

Recent results of Super-Kamiokande



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Inside of SK detector (April 2006)

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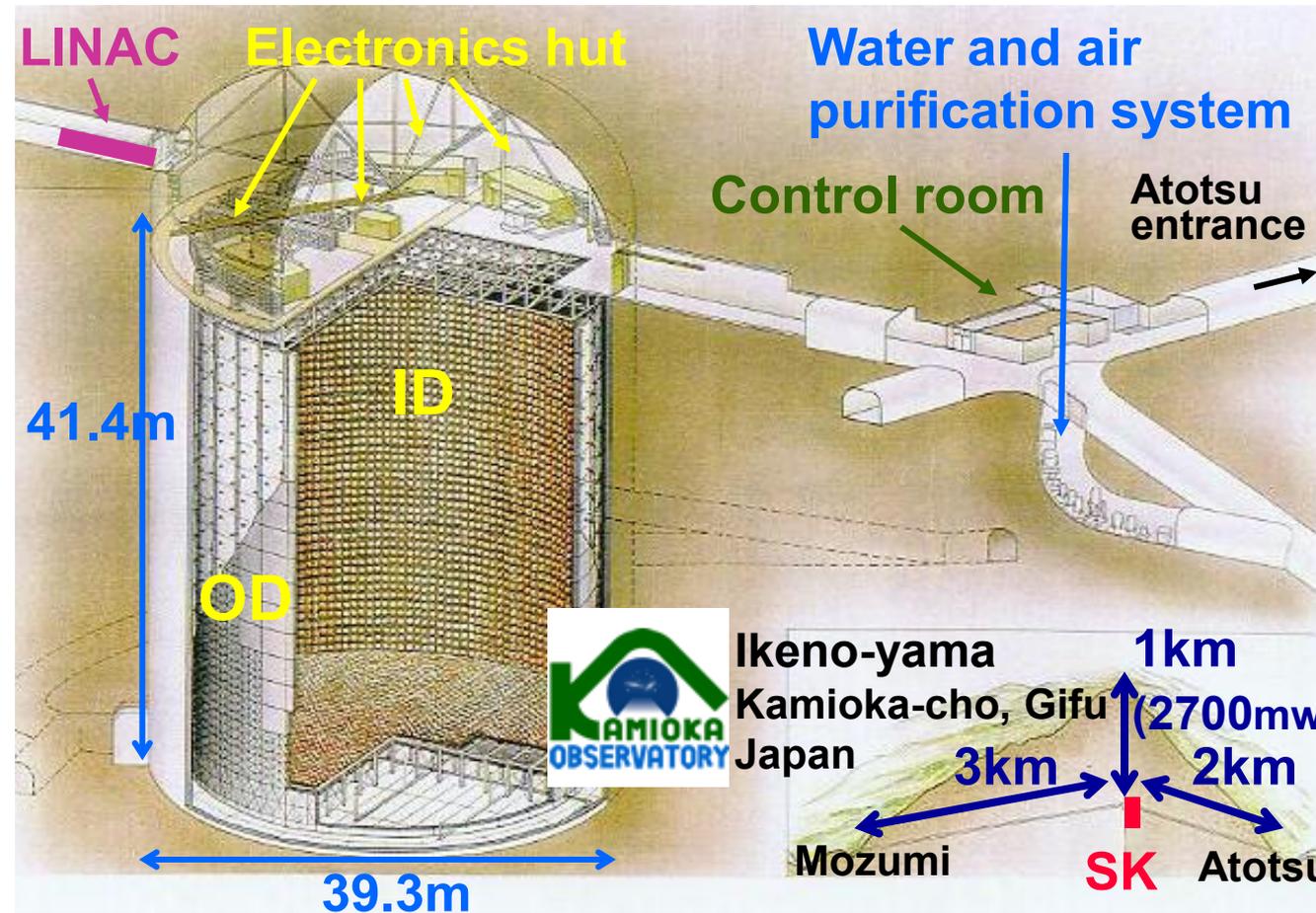
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**From PRD86,
012006 (2012)**

Super-Kamiokande detector



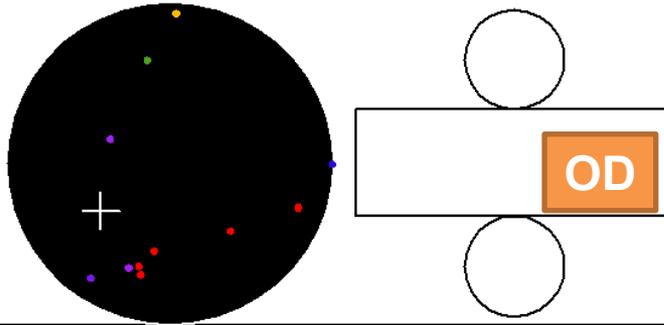
- 50kton water
- ~2m OD viewed by 8-inch PMTs
- 32kt ID viewed by 20-inch PMTs
- 22.5kt fid. vol. (2m from wall)
- SK-I: April 1996~
- SK-IV is running
- Trigger efficiency >99% @ 4.0 MeV_{kin}
~86% @ 3.5 MeV_{kin}

Inner Detector (ID) PMT: ~11100 (SK-I,III,IV), ~5200 (SK-II)
 Outer Detector (OD) PMT: 1885

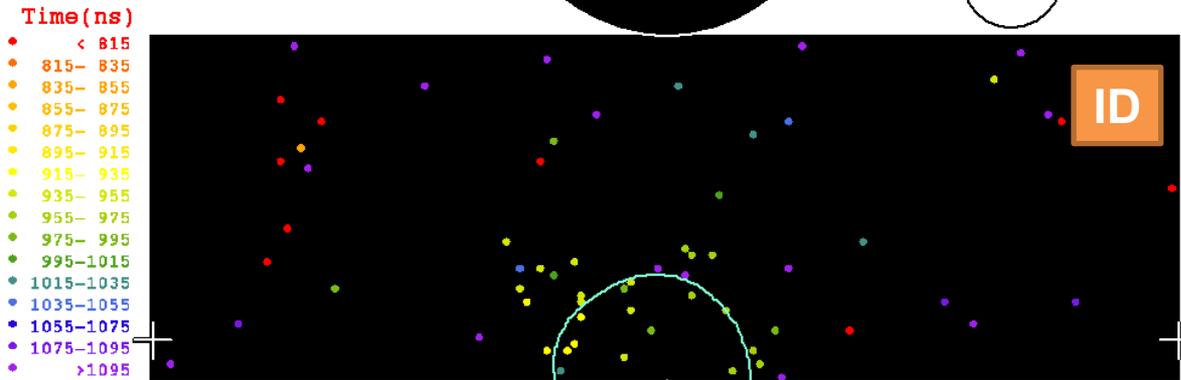
Typical low-energy event

Super-Kamiokande

Run 1742 Event 102496
 96-05-31:07:13:23
 Inner: 103 hits, 123 pE
 Outer: -1 hits, 0 pE (in-time)
 Trigger ID: 0x03
 E = 9.086 GDN=0.77 COSSUN= 0.949
 Solar Neutrino



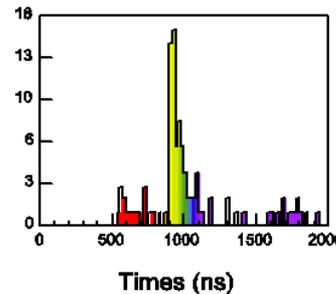
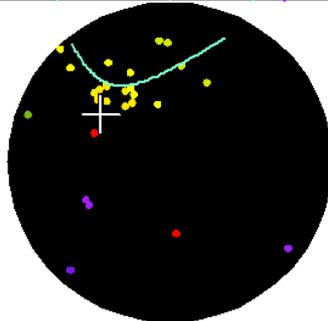
Elastic scattering (ES) reaction is used for solar neutrinos



- Timing information
 - ➔ vertex position
- Ring pattern
 - ➔ direction
- Number of hit PMTs
 - ➔ energy

(color: time)

$E_{\text{total}} = 9.1\text{MeV}$
 $\cos\theta_{\text{sun}} = 0.95$



**~6hit / MeV
 (SK-I, III, IV)**

Resolutions (for $E_{\text{total}}=10\text{MeV}$ electrons) (software improvement)

Energy: 14%

Vertex: 87cm

Direction: 26° SK-I

Energy: 14%

Vertex: 55cm

Direction: 23° SK-III

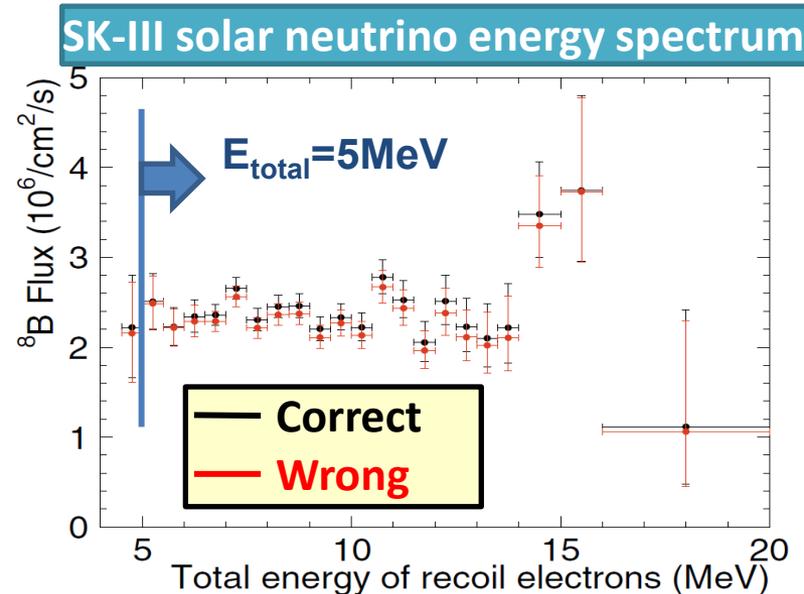
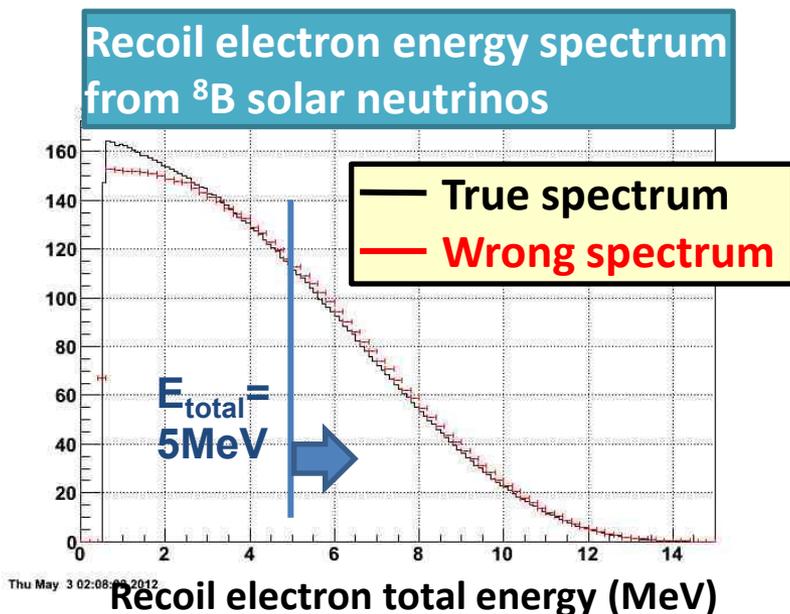
Solar neutrino analysis in SK-IV

Recent progresses

- Update live time:
 - 2008/10-2012/03 **SK-IV 1069 days** (cf. SK-I 1496 days)
- All the conventional event selection criteria are optimized in SK-IV
- Introduced a new event selection parameter
 - **Multiple Scattering Goodness** ←
- Systematic uncertainties are updated in SK-IV
- **Obtained SK-IV initial preliminary results** ←
- Carried out an **oscillation analysis with SK-IV data** ←
- Fixed a mistake in SK-III flux calculation ←
- Preparing a paper on SK-IV solar ν results

Mistake in SK-III flux calculation

- The energy dependence in the ν -e differential cross section was **accidentally eliminated only for the SK-III flux calculation** in PRD83, 052010 (2011).
- The expected total flux was correct, but the ${}^8\text{B}$ energy spectrum shape was wrong.
- Fixing this problem changes SK-III ${}^8\text{B}$ flux value in ES reaction from **(wrong) 2.32** to **(correct) 2.40** [$\times 10^6/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$] in $E_{\text{total}}=5.0\text{-}20\text{MeV}$.
- This problem is fixed in this analysis. (We are preparing an errata.)



Multiple Scattering Goodness (MSG)

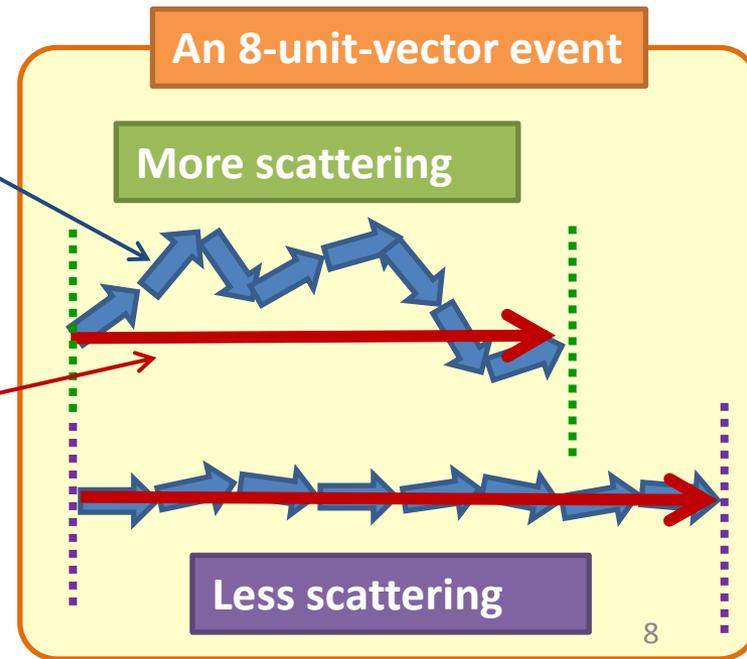
To reduce very low-energy background events (^{214}Bi , etc.)

- **Lower energy** electrons will incur **more multiple scattering** and will have more unit vectors pointing along different directions, giving a lower goodness
- **Higher energy** electrons will **scatter less** and will have unit vectors in better agreement, resulting in higher goodness
- Although the ^{214}Bi decay electrons (majority of low-energy background) fluctuate up above 5.0 MeV in energy, they **truly have energy <3.27 MeV(total)** and should have more multiple scattering than true 5.0 MeV electrons, and therefore **a lower MSG**

“unit vectors” (reconstructed directions of an event, within 20ns hit PMTs, within 50° of this direction)

“best direction” (longest vector sum of unit vectors)

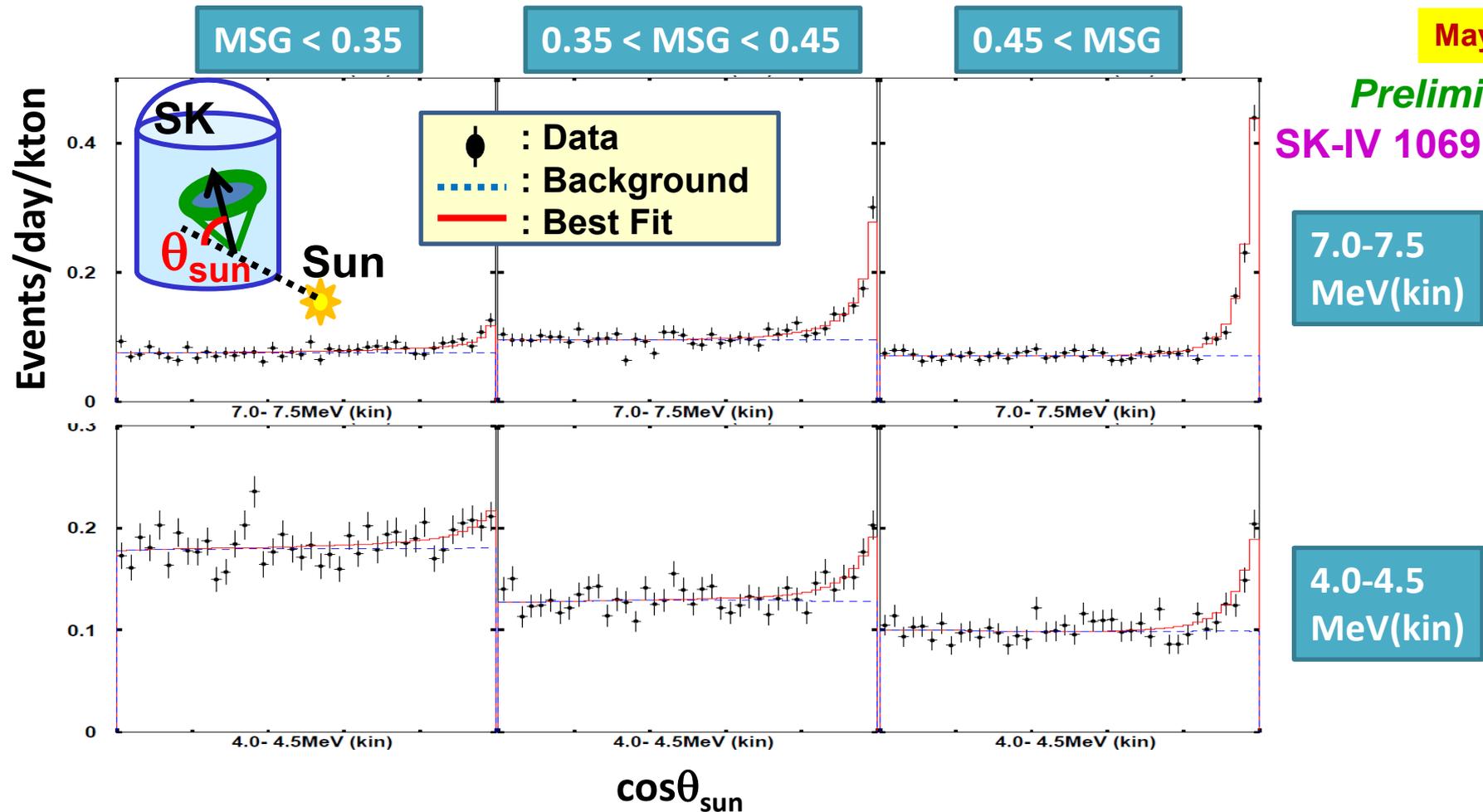
$$\text{MSG} = \frac{\text{Length of best direction}}{\# \text{ of unit vectors}}$$



Solar angular distributions

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SK-IV 1069 days

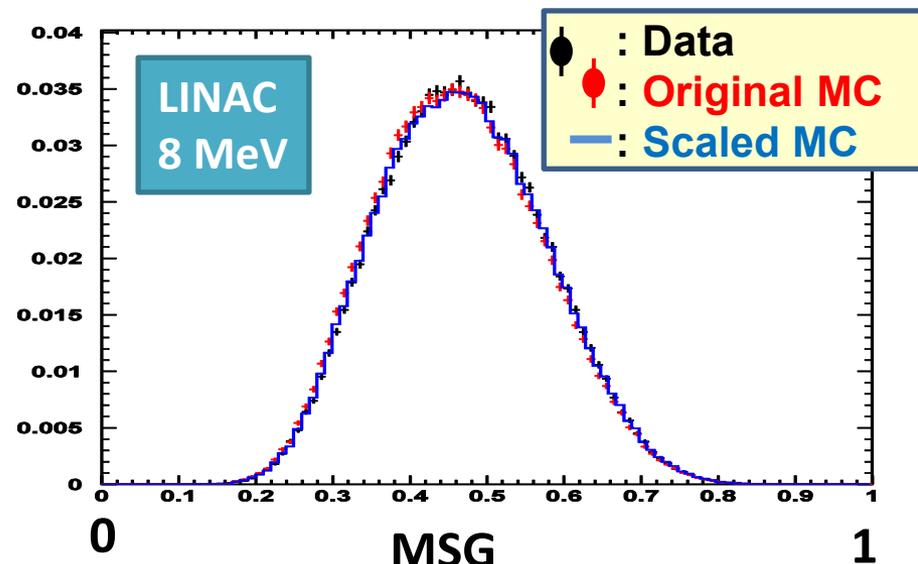


- Better signal-to-noise ratio in the higher MSG data set.
- Signal extraction with MSG is used below 7.5 MeV(kin) in SK-III and SK-IV in the energy spectrum analysis and the oscillation analysis.

Systematic error from MSG

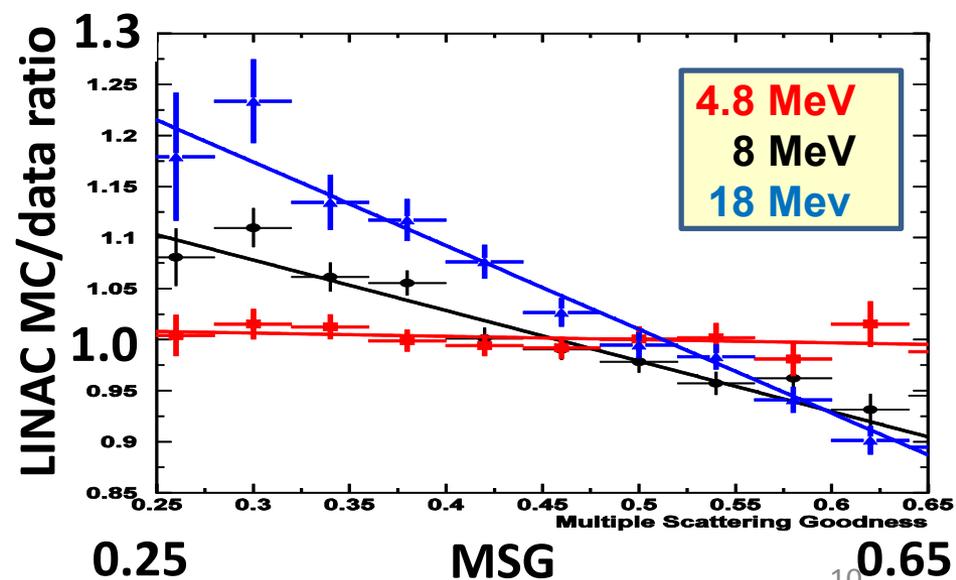
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- The MSG distributions of data and MC simulation are compared using LINAC, then the difference is obtained as a scaling factor (LINAC MC/data ratio).
- The scaling factor is applied to solar neutrino MC in the solar signal extraction, then estimate possible flux value changes.



Systematic errors from MSG in oscillation analysis

	3.5-4.0 MeV _{kin}	4.0-5.5 MeV _{kin}	5.5-7.5 MeV _{kin}
SK-III		0.3%	1.7%
SK-IV	0.4%	0.3%	1.7%

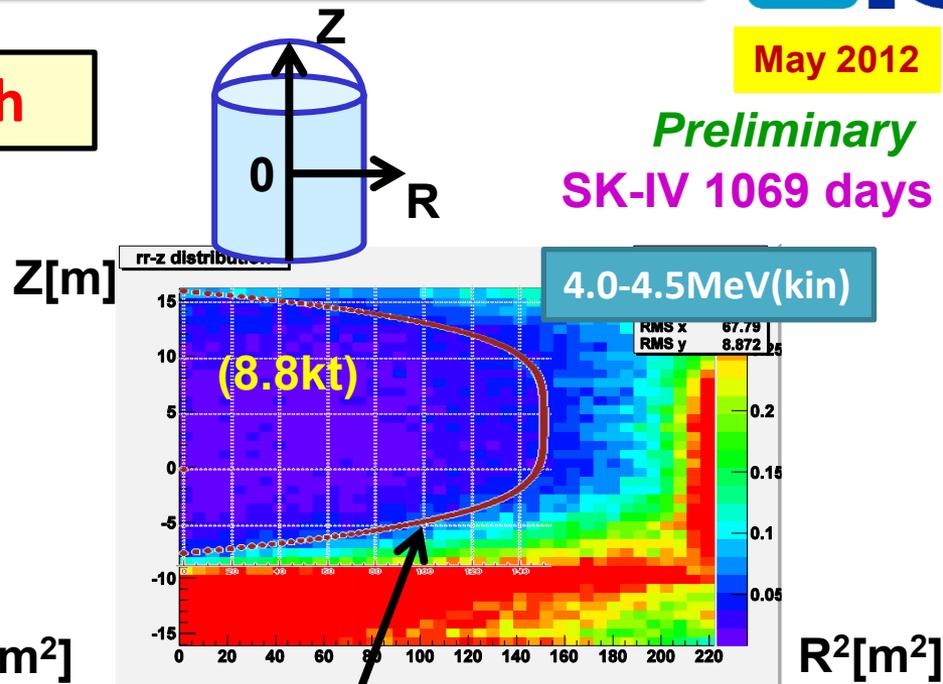
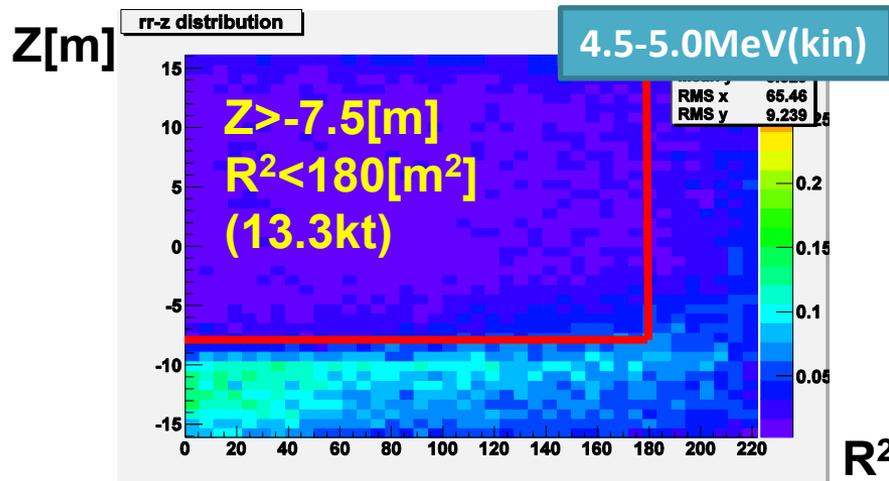


Tight fiducial volume cut in SK-IV

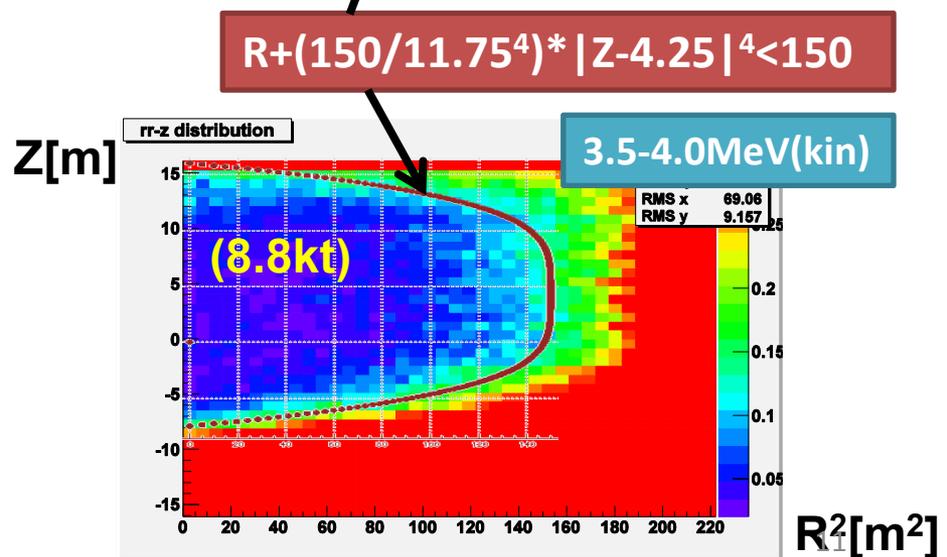
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Color : Events/day/bin low \rightarrow high



- Whole area in these plots corresponds to 22.5kton
- Above 5.0MeV(kin), fiducial volume is 22.5kton
- Below 5.0 MeV(kin), tight fid. vol. cut is applied to reduce events from detector wall.



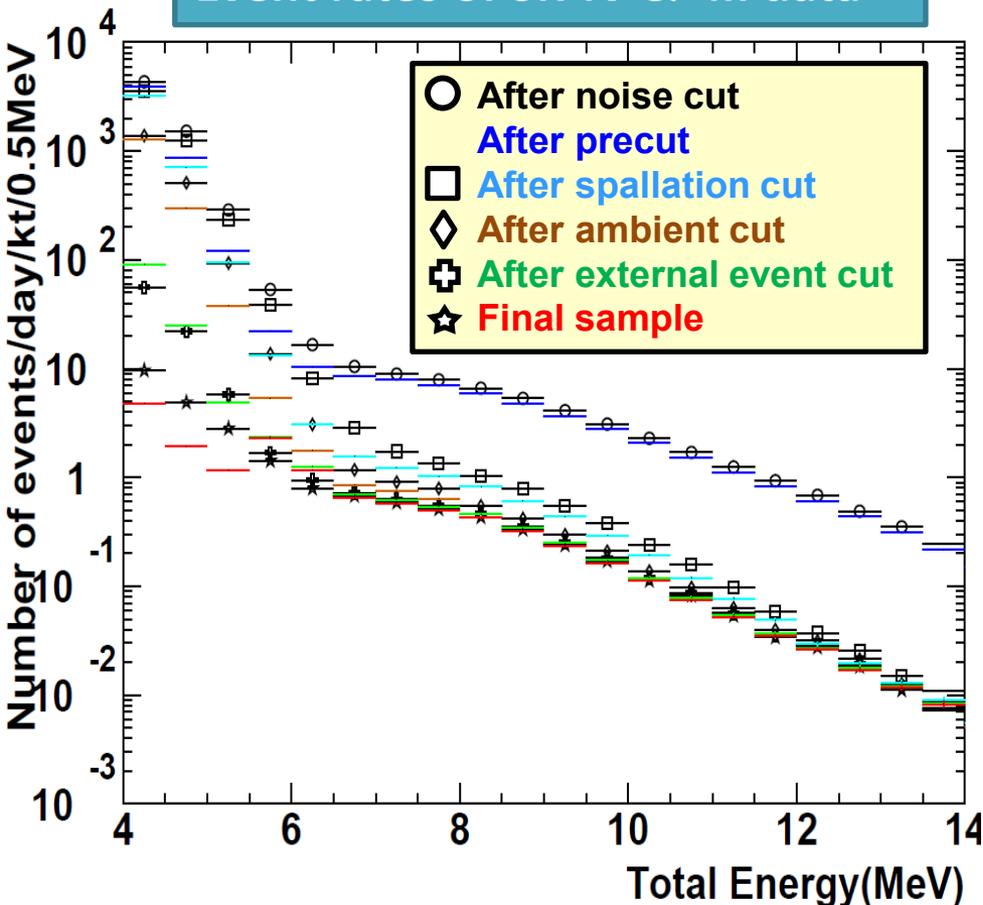
Data reduction in SK-IV & -III

SK-IV (color) SK-III (B&W)

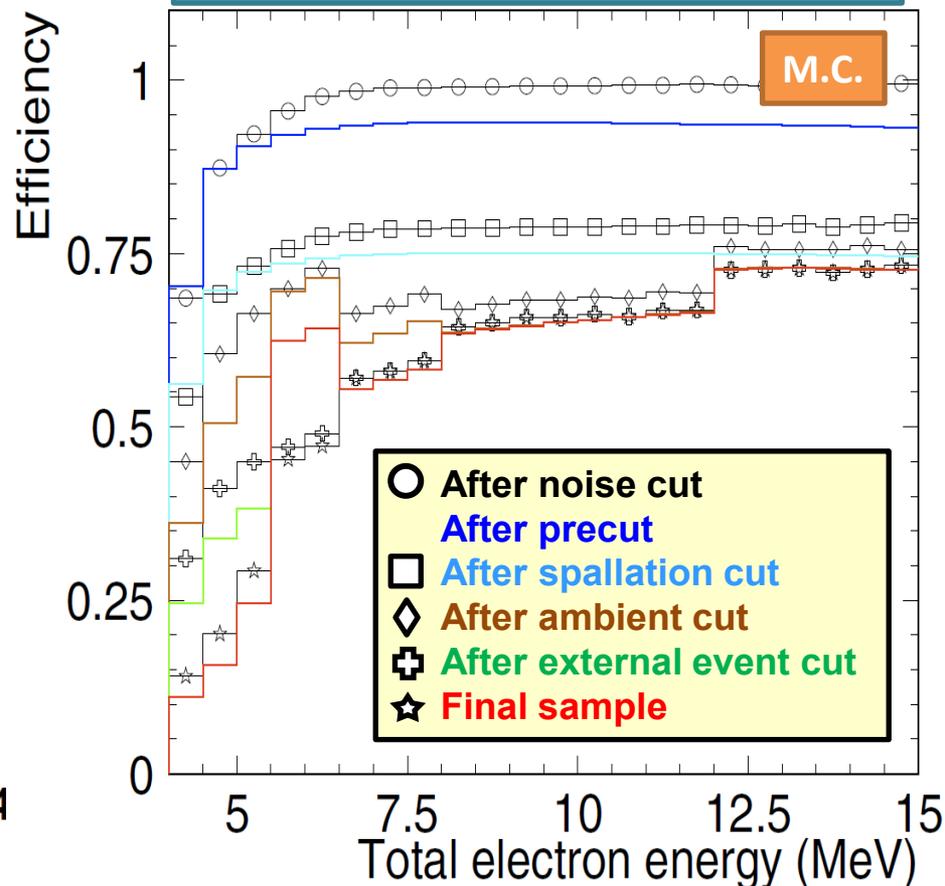
SK-IV 1069 days *Preliminary*

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Event rates of SK-IV & -III data



Reduction efficiency in 22.5kt



Reduction steps are similar as SK-III, but selection criteria are optimized for SK-IV.

Systematic uncertainties on ^8B flux

Source	SK-IV Flux (4.0-19.5MeV(kin)) <i>Preliminary</i>	SK-III Flux (4.5-19.5MeV(kin)) (PRD83, 052010)	SK-I Flux (4.5-19.5MeV(kin)) (PRD73,112001)
Energy Scale	$\pm 1.2\%$	$\pm 1.4\%$	$\pm 1.6\%$
Energy resolution	$\pm 0.15\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$	
8B spectrum	$\pm 0.33\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$	} +1.1/-1.0% +0.4/-0.3%
Trigger efficiency	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$	
Vertex shift	$\pm 0.17\%$	$\pm 0.54\%$	$\pm 1.3\%$
Reduction	$\pm 0.6\%$	$\pm 0.9\%$	+2.1/-1.6%
Spallation dead time	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$
Background shape	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0.1\%$
Angular resolution	$\pm 0.36\%$	$\pm 0.67\%$	} $\pm 1.2\%$
Signal extract method	$\pm 0.7\%$	$\pm 0.7\%$	
Cross section	$\pm 0.5\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$
Total	$\pm 1.7\%$	$\pm 2.1\%$	+3.5/-3.2%

The total systematic error on total flux in SK-IV is reduced by front-end electronics upgrade, precise calibrations, and software improvements

Recent solar neutrino results

- See also following reports:
 - M. Smy, “Results from Super-Kamiokande”
@NEUTRINO2012
 - Y. Koshio, “Solar neutrino results from Super-Kamiokande”
@ICHEP2012
 - H. Sekiya, “Super-Kamiokande low-energy results”
@NOW2012

SK-IV solar neutrino flux



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SK-I: PRD73, 112001
SK-II: PRD78, 032002
SK-III: PRD83, 052010

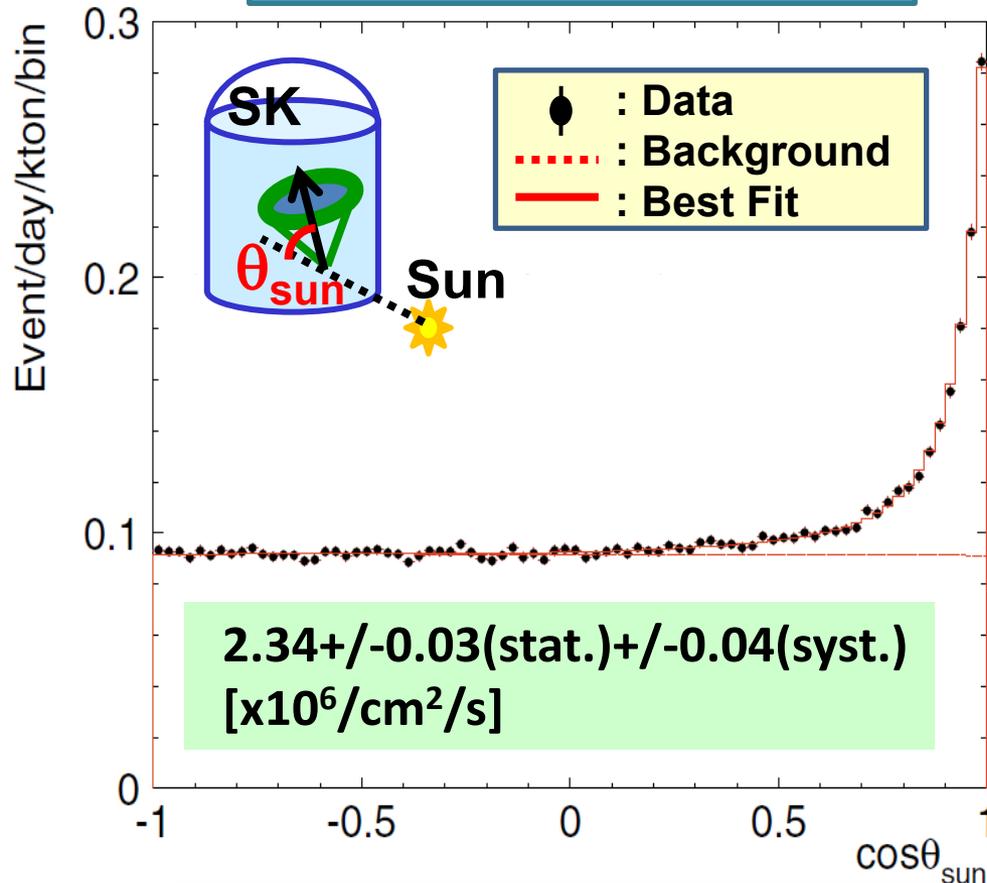
- Total live time : **1069.3 days** (2008/10-2012/03)
- Energy region for flux: $E_{\text{kinetic}} = 4.0 - 19.5 \text{ MeV}$
- Winter06 ^8B spectrum is used.
- ^8B Flux in ES reaction, without ν oscillation:
 - SK-IV: **2.34+/-0.03(stat.)+/-0.04(syst.)** [$\times 10^6/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$]
 - SK-I: 2.38+/-0.02(stat.)+/-0.08(syst.) **4.5 – 19.5 MeV(kin)**
 - SK-II: 2.41+/-0.05(stat.)+0.16/-0.15(syst.) **6.5 – 19.5 MeV(kin)**
 - SK-III: 2.40+/-0.04(stat.)+/-0.05(syst.) **4.5 – 19.5 MeV(kin)**
(SK-I,II are recalculated with the Winter06 ^8B spectrum.)
(The problem in SK-III is fixed.)
- 3.5-4.0MeV(kin) in SK-IV is used for oscillation analysis.
 - Energy threshold is lowest in SK-IV

SK-IV solar neutrino flux

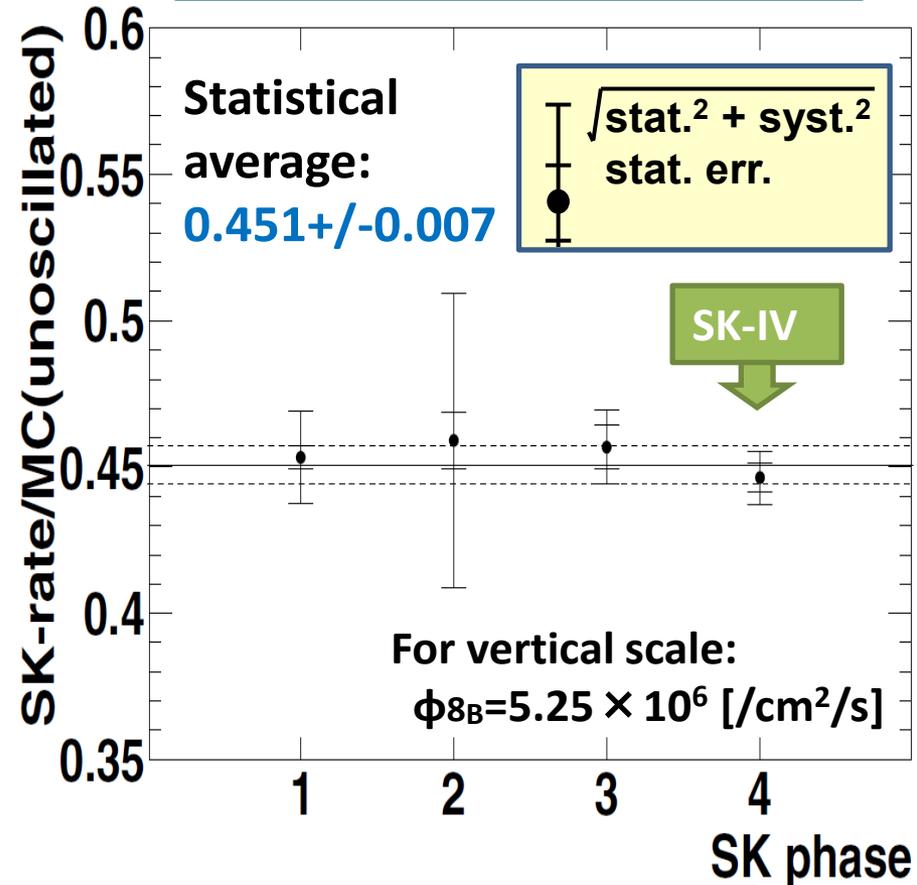
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SK-IV 4.0-19.5MeV(kin)



8B Flux in each SK phase

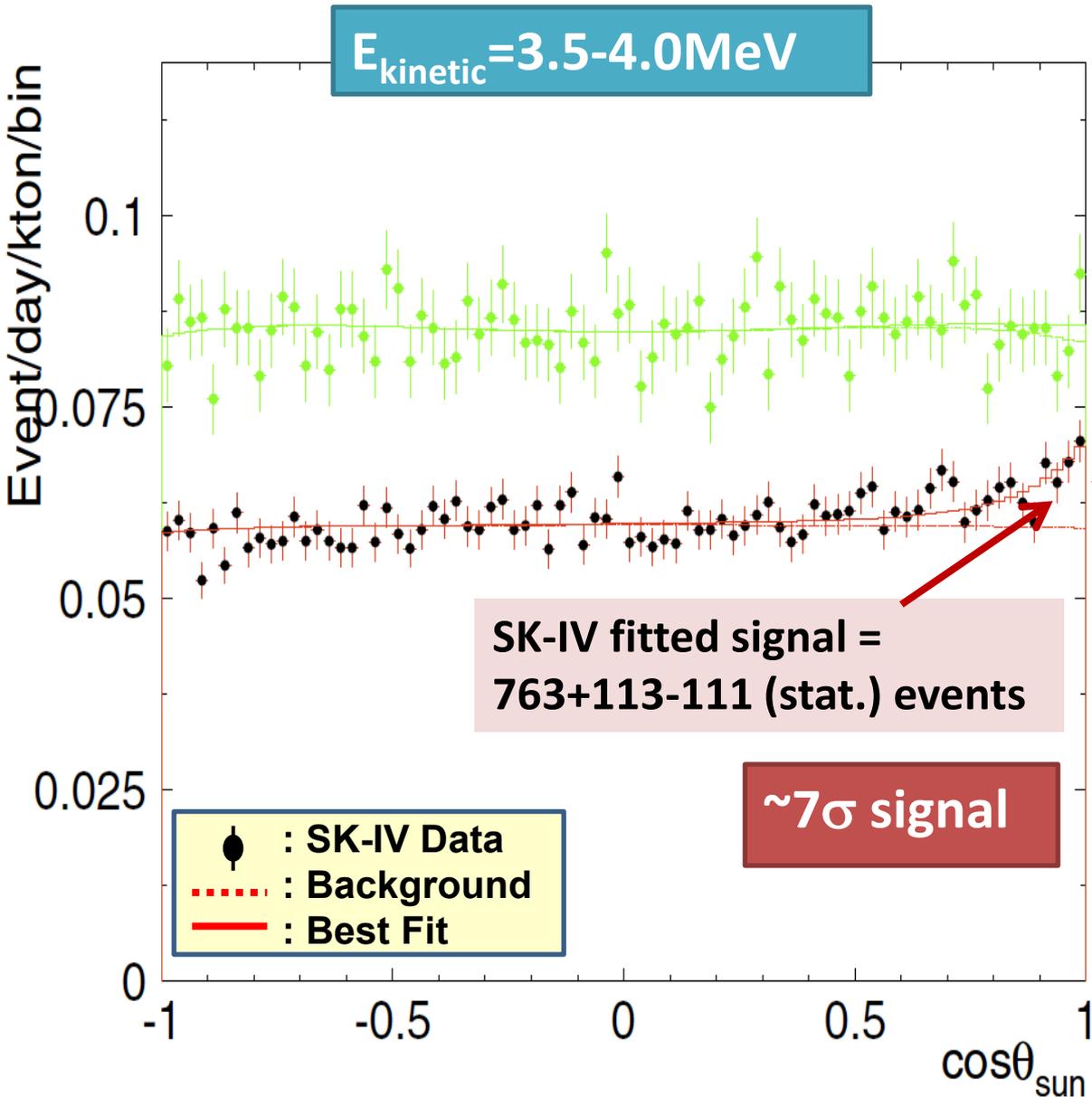


- Consistent flux values within statistical error are observed among SK phases

SK-IV: low-energy solar signal

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SK-III SLE1+2 298days

Trigger efficiency
SLE1 (212 days)
>99%@4.5MeV_{kin}
SLE2 (87 days)
>98%@4.0MeV_{kin}

SK-IV 1069days

Trigger efficiency
>99%@4.0MeV_{kin}
~86%@3.5MeV_{kin}

We are planning to lower the energy threshold more by a new intelligent trigger system (hardware is ready in Dec. 2012)

Data set for oscillation analysis

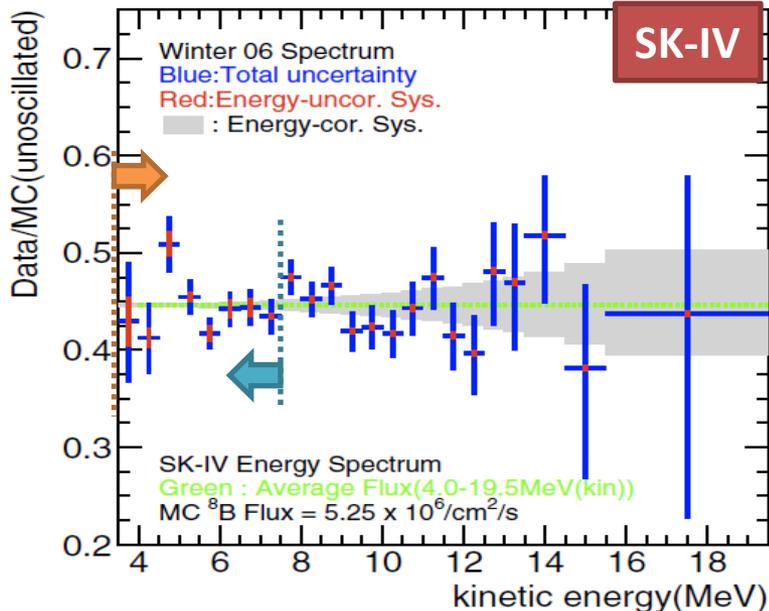
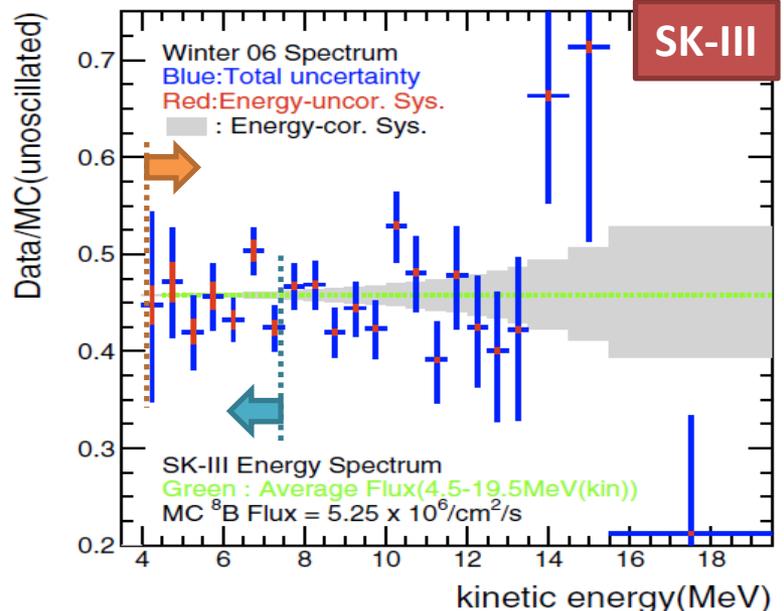
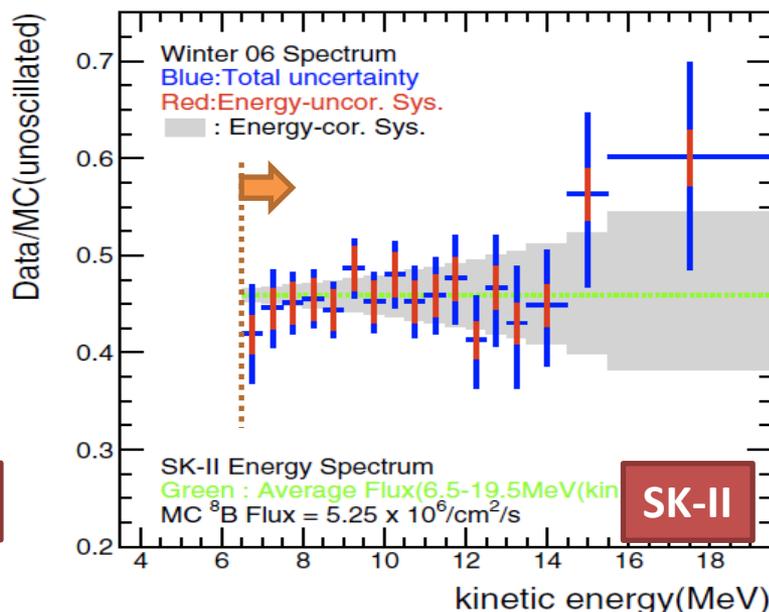
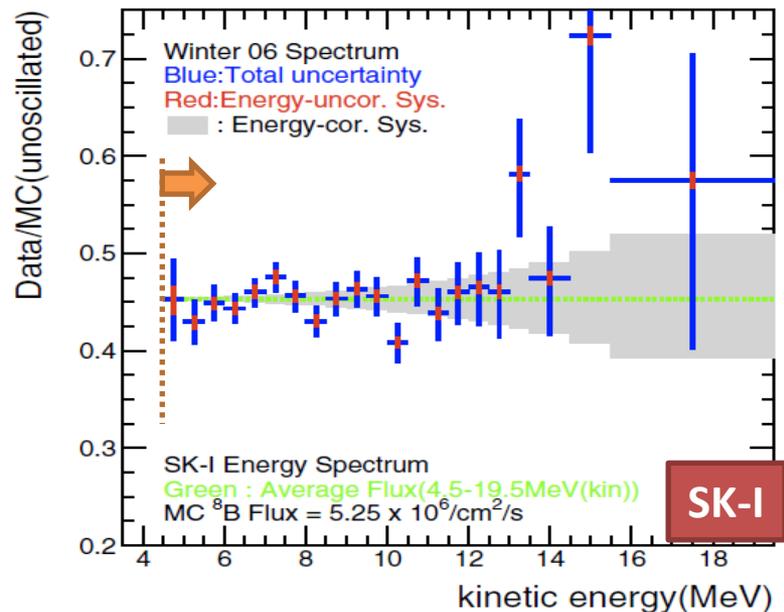
- SK
 - SK-I 1496 days, spectrum 4.5-19.5MeV(kin) + D/N : $E \geq 4.5\text{MeV(kin)}$
 - SK-II 791 days, spectrum 6.5-19.5MeV(kin) + D/N : $E \geq 7.0\text{MeV(kin)}$
 - SK-III 548 days, spectrum 4.0-19.5MeV(kin) + D/N : $E \geq 4.5\text{MeV(kin)}$
 - SK-IV 1069 days, spectrum 3.5-19.5MeV(kin) + D/N : $E \geq 4.5\text{MeV(kin)}$
- SNO : SNO combined (arXiv:1109.0763) (NC flux = $(5.25 \pm 0.20) 10^6 \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
- Radiochemical : Cl, Ga
 - Ga rate: 66.1 ± 3.1 SNU (All Ga global) (PRC80, 015807(2009))
 - Cl rate: 2.56 ± 0.23 SNU (Astrophys. J. 496 (1998) 505)
- Borexino : PRL107, 141302 (2011)
- KamLAND : PRL 100, 221803 (2008)
- ^8B spectrum : Winter (2006)
- ^8B and *hep* flux free, if not mentioned.

updates since our previous oscillation analysis (PRD83, 052010 (2011))

^8B energy spectrum

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Used in osc.
analysis

MSG applied

For vertical scale:
 $\phi_{^8\text{B}} = 5.25 \times 10^6$
[$/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$]

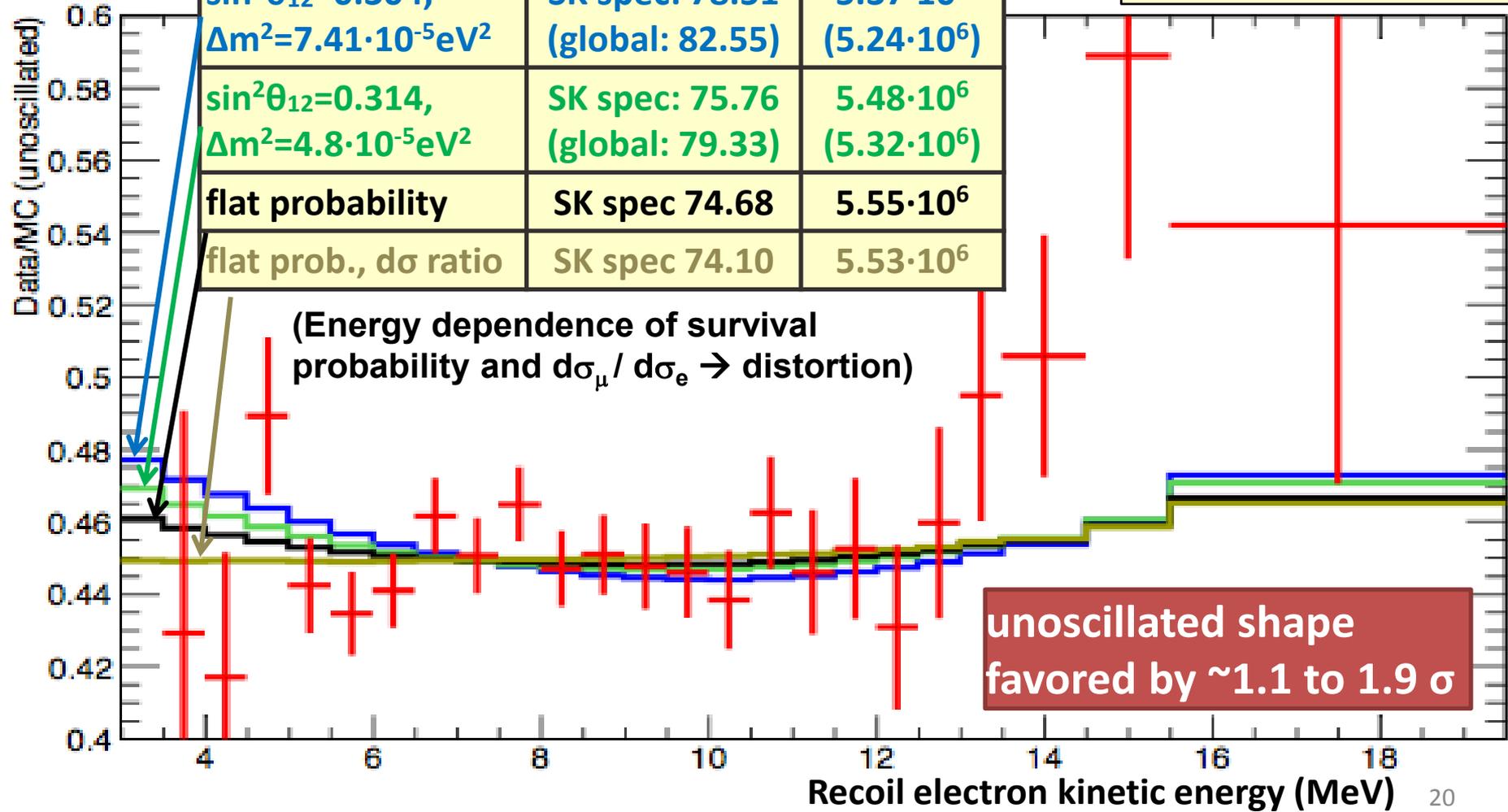
^8B energy spectrum (SK combined)

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- $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ is fixed at 0.025
- *hep* flux is constrained to $7.88 (1\pm 0.16) [\times 10^3 /\text{cm}^2/\text{s}]$

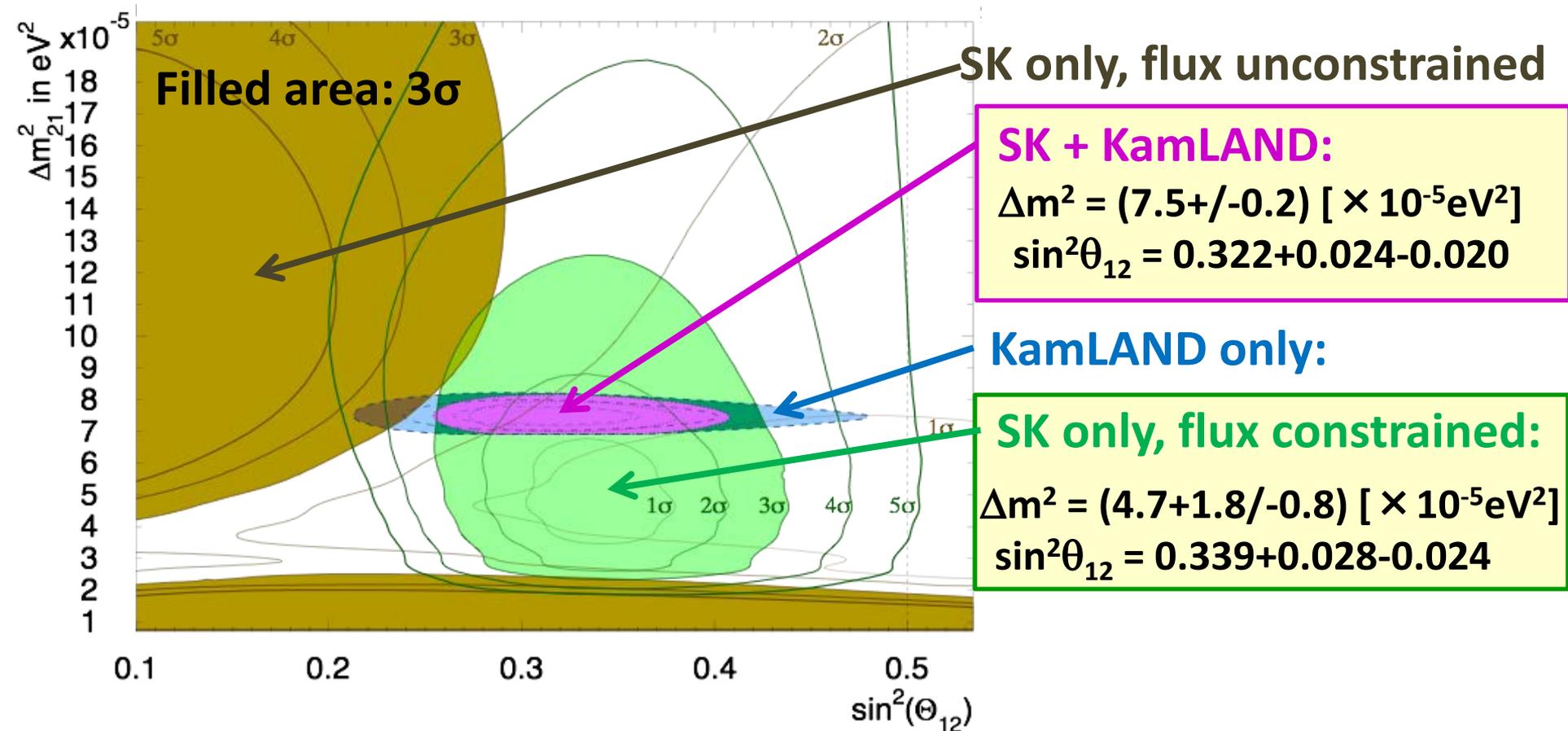
For vertical scale:
 $\phi_{8\text{B}} = 5.25 \times 10^6$
 $\phi_{\text{hep}} = 7.88 \times 10^3 [\text{/cm}^2/\text{s}]$

	χ^2	$\phi_{8\text{B}} [\text{/cm}^2/\text{s}]$
$\sin^2\theta_{12}=0.304,$ $\Delta m^2=7.41 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$	SK spec: 78.51 (global: 82.55)	$5.37 \cdot 10^6$ ($5.24 \cdot 10^6$)
$\sin^2\theta_{12}=0.314,$ $\Delta m^2=4.8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$	SK spec: 75.76 (global: 79.33)	$5.48 \cdot 10^6$ ($5.32 \cdot 10^6$)
flat probability	SK spec 74.68	$5.55 \cdot 10^6$
flat prob., $d\sigma$ ratio	SK spec 74.10	$5.53 \cdot 10^6$



SK combined : $\theta_{12} - \Delta m_{21}^2$

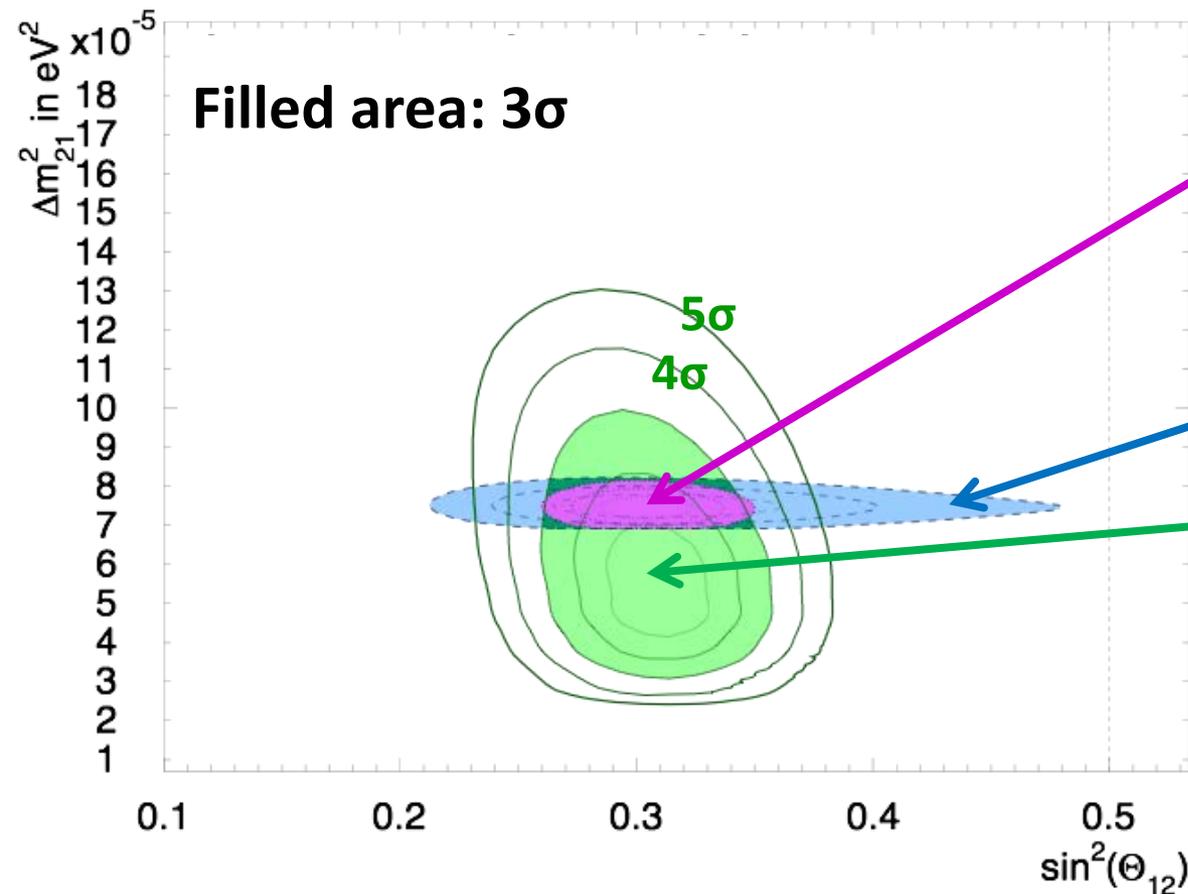
- $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ is fixed at 0.025
- ^8B flux is constrained to 5.25 ± 0.20 [$\times 10^6$ /cm²/s] in the flux constrained analysis.



Solar global : $\theta_{12} - \Delta m_{21}^2$

- $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ is fixed at 0.025

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Filled area: 3σ

Solar global + KamLAND:

$$\Delta m^2 = (7.4 \pm 0.2) [\times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2]$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.304 \pm 0.013$$

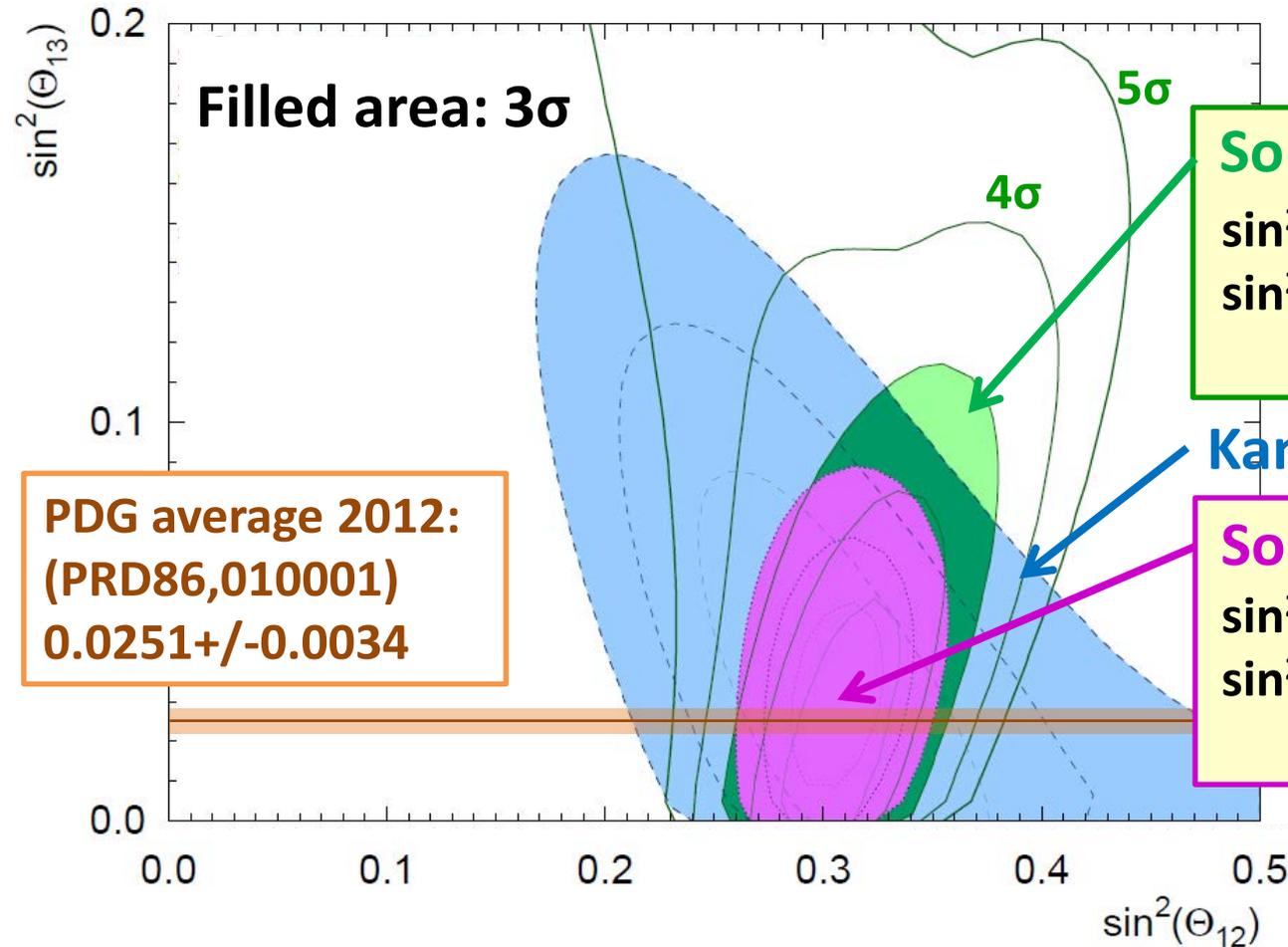
KamLAND only:

Solar global:

$$\Delta m^2 = (4.9 + 1.4 / - 0.5) [\times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2]$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.310 + 0.014 - 0.015$$

Solar & KamLAND : $\theta_{12} - \theta_{13}$



PDG average 2012:
(PRD86,010001)
 0.0251 ± 0.0034

Solar global:
 $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.305 + 0.021 - 0.016$
 $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.014 + 0.027 - 0.021$
 < 0.059 (95% C.L.)

KamLAND only:

Solar global + KamLAND:
 $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.305 + 0.015 - 0.014$
 $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.030 + 0.017 - 0.015$
 < 0.058 (95% C.L.)

Consistent with PDG average (=reactor experiments)

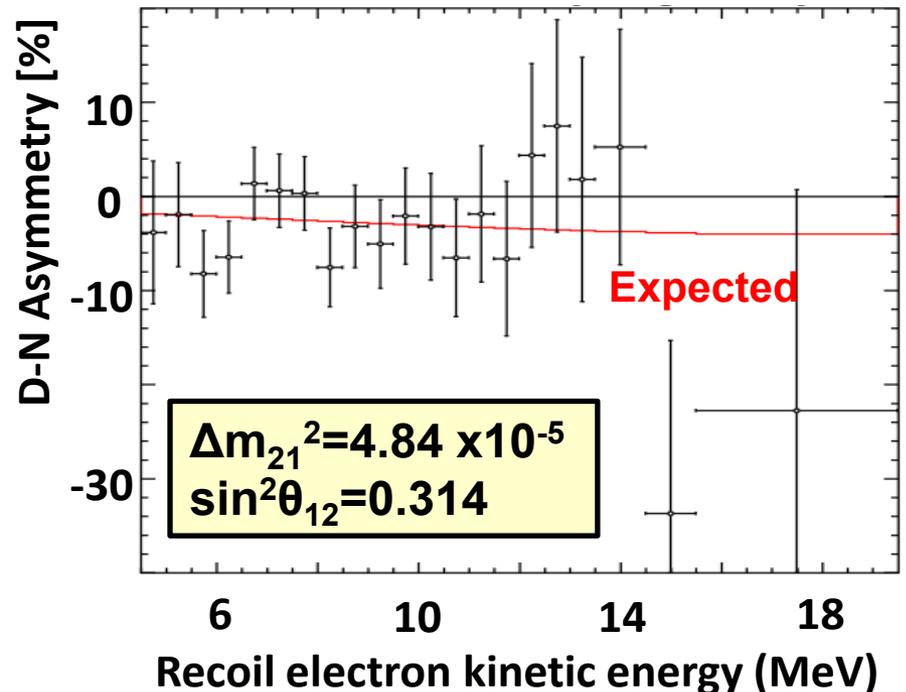
Day-Night variation

- Un-binned Day-Night analysis (PRD69, 011104) is applied in each SK phase, then obtained **Day-Night asymmetry values ($=A_{DN}$)** from fitted Day-Night amplitude parameter.
 - Consider energy and **zenith angle dependence** of event rate variation.

$$A_{DN} = \frac{\text{Day flux} - \text{Night flux}}{0.5 (\text{Day flux} + \text{Night flux})}$$

	A_{DN} (\pm stat. \pm sys.)
SK-I	$-2.0 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.0 \%$
SK-II	$-4.3 \pm 3.8 \pm 1.0 \%$
SK-III	$-4.3 \pm 2.7 \pm 0.7 \%$
SK-IV	$-2.8 \pm 1.9 \pm 0.7 \%$
SK combined	$-2.8 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.5 \%$

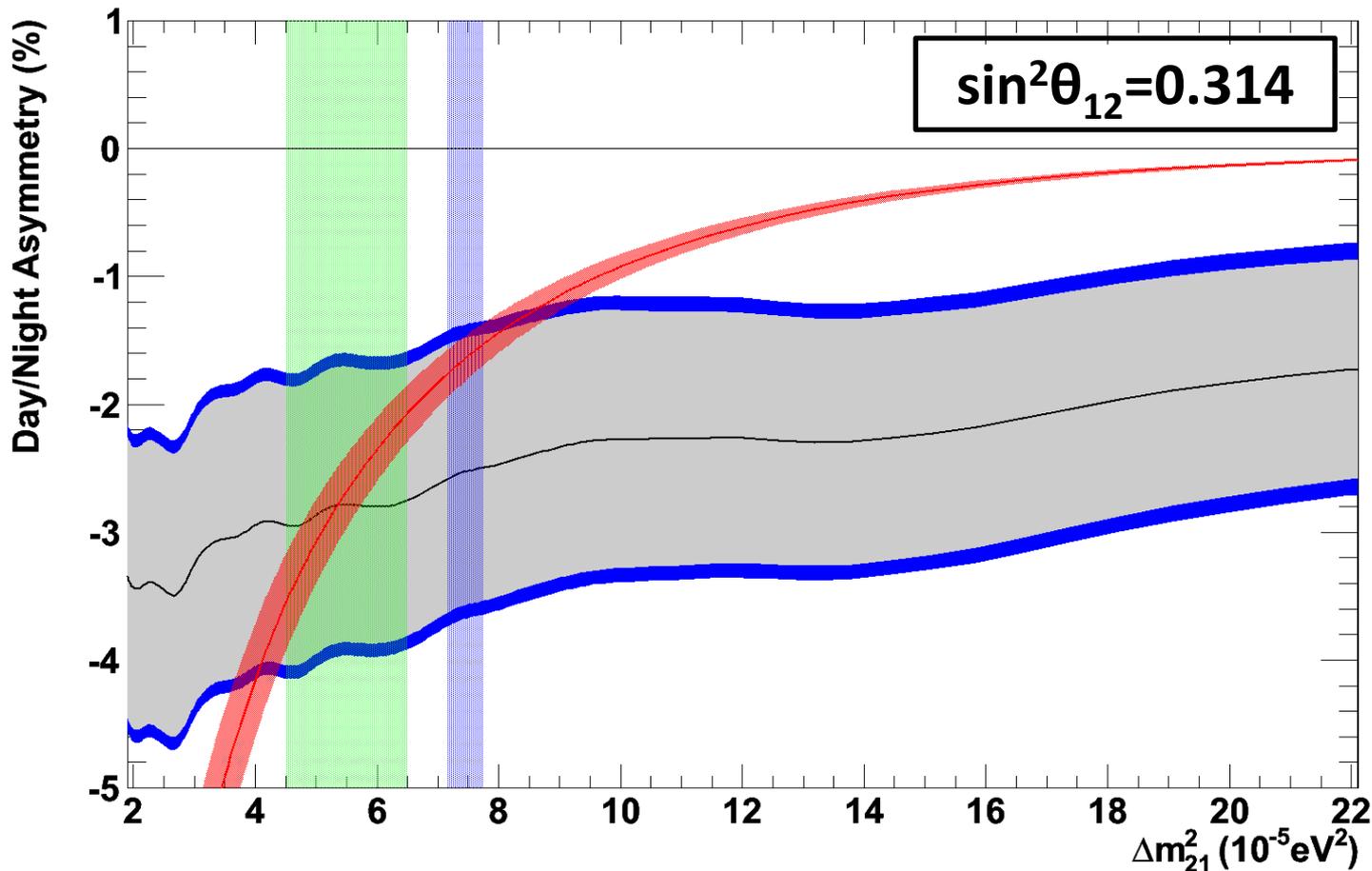
SK combined D-N asymmetry values



Day-Night asymmetry
consistent with zero @ 2.3 σ

Day/Night amplitude fits as a function of Δm^2

SK-I/II/III/IV Combine Day/Night Asymmetry



Best Fit

1 σ Stat.

1 σ Stat. + Sys.

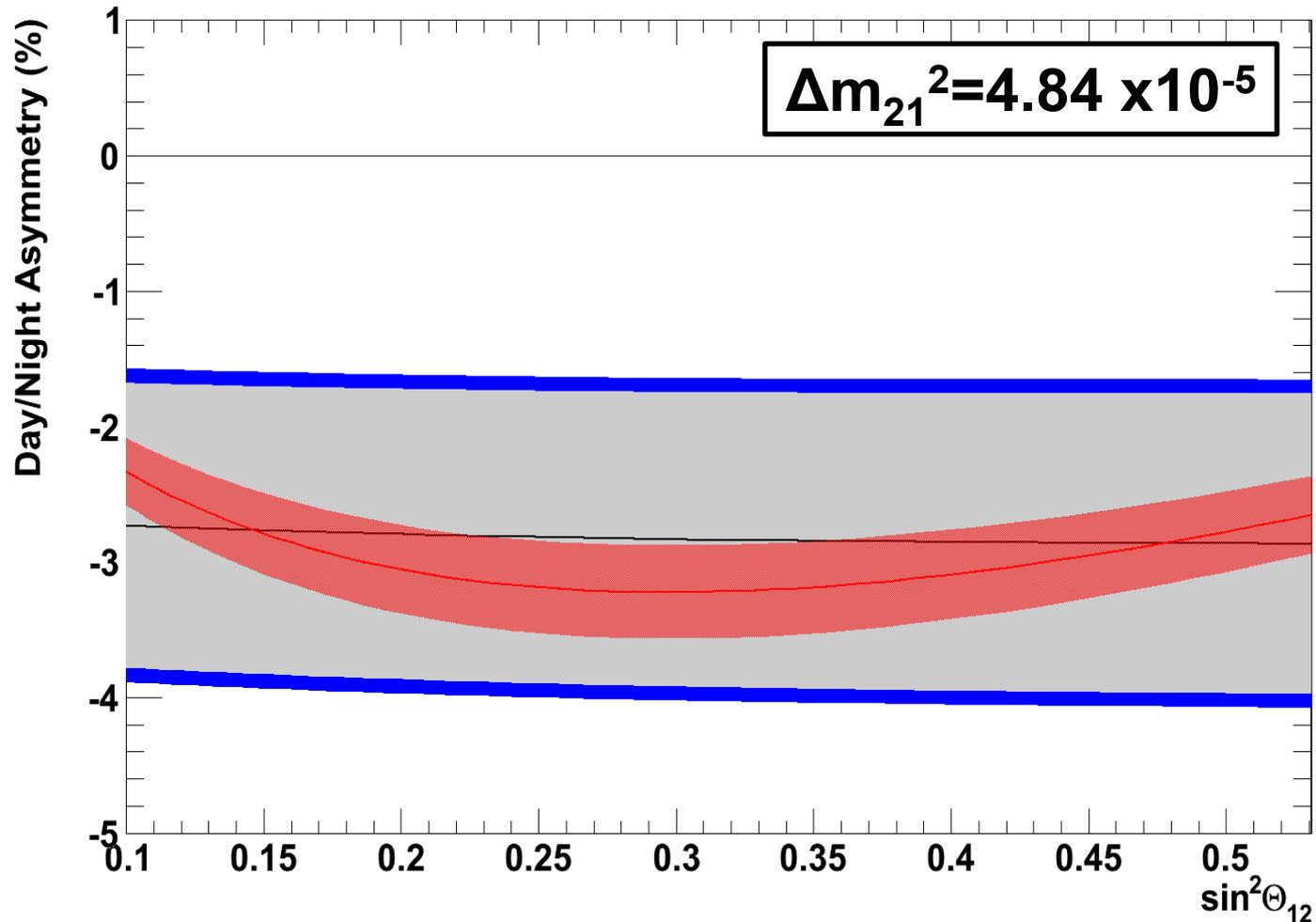
Expected

1 σ Kamland

1 σ Solar

Day/Night amplitude fits as a function of $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$

SK-I/II/III/IV Combine Day/Night Asymmetry



Best Fit

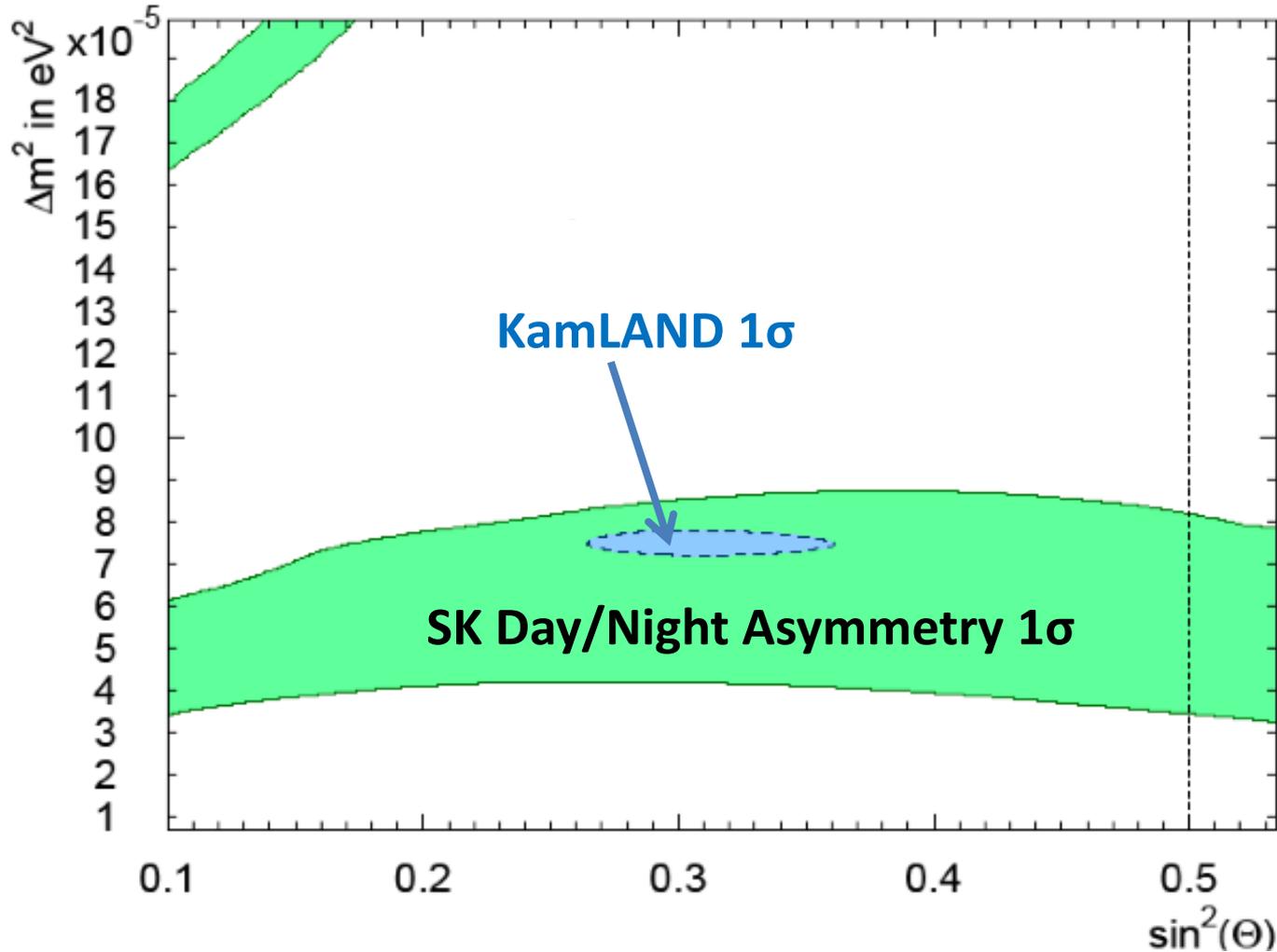
1σ Stat.

1σ Stat. + Sys.

Expected

Only SK Day/Night : $\theta_{12} - \Delta m_{21}^2$

- $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ is fixed at 0.025



Summary



- SK-IV is running with the **lowest energy threshold** in SK
 - Trigger efficiency: >99%@4.0MeV(kin), ~86%@3.5MeV(kin)
 - The energy threshold will be lowered in near future.
- The **initial results from SK-IV** are obtained in May 2012.
 - Observed ^8B fluxes are consistent among SK phases
 - ~7 sigma signal in 3.5-4.0MeV(kin) region
 - Performed an oscillation analysis with SK-IV data *Preliminary*

Solar global:

$$\Delta m^2 = (4.9+1.4/-0.5) [\times 10^{-5}\text{eV}^2]$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.310+0.014-0.015$$

Solar global + KamLAND:

$$\Delta m^2 = (7.4+/-0.2) [\times 10^{-5}\text{eV}^2]$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.304+/-0.013$$

- Possible spectrum distortion: 1.1 sigma to 1.9 sigma
- Day-Night asymmetry: consistent with zero at 2.3 sigma
- Δm_{21}^2 : some tension between solar global and KamLAND