

# Prospect for Reactor Neutrino Experiments In Europe

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- ✓ The HLMA project in the light of the first KamLAND results
  - The Heilbronn site, Germany
  - The Boulby site, UK
- ✓  $|U_{e3}|^2$  measurement/constraint with a new reactor experiment
  - In the frame of the HLMA project
  - At the maximum of oscillation,  $D \sim 2$  km

# Neutrino Mass & Mixing

$$[\Delta m_{21}^2 - \theta_{12}]_{\text{sol}}$$

Solar  $\nu$ 's

+

KamLAND

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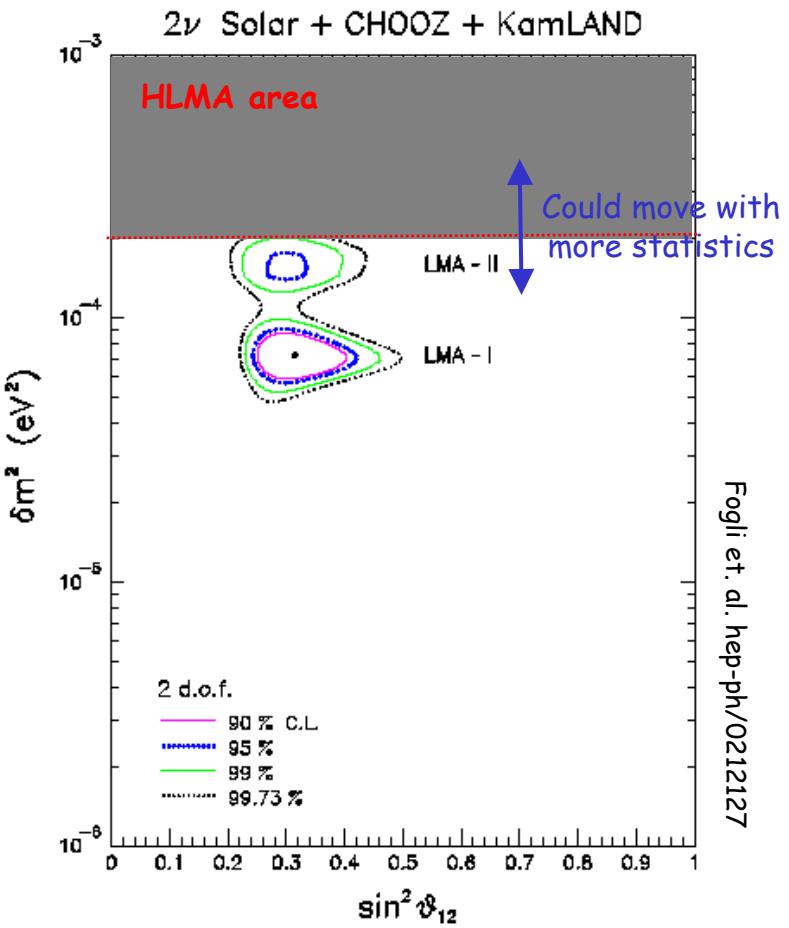
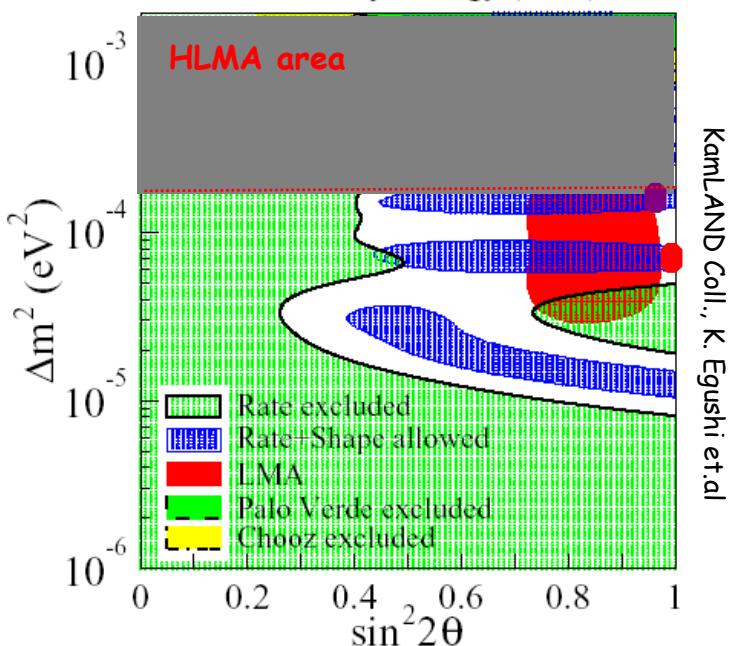
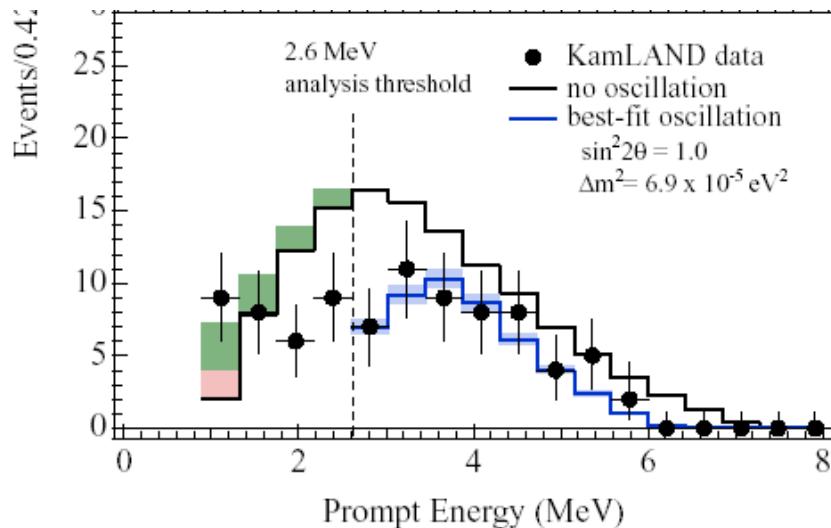
? HLMA ?



MSW-LMA

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 \sim O(10^{-5}) \text{ eV}^2$$
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sim 0.8$$

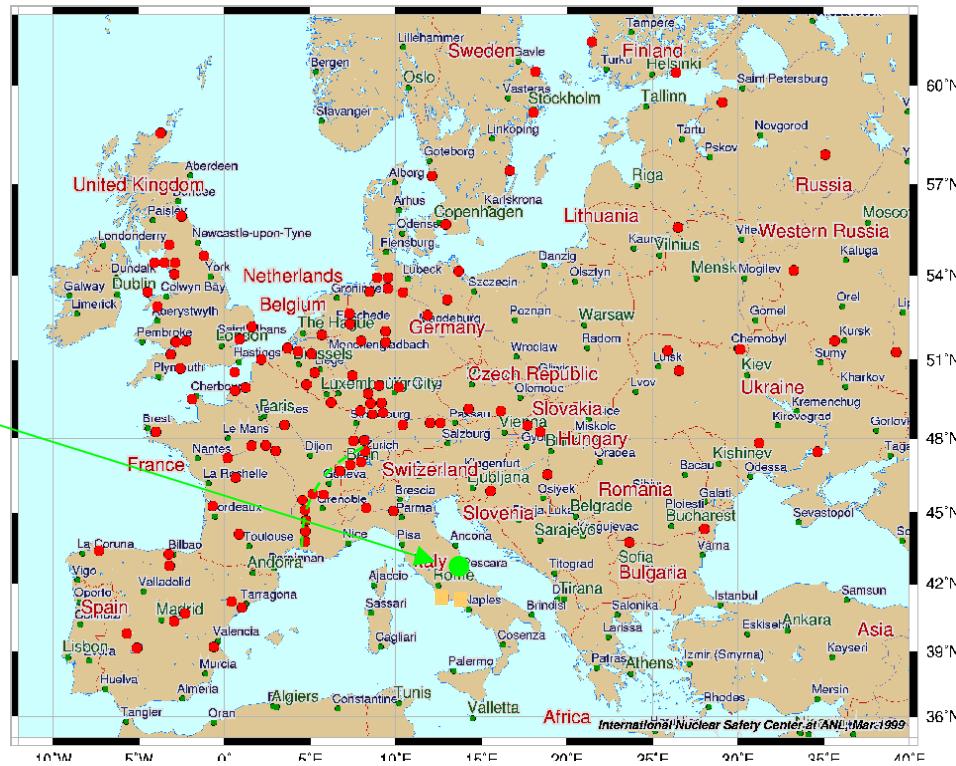
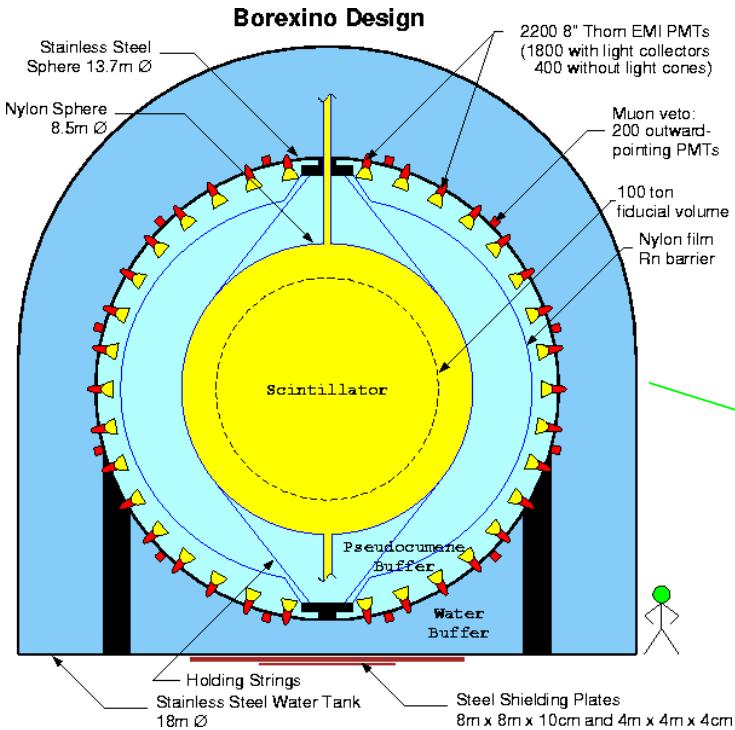
# KamLAND first results



LMA-II (~HLMA) disfavored, BUT statistically acceptable  
→ It should not be neglected a-priori

Can KamLAND disentangle LMA-I & LMA-II if the true solution ~LMA-II ? If yes, which exposure is needed ?

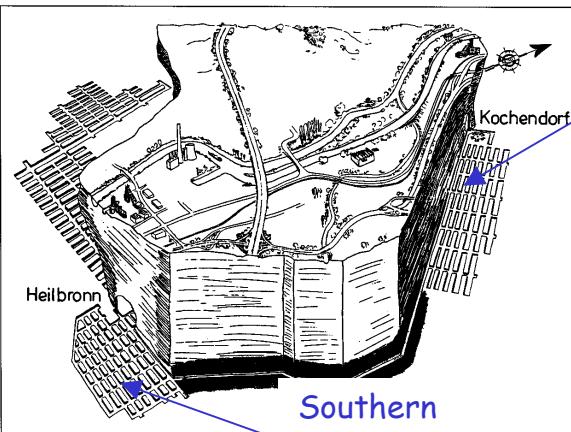
# Coming next: BOREXINO



- ✓ Located at the LNGS laboratories
- ✓ Main reactors in France, Switzerland, Germany,  $\langle L \rangle \sim 800$  km
- ✓ 300 tons of pseudocumene (PC), ~30 interactions/year (22 events above 2.6 MeV)
- ✓ Goals: 1)  $^7\text{Be}$  solar neutrinos
- 2) Test MSW-LMA solution with reactors anti-neutrinos → KamLAND confirmation
- ✓ Optimum: few  $10^{-6} < \Delta m^2 < \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  eV<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Rate analysis only (no shape distortion expected)

# The HLMA Project Heilbronn, Germany

The Heilbronn salt mine



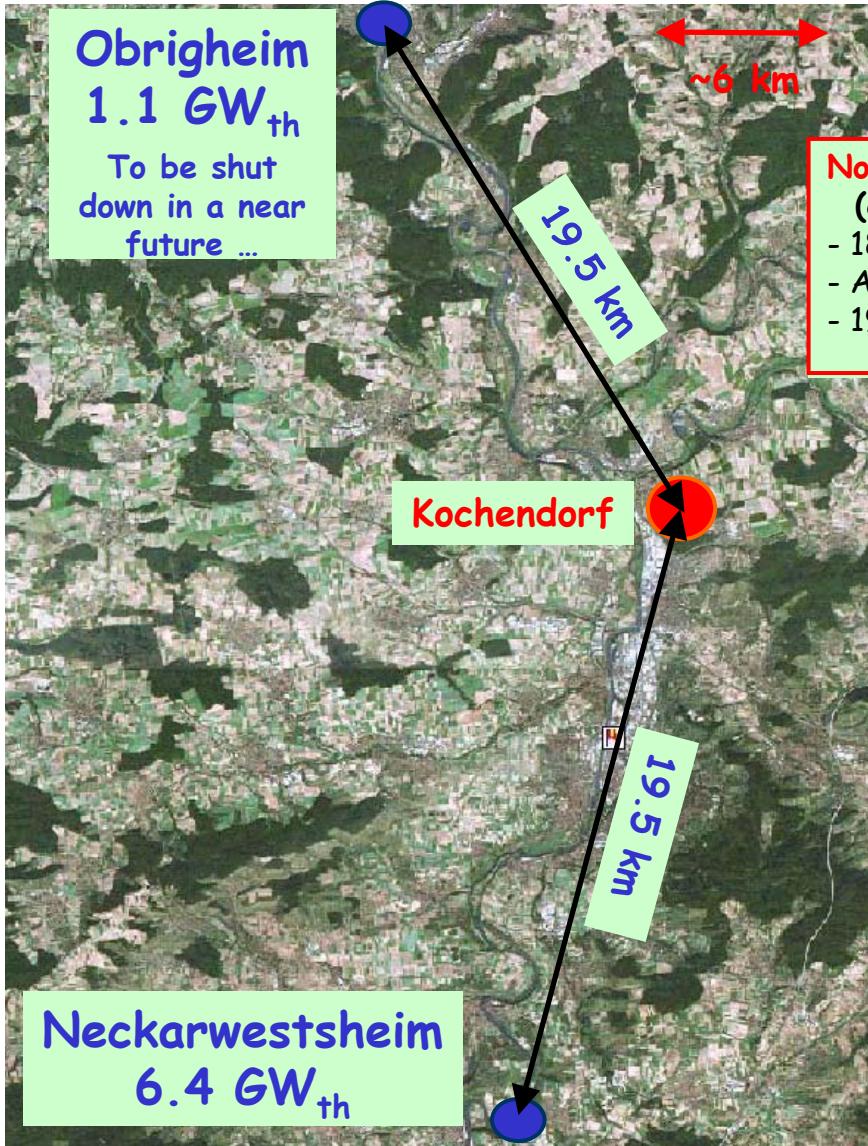
~ 2000 caverns  
15 x 10-20 x 100-200m



New reactor neutrino project to probe the HLMA region  $\Delta m^2 > 1.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$



# Heilbronn detector site: Aerial view

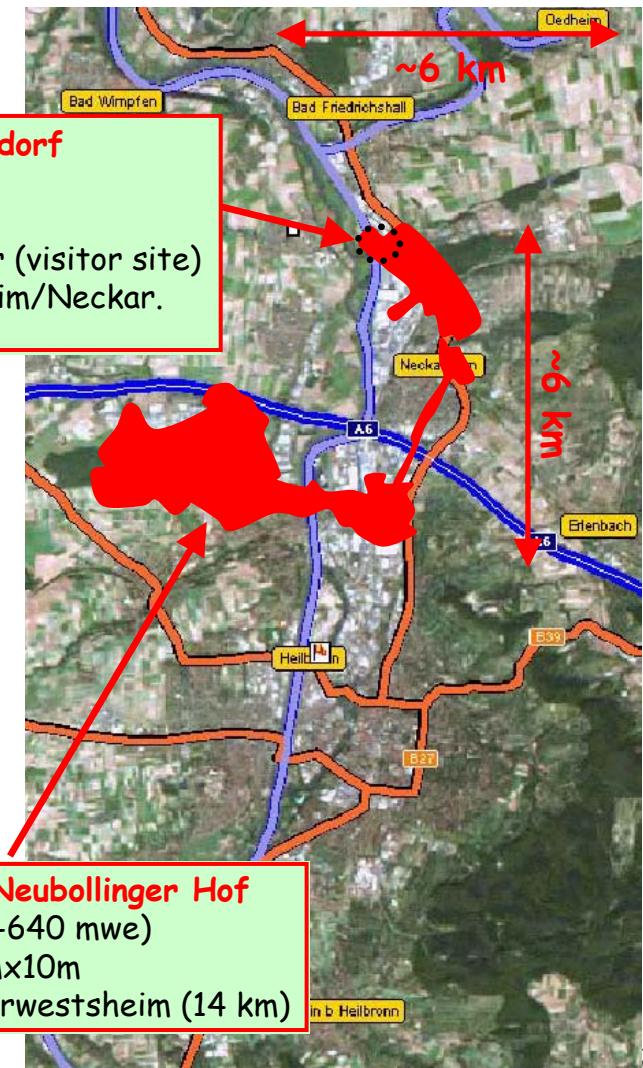


## Northern area: Kochendorf (current best site)

- 180m (480 mwe)
- Accessible via elevator (visitor site)
- 19,5 km from Obrigheim/Neckar.

## Southern area: Neubollinger Hof

- 180-240m (480-640 mwe)
- elevator 3mx3mx10m
- Closer to Neckarwestsheim (14 km)



The two sites are connected by a tunnel

# Anti- $\nu_e$ interaction rate at Heilbronn



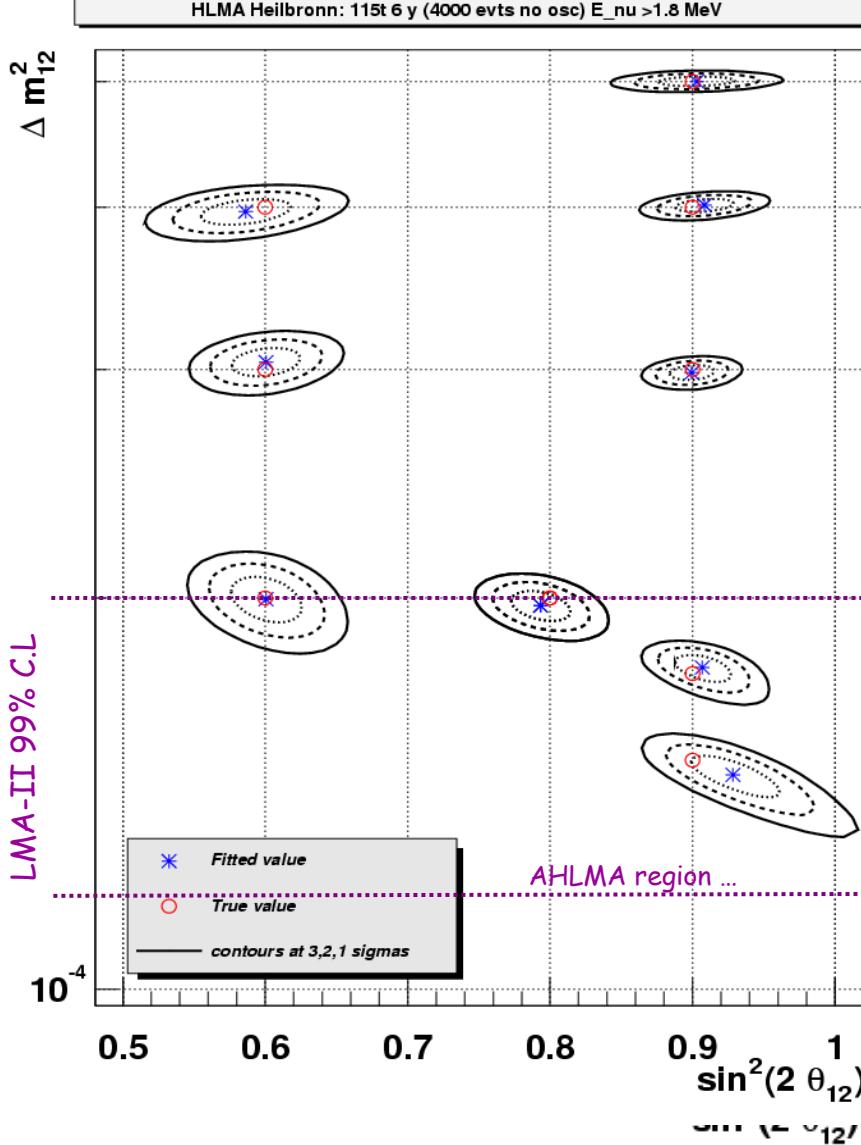
- >300 GW<sub>th</sub> European power plants included
- Average typical fuel composition (U, Pu)  
 $\nu_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$   
 $\langle\sigma\rangle/\text{fission} = 5.825 \times 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$
- For 10<sup>31</sup> protons, 194 tons PXE (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>)
- Load factor: 80% to 90%
- Expected rate ~ 1150/year (100% eff.)  
~ 1025/year (Obrigheim OFF)

Reactor	Distance [km]	Power [GW <sub>th</sub> ]	R <sub>L</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> /R <sub>0</sub>
Neckarwestheim	19.5	6.388	754	66%
Obrigheim	19.5	1.057	125	11%
Philipsburg	54	6.842	107	9%
Biblis	80	7.420	52	4%
Grundremmingen	117	7.986	26	2%
Others (Europe)	> 100	~ 293	86	8%

77% @ 20 km  
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74% @ 20 km  
If  
Obrigheim is OFF

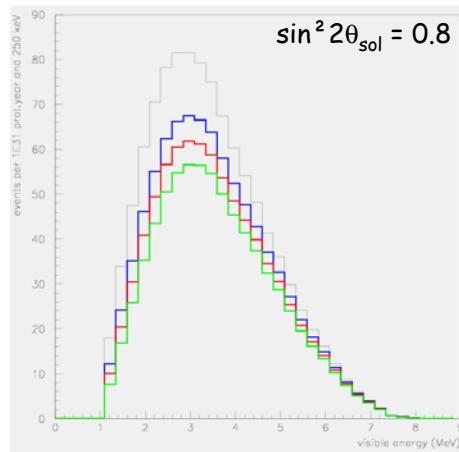
# HLMA@Heilbronn : $\Delta m^2_{sol}$ & $\sin^2 2\theta_{sol}$



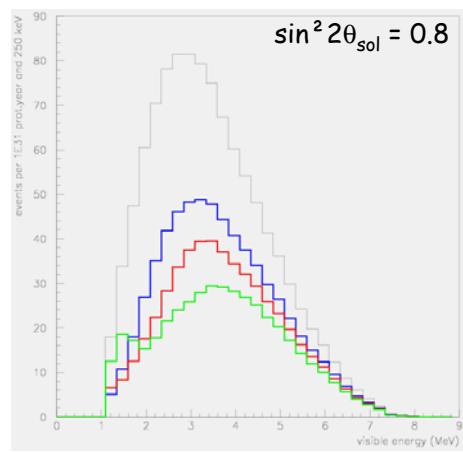
Simulation of HLMA @Heilbronn (kochendorf)

- No background included
- 250 keV bins - 100% efficiency
- **Exposure: 115 tons / 3 years (2000 events)**
- Sensitivity starts at  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$

$\Delta m^2_{sol} \text{ eV}^2$	$\sin^2 2\theta_{sol}$	$\delta(\Delta m^2_{sol})$ $1\sigma$	$\delta(\sin^2 2\theta_{sol})$ $1\sigma$
$>2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.8	< 5 %	$\sim 5 \%$

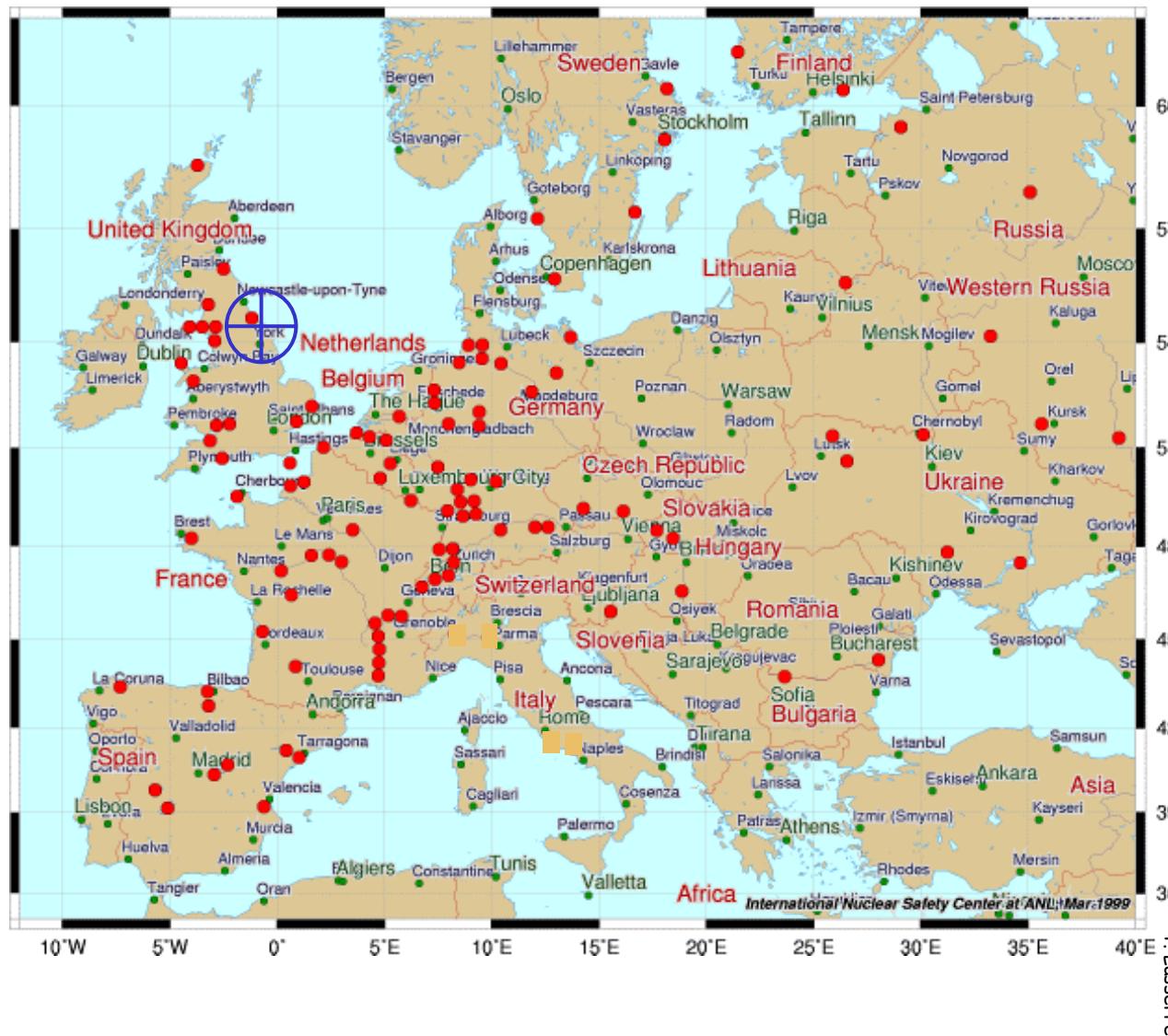
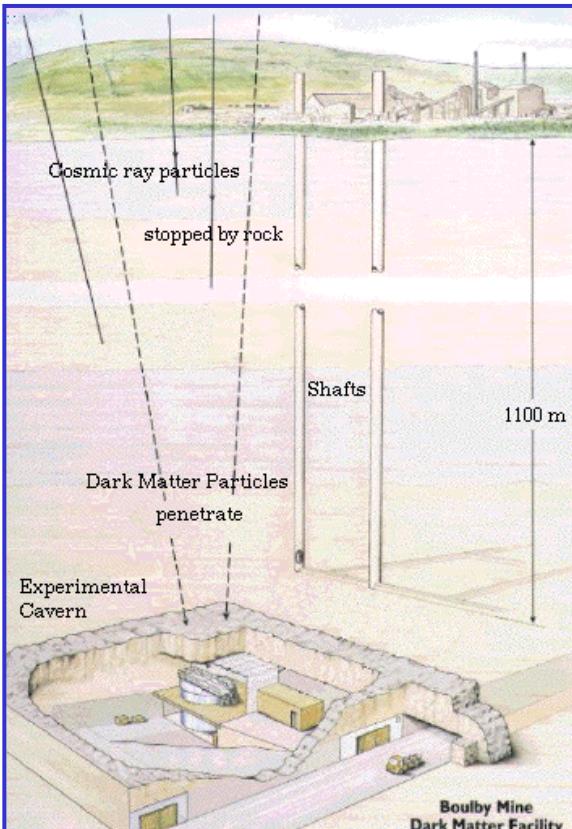


LMA-I  
 $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$



LMA-II  
 $12 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$

# The Boulby site, England



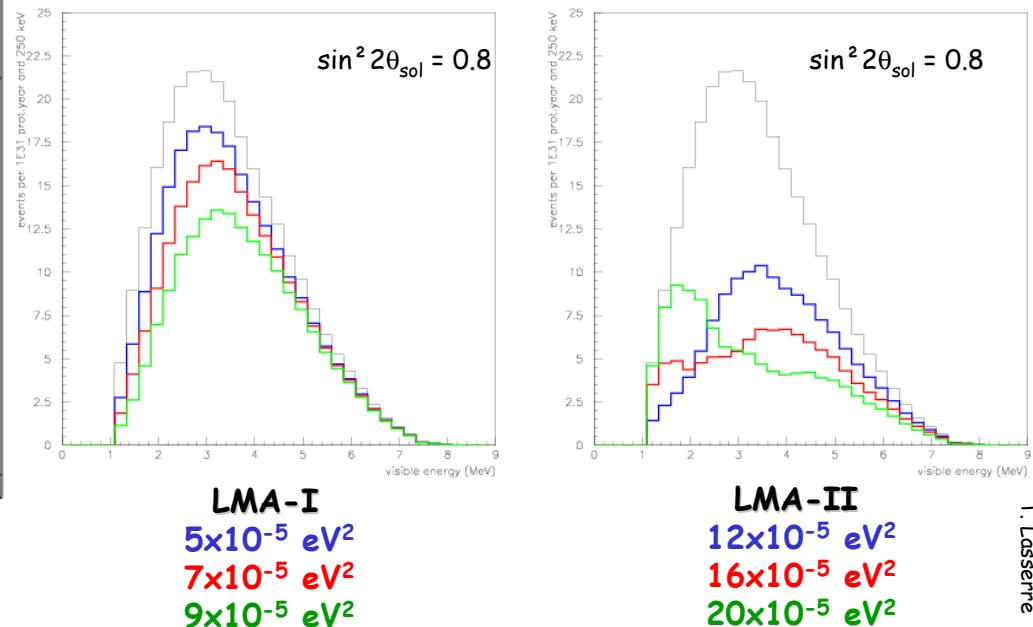
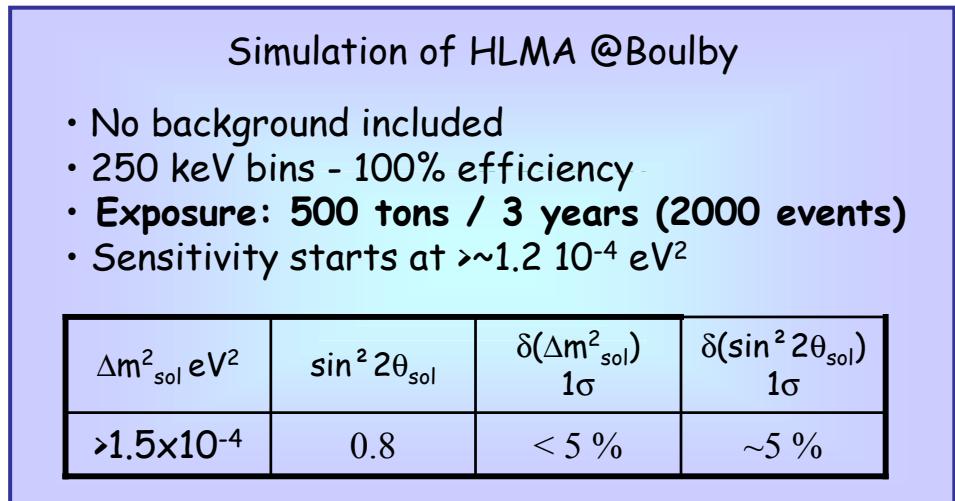
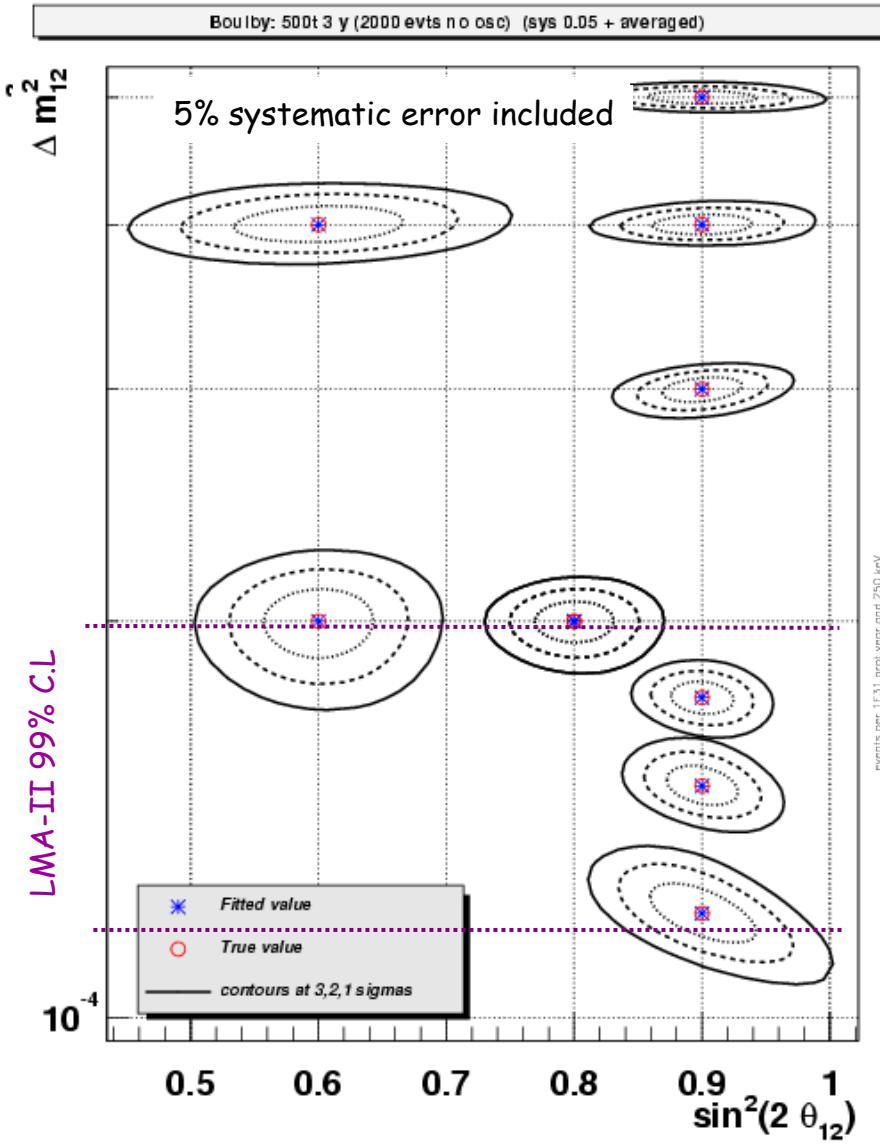
# BOUBLY: a possible site for HLMA ?

- ✓ Motivation: LMA-II →  $\Delta m^2_{21} \sim 1.2\text{--}2.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
- If LMA-II is the solution → precision of KamLAND ?
- HLMA@Heilbronn → sensibility starts at  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
- ✓ The Boulby mine location
  - Existing underground laboratory
  - 25 km away from the Hartlepool nuclear plant (AGR type, yield~40%,  $3.2 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$ )
- ✓ Overburning: 1100 m of rocks.
  - Muon flux attenuated by  $10^6$
- ✓ Statistics → 2000 evts / 500 tons PXE / 3 years
  - Flux(Hartlepool)/Flux(Total) = 81 %
  - 90% of the flux from 5 nuclear plants
- ✓ Discrimination power between LMA-I and LMA-II
  - Sensitivity starts at  $\Delta m^2_{21} \sim 1.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
  - Discrimination power within the LMA-II solution



Reactor	L (km)	P ( $\text{GW}_{\text{th}}$ )	F/F <sub>tot</sub>
Hartlepool	25	3.1	81 %
Heysham	147	5.9	4.5 %
Torness	186	3.1	1.5 %
Graveline	441	17.0	1.5 %
Paluel	526	16.4	1.0 %
Others	-	-	~10 %

# HLMA@Boulby : $\Delta m^2_{\text{sol}}$ & $\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{sol}}$



# HLMA@Heilbronn: outline of the detector

Anti- $\nu_e$  tag:  $\nu_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ , ~1.8 MeV Threshold

- Prompt  $e^+$ ,  $E_p=1-8$  MeV, visible energy
- Delayed neutron capture on H,  $E_D=2.2$  MeV
- Prompt ( $\beta/\gamma$ ) - Delayed( $\beta/\gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  pulse shape discrimination

Time correlation:  $\tau \sim 200\mu\text{sec}$

Space correlation:  $< 1\text{m}^3$

• "CTF" like design

• Muon Veto

• Water Buffer

• Pure PXE scintillator

-  $d = 0.99 \text{ g/cm}^3$

-  $P_{\text{vapor}} = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ kPa} @ 20^\circ\text{C}$

- Flash point =  $149^\circ\text{C}$

- High LY (no Gadolinium)

- Stable

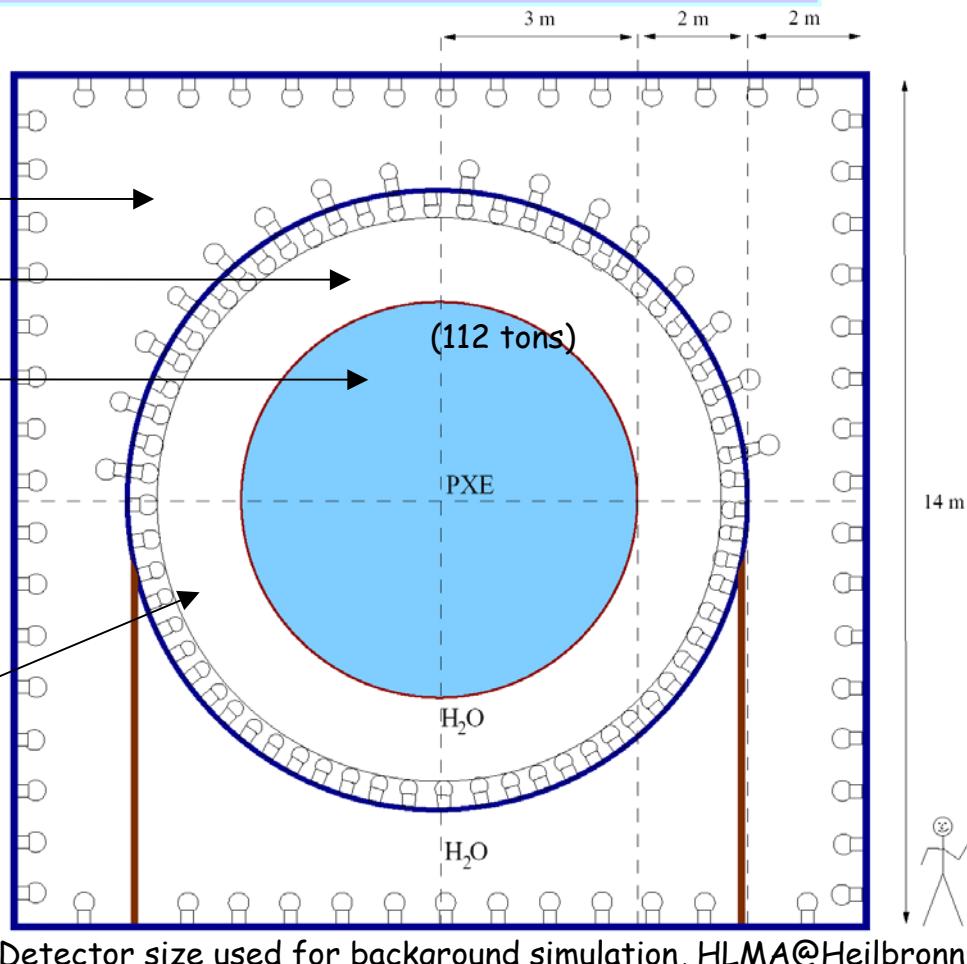
- Excellent PSD

-  $< 10^{-17} \text{ gU/g}$

- No fiducial volume

• PMTs coverage ~30%

- 400 pe/MeV



# $\bar{\nu}_e$ detection free of background

## ✓ Geophysical $\bar{\nu}_e$

- From  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$  daughters - characteristic spectrum -  $E_{\bar{\nu}} < 2.4 \text{ MeV}$
- Rate: 5-33/year/ $10^{31}$  protons (<3% reactor rate for HLMA@Heilbronn, <13% for HLMA@Boulby)
- Measurement @ KamLAND & BOREXINO

## ✓ Background from radioactivity: Goal $\rightarrow$ rate accidental background $< 1/\text{year}$

- PMTs: (BOREXINO Scaling), Th-chain:  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  line @2.6 MeV  
@BOREXINO: activity (Th activity  $\rightarrow 10^3 \text{ Bq}$ ).  $R_{\text{PMTs}} > 5 \text{ meters} \rightarrow b_{\text{acc}} < 0.1/\text{year}$

- Water shield: (MC simulation):  $U \leq 10^{-12} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $\text{Th} \leq 10^{-12} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $K \leq 10^{-10} \text{ g/g} \rightarrow Rn \leq \sim 100 \text{ mBq/m}^3$   
CTF  $\rightarrow U \leq 10^{-14} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $\text{Th} \leq 10^{-14} \text{ g/g}$

- Trace impurities in liquid scintillator: (MC simulation):  $U \leq 10^{-13} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $\text{Th} \leq 10^{-13} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $K \leq 10^{-12} \text{ g/g}$   
CTF Values (NNA)  $\rightarrow U \leq 10^{-17} \text{ g/g}$ ,  $\text{Th} \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ g/g}$

## ✓ Background induced by cosmic rays $\rightarrow$ For HLMA@Heilbronn Only. Deeper = Safer !

- Calculations at Kochendorf site 480 mwe:  $\langle E \rangle \sim 72 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\sim 756 \mu/\text{h/m}^2$
- Dominant Trigger Rate  $\rightarrow 5.6 \mu/\text{s}$  (115 tons)
- Background: Production of radioactive nuclei

NA54: Isotope production on  $^{12}\text{C}$  target @SPS/CERN,  $\mu$  beam @100/190 GeV

Single Rate: dominated by  $^{11}\text{C}$ , Rate(HLMA)~3500/day  $\rightarrow b_{\text{acc}} < 1/\text{year}$

Correlated events:  $\beta$ -n cascade,  $\tau \sim$ few 100ms, Only  $^8\text{He}$ ,  $^9\text{Li}$ ,  $^{11}\text{Li}$ ,  
Rate(HLMA)~3000/year,  $\mu$ -n- $\beta$ -n tag  $\rightarrow$  strong rejection with muon track)

- Neutrons background induced by  $\mu$

In the water shielding:  $\sim 65 \text{ n/day/ton} \rightarrow$  loss  $< \mu$  track loss  $< \sim 1/10^6 \mu$  events

In the surrounding rocks: Water shielding to be optimized & PSD optimisation

# Neutrino Mass & Mixing

-  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{32}) - \theta_{13} - \delta$



LBL

+

$\nu$  reacteurs



$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.14$  (CHOOZ)  $\rightarrow \theta_{13} ?$

Hierarchie:  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{32}) ?$

$\delta$ , Violation CP ?

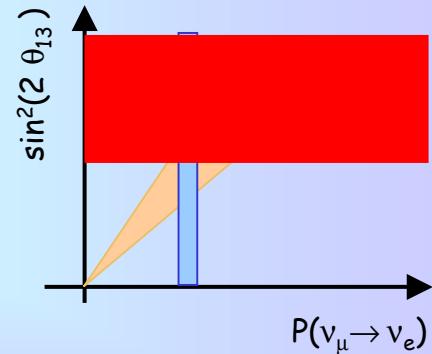
# Parameter degeneracy in LBL experiments

LBL  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance gives:  $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \rightarrow$  2 solutions :  $\theta_{23}$  &  $\pi/2 - \theta_{23}$   
 $|\Delta m^2_{13}| \rightarrow$  2 solutions  $m_1 > m_3$  or  $m_3 > m_1$

LBL appearance probability given by:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \sim & K_1 \sin^2(\theta_{23}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \\ & + K_2 \sin(2\theta_{23}) \sin(\theta_{13}) \text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31}) \cos(\delta) \\ & \pm K_3 \sin(2\theta_{23}) \sin(\theta_{13}) \sin(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

- $K_1, K_2, K_3$ : known constants (within experimental error)
- dependence on  $\sin(2\theta_{23})$ ,  $\sin(\theta_{13}) \rightarrow$  2 solutions
- dependence on  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31}) \rightarrow$  2 solutions
- $\delta$ -CP phase can run in  $[0, 2\pi] \rightarrow$  Interval of solutions in general



## $|U_{e3}|^2$ measurement with reactors

- Few MeV  $\nu_e \rightarrow$  disappearance experiments
- Few MeV  $\nu_e$  + very short baseline  $\rightarrow$  No matter effect contribution ( $O(10^{-4})$  relative effect)  $|U_{e3}|^2 \rightarrow$  measurement independent of  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{13})$
- $|U_{e3}|^2$  measurement independent of the  $\delta$ -CP phase

O. Yasuda's talk  
for details

# Constraint on $|U_{e3}|^2$ & reactor experiment

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - 2|U_{e3}|^2(1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{2E} \right) \quad \text{Atmospheric} \quad (4.1)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2}(1 - |U_{e3}|^2)^2 \sin^2 2\Theta_{12} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E} \right) \quad \text{Solar}$$

Interference

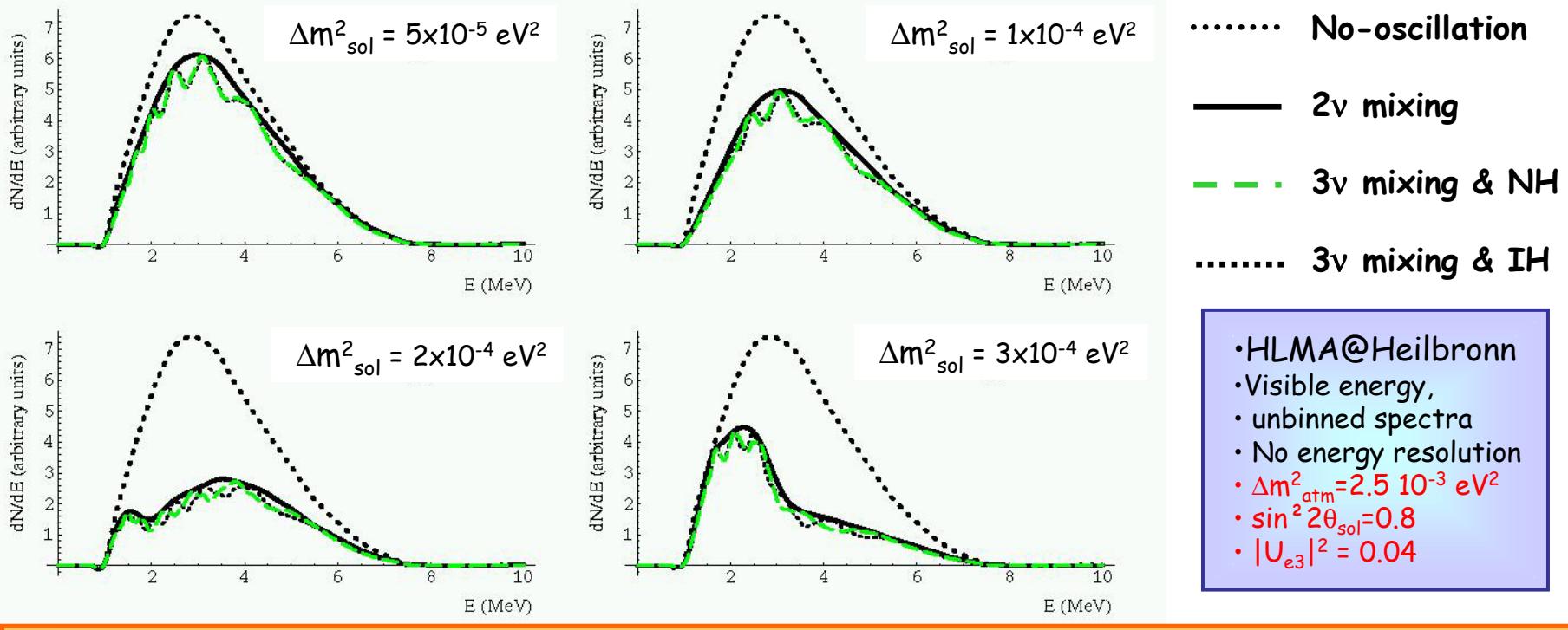
$$+ 2|U_{e3}|^2(1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \sin^2 \Theta_{12} \left( \cos \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{2E} - \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E} \right) - \cos \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{2E} \right).$$

In the frame of the HLMA project

- ✓ If  $|U_{e3}|^2 \gtrsim O(10^{-2})$  &  $\Delta m_{sol}^2 \lesssim \Delta m_{atm}^2$   
and @HLMA baseline  $\sim 20\text{km}$
- ➔ BOTH atmospheric and solar oscillations develop without being averaged
- ✓ 2 by-products of the HLMA  
constraint on  $|U_{e3}|^2$  &  $\nu$  mass hierarchy ?
- ✓ Exposure of  $O(10^{32} \text{ protons.year})$  needed ...

CLEAN constraint on  $|U_{e3}|^2$  & complementarity with long baseline experiments

# HLMA: constraint on $|U_{e3}|^2$



- ..... No-oscillation
- 2ν mixing
- - - 3ν mixing & NH
- ..... 3ν mixing & IH

- HLMA@Heilbronn
- Visible energy,
- unbinned spectra
- No energy resolution
- $\Delta m^2_{atm} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{sol} = 0.8$
- $|U_{e3}|^2 = 0.04$

## HLMA: ν mass hierarchy ?

$$+2|U_{e3}|^2(1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \frac{\sin^2(\theta_{sol})}{\cos^2(\theta_{sol})} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{atm} L}{2E} - \frac{\Delta m^2_{sol} L}{2E}\right) - \cos \frac{\Delta m^2_{atm} L}{2E} \right)$$

Interference term :  $\begin{cases} \text{Normal Hierarchy (NH)} \rightarrow \sin^2(\theta_{sol}) \\ \text{Inverted Hierarchy (IH)} \rightarrow \cos^2(\theta_{sol}) \end{cases}$  (Petcov & Piai, hep-ph/0112074)

Sensitivity to the mass hierarchy:  $\sim 2-4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$  if  $|U_{e3}|^2 \geq O(10^{-2})$ , for  $\Delta m^2_{atm} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$   
(for HLMA@Heilbronn)

# Constraint on $|U_{e3}|^2$ & reactor experiment

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Interference

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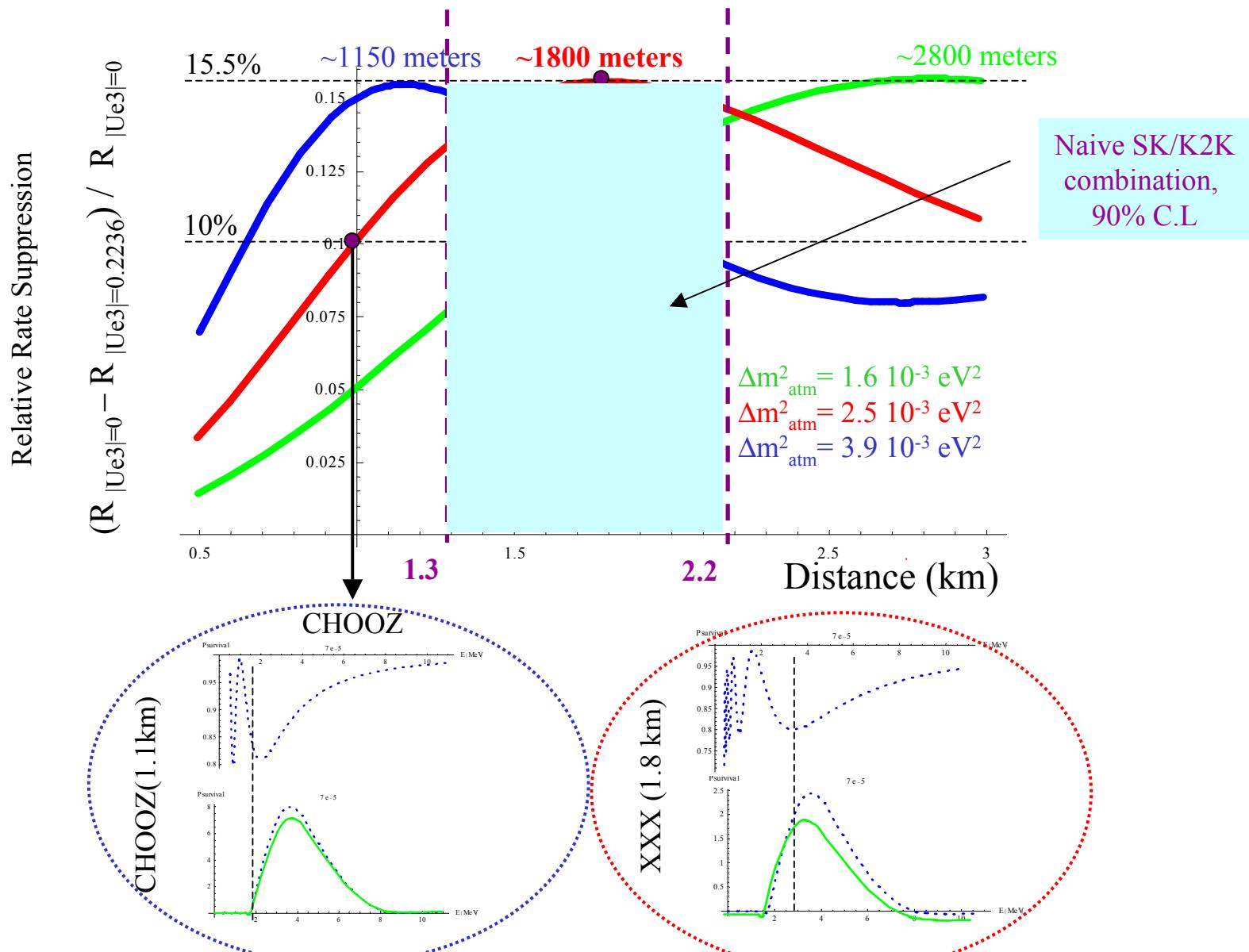
With short (CHOOZ like) baseline

✓ What is the ultimate reactor experiment to constraint  $|U_{e3}|^2$  ?

- Distance optimisation
- Near & Far detectors
- Increase statistics
- Decrease systematics

CLEAN constraint on  $|U_{e3}|^2$  & complementarity with long baseline experiments

# Optimal distance reactor-detector VS $\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}$



# General Concepts

- ✓ Near & Far detector concept to compare the anti- $\nu$  spectra at  $D_1 \sim 200\text{-}300\text{m}$  &  $D_2 \sim 2\text{ km}$ 
  - Cancellation of uncertainties on the interaction rate (positron spectrum,  $\sigma(E)$ , burn-up, power)
- ✓ 2 identical detectors large enough to minimize the statistical error
  - 40000 events in the far detector  $\rightarrow \sigma_{\text{stat}} \sim 0.5\%$
  - $20t - 10\text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$  - @2km - 70% efficiency  $\rightarrow \sim 8000 \text{ events.year}$
  - Minimize differences of behavior, calibration, efficiencies
  - Possibility to swap the 2 detectors ?
- ✓ Detectors located underground.
  - Shielding against muon induced background (minimum 600 mwe)
  - Depth needed ? Will depend on the reactor site  $\rightarrow$  possibility to do ON/OFF subtraction ?

- ✓ Nuclear reactor:
  - As less reactor core(s) as possible  $\rightarrow$  only 1 near detector
  - High thermal power  $\rightarrow$  small detector (especially if one has to dig ...)
  - Reactor complex with ON/OFF cycle for efficient background suppression
  - Friendly ... to allow us to run an experiment  $\sim 300\text{m}$  away from the nuclear core !

# Detector concept & experimental challenge

## ✓ New (open) working group:

- College de France (from CHOOZ), CEA/Saclay, MPI Heidelberg, TU Munchen, Krasnoyarsk Coll.
- First meeting in December 2002, next coming soon ...

## ✓ Reactor experiment could be *cheap & fast* only if one shows that $\sigma_{\text{sys}}$ can be reduced to 1%

- Exp: CHOOZ → 2.8%, Bugey → 4.9% to 2.0% with a near detector.
- Project goal: Kr2Det → 0.5 % with a near detector, Kashiwasaki → 0.8 % with a near detector
- Our goal → 1%, BUT IS IT ACHIVABLE ?

## ✓ Some identified experimental issues:

- Number of protons in target (~1% in CHOOZ) → needs R&D effort ?
- Energy scale & Detector knowledge → Calibration/Design effort
- Detector differences !
- ...

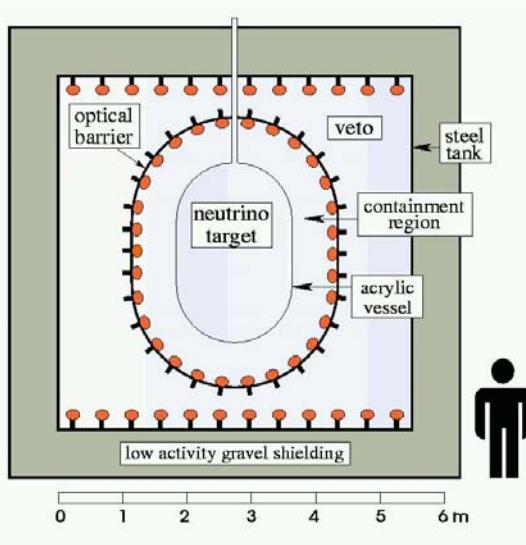
## ✓ Natural detector site:

- CHOOZ ?
- Krasnoyarsk ?
- Some site candidates ...

## ✓ Analysis:

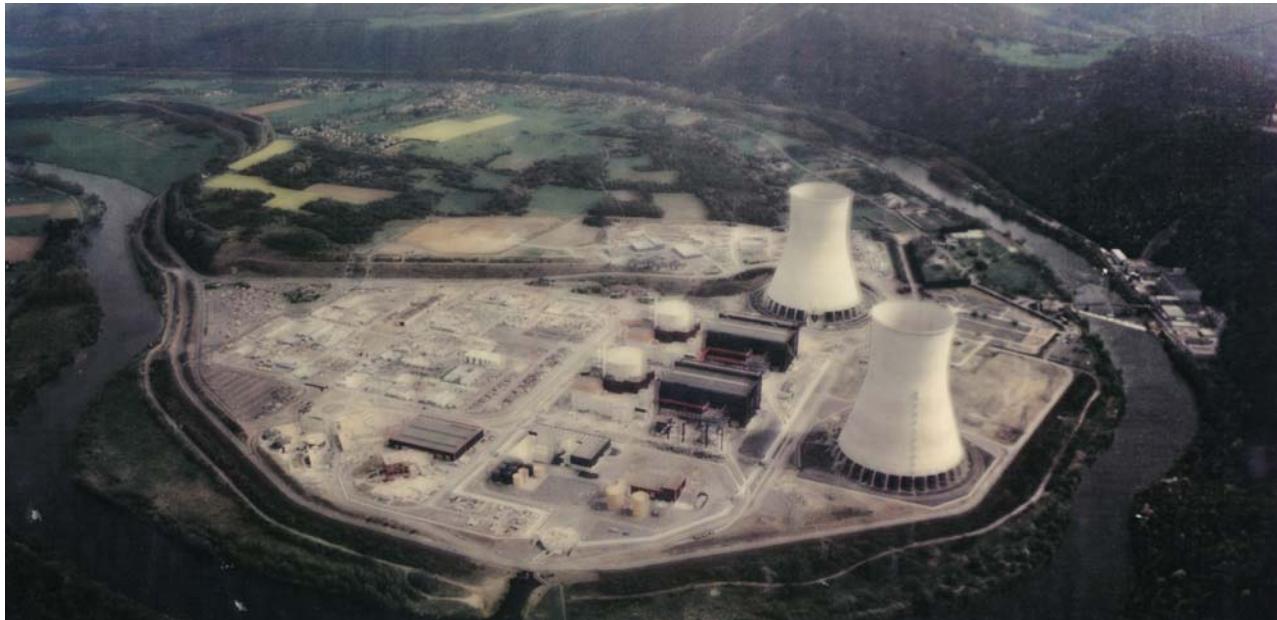
- Rate suppression only → trivial distance optimisation
- Spectrum distortions analysis. Compensate the distance optimisation with rate only

# The Chooz experiment



- Site: CHOOZ, Ardennes, France
- Reactor: 2 cores, 2x4.2 GWth
- Depth: 300 mwe
- Target: 5 tons of liquid scintillator (gadolinium loaded)
- $\langle L \rangle = 1100$  m
- Best constraint,  $|U_{e3}|^2 < 0.036$
- $R = 1.01 \pm 2.8\%(\text{stat}) \pm 2.7\%(\text{syst})$

# Possibility of re-using the CHOOZ site ?

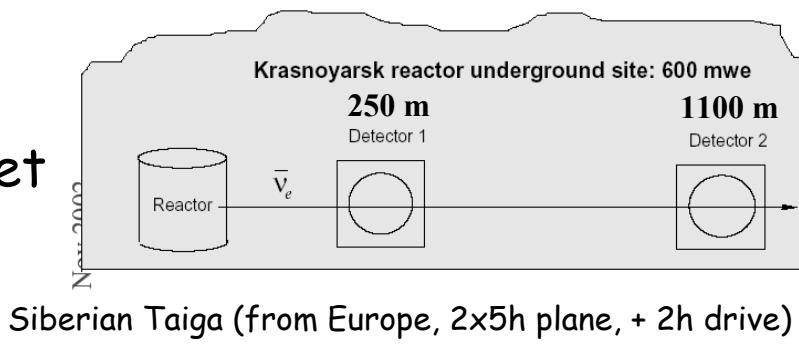


- ✓ Discussion with the reactor site company already started
- ✓ Statistics to be increased → ~10-20t target required → detector site cavity at 1100m would have to be enlarged → it will cost time & money (if it is possible ...)
- ✓ There exists an underground railway, with a cavity at 400-500 meters (~50-100 meters deep) that could be used for a near detector. But a bit too far: suppression~2.4% for  $|U_{e3}|^2=0.036$
- ✓ Sounds not so promising ...

# Current best existing site: Krasnoyarsk

V. Martemyanov, L. Mikaelyan, V. Sinev, V. Kopeikin, Y. Kozlov, Russian Research Center “Kurchatov Institute”

Kr2Det

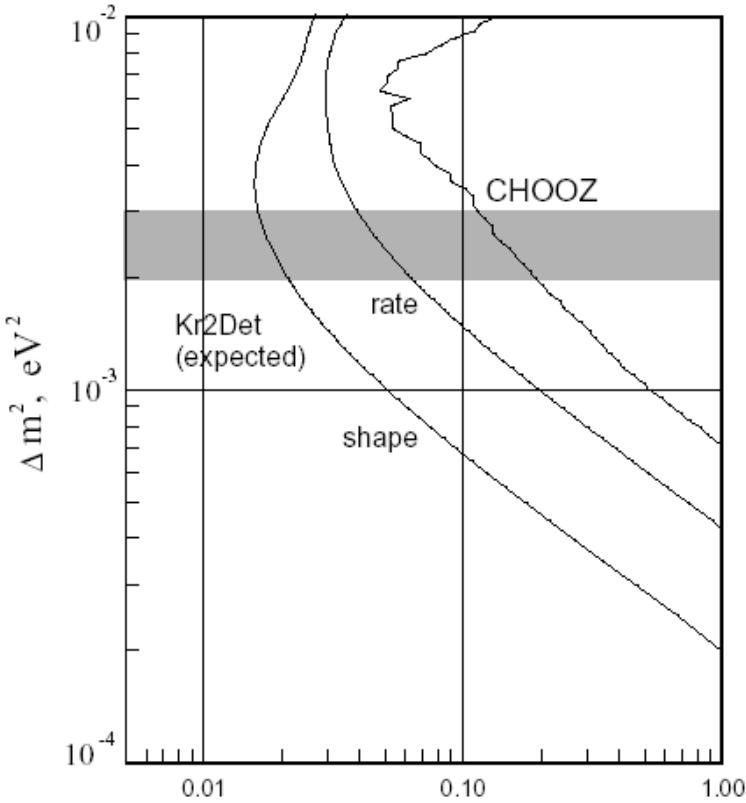


## ✓ Advantages:

- 1 reactor core only
- ON/OFF cycle [50d/ON & 7d/OFF] cycle
- Underground reactor
- Underground cavern (600 mwe) with 2 sites at ~100m and ~1000m
- 2 identical detectors (same overburned)
- Site available now

## ✓ Weak points:

- Far detector @1000m only → probably not optimal
- Only 1.6 GWth → 50tons detector for 15kevents/year



$\sin^2 2\theta$   
Assuming  $\sigma_{\text{sys}} = 0.5\%$

@ $\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Rate analysis:  $|U_{e3}|^2 < 0.01$  (90% C.L.)

Shape analysis:  $|U_{e3}|^2 < 0.004$  (90% C.L.)

# Forthcoming $|U_{e3}|^2$ constraints

Experiment	$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$	$ U_{e3} ^2$	$\theta_{13}$ (deg)	$ U_{e3} ^2$ constraint
CHOOZ (95% C.L.)	<0.14	<0.036	<11	-
MINOS	<0.06	<0.015	<7.1	?
ICARUS 5 years	<0.04	<0.010	<5.8	2011 ?
OPERA 5 years	<0.06	<0.015	<7.1	2011 ?
NUMI-OA 5 years	<0.006	<0.0015	<2.3	2012 ?
JHF2K 5 years	<0.006	<0.0015	<2.3	2011 ?
Kr2Det (Russia)	<0.016	<0.004	<3.6	?
Kashiwasaki (Jp)	<0.013	<0.0033	< 3.3	?
<b>XXX With a near detector</b>	<b>&lt;0.02</b>	<b>&lt;0.005</b>	<b>&lt;4.1</b>	<b>2009/2010 ?</b>

$\sigma_{sys} = 1\%$

- When the C.L. are not given, upper limits correspond to 90% C.L.
- $\Delta m^2_{atm} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  and  $\sin^2(2\theta_{atm}) = 1$
- $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 4 |U_{e3}|^2 (1 - |U_{e3}|^2)$
- Non exhaustive table ...

# LowNu03

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Low Energy and Solar Neutrinos

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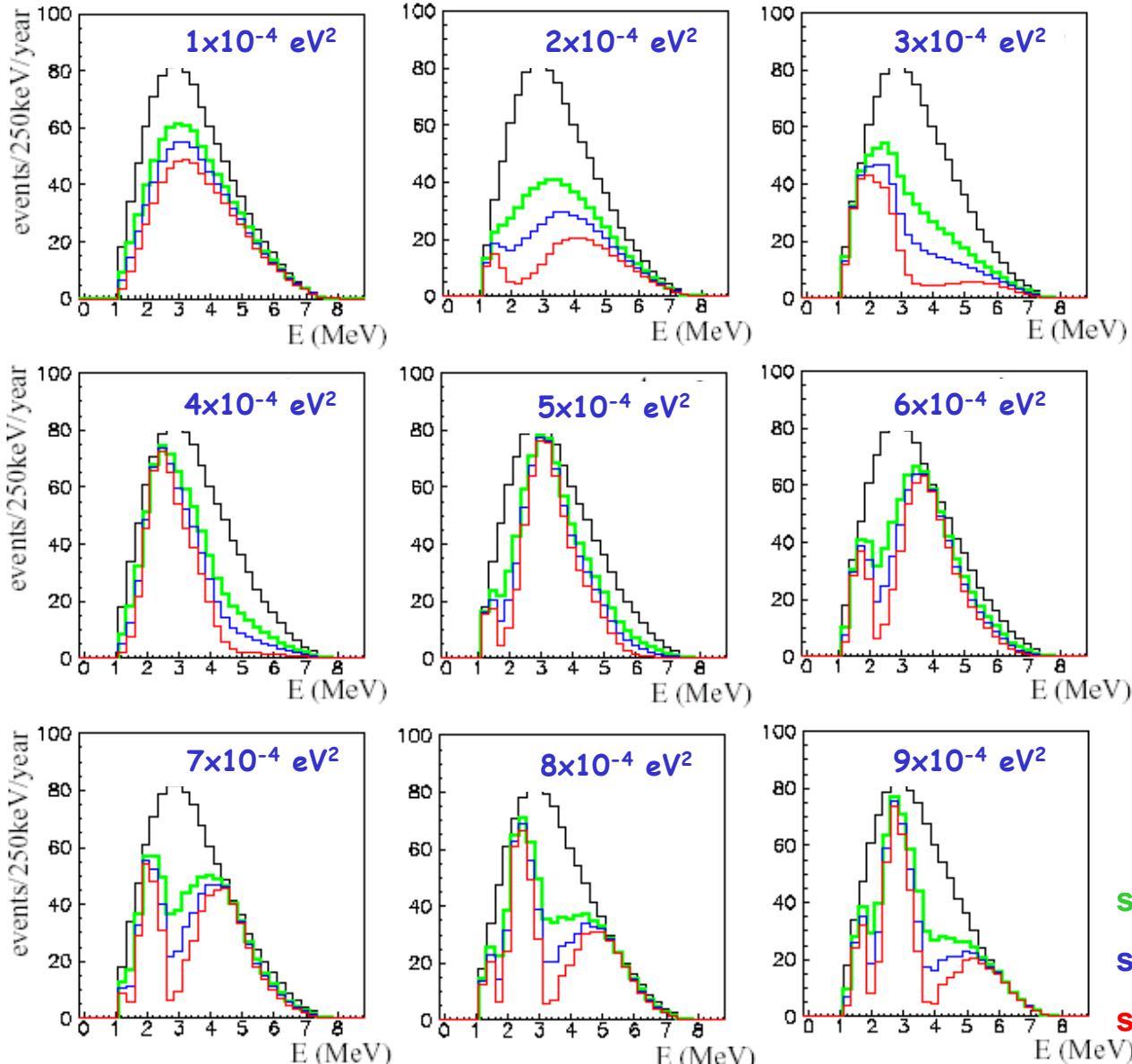
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Paris, France



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# HLMA Focus: Solar mixing parameters



- 2 neutrino mixing
- $10^{31}$  protons
- No energy resolution
- 250 keV bins
- $\Delta m^2 < 10^4 \text{ eV}^2$  only rate suppr.
- Optimised for HLMA region
- High sensitivity to  $\Delta m^2$

$$\sin^2 2\theta = 0.6$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta = 0.8$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta = 1.0$$

# By-product 2: $\nu$ mass hierarchy (1)

## Normal Hierarchy (NH)

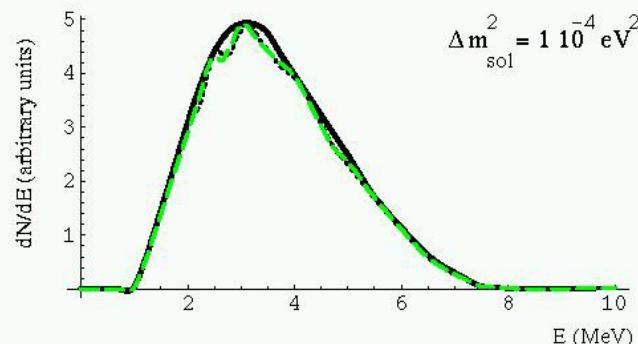
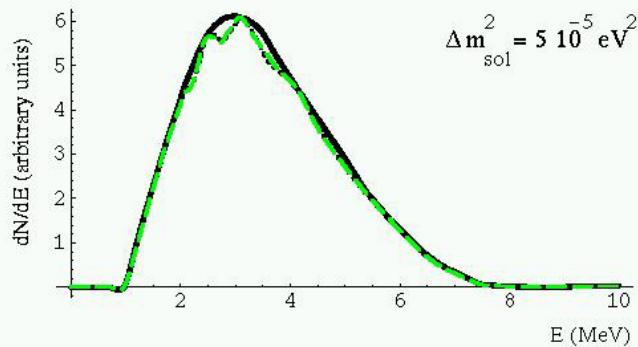
- $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$
- Interference term:  $\sin^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})$
- constraint on  $|U_{e3}|$

## Inverted Hierarchy (IH)

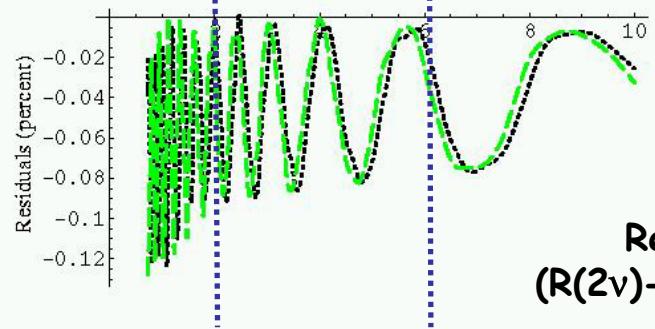
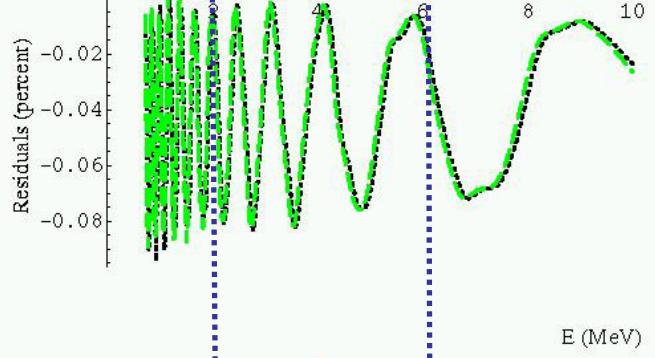
- $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$
- Permutation  $3 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 3, 1 \rightarrow 2$
- Interference term:  $\cos^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})$
- constraint on  $|U_{e1}|$

$$+2|U_{e3}|^2(1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \frac{\sin^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})}{\cos^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 L}{2E} - \frac{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 L}{2E}\right) - \cos\frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

$$|U_{e3/1}|^2 = 0.04$$



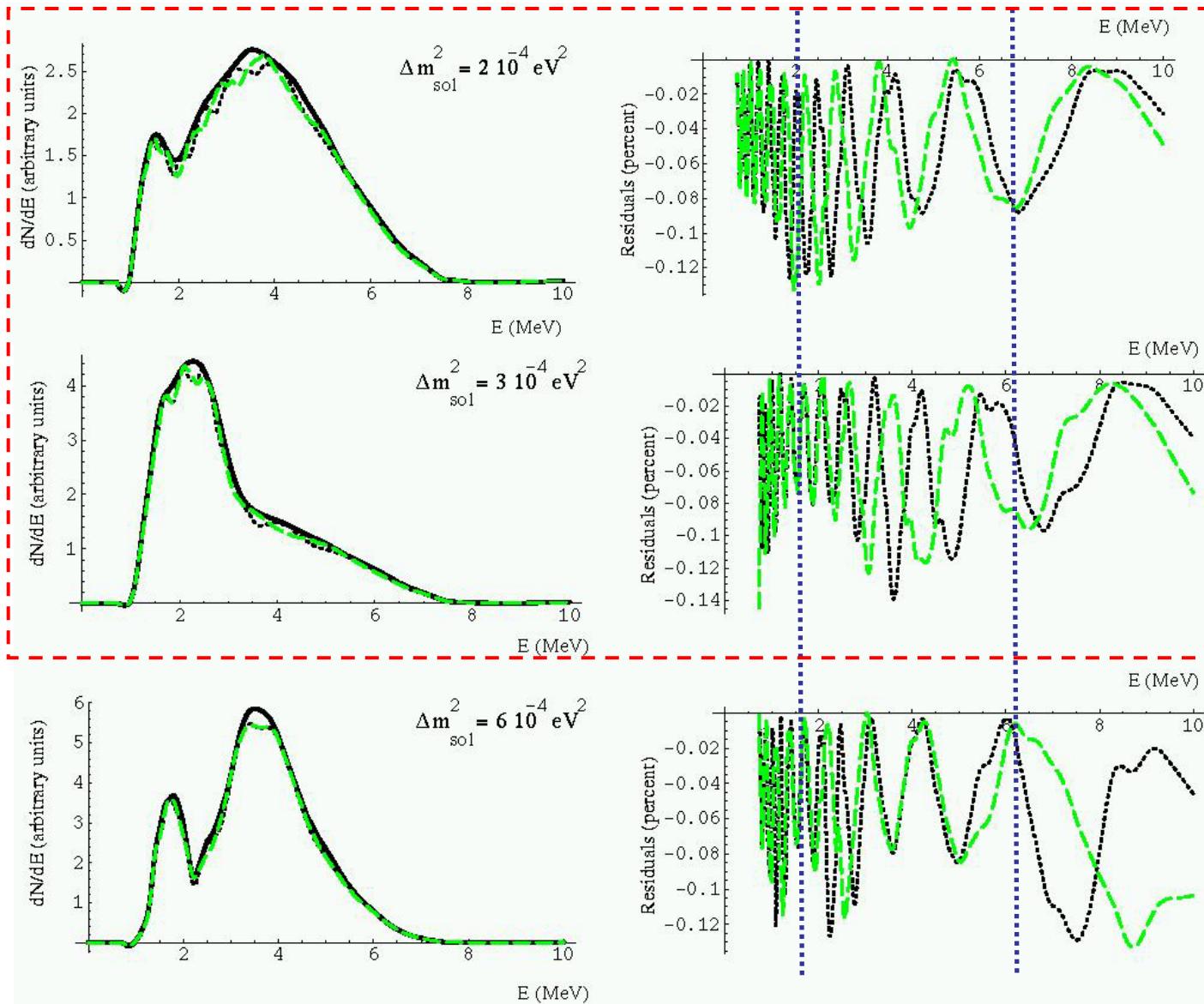
$$+2|U_{e3}|^2(1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \frac{\sin^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})}{\cos^2(\theta_{\text{sol}})} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 L}{2E} - \frac{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 L}{2E}\right) - \cos\frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$



$$\text{Residuals: } \frac{(R(2\nu) - R(3\nu))}{R(2\nu)}$$

# By-product 2: $\nu$ mass hierarchy (2)

Sensitive to hierarchy:  $\sim 2\text{--}4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$



# HLMA: Physics goals & Detector design

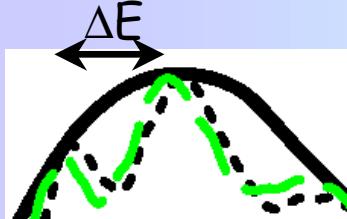
## I) Accurate measurement of the solar mixing parameters

- Target size scale:  $\sim 5 \times 10^{30}$  protons-year ( $\sim 100t$  PXE)
- $\delta(\Delta m^2) < 5\%$  &  $\delta(\sin^2 2\theta) < 5\%$  (2 sigmas)

## II) By-product 1: Constraint on $|U_{e3}|$

### By-product 2: Sensitivity to $\nu$ mass hierarchy ?

- Target size scale:  $10^{32}$  protons-year for  $|U_{e3}|^2 \sim 0.01$  (KamLAND scale)
- Resolve  $\Delta m^2_{atm}$  driven oscillations  $\rightarrow$  Energy resolution  $\delta E$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta E < \Delta(E) = \left( \frac{a \cdot E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^2 [MeV]}{1 - a \cdot E [MeV]} \right) \\ 2\pi/a = 2.54 \cdot \Delta m^2_{atm} [eV^2] \cdot L [m] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

@20 km

@3 MeV  $\rightarrow \delta E < 0.5$  MeV  
@4 MeV  $\rightarrow \delta E < 1.0$  MeV  
@5 MeV  $\rightarrow \delta E < 1.7$  MeV

- Energy Resolution  $\rightarrow 400$  pe/MeV,  $\sim 7\% \sigma$  (1 MeV)

\*\*\*) Anti-neutrino detection free of background !