Very Long Baseline Oscillations

The BNL VLBL Concept

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Outline

Basics of the VLBL Concept

The VLBL concept consists of three simple ideas:

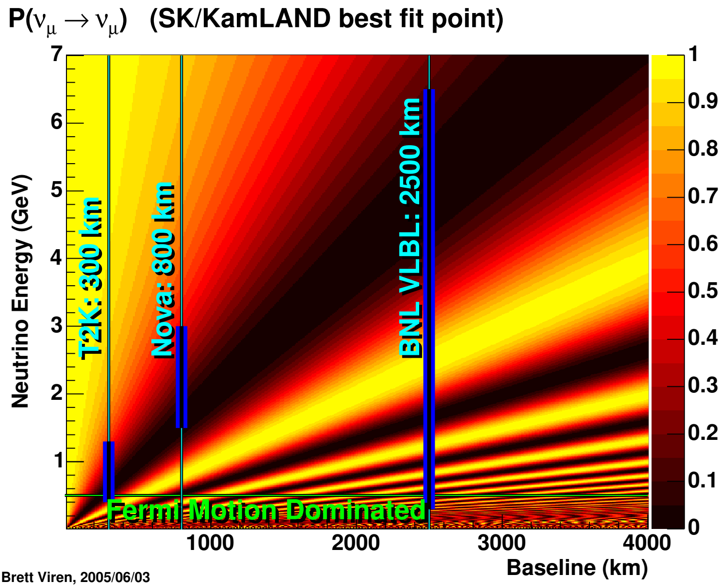
1. Use a very **long** baseline,
2. a **wide** band ν-beam,
3. at **high** ν-energies.

This allows an ambitious but affordable experiment which is qualitatively different than previous or planned LBL experiments.

- It is sensitive to multiple physical effects.
- Allows one to break parameter degeneracies.
- Rough measurement of δ_{CP} and θ_{13} with only ν-running.

If we get lucky with the true parameter values, these statements can be made more strongly.

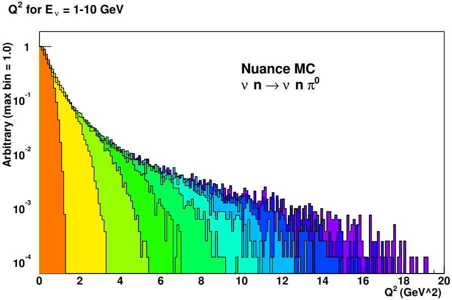
Why Long, Wide and High?

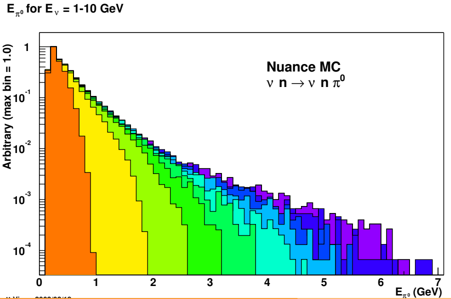


1. Wide $\longrightarrow$ see multiple oscillations
2. High $\longrightarrow$ avoid Fermi motion
3. High $\therefore$ Long

Blue bars show flux coverage (full width at 10% peak)

Natural Background Reduction





Putting some $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ signal at high energy, gain strong suppression of NC bkg via Q^2 kinematic cutoff

- Nuance MC
- Q^2 (top) and E_{π^0} (bottom) for single-π NC events
- Each color band: mono-energetic neutrinos, 1-10 GeV in 1 GeV steps.
- At $E_\nu > 2$ GeV get $> 50\times$ natural background reduction

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Oscillation Probability Illustrations

Unless noted, the values used are:

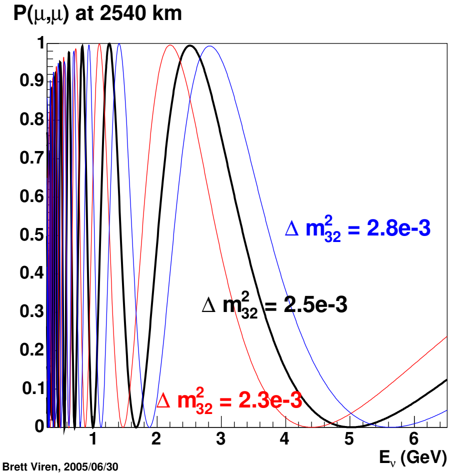
$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta m^2_{21} &= 8.0\text{e-}5\ eV^2.\ \text{KamLAND/SK/SNO.}\\
\Delta m^2_{32} &= 2.5\text{e-}3\ eV^2.\ \text{Super-Kamiokande.}\\
\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) &= 1.0.\ \text{SK atmospheric maximal mixing.}\\
\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) &= 0.86.\ \text{SK/SNO solar mixing.}\\
\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) &= 0.04.\ \text{CHOOZ limited: use ``not too big, not too small''.}\\
\delta_{CP} &= 0.\ \text{Totally unknown.}\\
\text{Baseline} &= 2540\ \text{km (other, short baselines shown for comparison)}
\end{aligned}$$

Matter effects using PREM Earth density and electron fraction profile.

Probability plots:

- Energy range will reflect full-width-10%-max coverage.
- Flash short baseline examples to compare.

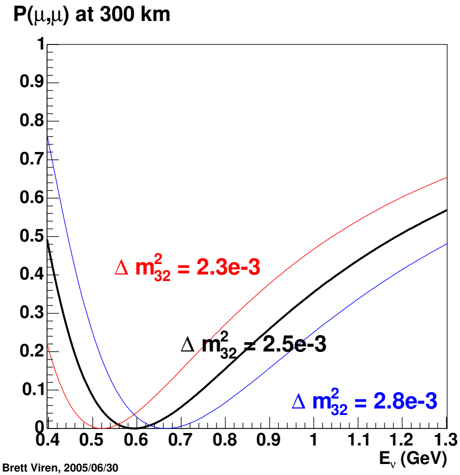
Multiple Disappearance Oscillations Well Covered!

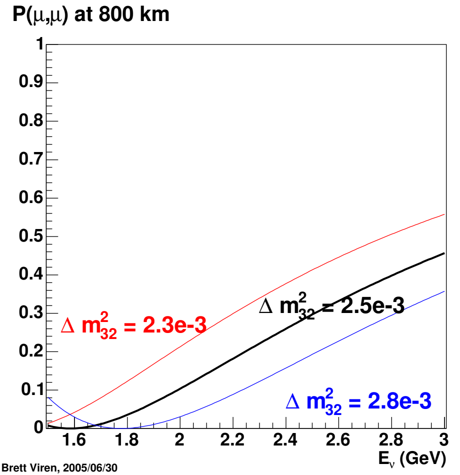


- Multiple wiggles!
- No problem resolving "the dip", will see more than one!
- Nodes well placed across flux coverage, robust against Δm^2 change.

Disappearance at Short Baselines

At most one dip to see. Can slip away if Δm^2 ends up low.





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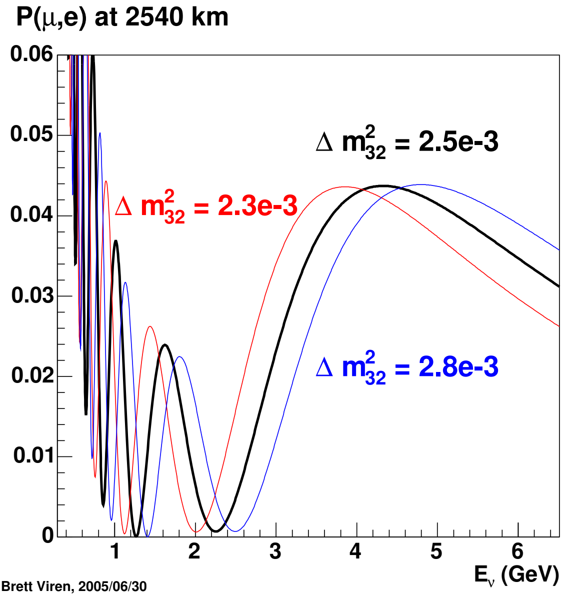
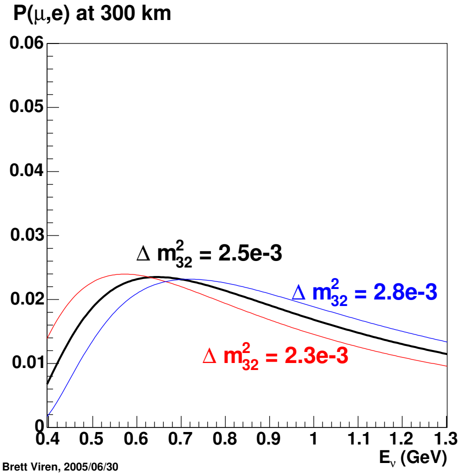
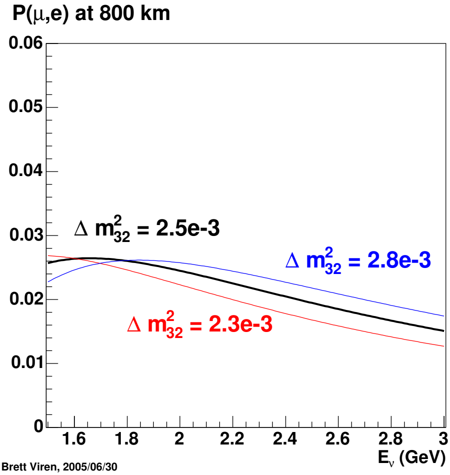
Multiple Appearance Peaks Covered



- Multiple peaks covered
- Robust against Δm^2 change

Appearance at Short Baselines





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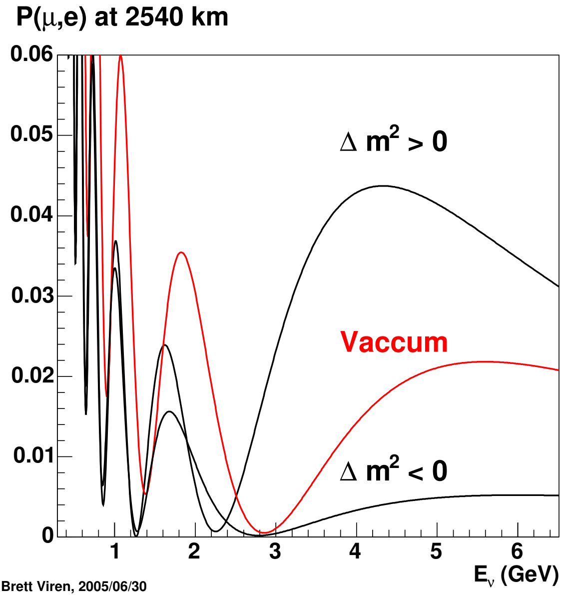
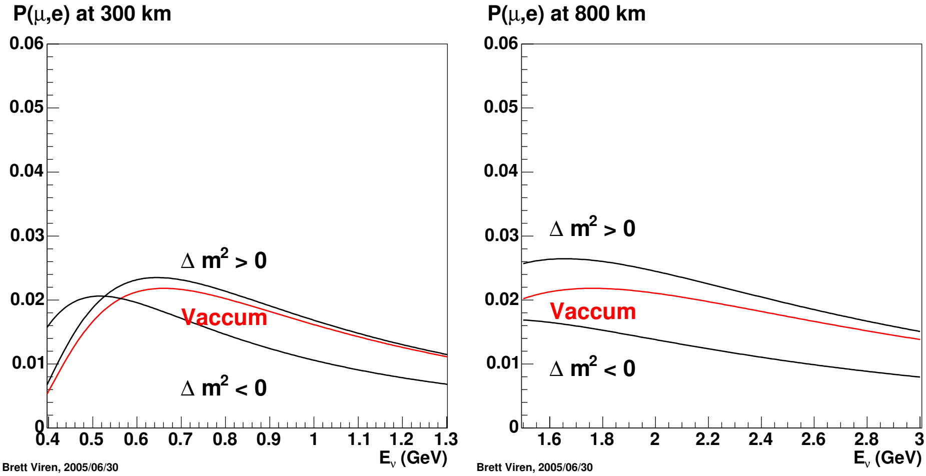
Matter Effects at Very Long Baselines



Sensitivity to $sign(\Delta m^2)$

- Factor of 2 effect $\rightarrow$ "easy"
- Effect mostly in first peak $E_\nu > 2$ GeV

Matter Effects at Short Baselines



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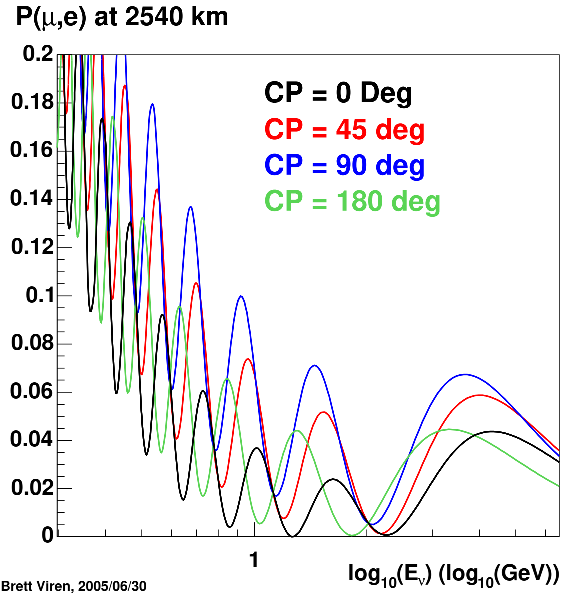
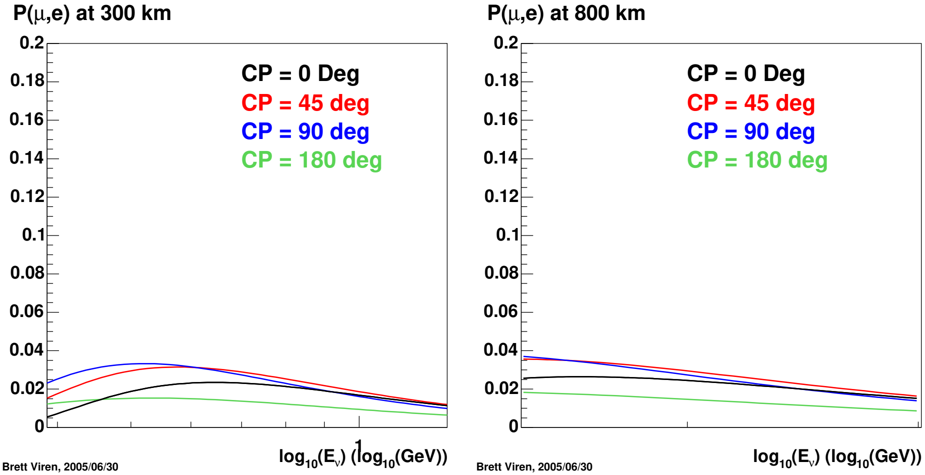
Nonzero CP Angle at Very Long Baselines



- Shift in magnitude and location
- Stronger effect for oscil peak $n > 1$ (W.Marciano)
- Longer baseline pulls $n > 1$ away from Fermi-motion region.

Nonzero CP Angle at Short Baselines



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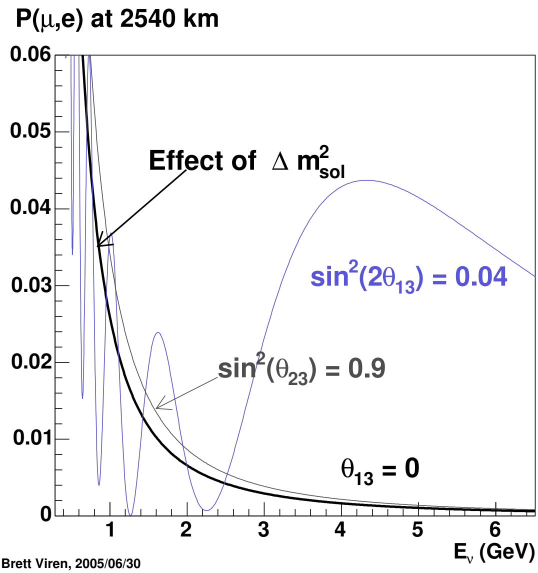
Guaranteed ν_e Appearance

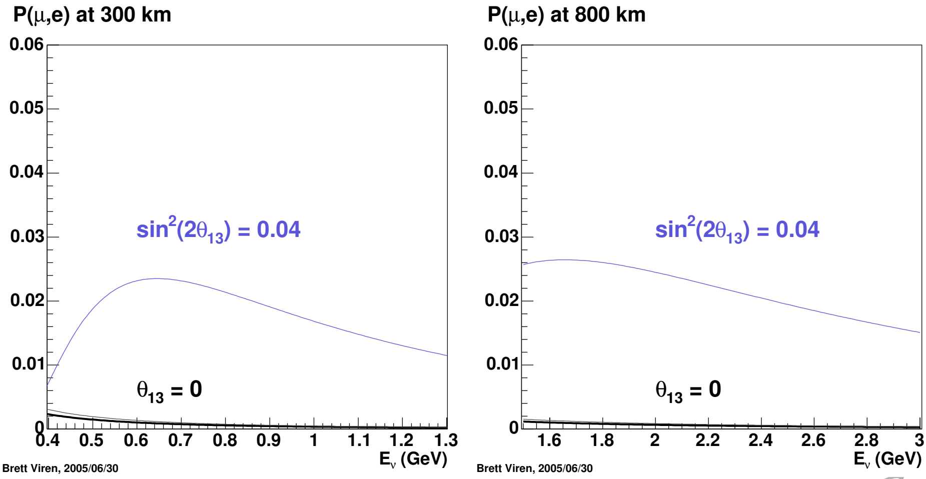


What if $\theta_{13} = 0$?
Still observe ν_e via Δm^2_{21} !

- $\theta_{13} = 0$ in black
- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ in blue
- Upswing at low energies is due to Δm^2_{21}.
- Small shift if non-maximal mixing

This over constrains the solar parameters - potential to see new physics!

$\theta_{13} = 0$ at Short Baselines



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Since these effects occur differently across the spectrum in a Very Long Baseline experiment, they can be disentangled with a single experiment.

Sensitivity to Different Parameters in Different Energy Regions

	$E_\nu < 1$ GeV	$1 < E_\nu 2 <$GeV	$E_\nu > 2$ GeV
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	$\surd$	$\surd$	$\surd$
$sign(\Delta m^2_{32})$	-	-	$\surd\surd\surd$
δ_{CP}	$\surd$	$\surd\surd$	$\surd$
solar	$\surd\surd\surd$	$\surd$	-

- It's a complex picture with many effects!
- But, effects have different strength at different energies.
- Measuring across the wide energy band makes it possible to sort them out.

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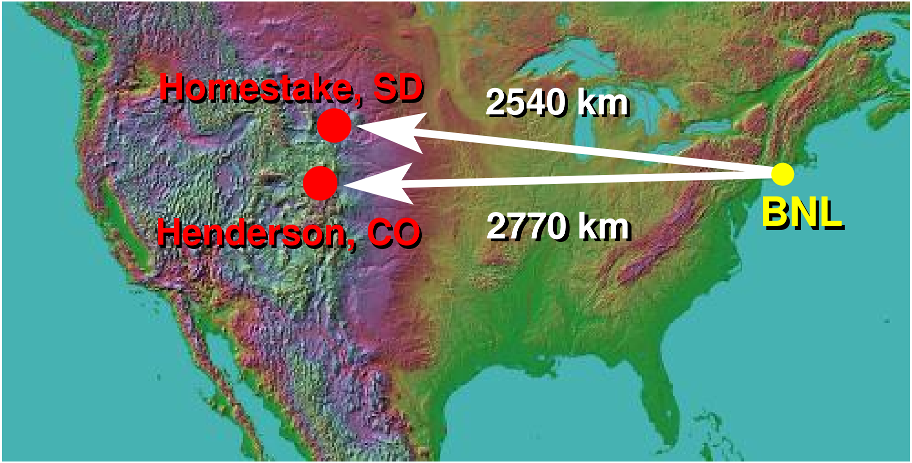
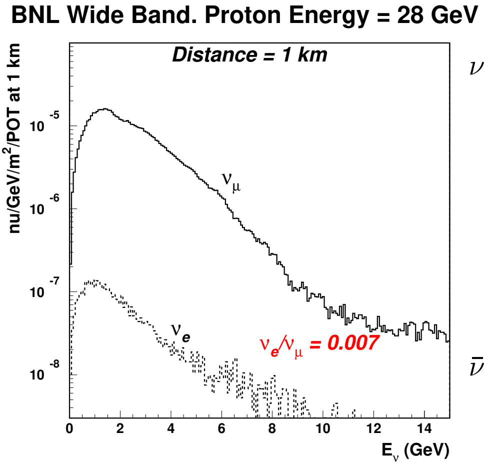
Example Baseline: 2540 km



Homestake & Henderson equivalent. Assume UNO class far detector.

Neutrino Flux

The following is work by Milind Diwan.



ν running:

- 1 MW, 28 GeV proton beam
- 5×10^7 seconds
- 1.12×10^{22} PoT
- 60 cm carbon target
- 4 m $\phi\times$ 200 m long decay tunnel

$\bar{\nu}$ running same but 2 MW

Expected Number of Events

- 1 MW ν running
- Water-Cherenkov detector
- 500 kTon water fiducial
- 2540 km baseline
- 5×10^7 seconds exposure

Reaction	Number
CC $\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + X$	51800
NC $\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \nu_\mu + X$	16908
CC $\nu_e + N \rightarrow e^- + X$	380
QE $\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$	11767
QE $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$	84
CC $\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + \pi^+ + N$	14574
NC $\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \nu_\mu + N + \pi^0$	3178
NC $\nu_\mu + O^{16} \rightarrow \nu_\mu + O^{16} + \pi^0$	574
CC $\nu_\tau + N \rightarrow \tau^- + X$ (if all $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$)	319

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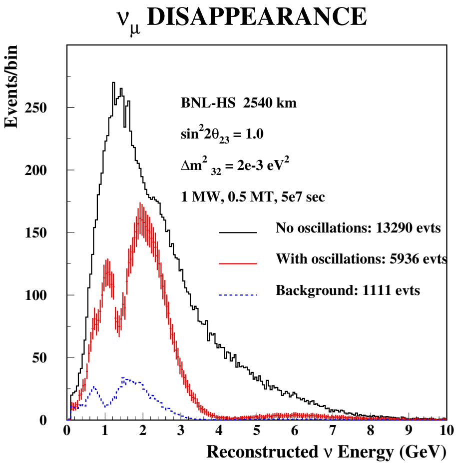
Disappearance at 2540 km



- 10% energy resolution + Fermi motion
- 2 nodes clearly visible
- **Black** and **red** include background
- Only single-π production bkg considered here
- $\sigma(\Delta m^2_{32})$ & $\sigma(\sin^2(2\theta_{23})) \sim 1\%$
- Resolution dominated by systematics

Expected Appearance Results

1. Weighted SK Atm-ν MC/reconstruction study (C. Yanagisawa)
2. Baseline requirements study (M. Diwan)
3. In progress: full study with UNO detector MC and realistic reconstruction code.

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C. Yanagisawa - weighted SK Atm-ν MC study

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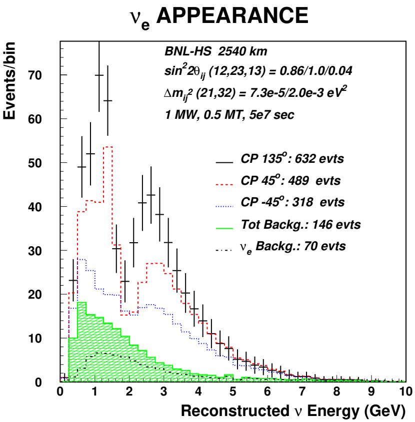
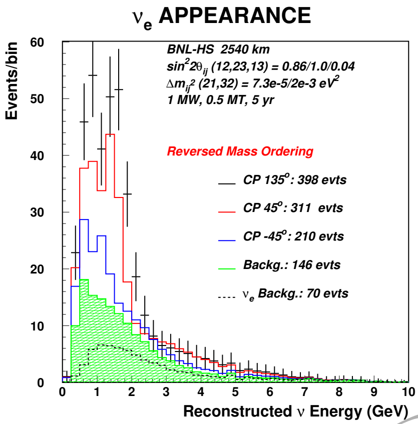
Improved π^0 finder + likelihood cut.

Appearance - Baseline Requirements Study

M. Diwan, close but stricter requirements still:





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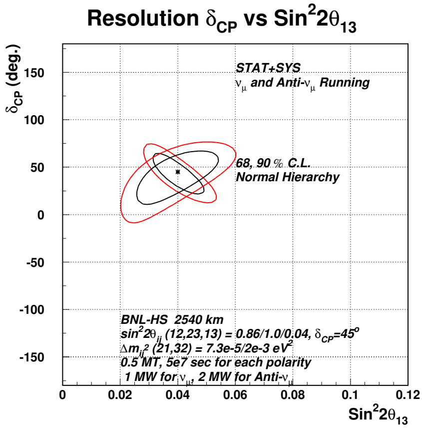
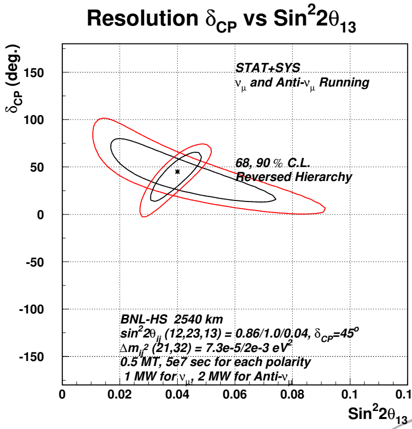
Sensitivity of δ_{CP} and $\theta_1 3$

1-σ and 90% contours, all other parameters fixed.





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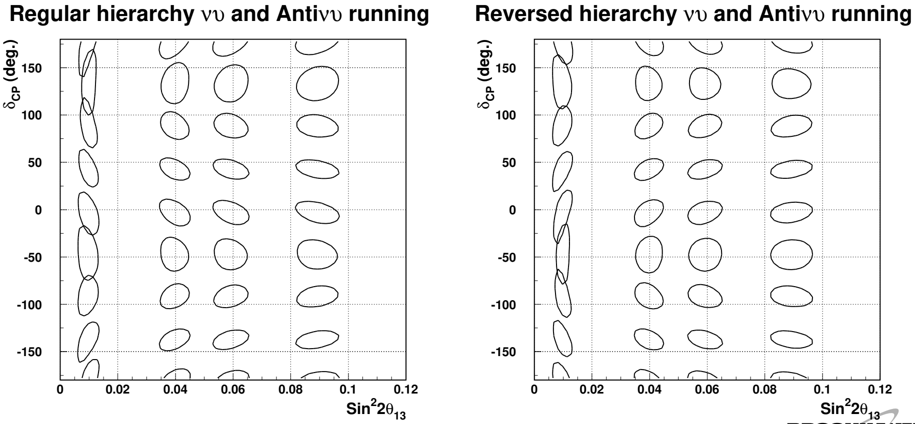
Sensitivity of δ_{CP} and θ_13 - Combined $\nu/\bar{\nu}$

1-σ contours, all other parameters fixed.



Patrick Huber, UWisc:

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- Both ν- and $\bar{\nu}$-running.
- Includes correlations and errors on all parameters, 10% background uncertainty.
- Will improve as other oscillation parameter measurements improve.
- All δ_{CP} range covered.

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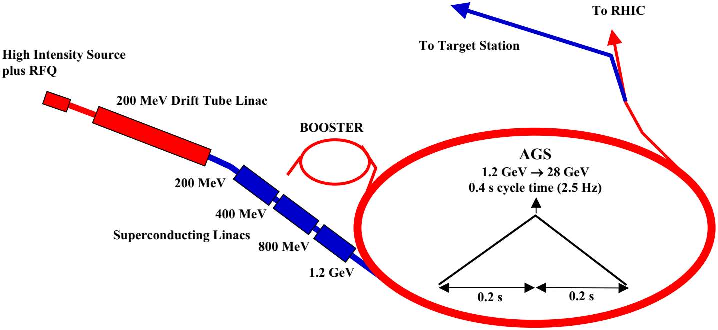
Upgrade to AGS



- Use 1.2 GeV SC Linac instead of booster
  - $7 \times 10^{13} \longrightarrow 9 \times 10^{13}$ ppp
  - Fill time 0.6 sec $\longrightarrow$ 1.0 msec
- Increase rep. rate 0.5 $\longrightarrow$ 2.5 Hz
- New mag. PS and RF cavities
- Further improvements on design being worked on.

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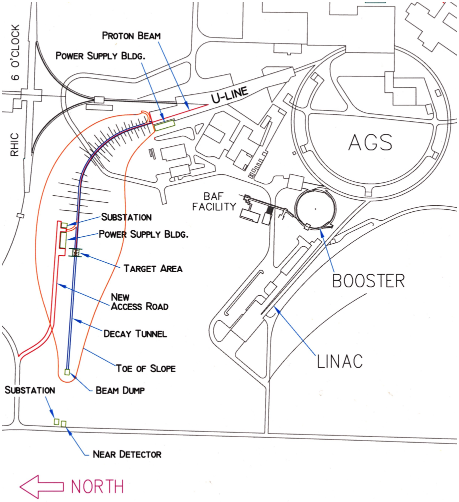
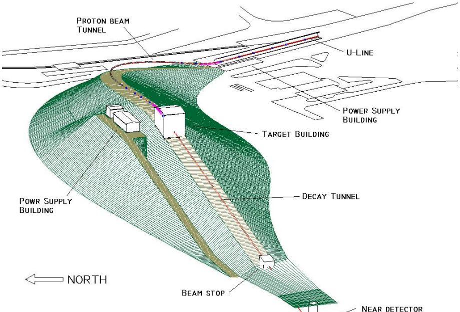
BNL Site Development





- Point to most points west
- Keep hadrons above the water table
- Room for a (very) near detector
- Hill cheaper than tunnel

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- Conventional pulsed hadron focussing with 2 horns
- Likely carbon-carbon target, embedded in 1st horn
- R&D underway with material experiments
- Collaboration with FNAL, JPARC and others

Estimated Costs

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The AGS-Based Super Neutrino Beam Facility Conceptual Design Report

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- Put through internal BNL review
- Bottom-up estimation with WBS
- Based on RHIC & SNS ring, LHC magnets.
- Target & Horn from BNL, K2K and NuMI.
- \$273.4M FY04
- 6 Years to neutrinos
  - 3 years R&D
  - Construction after 1 year
  - 4.5 years to completion
  - 0.5 year commissioning

Summary

- The BNL Very Long Baseline concept provides a qualitatively different experiment than past or proposed
- Precision (1%) measurement of atm-ν params, systematics limited.
- Degeneracy-broken measurement of appearance parameters
- If lucky, ν-running only needed for appearance measurements, with $\bar{\nu}$-running gain precision w/out needing luck.
- Appearance results limited by how well background can be controlled
- Work on full detector simulation and reconstruction to be finished before final word.
- Affordable, practical beam design. No “magic” needed.
- Ongoing collaborations (C. Yanagisawa (UNO), P. Huber (GLoBES)), others most welcome!

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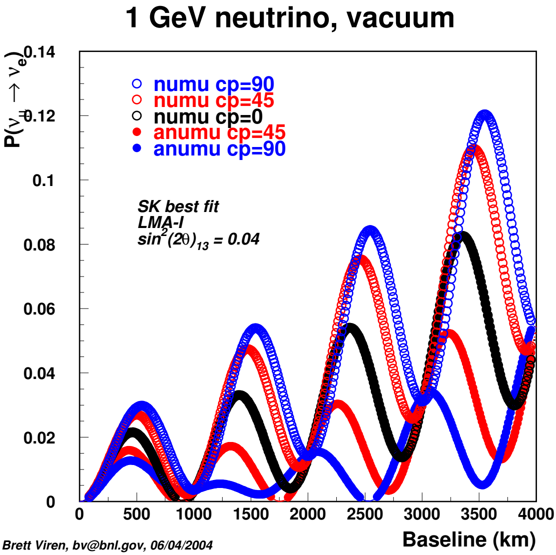
Backup Slides

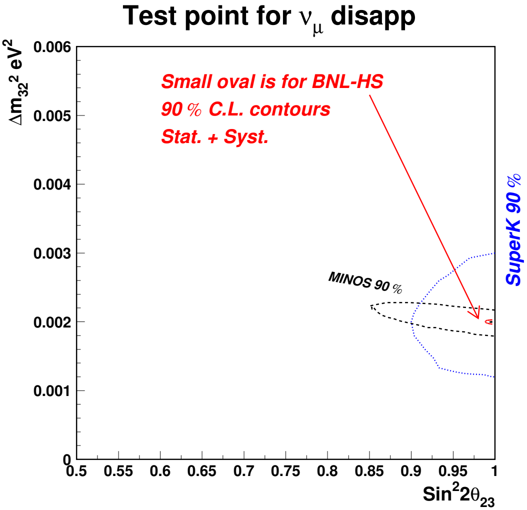
CP Violation Sensitivity Independent of Baseline



- Marciano, hep-ph/0108181
- $A \sim L$
- Flux $\sim 1/L^2$
- Statistical F.O.M.
  - $= (\Delta A/A)^{-2}$
    $= A^2 N/(1-A)$
  - $N = N_{\nu e} + N_{\bar{\nu} e}$
  - Linear in flux
  - Quadratic in A

Independent of BL, at least until the flux totally runs out.

Resolution on θ_{23} and Δm^2_{32}



- Energy scale systematic not included (SK has 2.5%)
- O.w. $\sigma(\Delta m^2_{32}) \sim 1\%$
- Not strongly sensitive on normalization uncertainty due to multi-nodal spectrum shape.