



# The KamLAND<sup>1</sup> Reactor Neutrino Experiment

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## Testing the Solar Neutrino Anomaly in a Terrestrial Experiment

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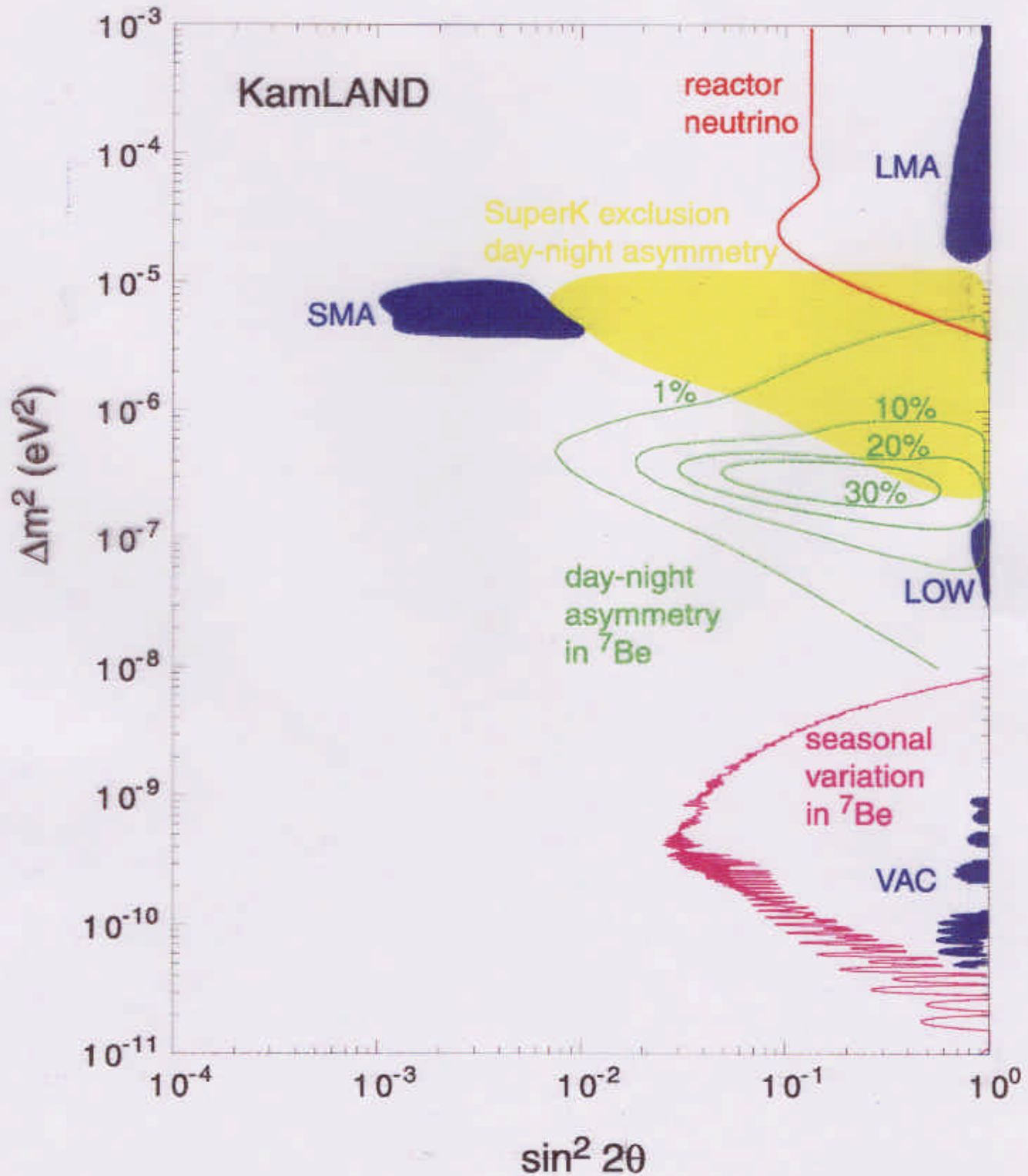
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# Sensitivity to Solar Neutrino Solutions





## Solar Model independent Test of Solar Parameter Space

For massive and mixed Neutrinos probability  $P$  to find  $\nu_\ell$  as  $\nu_{\ell'}$  after travelling distance  $L$  given through:

$$P(\nu_\ell \rightarrow \nu_{\ell'}) = \sin^2 2\theta \cdot \sin^2 \frac{1.27 \cdot \Delta m^2 (\text{eV}^2) \cdot L (\text{m})}{E (\text{MeV})}$$

Matter enhanced solar Neutrino oscillations (**Small and Large Mixing Angle Solution**)  $\Delta m^2 \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ .

→ Use low energy Neutrinos to perform oscillation test at reasonable distance to source.

Assume CP conservation in Lepton sector → oscillation probability the same for particles and anti-particles. → Use low energy reactor anti-Neutrinos.

$\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle \approx 4 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow P$  becomes maximal at  $L \approx 250 \text{ km}$ .

**BUT** appearance of  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$  energetically forbidden → disappearance search.

Perform disappearance search by comparing expected to measured event rate → statistically limited mixing angle sensitivity. → Only sensitive to Large Mixing Angle Solution.

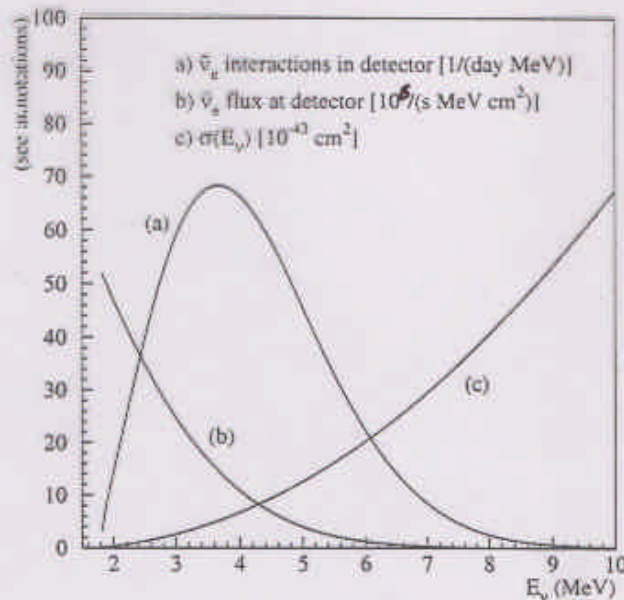


# Nuclear Reactors as Neutrino Sources

Intense and well understood source of  $\bar{\nu}_e$ . Typical neutrino luminosity of  $P_{therm}=3.8$  GW reactor:  $6 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

Neutrinos emitted in  $\beta$ -decay of unstable fission fragments. Spectrum can be reliably calculated from known thermal power and fuel composition. Short baseline experiments find 2% agreement.

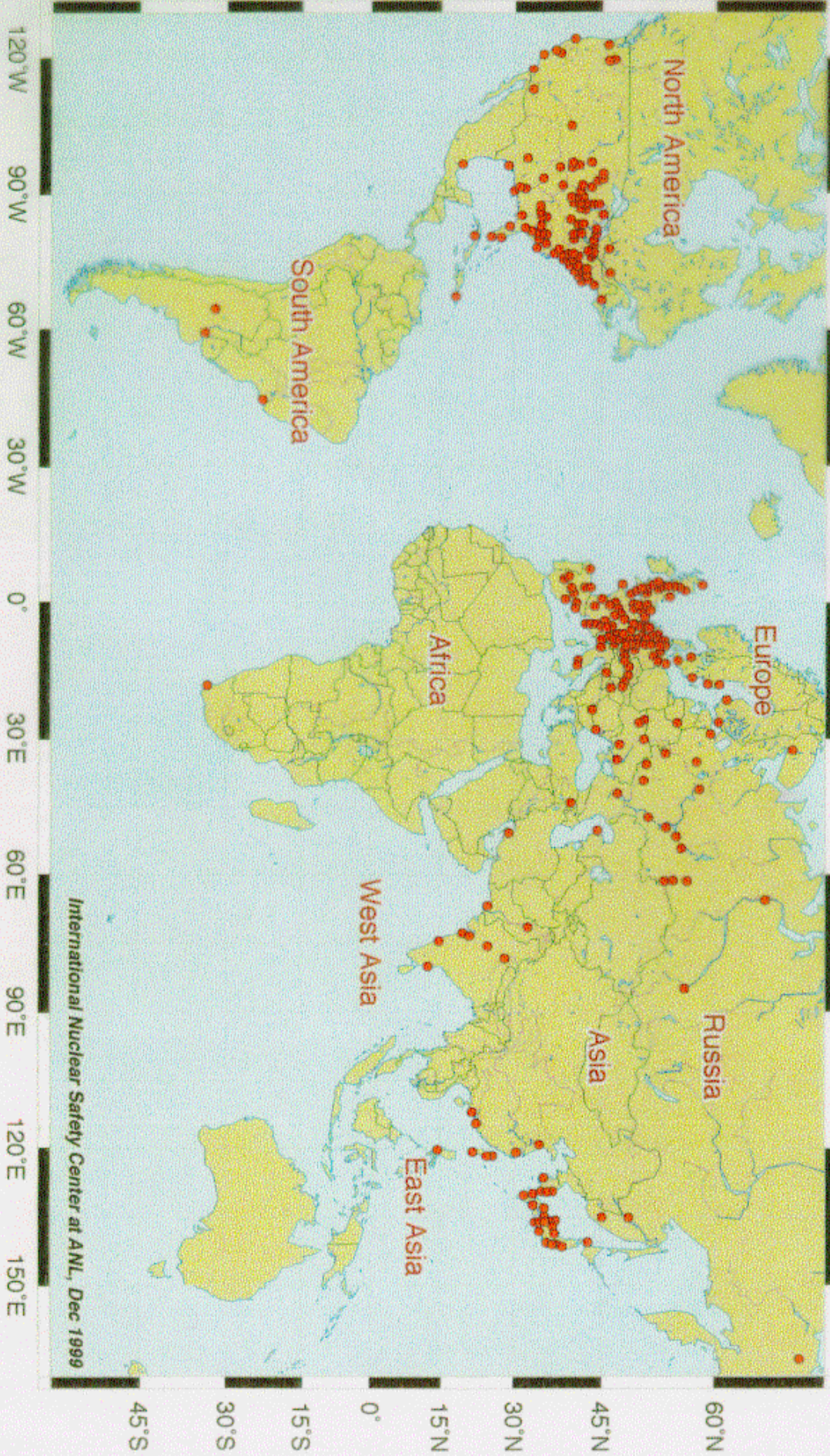
→ Disappearance search doesn't need near detector



Detector background can be inferred directly from reactor power modulation or bank swapping.

$\bar{\nu}_e$ -flux at Kamioka very small due to large distance. Many reactors contribute.











# Calculated $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux in Kamioka

Reactor	Distance (km)	Blocks	$P_{therm}$ (GW)	Flux ( $\bar{\nu}_e / \text{cm}^2\text{s}$ )	$e^+$ rate ( $\text{year}^{-1}$ )	Accum. yield
Kashiwazaki	160.0	7	24.58	$4.25 \cdot 10^5$	348.1	0.316
Ohi	179.5	4	13.69	$1.88 \cdot 10^5$	154.0	0.455
Takahama	190.6	4	10.20	$1.24 \cdot 10^5$	101.8	0.548
Shiga	80.6	1	1.59	$1.08 \cdot 10^5$	88.8	0.628
Tsuruga	138.6	2	4.49	$1.03 \cdot 10^5$	84.7	0.705
Mihama	145.4	3	4.93	$1.03 \cdot 10^5$	84.5	0.782
Hamaoka	214.0	4	10.62	$1.03 \cdot 10^5$	84.1	0.858
Fukushima-1	344.0	6	14.20	$5.3 \cdot 10^4$	43.5	0.898
Fukushima-2	344.0	4	13.17	$4.9 \cdot 10^4$	40.3	0.934
Tokai-II	294.6	1	3.29	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$	13.7	0.946
Shimane	414.0	2	3.82	$9.9 \cdot 10^3$	8.1	0.954
Onagawa	430.2	2	4.09	$9.8 \cdot 10^3$	8.0	0.961
Ikata	561.2	3	5.96	$8.4 \cdot 10^3$	6.9	0.967
Genkai	755.4	4	6.72	$5.2 \cdot 10^3$	4.3	0.971
Sendai	824.1	2	5.32	$3.5 \cdot 10^3$	2.8	0.974
Tomari	783.5	2	3.30	$2.4 \cdot 10^3$	2.0	0.976
Ulchin	750	4	11.2	$8.8 \cdot 10^3$	7.2	0.982
Yonggwang	940	6	16.8	$8.4 \cdot 10^3$	6.9	0.988
Kori	700	4	8.9	$8.0 \cdot 10^3$	6.6	0.994
Wolsong	690	4	8.1	$7.5 \cdot 10^3$	6.2	1.000
Total		69	174.97	$1.34 \cdot 10^6$	1102.5	

→ Baseline is limited: 85.3% of signal from baseline **140-344 km**.

Takes about 1.4% of total world power production ( $\sim 12800 \text{ GW}^1$ )

or 21.9% of world nuclear power (800 GW) to do experiment!

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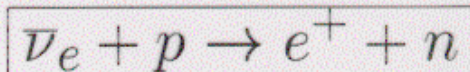
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## Detection Reaction

At low neutrino energies detection cross sections **very small**.

Use inverse beta decay offering “high” cross section:  
 $\sigma = 6 \cdot 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2/\text{fission}$ .



Low threshold  $E_{th} = M_n - M_p + M_e^+ = 1.8 \text{ MeV}$ .

Cross section well understood. No nuclear matrix element needed  
 can use measured ft-value of neutron decay. To lowest order given  
 as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_{\bar{\nu}_e}} &= \frac{c}{f \cdot \tau_n} \cdot p_{e^+} \cdot E_{e^+} \\ &= \frac{c}{f \cdot \tau_n} \cdot [E_{\bar{\nu}_e} - (M_n - M_p)] \cdot \sqrt{[E_{\bar{\nu}_e} - (M_n - M_p)]^2 - M_{e^+}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Because  $M_p \gg M_e^+ \rightarrow$  small neutron recoil:

$$E_{\bar{\nu}_e} = E_{e^+} + M_e^+ + M_n - M_p + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{E_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{M_n}\right)$$

Measures the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  folded with cross section.



# Oscillation Signature

Energy range of reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  2-8 MeV  $\rightarrow$  within range of radioactivity.

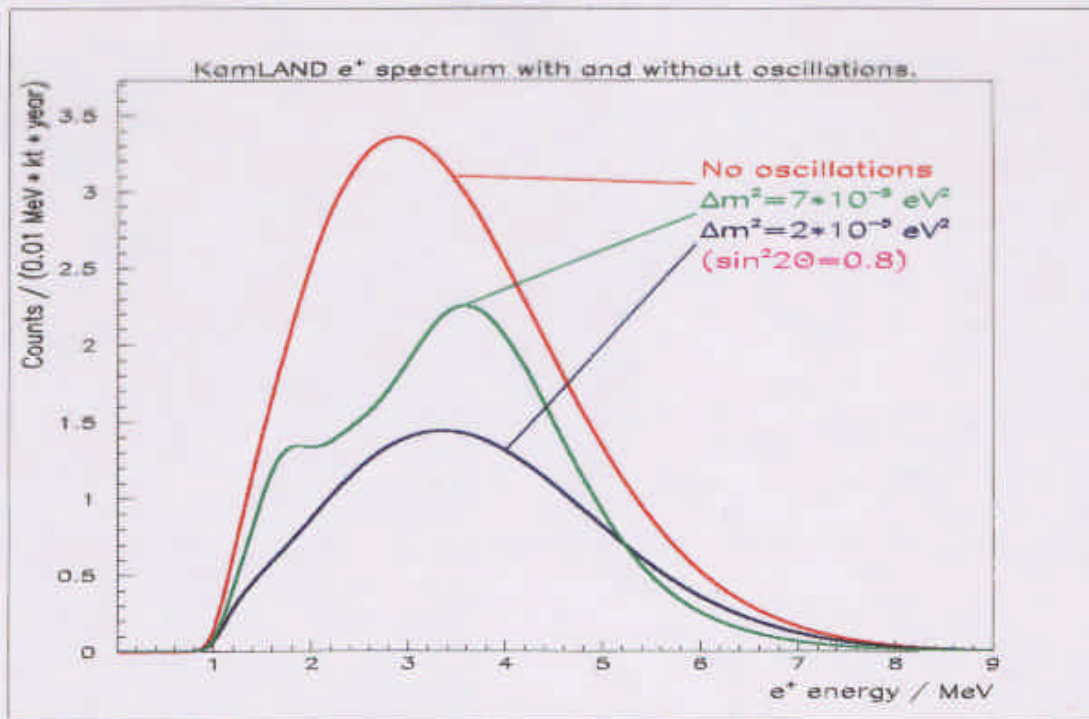


Use 1000 tons of liquid scintillator as target and detector. Measures energy of  $e^+$  (plus  $M_e$ ). Expected reaction rate at Kamioka: 2 / day.

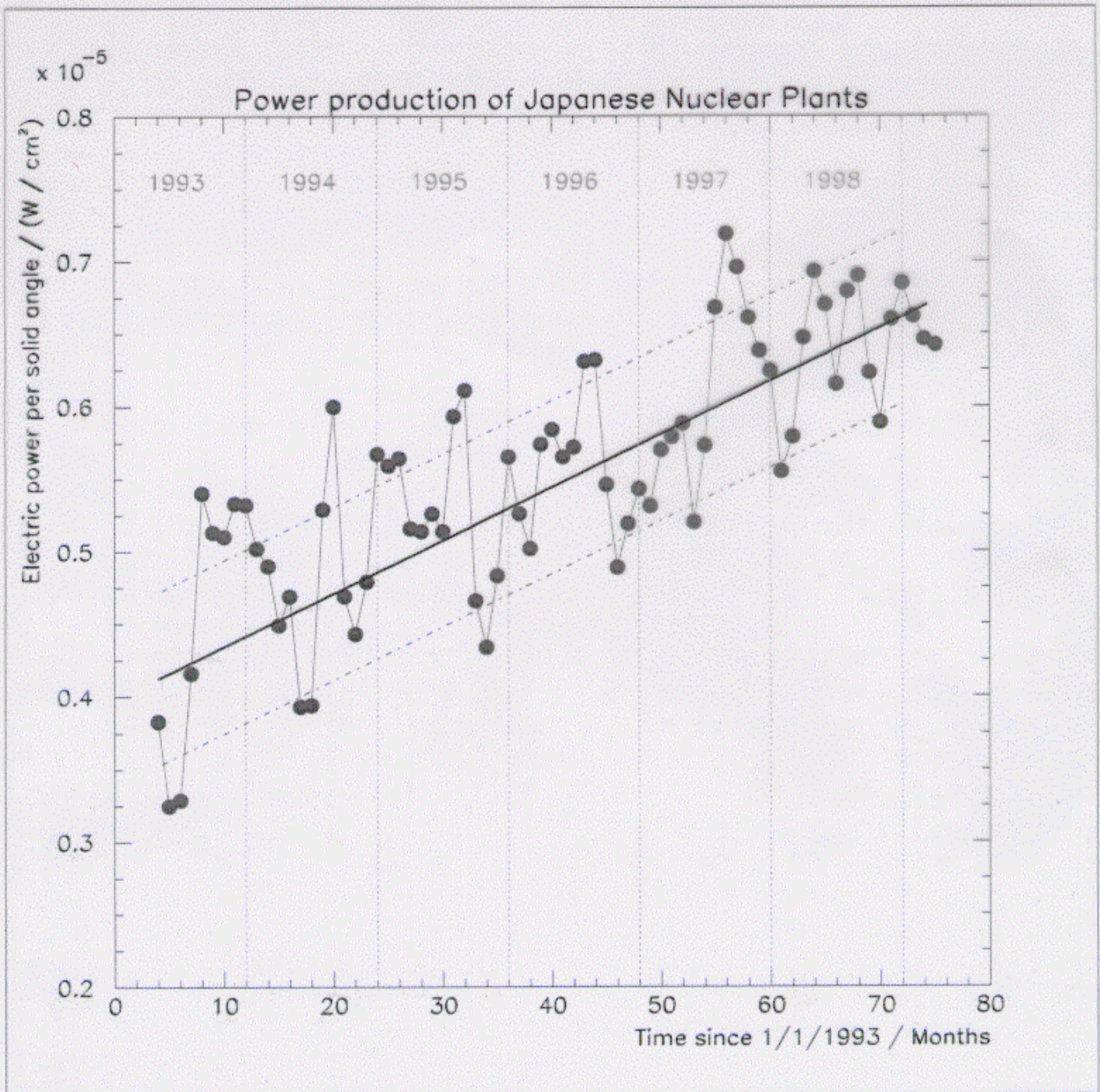
Reaction neutron ( $E_{kin} \approx 10$  keV) moderated and captured on proton.  $p + n \rightarrow d + \gamma_{2.2MeV}$ , capture time  $\tau = 170 \mu s$ .

Delayed temporal and spatial coincidence defines neutrino signal. **Crucial to suppress background.** Measured  $e^+$ -spectrum  $Y$ :

$$Y(E_{\bar{\nu}_e}, L, t, \Delta m^2, \sin^2 2\theta) = N(\bar{\nu}_e, t) \cdot \sigma(\bar{\nu}_e) \cdot [1 - \sin^2 2\theta \cdot \sin^2 \frac{21.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E_{\bar{\nu}_e}}]$$

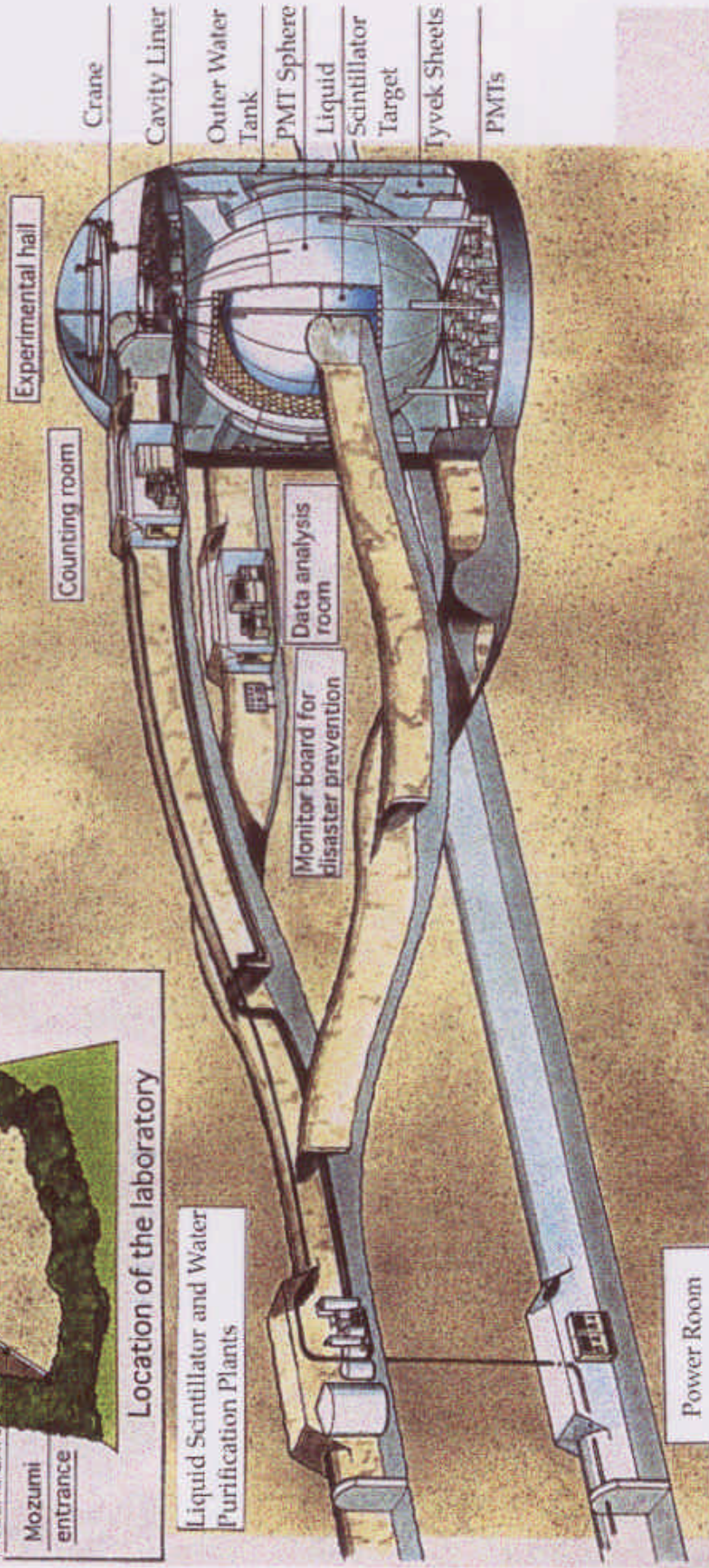
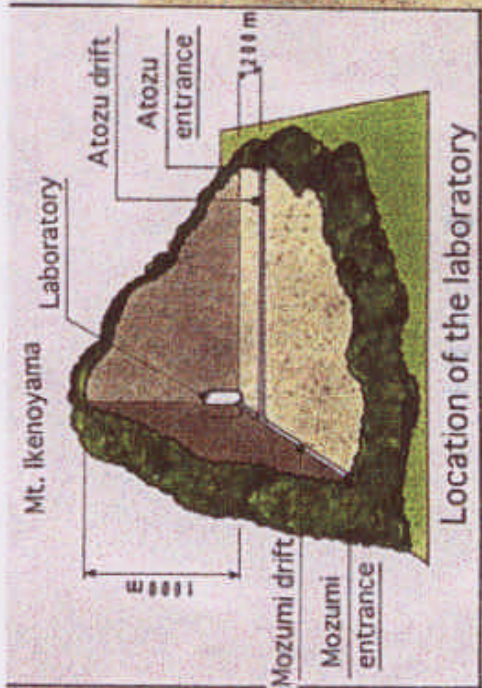




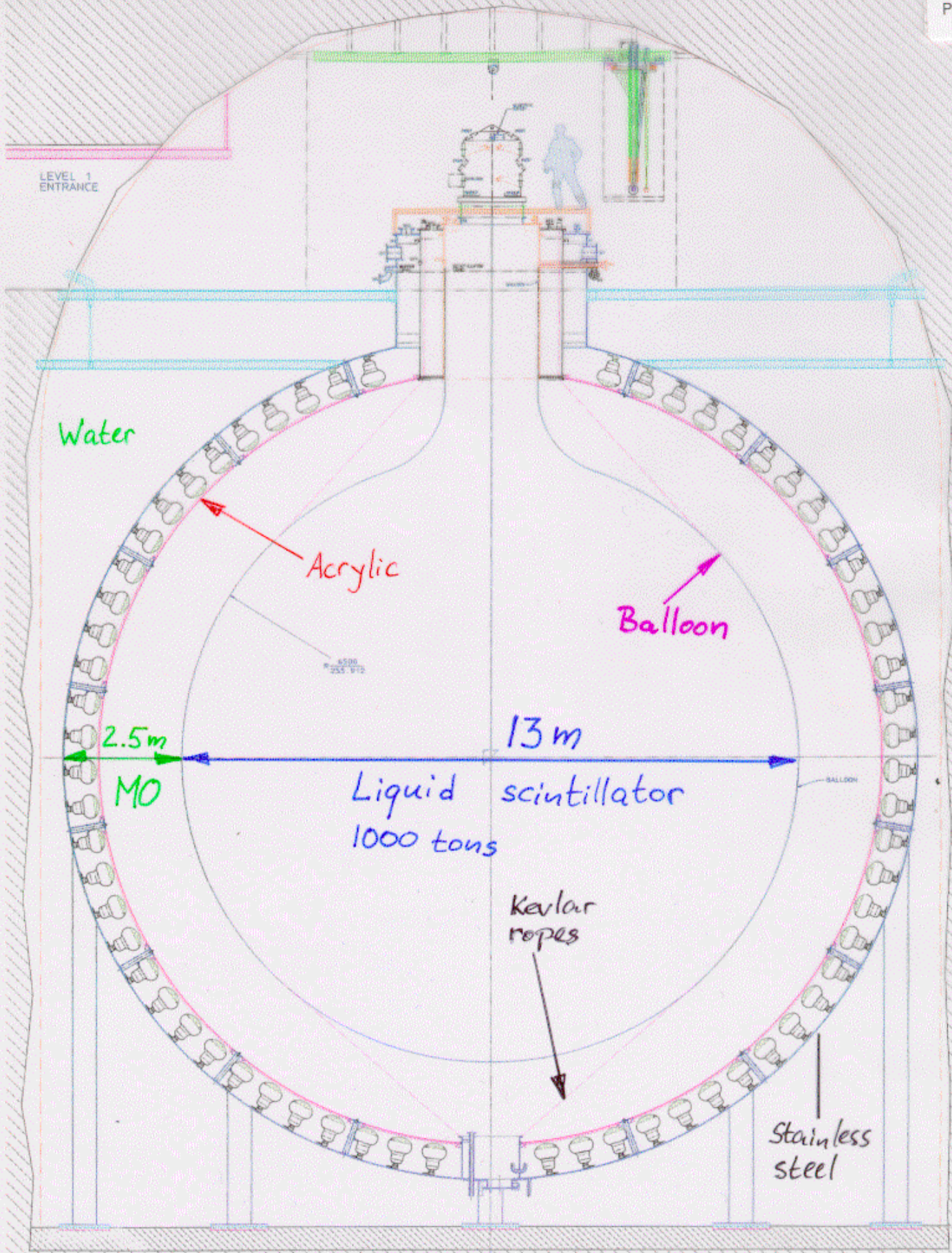




# KamLAND









## Detector parameters

- 1000 tons of scintillator
  - 20% trimethylbenzene
  - + 80% paraffin
  - + 1.5 g/l PPO

$$AL \approx 10 \text{ m } @ 400 \text{ nm}$$

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- 1500 tons buffer
    - 33% iso-paraffin
    - + 67% paraffin

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\rho_{\text{SCINT}}}{\rho_{\text{BUF}}} = 1.015$$

Balloon from composite film

Nylon/EVOH<sup>5</sup>/Nylon → low  $R_n$  permeability



Scintillator and buffer  
 purification through  
 water stripping +  
 $N_2$  purging  
 $U/Th < 10^{-13}$  g/g (MS)

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1300 17" Hamamatsu photo  
 multipliers (10 ns) 22% coverage  
 plus 600 20" PMT from Kamiokande  
 $\rightarrow 36\%$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Resolution : 150 p.e./MeV  
 200 20" i4 OD

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Analog Transient Waveform Digitizer as front  
 end electronics "digital scope" for  
 every channel. Double chips and  
 buffering  $\rightarrow$  dead time less  $\sim$  1 kHz  
 Supernova promote PSD



## Backgrounds

$\bar{\nu}_e$ -flux in Kamioka is factor 5700 smaller than in Palo Verde.

Needs a **large** detector, with **very low** background.

Use a homogenous detector.

- Correlated background due to neutrons created by cosmic ray muons in lab walls and detector are suppressed by going deep underground (2700 mw.e.). Use massive passive shield and cosmic ray veto. Cosmic  $\mu$ -flux in Kamioka is about  $6.5 \cdot 10^4$  times smaller than in Palo Verde.
- Random background due to radioactivity accidentally satisfying energy, temporal and spatial event cuts are avoided by building the detector from low activity materials. The scintillator needs to have U/Th concentrations below  $10^{-14}$  g/g.



# Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$

Detector simulation using :

GEANT (geometry, materials, em-interactions)

FLUKA (hadronic interactions)

GCALOR (neutron transport)

## Correlated background

Fast n recoil followed by capture.

Dominant component n produced through  $\mu$ -spallation in lab. walls (no veto tag).

## Random background

Natural radioactivity

Cosmogenic activities (negligible)



## Cuts identifying correlation

### Energy:

Prompt energy  $1 \text{ MeV} \leq E_p \leq 10 \text{ MeV}$   
 Delayed energy  $1.8 \text{ MeV} \leq E_d \leq 2.7 \text{ MeV} (\pm 3.5)$

Time :  $10 - 500 \mu\text{s}$

Space :  $r \leq 1 \text{ m}$

## Correlated background

6000 n/day in 1 m rock shell.  
 (Yield :  $4 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{\text{n} \cdot \text{cm}^2}{\text{g} \cdot \mu}$  ;  $\rho = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$  @ 2700 mw.e.)

n-transport through MC : 1.8 n-induced  
 recoil signals in 1 kt scint. and day.

Above cuts : 0.05 events per 1 kt scint.  
 and day. Main reduction through cut on  
 prompt energy.

Reminder :  $\nu_e$ -signal 2.2 /day



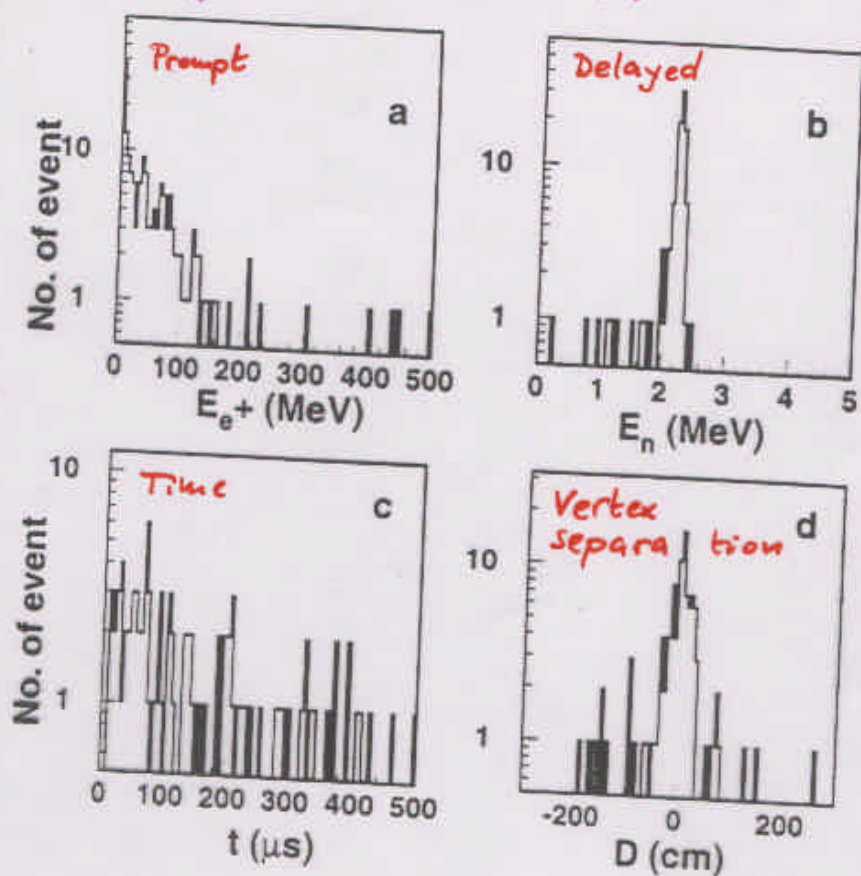
## Random background:

Measure together with  $\bar{\nu}_e$ -signal using correlation times between prompt and delayed signal beyond  $n$ -capture time.  
→ Flexible electronics.

Although not trivial (scintillator purity  $\mu/\text{Th } 10^{-14} \text{ g/g}$ ) reactor experiment seems feasible.



# Spallation n



- n produced in lab. walls (6000/day @  $\leq 1\text{ m}$ ).
- E spectrum power law.
- Neutron has to penetrate  $\geq 3\text{ m}$  passive shield, parent  $\mu$  misses veto.  $\rightarrow 0.05\text{ events/day}$  passing  $\bar{\nu}_e$ -cuts.  $\mu$ -capture small.



# Background from Natural Radioactivity

Energy threshold = 1 MeV

Material	Mass (tons)	Isotope	Purity (ppb)	1 kton back. (Hz)	600 ton back. (Hz)
Scint.	1000	$^{238}\text{U}$	$10^{-7}$ (5)	0.003	0.002
		$^{232}\text{Th}$	$10^{-7}$ (5)	0.001	0.0005
		$^{40}\text{K}$	$10^{-7}$ (5)	0.004	0.002
		radon	$1 \mu\text{Bq}/\text{m}^3$	0.002	0.001
Buffer Oil	1523	$^{238}\text{U}$	$10^{-5}$	0.003	0.0
		$^{232}\text{Th}$	$10^{-5}$	0.001	0.0
		$^{40}\text{K}$	$10^{-5}$	0.009	0.0
		radon	$10 \text{ mBq}/\text{m}^3$	0.030	0.0
Steel Tank	31	$^{238}\text{U}$	1	0.001	0.0
		$^{232}\text{Th}$	1	0.004	0.0
		$^{40}\text{K}$	1	0.010	0.0
		$^{60}\text{Co}$	$10^{-9}$	0.005	0.0
PMT	7.2	$^{238}\text{U}$	400	0.503	0.003
		$^{232}\text{Th}$	300	0.137	0.0004
		$^{40}\text{K}$	180	0.046	0.0002
Rock	627	$^{238}\text{U}$	73000	0.199	0.001
		$^{232}\text{Th}$	200000	0.059	0.0002
		$^{40}\text{K}$	4600	0	0
Total				1.02	<0.012

Scint

$10^{-5}$

1.86



# Main cosmogenic backgrounds

Isotopes	Lifetime (s)	cross section (mb)	No. day <sup>-1</sup>	background day <sup>-1</sup>
<sup>12</sup> B	0.02	30 [56]	< 1700	< 1700
<sup>11</sup> C	1218	28.7 [55]	< 1700	< 1700
<sup>10</sup> C	19.3	1.1 [55]	< 65	< 65
<sup>10</sup> Be	1.5 × 10 <sup>6</sup> y	2.5 [55]	< 150	0
<sup>7</sup> Be	53.28 d	7.1 [55]	< 409	< 40

Borexino  
CERN meas.

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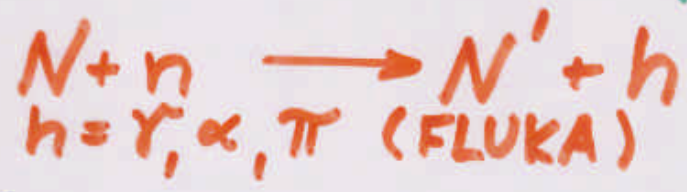
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Rate of  $\mu$  through det. : 0.37 s<sup>-1</sup>

$\mu$ -spallation :



n-spallation :



$\mu$ -capture :





# Total Background for Reactor Neutrinos

Singles:

$$E > 1 \text{ MeV}$$

Doubles:

$$E_{\text{prompt}} > 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{\text{delayed}} > 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{\text{delayed-prompt}} < 550 \mu\text{s}$$

Backgrounds for singles	1 kton back.	600 ton back.
neutrons from muon spallation	$2.0 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$1.2 \text{ day}^{-1}$
activation from n capture	$0 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$0 \text{ day}^{-1}$
activation from n spallation	$< 1800 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$< 1200 \text{ day}^{-1}$
activation from $\mu$ capture	$0 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$0 \text{ day}^{-1}$
activation from $\mu$ spallation	$< 1800 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$< 1200 \text{ day}^{-1}$
Natural radioactivity	$1.02 \text{ Hz}$	$< 0.012 \text{ Hz}$
Backgrounds for doubles		
Cosmic muons induces neutrons	$0.05 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$0.03 \text{ day}^{-1}$
Natural radioactivity (random)	$0.05 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$0.00 \text{ day}^{-1}$
Natural radioactivity (correlated)	$0.00 \text{ day}^{-1}$	$0.00 \text{ day}^{-1}$

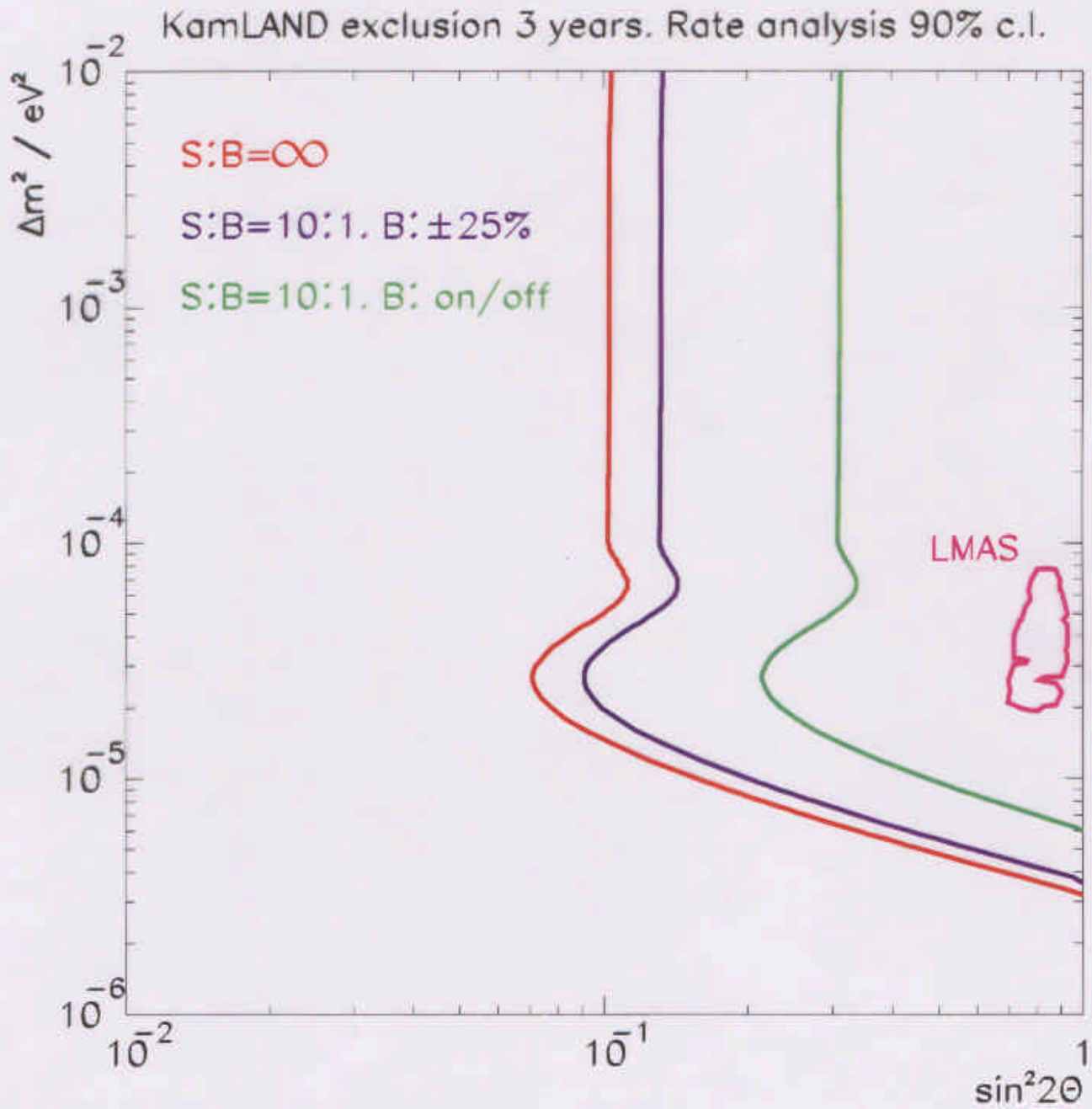
Total background  
 $\bar{\nu}_e$ -signal

$0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$   
 $2 \text{ day}^{-1}$

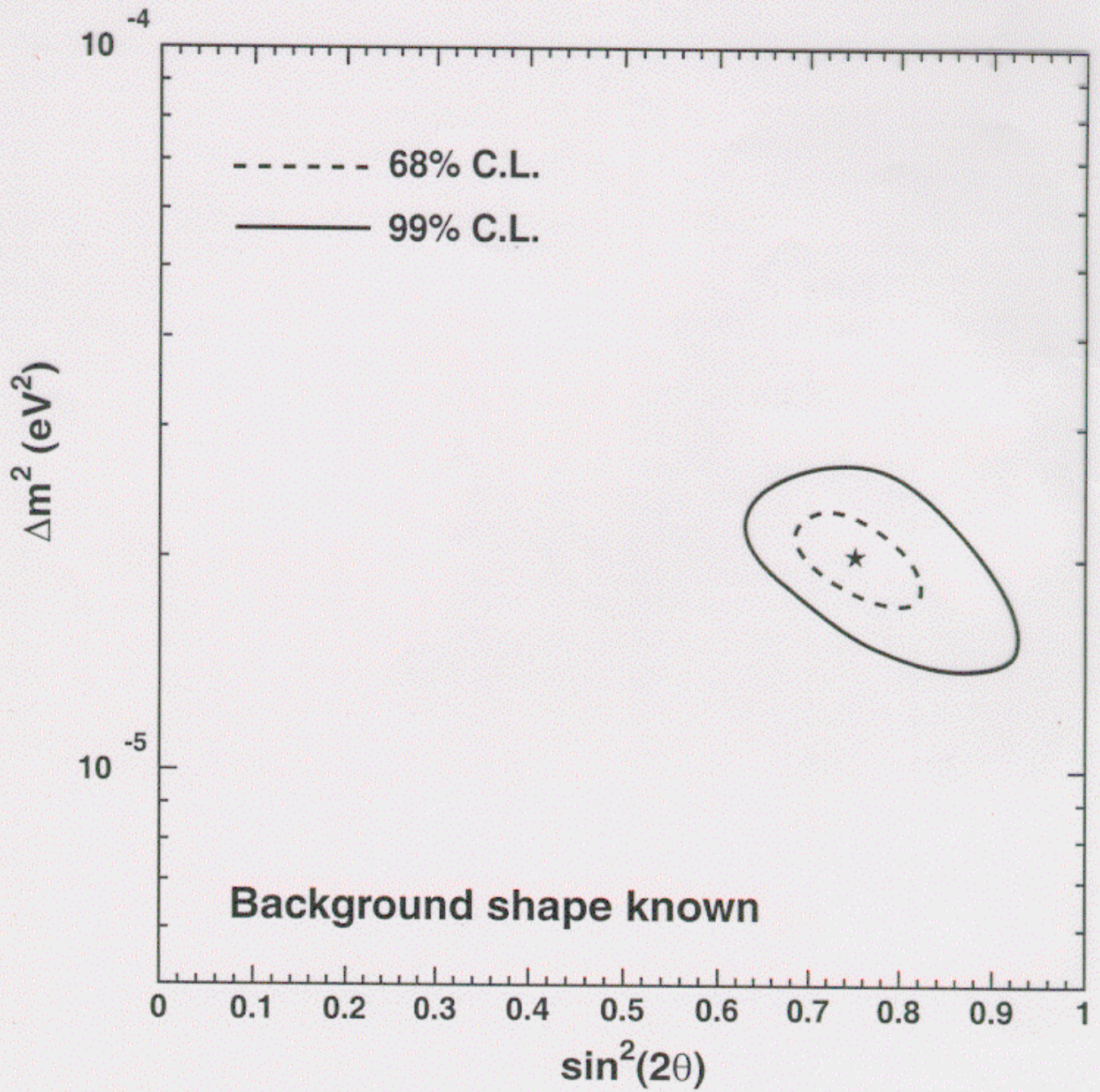
For U/Th :  $10^{-14} \text{ g/g}$  Singles 1 kton 1.86 Hz

→ Random coincidence rate:  $0.15 \text{ day}^{-1}$











## Status of KamLAND

- Steel sphere build and in place.
- Water, scintillator and buffer purification facilities under construction.
- Deployment test of full size balloon successfully completed.
- All phototubes delivered, tested and, calibrated. Kamiokande PMTs refurbished.
- Electronics under development.
- Calibration devices (LEDs, Laser flasher, CCD cameras, radioactive sources plus deployment systems) under development.

## Schedule

- June 2000: start of PMT installation.
- October 2000: start scintillator filling.
- Spring 2001: start data taking.

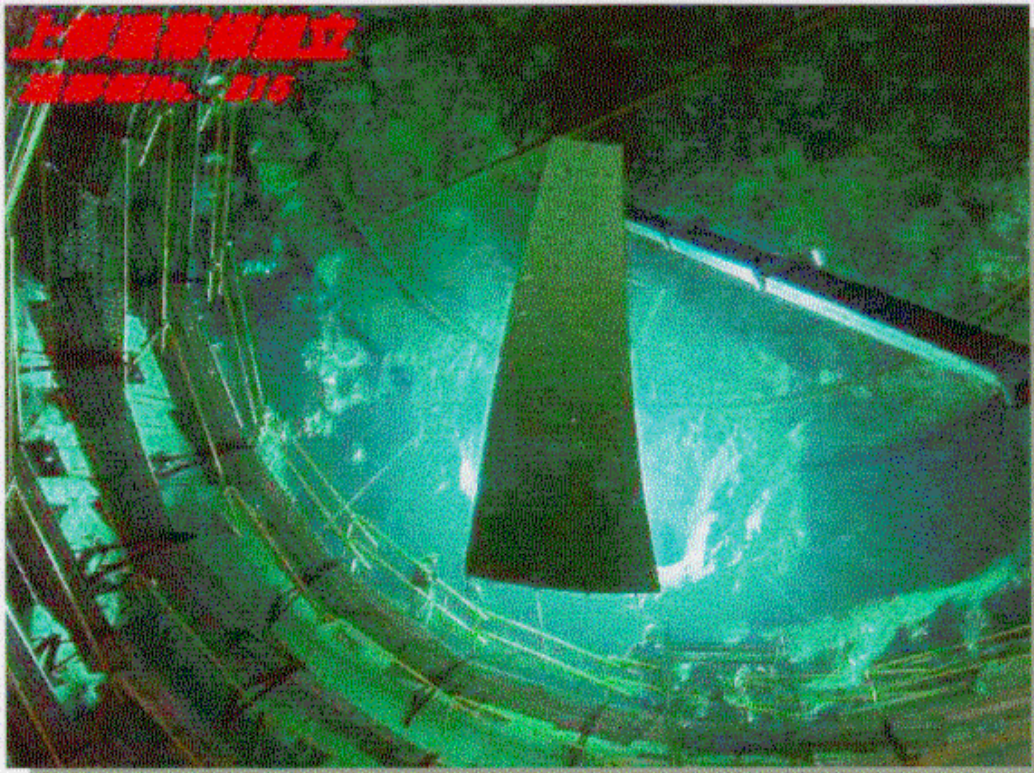


# KamLAND October 14, 1999

上部温帯板入荷 (20枚)



上部温帯板組立  
現場No. 015

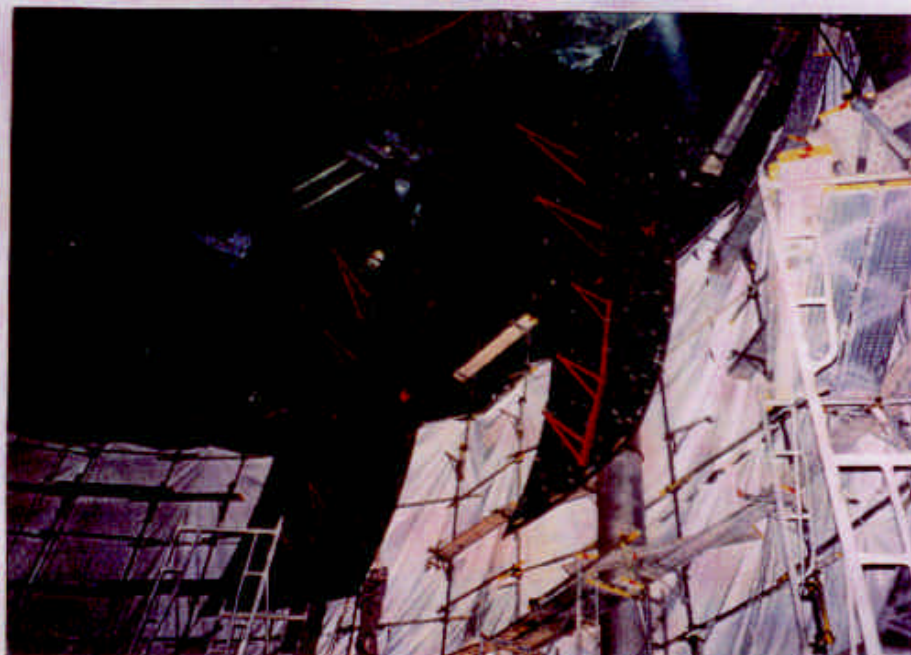




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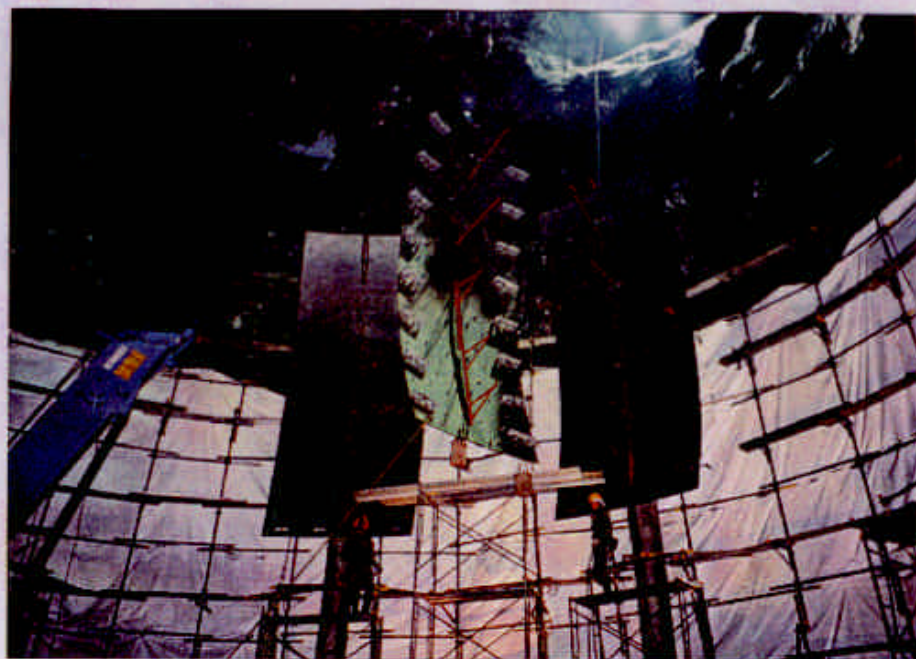
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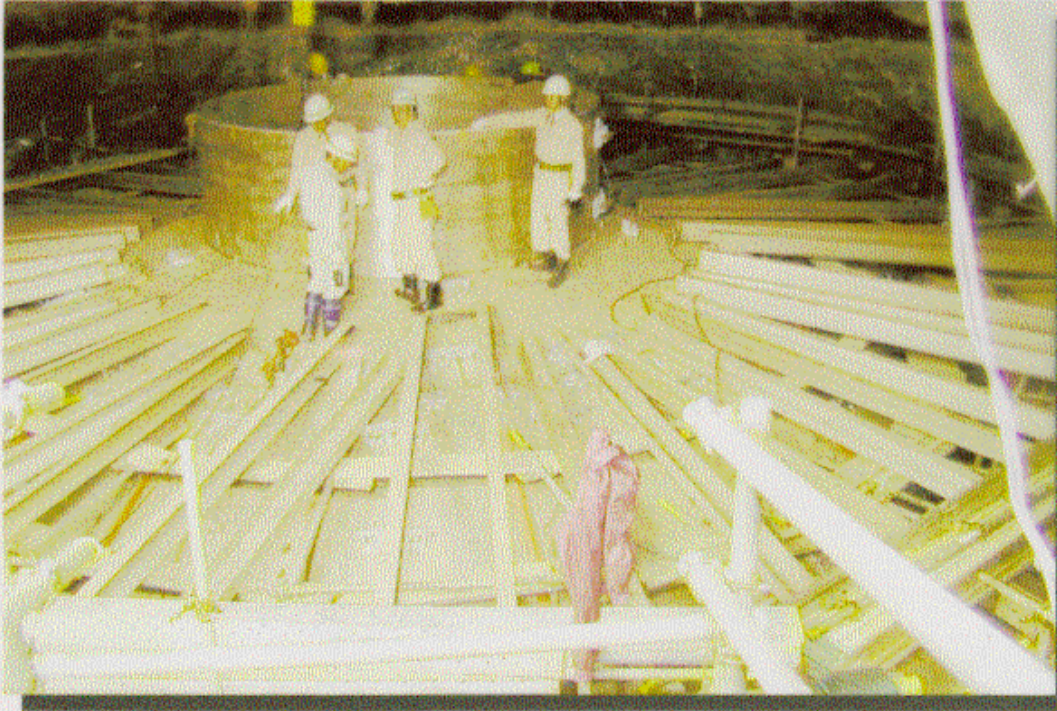
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## KamLAND November 11, 1999



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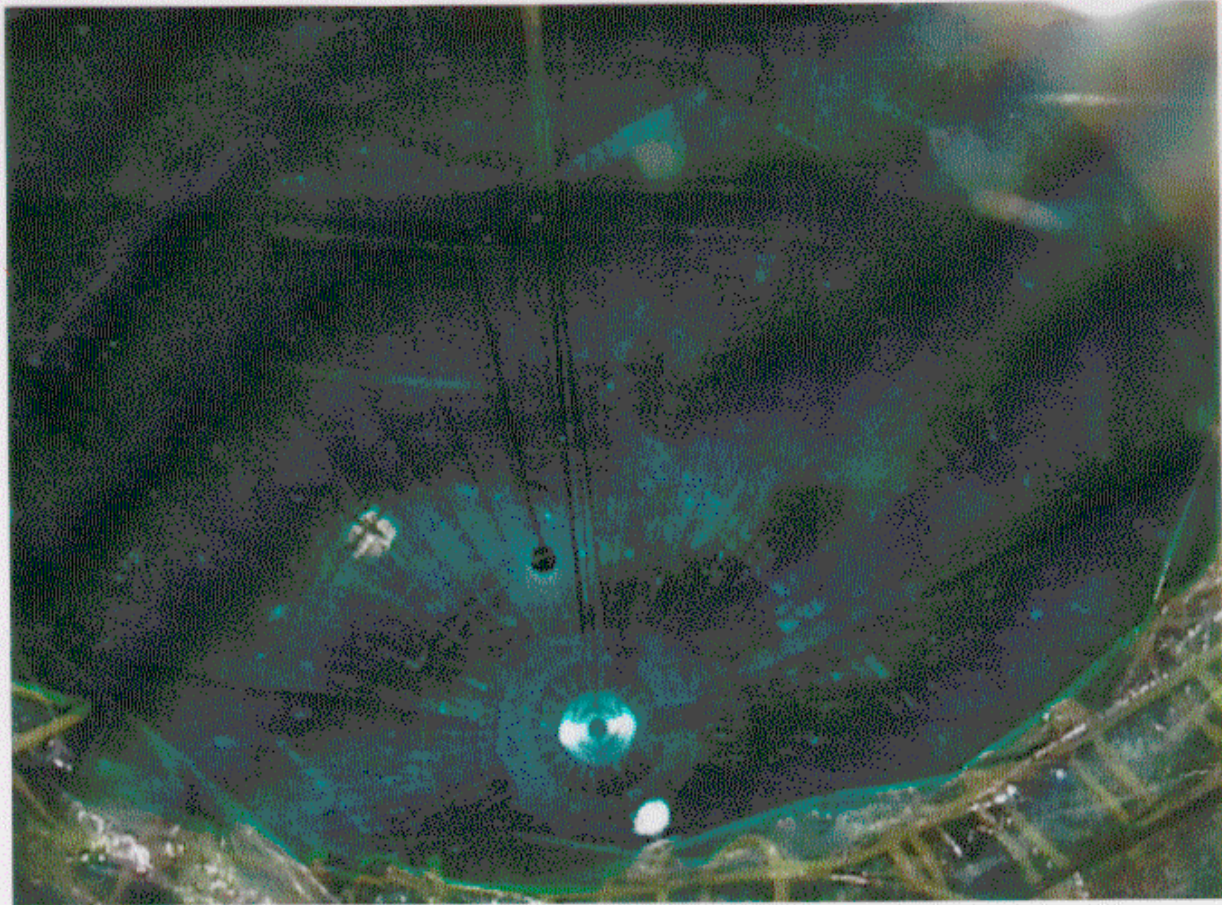






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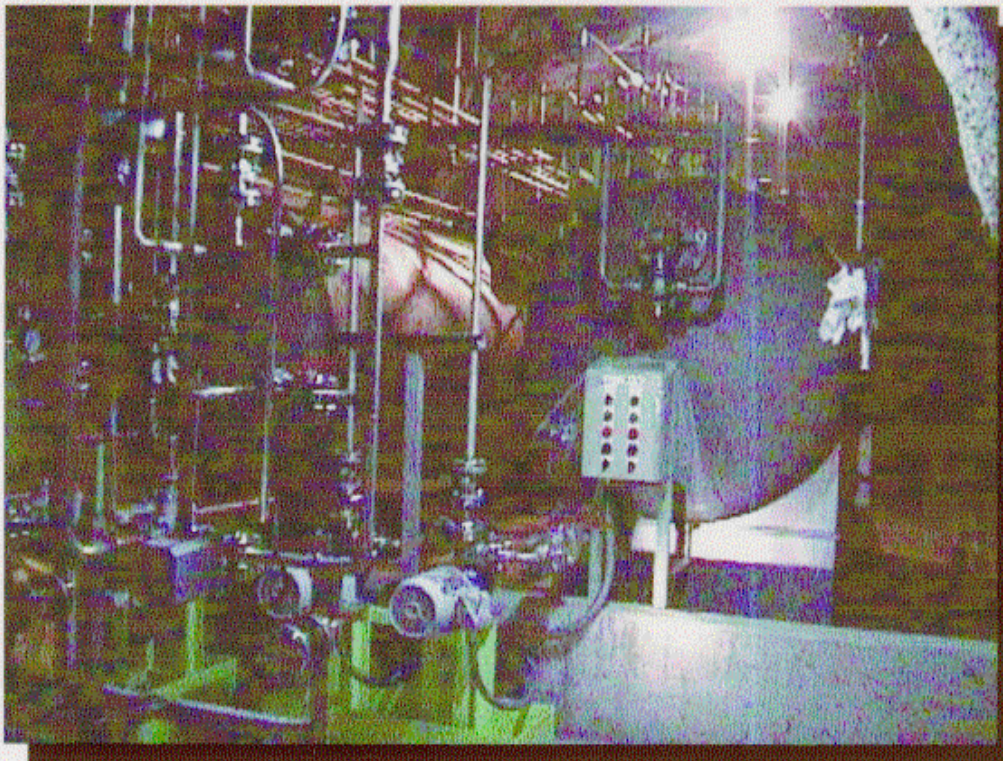








# KamLAND June 9, 1999





## Other Physics Opportunities at KamLAND

- Detection of low energy solar  ${}^7\text{Be}$  neutrinos through  $\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$
- Detection of a galactic supernova. Neutral current interaction in  ${}^{12}\text{C}$
- Detection of terrestrial anti-neutrinos to constrain U/Th of earth
- Search for double beta decay

Alternative uses of KamLAND can be worked out while the reactor neutrino data is taken.

Detector is build in a way as not to preclude a later up-grade for solar neutrino detection (acrylic Rn shield, construction material selection, clean room in dome).

Other unexpected findings?



## Conclusion

- A strong US-Japanese collaboration is in place to build and perform the experiment.
- The KamLAND experiment is fully funded through the Japanese Ministry of Science and Education and the US DoE.
- Detector construction is well under way with data taking expected to start next year.
- We believe that KamLAND will be able to provide convincing proof or disproof of the Large Mixing Angle Solution to the solar neutrino problem which will be completely independent of our understanding of the sun's interior within 1 to 2 years of data taking.
- The experience gained during the reactor neutrino data taking might allow us to address a wealth of other physics issues.