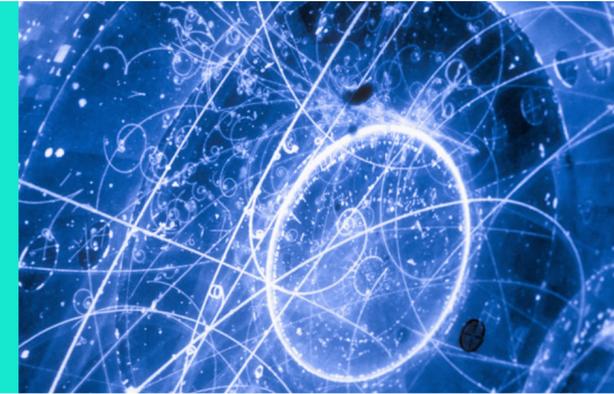


# From Precision in Oscillation Searches to Discovery



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**Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions in the Standard Model and Beyond**

# 3ν mixing

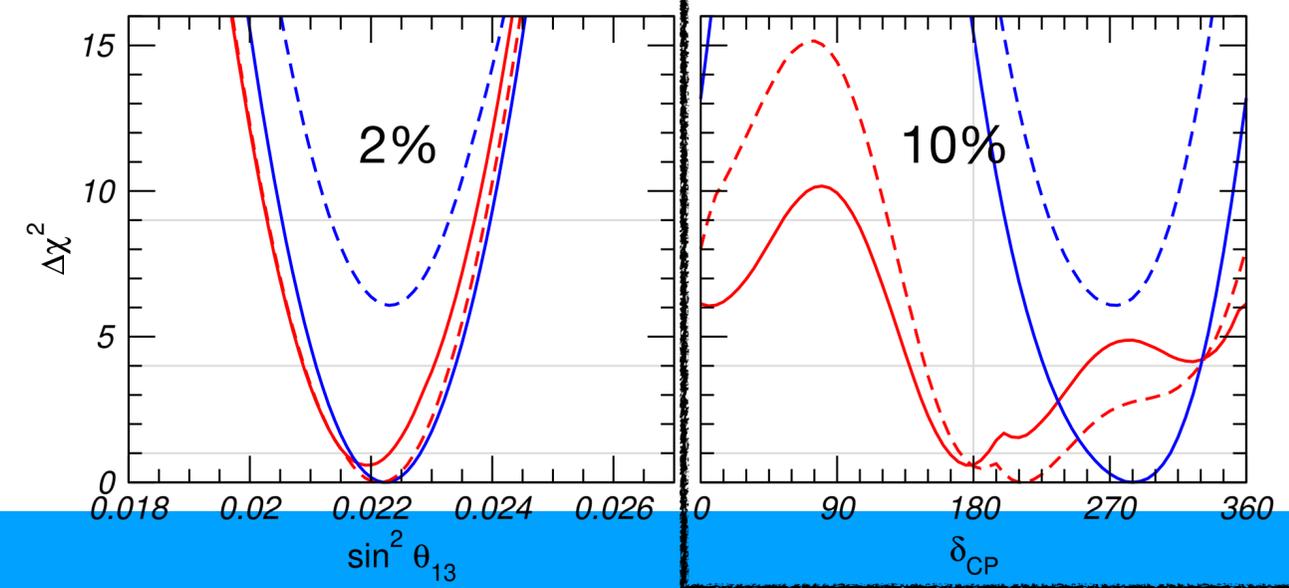
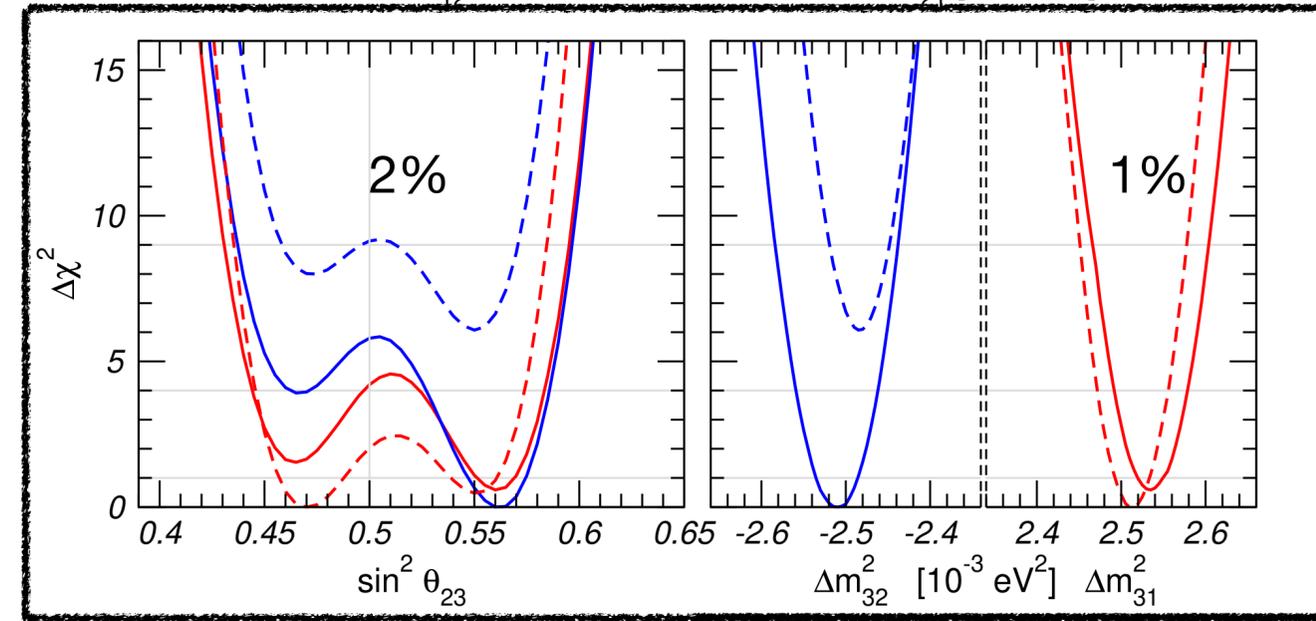
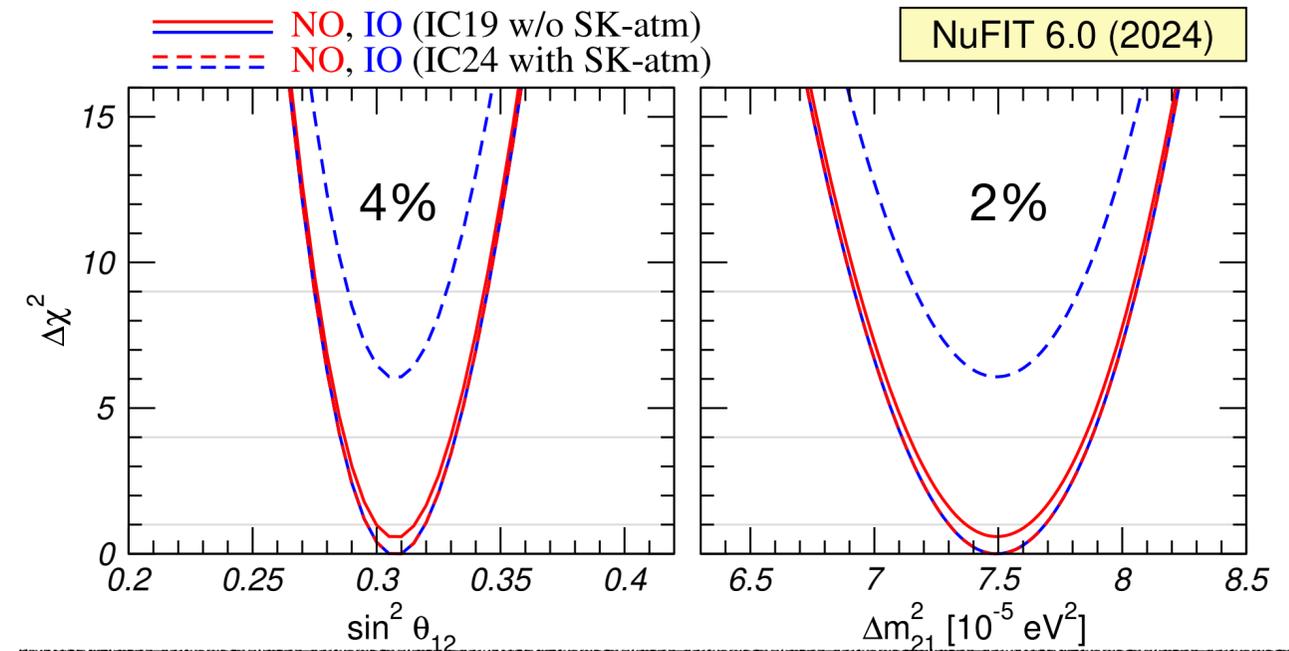
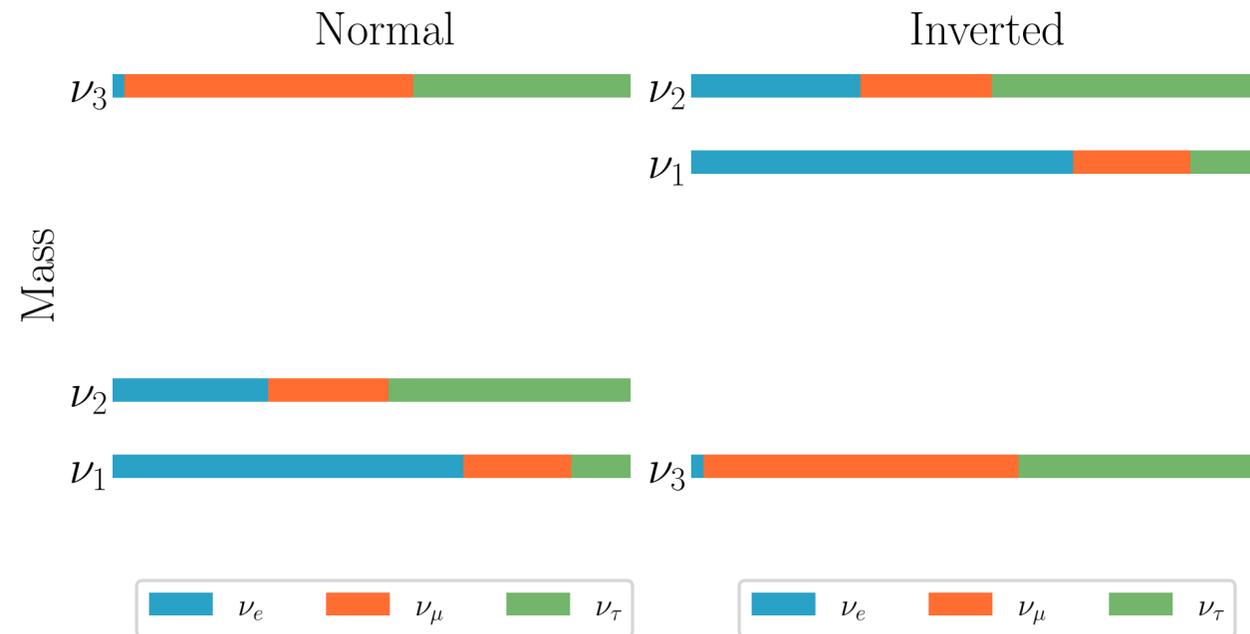
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Mass ordering



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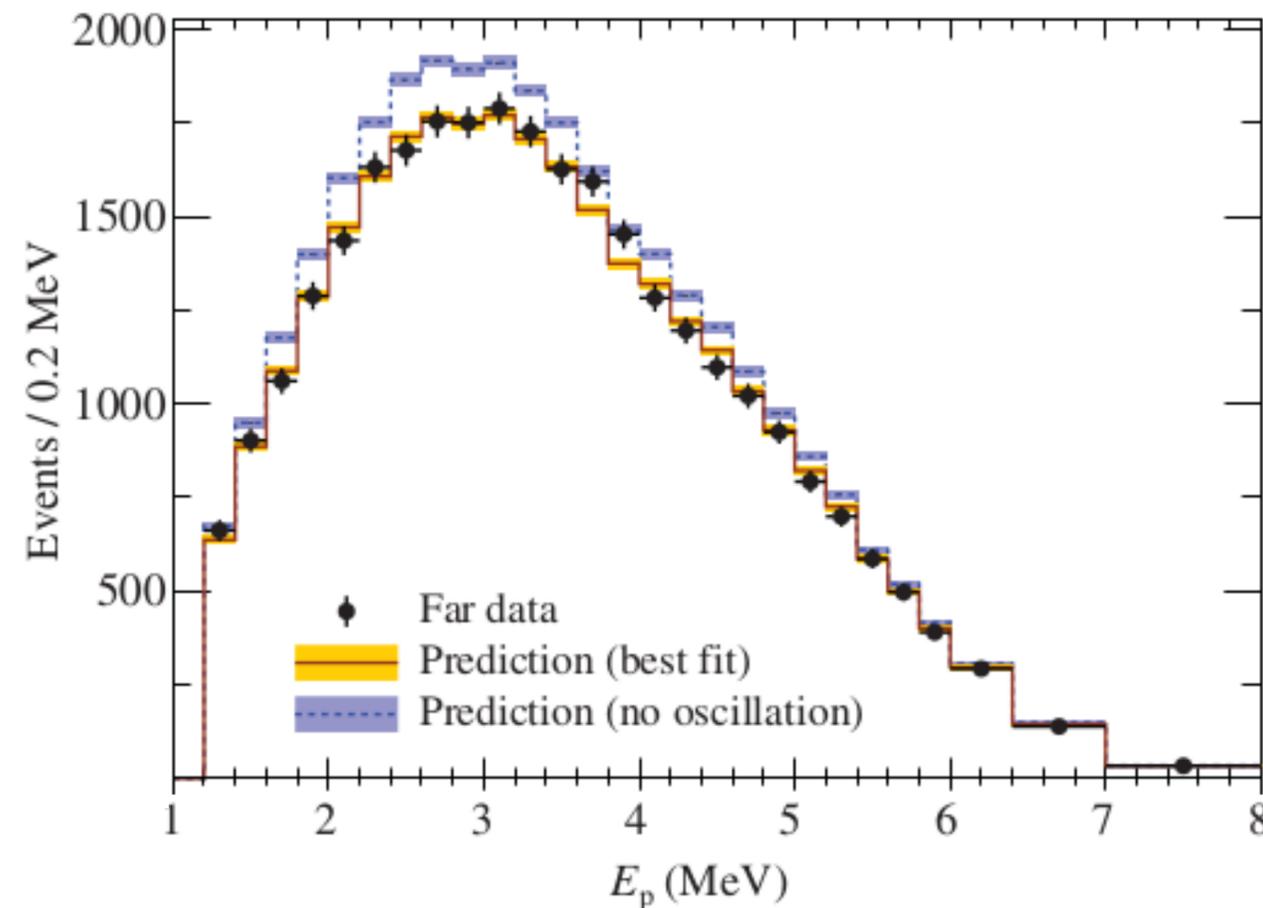
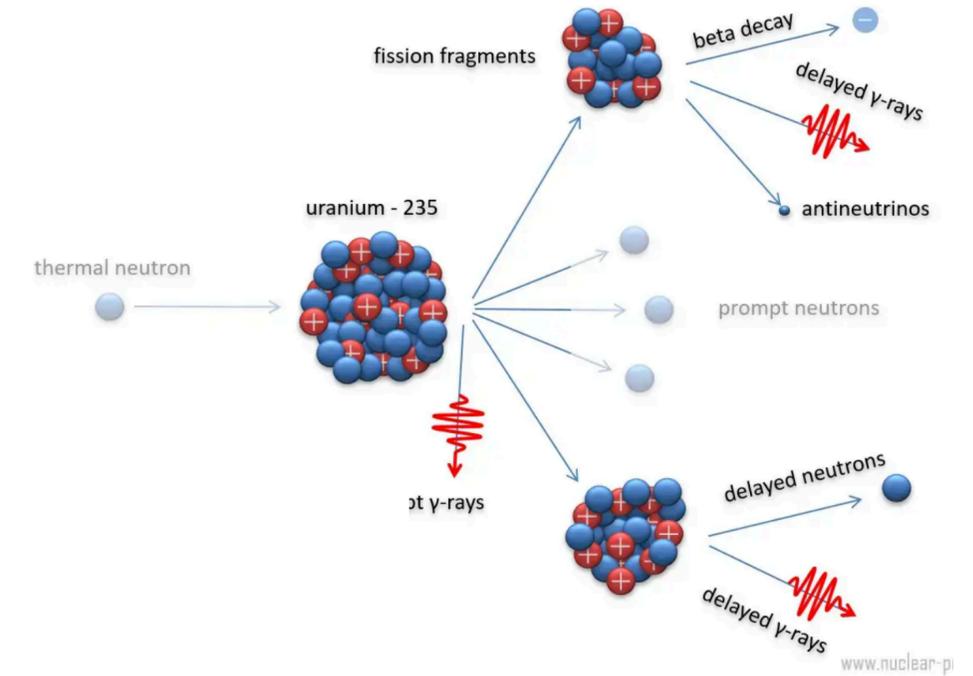
Experiment	Dominant	Important
Solar	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\Delta m_{21}^2$
Reactor LBL	$\Delta m_{21}^2$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$
Reactor MBL	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $
Atmospheric	$ \Delta m_{31}^2  \sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \delta_{cp}$
Accelerator Disapp	$ \Delta m_{31}^2  \sin^2 \theta_{23}$	
Accelerator App	$\delta_{cp}$	$\text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2) \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{13}$

# Reactor Neutrinos

In reactor experiments, a **flux of  $\bar{\nu}_e$**  is created with energies around the  $\sim$  MeV

The neutrino flux is created due to the **fission** of four different isotopes:

$$^{235}\text{U} (\sim 56\%), ^{238}\text{U} (\sim 8\%), ^{238}\text{Pu} (\sim 30\%), ^{241}\text{Pu} (\sim 6\%)$$



Double-Chooz, RENO, and Daya Bay established that  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$

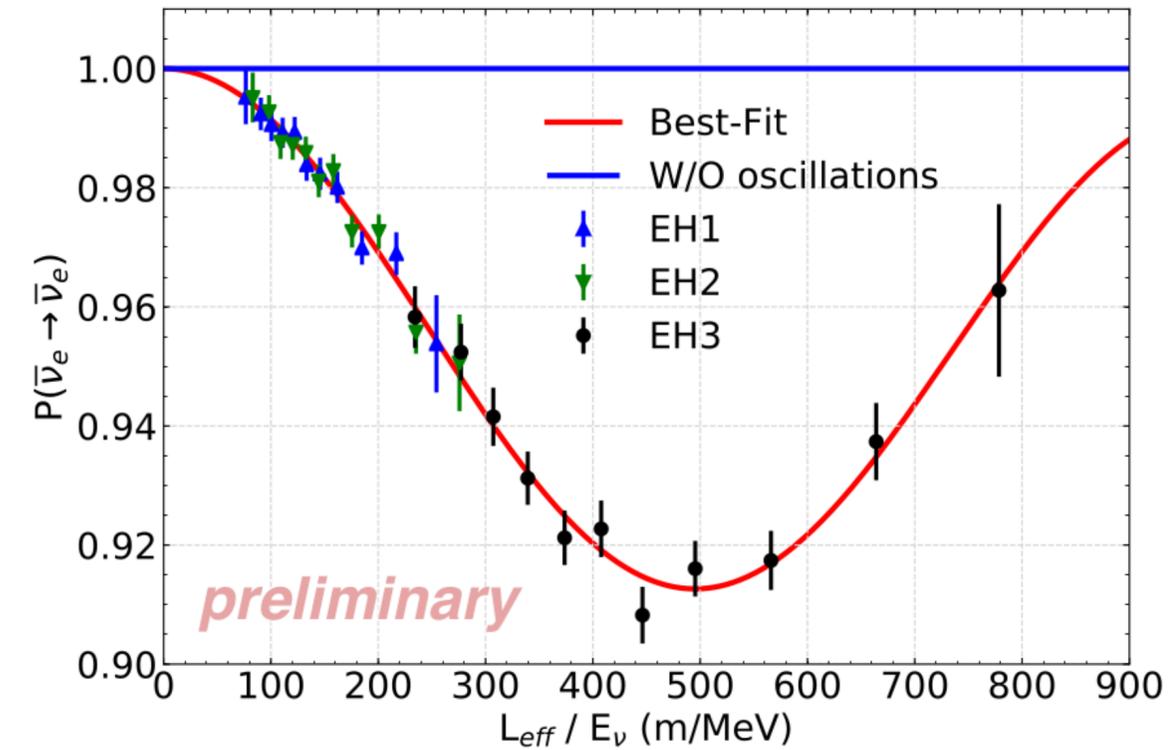
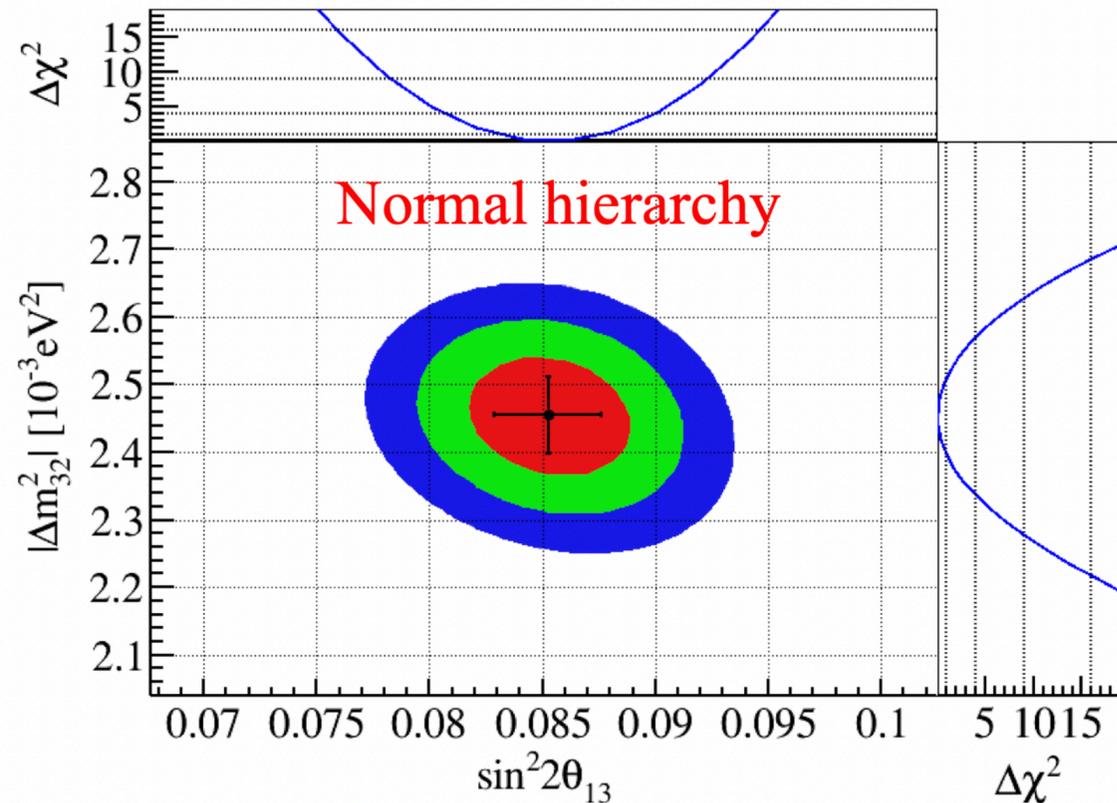
S.H. Seo et al. (RENO) PRD 98 (2018) arXiv:1610.04326

# Reactor neutrinos: $\theta_{13}$ and $\Delta m_{ee}^2$

The **spectral information** from reactor experiments determines  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

$$P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{ee}$$

$$\Delta m_{ee}^2 = \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2$$



K. Luk (DayaBay) Neutrino 2022

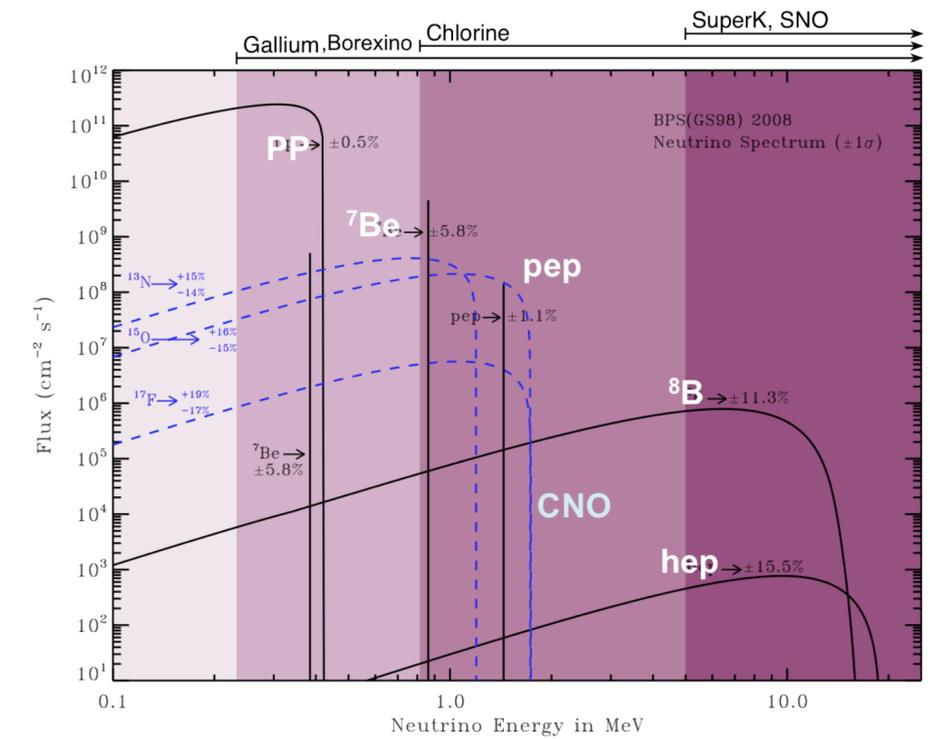
- Near detector imposes an upper bound over  $\Delta m_{31}^2$
- The oscillation measured at the far detector imposes a lower bound on  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

# Solar Neutrinos

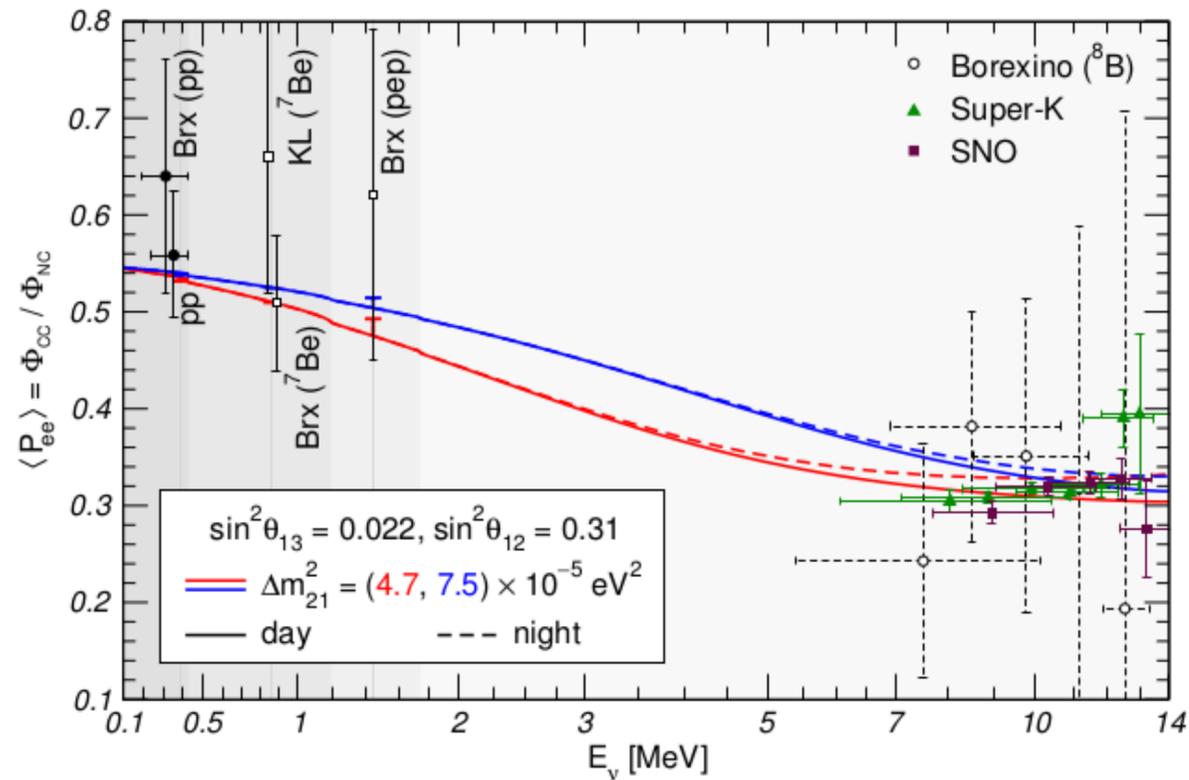
Solar neutrinos are produced by **nuclear fusions** reactions

**Survival probability** for neutrinos from dense solar regions

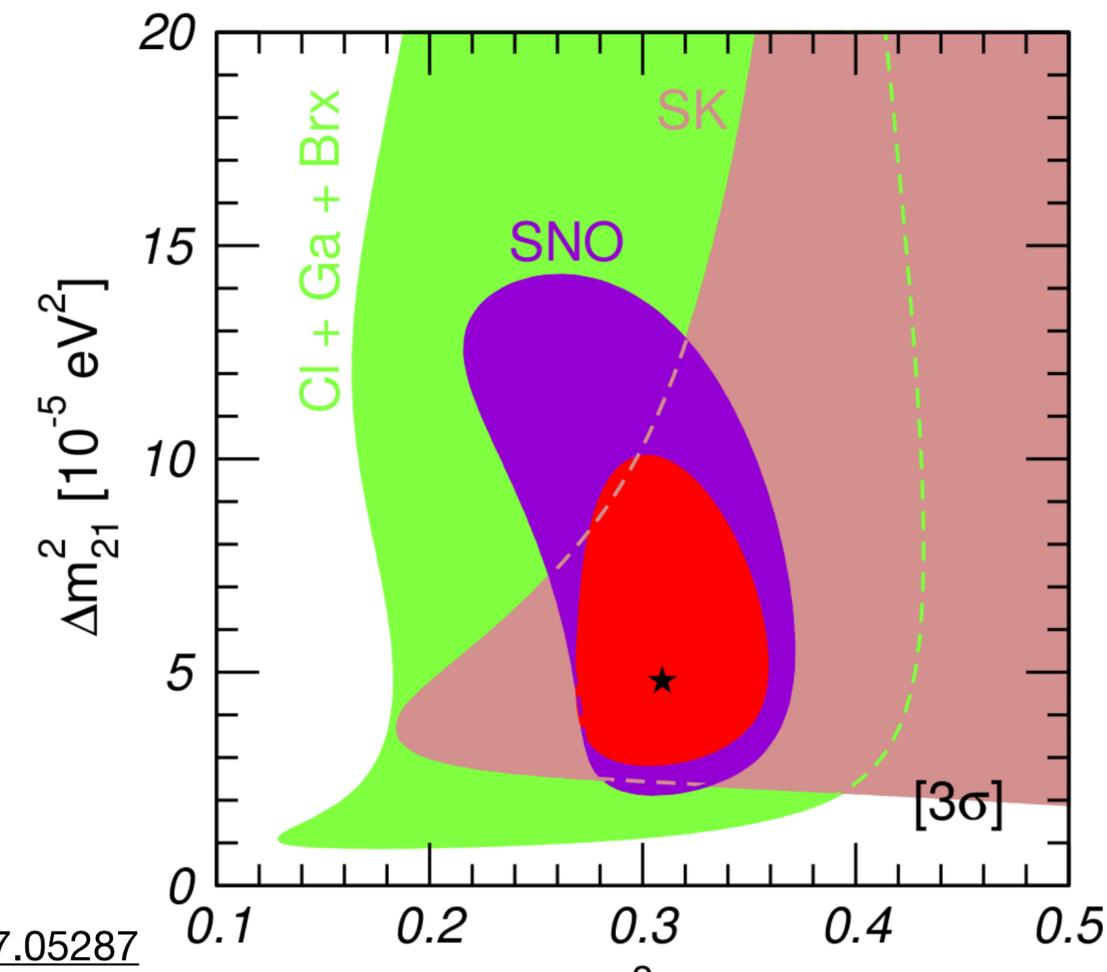
$$P_{eff}^{2\nu}(\Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{12}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta_{12}^m \cos \theta_{12})$$



Sensitivity to  $\theta_{12}$  is dominant, while  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  is probe through matter effects



The constraint over  $\theta_{12}$  are mainly driven by **SK+SNO**

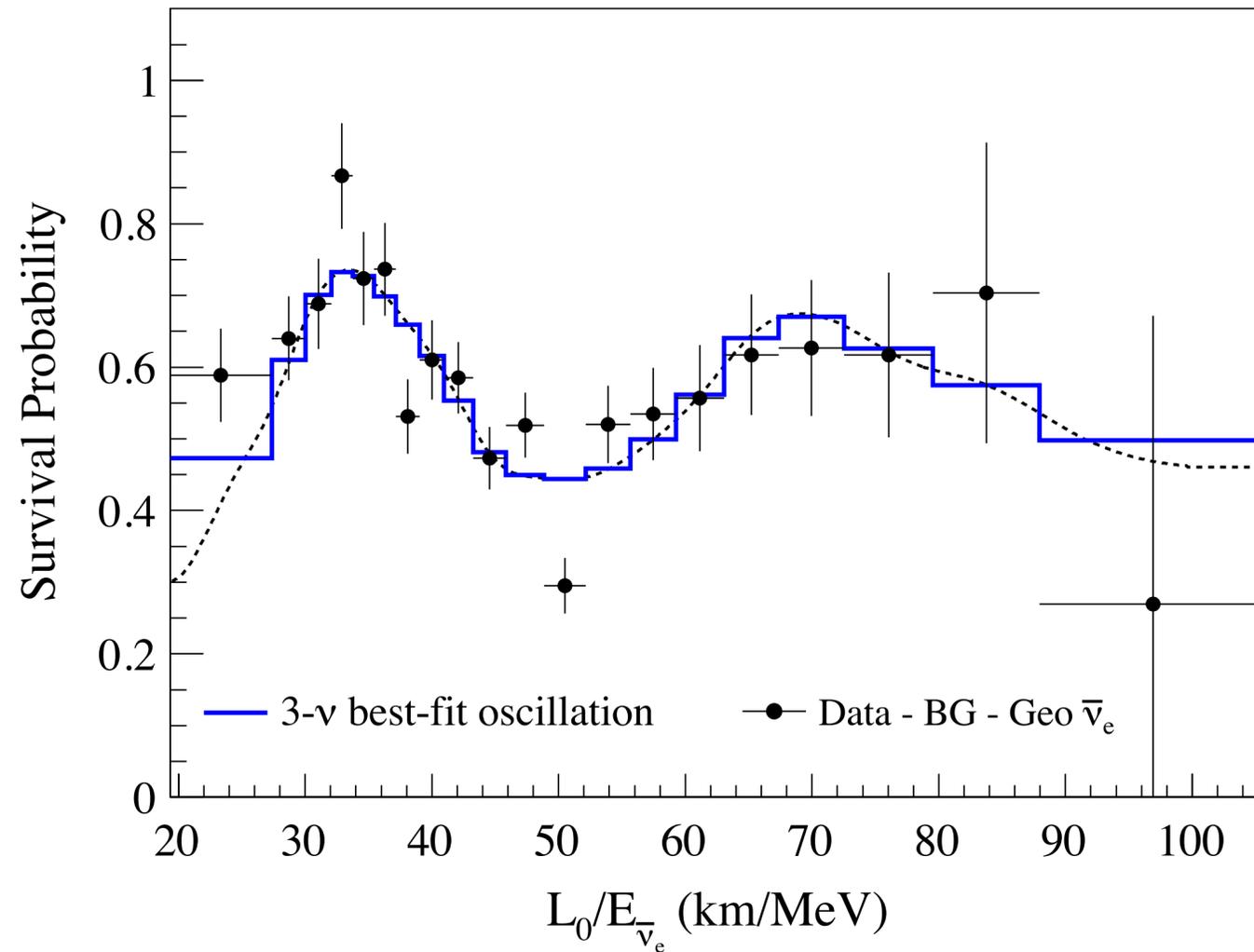


Maltoni and Smirnov, EPJA 52 (2016) arXiv:1507.05287

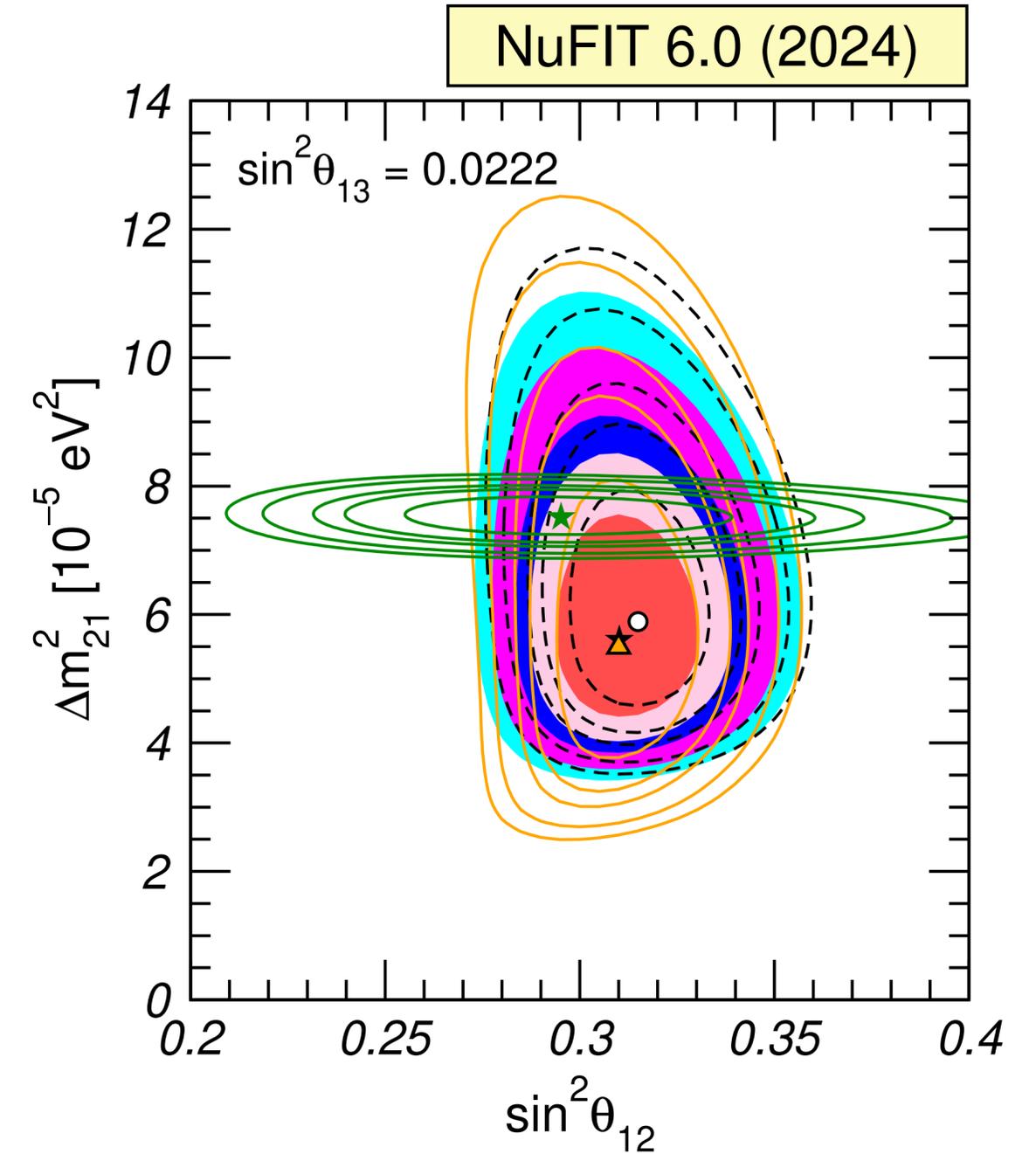
# Solar Neutrinos: KamLAND

$\Delta m_{21}^2$  determined by **long-baseline reactor** experiments

- Baseline  $\sim 180$  km
- $\bar{\nu}_e$  with  $E_\nu \sim$  few MeV



A. Gando et al. (KamLAND) PRD 88 (2013)

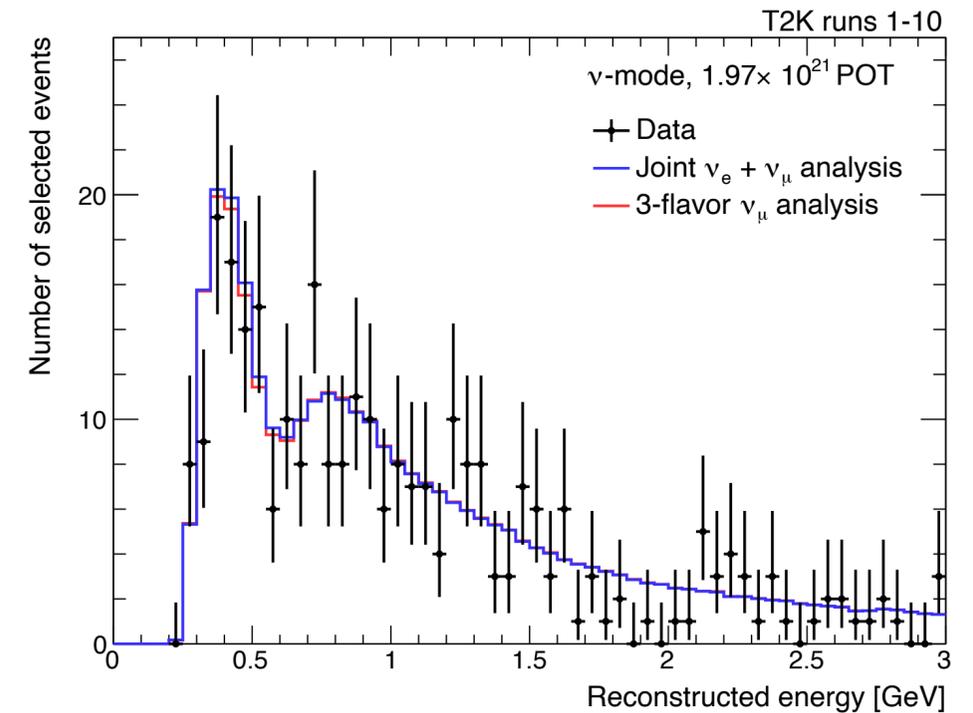


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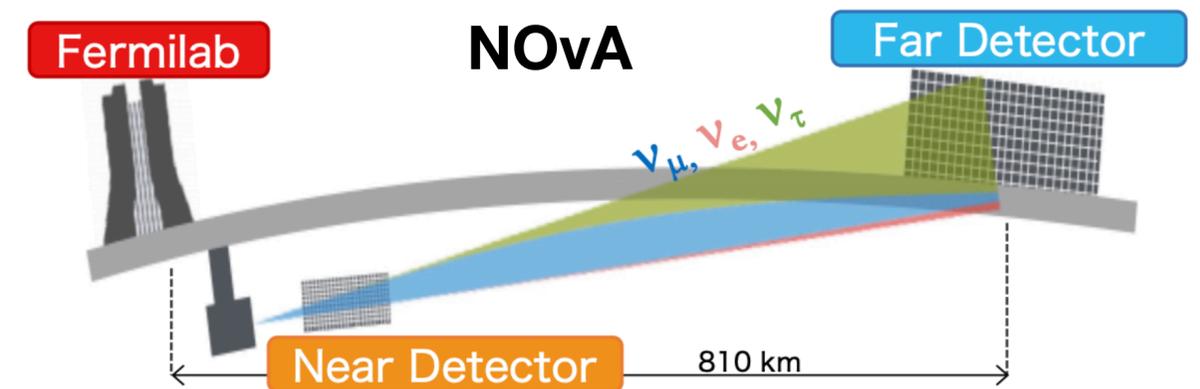
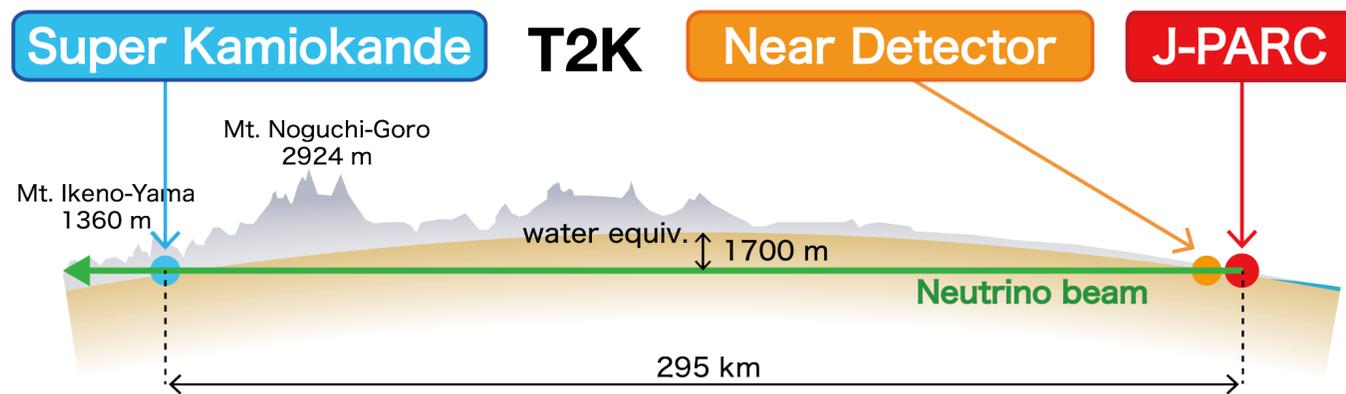
# Long-Baseline Accelerators

Neutrinos are generated from **pion/kaon decays** caused by an accelerated proton beam hitting a target.

Neutrinos travel  $\sim 100$  Km and have energies  $E \sim 1$  GeV, making these experiments **sensitive to**  $\Delta m_{31}^2, \sin \theta_{23}, \delta_{CP}$



Abe et al., (T2K) PRD 108 (2023) arXiv:2305.09916



# Long-Baseline Accelerators

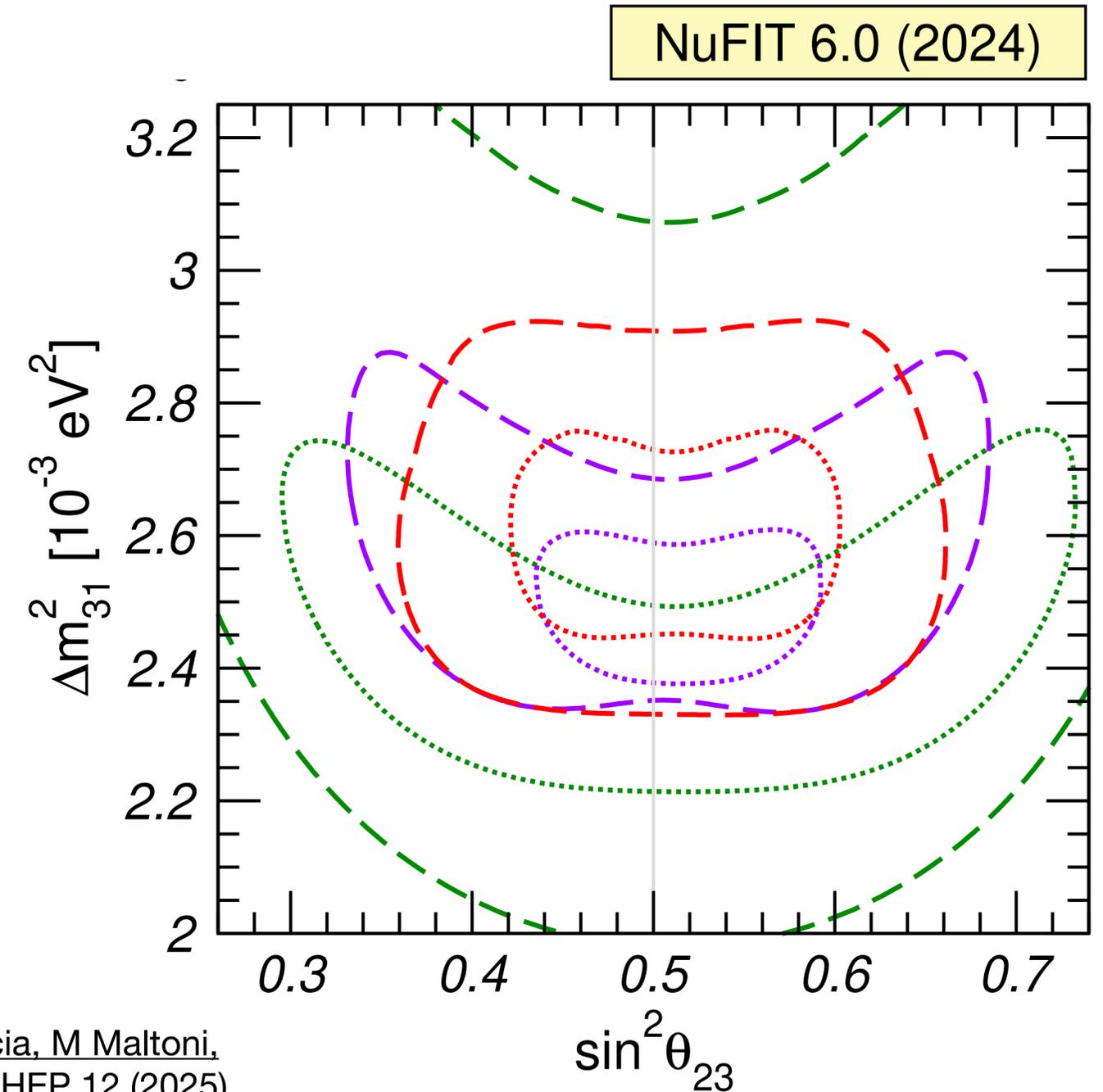
Accelerator experiments are sensitive to  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ , searching for  $\nu_\mu$ -**disappearance**

$$P_{\mu\mu} \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 L}{4E}$$

$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2 + \cos \delta_{cp} \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23} \Delta m_{21}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\mu\mu} = \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23}$$

It can discriminate whether  $\theta_{23}$  is maximal or not



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# Long-Baseline Accelerators

Accelerator experiments can search for  $\nu_e$ -**appearance**

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e} \approx 4 \sin^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} (1 + 2oA) - C \sin \delta_{cp} (1 + oA)$$

Preference for the **higher-octant and IO**

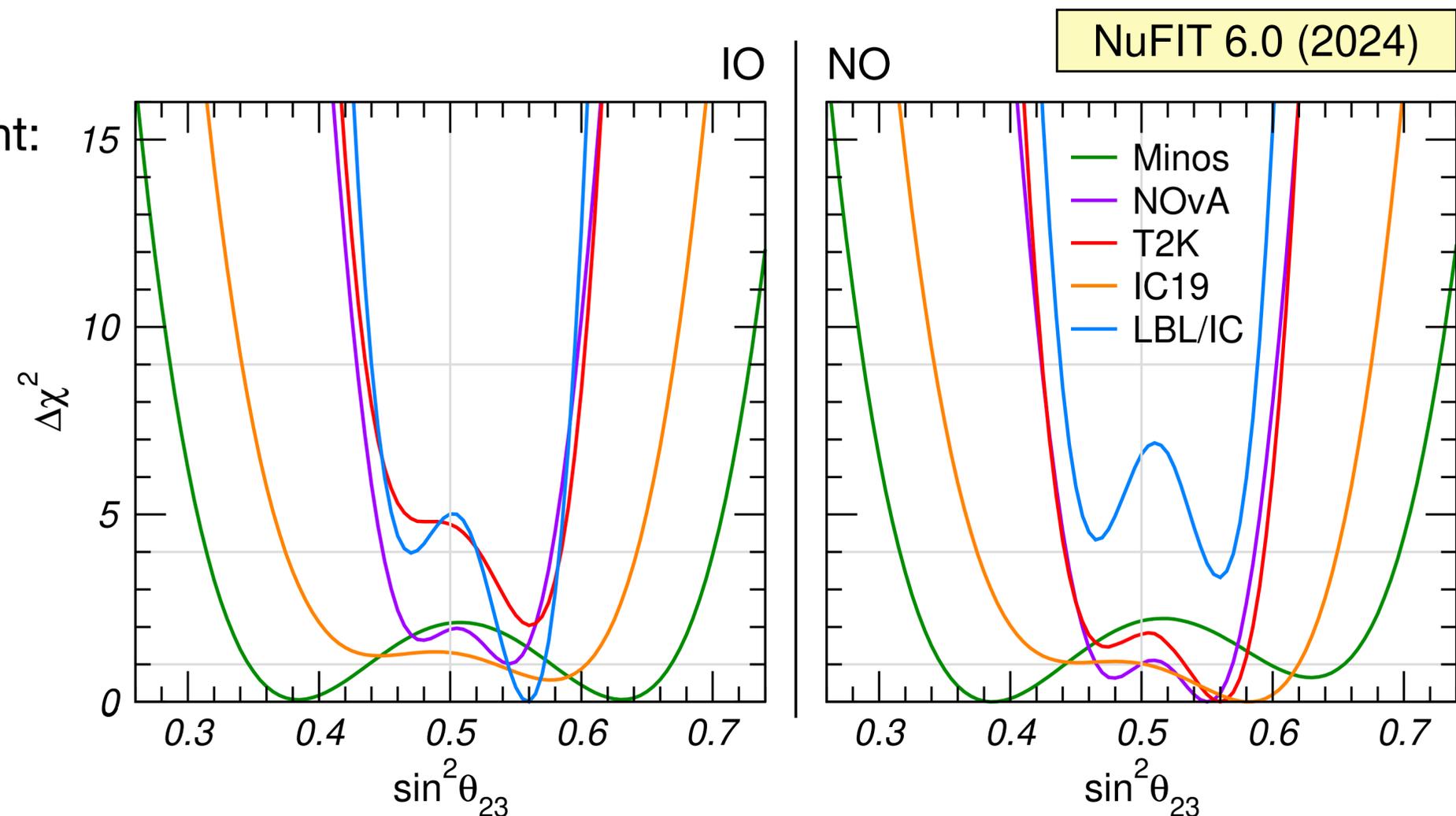
The appearance channel allows the measurement:

- Mass ordering
- Octant of  $\theta_{23}$
- The CP phase
- $\theta_{13}$

$$C = \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23}$$

$$o = \text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$$

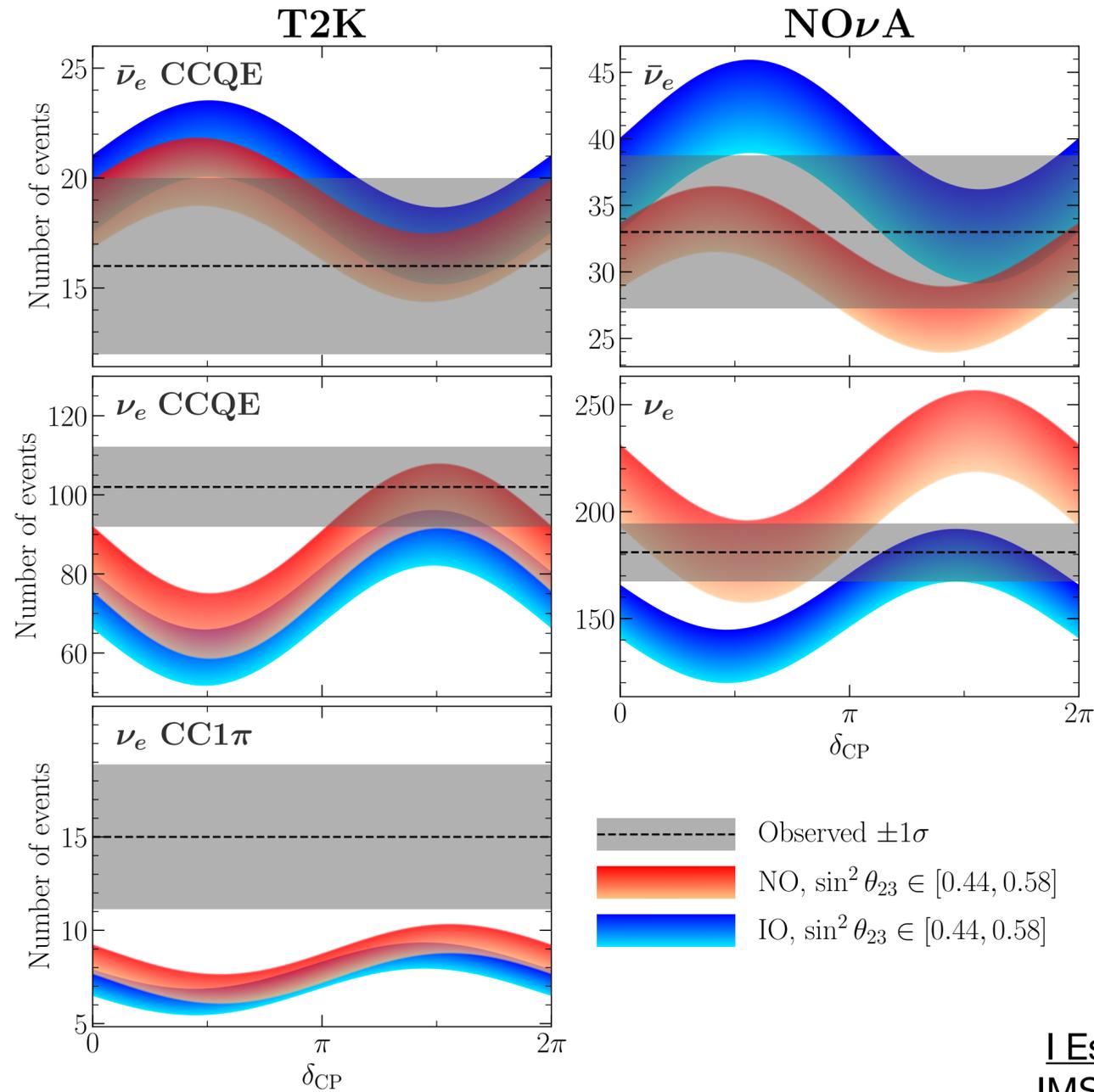
$$A = |2EV/\Delta m_{31}^2|$$



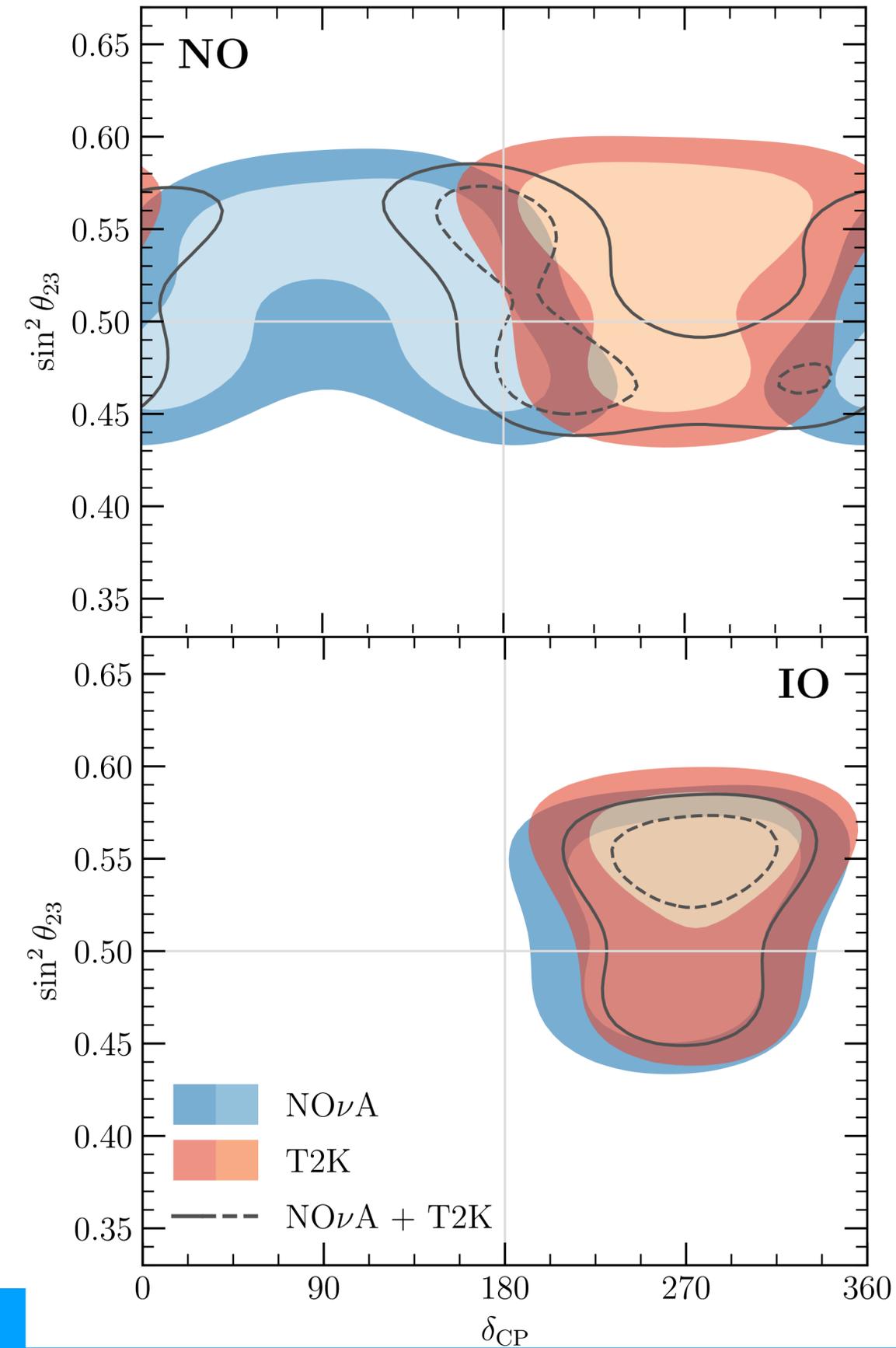
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# T2K vs NOνA

The **tension** between **T2K** and **NOνA** over  $\delta_{CP}$  and NO shifts the LBL preference toward **IO**

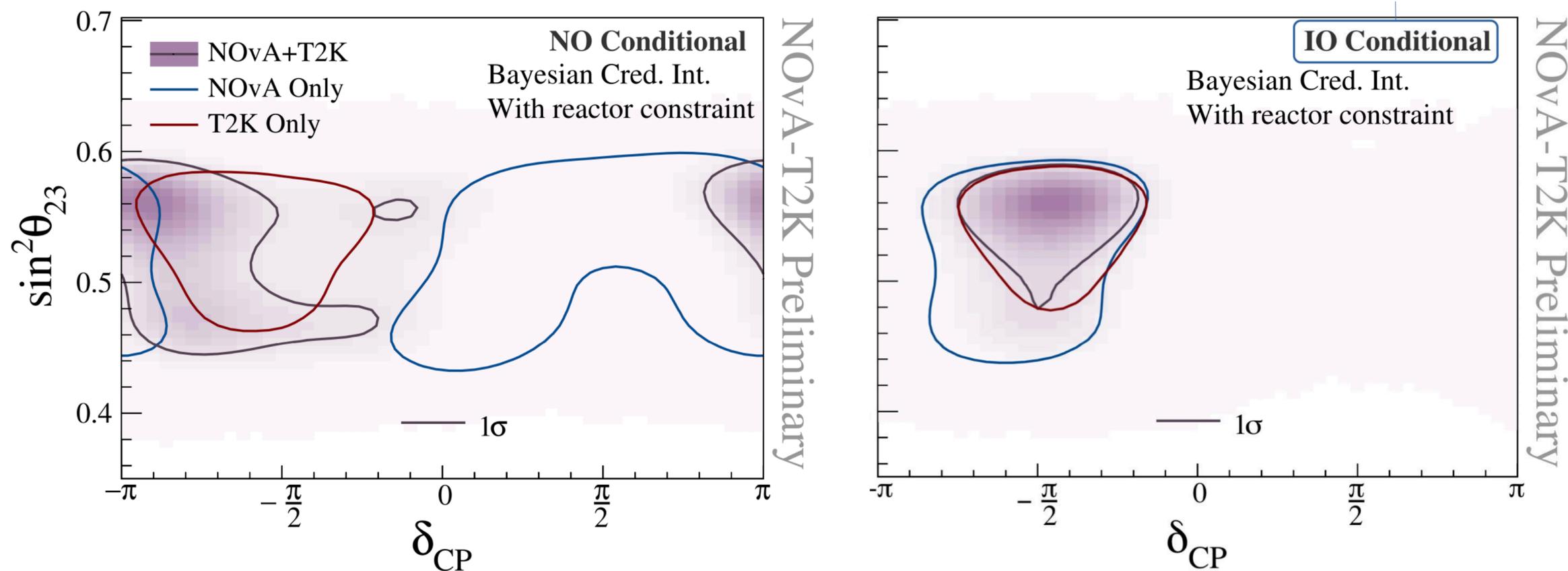


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# NOvA-T2K joint fit

NOvA and T2K have performed a joint fit, showing **good agreement with global analysis**



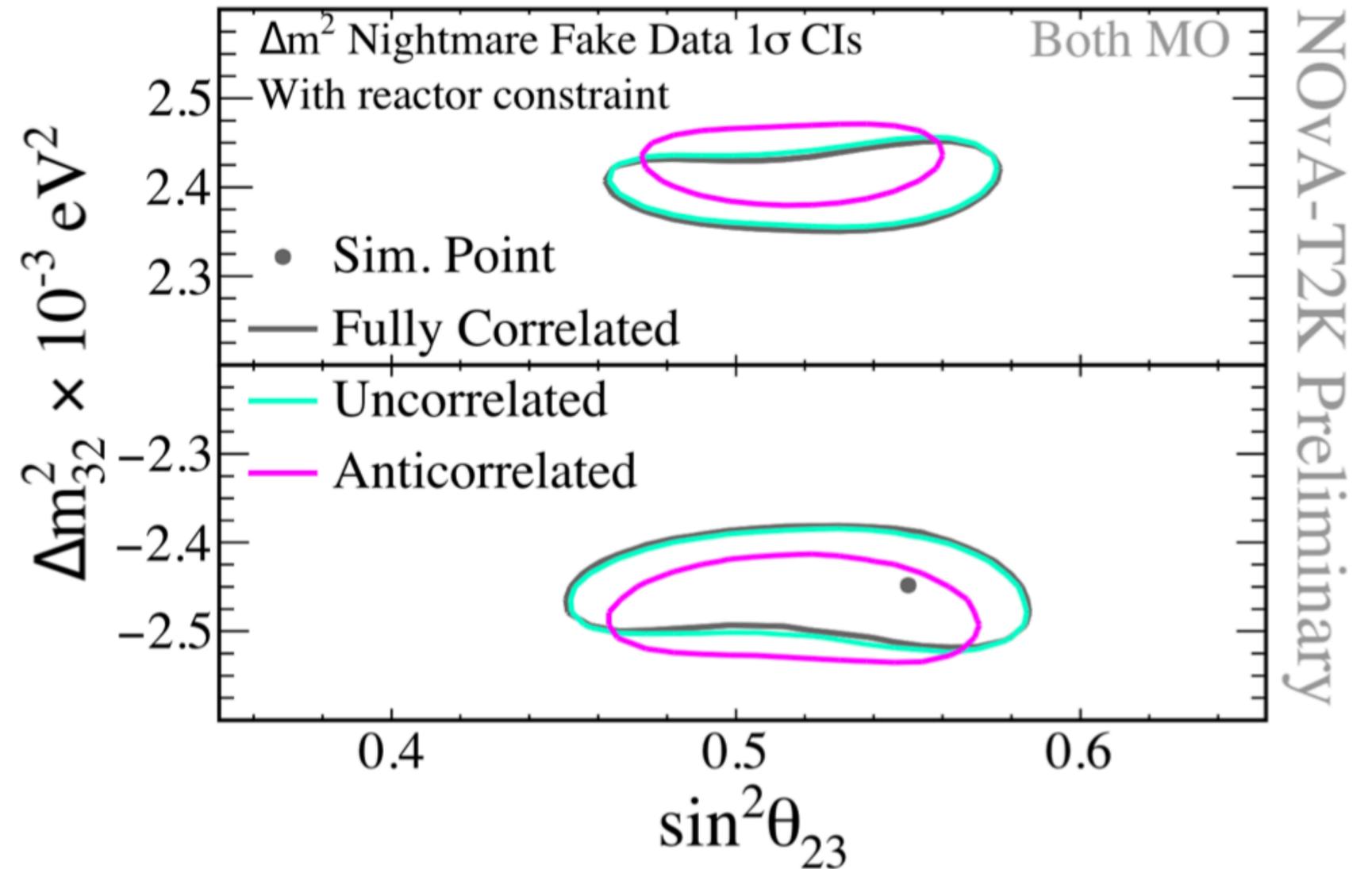
No correlation between the flux, detector and cross-section

Jeremy Wolcott (Neutrino 2024)

Zoya Vallari ( Joint Experimental-Theoretical  
Physics Seminar, Fermilab, 2024)

# NOvA-T2K joint fit

- **Several cross-section models** were explored, along with their impact on **potential correlations**
- The **uncorrelated and correlated** models **agree** with negligible differences.

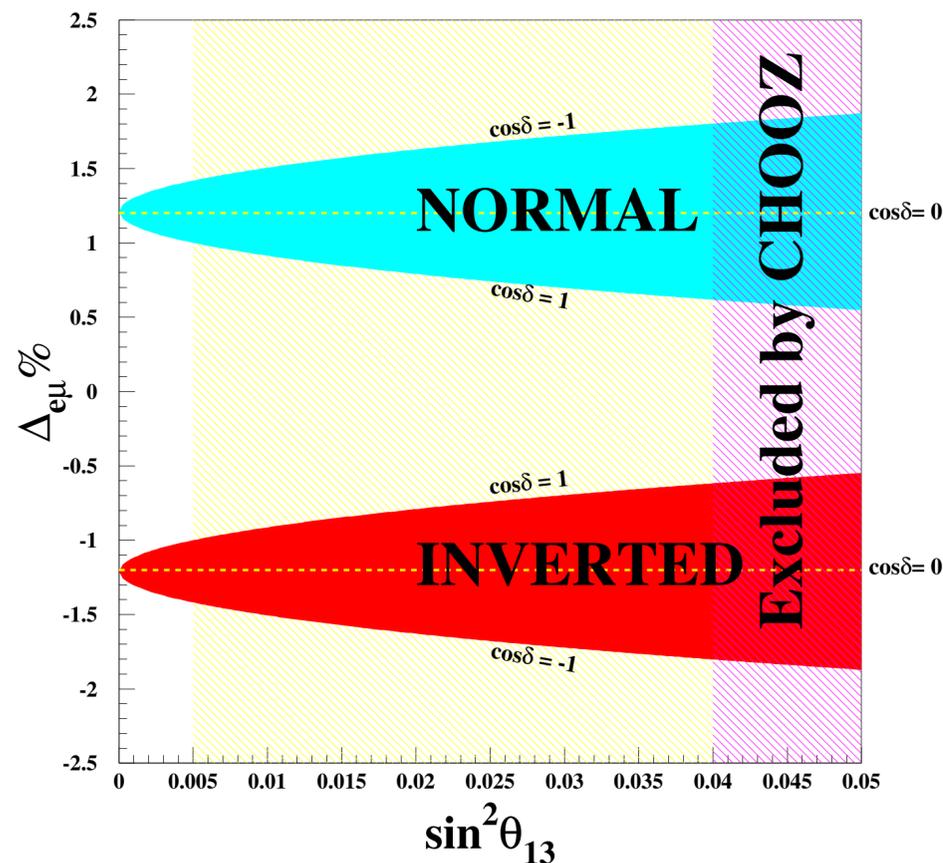


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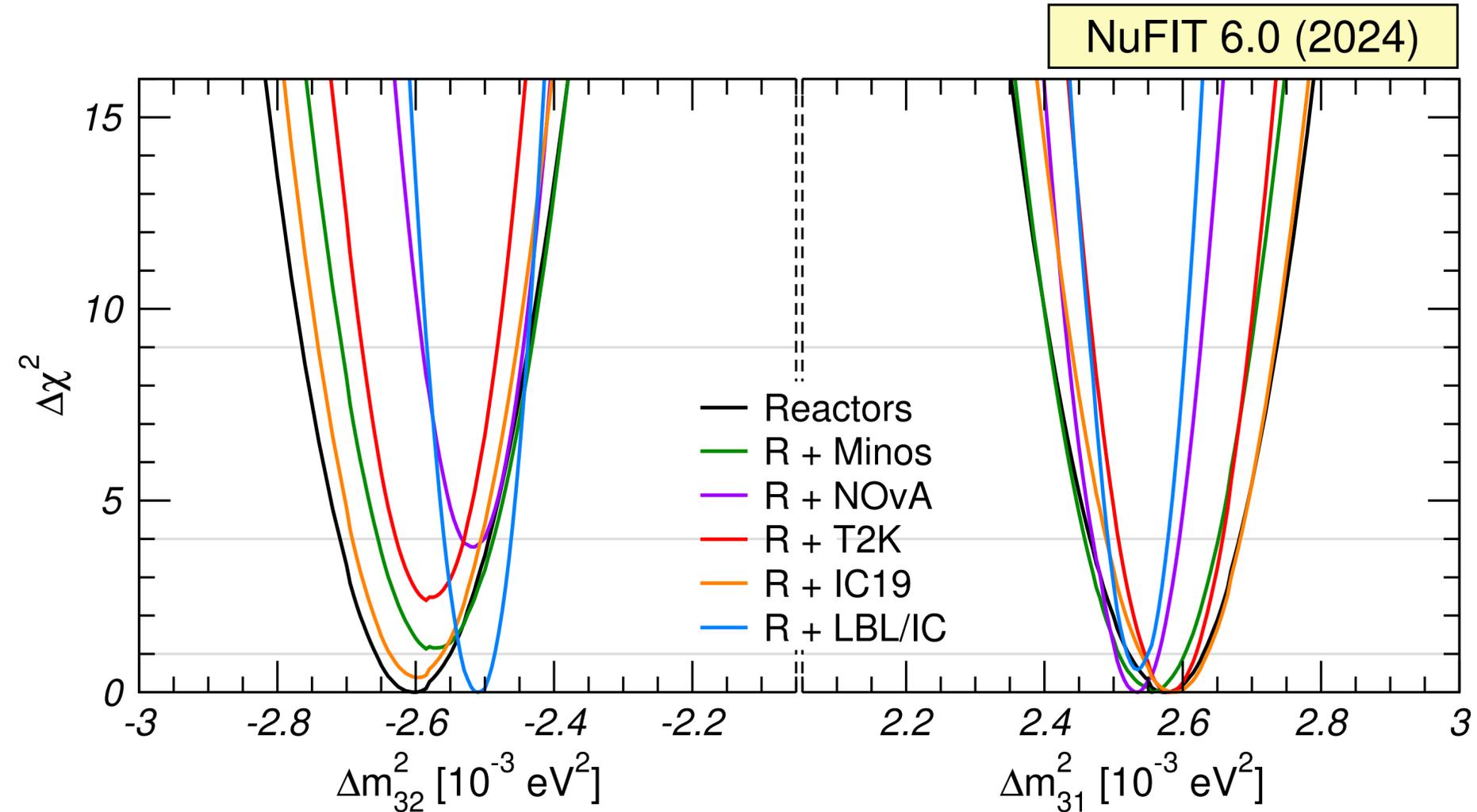
# LBL+Reactors

Full LBL-reactor combo eases T2K-NOvA tension

- Combining LBL( $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2$ ) and reactors ( $\Delta m_{ee}^2$ ) **strengthens NO preference**



Nunokawa, Parke, Funchal, PRD 72(2005) arXiv: hep-ph/0503283



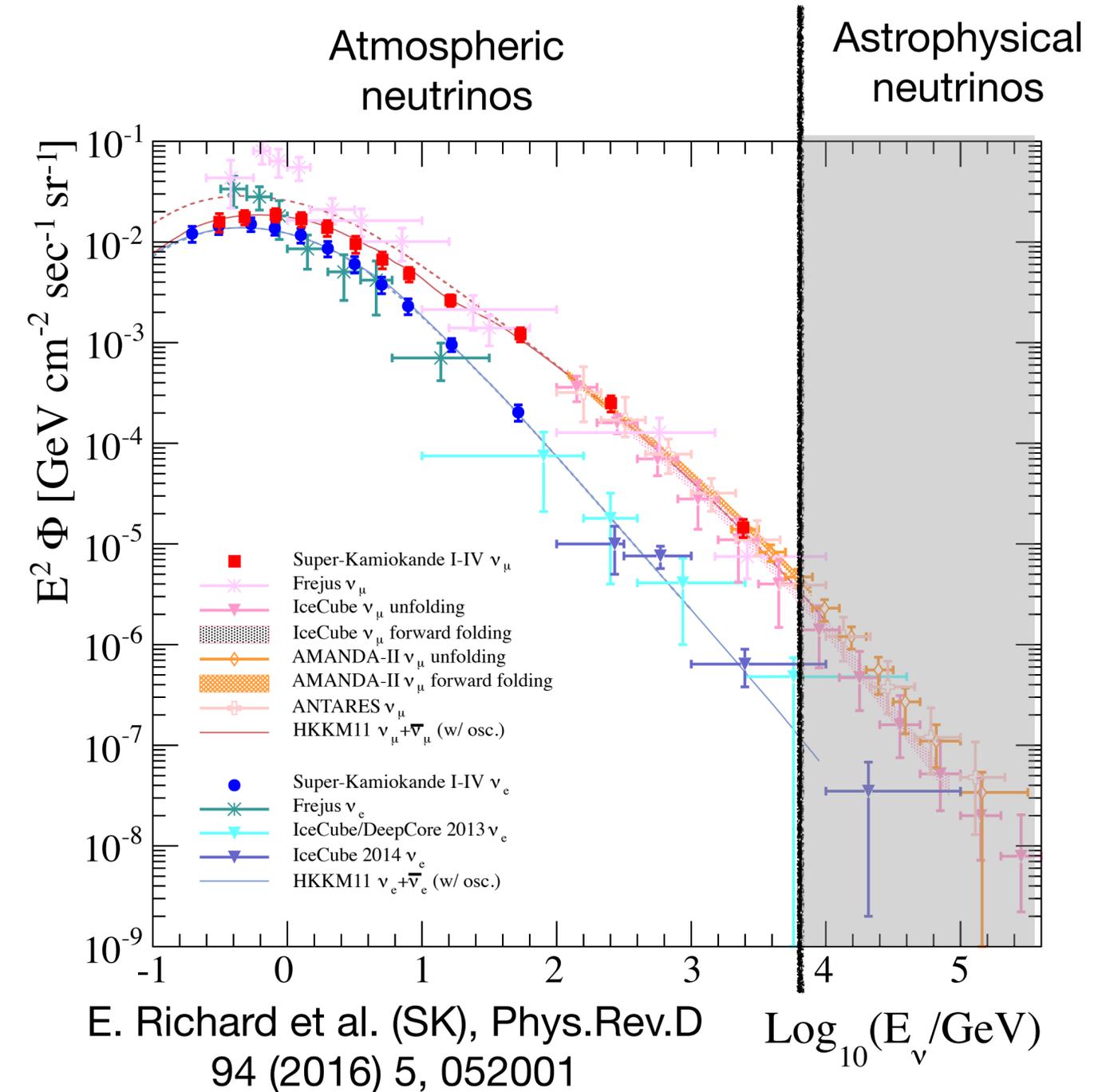
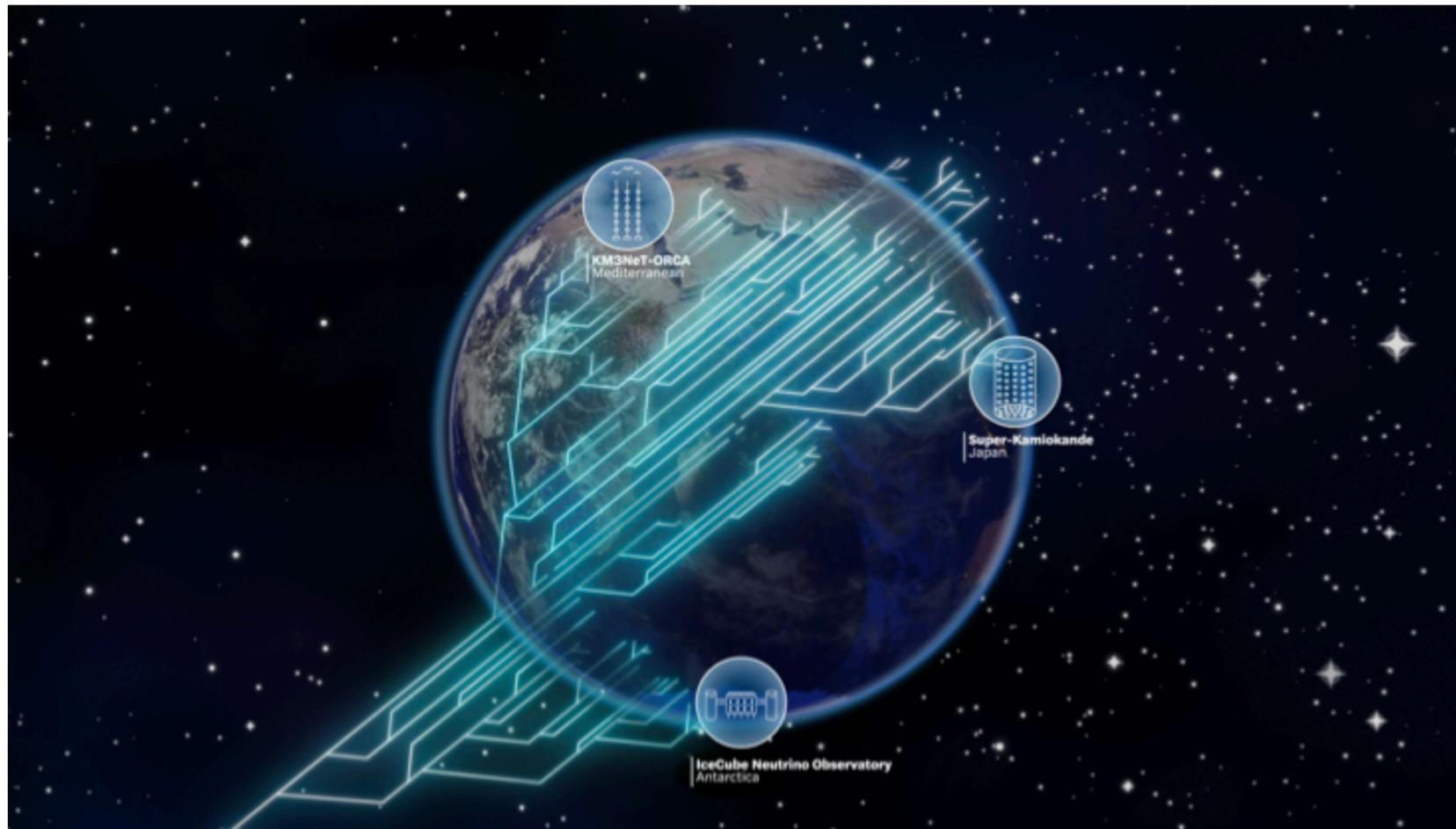
$$\Delta_{e\mu} = (\Delta m_{ee}^2 - \Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2) / \Delta m^2$$

I Esteban, MC Gonzalez-Garcia, M Maltoni, IMS,JP Pinheiro, T Schwetz, JHEP 12 (2025)

How can atmospheric neutrinos contribute?

# Atmospheric Neutrinos

Atmospheric neutrinos are created in the **collision of cosmic rays** with the atmospheric nuclei

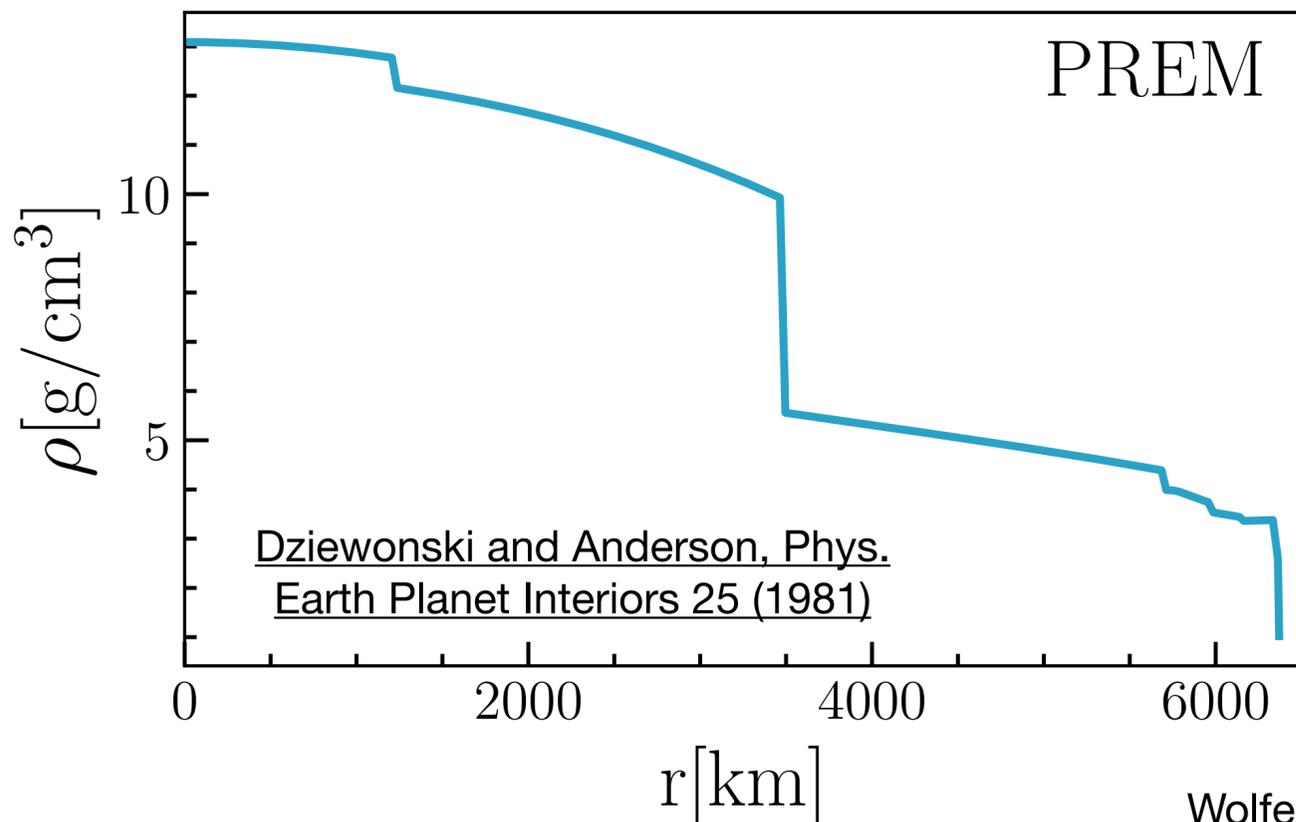
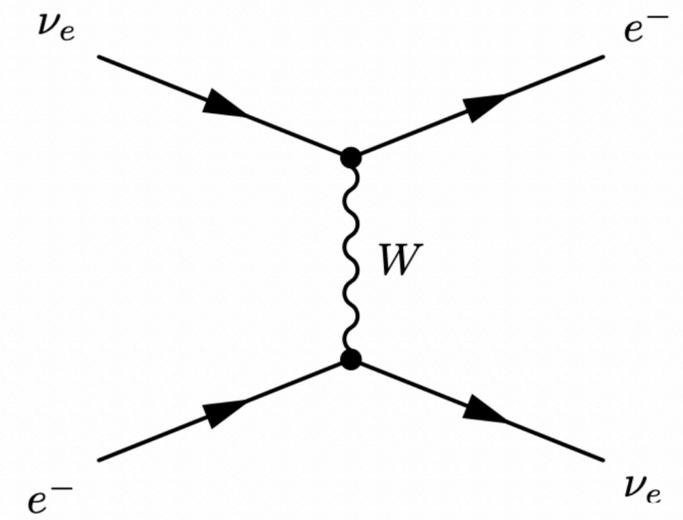


# Neutrino Evolution in Matter

Matter effects play a crucial role in the evolution of atmospheric neutrinos

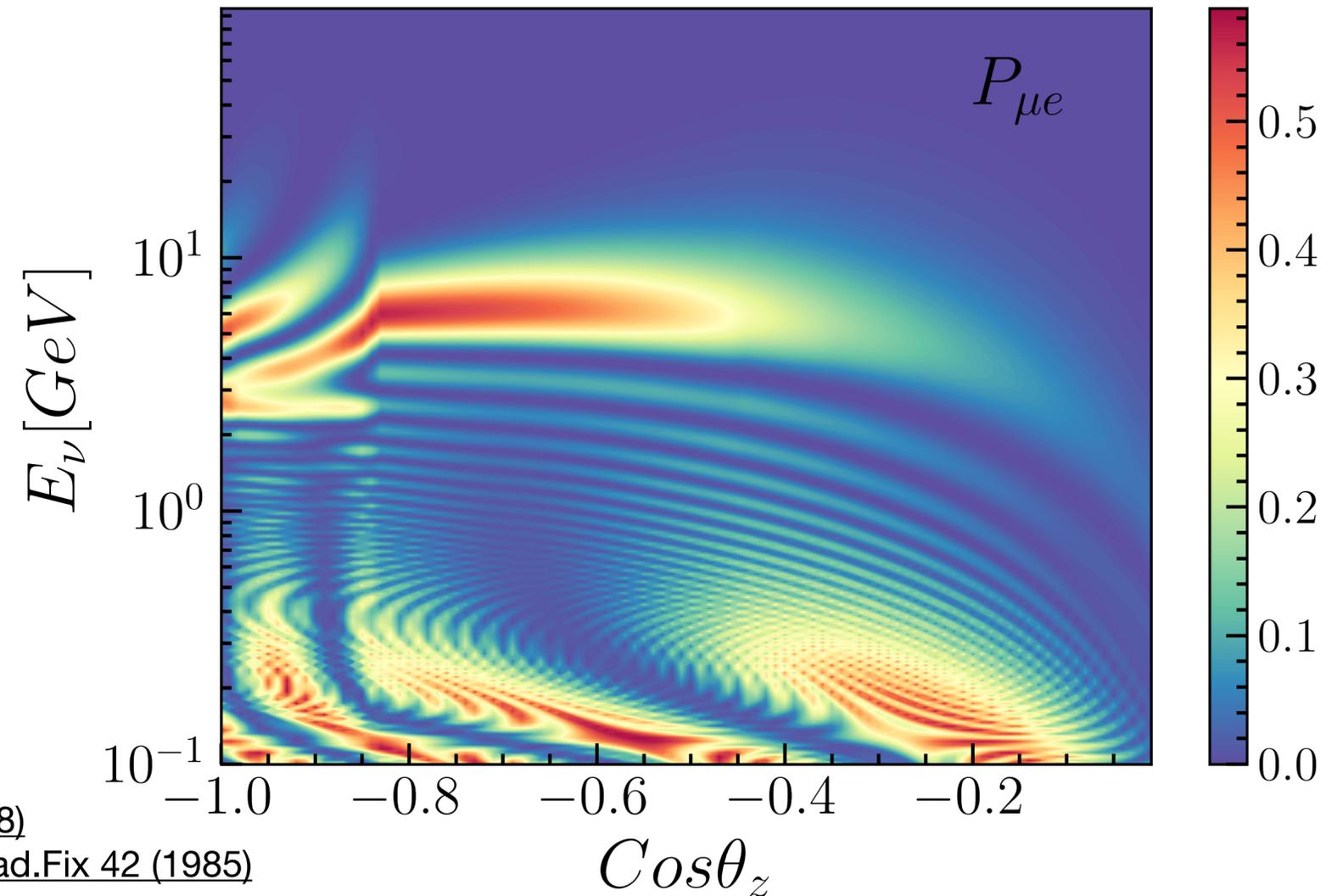
$$i \frac{d\nu}{dE} = \frac{1}{2E_\nu} \left( U^\dagger \text{diag}(0, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2) U \pm V_{mat} \right) \nu$$

$$V_{mat} = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E_\nu \text{diag}(1, 0, 0)$$



Wolfenstein, PRD 17 (1978)

Mikheyev and Smirnov, Yad. Fiz. 42 (1985)



# Sub-GeV

For atmospheric neutrinos, both fluxes are sensitive to  $\delta_{CP}$

- In the case of  $\delta_{cp} \neq 0$ , the **CPT conservation** implies

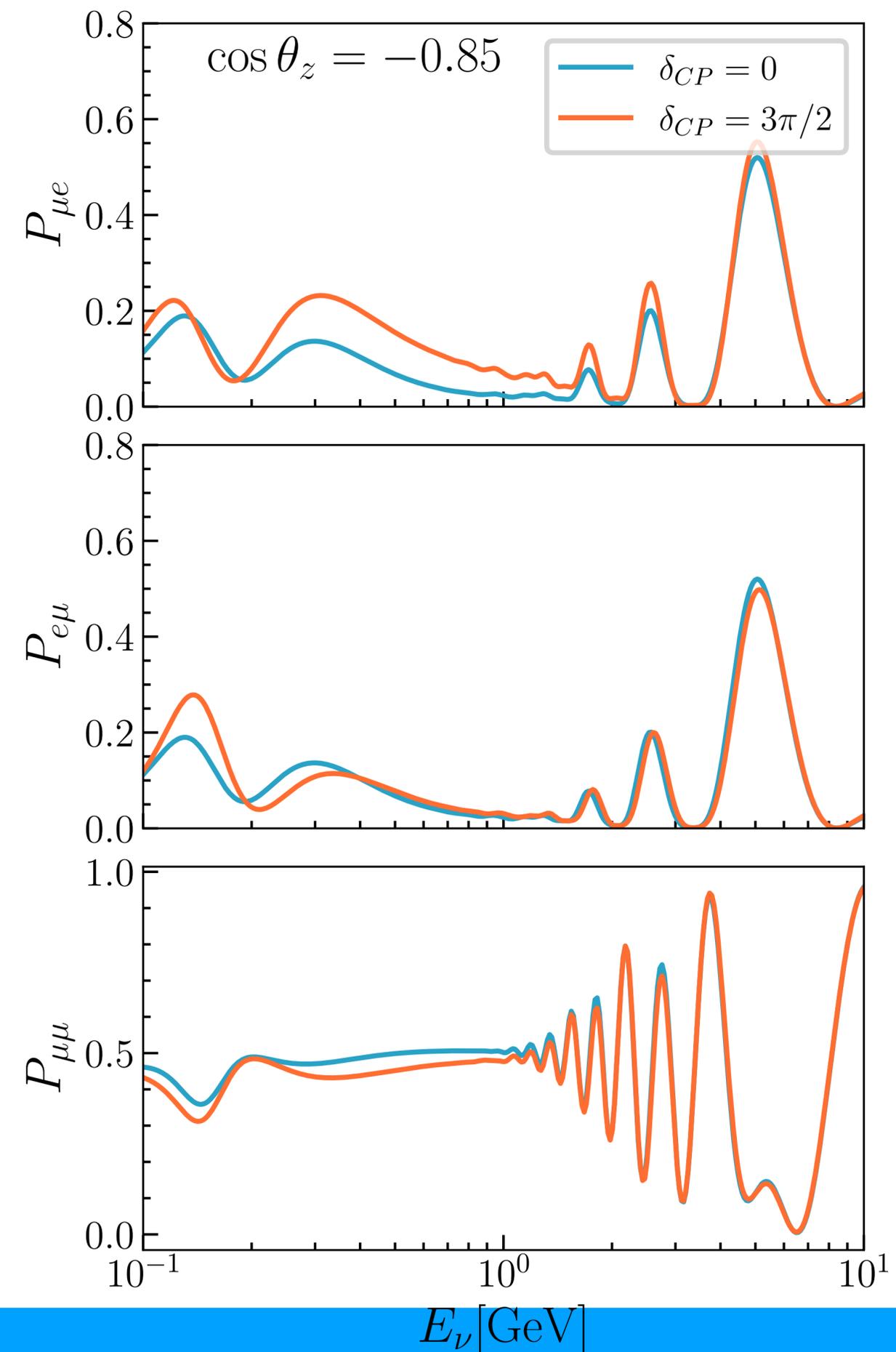
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$$

- The impact of  $\delta_{cp}$  depends mainly on the neutrino direction

- $P_{\mu\mu}$  contribute to measuring the phase via  $\cos \delta_{CP}$

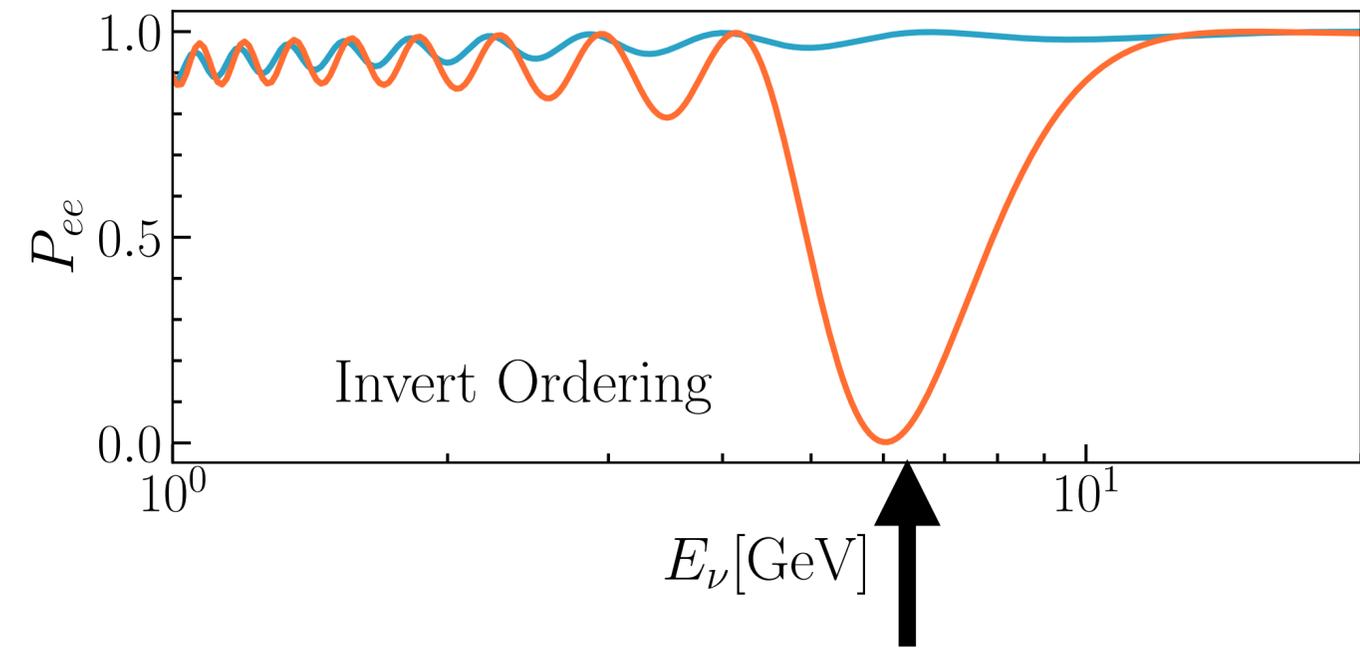
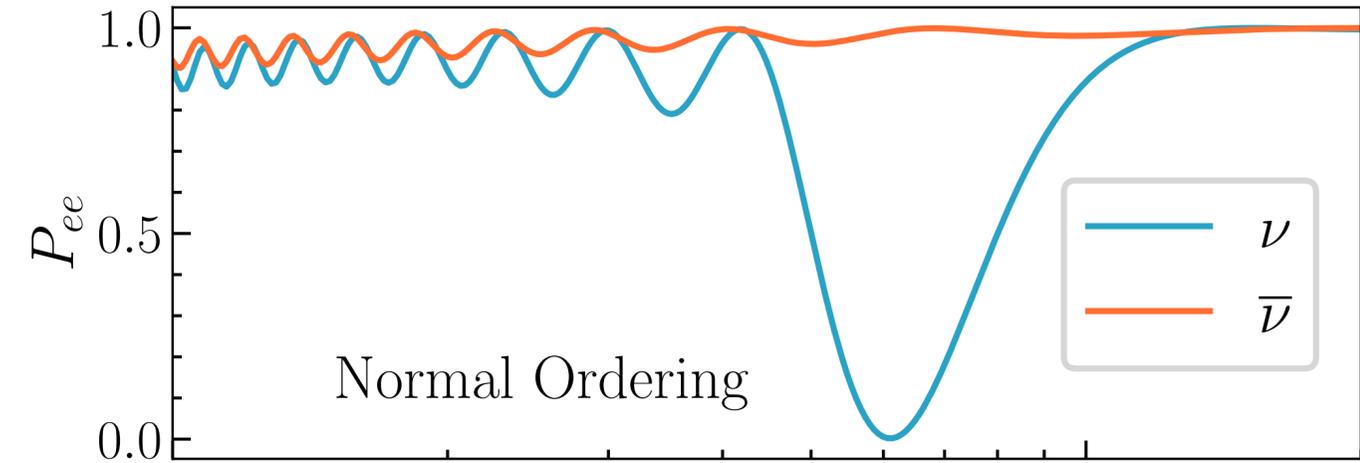
Minakata, Nunokawa, Parke, PLB 537 (2002) Minakata, Nunokawa, Parke, PRD 66 (2002)

Denton and Parke, PRD 109 (2024)

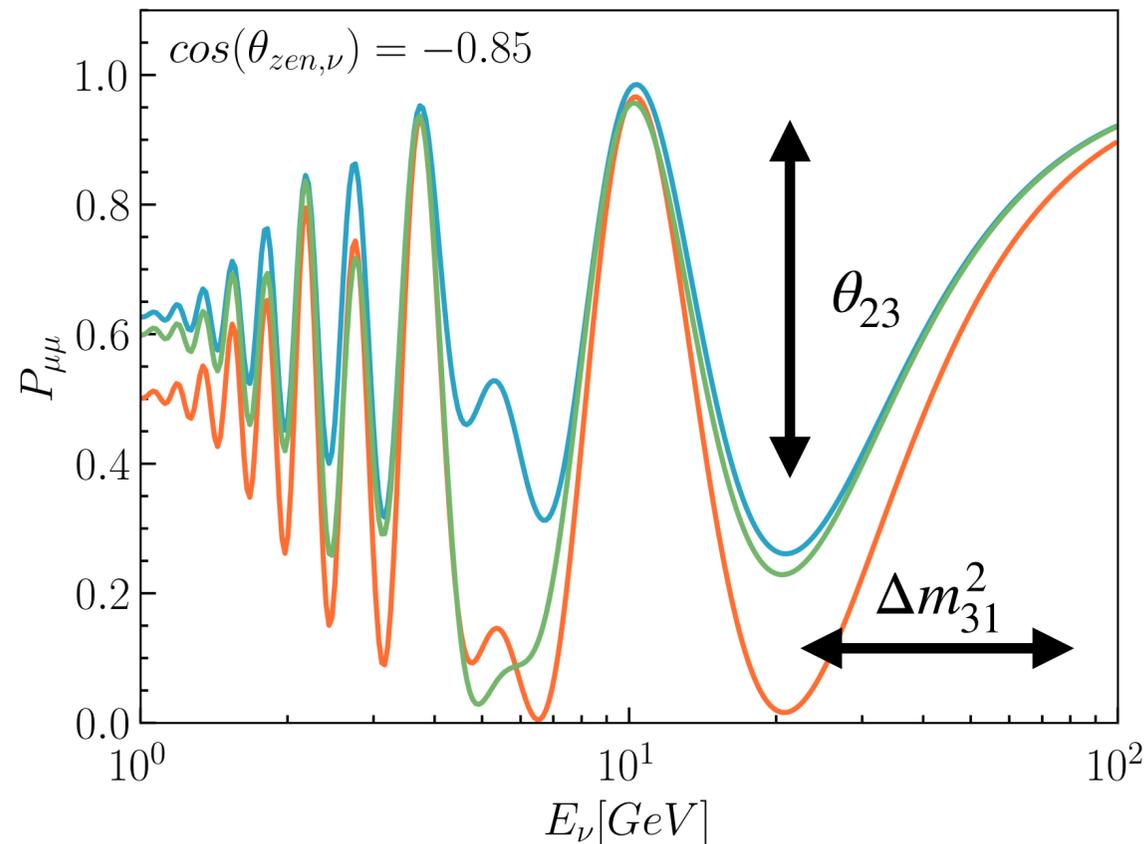


# Multi-GeV

At the **GeV scale**, trajectories crossing the mantle experience a resonance, making neutrinos sensitive to the **mass ordering**:



In the multi-GeV region, neutrino evolution is dominated by  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$



The enhancement of  $\theta_{13}^{eff}$  lead to a deep in  $P_{ee}$  for  $\nu$  ( $\bar{\nu}$ ) for NO (IO)

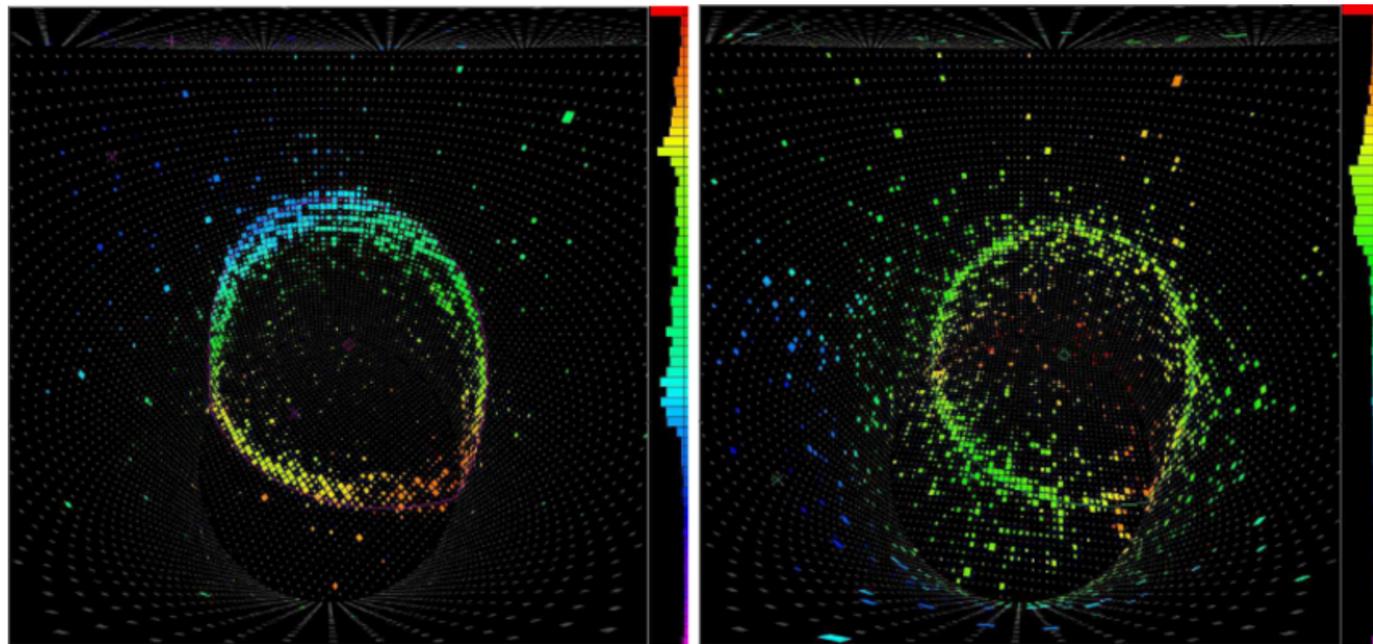
Palomares-Ruiz and Petcov, NPB 712 (2005)  
Akhmedov, Maltoni and Smirnov, JHEP 05 (2007)

# Super-Kamiokande

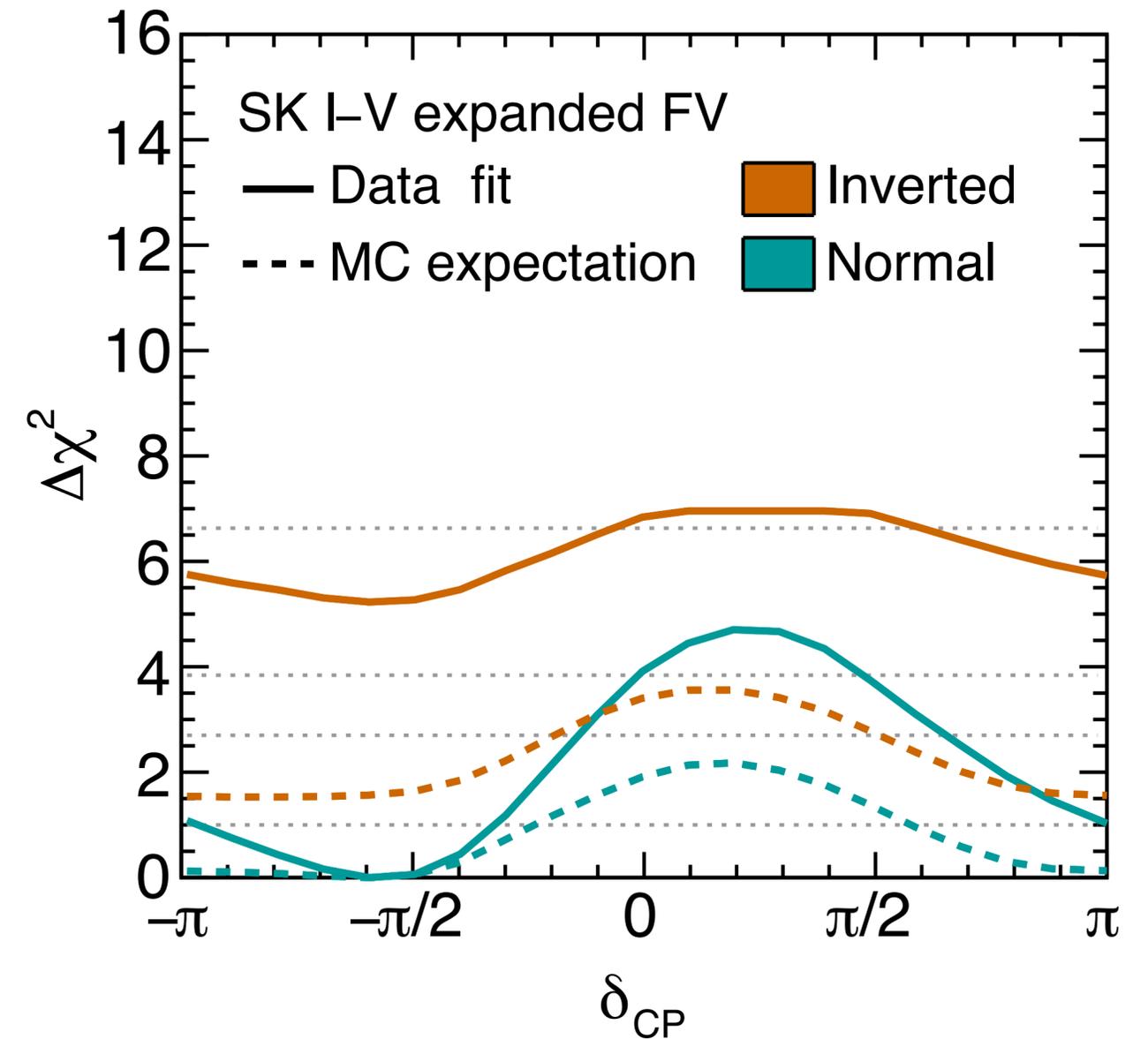
Several experiments have measured the atmospheric neutrino flux, with **SK** starting from the **sub-GeV scale**.

## Super-Kamiokande (SK)

- 22.5 kton water Cherenkov
- Small sample at multi-GeV due to the volume
- The event sample is divided in FC, PC and Up- $\mu$



[Abe et al. \(Super-Kamiokande\), PRD 97 \(2018\)](#)

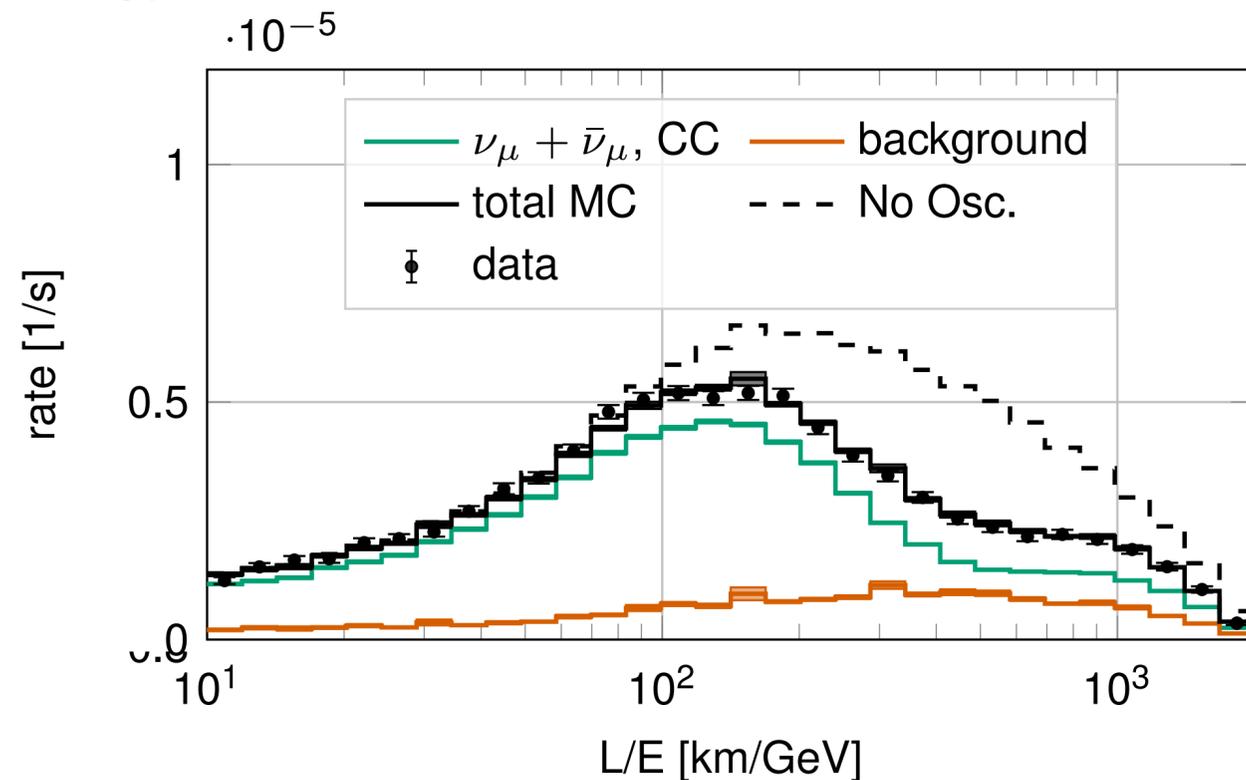


[Wester et al. \(Super-Kamiokande\), arXiv: 2311.05105](#)

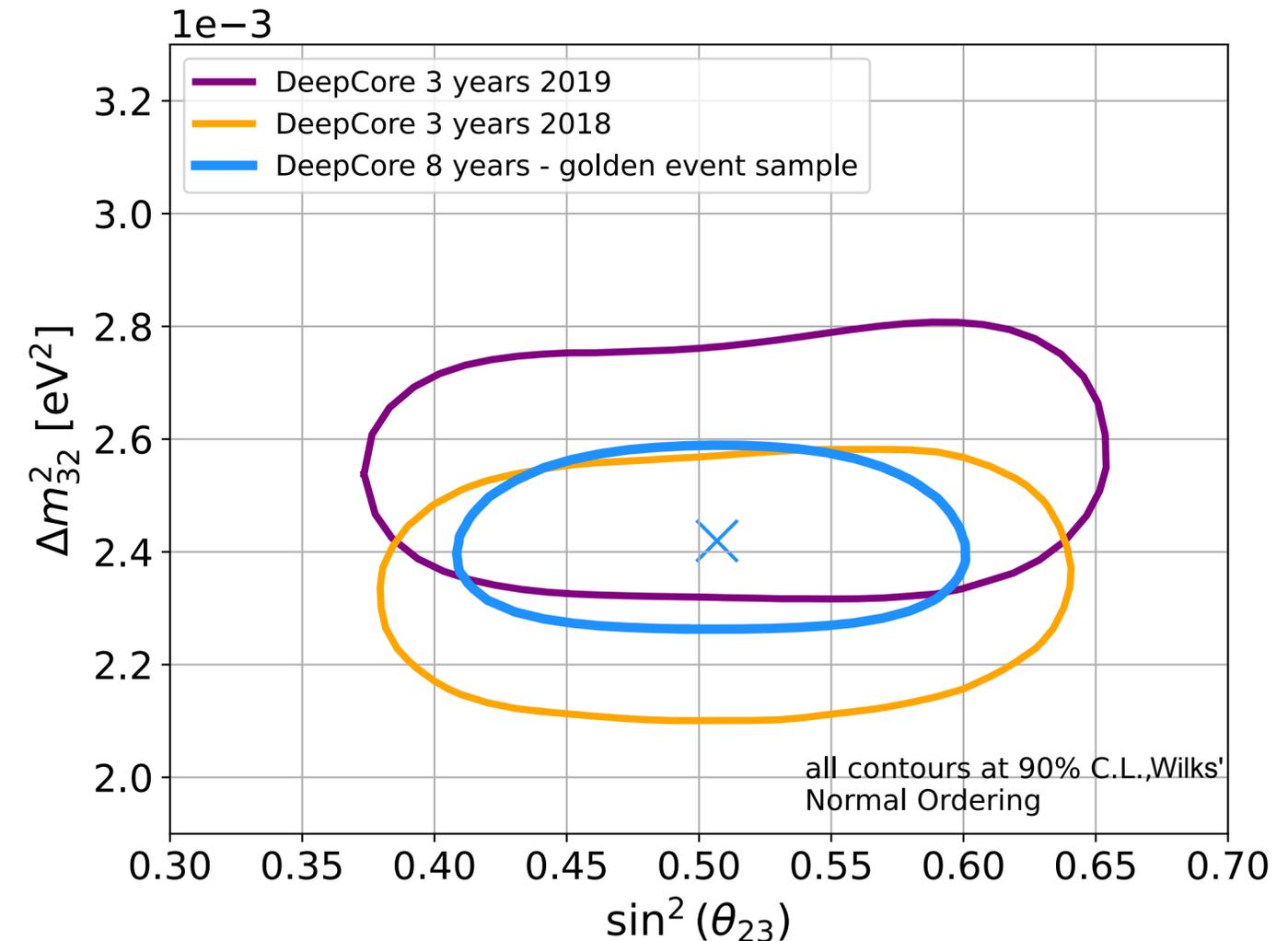
# IceCube

The **neutrino telescopes** measure the atmospheric neutrino flux from the **multi-GeV** scale

- $\sim 1\text{km}^3$  ice Cherenkov
- The sample is divided into tracks and cascades
- The upgrade will add seven additional strings lowering the energy threshold to  $\sim 1\text{GeV}$



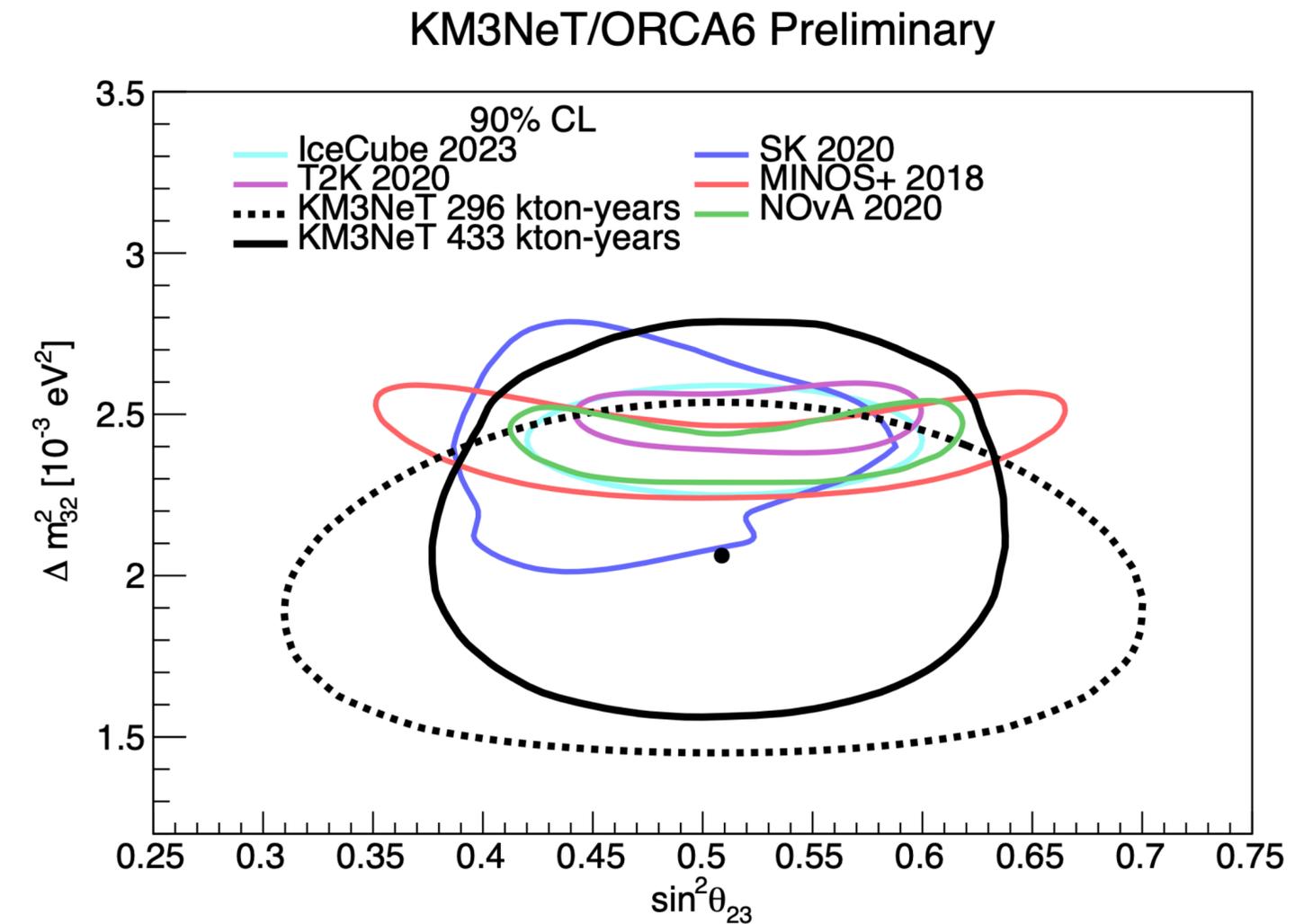
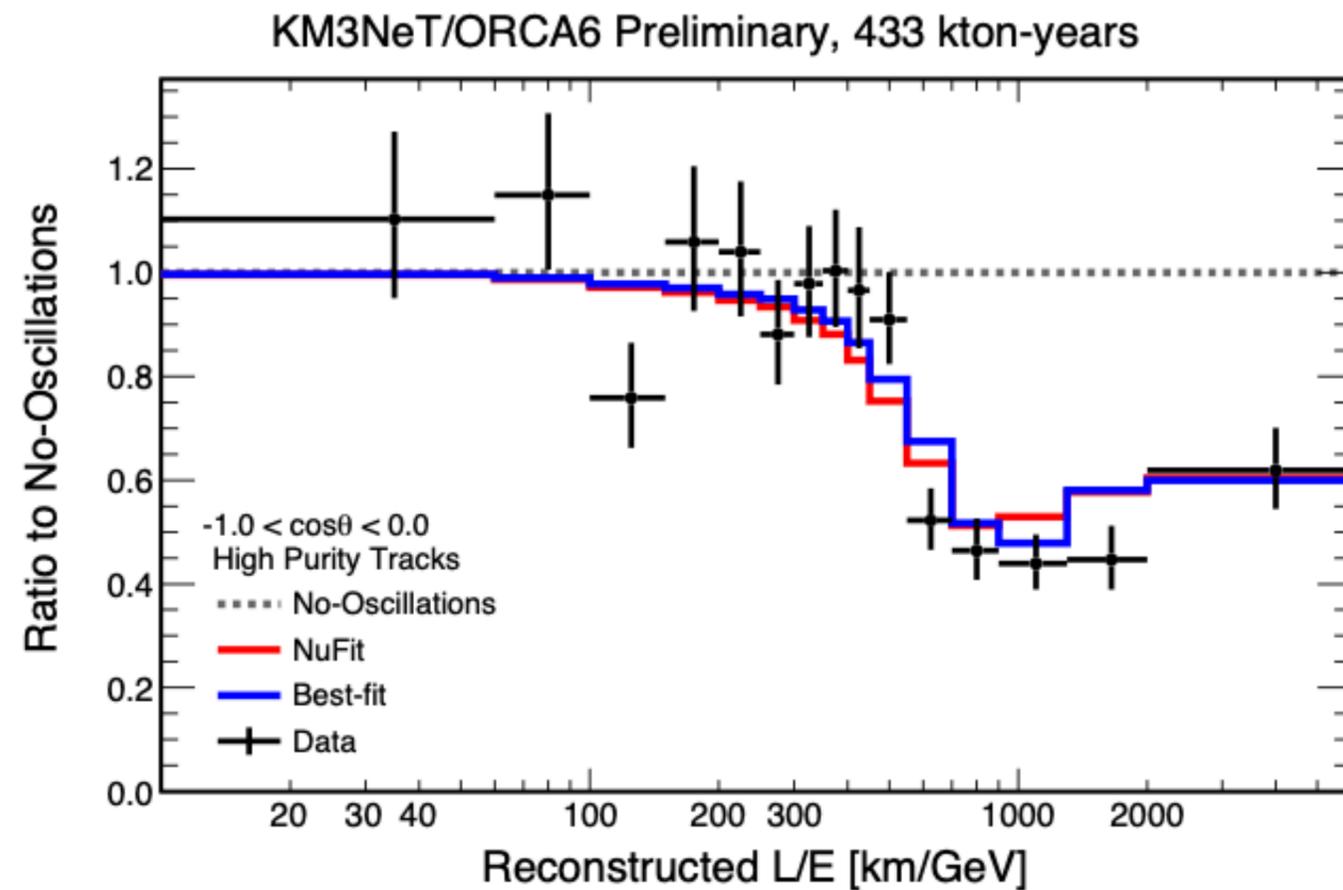
Abbasi et al. (IceCube), PRD 108 (2023)  
Abbasi et al. (IceCube), arXiv: 2405.02163



# ORCA

**ORCA** measures the multi-GeV component of the atmospheric neutrino flux from **~2GeV**

The total expected volume is 7 Mt, with events classified into high-purity tracks, low-purity tracks, and showers



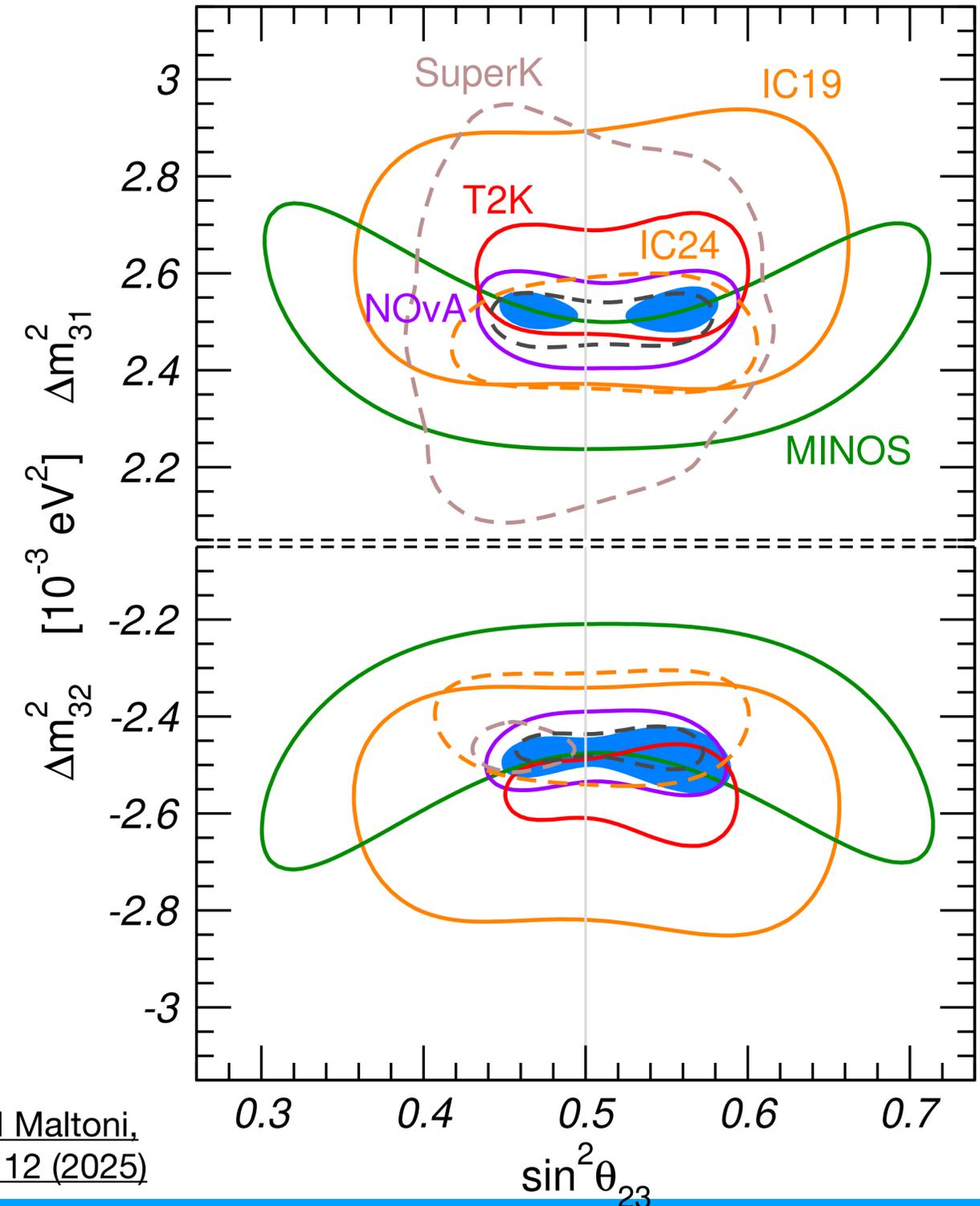
Carretero et al. (KM3NeT), PoS ICRC2023  
Aiello (KM3NeT), EPJC 82, 26 (2022)

# Atmospheric Mass-Squared Splitting

NuFIT 6.0 (2024)

**Combining** different datasets results in significant **synergy**, as the global **regions are smaller** than the individual ones.

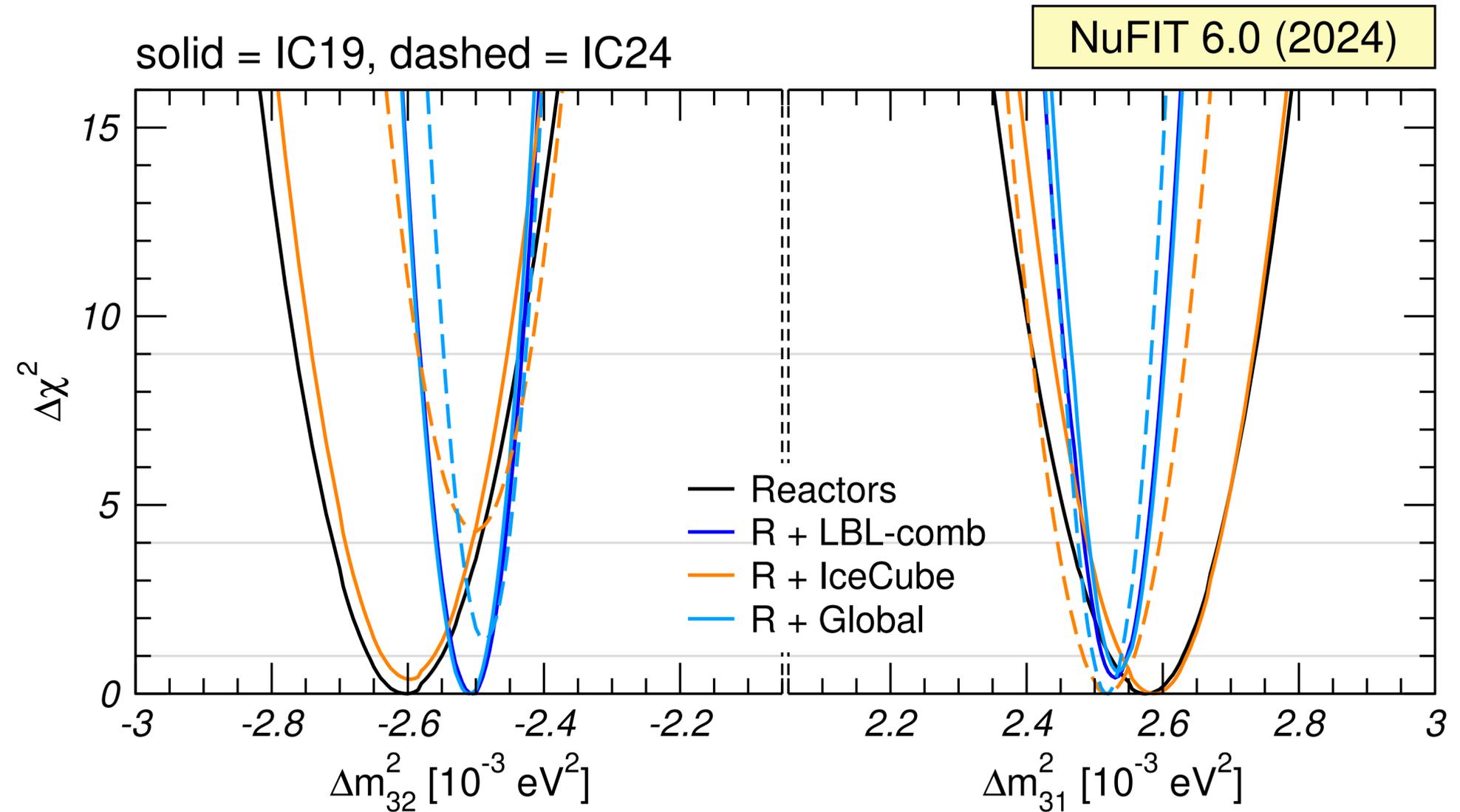
- Colored regions: LBL+IC19
- Black-dashed: LBL+IC24+SK
- Good agreement with **reactor** experiments
- Preference for the higher octant ( $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.561$ )



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# Mass Ordering

- Combining **IC24+Reactors**, we get a preference for NO of  $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 4.5$
- **Super-Kamiokande** alone shows a preference for NO of  $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 4.5$
- **Combining IC+SK+global fit** results in a preference for NO of  $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 6.1$



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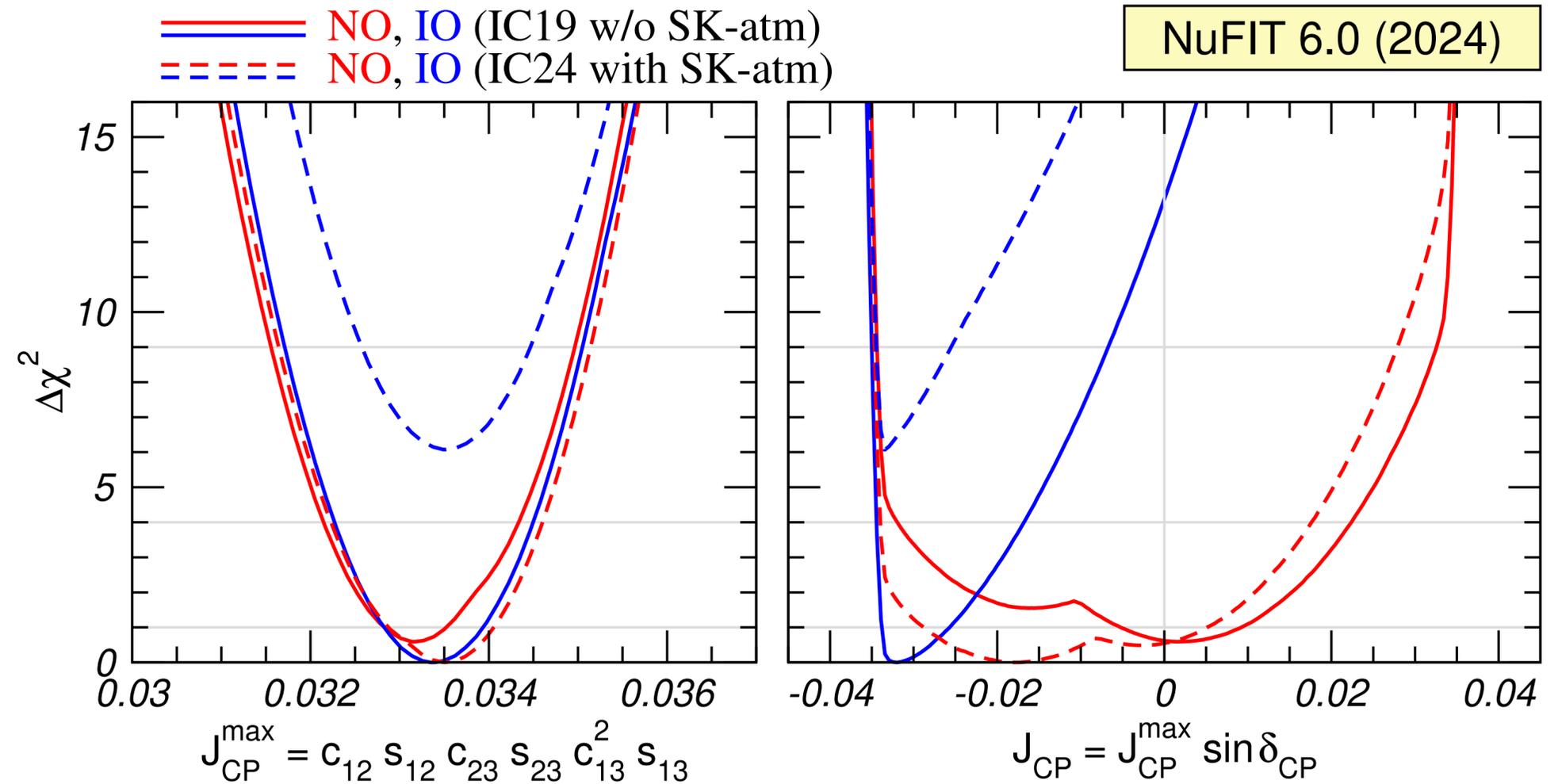
# CP-violation

The Jarlskog Invariant provides a convention-independent measurement of the violation of the CP symmetry

CP-conservation is marginally disfavored

$$J_{CP} = \text{Im}[U_{\alpha i} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta i}^* U_{\beta j}]$$

$$= J_{CP}^{\max} \sin \delta_{CP}$$

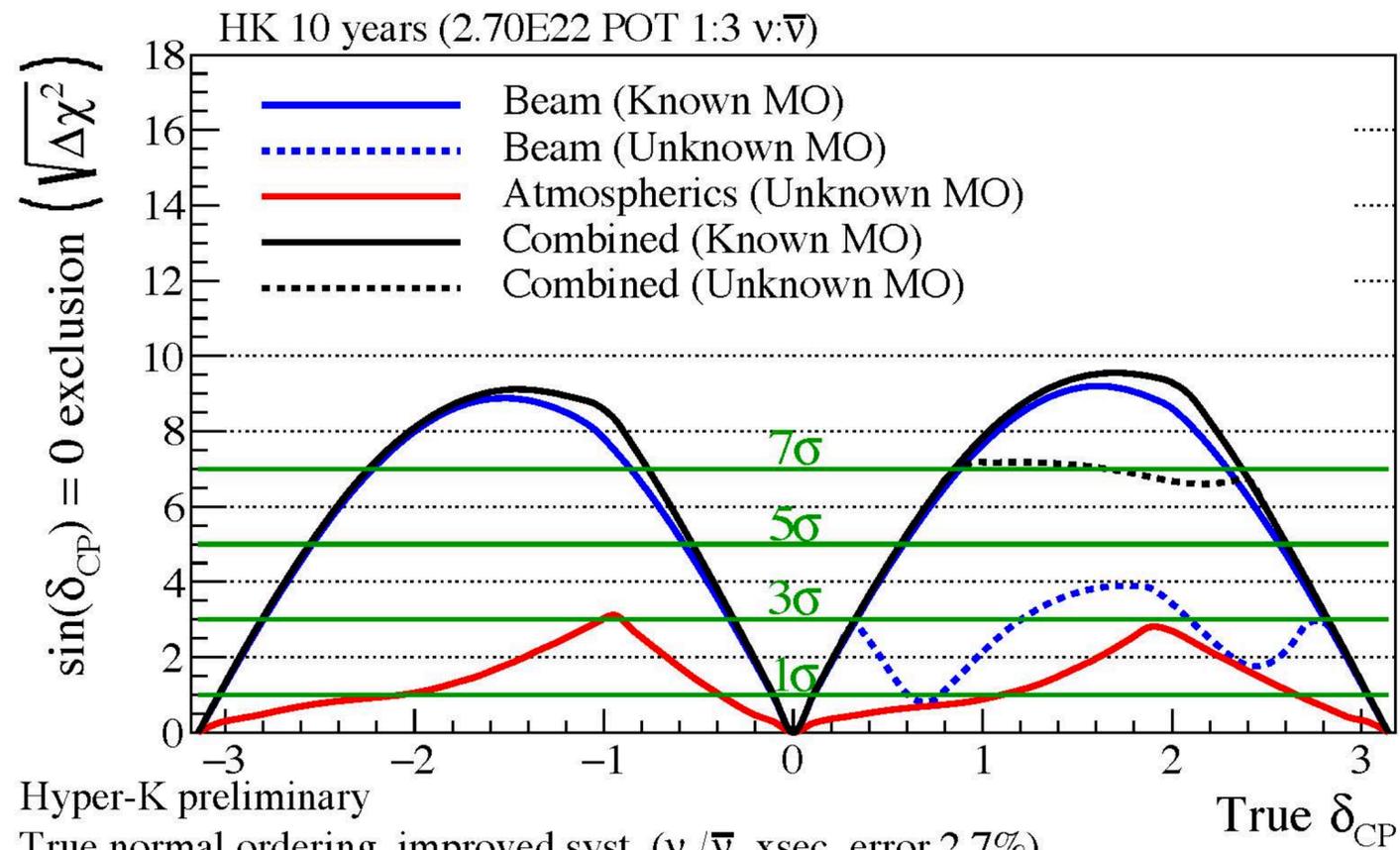


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# Future Measurements

# Super-/Hyper-Kamiokande

In the future, several experiments are going to measure the **atmospheric** neutrino flux with **high precision**



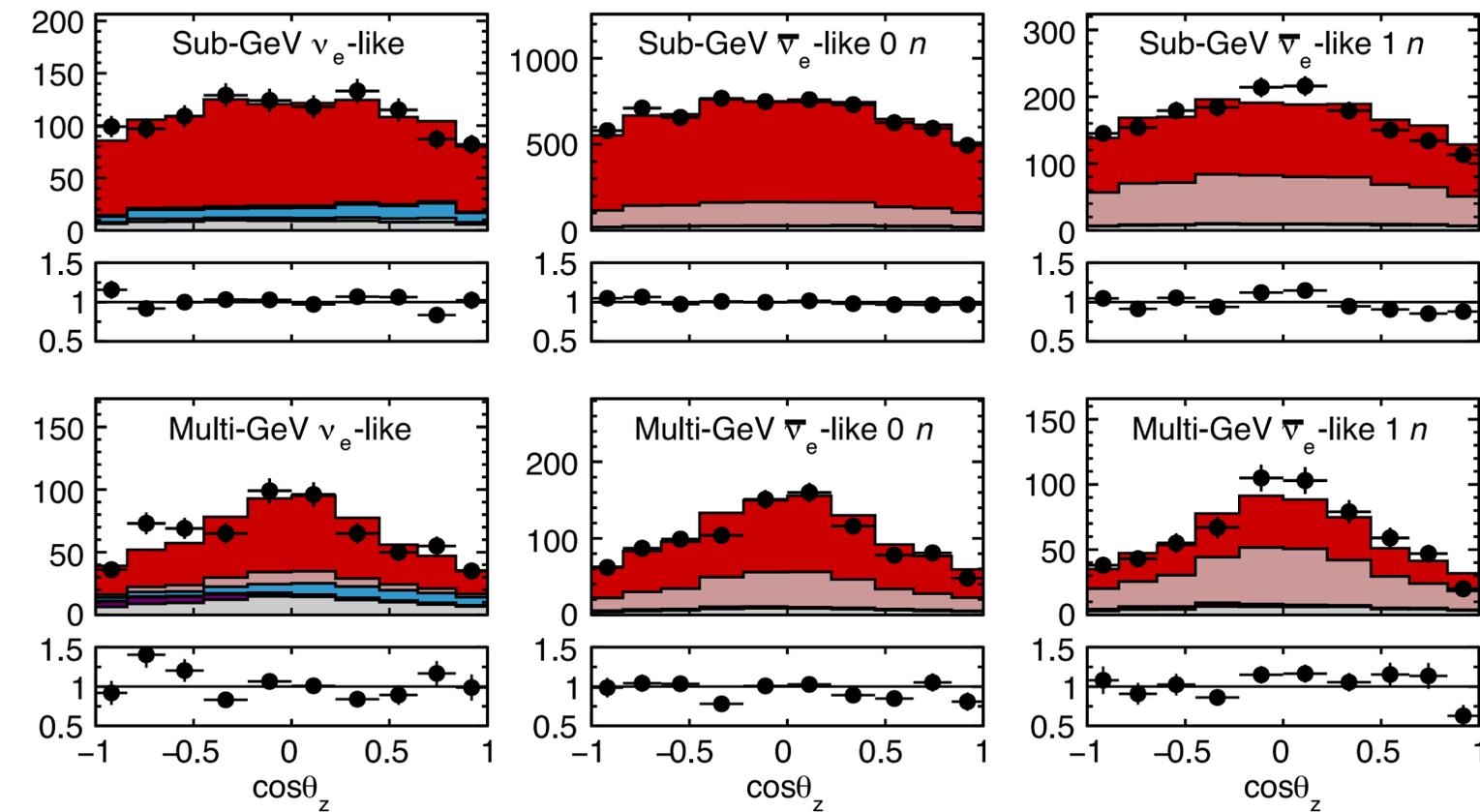
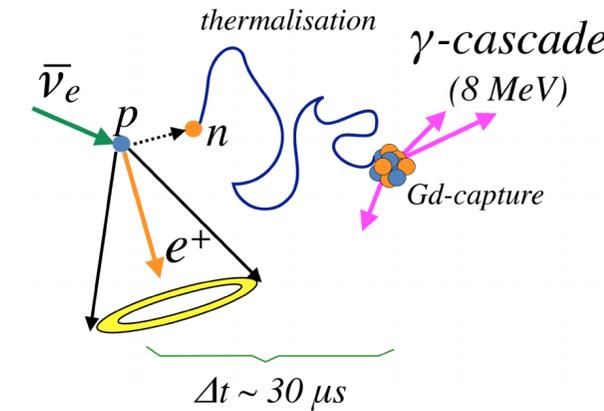
Hyper-K preliminary

True normal ordering, improved syst. ( $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  xsec. error 2.7%)

$\sin^2(\theta_{13})=0.0218$   $\sin^2(\theta_{23})=0.528$   $|\Delta m_{32}^2|=2.509 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/c^4$

Bian, et al. (Hyper-Kamiokande), arXiv:2203.02029

**Gadolinium (Gd)** in water helps SK tag neutrons and distinguish neutrinos from antineutrinos



Wester et al. (Super-Kamiokande), arXiv: 2311.05105

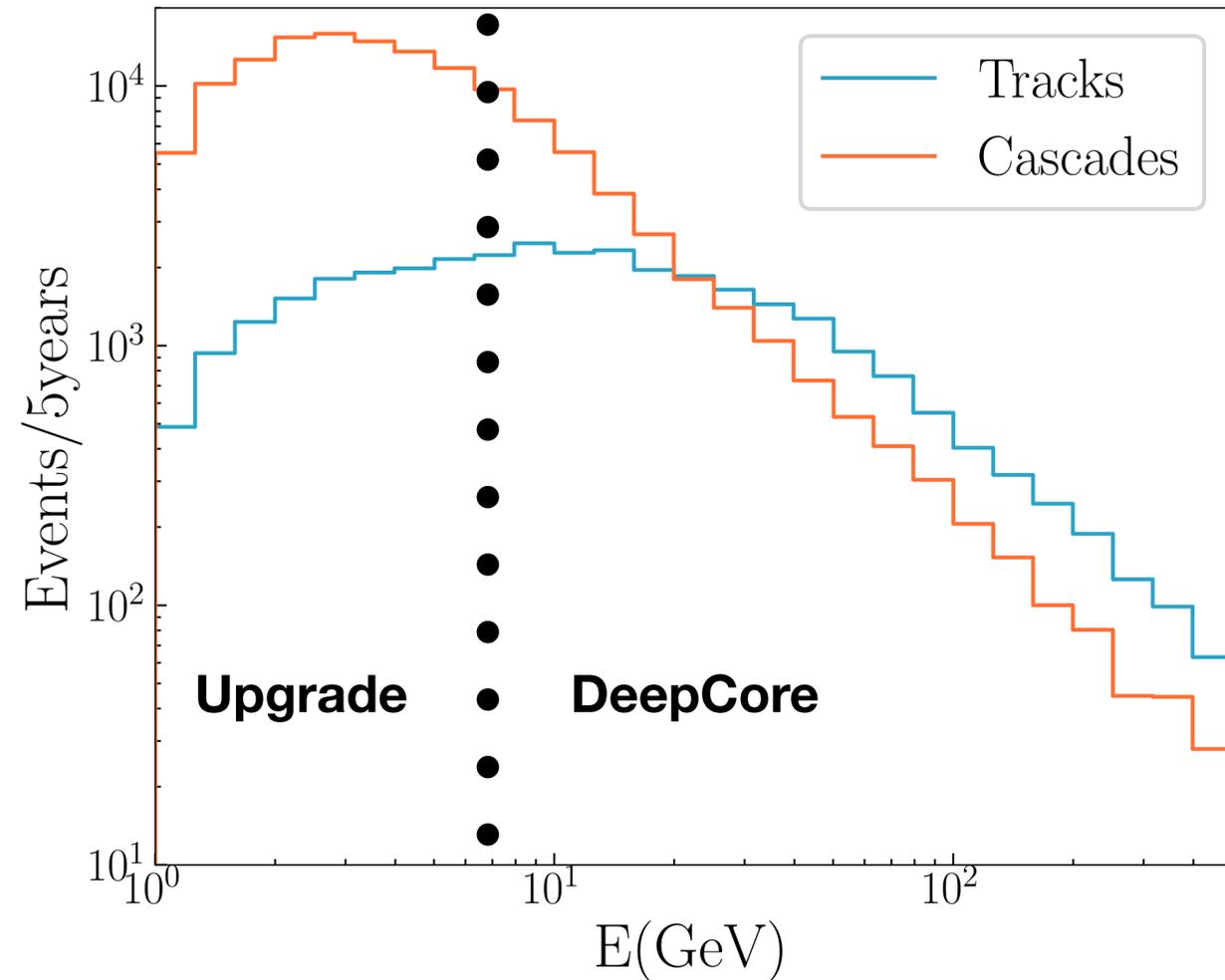
Beacom and Vagins, PRL 93 (2004)

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# Neutrino Telescopes

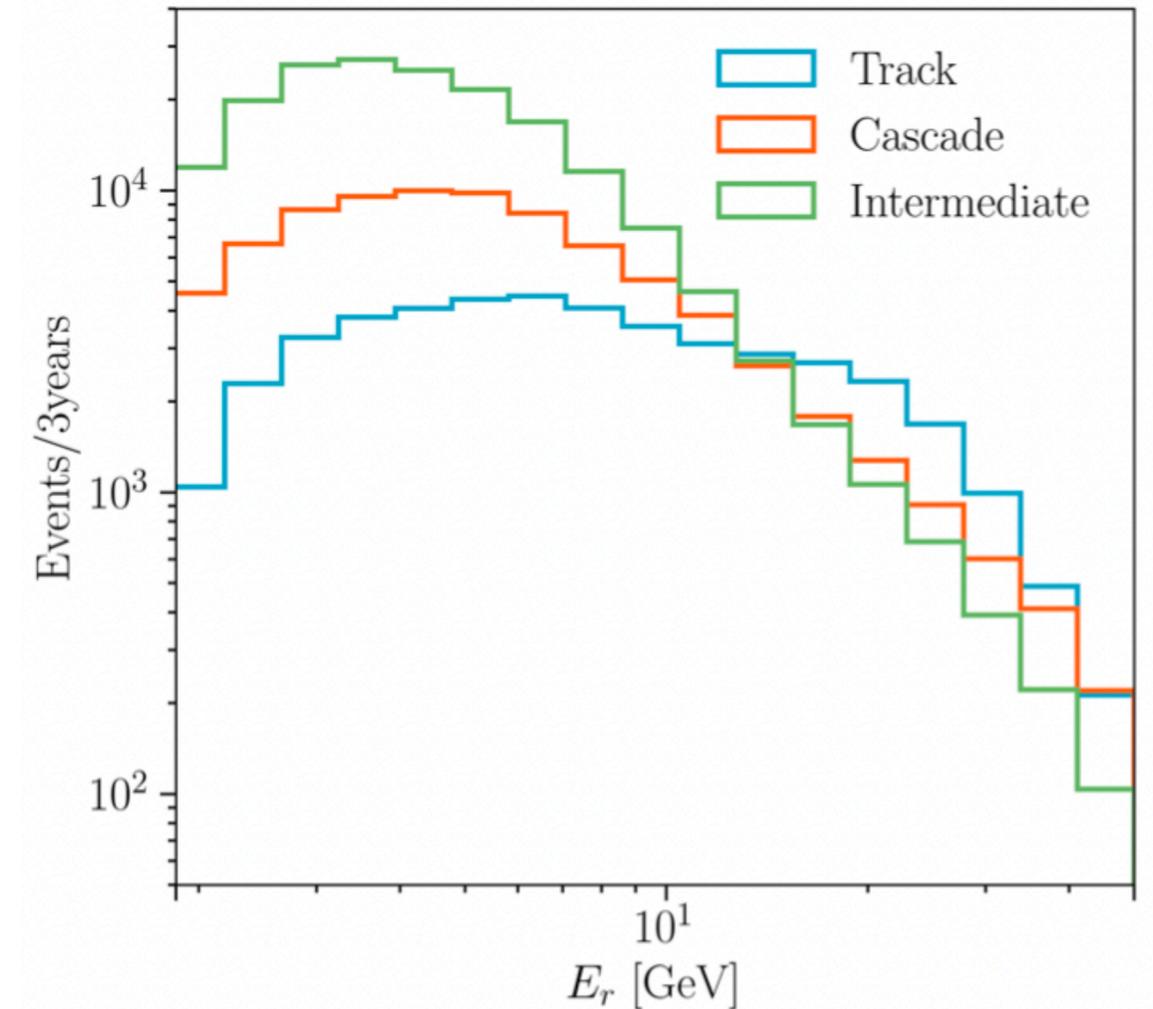
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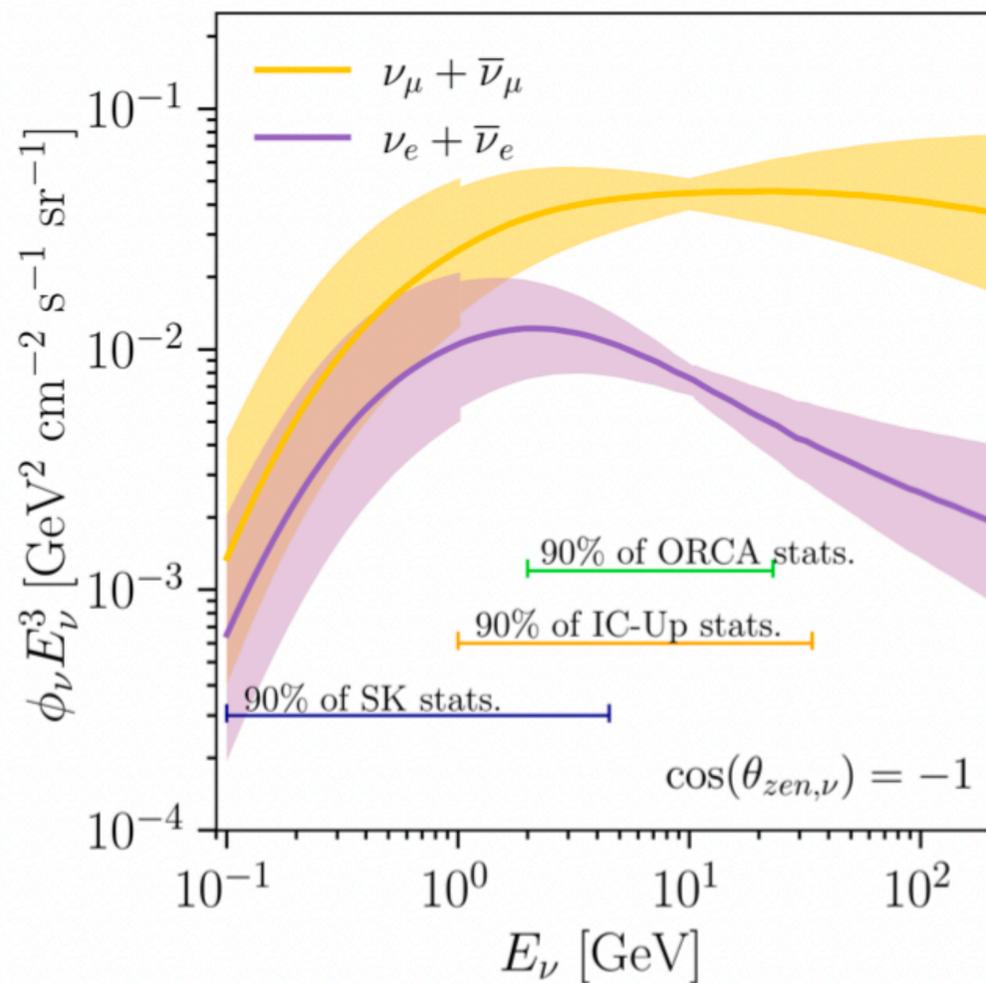
We developed an MC for ORCA based on energy and Zenit reconstruction provided by the collaboration

# Systematic uncertainties

The uncertainties on the atmospheric neutrino **flux** and the **cross-section** are common to all detectors.

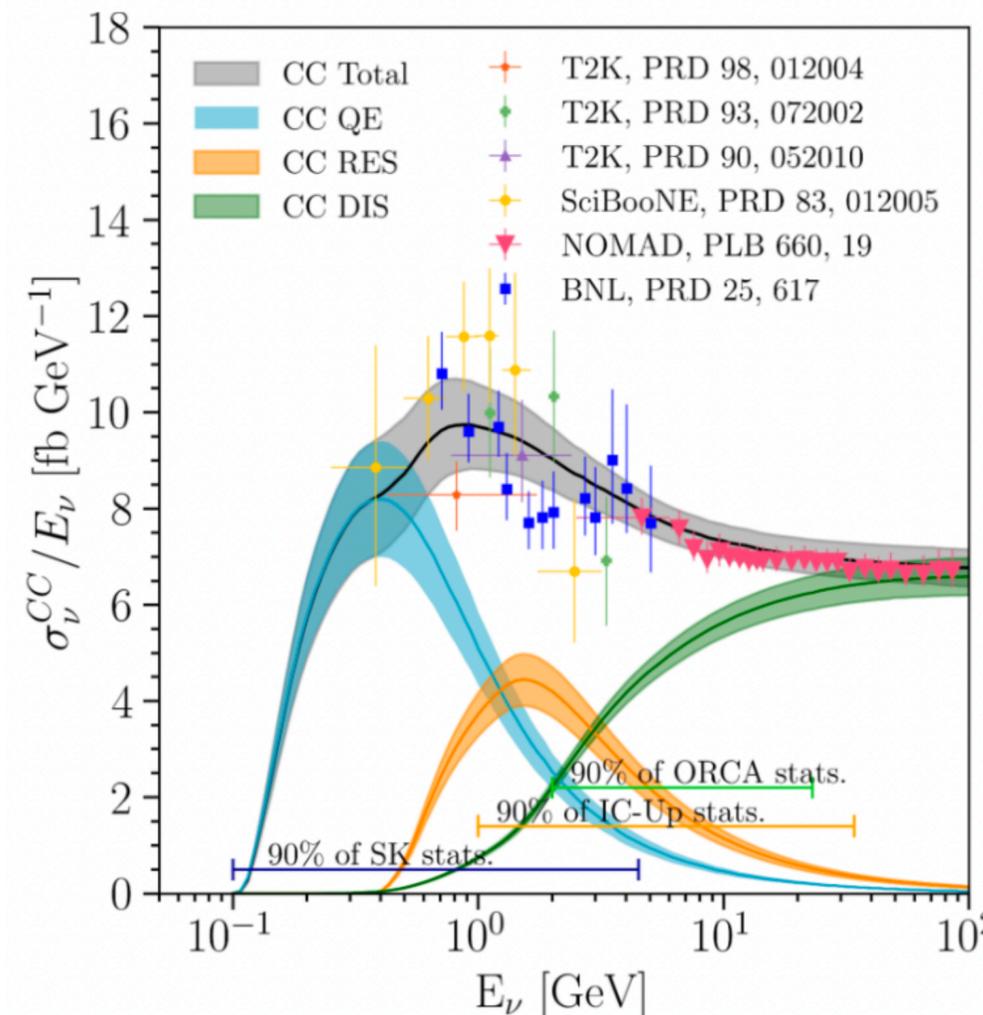
## Flux systematics

We account for the uncertainties over the normalization, energy dependence, up/down,  $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}/\nu$



## Cross-section systematics

Different types of interactions affect the atmospheric neutrino interaction due to the large energy range covered

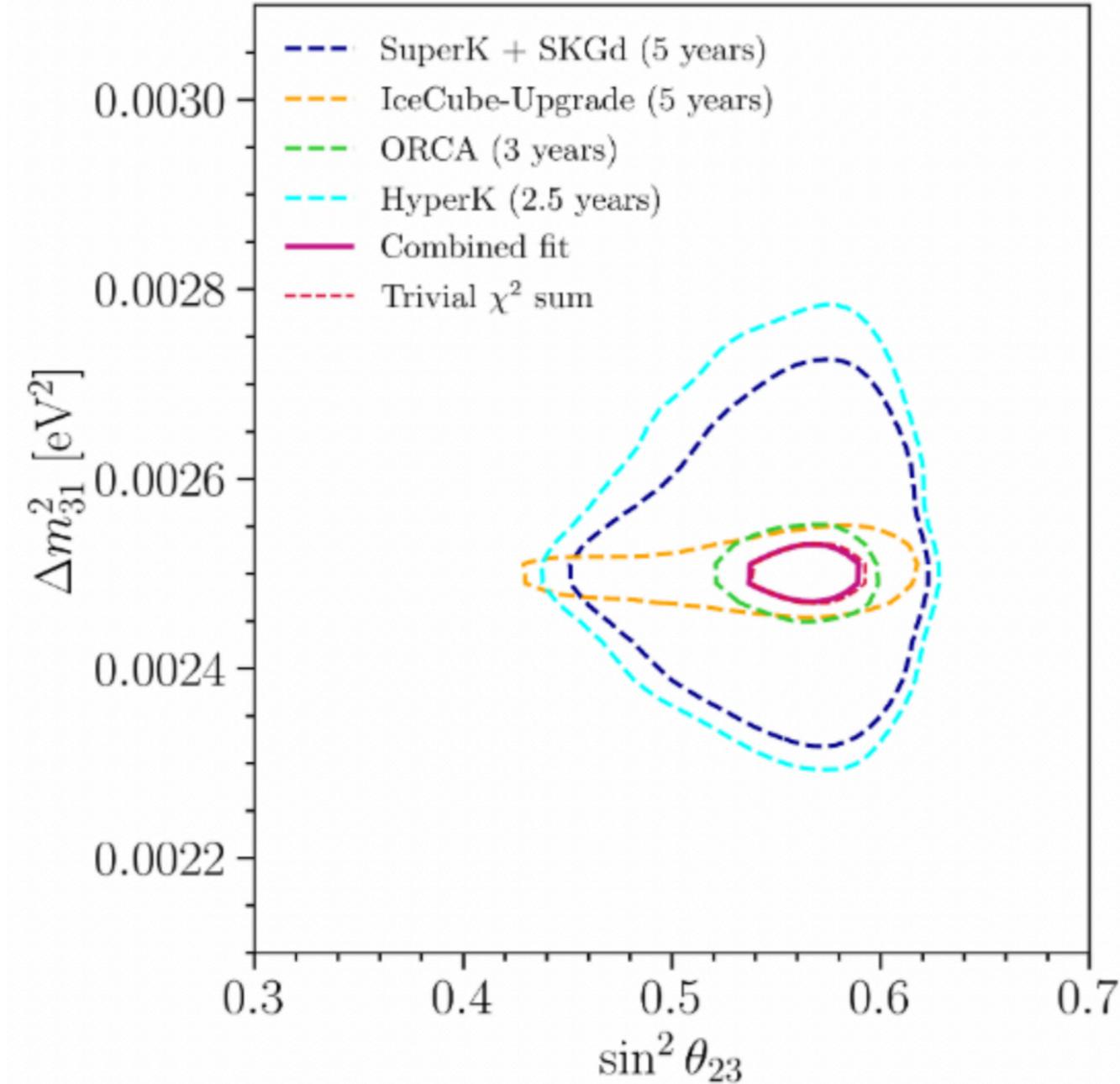
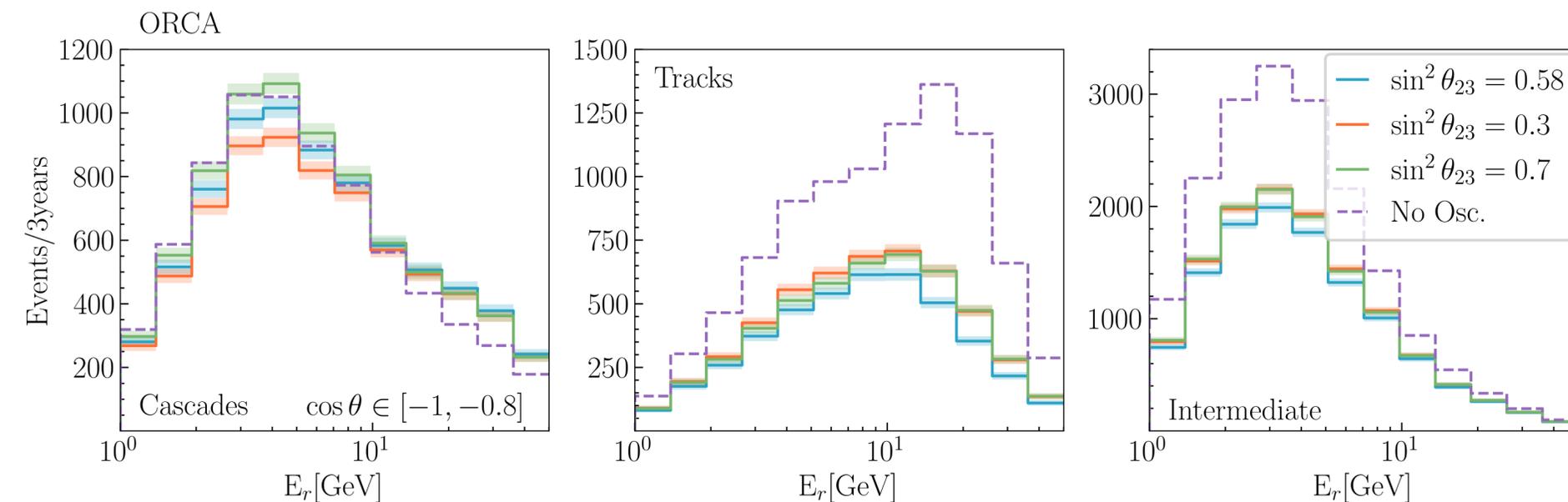


Systematic	Uncer./Prior
CCQE	10%
CCQE $\nu/\bar{\nu}$	10%
CCQE $e/\mu$	10%
CC1 $\pi$	10%
CC1 $\pi \pi^0/\pi^\pm$	40%
CC1 $\pi \nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$	10%
CC1 $\pi \nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$	10%
Coh. $\pi$	100%
Axial Mass	10%
NC hadron	5%
NC over CC	10%
$\nu_\tau$	25%
Neutron prod.	15%
DIS	10%

# Combined analysis: $\theta_{23}$ and $\Delta m_{31}^2$

Making a **combined analysis** of **SK, HK, IceCube-upgrade** and **ORCA** we have estimated the sensitivity to  $\delta_{cp}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  and the **mass ordering**

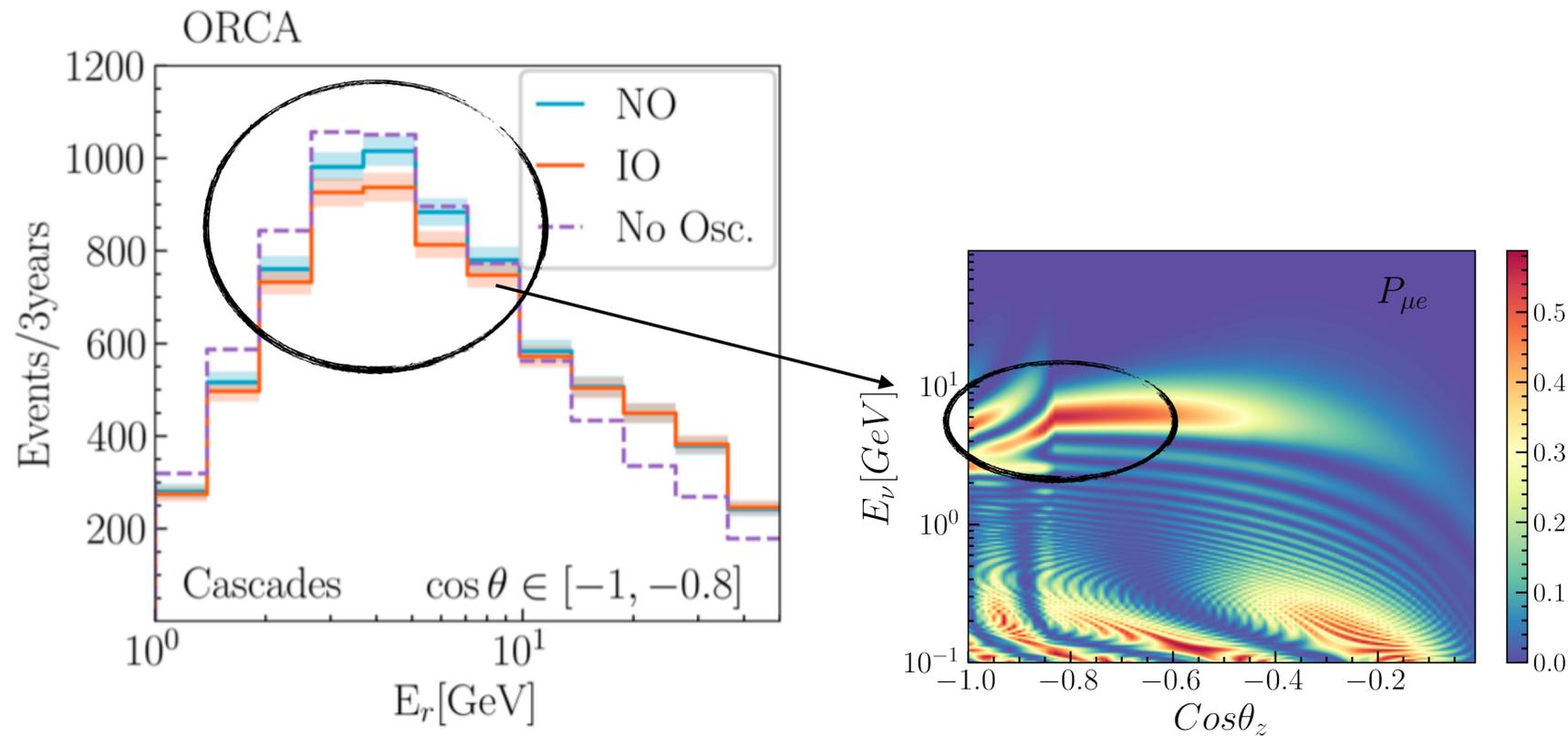
$\sim 10\text{GeV}$  neutrino reconstruction improves  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  precision



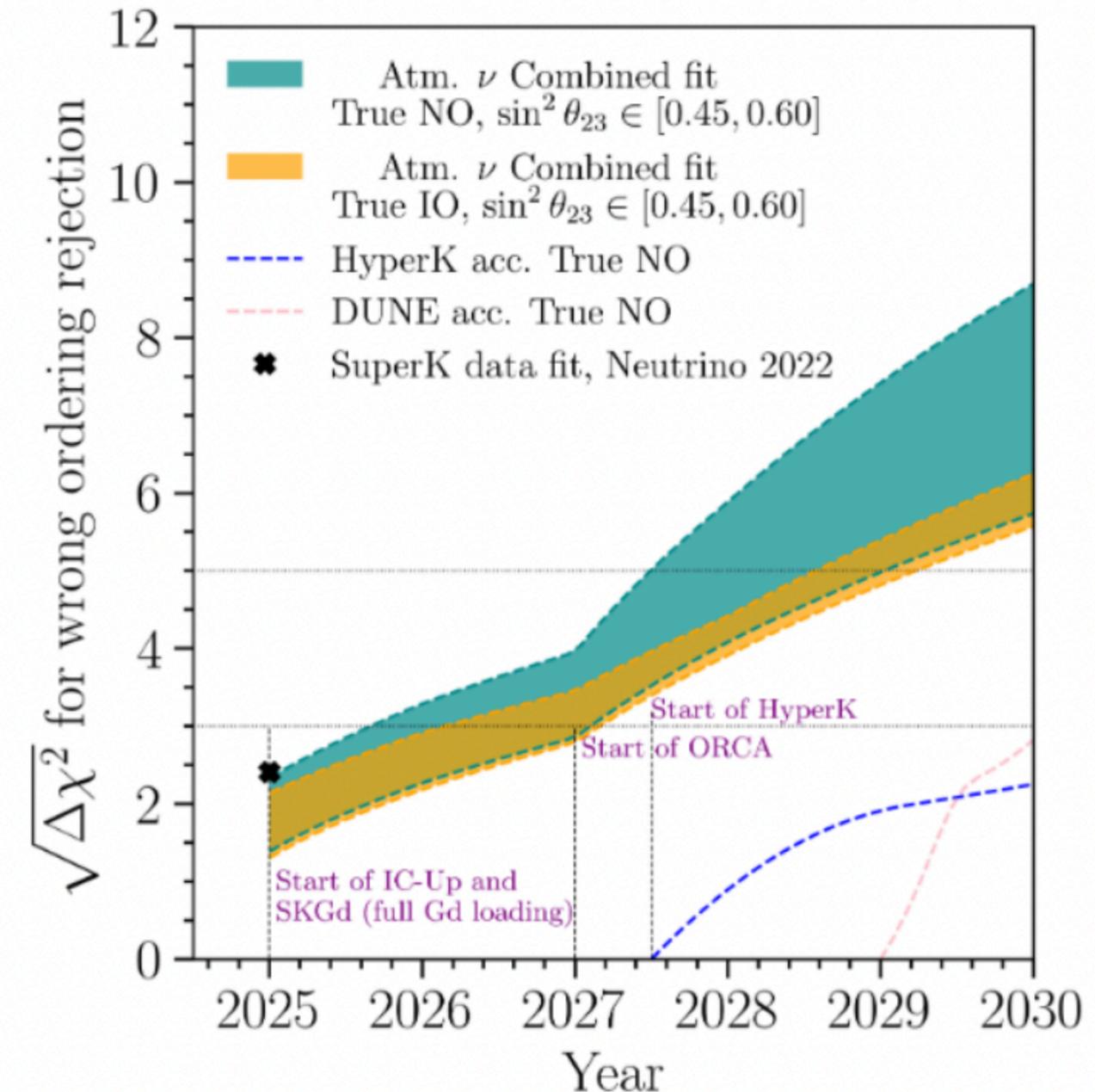
Argüelles, Fernandez, IMS and Jin, PRX 13 (2023)

# Combined analysis: mass ordering

The **sensitivity** to the ordering is dominated by the cascades crossing the core in IC-upgrade and ORCA around the GeV.



Very localized effect, requires good energy and angular resolution.

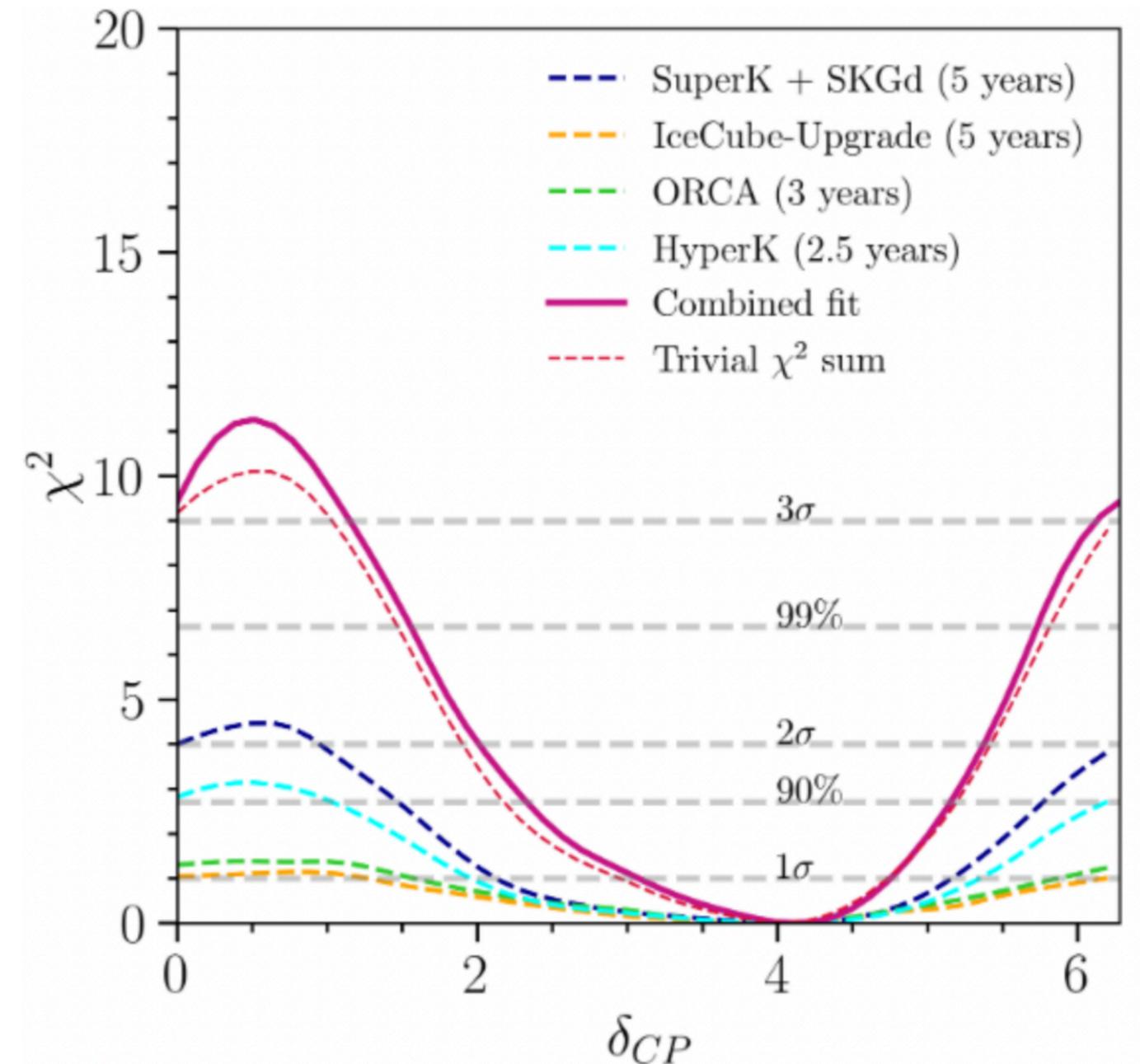
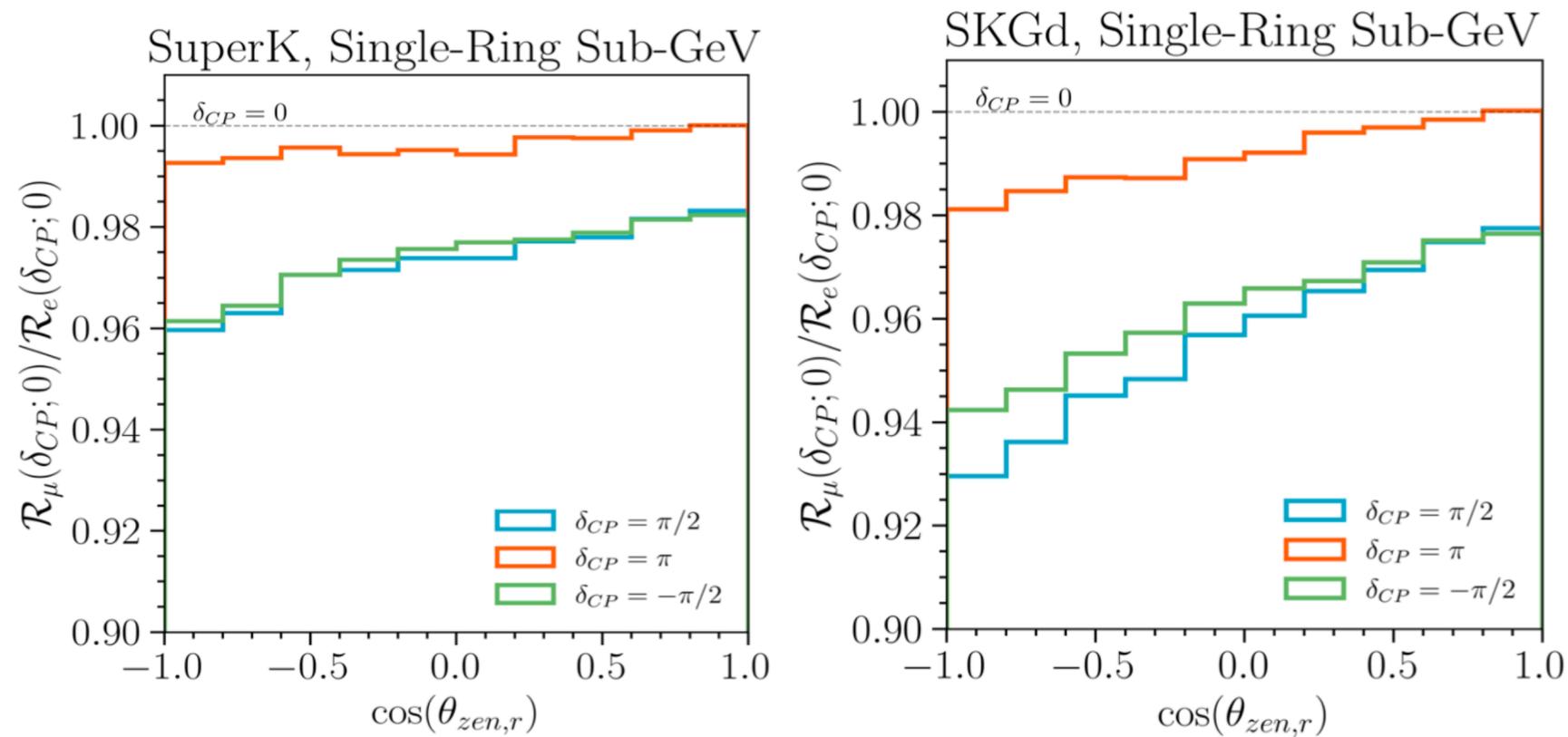


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# Combined analysis: $\delta_{cp}$

The sensitivity to  $\delta_{cp}$  is dominated by **Super-Kamiokande**

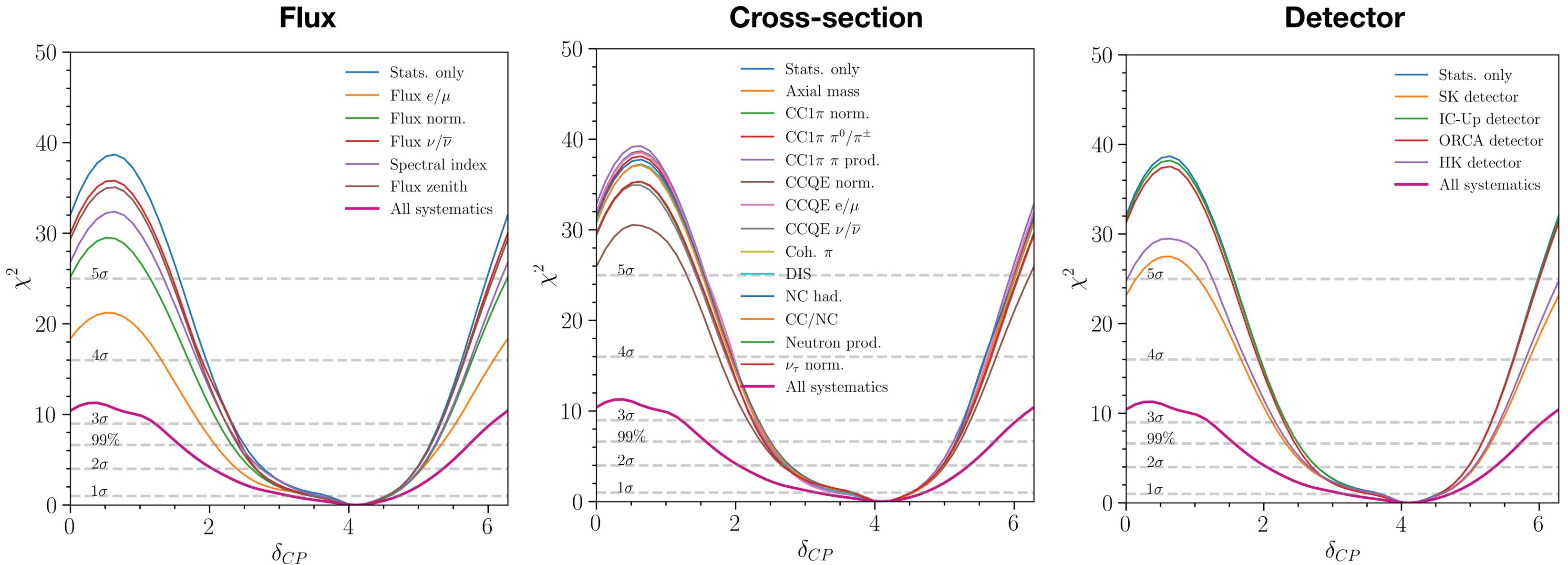
- The samples that dominate the sensitivity are the e-like and  $\mu$ -like with no neutron tagged



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# Systematic impact

A **detailed analysis** of all the systematics is performed. The uncertainties related to the **flux** have a larger impact on  $\delta_{CP}$



# Boosting the Sentivity with Inelasticity

The **mass ordering** and the **CP-phase** predict a **different oscillations** between **neutrinos** and **antineutrinos**.

- $\nu_\mu$  - CC interaction the energy is devided between tracks and cascades.

- Neutrinos and antineutrinos divide their energy differently between the leptonic and the hadronic part differently

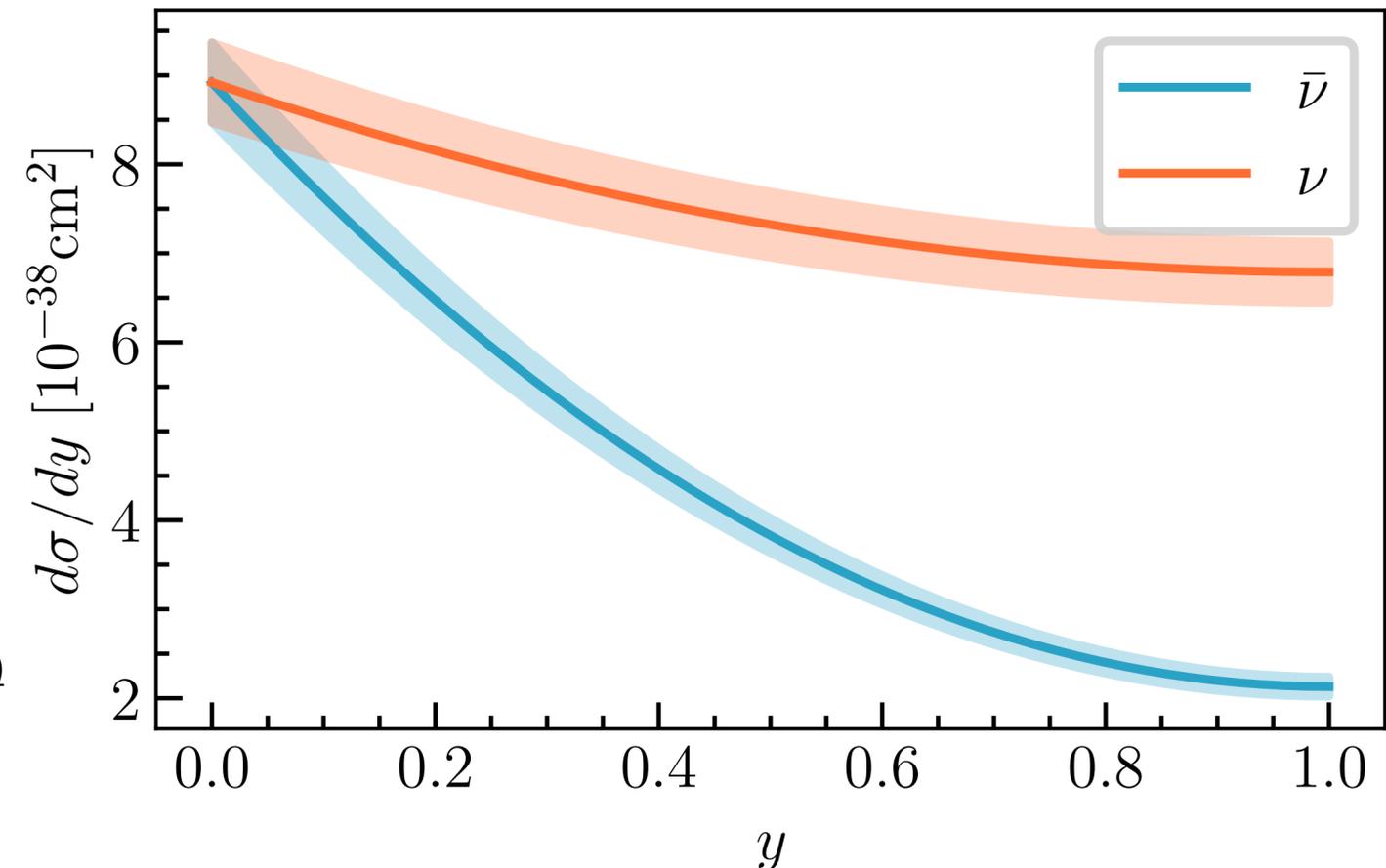
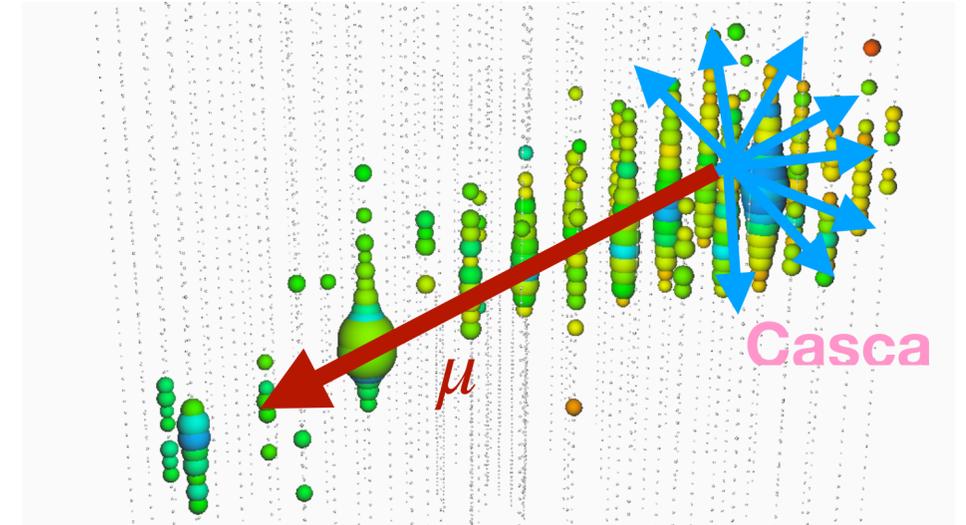
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\bar{\nu}}^{CC}}{dydx} = \frac{G_F^2 x S}{2\pi} \left( Q^{(-)}(x) + \bar{Q}(x) \times (1 - y)^2 \right)$$

Q(x): Parton Distribution functions

$$y = \frac{E^{casc}}{E_\nu}$$

Ribordy and Smirnov, PRD, 87 (2013)

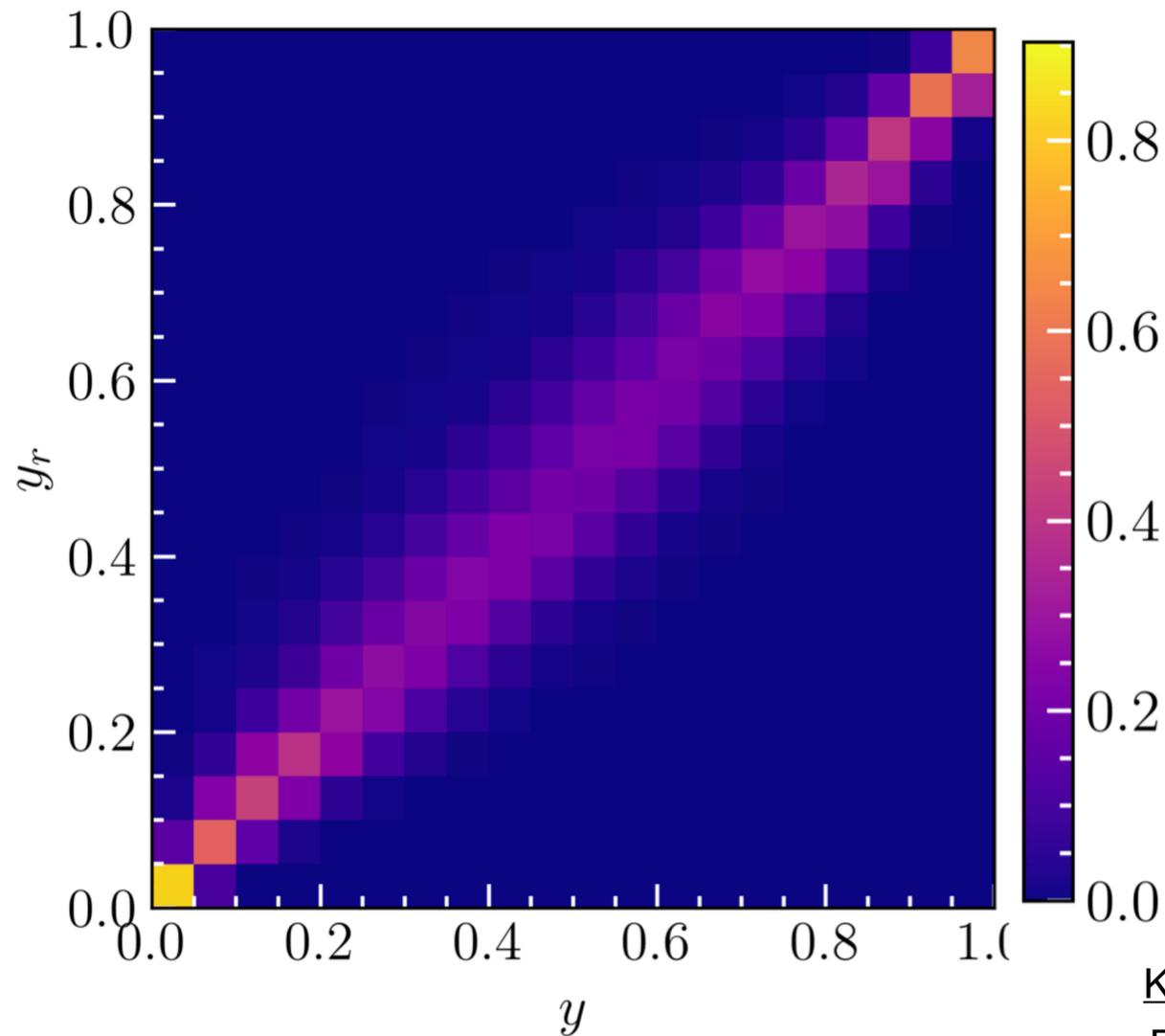
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# Boosting the Sentivity with Inelasticity

The reconstructed inelasticity is based on the reconstructed energies of the track and the cascade.

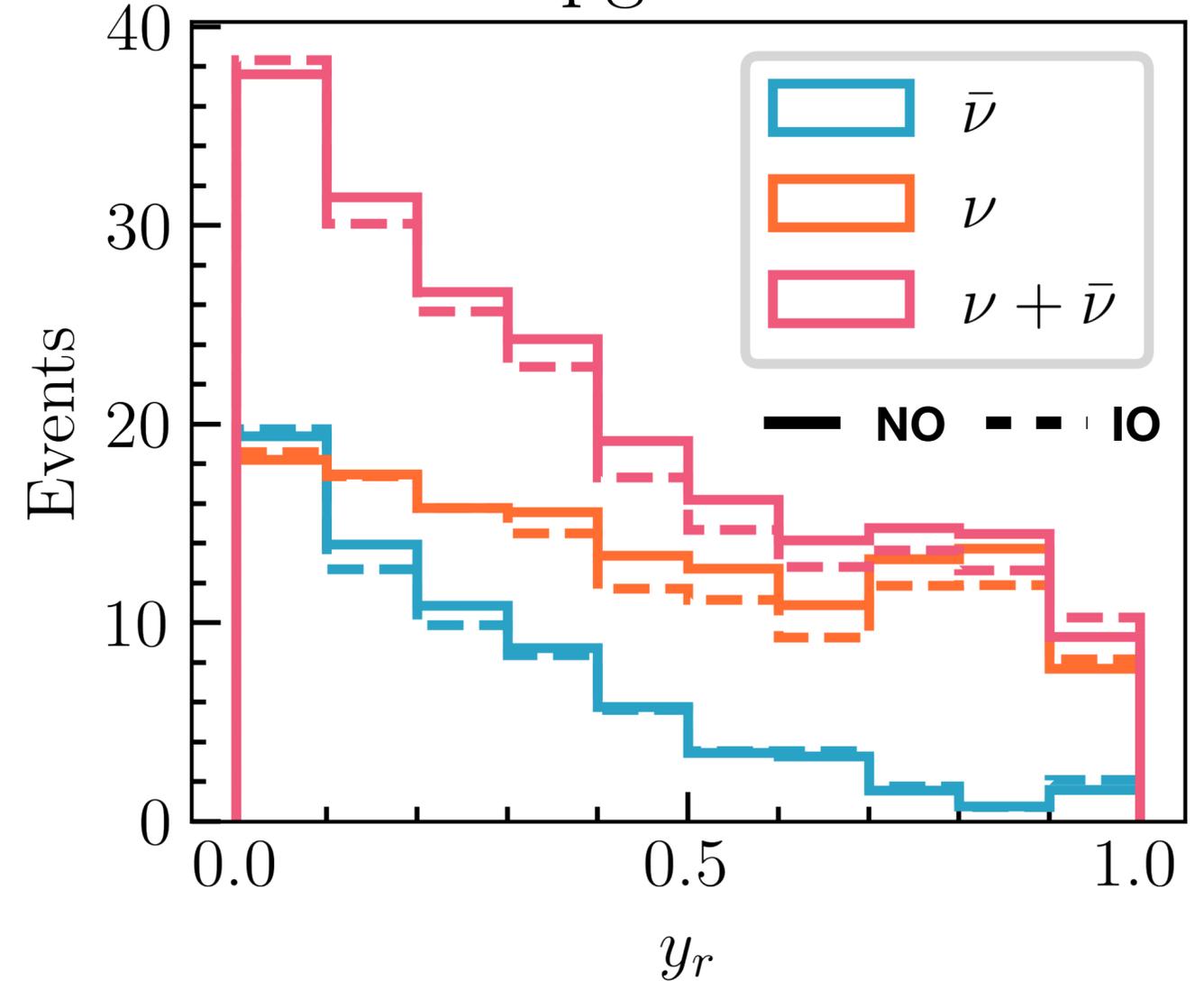
Reconstructed inelasticity



$$y_r = \frac{E_r^{casc}}{E_r^{casc} + E_r^{track}}$$

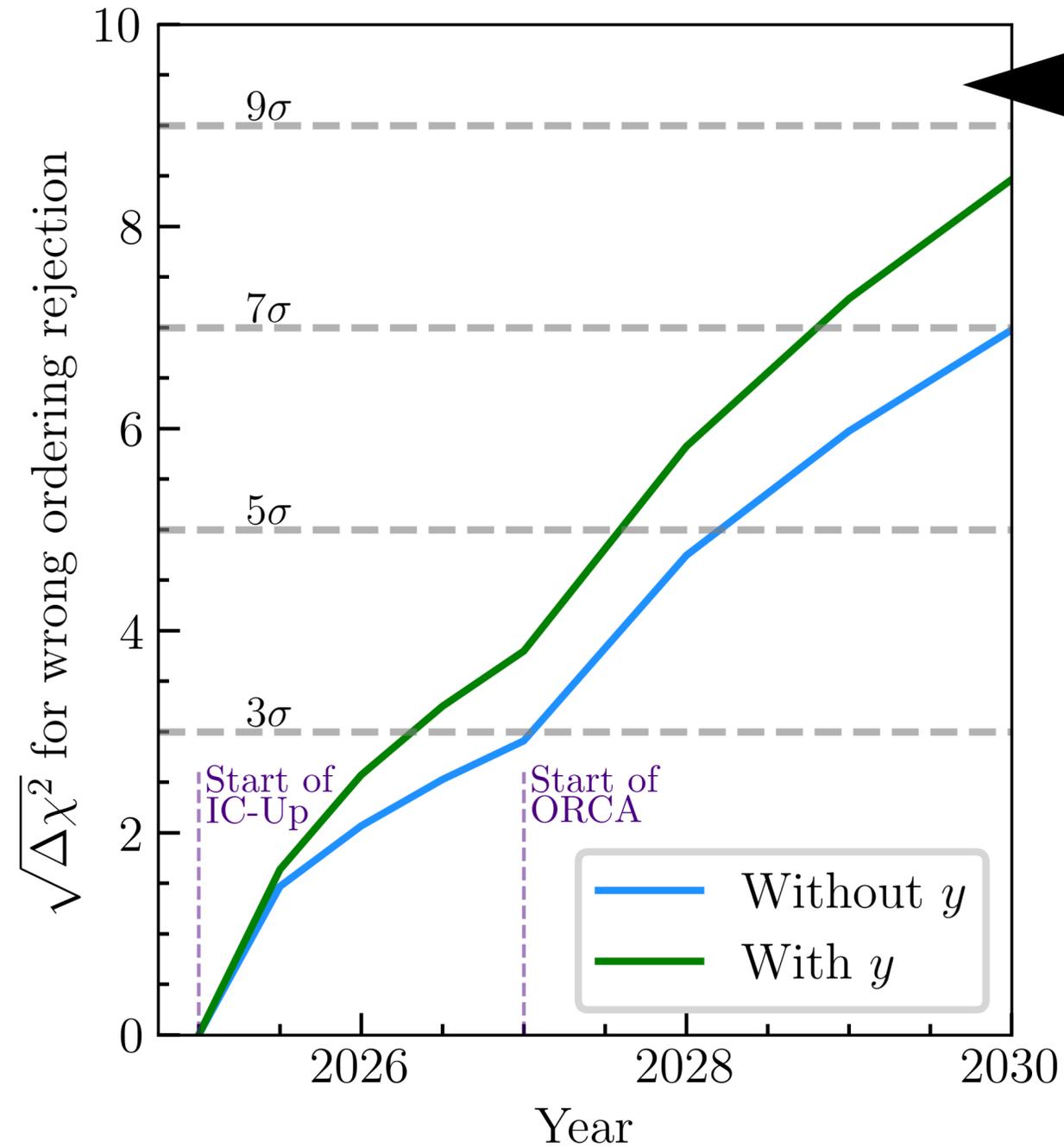
Kronmueller et al. (IceCube), ICRC2019  
Peterson et al. (IceCube), PoS ICRC2023

IceCube Upgrade

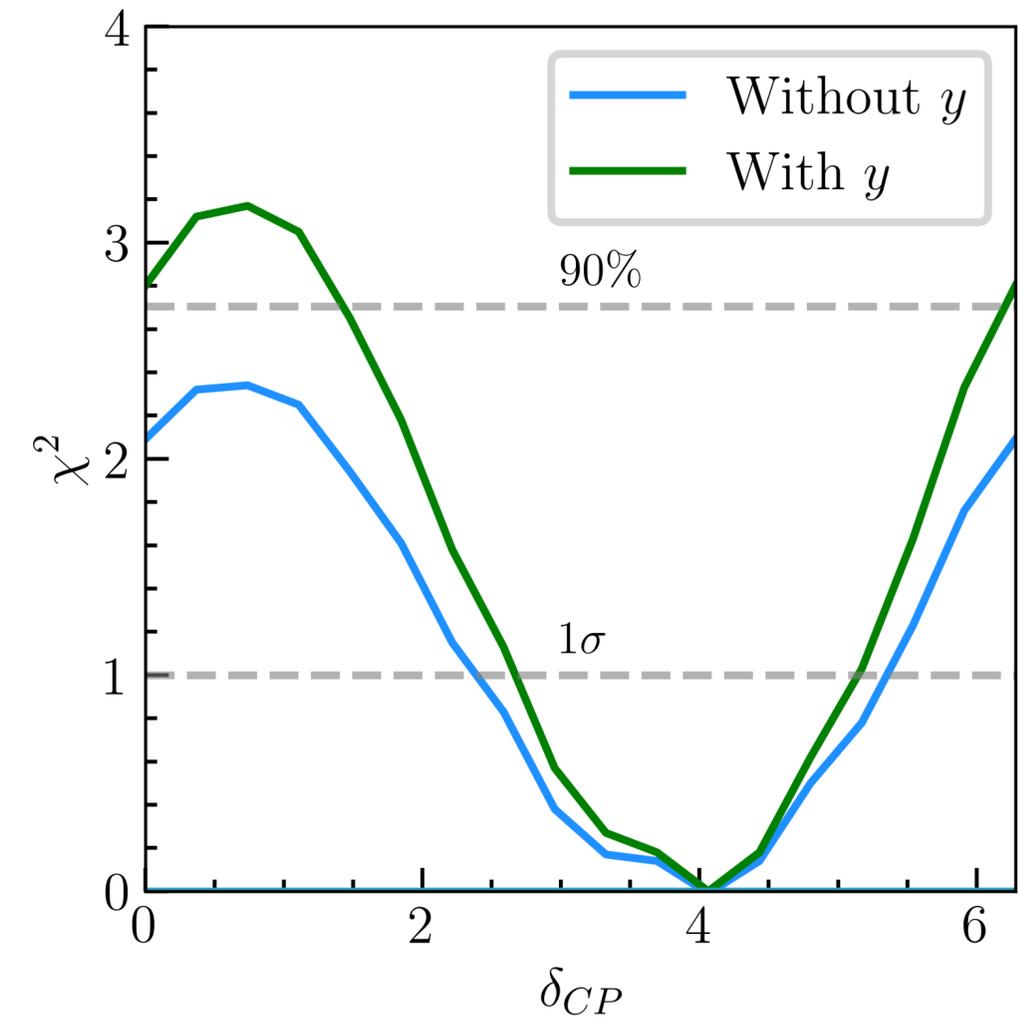


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# Boosting the Sensitivity with Inelasticity



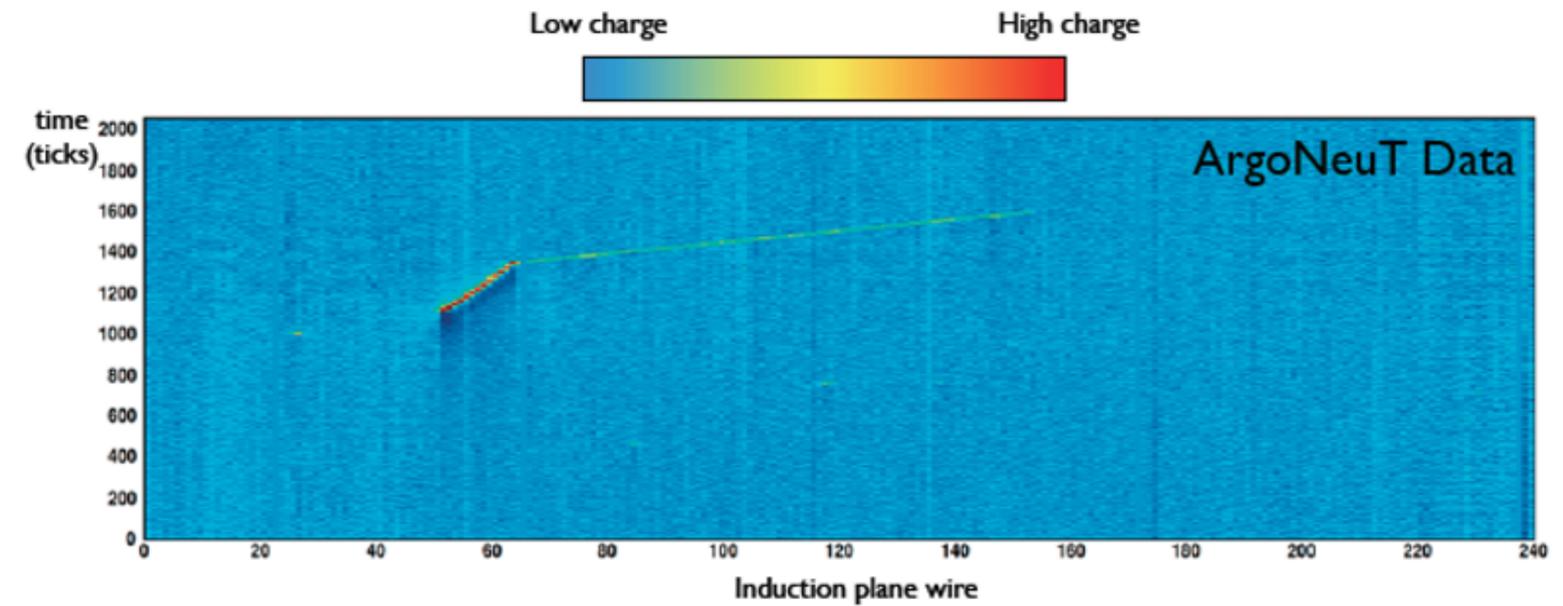
- The **inelasticity** allows for a **50% increase** in sensitivity to the **mass ordering**, reaching  $8.4\sigma$  in 5 years.
- In the case of  $\delta_{CP}$ , the sensitivity increases by 15%



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Fernández, **IMS**, PRD 110 (2024)

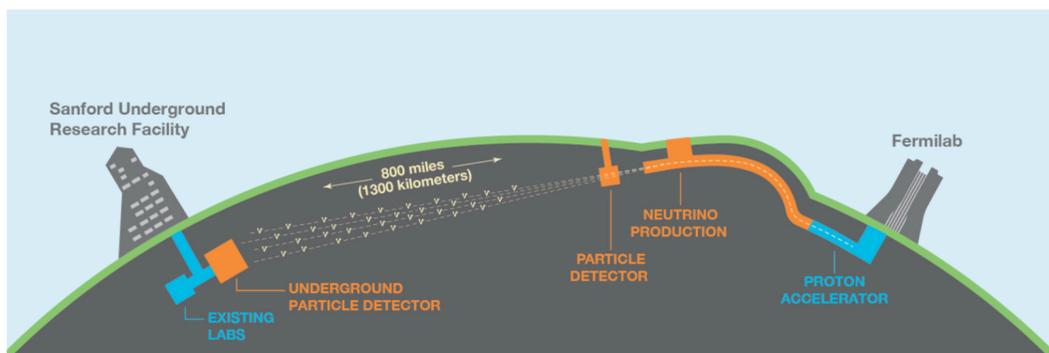
# LArTPCs

- Excellent capabilities to **identify charged particles**.
- Precise measurement of the **energy and the direction** of low-energy charged particles

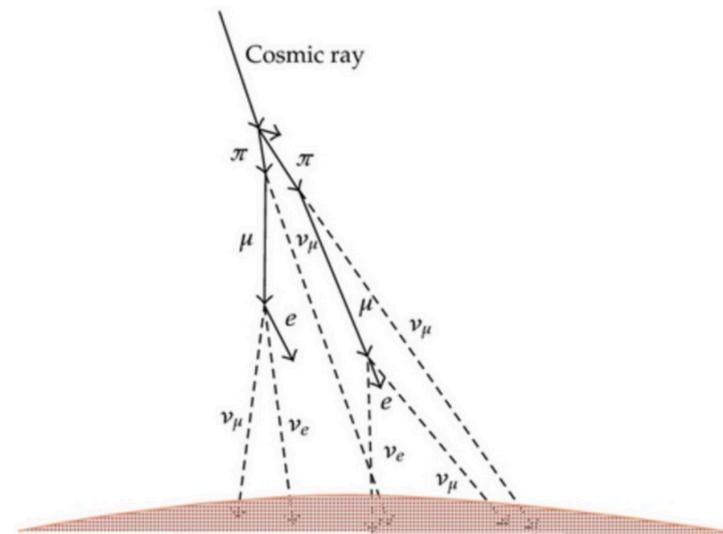


Anderson et al. (ArgoNeuT), JINST 7 (2012)

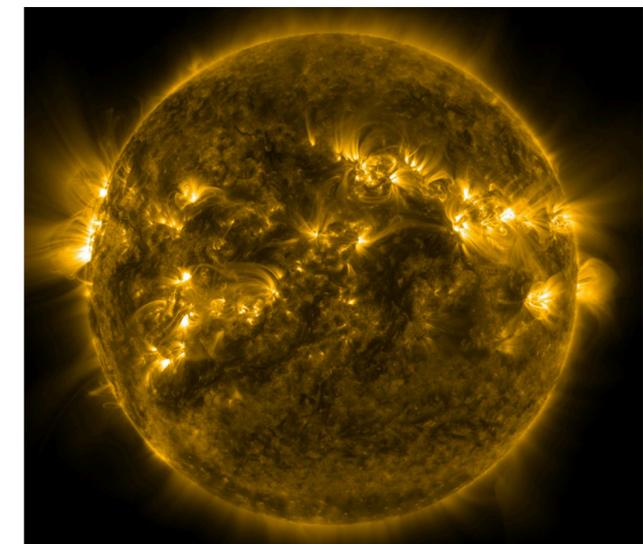
## Accelerator



## Atmospheric

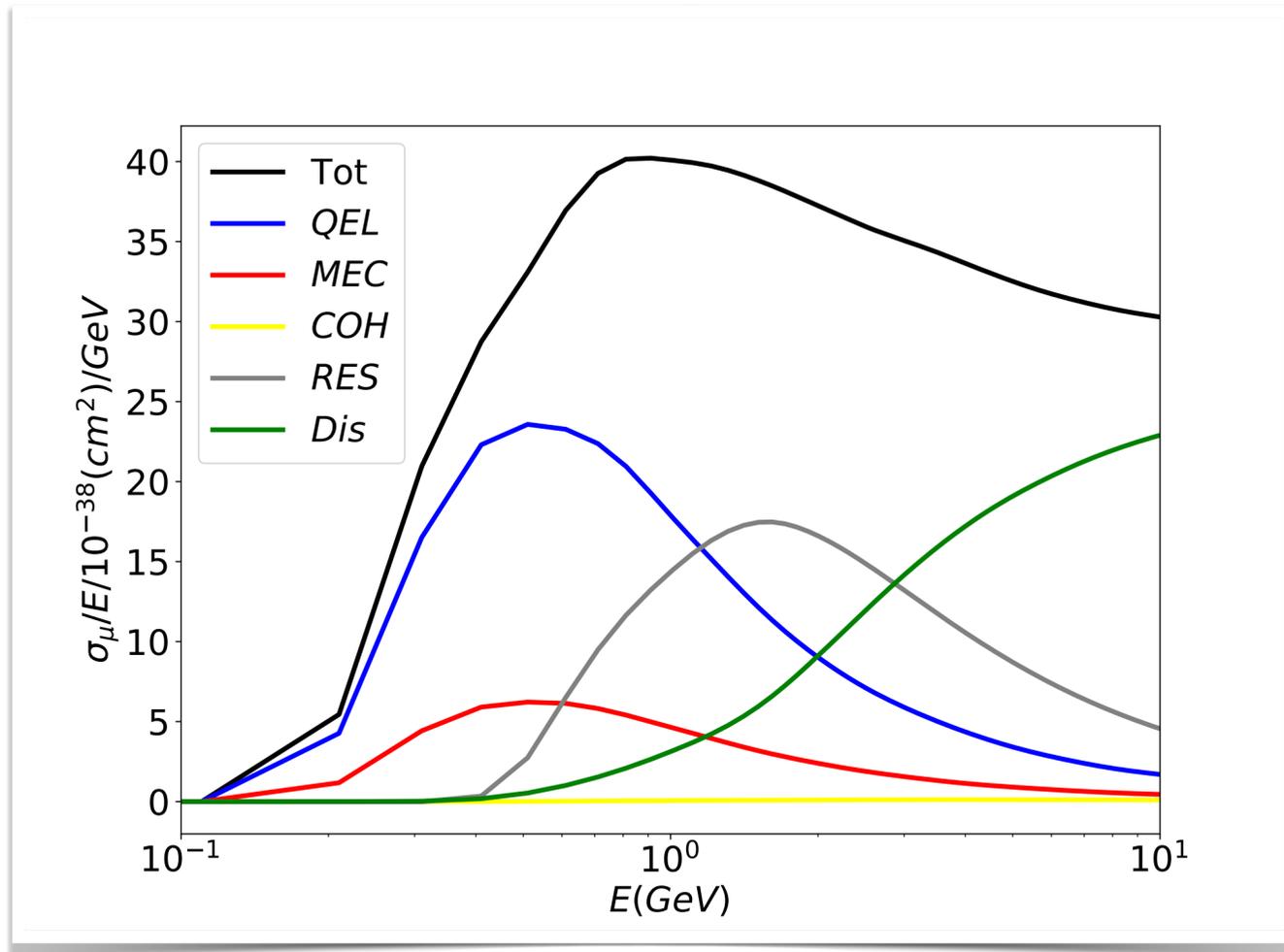


## Solar



# LArTPCs

We simulate neutrino scattering on Argon using **NuWro** event generator.



**Events topologies** based on **visible protons** allows **statistical separation** of neutrinos and antineutrinos

$\bar{\nu}$  dominated  $\rightarrow$   
 $\nu$  dominated  $\rightarrow$

Np	Events/400 kton year
CC-0p0 $\pi$	~7000
CC-1p0 $\pi$	~12000
CC-2p0 $\pi$	~500
CC-0p1 $\pi$	~200

Kelly, Machado, IMS, Parke, Perez-Gonzalez, *PRL* 123 (2019)

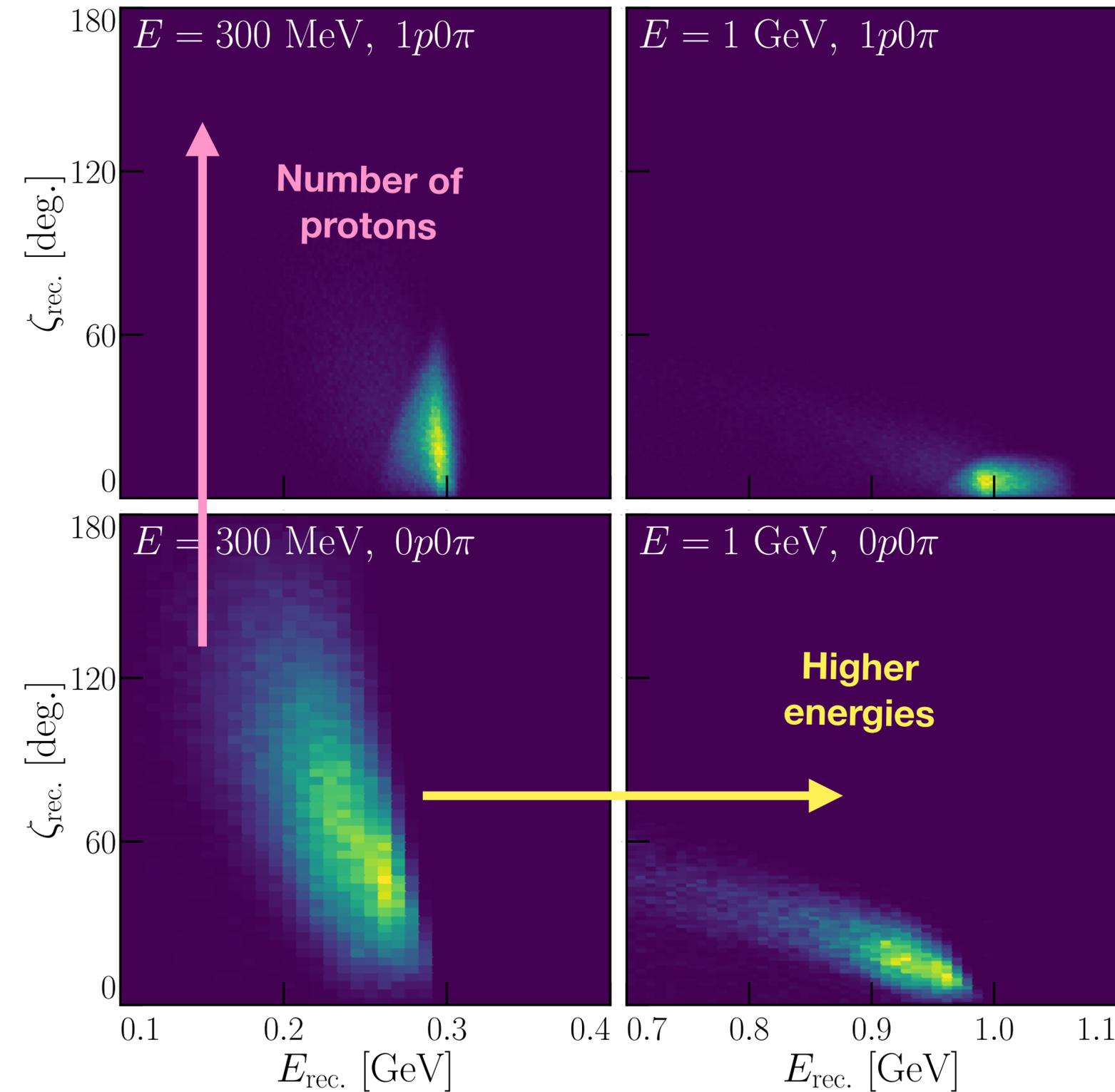
# LArTPCs

**Calorimetric** reconstruction provides good results for GeV neutrinos with visible protons

$$E_{\nu}^{\text{cal}} = E_{\ell} + \sum_i^{\text{mesons}} E_i + \sum_i^{\text{baryons}} K_i$$

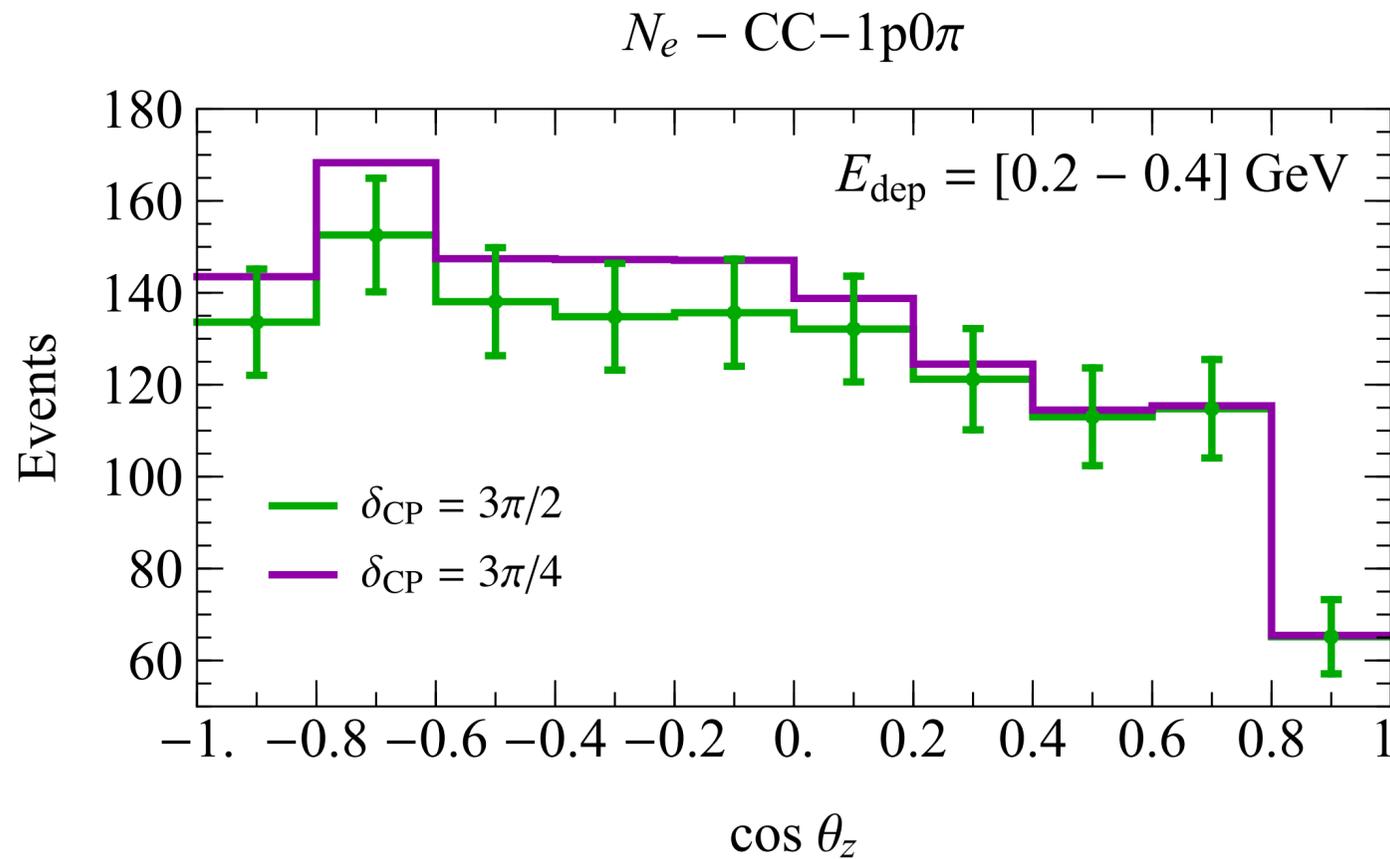
	K.E.	Ang.	E
<b>P</b>	30MeV	10	10%
$\pi$	30MeV	10	10%
$\Lambda$	30MeV	10	10%
$\mu^{\pm}$	5MeV	2	5%
<b>e</b>	10MeV	2	5%

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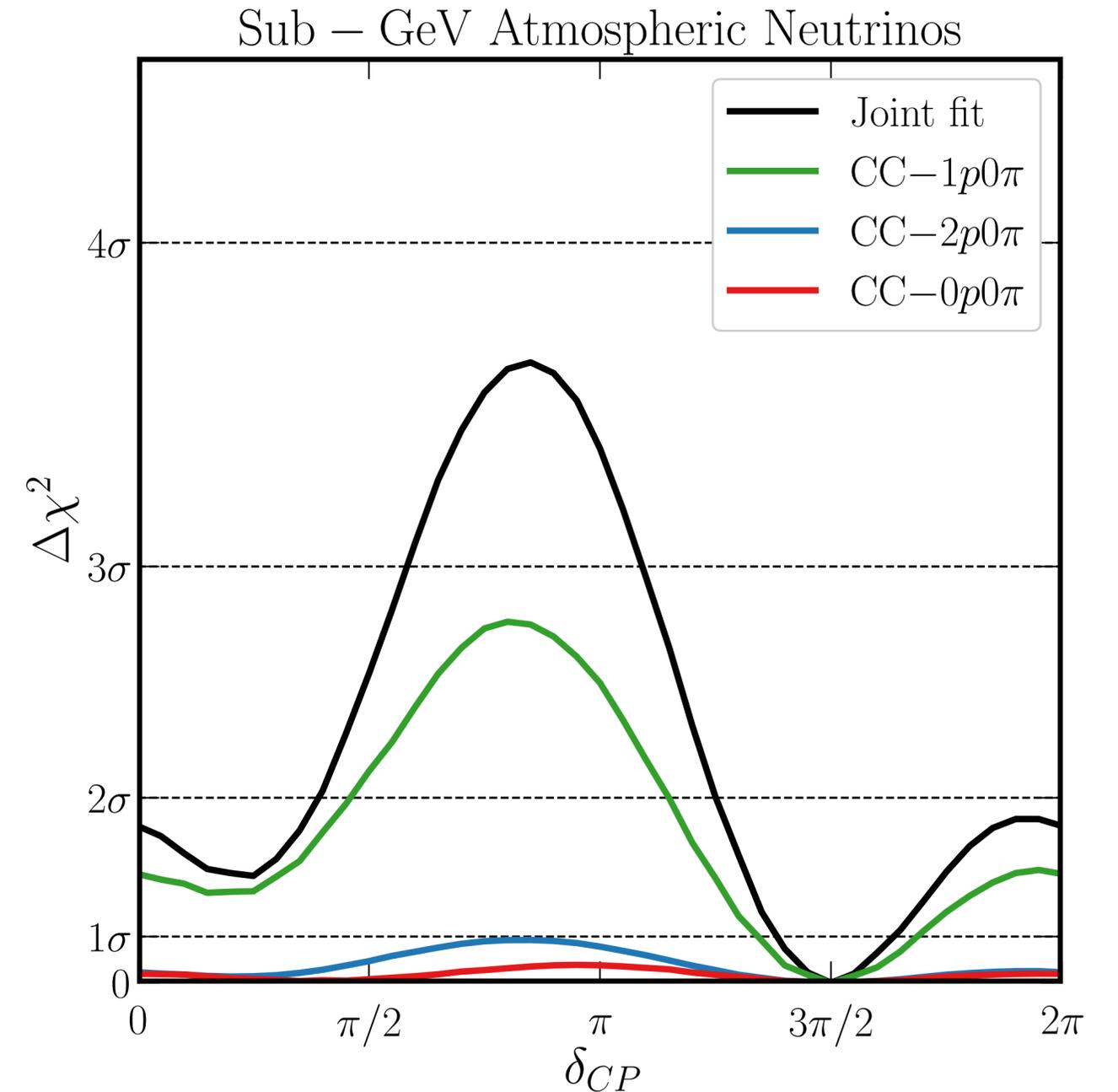
# LArTPCs

$\delta_{cp}$  causes a **significant deviation** in DUNE's expected **sub-GeV events**.



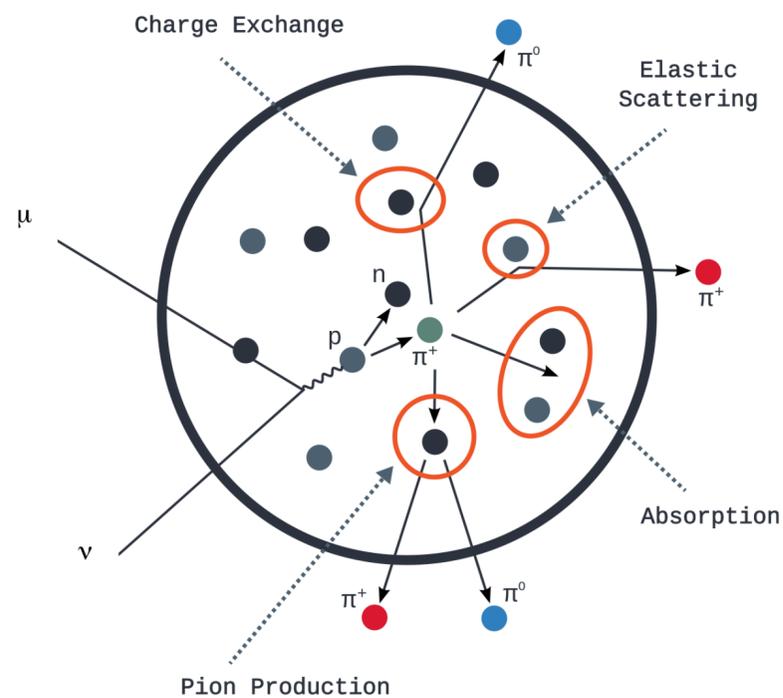
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**DUNE** can exclude ranges of  $\delta_{cp}$  with more than **3 $\sigma$  confidence**



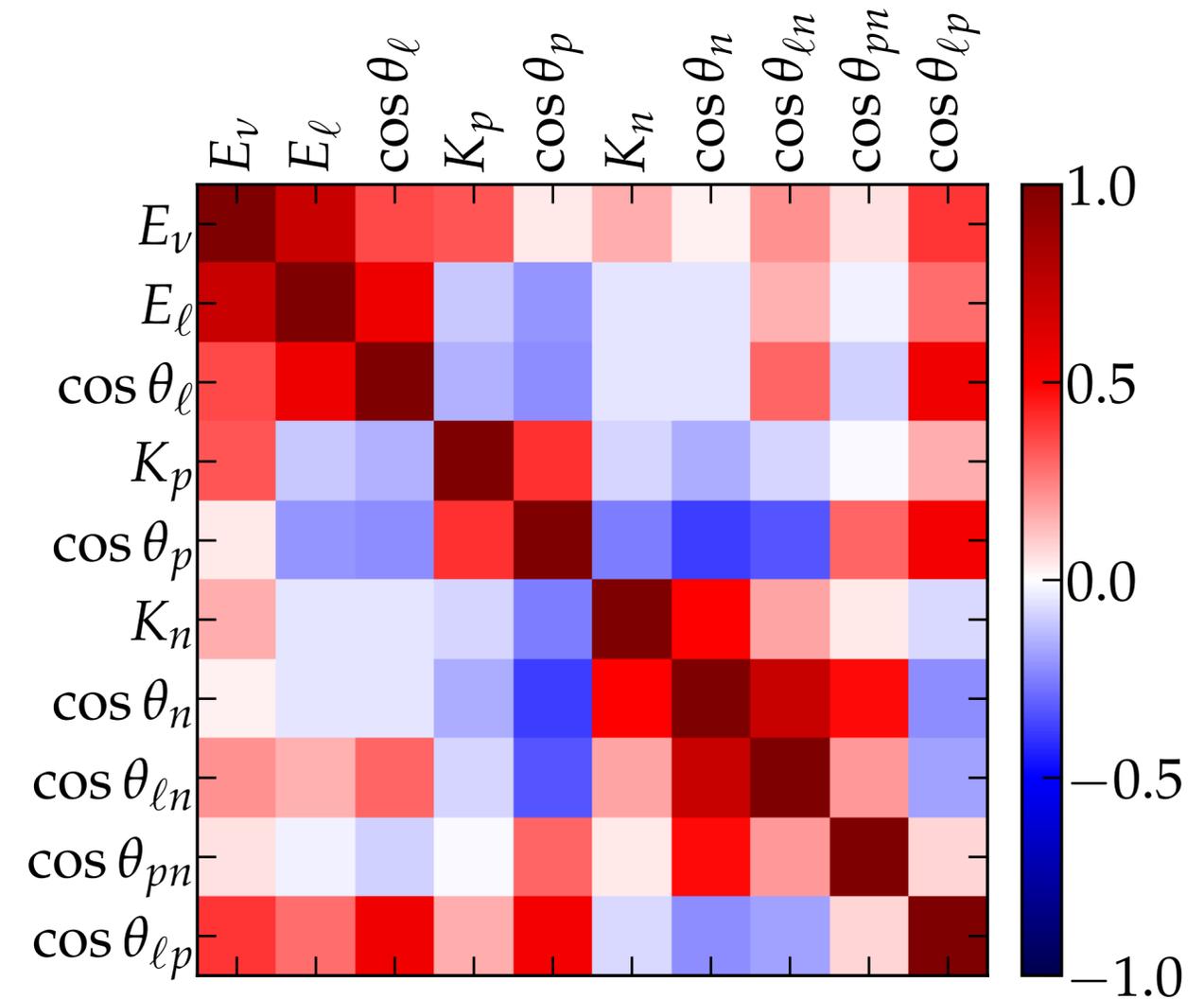
# LArTPCs-DNN

Understanding how **incoming neutrinos correlate** with **final states** enhances neutrino reconstruction.



Alvarez-Ruso et al. (NuSTEC), Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 100 (2018)

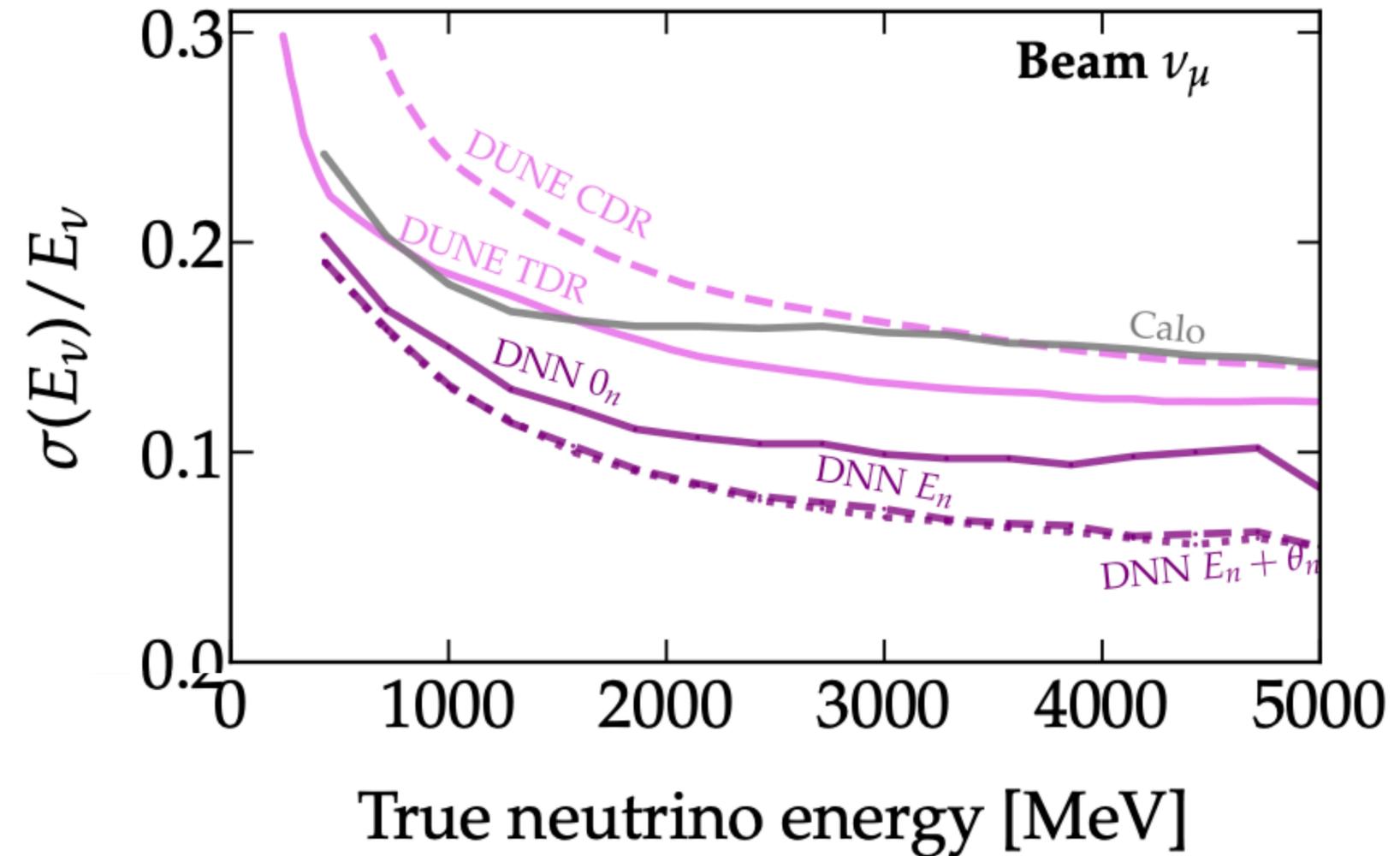
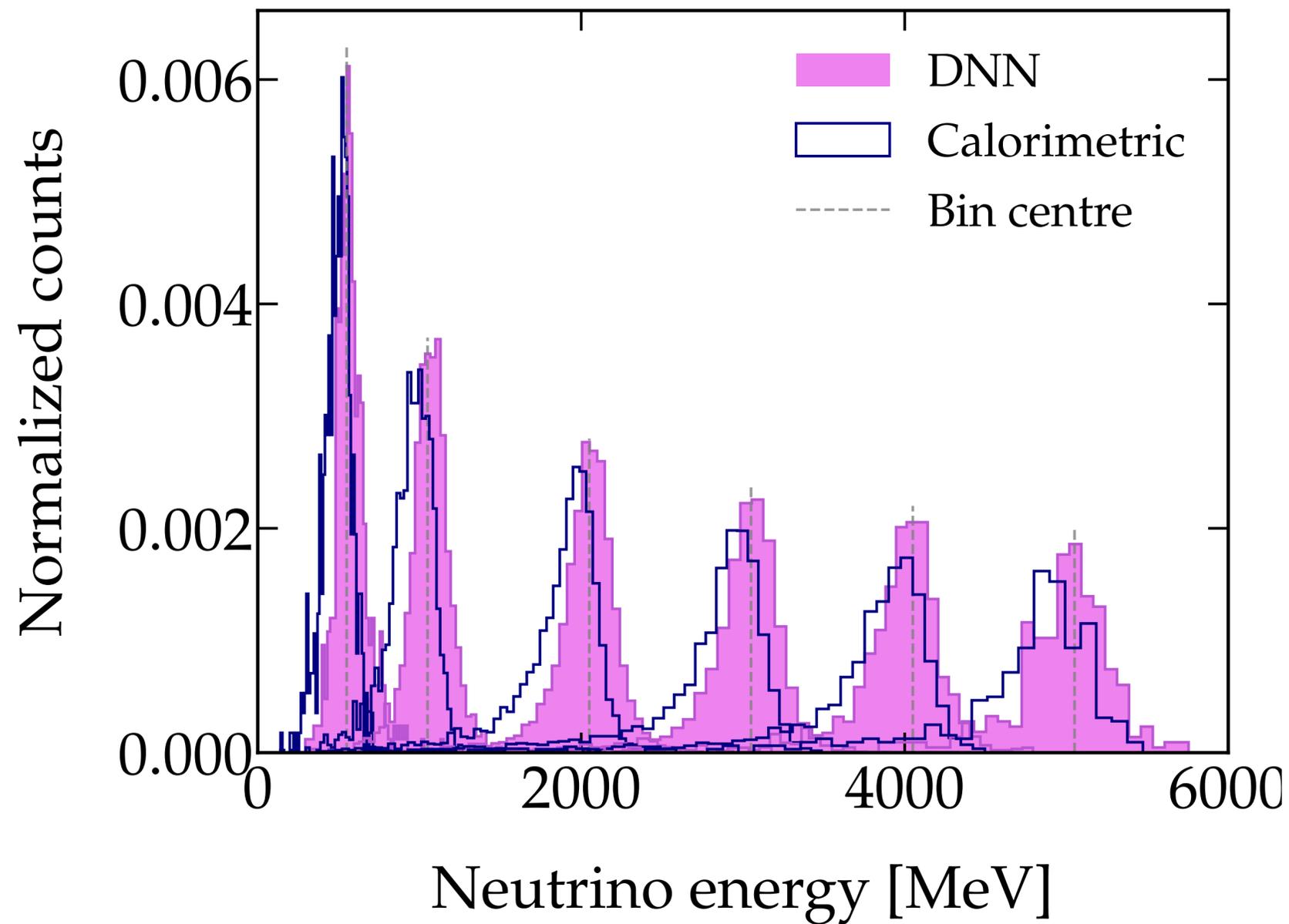
**Complex correlation** between the neutrino and the final state kinematics



Kopp, Machado, MacMahon, IMS, arXiv: 2405.15867

# LArTPCs-DNN

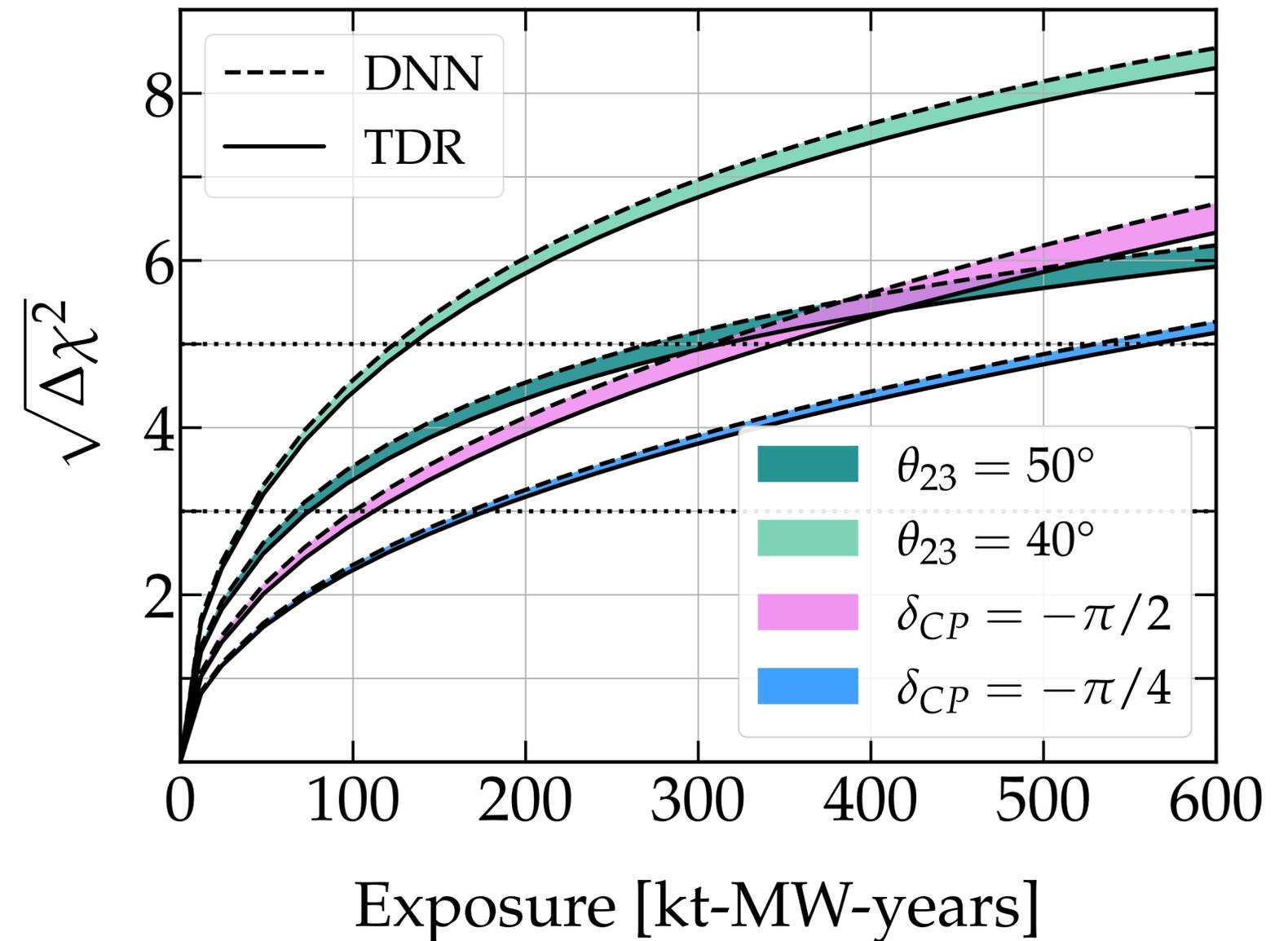
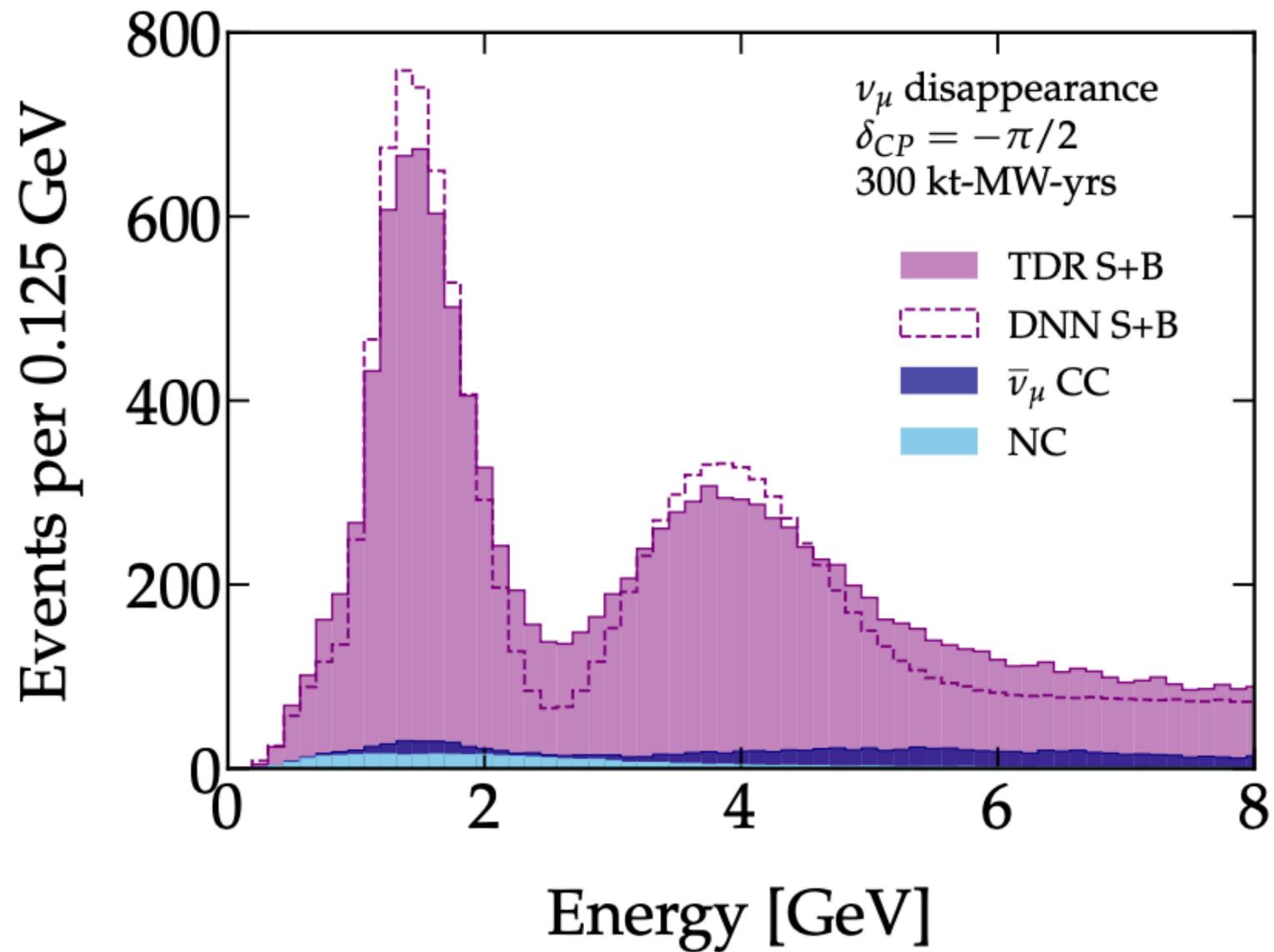
DNN improves the neutrino energy resolution at all the energies



Kopp, Machado, MacMahon, IMS, [arXiv: 2405.15867](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.15867)

# LArTPCs-DNN

The improvement obtained by DNN leads to an increase in sensitivity to the oscillation parameters.

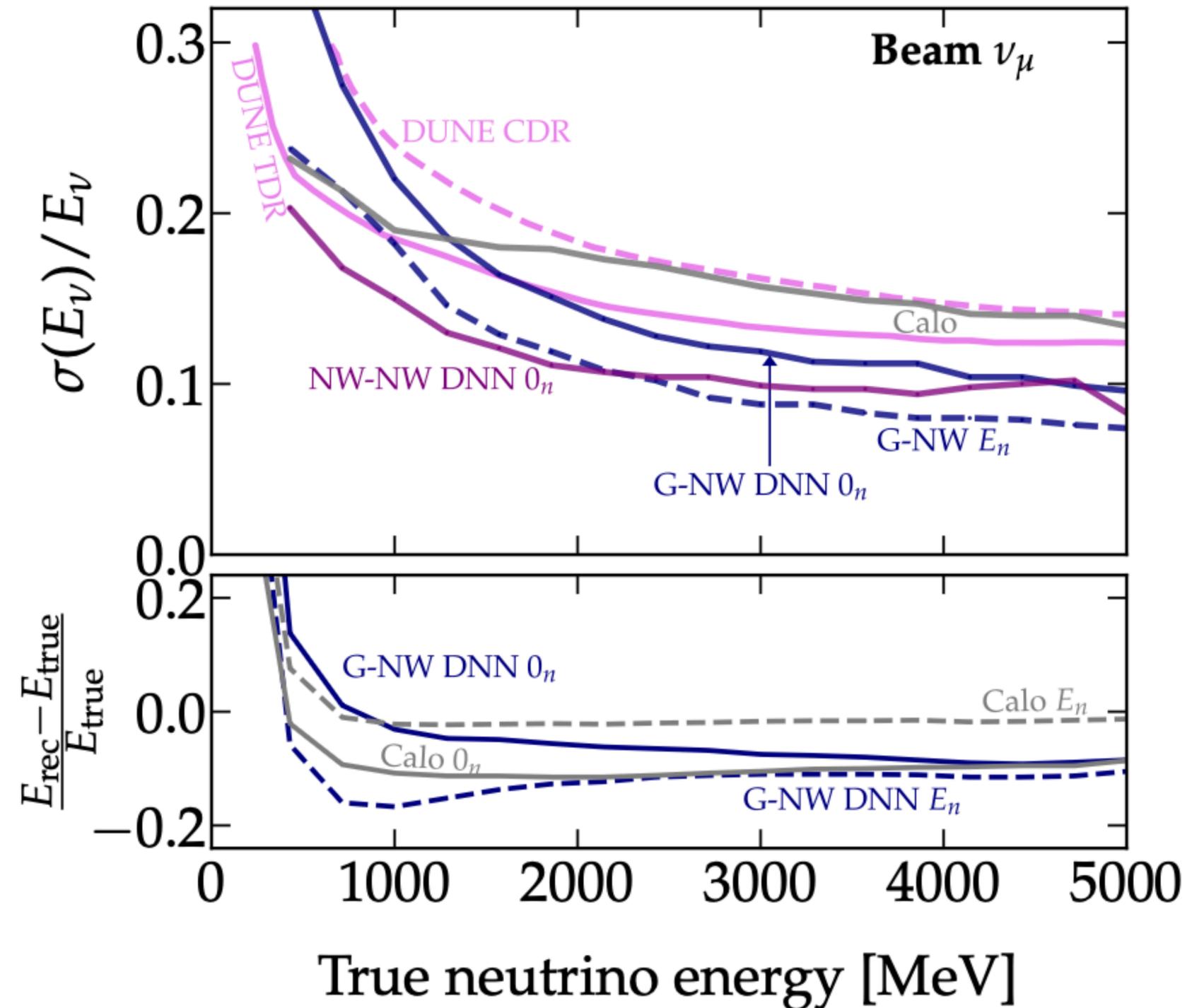


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# LArTPCs-DNN

**Mismodeling** neutrino-nucleus cross-sections reduces energy resolution and biases reconstruction

The **DNN trained on NuWro** has been applied to events generated with **GENIE**.



Kopp, Machado, MacMahon, IMS, [arXiv: 2405.15867](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.15867)

BSM

# Heavy Sterile Neutrino

To explain the origin of the neutrino masses, the SM can be considered as a low energy effective model

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_{d=5}}{\Lambda} + \dots$$

- At  $d=5$ , we have the Weinberg operator

Type-I seesaw:

- Introduce right-handed neutrinos
- Allow L number violation

$$\mathcal{L}_{mass}^{\nu} \supset Y_{\nu} \bar{L}_L \tilde{\phi} N_R + \frac{1}{2} M_R \bar{N}_R^c N_R + h.c.$$

- For  $M_R \gg v$

$$m_{\nu} \sim \frac{Y_{\nu}^{\dagger} Y_{\nu} v^2}{M_R} \quad m_N \approx M_R + \mathcal{O}(m_{\nu})$$

- Neutrino masses can be smaller than other fermion masses
- Heavy neutrinos can hardly be tested
- There are other scenarios where the Majorana mass can take smaller values

# Heavy Sterile Neutrino

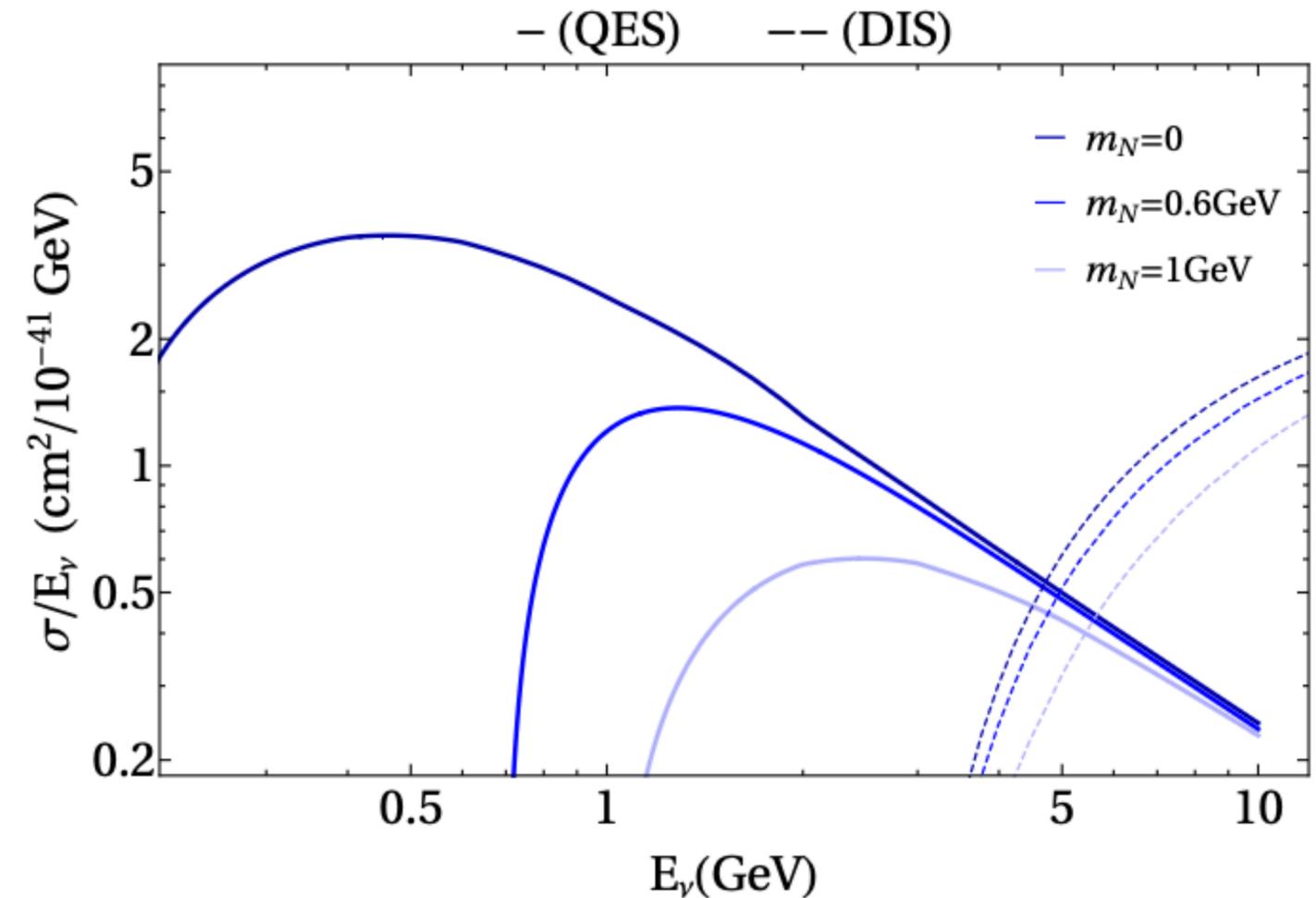
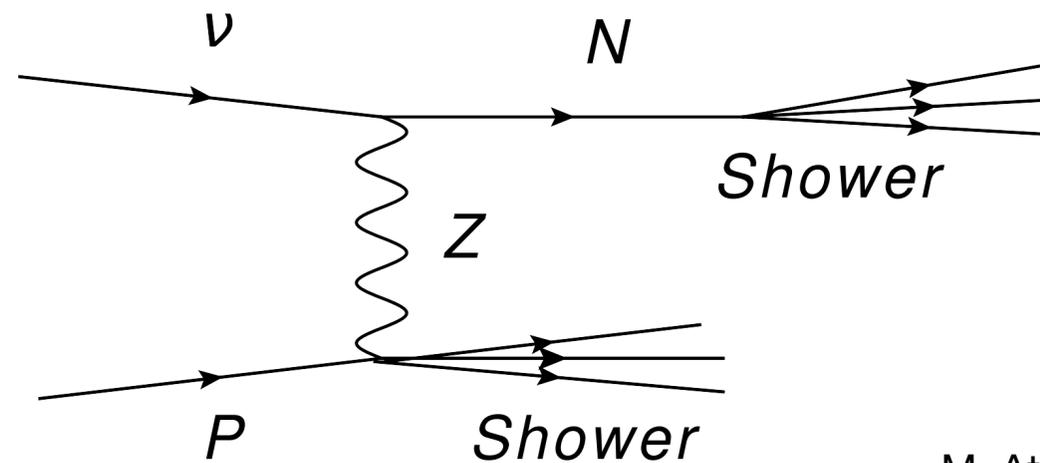
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We can look for HNLs using **double bang signals**

$$\nu + N \rightarrow N_4 + \text{shower}$$

$$N_4 \rightarrow \nu + \text{signal}$$



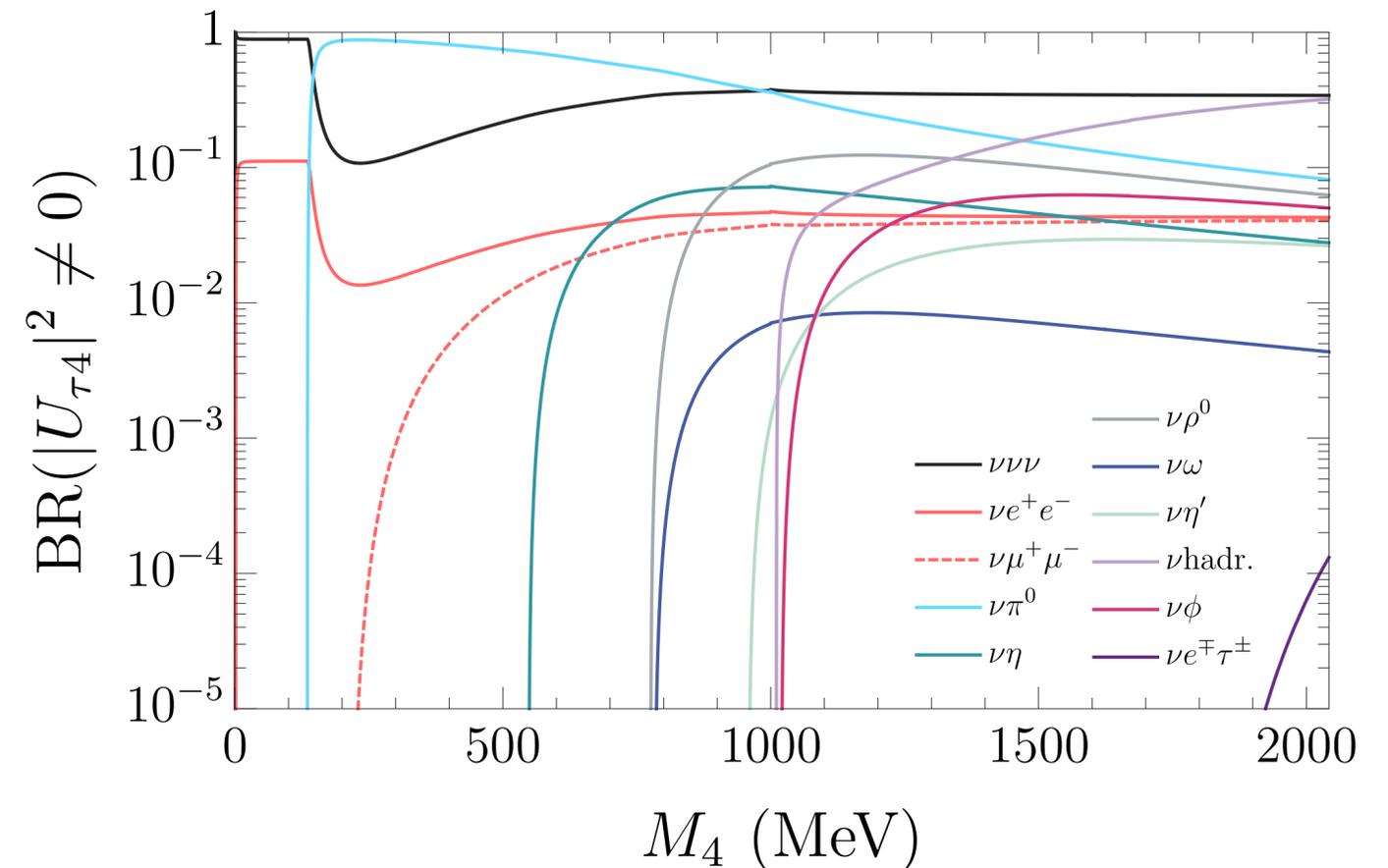
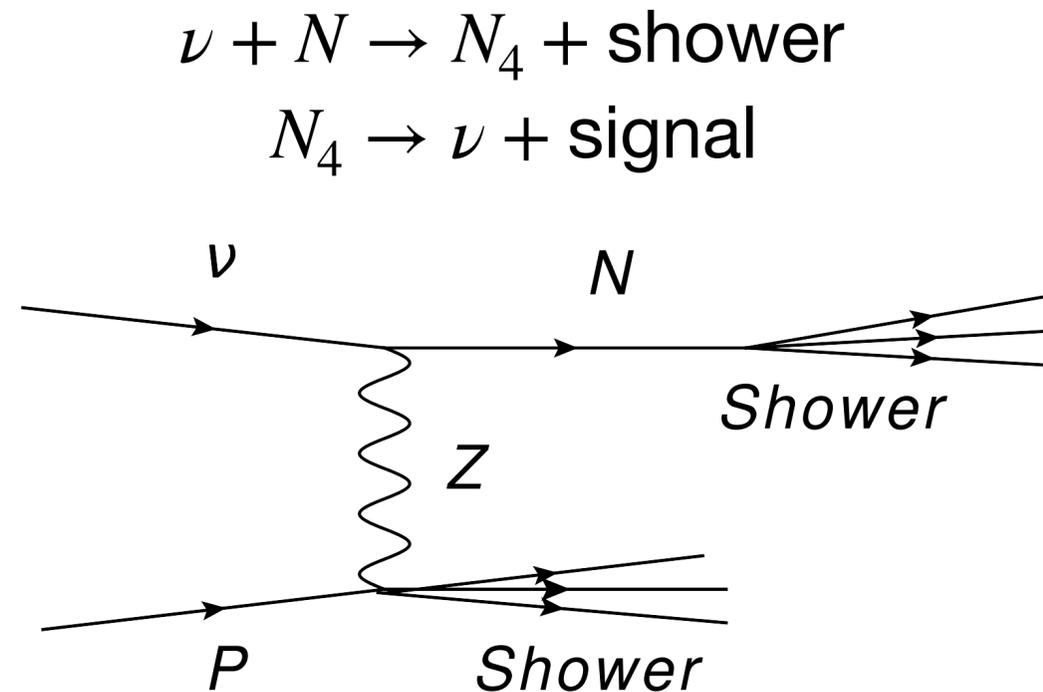
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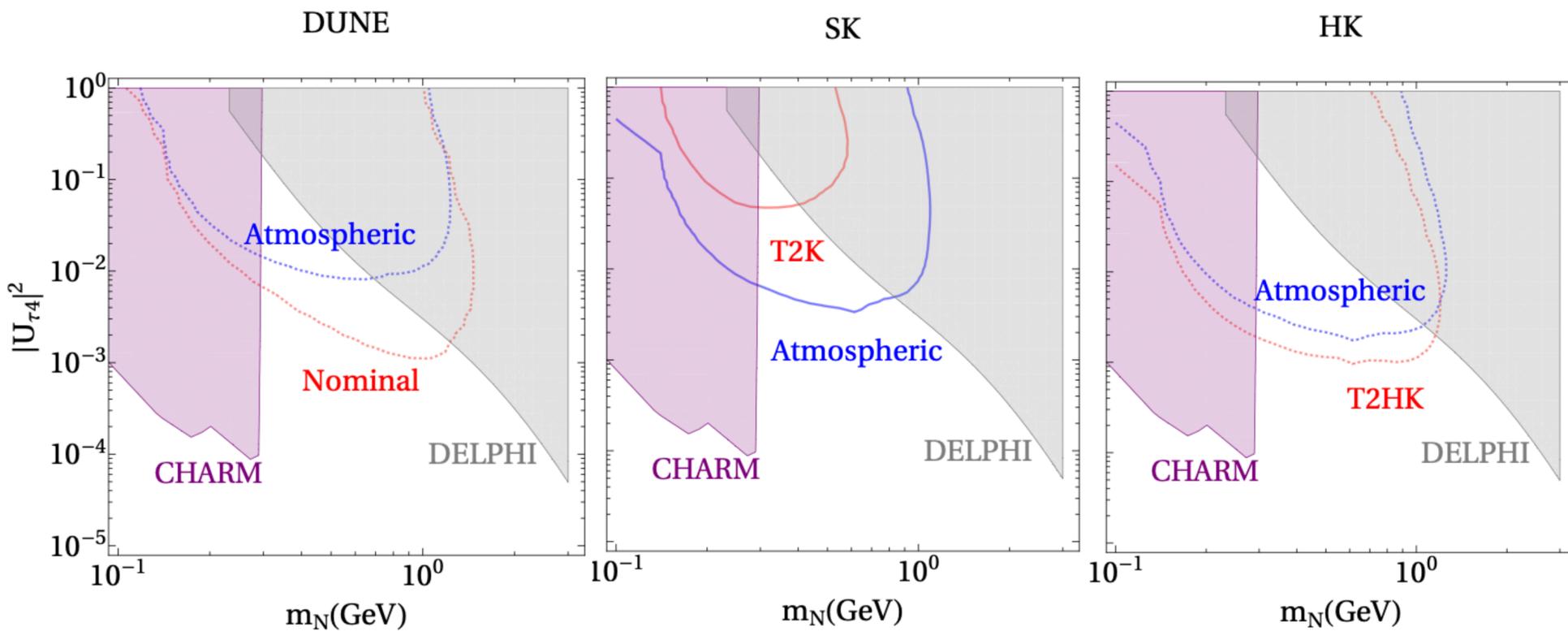
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# Heavy Sterile Neutrino

Several experiments can search for HNLs by looking for a double-bang event topology

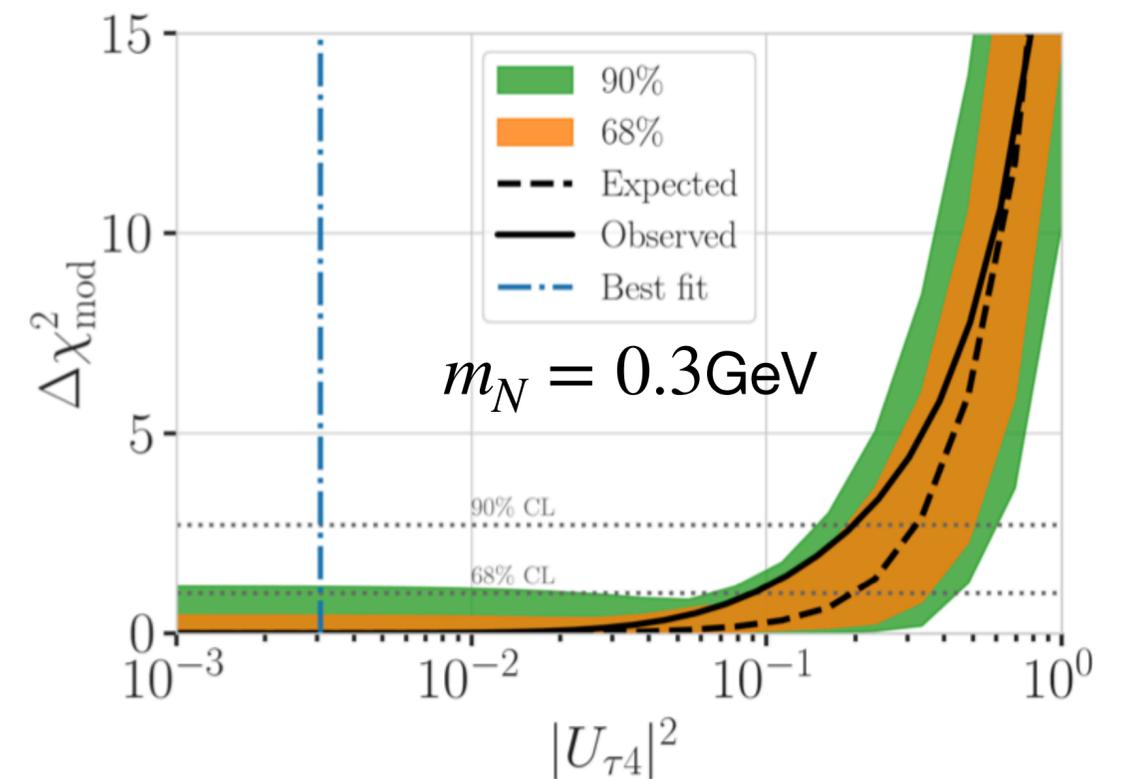
For masses around the GeV scale,  $U_{\tau 4}^2 < 10^{-6}$

Fernandez-Martinez, Gonzalez-Lopez, Hernandez-Garcia, Hostert, Lopez-Pavon, JHEP 09 (2023)



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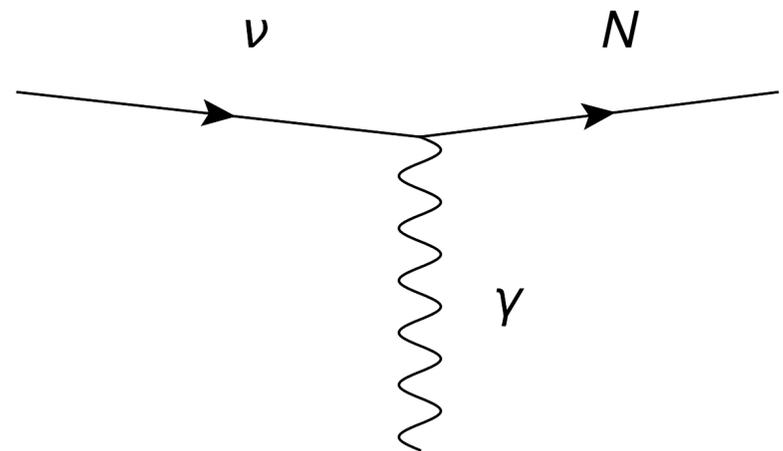
IceCube has used this topology to search for HNLs



Abbasi et al. (IceCube), arXiv:2502.09454

# Transition Magnetic Moment

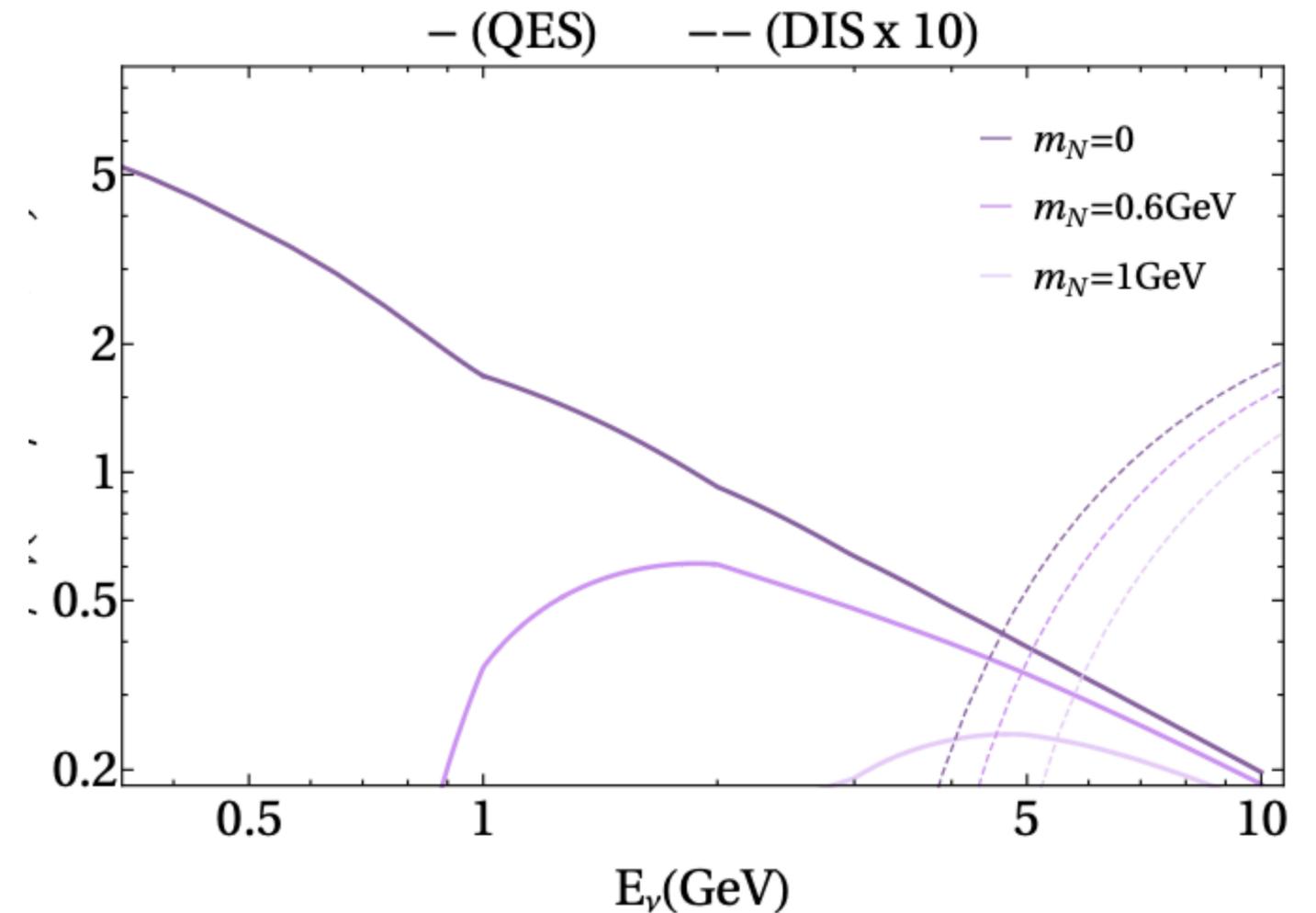
Active and HNL states may be coupled via a **transition dipole moment**



$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\mu_\nu \bar{N}_4 \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu_\alpha F^{\mu\nu}$$

We are going to consider that both the HNL production and decay are given by the dipole moments ( $N \rightarrow \nu_i \gamma$ )

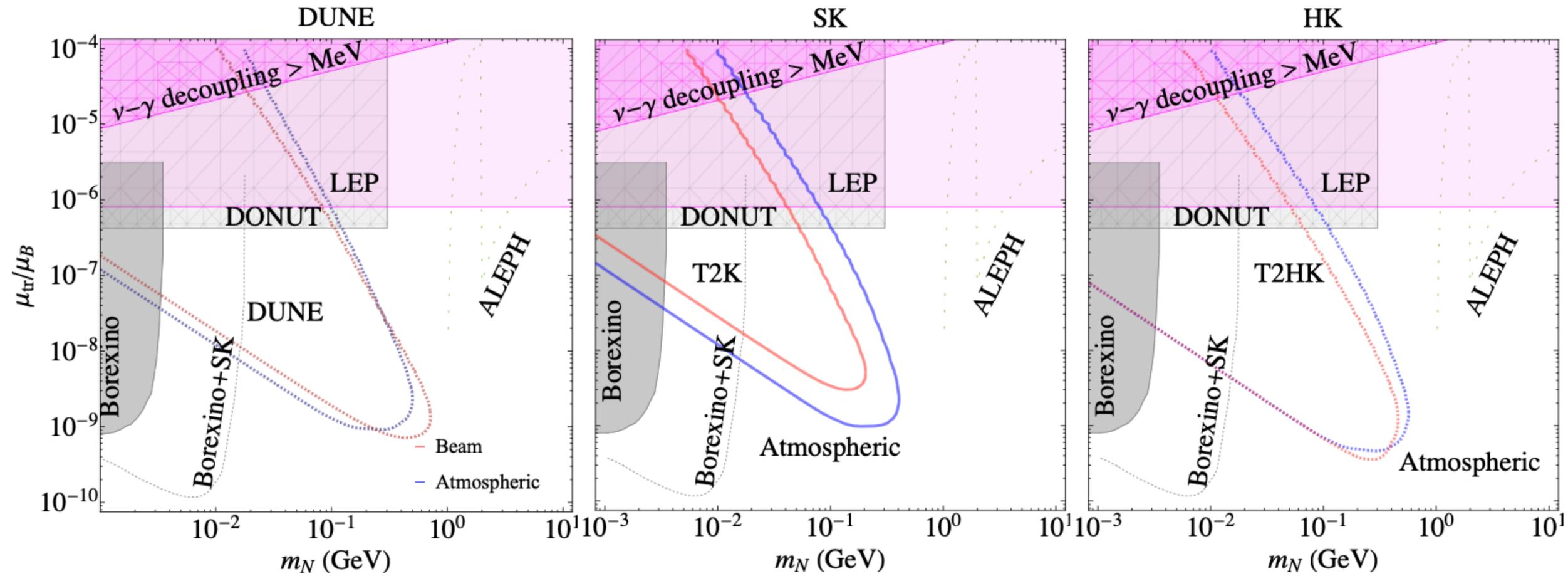
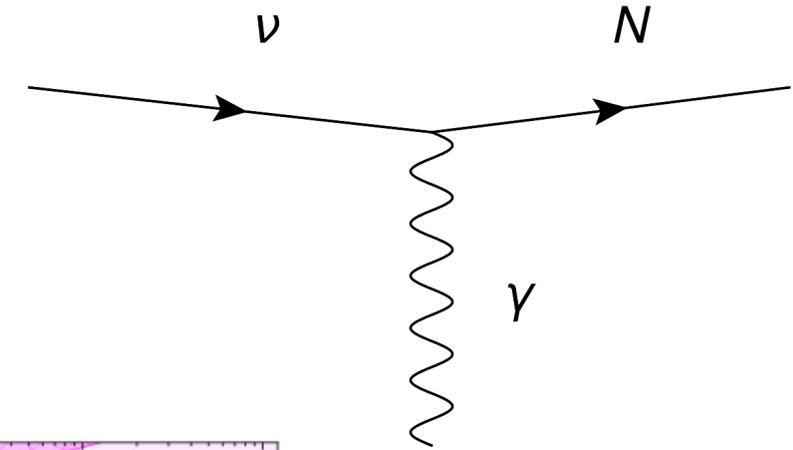
$$\Gamma = \frac{\mu_\nu^2 M_4^3}{4\pi}$$



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# Conclusions

Neutrino physics is entering the **precision** era. Most parameters are known at the percent level, but several open questions remain:

- For  $\theta_{23}$ , small preference for the **lower octant** (higher octant), combining IC24+SK+global fit (global)
- For  $\delta_{cp}$ , almost **the entire region is allowed**, with CP-conservation preferred for NO and maximal CP-violation for IO.
- **Mass ordering** shows small preference until IC24+SK is included, which favors NO.

With the next generation of experiments, **precise knowledge of the neutrino-nucleon cross-section** in a wide energy range (from  $\sim 100$  MeV to  $\sim 100$  GeV) will be essential to probe neutrino oscillation and search for BSM.

**Deep neural networks** (DNN) can improve the neutrino reconstruction, leveraging the rich data expected from the next-generation experiments

**Thanks!**

# Conclusions

	<b>NuFit [1]</b>	<b>Valencia [2]</b>	<b>Bari [3]</b>
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.308^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	$0.318^{+0.016}_{-0.016}$	$0.303^{+0.01}_{-0.013}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.470^{+0.017}_{-0.013}$	$0.574^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$	$0.455^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02215^{+0.00056}_{-0.00058}$	$0.022^{+0.00069}_{-0.00069}$	$0.023^{+0.0007}_{-0.0006}$
$\delta_{CP}$	$212^{+26}_{-41}$	$218^{+38}_{-27}$	$234^{+41}_{-32}$
$\Delta m_{21}^2 / 10^{-5}$	$7.49^{+0.19}_{-0.19}$	$7.50^{+0.22}_{-0.20}$	$7.36^{+0.16}_{-0.15}$
$\Delta m_{31}^2 / 10^{-5}$	$2.513^{+0.021}_{-0.019}$	$2.55^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$2.458^{+0.023}_{-0.029}$

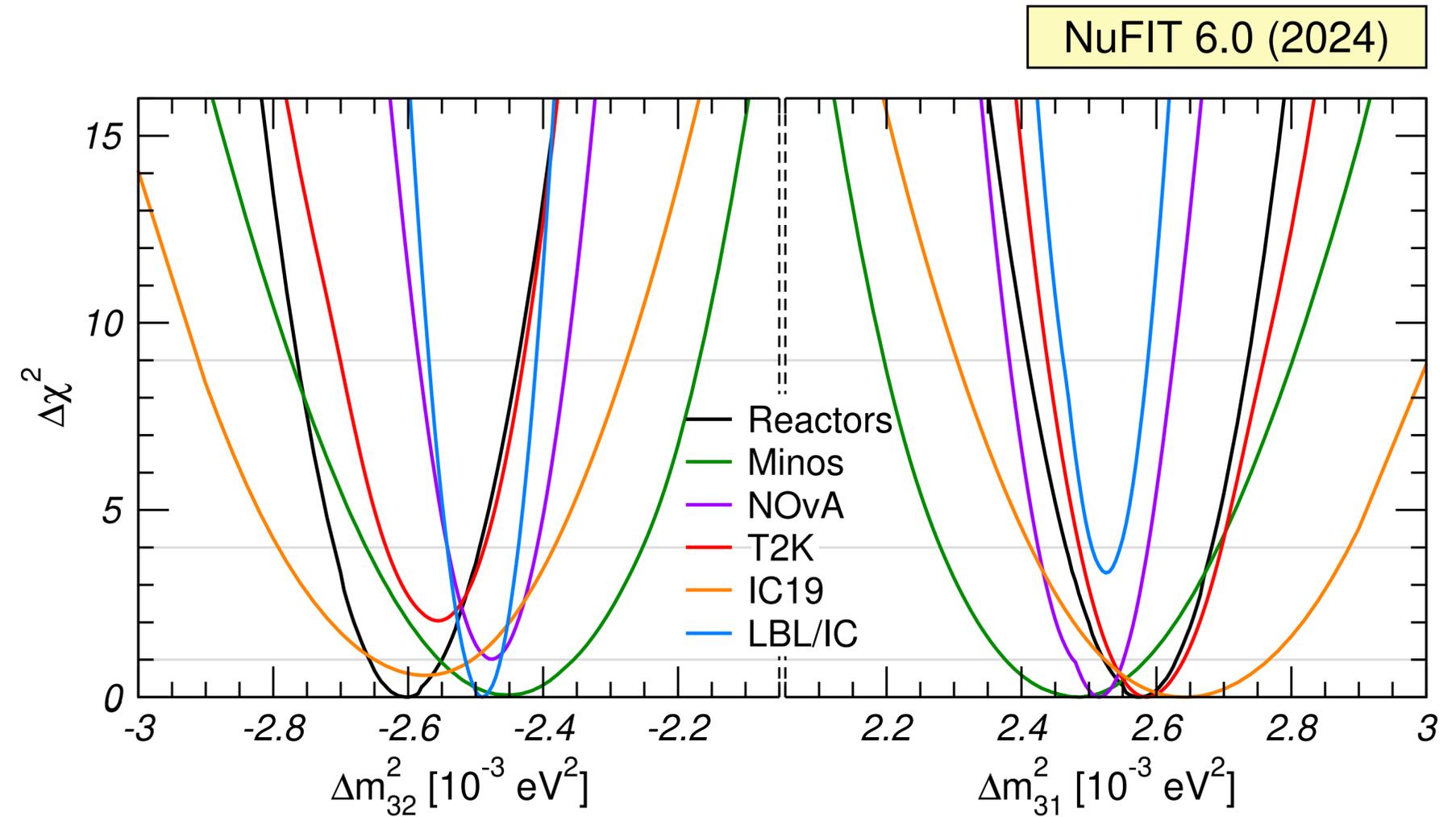
[1] [Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Martinez-Soler, Pinheiro, Schwetz, arXiv:2410.05380](#)

[2] [Salas, Forero, Gariazzo, Martinez-Mirave, Mena, Ternes, Tortola, Valle, JHEP 02 \(2021\) 071](#)

[3] [Capozzi, Di Valetino, Lisi, Marrone, Melchorri, Palazzo, PRD 104 \(2021\) 8](#)

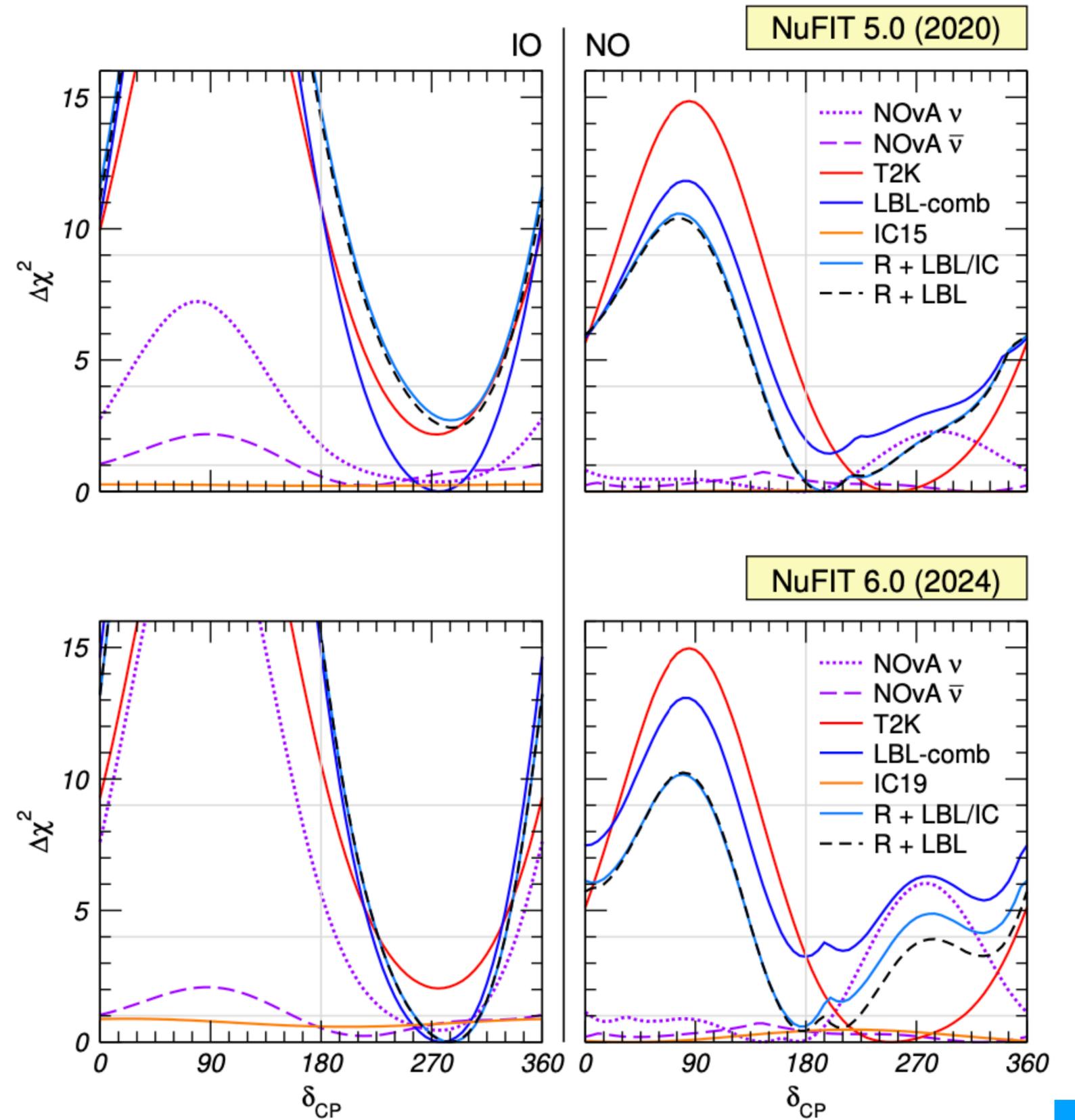
# Long-Baseline Accelerators

- Each experiment shows a preference for NO
- The LBL combination leads to a preference for IO due to NOvA T2K tensions



# Long-Baseline Accelerators

The LBL combined analysis favors CP phase near  $\delta_{CP} \sim 212^\circ$



# Solar Neutrinos: Day-Night Asymmetry

Day-night asymmetry shows a preference for lower  $\Delta m_{21}^2$

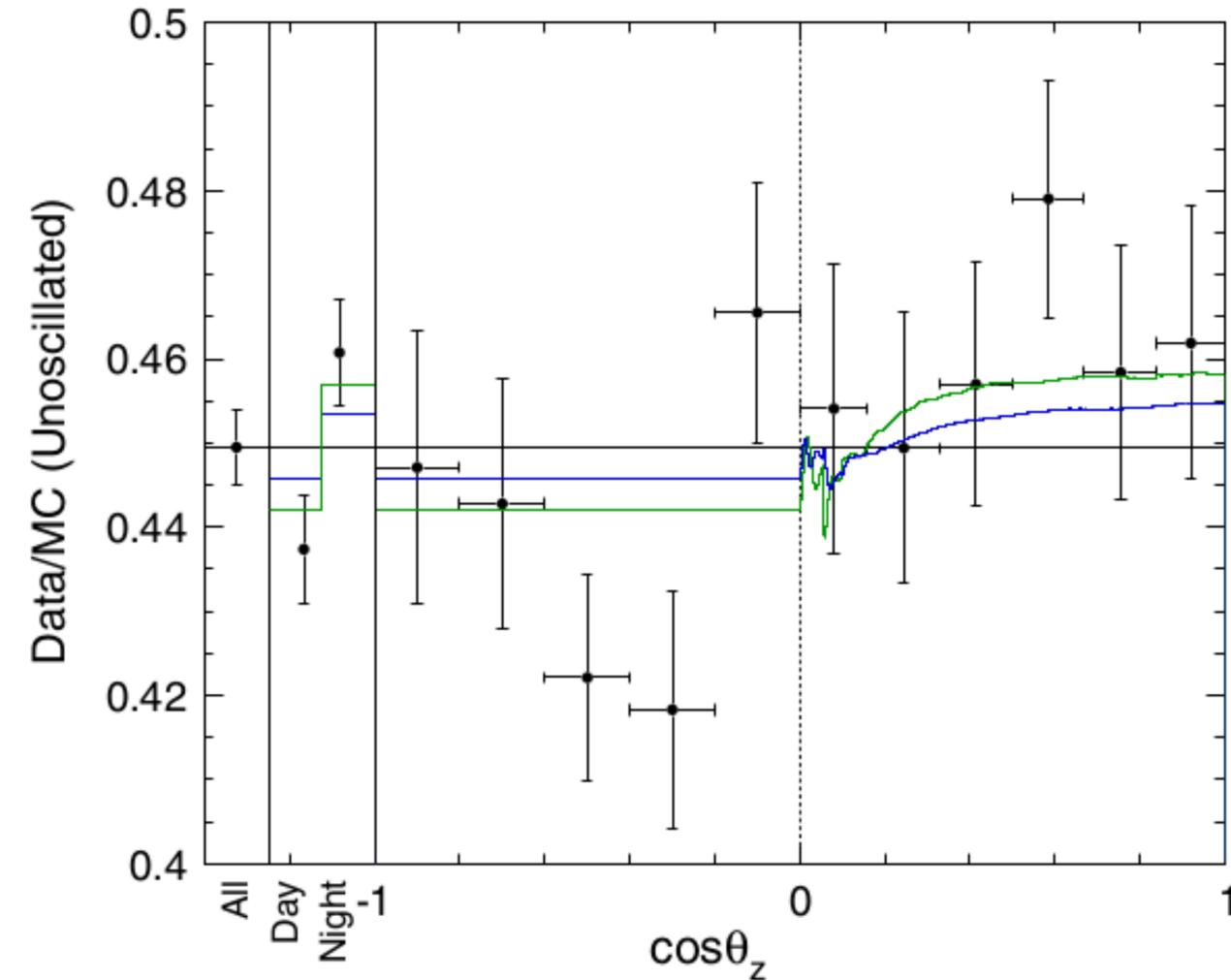
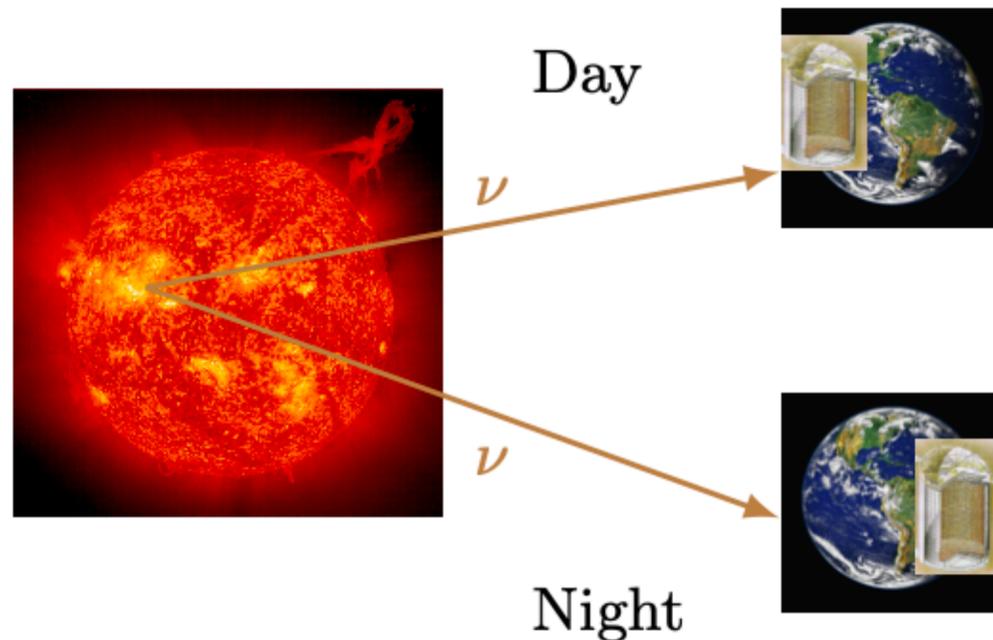
$$A_{DIN} = \frac{\Phi_{\text{day}} - \Phi_{\text{night}}}{0.5 * (\Phi_{\text{day}} + \Phi_{\text{night}})}$$

SK4-2055

-3.1 %

SK4-2970

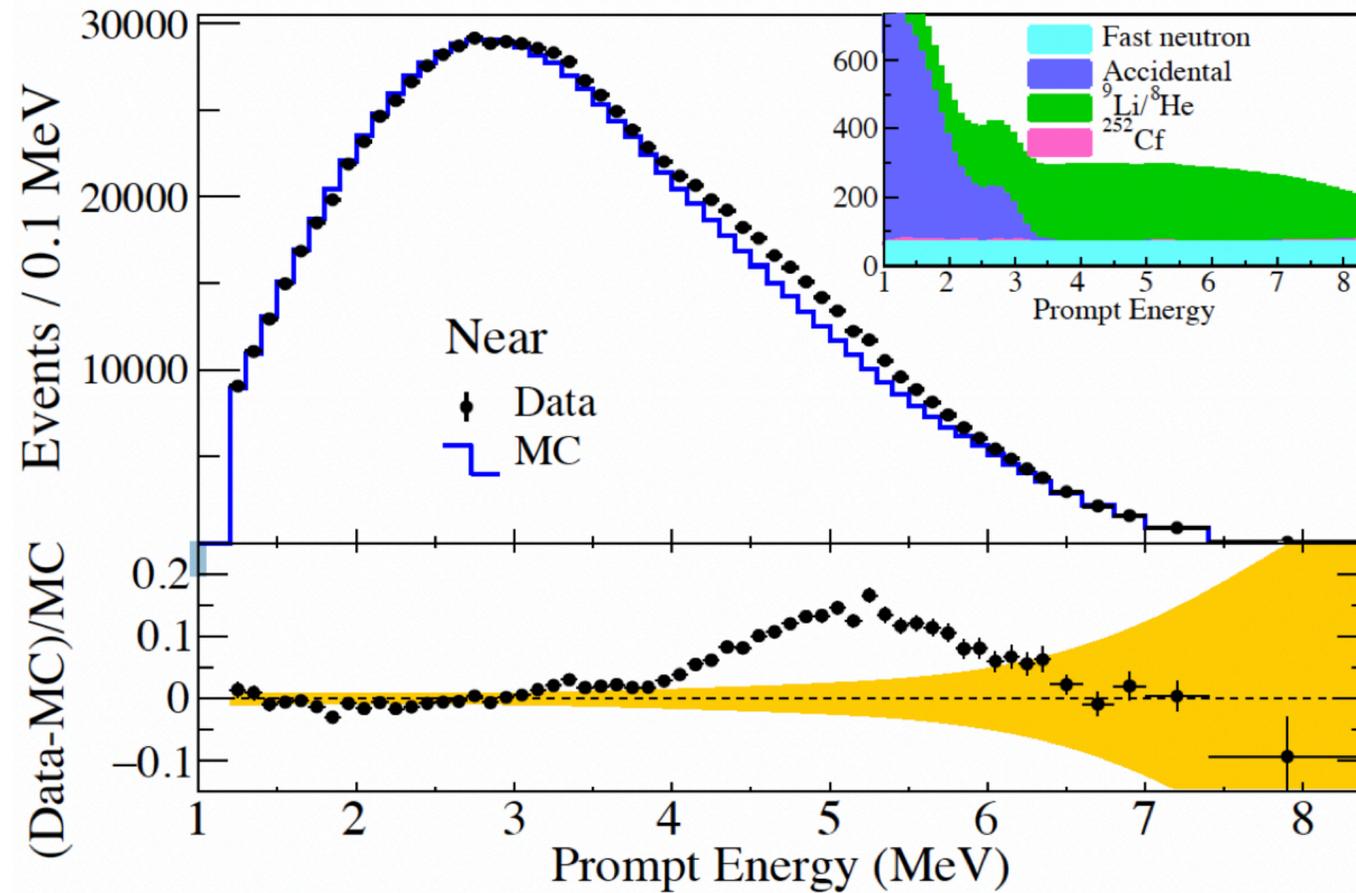
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K. Abe et al., PRD 94 (2016) arXiv:1606.07538

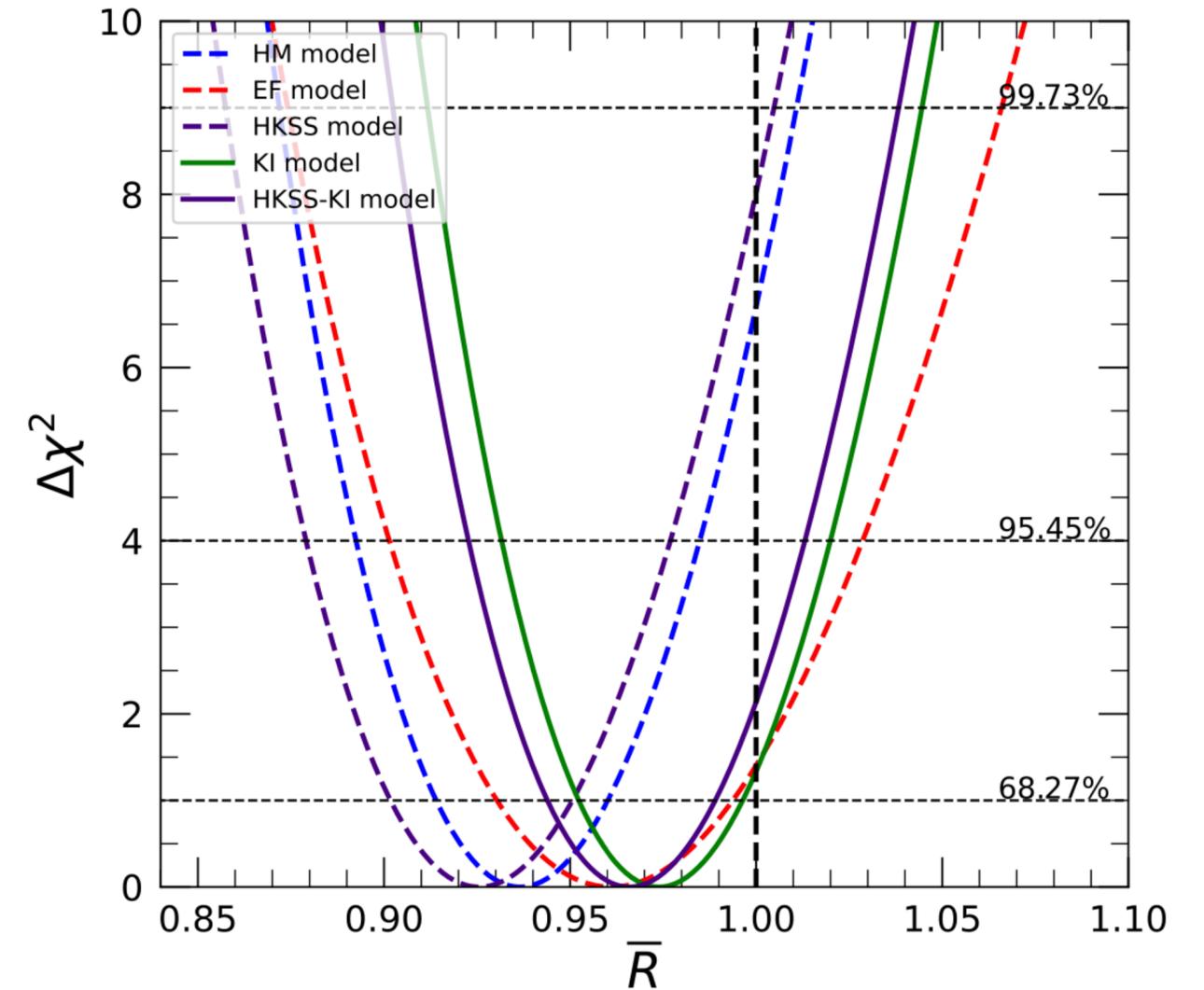
# Reactor Flux Uncertainties

The flux shows an excess at 5 MeV



Kwang Joo (RENO), Neutrino 2022

Reevaluations of the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  flux determined a deficit in the experimental data

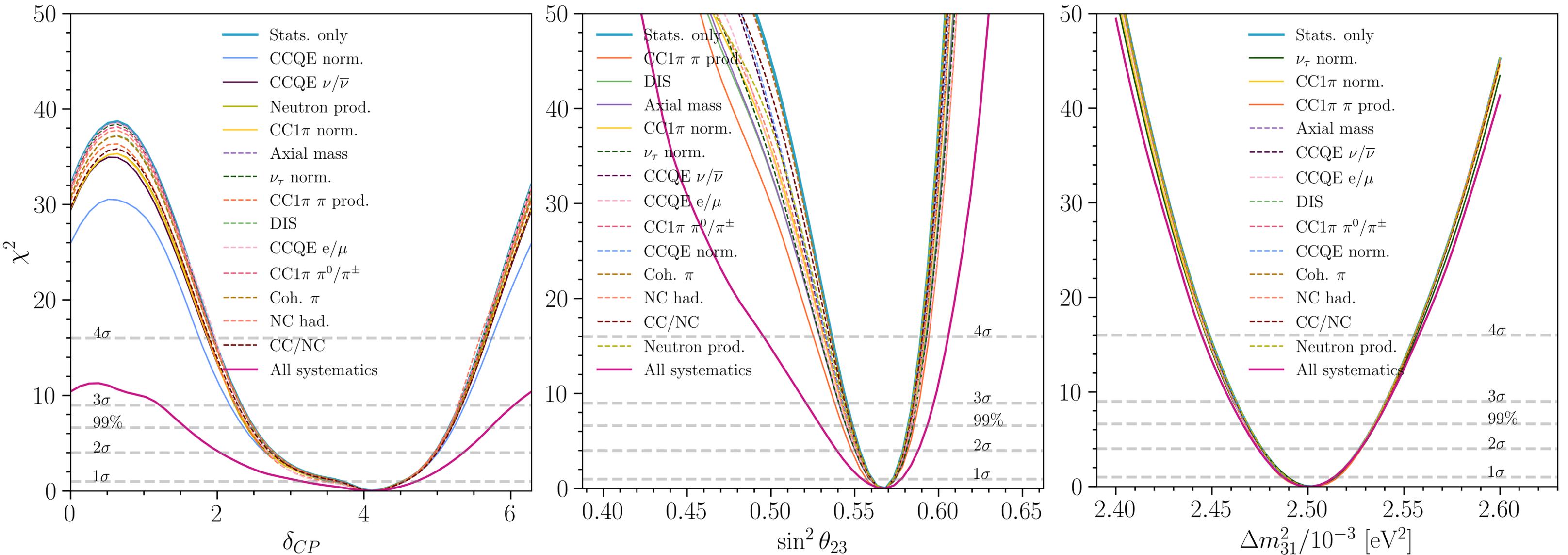


Giunti, Li, Ternes, Xin PLB 829 (2110.06820)

- New evaluations of the flux alleviate those tensions
- The uncertainties do not affect the determination of the oscillation parameters because they are based on a near/far comparison

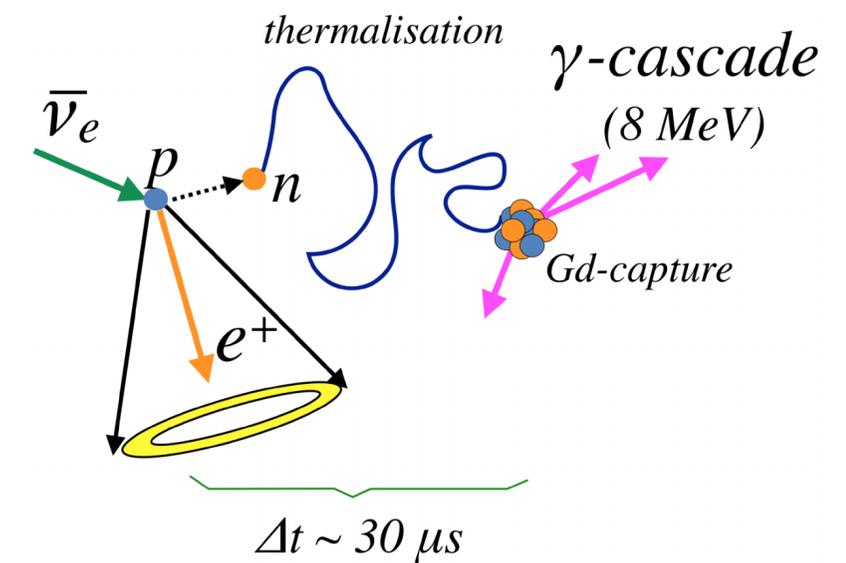
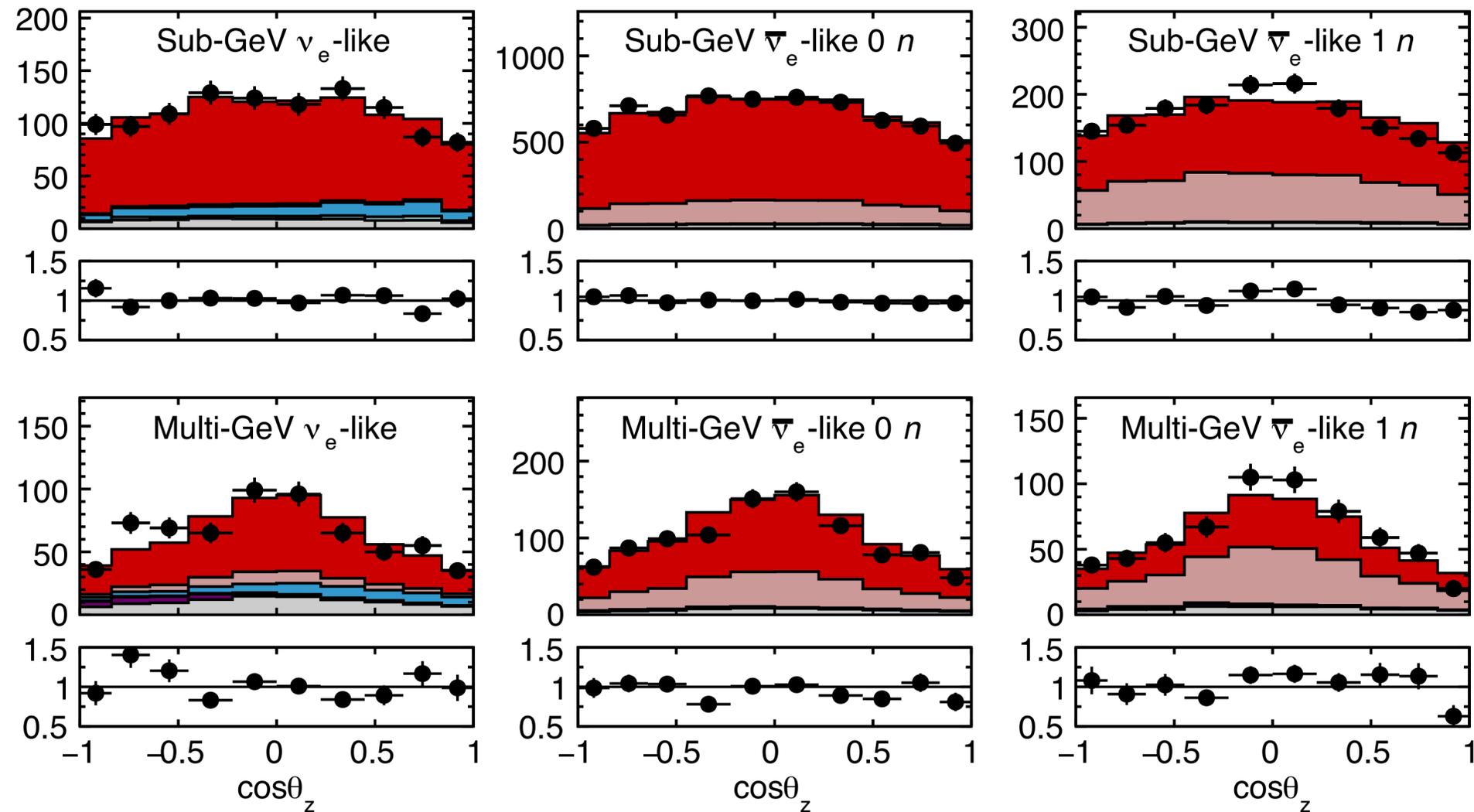
# Systematic impact

Among the other parameters, the cross-section uncertainties have the largest impact on the CP-phase



# Super-/Hyper-Kamiokande

Gadolinium (Gd) in water helps Super-Kamiokande tag neutrons and distinguish neutrinos from antineutrinos



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