

Accelerator Neutrino (2)

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What is the next step?

- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ was determined precisely by reactor experiments.
- ν_e appearance via $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ was also observed by an accelerator experiment.
- This is not the end of the story, but actually start of the new story!

ν_e appearance probability

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$$\Phi_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{4E_\nu}$$

ν_e appearance probability (exact formula in vacuum)

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replace δ by $-\delta$ for $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

**CP violating term introduced by
interference btw. θ_{13} and θ_{12}**

ν_e appearance at around oscillation maximum

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 θ_{13}

~~$$+ 8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cos \Phi_{32} \sin \Phi_{31} \sin \Phi_{21}$$~~

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Observation

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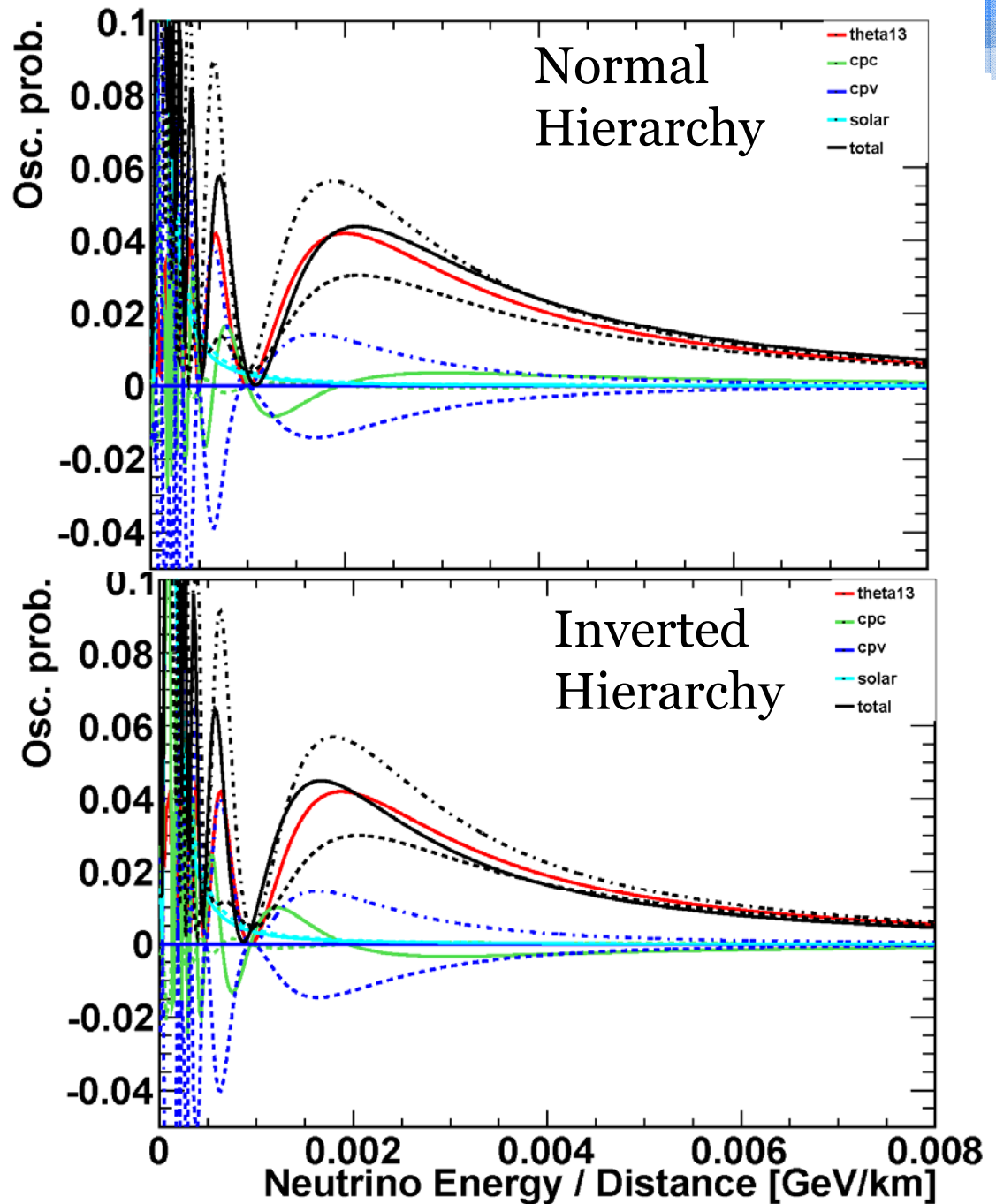
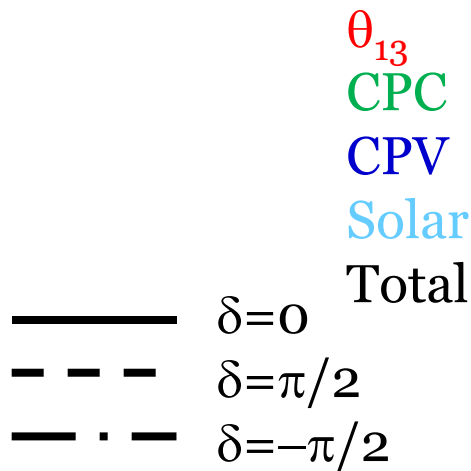
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- **w/o matter effect**

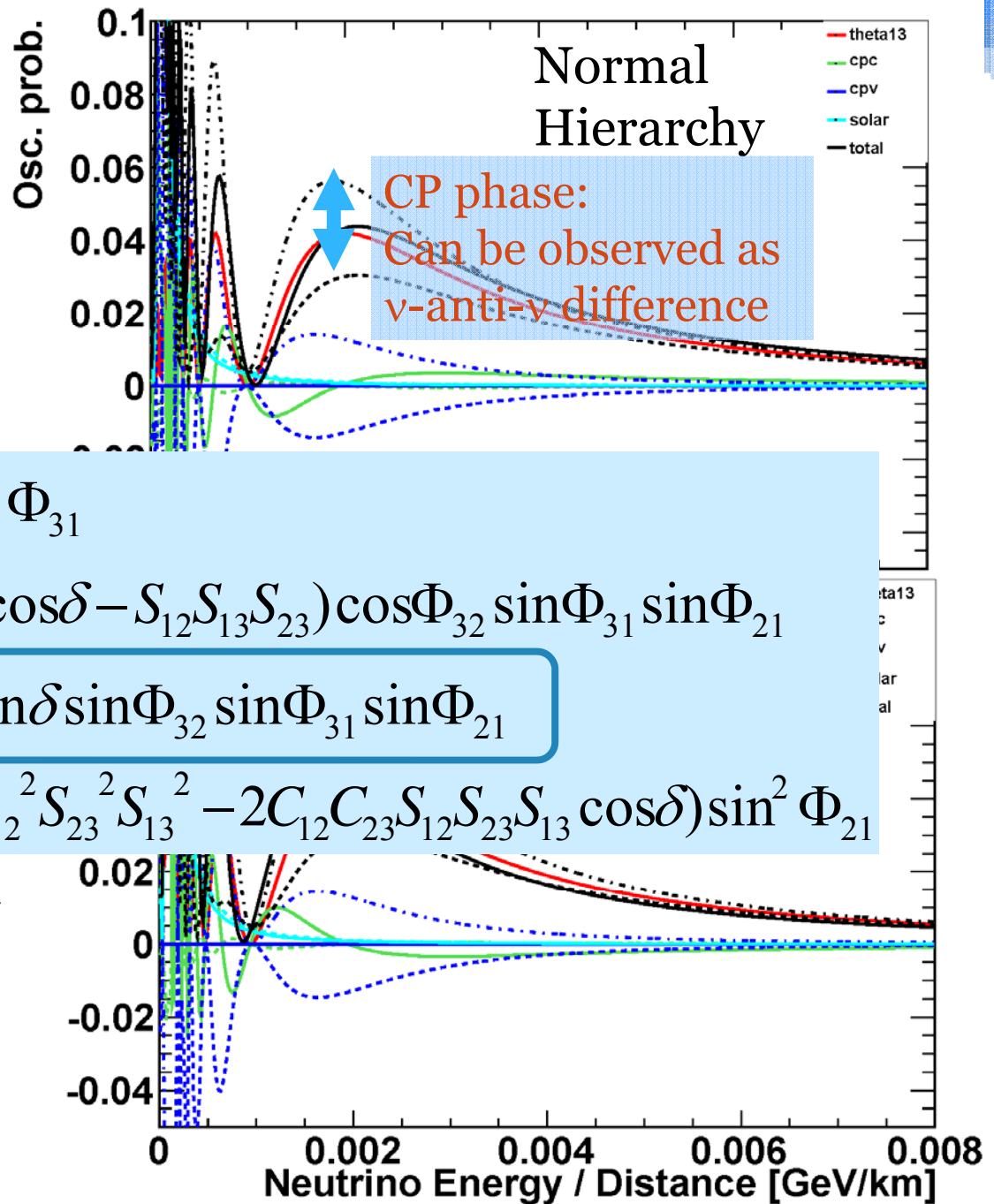


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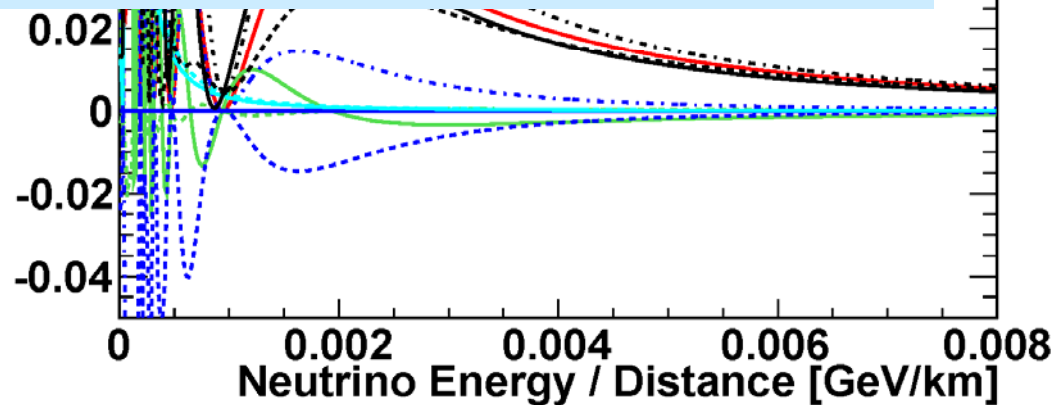
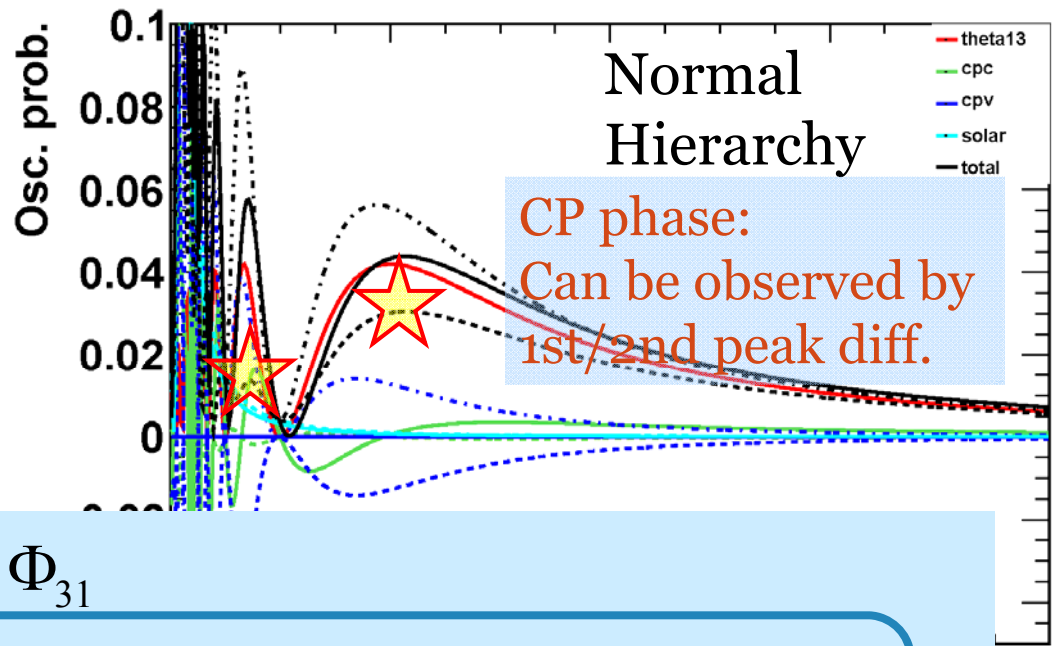
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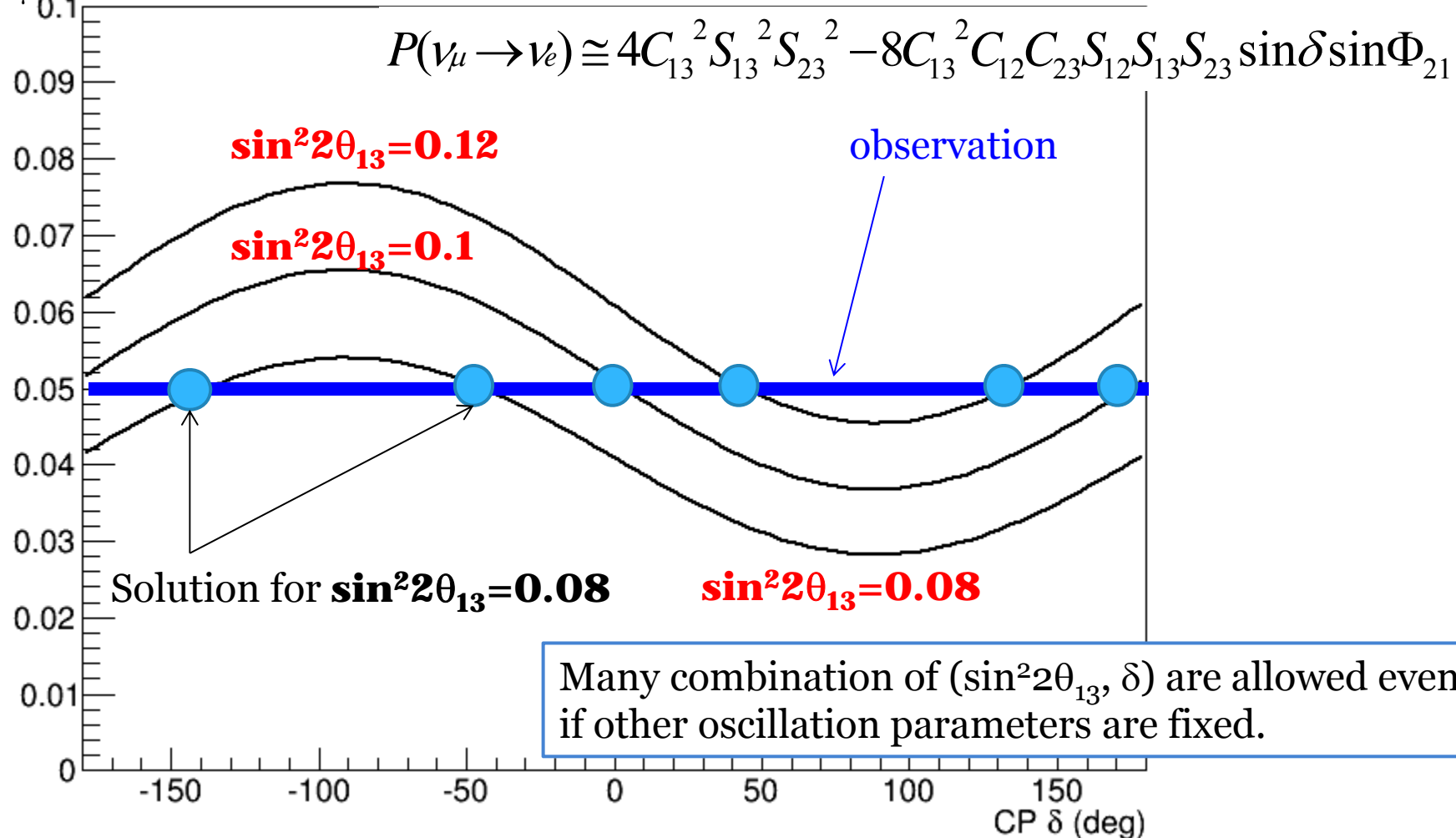
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ν_μ to ν_e oscillation probability

at oscillation maximum

$\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1$ in vacuum

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



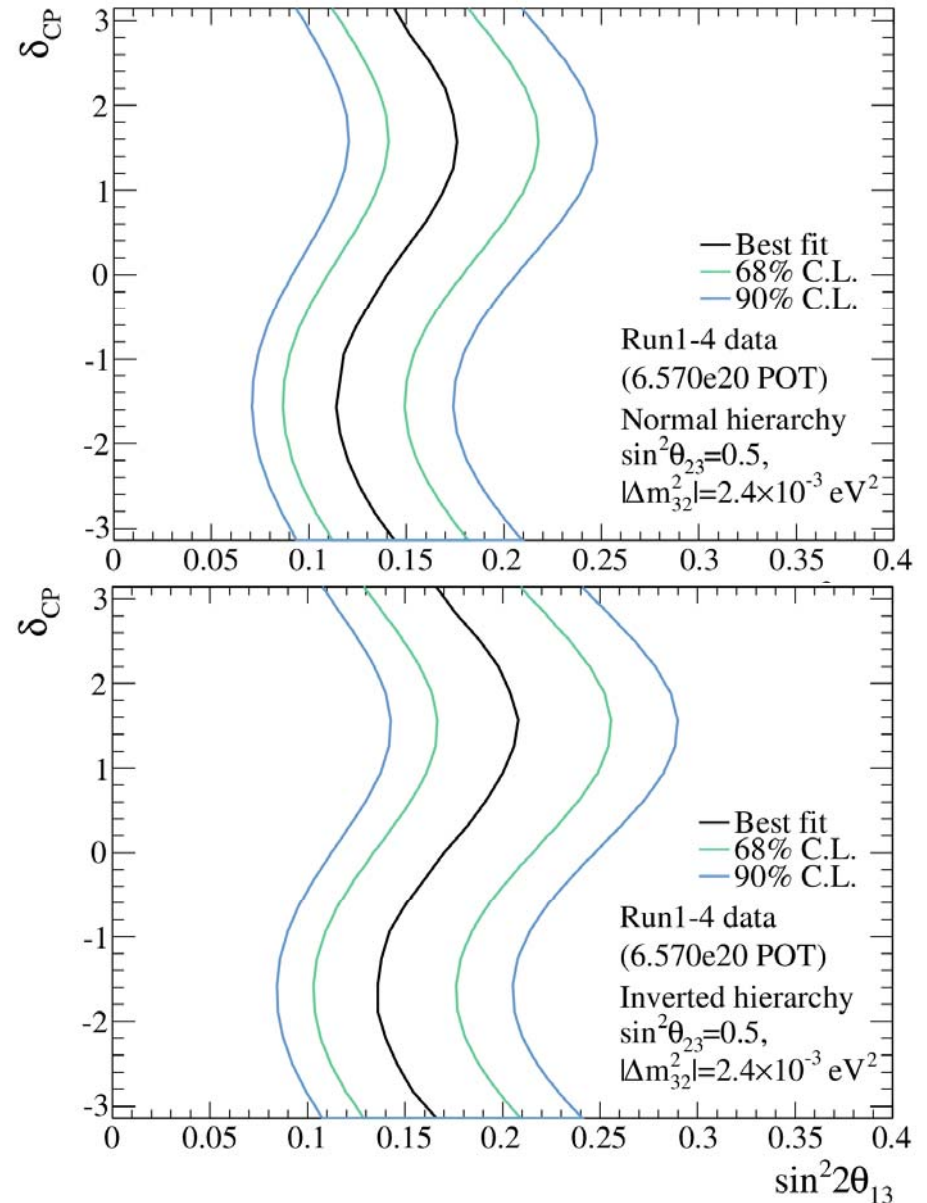
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Normal Mass Hierarchy

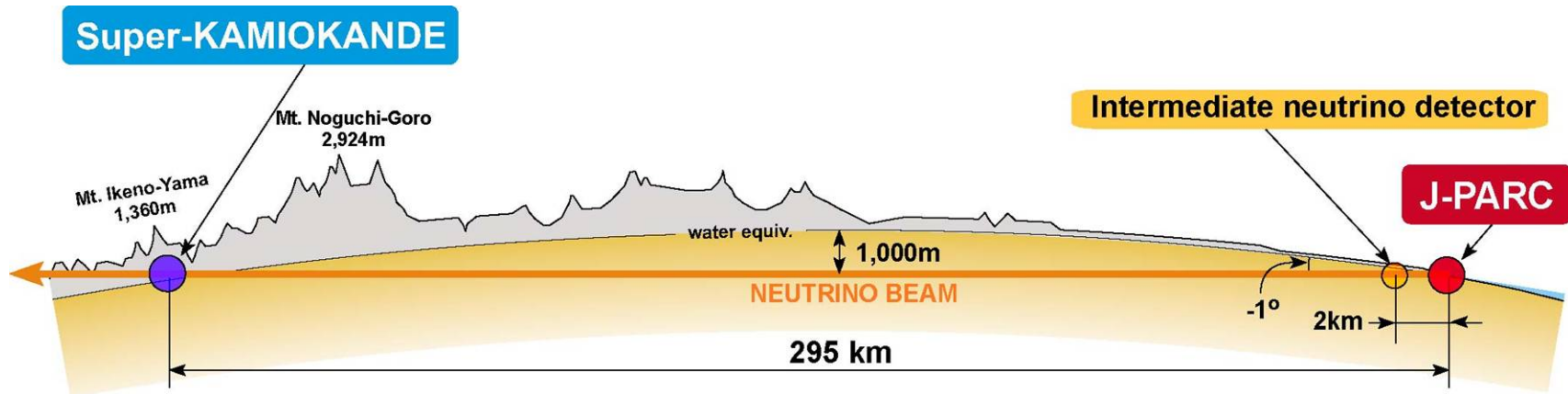
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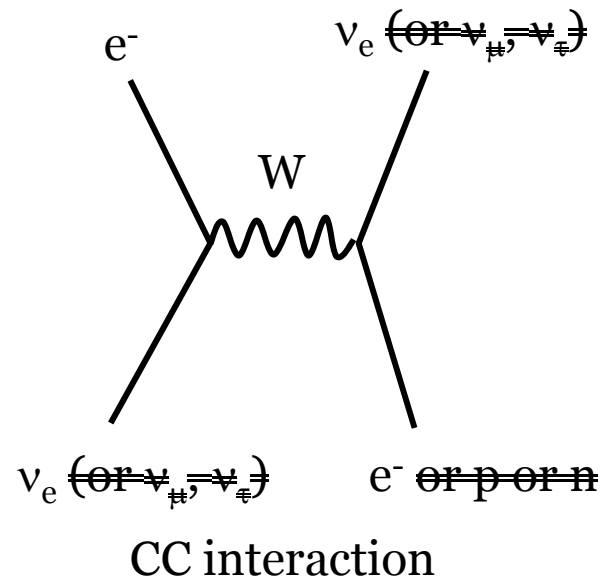
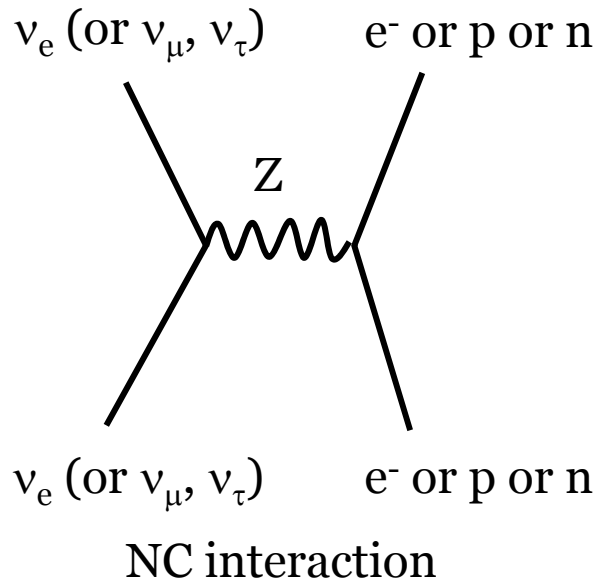
Why allowed region is different for different mass hierarchy?



Earth is not symmetric about flavor nor CP



Interactions not changing final state shift the phase of propagation. (Work as potential)



Time evolution of wave function $\exp(-iHt)$

Hamiltonian in vacuum

$$-U \begin{pmatrix} p_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p_3 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger \simeq -p_1 + \frac{1}{2E} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger$$

Hamiltonian of the interaction with matter

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}G_F n_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} n_e: \text{electron density} \\ \text{(Opposite sign for } \nu \text{ and } \bar{\nu}) \end{array}$$

The part which affect the relative phase is,

$$H \approx U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E} \end{pmatrix} U + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{2E} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This cannot be solved analytically.

$$a \equiv 2\sqrt{2}G_F n_e E = 7.56 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \frac{\rho}{\text{gcm}^{-3}} \frac{E}{\text{GeV}}$$

More complete eq. of ν_e appearance (1st order for matter effect)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = & 4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \sin^2 \Phi_{31} \left(1 + \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \right) && \text{Leading including matter effect} \\
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 & - 8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \frac{aL}{4E} \cos \Phi_{32} \sin \Phi_{31} && \text{Matter effect (This is small)}
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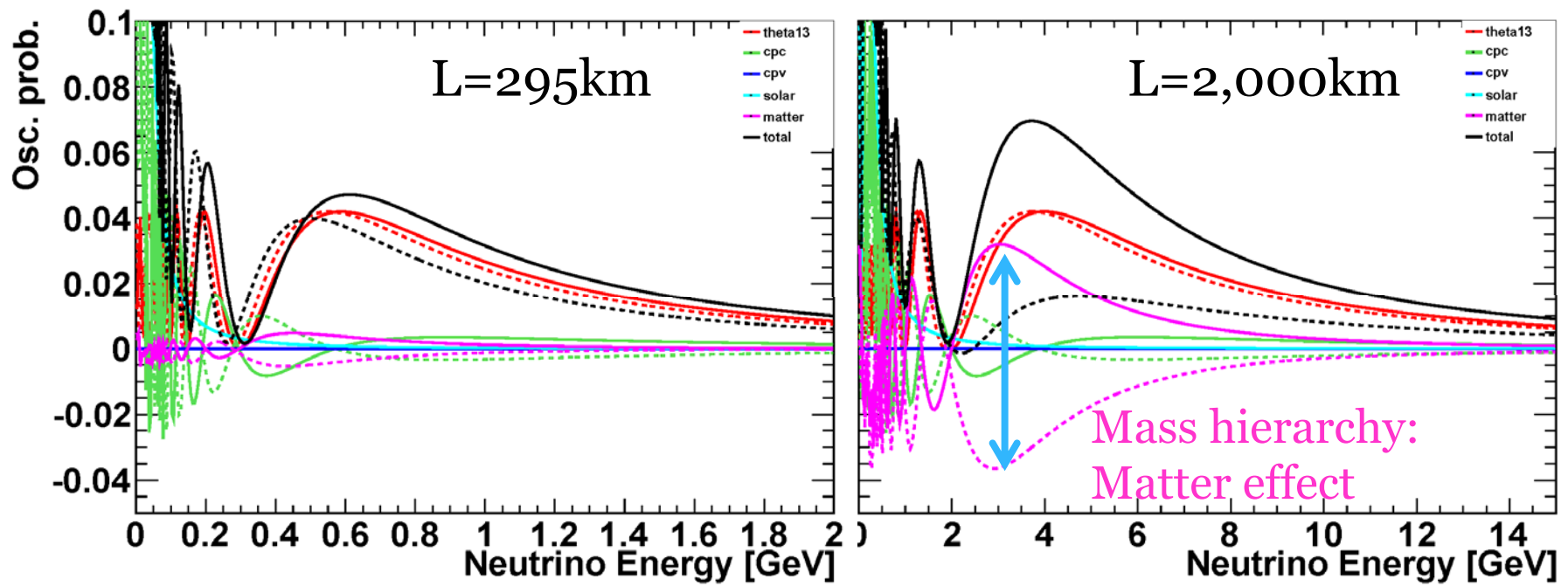
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θ_{13}
CPC
CPV
Solar
Total

— Normal hierarchy
- - - Inverted hierarchy

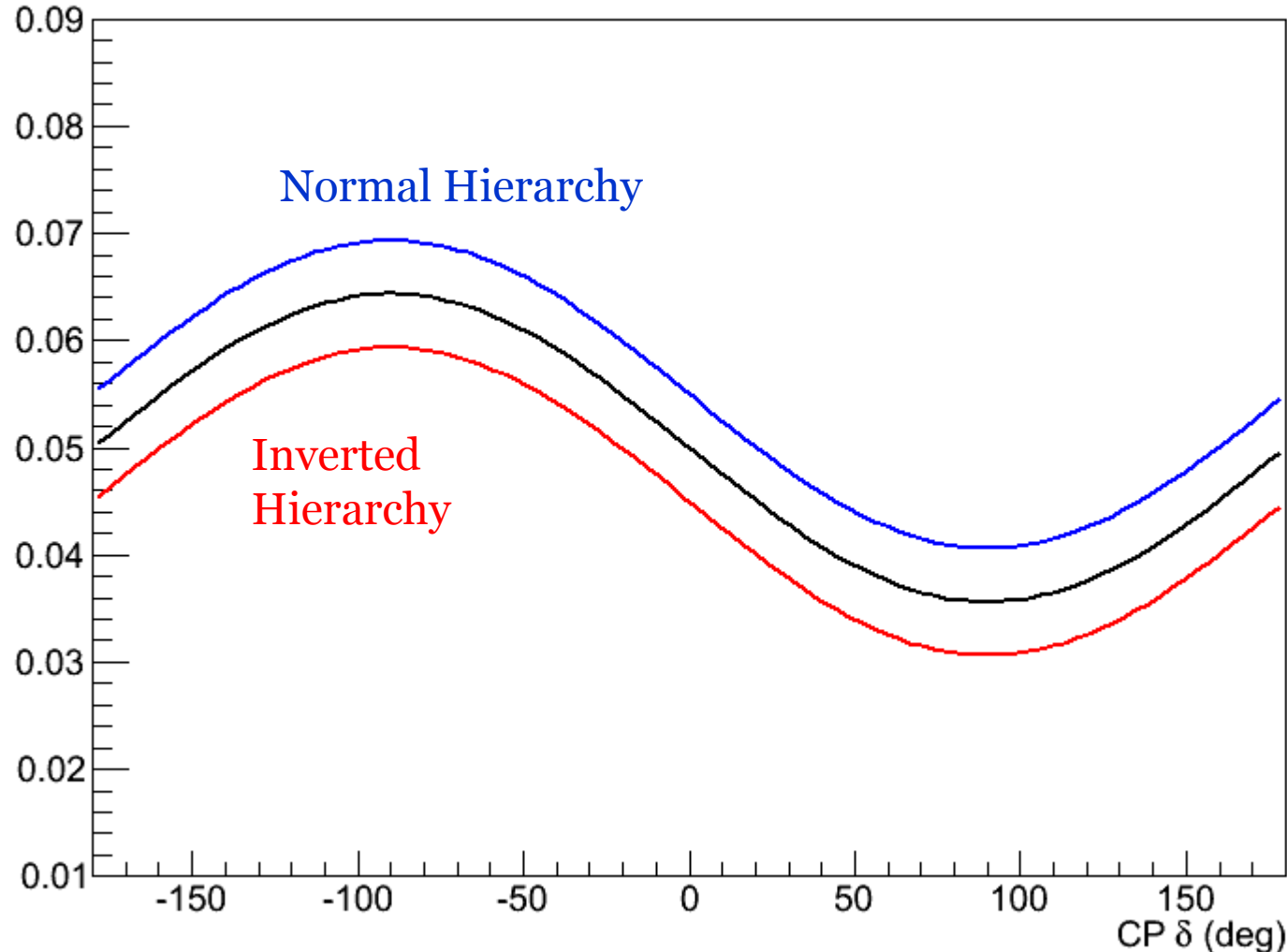


ν_μ to ν_e oscillation probability

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$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0.1$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$, w/ matter effect

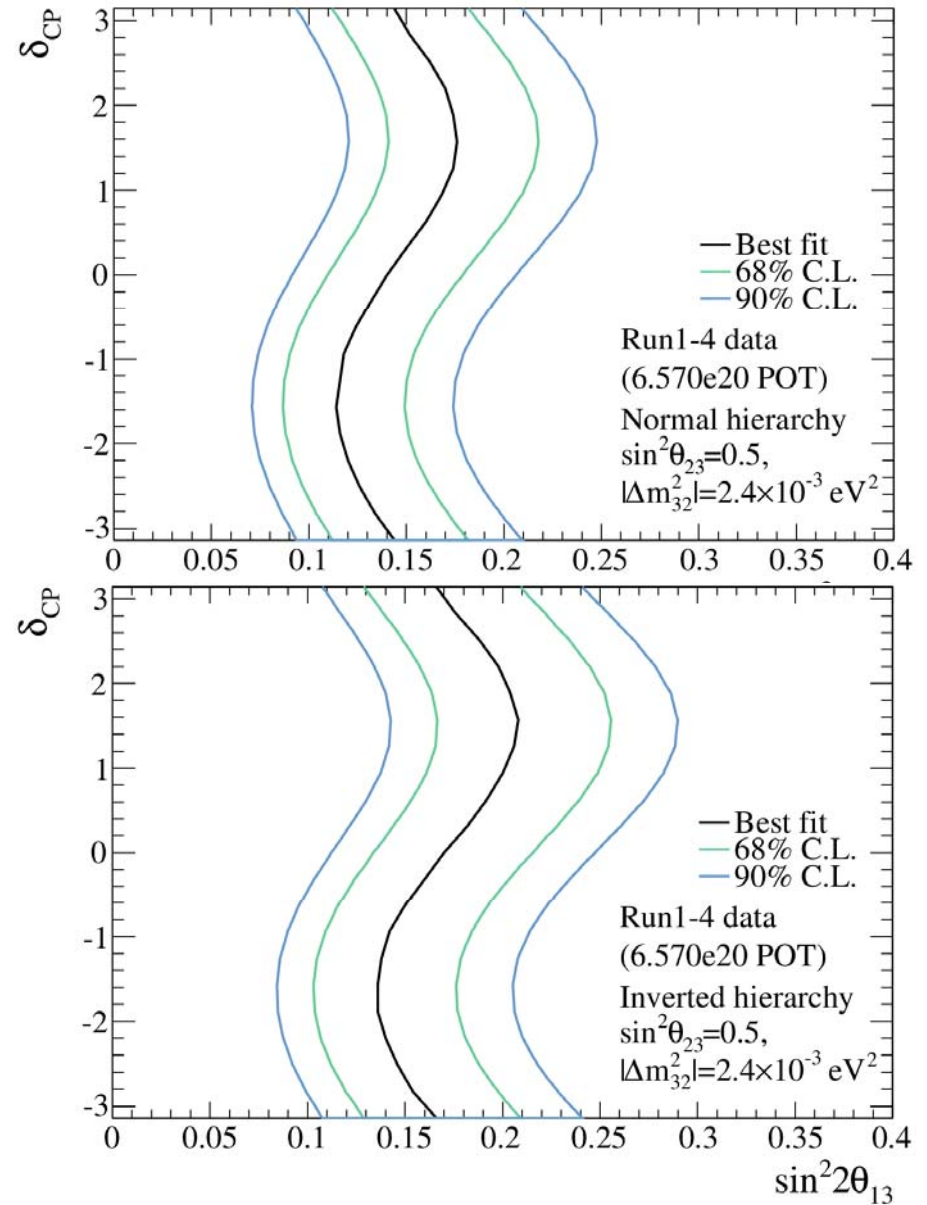
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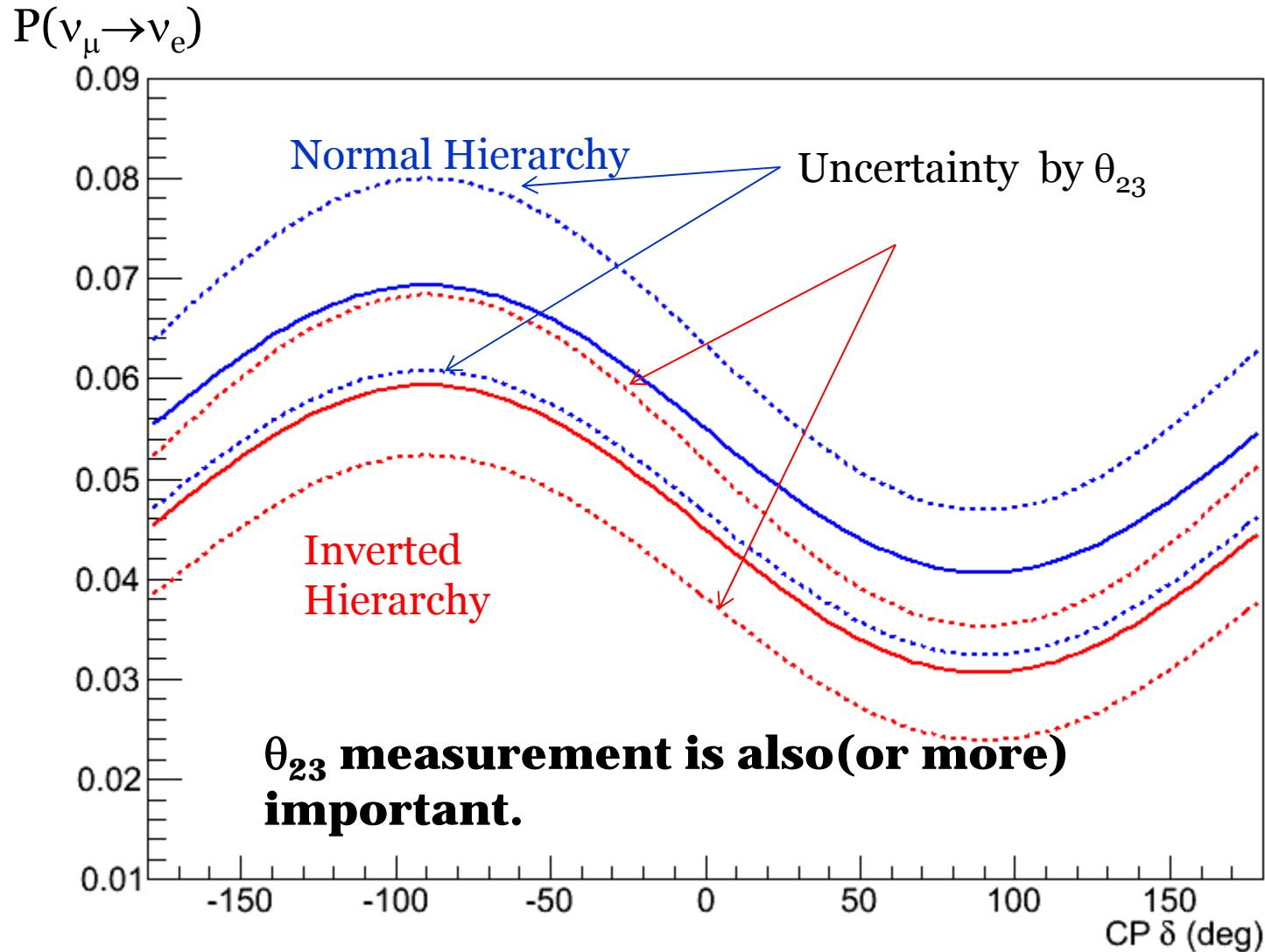
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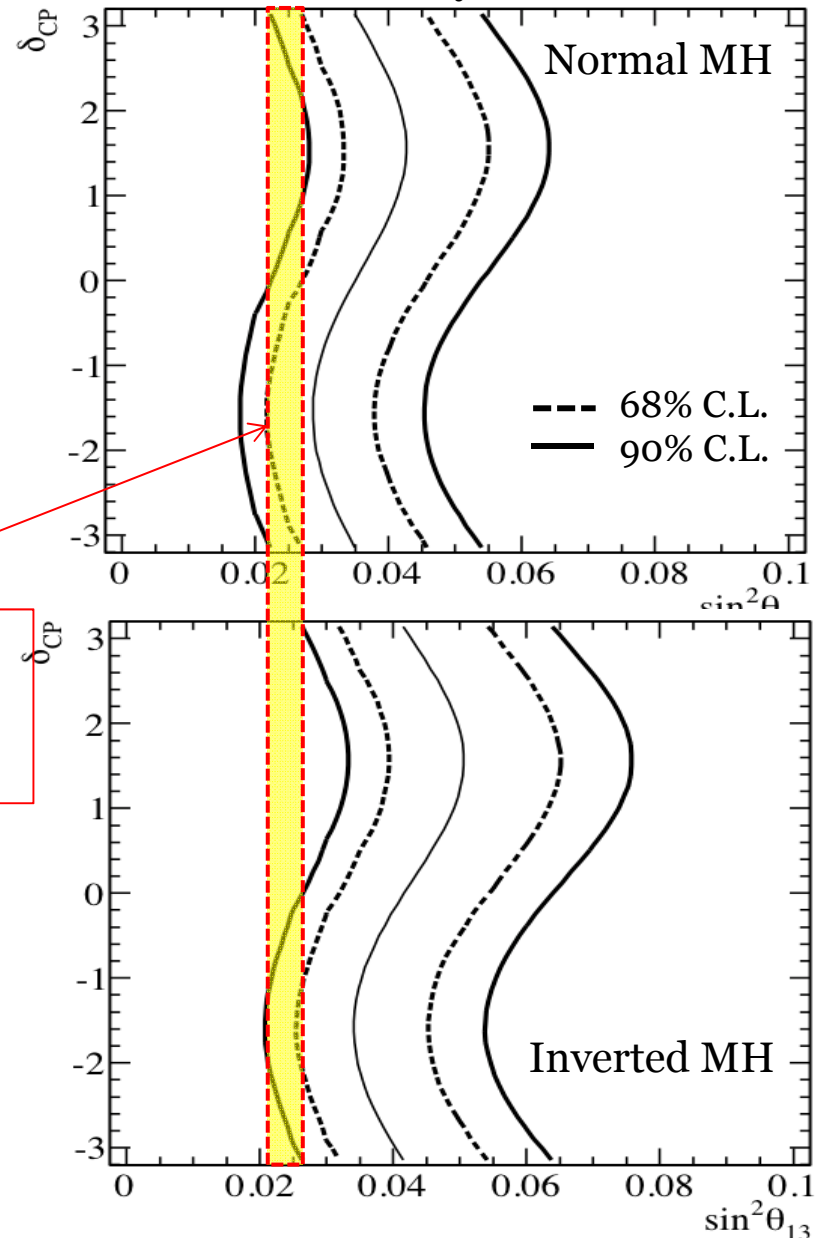
Actually, w/ θ_{23} uncertainty



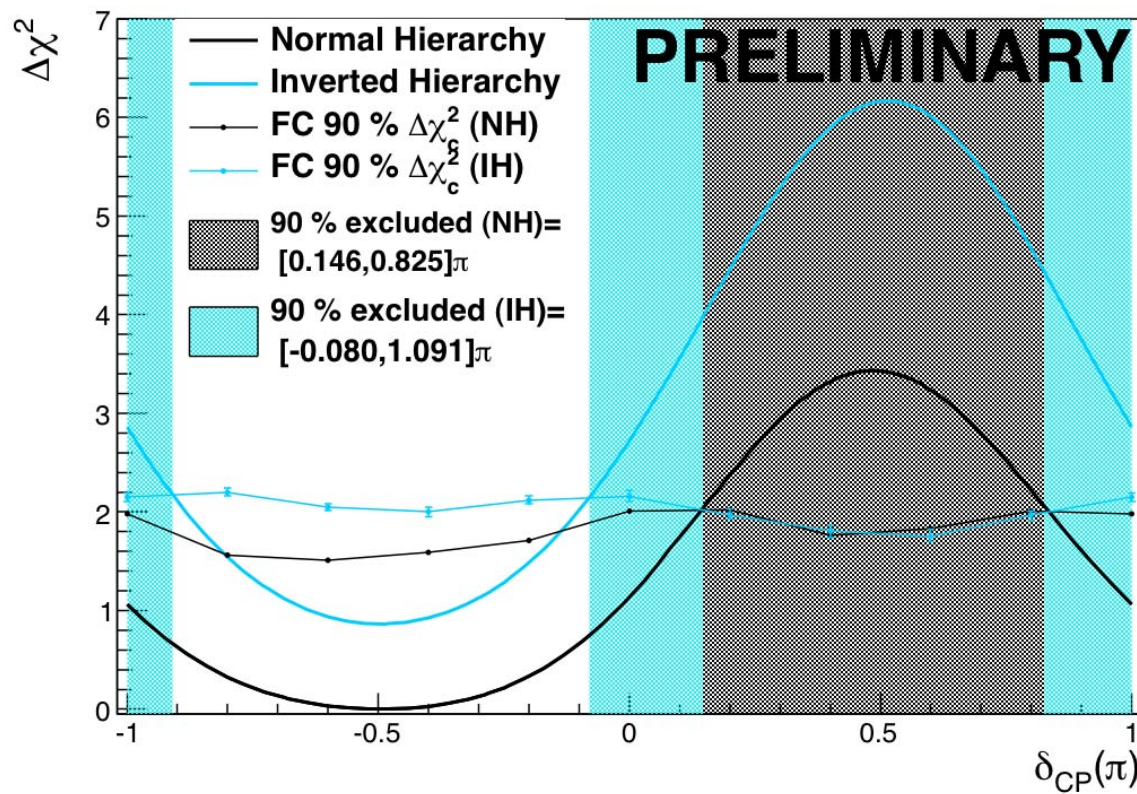
Fit ν_μ sample and ν_e sample simultaneously by $\sin^2\theta_{23}$, $\sin^2\theta_{13}$, δ and Δm^2

Now uncertainty of $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ is included.

68% allowed region from reactor measurement (PDG2013)



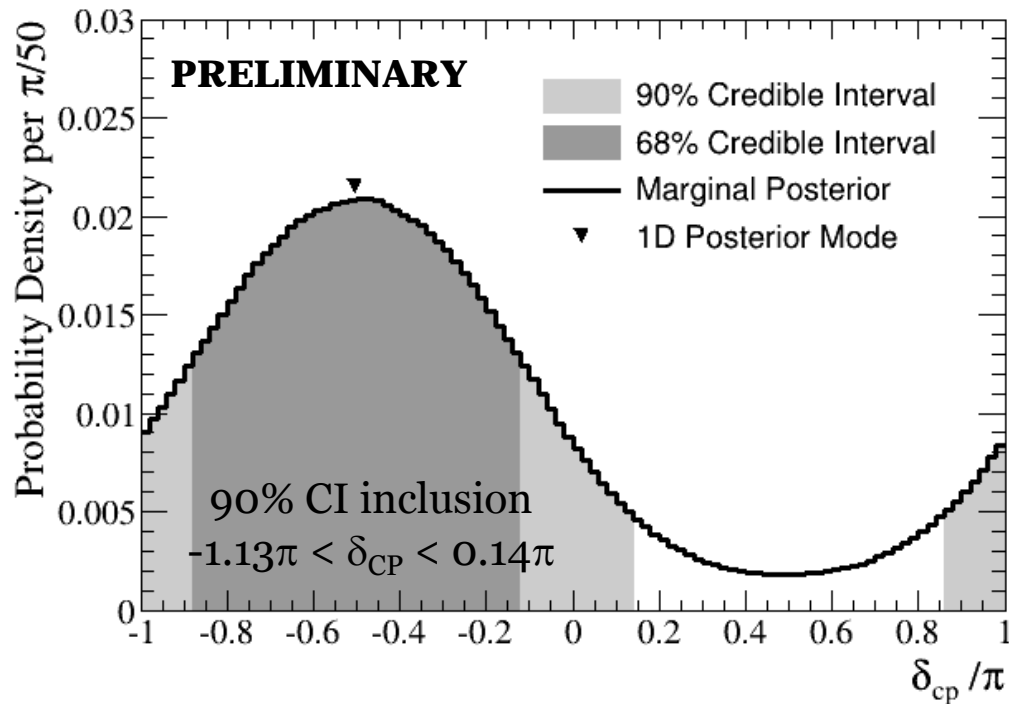
Get allowed region for δ by combining T2K data and reactor data



Another way of expressing result

Bayesian posterior probability

Assume $P(NH) = P(IH) = 0.5$



posterior probability for θ_{23}
octants and mass hierarchies

(%)	NH	IH	Sum
$\sin^2\theta_{23} \leq 0.5$	18	8	26
$\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.5$	50	24	74
Sum	68	32	

PRELIMINARY

From now on,
T2K & NOvA

T2K full stat(7.8E21 POT) sensitivity (7.8E21 POT=750kW x 5e7sec @ 30GeV)

- ✓ Combined 3 Flavor Appearance and Disappearance Fit
- ✓ w/ and w/o reactor results
 - $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1 \pm 0.005$: marginalize by error(=Daya Bay reactor sys. error)
- ✓ w/ and w/o current systematic error
 - Assume same error for anti- ν mode. +10% overall normalization error.
- ✓ ν -mode:anti- ν mode running ratio =50%:50% for case study

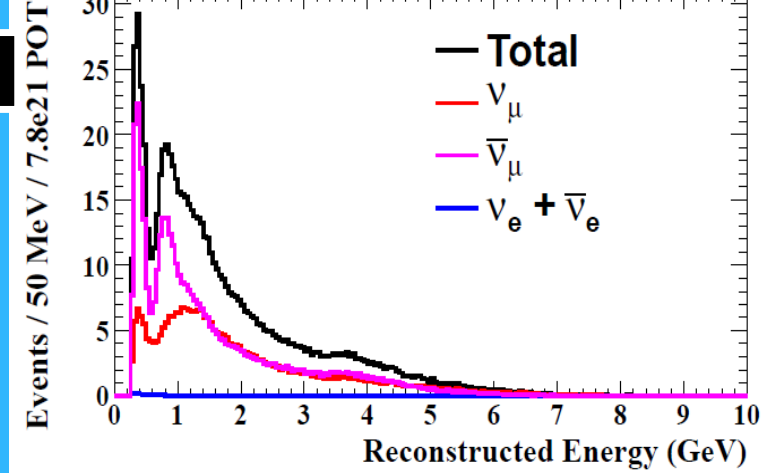
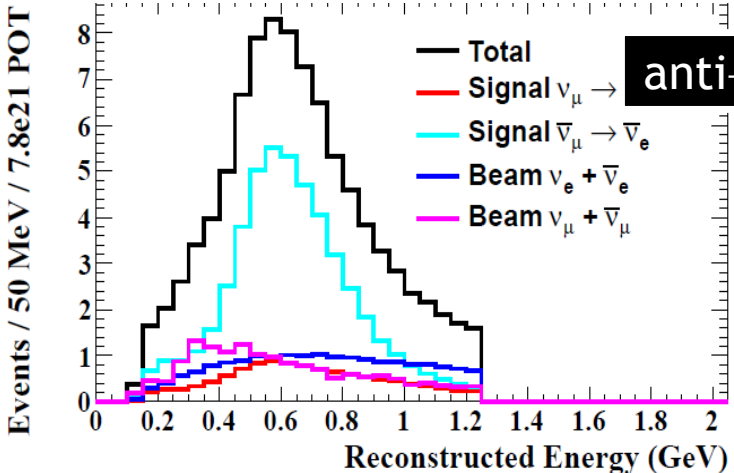
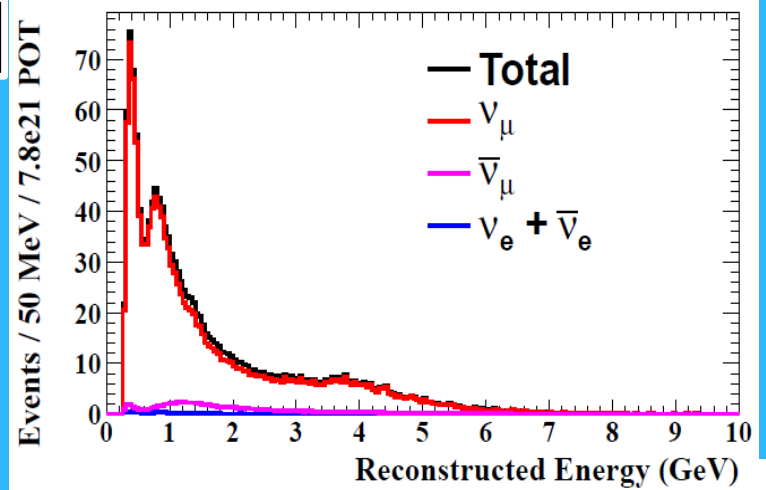
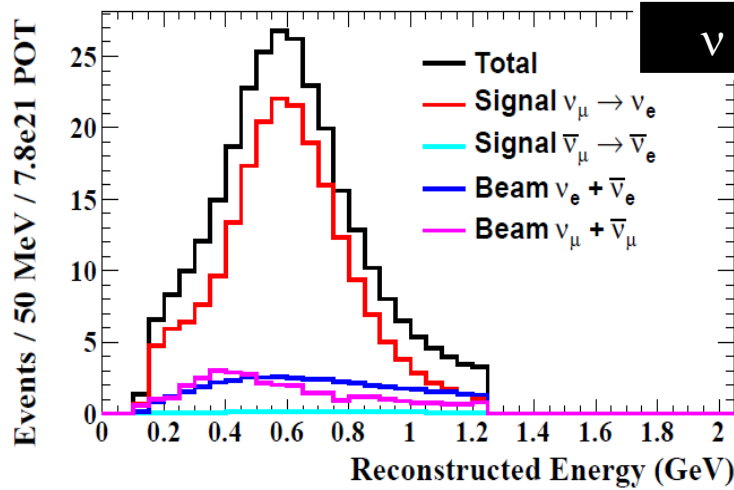
Reconstructed Energy Spectra

$$\delta=0, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$$

$$\Delta m^2=2.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eV}^2$$

ν_e appearance sample

ν_μ disappearance sample



ν :anti- ν =50%:50% case
 ν mode 106 signal events, 39 bkg. events
 anti- ν mode 24 signal events, 22 bkg events (5.6 from $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$)

T2K full sensitivity

Expected 90% C.L. allowed region

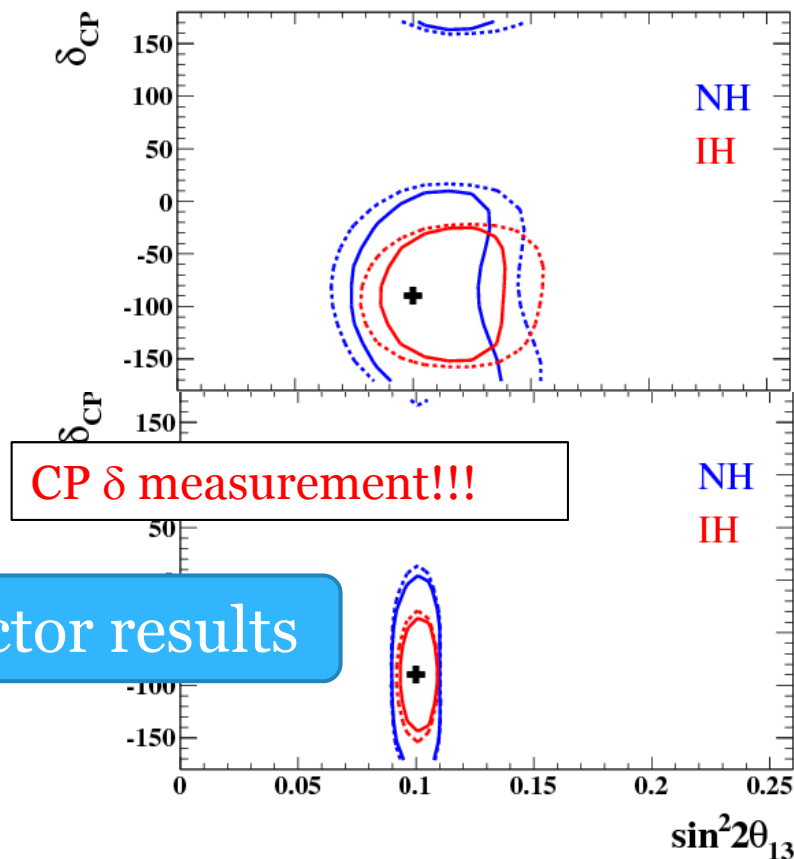
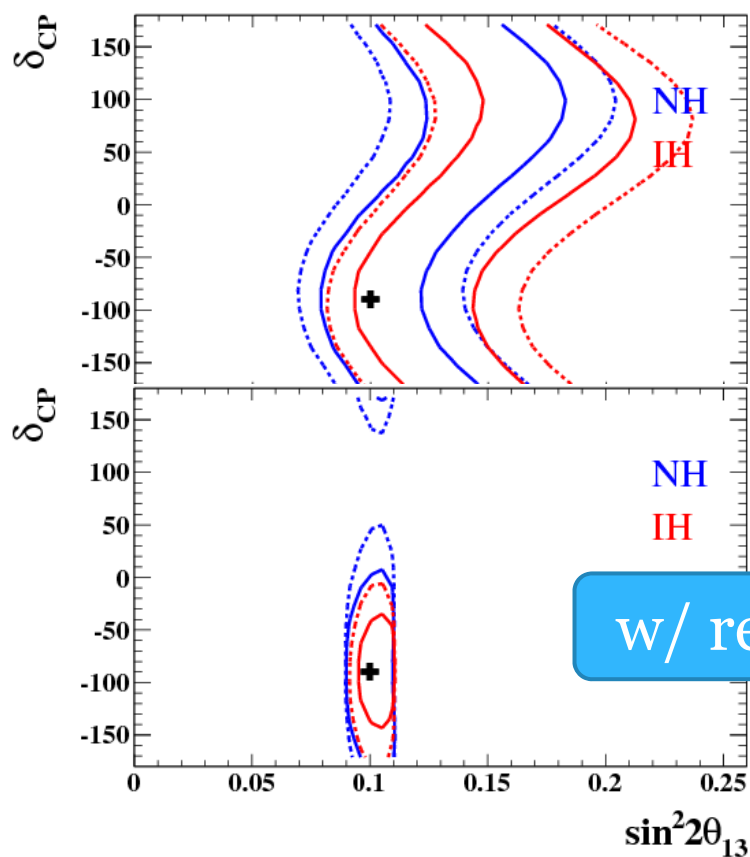
$\delta_{\text{CP}} = -90$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$
Normal Hierarchy

Allowed region assuming NH or IH
Solid : w/o systematic error
Dashed : w/ 2012 systematic error

Running fraction

ν mode:anti- ν mode = 100%:0%

50%:50%



w/ reactor results

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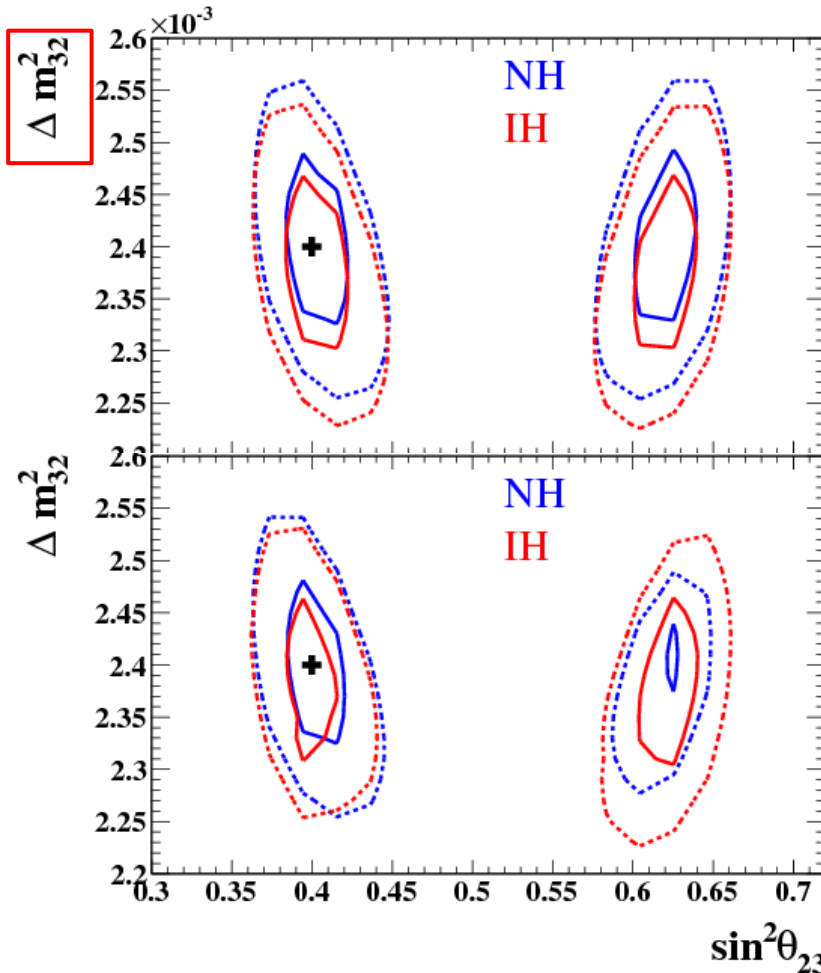
θ_{23} octant degeneracy, $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.4$ case

True $\delta=0$

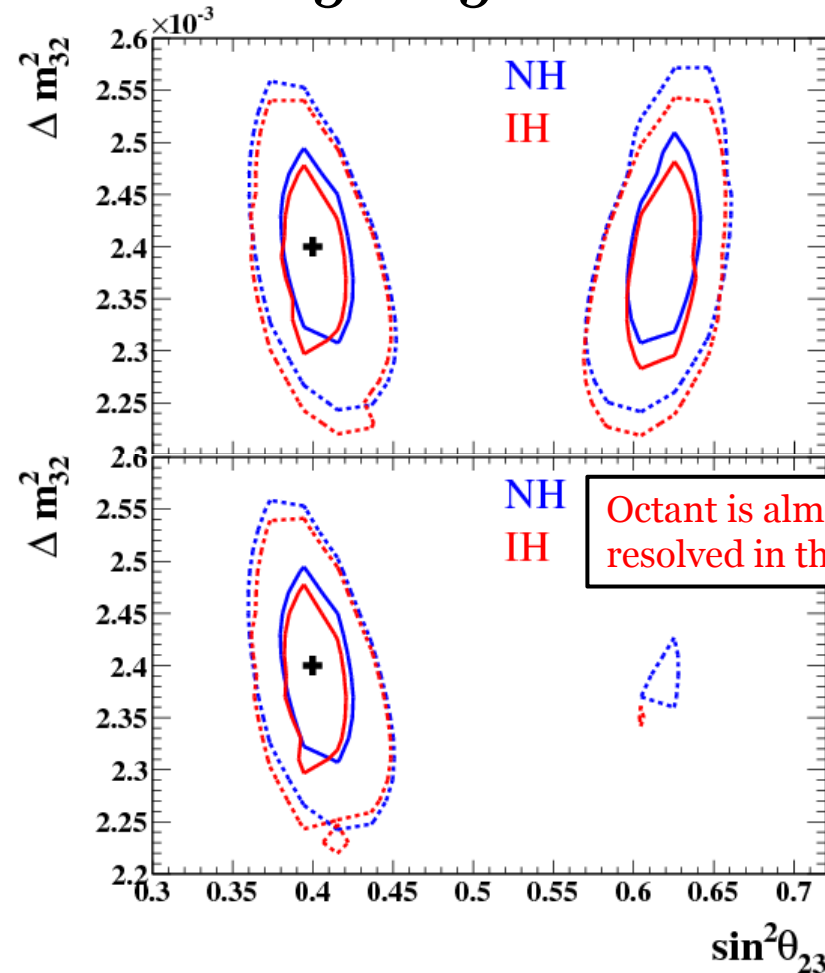
* current 90% limit corresponds to $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.39$.

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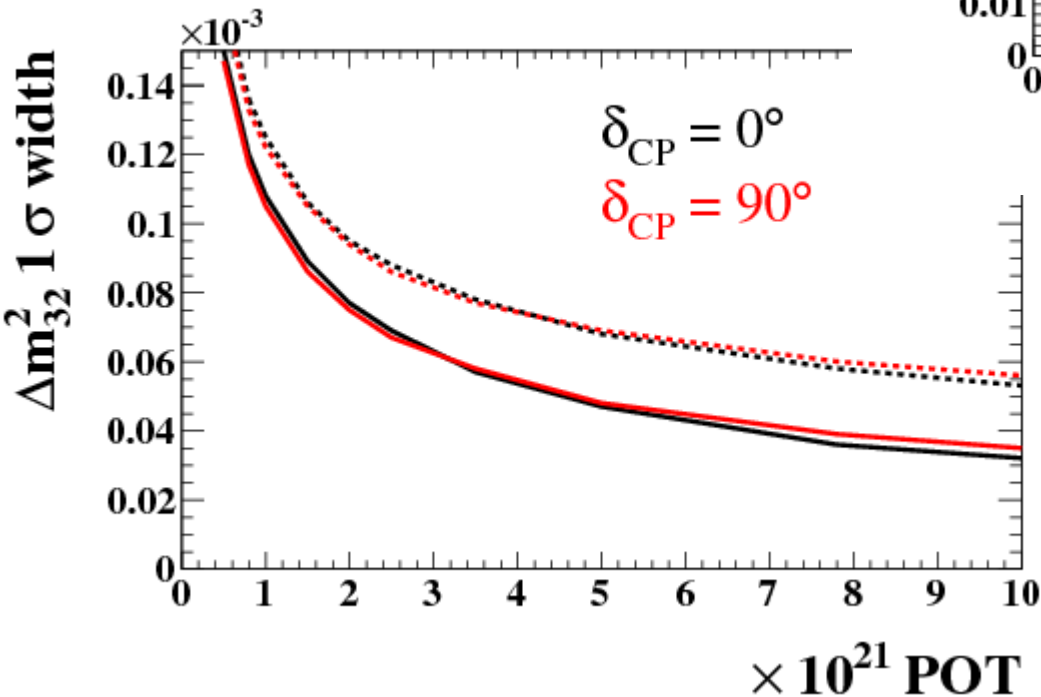
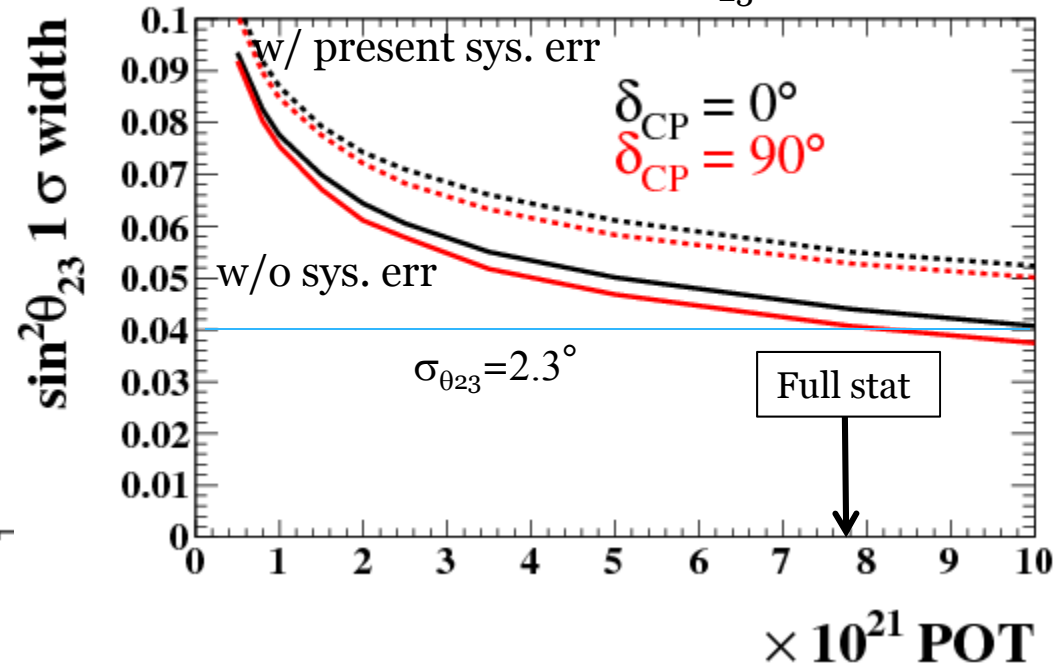
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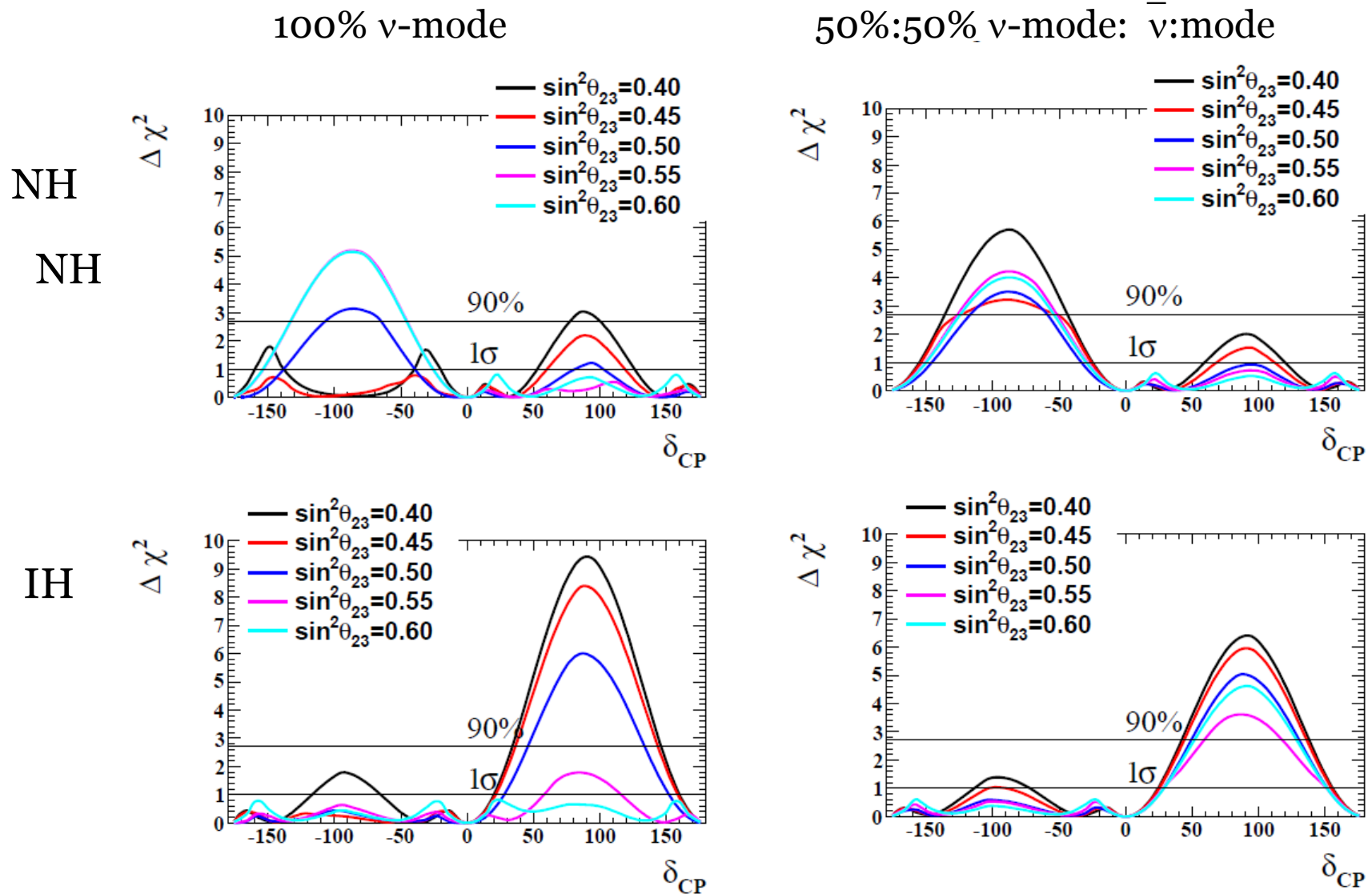
Precision(1σ)

MH is assumed to be unknown(NH)
 ν mode: anti- ν mode=50%:50%
 w/ reactor result

at $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.5$



CP violation ($\sin\delta\neq 0$) sensitivity

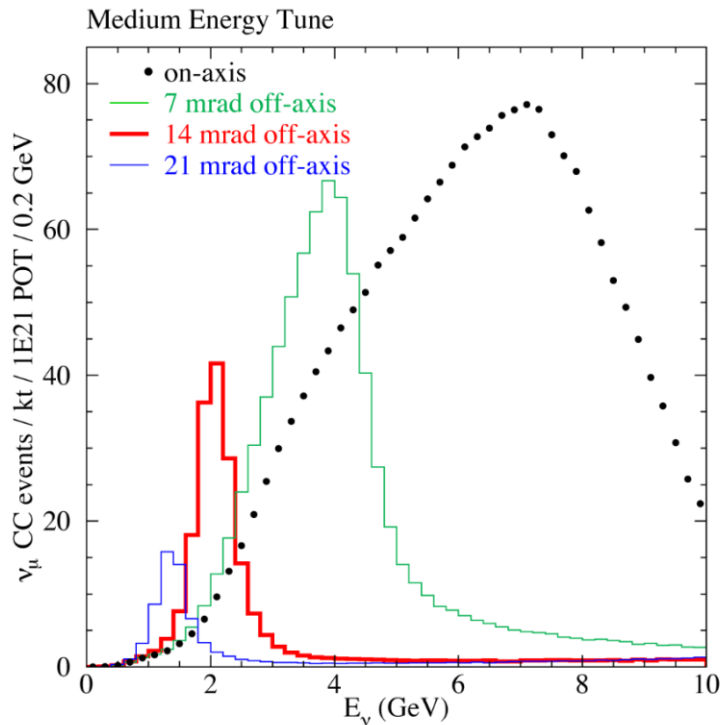


NOvA



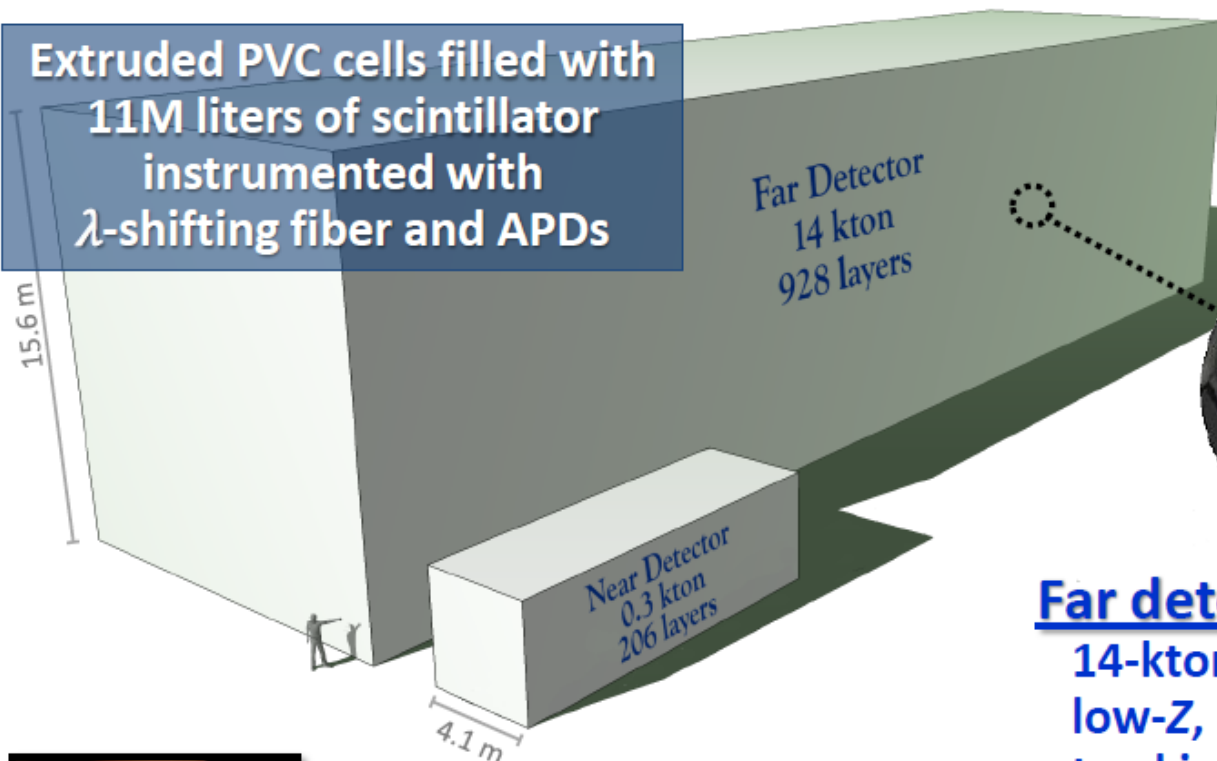
Ash River Laboratory

Baseline length 810km
FNAL NuMI off-axis beam
400kW → 700kW



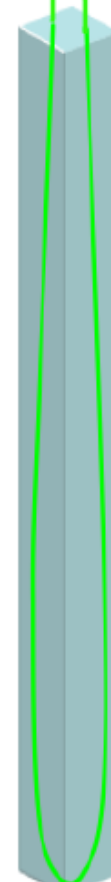
NO ν A Detectors

Extruded PVC cells filled with
11M liters of scintillator
instrumented with
 λ -shifting fiber and APDs



A NO ν A cell

To APD



1560 cm

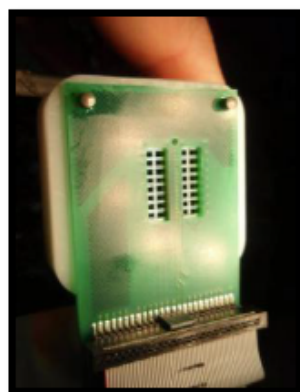
4 cm \times 6 cm

Far detector:

14-kton, fine-grained,
low-Z, highly-active
tracking calorimeter
→ 360,000 channels
→ 77% active by mass

Near detector:

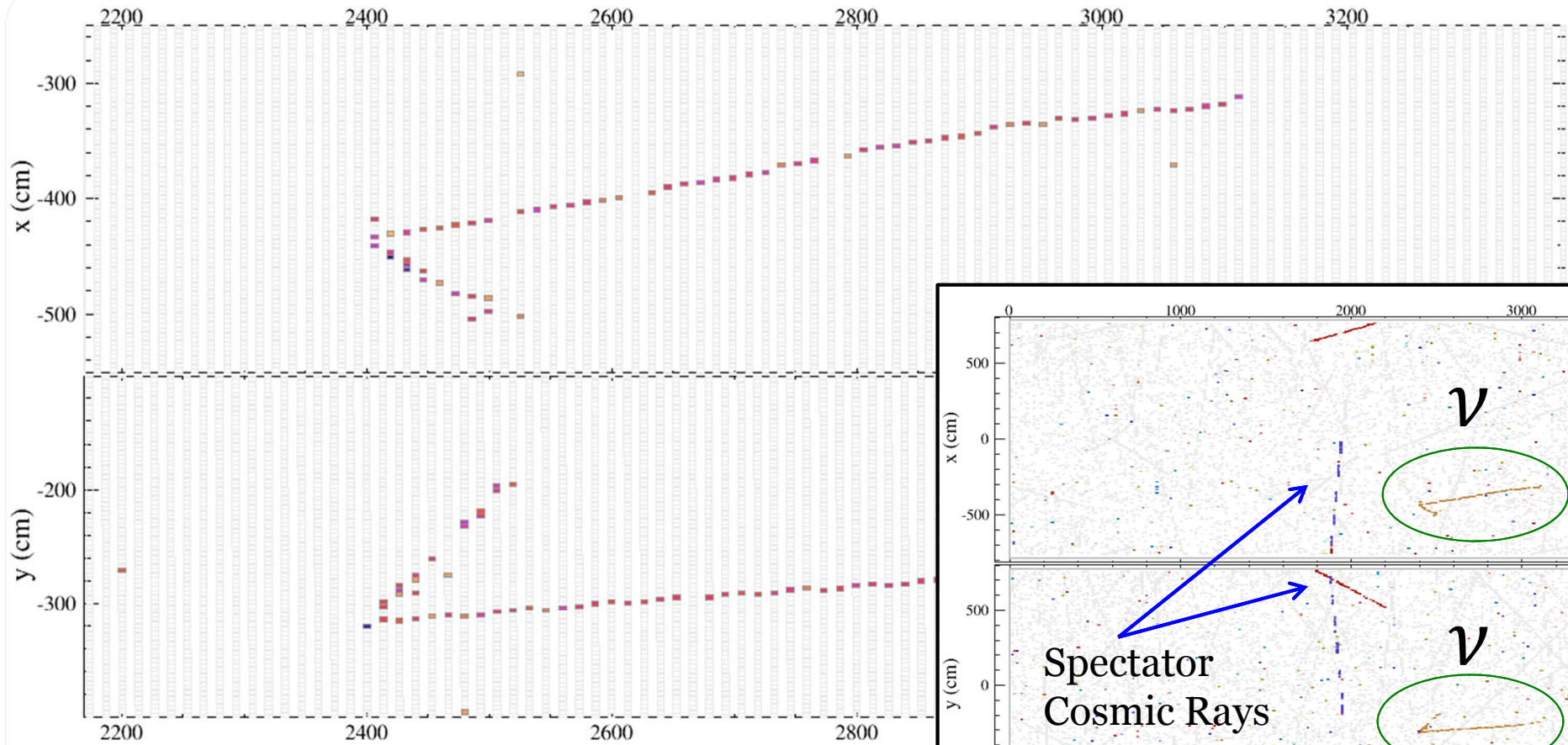
0.3-kton version of
the same
→ 18,000 channels



← 32-pixel APD

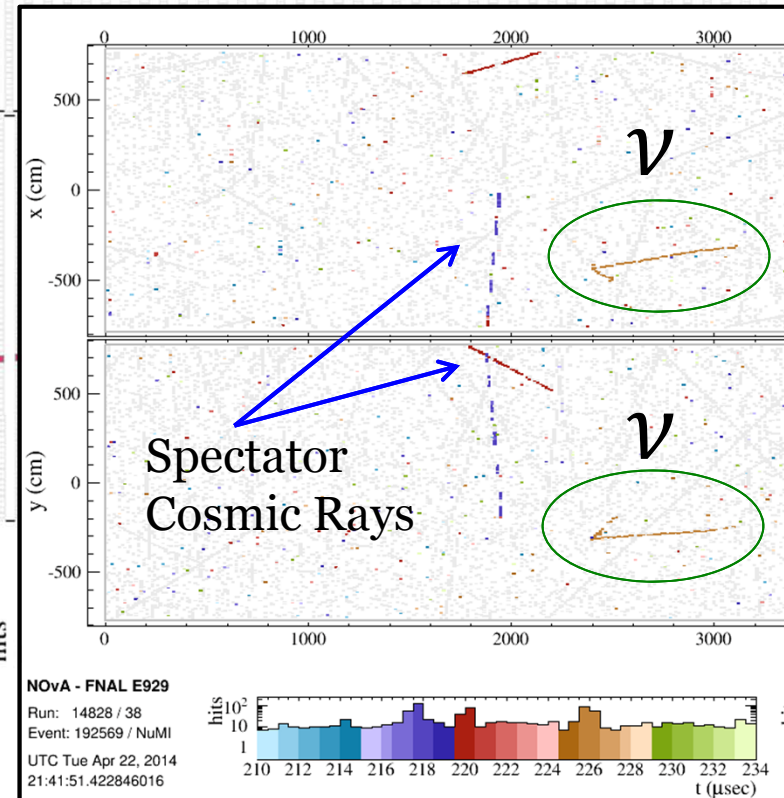
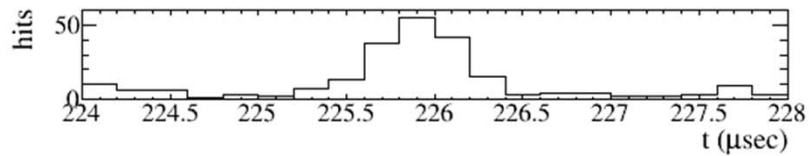
Fiber pairs
from 32 cells →





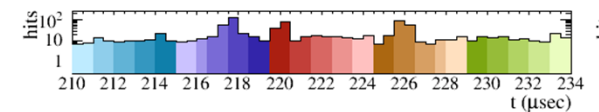
NOvA - FNAL E929

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 Event: 192569 / NuMI
 UTC Tue Apr 22, 2014
 21:41:51.422846016



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ν_e Signal and Background Estimates

Cut	Simulation				Data	
	ν_e Signal	NC	Beam ν_e	ν_μ CC	Cosmic Ray	All Background
All Events	36.7	380	28.1	557	19M	19M
Pre-selection	24.7	83.5	2.9	30.0	56k	56k
Vertex Gap	24.6	81.8	2.9	29.6	55k	55k
P_T/P	22.0	59.6	2.6	24.3	1248	1334
Maximum Y	21.2	57.4	2.5	23.0	834	917
Neutral Net	13.9	3.9	1.5	0.7	0.5	6.5
Library Template	14.0	3.5	1.5	1.1	0.9	7.0

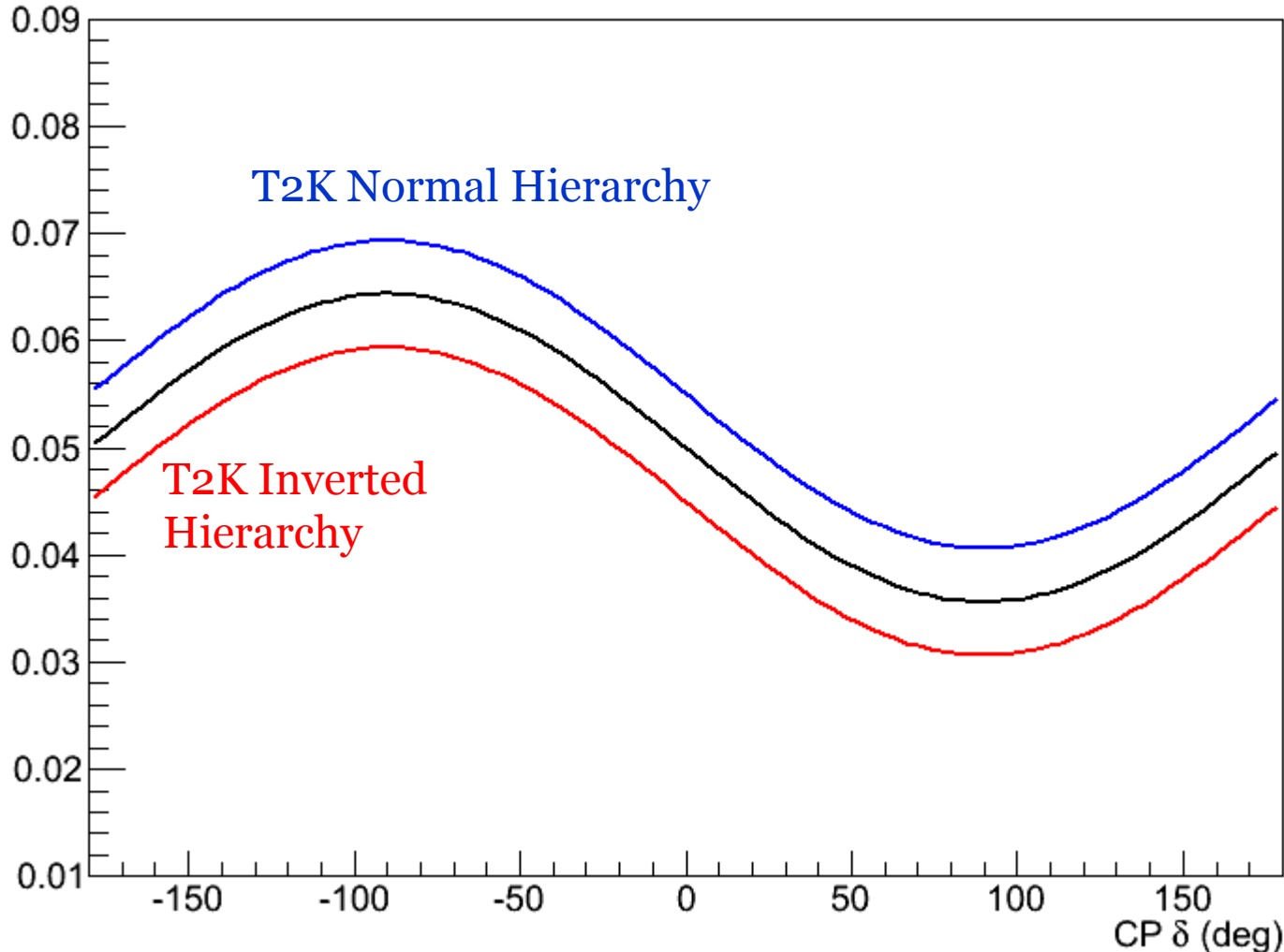
- Exposure 6×10^{20} POT
- 1 yr at design mass/beam power
- 14 kt total detector mass
- Signal estimates are leading order
- Simple oscillation w/o matter effect
- Averaged over hierarchy and δ_{CP}

ν_μ to ν_e oscillation probability

at oscillation maximum

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0.1$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$, w/ matter effect

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

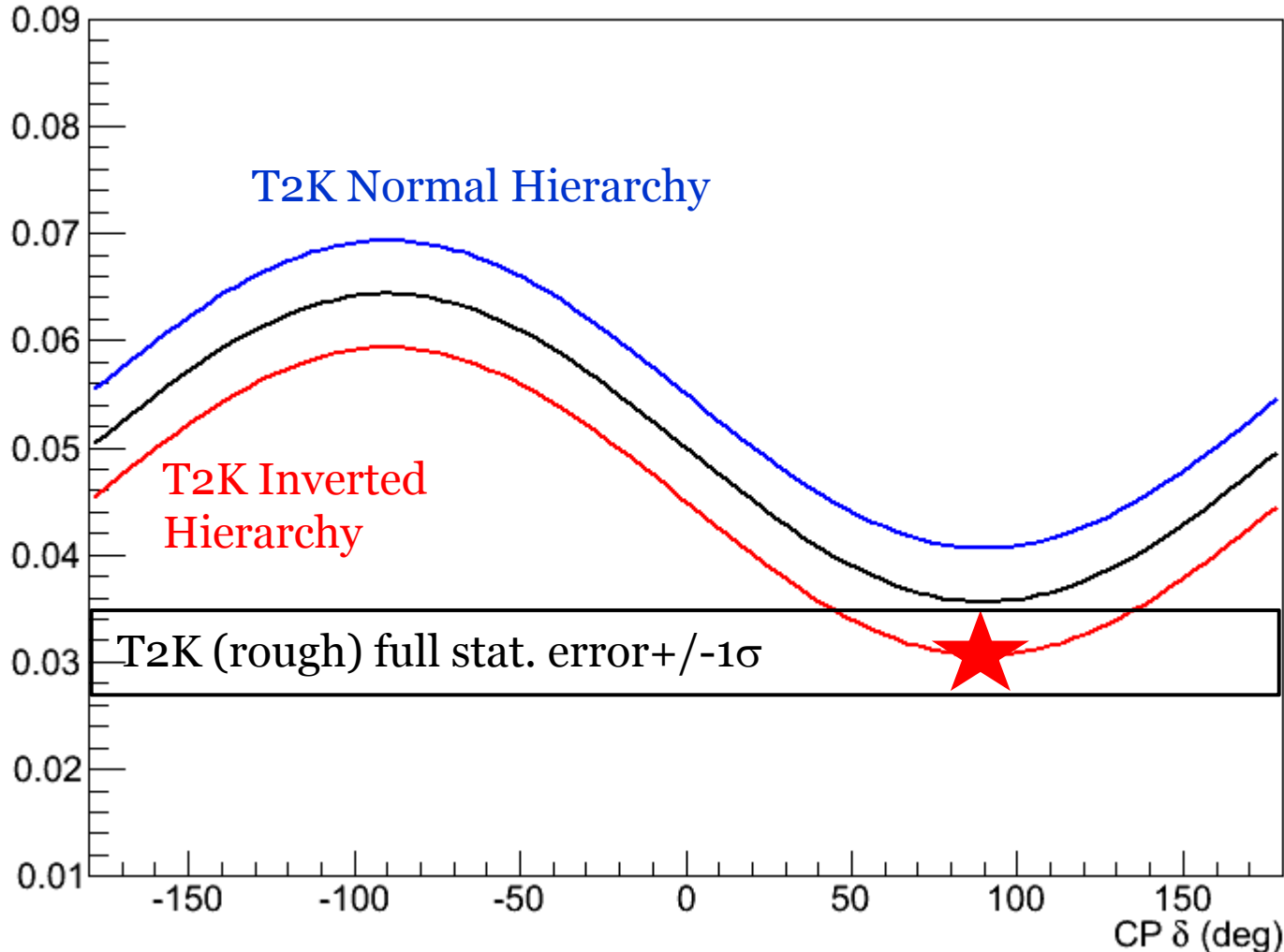


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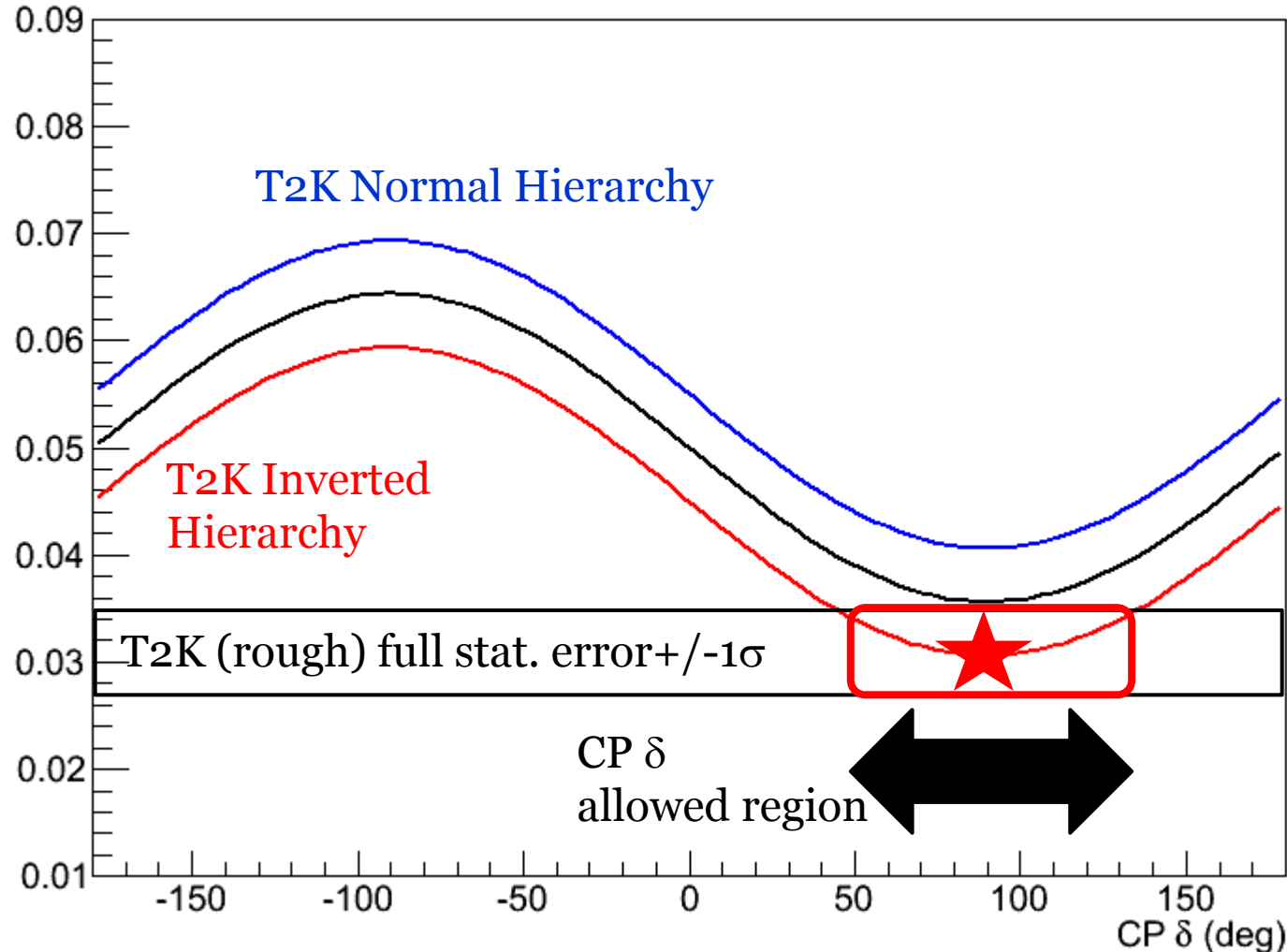


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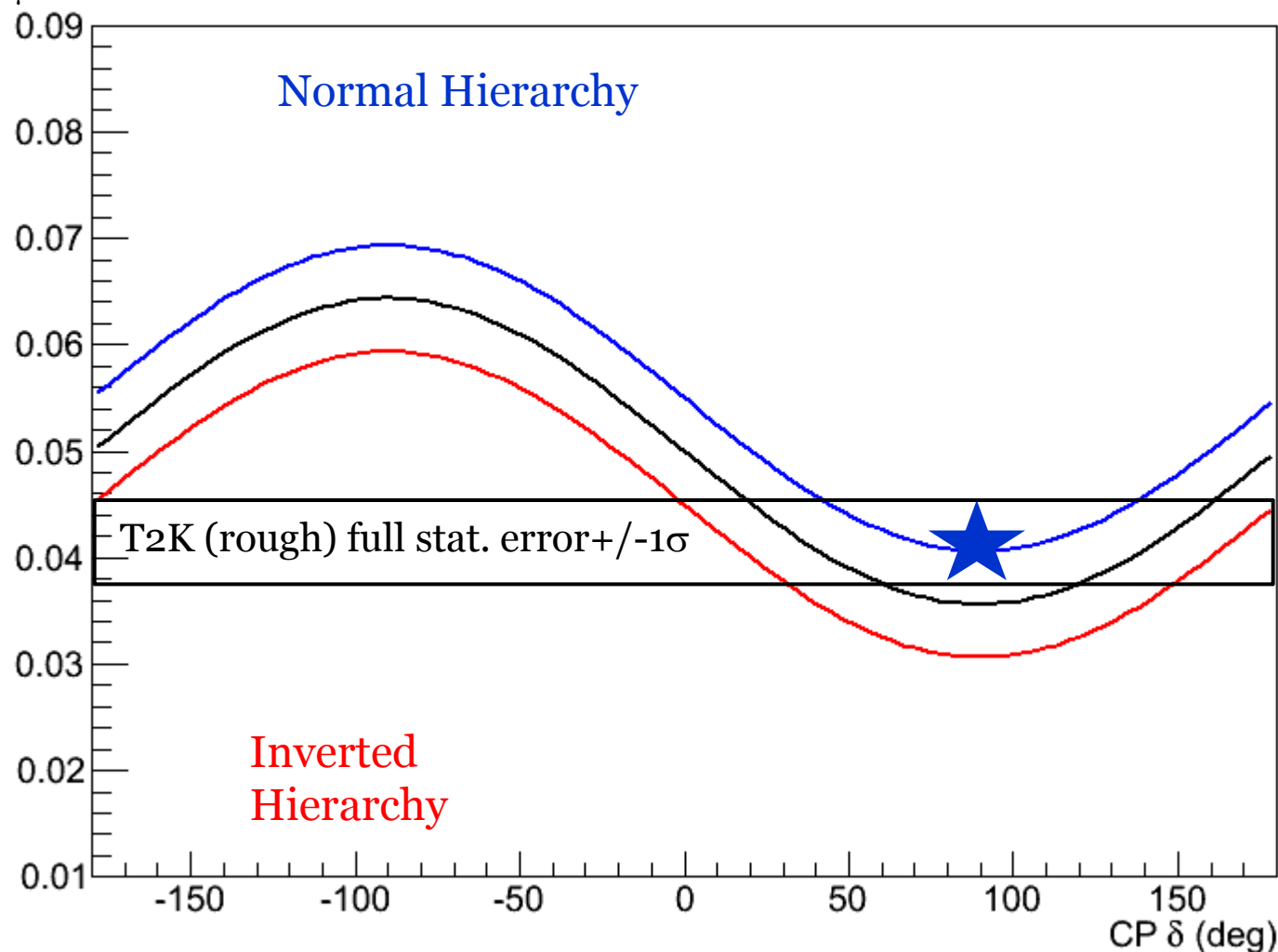


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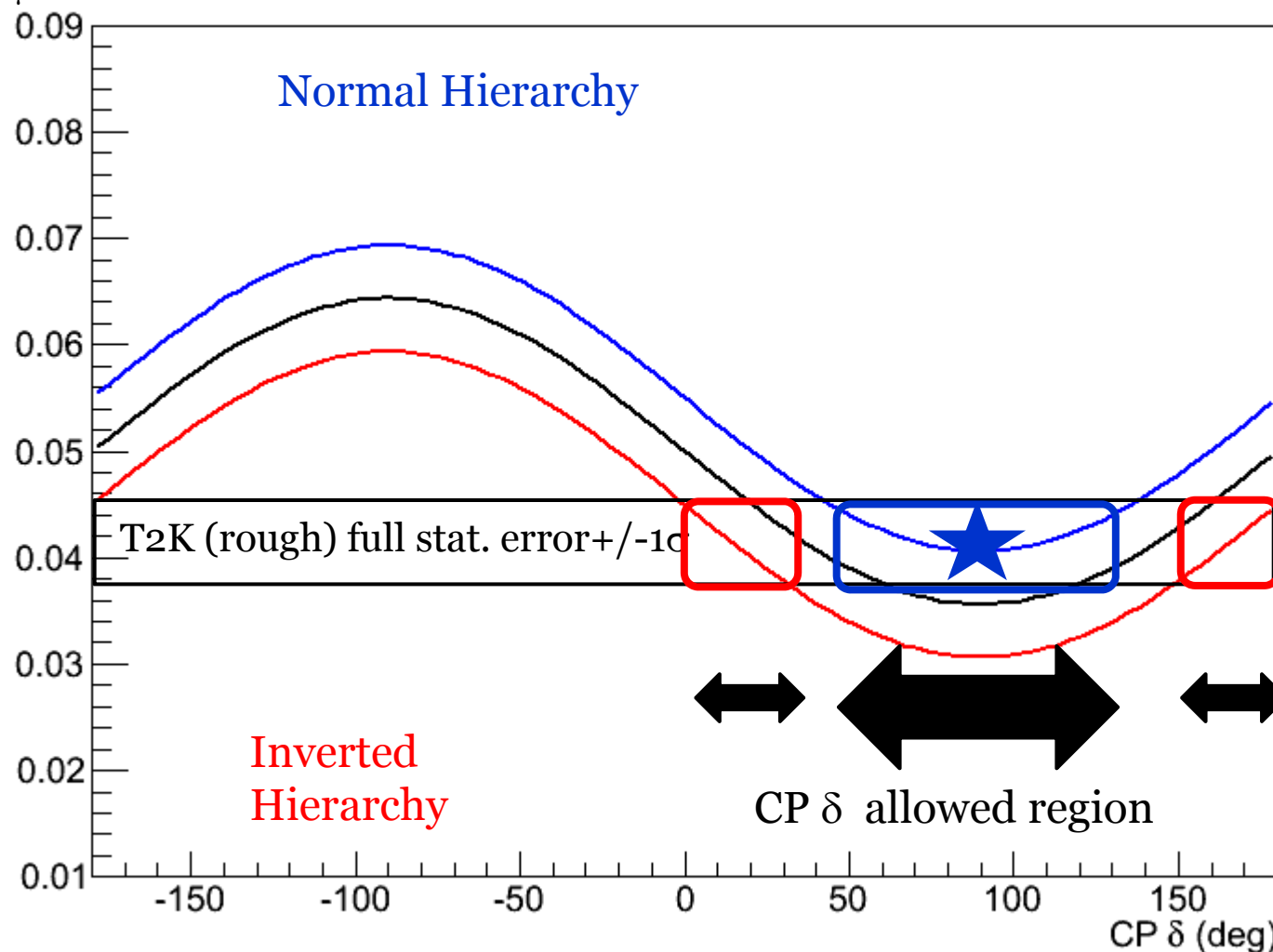


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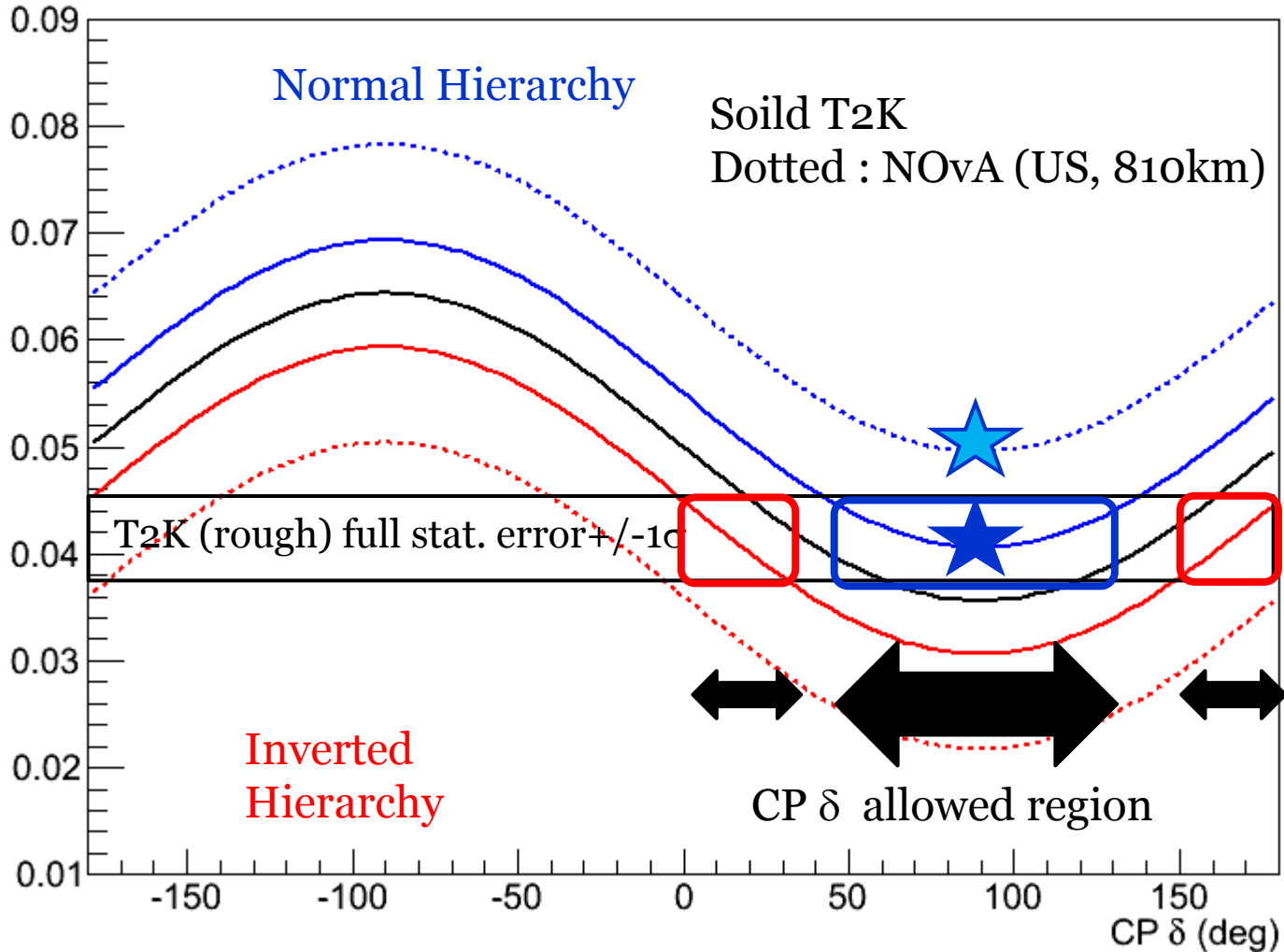
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$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$



ν_μ to ν_e oscillation probability at oscillation maximum

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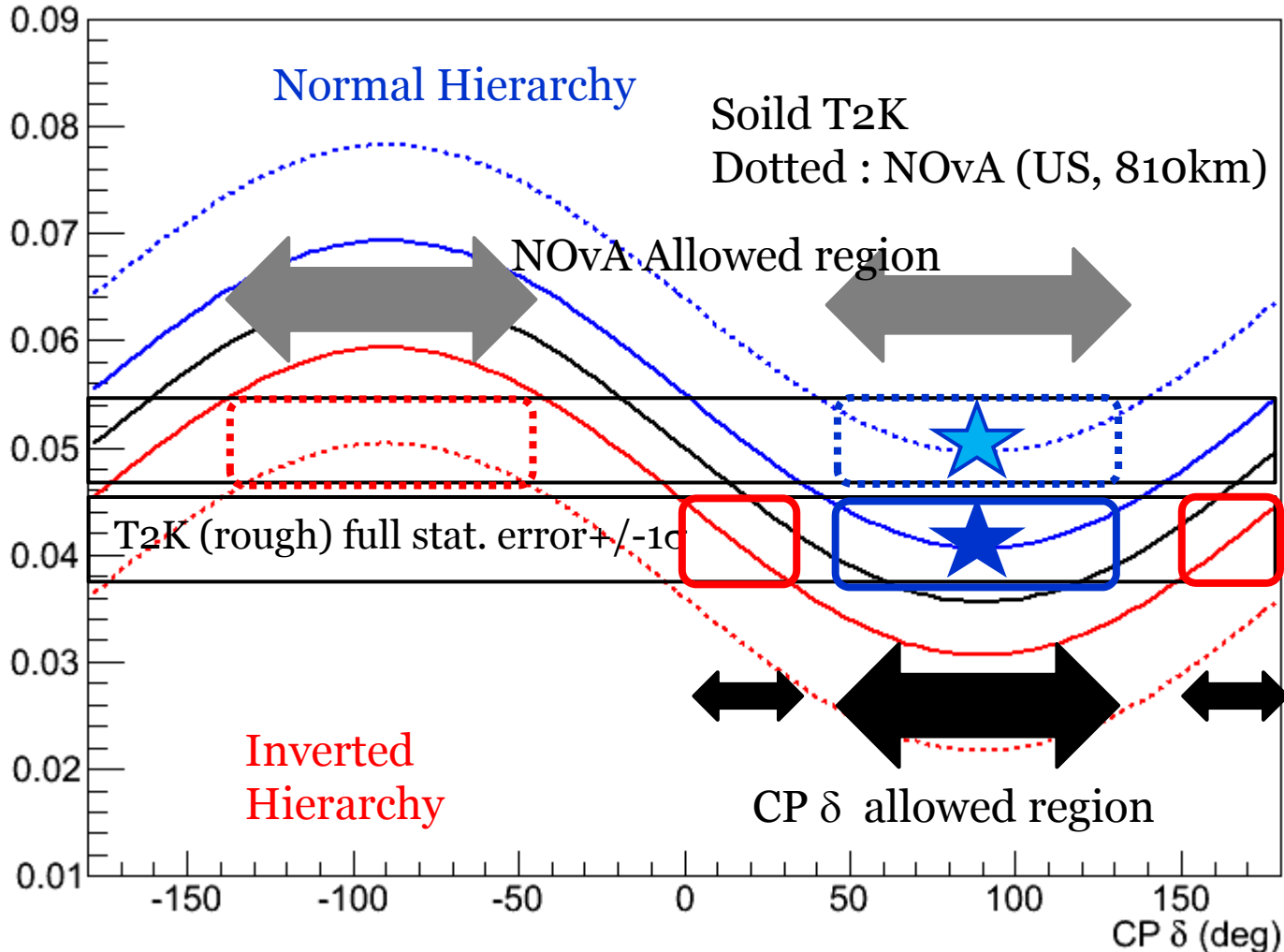


ν_μ to ν_e oscillation probability

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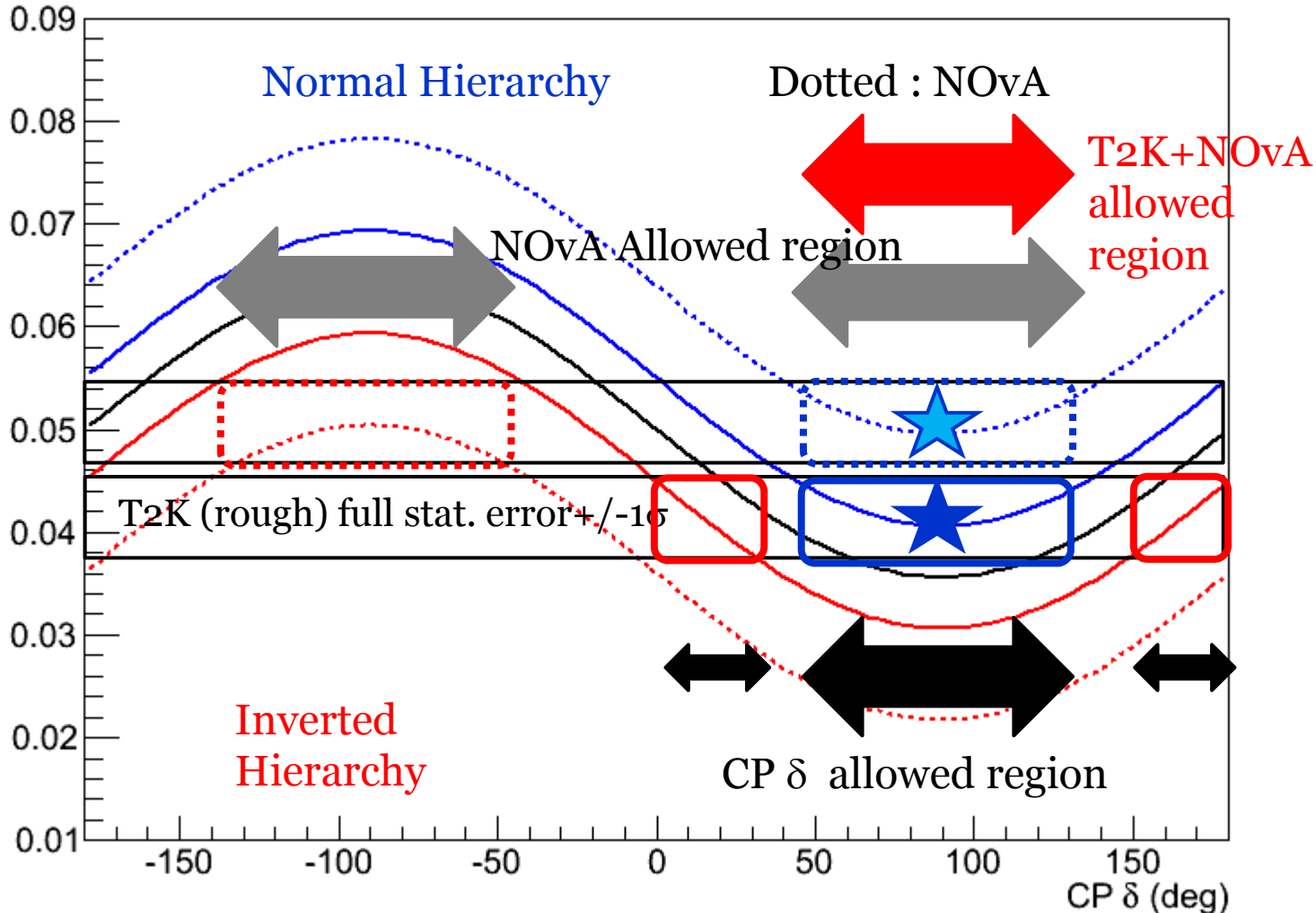


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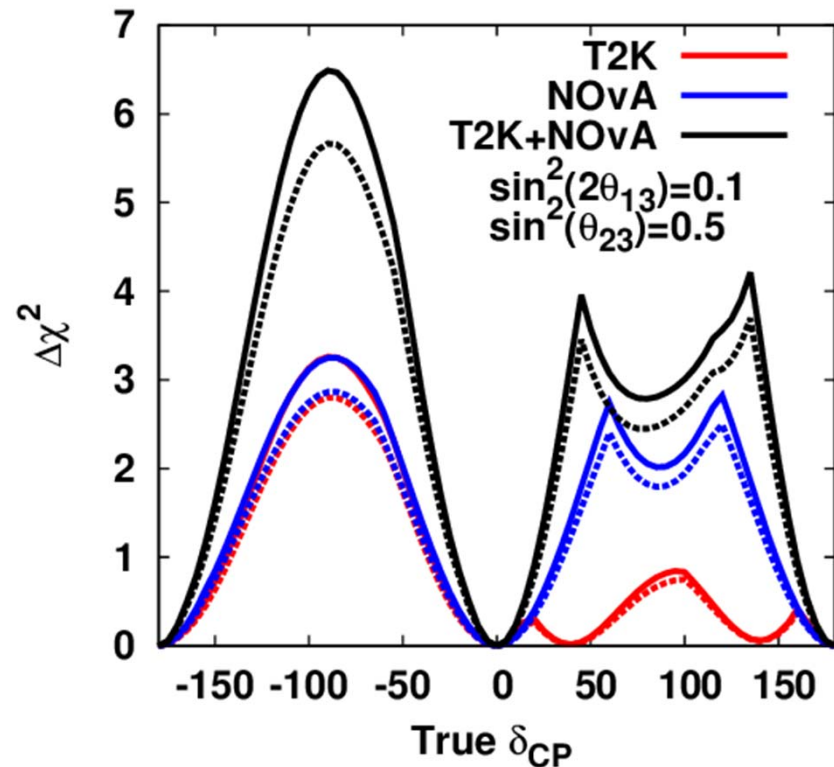
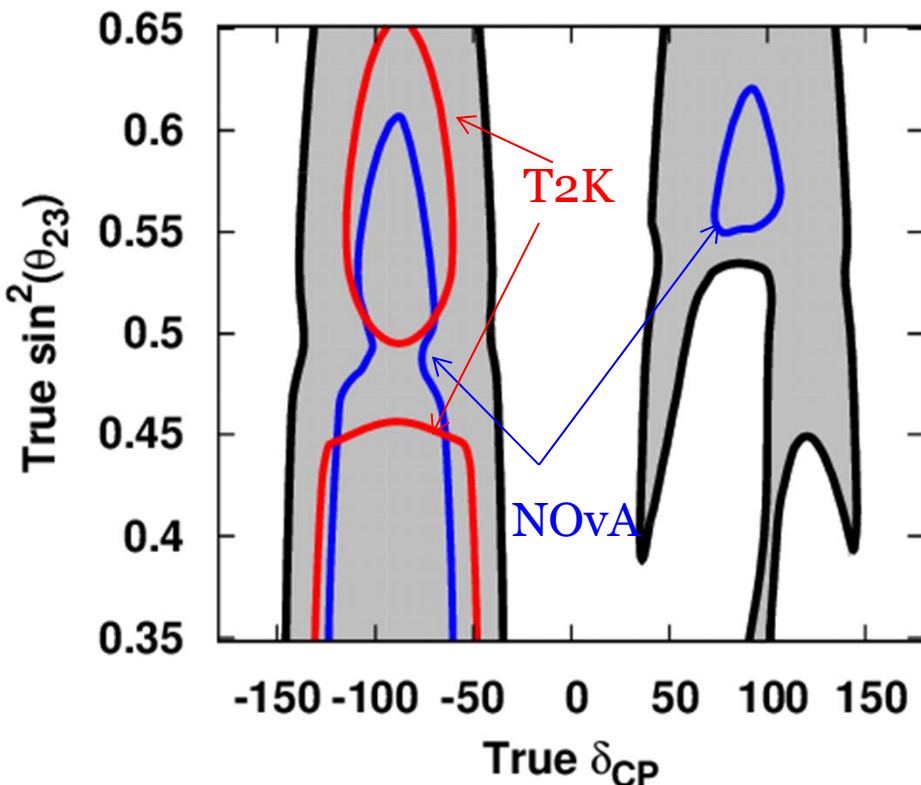
$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$



T2K+NOvA CP violation sensitivity

- Assuming both experiments run 50% ν -mode, 50% anti- ν mode.
- with 5% normalization uncertainty on signal and 10% normalization uncertainty on background.
- Shown is NH case.

solid : w/o sys. error
dash: w/ sys. error

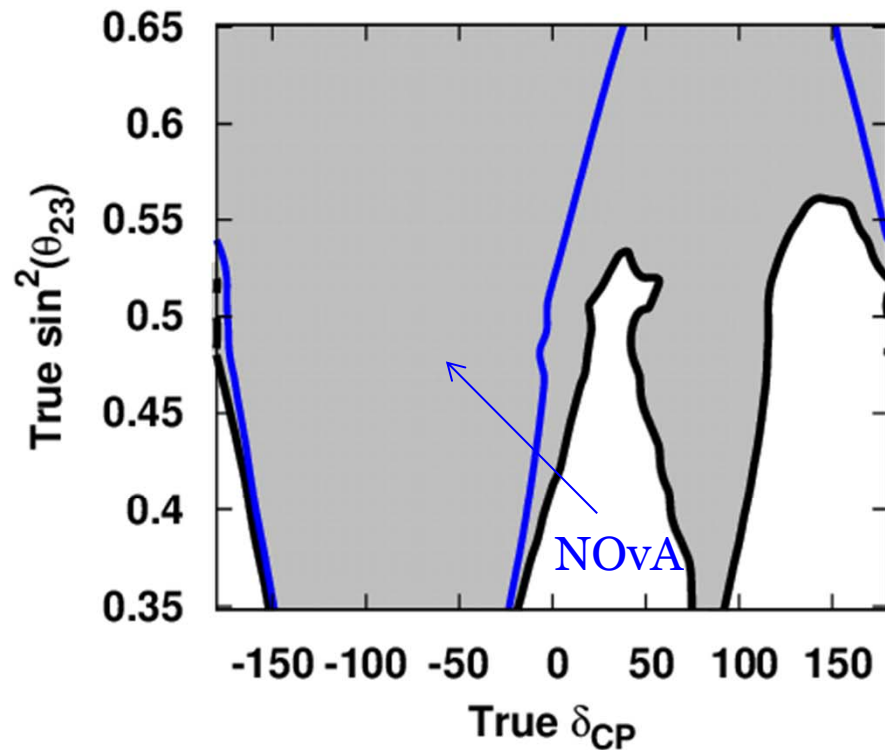


Region where $\sin \delta = 0$ (CP conservation) can be excluded by 90% C.L.

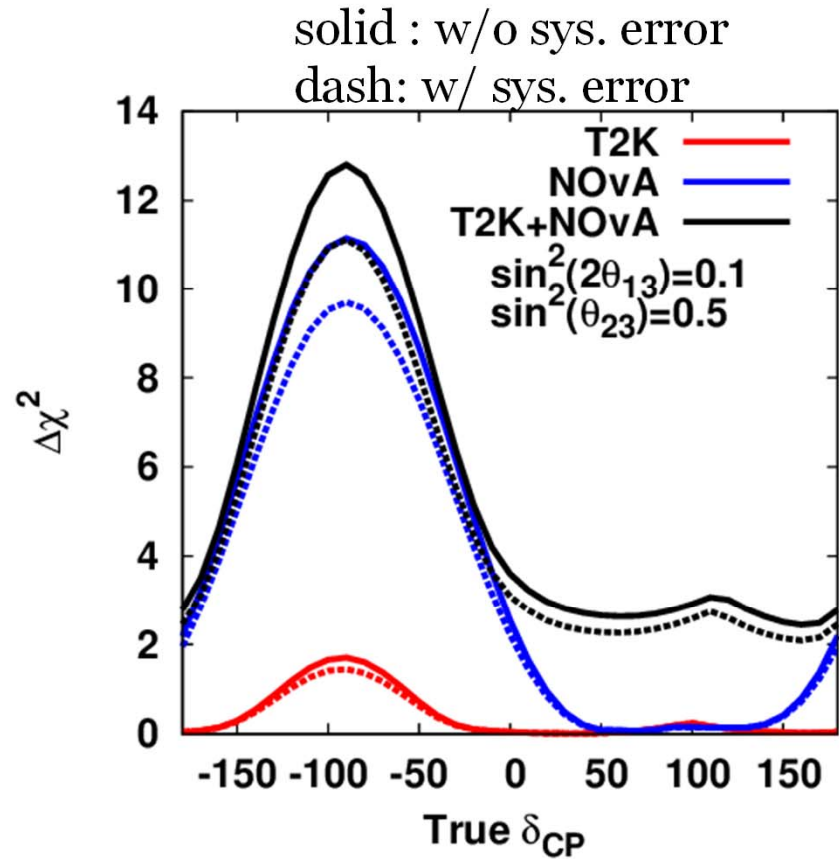
sensitivity to non-zero CP-violating term

T2K+NOvA CP violation sensitivity

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Region where MH can be distinguished by 90% C.L.



sensitivity to resolve MH

Target of neutrino oscillation experiments

Mixing matrix for

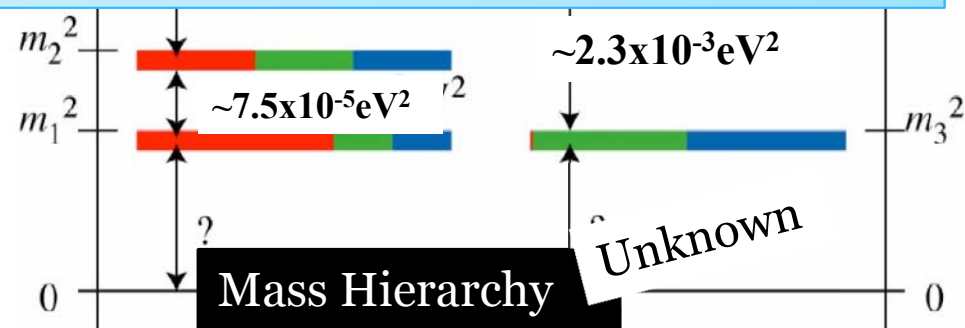
Unknown

CP phase

KEY to understand the origin of matter dominant universe

Combination of results
from reactor experiments,
T2K and NOvA
Will enhance the sensitivity
For these physics

Big Impact
on $\nu\nu$ double- β decay search
(hence on Majorana ν
confirmation)



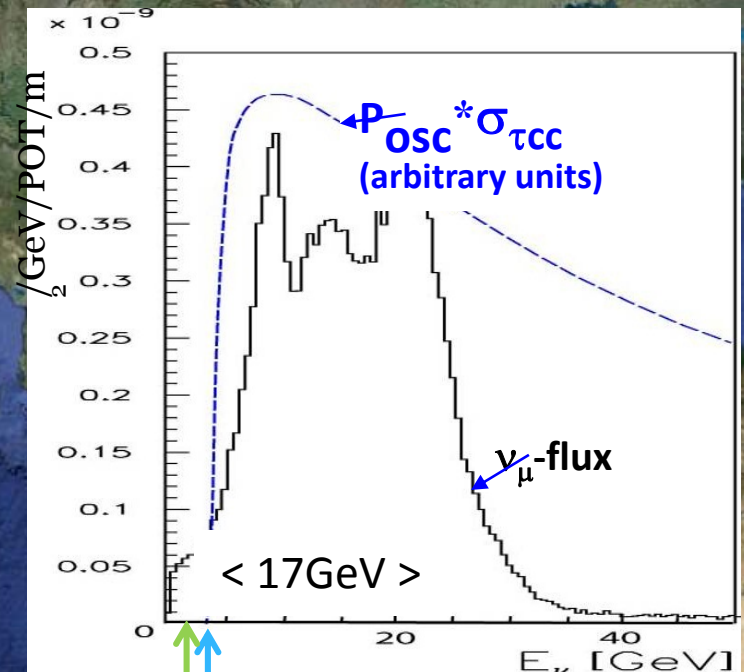
Has ν_μ really oscillate to ν_τ ?

OPERA experiment

CERN SPS
400 GeV/c 500kW

732 km

Gran Sasso,
Italy



τ production threshold
(~ 3.5 GeV)

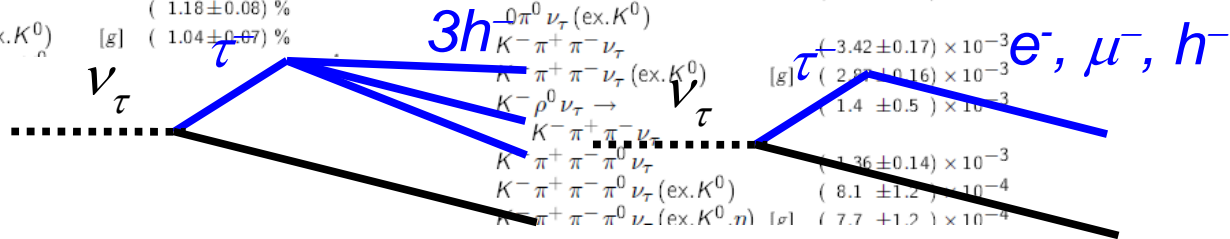
Oscillation maximum (~ 1.4 GeV)

ν_τ – Appearance Experiment

τ^- DECAY MODES Sca Confid **Modes with three charged particles**

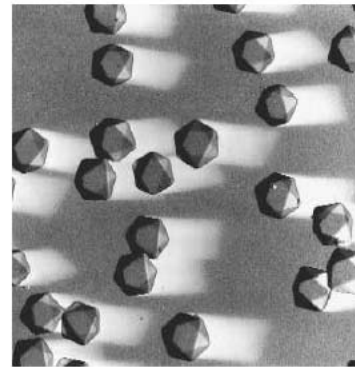
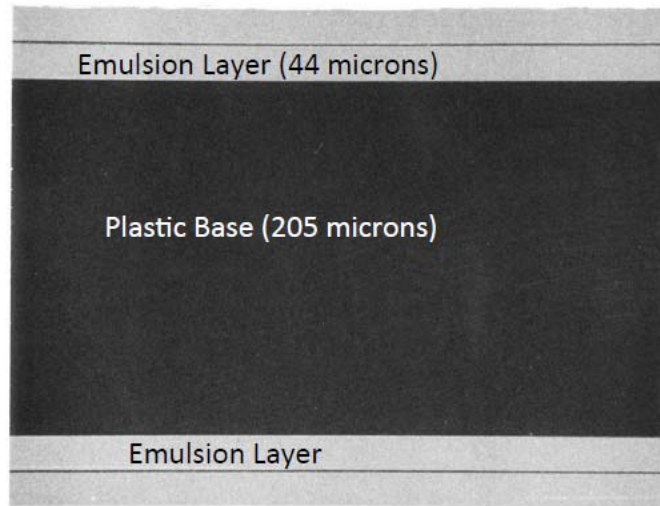
particle $^- \geq 0$ neutrals	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confid	particle $^- \geq 0$ neutrals $\geq 0 K_L^0 \nu_\tau$	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confid
particle $^- \geq 0$ neutrals ("1-prong")	$\geq 0 K^0 \nu_\tau$ (85.36 ± 0.08) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ≥ 0 neutrals $\geq 0 K_L^0 \nu_\tau$	(15.19 ± 0.08) %	
$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	(84.72 ± 0.08) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ≥ 0 neutrals ν_τ	(14.56 ± 0.08) %	
$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau \gamma$	(17.36 ± 0.05) %	[g]	(ex. $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$) ("3-prong")		
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	(17.85 ± 0.05) %	[g]	h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ν_τ	(9.80 ± 0.08) %	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau \gamma$	(7.75 ± 0.18) %	[g]	h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ν_τ (ex. K^0)	(9.46 ± 0.07) %	
h $^- \geq 0 K_L^0 \nu_\tau$	(11.61 ± 0.06) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ν_τ (ex. K^0, ω)	(9.42 ± 0.07) %	
h $^- \nu_\tau$	(11.61 ± 0.06) %		$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$	(9.32 ± 0.07) %	
$\pi^- \nu_\tau$	(11.61 ± 0.06) %		$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(9.03 ± 0.06) %	
$K^- \nu_\tau$	(11.61 ± 0.06) %		$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)	< 2.4 %	
h $^- \geq 1$ neutrals ν_τ	(37.06 ± 0.10) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ν_τ (ex. K^0, ω)	(9.00 ± 0.06) %	[g]
h $^- \geq 1 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(25.94 ± 0.09) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ≥ 1 neutrals ν_τ	(5.38 ± 0.07) %	
h $^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(3.0 ± 3.2) × 10 $^{-3}$		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ≥ 1 neutrals ν_τ (ex. K^0)	(5.08 ± 0.06) %	
$\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(4.29 ± 0.15) × 10 $^{-3}$	[g]	h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(4.75 ± 0.06) %	
$\pi^- \pi^0$ non- $\rho(770) \nu_\tau$	(10.85 ± 0.12) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $\pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)	(2.79 ± 0.08) %	
$K^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(9.35 ± 0.11) %		$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(4.61 ± 0.06) %	
h $^- \geq 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(6.5 ± 2.3) × 10 $^{-4}$	[g]	$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)	(4.48 ± 0.06) %	
h $^- 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(1.34 ± 0.07) %		$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)	(2.70 ± 0.08) %	[g]
$\pi^- 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(1.25 ± 0.07) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $\geq 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(5.18 ± 0.33) × 10 $^{-3}$	
$\pi^- 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)	(1.18 ± 0.08) %		h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $\geq 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(5.06 ± 0.32) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(1.04 ± 0.07) %	[g]	h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $\geq 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω, η)	(4.95 ± 0.32) × 10 $^{-3}$	
$\pi^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)			h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ $3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(2.3 ± 0.7) × 10 $^{-4}$	[g]
$\pi^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)			h $^-$ h $^-$ h $^+$ ≥ 0 neutrals ν_τ	(6.24 ± 0.24) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$			K $^-$ h $^+$ $\pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(4.27 ± 0.20) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)			K $^-$ h $^+$ $\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(8.7 ± 1.2) × 10 $^{-4}$	
h $^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \geq 0$ neutrals ν_τ	(4.78 ± 0.21) × 10 $^{-3}$	
$\pi^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \geq 0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(3.68 ± 0.20) × 10 $^{-3}$	
$\pi^- 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$	(3.42 ± 0.17) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(2.9 ± 0.16) × 10 $^{-3}$	[g]
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω, η)			K $^- \rho^0 \nu_\tau \rightarrow$	(1.4 ± 0.5) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω, η, η')			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$	(1.36 ± 0.14) × 10 $^{-3}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \omega, \eta, \eta', \eta'$)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(8.1 ± 1.2) × 10 $^{-4}$	
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \omega, \eta, \eta', \eta', \eta'$)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(7.7 ± 1.2) × 10 $^{-4}$	[g]
h $^- \geq 3 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. $K^0, \omega, \eta, \eta', \eta', \eta', \eta'$)			K $^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0, ω)		

Difficulty
Tau lifetime: 2.9×10^{-13} s
 $c \cdot \text{lifetime} \cdot \gamma: \sim 1 \text{ mm}$
($\gamma \sim 10$ for CNGS neutrinos)
Identification by the characteristic 'kink' on the decay point using VERY high resolution (and large mass) detectors
Approved for $22.5 \cdot 10^{19}$ protons on target
23600 ν_τ CC + NC interactions / 5 year in OPERA
Expect $\sim 10 \nu_\tau$ events in OPERA

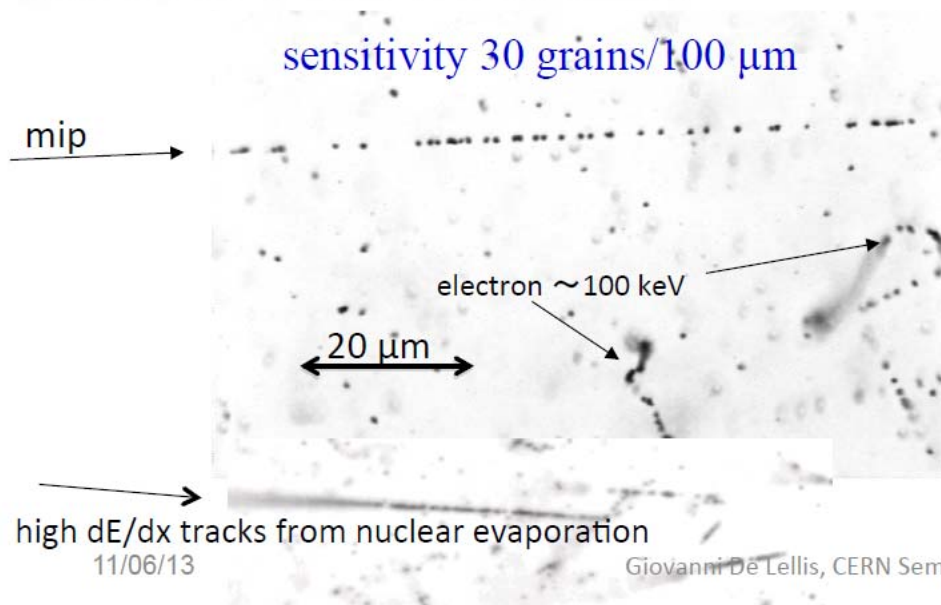


OPERA using Nuclear emulsion

INDUSTRIAL EMULSION FILMS BY FUJI FILM

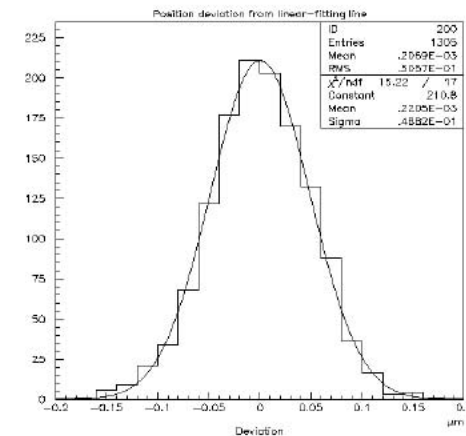


basic detector: AgBr crystal,
size = 0.2 micron
detection eff.= 0.16/crystal
 10^{13} “detectors” per film



intrinsic resolution: 50 nm

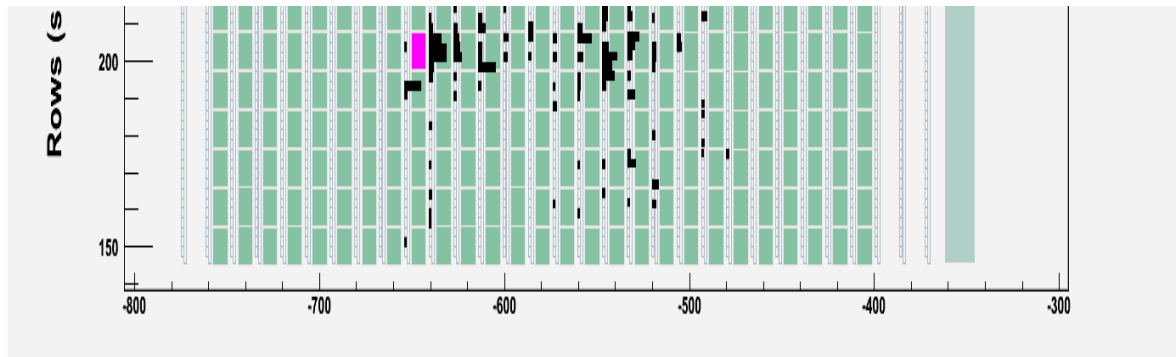
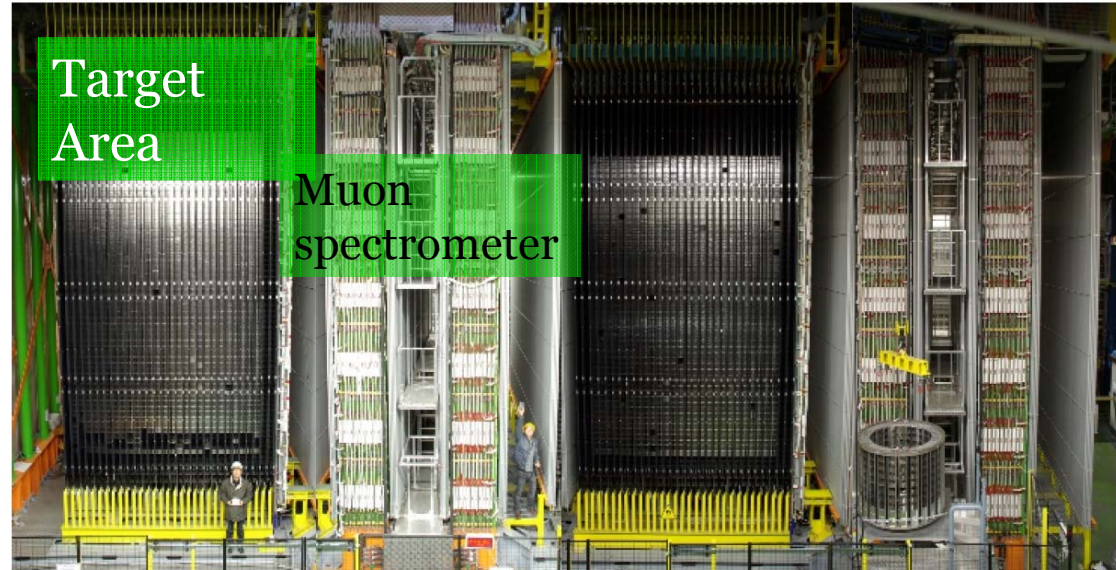
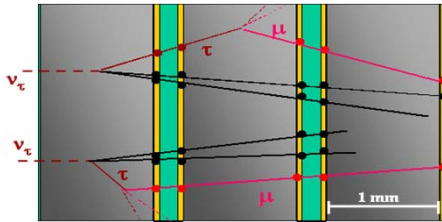
deviation from linear-fit line. (2D)



OPERA, 1.2kton emulsion detector, since 2008

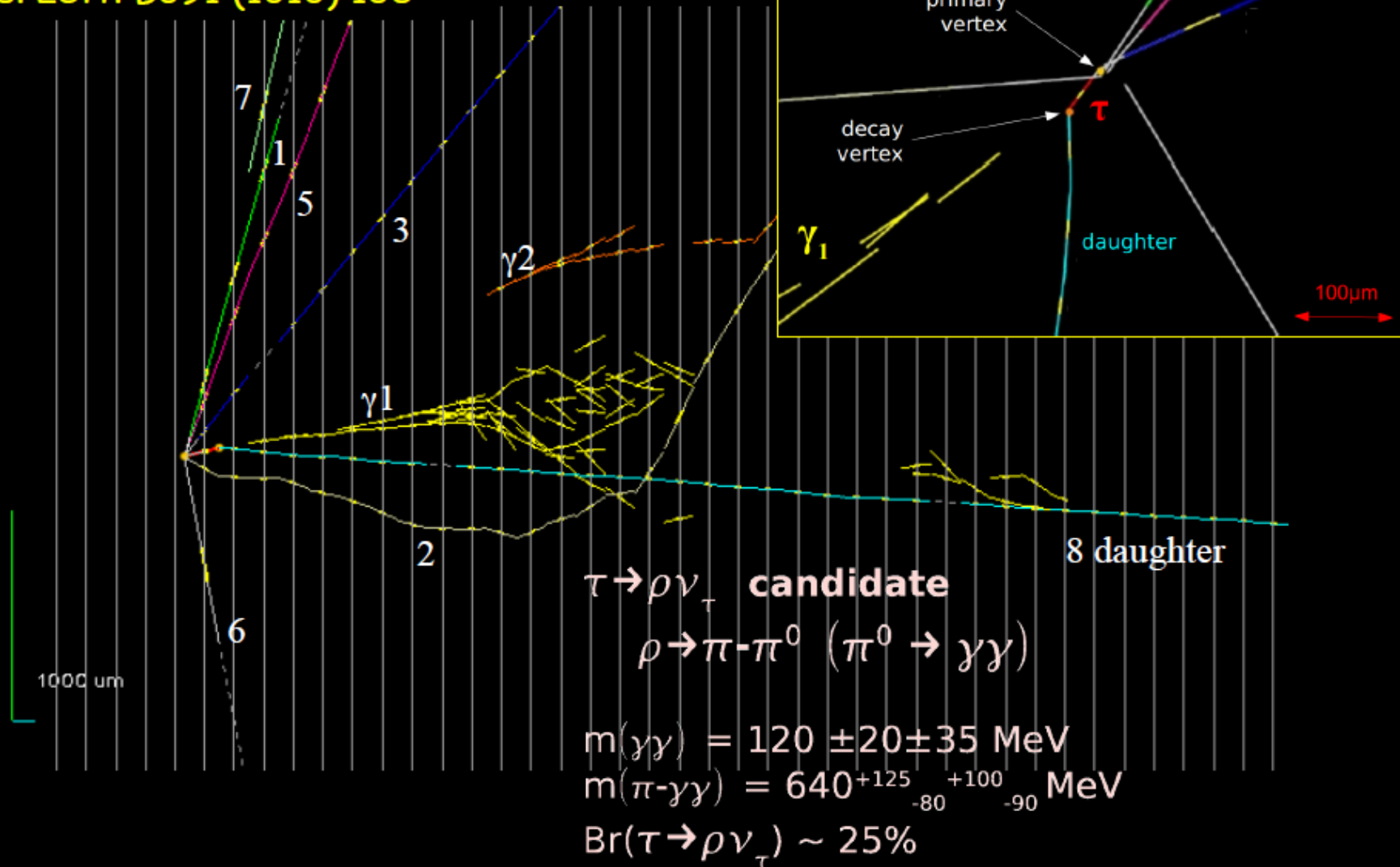
146621 bricks, each 8.3kg

- 56 (1mm) Pb sheets
- 57 (300 μ m) emulsion layers
- 2 (300 μ m) changeable sheets (CS)



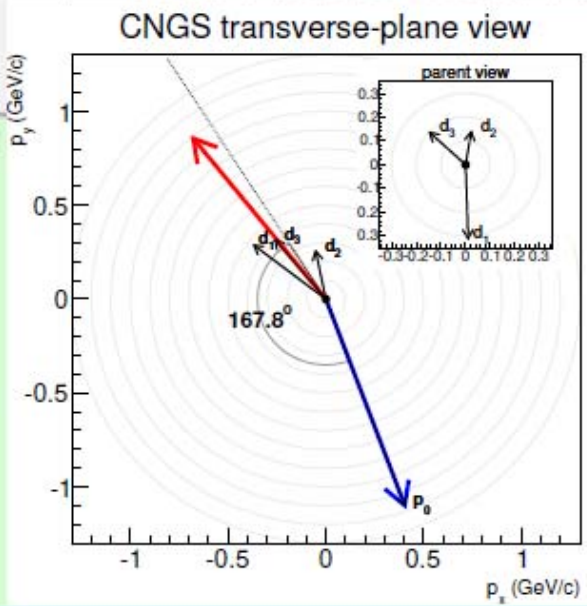
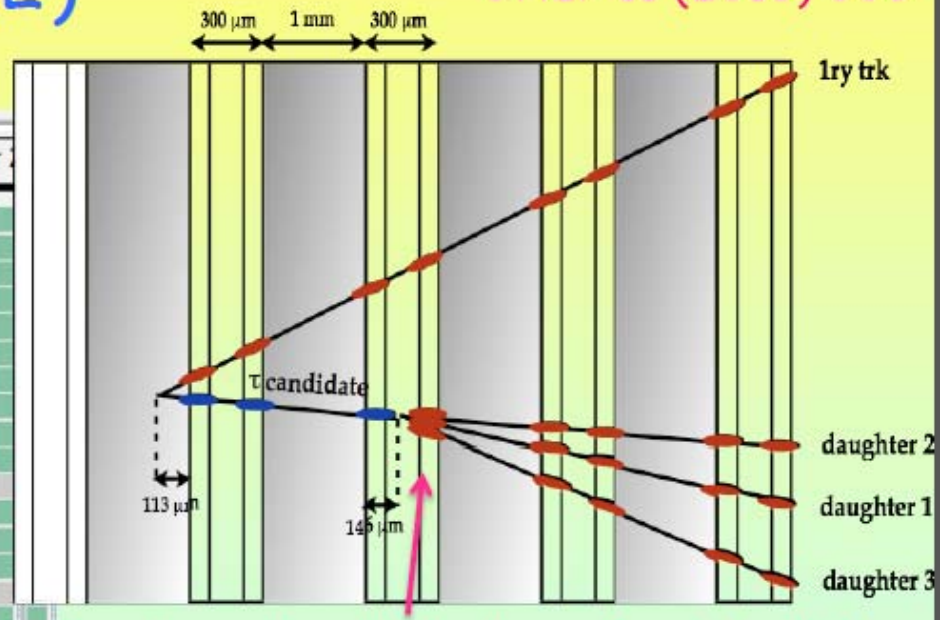
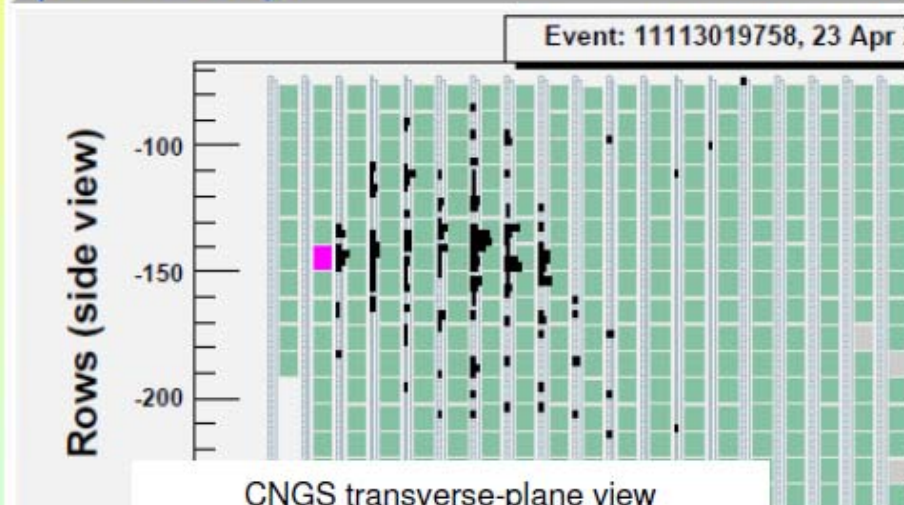
1st ν_τ candidate ($\tau \rightarrow h$) (2010)

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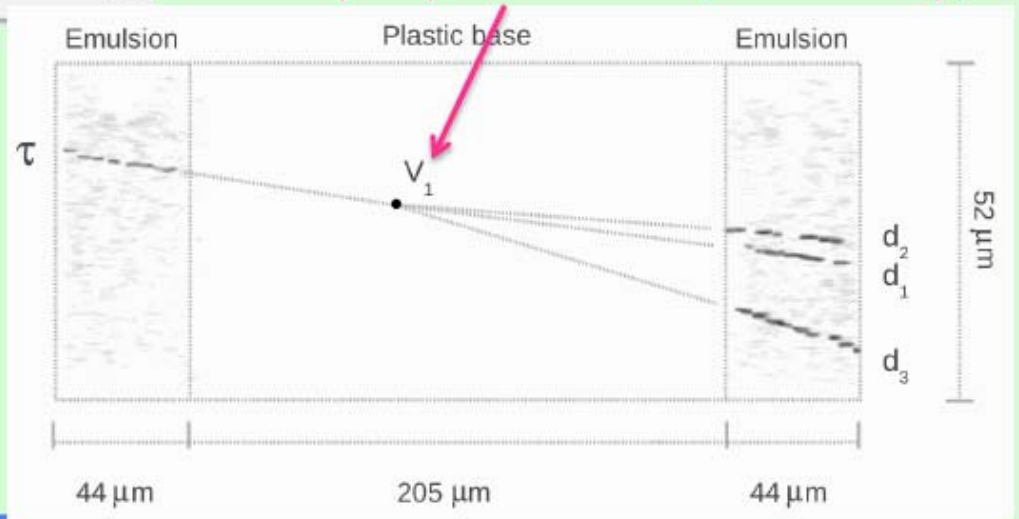


2nd ν_τ candidate (2012) ($\tau \rightarrow 3h$)

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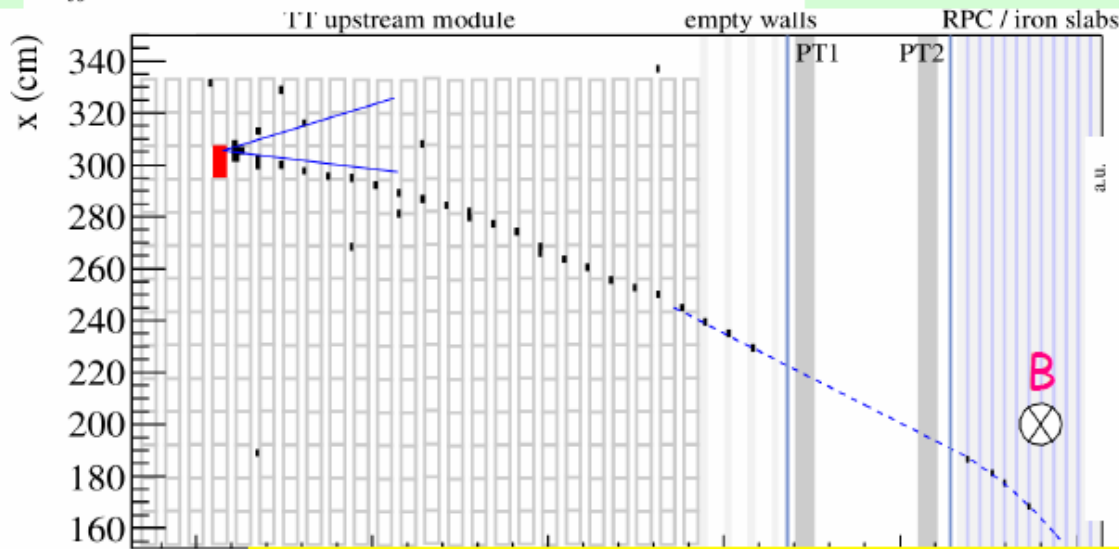
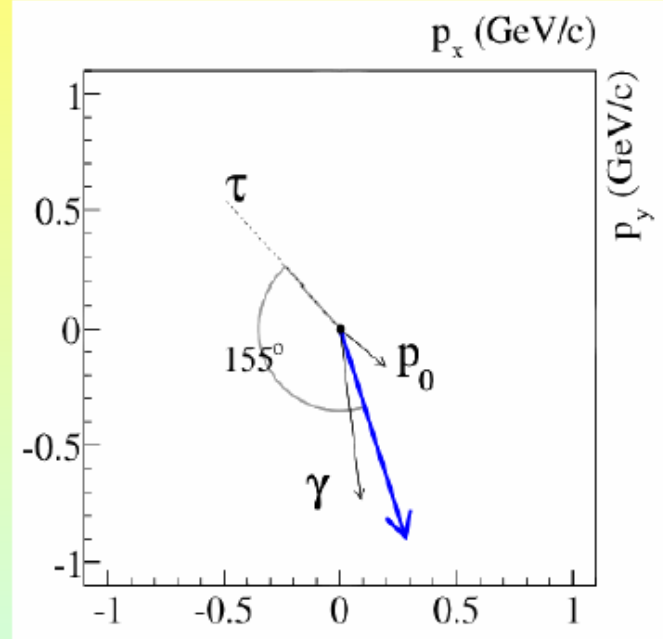
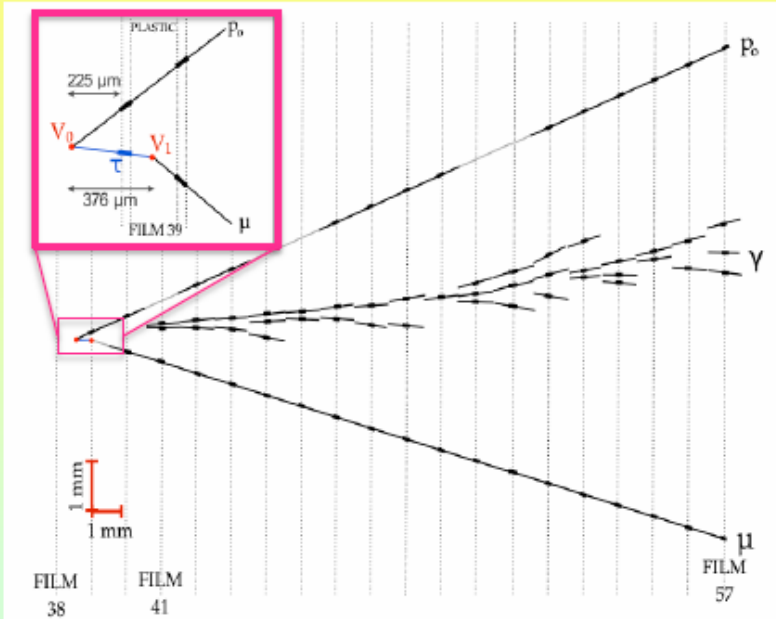


τ decay in plastic base (low density)

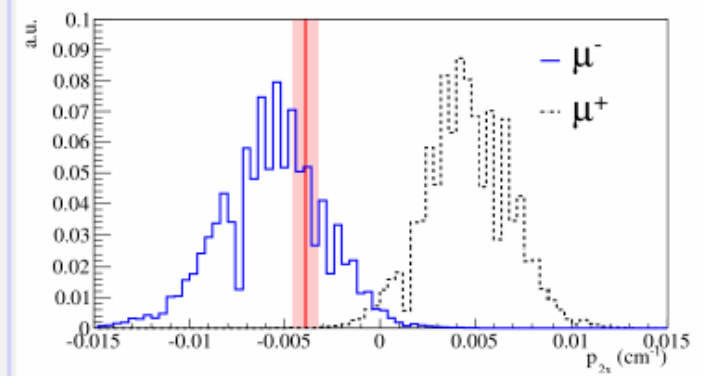


3rd ν_τ candidate ($\tau \rightarrow \mu$) (2013)

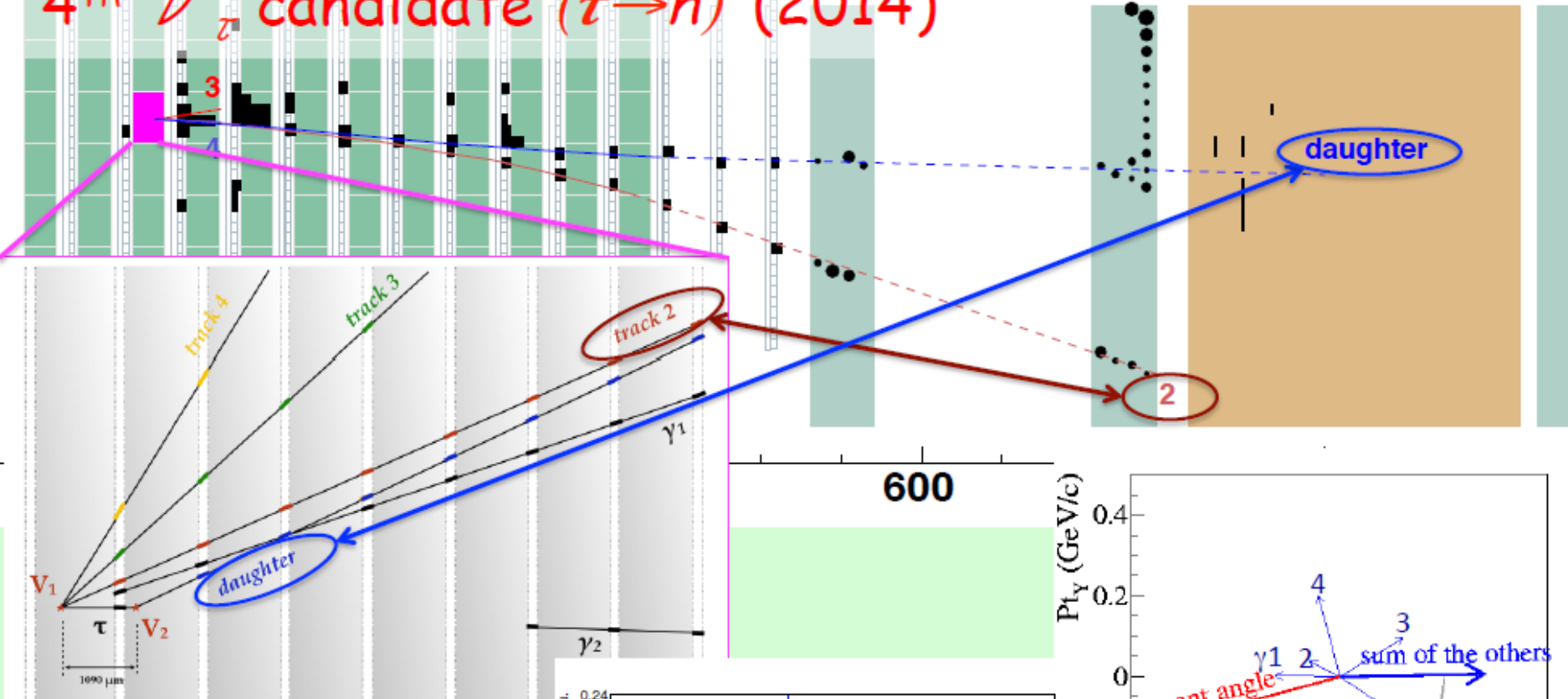
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Negative muon measured in the muon spectrometer

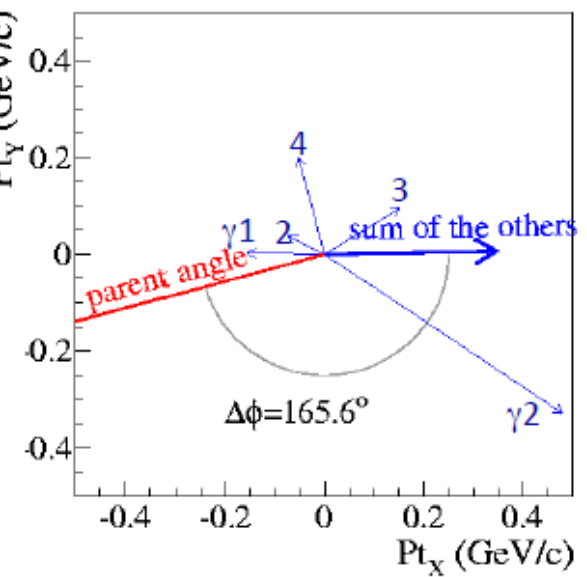
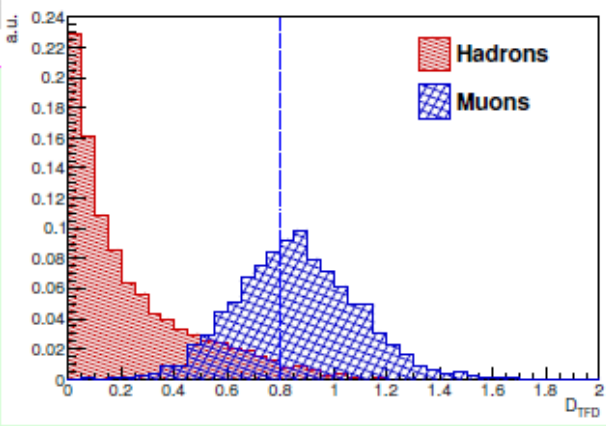


4th ν_τ candidate ($\tau \rightarrow h$) (2014)



Track 2 from neutrino interaction vertex, $p = 1.9 \text{ GeV}$ stopping in first iron slab of the magnet

$$D = \frac{L}{R_{lead}(p)} \frac{\rho_{average}}{\rho_{lead}} = 0.40^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$$



Data sample:

2008/09 : 398 (0μ events) + 1553 (1μ events)

2010/11/12 : 582 (0μ events) + 2153 (1μ events)

The expected signal and background is normalized to the number of **located events**

$$n^{0\mu}(\nu_{\tau}^{CC}) = \frac{\langle \sigma(\nu_{\tau}^{CC}) \rangle}{\langle \sigma(\nu_{\mu}^{CC}) \rangle} \frac{\langle \epsilon^{0\mu}(\nu_{\tau}^{CC}) \rangle}{\langle \epsilon^{0\mu}(\nu_{\tau}^{CC}) \rangle + \alpha \langle \epsilon^{0\mu}(\nu_{\tau}^{NC}) \rangle} n^{0\mu} \quad \alpha = \frac{NC}{CC}$$

Decay channel	Expected signal $\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.32 \text{ meV}^2$	Total background	Observed
$\tau \rightarrow h$	0.4 ± 0.08	0.033 ± 0.006	2
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	0.57 ± 0.11	0.155 ± 0.03	1
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	0.52 ± 0.1	0.018 ± 0.007	1
$\tau \rightarrow e$	0.61 ± 0.12	0.027 ± 0.005	0
Total	2.1 ± 0.42	0.23 ± 0.04	4

Two statistical method :

- Fisher combination of single channel p-value
- Likelihood ratio

p-value = 1.03×10^{-5} of no oscillation

no oscillation excluded
at 4.2σ CL