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Very Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillations
(CP Violation & Much More)

eg BNL - Homestake 2540km
or BNL - WIPP 2900km
BNL - Henderson, Colorado

BNL Study Commissoned by Tom Kirk → White Papers

Led by M. Diwan, W. Marciano & W. Weng + Many Participants

Outcome

Conventional Horn Focused ν_μ ($\bar{\nu}_\mu$) Beam (Wide Band)

+

AGS Upgrade 0.14MW → 1MW

+

500 kton Water Cerenkov Detector (2,000 ~ 3,000 km)

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Precision Measurements: $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$, Δm^2_{32}, Δm^2_{21}
(very powerful)

sign of $m_3^2 - m_2^2$ Hierarchy (Matter effect)

Measure: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ or bound → 0.003!

Determine: CP Violating Phase δ

$J_{CP} = \sin\theta_{12}\sin\theta_{23}\sin\theta_{13}\cos\theta_{12}\cos\theta_{23}\cos^2\theta_{13}\sin\delta$ to $\approx \pm 25\%$!

Also probe: Sterile Neutrino Mixing
Effects of Extra Dimensions
New Interactions with Matter
} Deviations From 3 Gen. Expectations

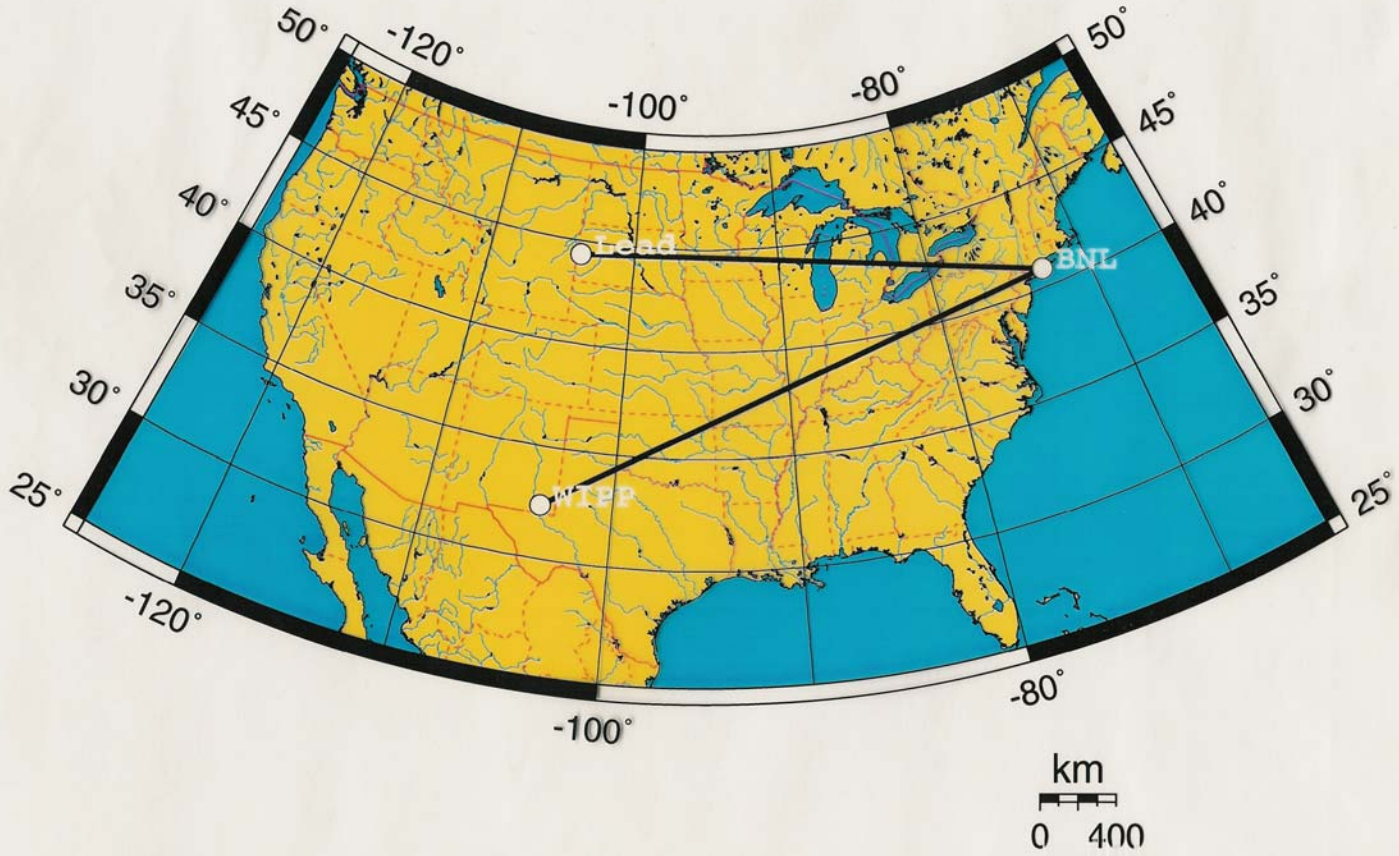
A Bold & Ambitious Neutrino Program for 21st Century
determines Lepton Mixing ≃ Quark Mixing

Large Water Cerenkov Detector (500 kton)
~ 20 × Super K (eg UNO)

Proton Decay $\tau(p \to e^+\pi^0) \sim 10^{36}$ yr
Supernova Neutrino Studies (> 100,000 events!)
Precision Atmospheric Neutrinos (multiple peaks)
Solar Neutrinos
n-$\bar{n}$ osc., magnetic monopoles ... Neutrino Sources
etc.

A complete physics facility with potential for
Revolutionary Discoveries & Solid Measurements

Anchor for National Underground Lab!


50°
-120°
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Lead
BNL
WIPP
km
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Current Status of Neutrino Mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle \\ |\nu_\mu\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_1\rangle \\ |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$c_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij}$, $s_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij}$ $\quad 0 \le \delta < 2\pi$

Atmospheric $\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu$ + K2K

$\Delta m^2_{32} = m_3^2 - m_2^2 = \pm 2.5^{+1.5}_{-1.2} \times 10^{-3}\,eV^2$

(Rumored Lower Value!)

$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \simeq 0.85 - \underline{1.0}$ (Maximal) $45°$

Solar $\nu_e \to \nu_e, \nu_x$

Kamland $\bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_e$

$\Delta m^2_{21} = m_2^2 - m_1^2 = 7.3 \pm 2 \times 10^{-5}\,eV^2$ LMA I

$= 14 \pm 3 \times 10^{-5}\,eV^2$ LMA II

$\sin^2 2\theta_{12} \simeq 0.86 \pm 0.10$ $\quad \theta_{12} \simeq 36°$

Left to determine θ_{13} + δ

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \lesssim 0.2$ (Reactors)

$0 \le \delta < 2\pi$

$J_{CP}^{\text{Leptons}} \simeq 0.23 \sin\theta_{13} \sin\delta$ Potentially Enormous $\underbrace{\sim 10^{-2}}_{\text{Holy Grail}}$

$J_{CP}^{\text{Quarks}} \simeq 3 \pm 1 \times 10^{-5}$ tiny

Potential Competition for CP Violation

JPARC (PhaseII 2015+) → Hyper K (at 295 km)

4MW ! 1000 kton (H_2O) !

$$A_{CP} = \frac{P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_e)} \sim \frac{\sin\delta}{\sin\theta_{13}} \frac{\Delta m^2_{21} L}{E_\nu}$$

Potentially Large

Proposal: Off-Axis ν_μ + $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beams $E_\nu \simeq 0.6$ GeV

8yr { 2×10^7 sec $\nu_\mu \to \nu_e n \to e^- p$; 6×10^7 sec $\bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_e p \to e^+ n$ } Quasi-Elastic

Very Challenging

Detector: Cost ~ $\$10^9$, Excavation ~ 10 yr !

Machine: 4MW upgrade very expensive + difficult

Target-Horn: Liquid Target, Heating, Robotics ...

Physics - Not Robust (What if $\Delta m^2_{32} < 2\times10^{-3}\,eV^2$)

Untangle δ_{CP}, θ_{13}, matter effects ?

Weakness: 295 km Too Short !

BNL - Homestake 2540 km (1 MW, 500 kton) much more modest

On-Axis (0°) Wide Band Beam $0.5\,\text{GeV} \leq E_\nu < 5\,\text{GeV}$

2-2.5 × More Flux

Quasi-Elastic $\nu n \to \ell p$ 2× cross-section $E_\nu \geq 1\,\text{GeV}$

3× for $\bar{\nu} p \to \bar{\ell} n$

Run ν_μ alone for 5×10^7 sec (or 2yr ν_μ + 3yr $\bar{\nu}_\mu$)

Measure $\sin\delta$ + $\cos\delta$ (+ all other parameters)

More Robust - Gets better if Δm^2_{32} smaller!

Easier, Much Cheaper, Faster, Better!

Figure of Merit $\sim \left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{21}}{\Delta m^2_{32}}\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \times$ Detector Size × Power × Time

Has been increasing! Becoming Easier! } Factor of 3 since study start

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Basic Features: 1) Measure $\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu$ disappearance

3 peaks

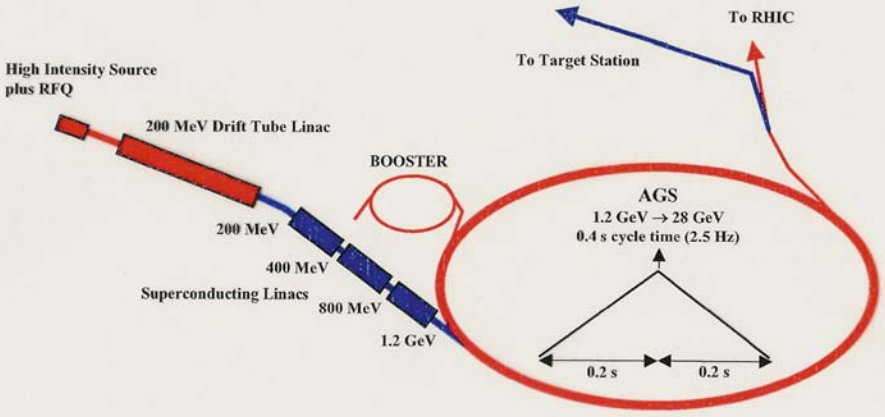
$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{32} L}{4E_\nu}\right) + \ldots$$

Min.* $L_{osc} \simeq (2n+1) \times 500\,\text{km} \times E_\nu(\text{GeV})$ $n = 0, 1, 2$

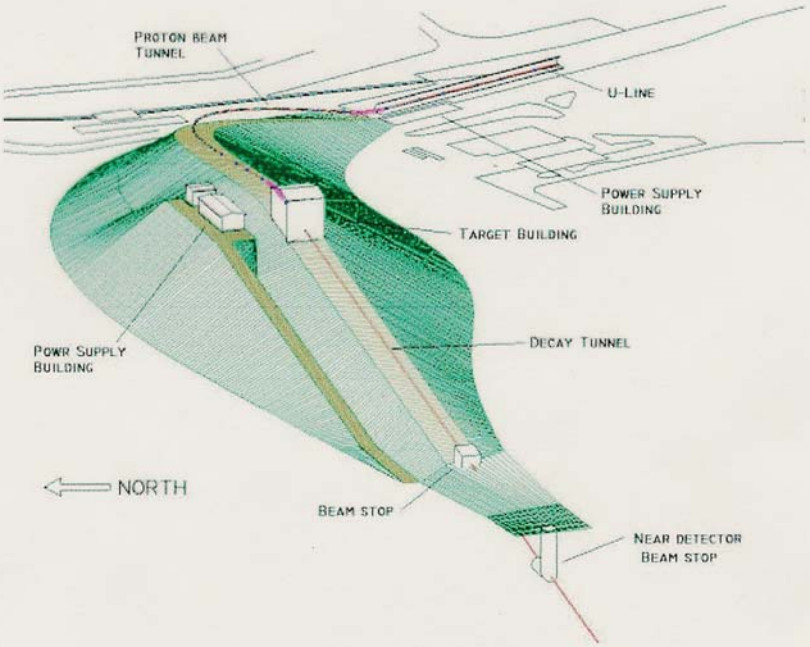
at 2500 km → peaks at ~ 2.5, 1.25, 0.83 GeV ...

The Accelerator

- Conceptually simple upgrade. No magic. Cost $\sim \$100M$.
- Run 28 GeV AGS at 2.5 Hz to get 1 MW.
- Need faster proton source: Super Conducting LINAC at 1.2 GeV
- Current: $7 \times 10^{13} ppp$ at 0.5 Hz => LINAC: $10^{14} ppp$ at 2.5 Hz.



Beam 3d


PROTON BEAM TUNNEL
U-LINE
POWER SUPPLY BUILDING
TARGET BUILDING
DECAY TUNNEL
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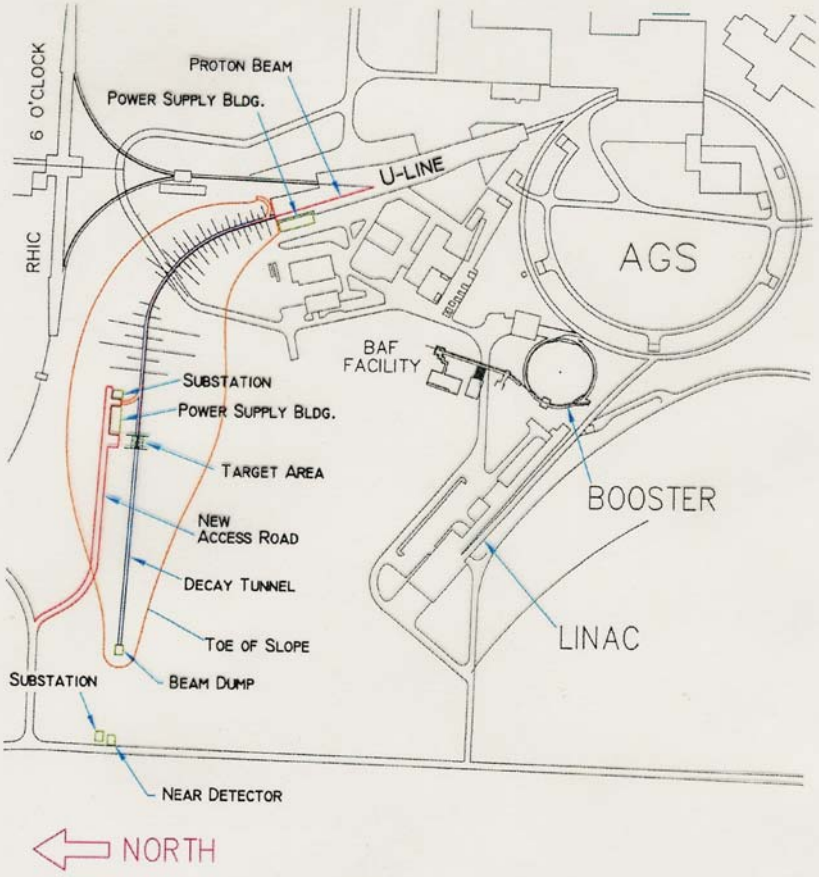
NORTH
BEAM STOP
NEAR DETECTOR BEAM STOP

Beam Layout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U-LINE
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TARGET AREA
NEW
ACCESS ROAD
DECAY TUNNEL
TOE OF SLOPE
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SUBSTATION
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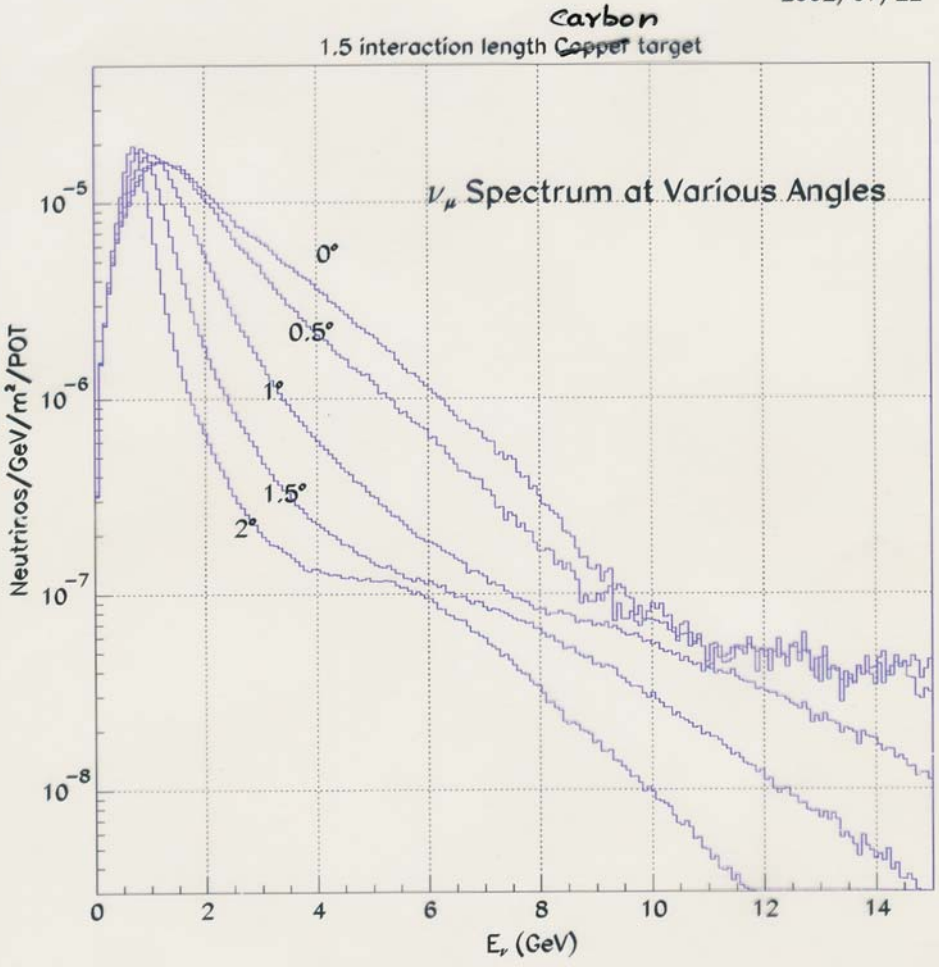
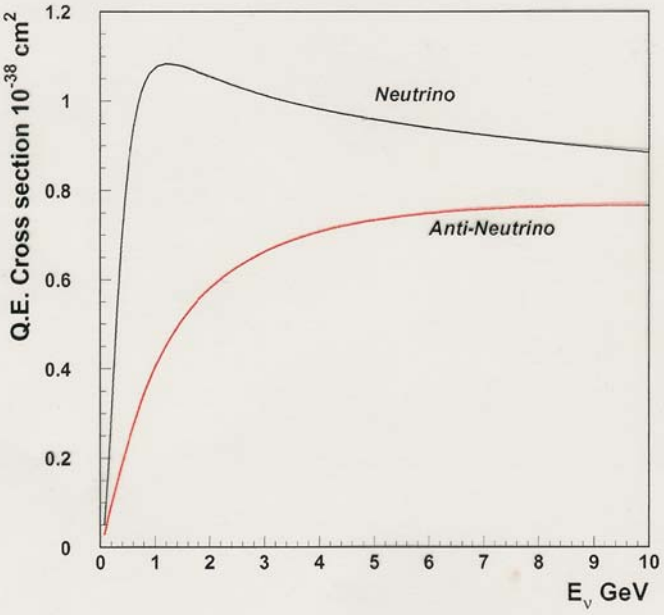


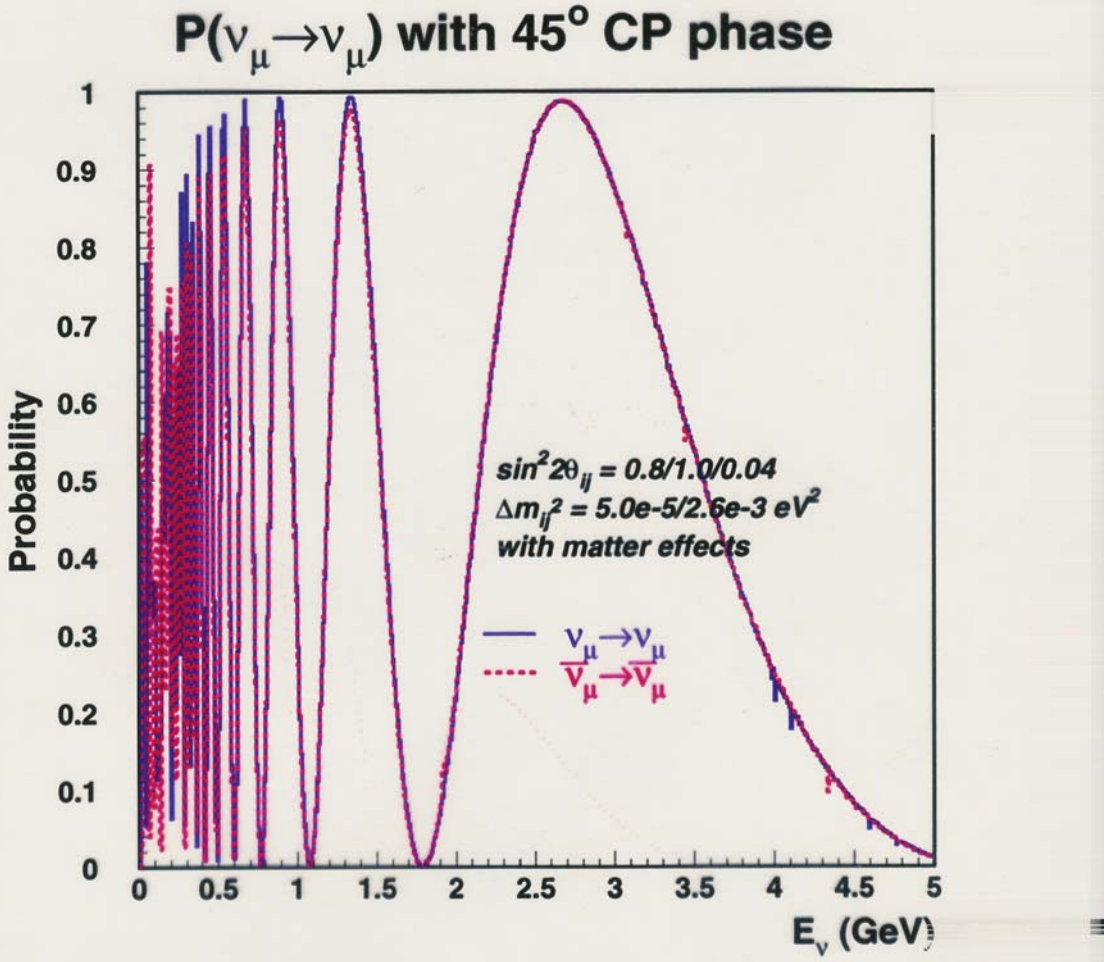
L = 1 km T = 200 m

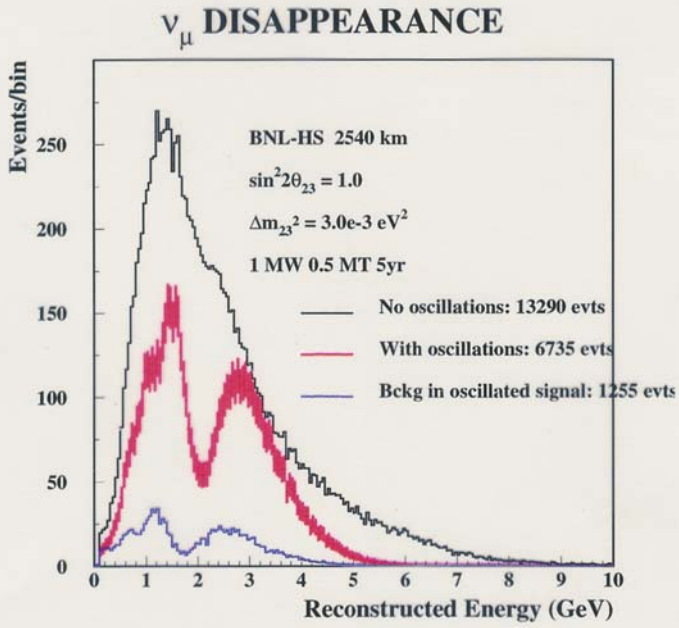
Quasielastic cross section

$\nu_\mu n \to \mu^- p$, $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \to \mu^+ n$ $\to E_\nu$



An experiment searching for signal at high energies may not need much more anti-neutrino running than neutrino running.

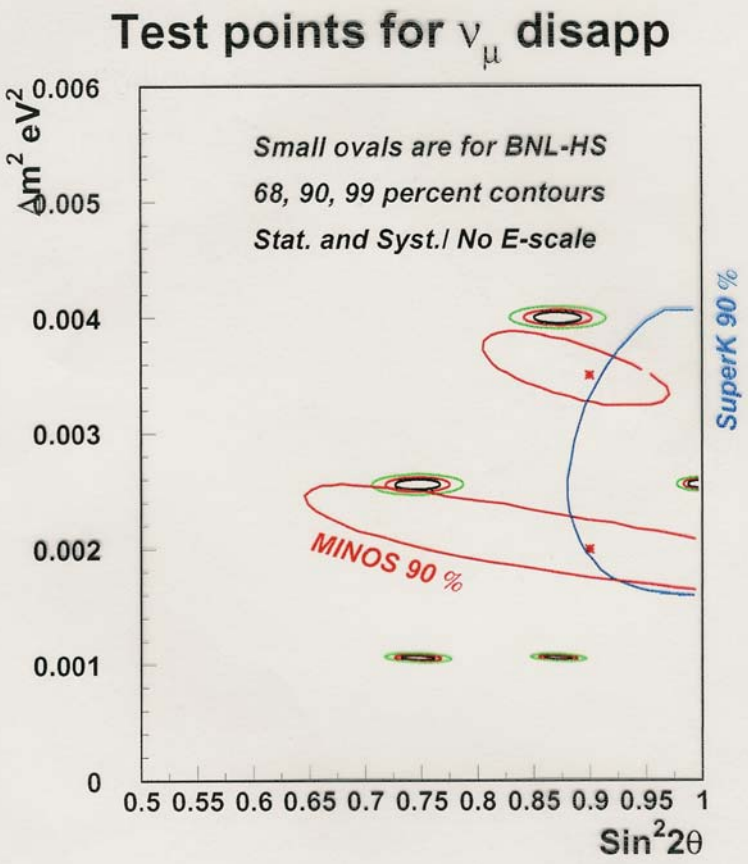

P(ν_μ→ν_μ) with 45° CP phase
Probability
E_ν (GeV)
sin²2θ_ij = 0.8/1.0/0.04
Δm_ij² = 5.0e-5/2.6e-3 eV²
with matter effects
ν_μ→ν_μ
ν̄_μ→ν̄_μ



Node pattern provides high Δm^2_{23} resolution.
Energy calibration is very important.

Flux normalization not important for measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$

Background shape can be measured independently
Minimum systematics in ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ comparison


Test points for ν_μ disapp
Small ovals are for BNL-HS
68, 90, 99 percent contours
Stat. and Syst./ No E-scale
SuperK 90 %
MINOS 90 %
Δm^2 eV^2
0.006
0.005
0.004
0.003
0.002
0.001
0
0.5 0.55 0.6 0.65 0.7 0.75 0.8 0.85 0.9 0.95 1
Sin^{2}2θ

Measure Δm^2_{32} + $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ to ±1% (or better)!

No. Osc. $\nu_\mu n \to \mu^- p$ 15,000 events } 1 event/hr
$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \simeq 1$ Osc. → 7,500 events } 4× $\nu_\mu N \to \mu^- X$

(Sterile ν mixing, Extra Dim, Exotic Int...)

2) $\nu_\mu \to \nu_e$ Appearance (Rich Structure) (3-4 peaks)

$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) = 0.5 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

$$+ 0.93 \sin\theta_{13} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu}\right)\left\{\sin\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu} \sin\delta + \cos\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu}\cos\delta\right\}\frac{\Delta m^2_{21} L}{2E_\nu}$$

$$+ 0.36 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{21} L}{4E_\nu}\right)^2 + \text{matter effects} + \text{small terms}$$

Term 2 : $\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu} - \delta\right)$

To explore $0 \le \delta < 2\pi$ → $\frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E_\nu} \simeq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}$

(L = 2540 km)

3 peaks

$E_\nu \simeq 5, 5/3, 1$ GeV

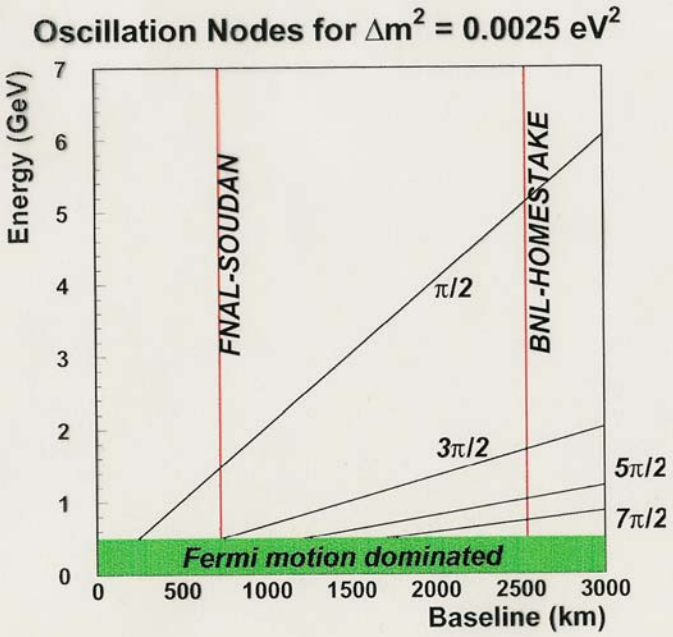
Broad Band (On-Axis) Beam $0.5\,\text{GeV} < E_\nu < 5\,\text{GeV}$

i) $3\,\text{GeV} < E_\nu < 5\,\text{GeV}$ (very sensitive to matter)

sgn Δm^2_{32} easy

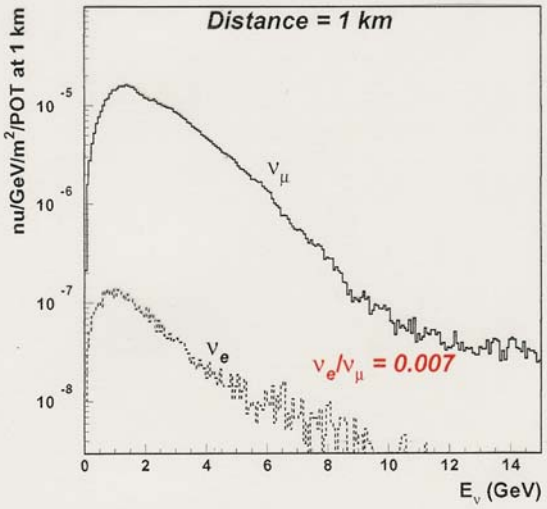
measure θ_{13} $0.01 \le \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \le 0.2$ Factor ~20!

Bound → 0.003



- Large effects: Multiple oscillation nodes.
- Low cross section at low energies
- Fermi motion limits resolution at low energies: wide band beam ($0.5 \rightarrow 8$ GeV).
- $\Delta m^2 \approx 0.0025 eV^2$: Baseline > 2000 km.

BNL Wide Band. Proton Energy = 28 GeV



- New design spans 0.5-6 GeV
- Low ν_e background 0.7%
  0.0073 ± 0.0014 (E734 1986).
- Low background from high energies (NC and ν_τ for ν_e)
- 200 m decay tunnel
- Graphite target embedded in horn
- Target cooling achievable for 1 MW

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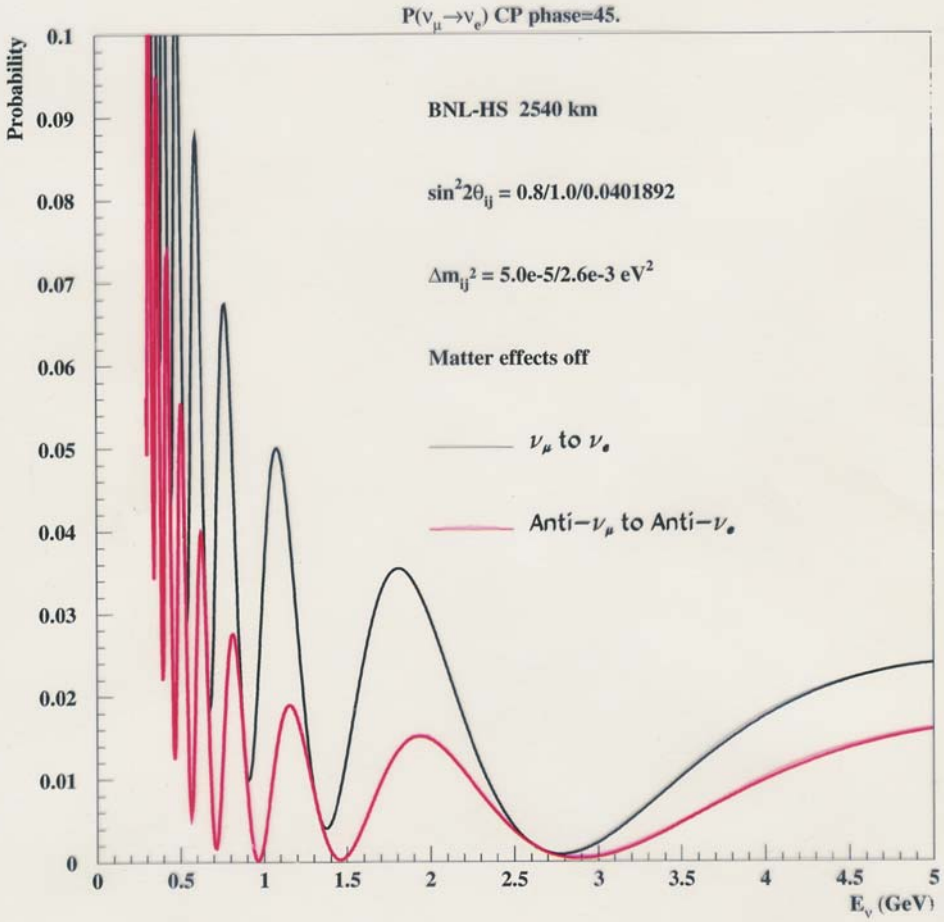

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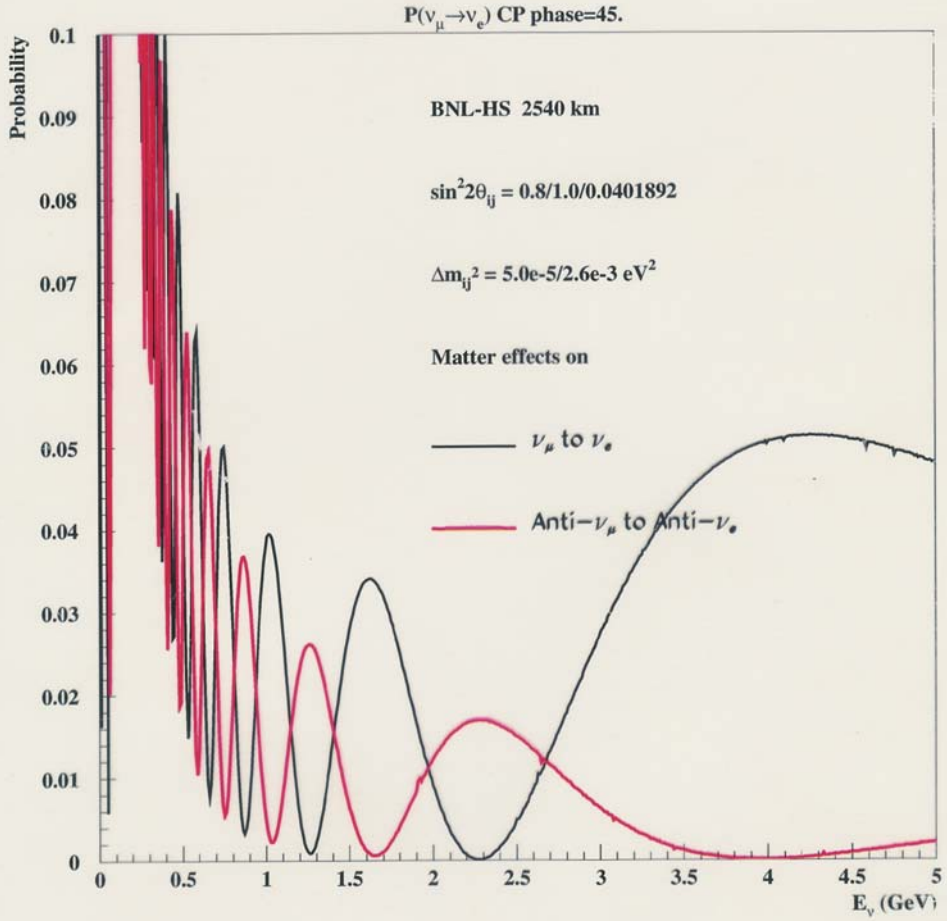


$1\,GeV < E_\nu < 3\,GeV$ Measure δ ($\sin\delta$, $\cos\delta$)

If inverted hierarchy 2yr ν_μ + 3yr $\bar{\nu}_\mu$

$0.5\,GeV < E_\nu < 1\,GeV$ Measure $\Delta m^2_{21} \sin 2\theta_{12}$ to $\pm$ 5%

special feature of long dist (unique)

Statistical Figure of Merit (for $\not{CP}$, δ)

Insensitive to L & $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

Asym. grows $\sim L$ $\quad N_\nu \sim 1/L^2$

$$F.O.M. \sim A_{CP}^2 N_\nu$$

with about 300 - 400 $\nu_e n \to e^- p$ quasi-elastic events

measure

sgn Δm^2_{32}

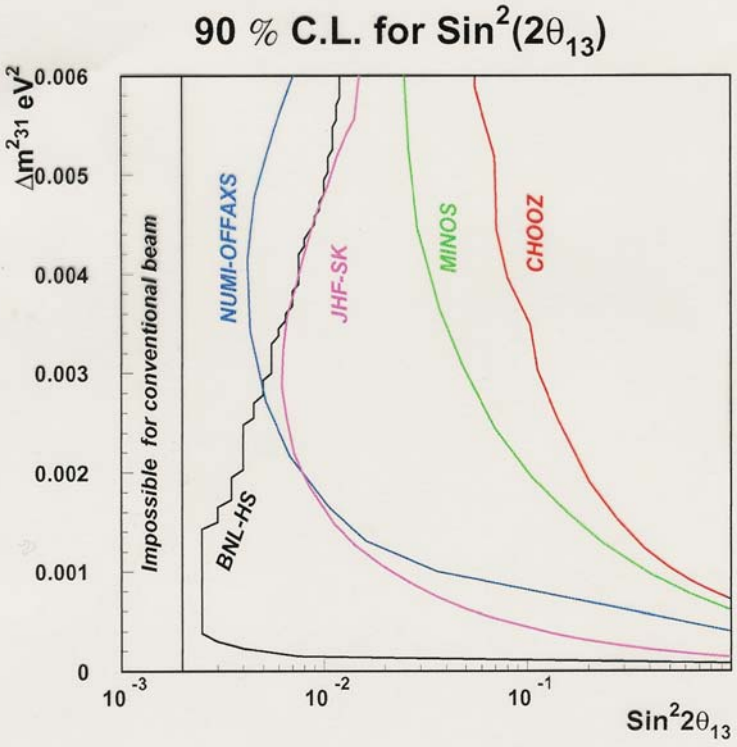
$\Delta m^2_{21} \sin 2\theta_{12}$ to $\pm$ 5%

$0.01 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.2 \rightarrow$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ to $\pm$ 10%

δ to $\pm$ 15-20°

} Very Powerful (Robust)

Measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ 90% C.L.



Distinctive signature with multiple oscillations above 0.001 eV^2

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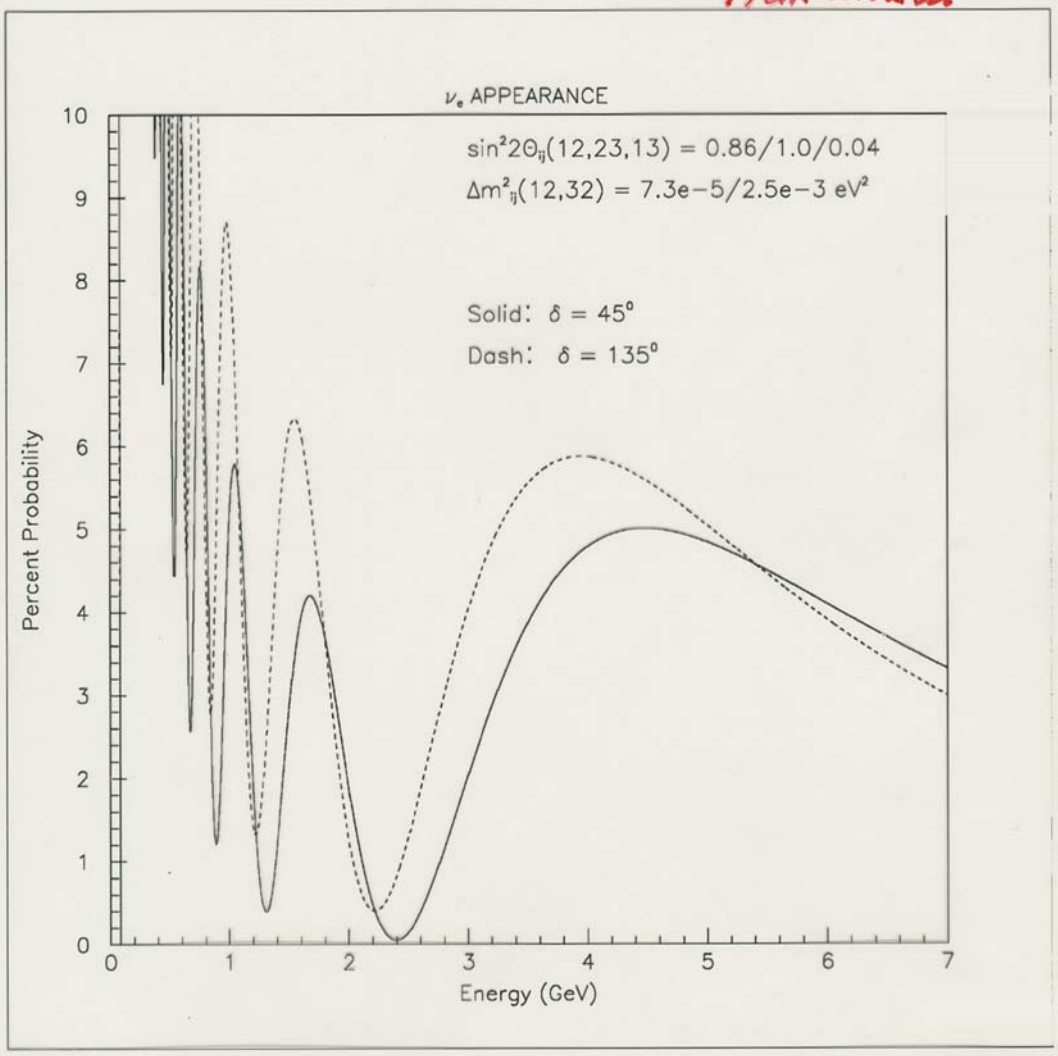
ν_e APPEARANCE
$\sin^2 2\Theta_{ij}(12,23,13) = 0.86/1.0/0.04$
$\Delta m^2_{ij}(12,32) = 7.3e{-}5/2.5e{-}3\ eV^2$
Solid: $\delta = 45^\circ$
Dash: $\delta = 135^\circ$
Percent Probability
Energy (GeV)
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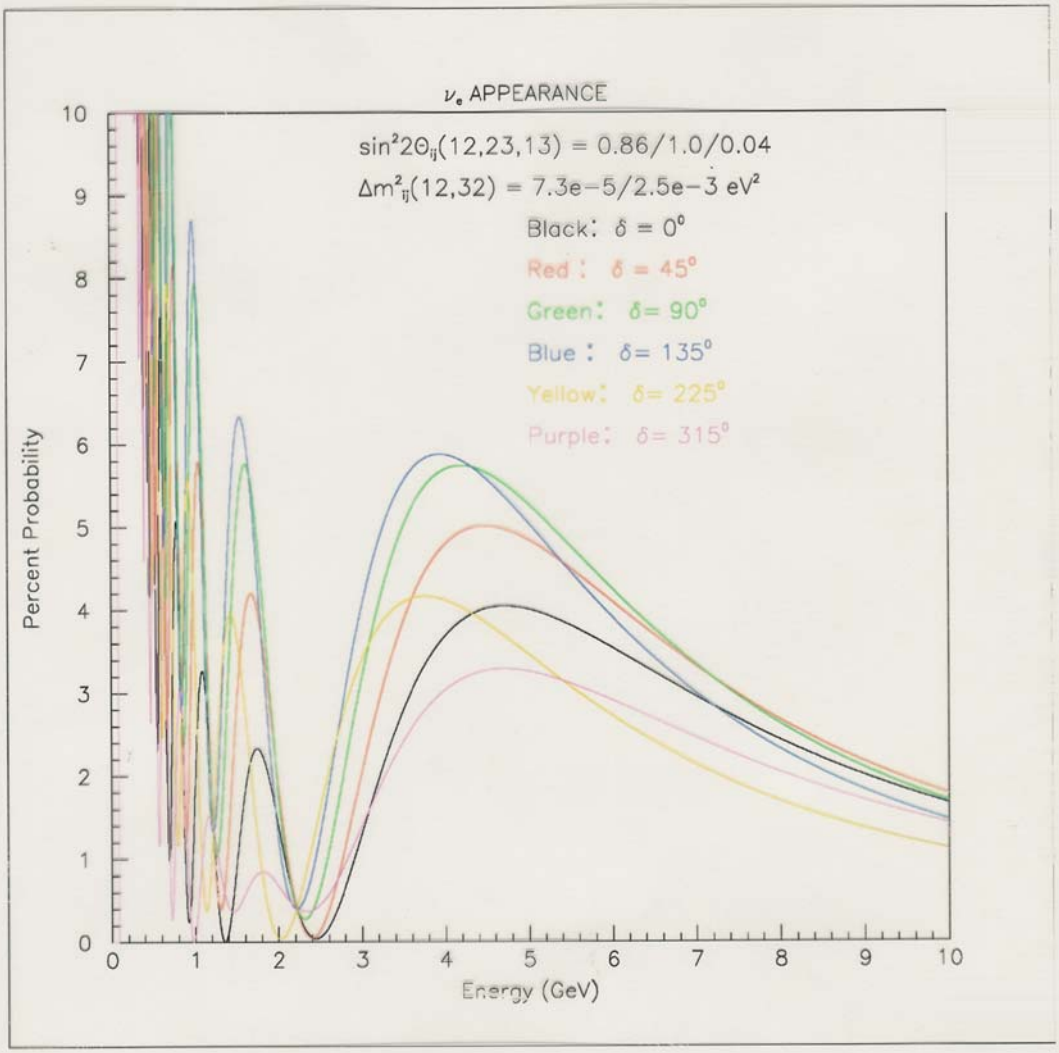
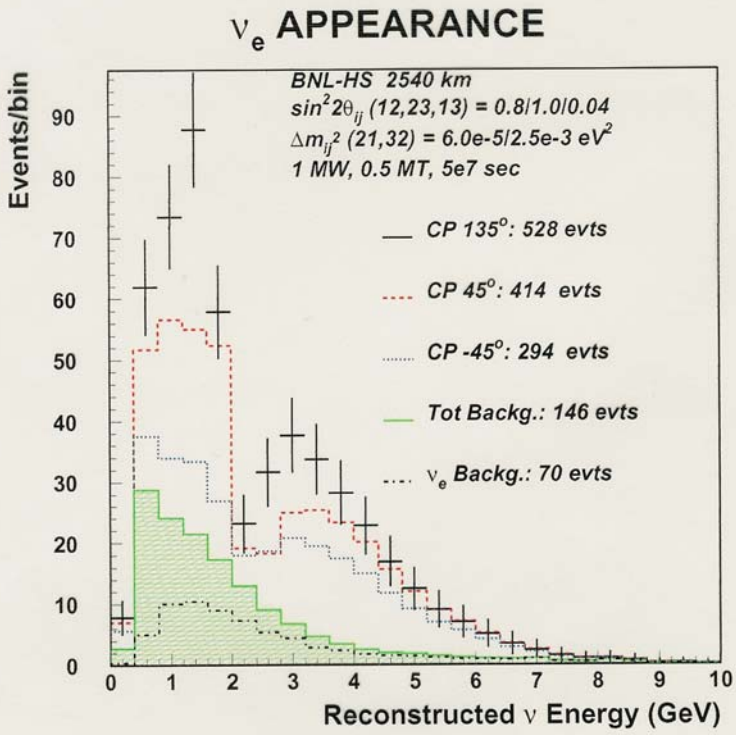


[E 0 to 10 GeV]

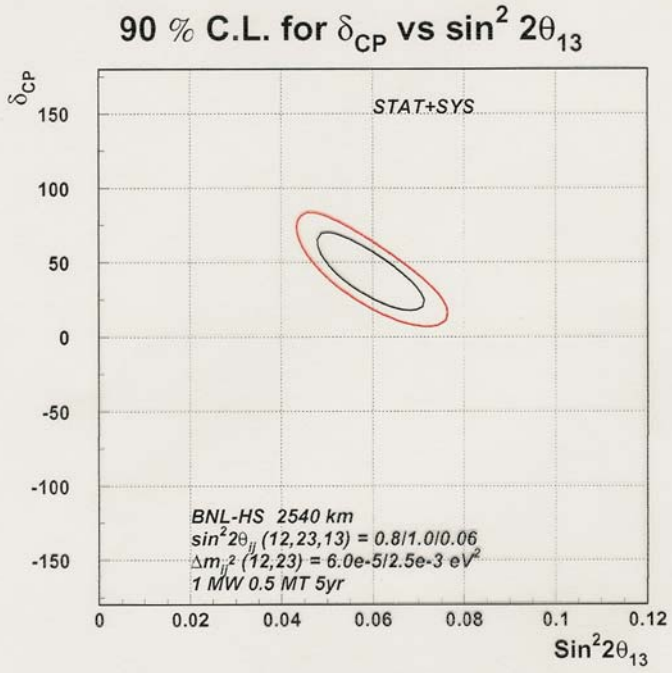
δ_{CP} Measurement. BNL-to-HS, 2540 km, 1 MW, 500kT, 5×10^7 sec



CP parameter can be determined from only neutrino data.

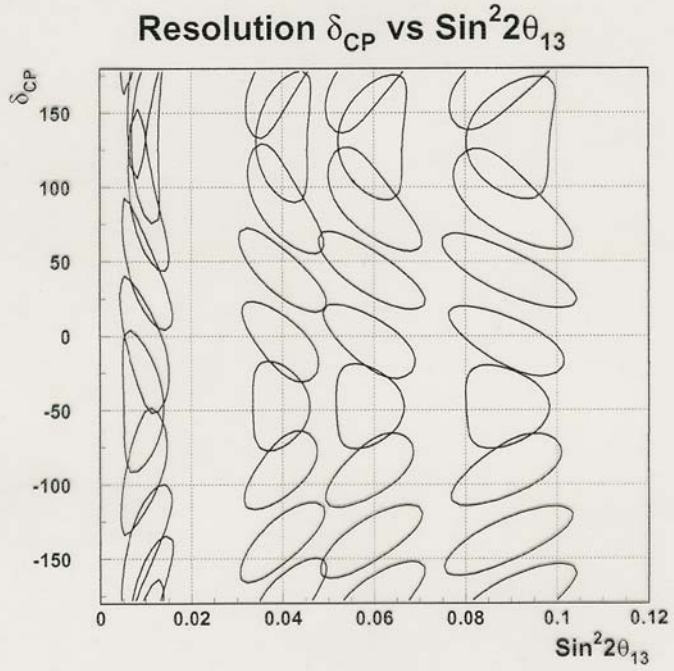
Good background subtraction can help.

Measurement of $\delta_{CP} = 45^o$ No anti-neutrino running.



Systematic error of 10% on backg.
$\Delta m^2_{21} = 6 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$, $\Delta m^2_{31} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.8$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$
$\delta_{CP} = 45^o$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.06$
68%, and 90% C.L.

Error on δ_{CP} vs $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

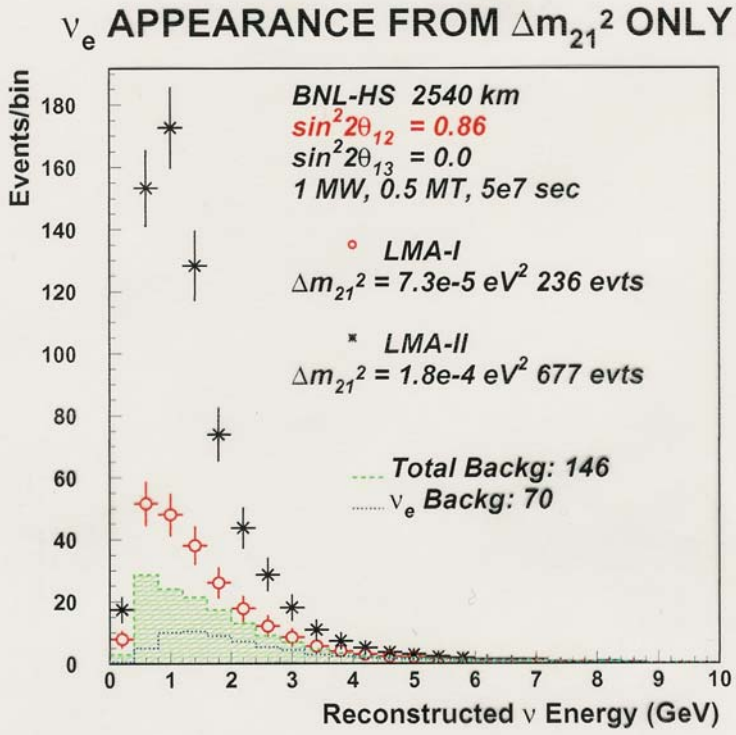


Assume all other parameters are well-known.

$\Delta m^2_{21} = 6 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$, $\Delta m^2_{31} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$

$\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.8$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$

Measurement of Δm^2_{12}



$\theta_{13} = 0$, $\Delta m^2_{12} = 7.3 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$

Excess of ~ 90 events. Must know background

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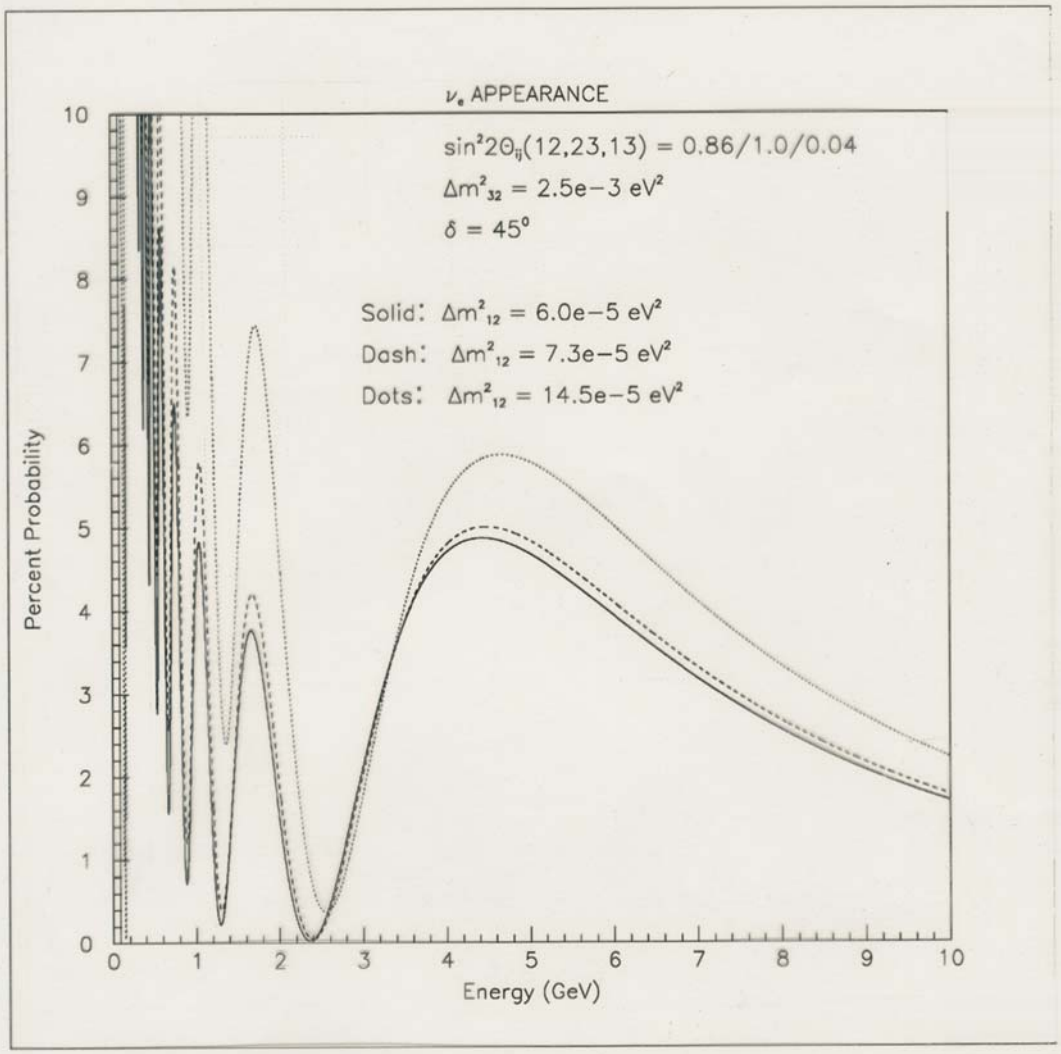

Outlook

We have shown: 1MW AGS + 500 kton H_2O Detector

$L \simeq$ 2000 - 3000 km

(Homestake, WIPP, Henderson)

$\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu, \nu_e \rightarrow$ Measure: $\Delta m^2_{ij}, \theta_{ij}, \delta \ldots$ (May do $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ as well)

Detector (Work with UNO Collaboration + Others)

Cost $\simeq$ 300 - 500 Million

R+D to Reduce

Note: 50yr Physics Facility ($\nu_p, \nu \ldots$)

Could Start Soon!

AGS Upgrade (see study) Straightforward 0.14MW → 1MW, 1MW → 2MW

Neutrino Beam Hill better than Hole (Cheaper, Cleaner)

Study Continues (Backgrounds etc.)

Best Idea for ν Future (No real competition)

An Idea Whose Time Has Come (Straightforward)

Should be supported + pursued!

Accelerator Based Experiments in the USA

FNAL

- CDF & DØ
- MiniBOONE
- MINOS
- BTeV
- CKM
- Off-Axis ν

} Future 2008 →

SLAC

- BaBar
- Pol. e^-e^-
- Pol. eD
- Super b?

CESR

- CLEO-C

BNL-AGS

- $g_\mu - 2$
- $K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- MECO ($\mu N \to e^- N$)
- KOPIO ($K_L \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$)
- VLB ν osc.
- EDM

} Future 2008 →

Future BNL Program is an Essential Component!