

Sterile Neutrino Experiments at Accelerator

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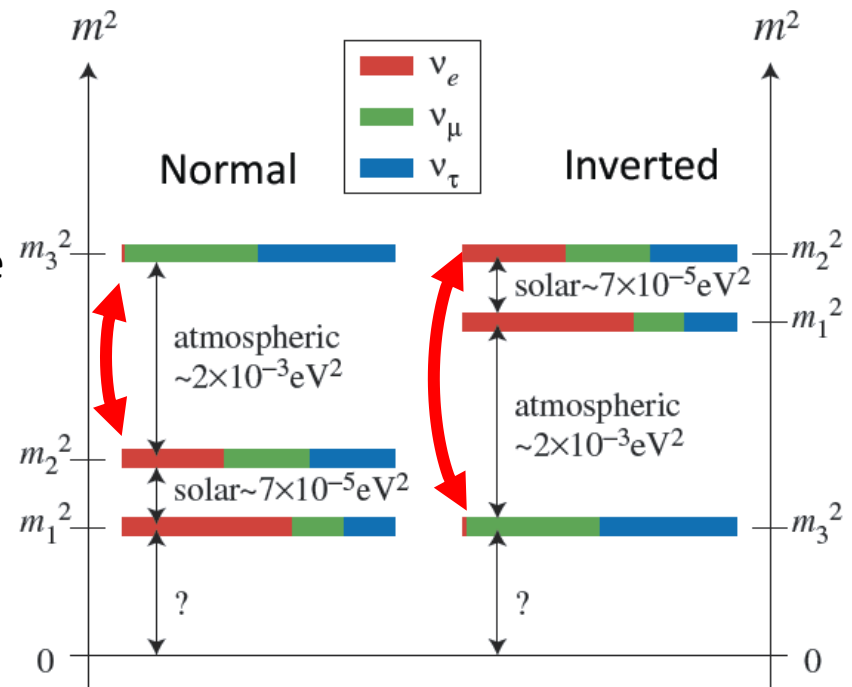
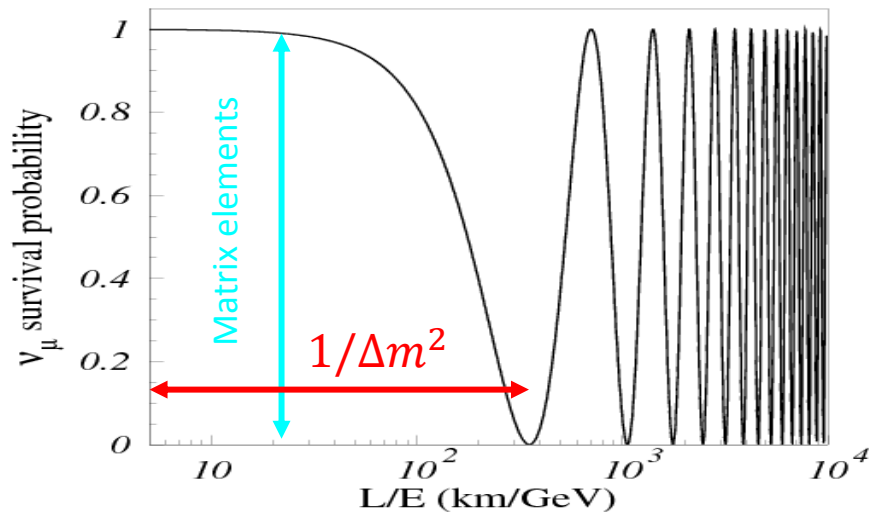
Outline

- Neutrino oscillation
 - Sterile neutrino 3+1 model
 - Neutrino oscillation experiments at accelerator
- Indication of sterile neutrino
 - LSND
 - MiniBooNE
- Sterile neutrino search at accelerator experiment
 - JSNS²
 - SBN
 - NuPRISM
- Summary

Neutrino mixing matrix (3 flavors)

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle \\ |\nu_\mu\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1}^* & U_{e2}^* & U_{e3}^* \\ U_{\mu 1}^* & U_{\mu 2}^* & U_{\mu 3}^* \\ U_{\tau 1}^* & U_{\tau 2}^* & U_{\tau 3}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_1\rangle \\ |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex) $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$ Monochromatic energy case



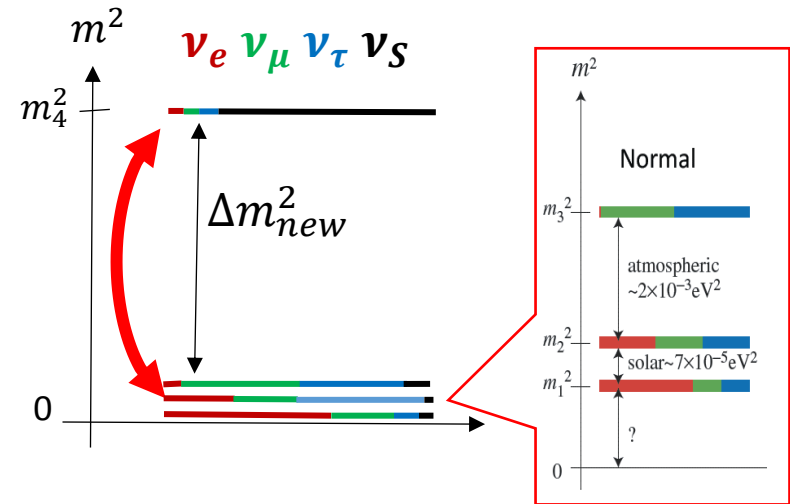
ν oscillation is explained by **mixing matrix elements** and **mass difference**.
Most Exp. Results are consistent with 3 neutrino mixing model.

Neutrino mixing matrix (4 or more flavors)

If there are more generations, it affect to the oscillation

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle \\ |\nu_\mu\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle \\ |\nu_s\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1}^* & U_{e2}^* & U_{e3}^* & U_{e4}^* & \cdots \\ U_{\mu 1}^* & U_{\mu 2}^* & U_{\mu 3}^* & U_{\mu 4}^* & \cdots \\ U_{\tau 1}^* & U_{\tau 2}^* & U_{\tau 3}^* & U_{\tau 4}^* & \cdots \\ U_{s1}^* & U_{s2}^* & U_{s3}^* & U_{s4}^* & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\nu_1\rangle \\ |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle \\ |\nu_4\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

For $3(\nu_\alpha) + 1(\nu_s)$ & $m_4 \gg m_{1\sim 3}$ case,



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \sim 1 - 4|U_{s4}|^2|U_{e4}|^2 \sin^2 \left[\frac{m_4^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right] \quad \nu_e \text{ disappearance} \\ P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \sim 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2|U_{e4}|^2 \sin^2 \left[\frac{m_4^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right] \quad \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e \text{ appearance} \\ P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \sim 1 - 4|U_{s4}|^2|U_{\mu 4}|^2 \sin^2 \left[\frac{m_4^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right] \quad \nu_\mu \text{ disappearance} \end{array} \right.$$

Reactor & source Exp. (for ν_e disappearance and $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance)

Accelerator Exp. can measure (for ν_μ disappearance)

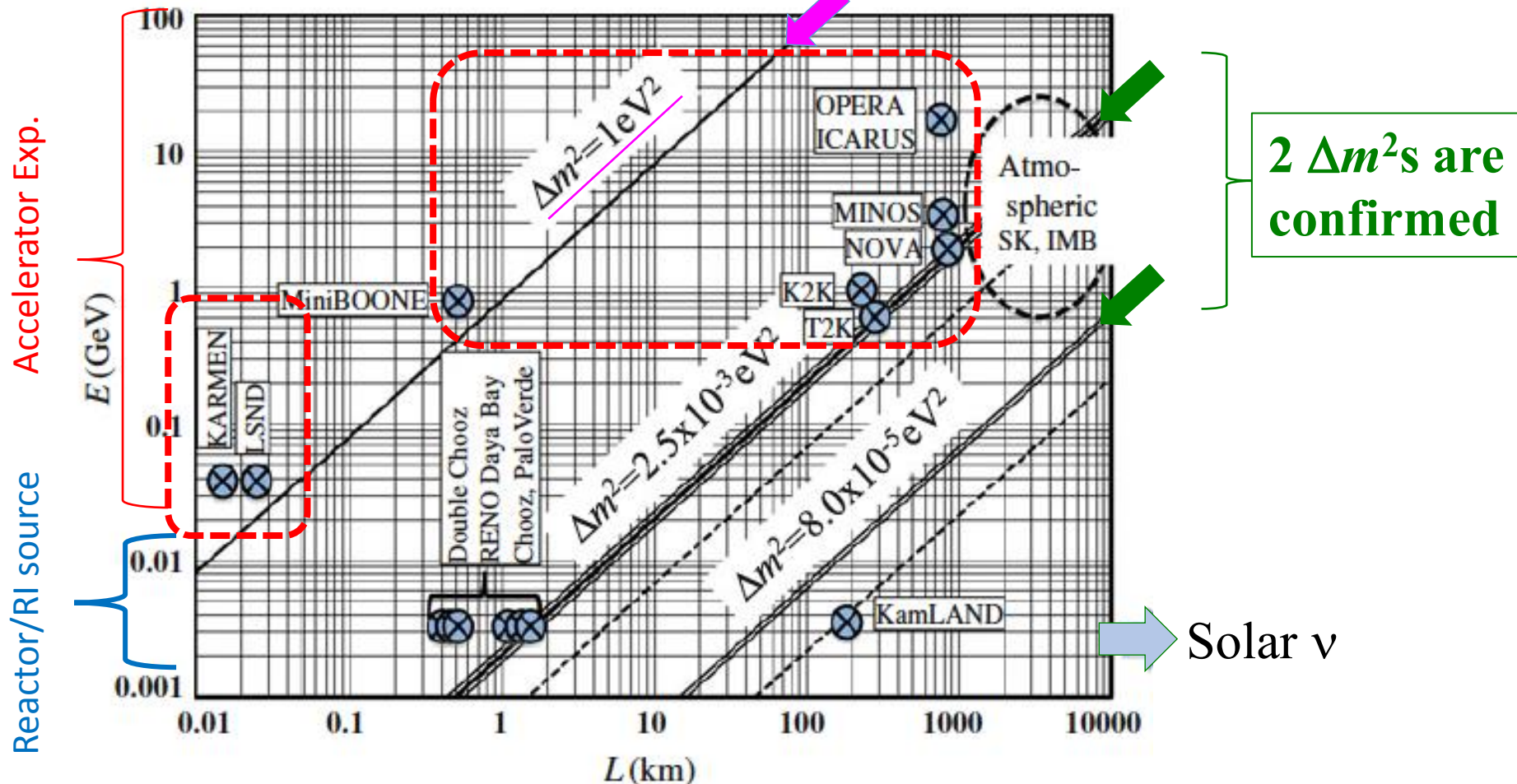
ν_s may be detected by ν oscillations

E - L relation of ν oscillation experiments

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$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[\frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right]$$

There are indications of 3rd Δm^2 which requires 4 or more ν s.

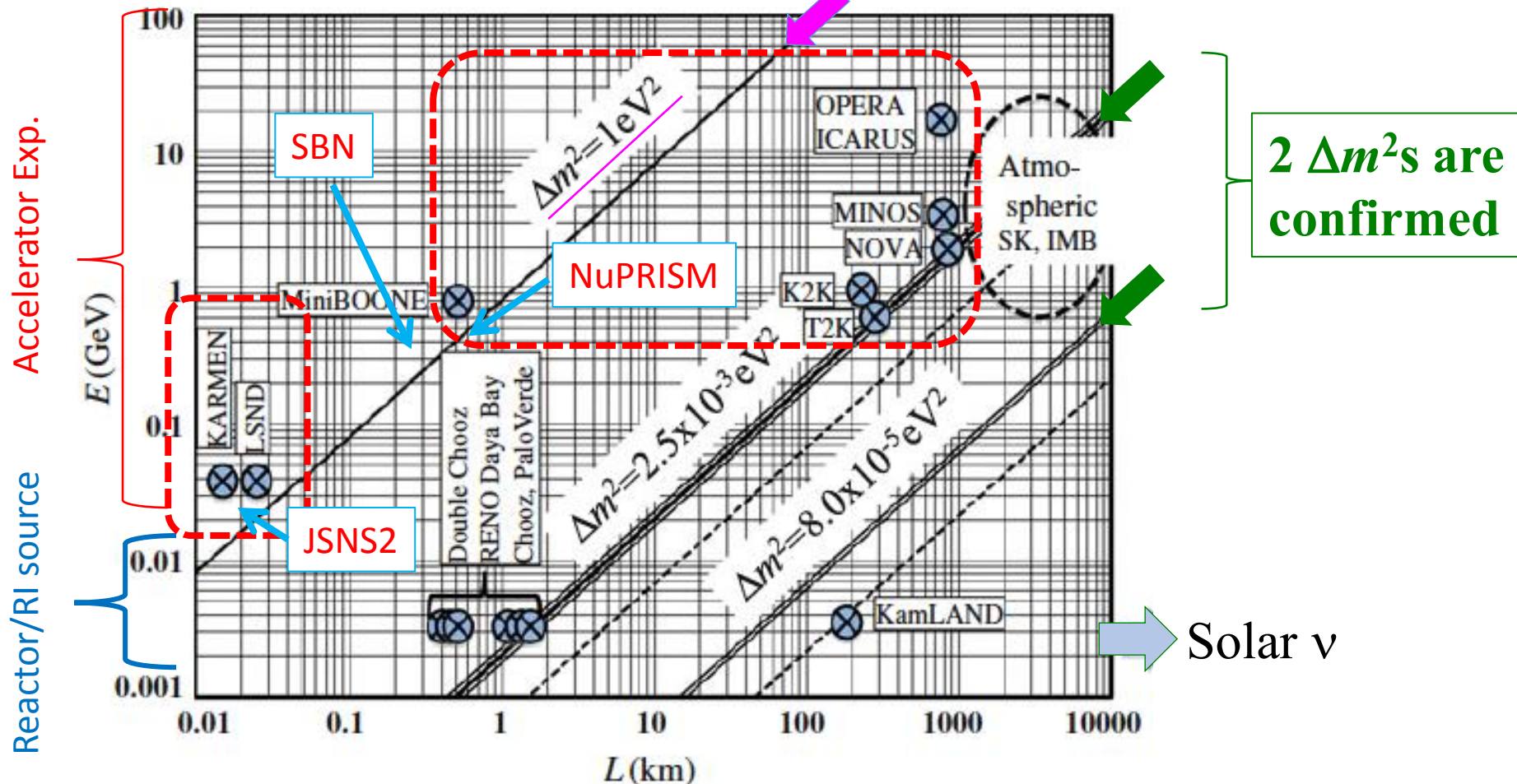


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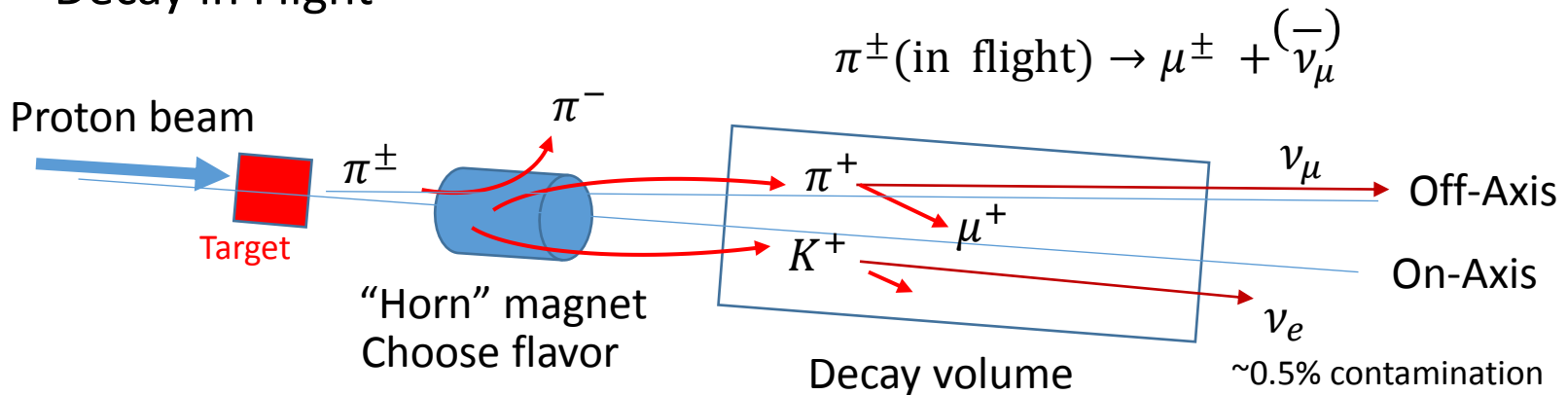
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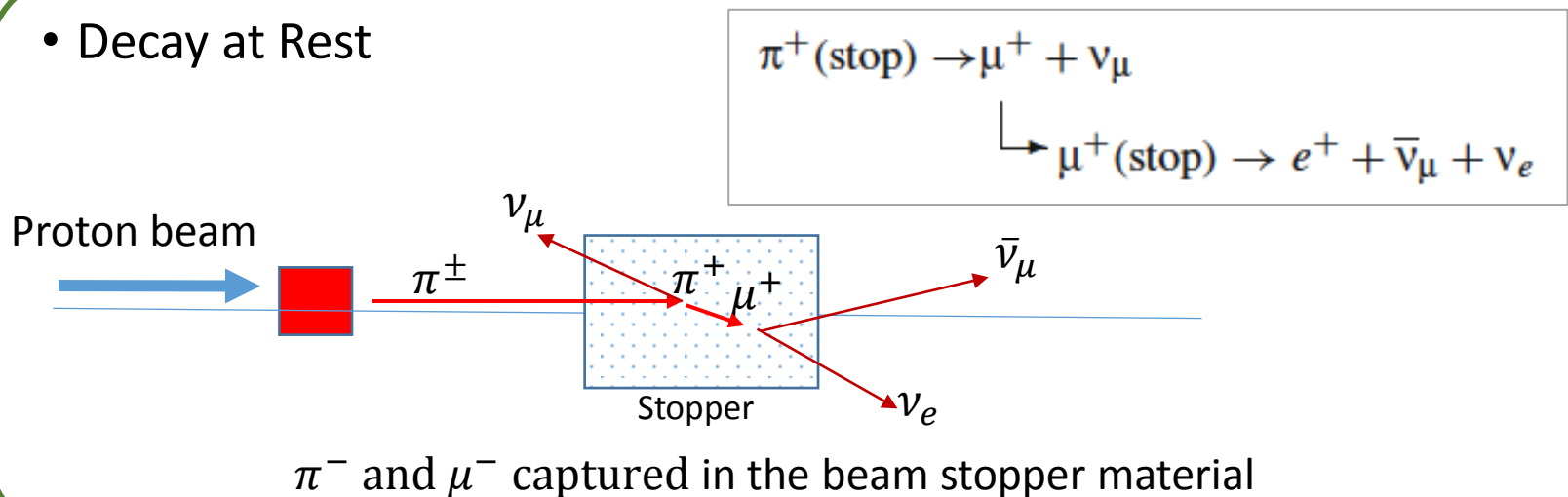


How to make neutrino beam

- Decay in Flight



- Decay at Rest



Indications of Sterile neutrinos

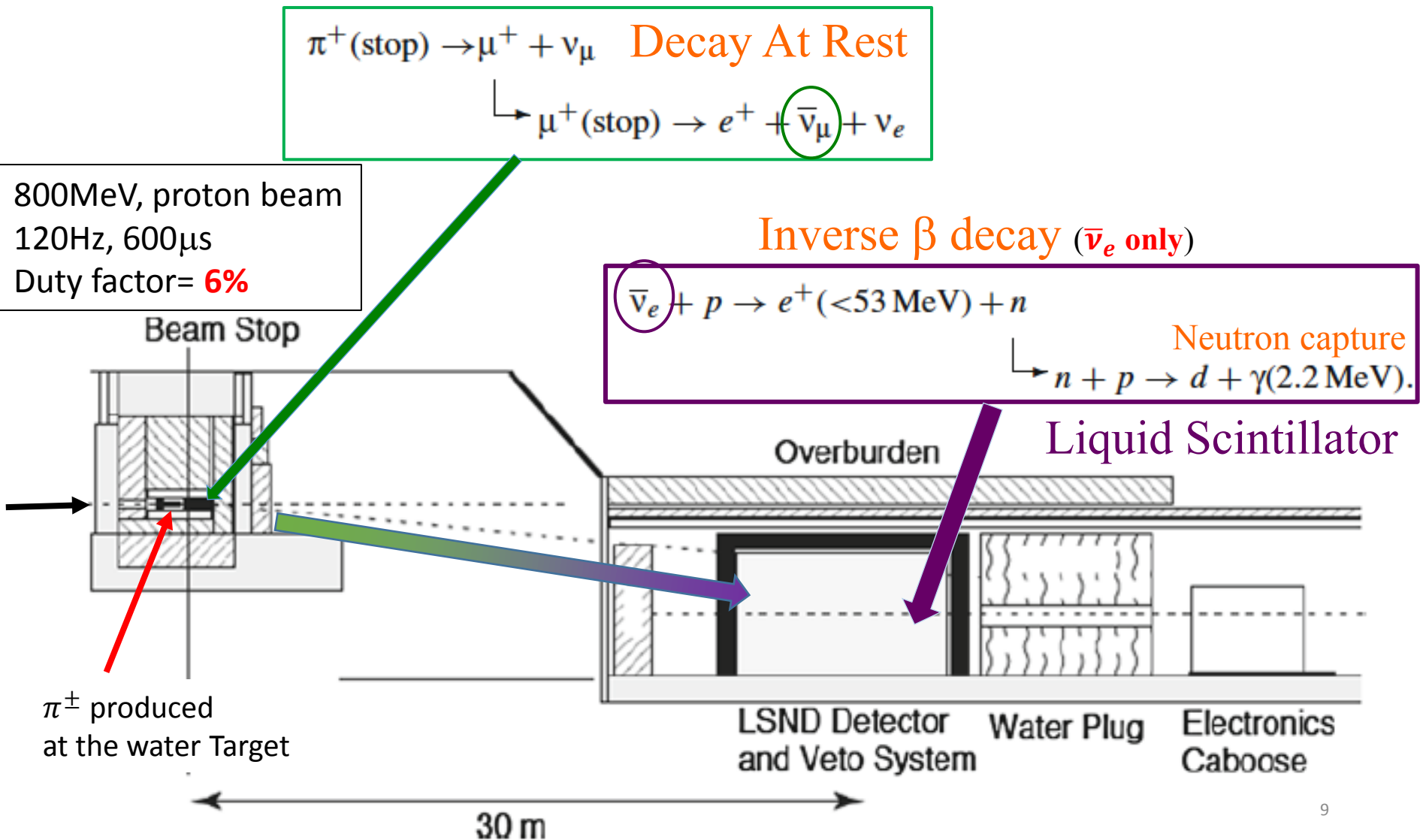
Experiment	ν source	Mode	Significance
LSND	Decay-At-Rest	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	3.8σ
MiniBooNE	Decay-In-Flight	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	3.4σ
		$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	2.8σ
		combined	3.8σ
Ga-Solar	e capture	$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x$	2.7σ
Reactor	β -decay	$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \nu_x$	3.0σ

Strong indication at **Appearance modes** at Accelerator experiment
 Reactor/source experiments show indication at **Disappearance** mode.

However, no positive result at **Dis-appearance** mode at Accelerator Exp.

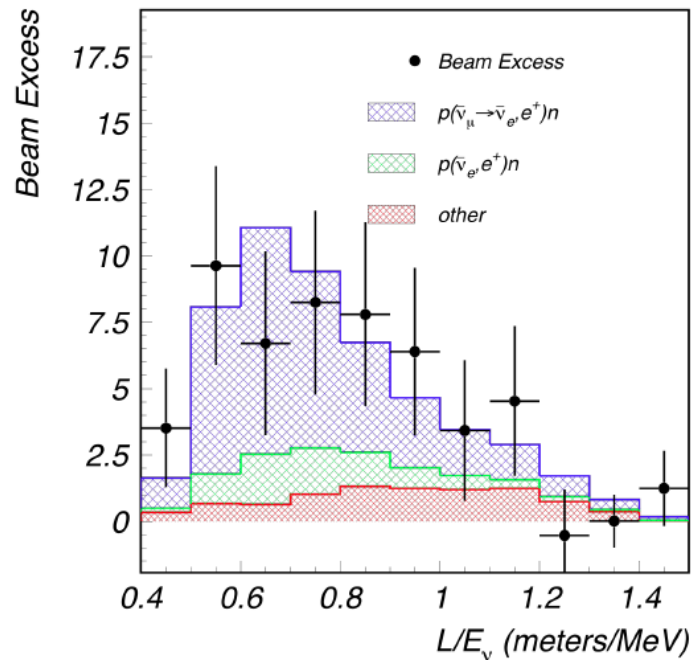
LSND experiment

The most significant indication of the sterile ν



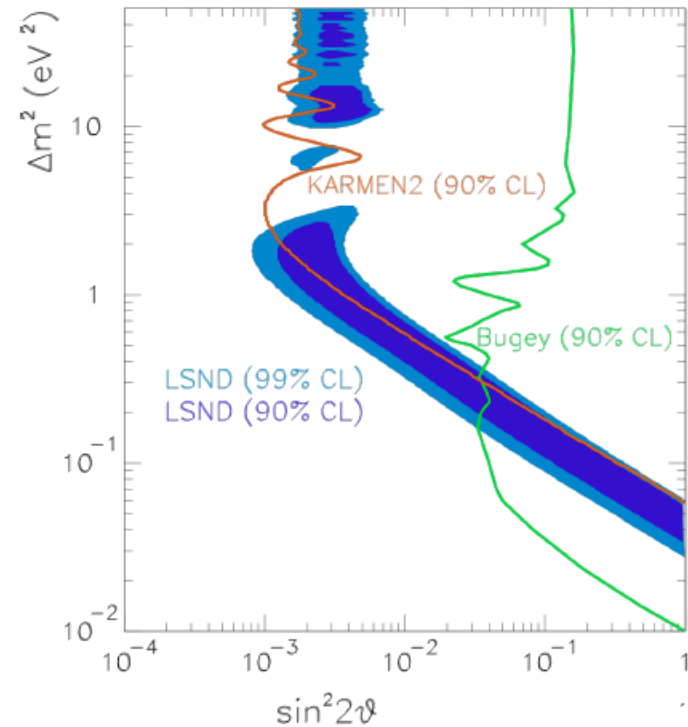
LSND Results

Phys. Rev. D64, 112007 (2001)



$$\bar{\nu}_e \text{ excess} = 87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0 \text{ events}$$

Oscillation Parameter

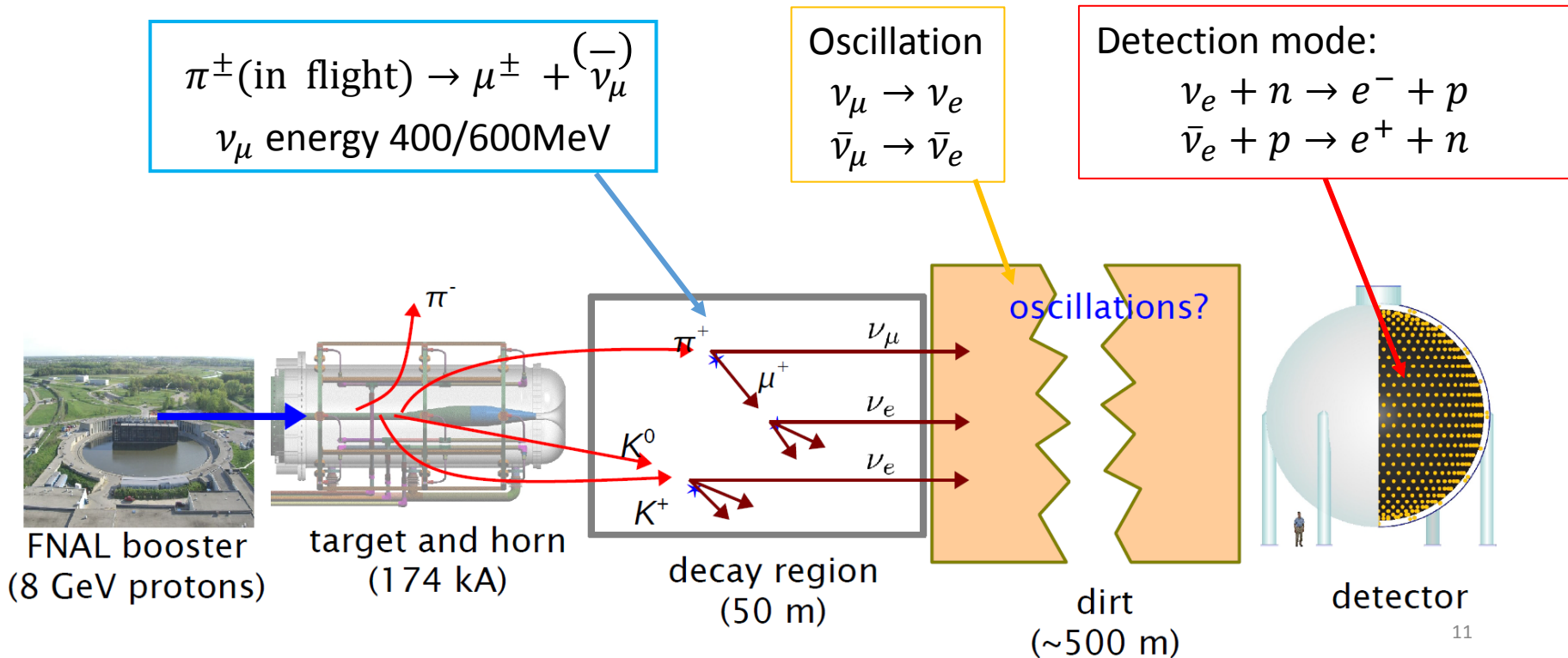


To reject beam/cosmic related BG,
many complicated cut were applied.
Unknown systematics may have been introduced.

MiniBooNE experiment

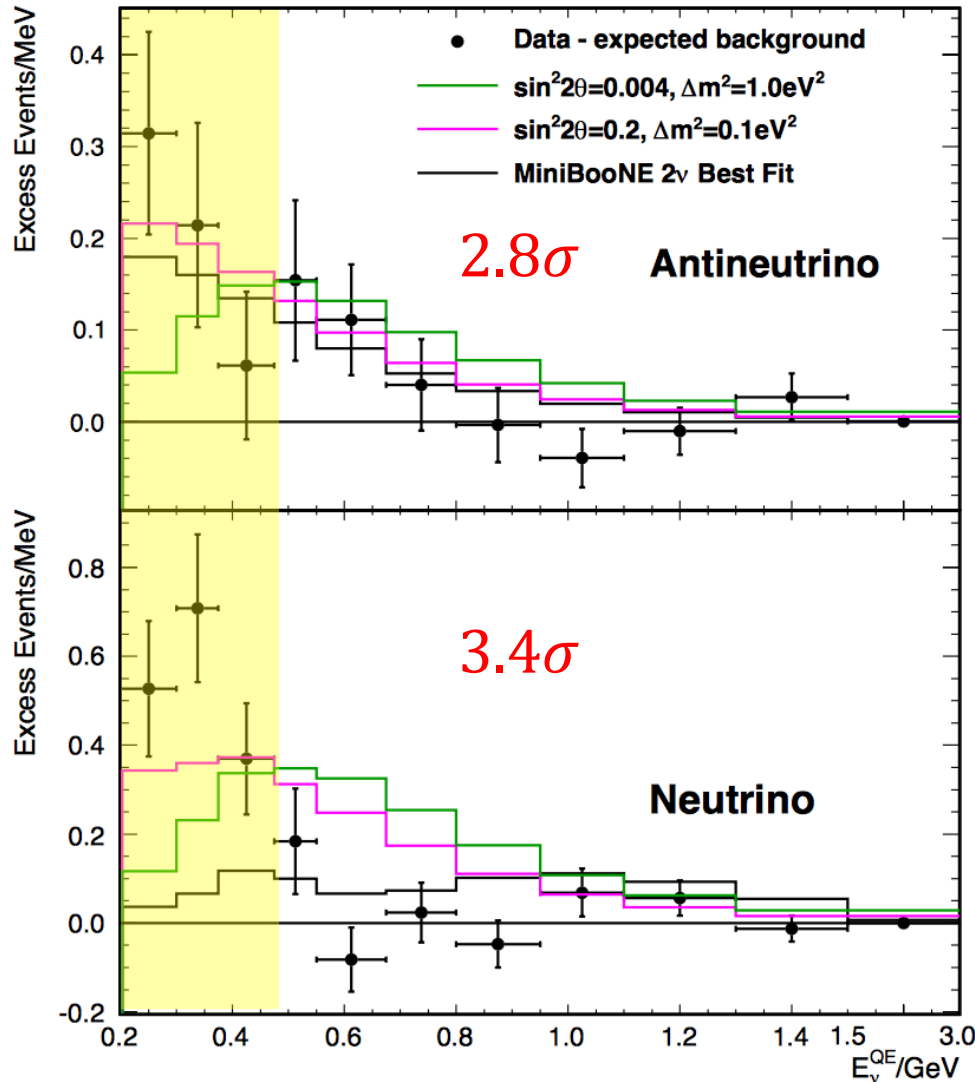
MiniBooNE Detector

- Placed at 500m to preserve LSND results with similar L/E
- 800-ton mineral oil
 - Cherenkov/Scintillation
 - Ring topology to separate e, μ and π^0
 - Can't distinguish e from γ



MiniBooNE results

Phys. Rev. Lett.110, 161801 (2013)



Event excess

$\bar{\nu}$ mode: 78.4 ± 28.5 (2.8 σ)

ν mode: 162.0 ± 47.8 (3.4 σ)

ν mode case;

Large excess at low energy $< 475 \text{ MeV}$

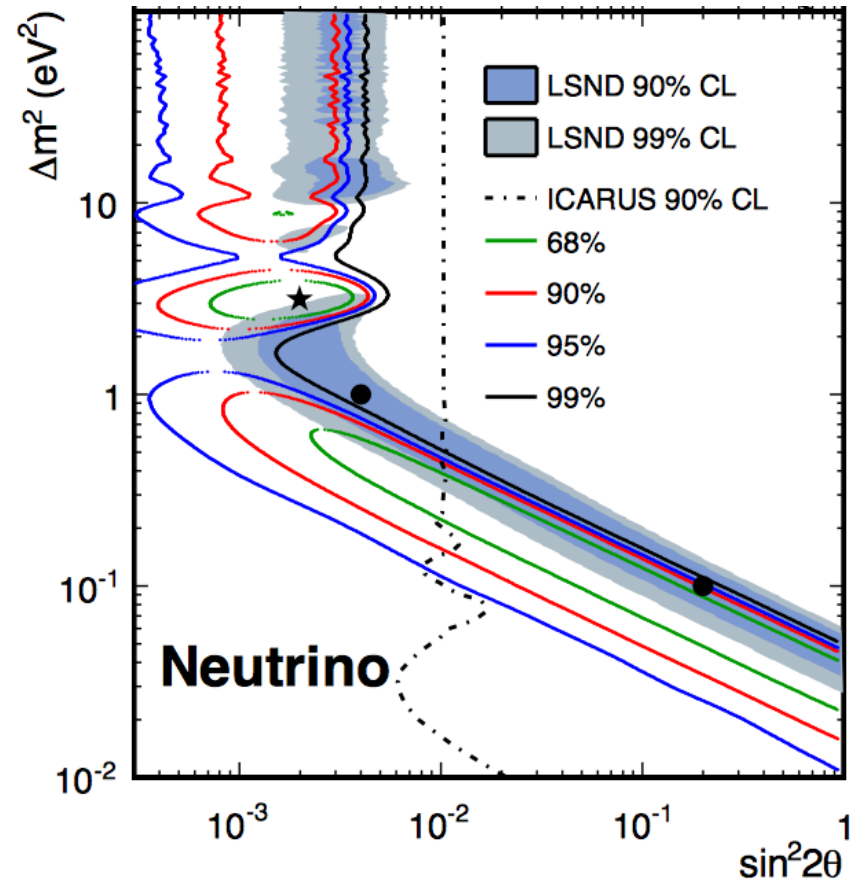
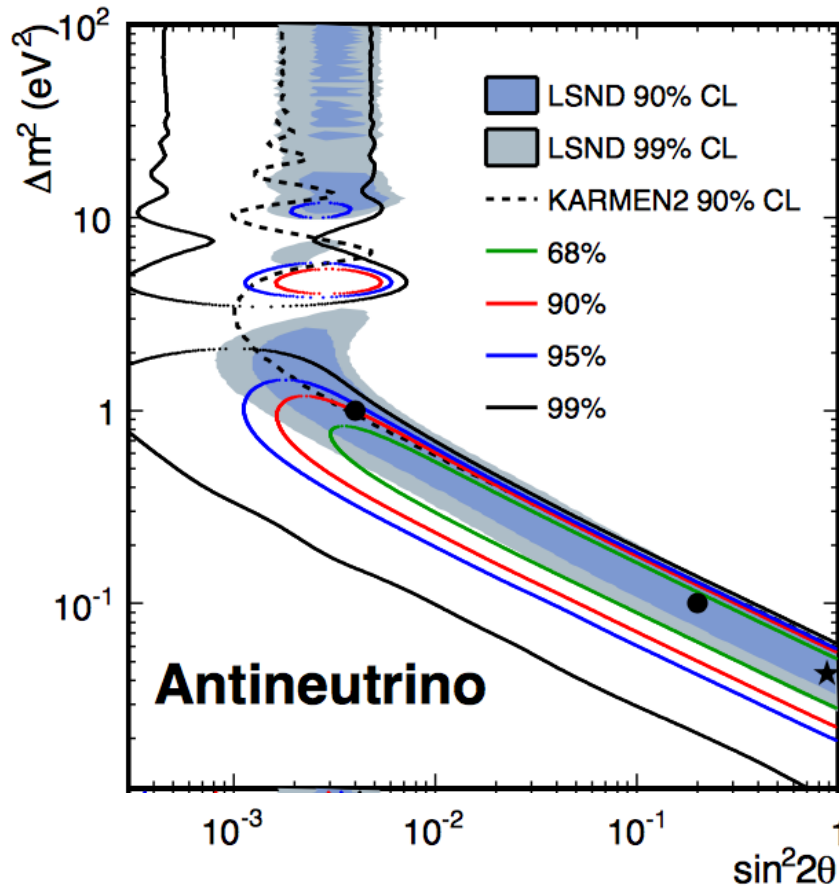
But no excess at higher energy.

The fit result doesn't explain it?

\Rightarrow Due to miss-ID γ as electron?

MiniBooNE/LSND Results Comparison

Phys. Rev. D80,073001 (2009)
Phys. Rev. Lett.110, 161801 (2013)



MiniBooNE $\bar{\nu}$ mode is more compatible with LSND result compared with ν mode.
How the difference is explained?

Short baseline accelerator experiments in preparation

LSND/MiniBooNE results should be checked
by accelerator experiment for Appearance/Dis-Appearance mode.

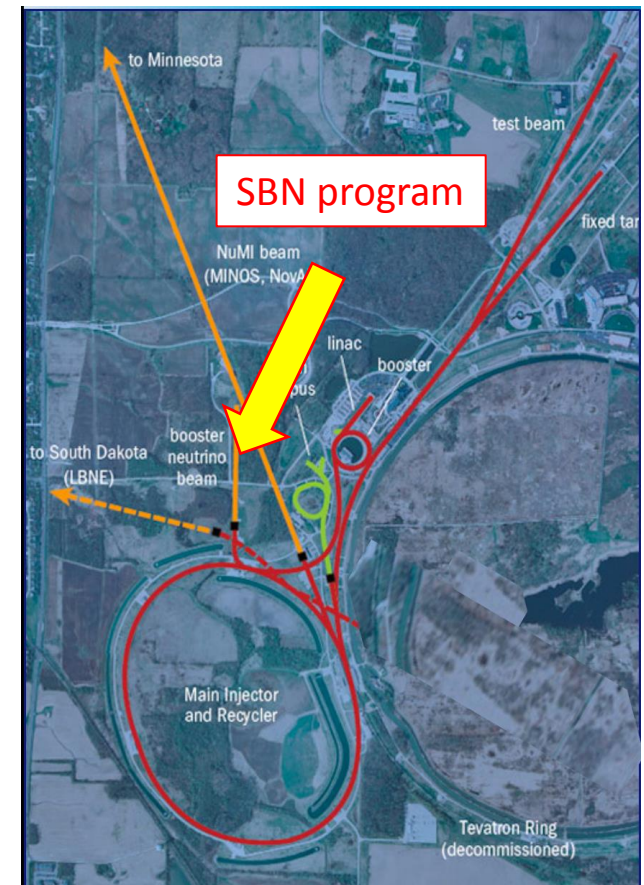
J-PARC(Japan Accelerator Research Complex)



- JSNS² @J-PARC/MLF DAR/Appearance
- SBN program@FermiLAB BNB
- NuPrism@J-PARC / ν -beam line

DIF/Appearance/Dis-appearance

Fermilab Booster ν beam



Direct test of LSND result

JSNS² @J-PARC/Material Life science Facility

- Stage-1 approved.
- Funded for 1 detector

Members experienced at Reactor Exps.
(Daya-Bay, DoubleChooz,RENO)

Consists of

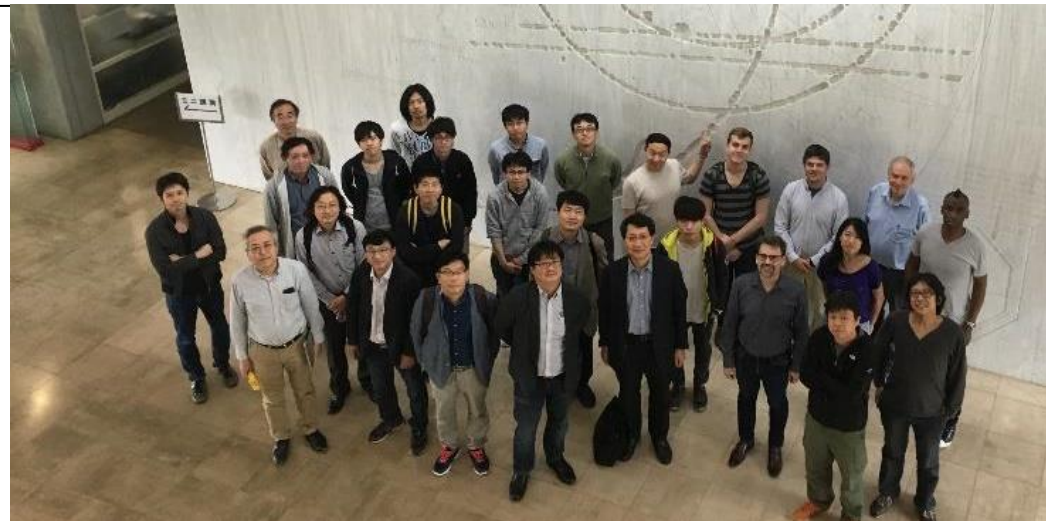
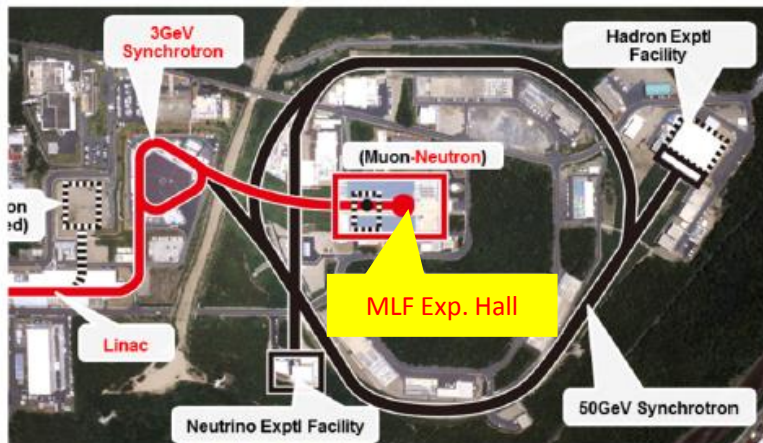
- 21 institutes
- 53 collaborators
- Japan/US/Korea

TDR released on May 2017

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Technical Design Report (TDR): Searching for a Sterile Neutrino at J-PARC MLF (E56, JSNS²)

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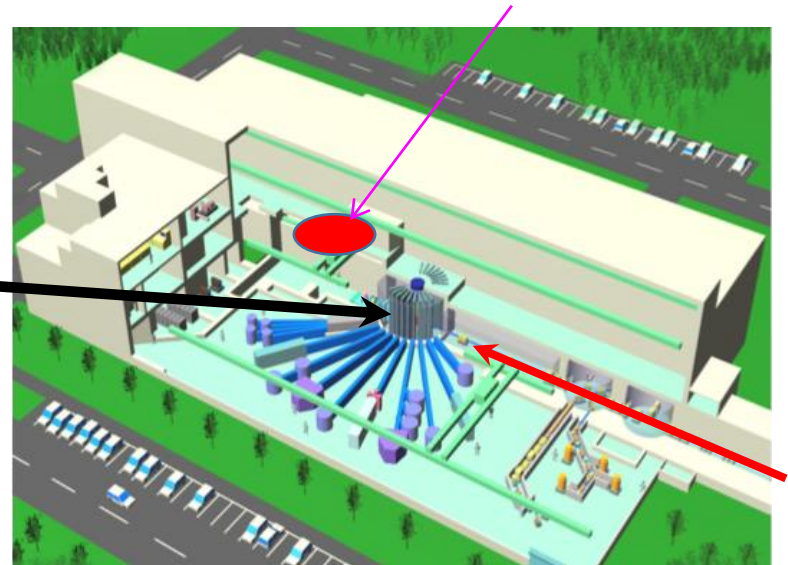
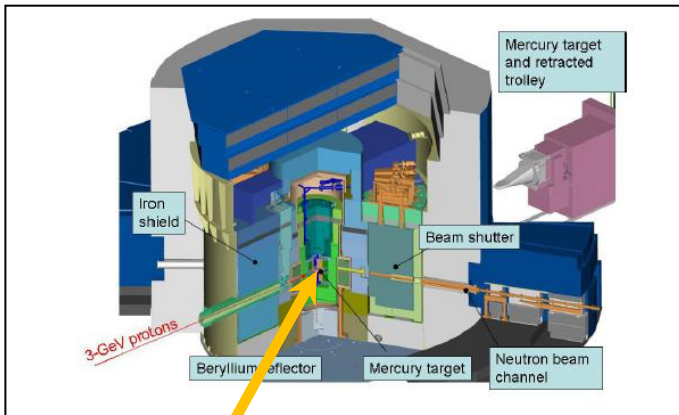


JSNS²: J-PARC Sterile Neutrino Search at J-PARC Spallation Neutron Source.

Experimental site: J-PARC MLF

Use existing building and beam facility

Detector position : 3rd floor (L=24m)



Mercury target
(neutron & neutrino source)

$$p + Hg \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} + X$$

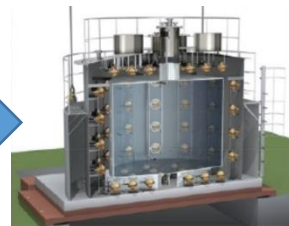
$$\hookrightarrow \pi^{+}(stop) \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} \quad (\tau=2.2\mu s)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \mu^{+}(stop) \rightarrow e^{+} + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$$

3GeV, 1MW
Proton beam

Oscillation

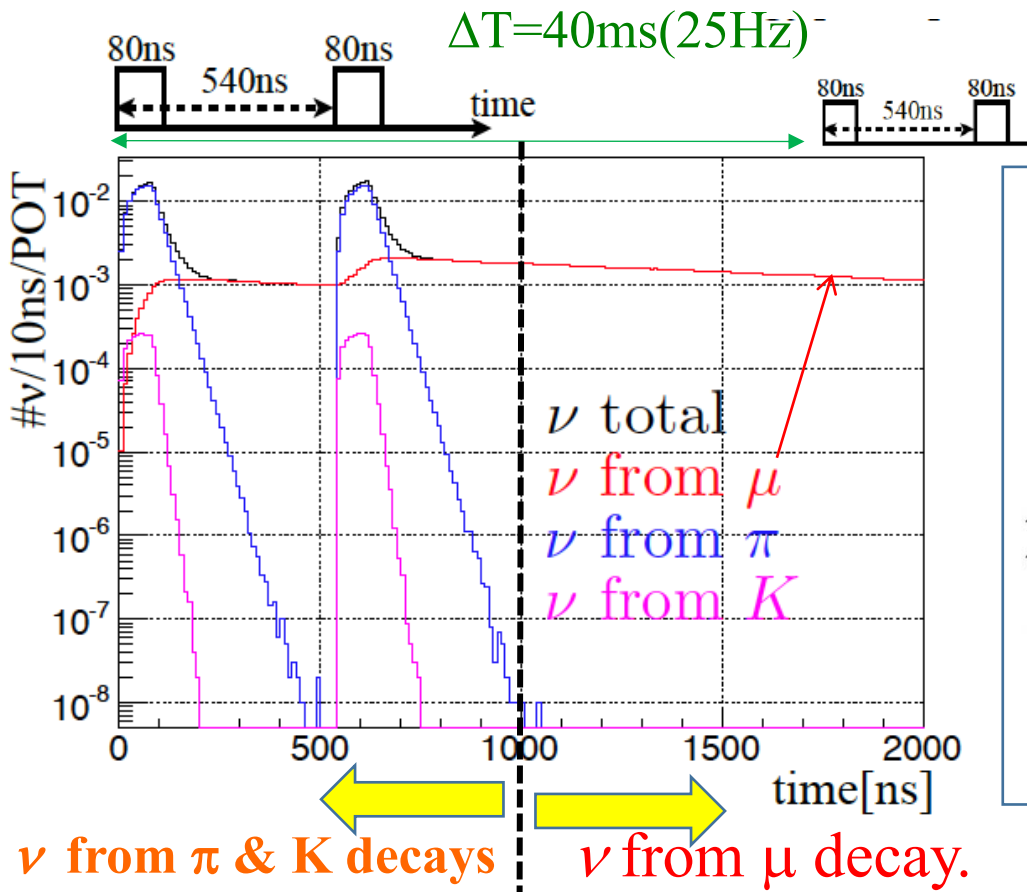
$\bar{\nu}_e$



ν source and oscillation mode are same as LSND

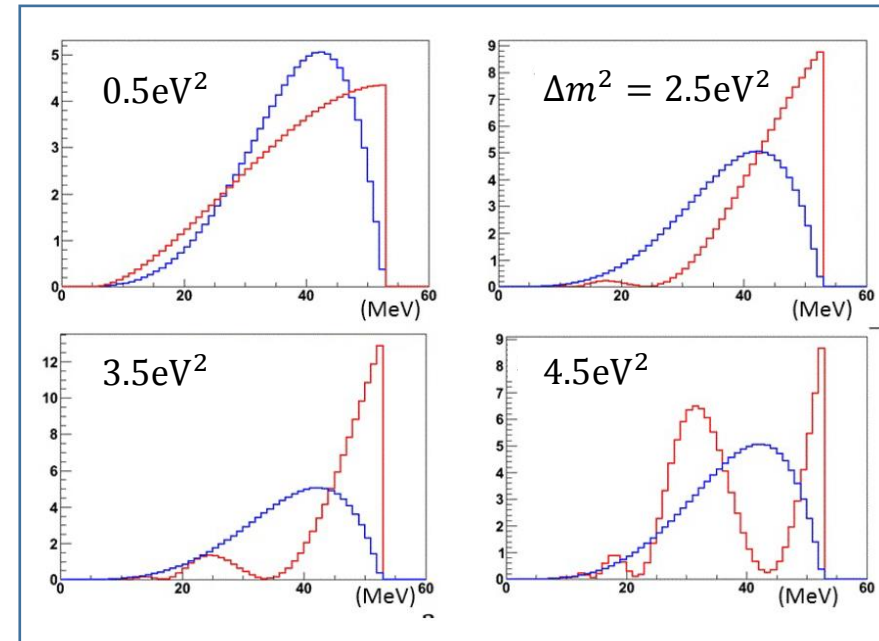
Thanks to high-Z of Hg , $\bar{\nu}_e$ from μ^{-} decays are suppressed to 1/1,000.

ν beam



ν timing window = $1 \sim 10\mu\text{s}$

Expected spectrum
observed for $L=24\text{m}$

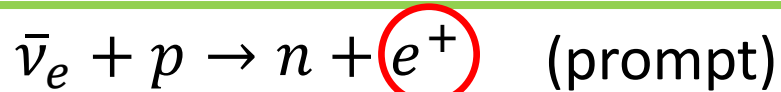


- Signal - $\bar{\nu}_e$ from μ^-
(normalized)

Pulsed beam can reduce beam BKG and accidental BKG drastically
 Cosmic-ray and accidental BG: suppression factor = $9\text{ms}/40\text{ms} \sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$

JSNS²:Detector

Gd-loaded Liq. Scintillator 17 tons × 2 (Established for reactor Exp.)



Depends on
Gd concentration

253,000b
for thermal n

Delayed coincidence

Prompt; $t_e = 1 \sim 10\mu\text{s}$, $E_e = 20 \sim 60\text{MeV}$

Delayed; $t_\gamma = t_p \sim 100\mu\text{s}$, $E_\gamma = 7 \sim 12\text{MeV}$

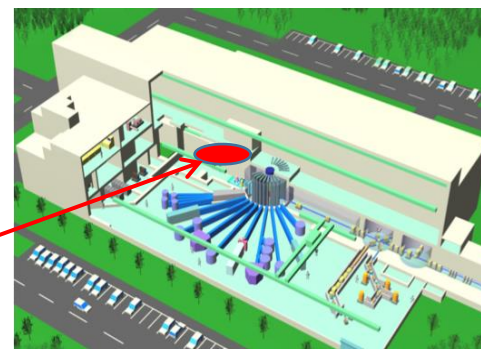
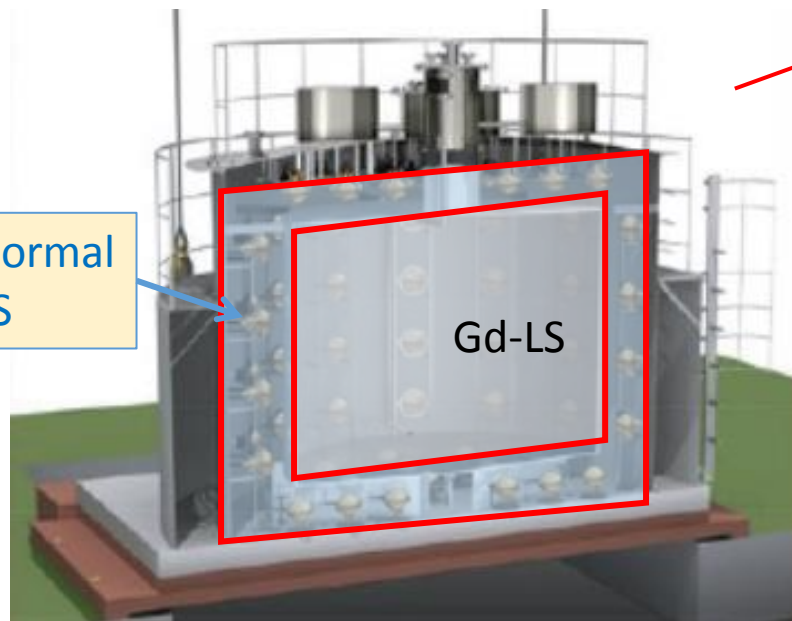
Surface level without overburden

Further BG suppression with
PSD (Pulse shape discrimination)



Use 2 of them. (1 detector funded)

JSNS²:Detector



3rd Floor for MLF maintenance work



Use 2 of them. The detector size is limited by Facility requirement.

- Well established technology for reactor experiments.
 - Gd loaded LS in transparent Acrylic tank
 - Normal LS in Stainless Tank
- 200 8-inch PMTs to ensure good Energy resolution
- Huge cosmic induced BG at surface level.
 - LS region is divided to make Veto region.



Neutron beam lines

Comparison with LSND

■ Neutrino beam

	Facility	Beam Pow. [MW]	Rep. Rate [Hz]	Pulse Width [ns]	Duty Factor
JSNS²	J-PARC/MLF	1	25	620	1.55e-5
LSND	LANL/LAMPF	0.8	120	6e+5	0.072

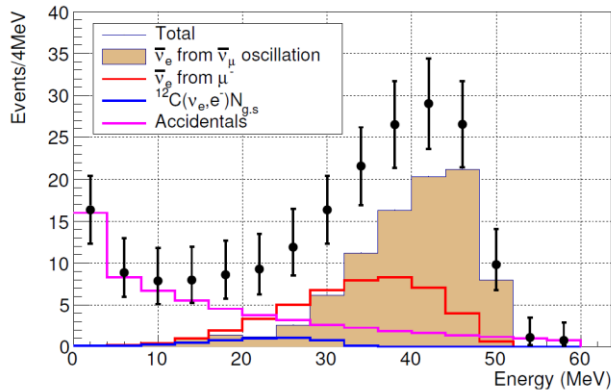
■ Detector

	Type	Mass [t]	L [m]
JSNS²	Gd-LS with PSD	34	24
LSND	LS	167	30

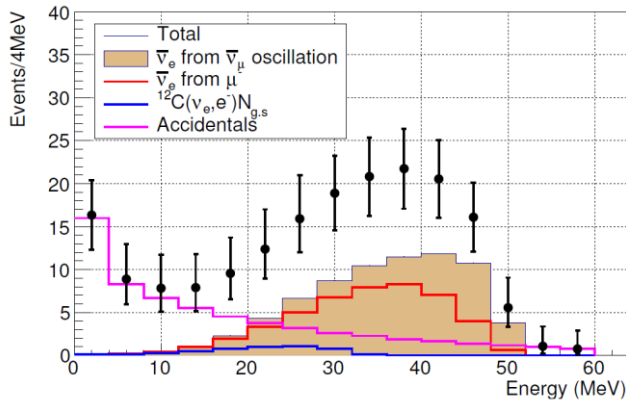
JSNS² : S/N > 1,000×LSND

JSNS² sensitivity (3y , 1 MW, 17 tons)

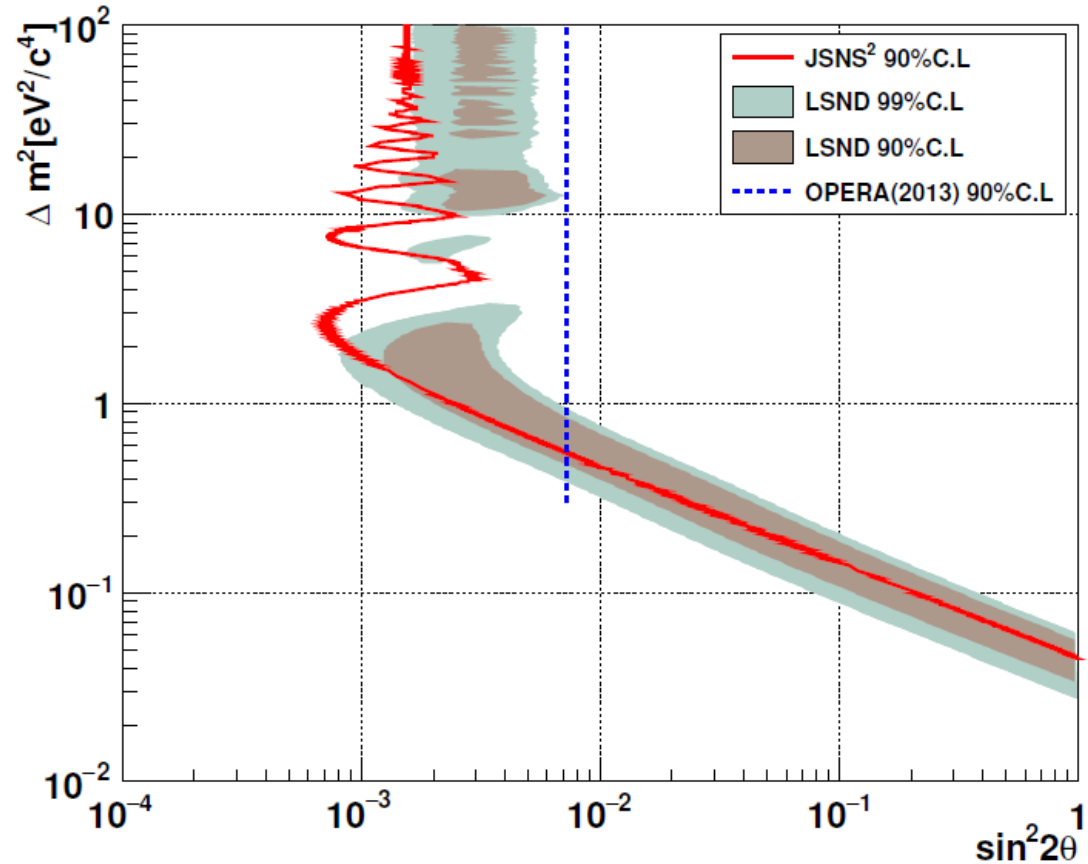
Expected spectrum



Case $\Delta m^2 = 2.5 \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 2\theta = 0.003$









Case $\Delta m^2 = 1.2 \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2 2\theta = 0.003$



Schedule for the 1st Detector (17-ton)

JSNS2 group is now preparing for the 1st detector construction

Japan Fiscal Year (April – March) Now

JFY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
S.S/Acrylic Tank					
PMT install					
LS production					
Dry run					
LS filling					
Start Exp. Run					

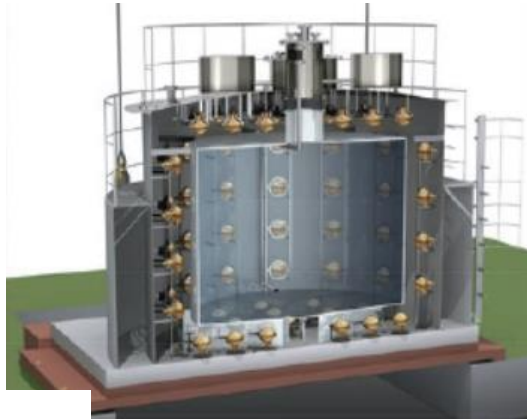
Continuous work for 2nd detector (17t) for increase of statistics and measurement with different baseline.

The bidding of Stainless tank was started on June, 2017 !

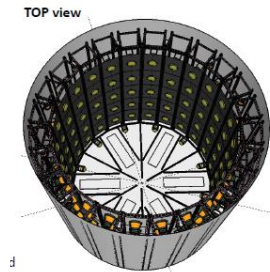
JSNS² status

Work for Detector construction
(from TDR)

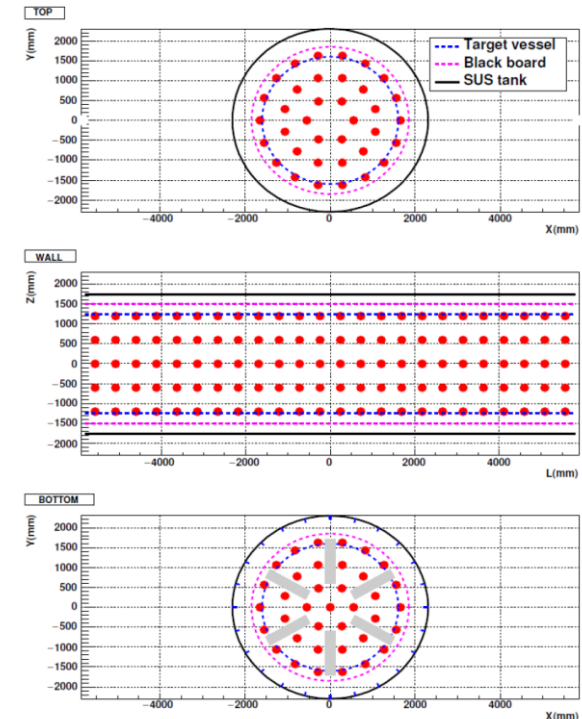
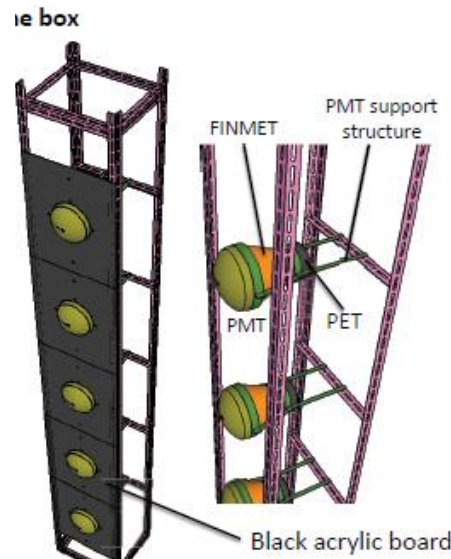
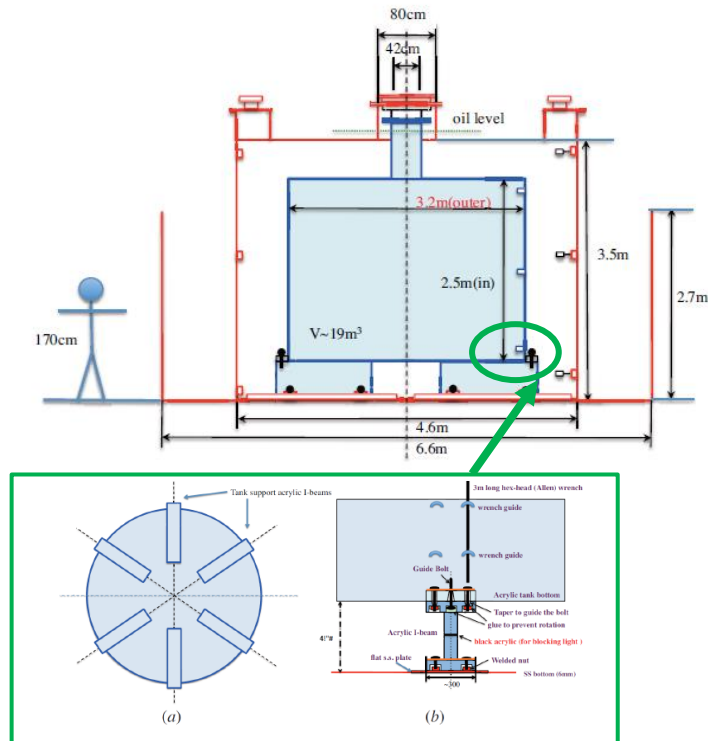
Stainless/Acrylic Tank design



We have experiences
at reactor Experiments



(inner)PMT location



Consideration on Acrylic tank and PMT installation to S.S tank.

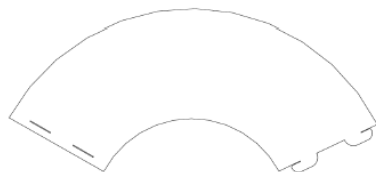
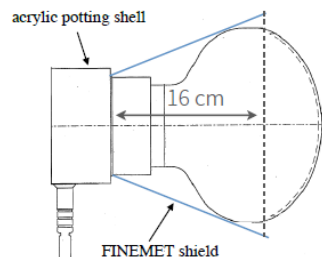
Compatibility tests of material inside Liquid Scintillators.

It is Important to choose the material installed into LS (LAB base).

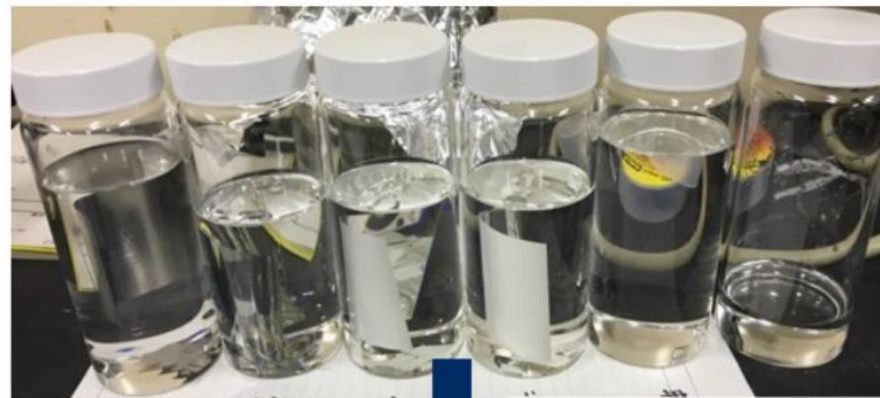
Check attenuation length of the liquids and the condition of the material surface/weight after long soak.

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FINEMET for PMT magnetic shield



LUIREMIRROR
for light reflection
at veto region



> 4 weeks later

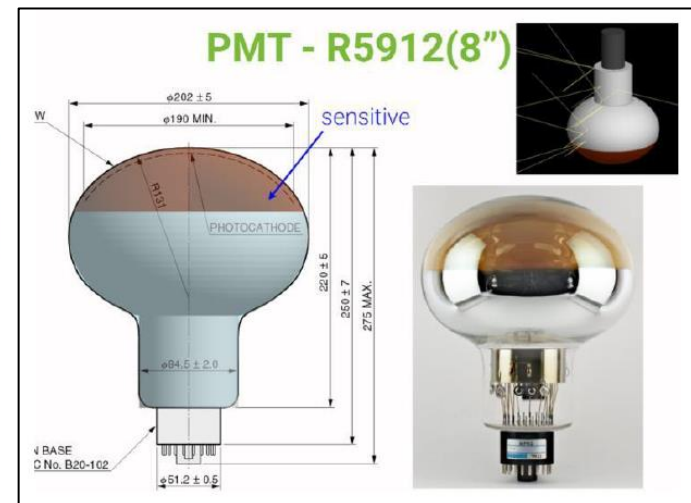
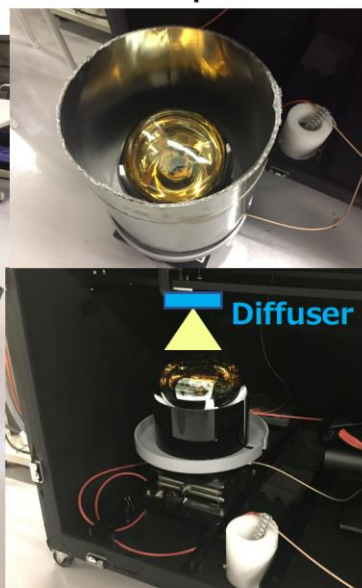
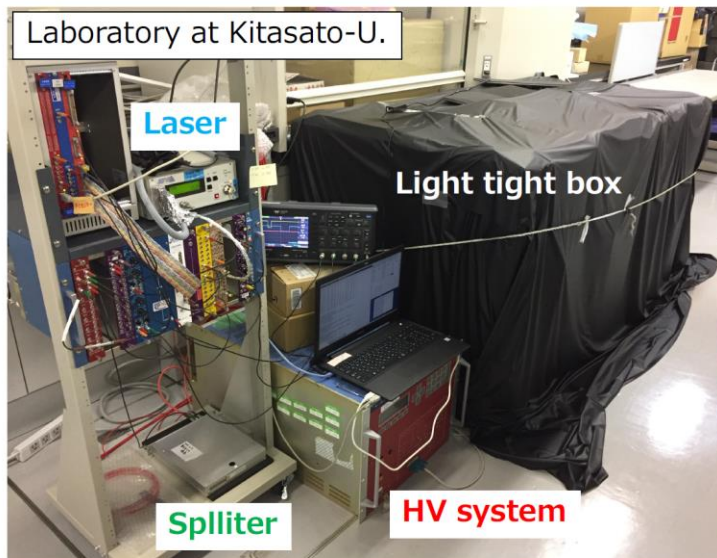


PMT Pre-Test/Calibration

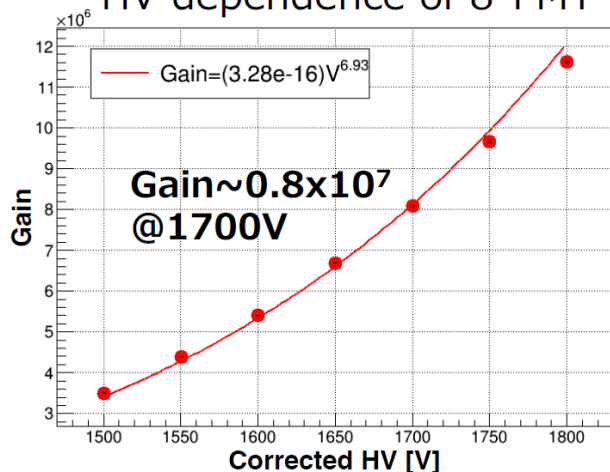
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Development has been done.
We are measuring a sample PMT.

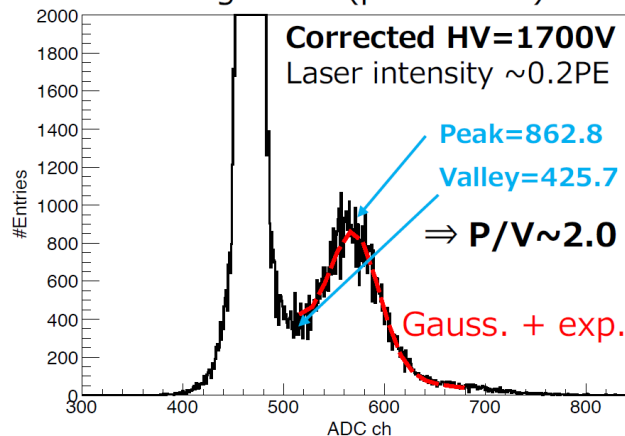
8" PMT + μ -metal



HV dependence of 8" PMT



Charge dist. (put in TDR)



Gain and P/V ratio
were measured
for PMT candidate.



SBN program@Fermilab

Address MiniBooNE anomaly

- Funded
- Booster neutrino Beam $\sim 700\text{MeV}$
 - $L/E \sim 1\text{km/GeV}$
- Use 3 Liquid Argon TPCs(100-600t)
 - Good separation e/γ
 - Study ν -LAr cross section
 - Further development for DUNE
- Sensitive to sterile oscillation
 - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance
 - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ dis-appearance

I borrowed the slides from
* D.Schnitz @ Neutrino2016

arXiv:
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A Proposal for a Three Detector Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Program in the Fermilab Booster Neutrino Beam

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The Three LArTPC SBN Program

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in the Fermilab Booster Neutrino Beam

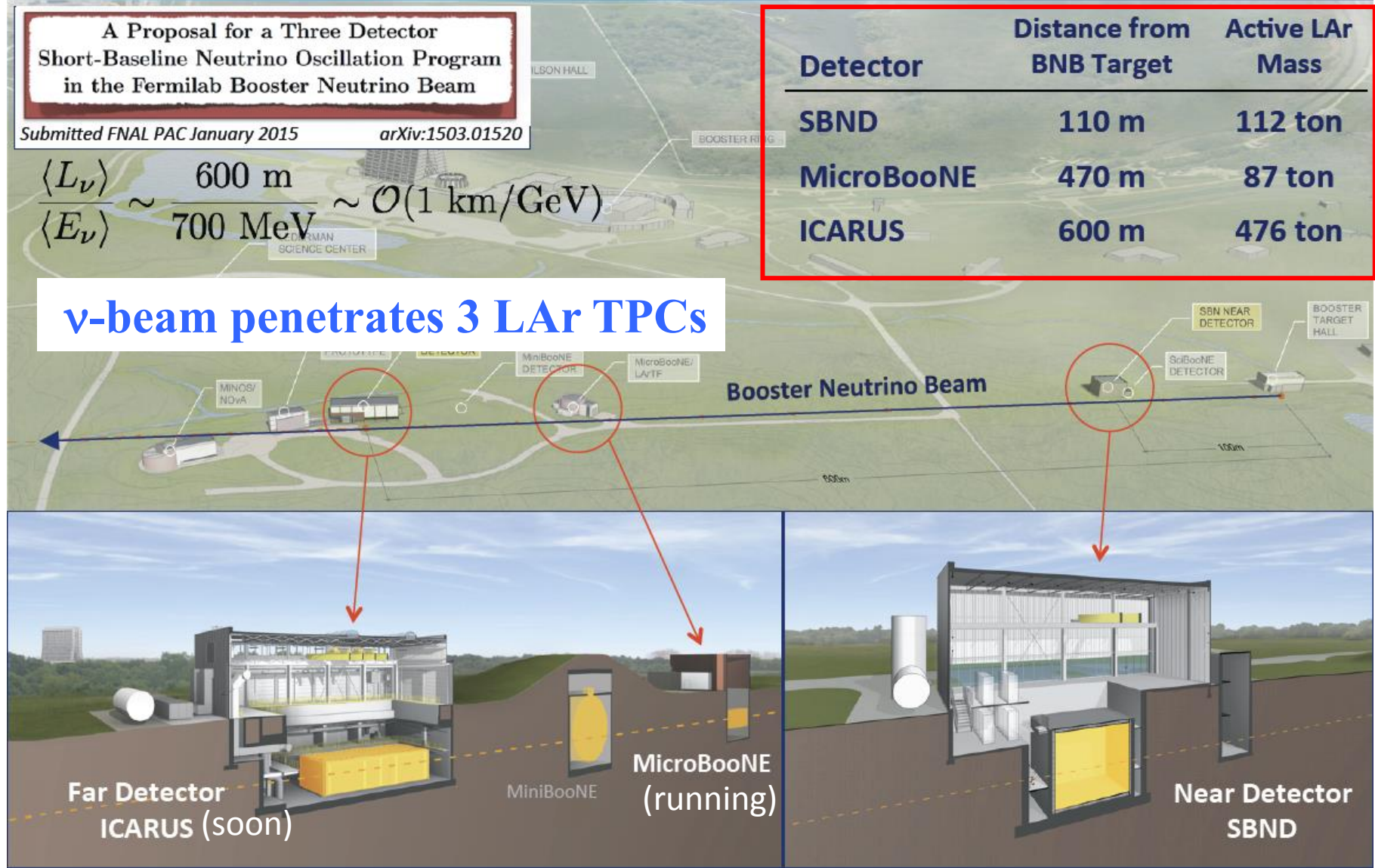
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$$\frac{\langle L_\nu \rangle}{\langle E_\nu \rangle} \sim \frac{600 \text{ m}}{700 \text{ MeV}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ km/GeV})$$

Detector	Distance from BNB Target	Active LAr Mass
SBND	110 m	112 ton
MicroBooNE	470 m	87 ton
ICARUS	600 m	476 ton

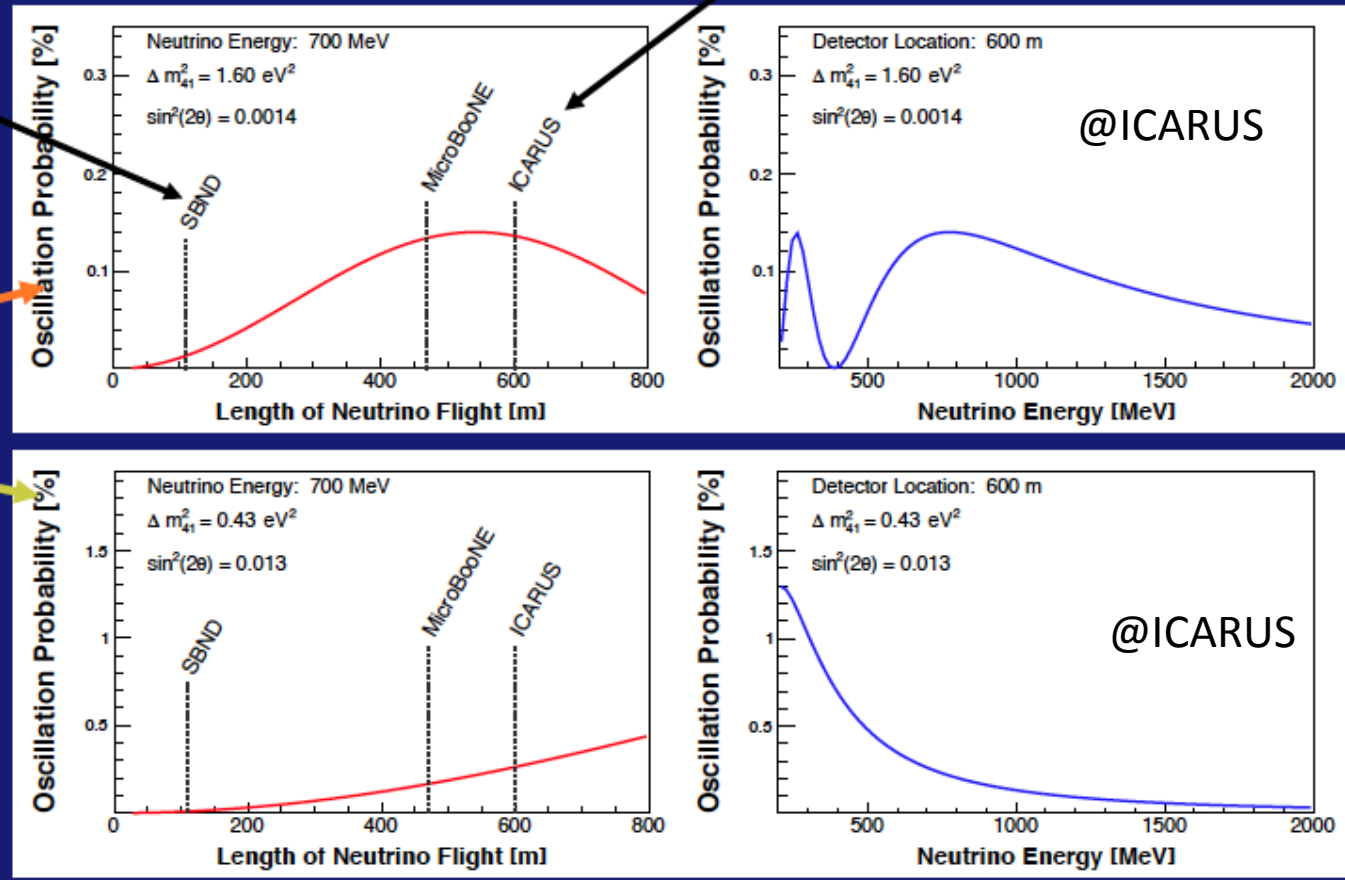
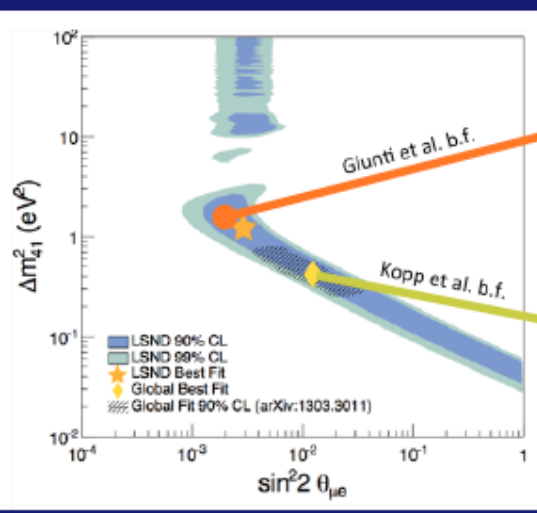
ν -beam penetrates 3 LAr TPCs



SBN will apply the advantages of the LArTPC technology and multiple detectors at different baselines to the question of high- Δm^2 sterile neutrino oscillations to definitively test currently allowed oscillation parameter regions at $\geq 5\sigma$

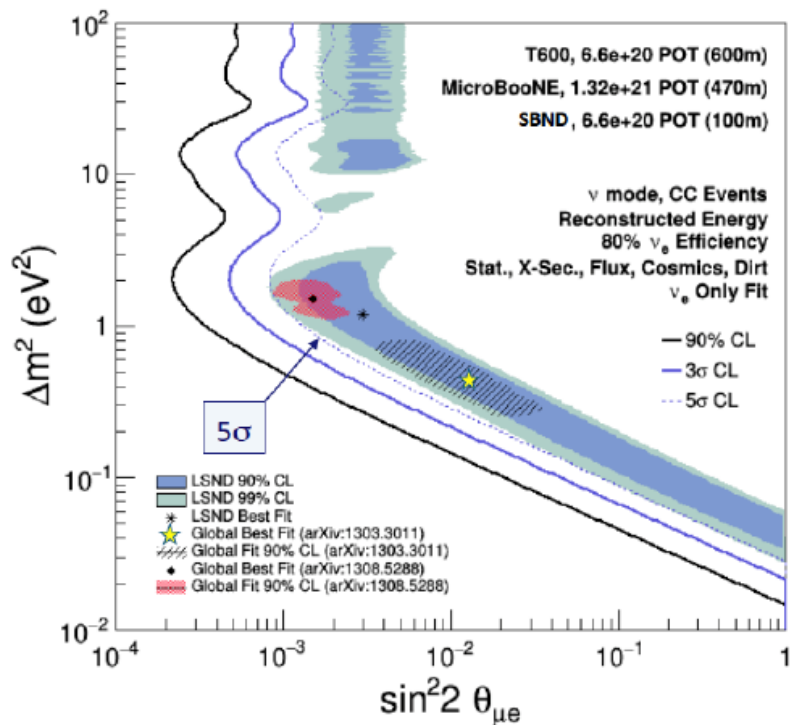
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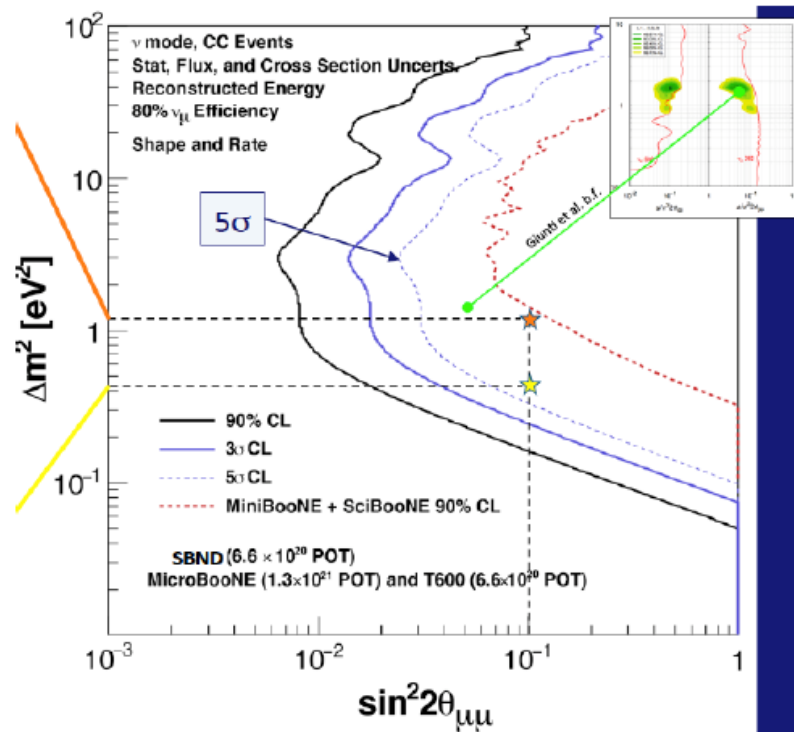


Sensitivities for sterile ν oscillations(3yrs)

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance



$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ disappearance



NuPrism@J-PARC neutrino beamline

Stage1 approved

Proposal for the NuPRISM Experiment in the J-PARC Neutrino Beamline

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- Use movable detector in a shaft hole
 - Water Cherenkov, ~1000 ton (depends on baseline)
 - Baseline :1-2km (not fixed yet)
 - Study ν — nuclear interaction with various energy
- It is sensitive to sterile ν oscillation
 - Both appearance/dis-appearance mode

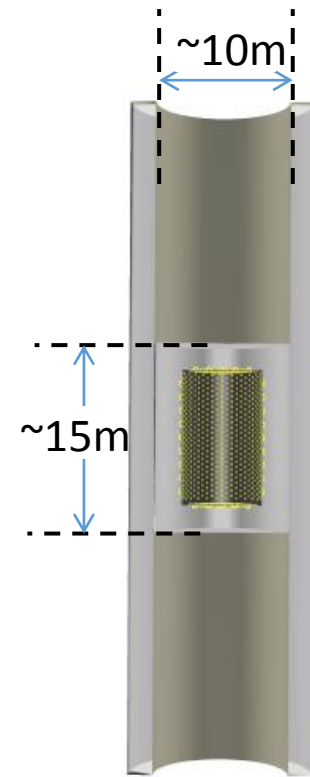
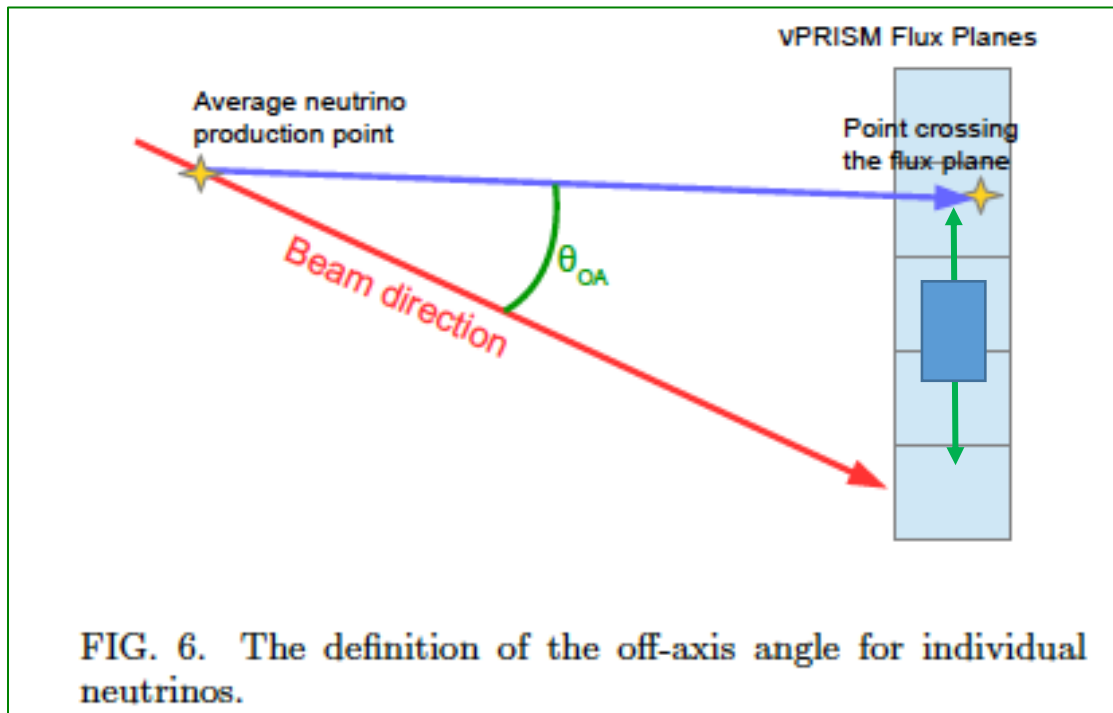
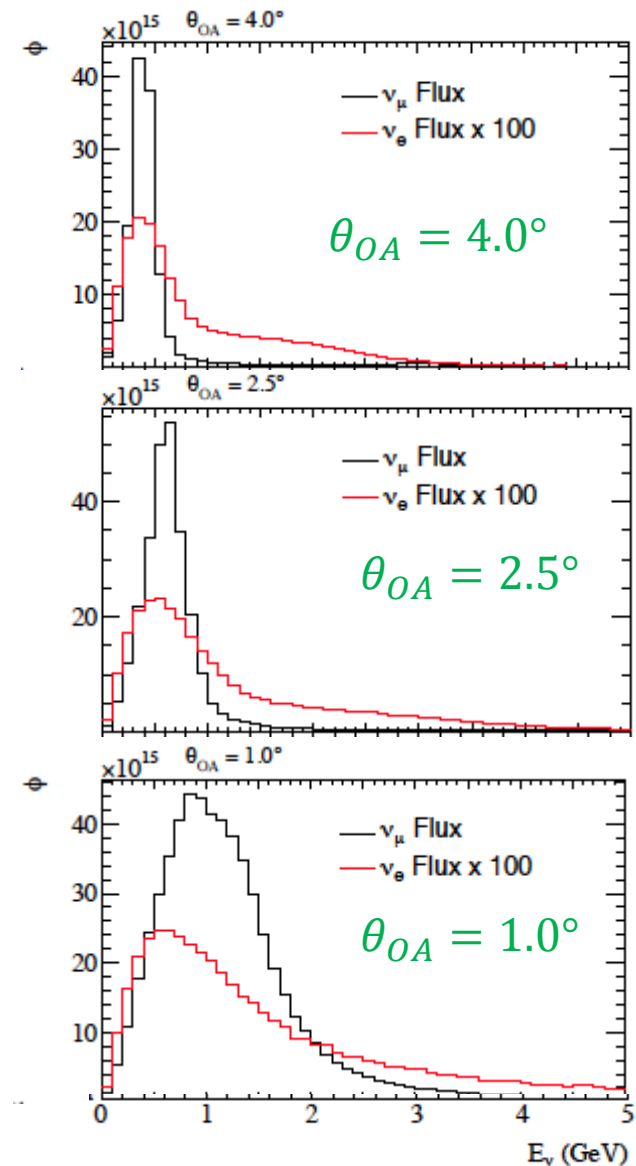


FIG. 39. The planned configuration of the nuPRISM detector within the water tank is shown. The instrumented portion of the tank moves vertically to sample different off-axis angle regions.

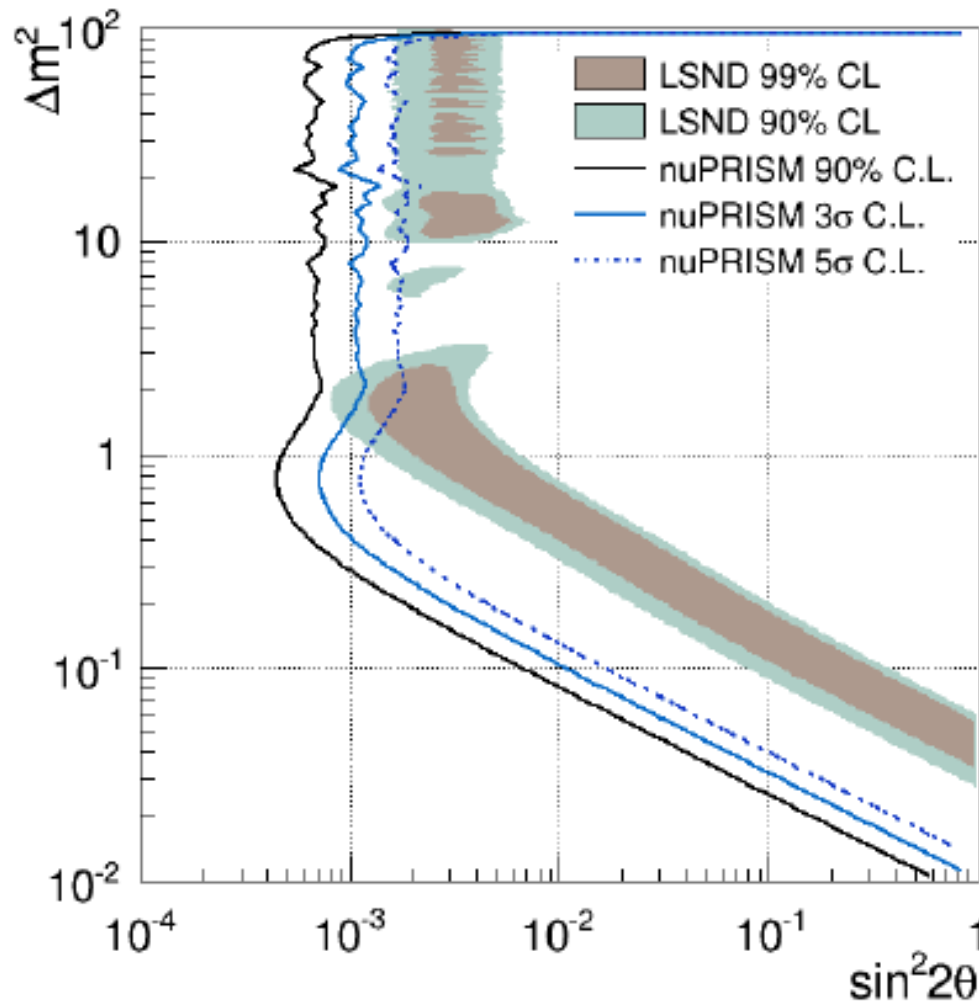


**With Off-axis beam technique.
Large angle gives sharp E_ν distribution.**

**Change Off-Axis angle
by moving detector in a shaft,**



NuPRISM: sterile ν sensitivity



T2K II exposure(2e21 POT)
 ν_e appearance mode

Comparison of the future projects

	JSNS2	SBND/mBooN/ICARUS	nuPRISM
Accelerator	J-PARC/MLF	Fermilab BvB	J-PARC/ ν
E_ν [MeV]	~ 50	~ 700	500 \sim 1500
ν source	μ^+ DAR	π^+ DIF	π^+ DIF
L[m]	23	110/470/600	1000 \sim 2000
Osc. mode	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$	$\overset{(-)}{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overset{(-)}{\nu}_e, \overset{(-)}{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overset{(-)}{\nu}_\mu$
Detector	Gd-LS	LAr-TPC	Water Cherenkov
Fid. Mass(t)	17(phase0)	112/87/476	1000(depnds on L)
Characteristic	Direct Test of LSND	Full ν -Ar interaction reconstruction. Near/Far cancellation	Wide range semi-monochromatic ν
Status	funded for 1detector	funded	stage-1 approval
Commissioning	2018 \sim 9	2018 \sim 9/2015/2018	-
Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$



Summary

- There are some indications of sterile neutrinos
 - Significant at LSND/MiniBooNE: $\Delta m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{eV})$ at ν_e appearance mode
 - Reactor/Source Exp. also show it in ν_e dis-appearance mode
- SBL Accelerator experiments are sensitive to $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_x$
 - Experiments are in preparation
 - JSNS2@J-PARC is funded for 1 detector
 - SBN@FermiLAB is funded and will start soon
 - Those are complementary to the reactor/source experiments
- The interesting results will appear in a few years.