

# **Degeneracy and strategies of LBL**

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scenarios 10 years from now

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[hep-ph/0405222](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0405222)

# Notation in this talk

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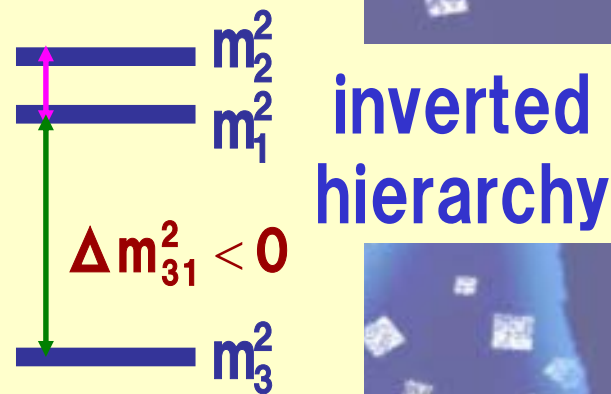
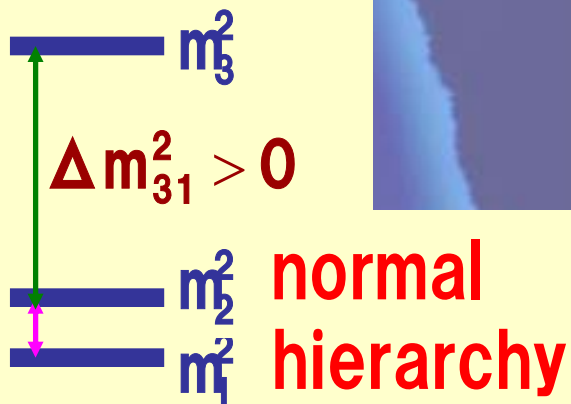
$$P \equiv P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

$$\bar{P} \equiv P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{|\Delta m_{31}^2| L}{4E}$$

Oscillation Maximum (OM)

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{|\Delta m_{31}^2| L}{4E} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



# 1. Introduction

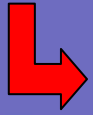
Even if we know  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$  and  $P(\overline{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e)$  in a long baseline accelerator experiments with approximately monoenergetic neutrino beam, precise determination of  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$  and  $\delta$  is difficult because of the **8-fold** parameter degeneracy.

- intrinsic  $(\delta, \theta_{13})$  degeneracy

- $\Delta m_{31}^2 \Leftrightarrow -\Delta m_{31}^2$  degeneracy

- $\theta_{23} \Leftrightarrow \pi/2 - \theta_{23}$  degeneracy

# Plots in $(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, 1/s_{23}^2)$ plane



The way curves intersect is easy to see

( $P=\text{const}, \delta=\text{const}$ )

( $\bar{P}=\text{const}, \delta=\text{const}$ )

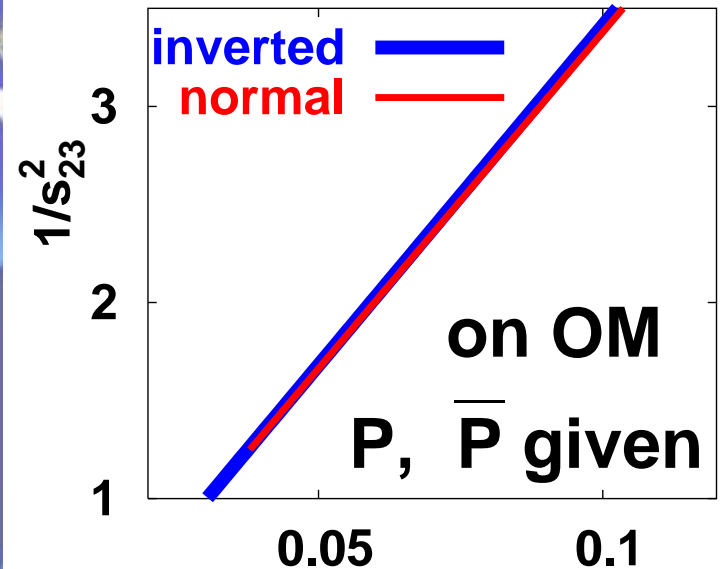
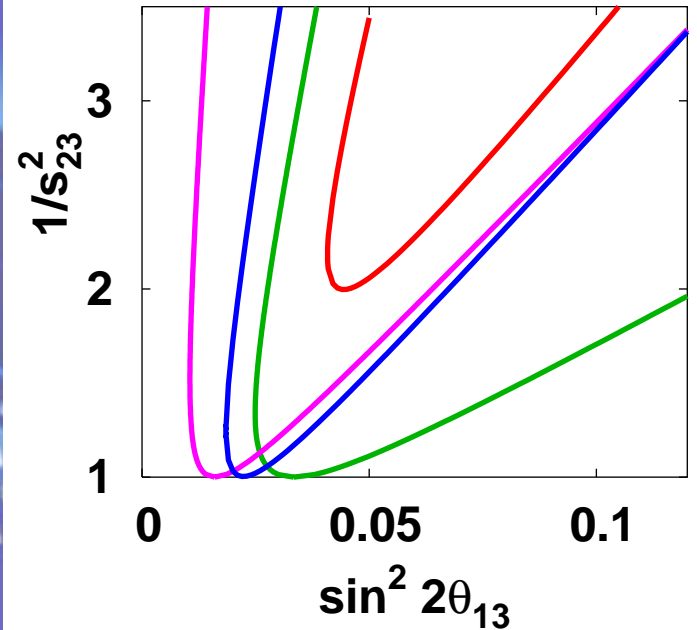
( $P=\text{const} \& \bar{P}=\text{const}'$  **off OM**)

hyperbolas  
(or ellipses)

( $P=\text{const} \& \bar{P}=\text{const}'$  **on OM**)

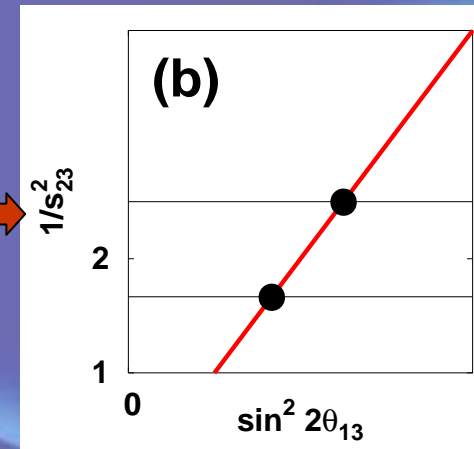
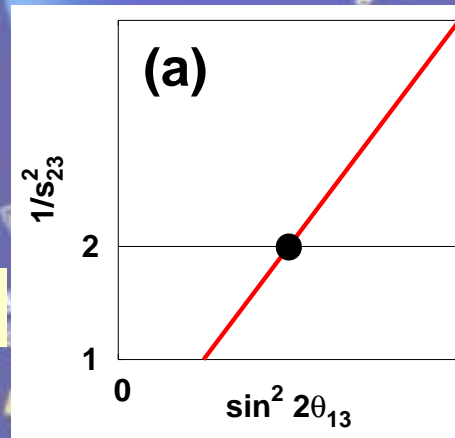
straight lines

$P, \delta$  given — green line  
 $\bar{P}, \delta$  given — magenta line  
 $P, \bar{P}$  given (normal) — red line  
 $P, \bar{P}$  given (inverted) — blue line



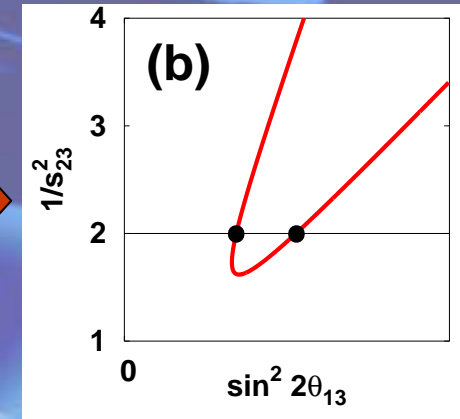
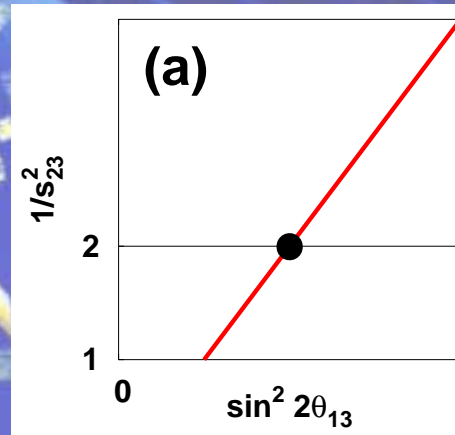
●  $\theta_{23} \Leftrightarrow \pi/2 - \theta_{23}$   
degeneracy

(a)  $\cos 2\theta_{23} = 0 \rightarrow$  (b)  $\cos 2\theta_{23} \neq 0$



● intrinsic ( $\delta, \theta_{13}$ )  
degeneracy

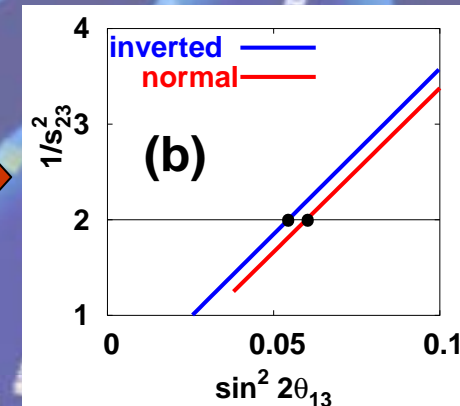
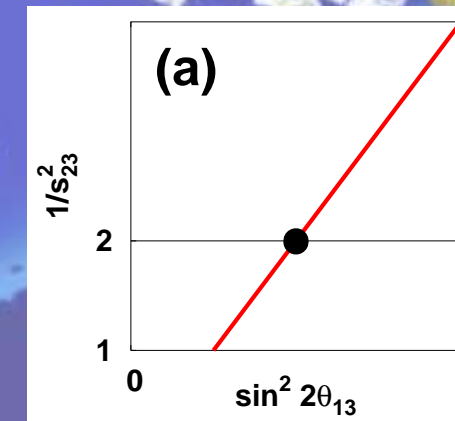
(a)  $\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{|\Delta m_{31}^2|} = 0 \rightarrow$  (b)  $\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{|\Delta m_{31}^2|} \approx \frac{1}{35} \neq 0$



●  $\Delta m_{31}^2 \Leftrightarrow -\Delta m_{31}^2$   
degeneracy

(a)  $AL/2 = 0 \rightarrow$  (b)  $AL/2 \neq 0$

$$A \equiv \sqrt{2}G_F N_e \approx 1/2000 \text{ km}$$



## 2. Determination of $\theta_{13}$

Assumption:  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  will be measured at JPARC (@OM, 4MW, HK).

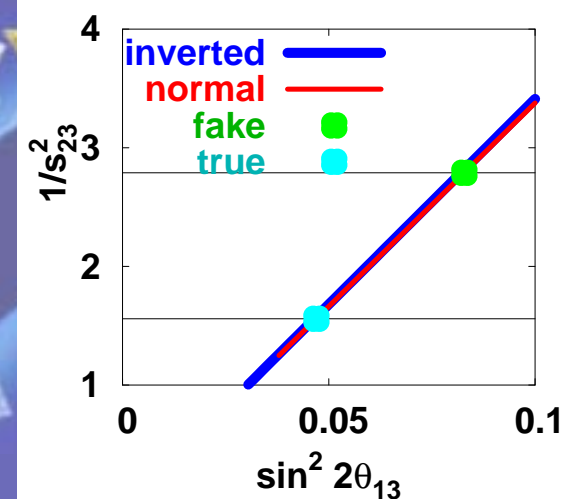
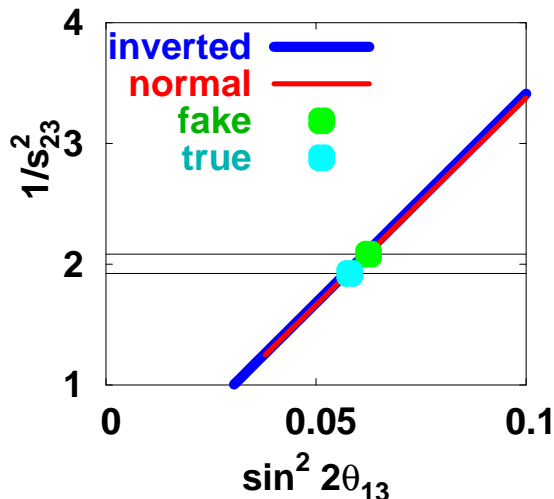
Question: Will that be enough to determine  $|U_{e3}|$ ?

(1)  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \cong 1 \rightarrow$  Yes!

(2)  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} < 1 \rightarrow$  No!

JPARC  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$  is almost enough, since (a) there is no intrinsic  $(\delta, \theta_{13})$  degeneracy, and (b)  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$  degeneracy is small.

Ambiguity due to  $\theta_{23} \Leftrightarrow \pi/2 - \theta_{23}$  degeneracy is significant.



To resolve  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity, possible ways are:

(A) reactor measurement of  $\theta_{13}$   $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

(B) LBL measurement of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  (or  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ )

(C) measurement of  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

The reference values used here are:

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 0.96, \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.05, \delta = \pi/4, \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$$



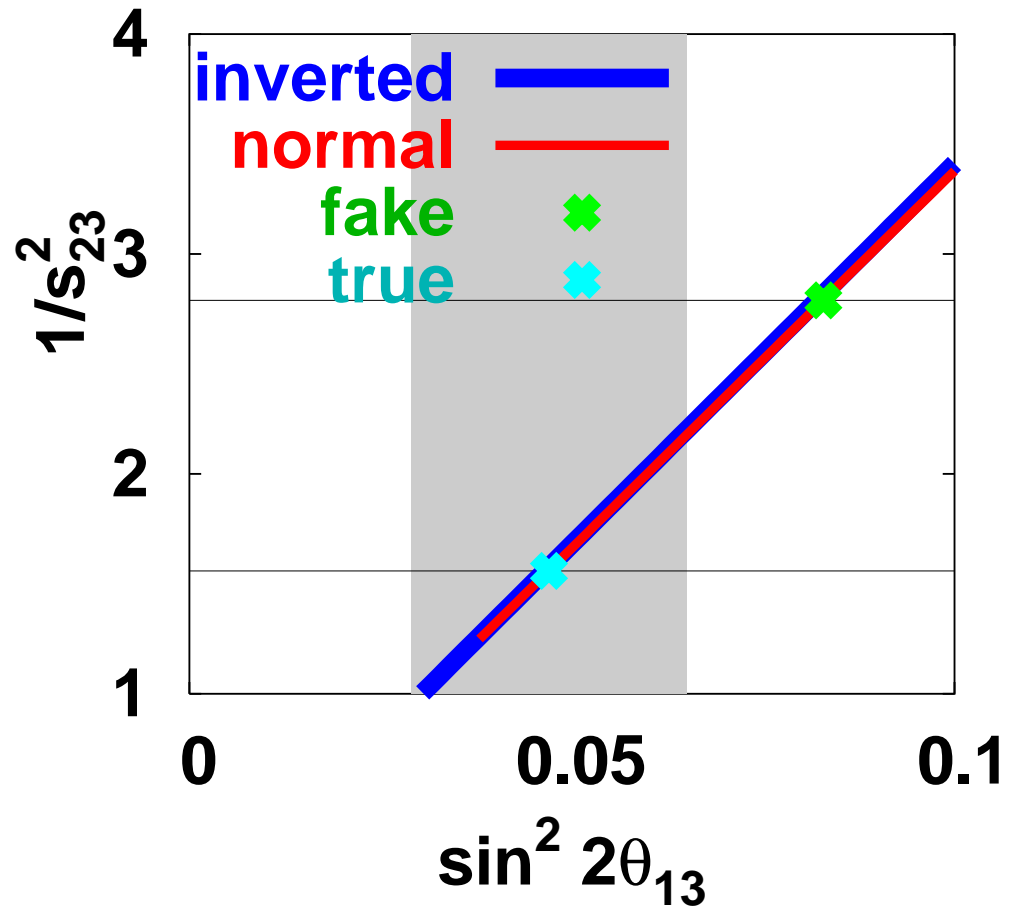
(A) reactor measurement of  $\theta_{13}$

$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

One can resolve  
 $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity at  
90%CL.



To compete with  
accelerator  
experiments,  
improvements in  
the sensitivity is  
necessary.



One possible way to improve sensitivity of reactor measurements (**theorist's personal speculation**)

**O.Y. LENE3@Niigata, March 20, 2004**

If one puts **N** near detectors and **N** far detectors with the same  $\sigma_u$ , then **theoretically** sensitivity becomes:

$$\min_{L_f, L_n} \left( \sin^2 2 \theta_{13} \right)_{\text{limit}}^{\text{sys only}} = 2.8 \sigma_u \text{ @90\%CL}$$

$$\chi^2 \Rightarrow N \chi^2$$

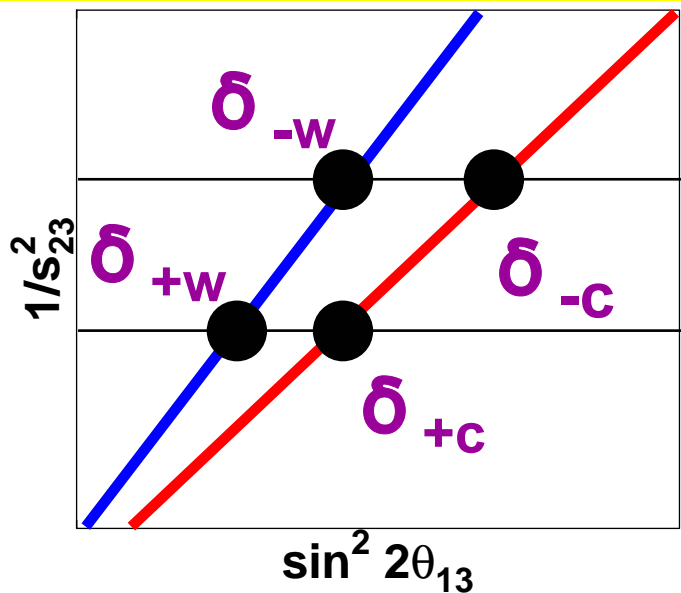
$$\min_{L_f, L_n} \left( \sin^2 2 \theta_{13} \right)_{\text{limit}}^{\text{sys only}} = 2.8 \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}} \sigma_u \text{ @90\%CL}$$

$\sigma_u$  : the uncorrelated systematic error ( $\sim 0.005$  by optimistic estimate)

## (B) LBL measurement of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ (or $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ )

Consider 3rd measurement of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  (or  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ )  
in addition to JPARC  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$ .

↓ (exaggerated figure)



**correct assumption**  
**wrong assumption**  
**on mass hierarchy**

The value of  $\delta$  for each point can be deduced (up to  $\delta \Leftrightarrow \pi - \delta$ ) from

$$\sin \delta = -\frac{P - f^2 x^2 - g^2 y^2}{2fgxy},$$

$$x \equiv s_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13},$$

$$y \equiv |\Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2| c_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12},$$

$$f, \bar{f} \equiv \sin(\Delta \mp AL/2) / (1 \mp AL/2\Delta),$$

$$g \equiv \sin(AL/2) / (AL/2\Delta)$$

Then from the equation for the probability of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  (or  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ ) in the **3<sup>rd</sup> experiment**

$$P_{\text{true}} = P\left(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \delta_{\pm[\text{cw}]}, s_{23}^2\right)$$

or

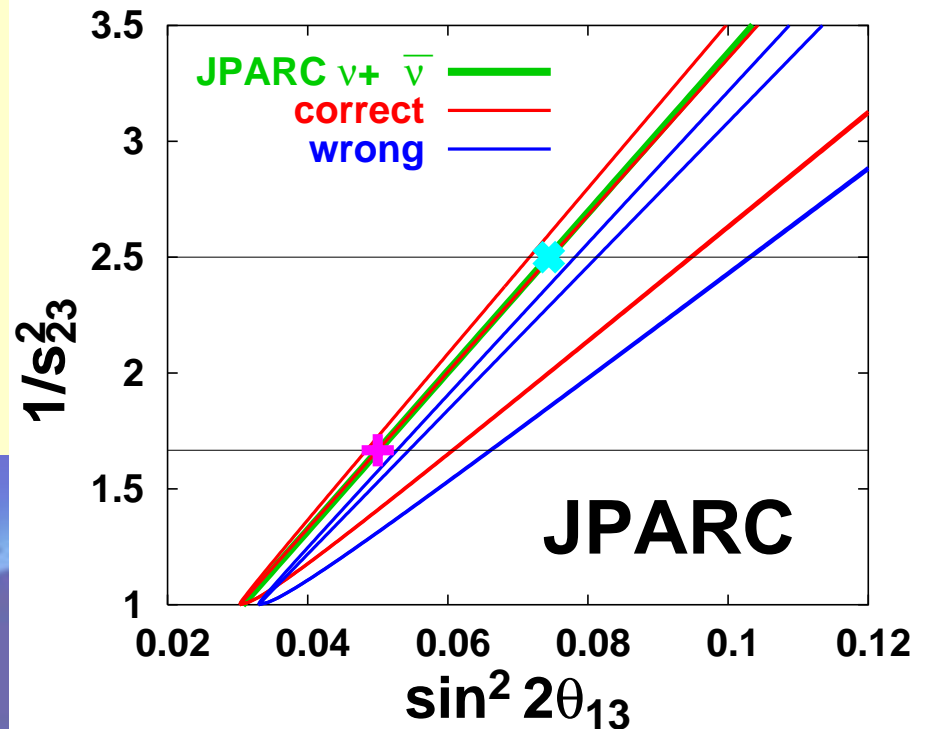
$$P_{\text{true}} = P\left(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \pi - \delta_{\pm[\text{cw}]}, s_{23}^2\right)$$

where

$$P_{\text{true}} \equiv P\left((\sin^2 2\theta_{13})_{\text{true}}, \delta_{\text{true}}, (s_{23}^2)_{\text{true}}\right)$$

we can get a unique line (a hyperbola or an ellipse) in  $(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, 1/s_{23}^2)$  plane for  $\delta_{\pm[\text{cw}]}$  or  $\pi - \delta_{\pm[\text{cw}]}$ .

$L = 295 \text{ km}, E = 1.19 \text{ GeV}, P = 0.0158$



●  $\delta \Leftrightarrow \pi - \delta$  ambiguity

$\propto \cos\delta \cos\Delta$

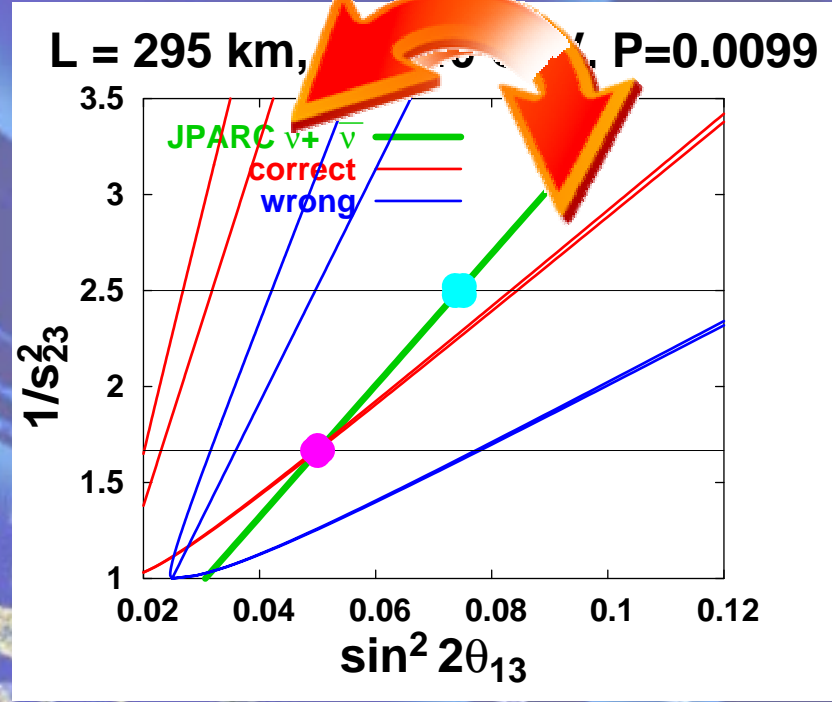
Assuming for simplicity  $P \gg C$

$$C \equiv \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2}\right)^2 g^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12}$$

$$g \equiv \sin(AL/2) / (AL/2\Delta)$$

$$\left. \frac{dX}{dY} \right|_{\delta} \approx -\frac{2\sqrt{PC}}{f^2} \cos(\delta + \Delta)$$

$$\left. \frac{dX}{dY} \right|_{\pi - \delta} \approx \frac{2\sqrt{PC}}{f^2} \cos(\delta - \Delta)$$



$$\left. \frac{dX}{dY} \right|_{\delta} - \left. \frac{dX}{dY} \right|_{\pi - \delta} \approx -\frac{4\sqrt{PC}}{f^2} \cos\delta \cos\Delta$$



Difference in the gradients is large for  $\Delta = 0$  or  $\pi$

●  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$  ambiguity

(a) L:  $AL \sim L/1900\text{km}$

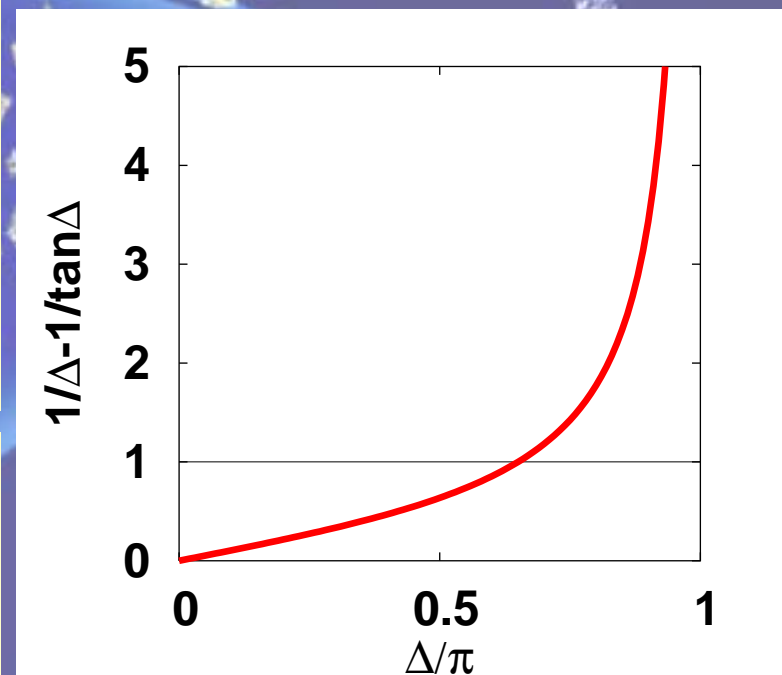
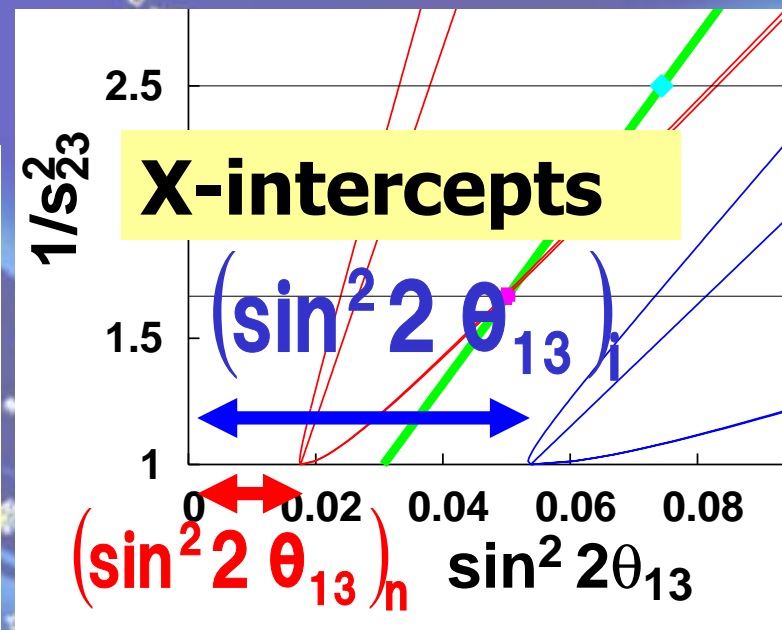
→  $L > 2000\text{km}$  is good to identify  $\text{sgn}(\Delta m^2_{31})$

(b) E: → **low** energy is advantageous

$$\frac{(\sin^2 2\theta_{13})_i}{(\sin^2 2\theta_{13})_n} \cong 1 + 2AL \left( \frac{1}{\Delta} - \frac{1}{\tan\Delta} \right)$$

Enhancement of matter effect for  $\pi/2 < \Delta < \pi$

→ In my personal opinion **nova** should run with lower E!

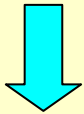


## ● $\theta_{23}$ ambiguity

Resolution of  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity

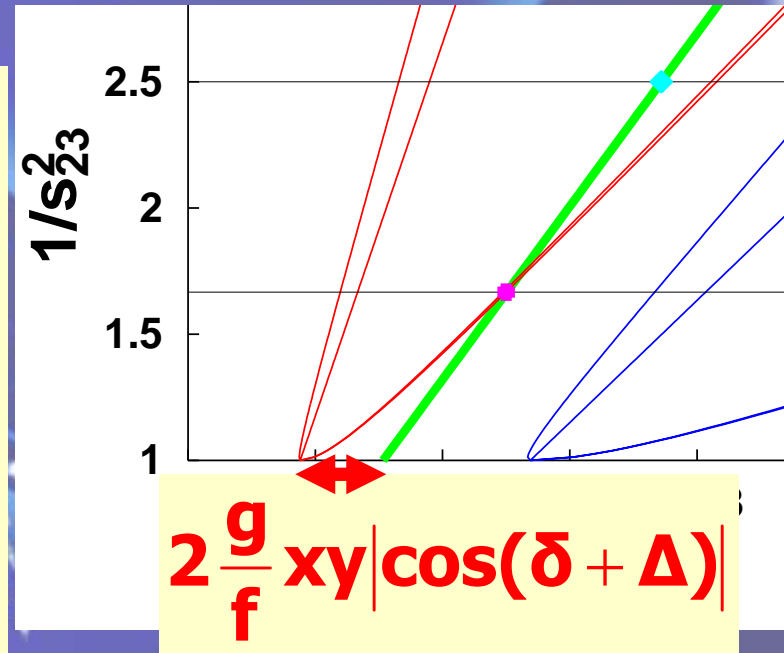
(a)  $f \equiv \frac{\sin(\Delta - AL/2)}{1 - AL/2\Delta}$  has to be small

(b)  $|\cos(\delta + \Delta)|$  has to be large



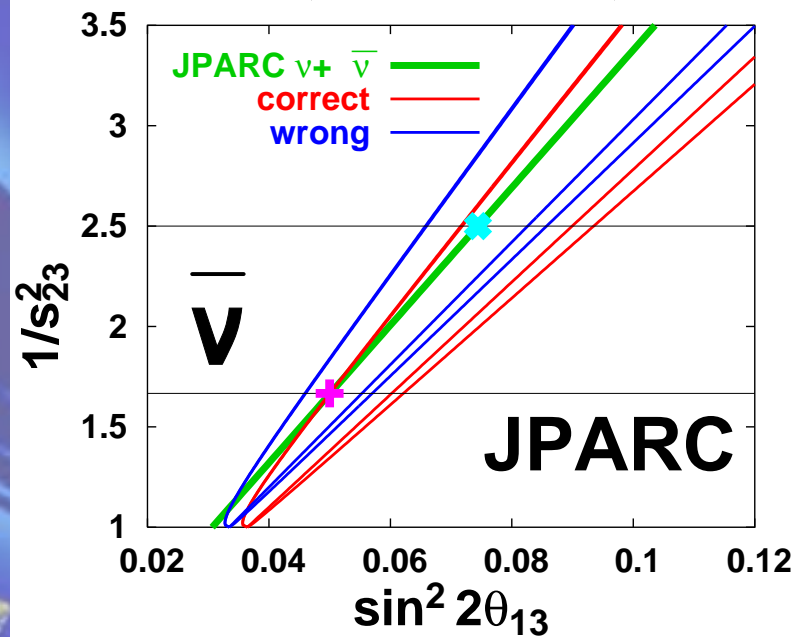
$\delta$  is unknown at first, so it is impossible to design to optimize this resolution.

It may happen that this ambiguity can be resolved as a byproduct.

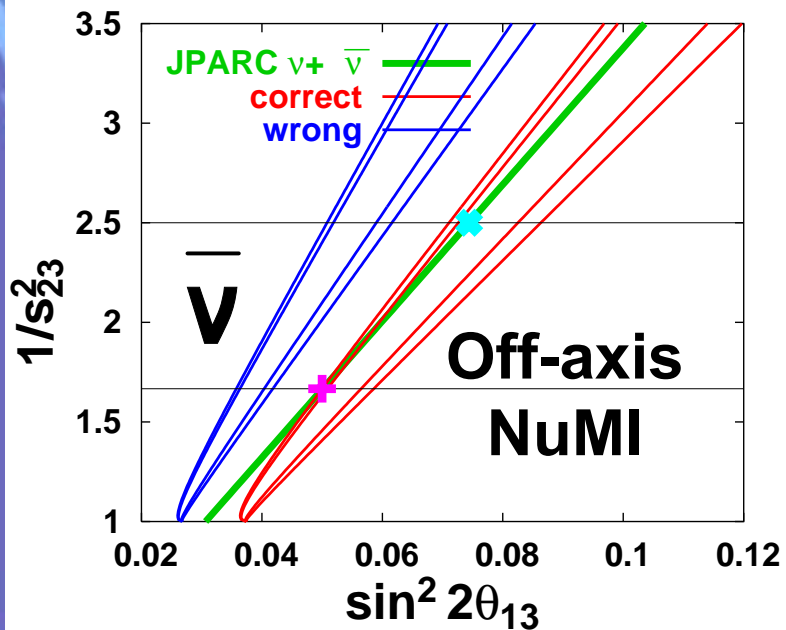


The situation doesn't change much for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  if  $\Delta \cong \pi/2$ .

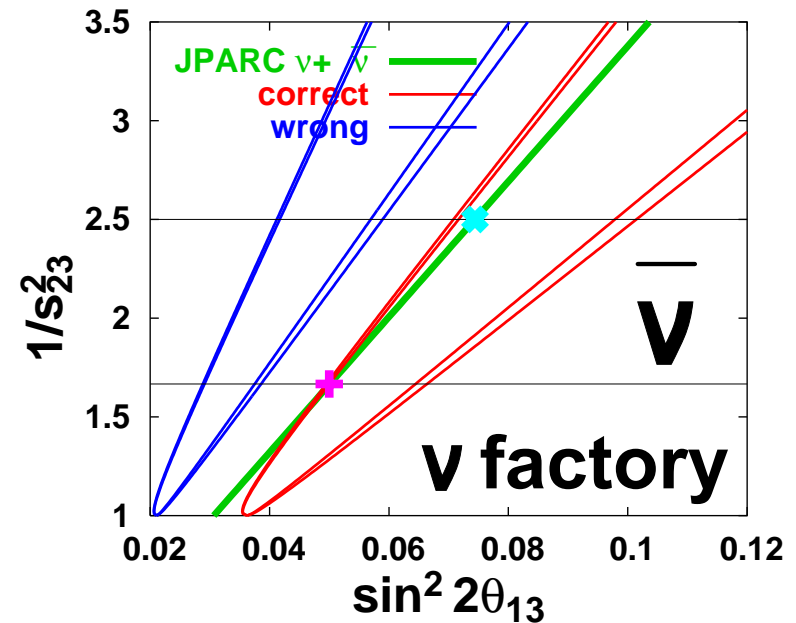
L = 295 km, E=1.19 GeV, P=0.0174



L = 730 km, E=1.97 GeV, P=0.0265



L = 3000 km, E=24.26 GeV, P=0.0029



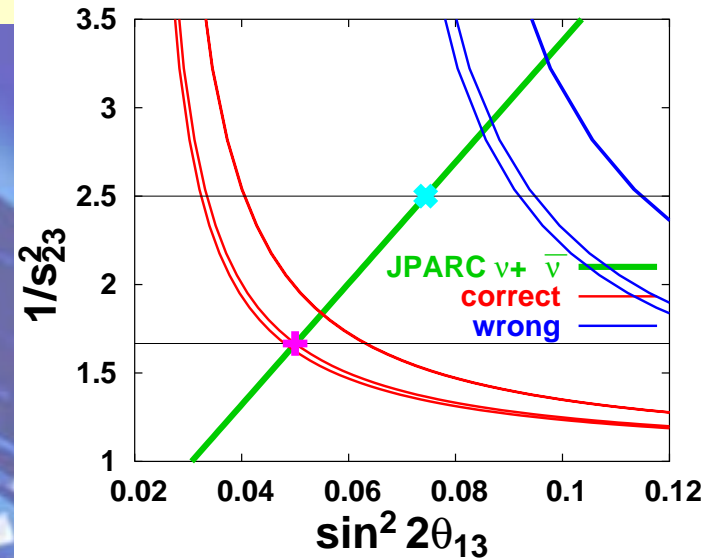


## (C) measurement of $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

Curves intersect with the JPARC line almost orthogonally.

- $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity may be resolved.
- $\delta \Leftrightarrow \pi - \delta$  ambiguity may be resolved.
- $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$  ambiguity may be resolved.

$L = 2810 \text{ km}, E = 12.13 \text{ GeV}, P = 0.0125$



This channel may be interesting to be combined with JPARC in the future.

### 3. $\delta$

Assumption: at JPARC (@OM, 4MW, HK)

$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e$  will be measured.

Question:

Will that be enough to determine  $\arg(U_{e3})$ ?



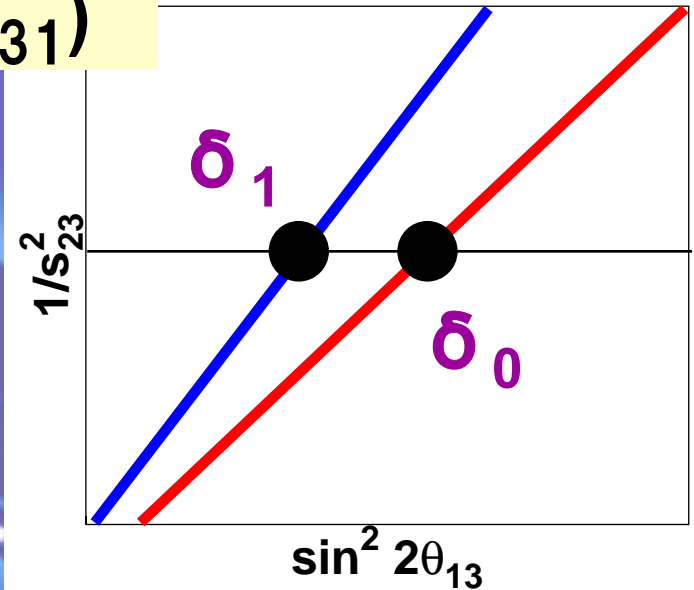
Answer: In general **no**.

Resolution of  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$   
ambiguity is important.

# (1) Ambiguity due to $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$

$\delta_0$  : **by correct assumption**  
**=true value**

$\delta_1$  : **by wrong assumption**  
**on  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$**



Difference between  $\delta_0$  &  $\delta_1$  turns out to be large.

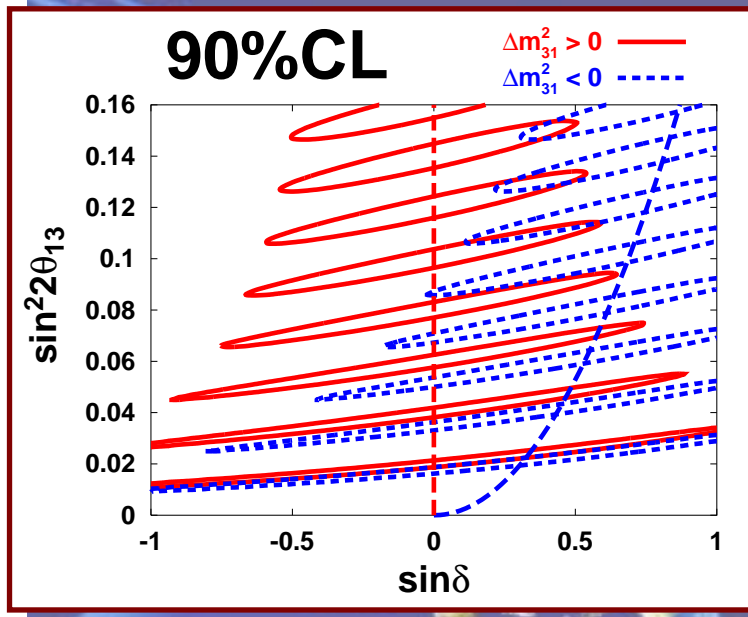
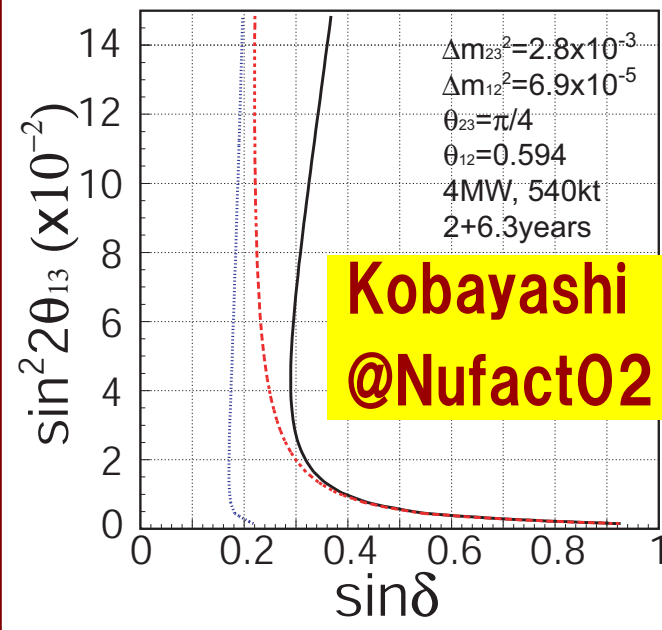
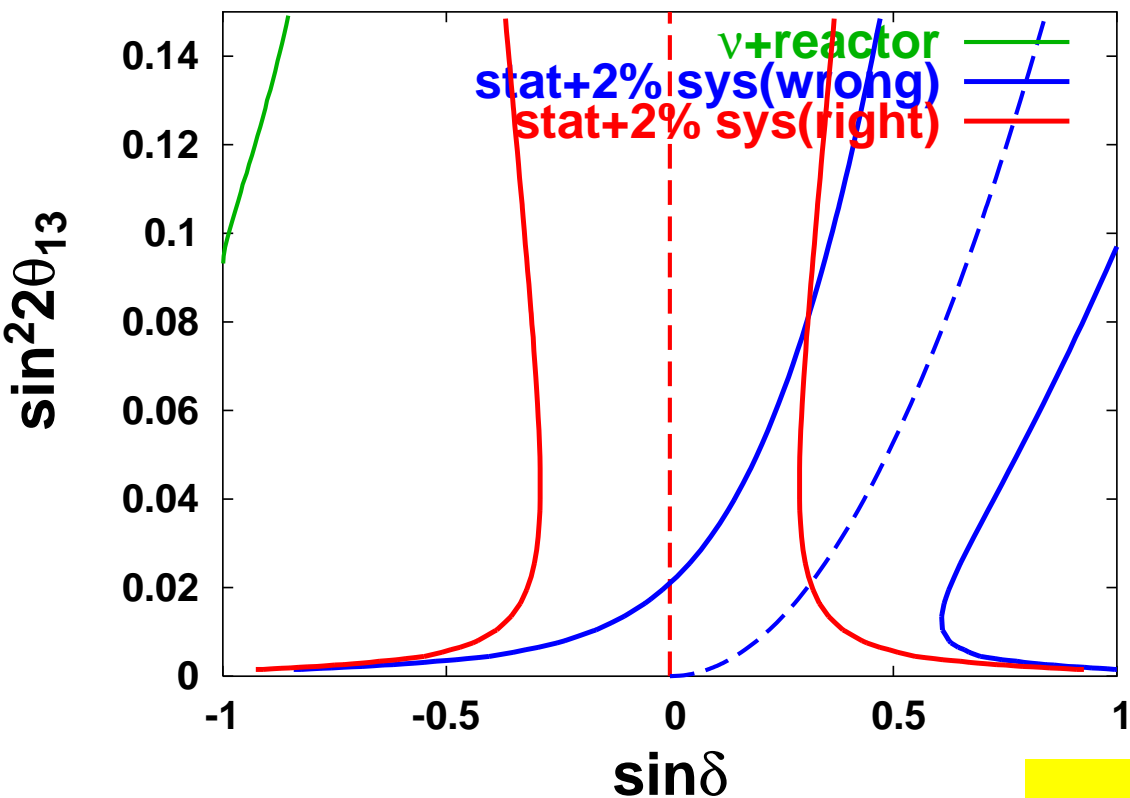
If  $\delta_0 = 0$ , then  $\sin \delta_1 \cong -2.2 \sin 2\theta_{13}$  at JPARC  
 $= -0.5$  (if  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.05$ )

→ Identification of  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$  is important.

# 3 $\sigma$ sensitivity to $\delta$

Assuming  $\Delta m^2_{31} > 0$

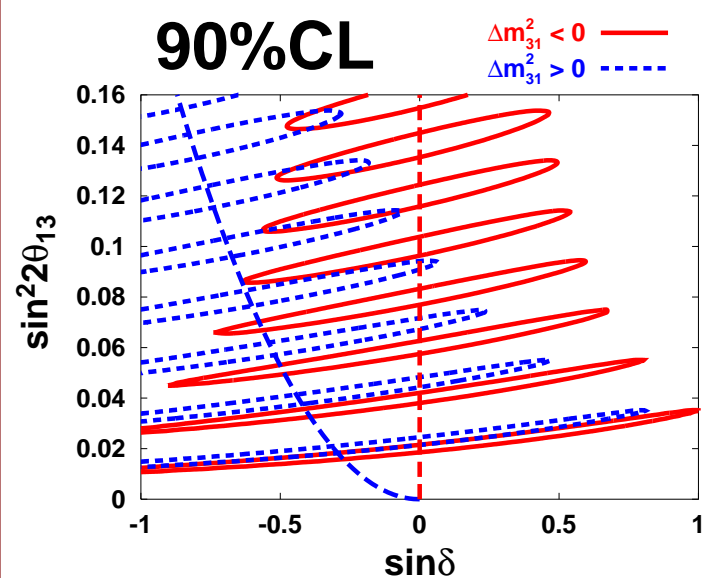
3 $\sigma$  sensitivity to  $\delta$  ( $s_{23}^2=0.5$ )



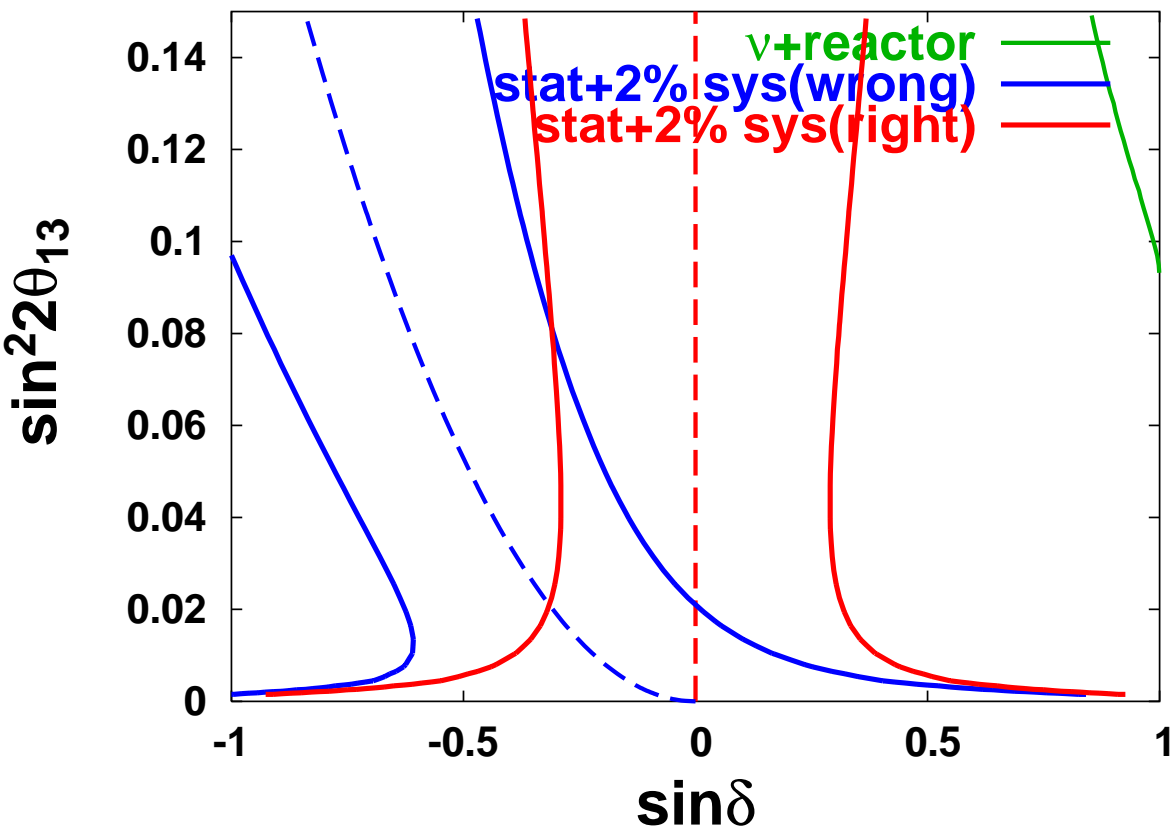
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Minakata-Sugiyama (PLB580,216)

Assuming  $\Delta m^2_{31} < 0$

90%CL



$3\sigma$  sensitivity to  $\delta$  ( $s_{23}^2=0.5$ )



↑ modified from  
Minakata-Sugiyama  
(PLB580,216)

**(2) Ambiguity of  $\delta$  due to  $\theta_{23}$  :**

$$|\sin \delta_2| \cong \frac{1}{200} \frac{|\cot 2\theta_{23}|}{t_{23}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}}} \leq \frac{1}{500} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}}}$$

$$0.9 \leq \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \leq 1.0 \quad (\mathbf{v}_{\text{atm}})$$

**→ The Ambiguity due to  $\theta_{23}$  is not serious.**

# Phase II

# Phase I

# 4. Summary

$\delta$

$\theta_{13}$

$$\sin^2 2 \theta_{23} \cong 1$$

$$\sin^2 2 \theta_{23} < 1$$

$(\sin \delta, \sin^2 2 \theta_{13})$

outside of **red** or **blue** lines

JPARC@OM

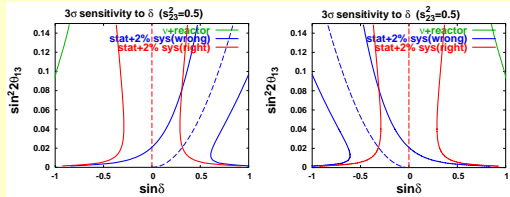
$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e \text{ \& } \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

is almost enough

In addition to JPARC

$$\nu \text{ \& } \bar{\nu} @ OM,$$

$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  or  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$   
is necessary to resolve  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity



$(\sin \delta, \sin^2 2 \theta_{13})$

inside of **red** or **blue** lines

In addition to JPARC

$$\nu \text{ \& } \bar{\nu} @ OM,$$

**LBL w/  $L > \sim 1000 \text{ km}$**

is necessary to resolve  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{23})$

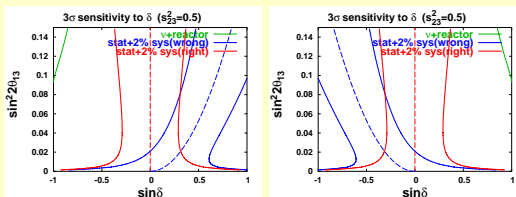
ambiguity

In addition to JPARC

$$\nu \text{ \& } \bar{\nu} @ OM,$$

(A)  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  or  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$   
is necessary to resolve  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity

(B) **LBL w/  $L > \sim 1000 \text{ km}$**   
is necessary to resolve  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{23})$  ambiguity



## It is important

- for determination of  $\theta_{13}$   
to resolve  $\theta_{23}$  ambiguity  
if  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} < 1$ .
- for determination of  $\delta$   
to resolve  $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31})$  ambiguity.

If **nova** runs with **lower E**, then it will become complementary to JPARC, and only in this case it will play an important role.

