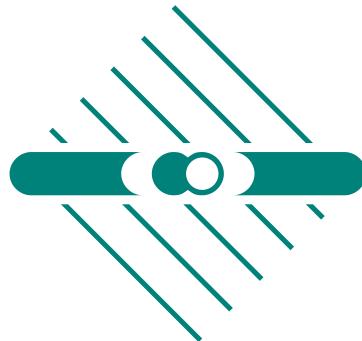


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# **EURO $\nu$ meeting, Strasbourg 2010**

*Status of  $\theta_{13}$  and perspectives*

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M. Mezzetto, T.S., “ $\theta_{13}$ : phenomenology, present status and prospect”, 1003.5800  
thanks to my collaborators: P. Huber, M. Lindner, M. Maltoni, M. Tortola, J. Valle, W. Winter

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

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atmospheric+LBL

solar+KamLAND

$\Delta m^2_{31}$

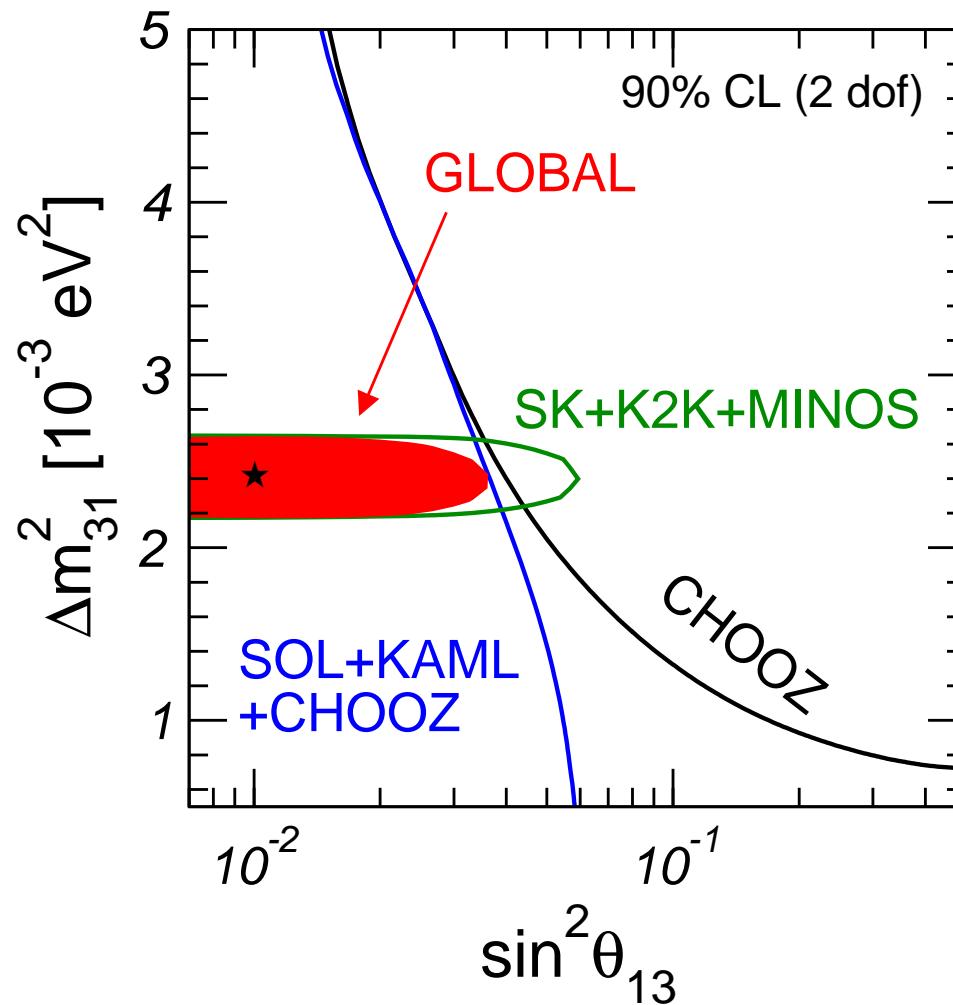
$\Delta m^2_{21}$

$\theta_{13}$  is the key to CPV and MH

... so let's have a look on where we are  
and what the near future will bring

# *The status of $\theta_{13}$*

$\sin^2 \theta_{13} < 0.031$  (0.047) at 90% CL (3 $\sigma$ )



interplay of different data sets from global data

# *Hint for non-zero $\theta_{13}$ ?*

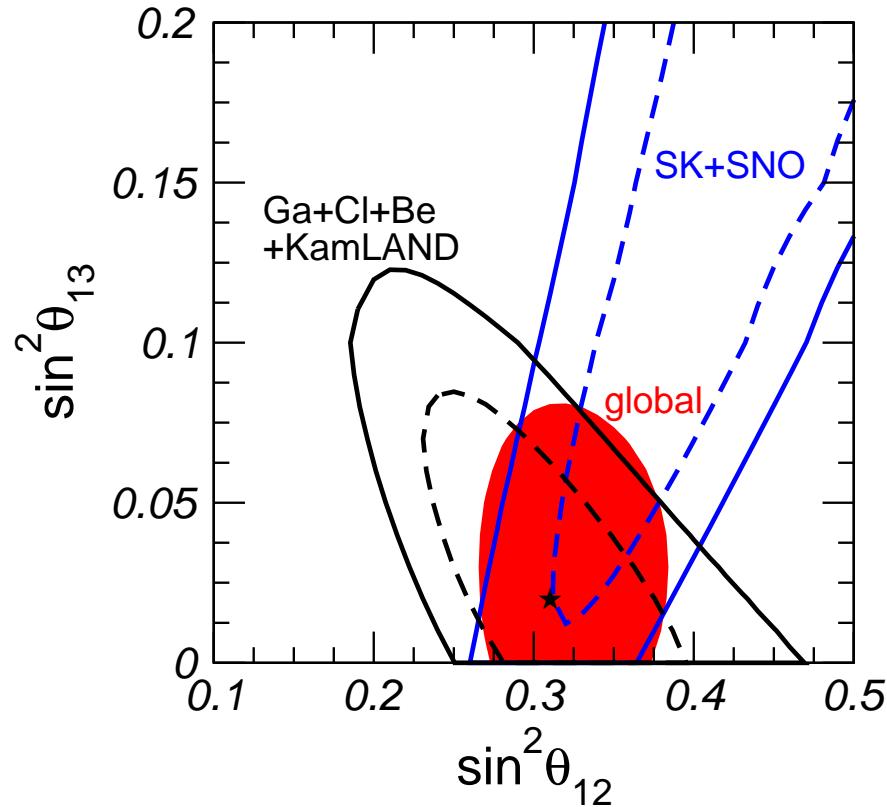
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Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Palazzo, Rotunno

“Hints of theta(13) > 0 from global neutrino data analysis.” PRL08 [0806.2649]

- Hint from solar+KamLAND data ( $\sim 1.5\sigma$ )  
fragile, but agreement among groups  
depends somewhat on assumptions on solar metalicity
- Hint from atmospheric data  
controversial, not confirmed by SuperK Wendell et al., 1002.3471
- MINOS appearance data ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ )  
initial  $\sim 1.5\sigma$  hint has recently decreased to  $\sim 0.7\sigma$

# $\theta_{13}$ in Solar and KamLAND



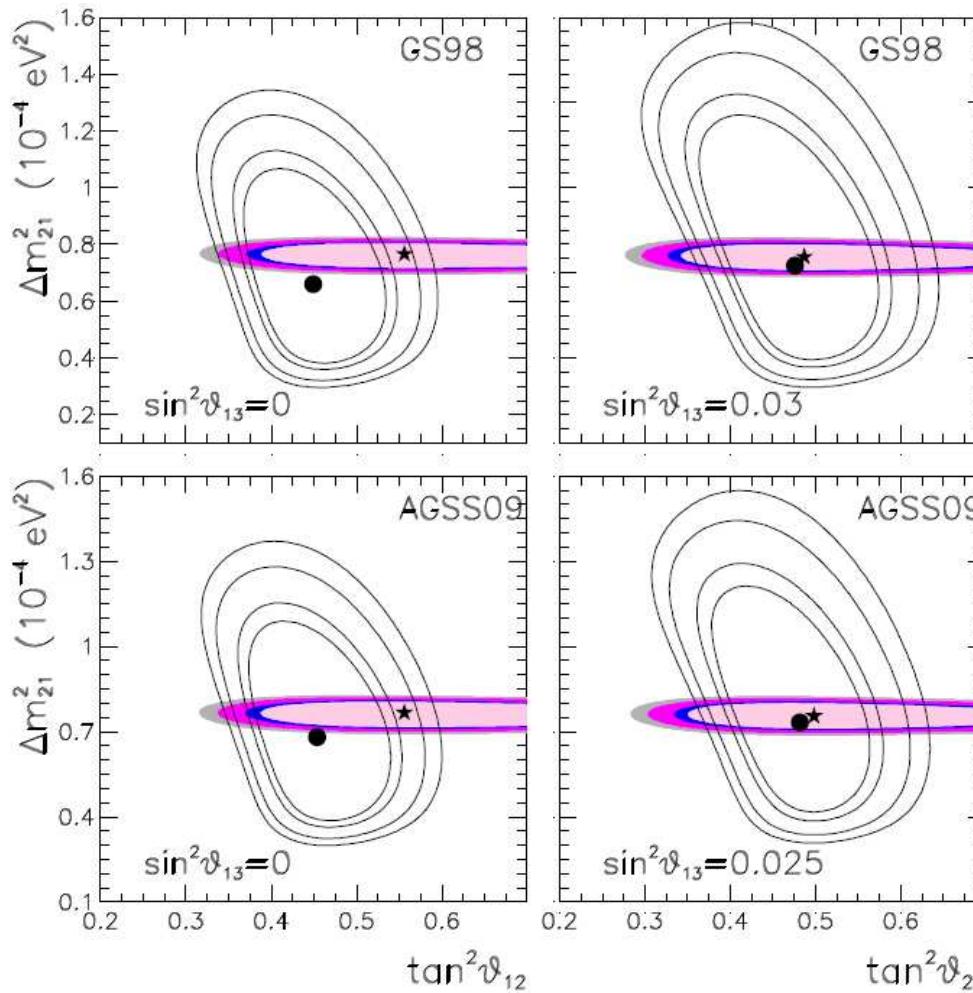
Maltoni et al., hep-ph/0405172,  
 Goswami,Smirnov,hep-ph/0411359,  
 Balantekin, Yilmaz, 0804.3345,  
 Fogli et al., 0806.2649,  
 TS, Tortola, Valle, 0808.2016  
 Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado,  
 1001.4524

$$P_{\text{KL}} \approx (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}) \left( 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

$$P_{\text{Sol}} \approx (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}) \begin{cases} (1 - 0.5 \sin^2 2\theta_{12}) & \text{low } E_\nu \\ \sin^2 \theta_{12} & \text{high } E_\nu \end{cases}$$

# $\theta_{13}$ in Solar and KamLAND

Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, 1001.4524



SSM: AGSS09 (GS98): low (high) metallicity,  ${}^8\text{B}$ ,  ${}^7\text{Be} \downarrow (\uparrow)$  [Serenelli et al, 0909.2668]

# $\theta_{13}$ in Solar and KamLAND

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SNO Coll., 0910.2984

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.020^{+0.021}_{-0.016}$$

TS, Tortola, Valle, 0808.2016 (2010 upd)

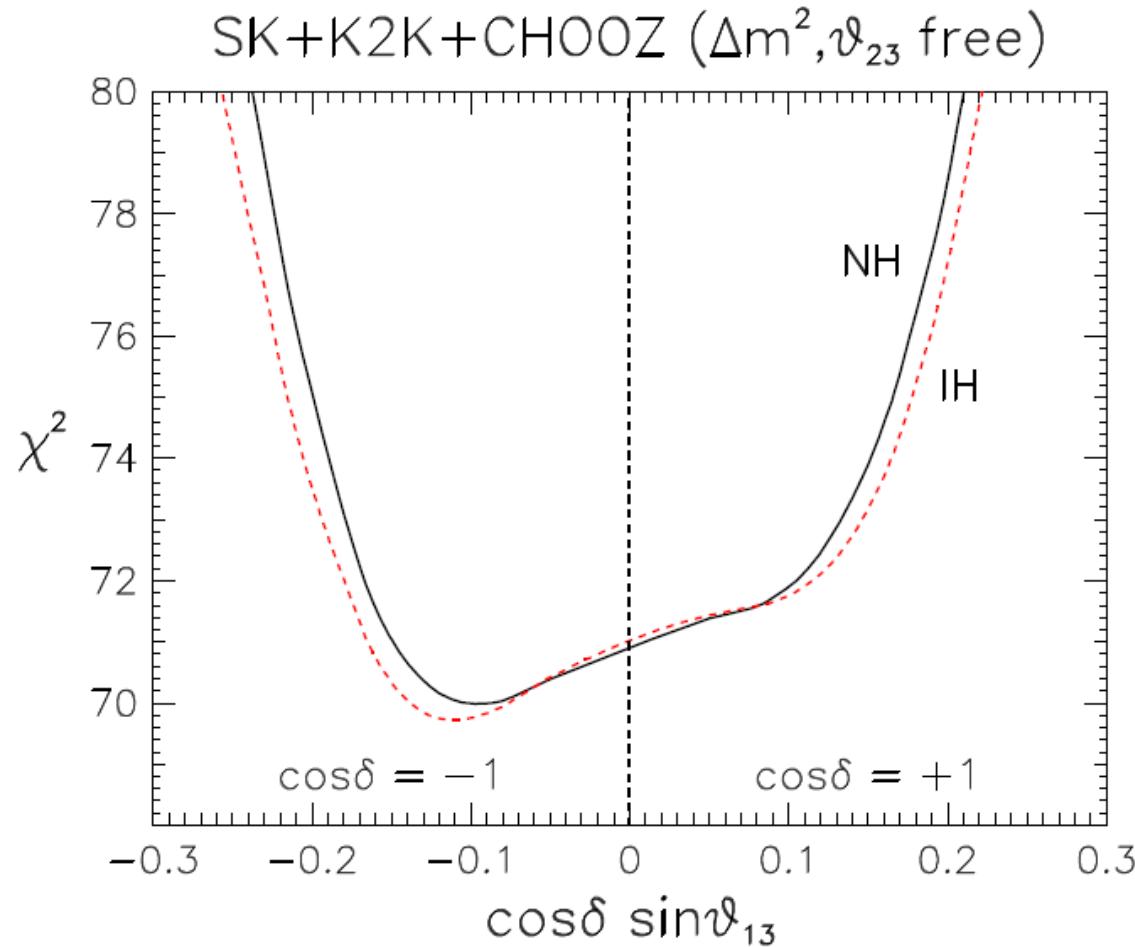
$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = \begin{cases} 0.022^{+0.018}_{-0.015} & 1.5\sigma \text{ (AGSS09)} \\ 0.027^{+0.019}_{-0.015} & 1.7\sigma \text{ (GS98)} \end{cases}$$

Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, 1001.4524

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = \begin{cases} 0.021 \pm 0.017 & (\text{GS98}) \\ 0.017 \pm 0.017 & (\text{AGSS09}) \\ 0.015 \pm 0.017 & (\text{AGSS09, mod. } \sigma_{\text{Ga}}) \end{cases}$$

# *Hint from atmospheric data?*

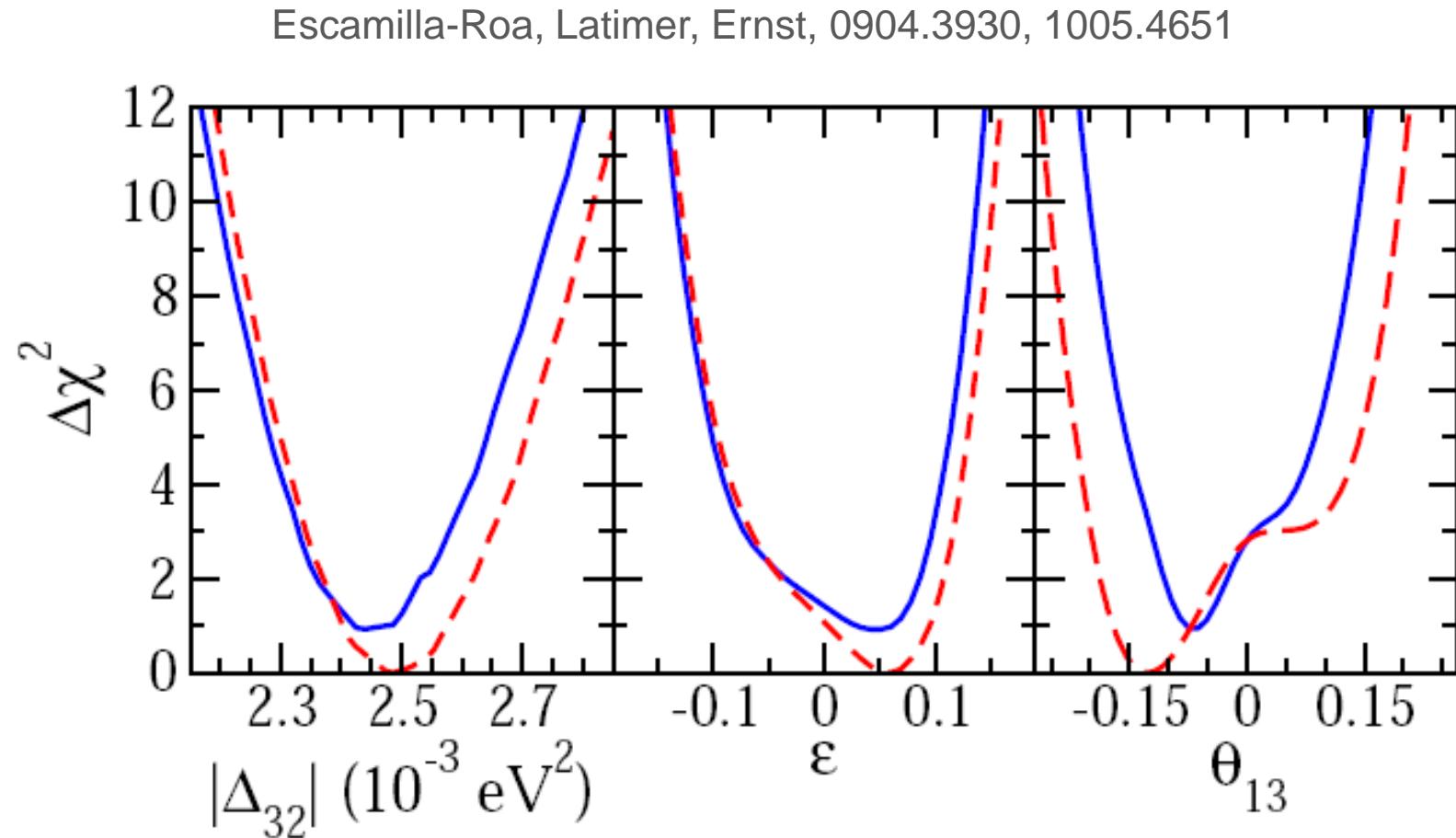
Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Palazzo, hep-ph/0506083



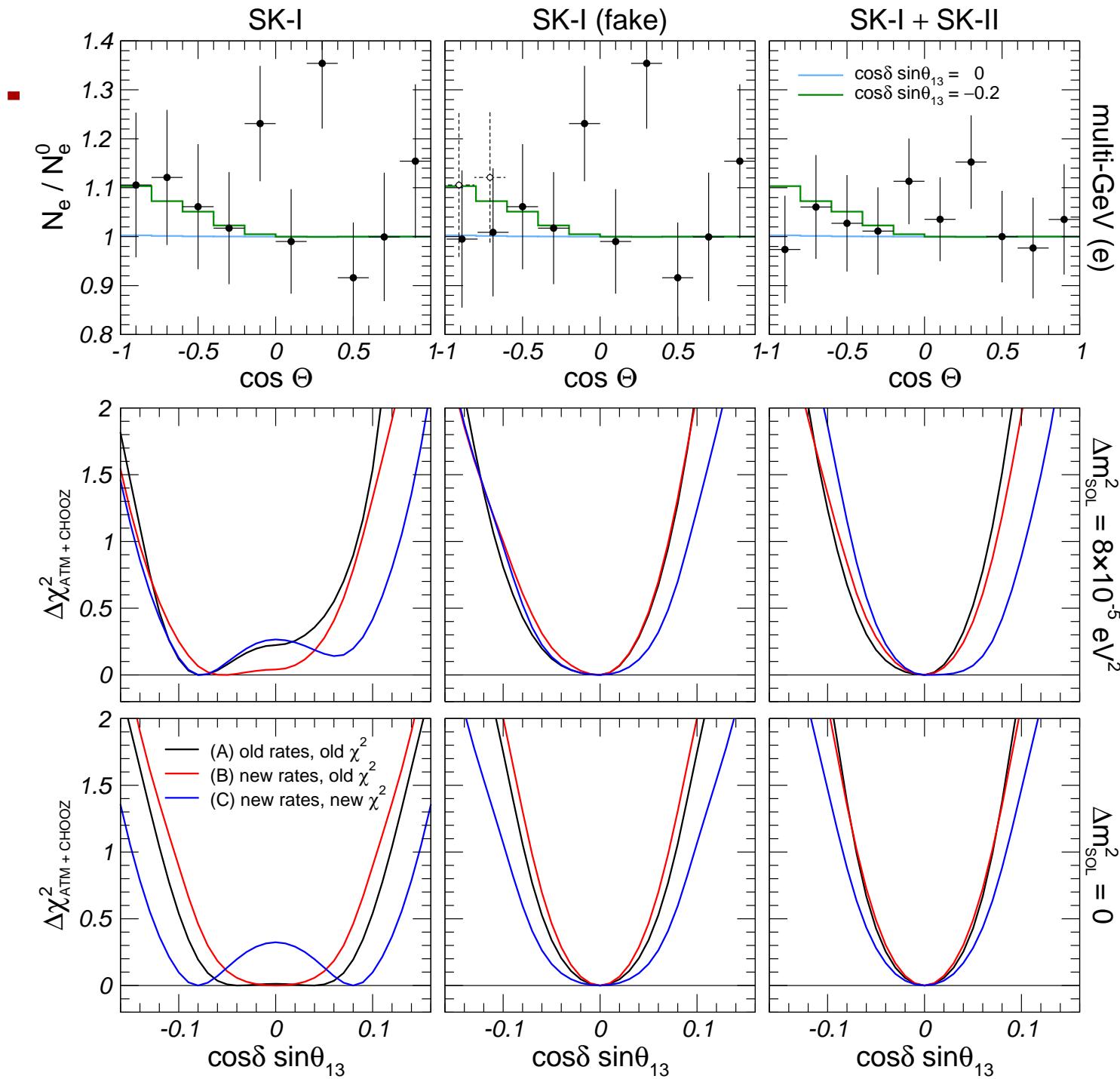
SK-I data: best fit  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} \approx 0.01$  ( $\theta_{13} > 0$  at  $0.9\sigma$ )

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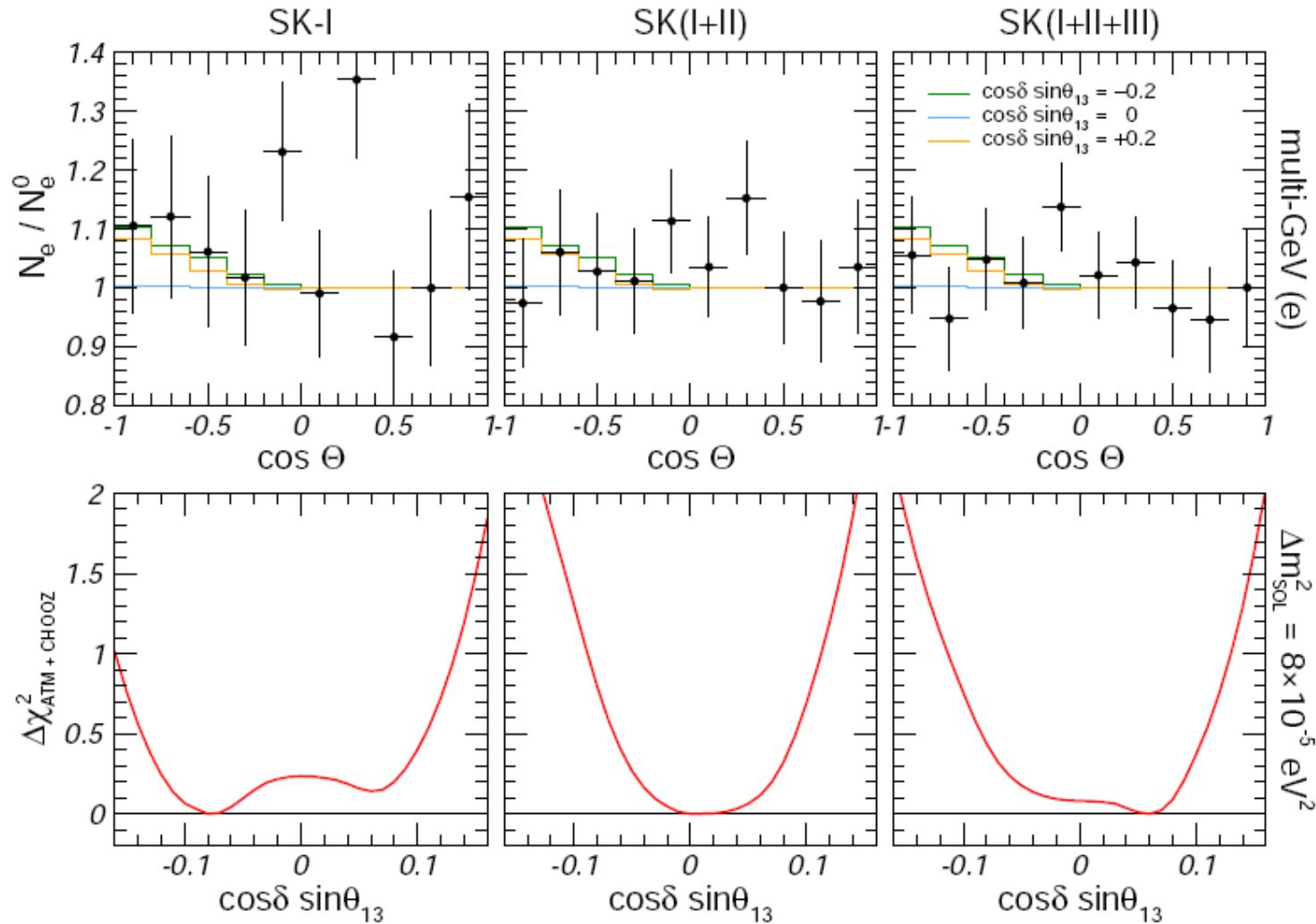
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SK-I data:  $\theta_{13} > 0$  at  $1.4\sigma$  (NH, blue) or  $1.7\sigma$  (IH, red)



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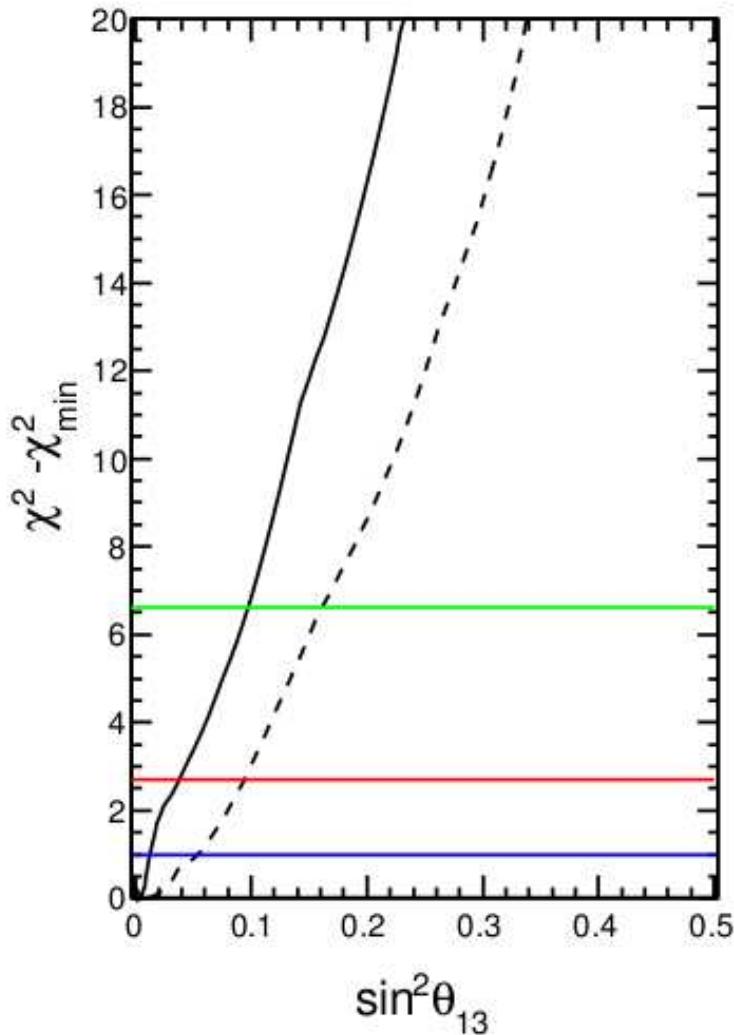


Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, 1001.4524

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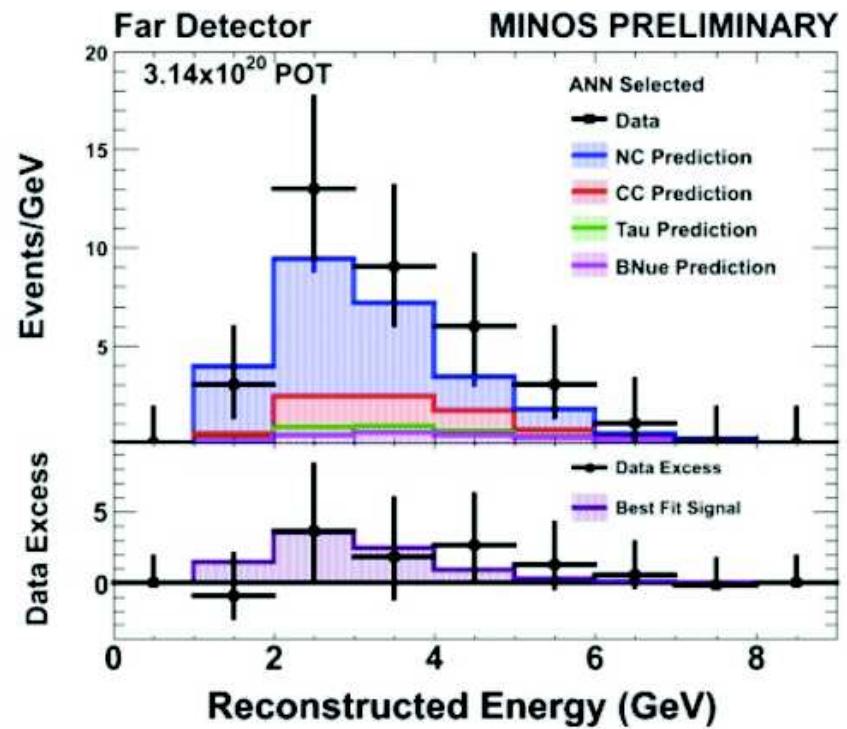
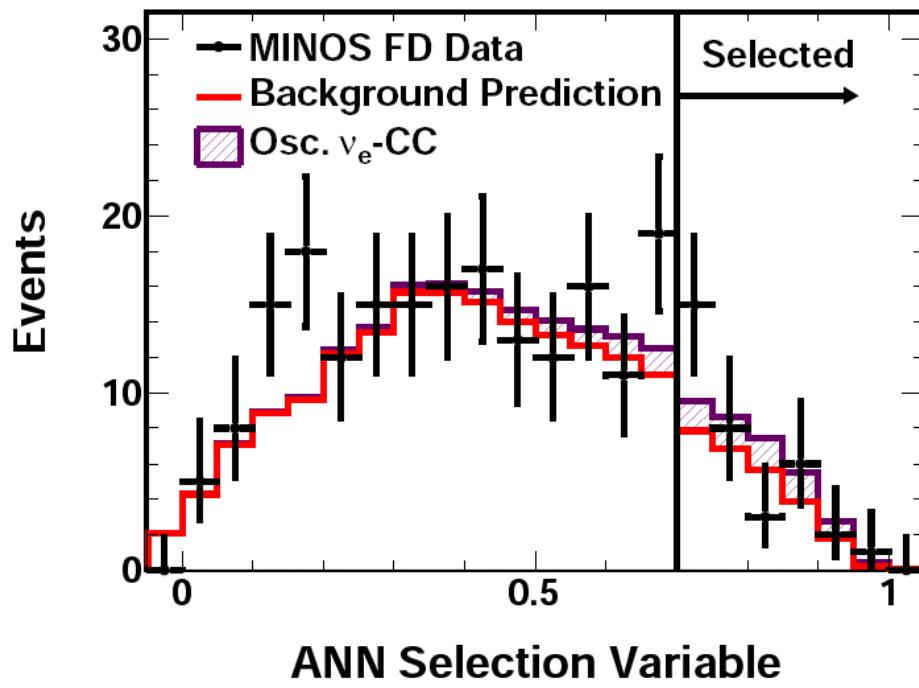
Recent paper from SuperK: Wendell et al., 1002.3471



Analysis of  
SK I+II+III data:  
no hint for  $\theta_{13}$   
in the approximation  
 $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 0$

# *MINOS search for $\nu_e$ appearance*

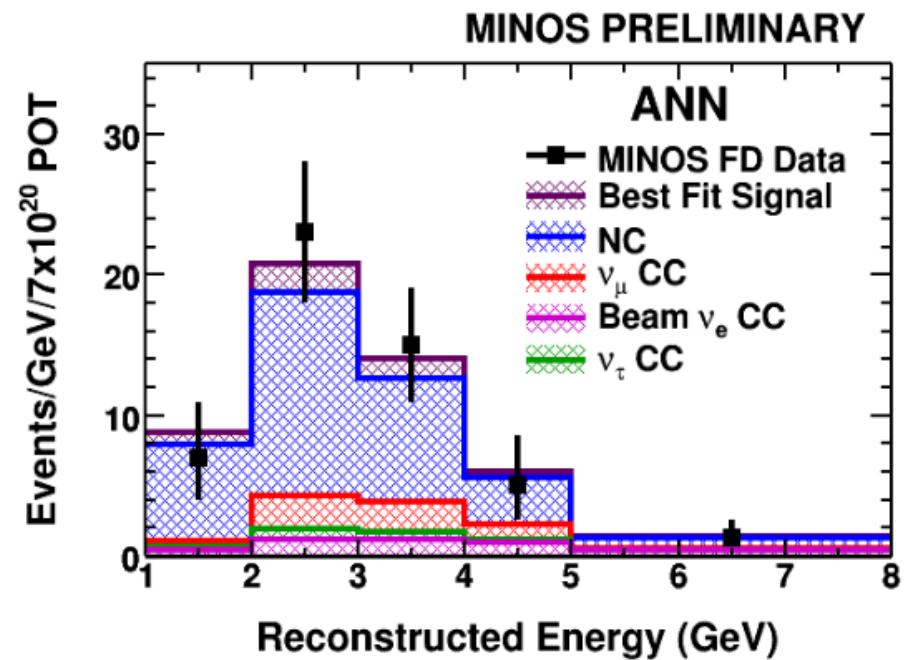
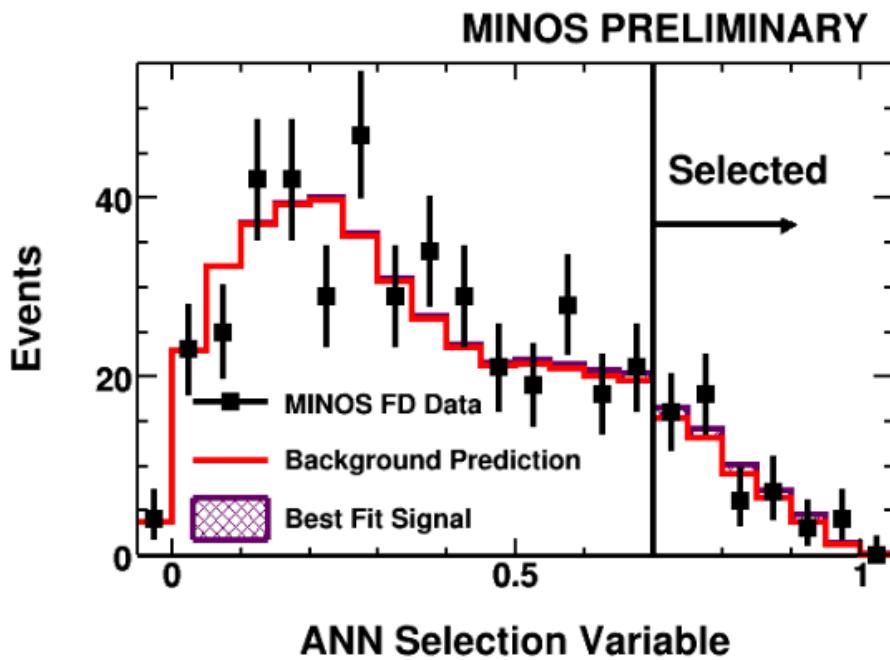
MINOS  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance data,  $3.14 \times 10^{20}$  POT  
obs.: 35 events, expected bckg:  $27 \pm 5 \pm 2$  ( $1.5\sigma$ )



MINOS Coll, arXiv:0909.4996

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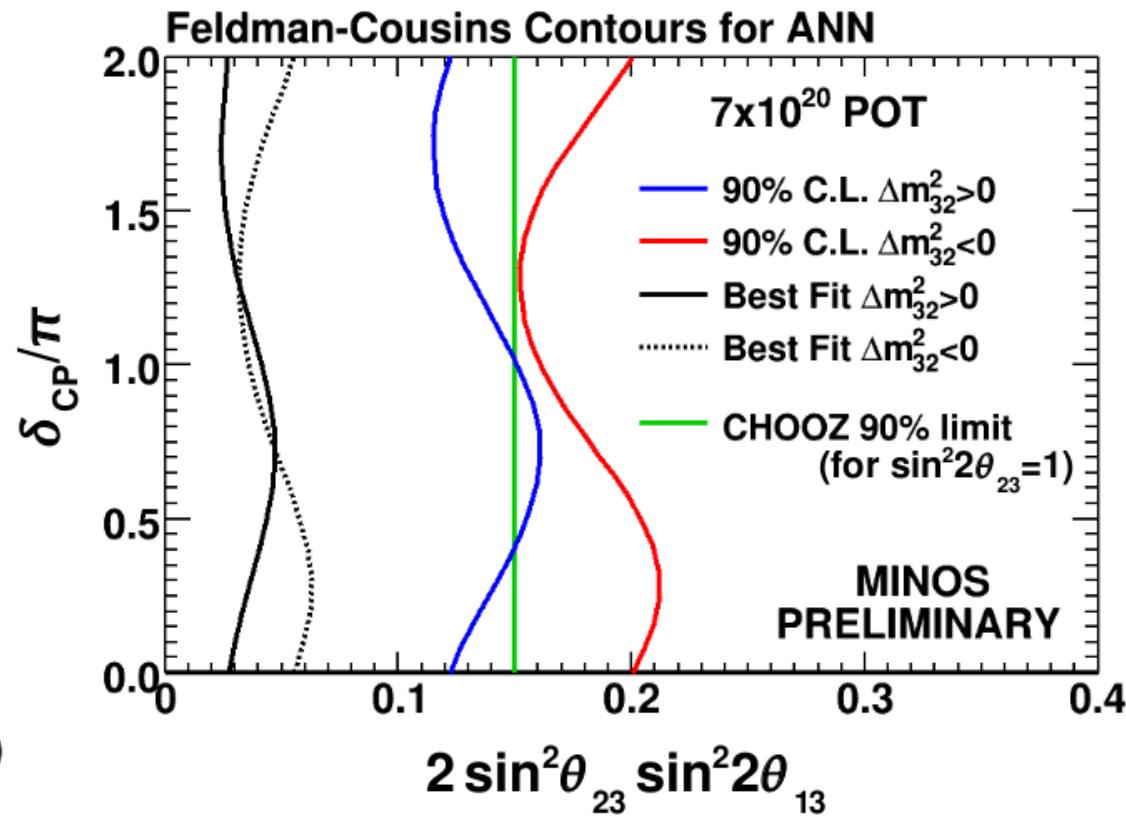
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R. Patterson, FNAL seminar, 9 April 2010

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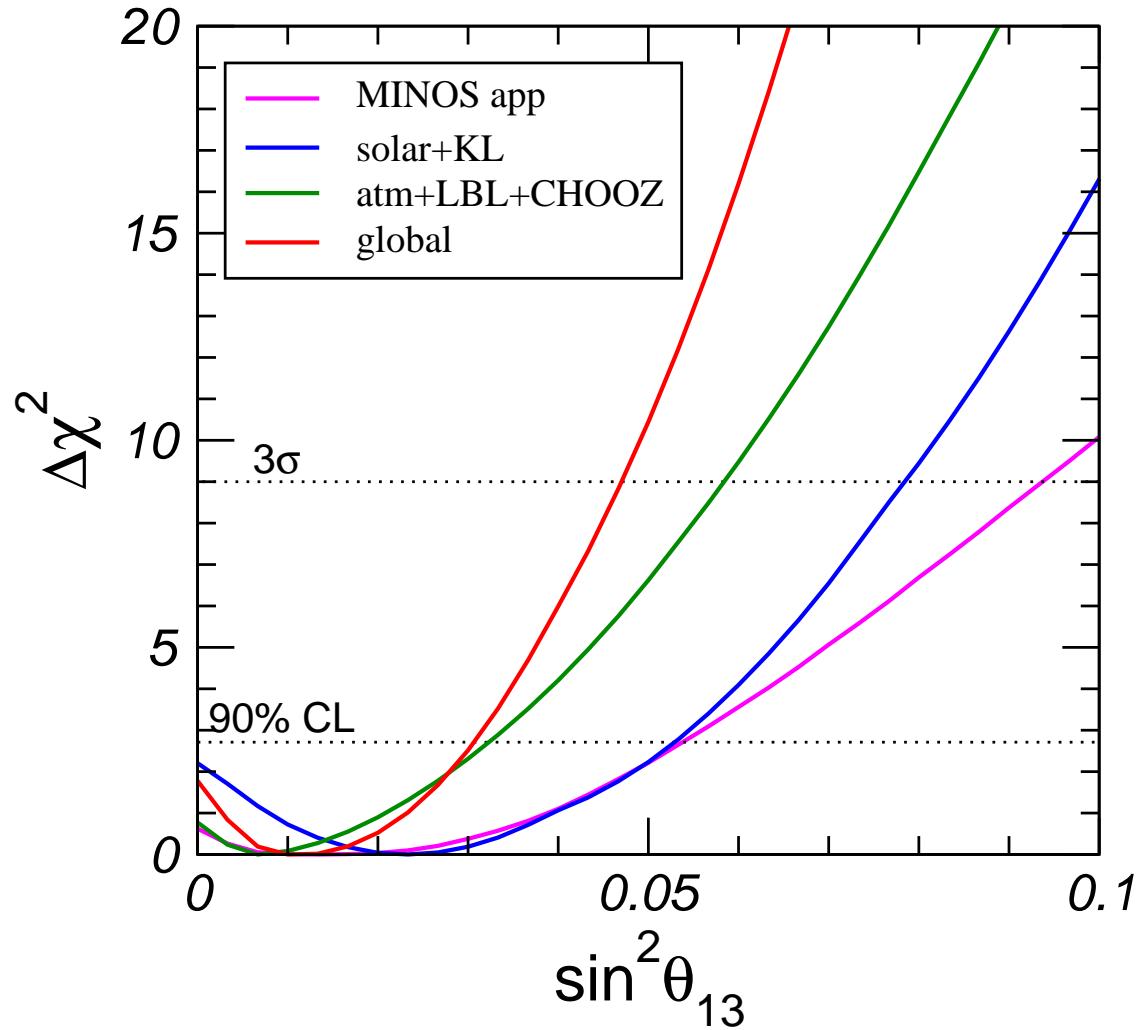
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reference	best-fit and $1\sigma$ errors	significance
Fogli et al. [84]	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.02 \pm 0.01$	$2\sigma$
Gonzalez-Garcia et al. [18] (GS98)	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0095^{+0.013}_{-0.007}$	$1.3\sigma$
Gonzalez-Garcia et al. [18] (AGSS09)	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.008^{+0.012}_{-0.007}$	$1.1\sigma$
Schwetz et al. [14] (GS98)	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.013^{+0.013}_{-0.010}$	$1.5\sigma$
Schwetz et al. [14] (AGSS09)	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.010^{+0.013}_{-0.008}$	$1.3\sigma$

[84] Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Palazzo, Rotunno, arxiv:0905.3549 (MINOS 2010 not yet incl.)

[18] Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, 1001.4524

[14] TS, Tortola, Valle, 0808.2016 (updated 2010)

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# **Upcoming oscillation experiments and the race for $\theta_{13}$**

# *Measuring $\theta_{13}$ at reactors*

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⇒ bring stat. and syst. errors below % level:

- make the experiment “big”:

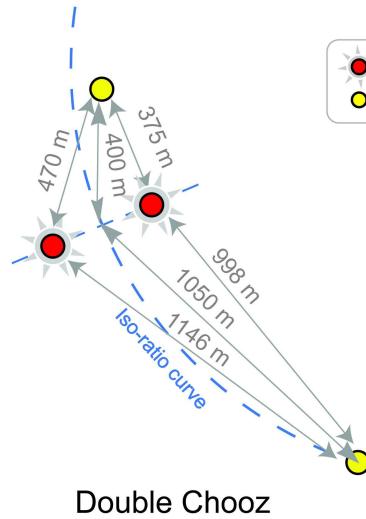
$$\sigma_{\text{stat}} \approx 1/\sqrt{N} = 0.5\% \quad \Rightarrow \quad N \approx 40\,000$$

$$N \simeq 23\,000 \, (L/\text{km})^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{GW}_{\text{th}}^{-1} (100 \, \text{t})^{-1}$$

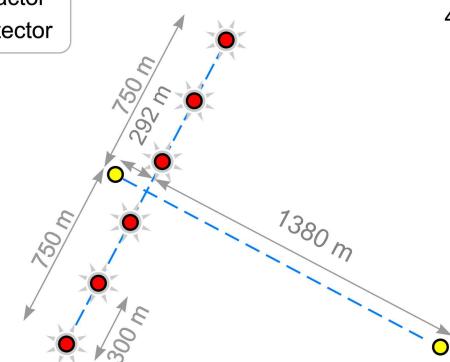
- careful design to reduce systematics  
near/far comparison

# Upcoming reactor experiments

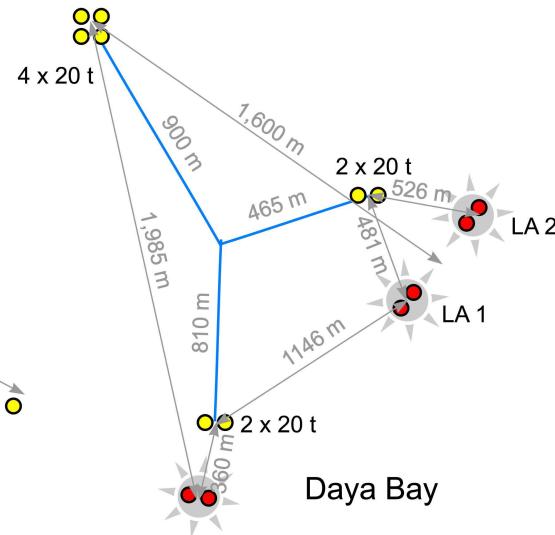
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RENO



Daya Bay



$$P = 8.6 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$$

$$P = 16.4 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$$

$$P = 17.4 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$$

$$M = 8.3 \text{ t}$$

$$M = 15.4 \text{ t}$$

$$M = 80 \text{ t}$$

$$N = 1.5 \times 10^4$$

$$N = 3 \times 10^4$$

$$N = 10^5$$

$M$ ... far detector mass

$N$ ... # events in far detector per year

# *Measuring $\theta_{13}$ at beams by $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$*

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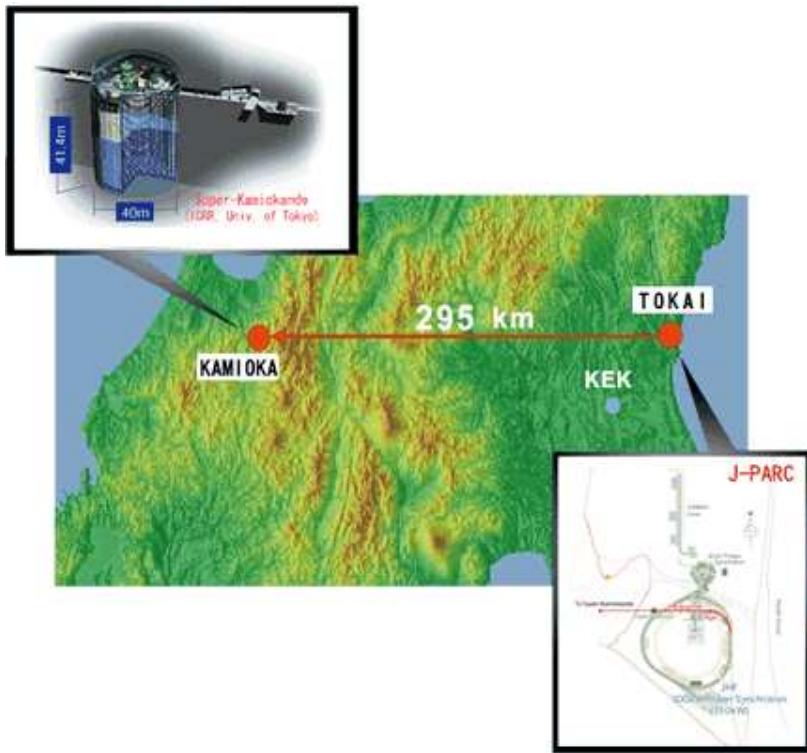
- $P_{\mu e}$  is a complicated function of all 3-flavour parameters

$\theta_{13}$  is correlated with other parameters  
(CP-phase  $\delta$ , sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )

# *Upcoming superbeam experiments*

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**T2K**

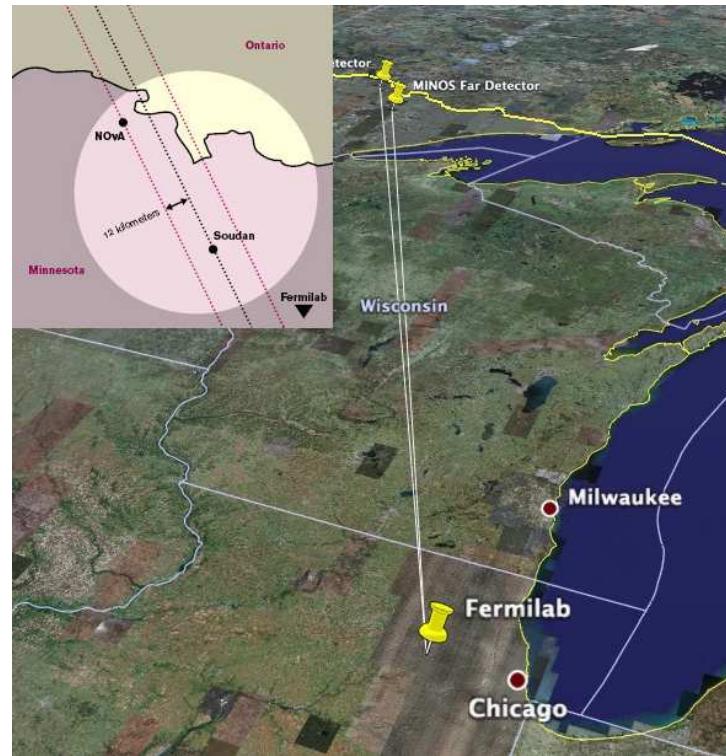


$$P = 0.75 \text{ MW}$$

$$L = 295 \text{ km}$$

SuperK WC,  $M = 22.5 \text{ kt}$

**NO $\nu$ A**



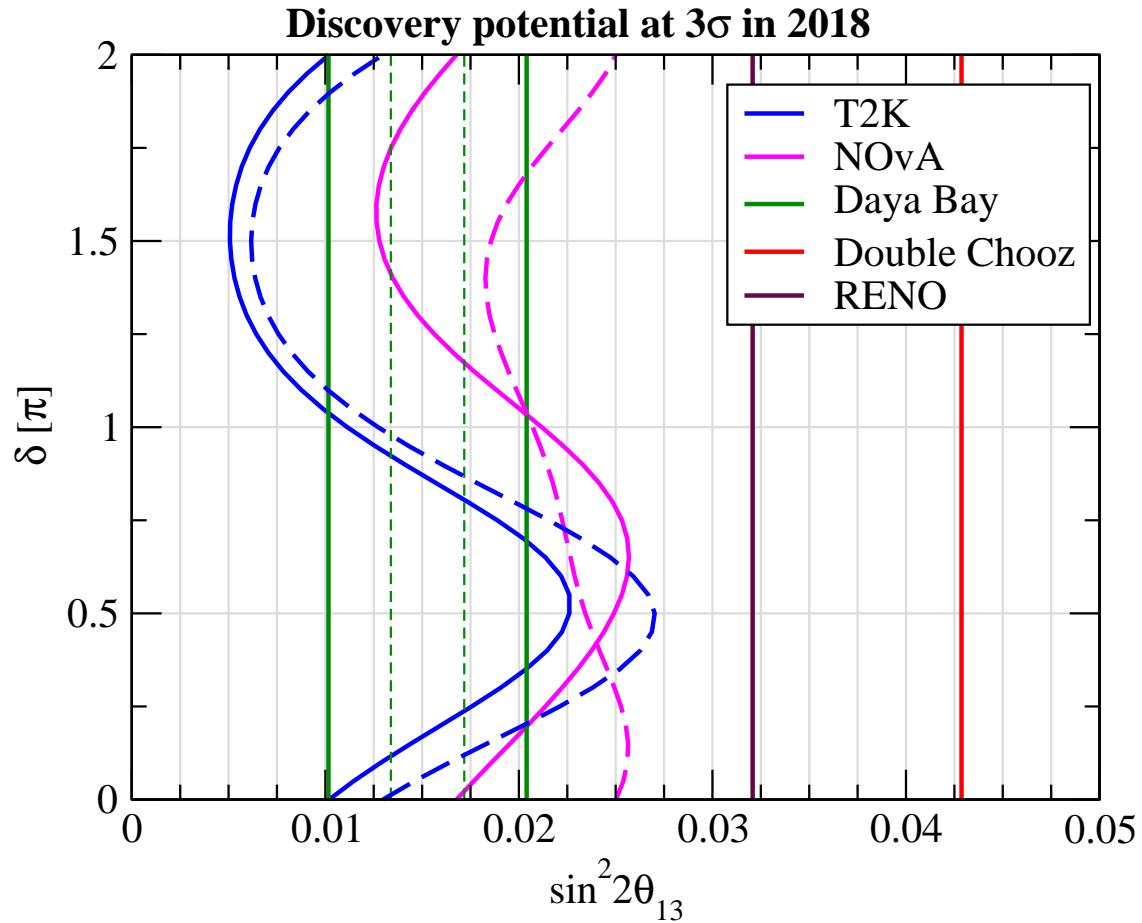
$$P = 0.7 \text{ MW}$$

$$L = 812 \text{ km}$$

TASD,  $M = 15 \text{ kt}$

# Prospects for $\theta_{13}$

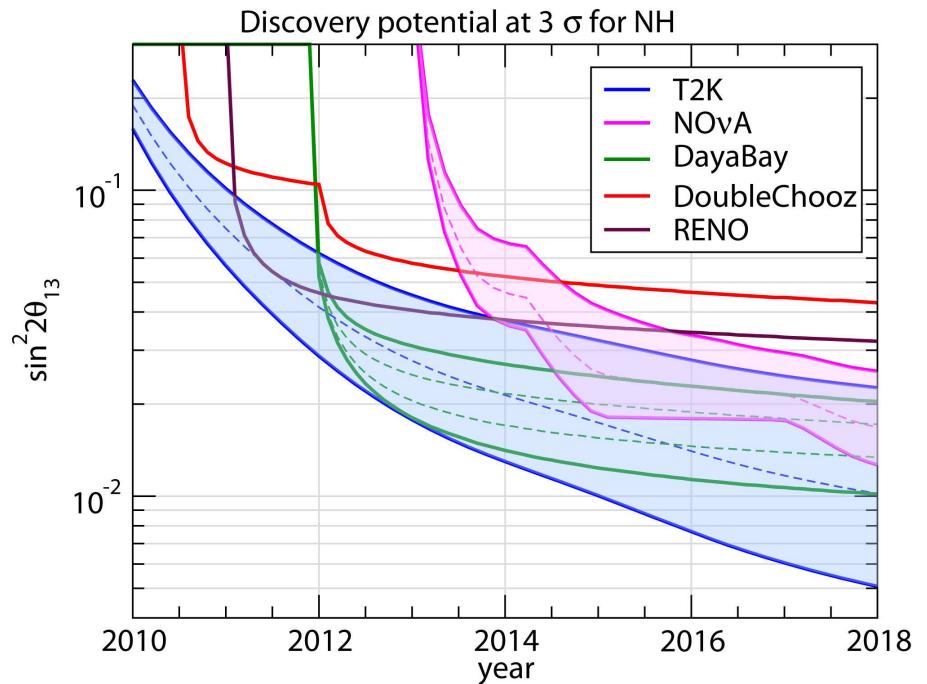
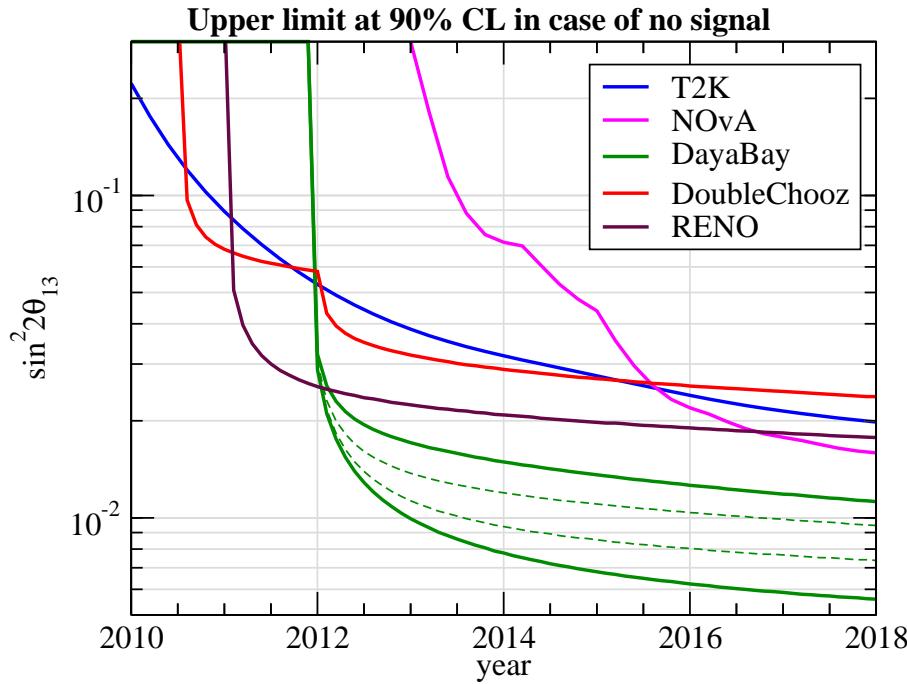
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solid (dashed): NH (IH)

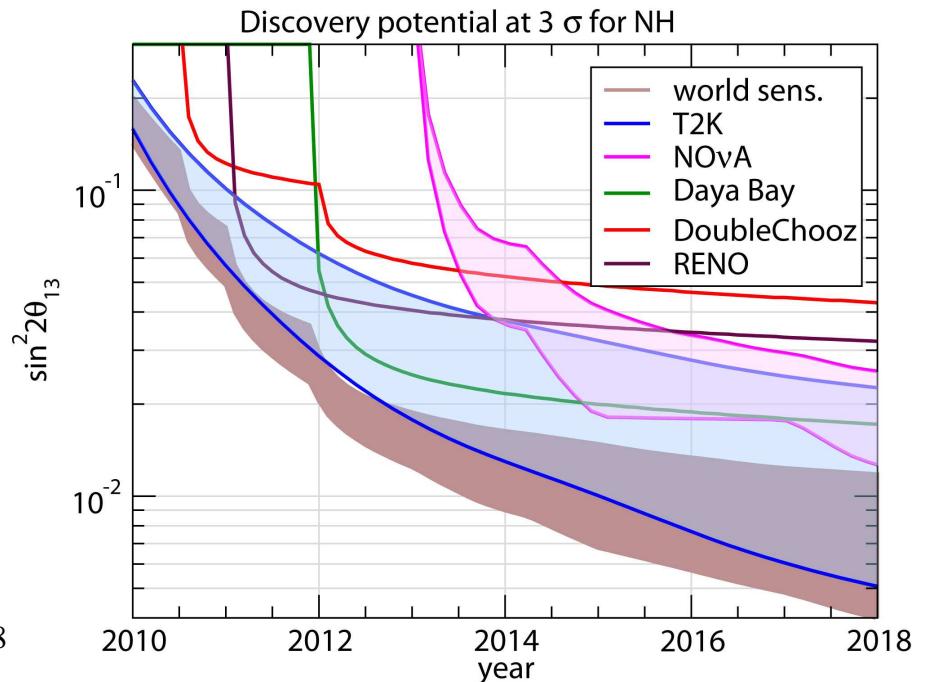
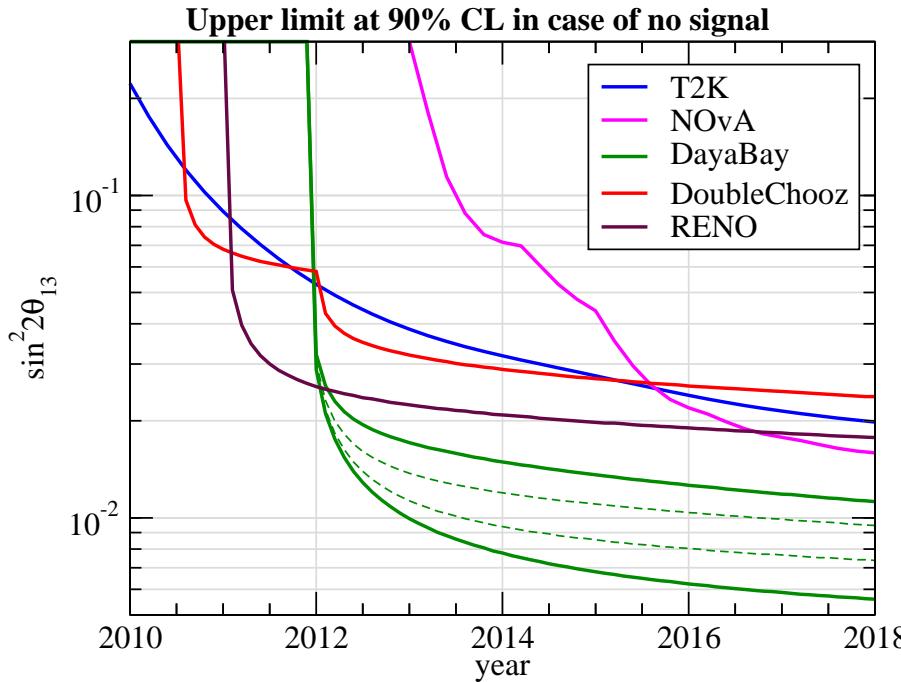
DayaBay:  $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 0.6\% \text{ corr}, 0.38\% \text{ corr}, 0.38\% \text{ uncorr}, 0.18\% \text{ uncorr}$

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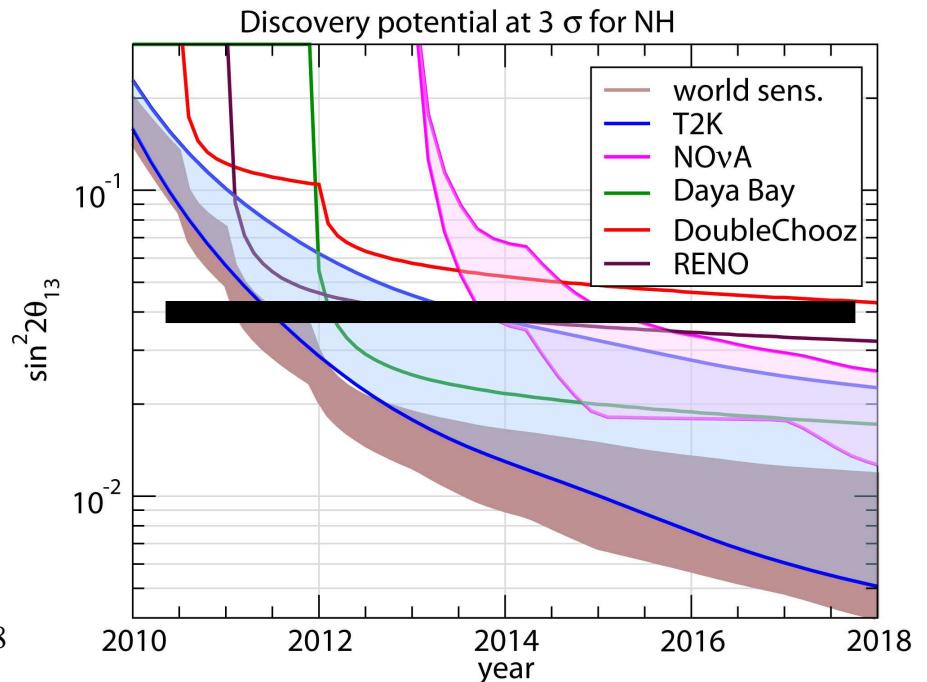
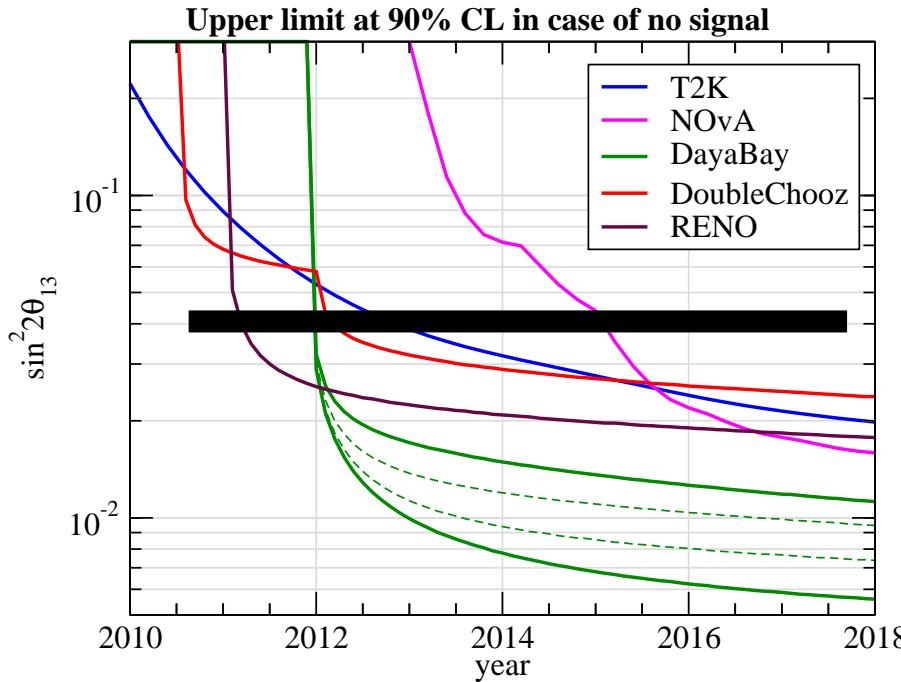
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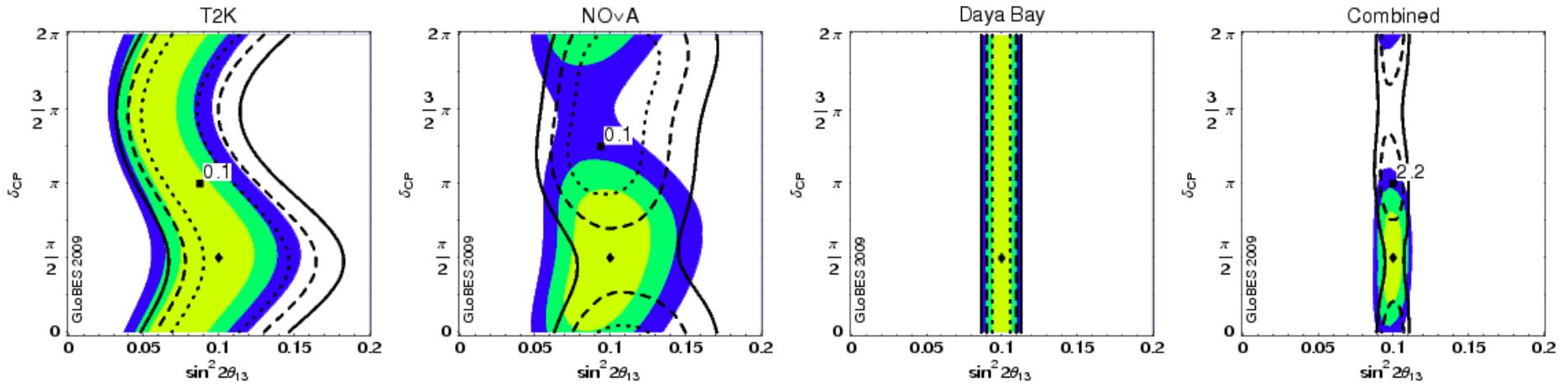
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“hint”:  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.01$

Assume “large”  $\theta_{13}$ : can we measure CPV and the mass hierarchy with the upcoming generation of experiments?



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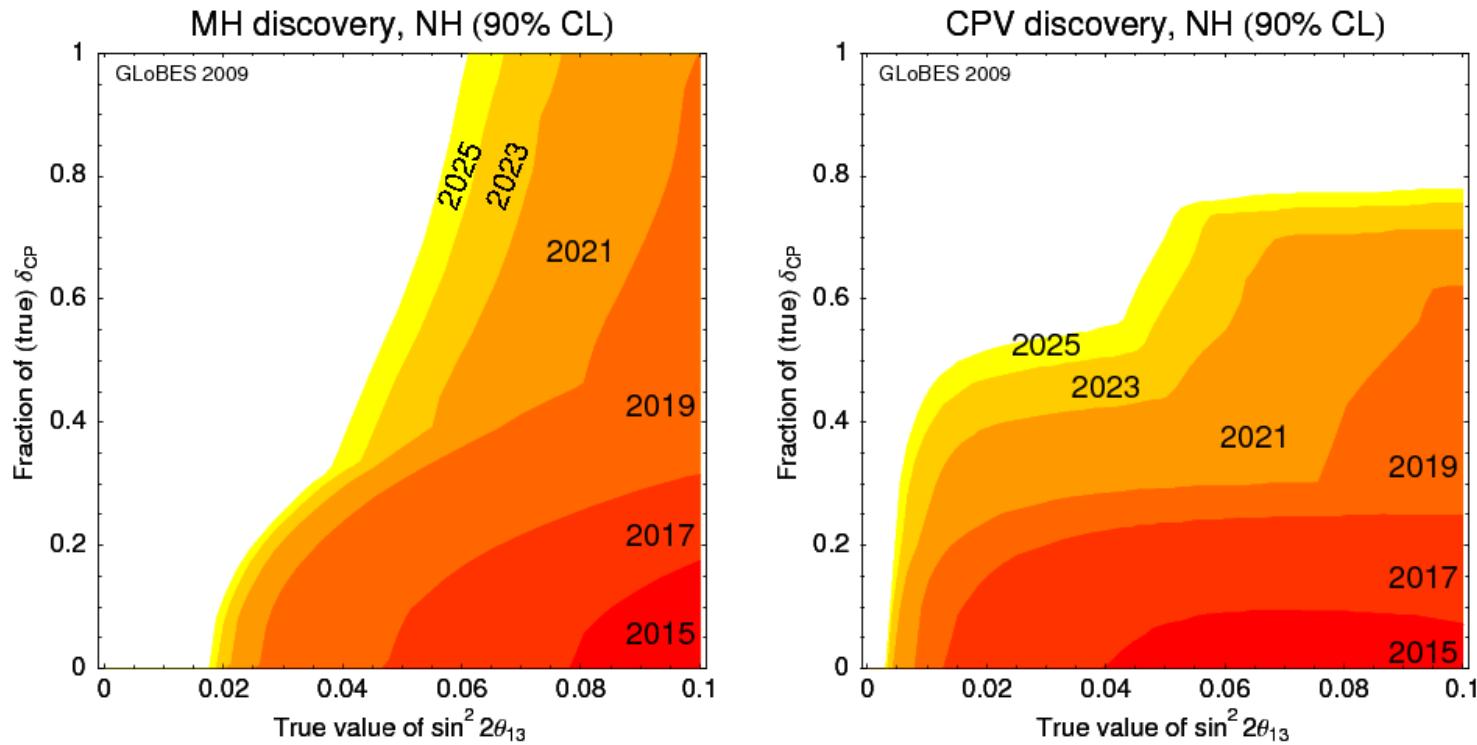
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toy scenario:

- **T2K**: proton driver @ 2015: beam power  $0.75 \rightarrow 1.66$  MW
- **NO $\nu$ A**: project X @ 2018: beam power  $0.7 \rightarrow 2.3$  MW
- combined data from **T2K**, **NO $\nu$ A**, **Daya Bay**
- fully optimized  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  switching between **T2K** and **NO $\nu$ A**

# *MH & CPV with T2K & NOvA & DayaB*

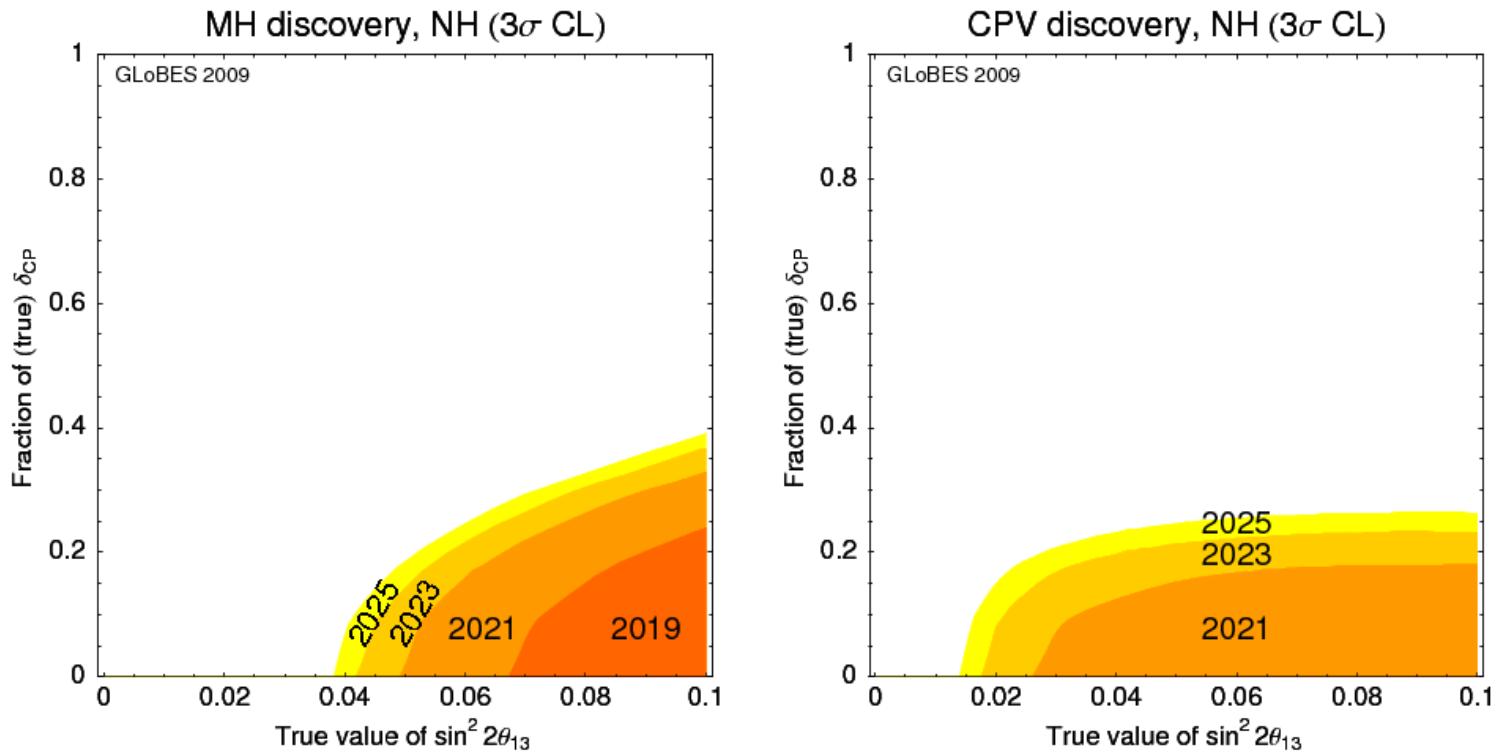
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# **Conclusions**

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- Hints for a finite  $\theta_{13}$  in the global fit are at the  $1\sigma$  level, driven by solar+KamLAND data (some dependence on solar model)
- Hints from SK-I atmospheric data are fragile and seem not to persist in SK-II and SK-III data.
- An initial hint from MINOS appearance data is now below  $1\sigma$
- Within next few years there is good prospect to explore the

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \gtrsim 0.01 \quad (\sin^2 \theta_{13} \gtrsim 0.0025)$$

range.