

The Oscillating Neutrino (experiments)

Summary

- **Introduction : Neutrino masses and oscillations**
- **Neutrino sources and experiments:**
reactors, accelerators, cosmic rays, sun

Possible evidence for oscillations:
Accelerators (LSND)
Sun
Cosmic Rays (atmospheric neutrinos)

- **Future**
- **Main emphasis : atmospheric neutrinos (MACRO, Superkamiokande)**
- **Beautiful report *Los Alamos Science number 25 " Celebrating the Neutrino" (1998) 190 pages it is free!!***

Introduction: Milestones in the Oscillating Neutrino

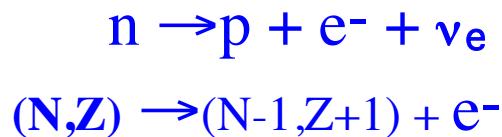
- **1930** Pauli : the "neutrons" to explain the missing energy
- **1934** Fermi : theory of beta decay and the word "neutrino"
- **1956** Reines and Cowan et al.: first direct detection of electron neutrino
- **1957** Pontecorvo : suggestion of neutrino oscillations
- **1963** Lederman Schwartz Steinberg detection of muon neutrino
- **1965** (Reines in South Africa and the KGF experiment in India) : first detection of atmospheric neutrinos
- **1968** Davis et al.: first detection of neutrinos from the SUN. Flux lower than expected.
- **1986** Beginning of the Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly (IMB - Usa and then Kamiokande Japan)
- **1995** LSND experiment anomaly(Los Alamos)

- **1998** Evidence for Oscillations in the Atmospheric Neutrinos? (Superkamiokande, MACRO, Soudan2...)

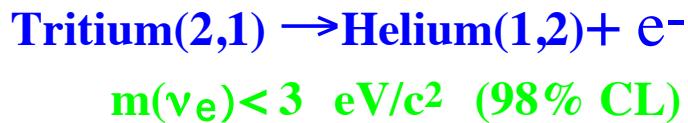
Introduction: Direct Measurement of the Neutrino Masses

- based on the missing energy distributions experimental limitations due to the resolution of the energy measurement

- ν_e : Beta Decay



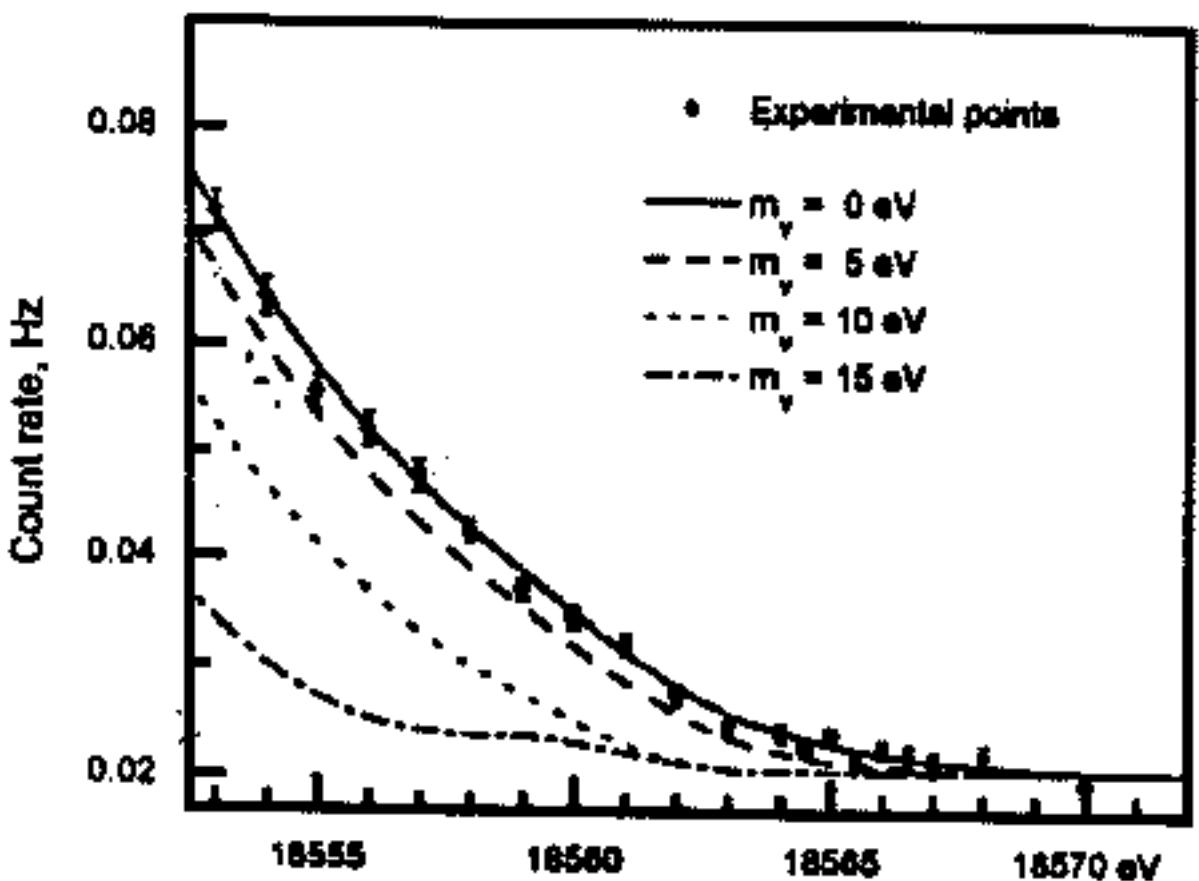
Tritium Beta decay using a magnetic spectrometer
(Troitsk experiment)



- ν_μ : $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \nu_\mu$ decay
 $m(\nu_\mu) < 0.19 \text{ MeV/c}^2 \text{ (95% CL)}$

- ν_τ : $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
 $\tau^+ \rightarrow 3 \pi^{+-} \nu_\tau$ and other decays
 $m(\nu_\tau) < 18.2 \text{ MeV/c}^2 \text{ (95% CL)}$

Introduction: Direct Measurement of the Neutrino Masses Tritium spectrum near the end point



Introduction: The Oscillating Neutrino

- Pontecorvo suggestion :

if we postulate

- 1) Neutrino have different masses
- 2) The Weak eigenstate is a mixture of Mass Eingenstate then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \nu_e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(θ is called mixing angle)

and the probability of oscillations for two neutrinos is :

$$P_{osc} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left(1.27 \Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E} \right)$$

(L in meters, E in MeV, $\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2$ in $(eV/c^2)^2$)

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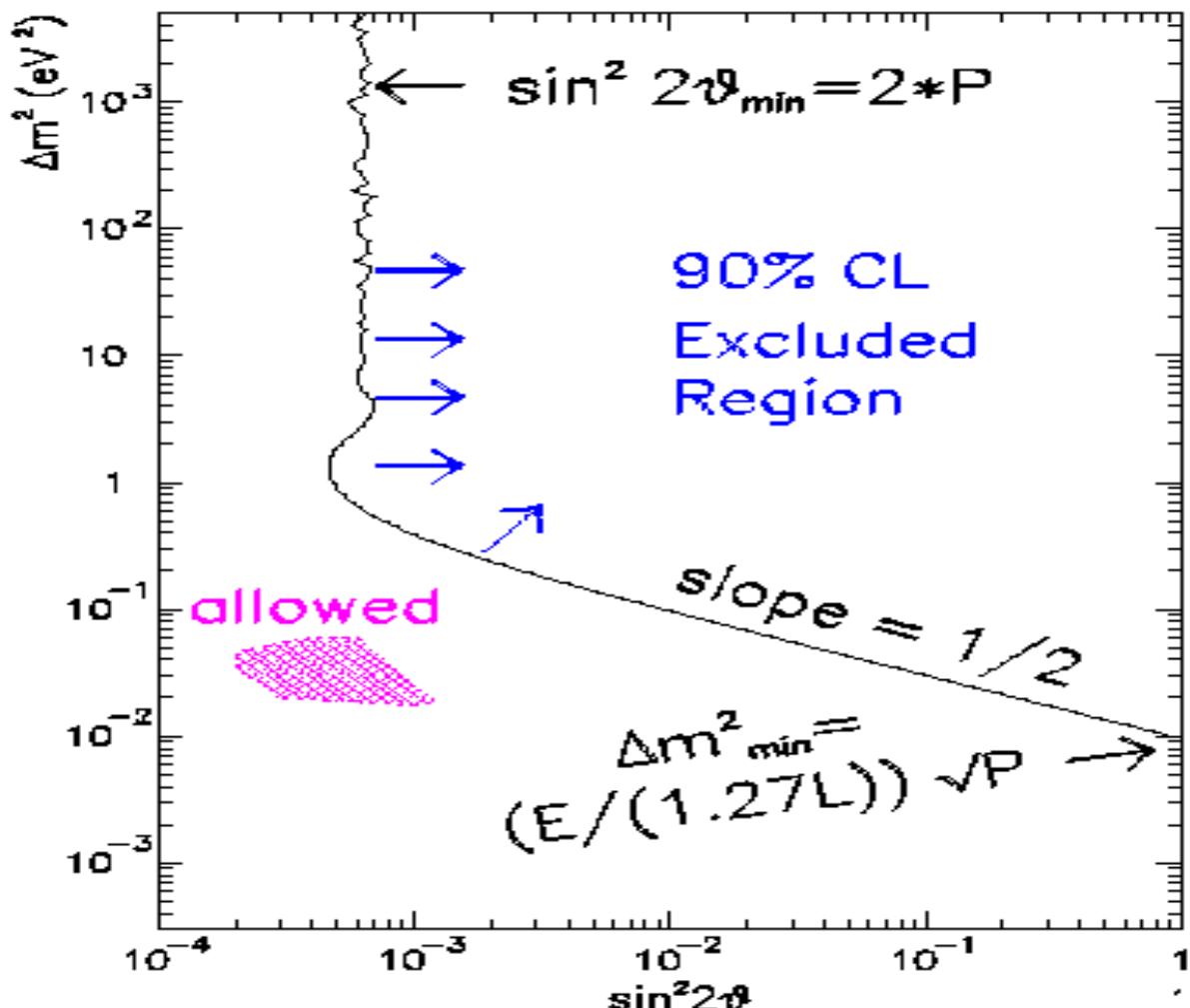
- The results of the experiments is usually given as function of the oscillation probability for two neutrinos, but the general case involves 3 neutrinos
- Oscillating Neutrino crossing the Sun/Earth could have a "Matter Effect" (MSW).
This occurs when the two oscillating neutrinos have different interactions in the matter (for example the ν_e has interaction with electrons in the matter different from ν_μ).
- Neutrino oscillations and masses ==> significant changes to the Standard Model

(==> Fogli - Altarelli)

Introduction: The Oscillation Plots

- **large** Δm^2 due to the energy spread of a typical neutrino beams $P_{osc} = \frac{\sin^2(2\theta)}{2}$

- **small** Δm^2 $P_{osc} = \sin^2(2\theta) \left(1.27 \Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E} \right)^2$



- the line is defined typically by $\chi^2 = \chi^2_{min} + x$ ($x=4.5..$)
- **not well defined (Feldman Cousins)** *also called exclusion plot* (for me is often a confusion plot)

Neutrino sources and experiments

- The experiments are of two kinds :
 - a) appearance experiments : looking for neutrino of different kind respect to the beam
(LSND experiment)
Small values of the mixing angle can be measured
several combinations :
 $\nu_\mu \nu_\tau$, $\nu_\mu \nu_e$
 - b) disappearance experiments : they measures the flux of neutrinos similar to the one in the beam
(solar and atmospheric)
Only large values of the mixing angle can be measured
- In both cases the behavior of the counting rates as function L/E is important to identify the oscillation pattern

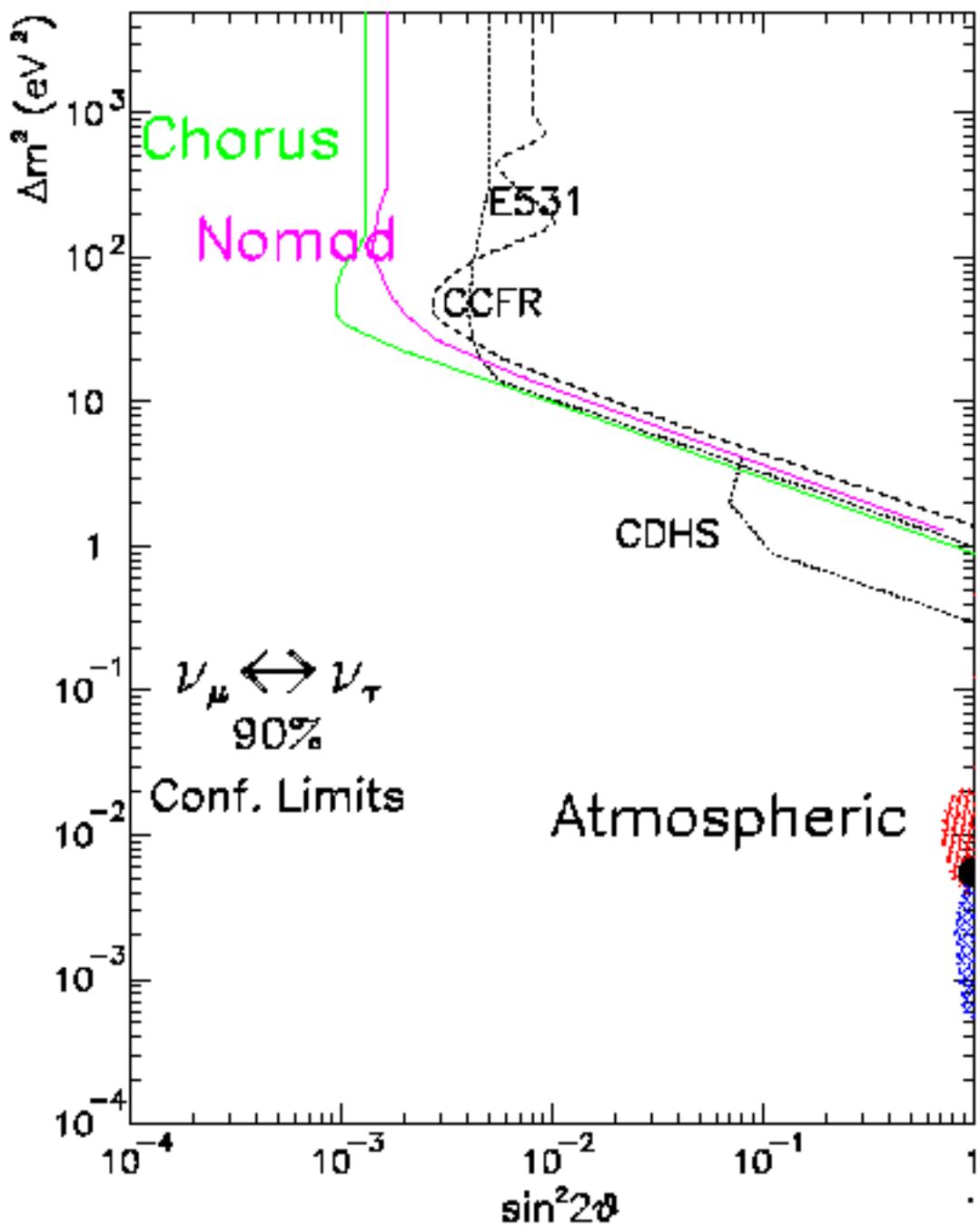
Neutrino sources and experiments

Source	Neutrino Beam	L meters	E MeV	Type	Δm^2 min (eV ²)
Reactors Chooz	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$10 \div 10^3$	3	dis.	$\approx 10^{-3}$
Accellerators low energies LSND	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu$ ν_e	30	70	app $\bar{\nu}_e$	$\approx 10^{-1}$
Accelerators high energy Nomad Chorus	ν_μ ν_e	10^3	$26^* \div 10^3$	app ν_τ	≈ 1
Atmospheric	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu$ $\bar{\nu}_e \nu_e$	$10^4 \div 10^7$	$100 \div 10^6$	dis	$\approx 10^{-4}$
Solar	ν_e	10^{11}	$0.1 \div 10$	dis	10^{-11}
Future : Long Base Line Beam	$\bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu$	10^6	10^4	app ν_τ dis	$\approx 10^{-3}$

- dis = disappearance, app= appearance

Neutrino sources and experiments : negative results from accelerators

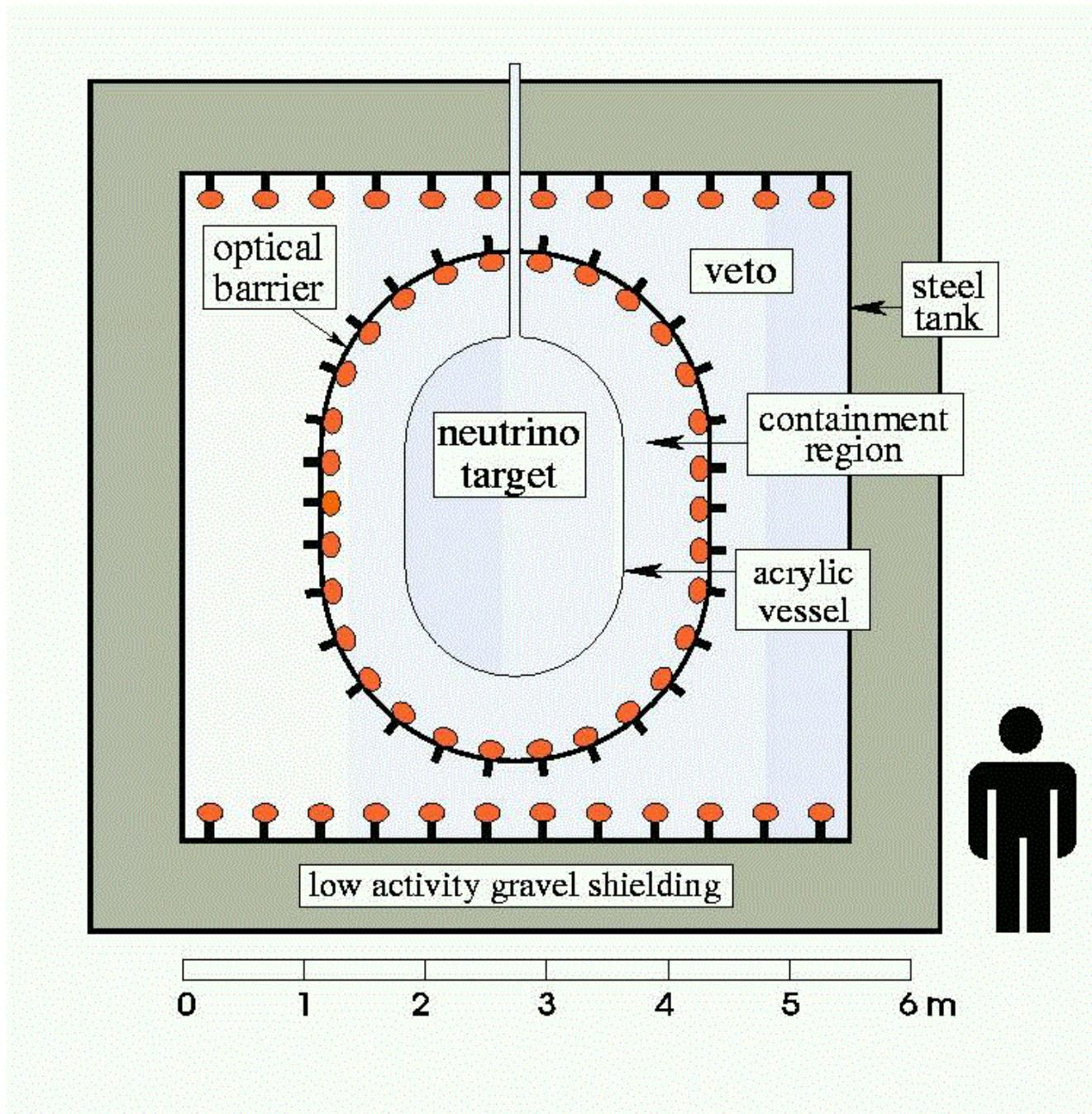
$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)$



- The signature is a τ produced by $\nu\tau$ interaction

Neutrino at reactors Chooz

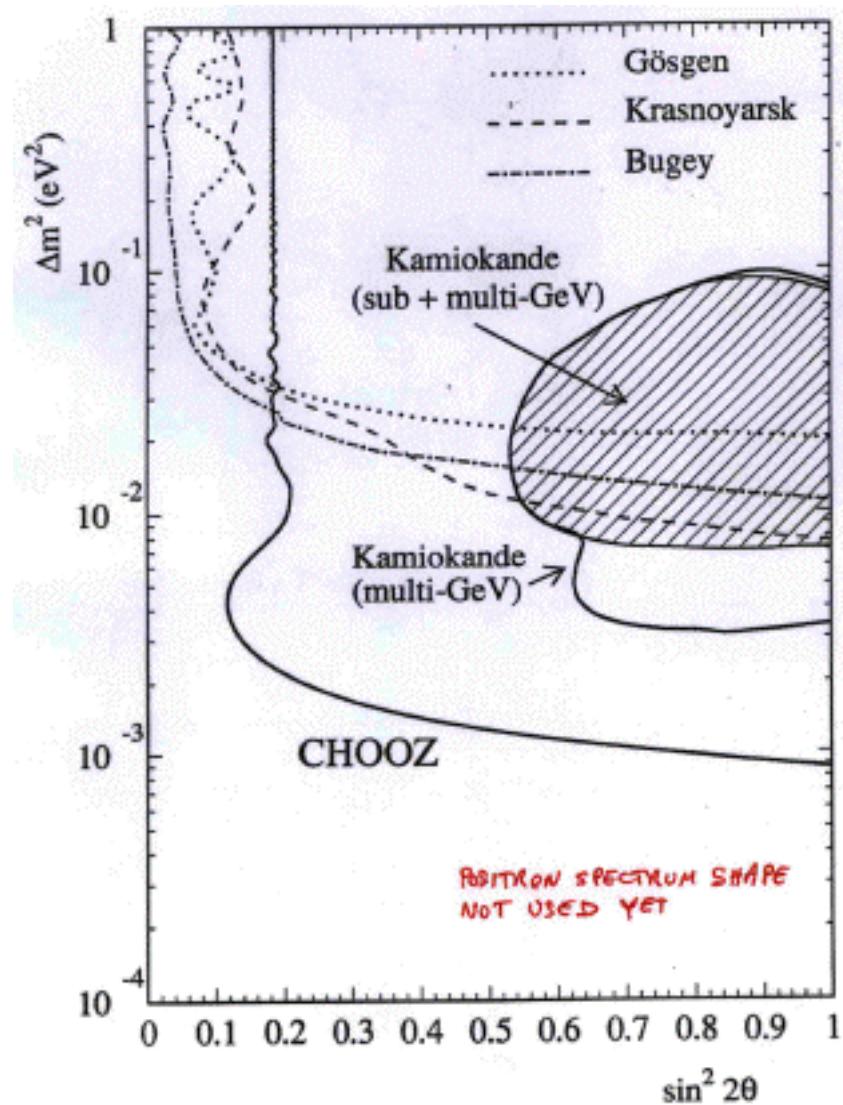
France Italy USA



- Gd loaded liquid scintillator to have a good detections of neutrons ($\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$)
n capture after 30 μ sec with 8 Mev signal)

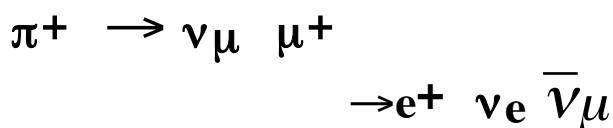
Neutrino sources and experiments : negative results from reactors

$(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_x)$

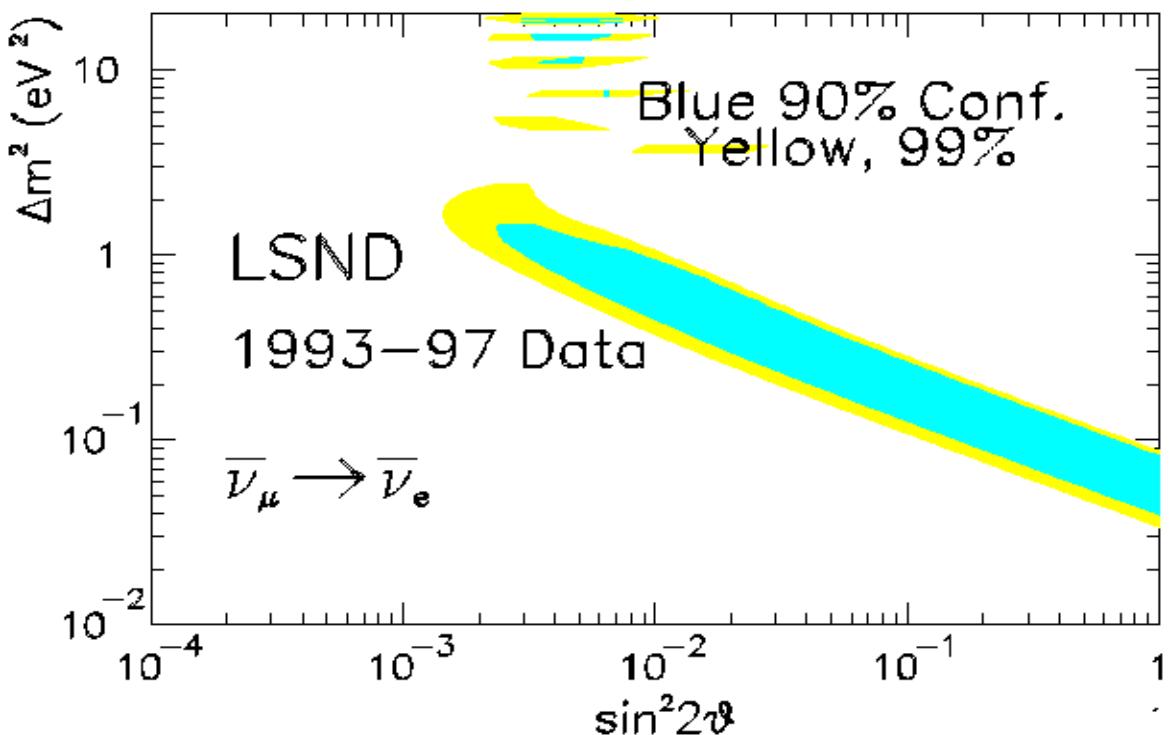


Possible evidence for oscillations: LNSD results ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$)

- the only positive result using neutrino artificially produced
- Los Alamos : 800 MeV proton beam
- neutrino are **produced at rest** in the following way:



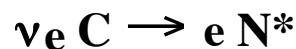
- detection $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$
- $n p \rightarrow d \gamma$ (delayed 186 μ sec)



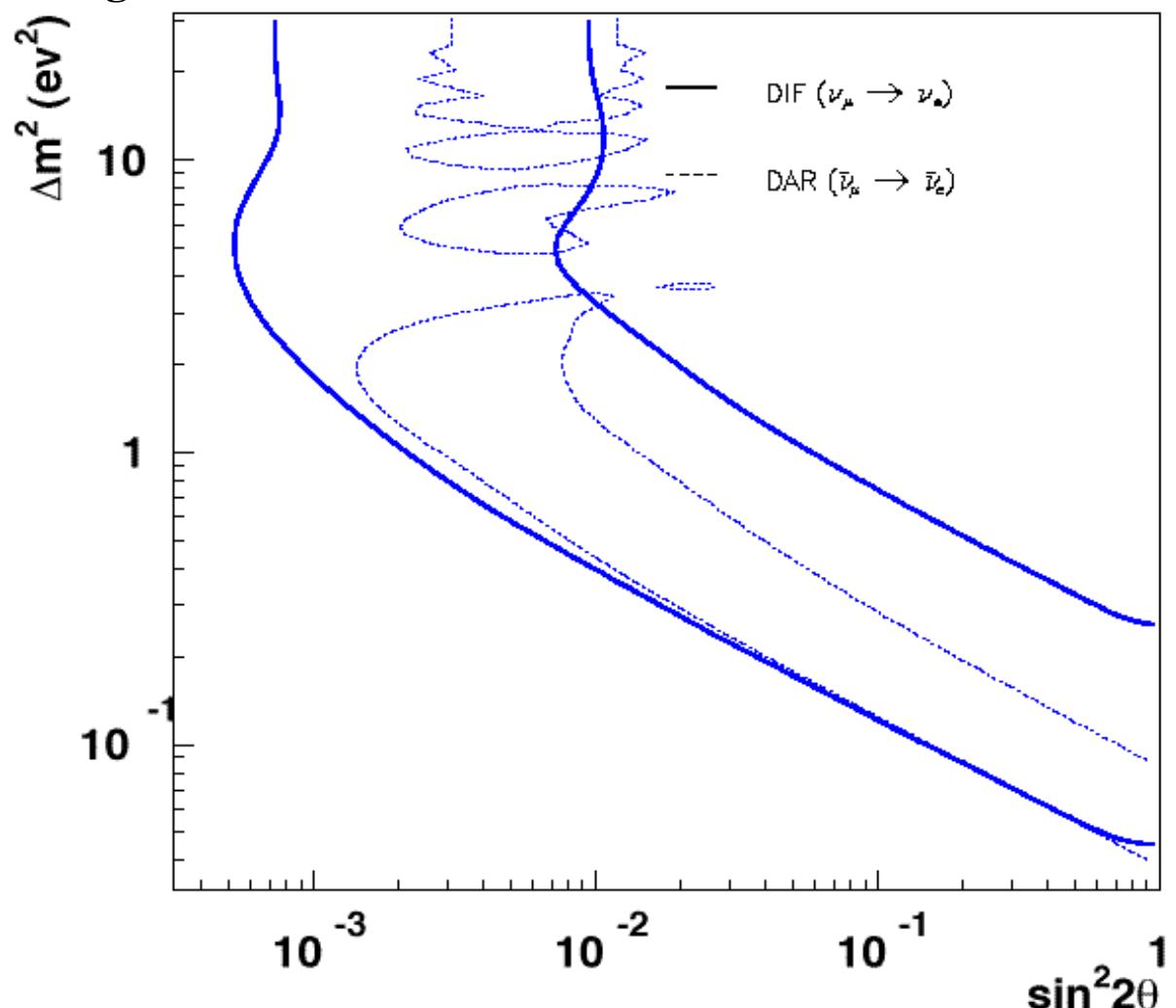
Fitted Excess	Background	Total Excess	Oscillation Probability
100.1 ± 23.4	17.3 ± 4.0	82.8 ± 23.7	$0.31 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.05\%$

Possible evidence for oscillations: LNSD results ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$)

- ν_μ neutrino are produced from π^+ decay in flight
- detection of ν_e using quasi-elasting scattering:



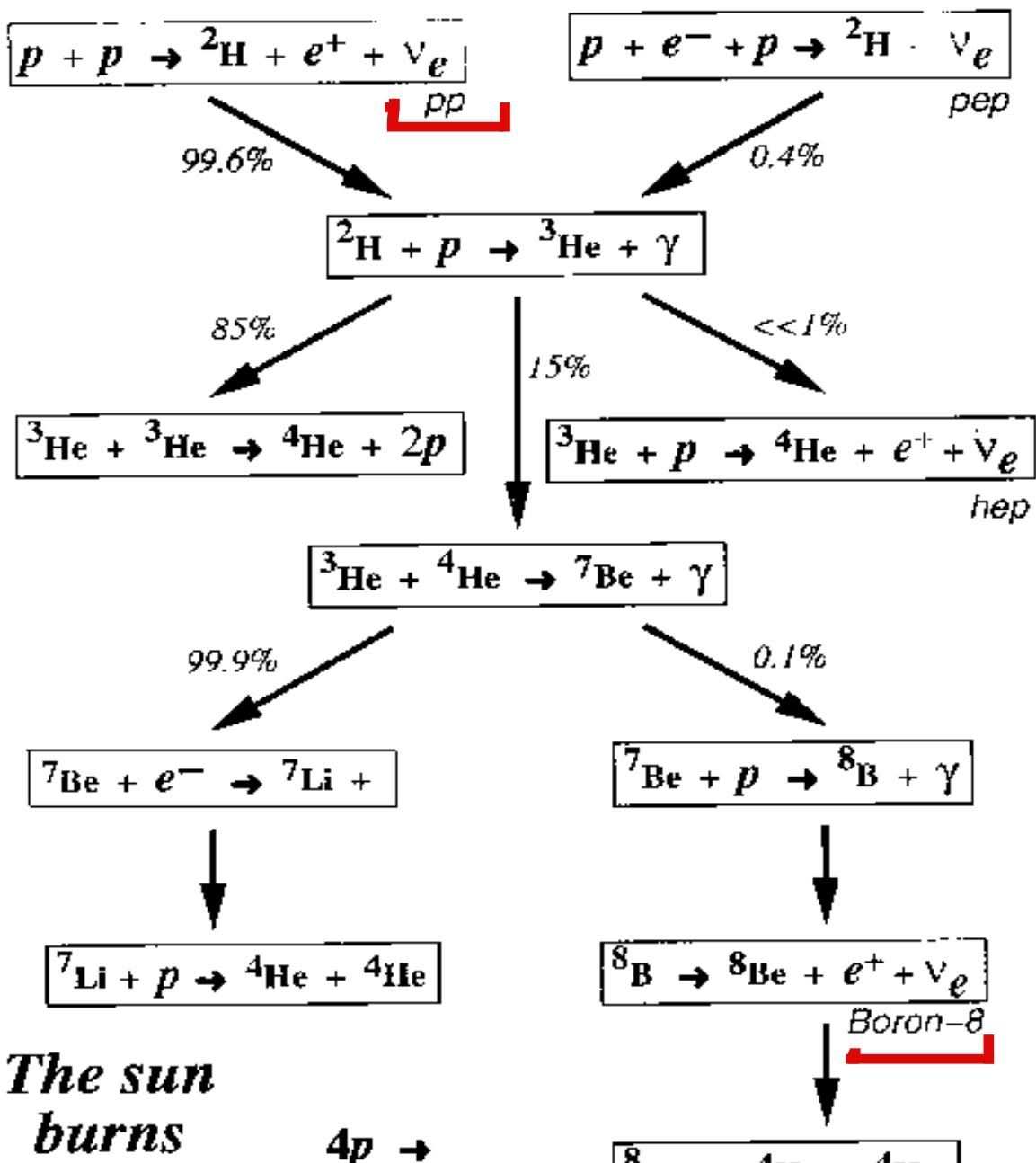
- almost a different experiment : different L, higher energy neutrinos, different signature, different background



LNSD/Karmen disagreement?

- Karmen 1 : detector similar to LSND
 - 10 times less statistics
 - 7.3 ± 7.0 event as excess consistent with LSND
 - Karmen 2 : in progress
 - Better veto shielding
 - Expected Background 7.8 events
 - 3 events found
 - oscillating signal expected ≈ 1 events (LSND)
 - The interpretation depends on the statistical treatment of the data and to the way to give upper limits when the measured numbers are less than the expected background
 - Nice paper of Feldman-Cousins on Phys Rev D 1998.
 - If you believe to the background evaluation using the Feldman-Cousins procedures
- Karmen2 is inconsistent with LSND at 90% CL.

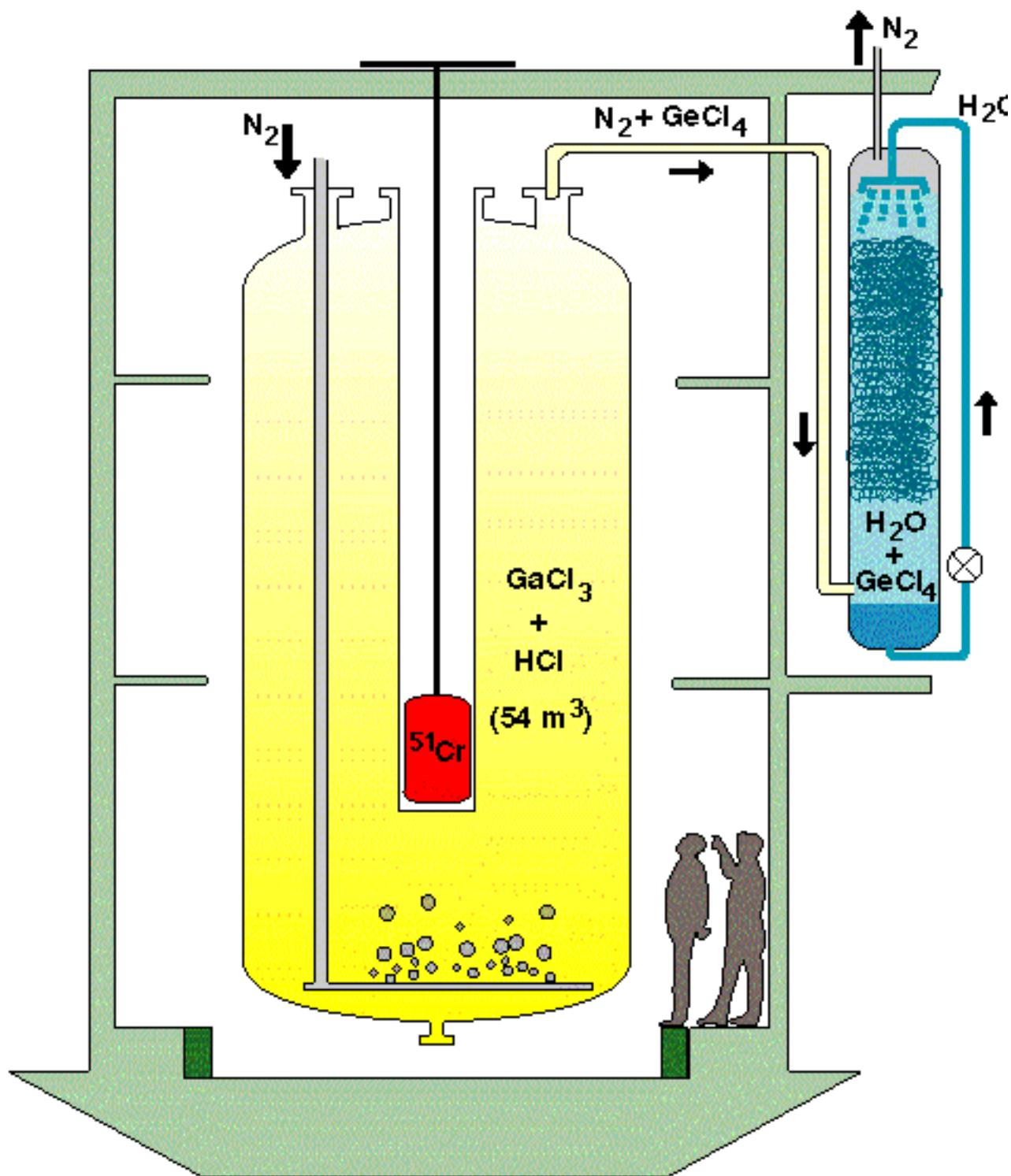
The Sun as Neutrino Source



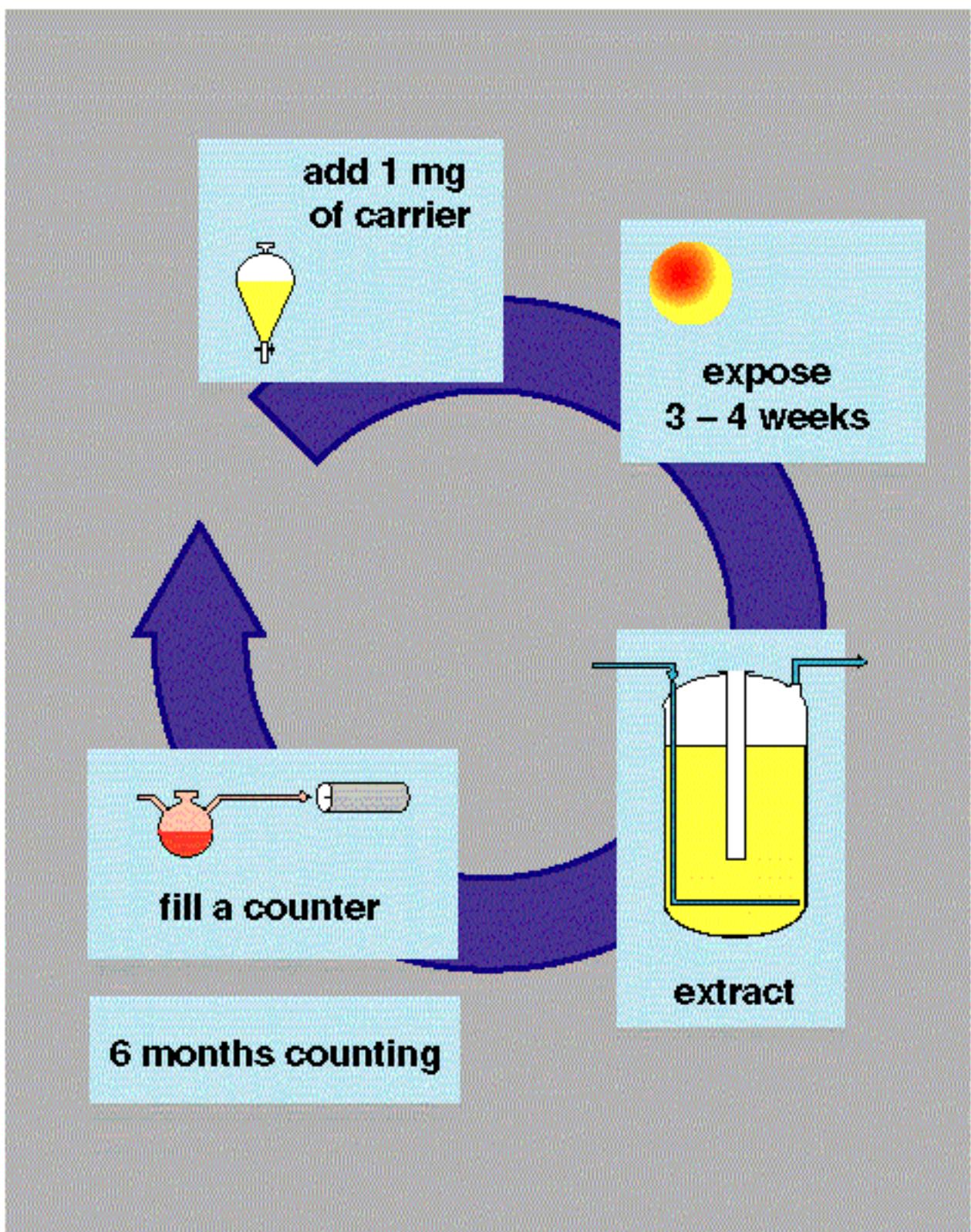
*The sun
burns
through
nuclear
reactions*

$$^4\text{He} + 2e^+ + 2\bar{\nu}_e + \gamma$$
$$4p \rightarrow$$

SUN GALLEX at Gran Sasso



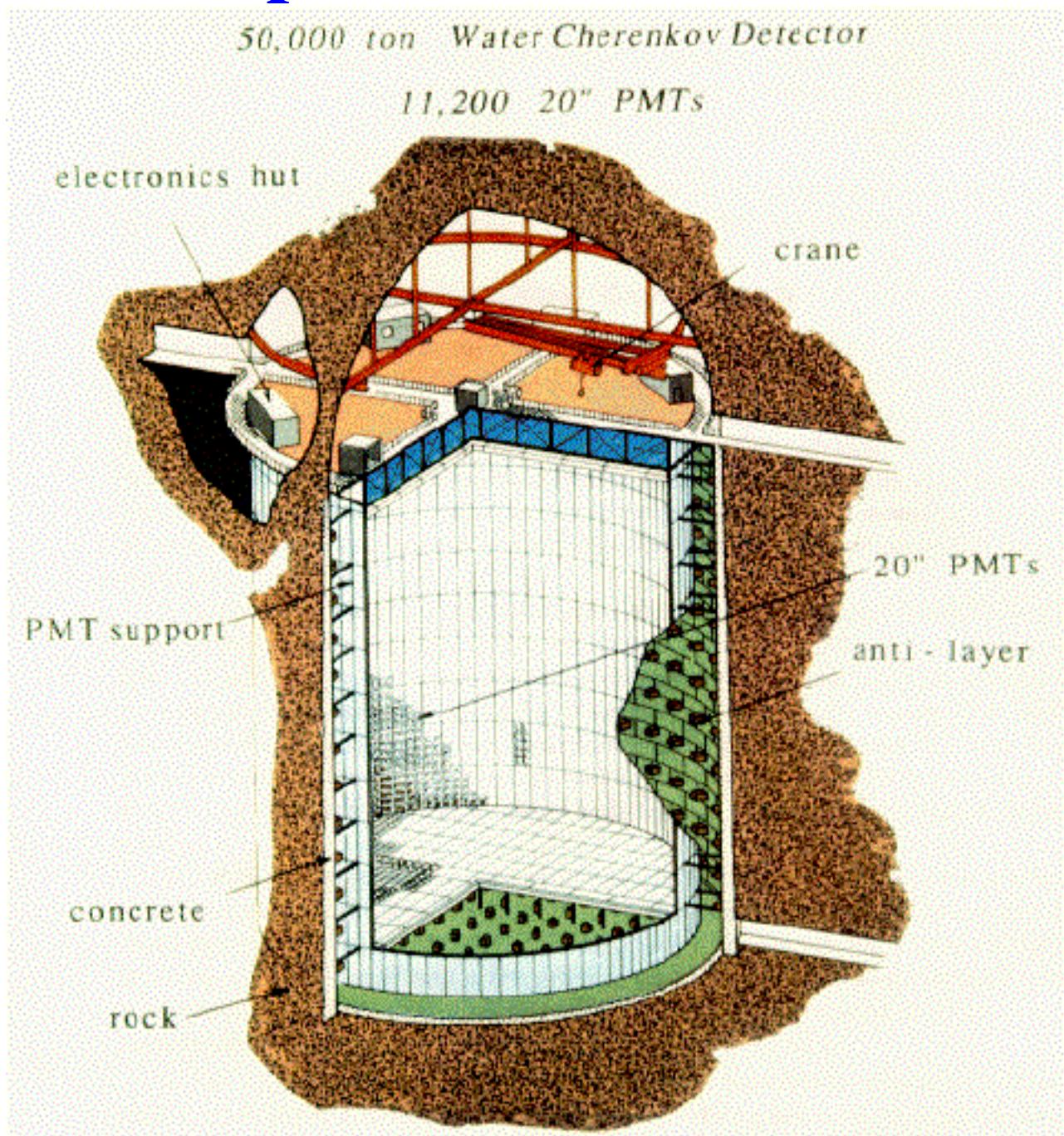
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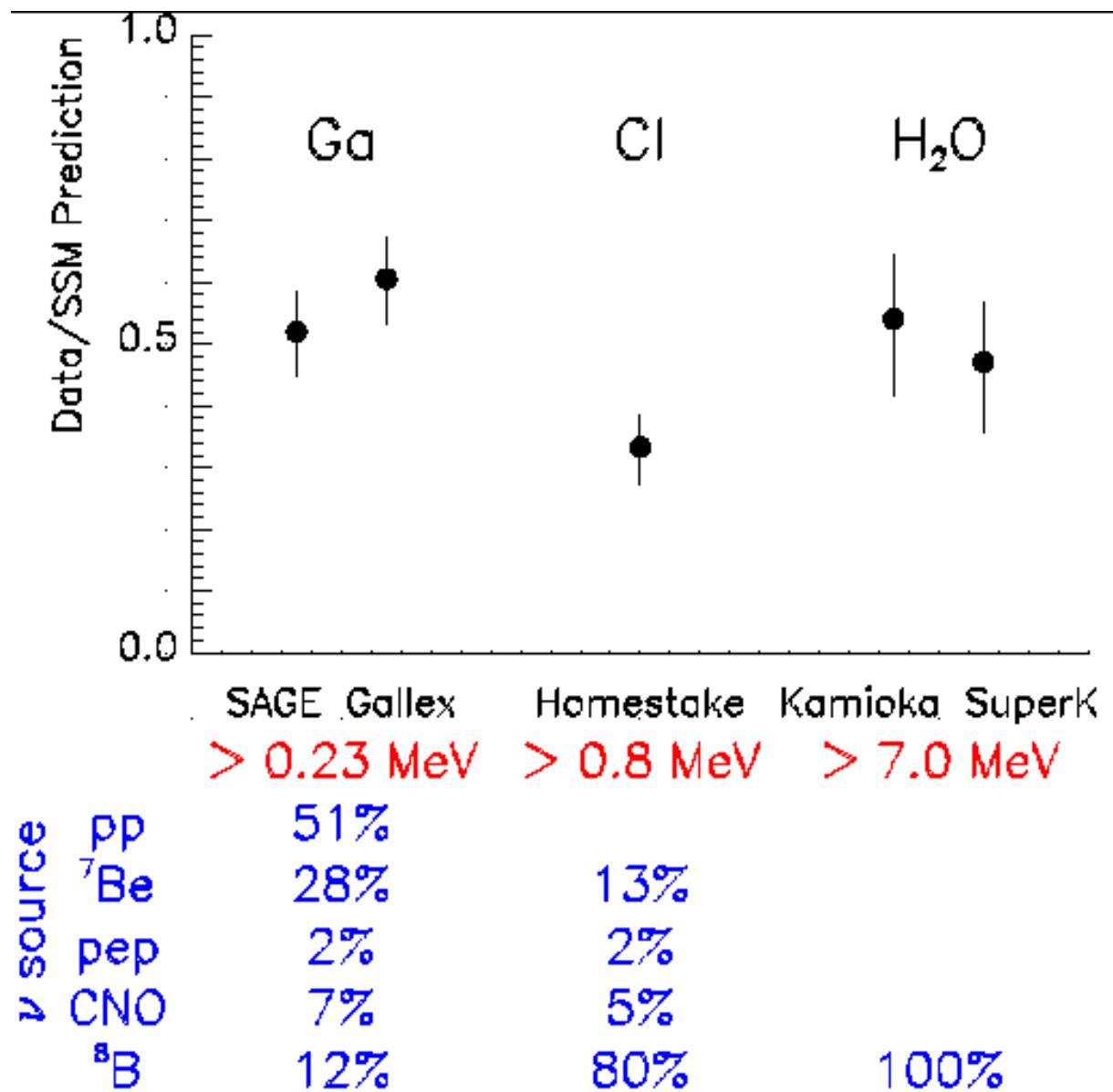
SUN Superkamiokande

50,000 ton Water Cherenkov Detector

11,200 20" PMTs

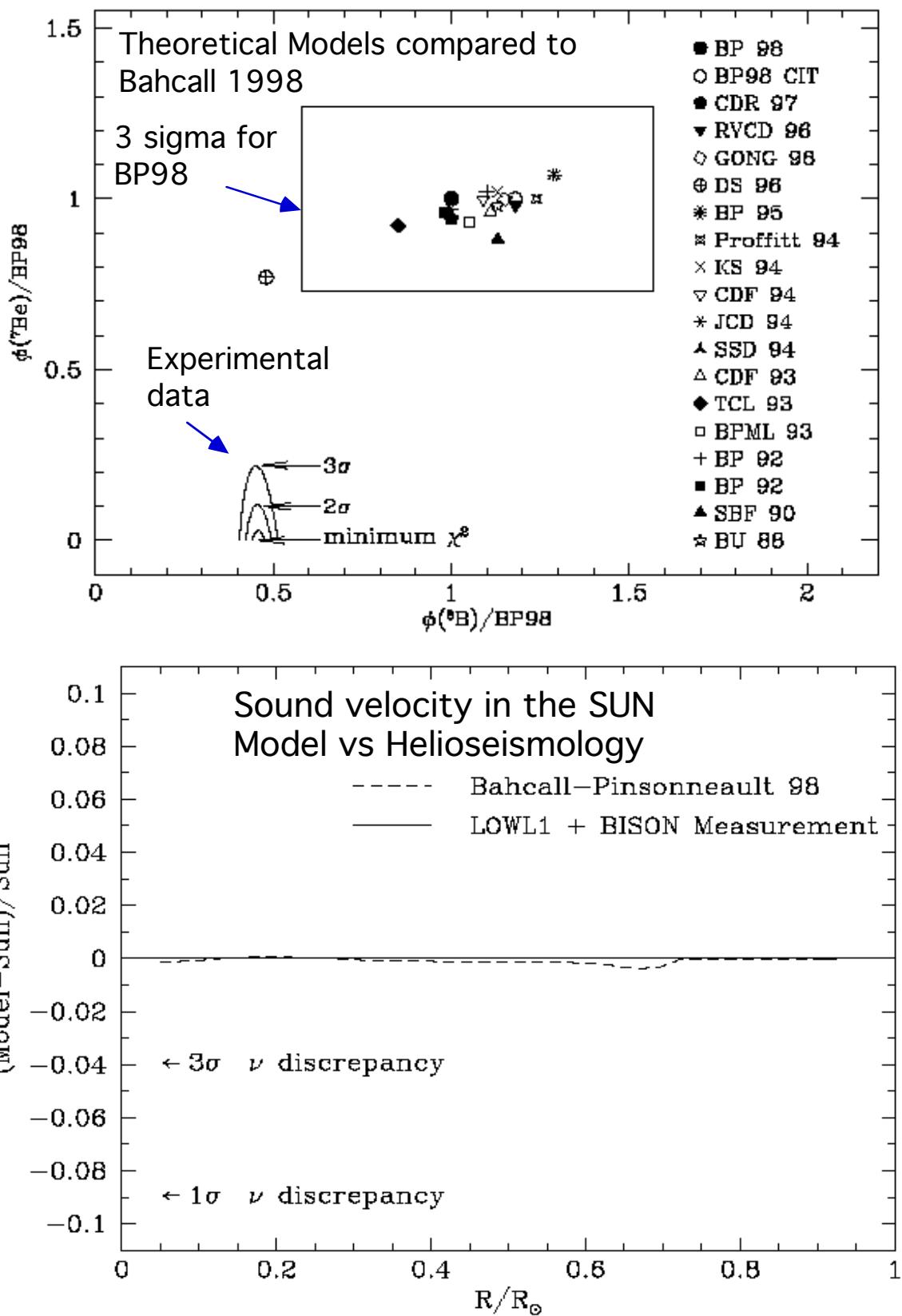


SUN : Neutrino flux measurements



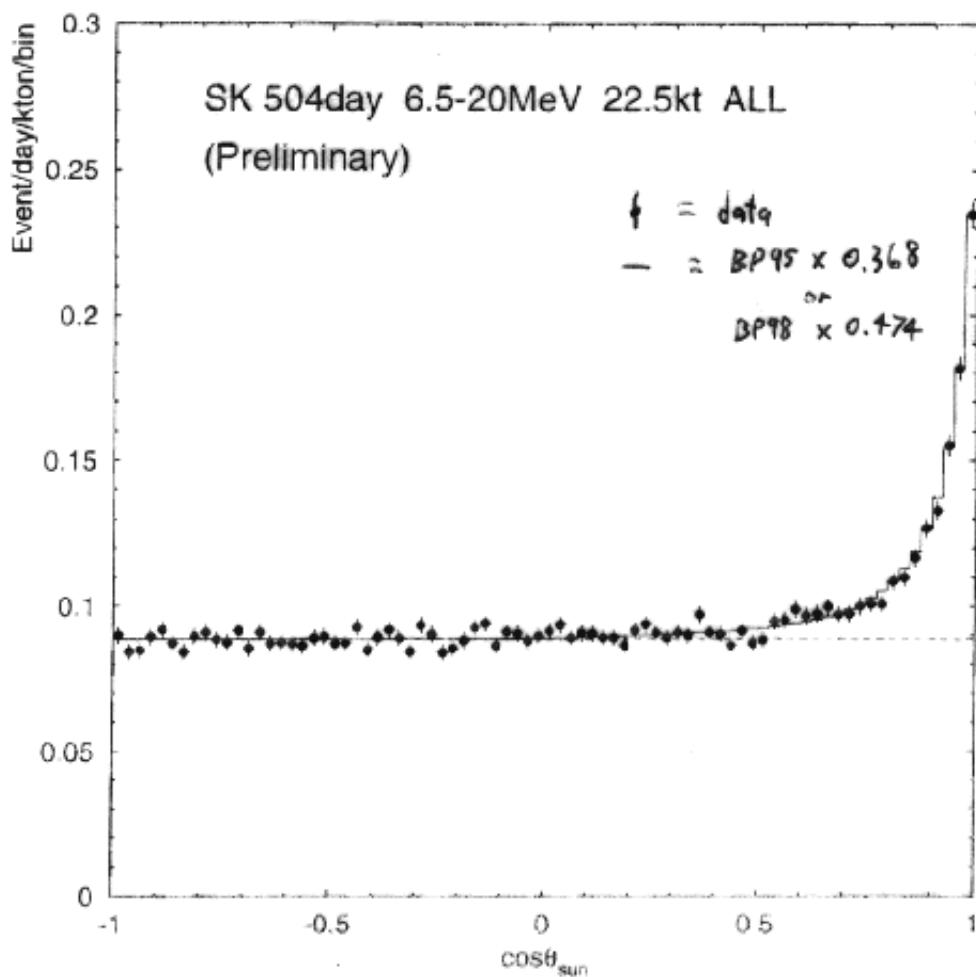
- There is a $\approx 50\%$ reduction of the measured flux respect expectations. How reliable are the expectations? A lot of theoretical work in the past years

SUN-Theoretical Predictions

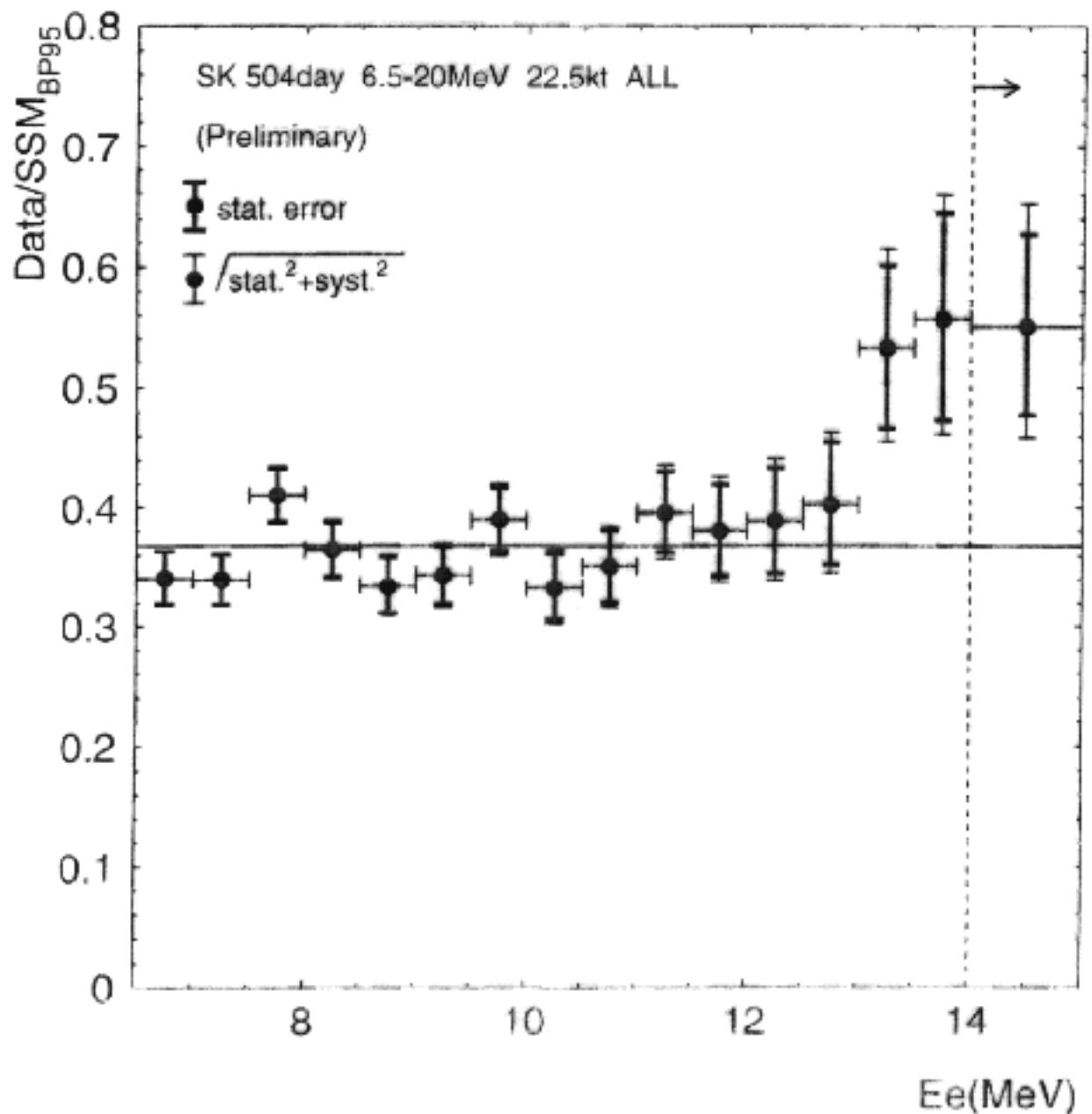


SUN- Superkamiokande

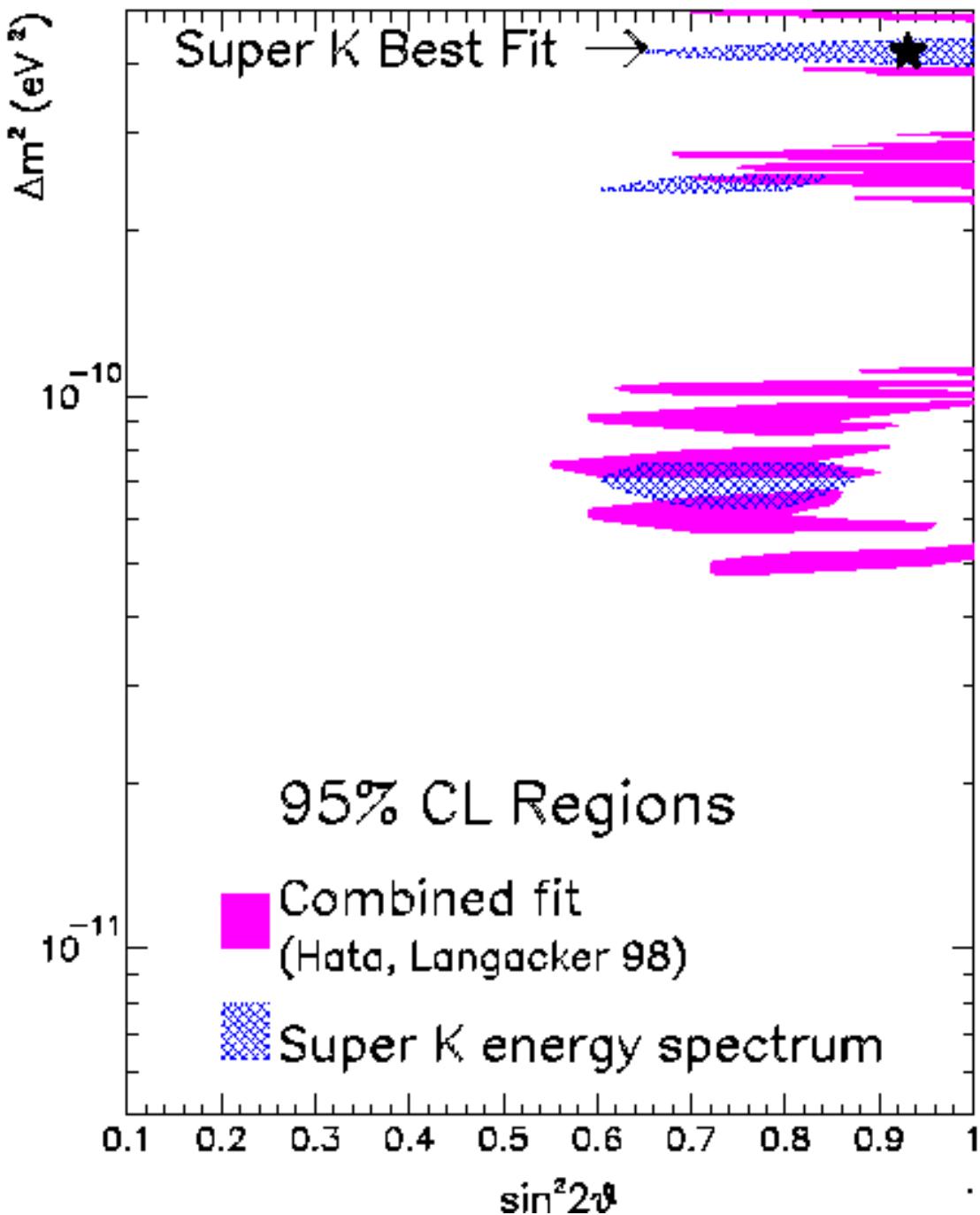
- 13.5 events/day more than 1 order of magnitude respect to past experiments
- enough statistic to look to day/night effects (to see matter effect) and to seasonal variations
no effect found
- electronic device ==> possibility to measure the electron direction and to measure the energy



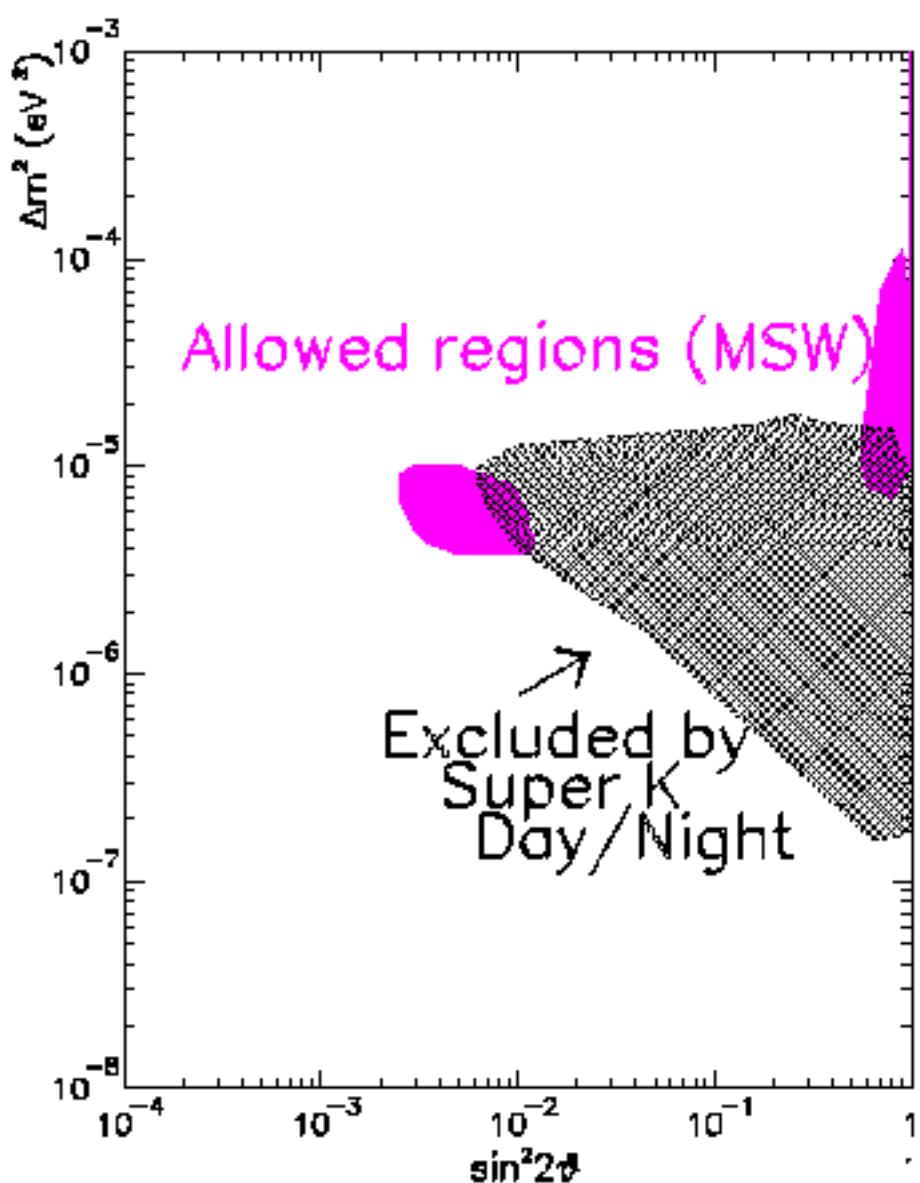
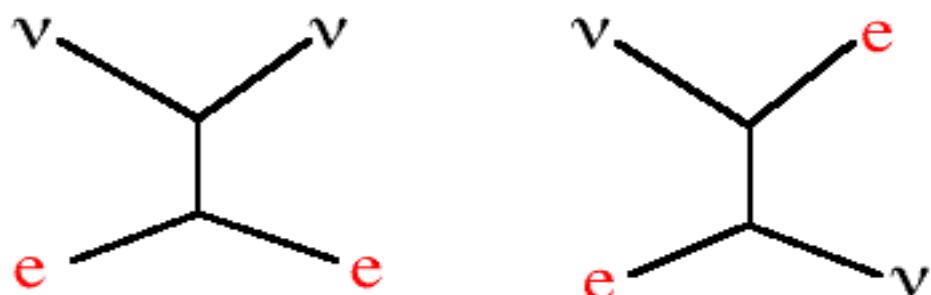
SUN- Superkamiokande energy distribution



SUN- Superkamiokande Vacuum oscillations (just-so)



SUN- Superkamiokande Matter oscillations



SUN- Conclusions (Global Analysis of Bahcal Krastev Smirnov)

- Input : all experiments + SK Energy dependence,
Day/Night data

- Matter effect (MSW)

Best solution Confidence Level=7%

$$\Delta m^2 = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \sin^2(\theta) = 5.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

the large angle solution CL≈1%

- Vacuum oscillations Confidence Level=6%

$$\Delta m^2 = 6.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \sin^2(\theta) = 0.75$$

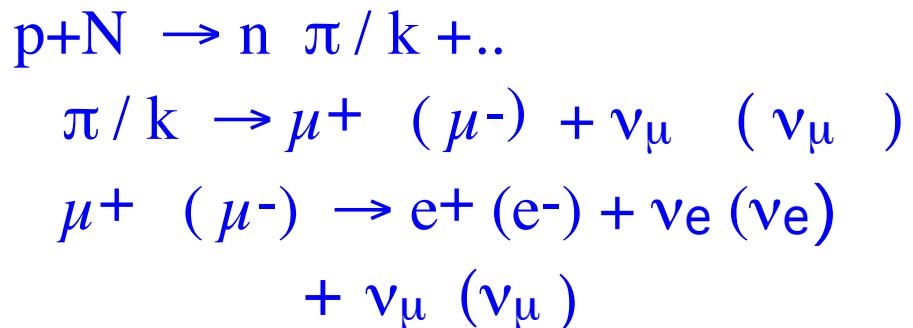
- Standard Solar Models without oscillations

inconsistent with the data at 20σ

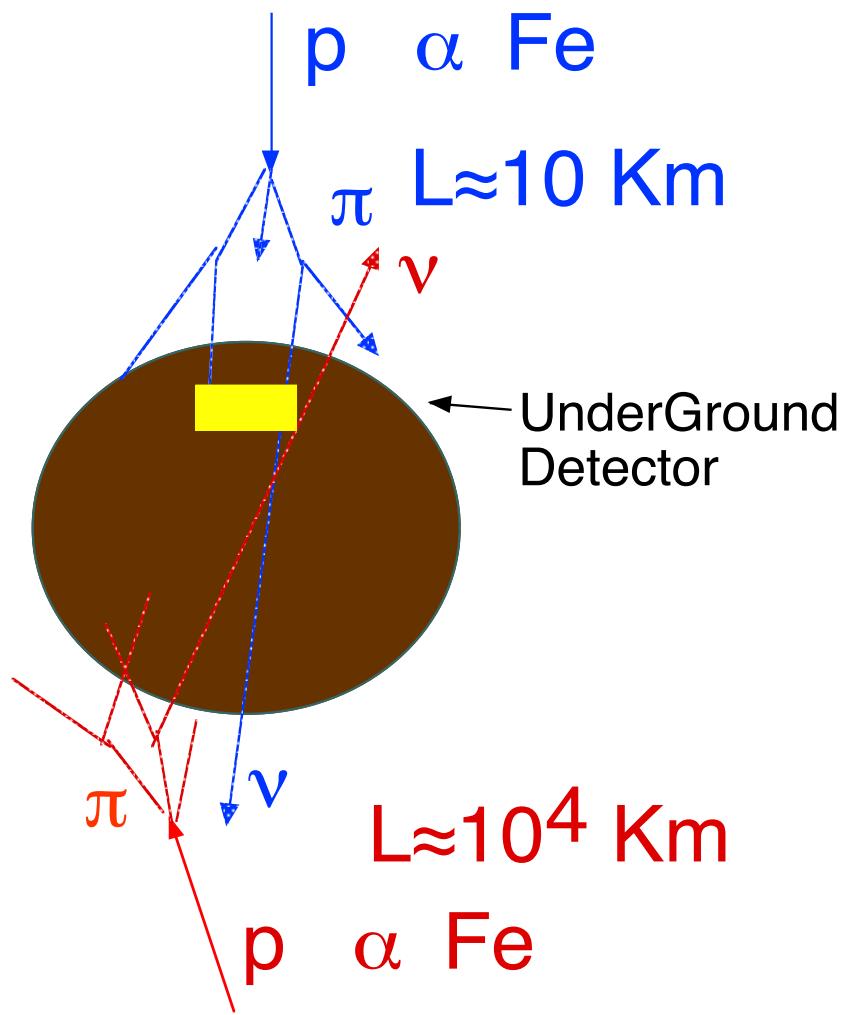
Atmospheric neutrinos : the beam

- Neutrinos are produced in the hadronic cascade produced from the primary cosmic interacting in the atmosphere

- Basic scheme :



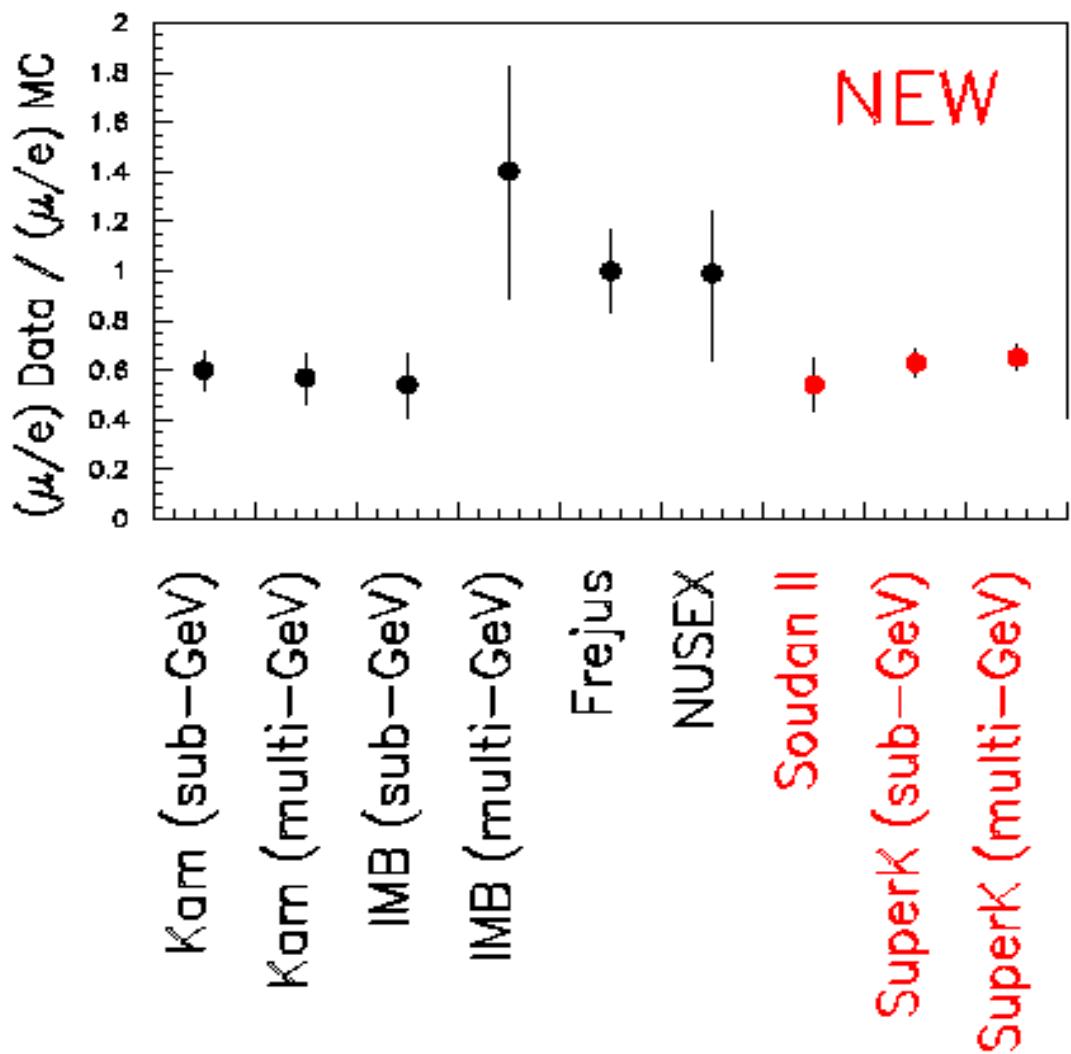
==>> at low energies about twice muon neutrinos respect to electron neutrinos.



The first Atmospheric neutrino anomaly

- The contained events with a single muon are less than expected compared with the events with a single electrons

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{(\mu/e)_{data}}{(\mu/e)MC}$$



- Note : the "error " for R is from the binomial distribution

Atmospheric neutrinos : Sources of uncertainties in a detailed calculation:

- Experimental data on the cosmic ray spectra and nuclear composition
- Experimental data on proton-nucleus and nucleus-nucleus interaction (up to 1000 GeV)
- Data on the strength of the geomagnetic field (at low energies) , solar modulation
- Constraint from the measurement of the muon flux (as function of the height)
 - At $E >\approx 1$ GeV the effect of the geo-magnetic field is small ==>:
 - UP-DOWN symmetry
 - Angular Distributions are almost independent from the theoretical predictions
 - $R = \frac{(\mu/e)_{data}}{(\mu/e)MC}$ almost independent from the theoretical predictions ($\pm 5\%$)

Atmospheric neutrinos : the beam at low energies (\approx 1GeV)

Barr et al. (BGS) Honda et al. (HKHM) Bugaev and Naumov (BN) Battistoni et al (Fluka)

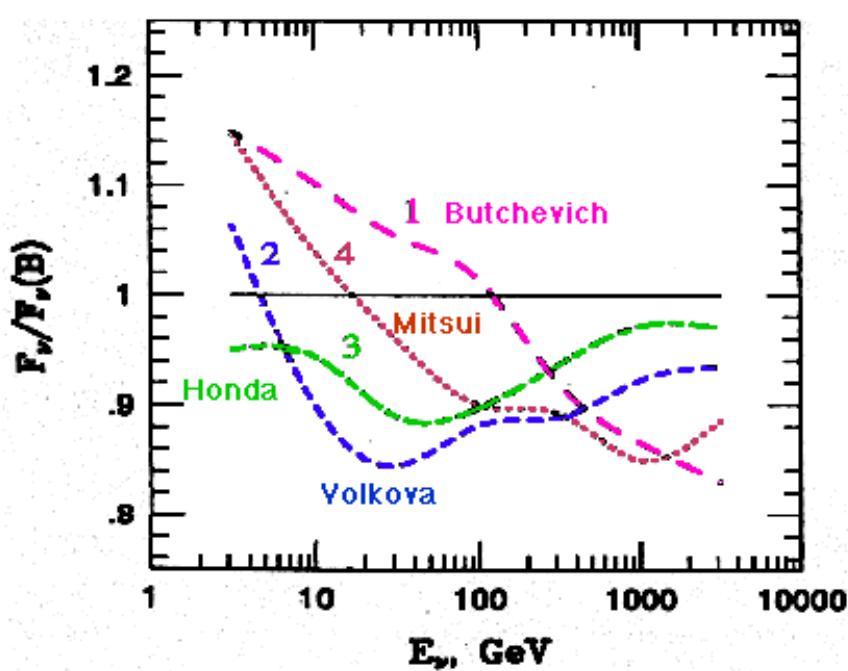
- **Significant** differences in the absolute flux calculation:
for example for $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ and energies between 0.4 and 1 GeV (flux normalized to BGS)

	Flux ($\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$)	ν_e/ν_μ
BGS	1	0.48
HKHM	0.90	0.49
BN	0.63	0.50
Fluka	0.86	0.48

- main difference : different treatment of pion production by the interactions of protons in the atmosphere.
- but practically **same value** for the ratio ν_e/ν_μ
- BGS theoretical error on $R \approx \pm 5\%$
(warning theoretical errors are generally not gaussian)
- from muon flux measurement in the atmosphere (MASS experiment) Perkins $R = 0.49$ for $E = 1$ GeV

Atmospheric neutrinos : the beam at high energies (\approx 100 GeV)

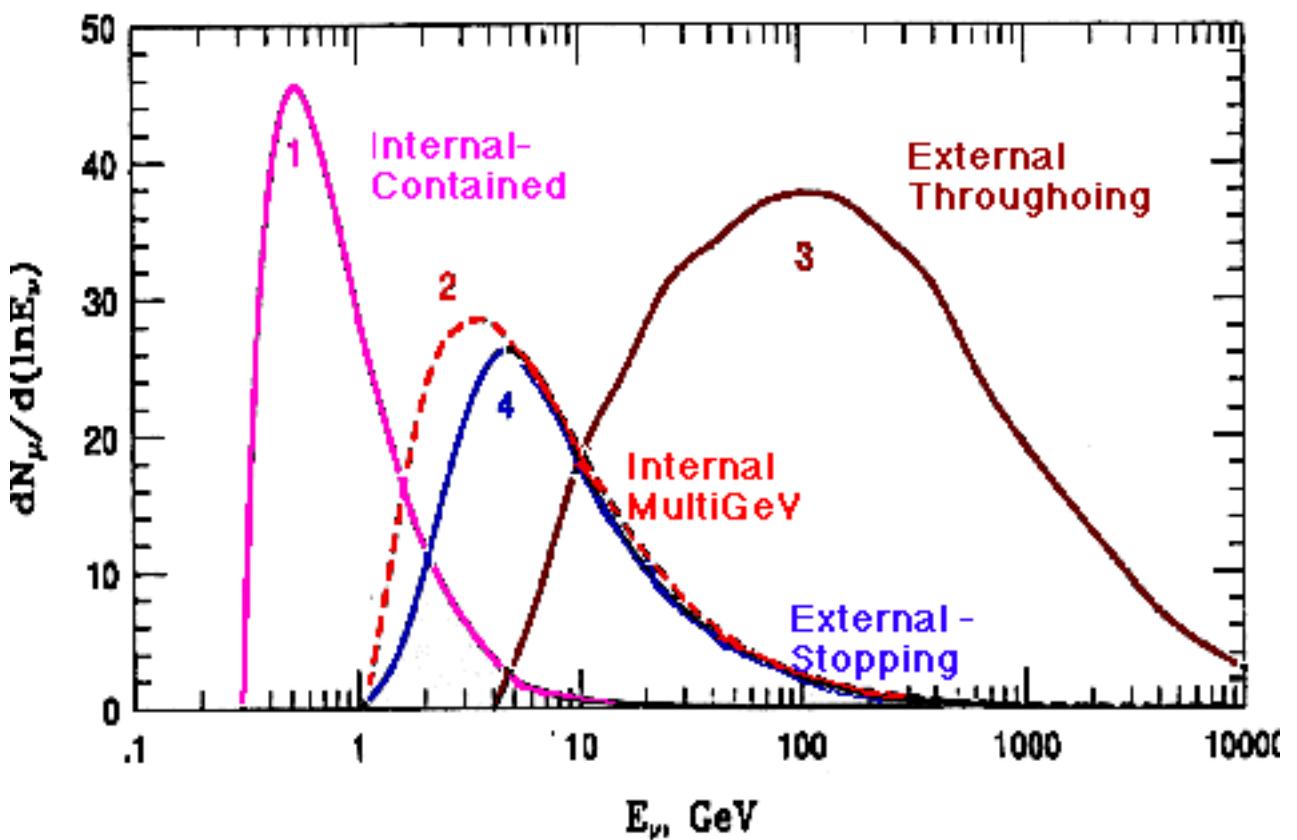
- the contribution of the kaons is important (50% in the interval $10 < E < 1000$)
- comparison of different calculation in a recent paper (Agrawal et al Phys Rev D 53)
- **18 %** estimated error on the flux in the interval $10 < E < 1000$,
14% error with the muon flux measurement as constraint
- main sources of uncertainty : primary cosmic ray spectra and composition



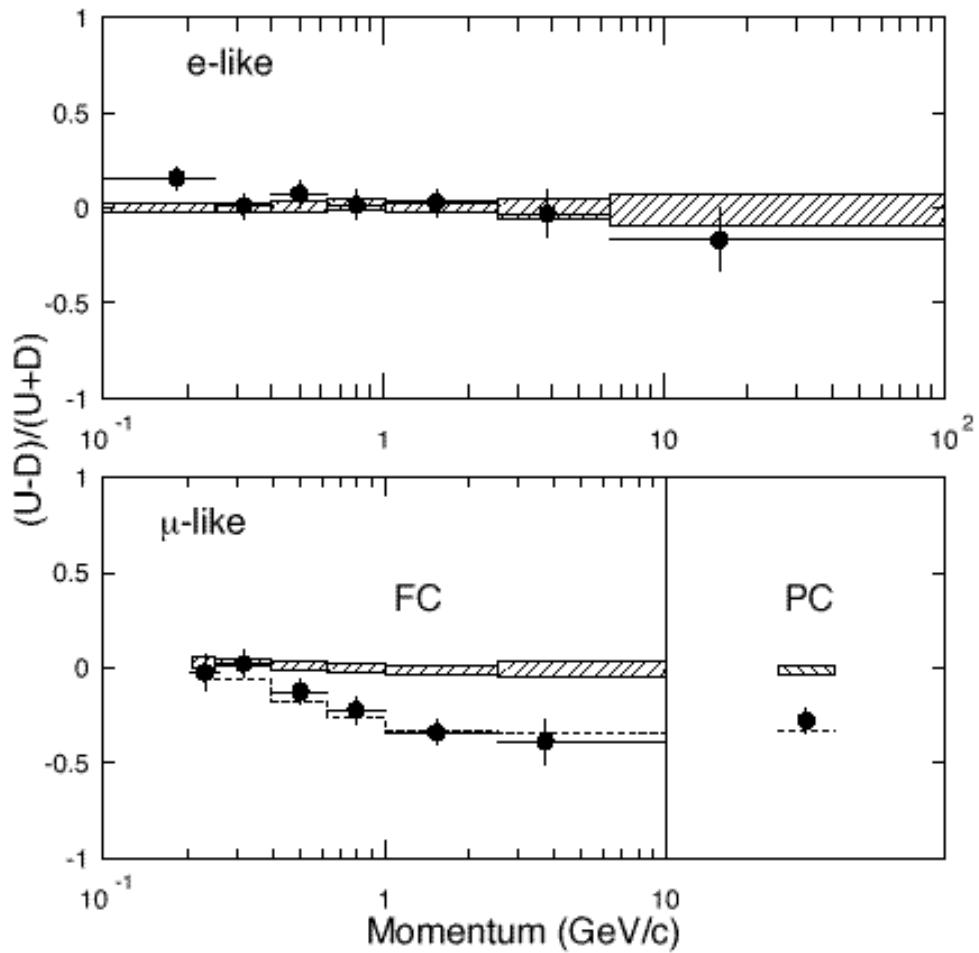
Neutrino flux respect to the "Bartol" flux

Atmospheric neutrinos : Energies of interest

- The energy of the parent neutrino is dependent from the topology of detected events
- Up to now four basic topology, neutrino energy
.3 GeV- 1000 GeV
- "typical" parent neutrino distributions (Kamiokande cuts)



Atmospheric neutrinos : SuperKamiokande *UP-DOWN $\nu\mu$ asymmetry*

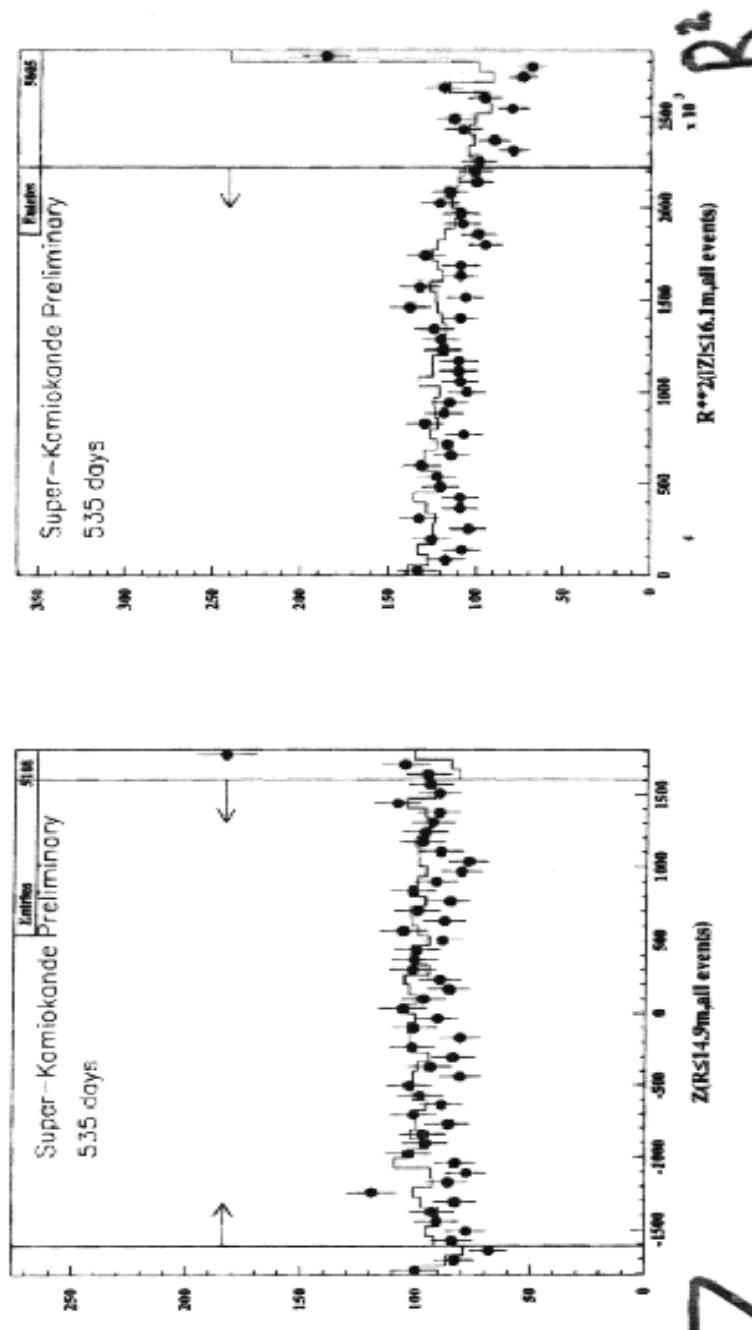


- second anomaly : 6 sigma effect (multiGeV)

SuperKamiokande: vertex measurement

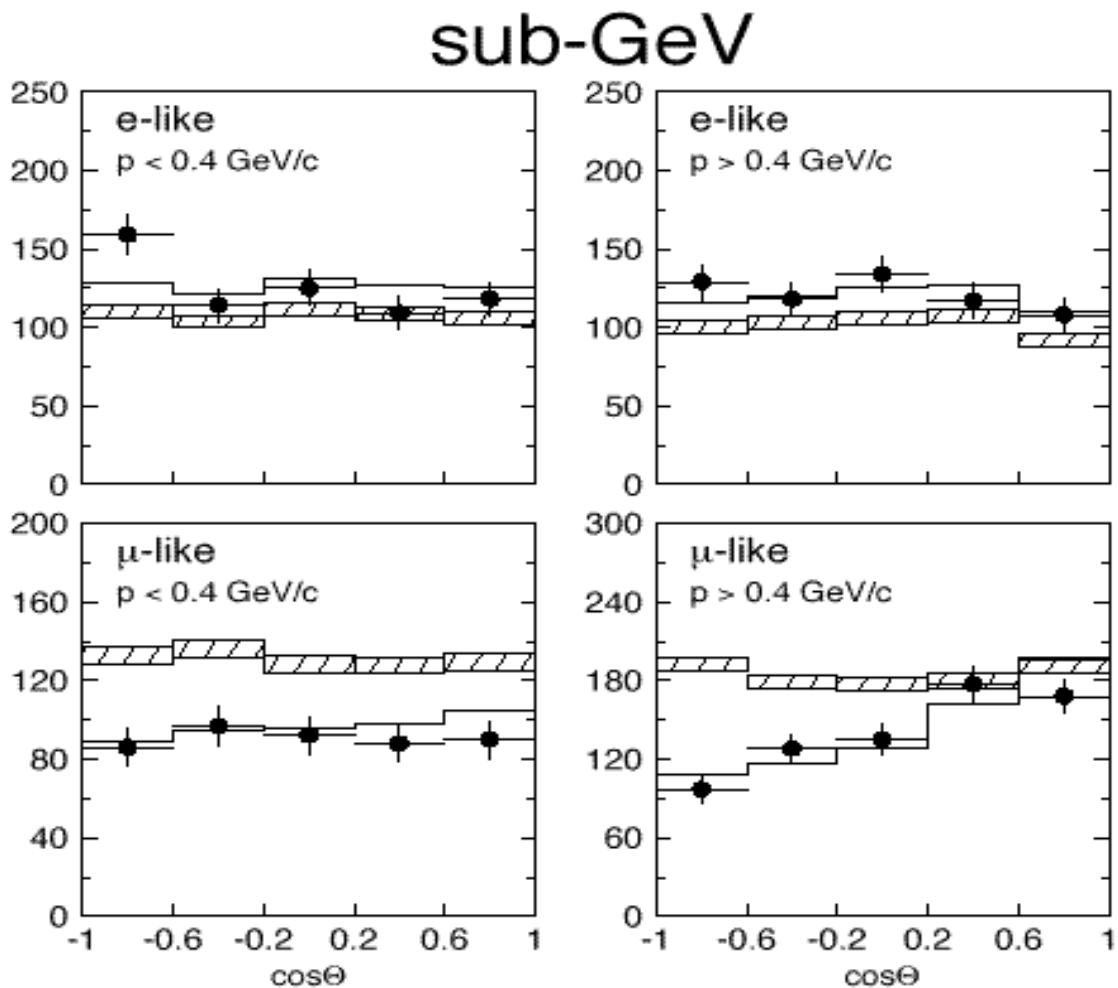
- important for the discrimination of down-going internal events

Vertex Position, All Events.



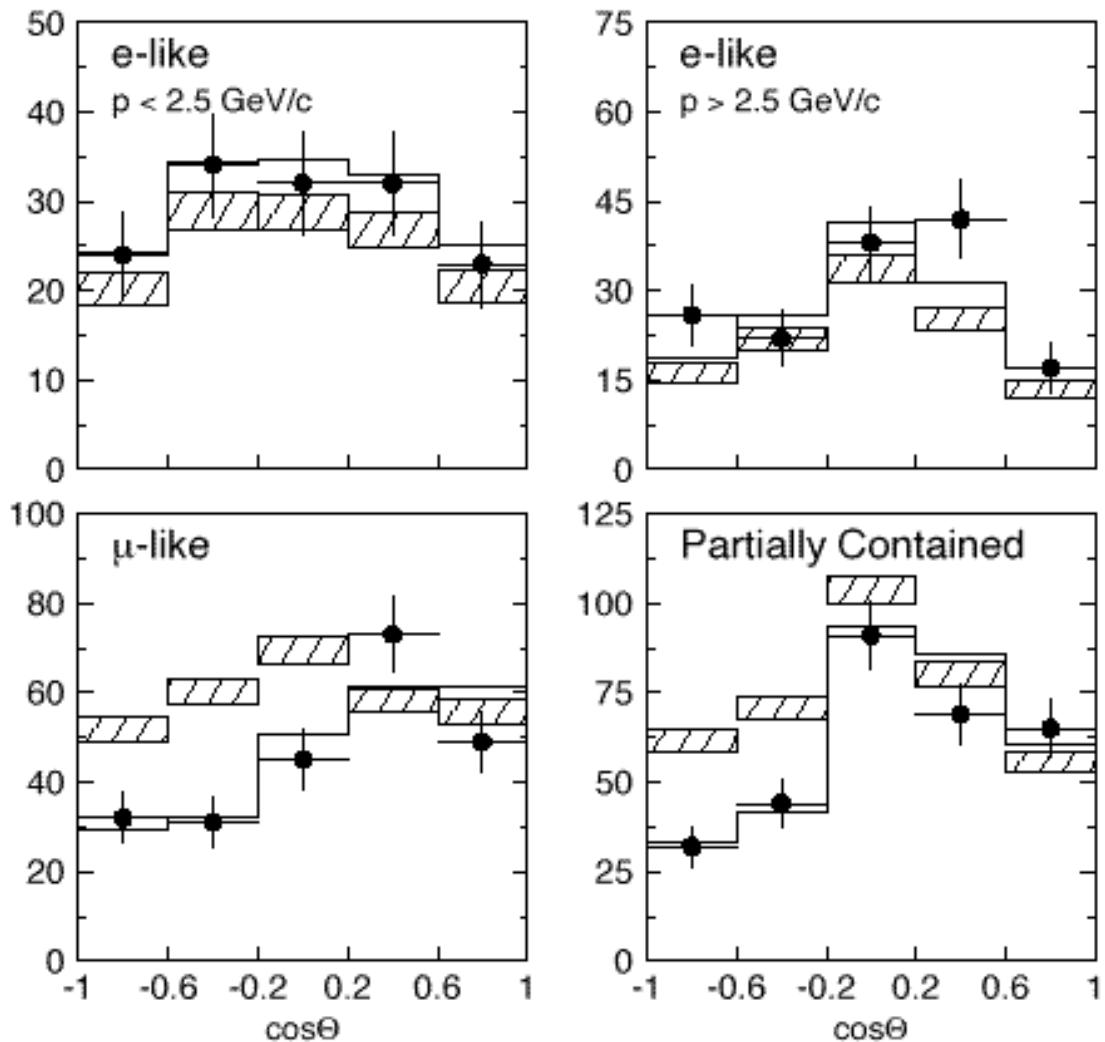
Z There is no evidence for contamination inside of the fiducial volume.

SuperKamiokande angular distributions



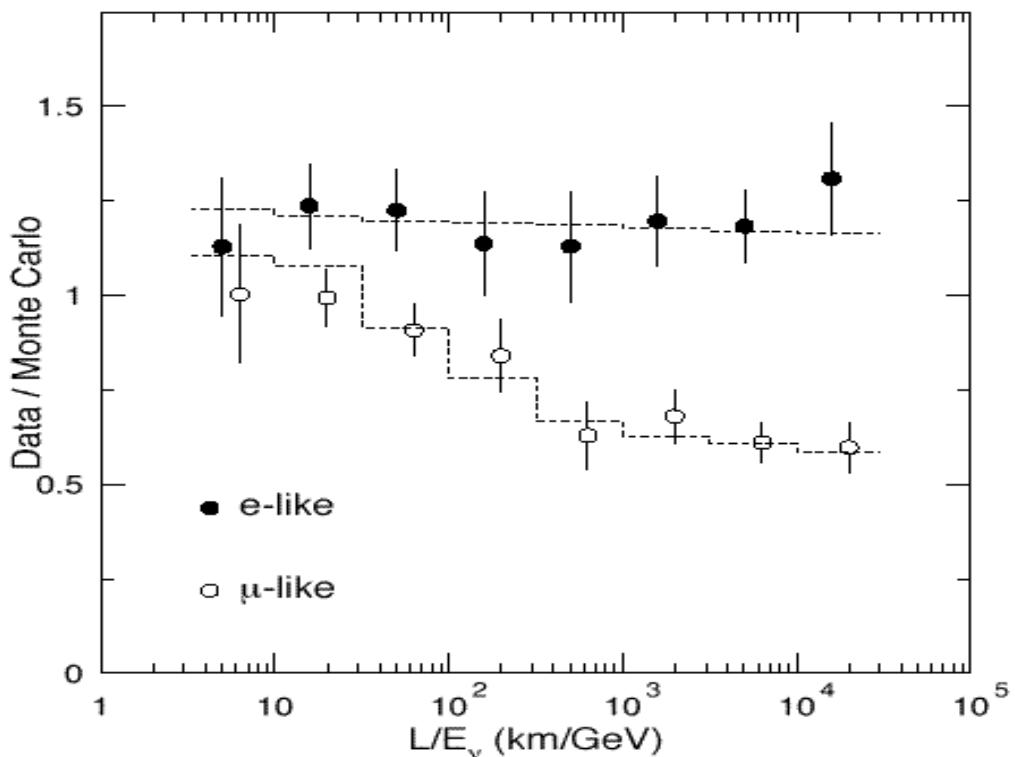
SuperKamiokande angular distributions

multi-GeV



SuperKamiokande Global Fit L/E Plot

- data binned by particle type (e, μ) momentum (7), $\cos(\theta)$ (5) for a total of 79 bins)
- 8 parameters to be minimized (normalization etc)
- scan in the grid $\Delta m^2, \sin^2(2\theta)$ (mixing)
 χ^2 no oscillations = 135/69 dof (warning not a true χ^2)
- result for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_t$ oscillations
 $\chi^2_{\text{min}} = 65.2 / 67$ dof
- result for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillations
 $\chi^2_{\text{min}} = 87.8 / 67$



Discovery?

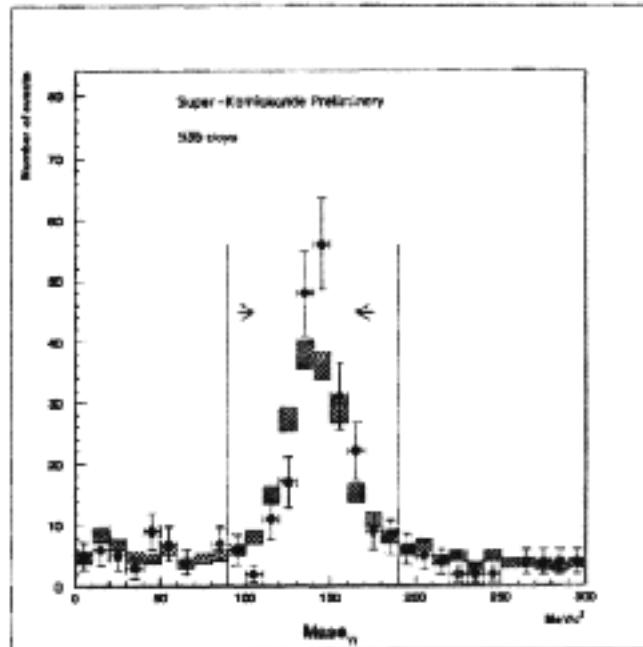
- additional evidence from stopping muons and thoroughgoing muons

SuperKamiokande

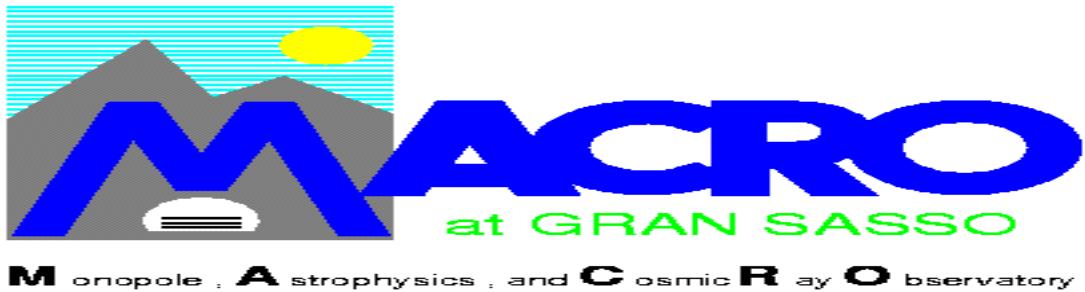
Neutral currents

$$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau \text{ vs. } \nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_{\text{sterile}}$$

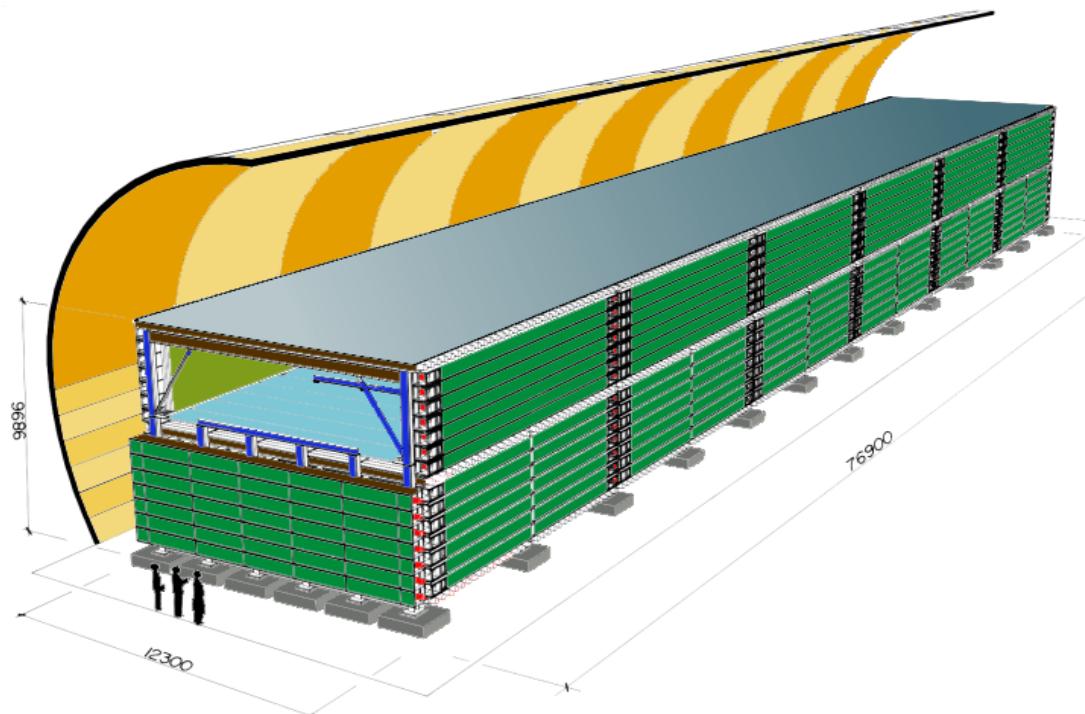
- Single π^0 events are 80% neutral current.



- Full $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_{\text{sterile}}$ mixing reduces NC by $\sim 25\%$
- $\pi^0/\text{e-like}$
 - Theory Systematic: $\sim 20\%$
 - $\frac{(\pi^0/\text{e-like})_{\text{DATA}}}{(\pi^0/\text{e-like})_{\text{MC}}} = 0.94 \pm 0.08(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.19(\text{prelim.sys})$



Main features of Macro as ν detector

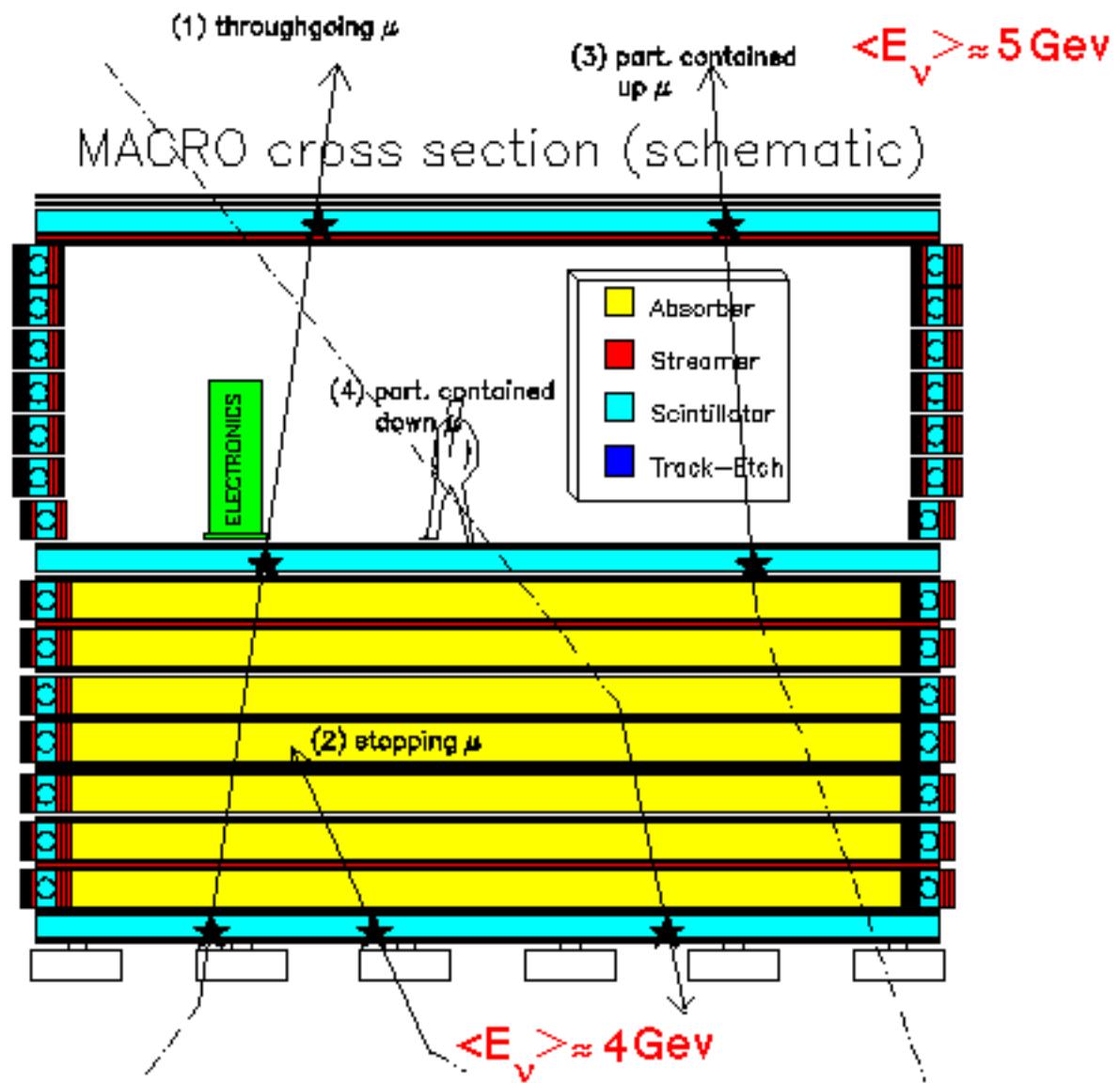


- Large acceptance ($\sim 10000 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$ for an isotropic flux)
- Low downgoing μ rate ($\sim 10^{-6}$ of the surface rate)
- ~ 600 tons of liquid scintillator to measure T.O.F. (time resolution $\sim 500\text{psec}$)
- $\sim 20000 \text{ m}^2$ of streamer tubes (3cm cells) for tracking (angular resolution $< 1^\circ$)

More details in Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A324 (1993) 337.

- MACRO can detect different categories of Neutrino produced Muons.

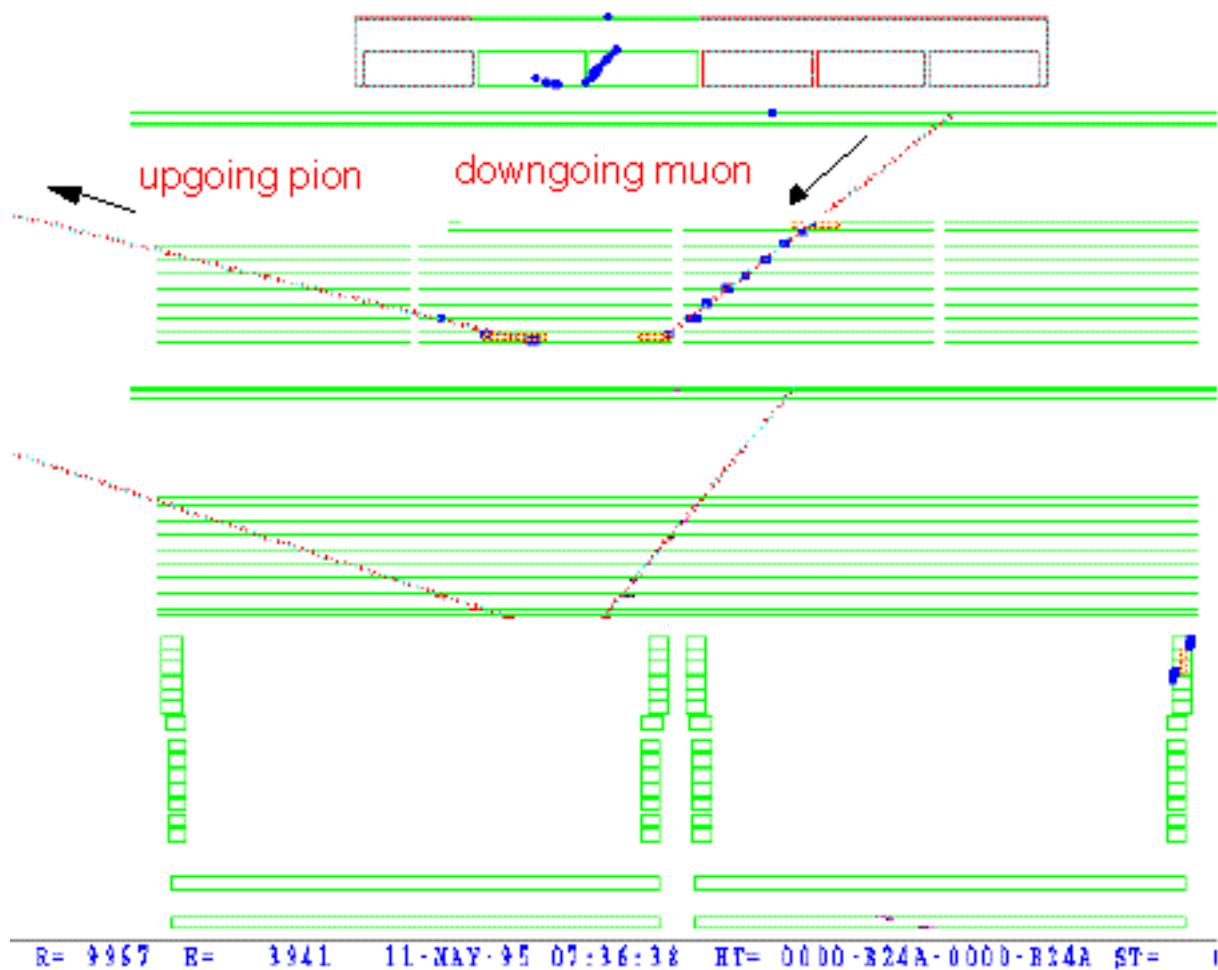
$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$



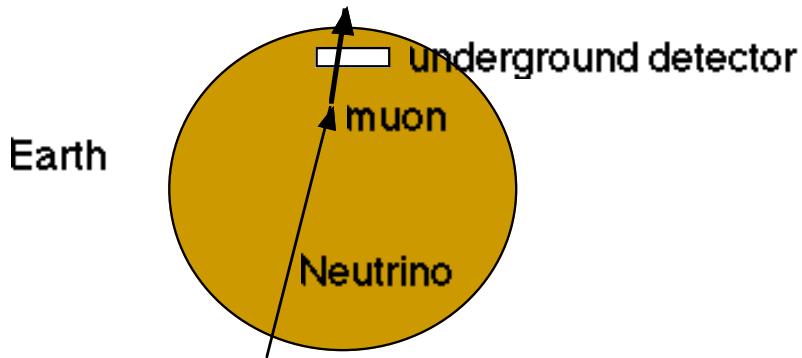
Pion production at large angle

- Pions produced at large angle from muon interaction in the rock around the detector are a possible source of background for stopping and throughgoing upgoing muons
- 243 upgoing particles + downgoing muons were found in 13.600 h

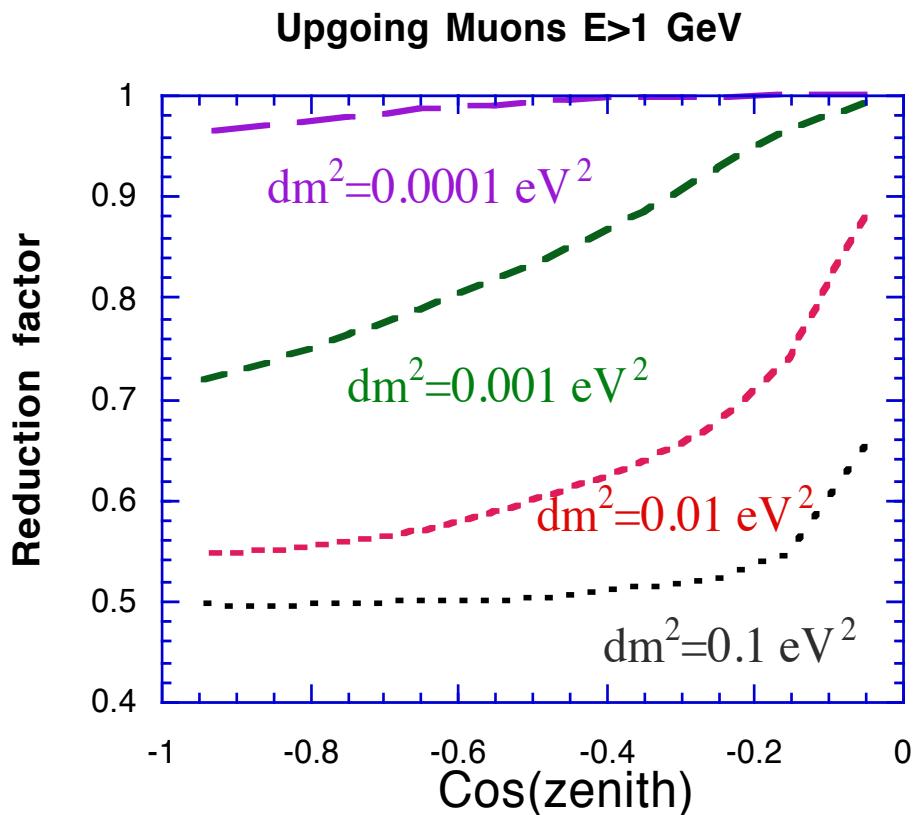
background in the stopping muon search (5%)
and in the through-going (2%)



Upward-going (through-going) muons and neutrino oscillations

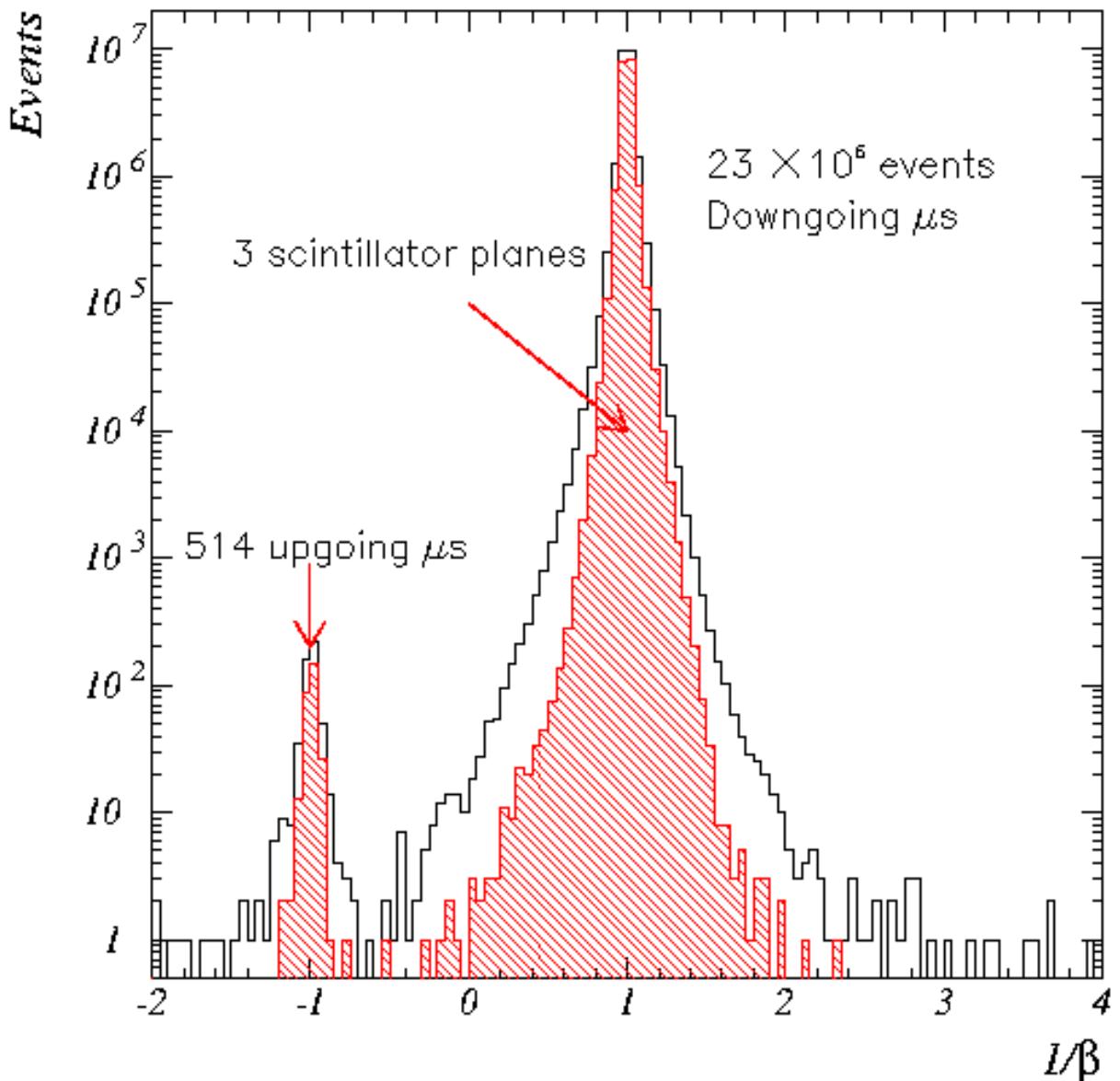


- Reduction factor for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ oscillations with maximum mixing

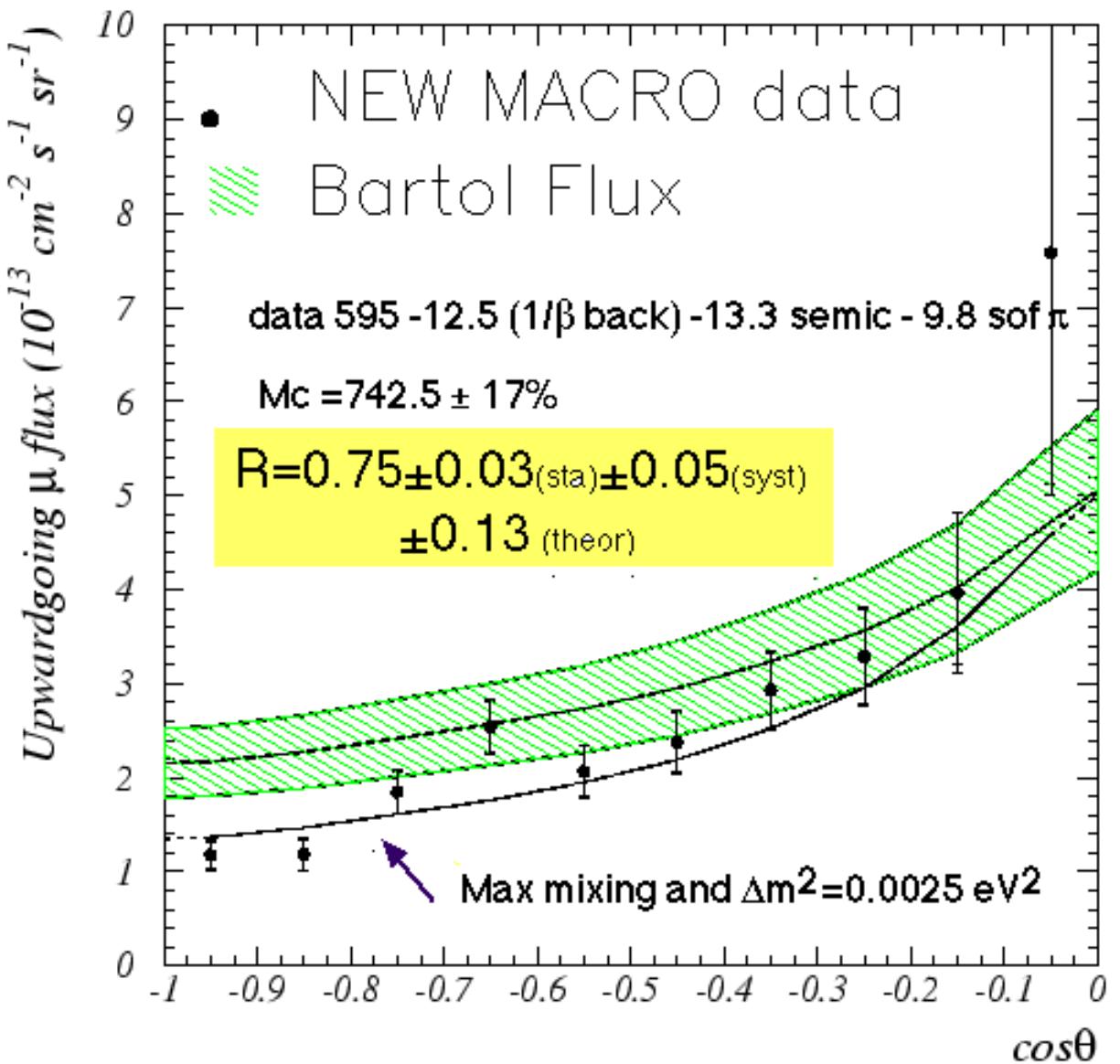


Upward-going (through-going) muons - $1/\beta$ distribution

- the time on the scintillators counters (measured with 0.5 nsec accuracy) is used to measure the flight direction of the tracks from the streamer tube chambers
- wrong time measurements are removed checking the position along the counters measured with the times
- data up to October 1998



Upward-going (through-going) flux (MACRO)



- from the shape only (predictions normalized to the data):
 χ^2 no oscillations = $\approx 24/8$ dof ($P \approx 0.2\%$)
 best χ^2 with oscillations in the physical region
 $\approx 14.2/8$ ($P \approx 7.7\%$)

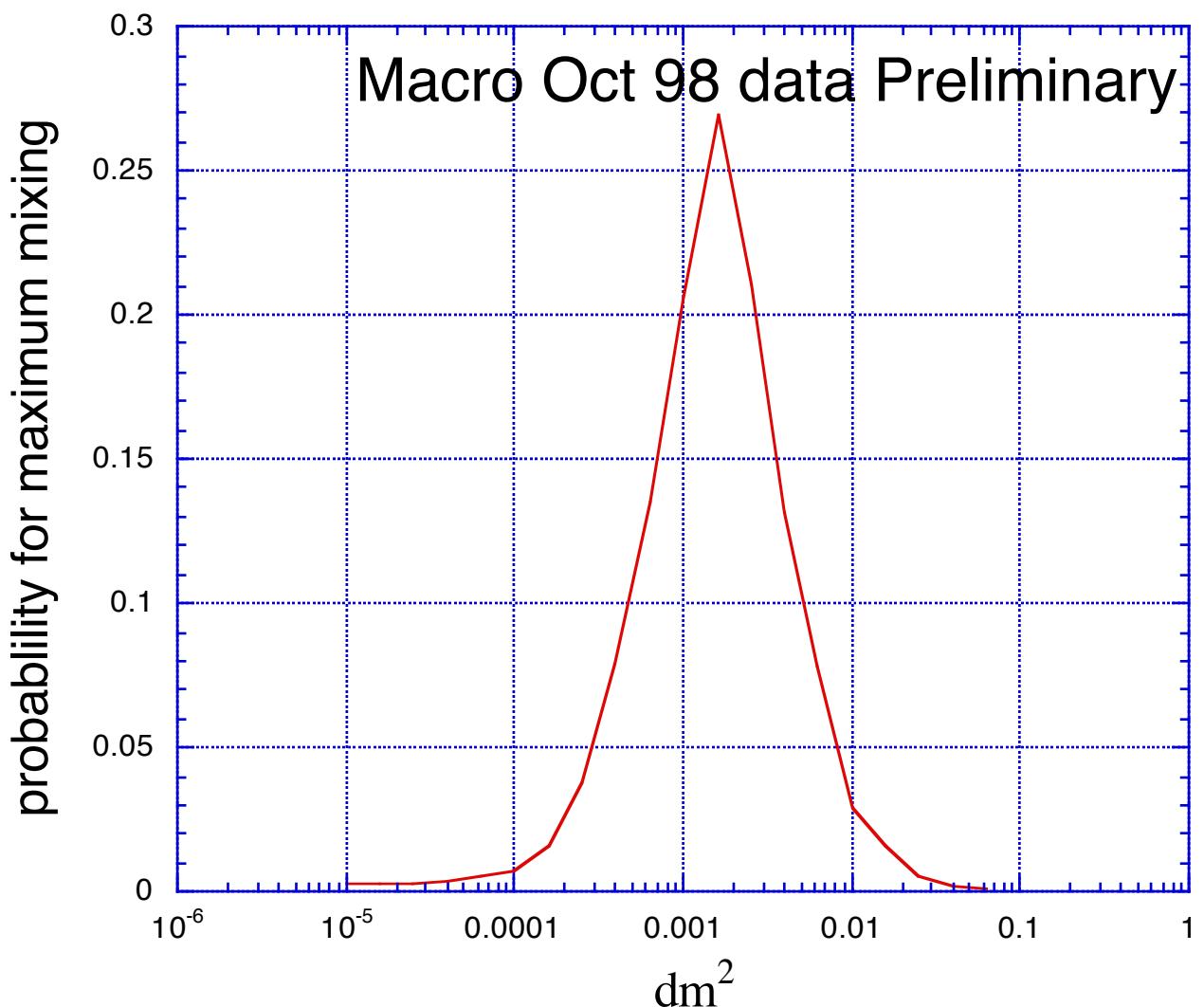
maximum mixing, Δm^2 around 0.002 eV^2

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

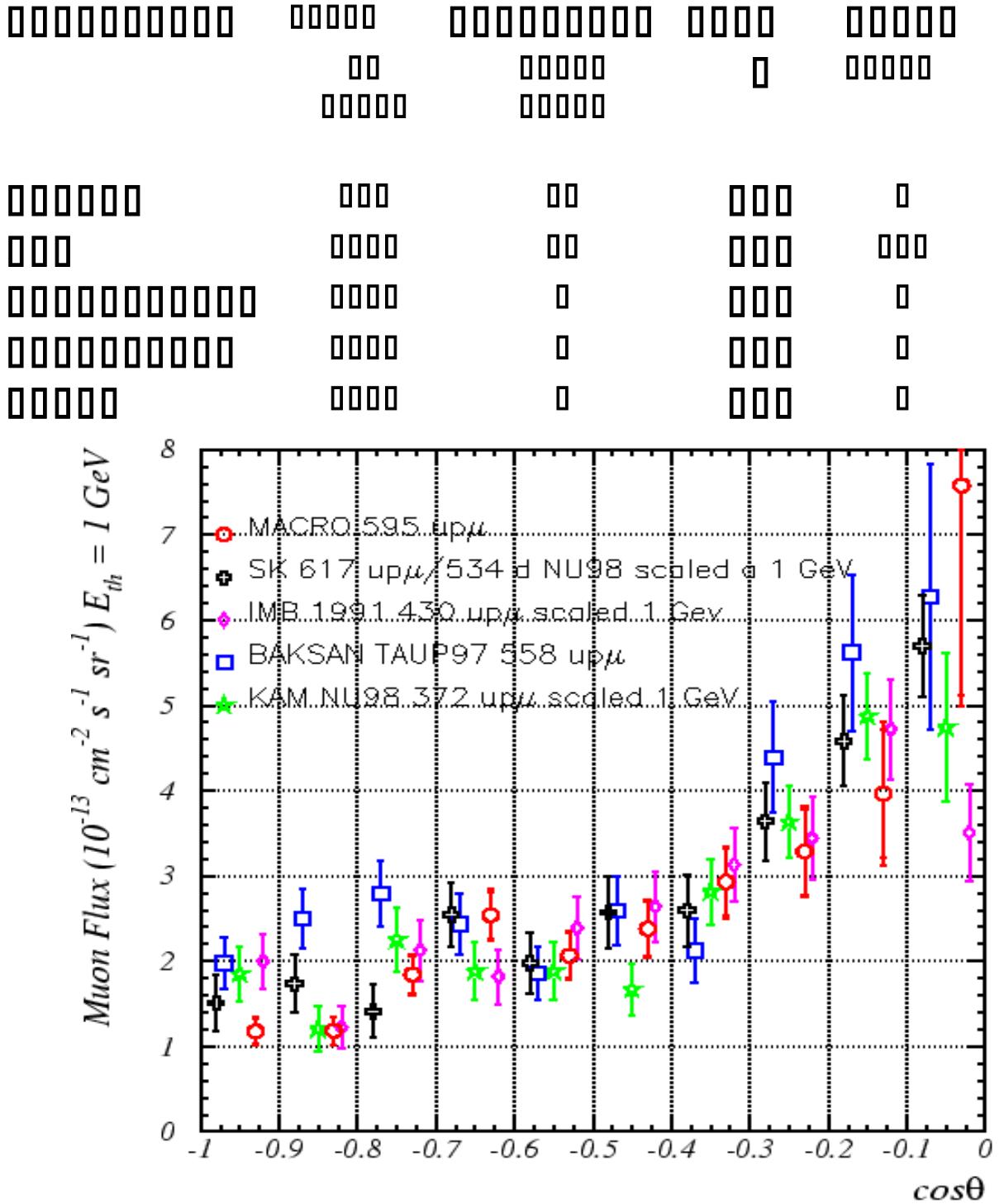
combining with the normalization:

P no oscillations $\approx 0.3\%$ P with oscillations $\approx 27\%$

Upward-going (through-going) flux (MACRO)



Upmu in Other Experiments



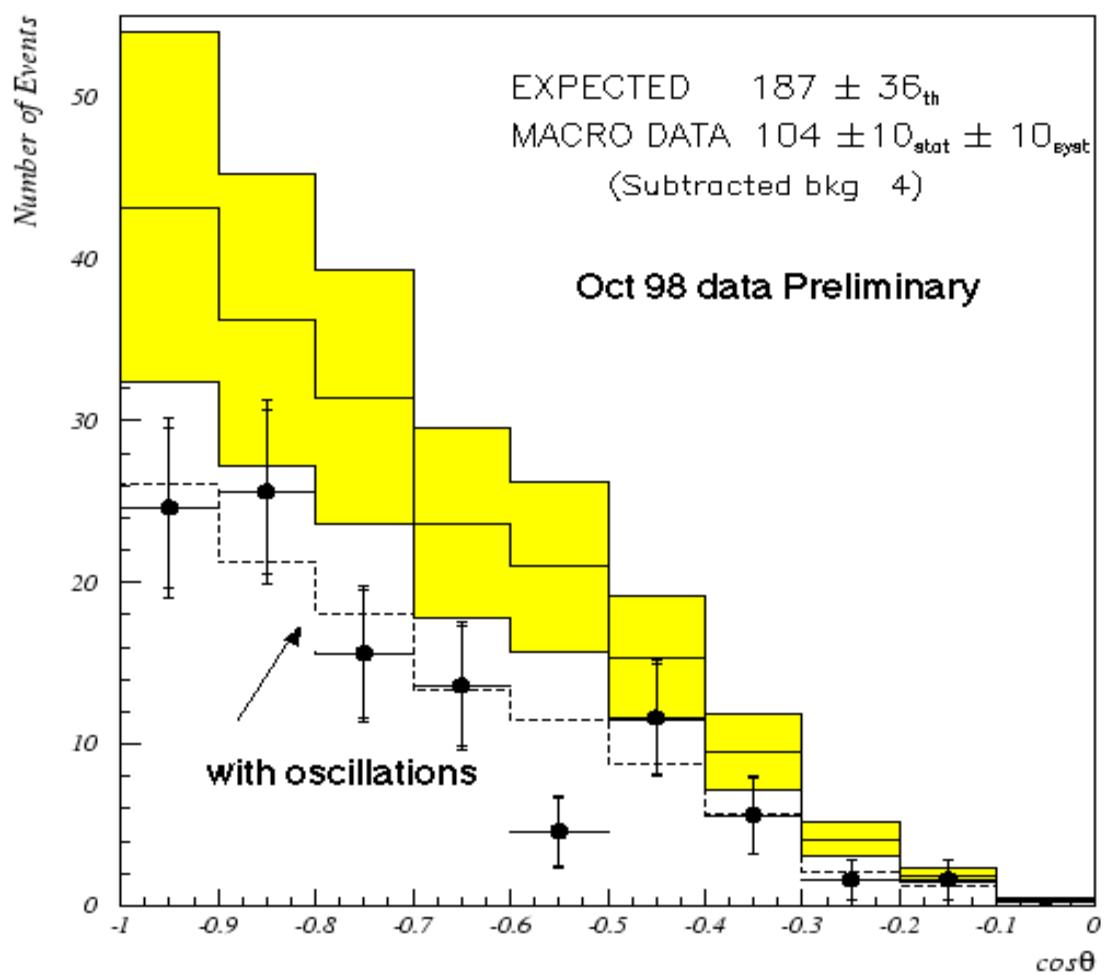
Atmospheric neutrinos : internal up events (MACRO)

- Similar cuts used in the through-going muon analysis with the addition of :

Vertex containment cut

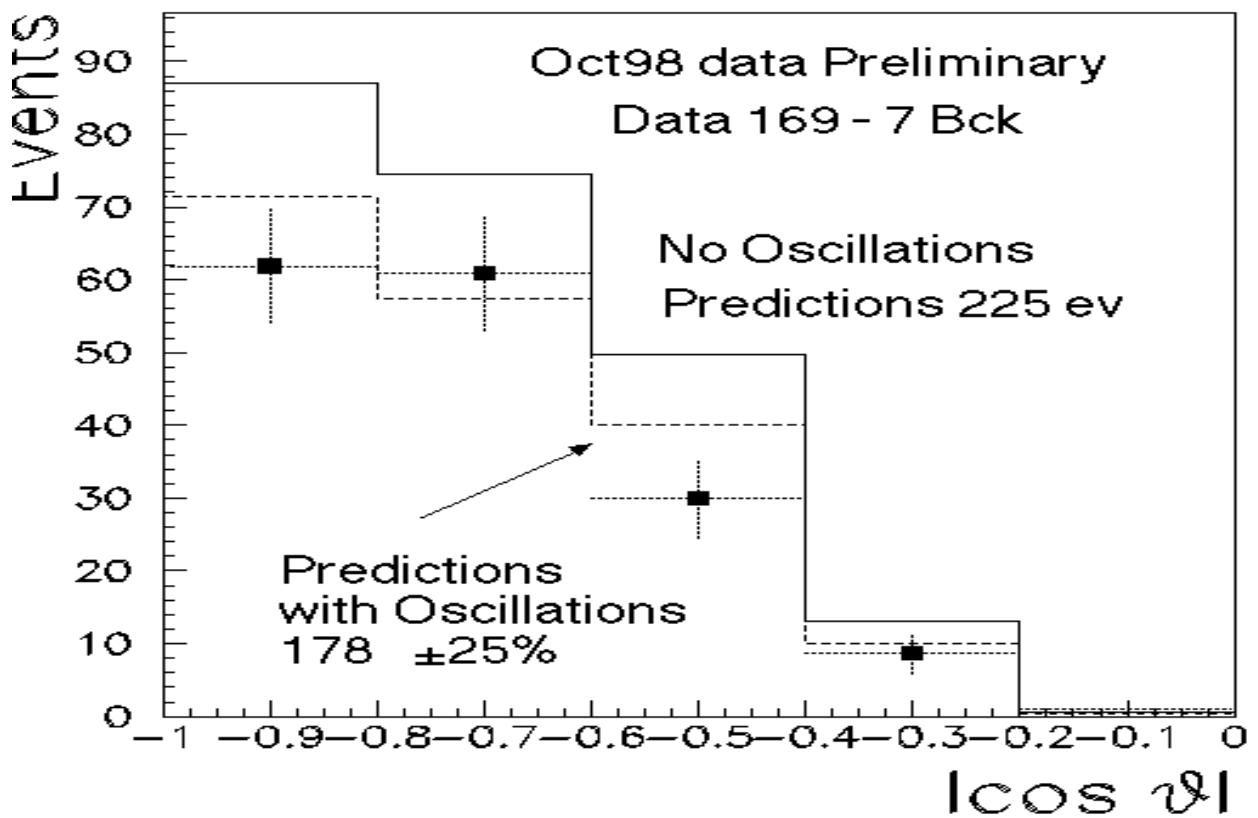
in order to remove the normal upward-going through-going muons (1% after this cut)

- From the montecarlo simulation the event sample is an almost pure sample of single muon events
89% of the events are due to $\nu\mu$



Atmospheric neutrinos : internal down +stopping events (MACRO)

- almost 50% of downgoing events and 50% of upgoing events (no time information)



- The double ratio of the low energy events is independent from the theoretical predictions. Only statistical errors and errors due to the acceptance (10% conservative for both analysis):

$$R = \frac{\frac{Data_{IUP}}{MC_{IUP}}}{\frac{Data_{IdwStop}}{MC_{IdwStop}}} = 0.77 \pm 0.14 \quad (\text{expected } 1)$$

- P no oscillations $\approx 8\%$

Summary for MACRO

MACRO Upgoing Muons (Through-going) :
 $E\nu \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$

- Peak probability $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu\tau$ **27%**
(max mixing and $\delta m^2 \approx$ a few units in 10^{-3})
- Probability for No oscillations **0.3%**

Low energy events: $E\nu \approx 4 \text{ GeV}$

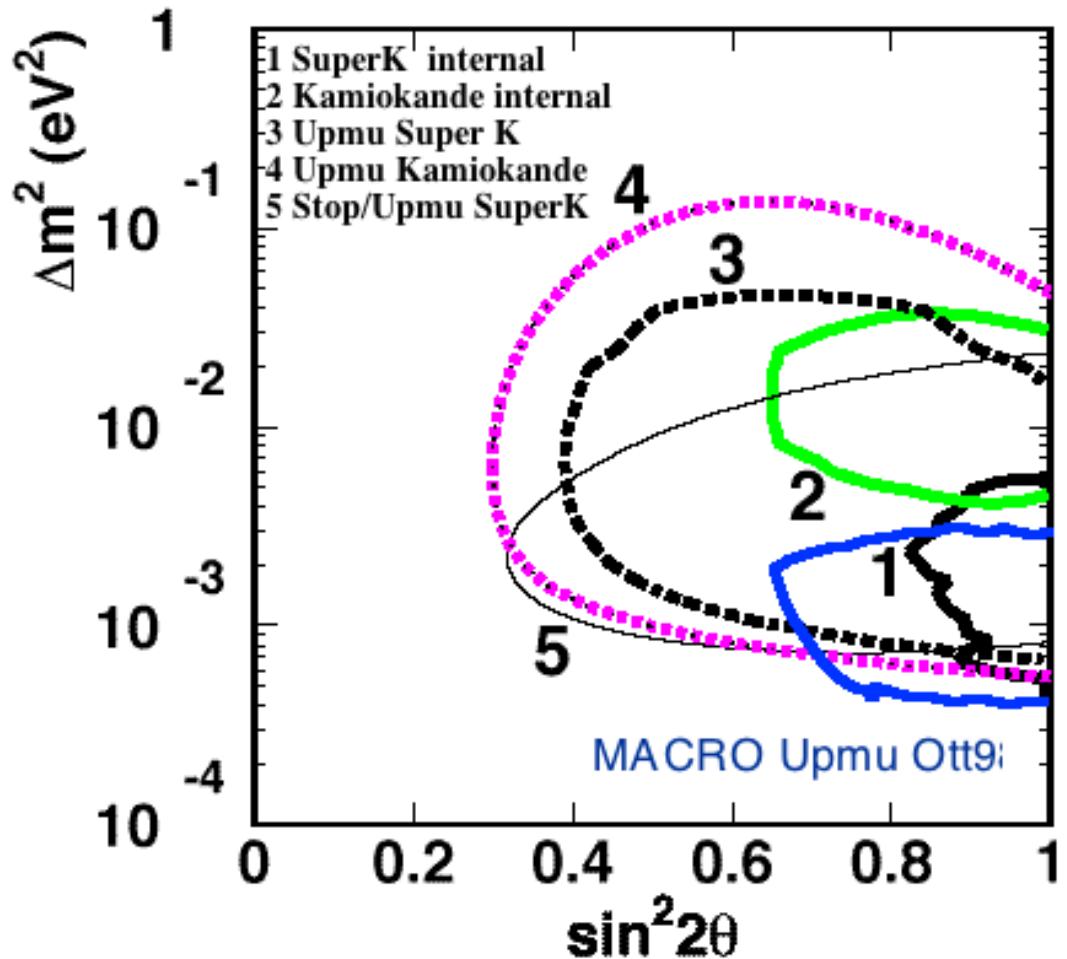
	R=data/predict	No oscillations	With oscillations	$10^{-3} < \delta m^2 < 10^{-2}$
	No Oscil	oscillations		
Internal Up	0.56±0.15	1	0.58	
Internal Down + Stopping Up	0.72±0.19	1	0.79	
Double Ratio	0.77±0.14	1	0.73	

Conclusion: a $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu\tau$ with oscillation with maximum mixing is consistent with all the MACRO Data

Only Warning :

The peak probability for the angular distributions of the Upgoing Muons (Through-going) is low (7.7%) ==> Statistical Fluctuation or Hidden Physics?

Evidence for oscillations: Atmospheric neutrinos Summary



- Negative results omitted
 - Frejus : not in contradiction for low Δm^2
 - Baksan IMB in contradiction but wrong!

Evidence for oscillations: Summary

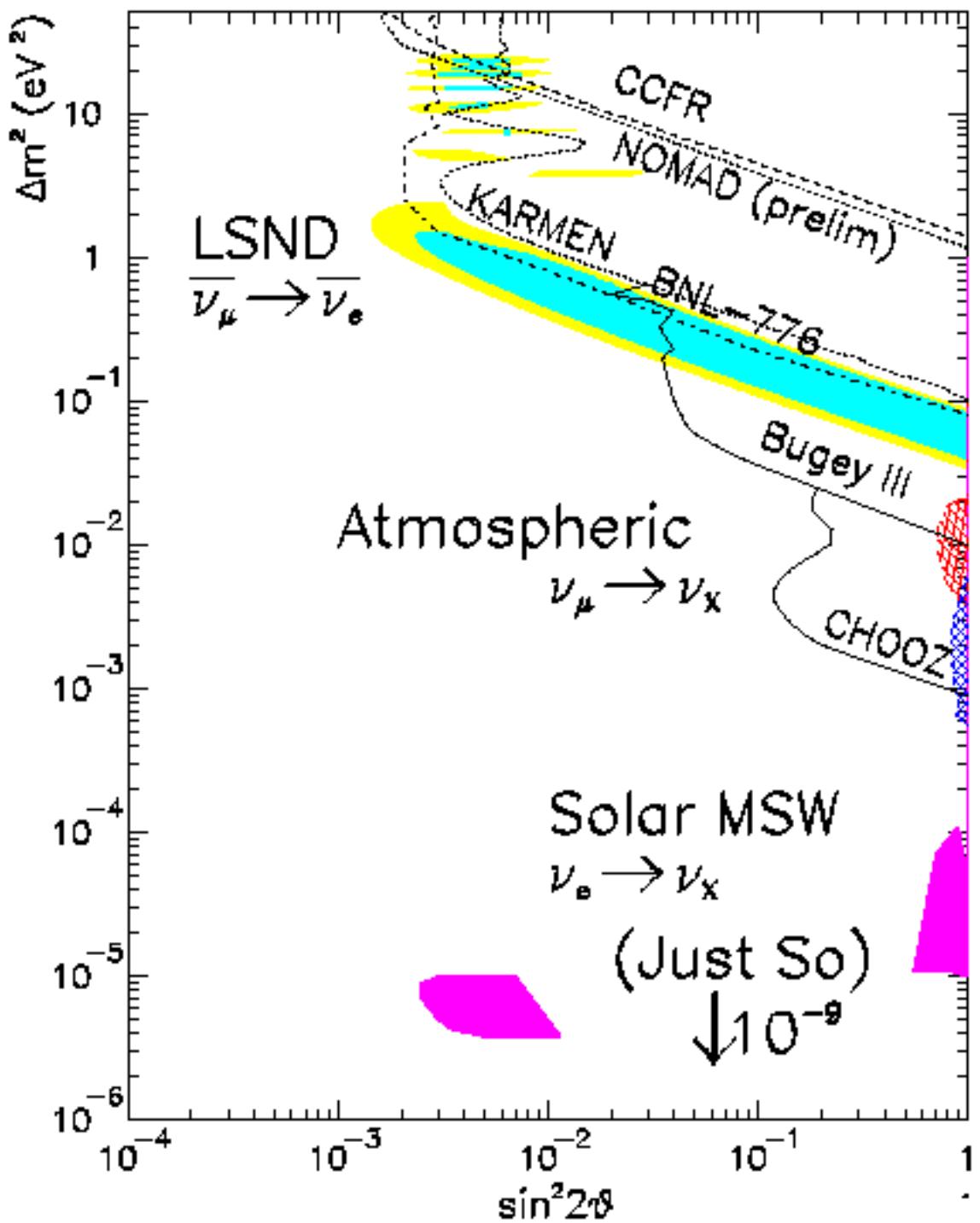


Figure 16: Allowed and excluded regions for $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ oscillations.

Evidence for oscillations: Summary

Experiment	Anomaly	Probability $>5\sigma =$ 5.7×10^{-5}	≥ 2 Experiments with different techniques	L/E Signature
* LSND (accelerator)	$\overline{\nu_e}$ ν_e apper.	No	No	No
** SUN	ν_e disapper	Yes ?	Yes	No
*** Atmospheric	ν_μ disapper	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Are all the experiments true?
- If the answer is yes the interpretation needs 3 neutrinos oscillations or a new neutrino (sterile)

====>> next talks

Future

- LSND anomaly

**1) MiniBone at Fermilab approved
data 2001**

2) proposal at CERN (LoI 216)

- SUN anomaly

**1) Borex (Gran Sasso) liquid scintillator
detection : electron scattering
low threshold**

**Be⁷ neutrinos should see 0 ?
data 2000**

**2) Kamland (Kamioka)
similar to BOREX**

**+ reactor measurements using the nuclear
power reactors in Japan
data 2000**

3) SNO

**1000 Tons D₂O
detection: Cherenkov radiation
Helium-3 proportional counter tubes
for neutrons**

Charged Current $ne + d \longrightarrow p + p + e^-$
Neutral Current Reaction $nx + d \longrightarrow p + n + nx$
Electron Scattering $e + nx \longrightarrow e^- + nx$

data 1999

Future Atmospheric Neutrinos and Long-Base line beams

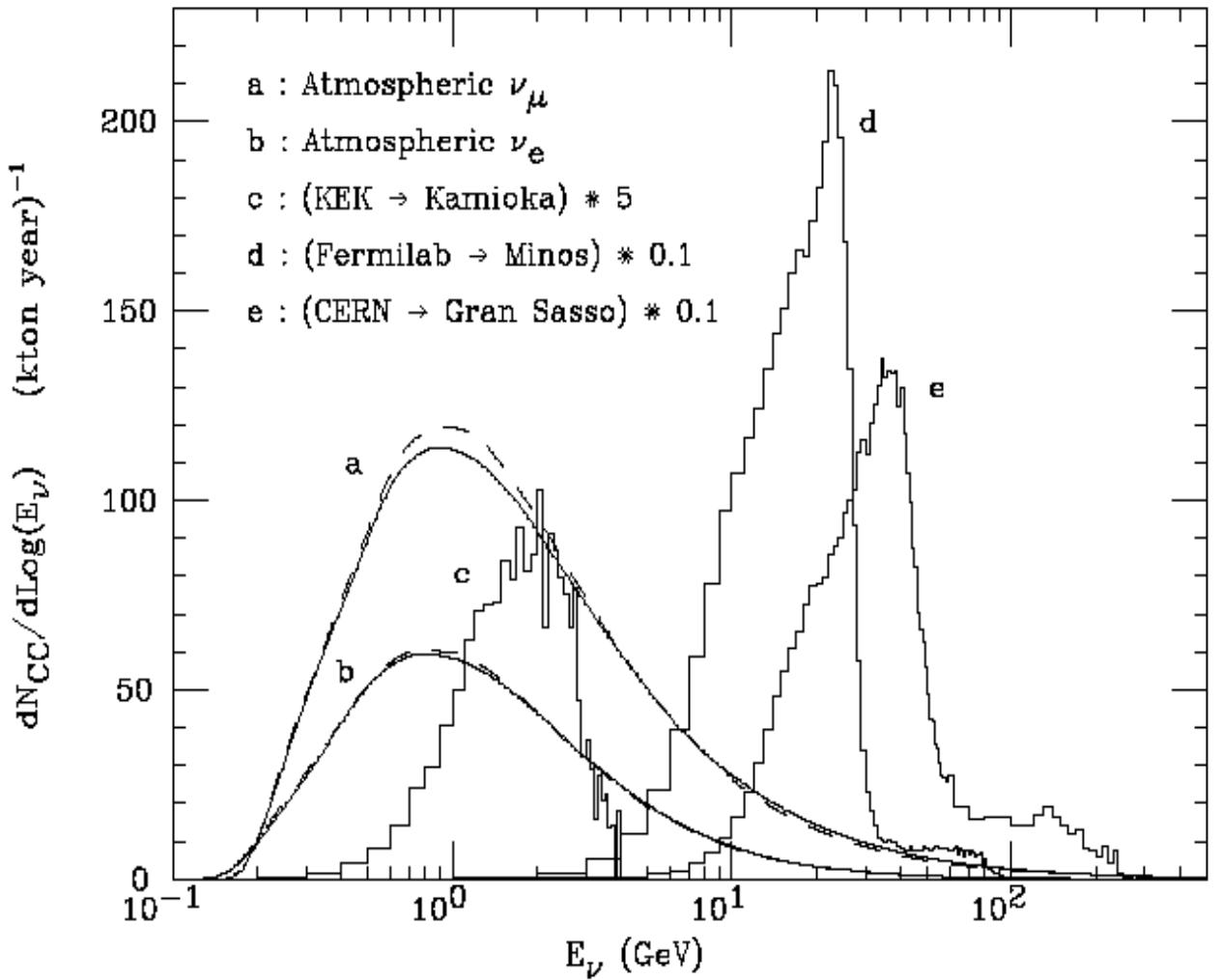


Figure 1: Energy distribution of interacting (with charged current) atmospheric neutrino and antineutrinos, and of the ν_μ in three LBL experiments. All calculations assume the absence of neutrino oscillations. For atmospheric neutrinos the solid (dashed) lines are calculated with the the Bartol [8] (Honda et al. [9]) The scale of the vertical axis is absolute, note however that the LBL fluxes are multiplied by constant factors.

Future Atmospheric Neutrinos and Long-Base line beams

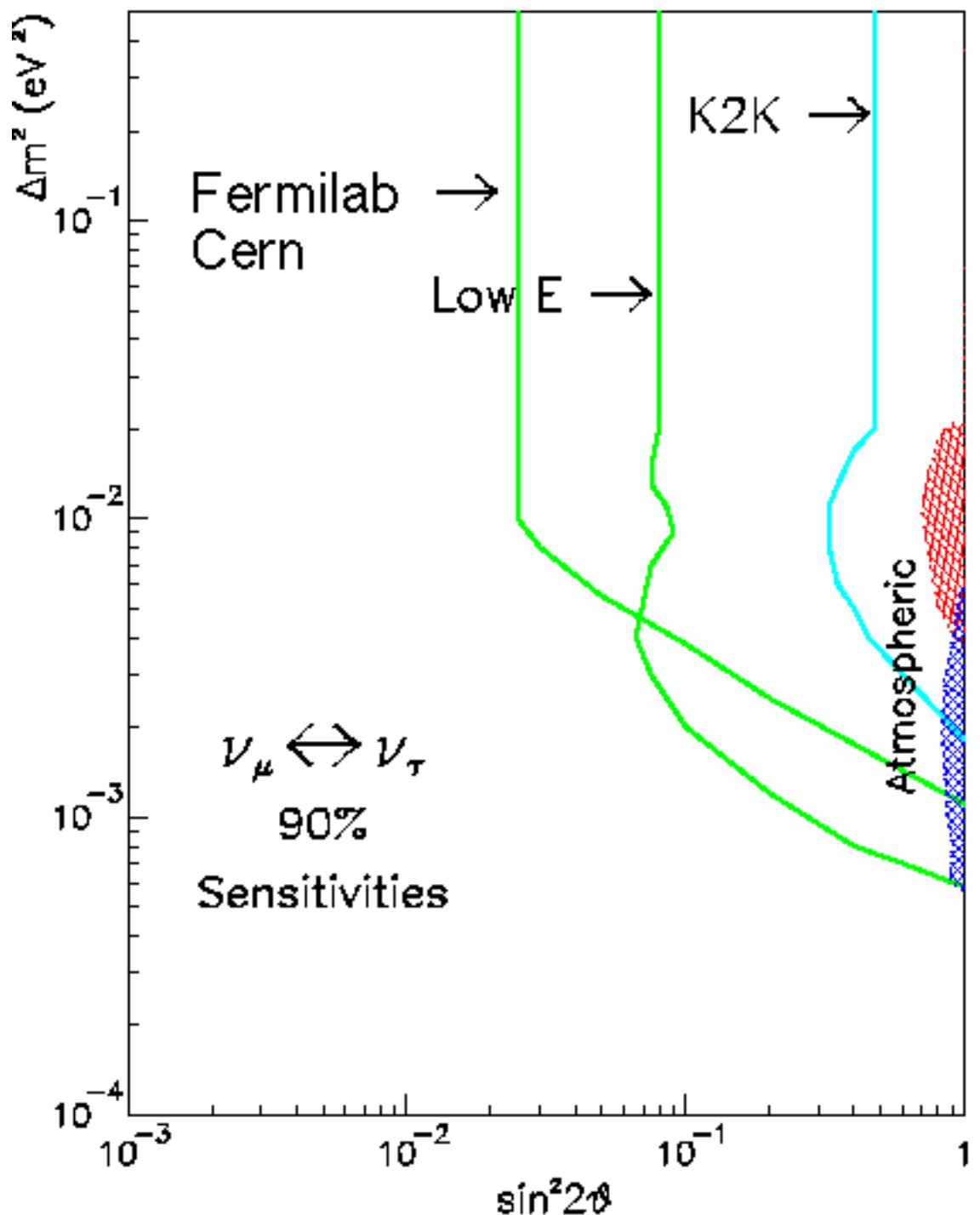
- two possibility for the experiments:
 - a) disappearance
 - b) TAU appearance
- The value of Δm^2 suggested by the atmospheric neutrino measurements is quite low.
- With the planned beam problems with appearance experiments if $\Delta m^2 \leq 10^{-3}$

Beams

- KEK (Japan) - Kamiokande E \approx 1-2 GeV L=250 Km detector SuperKamiokande and near detectors low energy data 1999
- Fermilab Soudan2 (USA) E \approx 10 GeV L=730 Km detector MINOS appearance/disappearance approved but ...
- CERN - Gran Sasso E \approx 10 GeV L=730 Km Recommended Proposed experiments Icarus, NOE, Aquarich, Opera, Nice

**Scientific Committee recommendation:
appearance experiments
a new experiment for atmospheric neutrinos**

Future



Future

- Experiments are difficult and expensive
but now :

Exciting times for neutrino physics!

- Fundamental questions.
- Long time scales
- very interesting challenges for young peoples