

# A Precision Measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ at Daya Bay (Task L)

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# Daya Bay at University of Wisconsin



## Scientists

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Alex Green	(undergraduate student)



4 senior people  
1 postdoc  
4 PhD students  
1 undergraduate

+ some 11 technical people

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## Past Group Members

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# Neutrino Physics at Reactors

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**Next** - Discovery and precision measurement of  $\theta_{13}$

**2008** - Precision measurement of  $\Delta m_{12}^2$ . Evidence for oscillation

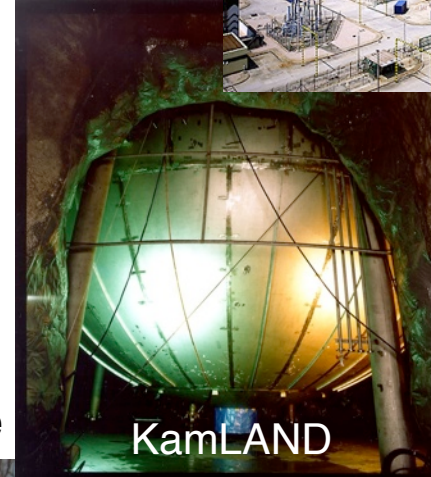
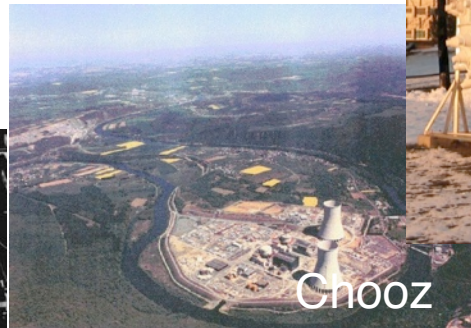
**2004** - Evidence for spectral distortion

**2003** - First observation of reactor antineutrino disappearance

**1995** - Nobel Prize to Fred Reines at UC Irvine

**1980s & 1990s** - Reactor neutrino flux measurements in U.S. and Europe

**1956** - First observation of (anti)neutrinos



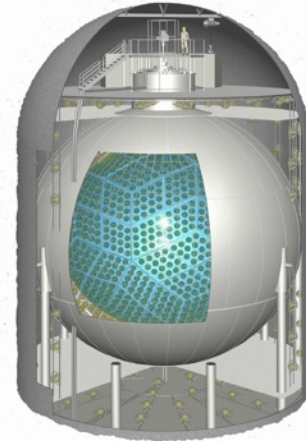
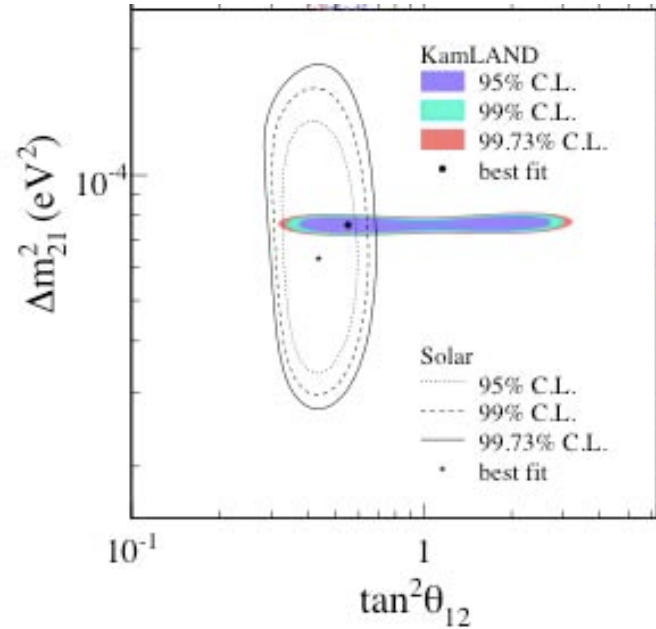
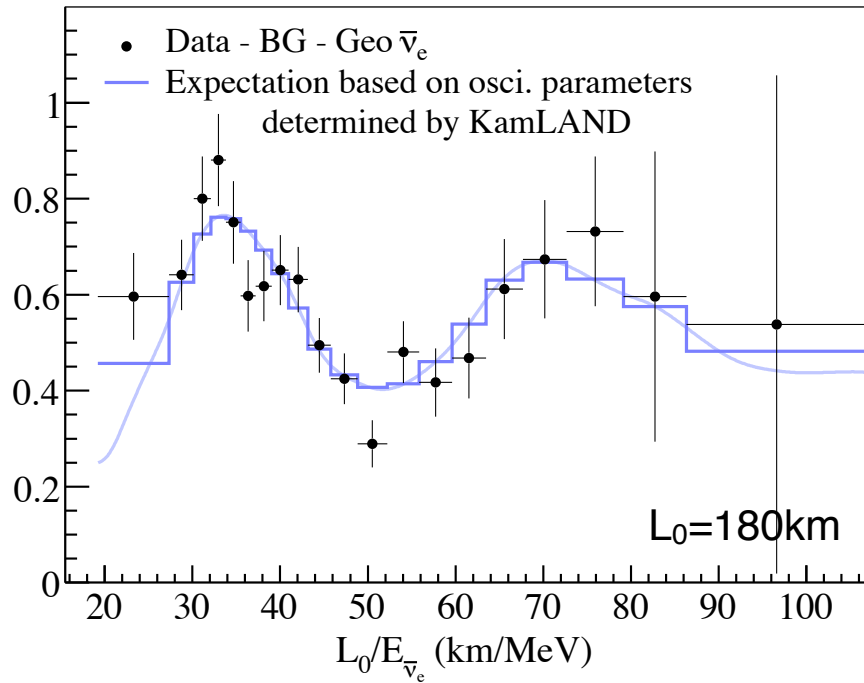
## Past Reactor Experiments

- Hanford
- Savannah River
- ILL, France
- Bugey, France
- Rovno, Russia
- Goesgen, Switzerland
- Krasnoyarsk, Russia
- Palo Verde
- Chooz, France

# Measurement of Reactor $\bar{\nu}$ Oscillation at KamLAND



## L/E Dependence



Phys.Rev.Lett. 100:221803,2008

## KamLAND+solar

(combined under assumption of CPT invariance)

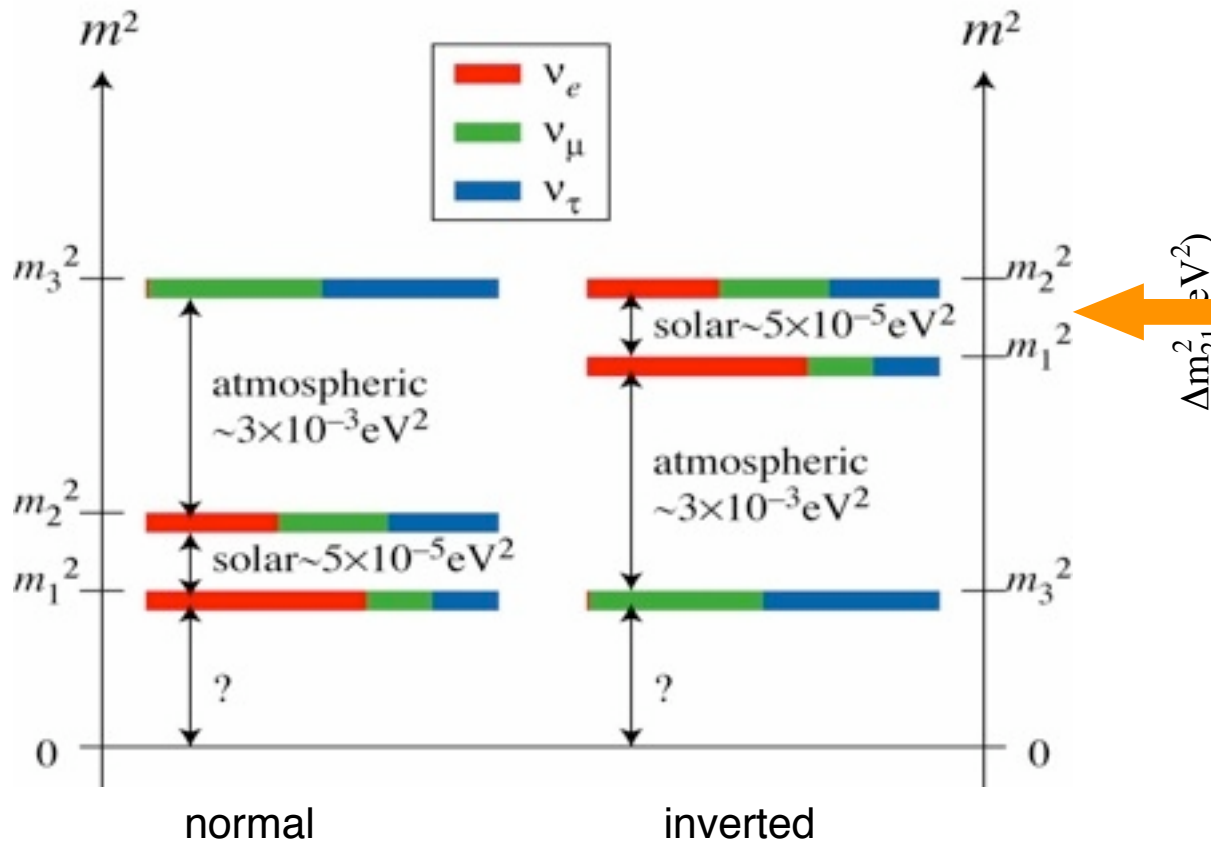
$$\tan^2\Theta = 0.47^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$$

$$\Delta m^2 = 7.59^{+0.21}_{-0.21} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

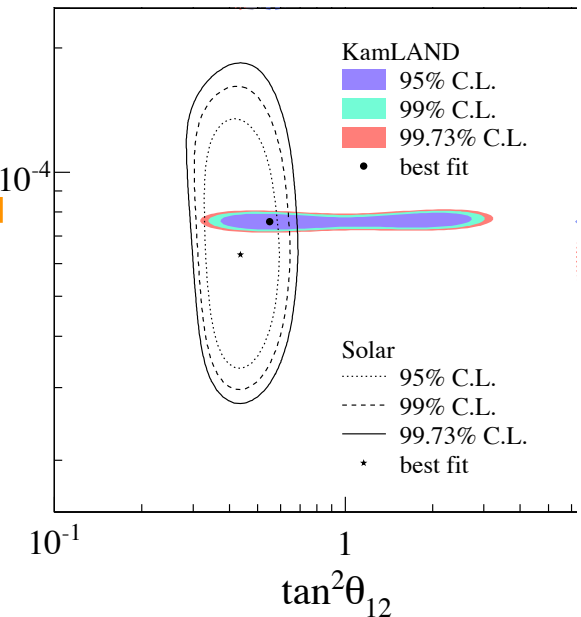


# Precision Measurement of Oscillation Parameters

## Neutrino Mass Splitting



## KamLAND 2008



- KamLAND provides most precise value of  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  ( $\sim 2.8\%$ )

# Neutrino Oscillation

## Mixing Angles

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & U_{e3} \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$U_{\text{MNSP}}$  Matrix

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, Pontecorvo

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{atmospheric, K2K}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{reactor and accelerator}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{SNO, solar SK, KamLAND}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha/2+i\beta} \end{pmatrix}}_{0\nu\beta\beta}$$

$$\theta_{23} = 45.0^{+4.0}_{-3.5}$$

$$\theta_{13} < 7.2^{+2.0}_{-2.8}$$

$$\theta_{12} = 33.5^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{13} < 0.056$$

90% C.L.

maximal?

small? zero?

large, but not maximal!

because of small  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ , solar & atmospheric  $\nu$  oscillations almost decouple

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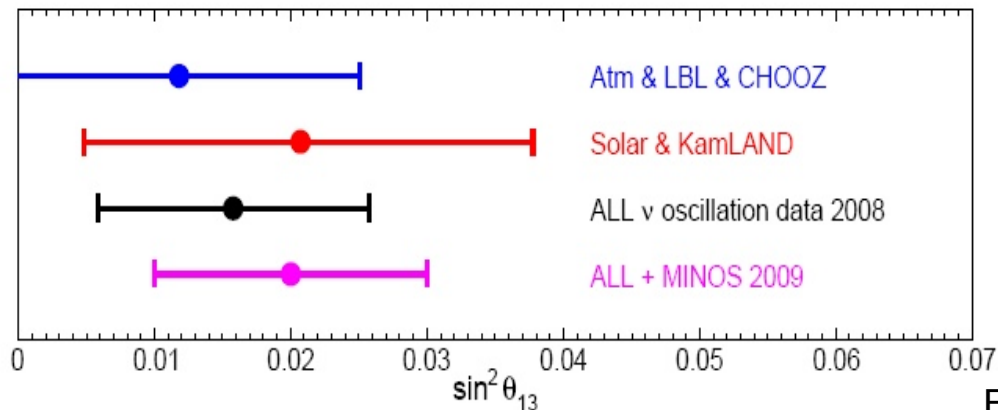
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$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim 0.06-0.08?$

Fogli, et al., arXiv:0905:3549

# Precision Measurement of $\theta_{13}$ with Reactor Antineutrinos

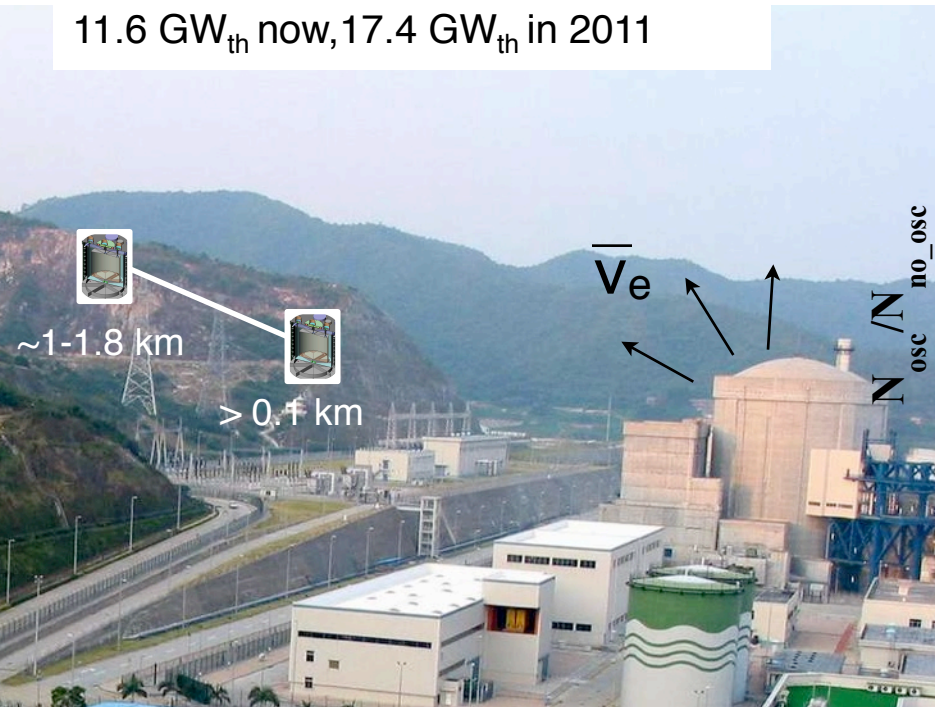
Search for  $\theta_{13}$  in new oscillation experiment with multiple detectors

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right) - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

## Daya Bay Reactors:

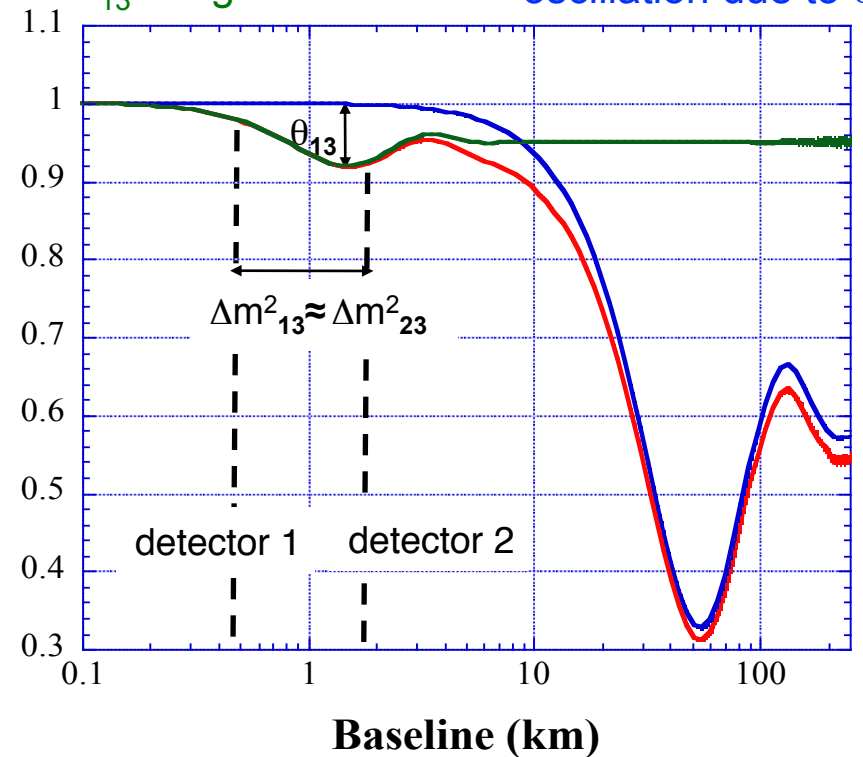
Powerful  $\bar{\nu}_e$  source, multiple cores

11.6 GW<sub>th</sub> now, 17.4 GW<sub>th</sub> in 2011



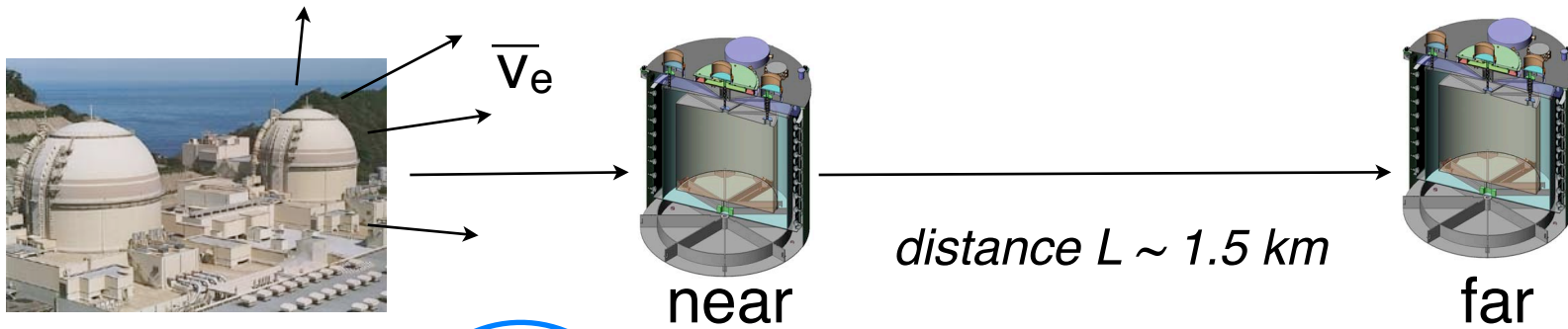
Small-amplitude oscillation due to  $\theta_{13}$  integrated over E

Large-amplitude oscillation due to  $\theta_{12}$



# Concept of Reactor $\theta_{13}$ Experiments

Measure ratio of interaction rates in multiple detectors



$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left( \frac{N_{p,f}}{N_{p,n}} \right) \left( \frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left[ \frac{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_f)}{P_{\text{sur}}(E, L_n)} \right]$$

Measured Ratio of Rates

Detector Mass Ratio, H/C

Detector Efficiency Ratio

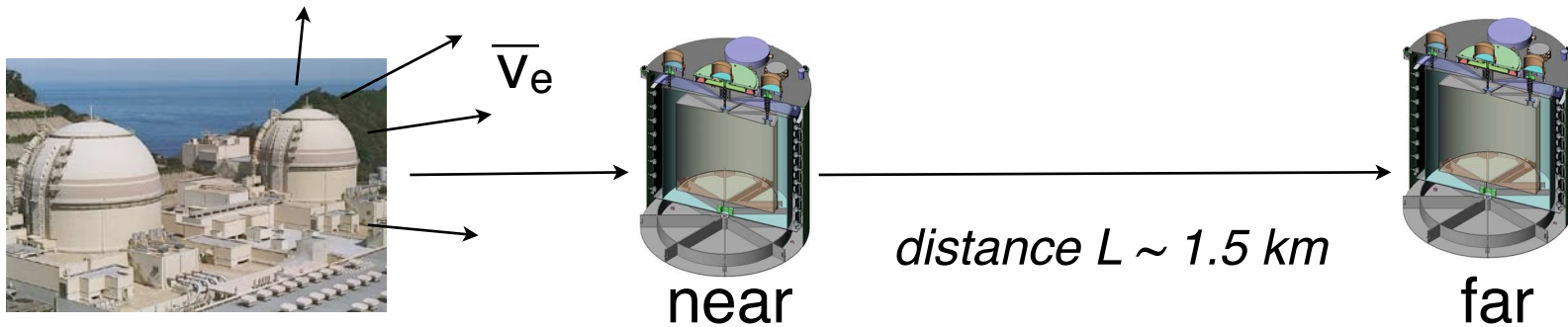
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

*mass measurement*

*calibration*

# Principle of Relative Measurement

## Measure ratio of interaction rates



**Relative measurement between detectors** at different distance to cancel source (reactor) systematics.

→ need *“identical detector pairs”* at near and far site

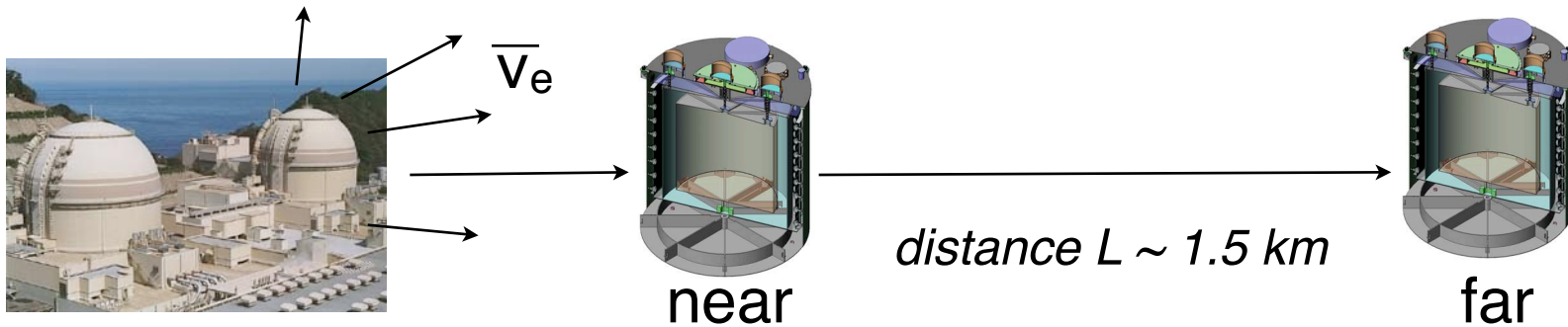
**Between pairs of detectors** we measure and control

- relative target mass & composition
- relative antineutrino detection efficiency

**key concept:**  
**pairwise identical detectors**

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### Relative detector systematics

aim to reach < 0.4% relative uncertainty

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Wisconsin group designs, builds, and characterizes “identical” antineutrino detectors.

# Daya Bay at University of Wisconsin



## Intellectual Leadership in Design, Simulations, Construction, and Physics Studies

**2003-2007:** develop conceptual idea for reactor  $\theta_{13}$  experiment

**2007-2009:** detailed detector design and R&D

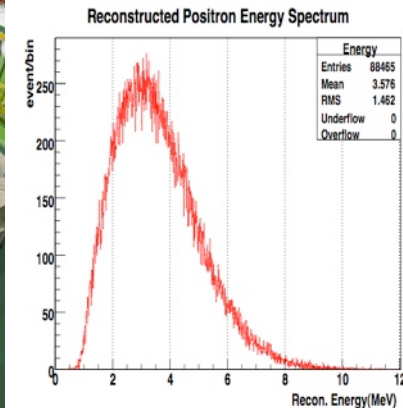
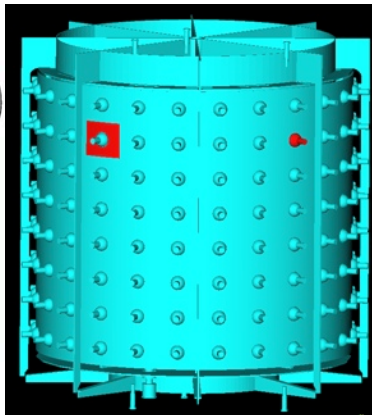
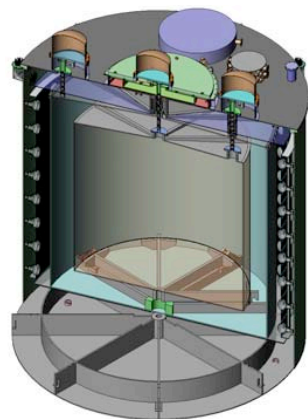
**2008-2010:** detector simulations, sensitivity studies, detector construction

**2010/11:** characterization of detectors, detector dry run analysis

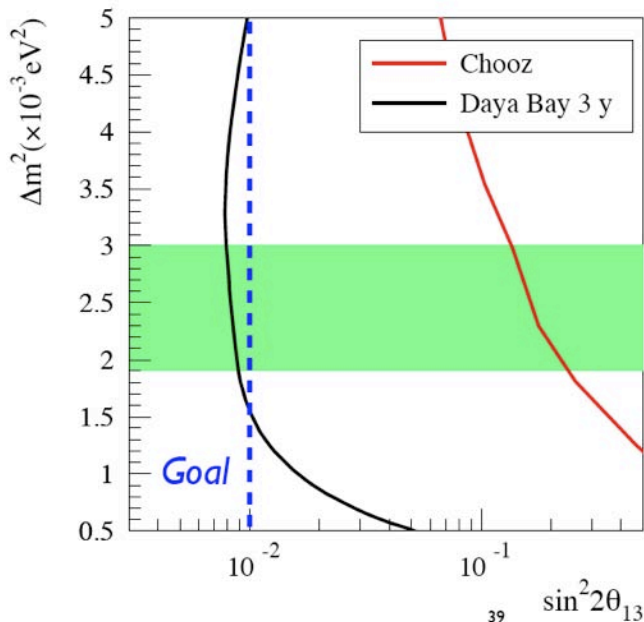
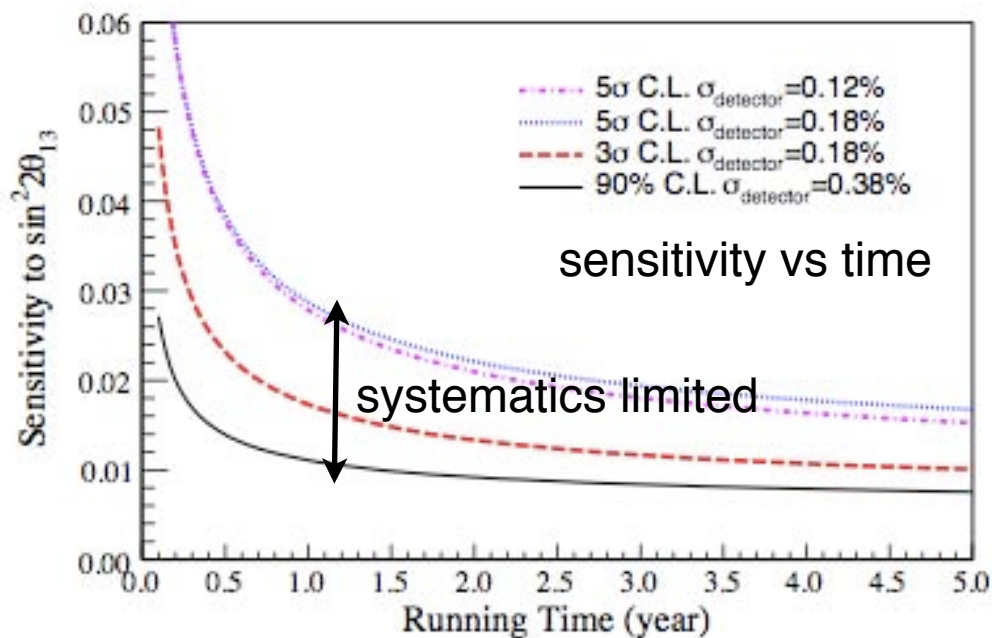
**2011:** near-site data taking and commissioning

**2012 -** data taking with full experiment

**2013?** measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  ?

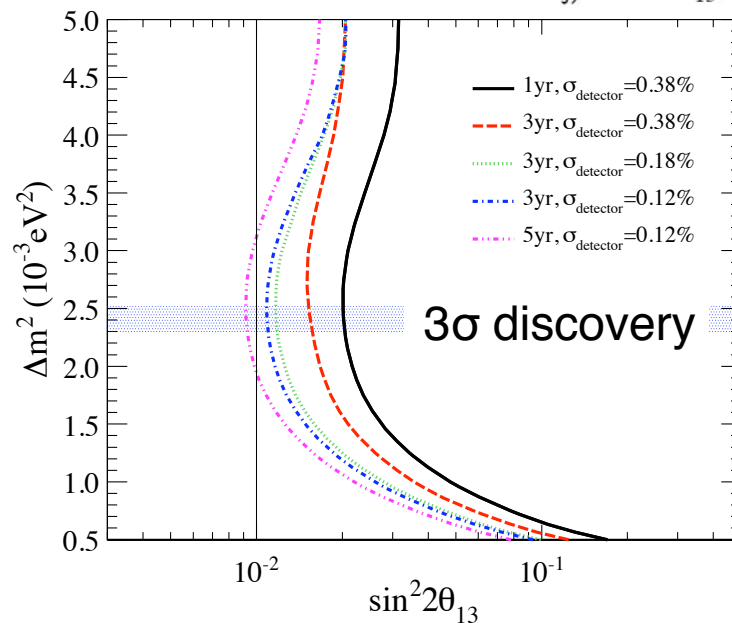


## Sensitivity and Discovery Potential



## Daya Bay sensitivity to $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

**$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01$  @ 90% CL**  
in 3 years of data taking

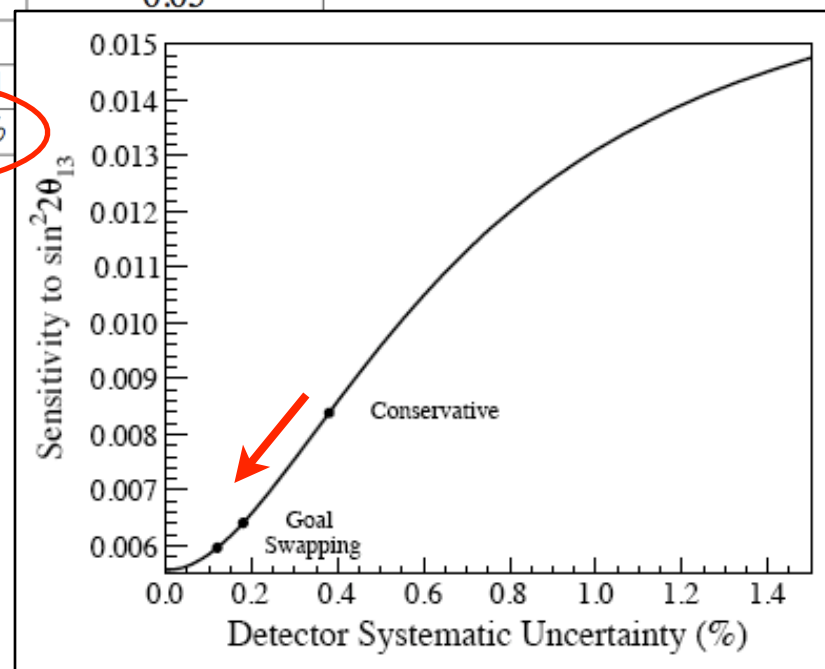


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Wang, McFarlane,  
Lewis, KMH

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$\theta_{13}$  sensitivity and  
detector systematics

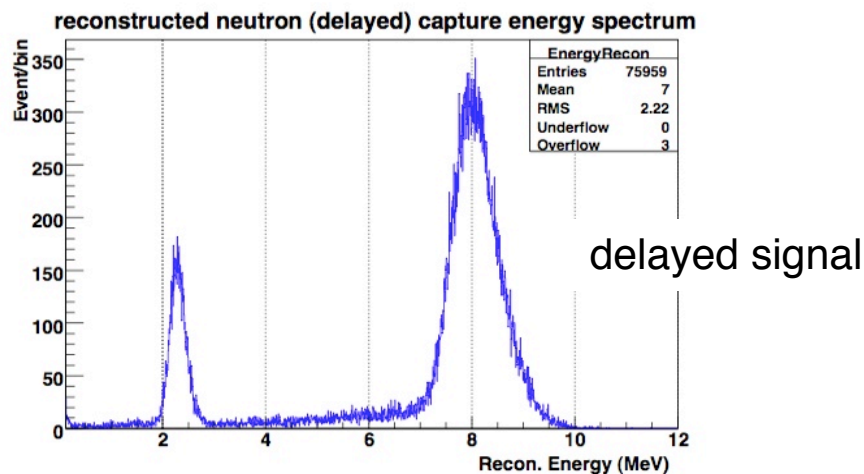
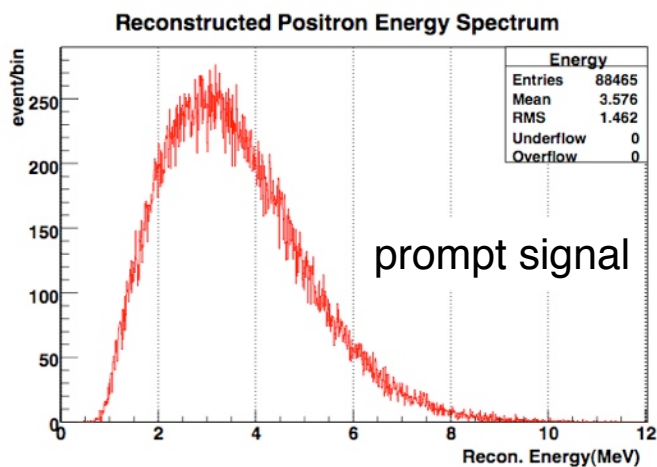
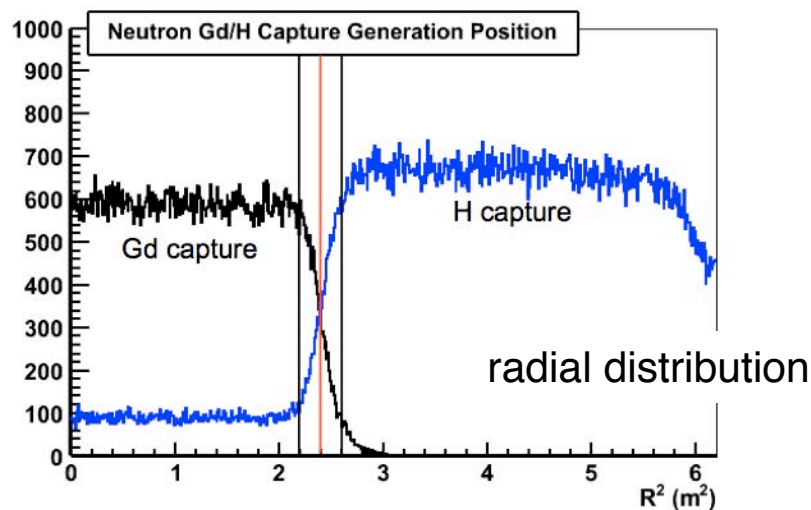
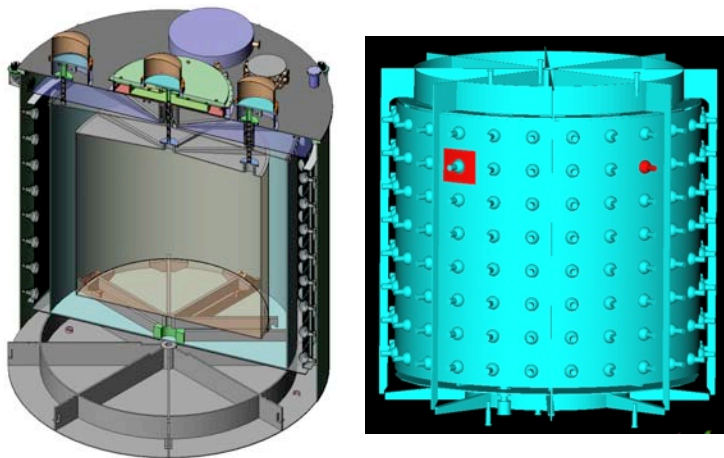


critical (relative) detector systematics:

- target protons (mass)
- energy scale uncertainty

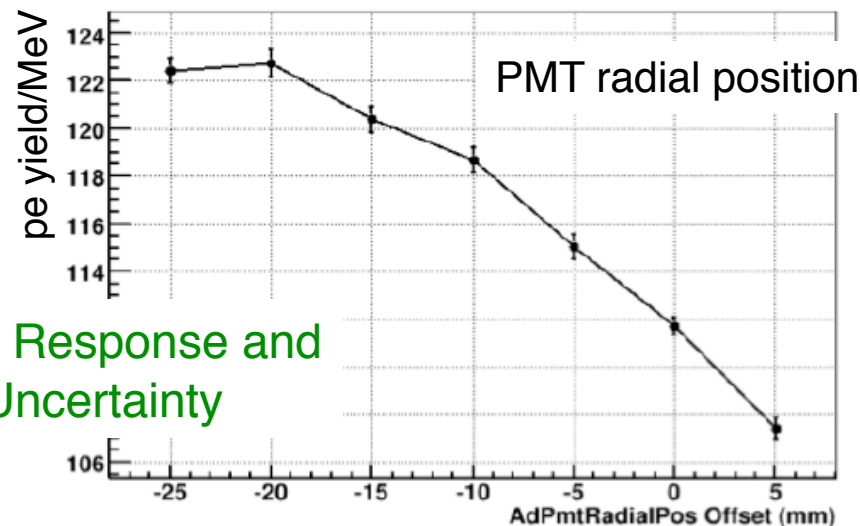
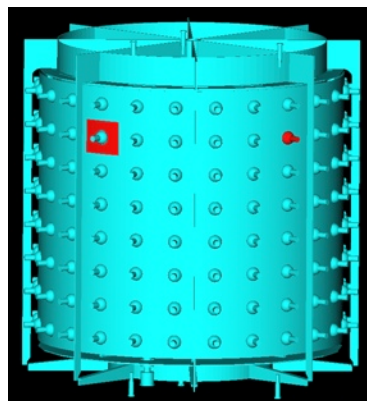
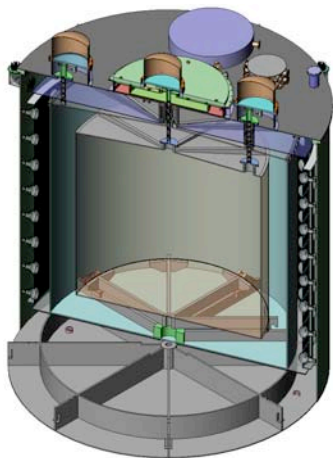
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Wang,  
Littlejohn, et al.

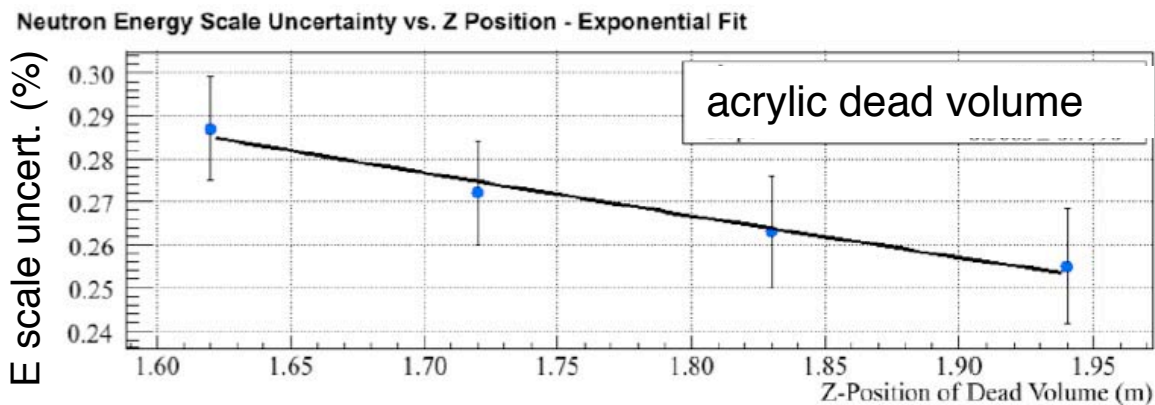
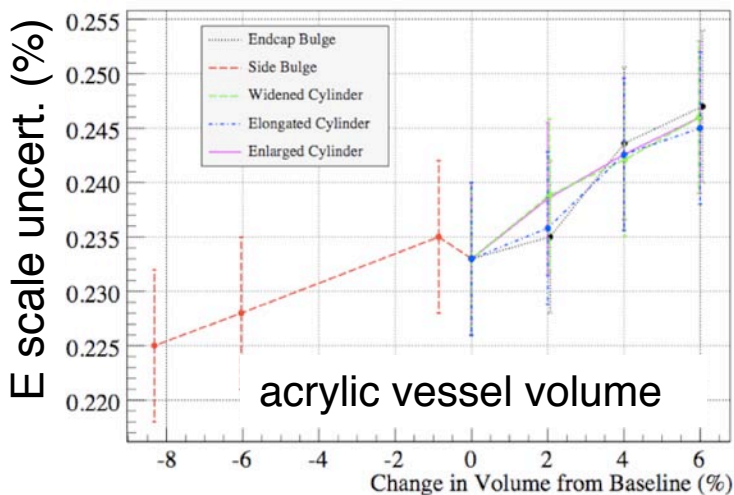


## Monte Carlo Studies of Detector Performance: Evaluating Identicalness and Design Constraints

Wang,  
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Energy Response and  
Scale Uncertainty



## Computing at Wisconsin

Daya Bay benefits from the large-scale HEP computing infrastructure at UW

### hardware

- access to 600+ nodes for simulation
- appropriate space and maintenance of servers
- seamless integration of dedicated Daya Bay computing hardware, essential for code development
- addition of ARRA servers (50TB of disk space) for 1st year of Daya Bay data

### personnel (Rader, Radtke)

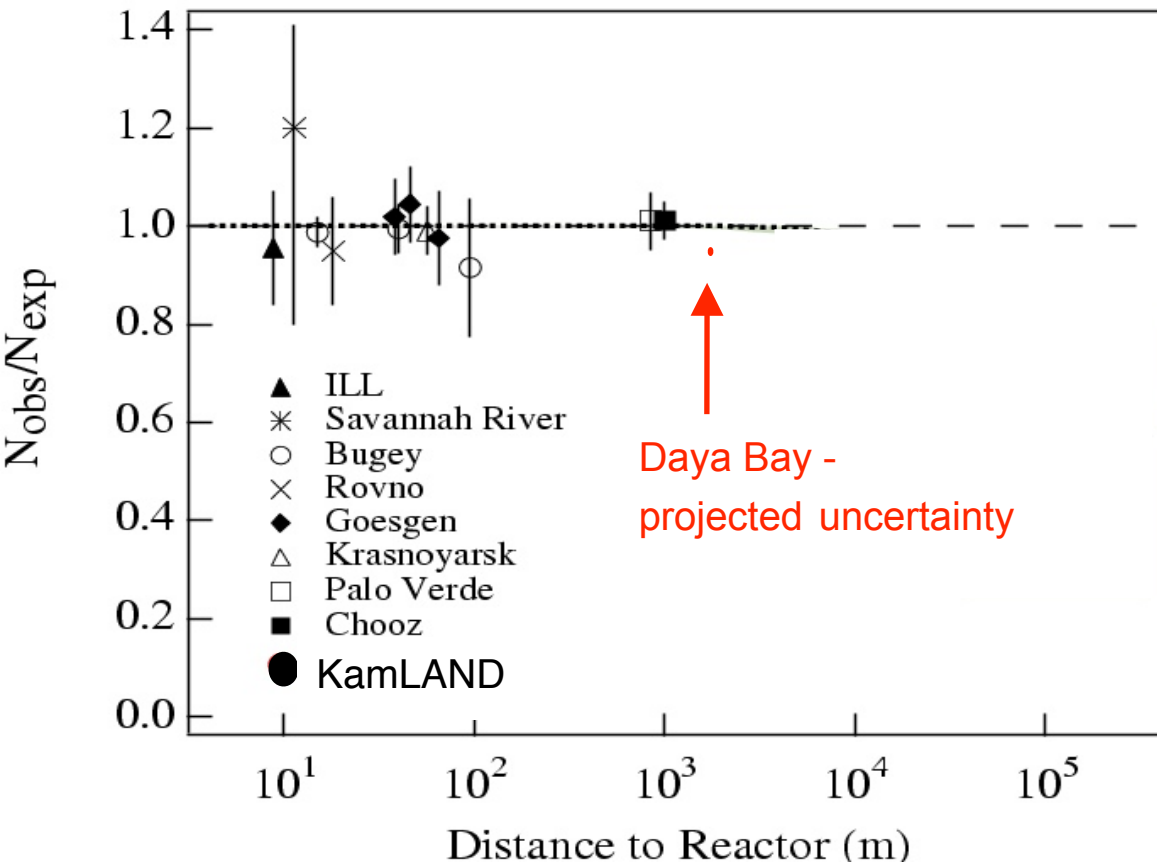
- computing staff has been essential in helping set up
  - > data and file transfer between LBNL NERSC and UW through SPADE protocol
  - > install and maintain servers
  - > maintain wikis and general software packages

Shared computing support and infrastructure critical for productivity and scientific output of Wisconsin Daya Bay group.

# Expected Precision and Sensitivity of Daya Bay



## Expected Precision to $\bar{\nu}_e$ Flux



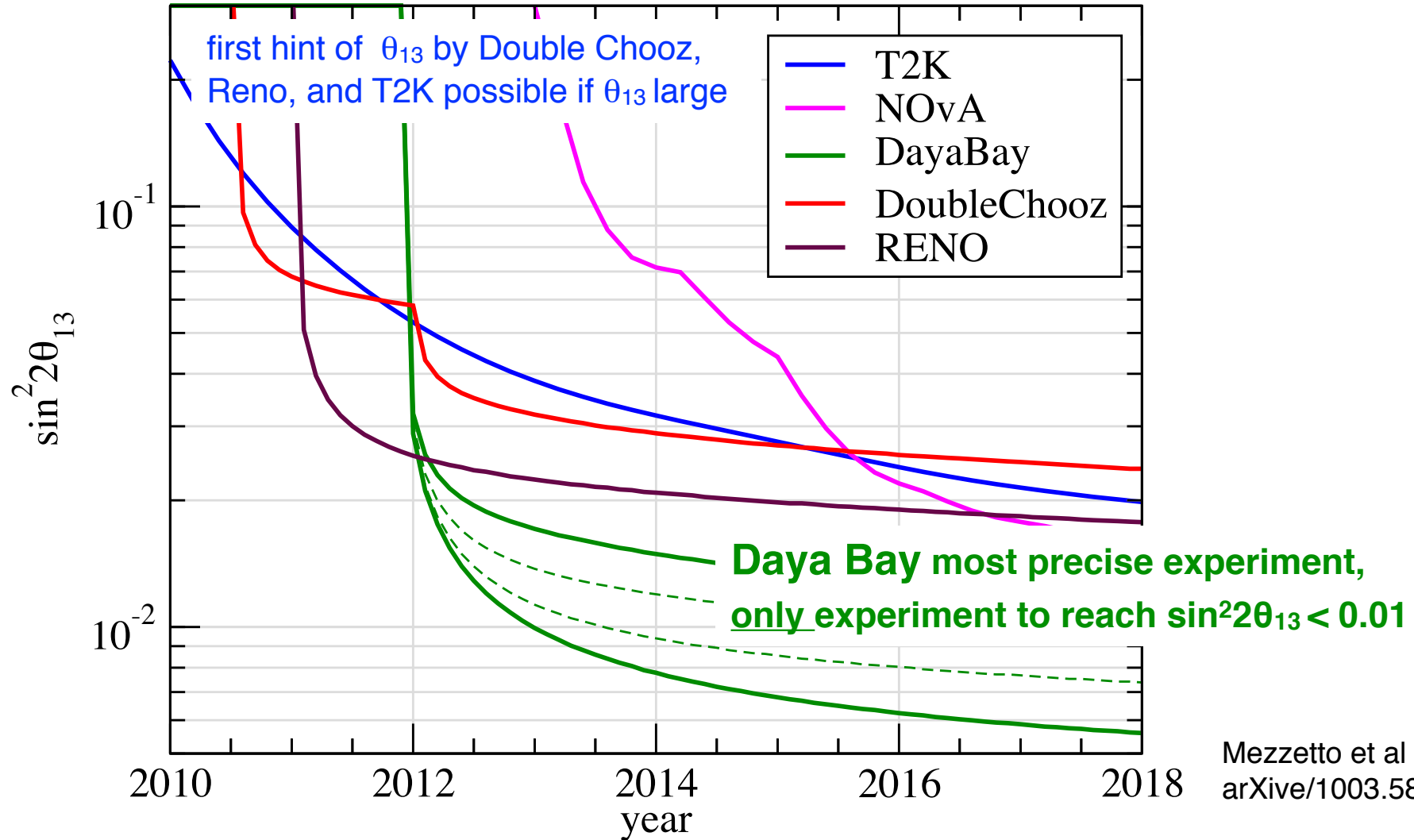
past reactor experiments  
= 1 detector

next generation of experiments  
> 2 detectors

# Measuring $\theta_{13}$ : A Possible Scenario



## Upper limit at 90% CL in case of no signal



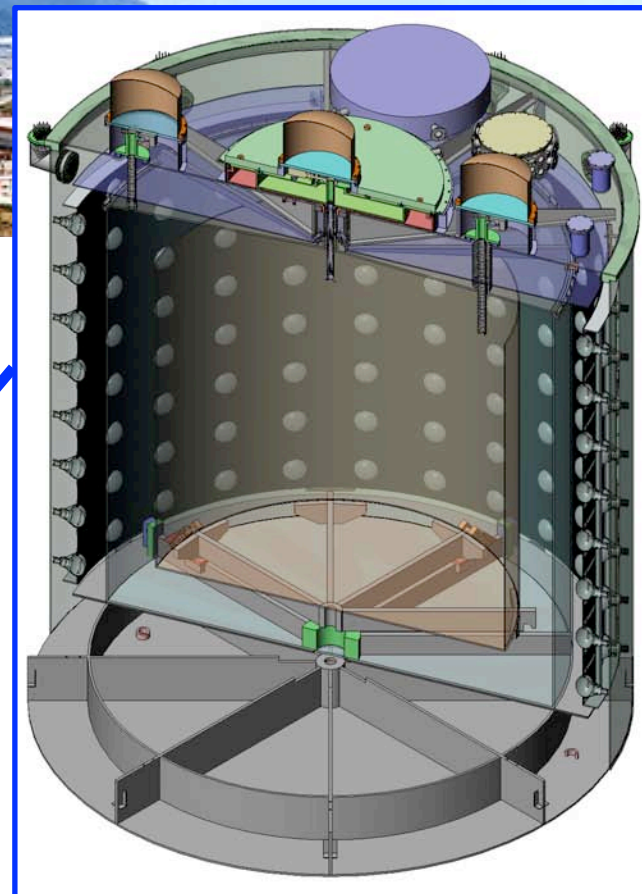
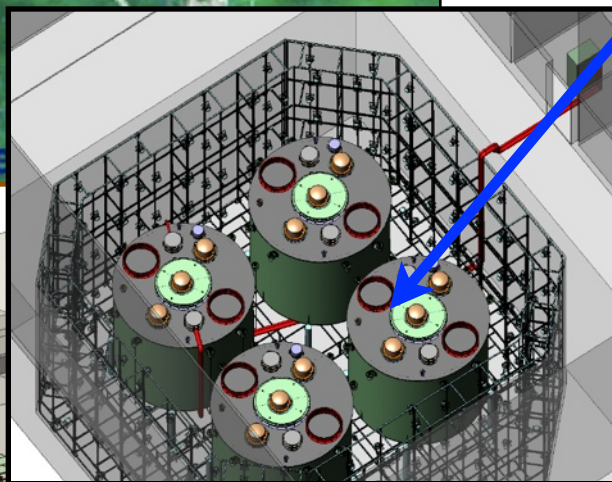
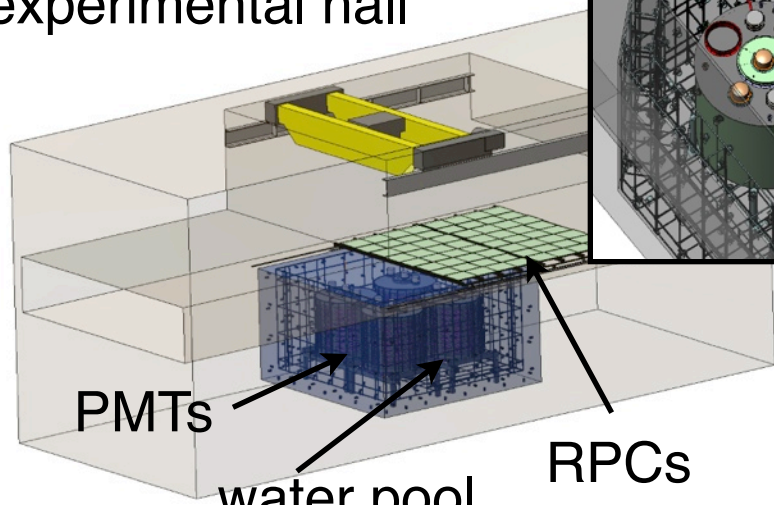
Mezzetto et al  
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<http://dayawane.ihep.ac.cn/>



experimental hall



antineutrino detectors

multiple detectors per site  
cross-check efficiency

muon veto system

view, August 26, 2010

# Civil Construction Progress



entrance



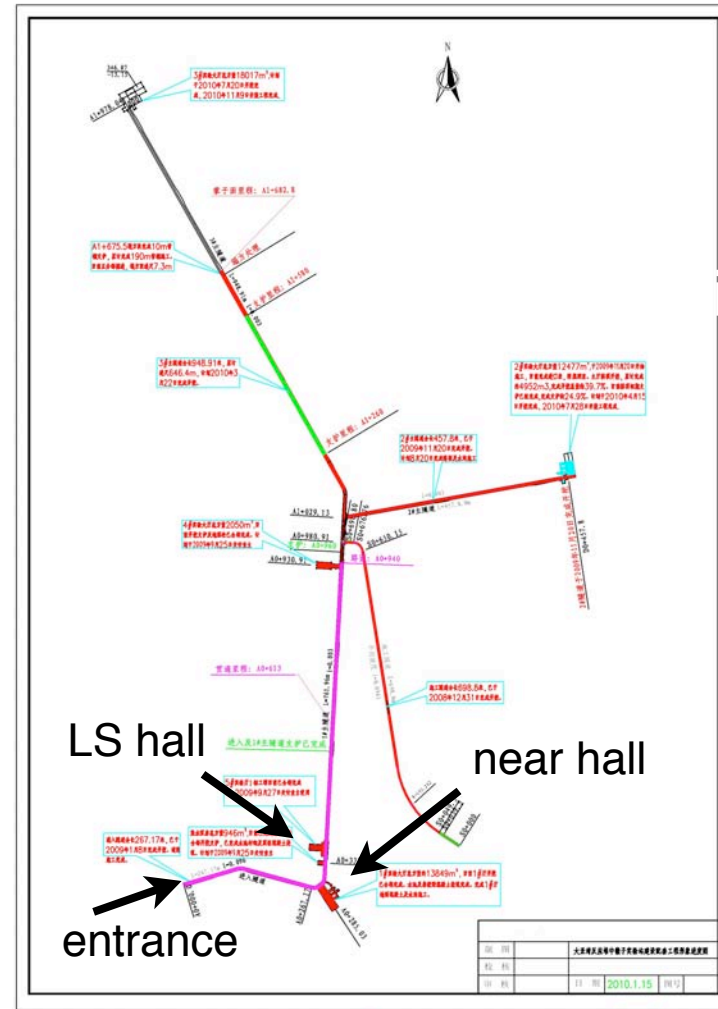
tunnel



liquid scintillator hall

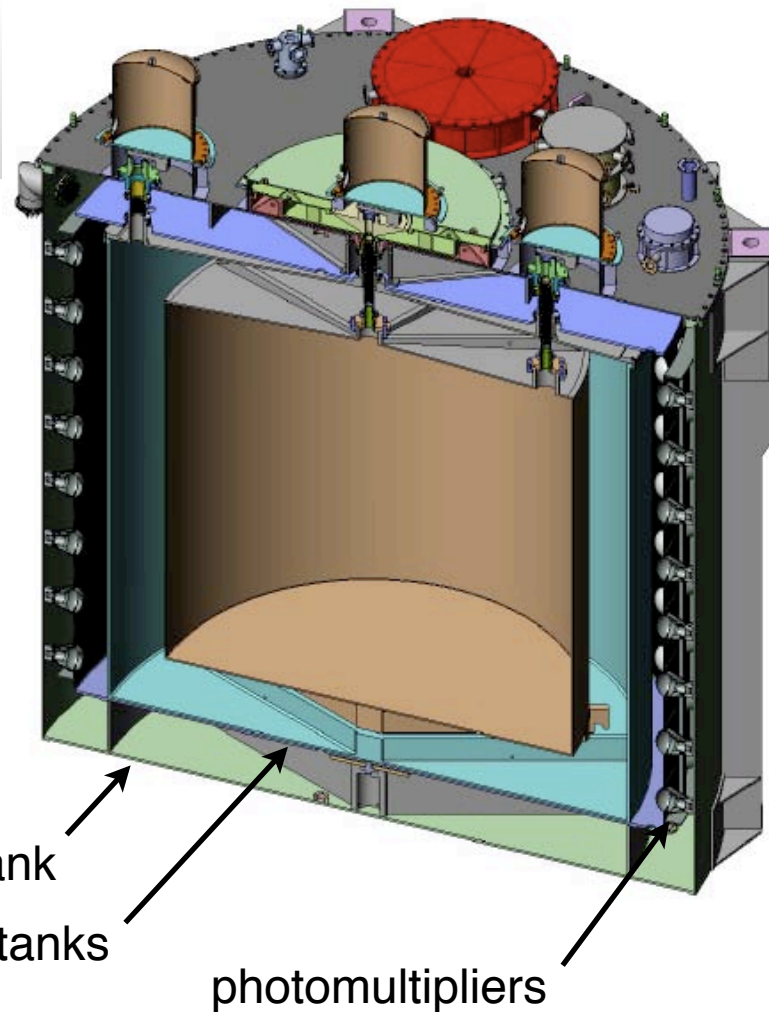
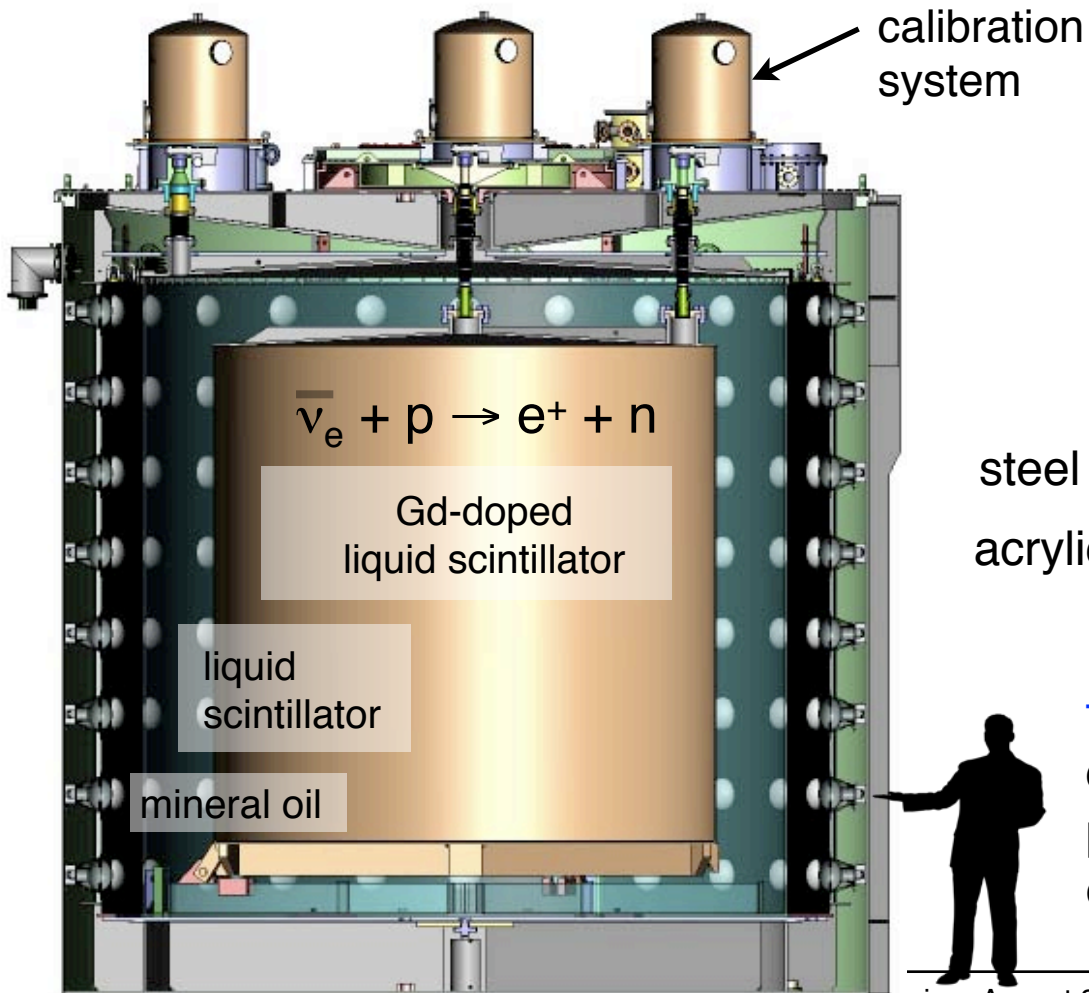


experimental hall 1



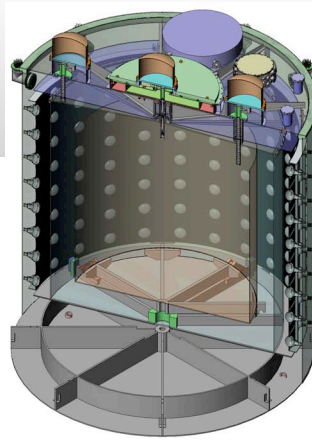
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- 8 “identical”, 3-zone detectors
- no position reconstruction, no fiducial cut



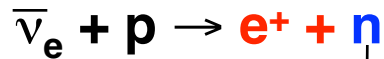
target mass: 20t per detector  
detector mass: ~ 110t  
photosensors: 192 PMTs  
energy resolution: 12%/√E

# Antineutrino Detection



## Signal and Event Rates

Daya Bay near site	840
Ling Ao near site	760
Far site	90
<i>events/day per 20 ton module</i>	



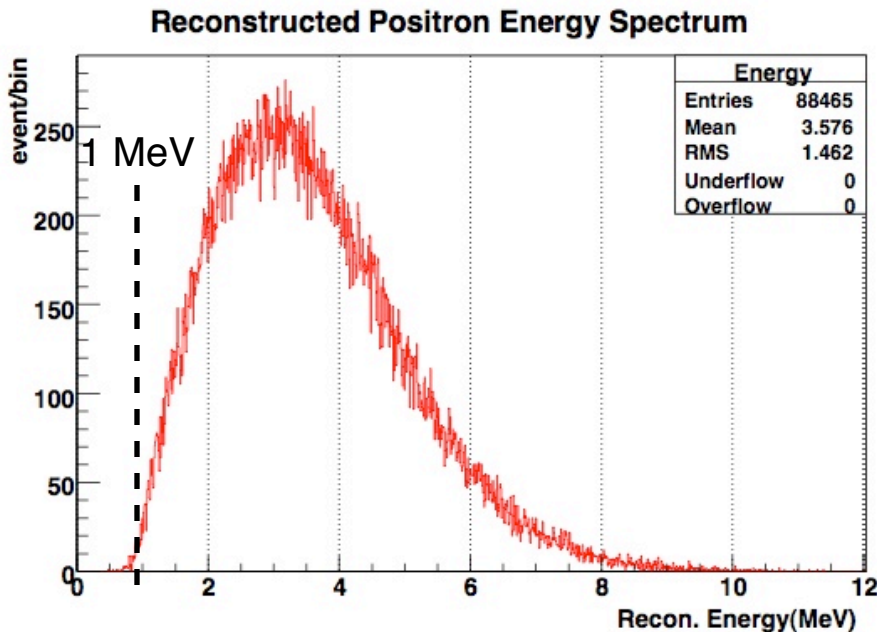
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→ + p → D + γ (2.2 MeV) (delayed)

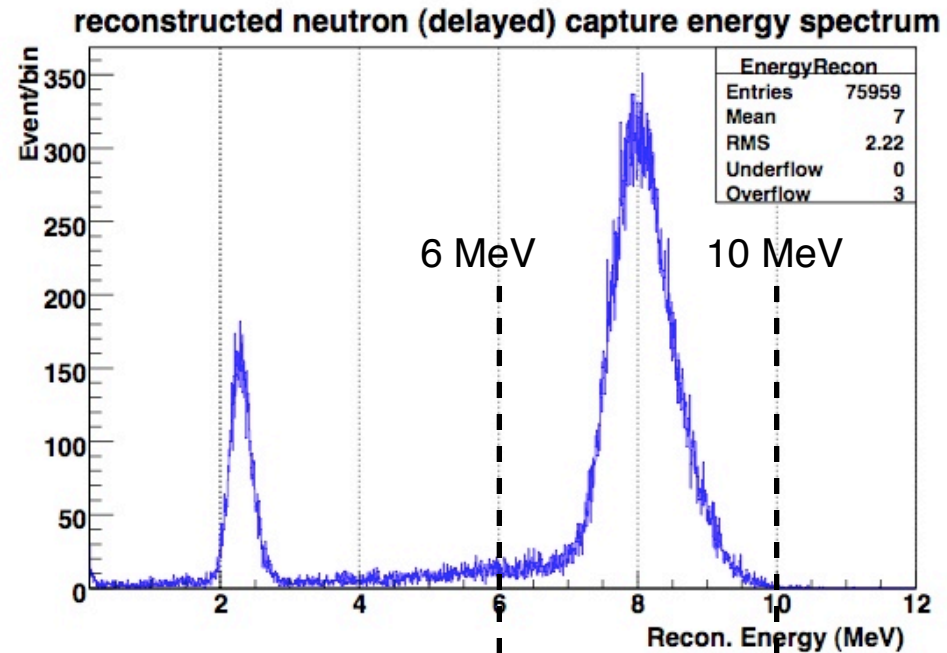
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→ + Gd → Gd\* → Gd + γ's (8 MeV) (delayed)

## Prompt Energy Signal



## Delayed Energy Signal



# Systematic Uncertainties

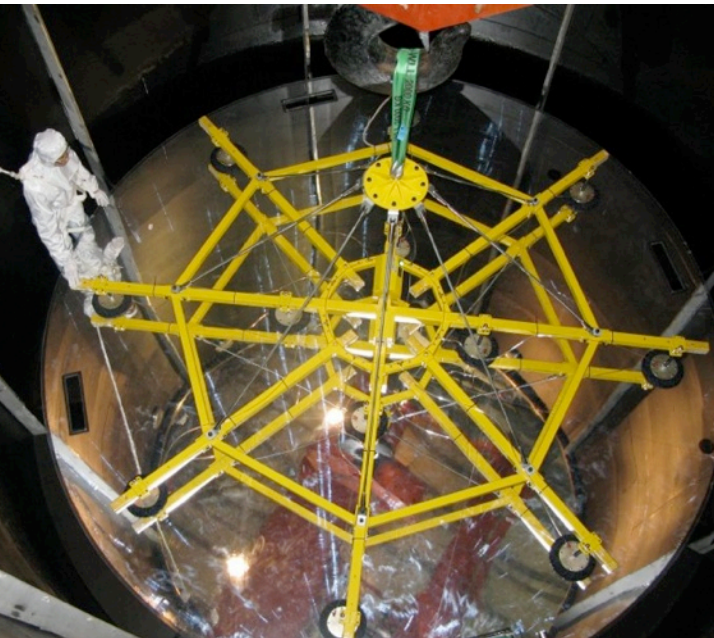
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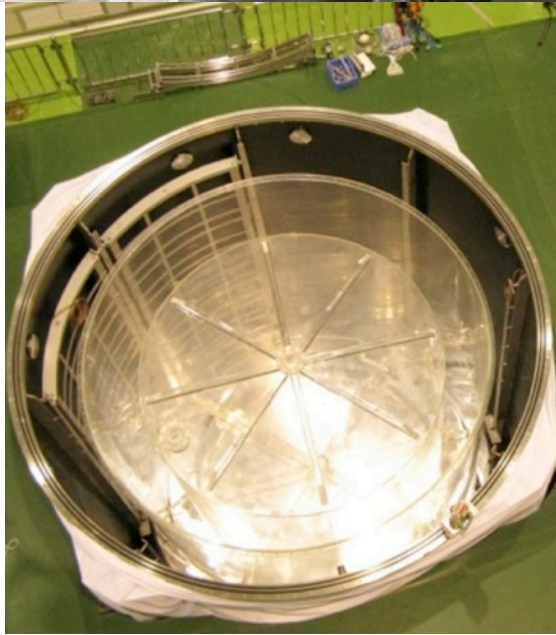
Ref: Daya Bay TDR

*O(0.2-0.3%) precision for relative measurement between detectors at near and far sites*

# Antineutrino Detector Assembly



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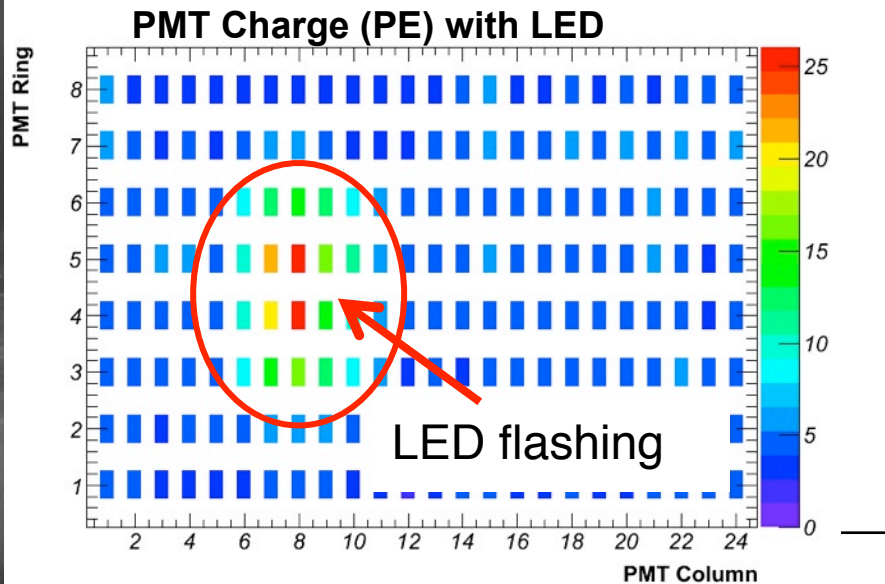
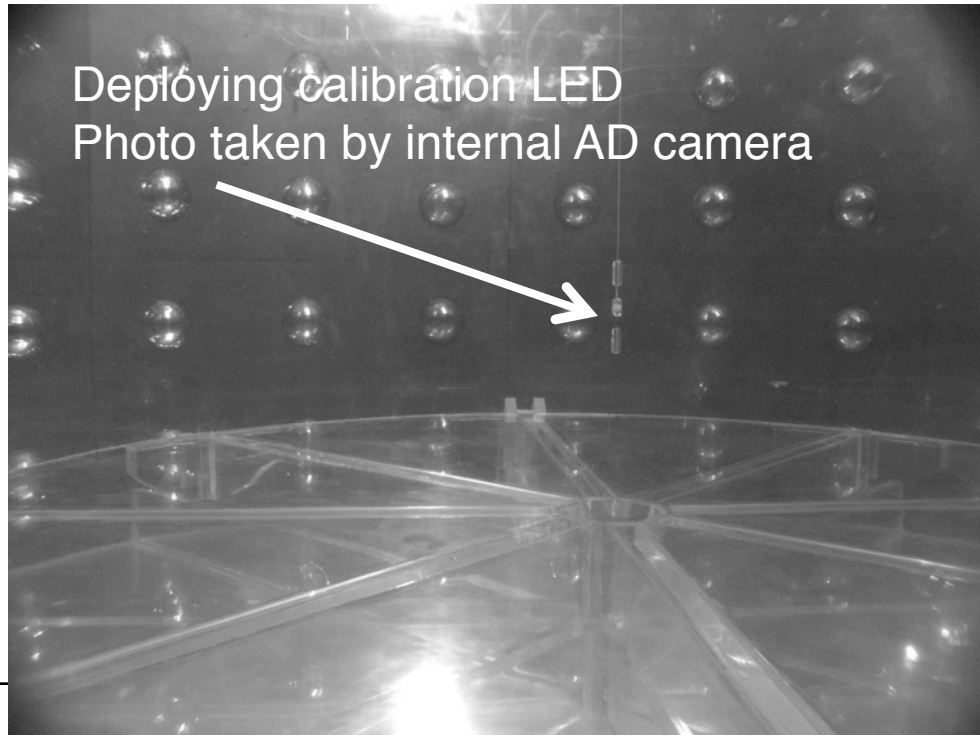
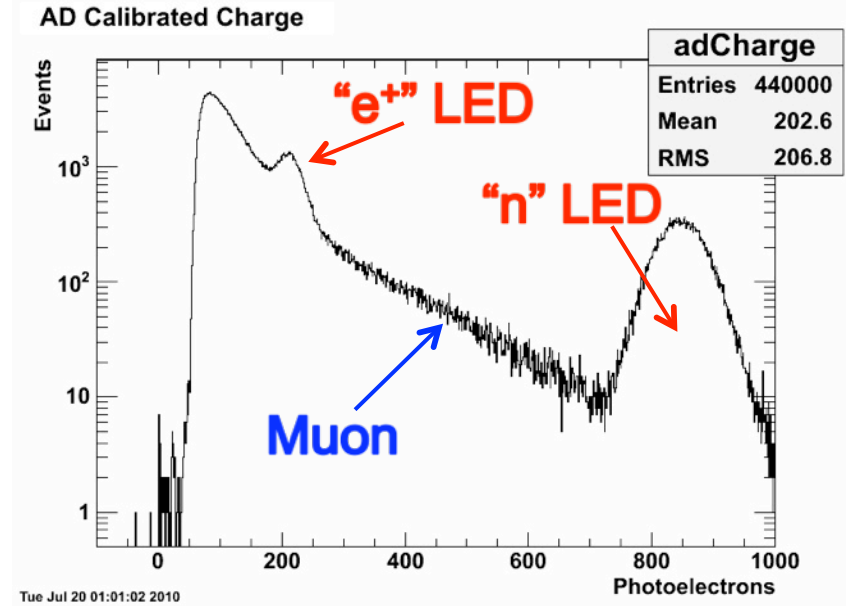


# Antineutrino Detector Dry Run

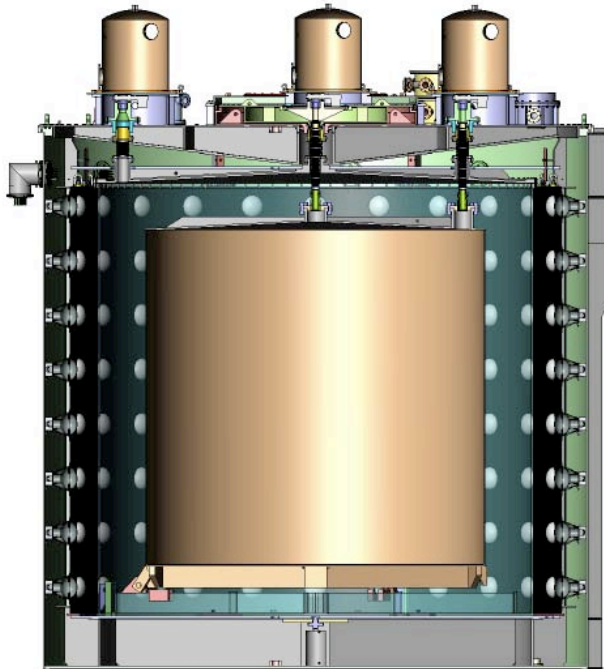
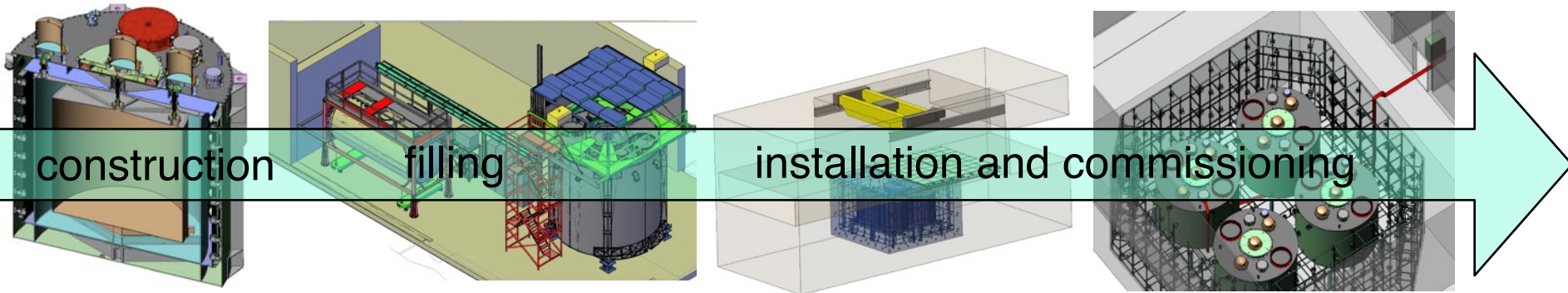
## First Detector Data

Double-pulse LED to mimic  $\bar{\nu}$  interaction

Detector dry run took place in assembly building (above ground). Can clearly see muon events.x



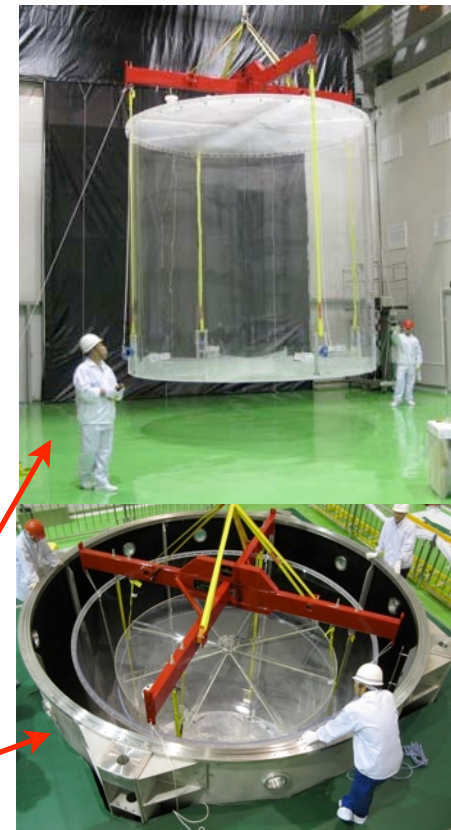
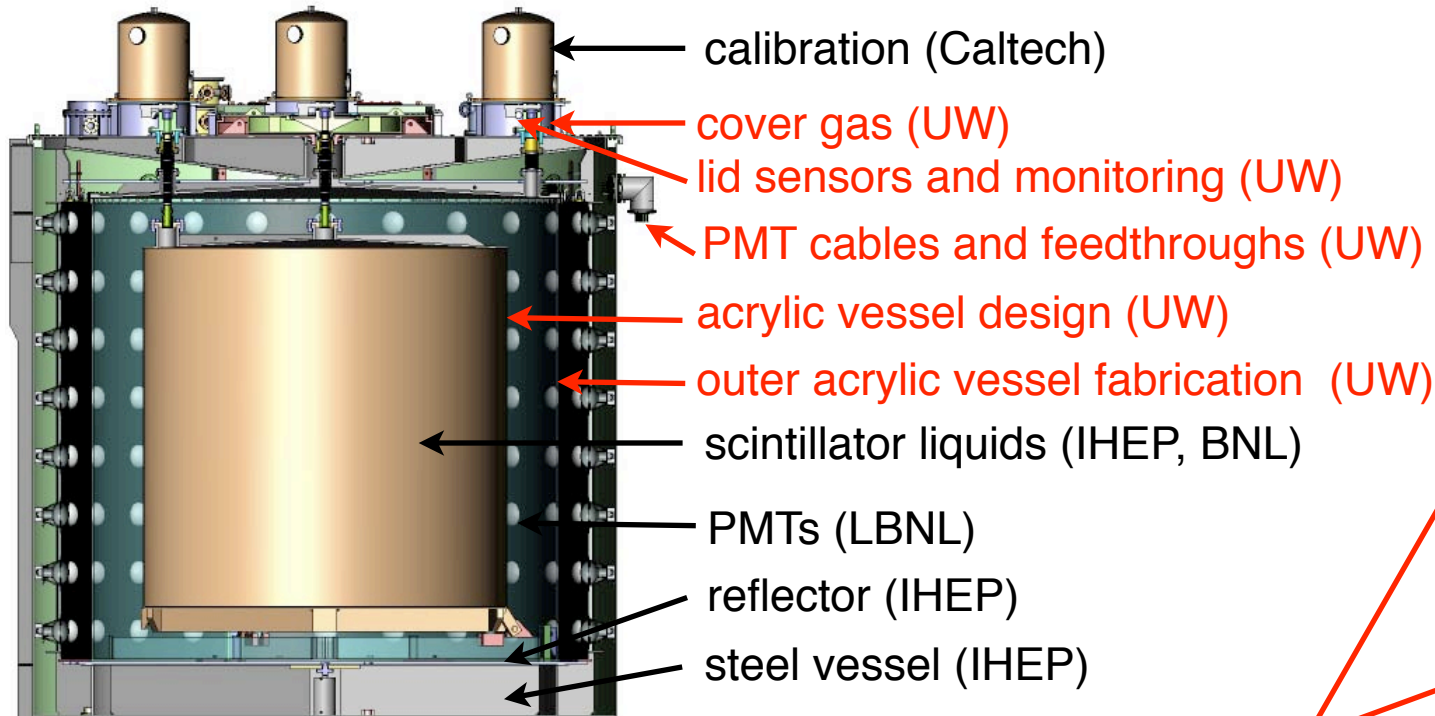
## Antineutrino Detector Scope and Responsibilities



### Major Responsibilities

- design of the **acrylic target vessel system** and fabrication of the 4m vessels and overflow tanks
- **liquid handling system, detector filling, and target mass measurement system**
- target mass monitoring and detector instrumentation
- **overall design and technical integration** of the antineutrino detectors
- technical **management of the detector assembly** and installation at Daya Bay

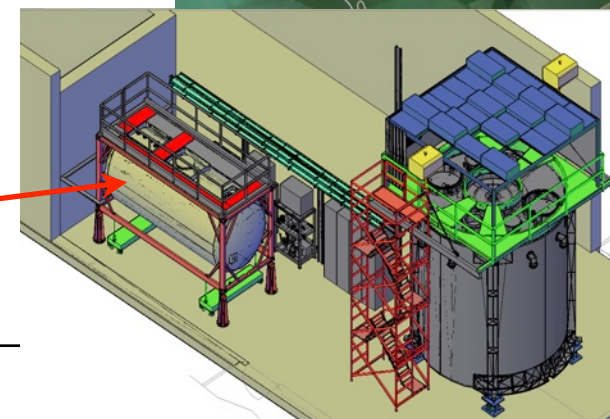
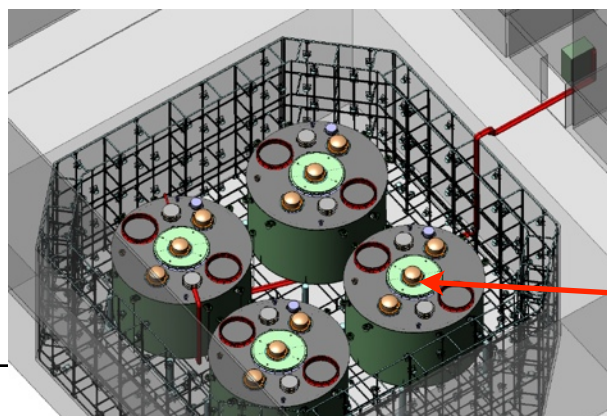
## Antineutrino Detector (AD) Scope and Responsibilities



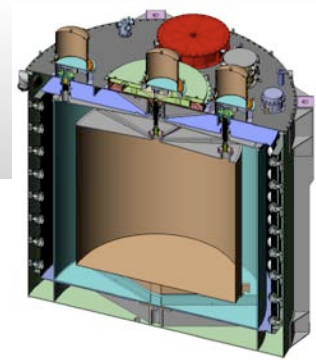
detector assembly (UW, IHEP)  
detector integration (UW)

detector filling and target  
mass measurement (UW)

detector installation (UW, IHEP)



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## Leadership and Management Responsibilities

### Scientists

#### **Heeger (faculty)**

- Antineutrino Detector, US L2 Manager
- Executive Board Member (elected)
- Institutional Representative

#### **Band (senior scientist)**

- AD Assembly, US L3 manager
- AD Testing and Commissioning, US lead
- AD Survey and Characterization, lead scientist

#### **Wise (researcher)**

- Liquid Scintillator Hall, US coordinator
- AD Filling and Target Mass Measurement, US L3 manager and lead scientist

#### **Wang (postdoc)**

- AD representative for “dry run”
- coordinates AD instrumentation and slow control interface
- coordinates AD geometry in simulations

#### **Lewis (graduate student)**

- responsible for target mass measurement

### Technical Personnel

#### **Cherwinka (PSL engineer)**

- Antineutrino Detector, US L2 Deputy Manager
- AD Installation, US L3 manager
- US AD lead engineer

#### **Greenler (PSL engineer)**

- Acrylic Vessels, lead engineer

#### **Wenman (PSL engineer)**

- AD Filling and Target Mass Measurement, lead engineer

#### **Xiao (PSL engineer)**

- coordinates on-site AD assembly
- substitutes for US on-site safety officer

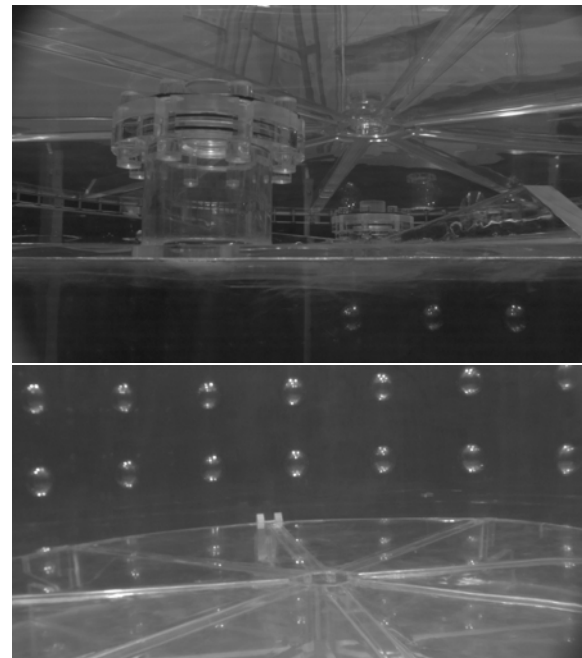
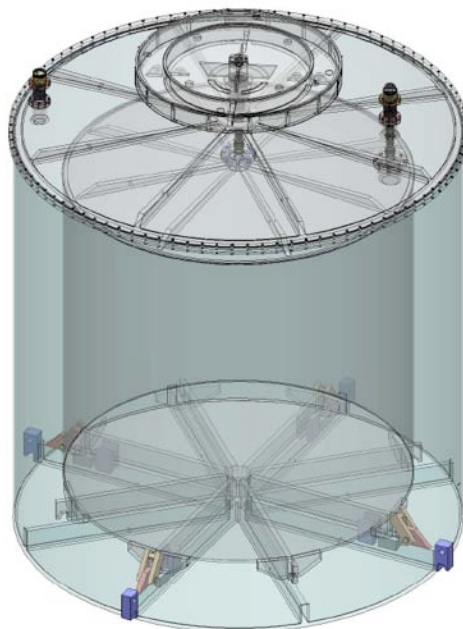
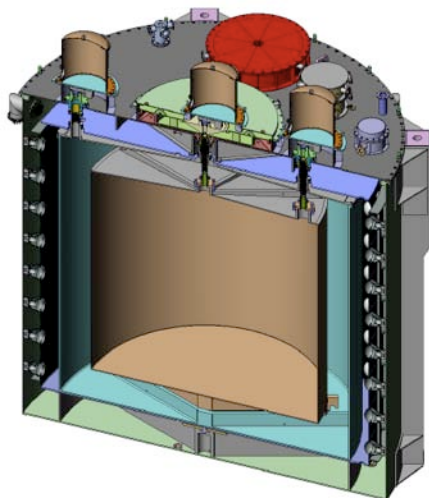
**Wisconsin responsible for the antineutrino detectors - the core of the experiment.**

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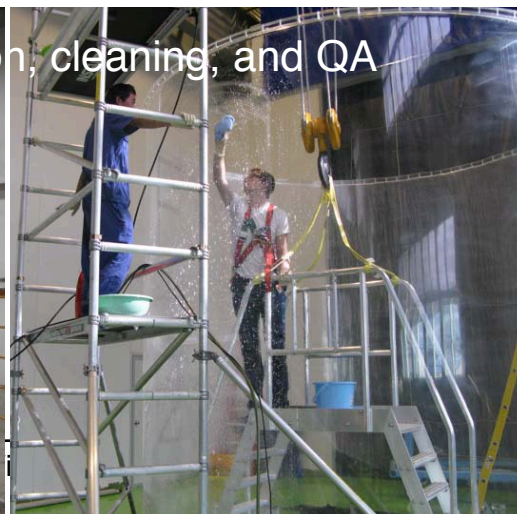
Greenler, Wise,  
Cherwinka, Band,  
Littlejohn et al.

## Detector Acrylic Target Vessels (technical effort)

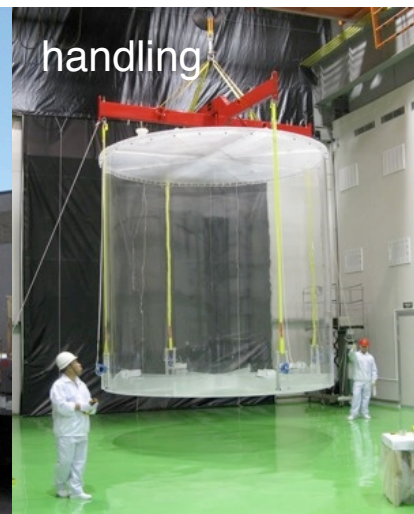
design and integration



pairwise fabrication, cleaning, and QA



shipment and transport



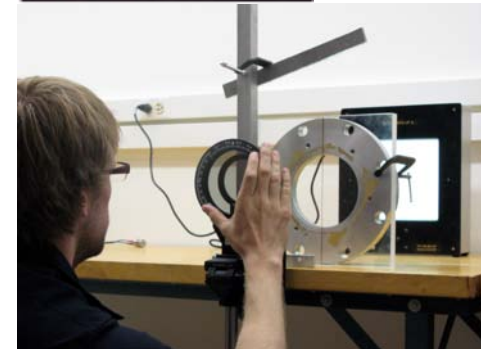
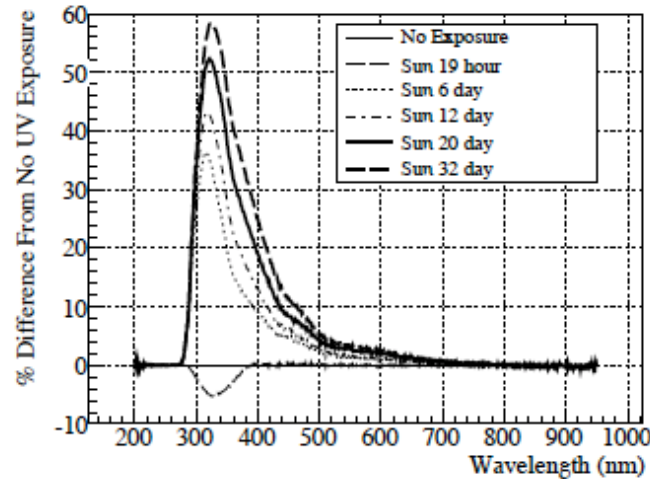
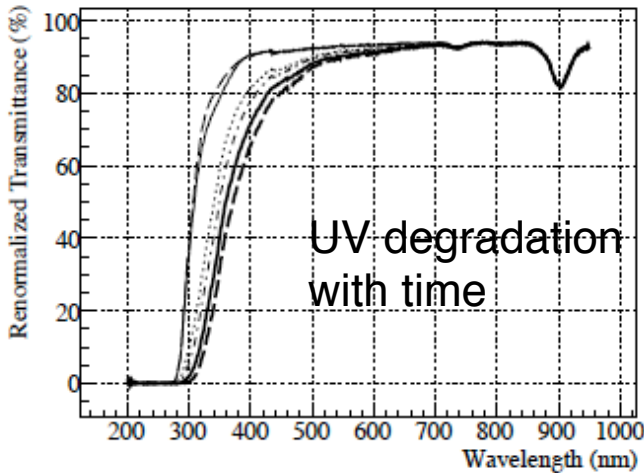
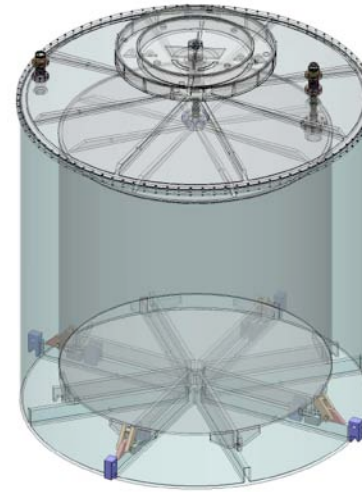
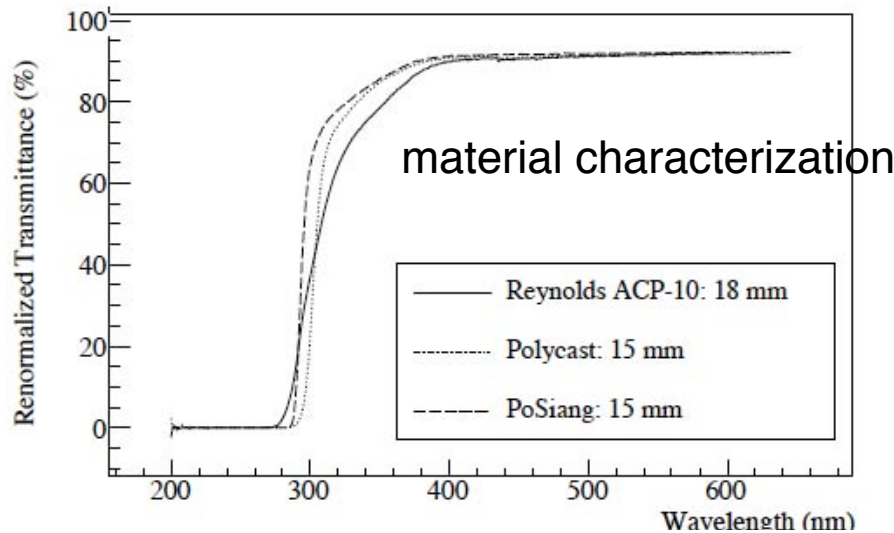
handling

## Detector Acrylic Target Vessels (research effort)

Littlejohn, Wise et al.

2 publications

stress analysis



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## Detector Filling & Target Mass Measurement

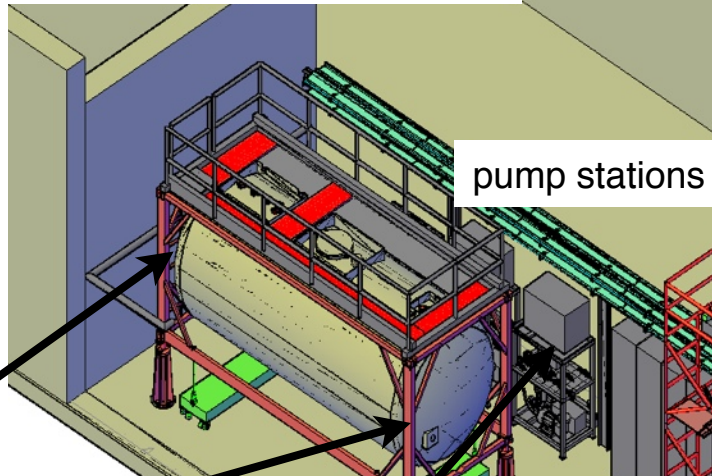
Wise, Wenman,  
Lewis, Hinrichs et al.

200-ton Gd-LS reservoir



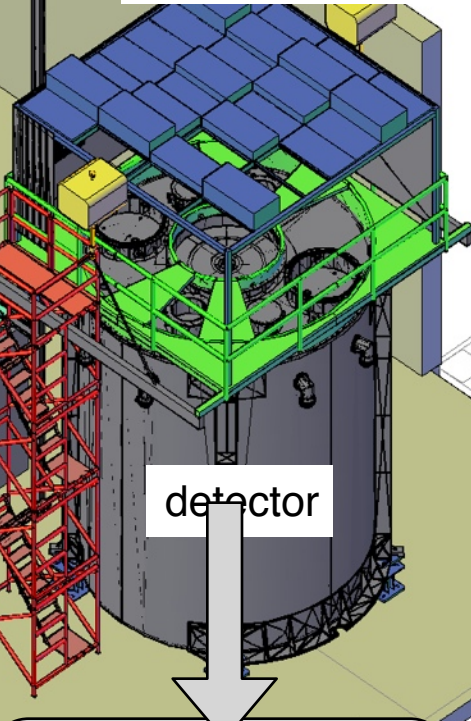
20-ton ISO tank

ISO Gd-LS weighing tank



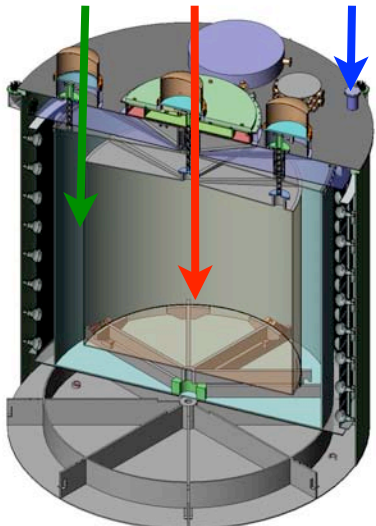
pump stations

filling platform with clean room



detector

LS Gd-LS MO

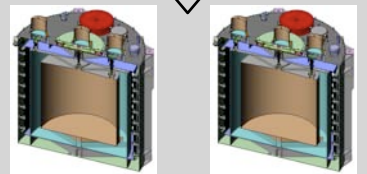


load cell  
accuracy < 0.02%



Coriolis mass  
flowmeters < 0.1%

For food, beverage,  
pharmaceutical and  
chemical applications!



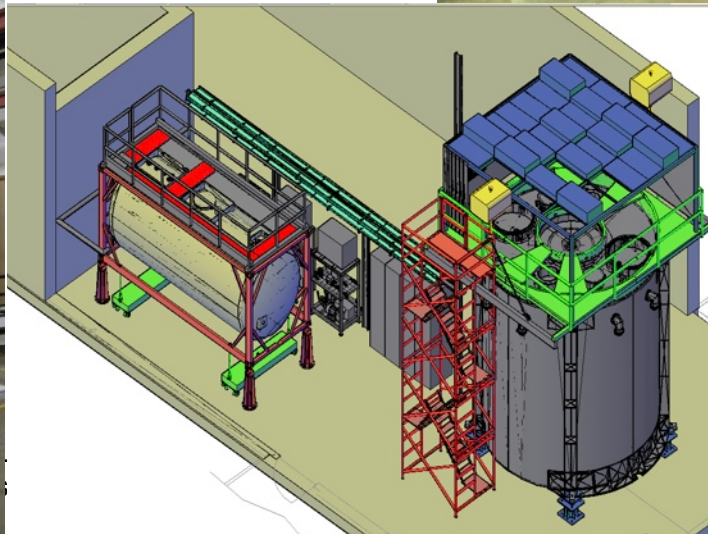
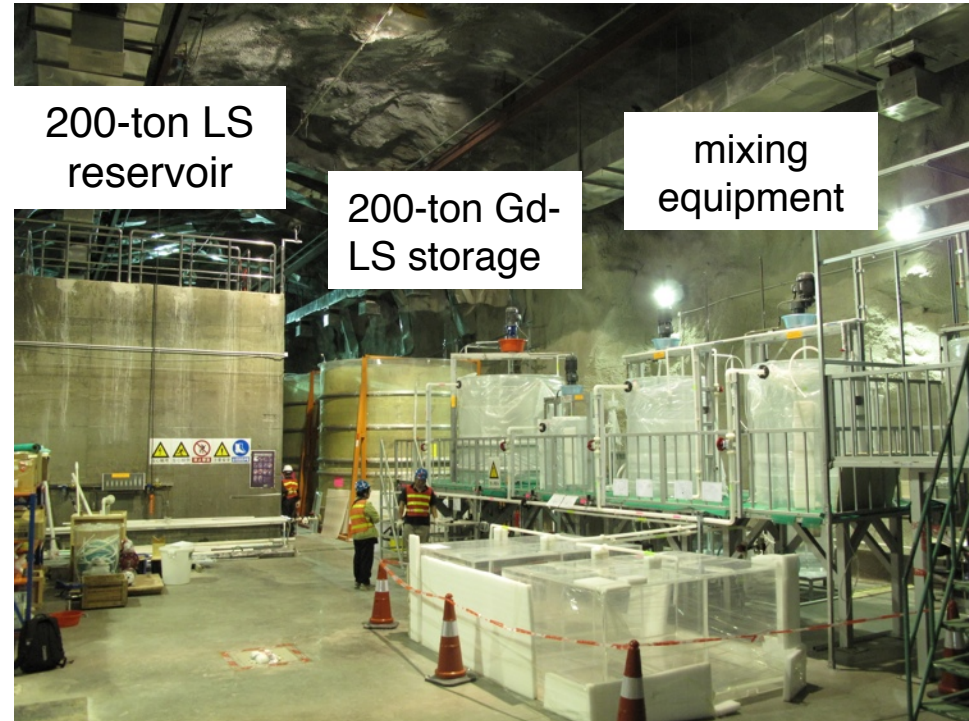
filling "pairs" of detectors

# Daya Bay at University of Wisconsin

## Detector Filling & Target Mass Measurement

Fall 2010: shipment of system  
Winter 2010: underground installation  
Spring 2011: commissioning and detector filling

filling and target mass measurement critical for antineutrino detectors and physics



Wise, Wenman,  
Lewis, Hinrichs et al.

## Detector Filling & Target Mass Measurement (research effort)



ISO weighing tank and  
load cells



load cell  
accuracy < 0.02%

column test to  
simulate height of  
detectors

LabView based  
control system



Wise, Wenman,  
Lewis, Hinrichs et al.

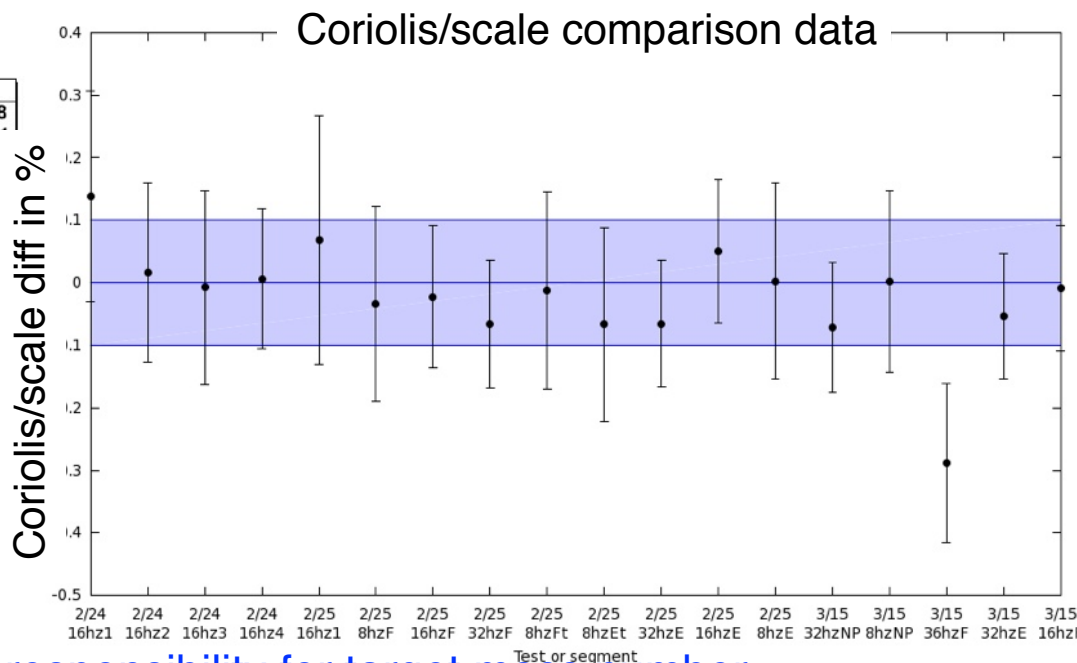
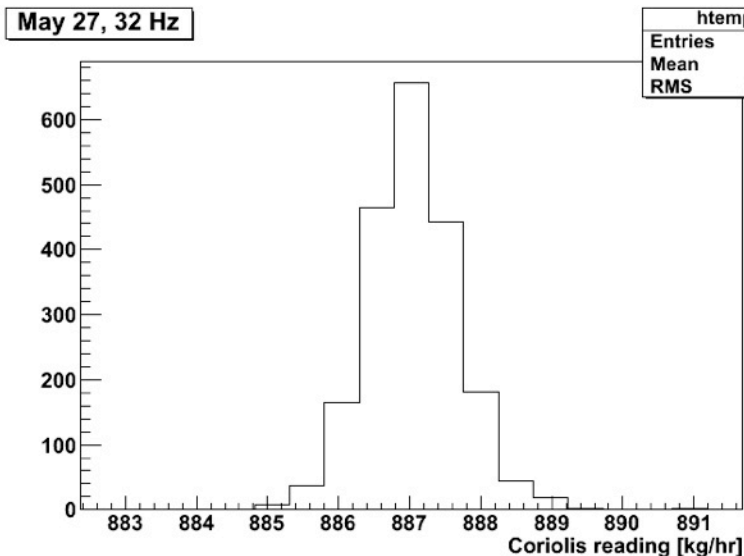
## Target Mass Measurement (research effort)

$$\frac{N_f}{N_n} = \left( \frac{N_{p,f}}{N_{p,n}} \right) \left( \frac{L_n}{L_f} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_n} \right) \left[ \frac{P_{sur}(E, L_f)}{P_{sur}(E, L_n)} \right]$$



Coriolis mass flowmeters < 0.1%

Detector Mass Ratio, H/C  
**critical for oscillation physics**



Band, Wise, and Lewis have physics responsibility for target mass number

# Daya Bay at University of Wisconsin



## Management of Detector Assembly and Installation

Cherwinka, Xiao,  
Band, et al.

Wisconsin is lead institution for detector assembly on-site. Continuous presence on-site for assembly.



## Antineutrino Detector Research Effort

- design, construction, and characterization of pairwise-“identical” antineutrino detectors (**Band, Wise, Littlejohn et al.**) 
- precision measurement of number of target protons to  $< 0.1\%$  (**Wise, Band, Wang, Lewis, Hinrichs, et al.**) 
- ensure sufficiently-low radioactive backgrounds and materials compatibility of all detector components (**Wise et al.**)
- controlling and minimizing detector systematic error (**Wise, Band, Wang, Lewis, Hinrichs, et al.**)

## Critical Contributions

- managing assembly of 8 antineutrino detectors from 2009-2012 (4 ADs to be built after start of data taking at near site) (**Band**)
- provide as-built data and characterization of detectors for physics analysis. requires continuity and oversight of scientist. (**Band**)
- absolute and relative precision measurement of target protons. calibration and instrumentation characterization (**Wise**)

## UW Thesis Analyses Related to Antineutrino Detector Effort

*“A High-Precision Measurement of the Reactor Electron Antineutrino Flux and Spectrum at Daya Bay”*,

Bryce Littlejohn, graduation expected in 2011

*“Search for the Neutrino Mixing Angle  $\theta_{13}$  at the Daya Bay Near Site and Systematic Effects in the Antineutrino Spectrum and Rate”*,

Mike McFarlane, graduation expected in 2011/2012

*“First Oscillation Results from the Daya Bay Experiment: A Search for the Mixing Angle  $\theta_{13}$ ”*,

Christine Lewis, graduation expected in 2012/2013

*“A High-Precision Measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  at Daya Bay”*,

Paul Hinrichs, graduation expected in 2013/2014

### Daya Bay Schedule

Spring/summer 2011	near detector data taking
Summer 2012	full experiment
Summer 2013	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ sensitivity to $\sim 0.01$

## Awards, Honors, and Distinctions During Grant Period

**Karsten Heeger** (*faculty*)

2009 Sloan Research Fellowship

**Tom Wise** (*researcher*)

2009 UW Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research

**Bryce Littlejohn** (*graduate student*)

2008 NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute Fellowship

**Alex Green** (*undergraduate student*)

2010 APS Conference Experience for Undergraduate (CEU) fellowship

**Patrick Mende** (*undergraduate student*)

2008 APS Conference Experience for Undergraduate (CEU) fellowship  
since 2009 graduate school at Carnegie Mellon

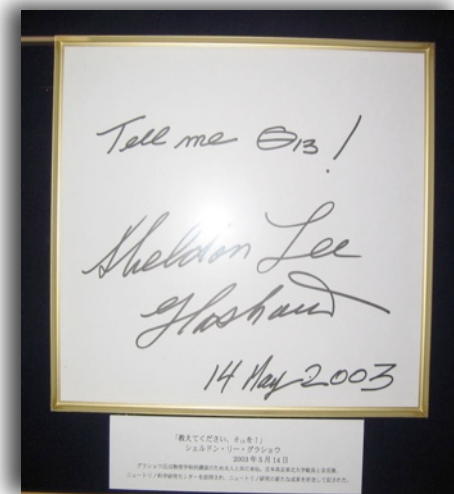
**Ho Ling Li** (*undergraduate student*)

2007 APS Conference Experience for Undergraduate (CEU) fellowship  
since 2009 graduate school at Univ. of Chicago, works with Young Kee Kim at FNAL

# Daya Bay Summary



- Non-accelerator experiments were key in discovering neutrino mass and oscillations in the past decade (1998-2008).
- Reactor experiments have made key contributions: KamLAND discovered reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  oscillation and has made most precise measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{12}$  to  $< 3\%$
- The measurement of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01$  is a prerequisite for the search of leptonic CPV.



- UW makes key contributions to Daya Bay design, construction, commissioning, and physics studies. Single-largest university contribution to Daya Bay.
- UW has most detailed and comprehensive knowledge of the antineutrino detectors - the core of the Daya Bay experiment. In ideal situation to evaluate detector systematics for physics analysis.
- Ready to capitalize on large technical and financial investments (startup etc).
- Data taking with first detectors soon. Transition of UW science group to physics analysis while managing detector assembly.

# Request for Support



## Personnel

faculty ( <i>Heeger</i> )	summer salary
senior scientist ( <i>Band</i> )	100%
postdoctoral research associate ( <i>Wang</i> )	1 FTE
graduate students ( <i>Littlejohn, McFarlane</i> )	2 FTE
computing support ( <i>Rader, Radtke</i> )	shared with other tasks

## + travel

Note: In Aug 2010 Daya Bay project asked if Tom Wise can be supported for his research effort on target mass measurement and instrumentation characterization with a one-time supplement to base grant.



# Antineutrino Detector Transport

Detector Test Transport in June 2010

