

# Neutrino R&D Working Group

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BNL Neutrino Osc. Feasibility Study → June 2002 Report

Is a future experiment worth pursuing? Unique?

## 1.) Physics Goals

- (i) 3 Generation Mixing  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta, \Delta m^2_{31}, \Delta m^2_{21}$ , CP
- (ii) Other Scenarios, eg sterile neutrino, "new interactions"...

## 2.) Possible Experiments ( $\tilde{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_e, \tilde{\nu}_\mu$ )

- (i) Detectors (Water, Liquid Argon)
- (ii) Distances (2540km, 400km, ?) (2900km, 1700km)

## 3.) Neutrino Beams

- (i) Requirements (Angle) Hill
- (ii) Targets, Holes ... Solenoid ( $\nu + \bar{\nu}$ )

## 4.) AGS Upgrades

- (i) Minor (low cost) ~0.14 MW → ? (~0.5 MW) \$65M
- (ii) 1 MW ( $E_p \approx 28 \text{ GeV}, 14 \text{ GeV, ?}$ ) + \$50M
- (iii) 4 MW + \$100M

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## Physics Goals

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23}-c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23}-s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23}-c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23}-s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, \quad s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

What do we know? (Think we know)

Atmospheric  $\nu$   $|\Delta m_{32}^2| \approx |\Delta m_{31}^2| \approx 2.6_{-1.6}^{+1.4} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  sign?

$$\theta_{23} \approx 45^\circ, \quad \sin 2\theta_{23} \approx 1 \text{ maximal!}$$

Solar  $\nu$  (LMA Favored)  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \approx 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\theta_{12} \approx 30^\circ \text{ (large)}$

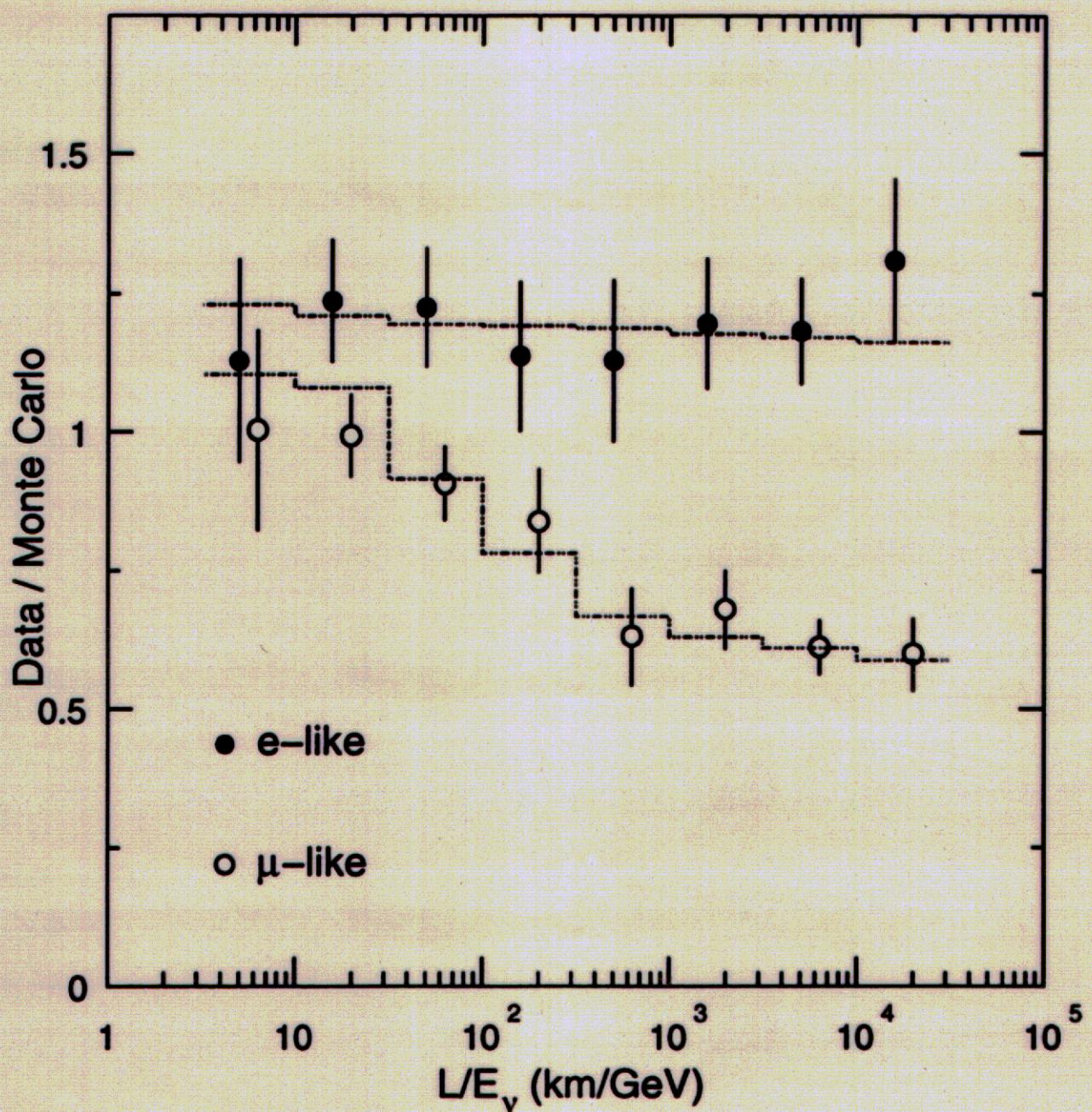
Kamland  $\rightarrow \Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{12}$  Very Important!

Reactor Bounds  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$   $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \lesssim 0.11 \quad \Delta m_{31}^2 > 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\lesssim 0.18 \quad > 2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\lesssim 0.52 \quad > 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

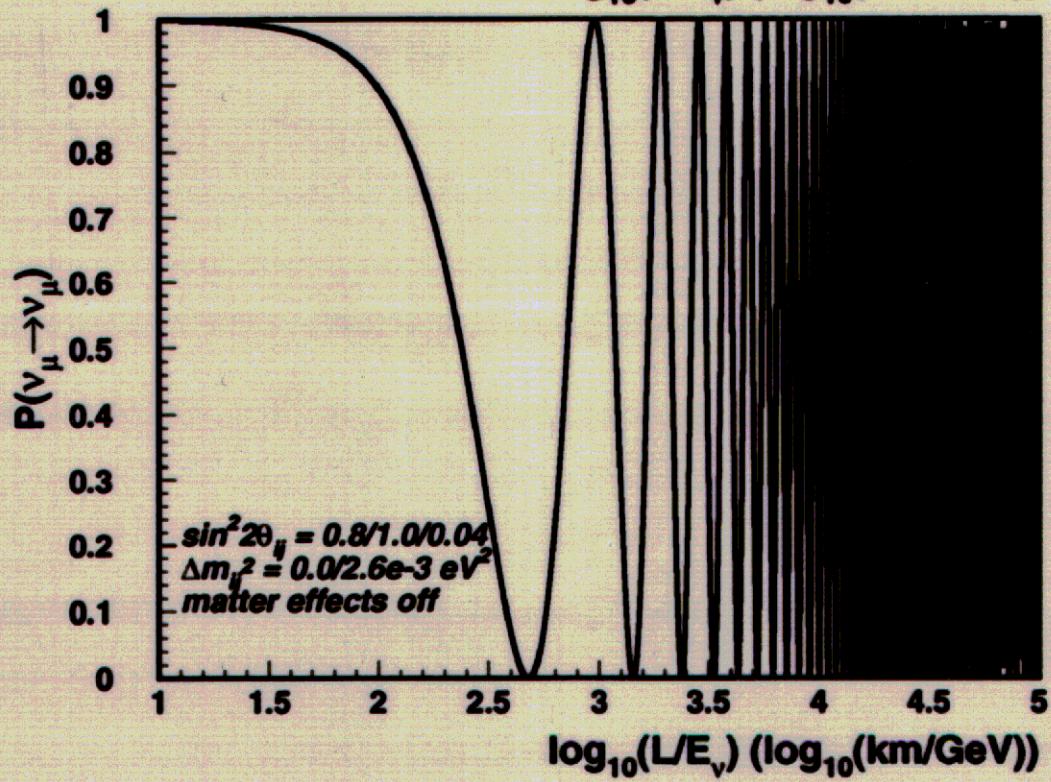
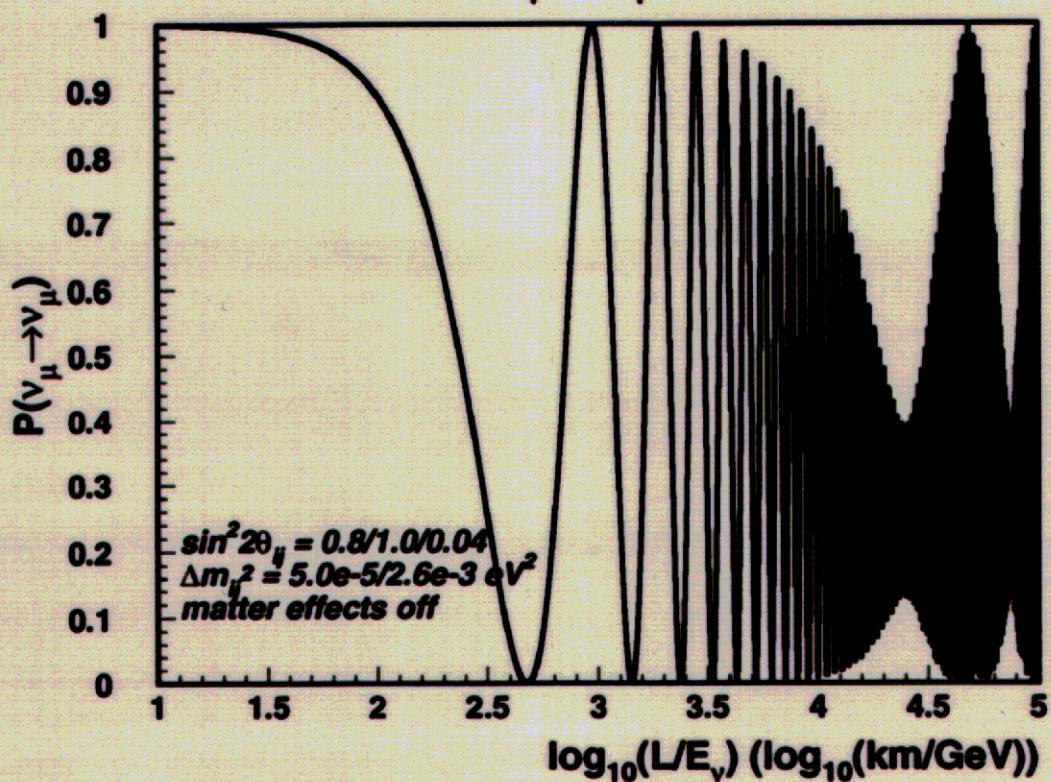
$\theta_{13}$  Relatively Small? (Maybe Not)

Phase:  $0 \leq \delta \leq \pi$  Unconstrained by Experiment

*Atmospheric  $\nu$ -data*



$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$



$$J_{CP} = \sin\theta_{12} \sin\theta_{23} \sin\theta_{13} \cos\theta_{12} \cos\theta_{23} \cos\theta_{13} \sin\delta$$

All CP Violation Proportional to  $J_{CP} \approx 0.2 \sin\theta_{13} \sin\delta$   
Potentially Enormous

Quark Sector  $J_{CP}^{CKM} \approx 3 \times 10^{-5}$  tiny

Leptogenesis  $\rightarrow$  Baryogenesis

Future Goals:

$\overleftarrow{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overleftarrow{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \rightarrow \pm 2\%$

$|\Delta m_{31}^2| \rightarrow \pm 1\%$

Multi-Osc Peaks

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_{\text{sterile}} \cdots \text{CPT, New Int.-Matter}$

$\overleftarrow{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overleftarrow{\nu_e}$  Measure  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \rightarrow \pm 10\%$  Dedicated Exp.

sign of  $m_3^2 - m_1^2$  Matter Effect

$\sin\delta \rightarrow J_{CP} \rightarrow \cancel{J}_{CP}$  The Prize

$\Delta m_{21}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \dots$

Several Experiments Needed

Intense Proton Sources Large Detectors (Very Large)

Long Baseline

Extra Long Baseline

## Extra Long Baselines Considered

BNL  $\rightarrow$  Homestake 2540 km 500 kton water detector

BNL  $\rightarrow$  New Mexico (WIPP) 2900 km

BNL  $\rightarrow$  Wisconsin 1700 km (100 kton water, NUMI detector, primary)

### BNL - Homestake (2540 km)

Phase I AGS =  $\frac{1}{2}$  MW,  $1.2 \times 10^{21}$  p.o.t. /  $10^7$  sec,  $E_p \approx 28$  GeV

500 kton water Cherenkov detector

$\nu_\mu R \rightarrow \mu P$ ,  $\nu_e R \rightarrow e R$ ,  $\nu N \rightarrow \nu N \pi^0$

$E_\nu \approx 1-2$  GeV  $0^\circ$  Wide Band Beam

$\approx 16$  GeV  $1-1.5^\circ$  Off Axis

Why work at 2500 km rather than 500 km?

$\frac{1}{25}$  Flux - Statistics?

Some Disadvantages + Some Advantages (Complementary)

Multi-Osc.  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  Peaks, Precise  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ , good  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  matter effects  $\rightarrow$  sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  ( $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ )

measure  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon\beta$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  sensitivity

Robust Program - Improved if  $|\Delta m_{31}^2| < 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Upgrade  $\frac{1}{2}$  MW  $\rightarrow$  2-4 MW, 500 kton  $\rightarrow$  1000 kton  $\times 16$

$T = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}$   $\rightarrow \sim 10,000 \nu_\mu$  events (No Osc.)  $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu p$  QE (75)

Assume  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \approx 1$   $\Delta m_{31}^2 \approx 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{12} \approx 0.8$   $\Delta m_{21}^2 \approx 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.04$  (could be larger)

$$\underline{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2 \frac{1.27 \Delta m_{31}^2 L}{E_\nu} + \dots}$$

$\sim 5000$  events Sensitive to 4 Peaks!  
Precise  $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$   
NC/CC  $\rightarrow$  Sterile  
New Physics? (Matter)

$$\underline{P(\overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_e}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} + \text{matter effects (large } E_\nu \approx 46 \text{ GeV)}}$$

$$\overset{(-)}{+} 4 \sqrt{J_{CP}} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \underbrace{\sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E_\nu}}_{\text{grows like } L/E_\nu}$$

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\sqrt{Bk}} = \frac{L}{\sqrt{L^2}} = 1$$

$$+ 0.38 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) + \text{smaller terms}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{grows like } (L/E_\nu)^2}_{\text{(Much Better)}}$$

P889 Spectrum  $E_p \approx 28 \text{ GeV}$

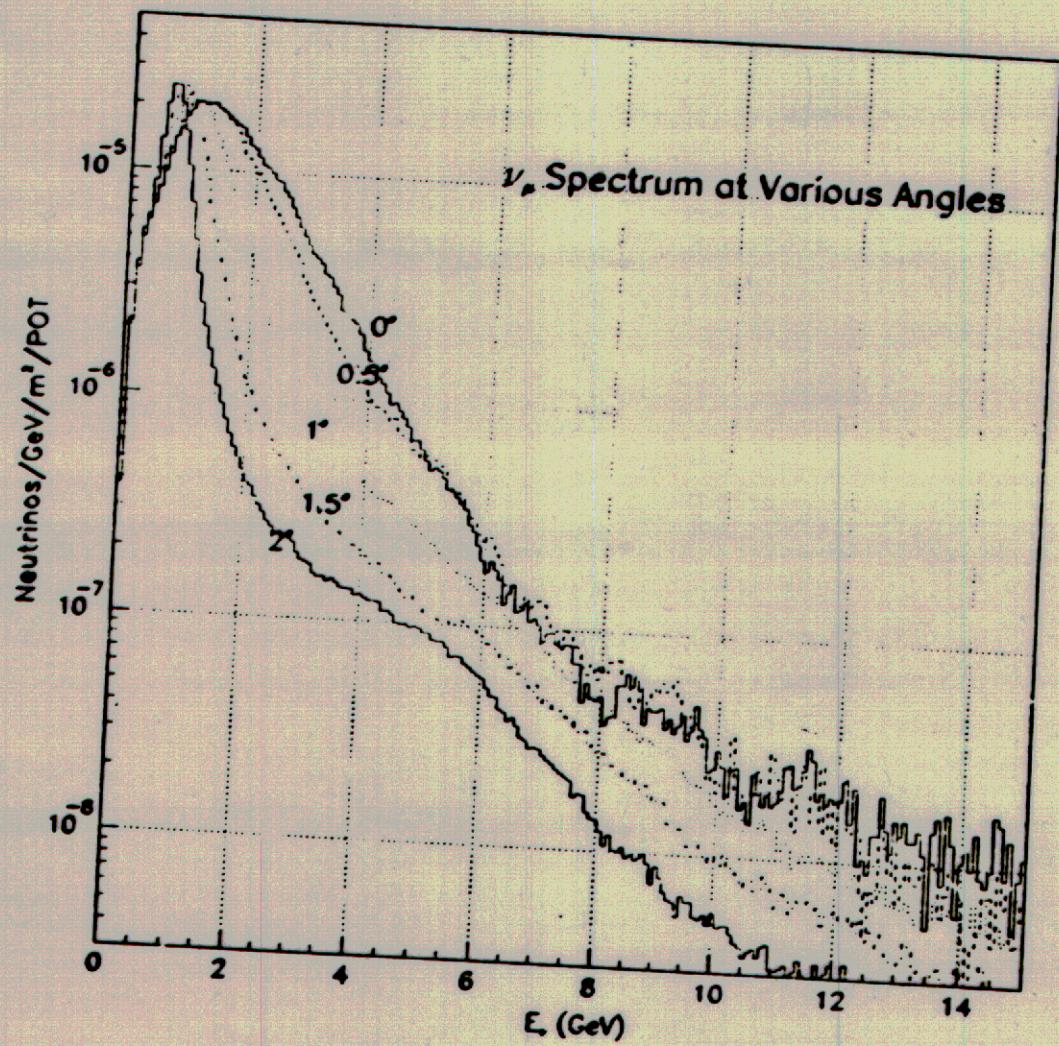
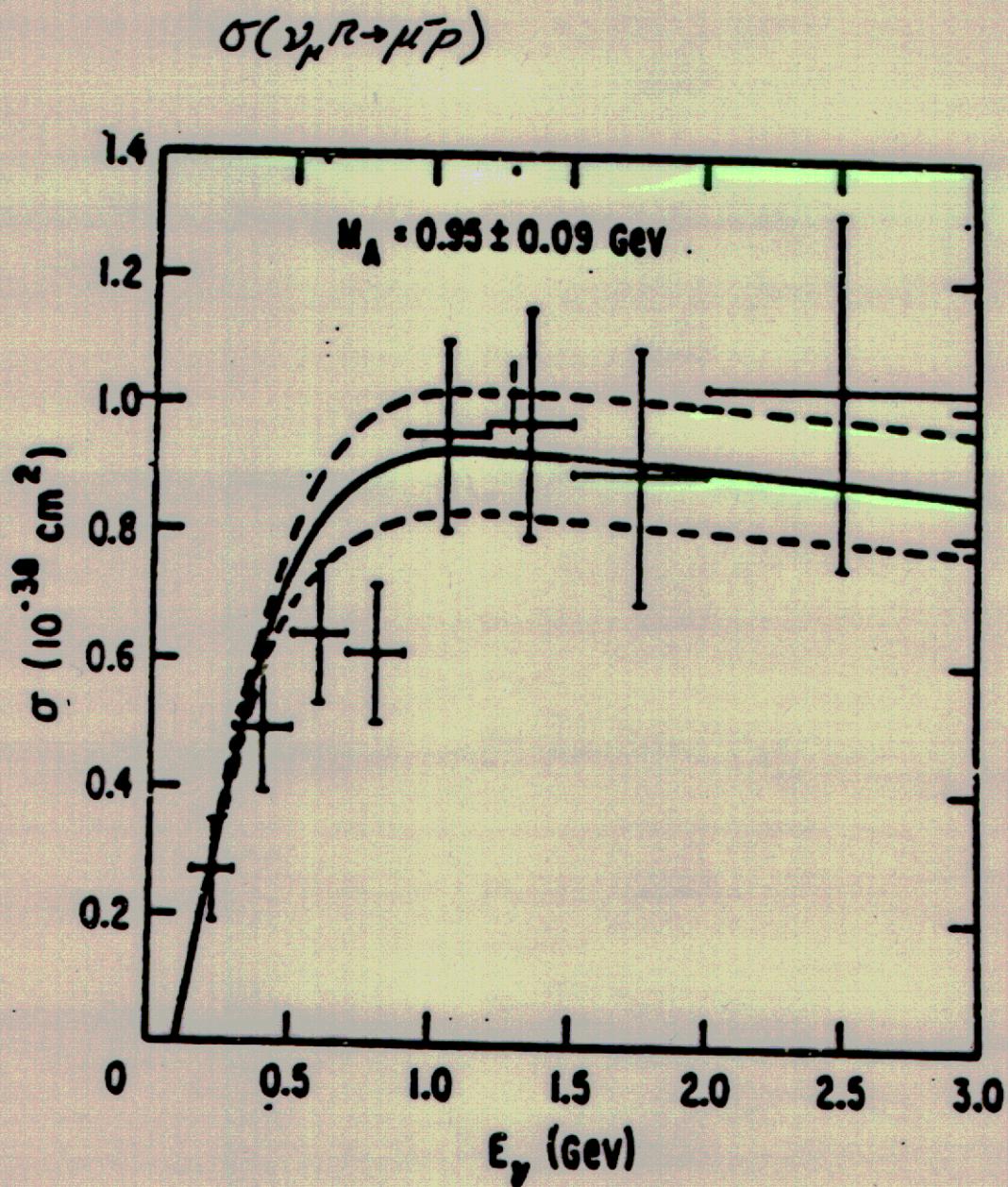
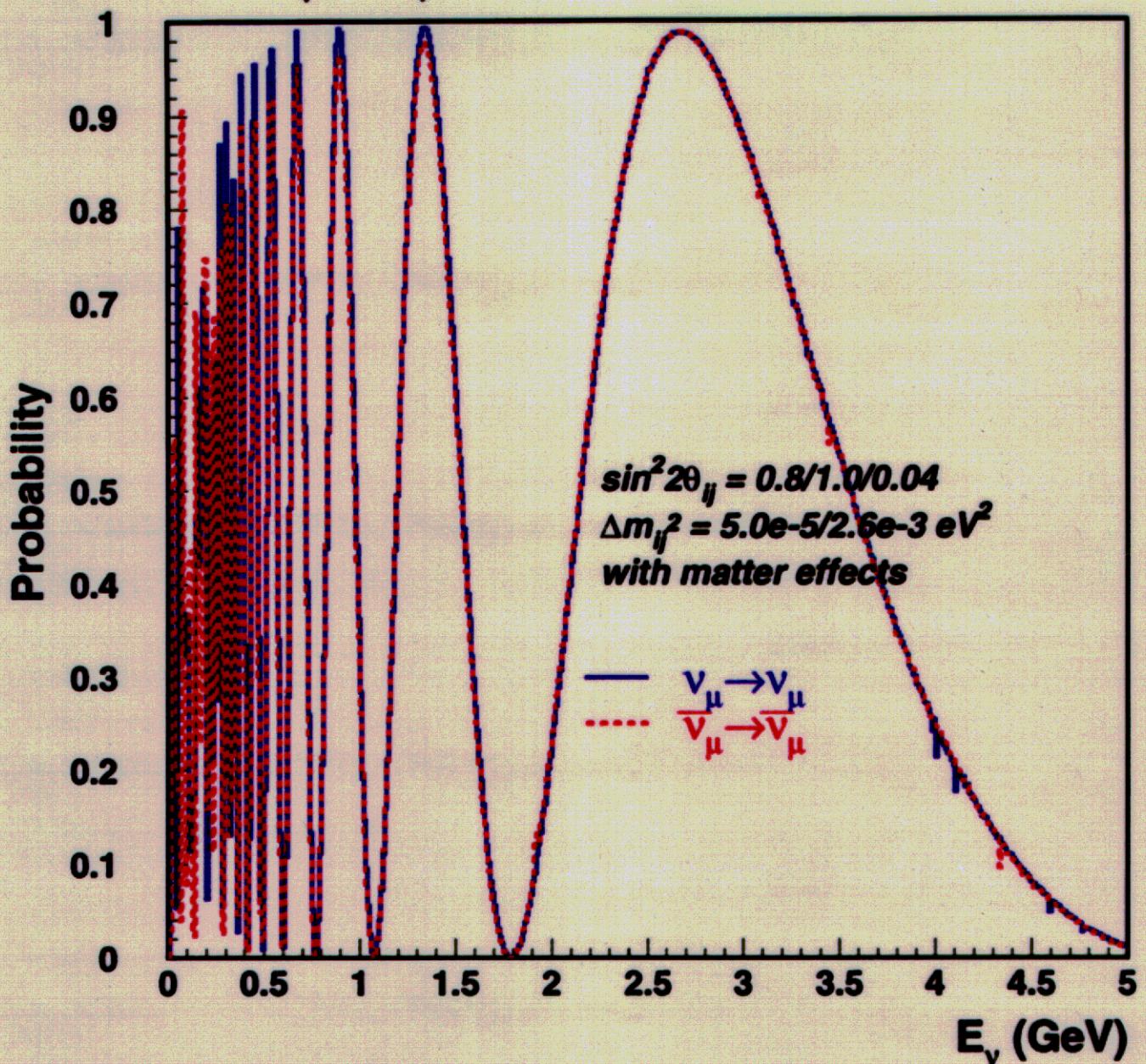


Figure 3: Spectrum of neutrinos at 1 km at various angles with respect to the decay tunnel axis. The 1.5 degree spectrum was used for calculating the total event rates, however the event simulations in the detectors were performed using the full energy-angle correlation on an event by event basis.

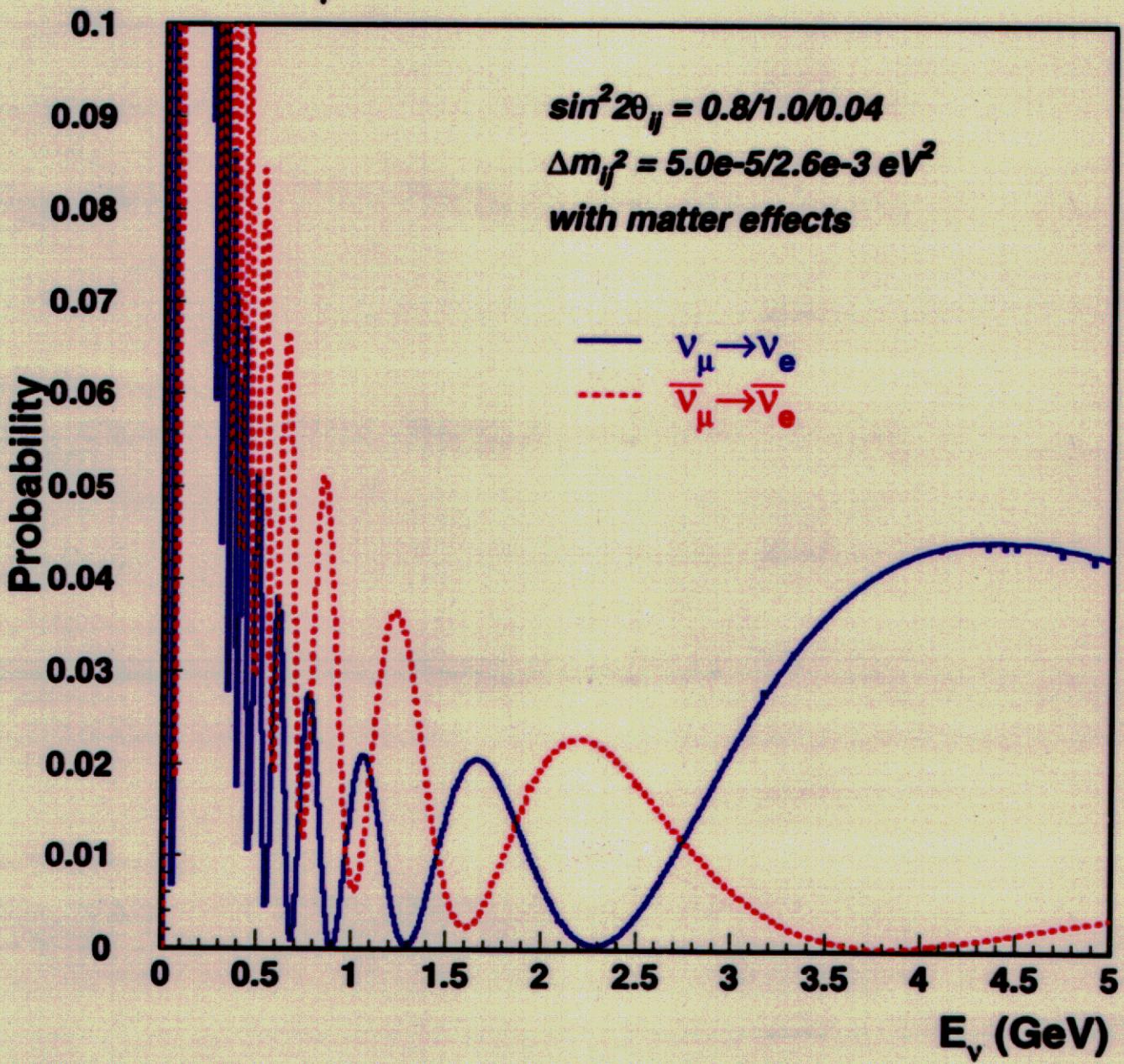


**Figure 1:** Total cross section for  $\nu_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^- p$  as a function of neutrino energy. The dashed curve shows the theoretical error.

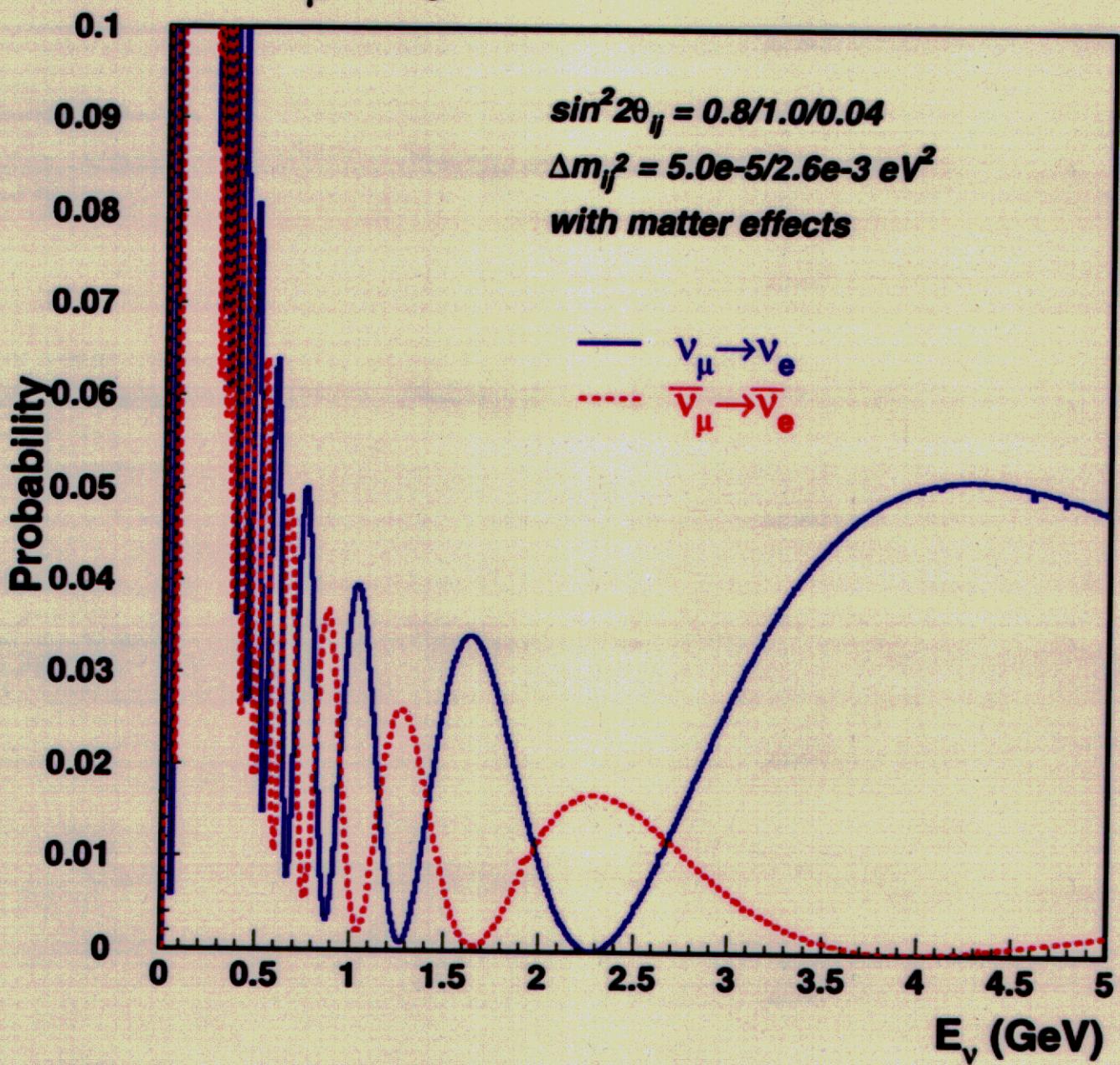
## $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$ with 45° CP phase



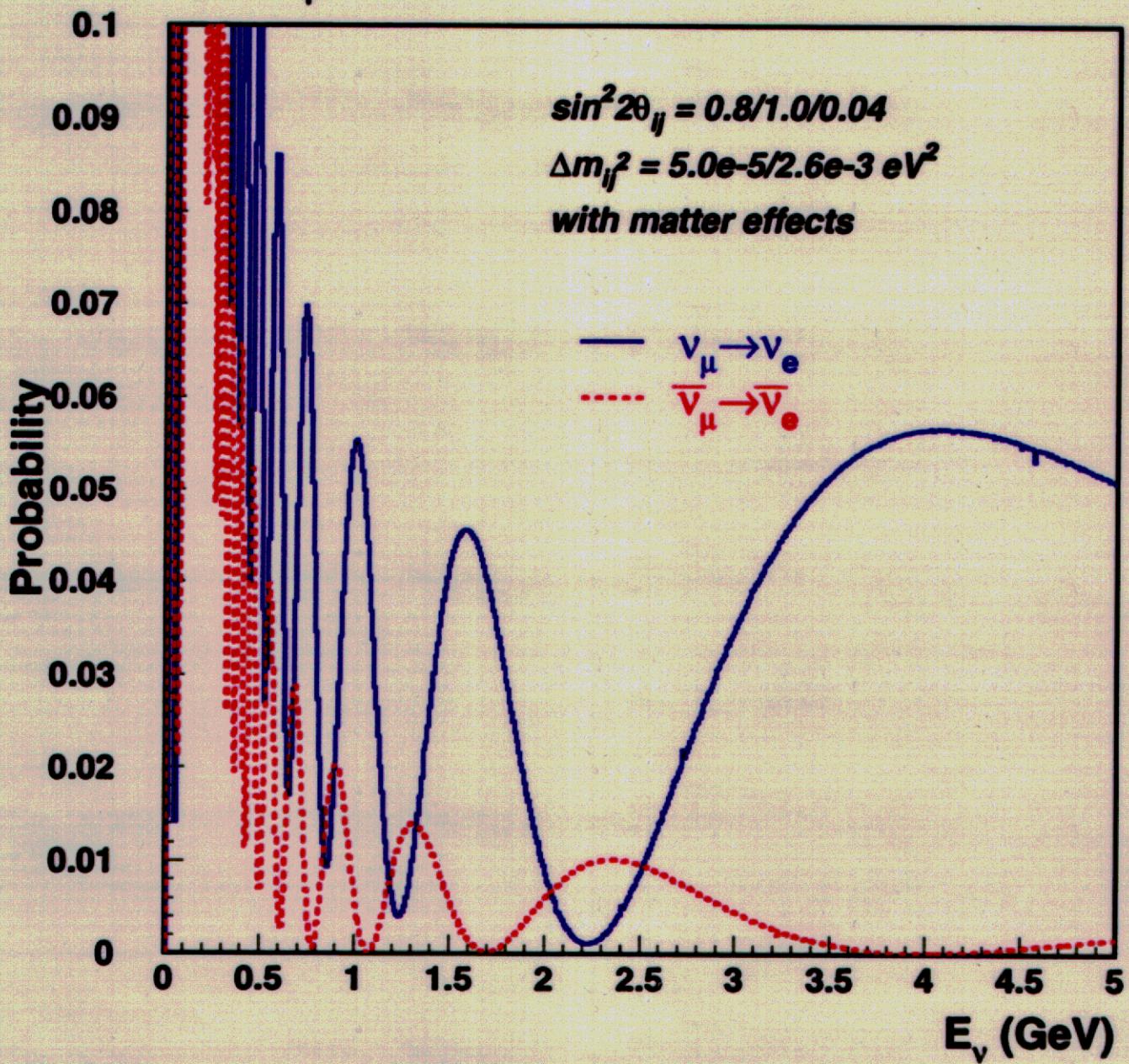
## $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ with $0^\circ$ CP phase



## $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ with $45^\circ$ CP phase



## $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ with $90^\circ$ CP phase



Peak at  $3\text{-}4\text{GeV}$   $\rightarrow$  matter enhancement +  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  detection

Peaks at  $1.65$  &  $1\text{GeV}$  - Sensitive to  $\sin \delta$  CP

Peaks below  $\sim 0.8\text{GeV}$  - Sensitive to  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  ( $\neq 0$ )

Expect  $\gtrsim 100 e^-$  events ordinary  $\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$  osc + matter  
(very roughly)  $> 50 e^-$  events from  $\Delta m_{21}^2$   
 $> 100 \sin \delta$  events from  $\delta \neq 0$  (or reduction)

If  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  measured (Stage II)

$$CP \quad A_{CP} = \frac{P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \underset{\text{no matter}}{\approx} \underbrace{\frac{8 J_{CP} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{2E_\nu}}{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} + \dots}}_{\text{grows as } \frac{1}{E_\nu}}$$

$$F.O.M. \quad \left( \frac{\delta A_{CP}}{A_{CP}} \right)^2 = \frac{A^2 N}{1-A^2} \text{ indep of } L \text{ (In first approx.)!}$$

Effects due to  $\delta$  likely to be seen in Stage I, measured  
To establish CP, test CPT, exotica ...

Run  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  (smaller cross-sections  $1/2 - 1/3$ )

Harder (More Flux!)

## Outlook

Report & L.O.I.'s being prepared

1) Extra Long Baselines: 2540, 2900, 1700 km

2) Long Baseline  $\sim 500\text{km}$  (liquid Argon) <sup>Charge ID</sup>  
<sup>Better E Resolution</sup>

AGS Upgrade Linac  $200\text{MeV} \rightarrow 400\text{MeV} \rightarrow ?$

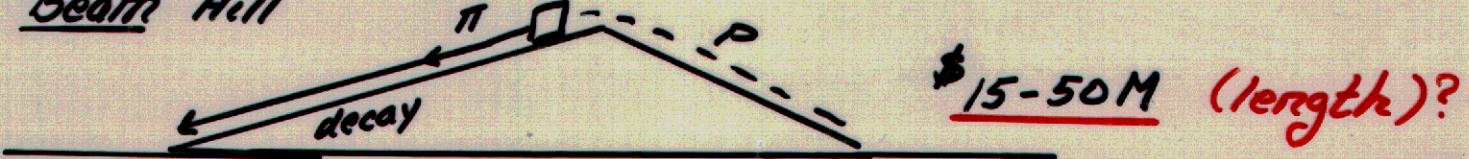
\$65M Booster  $1.86\text{GeV} \rightarrow 2.5\text{GeV}$

Accumulator Ring  $\rightarrow (5.6\mu\text{A} \rightarrow 14\mu\text{A})$

$0.14\text{MW} \rightarrow 0.5\text{MW}$  (Phase I)

Each + \$50M Factor 2

Beam Hill



Complementary to shorter baselines (Very Challenging)

Long Program ( $\sim 20\text{yrs}$ ) Intense Source  
Very Large Detectors

If Very Large Detectors are built, anyone with a potential  $\nu$  beam should send neutrinos!