

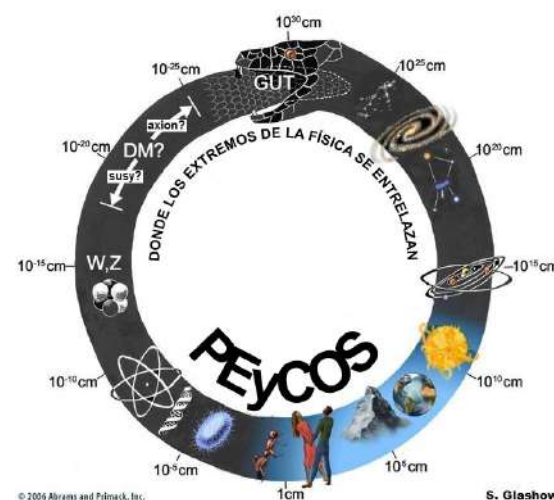
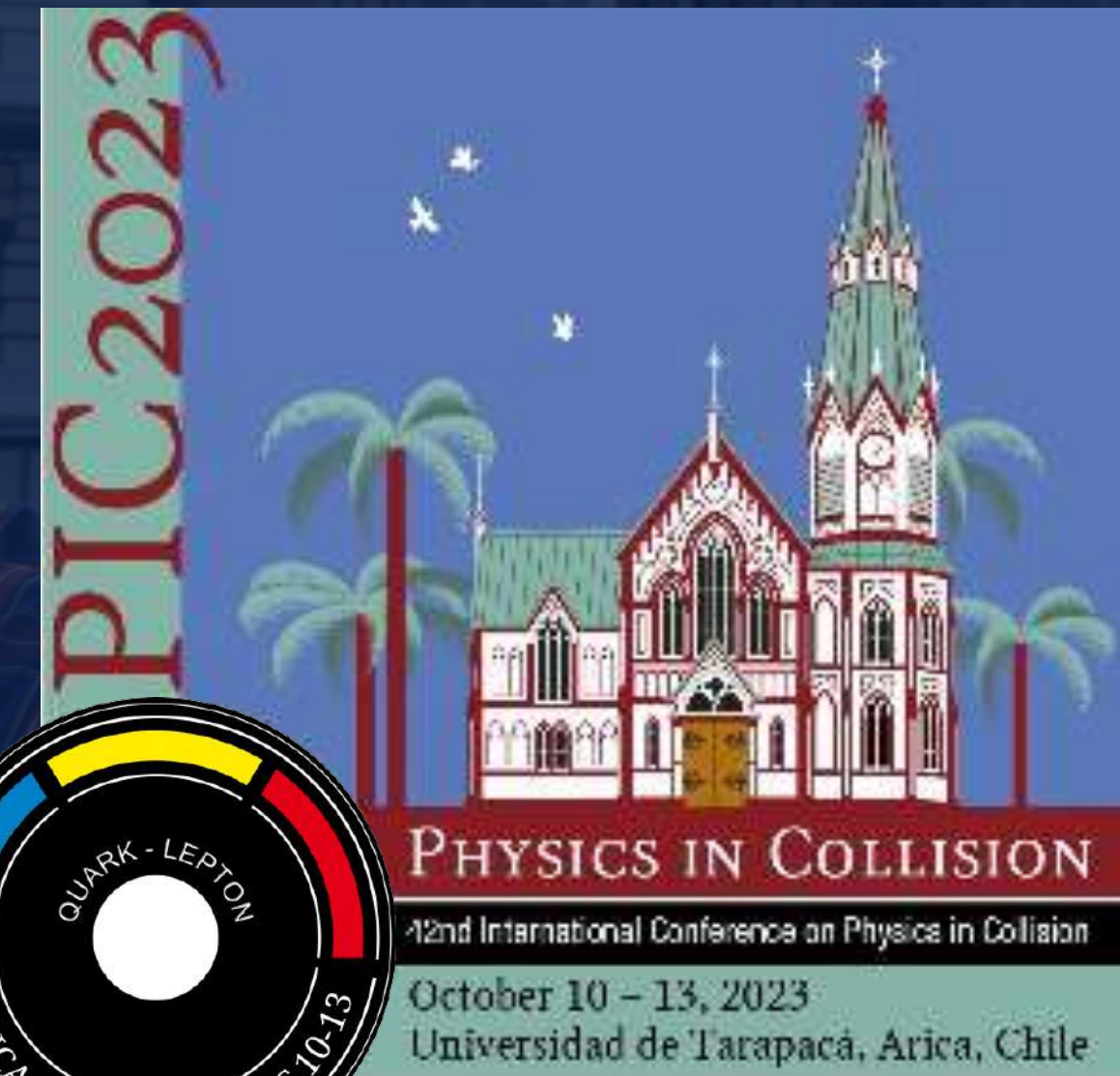
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# Long-baseline accelerator neutrino experiments

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# Outline

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- Neutrino oscillations:  
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**NOvA** and **T2K**
- The future: The main goals  
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- Summary



# STANDARD NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS

A quick review





# Neutrino Oscillations

The 3-neutrino mixing

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The 3-neutrino model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{R(\theta_{23}) \cdot R(\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}) \cdot R(\theta_{12})}_{\text{Mixing matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R(\theta_{23}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R(\theta_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$R(\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Neutrino Oscillations

The 3-neutrino oscillations in matter

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Evolution in matter is governed by an *effective* Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_F = \frac{1}{2E} (UM^2U^\dagger + A)$$

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Leading to the well-known **Mikheev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW)** effect

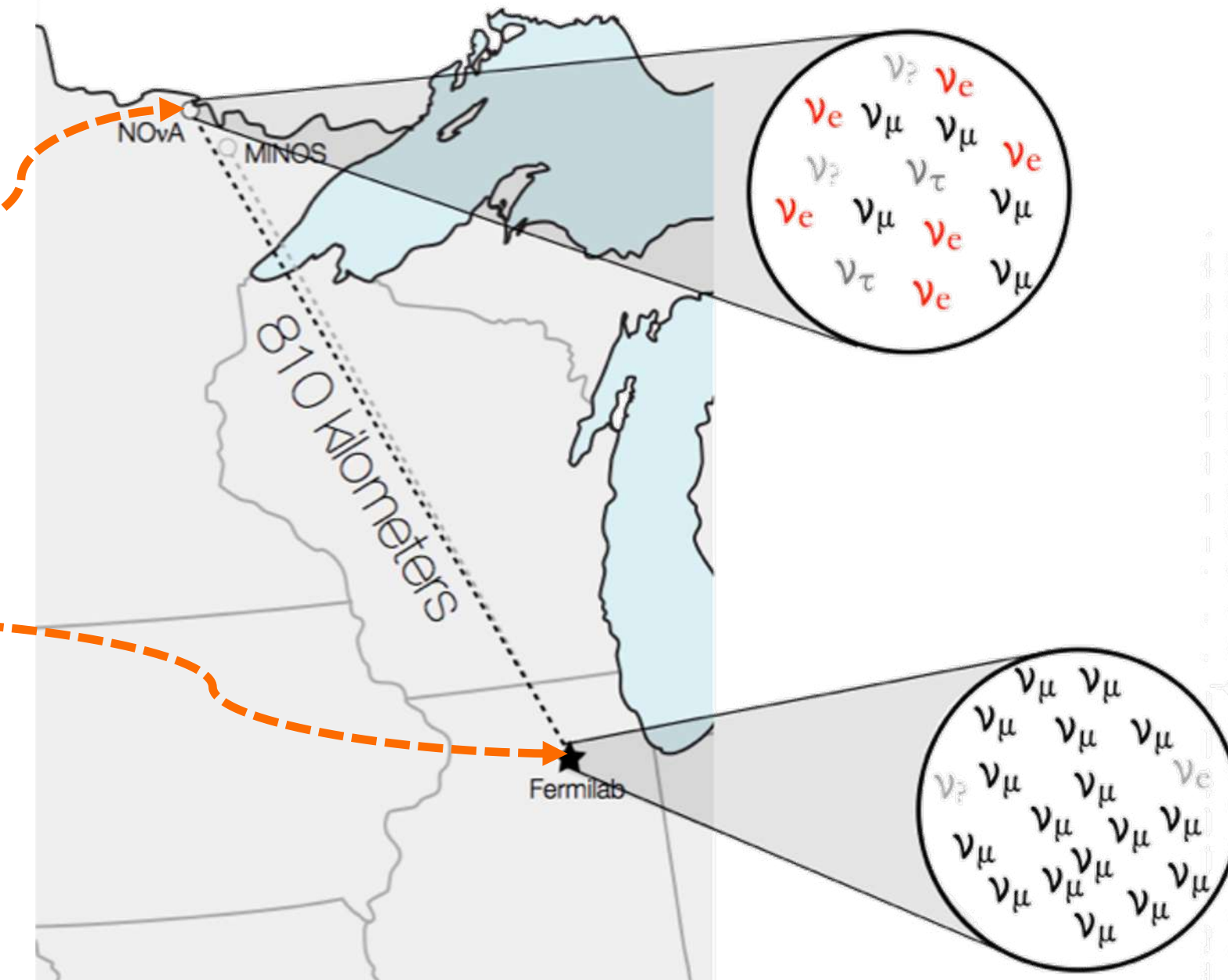
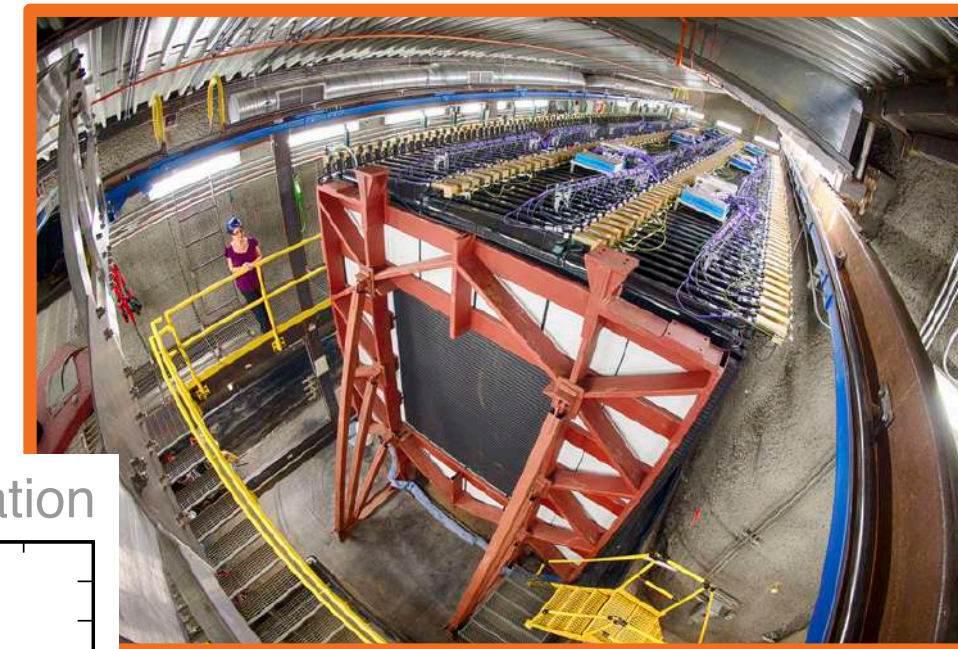
# THE PRESENT

## NOvA and T2K Experiments

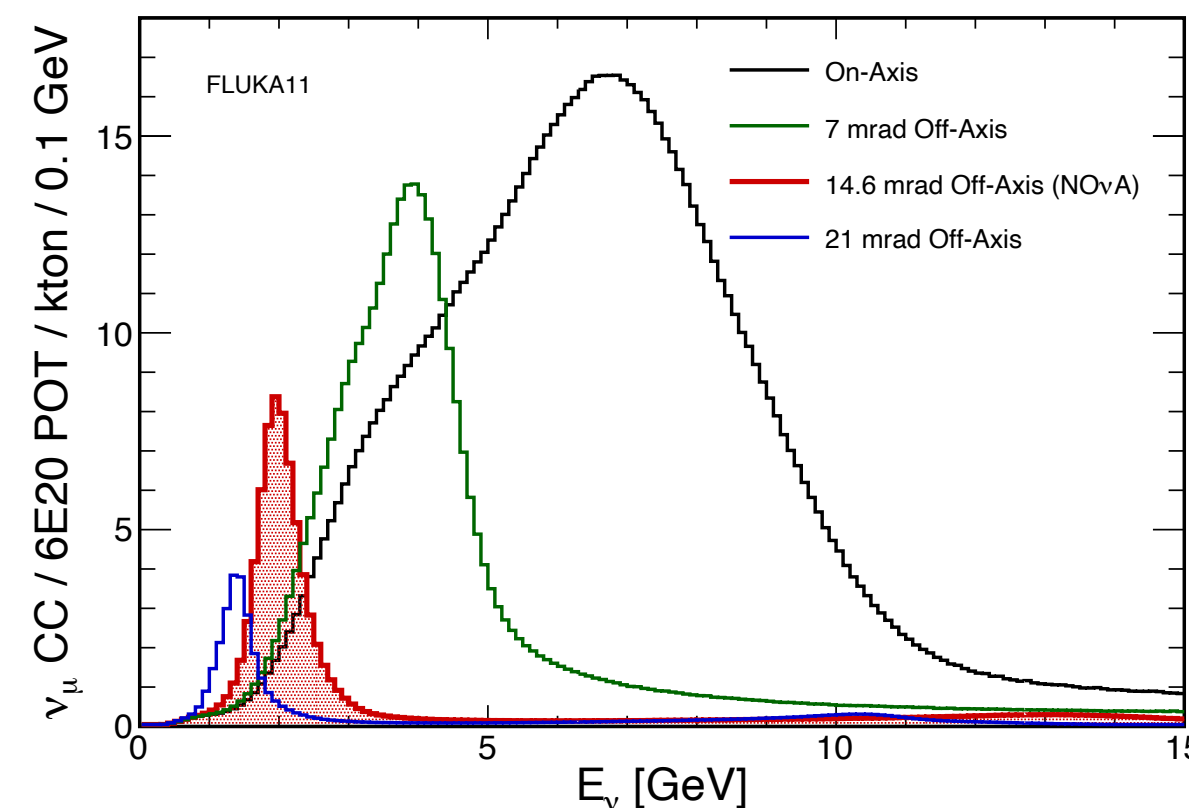




- Long-baseline (810 km) neutrino oscillation experiment
- Muon Neutrinos from the NuMI Beam at Fermilab
- TWO (functionally equivalent) detectors:
  - **Far Detector:** 14 kton; on the surface
  - **Near Detector:** 0.3 kton; underground
- Off-axis (14.6 mrad) position (beam peaks at  $\sim 2$  GeV)



NOvA Simulation

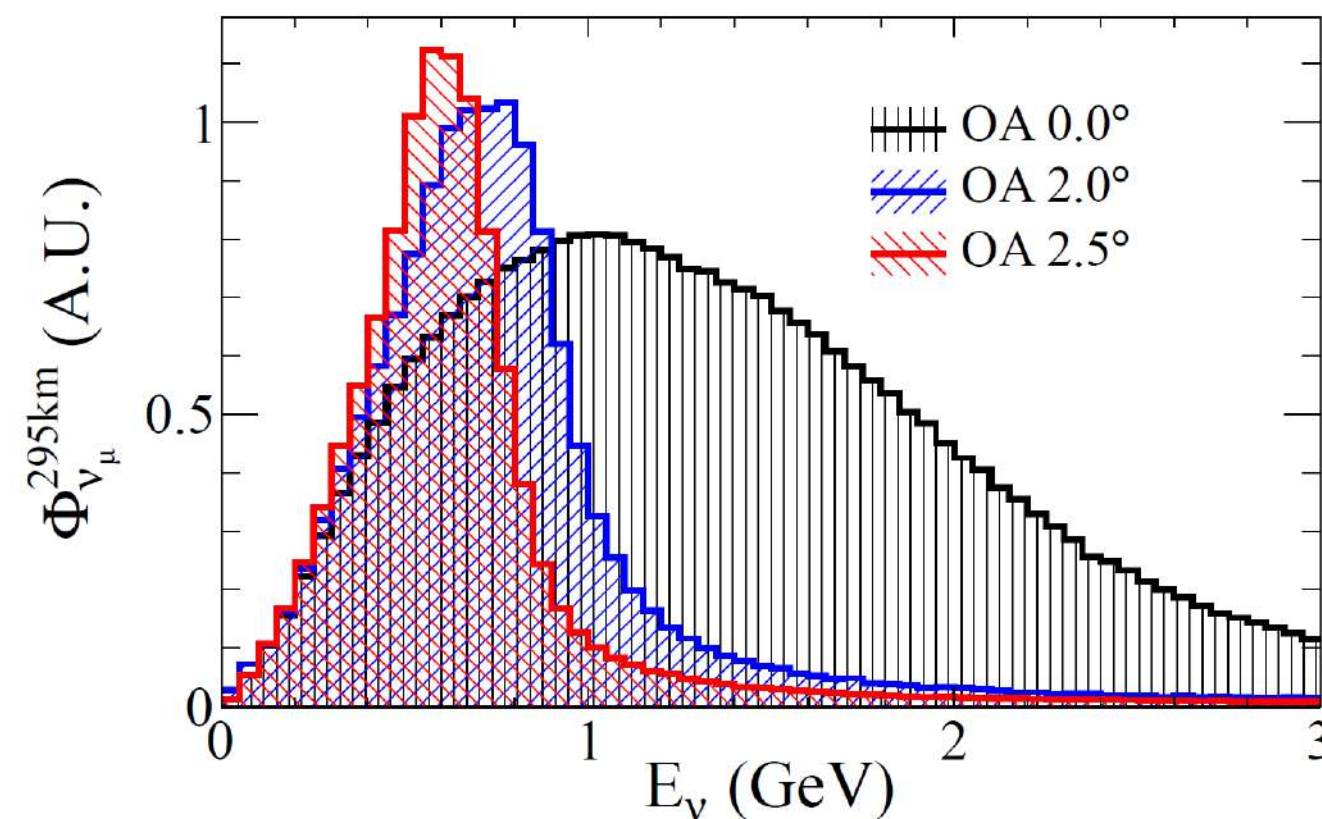


14.6 mrad  $\sim 0.84^\circ$

$\sim 270$  members, 49 Institutes, 8 countries



- Long-baseline (295 km) neutrino oscillation experiment
- Muon Neutrinos from the J-PARC acceleration complex
- Two detectors:
  - **Far Detector:** Super-Kamiokande
  - **Near Detector(s):** ND280; INGRID (on-axis)
- Off-axis (2.5°) position (beam peaks at ~0.6 GeV)



2.5° ~ 43.6 mrad

~530 members, 76 Institutes, 14 countries



# NOvA and T2K

The Experiments

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## Physics Goals

- *Muon* (anti)neutrino disappearance and *Electron* (anti)neutrino appearance
- Measurement of the oscillation parameters ( $\Delta m_{32}^2$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ )
  - Mass Ordering
- Neutrino interactions (cross sections)
- Sterile and supernova neutrinos
  - 'Exotic' physics



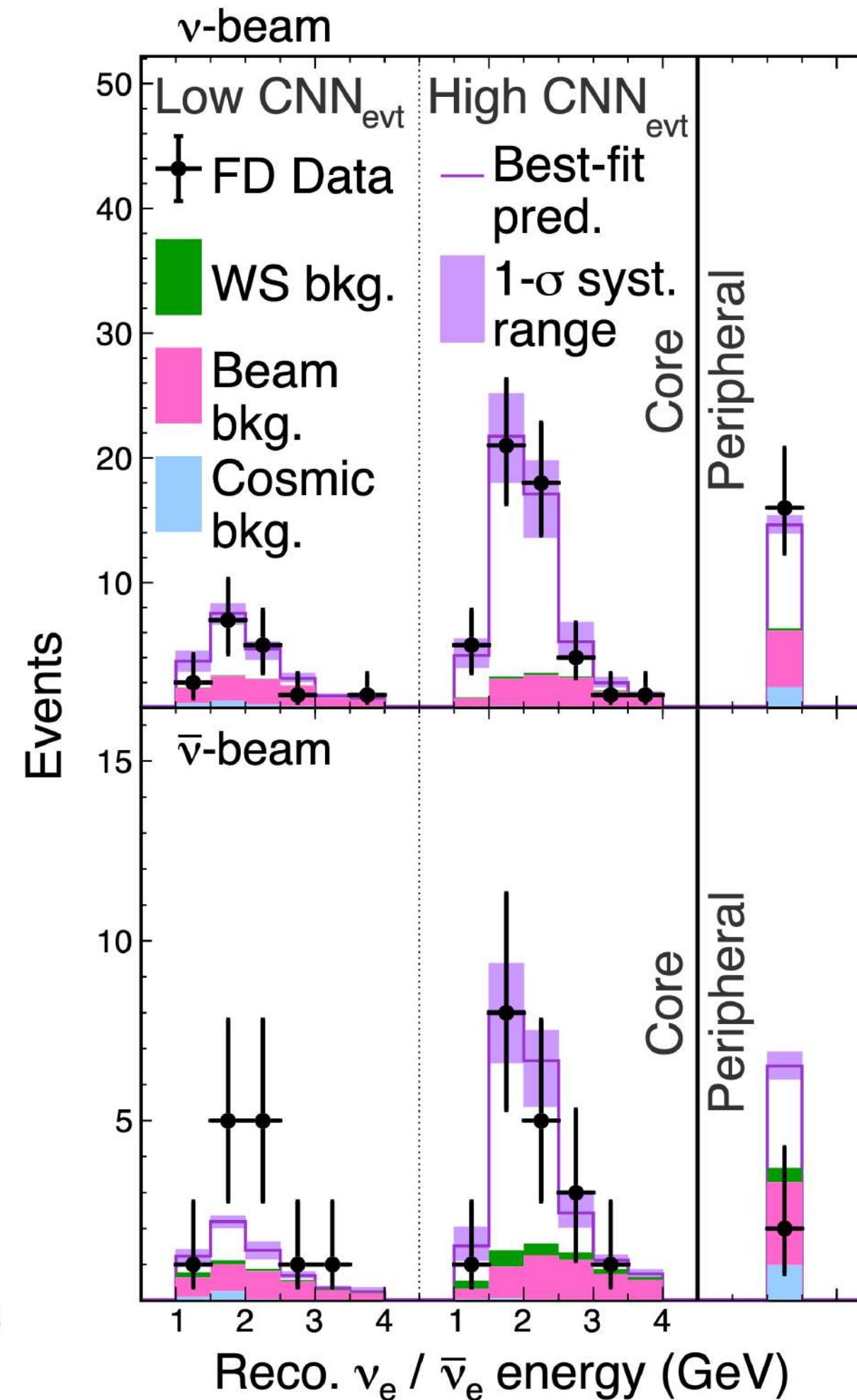
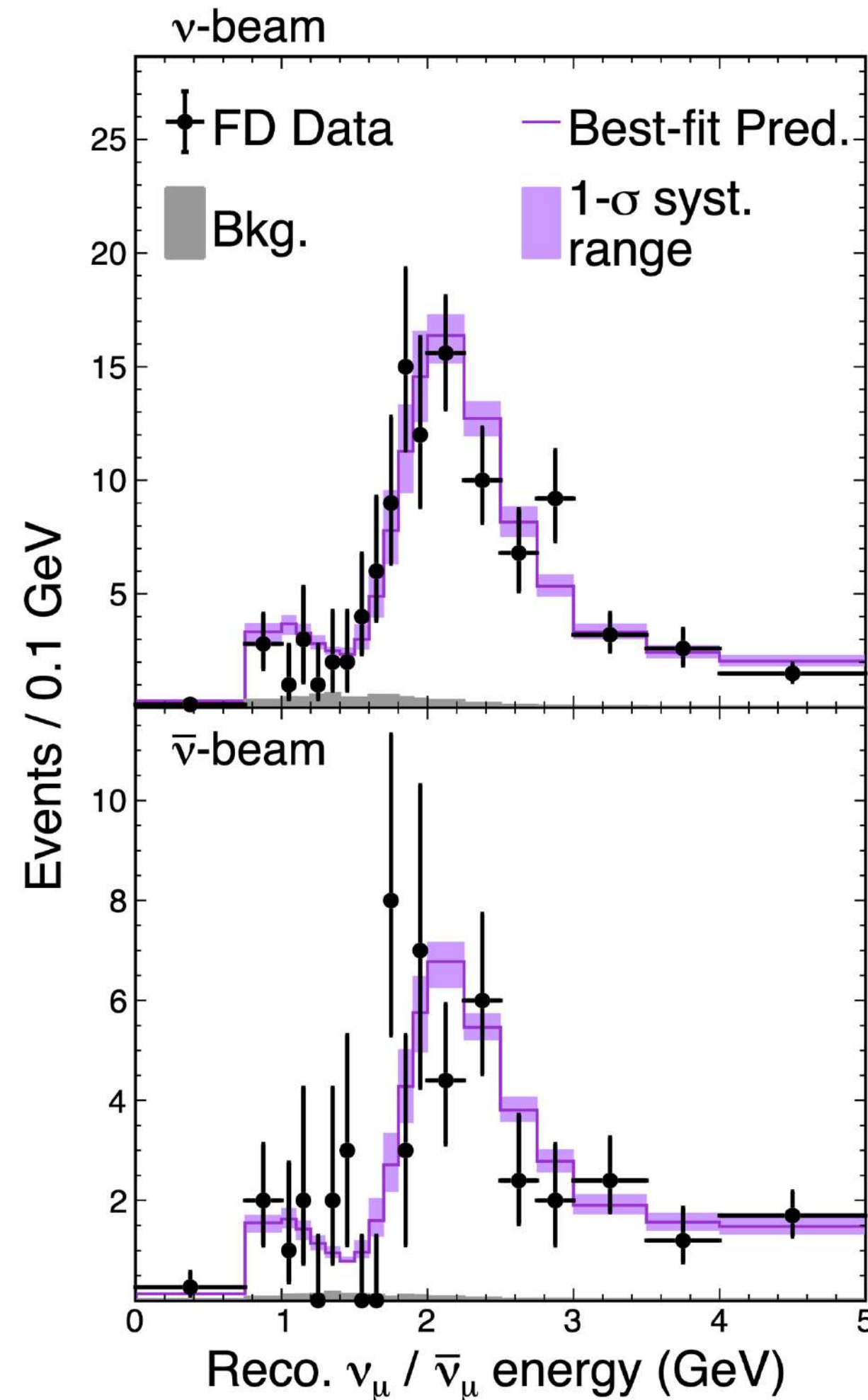


# STANDARD NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS

The most recent results







## Data and predicted spectra

### Neutrino beam

- 211  $\nu_\mu$  candidates (bkg: 8.2)
- 82  $\nu_e$  candidates (bkg: 26.8)

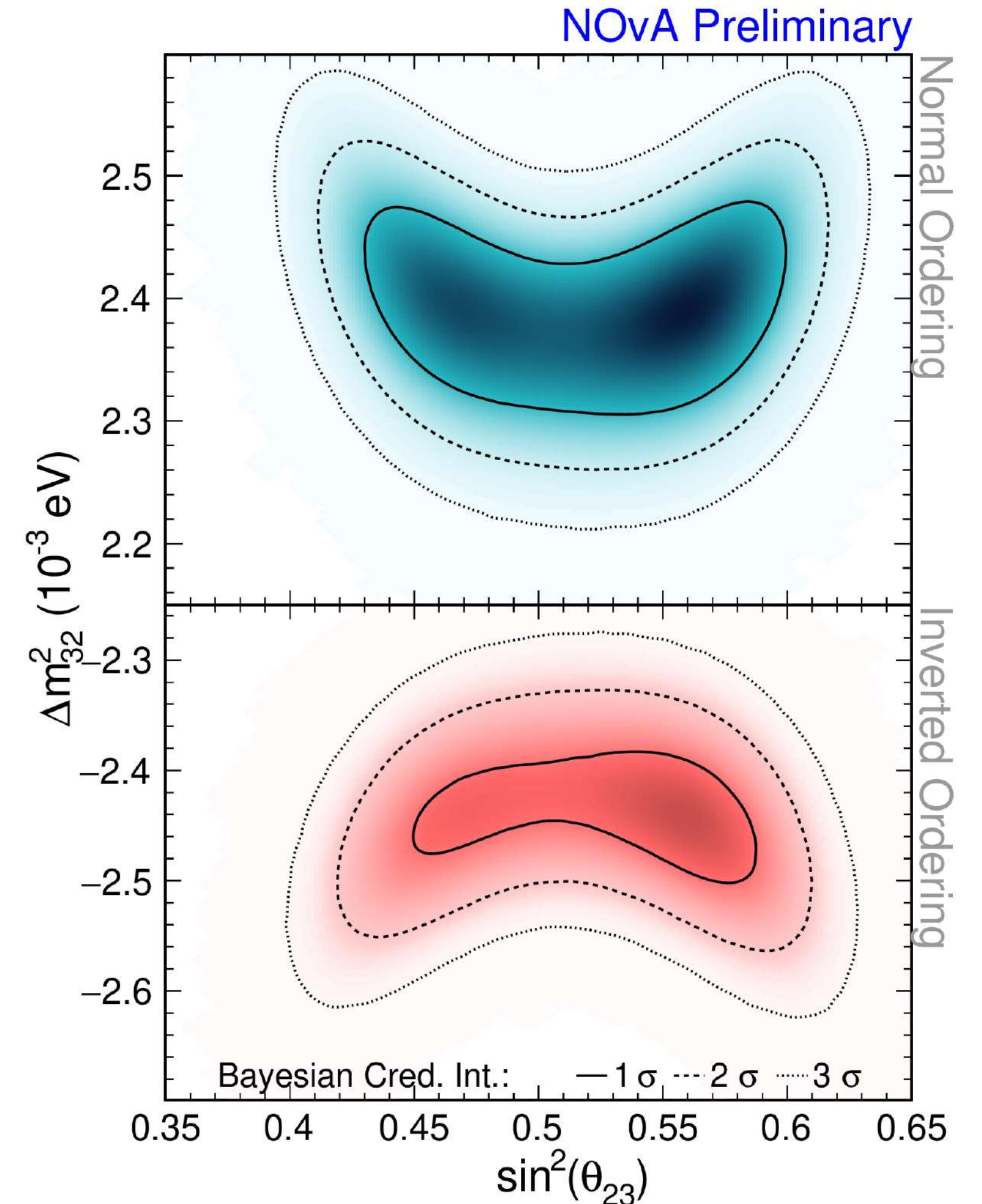
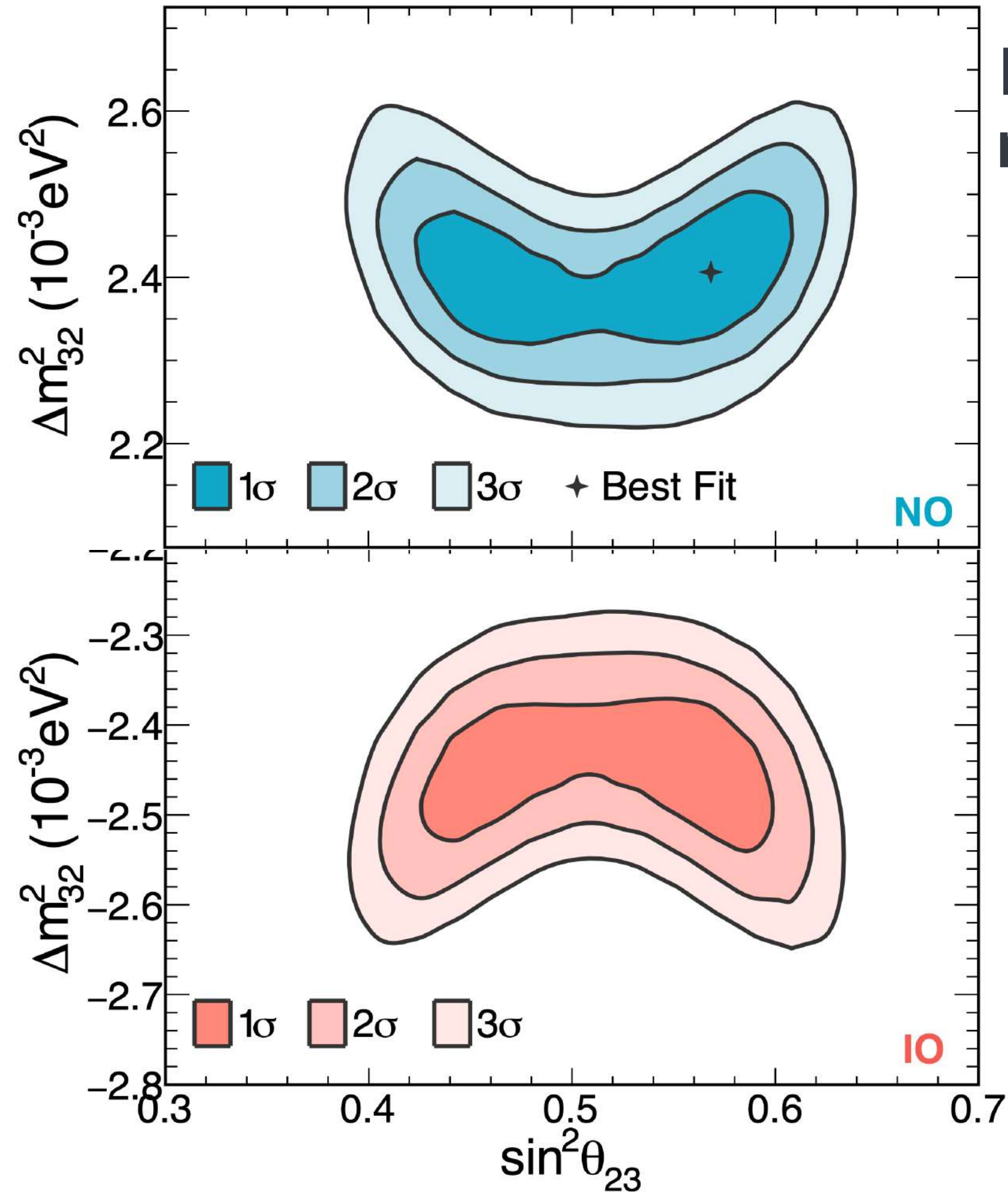
### Antineutrino beam

- 105  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  candidates (bkg: 2.1)
- 33  $\bar{\nu}_e$  candidates (bkg: 14.0)
- **> 4 $\sigma$   $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance**

[NOvA Collaboration, [PRD106](#) (2022)]



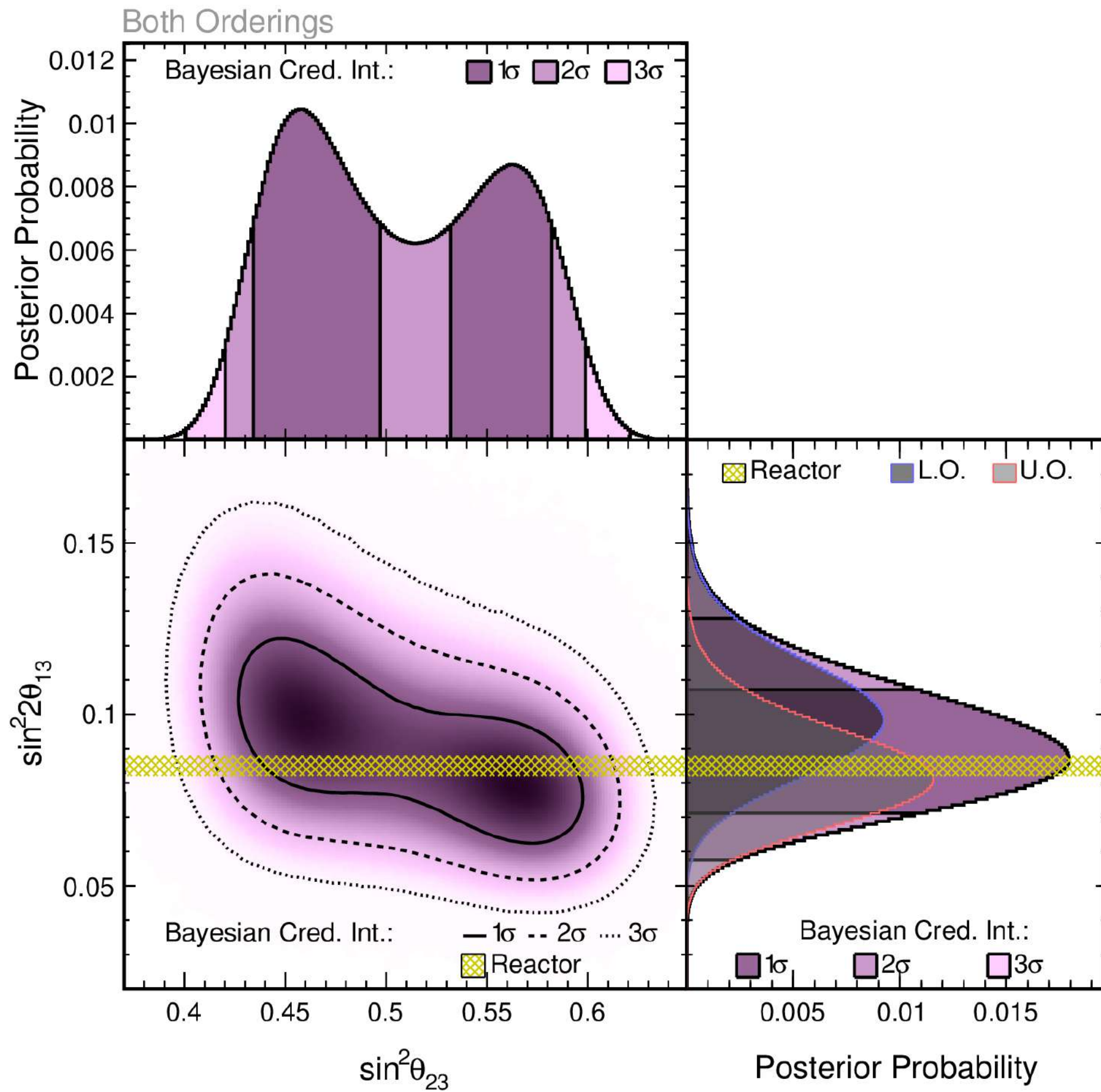
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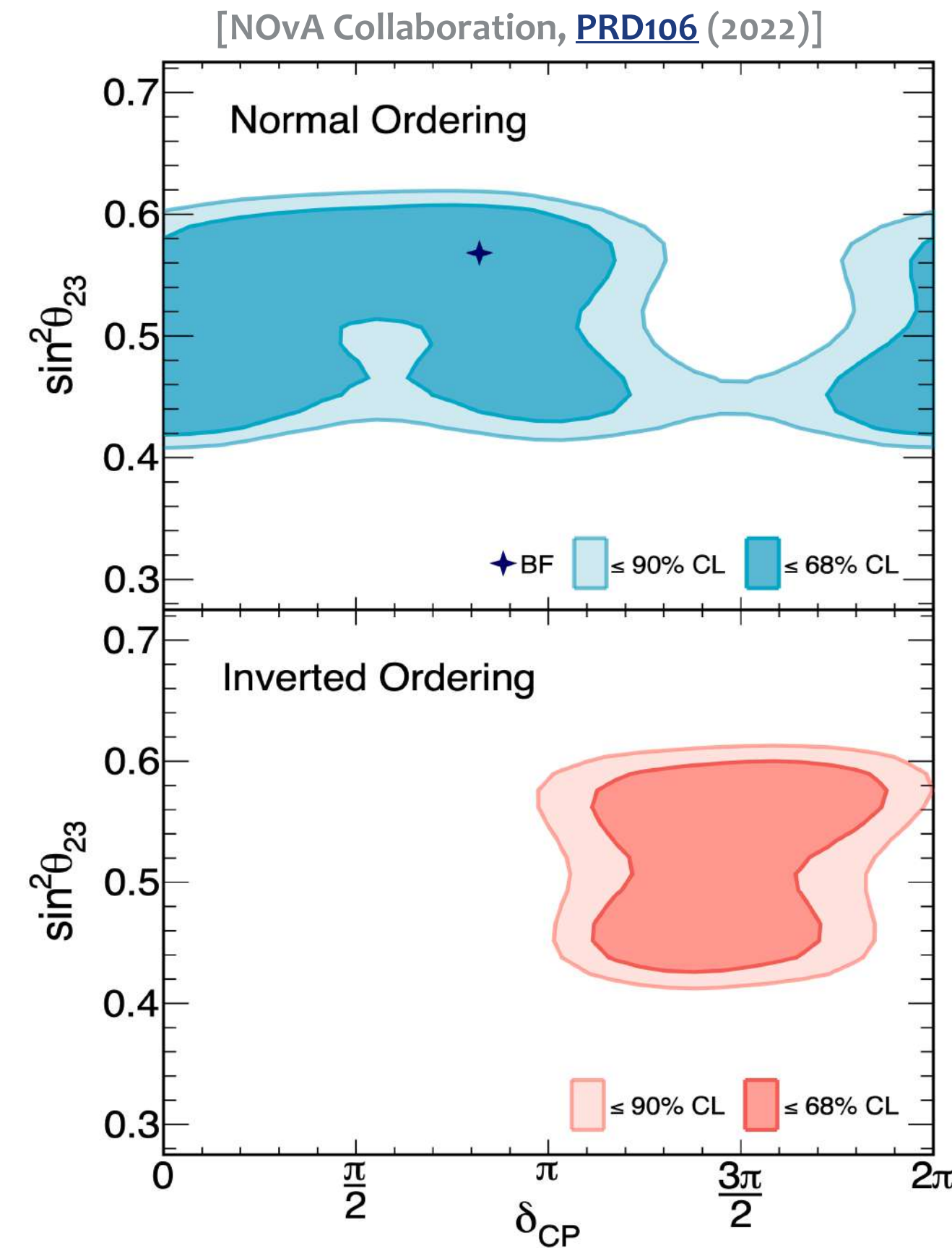


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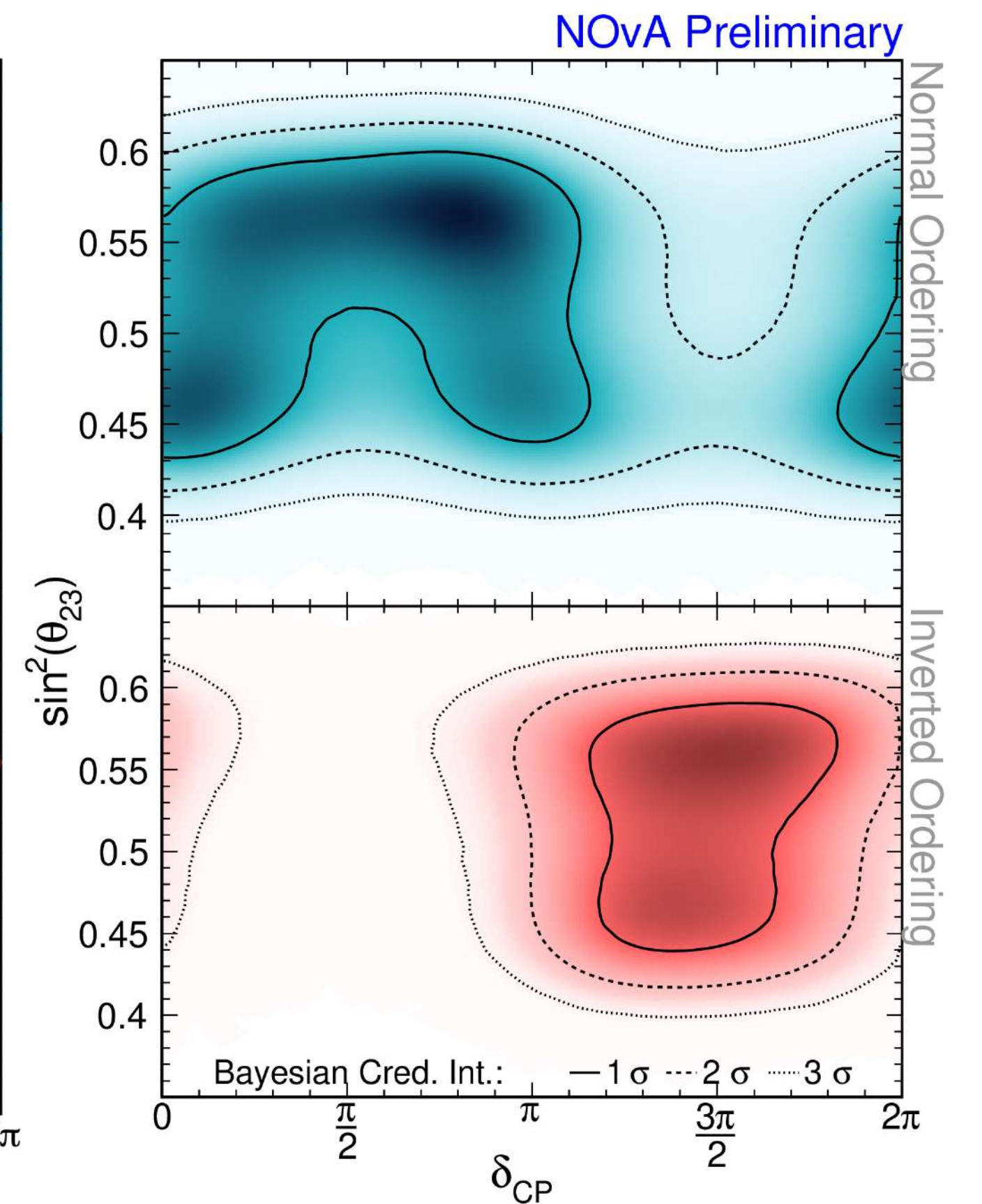


Bayesian – w/o reactor constraint

## Frequentist vs Bayesian Analyses



Preference for **Normal Ordering** and the **upper octant** of  $\theta_{23}$





## Data and predicted spectra

### Neutrino mode

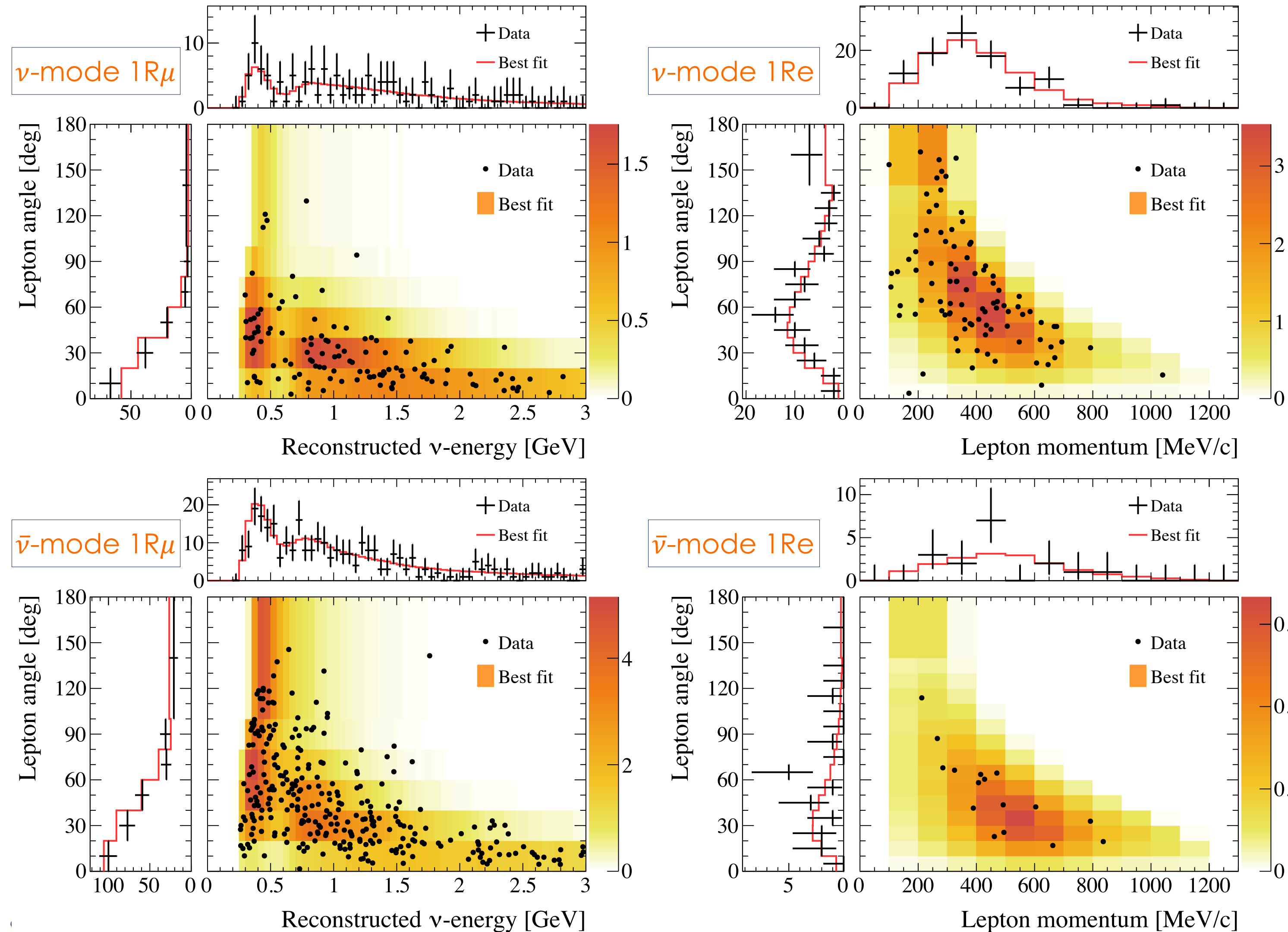
- 318  $1R\mu$  events
- 94  $1Re$  events

### Antineutrino mode

- 137  $1R\mu$  events
- 16  $1Re$  events

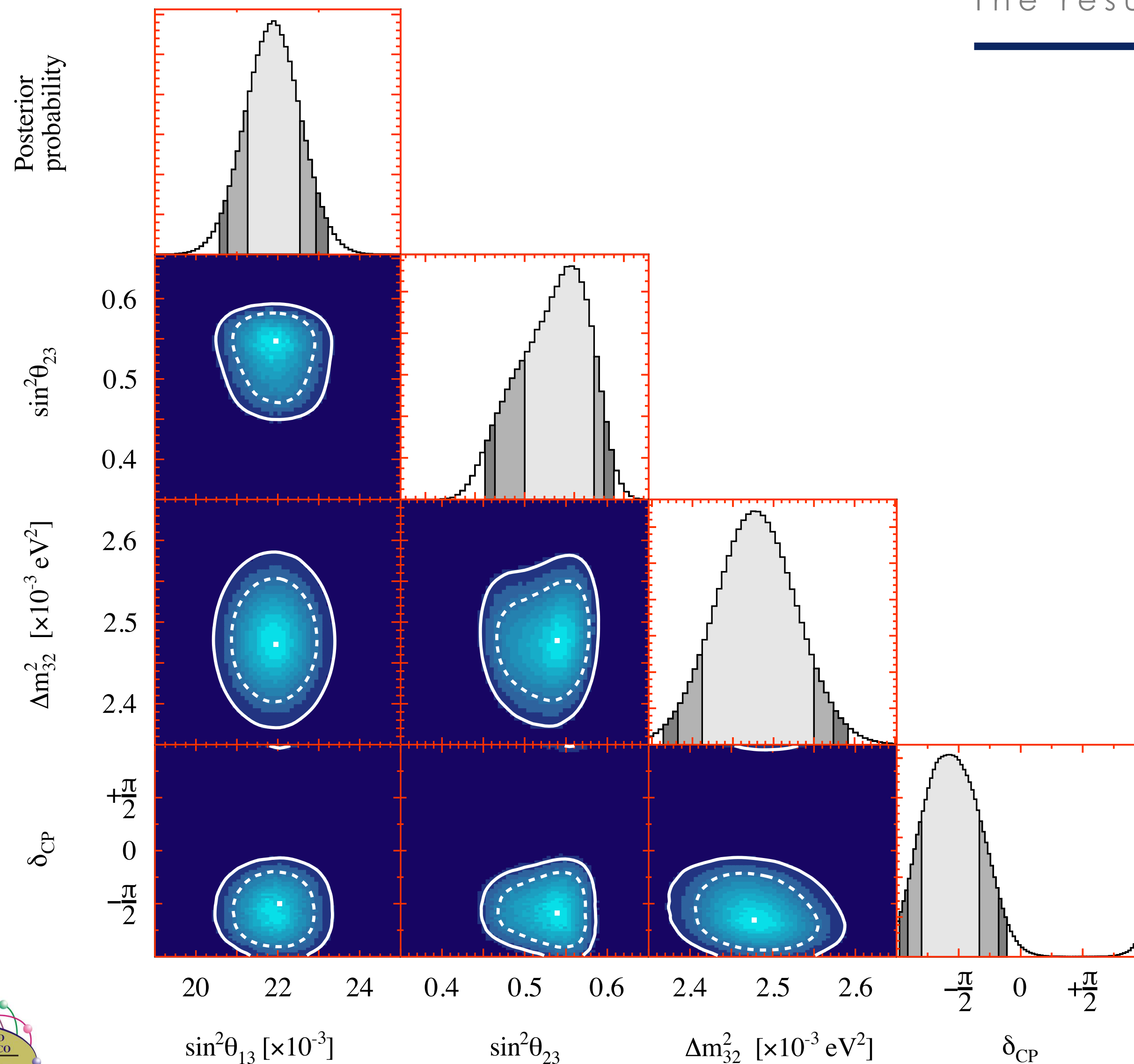
1R stands for "single ring"

[T2K Collaboration, [EPJC83](#) (2023)]





The results



## Bayesian Analysis

2D 68% and 90% credible intervals

1D 68%, 90% and 95% credible intervals

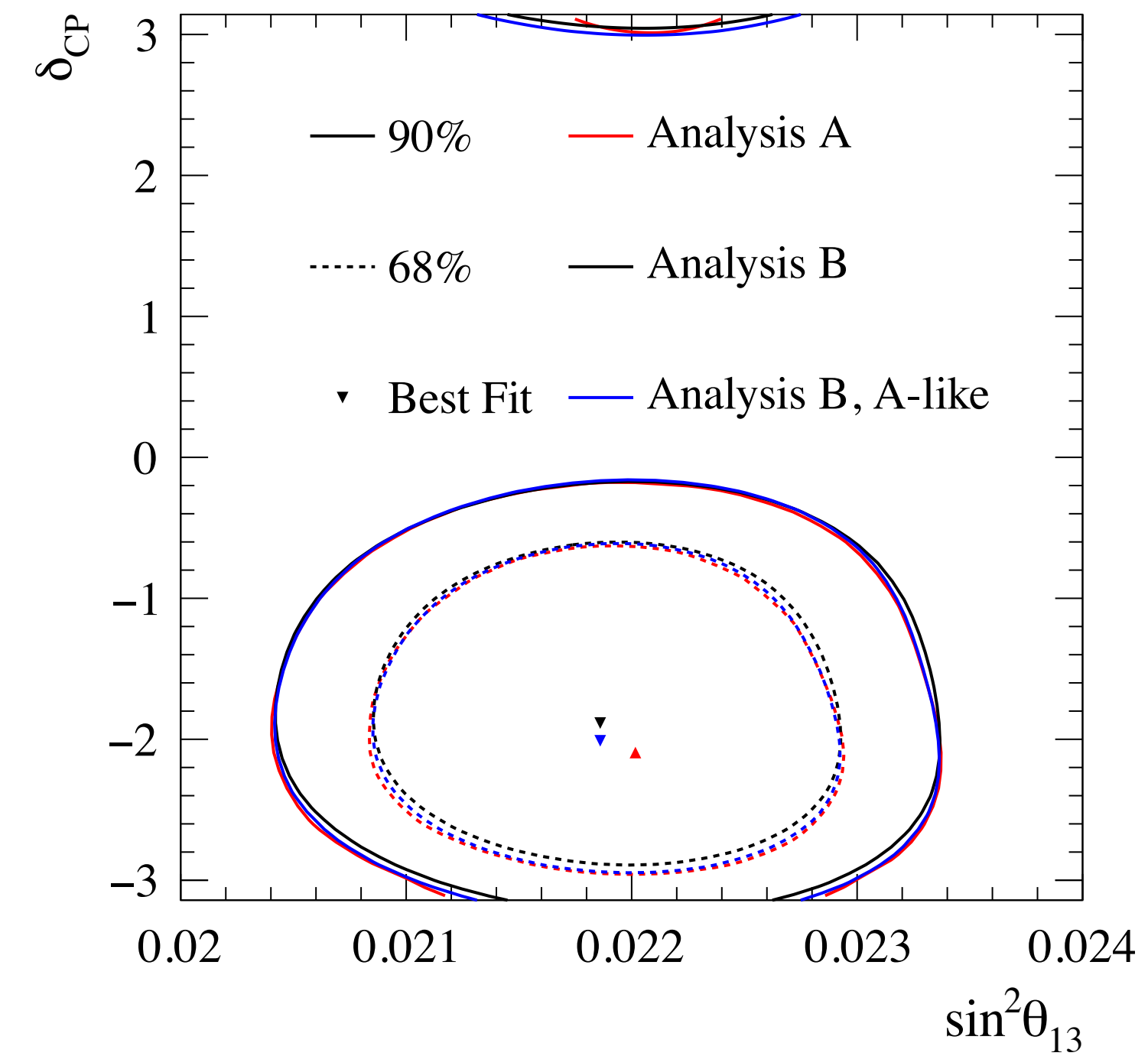
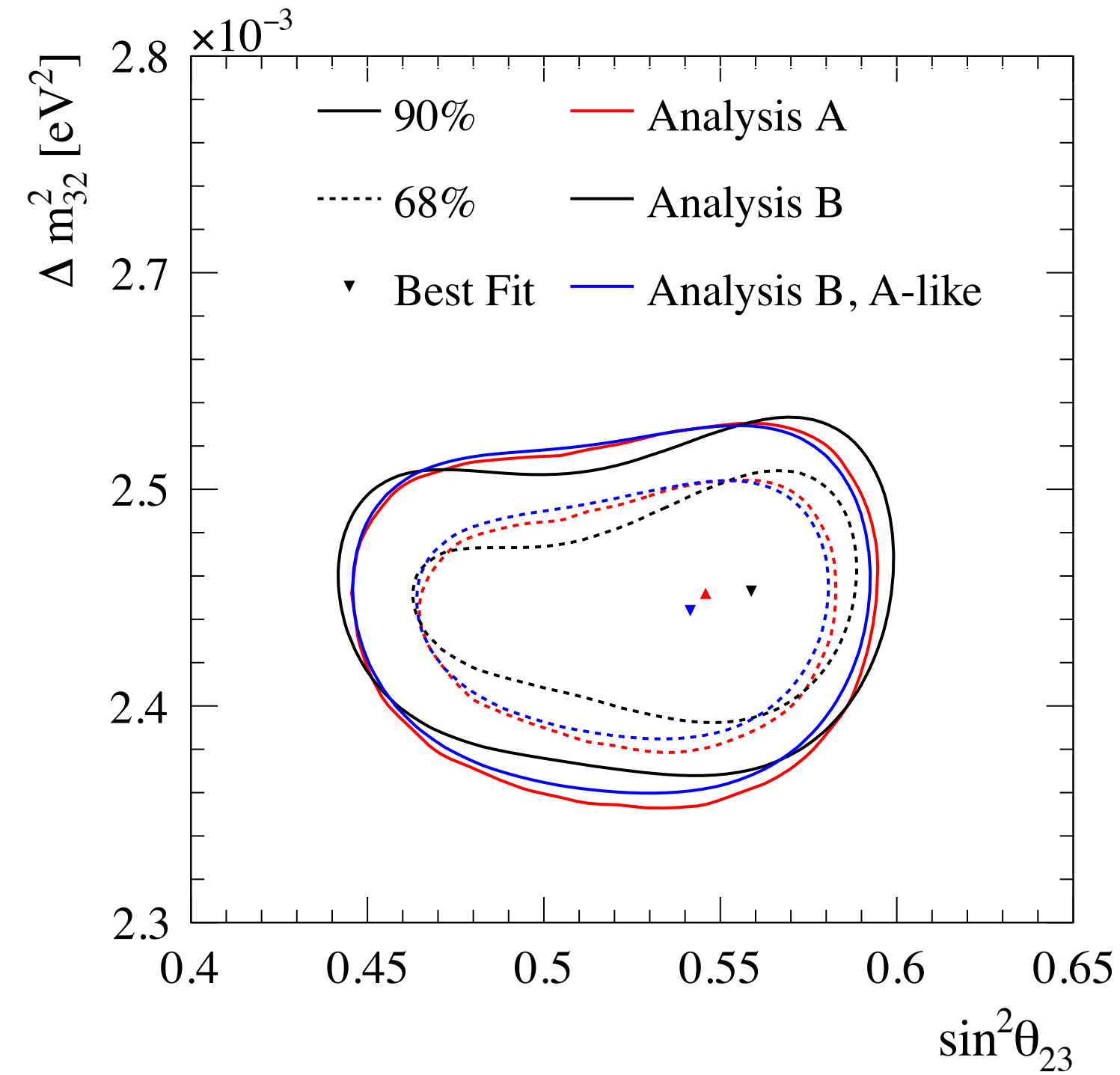
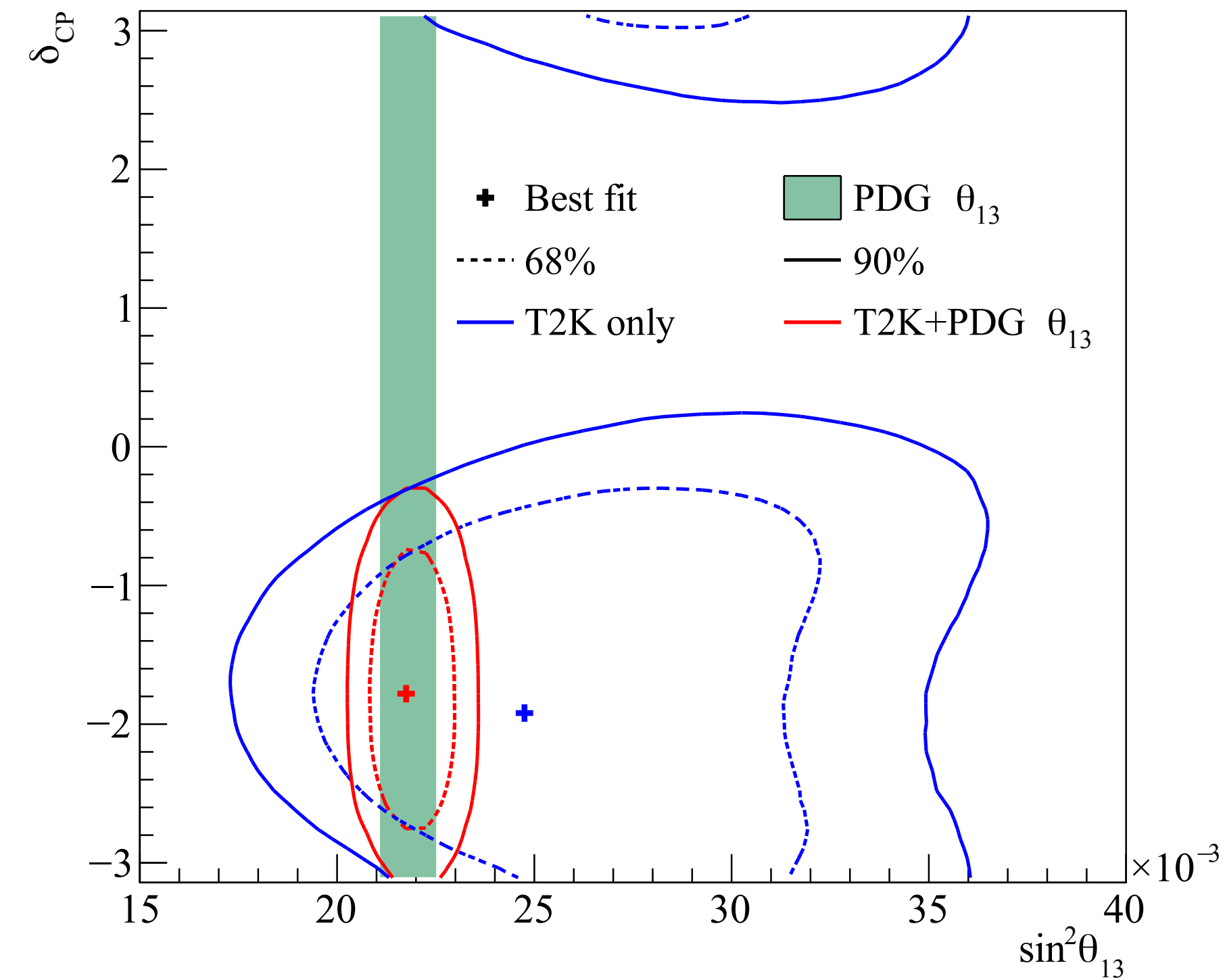
[T2K Collaboration, [EPJC83](#) (2023)]



The results

## Bayesian – w/ and w/o reactor constraint

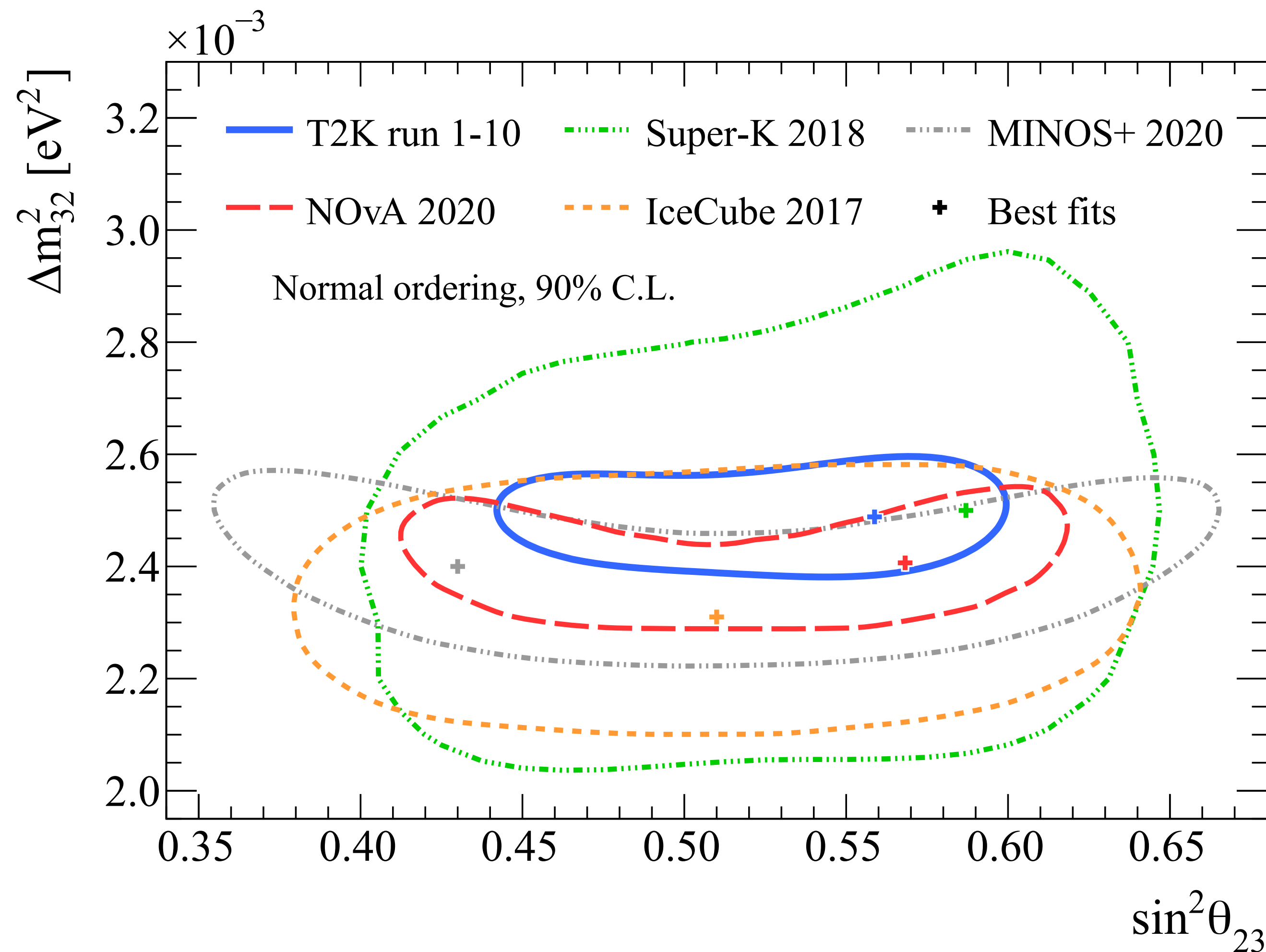
## Bayesian vs. Frequentist Analyses



NO and w/ reactor constraint

[T2K Collaboration, EPJC83 (2023)]





## Comparison among experiments

- [T2K Collaboration, [EPJC83](#) (2023)]
- [NOvA Collaboration, [PRD106](#) (2022)]
- [SK Collaboration, [PRD97](#) (2018)]
- [IceCube Collaboration, [PRL120](#) (2018)]
- [MINOS+ Collaboration, [PRL125](#) (2020)]



# More Physics Results

Not only neutrino oscillations





# Much more Physics!

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The results

Search for **Lorentz** and **CPT** violations

[PRD95 111101(R) (2017)]

Upper bound on the **neutrino mass**

[PRD93 012006 (2016)]

**Sterile** neutrinos

[PRD99 071103(R) (2019)]

**Heavy** neutral leptons

[PRD100 052006 (2019)]

And several **cross-section** measurements



Coincidences with **LIGO/Vigo** detections

[PRD104 063024 (2021), PRD101 112006 (2020)]

Search for slow magnetic **monopoles**

[PRD103 012007 (2021)]

**Supernova** neutrinos

[JCAP10 014 (2020)]

Seasonal variation of **multi-muon** events

[PRD104 012014 (2021), PRD99 122004 (2019)]

**Sterile** neutrinos, **NSI** and **cross-section** measurements



# THE FUTURE

## DUNE and Hyper-Kamiokande Experiments





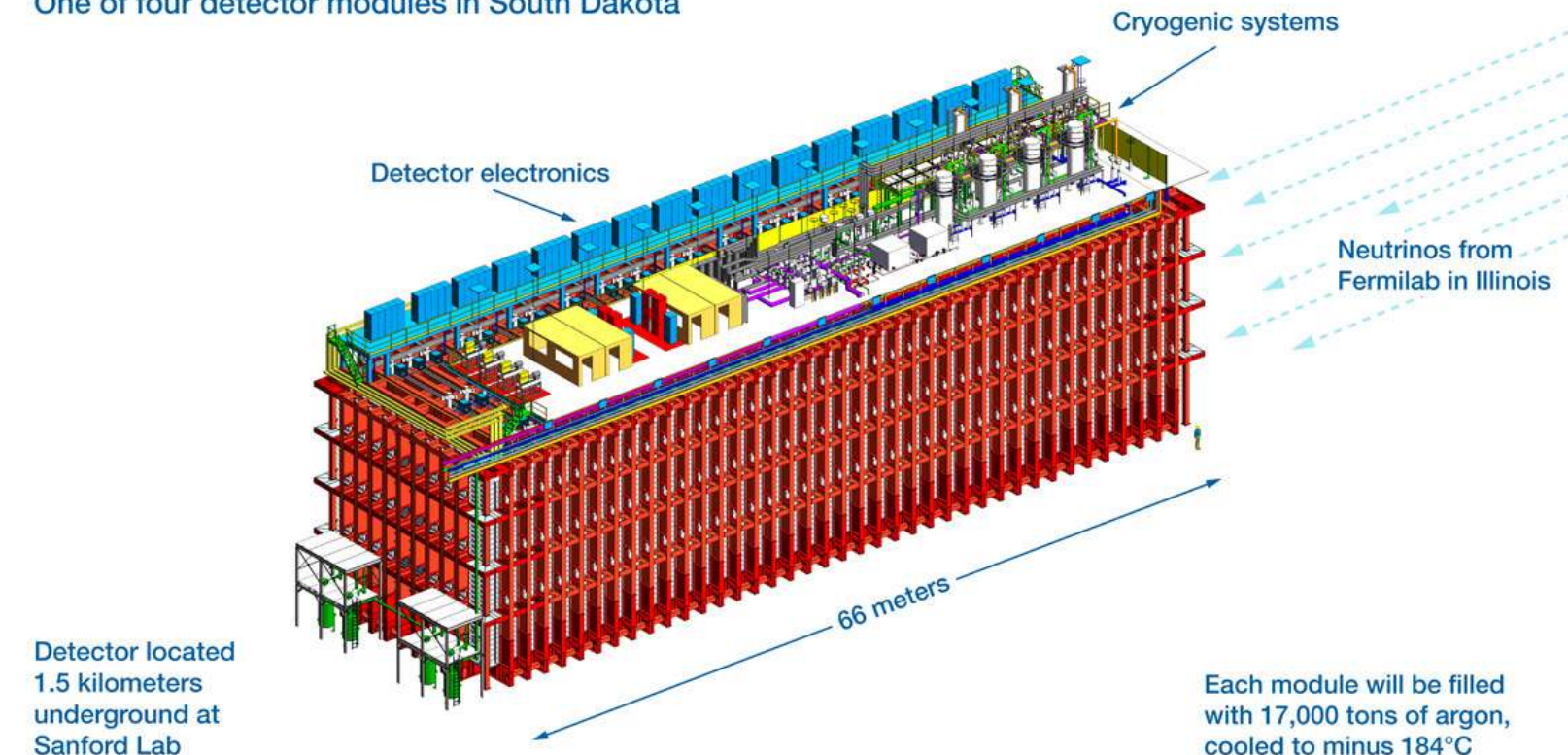
# DUNE

A worldwide effort

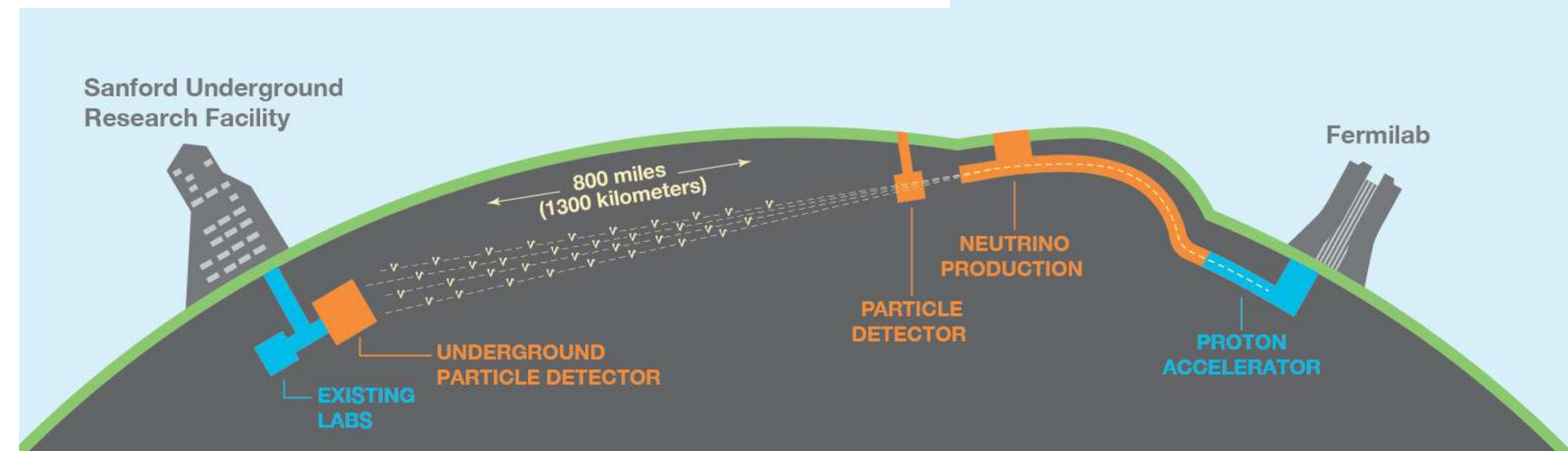
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- Long-baseline (1285 km) neutrino oscillation experiment
- Muon Neutrinos from a high intensity beam at Fermilab
- Two detectors:
  - **Far Detector:** 40 kton, LArTPC; at SURF
  - **Near Detector:** at Fermilab
- Broad-band energy beam (peaks at  $\sim 2.5$  GeV)

Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment  
One of four detector modules in South Dakota



**DUNE**  
DEEP UNDERGROUND  
NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT



$\sim 1400$  members, 200 Institutes, 30 countries

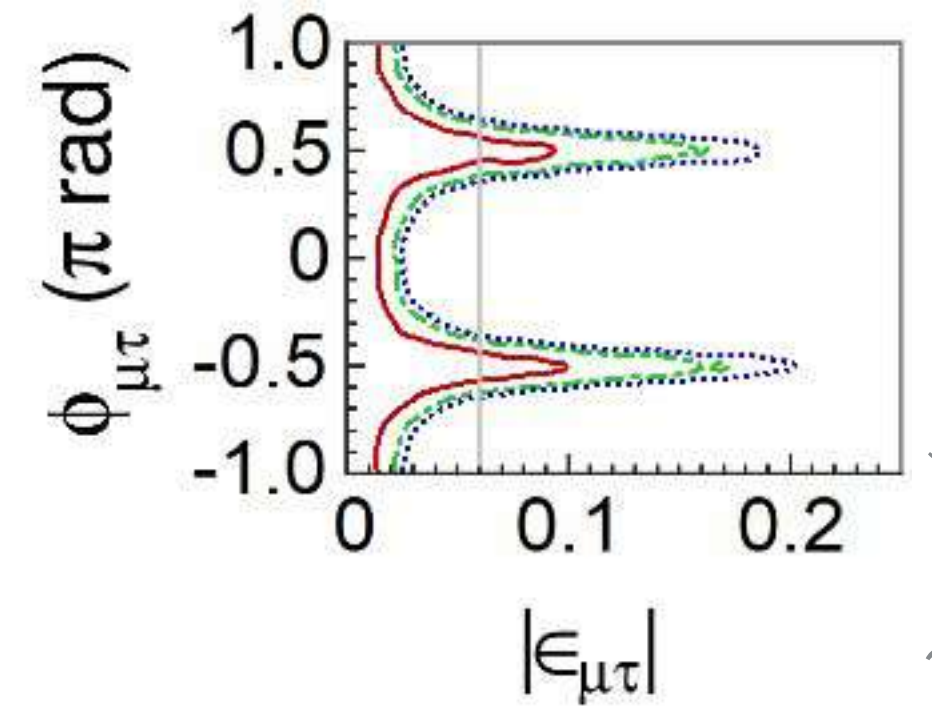
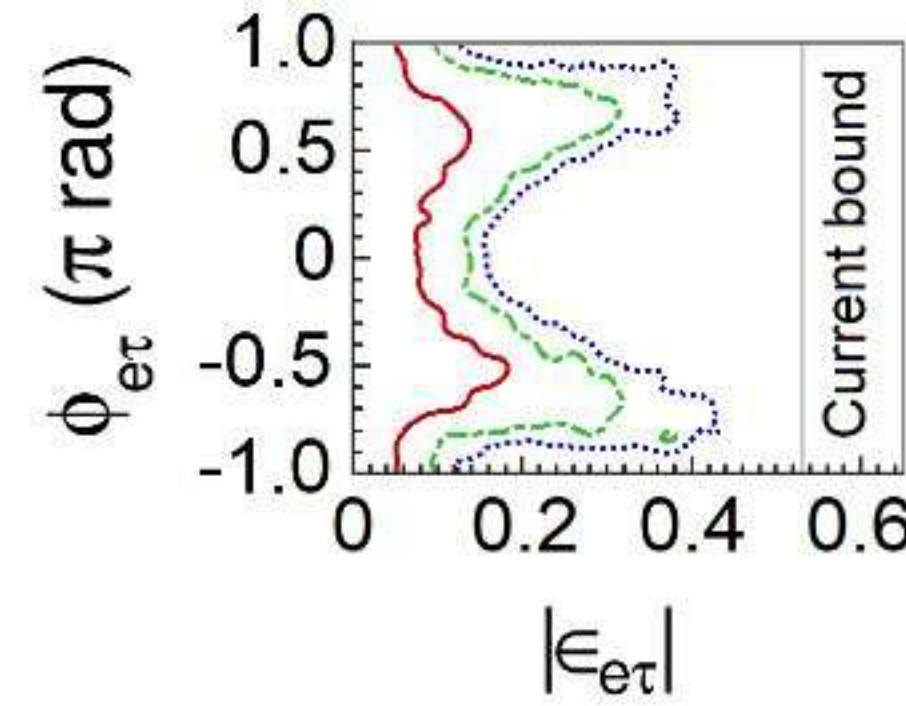
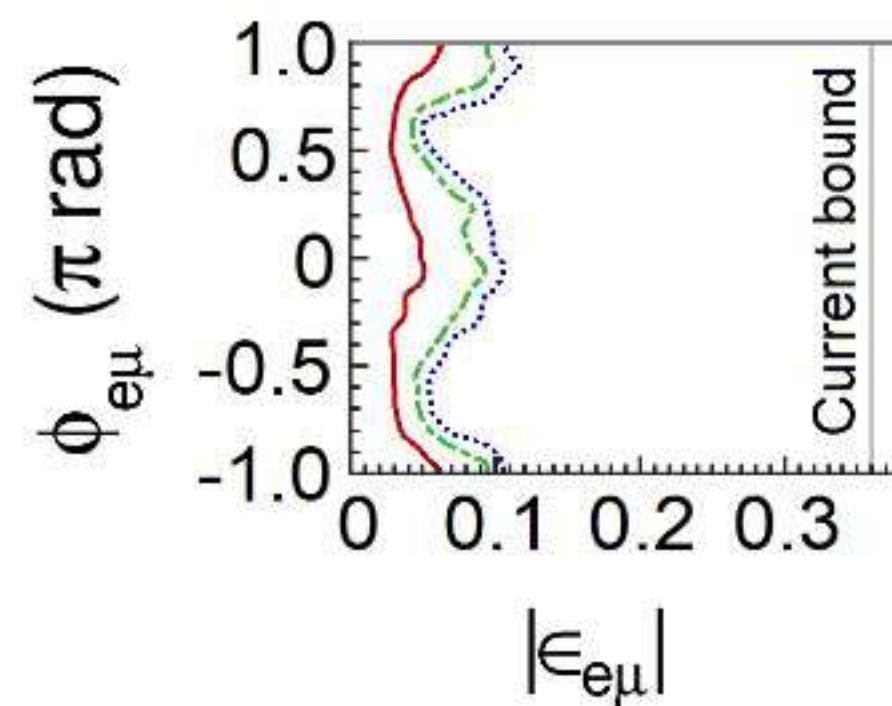
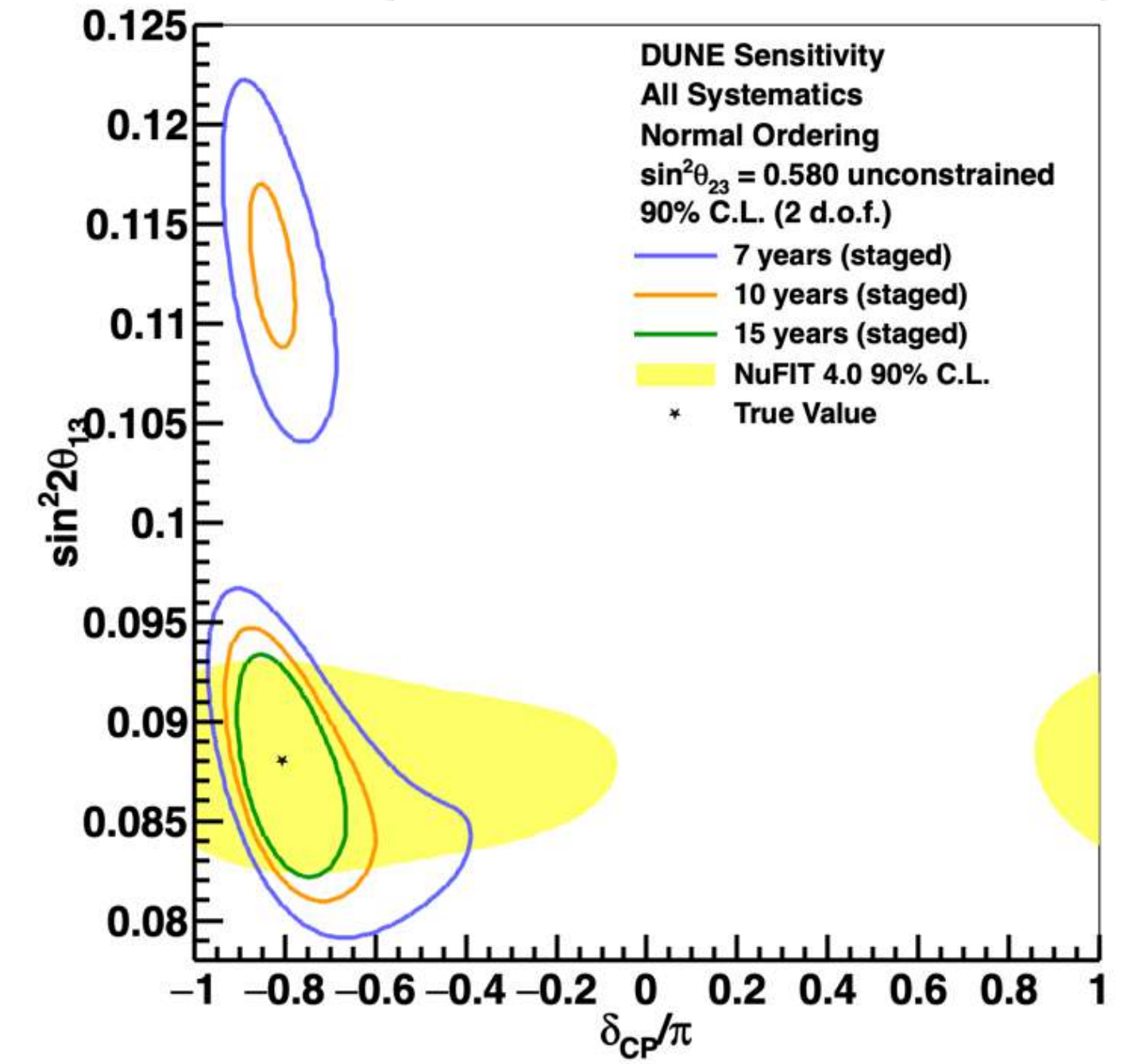
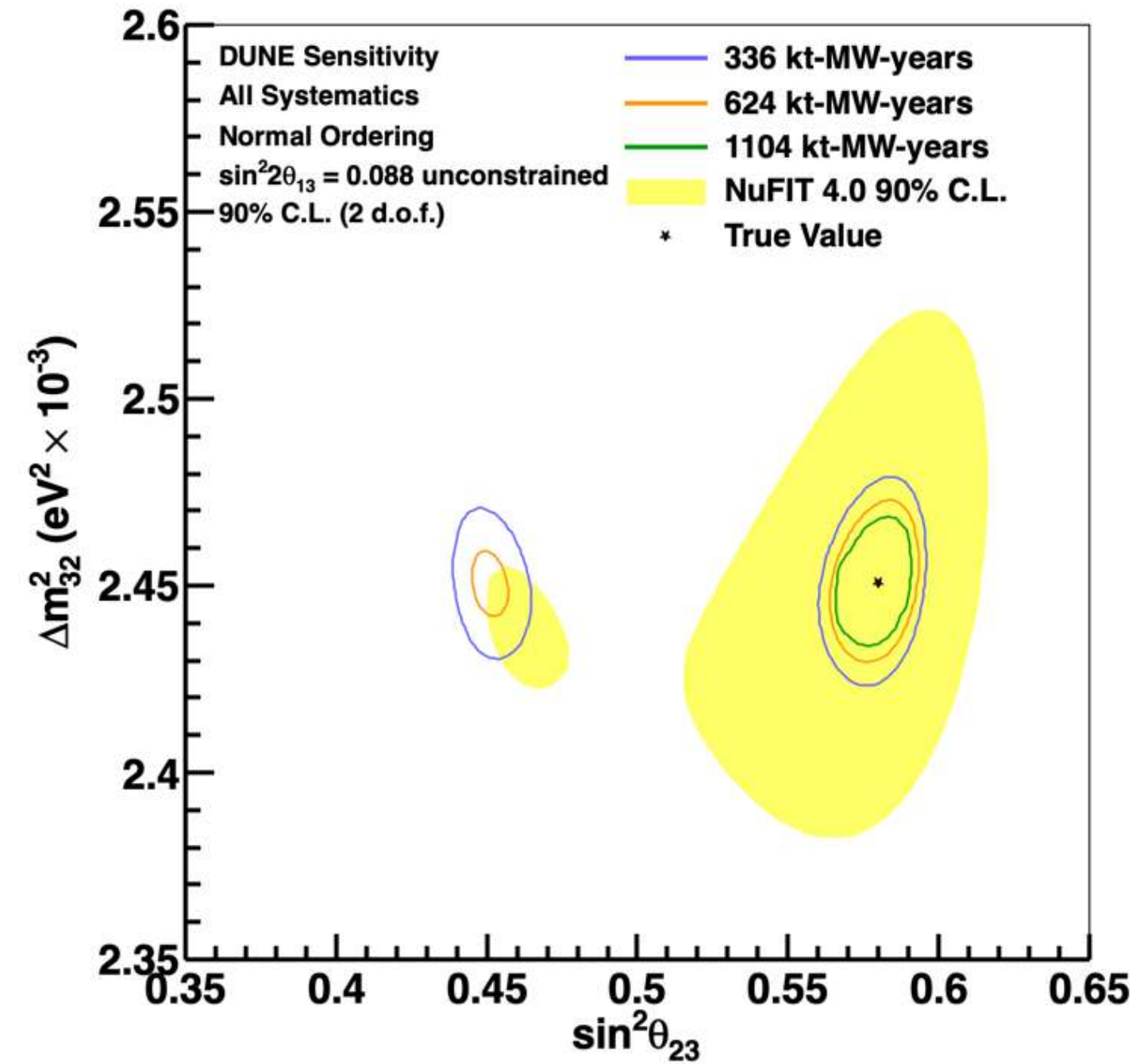




## Physics Goals

- Accelerator neutrinos
  - Standard 3F oscillations, mass ordering, CP violation
- Low energy neutrinos
  - Sun, core-collapse supernova
- Baryon number violation
  - Proton decay, neutron-antineutron
- BSM physics
  - Deviations from 3F (steriles, NSI), new particles (DM)

[DUNE Collaboration, [2203.06100](#) (2022)]



[DUNE Collaboration, [EPJC81](#) (2021)]

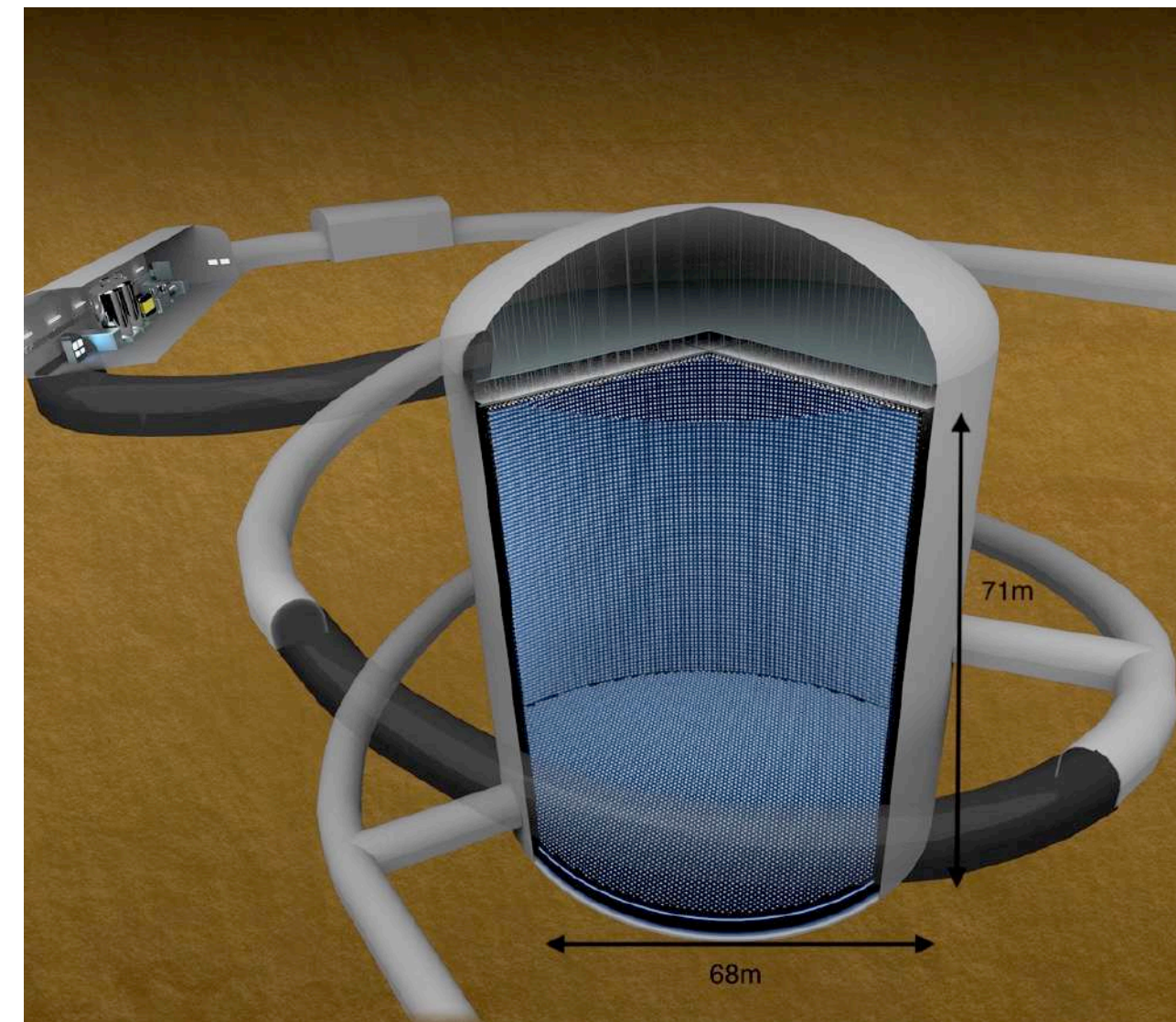


# Hyper-Kamiokande

A Japan-Based effort

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- Long-baseline (295 km) water Cherenkov neutrino oscillation experiment
- Muon Neutrinos from the J-PARC acceleration complex
- Two detectors:
  - **Far Detector:** 68 m in diameter, 71 m in height (8.4x SK fiducial volume)
  - **Near Detector(s):** upgraded ND280; Intermediate Water Cherenkov
- FD is off-axis (2.5°) position (beam peaks at ~0.6 GeV)



**J-PARC  
Accelerator Complex**



~560 members, 101 Institutes, 21 countries





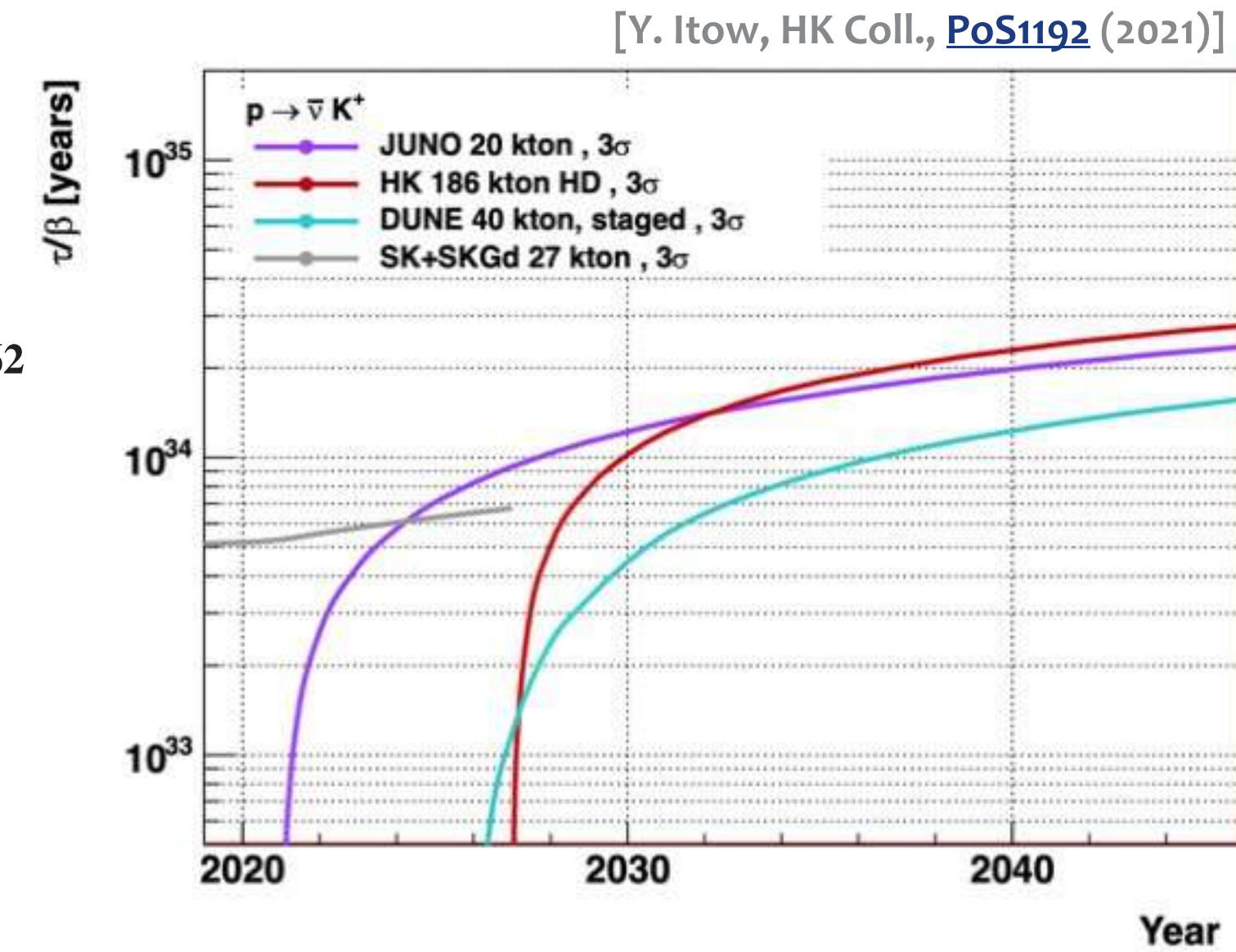
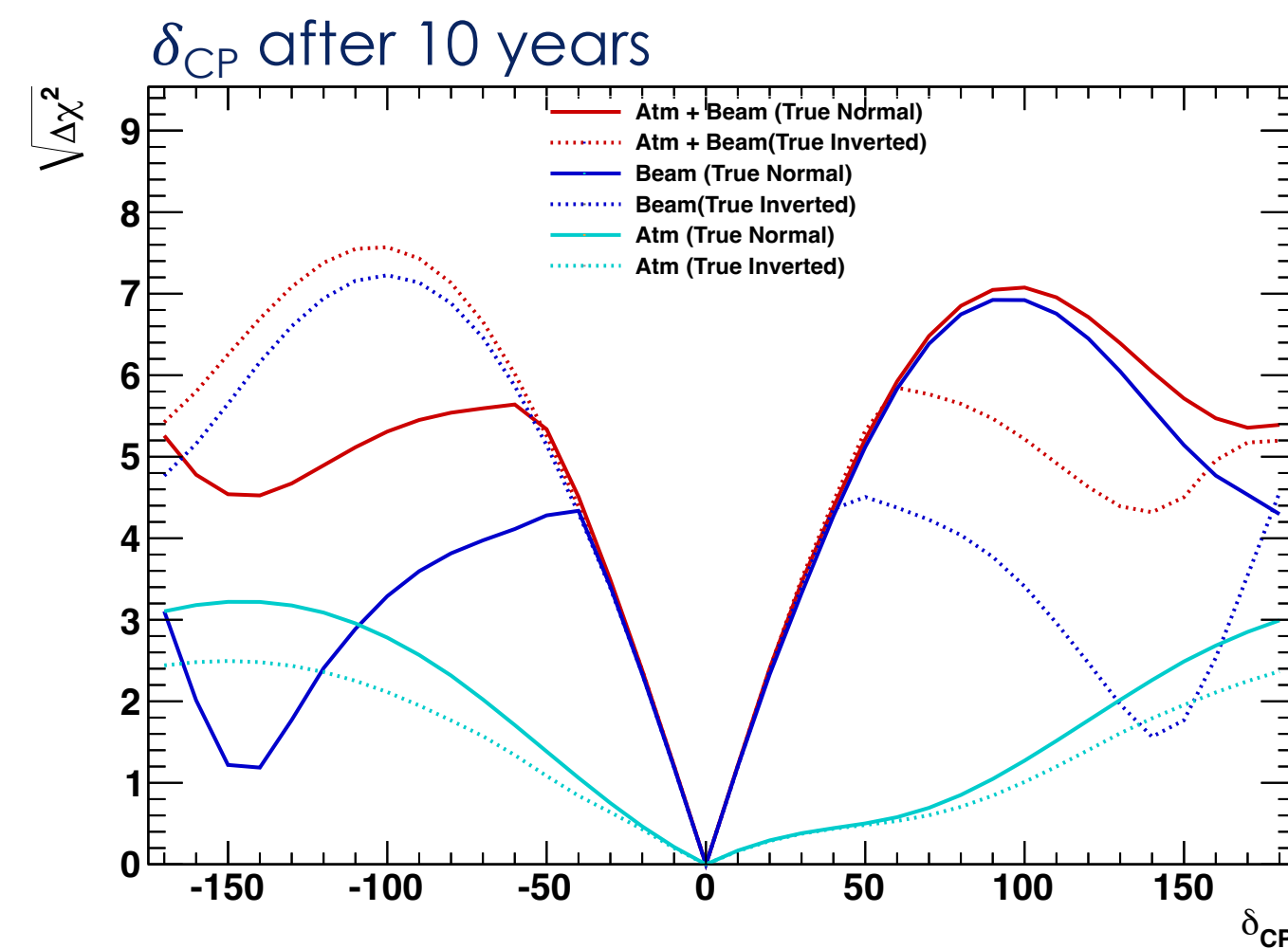
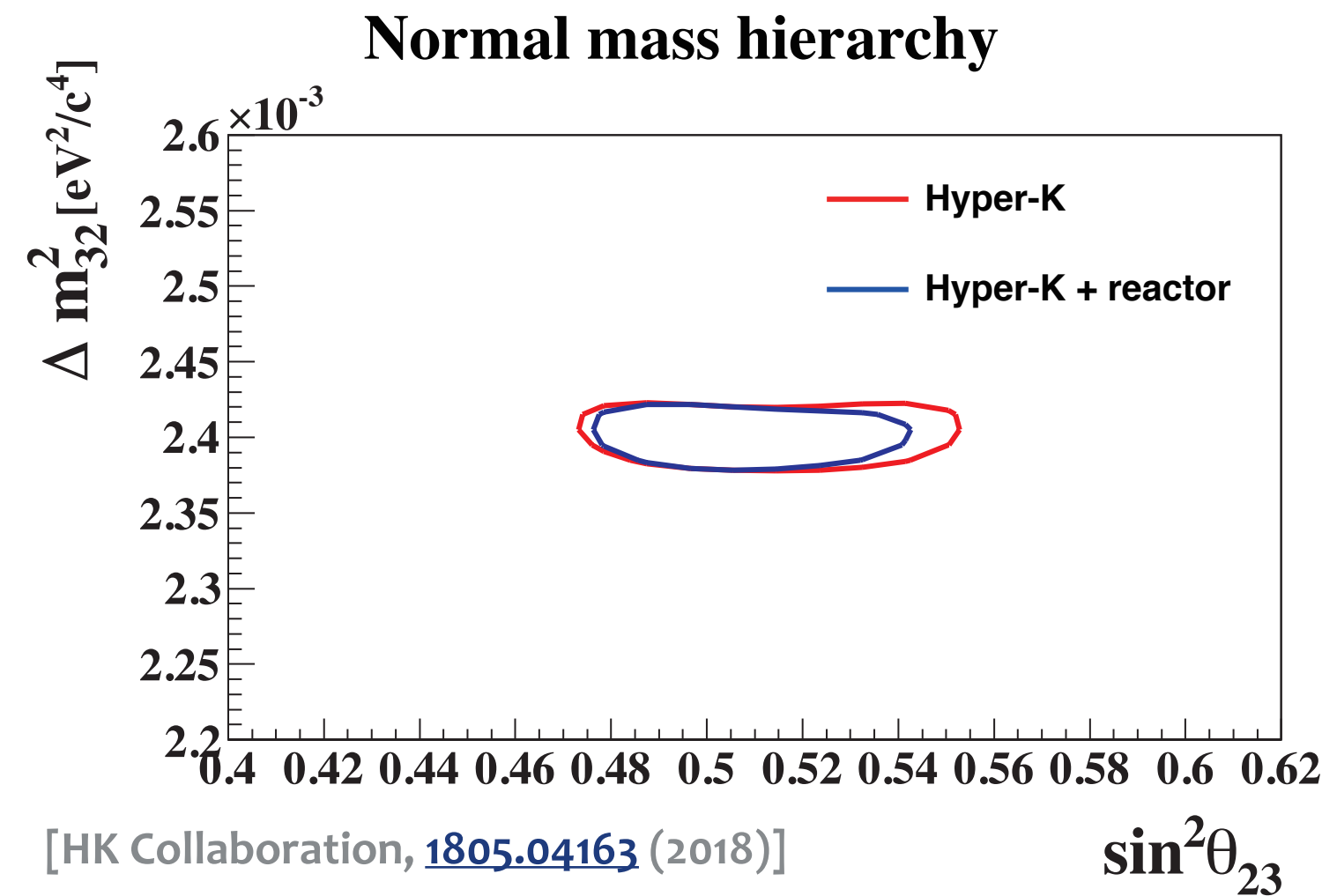
# Hyper-Kamiokande

A Japan-Based effort

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## Physics Goals

- Accelerator neutrinos
  - Standard oscillations
- Atmospheric neutrinos
  - Mass ordering, CP violation, NSI, sterile, PMNS unitarity,  $\nu_\tau$
- Solar neutrinos
  - Oscillations and NSI
- Supernova neutrinos
  - Multi-messenger
- Nucleon decay
  - SM tests
- Dark Matter
  - BSM physics



# DUNE - HyperK

In the calendar...

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## DUNE

- Preliminary studies  
ProtoDUNE – 2018-2020.
- ProtoDUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> run  
Planned for 2024
- Data taking at FD  
2028/2029  
(atmospheric neutrinos + astrophysics)
- Phase I (1.2 MW)  
2031  
(+ oscillation physics)
- Phase II (2.4 MW)  
2037/2038  
(full physics)

## Hyper-Kamiokande

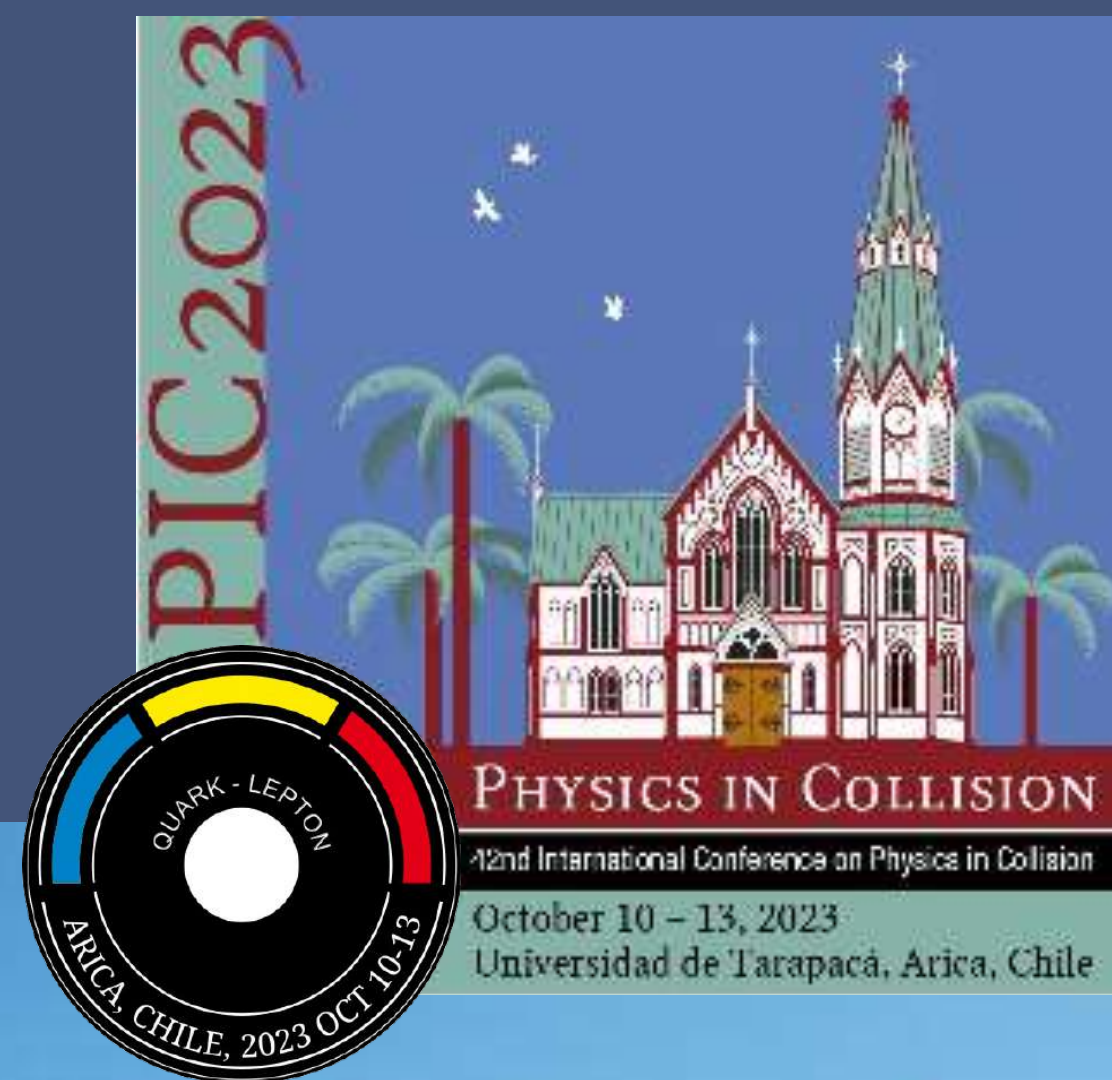
- Cavern excavation  
Until ~mid 2025
- Beamline upgrade (1.3 MW)  
Until ~2026
- Tank and PMTs installation  
~2025 – 2027
- Electronics: Testing and installation  
~2025 – 2027
- Data taking  
2027





# Summary

- **NOvA** and **T2K**, have been developing a rich physics research program and obtained great results on standard neutrino oscillations and beyond, making it a **fascinating** present.
- **DUNE** and **HyperK** are building a **stimulating** future, looking for providing the conditions to provide precise measurements and answer to open questions.
- Long-baseline experiments are an **open window** to explore a wide spectrum of physics, beyond neutrinos!





# THANKS!



**NOvA Collaboration – June 2023 – QMUL, London (UK)**







# Backup Slides

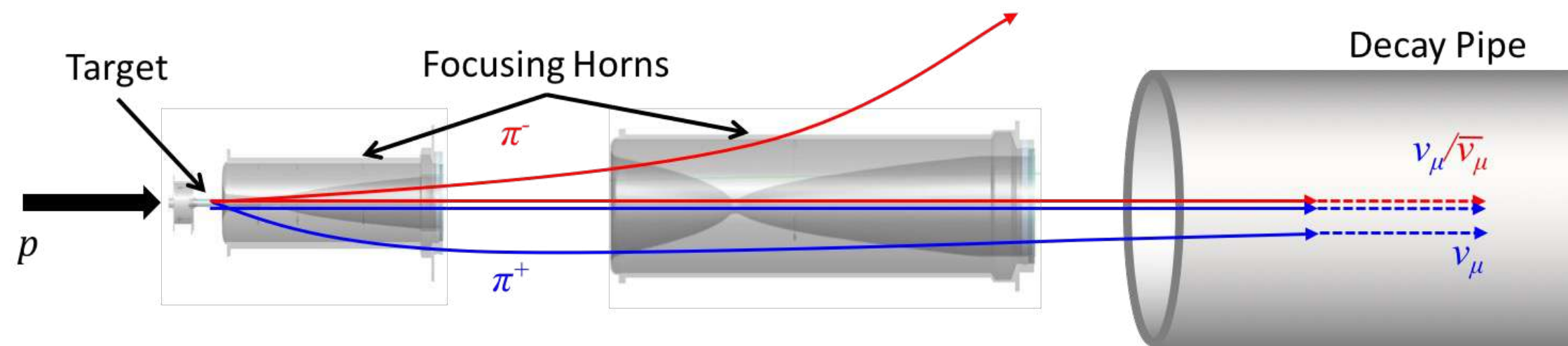




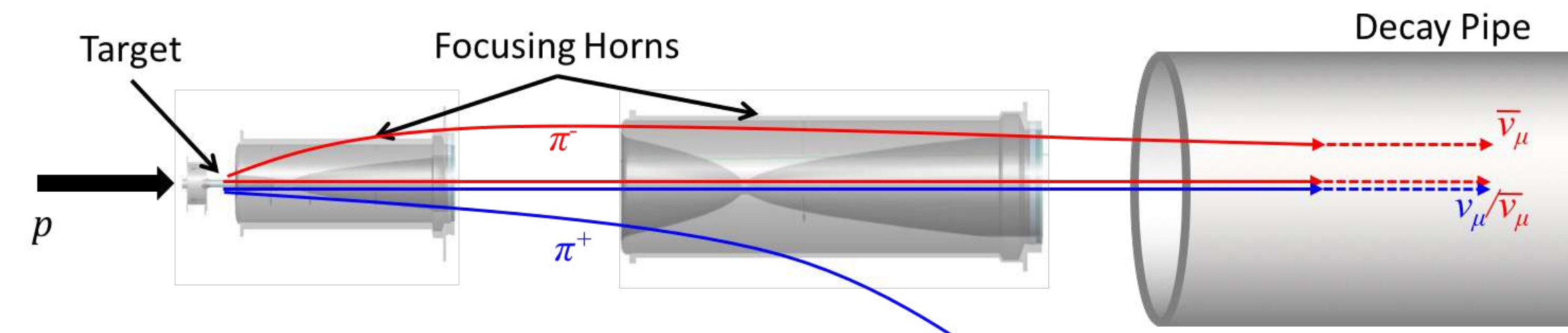
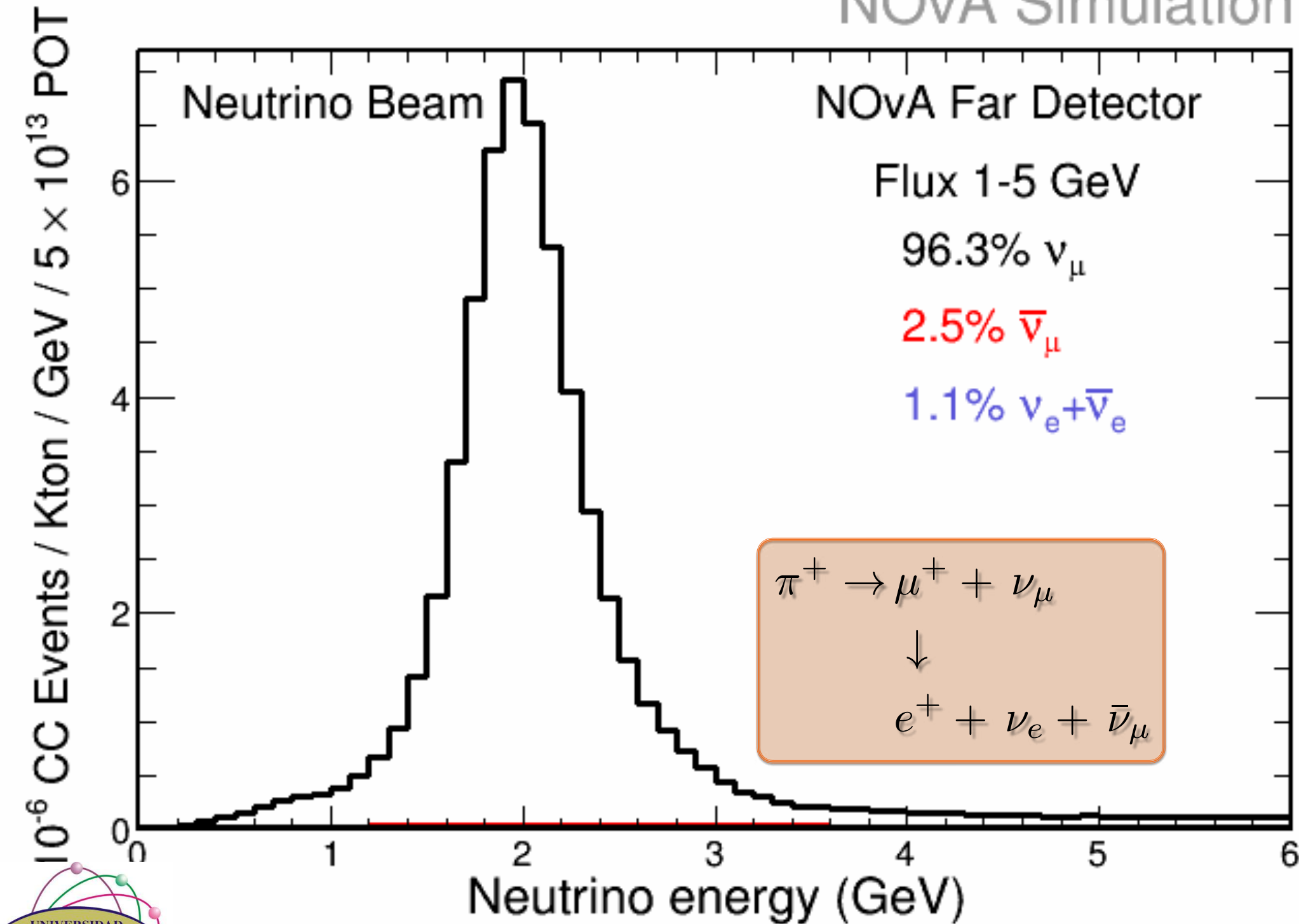
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Neutrinos from NuMI beam

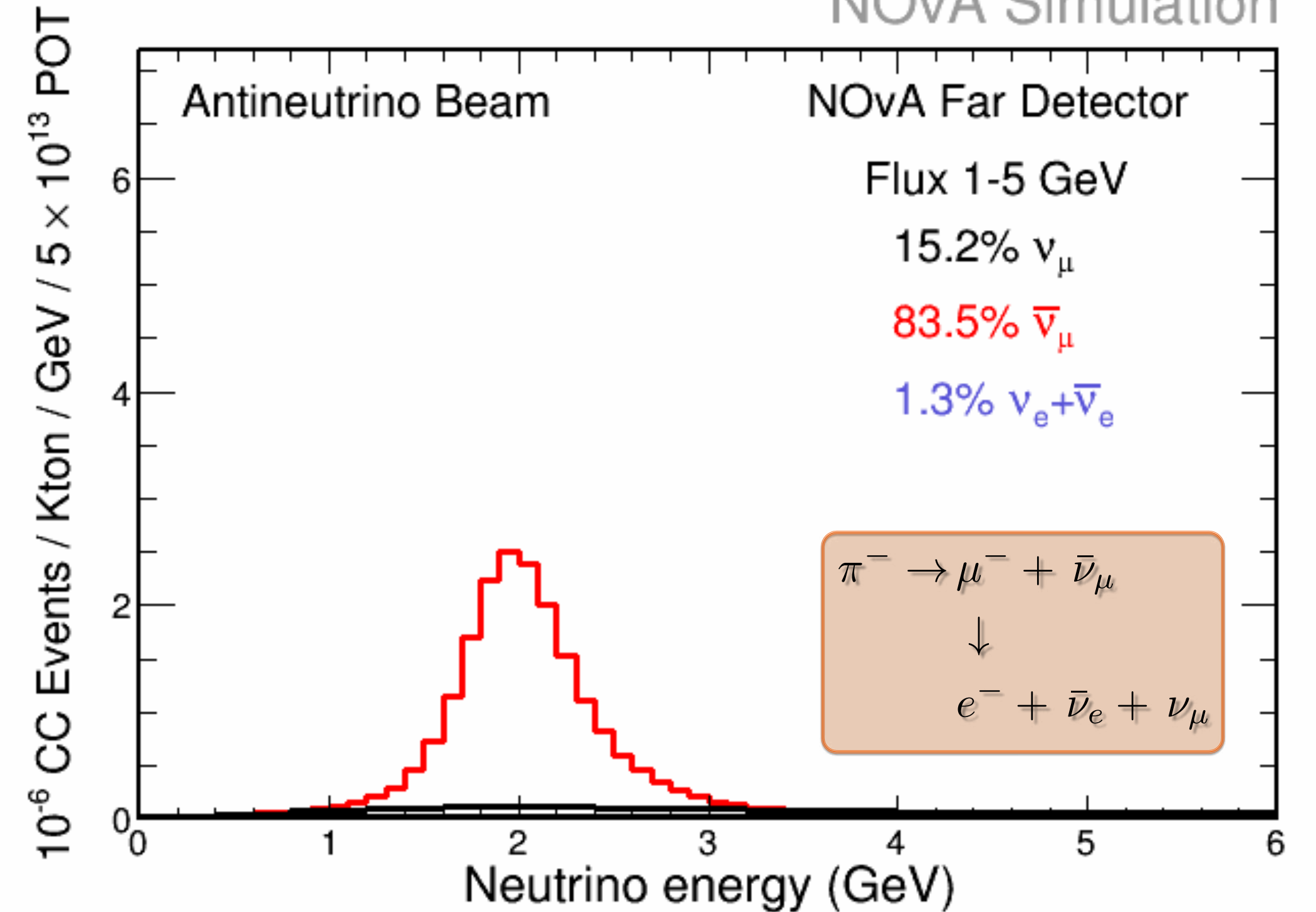
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NOvA Simulation



NOvA Simulation



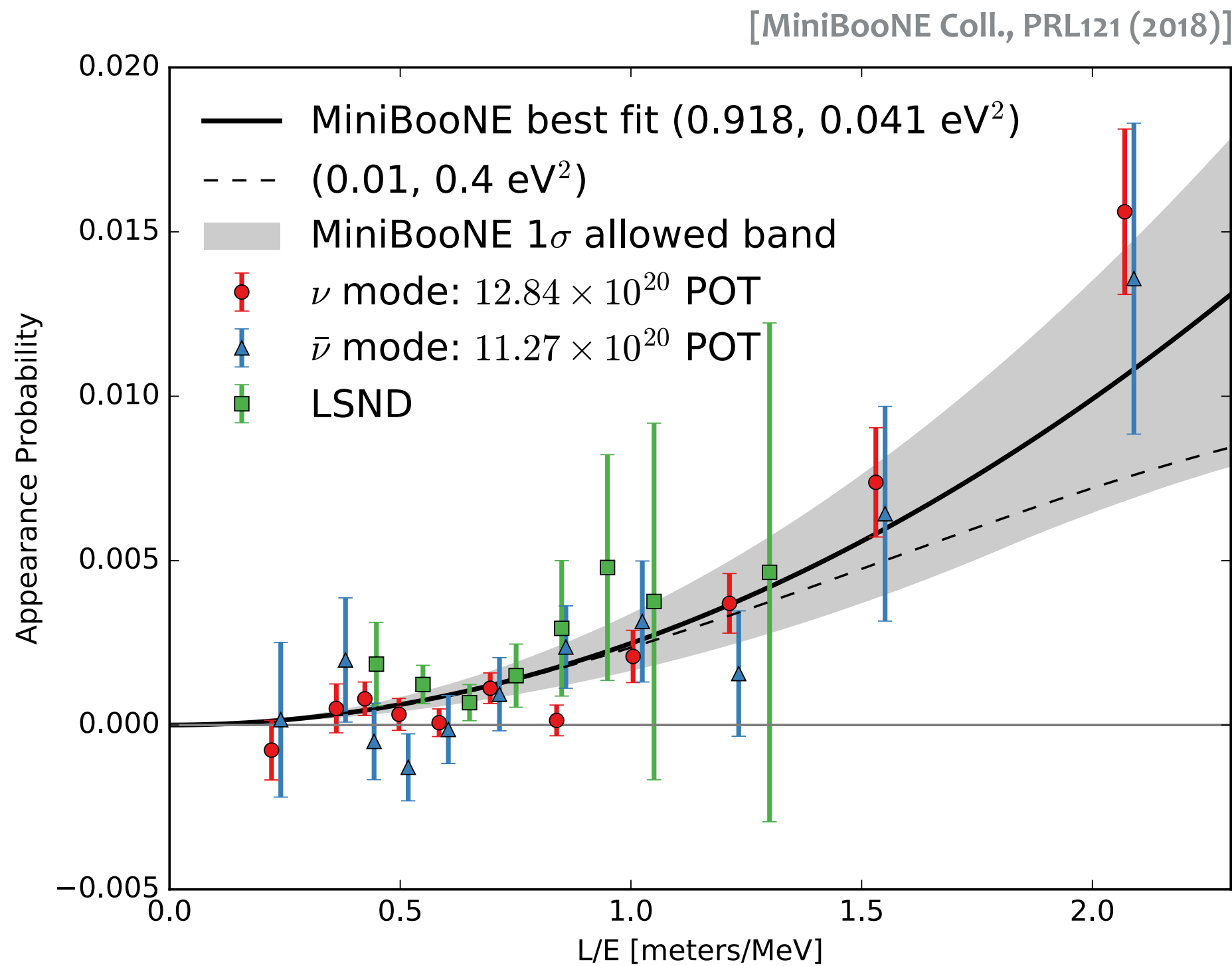


# Sterile neutrinos

The motivations and implications

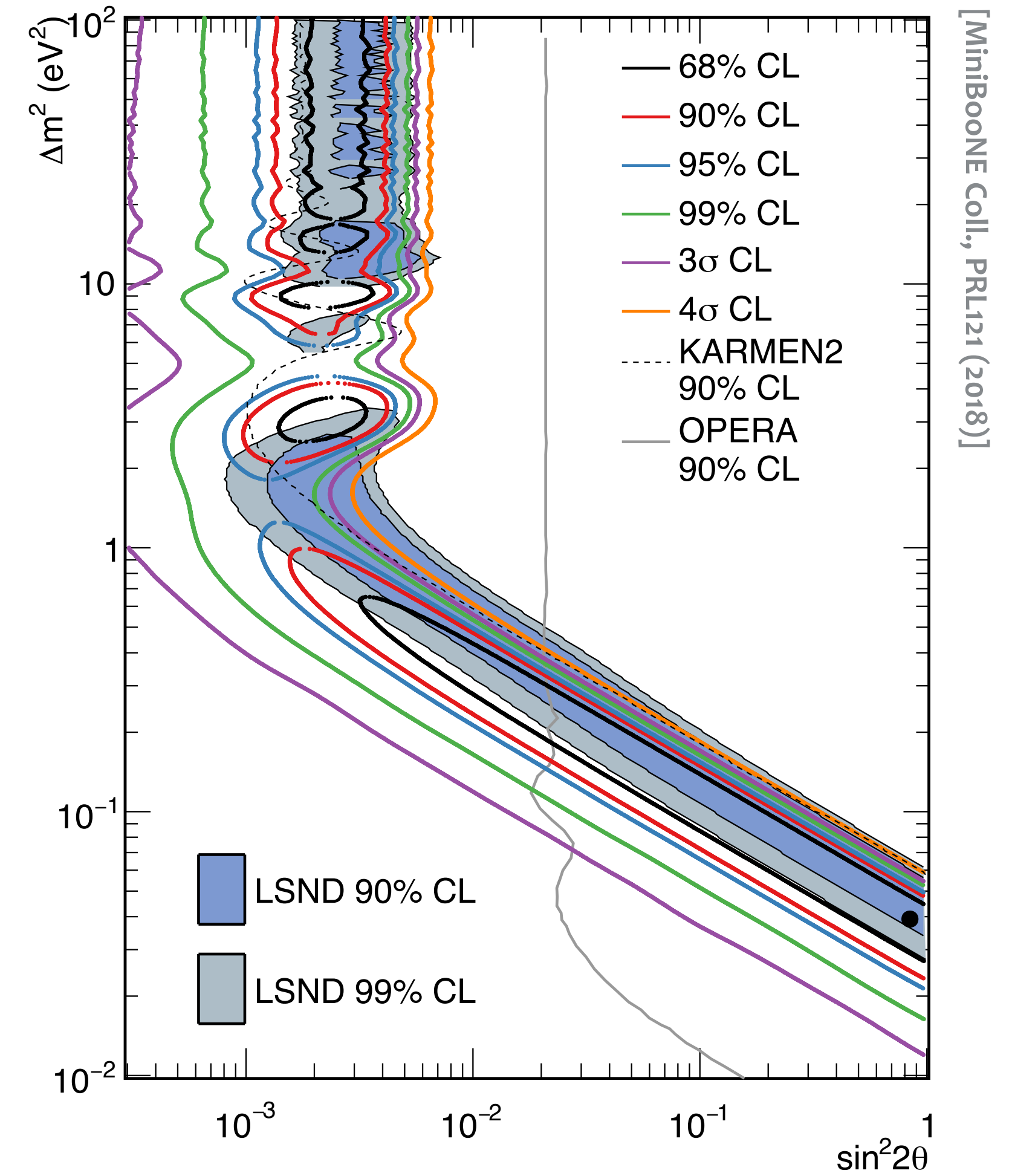
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The possible existence of a 4<sup>th</sup> **sterile neutrino** as an explanation to the event excess observed by LSND and MiniBooNE...



## Possible implications

- Modification of the neutrino mass states mixing
- Anomalous  $\nu_e$  appearance





# Additional (sterile) neutrinos

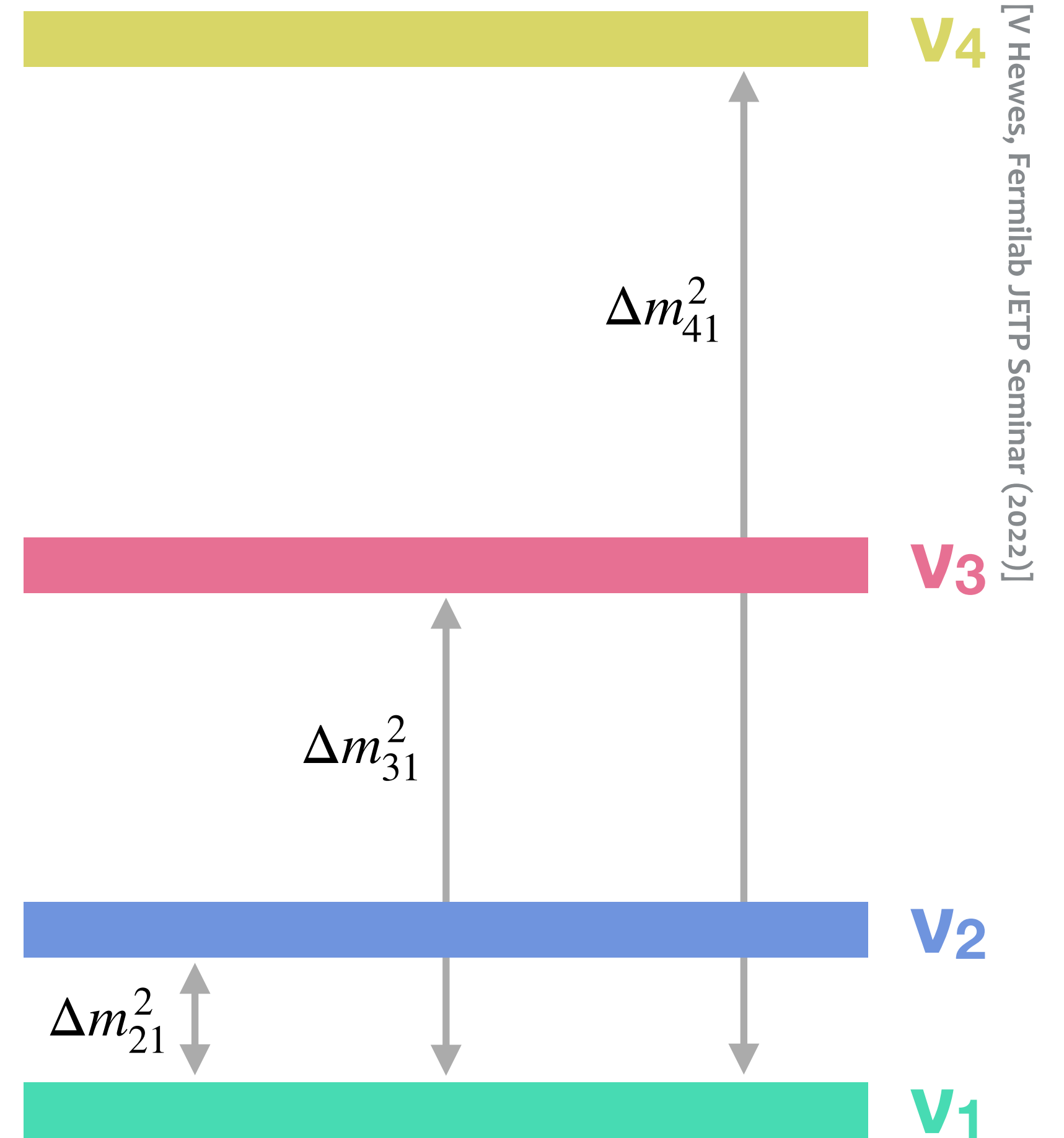
The effects of on the neutrino evolution

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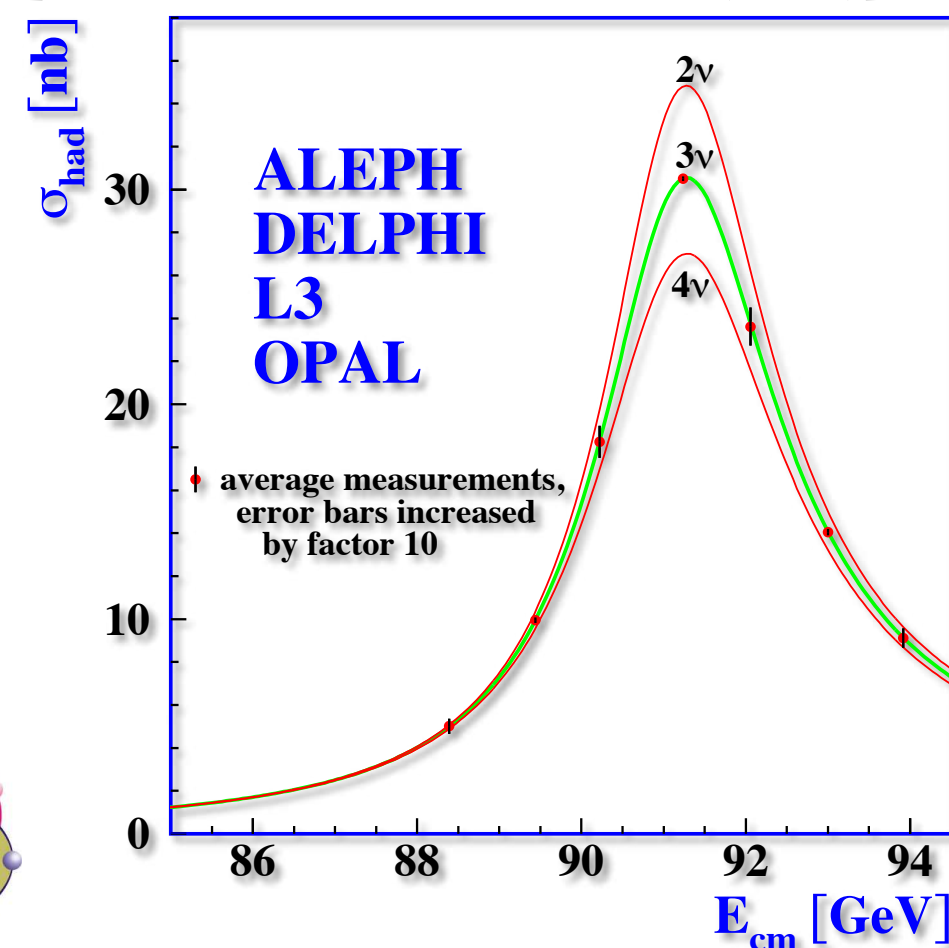
... Also leads to a modification of the Hamiltonian.

The PMNS mixing matrix becomes 4x4.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \\ \nu_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \\ \nu_4 \end{pmatrix}$$



[S. Shael et al., Phys. Rept 427 (2006)]



Fourth neutrino does not couple to SM forces, but modifies the oscillations



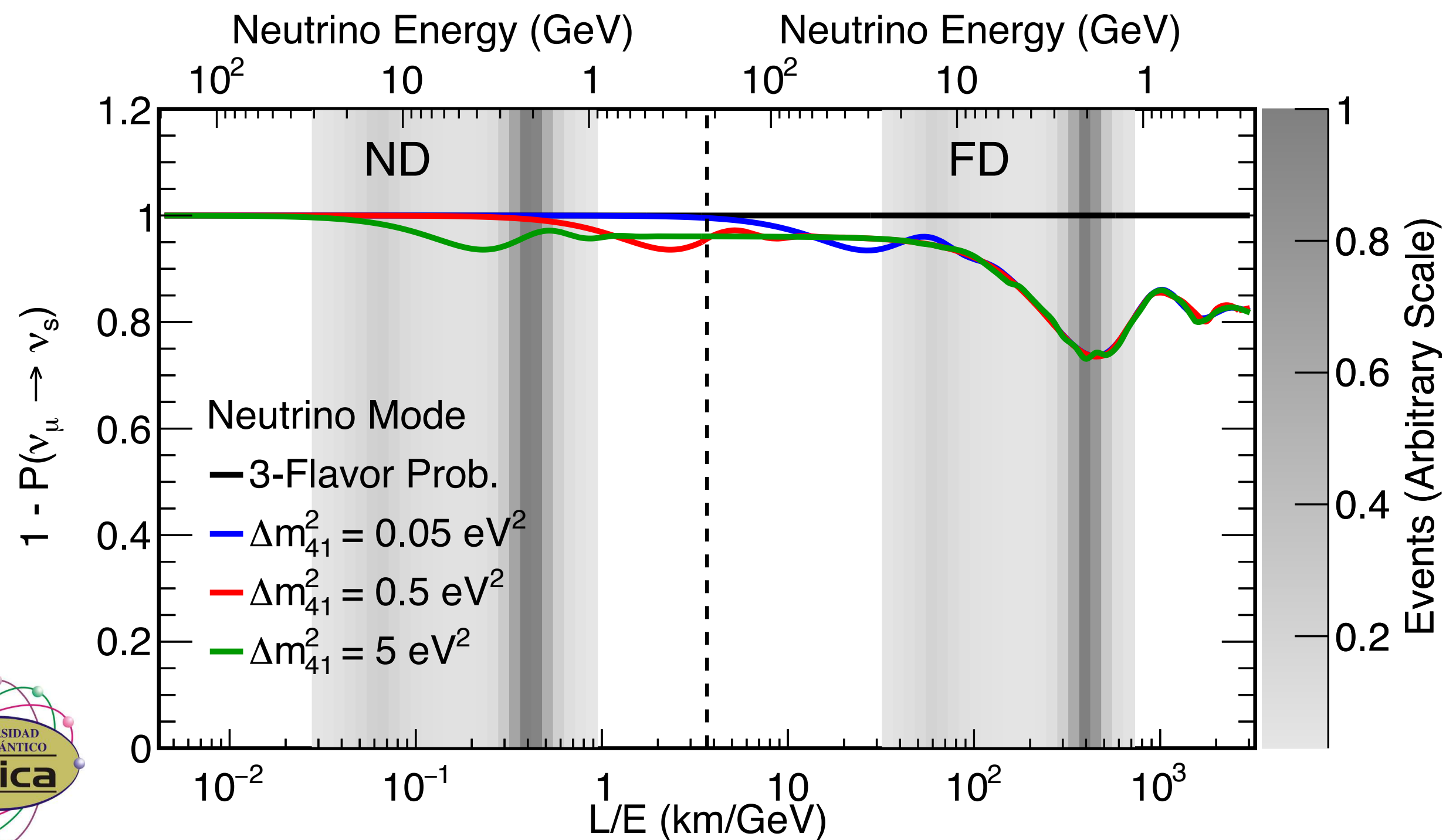


# Additional (sterile) neutrinos

The effects of on the neutrino oscillation

Fourth neutrino does not couple to SM forces, but modifies the oscillations

- 3+1 neutrino oscillations studied through **neutral current** disappearance
- NC are flavor independent – clean measurement of **active** → **sterile** disappearance



$$1 - P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s) \approx 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{14} \cos^2 \theta_{34} \sin^2 2\theta_{24} \sin^2 \Delta_{41}$$

$$- \sin^2 \theta_{34} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sin \delta_{24} \sin^2 \theta_{24} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \Delta_{31}$$

$$\Delta_{ji} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ji}^2 L}{4E}$$

Sensitivity to  $\theta_{34}$  independent of  $\theta_{24}$

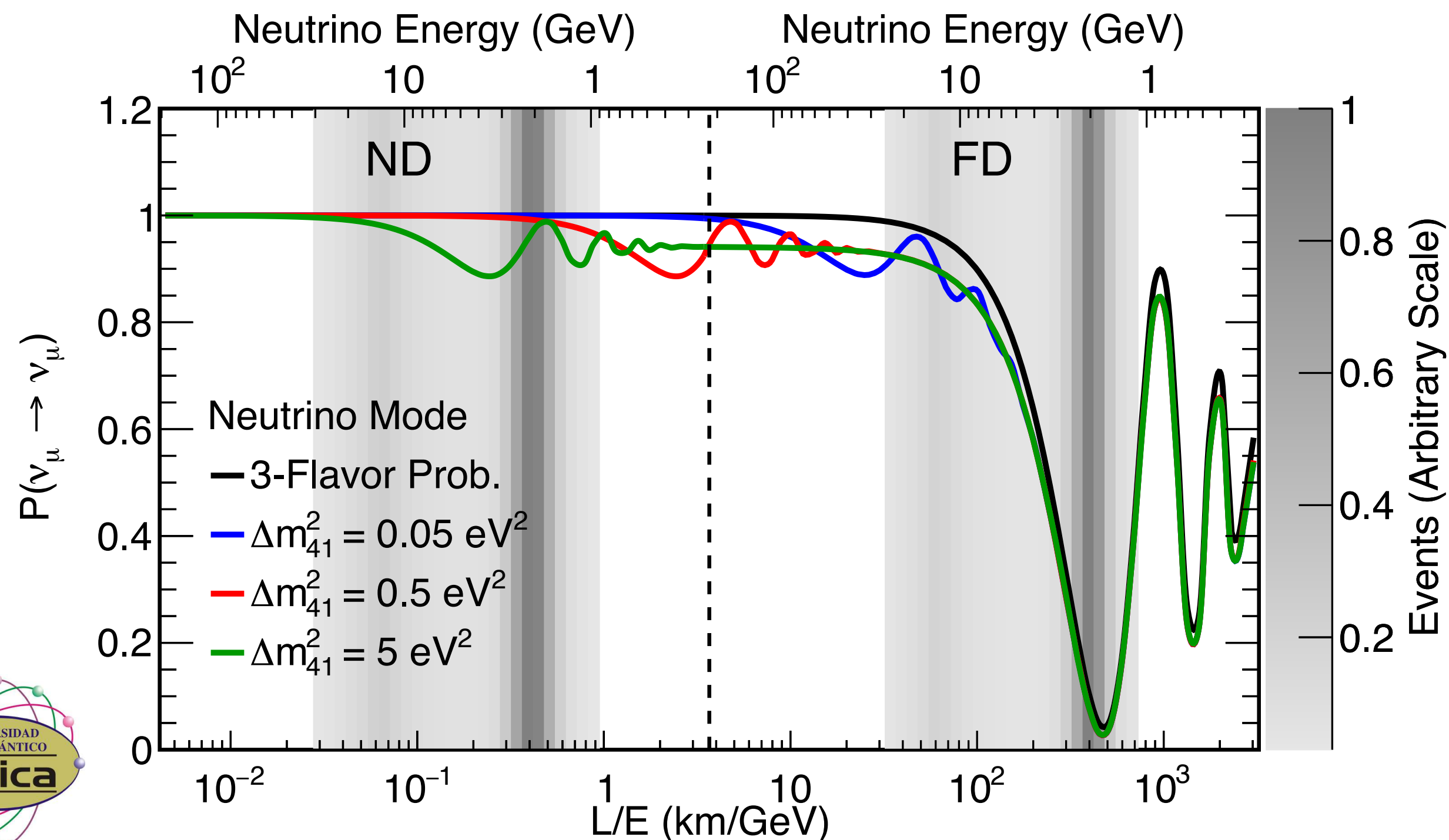


# Additional (sterile) neutrinos

The effects of on the neutrino oscillation

Fourth neutrino does not couple to SM forces, but modifies the oscillations

- 3+1 neutrino oscillations studied through **charged current**  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance
- Extra  $\nu_\mu$  **disappearance**  $\rightarrow$  **sterile** (compared to 3F)

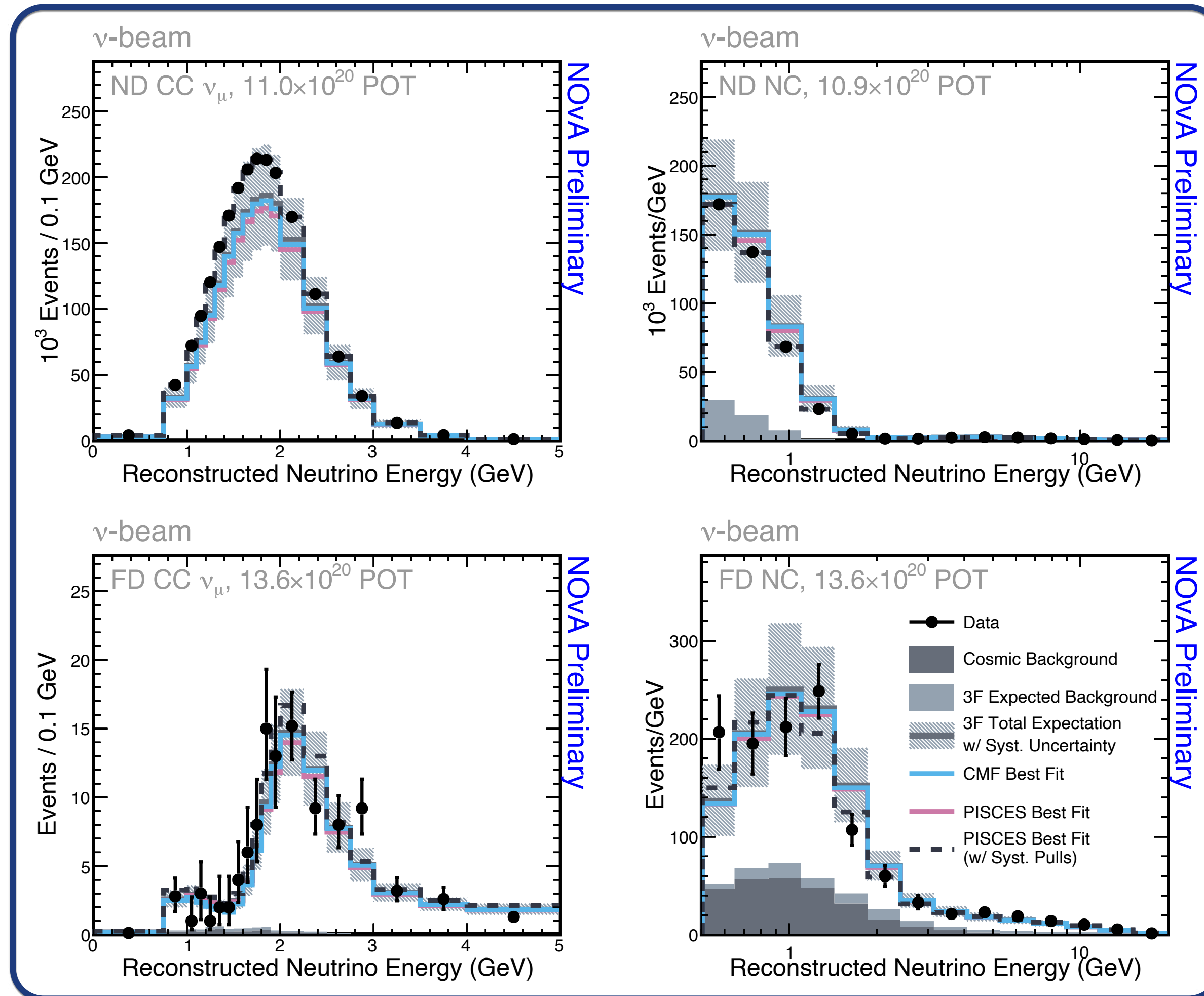


$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{24} \sin^2 \Delta_{41} + 2 \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{24} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$$

$$\Delta_{ji} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ji}^2 L}{4E}$$

Sensitivity to  $\theta_{24}$  from both detectors

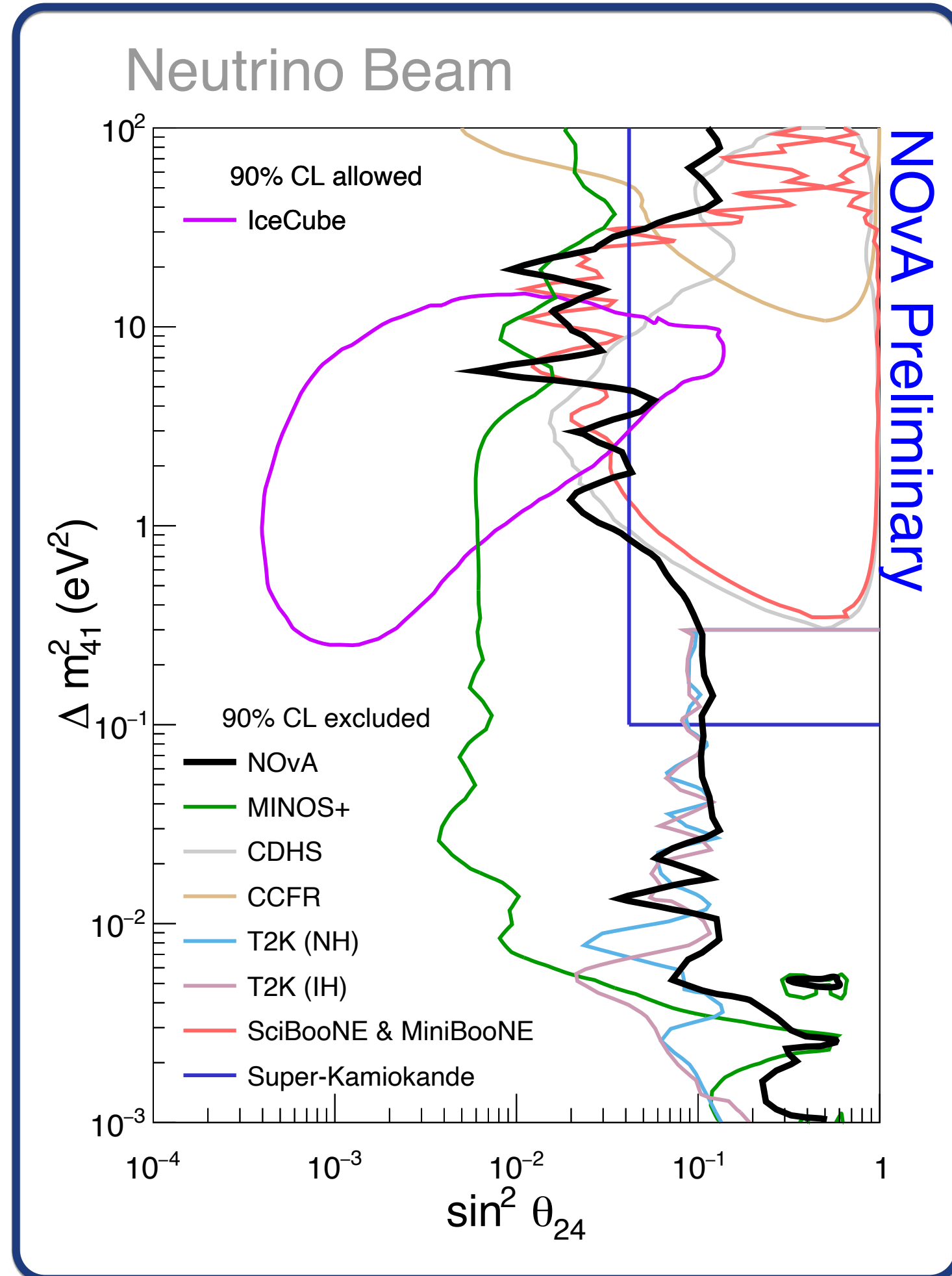




**Consistent with no sterile neutrino oscillations**  
(within the 3F uncertainty)



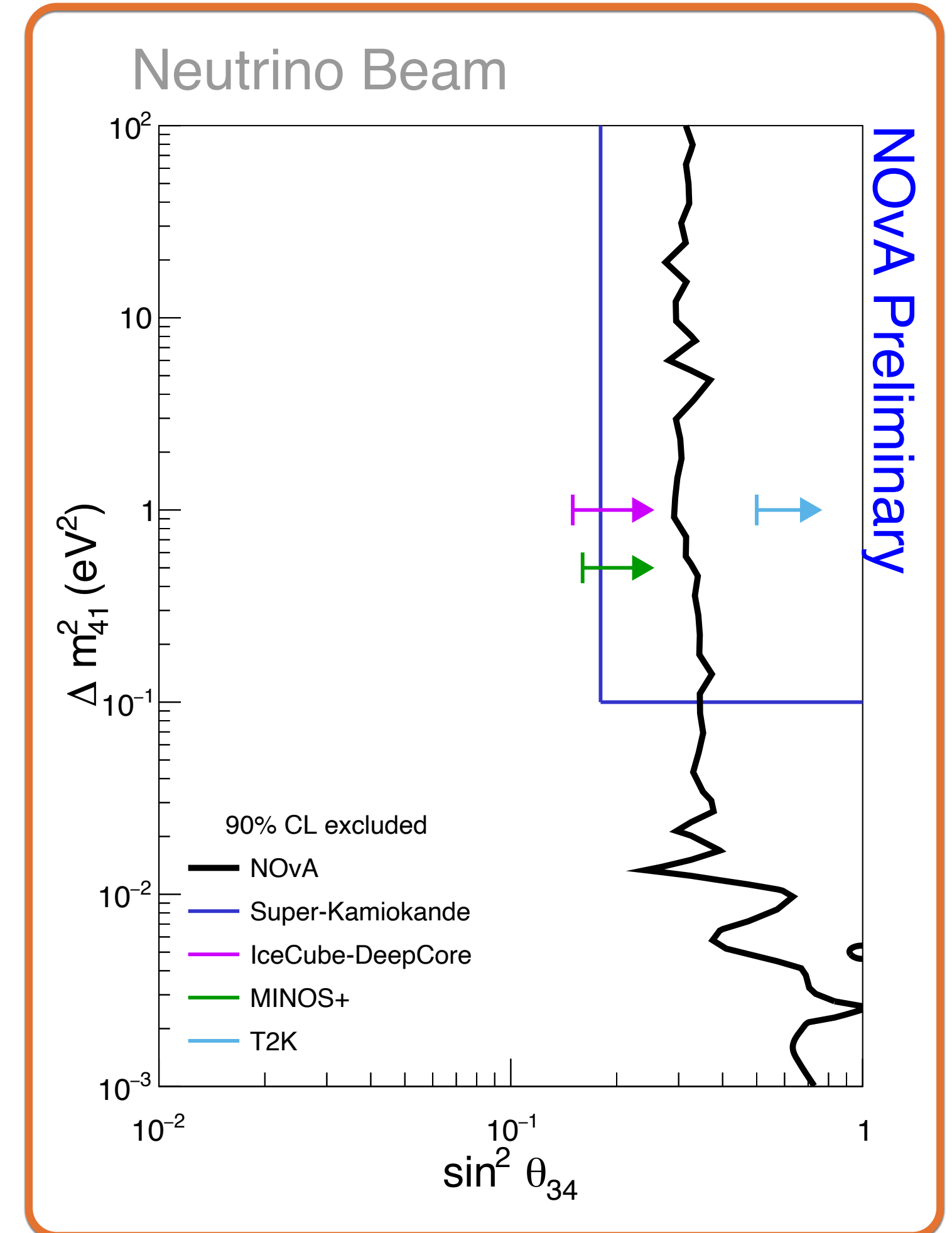
The results



90% CL critical values corrected using Profiled Feldman Cousins approach

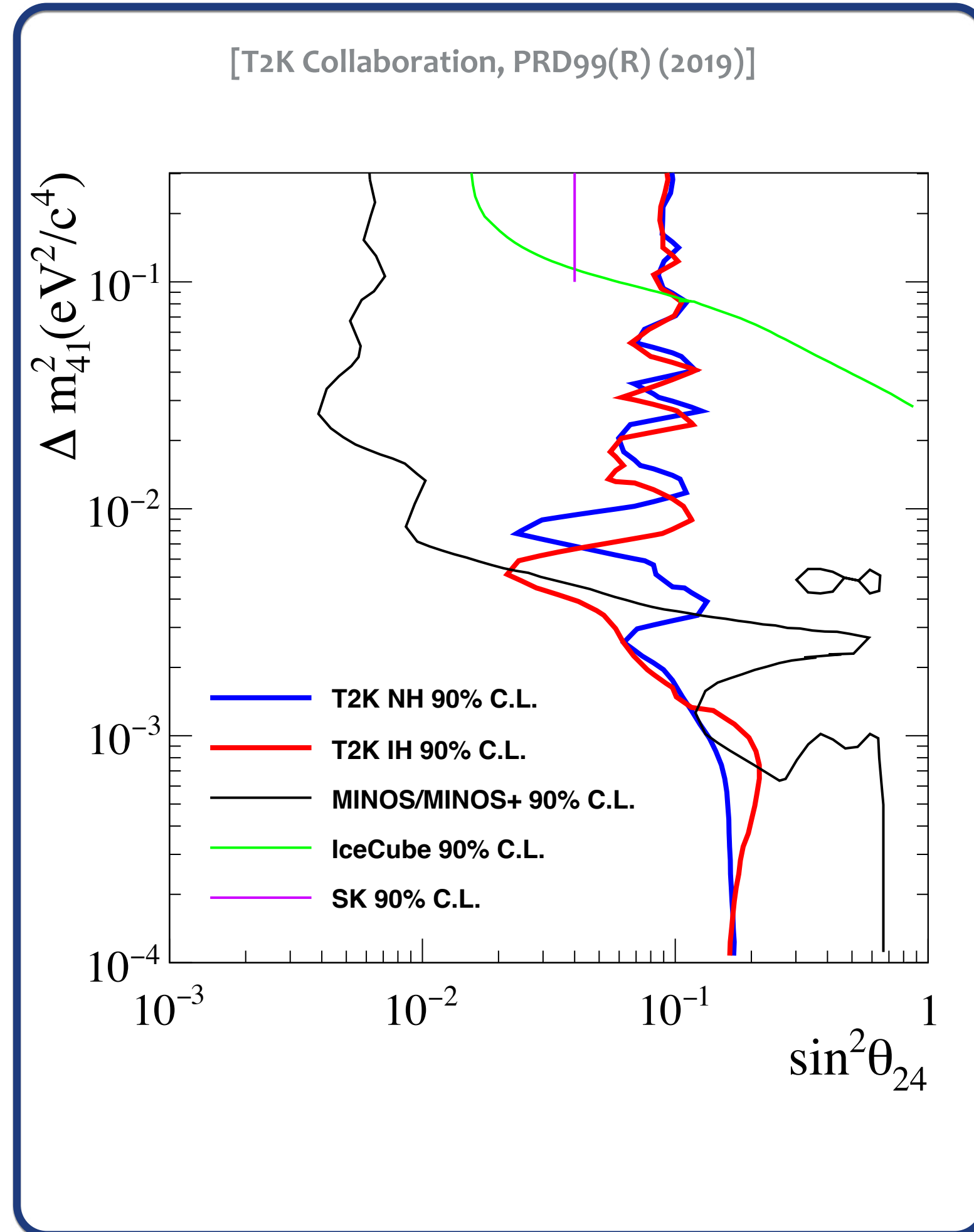
Competitive limits on  $\theta_{24}$  in the high  $\Delta m_{41}^2$  regime

World-leading limits for  $\theta_{34}$  as a function of  $\Delta m_{41}^2$





The results

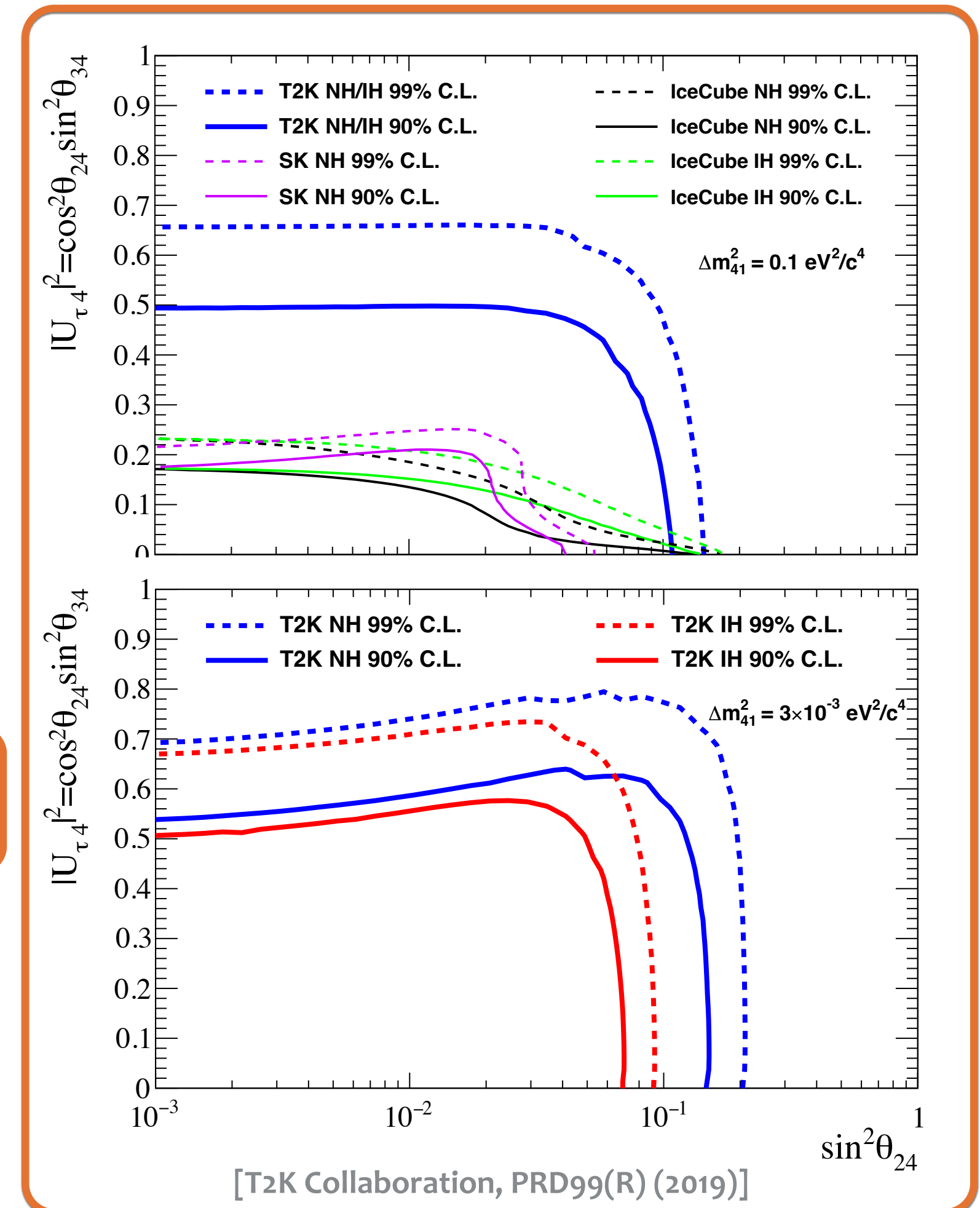


No evidence of  $\nu_s$  mixing in a 3+1 model

CC  $\nu_{\mu,e}$  and NC samples were used

Limits on  $\theta_{24}$  for  $\Delta m_{41}^2 < 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Limits on  $\theta_{24}$  and  $|U_{\tau 4}|^2$  for  $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 1 \text{ eV}^2$  and  $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$





# Heavy neutrinos

The motivations and implications

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As an extension of the SM to include neutrino masses: inclusion of  $n \geq 2$  right-handed neutrino fields

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_L \ \bar{\nu}_R^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & m_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L^c \\ \bar{\nu}_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

$n \times n$  Majorana matrix

## Possible implications

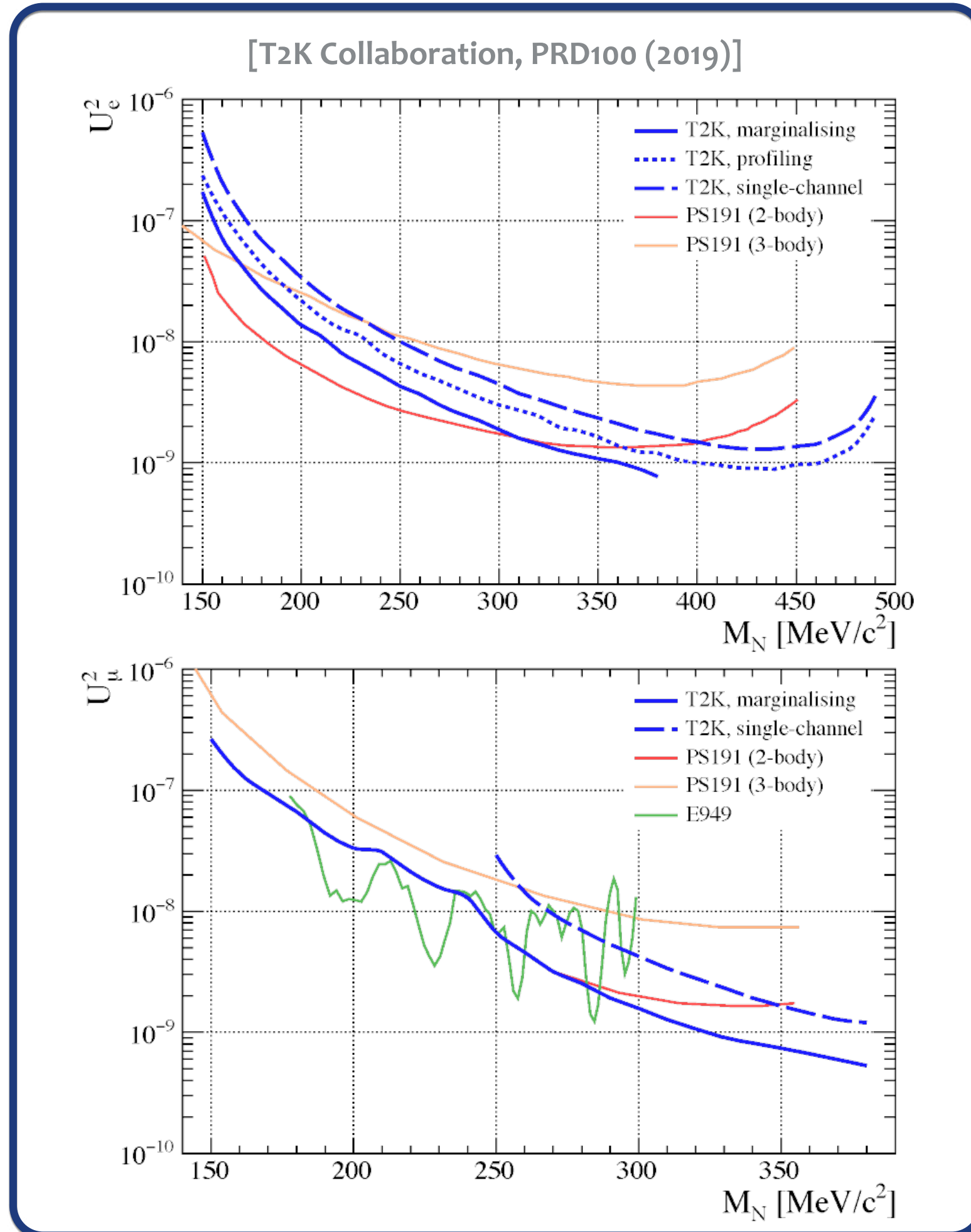
- $n$  heavy Majorana mass eigenstates,  $N$
- Modification of the mixing pattern

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} \nu_i + \sum_{I=1}^n \Theta_{\alpha I} N_i \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

Active-heavy mixing matrix

Constraints on  $U_\alpha^2 \equiv \sum |\Theta_{\alpha I}|^2$  by searching for heavy neutrino decays





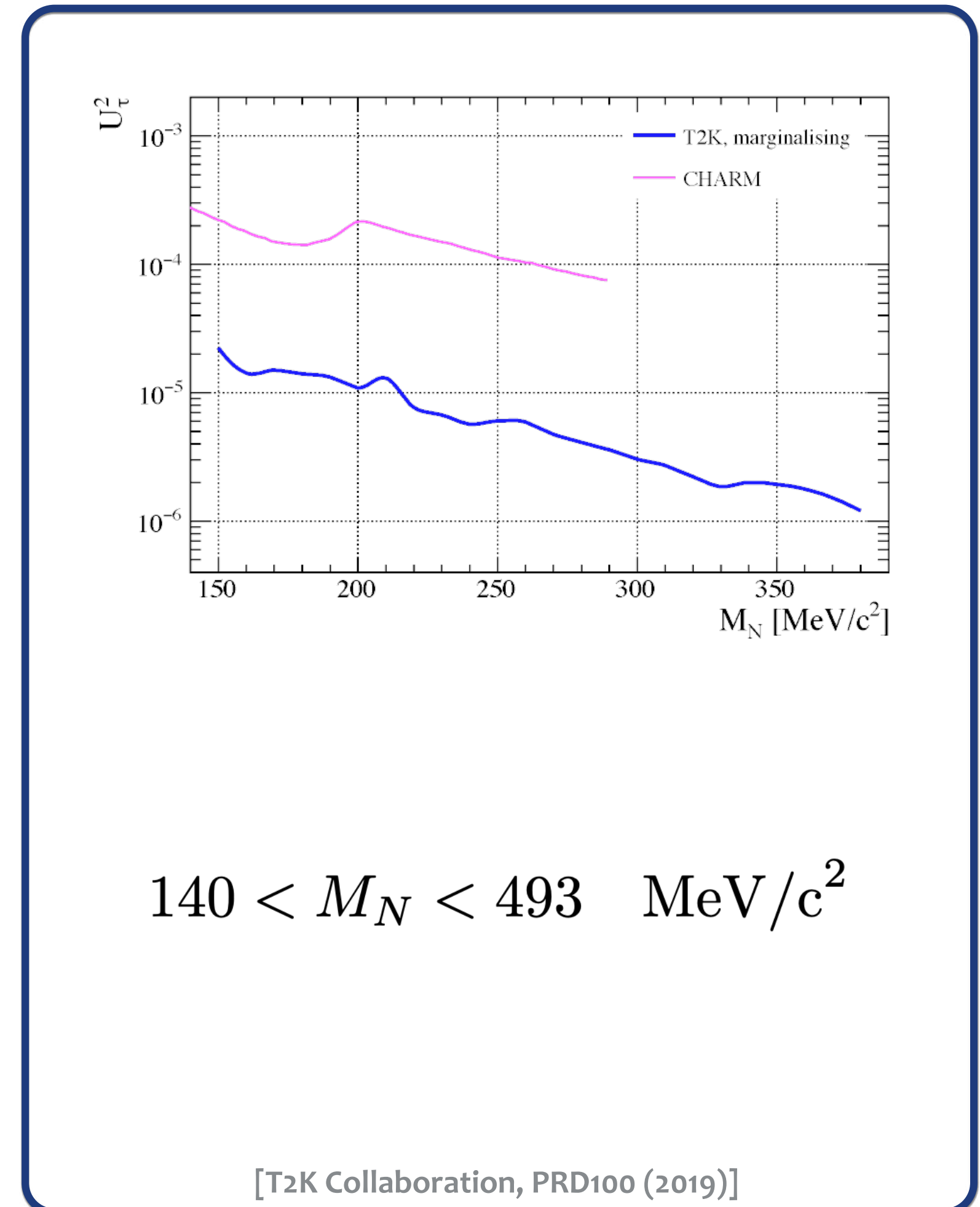
Search for heavy neutrinos  
(decaying in the ND280)

$$N \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} \pi^{\mp}$$

$$N \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{+} l_{\beta}^{-} \nu(\bar{\nu})$$

No excess of events was observed

Upper limits on the mixing elements  $U_e^2$ ,  $U_{\mu}^2$ ,  $U_{\tau}^2$



$$140 < M_N < 493 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



# Non-Standard Interactions

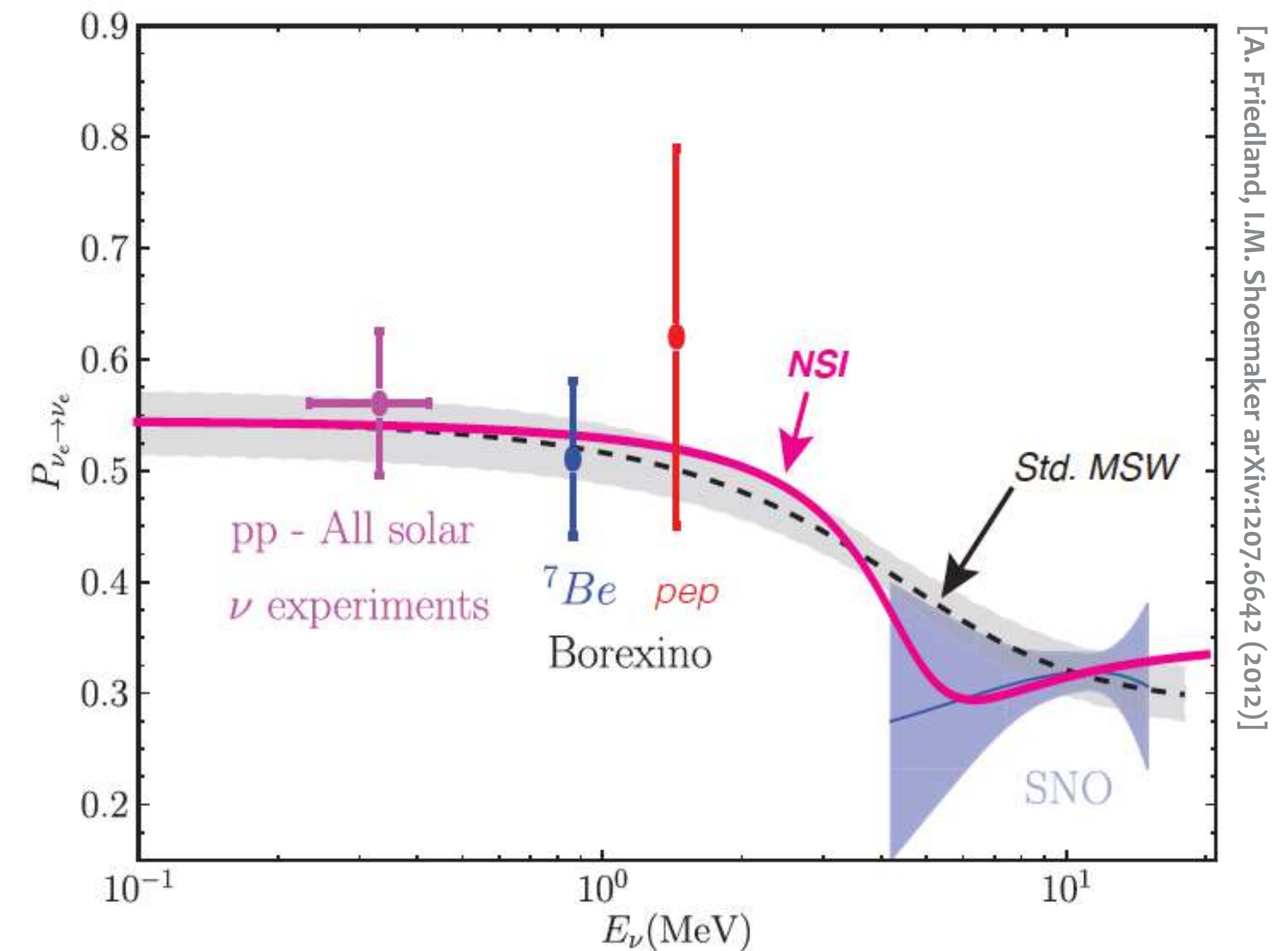
The motivations and implications

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The possible existence of NSI implies a modification of neutrino propagation...

## Possible implications [S.S Chatterjee, A. Palazzo, PRL 126 (2021)]

- Low-energy manifestation of high-energy physics (new heavy states)
- Light mediators
- Modify the dynamics of neutrinos in matter
- Sizable impact on current data
- Interfere with the determination of the standard parameters





# Non-Standard Interactions

The effects of NSI on the neutrino evolution

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... Then leading to a modification of the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2E} (UM^2U^\dagger + A) + V_{CC} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{ee} & \epsilon_{e\mu} & \epsilon_{e\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\mu}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\mu} & \epsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = |\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}| e^{i\delta_{\alpha\beta}}$ .

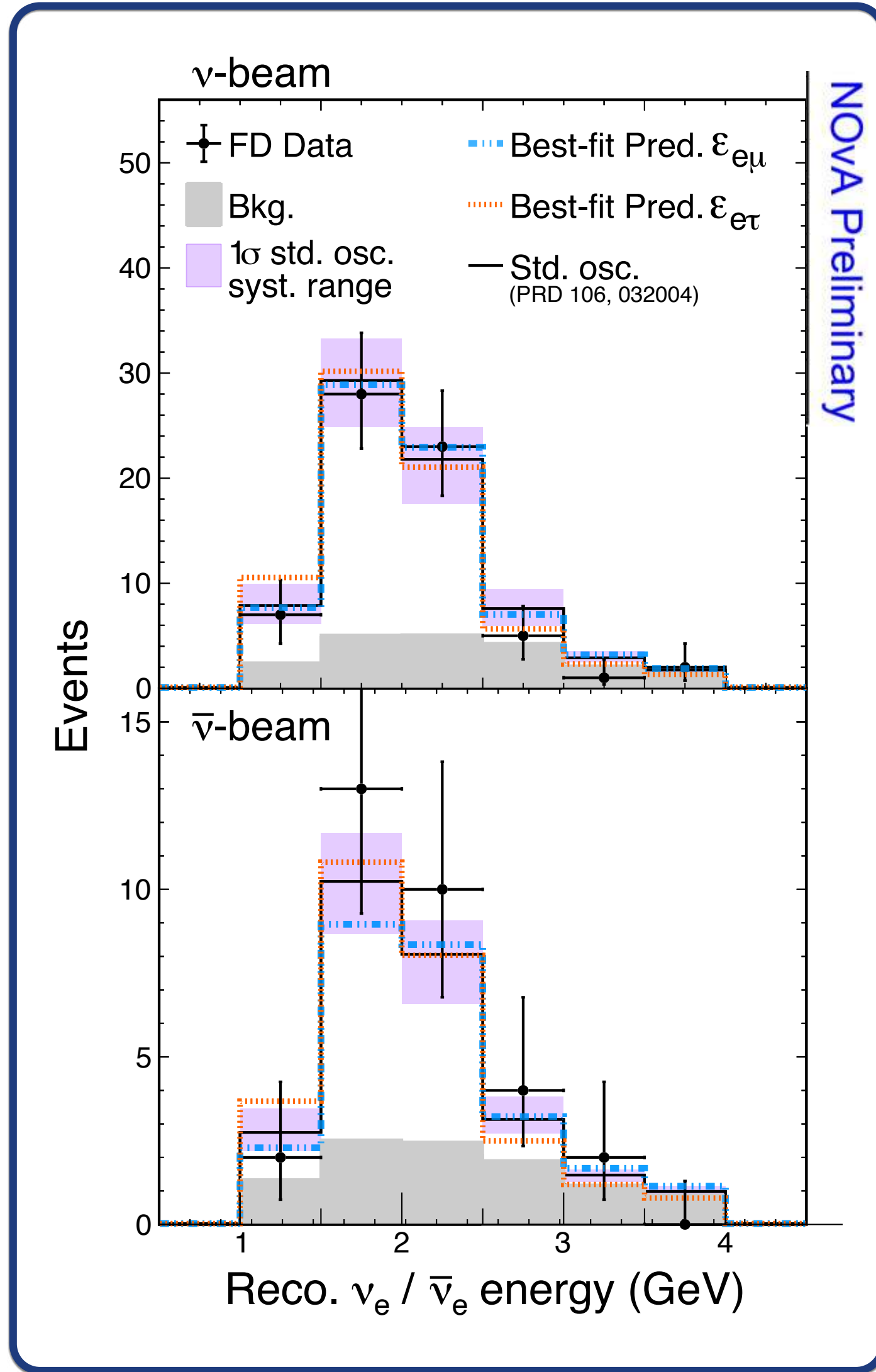
Diagonal terms  $\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}$ , could be interpreted as the NSI effective mass squared differences (possible new resonances even if neutrinos were massless)

Off-diagonal terms  $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ , could play a role like the mixing angles.

Complex phases  $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$ , could be a source of CP violation.



The results

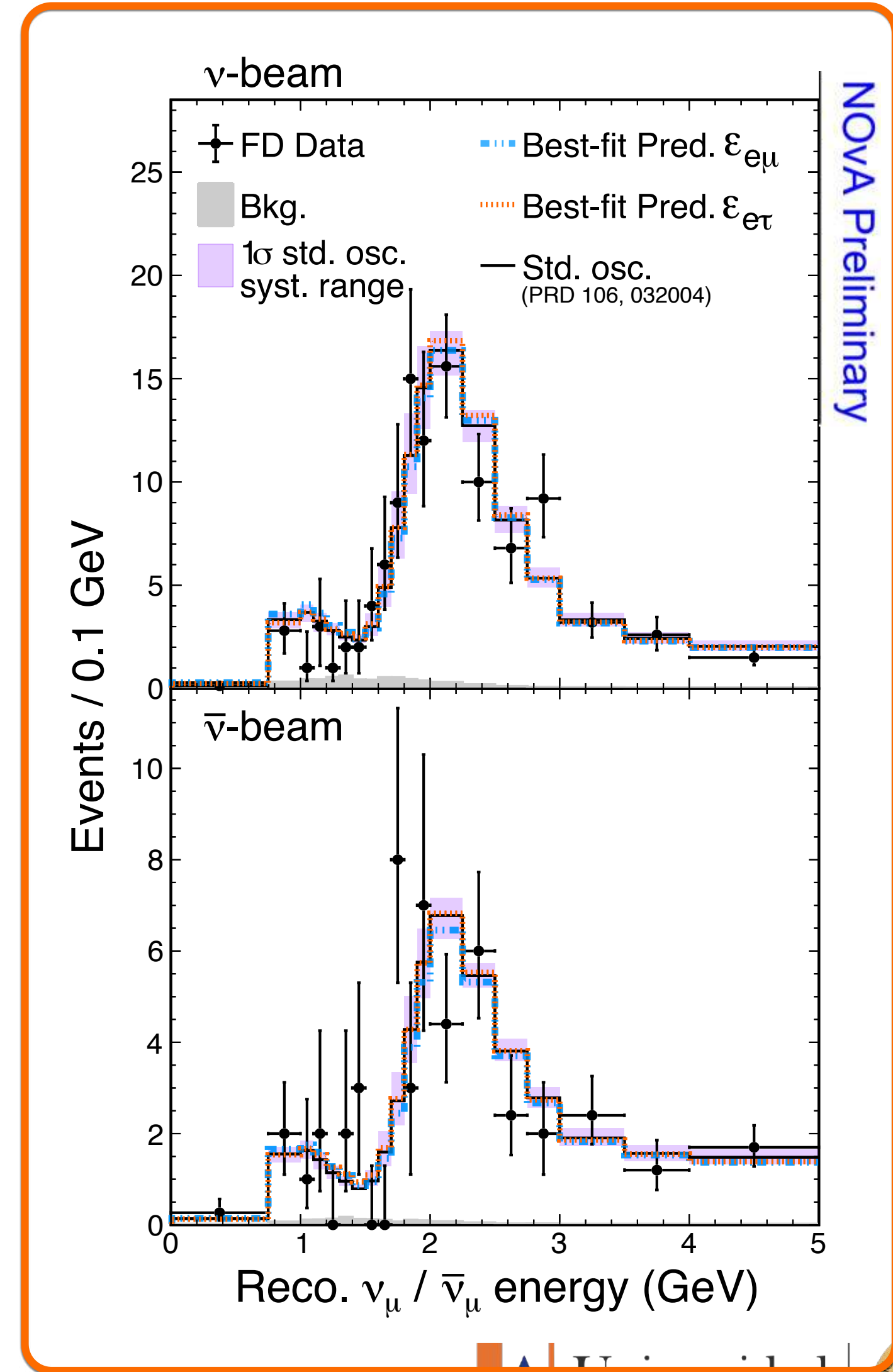


**NSI not needed** to explain NOvA spectra.

**Muon (anti)neutrinos**

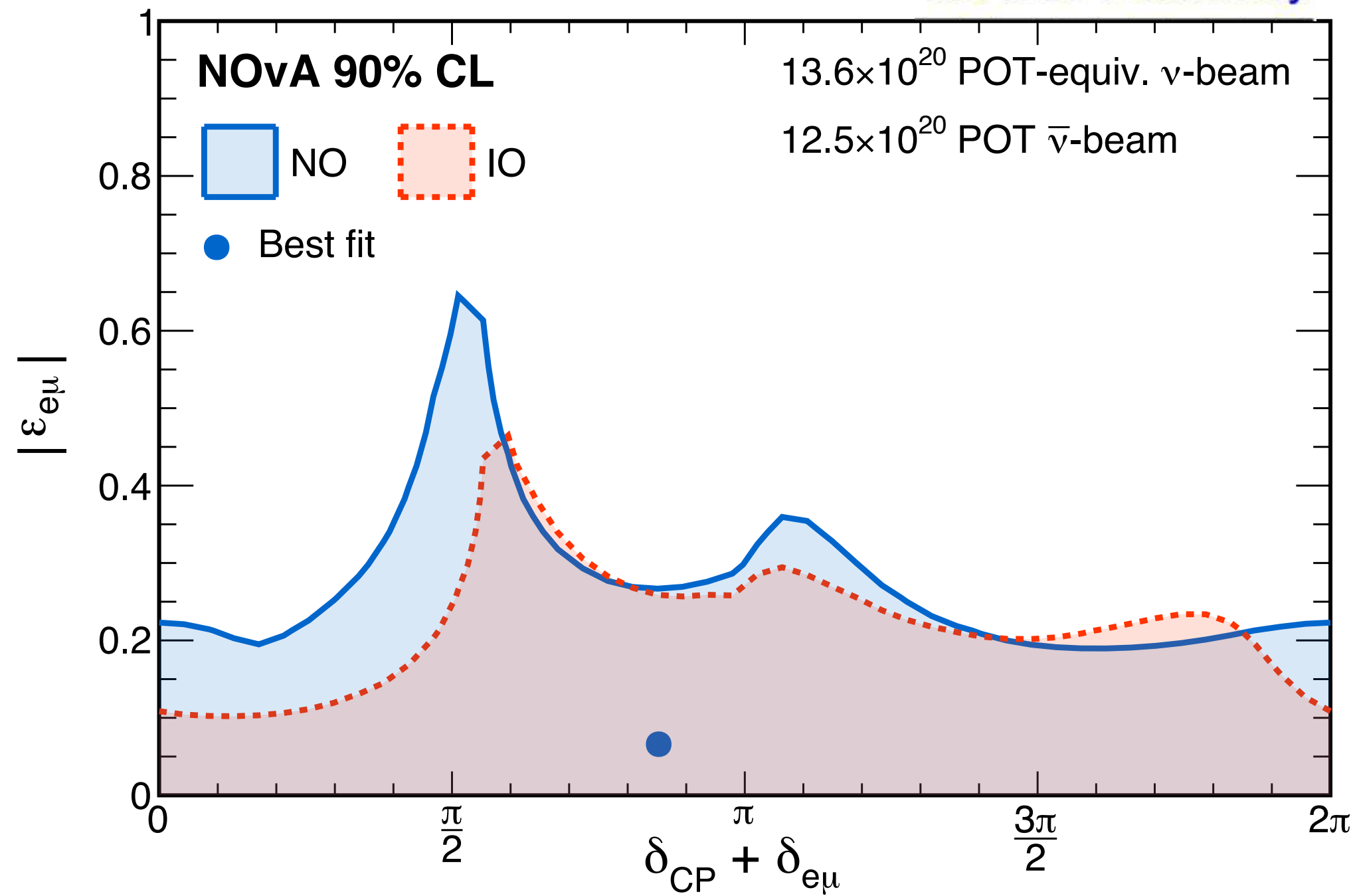
**Electron (anti)neutrinos**

No evidence of NSI (results are consistent with 3F within uncertainties)



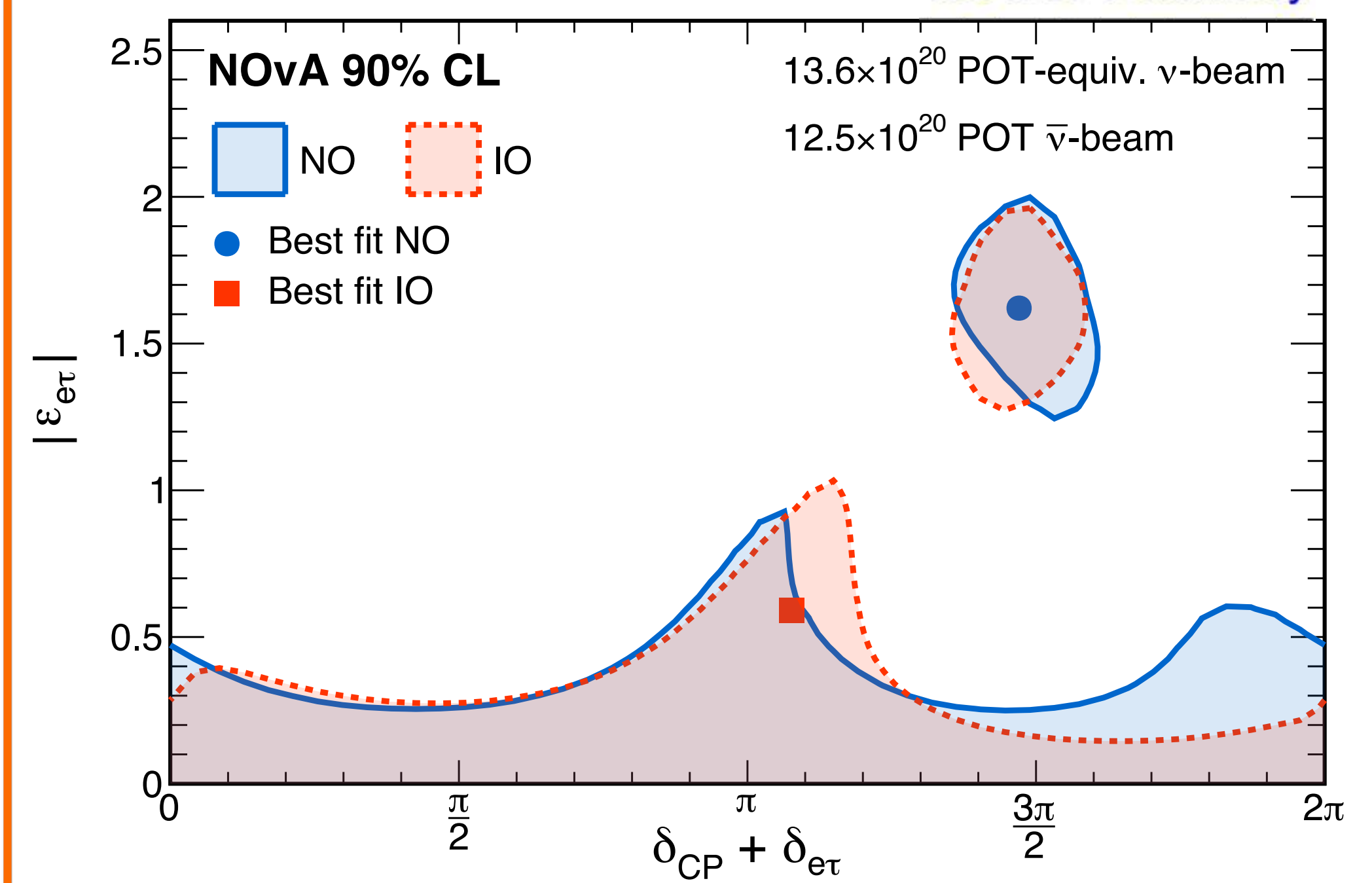


NOvA Preliminary



$$|\epsilon_{e\mu}| \lesssim 0.3$$

NOvA Preliminary



$$|\epsilon_{e\tau}| \lesssim 0.4$$