

# “Neutrino Physics from New Measurements”

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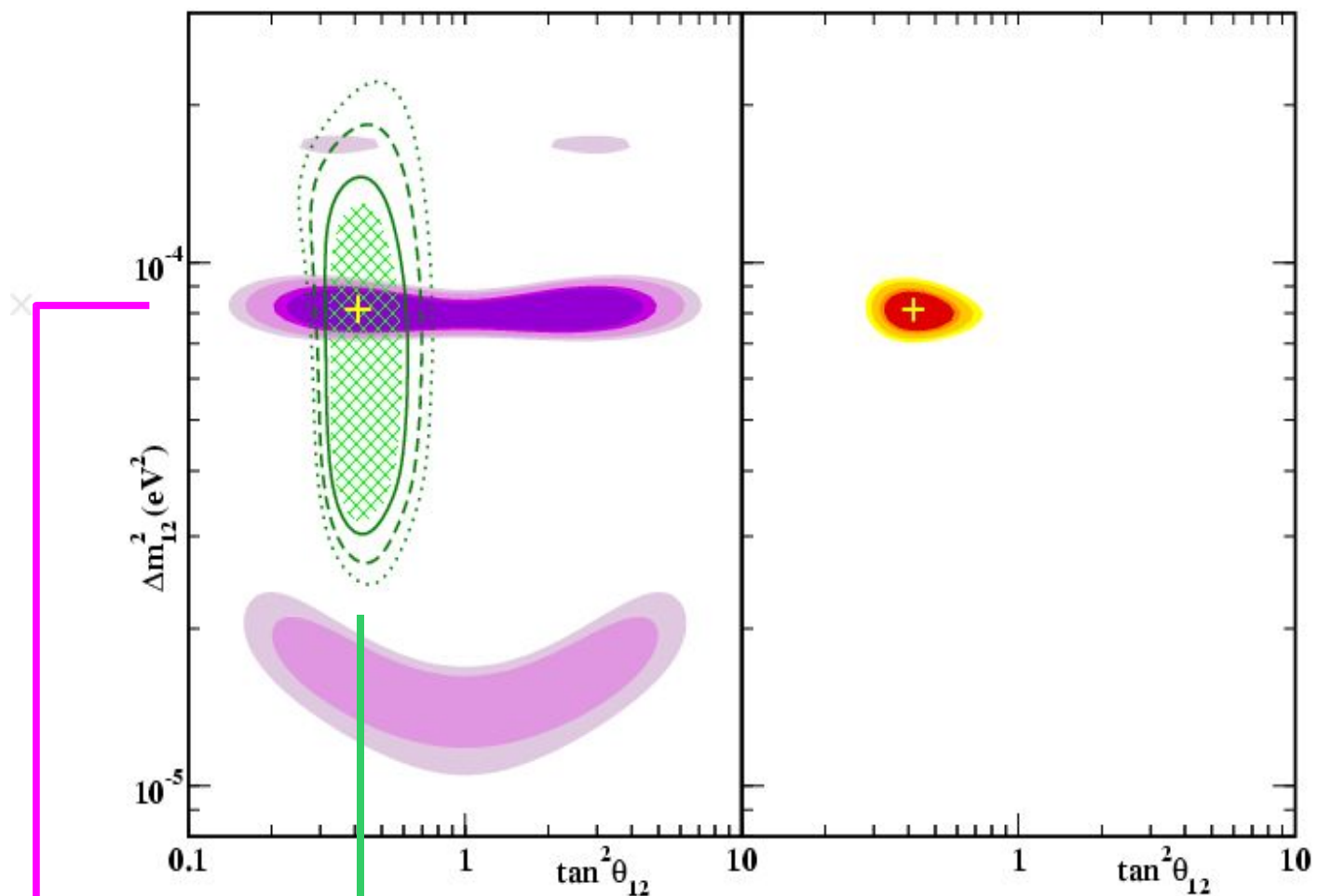
Compelling evidence for neutrino flavor conversion  
Solar neutrinos primarily change to an other active flavor

In framework of oscillations, mass and mixing:

- matter probably has an effect in transformation
- mixing angle  $\theta_{12}$  is large but not maximal
- mixing angle  $\theta_{13}$  is large or even maximal

What is likely to be the possible outcomes of the future measurements of SNO and KamLAND:

- How much determination of mixing parameters can be improved?
- Can we improve bounds on  $\theta_{13}$  before specific experiments for this measurement starts?
- Can we determine or limit the sterile fraction of solar neutrino flux and/or sterile mixing angle?



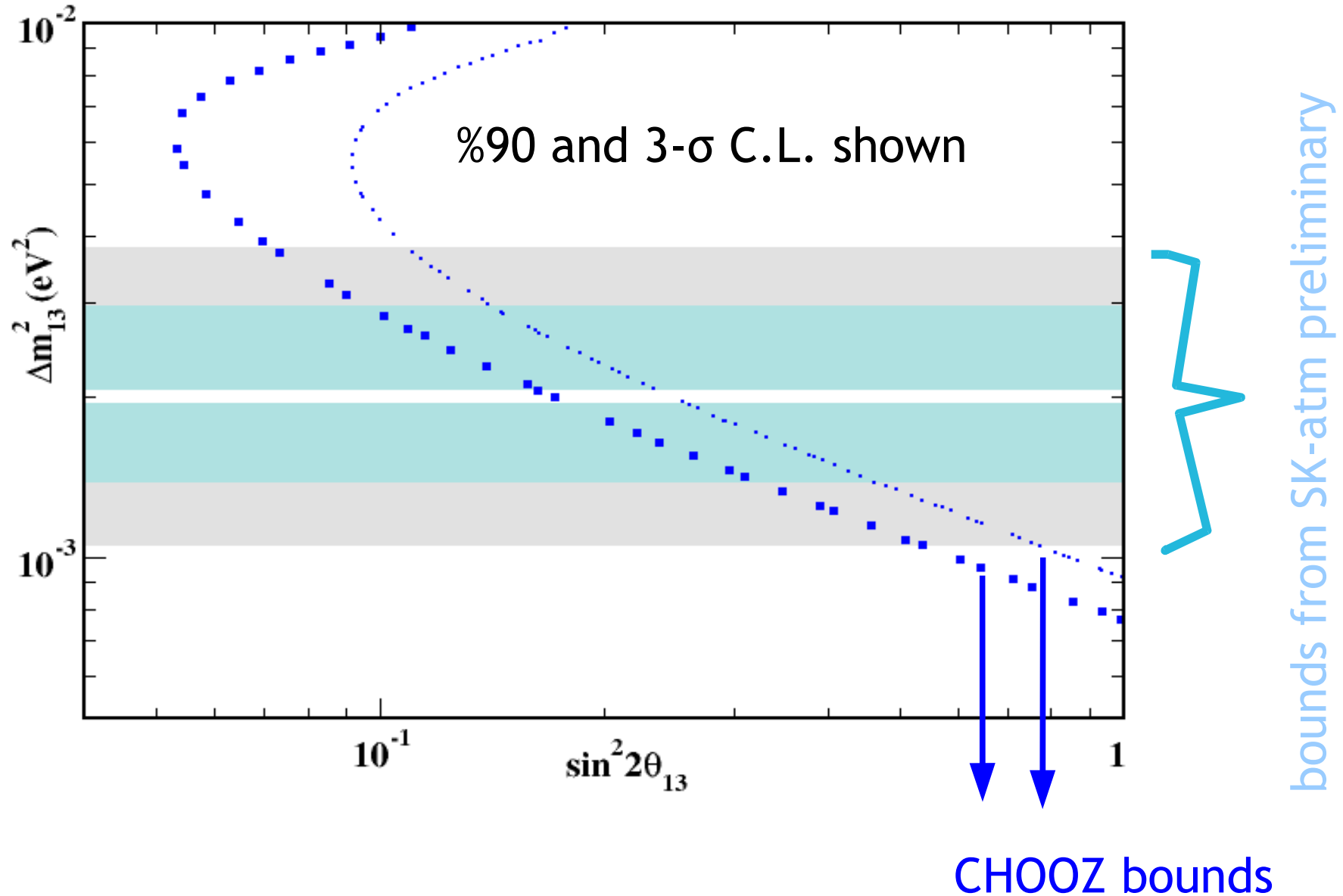
- Homestake
- SAGE
- GALLEX/GNO
- SK
- SNO
  
- KamLAND

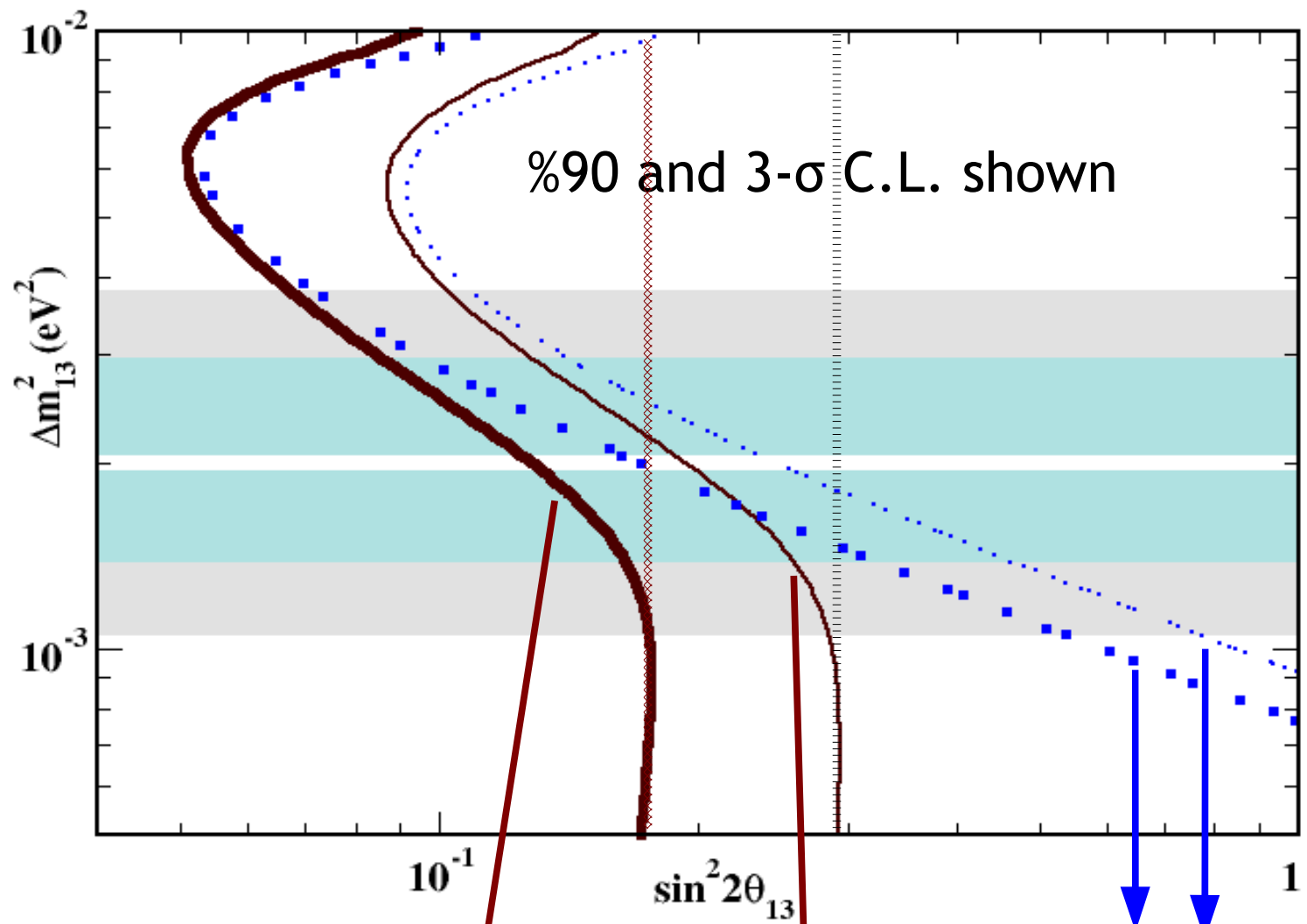
$$\tan^2(\theta_{12}) = .40^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$$

$$\delta m_{12}^2 = 8.2^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

# $\theta_{13}$ Bounds from Reactor and Atmospheric Neutrinos::

- Best limit on  $\theta_{13}$  is coming from combined reactor experiments (*Chooz, Polo Verde, etc.*), atmospheric neutrino experiments (*SK, etc.*) and K2K long baseline experiment





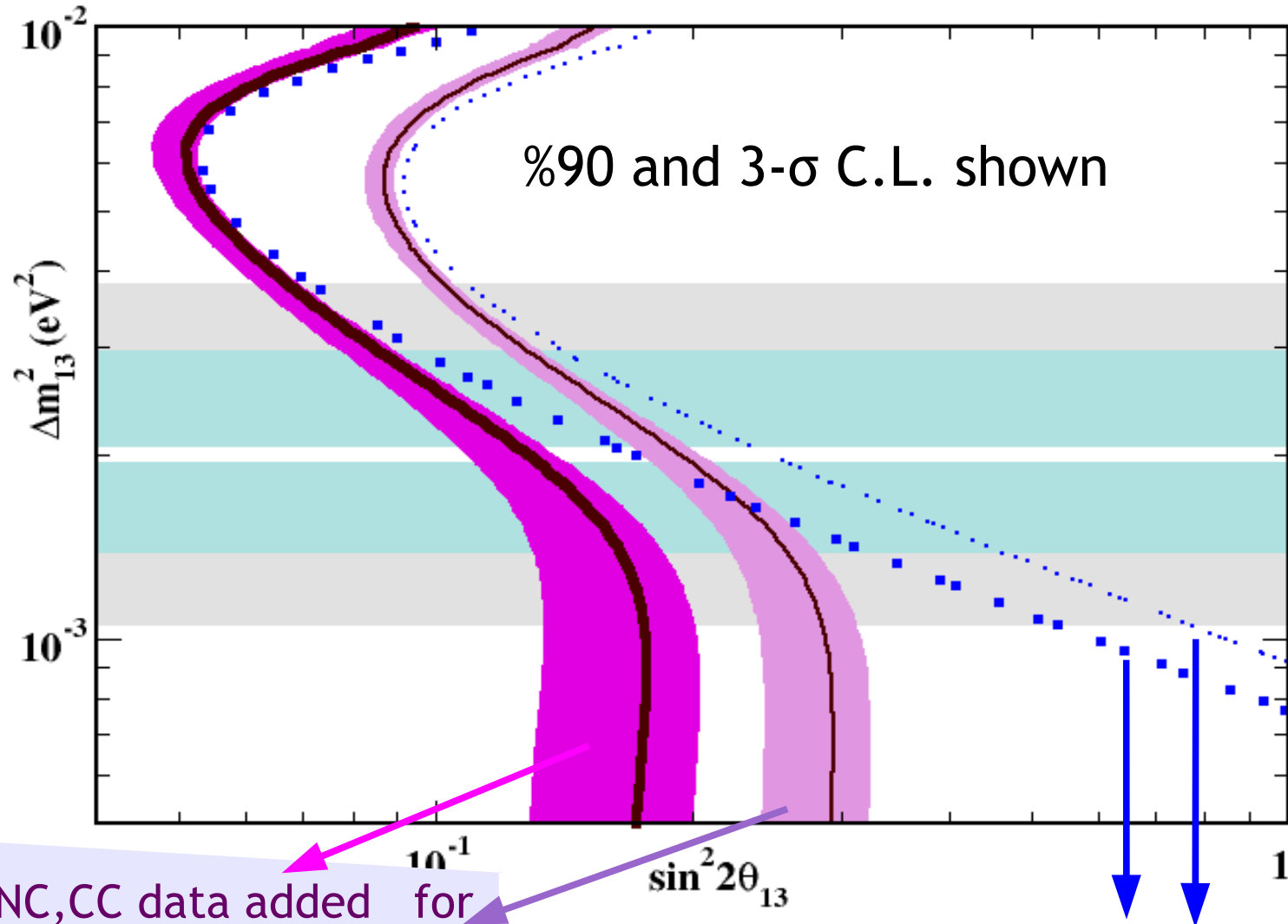
%90 and 3- $\sigma$  C.L. shown

CHOOZ + Solar + KamLAND

CHOOZ bounds

bounds from SK-atm preliminary

$$\frac{\sigma_{NC}}{NC} = \%6.4 \quad \frac{\sigma_{CC}}{CC} = \%5.5$$



bounds from SK-atm preliminary

Simulated NC,CC data added for SNO NCD-phase (varied by 1-σ around SNO salt-phase values)

CHOOZ bounds

“in simple 4-neutrino mixing scenarios, electron neutrino changes into some linear combination of another active flavor and a sterile neutrino”

$$\nu_e \rightarrow \sqrt{\eta} \nu_s + \sqrt{1-\eta} \nu_{\mu,\tau}$$

sterile mixing angle:

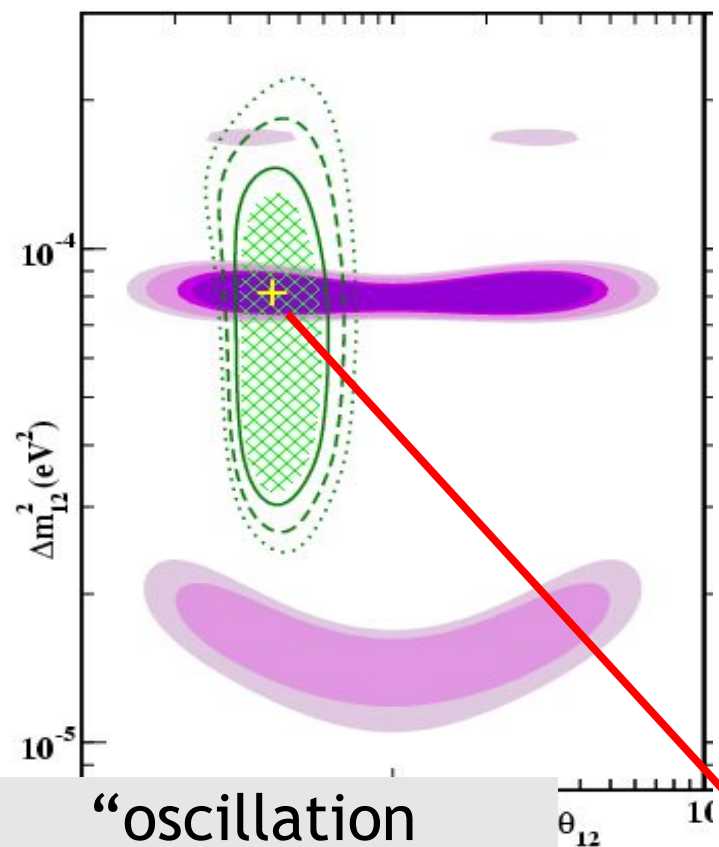
$$\eta = \cos^2(\alpha)$$

fraction of the oscillating neutrinos  
changing into sterile neutrinos

$$1 - \eta = \sin^2(\alpha)$$

fraction of the oscillating neutrinos  
changing into active neutrinos

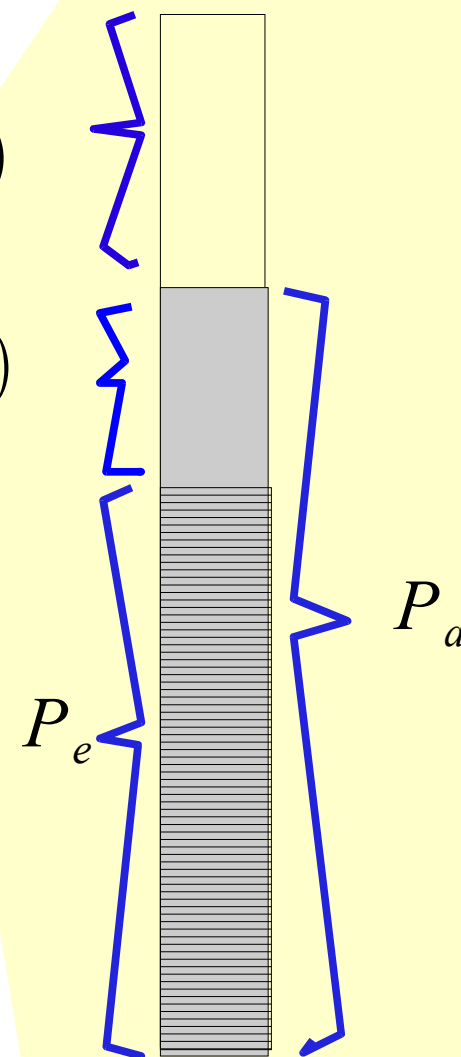
$P_e$  can be calculated (almost model independently) as:



“oscillation parameters from KamLAND measurement”

$$P_s = \cos^2(\alpha)(1 - P_e)$$

$$\sin^2(\alpha)(1 - P_e)$$

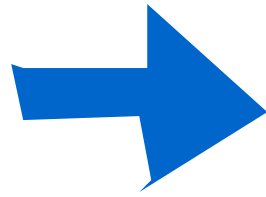


$$P_s + P_a = 1$$

$$P_e = \frac{\int \lambda(E_\nu) \sigma_{CC}^{SNO}(E_\nu) P_{e \rightarrow e}(E_\nu, \delta m_{12}^2, \theta_{12}) dE_\nu}{\int \lambda(E_\nu) \sigma_{CC}^{SNO}(E_\nu) dE_\nu}$$

$$CC \sim P_e \phi_{\delta_B}$$

$$NC \sim P_a \phi_{\delta_B}$$



$$P_a \sim P_e \frac{NC}{CC}$$

“ $P_a$  from SNO measurements”

$$\frac{\sigma_{P_a}}{P_a} \sim \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{P_e}}{P_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{NC}}{NC}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{CC}}{CC}\right)^2} \sim \%11$$

$\%7$

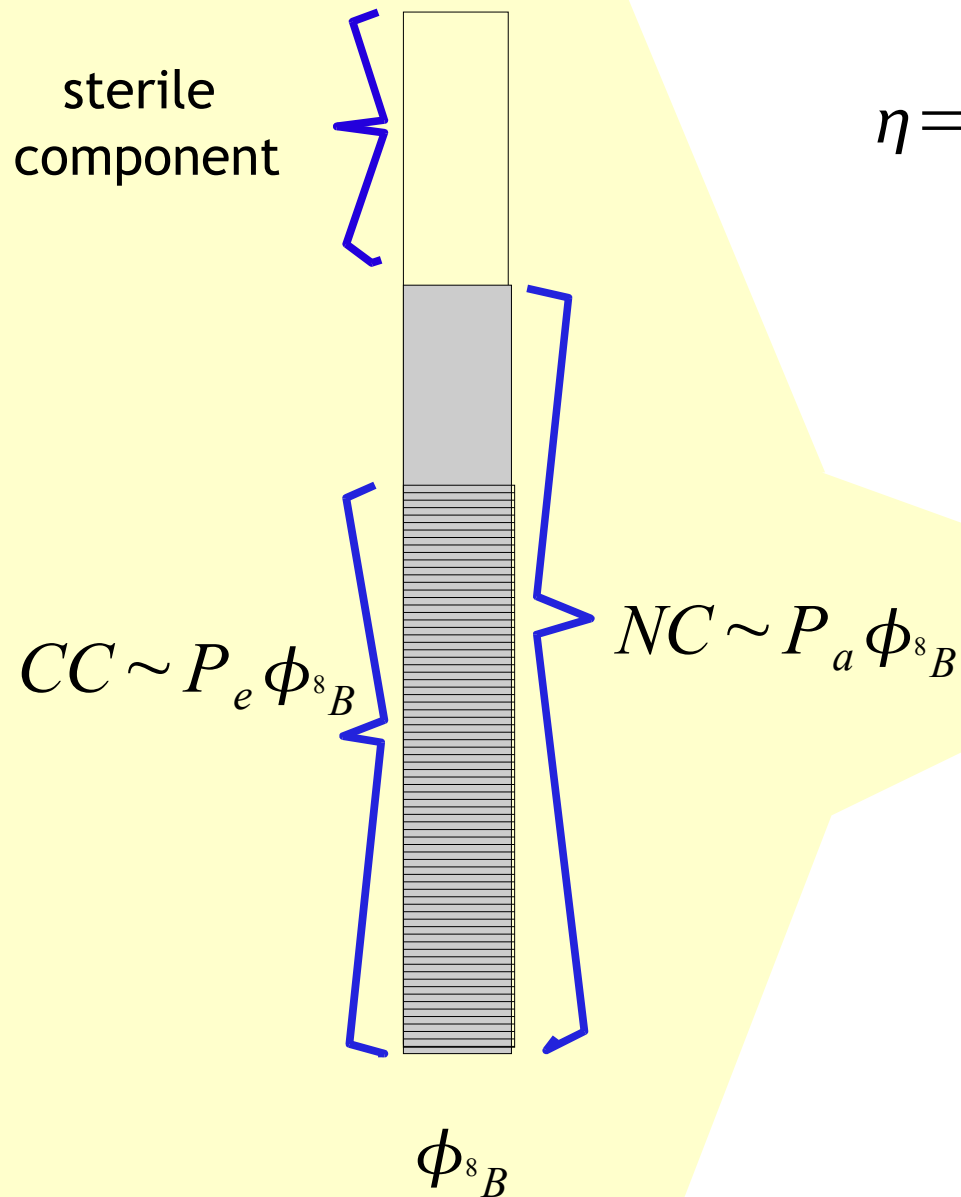
$\%6.4$

$\%5.5$

$$P_s + P_a = 1$$

$$\sigma_{P_s} \sim \sigma_{P_a} \sim P_e \underbrace{\frac{NC}{CC}}_1 \times 11\% \sim \%11$$

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sterile component

$$\eta = \cos^2(\alpha) \sim \frac{1 - P_a}{1 - P_e} = \frac{\phi_{8_B} - NC}{\phi_{8_B} - CC}$$

non-electron flavor component

fraction of oscillating neutrinos changing to active neutrinos:

$$\sin^2(\alpha) \sim 1 - \frac{\phi_{8_B} - NC}{\phi_{8_B} - CC} = \frac{NC - CC}{\phi_{8_B} - CC}$$

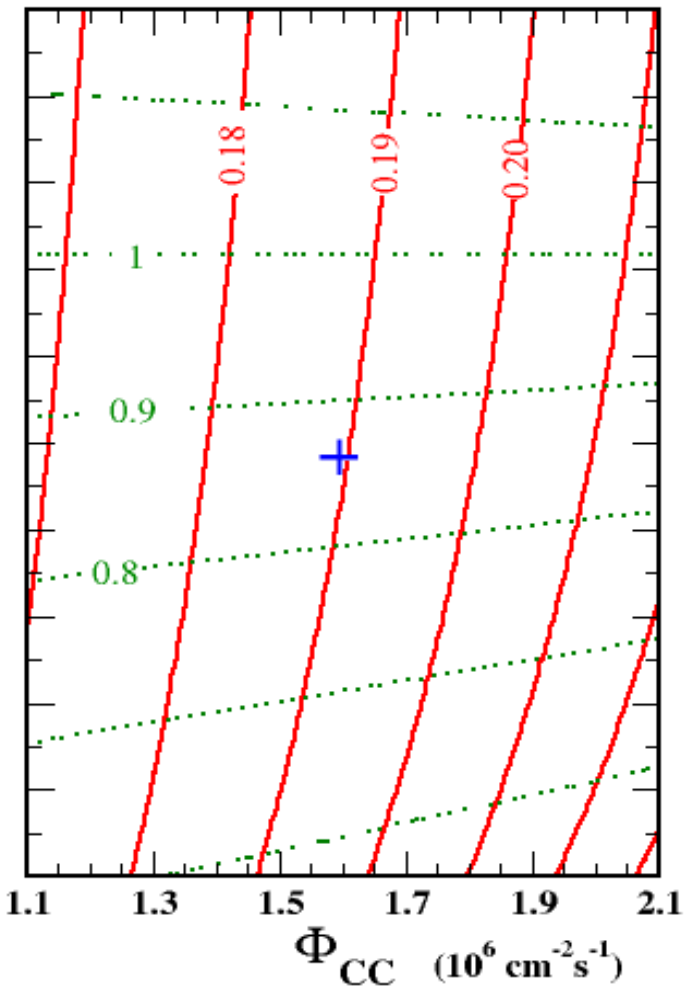
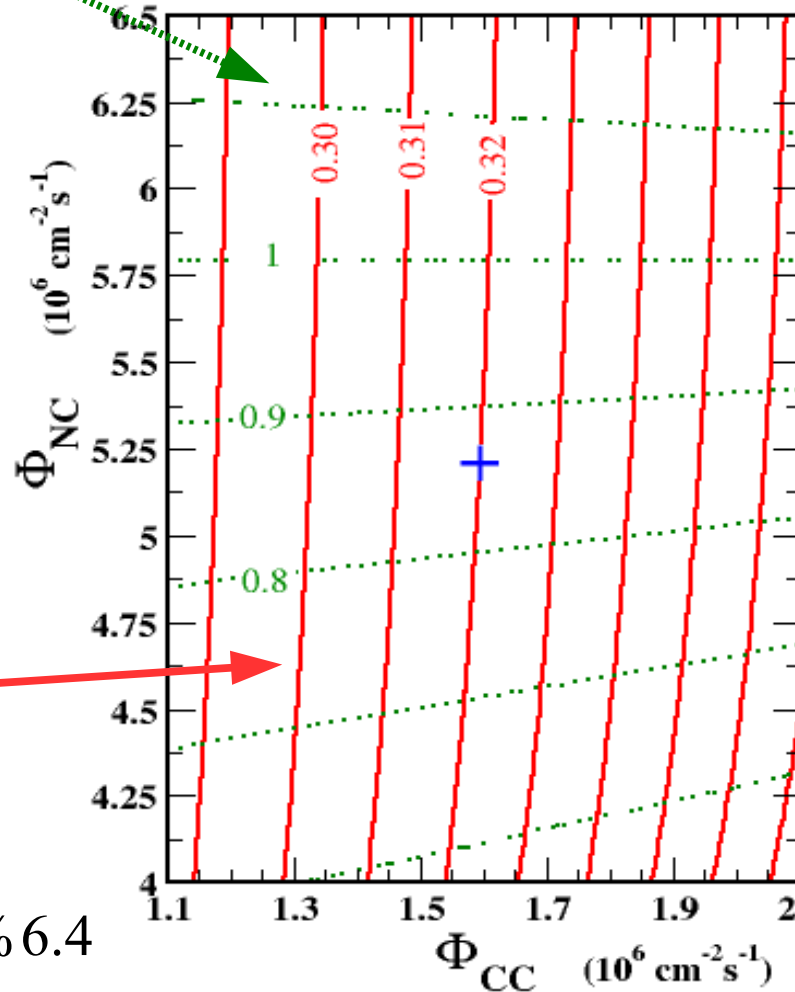
$$\frac{\sigma_{\sin^2(\alpha)}}{\sin^2(\alpha)} = ?$$

# Limits on Sterile Mixing Angle (with SSM):

$$\sin^2(\alpha) \sim \frac{NC - CC}{\phi_{8B} - CC}$$

$$\phi_{8B} = \phi_{8B_{SSM}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\phi_{8B_{SSM}}}}{\phi_{8B_{SSM}}} \sim \%21, \%12$$



$$\frac{\sigma_{\sin^2(\alpha)}}{\sin^2(\alpha)}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{CC}}{CC} = \%5.5 \quad \frac{\sigma_{NC}}{NC} = \%6.4$$

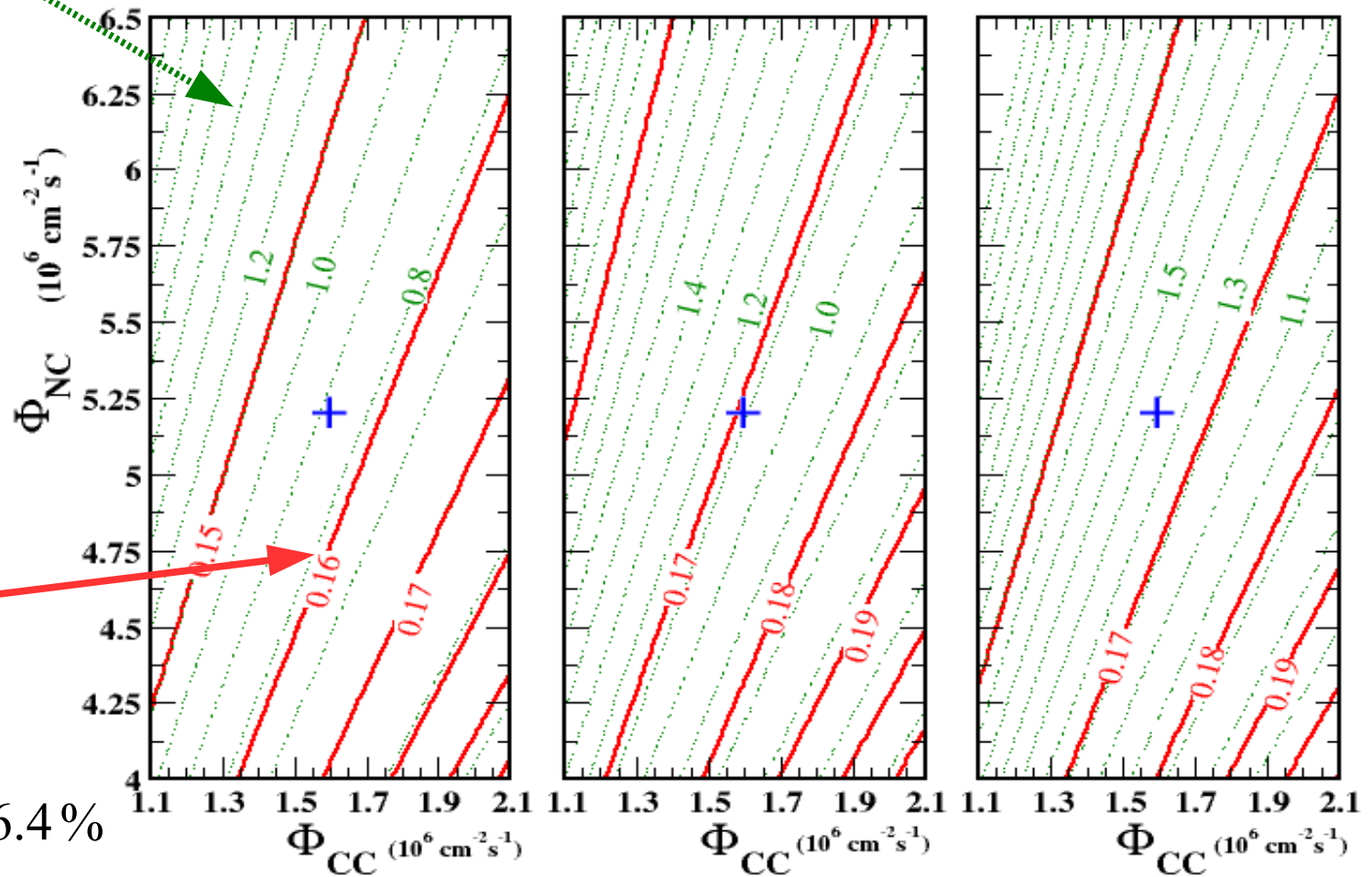
# Limits on Sterile Mixing Angle (model independent):

$$\sin^2(\alpha) \sim \frac{NC - CC}{\phi_{8_B} - CC}$$

$$\phi_{8_B} \sim \frac{CC}{P_e}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{P_e}}{P_e} \sim \%7$$

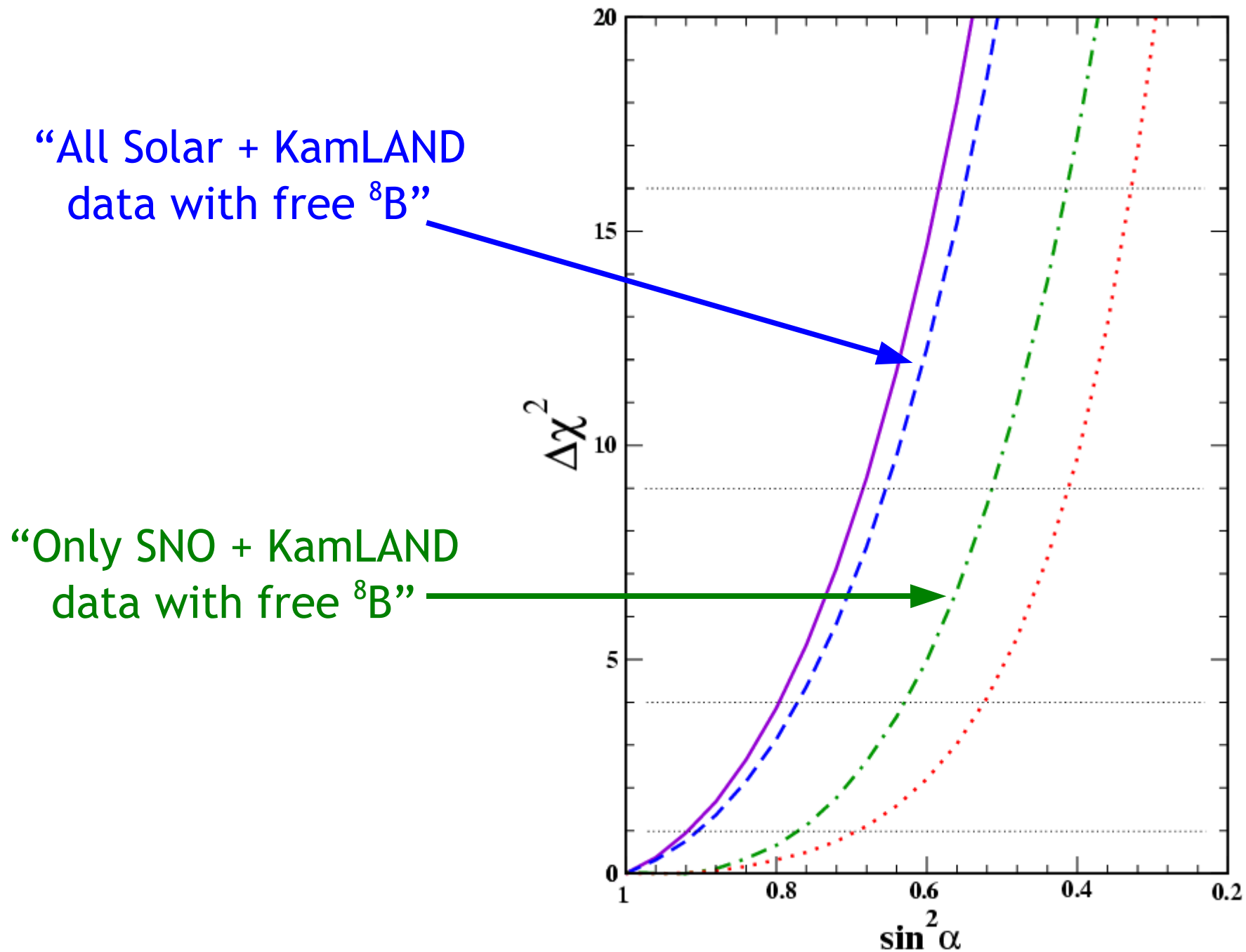
$$P_e \sim 0.28, 0.33, 0.38$$



$$\frac{\sigma_{\sin^2(\alpha)}}{\sin^2(\alpha)}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{CC}}{CC} = 5.5\% \quad \frac{\sigma_{NC}}{NC} = 6.4\%$$

# Limits on Sterile Mixing Angle (by global analysis):



## Conclusions:

- Combined KamLAND and Solar data provides better limits on  $\theta_{13}$  as well as other mixing parameters
- Future measurements by SNO and KamLAND could provide significant improvement in the limits of  $\theta_{13}$  on the low-end of  $\text{dm}_{13}^2$  region allowed by atmospheric measurements
- Oscillations into pure sterile neutrinos are disfavored but non-negligible sterile component will remain a possibility
- SNO NC and CC measurements combined with determination of  $P_e$  by KamLAND provides strong limits on the value and error of sterile mixing angle (almost) in a model independent way
- In the long run, solar model independent measurements are the preferred way for determining the sterile neutrino fraction/sterile mixing angle