



# reactor $\theta 13$

*(the ultimate measurement?)*

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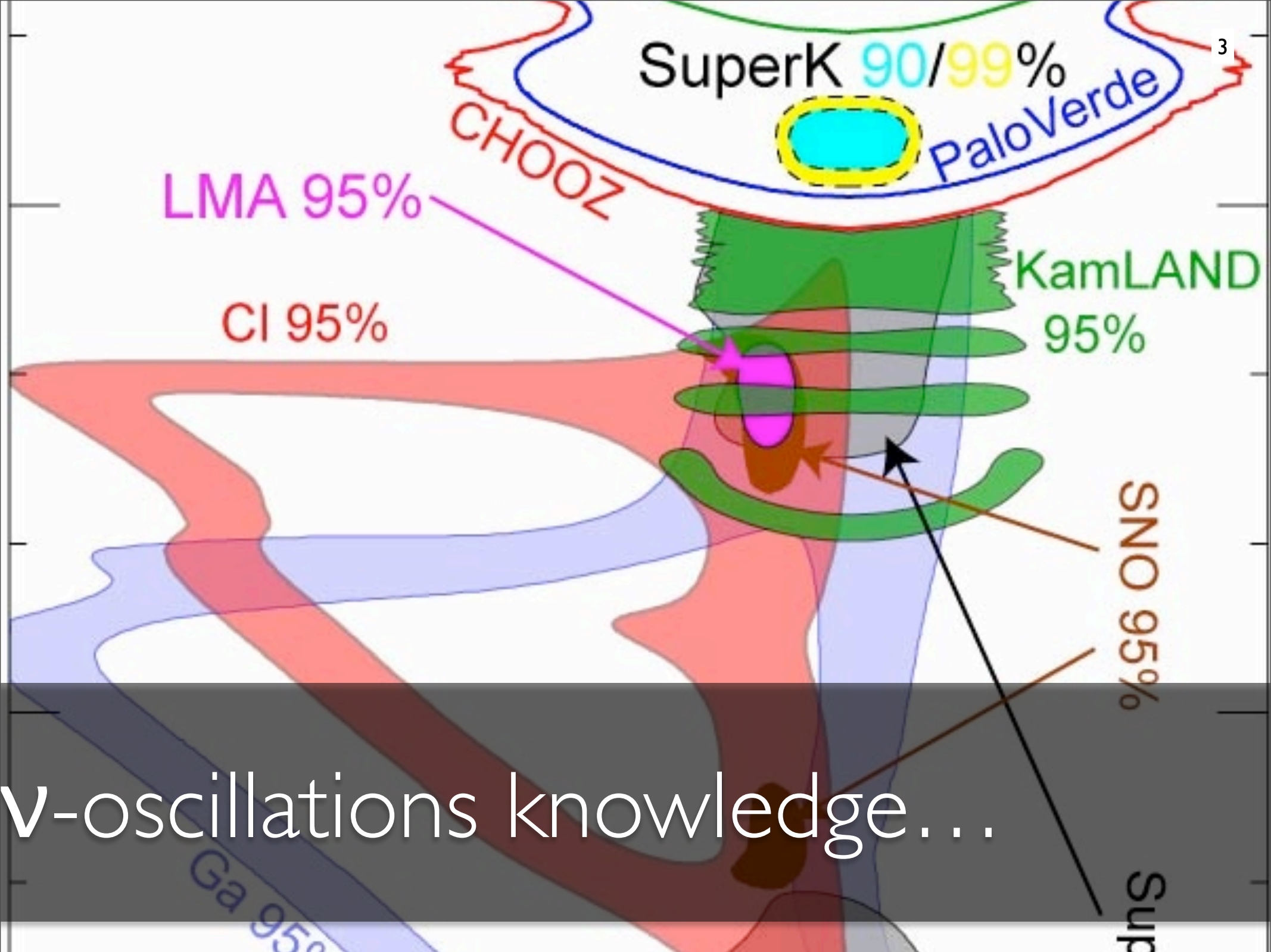
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$(\mathbf{v}_e, \mathbf{v}_\mu, \mathbf{v}_\tau)^T = U (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)^T$ , where  $U$  looks like

the "CKM"

"atmospheric"  $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$

$\theta_{13} < 11^\circ$  & "dirac"  $\delta_{CP}$

"solar"  $\theta_{12} \sim 33^\circ$

$\Delta m_{31}^2$

$\Delta m_{31}^2$

$\Delta m_{21}^2$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{sub-leading}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{sub-leading}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

atmos+LBL(dis)

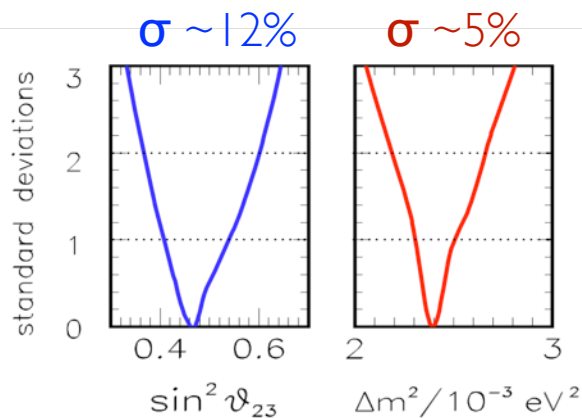
$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$

Chooz+LBL(app)

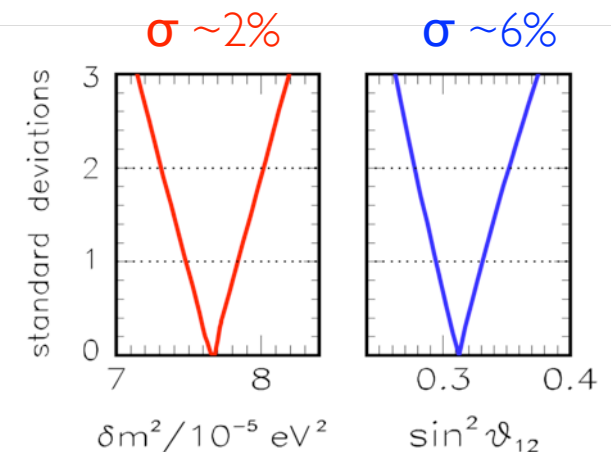
$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \text{ \& } P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$

solar+KamLAND

$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x)$

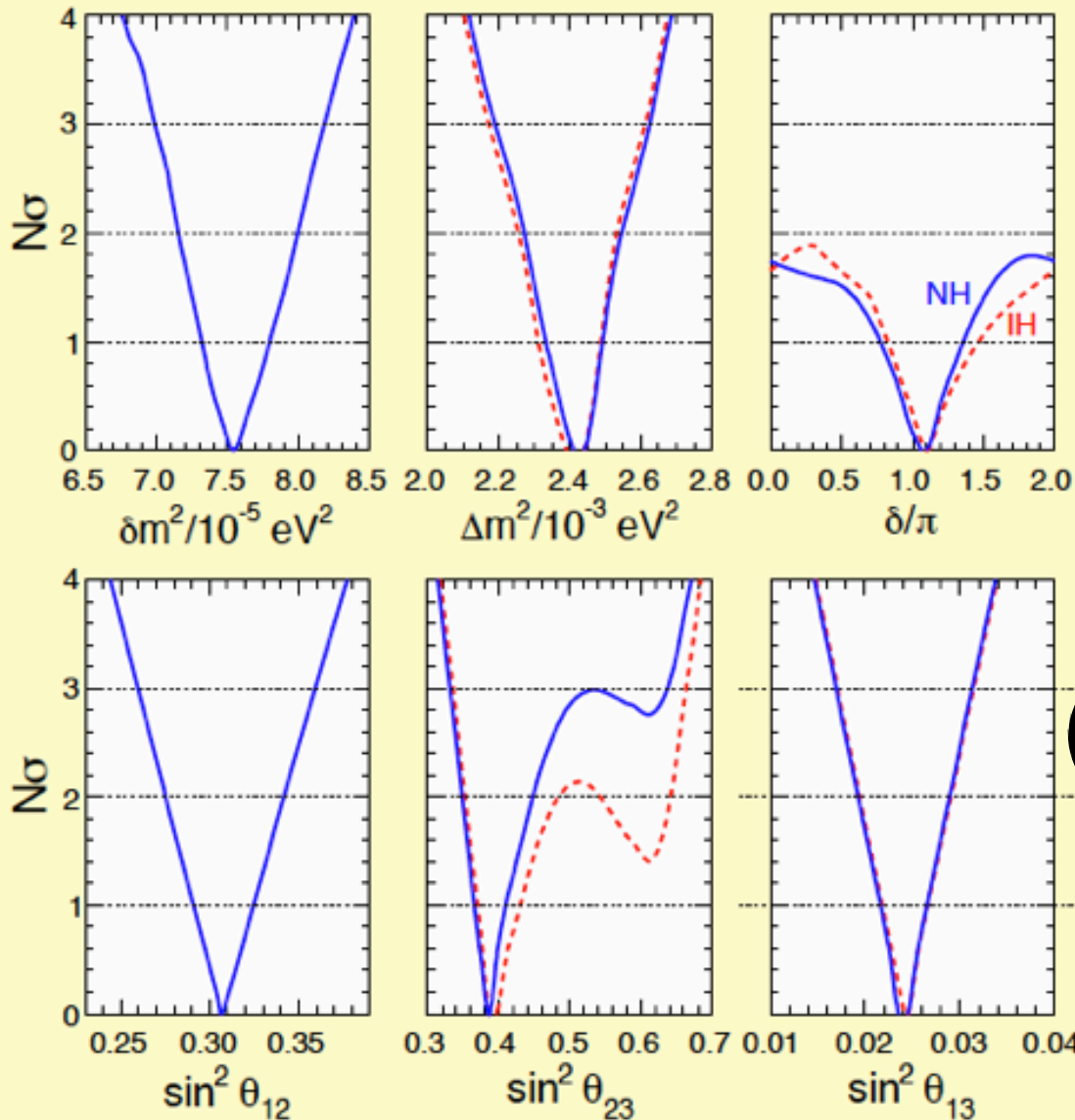


knowledge on  
 $\theta_{13}$  &  $\delta_{CP}$  [later]





## Synopsis of global 3ν oscillation analysis



Previous hints of  $\theta_{13} > 0$   
are now **measurements!**  
(and basically independent  
of old/new reactor fluxes)

Some hints of  $\theta_{23} < \pi/4$   
are emerging at  $\sim 2\sigma$ ,  
worth exploring by means  
of atm. and LBL+reac. data

A possible hint of  $\delta_{CP} \sim \pi$   
emerging from **atm. data**  
[Is the PMNS matrix real?]

So far, **no hints** for  
NH  $\longleftrightarrow$  IH

**Numerical  $1\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$ ,  $3\sigma$  ranges:**

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TABLE I: Results of the global  $3\nu$  oscillation analysis, in terms of best-fit values and allowed 1, 2 and  $3\sigma$  ranges for the  $3\nu$  mass-mixing parameters. We remind that  $\Delta m^2$  is defined herein as  $m_3^2 - (m_1^2 + m_2^2)/2$ , with  $+\Delta m^2$  for NH and  $-\Delta m^2$  for IH.

Parameter	Best fit	$1\sigma$ range	$2\sigma$ range	$3\sigma$ range
$\delta m^2/10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ (NH or IH)	7.54	7.32 – 7.80	7.15 – 8.00	6.99 – 8.18
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}/10^{-1}$ (NH or IH)	3.07	2.91 – 3.25	2.75 – 3.42	2.59 – 3.59
$\Delta m^2/10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (NH)	2.43	2.33 – 2.49	2.27 – 2.55	2.19 – 2.62
$\Delta m^2/10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (IH)	2.42	2.31 – 2.49	2.26 – 2.53	2.17 – 2.61
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}/10^{-2}$ (NH)	2.41	2.16 – 2.66	1.93 – 2.90	1.69 – 3.13
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}/10^{-2}$ (IH)	2.44	2.19 – 2.67	1.94 – 2.91	1.71 – 3.15
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}/10^{-1}$ (NH)	3.86	3.65 – 4.10	3.48 – 4.48	3.31 – 6.37
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}/10^{-1}$ (IH)	3.92	3.70 – 4.31	3.53 – 4.84 $\oplus$ 5.43 – 6.41	3.35 – 6.63
$\delta/\pi$ (NH)	1.08	0.77 – 1.36	—	—
$\delta/\pi$ (IH)	1.09	0.83 – 1.47	—	—

Fractional  $1\sigma$  accuracy [defined as  $1/6$  of  $\pm 3\sigma$  range]

$\delta m^2$	$\Delta m^2$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
2.6%	3.0%	5.4%	10%	14%

Note: above ranges obtained for "old" reactor fluxes. For "new" fluxes, ranges are shifted (by  $\sim 1/3 \sigma$ ) for two parameters only:  $\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{12}/10^{-1} \approx +0.05$  and  $\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{13}/10^{-2} \approx +0.08$

Hierarchy differences well below  $1\sigma$  for various data combinations

- $\theta_{13}$  **must be measured**

- free parameter in SM (like in CKM  $\rightarrow$  parameter constraints)
- test  $U_{\text{PMNS}}$  unitarity (hard)  $\rightarrow$  sensitive to  $\geq 3\nu$ s (steriles?)

- a non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  is necessary (but not sufficient) to measure  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$ ...

- value important to measure the Mass Hierarchy (MH):  $\pm \Delta m^2_{31}$

- $\theta_{13}$  helps to improve **our global knowledge...**

- via global analyses (**1205.5254**, **1205.4018**, **1209.3023**, etc)
  - **$\theta_{23}$  octant** [example later]
  - **$\delta_{\text{CP}}$**  (Dirac phase) [example later]

- $\theta_{13}$  **oscillations observed**  $\rightarrow$  validation of  $3\nu$  oscillation model

- confirms  $3\nu$  families (like seeing the  $\nu_\tau$  in 2000 by DONUT)
- a “discovery”? [within a well established framework]
  - “solar” & “atmospheric”  $\rightarrow$  main channels for oscillations so far

- $\theta_{13} \rightarrow$  **discriminate flavour unification models...**

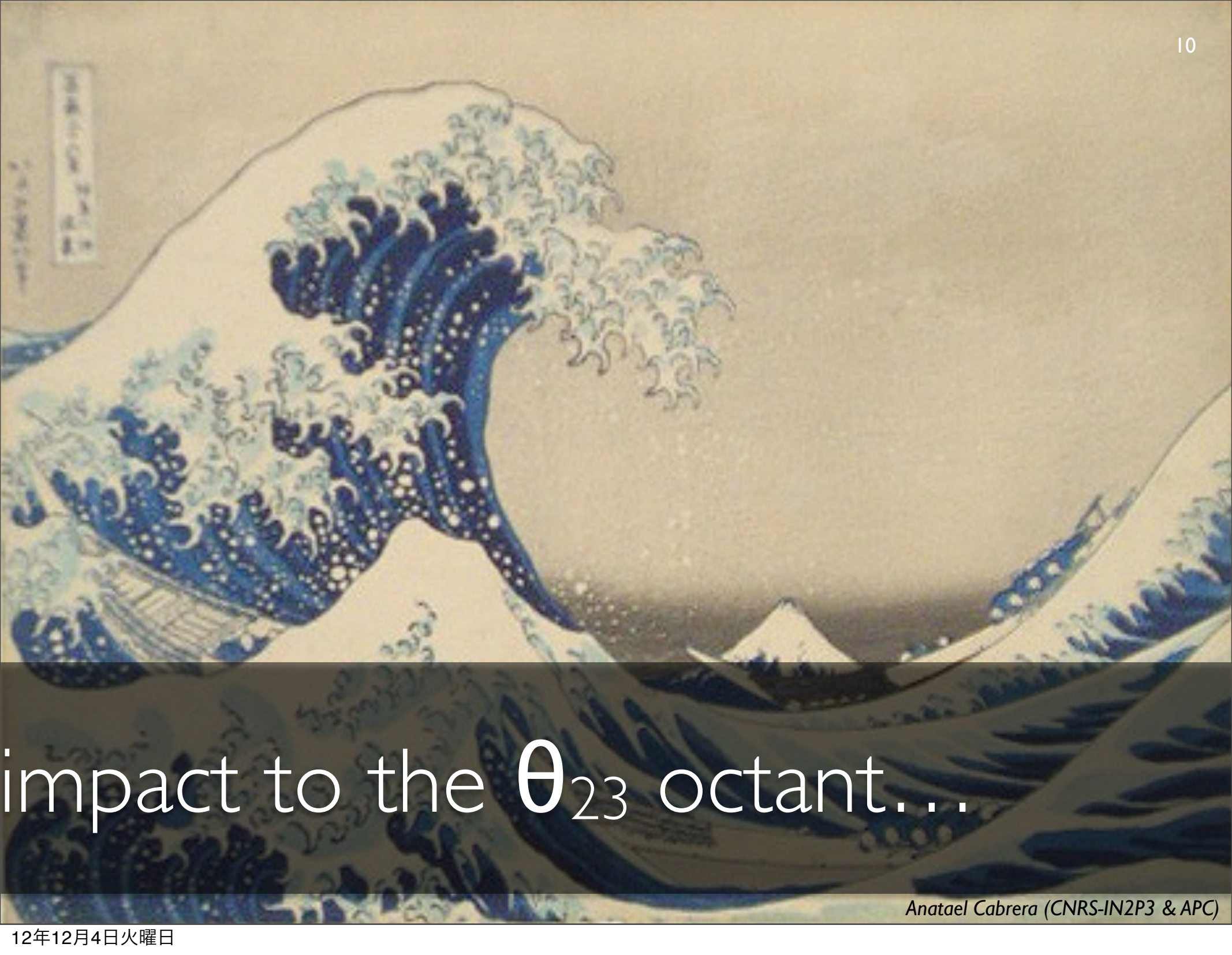
- $U_{\text{PMNS}} + U_{\text{CKM}} \rightarrow$  quark-lepton unification flavour model
- example: Barr et al (**hep-ph/1208.6546**), etc...



**global  $\Theta$  13**

**impact...**

- consistent reactor- $\theta_{13}$  result (all reactor experiments)
  - good knowledge → **high precision**
    - constraint  $3\nu$  model & discriminate against predictions
  - good agreement → **high accuracy** (relevant when high precision)
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    - **observe E/L distortion**
      - flux normalisation →  $\text{flux}(\text{DB or RENO}) < \text{flux}(\text{DC})$  [FD only]
- consistency between reactor and beam  $\theta_{13}$  too...
  - beam- $\theta_{13}$  less precise (other observables) → (still) it must be consistent
  - $\delta_{\text{CP}}$  rather insensitive to  $\theta_{13}$  (but need a  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ )
- **mass hierarchy** is more sensitive to  $\theta_{13}$ 
  - atmospheric- $\nu$ s → INO, PINGU, ORCA, etc
  - reactor- $\nu$ s → Daya Bay II (amplitude of interference term)
- if **inconsistency/tension** found → **new physics/systematics?** (exciting!)

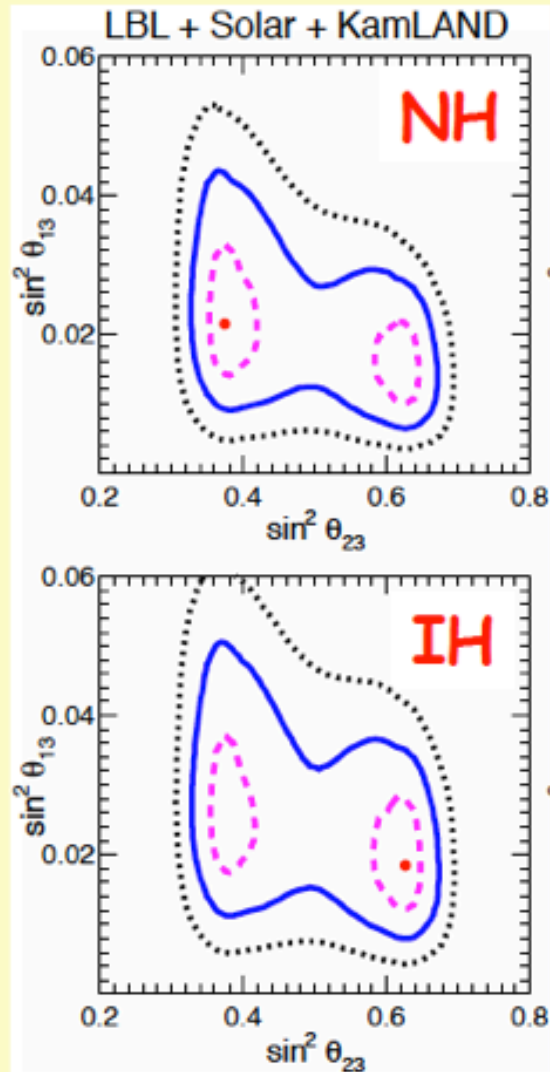


impact to the  $\theta_{23}$  octant...

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$(\sin^2\theta_{13}, \sin^2\theta_{23})$  from LBL app. + disapp. data plus solar + KamLAND data:



Latest LBL disappearance data from T2K and MINOS favor **nonmaximal**  $\theta_{23}$

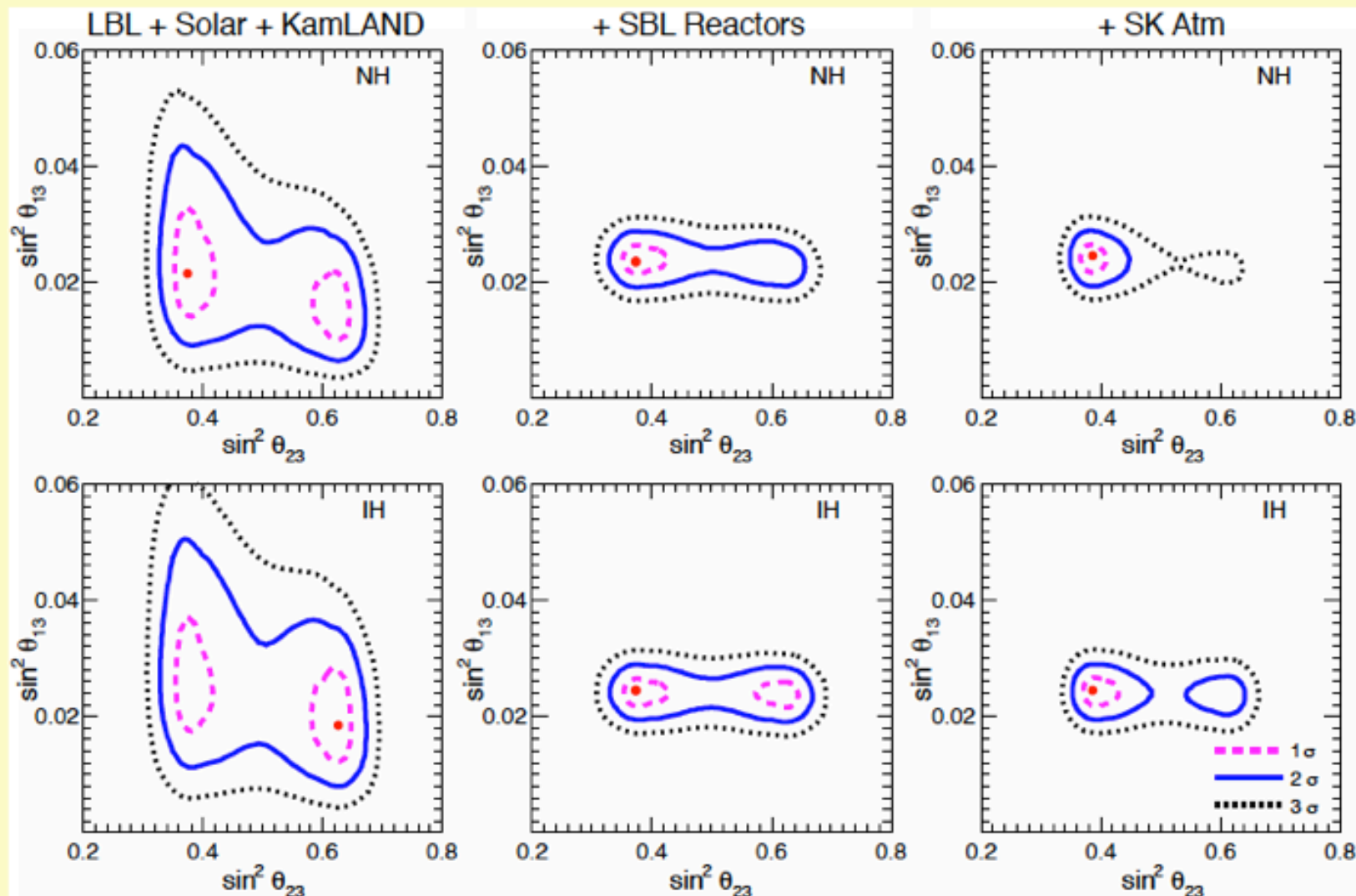
From LBL appearance+disappear. data, two quasi-degenerate  $\theta_{23}$  solutions emerge, in **anticorrelation with**  $\theta_{13}$  (one slightly above and the other slightly below  $\sin^2\theta_{13} \sim 0.02$ ).

The two solutions merge above  $\sim 1\sigma$ .

[It would be nice to see these plots in the official T2K and MINOS data analyses!]

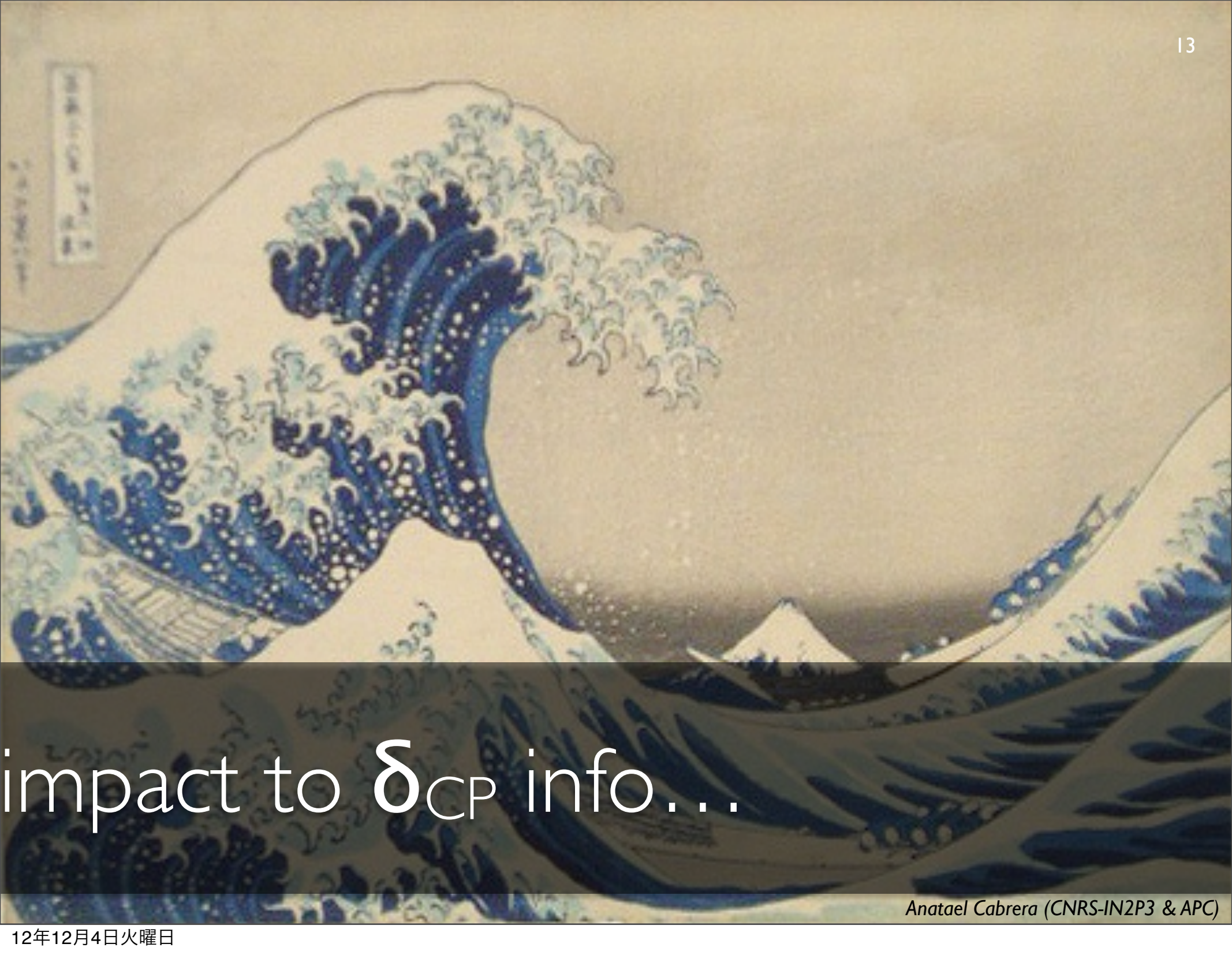
Solar+KamLAND data happen to prefer just  $\sin^2\theta_{13} \sim 0.02$ , and are unable to lift the octant degeneracy: **the depth of the two minima differ by only  $\sim 0.3\sigma$ .**

Adding 2012 SK atmospheric neutrino data:



Further hints for  $\theta_{23}$  in 1<sup>st</sup> octant. But no significant hierarchy discrimination.



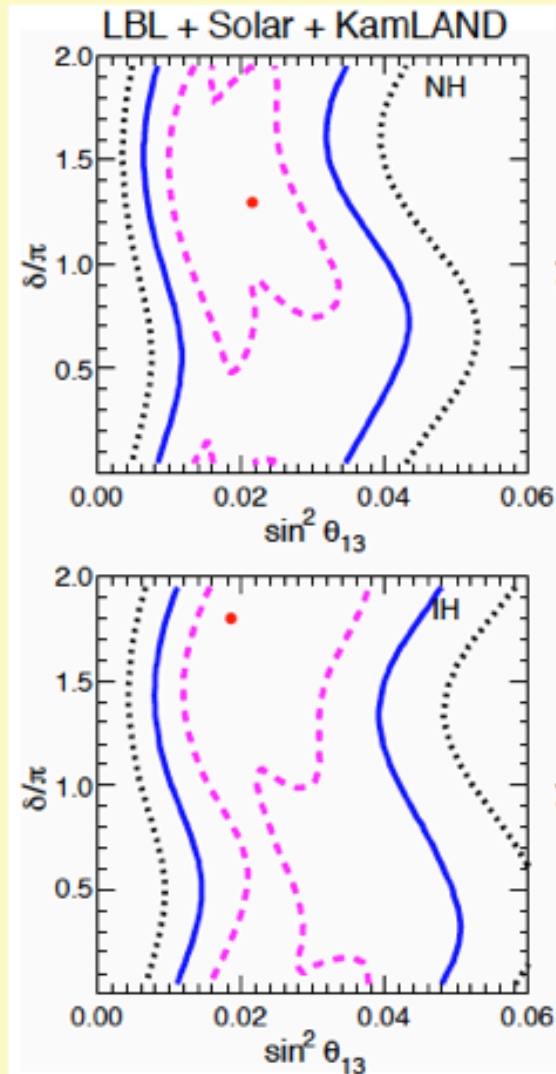


impact to  $\delta_{CP}$  info...

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$(\sin^2 \theta_{13}, \delta)$  from LBL app. + disapp. data plus solar + KamLAND data:

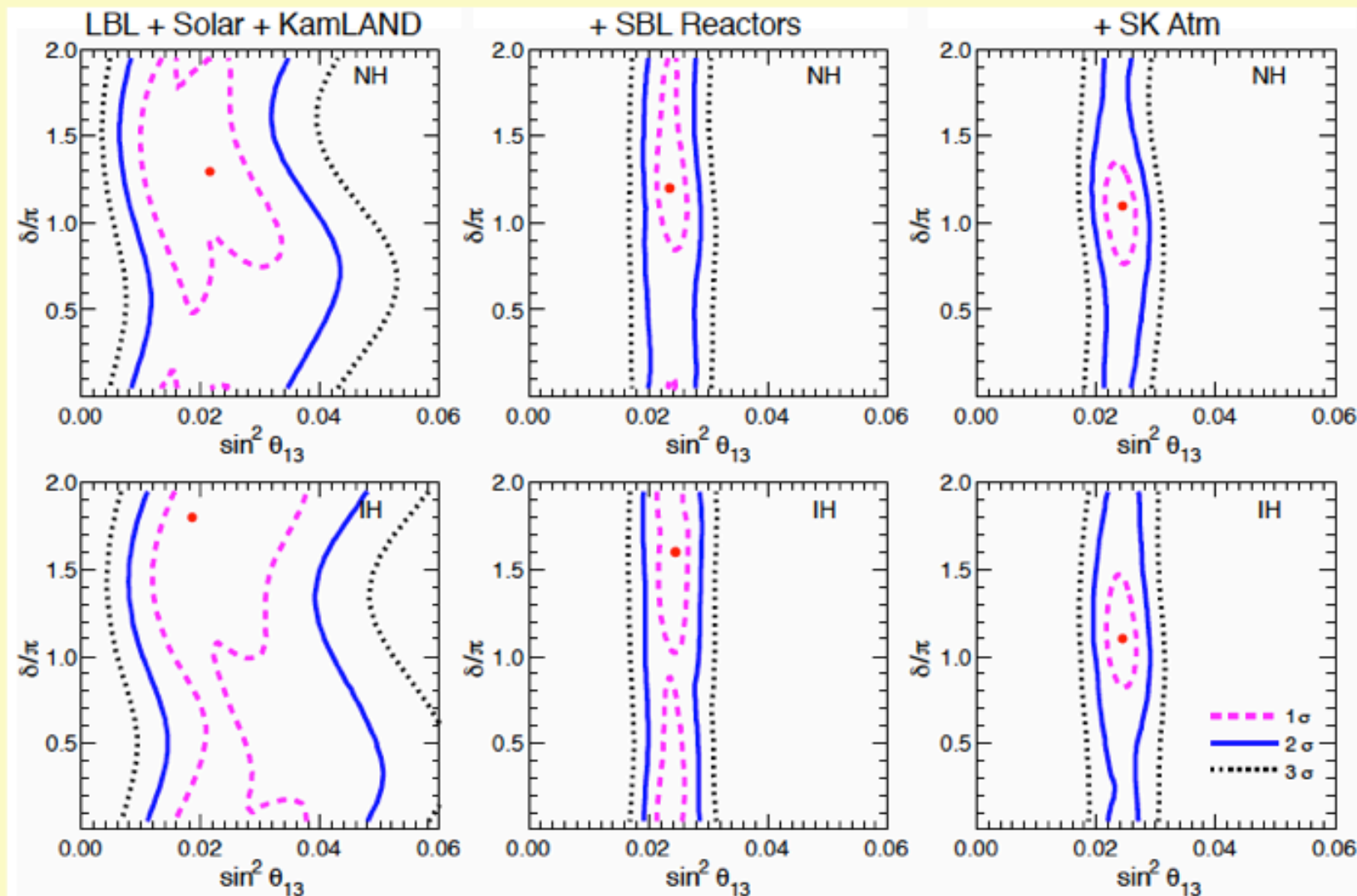


$\delta$  is basically unconstrained at  $\sim 1\sigma$ .

Fuzzy  $1\sigma$  contours are a side effect of  $\theta_{23}$  degeneracy: the two  $\theta_{23}$  minima correspond to slightly different  $\theta_{13}$  ranges and thus to two slightly overlapping "wavy bands" in the plot. Minima flip easily from one band to the other.

Fuzziness disappear at higher CL (degeneracy just enlarges bands).

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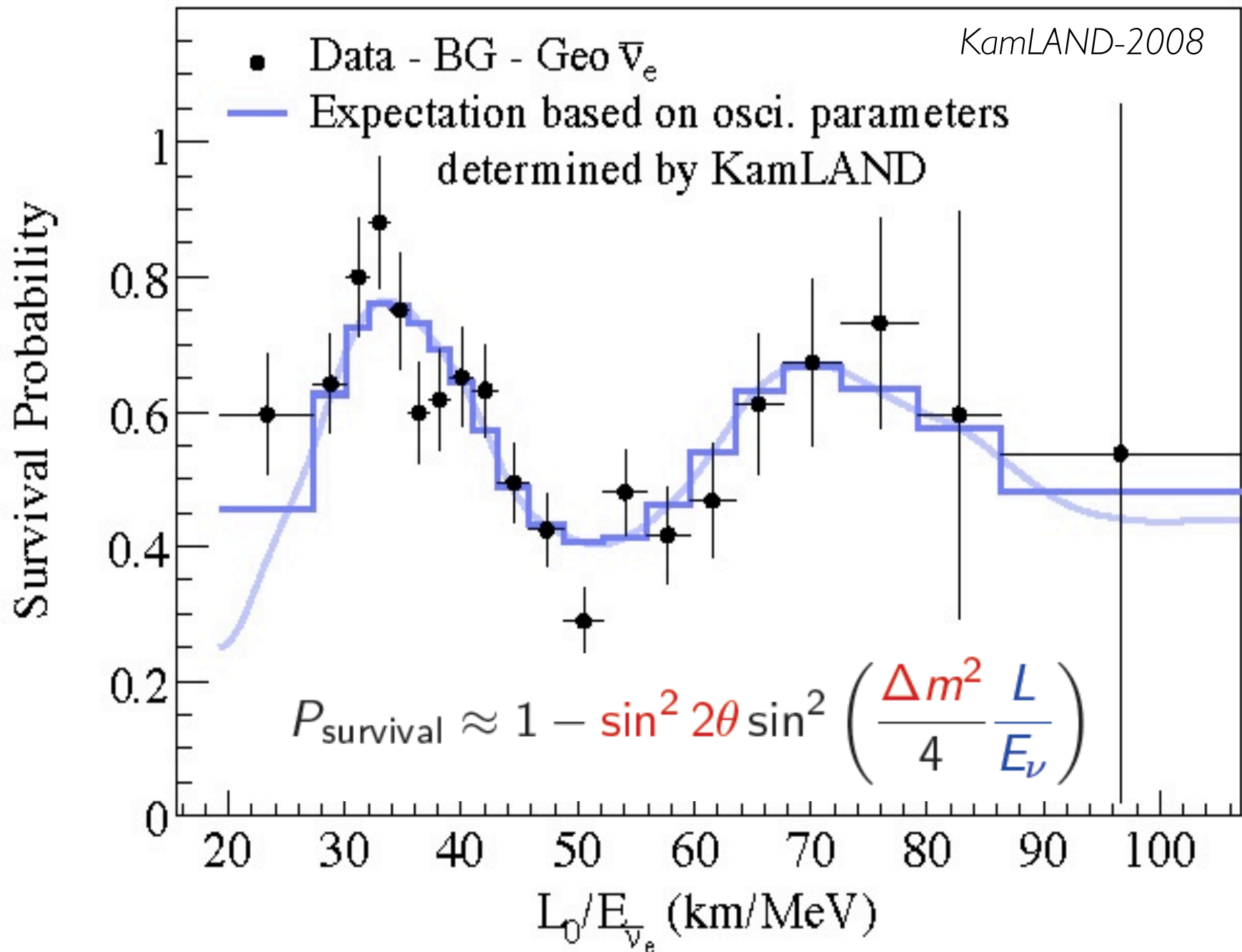
We find a preference for  $\delta \sim \pi$  (helps fitting sub-GeV e-like excess in SK)

A large, cylindrical, light-colored cooling tower, likely made of concrete or metal, stands against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The tower has a slightly flared top and a textured surface. The bottom portion of the image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent band containing white text.

why reactors are so cool?

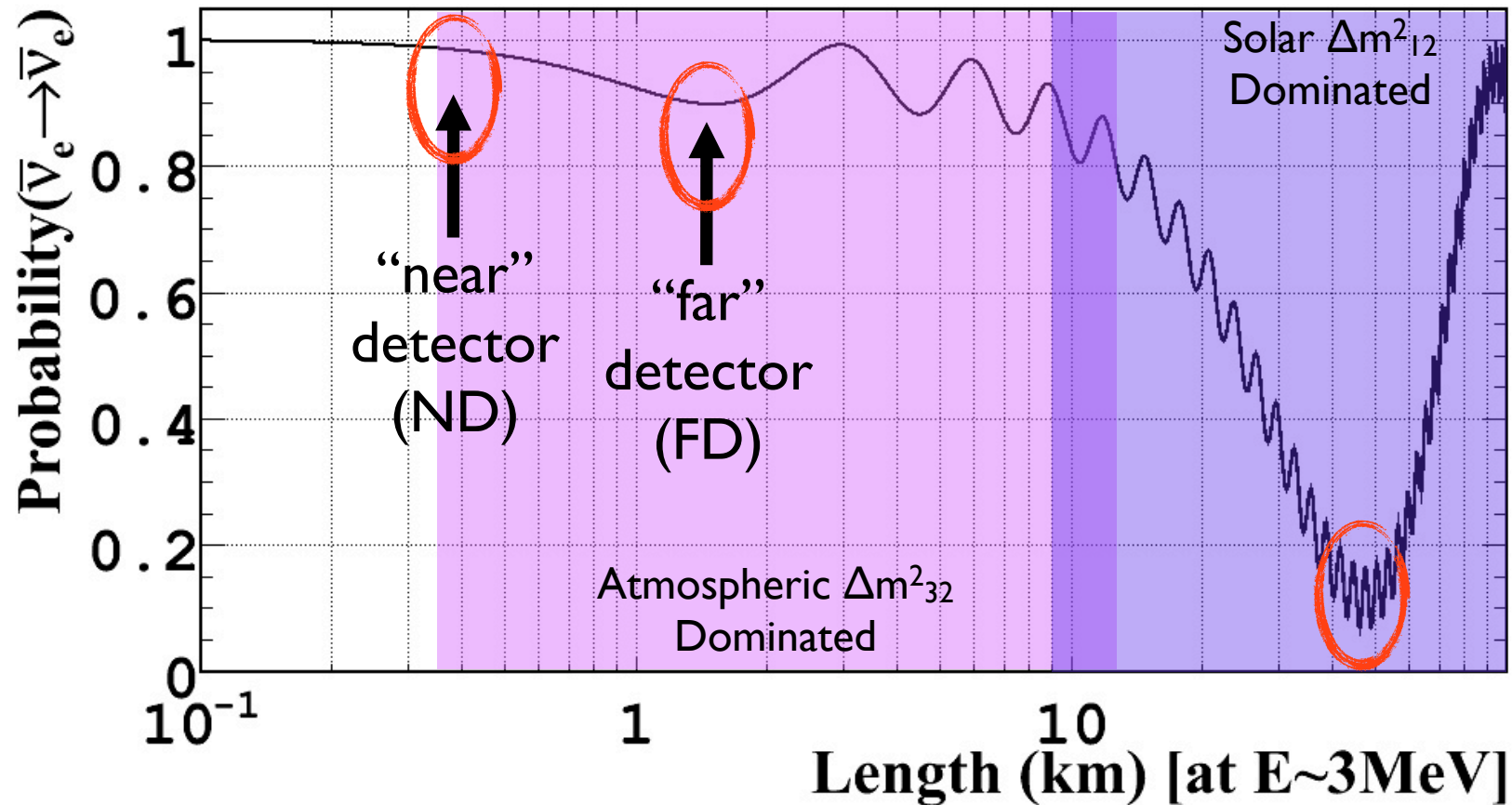


the most beautiful (to me) E/L so far...



$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \sim 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta m_{32}^2 L_o / E)$$

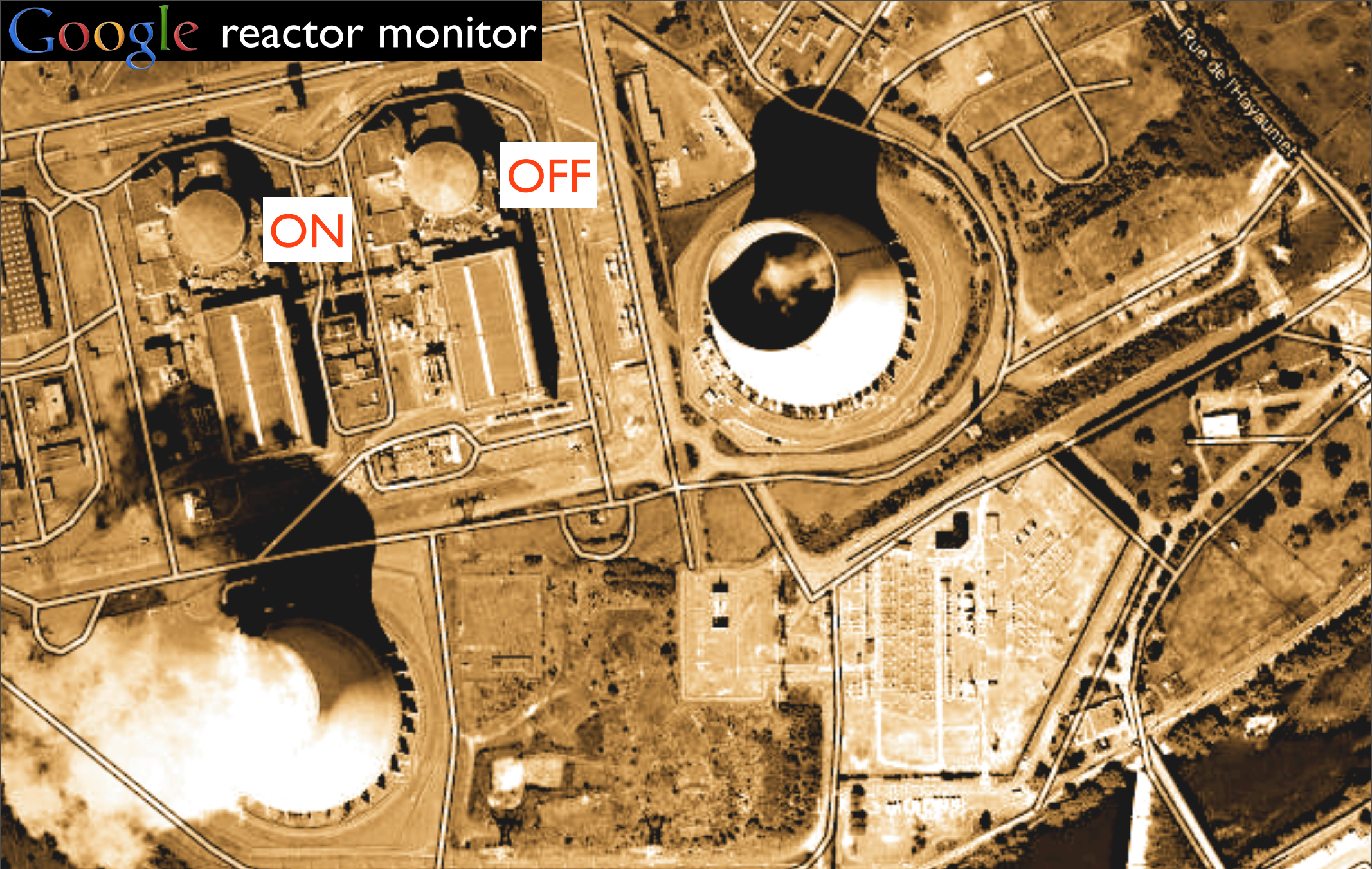
[plot:  $E = 3\text{MeV}$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.1$ ,  $\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$ ]



ND → reduce all correlated systematic uncertainties

ND → isolates from other physics (reactor anomaly → fast oscillation)





Backgrounds always ON (radio-activity &  $\mu$ -related)  
→ signal can be OFF (or significantly reduce)  
[ask your solar-neutrino colleagues how cool this might be...]



# reactor $\theta$ 13 measurement...

- **3 experiments** → **Daya Bay (DB)**, **Double Chooz (DC)** & **RENO**
- **$\theta_{13}$  best measurement worldwide from reactors**
  - **hard to improve** (or re-trigger dedicated experimental activity)
  - $\theta_{13}$  measurement to  $\sim 5\%$  precision (eventually) → use by beams
    - **high precision** → due to multi-detector technique
    - **high accuracy** → due to several experiments (any bias?)
  - **oscillation signature** →  $\theta_{13}$  measure via **both rate+shape**
    - **rate-only** = “any deficit” is numerically associated to  $\theta_{13}$  (BG, etc)
    - results are rate driven → only DC uses shape to some extent
- **beams to use the “reactor  $\theta_{13}$ ”** → further insight in neutrino oscillations
  - **$\nu_e$  appearance:** first appearance experiment (T2K →  $5\sigma$ s soon!!)
  - rich physics...
    - $O(1\%)$  precision measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{32}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  (T2K, NOvA)
    - further (with some luck) →  $\delta$  and MH (also with atmospheric)
    - over-constraint  $3\nu$  oscillation scenario → NSI, sterile, exotic, etc

- **RENO** (1204.0626)

- **first multi-detector** running → **rate only analysis** (229days)
- remarkable effort/success by small (rather local) collaboration (Korea)

- **Double Chooz** (1112.6353, 1207.6632, 1210.3748, **today**)

- **the (slow) pioneer: first detector design** (influenced the field)
- **first result** (Nov. 11) after **CHOOZ** →  $\theta$  13 large (**rate+shape**)
  - small detectors (8t target) & less overburden (still excellent BGs)
  - **FD+Bugey4** (“ND” via MC) → high precision absolute knowledge
  - **best 1 detector results ever** (wrt CHOOZ) → analysis quality
    - ND by spring 2014 but **5(+2) publication** so far

- **Daya Bay** (1203.1669, 1210.6327)

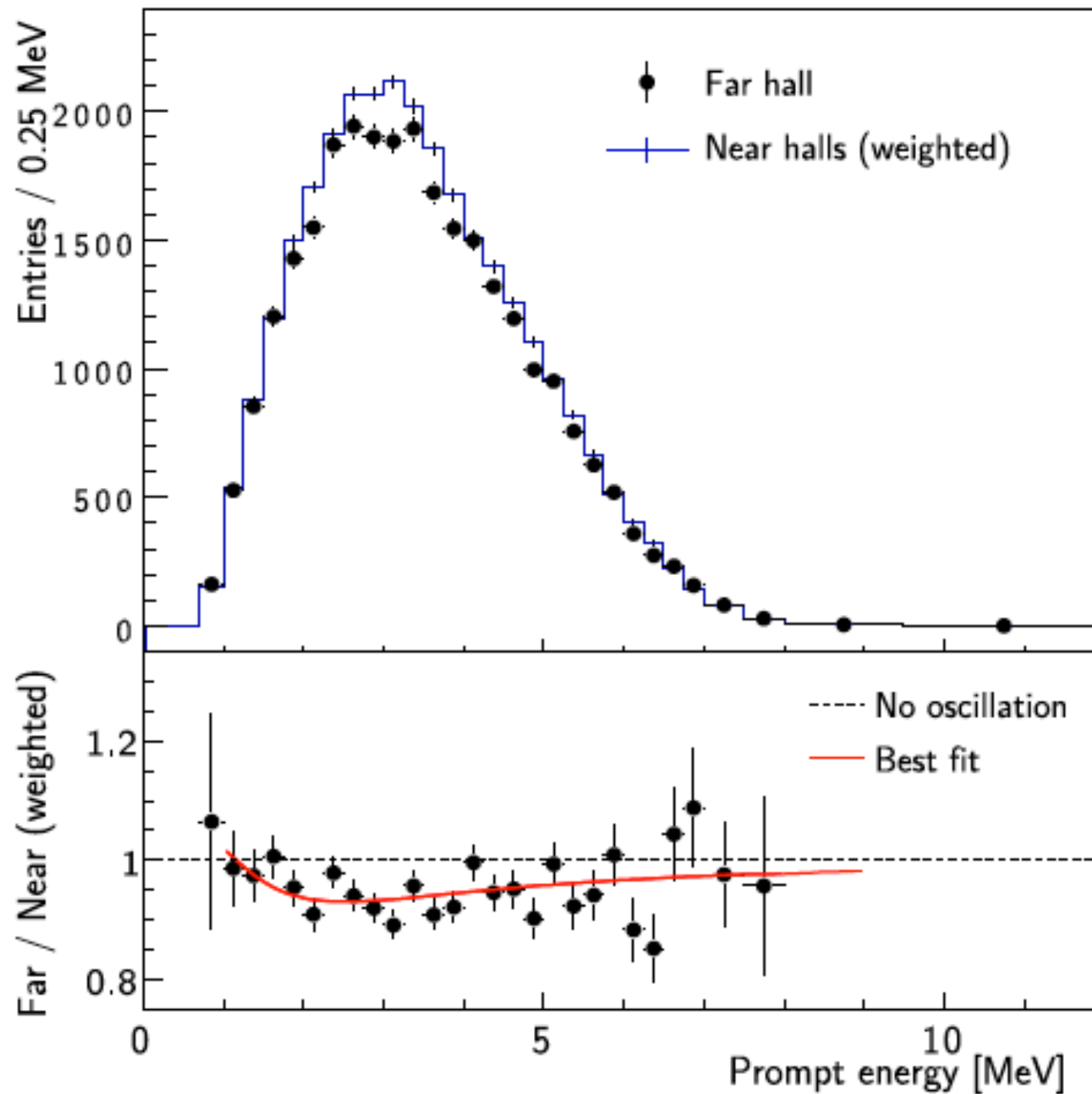
- **huge multi-detector complex** → FD running since 25th Dec. 2011
  - largest  $\theta$  13-detection complex → full configuration (Sept. 2012)
  - large detectors (20t) & deepest overburden (low cosmogenic BG)
- most precise result today → **rate-only analysis** (139days, 6 detectors)
  - fantastic first results within 55days of data-taking

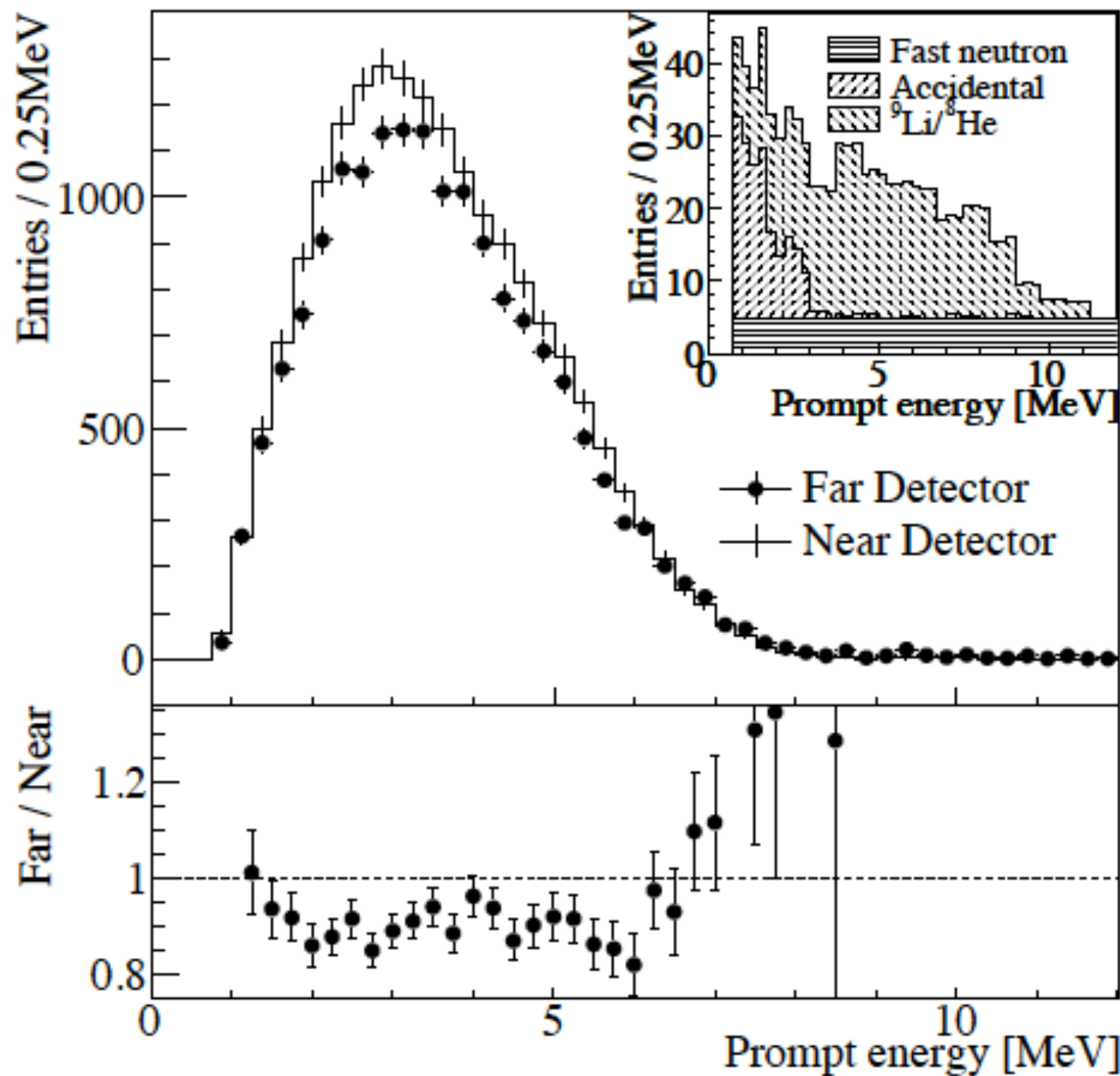




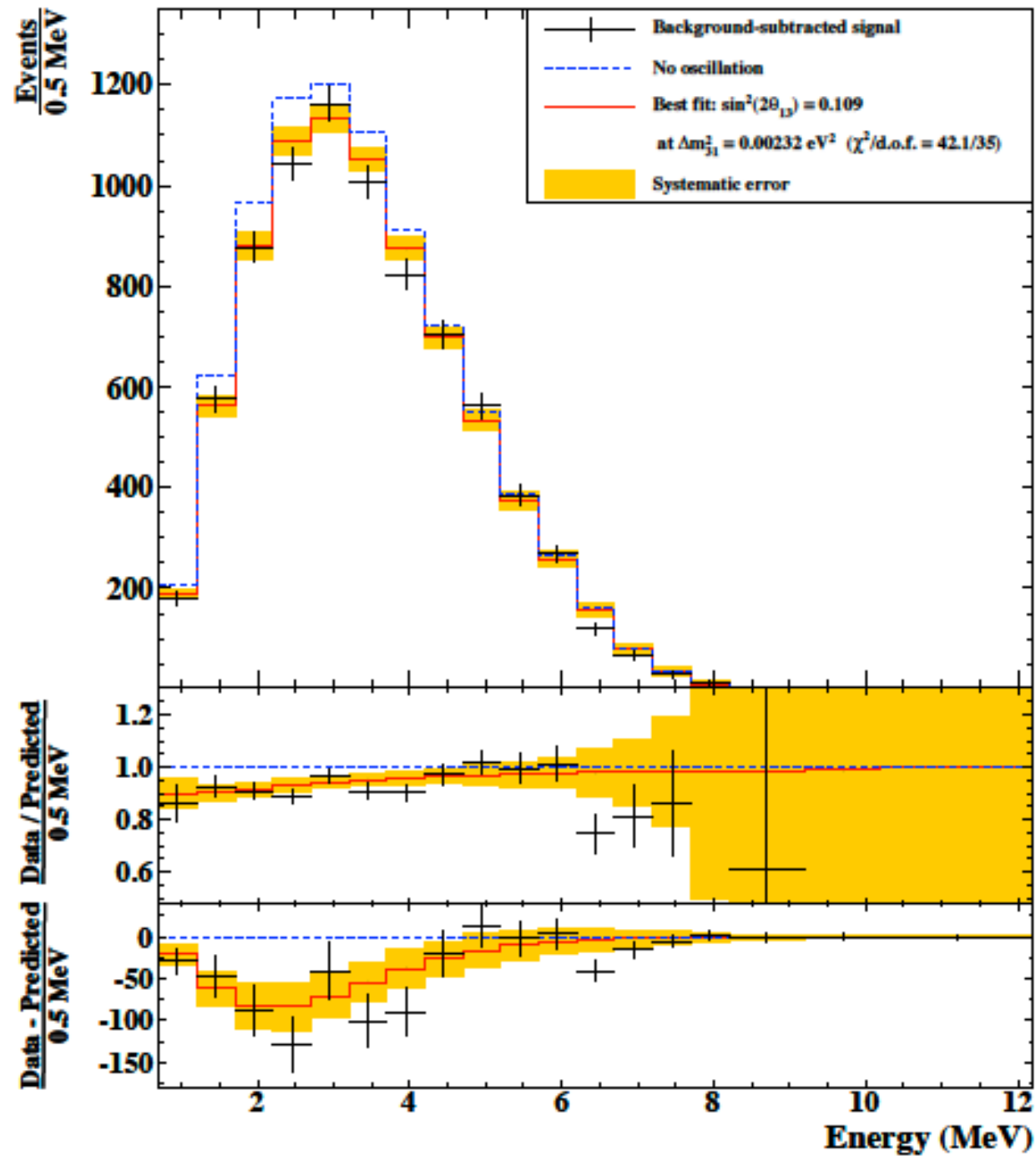
$\theta 13$  results...

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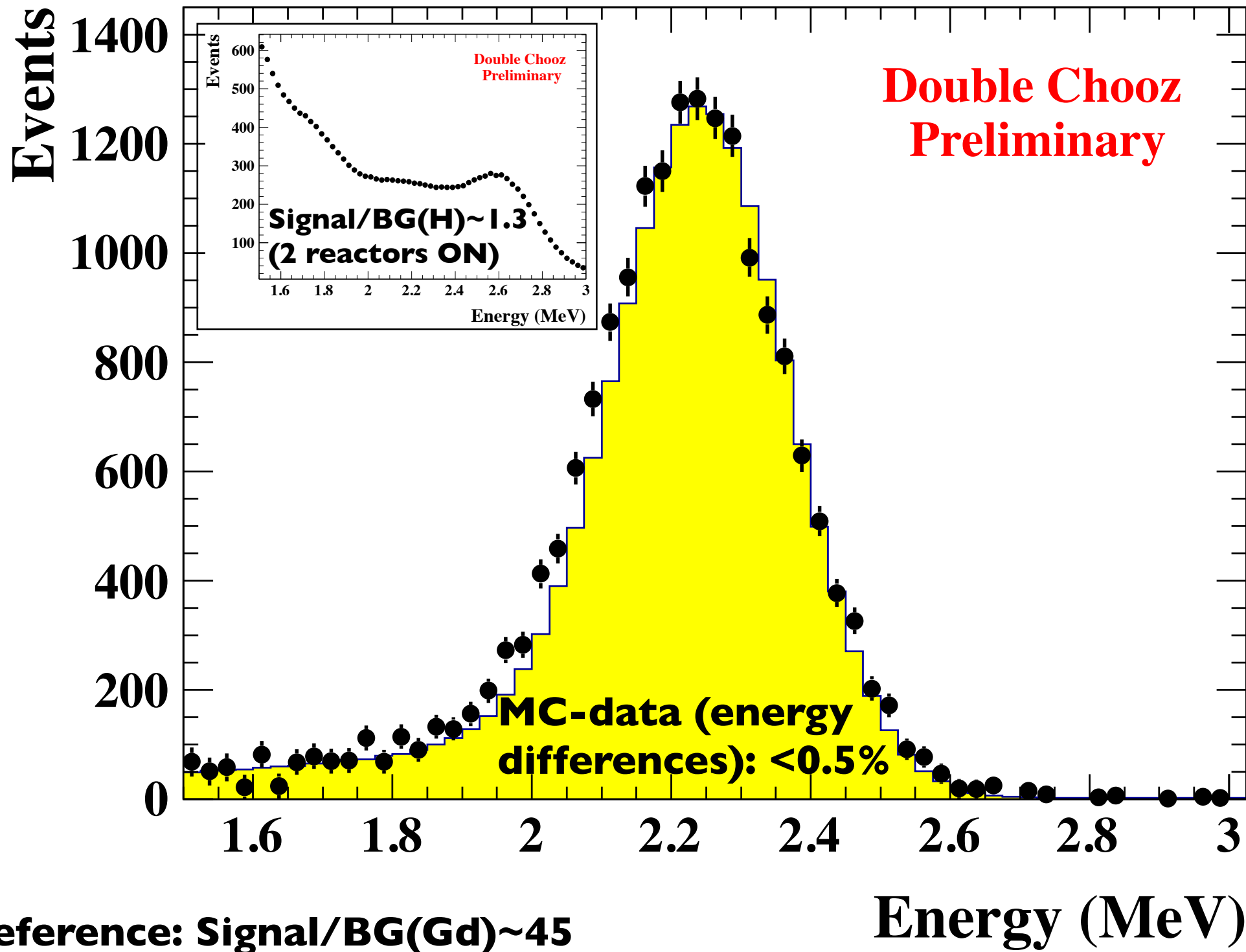


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official data release

new results by DC (**now**)...

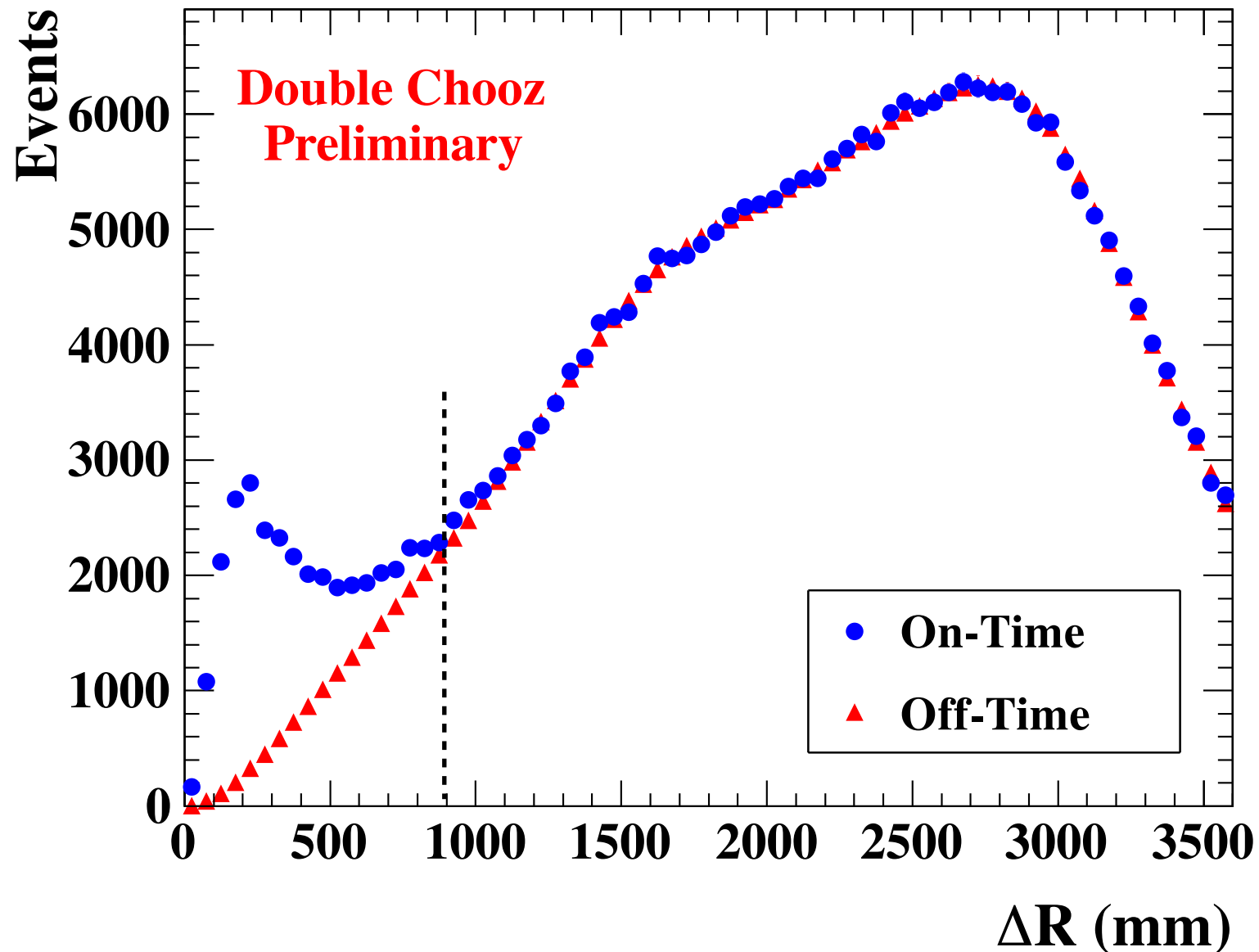
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# killing accidentals: cut on $\Delta d(\text{prompt-delay}) \dots$

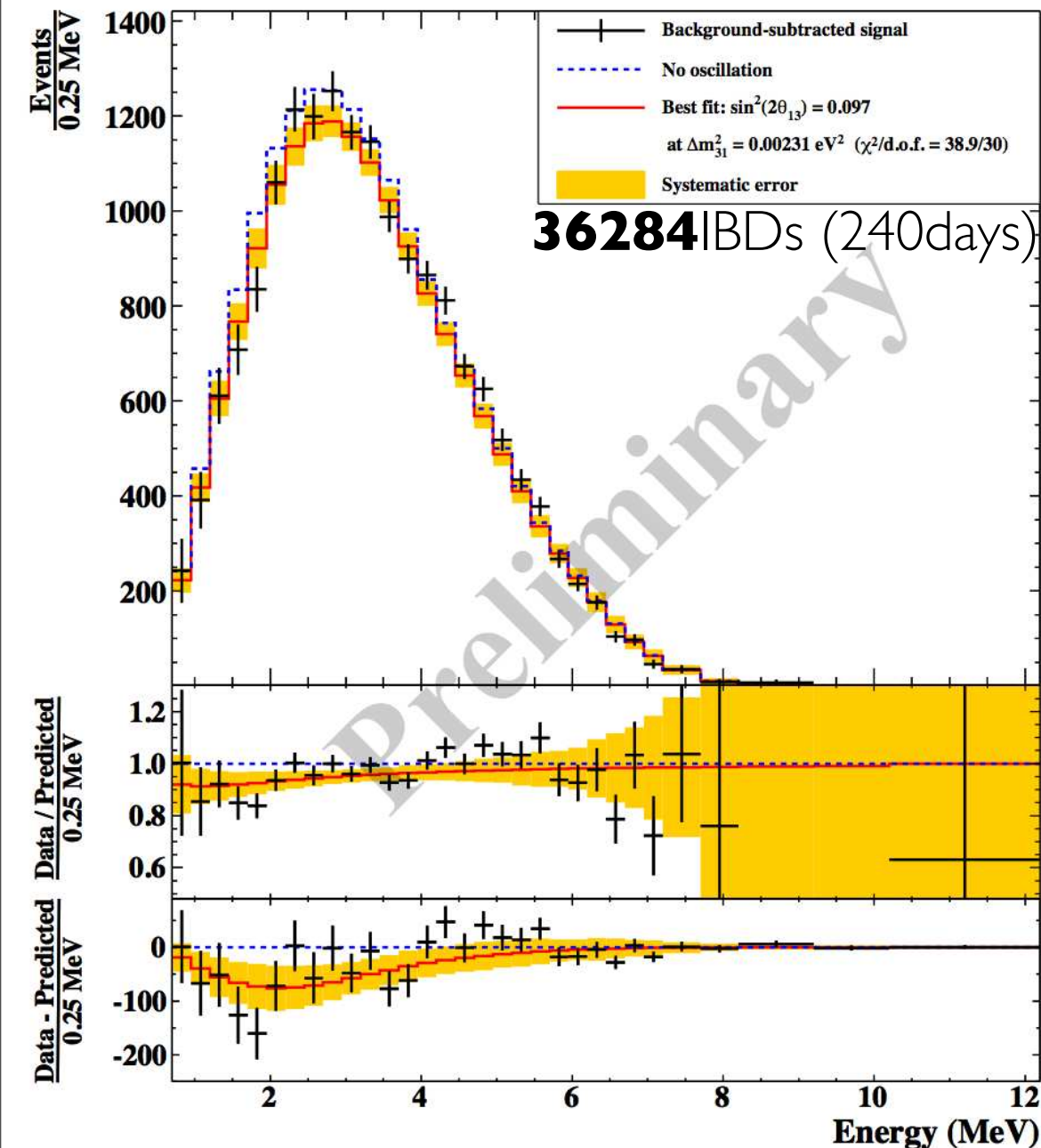
excellent precision on vertex-reco  $\rightarrow$  **narrow  $\Delta d$**  (correlated events)



# DC-II(H) rate+shape $\theta_{13}$ measurement...

BG subtracted...

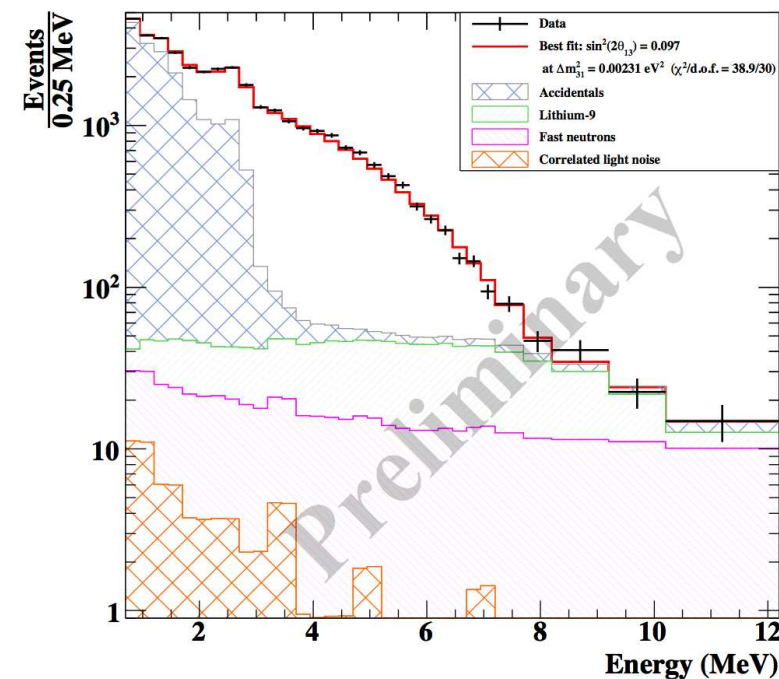
systematics budget...



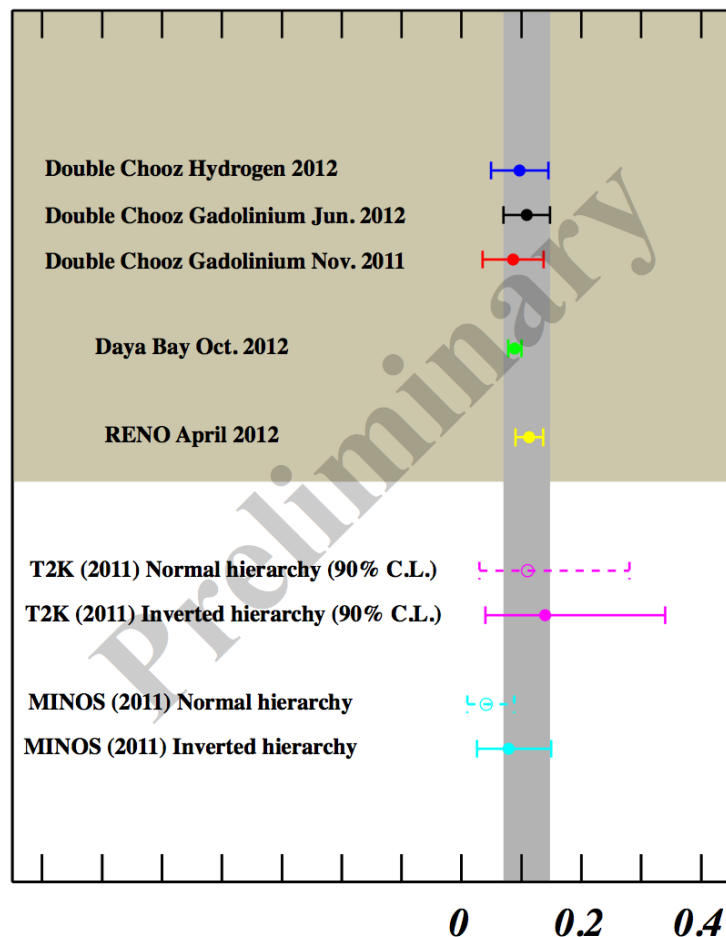
Source of uncertainty	n-H variance	n-Gd variance
Total statistical error	1.05%	1.12%
Accidentals	0.21%	0.01%
Li-9	1.50%	1.46%
Fast neutrons	0.61%	0.54%
Correlated light noise	0.09%	N/A
Energy scale	0.34%	0.32%
Detection efficiency	1.57%	1.01%
Reactor	1.75%	1.76%

**p on target:**  $6.75 \times 10^{29} \pm 0.3\%(\text{T}) + 1.58 \times 10^{30} \pm 1.0\%(\text{GC})$

with BGs...



**DC-II(Gd) and DC-II(H) compatible to (68-84)%** (depending on correlation)<sub>PC</sub>



# results summary...

- amazing progress since end of 2011...
- all results are consistent...
  - coherent picture:  $\theta_{13}$  is LARGE
  - easier since precision is not great yet
- accuracy  $\rightarrow$  most important with higher precision
  - Daya Bay leads the way for now
  - redundancy is a must (and happening)

 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$ exposure  
(days)

arXiv

DC I(rate+shape)	$0.086 \pm 0.051 (0.041^{stat} \pm 0.030^{sys})$	96.8	1112.6353
DB I(rate only)	$0.092 \pm 0.017 (0.016^{stat} \pm 0.005^{sys})$	55	1203.1669
RENO(rate only)	$0.113 \pm 0.023 (0.013^{stat} \pm 0.019^{sys})$	229	1204.0626
DC <sub>Gd</sub> II(rate only)	$0.170 \pm 0.053 (0.035^{stat} \pm 0.040^{sys})$	251	1207.6632
DC <sub>Gd</sub> II(rate+shape)	$0.109 \pm 0.039 (0.030^{stat} \pm 0.025^{sys})$	251	1207.6632
DB II(rate only)	$0.089 \pm 0.011 (0.010^{stat} \pm 0.005^{sys})$	139	Nu2012
DC <sub>H</sub> II(rate+shape)	$0.097 \pm 0.048 (0.034^{stat} \pm 0.034^{sys})$	240	<b>this week</b>

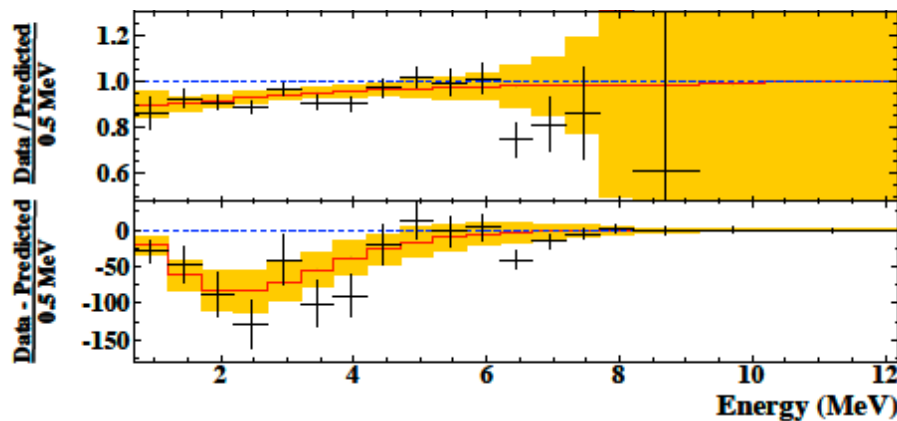


# E/L disappearance effects...

## DC-II (Gd) (June'12)

$\langle L \rangle = 1050\text{m}$

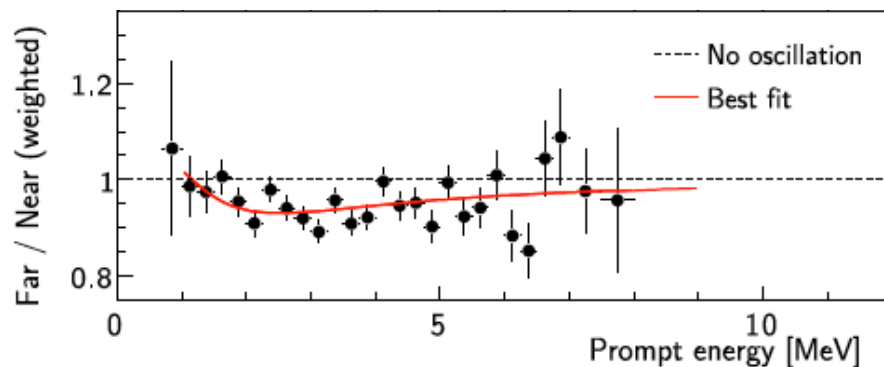
- short  $L \rightarrow$  hard to see rise (low constrain in  $\Delta m^2$ )
- shape analysis:  $\theta_{13}$  only over oscillation region
- $N(\text{obs})/N(\text{exp}) \rightarrow N(\text{exp})$  from MC (no BG)
- DC-II(H)  $\rightarrow$  no structure @ 6MeV



## DB (June'12)

$\langle L \rangle = 1648\text{m}$

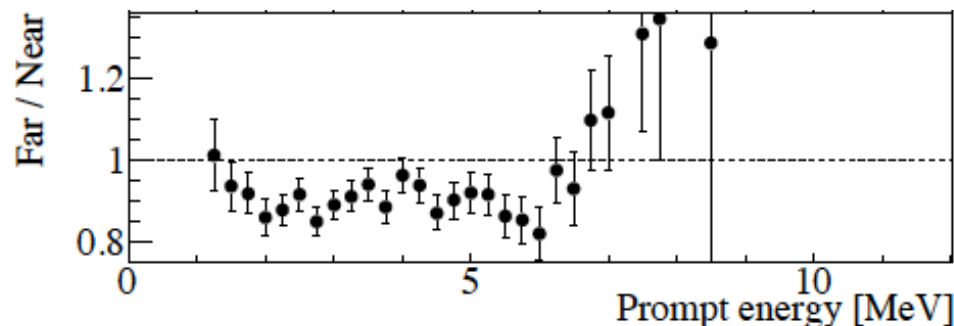
- L/E shape  $\rightarrow$  sensitive to  $\Delta m^2$
- “healthy” shape but **rate only** (no p-value)



## RENO (April'12)

$\langle L \rangle = 1383\text{m}$

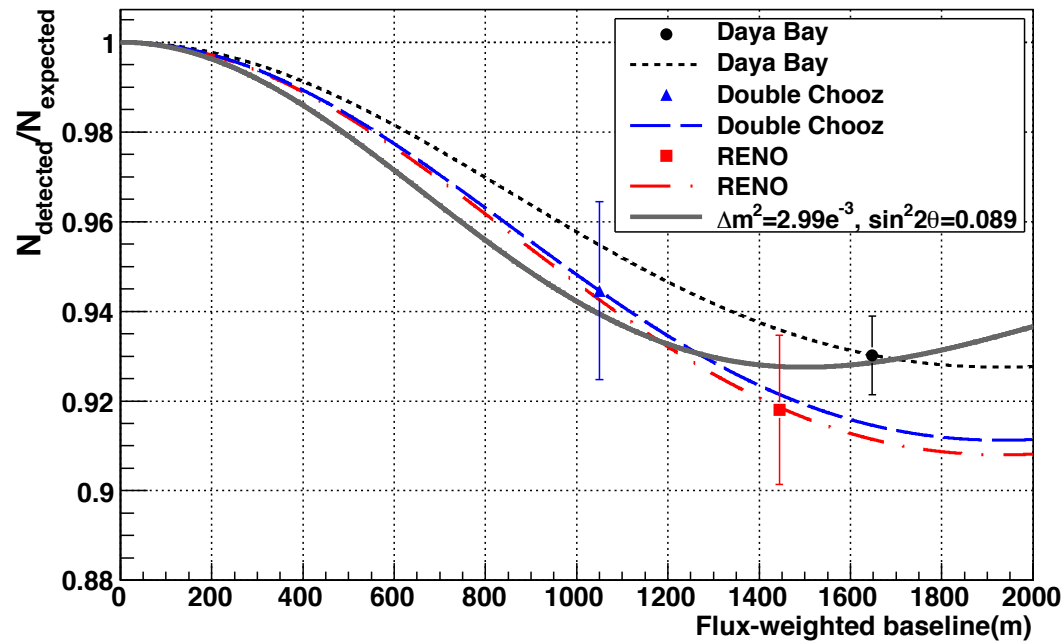
- shape: fully consistent with  $\theta_{13}$  only effect?
- **rate-only** analysis  $\rightarrow$  all assumed to be  $\theta_{13}$



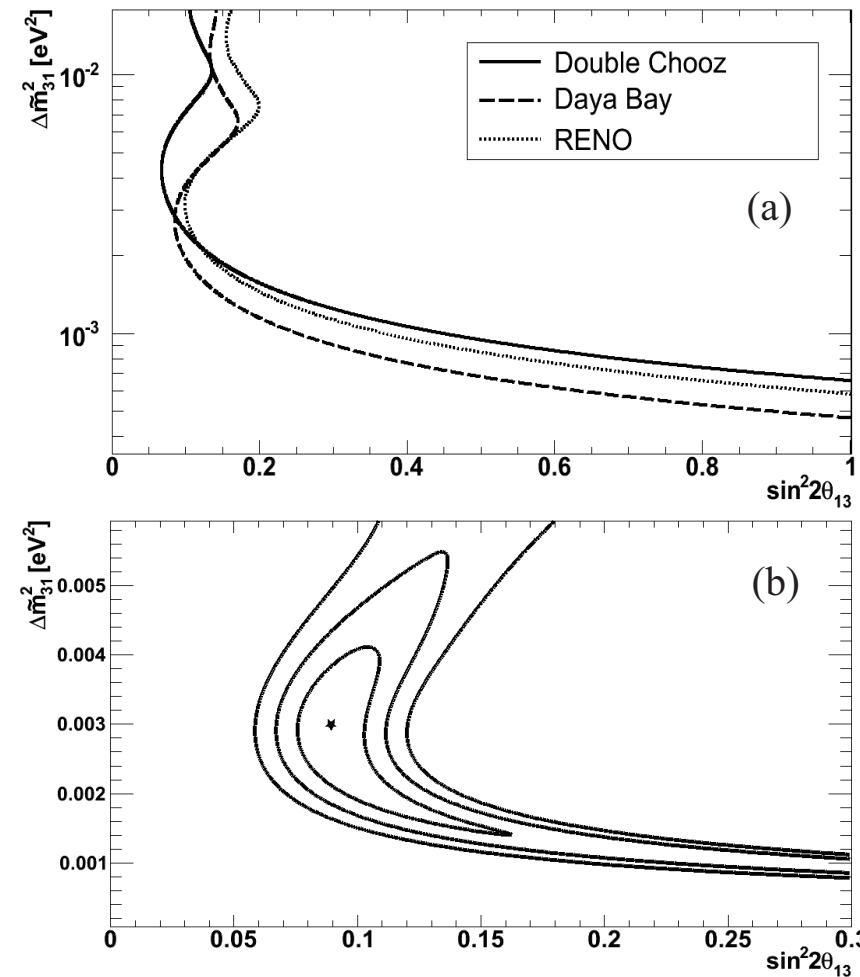
strange behaviour (@ ~6MeV)?  $\rightarrow$  **rate+shape analysis a MUST!**

# combining baselines $\rightarrow \Delta m^2_{31}$ measurement?

3 experiments  $\rightarrow 3 \times \theta_{13}$  measurements



- difference baselines
- combine results  $\rightarrow$  constraint  $\Delta m^2_{31}$
- important physics (even less precision than MINOS)



- **statistical uncertainty**

- generally all experiments enough (DC a little too small)

- **$\delta(\text{flux})$ : flux uncertainty** ( $\rightarrow$  impacts **mainly rate**)

- ND critical  $\rightarrow$  eliminates primary reactor flux and spectral shape uncertainties
- issue: **uncorrelated reactor** systematics

- **$\delta(\text{detection})$ : detection uncertainty** ( $\rightarrow$  impacts **mainly rate**)

- ND critical  $\rightarrow$  eliminates many inter-detector detection systematics
- excellent detector understanding (**energy-reco** and **MC**)
- issue: **uncorrelated inter-detector** systematics

- **$\delta(\text{BG})$ : backgrounds uncertainties** ( $\rightarrow$  impact both **rate & shape**)

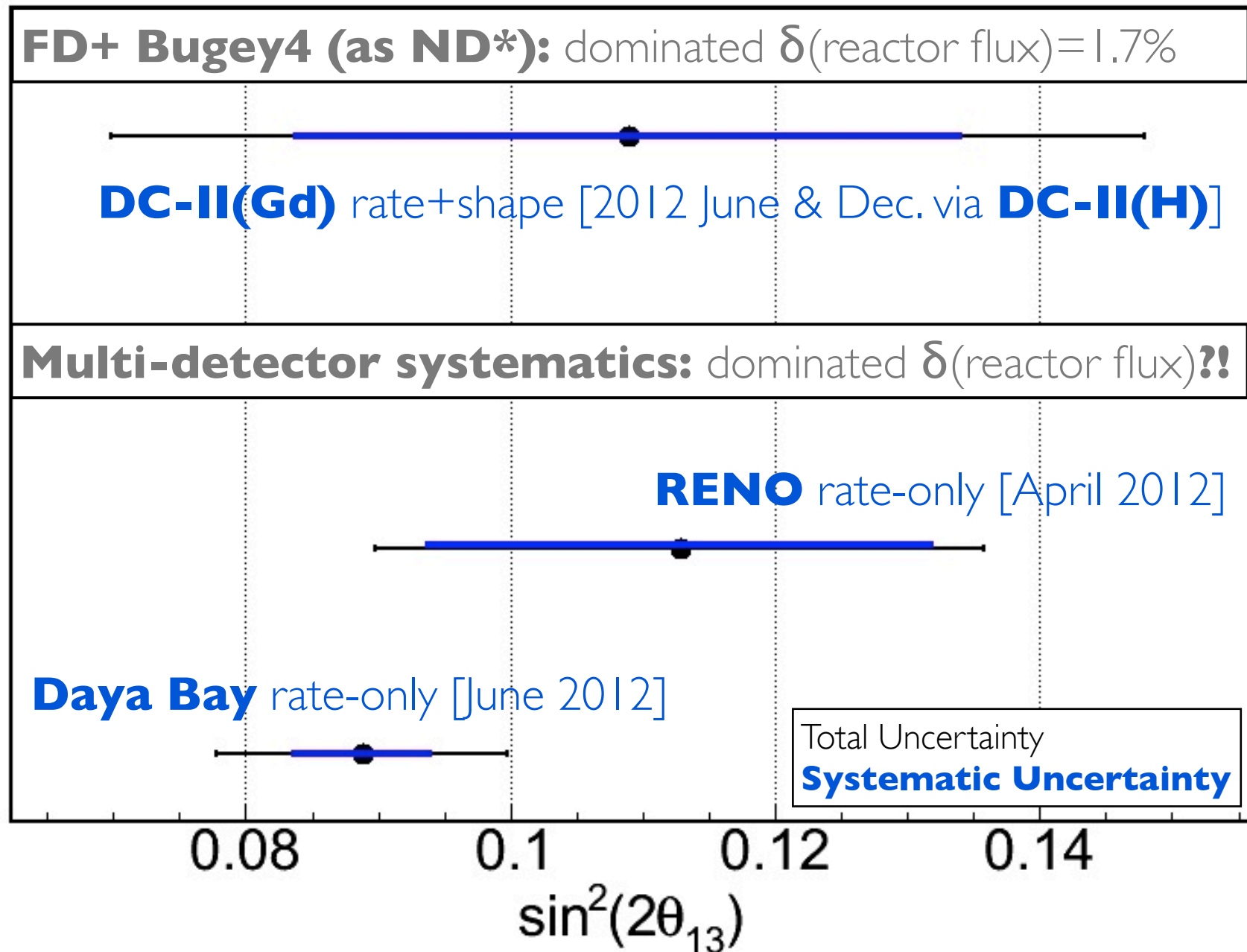
- each site a different BG  $\square$  rate and shape (specially correlated BG)
  - ND more signal but also more BG  $\rightarrow$  shapes can also be different
- issue: **normalisation and shape of each BG** (with reactor ON  $\rightarrow$  hard!)

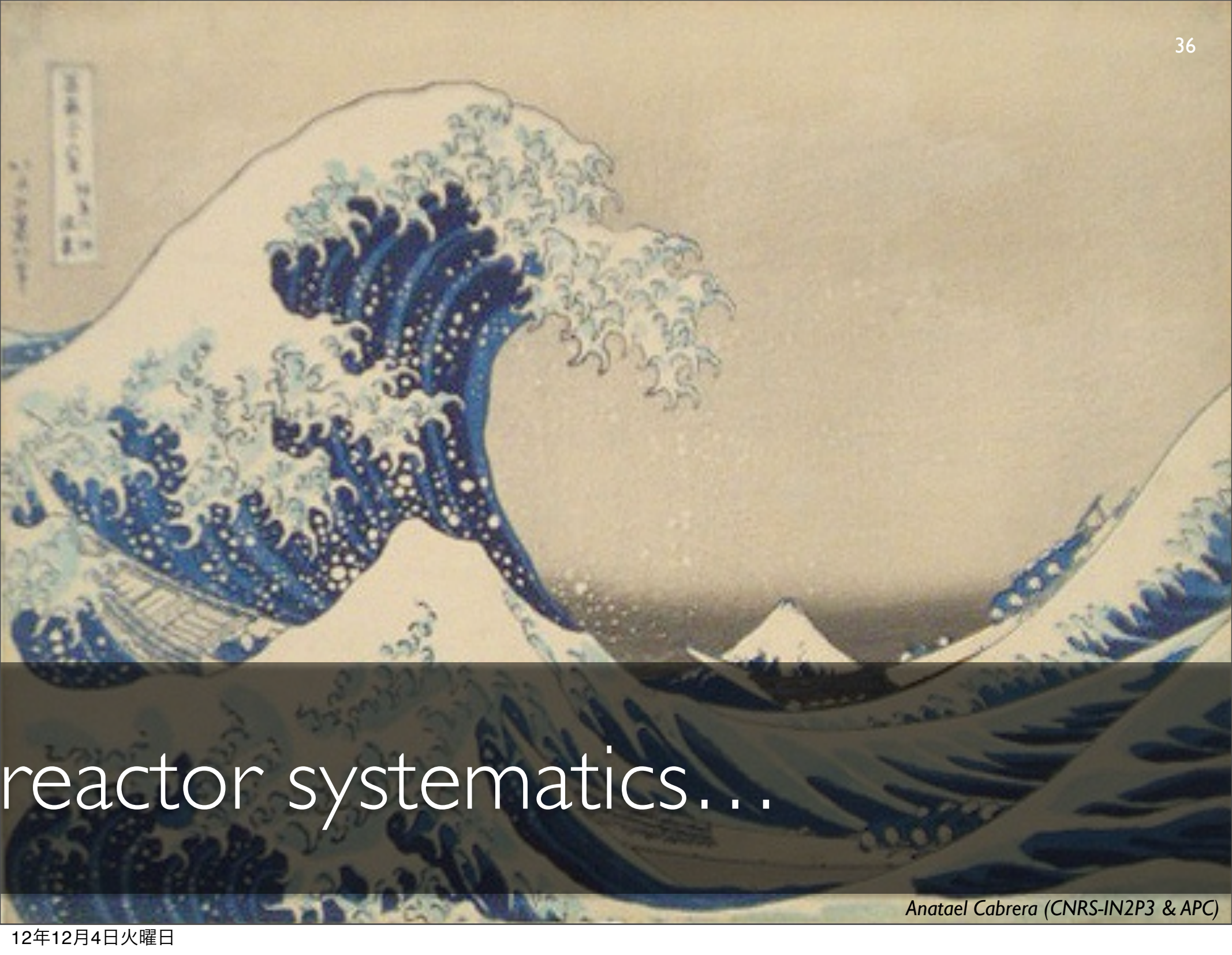
- **warning: high-precision physics** (i.e. systematics @ “per-mil” level)

- **first word** (**fast**)  $\rightarrow$  impressive  $\theta_{13}$  (large) measurement “overnight”
- **final legacy** (**slow**)  $\rightarrow$  cross-checks for best  $\theta_{13}$  world knowledge



**my goal:** explain to you **how systematics are controlled...**  
 (please note **per-mil** systematics → very careful)





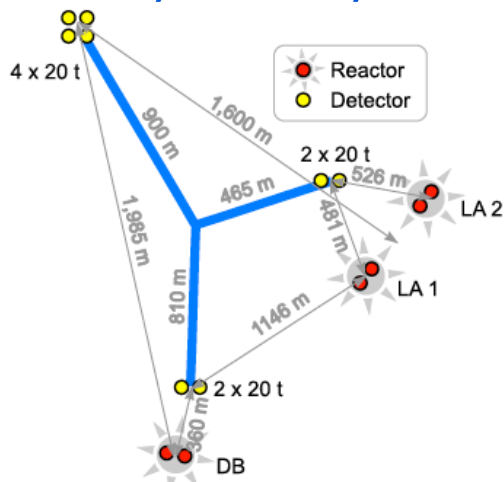
reactor systematics...

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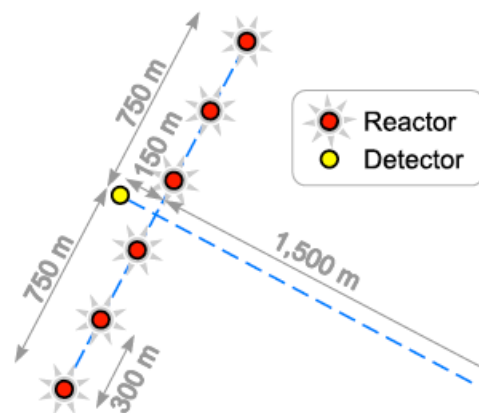
# reactors vs detectors interplay...

**multi-detector: “kill”  $\delta(\text{flux})$  totally? yes...? (proposals)**

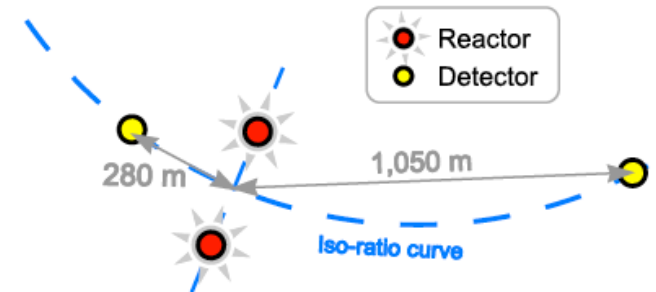
## Daya Bay



## RENO



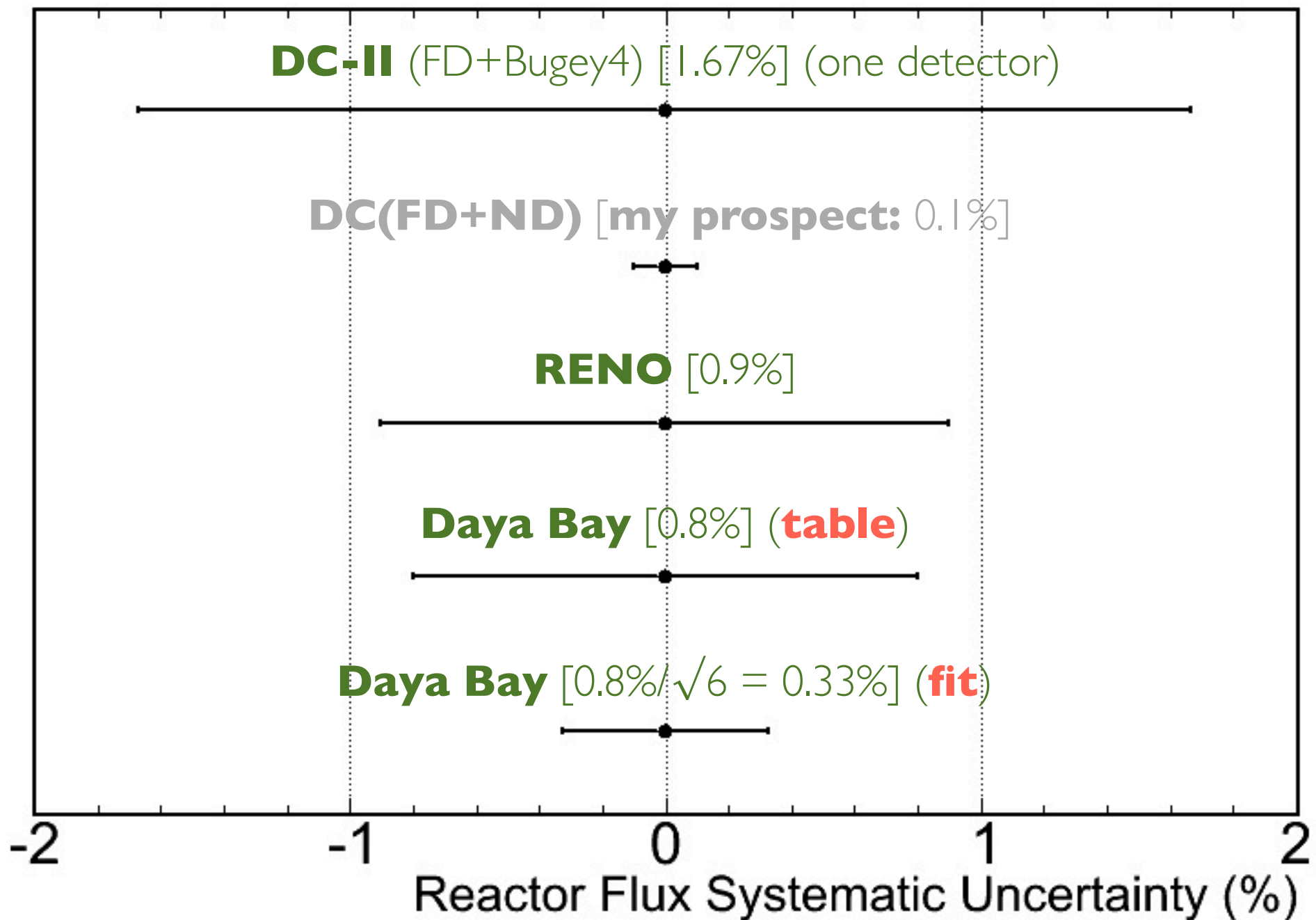
## DC



**$\delta(\text{flux})$ : 0.8% (DB), 0.9% (RENO), ?(0.1~0.3)% (DC)**  
 (“uncorrelated reactor flux uncertainty”)

- **RENO/DB:** ~0.5% (thermal power) & ~0.6% (fission fractions)
  - **extremely hard to improve this** (impossible?)
- geometry is **critical**...
  - “Rate(FD)/Rate(ND) per reactor and per ND?”
    - **DB:** to some extent(?)  $\rightarrow \delta(\text{flux}) = 0.8\% / \sqrt{6}$  (used in publication)
    - **RENO:** not enough(?)  $\rightarrow \delta(\text{flux}) = 0.9\%$  (large)
    - **DC:** almost isoflux  $\rightarrow \delta(\text{flux}) \leq 0.3\%$  (under study)
- **$\delta(\text{flux})$  dominant uncertainty for DB & RENO [ $\rightarrow$  not DC!]**





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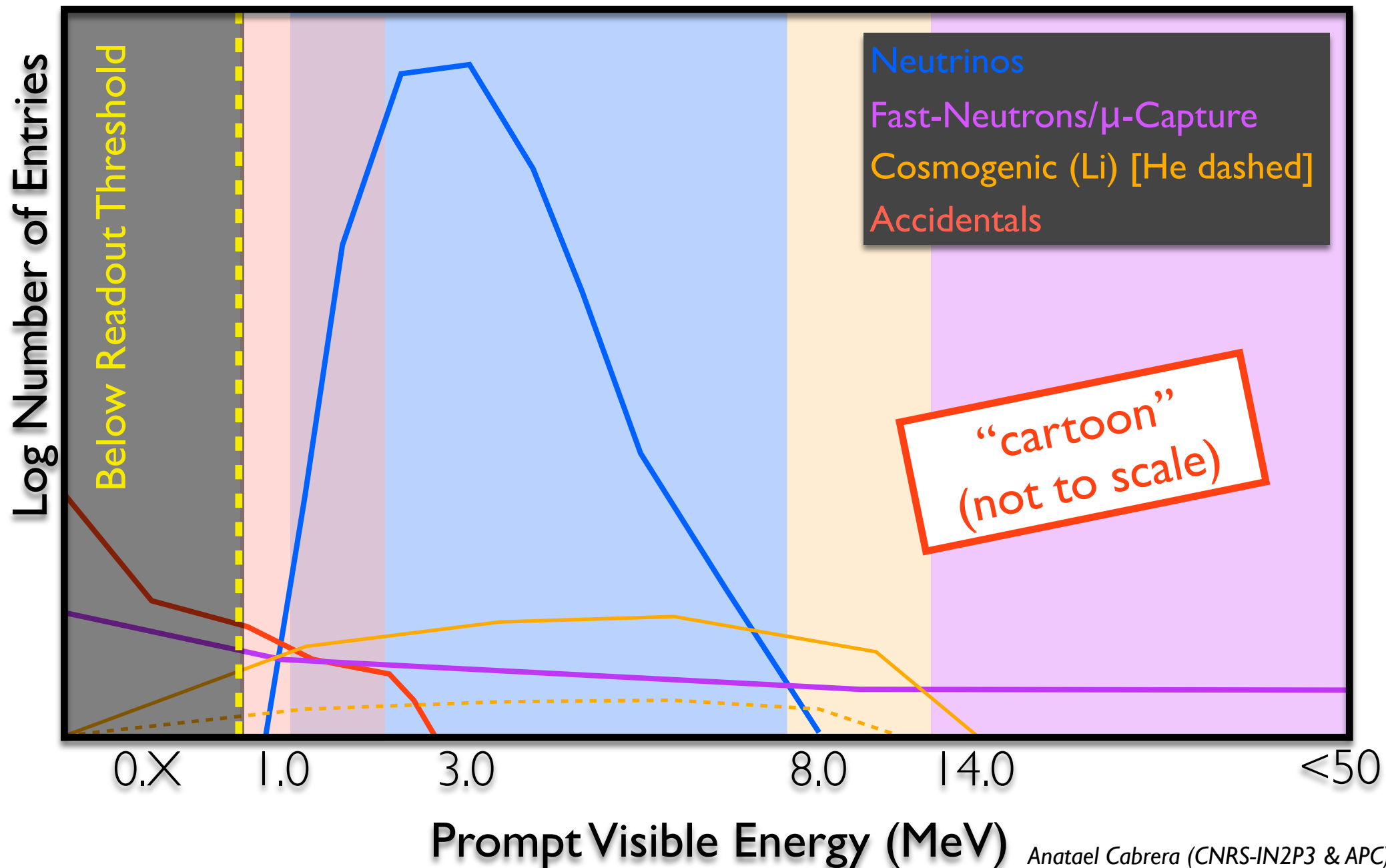
BG systematics...

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# BG model (CHOOZ+KamLAND)...

**is this the full story?**

(so far, entirely assumed by all experiments)



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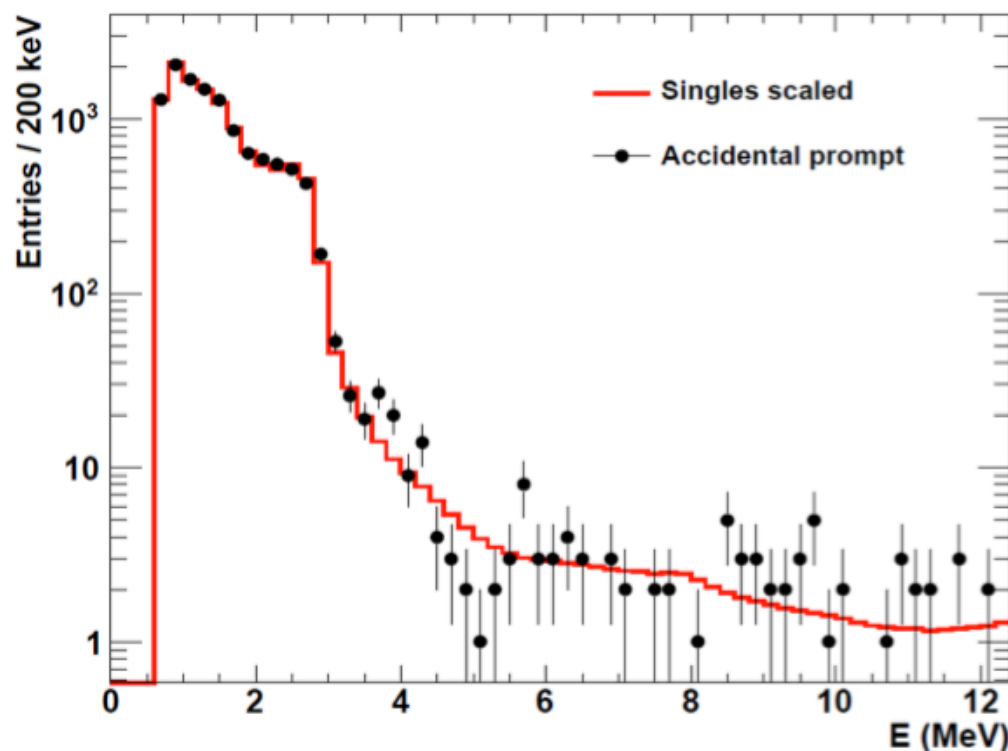
- **BG measurement:** rate (much easier) & shape (statistics limited knowledge)
  - CHOOZ BGs → no say on Li (reactor OFF) → KamLAND observed it!
  - **BG knowledge better with time:**  $\leq 1$  BG per day
- **1(all): measure each BG (sample) with reactor ON**
  - **cons:** sub-sample (different selection) & approximations/extrapolations
    - corrected/scaled (**accuracy?**) & complete (**missing shape?**)
- **2(DC): fit  $\theta$  | 3+BGs (shape analysis) with reactor ON**
  - **pro:** use knowledge a priori (method-1) → propagate to  $\theta$  | 3 (correlations)
  - **cons:** interpretation of pull-info (degeneracies) & and lack of knowledge still
- **3(DC): reactor OFF direct measurement (total rate validation)**
  - **pro:** direct measurement (no assumptions) → **complete** BG model (CHOOZ)
  - **cons:** stats very limited (1 week now) → little BG shape information
- **4(DC): observed vs expected correlation**
  - **pro:** direct use of reactor ON and OFF → **BG rate estimation**
- **5(DC): 2 Integration Periods** when doing method-2 (“2-1 reactor” analysis)
  - **validation:**  $\theta$  | 3 outcome is the same for 2IP ~ 1IP (DC-II) → **BG robust**

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individual measurement...  
(all experiments)

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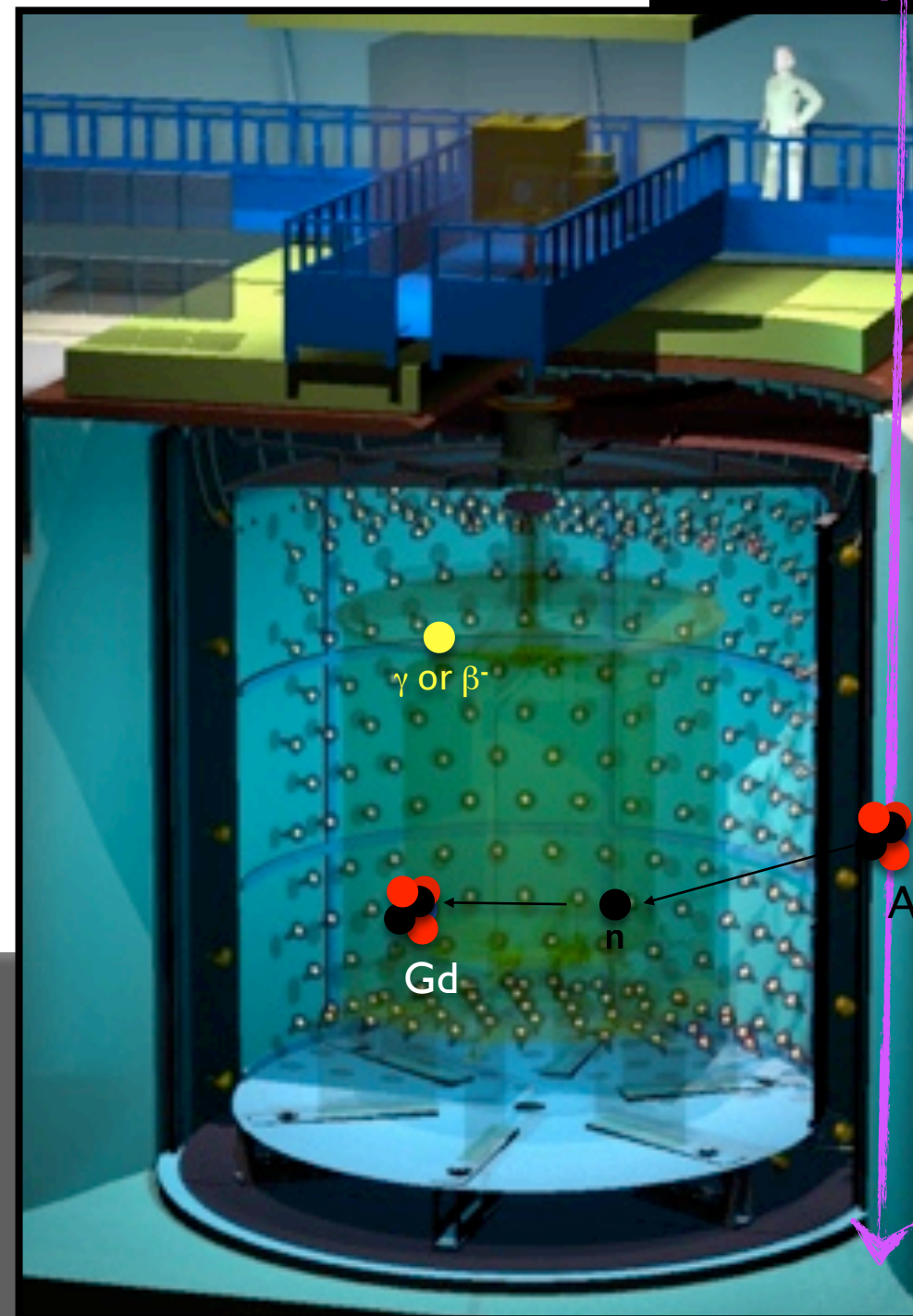




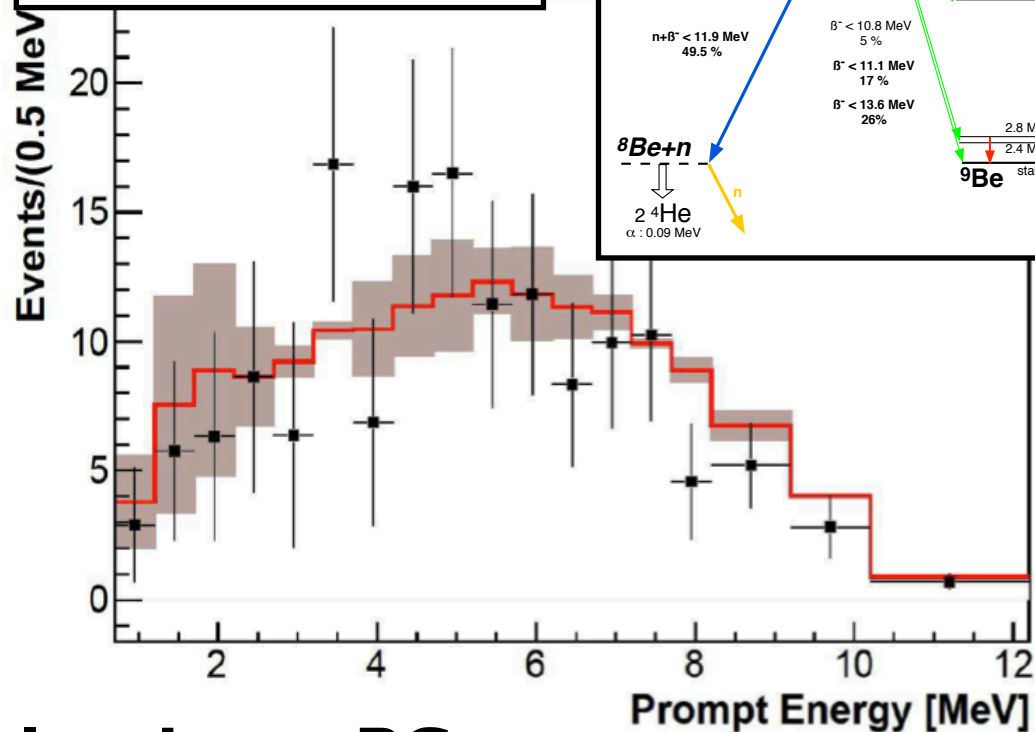
## best known BG...

- $\delta \text{BG} / \text{Signal} \rightarrow 0$  (i.e. no rate systematics)
- (if large) distort shape @ oscillation region

accidental BG...



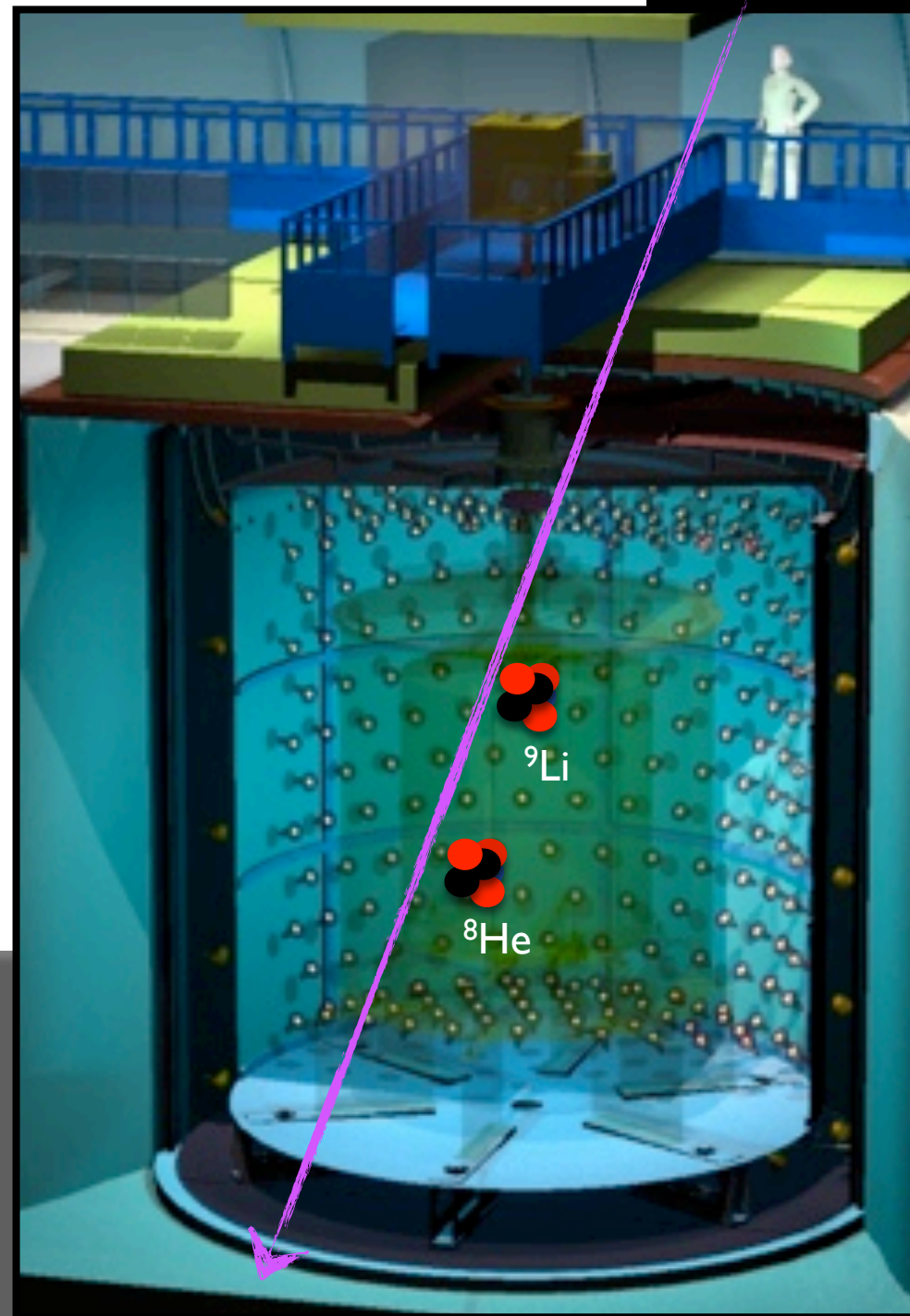


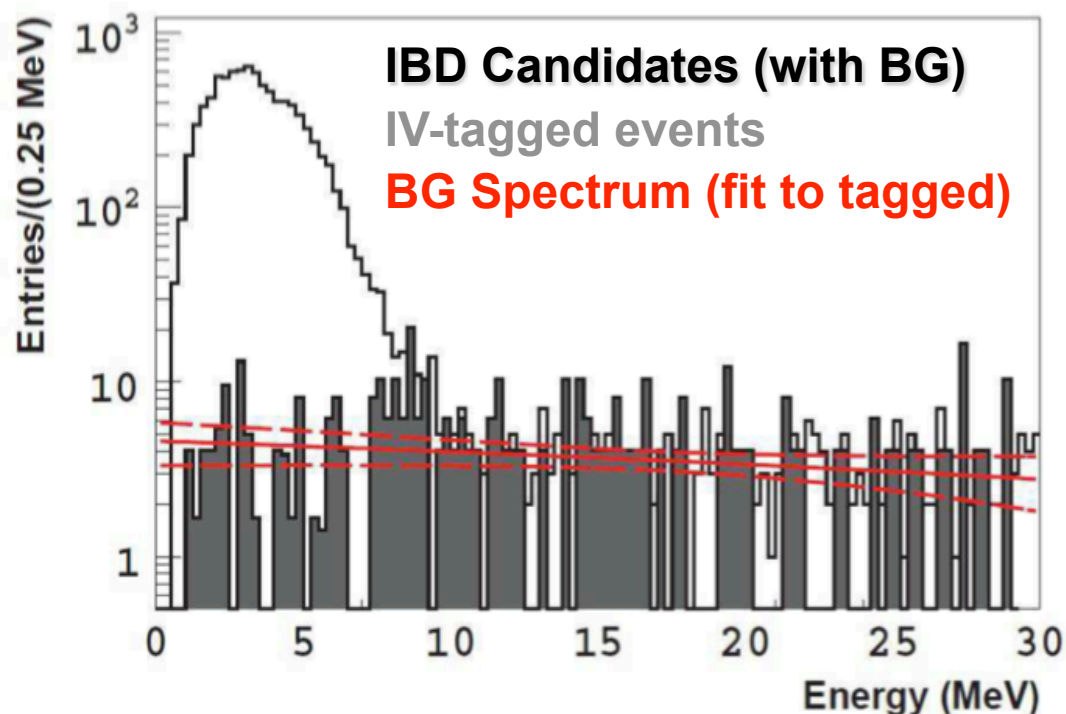
decay  $\beta$ -n [ $\tau \sim 100\text{ms}$ ]**less know BG...**

- $\delta\text{BG}/\text{Signal} \rightarrow$  largest (rate systematics)
- poorly known shape (MC  $\rightarrow$  KamLAND)

cosmogenic BG...

( $^9\text{Li}$  and  $^8\text{He}$ )

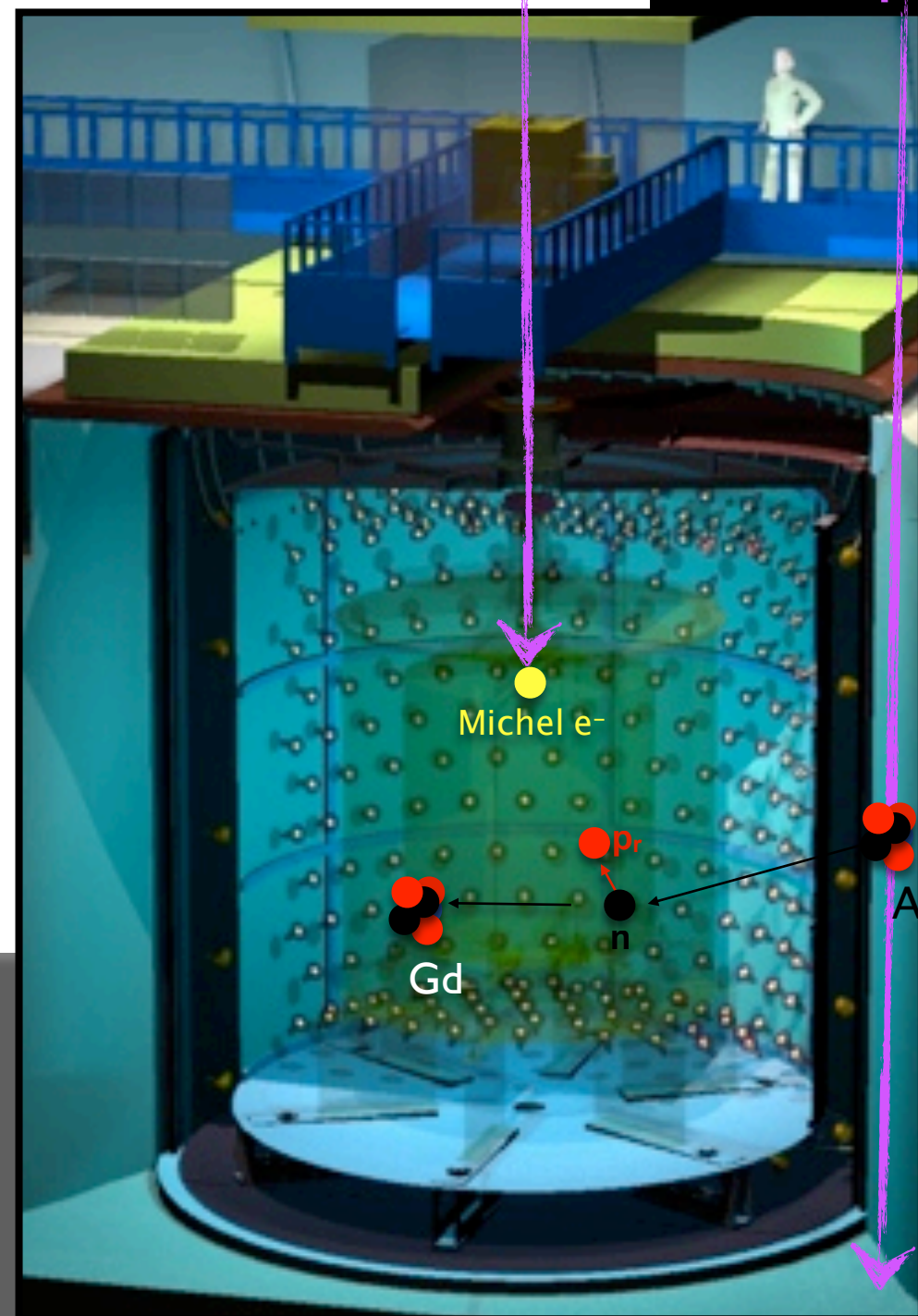


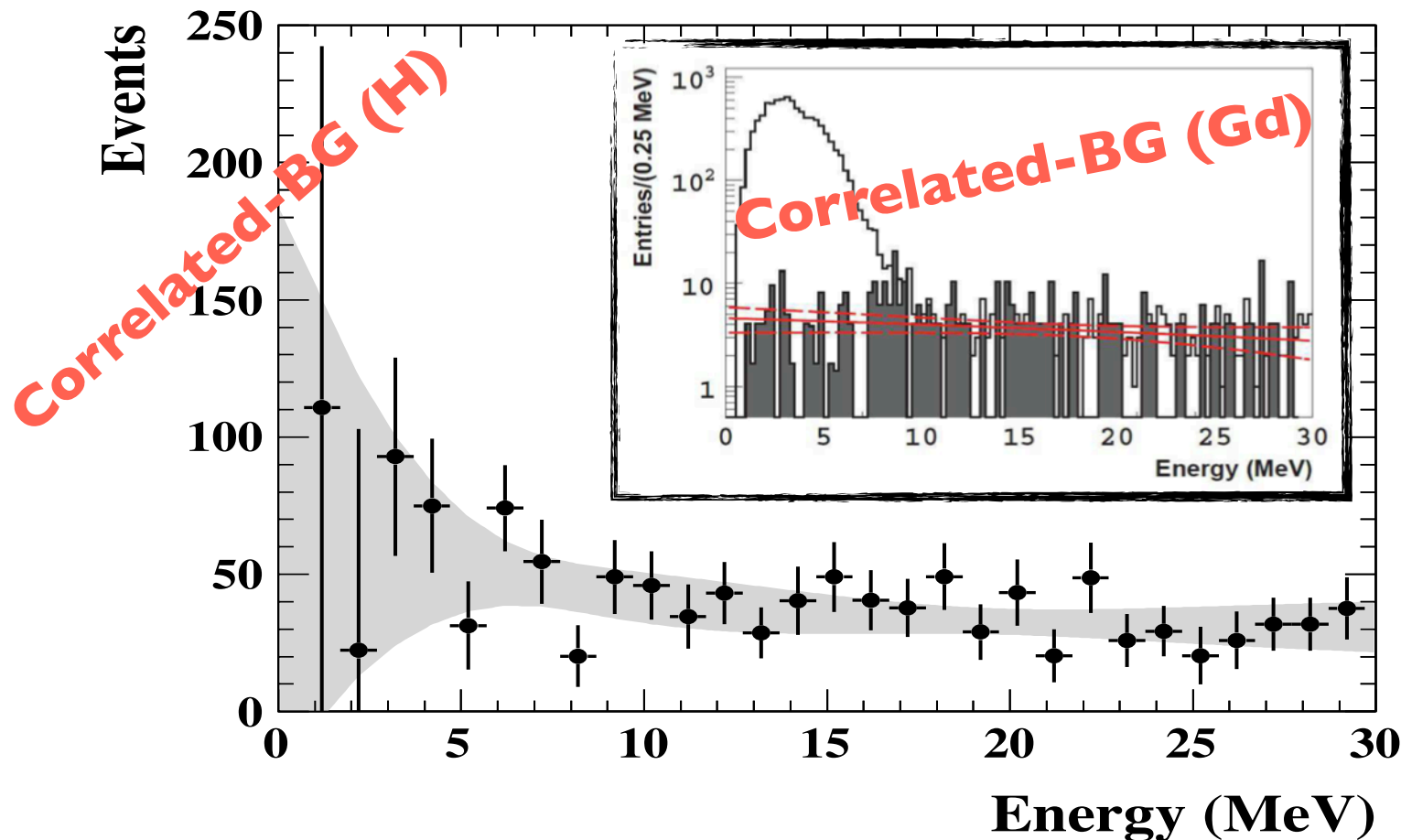


## most dangerous

- shape varies per detector (acceptance & overburden)  $\rightarrow$  shapes could mimics  $\theta 13$
- poorly known shape (not easy to MC)


correlated BG...  
(fast-n & stopping- $\mu$ )





- **proton-recoil spectrum @ low energies** (**very challenging**)
  - neutron energy dependence → size of buffer and  $\gamma$ -catcher
  - proton quenching effects → difficult to MC (data-driven)
- **must measure with data** → (DC) IV & OV tagging mechanisms
- (“naive” method) extrapolate from high-energy ( $> 14\text{MeV}$ ): **good?**
  - **DC: ~25% bias** in spectral rate (rising shape @ low energies)
  - BG-spectrum **resembles  $\theta 13$  signature** (slope-like) → **bias  $\theta 13$ ?**

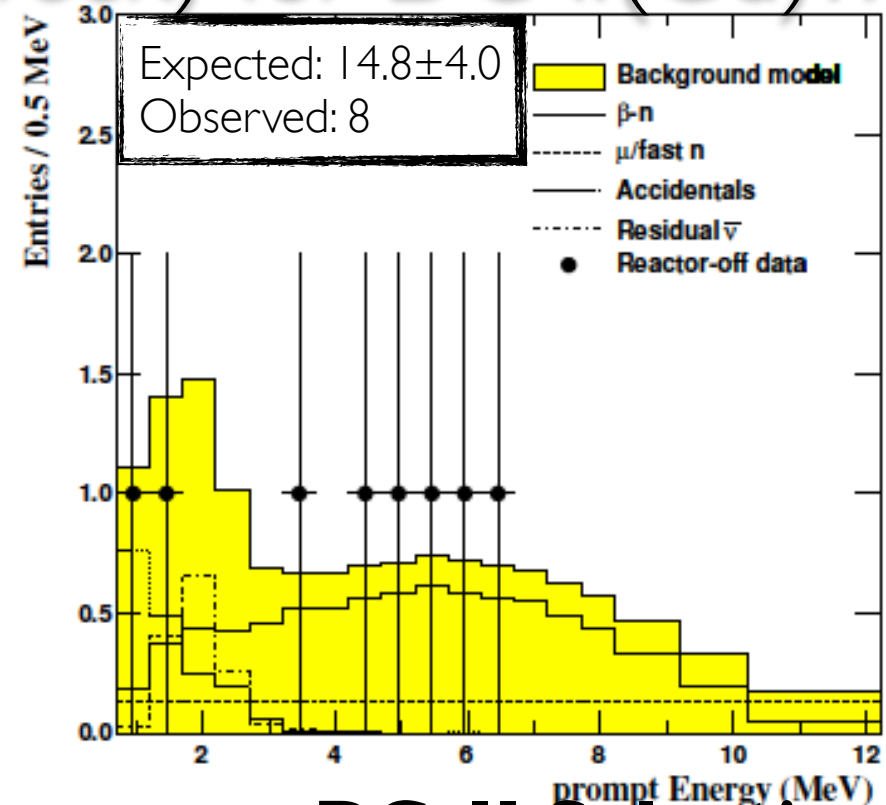
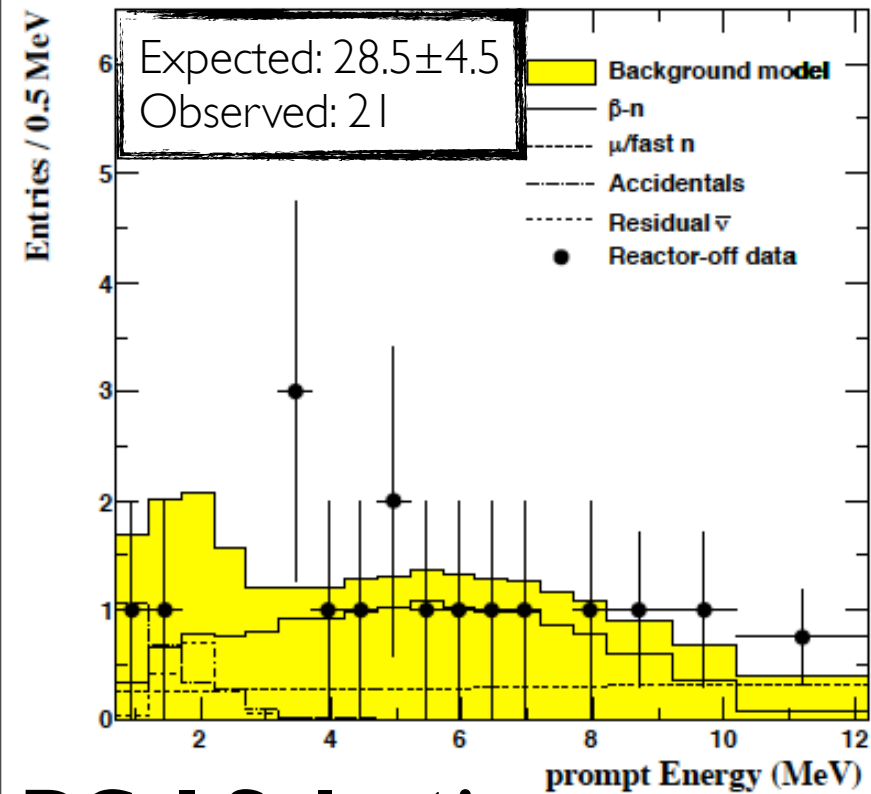


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(only DC) BG validation/direct measurement...

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# reactor OFF data ( $\sim 1$ week) for DC-II(Gd)...



## DC-I Selection

(no BG reduction)

Rate (day <sup>-1</sup> )	$\beta$ -n	Accidental	$\mu$ /fast n	Total Est.	Total Obs.
DCI	$2.10 \pm 0.57$	$0.35 \pm 0.02$	$0.93 \pm 0.26$	$3.4 \pm 0.6$	$2.7 \pm 0.6$
DCII	$1.25 \pm 0.54$	$0.26 \pm 0.02$	$0.44 \pm 0.20$	$2.0 \pm 0.6$	$1.0 \pm 0.4$

## DC-II Selection

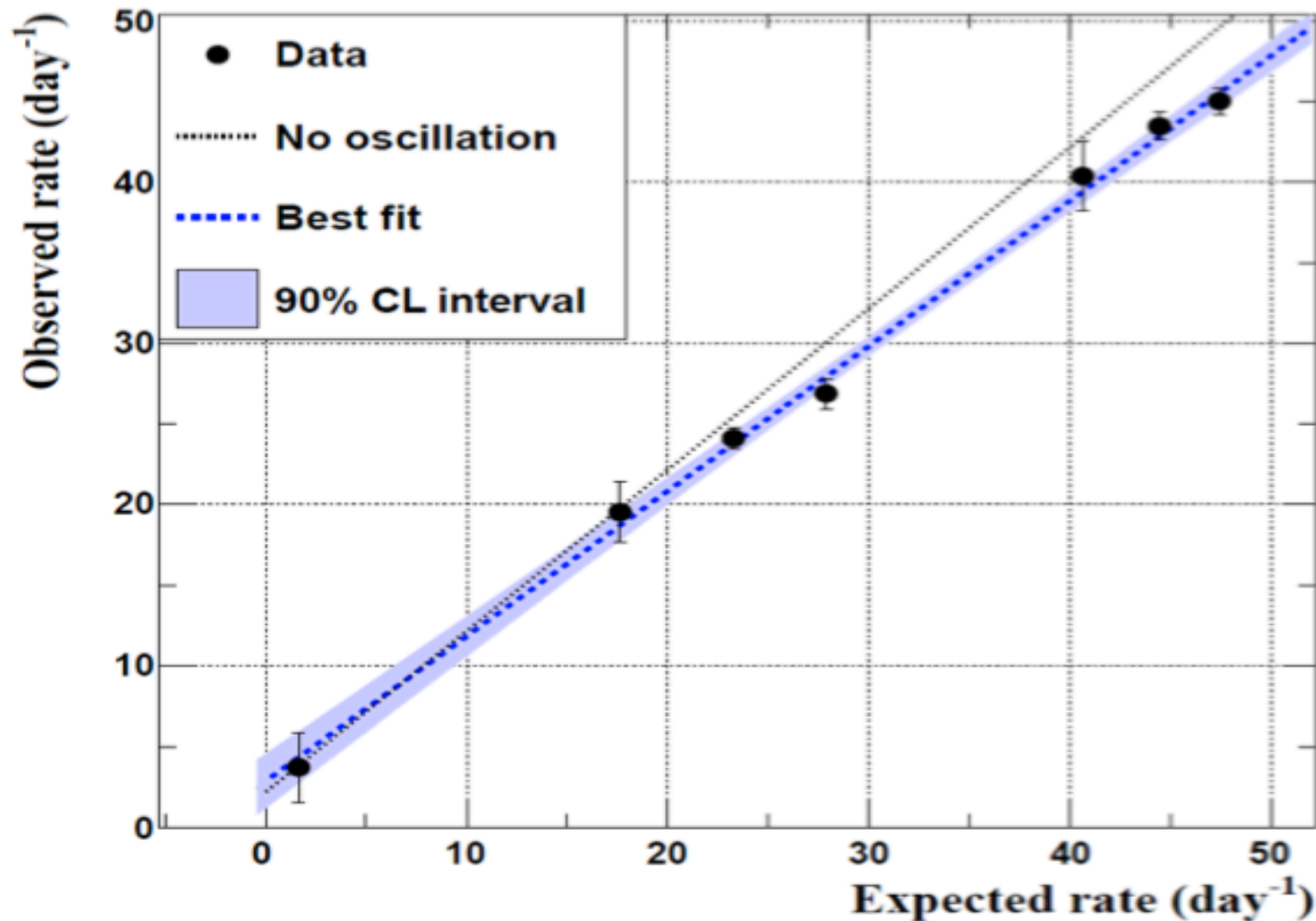
(BG reduction)

validation with two BG-selections DC-I and DC-II (BG varies by  $\sim 2\times$ )

**BG(observed) < BG(expected)**

[fluctuation?  $\sigma^{\text{stats}} < 1.5\sigma$ , but same trend seen shape-fit]

# (only validation) observed vs expected rate...

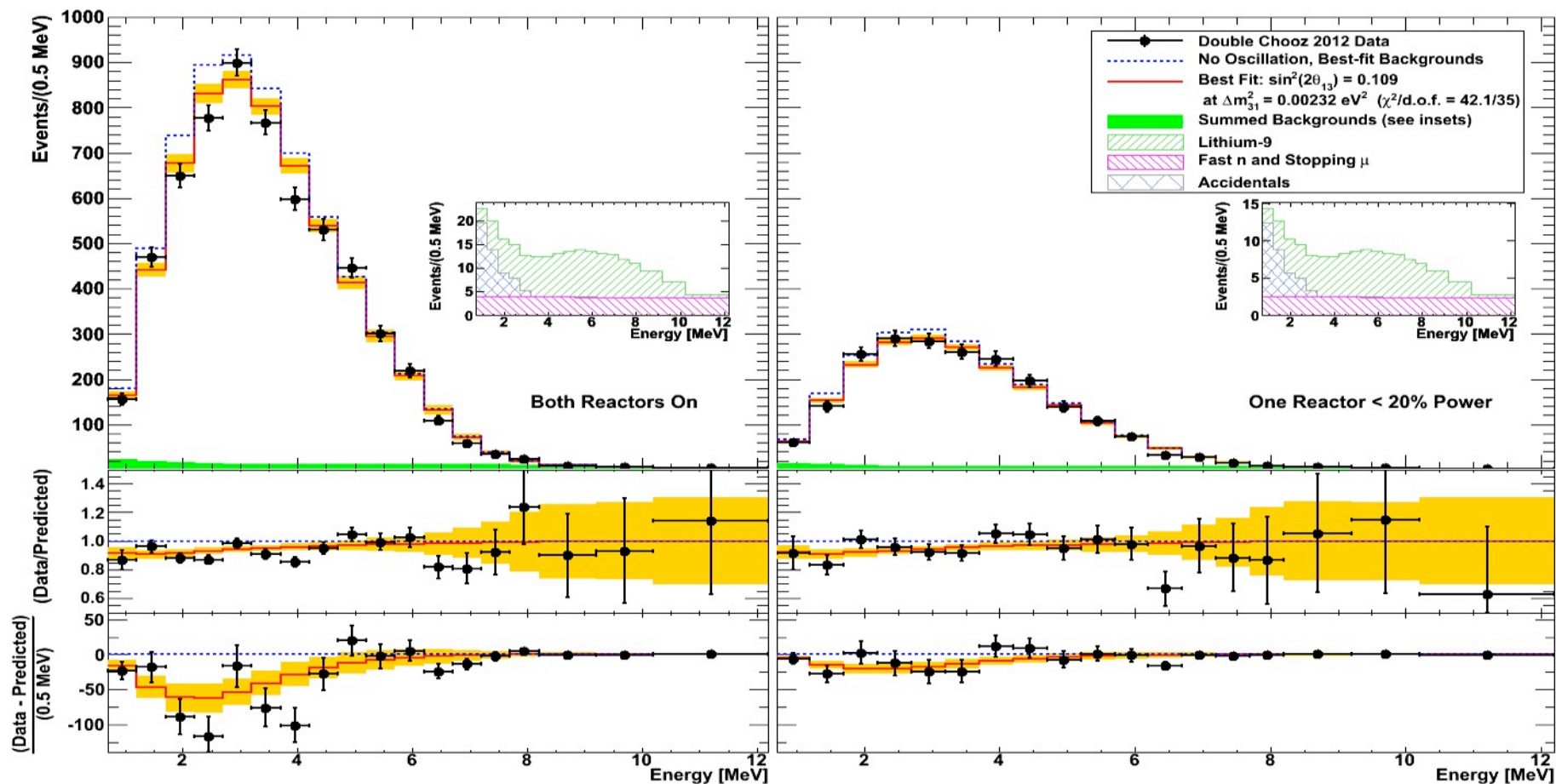


- **disappearance** (i.e.  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ ) → shallower slope
- **total BG measurement** is intercept (when expected rate → 0)
  - Rate(BG) with and without reactor OFF data point → consistent
  - reactor-OFF data to constraint  $\theta_{13}$  → future (stay tuned)



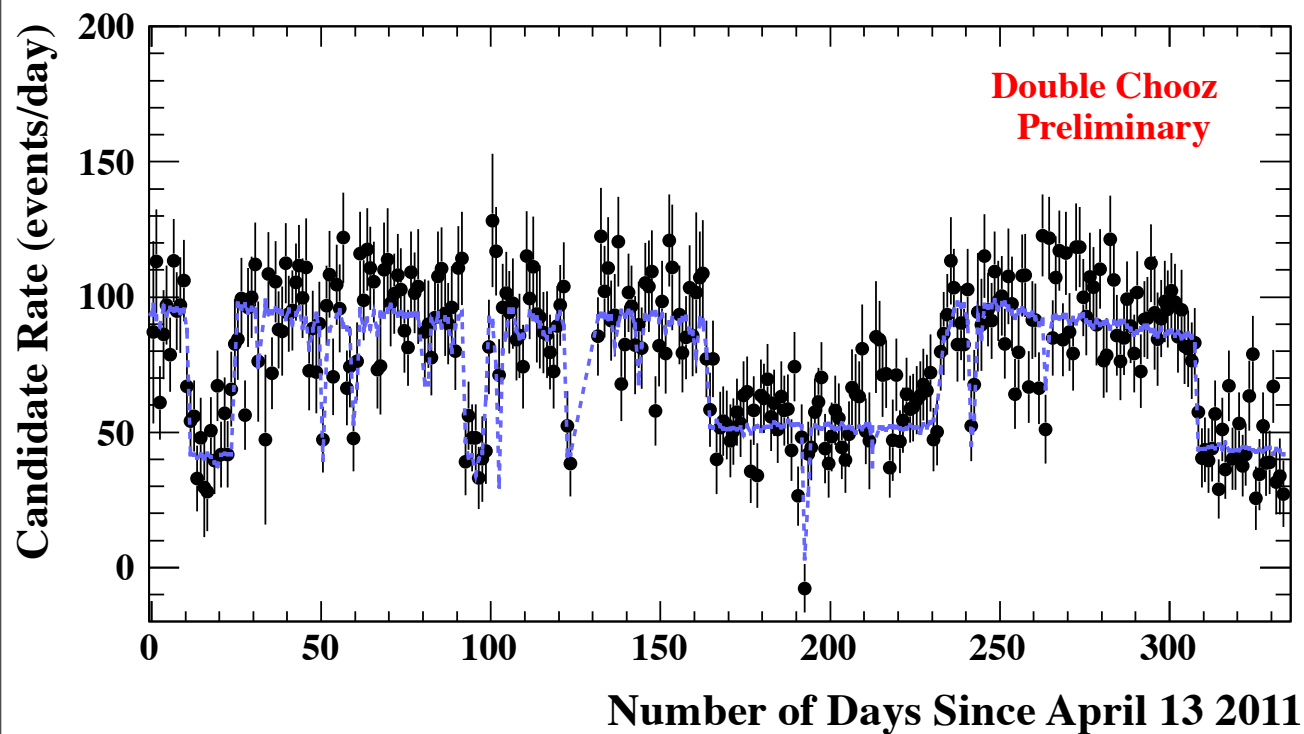
# 50 fit both $\theta_{13}$ +BGs (rate+shape) simultaneously...

- **fit input:** full data + BGs rate&shape measurements (each)
- **fit output:**  $\theta_{13}$  & (constraint) re-measurement of BGs (using shape)

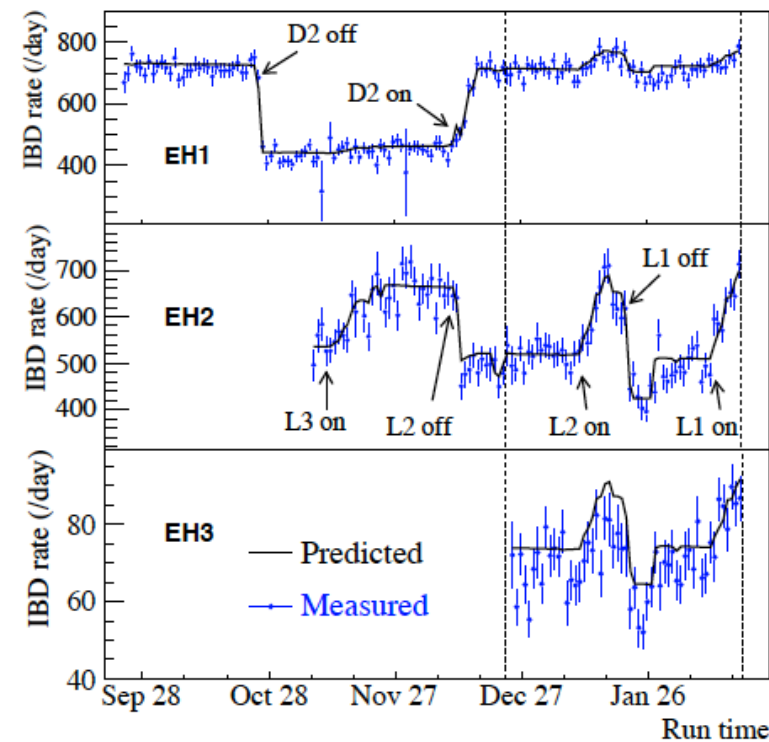


- **BG(fit) < 85% BG (rate-only) → less subtraction (smaller  $\theta_{13}$ ?)**
  - BG(fit) in excellent agreement with direct reactor-OFF measurements
  - all other experiment rely on rate BG measurement → BG bias impact?
- $\theta_{13}$  is approx. the same with 1 or 2 Integration Periods → result is BG robust

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DC-II(H) (Dec. 2012)



DB (March'12)

**DC has a lot of 1 and 2 reactor(s) [DC-II]**

**possible analysis:** “2reactor - 1reactor” (rate & shape)

→ BG “free” analysis? or interesting cross-check on BG model

→ (mathematically) equivalent to fitting data 2 integration periods (DC-II)

@FD	accidental [day <sup>-1</sup> ]	correlated [day <sup>-1</sup> ]	cosmo [day <sup>-1</sup> ]	“Am-C” [day <sup>-1</sup> ]	BG	δBG	δBG/BG (%)	BG/S (%)	δBG/S (%)	max. signal
DC-II	0.261±0.002	0.67±0.20	1.25±0.54	×	2.2	0.58	26.4	4.8	1.28	45
DC-II (fit)	0.261±0.002	0.64±0.13	1.00±0.29	×	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.32</b>	16.7	<b>4.2</b>	0.71	45
DC-II (OFF)*	×	×	×	×	1.0	0.40	40.0	2.2	0.89	45
DC (H-n)*	73.45±0.16	2.50±0.47	3.00±1.00	×	79.0	1.12	<b>1.4</b>	79.0	1.12	100
RENO	0.68±0.03	0.97± <b>0.06</b>	2.59±0.75	×	4.2	0.75	17.8	5.3	0.94	80
DB (1xFD)	~3.30±0.03	~0.04±0.04	~0.16±0.11	0.2±0.2	3.7	0.23	6.3	5.3	0.33	70
DB (3xFD)	3x more	3x more	3x more	3x more	11.1	0.40	<b>3.6</b>	5.3	<b>0.19</b>	210
DB (4xFD)	4x more	4x more	4x more	4x more	14.8	0.47	3.2	5.3	0.17	280

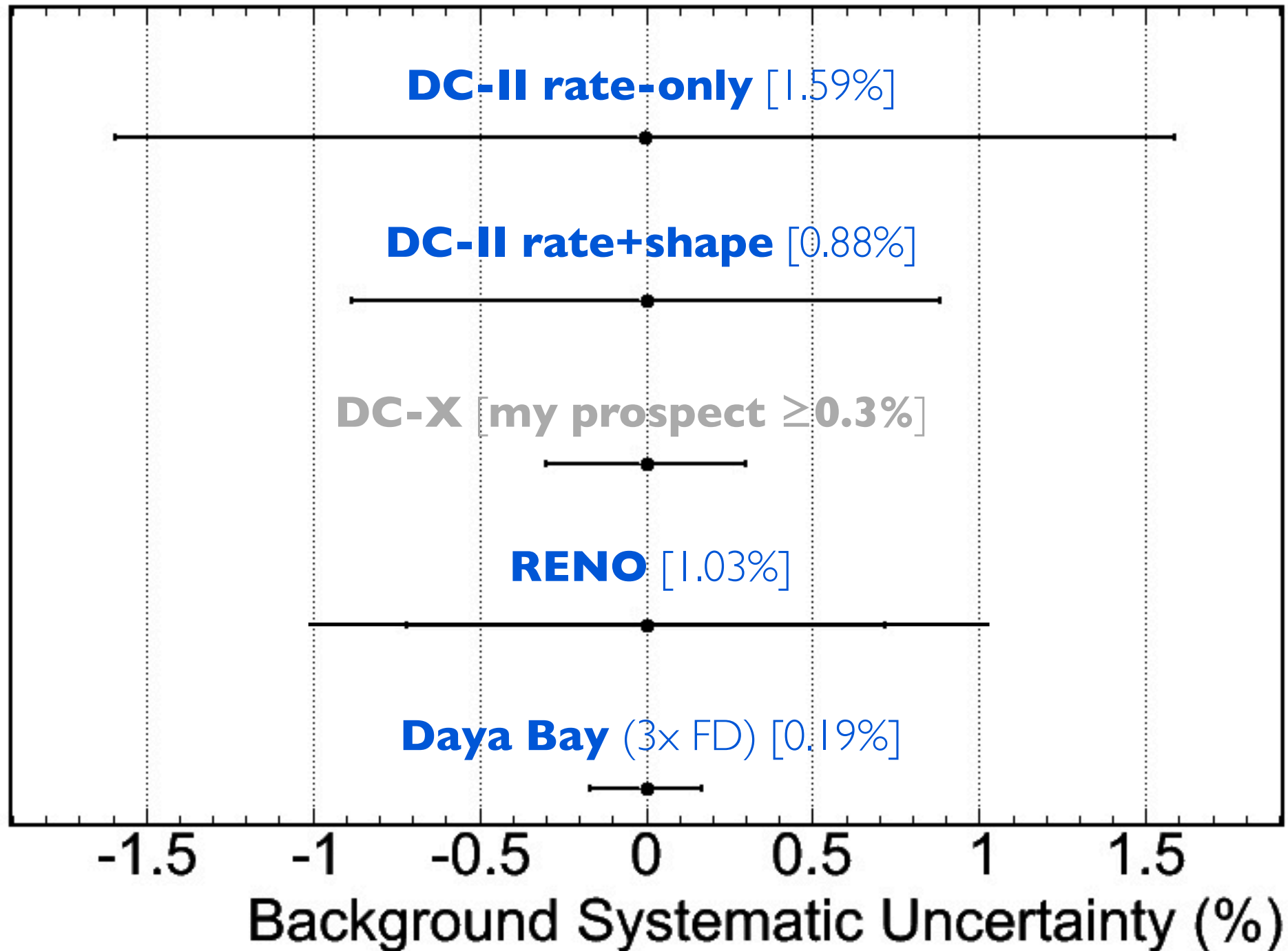
- cosmo & correlated **BG knowledge is statistics dominated**
- **DB lowest cosmo BGs** (largest overburden and reduce Acc-BG)
- **DC** surprisingly (less overburden) **best BG/S** (excellent **δS/BG**) → high quality analysis (precise BG estimation & 4x validation/cross-checks)

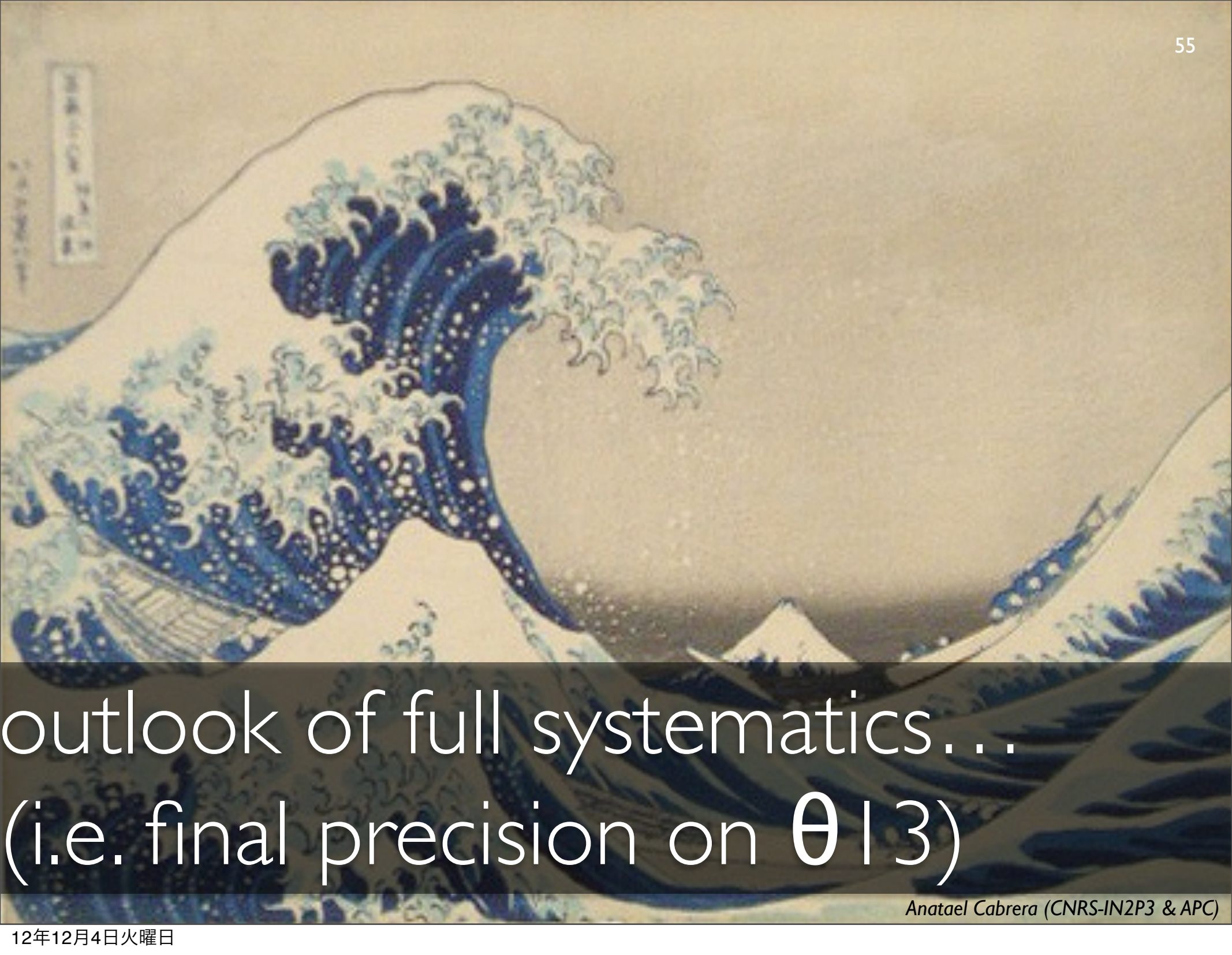
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- the **worst BGs** (today and tomorrow)...
  - **Acc-BG: DB**, but will improve some (cut on  $\Delta d$ )
  - **Cor-BG: RENO**, but will improve little (no OV or scint-IV)
    - claimed measurement is suspicious (6% precision + extrapolation)
  - **Cosmo-BG: RENO**, but will improve with showering- $\mu$  vetoing
  - Success for DC analysis  $\rightarrow$  less overburden (“intellect overburden”  $\rightarrow$  cheap!)
- the **best BGs**...
  - DC  $\rightarrow$  lowest Acc BG ever ( $\sim 10\times$  better with cut on  $\Delta r$ )
  - DB  $\rightarrow$  lowest  $\mu$ -BsG (expected): deeper+vetoing+huge water pool
- the **best understood BGs** (i.e. lowest  $\delta BG$  and  $\delta BG/BG$ )...
  - DB & DC  $\rightarrow$  the best understood BG (lowest  $\delta BG$  and  $\delta BG/BG$ )
- the **best BG systematics**...
  - DB best rate BG knowledge ( $\delta BG/S$ )  $\rightarrow$  huge signal and deep overburden)
  - DC best shape BG knowledge (BG/S)  $\rightarrow$  exploited in rate+shape analysis
  - DC powerful redundant BG  $\rightarrow$  4x methods (stat limited) to handle BG bias

## BG systematics (rate-only analysis)...



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outlook of full systematics...  
(i.e. final precision on  $\theta_{13}$ )

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# rate-driven uncertainties table...

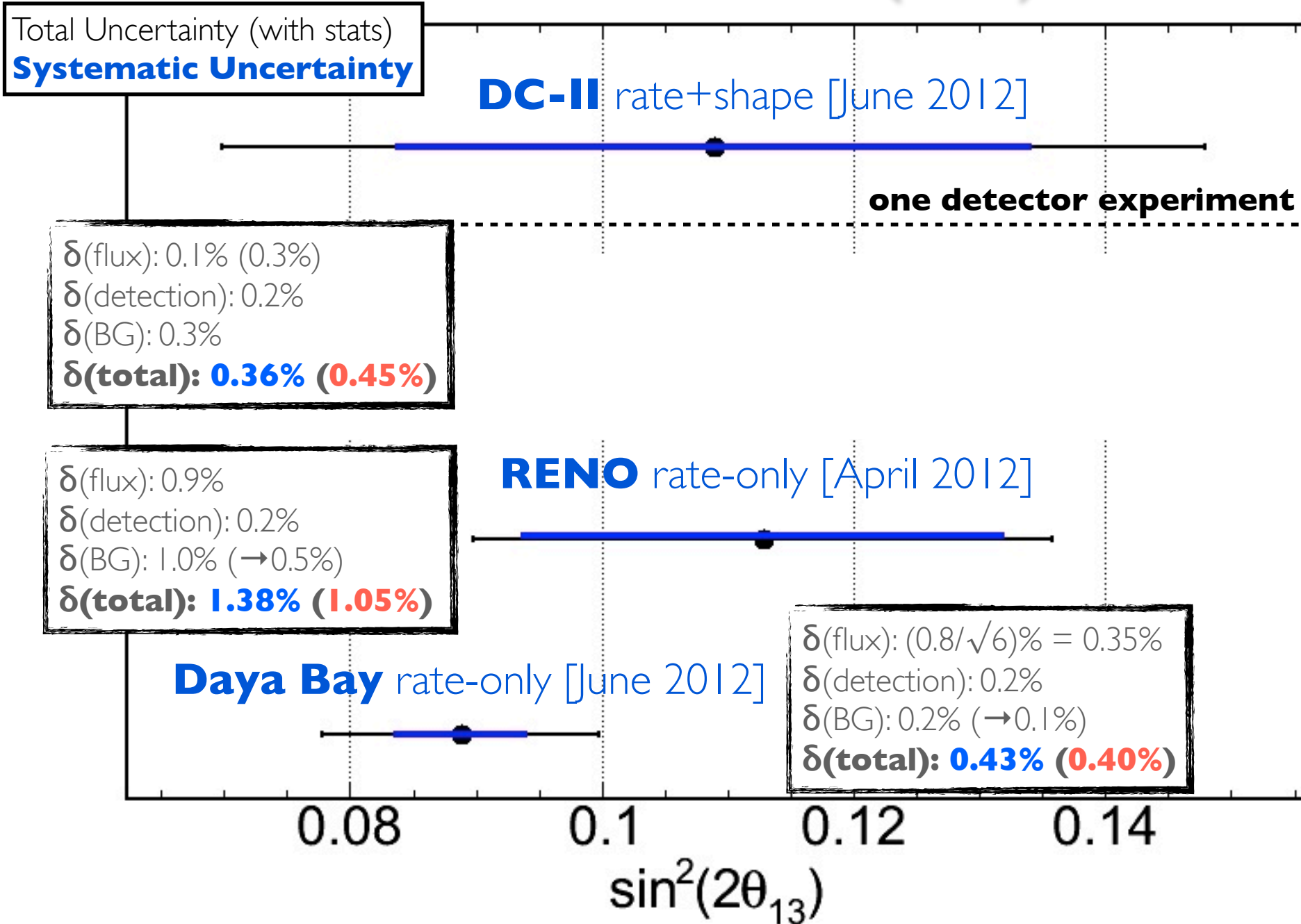
## best published results

uncertainty (%)	DC-I (rate)	DC-II (rate)	DC-II (r+s)	DC-II (OFF*)	RENO (abs)	RENO (rel)	DB (abs)	DB (rel)
<b>flux</b>								
reactor	1.67	1.67	<b>1.67</b>	1.67	2.00	0.90	3.00	<b>0.80</b>
<b>detection</b>								
efficiency	1.14	0.95	<b>0.95</b>	0.95	1.50	0.20	1.90	<b>0.20</b>
response	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	X	X	X	X
<b>background for rate analysis (<math>\delta BG/S</math>)</b>								
cosmogenic	2.82	1.49	0.80	X	1.03	1.03	0.09	0.09
correlated	0.89	0.55	0.36	X	0.08	0.08	0.03	0.03
accidental	0.07	0.01	0.01	X	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02
"Am-C"	X	X	X	X	X	X	0.16	0.16
BG-total	2.96	1.59	<b>0.88</b>	1.10	1.03	1.03	0.19	0.19
<b>syst total</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>0.85</b>
<b>stat total</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.99</b>

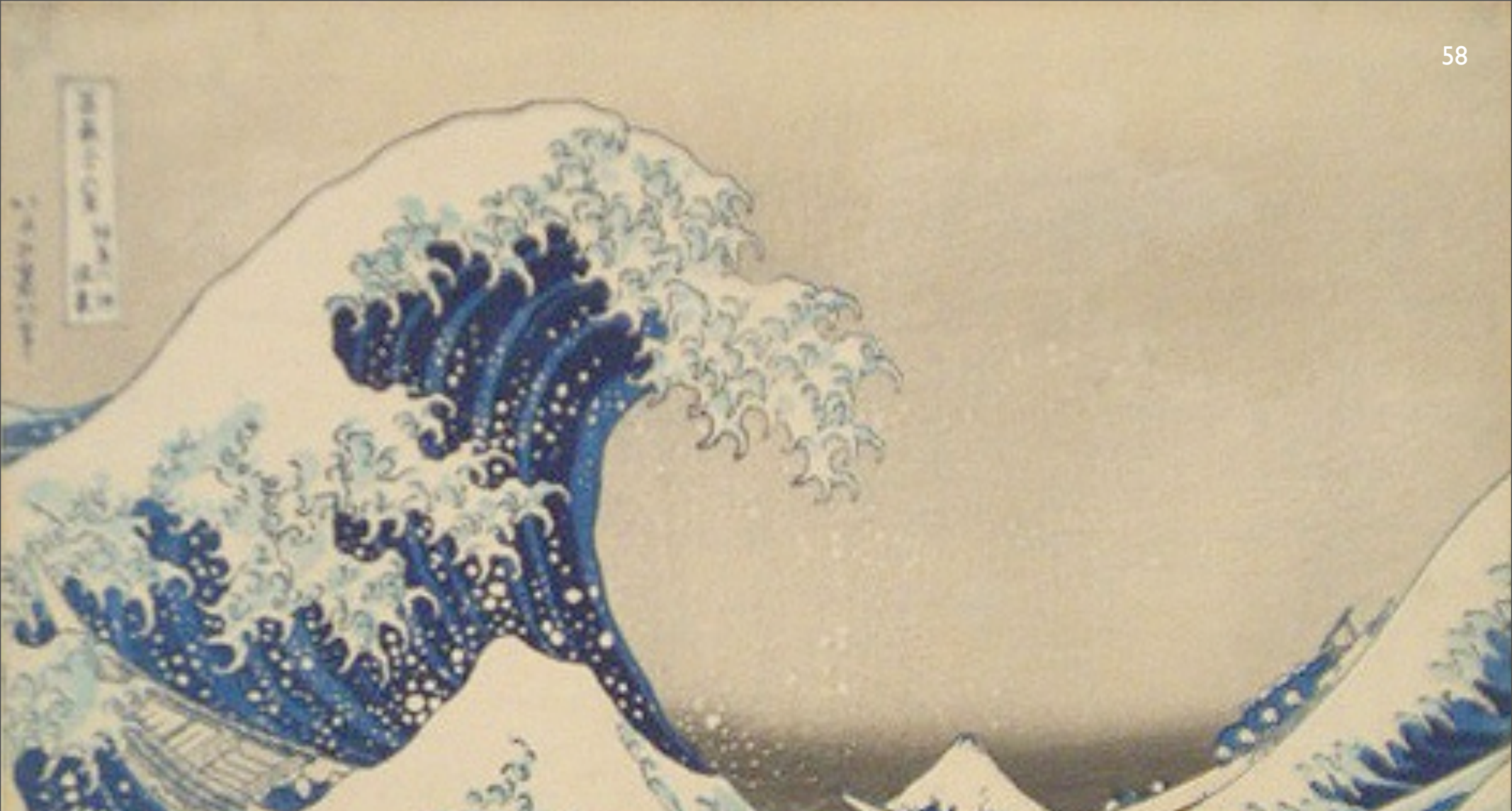
\*(debatable numbers?)

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# reactor $\theta_{13}$ ultimate (rate) knowledge...



**2 experiments with  $\delta(\text{total}) < 0.010 \rightarrow$  validate accuracy**



shape prediction is MUCH  
harder... (more fascinating too)

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what to remember?

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- **$\theta_{13}$  measured** by reactor experiments (**→ dominate for long!**)
  - **sure!** → precise rate-only (DB) & clean rate+shape (DC)
  - **high precision** (*uncertainty*) & **high accuracy** (*what's the true value?*)
    - to measure/constrain  $3\nu$  oscillation model
- **high precision on  $\theta_{13}$**  → ~5% uncertainty within 3 years
  - multi-detector → cancellation of all correlated uncertainties
- **high accuracy on  $\theta_{13}$**  → how to know we are unbiased?
  - **rate+shape analysis** (E/L & BGs) to measure  $\theta_{13}$  → **a must!**
  - **cross-check** among all experiments → on-going effort (transparency)
    - different sites/BGs/systematics/baselines, etc → the ONLY way to learn!
- regardless  **$\theta_{13}$  is LARGE**
  - ...if you were waiting for this, **please go ahead! :-)**
  - Asia very efficient (congratulation!). Europe needs to improve...

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