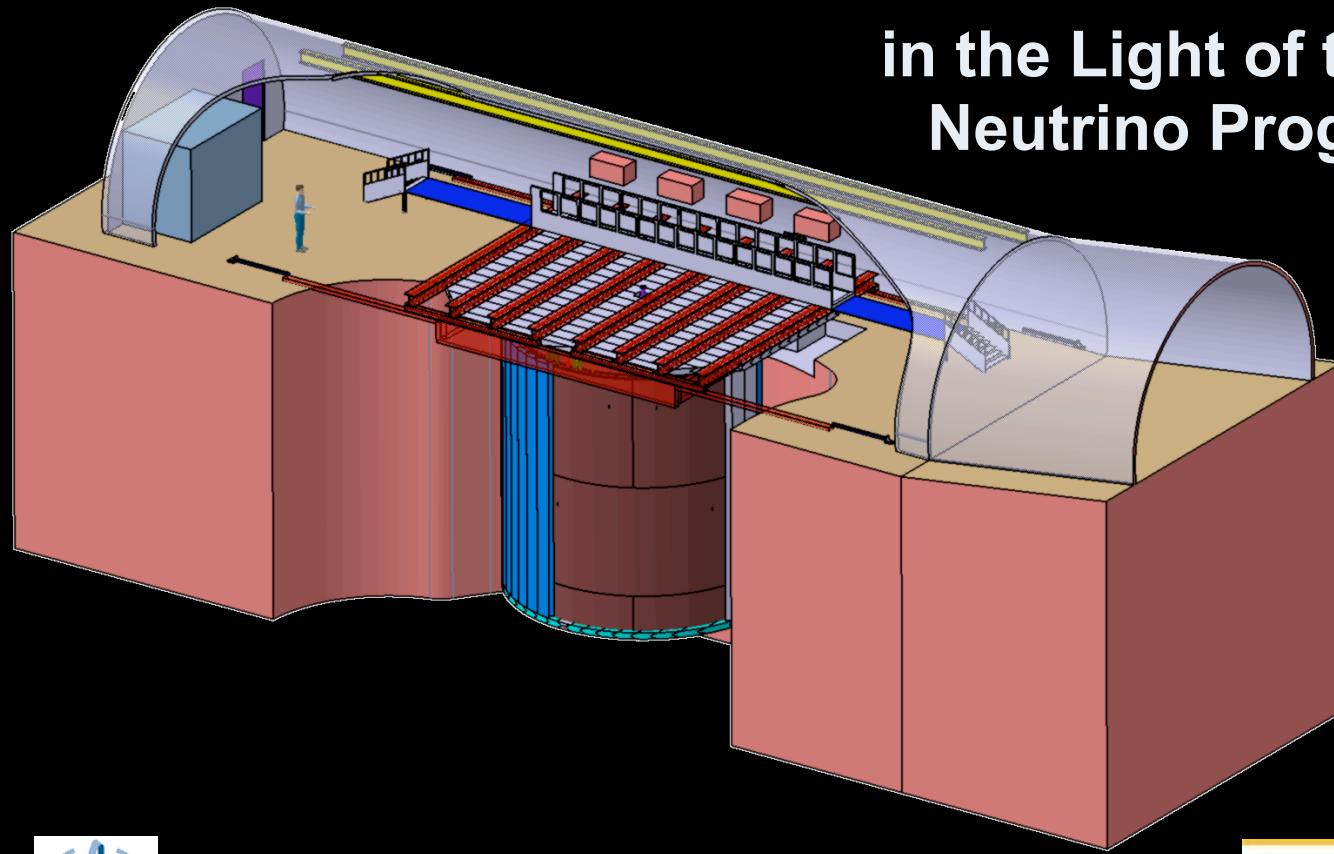


# Double Chooz

in the Light of the Reactor  
Neutrino Program for  $\theta_{13}$



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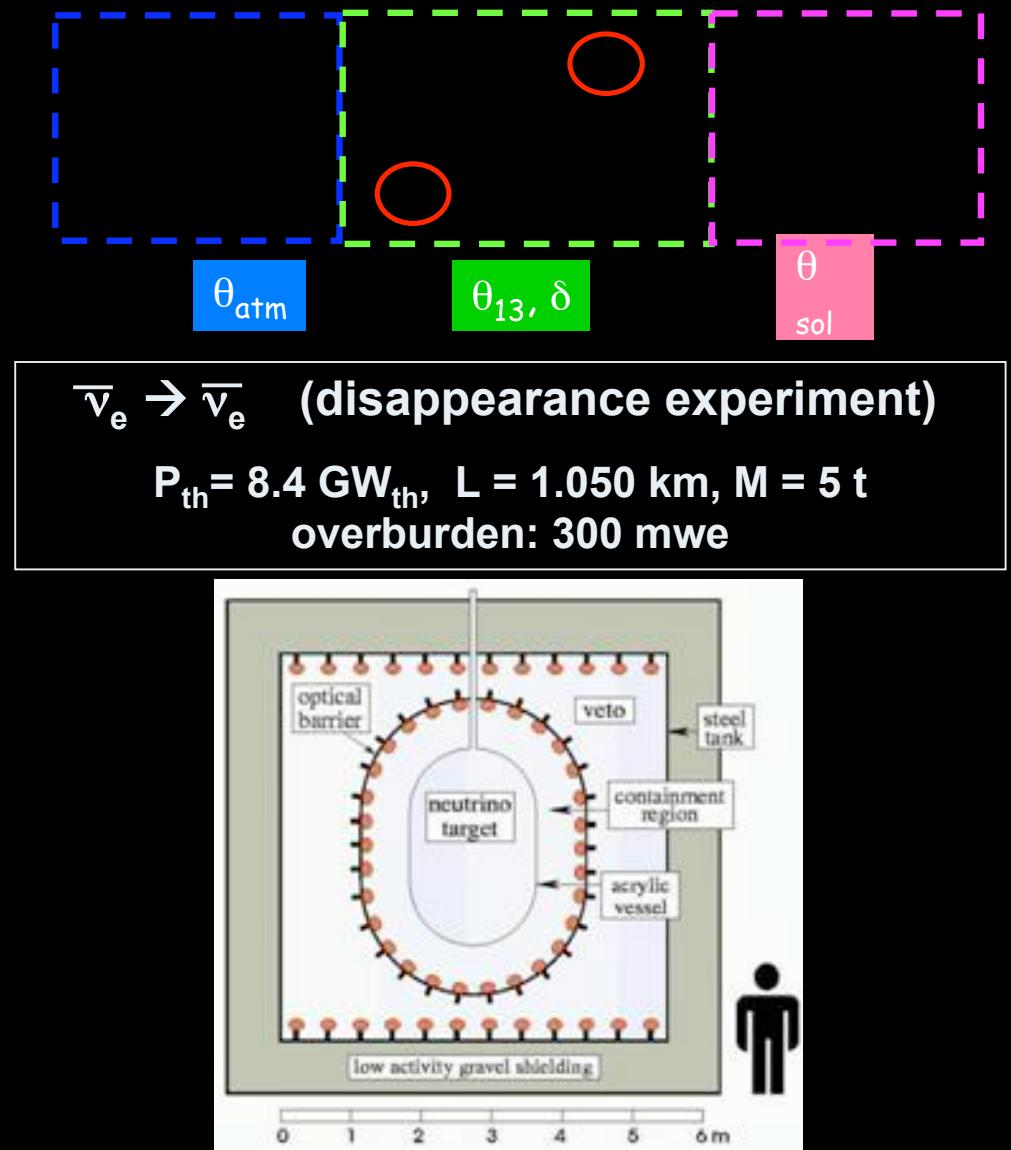
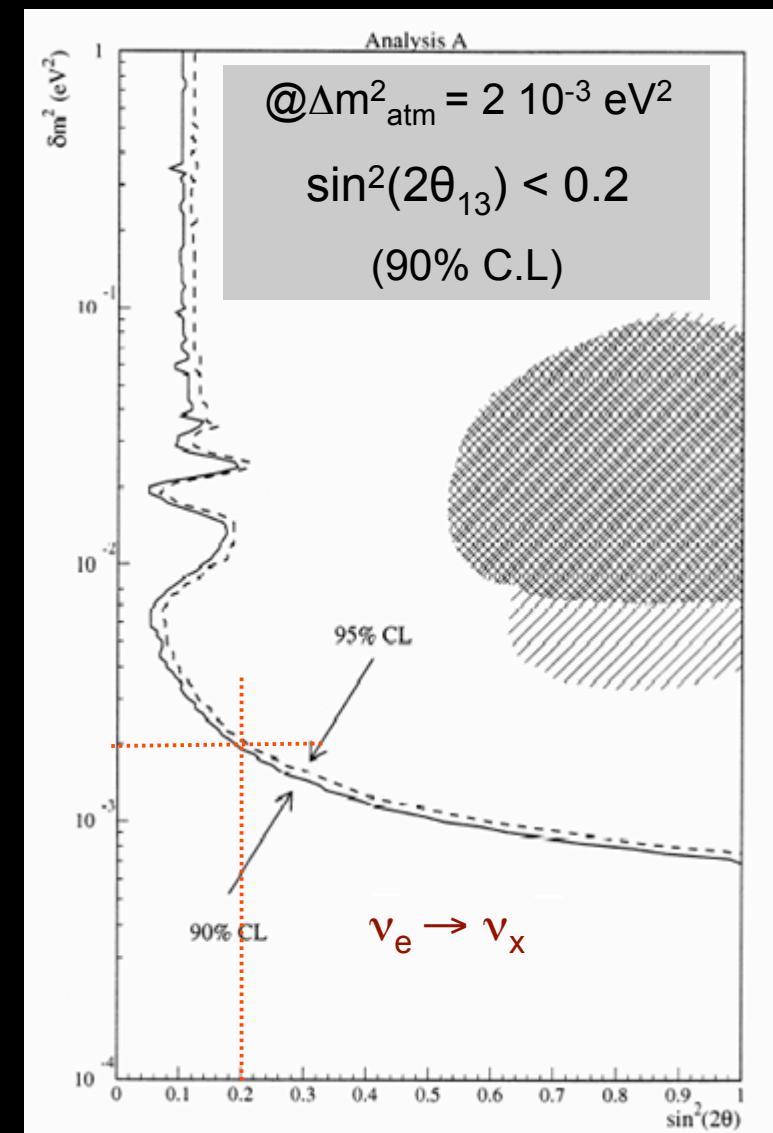


<http://doublechooz.in2p3.fr/>





# Best current constraint: CHOOZ



# $\theta_{13}$ & beam experiments

Appearance probability :  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{app}} \simeq & \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2[(1 - \hat{A})\Delta]}{(1 - \hat{A})^2} \\
 & \pm \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \xi \sin \delta_{\text{CP}} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1 - \hat{A})\Delta]}{(1 - \hat{A})} \\
 & + \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \xi \cos \delta_{\text{CP}} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1 - \hat{A})\Delta]}{(1 - \hat{A})} \\
 & + \alpha^2 \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{A}\Delta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F n_e L$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \simeq 0.03, \\
 \Delta &\equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}, \\
 \xi &\equiv \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23}.
 \end{aligned}$$

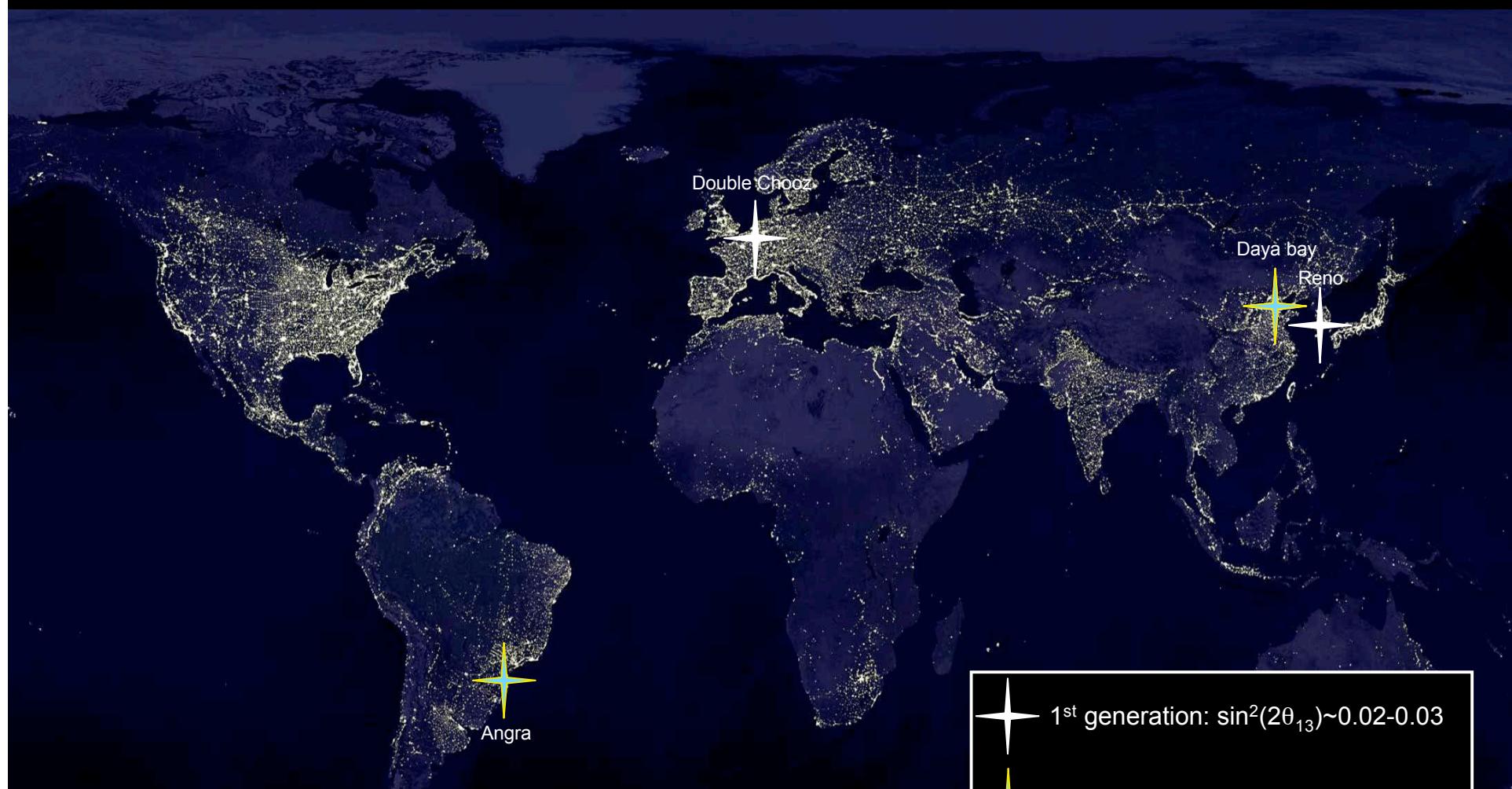
→ other dependences:  $\sin(2\theta_{23})$ ,  $\sin(\theta_{23})$ , sign( $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ), δ-CP phase in  $[0, 2\pi]$

# $\theta_{13}$ & reactor experiments

- $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim$  a few MeV → only disappearance experiments  
→  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$  measurement independent of δ-CP
- $1 - P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta m_{31}^2 L / 4E) + O(\Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2)$   
→ weak dependence in  $\Delta m_{21}^2$
- a few MeV  $\nu_e$  + short baselines → negligible matter effects ( $O[10^{-4}]$ )  
 $\rightarrow \sin^2(2\theta_{13})$  measurement independent of sign( $\Delta m_{13}^2$ )



# 2007: Remaining proposals ...

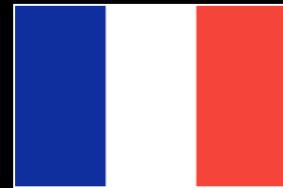


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-  1<sup>st</sup> generation:  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sim 0.02-0.03$
-  2<sup>nd</sup> generation:  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \rightarrow 0.01$



# Double Chooz Collaboration



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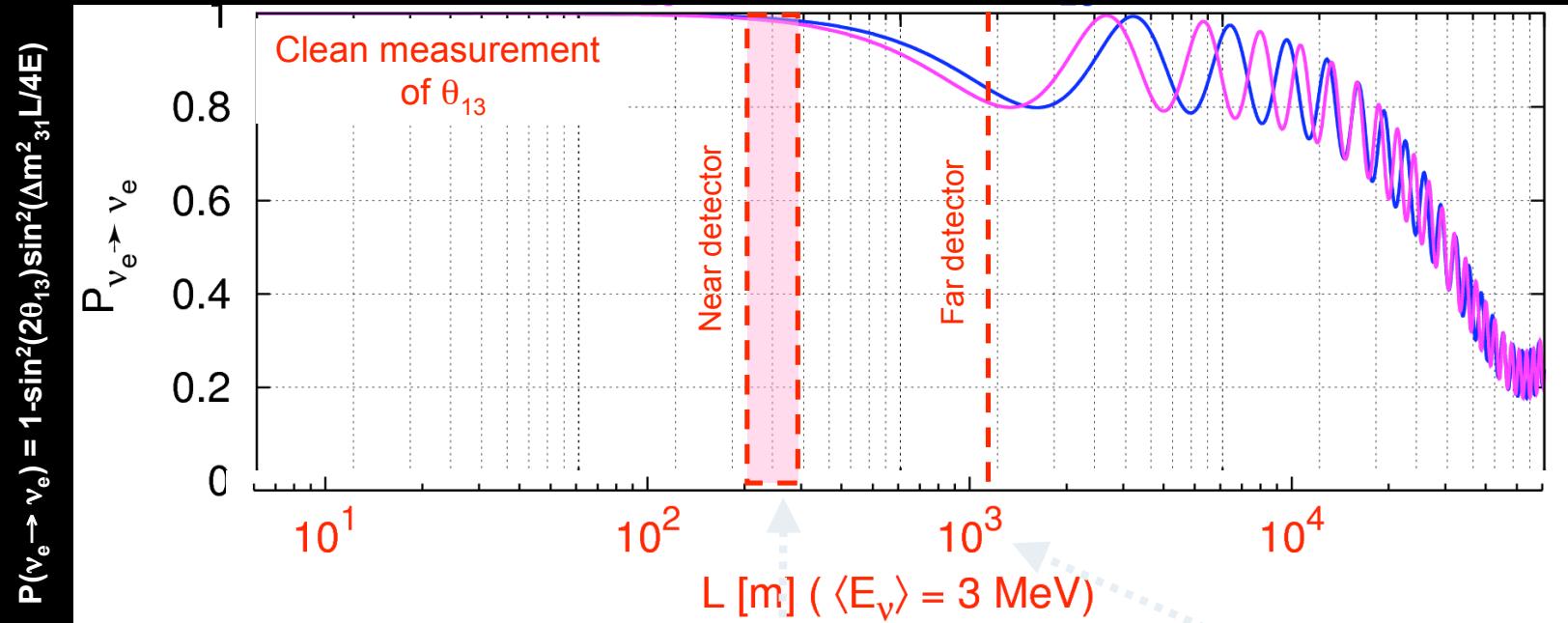
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# The - new - concept



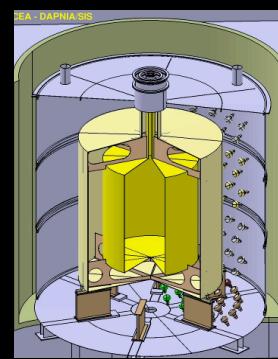
Nuclear power station  
2 cores: 4.27 GW<sub>th</sub>



Électron antineutrinos  
flux :  $10^{21} \nu_e/\text{s}^-$



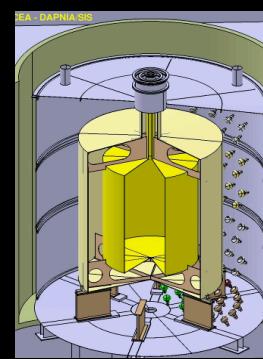
Near detector



$\sim 250$  m



Far detector

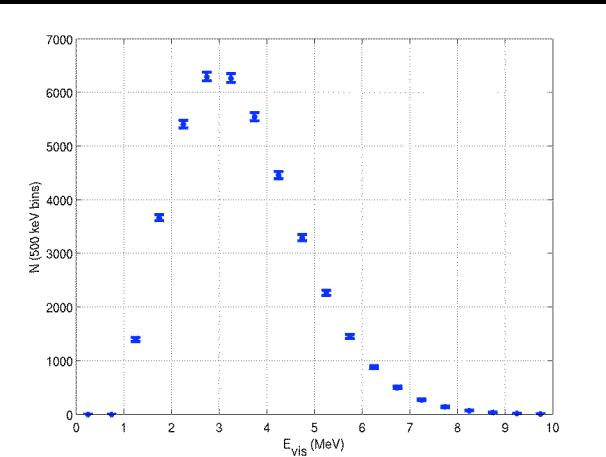


$1050$  m

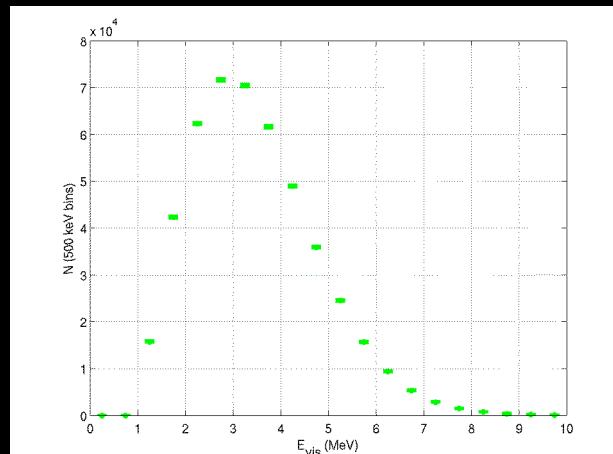
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# Expected Oscillation Signal



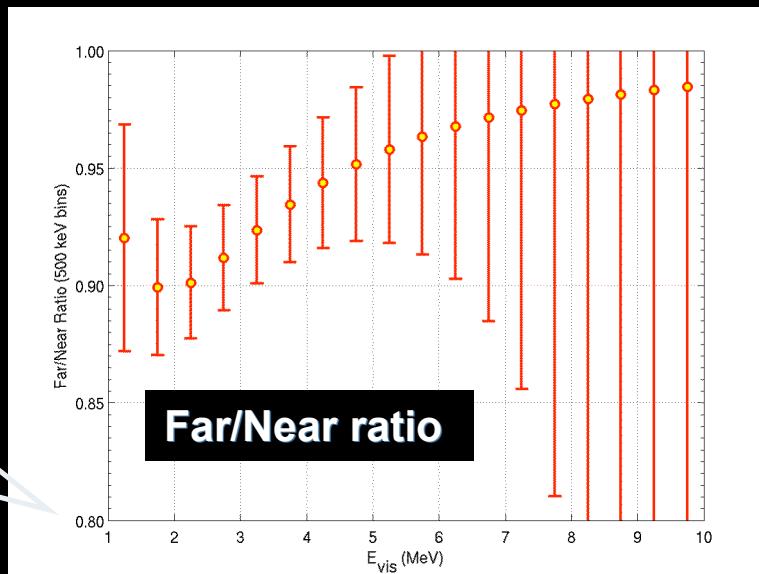
Far Spectrum



Near Spectrum

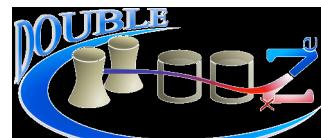
$$\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}} = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.12$$



Far/Near ratio

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# The Chooz site in French Ardennes



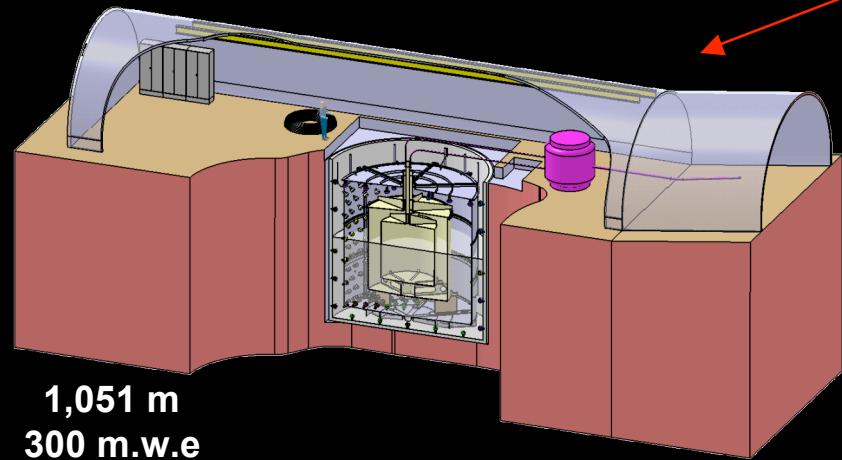
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# 1 km site

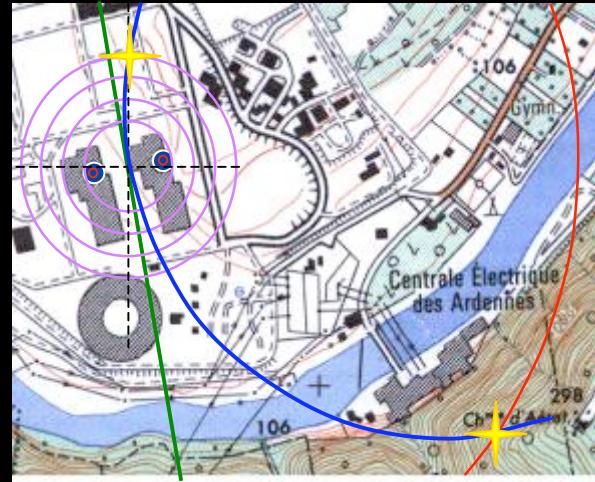


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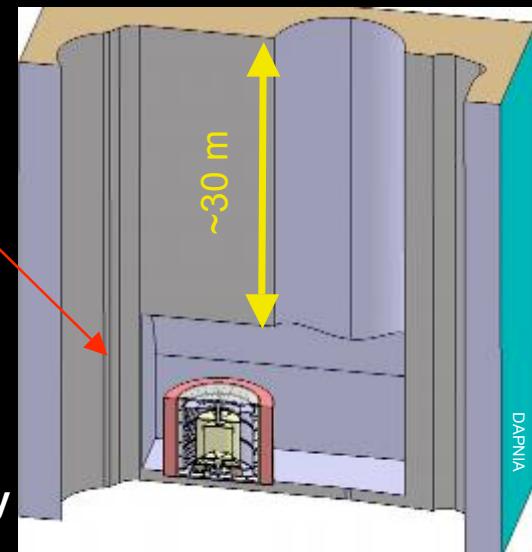


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# 274 m site



$\mu$  flux  $\times \sim 10$   
274 m  
80 m.w.e  
162 260 events/y



Integration end of 2009

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# Improving CHOOZ: summary

@CHOOZ:  $R = 1.01 \pm 2.8\%(\text{stat}) \pm 2.7\%(\text{syst})$

## - Statistical error -

	CHOOZ	Double-Chooz
Target volume	$5,55 \text{ m}^3$	$10,3 \text{ m}^3$
Target composition	$6,77 \cdot 10^{28} \text{ H/m}^3$	$6,82 \cdot 10^{28} \text{ H/m}^3$
Data taking period	Few months	3-5 years
Event rate	2700	CHOOZ-far : $40\,000/3 \text{ y}$ CHOOZ-near: $>1\,10^6/3 \text{ y}$
Statistical error	2,7%	0,5%

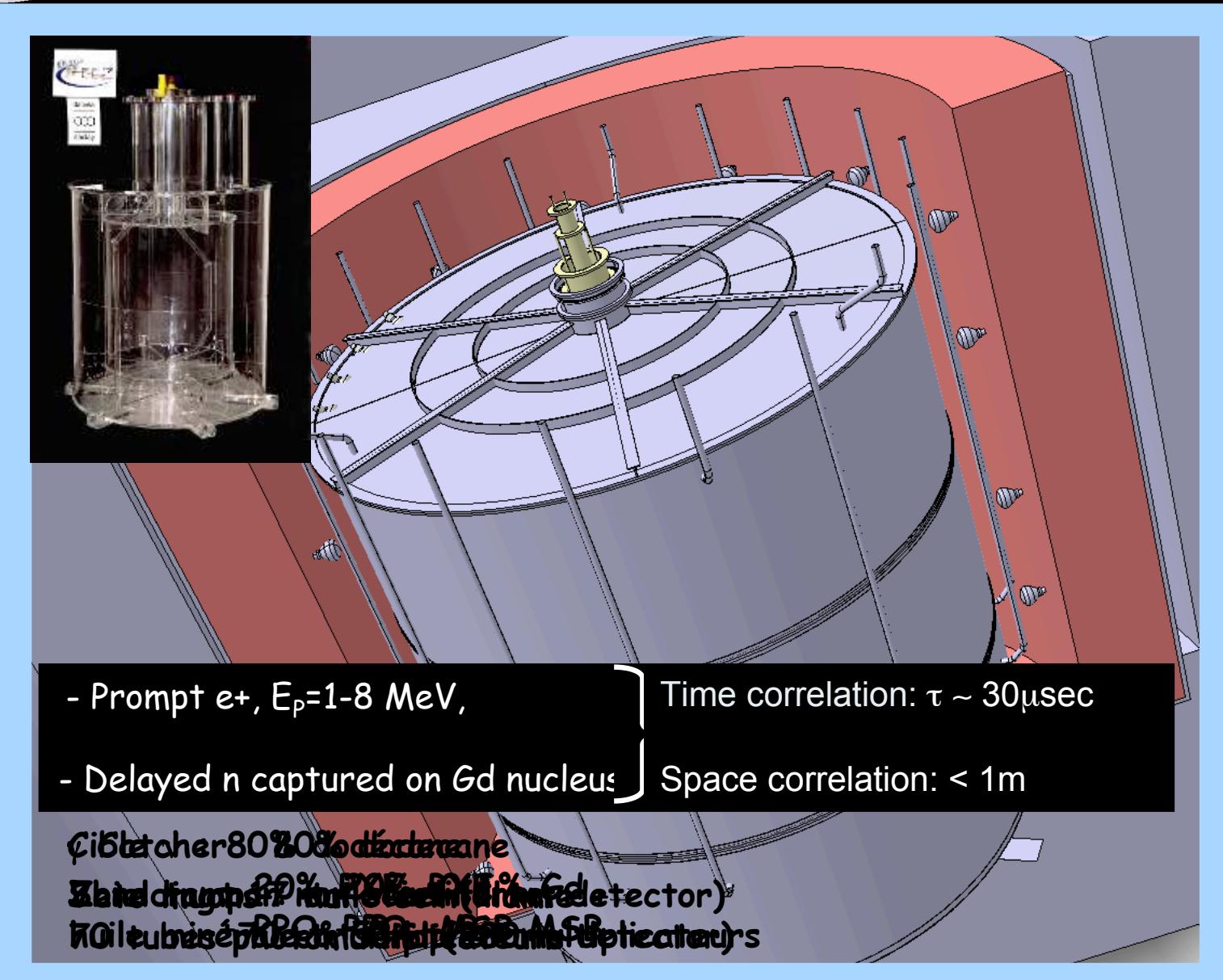
Luminosity increase  $L = \Delta t \times P(\text{GW}) \times N_p$

## - Systematic & Background errors -

	Chooz	Double-Chooz
Reactor cross section	1.9 %	—
Number of protons	0.8 %	0.2 %
Detector efficiency	1.5 %	0.5 %
Reactor power	0.7 %	—
Energy per fission	0.6 %	—

Improve the detector concept  
Two identical detectors → towards  $\sigma_{\text{relative}} < 0,6\%$   
Careful backgrounds control → error < 1%

# 2002-2005: Detector design





# 2004-2007: Detector design

Calibration Glove-Box :

Outer Veto :  
Scintillator panels

Target  $\nu$  :  $10,3 \text{ m}^3$   
 $80\% \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26} + 20\% \text{PXE} + 0,1\% \text{Gd}$   
+ PPO + Bis-MSB

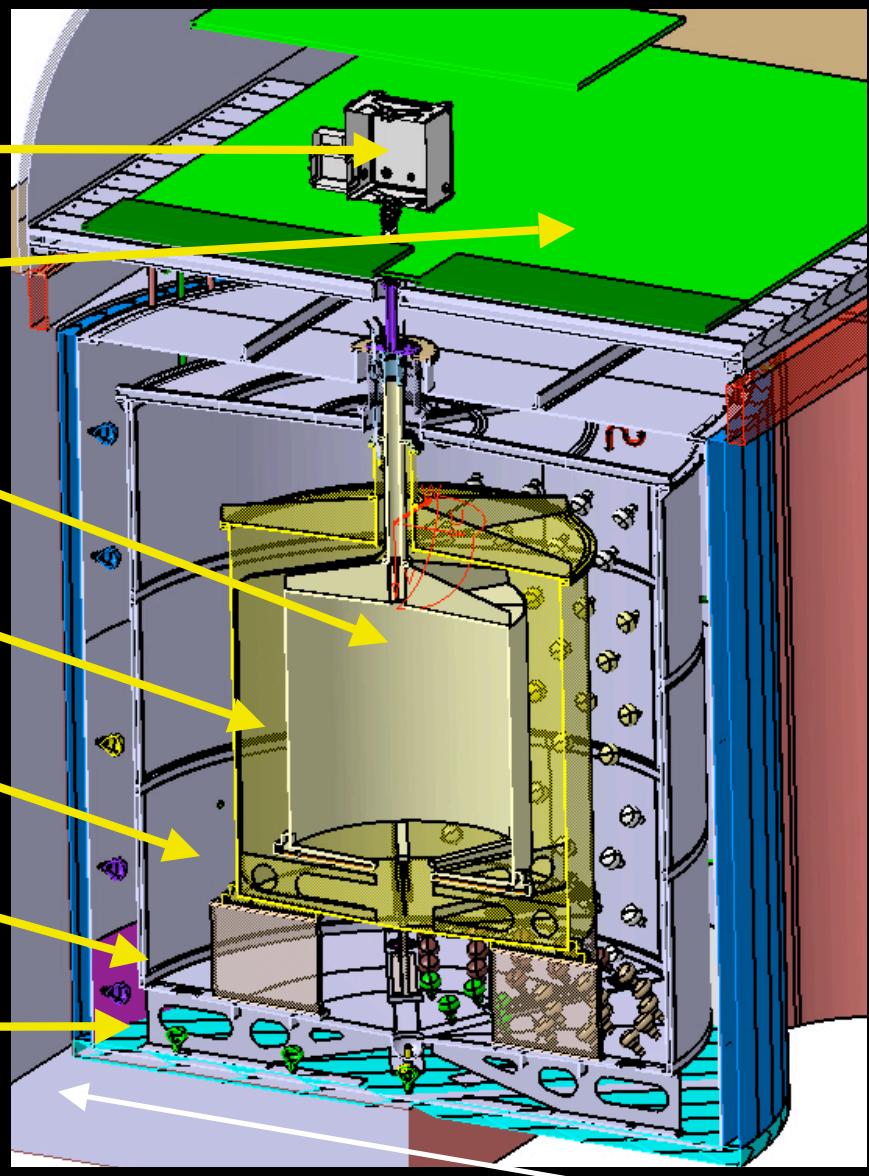
$\gamma$  Catcher :  $22,6 \text{ m}^3$   
 $80\% \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26} + 20\% \text{PXE} + \text{PPO} + \text{Bis-MSB}$

Non scintillating Buffer :  $114 \text{ m}^3$   
mineral oil

Buffer vessel & 360 10" PMTs :  
Stainless steel 3 mm

Inner Muon Veto :  $90 \text{ m}^3$   
mineral oil + 70 8" PMTs

Steel Shielding :  
17 cm steel, All around



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7 m

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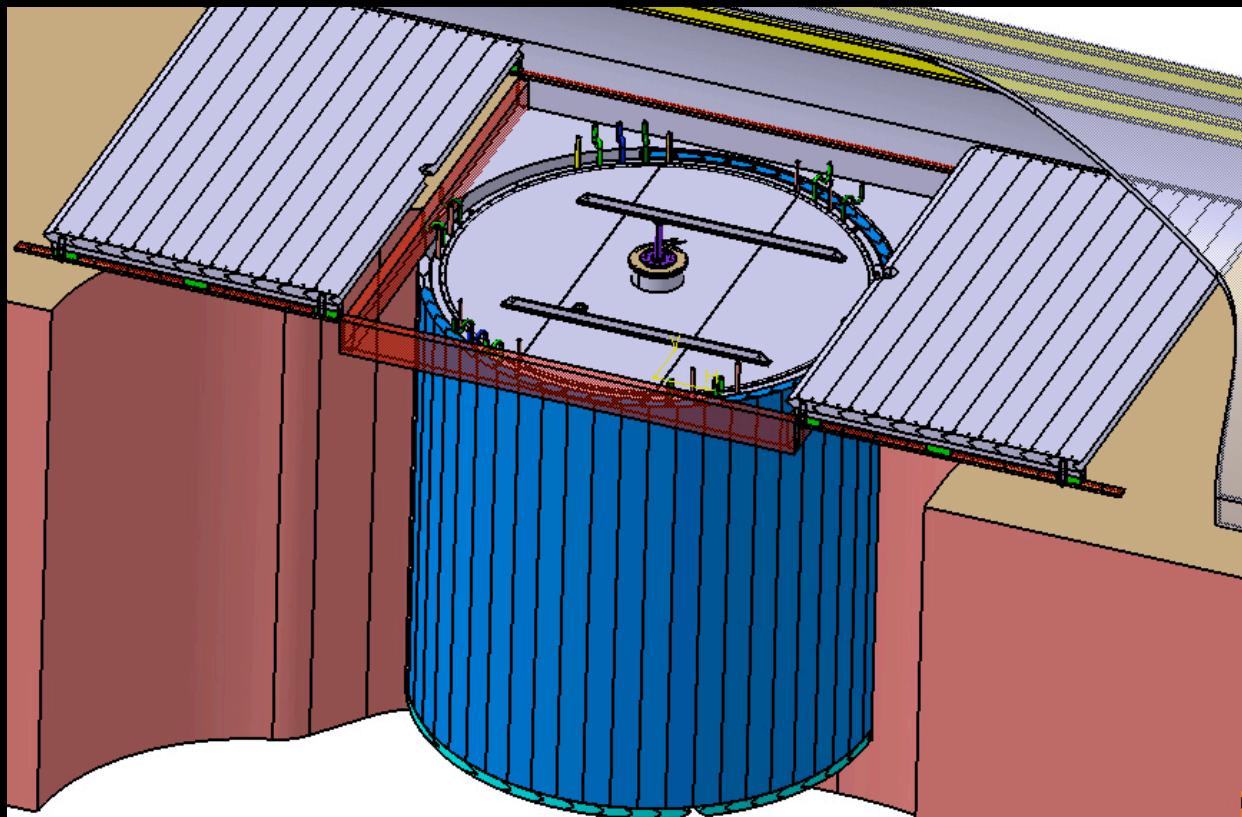
# Mechanics: Acrylics and Buffer

Vessel	Dimension	Distortion	Stress	Transport & Integration
	<p><b>Inputs :</b>          Target : 12 mm  <math>\gamma</math> catcher : 12 m  <b>Loads =</b> dead load</p> <p><b>Closing R&amp;D Radiopurity test Contract 2007/8</b></p>	 distortion : <1 mm	 VM stress: 1 MPa	
	<p><b>Inputs :</b>          Buffer : 3 mm</p> <p><b>Loads =</b>          2 kg / pmts + dead load</p> <p><b>Stainless steel delivered</b></p> <p><b>Radiopurity OK</b>          - <math>10^{-9}</math> g/g U/th &amp;          - &lt;20 mBq/kg Co</p>	 distortion : 4.1 mm	 VM stress: 23 MPa	



# $\gamma$ ray shielding & Outer Veto

- $\gamma$ 's from rock radioactivity dominate the single rate in the Target+GC (no shield)
- Shielding with **17 cm** of low radioactive steel  
→ 250 tons of steel to be assembled in bars & 1 cm thick steel vessel guarantees the tightness
- Steel bars demagnetization under preparation
- Call for the bid December 2006 → order to company soon



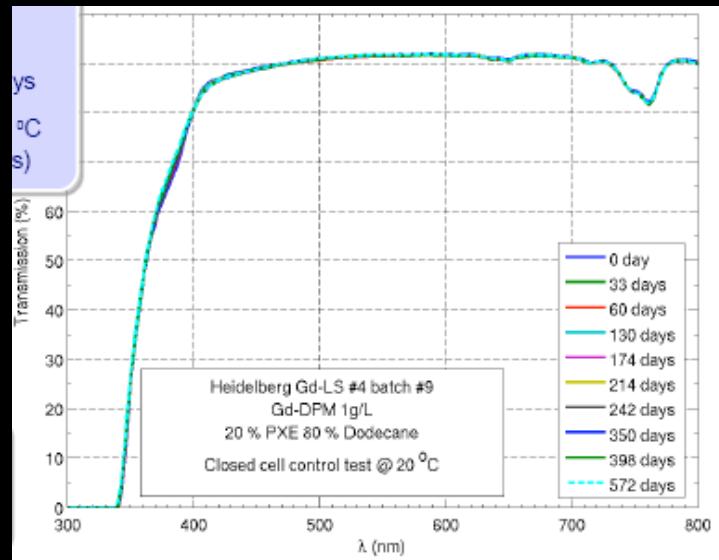
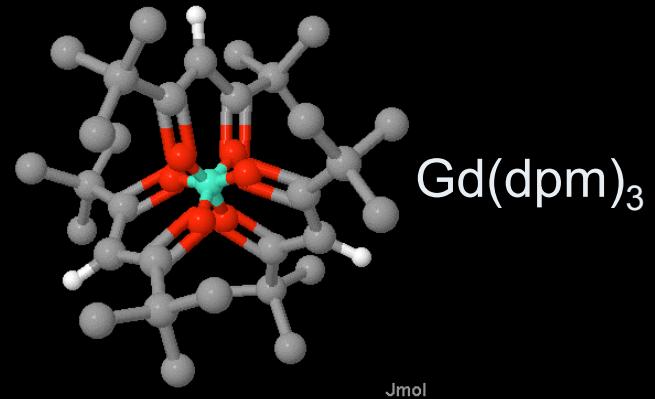
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# Gd doped scintillator

- Solvant: 20% PXE – 80% Dodecane
- Gd loading: being developed @MPIK
  - 0.1% Gd loading of Gd-dmp (Beta Diketonate)
  - Long term Stability promising
  - LY ~7000 ph/MeV: 6 g/l PPO + 50 mg/l Bis-MSB
  - Attenuation length: 5-10 m meters at 420 nm
  - Radiopurity → U:  $10^{-12}$  g/g - Th:  $10^{-12}$  g/g - K:  $10^{-9}$  g/g



- Heidelberg MPIK → Transition to industrial production of 100 kg of Gd → summer 2007
- On-site storage building available at Chooz → Upgrade will be done in 2007



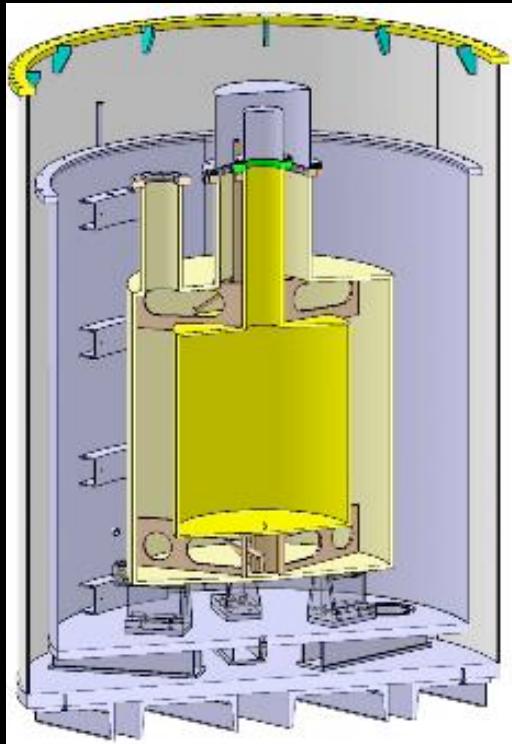
# Technical 1/5 mockup at Saclay

Validation of the technical choices for the vessels : construction, material compatibility, filling, and the integration

Total of 2000 l of oil

Filling 13/12/2005

Stable in the detector



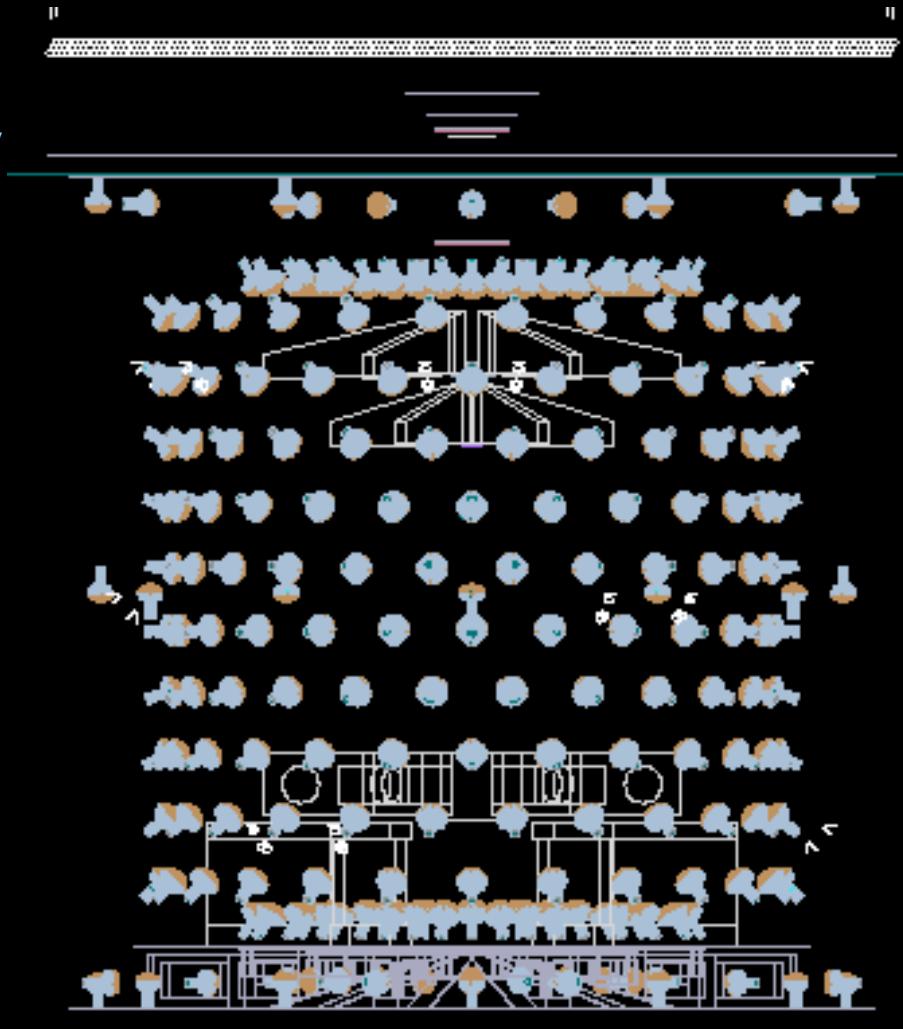
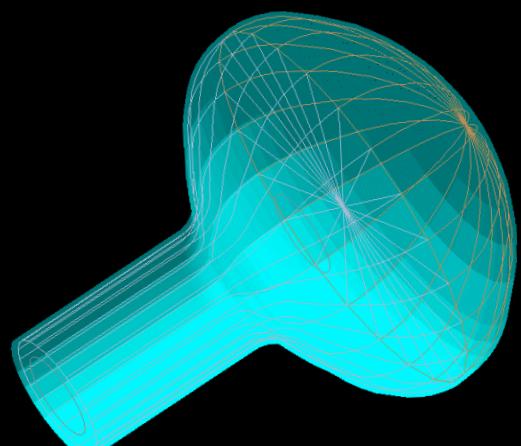
- **Inner Target:** 120 l :  
20%PXE+80%dodecane+0.1%Gd
- **Gamma Catcher:** 220 l :  
20%PXE+80%dodecane





# Phototubes baseline

- 10" Ultra low background tubes + HV
- ~400 PMTs → ~15 % coverage
- Energy resolution goal: 7 % at 1 MeV
- Current work :
  - PMT selection ongoing
  - Radiopurity
  - Angular sensitivity
  - Magnetic shielding
  - Tilting tube options (done)
  - Cabling & Tightness (done)
  - Light concentrator?



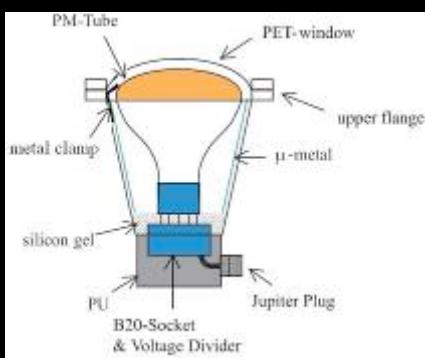
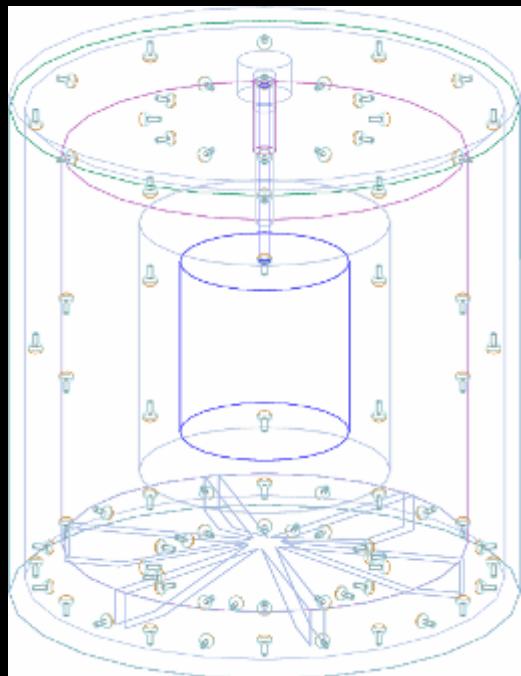
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# Inner and Outer Veto systems

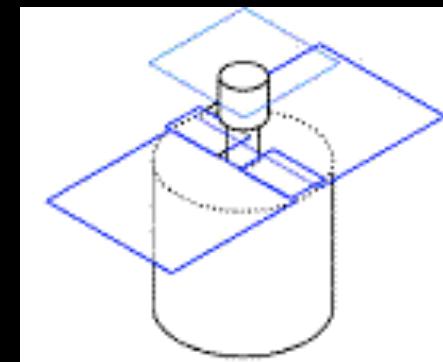
**Inner Veto : Tag  $\mu$  and secondaries. Very high  $\epsilon$  (>99.5%)**



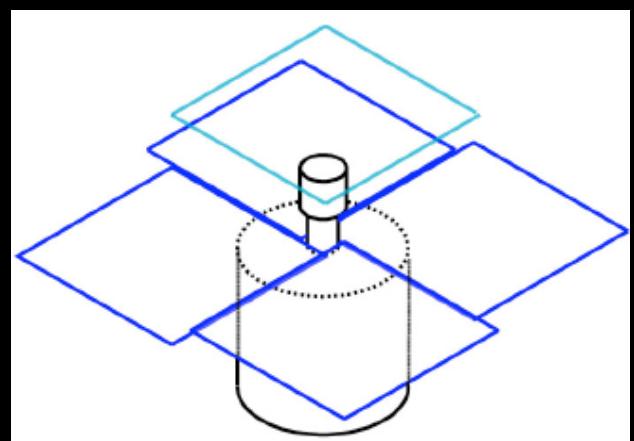
- 50 cm, scintillating mineral oil
- ~70 PMTs (8 inches)
- Reflective walls (paint + Tyvek)

**Outer Veto : Tag “near miss”  $\mu$ . Redundancy for higher rejection power**

Panels of strips of coextruded plastic scintillator + $TiO_2$  reflector with 1.2 mm diameter wavelength shifting fiber



**Far detector**



**Near detector**

# Testing & prototyping

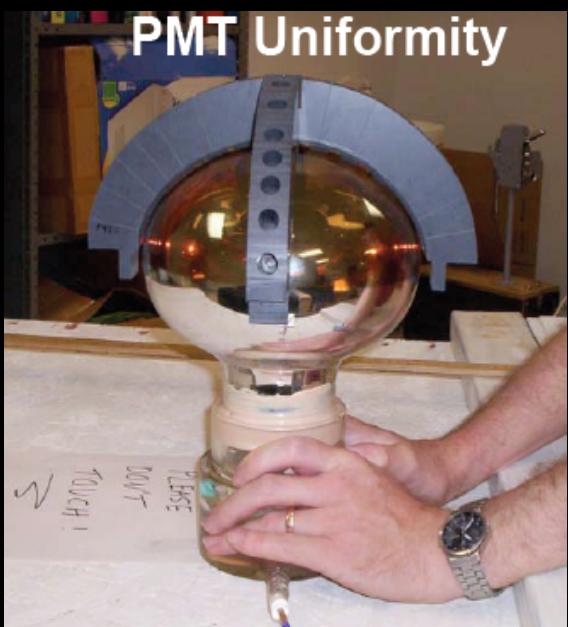


Helmholtz-Coils

Demagnetization



L1 Trigger Board



PMT Uniformity



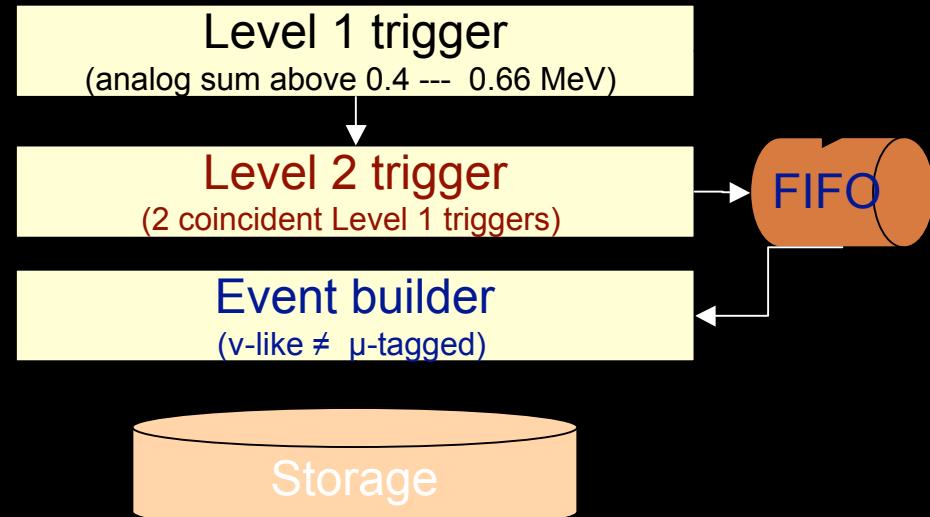
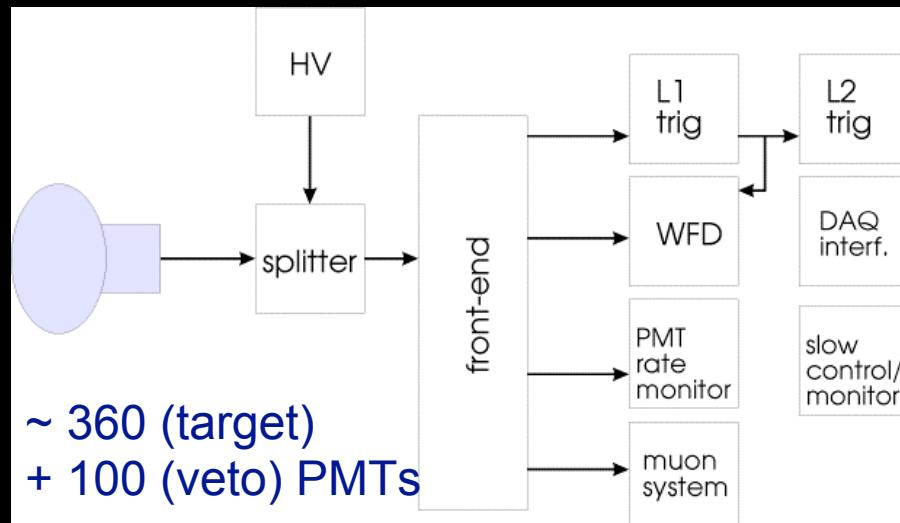
Mass Measurement

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# Electronics & DAQ



## HV+Front-End:

- Single cable for HV + PMT signal
- Amplification x15 – Pulse shape – Baseline correction
- Handle high energy muons
- Analog Pulse Summation for Level 1 Trigger

Zero dead-time DAQ

## Flash-ADC

- Wave-form sampling @ 500MHz
- 8-bit ADC (few PEs/ch for ν-events)
- Developed between APC & CAEN

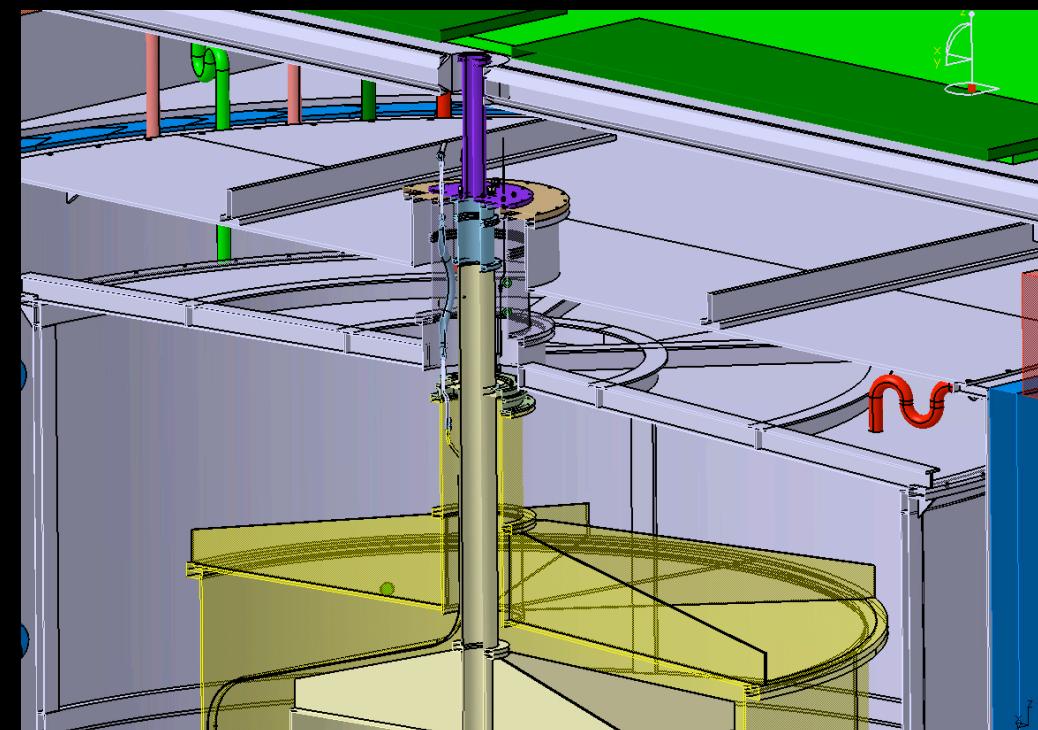
→ Prototype  
FADC being  
tested



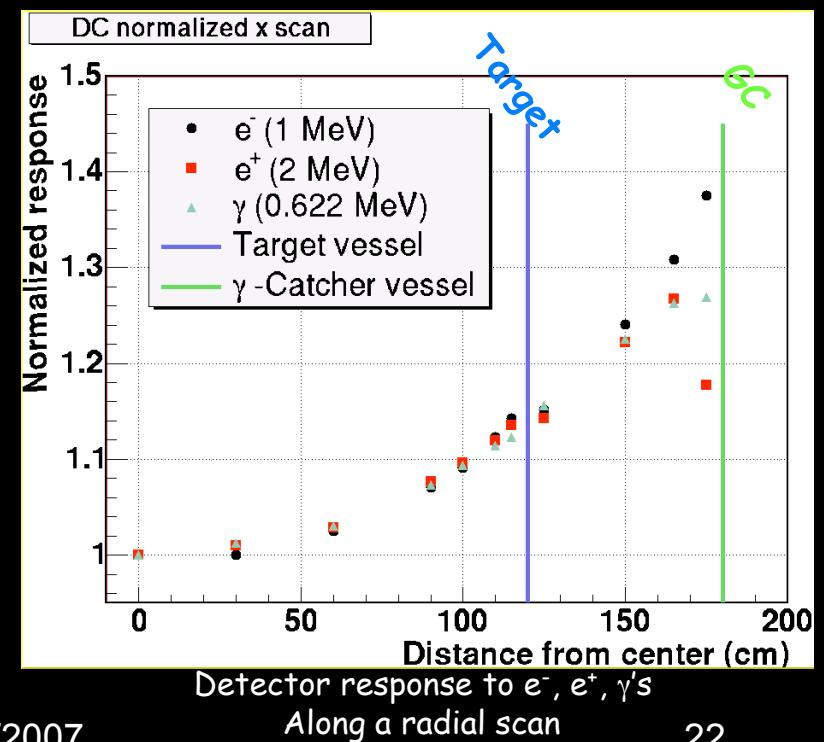


# Detector Calibration

- Estimate relative Near/far detection efficiency to within 0.5%
- Measure relative Near/Far positron energy scale to within 1%
- Radioactive sources + Laser & LEDs → devices:
  - Target: Articulated Arm → 1 cm positioning accuracy
  - CG and Buffer: Wire driven sources (guide tubes)
  - Deployment of laser light sources and Tagged neutron source on z-axis.



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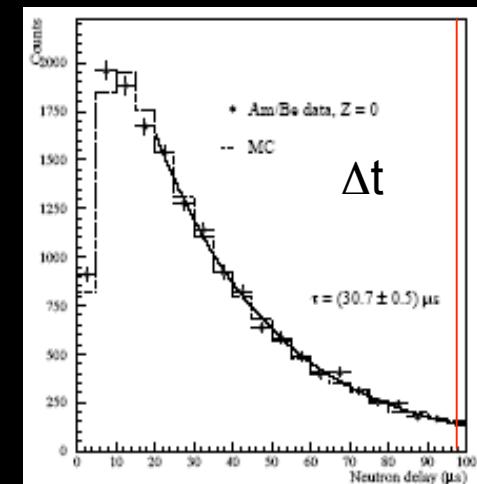
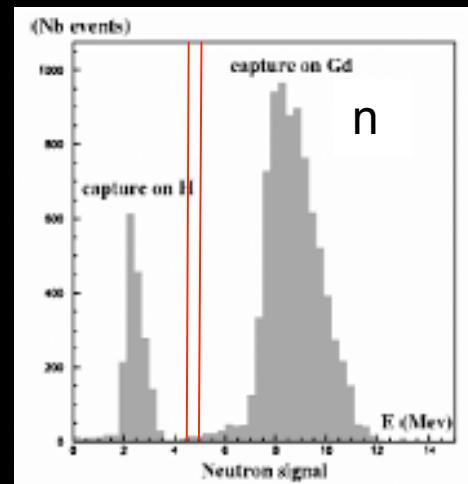
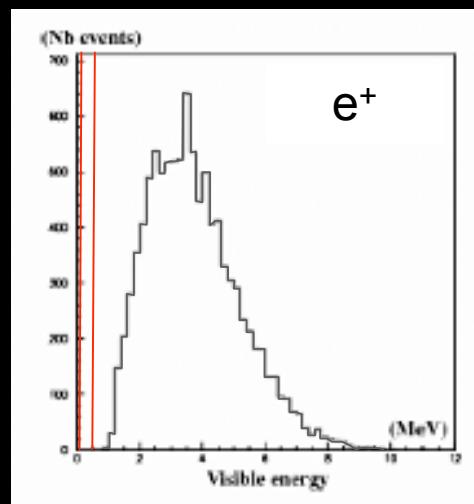
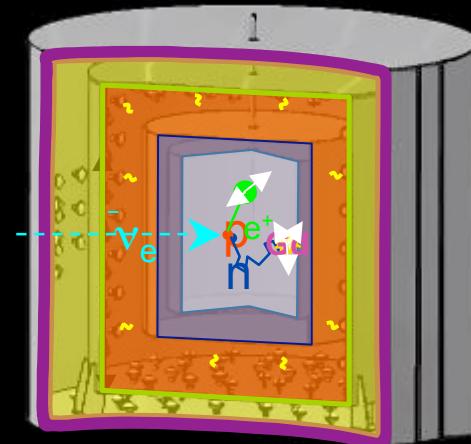


# Systematics

		Chooz	Double-Chooz	
Reactor-induced	$\nu$ flux and $\sigma$	1.9 %	<0.1 %	Two "identical" detectors, Low bkg
	Reactor power	0.7 %	<0.1 %	
	Energy per fission	0.6 %	<0.1 %	
Detector - induced	Solid angle	0.3 %	<0.1 %	Distance measured @ 10 cm + monitor core barycenter
	Target Mass	0.3 %	0.2 %	Same weight sensor for both det.
	Density	0.3 %	<0.1 %	Accurate T control (near/far)
	H/C ratio & Gd concentration	1.2 %	<0.2%	Same scintillator batch + Stability
	Spatial effects	1.0 %	<0.1 %	"identical" Target geometry & LS
	Live time	few %	0.25 %	Measured with several methods
Analysis	From 7 to 3 cuts	1.5 %	0.2 - 0.3 %	(see next slide)
Total		2.7 %	< 0.6 %	(Total ~0.45% without contingency ....)

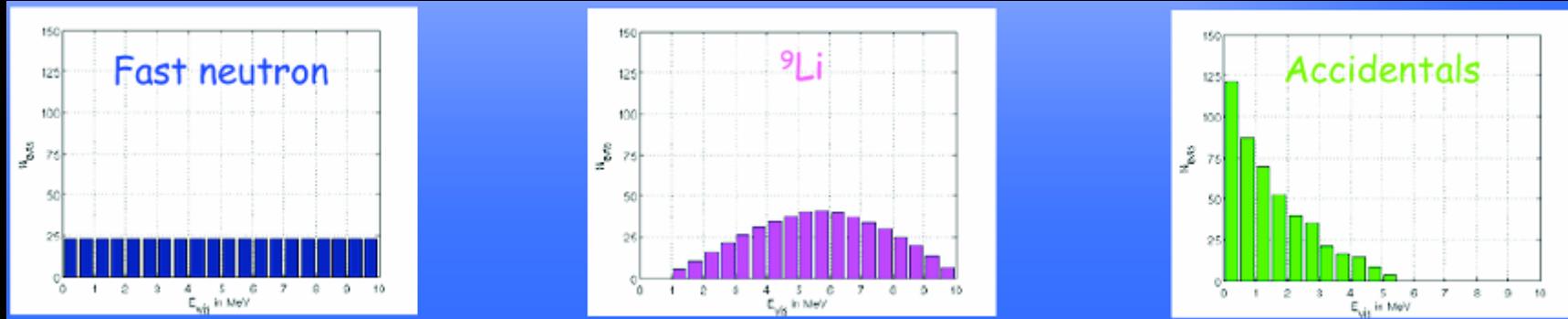
# Relative Normalization: Analysis

- ✓ @Chooz: 1.5% syst. err.
  - 7 analysis cuts
  - Efficiency ~70%
  
- ✓ Goal Double-Chooz: ~0.3% syst. err.
  - 2 to 3 analysis cuts
  
- ✓ Selection cuts
  - neutron energy
  - (- distance e+ - n ) [level of accidentals]
  - $\Delta t$  (e+ - n)





# Backgrounds



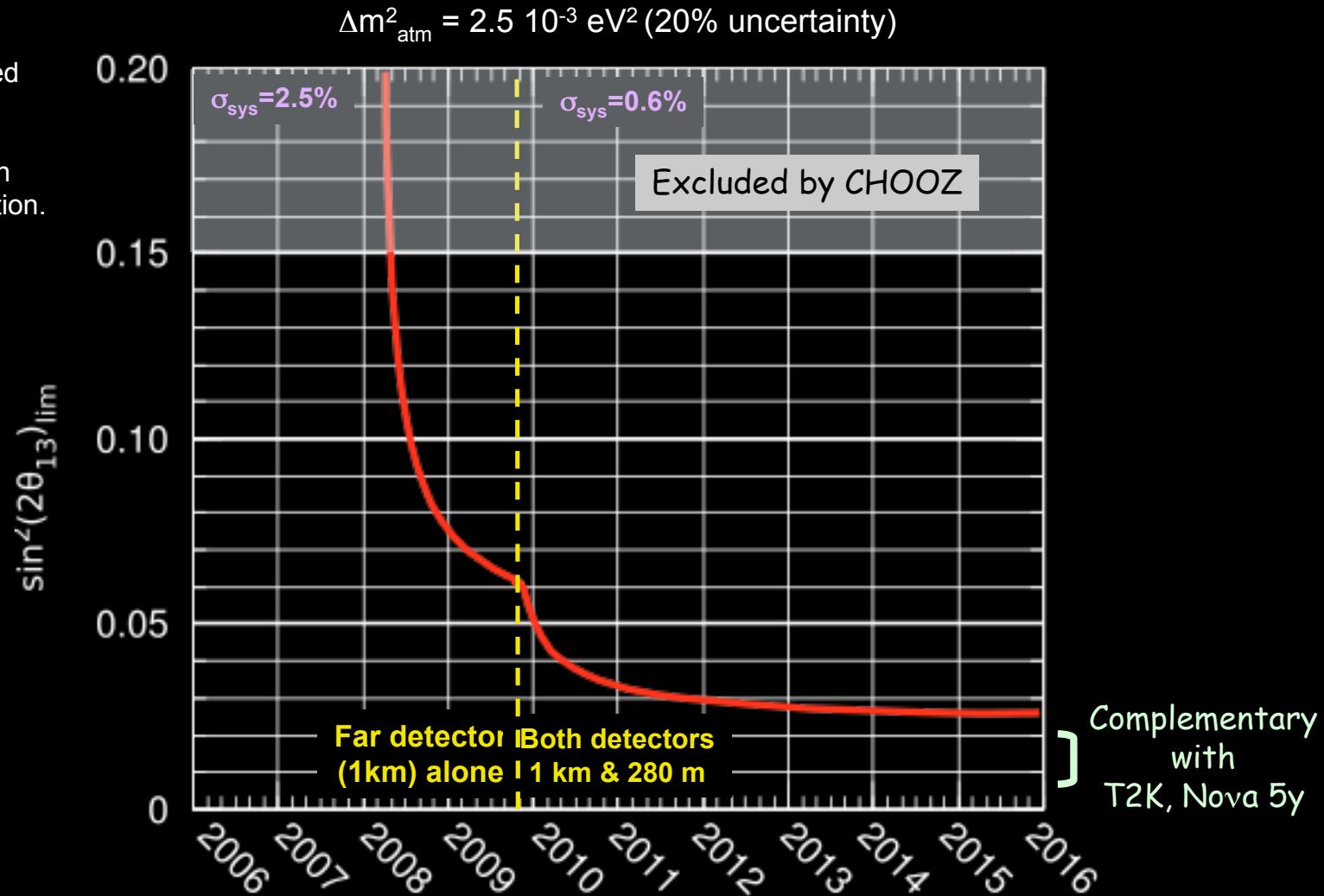
Detector	Site	Background					
		Accidental		Correlated			
		Materials	PMTs	Fast n	$\mu$ -Capture	$^9\text{Li}$	
CHOOZ (24 $\nu/d$ )	Far	Rate ( $d^{-1}$ )	—	—	—	—	$0.6 \pm 0.4$
		Rate ( $d^{-1}$ )	$0.42 \pm 0.05$		$1.01 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.1(\text{sys})$		
		bkg/ $\nu$	1.6%			4%	
		Systematics	0.2%			0.4%	
Double Chooz (69 $\nu/d$ )	Far	Rate ( $d^{-1}$ )	$0.5 \pm 0.3$	$1.5 \pm 0.8$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$< 0.1$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$
		bkg/ $\nu$	0.7%	2.2%	0.2%	$< 0.1\%$	1.4%
		Systematics	$< 0.1\%$	$< 0.1\%$	0.2%	$< 0.1\%$	0.7%
Double Chooz (1012 $\nu/d$ )	Near	Rate ( $d^{-1}$ )	$5 \pm 3$	$17 \pm 9$	$1.3 \pm 1.3$	0.4	$9 \pm 5$
		bkg/ $\nu$	0.5%	1.7%	0.13%	$< 0.1\%$	1%
		Systematics	$< 0.1\%$	$< 0.1\%$	0.2%	$< 0.1\%$	0.2%

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# 90% C.L. limit if $\sin^2(2\theta)=0$

- Efficiencies included
- 1% 'bin to bin' uncorrelated error on background subtraction.
- Systématiques:
  - $\sigma_{\text{abs}} = 2.0\%$
  - $\sigma_{\text{rel}} = 0.6\%$
  - $\sigma_{\text{scl}} = 0.5\%$
  - $\sigma_{\text{shp}} = 2.0\%$
  - $\sigma_{\Delta m^2} = 20\%$





# 2004-2006: Publications

## Letter of Intent for Double-CHOOZ: a search for the mixing angle $\theta_{13}$



APC, Paris - RAS, Moscow - DAPNIA, Saclay - EKU-TP  
 INFN, Ascoli & Milano - INR, Moscow - MPI, Heidelberg - RP  
 TUM-München - University of J'Aquila - Universität  
 Tübingen

Version 5.0  
April 28, 2004

EU Letter  
hep-ex

## Double Chooz: A Search for the Neutrino Mixing Angle $\theta_{13}$

2014 June 2886

# Proposal hep-ex/0606025

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# Conclusions & outlook

- **Funding has been established in Europe**  
→ Request in Japan and US
- **First goal: measurement of  $\theta_{13}$**   
Double Chooz moving towards the construction phase !
  - 2007-08 → *Detector construction & integration*
  - 2008 → *Start of phase I : Far 1 km detector alone*  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.06$  in 1,5 year (90% C.L.)
  - 2009 → *Start of phase II : Both near and far detectors*  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.025$  in 3 years (90% C.L.)  
Complementarity with Superbeam experiments: T2K, Nova
- **Faisability study on non proliferation**  
Reactor ν's track the Pu isotopic content of reactors → new beta spectra measurement & small detector deployed close to nuclear cores
  - 2009-10 → Near detector at 280 m = prototyping of a futur AIEA monitor?

# Daya Bay (hep-ex/0701029)

In Daya Bay, China



- **4 cores – 2 sites – 11.6 GWth**  
⇒ 6 cores in 2011- with 17.4 GWth

- **2 near positions, (1 mid), 1 far**

- far: 4 modules of 20 t
- near: 2 modules of 20 t each

- **Civil Engineering**

- ~ 3.4 km tunnels
- 5 laboratories to be build

- **Statistics (including  $\epsilon$ )**

- far: 70 evt/day/mod
- mid-site: 200 evts/day/mod
- near: 600 evts/day/mod

- **Mobile modules** ⇒ swapping (Theo.)

- **Systematics**

- reactors : ~ 0.1%      - detectors : ~ 0.38%

- **Backgrounds**

- B/S @ near sites: ~0.5% @ far site: ~0.2%

- **Sensitivity goal & Planning**

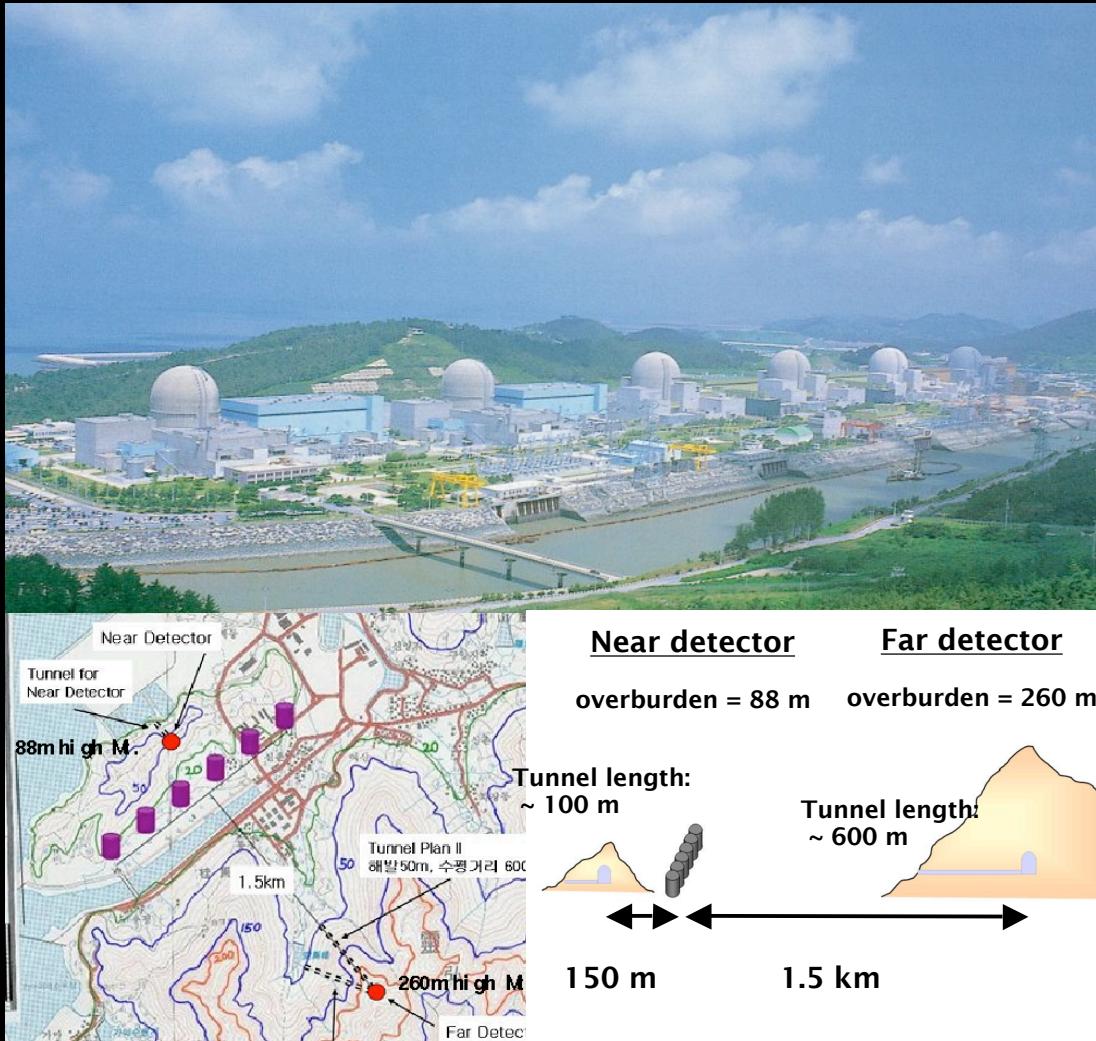
1. Fast Measurement (Phase I)

- DYP+Mid-site, 2008-2009
- Sensitivity (1 year) ~ 0.035

2. Complete measurement

- DYP+LA+Far, from 2010
- Sensitivity (3 years) < 0.008

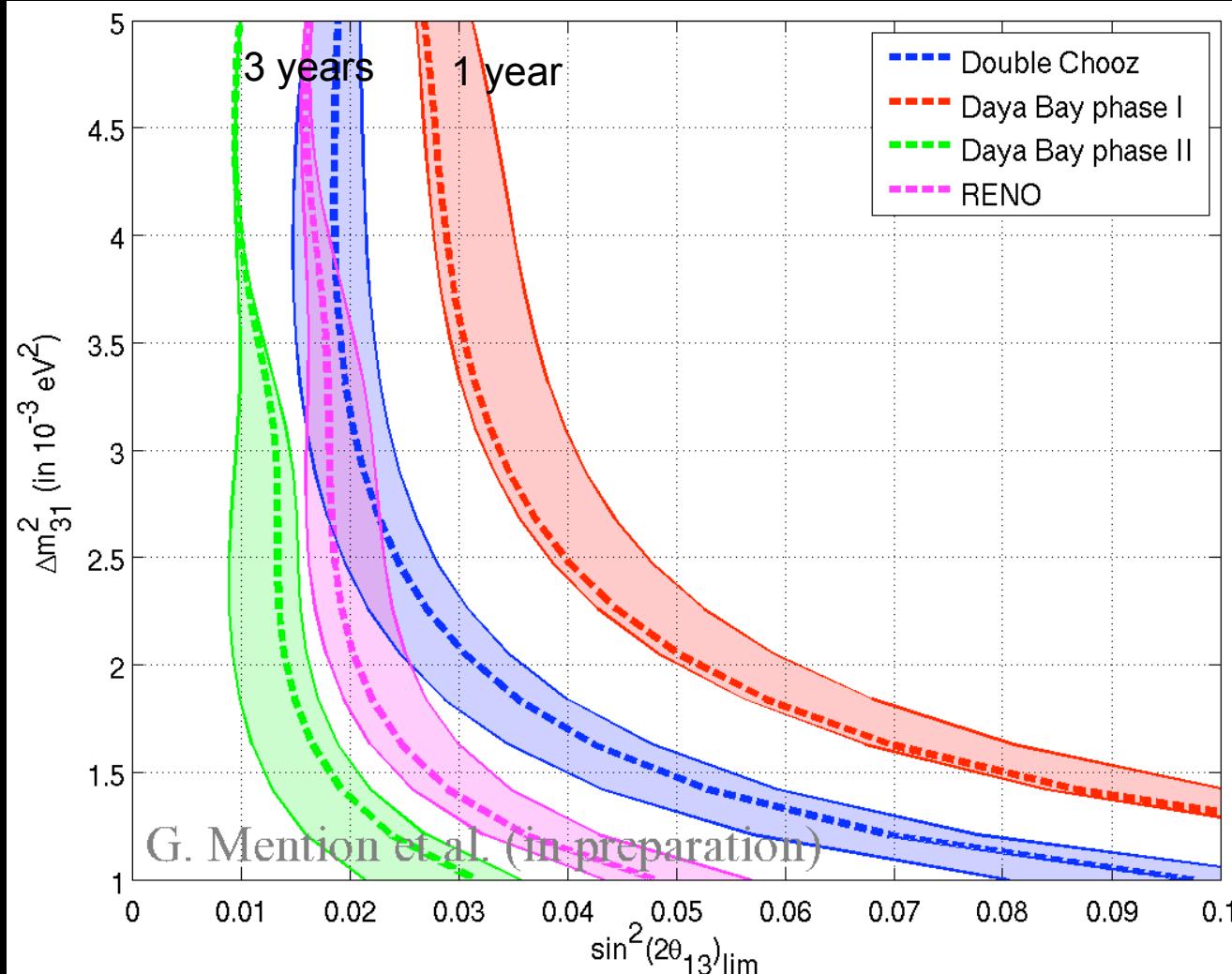
In South Corea Yongwang,



- 6 cores – 1 site – 16.4 GW<sub>th</sub>
- 1 near site, 1 far,
- 3 "very near" sites
  - target: 2 x 20 t
  - + target: 3 x ~ 200-300 kg
- Civil Engineering
  - ~ 700 m tunnels
  - 2 laboratories to be build
- Statistics (including  $\epsilon$ )
  - Far: ~ 70 evts/day
  - Near: ~ 1,700 evts/day
- Systematics
  - total: ~ 0.5-1%
- Overburden
  - Far: ~ 700 mwe
  - Near: ~ 240 mwe
- Sensitivity & Planning
  - Start construction in 2007
  - Sensitivity: ~ 0.02

# Unified Analysis of current projects

(G. Mention & T.L.)



$$\chi^2 = \min_{[\alpha_{i,k}^D]} \left\{ \sum_{D=N,F} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{BINS}}} \left( \frac{O_i^D - T_i^D - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_{i,k}^D S_{i,k}^D}{U_i^D} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K C_{i,k}^{D,R} \left( \frac{\alpha_{i,k}^D}{\sigma_k^D} \right)^2 \right\}$$

data/theory "distance"  
systematic biases  
both detectors  
all rate/spectral information  
systematic knowledge weights

**Worst limit**  
(prediction too optimistic)

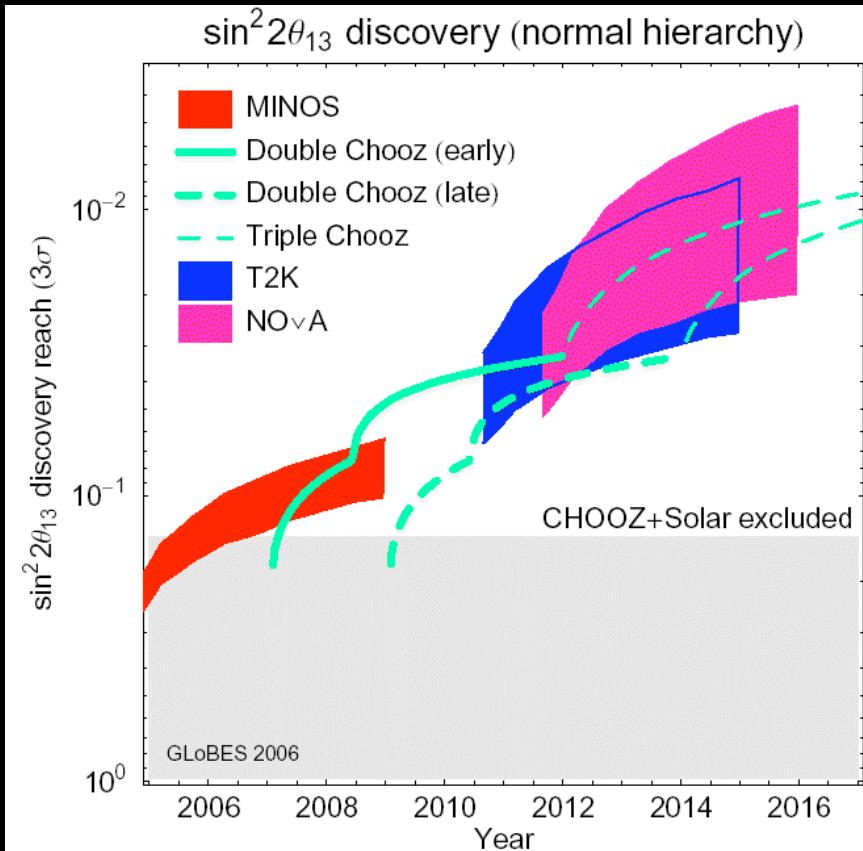
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{rel}} &= 0.18 \% \\ \sigma_{\text{pwr}} &= 2.0 \% \\ \sigma_{\text{abs}} &= 2.0 \%\end{aligned}$$

**Best Limit**  
(precision pessimistic)

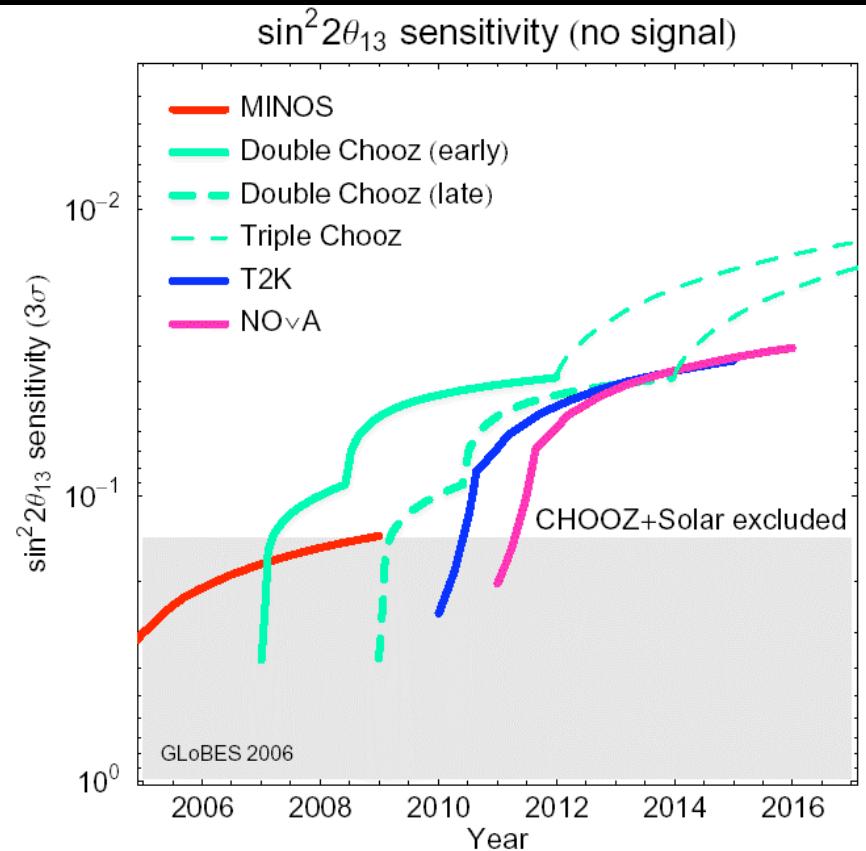
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{rel}} &= 0.6 \% \\ \sigma_{\text{pwr}} &= 3.0 \% \\ \sigma_{\text{abs}} &= 3.0 \%\end{aligned}$$

# Experimental context

## 3 $\sigma$ discovery potential



## 3 $\sigma$ sensitivity (no signal)



Lindner et al. (Globes 2006)

# DOUBLE

