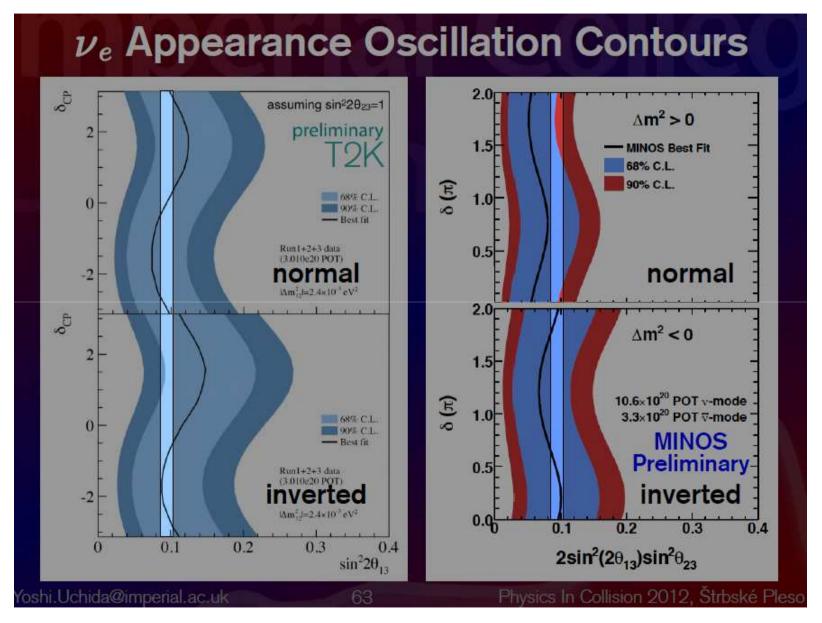
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
P_{-} & - & (L/E) - P \\
v\mu & \rightarrow ve & & ve & & \\
& & & & 2\sin(\delta) \cdot 0.95 \cdot 0.30 \cdot 0.93 \cdot 1.00 = 0.57\sin(\delta)
\end{array}$$

 $2\sin(\delta)\cos(\theta_{13})\sin(2\theta_{13})\sin(2\theta_{12})\sin(2\theta_{23})$

$$\times \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{4\hbar c} \frac{L}{E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4\hbar c} \frac{L}{E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2}{4\hbar c} \frac{L}{E}\right)$$



Reactor and accelerator θ 13 measurements



CONCLUSIONS

- -A non zero, surprisingly large value of the third mixing angle theta 13 has been measured in 2012. The result is extremely important as it opens future searches for violation of CP in lepton sector.
- -After 2011 hints for non zero value of theta13 from accelerator experiments, combined data and Double Chooz it is important that today we have:
- convincing results from Daya Bay with the significance of 7.7 sigma reported at Neutrino 2012 (the discovery of non zero value with significance exceeding 5 sigma was announced in March and published)
- -observation paper published from RENO (significance close to 5 sigma was announced in April and published) and
- -latest results from Double Chooz (3 sigma significance reported at Neutrino2012 is now on arXiv).
- -One can expect improvements in near future:
- reduction of statistical errors and systematic uncertainties with more data
- completed Daya Bay detector
- shape analyses
- near detector at Double Chooz experiment (2013)

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Already now the three experiments collected several hundred thousands antineutrino interactions and I am convinced that new, interesting analyses will be performed using such unique set of data.