

DAYA BAY REACTOR ANTINEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

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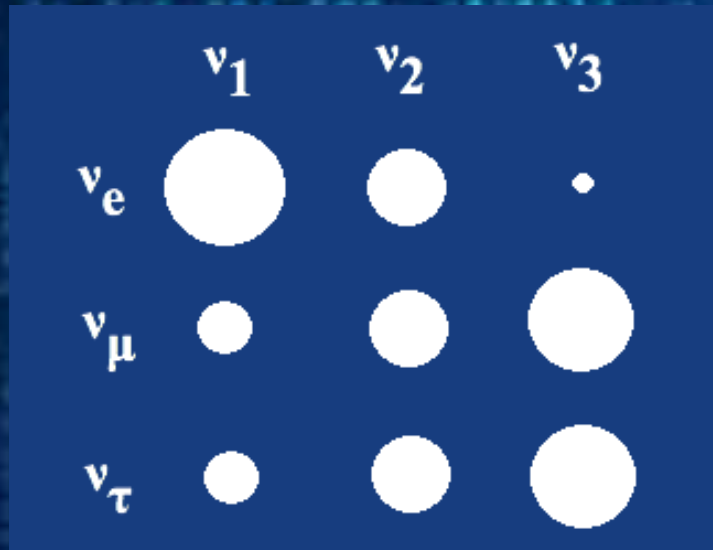


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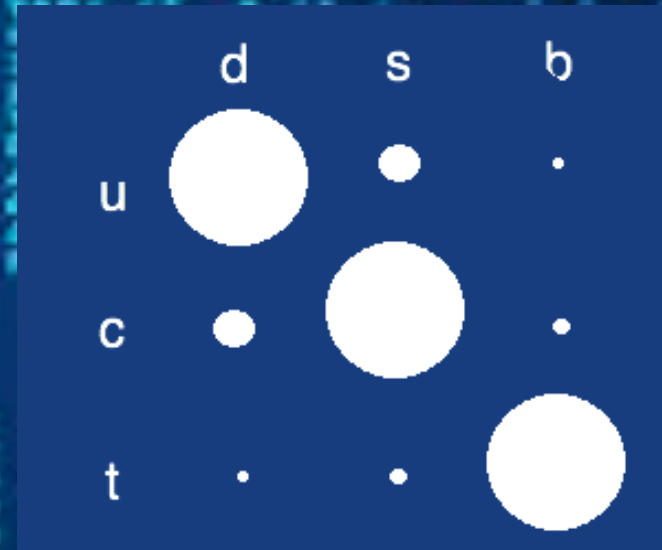
Flavor mixing

Mass eigenstate \neq weak interaction eigenstate

NEUTRINO
PMNS MATRIX

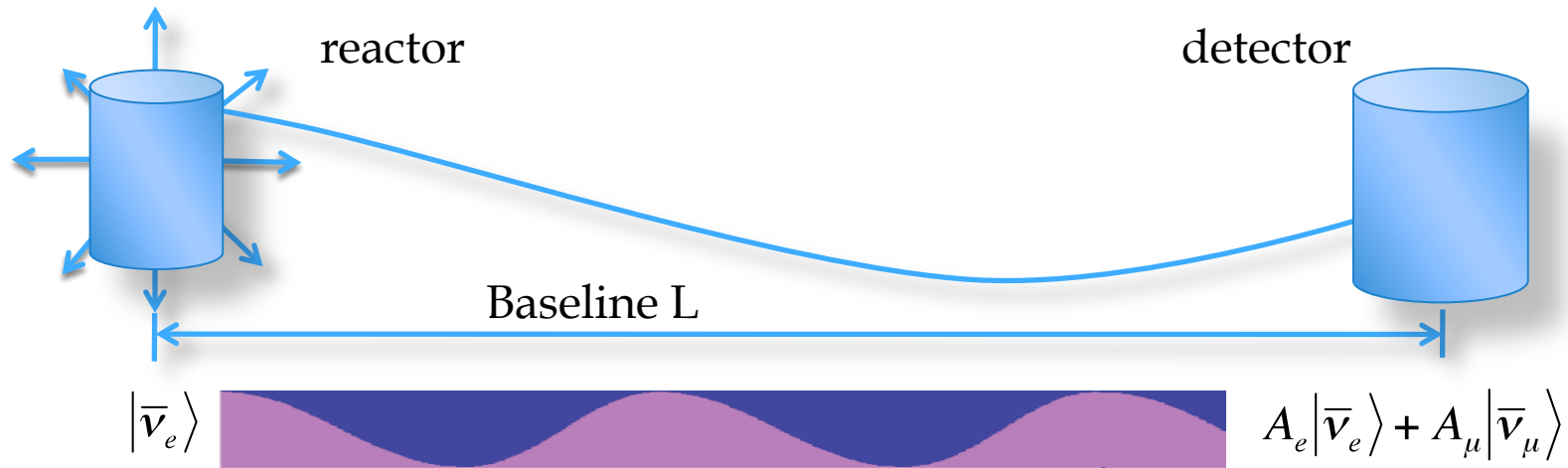


QUARK
CKM MATRIX



PMNS matrix : lepton version of CKM matrix

Neutrino Mass and Mixing



$$|\bar{\nu}_e\rangle = \cos\theta|\bar{\nu}_1\rangle + \sin\theta|\bar{\nu}_2\rangle$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = |A_e|^2 = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

Mass eigenstates: $\bar{\nu}_1$ $\bar{\nu}_2$

Mass squared difference: $\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2$

Neutrino oscillation requires that neutrinos have:

1. Flavor mixing
2. Finite non-degenerate mass

Neutrino oscillation

- PMNS matrix:

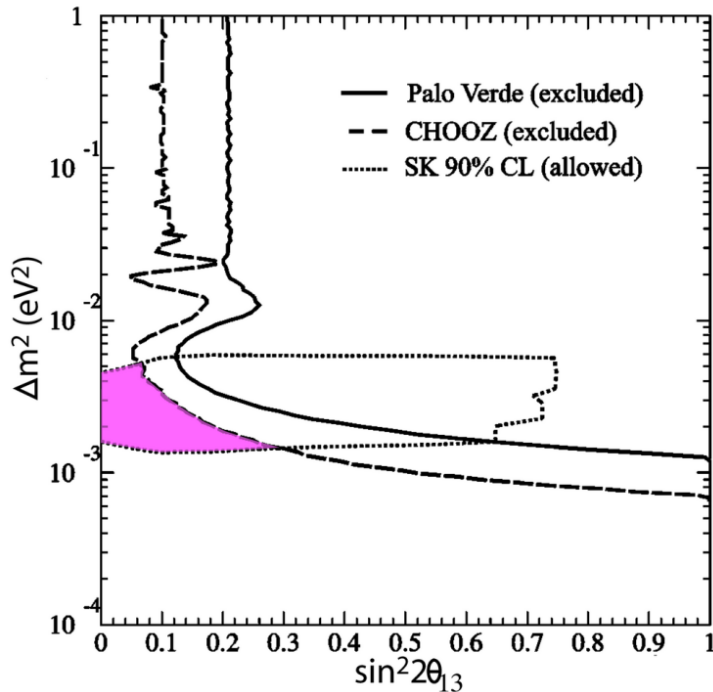
$$U = \begin{matrix} \theta_{23} \text{ and } |\Delta m_{32}^2| \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \theta_{13} \\ \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \theta_{12} \text{ and } \Delta m_{21}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \text{Majorana CPV phases} \\ \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Atmospheric Cross-Mixing Solar Majorana CPV phases
 $\theta \sim 45^\circ$ $\theta \sim 34^\circ$ $0\nu\beta\beta$

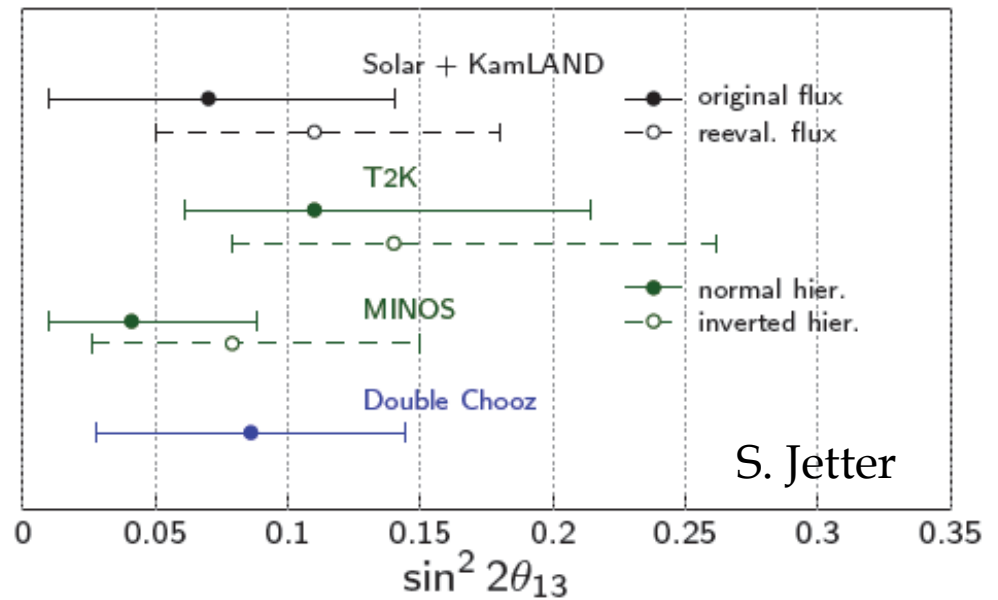
- θ_{13} was the last unknown mixing angle.
- θ_{13} is the gate way to δ_{CP} measurement.

Direct Measurement of θ_{13}

- Before the Daya Bay experiment was proposed(2003), the best limit was given by Chooz.



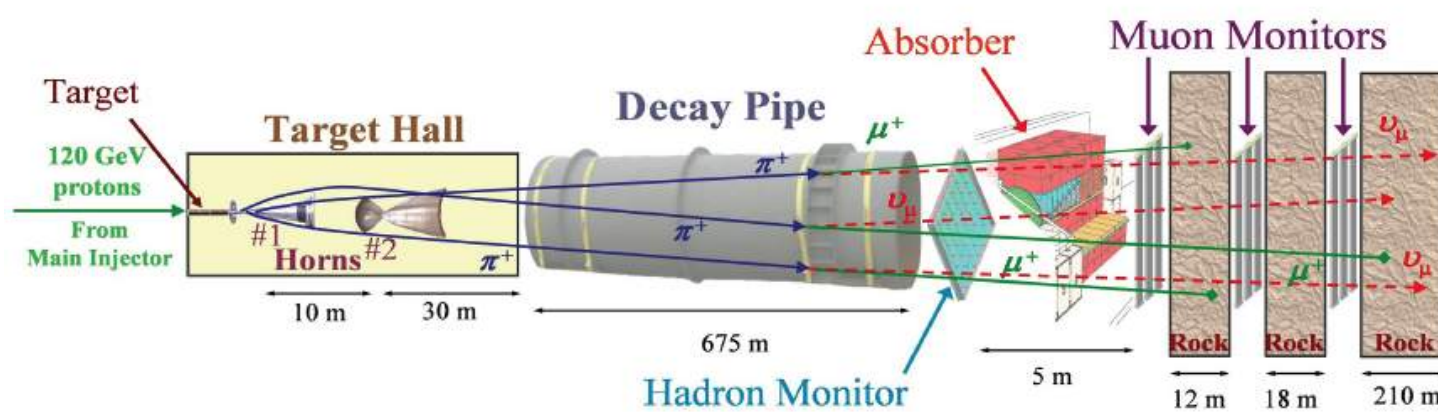
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.12$ @ 90% C.L.
if $\Delta M^2_{23} = 0.0024 \text{ eV}^2$



- In 2011, there were hints of a non-zero θ_{13} , but no more than 2.5σ from zero.

Approaches of θ_{13} Measurements

- Accelerator neutrino appearance experiment

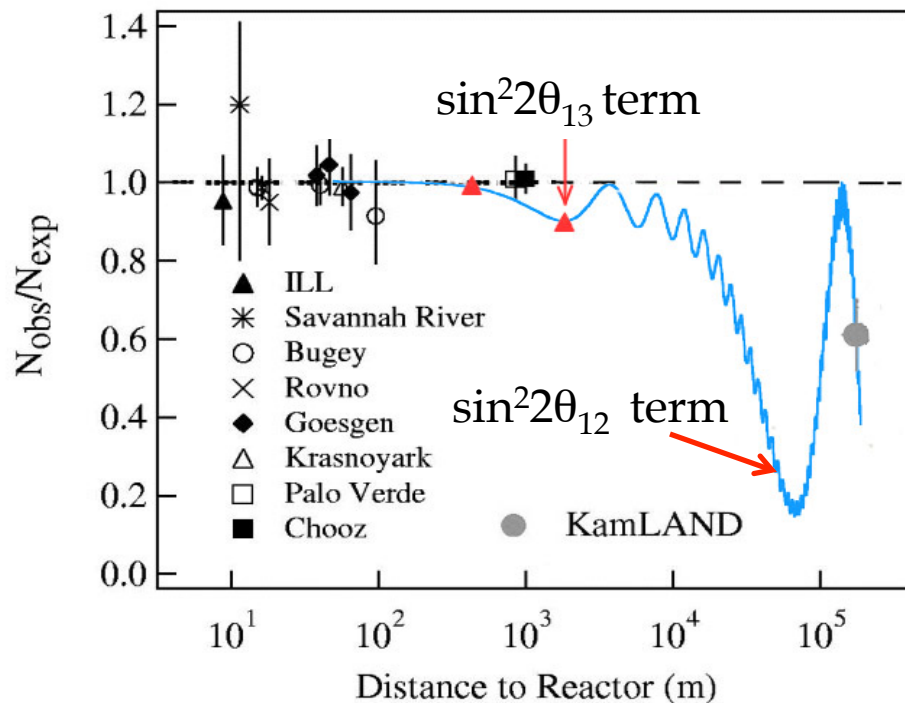


- Neutrino sources: more than one flavor
- Signal: ν_e CC, with ν_α NC, CC background
- Oscillation probability:

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) + \text{terms}(\delta, \Delta m_{32}^2, \text{matter effect})$$

Approaches of θ_{13} Measurements

▣ Reactor neutrino disappearance experiment

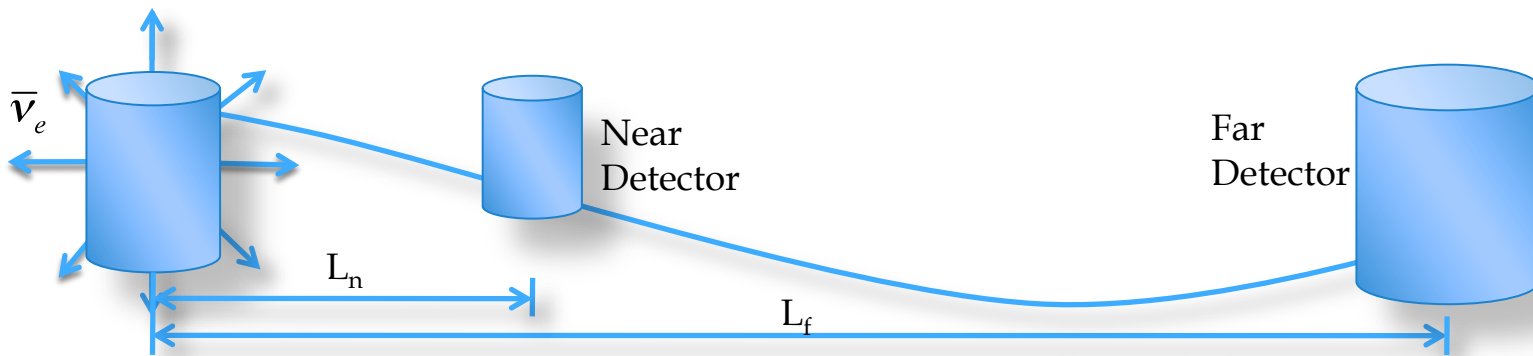


- Neutrino sources: pure electron antineutrinos
- Signal: inverse beta-decay
- Oscillation probability: only $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ was previously unknown

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right) + \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

Precise Measurement of θ_{13} at Reactors

- Reactor flux: largest uncertainty source in previous reactor experiments.
- Near/Far relative measurement**



$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left(\frac{N_{P,f}}{N_{P,n}} \right) \left(\frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left(\frac{P_{sur}(E, L_f)}{P_{sur}(E, L_n)} \right)$$

Ratio of Measured Rates Ratio of proton Number Ratio of Detector Efficiency $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

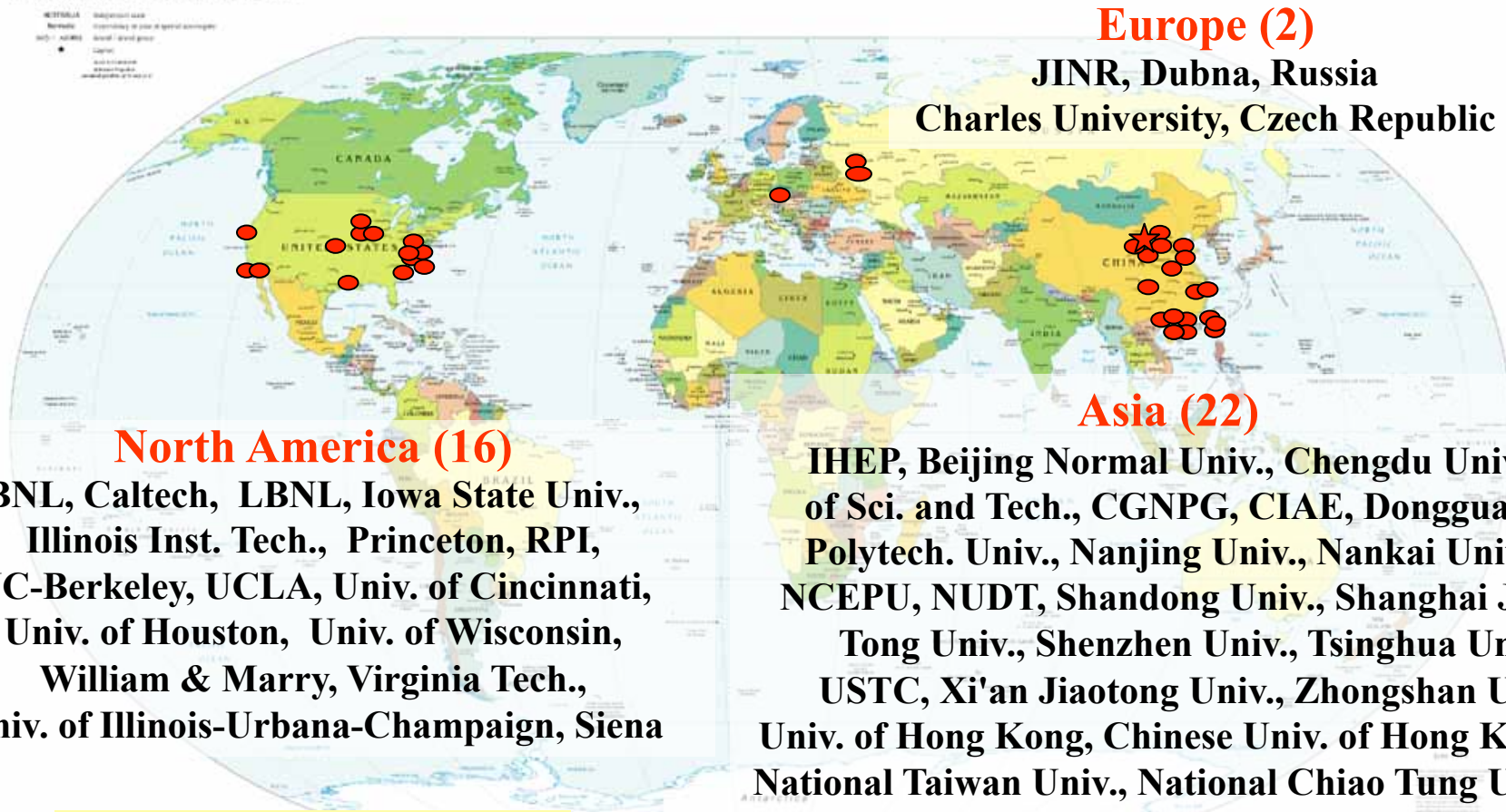
*Near/far relative measurement:
Mikaelyan and Sinev,
Hep-ex/9908047*

Proposed Reactor Experiments



The Daya Bay Collaboration

Political Map of the World, June 1999



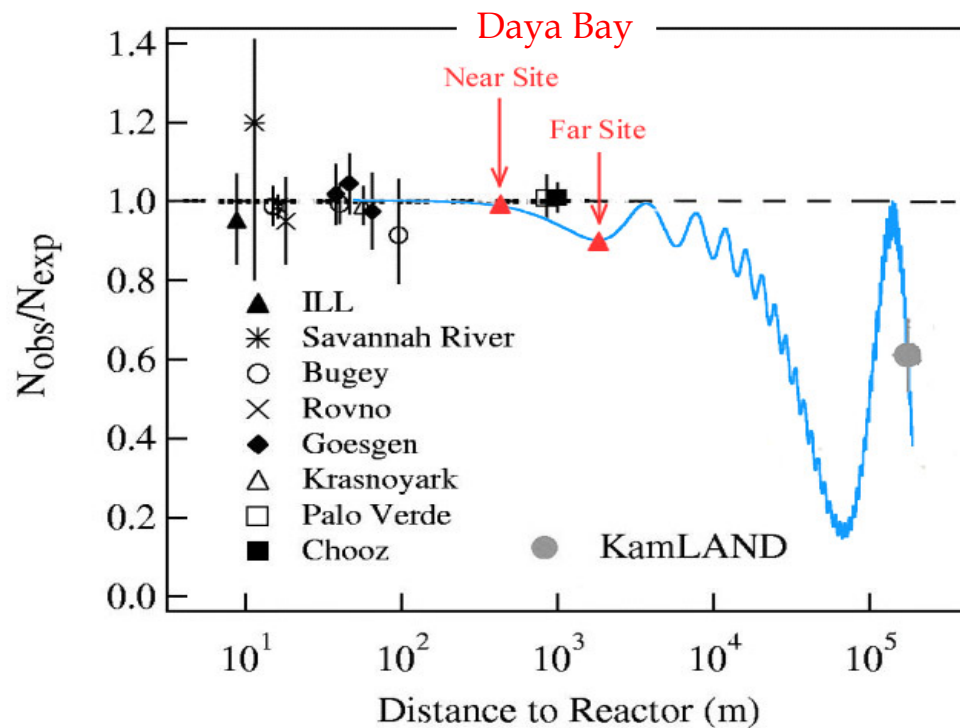
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Daya Bay Experiment Design

- ▣ High statistics: 6 reactor cores, $17.6\text{GW}_{\text{th}}$
- ▣ Strong cosmic ray suppression: good mountain shielding

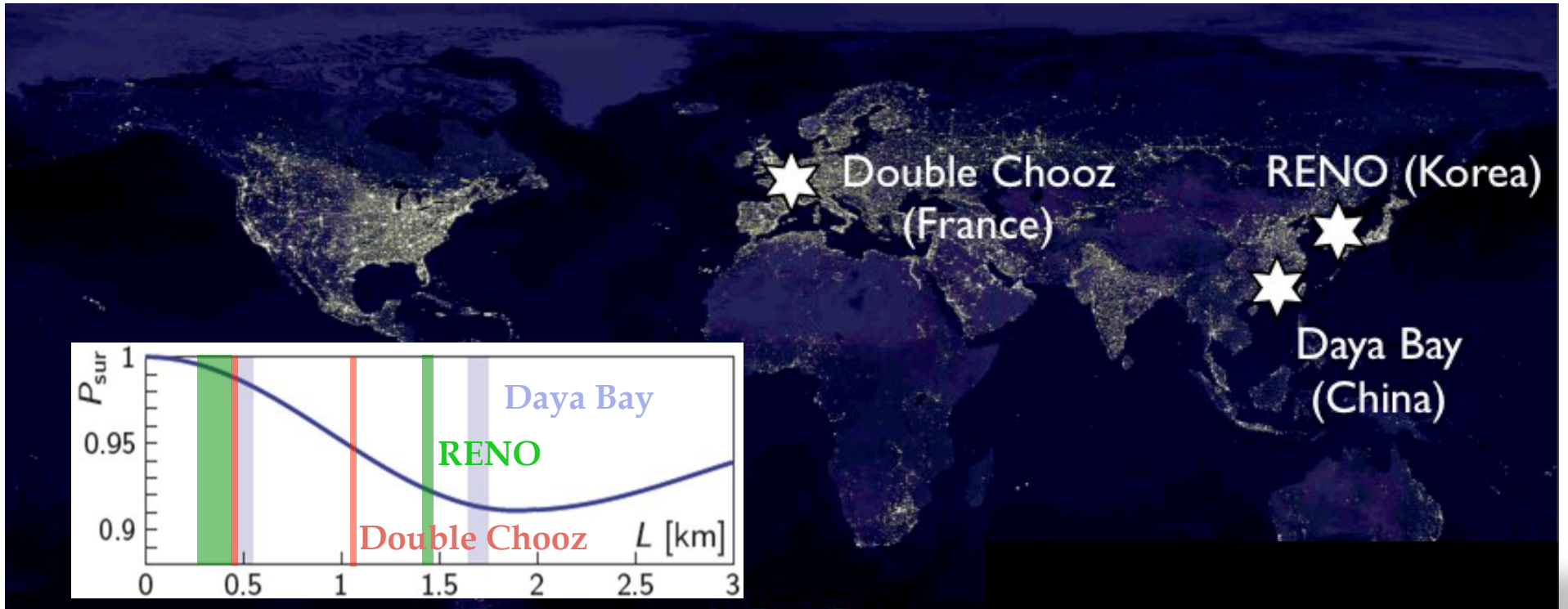


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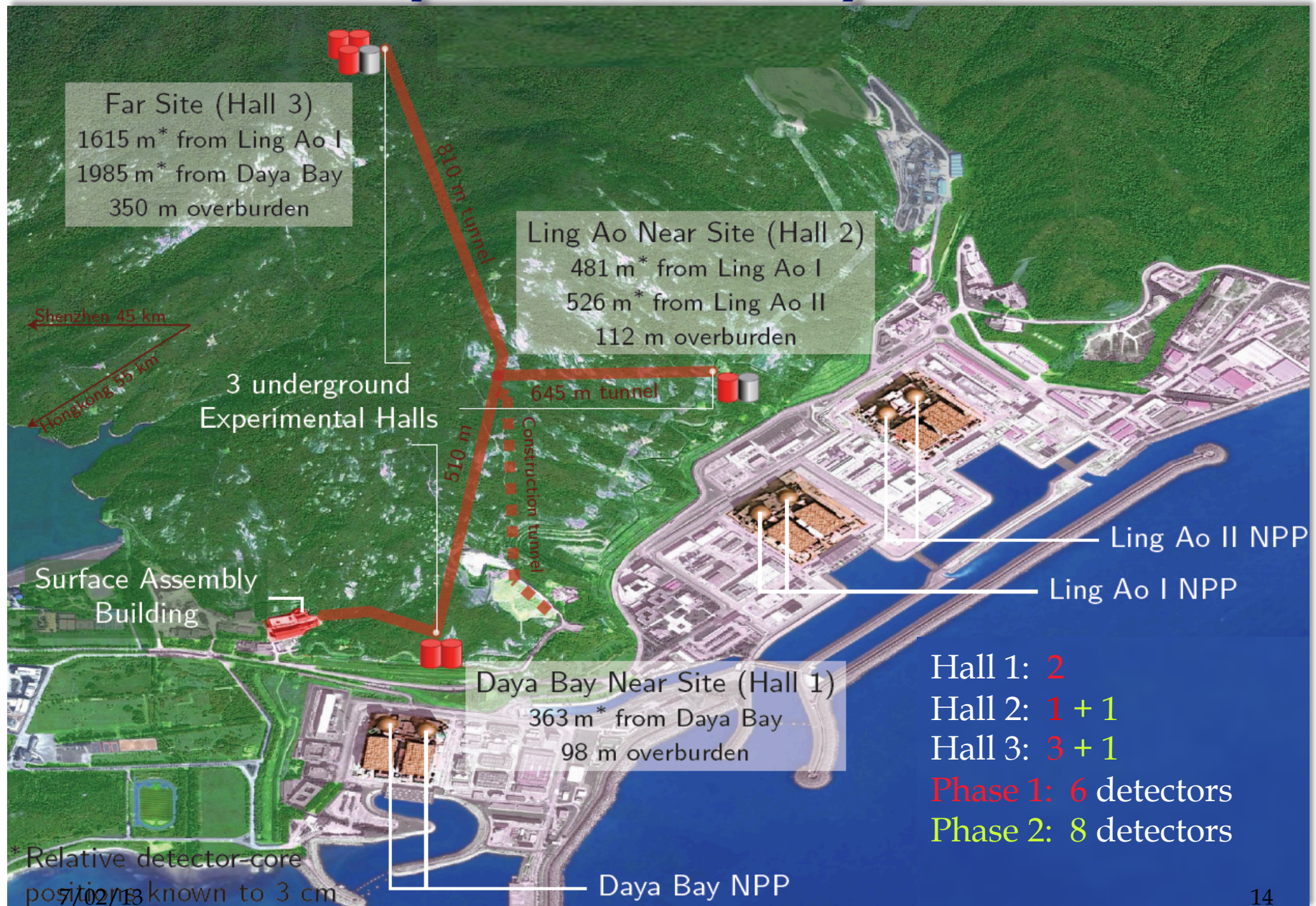
$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left(\frac{N_{P,f}}{N_{P,n}} \right) \left(\frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left(\frac{P_{sur}(E, L_f)}{P_{sur}(E, L_n)} \right)$$

- ▣ **Baseline optimization:** P_f/P_n
 - Near site detector location: a few hundred meters; almost no oscillation.
 - Far site detector location: oscillation maximum (~1.8km) due to $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ term.
- ▣ ϵ_f/ϵ_n : functionally **'identical' detectors**
- ▣ L_n/L_f : baseline uncertainty is negligible. Precise survey (<0.02%).
- ▣ $N_{p,f}/N_{p,n}$: detector target materials produced in the same batch (<0.015%).



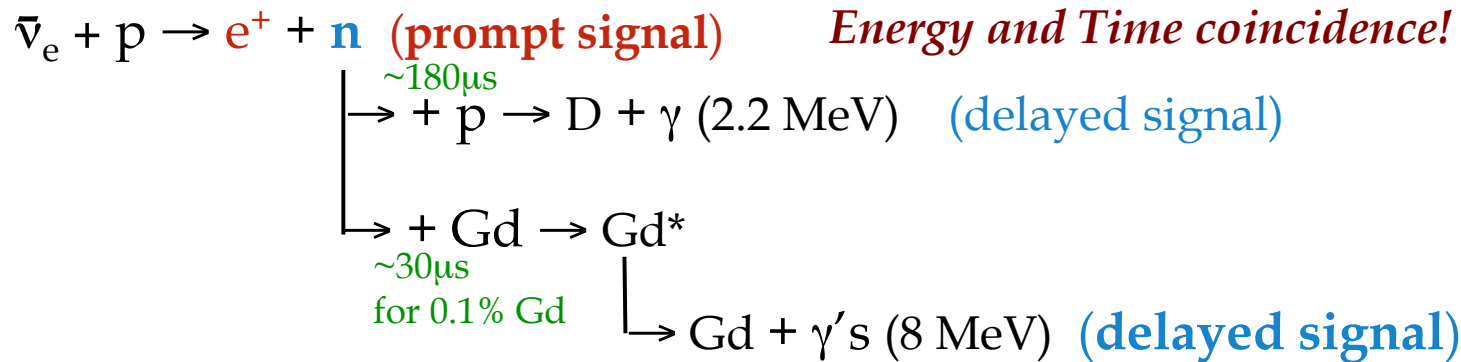
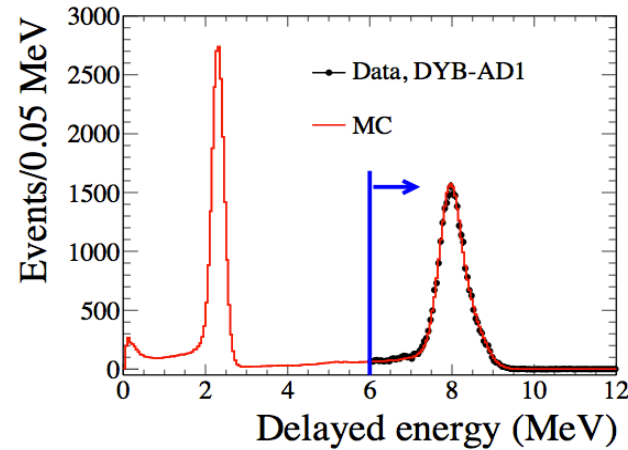
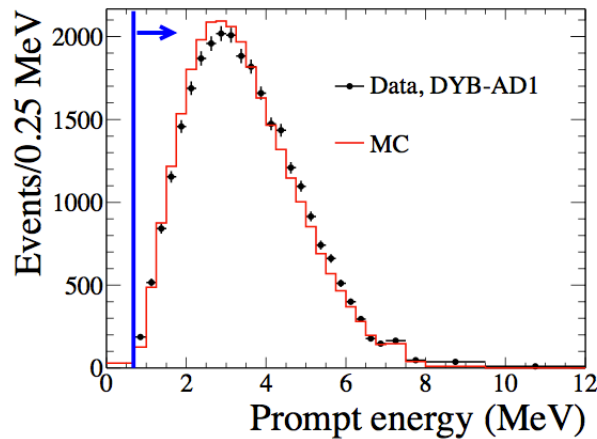
| | Thermal Power (GW) | Mass (Tons) | Near | | Far | | $\sigma_{sys.}$ |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | | Distance (m) | Depth (m.w.e.) | Distance (m) | Depth (m.w.e.) | |
| Double Chooz | 8.5 | 2x8 | 400 | 120 | 1050 | 300 | 0.025 |
| RENO | 16.5 | 2x16 | 290 | 120 | 1380 | 450 | 0.019 |
| Daya Bay | 17.4 | 8(6)x20 | 363 &481 | 250 &265 | 1985 &1615 | 860 | 0.005 |

Experiment Layout



Antineutrino Detection

- ▣ Inverse beta decay interaction (IBD)
 - In Gd-doped Liquid Scintillator (Gd-LS) Detector



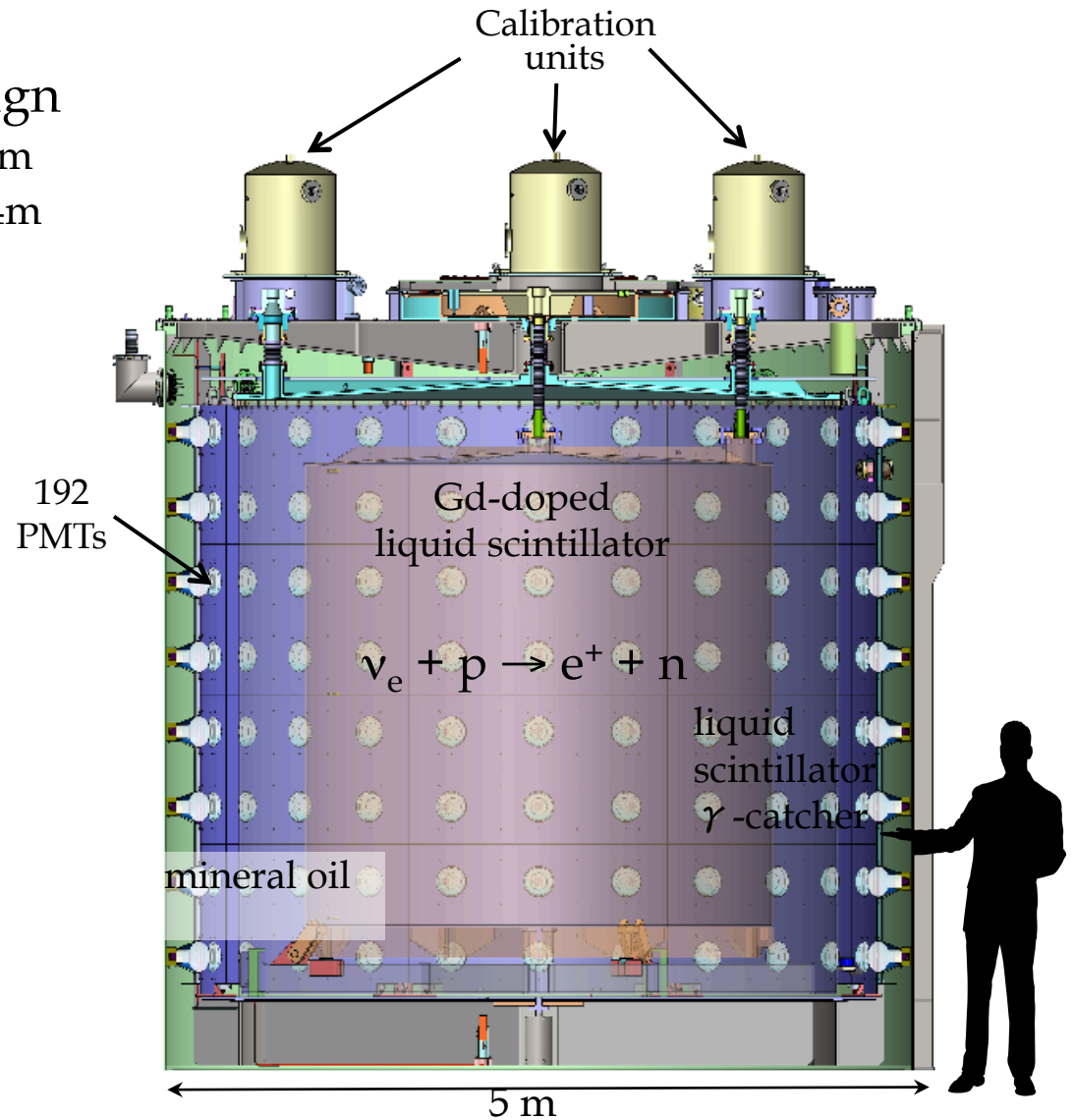
$$E_\nu \approx T_{e^+} + T_n + (m_n - m_p) + m_{e^+} \approx T_{e^+} + 1.8 \text{ MeV} \qquad T_n: \sim 10\text{-}40 \text{ keV}$$

Antineutrino Detector

- ▣ Three-zone cylindrical design
 - Inner acrylic vessel: $\Phi 3\text{m} \times H3\text{m}$
 - Outer acrylic vessel: $\Phi 4\text{m} \times H4\text{m}$
 - Steel vessel: $\Phi 5\text{m} \times H5\text{m}$

| 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 | 40 t | Mineral Oil | Radiation shielding |

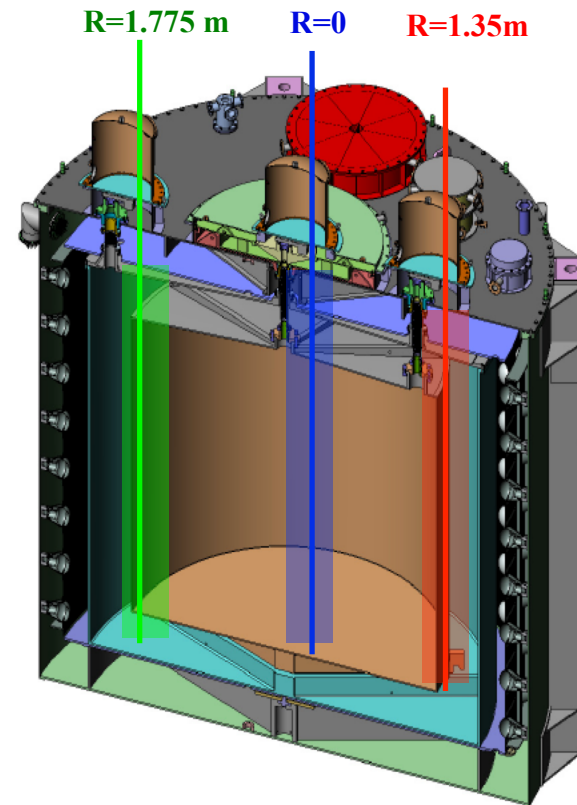
- ▣ Top and bottom reflectors
 - Increase light coverage
- ▣ Energy resolution
 - $\sigma_E/E \sim 7.5\%/VE$



Calibration Units

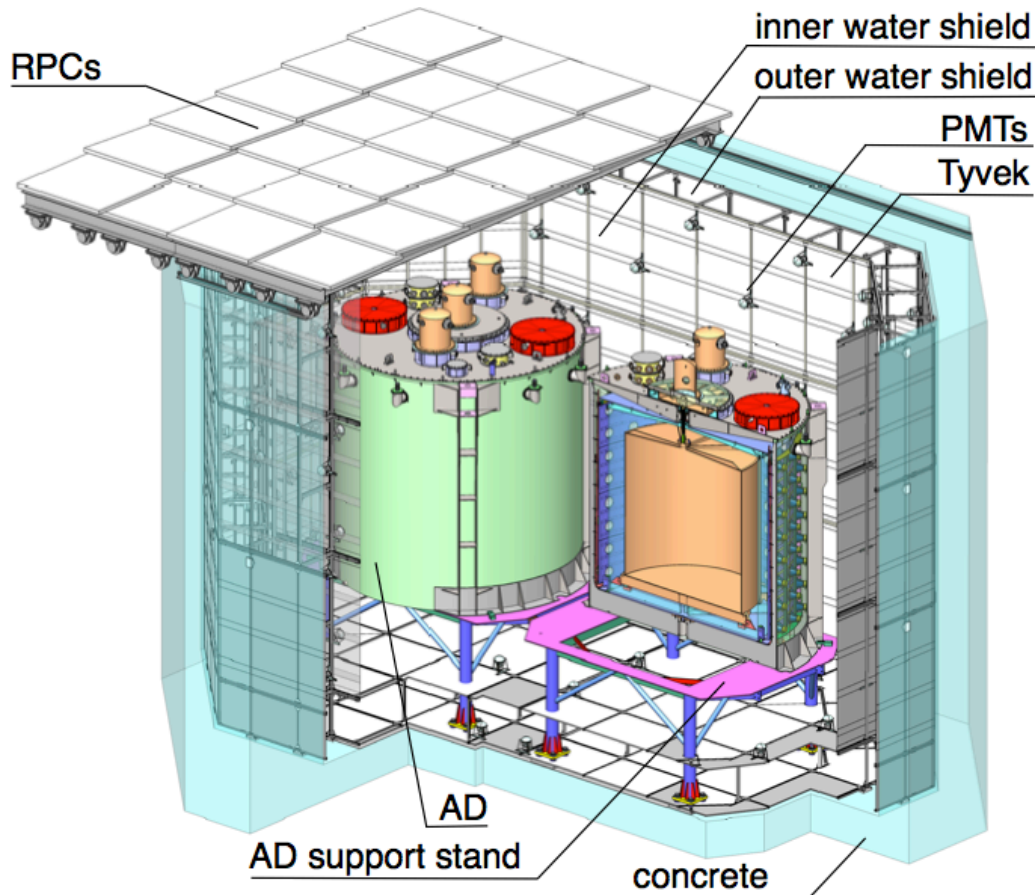
- ▣ Key to reduce detector-related systematic uncertainties ('identical' detectors)
- ▣ Three sources for each Z-axis on a turntable
 - 10 Hz ^{68}Ge
 - 0.5Hz ^{241}Am - ^{13}C
+ 100Hz ^{60}Co
 - LED diffuser ball
- ▣ Also use spallation neutrons and α s in detectors
 - Uniformity, etc.

} Energy calibration
(energy scale, linearity, uniformity etc.)
→ PMT calibration



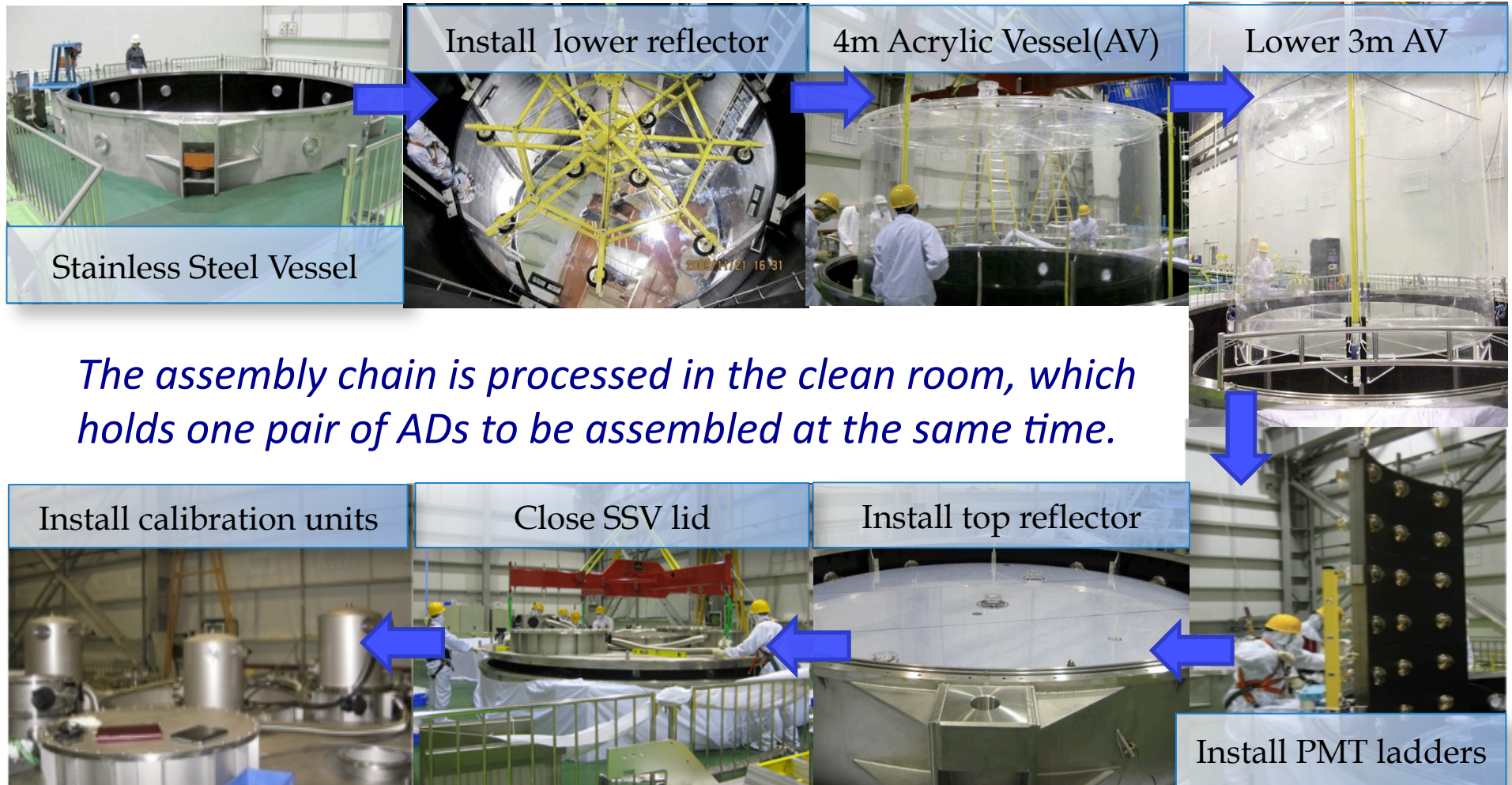
Automated Calibration Units (ACU)

Muon Detector



- ▣ Redundant design
 - Passive shielding
 - $\geq 2.5\text{m}$ water
 - Active muon tagging
 - Surrounding two-layer Water Cherenkov detector
 - Top: 4-layer RPC detector
- ▣ Efficiency
 - Water Cherenkov: $>97\%$
 - RPC: $>88\%$
- ▣ Water system
 - Hall4: water production
 - Re-circulation and purification

Antineutrino Detector Assembly



Detector Filling and Installation

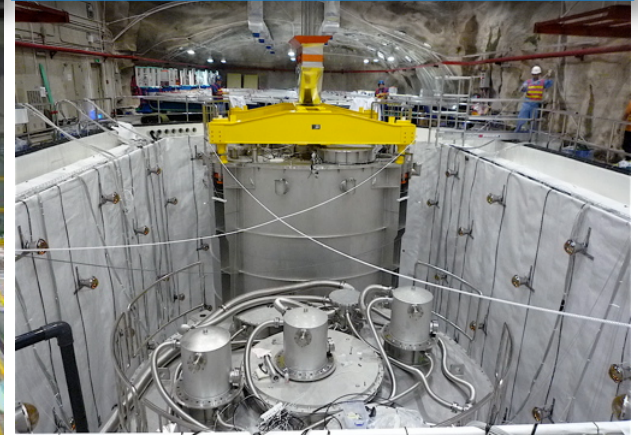
Transport assembled AD to LS Hall from SAB



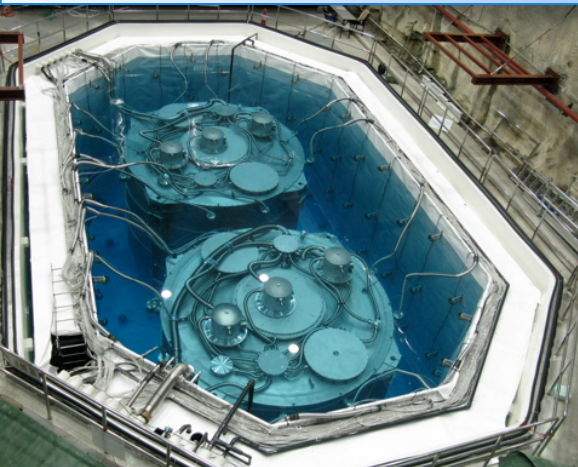
Fill Gd-LS, LS and Mineral oil into AD in LS Hall



Install filled AD into water pool after testing



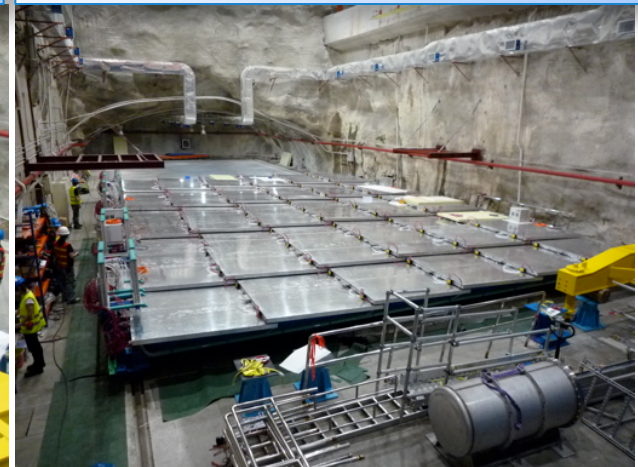
Fill purified water into water pool



Install pool cover



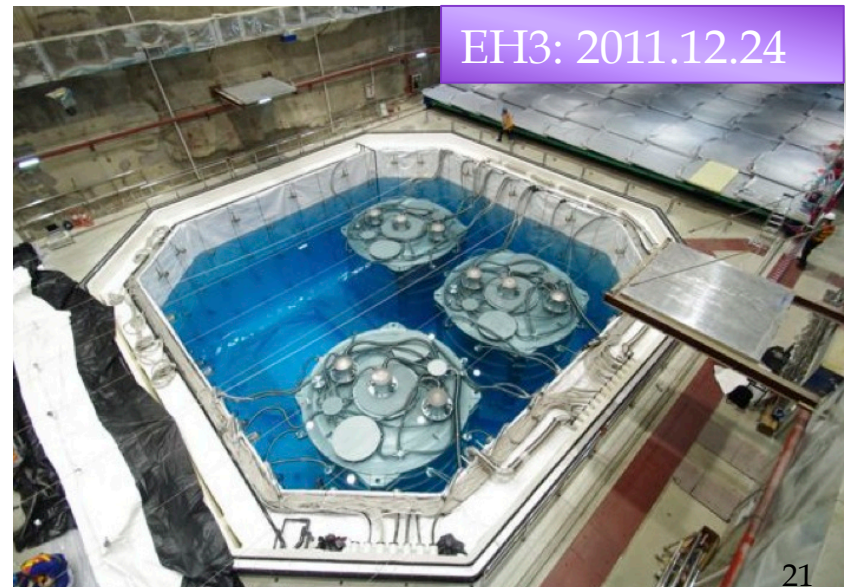
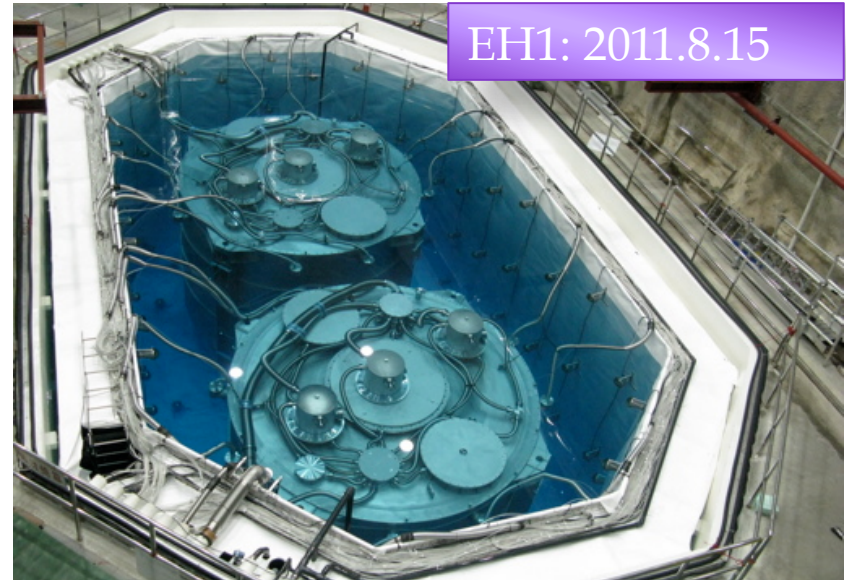
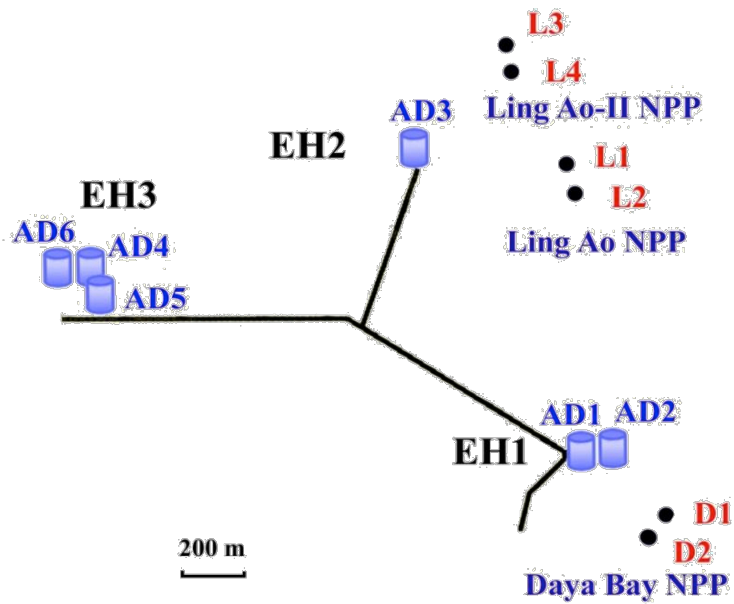
Pull RPC detector onto top of the pool



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Phase 1: 6 ADs at 3 Halls



Data Set

- **I:** 2011.9.23 – 2011.12.23
 - Side-by-side comparison of two ADs in EH1

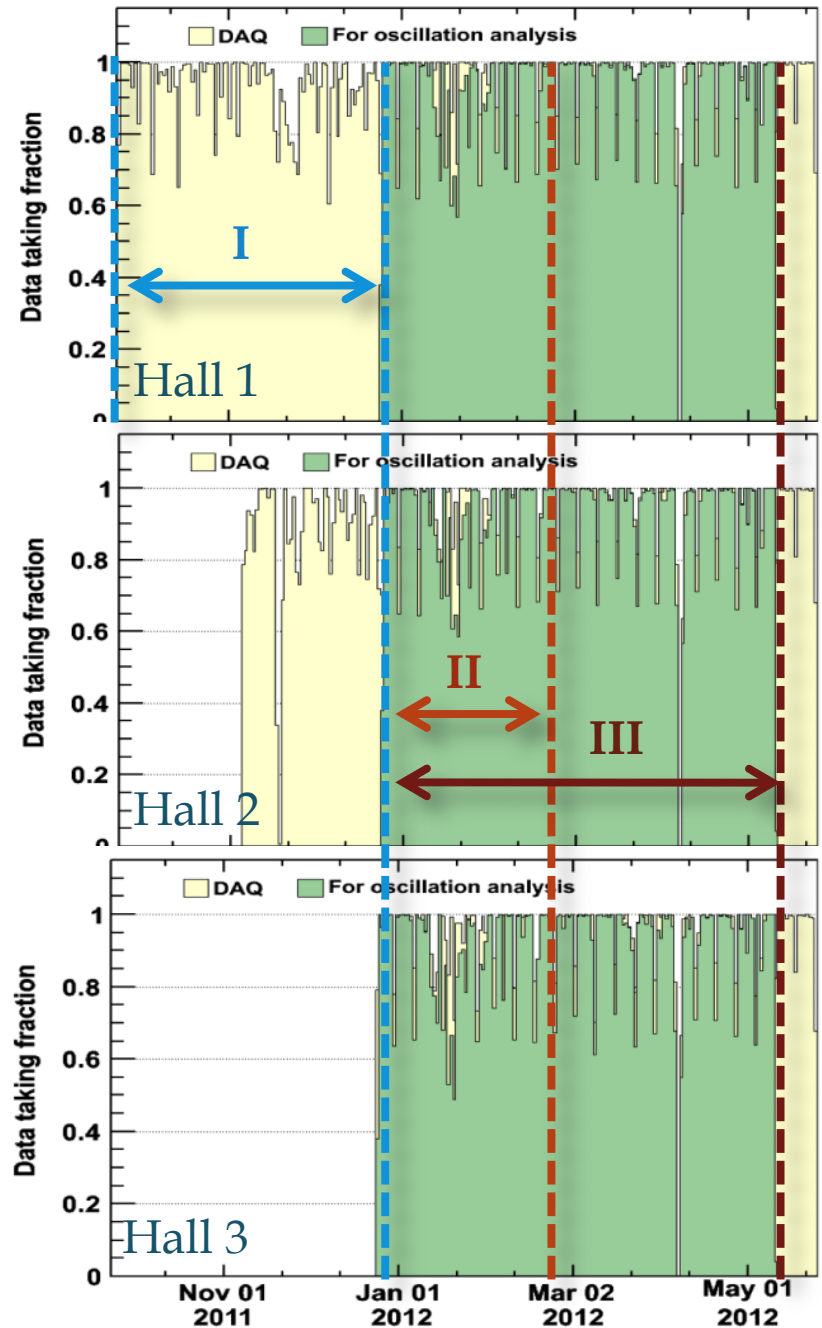
Nucl. Inst. And Meth. A 685, 78 (2012)

- **II:** 2011.12.24 – 2012.2.17
 - First measurement of θ_{13}

Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 171803 (2012)

- **III:** 2012.12.24 – 2012.5.11
 - Improved measurement of θ_{13}

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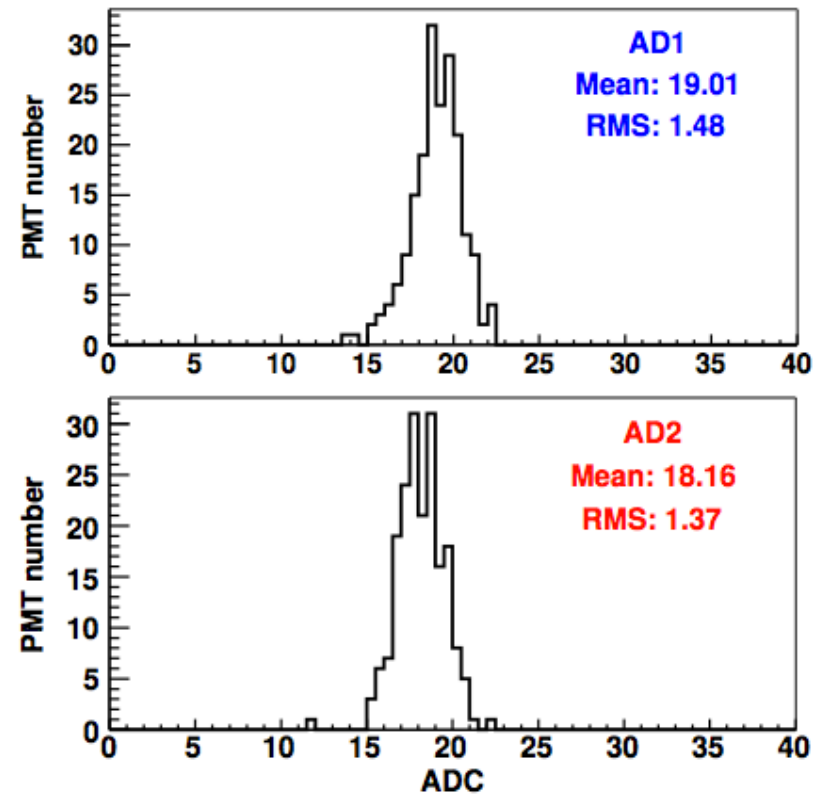
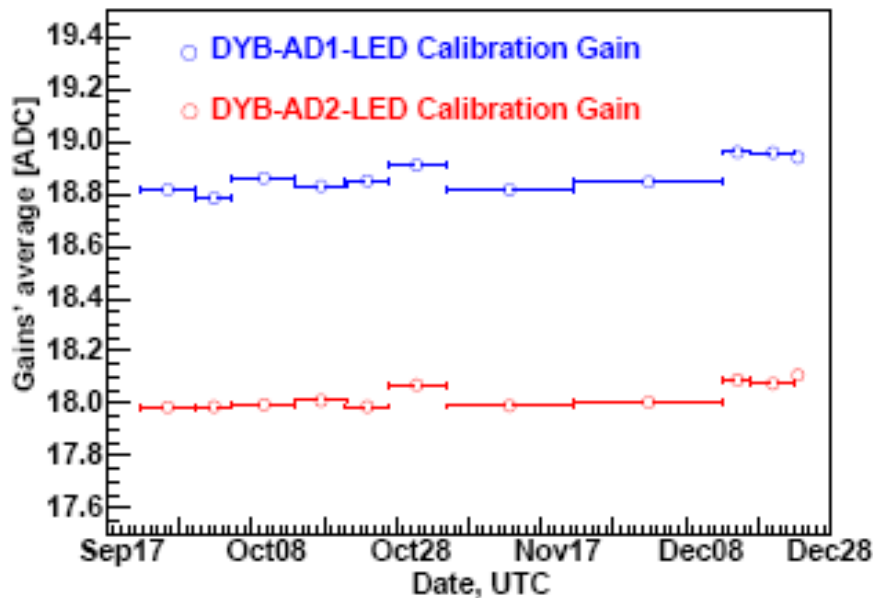


Analysis Strategy

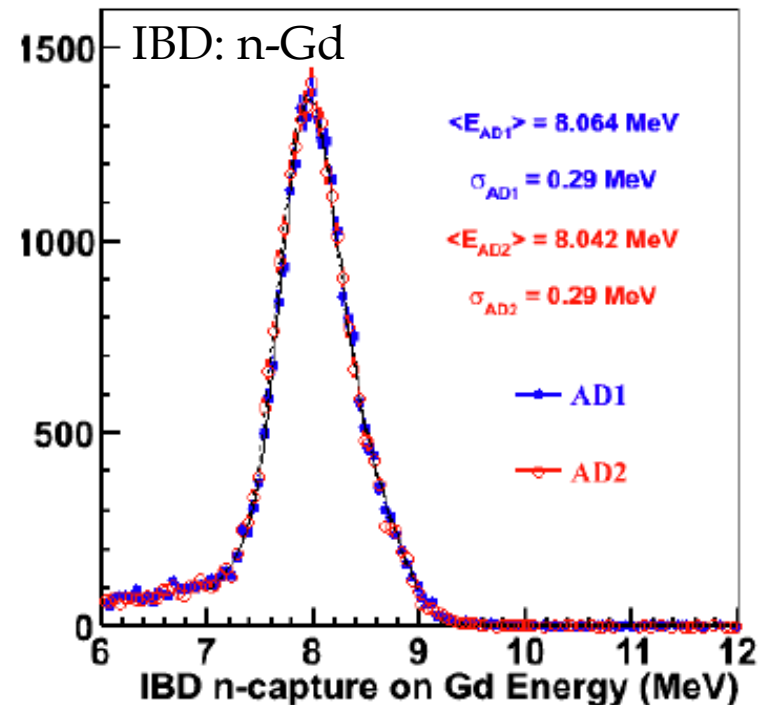
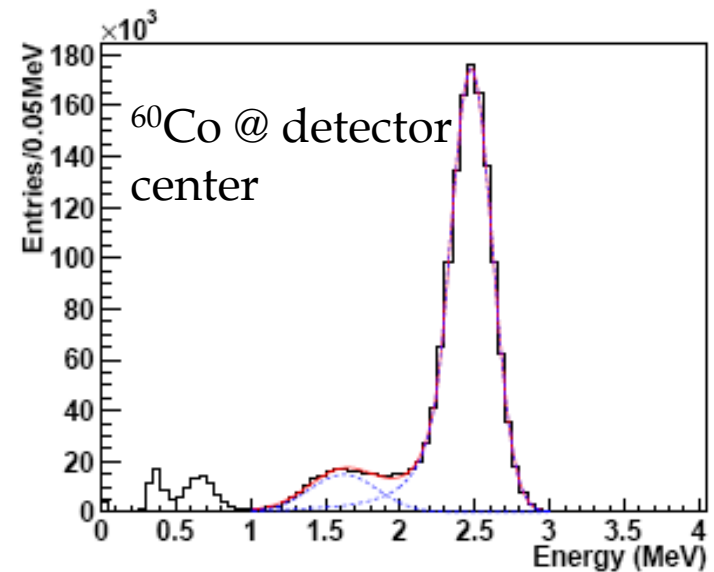
- ▣ **Blind** analysis
 - Reactor flux
 - Baseline
 - Target mass
- ▣ **Multiple** analyses to cross check
- ▣ Differences of multiple analysis
 - Calibration and reconstruction
 - Inverse Beta Decay (IBD) event selection
 - Backgrounds
 - Antineutrino flux prediction
 - Fit methods of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

Calibration & Reconstruction

- ▣ PMT Gain calibration: Low intensity **LEDs**
 - HV is set for a gain @ 1×10^7 , fit s.p.e. spectrum
 - Stability: Gain VS time, depends on Temperature.

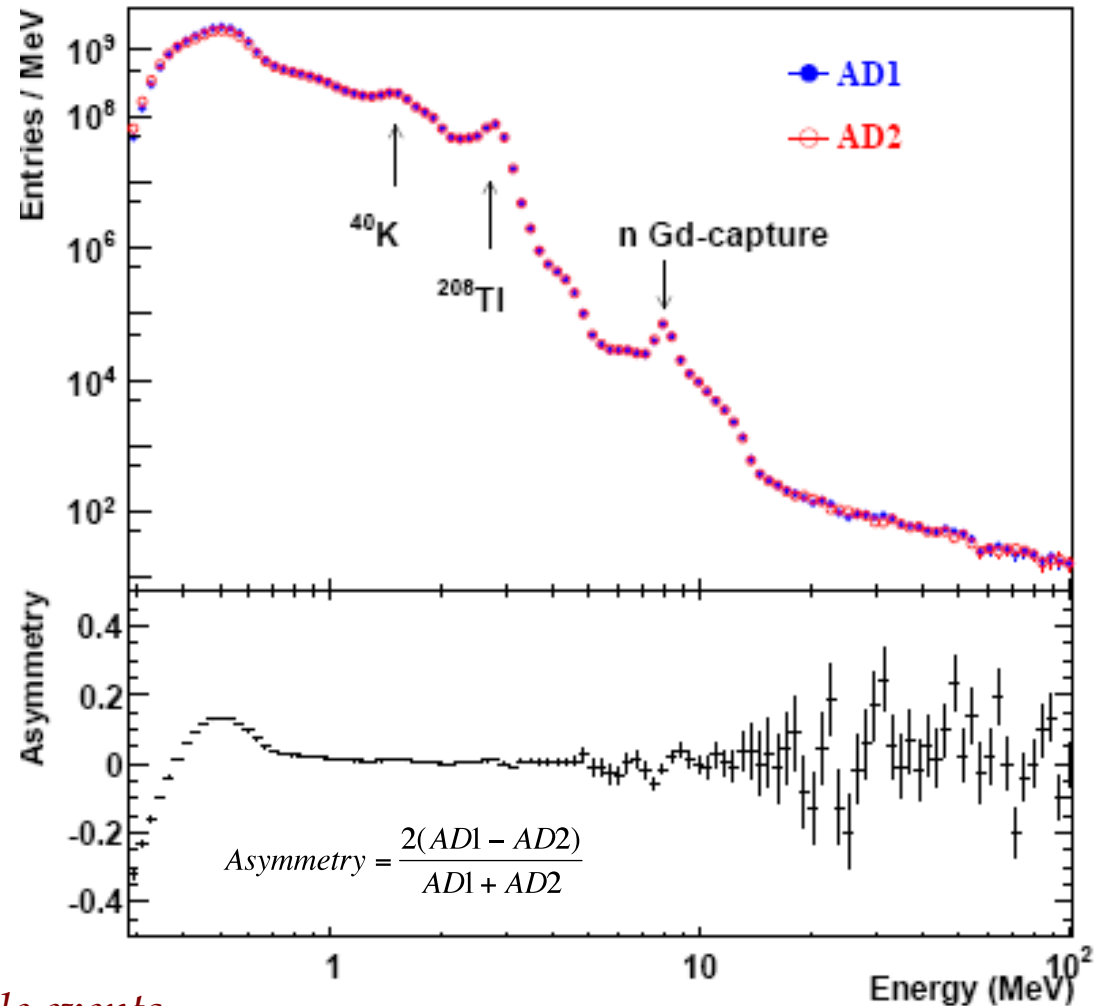


- Energy scale calibration:
 - ^{60}Co at detector center
 - p.e./MeV
 - ^{60}Co at different (R, Z)
 - Space dependence correction
- Nonlinearity correction
 - Energy scale is normalized to neutron capture peak
- Energy scale uncertainty
 - Reconstructed energy: Differences in ADs $<0.5\%$
 - Non-uniformity, non-linearity, time variation: differences in ADs $<0.5\%$



Singles Rate

- ▣ Singles:
 - Trigger on events that $>45\text{PMT} \mid \mid >0.4\text{MeV}$
- ▣ Measured rates:
 - $\sim 60\text{Hz}$ ($>0.7\text{MeV}$)
 - $\sim 40\text{Hz}$ ($>1\text{MeV}$)
- ▣ Rates from simulation:
 - $\sim 5\text{Hz}$ from SSV
 - $\sim 10\text{Hz}$ from LS
 - $\sim 25\text{Hz}$ from PMT
 - $\sim 5\text{Hz}$ from rock



Select IBD events out from the single events

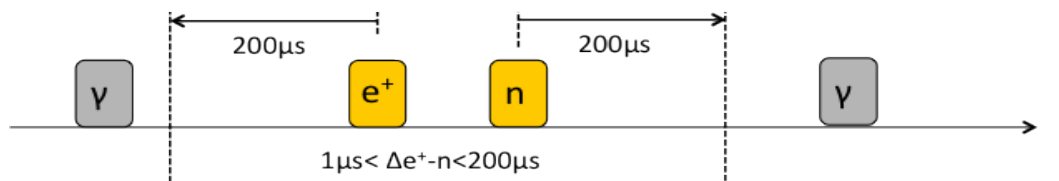
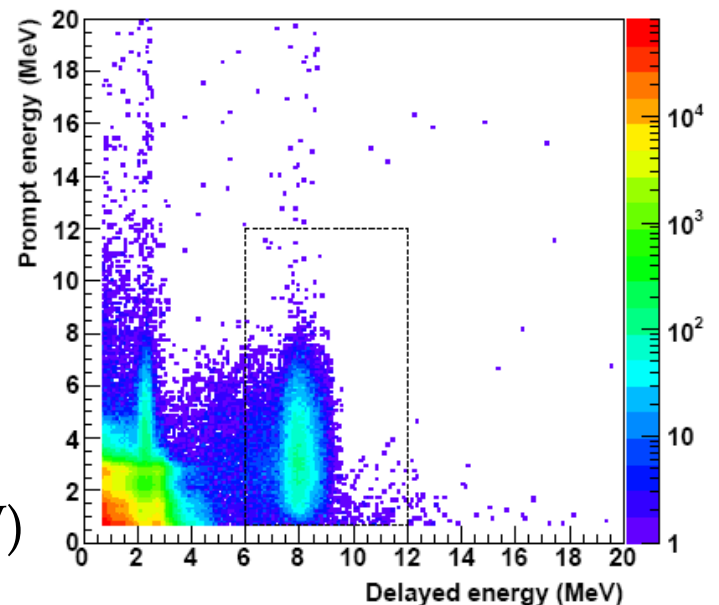
IBD Selection

Pre-selection:

- Reject flashers (imperfect PMT, flashing)
- Reject triggers within $(-2 \mu s, 200 \mu s)$ of a muon tagged by a water pool

IBD events selection:

- $0.7 \text{ MeV} < E_{\text{prompt}} < 12.0 \text{ MeV}$
- $6.0 \text{ MeV} < E_{\text{delayed}} < 12.0 \text{ MeV}$
- $1 \mu s < \Delta t_{e^+-n} < 200 \mu s$
- Muon veto:**
 - 0.6ms after a water pool muon
 - 1ms after an AD muon (20MeV)
 - 1s after an AD shower muon (2.5GeV)
- Multiplicity cut**

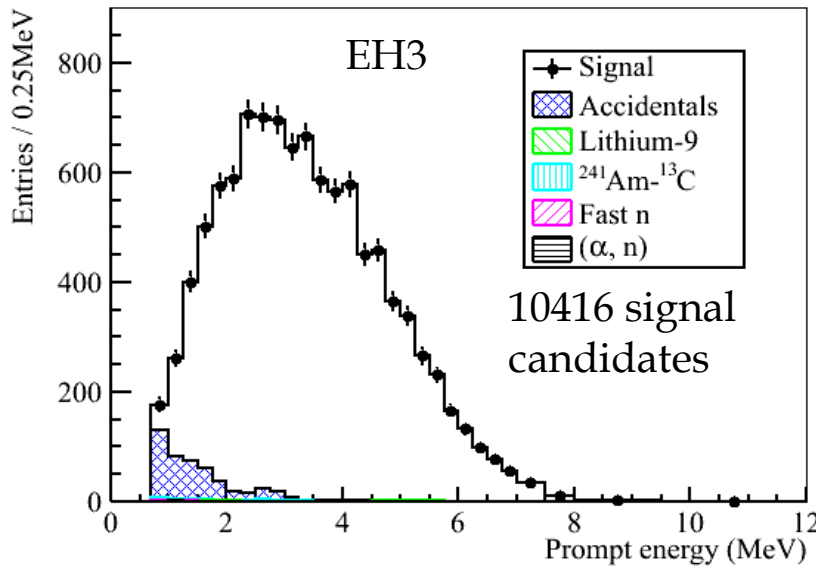
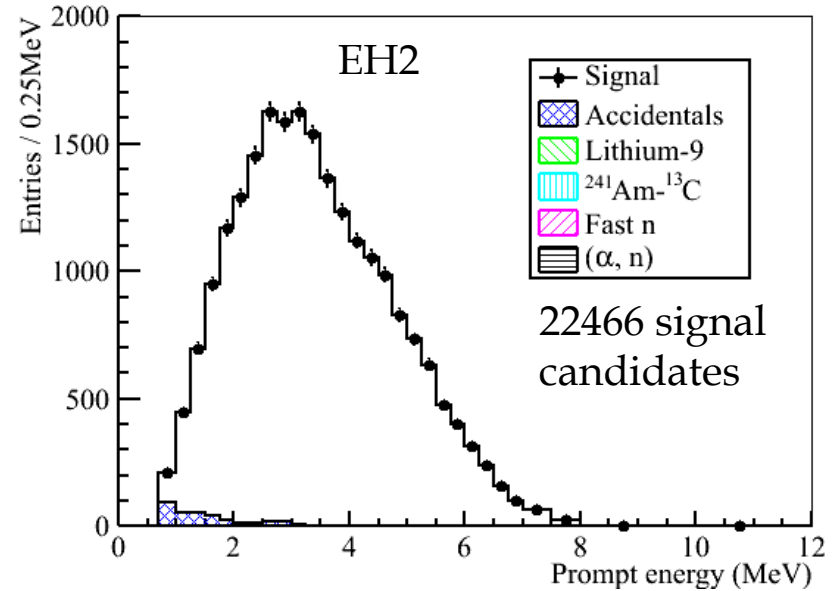
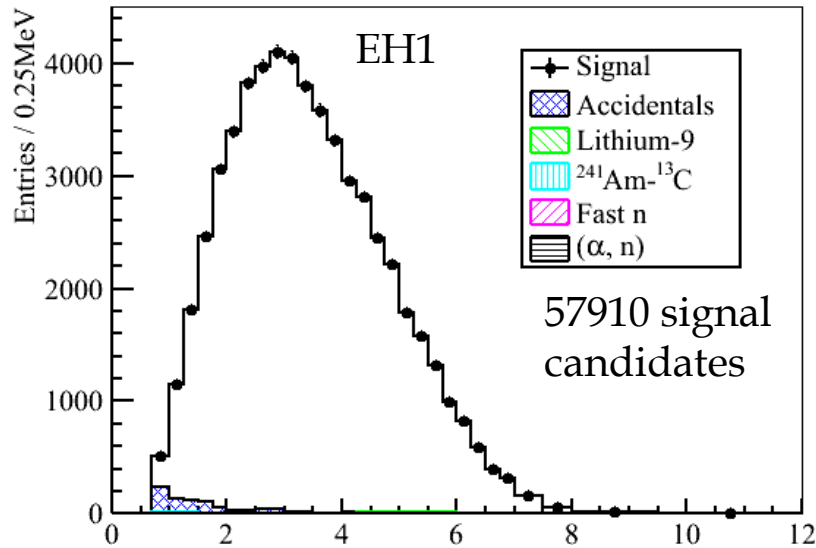


No $E > 0.7 \text{ MeV}$ signal before and after Prompt-Delayed pair

Backgrounds

- ▣ **Uncorrelated** background: prompt and delay signals from different sources
 - **Accidentals** (γ - γ , γ -n, n-n, from radioactivity and cosmic muon interactions with rock, water, AD materials)
 - The largest source of background
- ▣ **Correlated** background: prompt and delay signals from one source
 - **Fast neutron** (p recoil-n)
 - ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ (β -n)
 - ${}^{241}\text{Am}-{}^{13}\text{C}$ (γ -n)
 - α -n: ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$

Signal+Background Spectrum



| | B/S @EH1/2 | B/S @EH3 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidentals | ~1.4% | ~4.5% |
| Fast neutrons | ~0.1% | ~0.06% |
| $^8\text{He}/^9\text{Li}$ | ~0.4% | ~0.2% |
| Am-C | ~0.03% | ~0.3% |
| a-n | ~0.01% | ~0.04% |
| Sum | 1.5% | 4.7% |

Antineutrino Flux Prediction

- Flux calculation with: Reactor part

$$S_d(E_\nu) = \sum_r \frac{1}{4\pi L_r^2} \cdot \boxed{\frac{W_{th}^r}{\sum_i f_i^r e_i} \cdot \sum_i f_i^r S_i(E_\nu)} \cdot \varepsilon_d \cdot N_d \cdot \sigma(E_\nu)$$

- From nuclear power plant:

- Thermal power W_{th}
- Isotope fission fraction f_i

- Energy release per fission e_i :

- V. Kopeikin, 2004

Table 7: Energy release per fission

| Fissile isotopes | E_{eff} (MeV) | $E_f[10]$ (MeV) | E_f (MeV) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ^{235}U | 193.68 ± 0.33 | 201.92 ± 0.46 | 202.25 ± 0.39 |
| ^{238}U | 195.01 ± 0.46 | 205.52 ± 0.96 | 205.87 ± 0.55 |
| ^{239}Pu | 200.16 ± 0.14 | 210.99 ± 0.60 | 211.41 ± 0.32 |
| ^{241}Pu | 202.84 ± 0.21 | 213.60 ± 0.65 | 214.47 ± 0.36 |

Kopeikin Our results

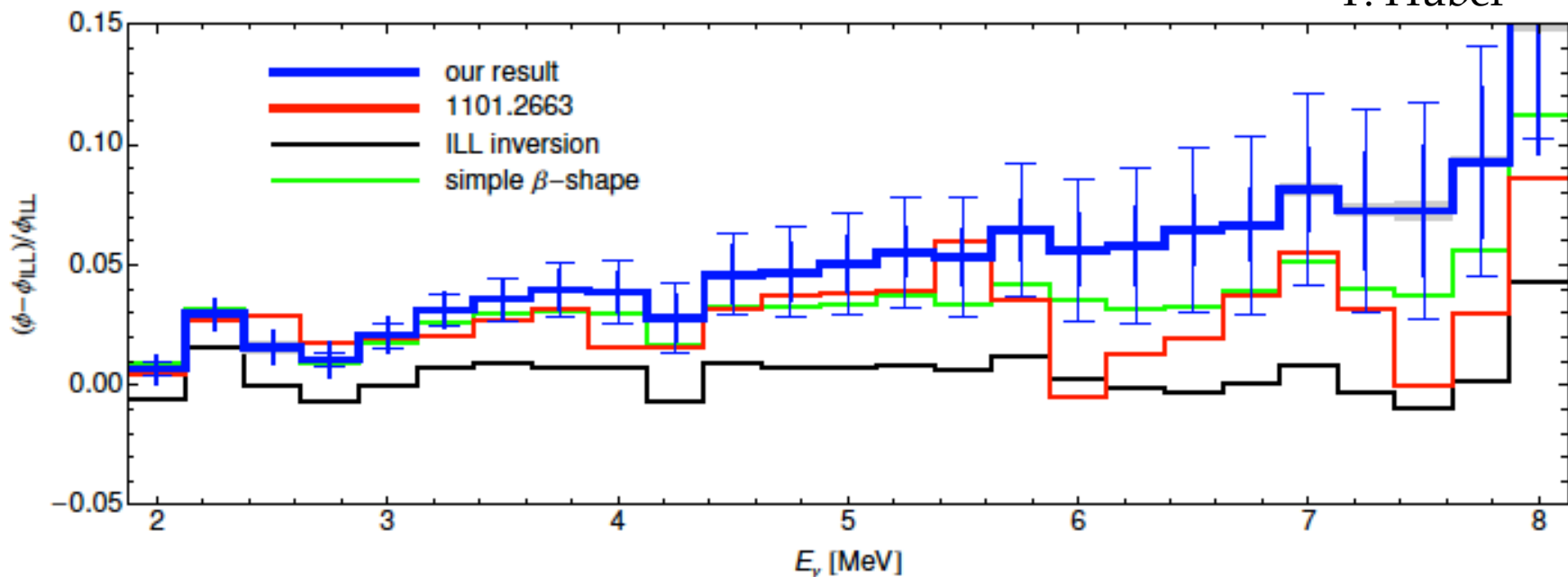
Update results by X.B. Ma et. al. (accepted by Phys. Rev. C recently)

Antineutrino Flux Prediction

▣ Isotope spectrum $S_i(E)$

^{235}U spectrum differences from different models : $\sim 3\%$

P. Huber



Different flux models have a negligible effect on near/far relative oscillation measurement

Systematic Uncertainties

Detector

uncorrelated
uncertainty: 0.2%

Reactor

uncorrelated
uncertainty: 0.8%

Only uncorrelated
uncertainties have
impact on near/
far relative
measurement

Total correlated
uncertainty: 3.6%

| | Detector | | Uncorrelated |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | Efficiency | Correlated | |
| Target Protons | | 0.47% | 0.03% |
| Flasher cut | 99.98% | 0.01% | 0.01% |
| Delayed energy cut | 90.9% | 0.6% | 0.12% |
| Prompt energy cut | 99.88% | 0.10% | 0.01% |
| Multiplicity cut | | 0.02% | <0.01% |
| Capture time cut | 98.6% | 0.12% | 0.01% |
| Gd capture ratio | 83.8% | 0.8% | <0.1% |
| Spill-in | 105.0% | 1.5% | 0.02% |
| Livetime | 100.0% | 0.002% | <0.01% |
| Combined | 78.8% | 1.9% | 0.2% |

| Reactor | | | |
|------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Correlated | | Uncorrelated | |
| Energy/fission | 0.2% | Power | 0.5% |
| $\bar{\nu}_e$ /fission | 3% | Fission fraction | 0.6% |
| | | Spent fuel | 0.3% |
| Combined | 3% | Combined | 0.8% |

Rate Comparison

- ▣ Assume no oscillation, use near to predict far, and then compare measured rate and predicted rate of far site:

$$R = \frac{Far_{measured}}{Far_{expected}} = \frac{M_4 + M_5 + M_6}{\sum_{i=4}^6 (\alpha_i(M_1 + M_2) + \beta_i M_3)}$$

M_n : measured IBD rate, with subtraction of background, in each detector

α_i and β_i are determined by baselines and reactor fluxes:
Assuming $R=1$, minimize the residual reactor uncertainty

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

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Rate Analysis

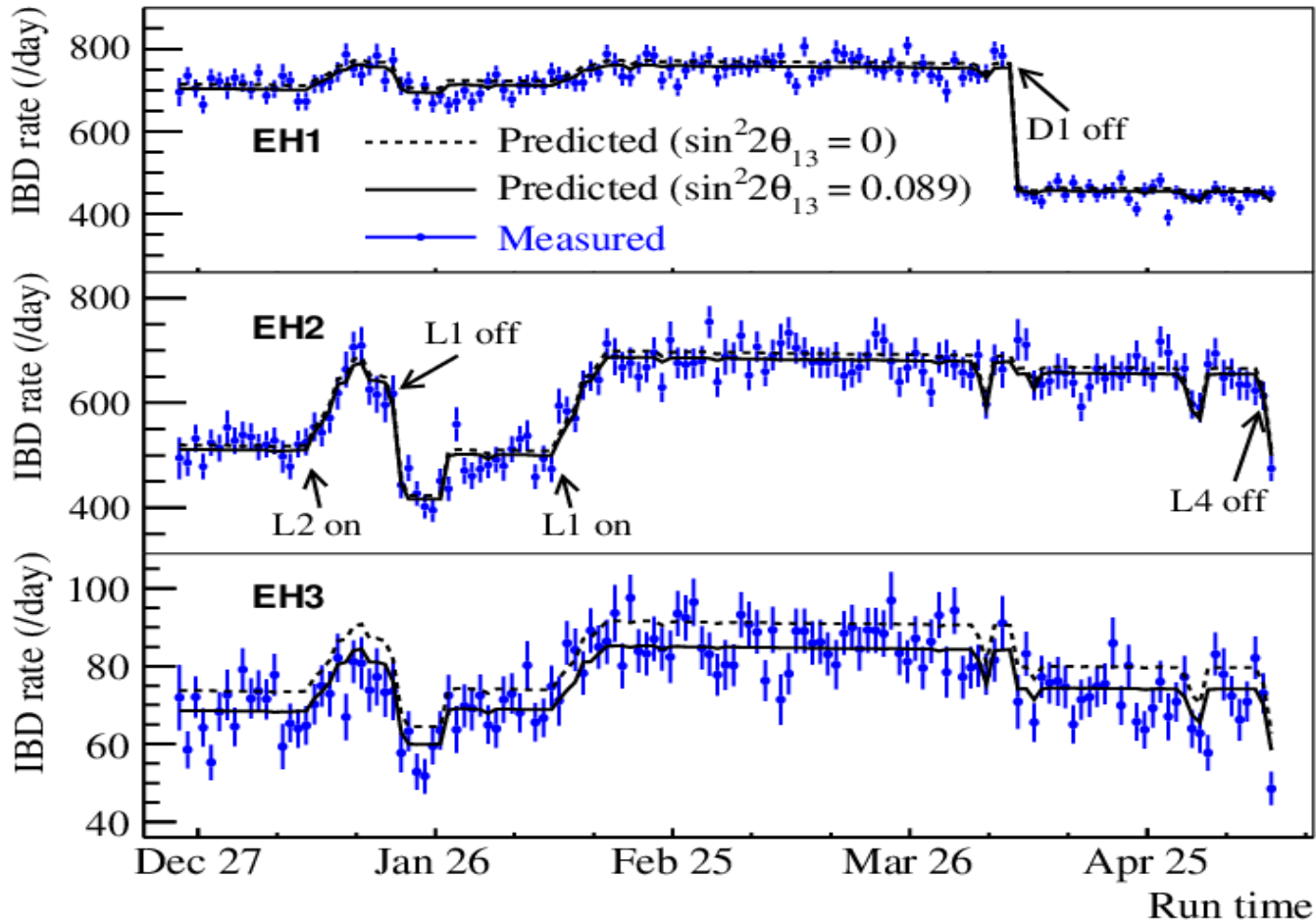
▣ χ^2 analysis

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{d=1}^6 \frac{\left[M_d - T_d \left(1 + \sum_r \omega_r^d \varepsilon_r + \varepsilon + \varepsilon_d \right) - B_d (1 + \eta_d) \right]^2}{M_d} + \sum_r \frac{\varepsilon_r^2}{\sigma_r^2} + \sum_{d=1}^6 \left[\frac{\varepsilon_d^2}{\sigma_d^2} + \left(\frac{\eta_d}{\sigma_B^d} \right)^2 \right] \boxed{+ \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

No constraint on the **absolute normalization factor ε** , which is used to reduce the bias from the absolute reactor flux uncertainty and absolute detector efficiency uncertainty

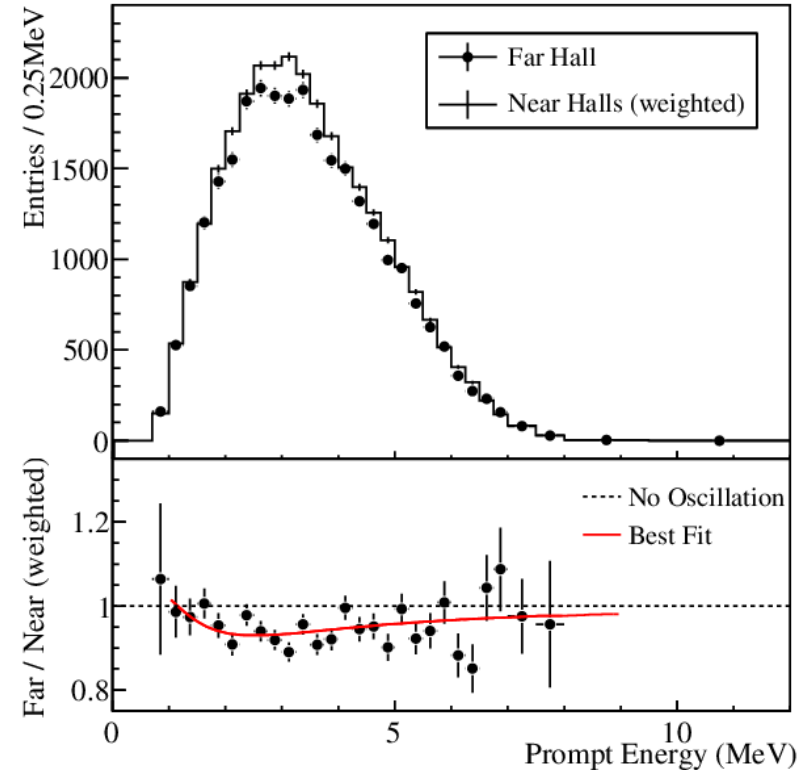
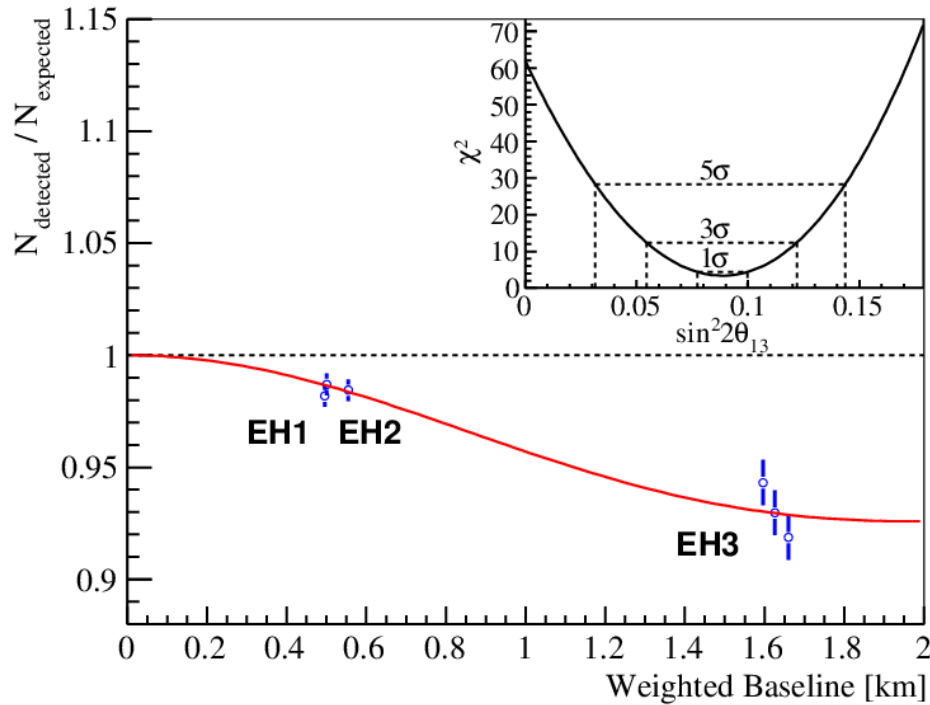
- σ_r : reactor uncorrelated uncertainty
- σ_d : detector uncorrelated uncertainty
- σ_B : background uncertainty
- Reactor- and detector-correlated uncertainty are not included

Daily Rate v.s. Time



- ▣ Predicted rates and measurements track very closely.
- ▣ The prediction is multiplied by the absolute normalization factor. Absolute normalization is within a few percent of expectation.

Observation of $\bar{\nu}_e$ Disappearance

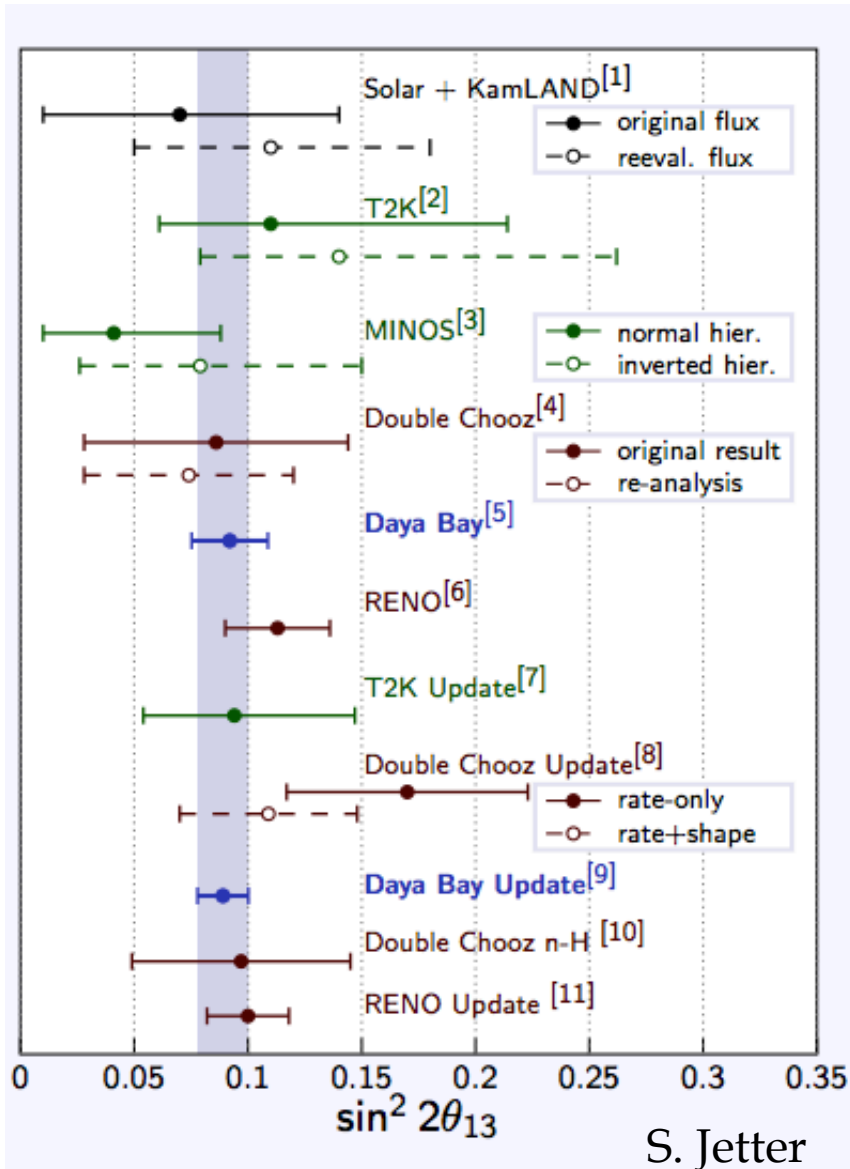


$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{ (syst)} \quad R = 0.944 \pm 0.007 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.003 \text{ (syst)}$$

**With 2.5x more statistics, an improved measurement to θ_{13}
7.7 σ exclusion of $\theta_{13}=0$**

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Global Measurement of θ_{13}

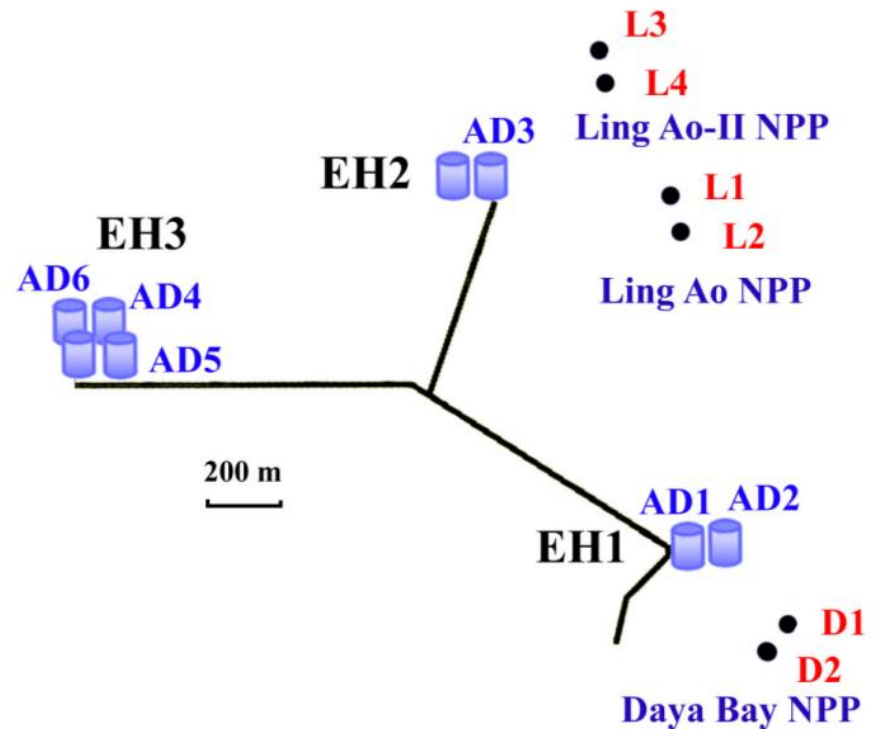
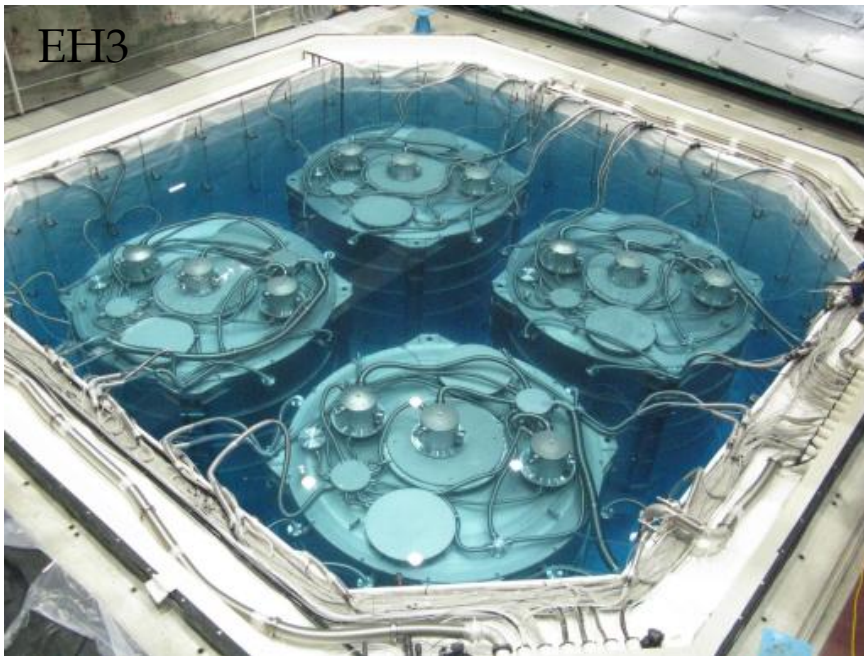


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Phase II: 8 ADs, Full Operation

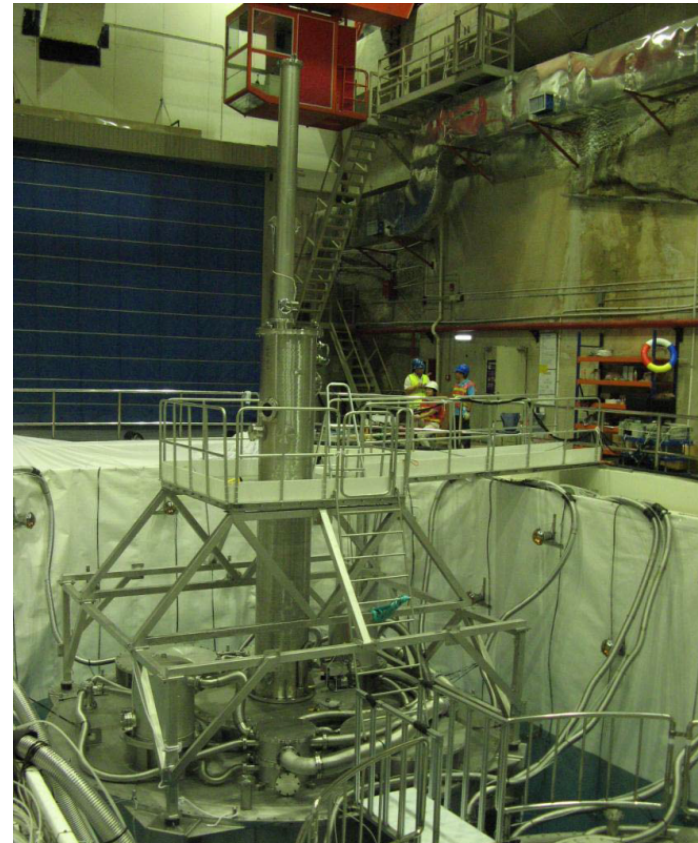
▣ 8ADs started data taking

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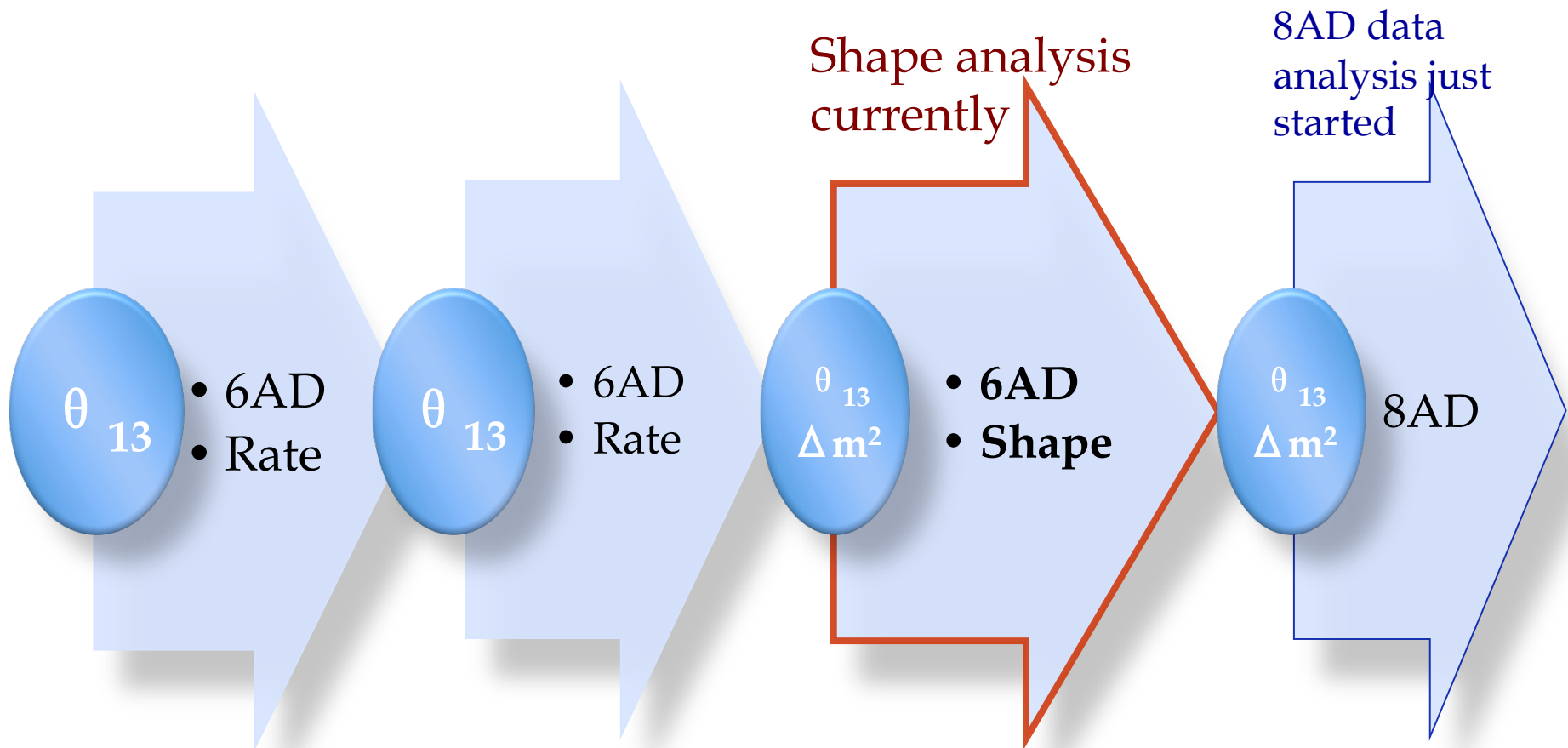


Special and Manual Calibration

- ▣ Special ACU
 - Cs, Mn, K, Am-Be, Pu-C and Am-C, Co
 - Detector Non-linearity calibration
- ▣ Manual Calibration system
 - 4π calibration
 - Pu-C(4% 6MeV γ)



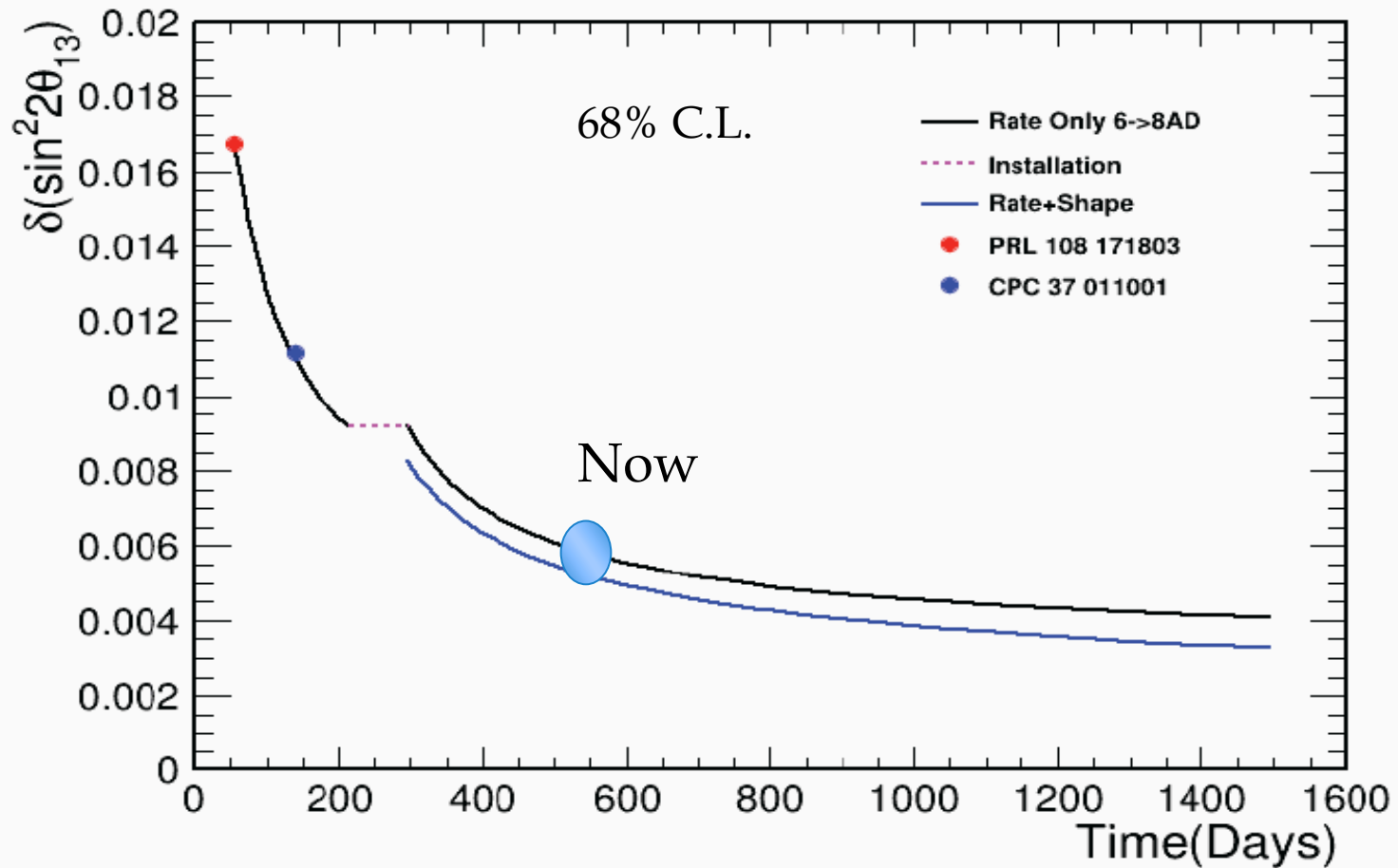
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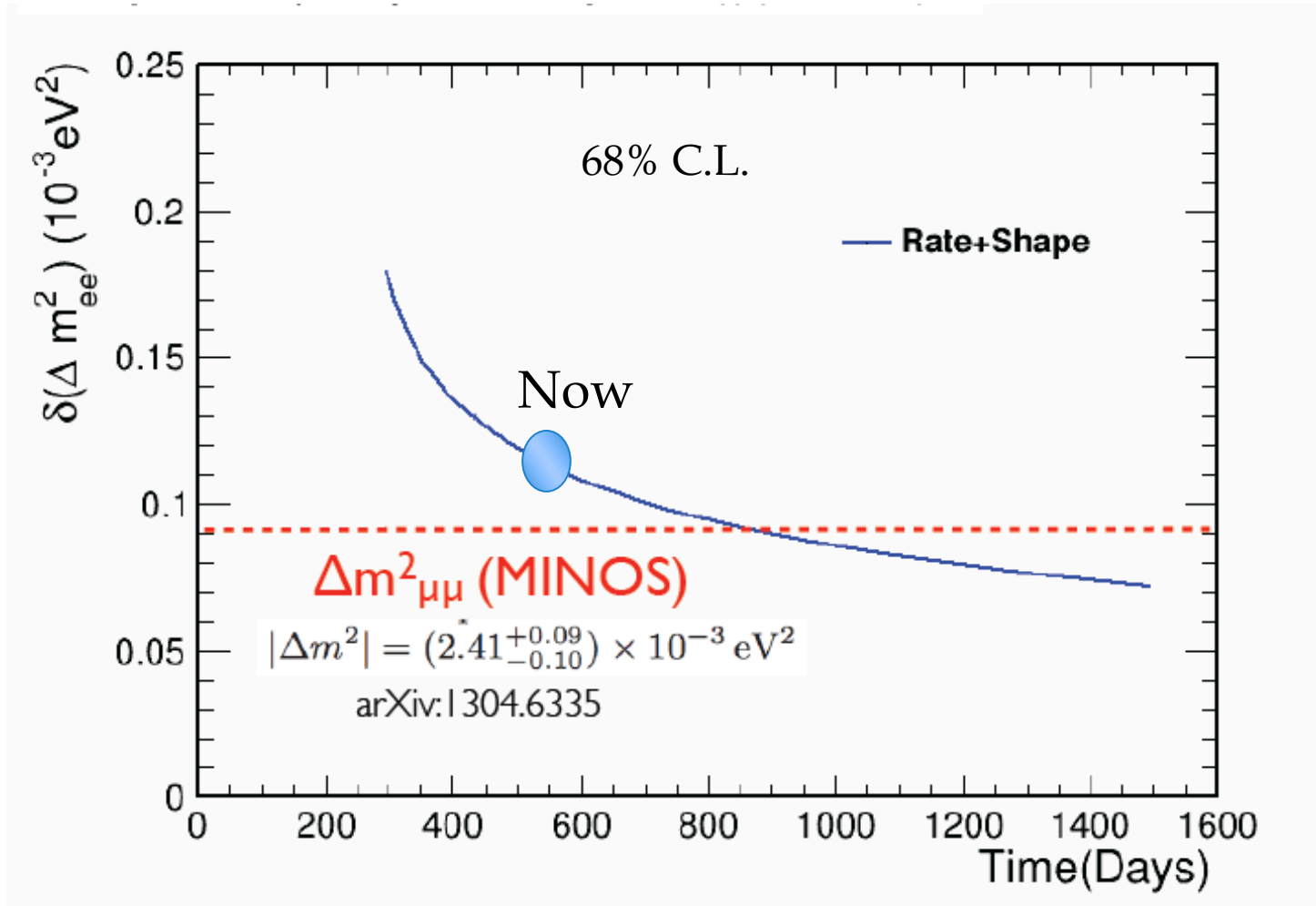
Other topics:

- Supernova search
- Cosmogenic neutrons and isotopes measurement
- Reactor antineutrino spectrum measurement

Future Sensitivity of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



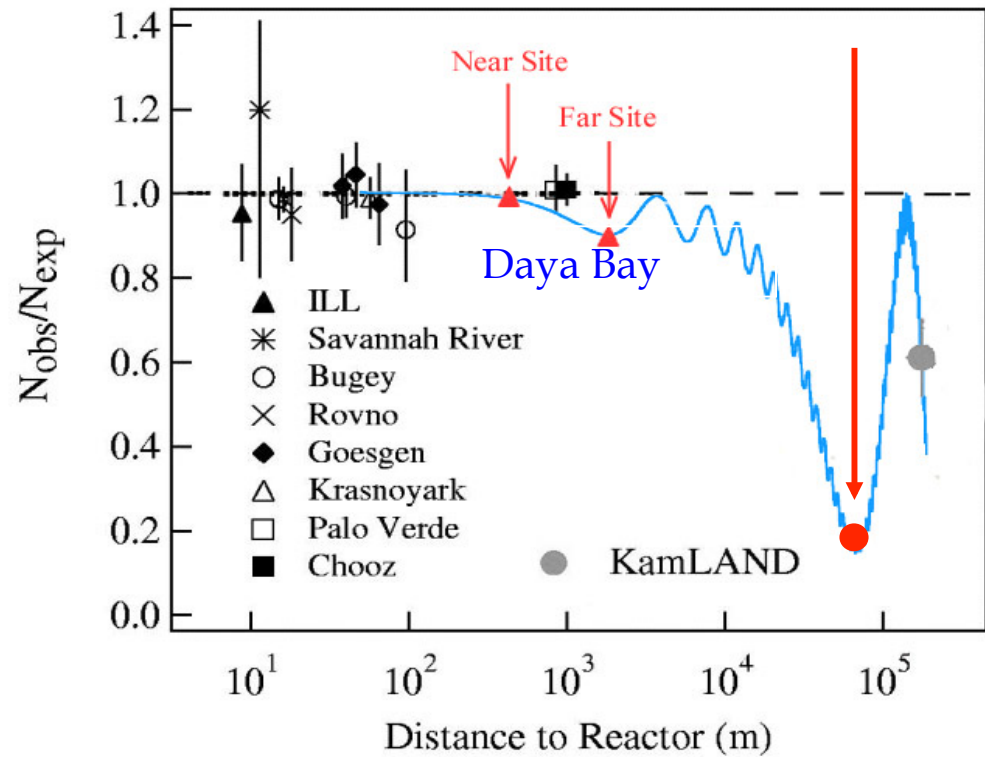
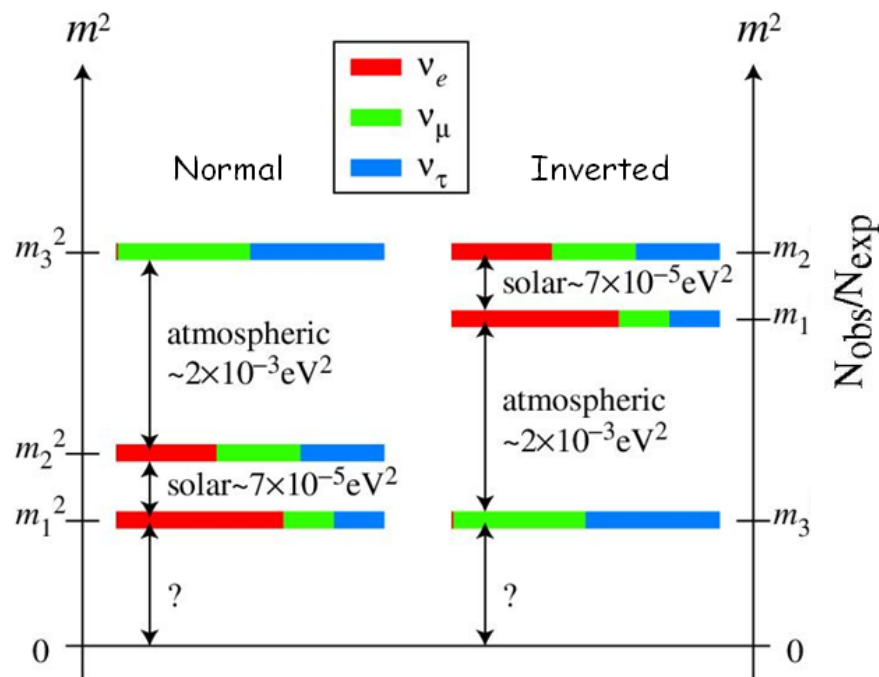
Expected Sensitivity of Δm^2_{ee}



another unknown...

Which mass hierarchy?

Daya Bay II

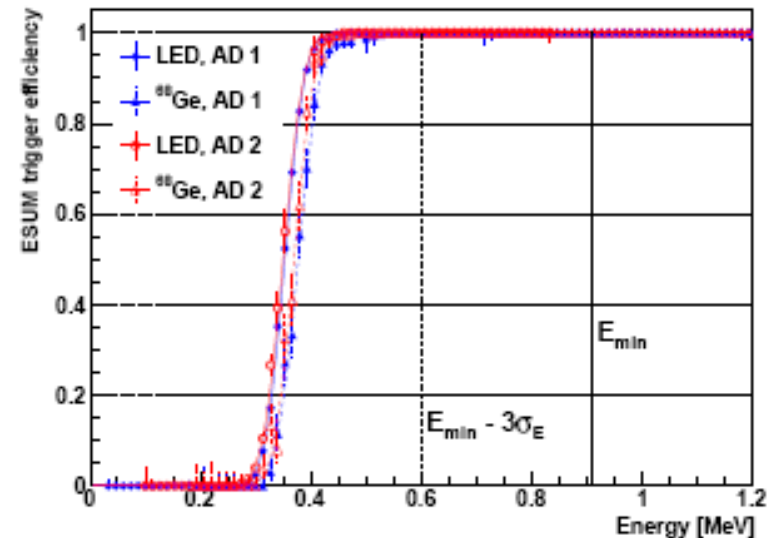
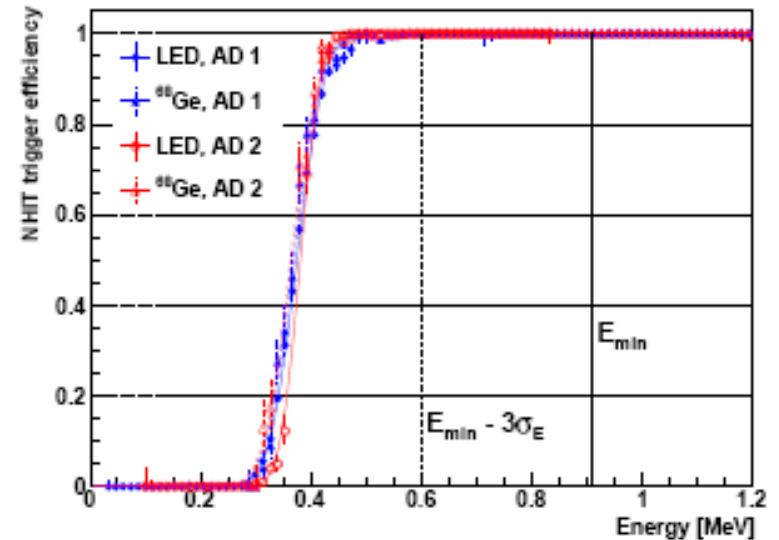




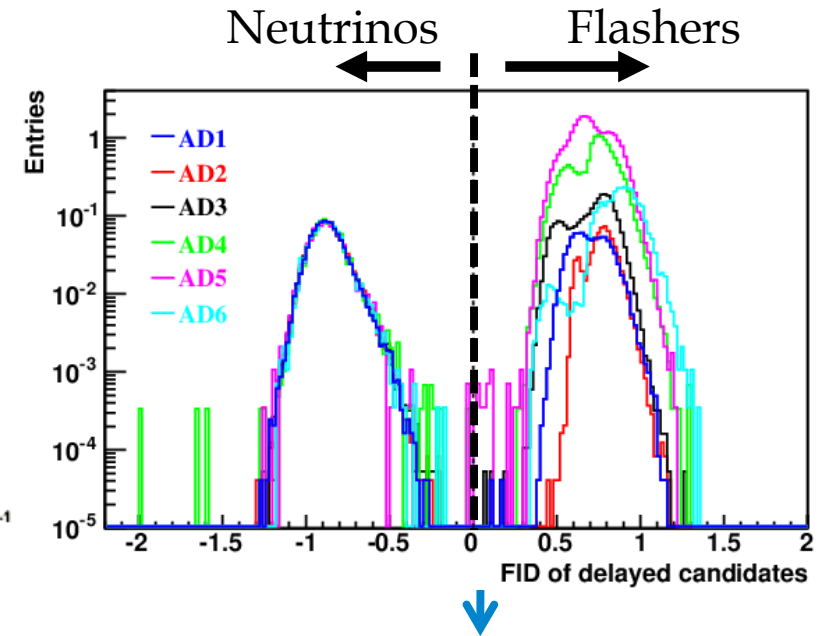
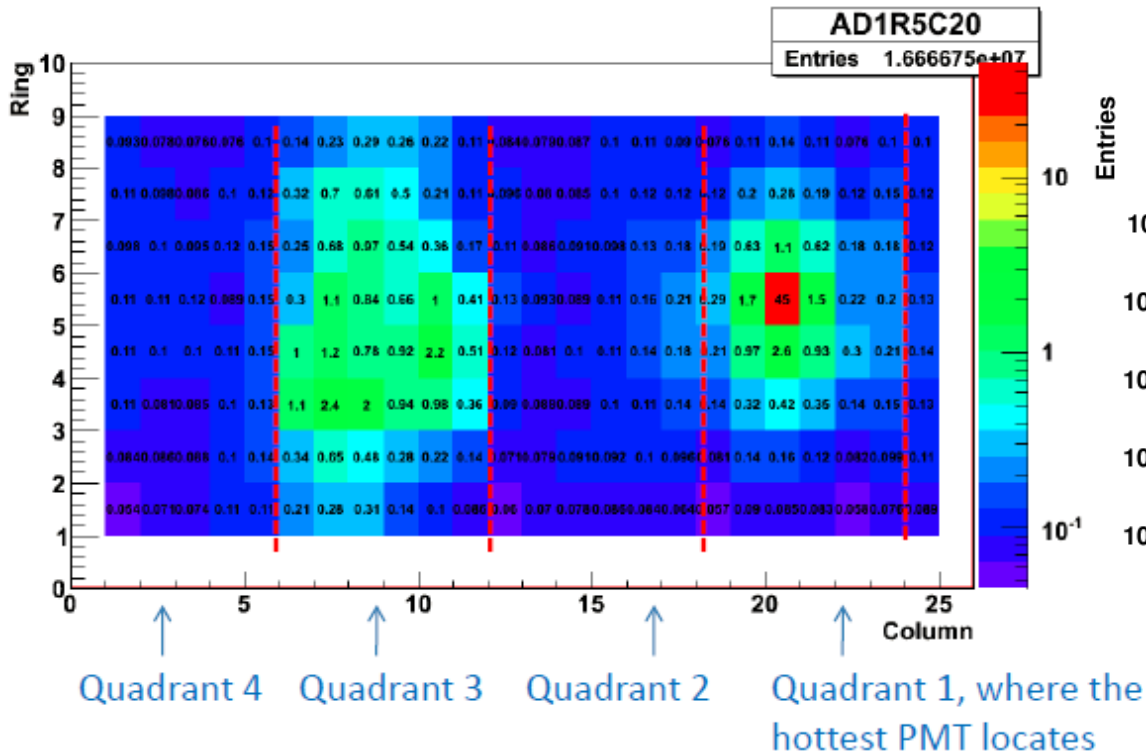
Backup

Trigger Performance

- ▣ **Threshold for a hit:**
 - AD & pool: $\frac{1}{4}$ PE
- ▣ **Trigger thresholds:**
 - AD: $\sim N_{\text{HIT}}=45$, $E_{\text{tot}} = \sim 0.4$ MeV
 - Inner pool: $N_{\text{HIT}}=6$
 - Outer pool: $N_{\text{HIT}}=7$ (8 for far hall)
 - RPC: 3/4 layers in each module
- ▣ **Trigger rate(EH1)**
 - AD singles rate:
 - $>0.4\text{MeV}$, $\sim 280\text{Hz}$
 - $>0.7\text{MeV}$, $\sim 60\text{Hz}$
 - Inner pool rate: ~ 170 Hz
 - Outer pool rate: ~ 230 Hz



Flashers



$$\log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{Quadrant}{1.} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{MaxQ}{0.45} \right)^2 \right) < 0$$

$$Quadrant = Q3 / (Q2 + Q4)$$

$$MaxQ = \max Q / \sum Q$$

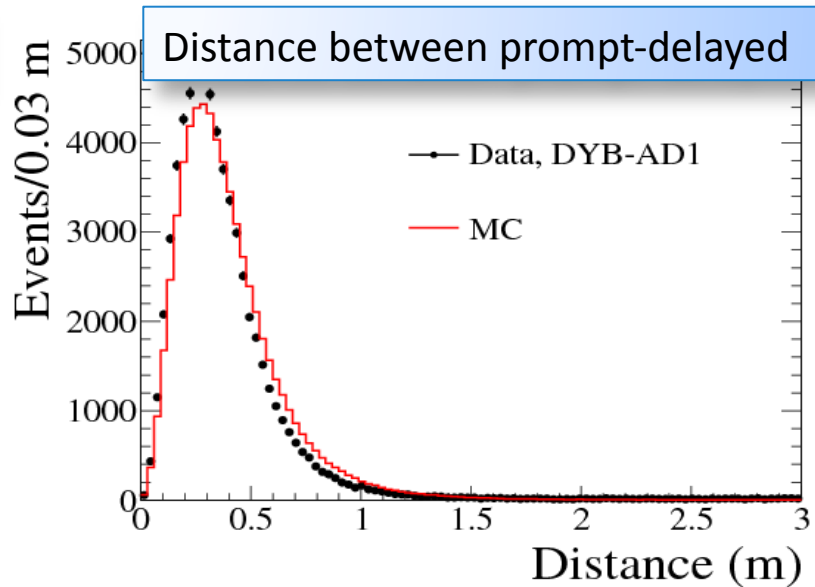
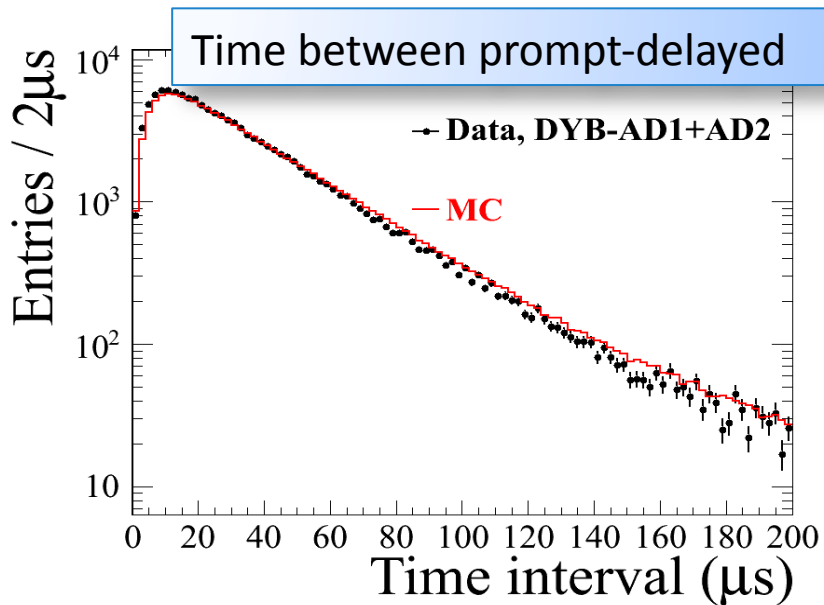
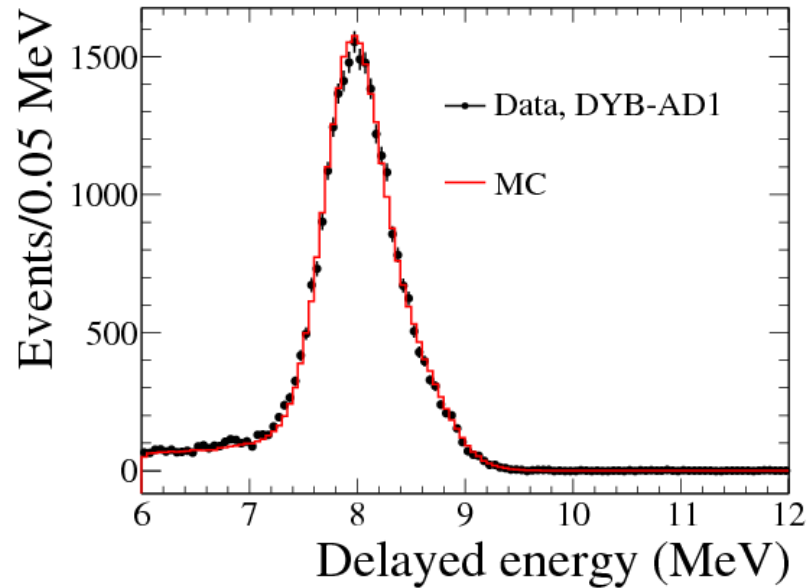
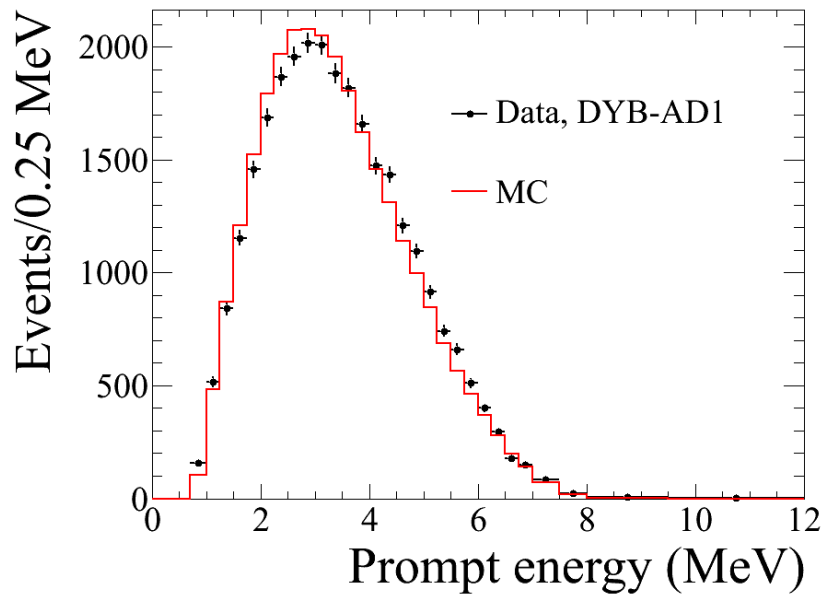
- ▣ Spontaneous light emission by PMT
- ▣ Topology: a hot PMT + near-by PMTs and opposite PMTs
- ▣ ~ 5% of PMT, 5% of event
- ▣ Rejection: pattern of fired PMTs

Inefficiency to neutrinos:

0.024% ± 0.006% (stat)

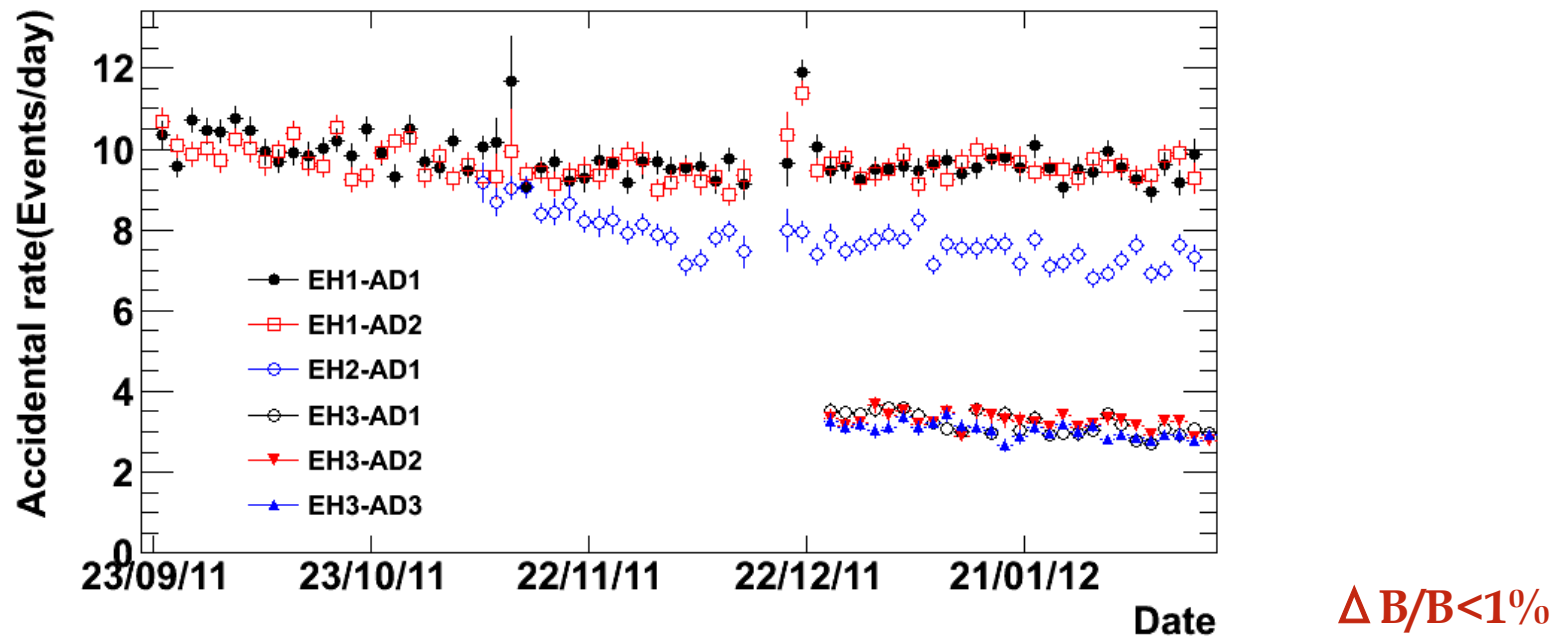
Contamination: < 0.01%

IBD Events Compared with MC



Accidentals

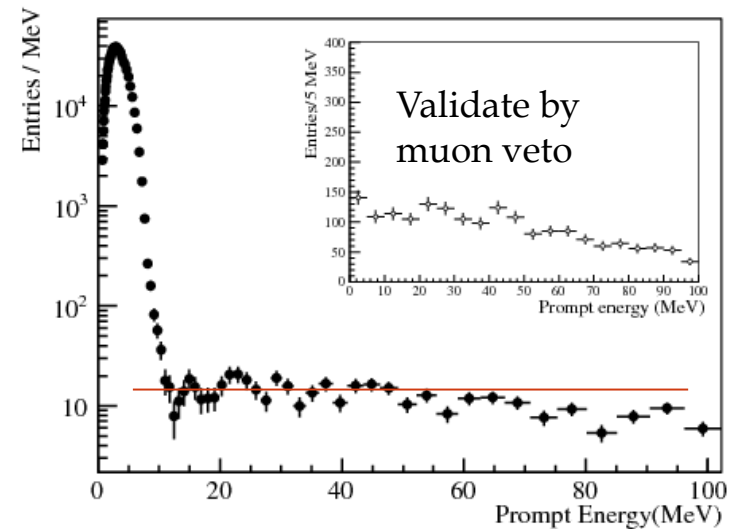
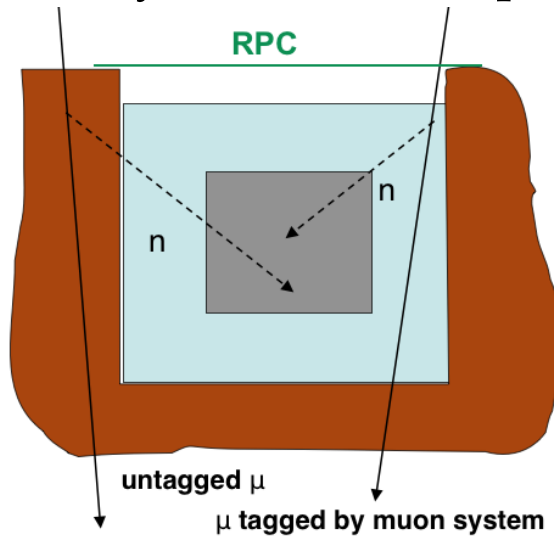
- Largest source of background is well-known



| | EH1-AD1 | EH1-AD2 | EH2-AD1 | EH3-AD1 | EH3-AD2 | EH3-AD3 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Accidental rate(/day) | 9.82±0.06 | 9.88±0.06 | 7.67±0.05 | 3.29±0.03 | 3.33±0.03 | 3.12±0.03 |
| B/S | 1.37% | 1.38% | 1.44% | 4.58% | 4.77% | 4.43% |

Fast Neutrons

- energetic neutrons produced by cosmic rays
 - Prompt: proton recoil
 - Delayed: neutron capture on Gd



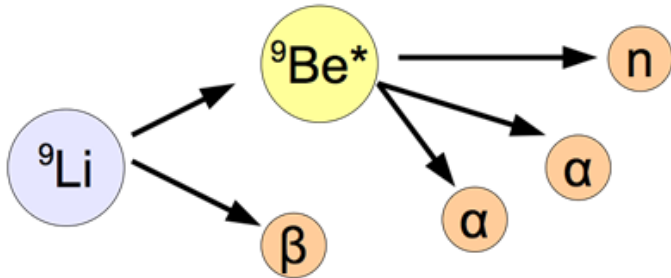
B/S @ EH1/2 ~ 0.12%, B/S @ EH3 ~ 0.07%

$\Delta B/B \sim 40\%$

- Extend prompt signal energy spectrum to high energy
 - Fit energy spectrum [20-100]MeV range
 - Estimate background at [0.7-12]MeV range

${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$

- ▣ Cosmic muon interaction with LS



Prompt: β decay

Delayed: neutron capture

$$\tau({}^8\text{He}/{}^9\text{Li}) = 171.7\text{ms}/257.2\text{ms}$$

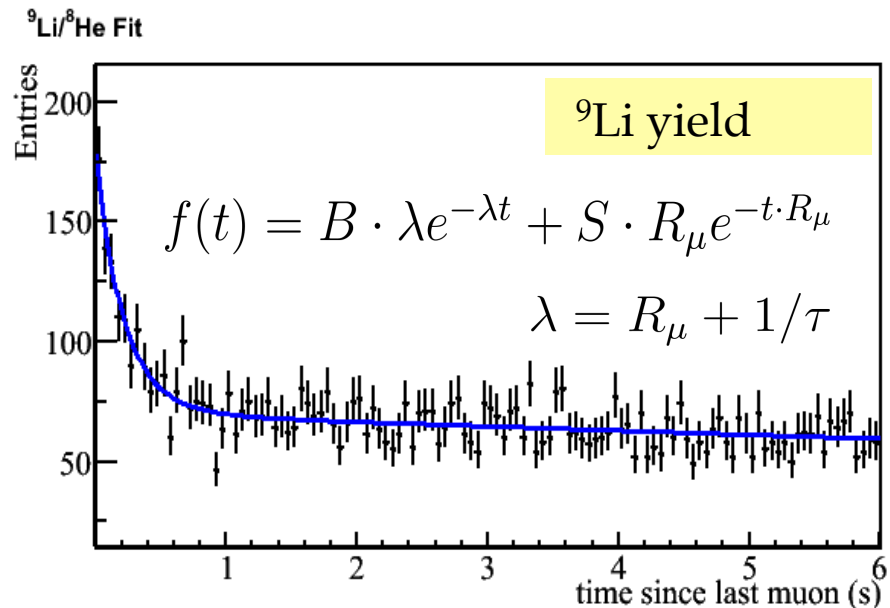
${}^8\text{He}/{}^9\text{Li}$, $\text{Br}(n) = 12\%/48\%$, ${}^9\text{Li}$ dominant

- ▣ Fit time-since-last-muon spectrum
- ▣ Improve precision by reducing muon rate ($dE > 1.8\text{GeV}$ in $[10\ \mu\text{s}, 200\ \mu\text{s}]$ window)

$$\Delta B/B \sim 50\%$$

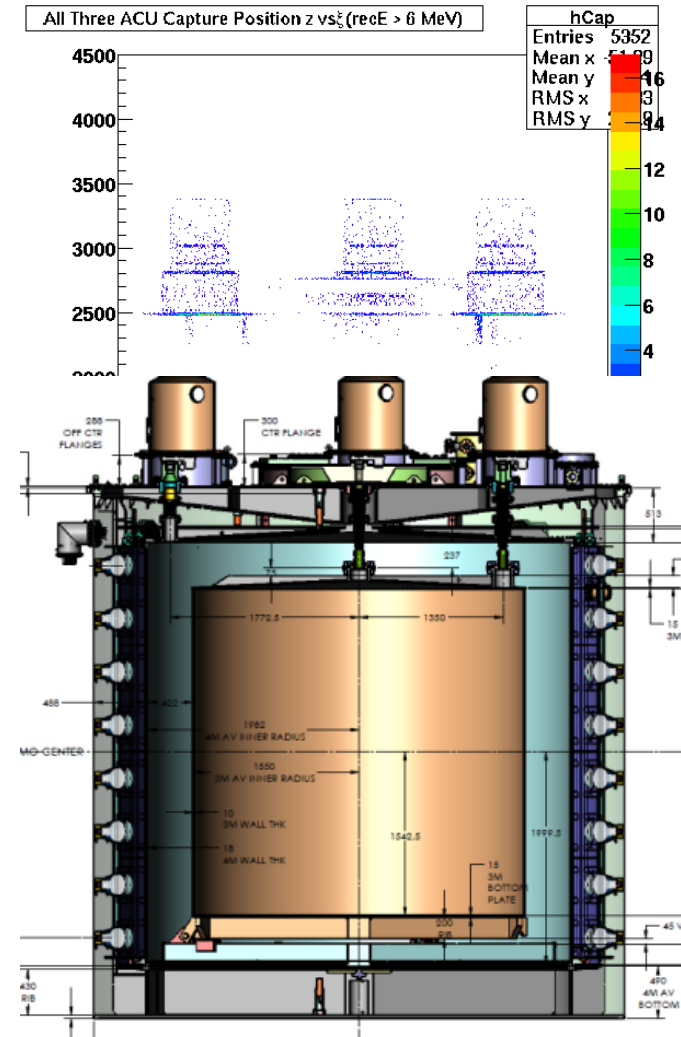
$$B/S @ \text{EH3} \sim 0.3\%$$

$$B/S @ \text{EH1/2} \sim 0.4\%$$



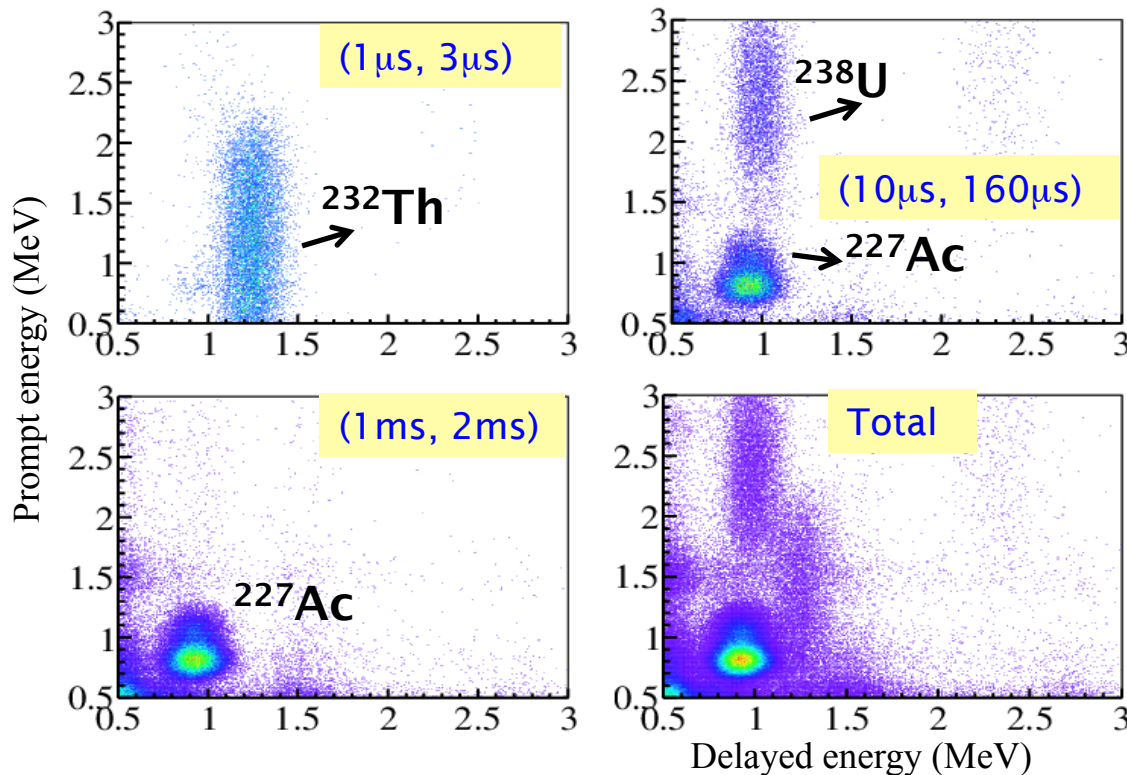
^{241}Am - ^{13}C

- ▣ Calibration source in ACUs
 - Prompt: neutron inelastic scattering with ^{56}Fe
 - Delayed: neutron capture on ^{57}Fe
- ▣ Simulation:
 - 0.2 events/day/AD
 - B/S: 0.03% (near), 0.3% (far)
 - $\Delta B/B$: 100%



α -n: $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$

- ▣ α sources: (^{238}U , ^{232}Th , ^{227}Ac , ^{210}Po)
- ▣ α rate: cascade decays
- ▣ Background rate: (α, n) cross section \times α rate



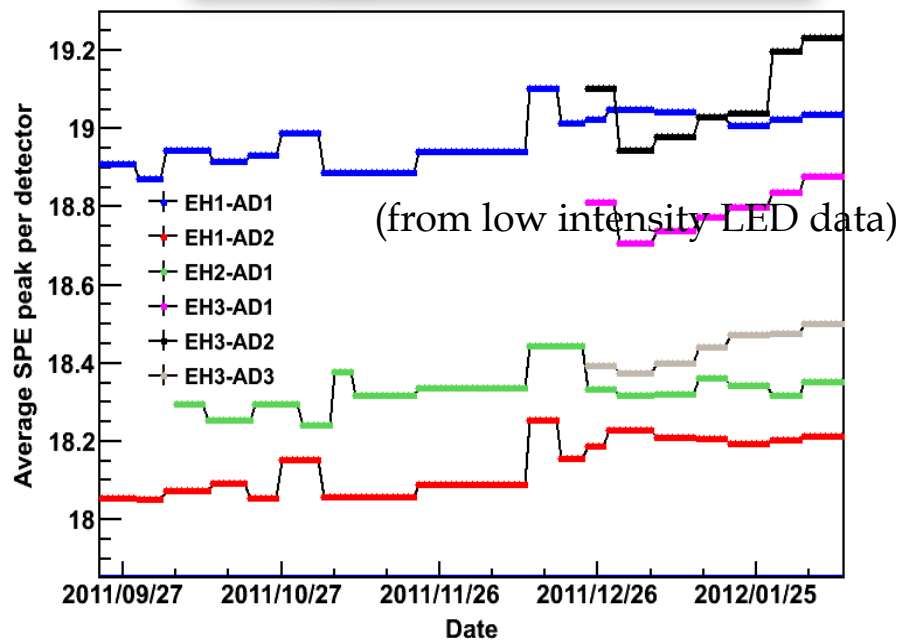
B/S @ EH1/2 ~ 0.01%,

B/S @ EH3 ~ 0.05%,

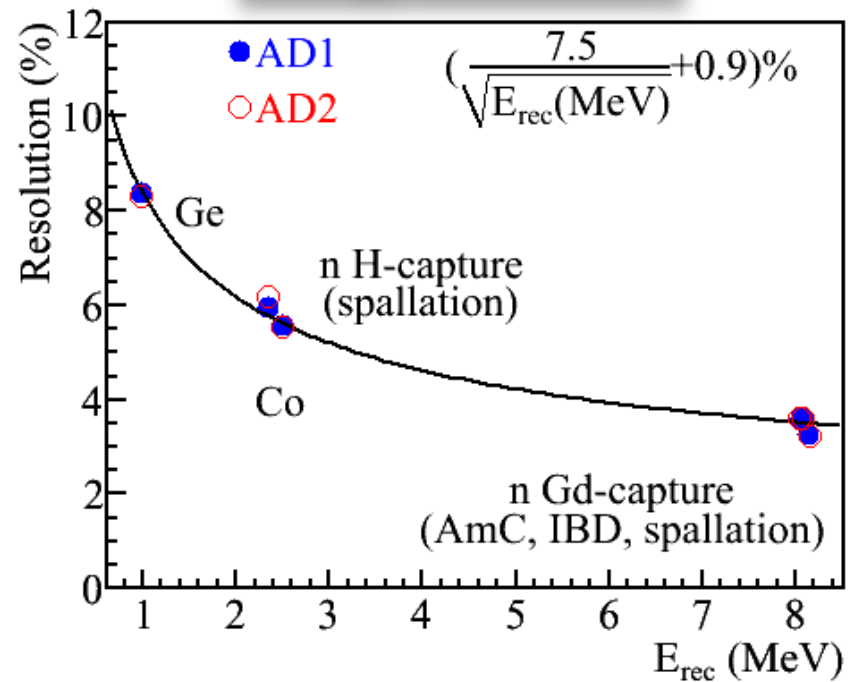
$\Delta\text{B}/\text{B} \sim 50\%$

Energy Calibration

Average PMT Gain vs. time



Energy Resolution

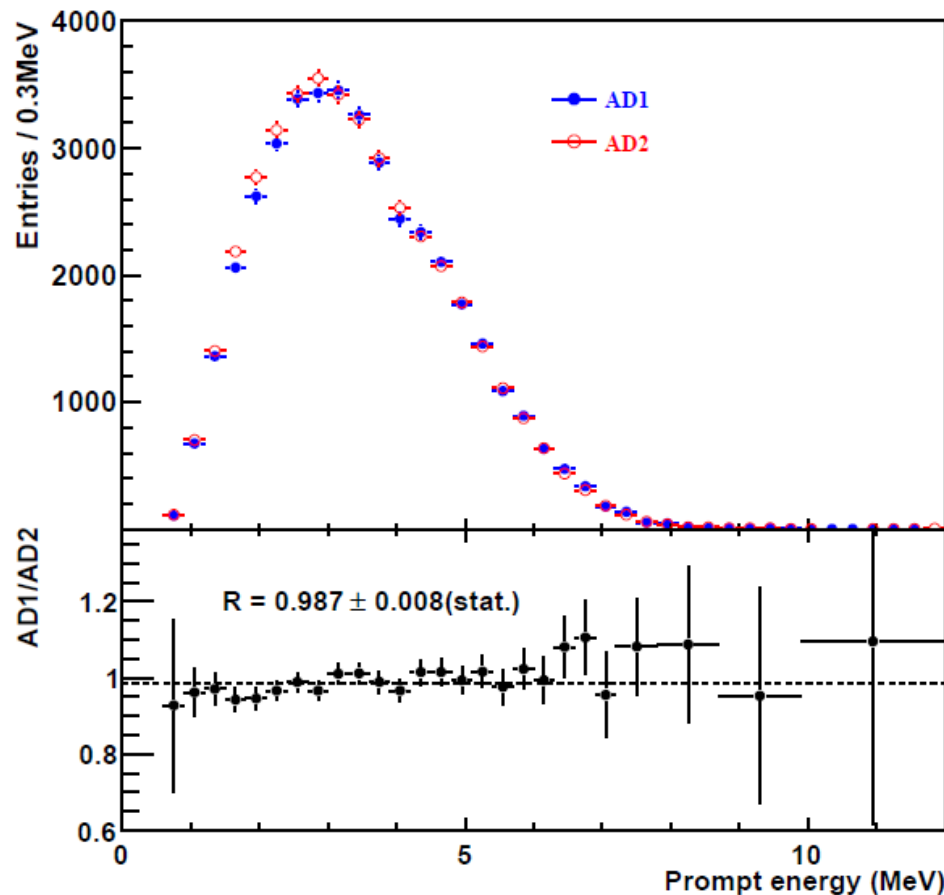


Signals and Backgrounds

| | AD1 | AD2 | AD3 | AD4 | AD5 | AD6 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Neutrino candidates | 28935 | 28975 | 22466 | 3528 | 3436 | 3452 |
| DAQ live time (day) | 49.5530 | | 49.4971 | 48.9473 | | |
| Veto time (day) | 8.7418 | 8.9109 | 7.0389 | 0.8785 | 0.8800 | 0.8952 |
| Efficiency $\epsilon_\mu * \epsilon_m$ | 0.8019 | 0.7989 | 0.8363 | 0.9547 | 0.9543 | 0.9538 |
| Accidentals (/day) | 9.82±0.06 | 9.88±0.06 | 7.67±0.05 | 3.29±0.03 | 3.33±0.03 | 3.12±0.03 |
| Fast neutron (/day) | 0.84±0.28 | 0.84±0.28 | 0.74±0.44 | 0.04±0.04 | 0.04±0.04 | 0.04±0.04 |
| $^8\text{He}/^9\text{Li}$ (/day) | 3.1±1.6 | | 1.8±1.1 | 0.16±0.11 | | |
| Am-C corr. (/day) | 0.2±0.2 | | | | | |
| $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$ background (/day) | 0.04±0.02 | 0.04±0.02 | 0.035±0.02 | 0.03±0.02 | 0.03±0.02 | 0.03±0.02 |
| Neutrino rate (/day) | 714.17±4.58 | 717.86±4.60 | 532.29±3.82 | 71.78±1.29 | 69.80±1.28 | 70.39±1.28 |

Side-by-side Comparison

- Expected ratio of neutrino events from AD1 and AD2: **0.981**
- Measured ratio: **$0.987 \pm 0.008(\text{stat}) \pm 0.003$**
- The ratio is not 1 because of target mass, baseline, etc.
- This final check shows that systematic errors are under control

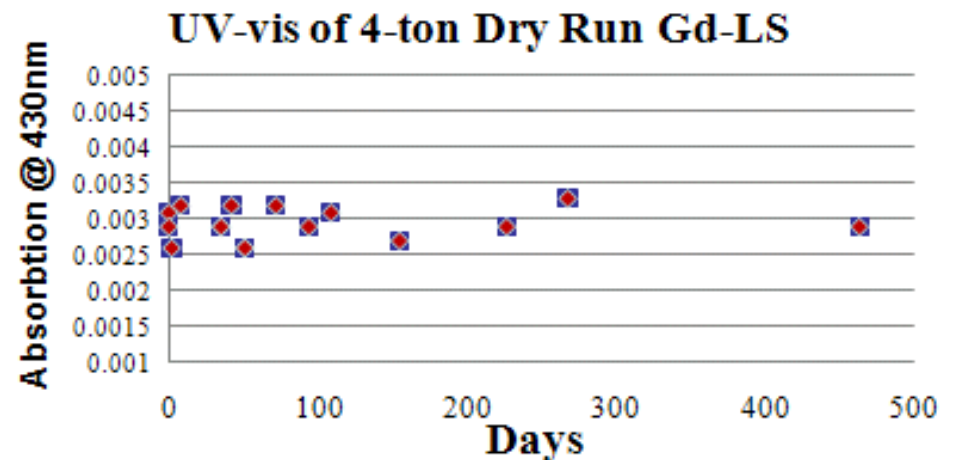
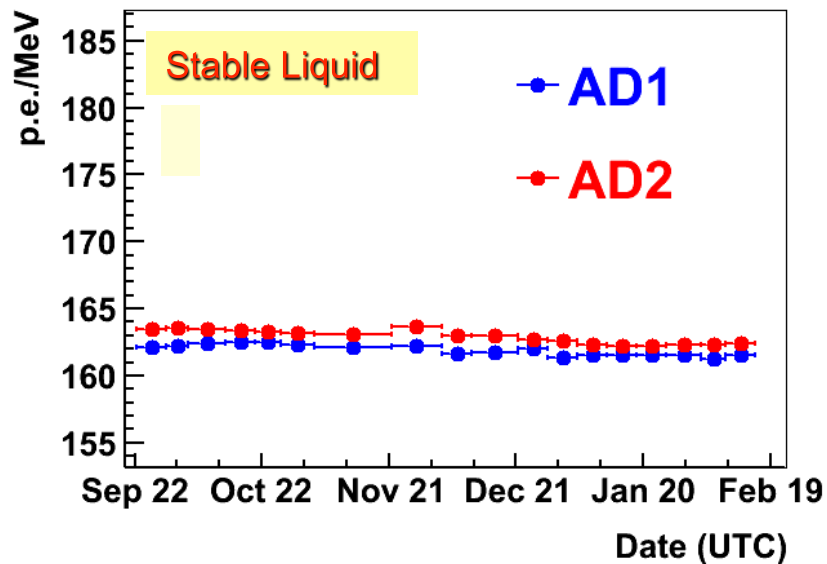


Gd-loaded Liquid Scintillator

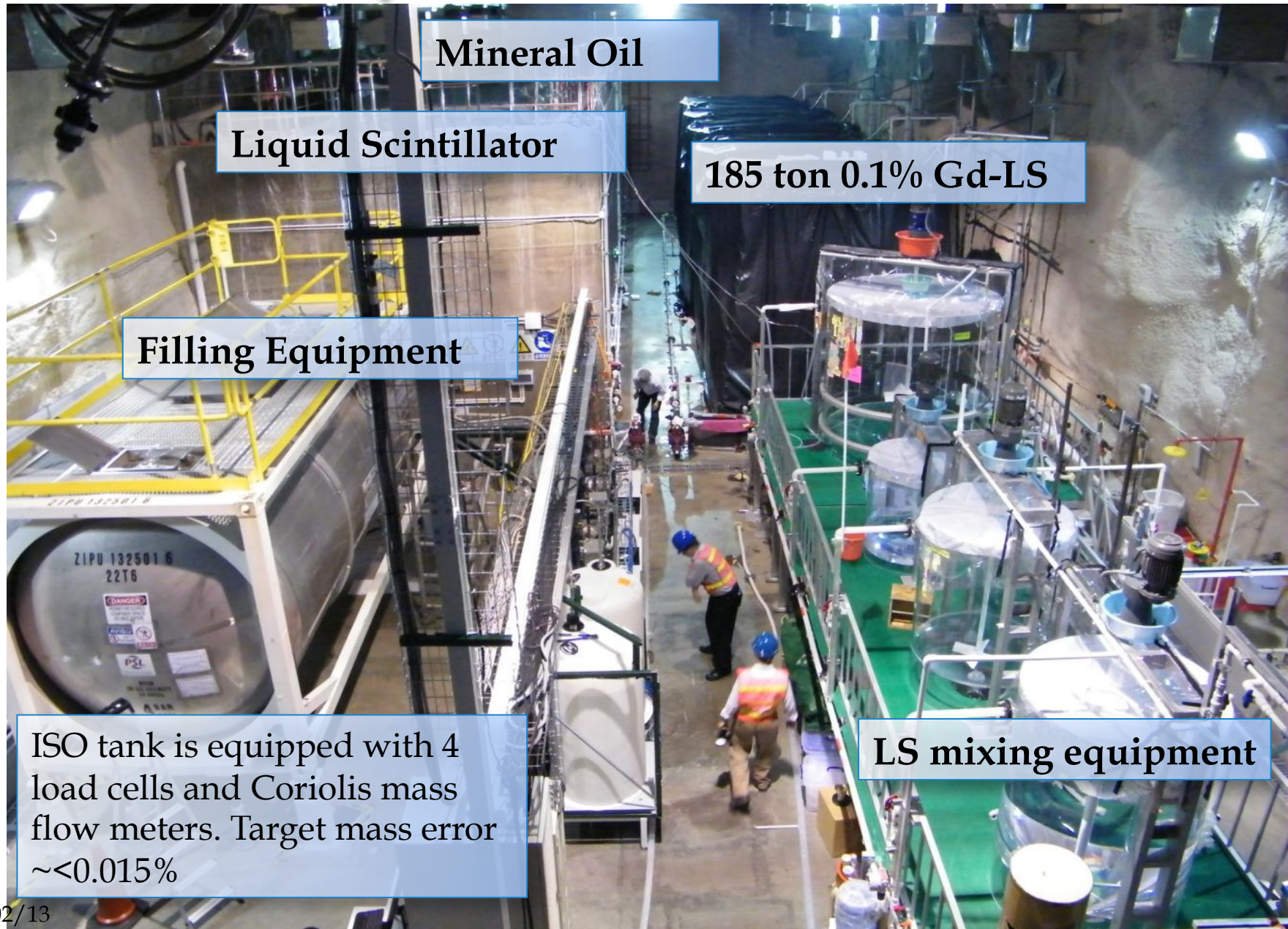
- ▣ Liquid production, QA, storage and filling at Hall 5
 - 185t Gd-LS, ~180t LS, ~320t oil
- ▣ LAB+Gd (TMHA)³+PPO+BisMSB
- ▣ Stable over time
 - Light yield: ~163 PE/MeV



Liquid hall: LS production and filling



Liquid Scintillator Hall



Mineral Oil

Liquid Scintillator

185 ton 0.1% Gd-LS

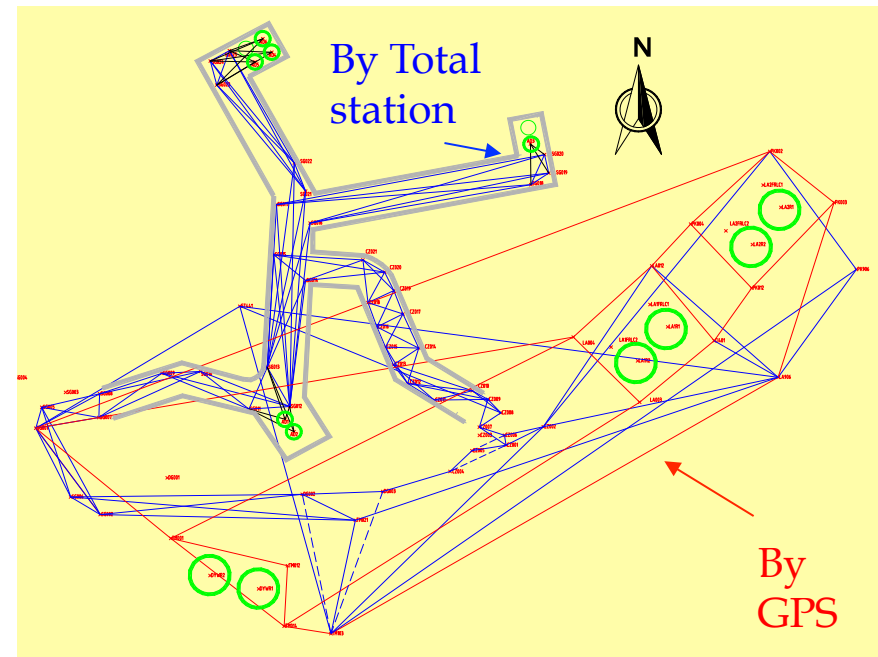
Filling Equipment

ISO tank is equipped with 4 load cells and Coriolis mass flow meters. Target mass error $\sim < 0.015\%$

LS mixing equipment

Baseline

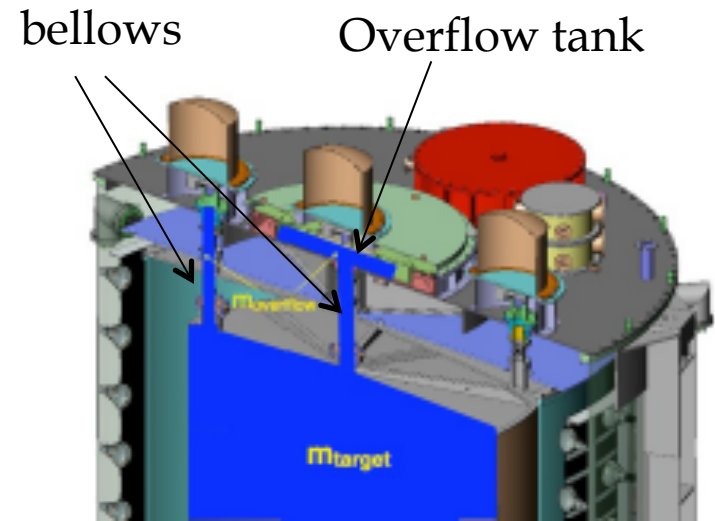
- ▣ Various measurements: GPS, Total Station, laser tracker, level instruments, ...
- ▣ Compared with design values, and NPP coordinates
- ▣ Data processing by three independent software
- ▣ Final baseline uncertainty is **28 mm**
- ▣ Uncertainty of the fission center from reactor simulation:
 - 2 cm horizontally
 - 20 cm vertically
- ▣ The combined baseline error is 35mm,
- ▣ corresponding to a negligible reactor flux
- ▣ uncertainty (**<0.02%**)



Target Mass & No. of Protons

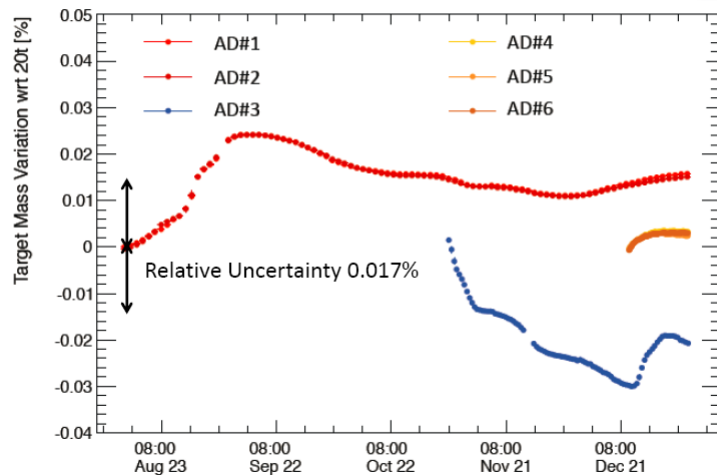
- Target mass during the filling measured by the load cell, precision $\sim 3\text{kg} \rightarrow 0.015\%$
- Checked by Coriolis flow meters, precision $\sim 0.1\%$
- Actually target mass:

$$M_{\text{target}} = M_{\text{fill}} - M_{\text{overflow}} - M_{\text{bellows}}$$
- M_{overflow} and M_{bellows} are determined by geometry
- M_{overflow} is monitored by sensors



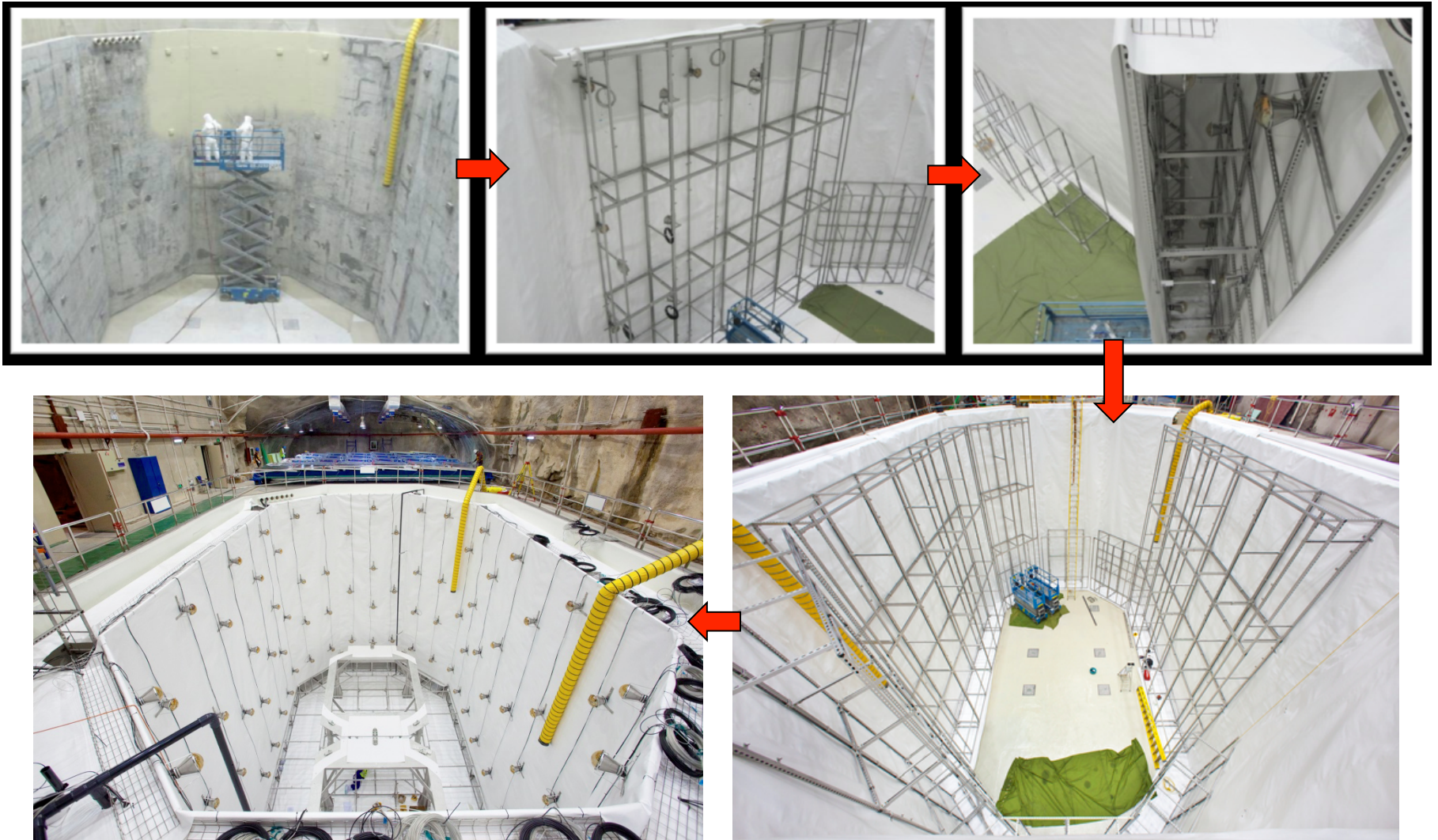
One batch LAB

Target Mass Variation



| Quantity | Relative | Absolute |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Free protons/Kg | neg. | 0.47% |
| density | neg. | 0.0002% |
| Total mass | 0.015% | 0.015% |
| Bellows | 0.0025% | 0.0025 |
| Overflow tank | 0.02% | 0.02% |
| Total | 0.03% | 0.47% |

Near site installation



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