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# Physics Potential of the ESSnuSB

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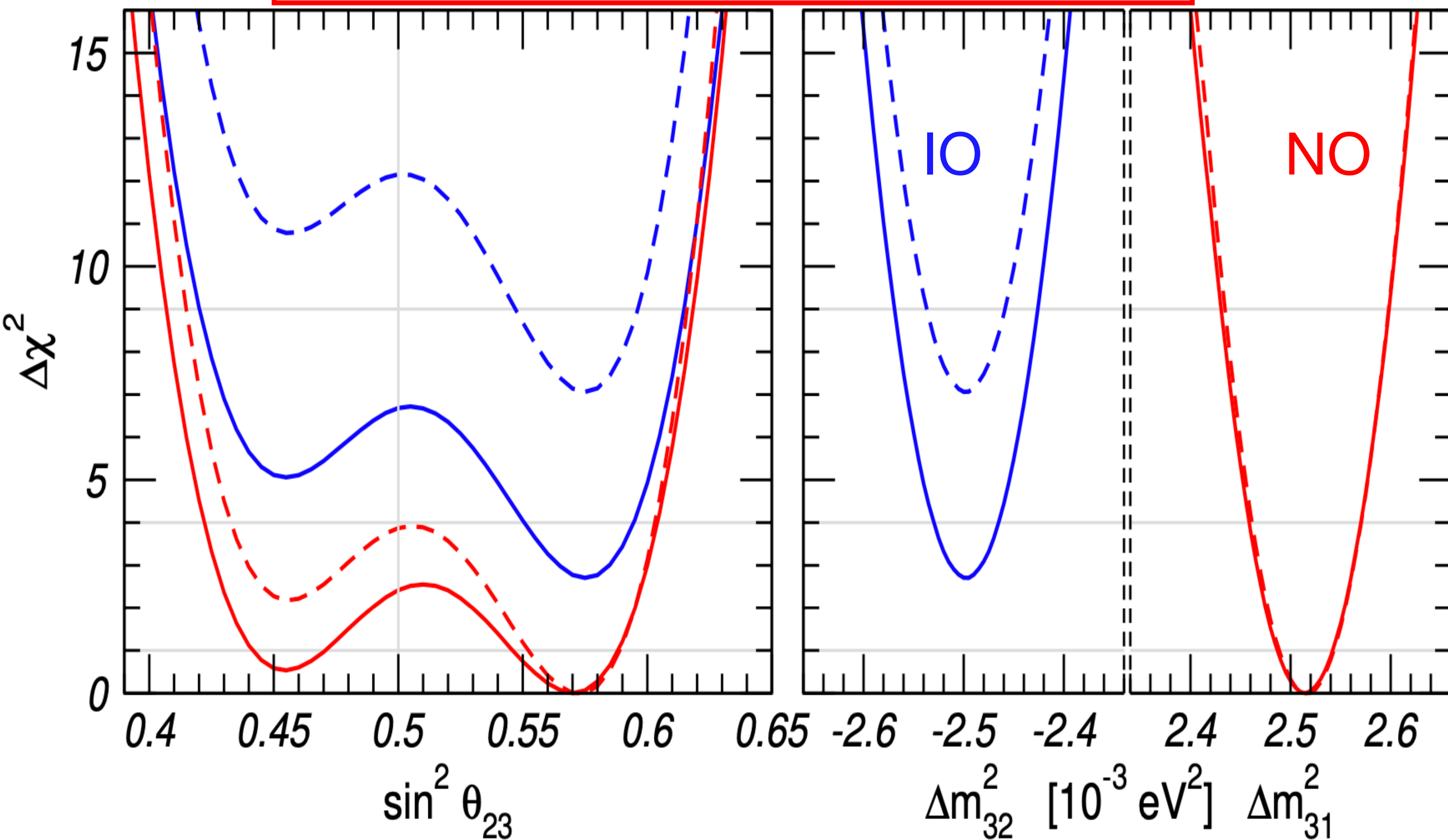
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NO is only preferred at  $1.6\sigma$  ( $2.7\sigma$ )



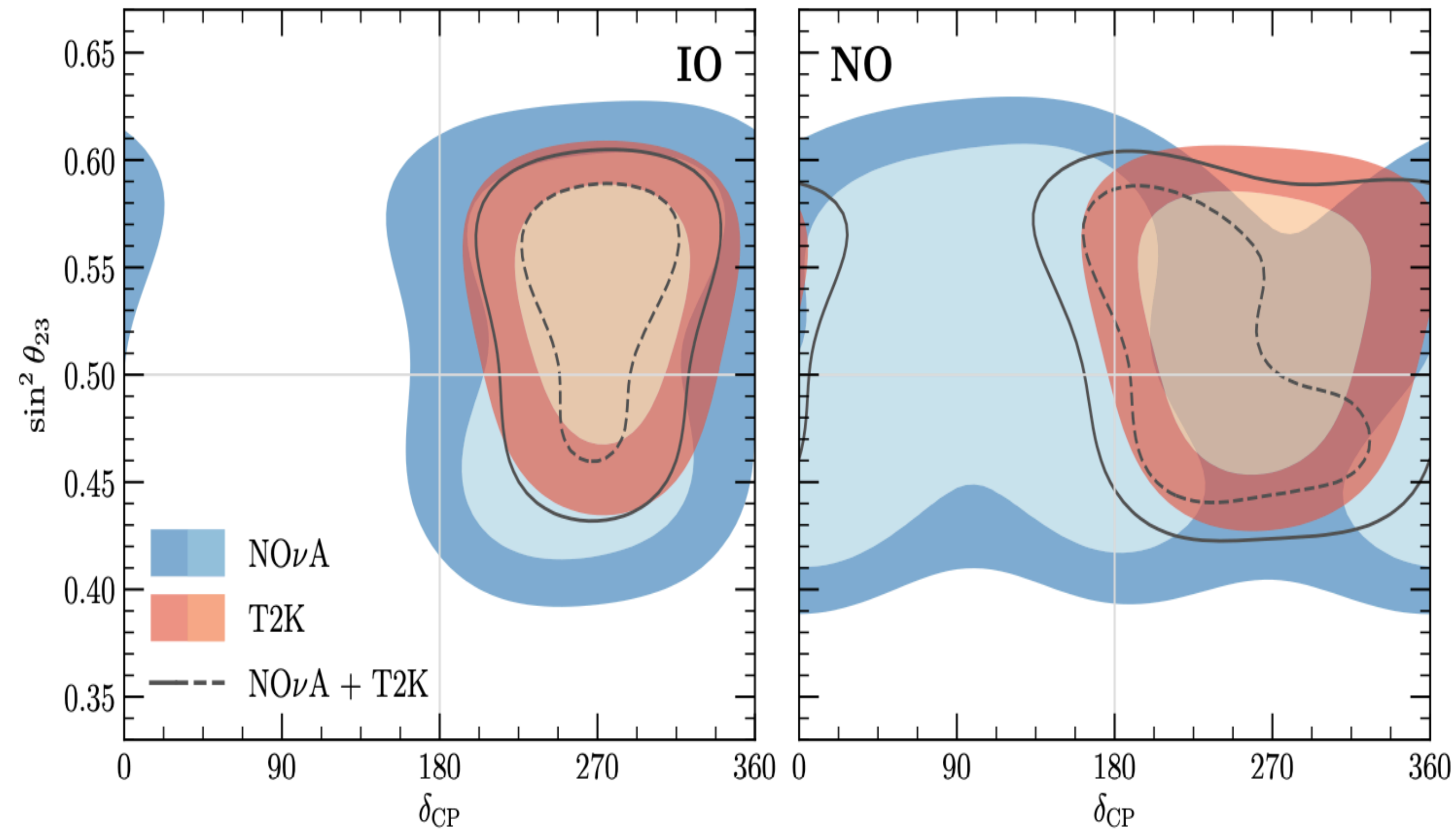
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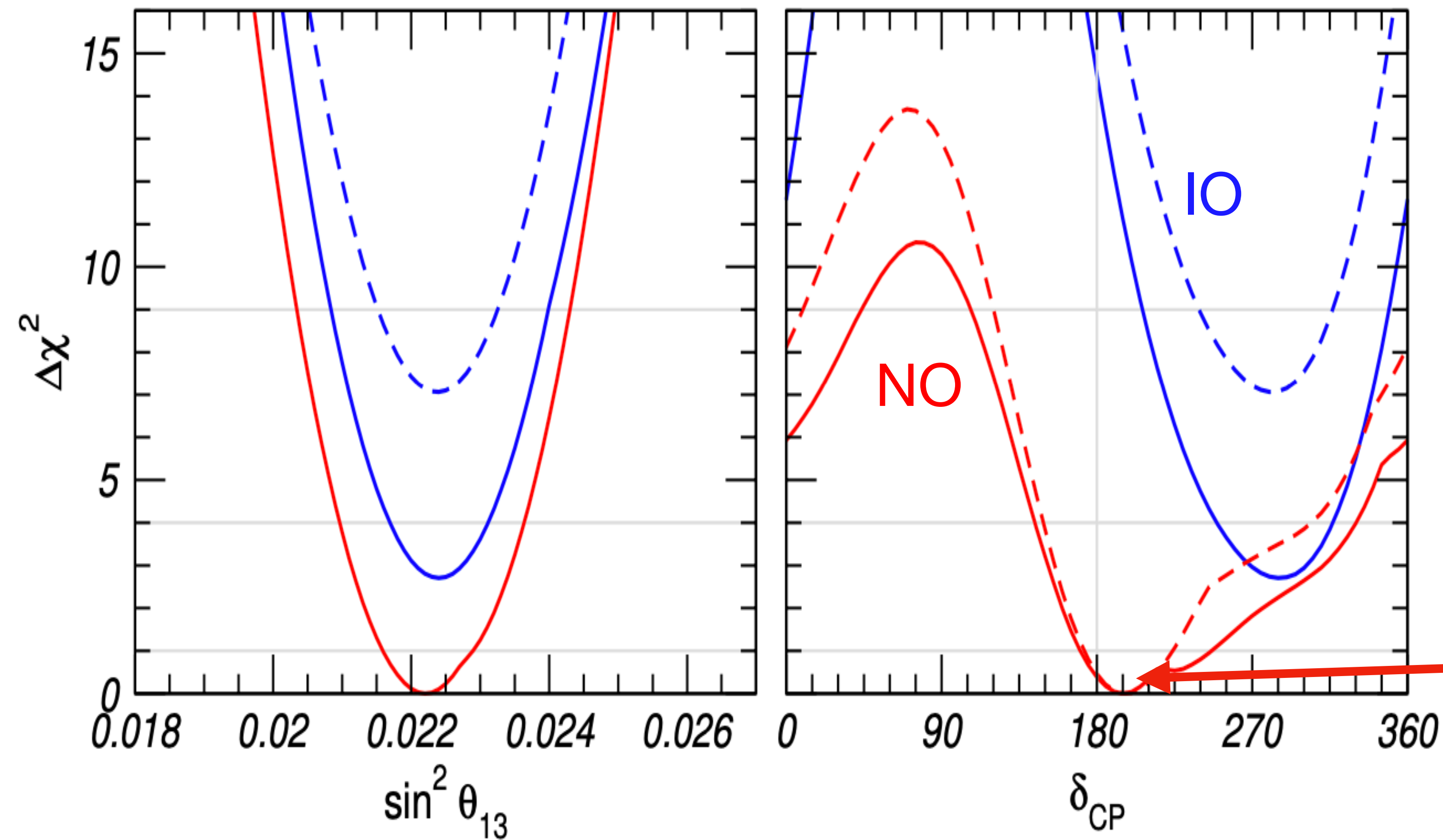
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CP conservation still  
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# CP violation in $\nu$ oscillations

A. Cervera et al. hep-ph/0002108

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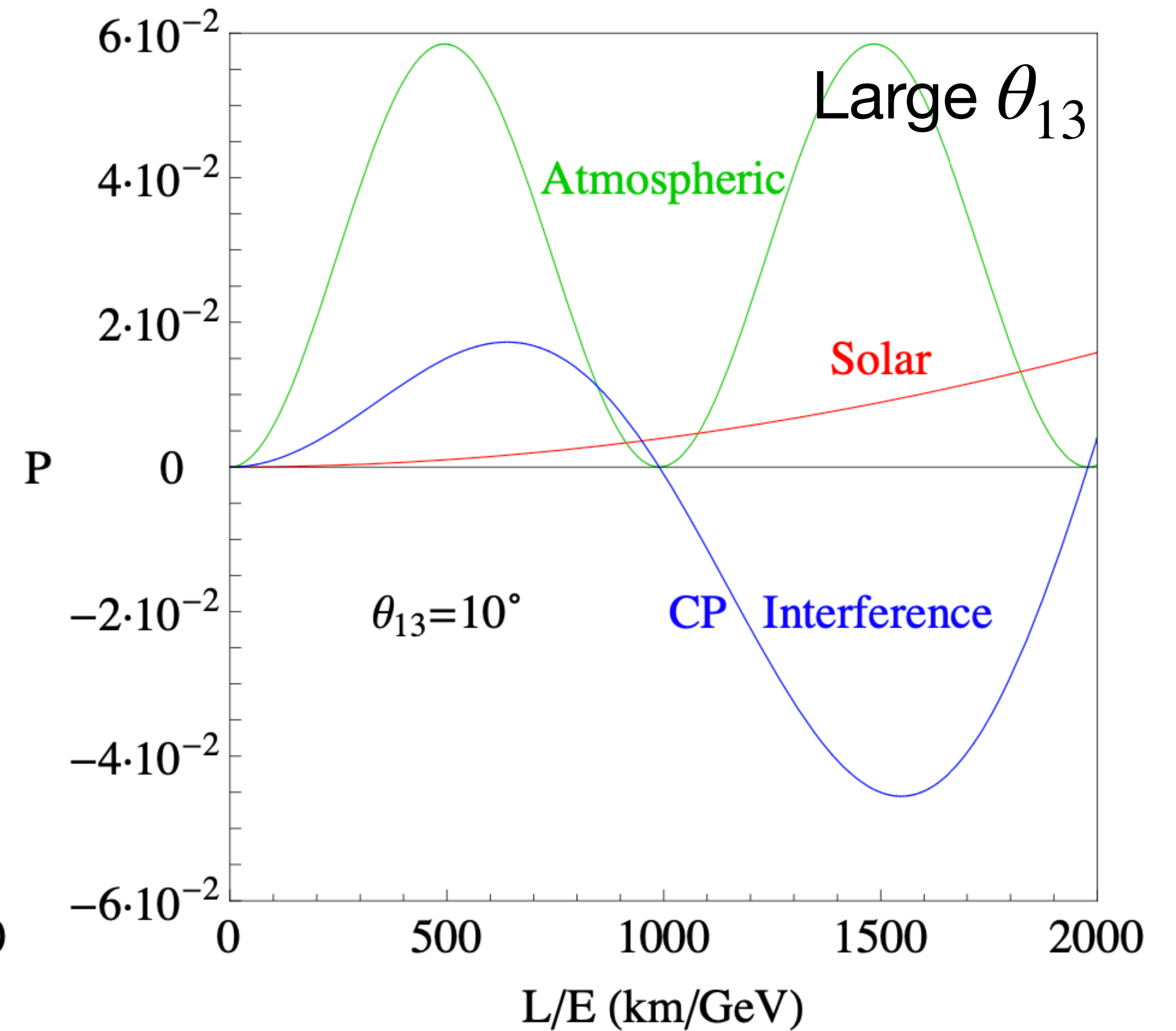
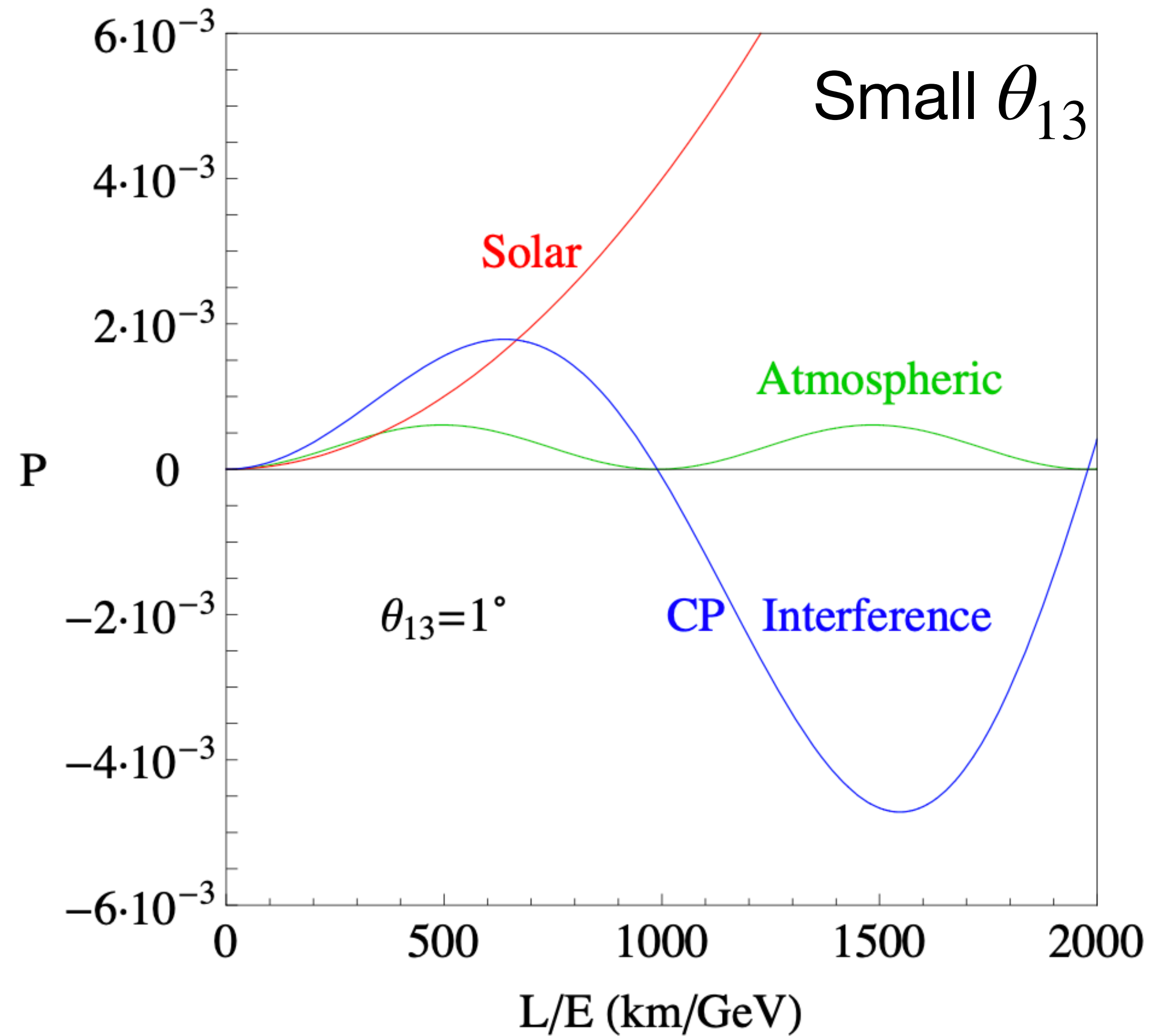
Interference

$$+ \tilde{J} \frac{\Delta_{21}}{A} \frac{\Delta_{31}}{\tilde{B}_{\mp}} \sin \left( \frac{AL}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\tilde{B}_{\mp} L}{2} \right) \cos \left( \pm \delta + \frac{\Delta_{31} L}{2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{J} = c_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \quad \Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 / (2E) \quad A = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e \quad \tilde{B}_{\mp} = |A \mp \Delta_{31}|$$

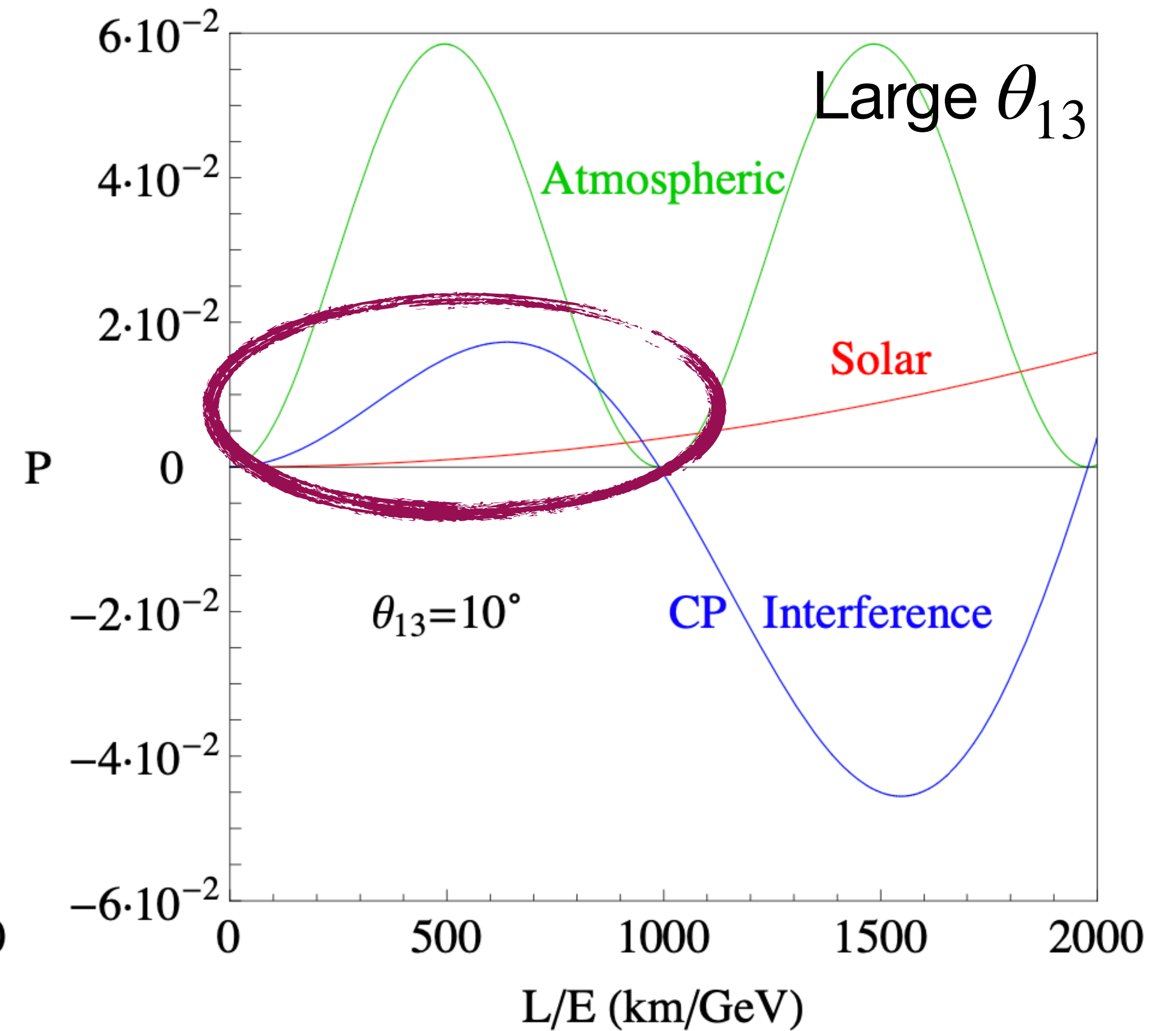
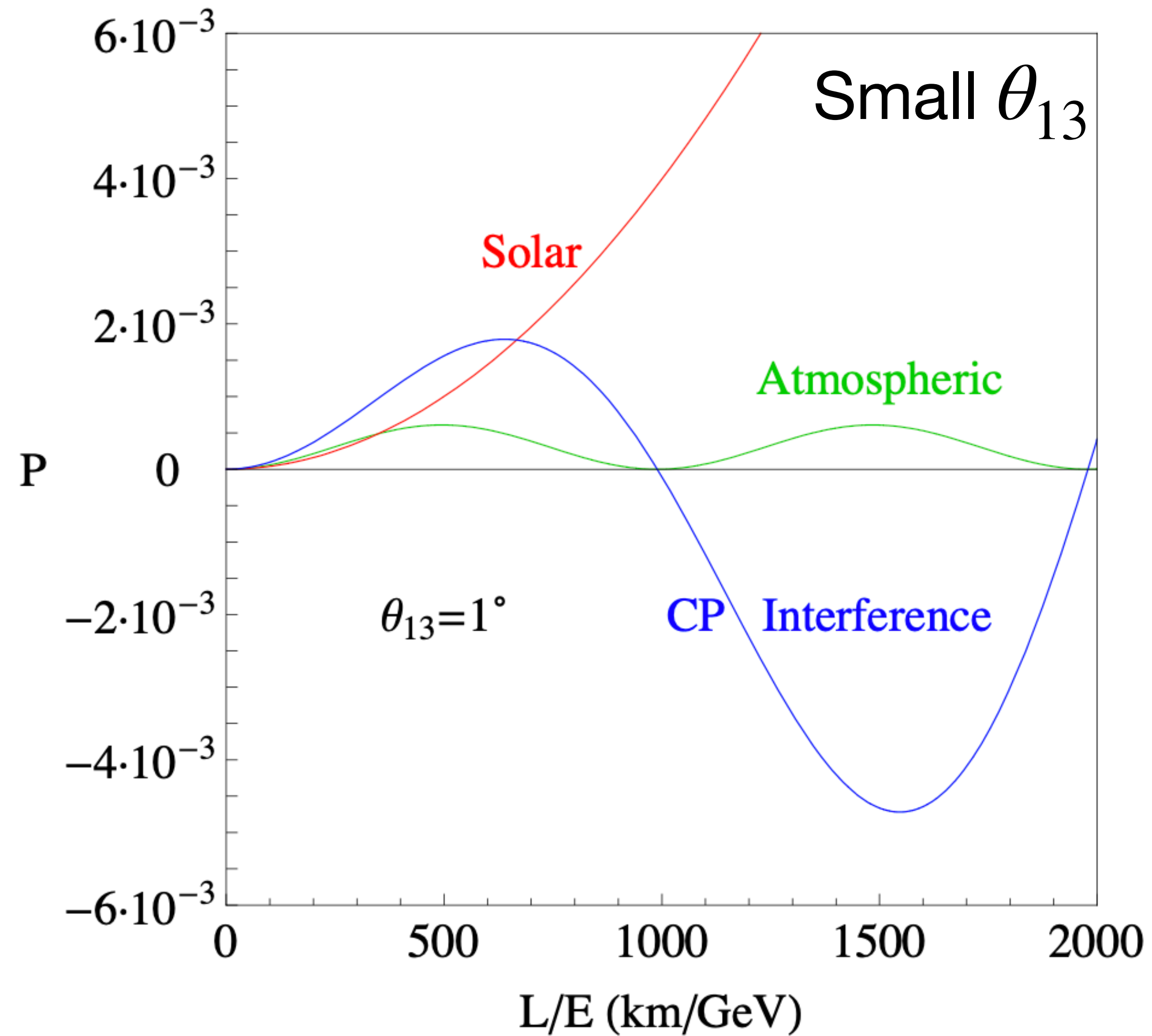
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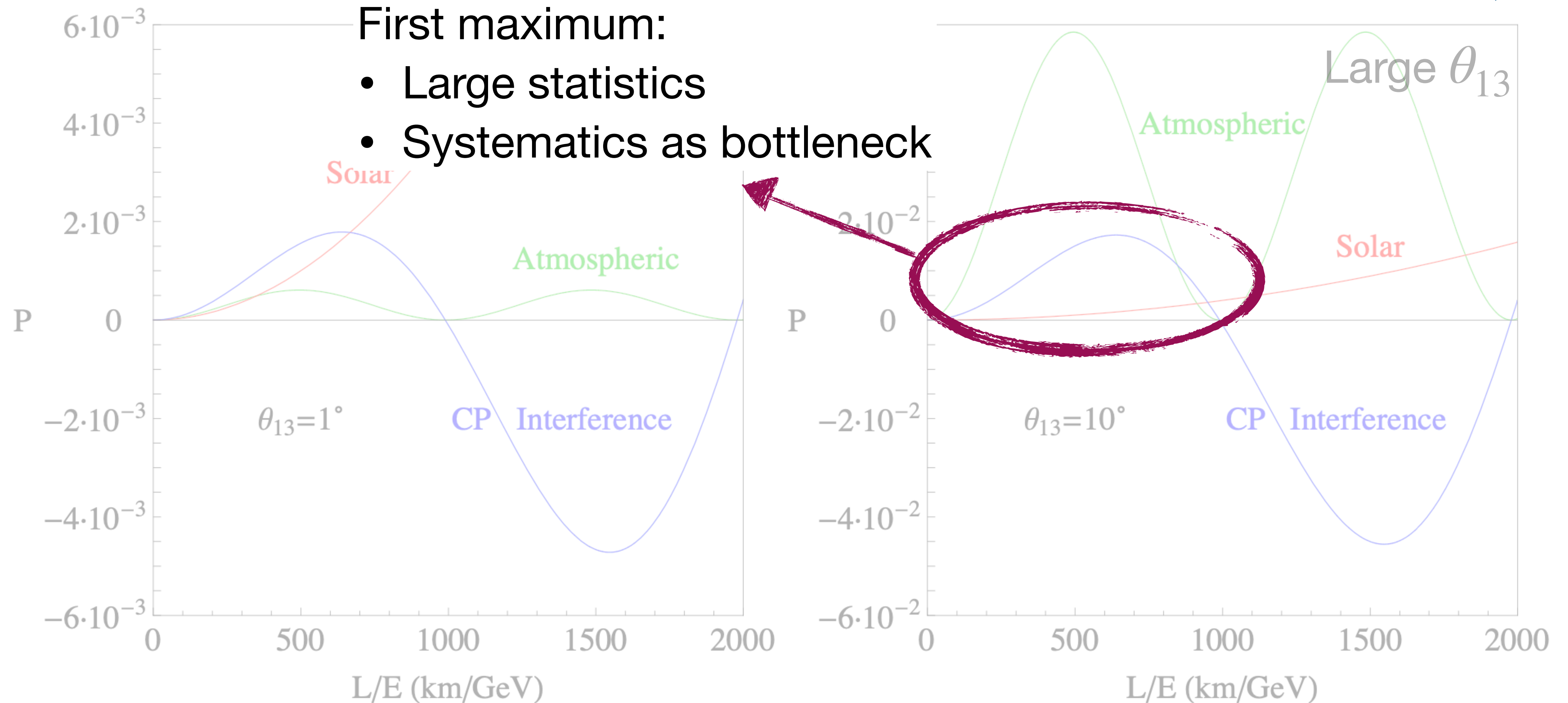
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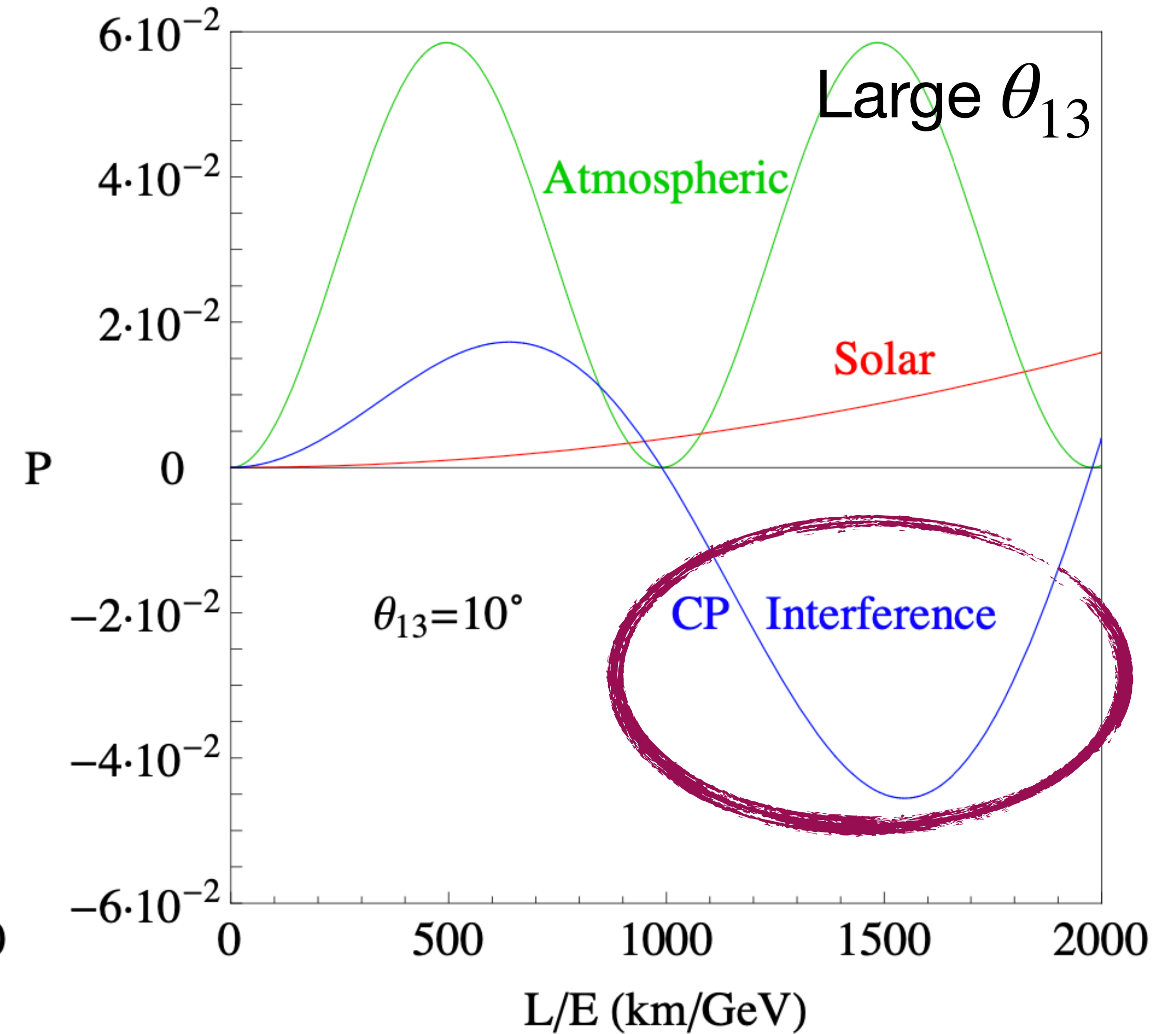
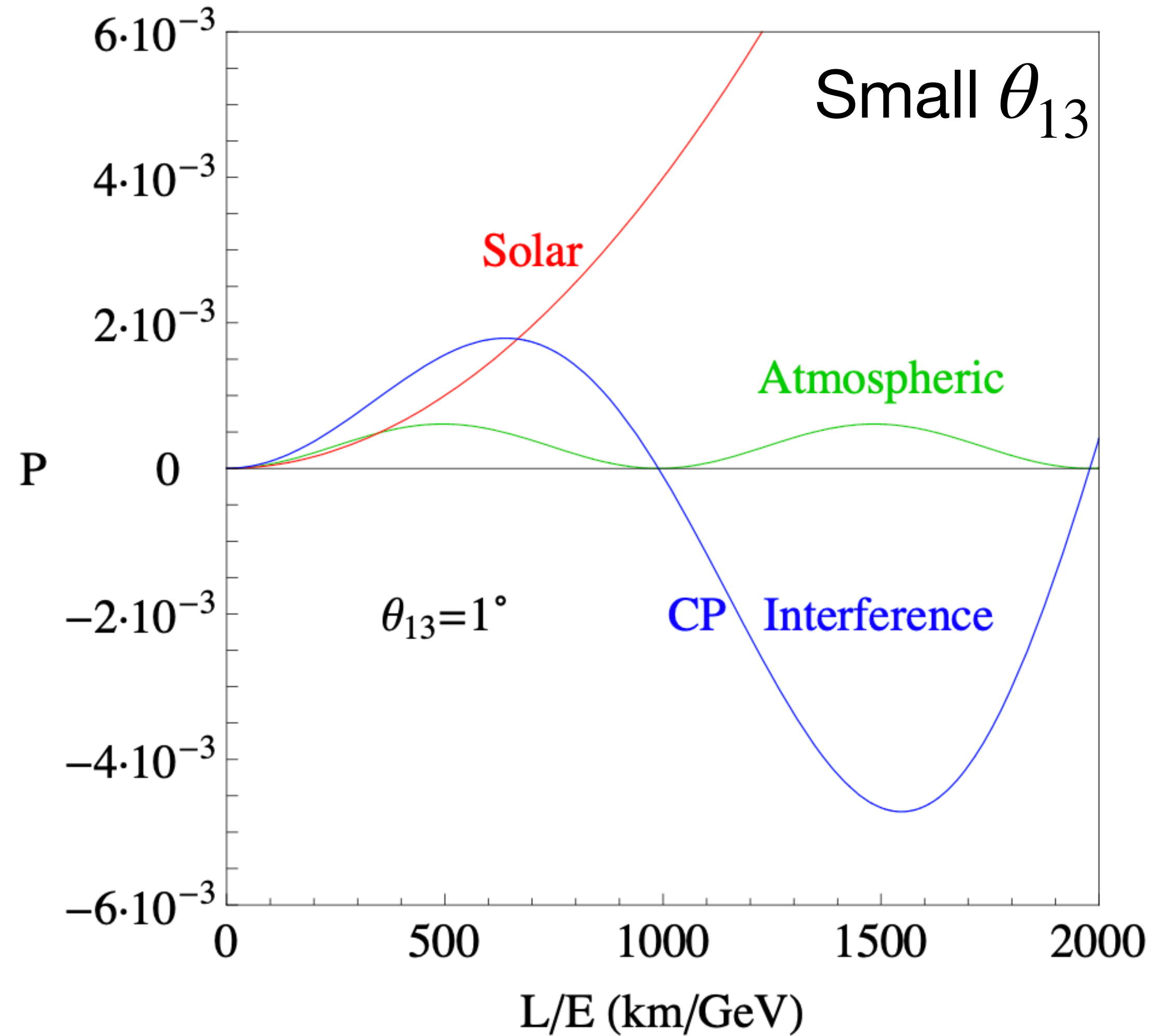
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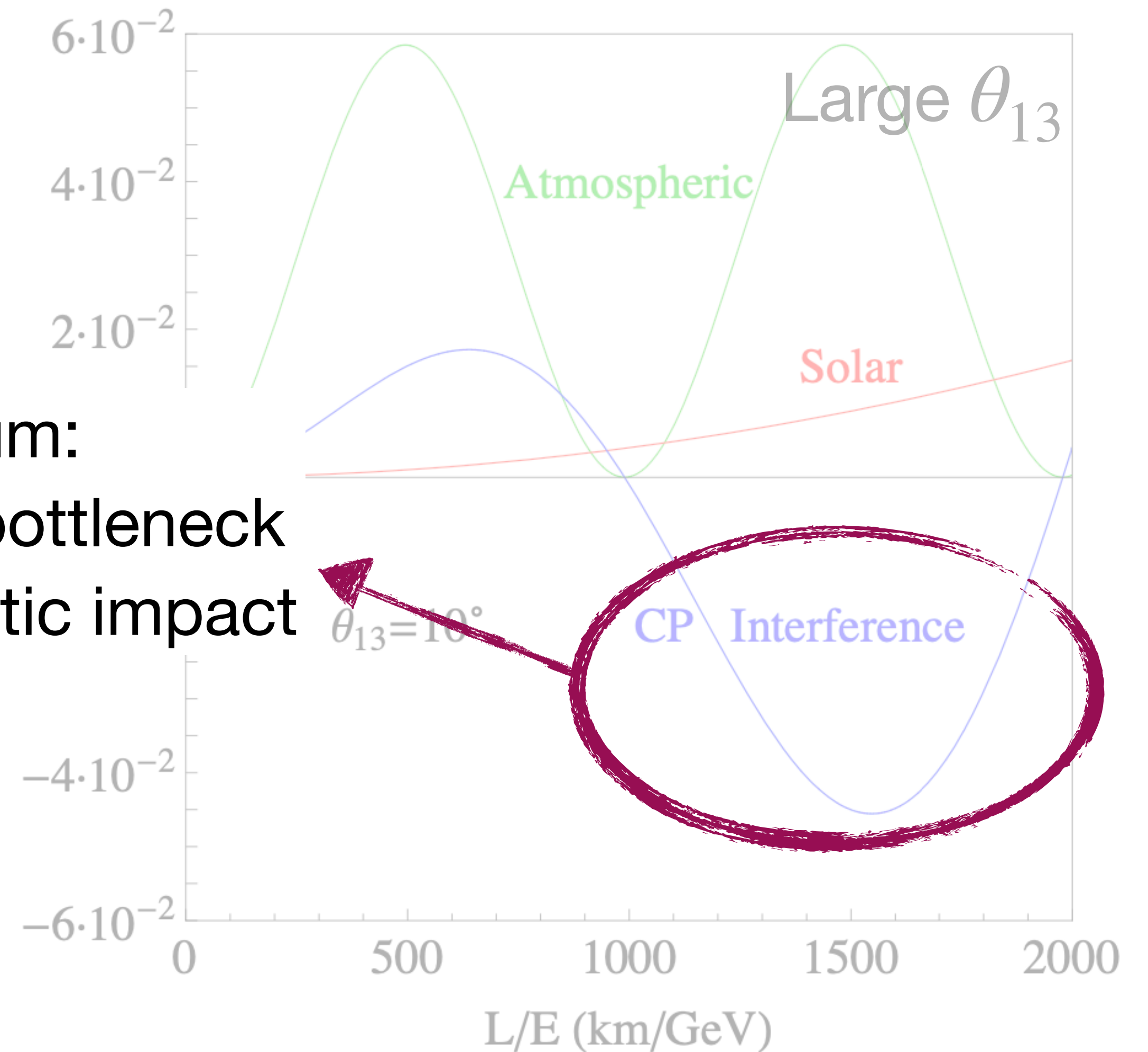
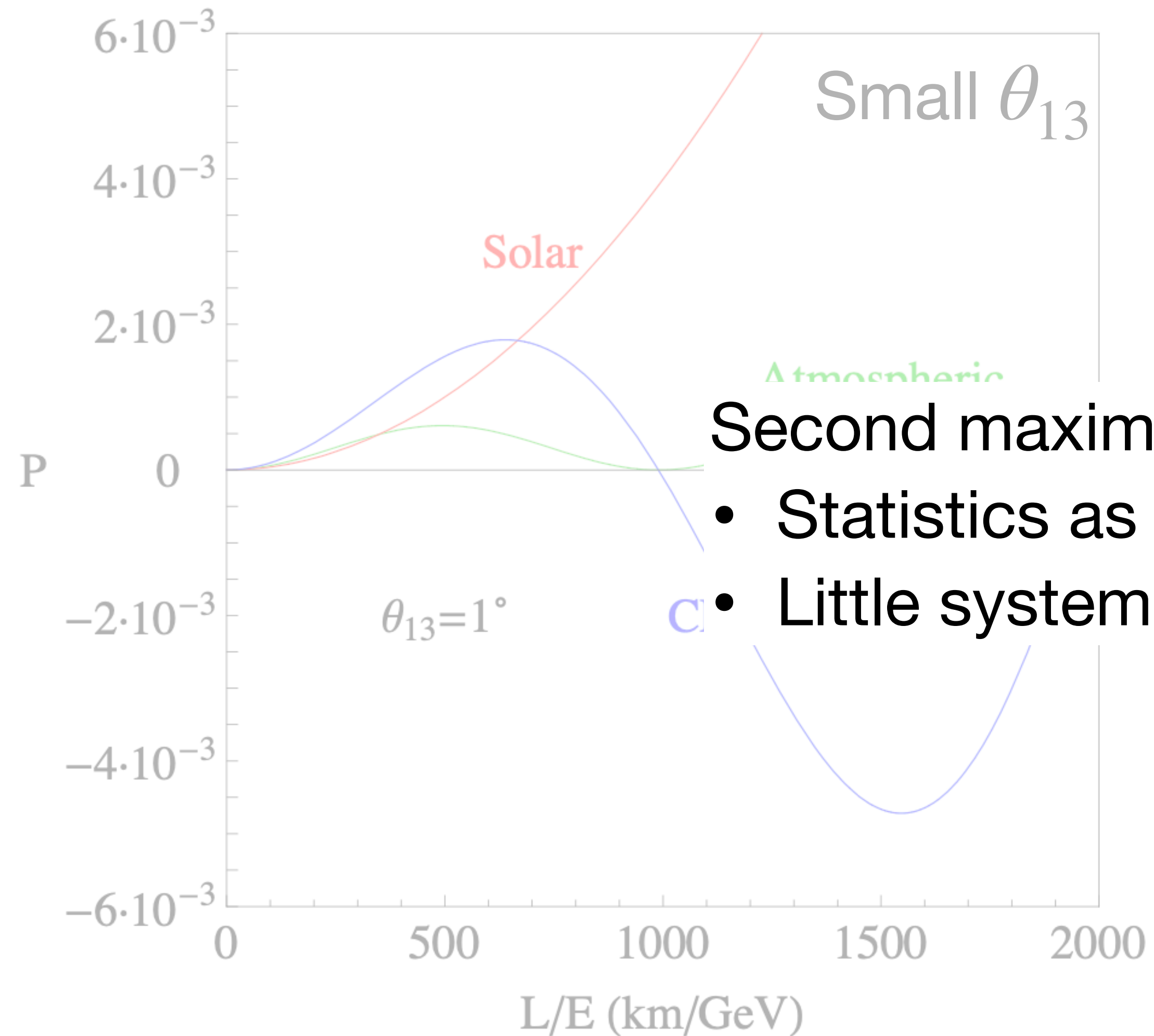
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Second maximum:

- Statistics as bottleneck
- Little systematic impact

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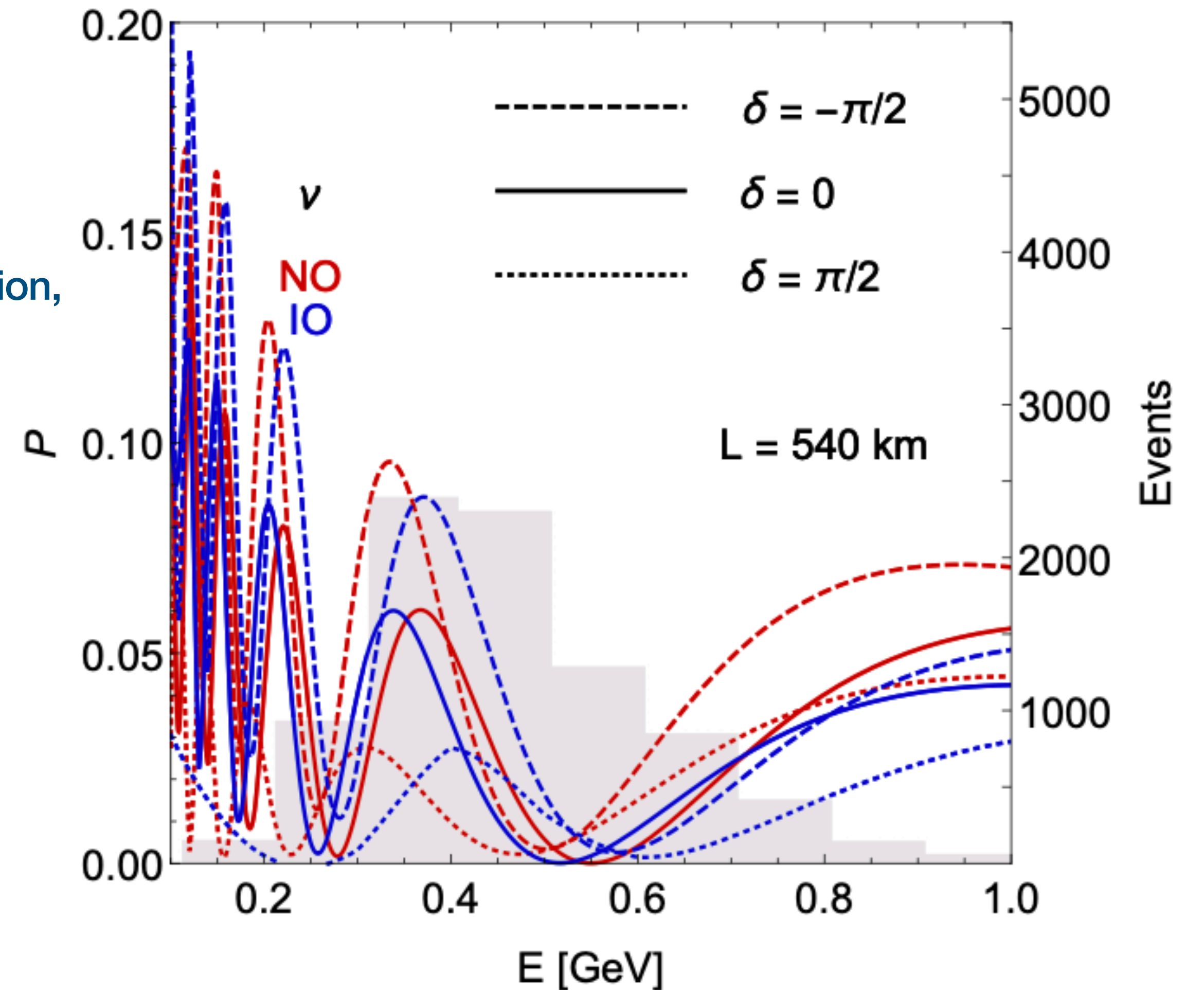


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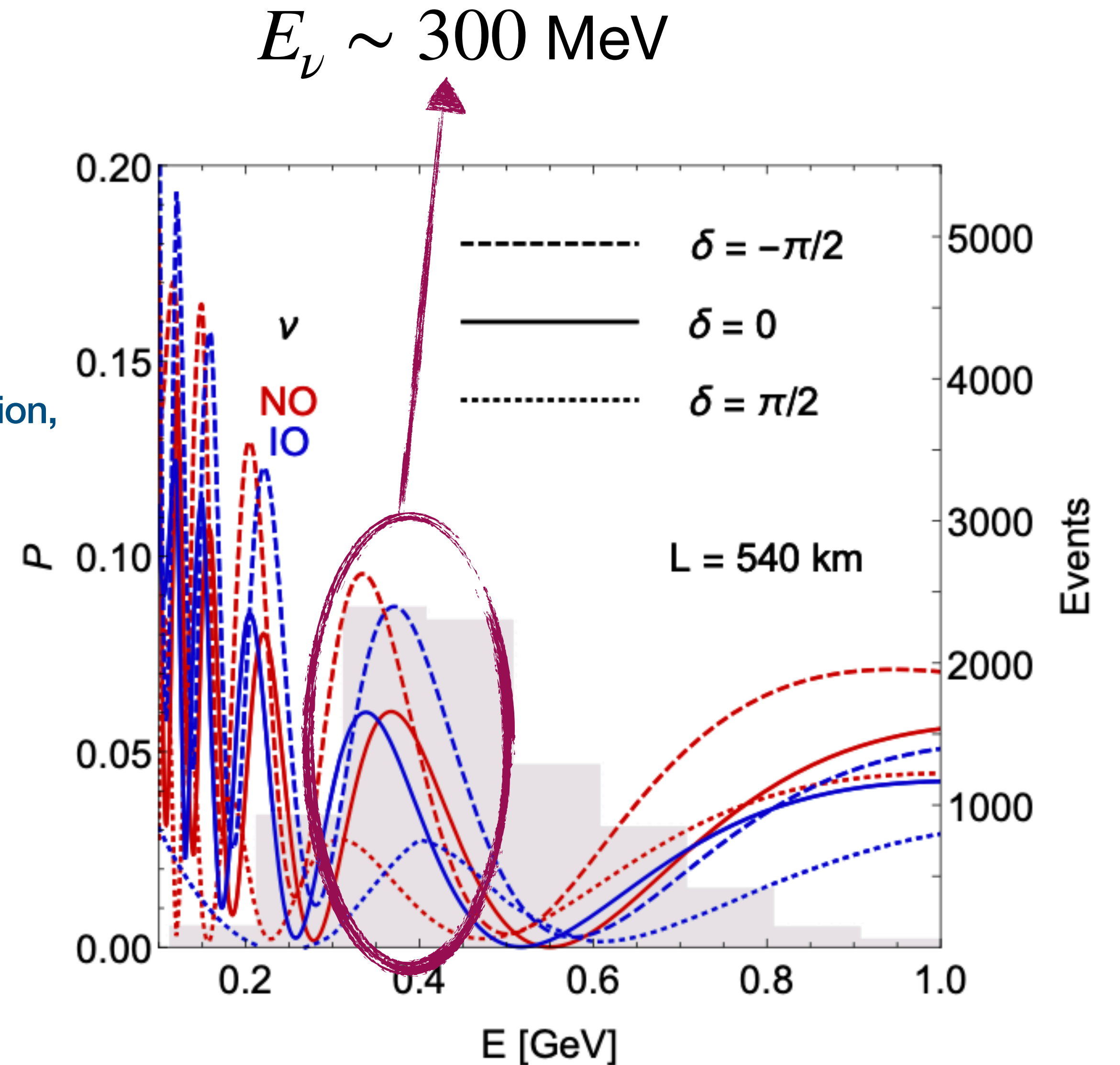
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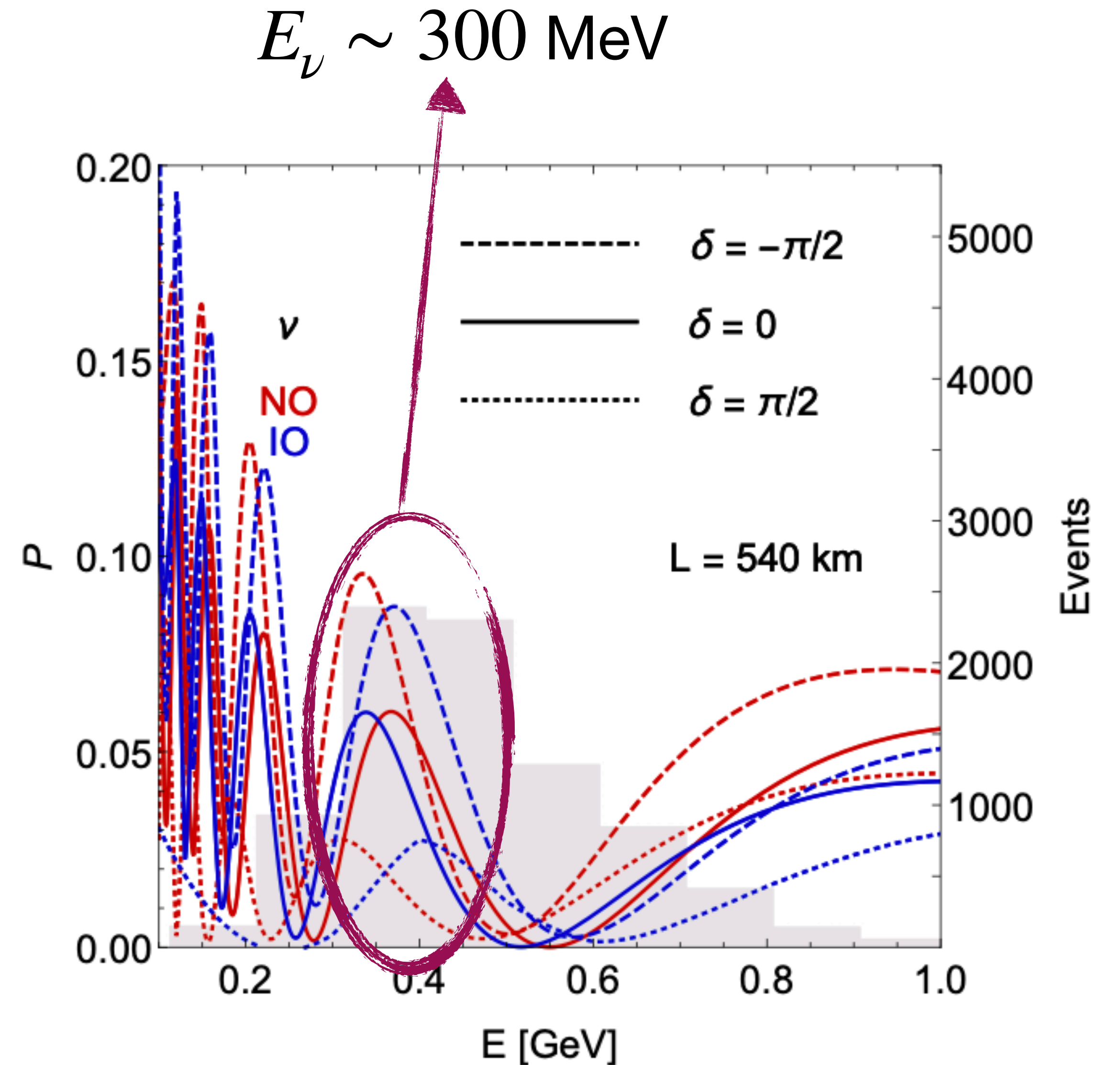
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Matter effects are important for  $E_\nu \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$

Not very sensitive to  $sign(\Delta m_{31}^2)$

Poor determination of the ordering and the octant of  $\theta_{23}$



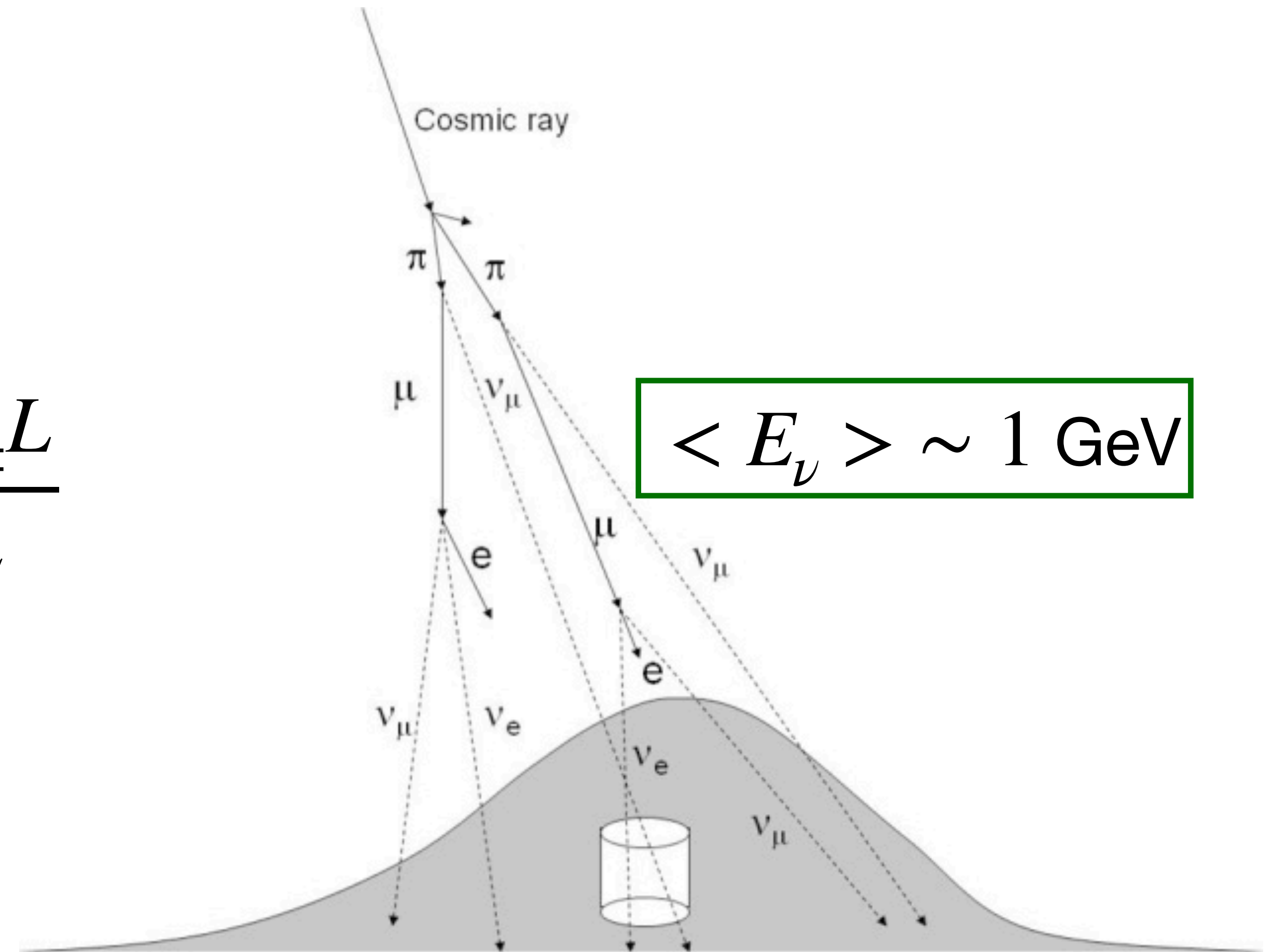
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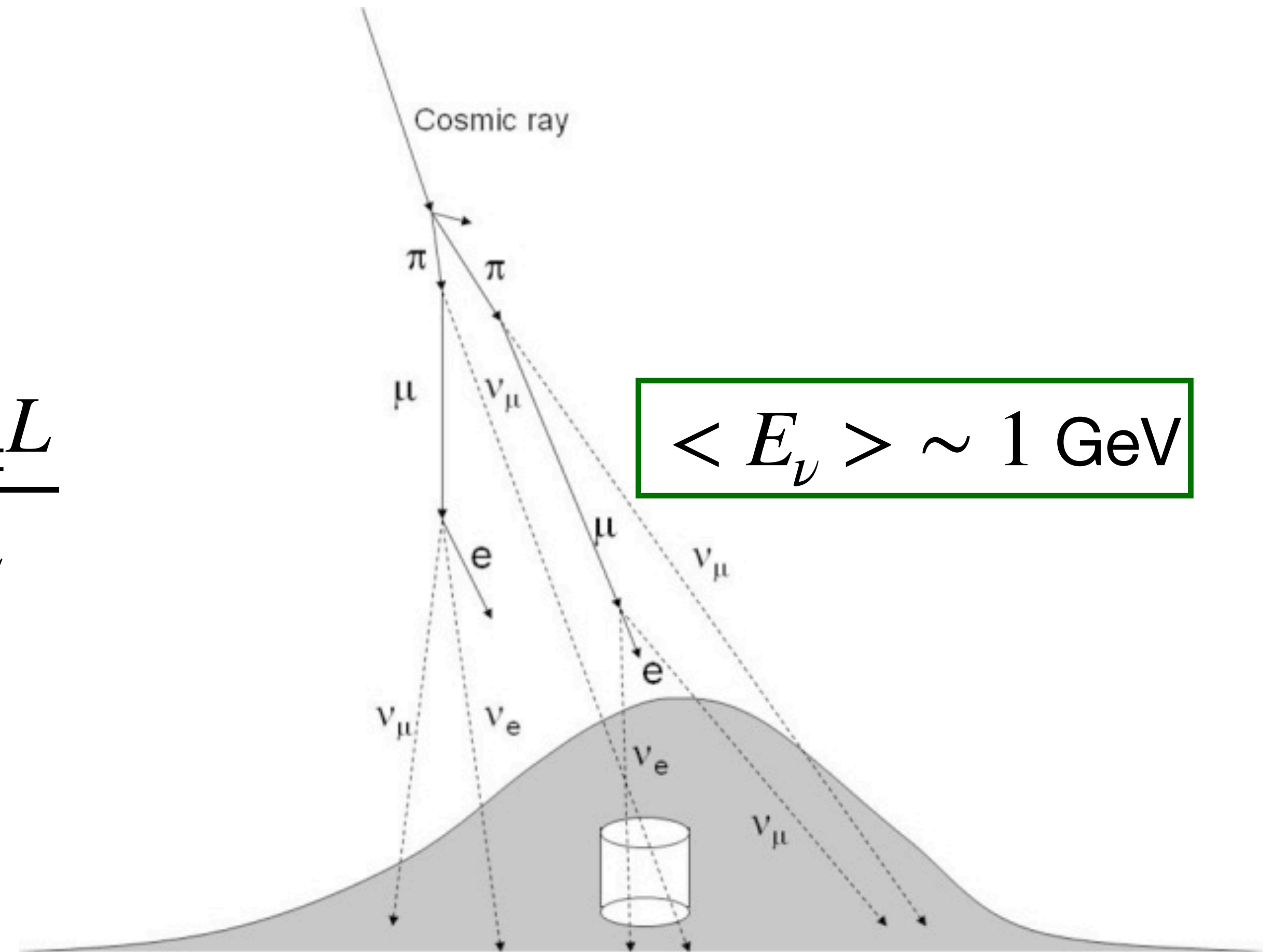


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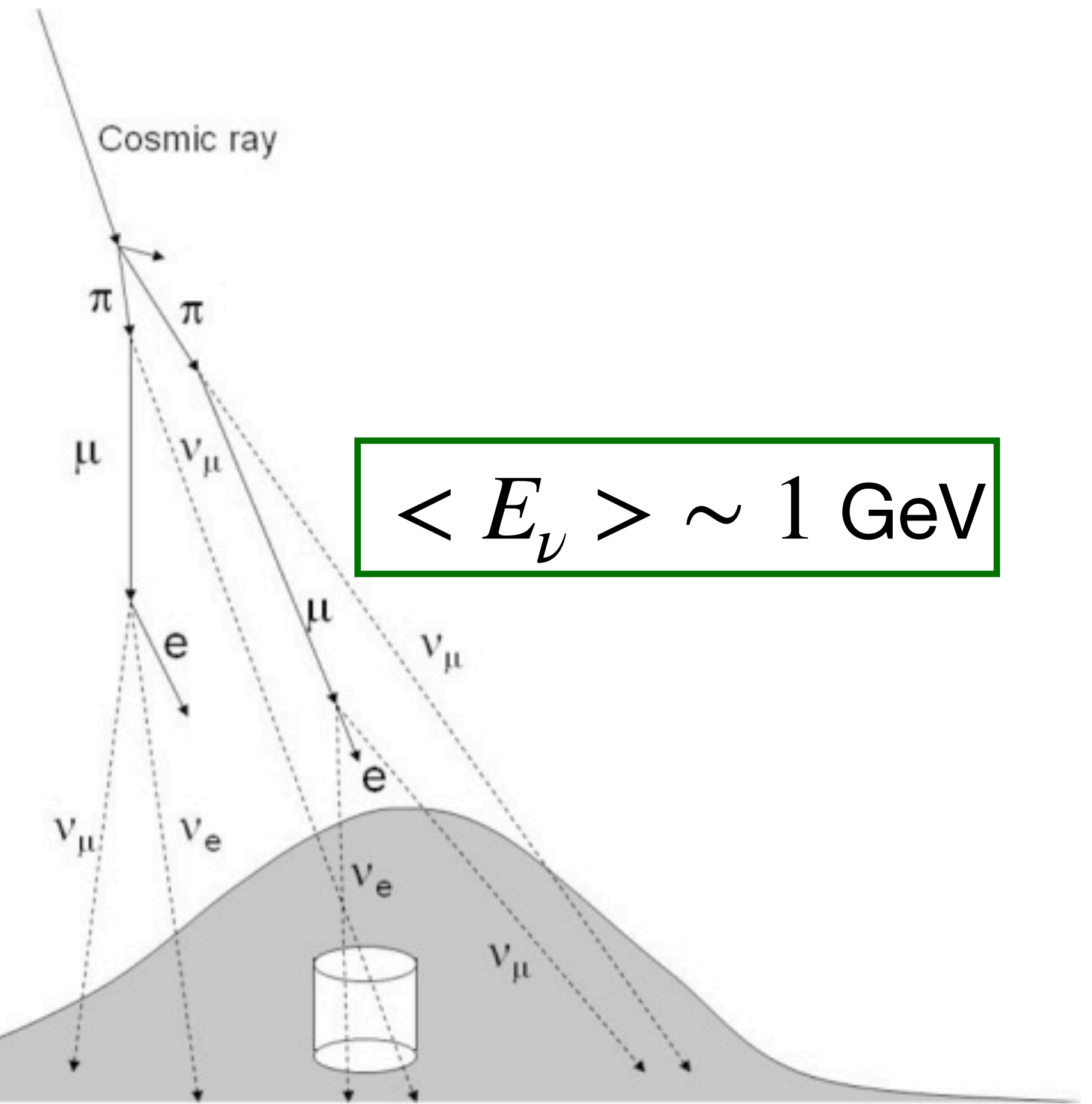
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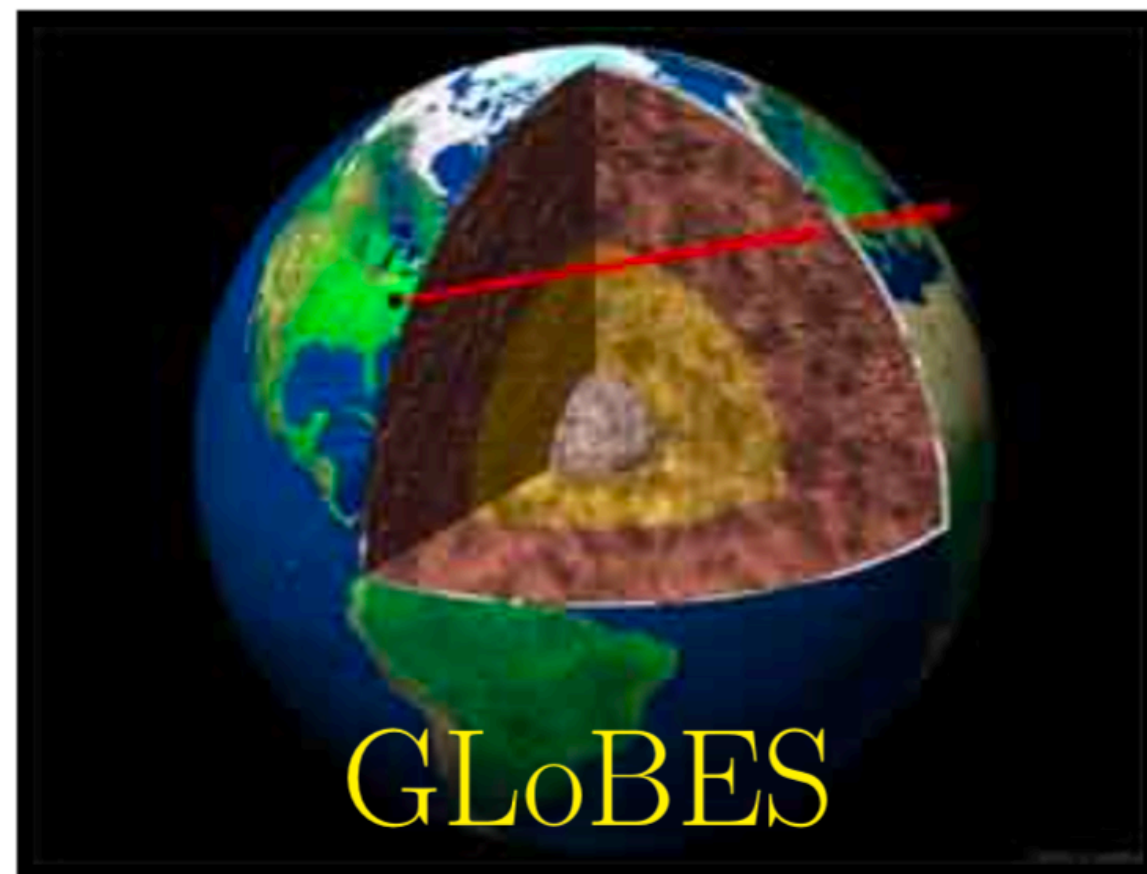


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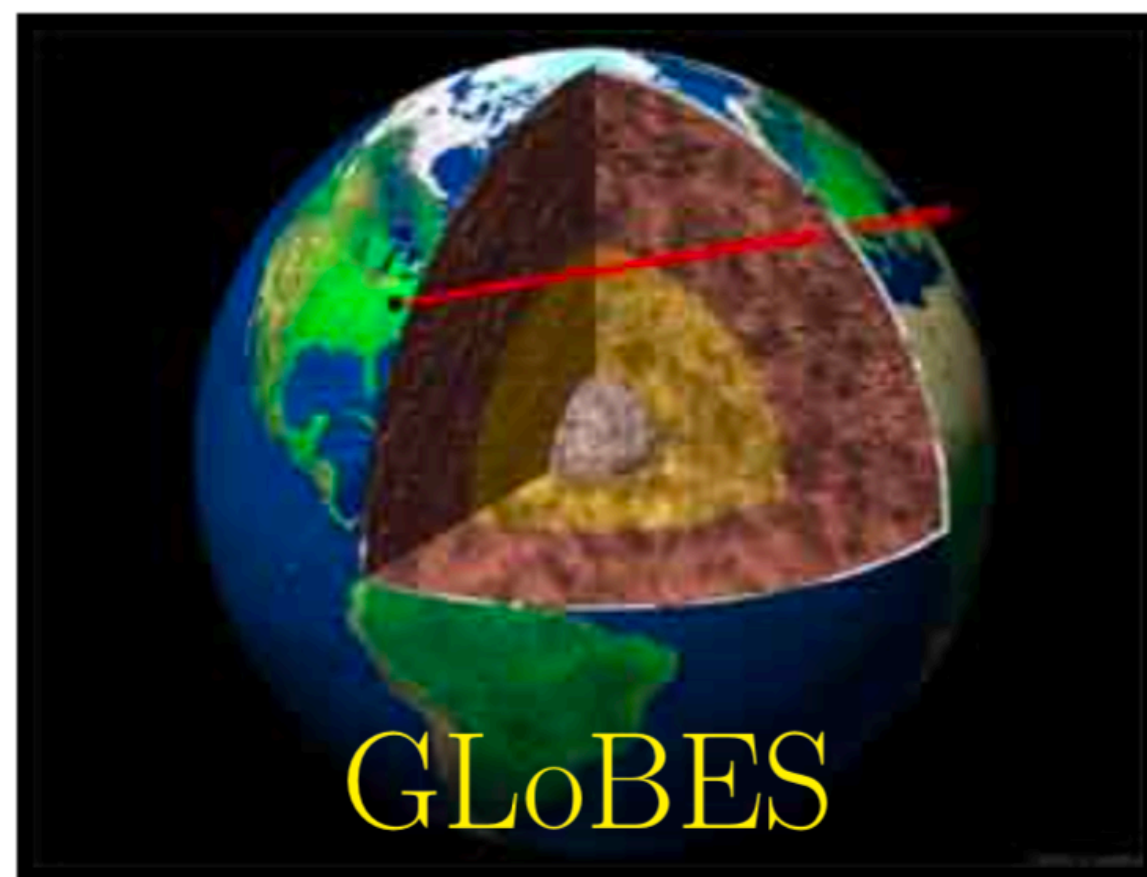


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Atmospheric sample [J. Campagne et al. hep-ph/0603172](#)

(kindly provided by Michele Maltoni)

- Honda flux at Gran Sasso
- Expect larger fluxes at Garpenberg or Zinkgruvan
- NC contamination: Same ratio between NC and unoscillated CC events as SK

[M. Honda et al. hep-ph/0404457](#)

SK Collaboration, [Y. Ashie et al. hep-ex/0501064](#)

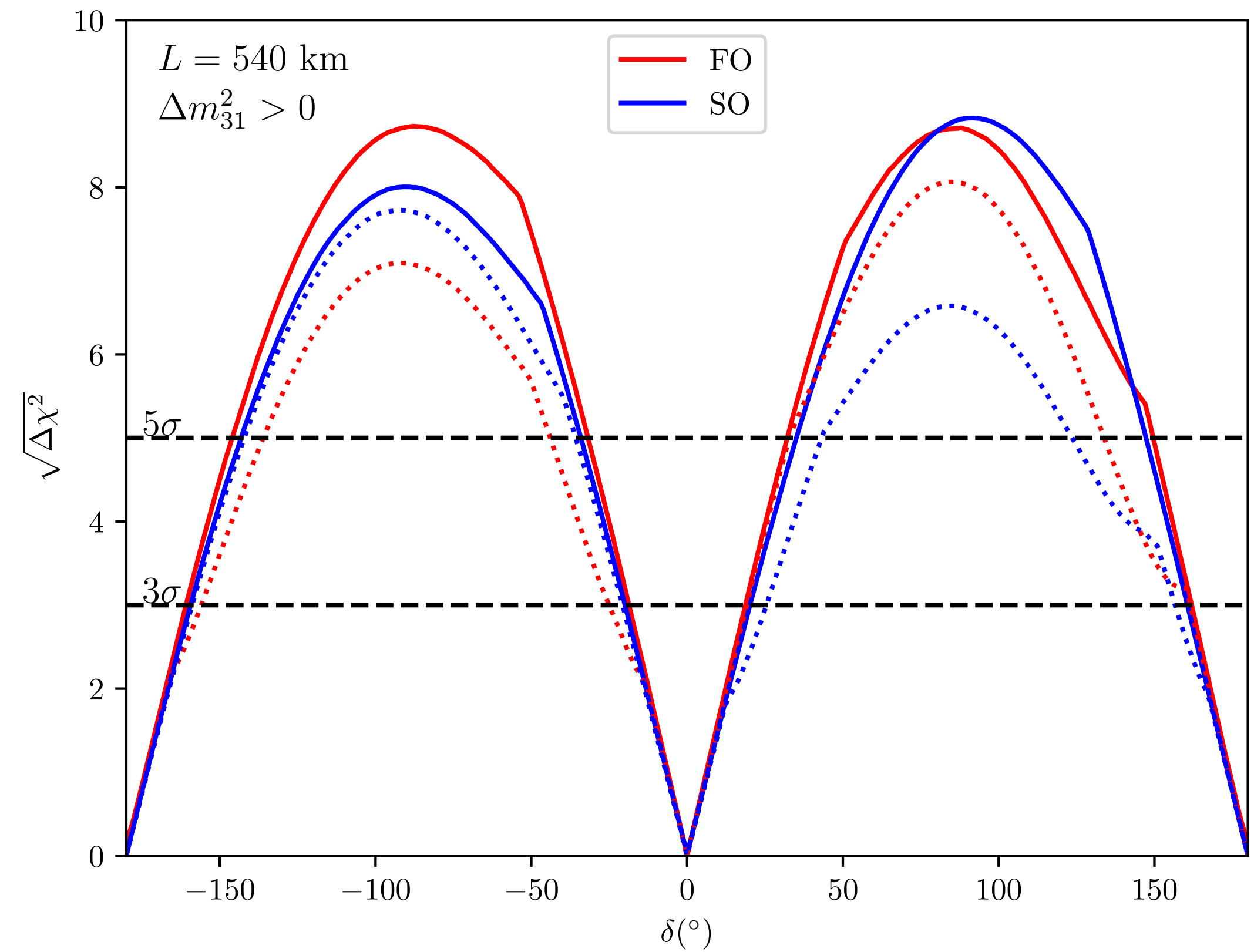
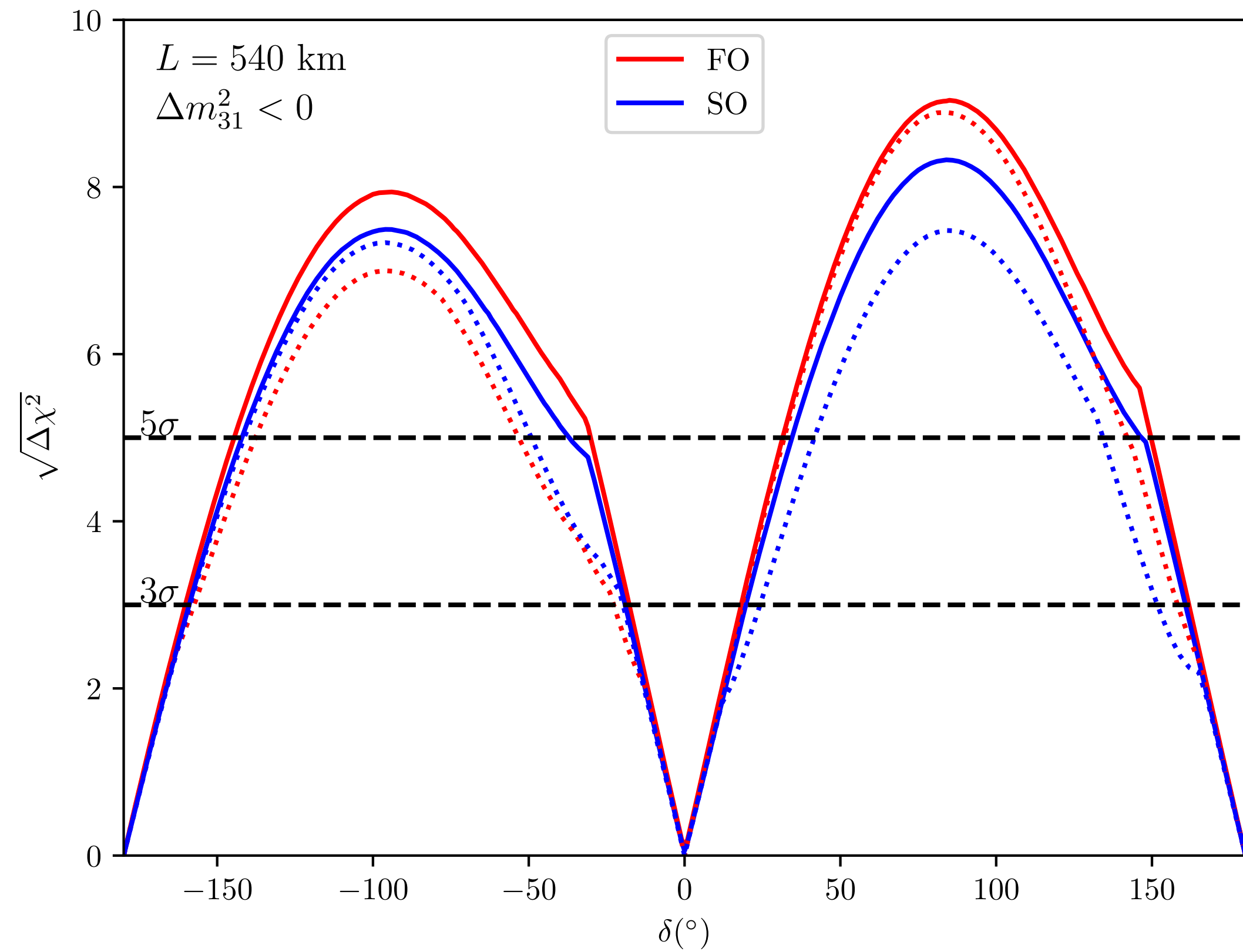
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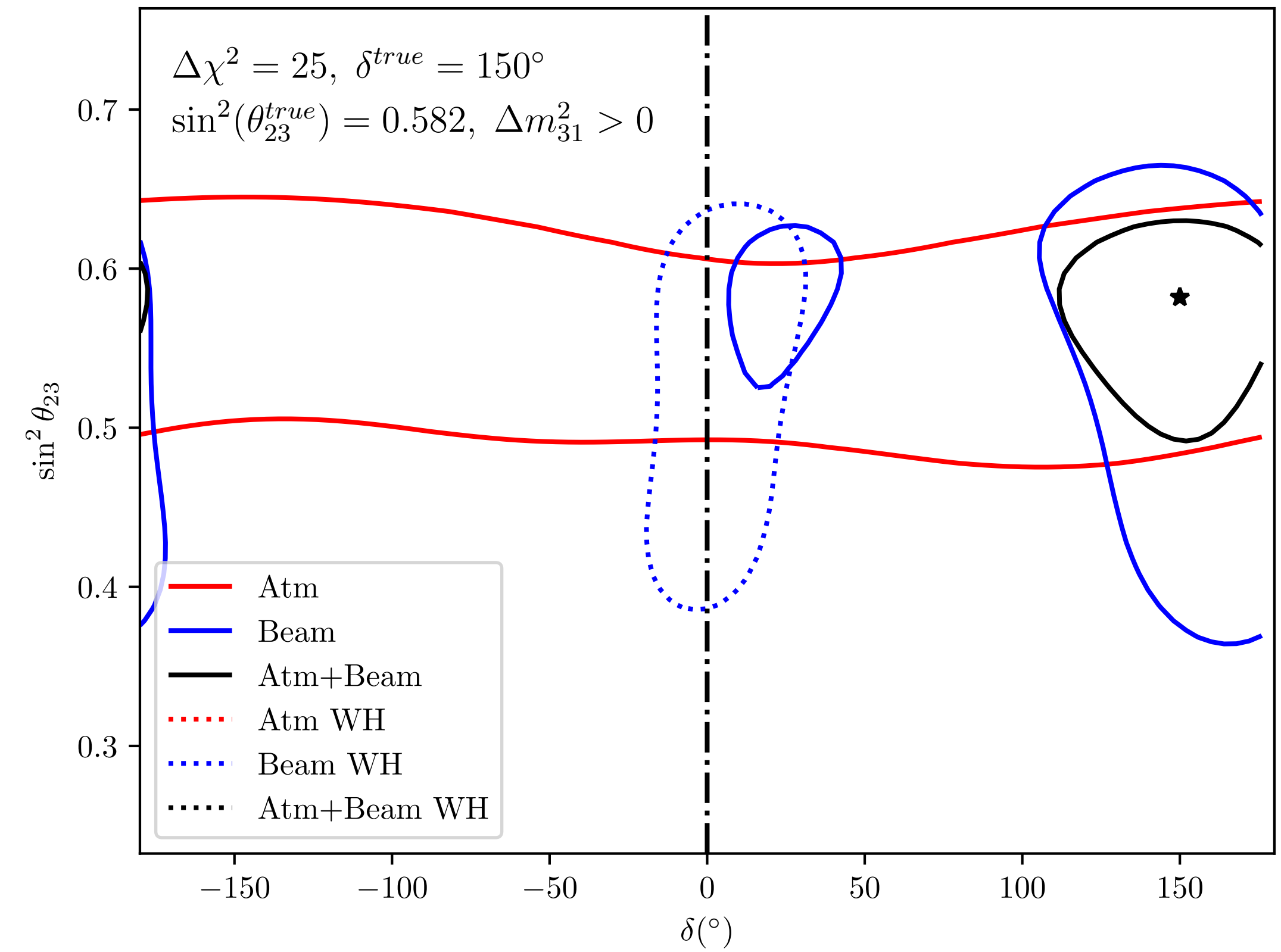
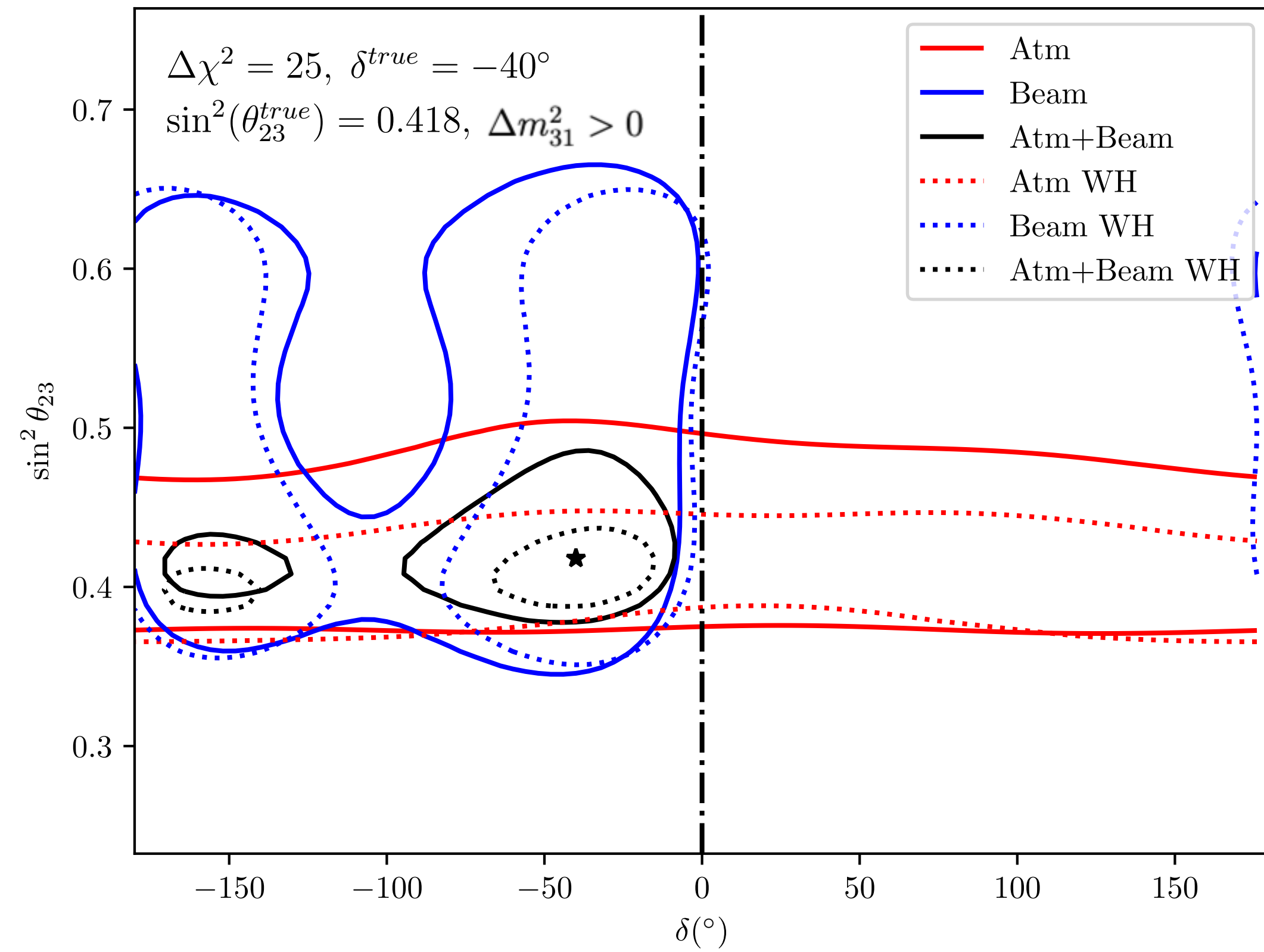
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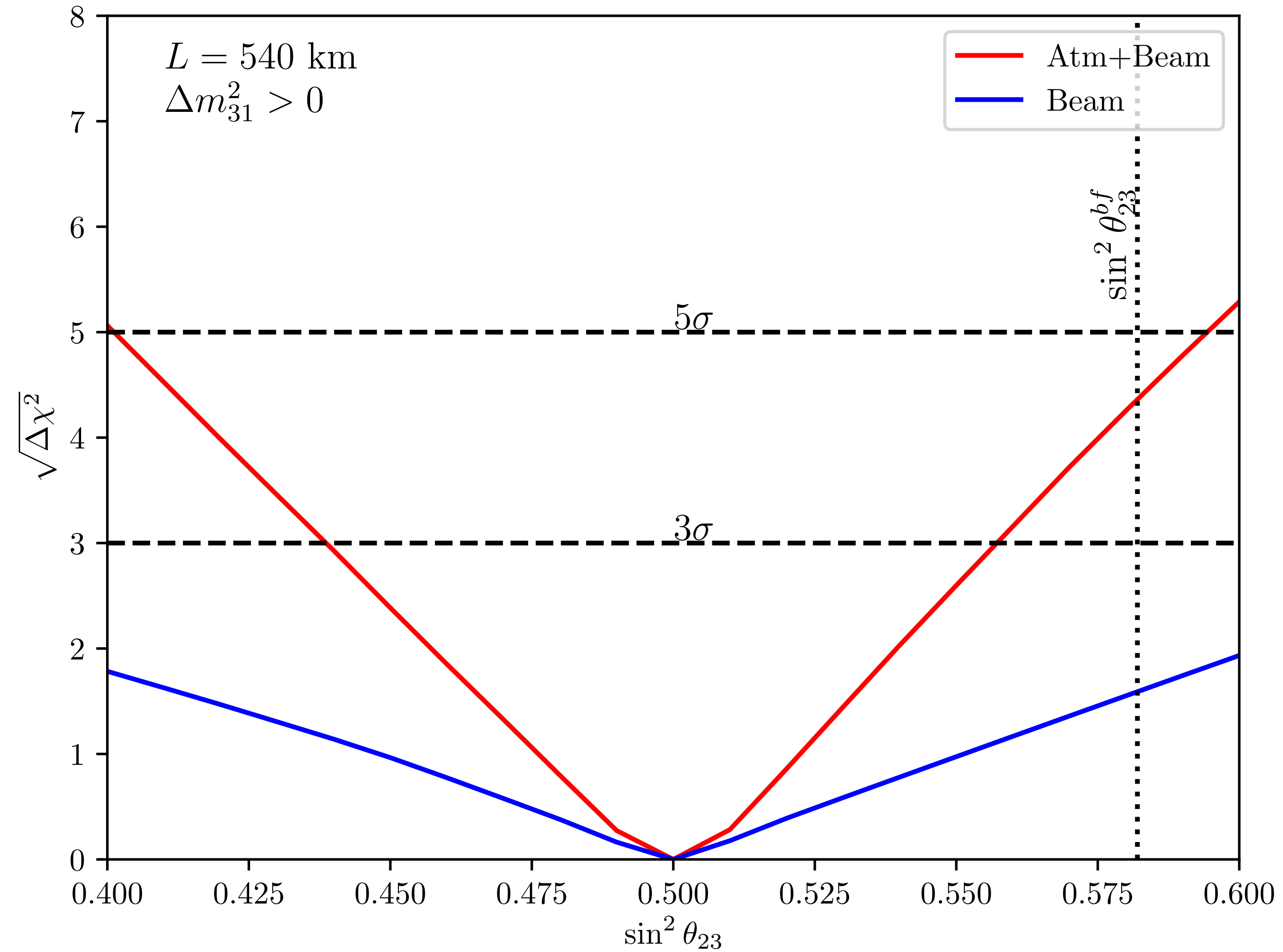
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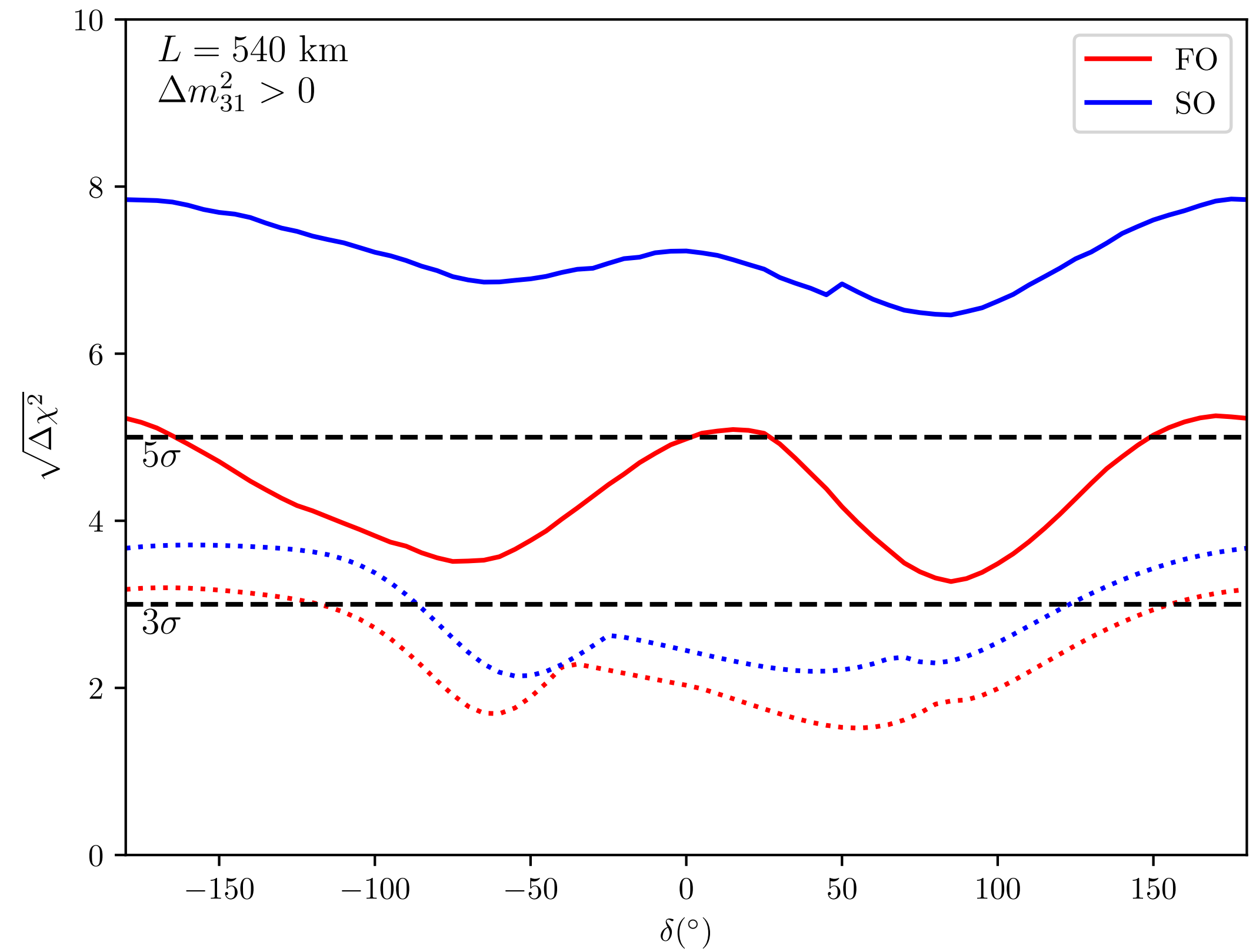
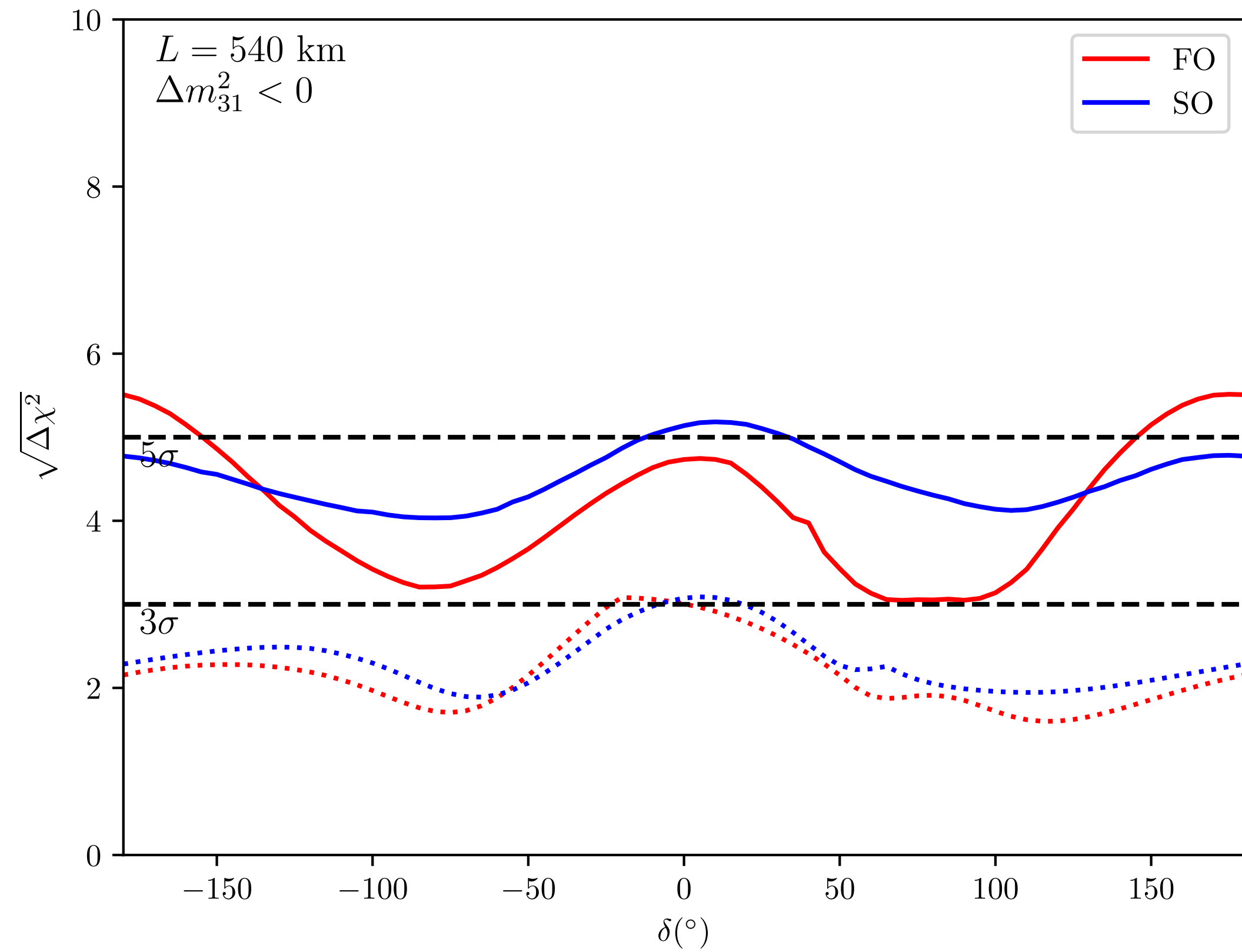
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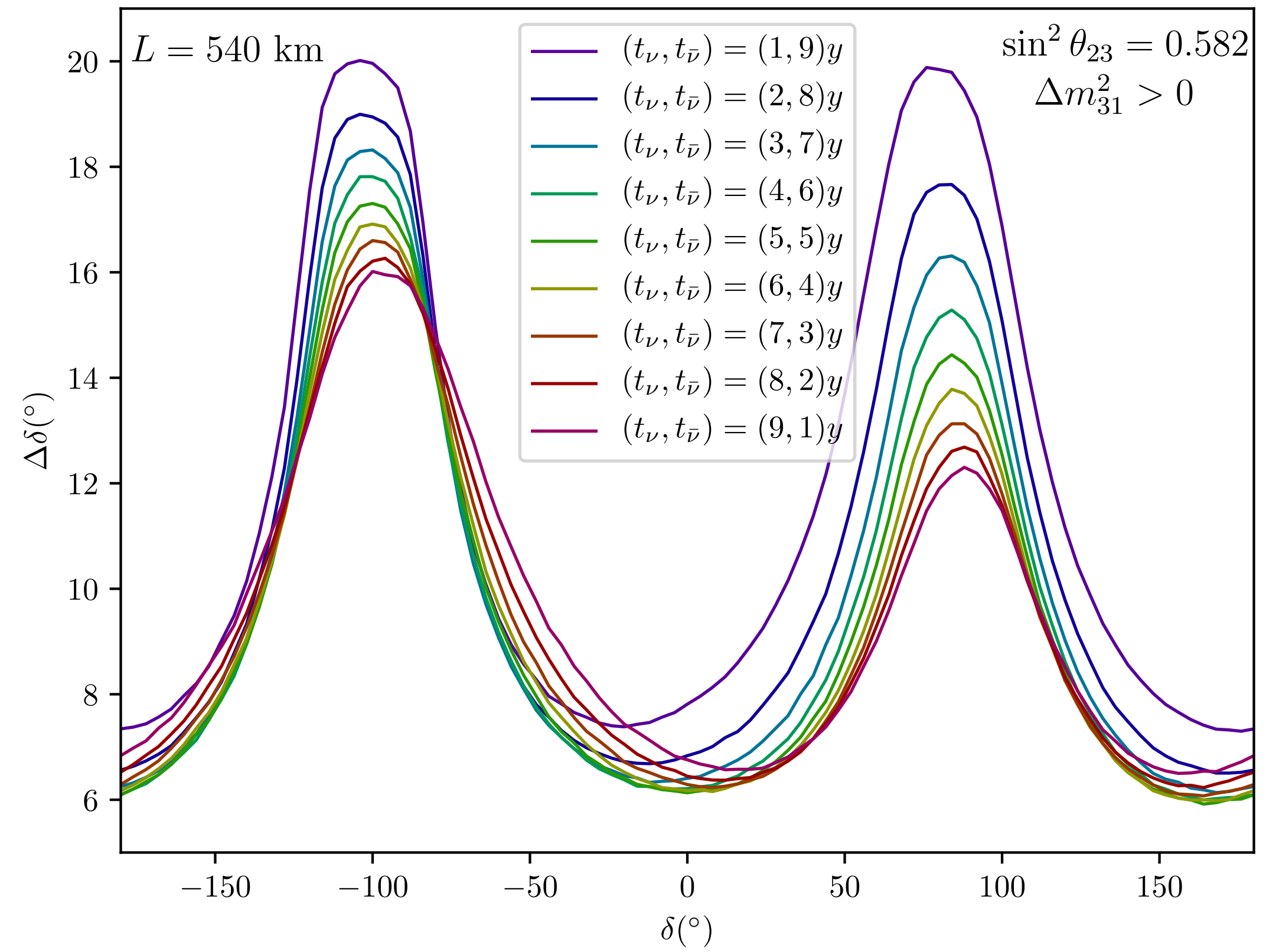
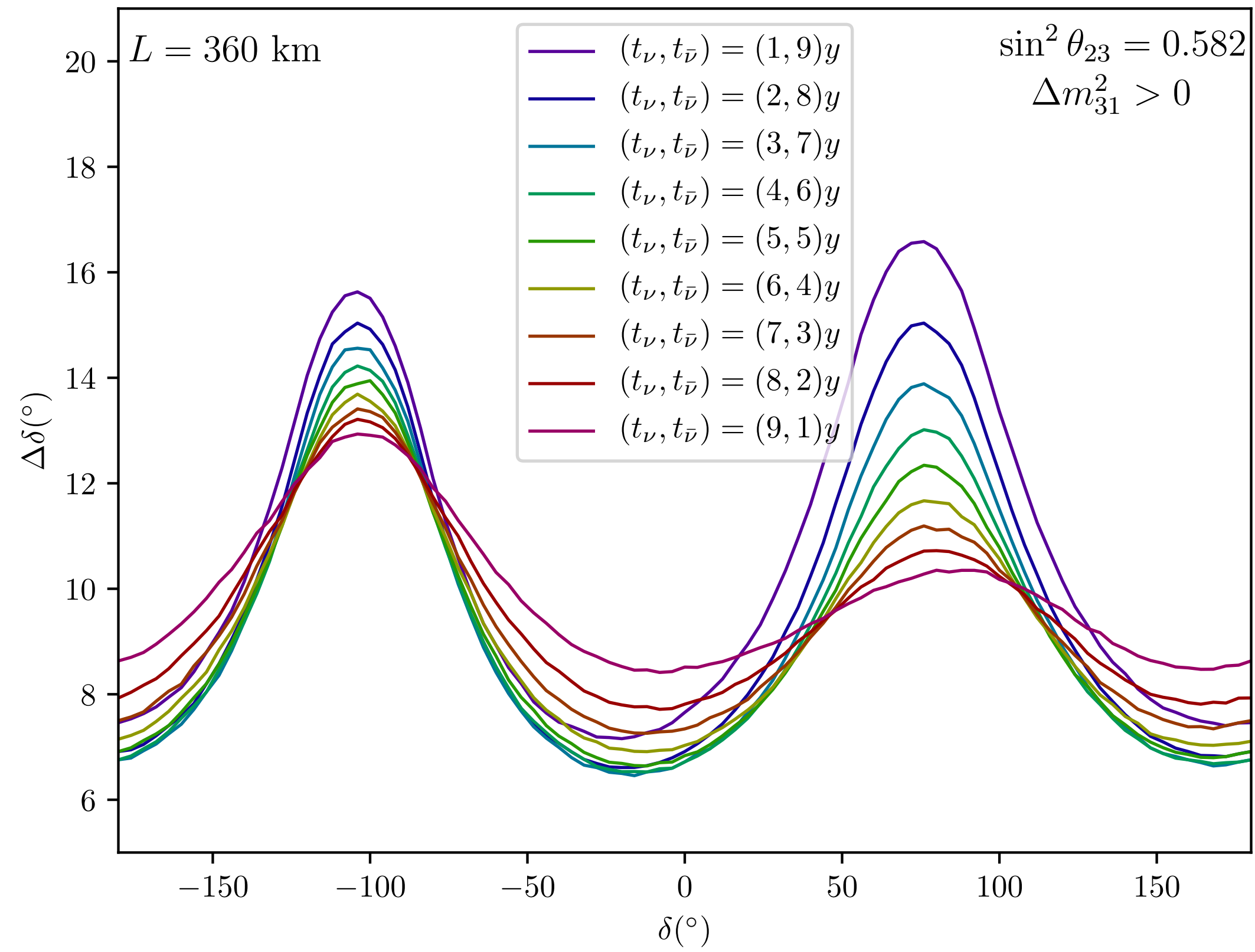
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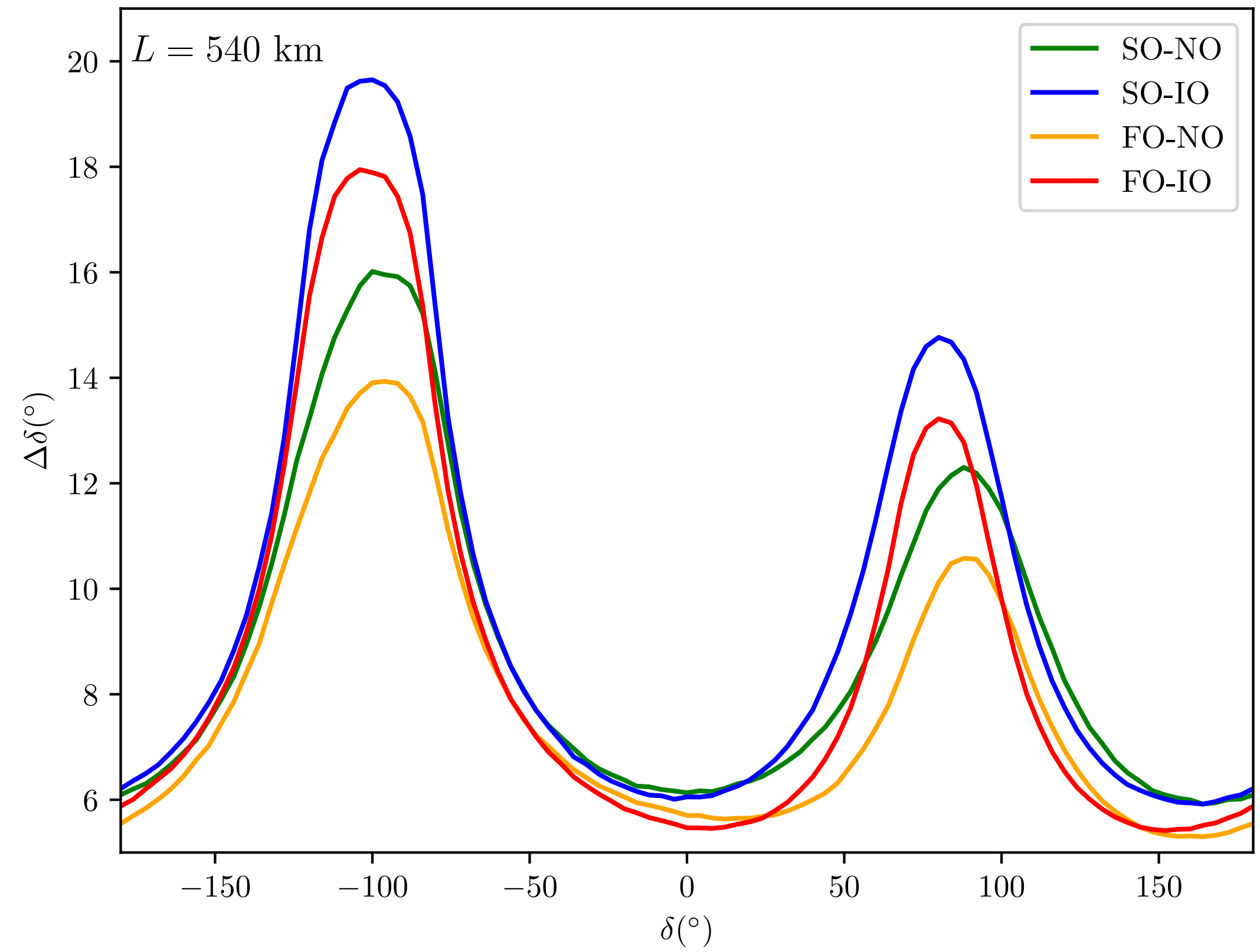
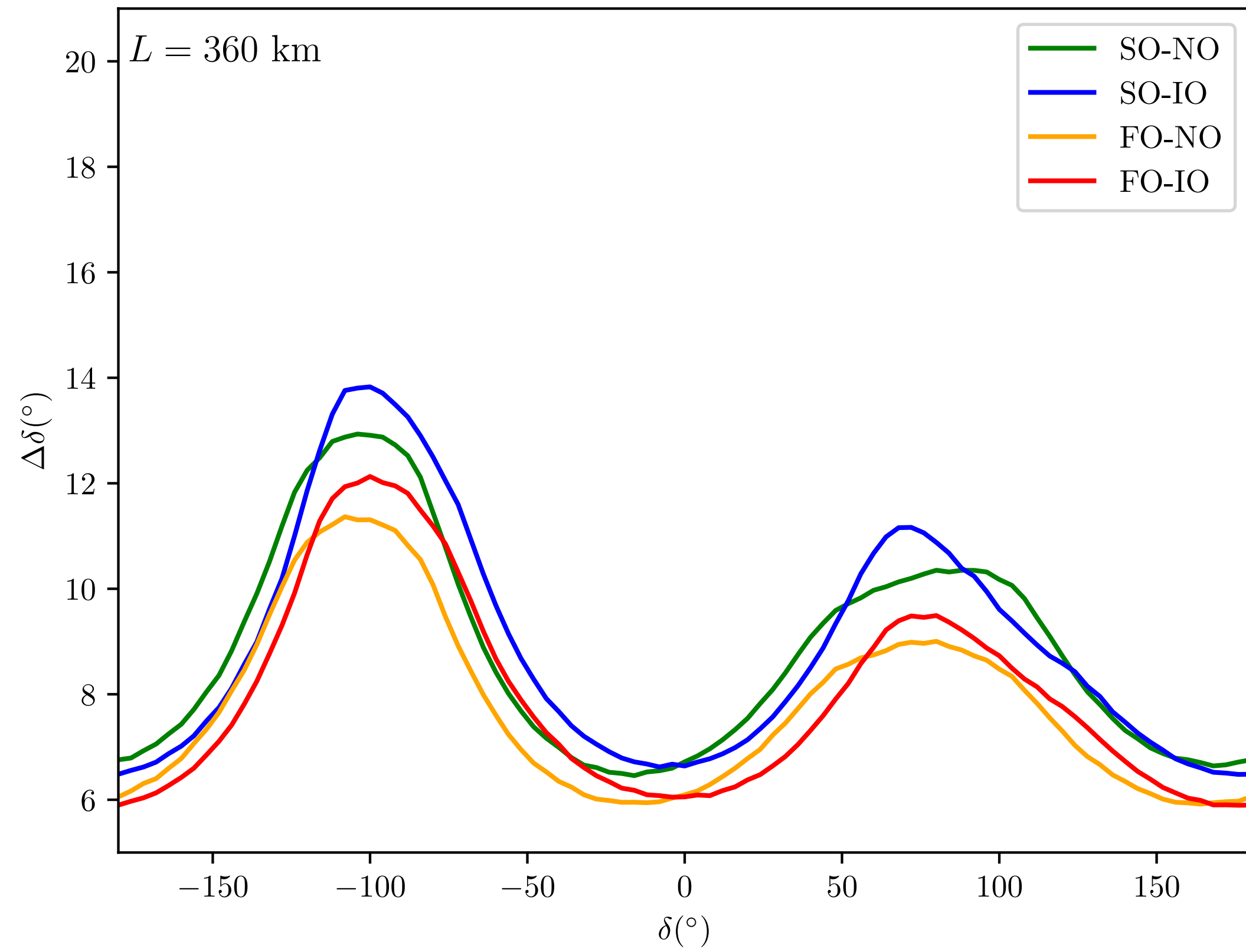
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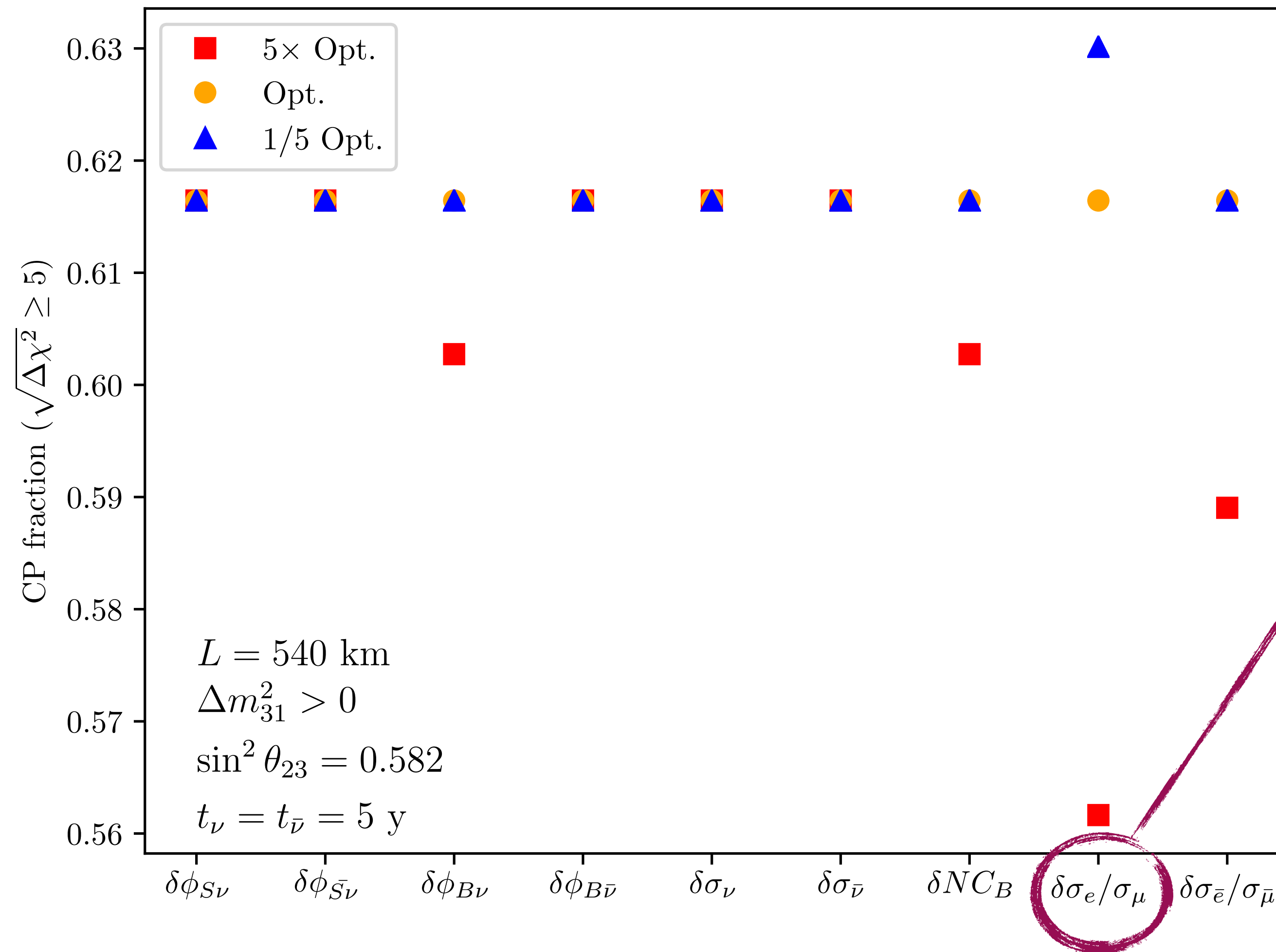


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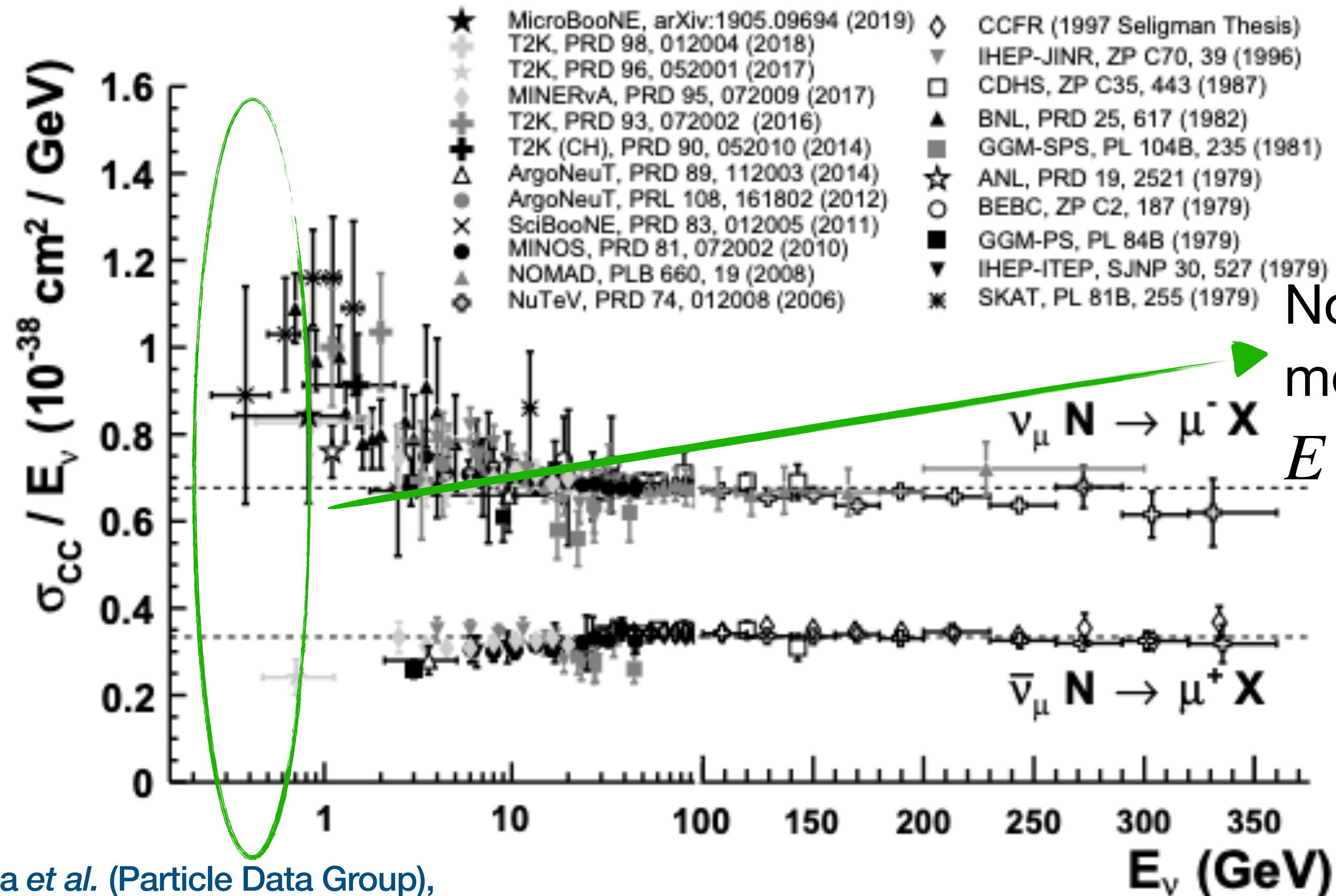


# Effect of systematic uncertainties



Mostly  $\nu_\mu$  at the ND  
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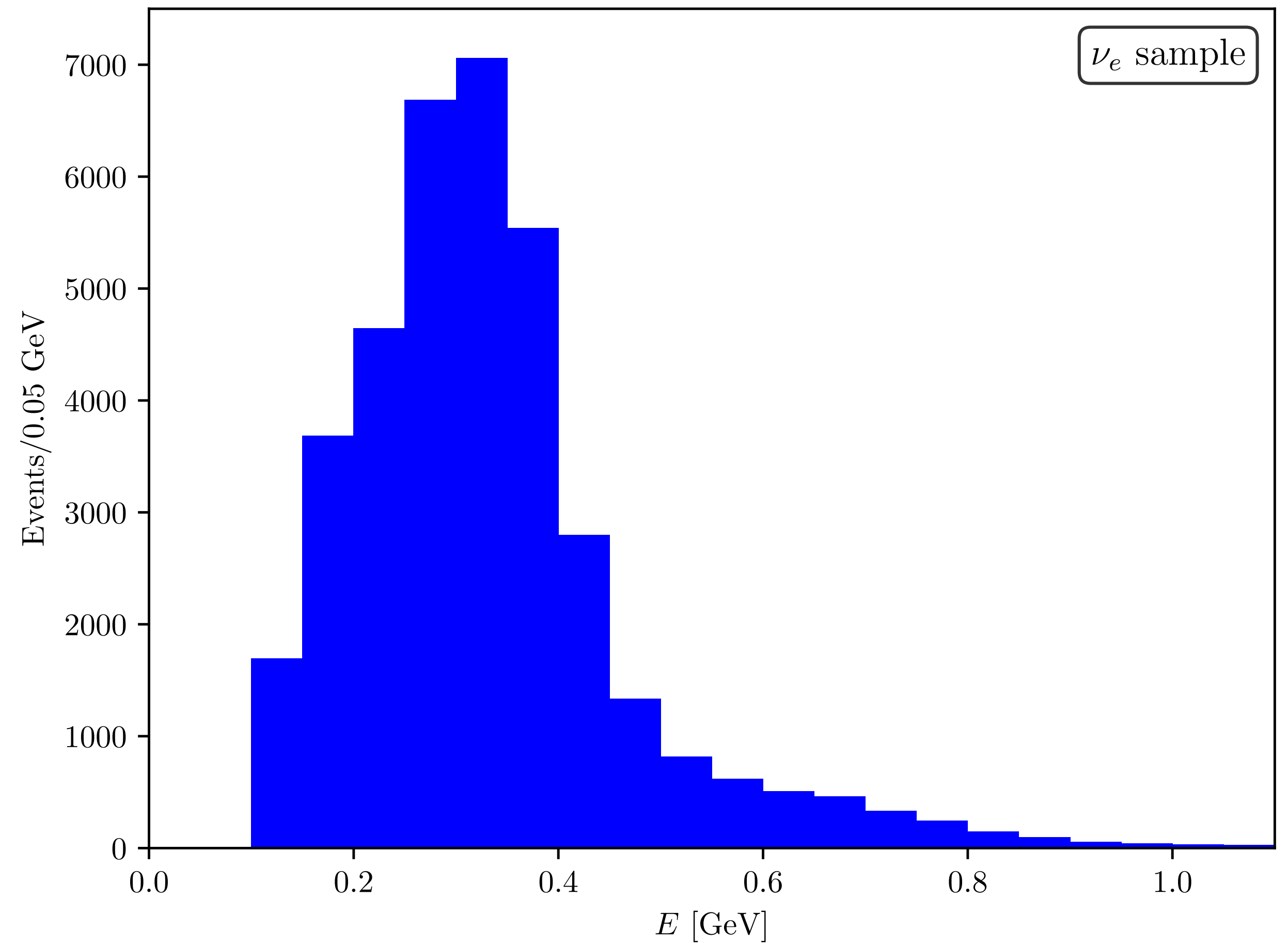
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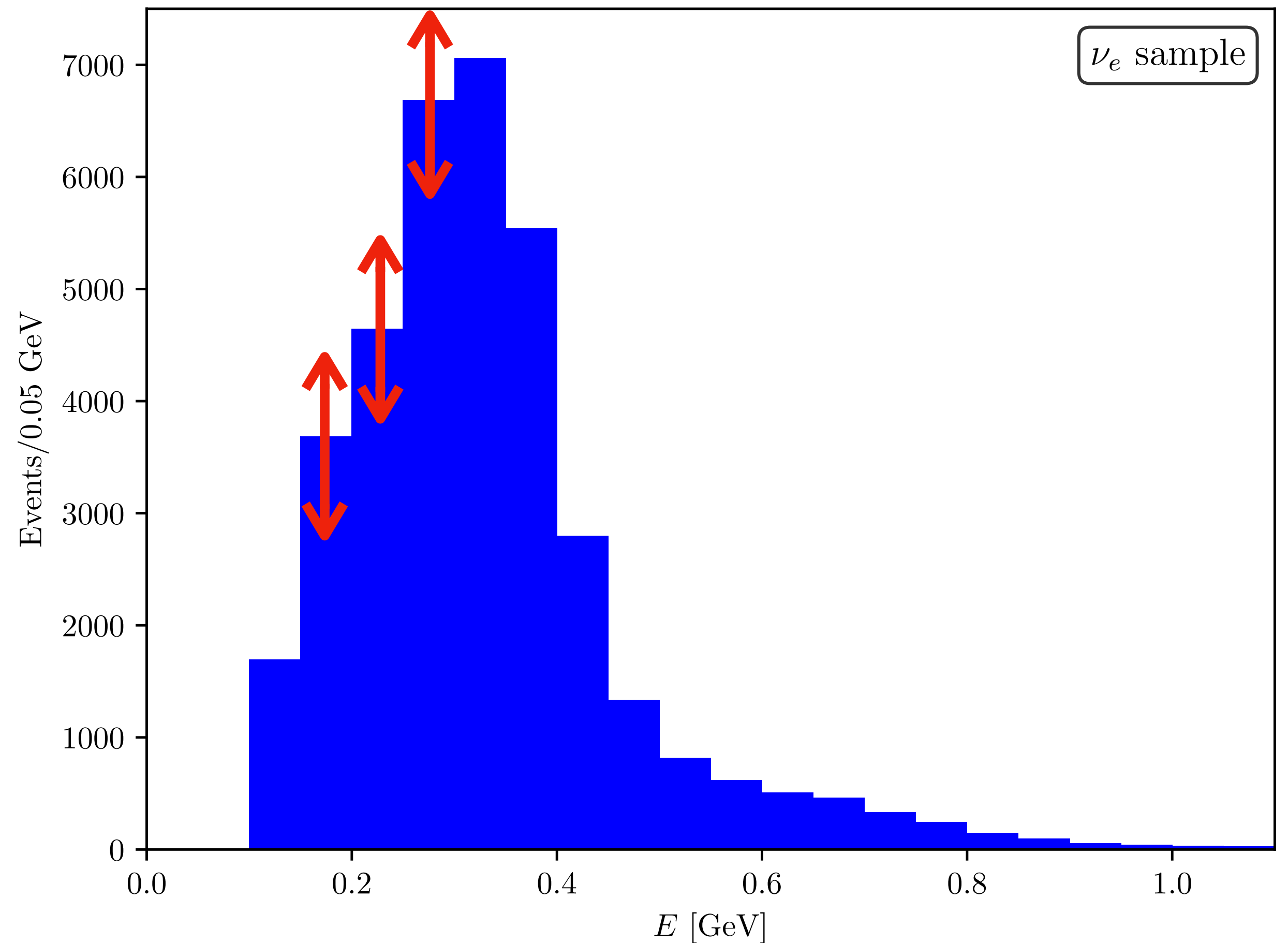
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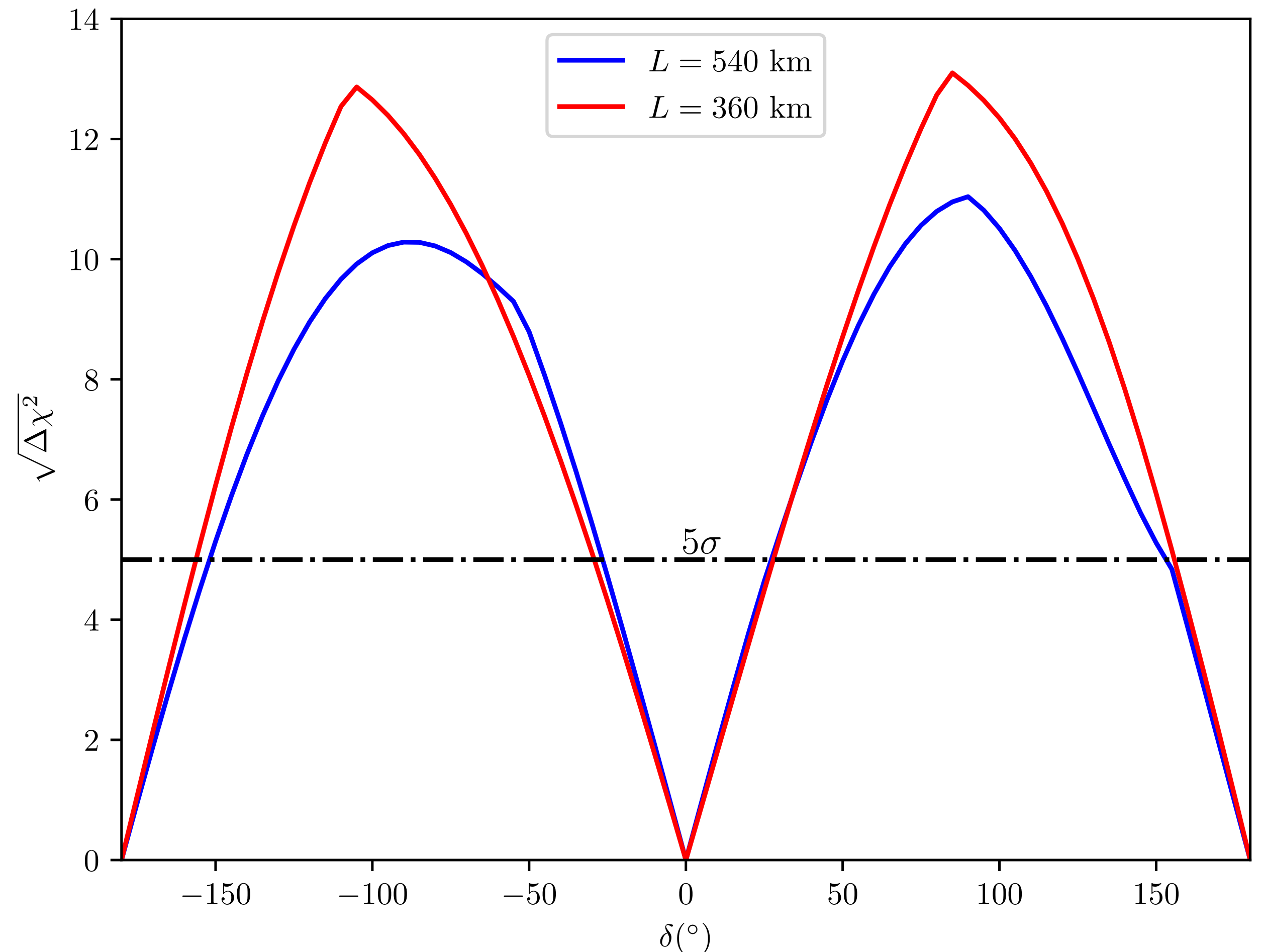
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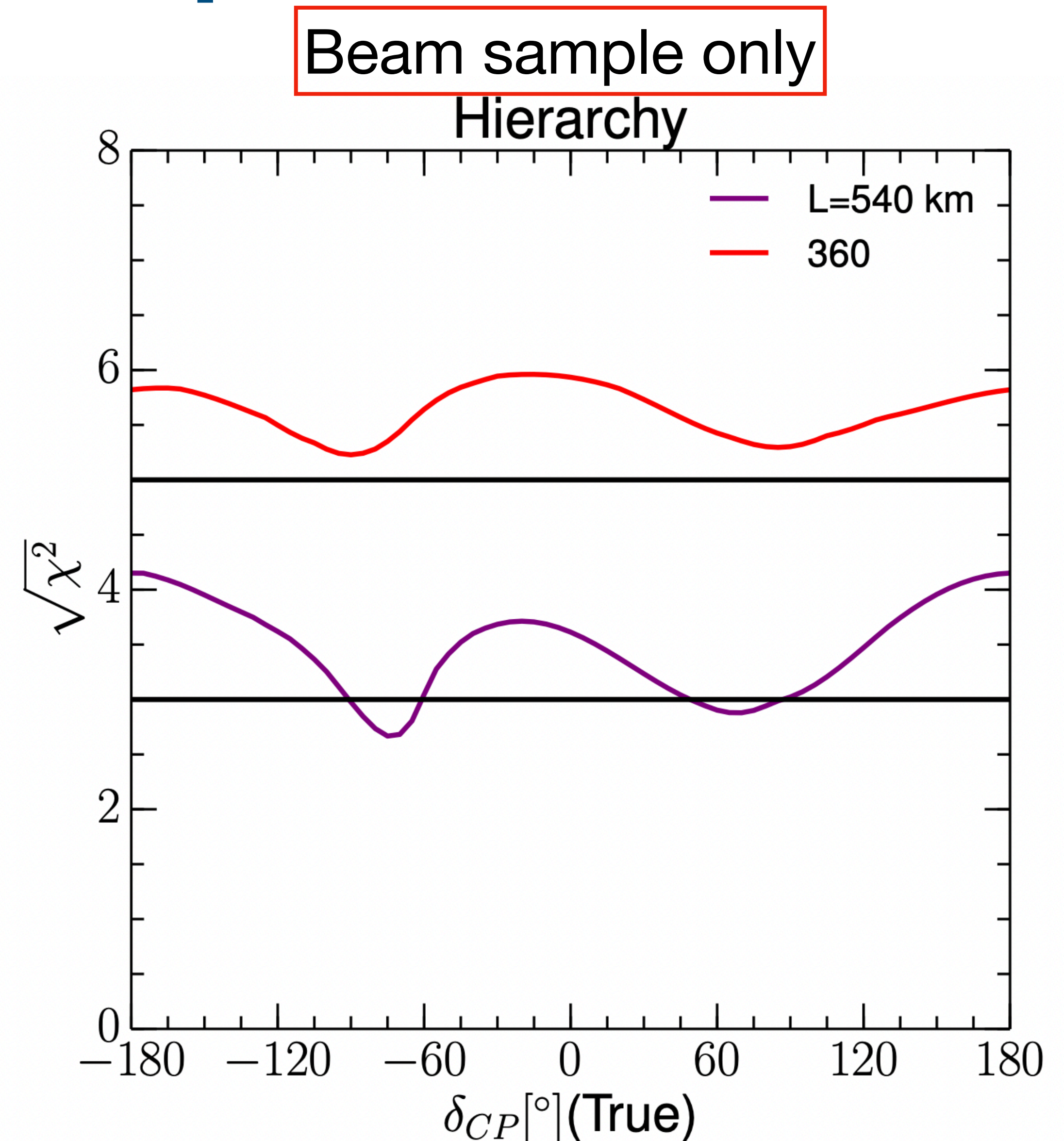
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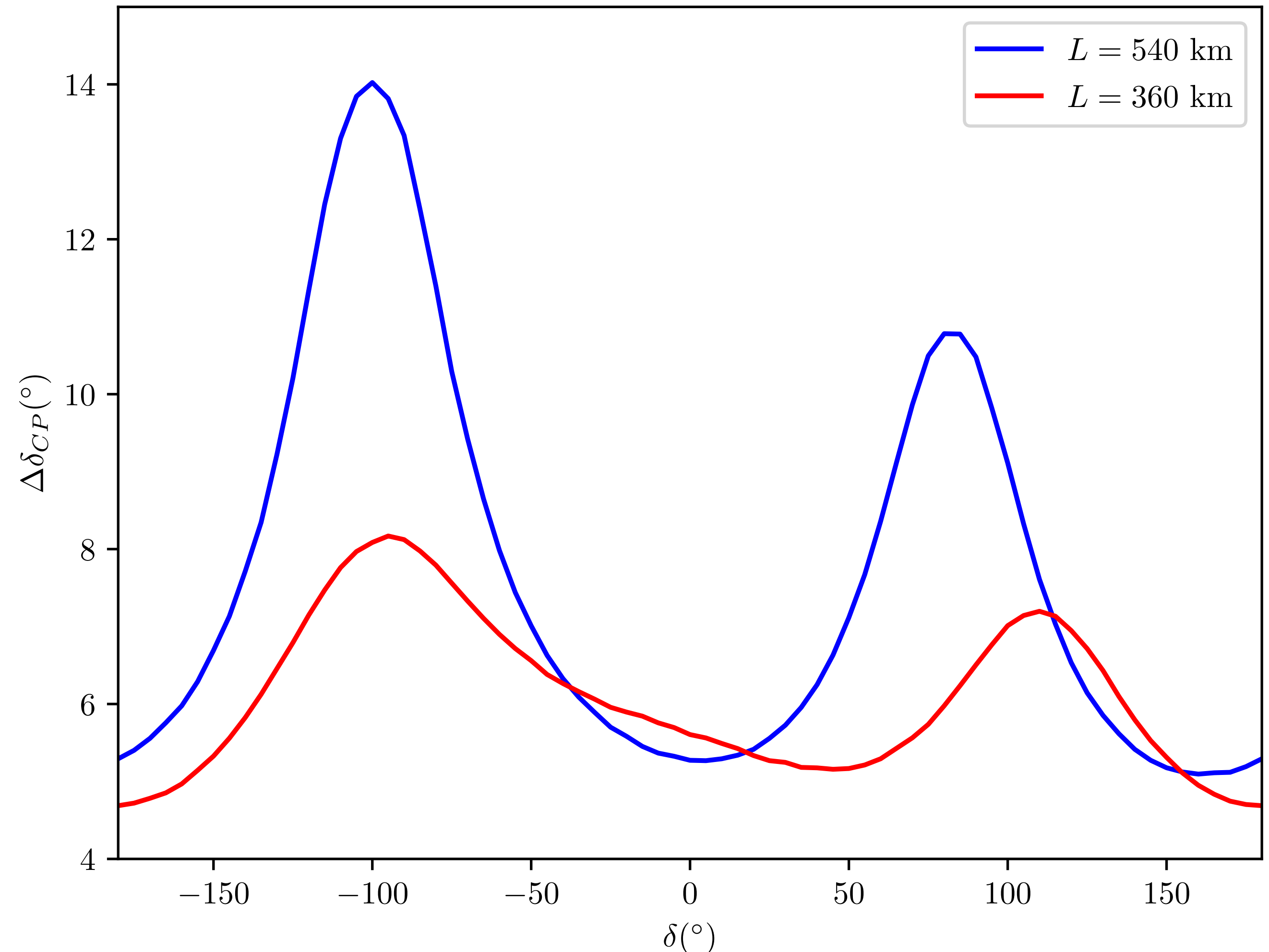


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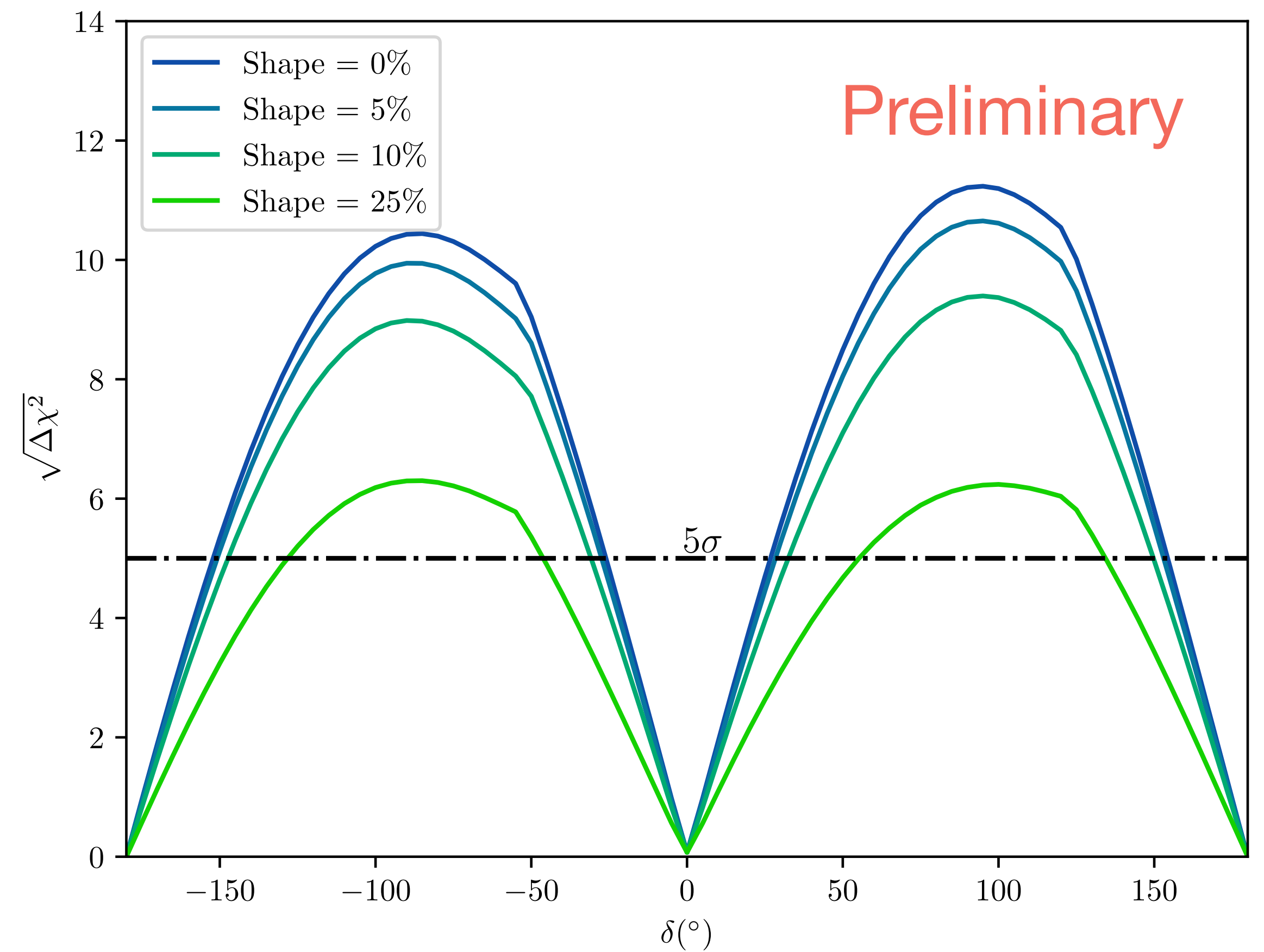
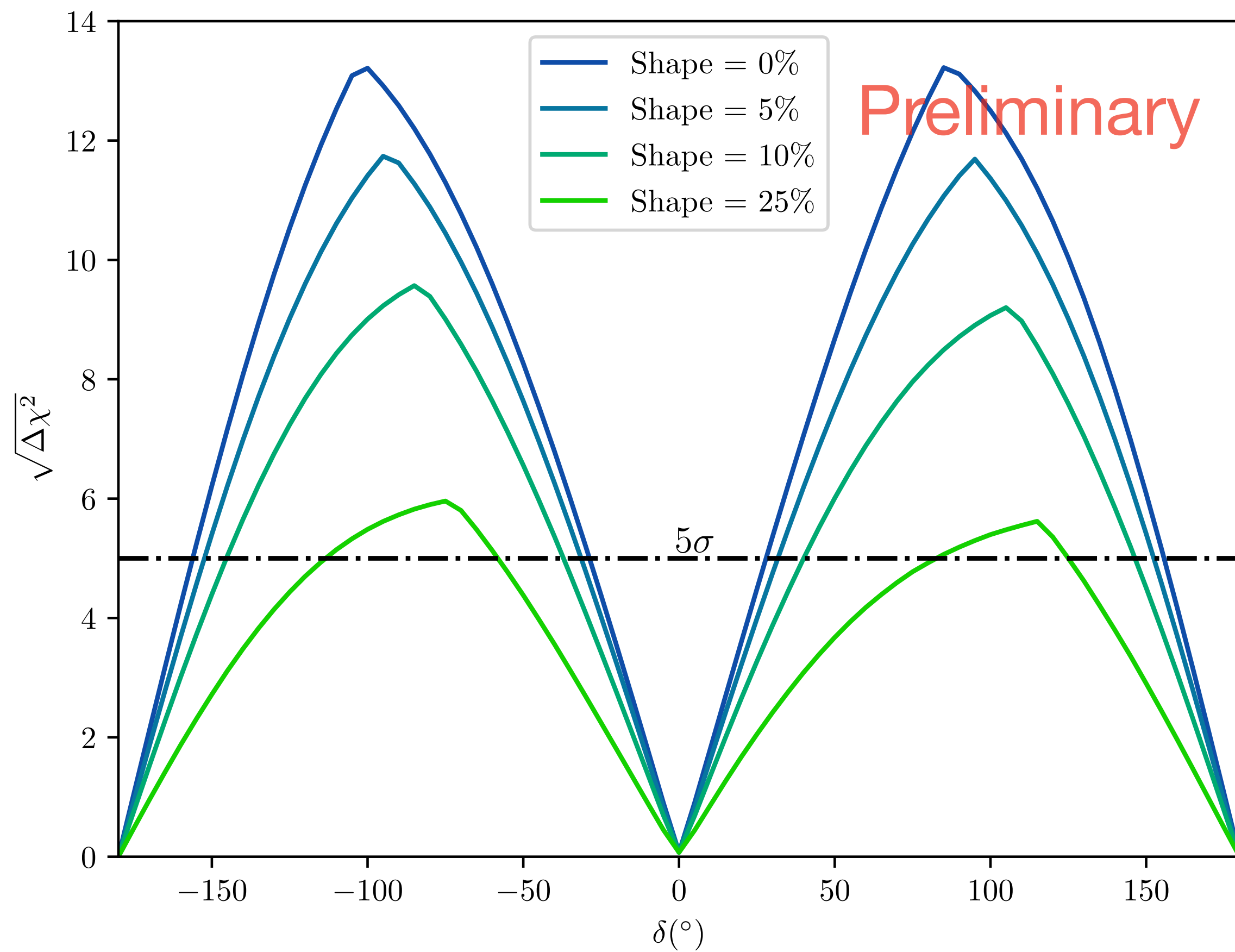


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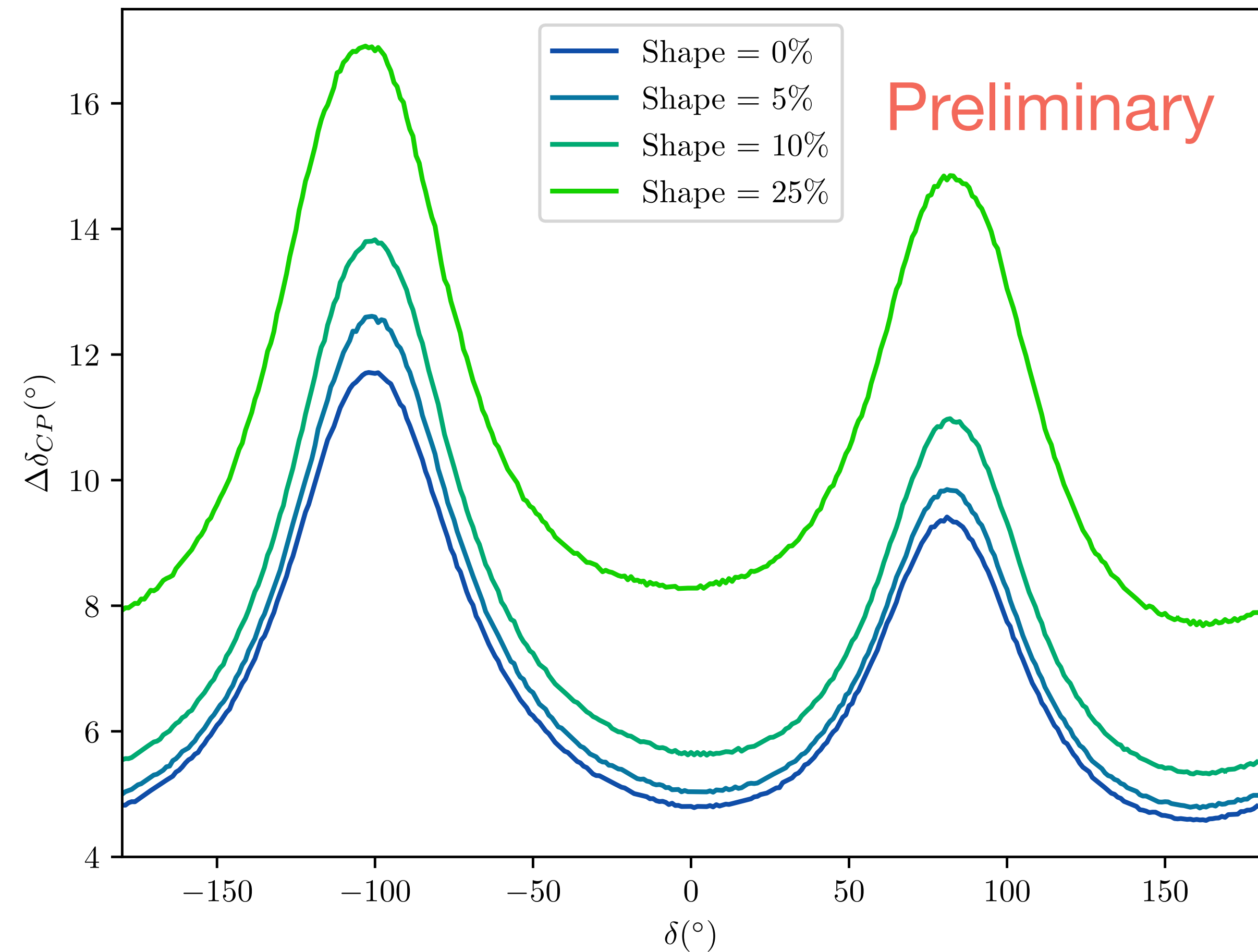
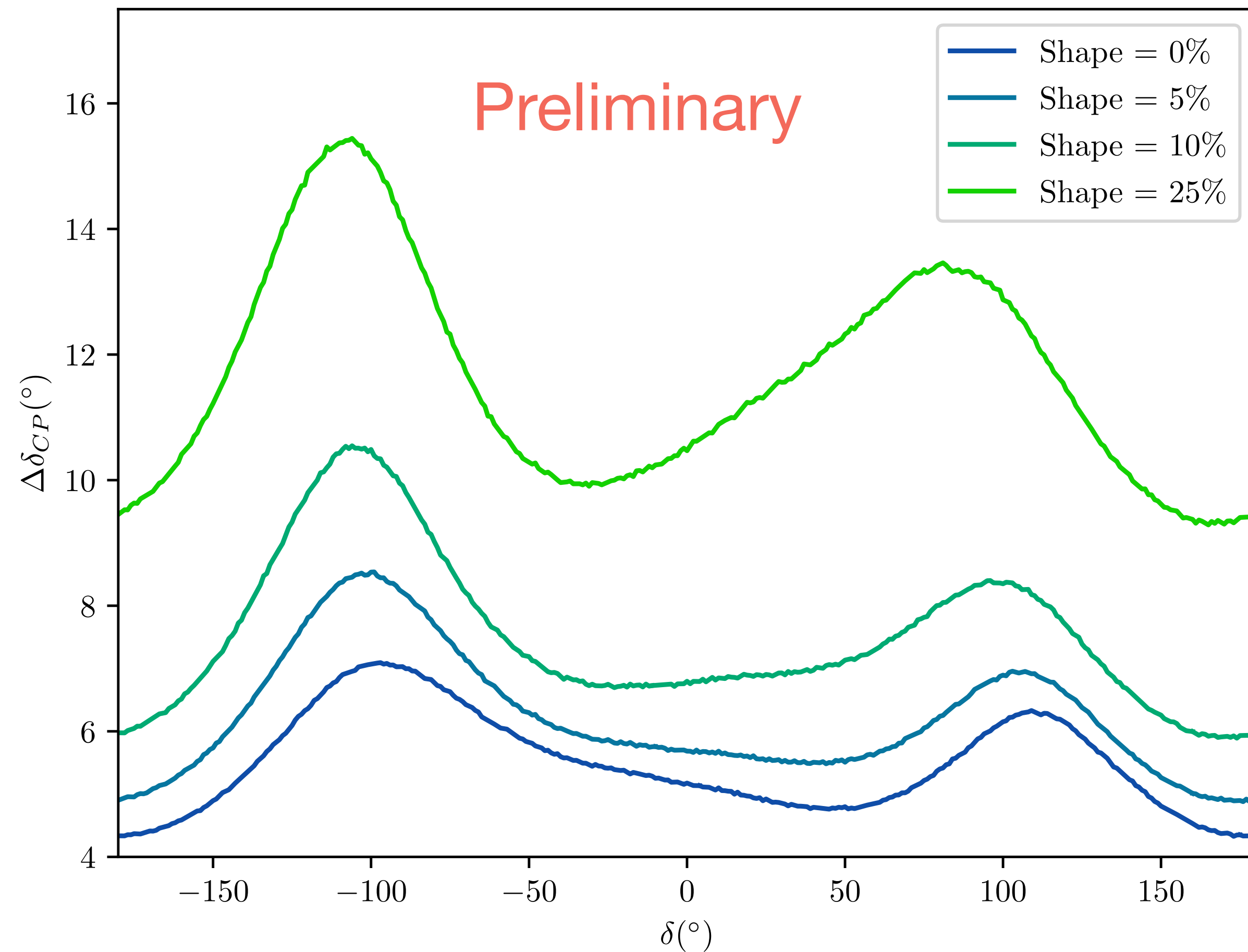


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**Back up slides**

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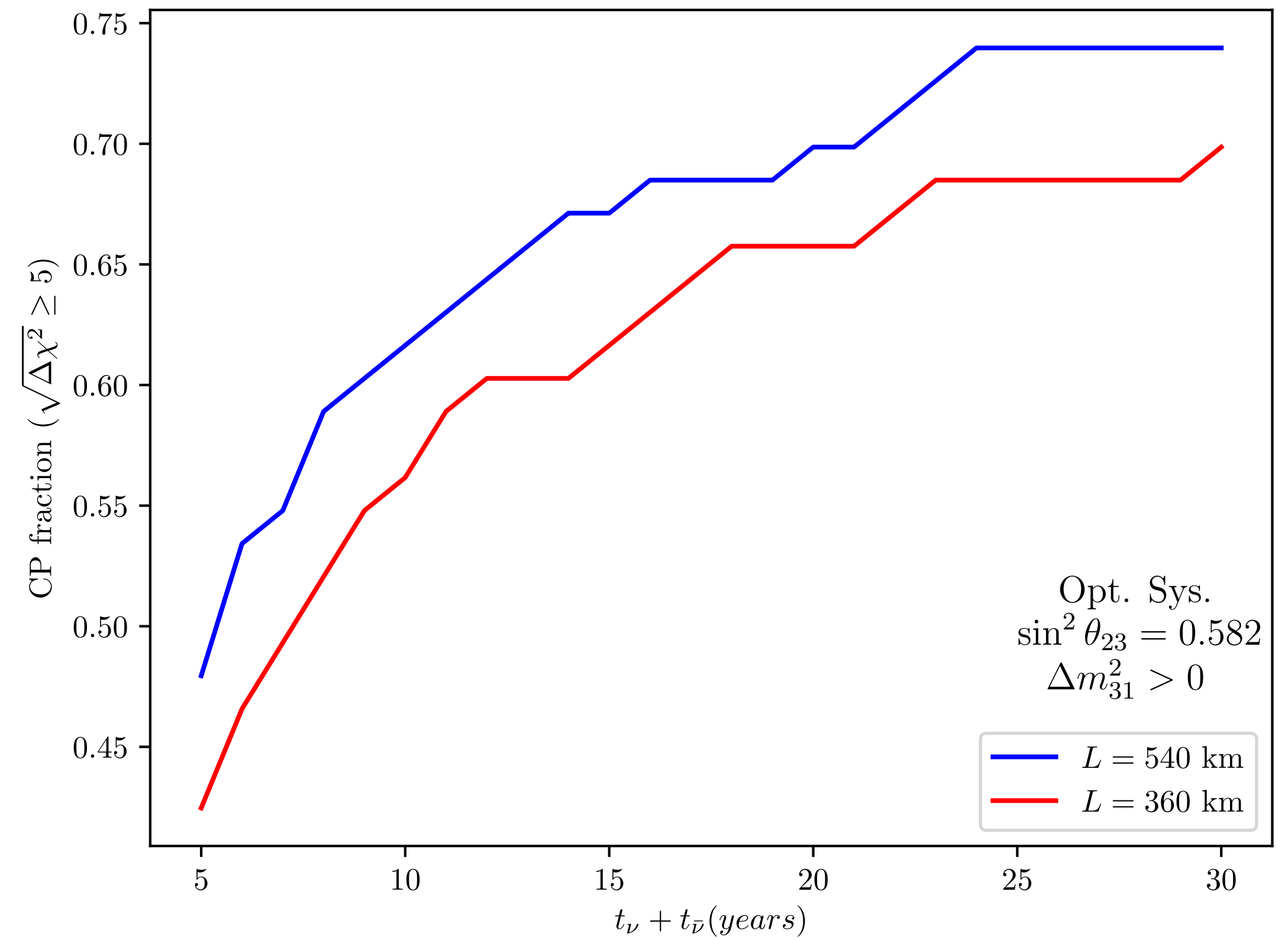
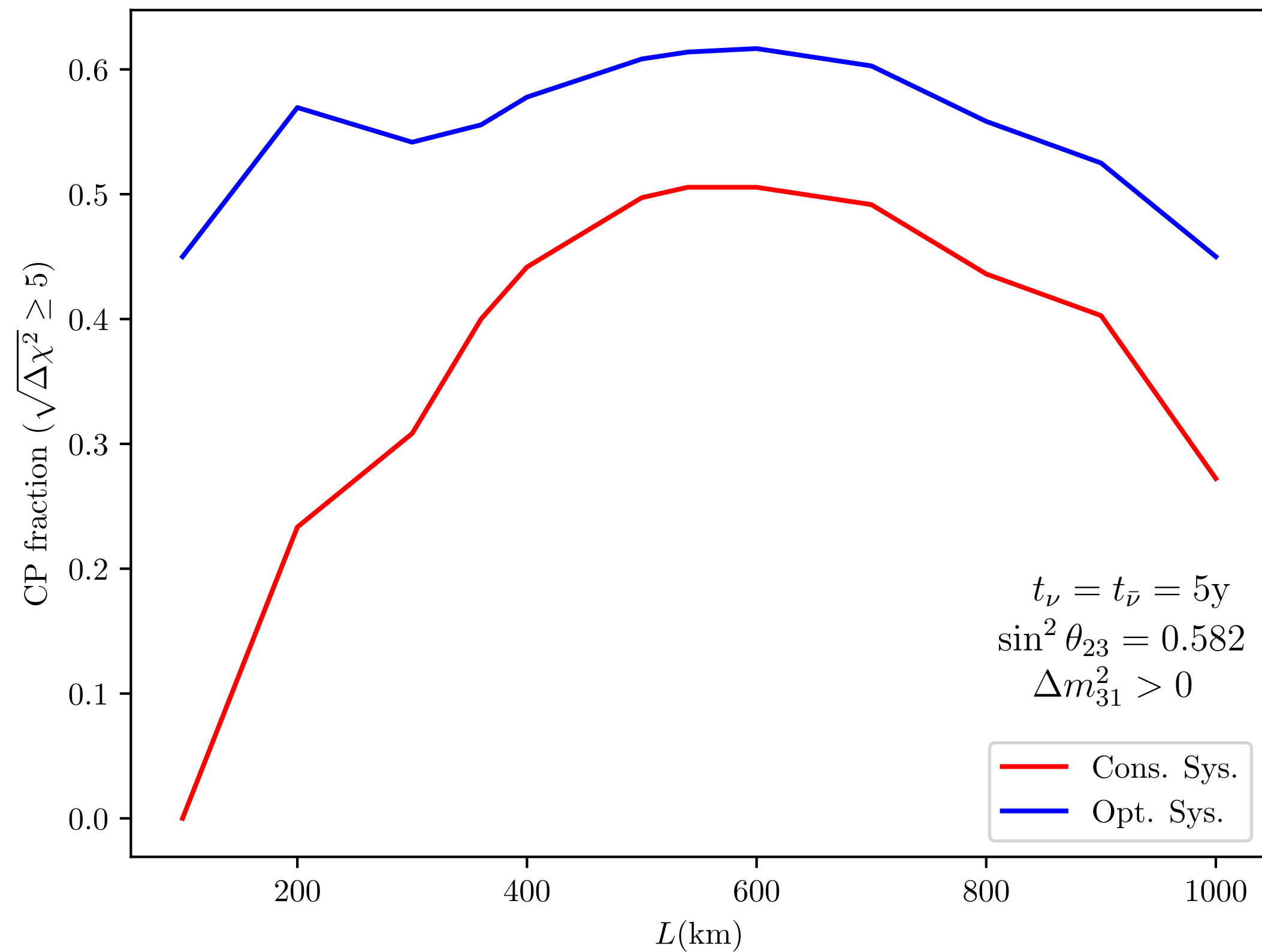
$$\frac{\partial \Delta P_{\mu \rightarrow e}}{\partial \delta} \propto -\sin \delta \cos \frac{\Delta_{31} L}{2} \pm \cos \delta \sin \frac{\Delta_{31} L}{2}$$

At an oscillation maximum  $\rightarrow \Delta_{31} L/2 = (2n - 1)\pi/2$

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Maximum CP violation  $\rightarrow \cos \delta = 0$

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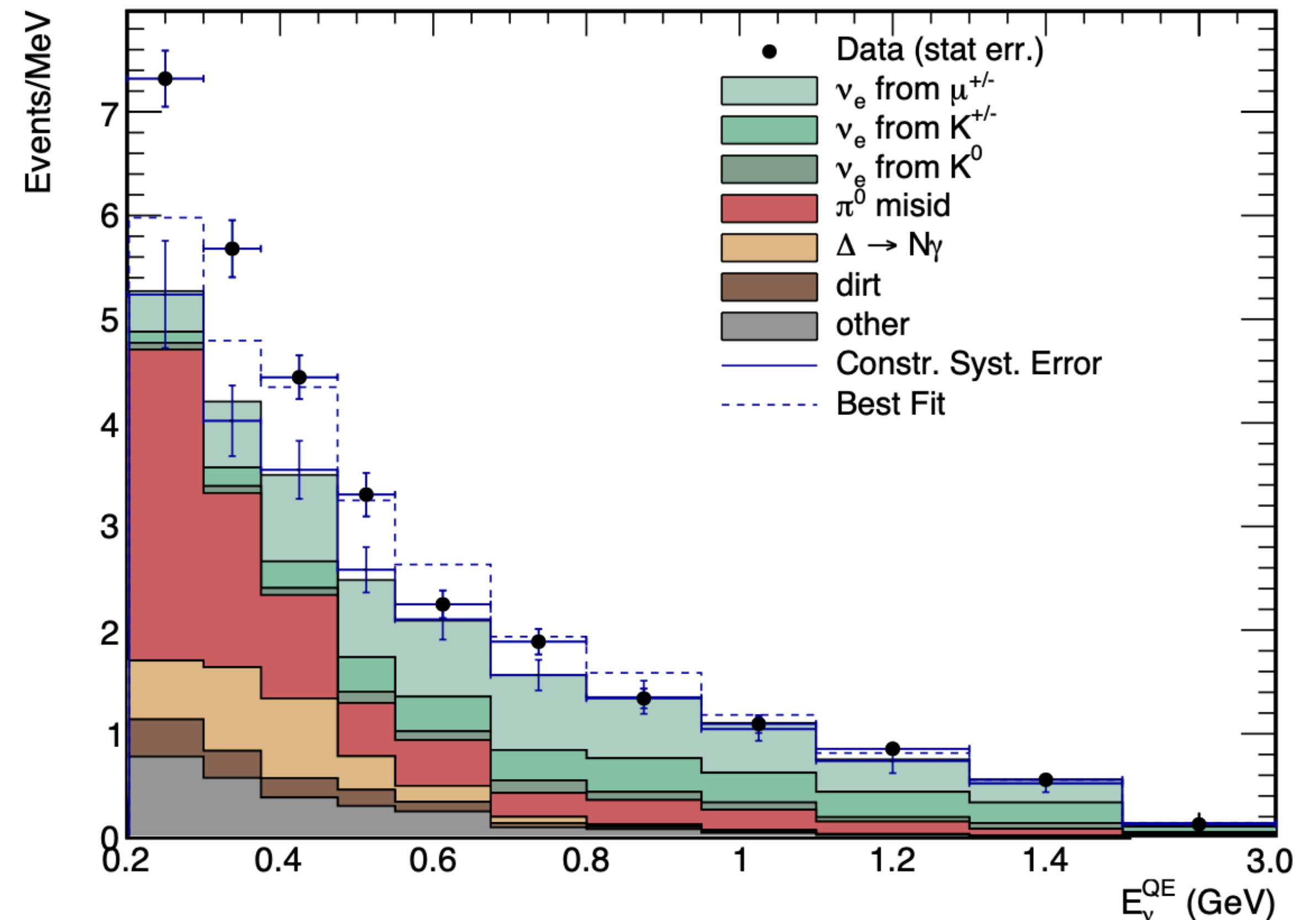
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$\nu_e$  appearance at SBL

MiniBooNE Collaboration 2006.16883



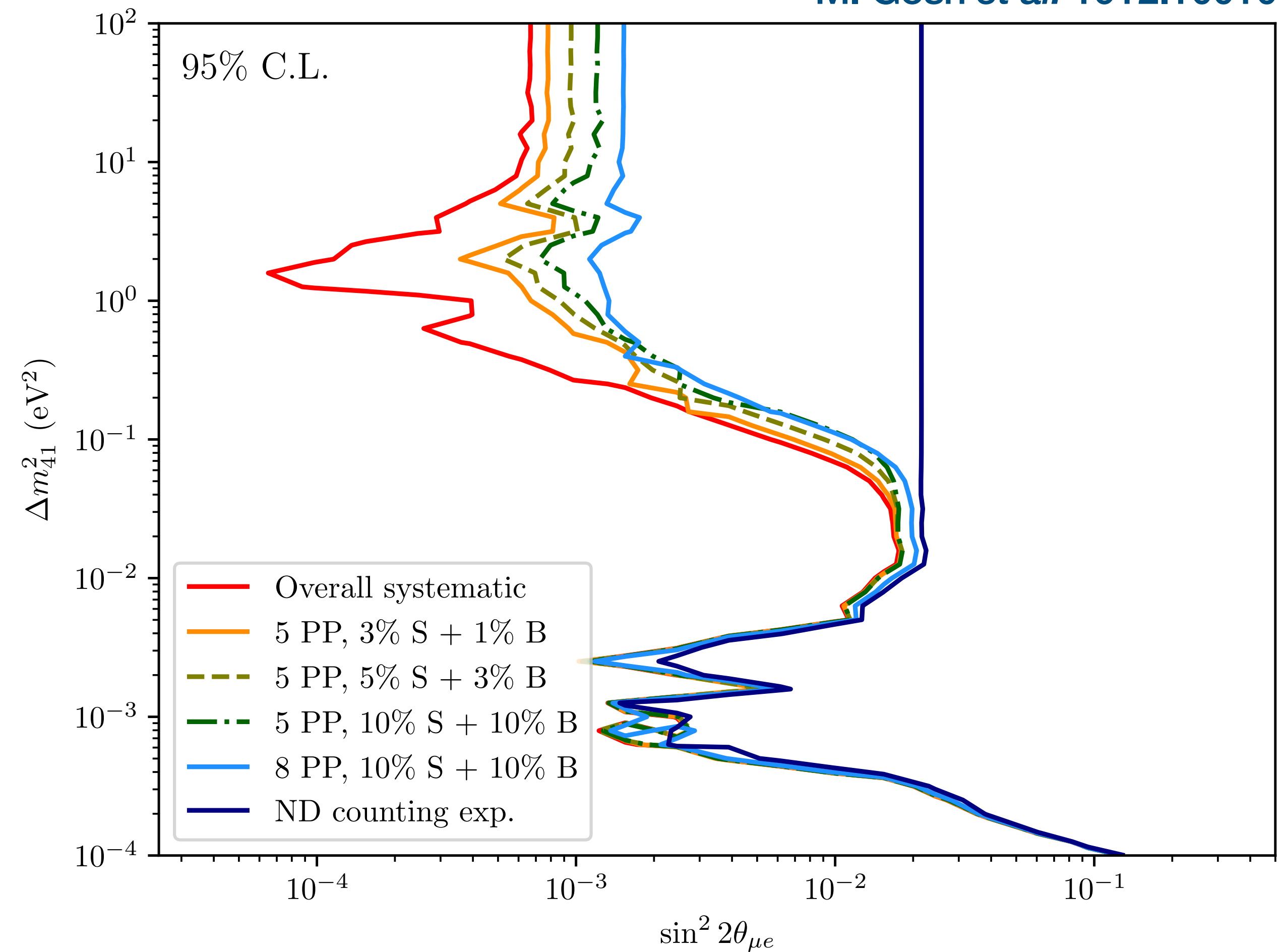
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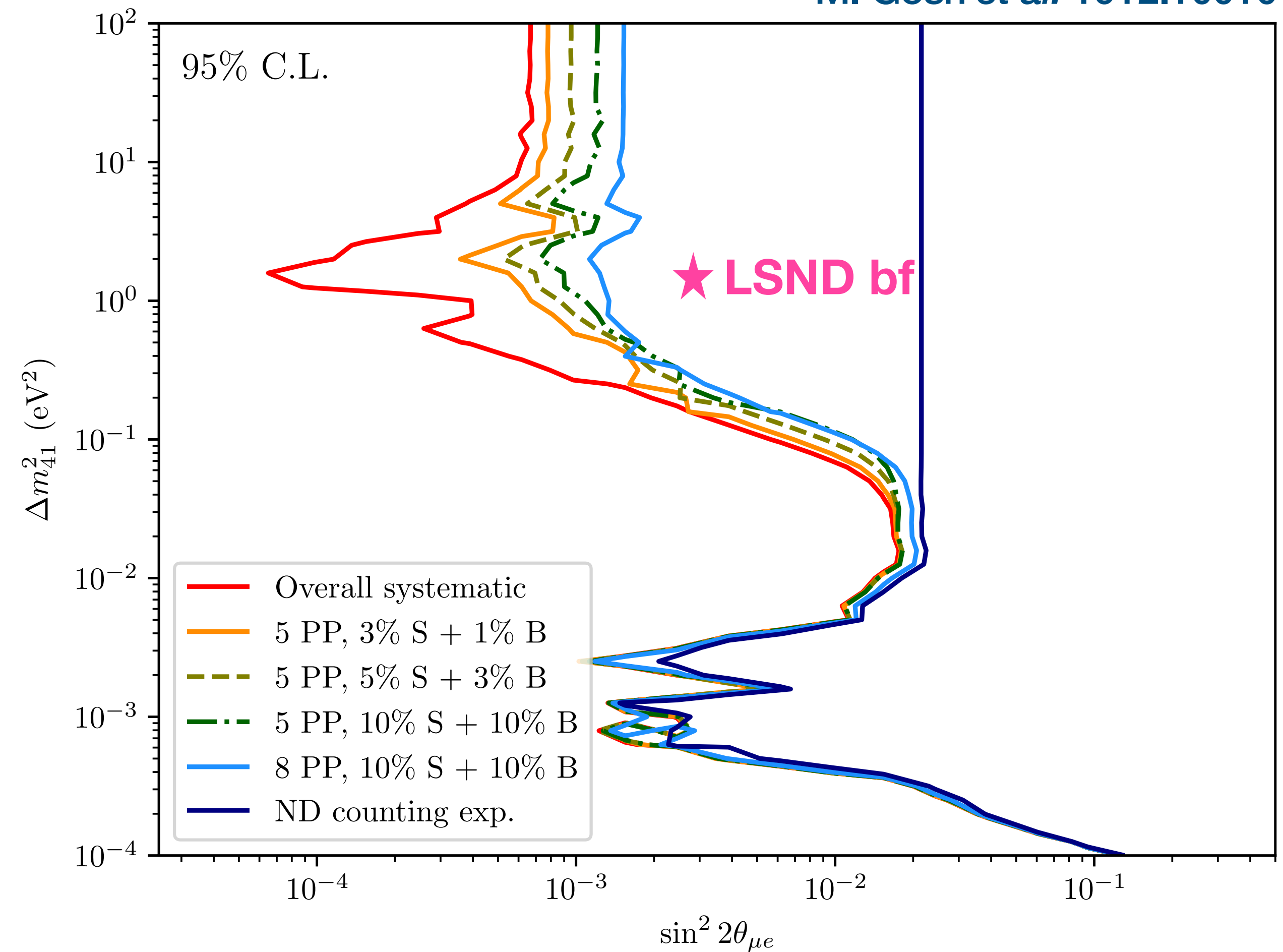
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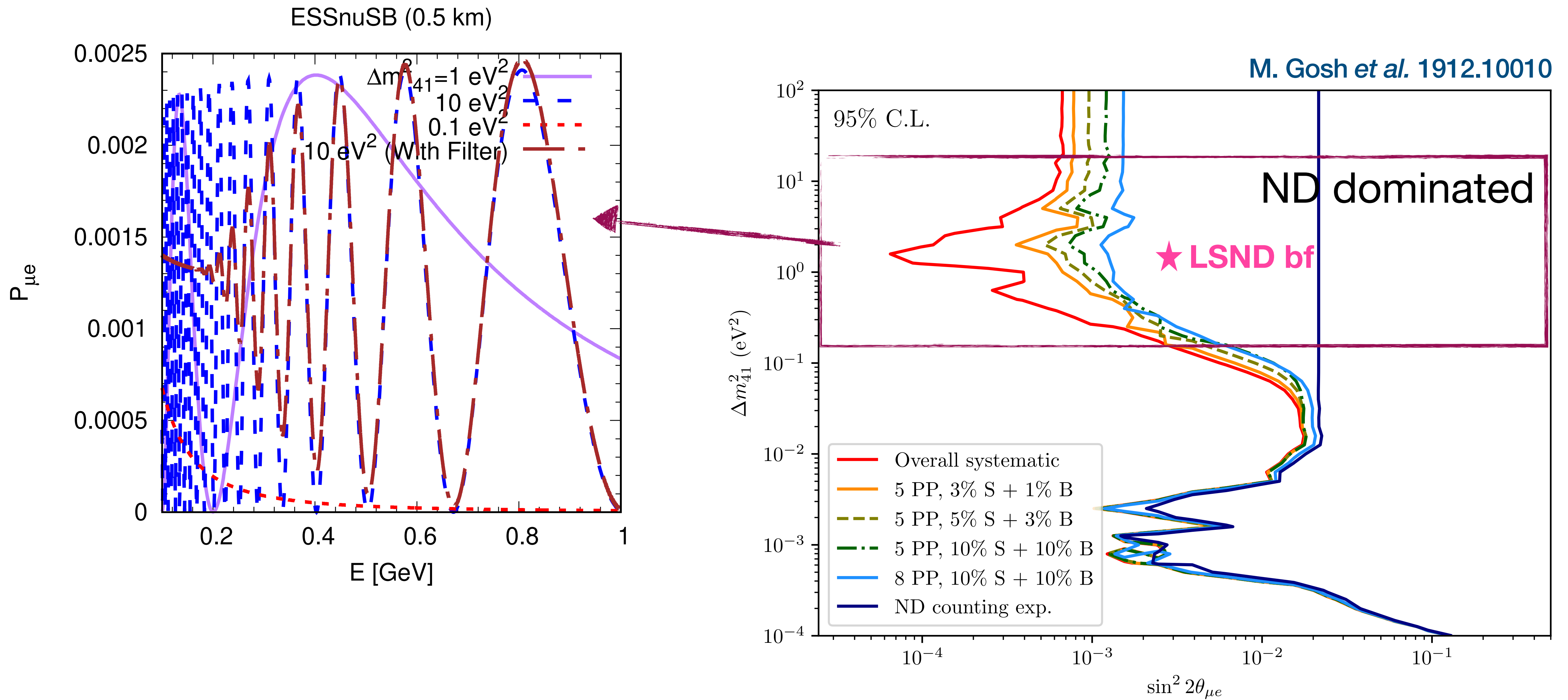
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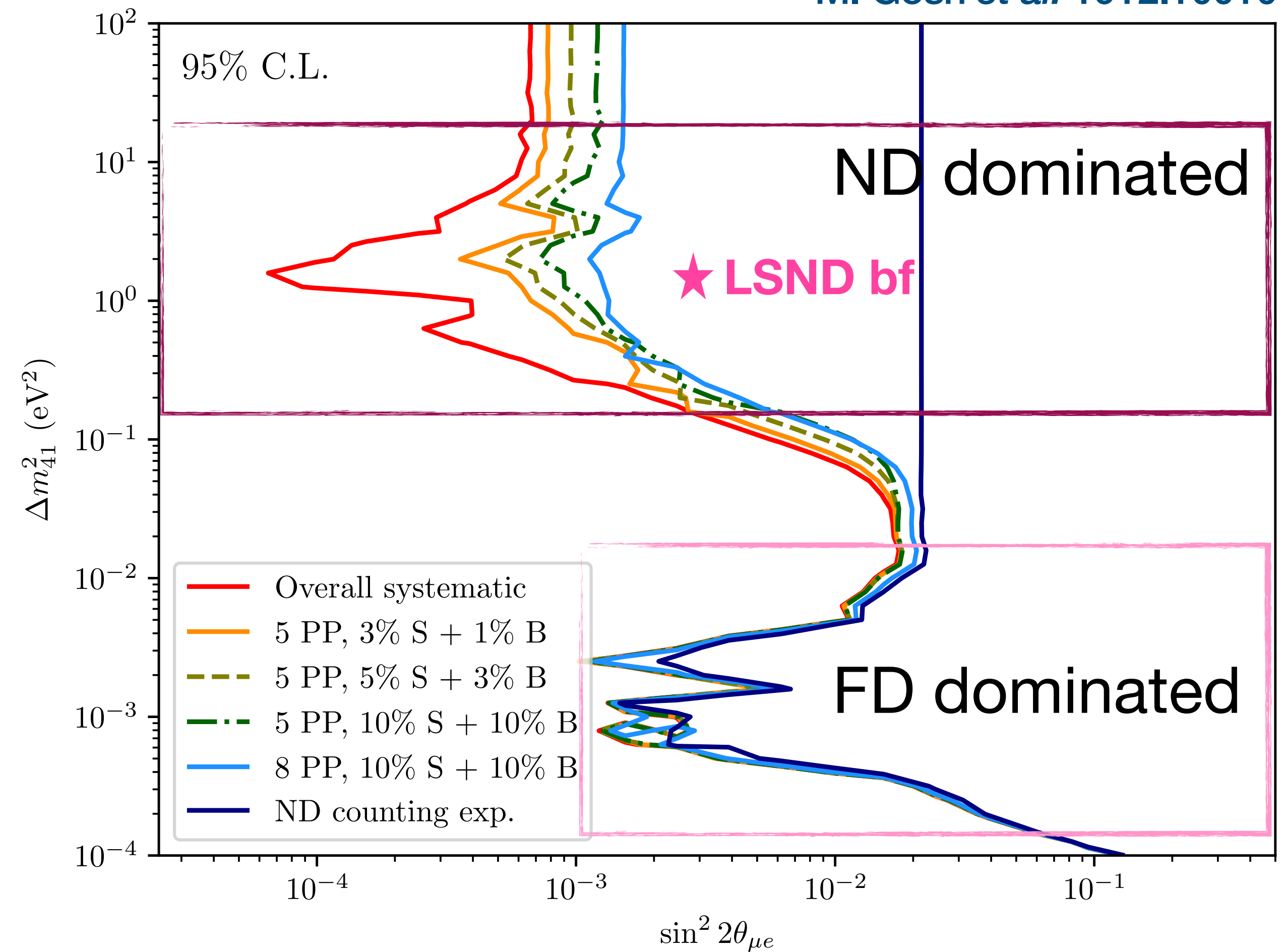
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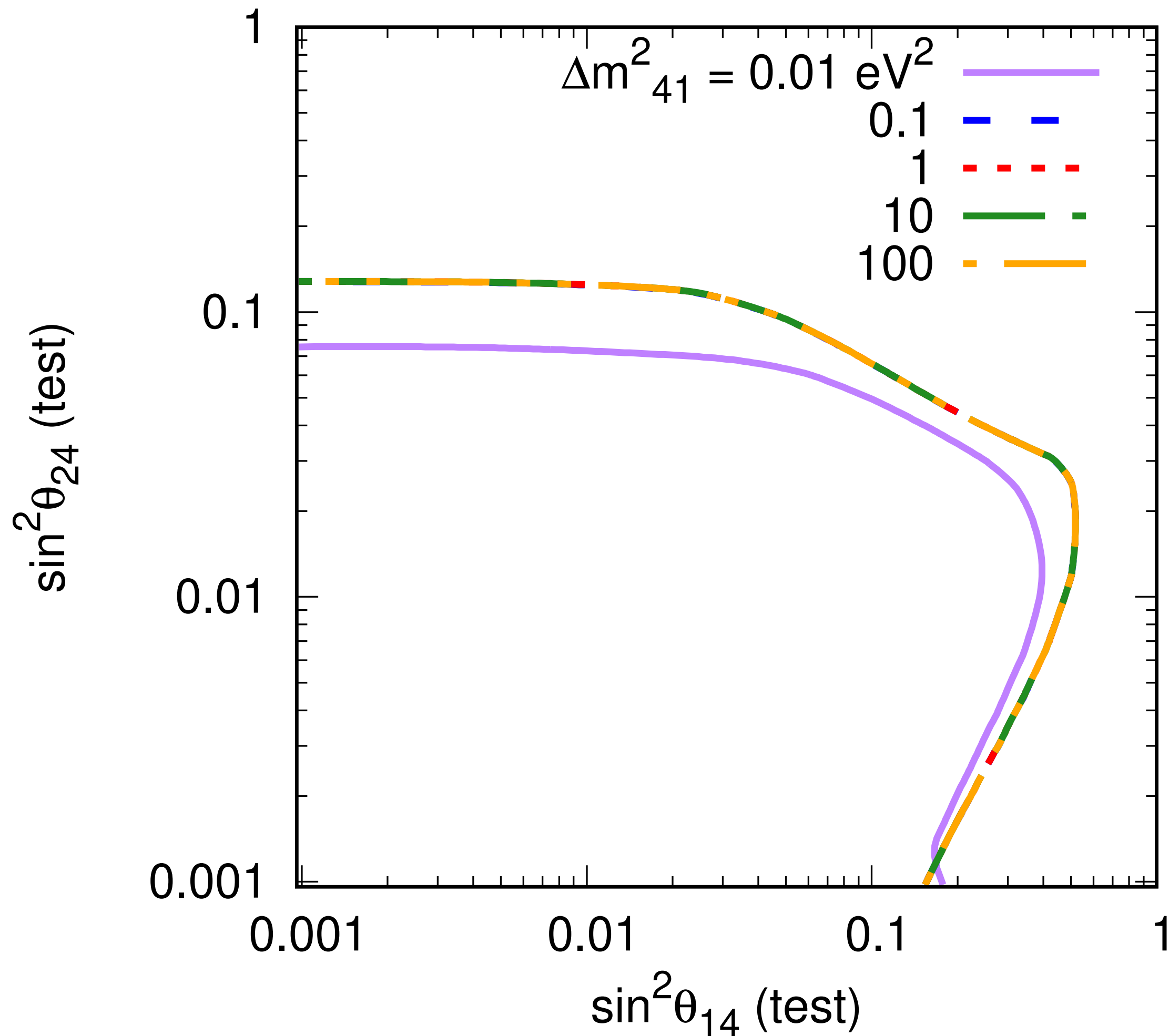
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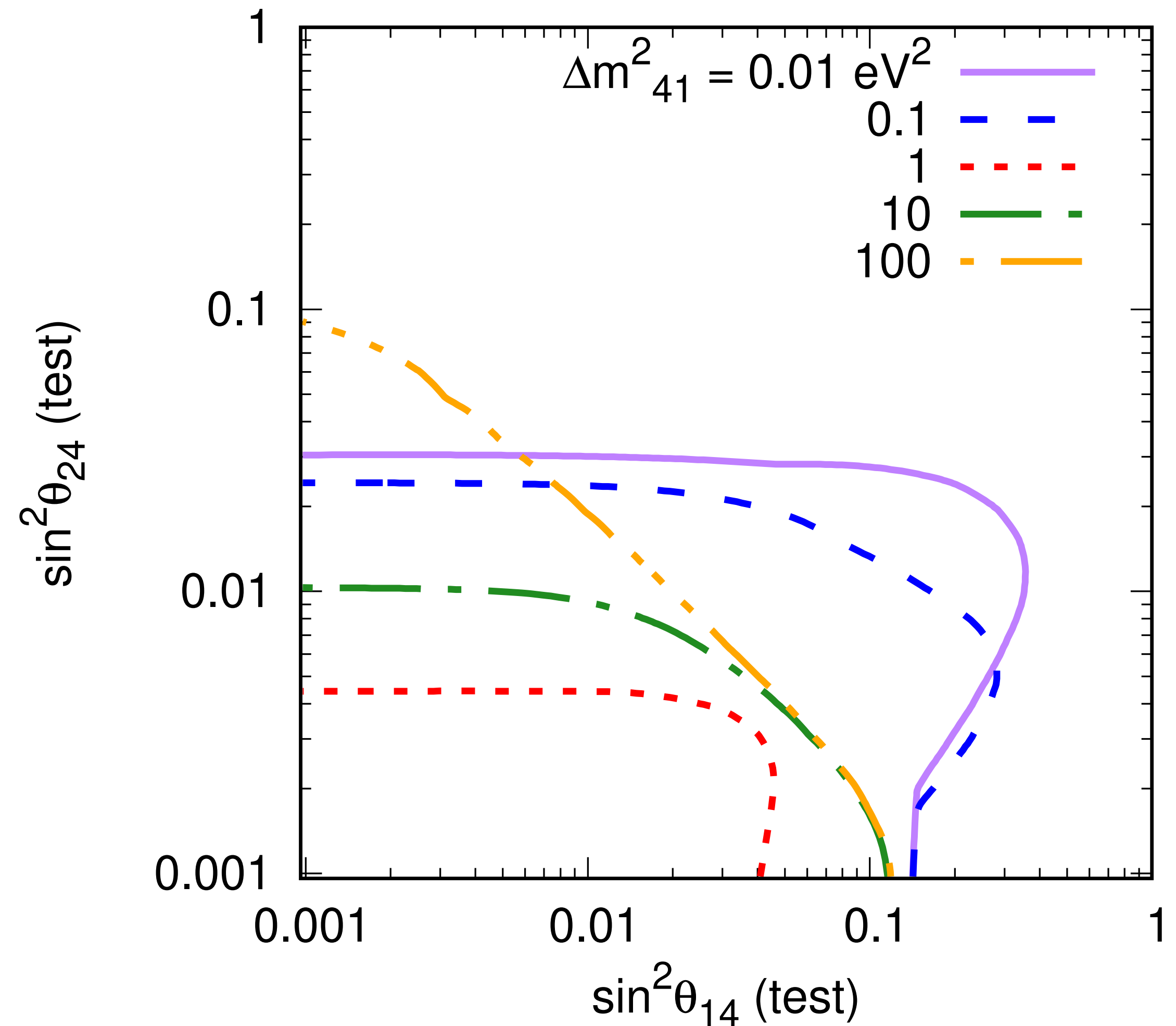


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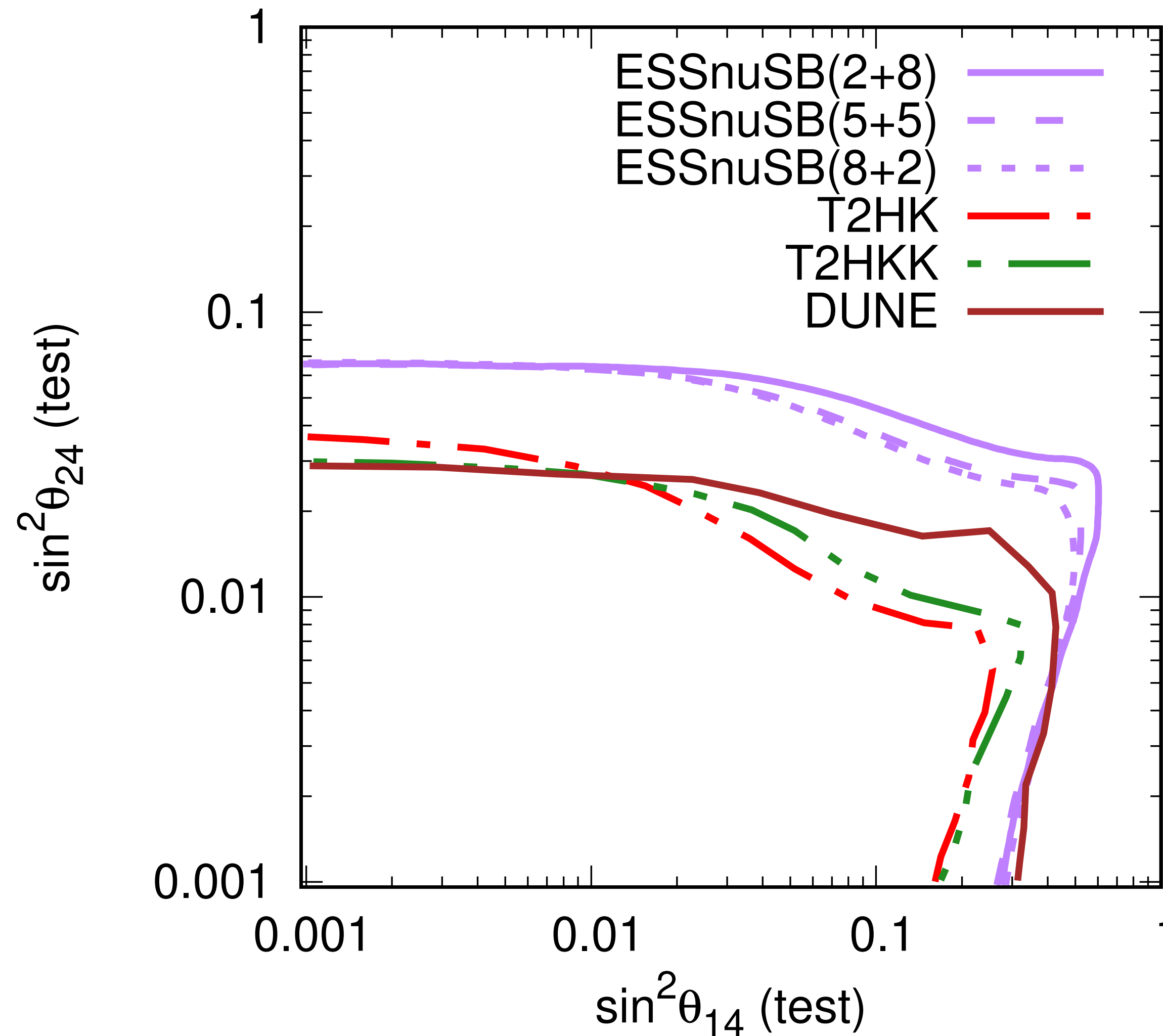


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$$\Delta m^2_{41} = 1.7 \text{ eV}^2, 95\% \text{ C.L.}$$

## Systematics

- 8% signal
- 10% bkg





# Impact of a sterile on $\delta$

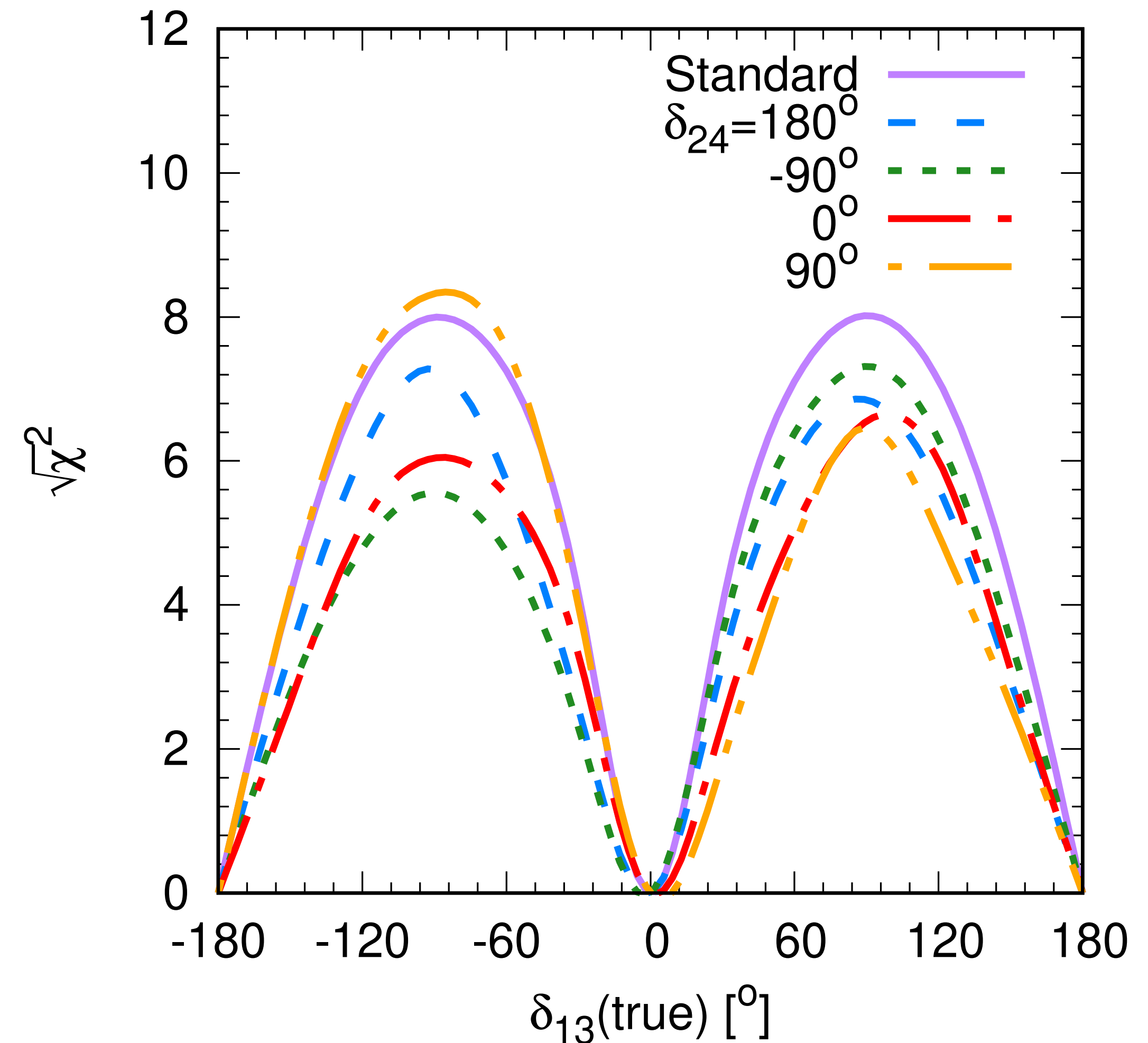
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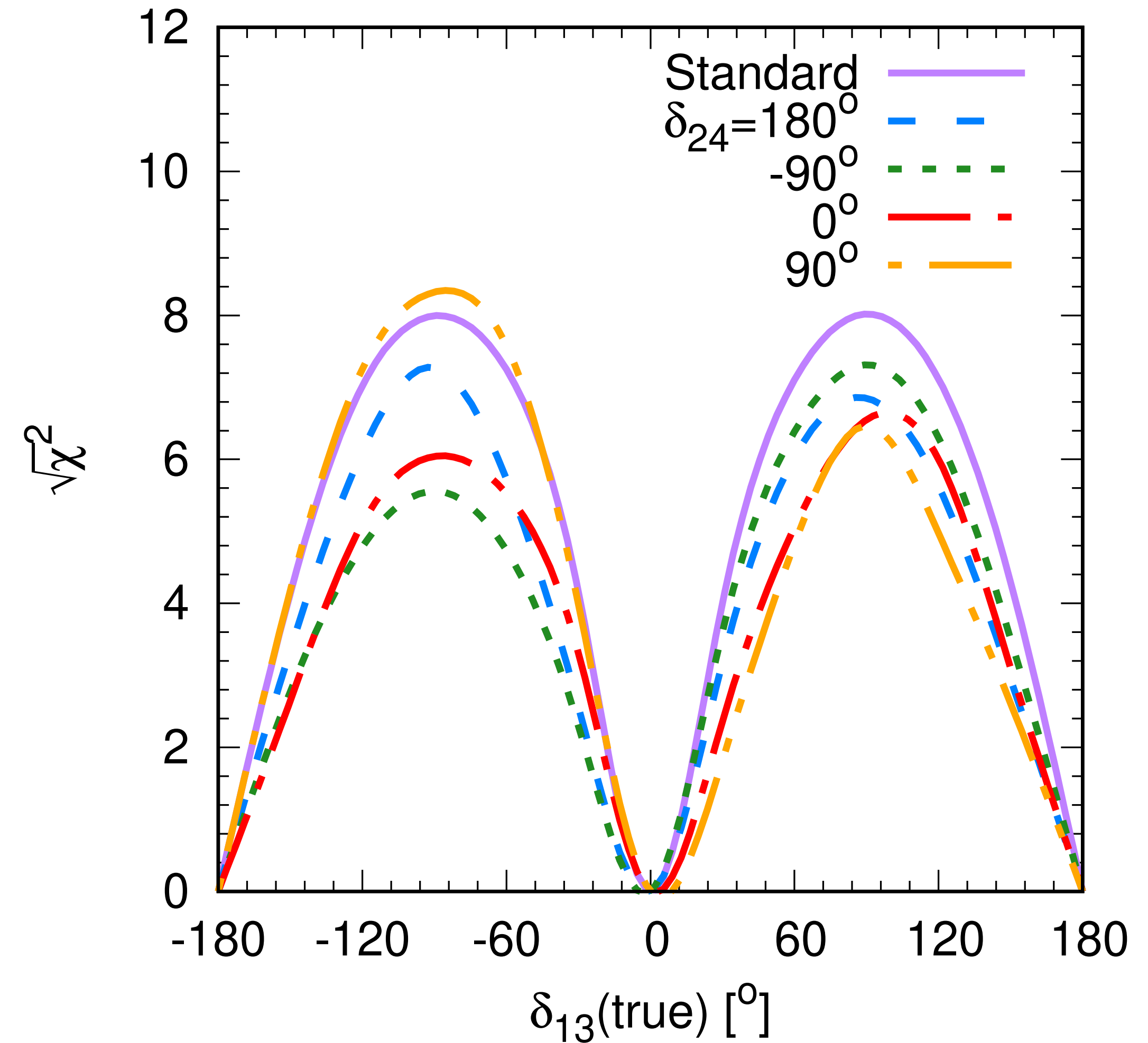
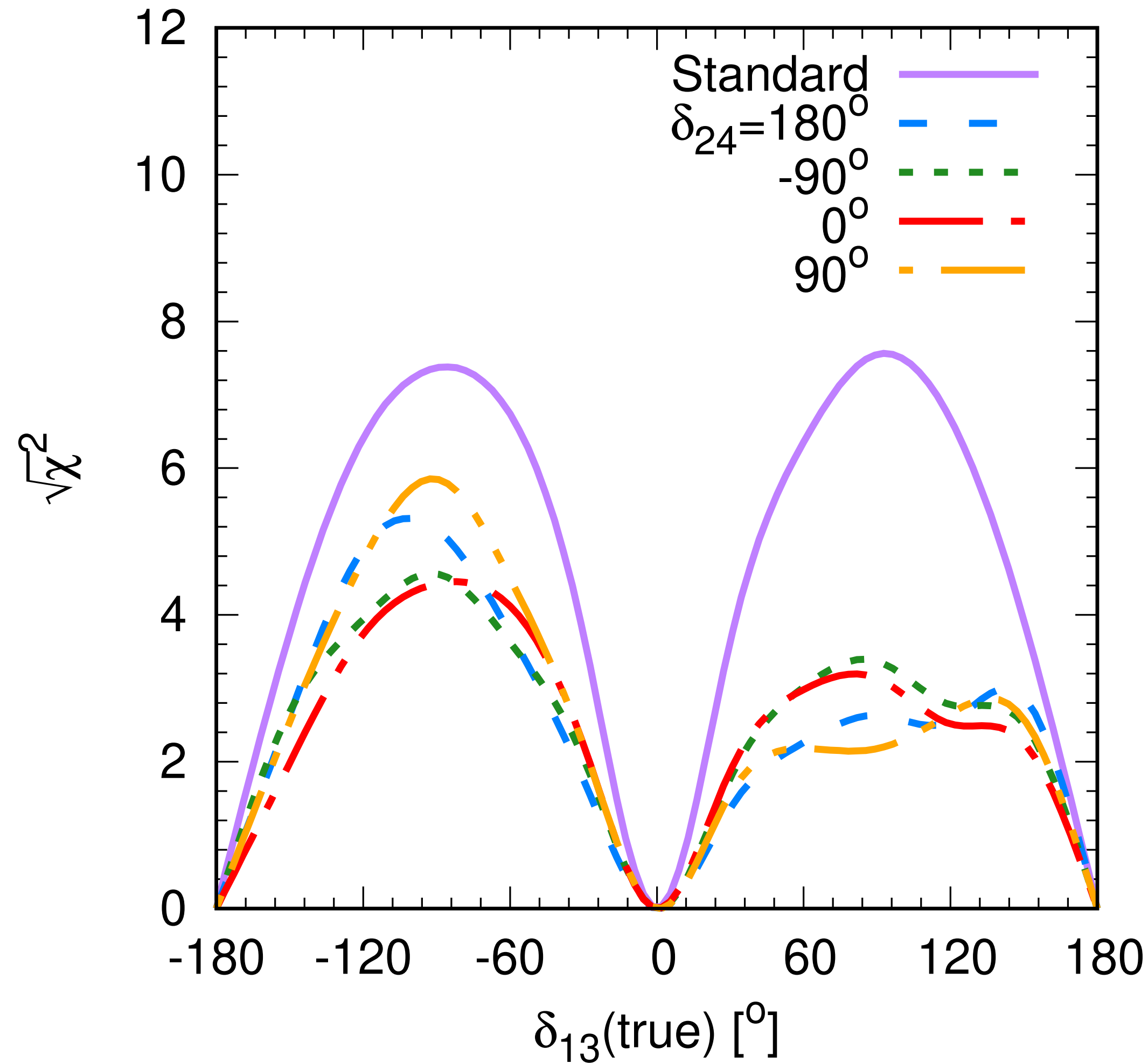


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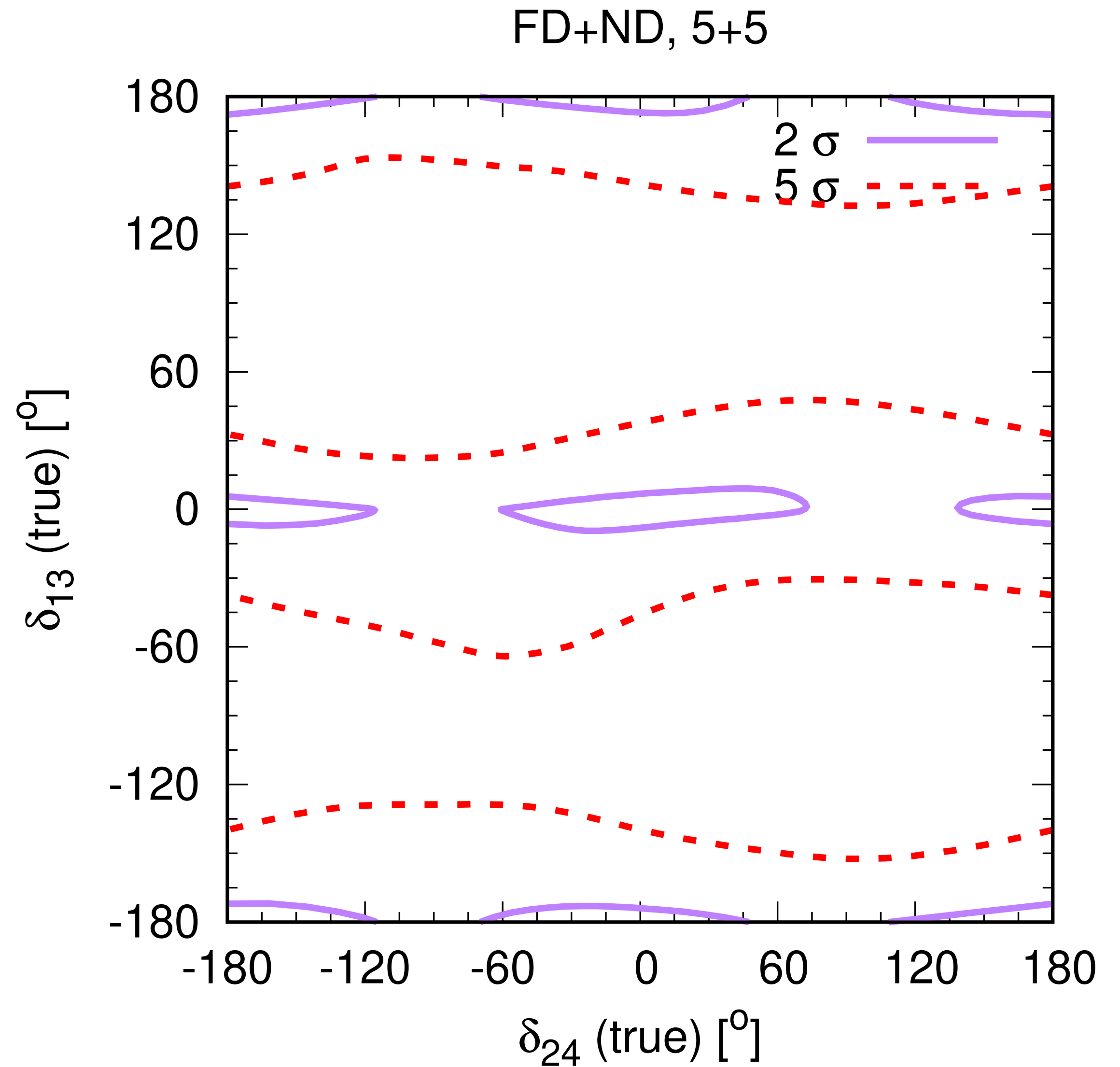
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# Sensitivity to CP violation

CP violation discovery  
still possible for any  $\delta_{24}$



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Models in agreement with oscillation data at  $3\sigma$

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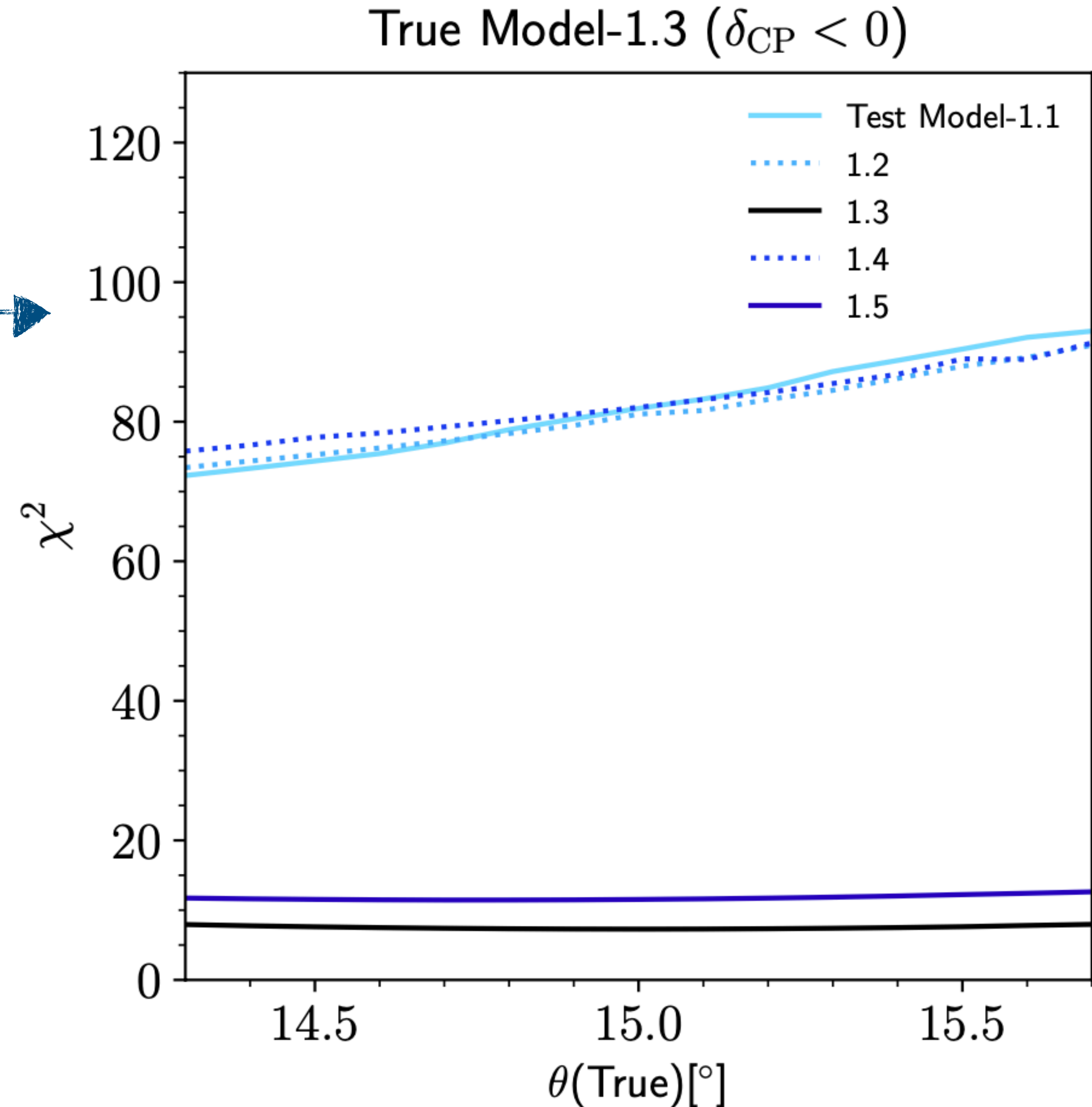
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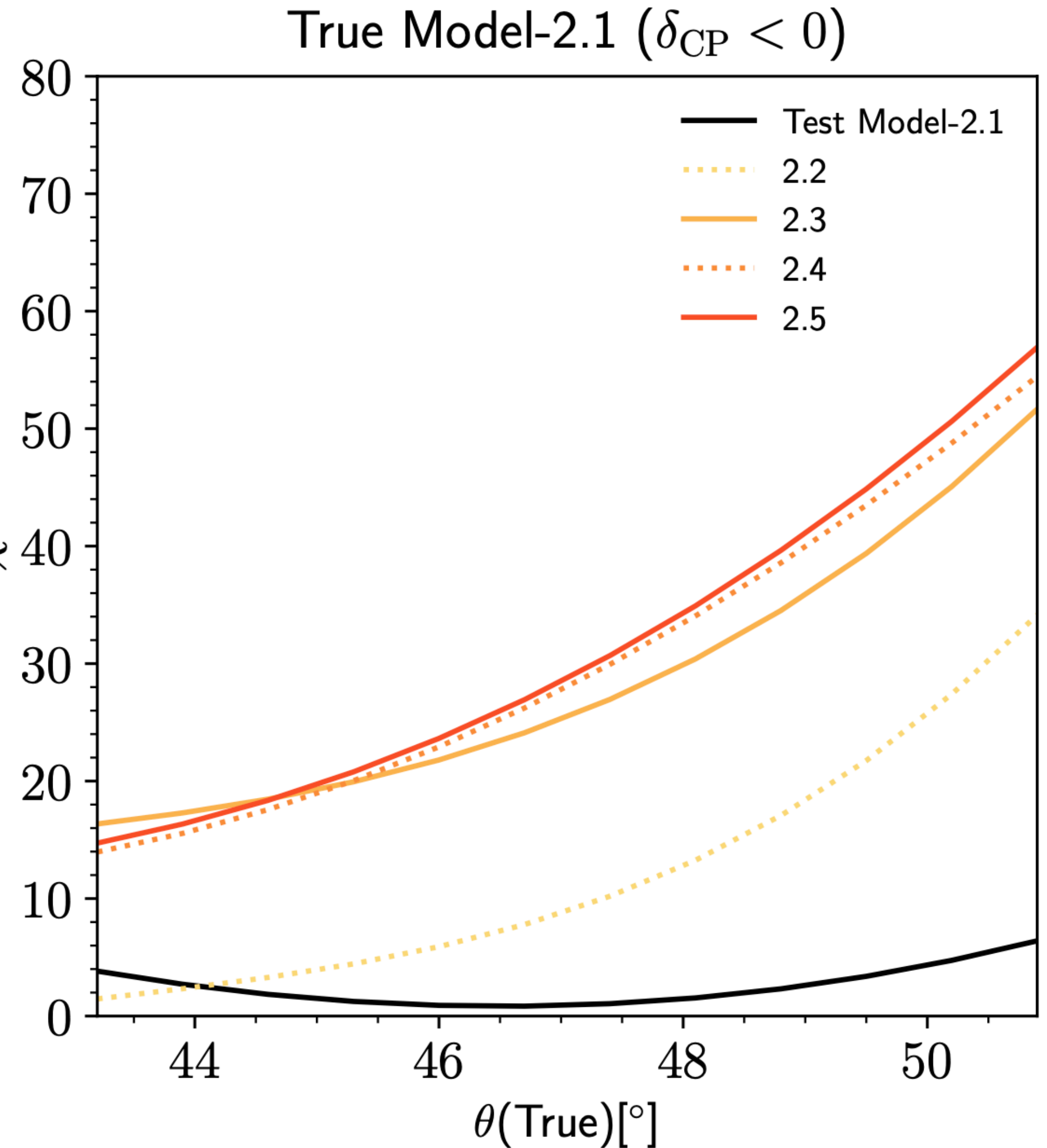
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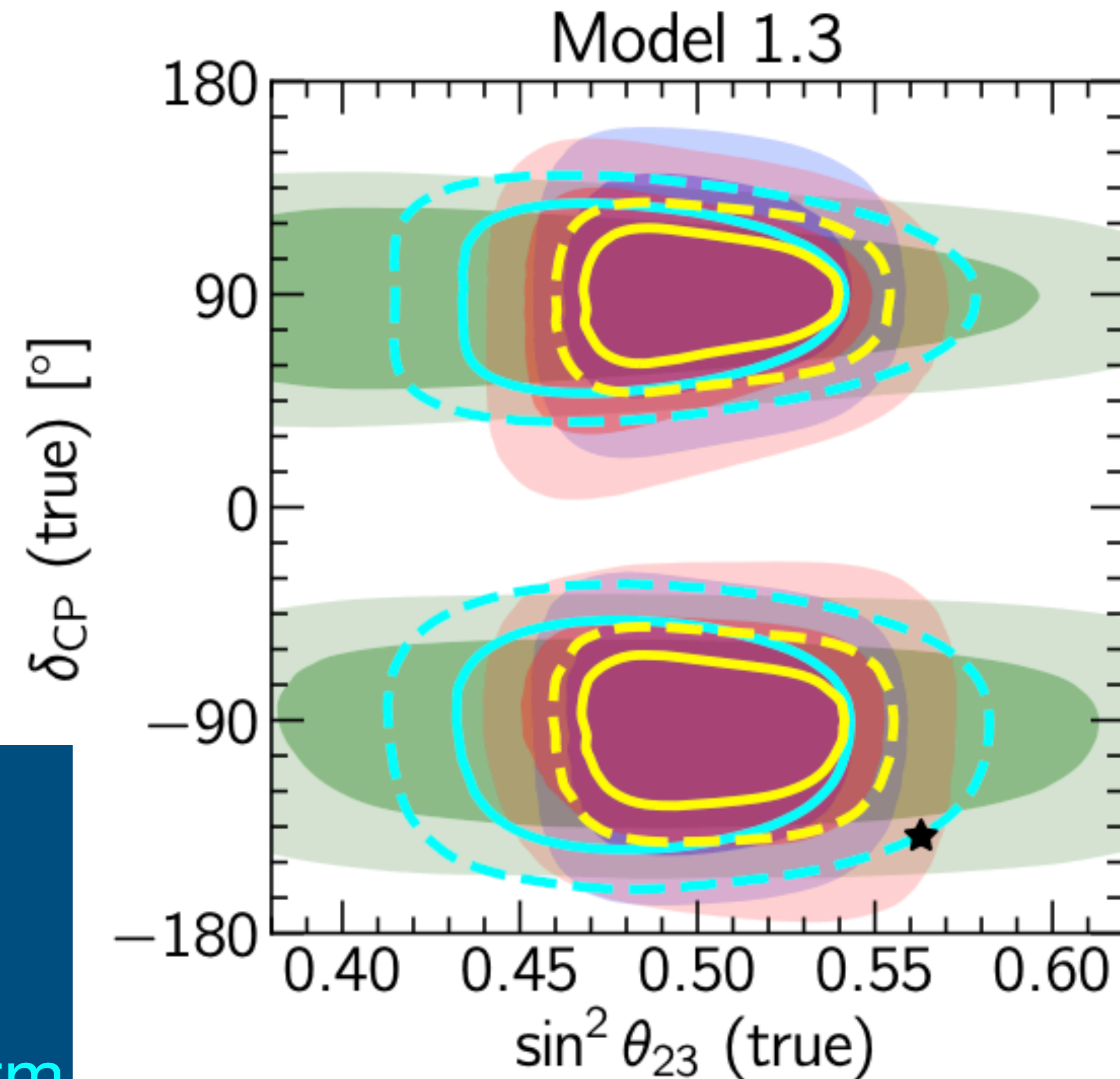




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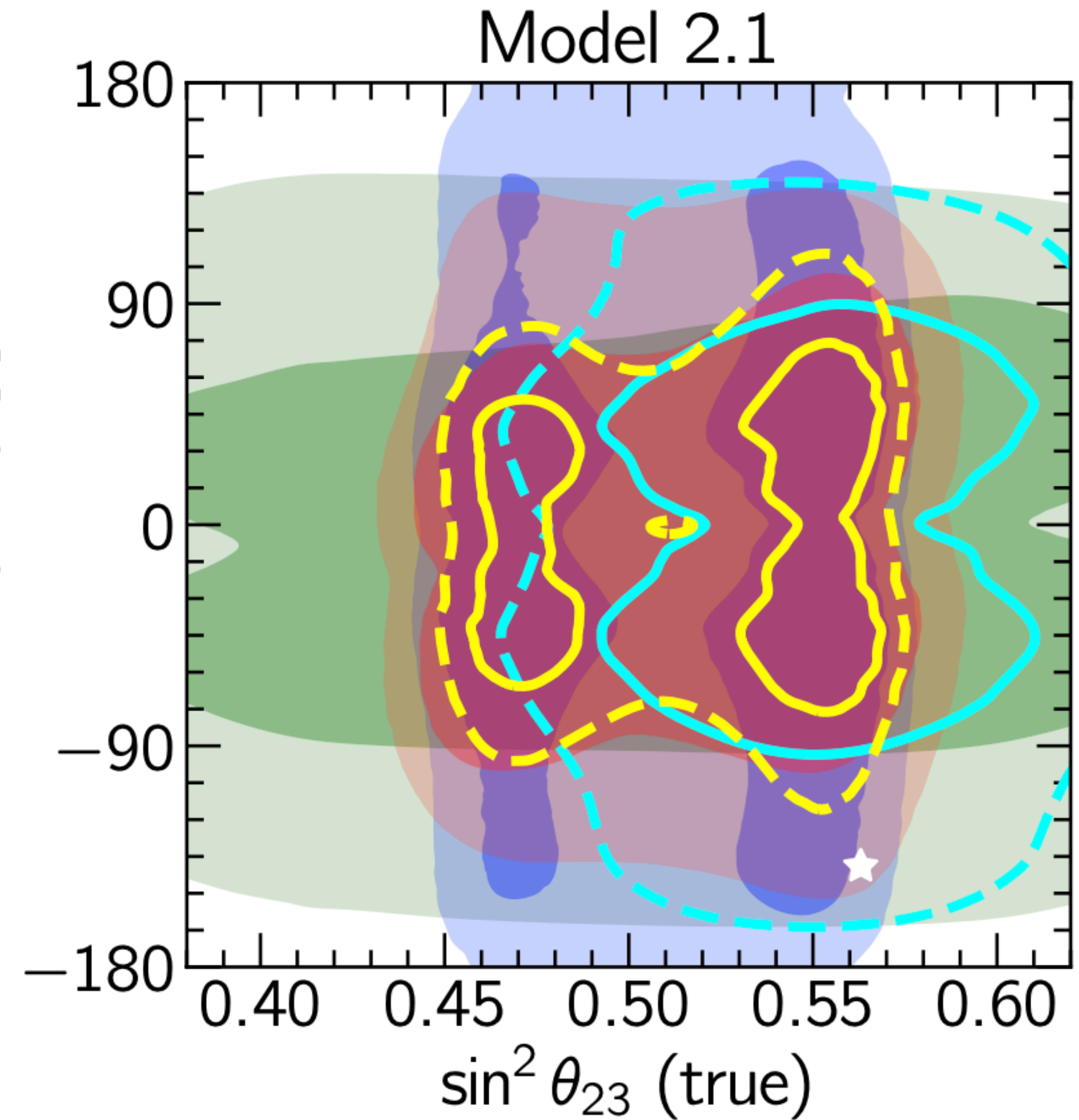
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# Conclusions

## $3\nu$ oscillation searches:

- Combining **beam** and **atm** data **enhance** the **physics reach of ESSnuSB**
- After **10 years**, the CP fraction for a  $5\sigma$  discovery is **62 (56)%** at **540 (360)km**
- Optimise RT to maximise the precision on  $\delta$  which

can range from  $\Delta\delta\sim 6^\circ$  for CP conservation to  $\Delta\delta<18^\circ$  for maximal CP violation

## Beyond $3\nu$ oscillation searches:

- **ESSnuSB** could **constrain light-steriles** and still **discover CP violation**
- **Discrete flavour models** can be tested and **constrained/ruled out**