

# JERARQUÍA DE MASAS EN EXPERIMENTOS DE OSCILACIONES DE NEUTRINOS



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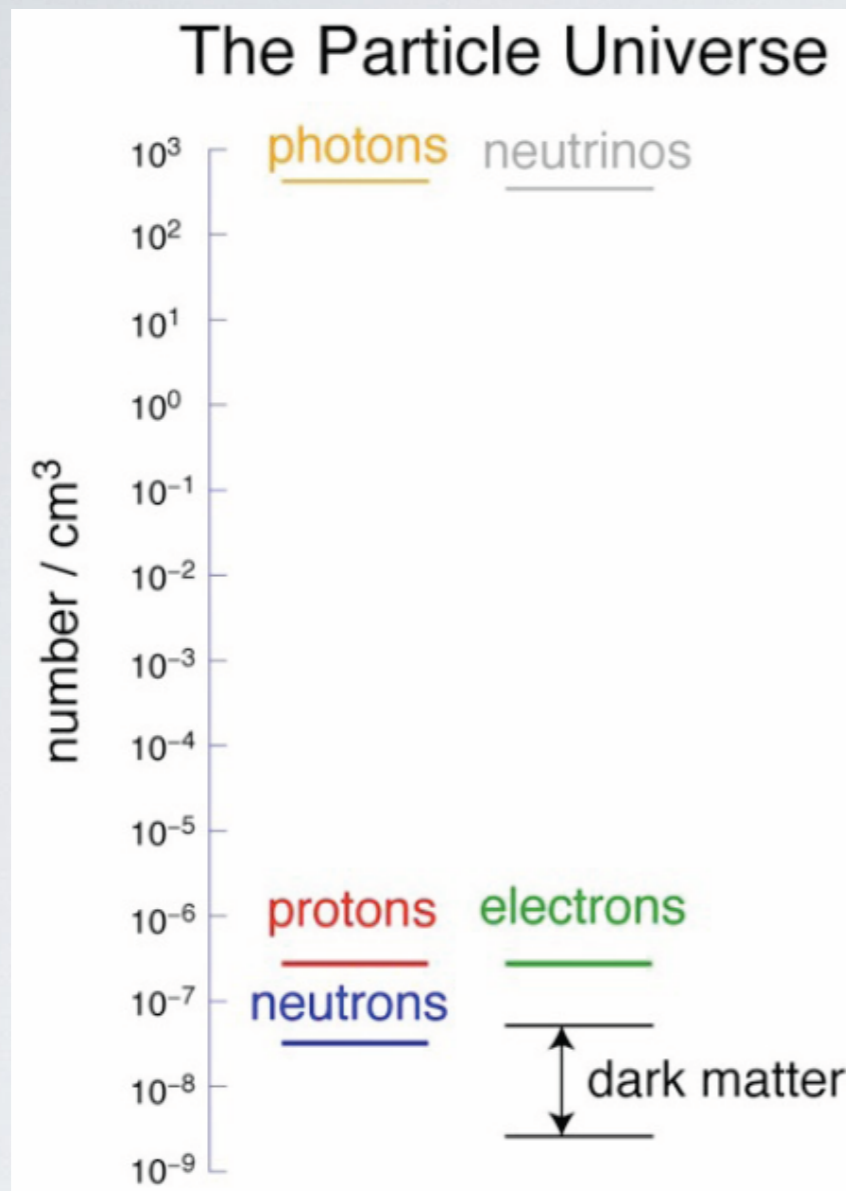
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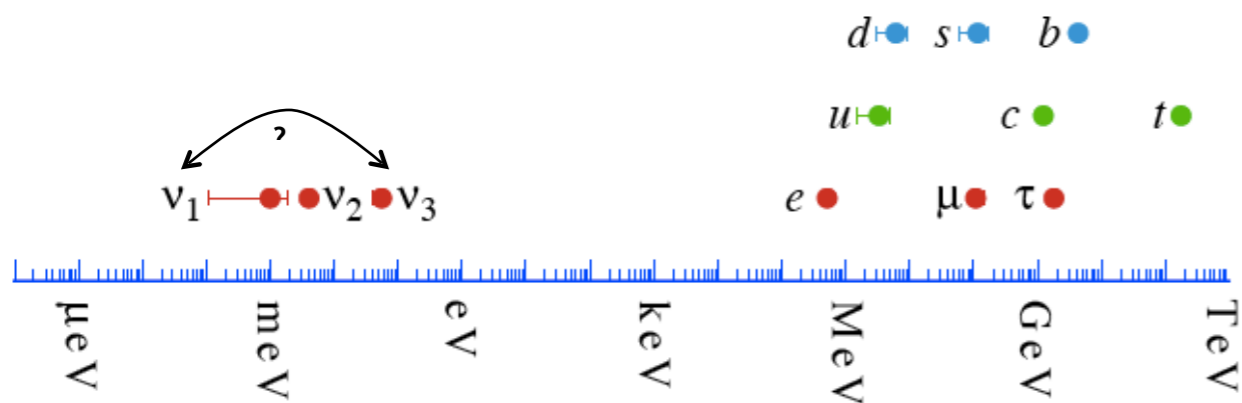
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# Why study neutrino oscillations?



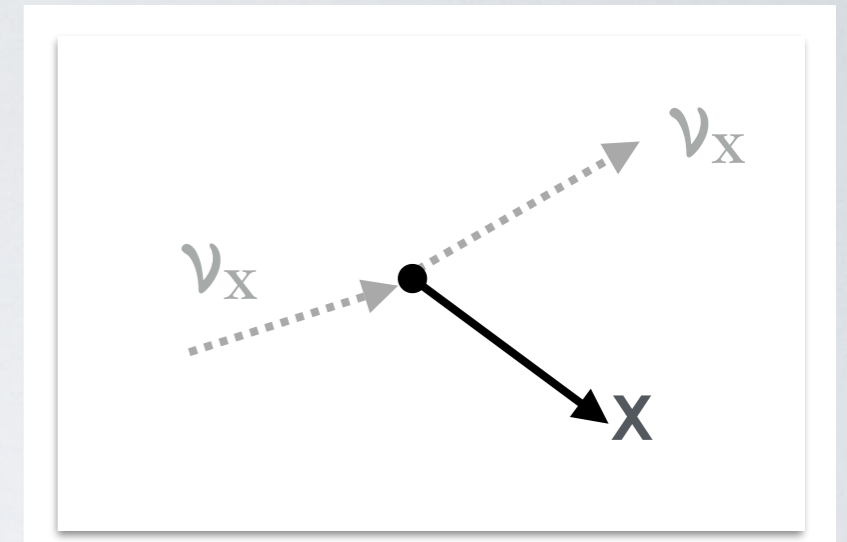
- Second most abundant particle in the Universe and yet the worst understood
- Dark Matter aside, the only measured confirmation of Physics beyond the Standard Model
- ~20 000 neutrino papers since the discovery of neutrino oscillations
- Nobel prize 2015 and Breakthrough prize 2016
- Many open questions: CP violation (matter-antimatter asymmetry), mass ordering and mass scale, Dirac or Majorana...
- Oscillation parameters are, to our best knowledge, fundamental constants of Nature



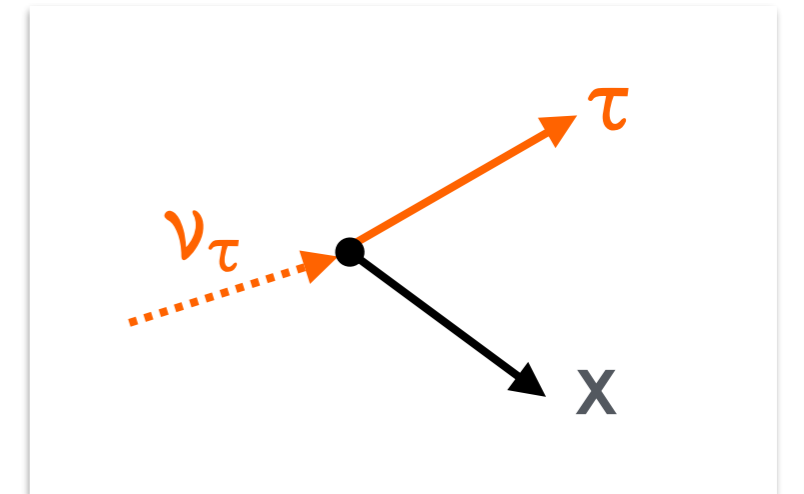
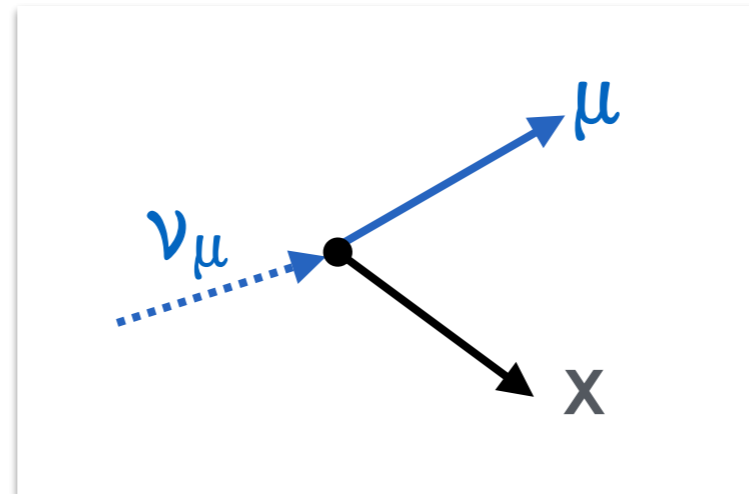
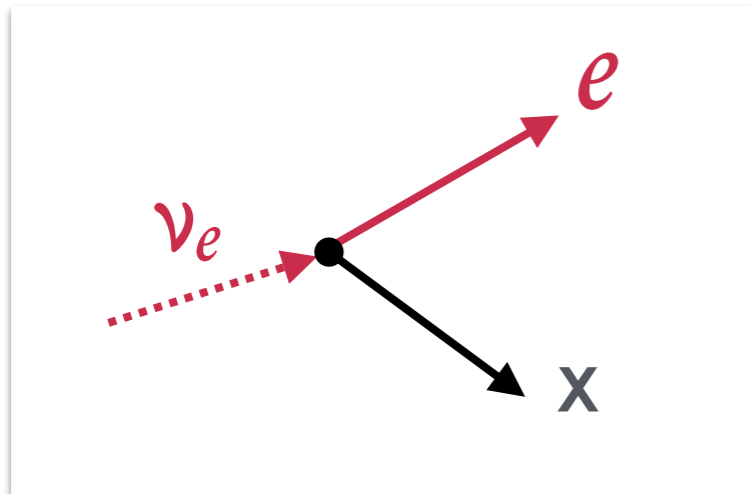
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- Weak interaction is flavour-conserving, so neutrinos can be identified via the outgoing lepton

**Unless, of course, it is another neutrino**

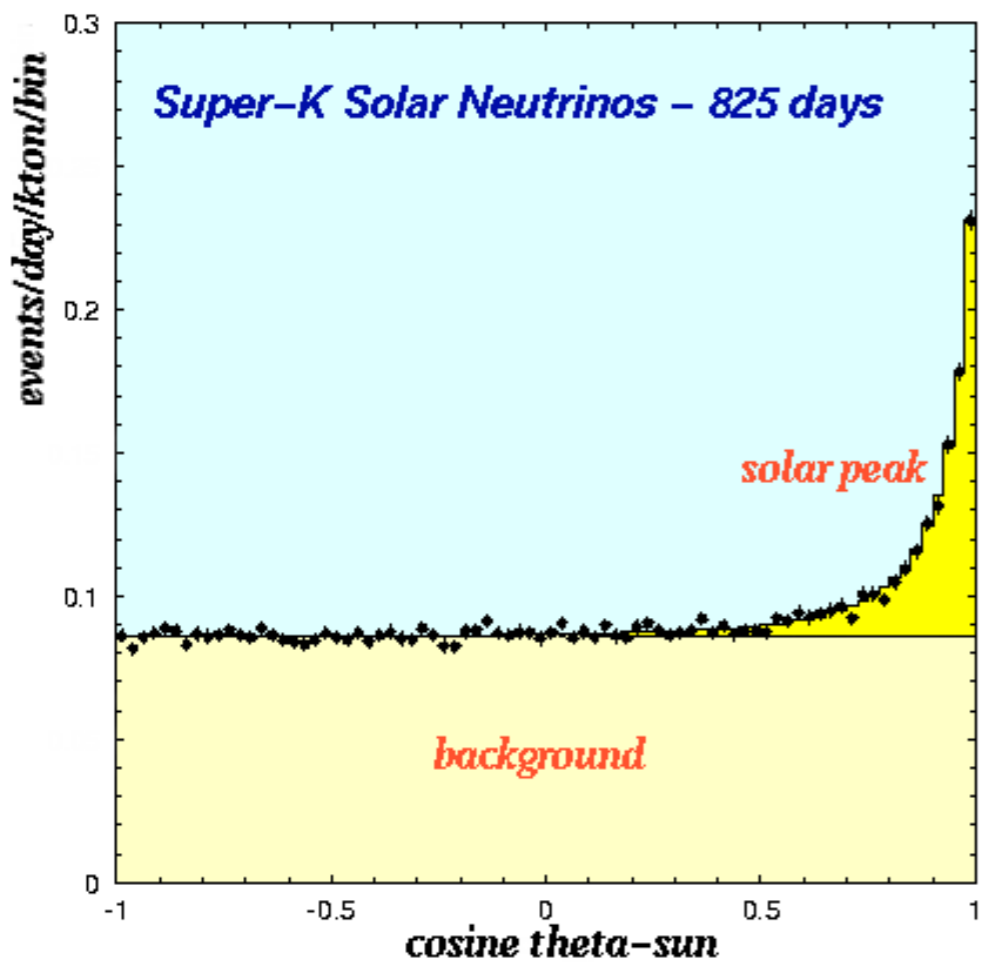
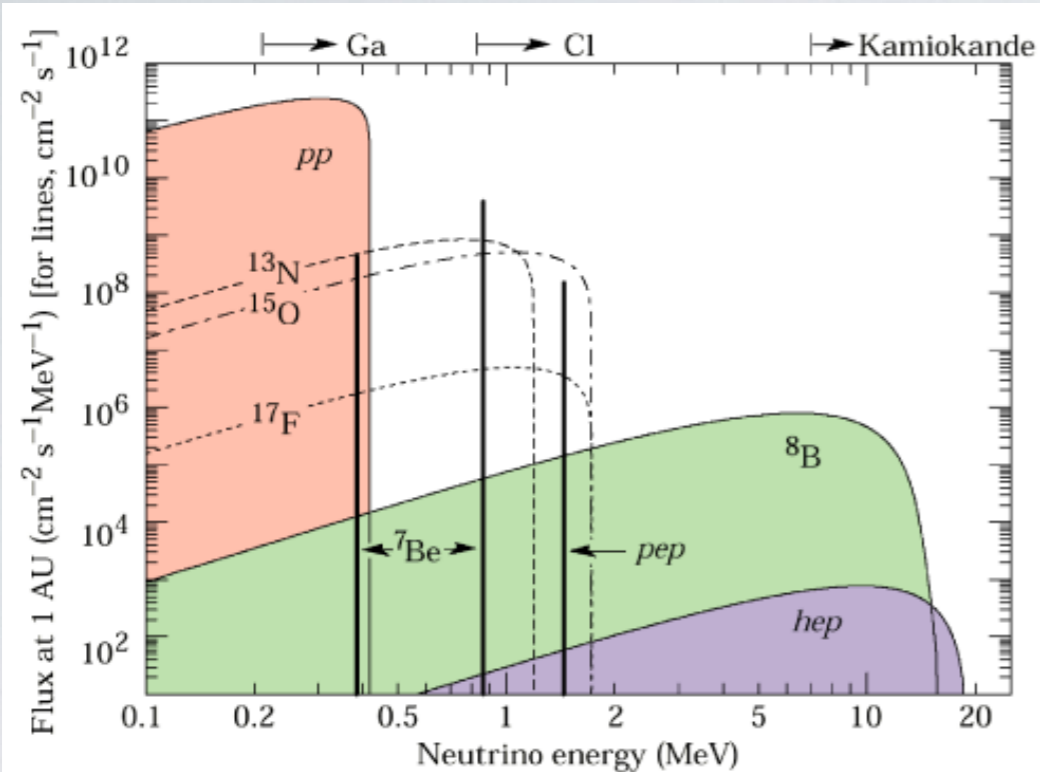


**Neutral current interactions**



**Charged current interactions**

# Solar neutrinos



- Neutrinos are produced in the Sun by myriads (several million through every square cm of your body per second)
- Mostly detected through beta decay of
- $B \rightarrow Be^* + e^+ + \nu_e$  (up to 15 MeV)
- Homestake experiment, SAGE, GALLEX and esp. Super-Kamiokande detected a deficit wrt. theory: solar neutrino problem
- Because of Cherenkov directionality in SuperK, neutrinos were known to come from the Sun

- Solar neutrino problem was solved by SNO
- 1000 tons of heavy water, D<sub>2</sub>O
- Can identify electrons, protons and photons produced in neutron capture

Designed to measure both  $\nu_e$  and *total* neutrino flux

$$\text{CC rate} \propto \phi(\nu_e)$$

$$\text{NC rate} \propto \phi(\nu_e) + \phi(\nu_\mu) + \phi(\nu_\tau)$$

$$\text{ES rate} \propto \phi(\nu_e) + 0.154 [\phi(\nu_\mu) + \phi(\nu_\tau)]$$

**Only electron neutrinos**

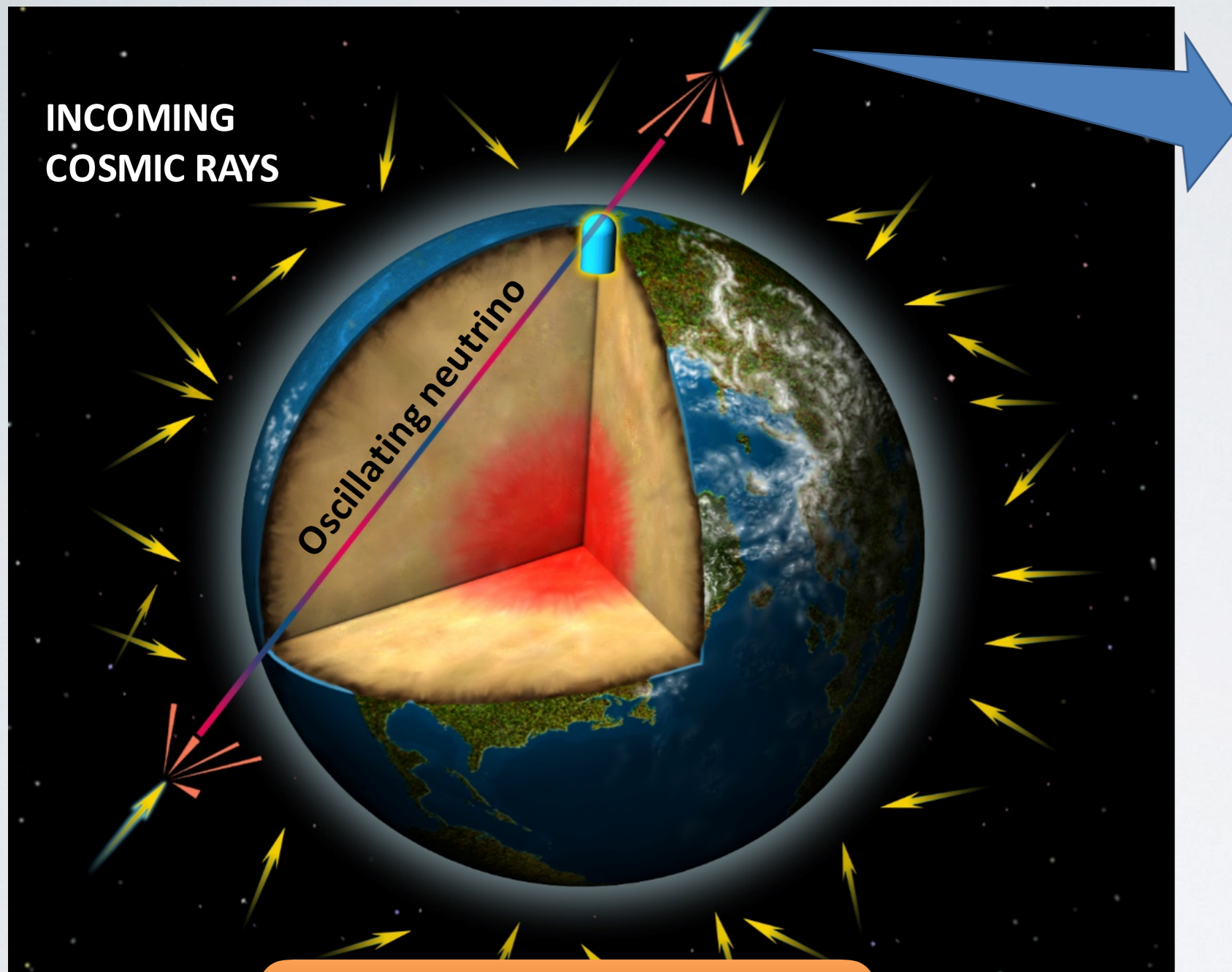
**All flavours**

**Tau and mu only via NC**

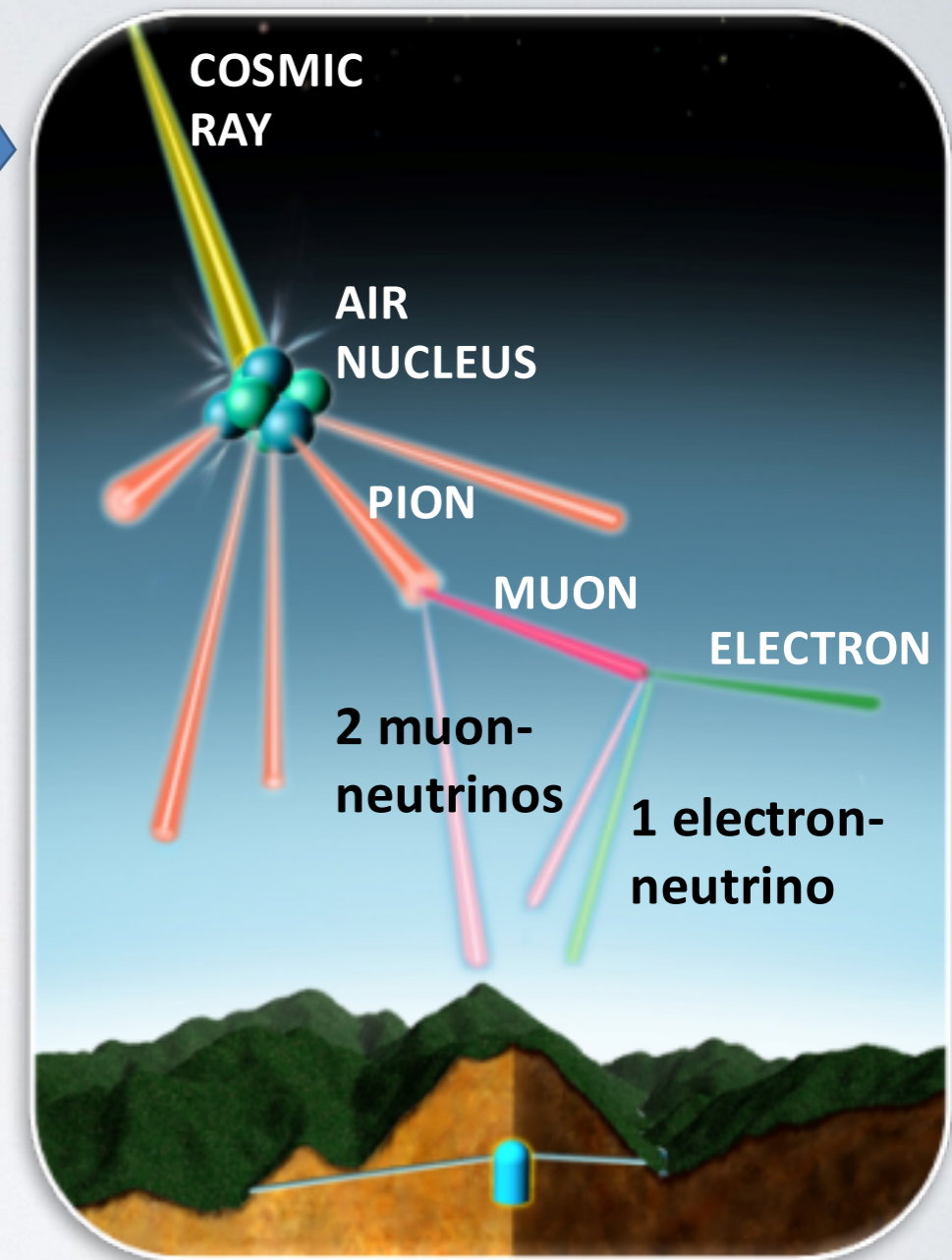
$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\nu_e) &= (1.76 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \\ \phi(\nu_\mu) + \phi(\nu_\tau) &= (3.41 \pm 0.63) \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \\ \phi(\nu_e)_{\text{pred}} &= (5.1 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Electron neutrinos oscillate on their way from the sun!

# Atmospheric neutrinos

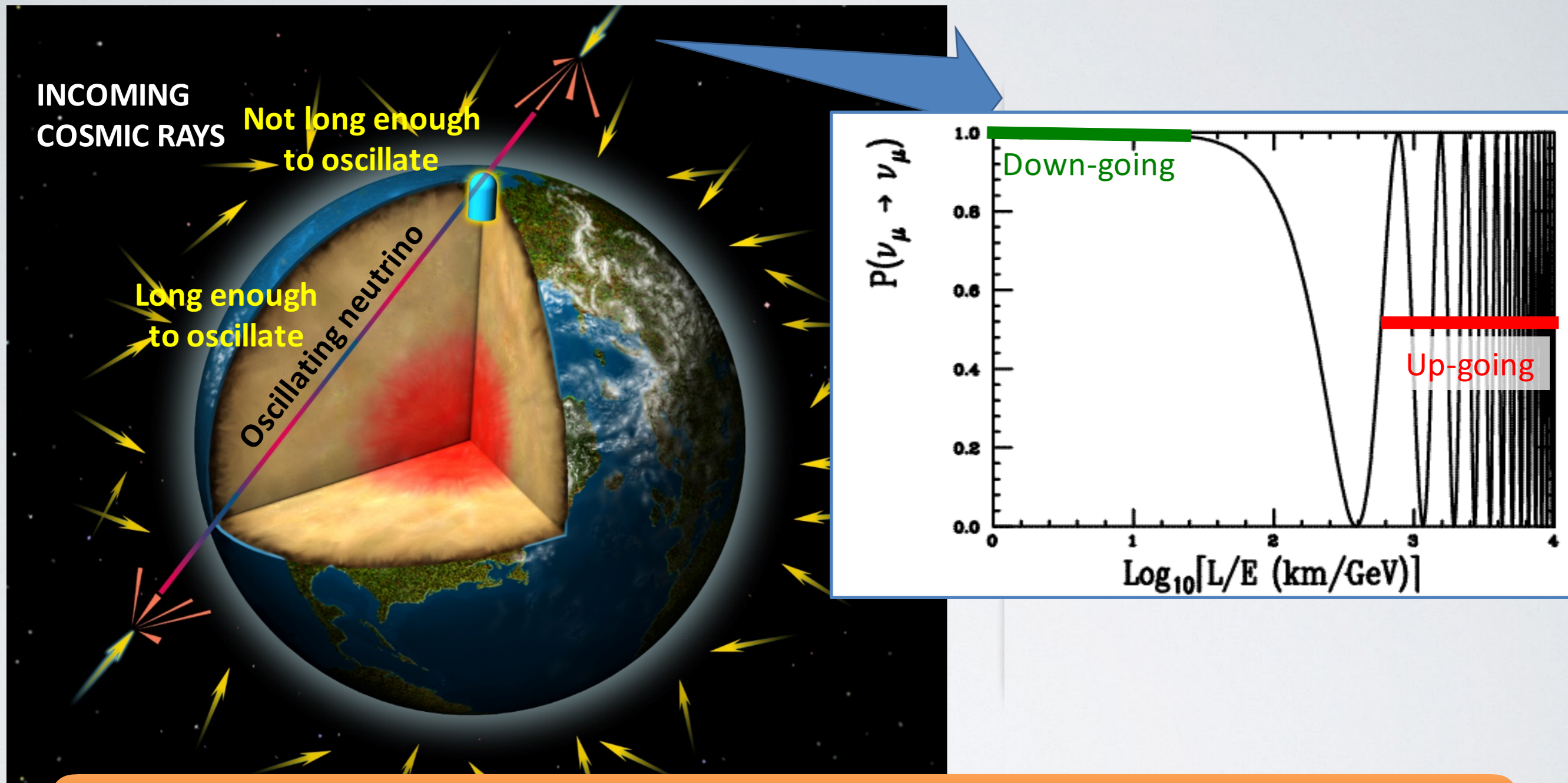


Up/down ratio  $\sim 1$   
(isotropic cosmic flux)



$\nu_{\mu}/\nu_e$  ratio  $\sim 2$

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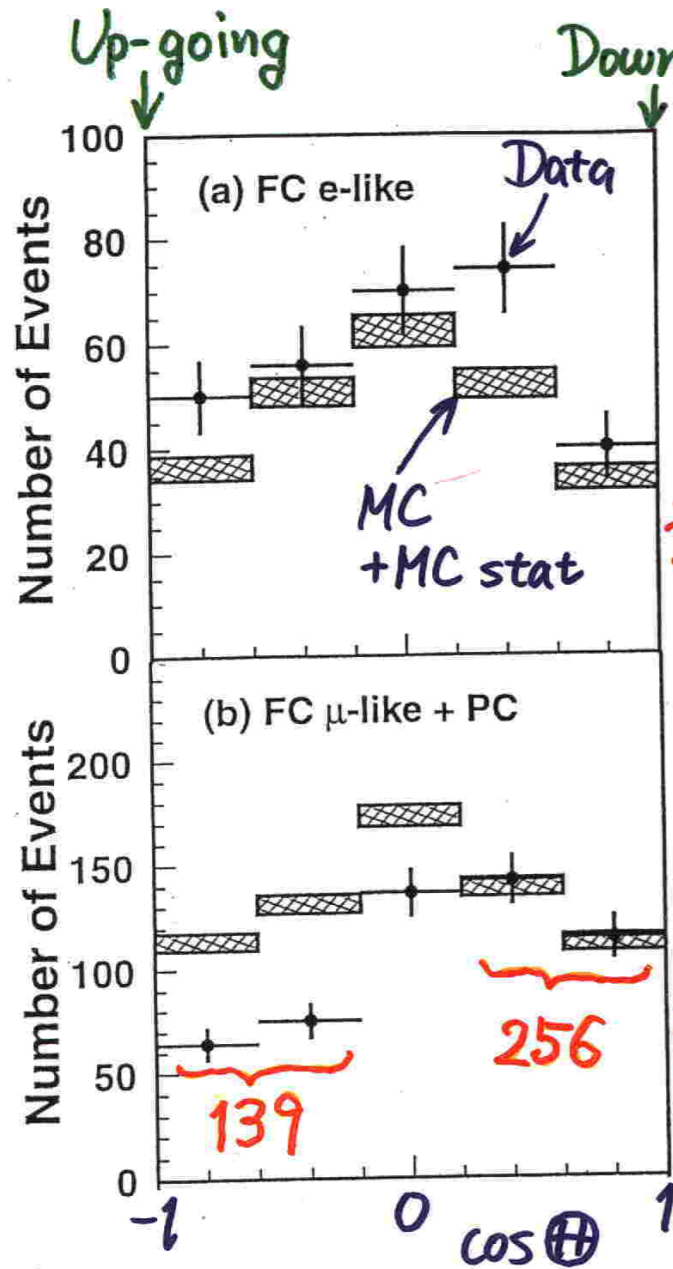


If there's oscillation, a deficit upwards-going  $\nu_\mu$  should be observed



# Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV)

(e)



$\chi^2(\text{shape})$   
= 2.8 / 4 dof

$\frac{U}{D} = 0.93^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$

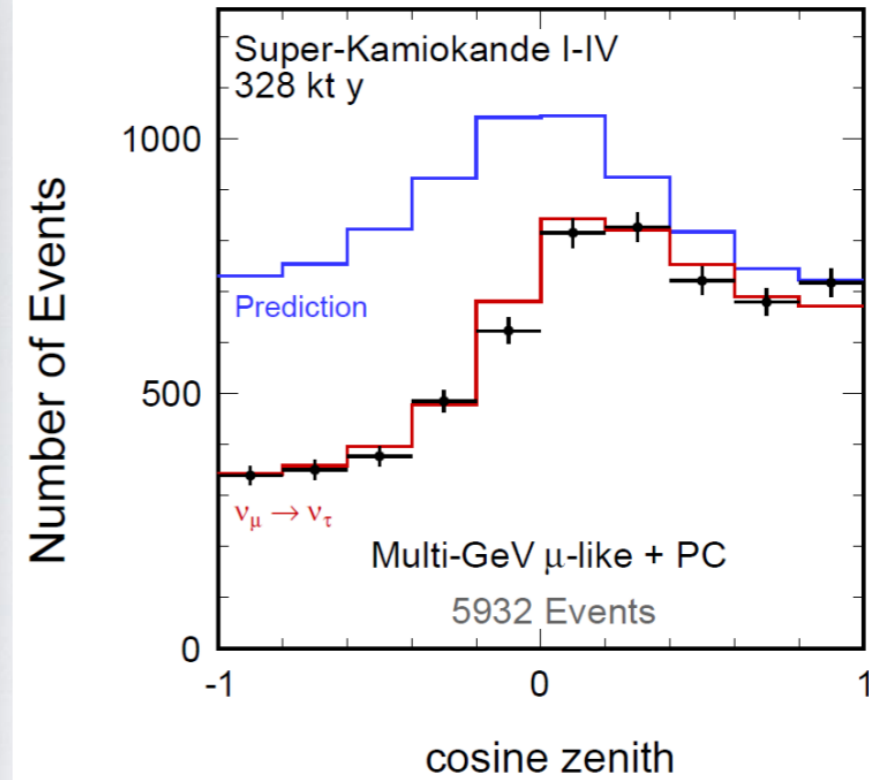
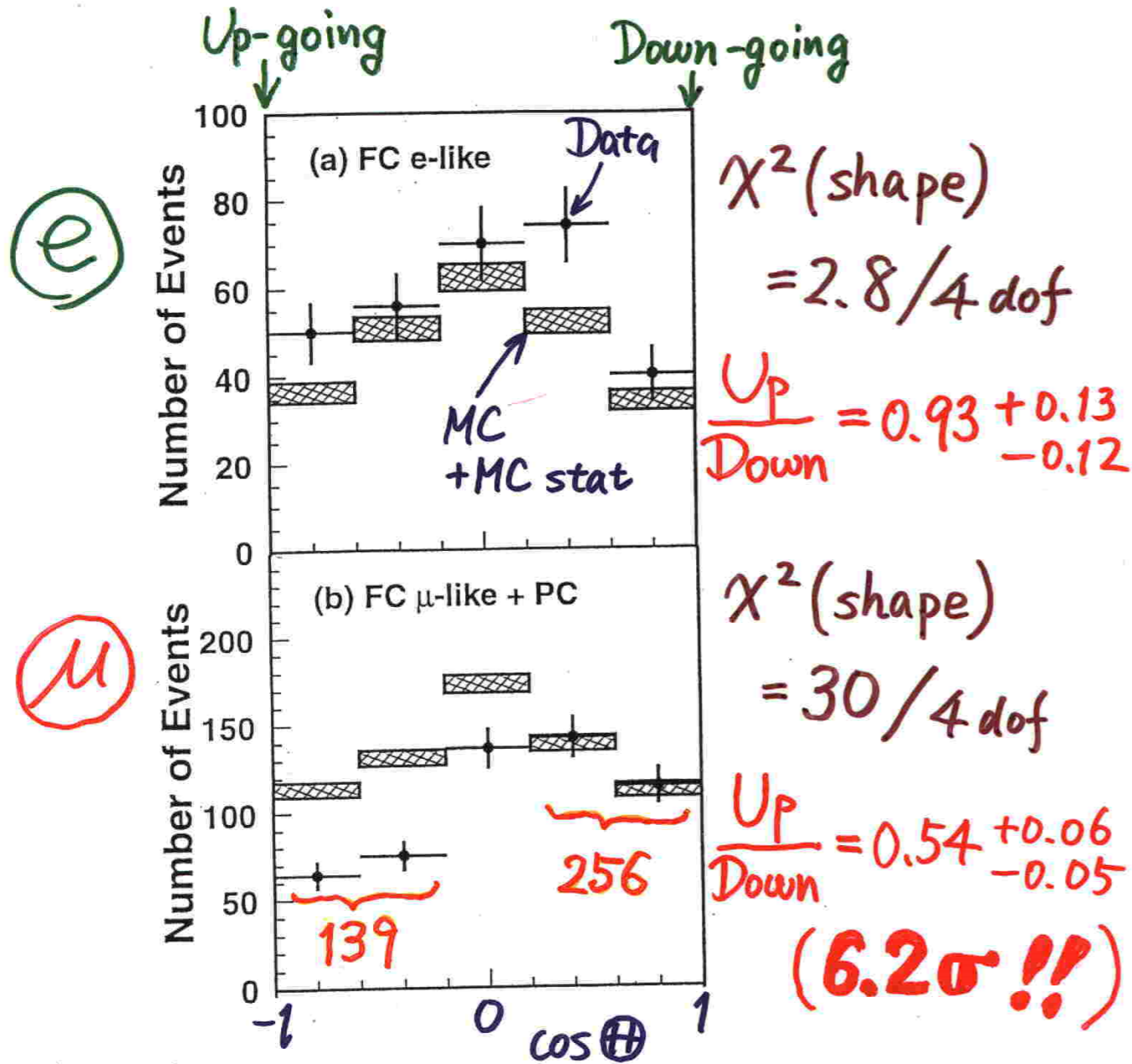
$\chi^2(\text{shape})$   
= 30 / 4 dof

$\frac{U}{D} = 0.54^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$

(6.2 $\sigma$ !!)

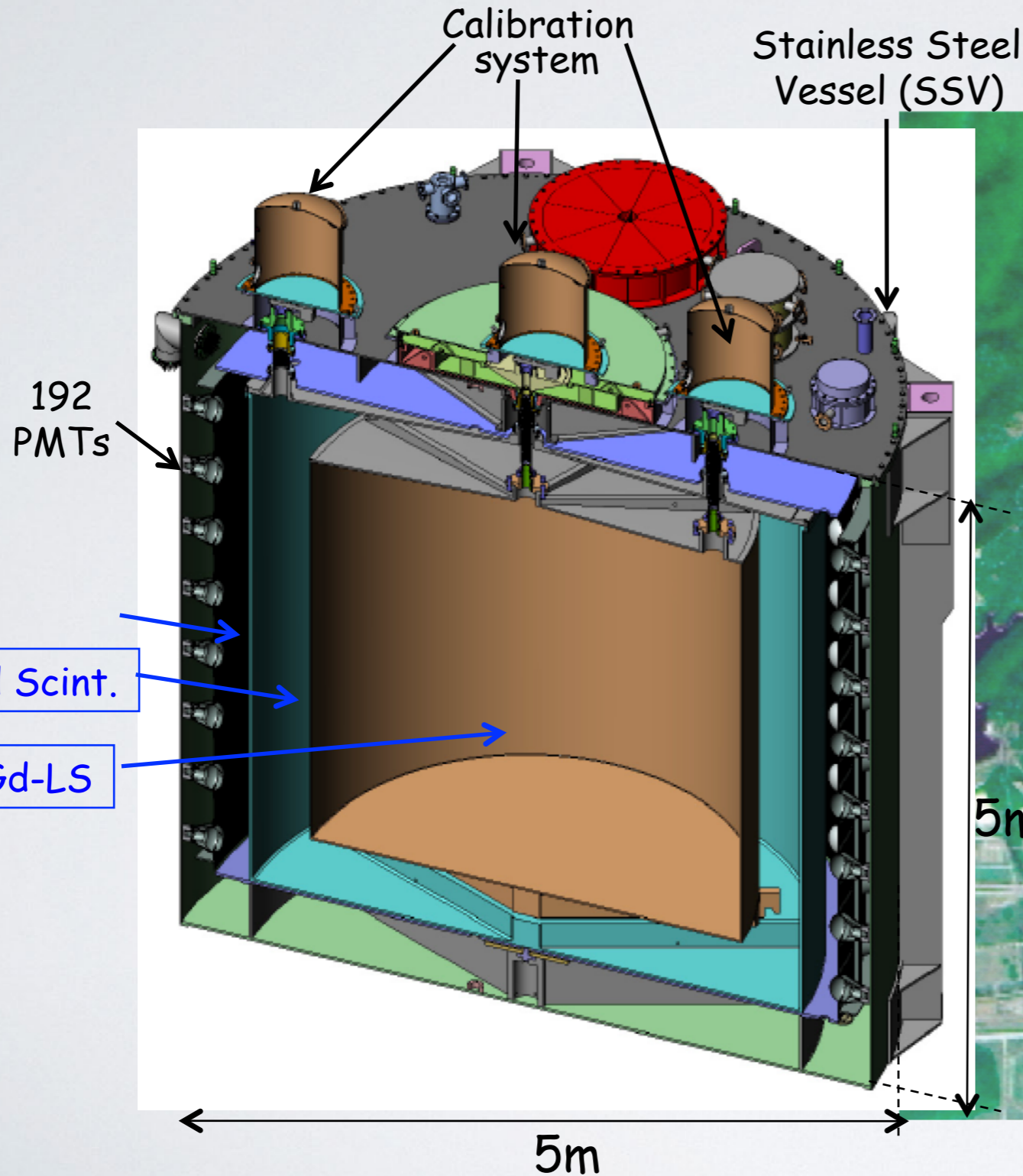
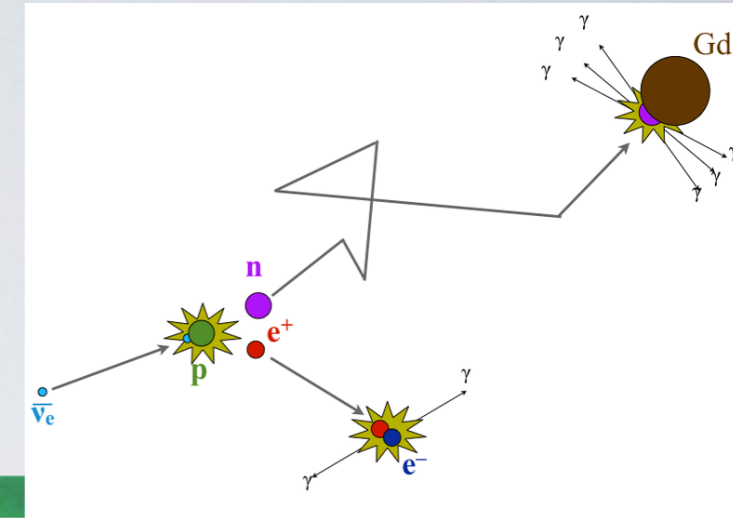
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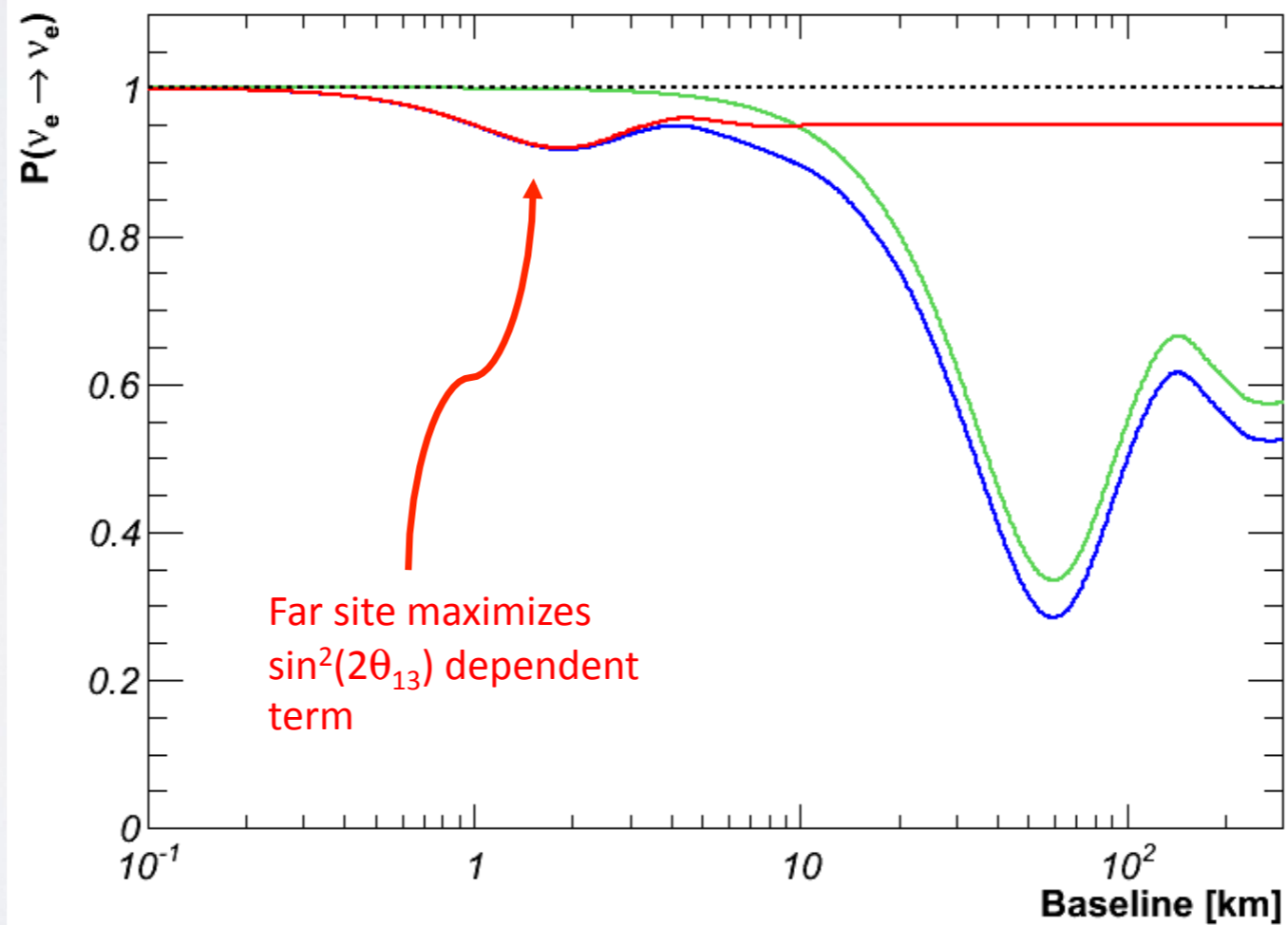
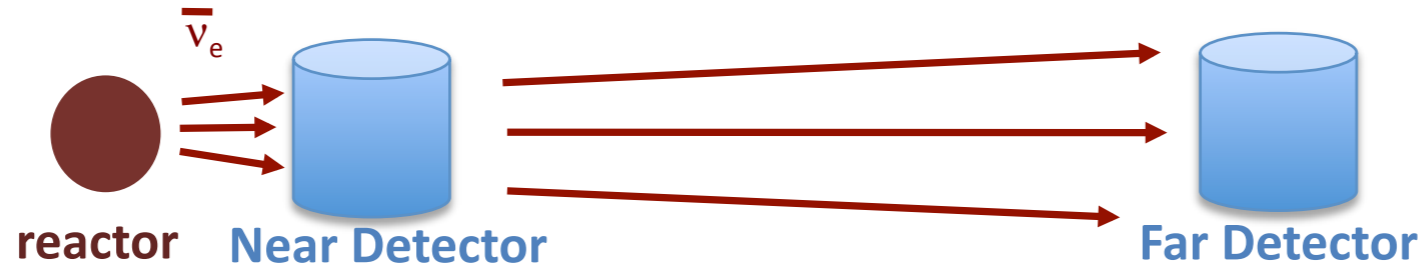
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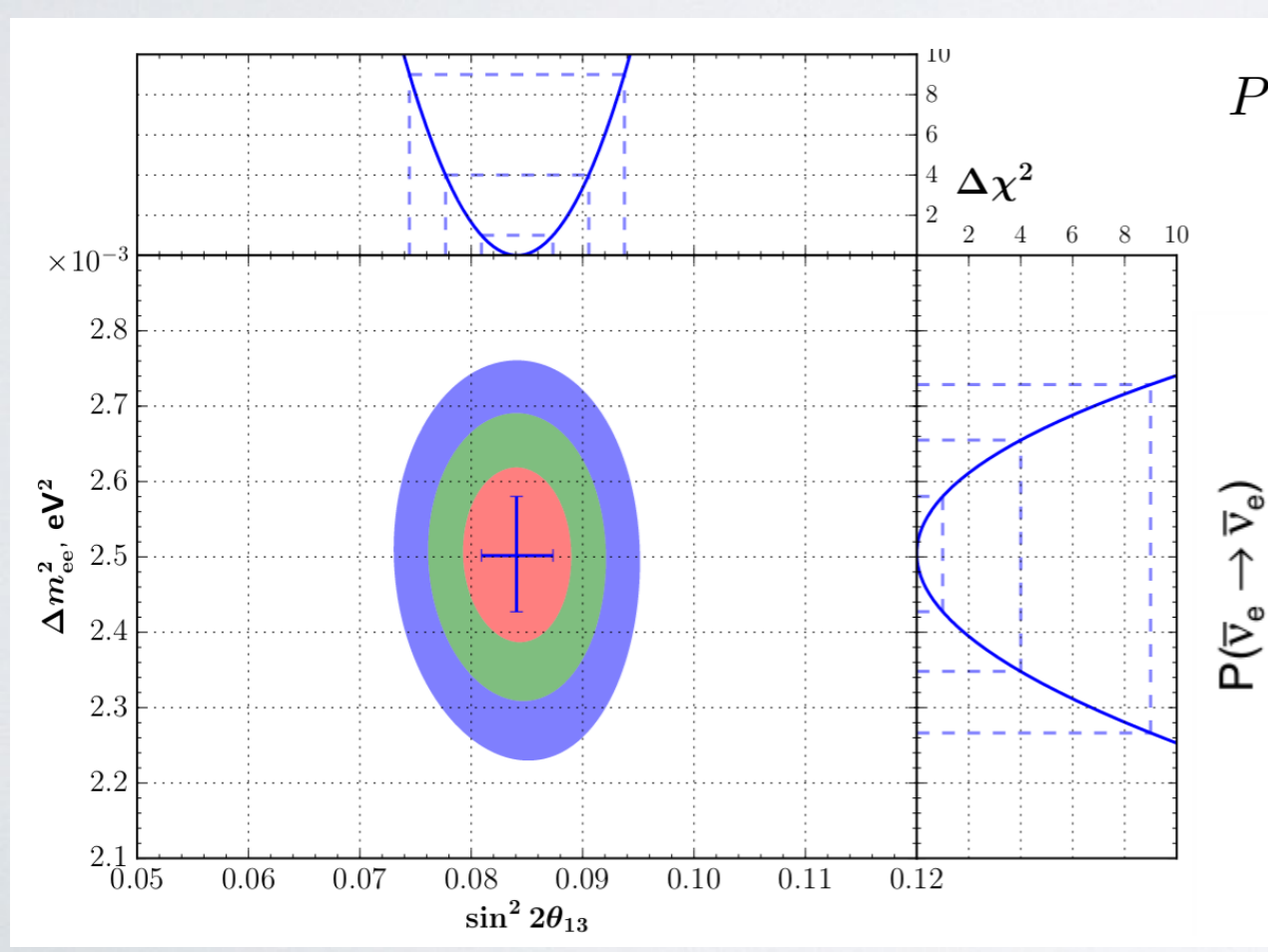
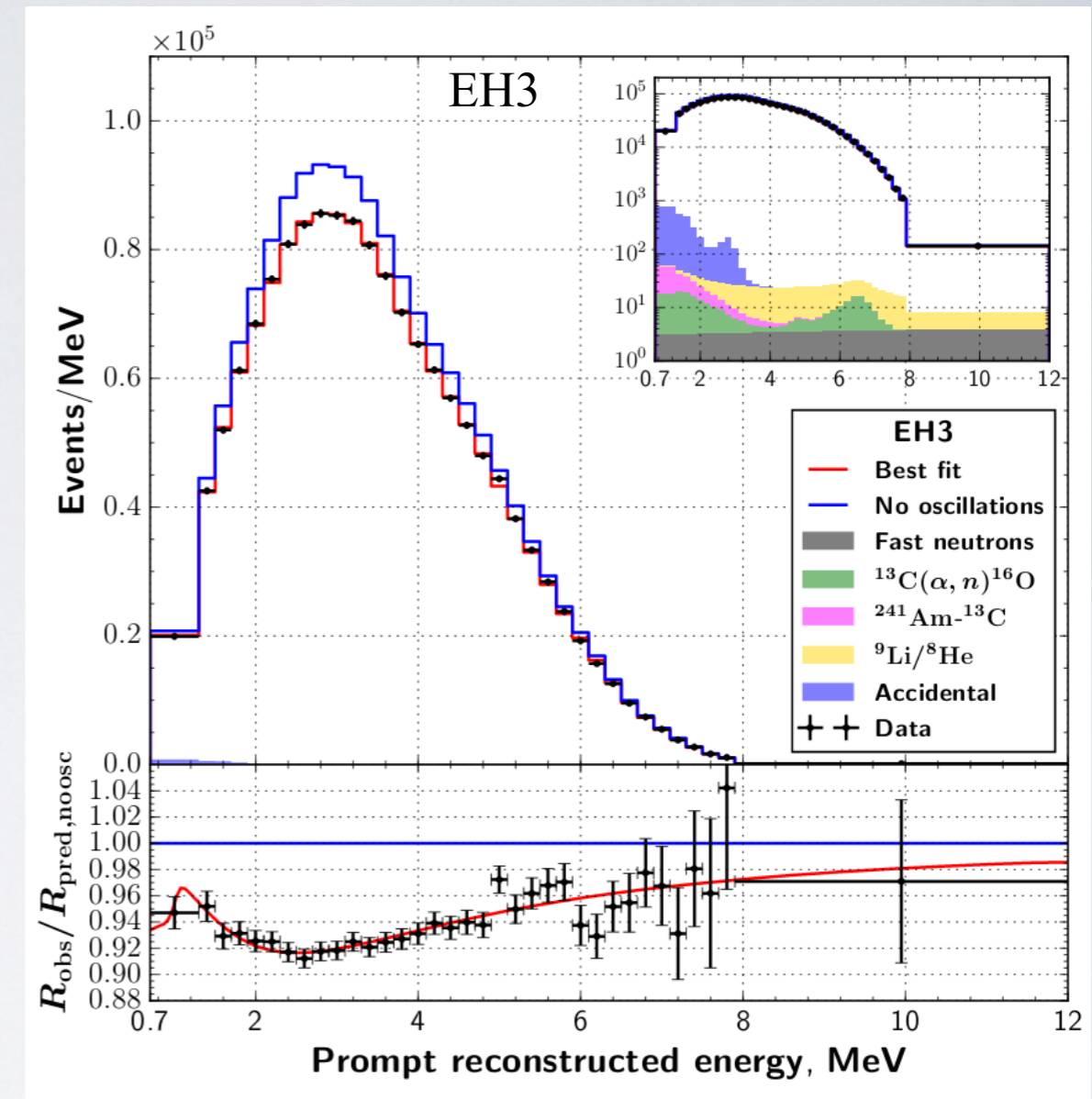
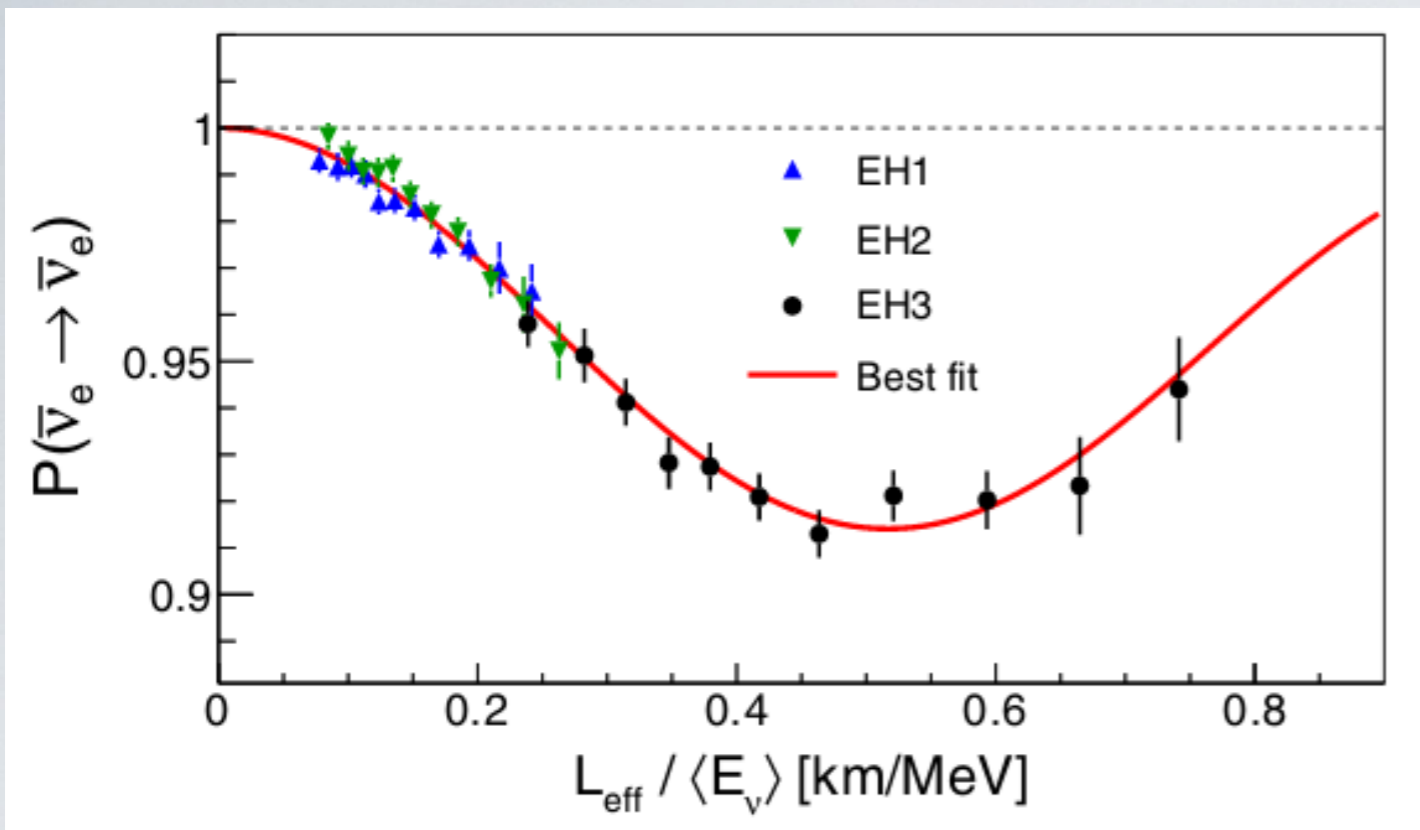
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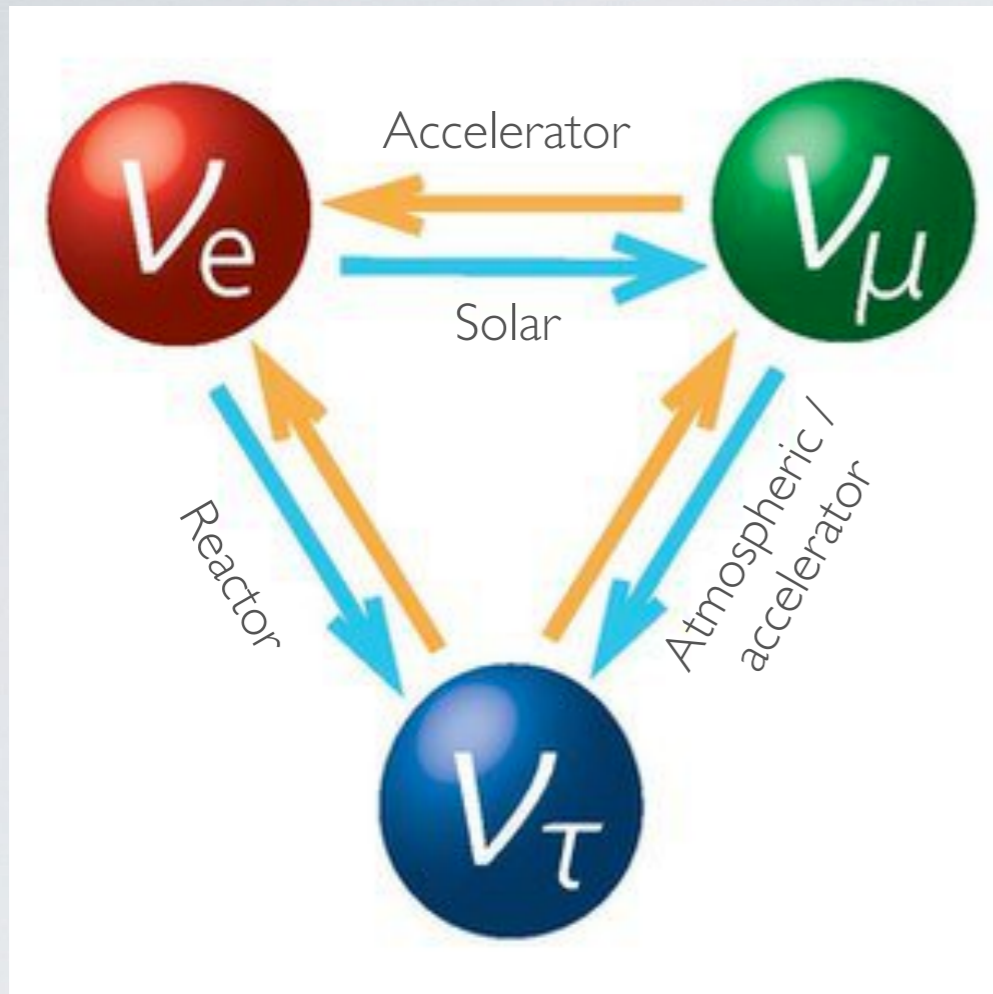
$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) + \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$



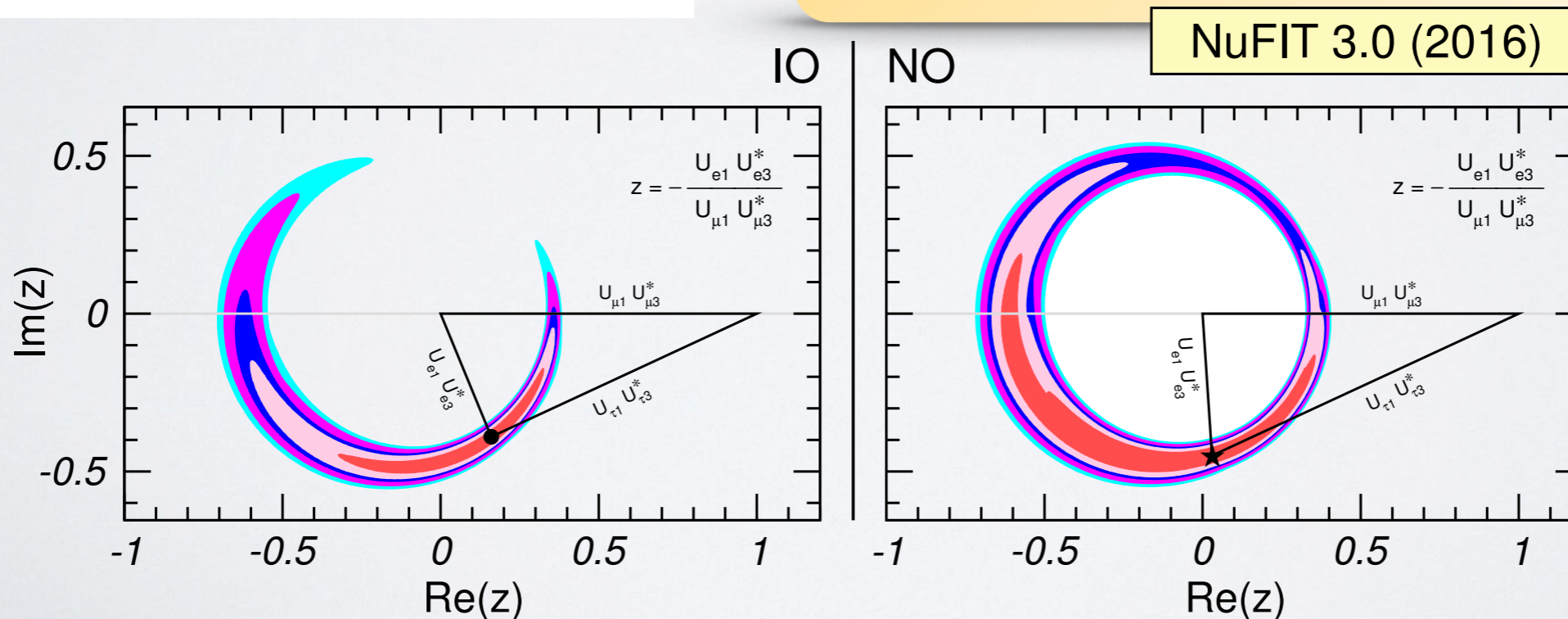


Experiment	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	Value
Daya Bay		$0.0841 \pm 0.0033$
RENO		$0.082 \pm 0.010$
D-CHOOZ		$0.111 \pm 0.018$
T2K	NH	$0.140^{+0.038}_{-0.032}$
	IH	$0.170^{+0.045}_{-0.037}$
MINOS	NH	$0.051^{+0.038}_{-0.030}$
	IH	$0.093^{+0.054}_{-0.049}$

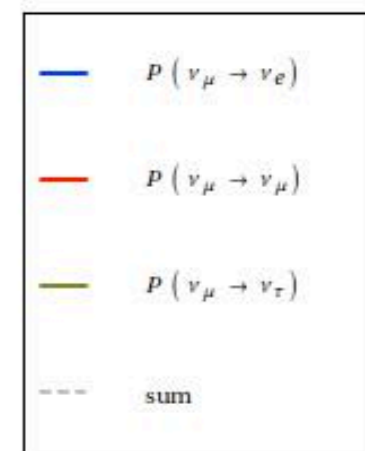
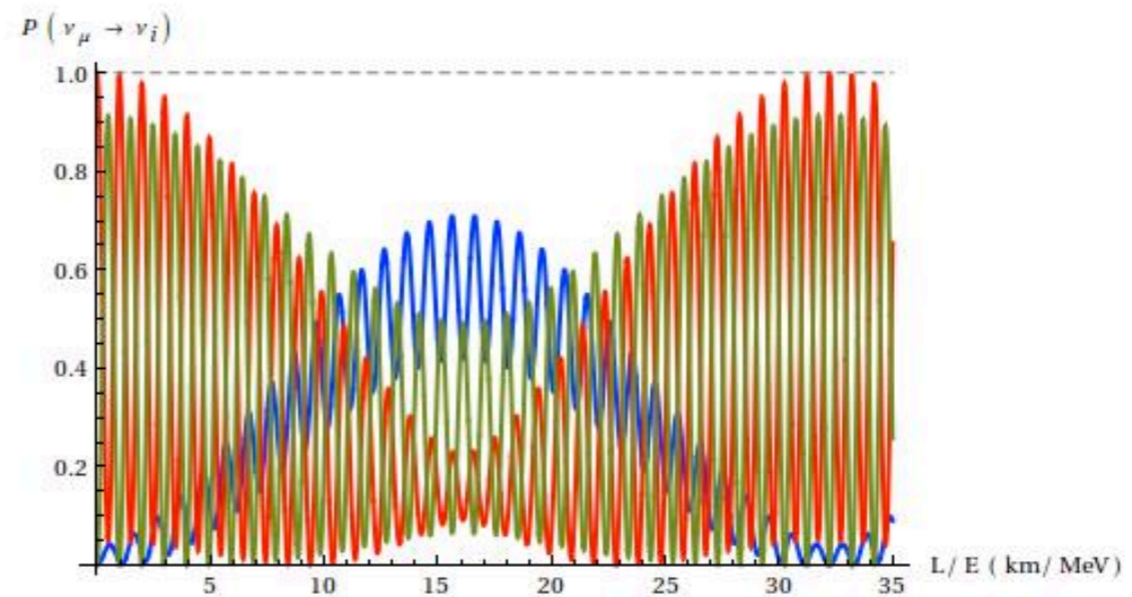
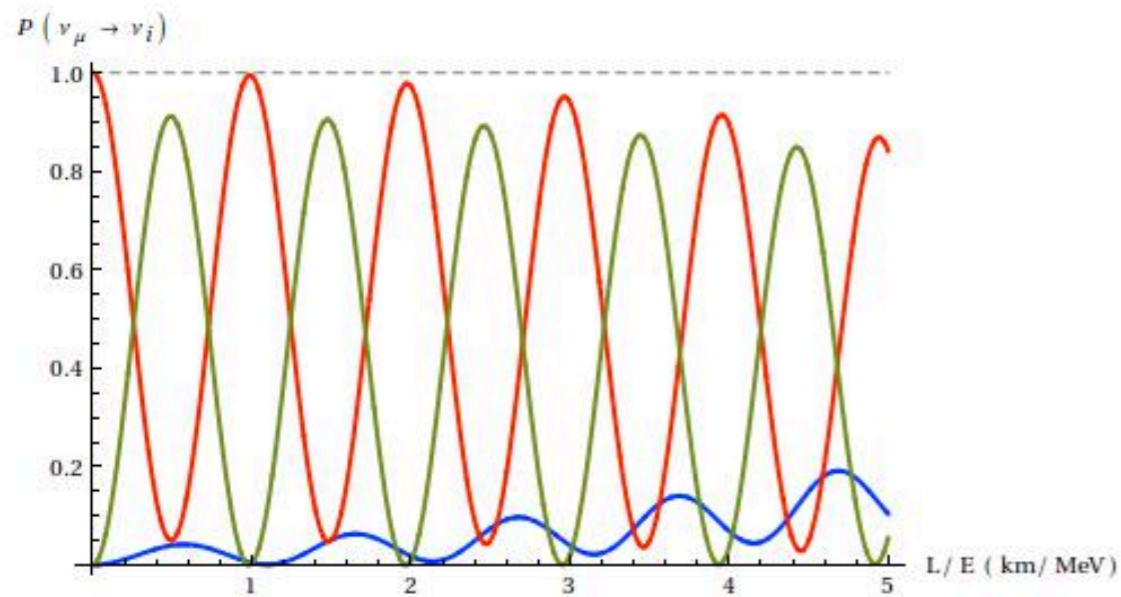
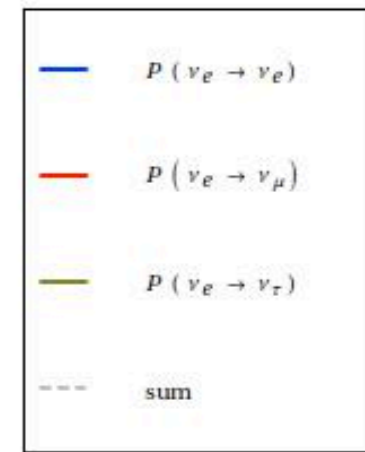
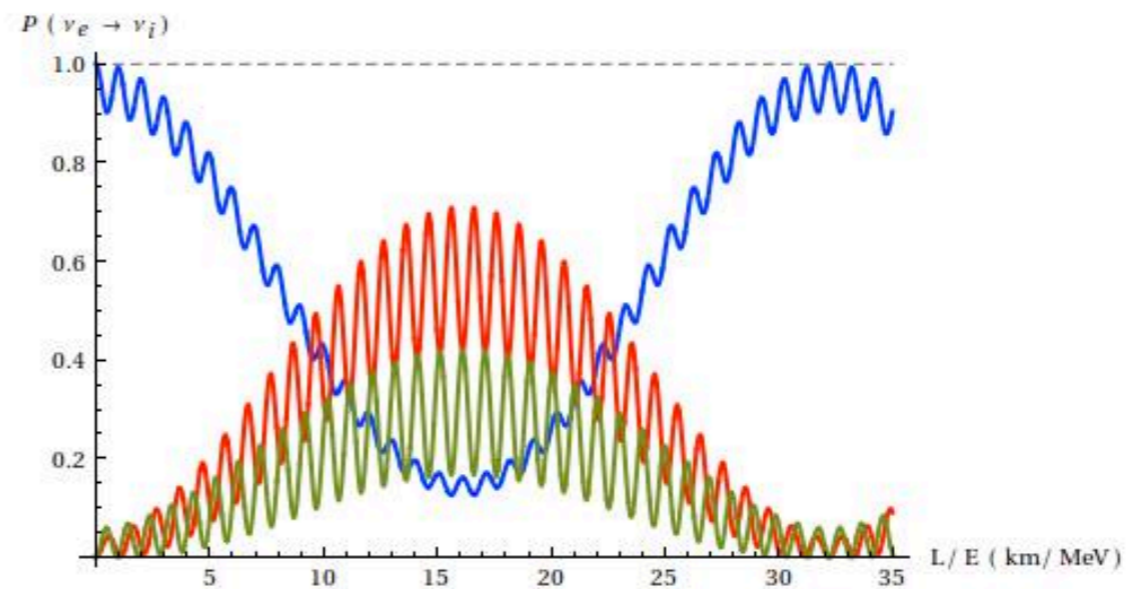
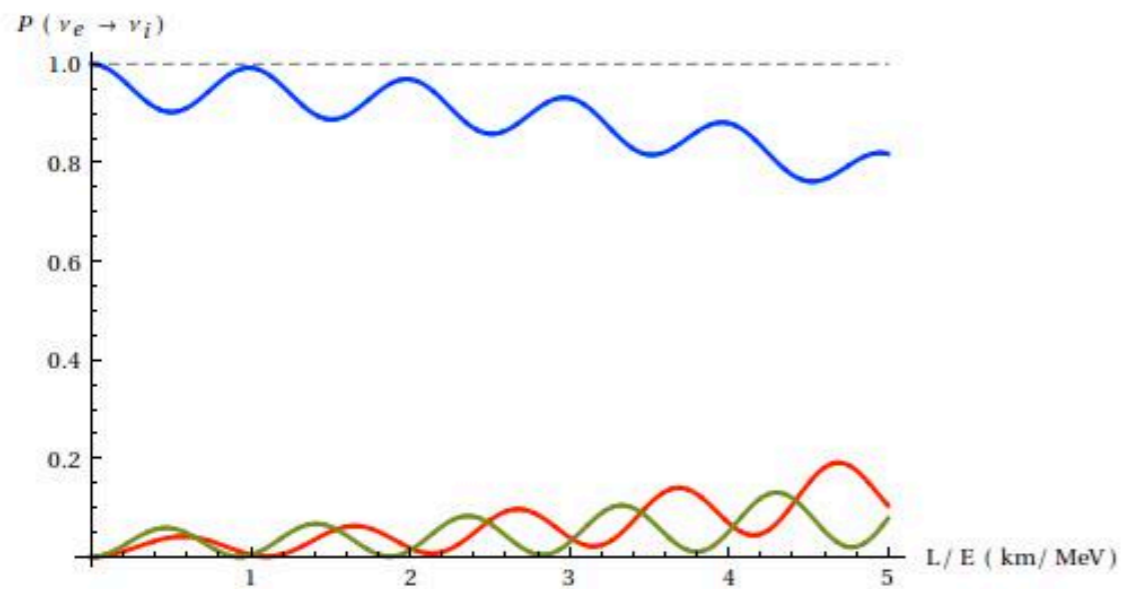
# What have we measured so far?



- We have now observed all the flavour oscillations except for those starting with a tau neutrino
- Energy threshold of  $m_\tau$  ( $\sim 1.8$  GeV) makes it very difficult
- Might be important for unitarity tests in the (likely distant) future



# Three-flavour oscillations



# Neutrino oscillations overview

PMNS  
matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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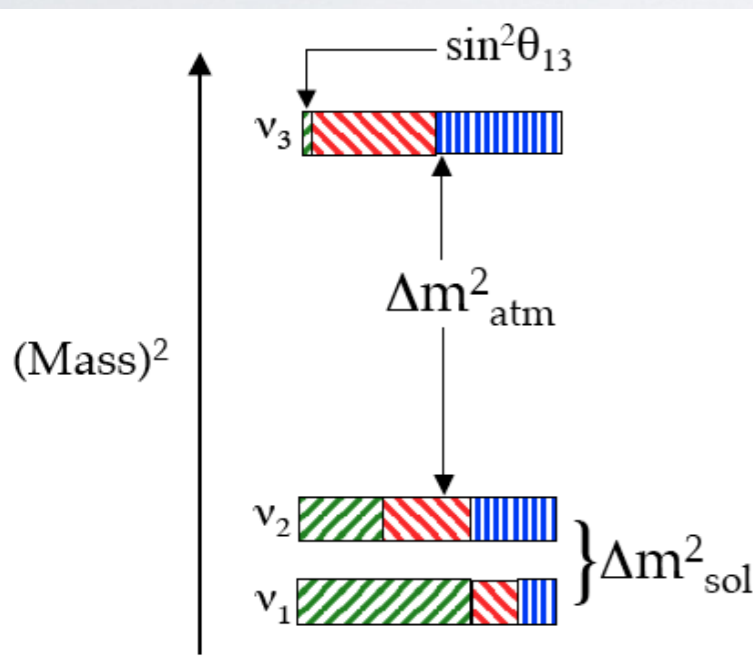
Atmospheric

Reactor

Solar

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Accelerators



$$\Delta m_{32}^2 \simeq \Delta m_{31}^2 \xrightarrow{Osc.max} L/E \approx 500 \text{ km/GeV}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \xrightarrow{Osc.max} L/E \approx 15000 \text{ km/GeV}$$

# How well measured?

Solar	→ $\delta m^2$	2.4%
Atmosp.	→ $\Delta m^2$	1.8%
Solar	→ $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	5.8%
Reactor	→ $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	4.7%
Atmosp.	→ $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	~ 9%

A. Marrone (Neutrino 2016)

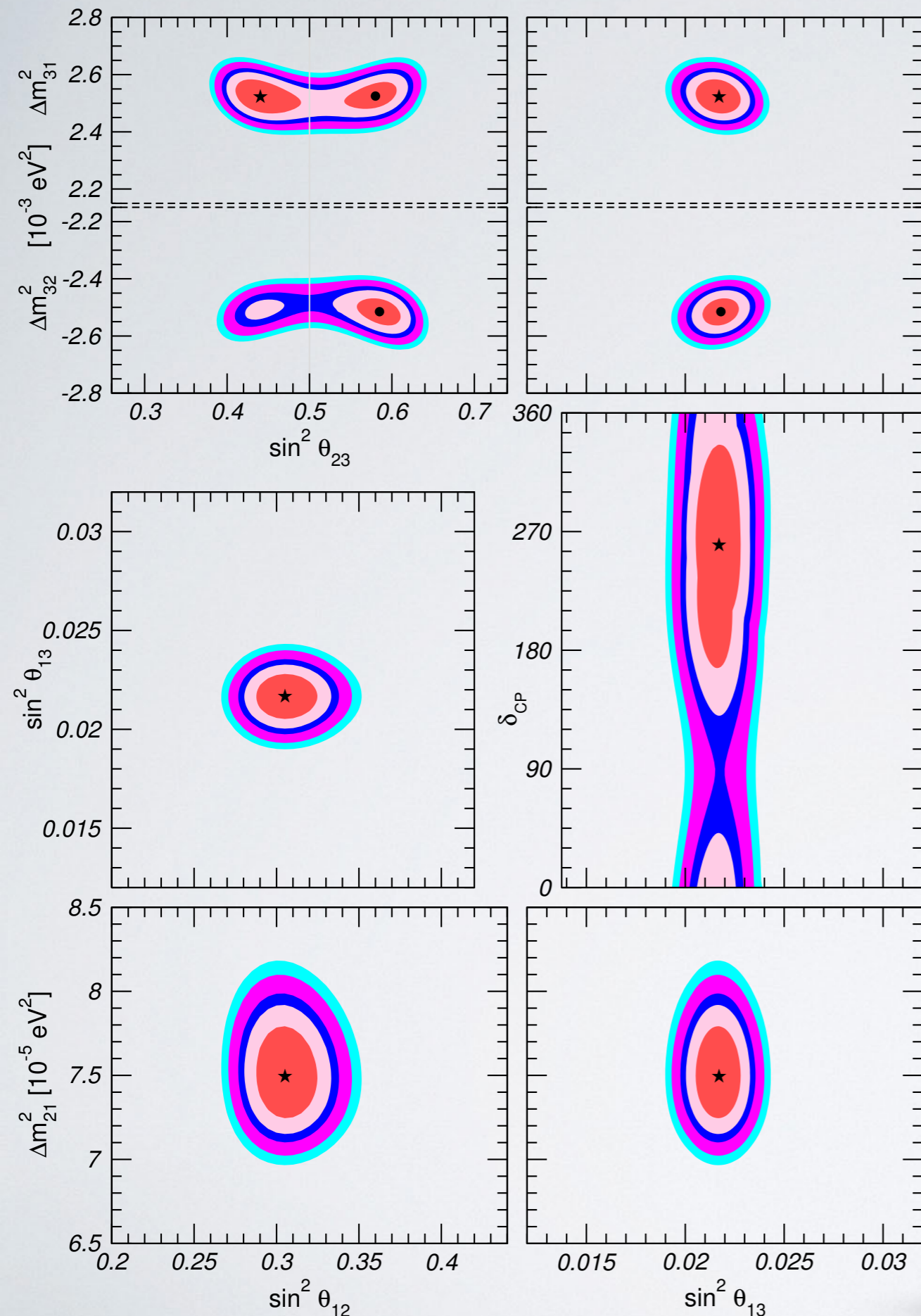
Most angles and masses have been measured using more than one experimental technique, including **accelerator-based**

## Measurable with accelerator experiments

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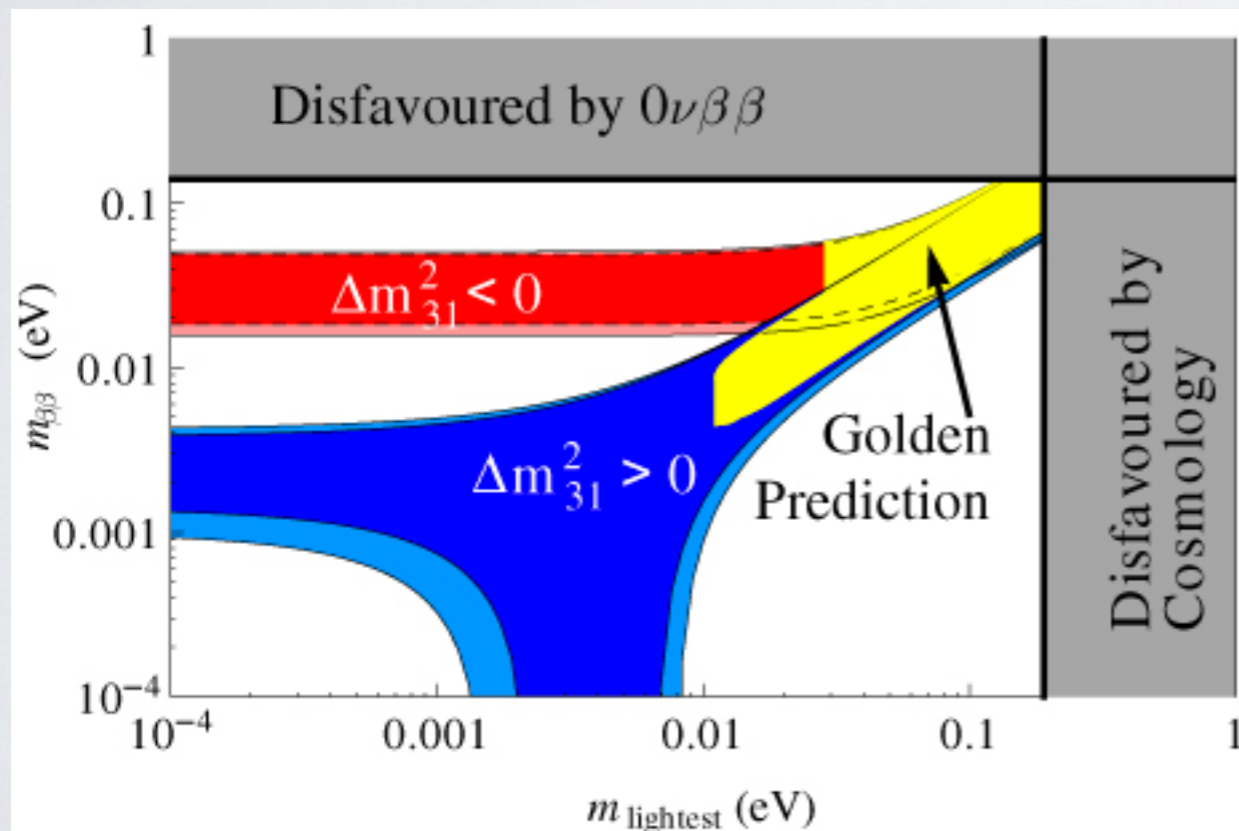
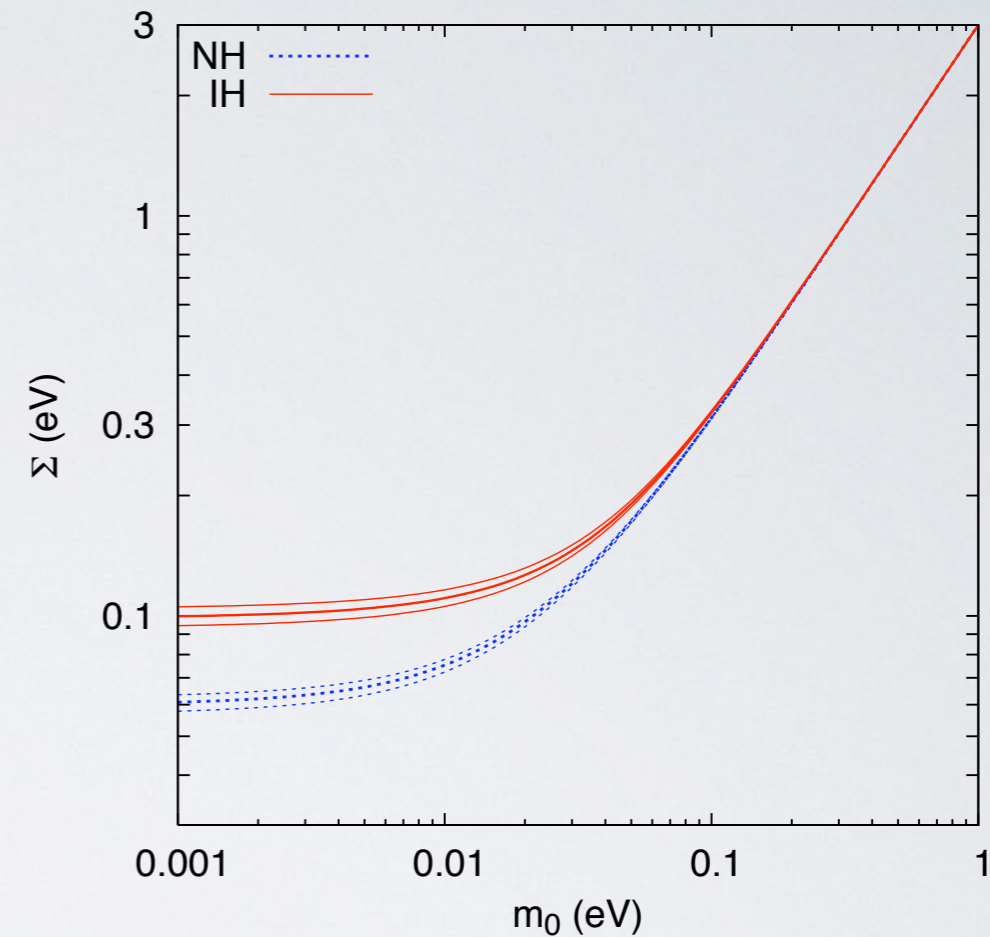
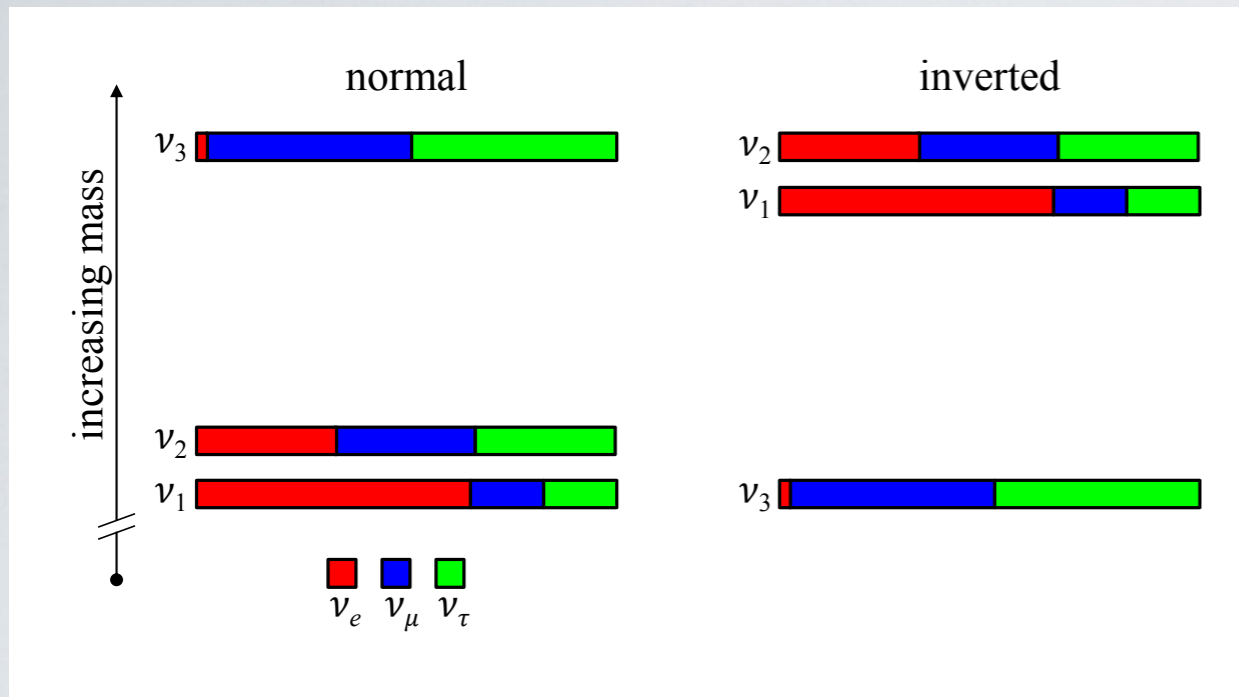
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# Global fits

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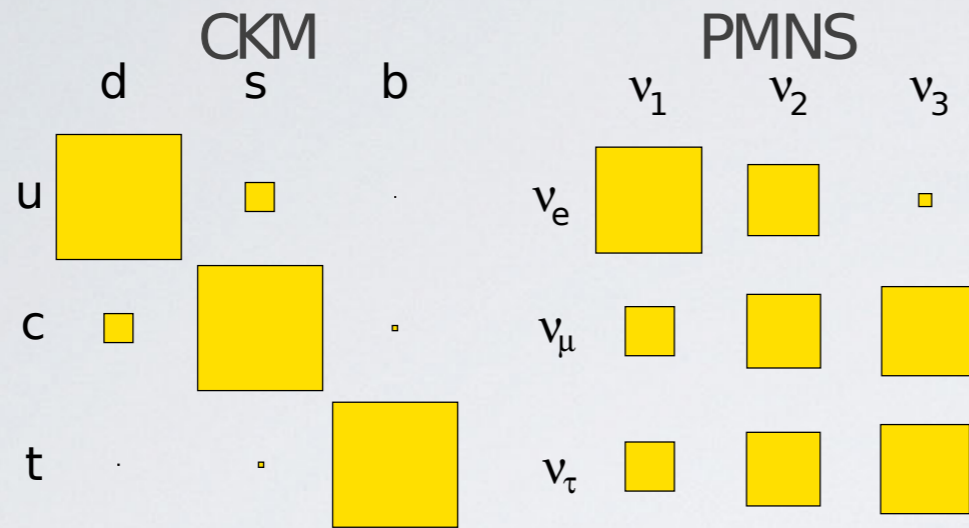
	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 0.83$ )		Any Ordering
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	$3\sigma$ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.306^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	$0.271 \rightarrow 0.345$	$0.306^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	$0.271 \rightarrow 0.345$	$0.271 \rightarrow 0.345$
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.56^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$	$31.38 \rightarrow 35.99$	$33.56^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$	$31.38 \rightarrow 35.99$	$31.38 \rightarrow 35.99$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.441^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	$0.385 \rightarrow 0.635$	$0.587^{+0.020}_{-0.024}$	$0.393 \rightarrow 0.640$	$0.385 \rightarrow 0.638$
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$41.6^{+1.5}_{-1.2}$	$38.4 \rightarrow 52.8$	$50.0^{+1.1}_{-1.4}$	$38.8 \rightarrow 53.1$	$38.4 \rightarrow 53.0$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02166^{+0.00075}_{-0.00075}$	$0.01934 \rightarrow 0.02392$	$0.02179^{+0.00076}_{-0.00076}$	$0.01953 \rightarrow 0.02408$	$0.01934 \rightarrow 0.02397$
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.46^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	$7.99 \rightarrow 8.90$	$8.49^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	$8.03 \rightarrow 8.93$	$7.99 \rightarrow 8.91$
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$261^{+51}_{-59}$	$0 \rightarrow 360$	$277^{+40}_{-46}$	$145 \rightarrow 391$	$0 \rightarrow 360$
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	$7.03 \rightarrow 8.09$	$7.50^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	$7.03 \rightarrow 8.09$	$7.03 \rightarrow 8.09$
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.524^{+0.039}_{-0.040}$	$+2.407 \rightarrow +2.643$	$-2.514^{+0.038}_{-0.041}$	$-2.635 \rightarrow -2.399$	$\begin{bmatrix} +2.407 \rightarrow +2.643 \\ -2.629 \rightarrow -2.405 \end{bmatrix}$

# Why is the mass hierarchy important?



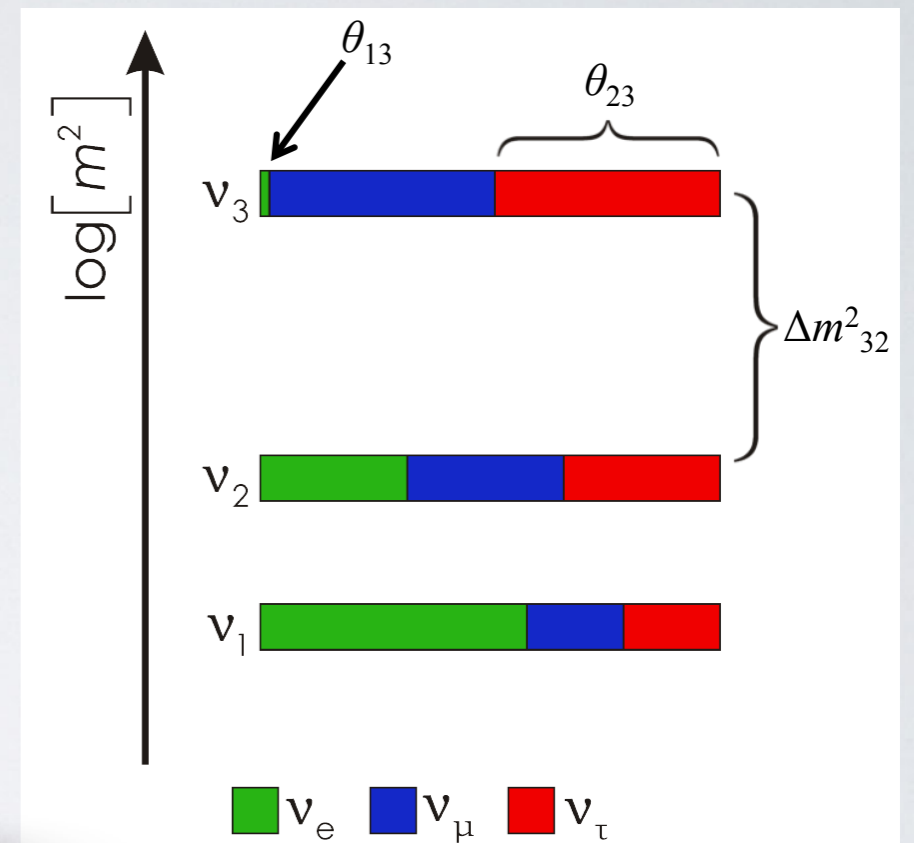
If the hierarchy is inverted, mass scale measurement is at reach from both Cosmology and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments. But if it's normal it becomes much more difficult

# Models for neutrino mass



PMNS matrix is analogous to CKM in the quark sector  
 But, unlike quarks, mixings in the PMNS are large! Is there a pattern?

## Normal hierarchy



- Only a small fraction of  $\nu_e$  in  $|\nu_3\rangle$ :  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$
- The remainder is split  $\sim 50/50$  between  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$
- Accident or underlying symmetry? Is it really  $45^\circ$  or...
  - $< 45^\circ$ :  $|\nu_3\rangle$  more  $\nu_\tau$ , like the quarks
  - $> 45^\circ$ :  $|\nu_3\rangle$  more  $\nu_\mu$ , unlike quarks

# Importance of reactor result

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times$$

$\theta_{13}$ : from unknown to best measured

$$\theta_{13} \sim 8.5^\circ$$

$CP$  violation  $\iff \theta_{13} \neq 0$

A new door to probing  $CP$  violation, the mass ordering and the octant of  $\theta_{23}$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(A-1)\Delta}{(A-1)^2} + 2\alpha \sin \theta_{13} \cos \delta \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \frac{\sin A\Delta \sin(A-1)\Delta}{A(A-1)} \cos \Delta - 2\alpha \sin \theta_{13} \sin \delta \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \frac{\sin A\Delta \sin(A-1)\Delta}{A(A-1)} \sin \Delta + O(\alpha^2)$$

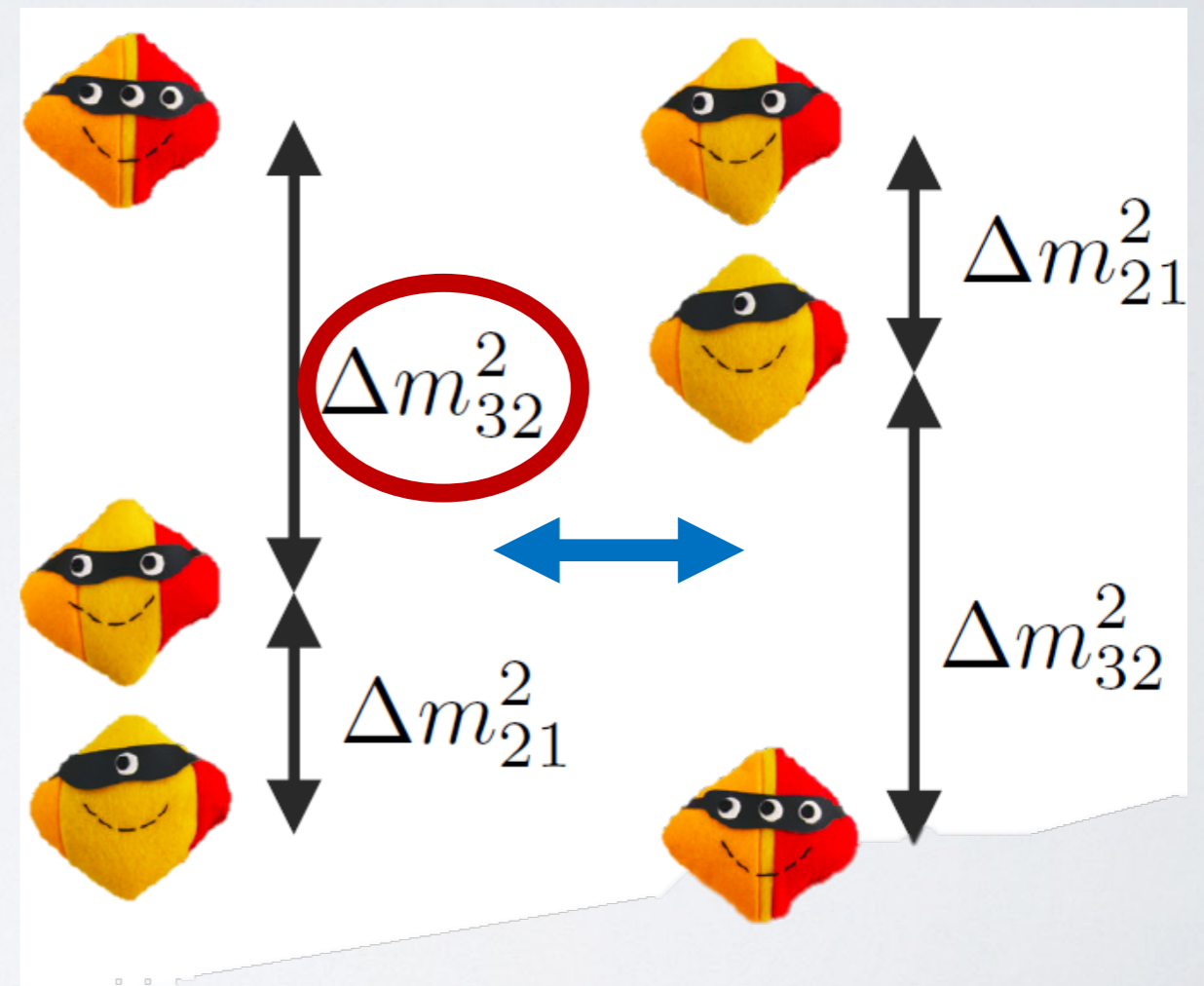
$\alpha = \Delta m_{12}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2; \Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}$

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- Proportional to  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23})$
- Appearance enhanced/suppressed depending on value of  $\delta_{CP}$  and mass hierarchy

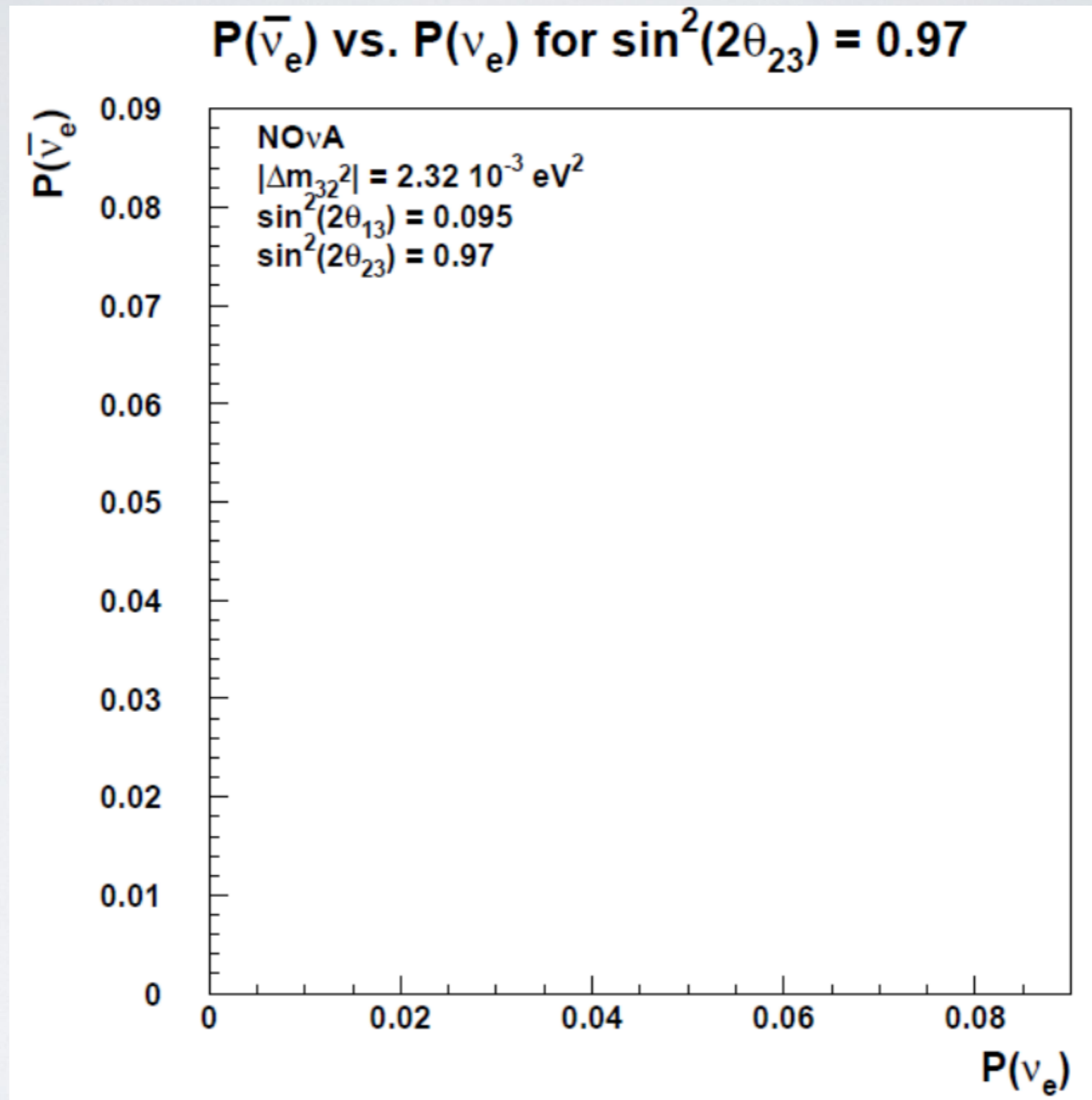
$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Yellow} \\ \text{Orange} \\ \text{Red} \end{array} \right] = R(\theta_{23}) \cdot R(\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}) \cdot R(\theta_{12}) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Yellow} \\ \text{Yellow-Red} \\ \text{Yellow-Red} \end{array} \right]$$

- The mixing matrix
  - $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{12}$
- The mass differences
  - $\Delta m^2_{32}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{21}$
- The mass hierarchy
  - sign of  $\Delta m^2_{32}$

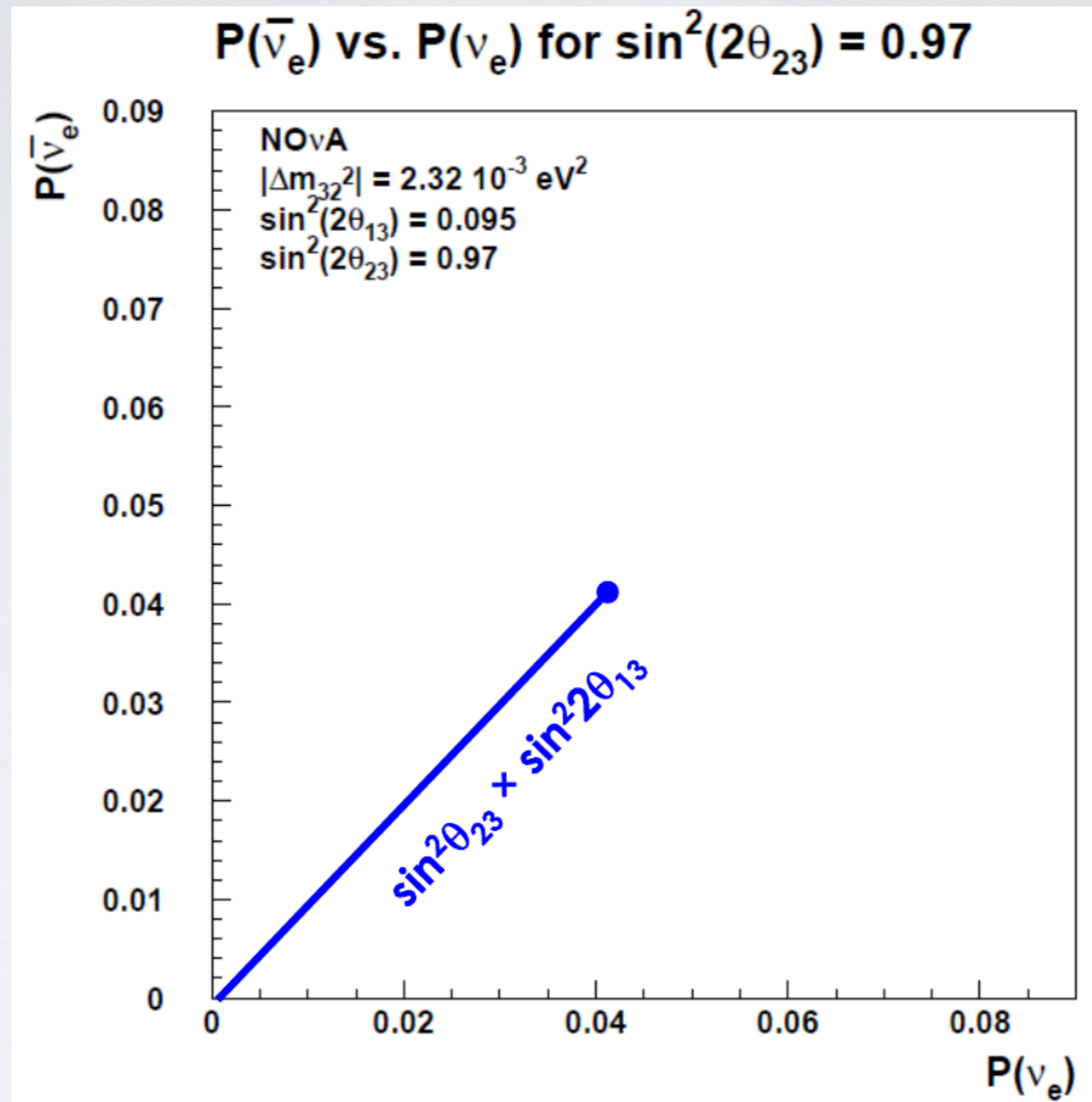




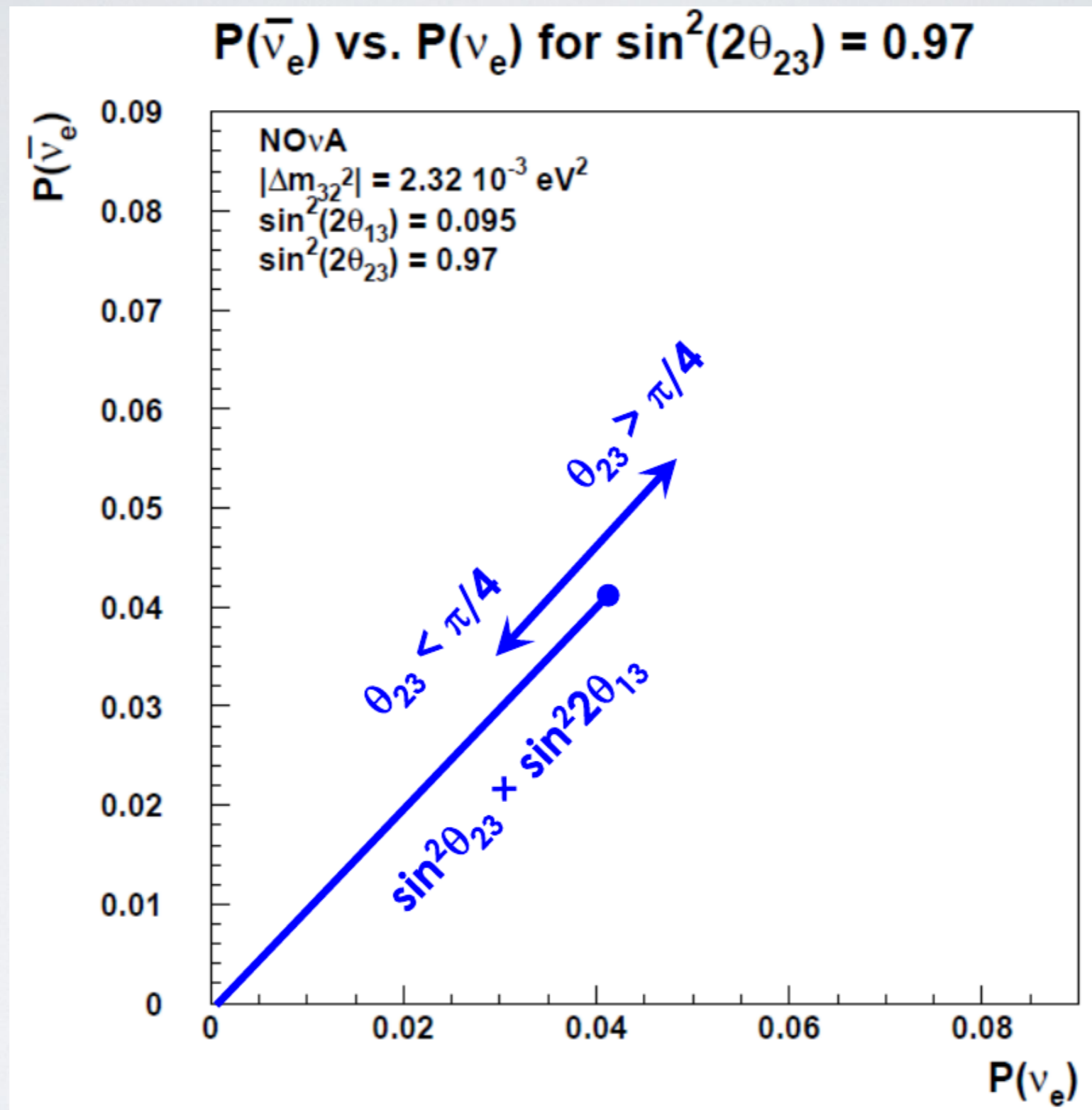
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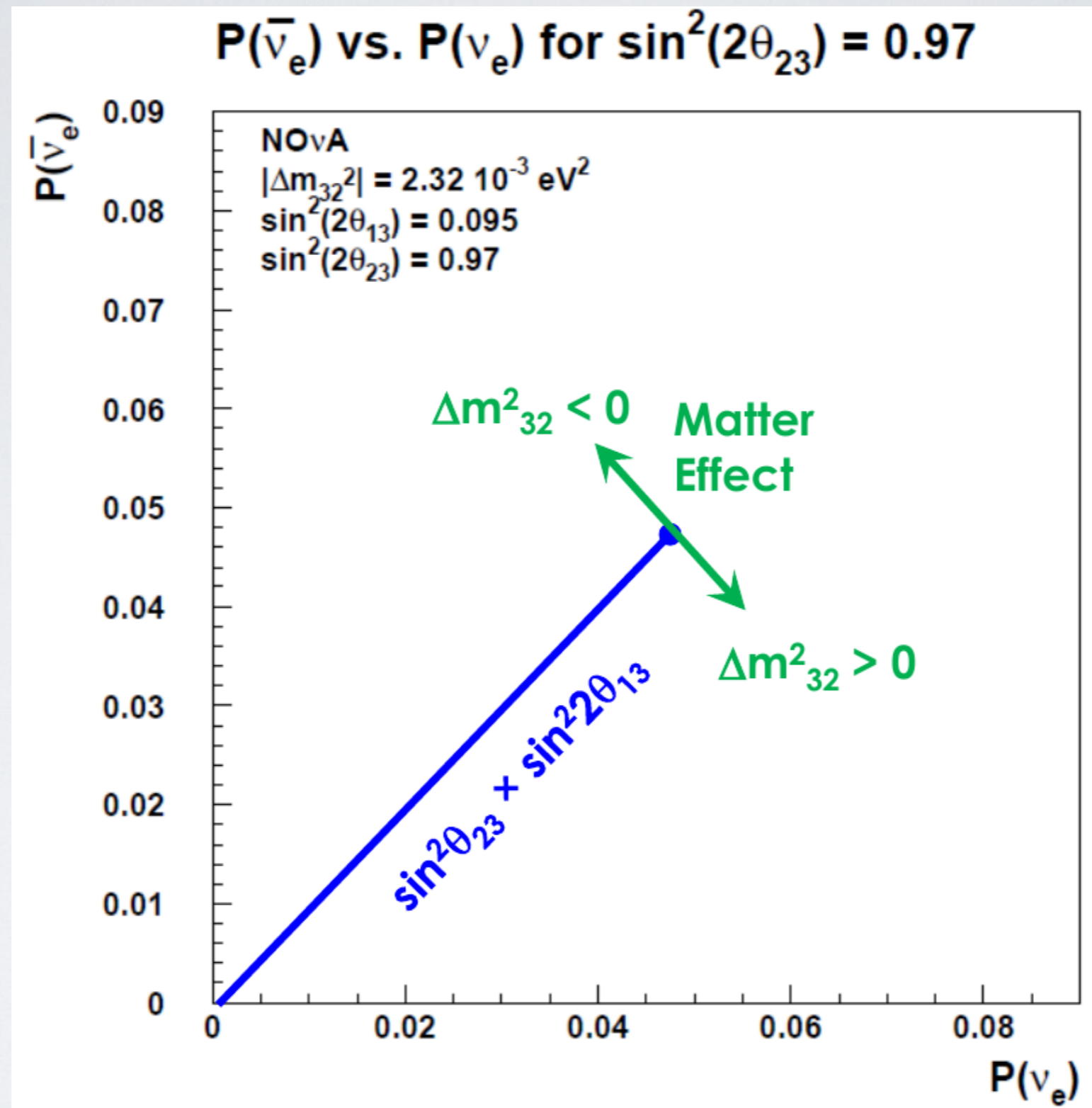
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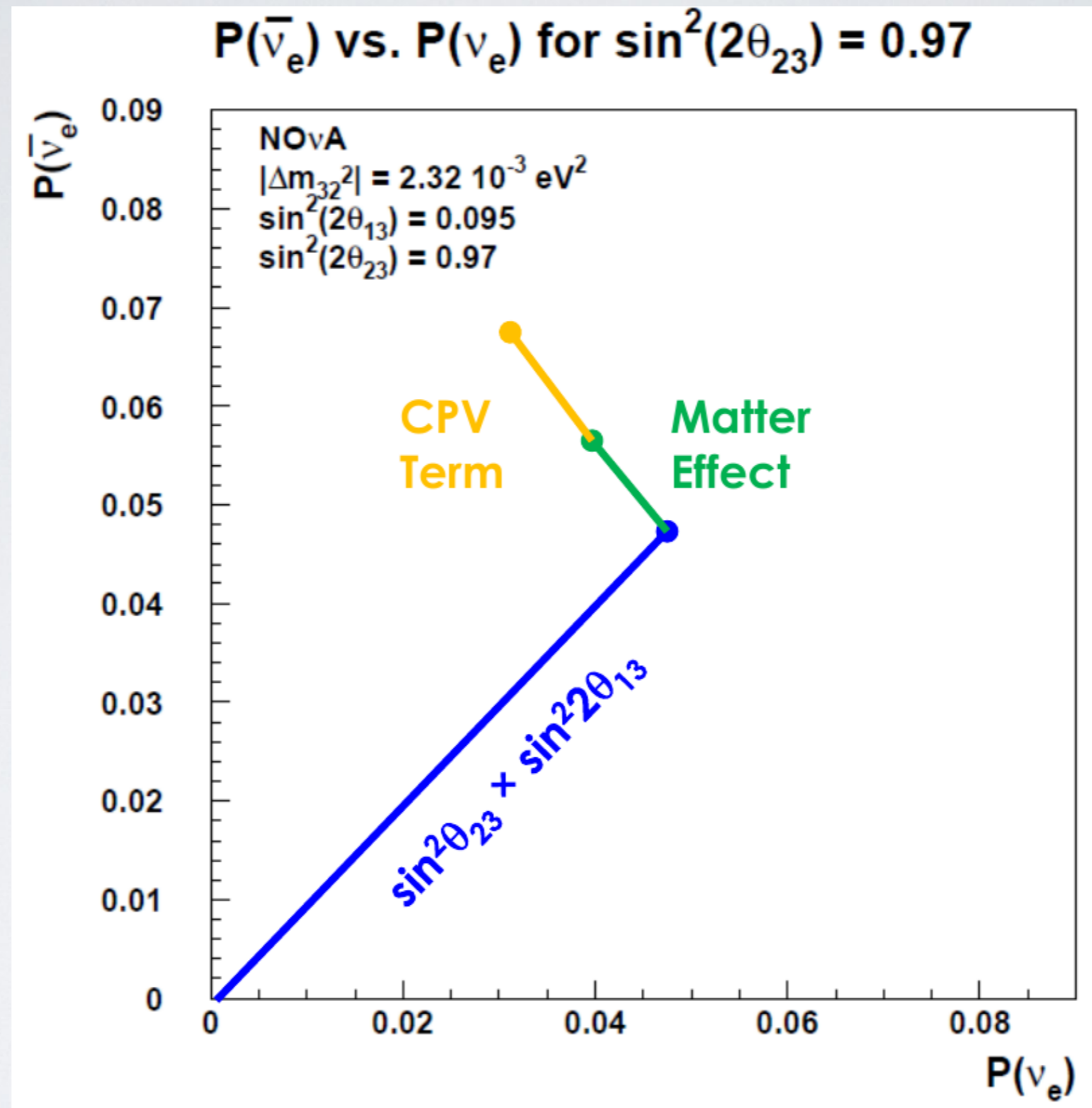
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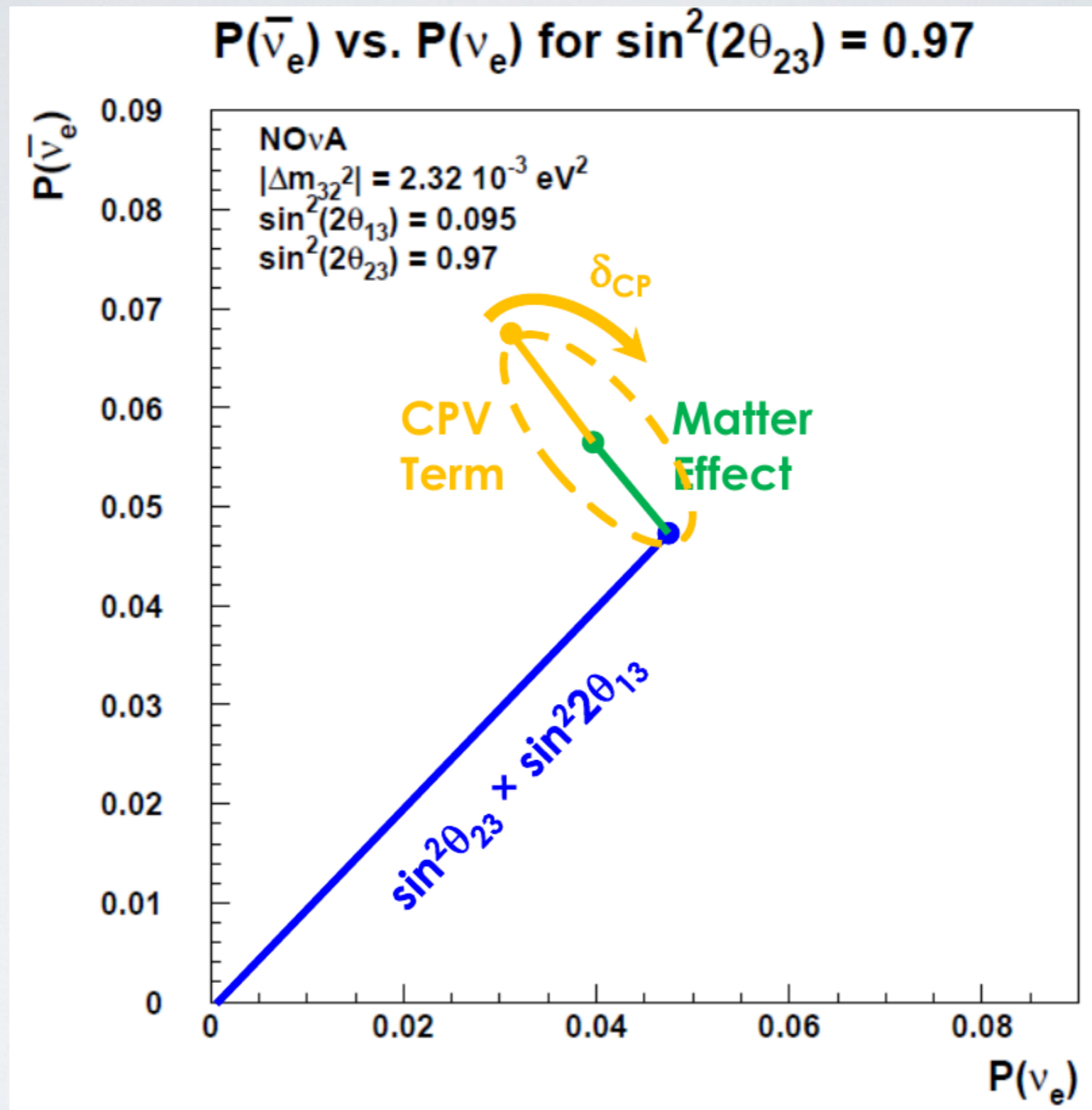
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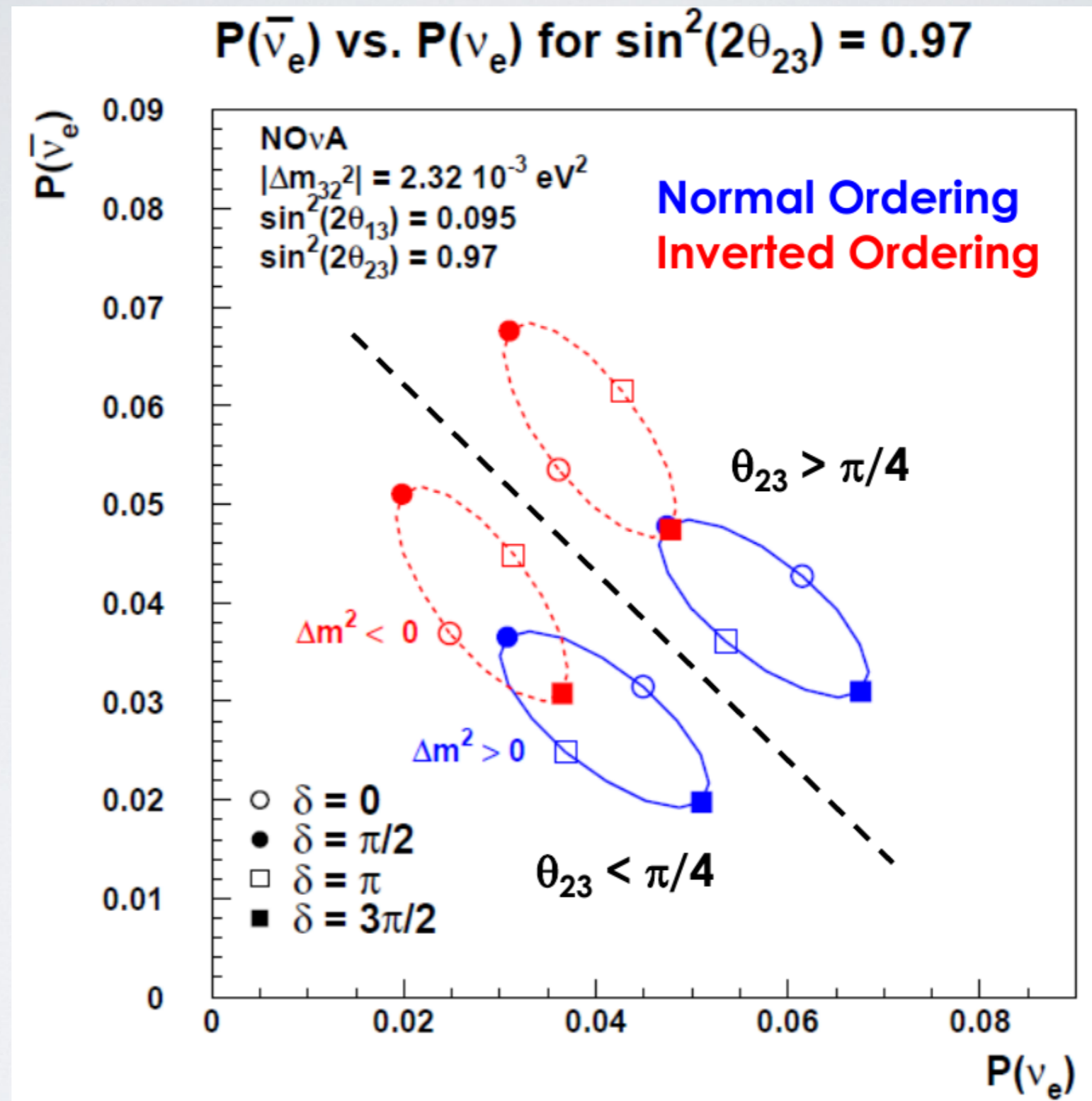
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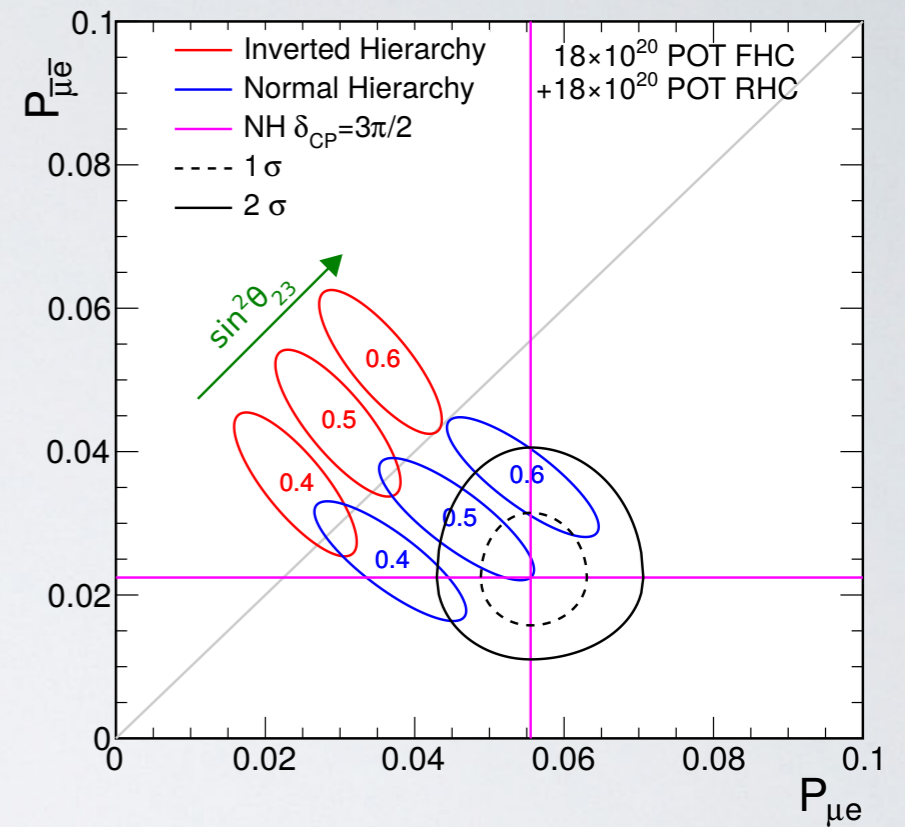
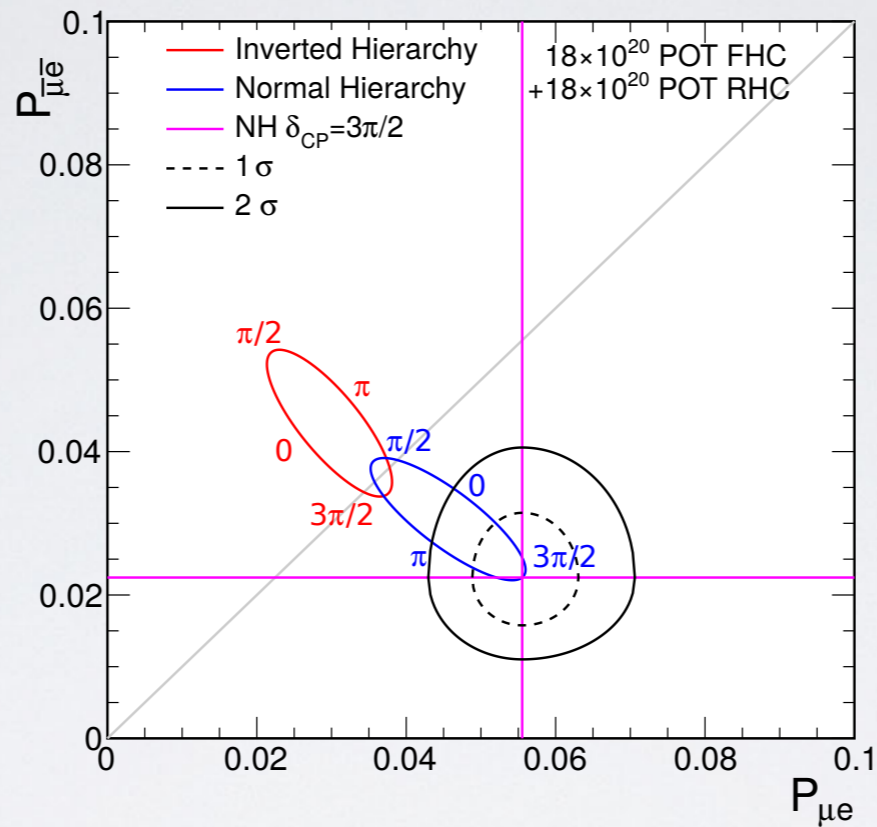
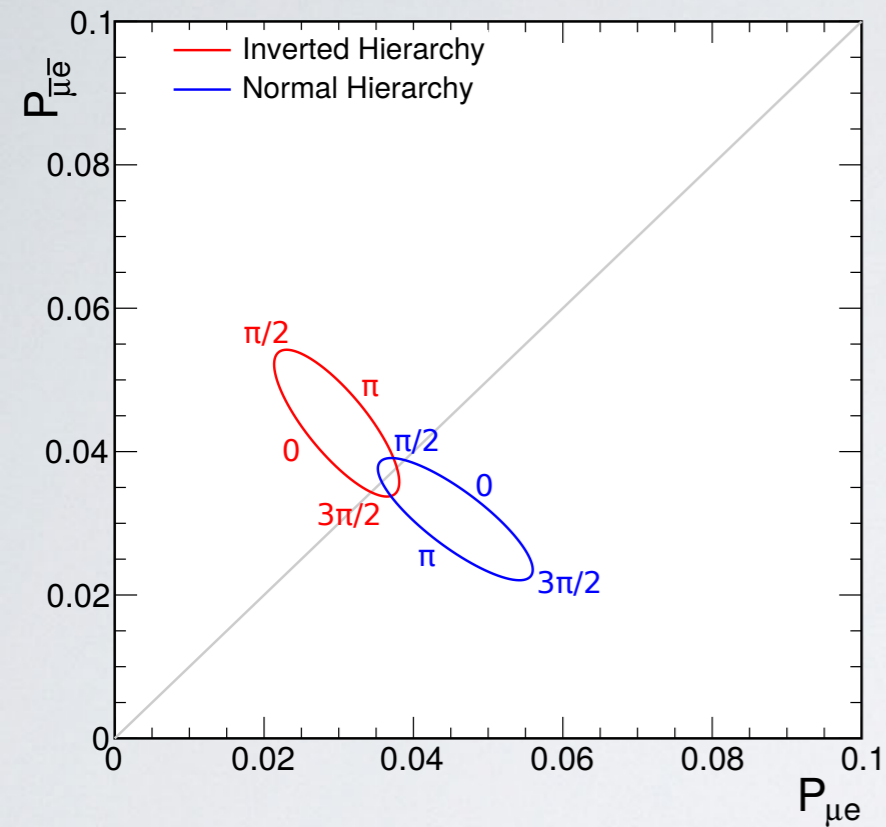
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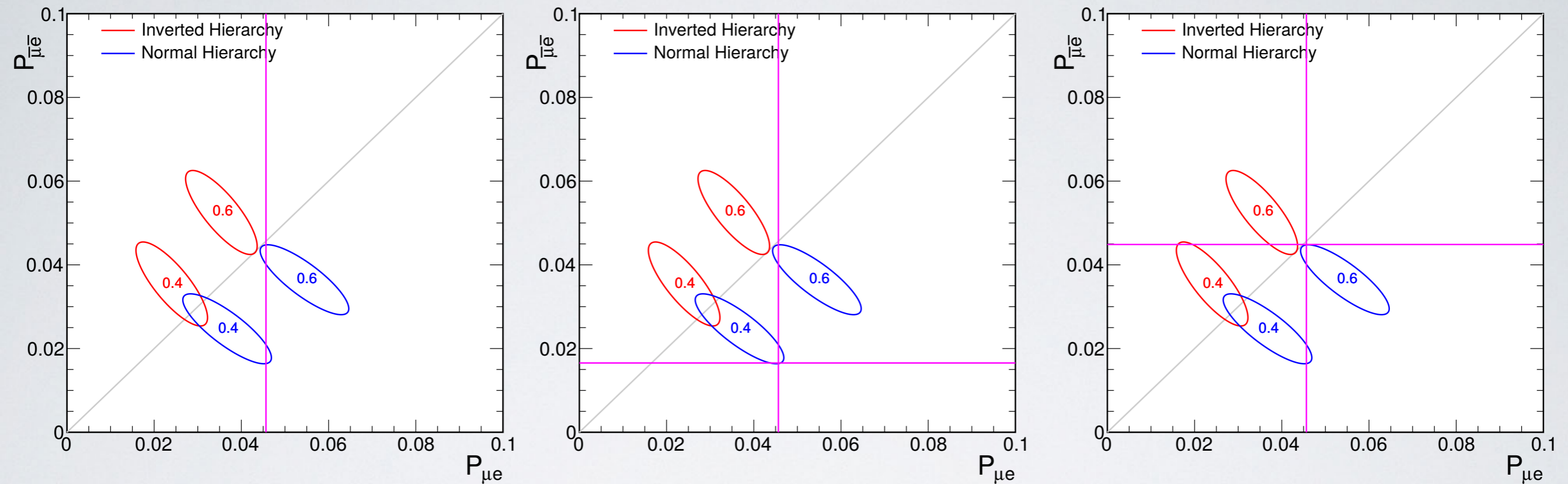
To first order, one measures  $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e)$  and  $P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$ . These depend on the MH and  $\delta_{CP}$ .

Measurements in neutrino and antineutrino mode provide a point with some uncertainty.

Given overall dependence to  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ , sensitivity to the 3 observables.

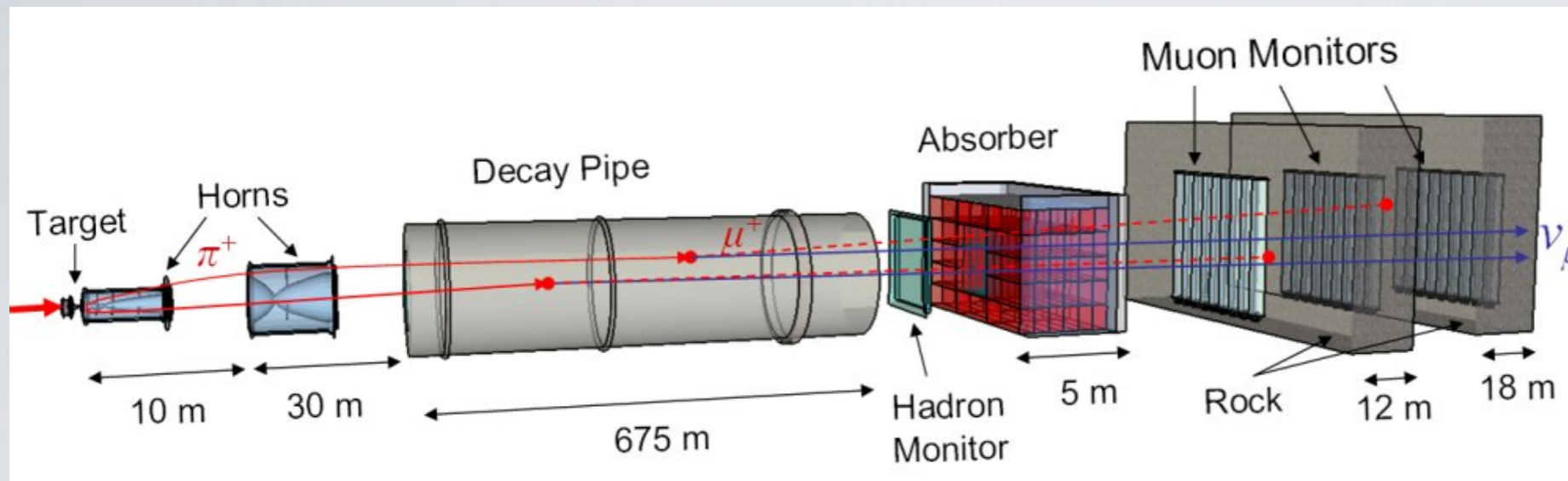


# Bi-probabilities II (e.g. NOvA)

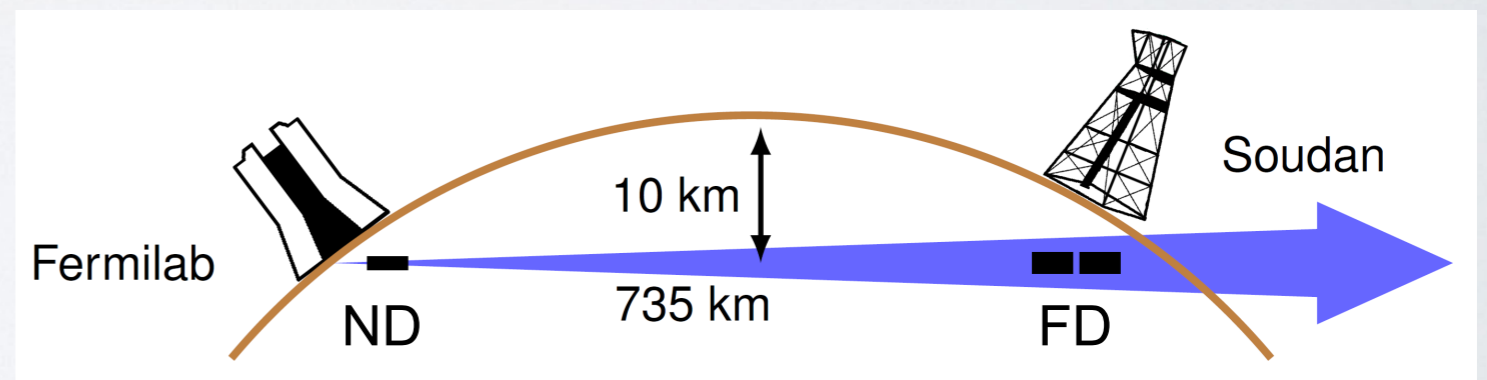


If the scenario is not so clear, antineutrino data help breaking the degeneracies  
More than a factor 2 difference in the rate of antineutrinos between solutions

# Long-baseline



- Highly pure  $\nu_\mu$  beam
- Two detectors
  - ✓ Near detector:
    - Measure beam composition
    - Determine energy spectrum
  - ✓ Far detector:
    - Measure oscillations
    - Search for new Physics



# Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments

1<sup>st</sup> generation  
(past)

- MINOS / MINOS+
- K2K

Firmly established 3-flavour scenario

Precise measurements of  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  and  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$

2<sup>nd</sup> generation  
(present)

- NOvA
- T2K
- OPERA

Optimised for electron-neutrino appearance

Constraints on  $\delta_{CP}$ , mass hierarchy and octant

3<sup>rd</sup> generation  
(future)

- DUNE
- Hyper-K

Precision measurement of  $\delta_{CP}$  and the remaining unknowns

# Key features of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

- Narrow band (off-axis) beam
- Detectors optimised for:
  - $\nu_e$  flavour identification
  - $\nu_e$  appearance maximum (L/E)
- High-intensity neutrino beam
- Longer (or shorter) baseline to enhance (reduce) the matter effect: 10% in T2K, 30% in NOvA

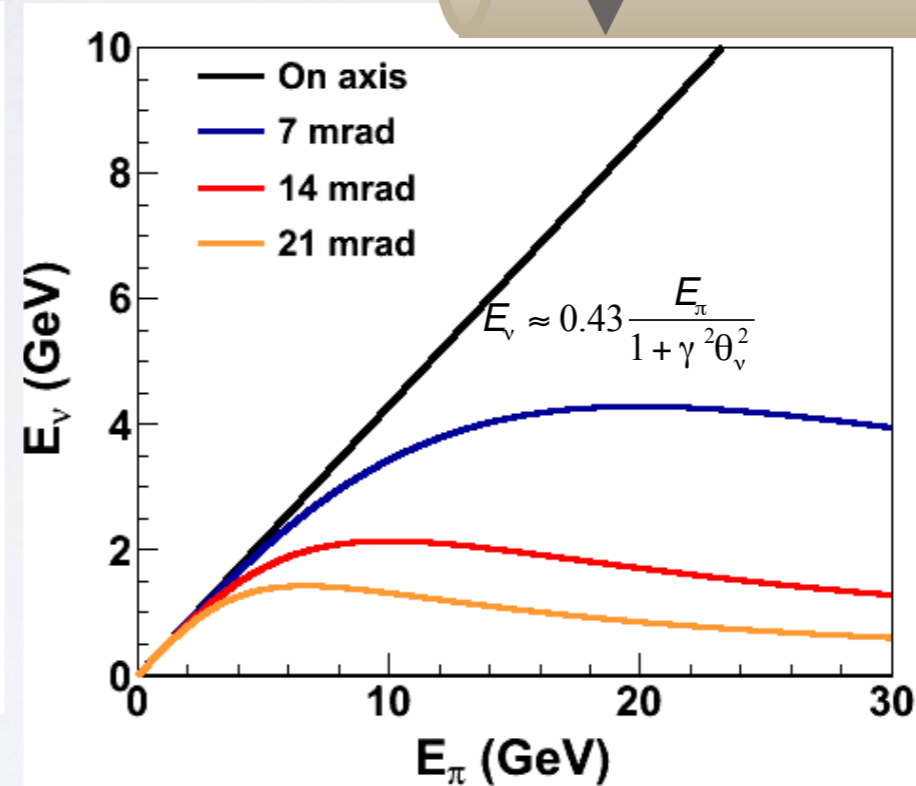
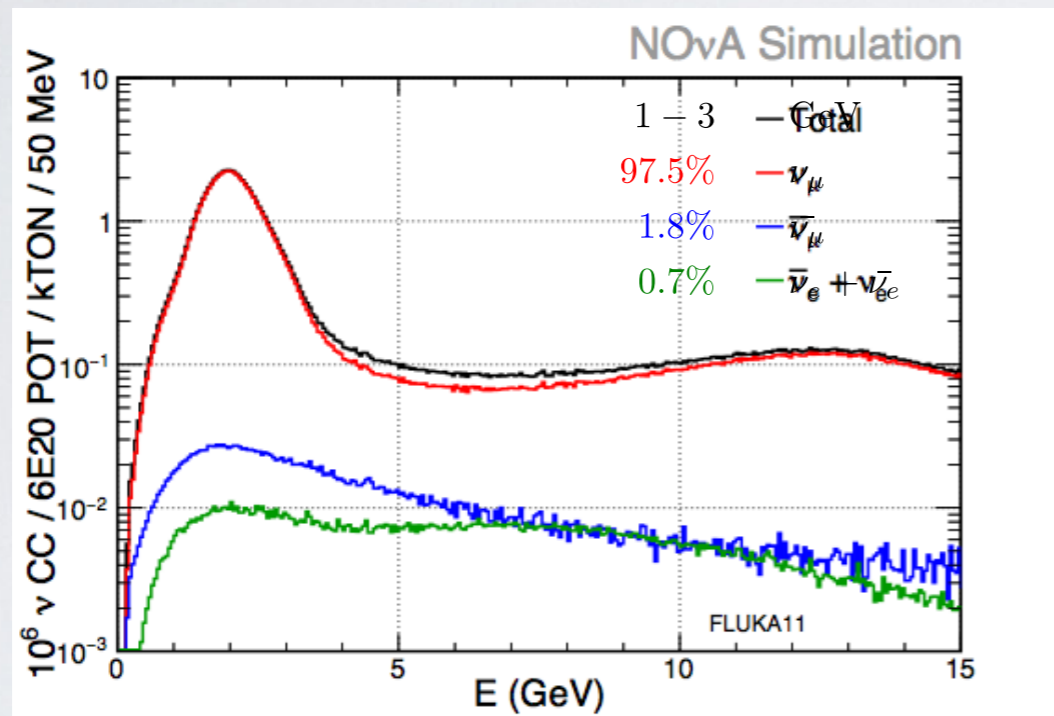
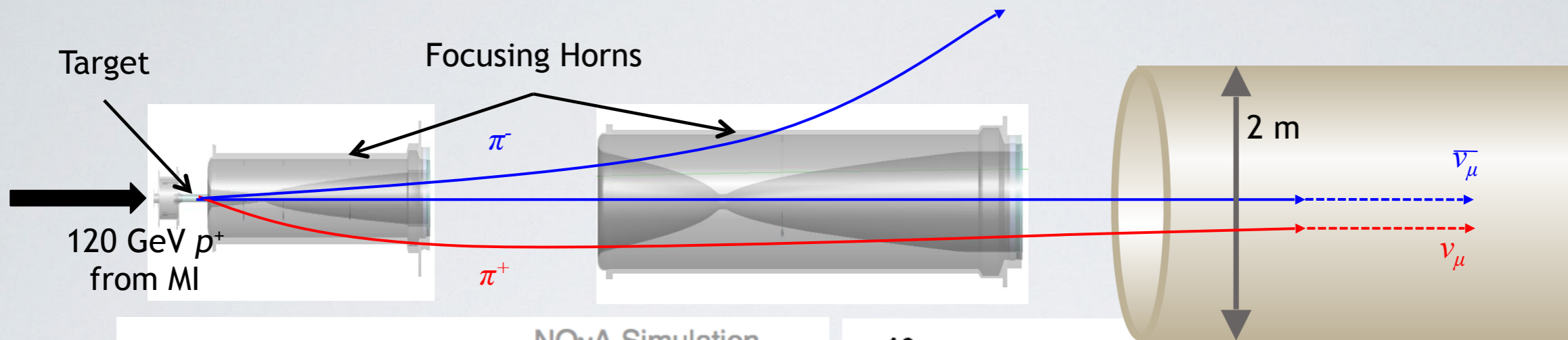
NOvA

- Baseline: 810 km
- Segmented scintillation calorimeter
- 700 kW neutrino / antineutrino beam
- 14.3 mrad off-axis

T2K

- Baseline: 295 km
- Cherenkov detector (SuperK)
- 420 kW neutrino / antineutrino beam
- 2.5° off-axis

# Making an off-axis neutrino beam



- At 14 mrad off-axis, narrow band beam peaked at 2 GeV
- Near oscillation maximum
- Fewer high energy NC background events

# Example of optimisation: MINOS to NOvA

How to enhance the appearance measurement?

Maximise signal

- Large and massive detector
- Limited passive material (highly active)
- High intensity beam

Reduce background

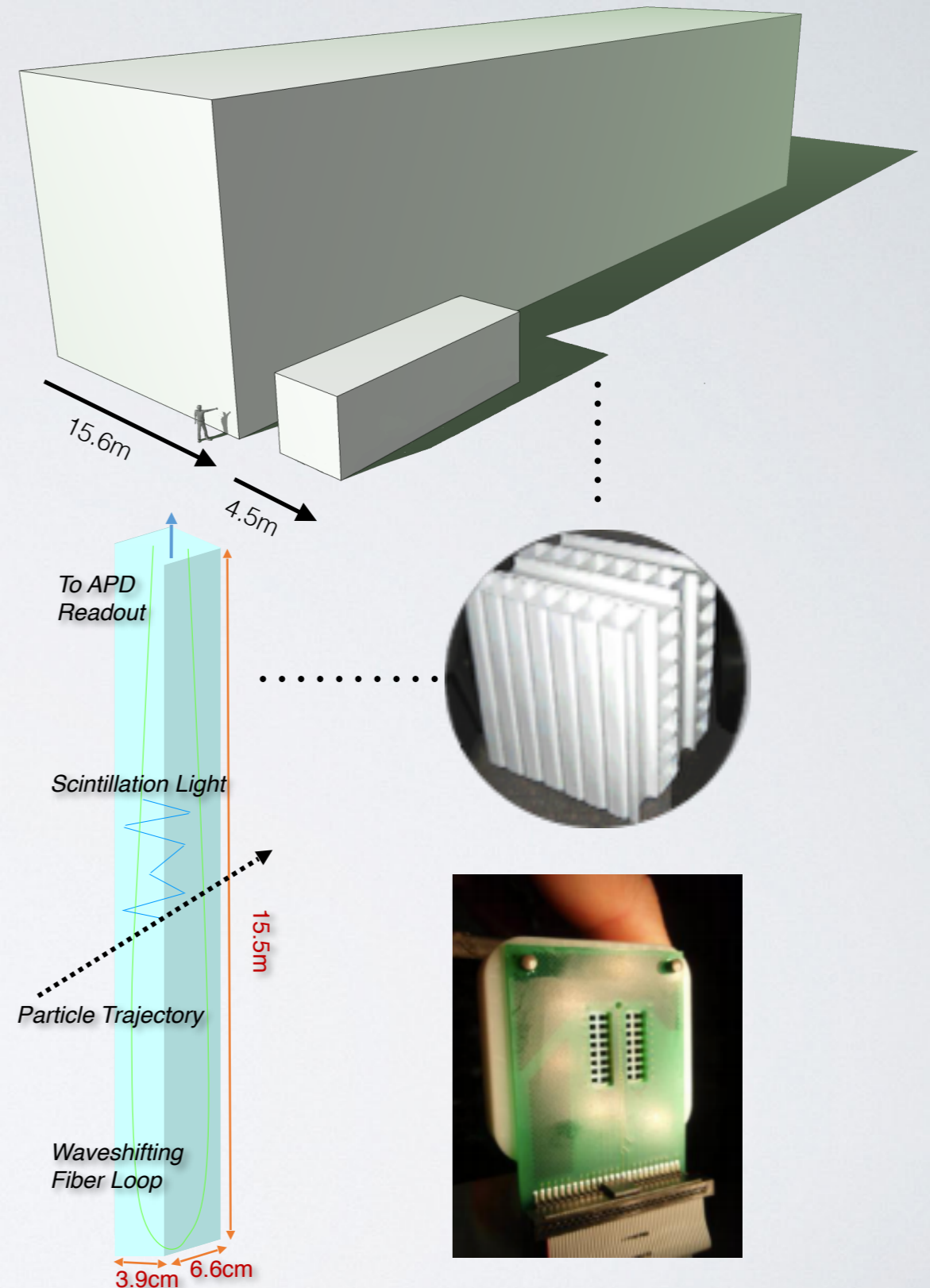
- Off-axis: smaller NC and  $\nu_{\mu}$  background
- low Z: identify gaps and distinguish electrons from photons
- Optimise L/E

Detailed reconstruction

- High granularity
- Efficient signal collection: APDs

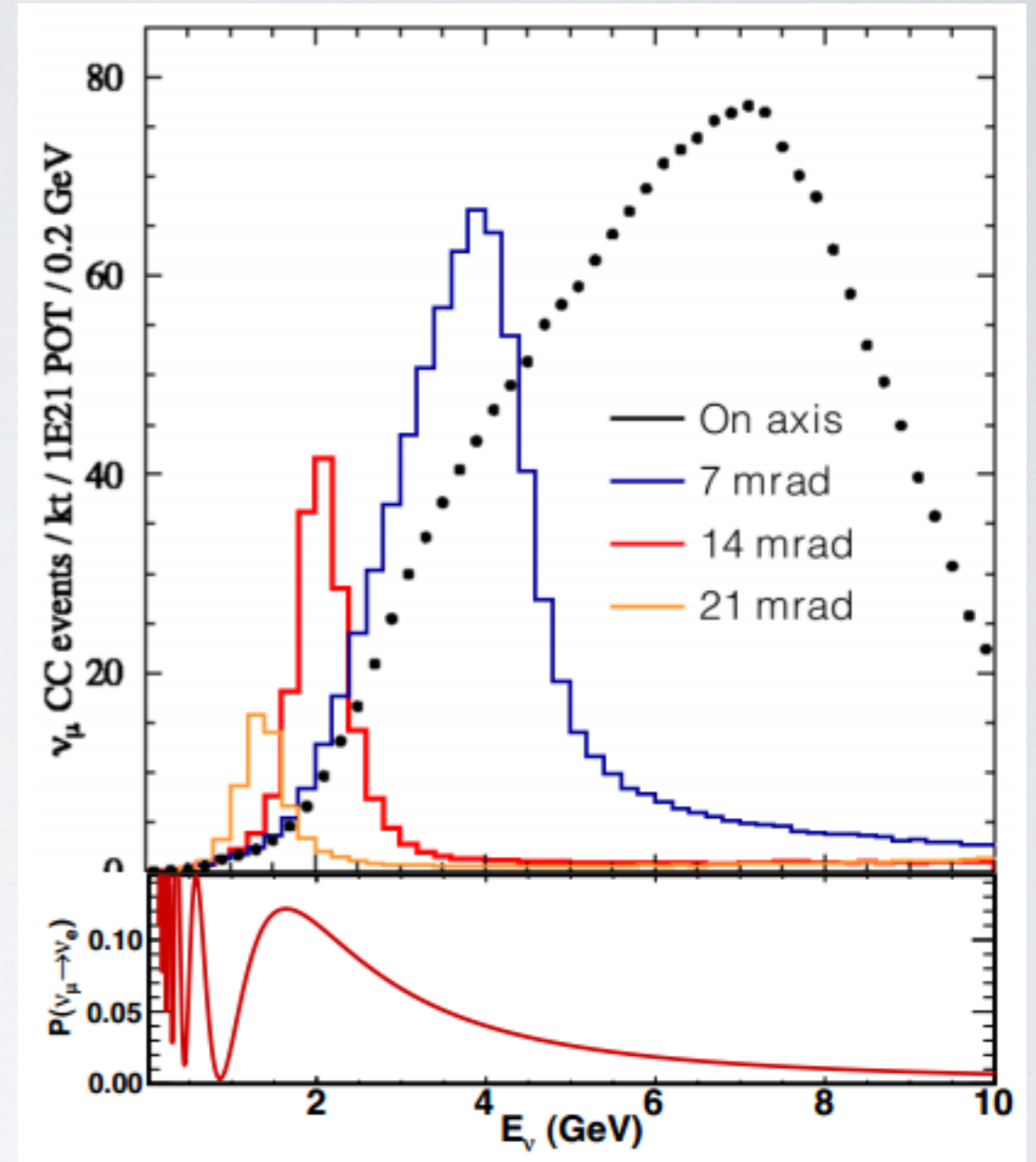
# NOvA

- NuMI Off-Axis  $\nu_e$  Appearance
- Two highly active scintillator detectors:
  - Far Detector: 14 kT, on surface
  - Near Detector: 300 T, 105 m underground
- 14 mrad off-axis narrowly peaked muon neutrino flux at 2 GeV,  $L/E \sim 405$  km/GeV
- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance channel:  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}$
- $\nu_e$  appearance channel: mass hierarchy,  $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  and octant degeneracy



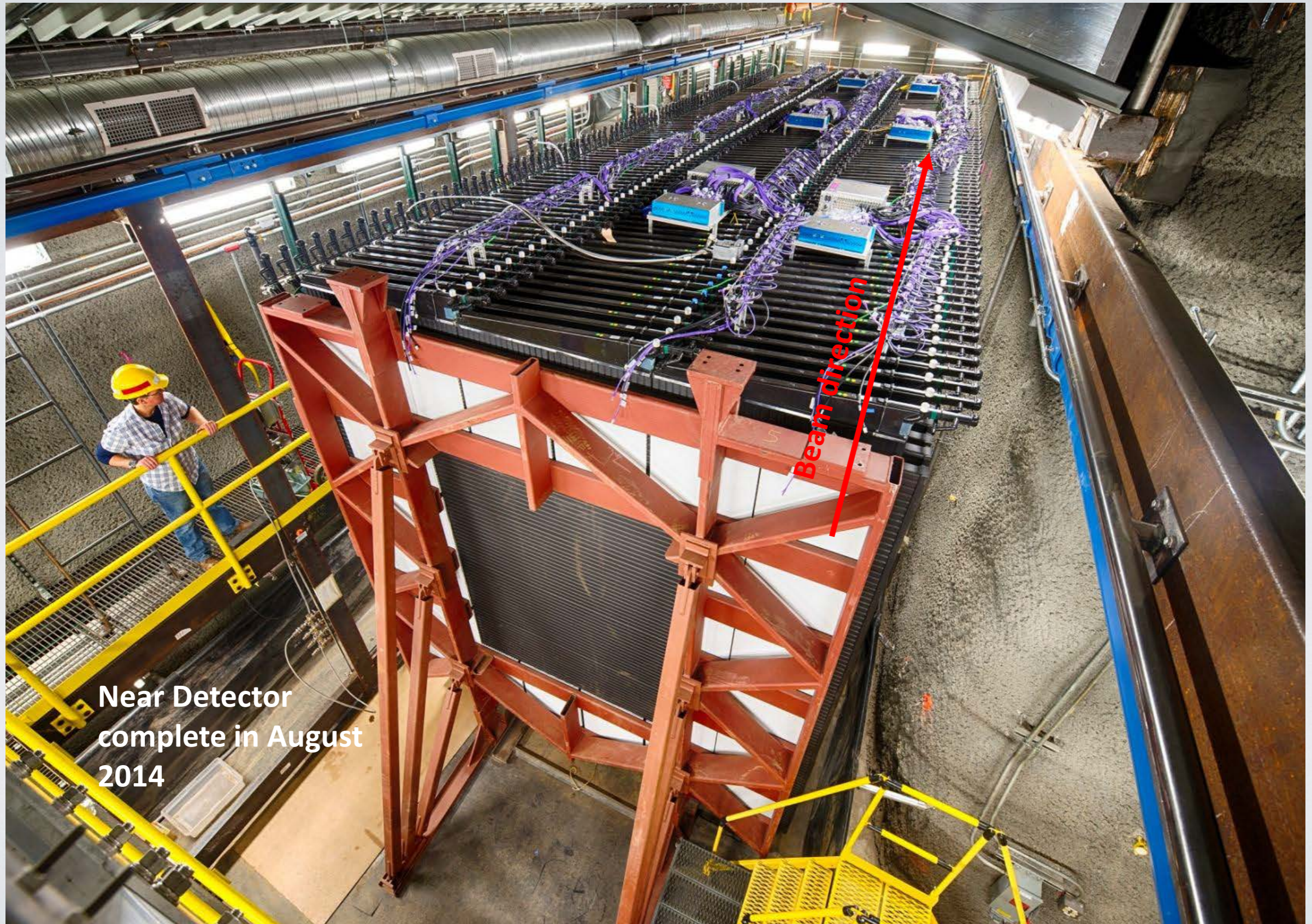
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# NEAR DETECTOR



Near Detector  
complete in August  
2014

# FAR DETECTOR



Far Detector completed in August 2014

*Beam direction*

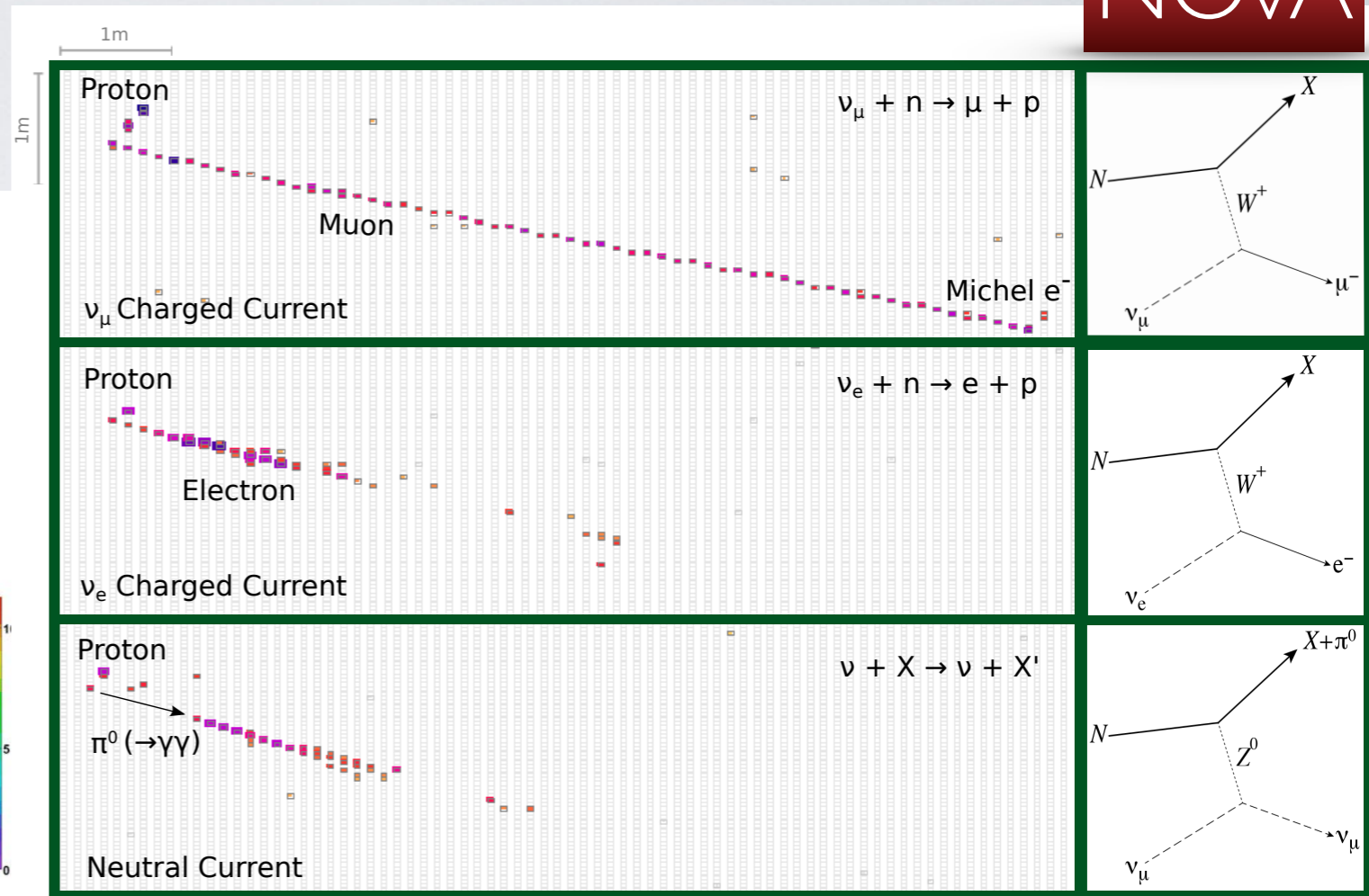
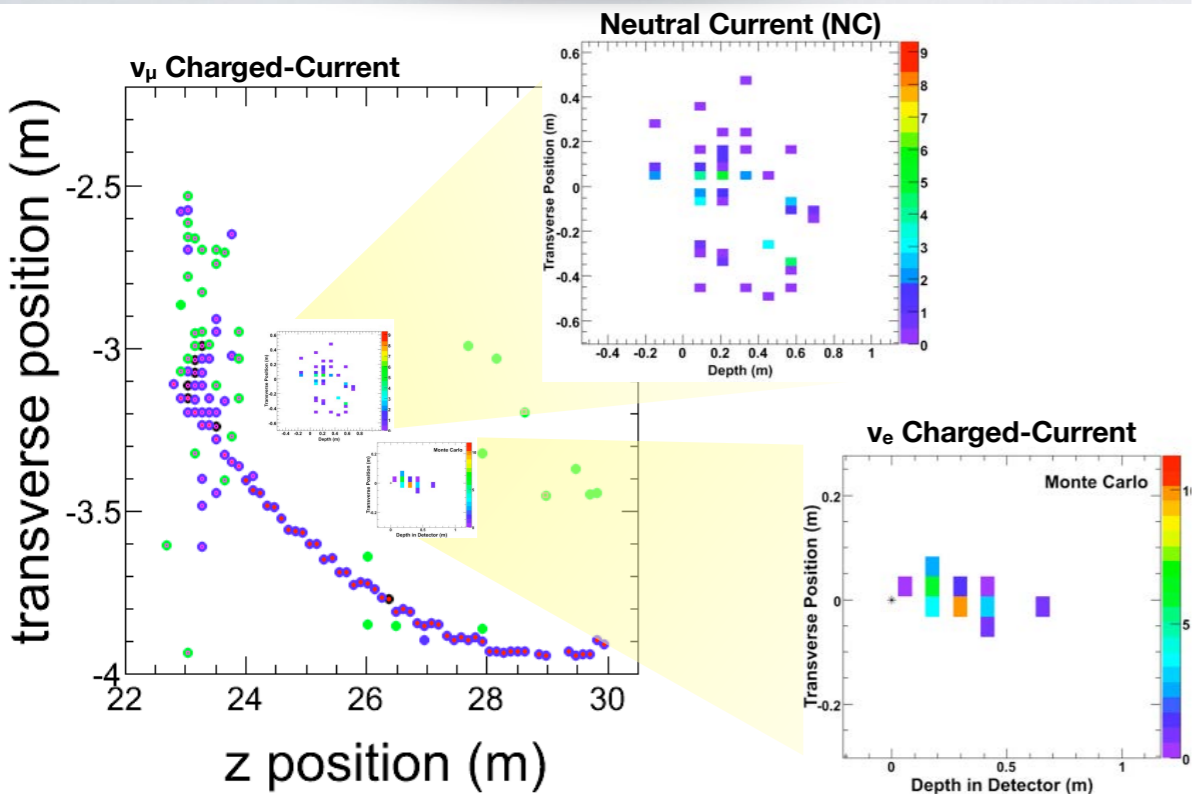
**DCM**

**FEB**

# Event topologies

NOvA

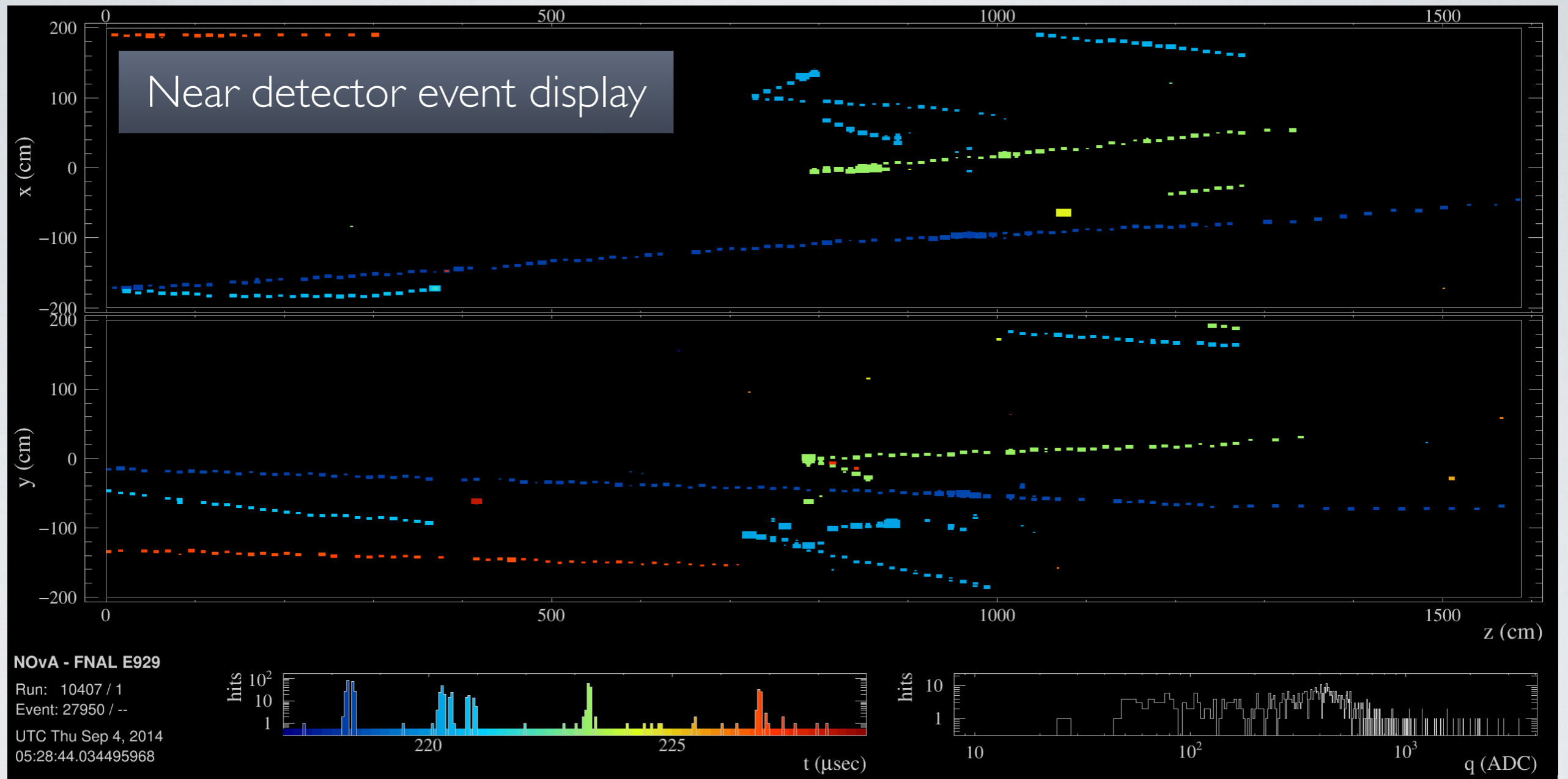
MINOS



- Superb granularity for a detector this scale
- Outstanding event identification capability

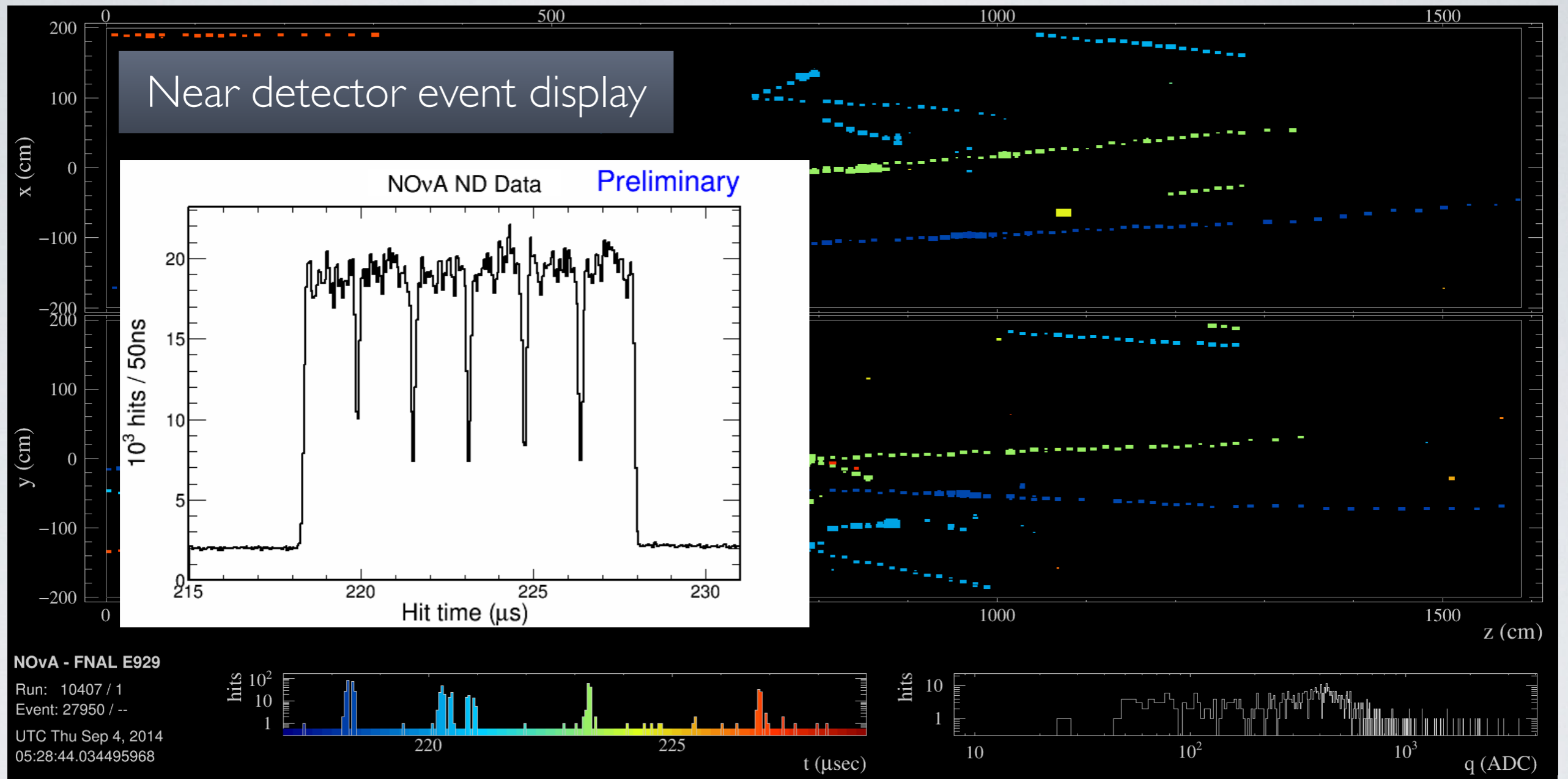
1 radiation length = 38 cm  
(6 cell depths, 10 cell widths)

# Real events (ND)



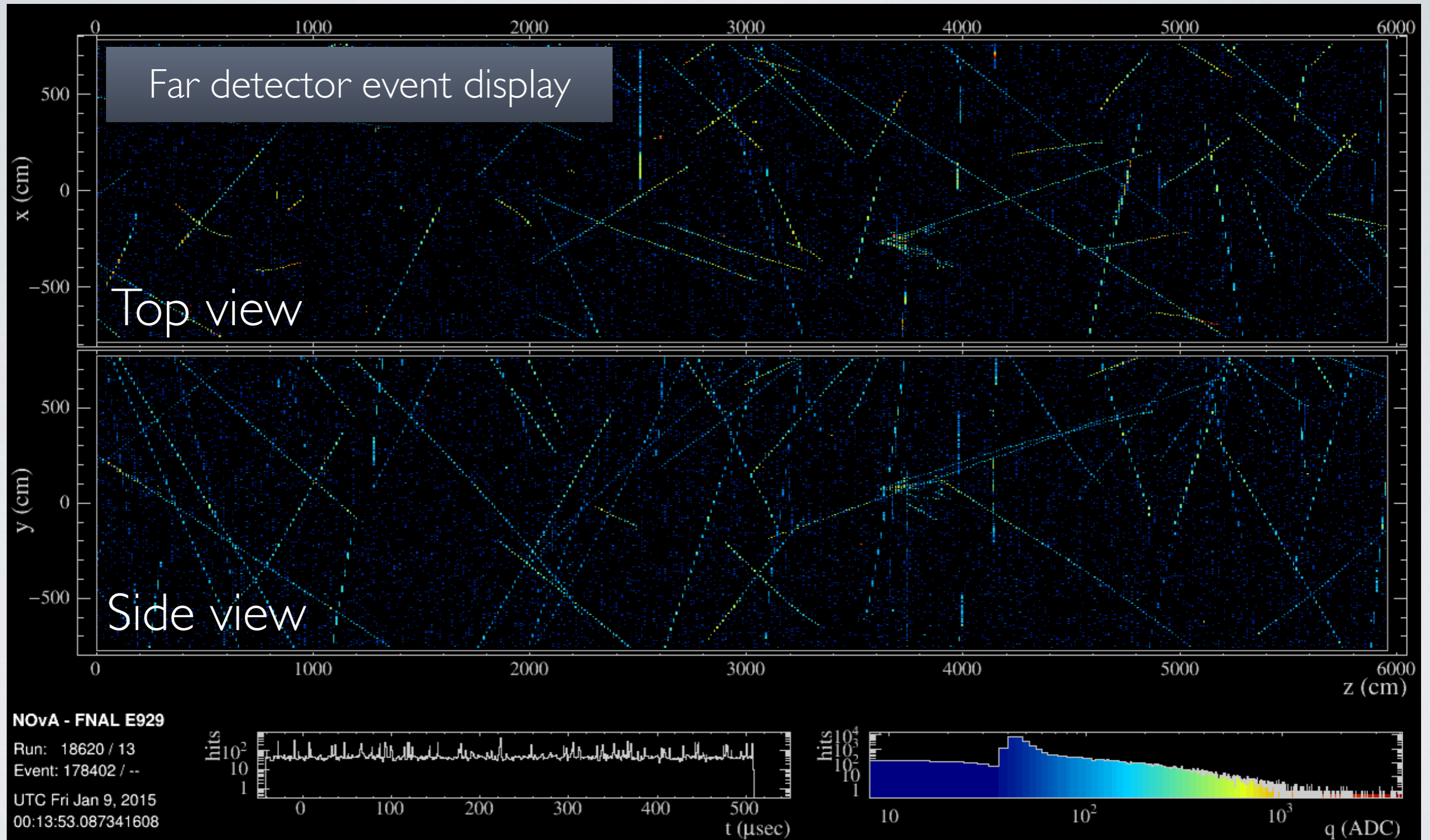
10  $\mu$ s of readout during NuMI beam pulse

# Real events (ND)



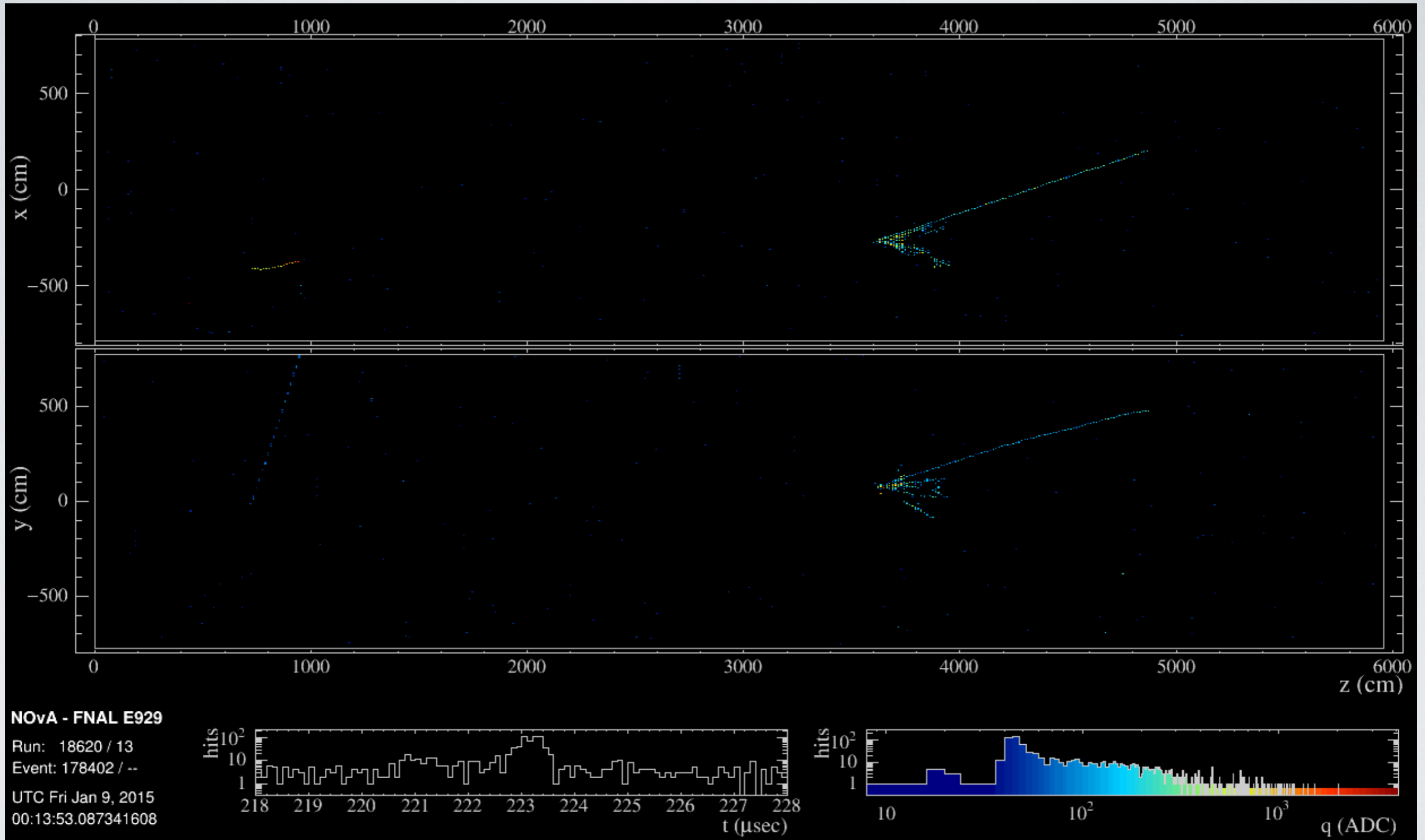
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# Real events (FD)



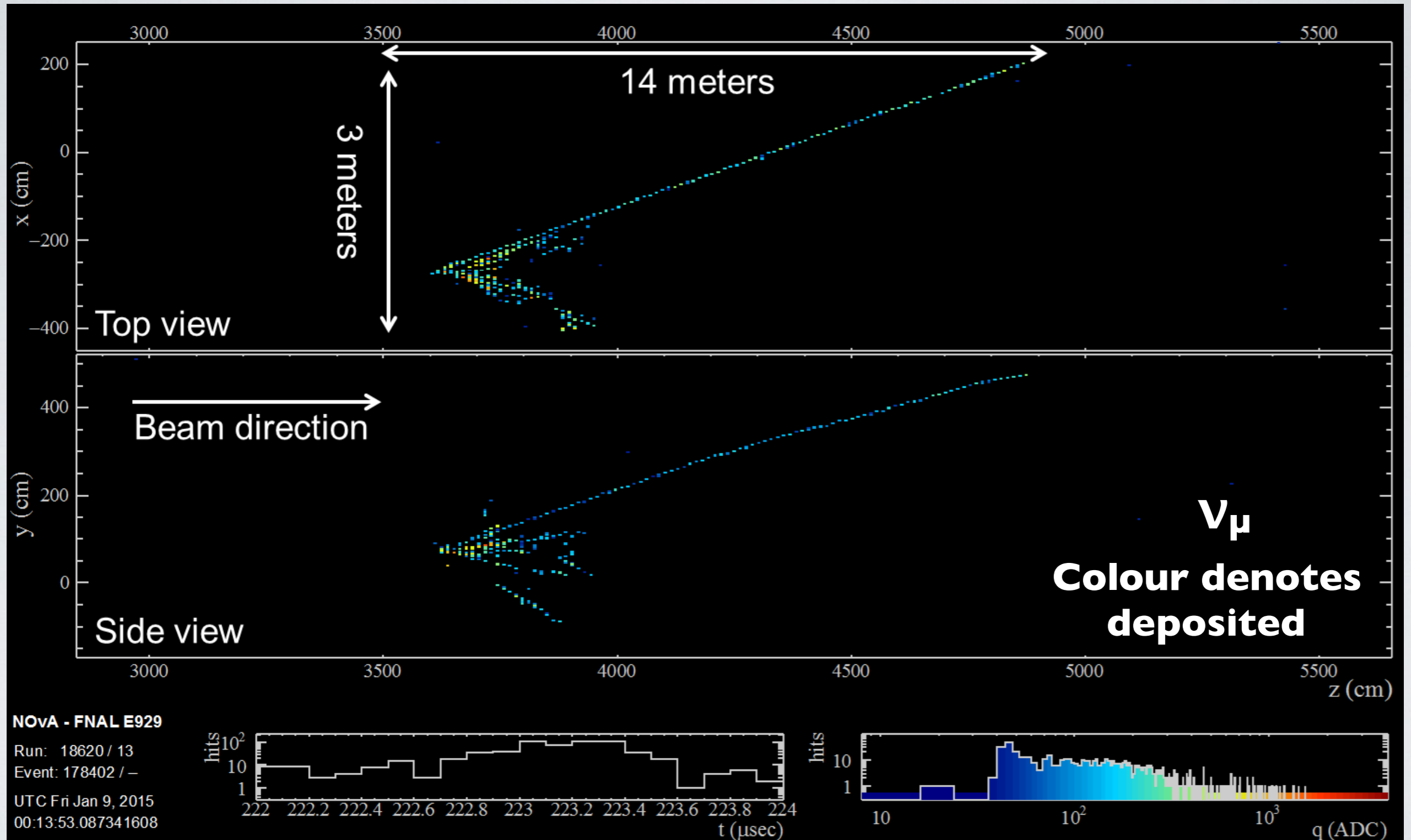
Full 550  $\mu$ s readout (colours show charge)

# Real events (FD)



Zoomed on the 10 μs beam spill window

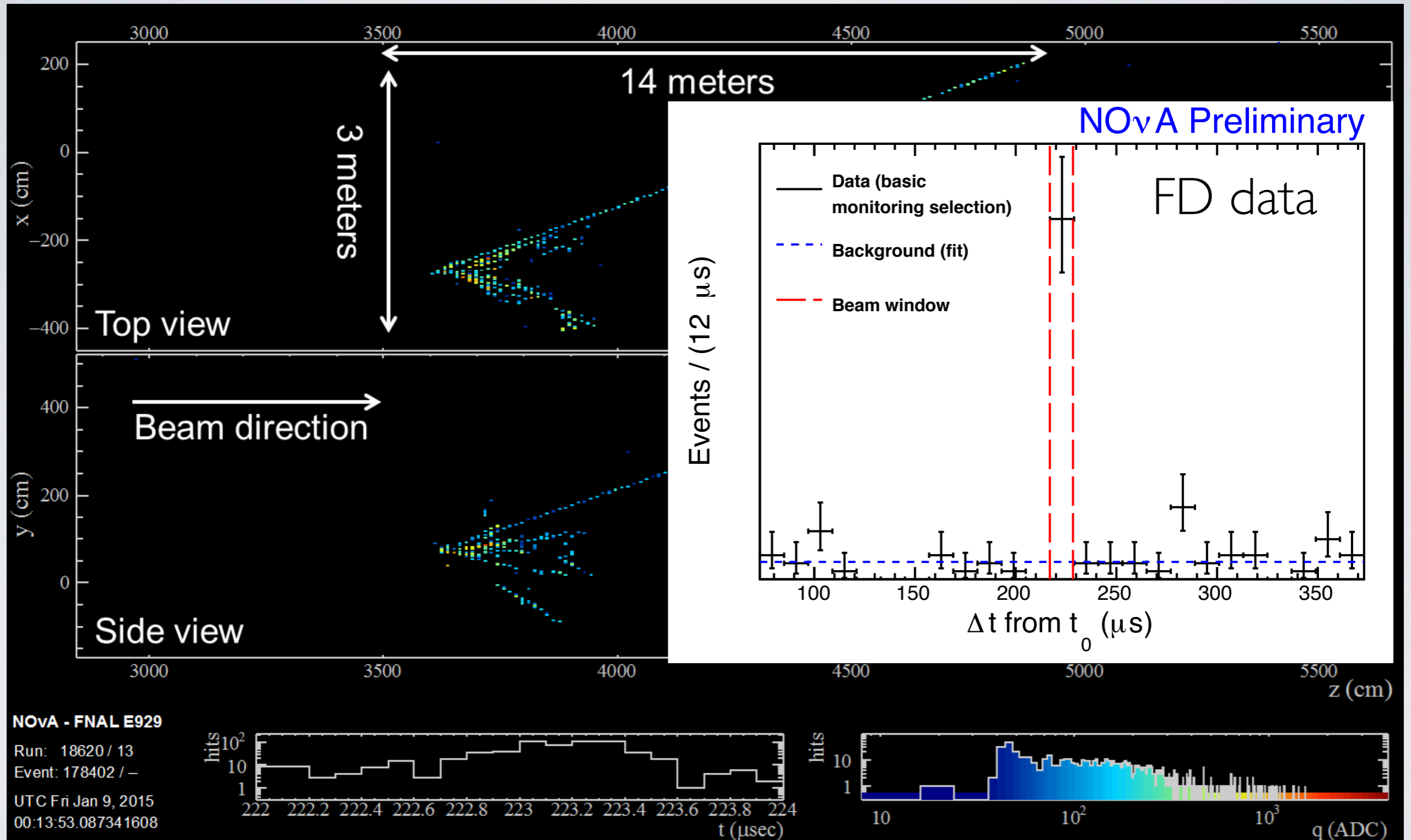
# Real events (FD)



Zoomed on the time slice

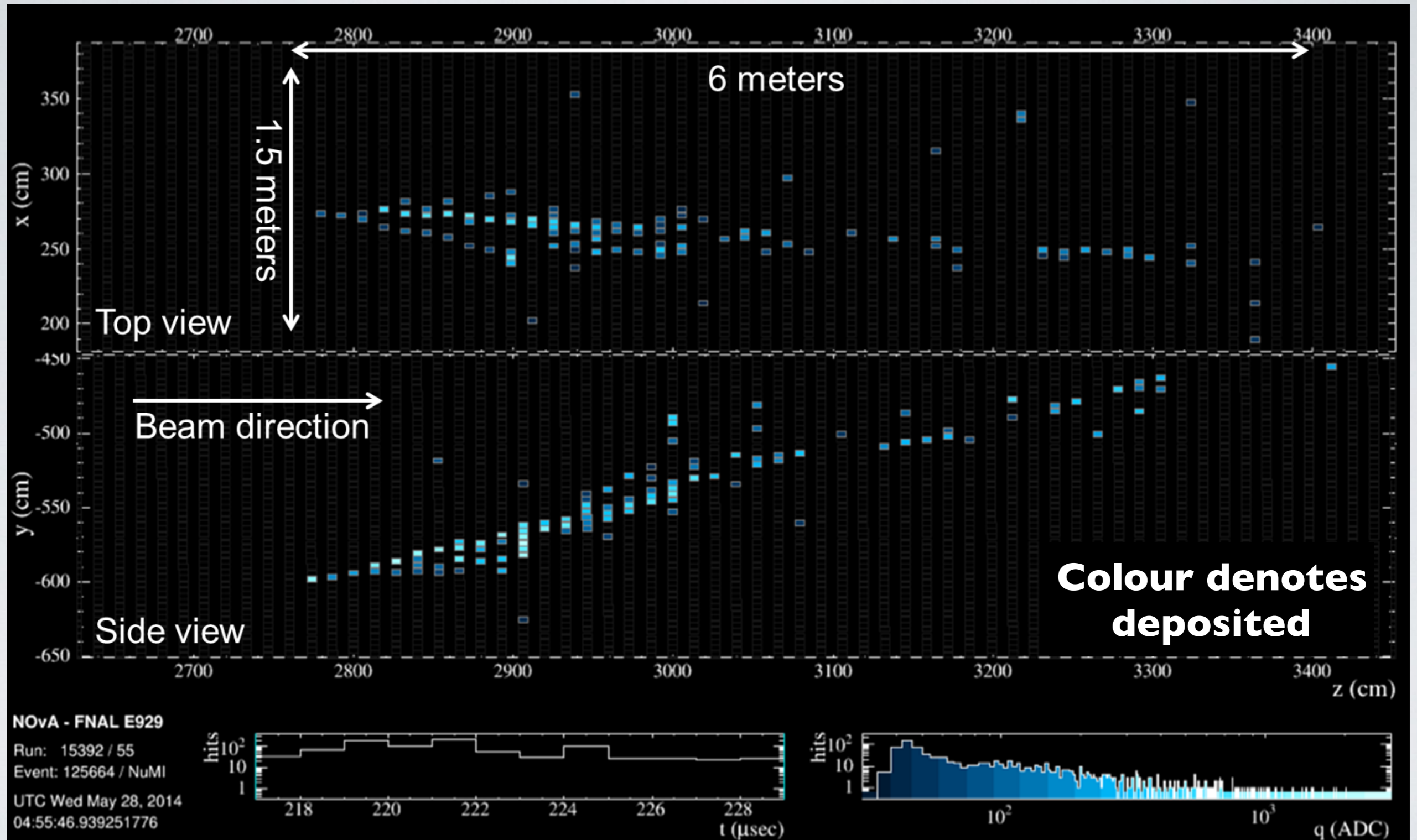


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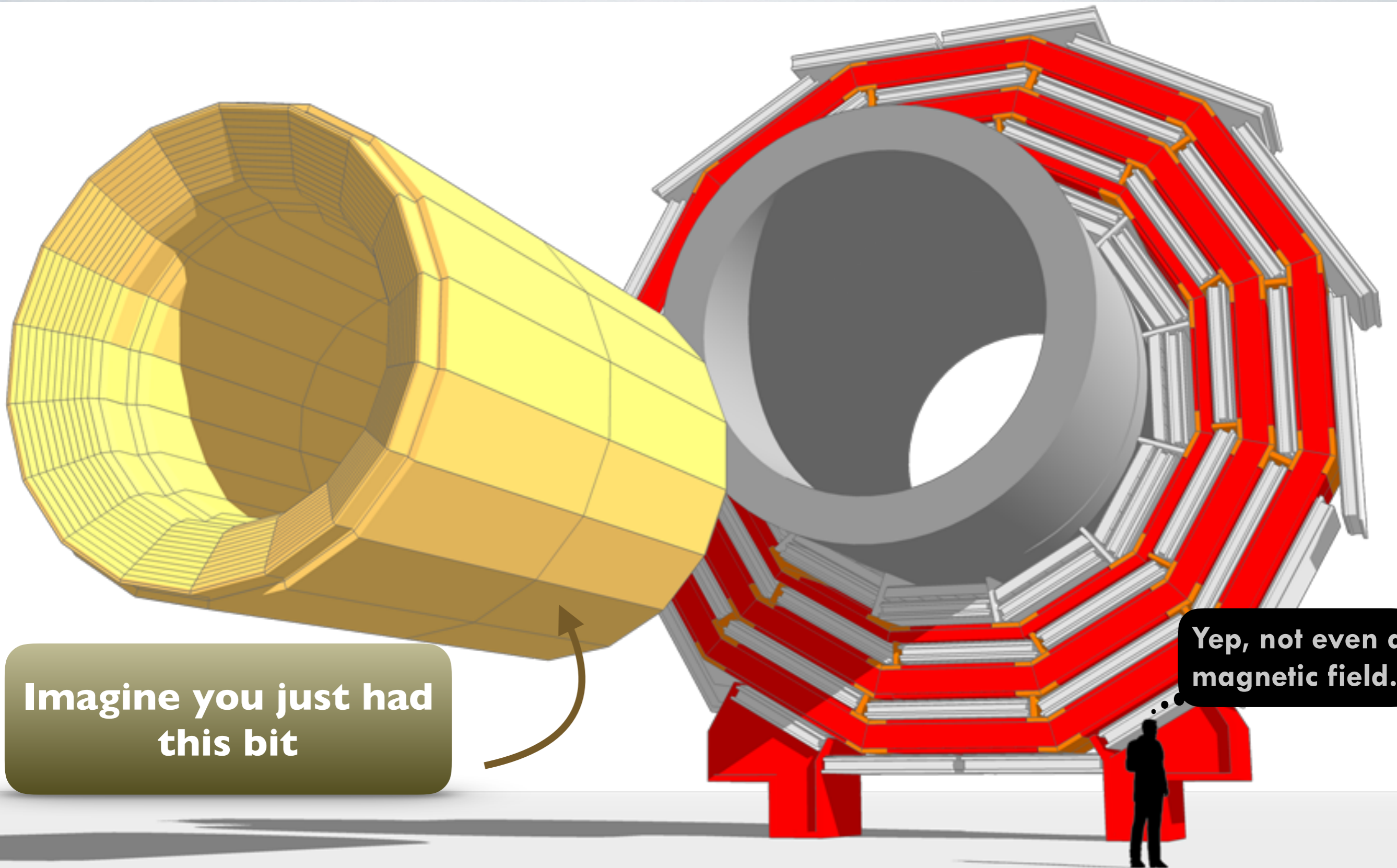
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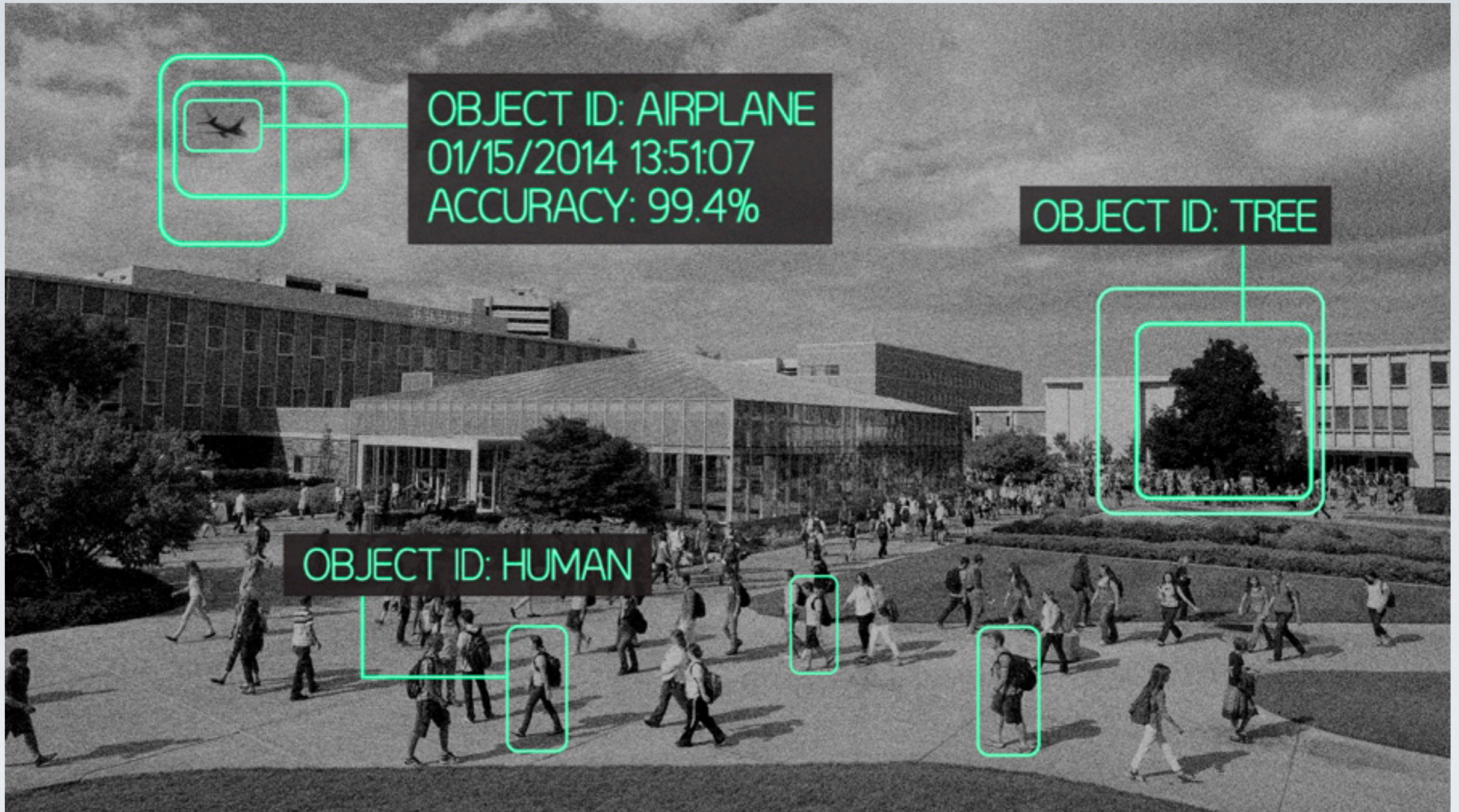
# Some collider context...



**Imagine you just had  
this bit**

**Yep, not even a  
magnetic field.**

# Convolutional neural network

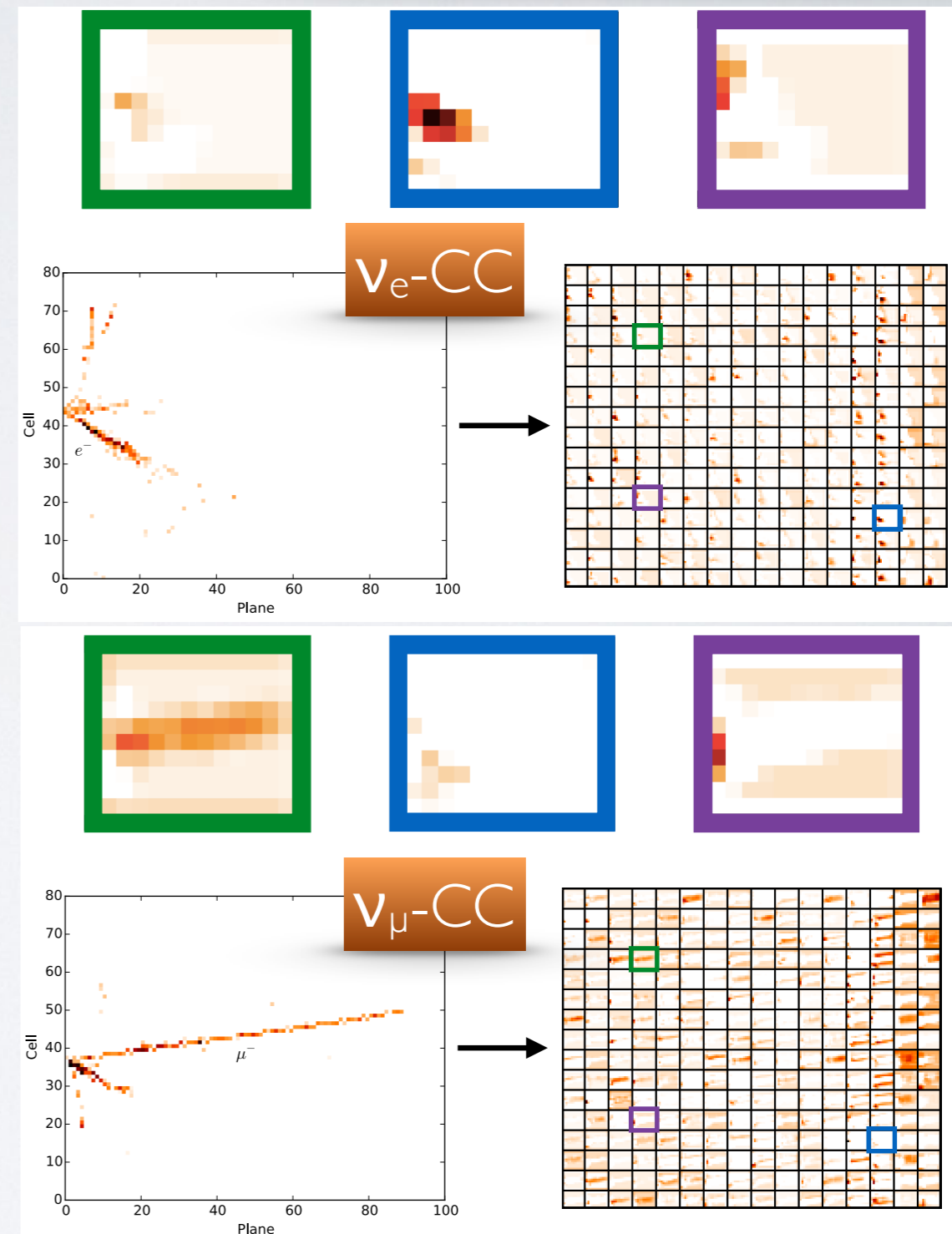


- First usage of image-recognition in particle physics
- Enormous potential both for this and the upcoming generation of experiments

# Convolutional neural network

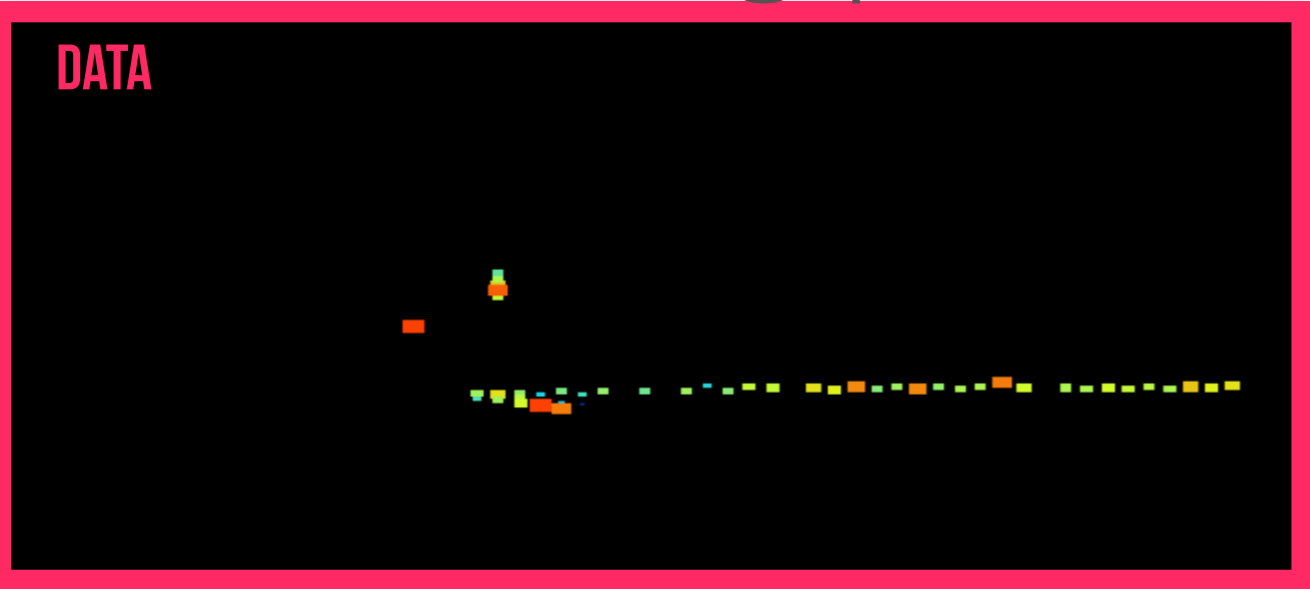
- Event selection based on ideas from computer vision and deep learning
- Calibrated hit maps are inputs to Convolutional Visual Network (CVN)
- Series of image processing transformations applied to extract abstract features
- Extracted features used as inputs to a conventional neural network to classify the event
- **Improvement in sensitivity from CVN equivalent to 30% more exposure**

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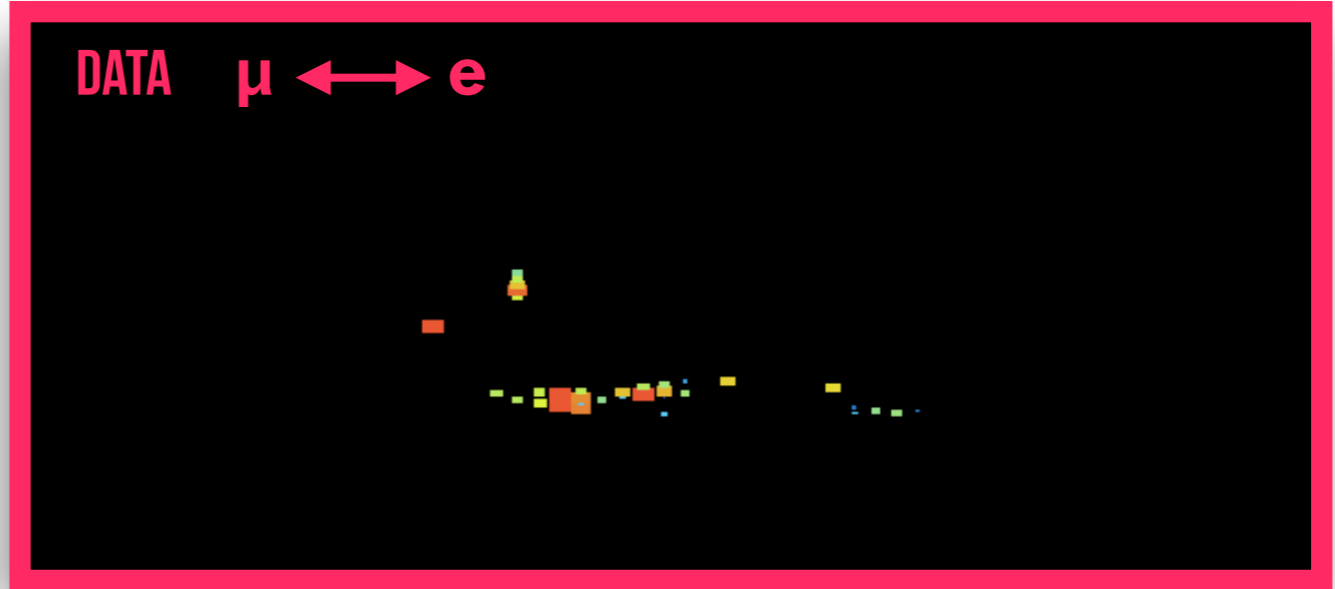


# Assessing performance on real data

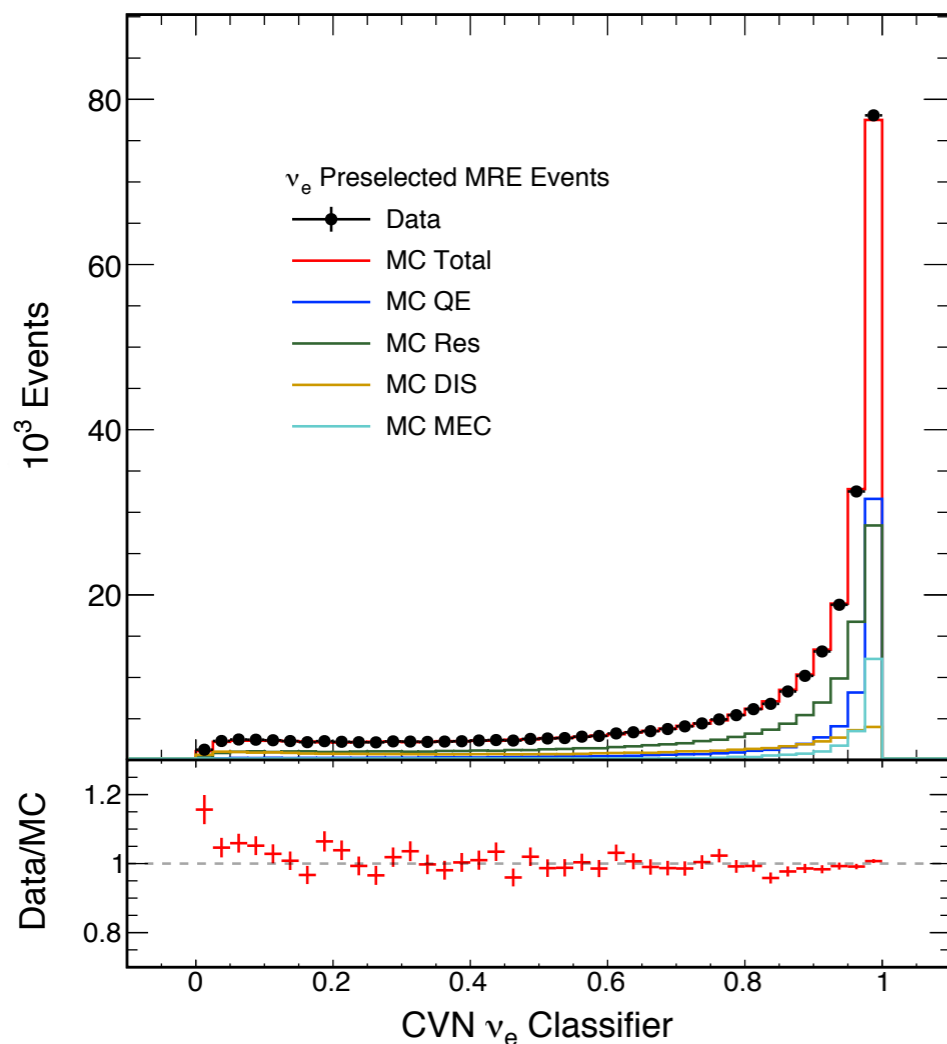
DATA



DATA  $\mu \leftrightarrow e$



NOvA Preliminary



## MRE (Muon Removed - Electron):

Select a muon neutrino interaction with traditional ID methods.

Remove the muon hits and replace them with a single simulated electron of matching momentum.

Data/MC comparisons show less than 1% difference in efficiency.

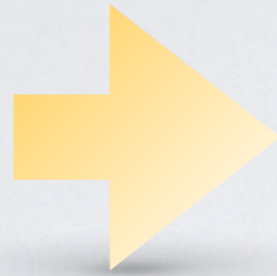
PID	Sample	Preselection	PID	Efficiency	Efficiency diff %
CVN	Data	262884	188809	0.718222	-0.36%
	MC	277320	199895	0.720809	

# MUON NEUTRINO DISAPPEARANCE

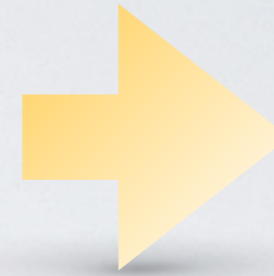


# Disappearance analysis in a nutshell...

Identify contained  $\nu_\mu$  CC events in both detectors

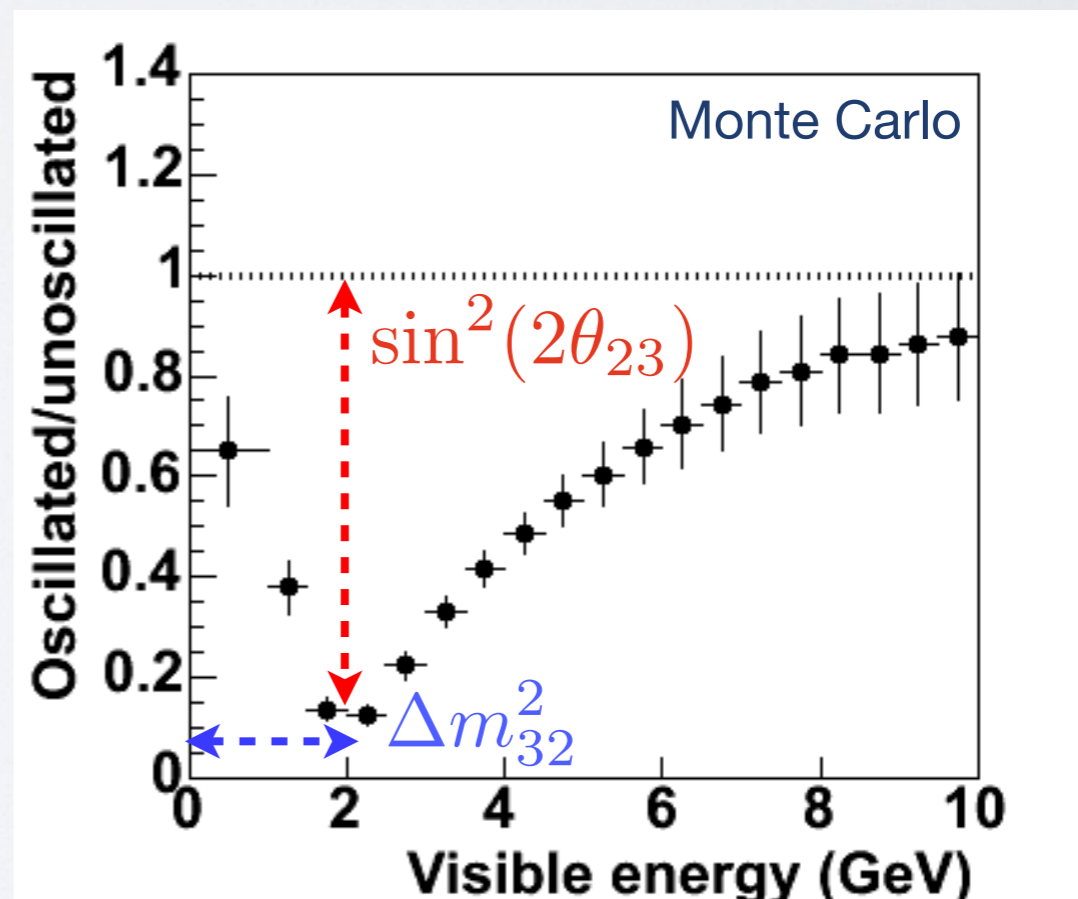
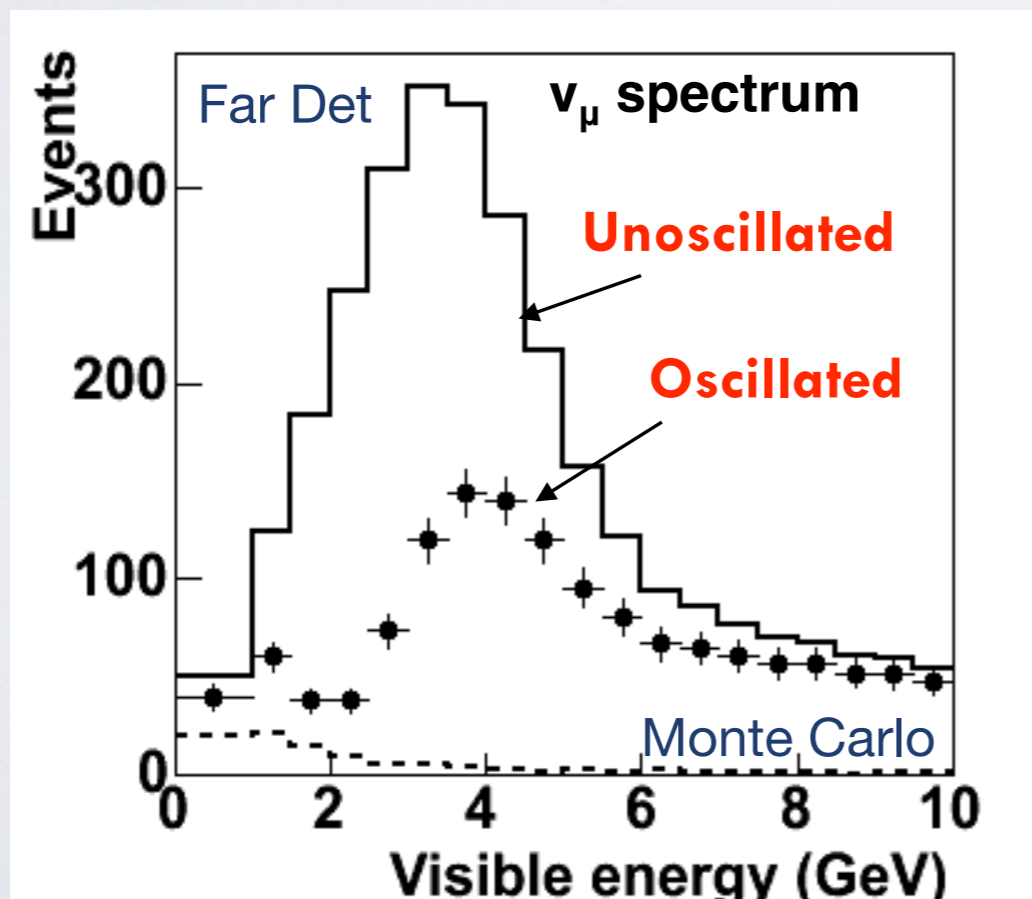


Measure both energy spectra



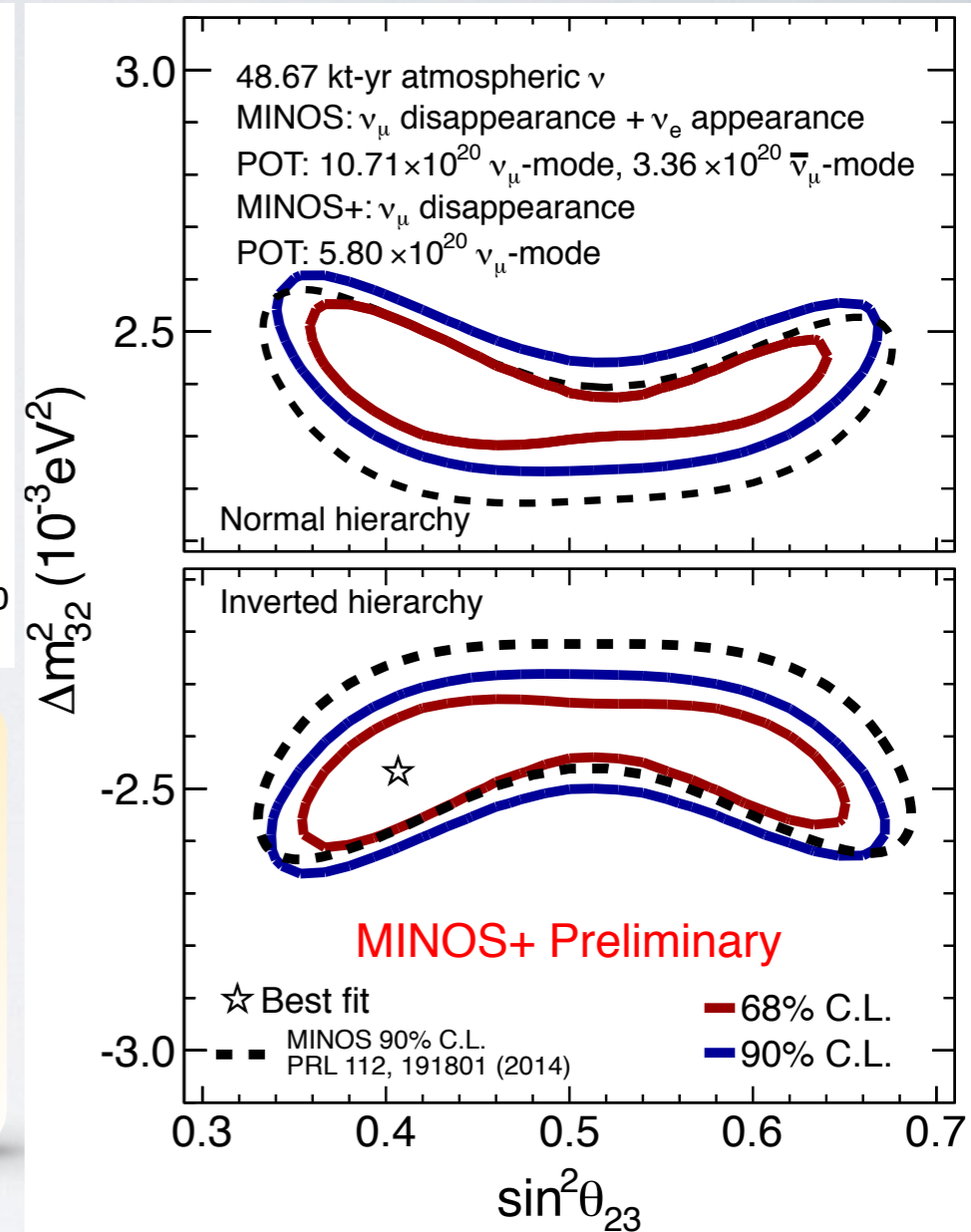
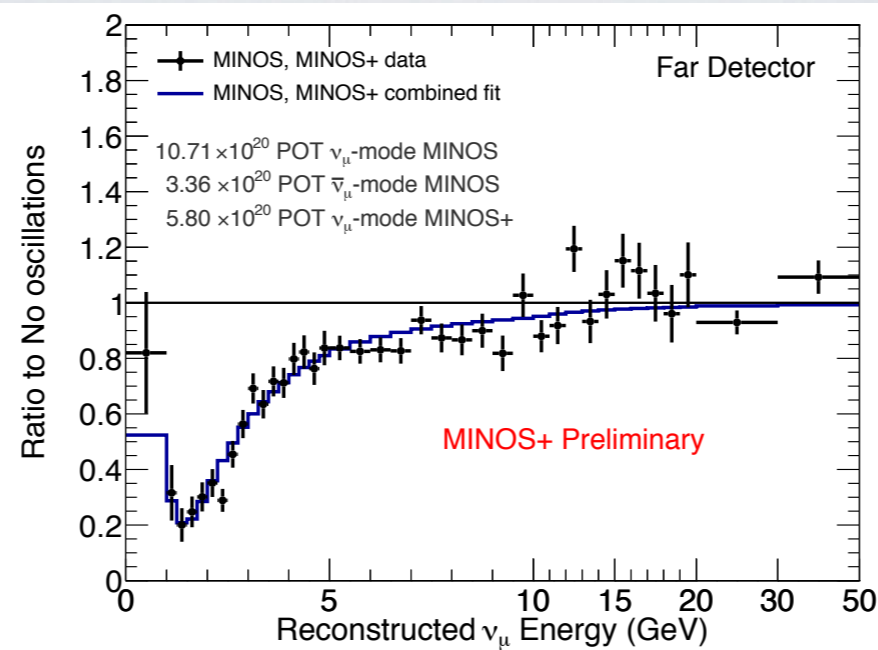
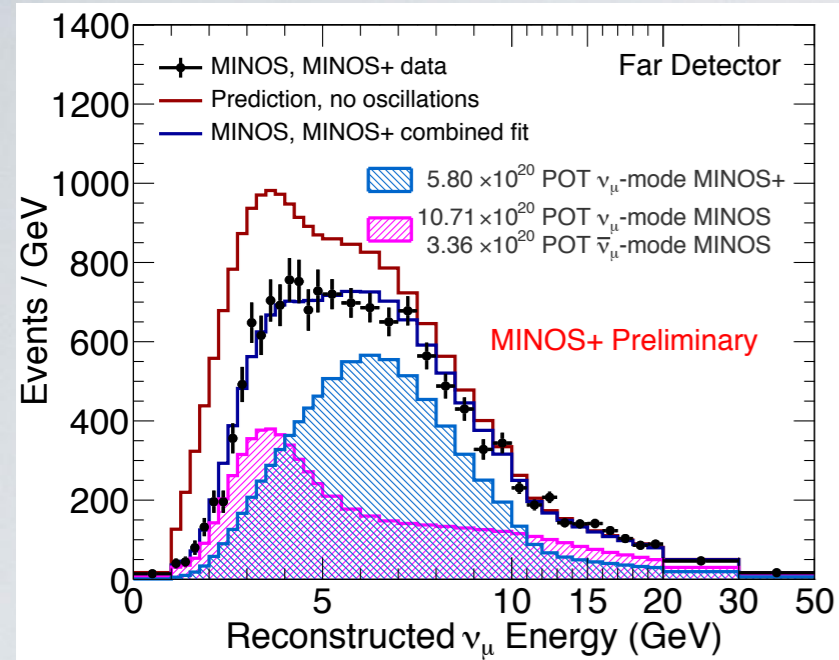
Measure oscillation from comparison between near and far energy spectra

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \simeq 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.267 \Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E}\right)$$





# MINOS/MINOS+



J. Evans (Neutrino 2016)

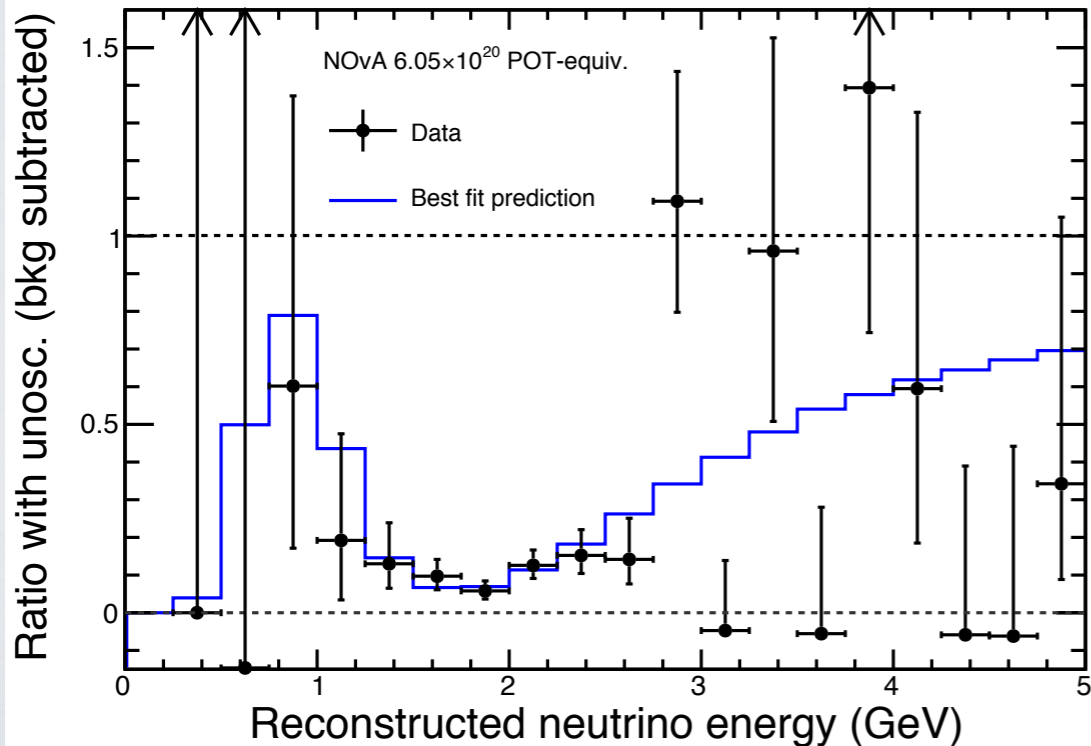
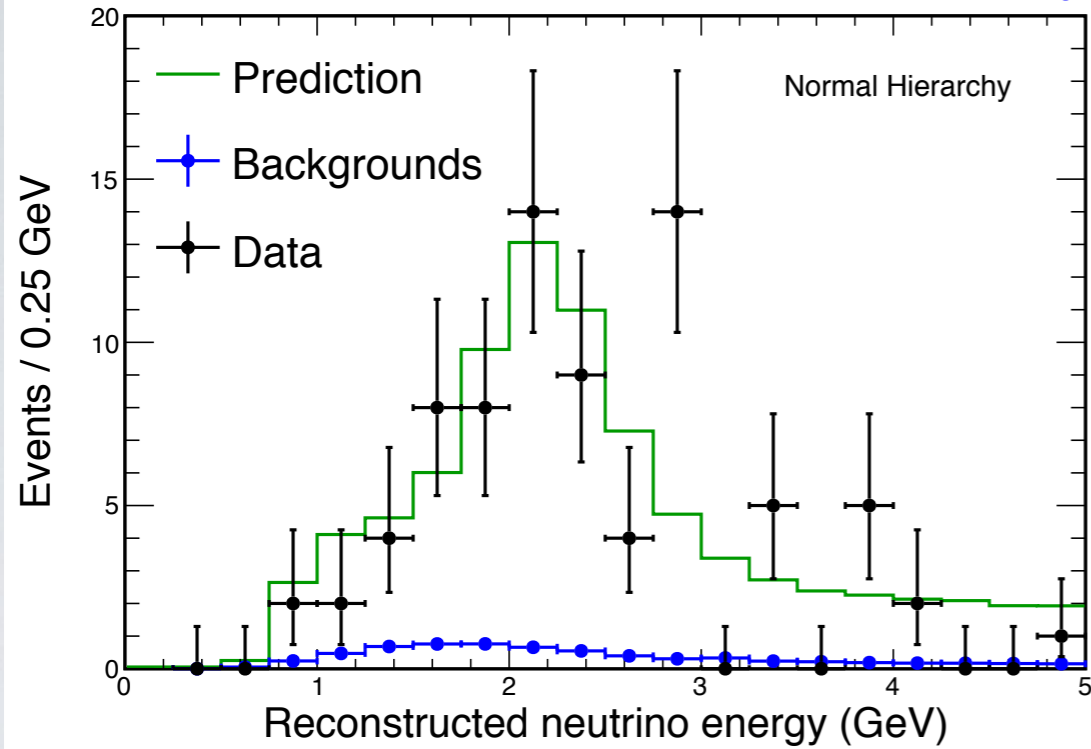
- Baseline: 735 km
- Magnetised tracker made of Fe
- On-axis (wide energy)



Slight octant preference. Best fit in the inverted hierarchy, but very small sensitivity to mass hierarchy

# NOvA

## NOvA Preliminary



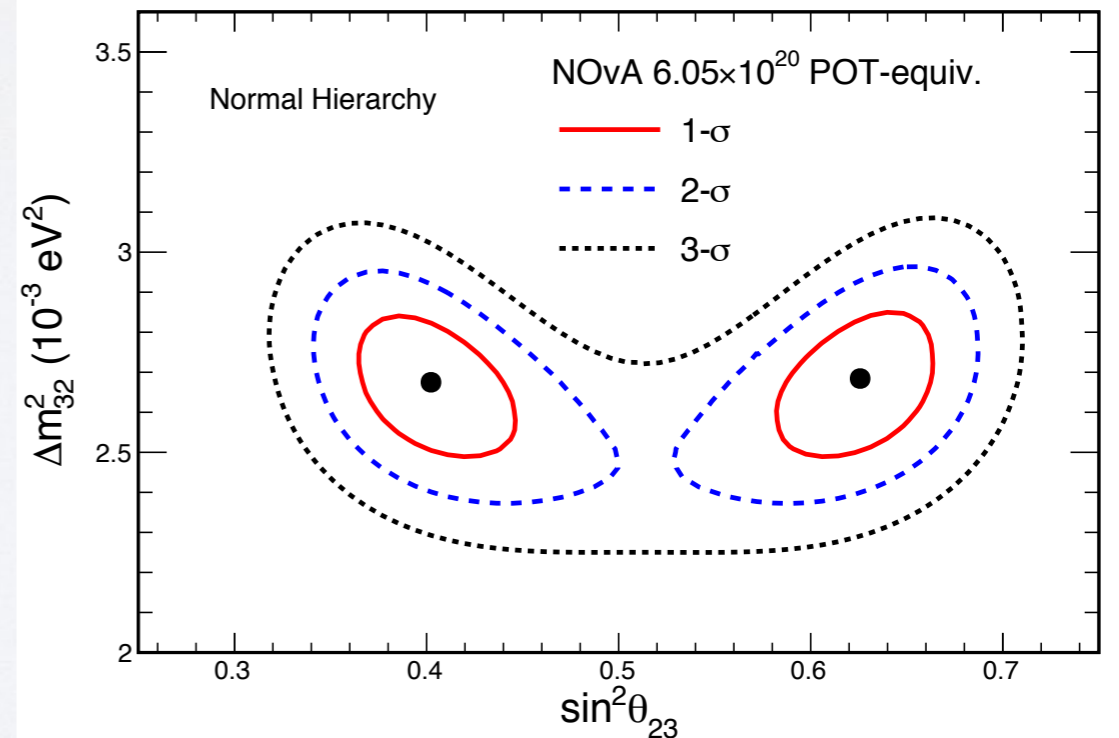
- 473 expected without oscillations
- 82 with oscillations. 78 observed

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = (2.67 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \text{ (NH)}$$

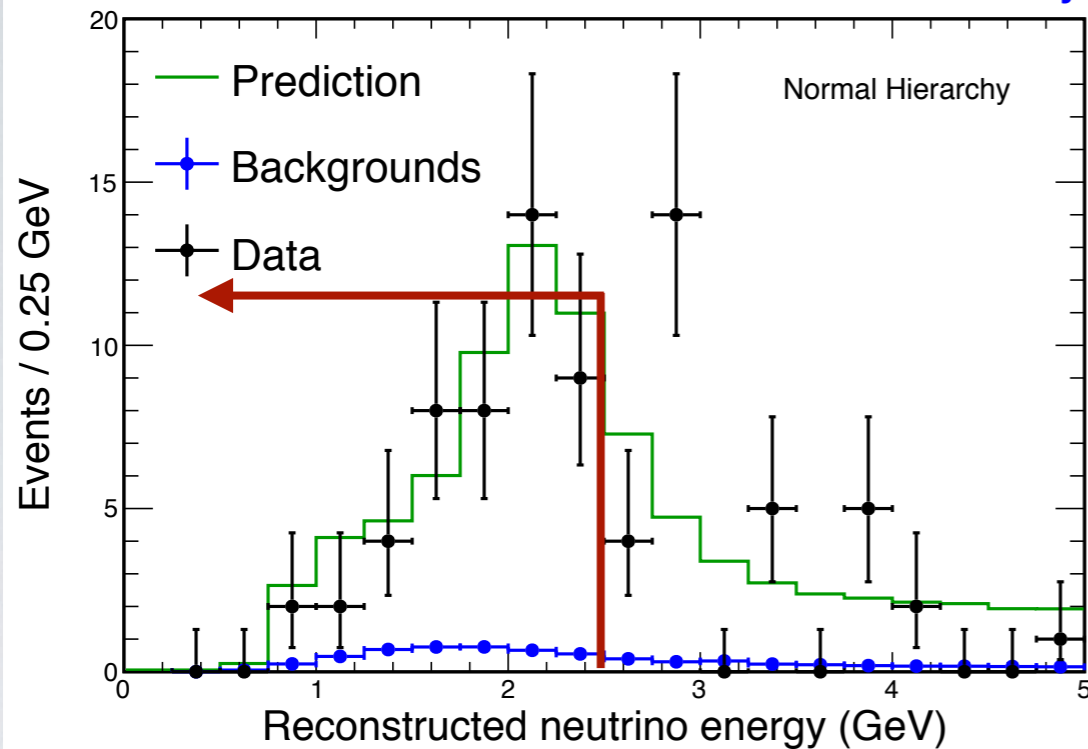
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.40_{-0.02}^{+0.03} \text{ (} 0.63_{-0.03}^{+0.02} \text{)}$$

Maximal mixing disfavoured at  $2.5\sigma$

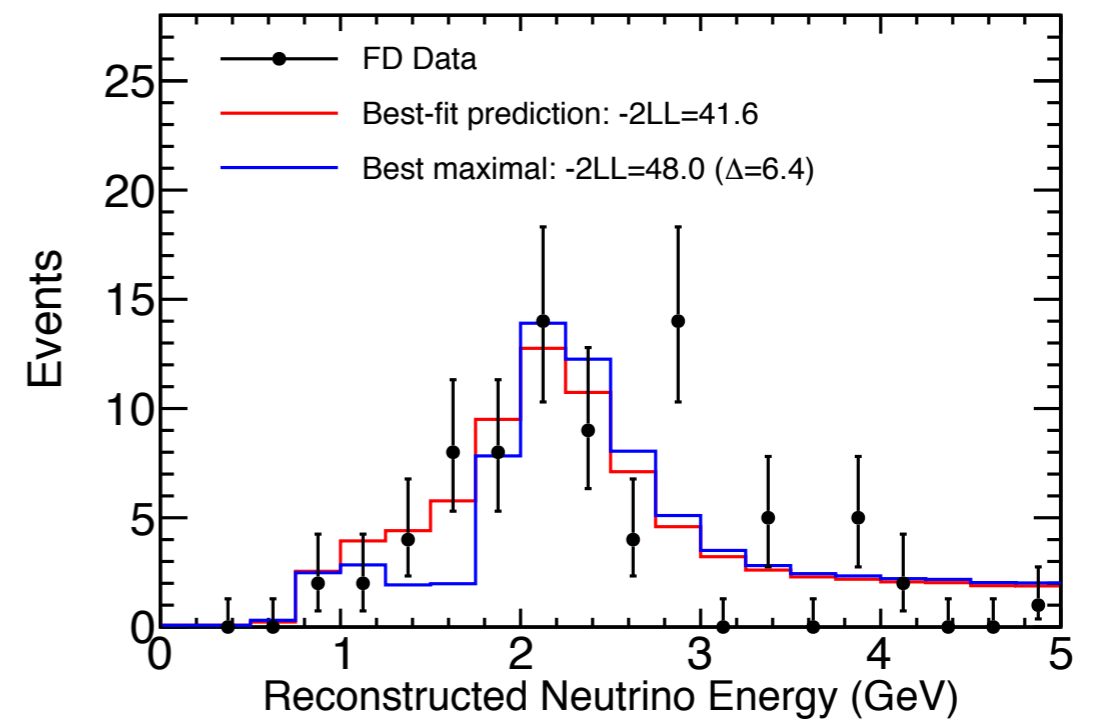
## NOvA Preliminary



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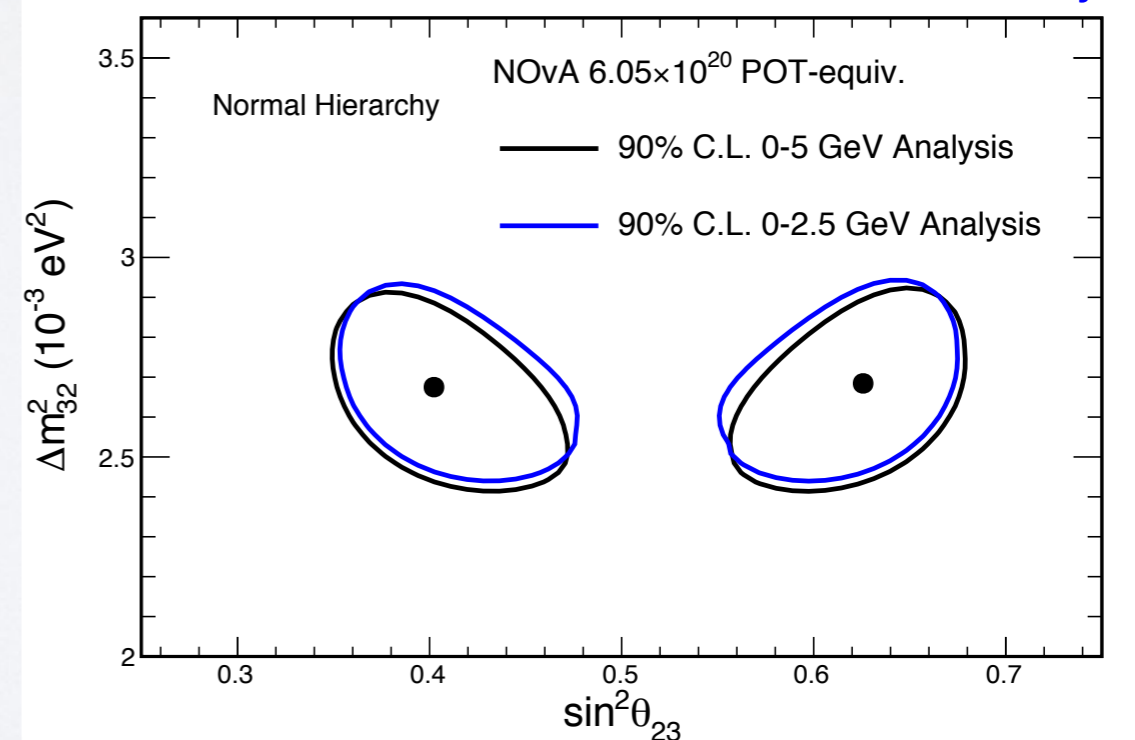


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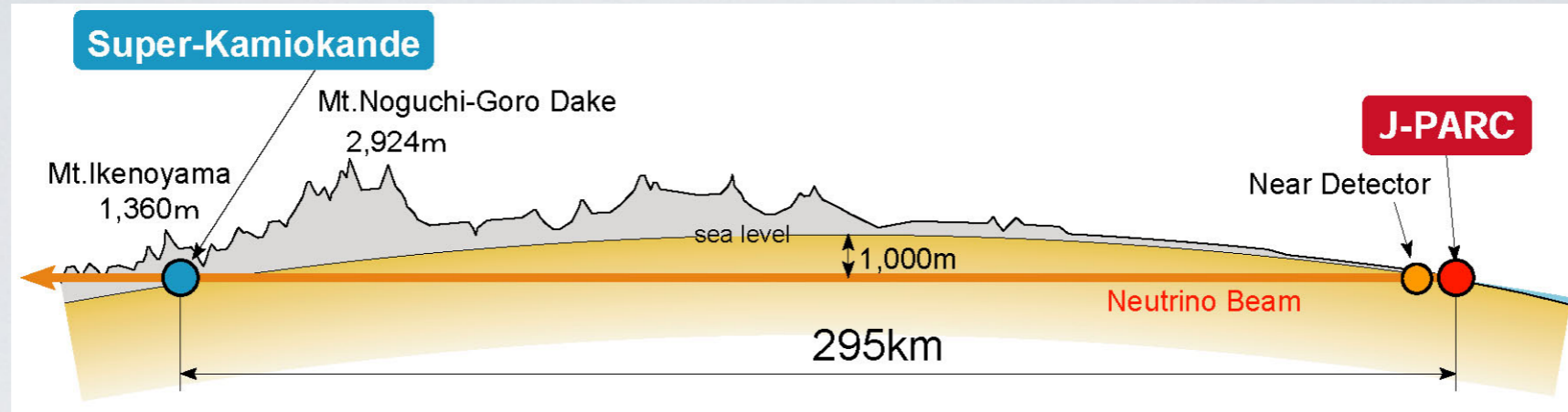


- $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 41.5 / 17$  driven by fluctuations on the tail
- Fitting below 2.5 GeV yields  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 3.2/7$  but negligible change on result (and same maximal mixing rejection)
- Best fit at forced maximal mixing has  $\Delta\chi^2 = 6.4$

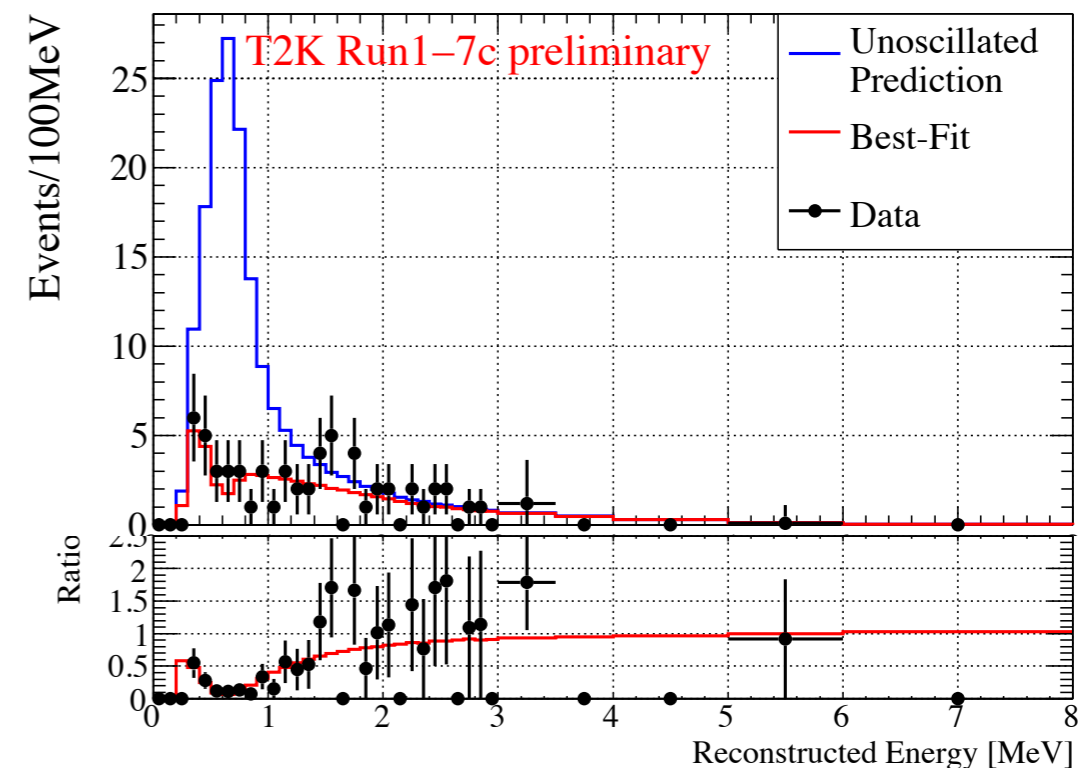
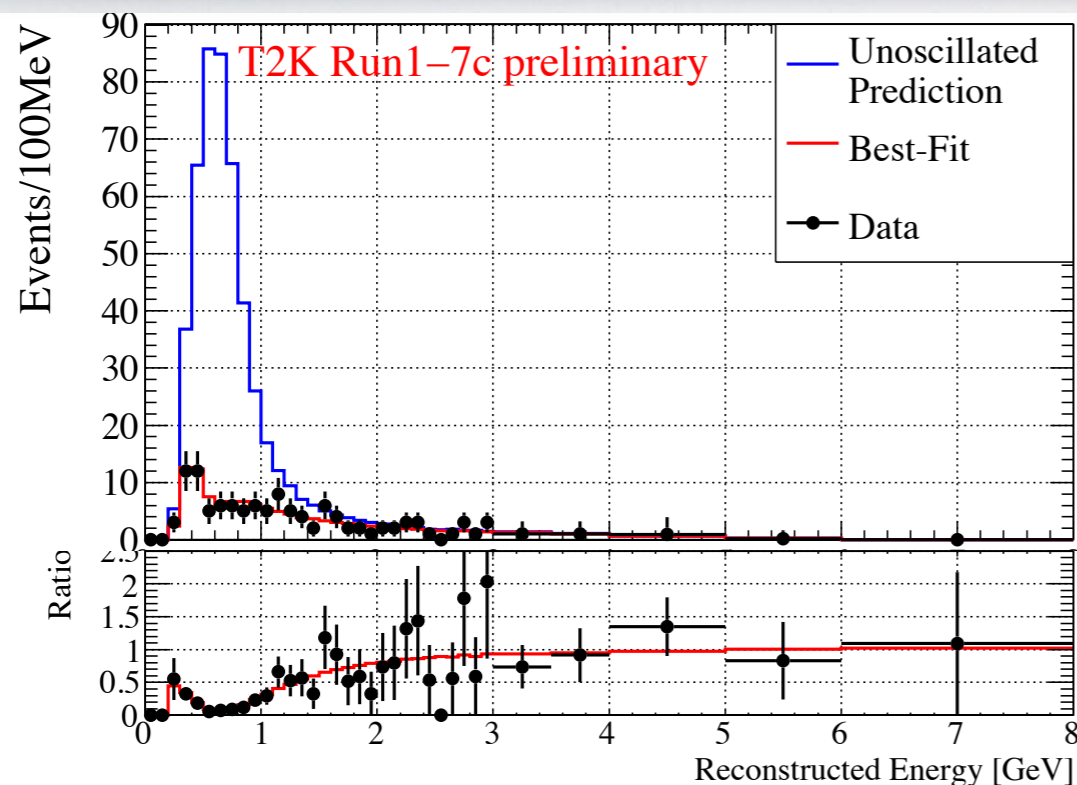
NOvA Preliminary



# T2K



- It has run in both neutrino and antineutrino modes
- 135 neutrino candidates with a prediction of 135.8
- 66 antineutrino candidates with a prediction of 64.2

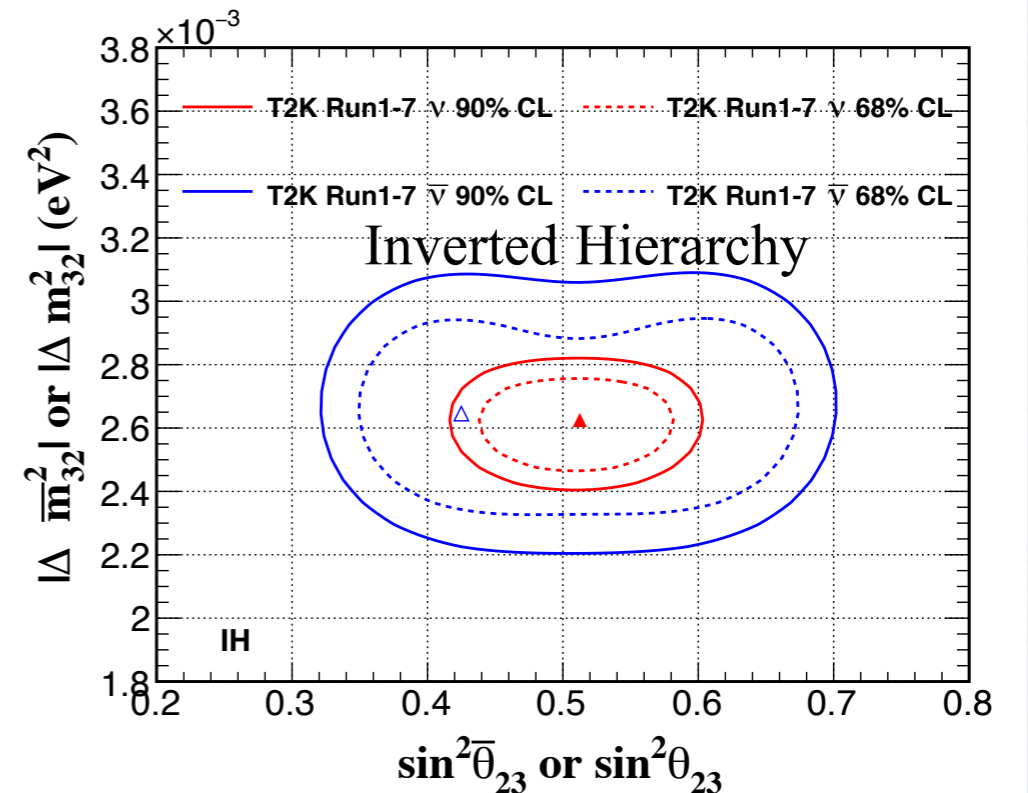
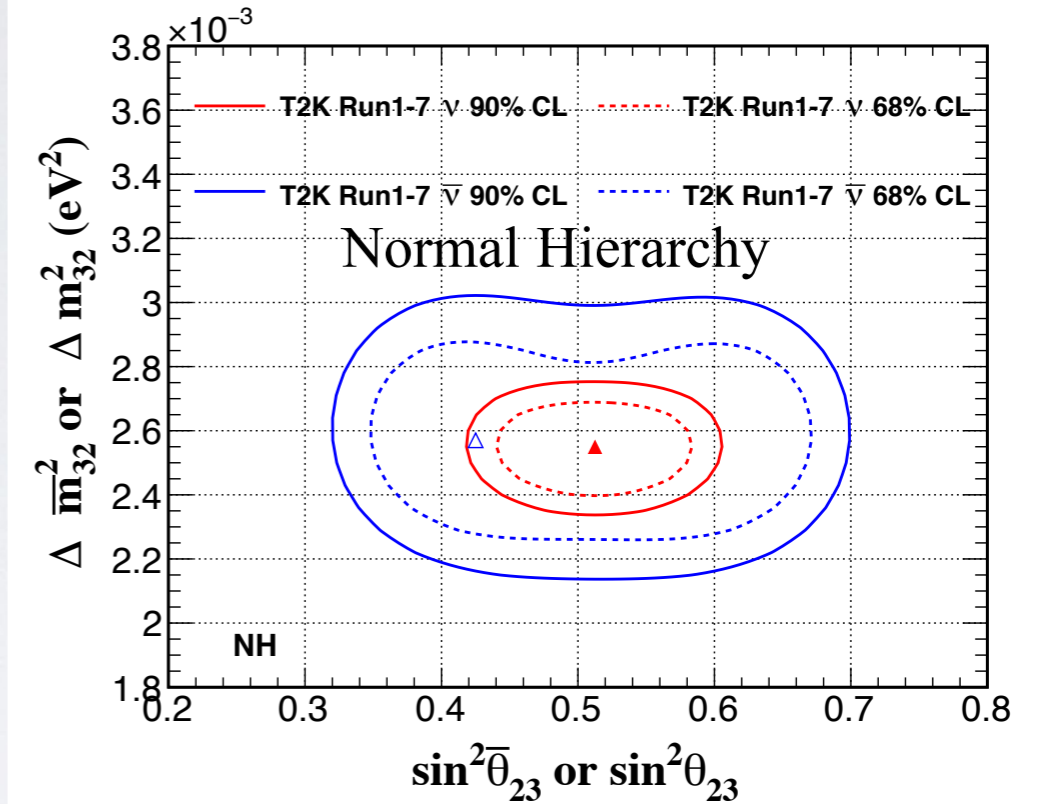


K. Iwamoto (ICHEP 2016)

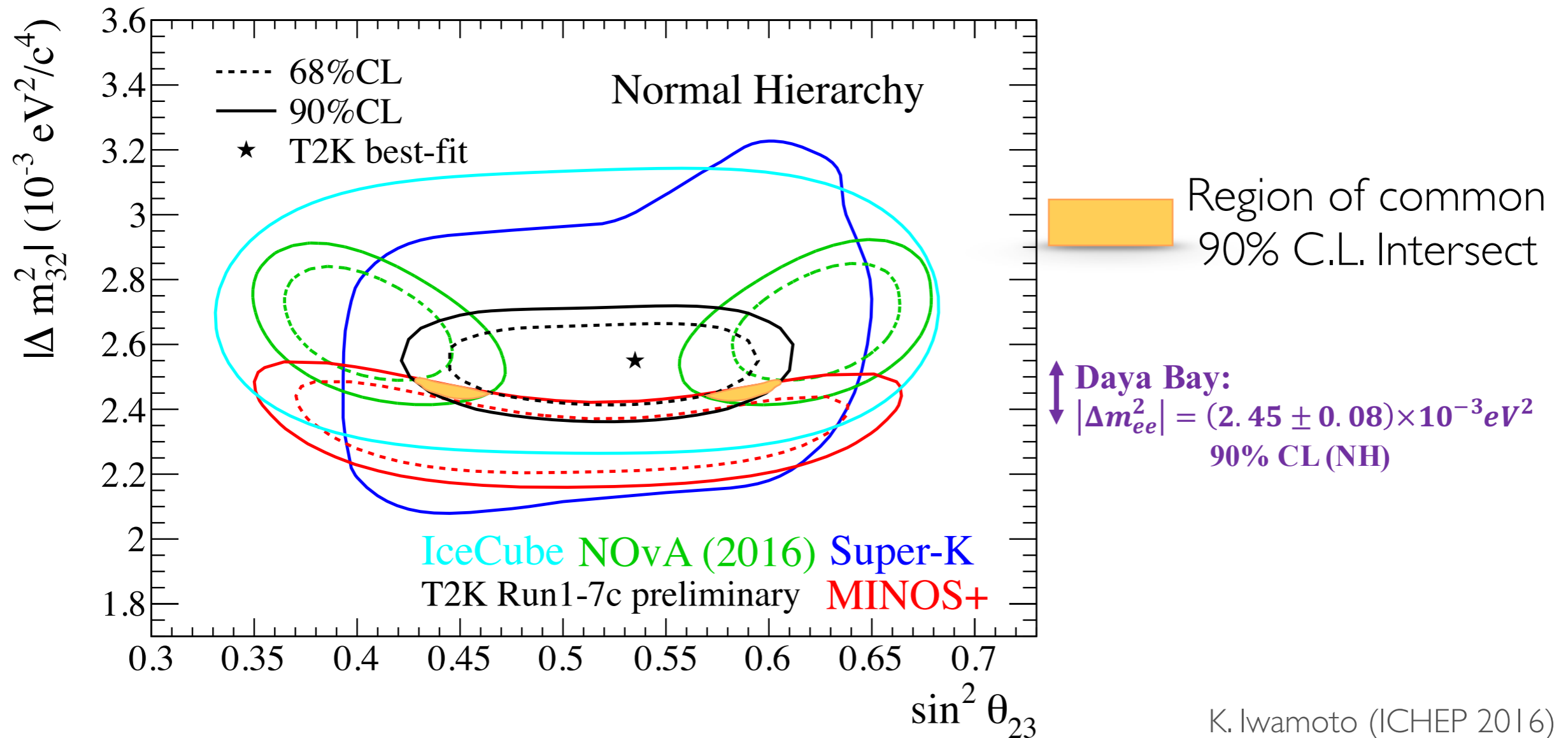
# T2K

- T2K results are consistent with maximal mixing for both neutrinos and antineutrinos
- No evidence of CPT violation within errors
- Best fit for antineutrinos is slightly non-maximal

	NH	IH
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	$0.532^{+0.046}_{-0.068}$	$0.534^{+0.043}_{-0.066}$
$ \Delta m_{32}^2  [10^{-3} \text{eV}^2]$	$2.545^{+0.081}_{-0.084}$	$2.510^{+0.081}_{-0.083}$



# Comparison



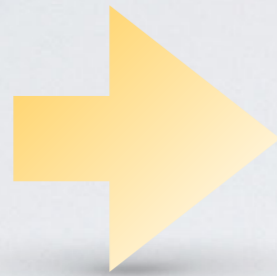
- Small tension across accelerator experiments
- More data should shed light on whether it's just a statistical fluctuation

# ELECTRON NEUTRINO APPEARANCE

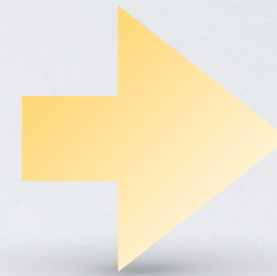


# Appearance analysis in a nutshell...

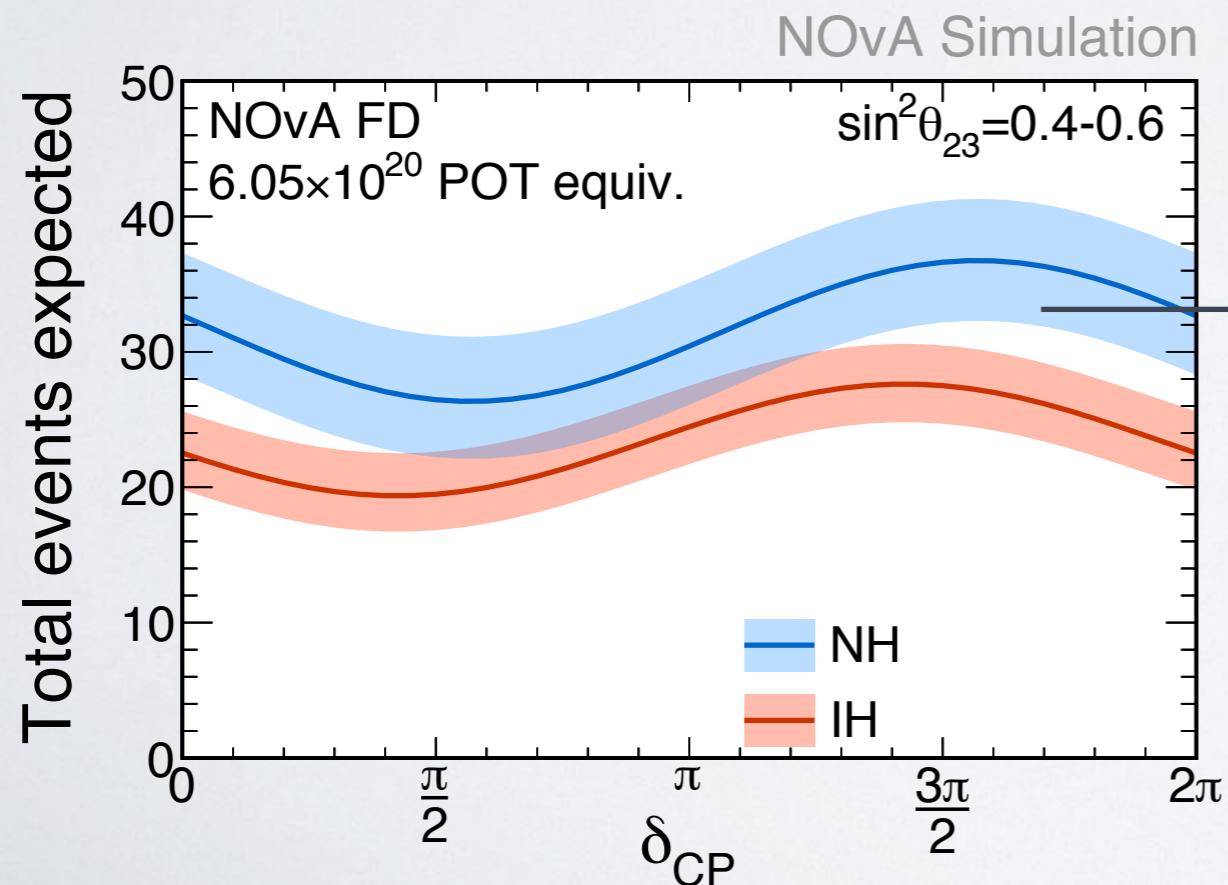
Identify  $\nu_e$  CC events in both detectors



Use ND measurements to predict backgrounds in the FD



Interpret any FD excess over predicted backgrounds as  $\nu_e$  appearance



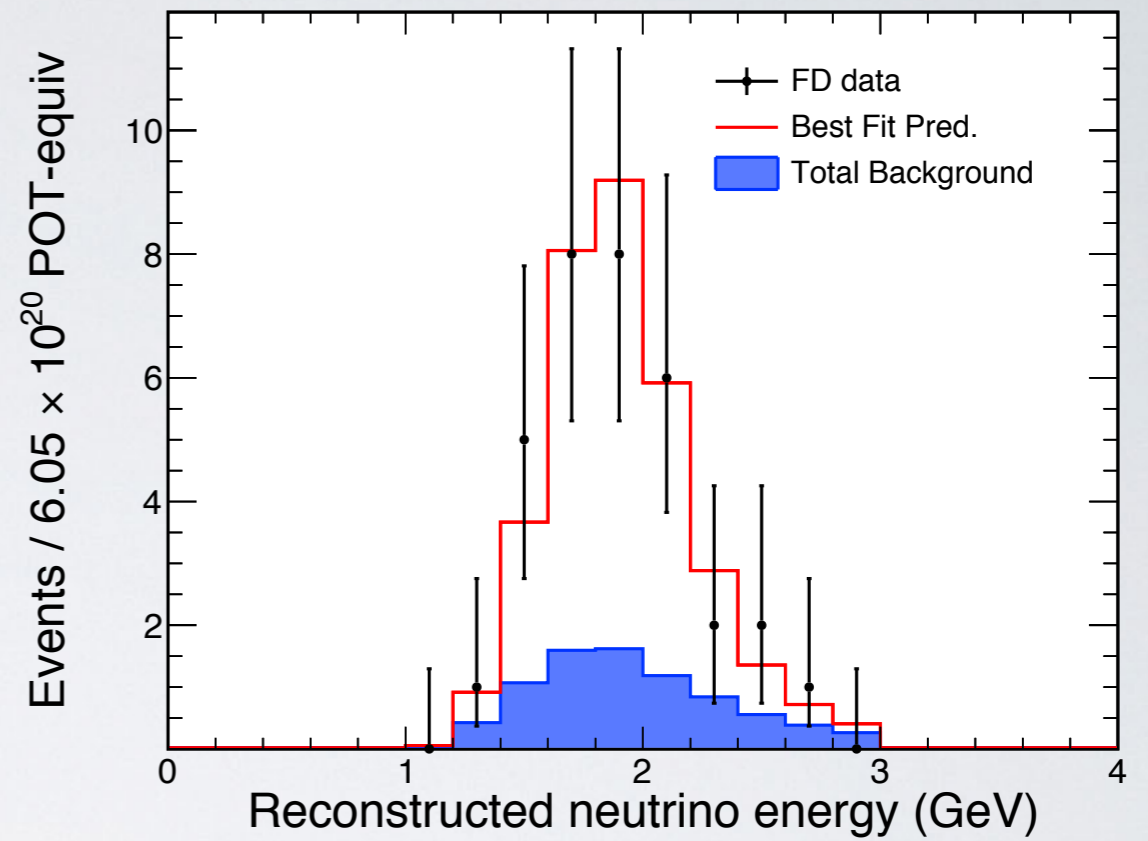
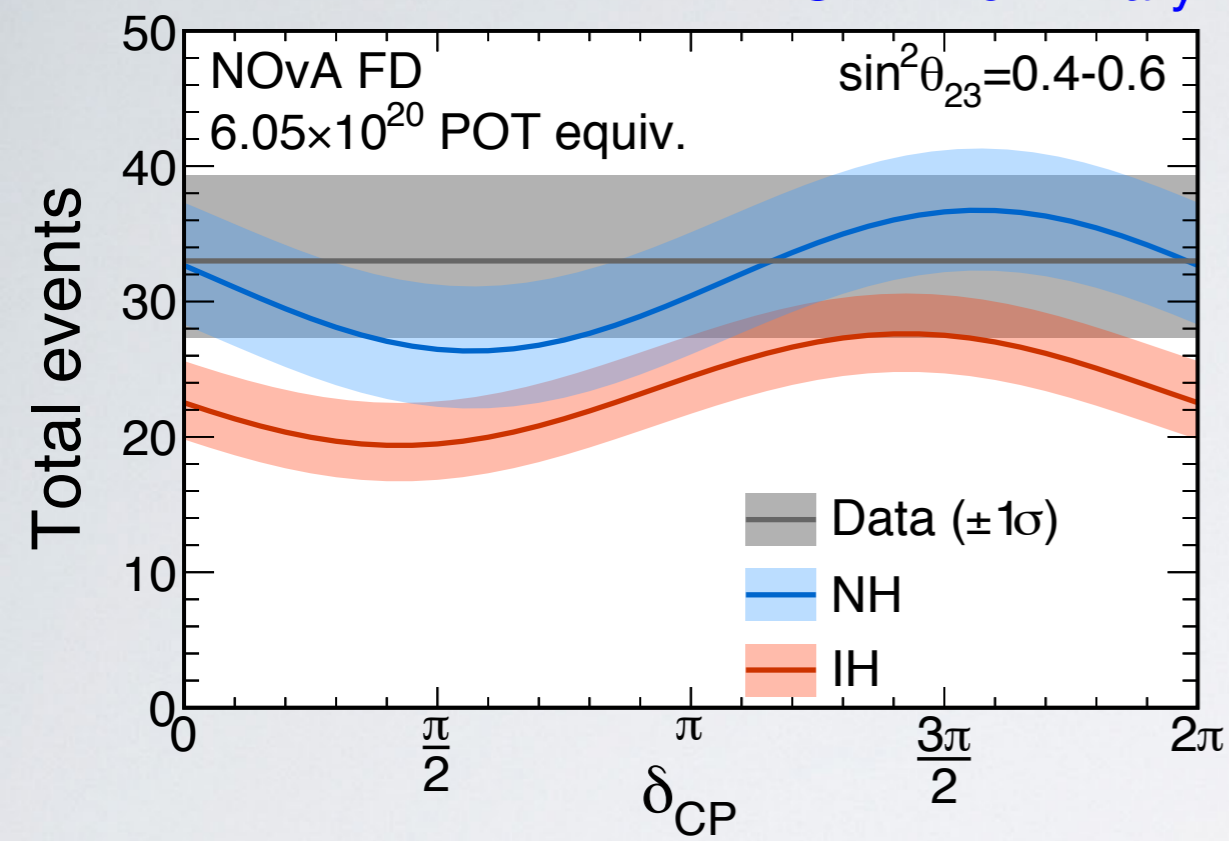
Number of observed events constraints  $\delta_{CP}$  and mass hierarchy



# NOvA

NOvA Preliminary

NOvA Preliminary



### Signal events

( $\pm 5\%$  systematic uncertainty):

NH, $3\pi/2$ ,	IH, $\pi/2$ ,
28.2	11.2

- Observe 33 events over a background of 8.2
- Towards the higher end of the expectation

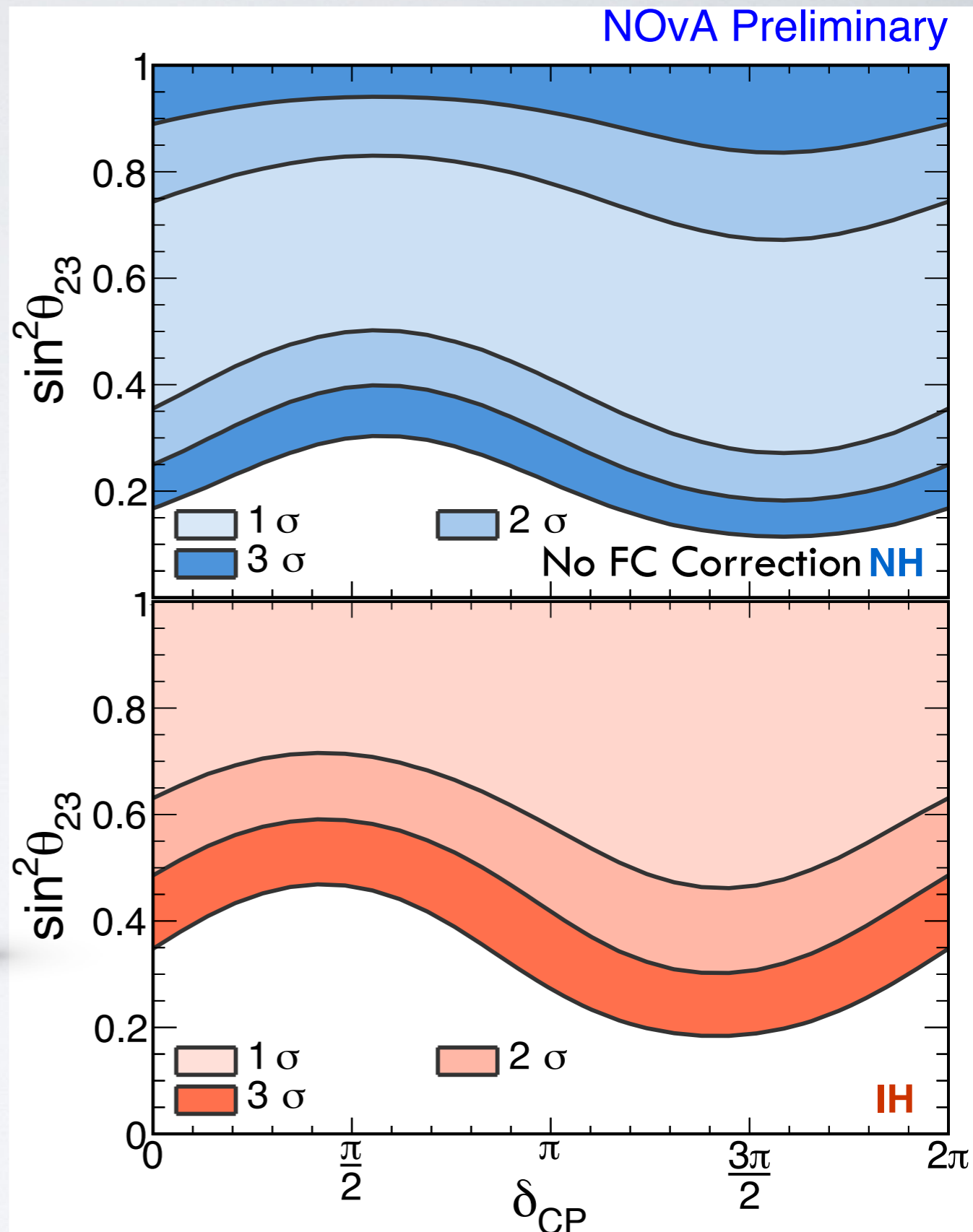
### Background by component

( $\pm 10\%$  systematic uncertainty):

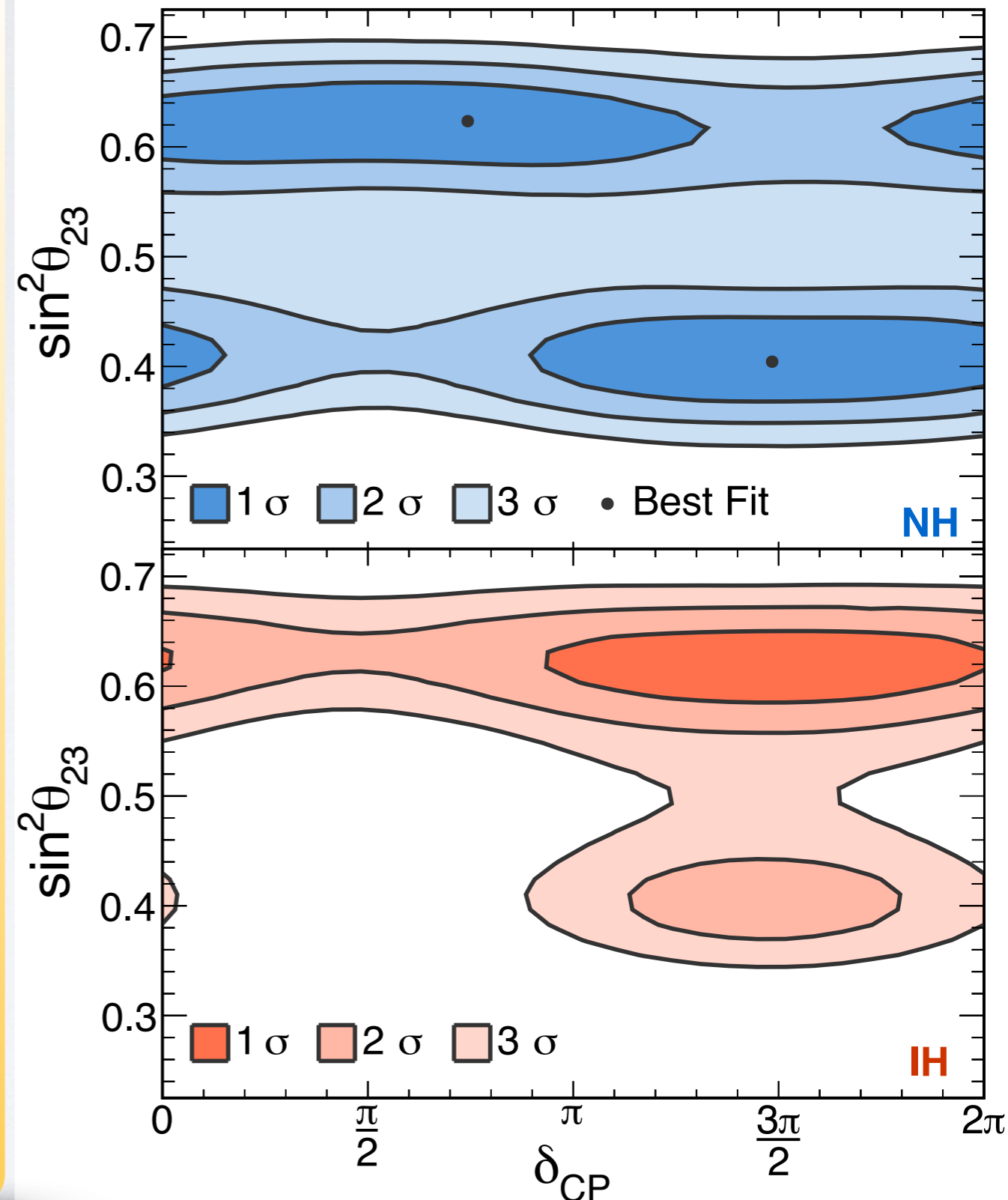
Total BG	NC	Beam $\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau$ CC	Cosmics
8.2	3.7	3.1	0.7	0.1	0.5

# NOvA

- Fit for hierarchy,  $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$
- Include reactor constraints  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.085\pm 0.05$



- Include  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  from disappearance analysis
- Fully joint analysis including all systematic correlations
- Best fit to NH,  $\delta_{CP} = 1.49\pi$  and  $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.40$
- But best fit IH-NH has  $\Delta\chi^2 = 0.47$
- IH, lower octant around  $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$  disfavoured at  $3\sigma$
- Antineutrino data planned for Spring 2017 will help resolve degeneracies



		EXPECTED (NH, $\sin^2\Theta_{23}=0.528$ )			
	OBS.	$\delta_{CP}=-\pi/2$	$\delta_{CP}=0$	$\delta_{CP}=\pi/2$	$\delta_{CP}=\pi$
$\nu_e$	<b>32</b>	27.0	22.7	18.5	22.7
$\bar{\nu}_e$	<b>4</b>	6.0	6.9	7.7	6.8

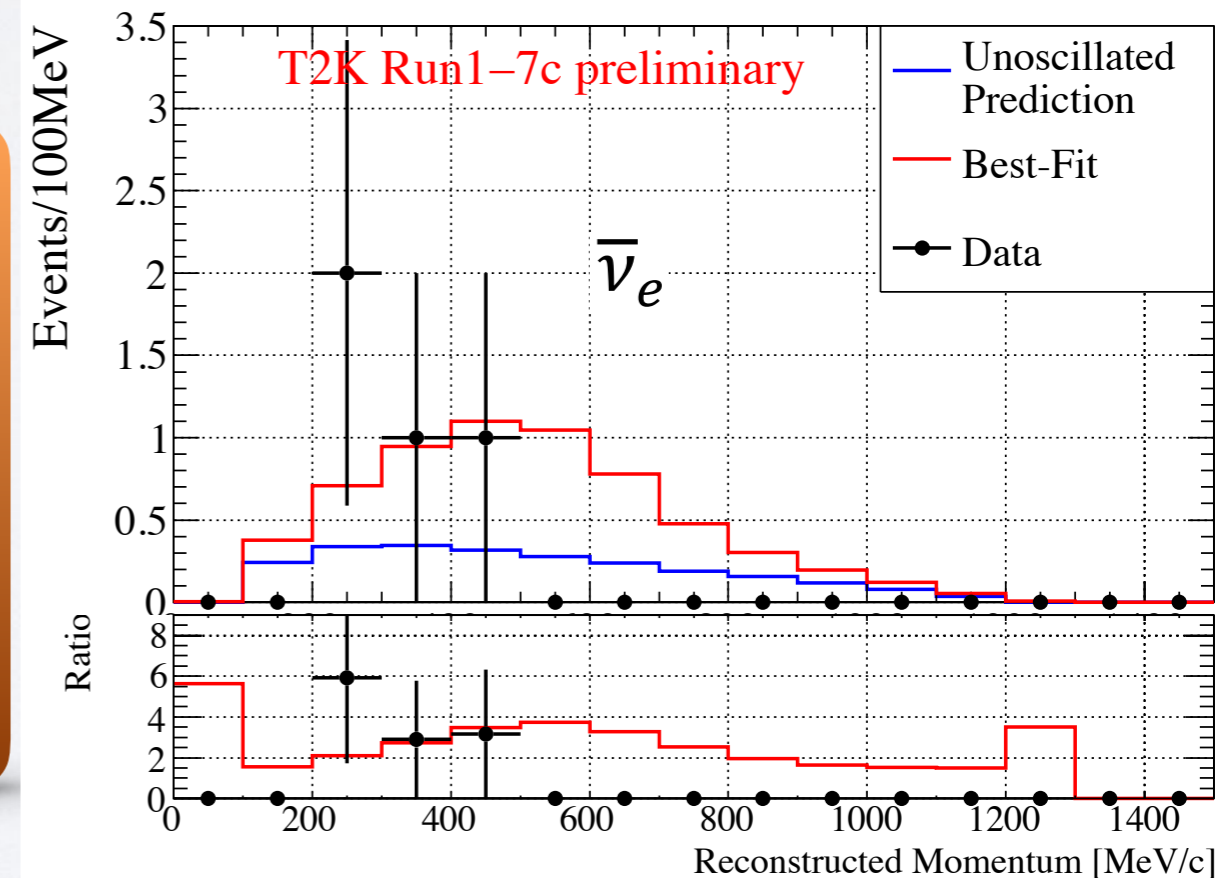
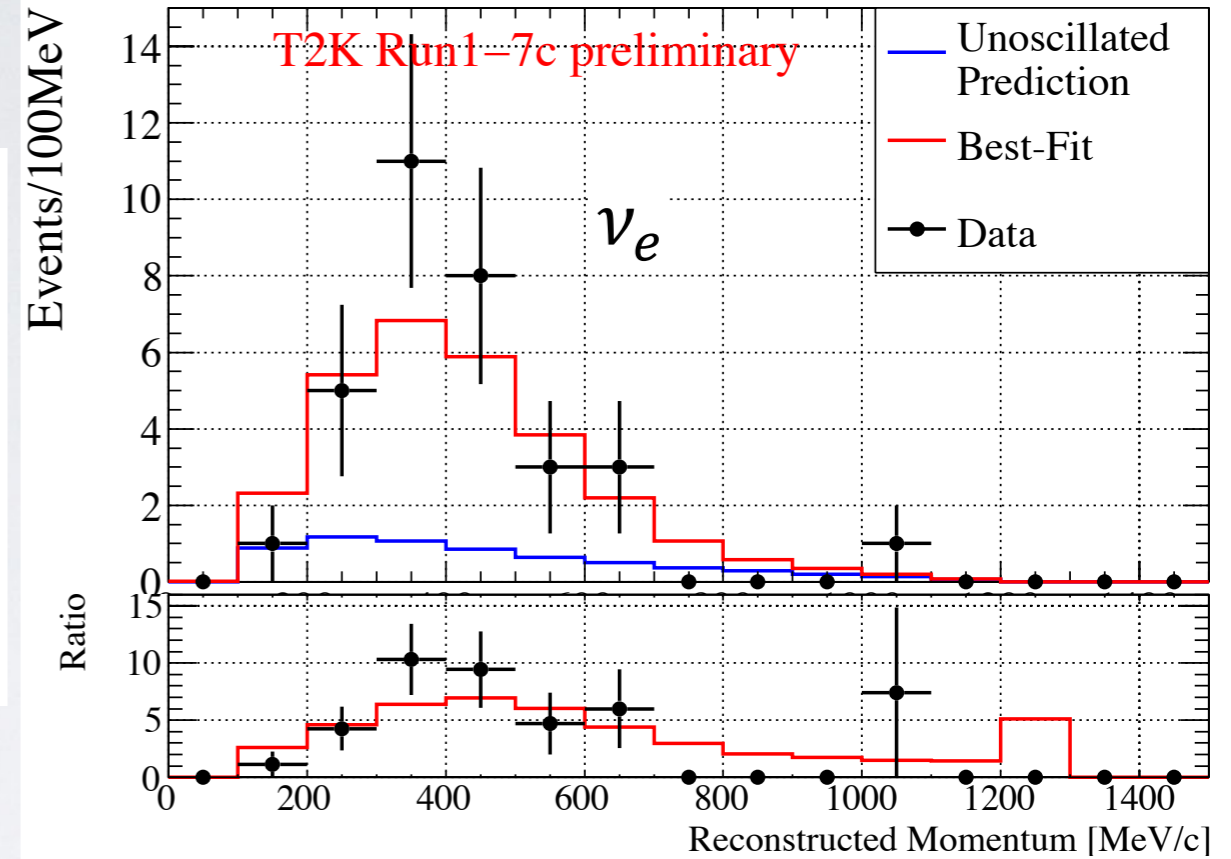
↑  
Favoured at  
 $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$

T2K has observed 32 neutrino candidates and 4 antineutrino candidates

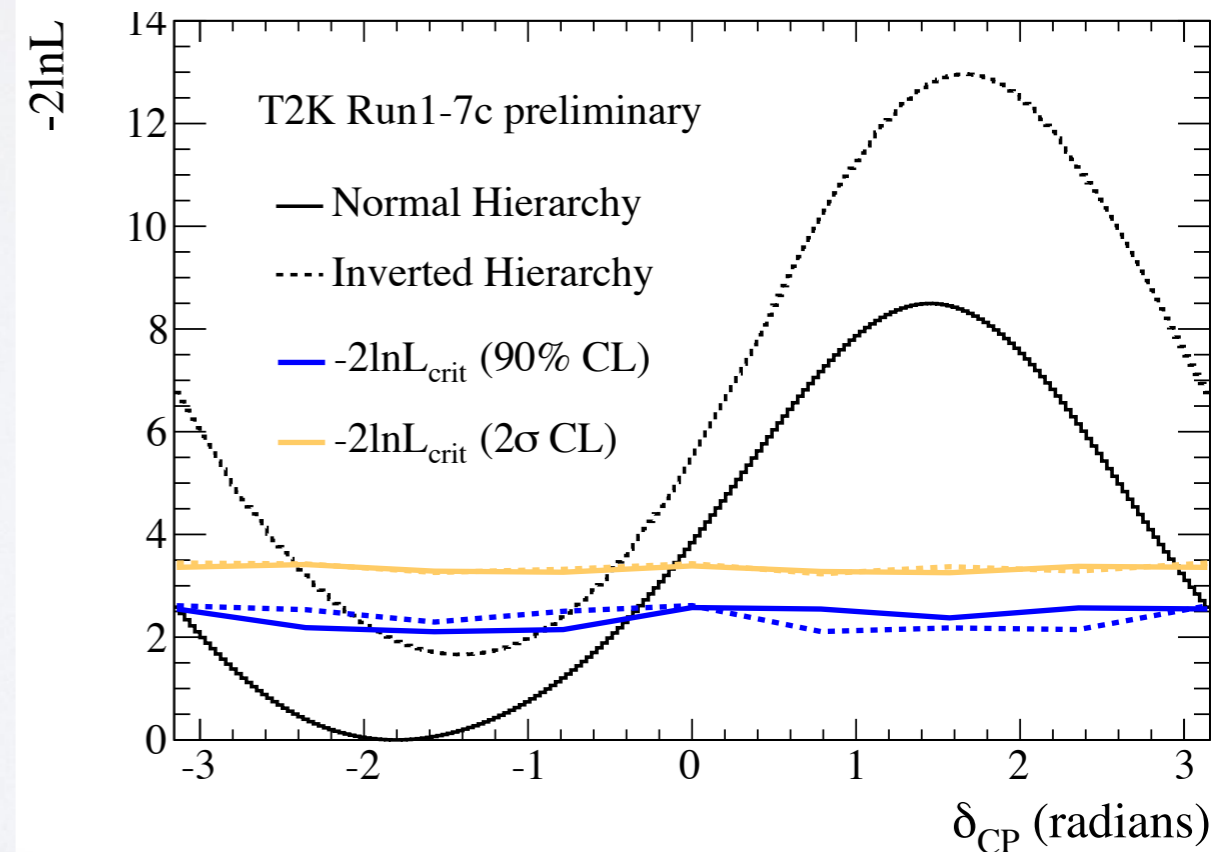
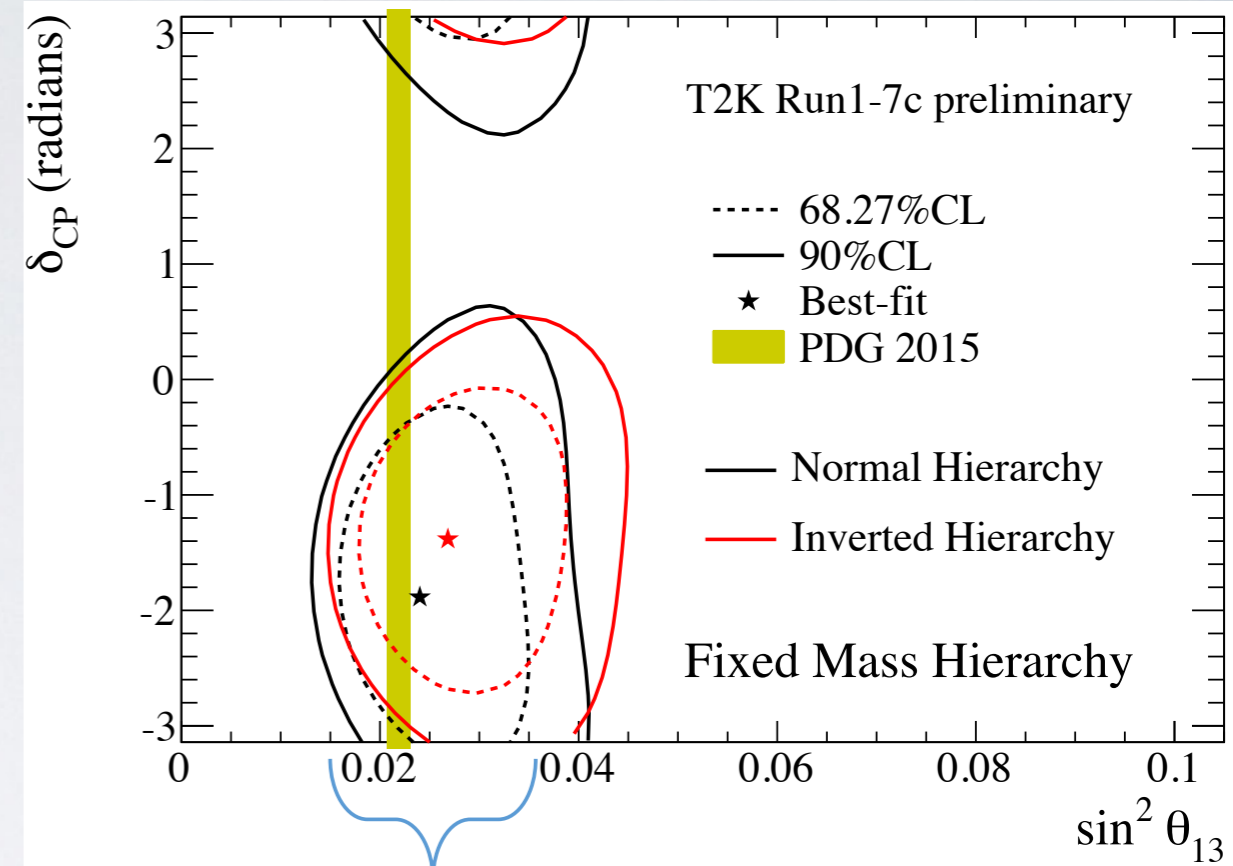
Some small tension:

Neutrinos too high (upper octant?)

Antineutrinos too low (lower octant?)



- Results consistent with the amount of appearance expected from information in reactor experiments
- Combining with reactor and T2K muon neutrino disappearance data:
- **Claim 90% exclusion of no CP violation ( $\delta_{CP} = 0$  or  $\pi$ )**
- Exclusion depends on T2K's observed maximal mixing angle



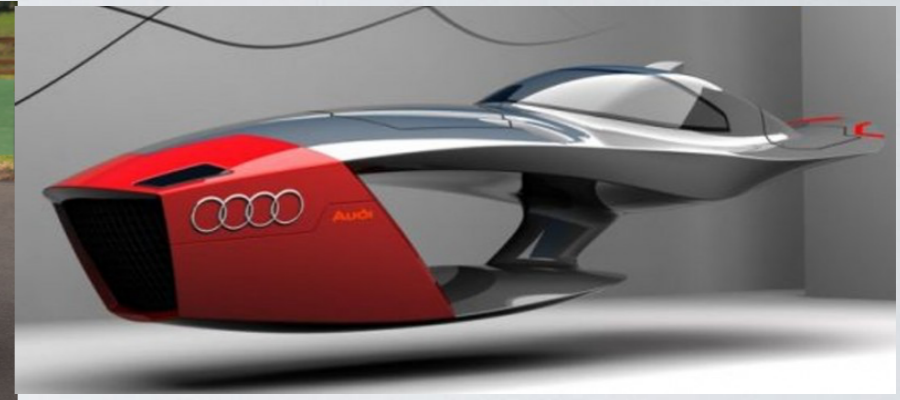
# Next generation experiments



1<sup>st</sup> generation



2<sup>nd</sup> generation



3<sup>rd</sup> generation

- Higher intensity beams can provide more neutrinos and allow for a longer baseline
- Similarly, larger mass can allow to collect more neutrinos
- Finally, higher detector resolution allows for better background rejection

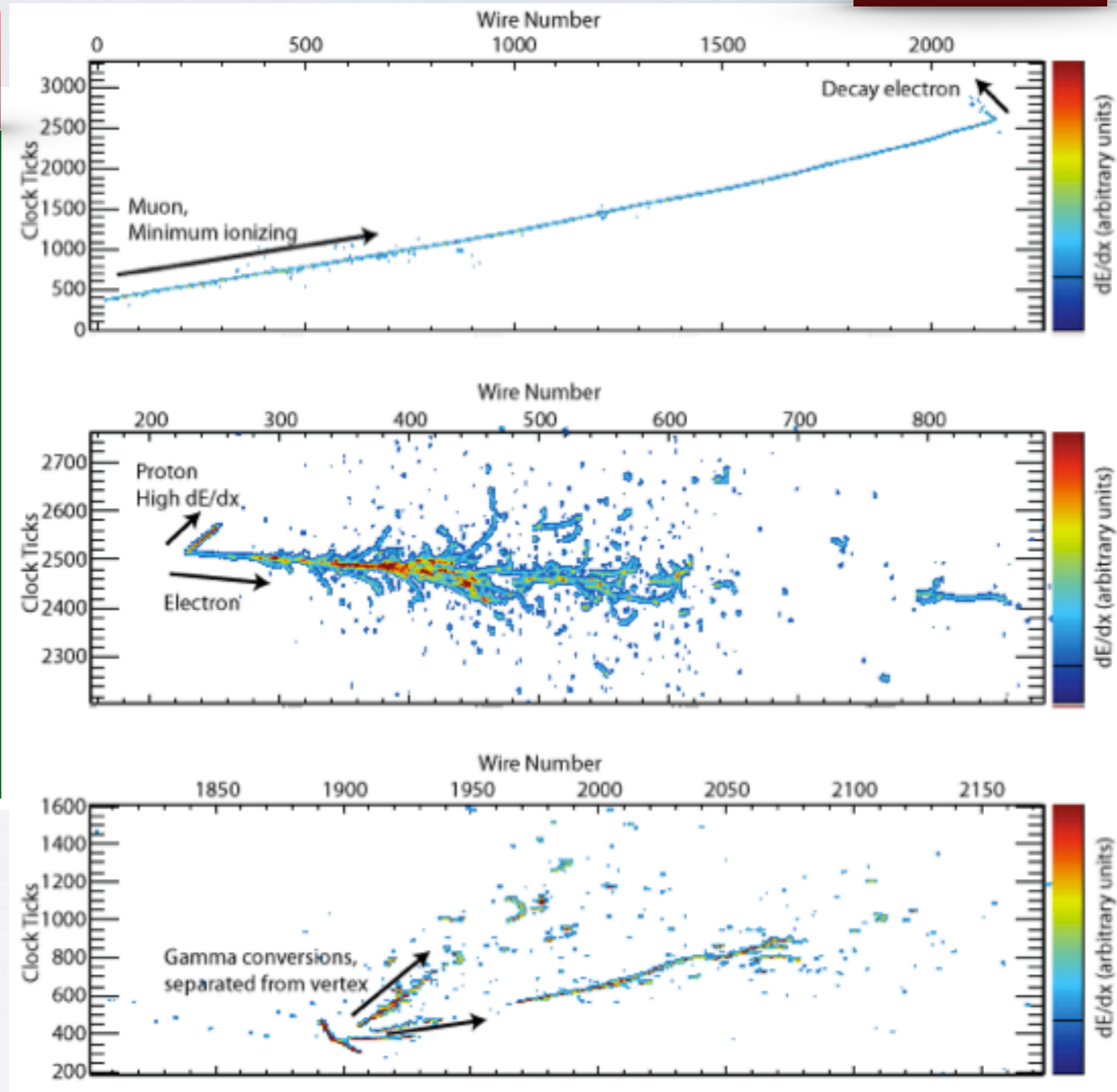
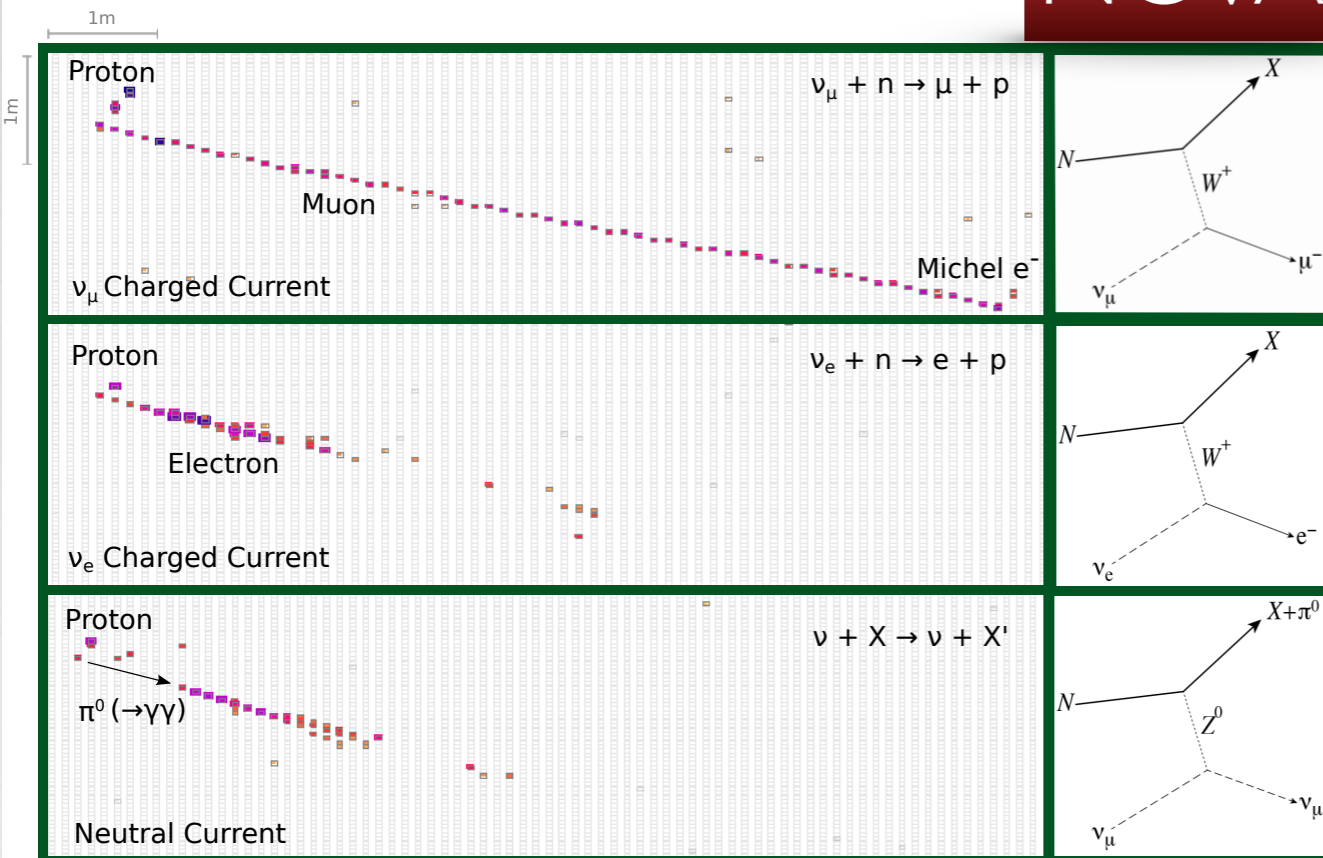
In the US, DUNE is being planned with a baseline of 1300 km, a new 2.3 MW beam and high resolution liquid argon detectors

In Japan, HyperK is also being planned with an upgrade to 1.3 MW beam and 500 kton detector

# Event topologies (II)

DUNE

NOvA

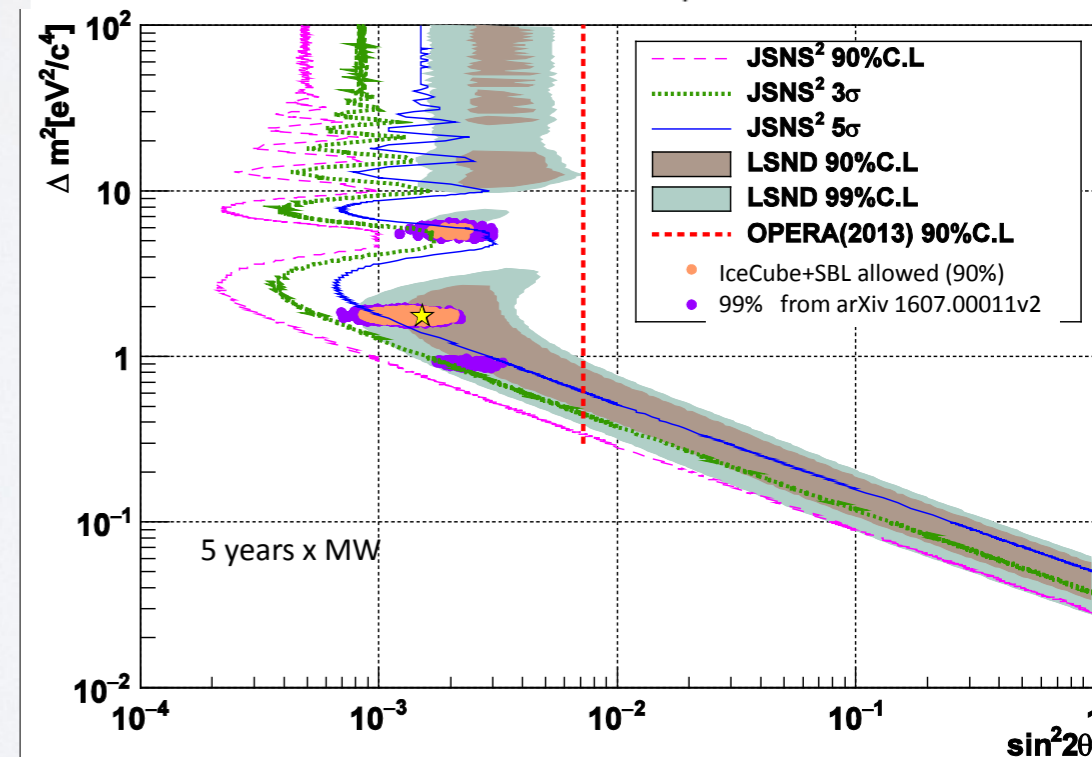
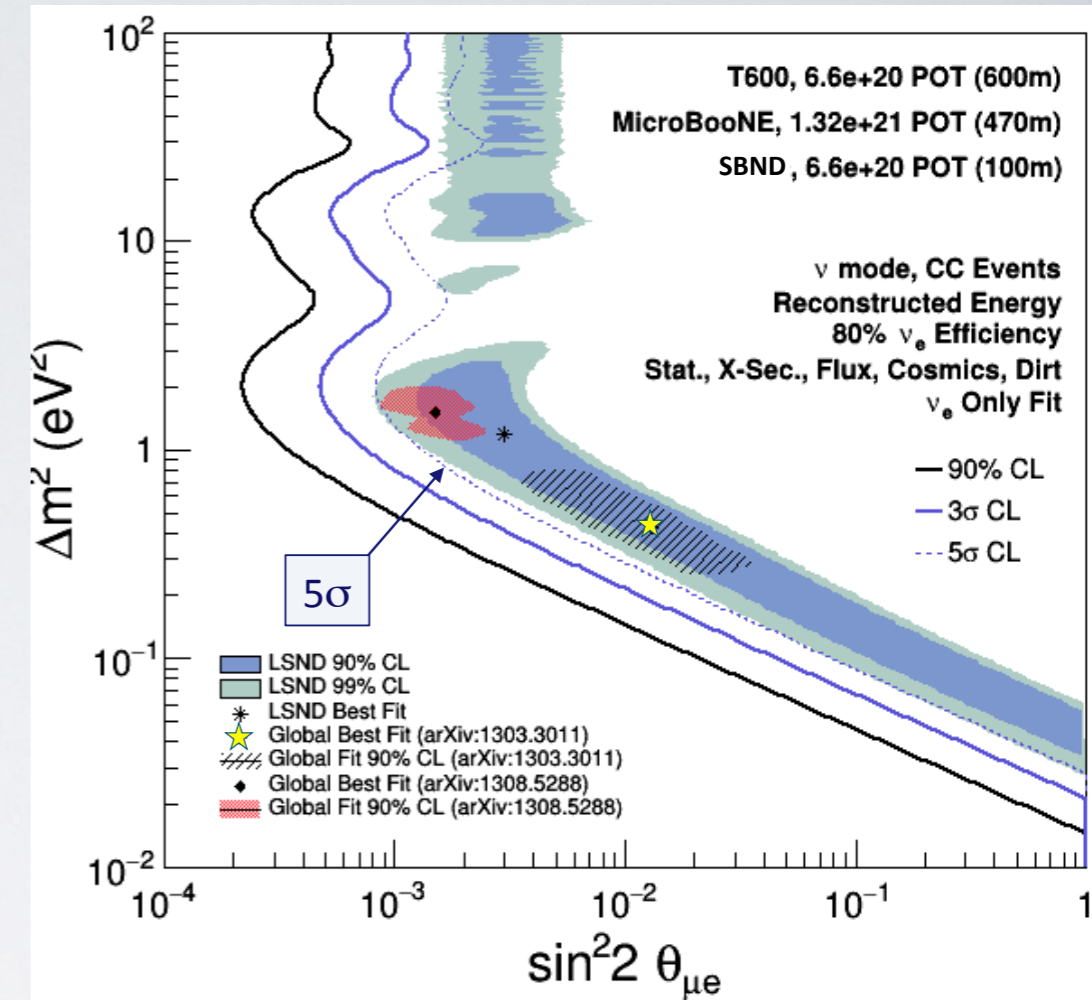


“Like going from a set of pictures to 3D HD video”

# Sterile neutrinos?

D. Schmitz (Neutrino 2016)

- Tantalising evidence of additional, sterile neutrinos, coming from short-baseline experiments: LSND (decay at rest) and MiniBooNE (deca in flight), but no evidence from long-baseline experiments
- A short baseline (SBN) program has been established at Fermilab using the booster beam. A 3-detector system (all liquid-argon based) will explore the anomalous hints at  $> 5\sigma$
- In Japan, JSNS<sup>2</sup> will use decay at rest to reproduce LSND results. Sensitivity to exclude LSND region at  $3\sigma$

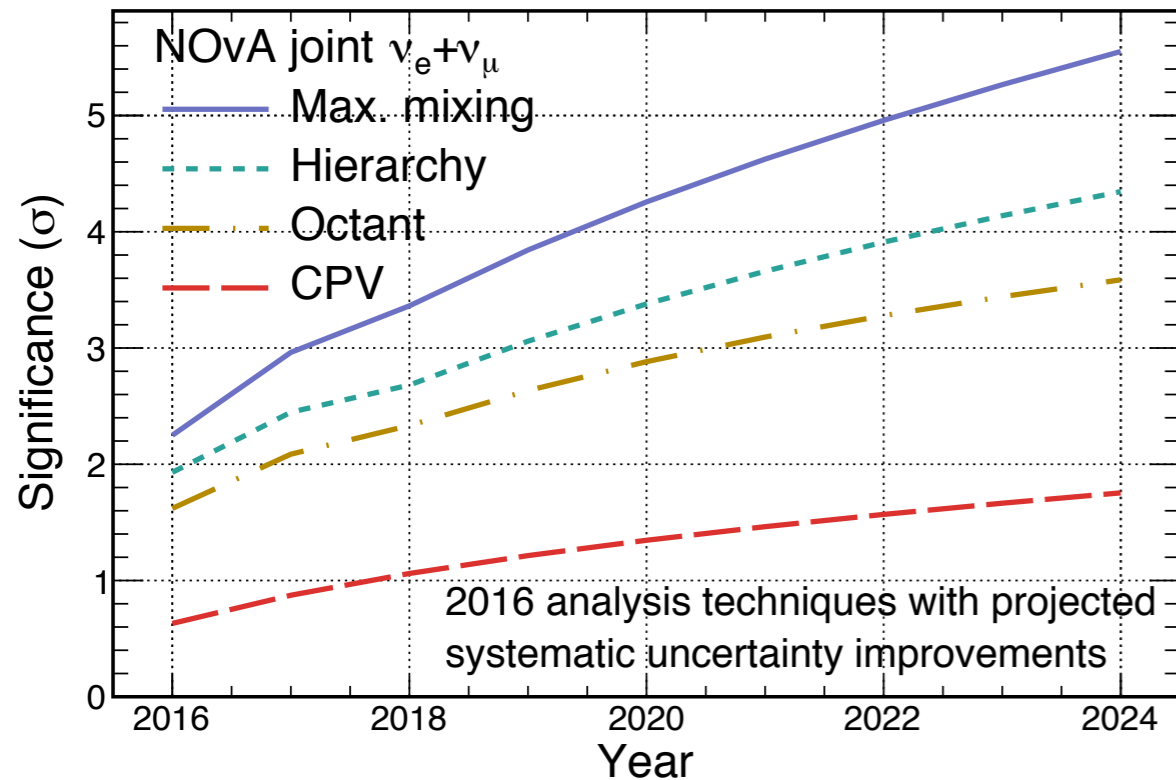




# Sensitivity projections

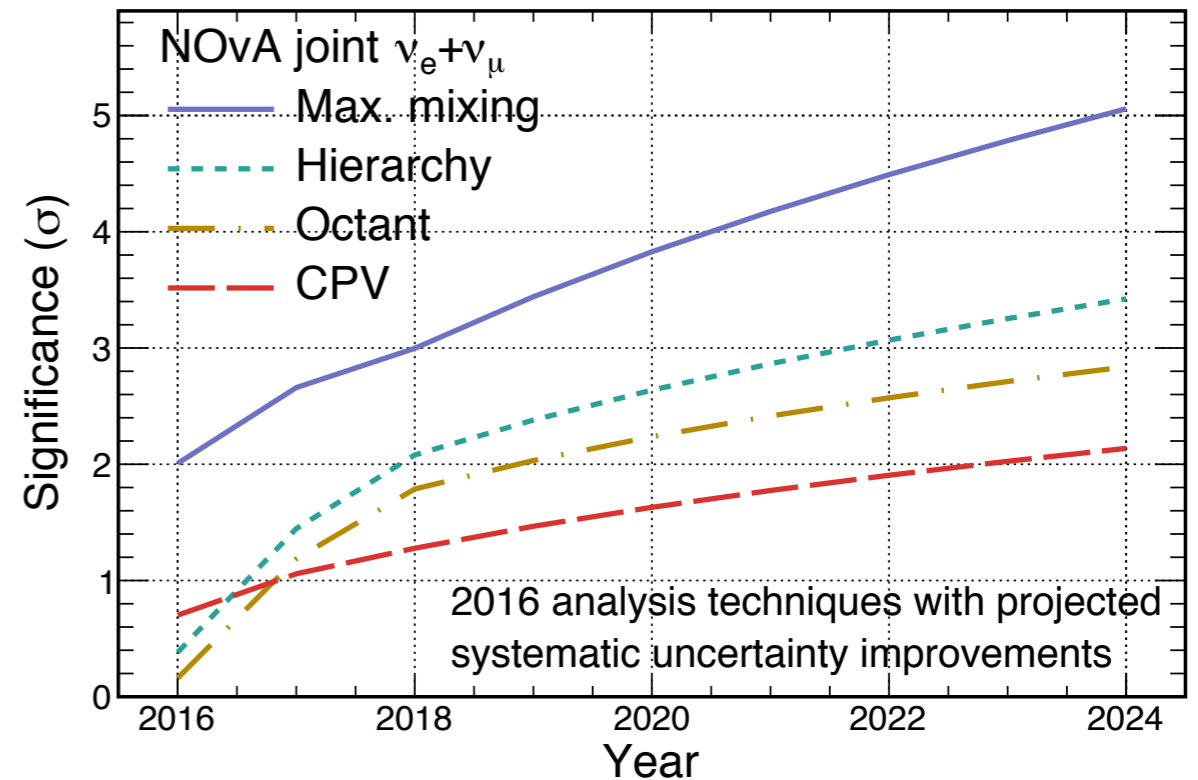
Normal  $\delta_{CP}=3\pi/2$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.625$   
 $\Delta m_{32}^2=2.5\times 10^{-3}\text{eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{13}=0.022$

NOvA Simulation



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NOvA Simulation

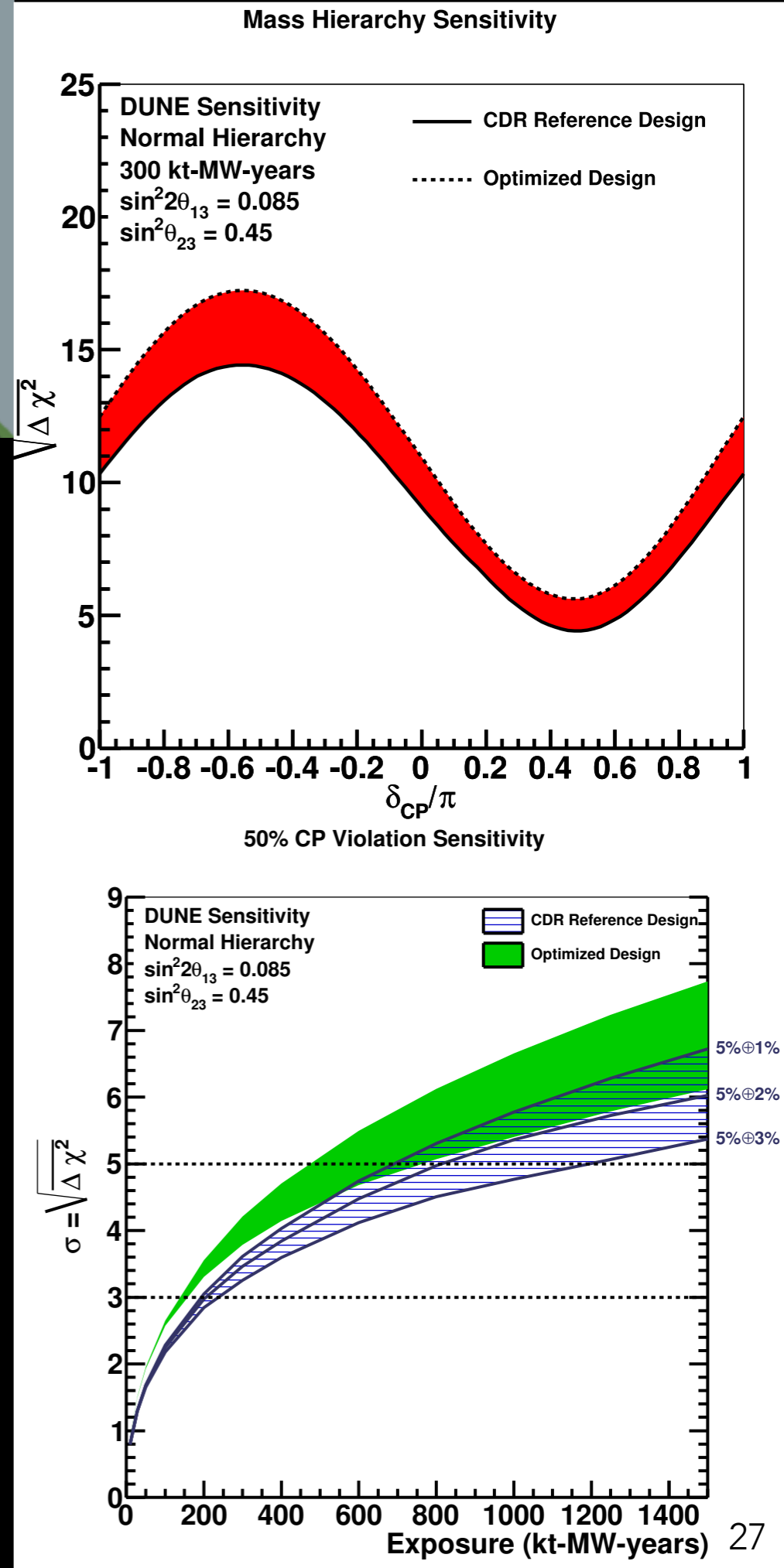


- Running in anti-neutrino mode since February 2017. Planning to accumulate the same exposure in neutrino and anti-neutrino
- $3\sigma$  sensitivity to non-maximal mixing in 2018
- 2-3  $\sigma$  sensitivity to mass hierarchy and  $2\sigma$  to  $\theta_{23}$  octant in 2018-2019

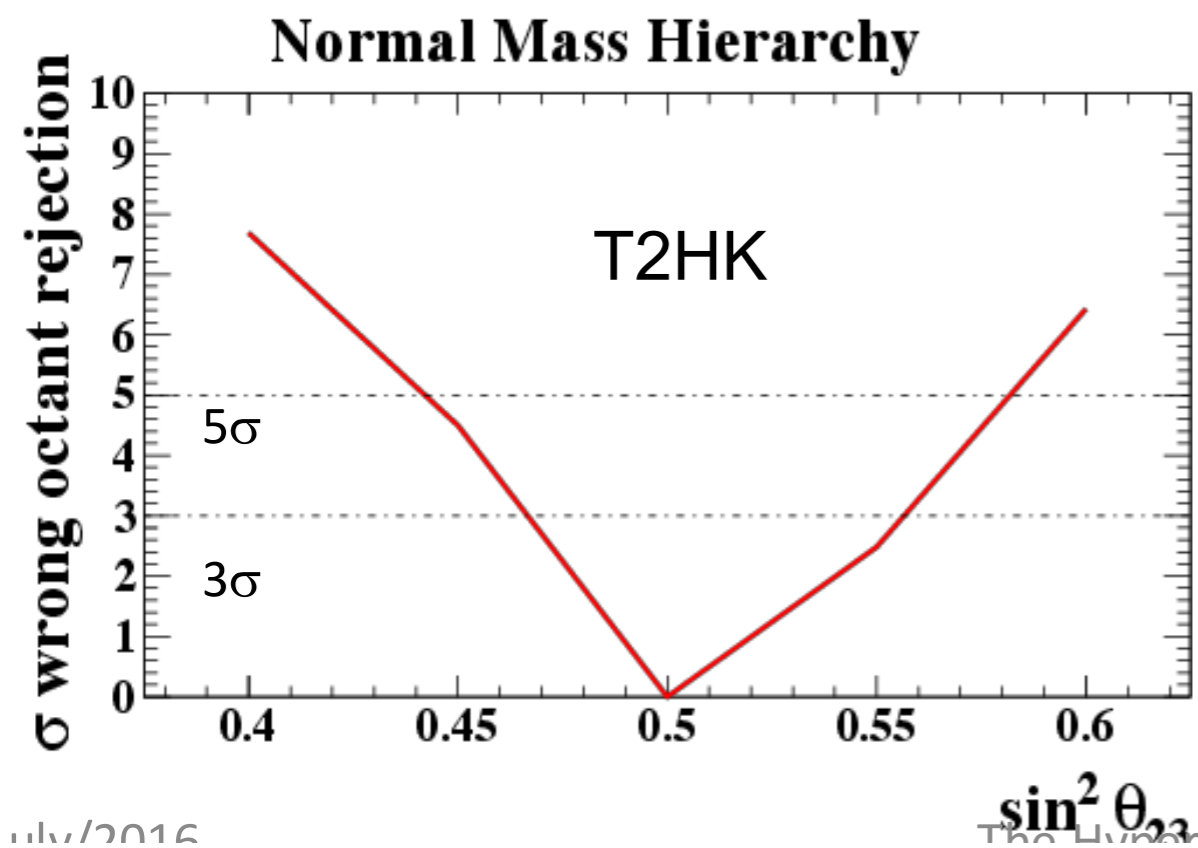
# THE FUTURE: DUNE IN THE US



- The US program plans to build:
  - 40 kton liquid argon underground detector in four 10-kton (fiducial) modules. Far Site construction begins next year.
  - A wide-band beam from Fermilab (1300km baseline) at 2.3 MW by 2026.
- The mass hierarchy can be determined above  $5\sigma$  for all values of  $\delta_{CP}$ .
- CPV at  $5\sigma$  ( $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$  or  $3\pi/2$ ) where the uncertainty in the  $\nu_e$  appearance sample normalization has an impact on reach.

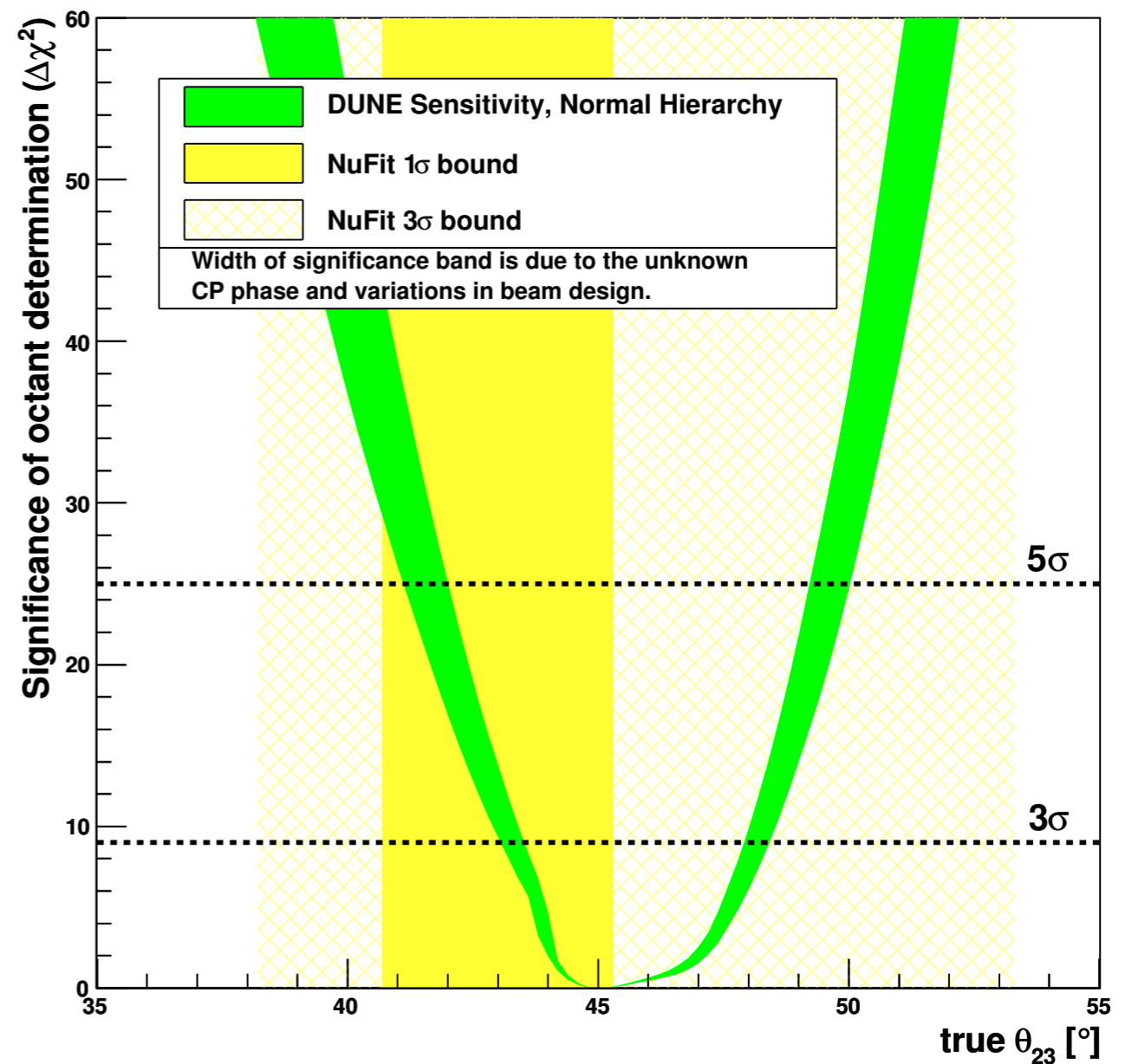


# Octant Sensitivity

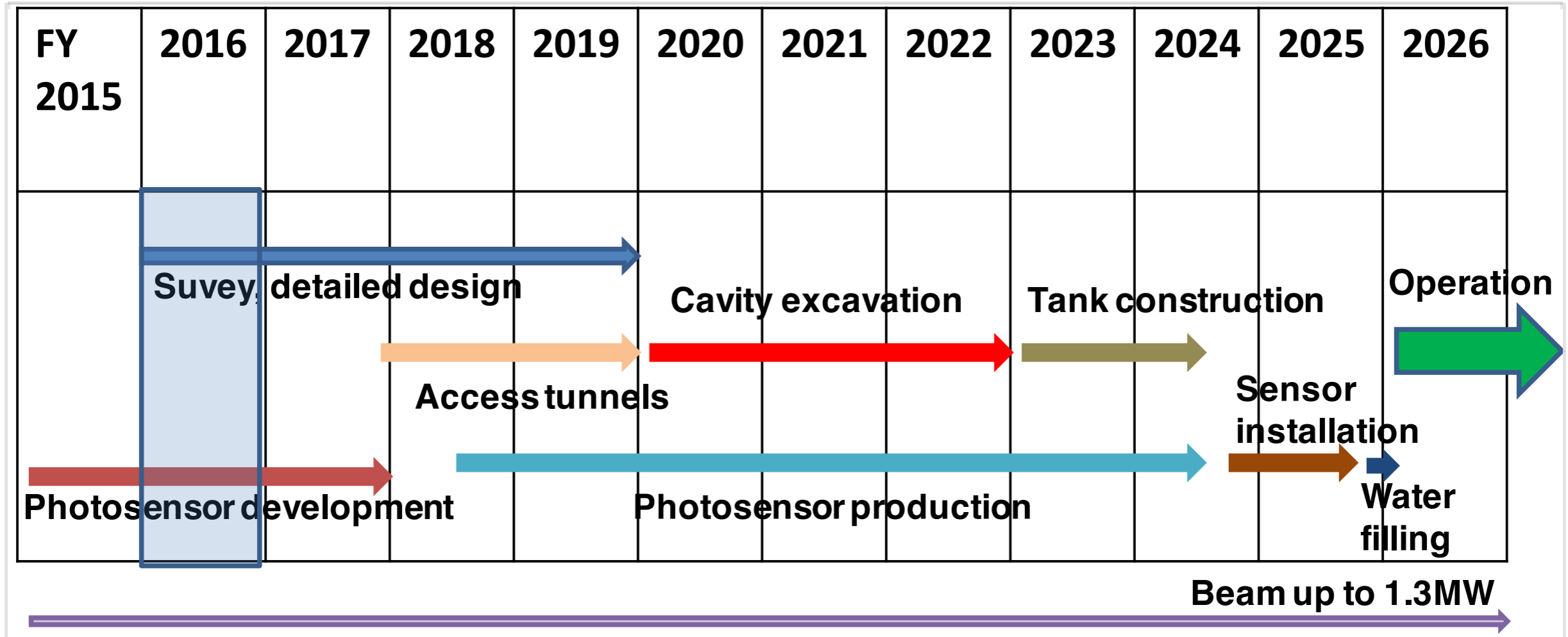


## Octant Sensitivity

DUNE CDR



# The Hyper-Kamiokande Timeline



- 2018 - 2025 HK construction.
- 2026 onwards CPV study, Atmospheric  $\nu$ , Solar  $\nu$ , Supernova  $\nu$ , Proton decay searches, ...
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> identical tank starts operation 6yrs after the first one.

# DUNE event counts

- Physics ( $\text{MH}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta$ ) extracted from combined analysis of 4 samples:  
CDR estimates, assuming: CDR optimized beam, 56% LBNF uptime, FastMC detector response  
Physics inputs:  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$ , others from NuFIT: Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz, JHEP 1411 (2014)

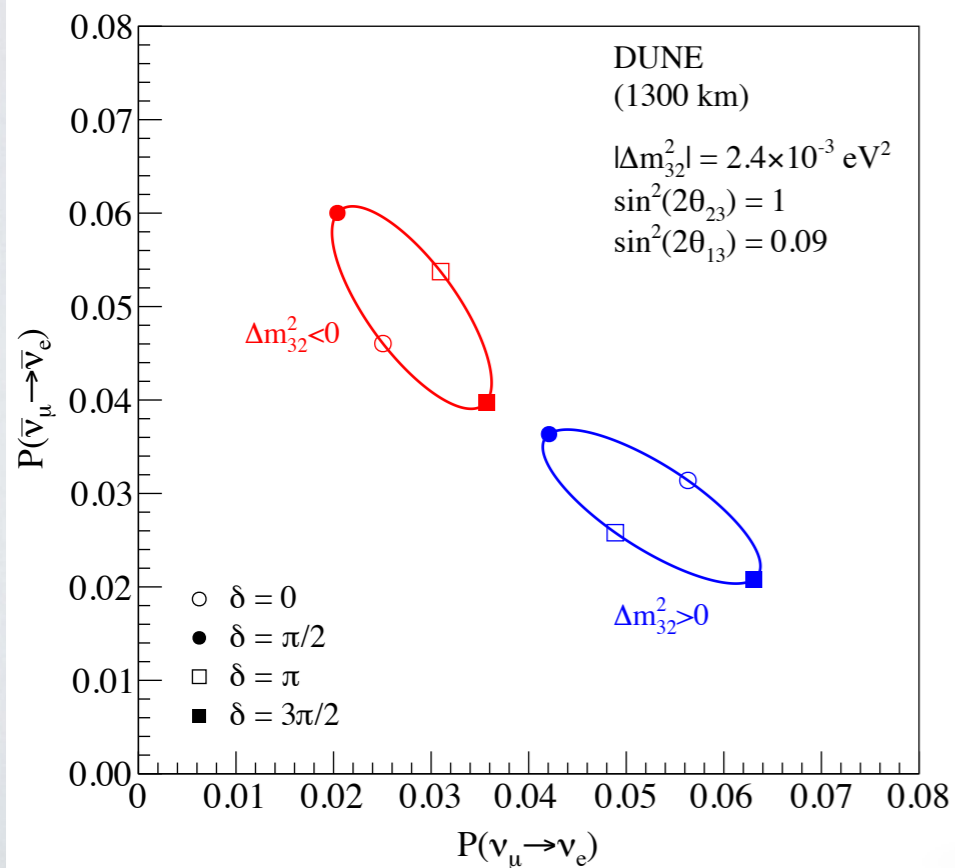
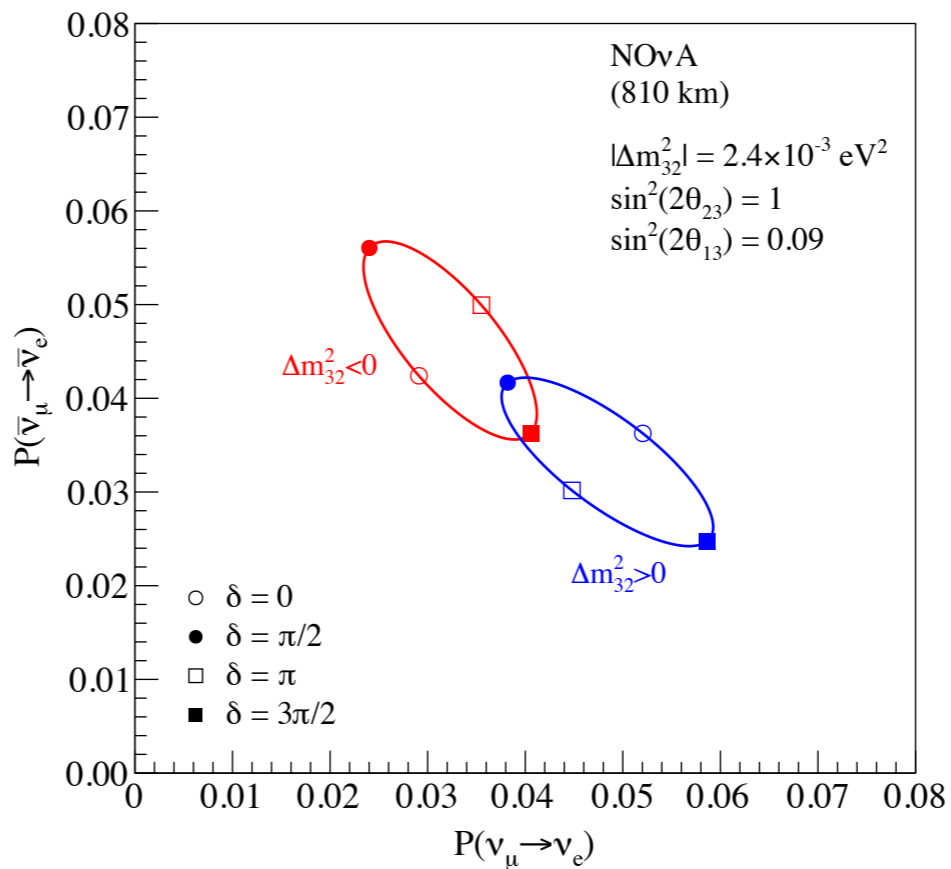
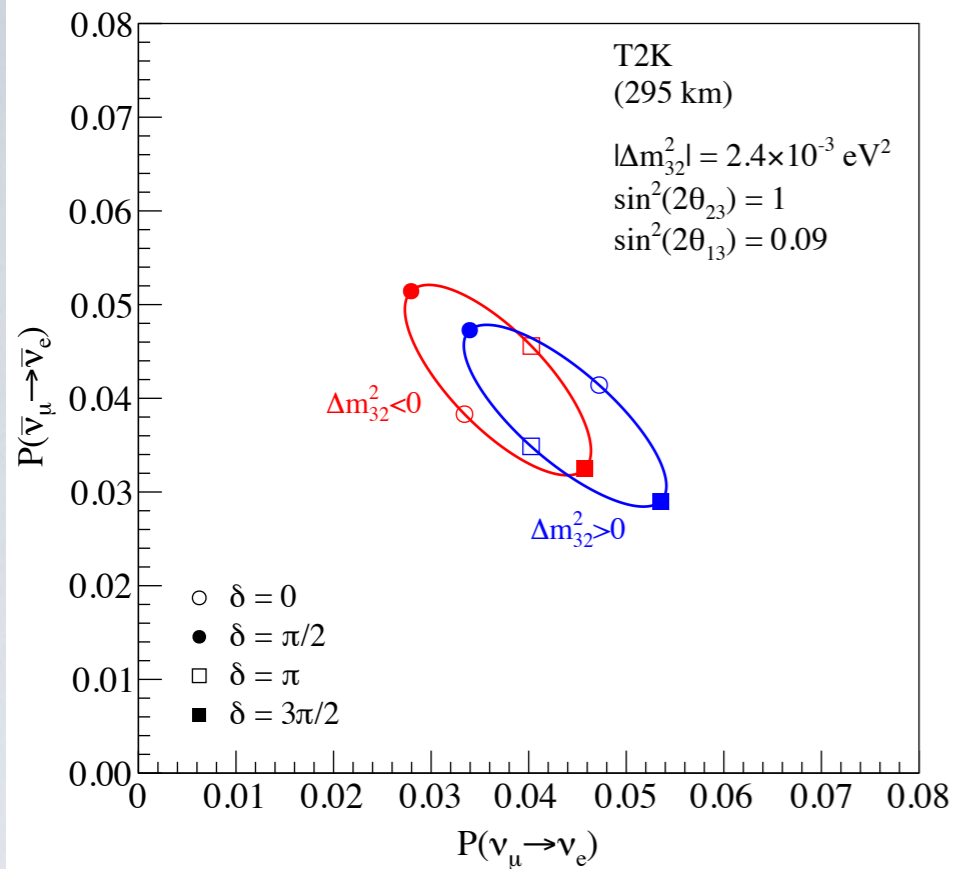
$\nu$ mode / 150 kt-MW-yr	$\nu_e$ appearance	$\nu_\mu$ disappearance
<b>Signal events (NH / IH)</b>	<b>945 (521)</b>	<b>7929</b>
Wrong-sign signal (NH /IH)	13 (26)	511
Beam $\nu_e$ background	204	–
NC background	17	76
Other background	22	29

Anti- $\nu$ mode / 150 kt-MW-yr	$\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance
<b>Signal events (NH / IH)</b>	<b>168 (438)</b>	<b>2639</b>
Wrong-sign signal (NH /IH)	47 (28)	1525
Beam $\nu_e$ background	105	–
NC background	9	41
Other background	13	18

Establishment of DUNE as a fully international scientific collaboration meant starting from scratch on every organizational aspect

- Now have 856 collaborators...  
...from 149 institutions...in 29 countries
- Strong, inclusive, collaborative spirit driven by ambitious science
- Welcoming to the theory community



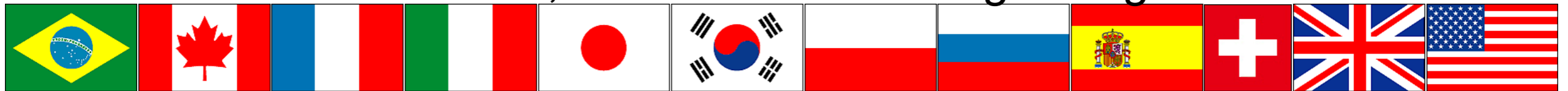


- By increasing the baseline, DUNE provides a much better sensitivity to measuring the MH and CPV simultaneously
- If the MH is determined independently, it provides a very good sensitivity to CPV

# Inaugural Symposium of the HK proto-collaboration@Kashiwa, Jan-2015



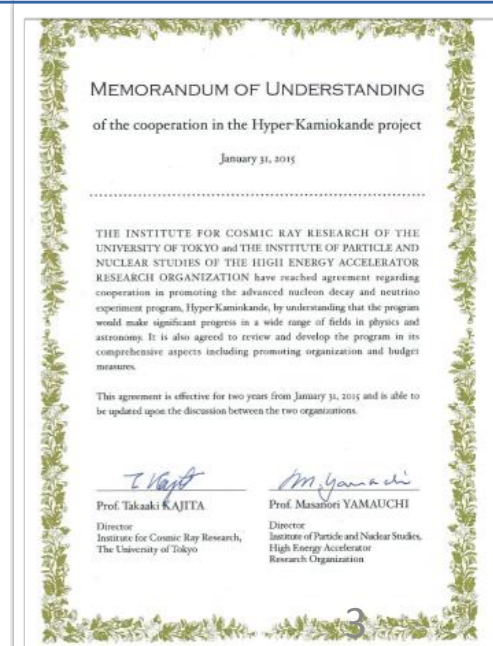
12 countries, ~250 members and growing



- **Proto-collaboration** formed.
- International steering group
- International conveners
- International chair for international board of representative (IBR)
- International Advisory Committee (HKAC)

F. di Ludovico (Neutrino 2016)

KEK-IPNS and UTokyo-ICRR signed a MoU for cooperation on the Hyper-Kamiokande project.





# Pros and cons

## **DUNE**

- Long 1300 km baseline
  - Excellent MH measurement
  - Access to 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation maximum with greater CP asymmetry
- Wide band beam
  - See more effects of oscillation
  - Good sensitivity to non-standard effects (e.g., test 3-flavour model)
- Exquisite detector imaging
  - High efficiency and purity
  - Lower statistics

## **HyperK**

- Really huge detector
  - High statistics
  - Excellent early CP-violation sensitivity
  - Limited information on hadronic recoil system
- Short baseline
  - Much smaller matter effects
  - Need to know mass hierarchy
- Narrow band beam
  - Less background to reject
  - Less energy information

**Very complementary projects!**

# Summary

- Discovery of non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  has opened the door to a 2<sup>nd</sup> golden age of neutrino oscillation physics
- New NOvA results disfavour maximal mixing at  $2.5\sigma$ . Also exclude IH, lower octant and  $\delta_{CP} \sim \pi/2$  at  $3\sigma$
- New techniques, including image recognition, have been pioneered in the field
- T2K excludes CP conservation at 90%
- However, compelling discovery of CP-violation will require new experiments
- Highly precise 3<sup>rd</sup> generation will allow testing the 3 flavour neutrino oscillation framework

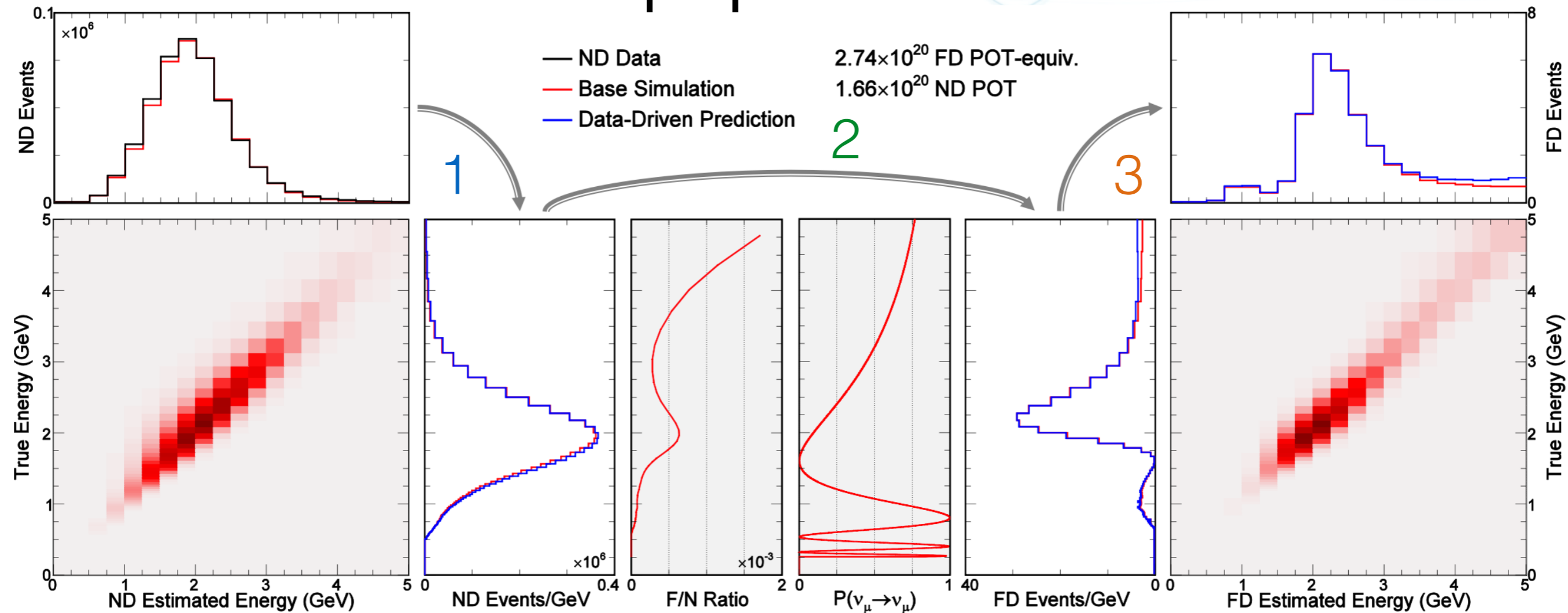
**Extremely active and exciting field! Theoretical questions to answer, experiments currently taking data and new projects down the line. Stay tuned!**

# BACKUP SLIDES



*These aren't the slides you're looking for*

# ND to FD extrapolation is a three step process

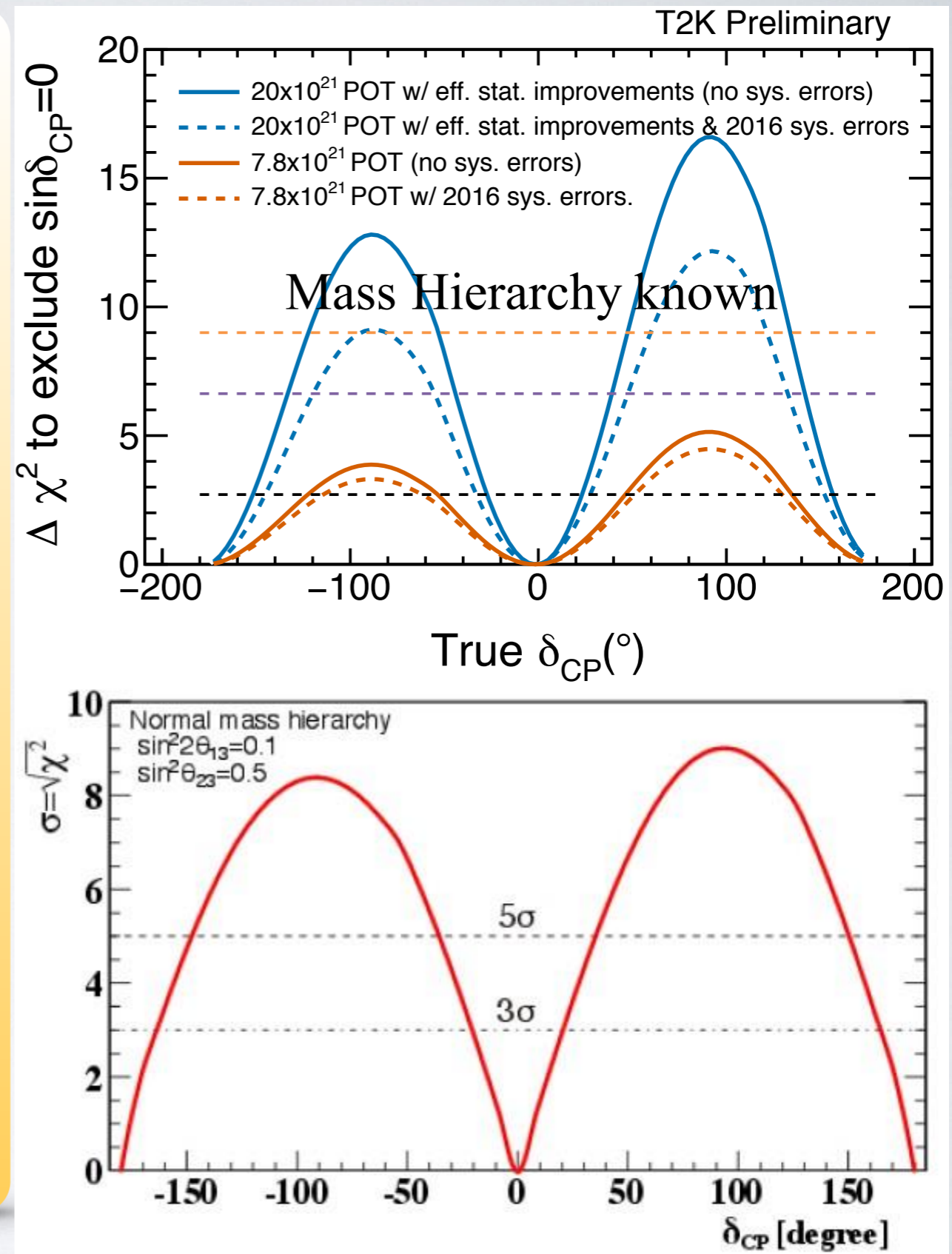


1) Unfold ND reconstructed energy to true energy

2) Use Far/Near ratio to convert to FD true energy spectrum

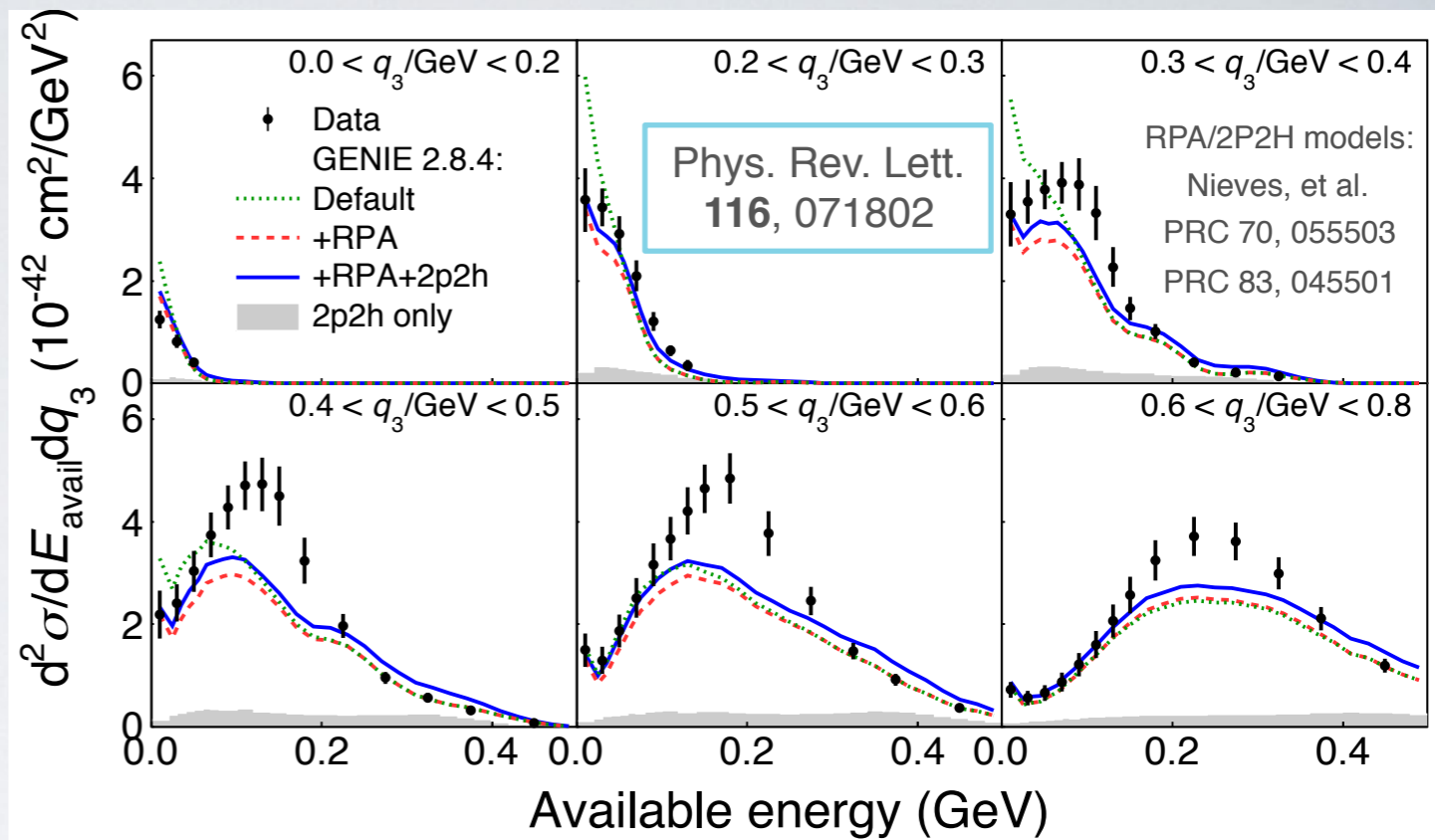
3) Translate back to reconstructed energy

- Current T2K program expects  $7.8 \times 10^{21}$  POT by 2020
  - Potential extension (T2K-II) would have  $20 \times 10^{21}$  by 2026
  - $3\sigma$  sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$
- Requires accelerator and beam line upgrades to reach 1.3 MW (currently 420 kW)
- While T2K-II is running, construction of the next generation detector (Hyperkamiokande) begins
  - By 2026, build 2 large water Cherenkov tanks of 260 ton each
  - $>5\sigma$  sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$

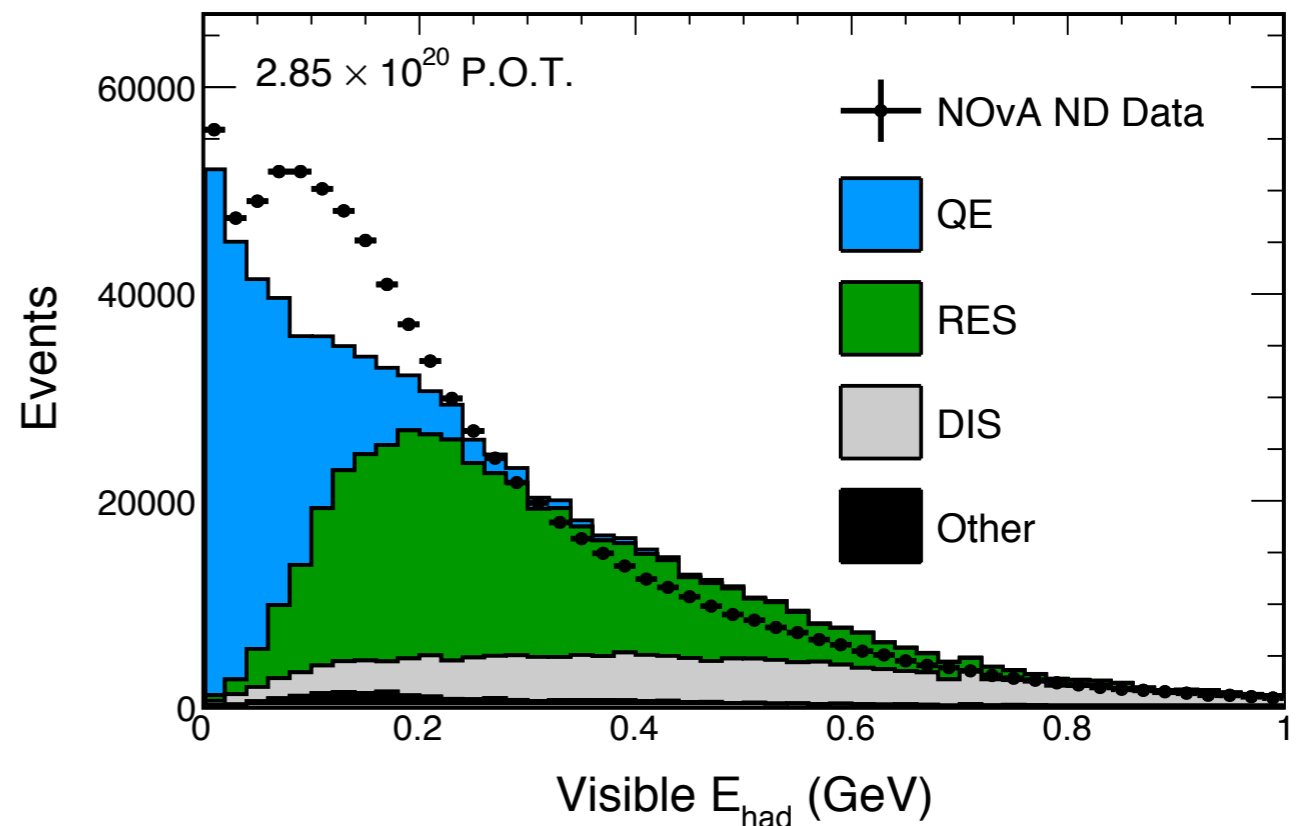


K. Iwamoto & M. Gonin (ICHEP 2016)

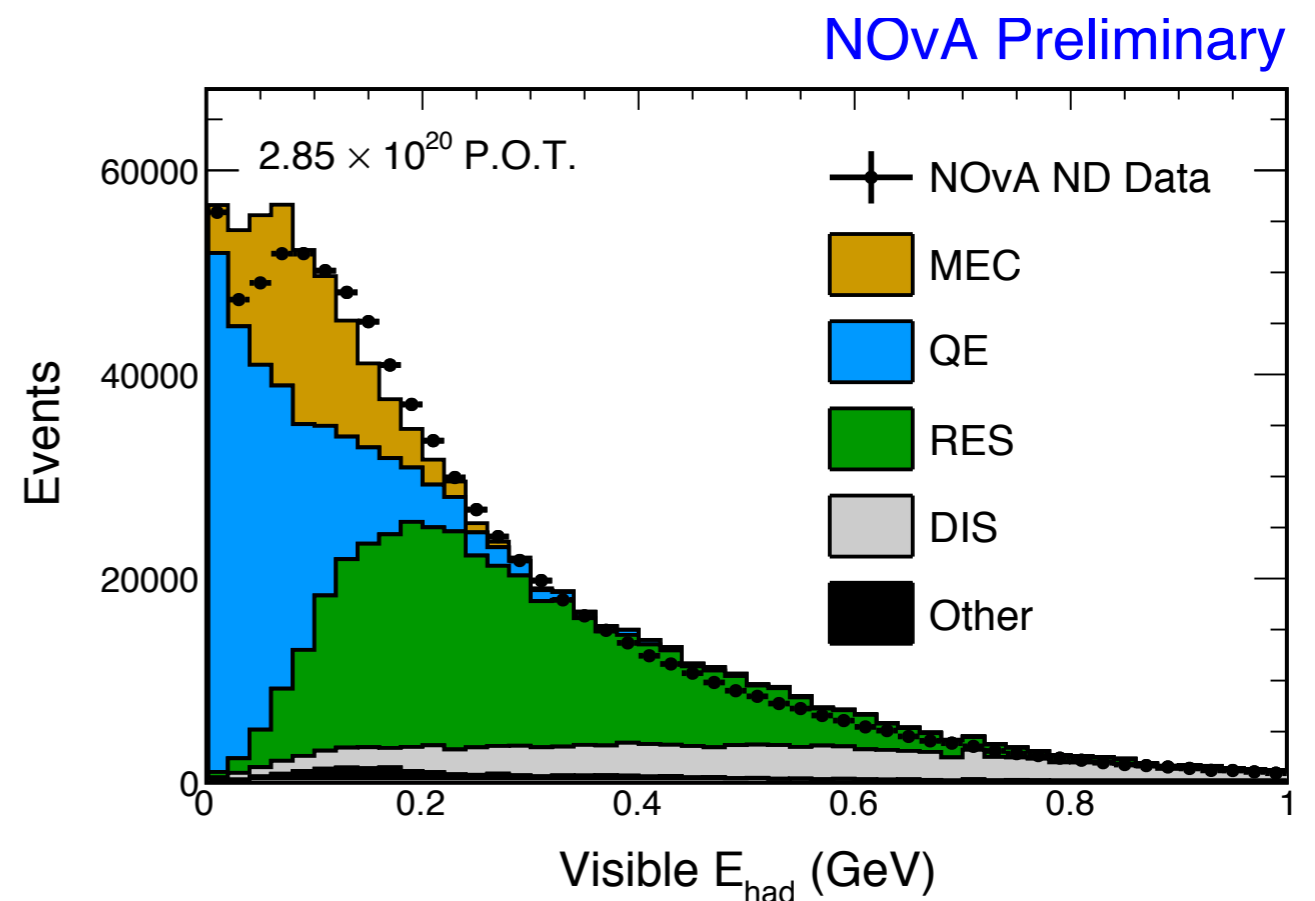
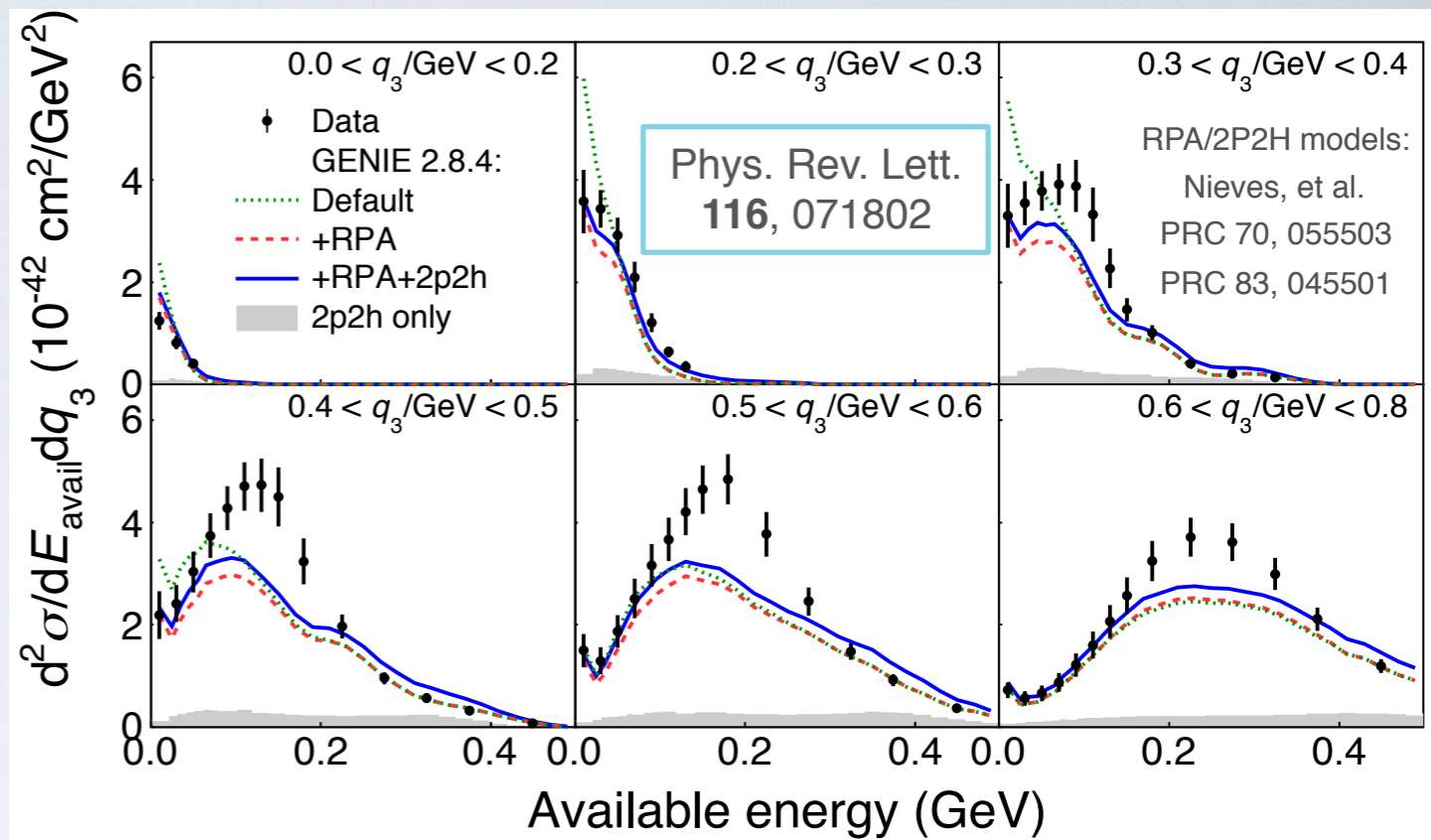
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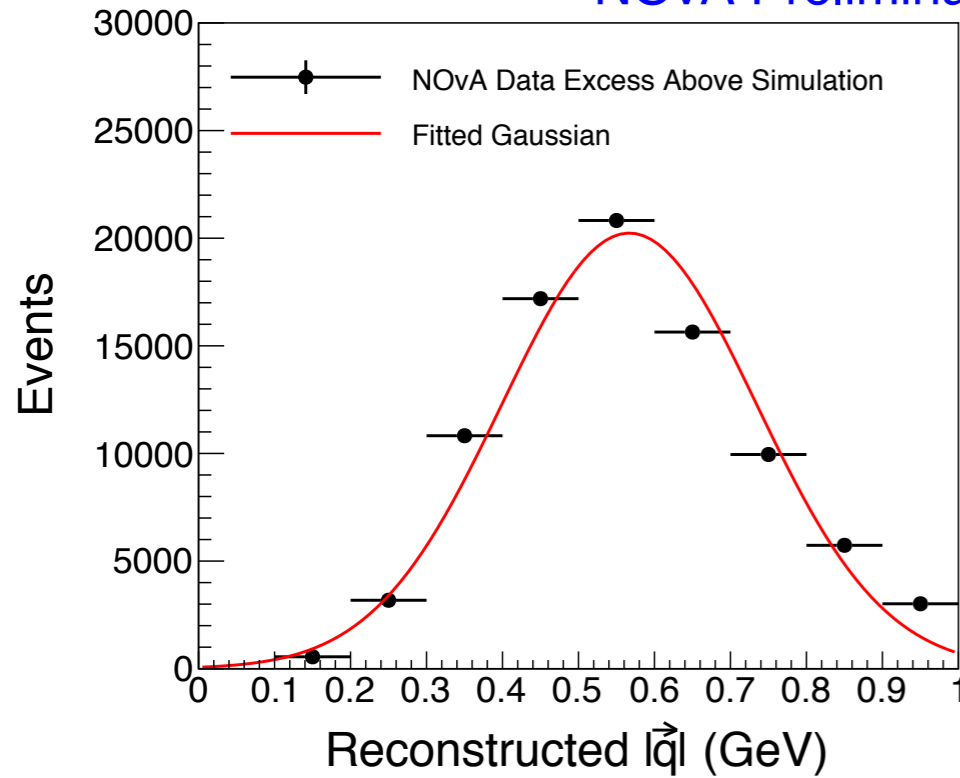


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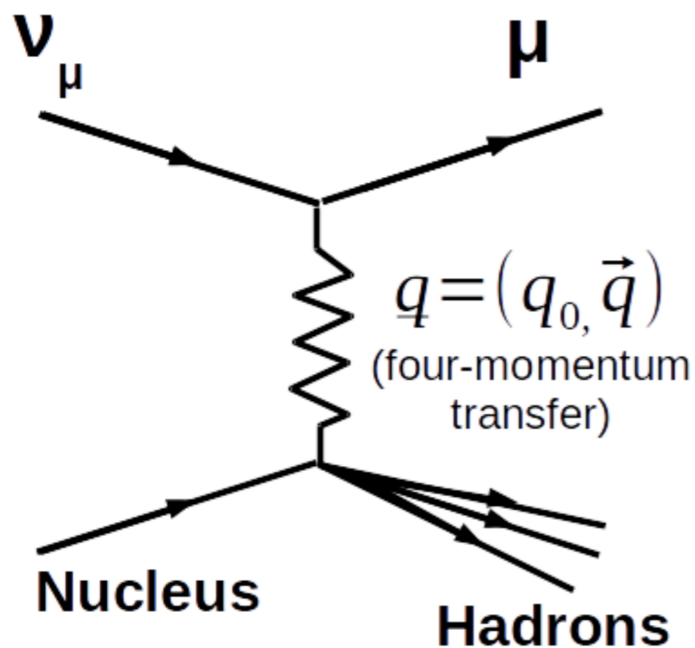
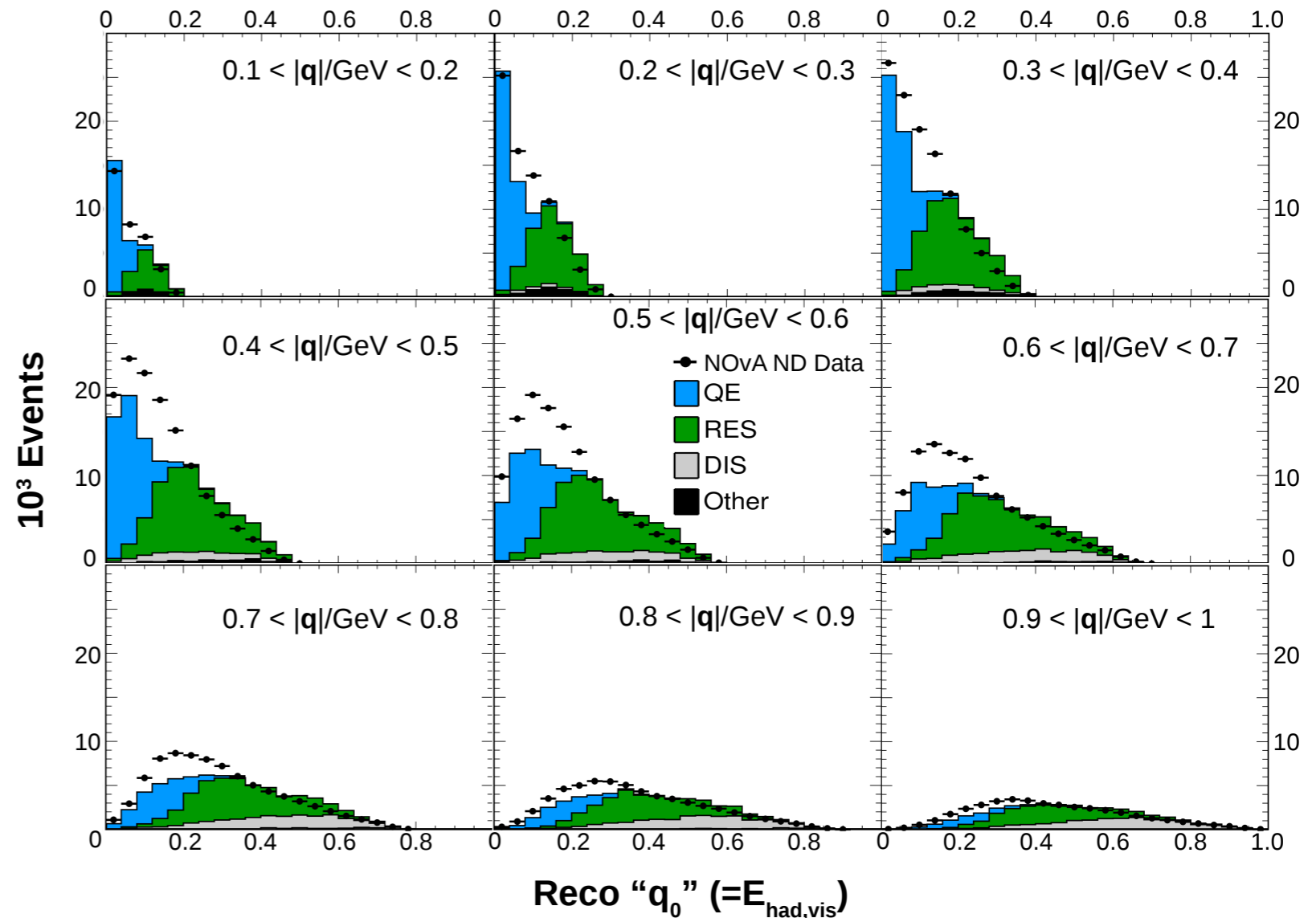


# Near Det data suggests an unsimulated process between QE and $\Delta$ production

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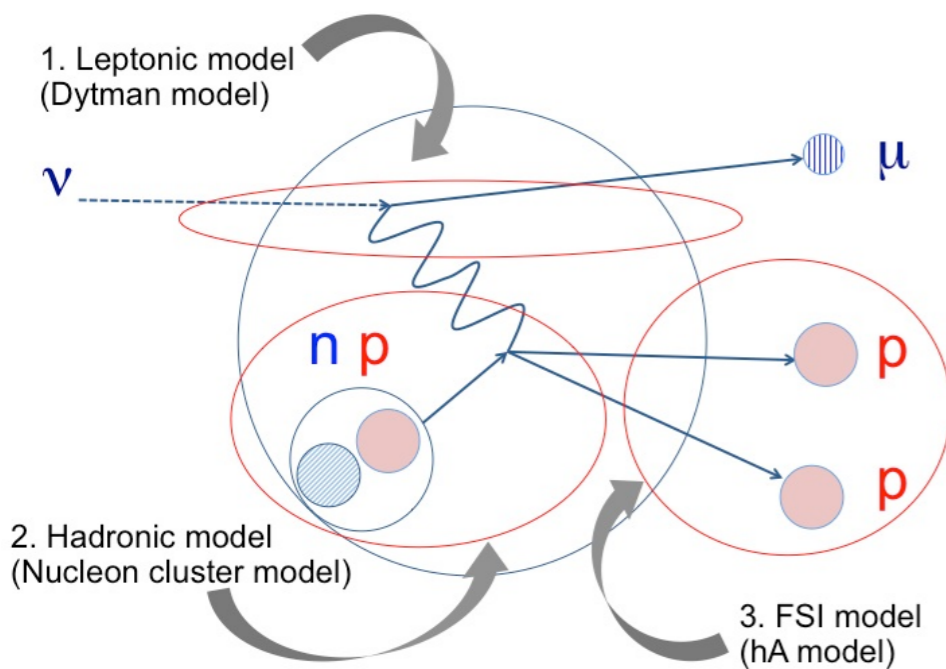
MINERvA reported a similar excess in their data in P.A. Rodrigues et al., PRL 116 (2016) 071802



# We enable GENIE's empirical Meson Exchange Current model

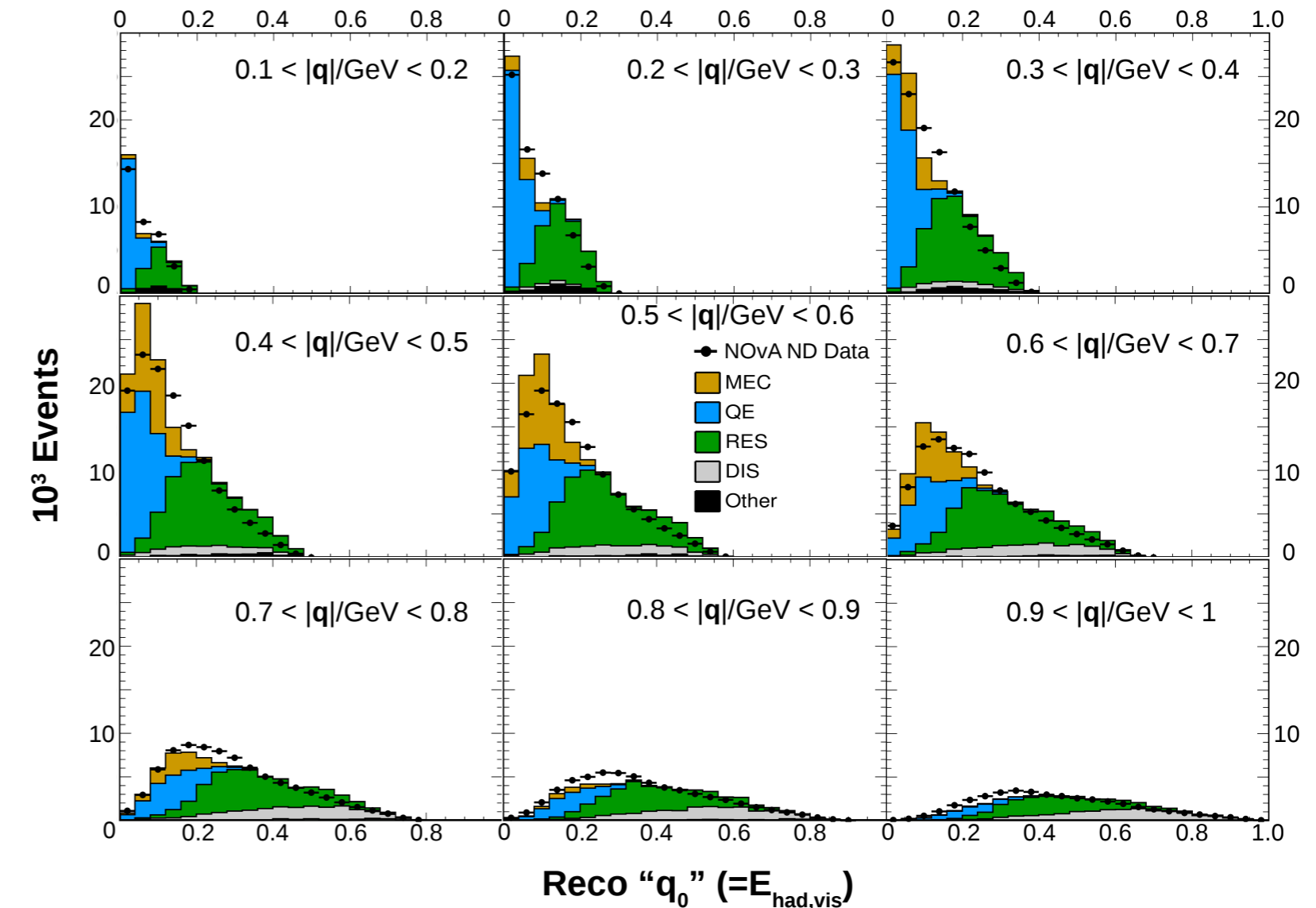
We reweight the model to match our observed excess as a function of  $\mathbf{p}$  transfer

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Reduce single non-resonant pion production by 50%  
 (P.A. Rodrigues et al, arXiv: 1601.01888.)

Take 50% systematic uncertainty on MEC component



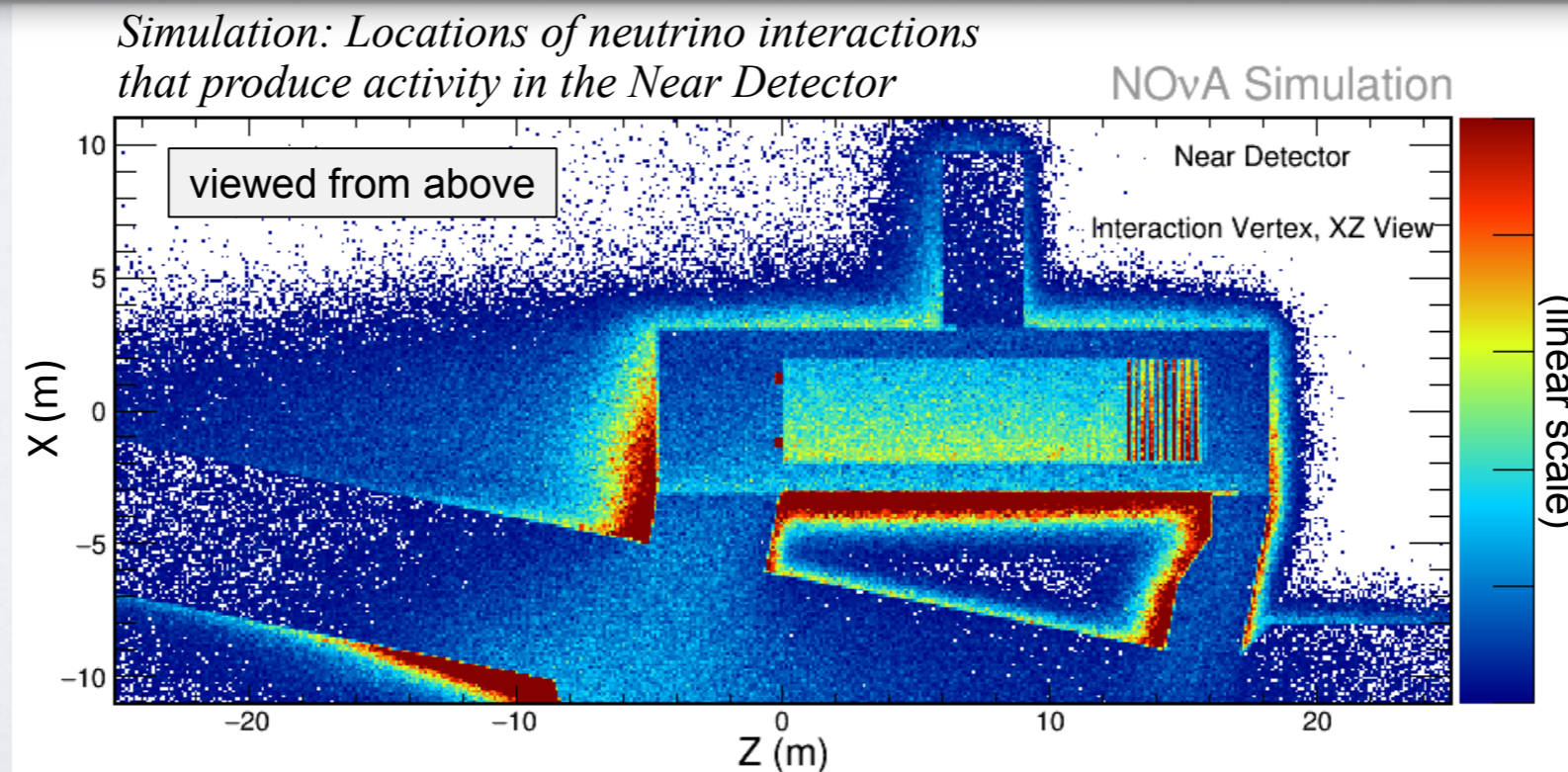
**This reduces our largest systematic uncertainties**

- Hadronic energy scale
- QE cross-section modeling

# Simulation in NOvA

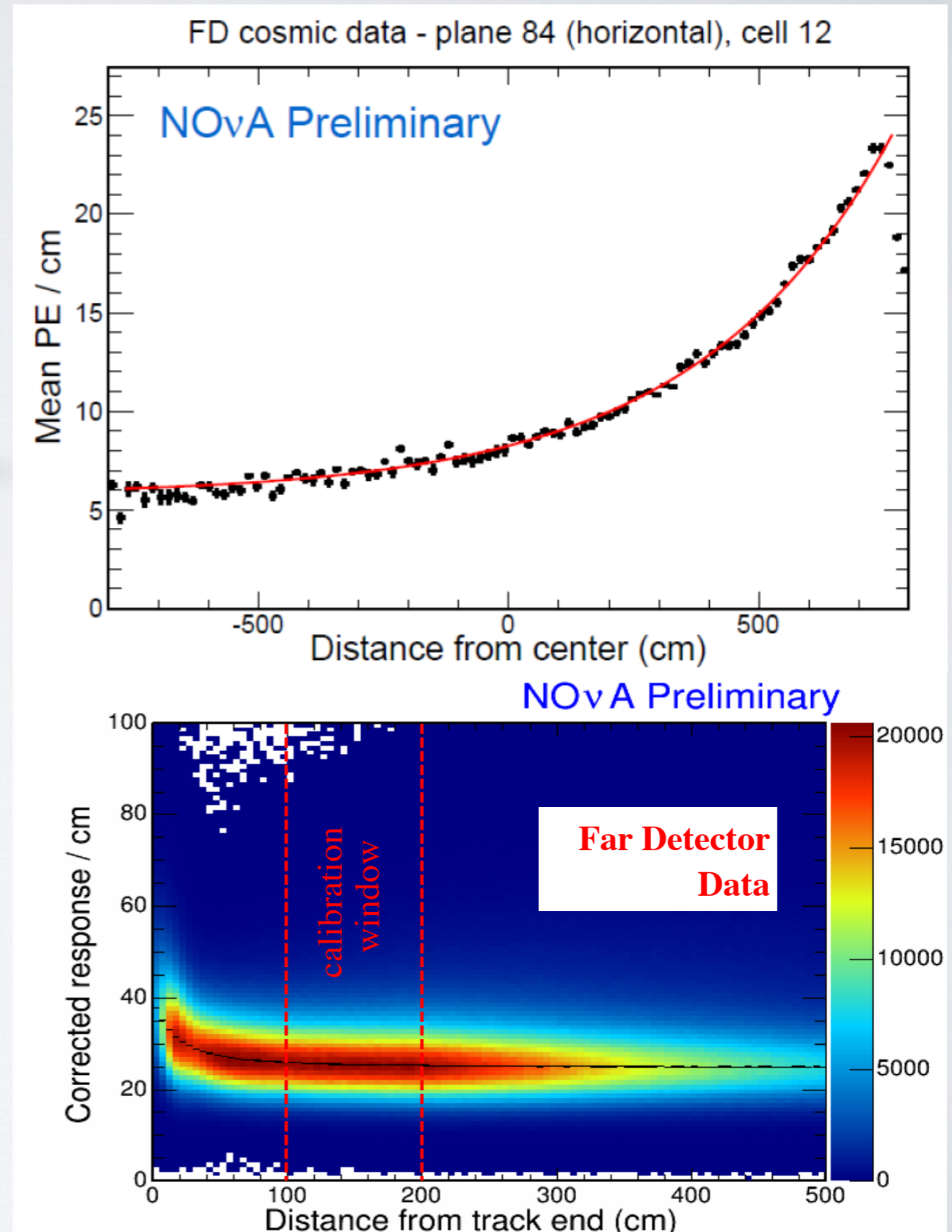
## Highly detailed end to end simulation chain

- Beam hadron production, propagation, neutrino flux: **FLUKA/FLUGG**
- Cosmic ray flux: **CRY** (CORSIKA soon)
- Neutrino interactions and FSI modelling: **GENIE**
- Detector simulation: **GEANT4**
- Readout electronics and DAQ: **custom simulation routines**



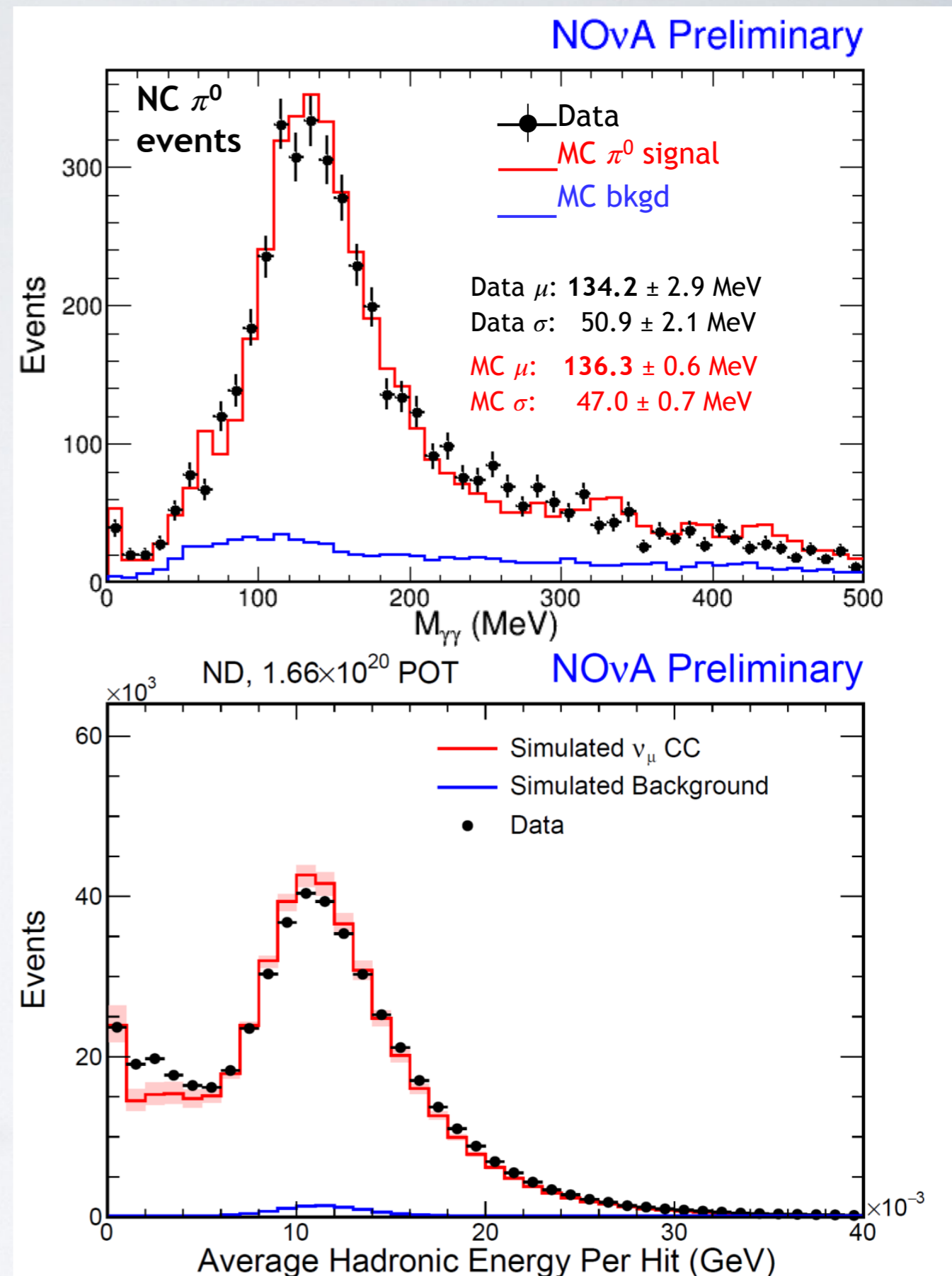
# Calibration

- Calibration achieved using cosmic rays
- Light levels drop by a factor of 8 across a FD cell
- Stopping muons provide a standard candle



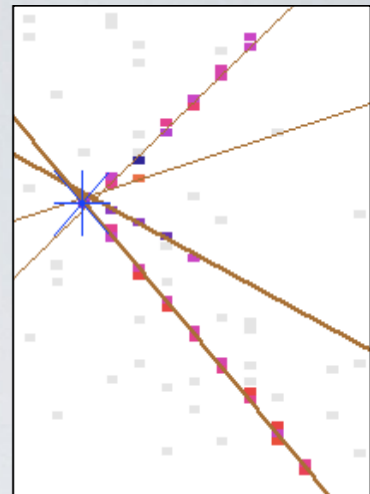
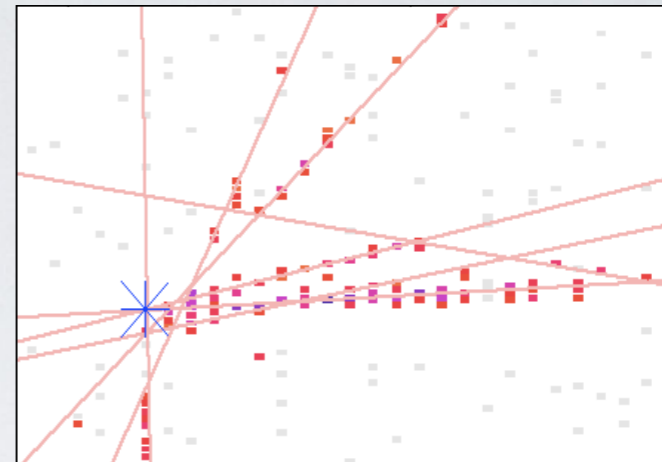
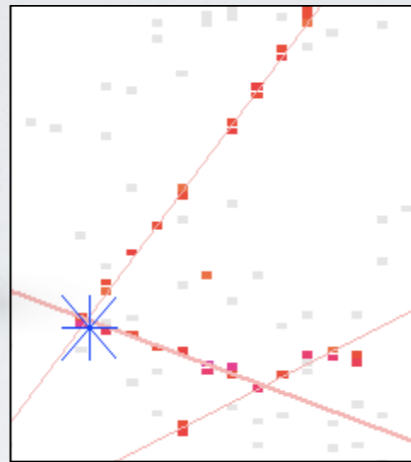
# Energy Scale

- Near Detector
  - cosmic  $\mu$  dE/dx [ $\sim$ vertical]
  - beam  $\mu$  dE/dx [ $\sim$ horizontal]
  - Michel  $e^-$  spectrum
  - $\pi^0$  mass
  - hadronic shower  $E$ -per-hit
- Far Detector
  - cosmic  $\mu$  dE/dx [ $\sim$ vertical]
  - beam  $\mu$  dE/dx [ $\sim$ horizontal]
  - Michel  $e^-$  spectrum
- All agree to 5%

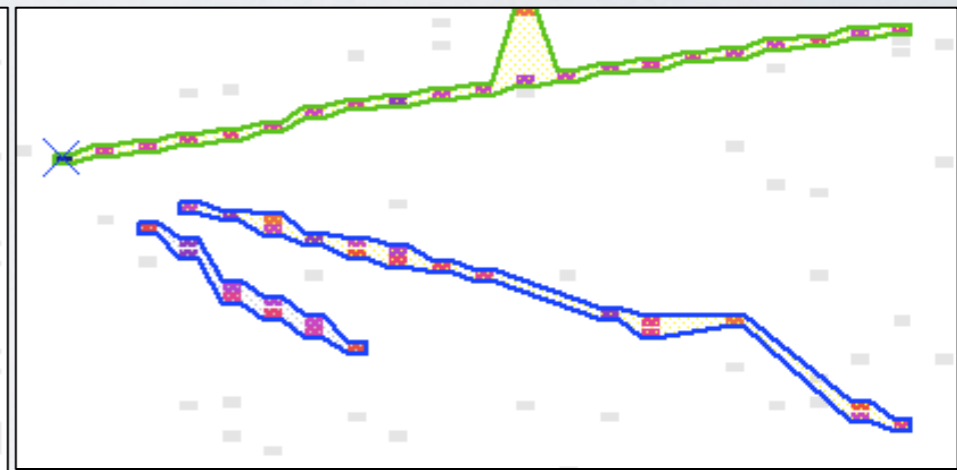
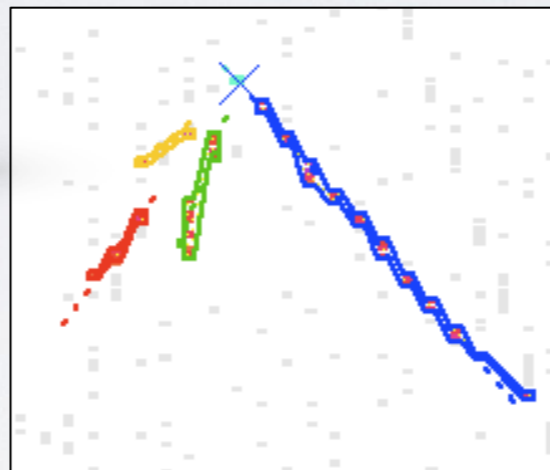


# Reconstruction

Vertexing: **Find** lines of energy depositions w/ **Hough transform**  
CC events: 11 cm resolution

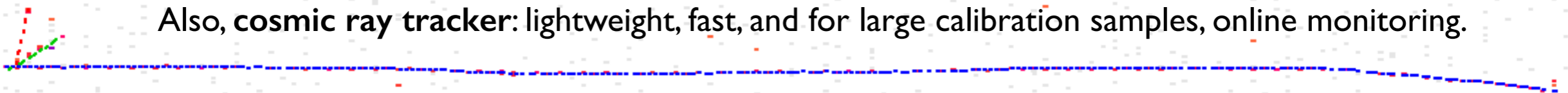


Clustering: **Find** clusters in angular space **around vertex**. Merge views **via topology and prong dE/dx**

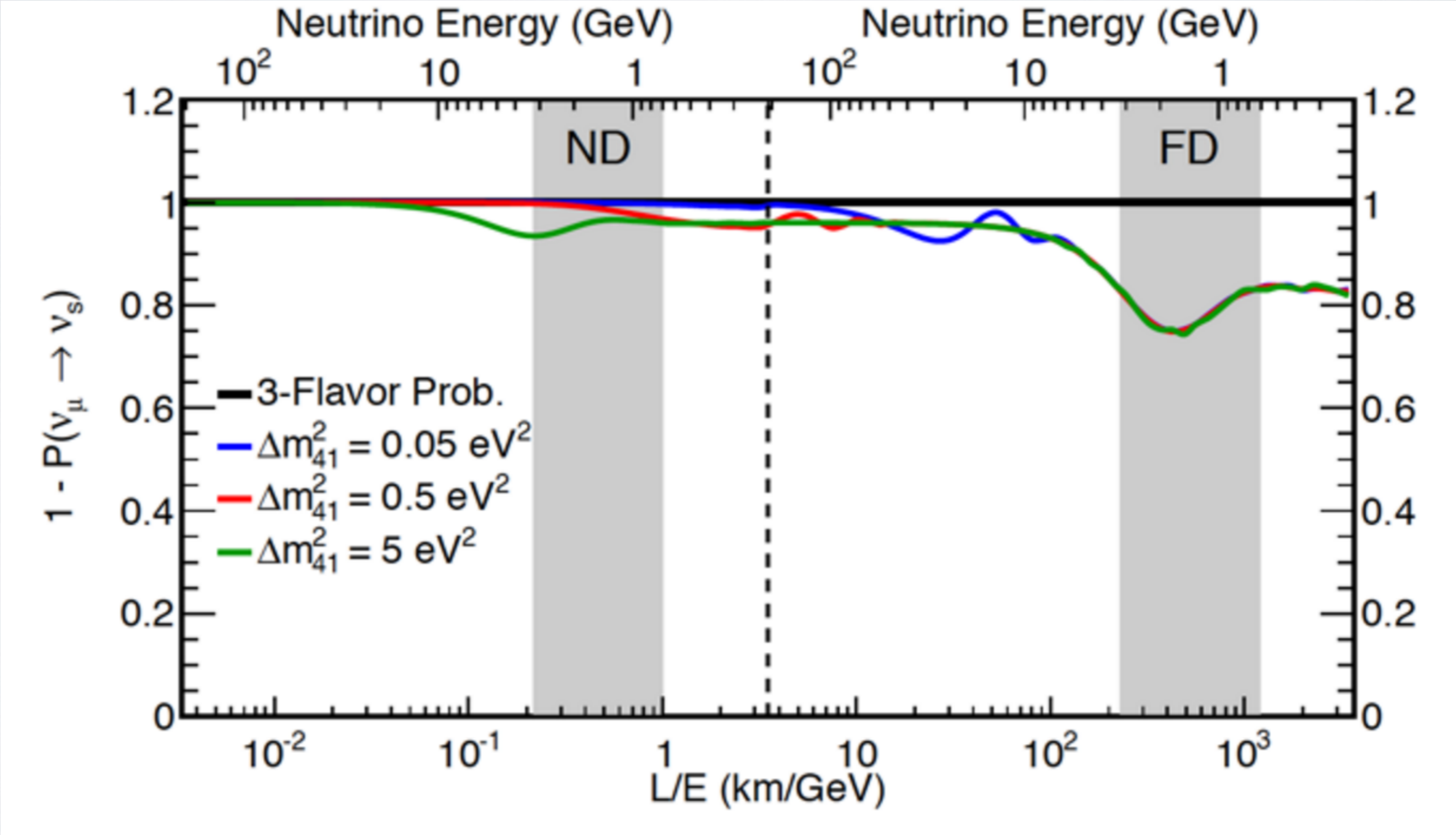


**Tracking:** Trace particle trajectories with **Kalman filter** tracker.

Also, **cosmic ray tracker:** lightweight, fast, and for large calibration samples, online monitoring.

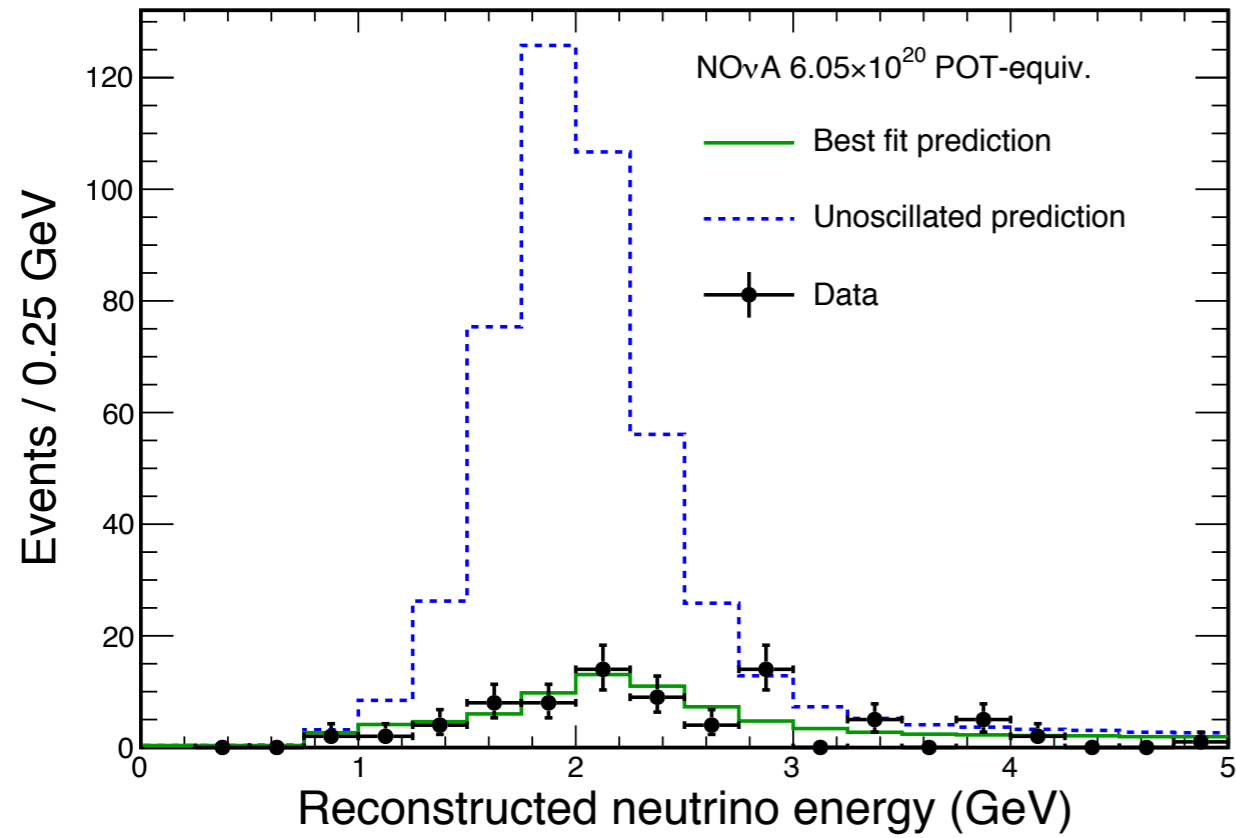


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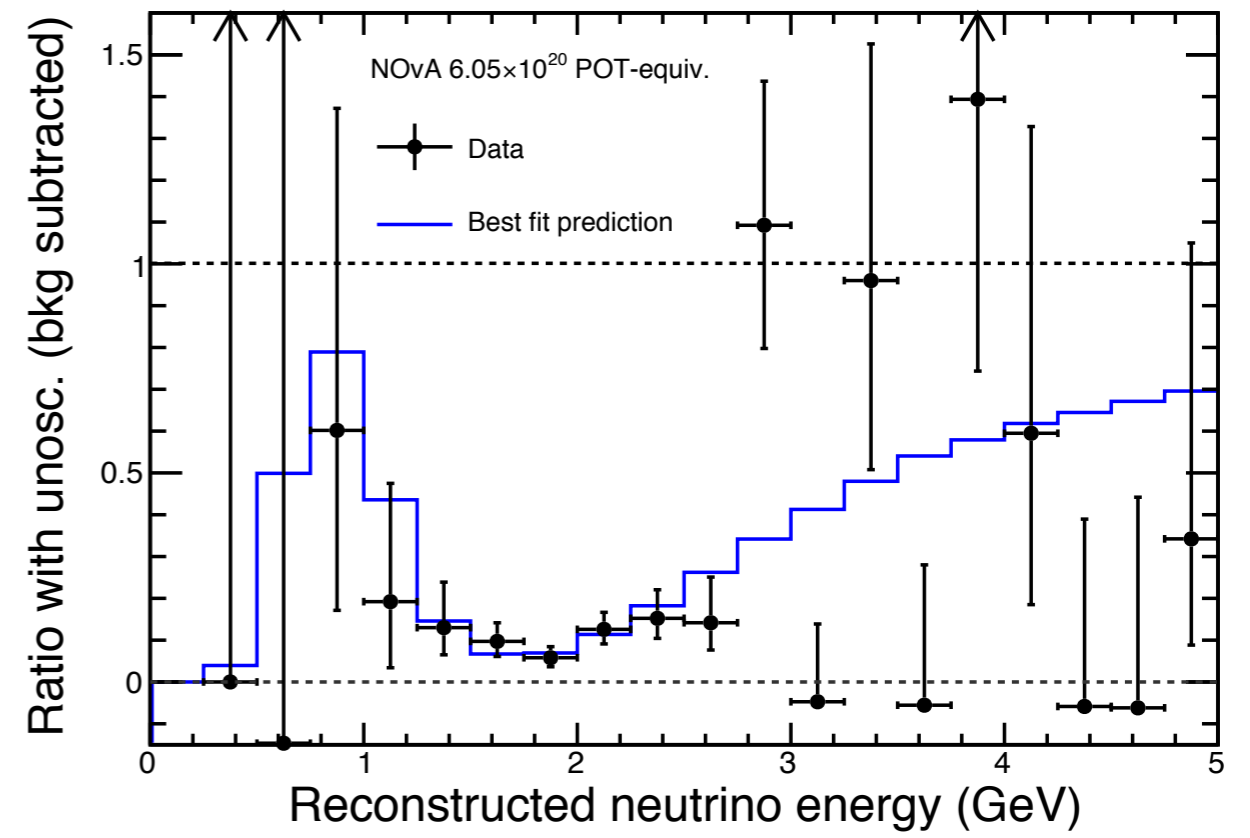


Disappearance

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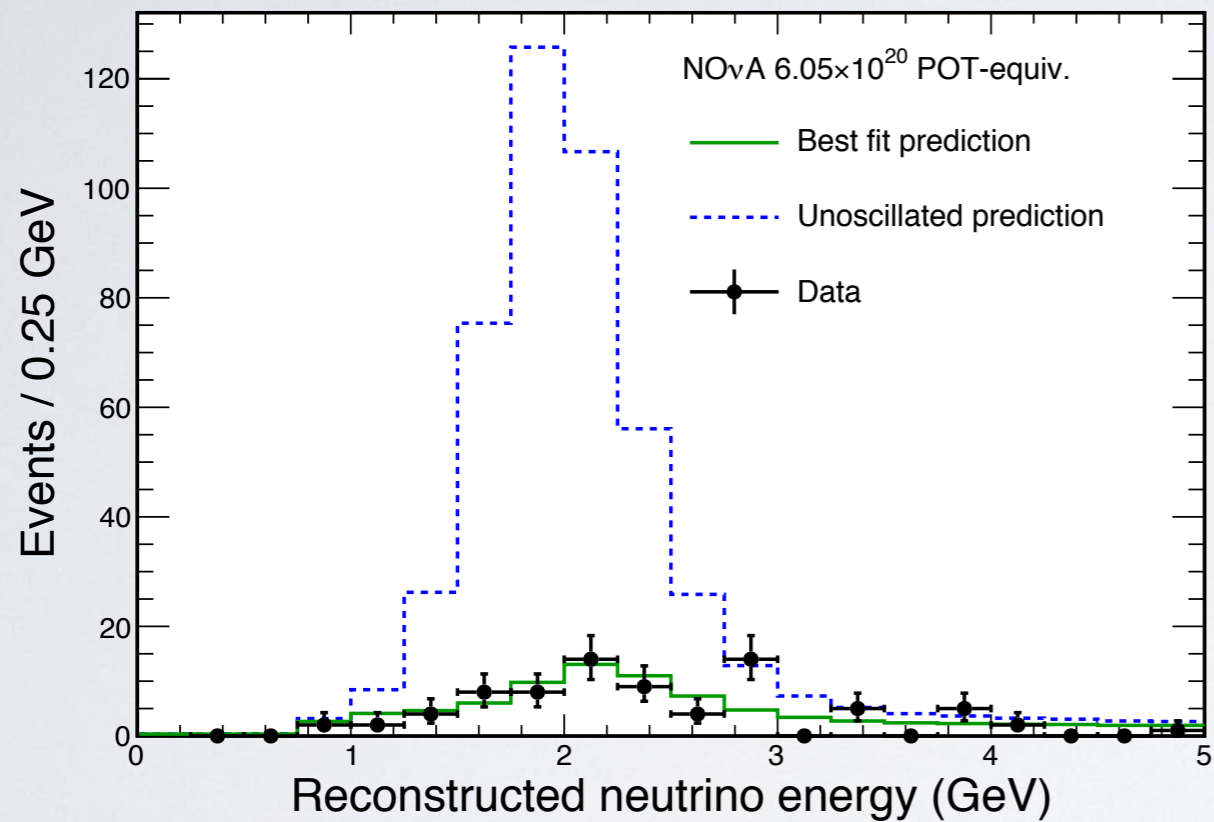
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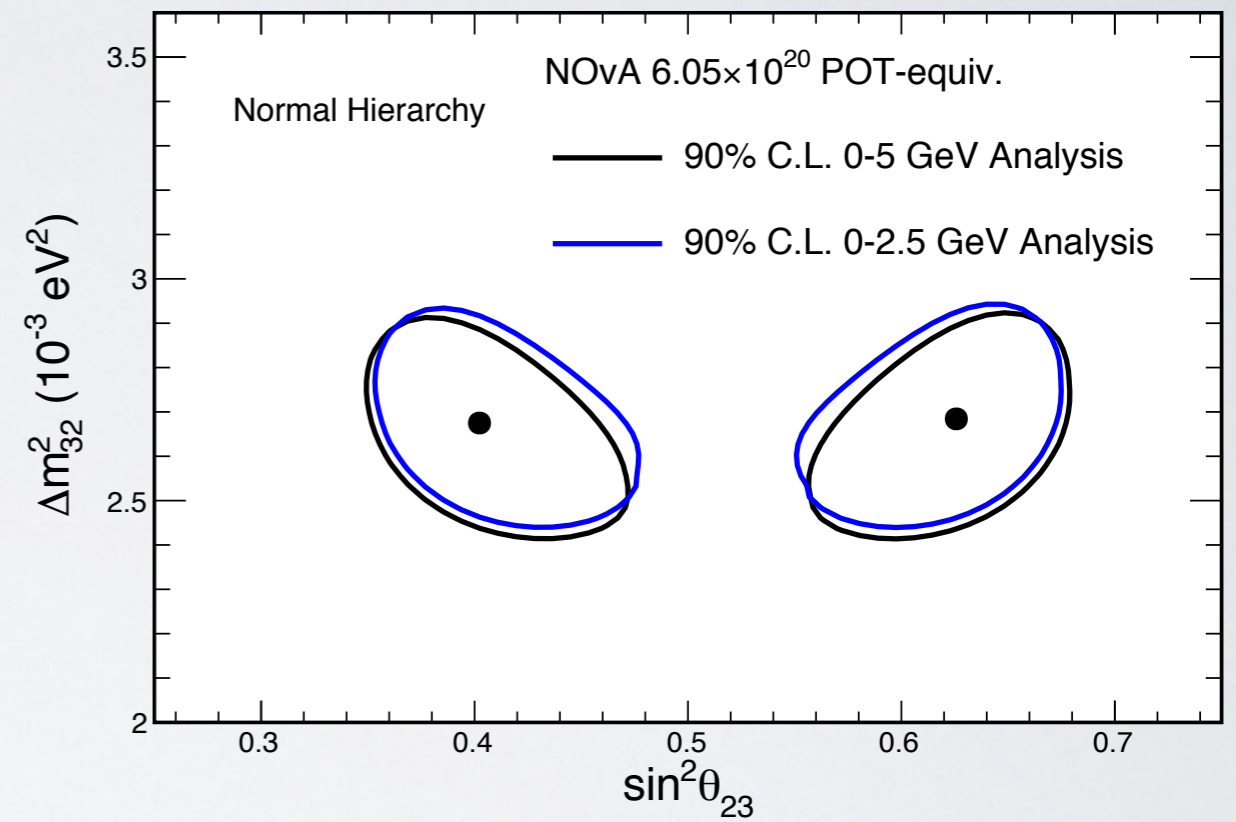


# Tail pull on fit

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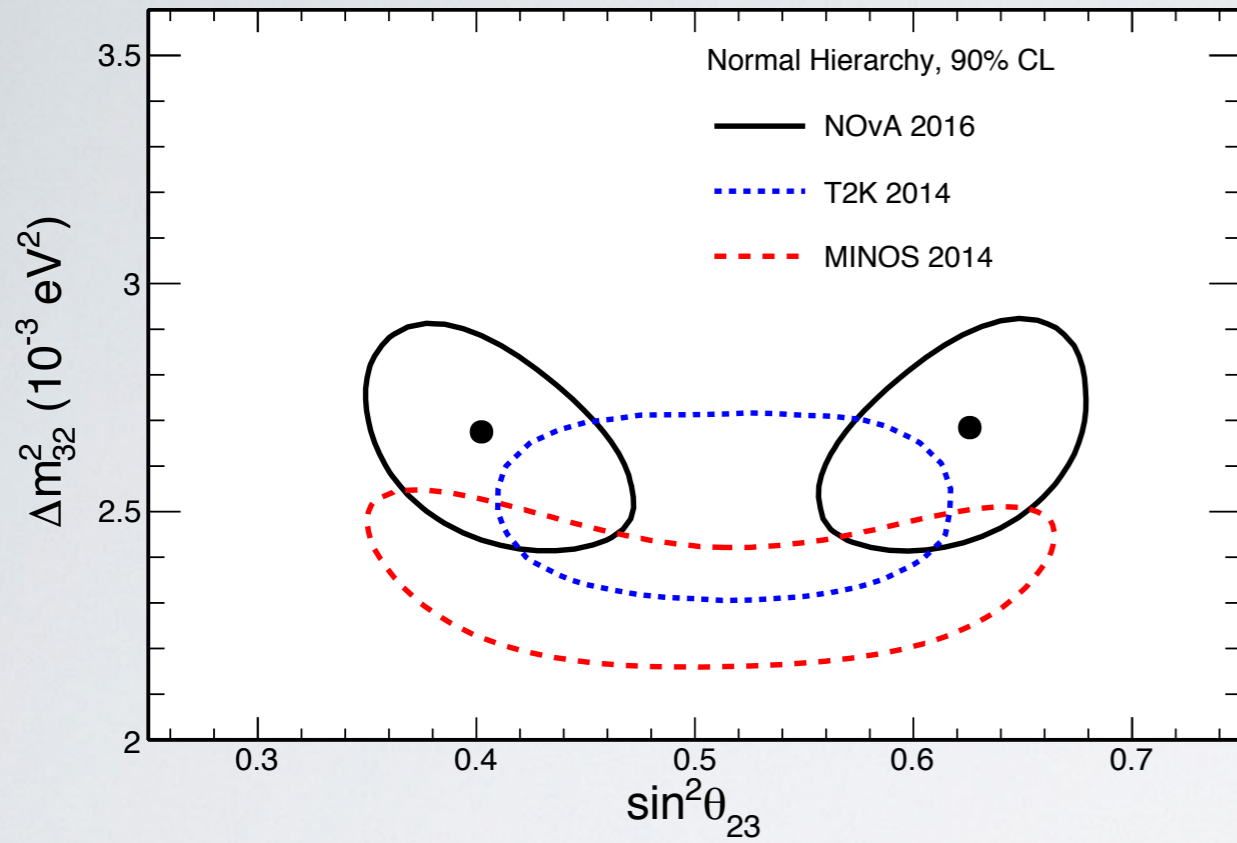


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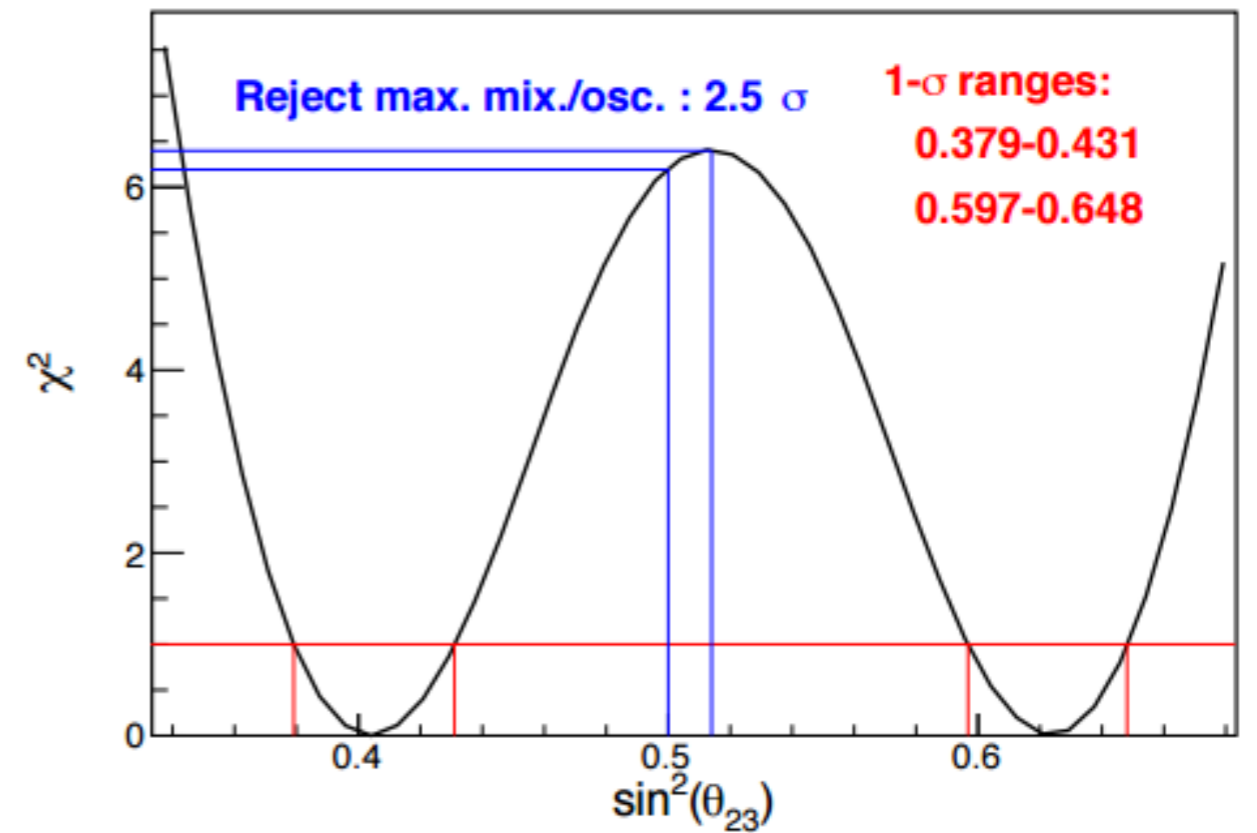
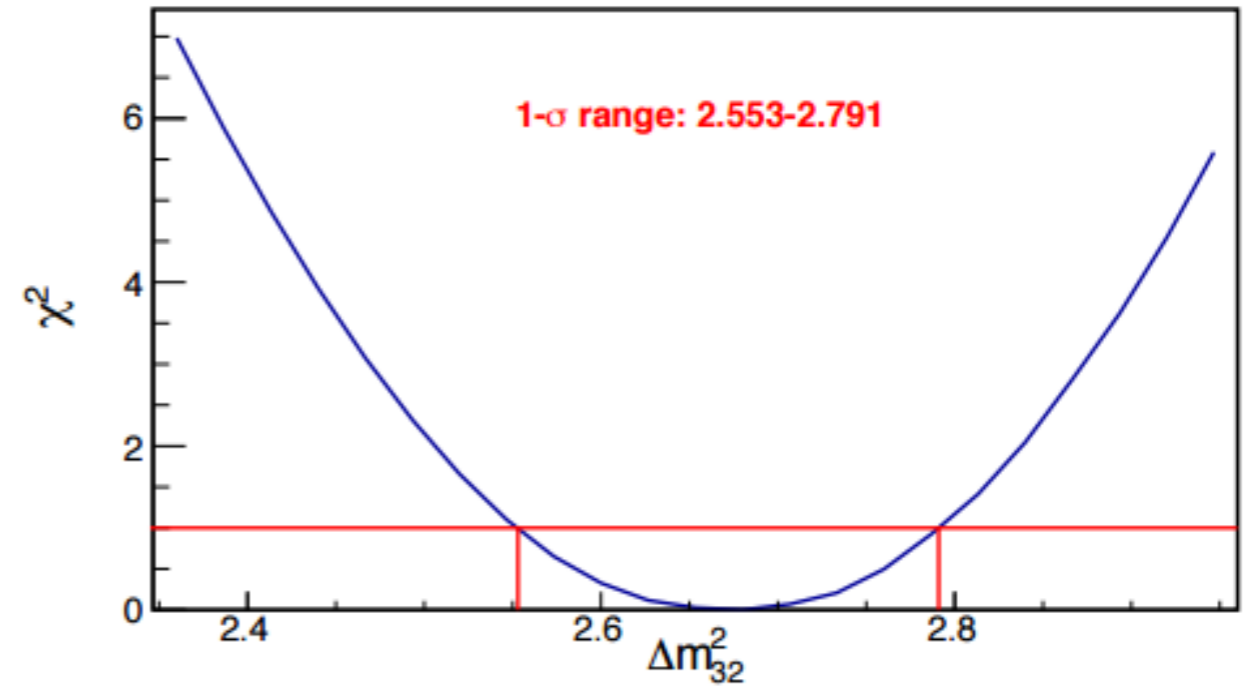
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Best Fit:

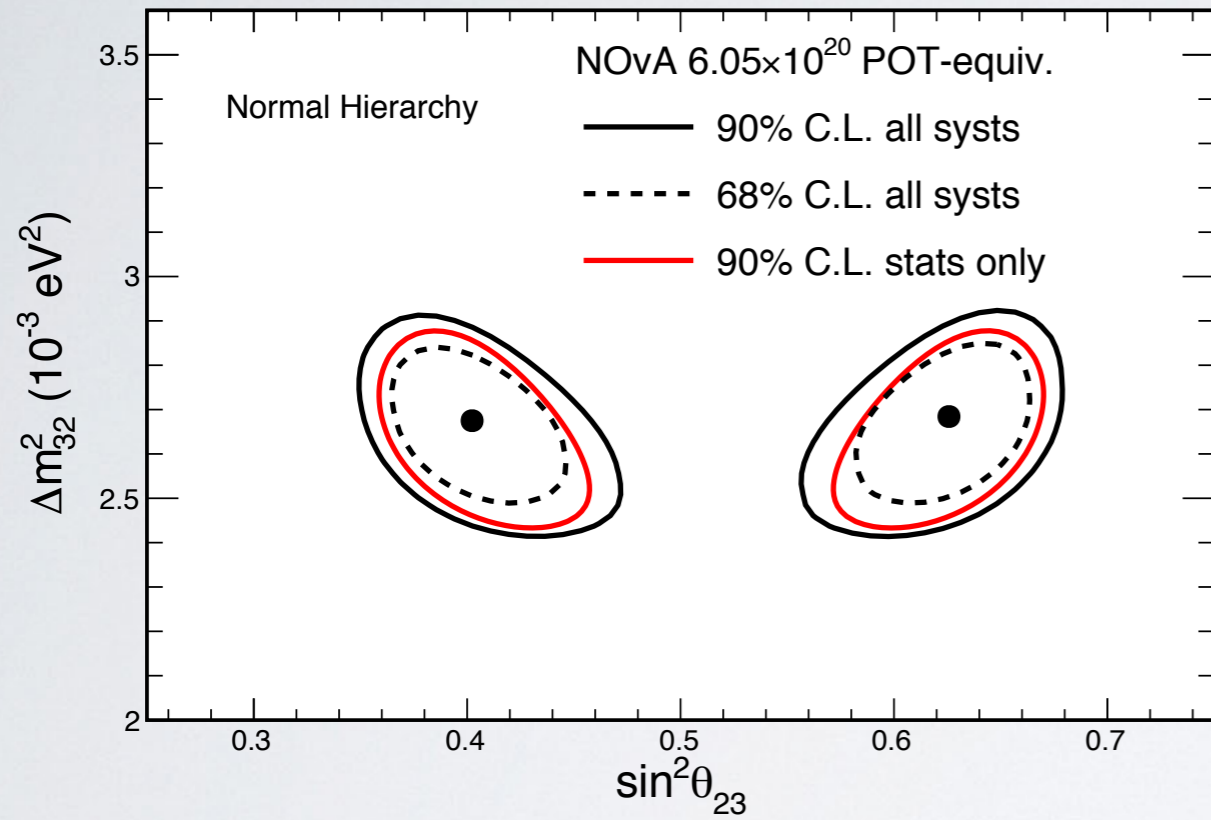
$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.67 \pm 0.12 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.40_{-0.02}^{+0.03} (0.63_{-0.03}^{+0.02})$$

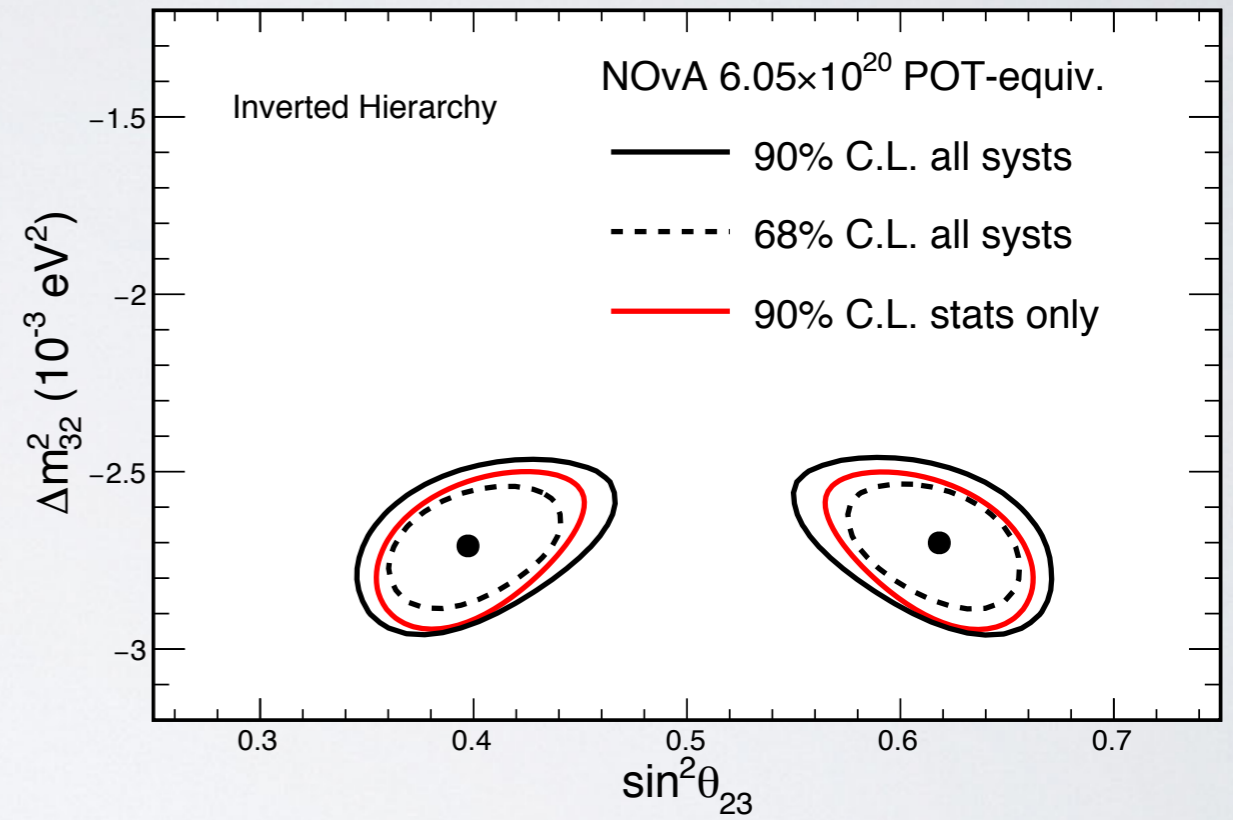


# Systematics + IH

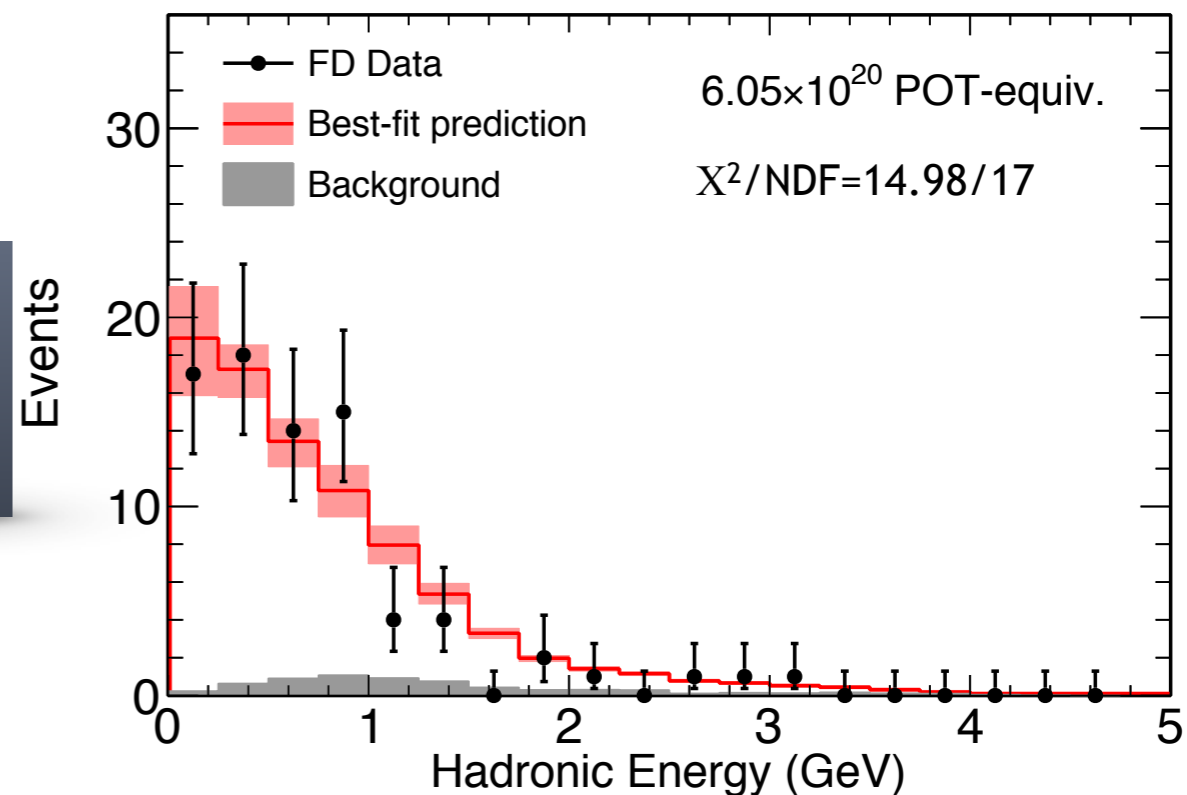
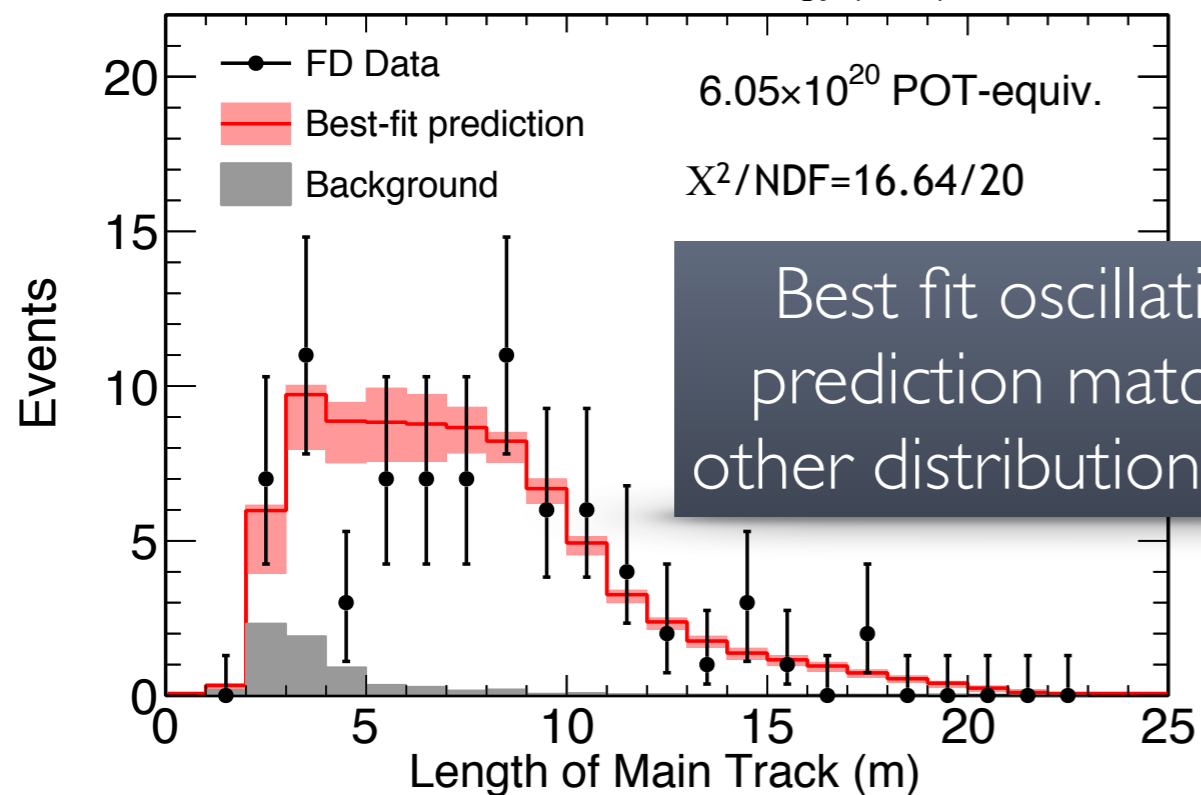
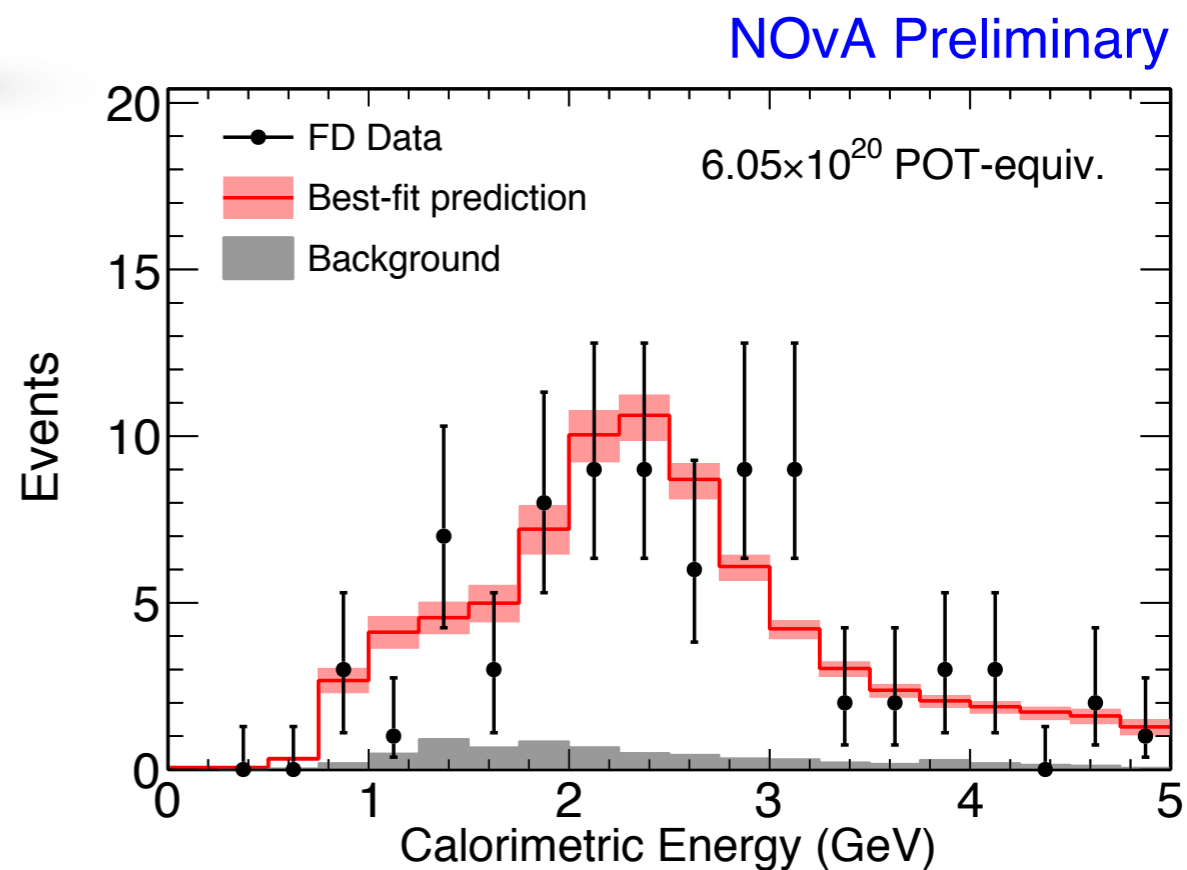
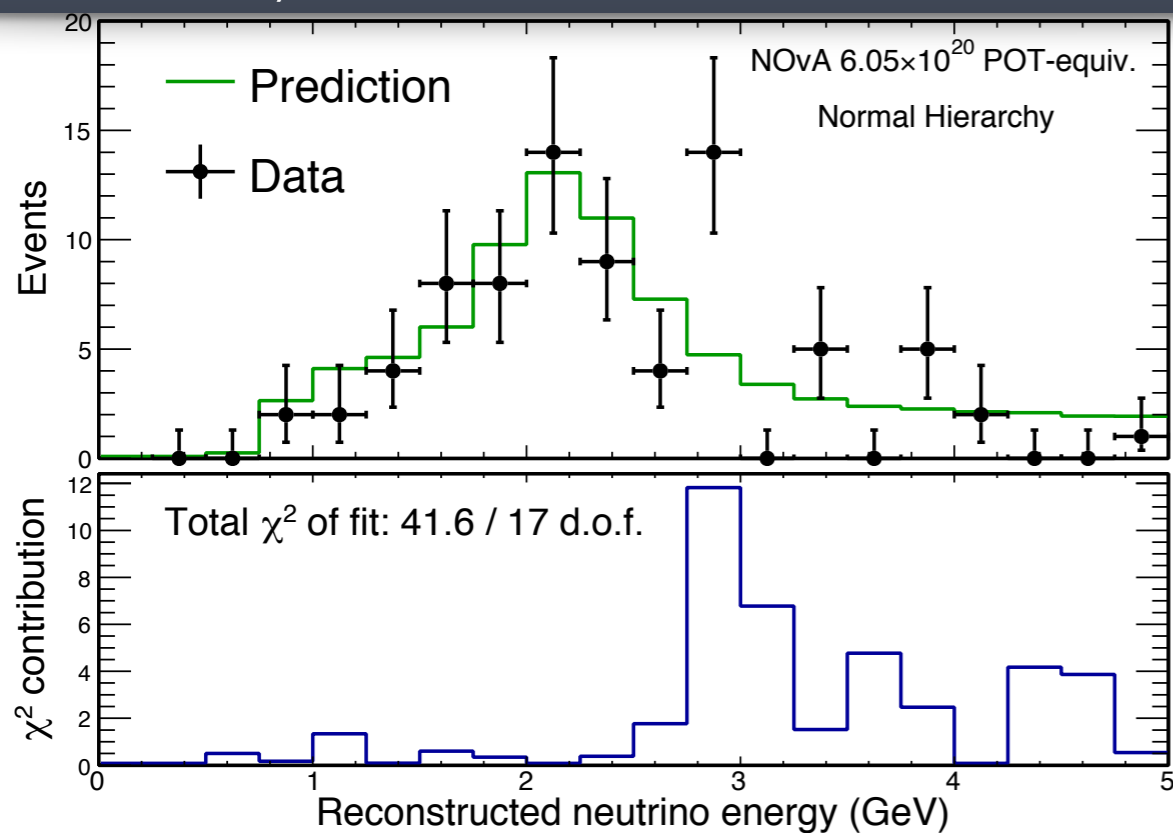
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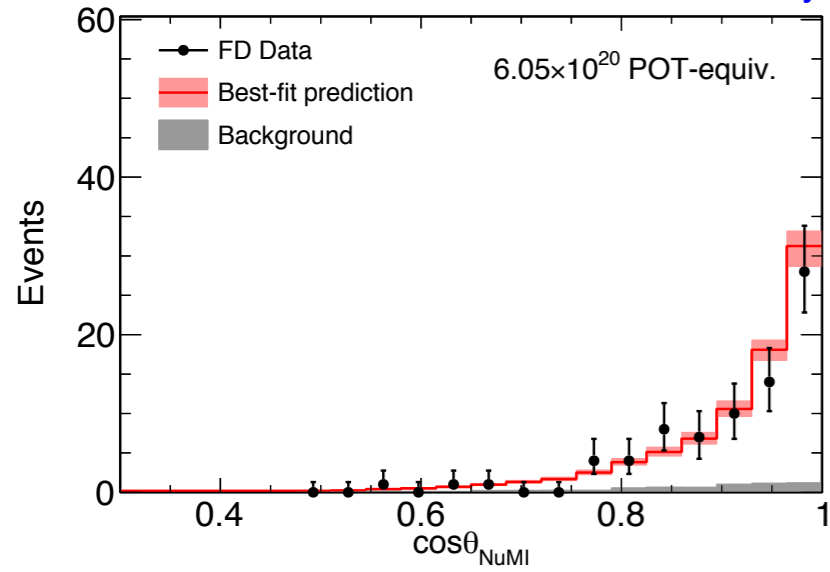


Performing the fit below 2.5 GeV improves  $\chi^2$  substantially but does not change fit results, sensitivity, or exclusion of maximal mixing

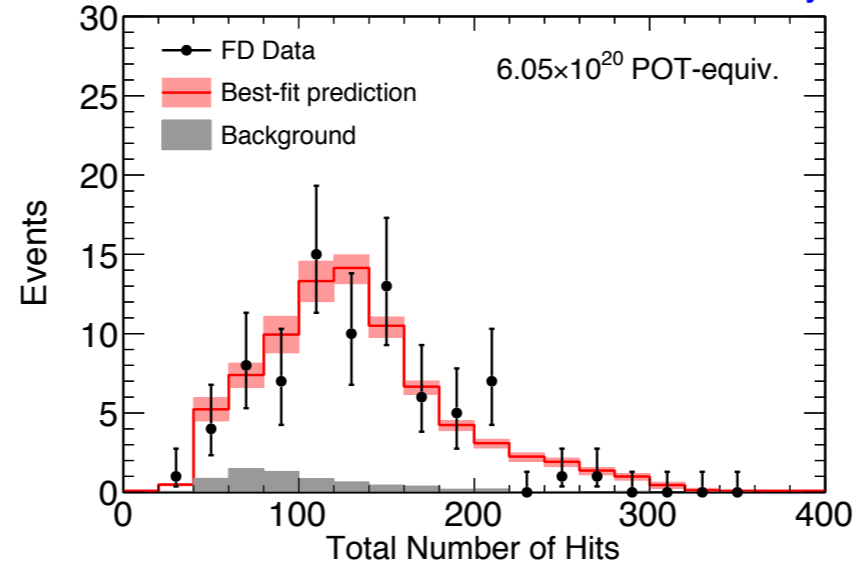


# Muon Neutrino FD Data

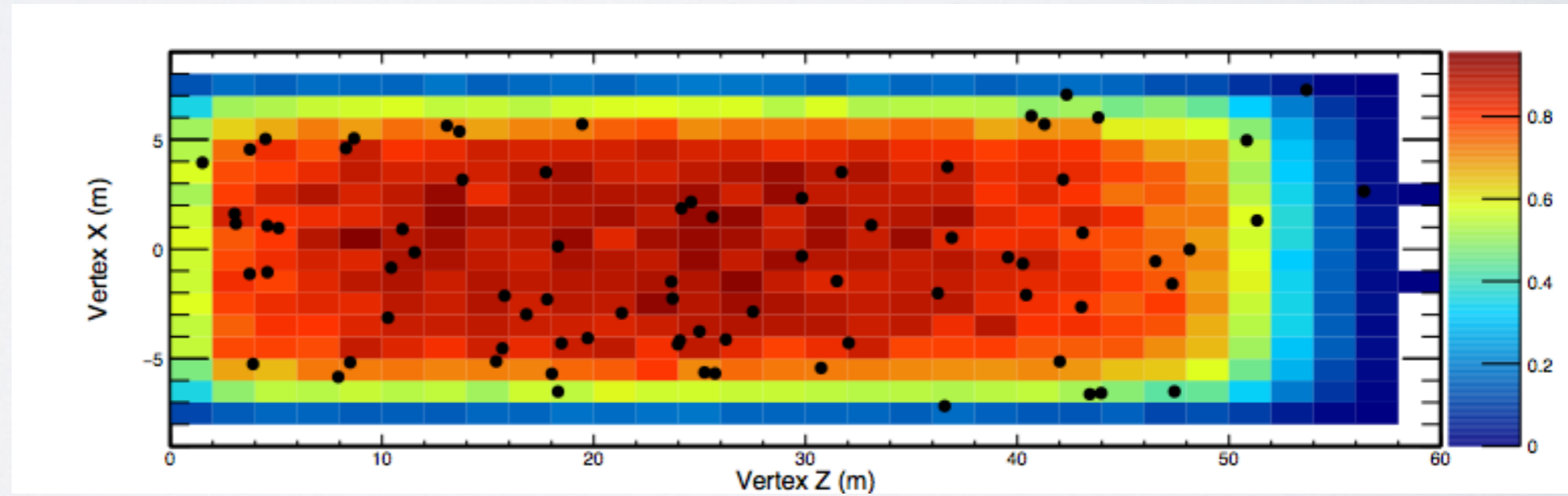
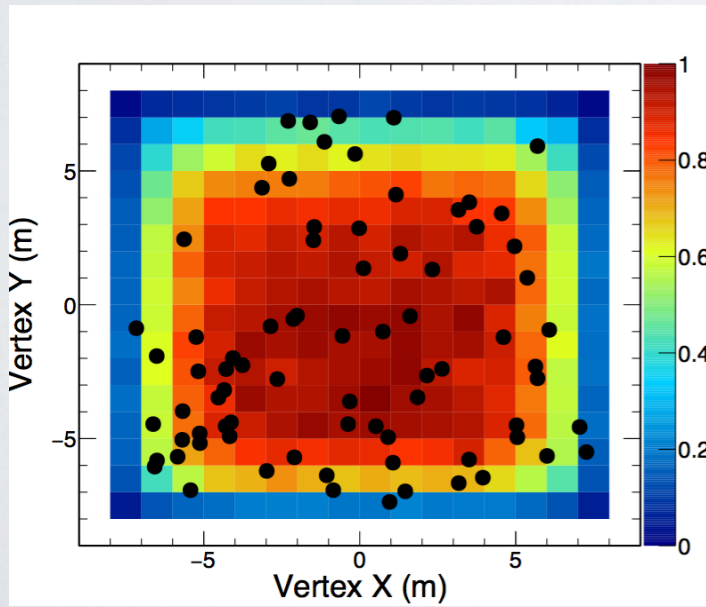
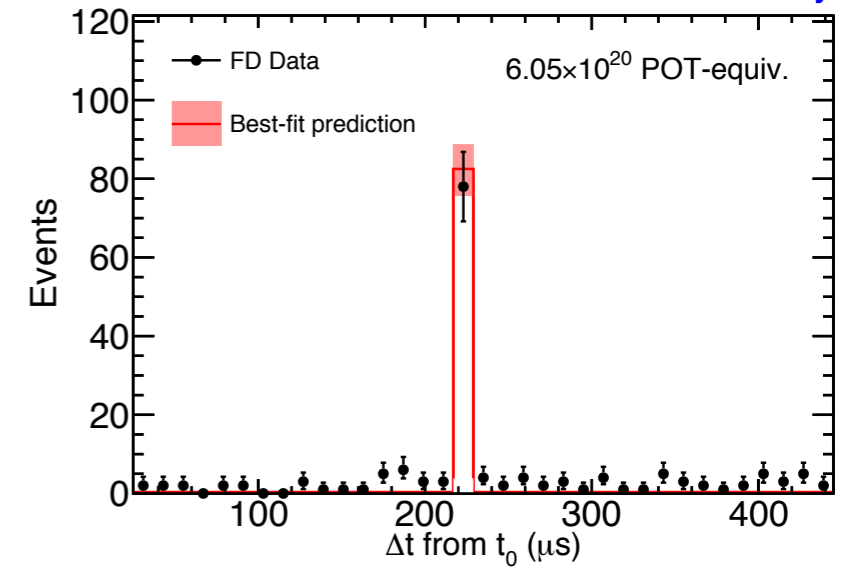
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# We consider multiple possible sources of systematic error

Systematic	Effect on $\sin^2(\theta_{23})$	Effect on $\Delta m^2_{32}$
Normalisation	$\pm 1.0\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$
Muon E scale	$\pm 2.2\%$	$\pm 0.8\%$
Calibration	$\pm 2.0\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$
Relative E scale	$\pm 2.0\%$	$\pm 0.9\%$
Cross sections + FSI	$\pm 0.6\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$
Osc. parameters	$\pm 0.7\%$	$\pm 1.5\%$
Beam backgrounds	$\pm 0.9\%$	$\pm 0.5\%$
Scintillation model	$\pm 0.7\%$	$\pm 0.1\%$
<b>All systematics</b>	<b><math>\pm 3.4\%</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 2.4\%</math></b>
<b>Stat. Uncertainty</b>	<b><math>\pm 4.1\%</math></b>	<b><math>\pm 3.5\%</math></b>

In each case:

- The effect is propagated through the extrapolation
- We include those effects as pull terms in the fit
- The increase (in quadrature) of the measurement error is recorded

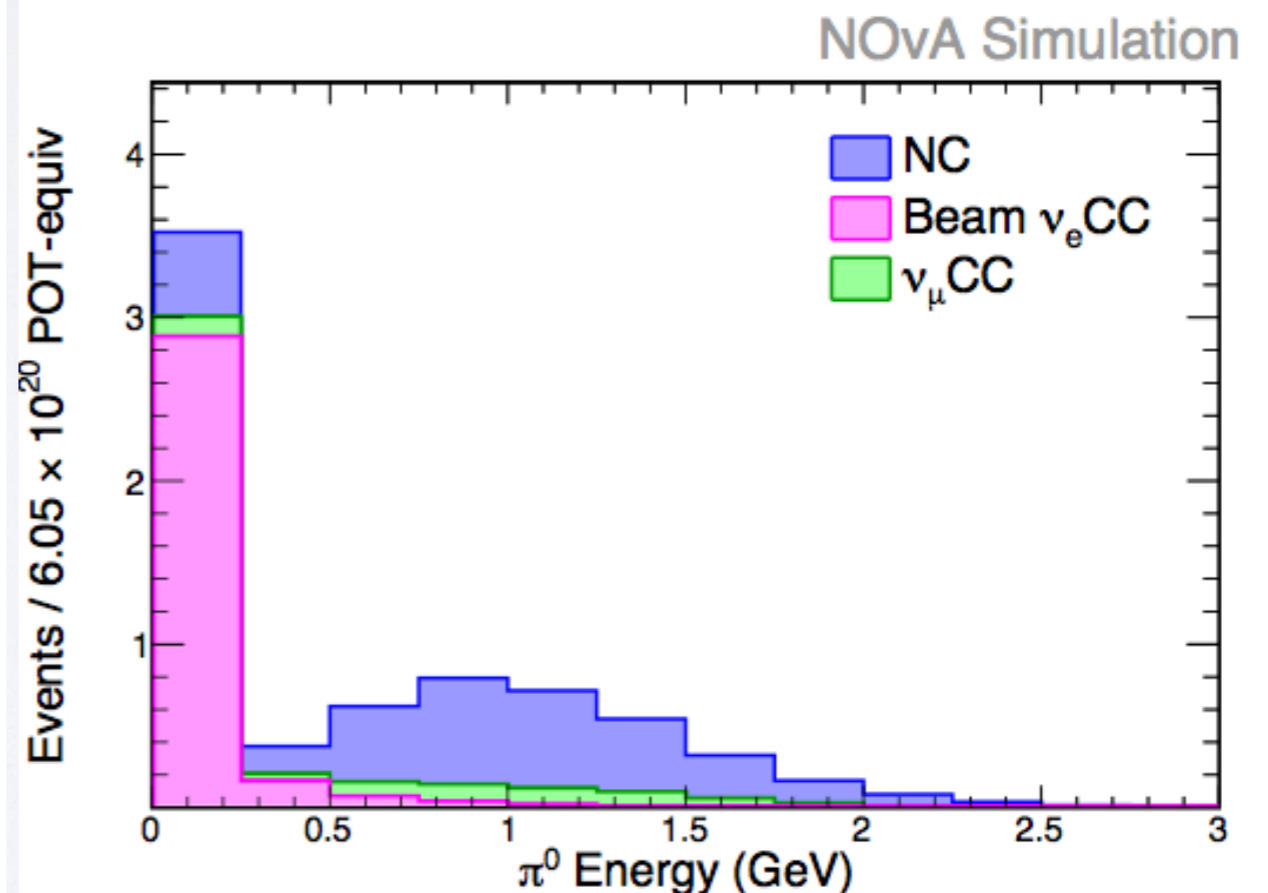
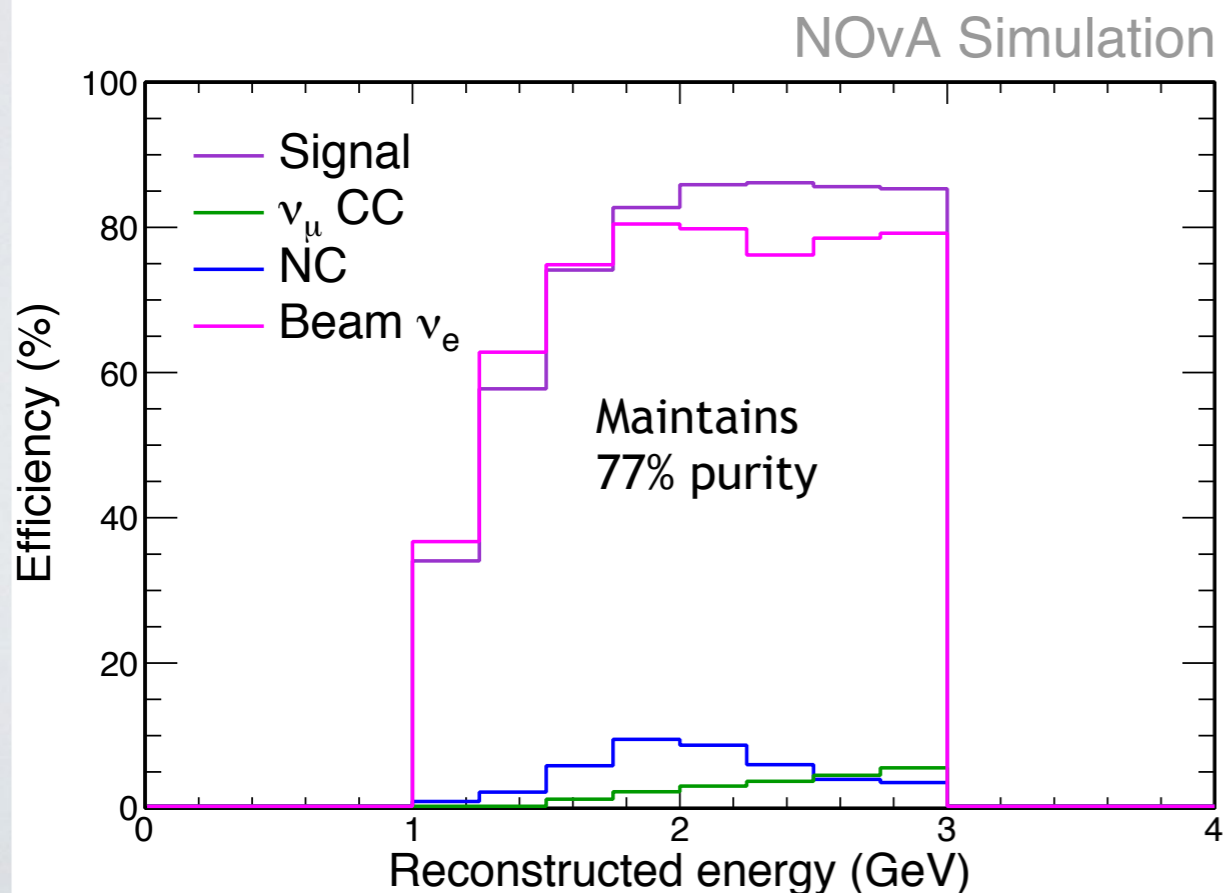
Appearance

# Electron Neutrino Event Selection

- Selection re-optimised to favour parameter measurement (both cosmic rejection and classifier cut)

increased signal efficiency, somewhat degraded purity relative to 2015 analysis

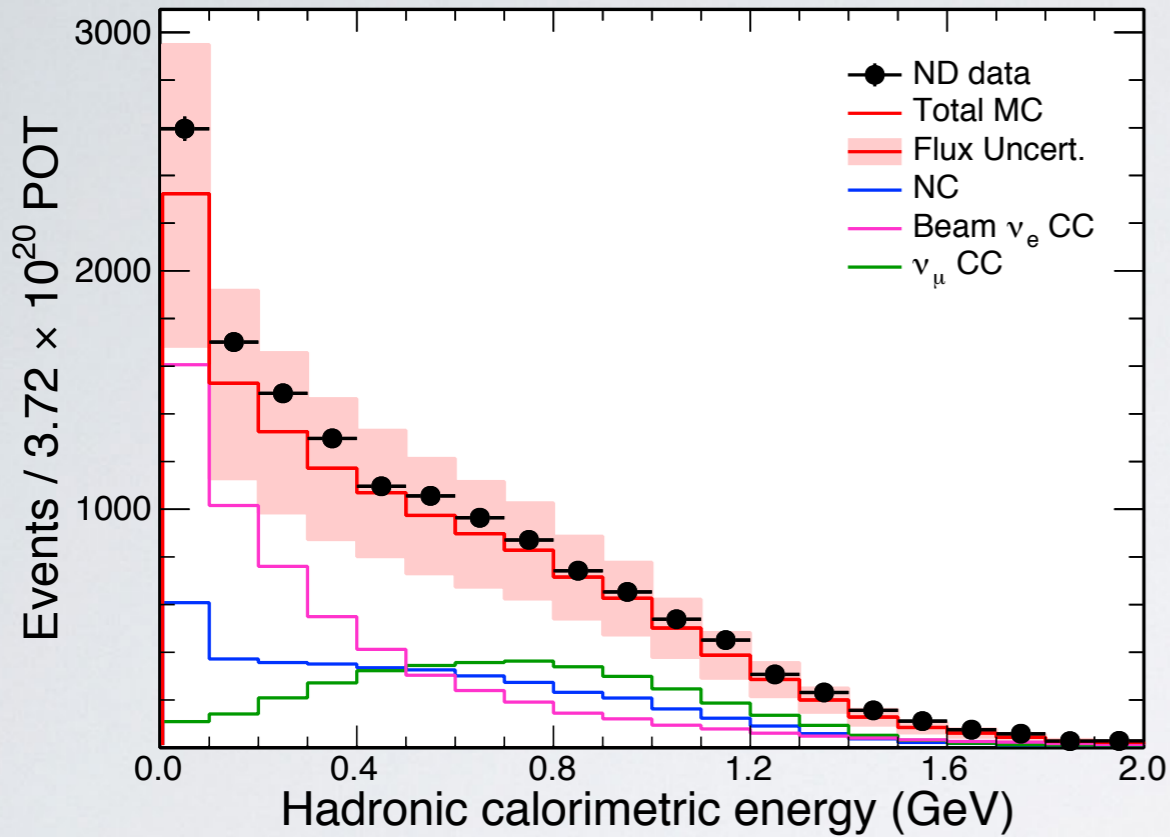
91% of selected events have an EM shower



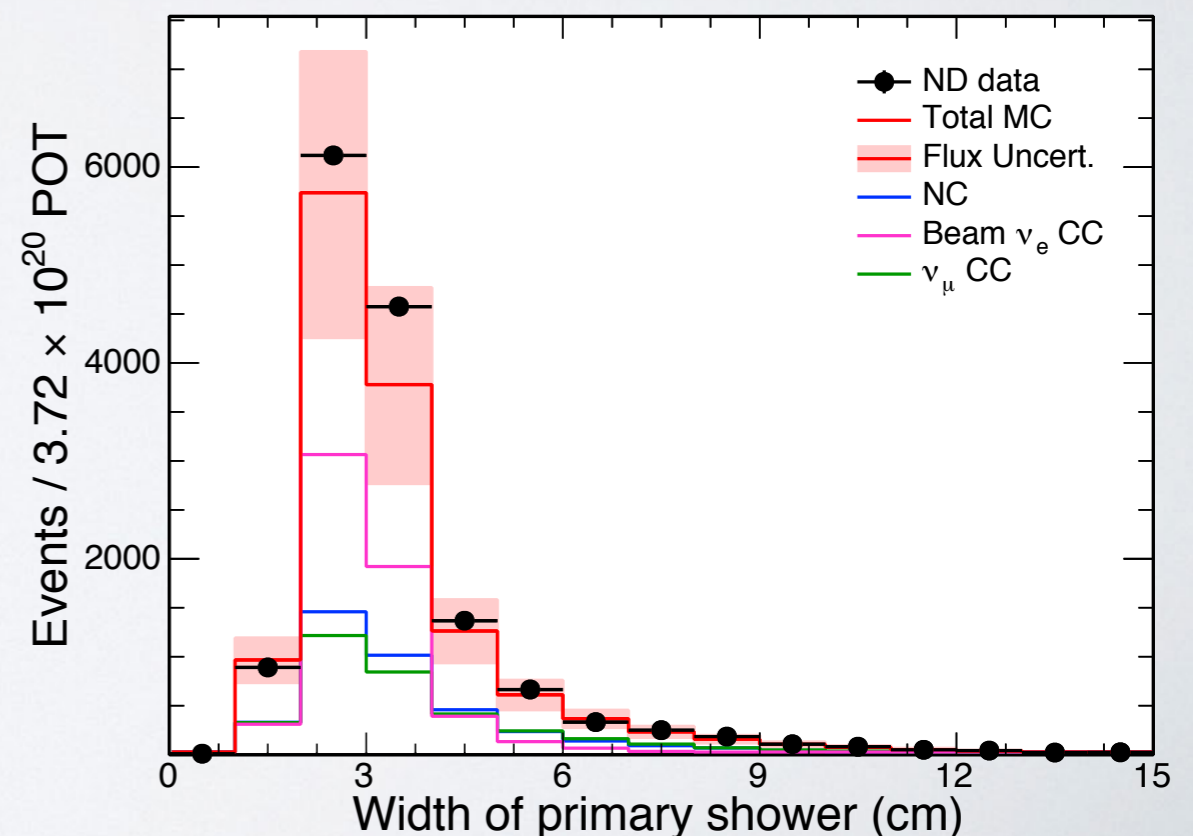
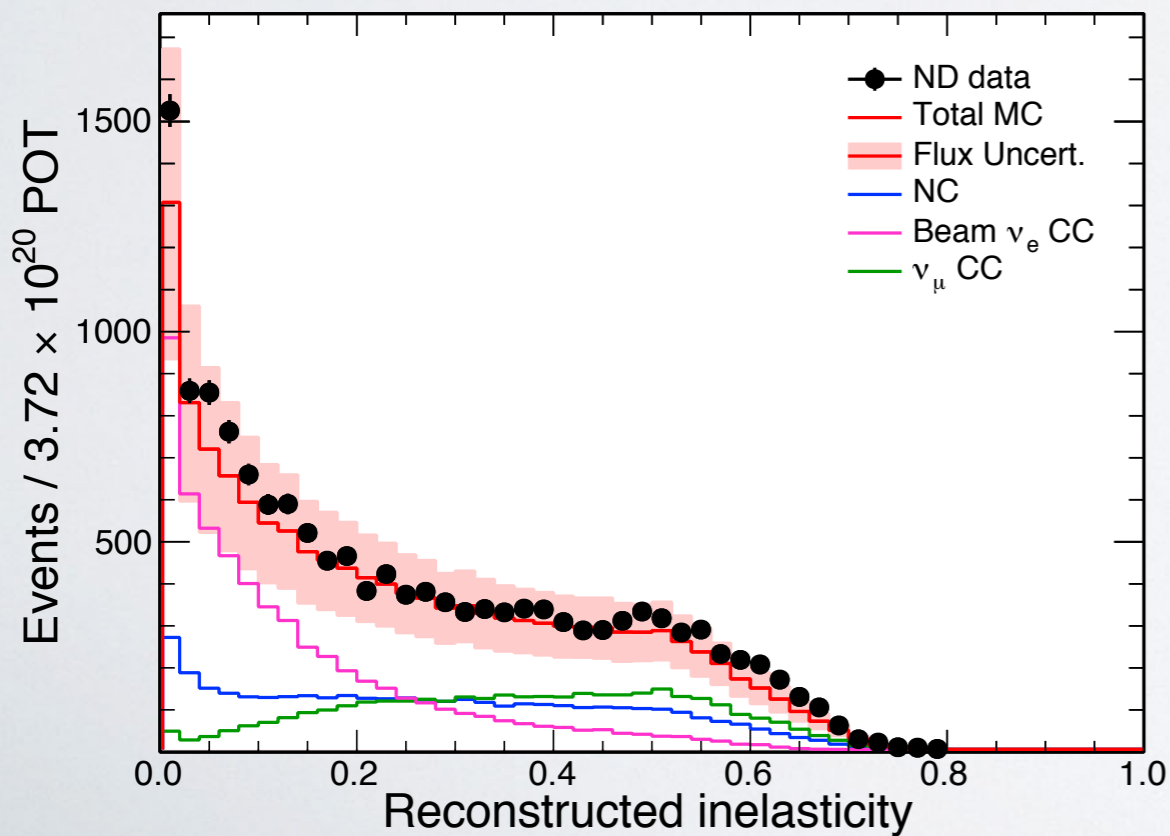
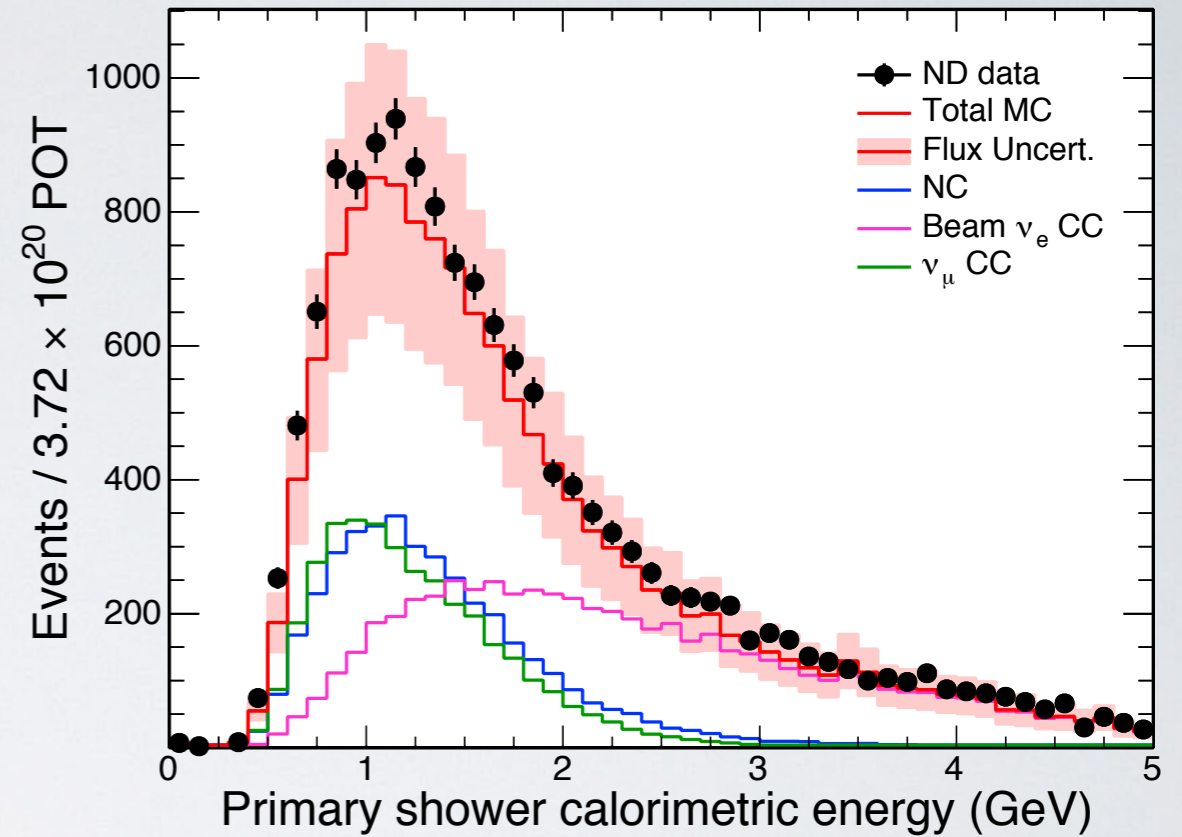


# Electron Appearance ND Data/MC

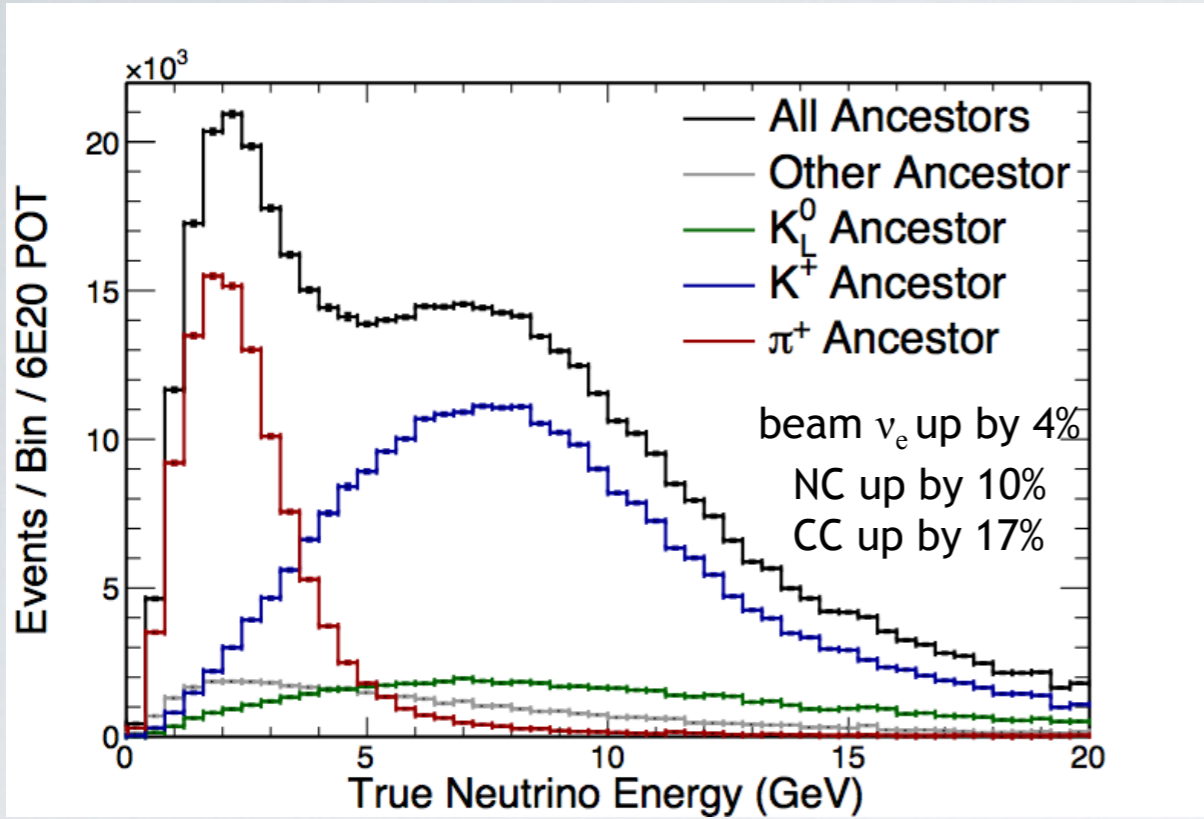
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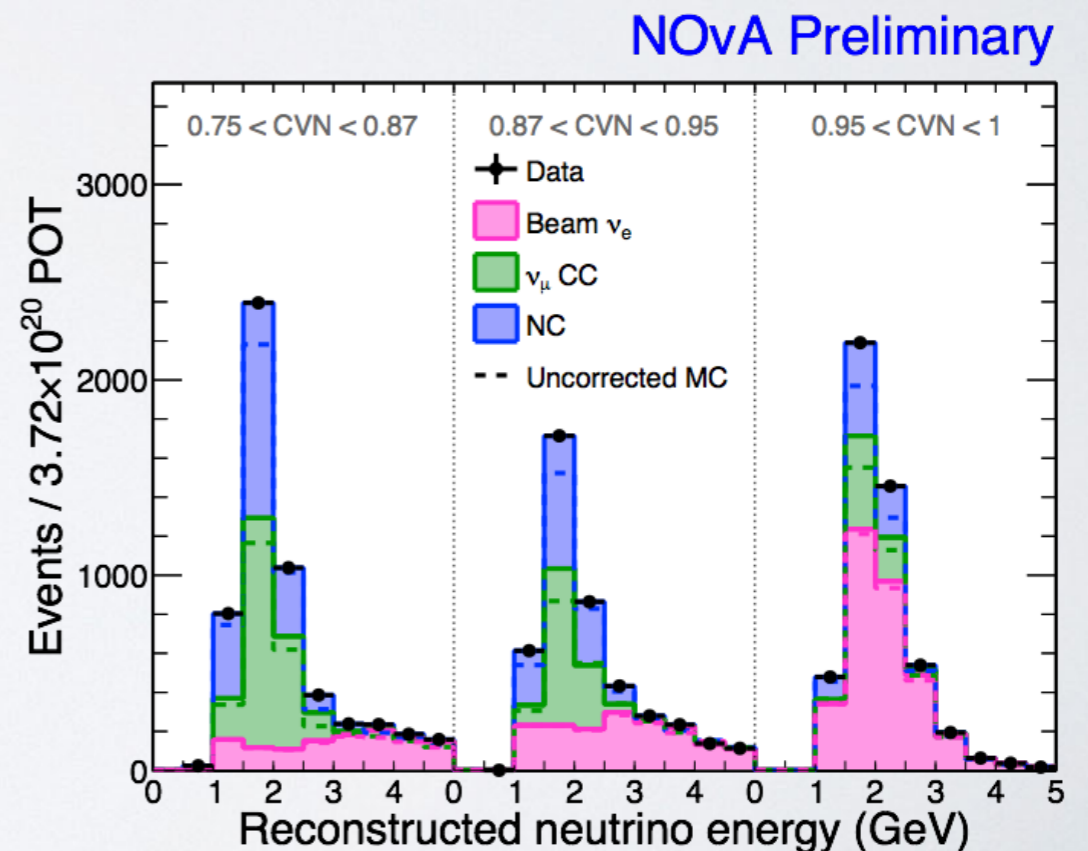
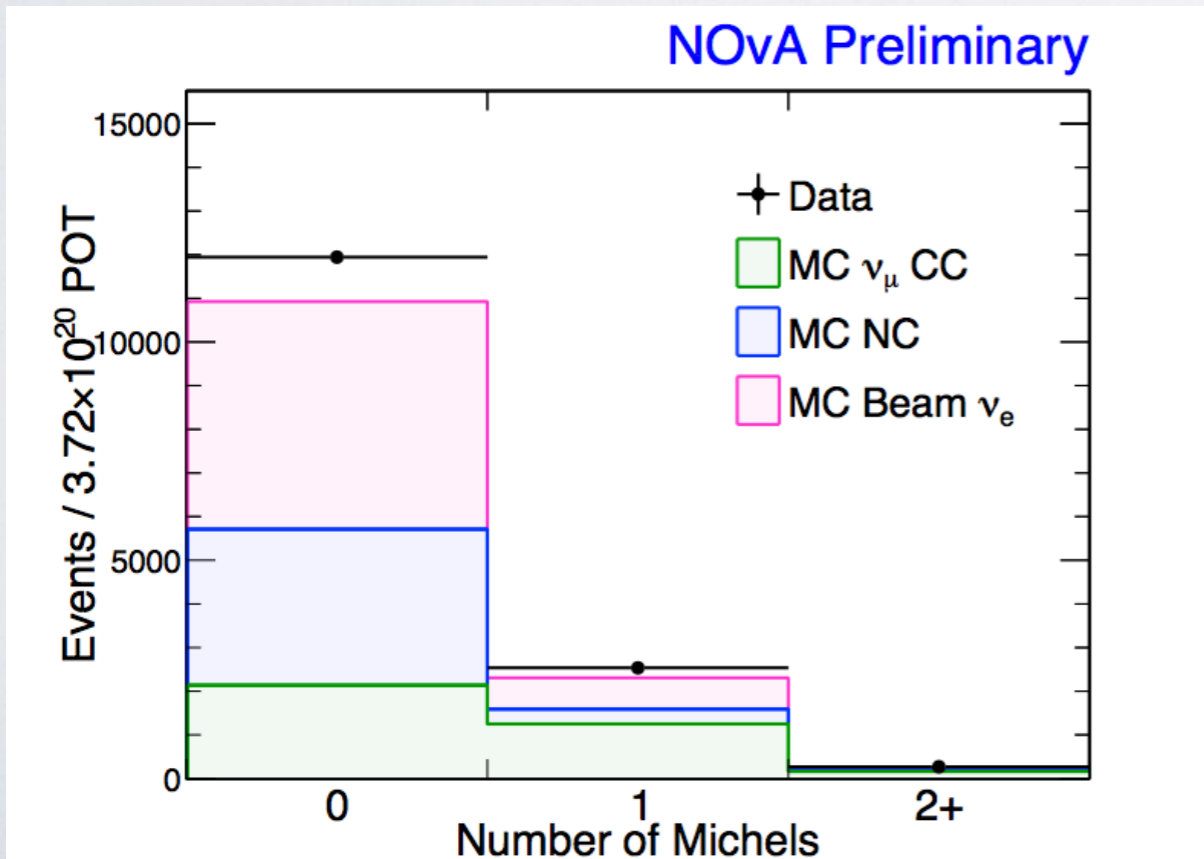
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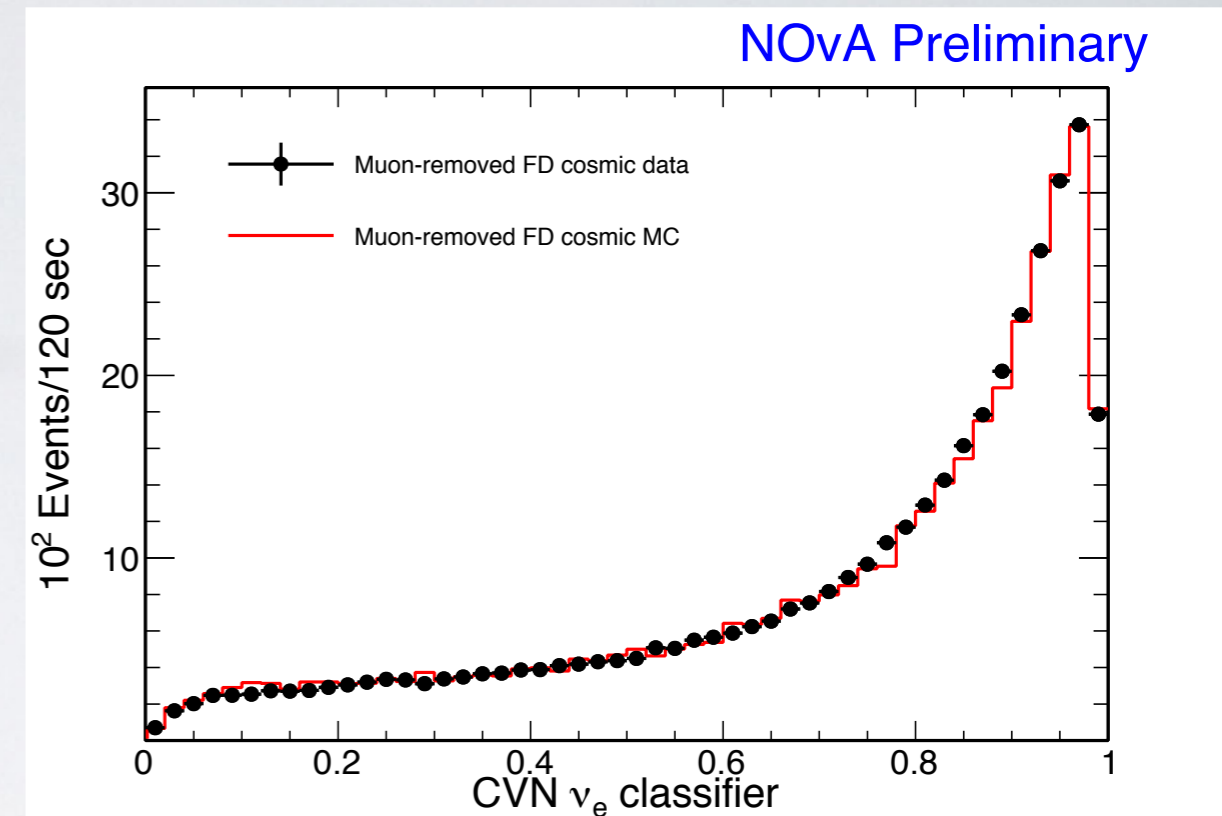
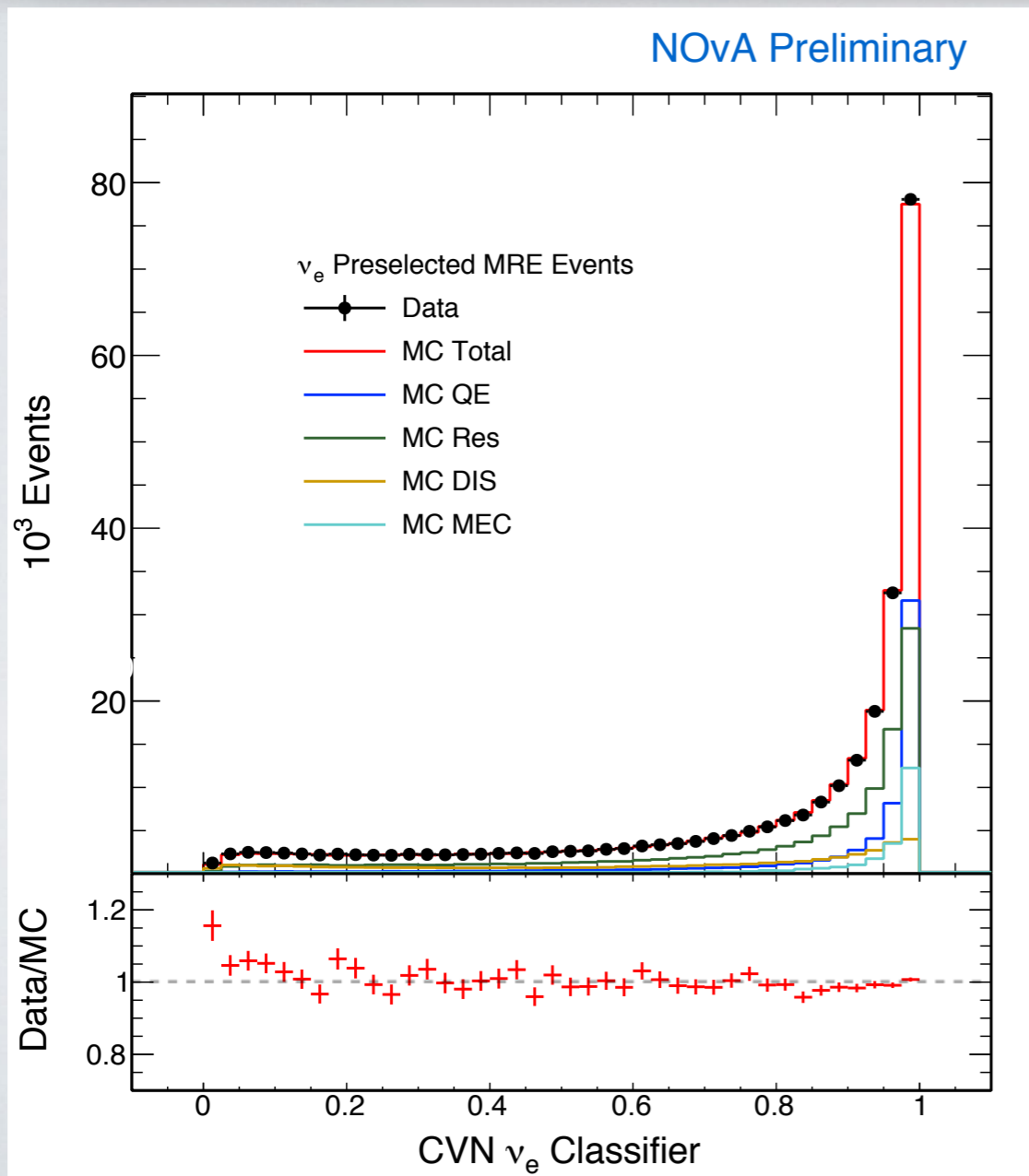


- Use ND data to predict FD background
  - NC, CC, beam  $\nu_e$  extrapolate differently
- constrain beam  $\nu_e$  using selected  $\nu_\mu$  CC spectrum
- constrain CC with Michel Electron distribution

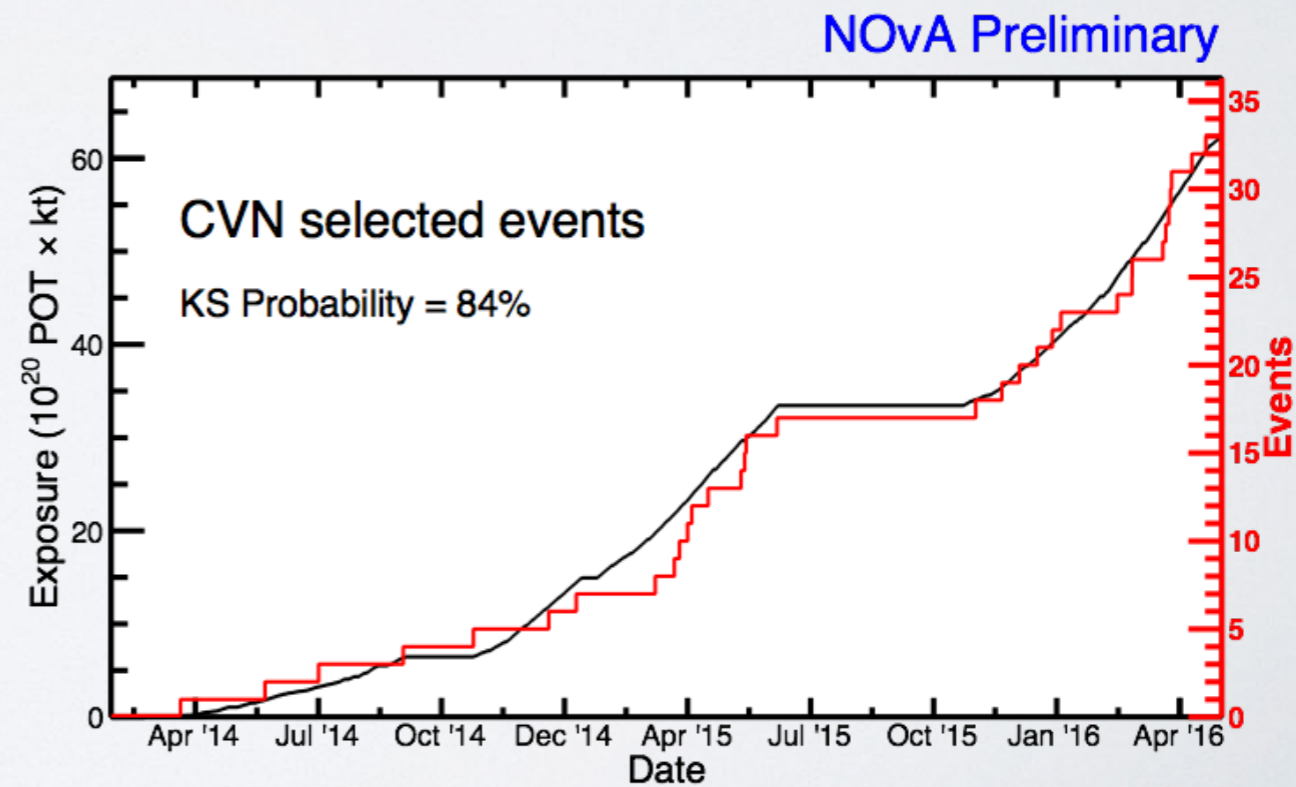
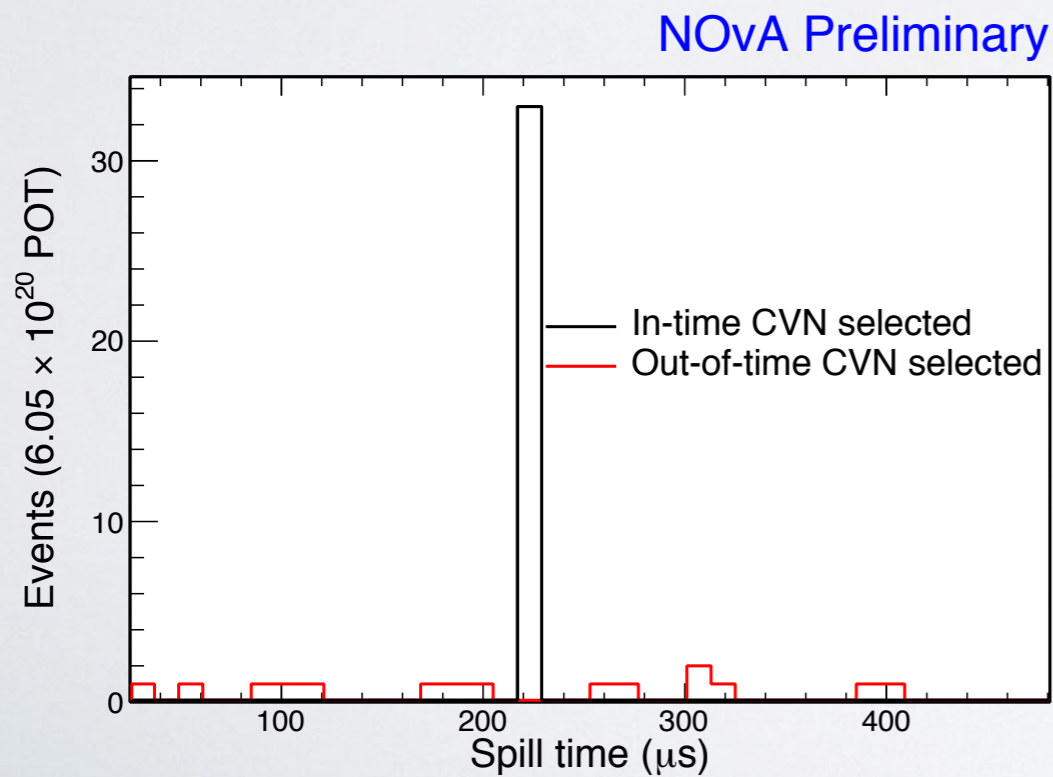
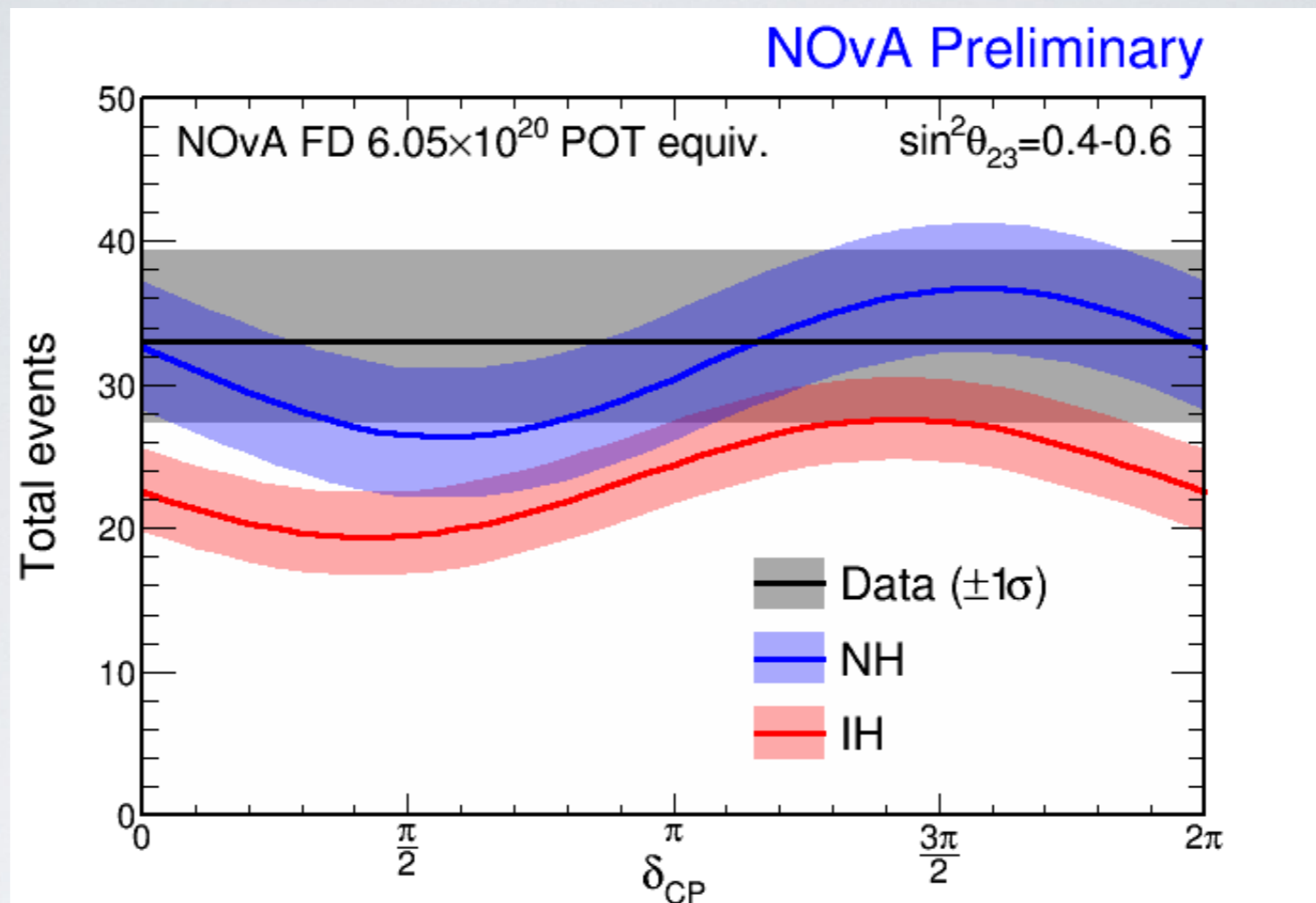


# Checking the Signal Efficiency

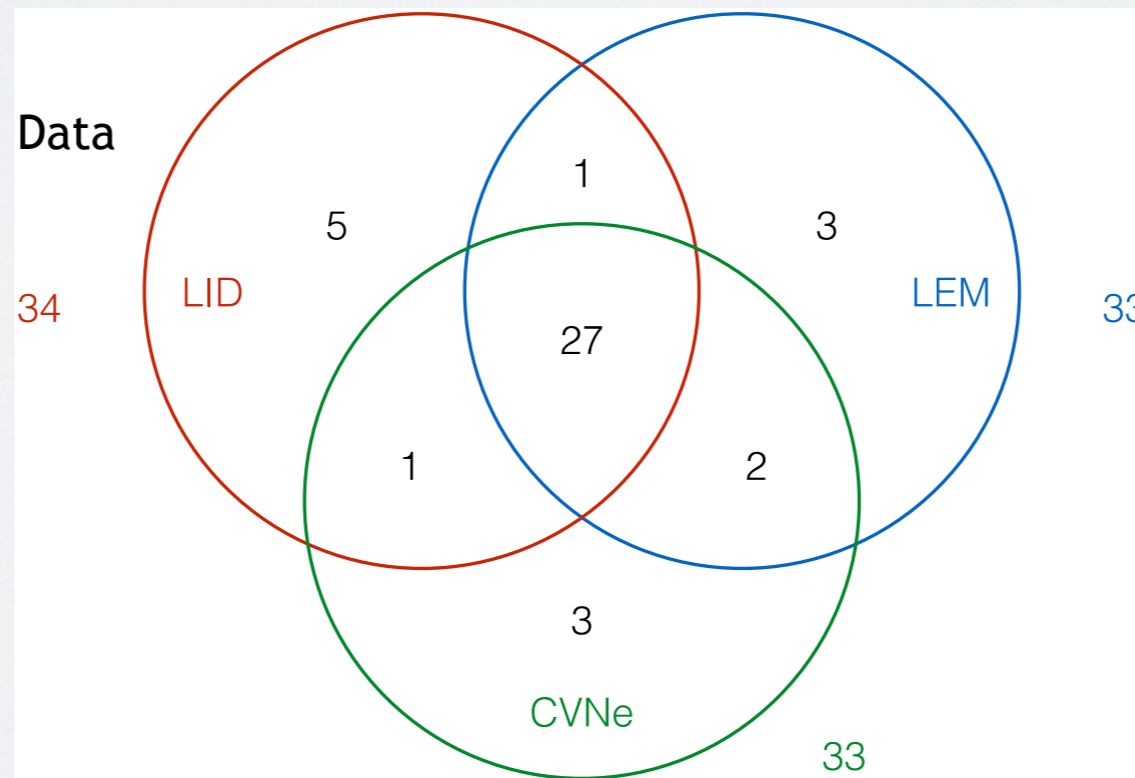
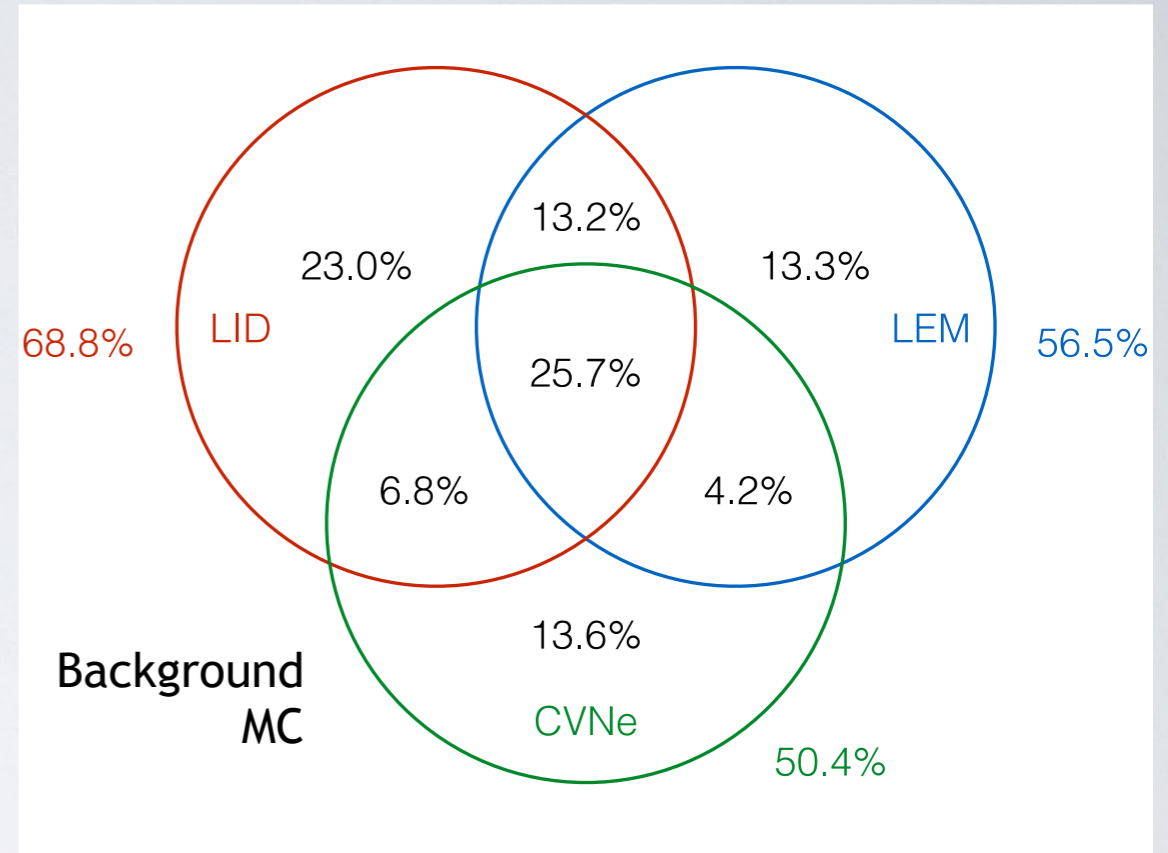
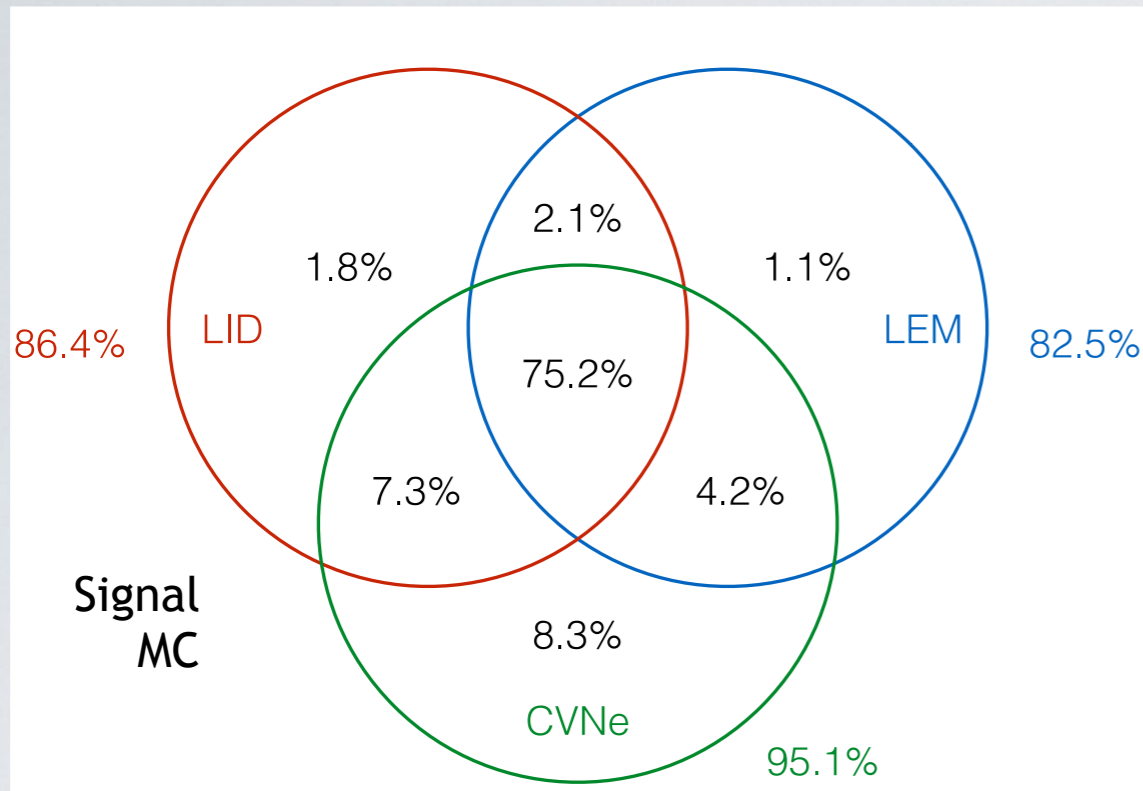
- Use bremsstrahlung from cosmic ray muons to benchmark simulation of electron selection
- Event classifier distributions match well



- Remove reconstructed muons from selected  $\nu_\mu$  events, replace with simulated electron (MRE)
- better than 1% agreement between efficiency for selecting data MRE events and efficiency for selecting MC MRE events

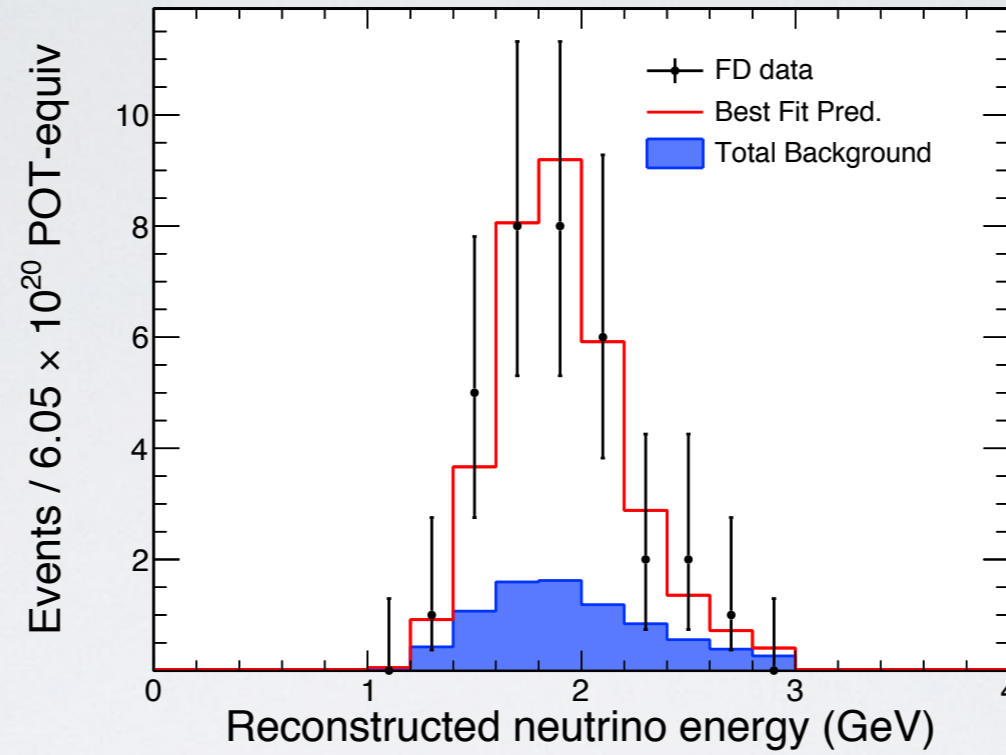


# Electron Neutrino Selection Techniques

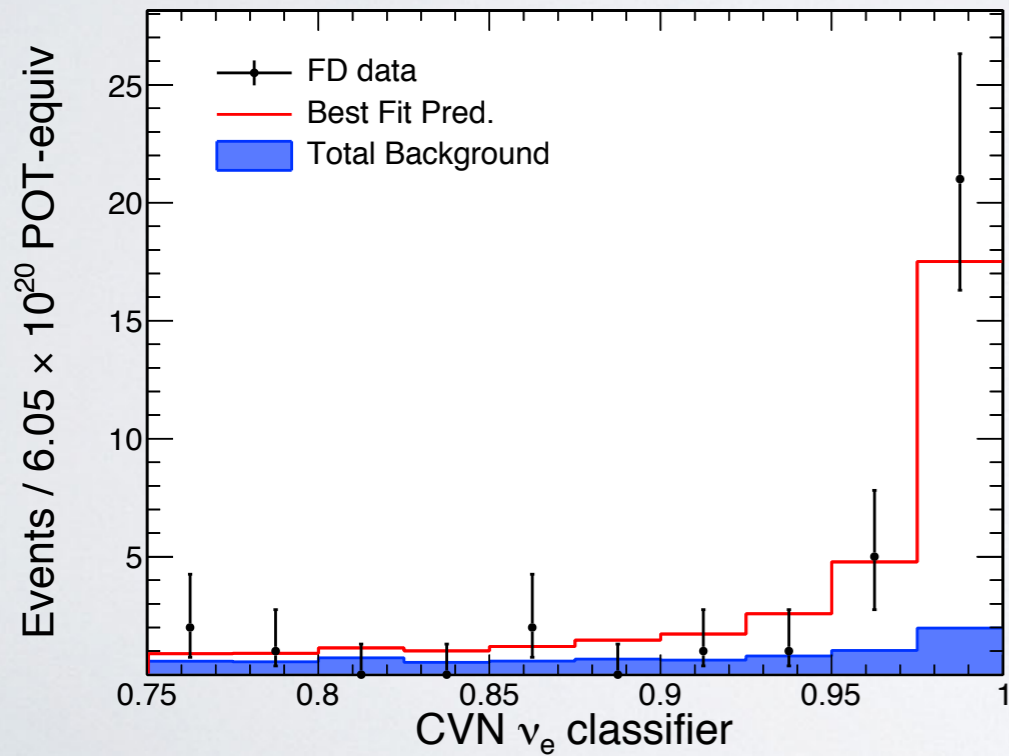


# Electron Neutrino FD Data

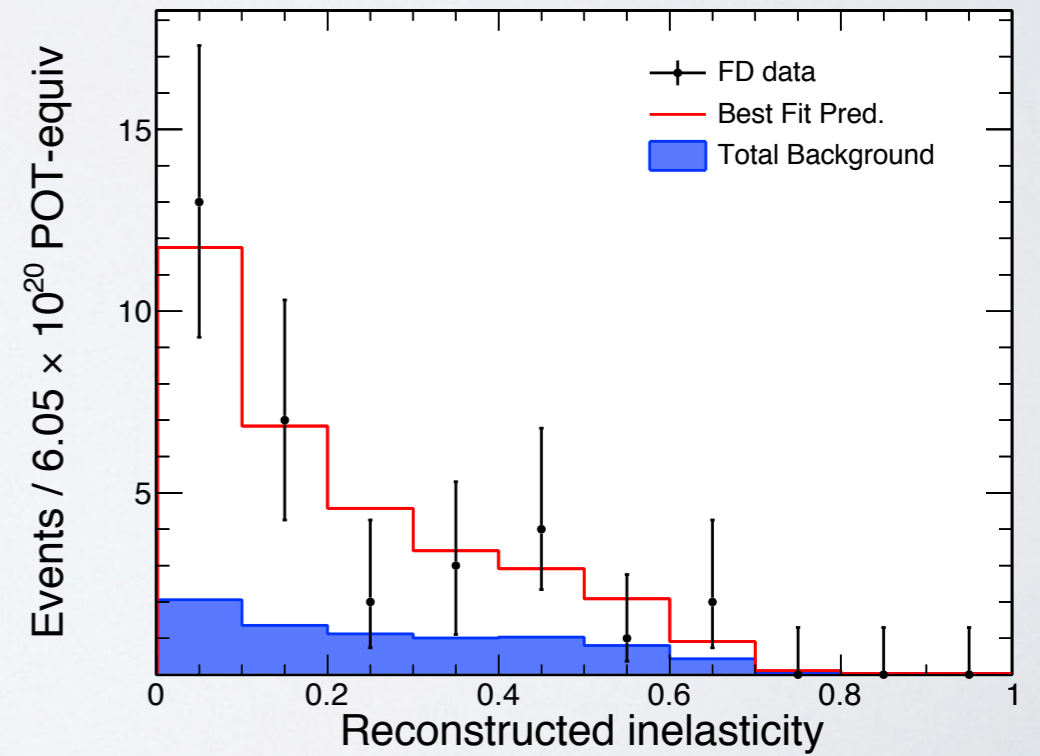
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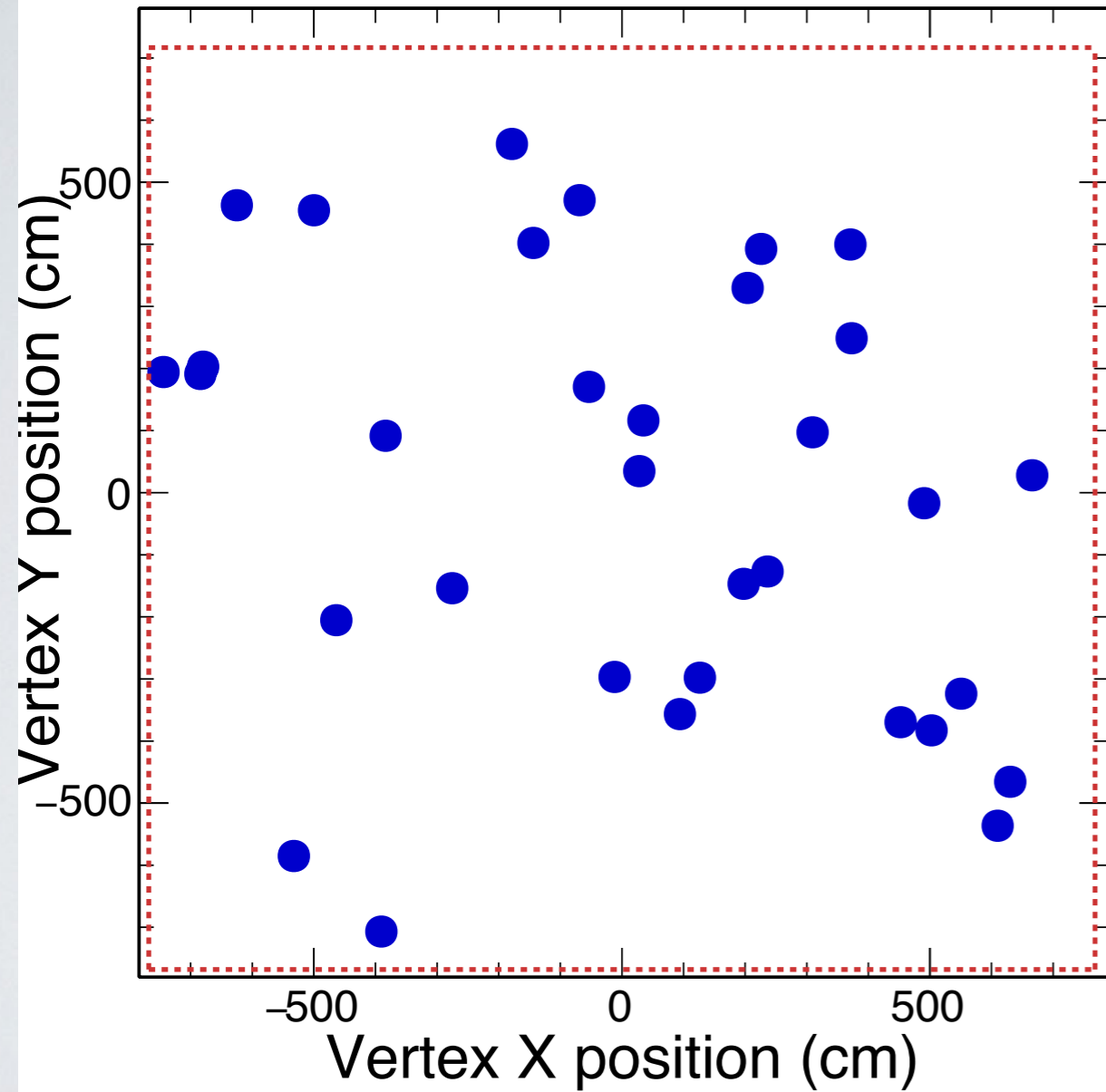


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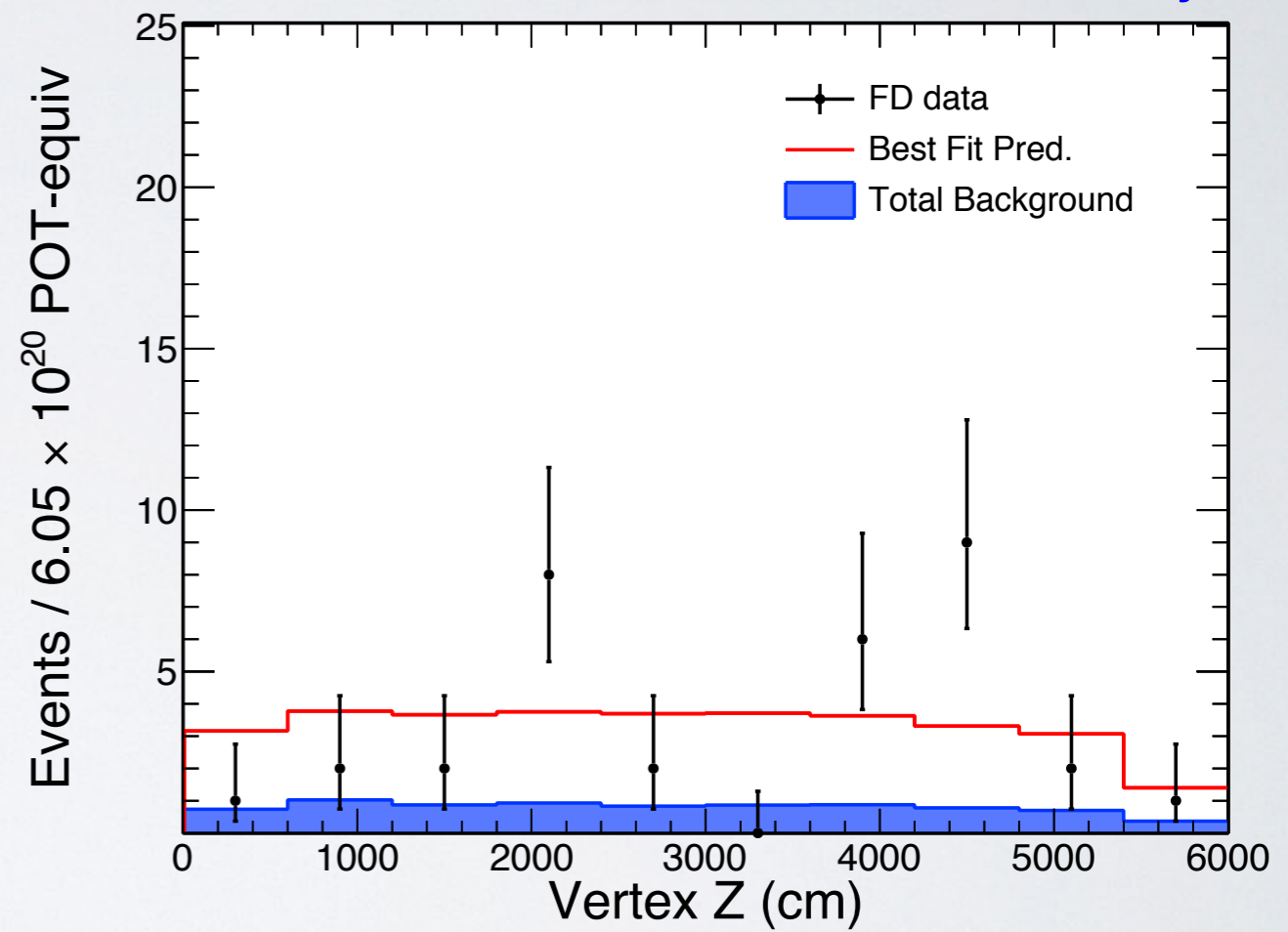


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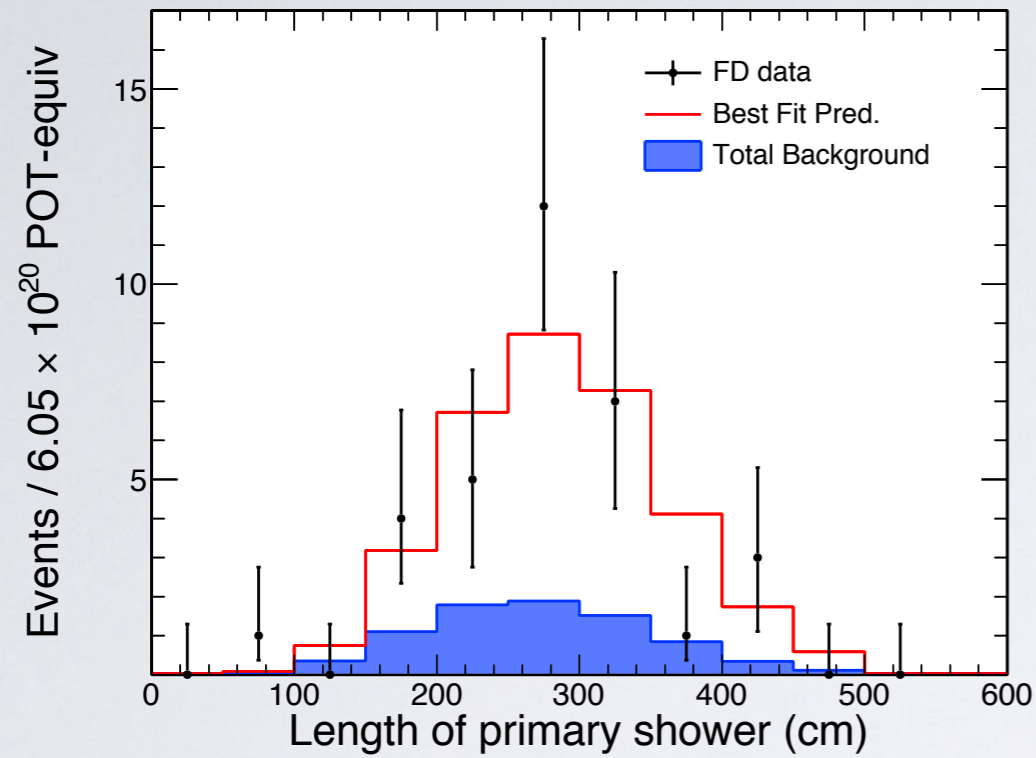


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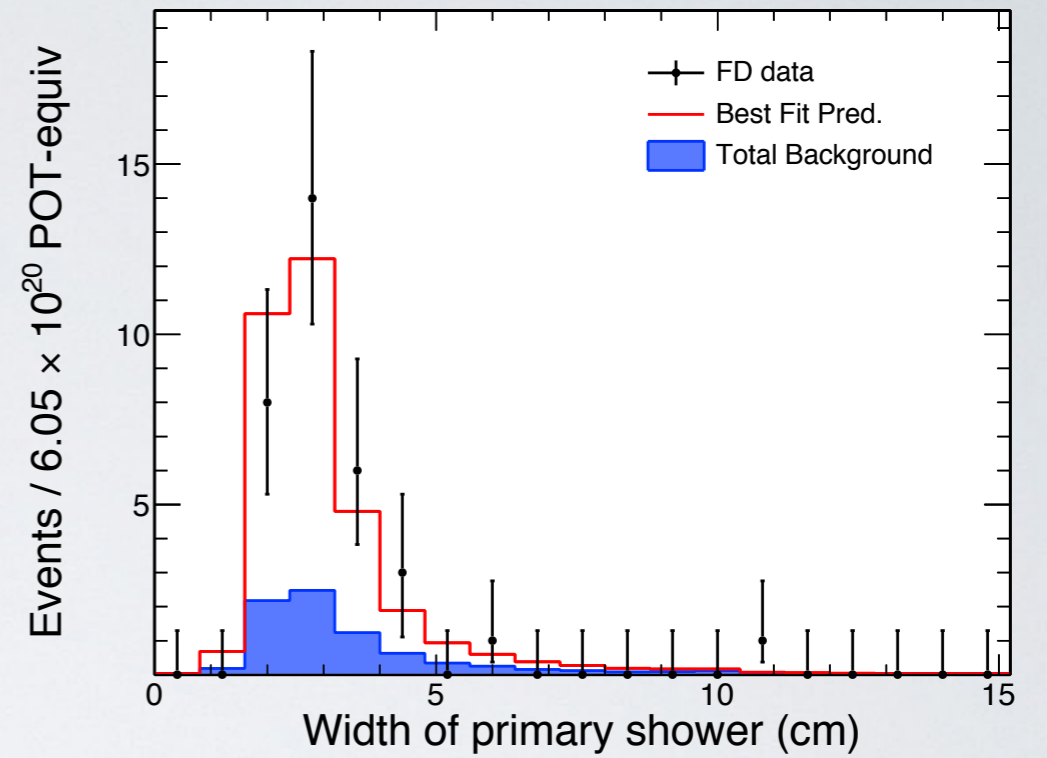


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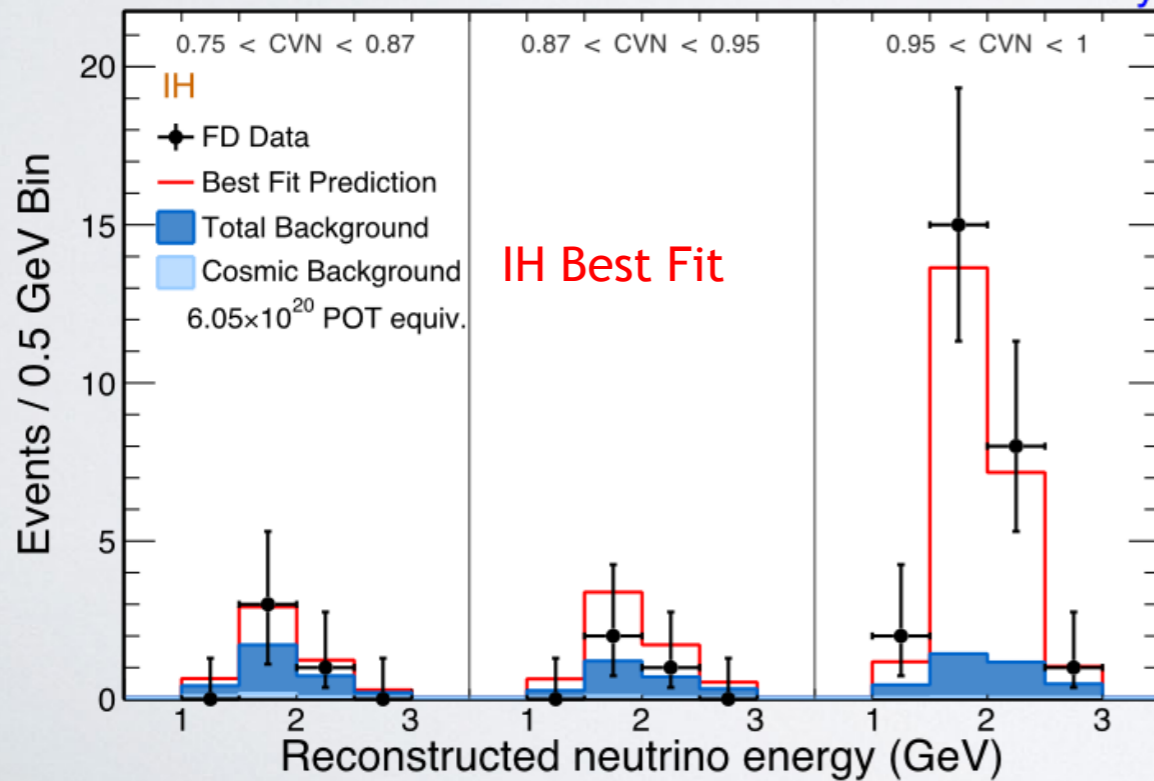
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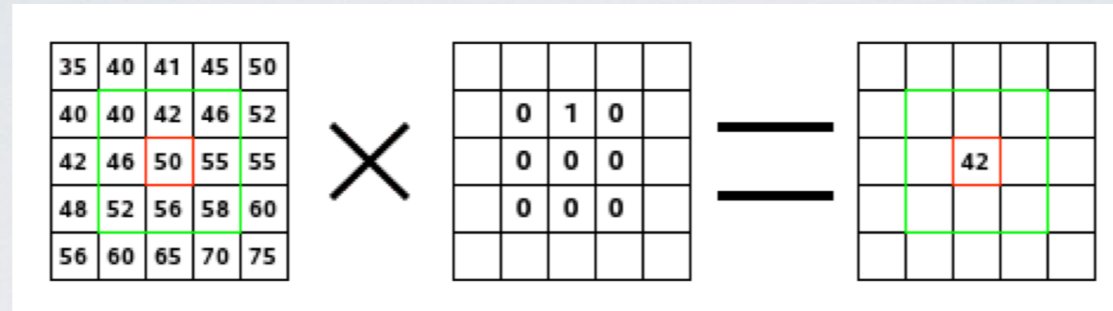


Best fit in **Inverted Hierarchy**

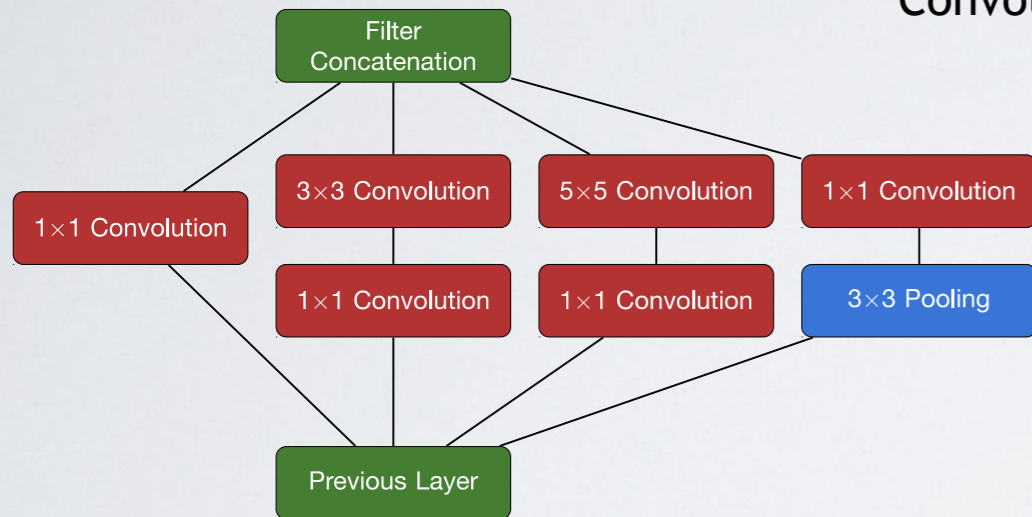


# CVN Architecture

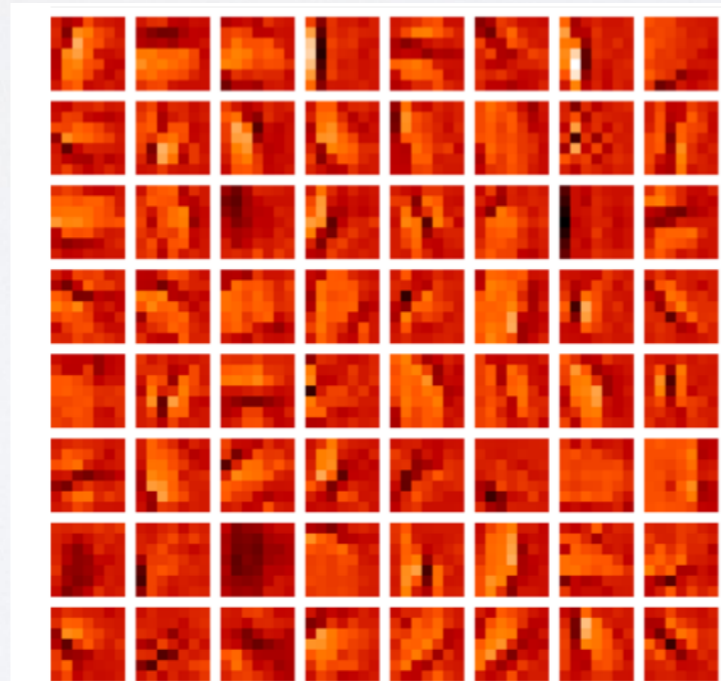
GoogLeNet  
Inception Module  
C. Szegedy et al.,  
arXiv:1409.4842



Example image processing transformation  
Convolution, or kernel map



Example Convolutional  
Filter Layer



Network implemented and  
trained in the Caffe Framework  
(Y. Jia et al., arXiv:1408.5093)

Trained over 4.7M simulated events,  
Trained on FNAL GPU farm

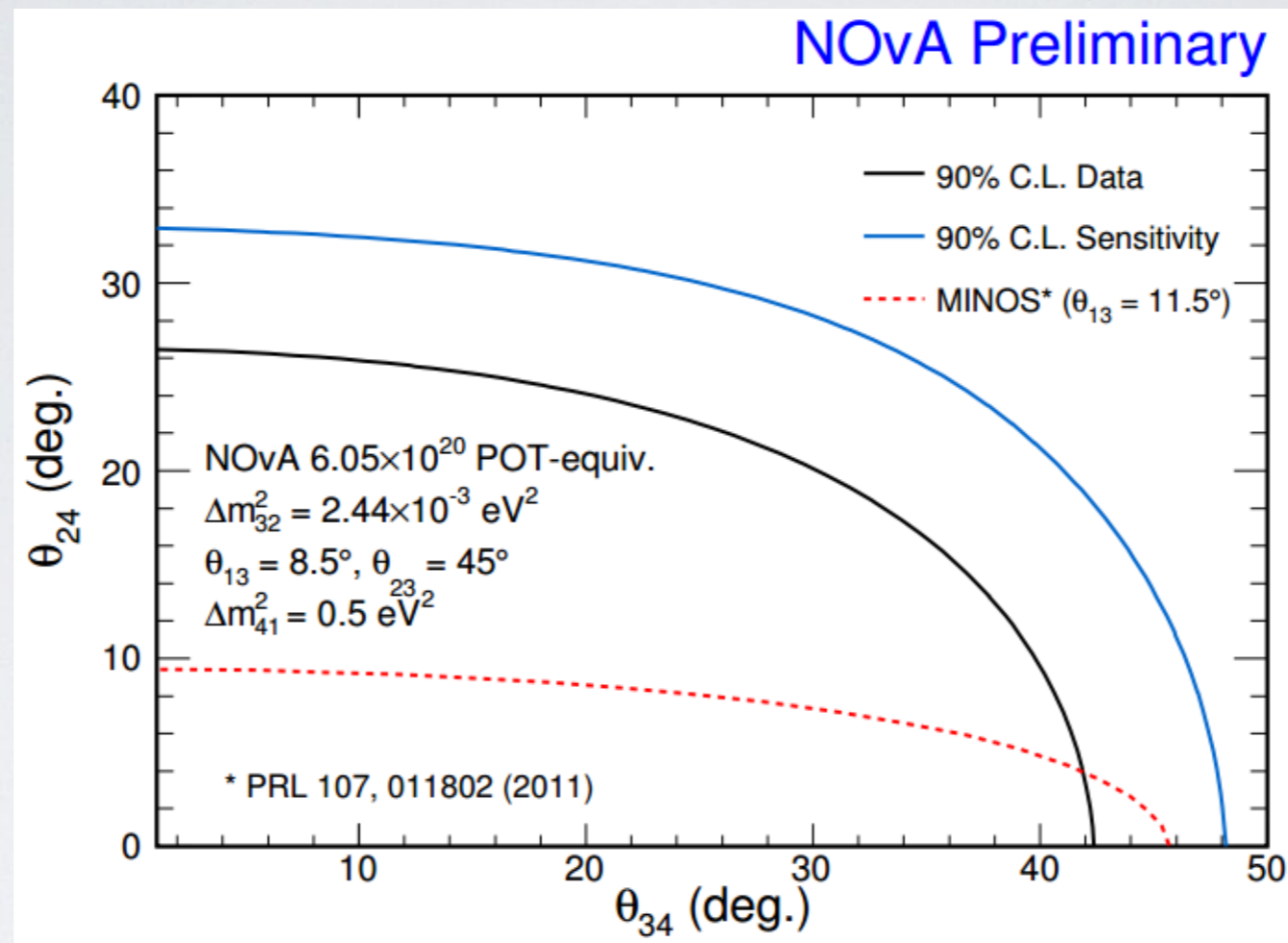


Process Flow

A. Aurisano et al., arXiv 1604.01444

# Sensitivities

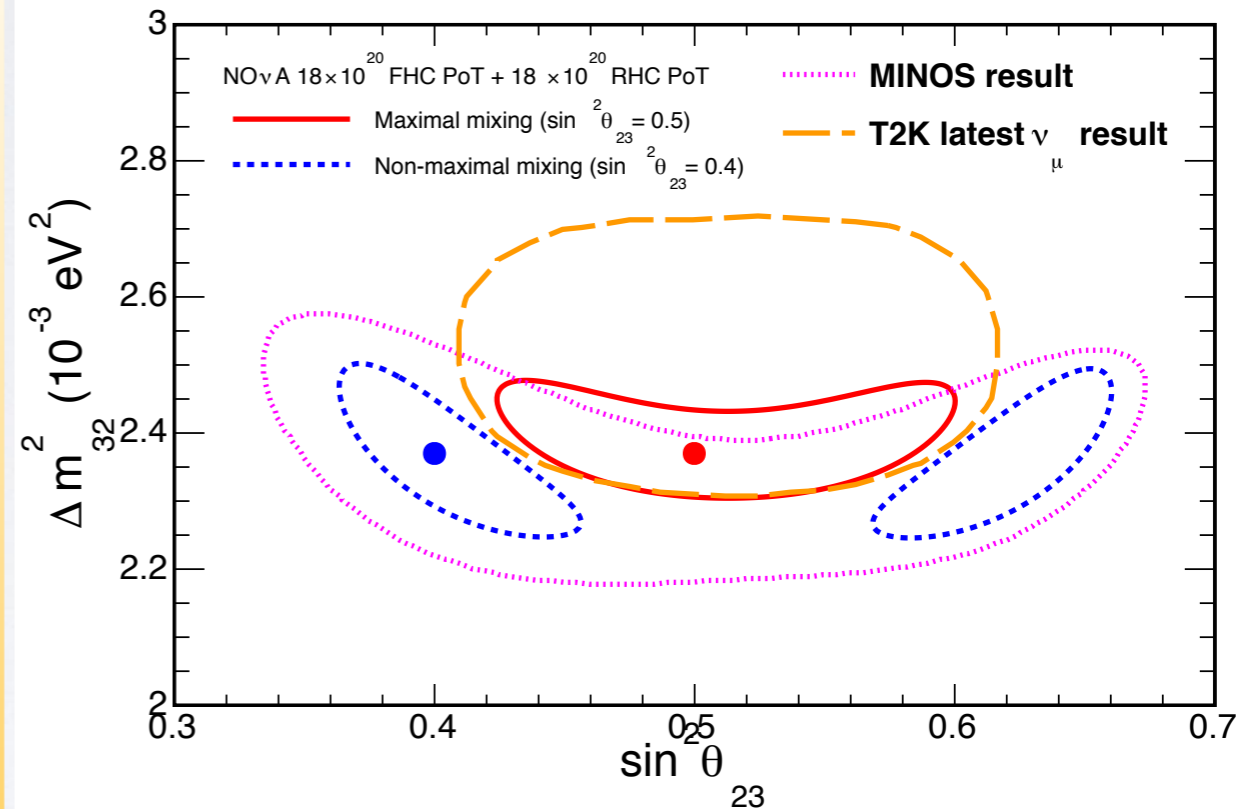
# NC Disappearance 2D limits



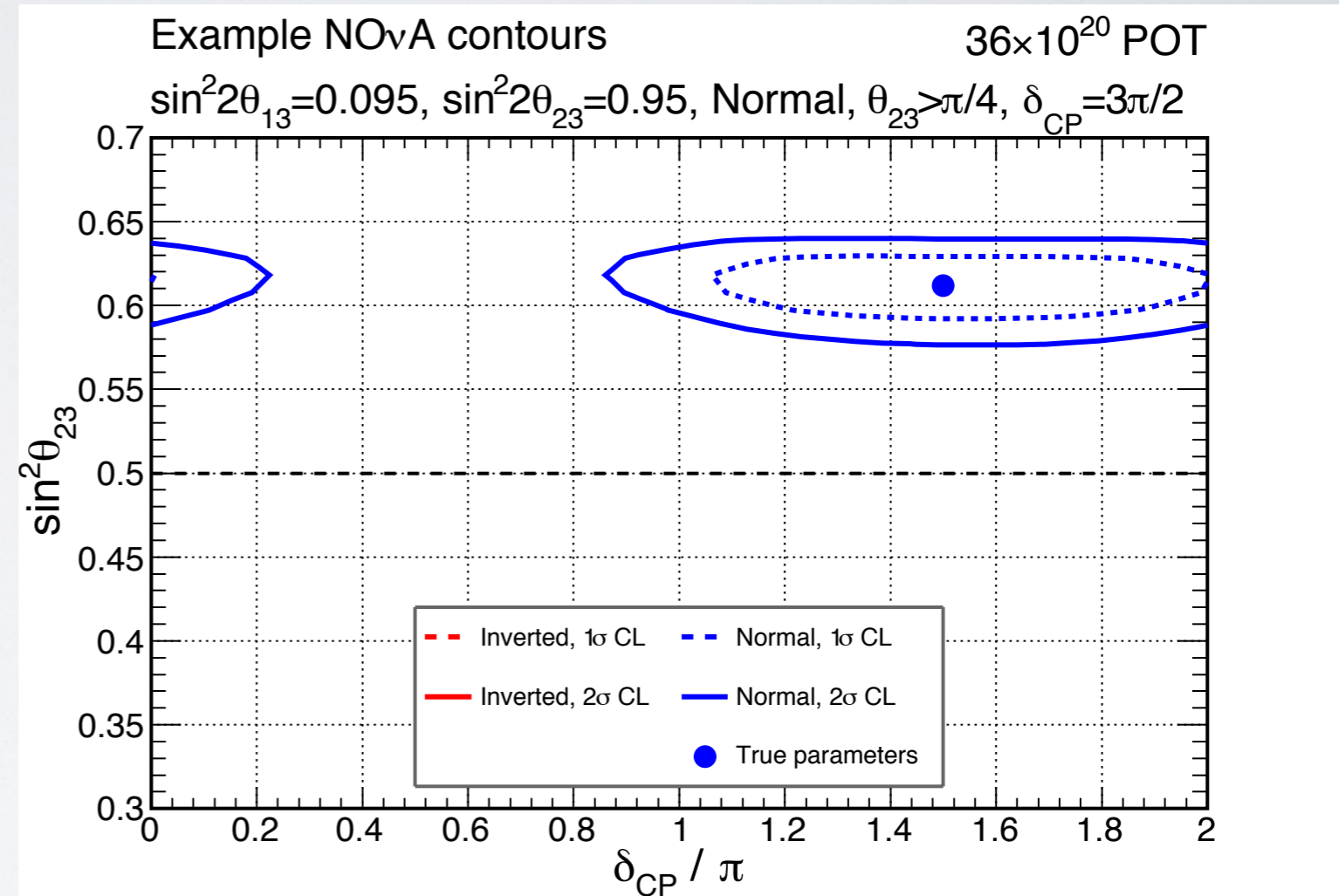
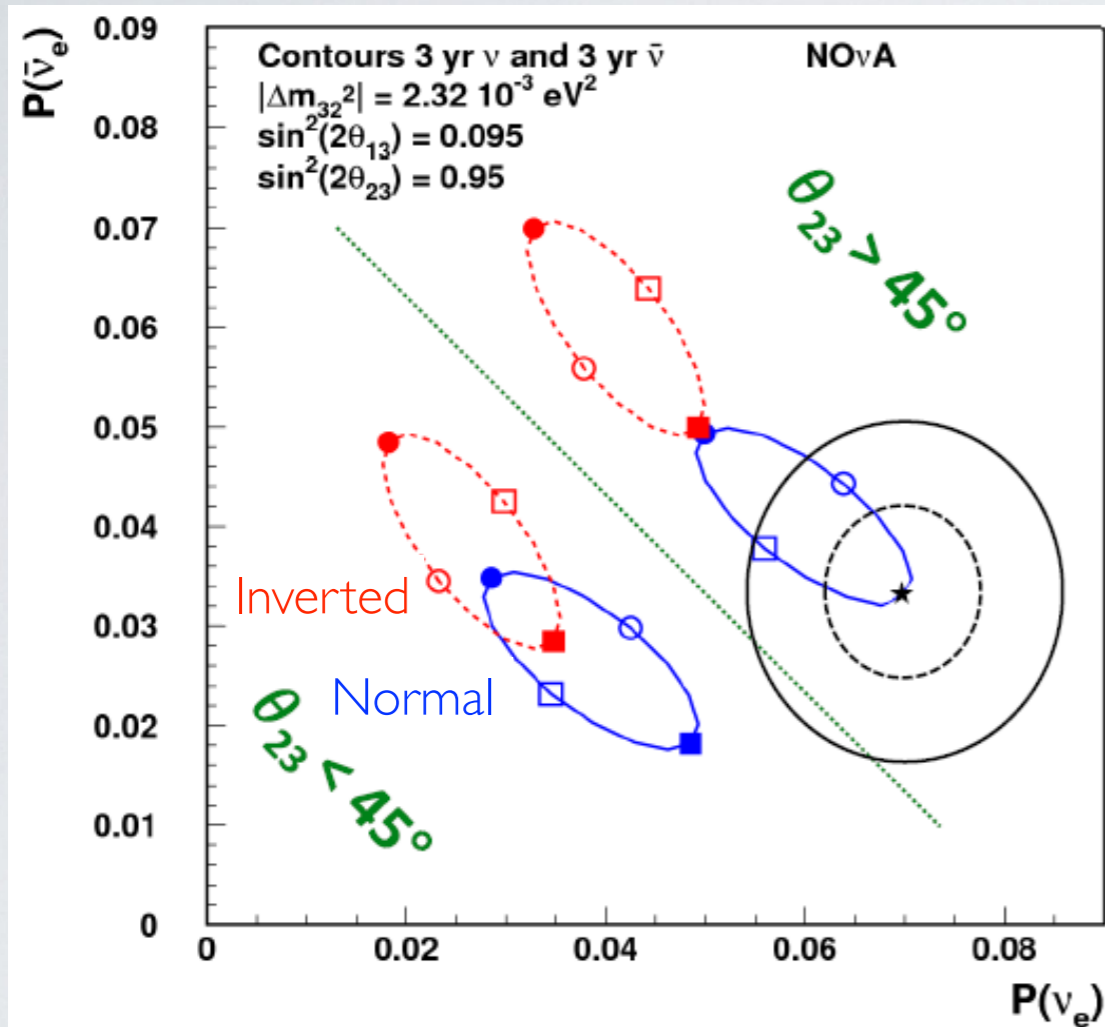
90% C.L. curves obtained by fitting a 3+1 flavour hypothesis with the predicted FD NC spectrum in data.

These sensitivities are valid in the range  $0.05 \text{ eV}^2 < \Delta m_{41}^2 < 0.5 \text{ eV}^2$

- Potential to exclude maximal mixing, depending on Nature's choice
- Leading measurement in both  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  and  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  for nominal sensitivity
- Measurements in the anti-neutrino channel: CPT tests

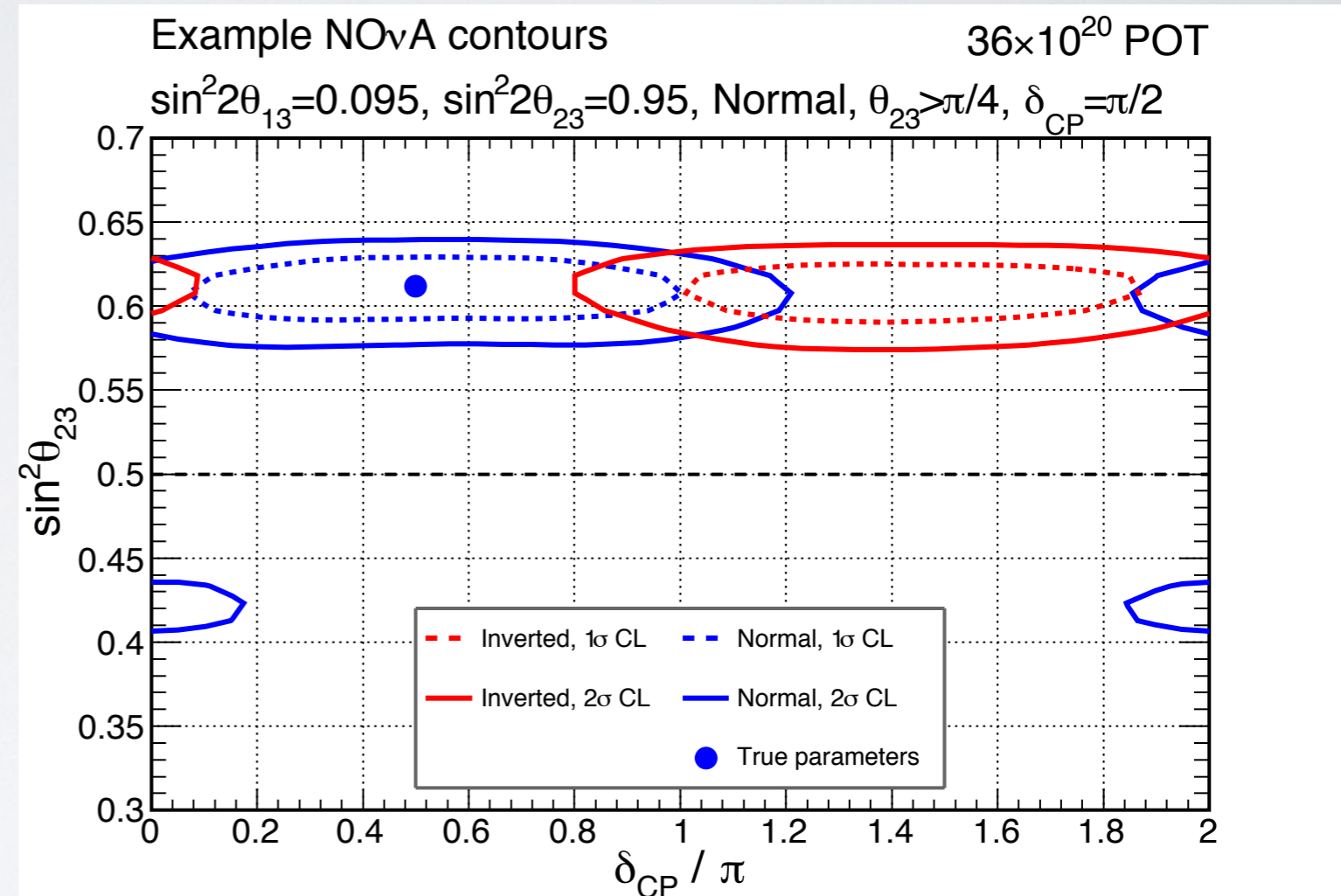
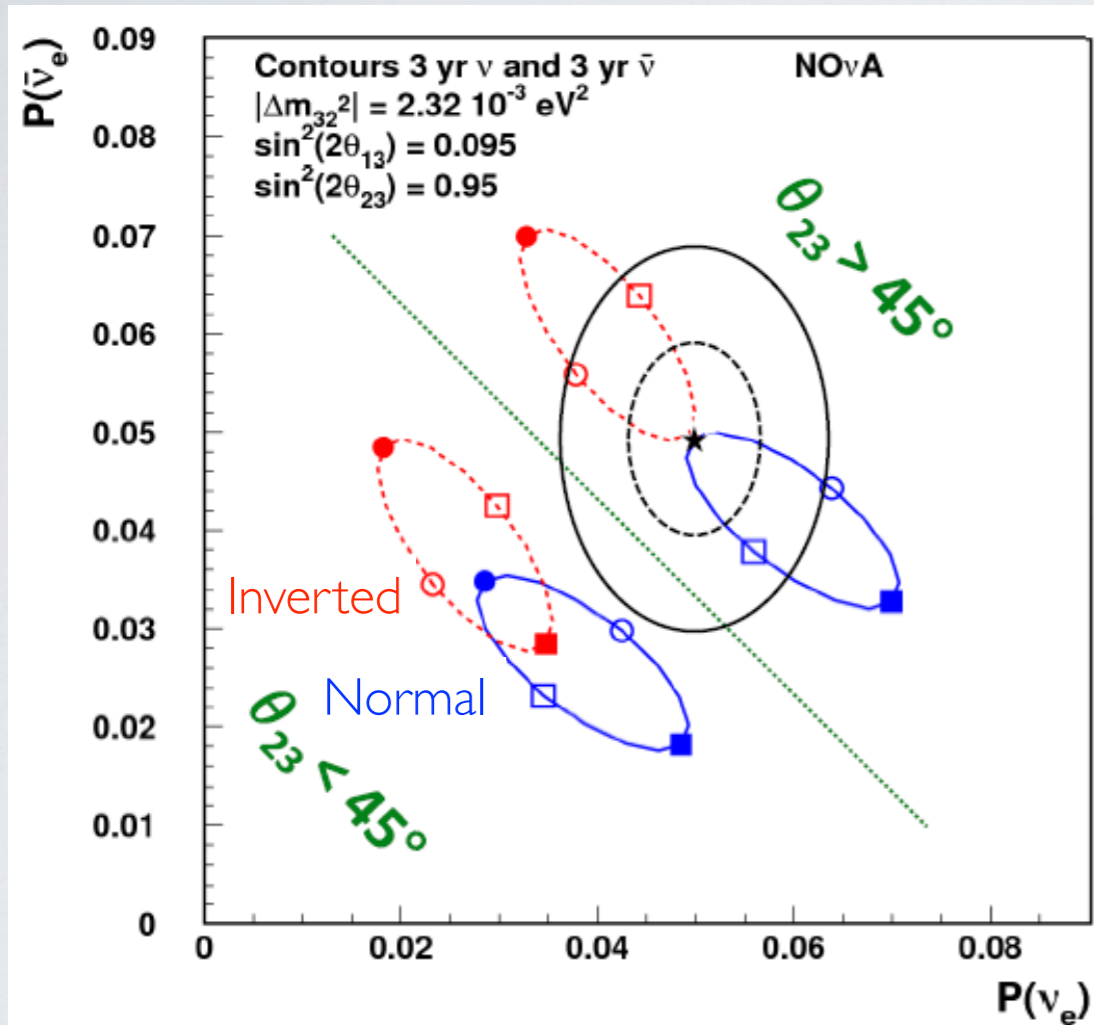


# COMBINING MUON AND ELECTRON NEUTRINO ANALYSES



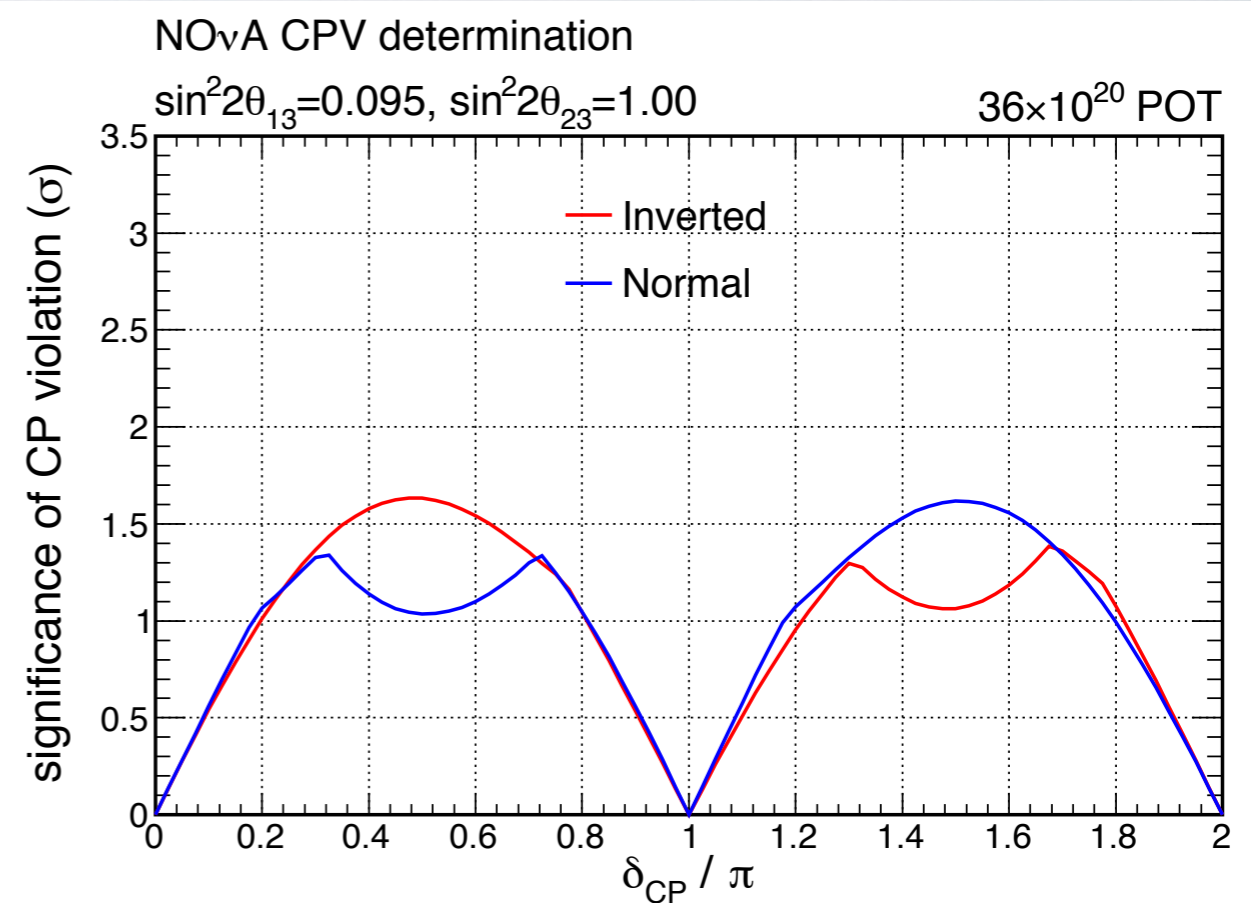
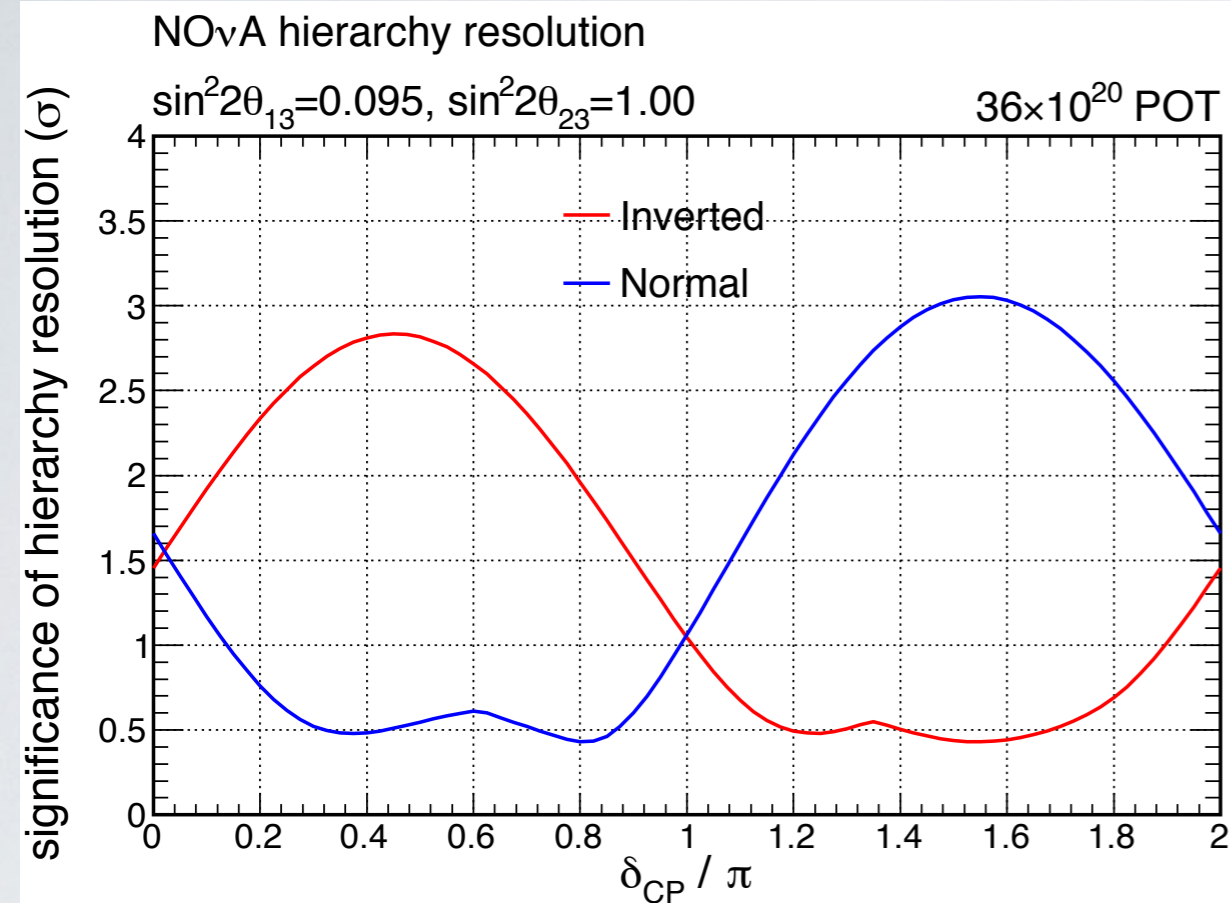
Best case scenario: NOvA simultaneously measures the mass ordering, CP violation and octant information!

# COMBINING MUON AND ELECTRON NEUTRINO ANALYSES



Degenerate case: mass ordering and CP violation are coupled, but the octant information is not

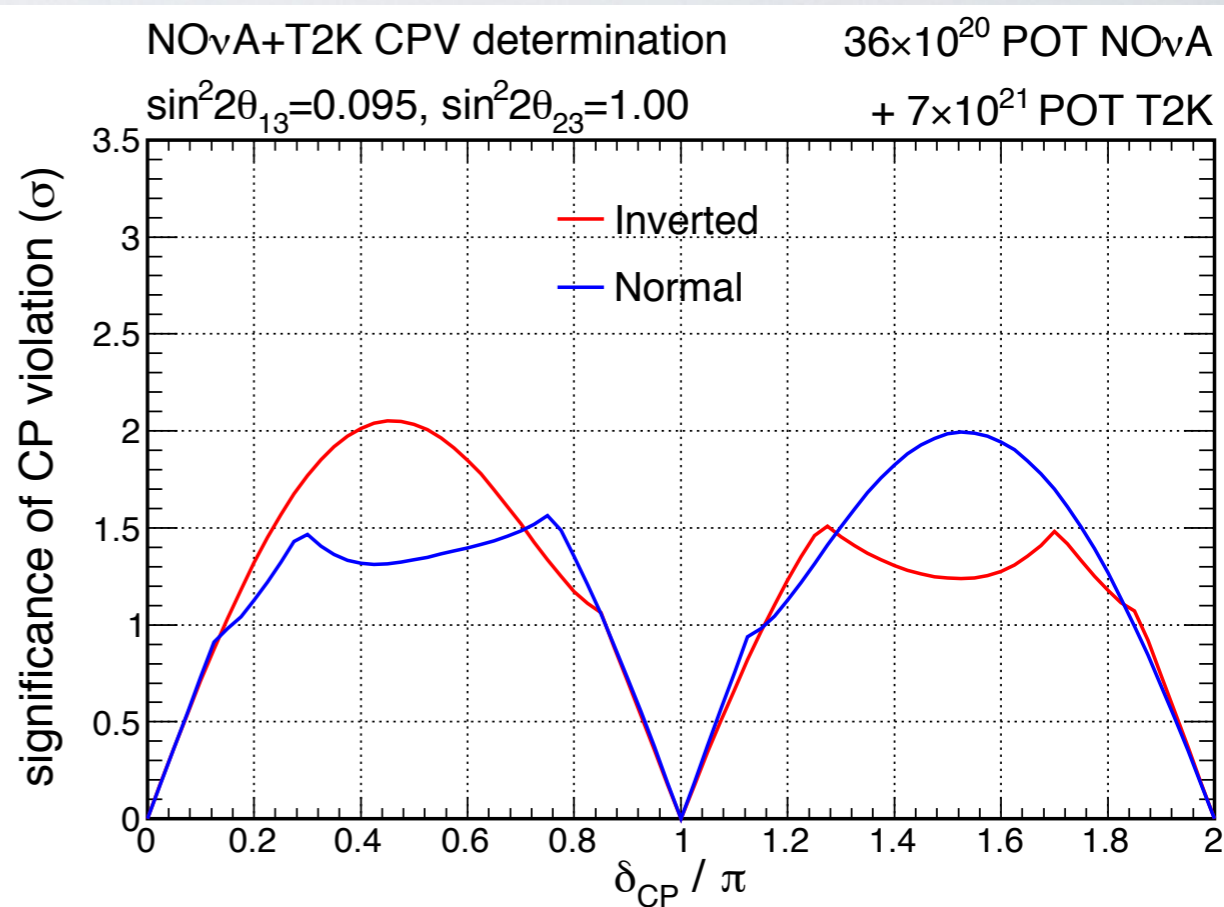
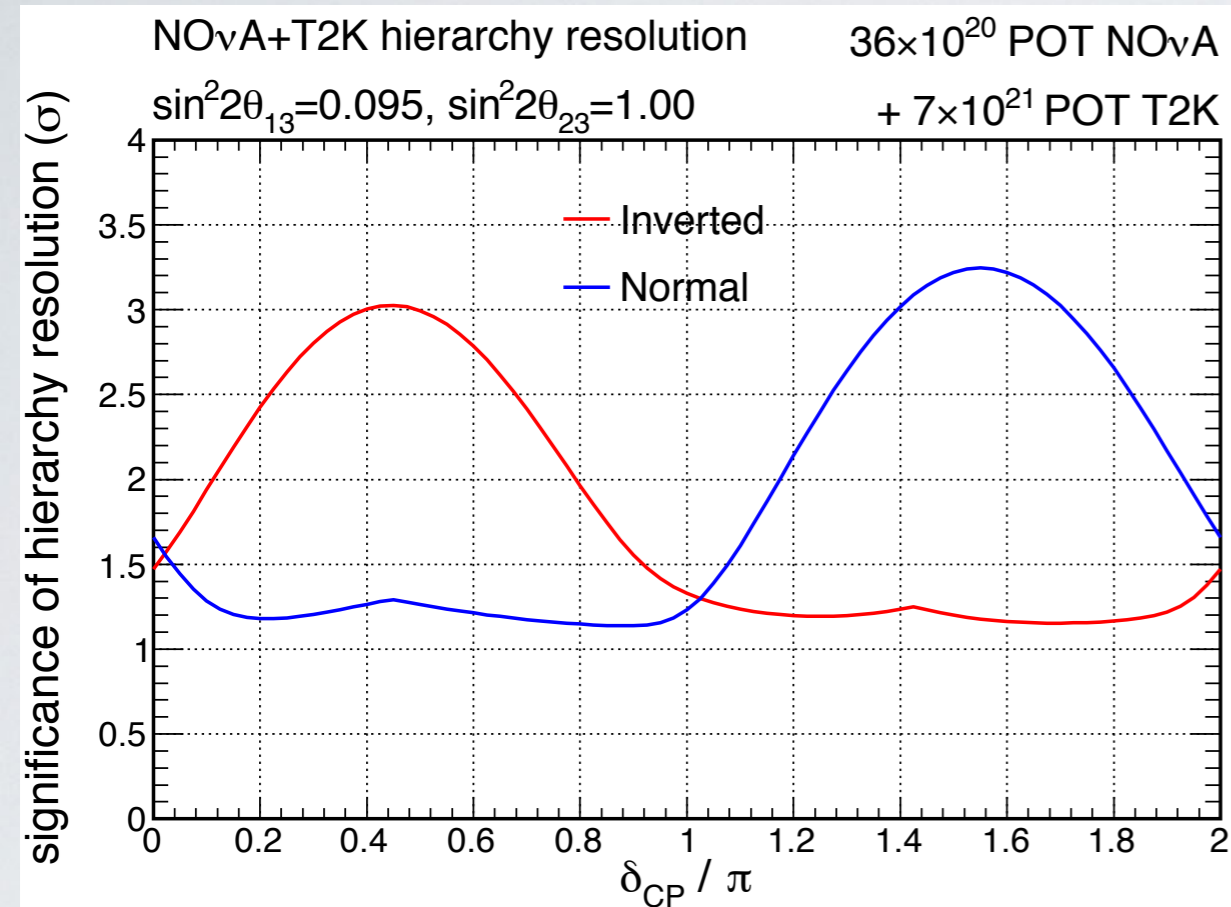
# MASS HIERARCHY AND CP-VIOLATION



3+3 years ( $\nu_{\mu}$  + anti- $\nu_{\mu}$ ): 2 sigma in about 30% of the  $\delta_{CP}$  range

Only 1.5 sigma in 10% of the range

# COMBINATION WITH T2K



Combining with T2K: At least 1 sigma  
for the whole  $\delta_{CP}$  range

With T2K: 1.5 sigma in 25%