

JERARQUÍA DE MASAS EN EXPERIMENTOS DE OSCILACIONES DE NEUTRINOS



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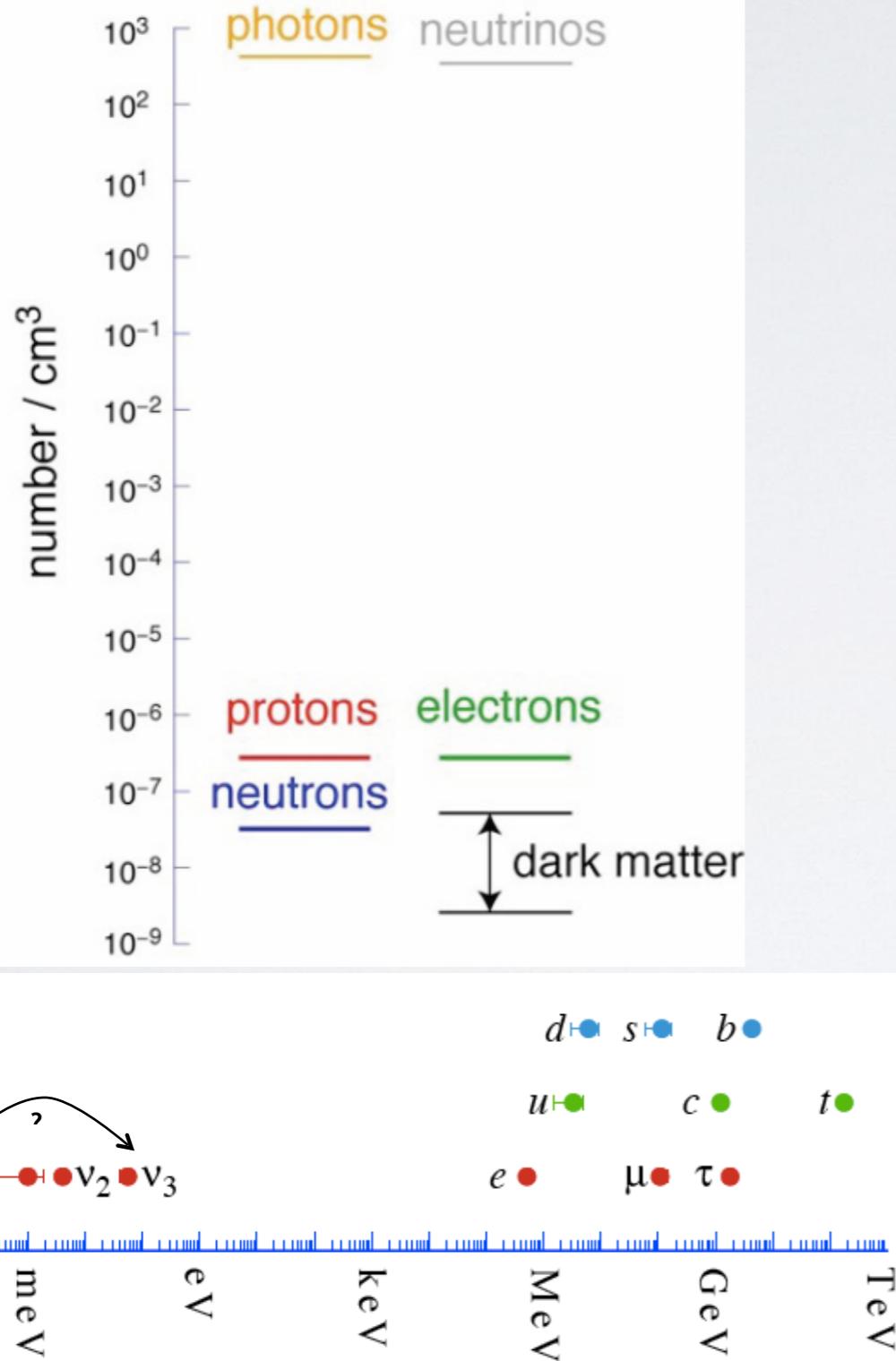


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Why study neutrino oscillations?

The Particle Universe

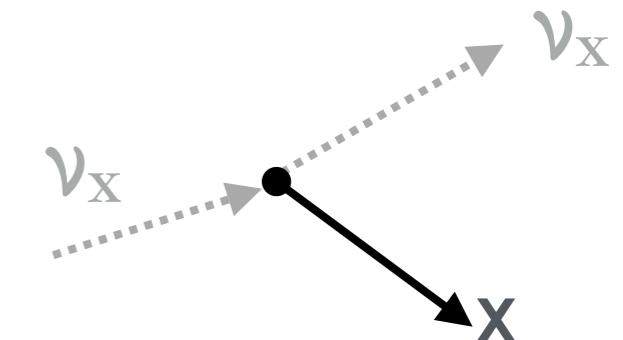


- Second most abundant particle in the Universe and yet the worst understood
- Dark Matter aside, the only measured confirmation of Physics beyond the Standard Model
- ~20 000 neutrino papers since the discovery of neutrino oscillations
- Nobel prize 2015 and Breakthrough prize 2016
- Many open questions: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

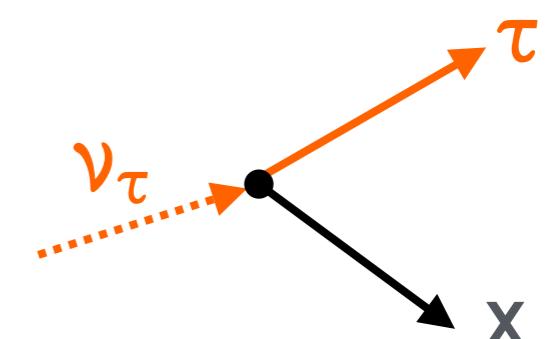
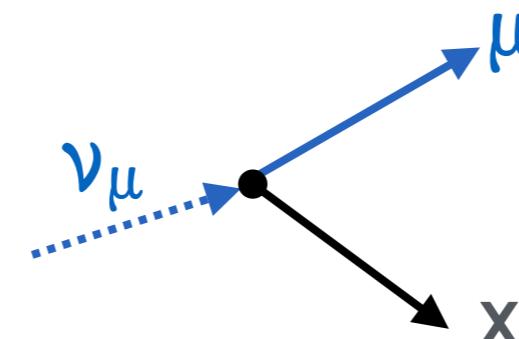
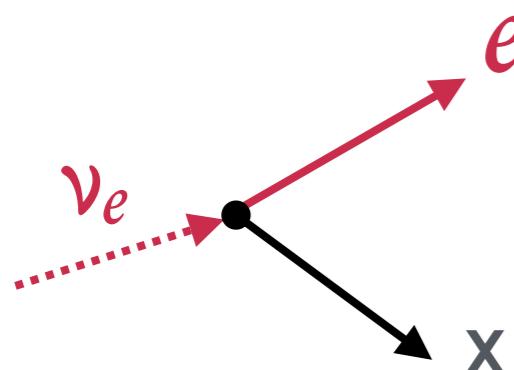
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- Weak interaction is flavour-conserving, so neutrinos can be identified via the outgoing lepton

Unless, of course, it is another neutrino

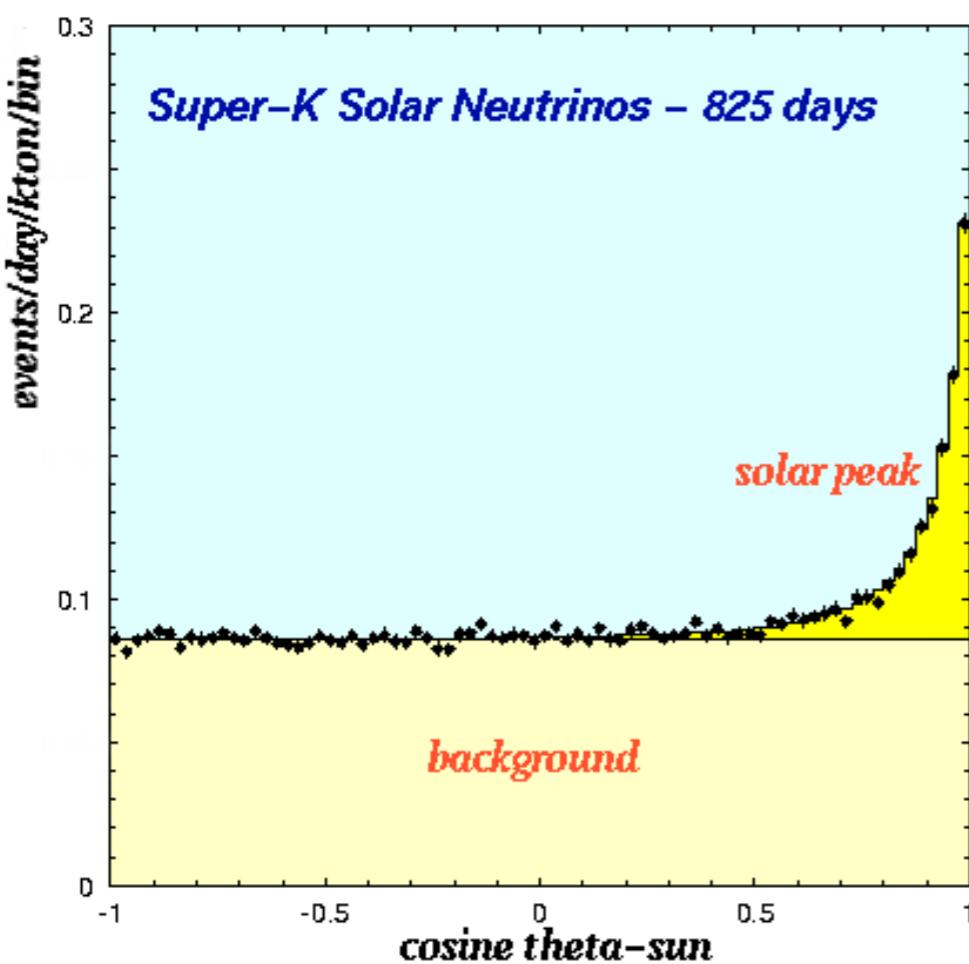
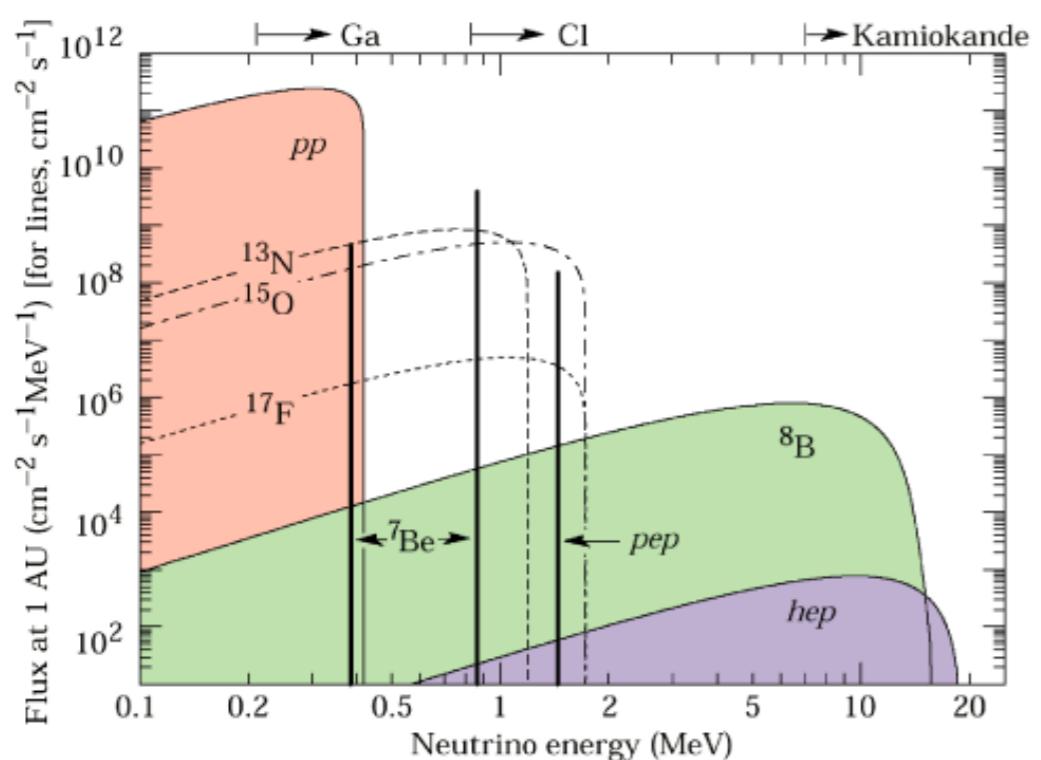


Neutral current interactions



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, D₂O
- Can identify electrons, protons and photons produced in neutron capture

Designed to measure both ν_e and *total* neutrino flux

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

Only electron neutrinos

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

All flavours

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

Tau and mu only via NC

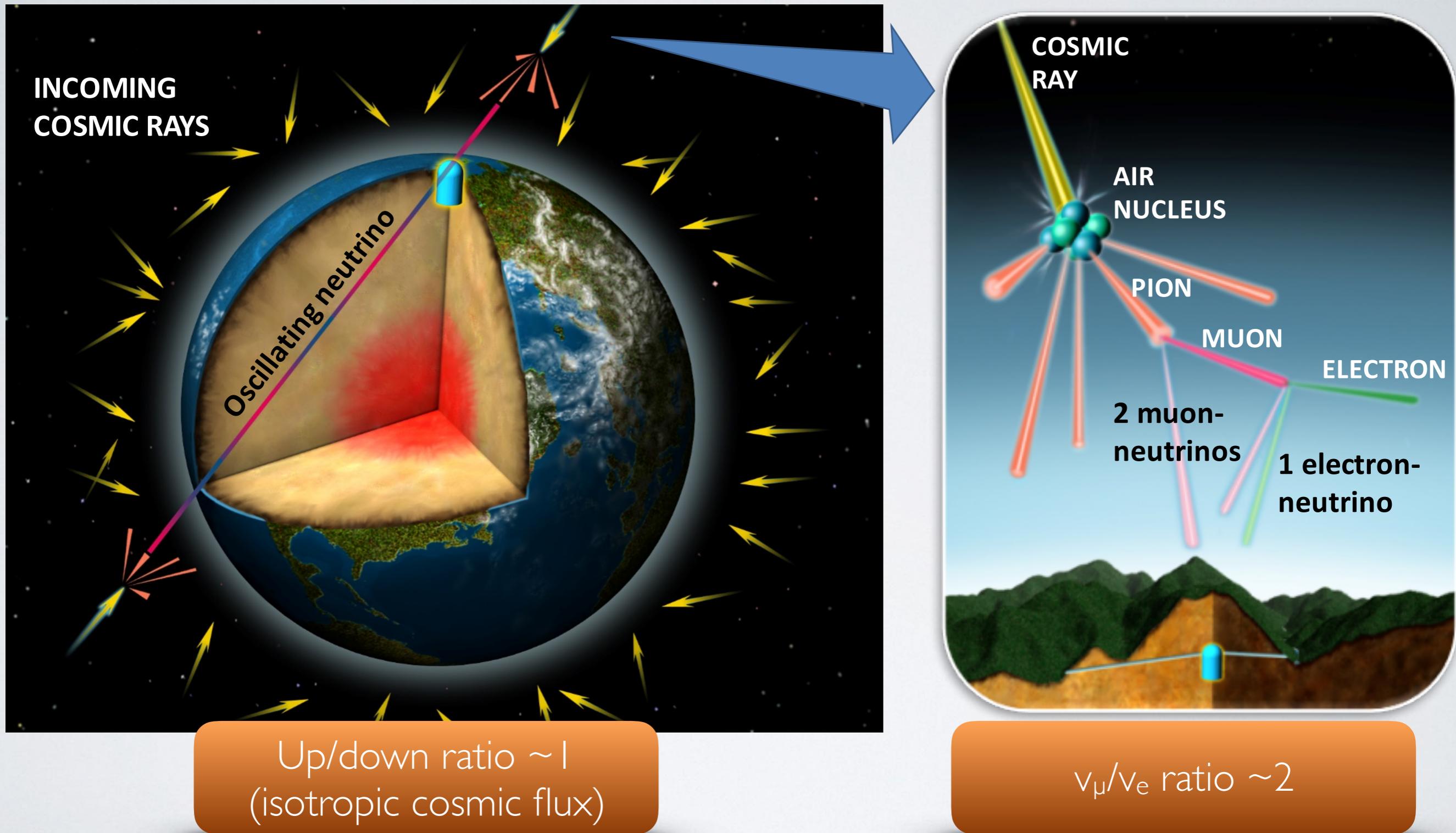
$$\phi(\nu_e) = (1.76 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\phi(\nu_\mu) + \phi(\nu_\tau) = (3.41 \pm 0.63) \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

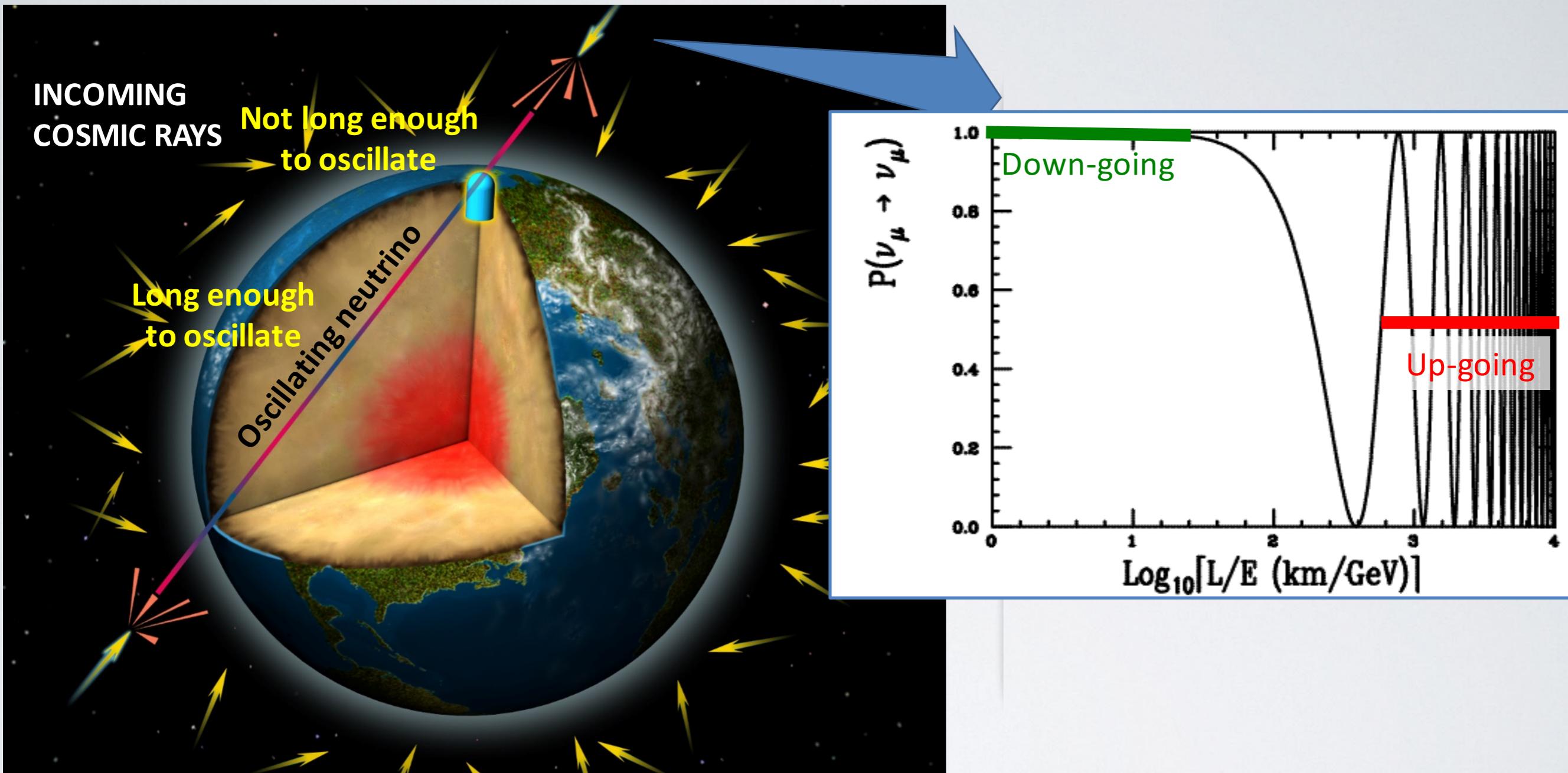
$$\phi(\nu_e)_{\text{pred}} = (5.1 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Electron neutrinos oscillate on their way from the sun!

Atmospheric neutrinos



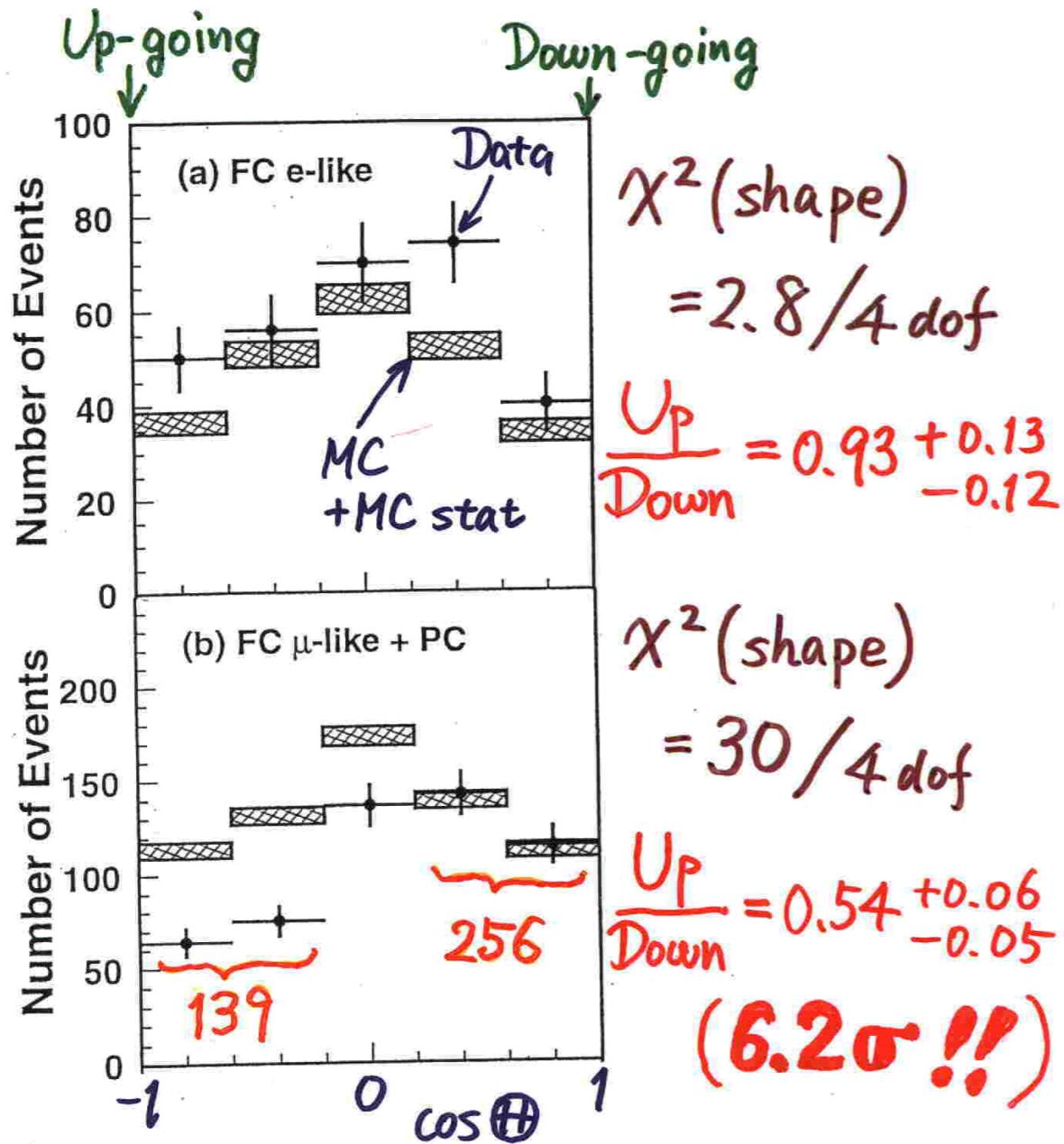
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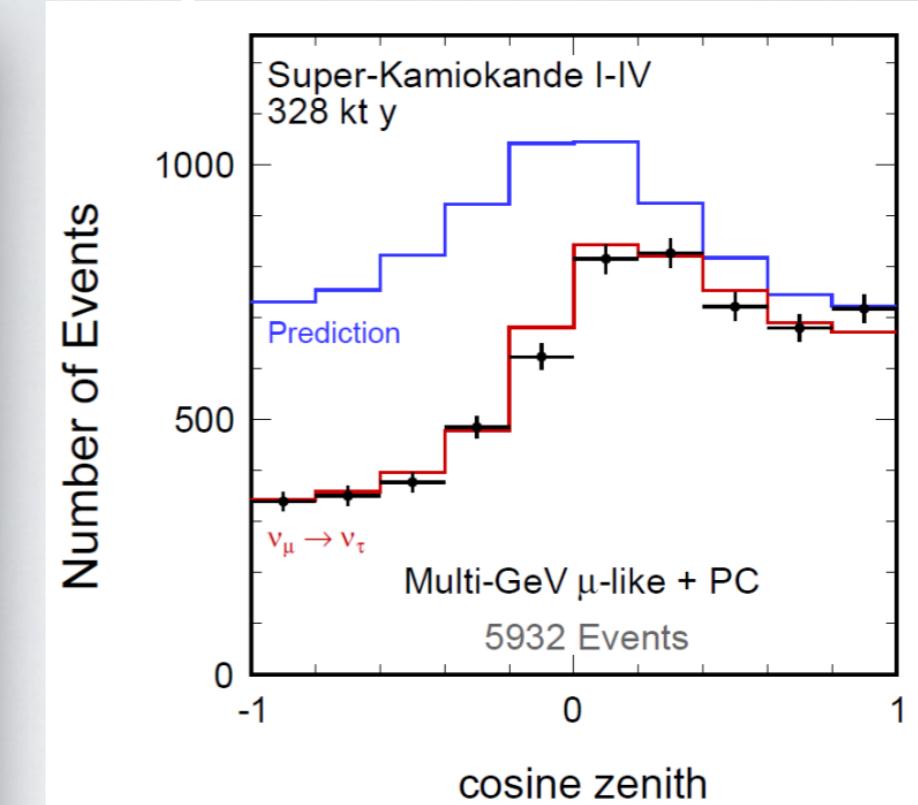
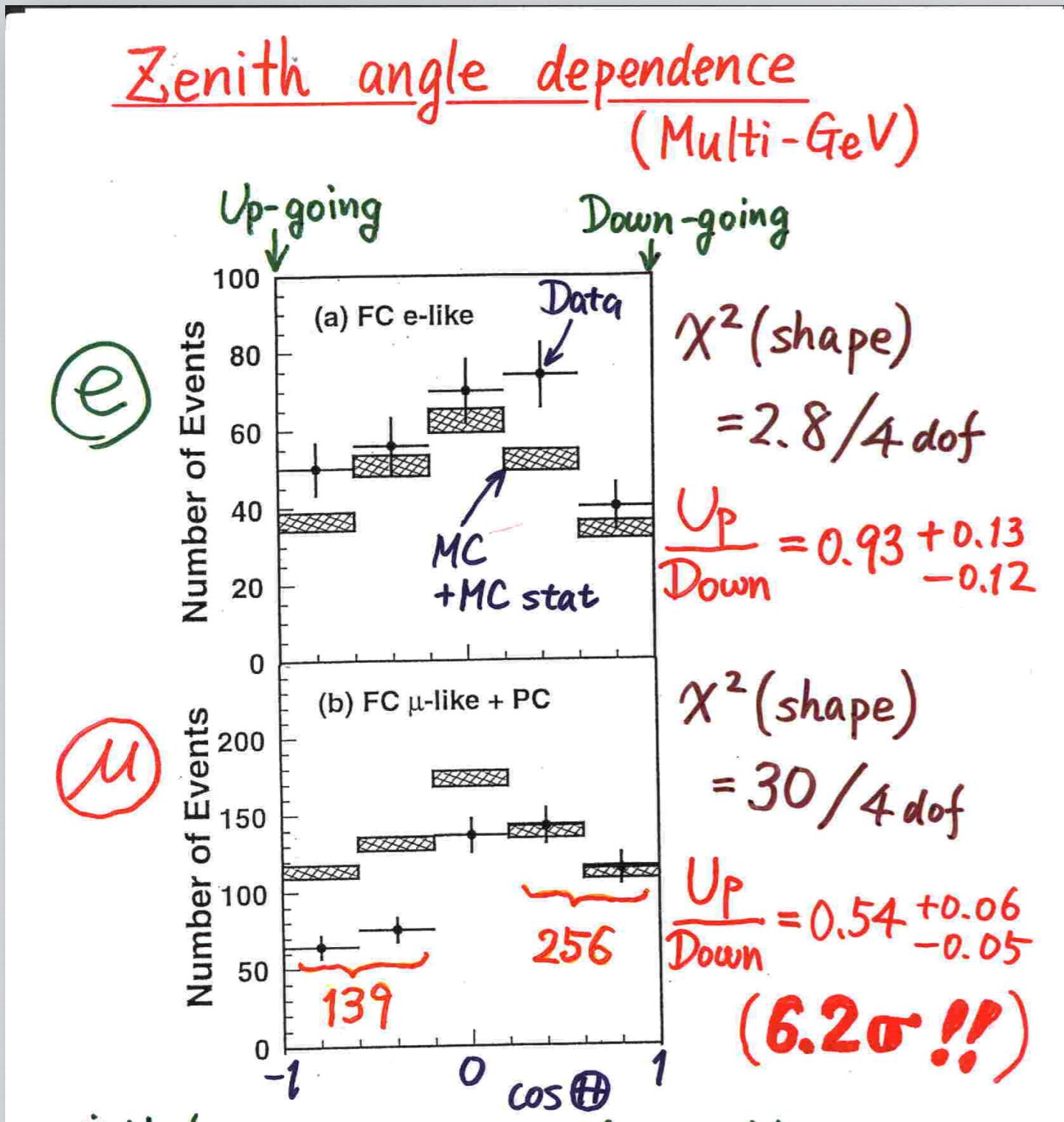
If there's oscillation, a deficit upwards-going ν_μ should be observed

Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV)

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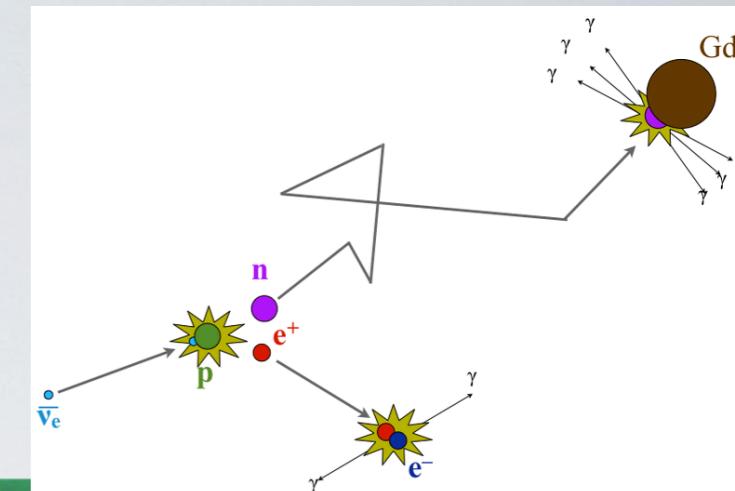
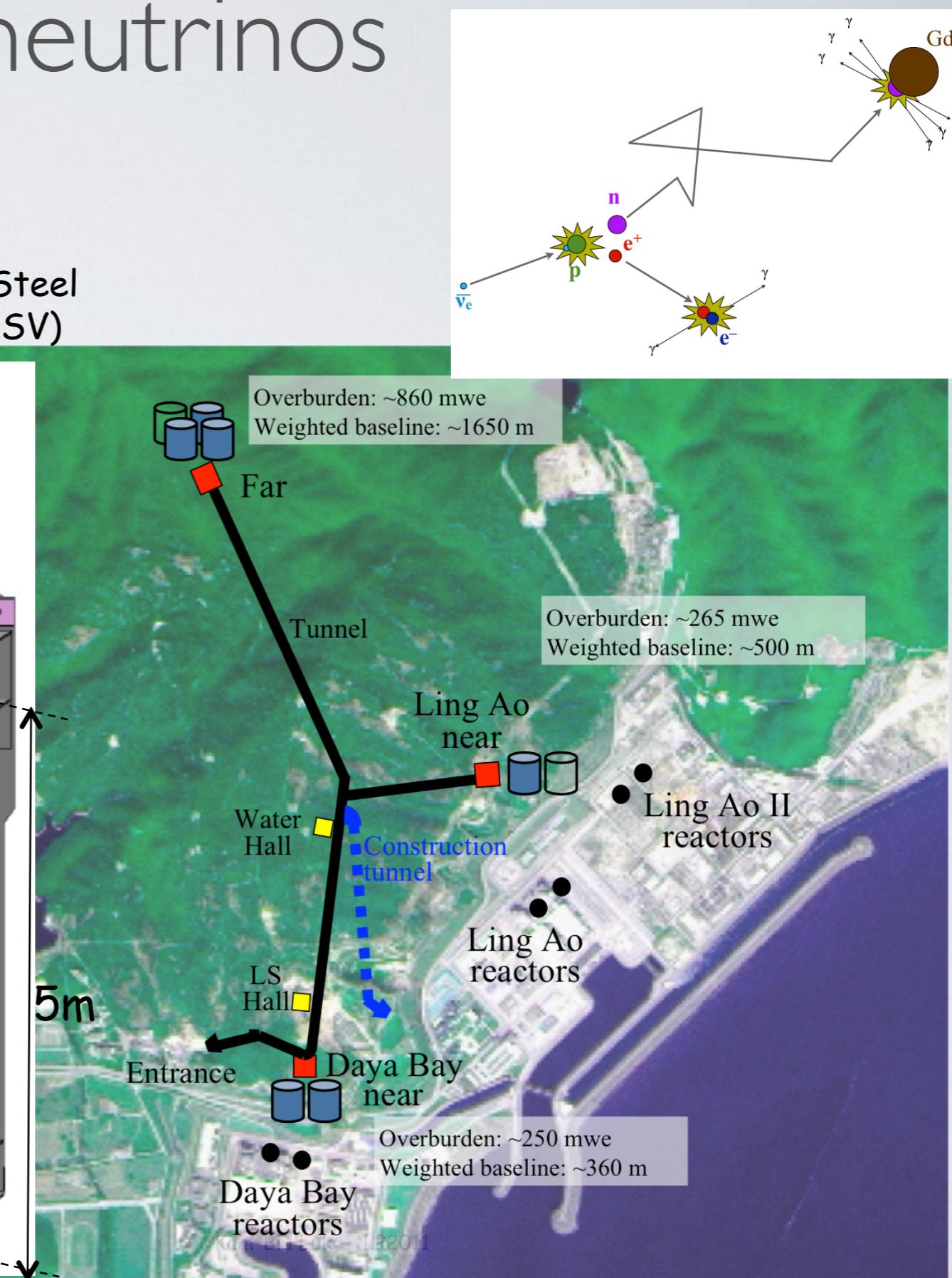
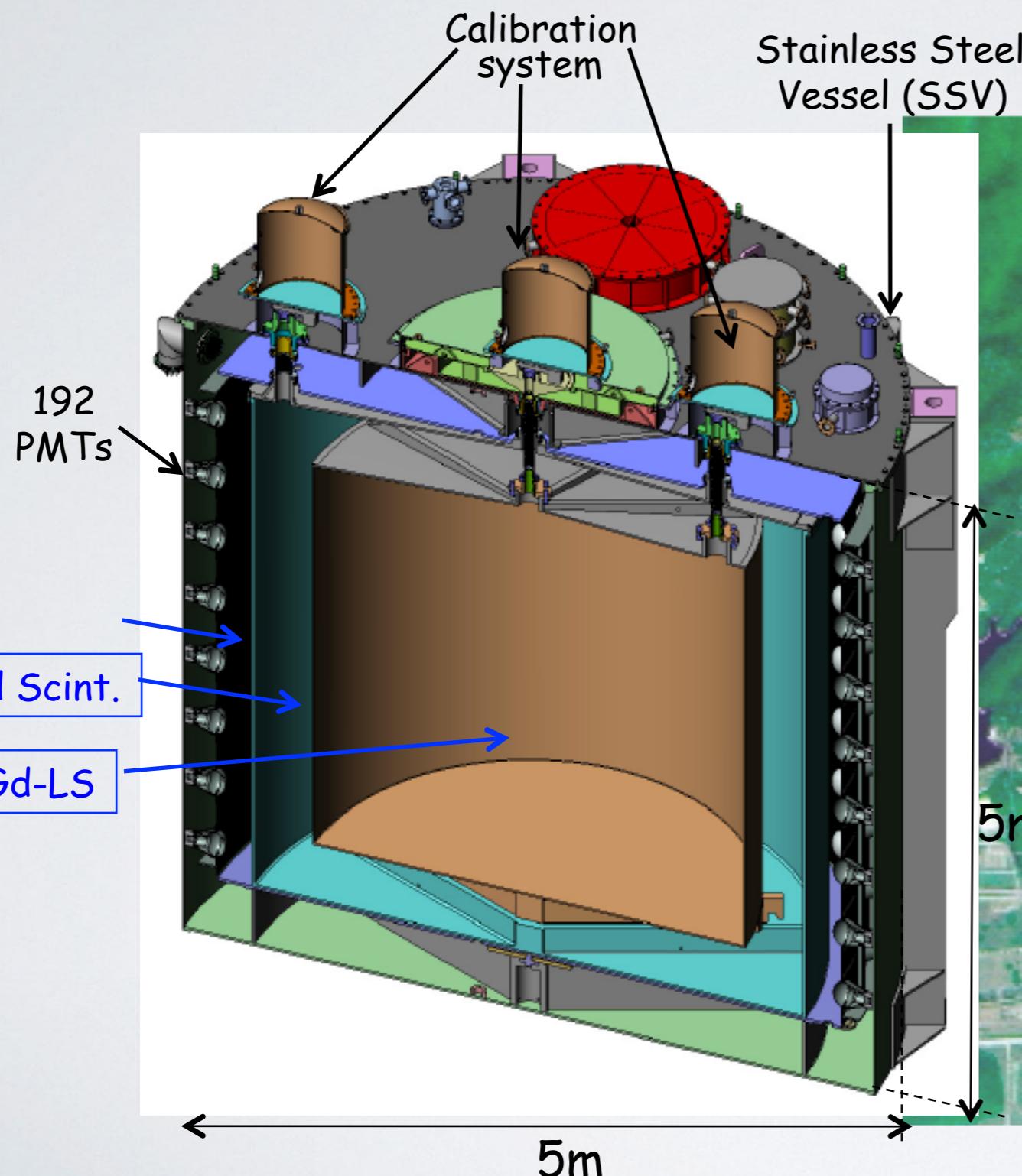


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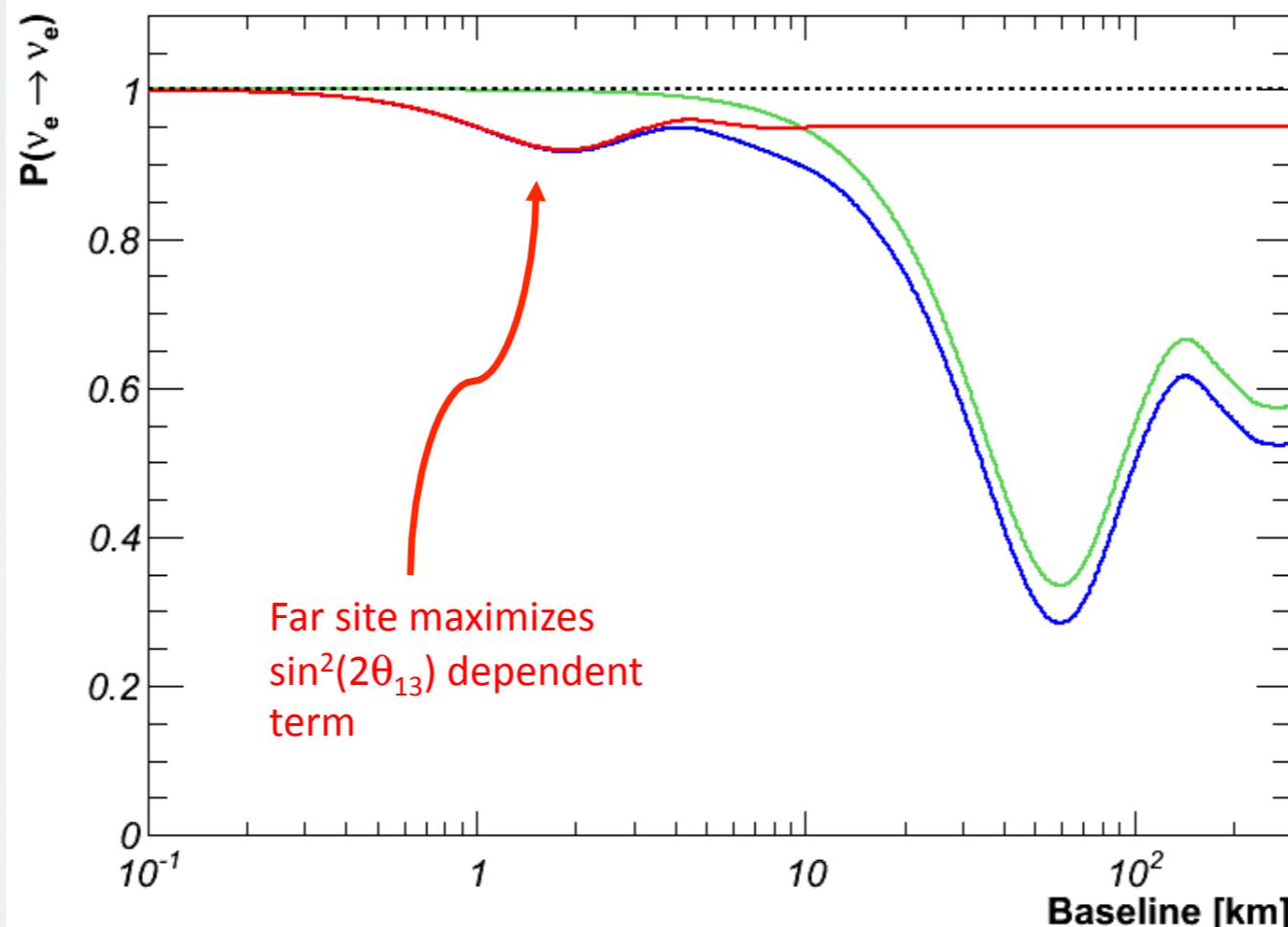
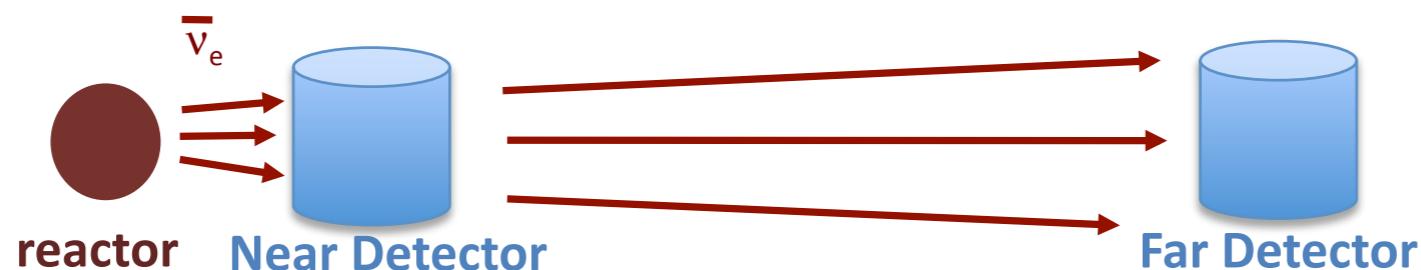
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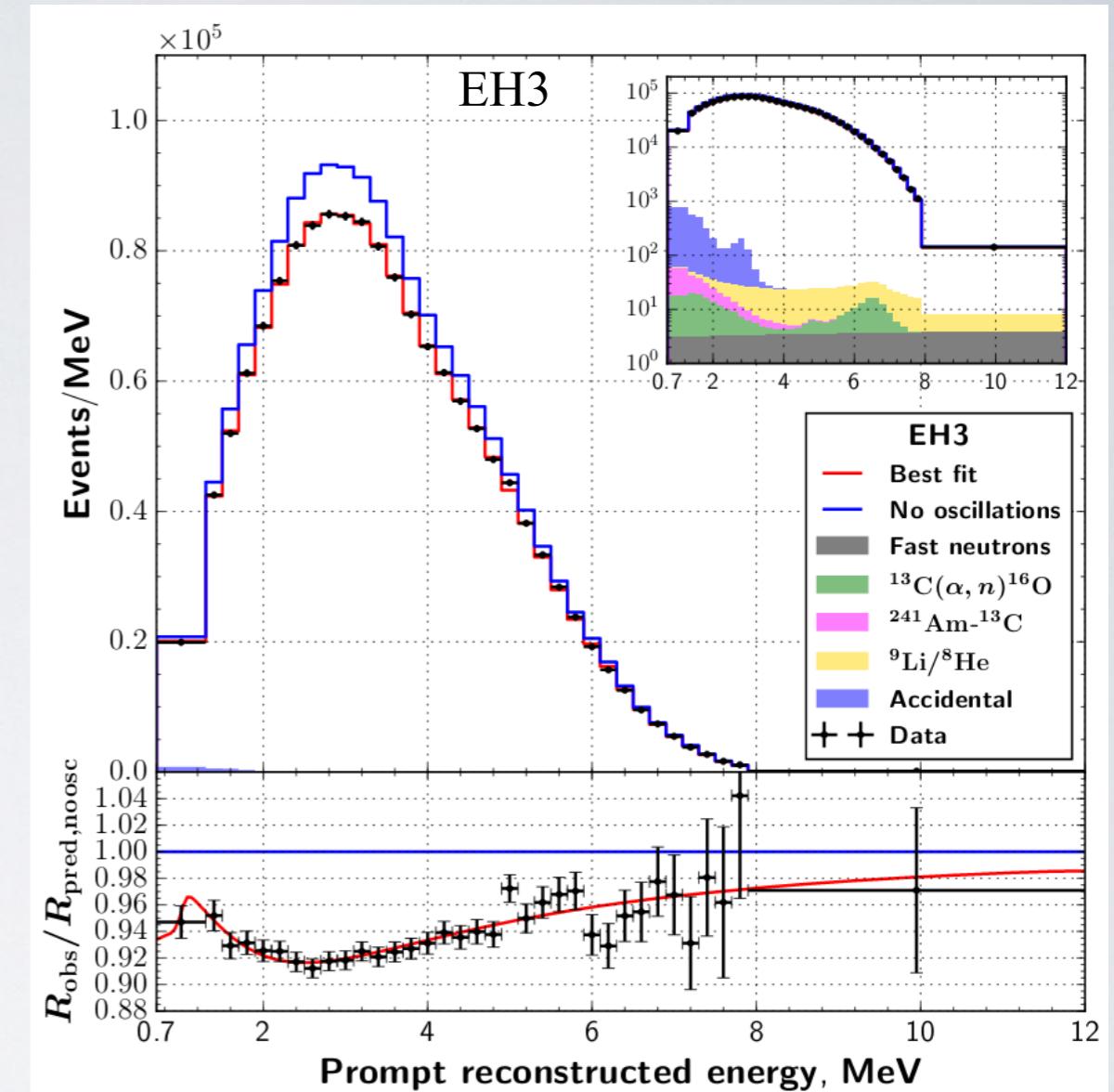
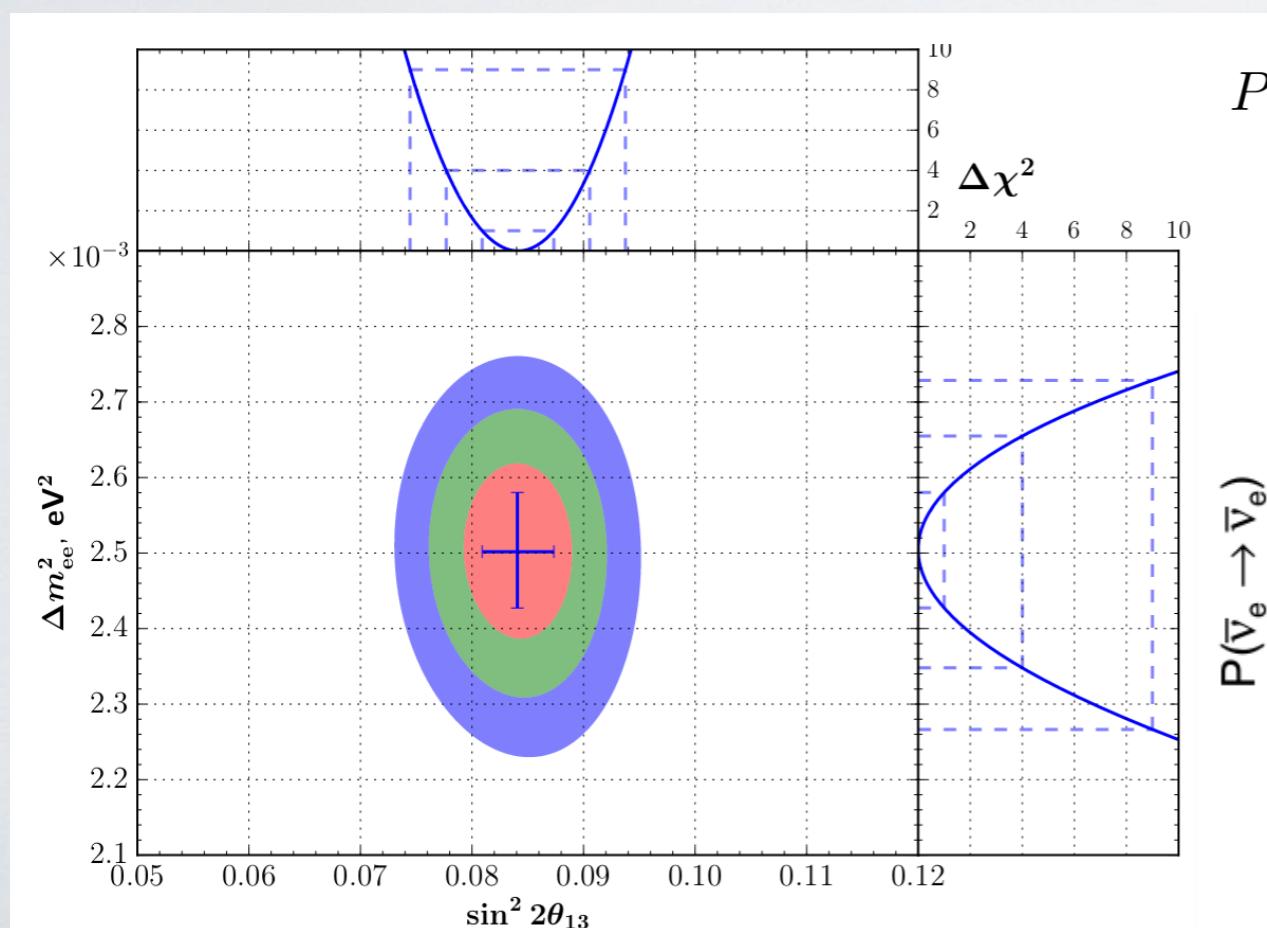
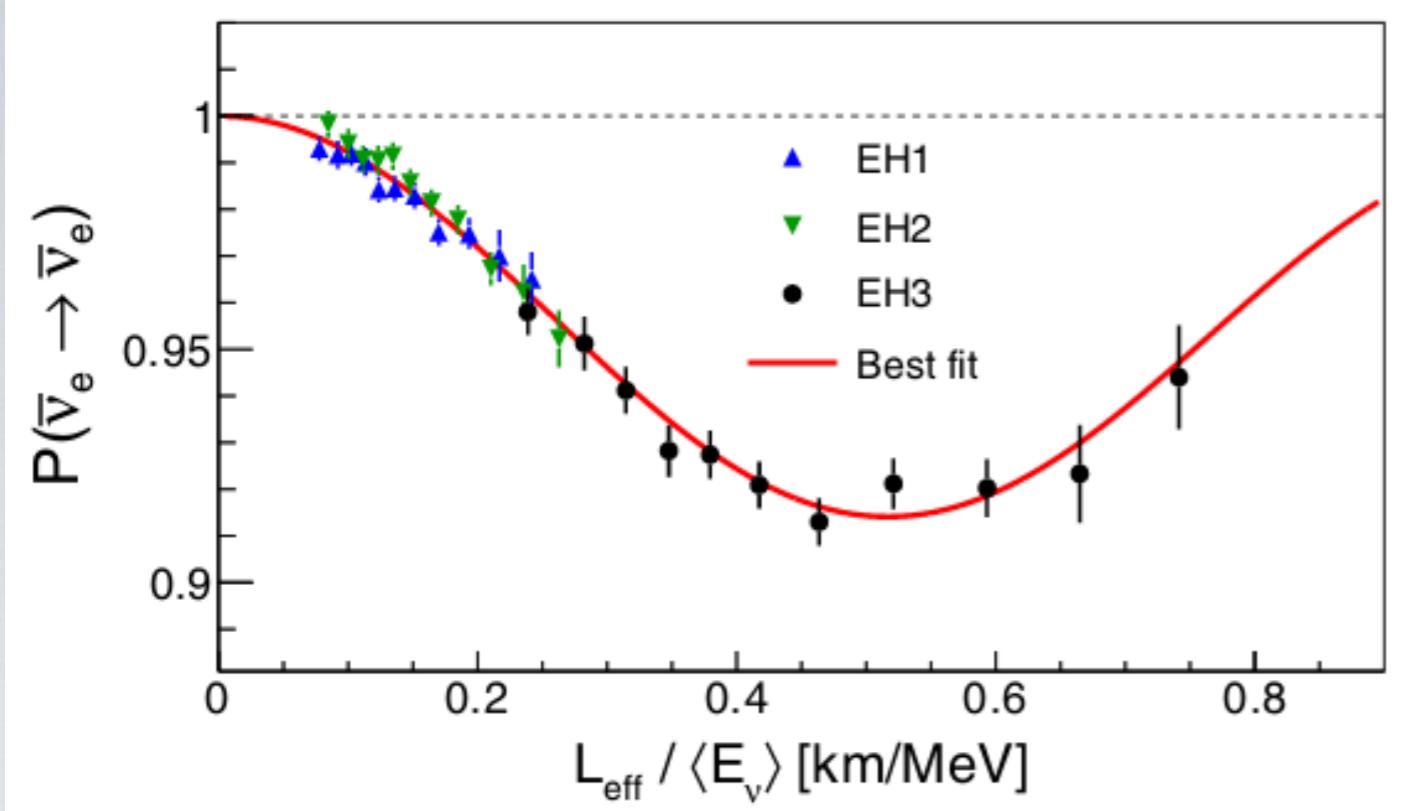
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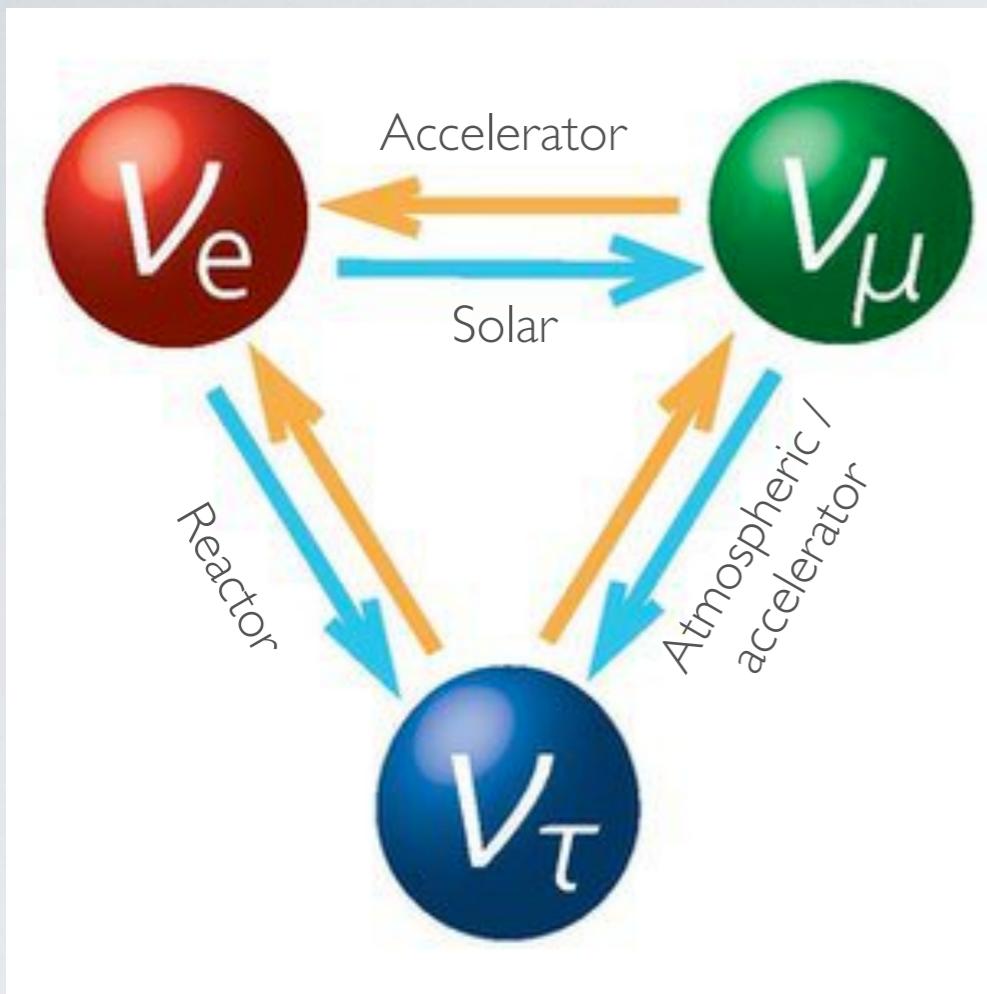
$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) + \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$



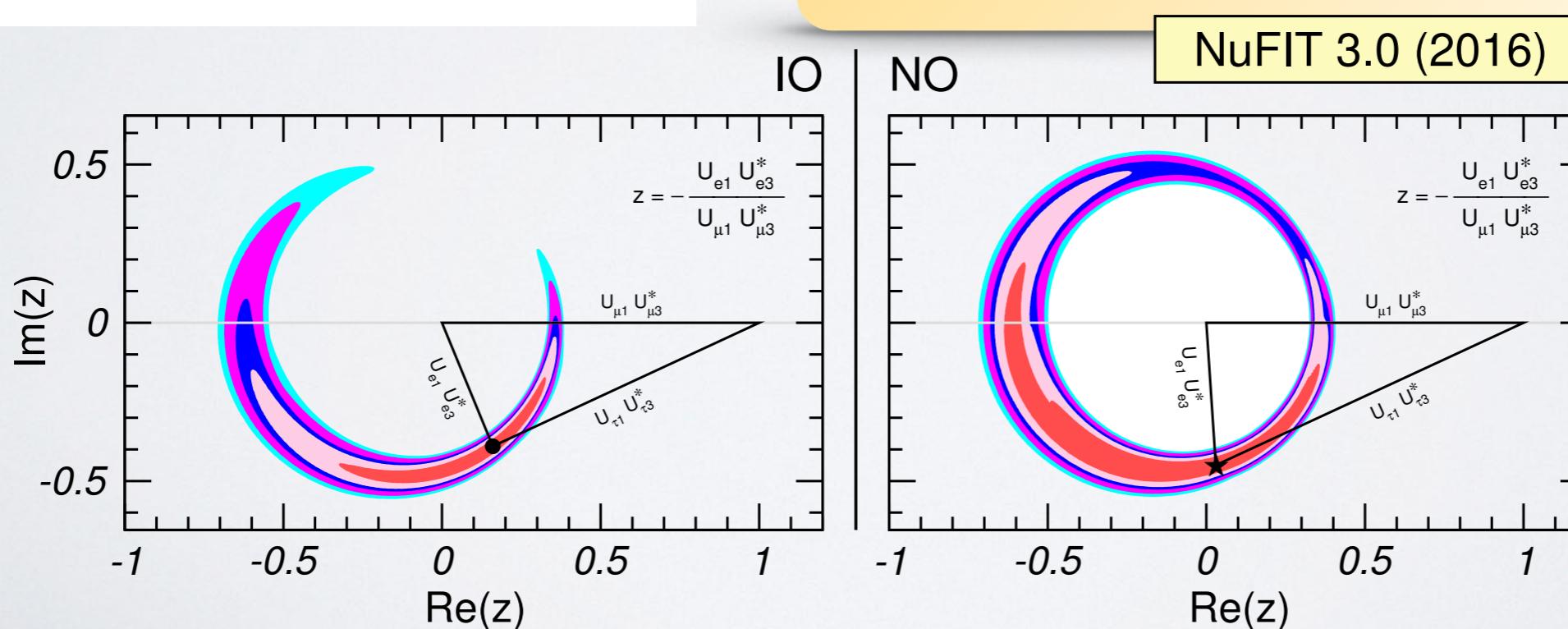


| Experiment | $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ | Value |
|------------|---|-------|
| Daya Bay | 0.0841 ± 0.0033 | |
| RENO | 0.082 ± 0.010 | |
| D-CHOOZ | 0.111 ± 0.018 | |
| T2K | 0.140 ^{+0.038} _{-0.032} | |
| NH | 0.170 ^{+0.045} _{-0.037} | |
| IH | 0.051 ^{+0.038} _{-0.030} | |
| MINOS | 0.093 ^{+0.054}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

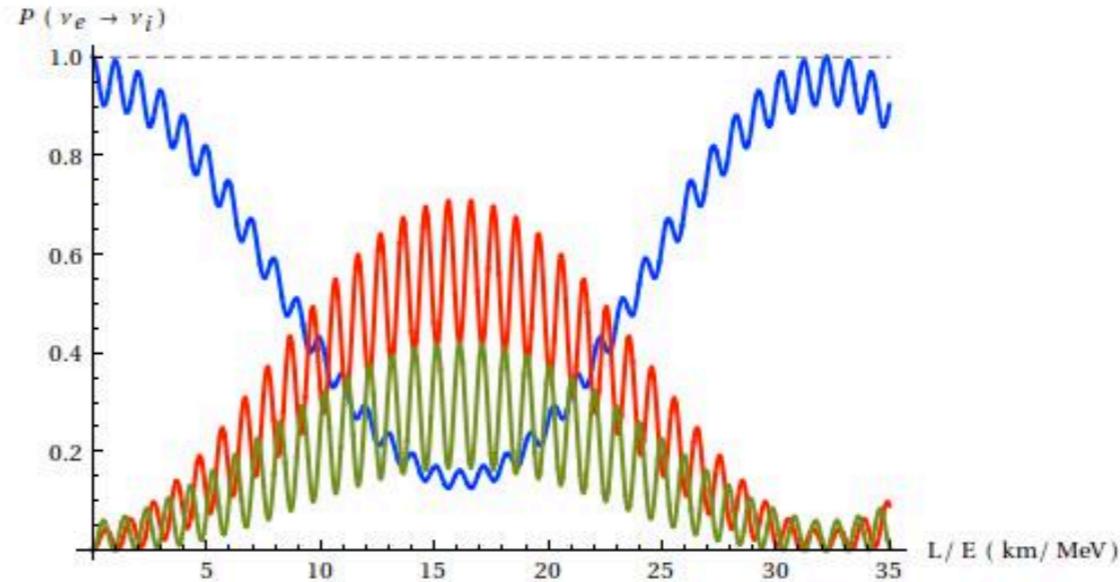
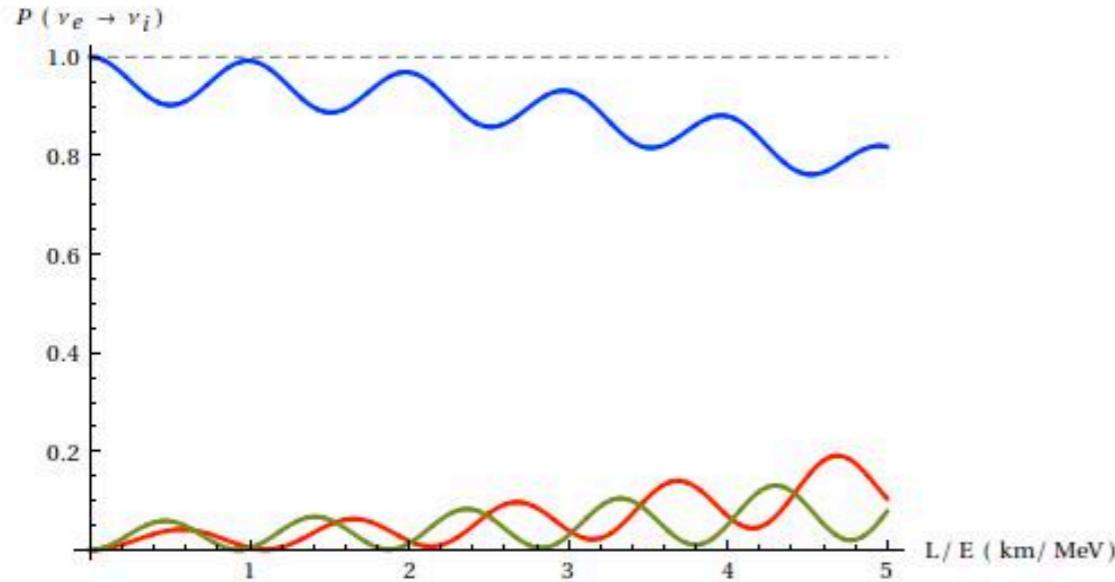
What have we measured so far?



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

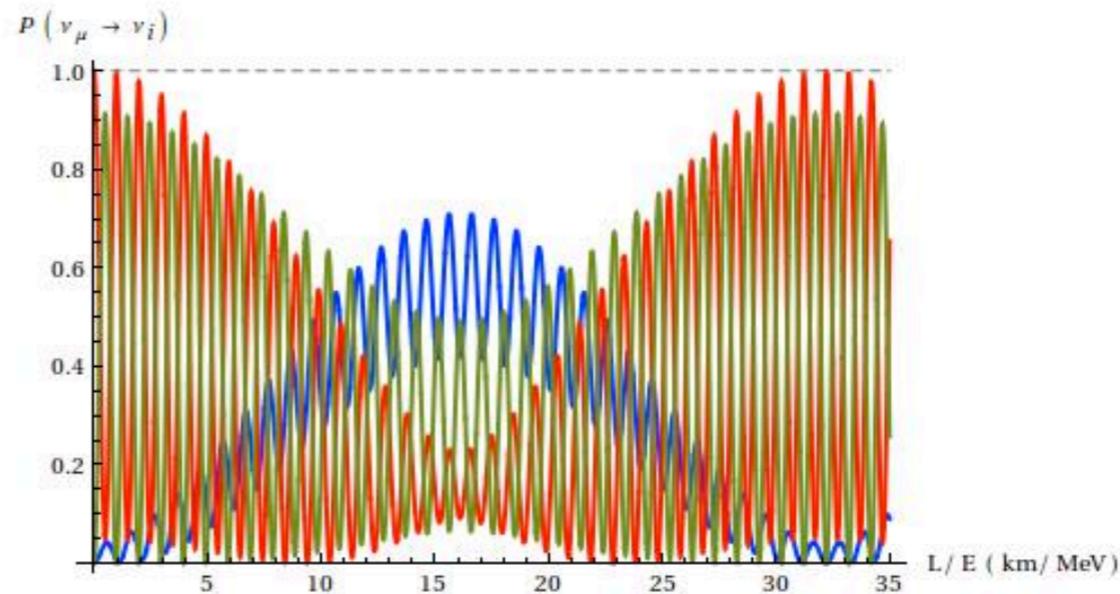
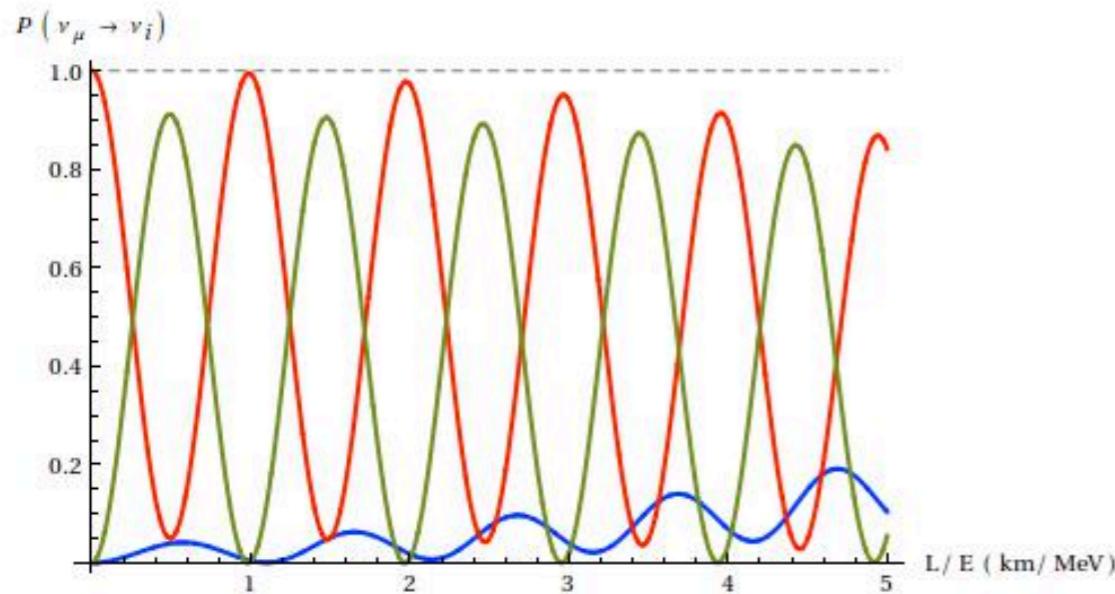


Three-flavour oscillations



Legend:

- $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)$ (blue line)
- $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$ (red line)
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- sum (dashed line)



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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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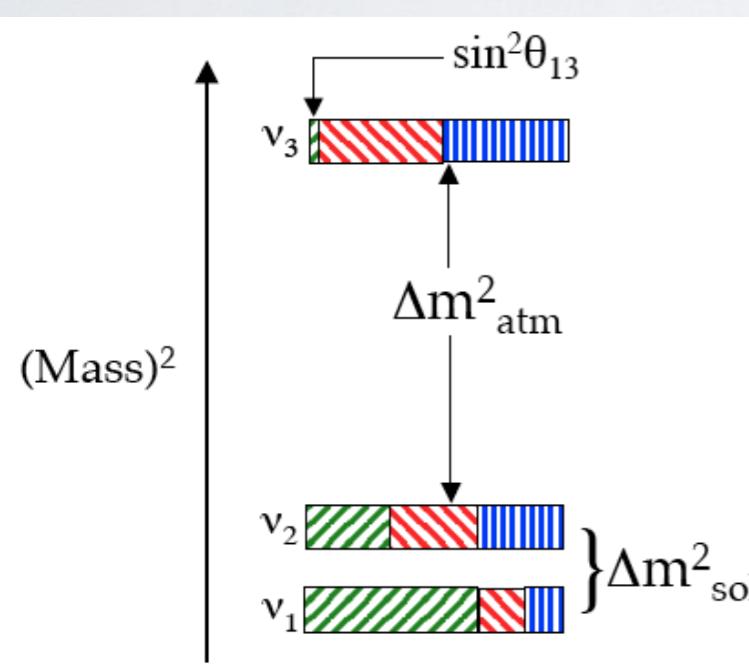
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$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Atmospheric

Reactor

Solar



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

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

Accelerators

How well measured?

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

A. Marrone (Neutrino 2016)

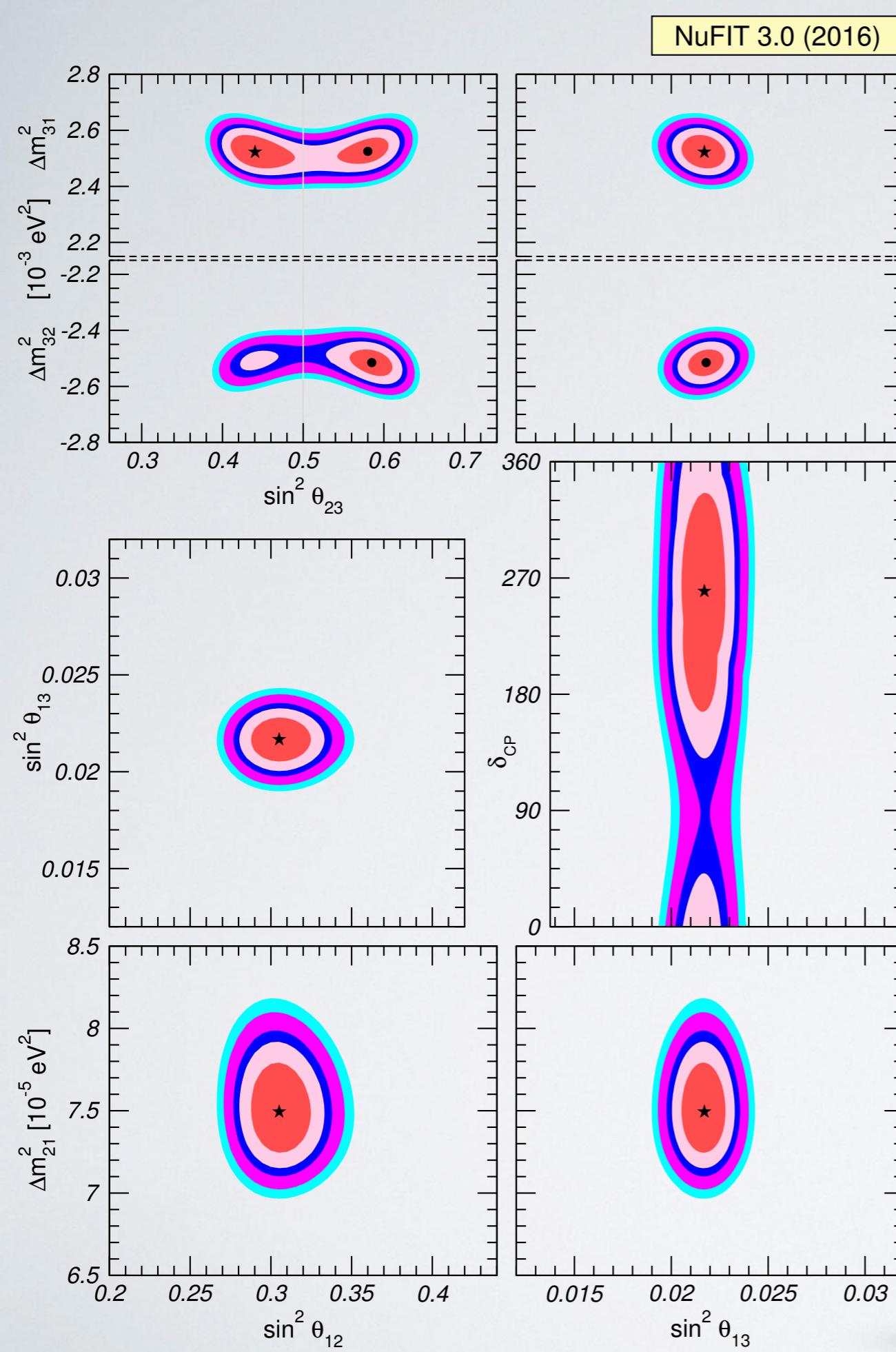
Most angles and masses have been measured using more than one experimental technique, including **accelerator-based**

Measurable with accelerator experiments

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- Is there CP violation in the lepton sector?
- What's the mass-hierarchy? (is $m_3 > m_2$ or vice versa?)
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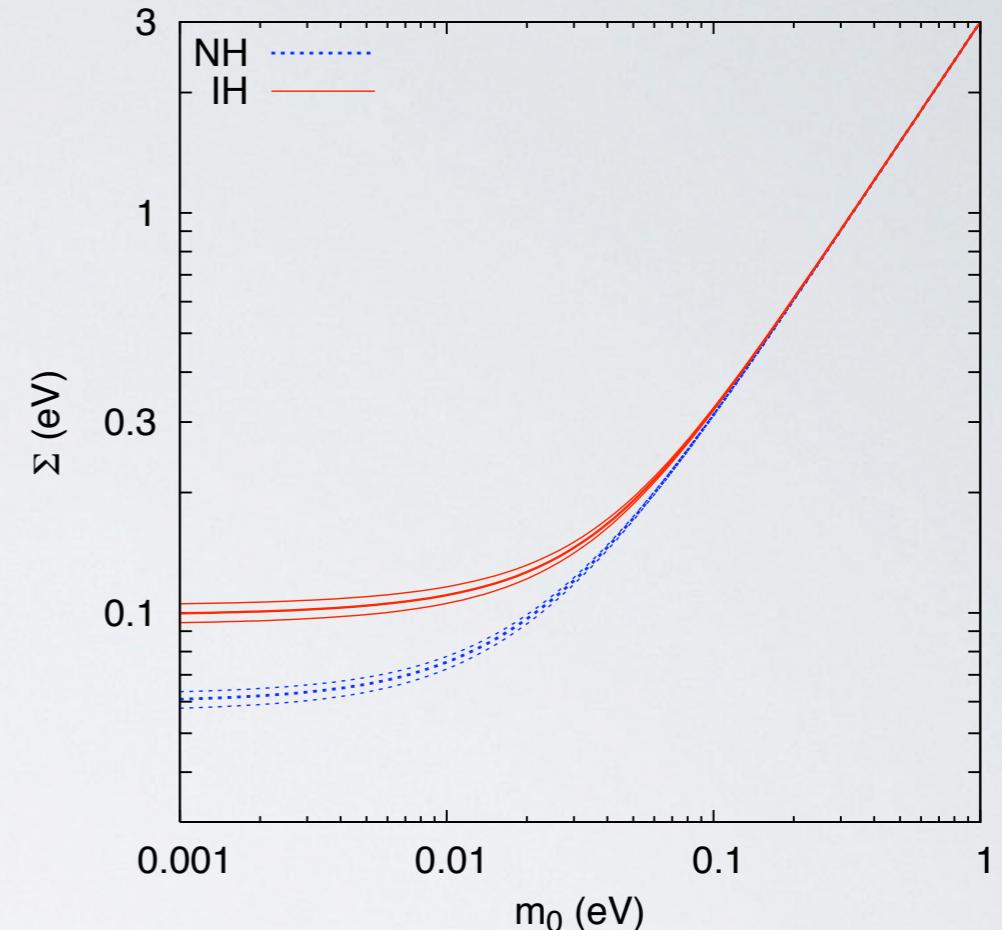
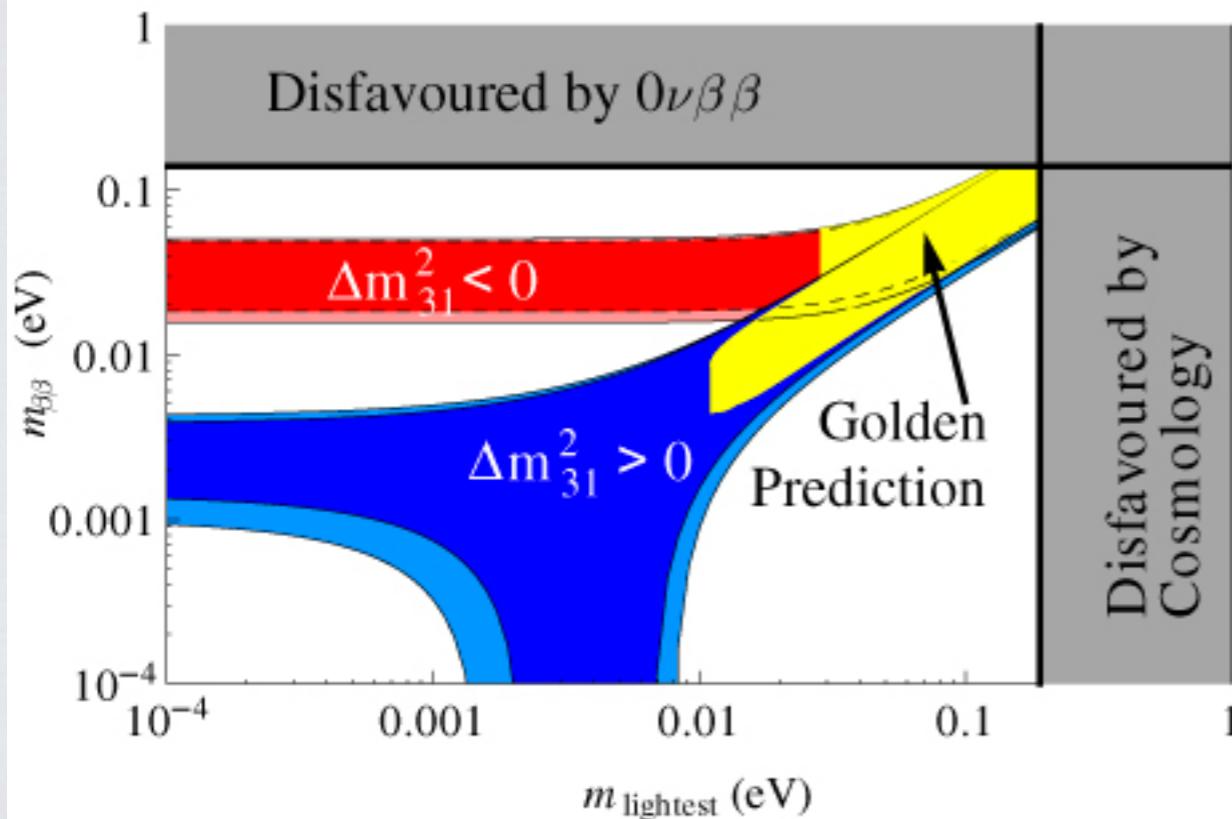
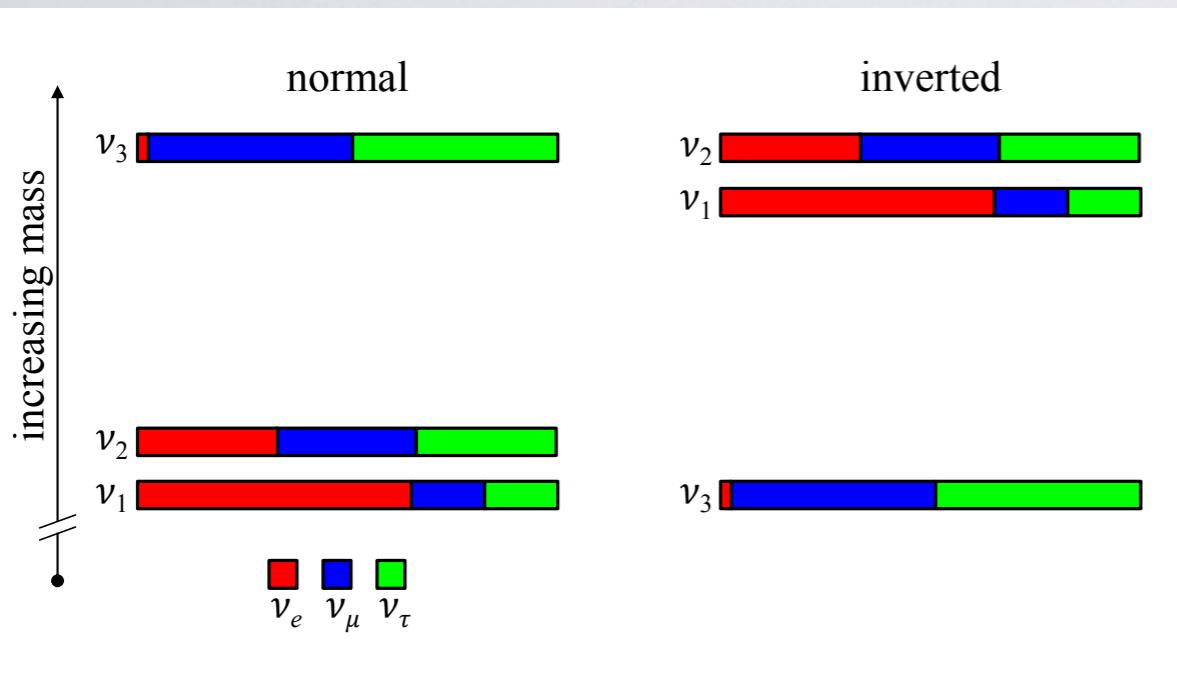
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Global fits

NuFIT 3.0 (2016)

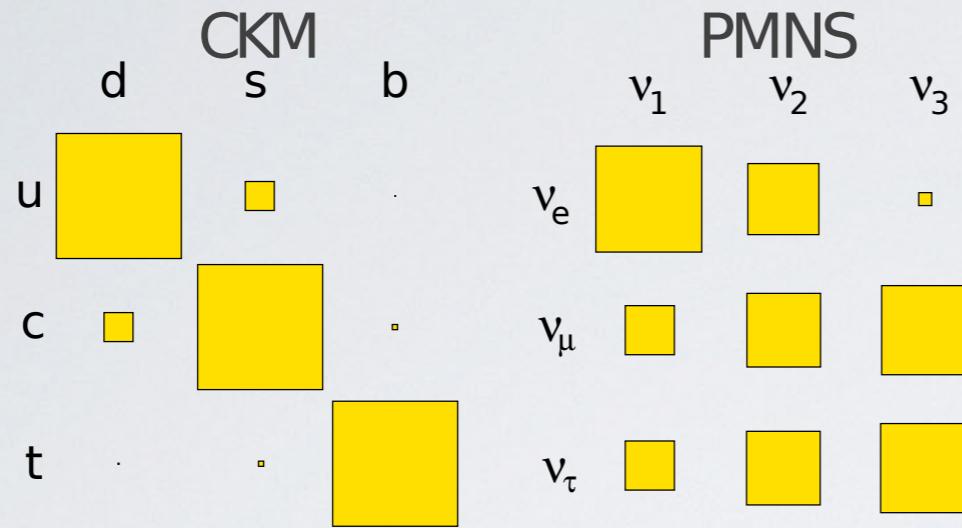
| | Normal Ordering (best fit) | | Inverted Ordering ($\Delta\chi^2 = 0.83$) | | Any Ordering |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$ | 3σ range | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$ | 3σ range | 3σ range |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$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

Why is the mass hierarchy important?

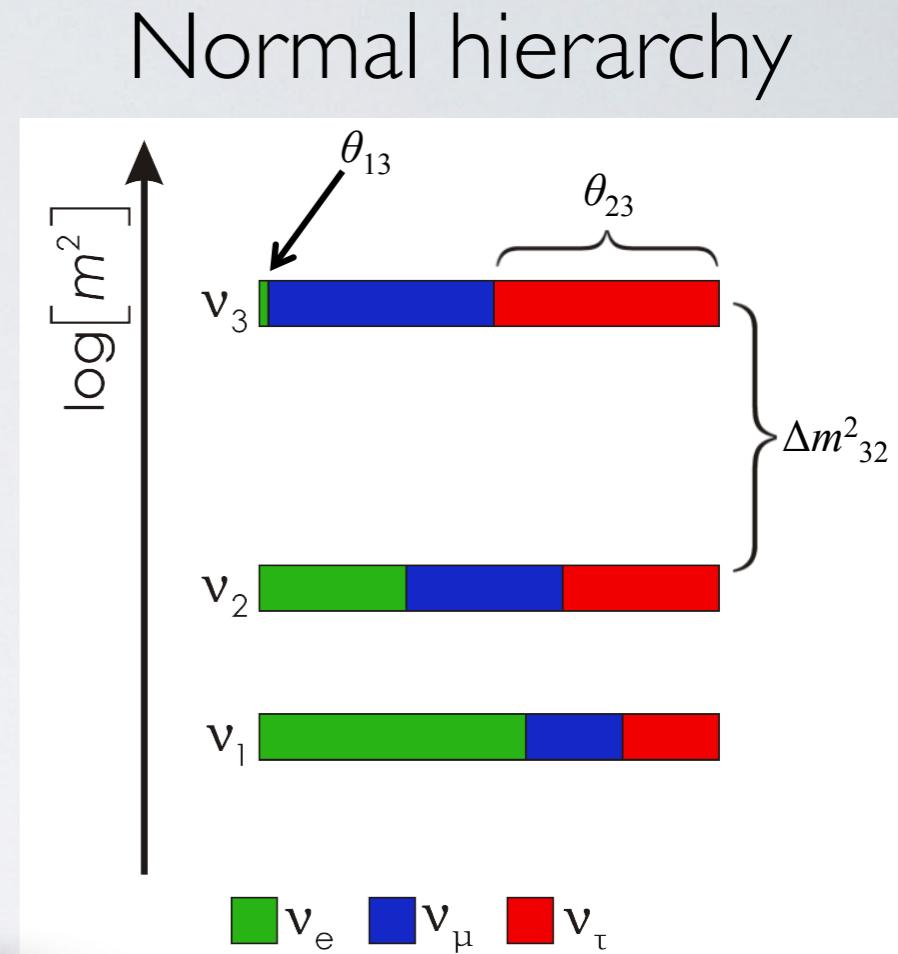


If the hierarchy is inverted, mass scale measurement is at reach from both Cosmology and $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments.
But if it's normal it becomes much more difficult

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?



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

Importance of reactor result

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

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

θ_{13} : from unknown to best measured

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

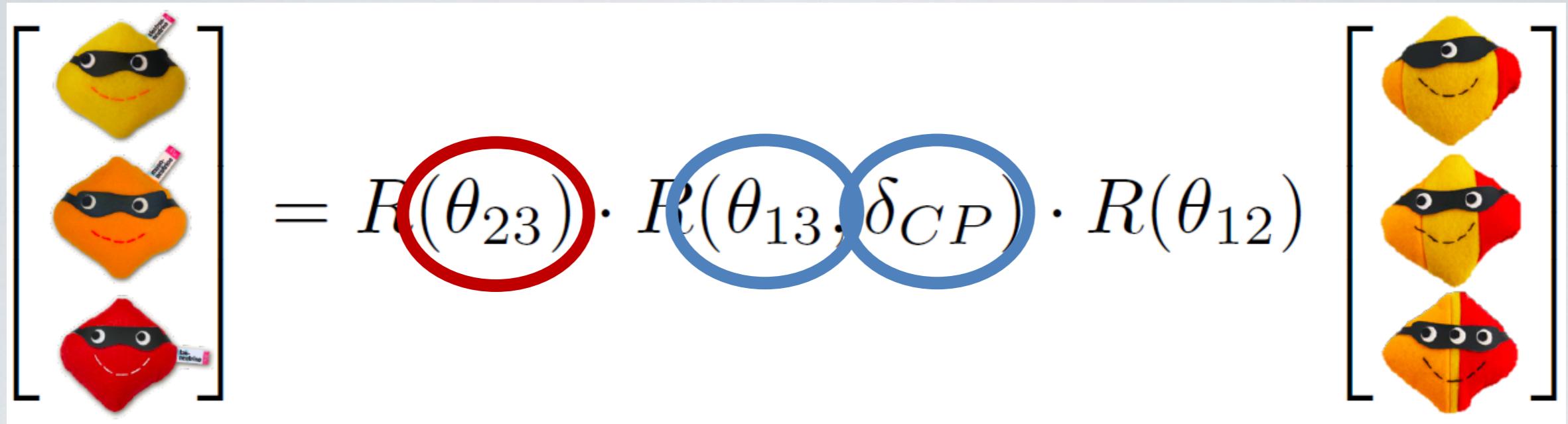
A new door to probing CP violation, the mass ordering and the octant of θ_{23}

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

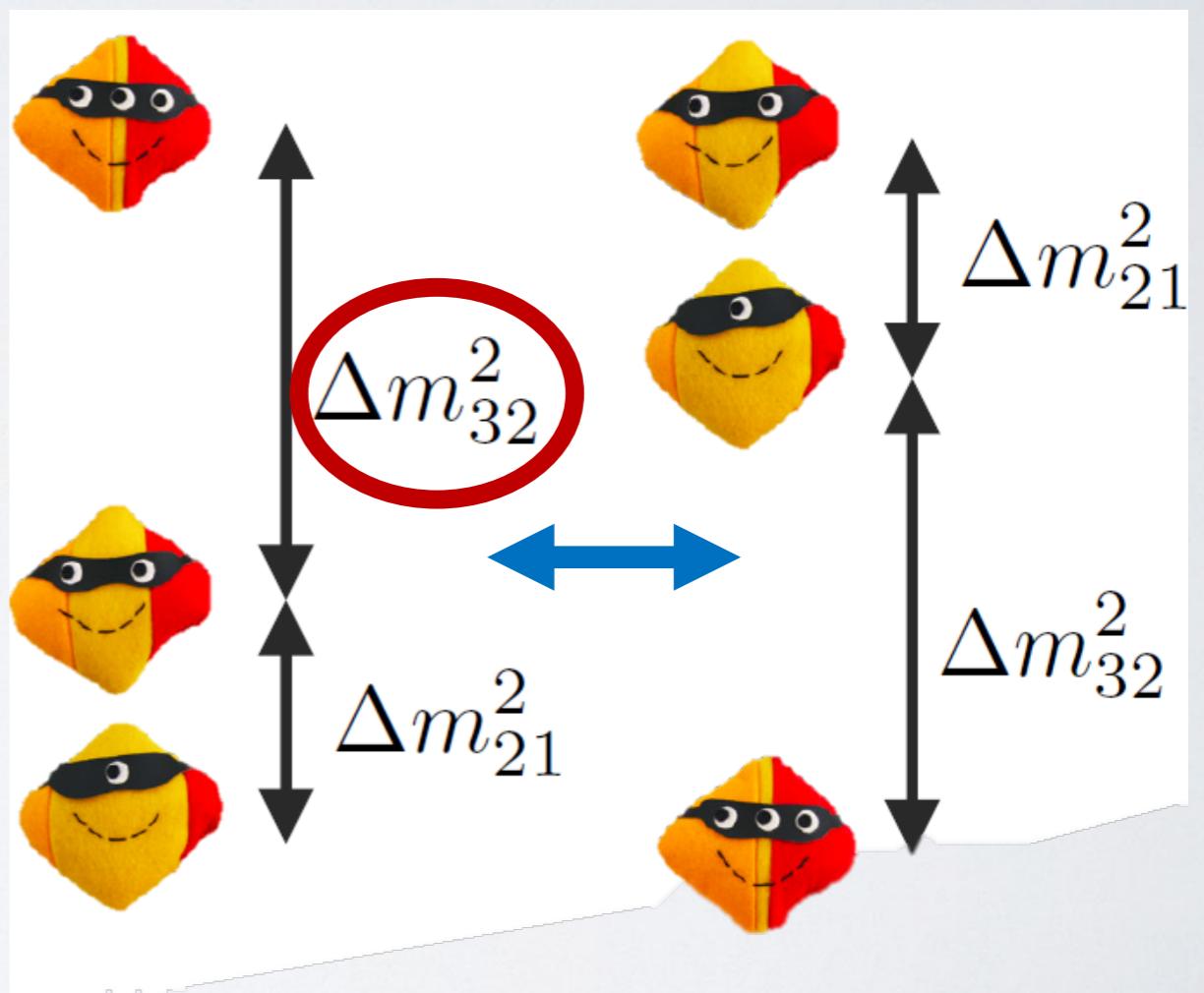
$\alpha = \Delta m^2_{12}/\Delta m^2_{31}; \Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m^2_{31} L}{4E}$

M. Freund, Phys. Rev. D64 (2001) 053003

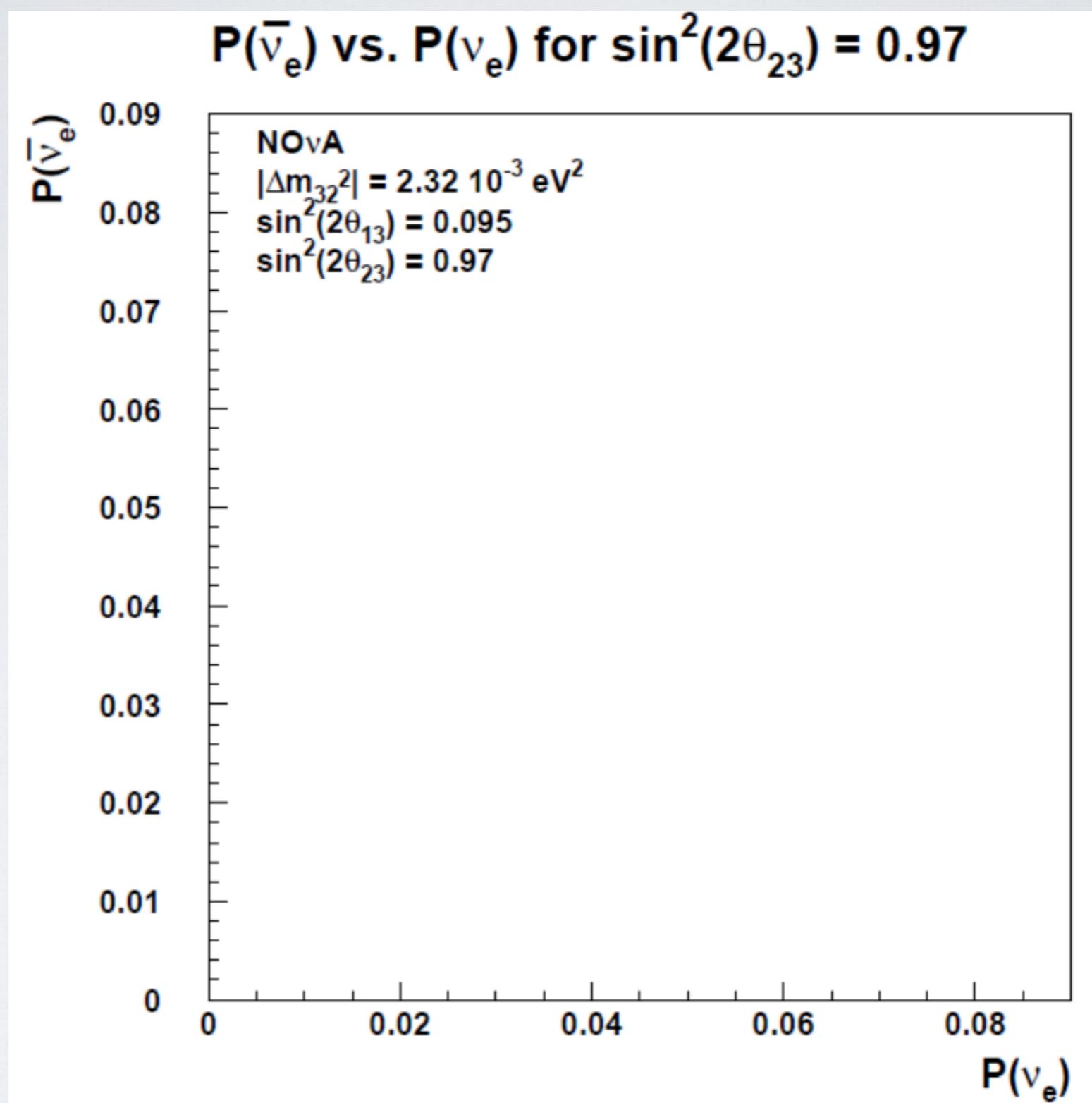
- Proportional to $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23})$
- Appearance enhanced/suppressed depending on value of δ_{CP} and mass hierarchy



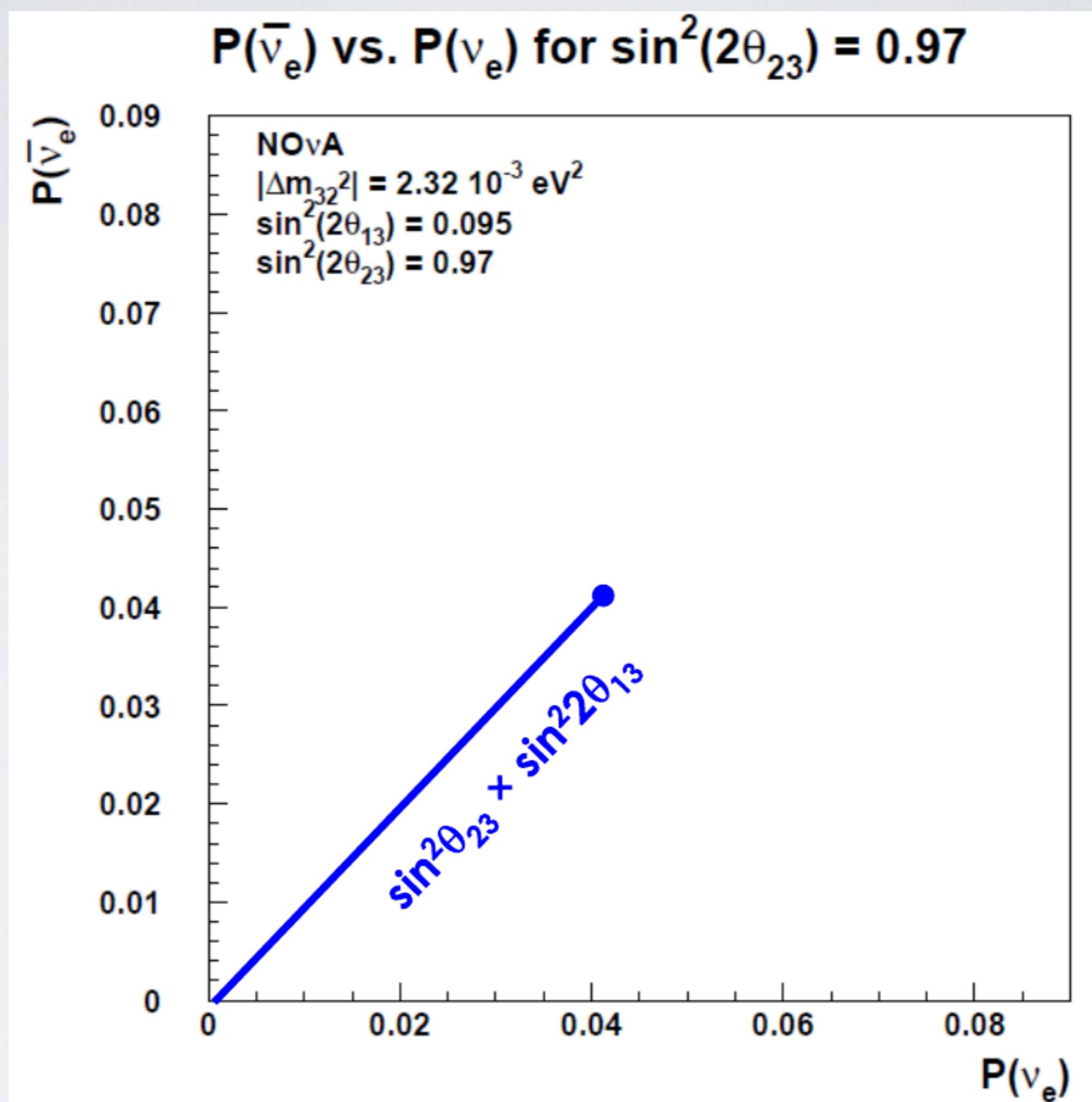
- The mixing matrix
 - θ_{23} , θ_{13} , δ_{CP} , θ_{12}
- The mass differences
 - Δm^2_{32} , Δm^2_{21}
- The mass hierarchy
 - sign of Δm^2_{32}



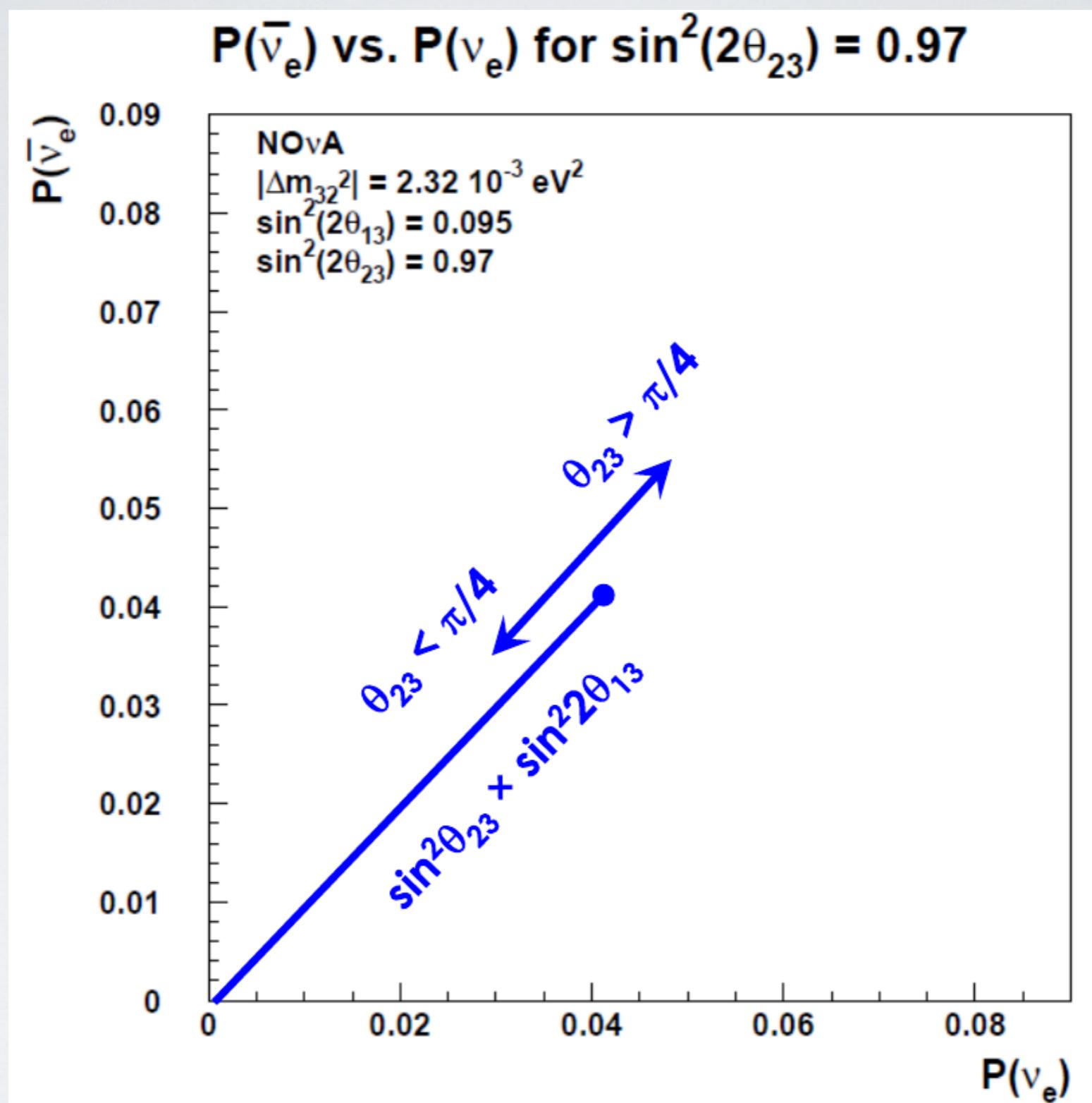
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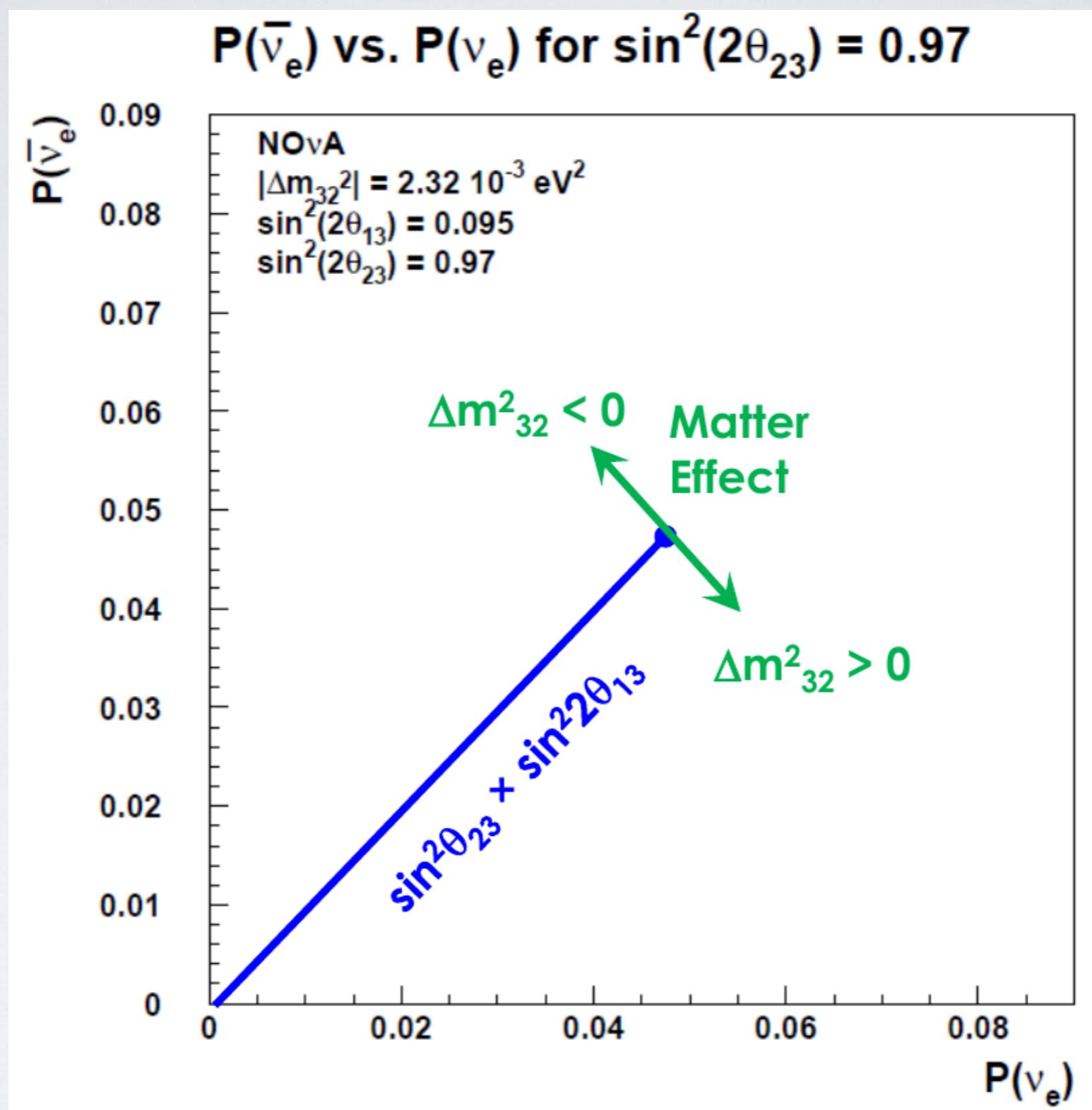
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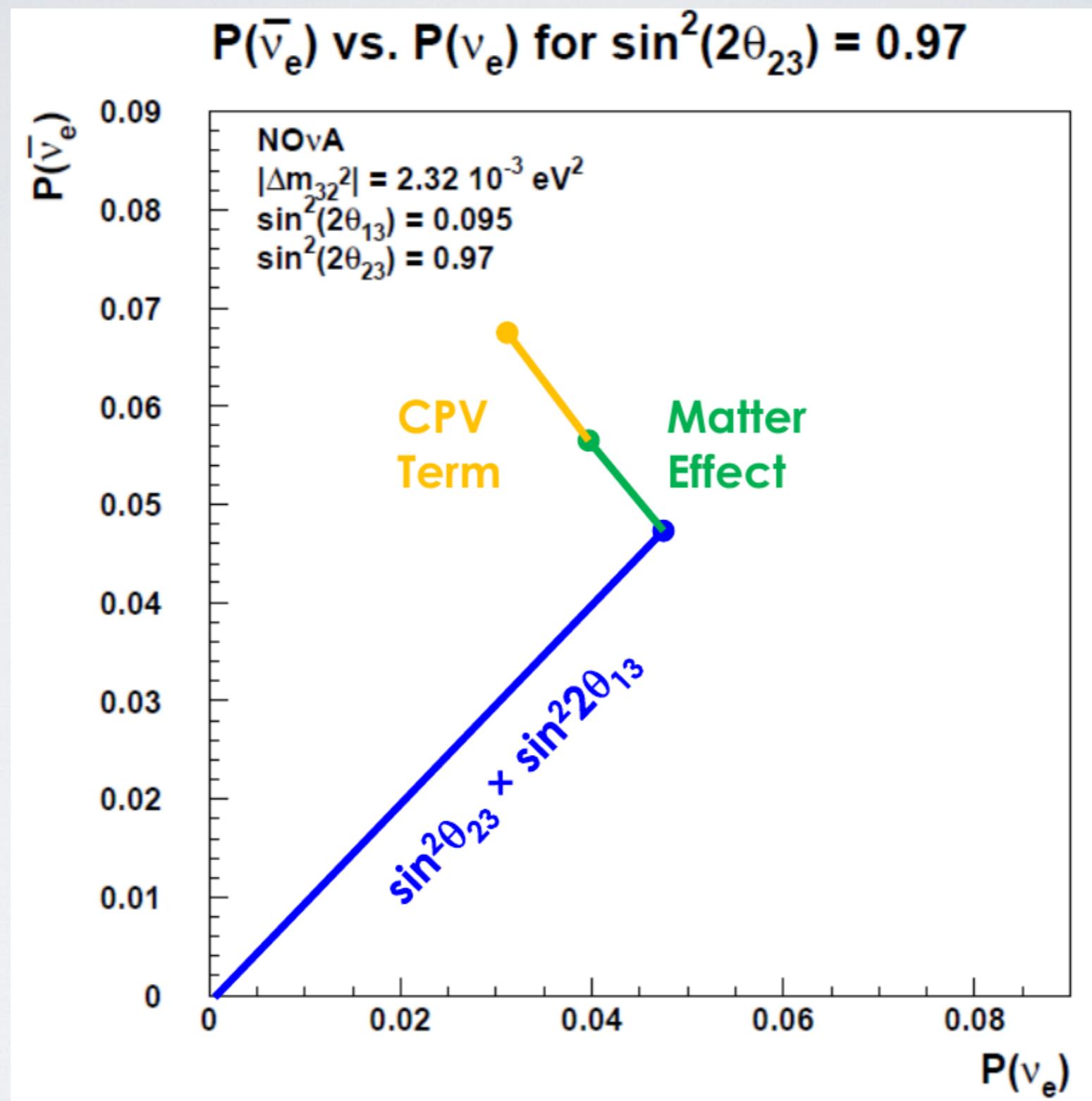
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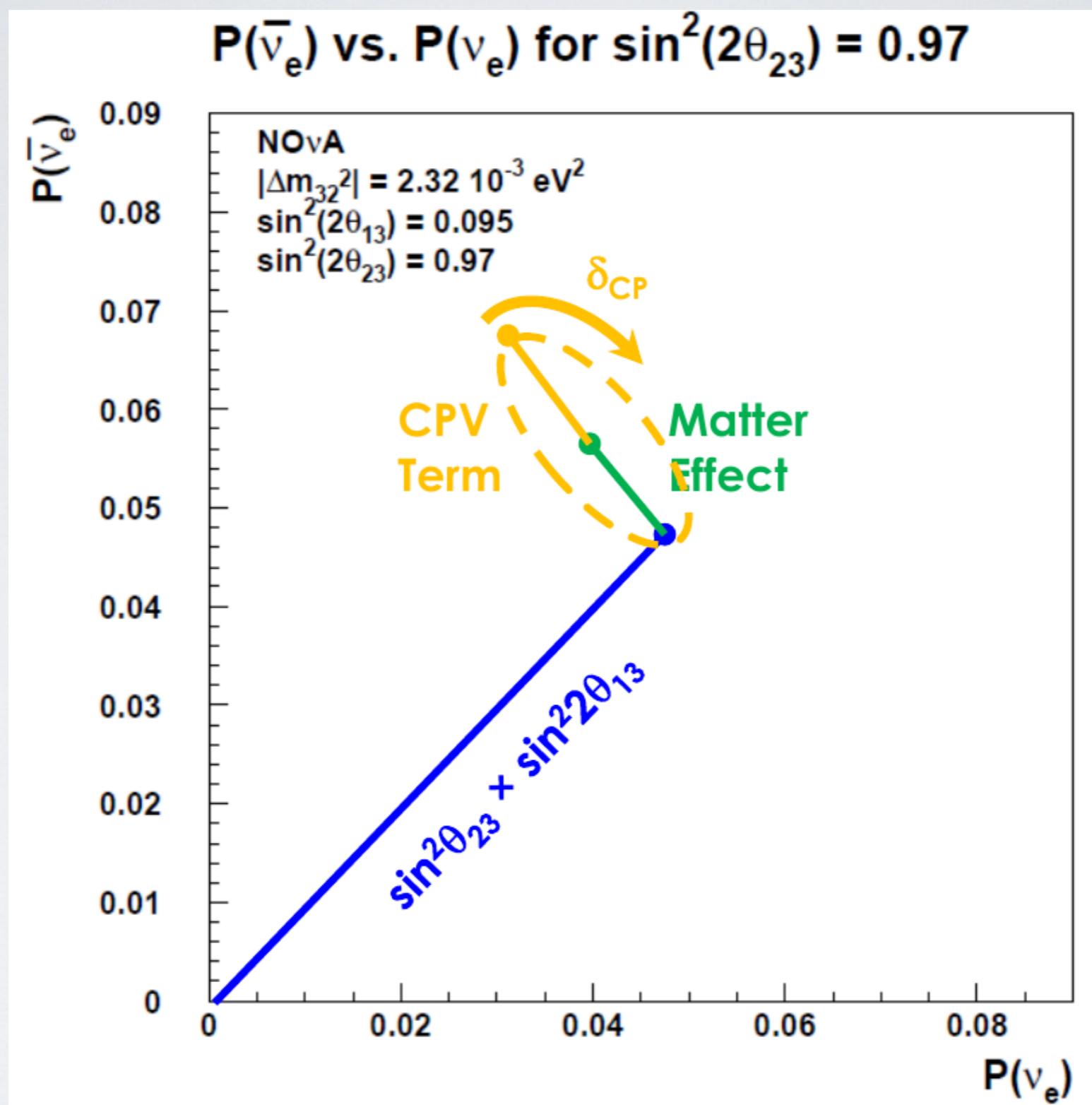
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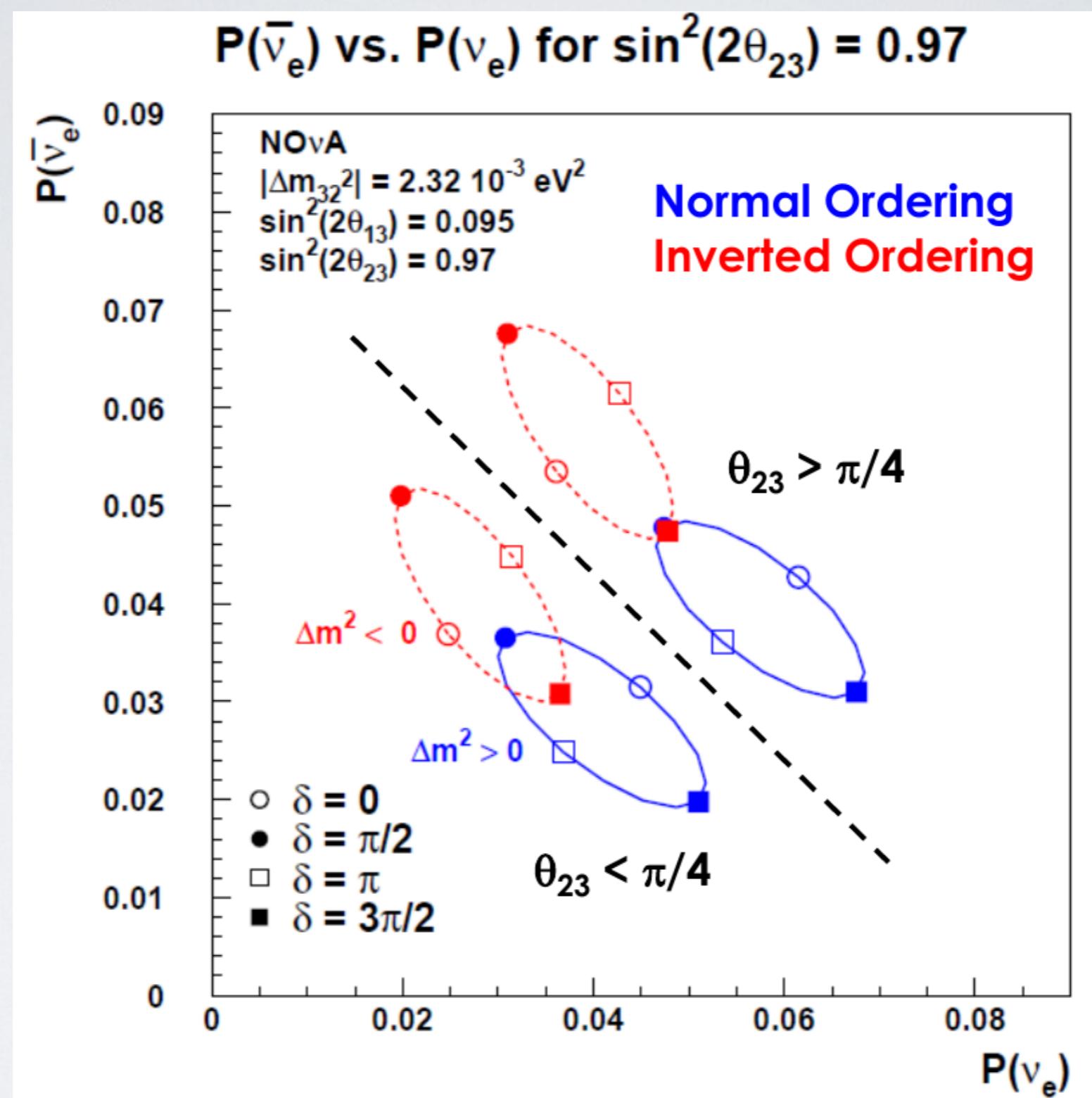
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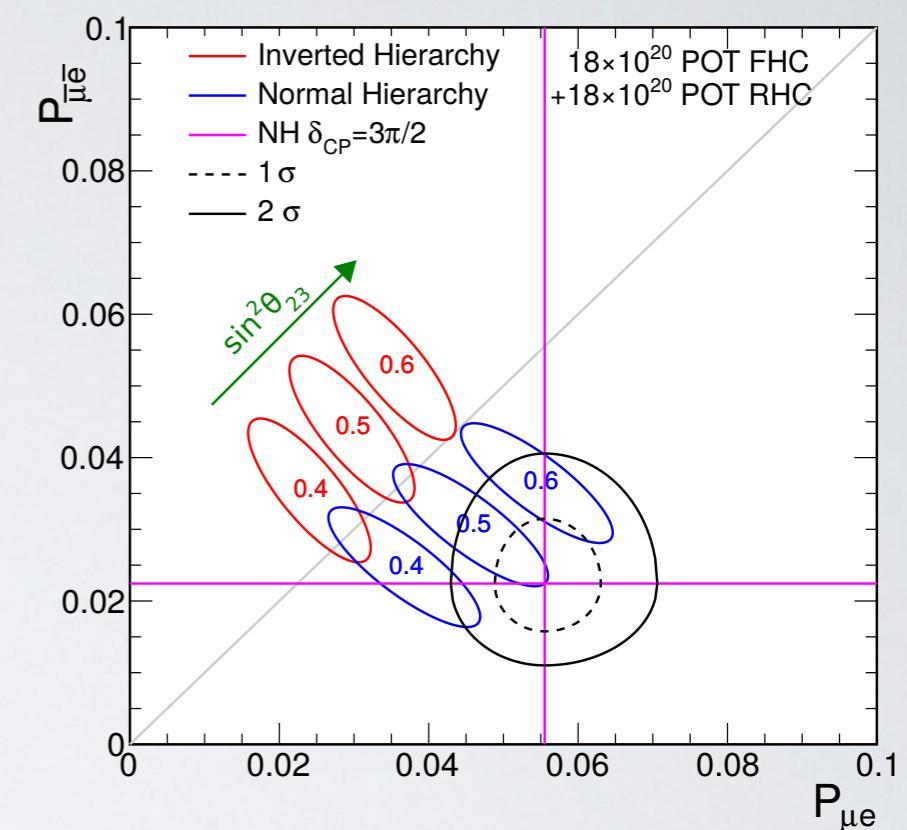
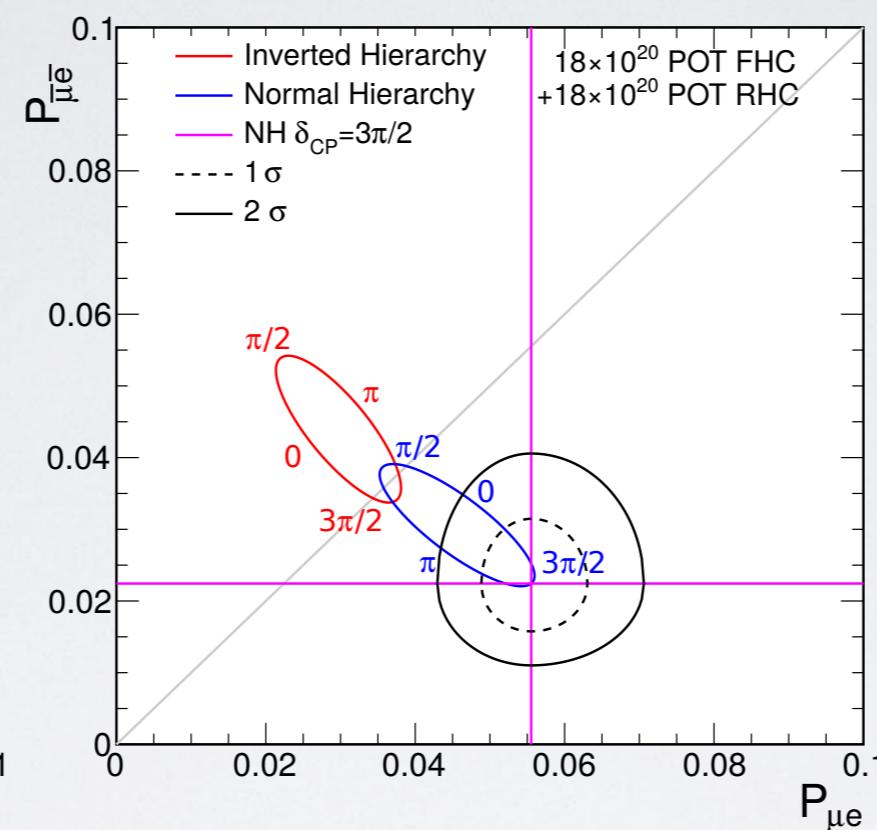
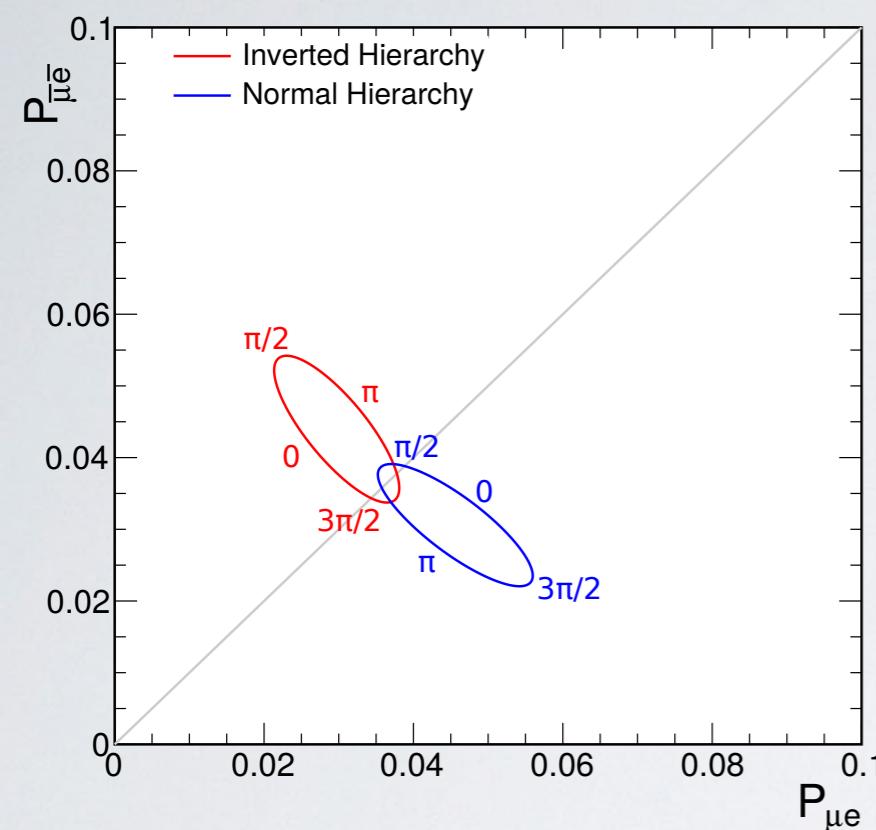
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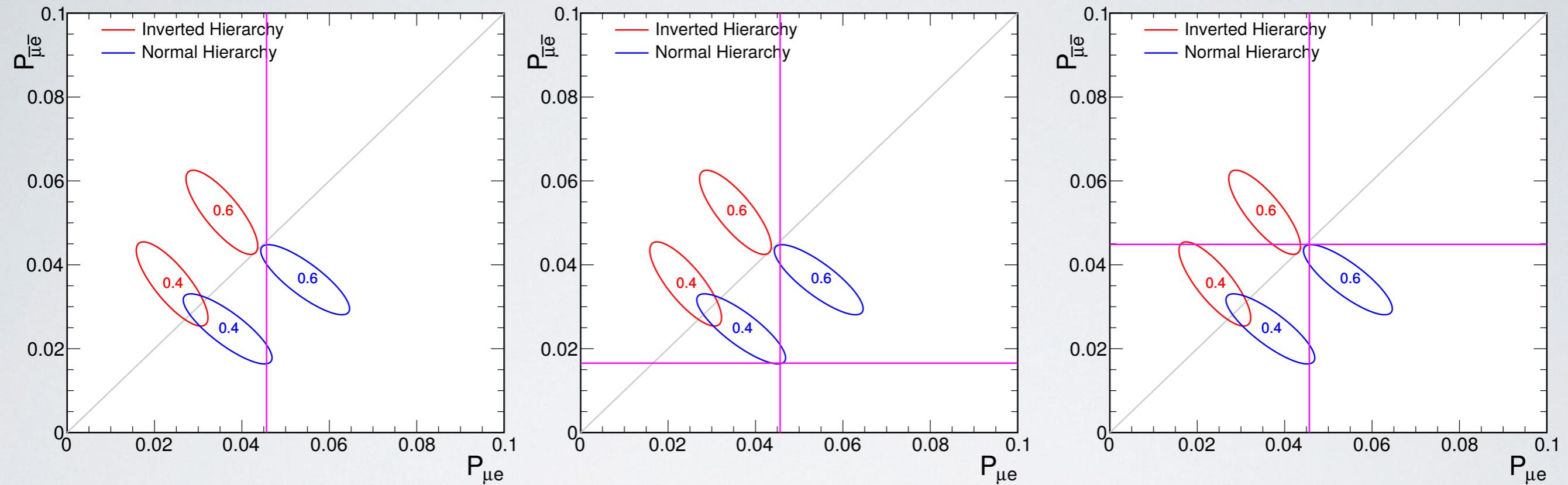


To first order, one measures $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ and $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$
These depend on the MH and δ_{CP}

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

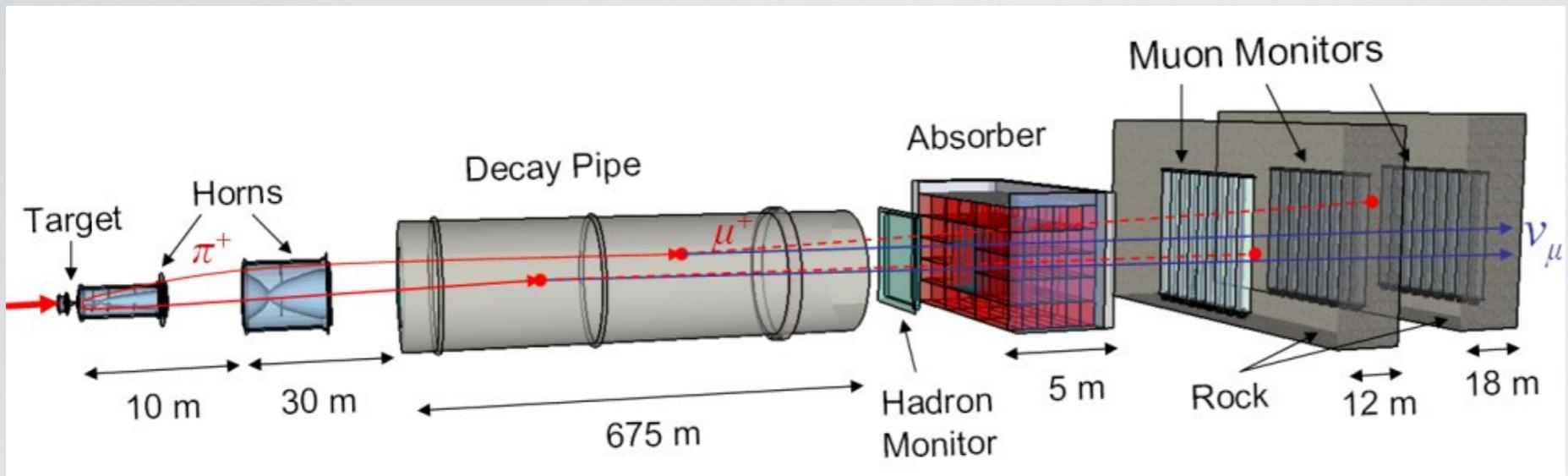
Bi-probabilities II (e.g. NOvA)



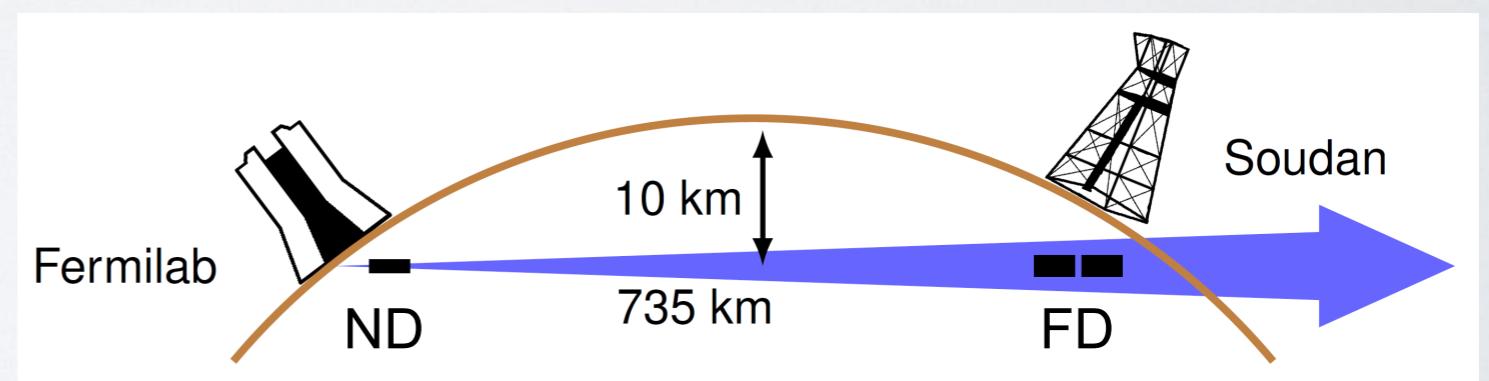
If the scenario is not so clear, antineutrino data help breaking the degeneracies

More than a factor 2 difference in the rate of antineutrinos between solutions

Long-baseline



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



Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments

1st generation
(past)

2nd generation
(present)

3rd generation
(future)

- MINOS / MINOS+
- K2K

- NOvA
- T2K
- OPERA

- DUNE
- Hyper-K

Firmly established 3-flavour scenario

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

Optimised for electron-neutrino appearance
Constraints on δ_{CP} , mass hierarchy and octant

Precision measurement of δ_{CP} and the remaining unknowns

Key features of 2nd generation

- Narrow band (off-axis) beam
- Detectors optimised for:
 - ν_e flavour identification
 - ν_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

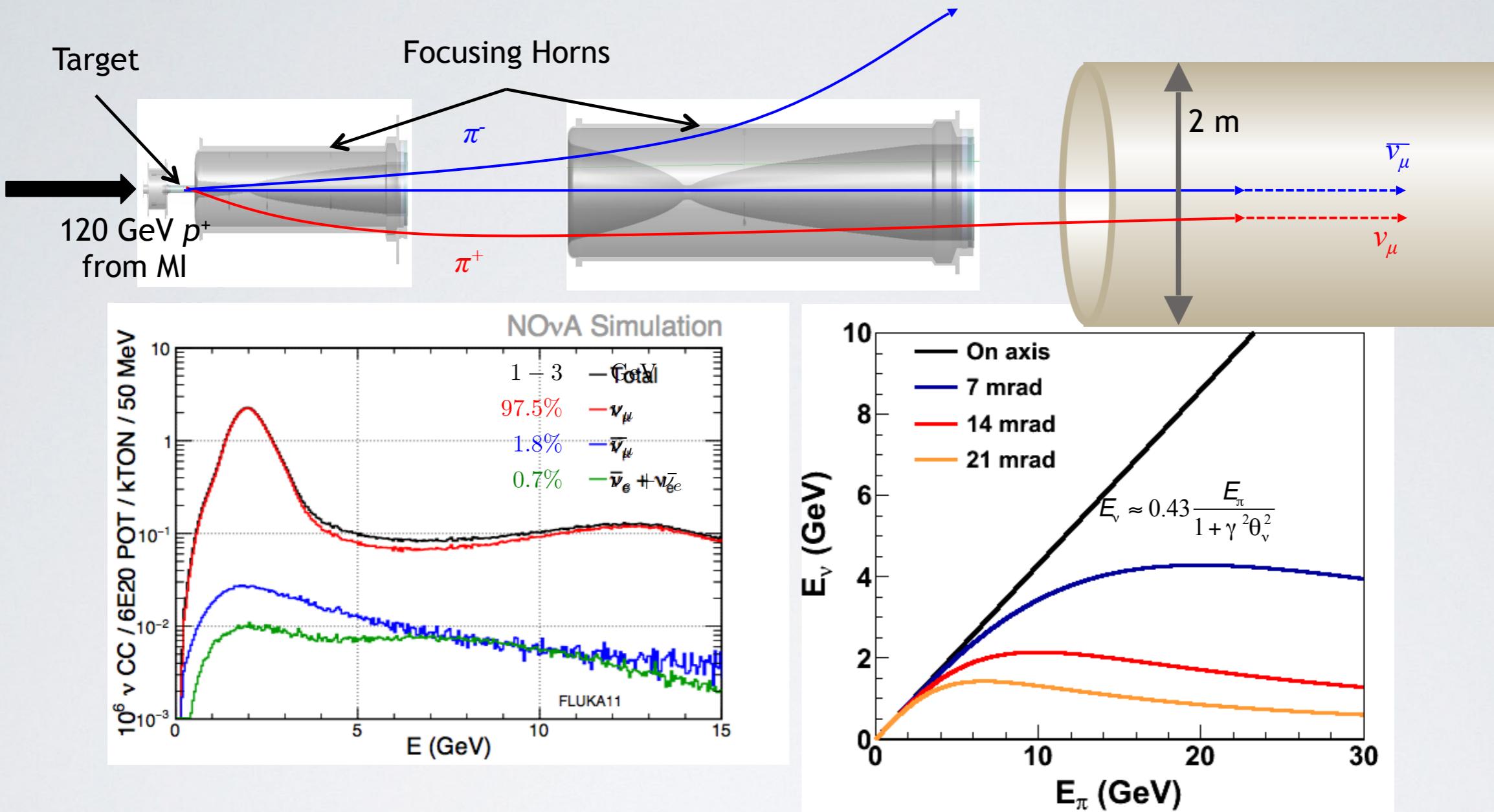
NOvA

T2K

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

- 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

Reduce background

Detailed reconstruction

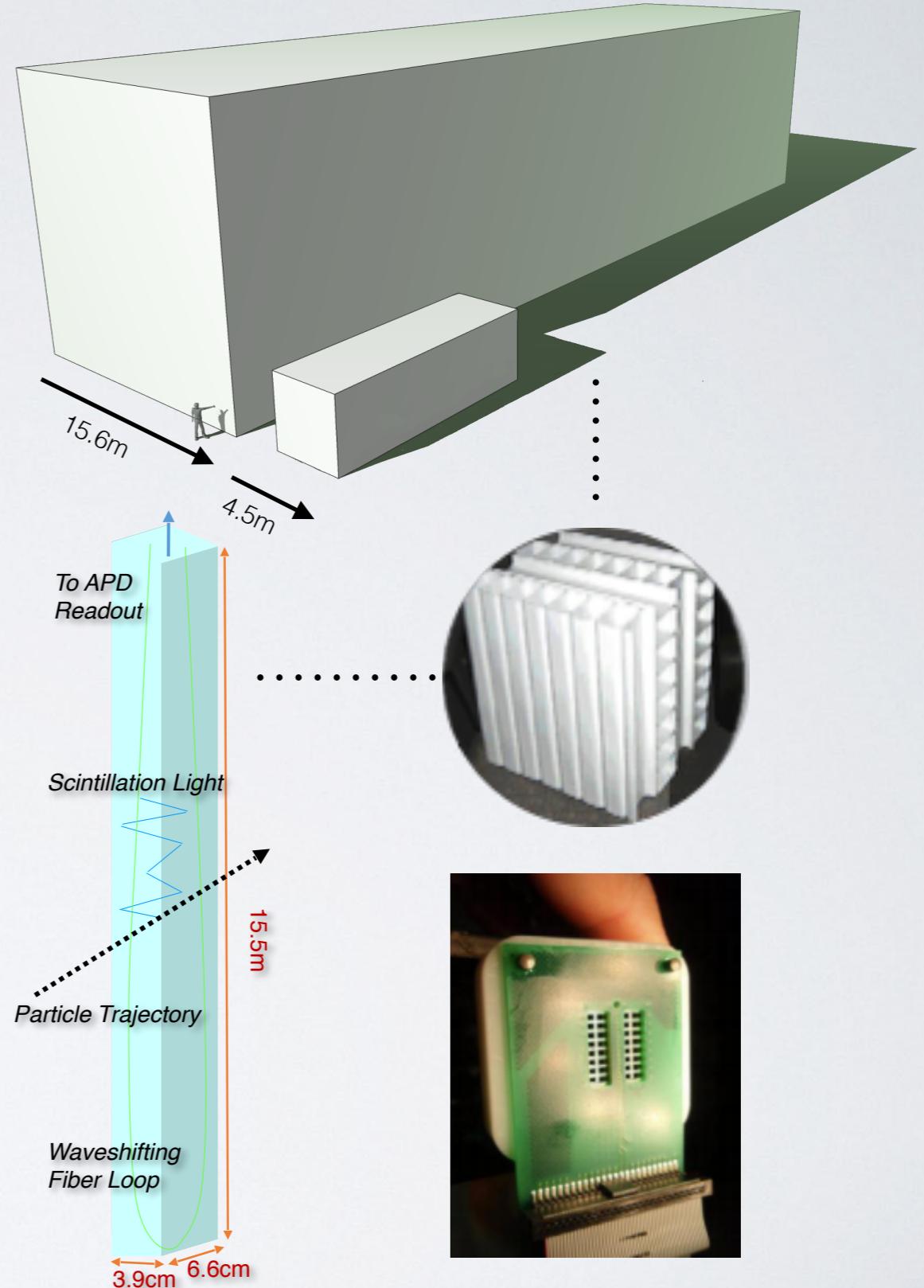
- Large and massive detector
- Limited passive material (highly active)
- High intensity beam

- Off-axis: smaller NC and ν_μ background
- low Z: identify gaps and distinguish electrons from photons
- Optimise L/E

- High granularity
- Efficient signal collection: APDs

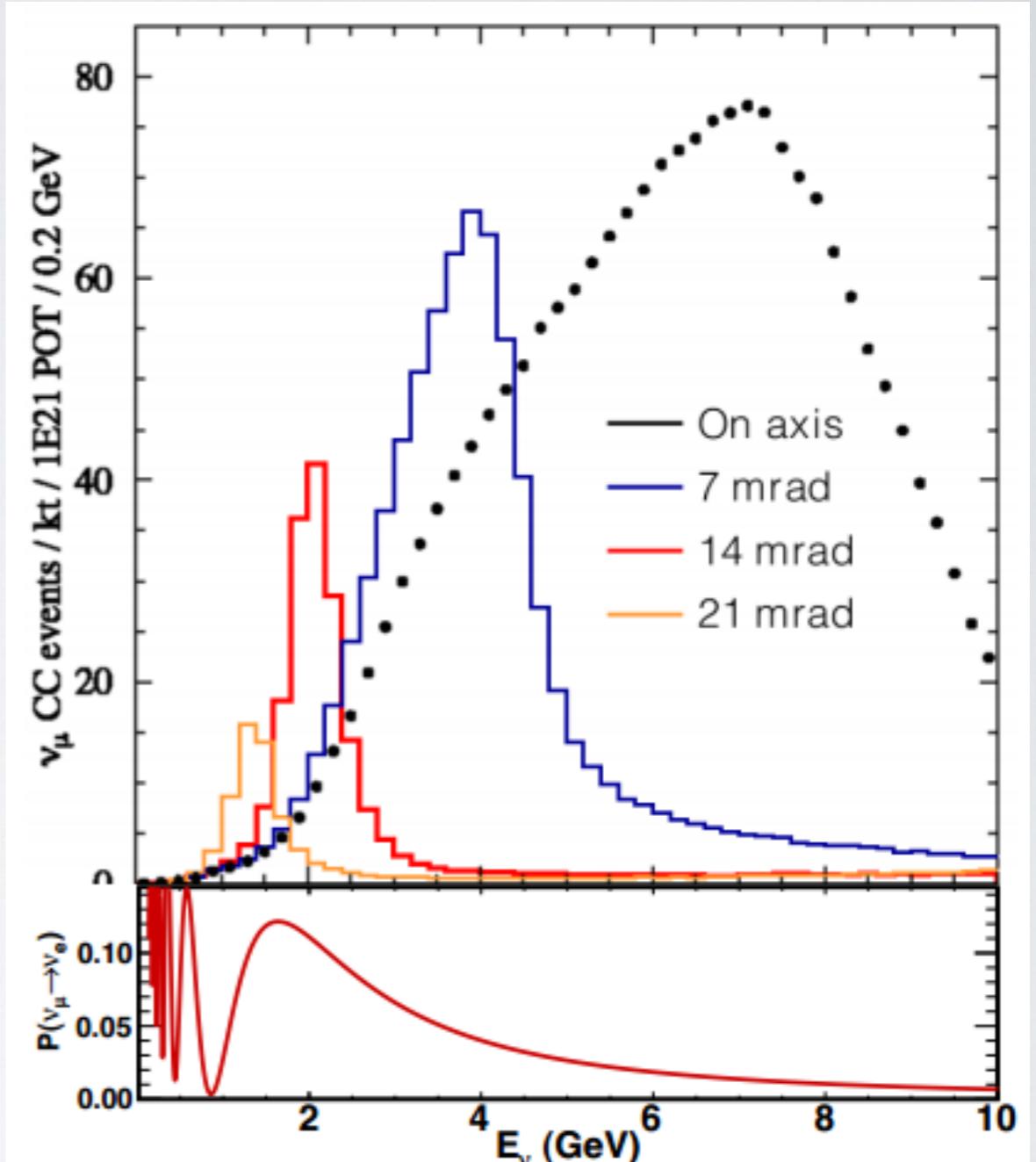
NOvA

- NuMI Off-Axis ν_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 ~ 405 km/GeV
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NEAR DETECTOR



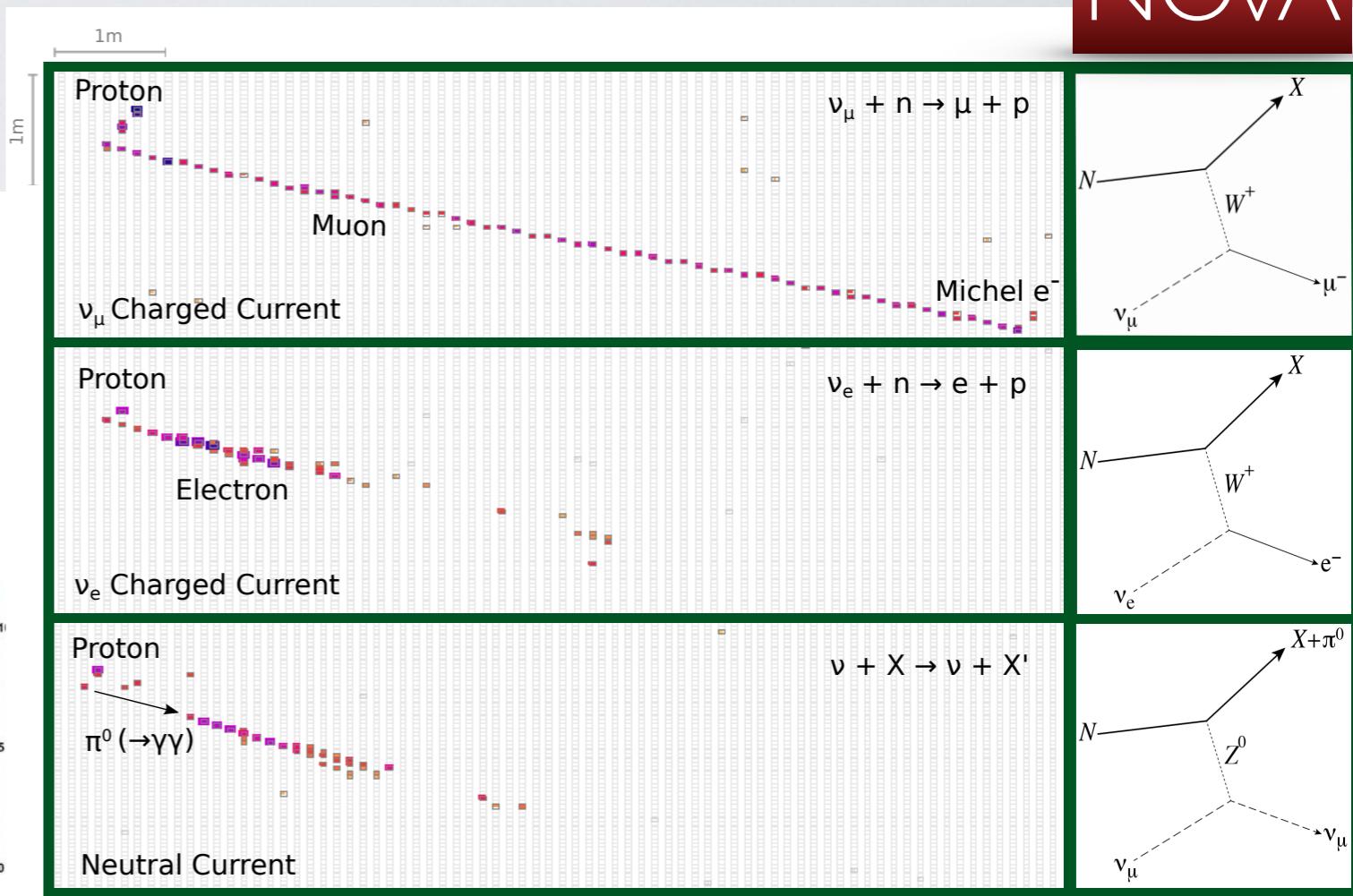
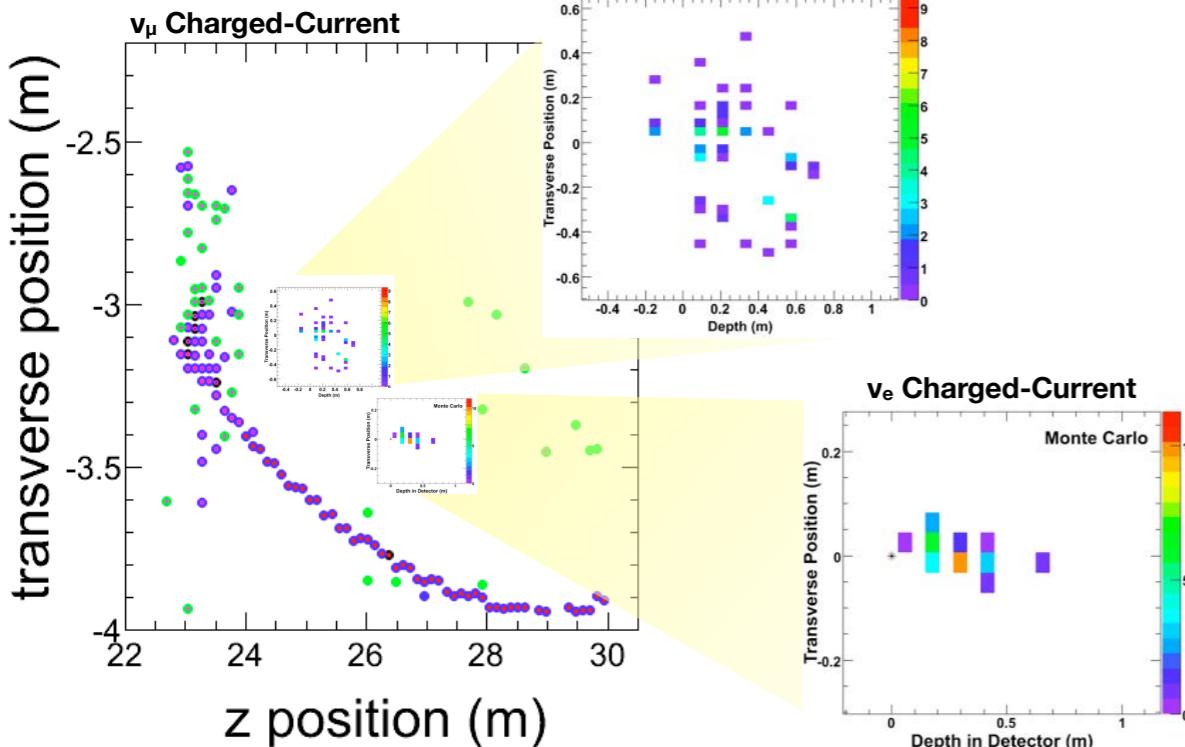
FAR DETECTOR



Event topologies

NOvA

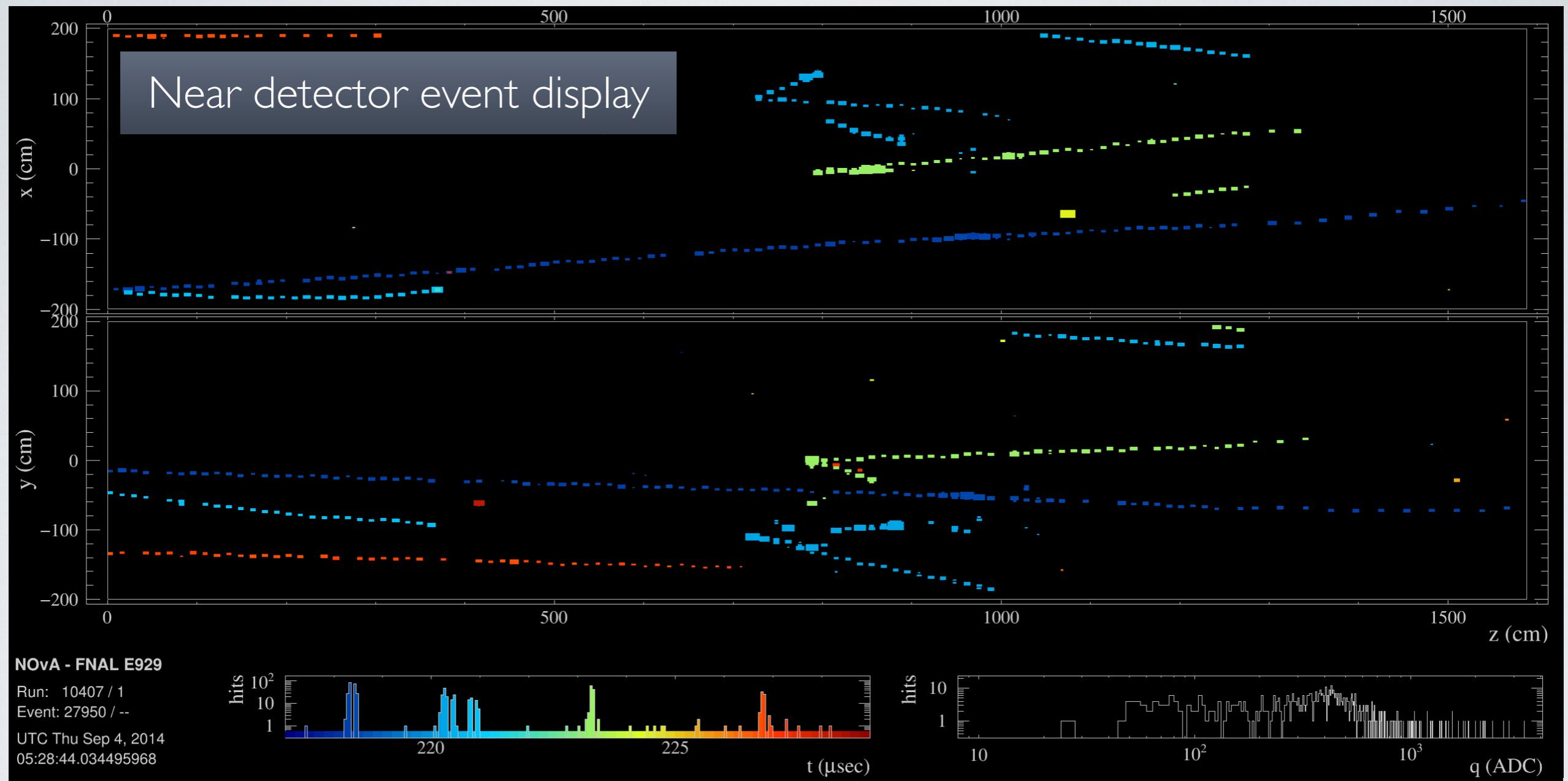
MINOS



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

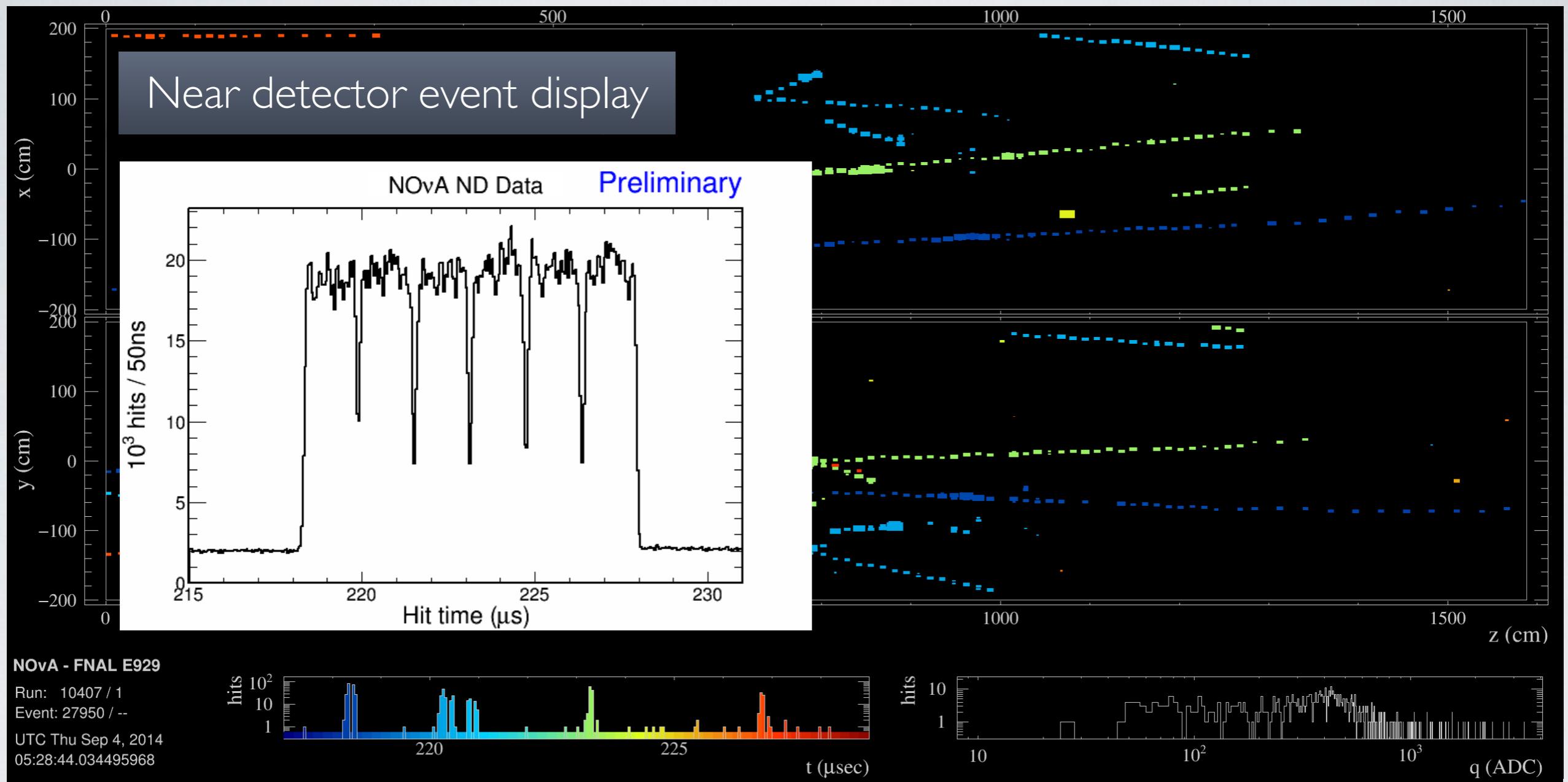
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(6 cell depths, 10 cell widths)

Real events (ND)



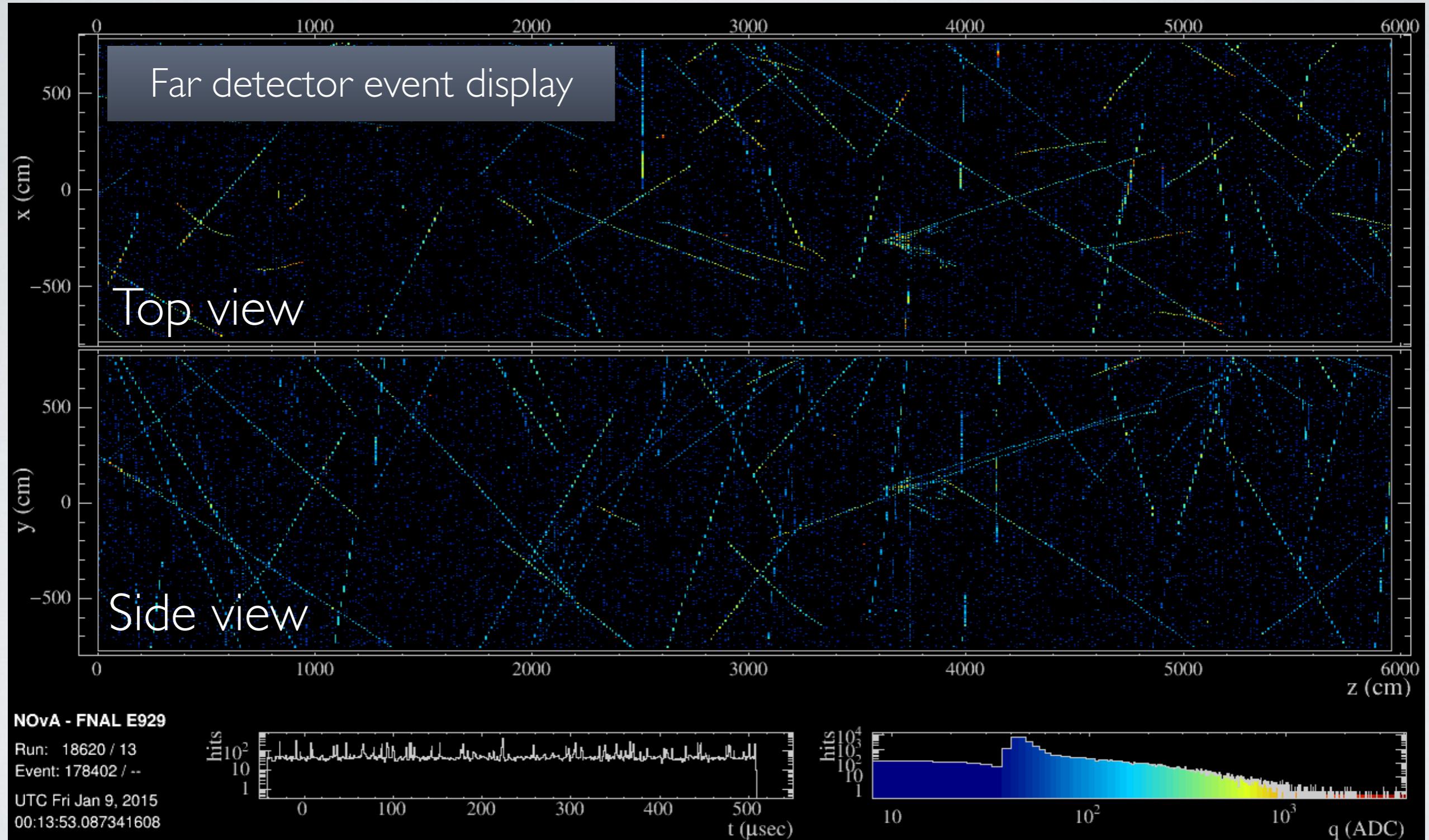
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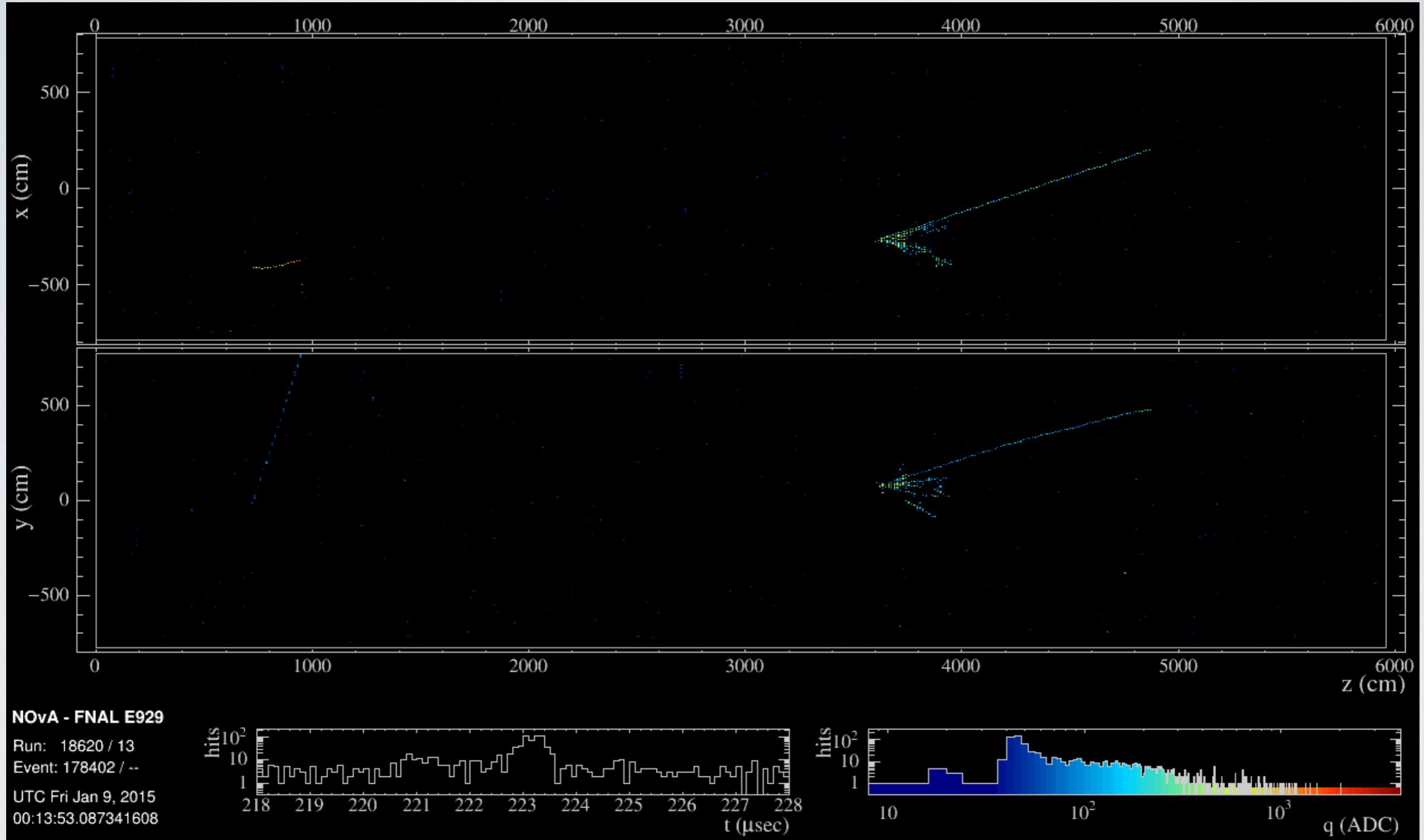
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Real events (FD)



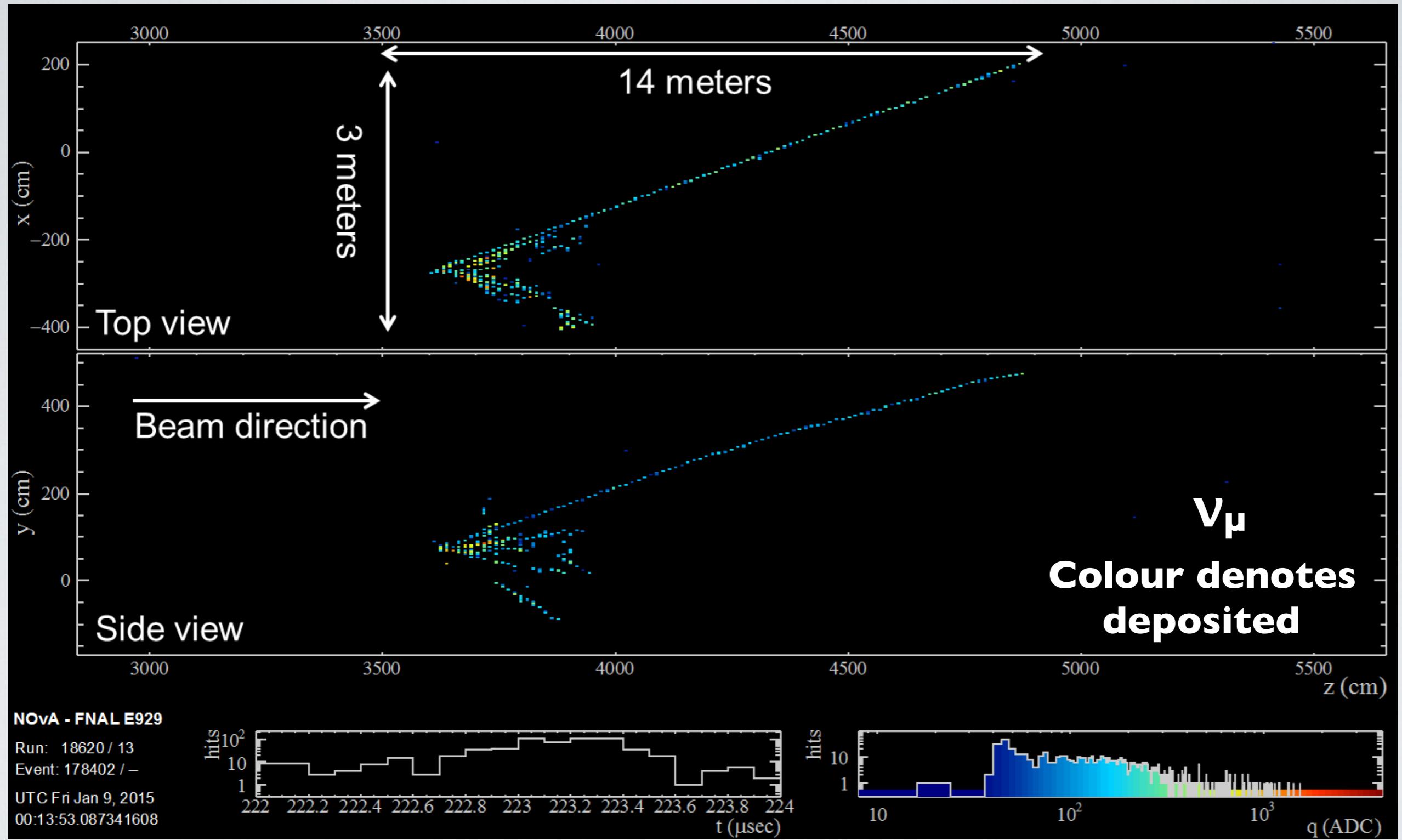
Full 550 μ s readout (colours show charge)

Real events (FD)



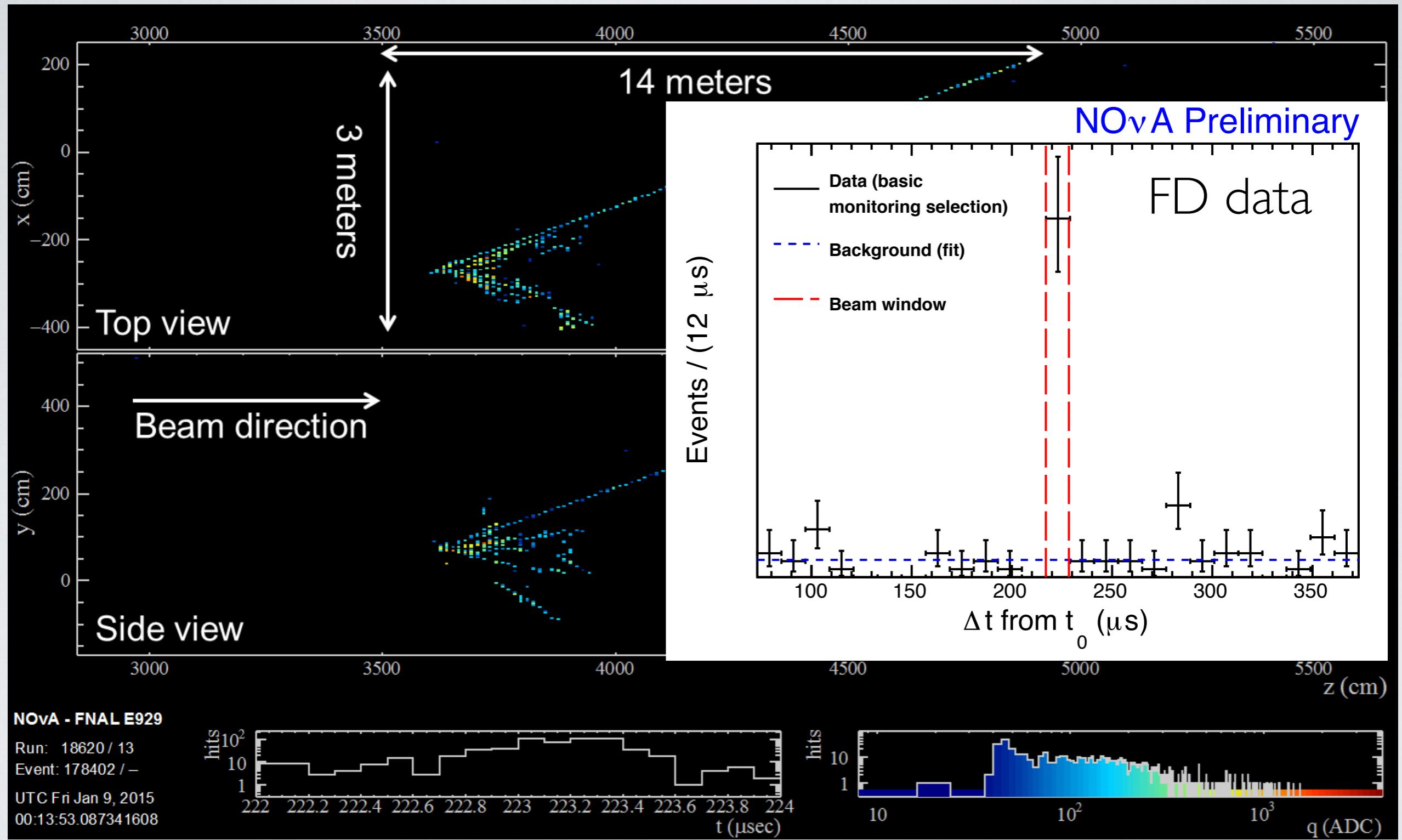
Zoomed on the 10 μ s beam spill window

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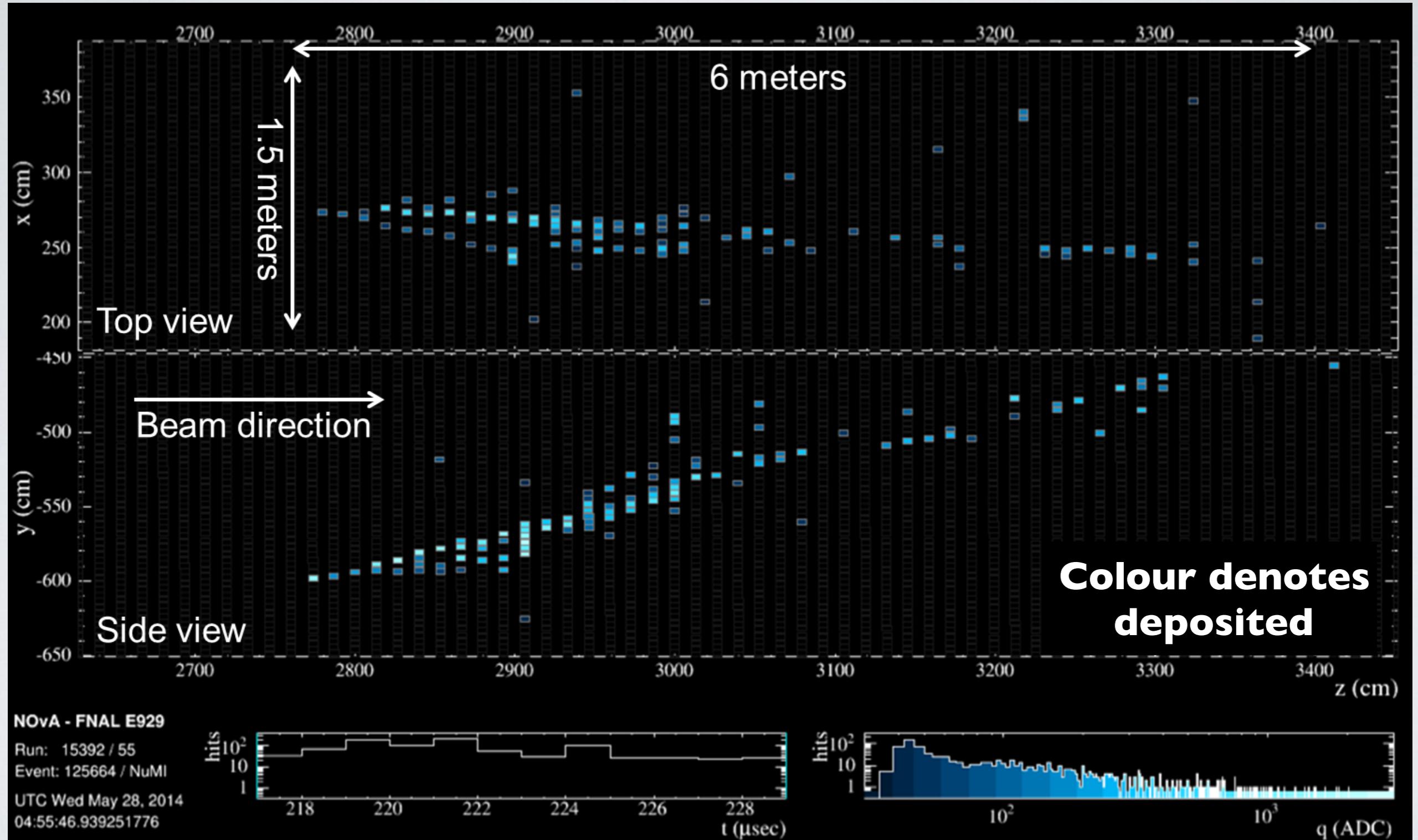
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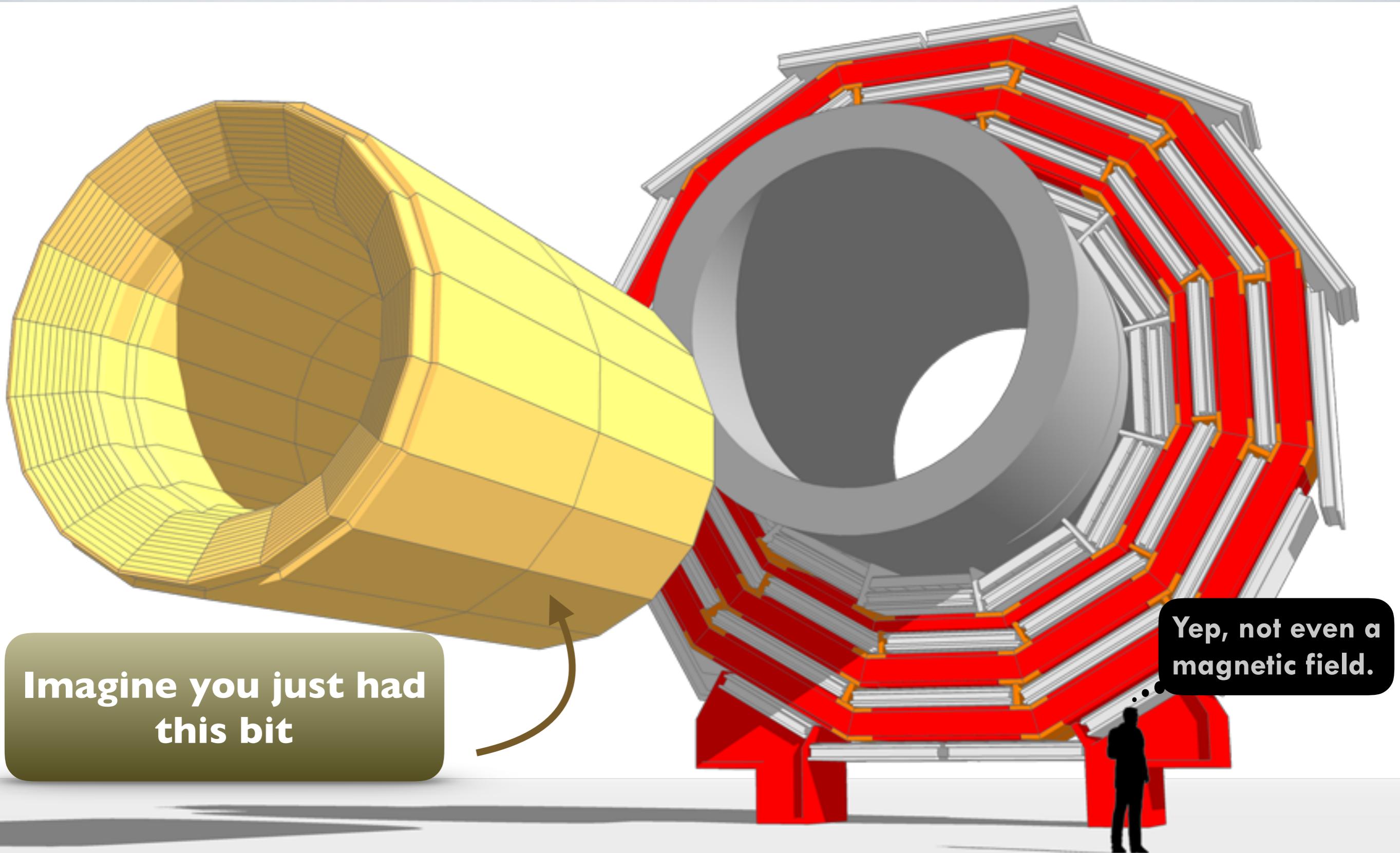


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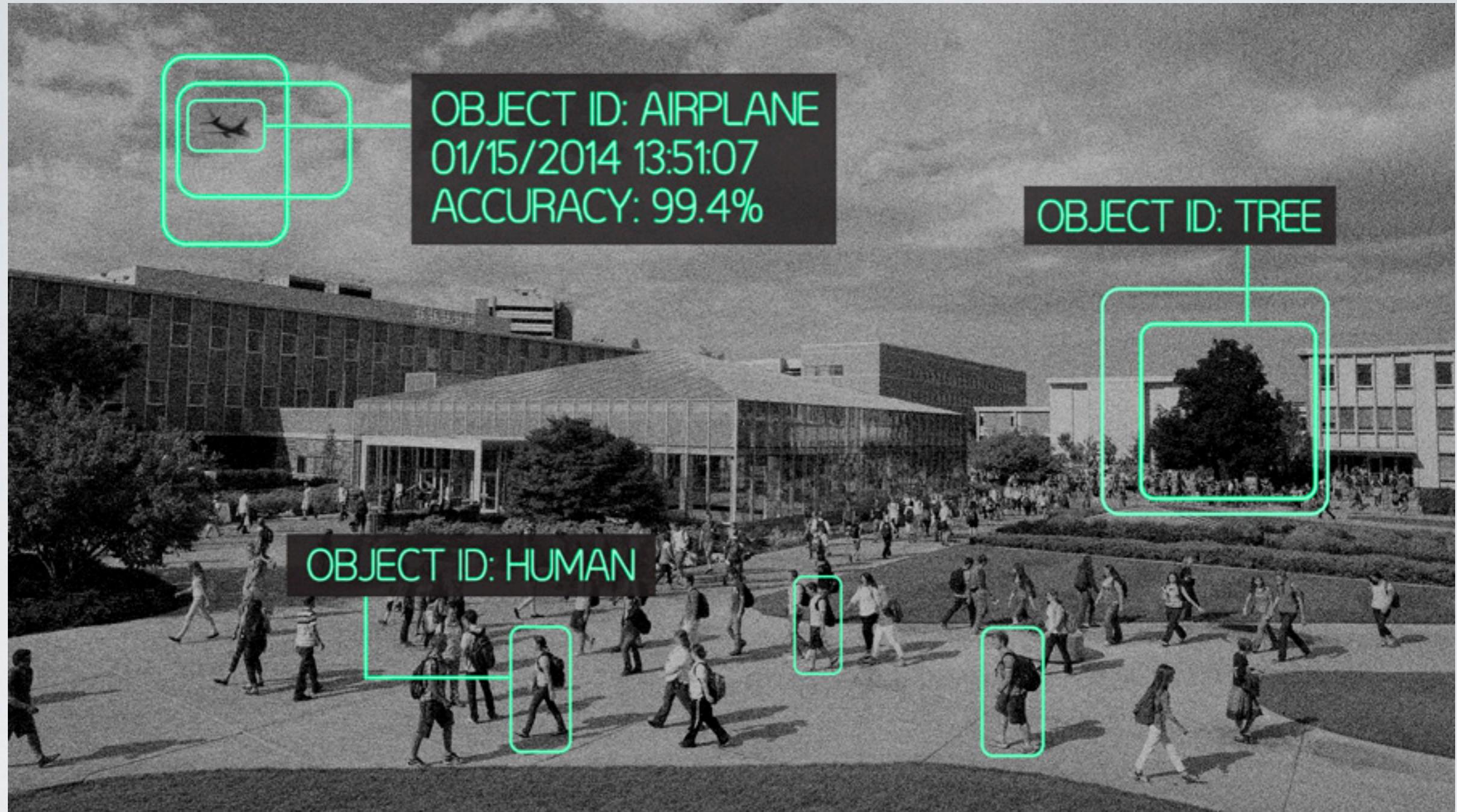
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Some collider context...



Convolutional neural network

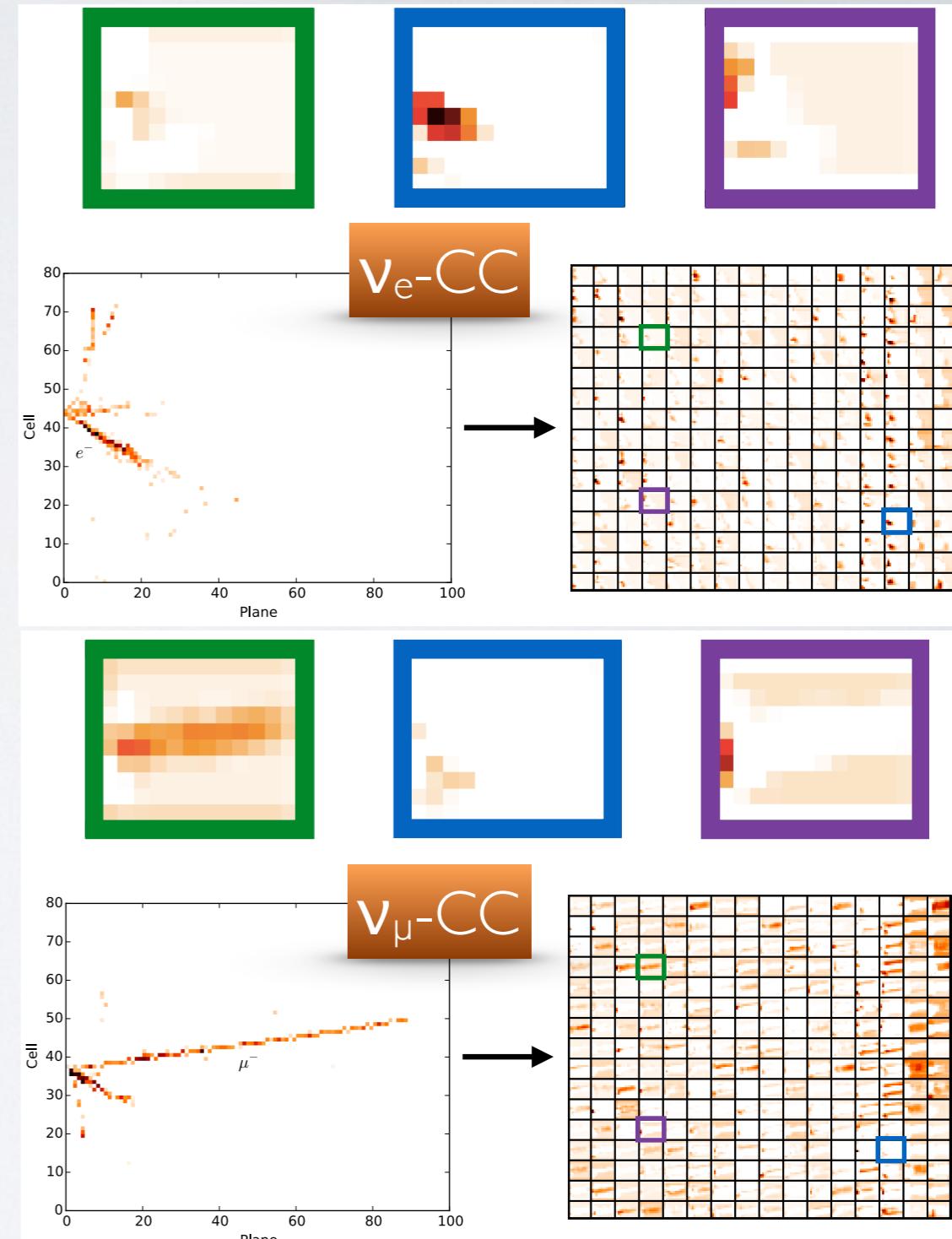


- First usage of image-recognition in particle physics
- Enormous potential both for this and the upcoming generation of experiments

Convolutional neural network

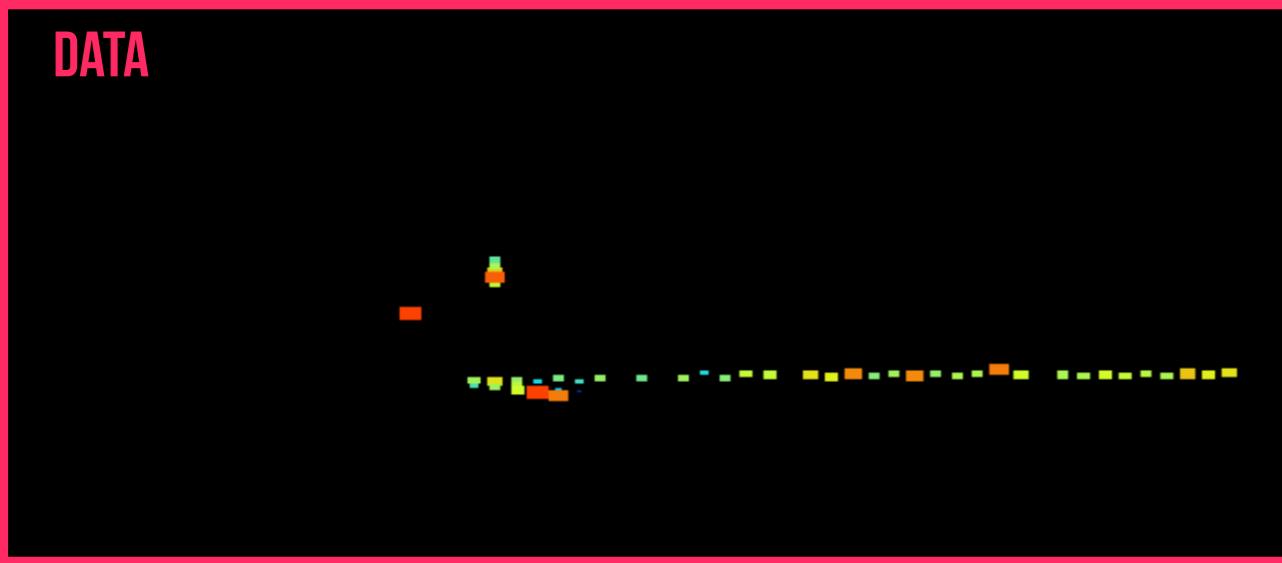
arXiv 1604.01444

- 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**

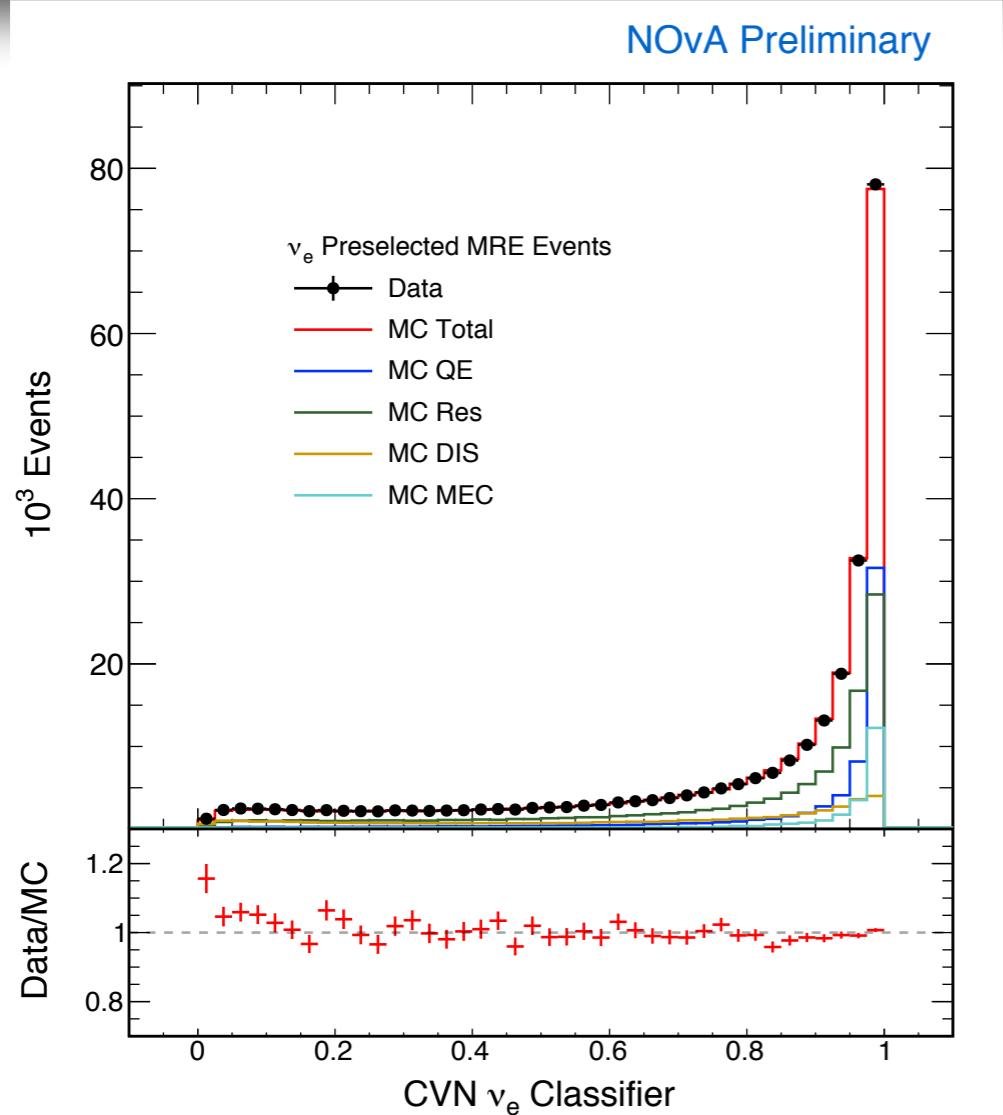


Assessing performance on real data

DATA



DATA $\mu \longleftrightarrow e$



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.

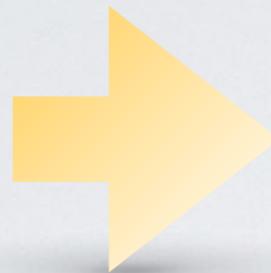
| PID | Sample | Preselection | PID | Efficiency | Efficiency diff % |
|-----|--------|--------------|--------|------------|-------------------|
| CVN | Data | 262884 | 188809 | 0.718222 | - |
| | MC | 277320 | 199895 | 0.720809 | -0.36% |

MUON NEUTRINO DISAPPEARANCE

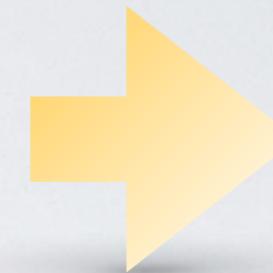


Disappearance analysis in a nutshell...

Identify contained
 ν_μ CC events in
both detectors

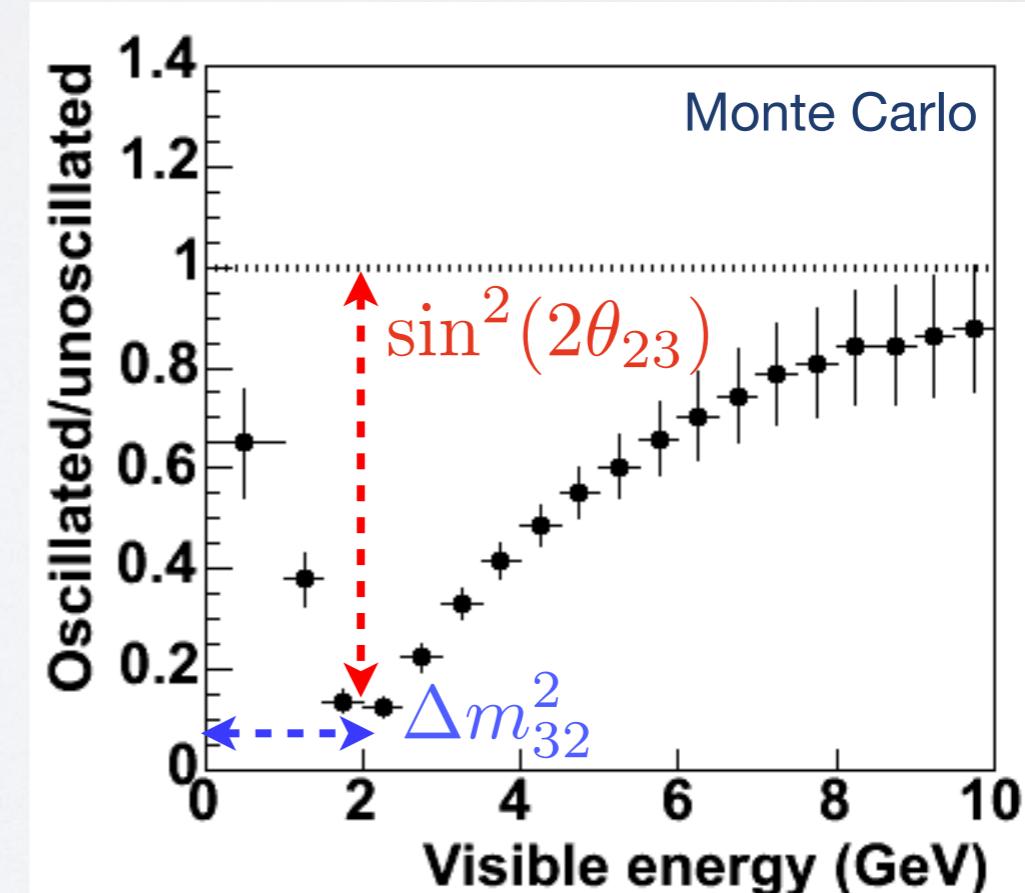
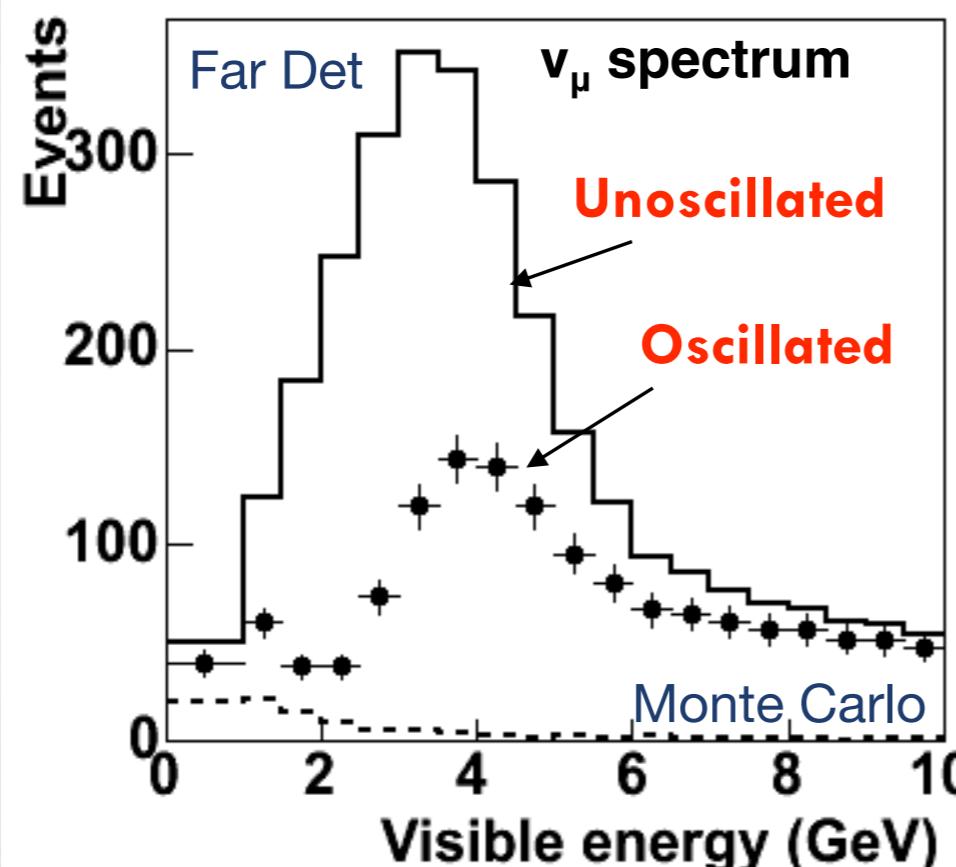


Measure both
energy spectra

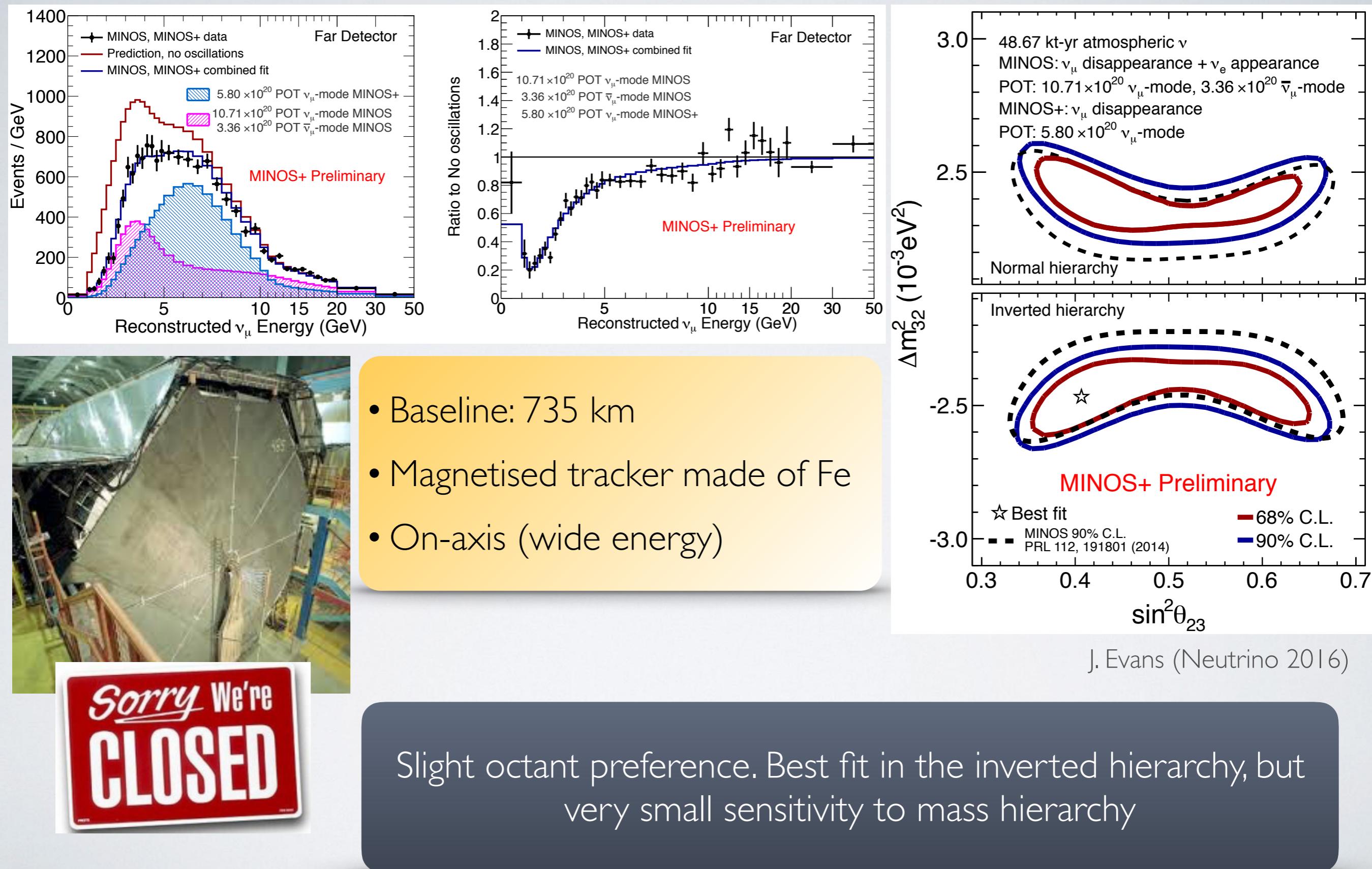


Measure oscillation
from comparison
between near and
far energy spectra

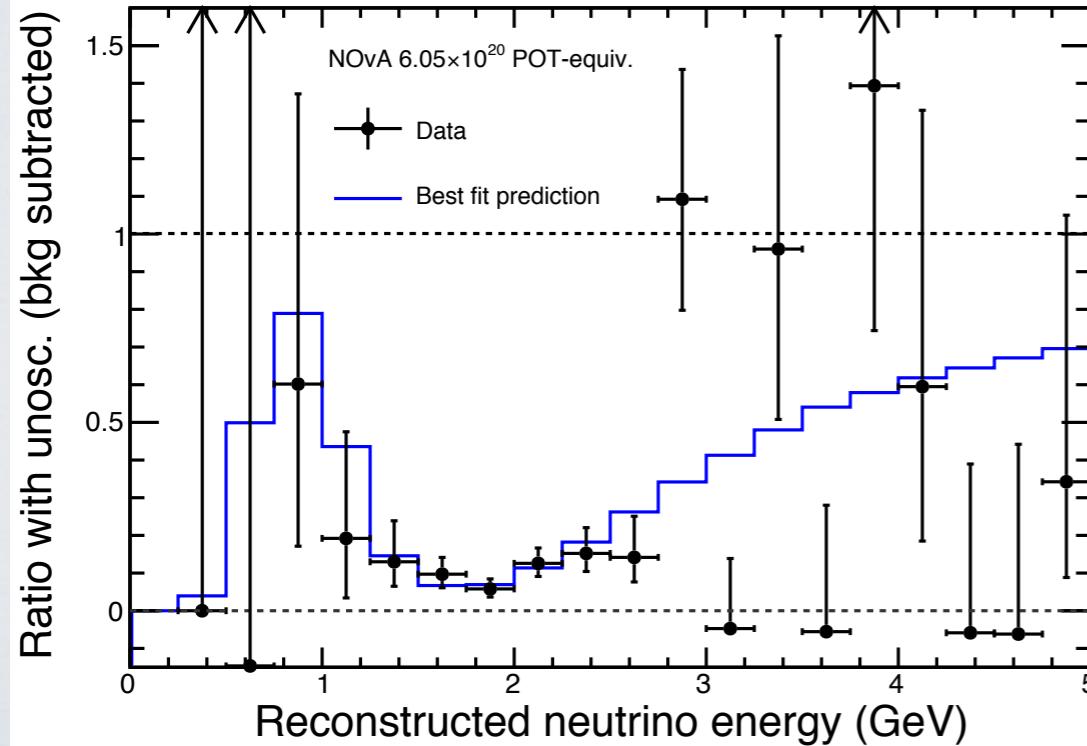
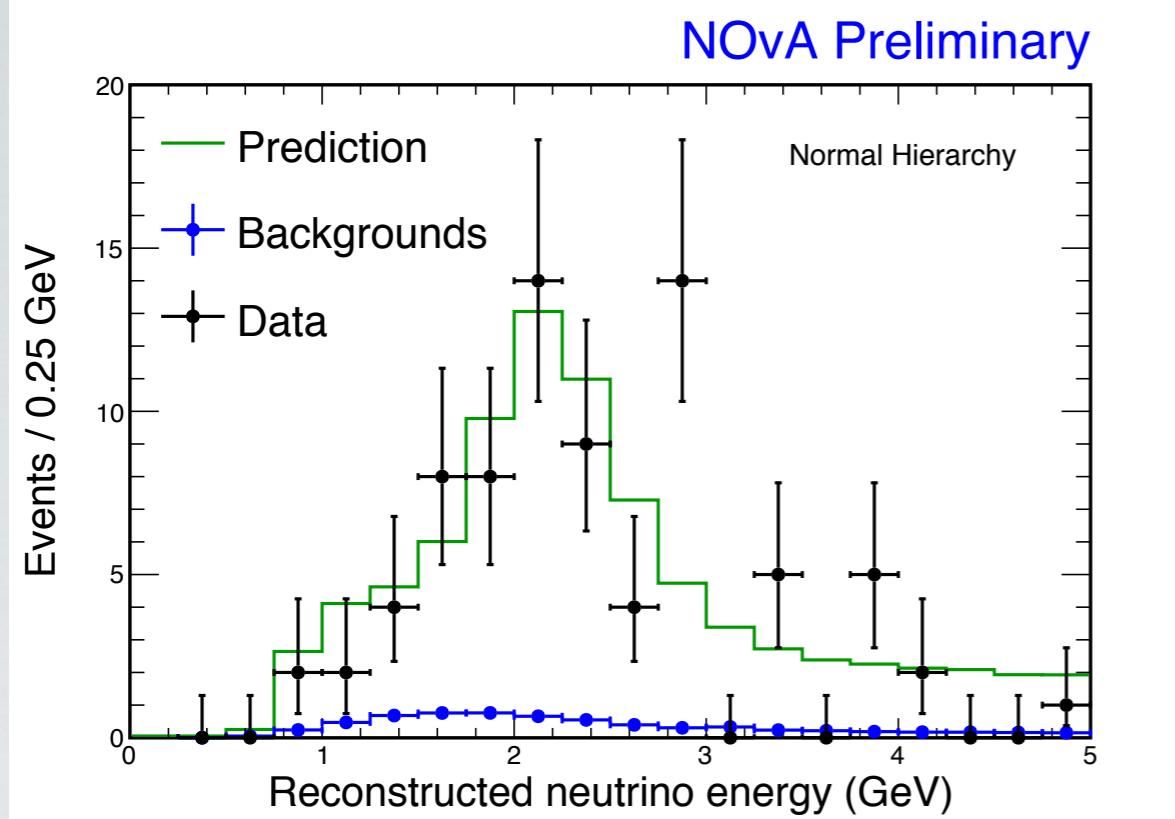
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \simeq 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2 \left(1.267 \Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E} \right)$$



MINOS/MINOS+



NOvA

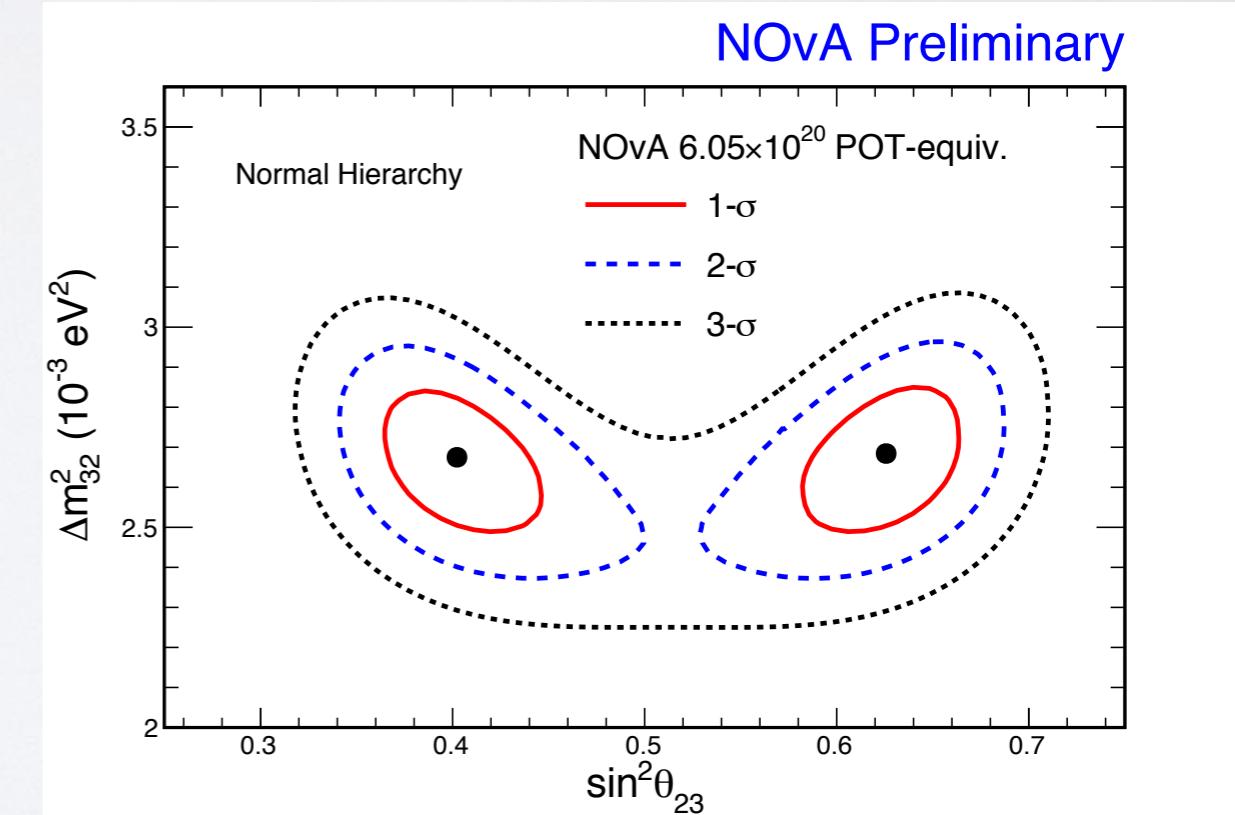


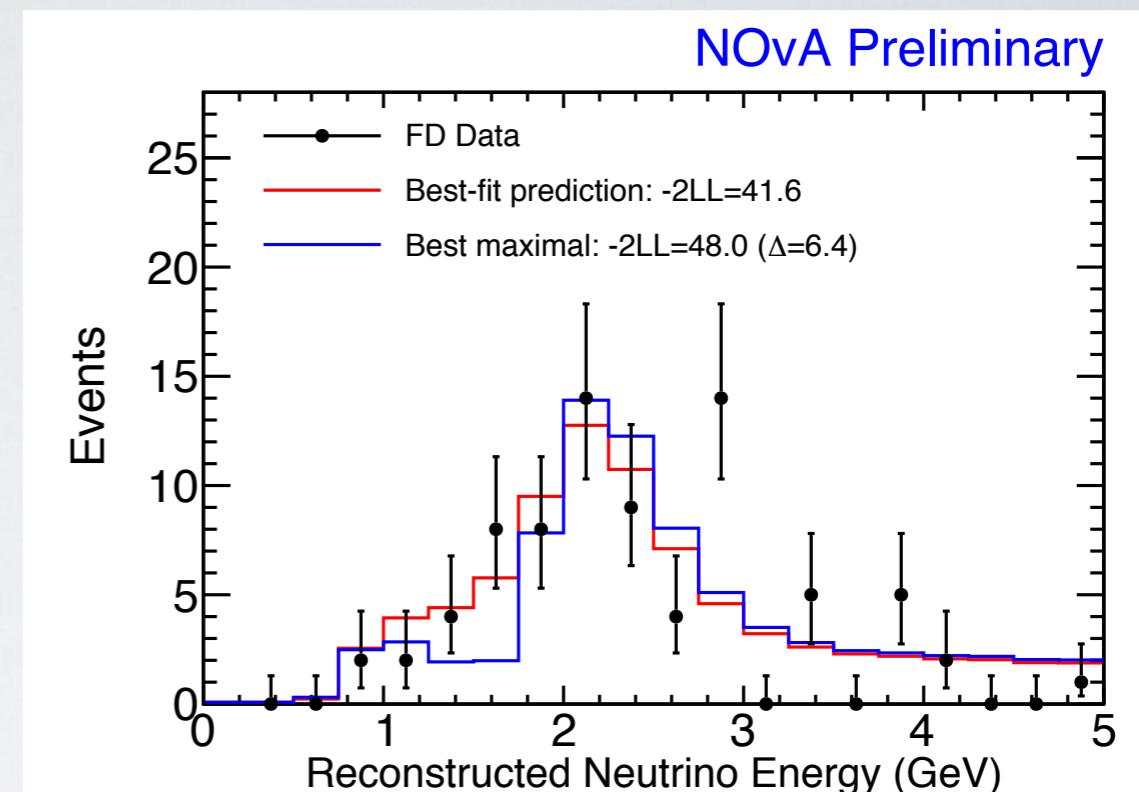
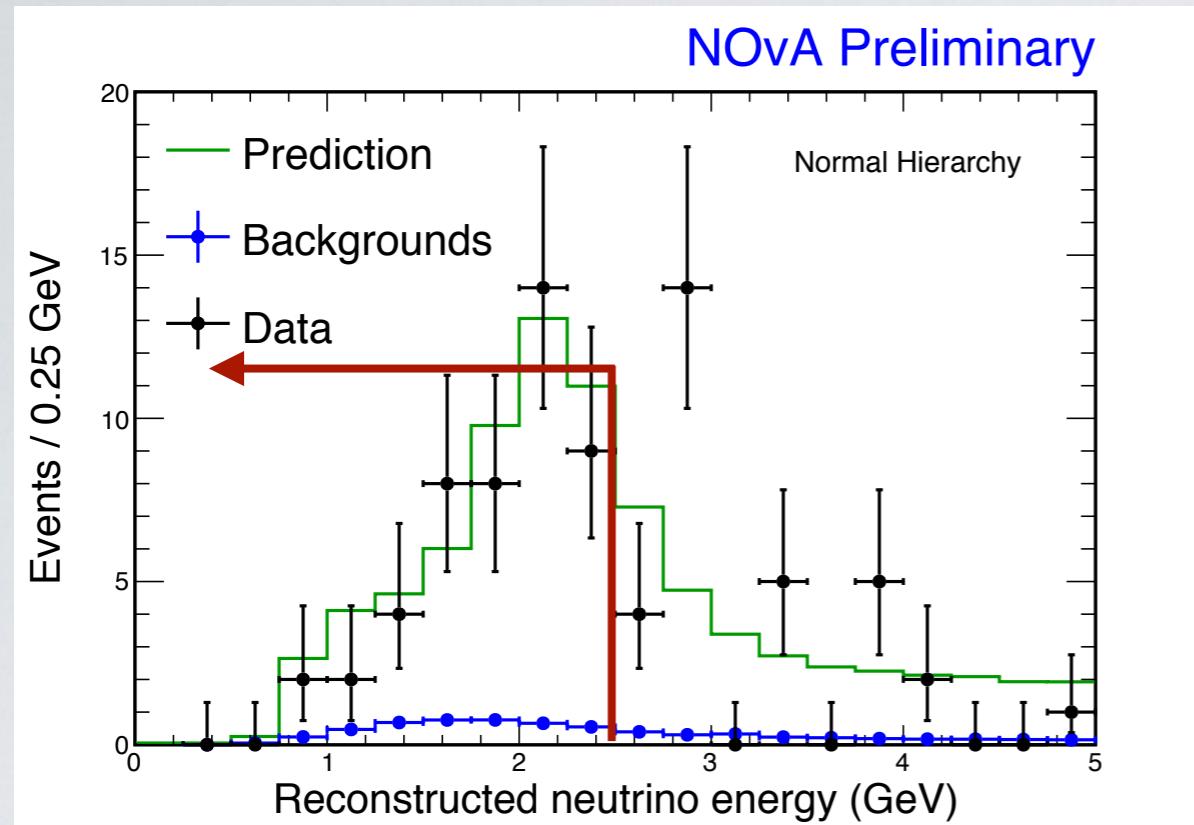
- 473 expected without oscillations
- 82 with oscillations. 78 observed

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

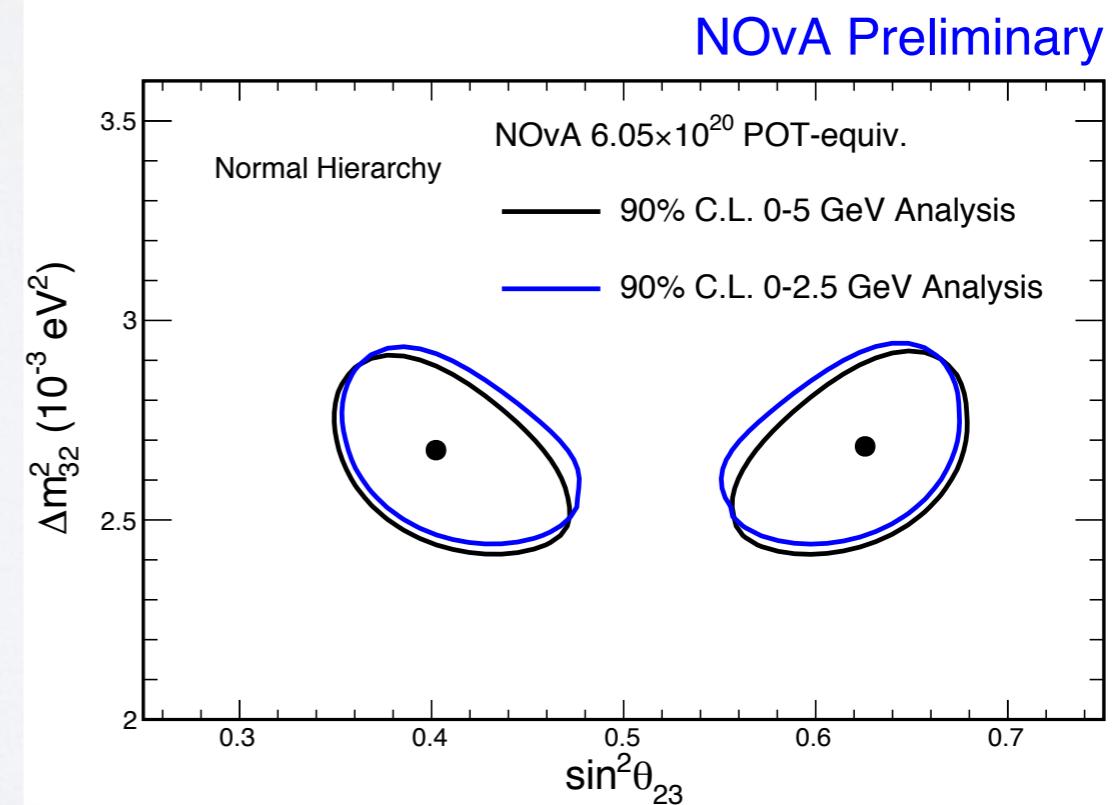
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.40^{+0.03}_{-0.02} (0.63^{+0.02}_{-0.03})$$

Maximal mixing disfavoured at 2.5σ

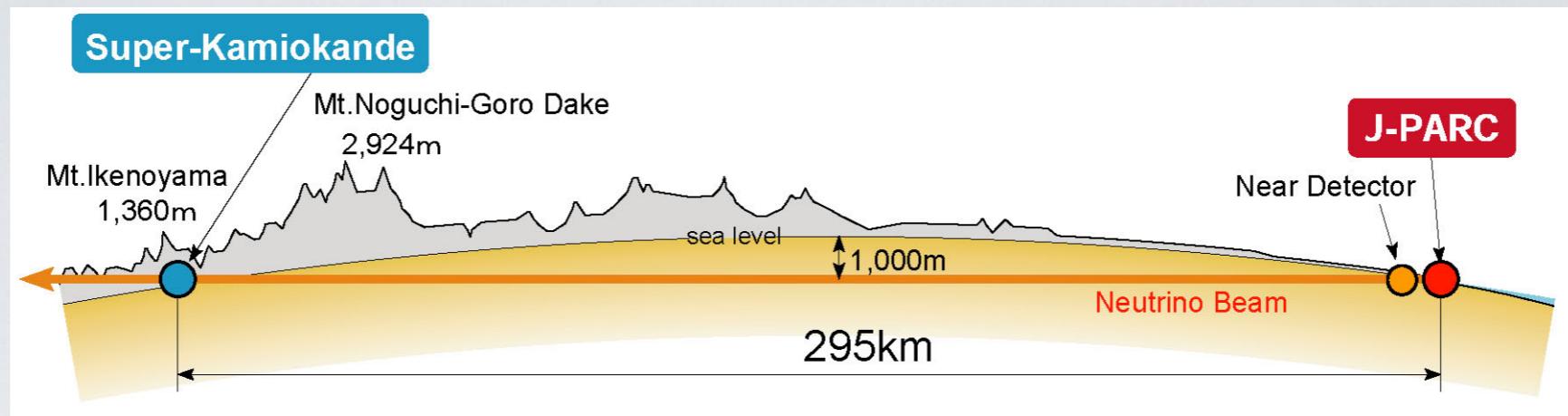




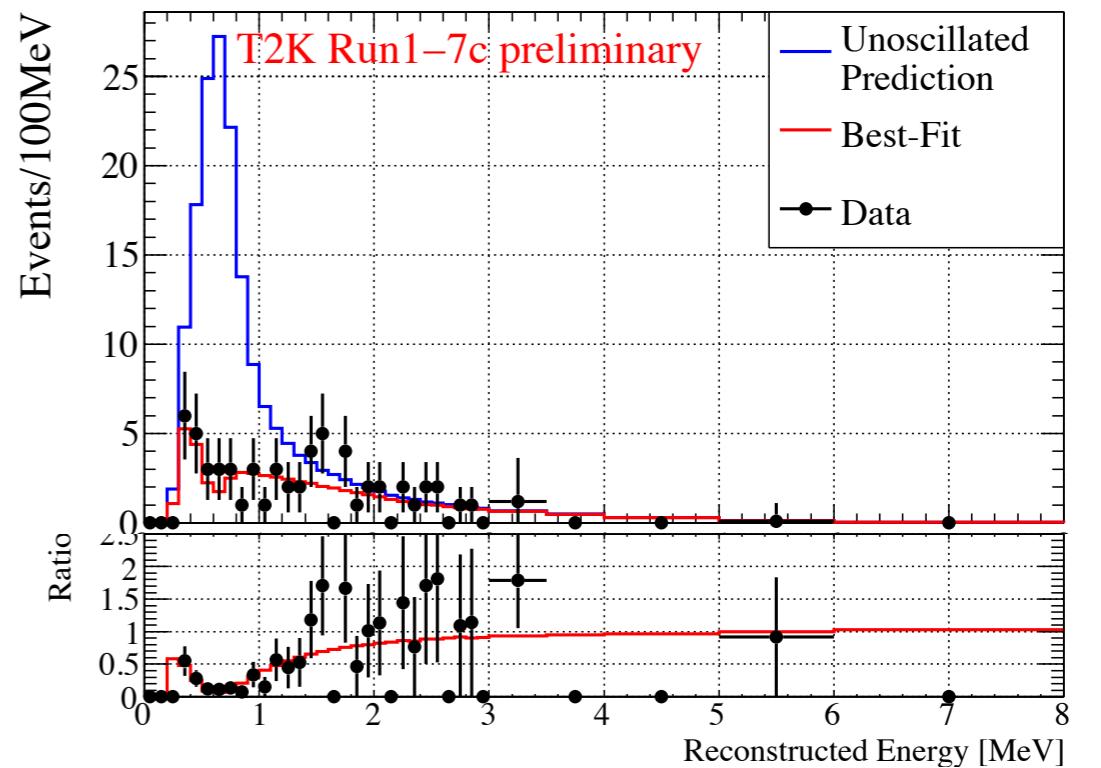
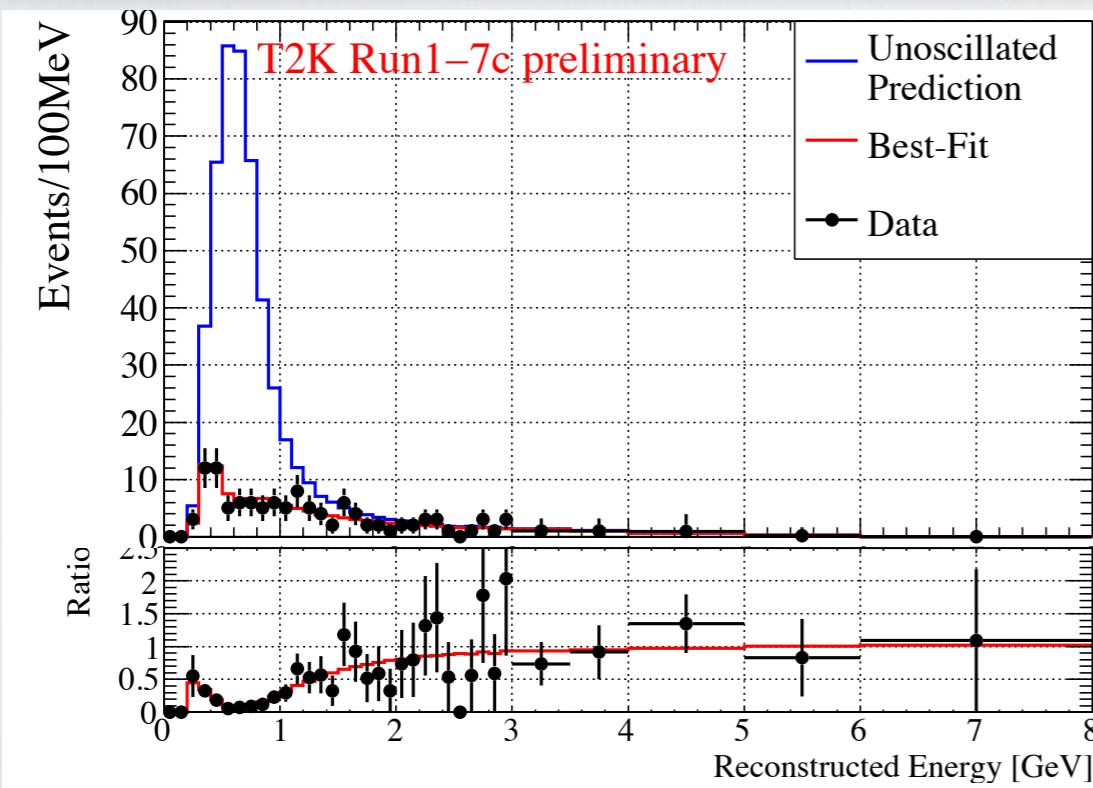
- $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 41.5 / 17$ driven by fluctuations on the tail
- Fitting below 2.5 GeV yields $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 3.2/7$ but negligible change on result (and same maximal mixing rejection)
- Best fit at forced maximal mixing has $\Delta\chi^2 = 6.4$



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

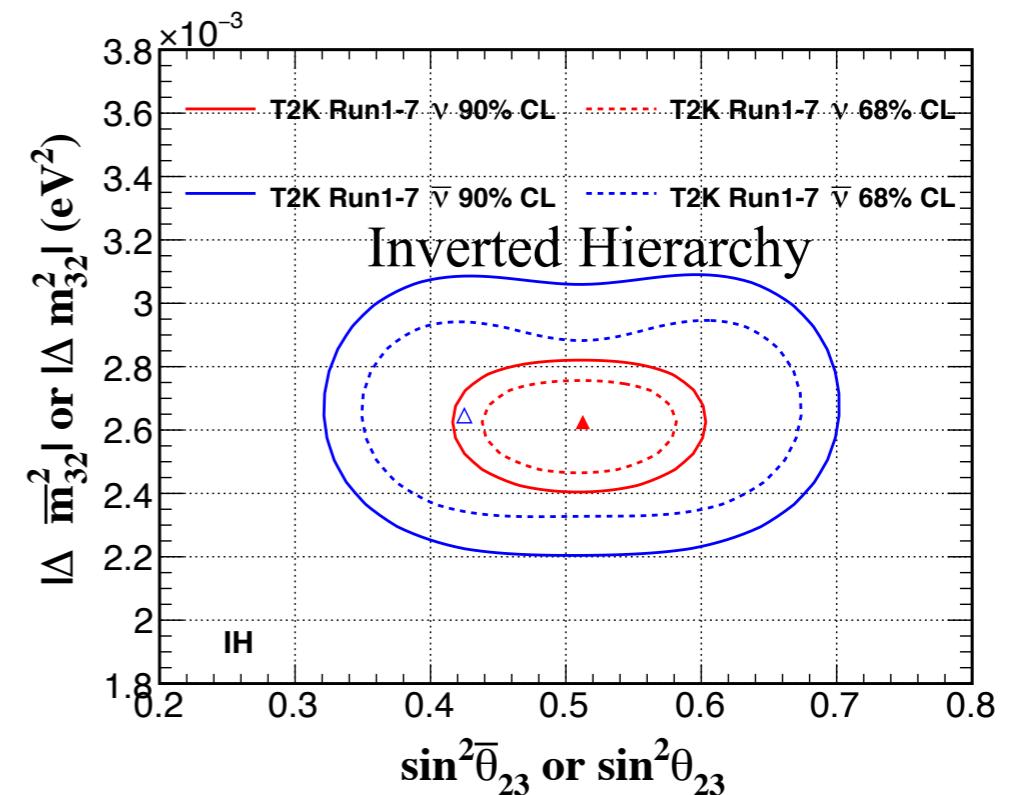
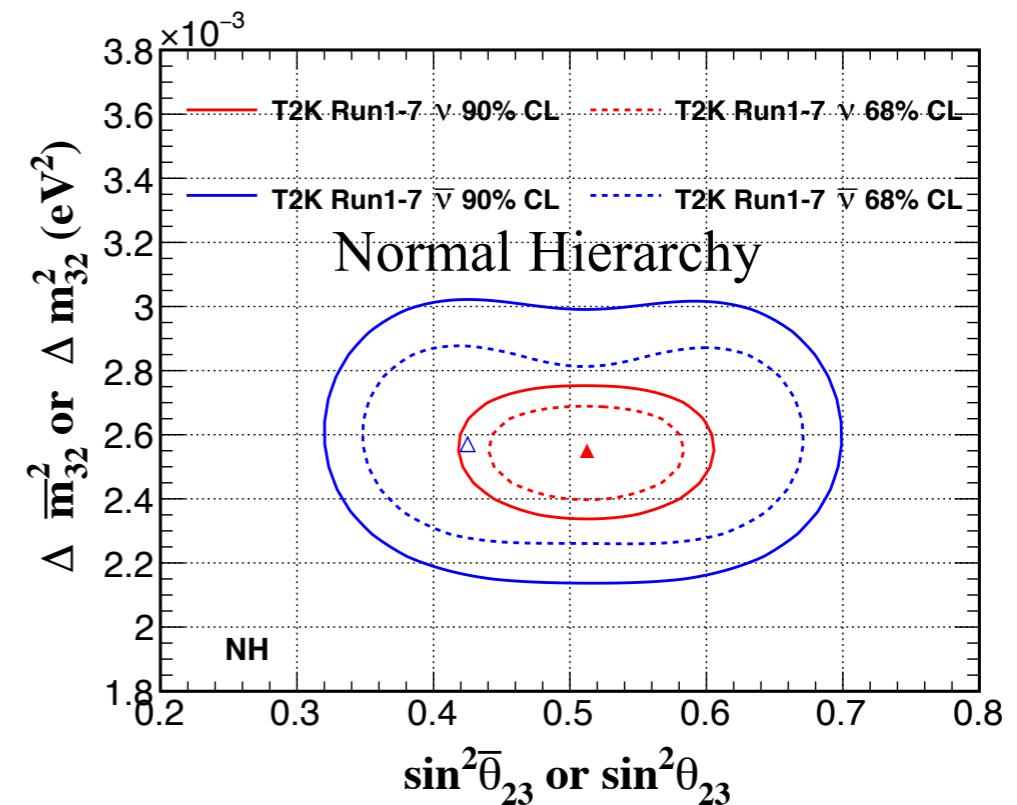


K. Iwamoto (ICHEP 2016)

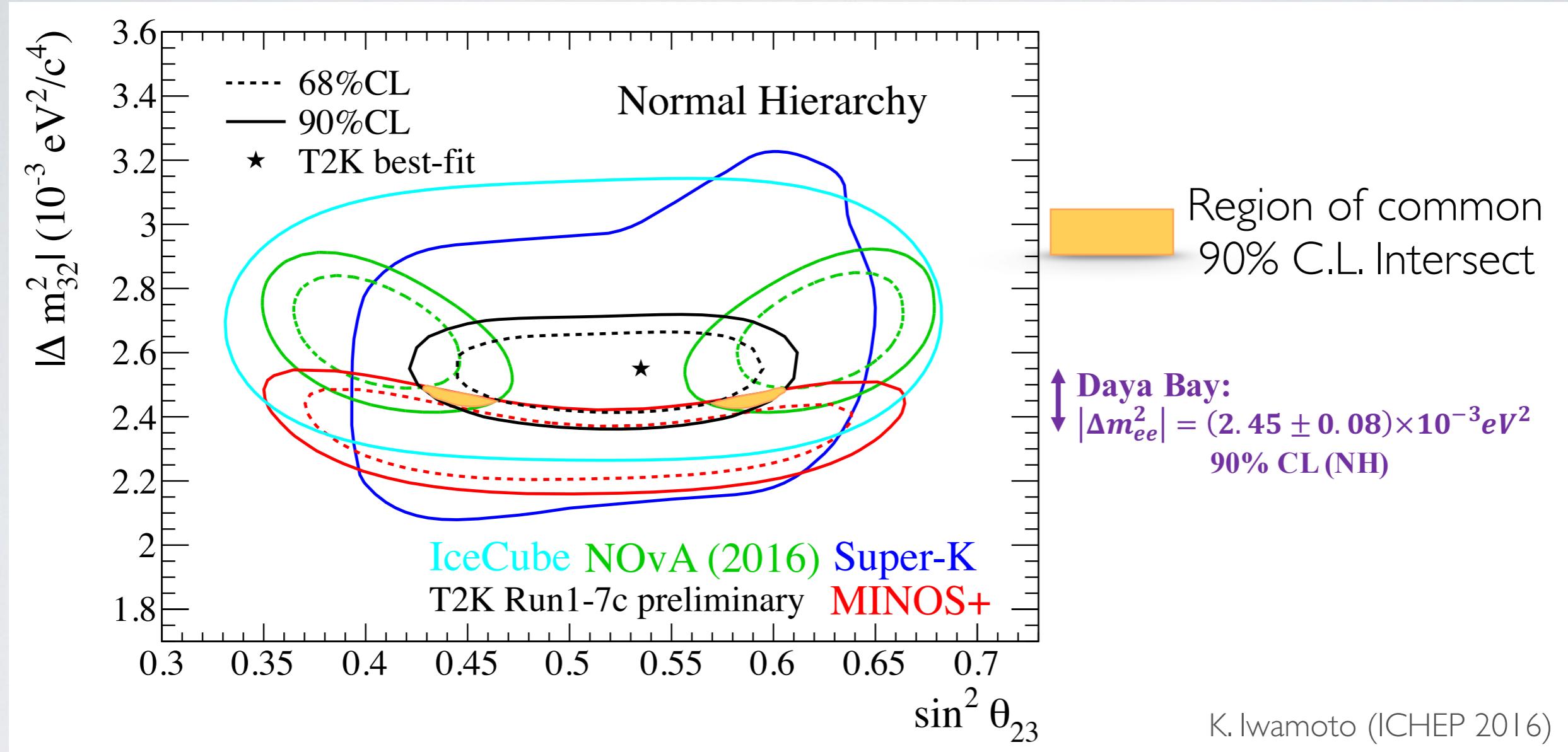
T2K

- 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



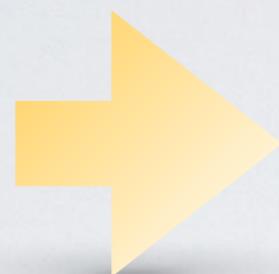
- Small tension across accelerator experiments
- More data should shed light on whether it's just a statistical fluctuation

ELECTRON NEUTRINO APPEARANCE

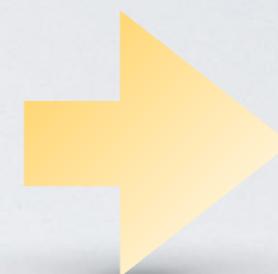


Appearance analysis in a nutshell...

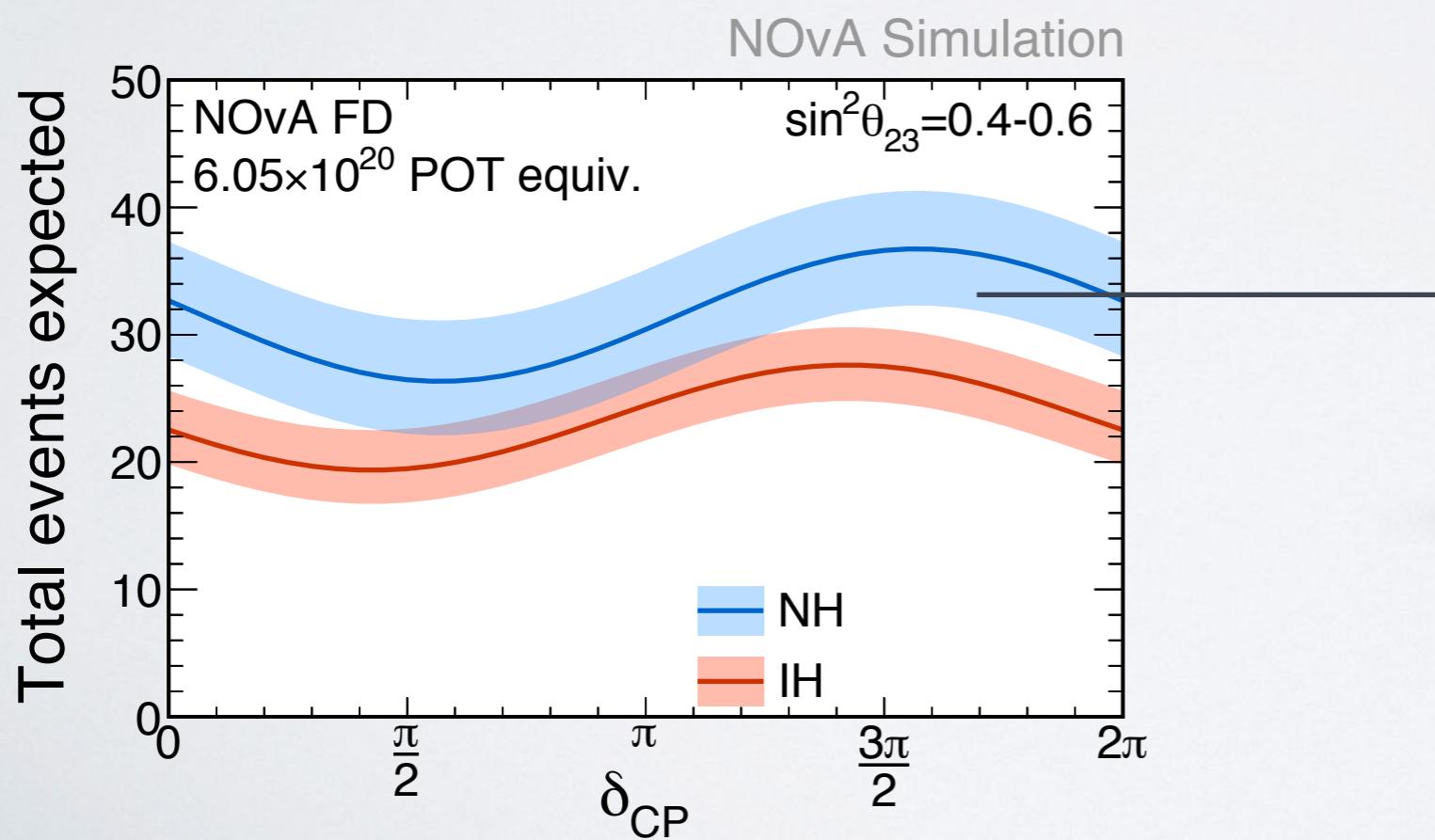
Identify ν_e CC events in both detectors



Use ND measurements to predict backgrounds in the FD

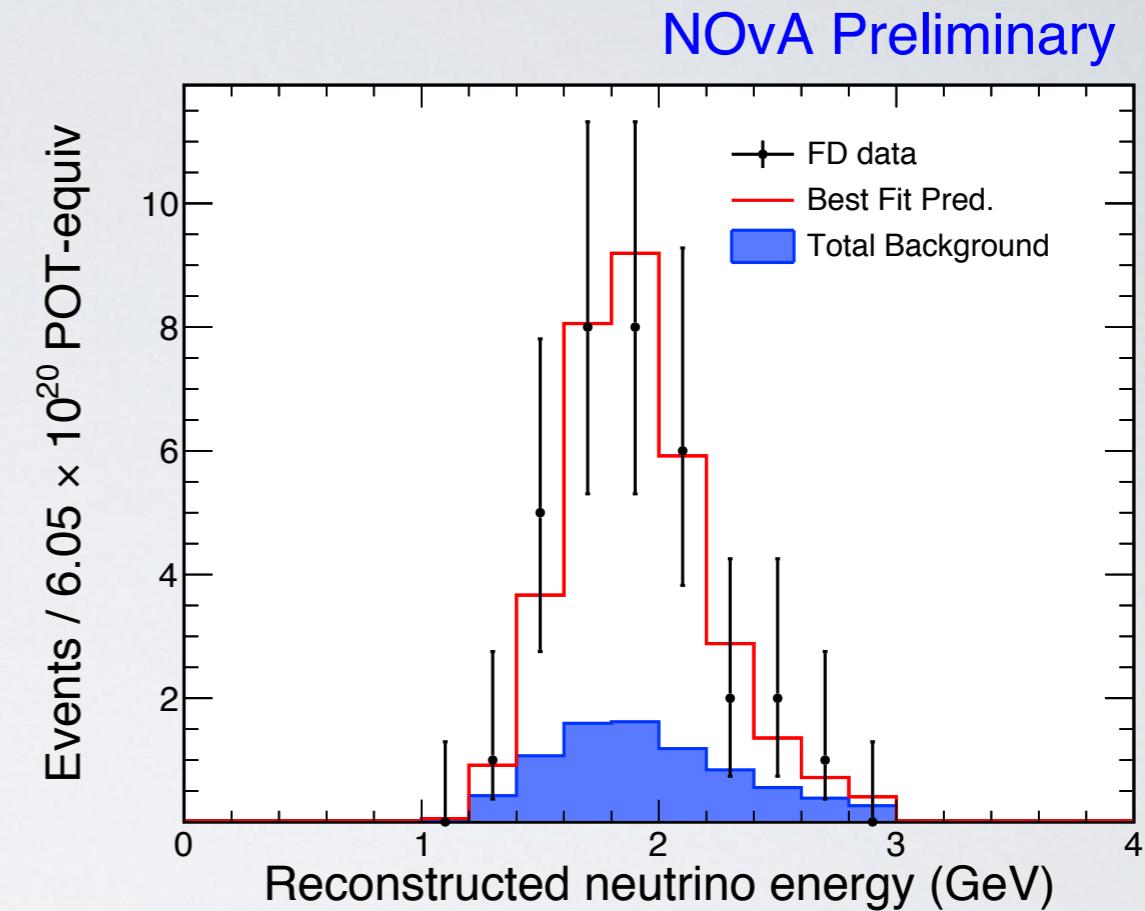
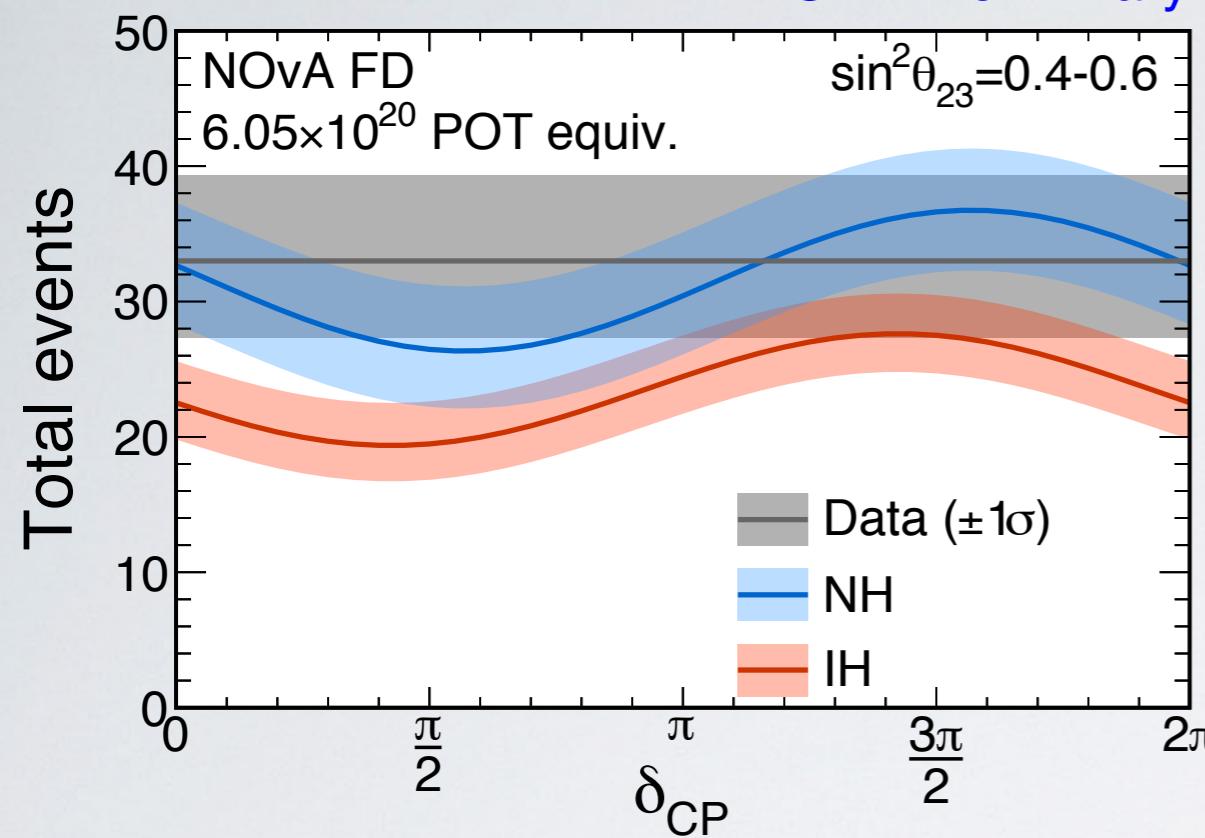


Interpret any FD excess over predicted backgrounds as ν_e appearance



Number of observed events constraints δ_{CP} and mass hierarchy

NOvA Preliminary

**Signal events****($\pm 5\%$ systematic uncertainty):**

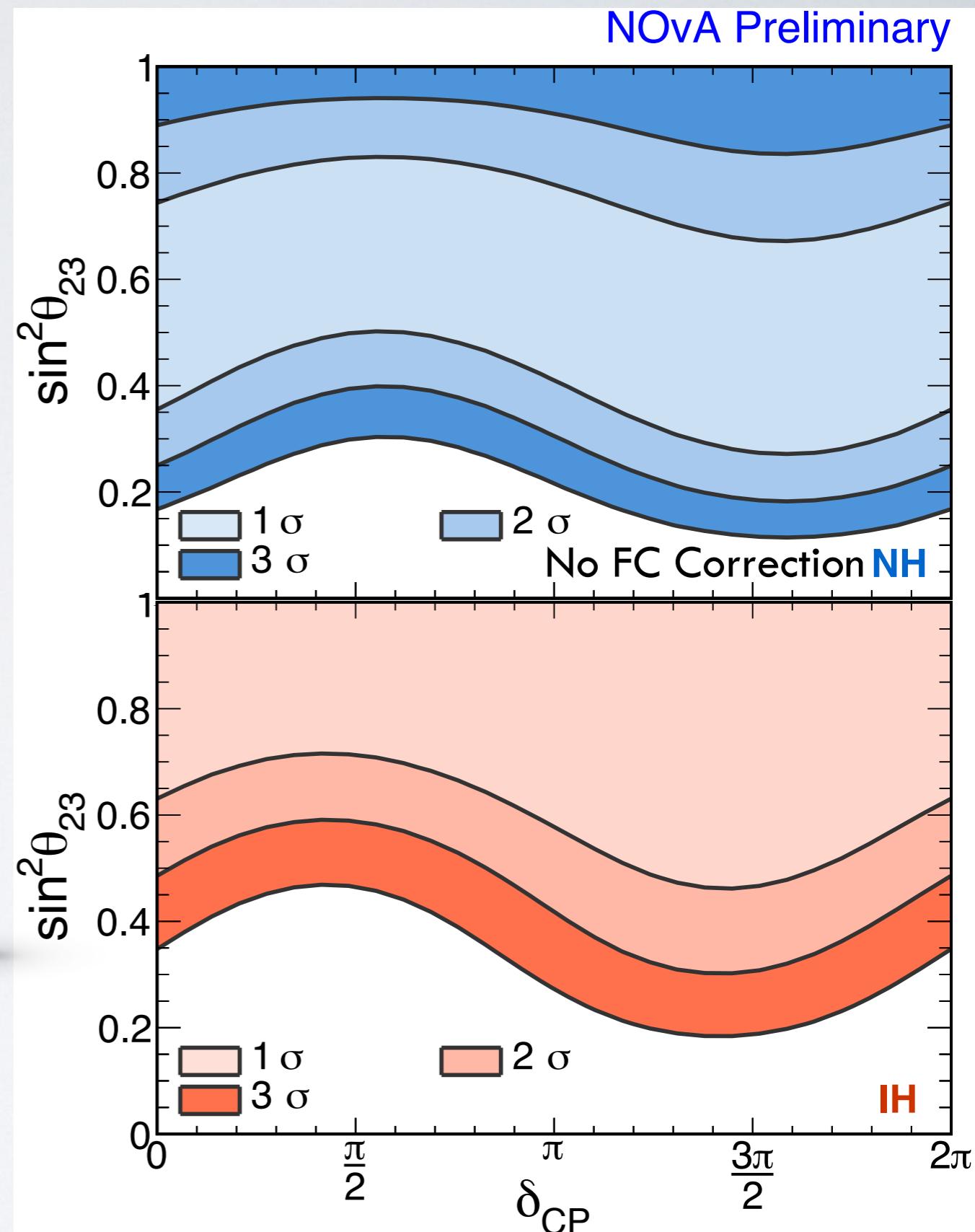
| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| NH, $3\pi/2$, | IH, $\pi/2$, |
| 28.2 | 11.2 |

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

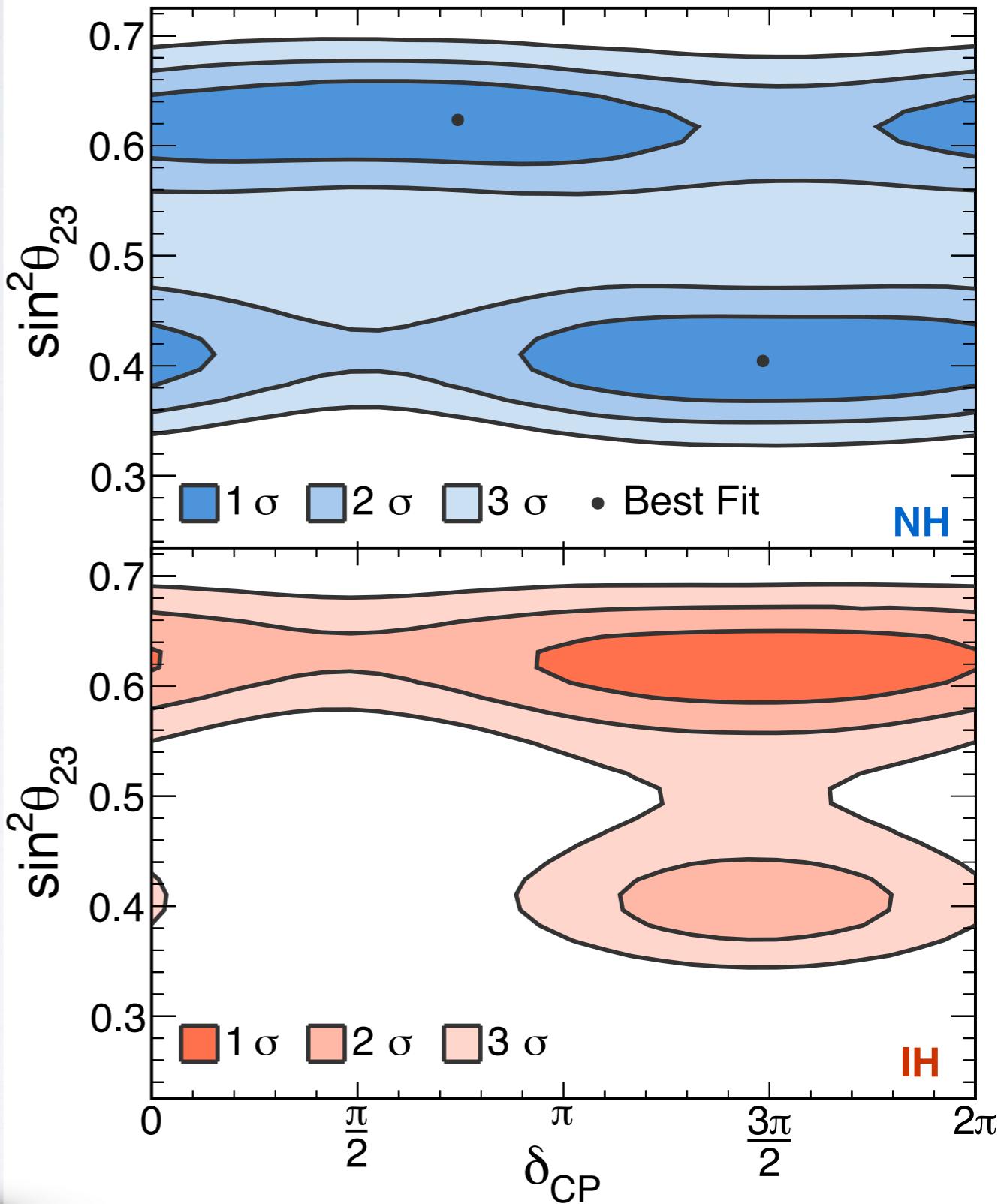
Background by component**($\pm 10\%$ systematic uncertainty):**

| Total BG | NC | Beam ν_e | ν_μ CC | ν_τ CC | Cosmics |
|----------|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| 8.2 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

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



- Include θ_{23} and Δm^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 3σ
- Antineutrino data planned for Spring 2017 will help resolve degeneracies



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



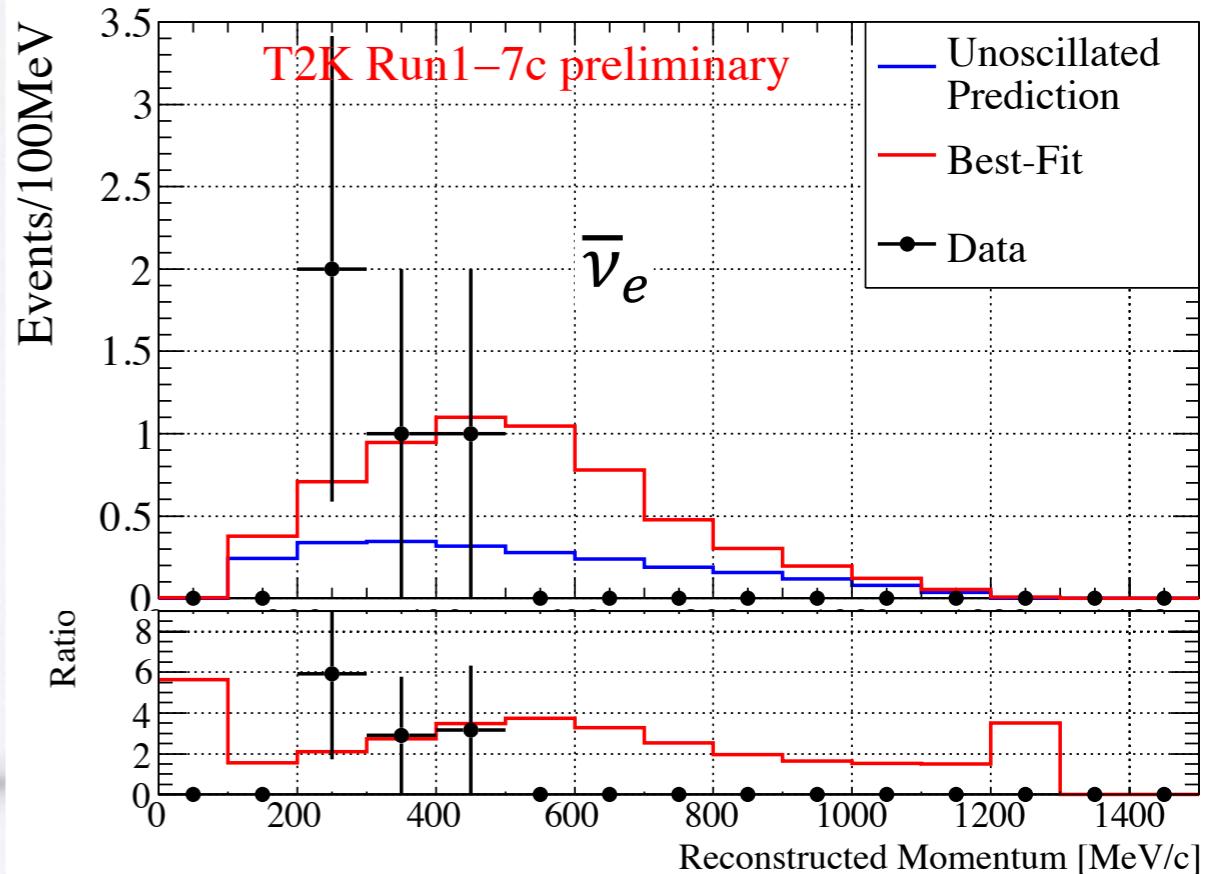
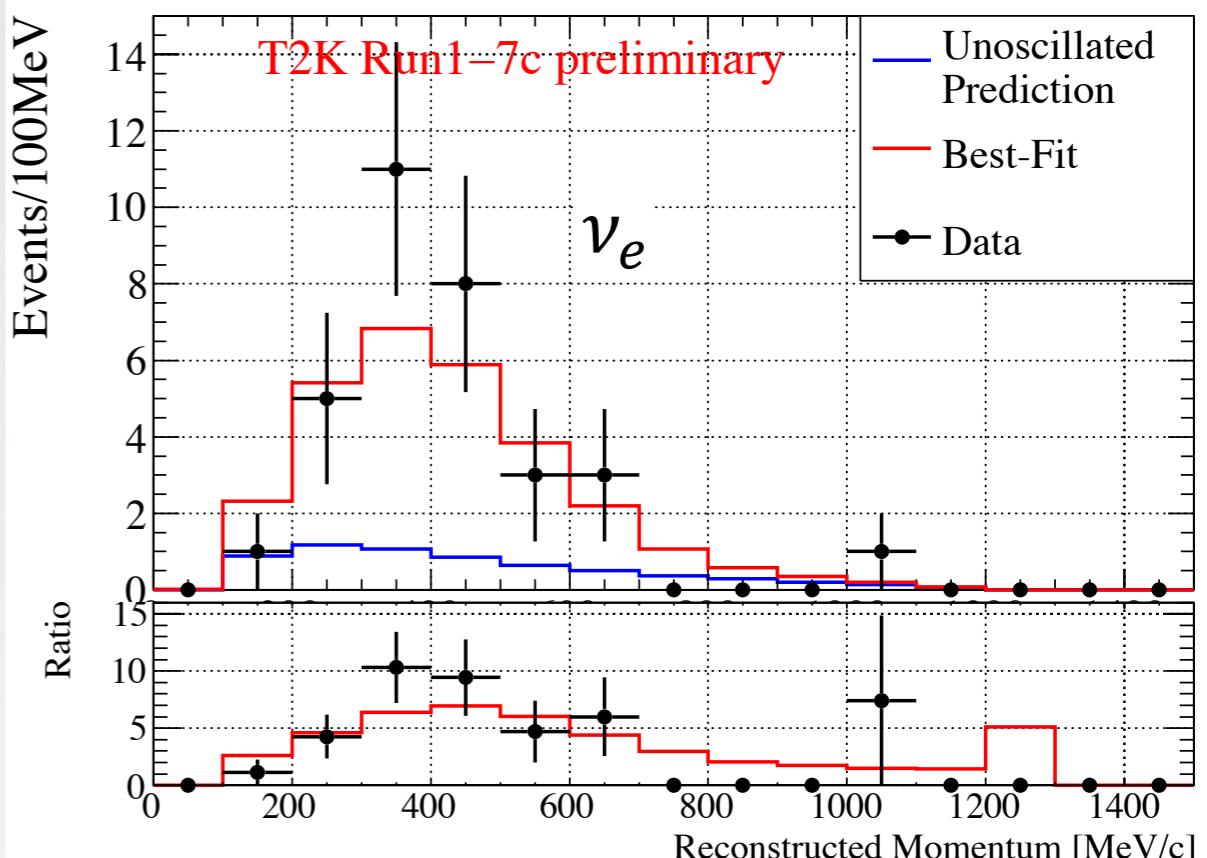
Favoured at
 $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$

T2K has observed 32 neutrino candidates and
 4 antineutrino candidates

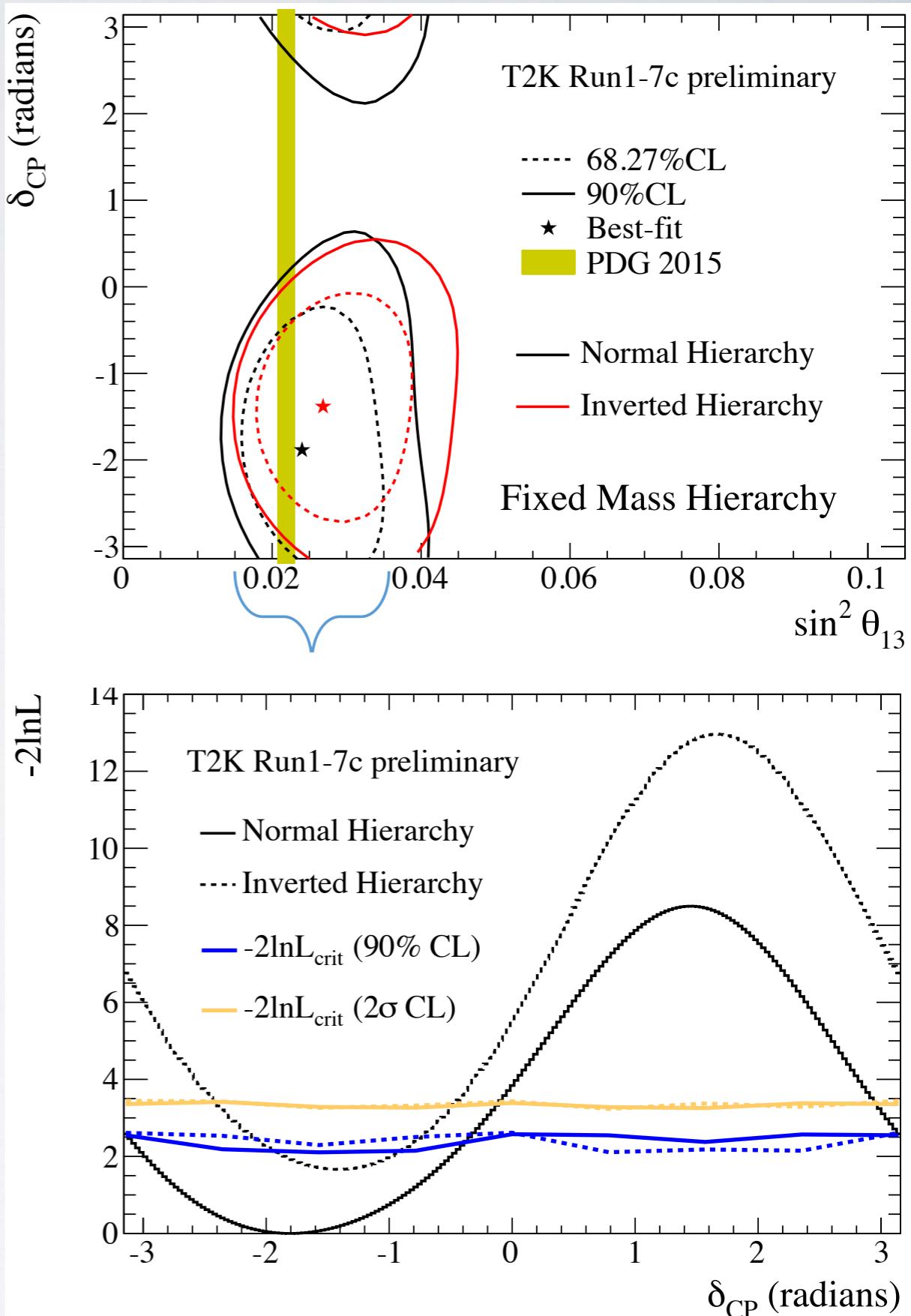
Some small tension:

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 ($d\text{CP} = 0 \text{ or } \pi$)**
- Exclusion depends on T2K's observed maximal mixing angle



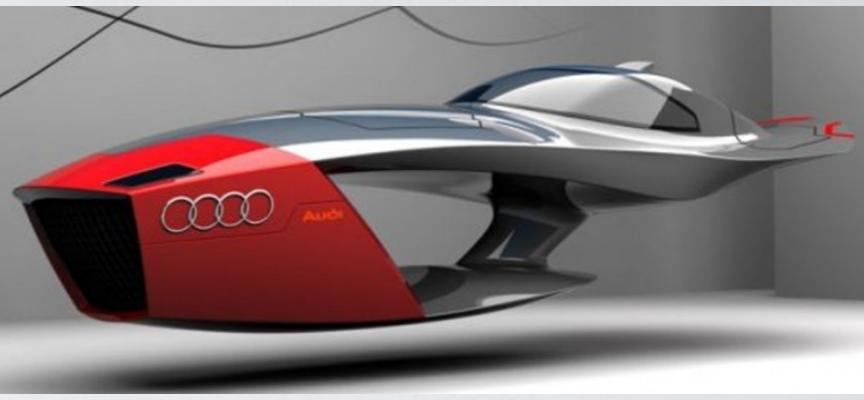
Next generation experiments



1st generation



2nd generation



3rd generation

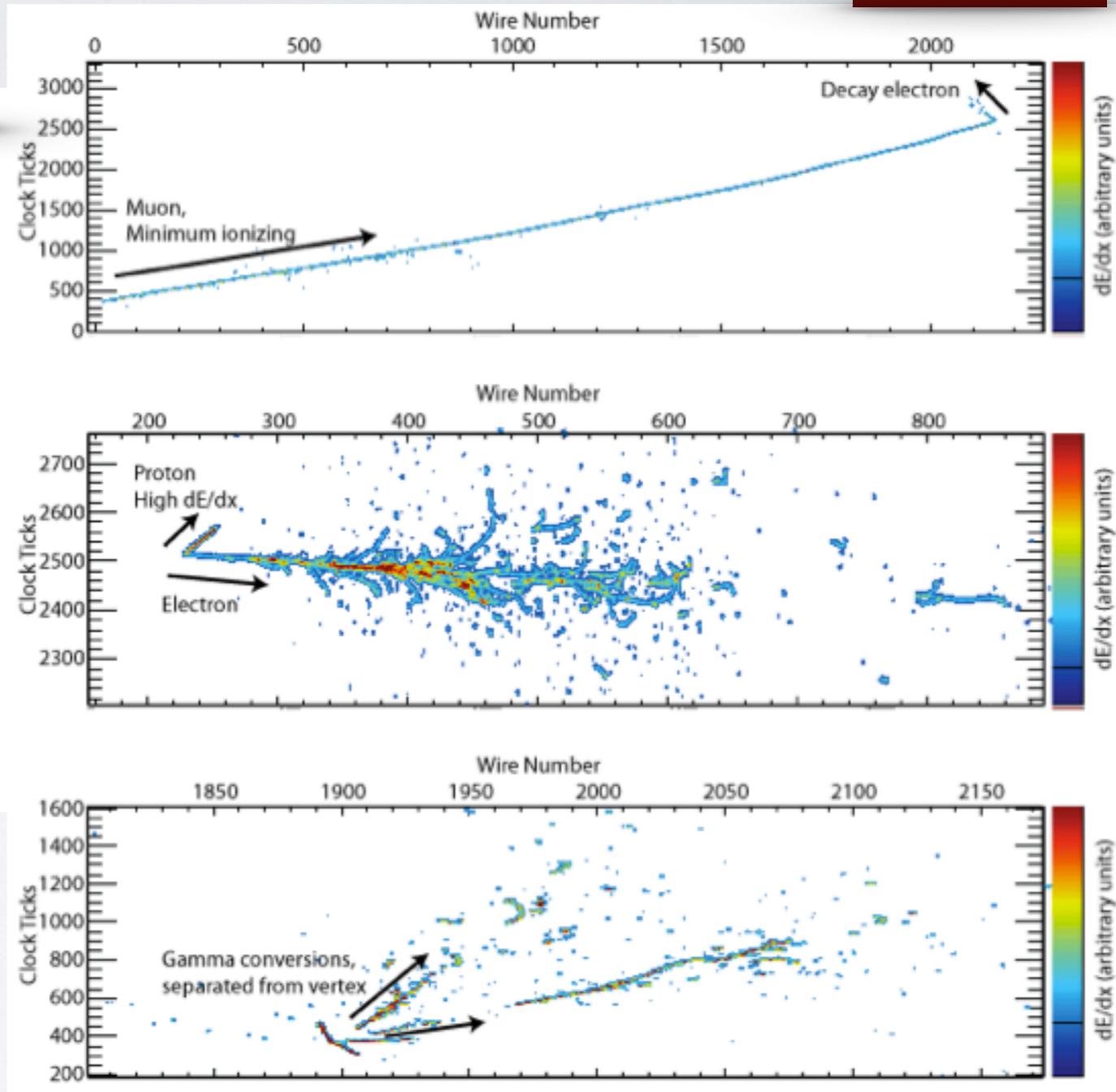
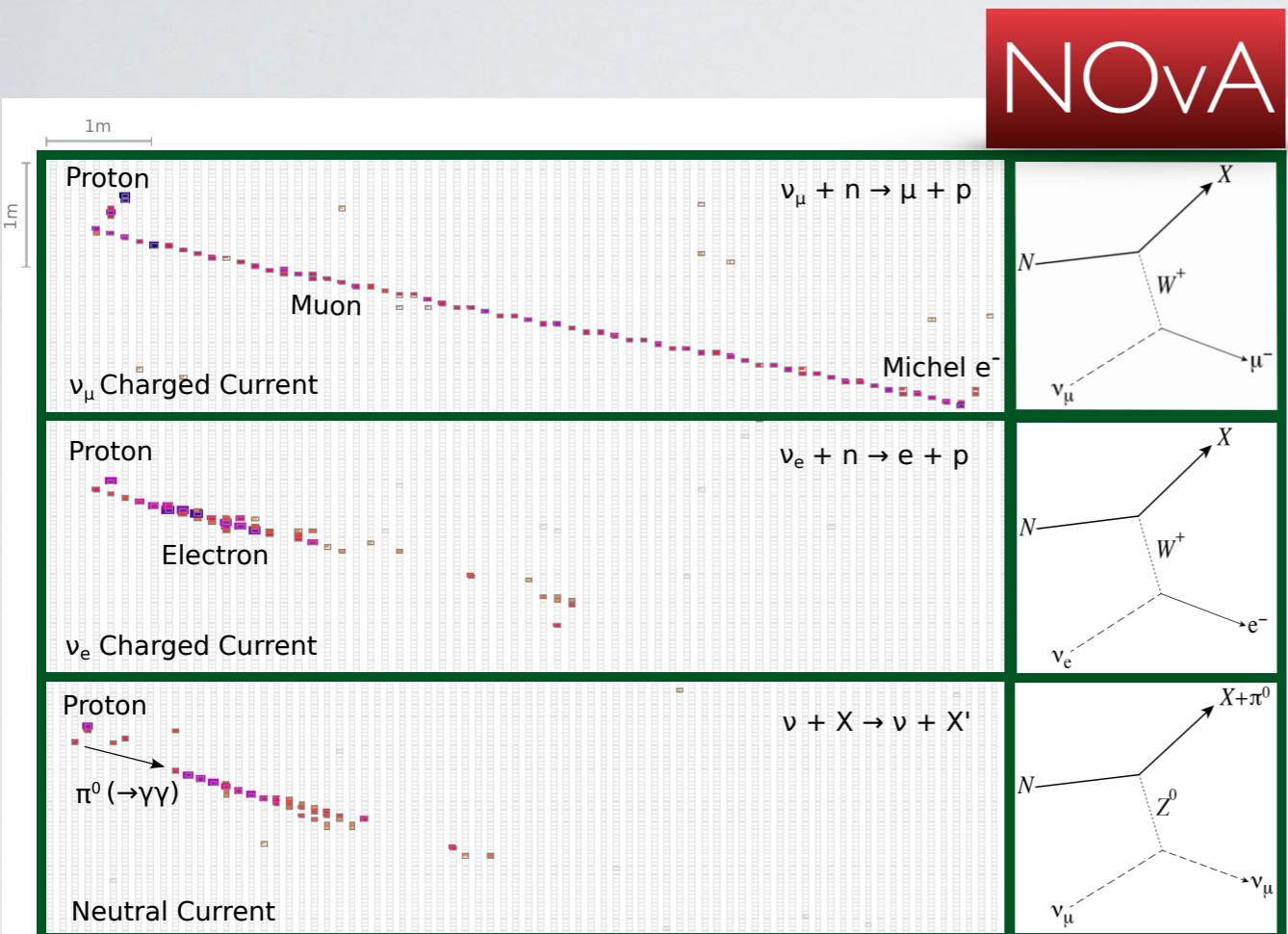
- Higher intensity beams can provide more neutrinos and allow for a longer baseline
- Similarly, larger mass can allow to collect more neutrinos
- Finally, higher detector resolution allows for better background rejection

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

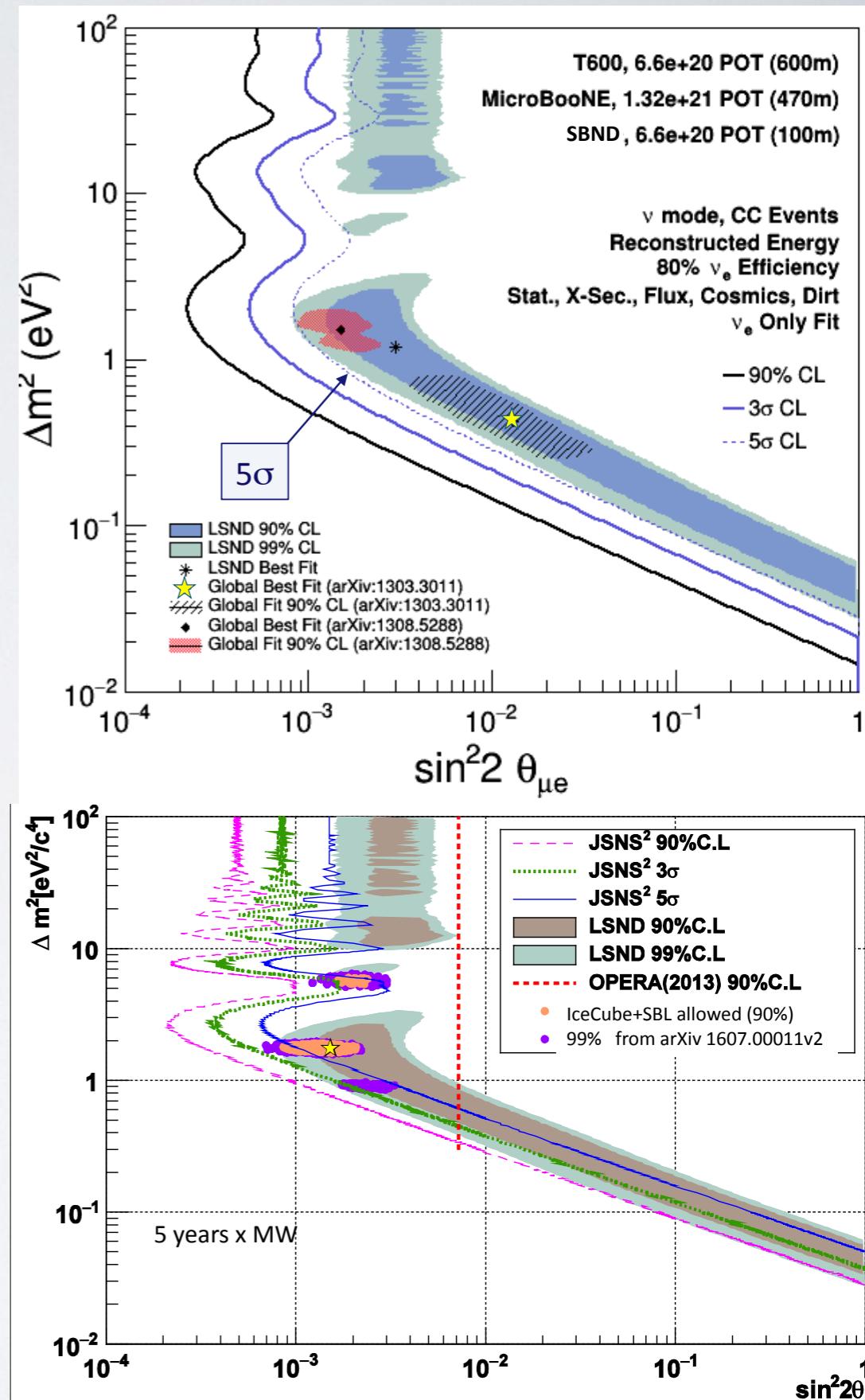


“Like going from a set of pictures to 3D HD video”

Sterile neutrinos?

D. Schmitz (Neutrino 2016)

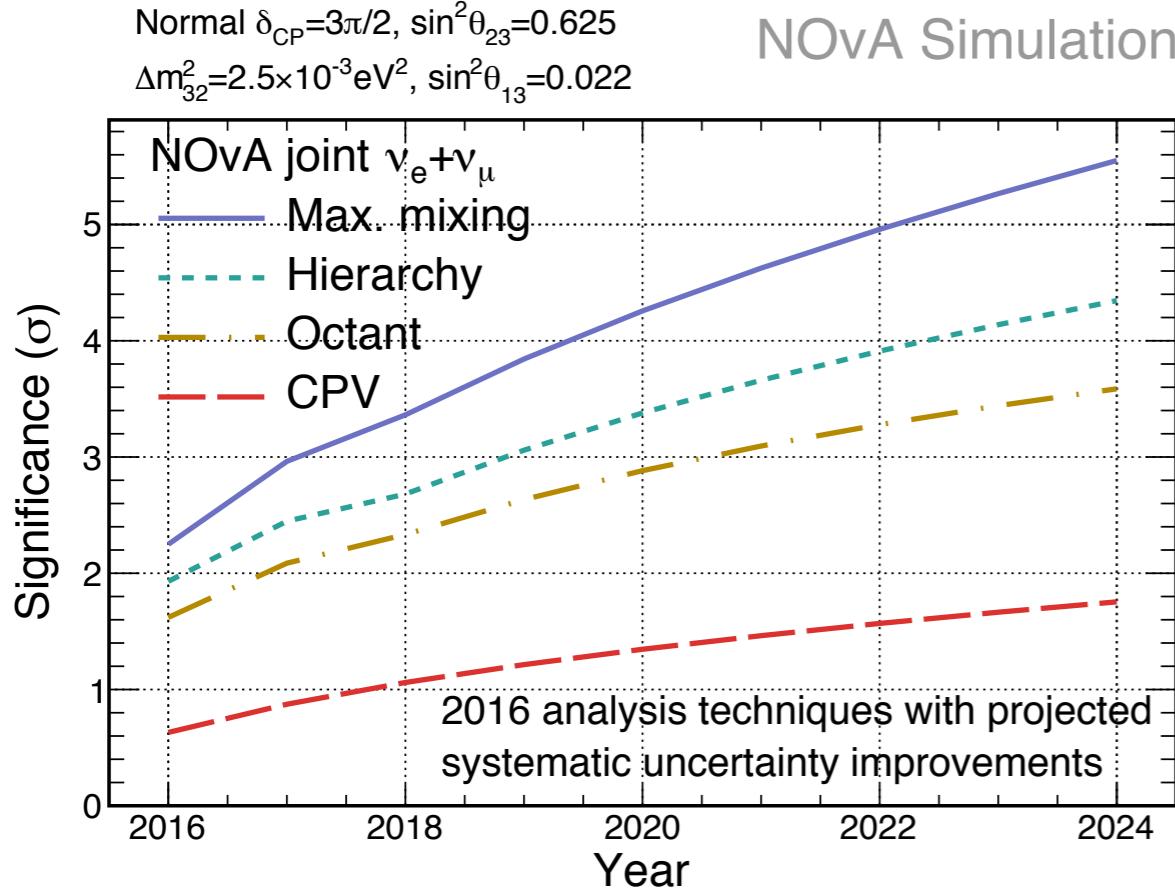
- Tantalising evidence of additional, sterile neutrinos, coming from short-baseline experiments: LSND (decay at rest) and MiniBooNE (deca in flight), but no evidence from long-baseline experiments
- A short baseline (SBN) program has been established at Fermilab using the booster beam. A 3-detector system (all liquid-argon based) will explore the anomalous hints at $> 5\sigma$
- In Japan, JSNS² will use decay at rest to reproduce LSND results. Sensitivity to exclude LSND region at 3σ



Sensitivity projections

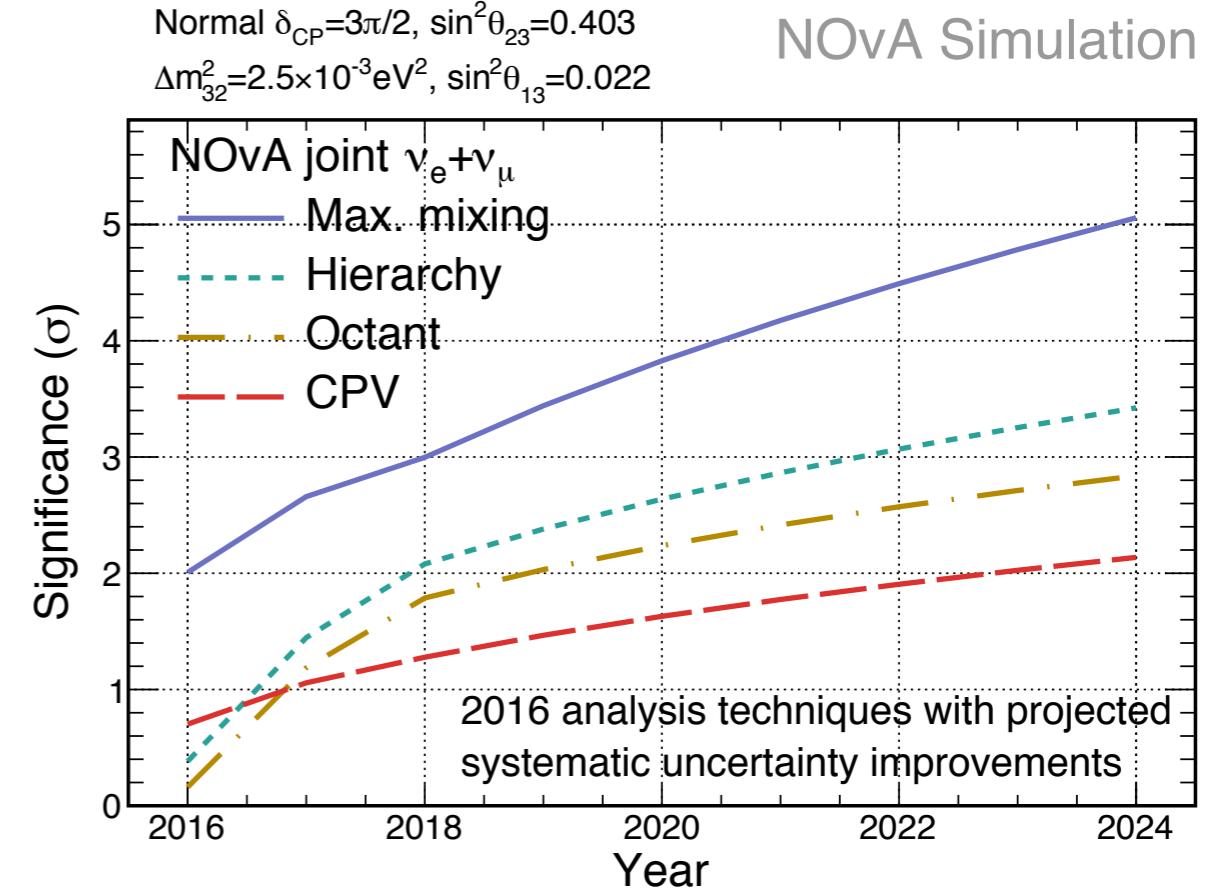
Normal $\delta_{CP}=3\pi/2$, $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.625$
 $\Delta m_{32}^2=2.5\times 10^{-3}\text{eV}^2$, $\sin^2\theta_{13}=0.022$

NOvA Simulation



Normal $\delta_{CP}=3\pi/2$, $\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.403$
 $\Delta m_{32}^2=2.5\times 10^{-3}\text{eV}^2$, $\sin^2\theta_{13}=0.022$

NOvA Simulation



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

THE FUTURE: DUNE IN THE US

2017: Far Site Construction Begins

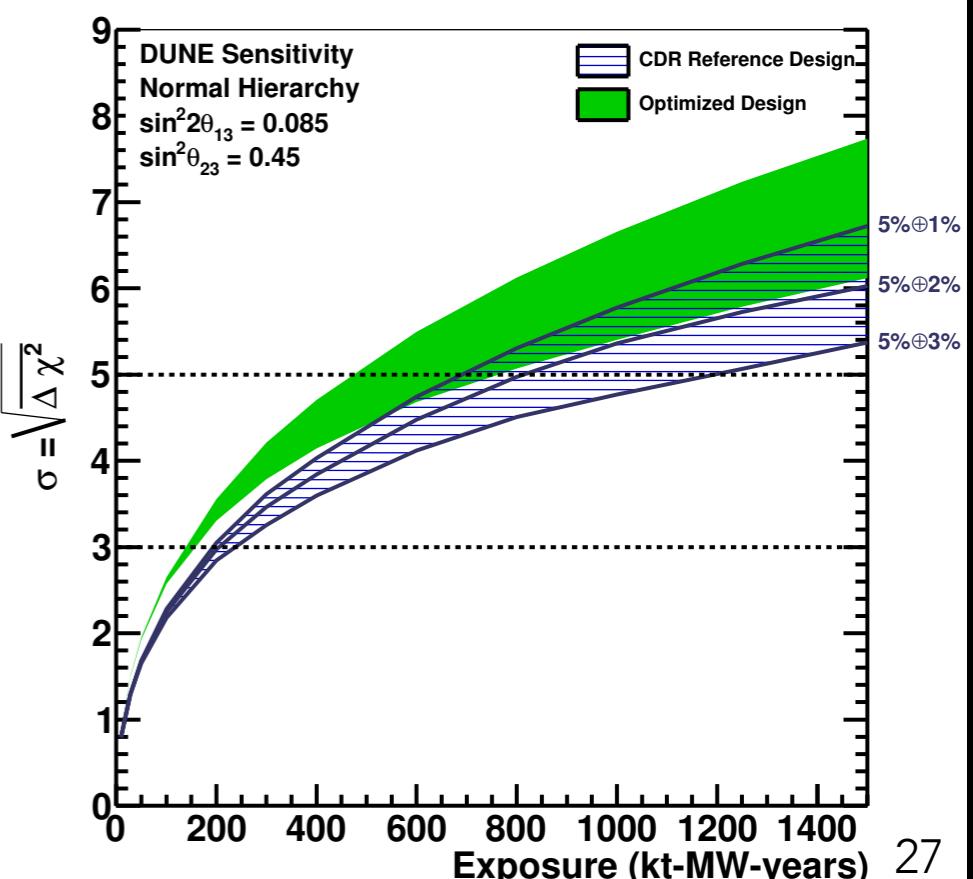
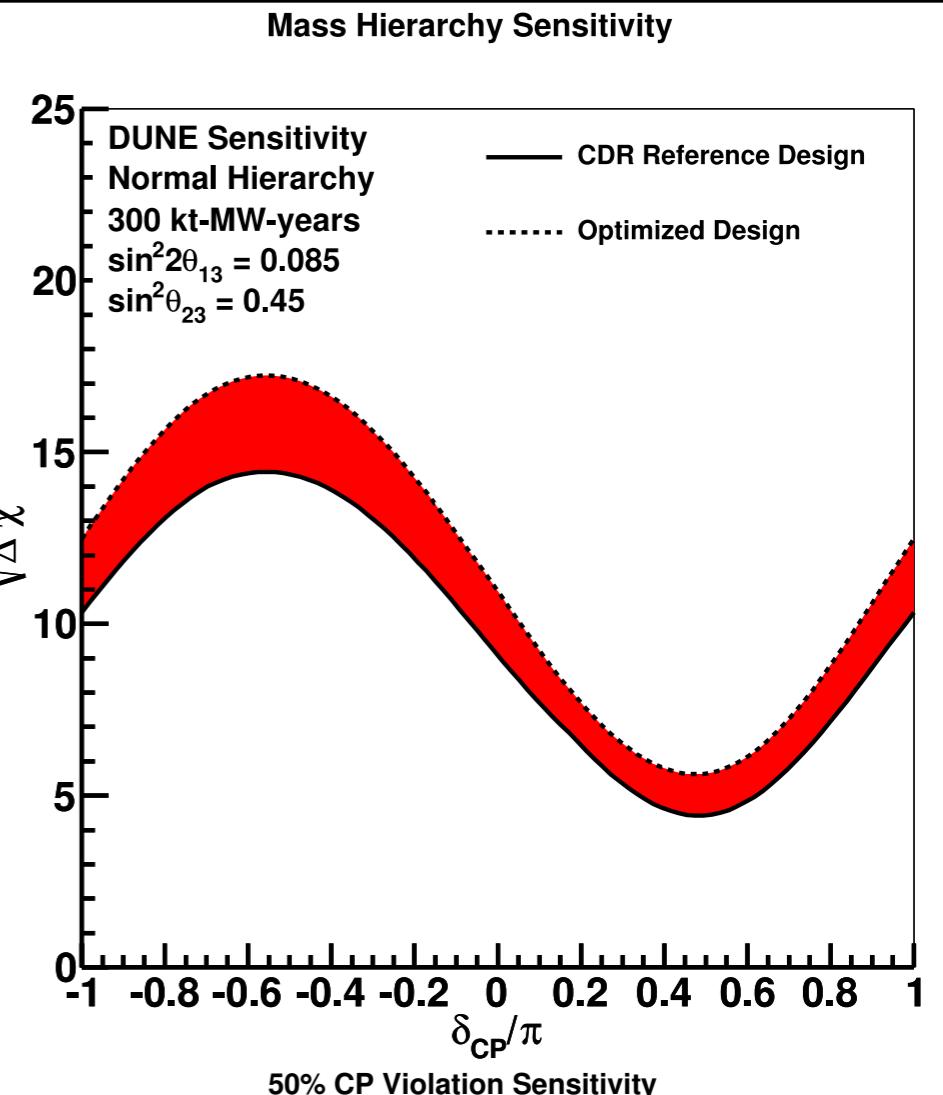
2018: protoDUNE at CERN

2021: Far Detector Installation Begins

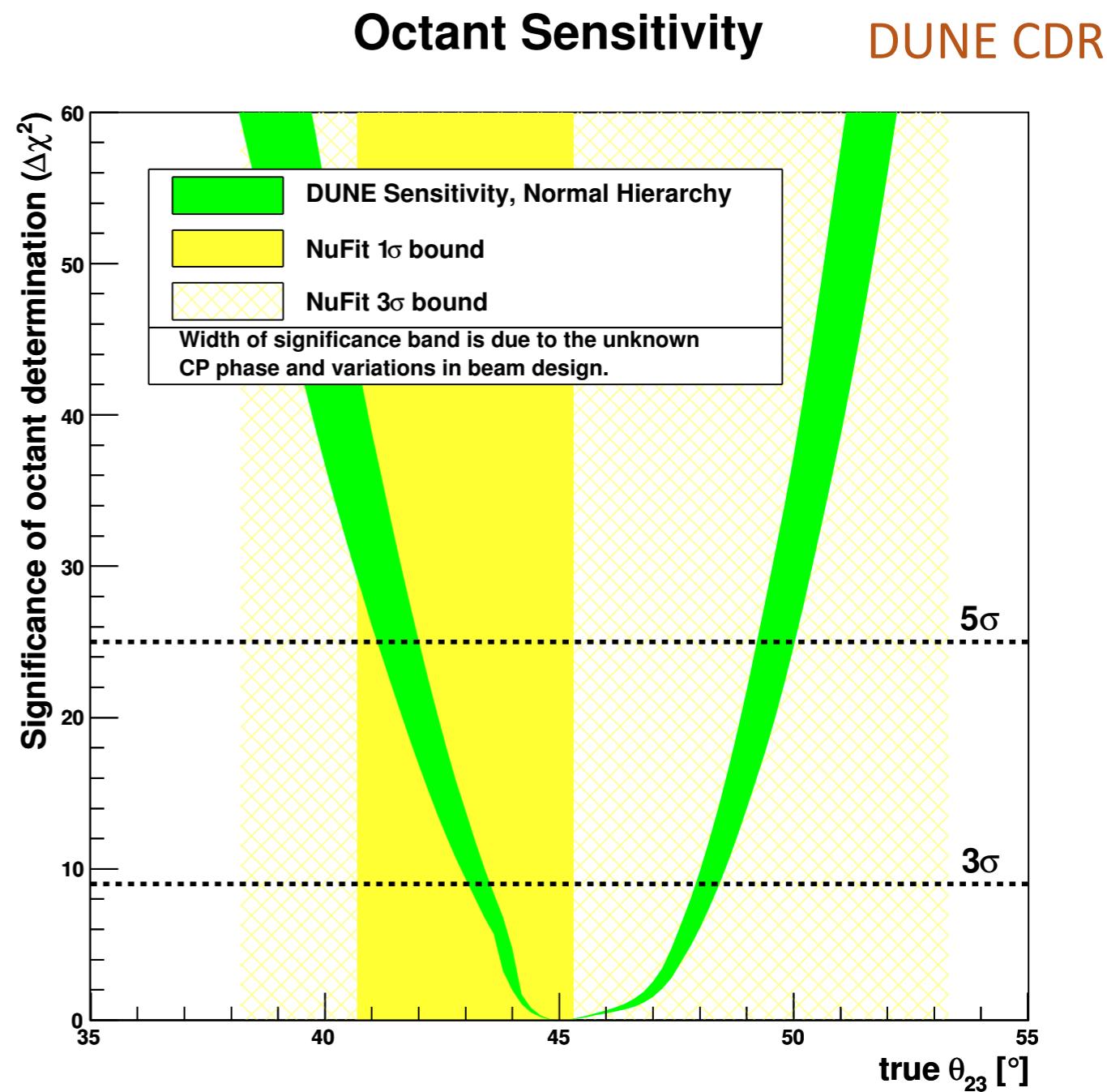
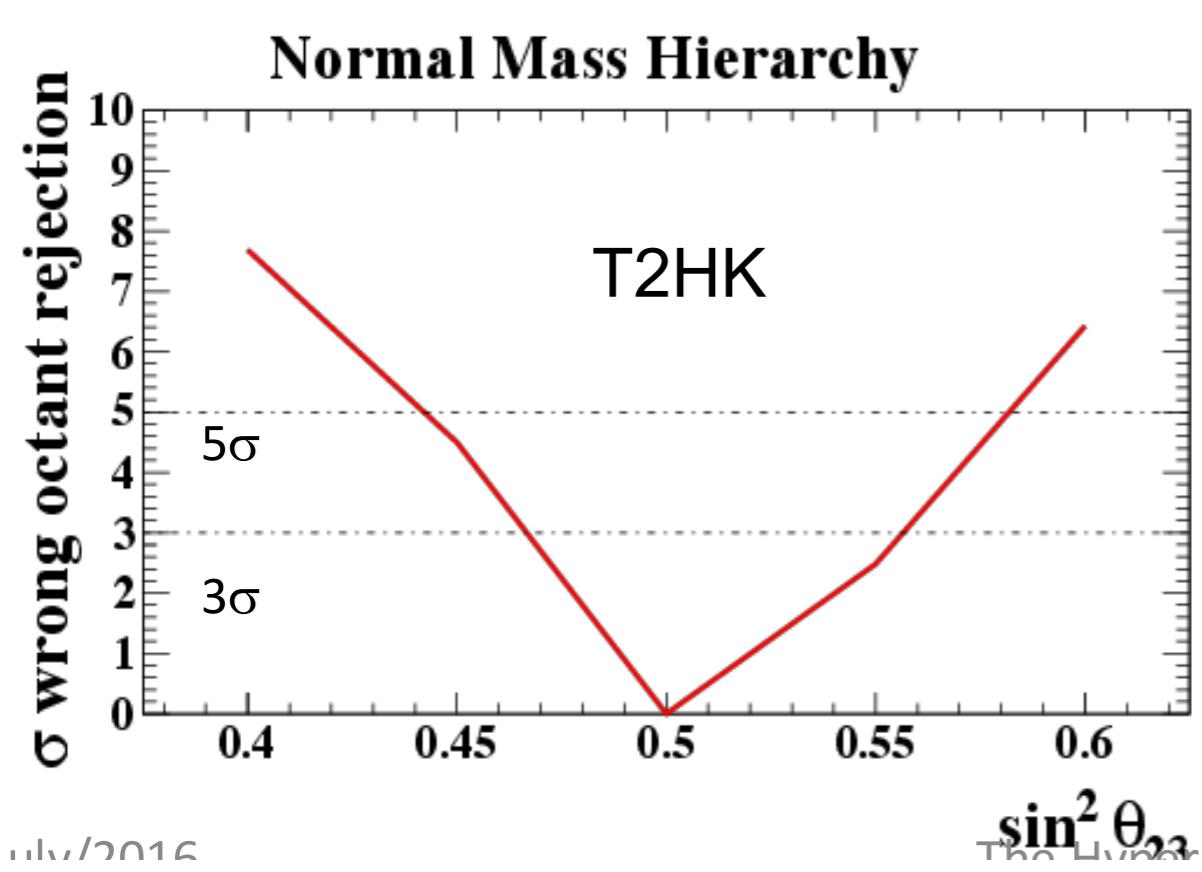
2024: Physics Data Begins (20 kt)

2026: Neutrino Beam Available

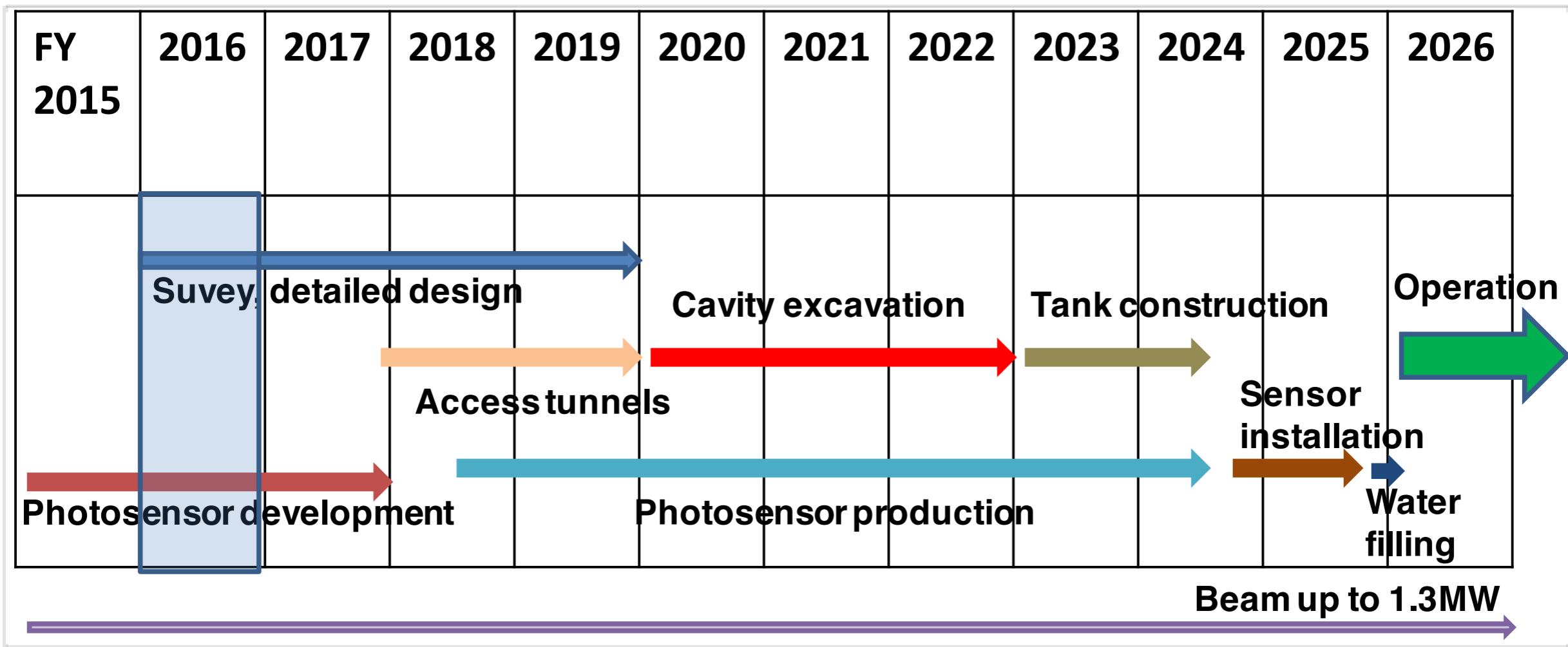
- The US program plans to build:
 - 40 kton liquid argon underground detector in four 10-kton (fiducial) modules. Far Site construction begins next year.
 - A wide-band beam from Fermilab (1300km baseline) at 2.3 MW by 2026.
 - The mass hierarchy can be determined above 5σ for all values of δ_{CP} .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



Octant Sensitivity



The Hyper-Kamiokande Timeline



- 2018 - 2025 HK construction.
- 2026 onwards CPV study, Atmospherics ν , Solar ν , Supernova ν , Proton decay searches, ...
- The 2nd identical tank starts operation 6yrs after the first one.

DUNE event counts

- Physics (MH , θ_{23} , θ_{13} , δ) 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)

| ν mode / 150 kt-MW-yr | νe appearance | ν_μ disappearance |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Signal events (NH / IH) | 945 (521) | 7929 |
| Wrong-sign signal (NH /IH) | 13 (26) | 511 |
| Beam νe background | 204 | – |
| NC background | 17 | 76 |
| Other background | 22 | 29 |

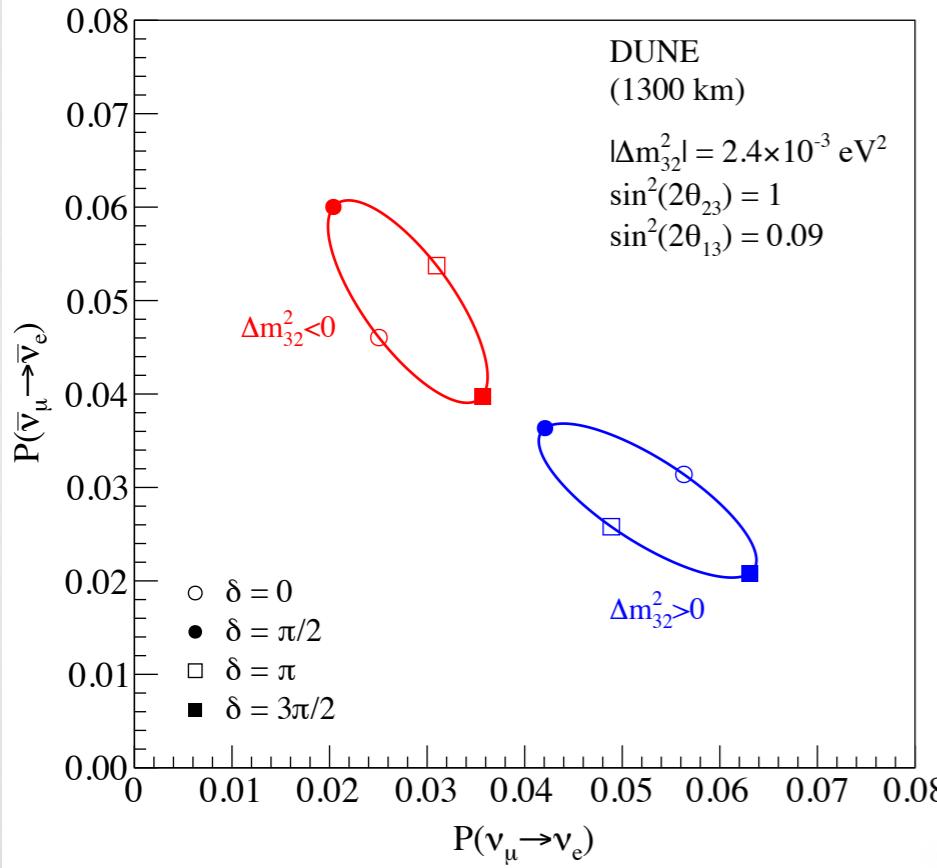
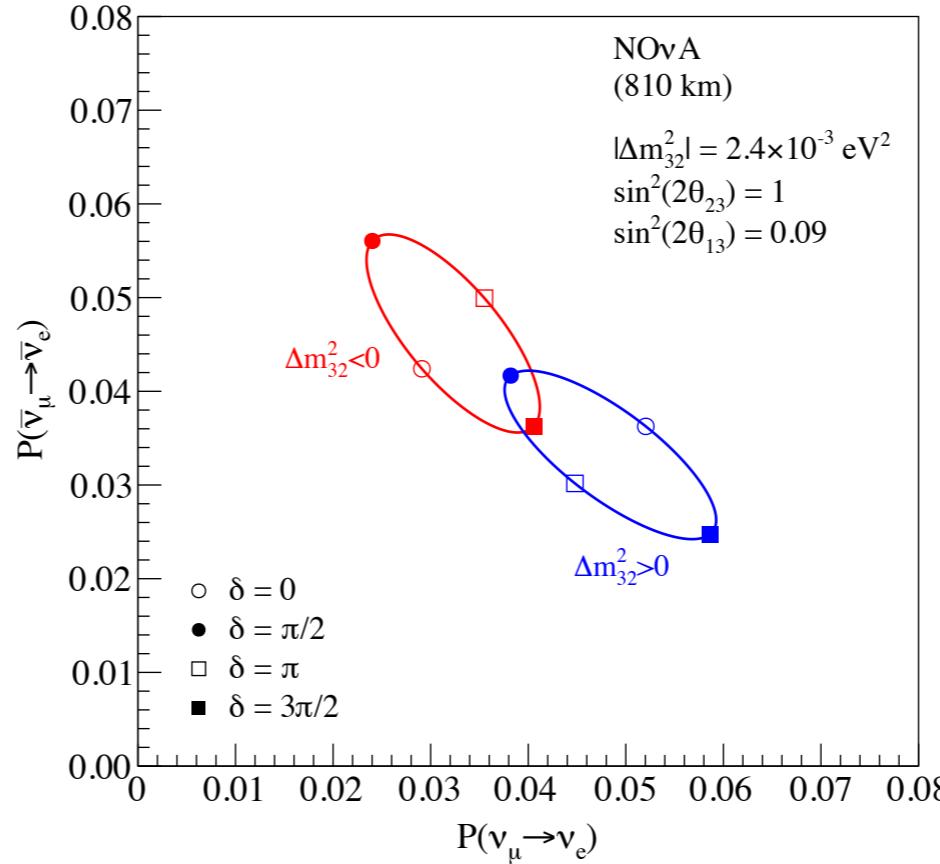
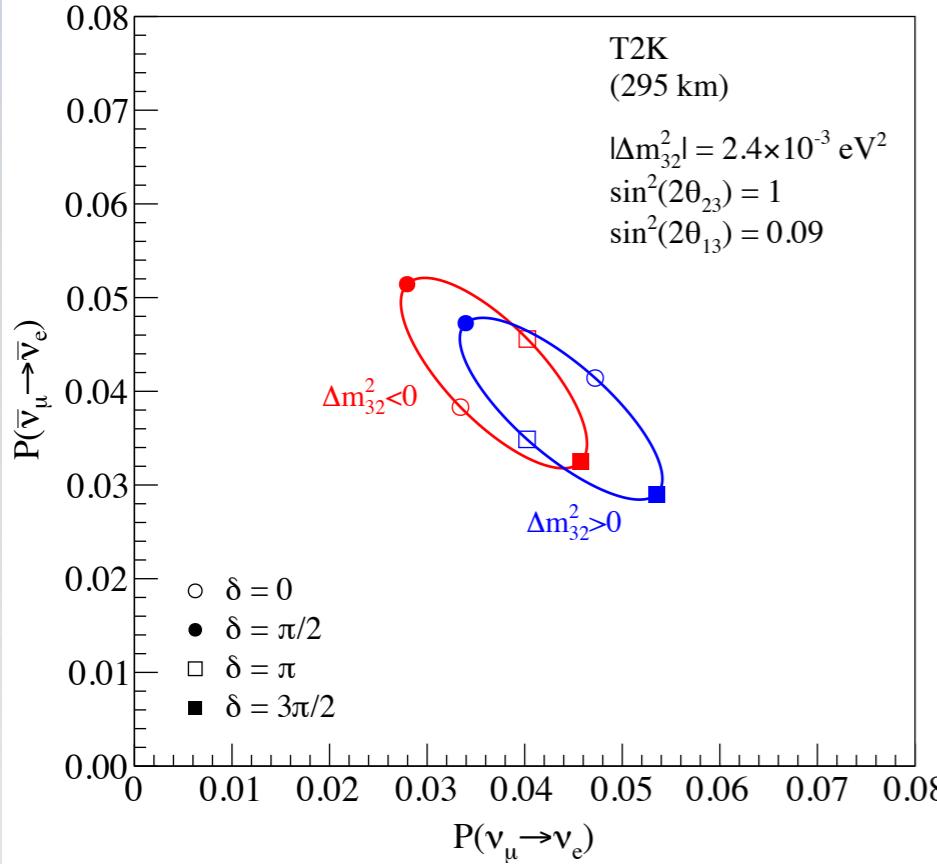
| Anti- ν mode / 150 kt-MW-yr | $\bar{\nu} e$ appearance | $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Signal events (NH / IH) | 168 (438) | 2639 |
| Wrong-sign signal (NH /IH) | 47 (28) | 1525 |
| Beam νe background | 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



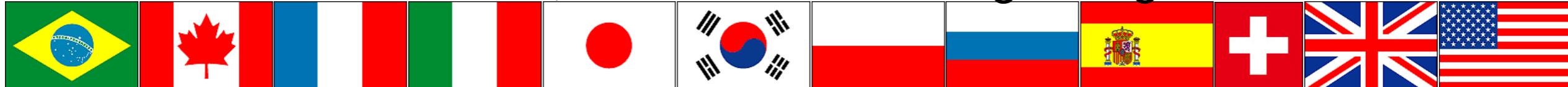


- By increasing the baseline, DUNE provides a much better sensitivity to measuring the MH and CPV simultaneously
- If the MH is determined independently, it provides a very good sensitivity to CPV

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



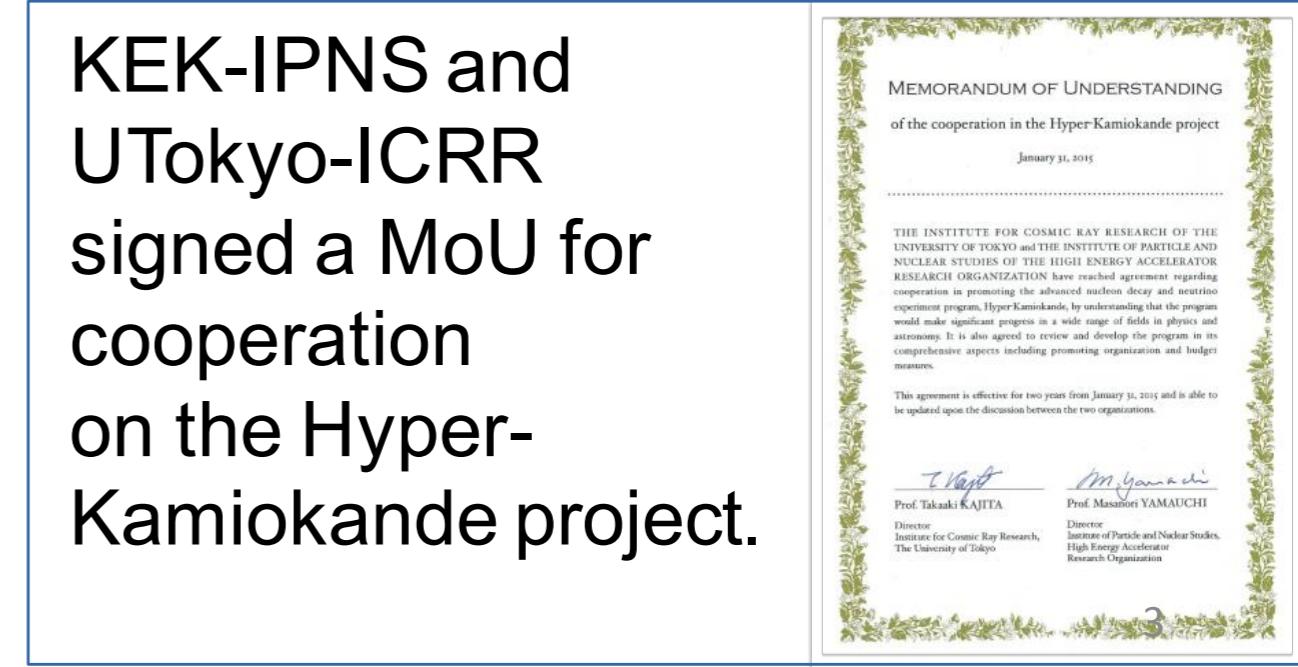
12 countries, ~250 members and growing



- 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 2nd 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 θ_{13} has opened the door to a 2nd golden age of neutrino oscillation physics
- New NOvA results disfavour maximal mixing at 2.5σ . Also exclude IH, lower octant and $\delta_{CP} \sim \pi/2$ at 3σ
- 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 3rd generation will allow testing the 3 flavour neutrino oscillation framework

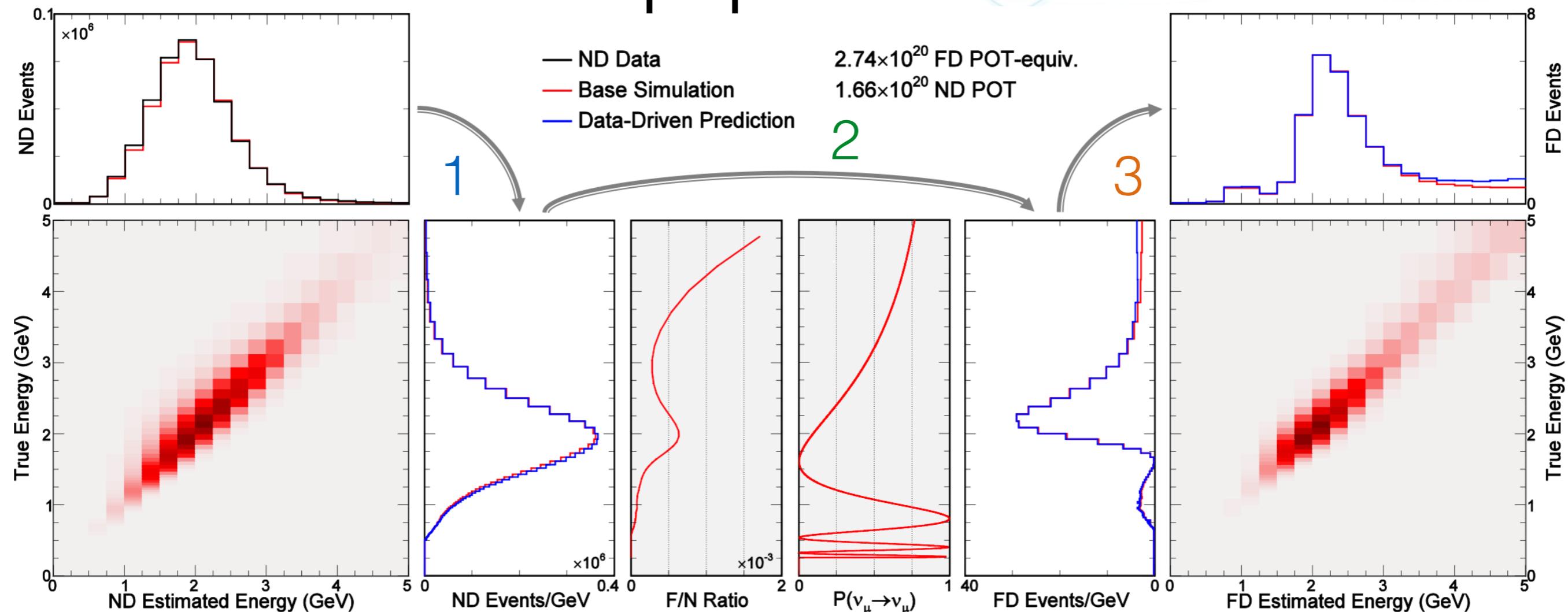
Extremely active and exciting field! Theoretical questions to answer, experiments currently taking data and new projects down the line. Stay tuned!

BACKUP SLIDES



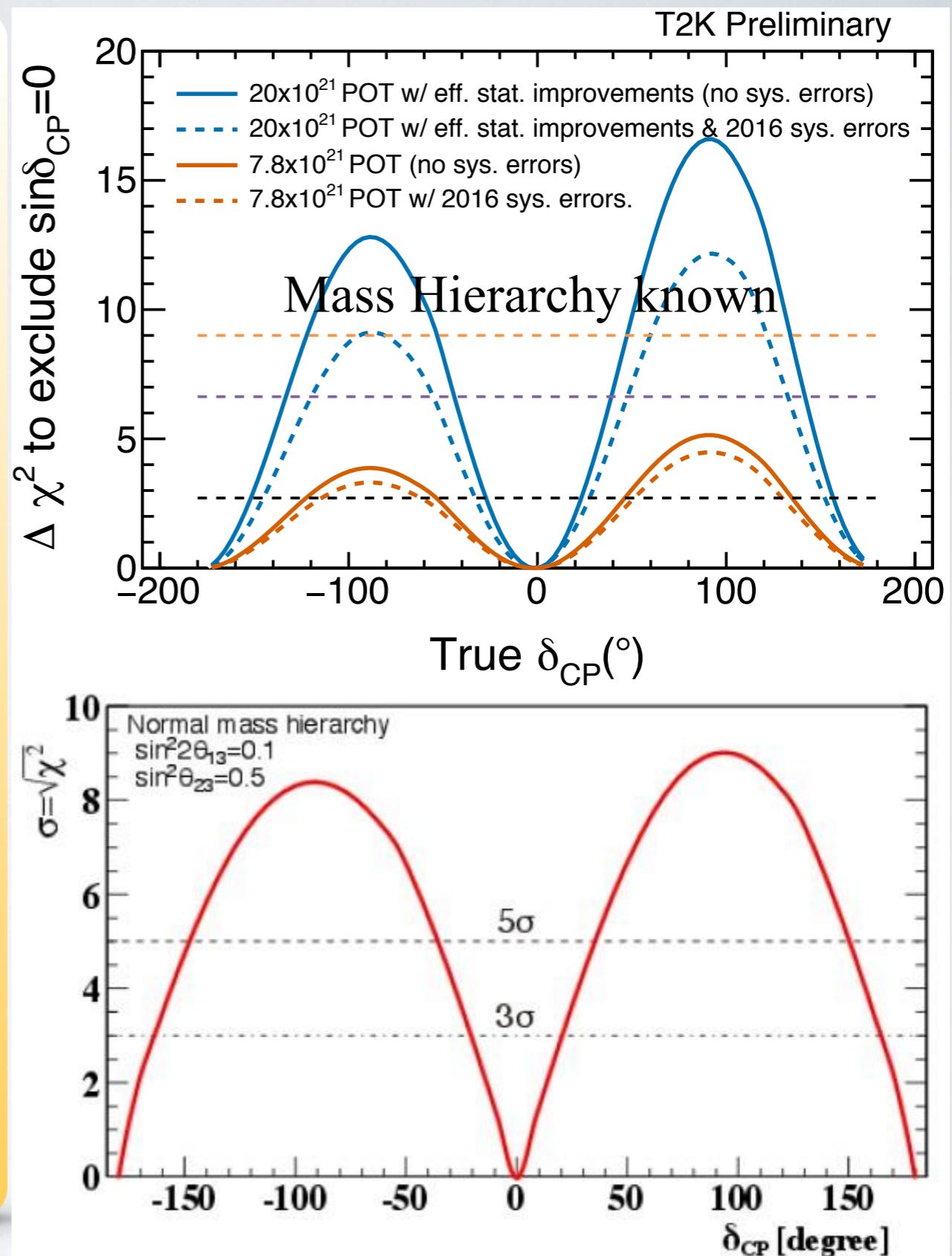
These aren't the slides you're looking for

ND to FD extrapolation is a three step process

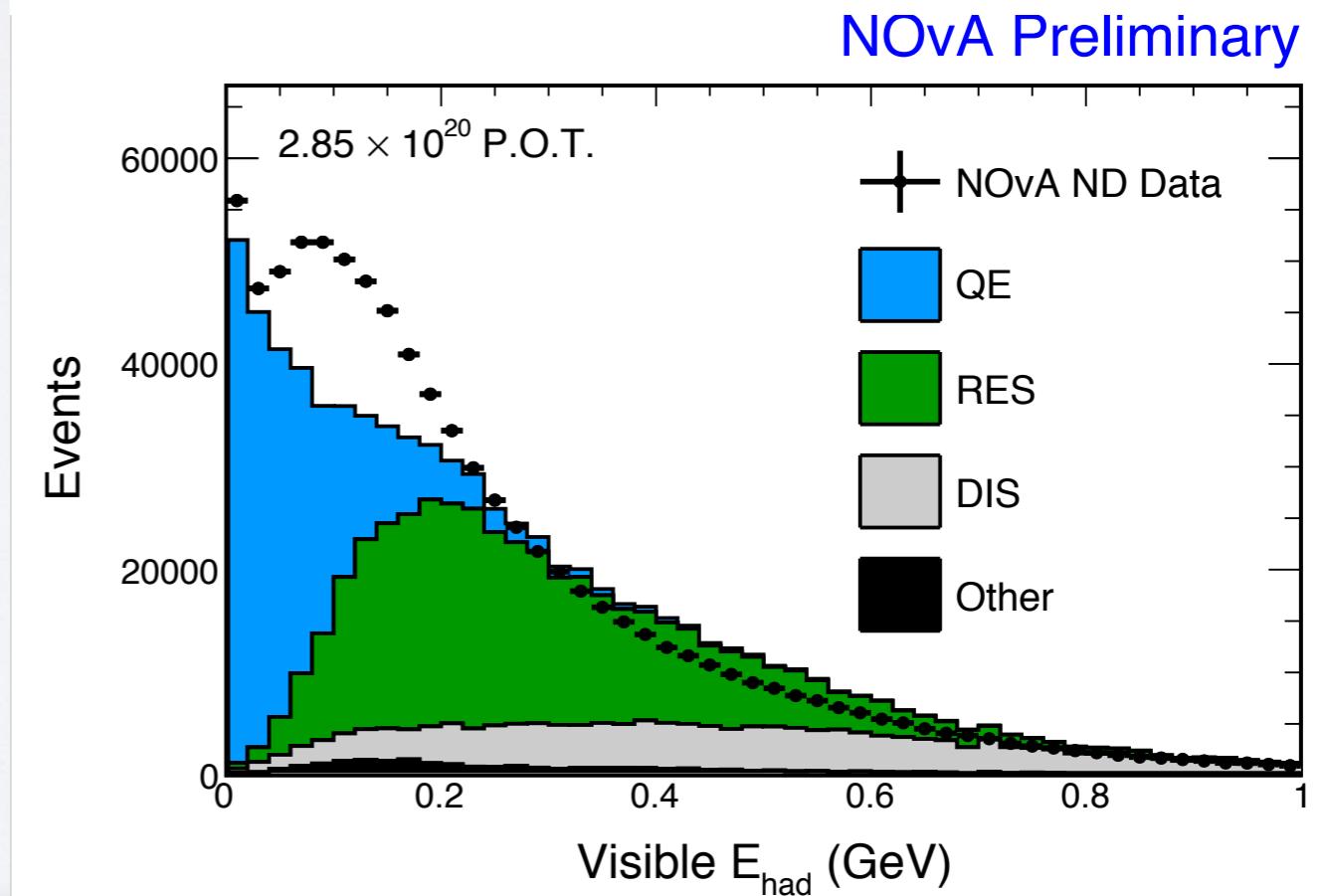
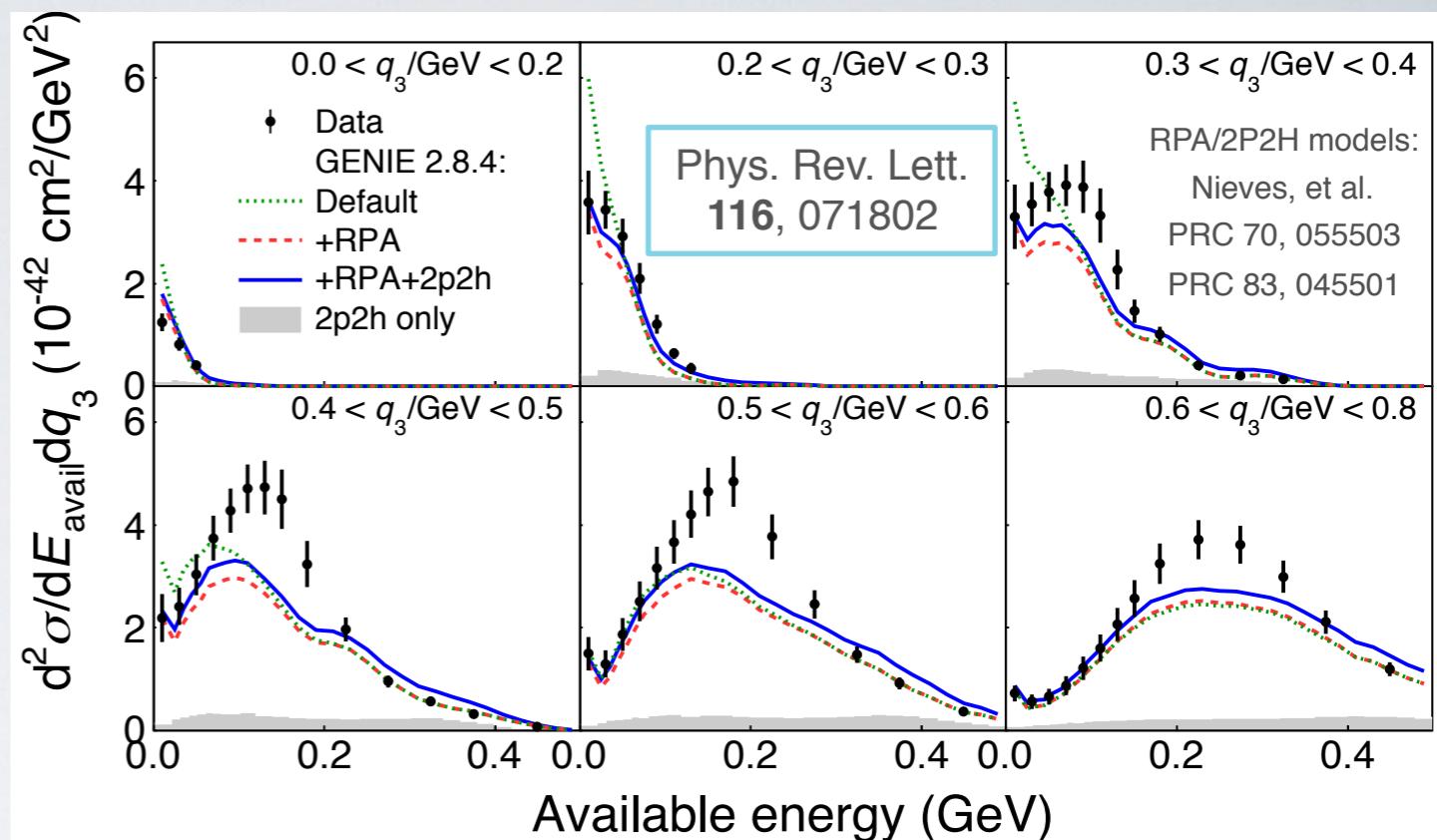


- 1) Unfold ND reconstructed energy to true energy
- 2) Use Far/Near ratio to convert to FD true energy spectrum
- 3) Translate back to reconstructed energy

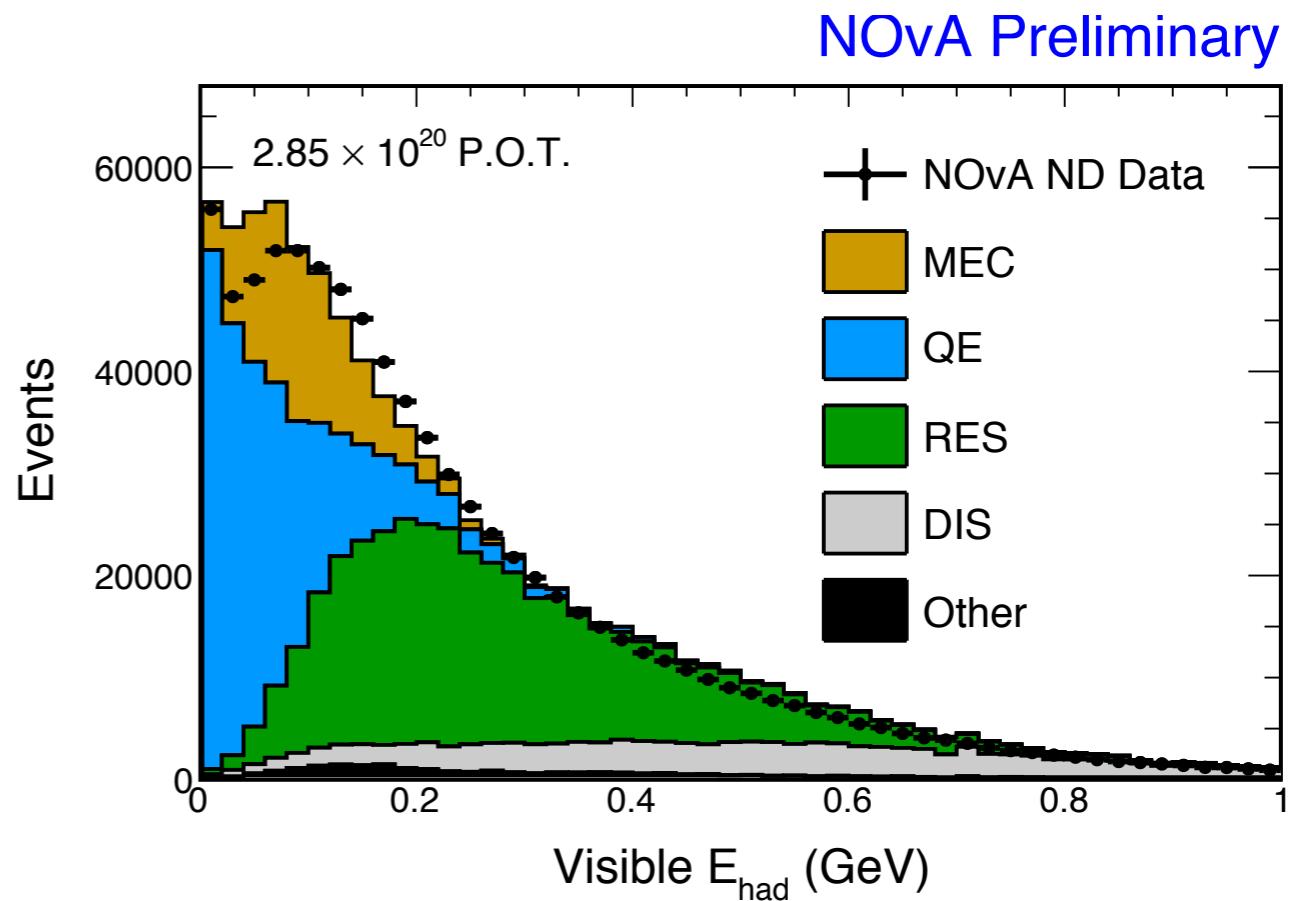
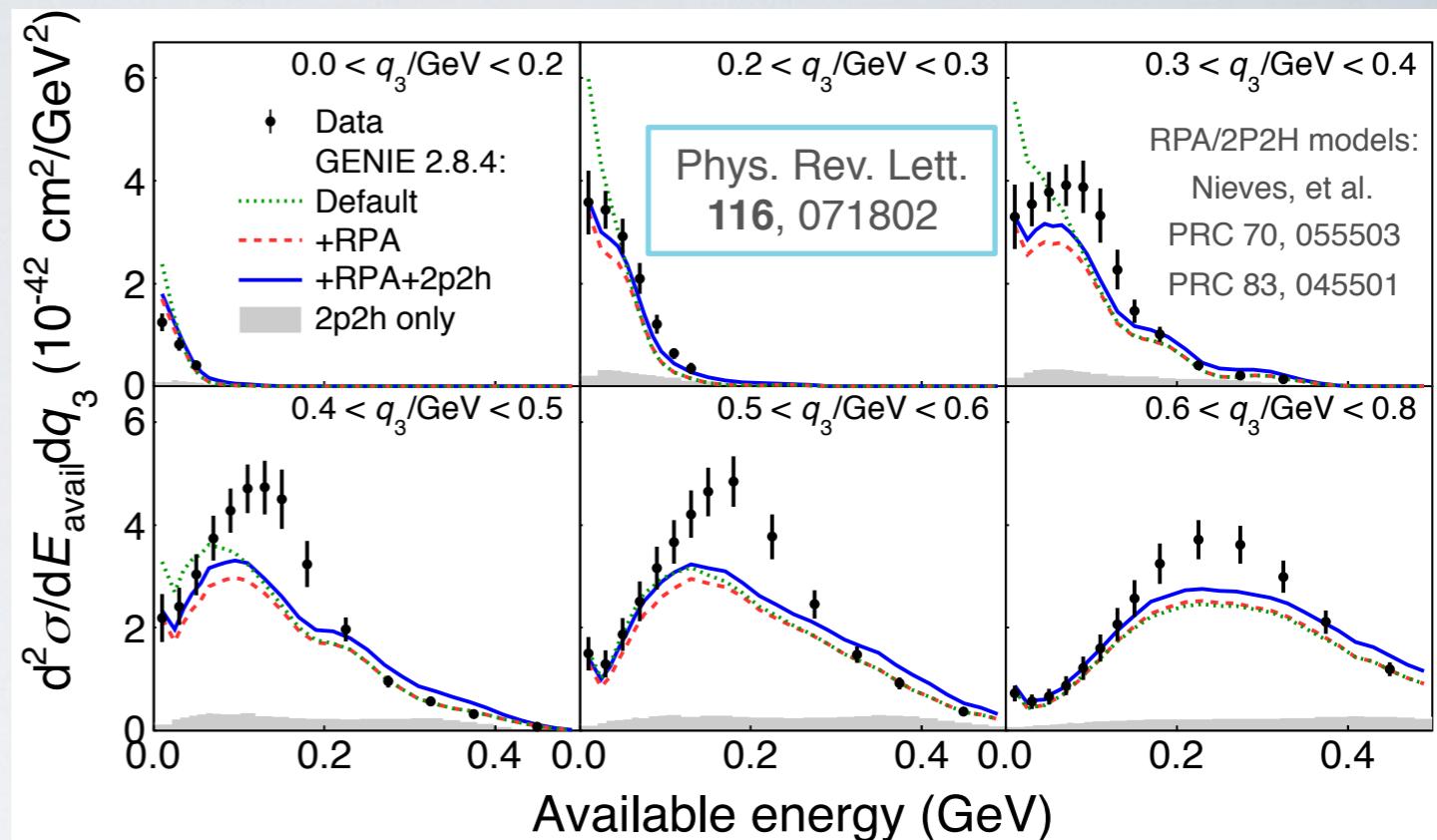
- Current T2K program expects 7.8×10^{21} POT by 2020
 - Potential extension (T2K-II) would have 20×10^{21} by 2026
 - 3σ sensitivity to δ_{CP}
- Requires accelerator and beam line upgrades to reach 1.3 MW (currently 420 kW)
- While T2K-II is running, construction of the next generation detector (Hyperkamiokande)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



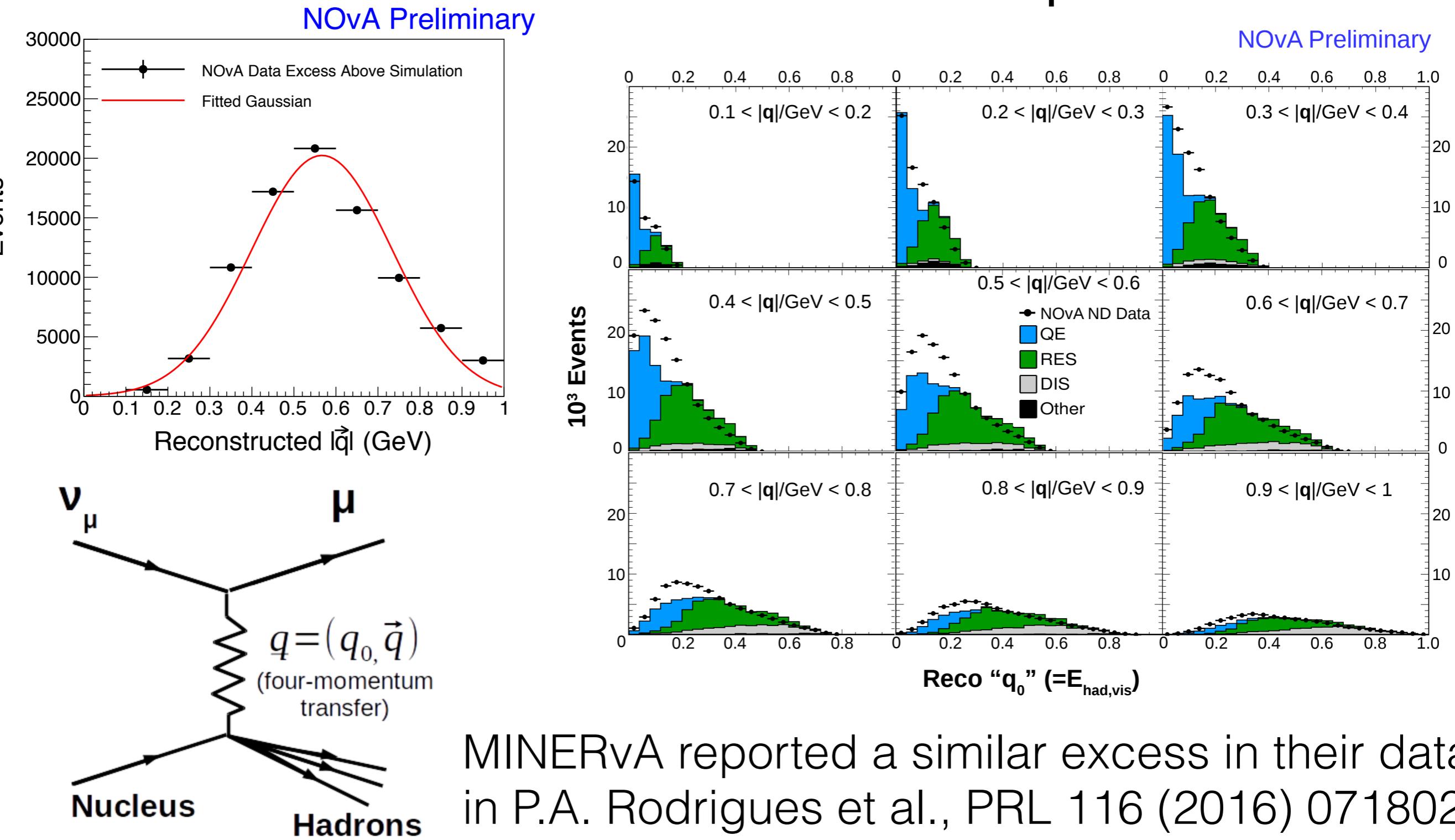
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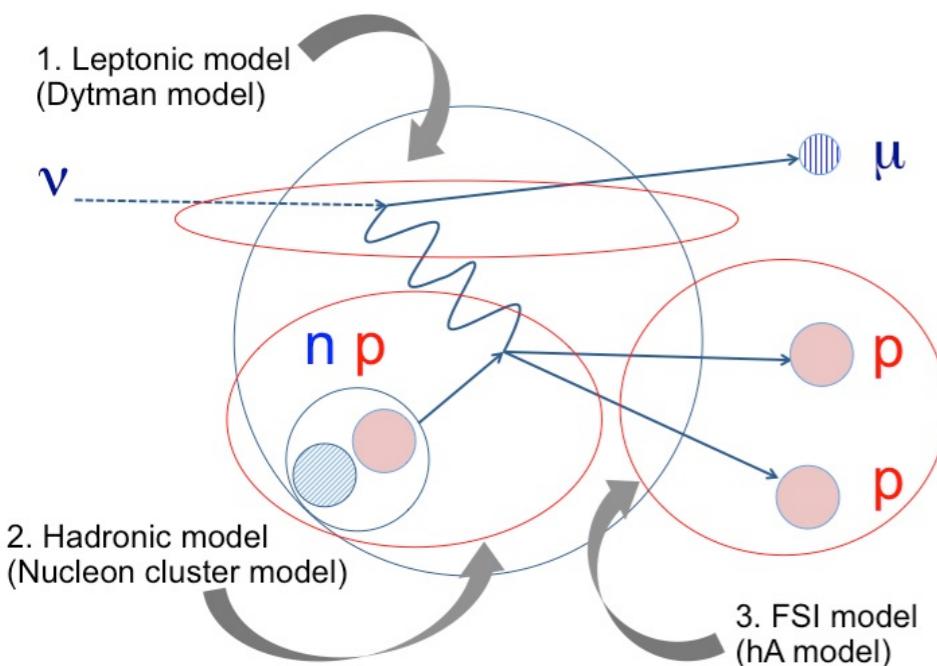


Near Det data suggests an unsimulated process between QE and Δ production



We enable GENIE's empirical Meson Exchange Current model

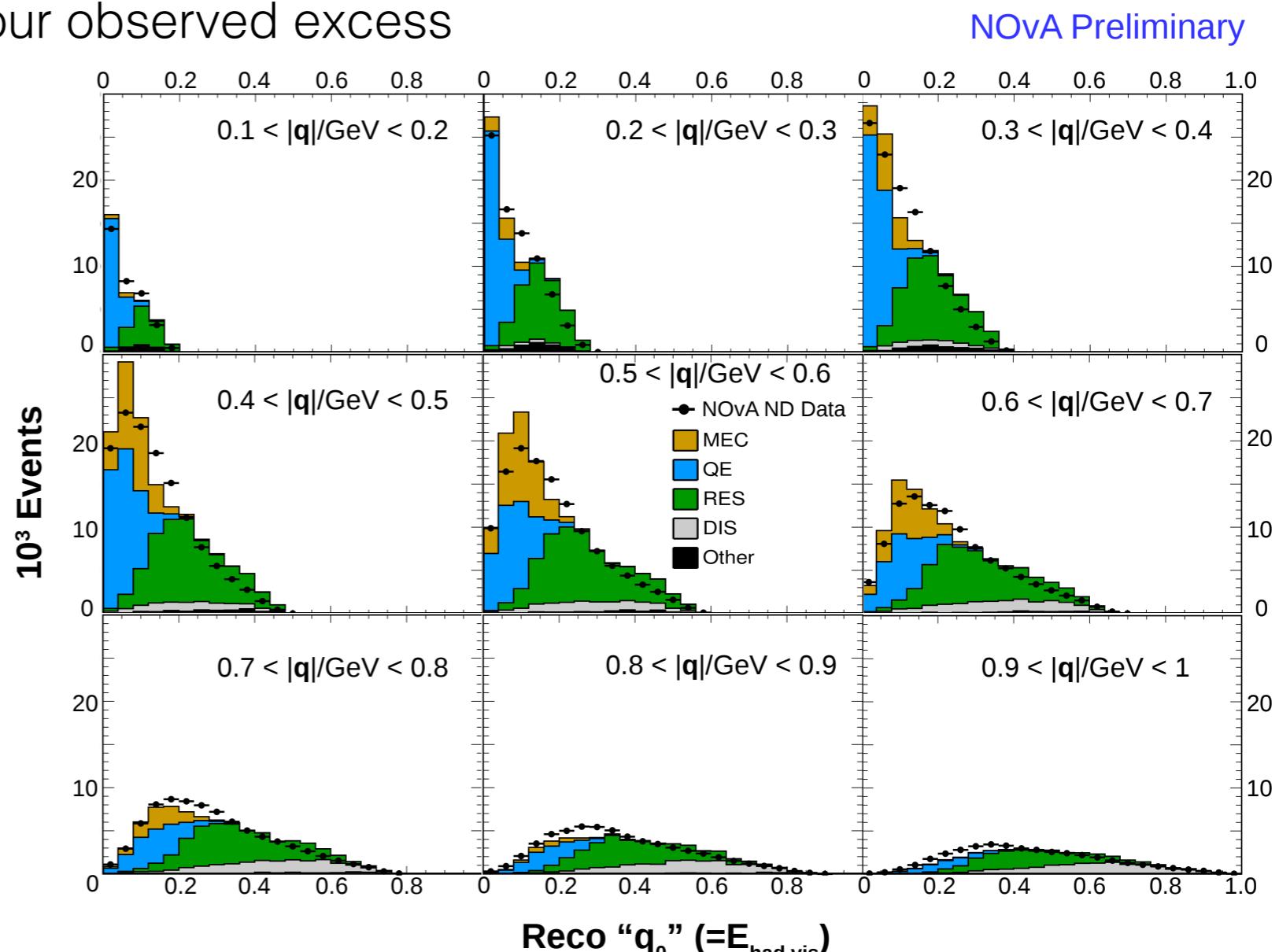
We reweight the model to match our observed excess as a function of \mathbf{p} transfer



Reduce single non-resonant pion production by 50%

(P.A. Rodrigues et al, arXiv: 1601.01888.)

Take 50% systematic uncertainty on MEC component



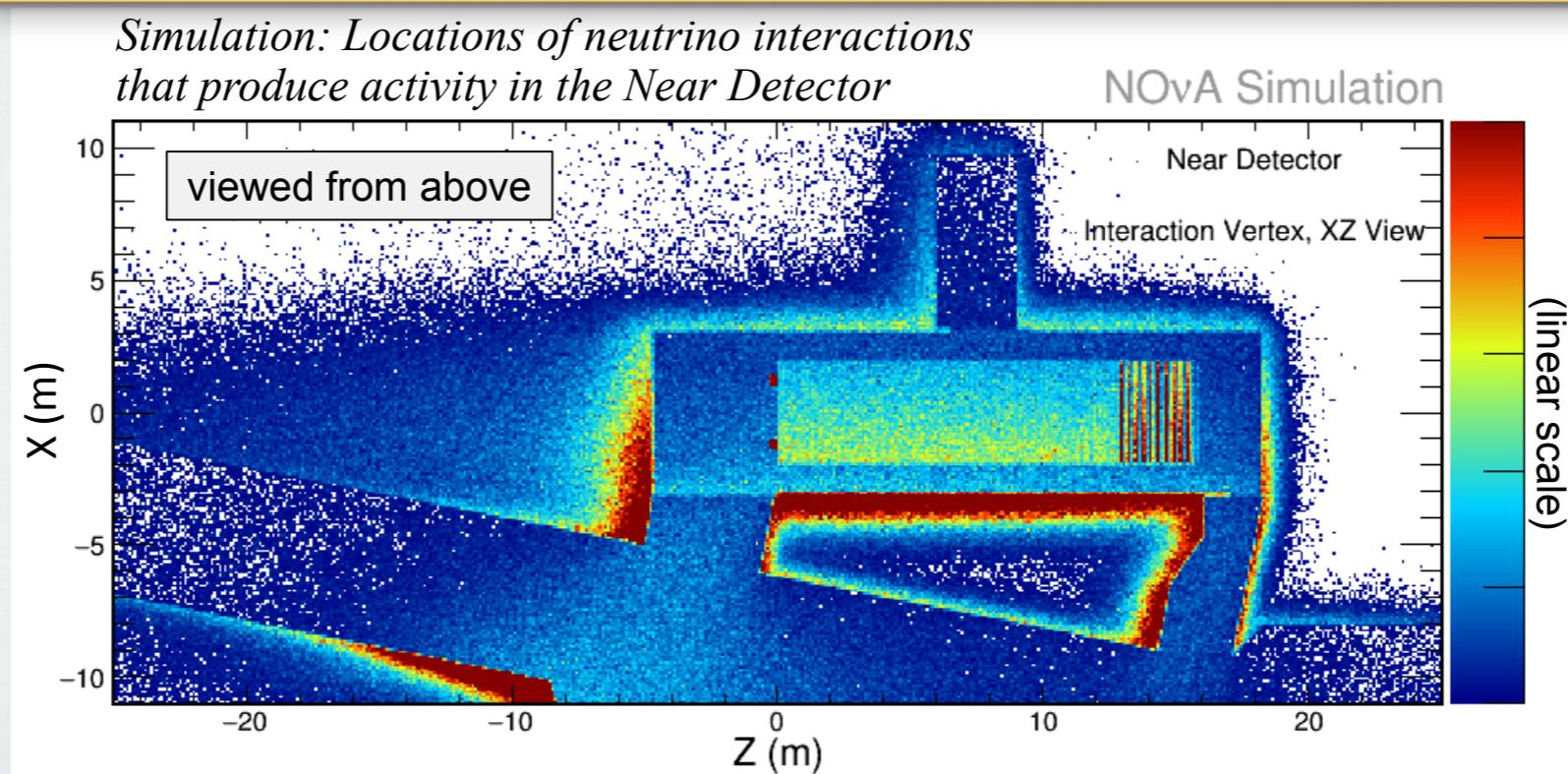
This reduces our largest systematic uncertainties

- Hadronic energy scale
- QE cross-section modeling

Simulation in NOvA

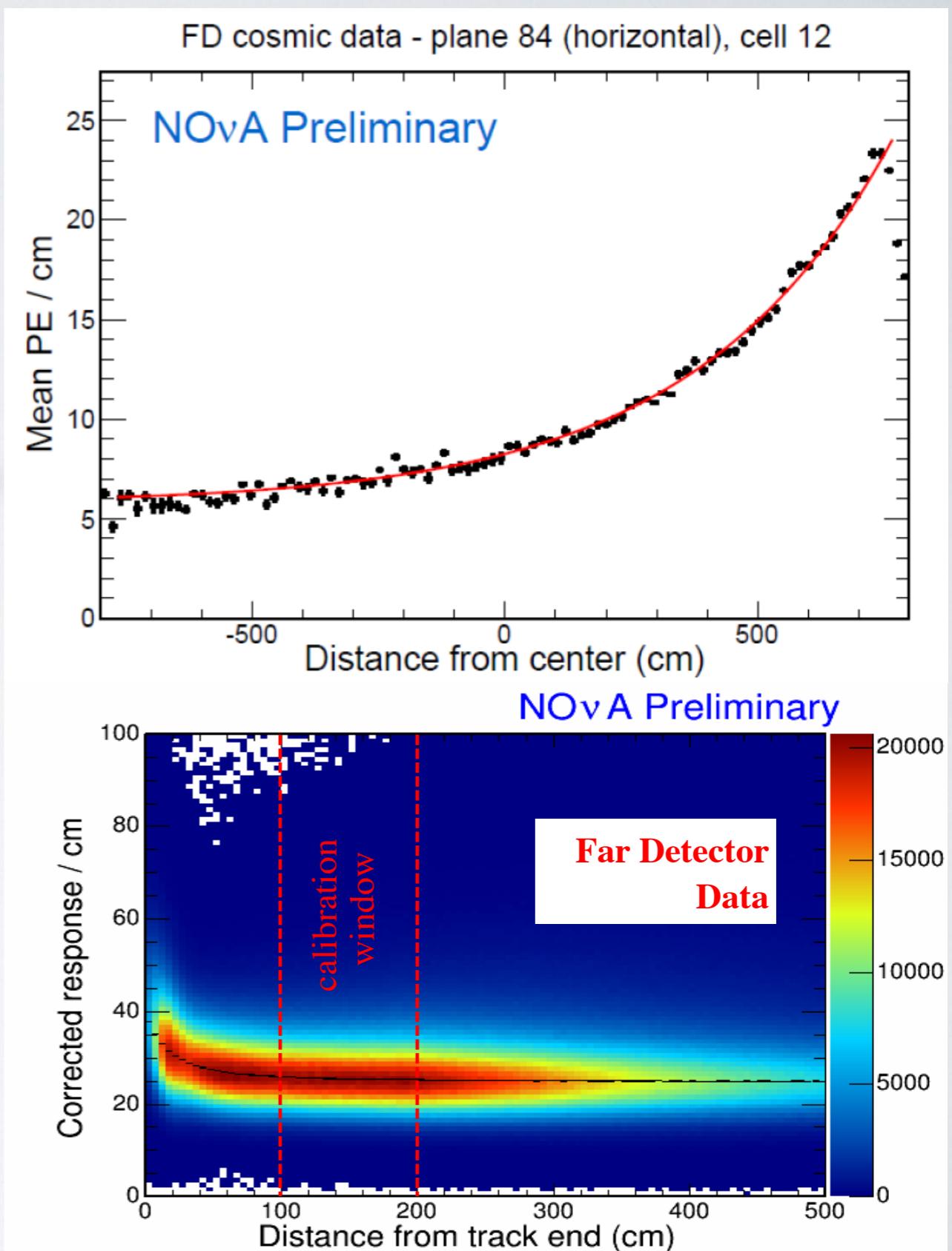
Highly detailed end to end simulation chain

- 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**



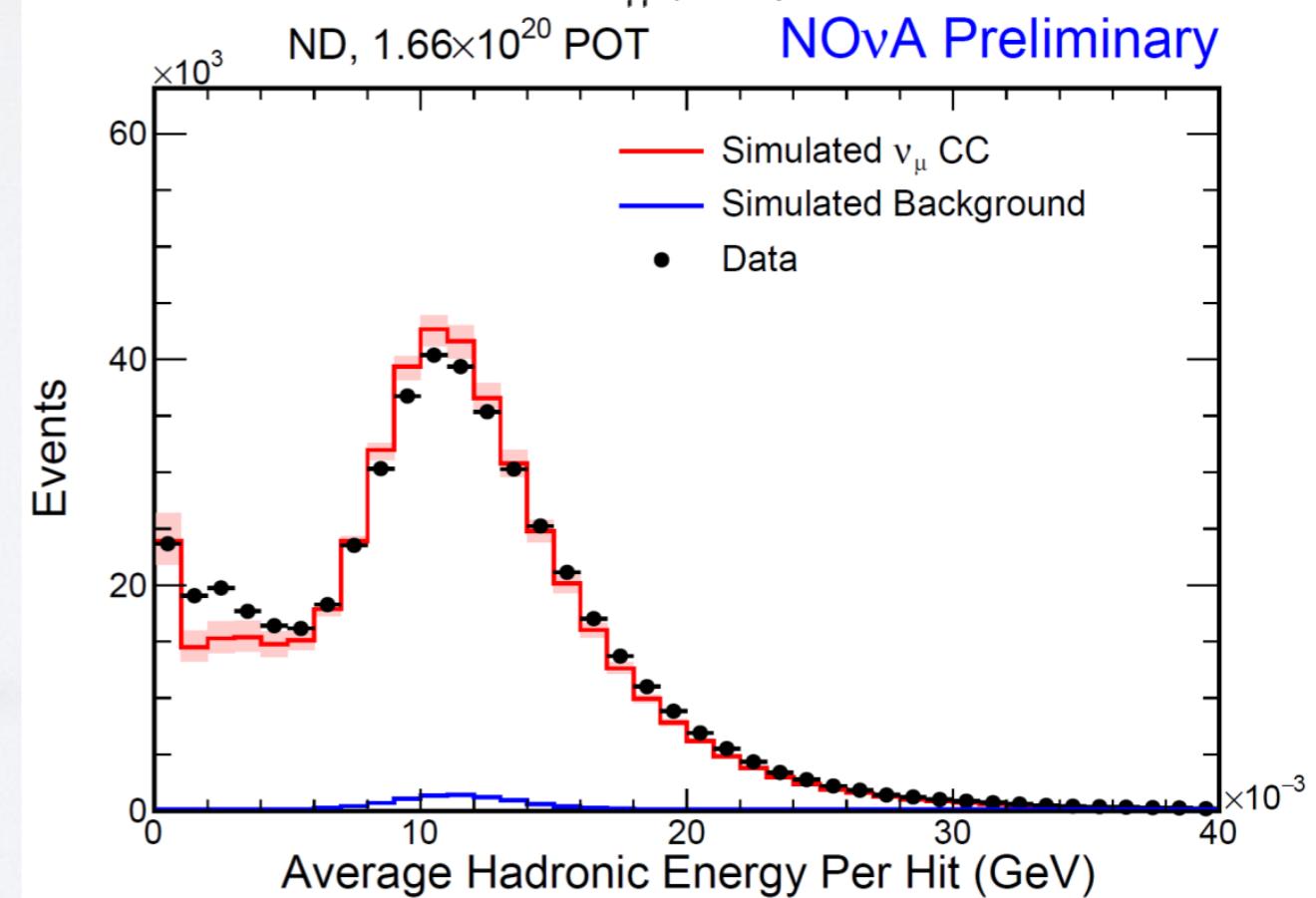
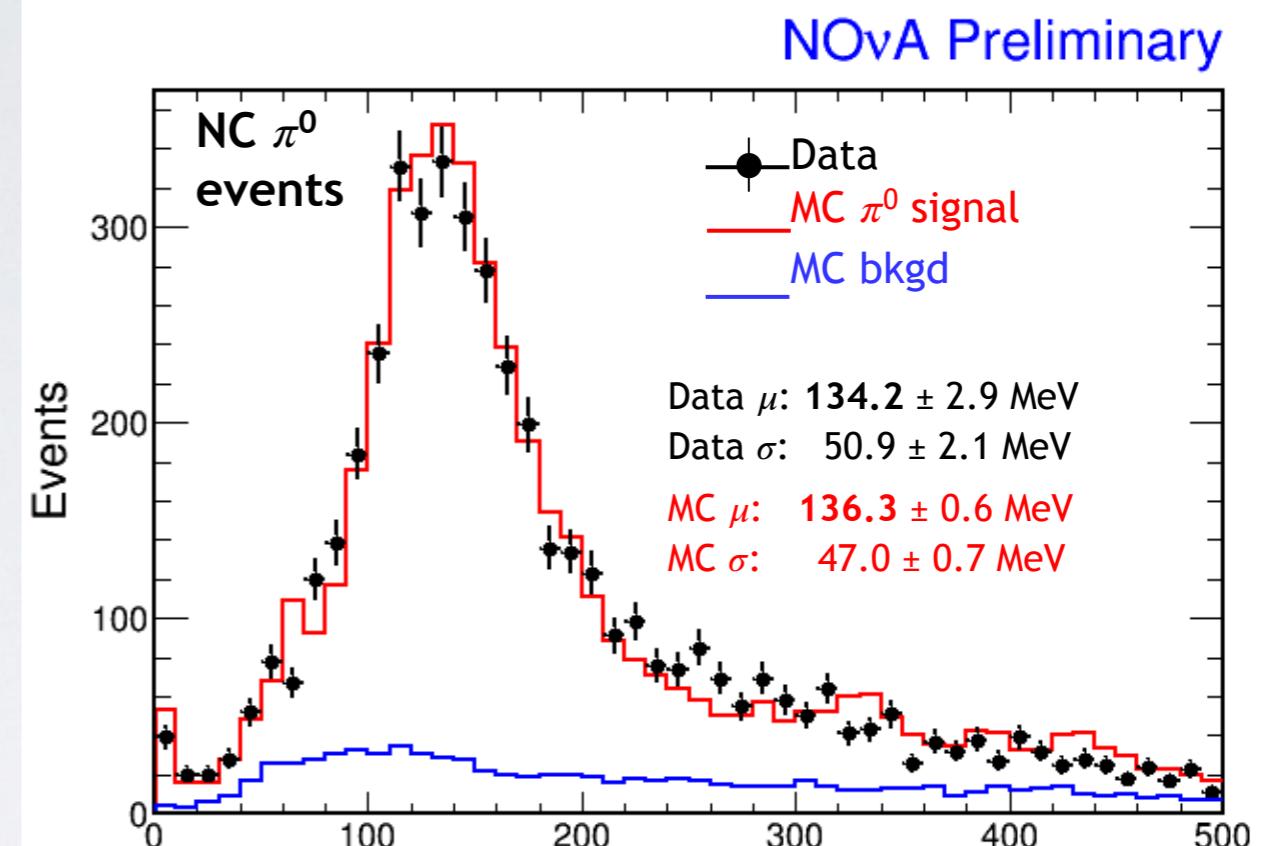
Calibration

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



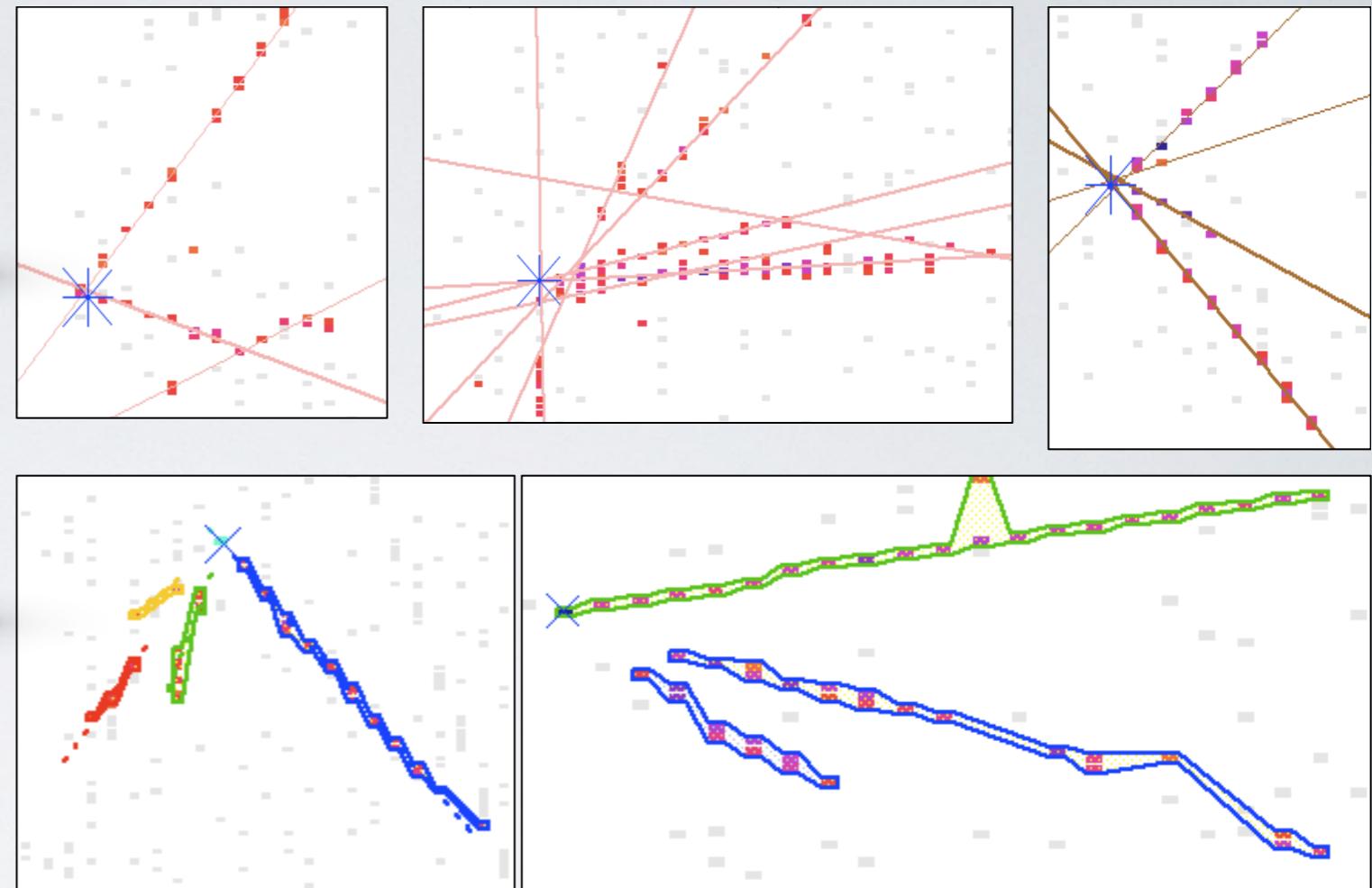
Energy Scale

- Near Detector
 - cosmic μ dE/dx [~vertical]
 - beam μ dE/dx [~horizontal]
 - Michel e^- spectrum
 - π^0 mass
 - hadronic shower E -per-hit
- Far Detector
 - cosmic μ dE/dx [~vertical]
 - beam μ dE/dx [~horizontal]
 - Michel e^- spectrum
- All agree to 5%



Reconstruction

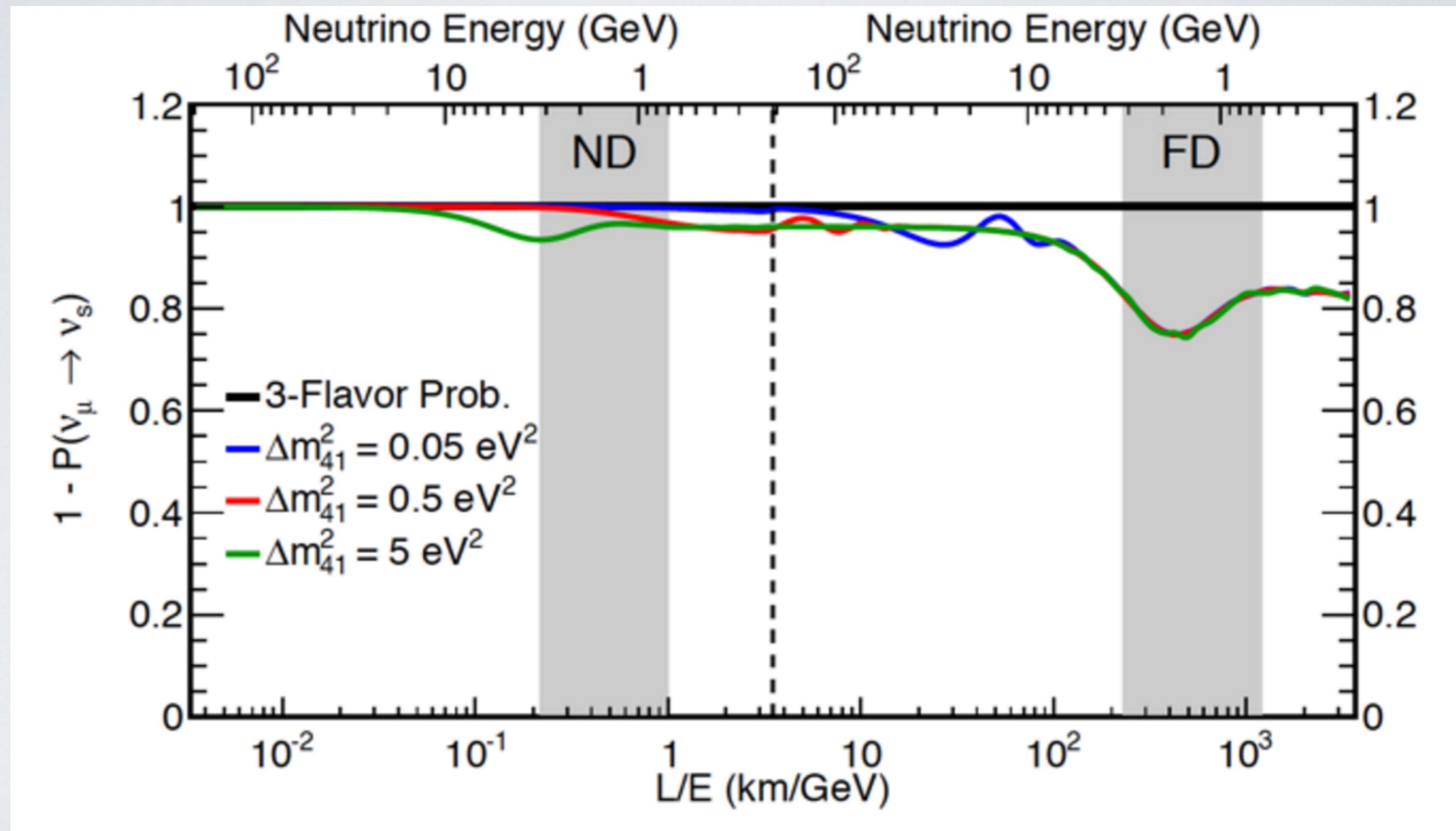
Vertexing: Find lines of energy depositions w/ Hough transform
CC events: 11 cm resolution



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

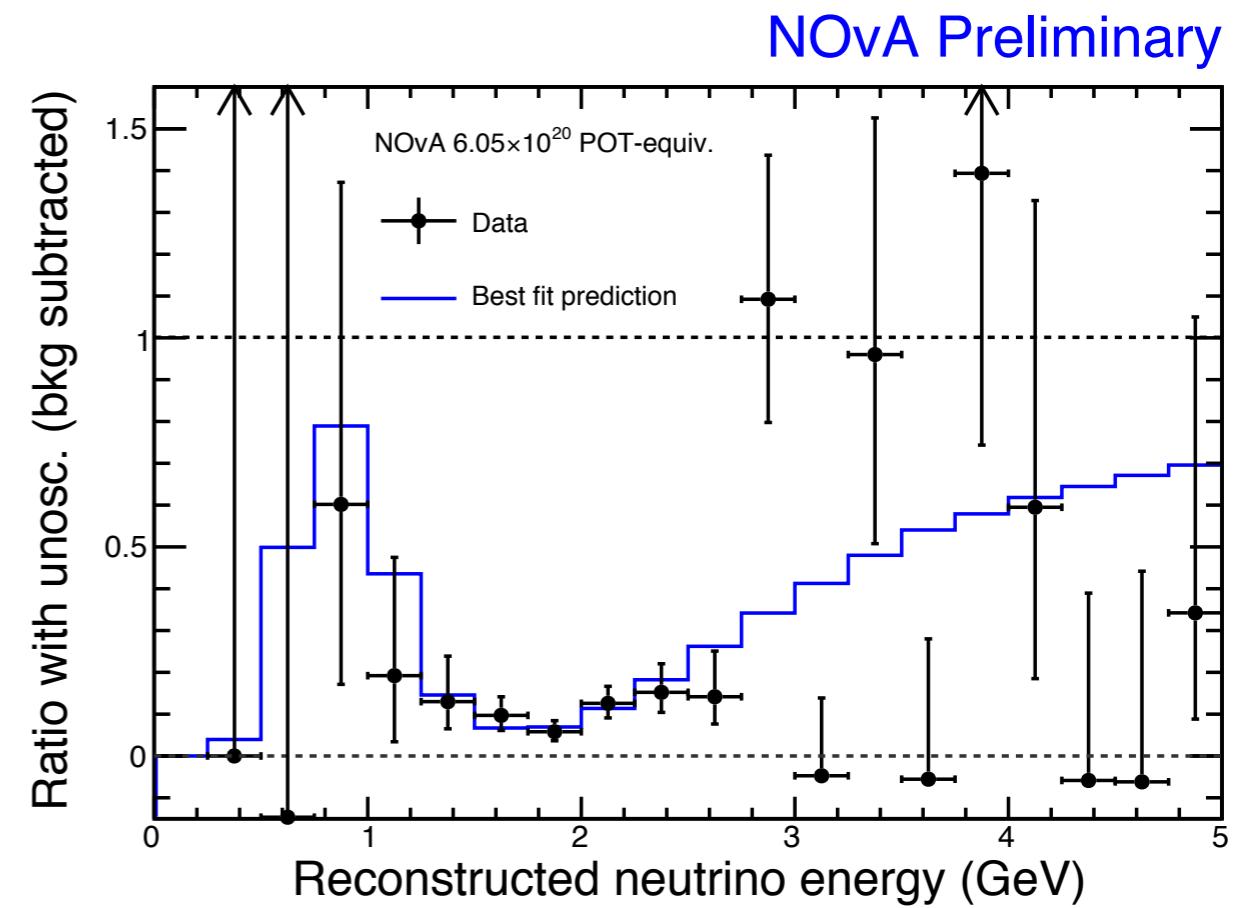
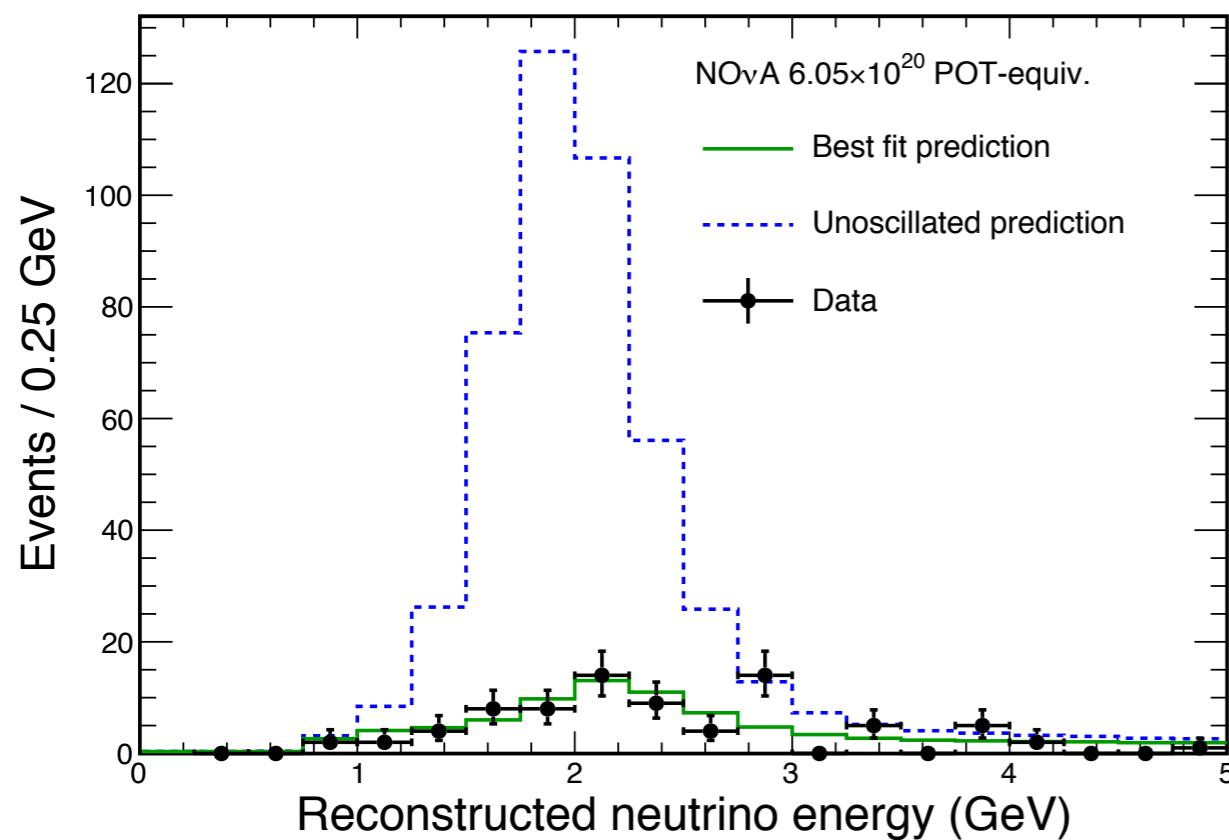
Tracking: Trace particle trajectories with **Kalman filter** tracker.
Also, **cosmic ray tracker**: lightweight, fast, and for large calibration samples, online monitoring.

Sterile oscillations

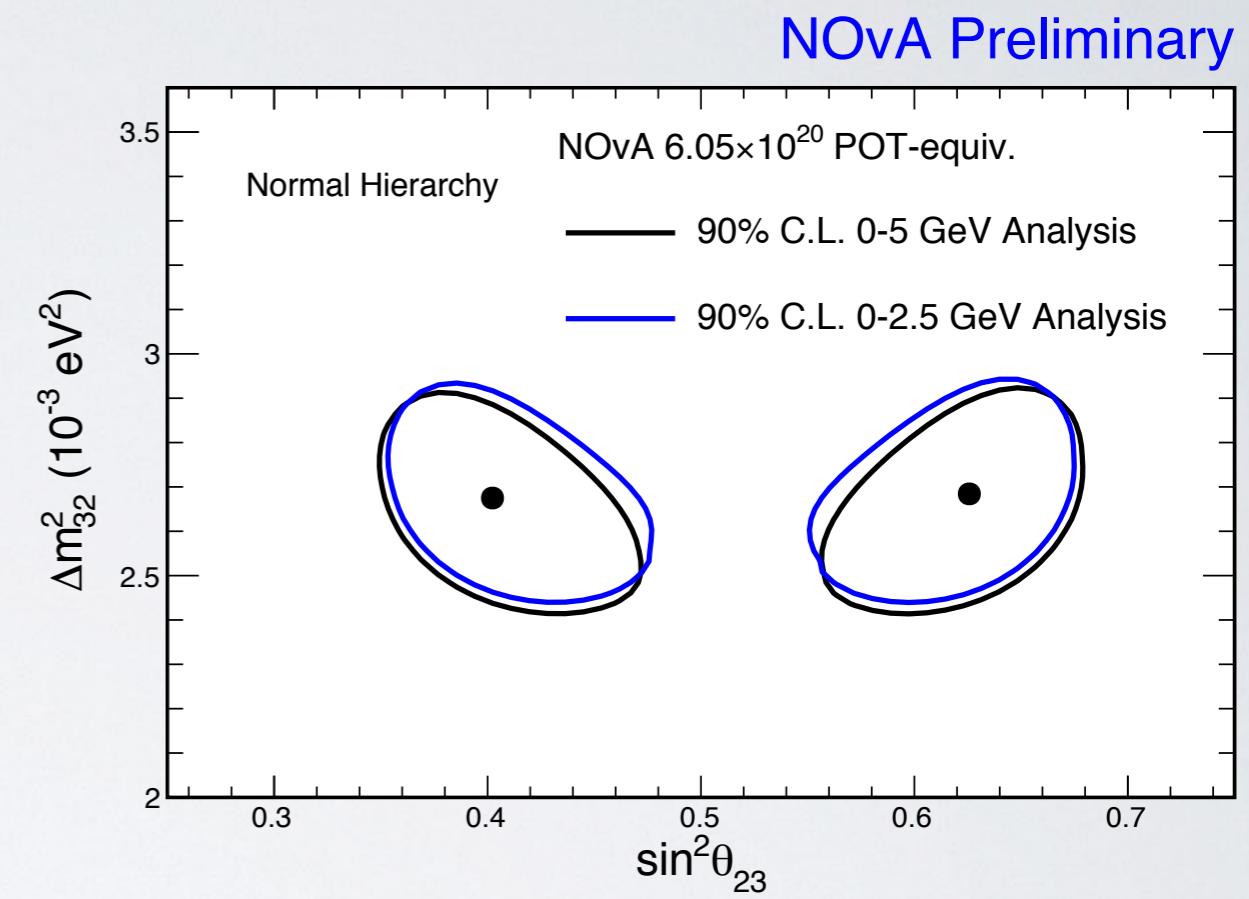
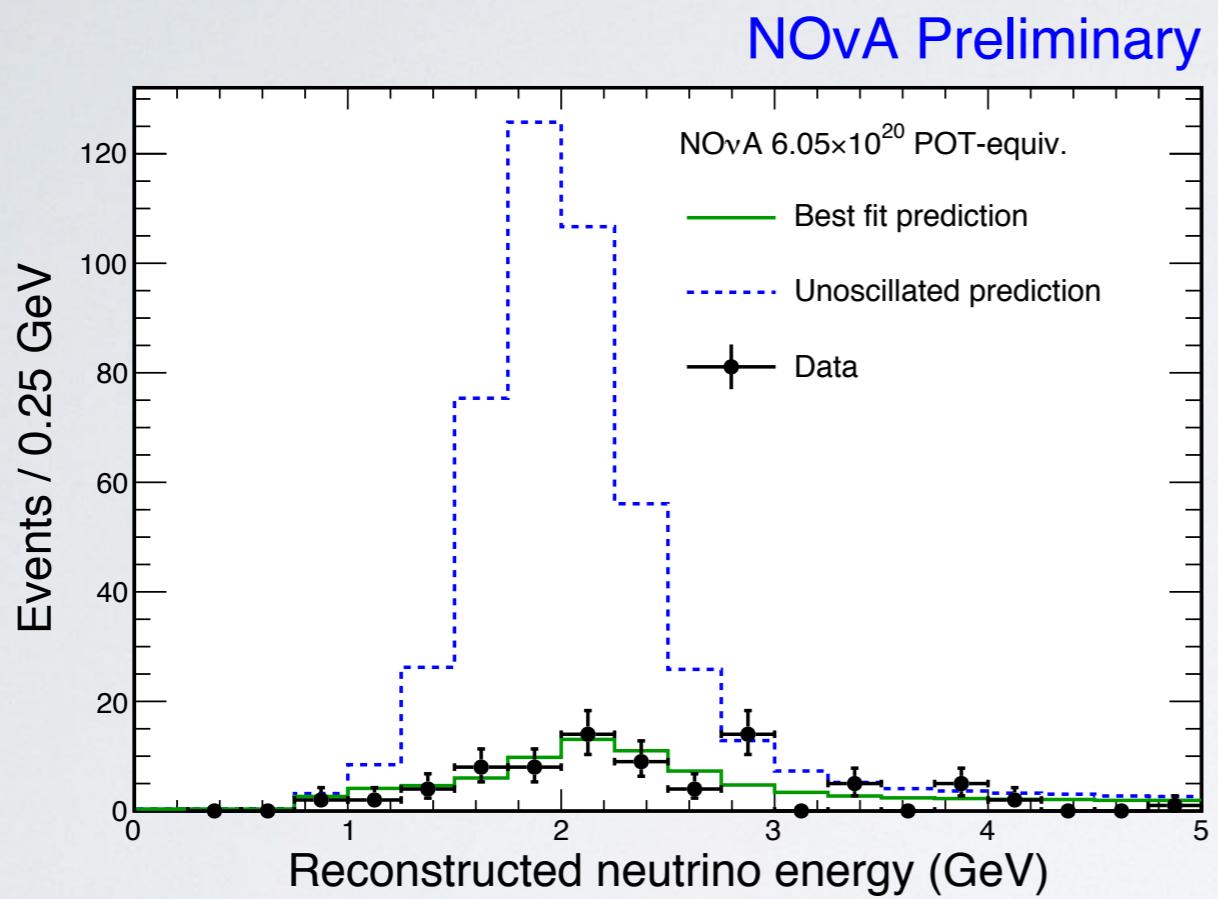


Disappearance

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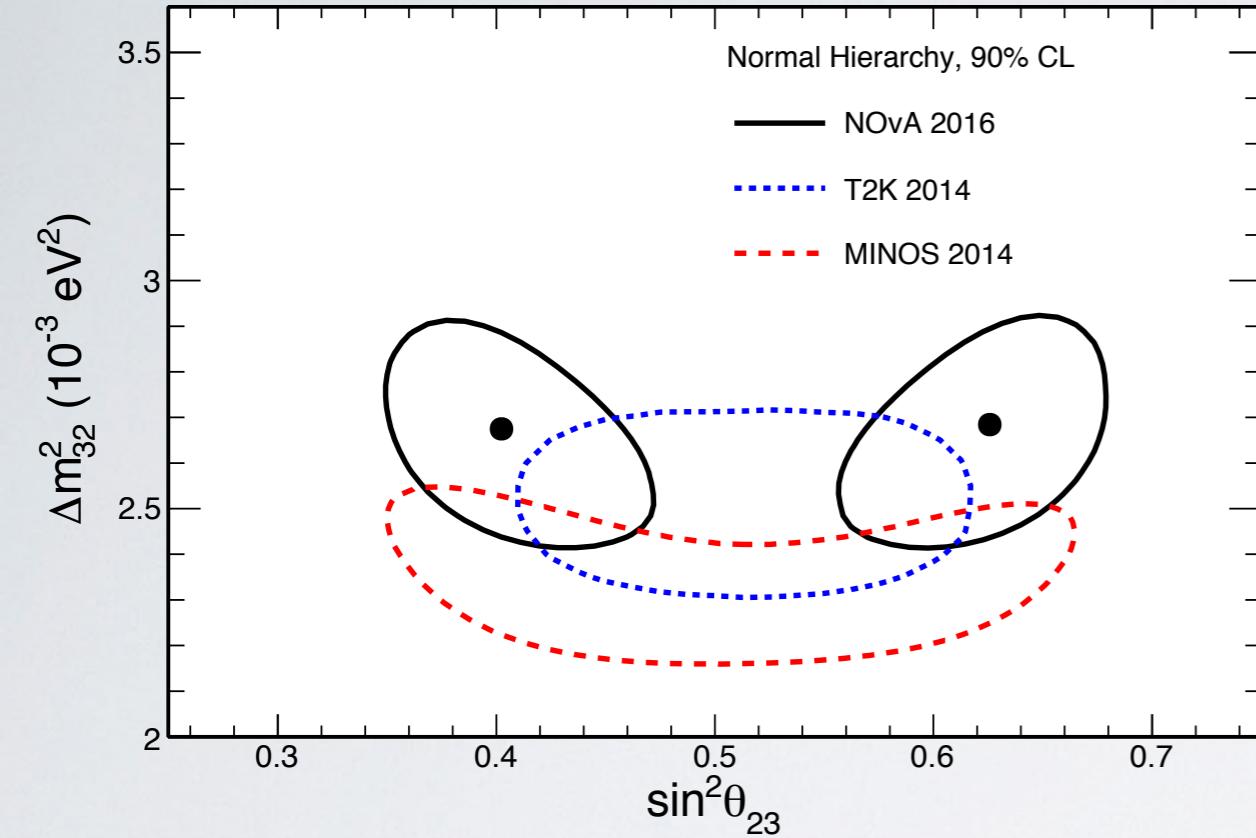


Tail pull on fit



ID bounds

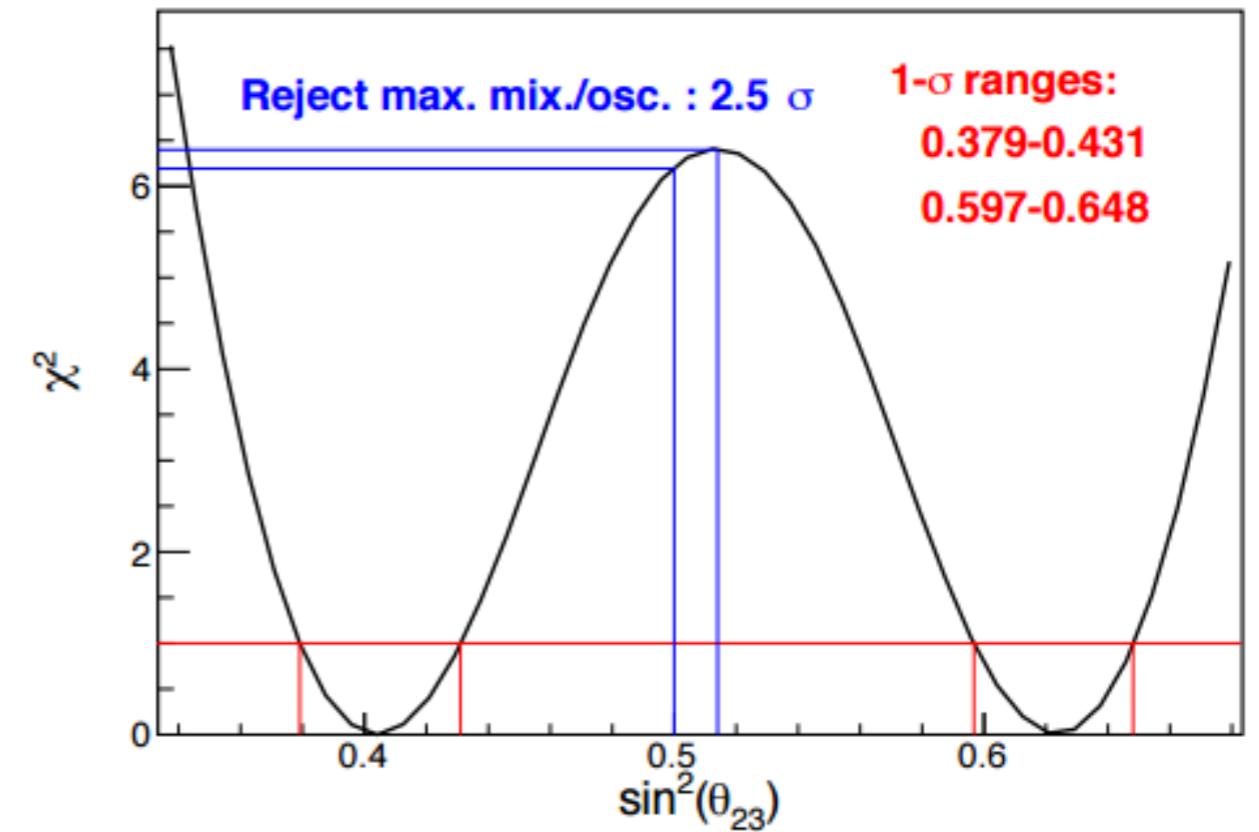
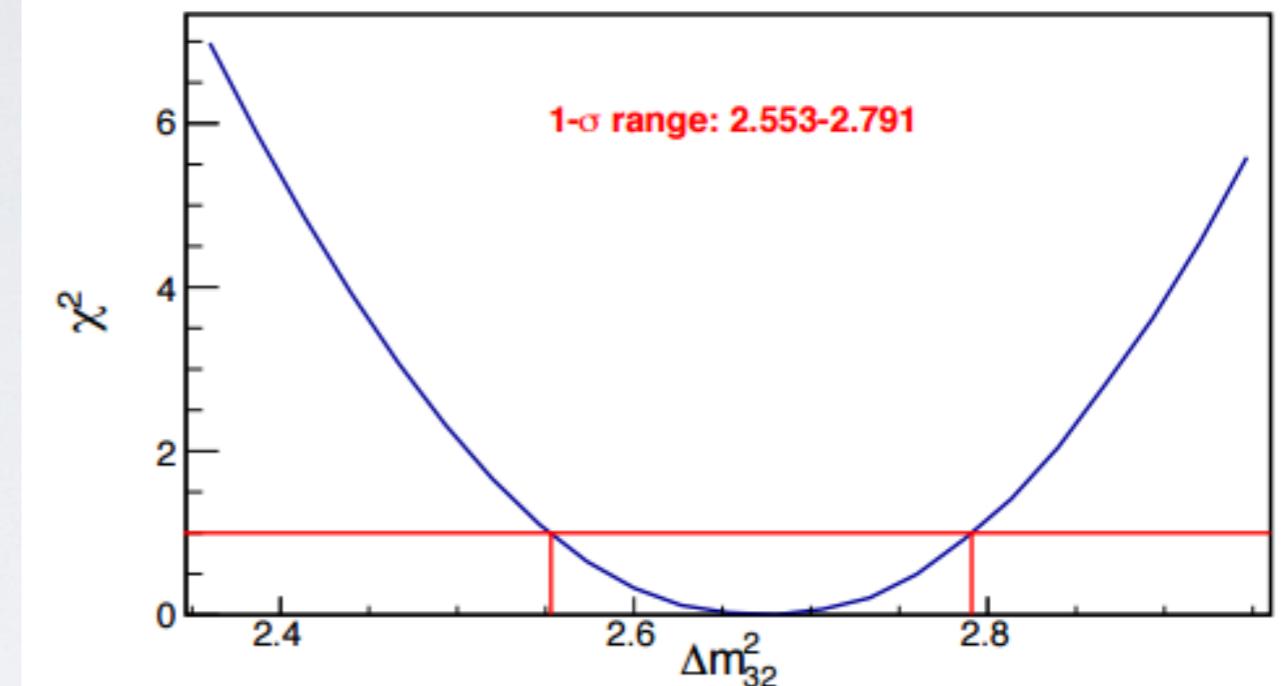
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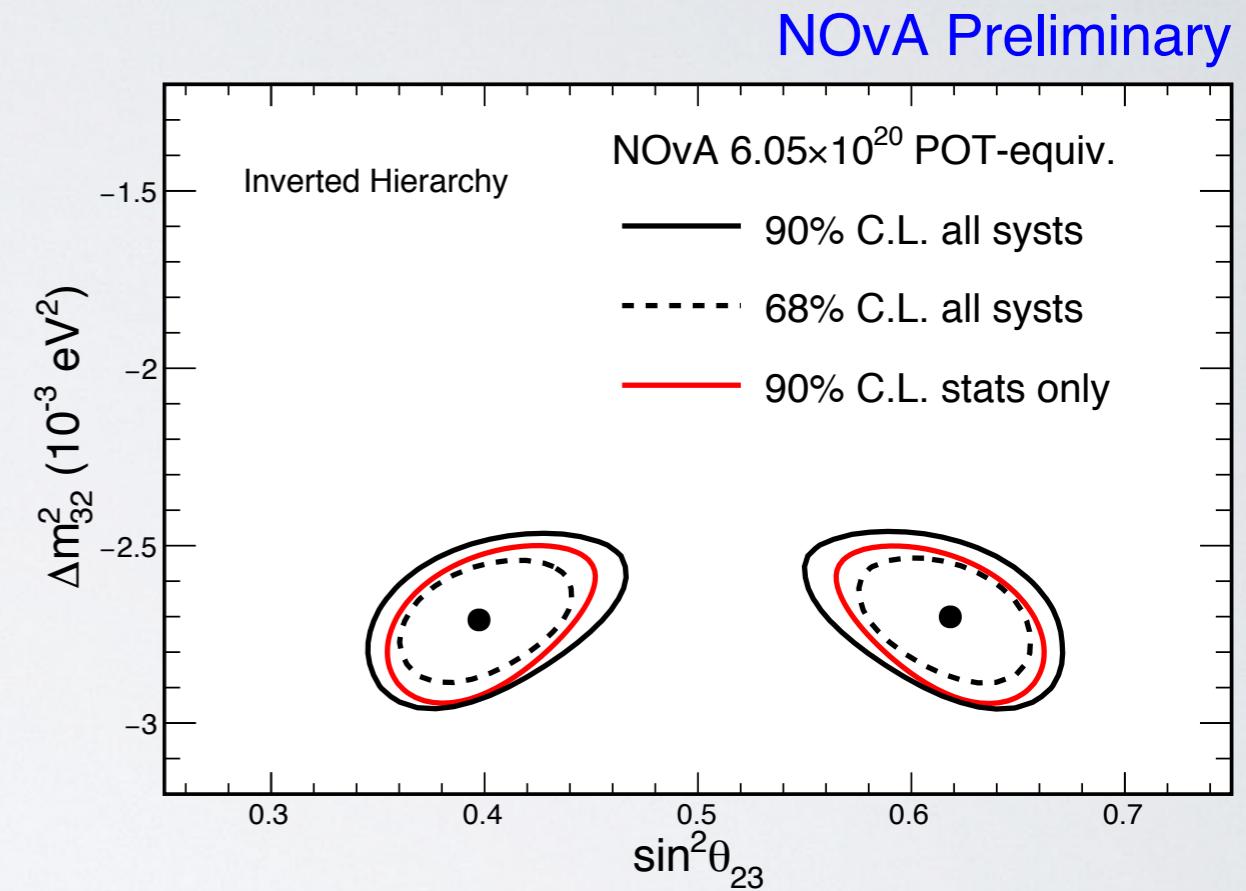
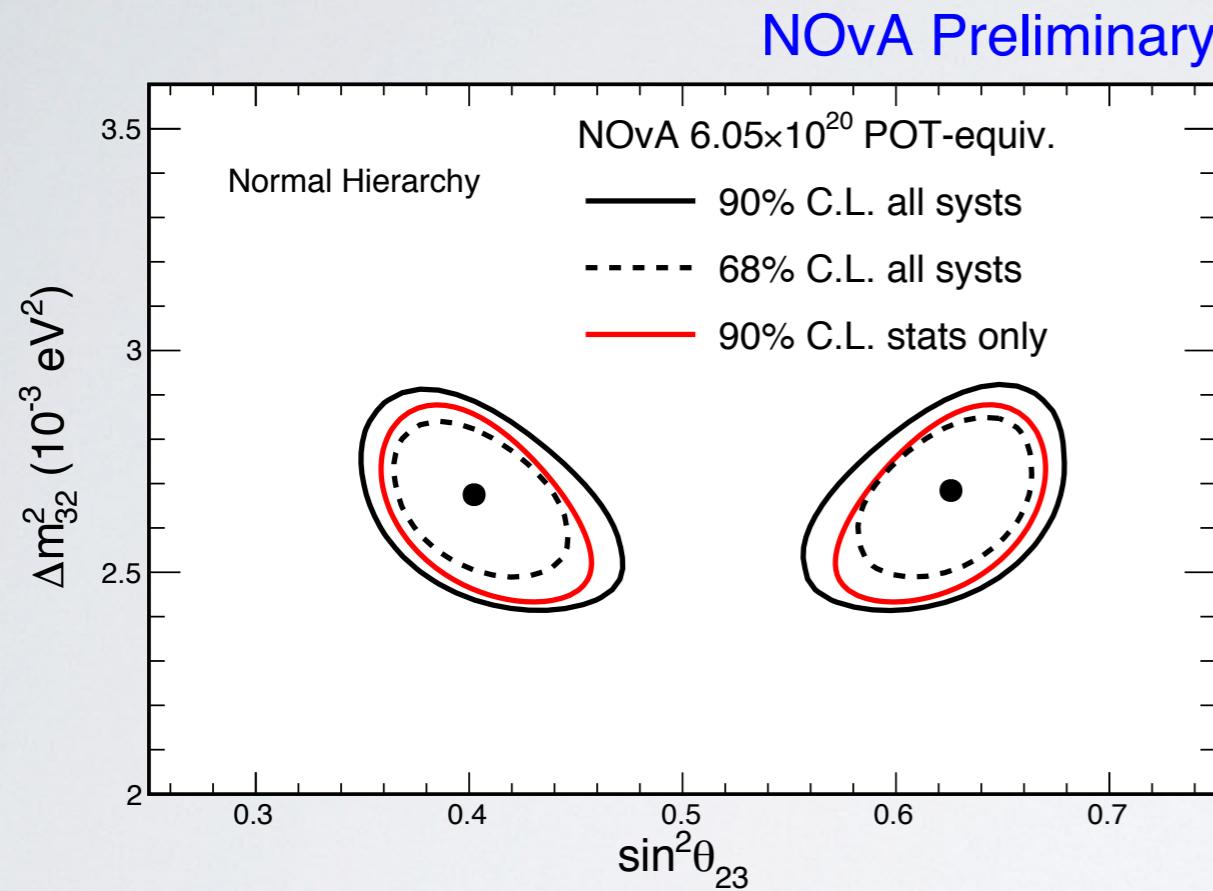
Best Fit:

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

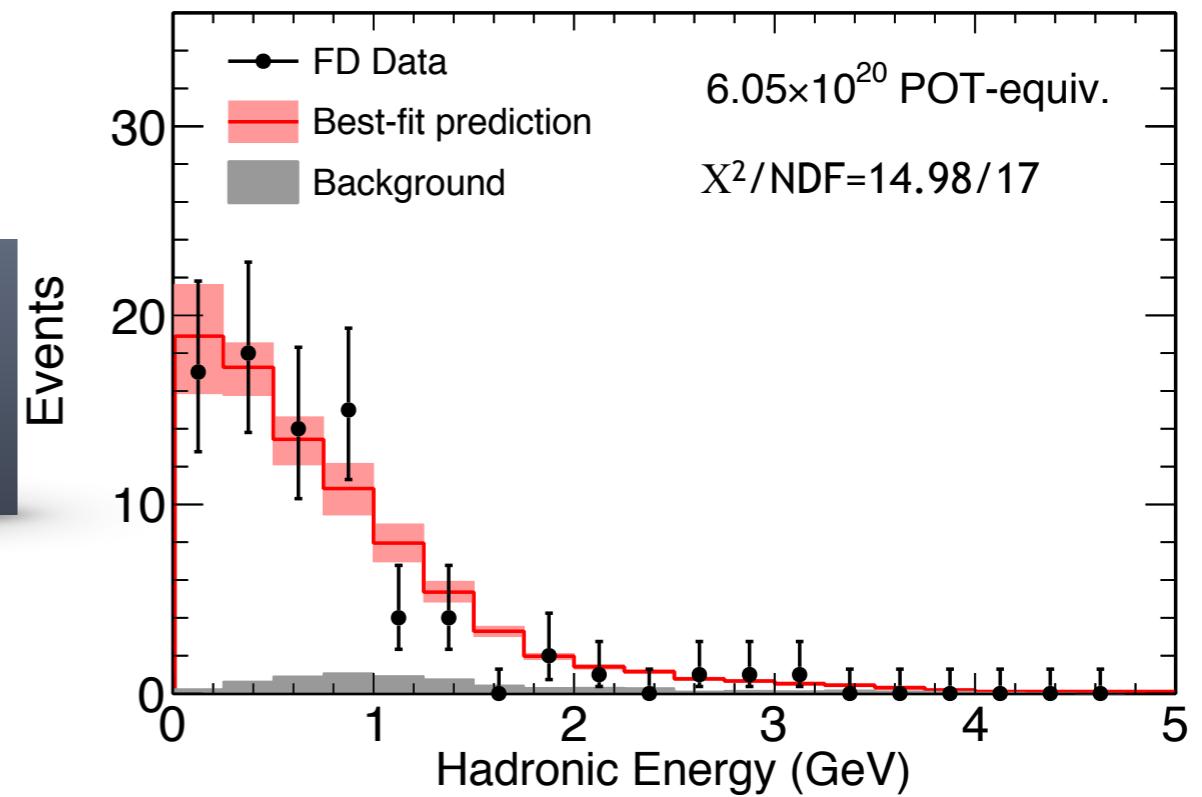
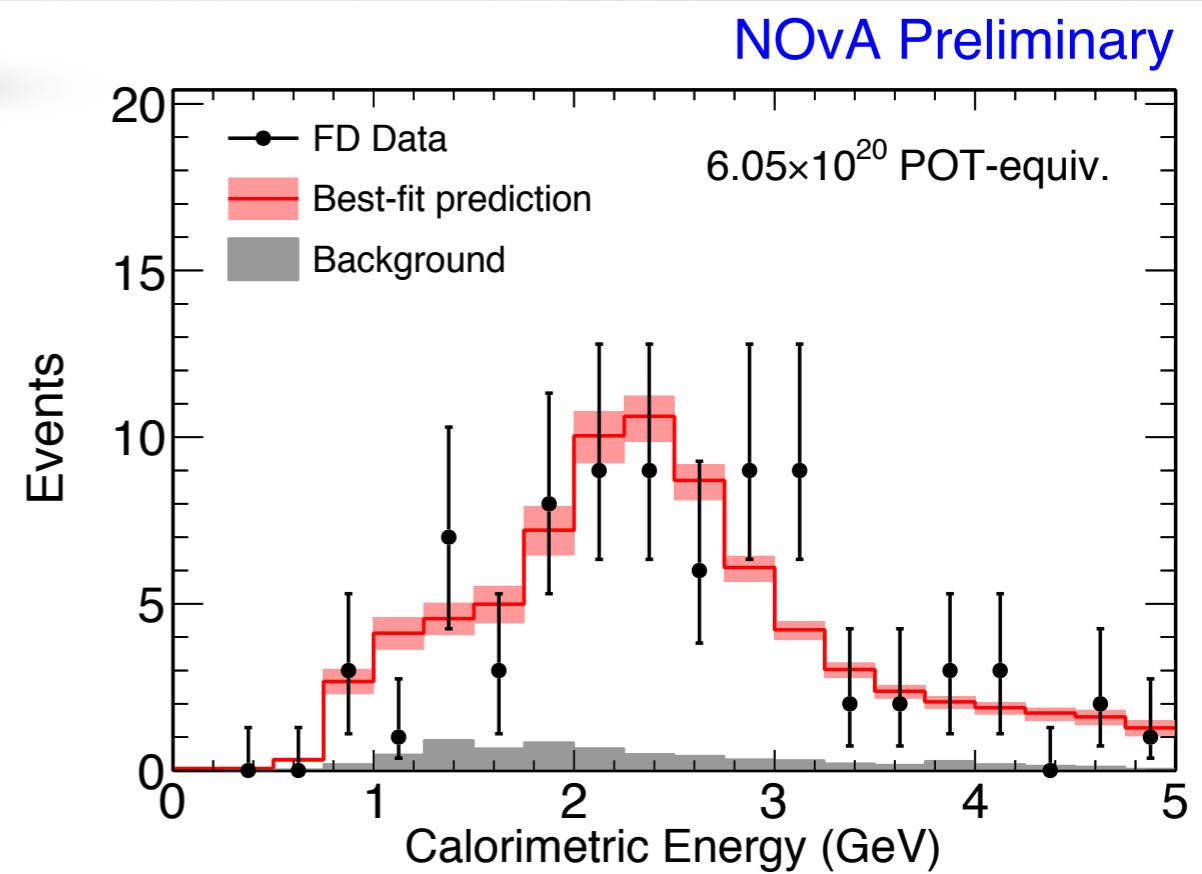
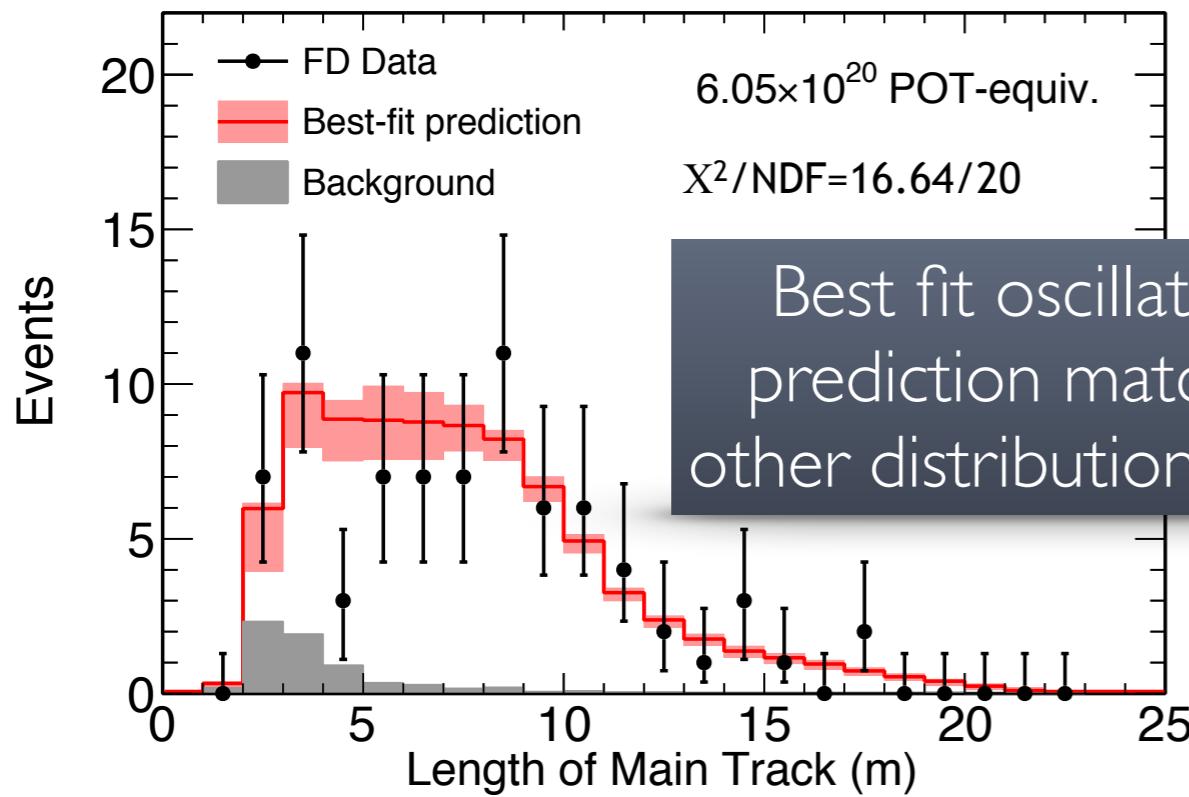
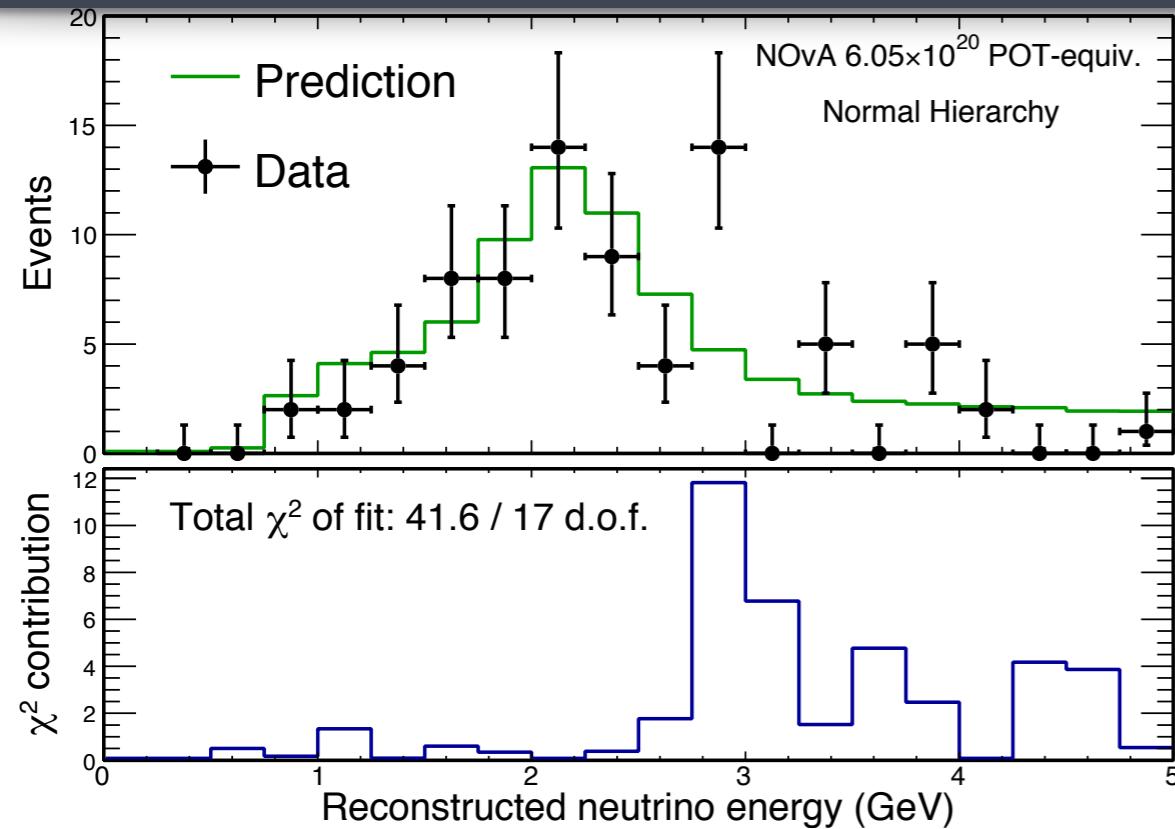
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.40^{+0.03}_{-0.02} (0.63^{+0.02}_{-0.03})$$



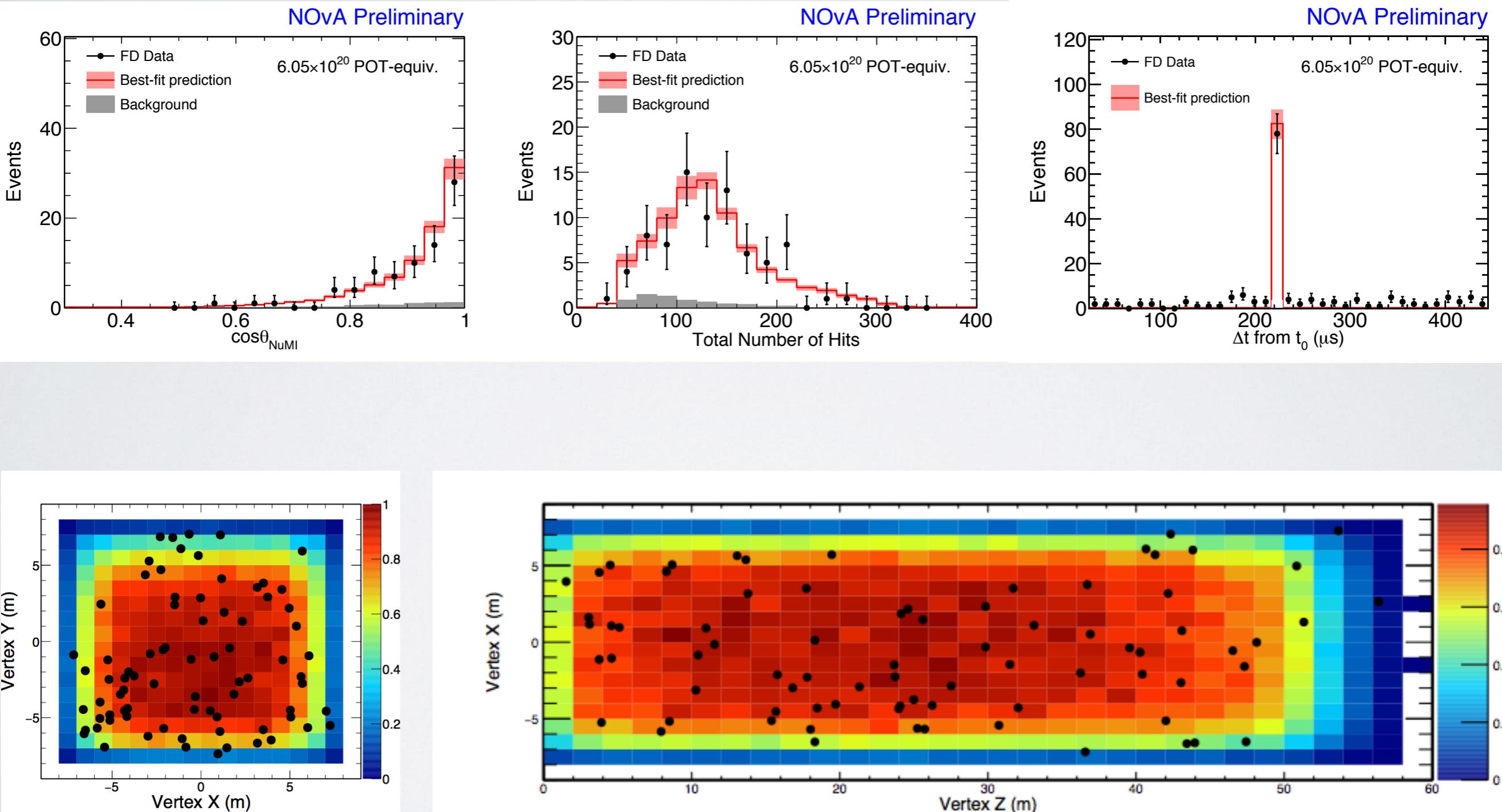
Systematics + IH



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



Muon Neutrino FD Data



We consider multiple possible sources of systematic error

| Systematic | Effect on $\sin^2(\theta_{23})$ | Effect on Δm^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 | $\pm 0.7 \%$ | $\pm 0.1 \%$ |
| All systematics | $\pm 3.4 \%$ | $\pm 2.4 \%$ |
| Stat. Uncertainty | $\pm 4.1 \%$ | $\pm 3.5 \%$ |

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

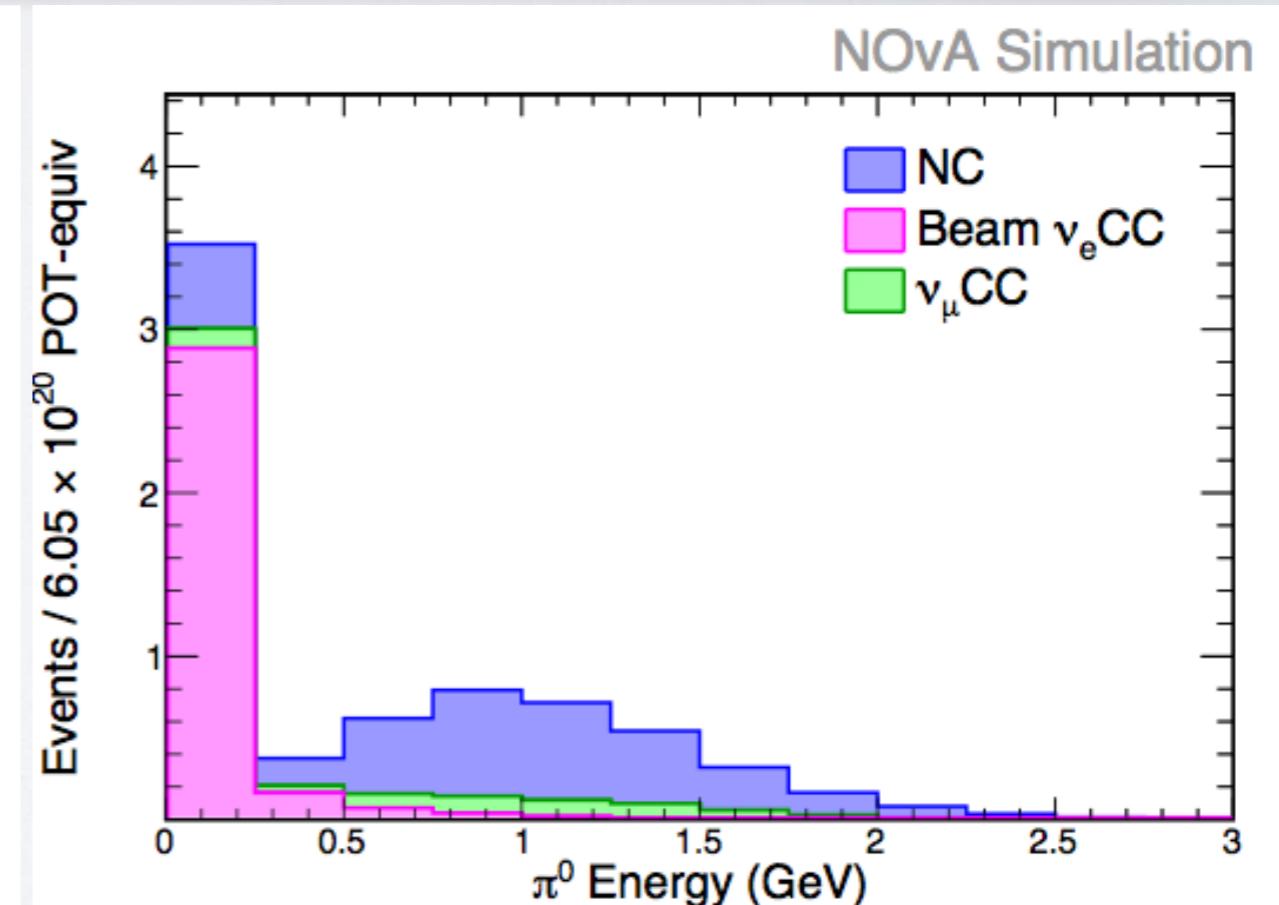
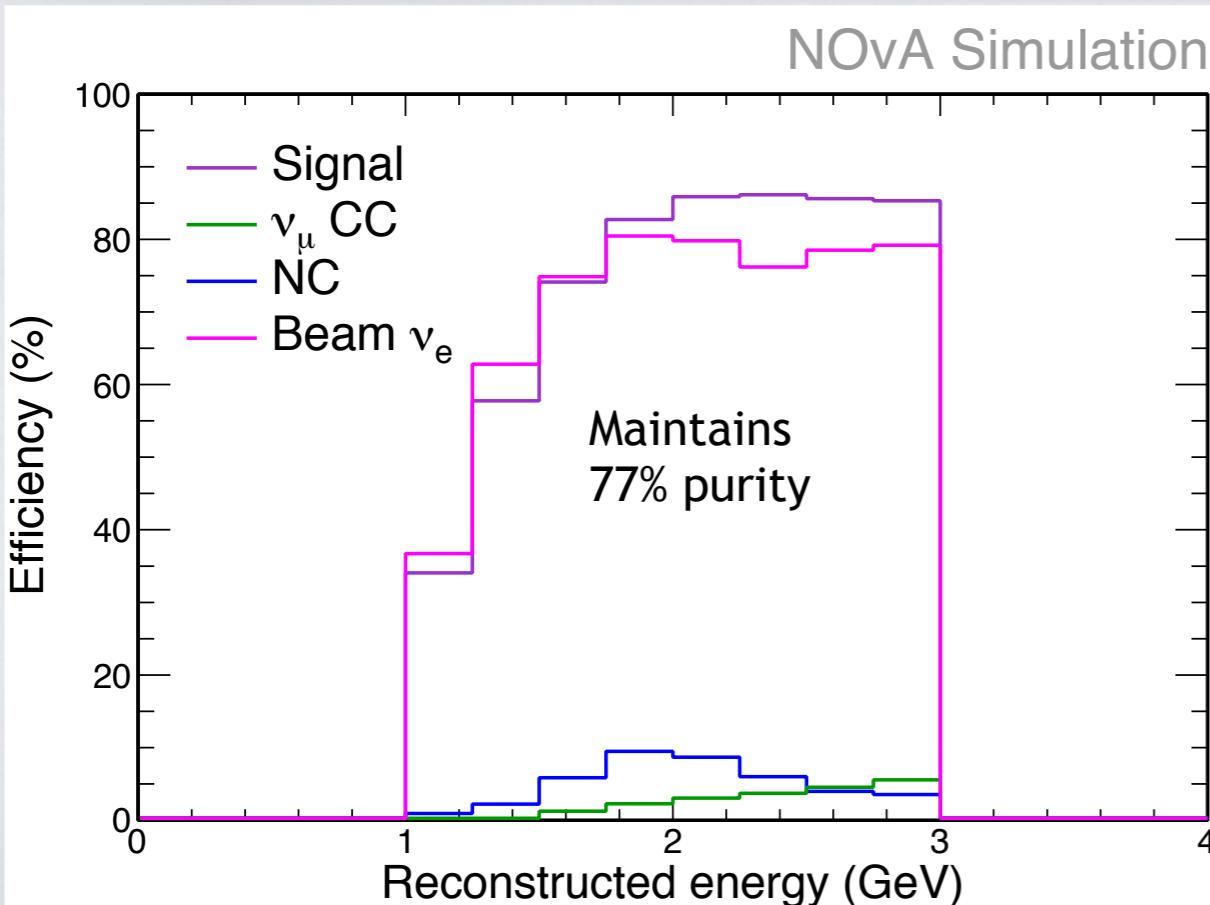
Appearance

Electron Neutrino Event Selection

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

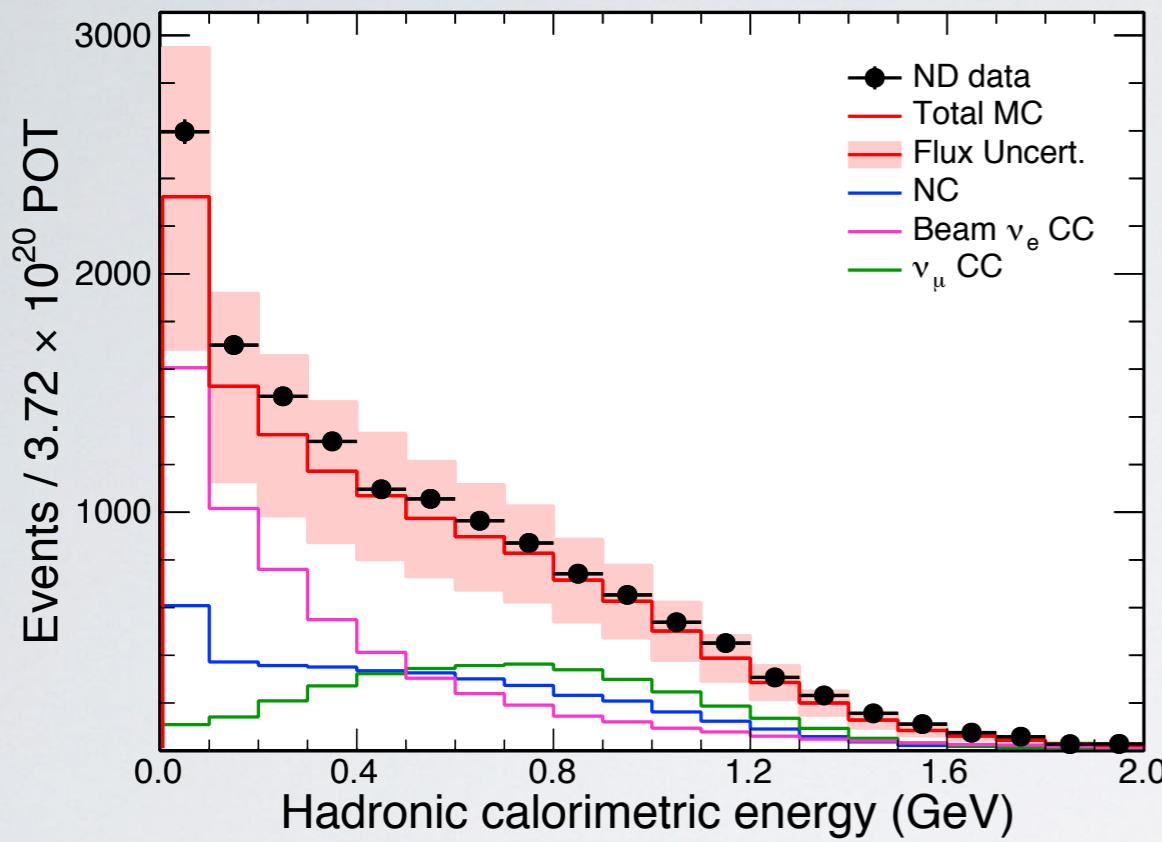
increased signal efficiency, somewhat degraded purity relative to 2015 analysis

91% of selected events have an EM shower

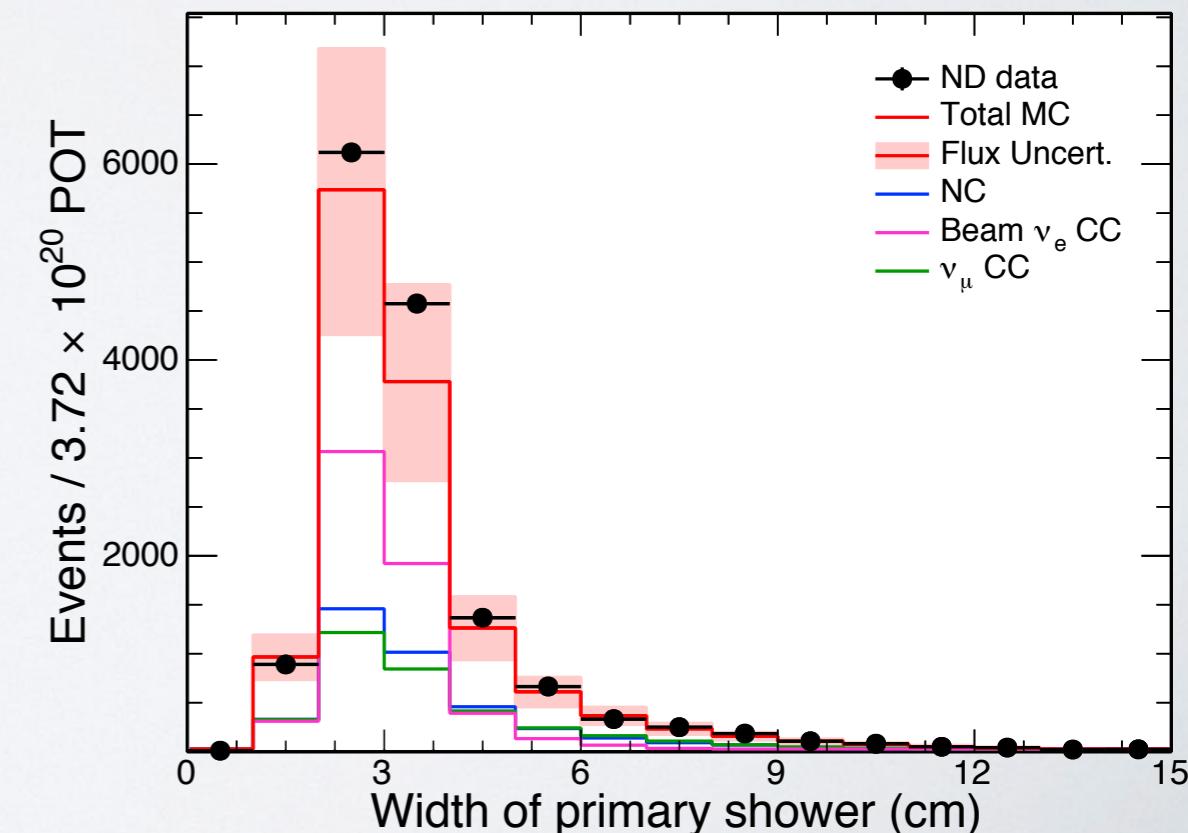
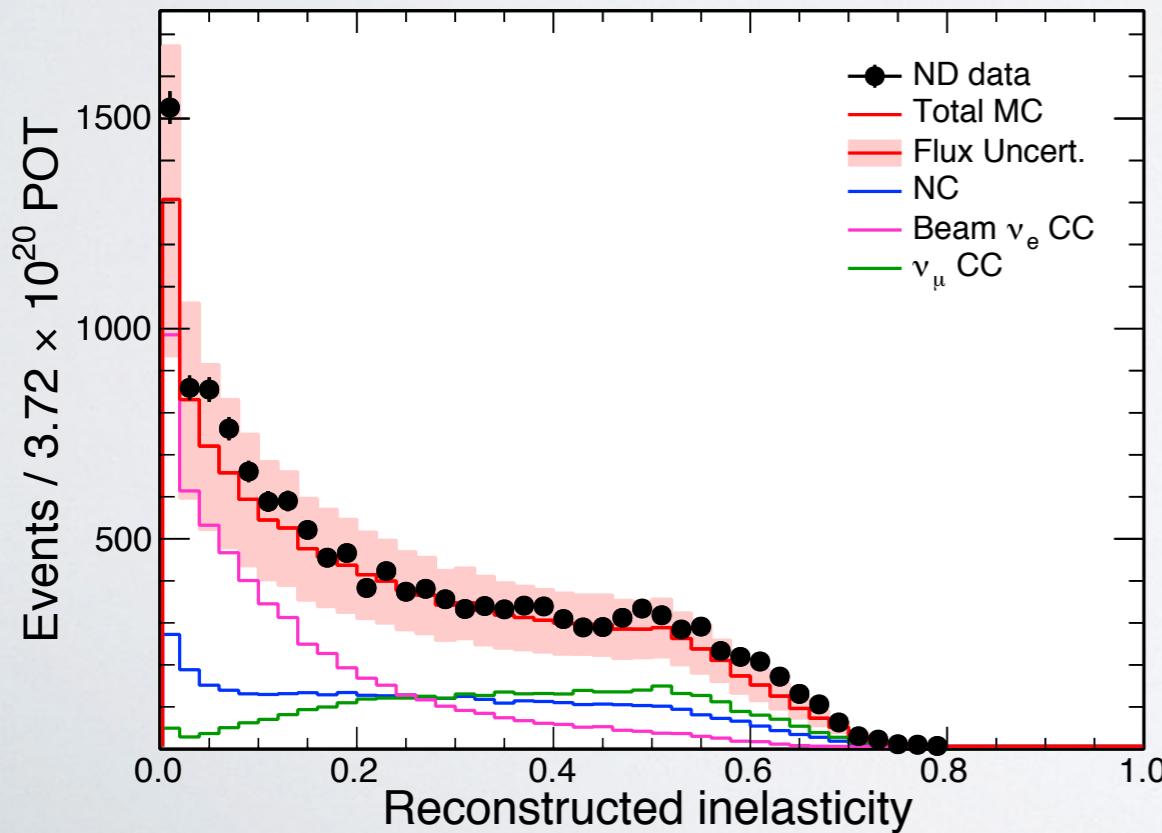
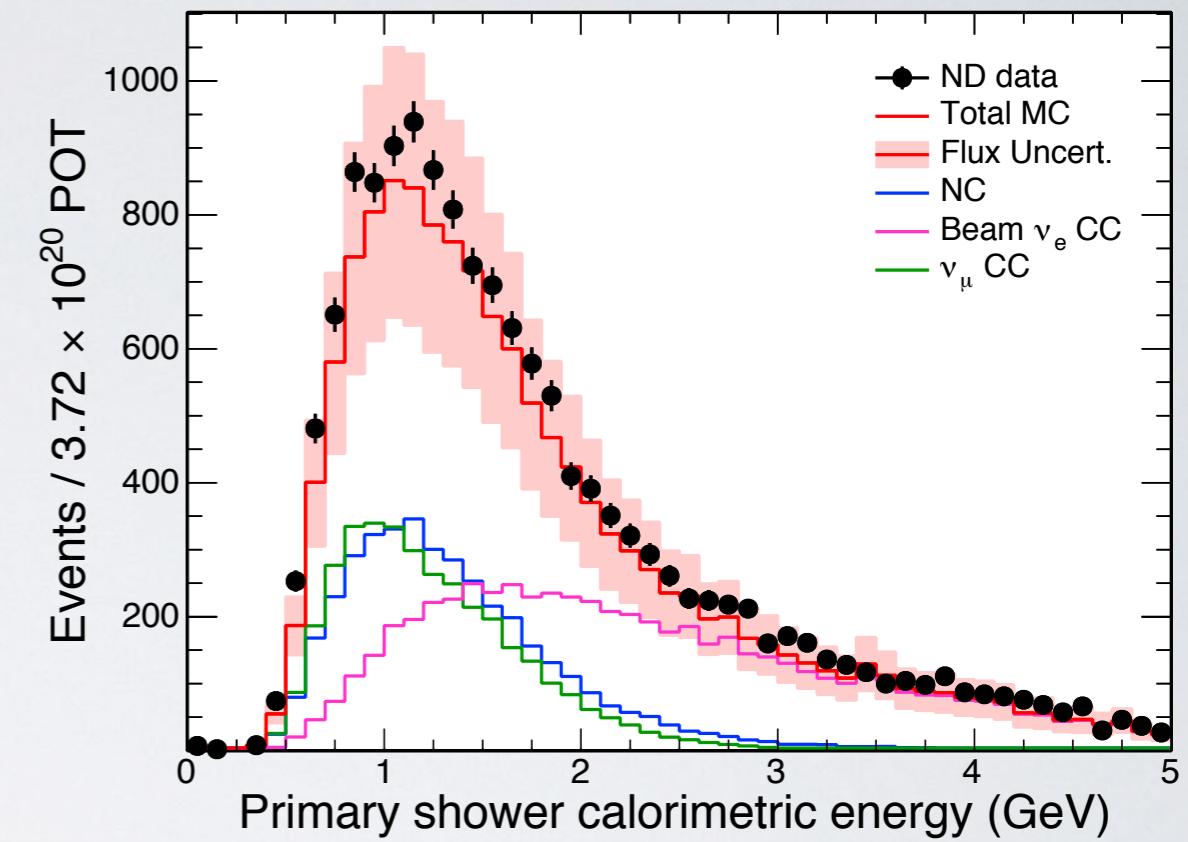


Electron Appearance ND Data/MC

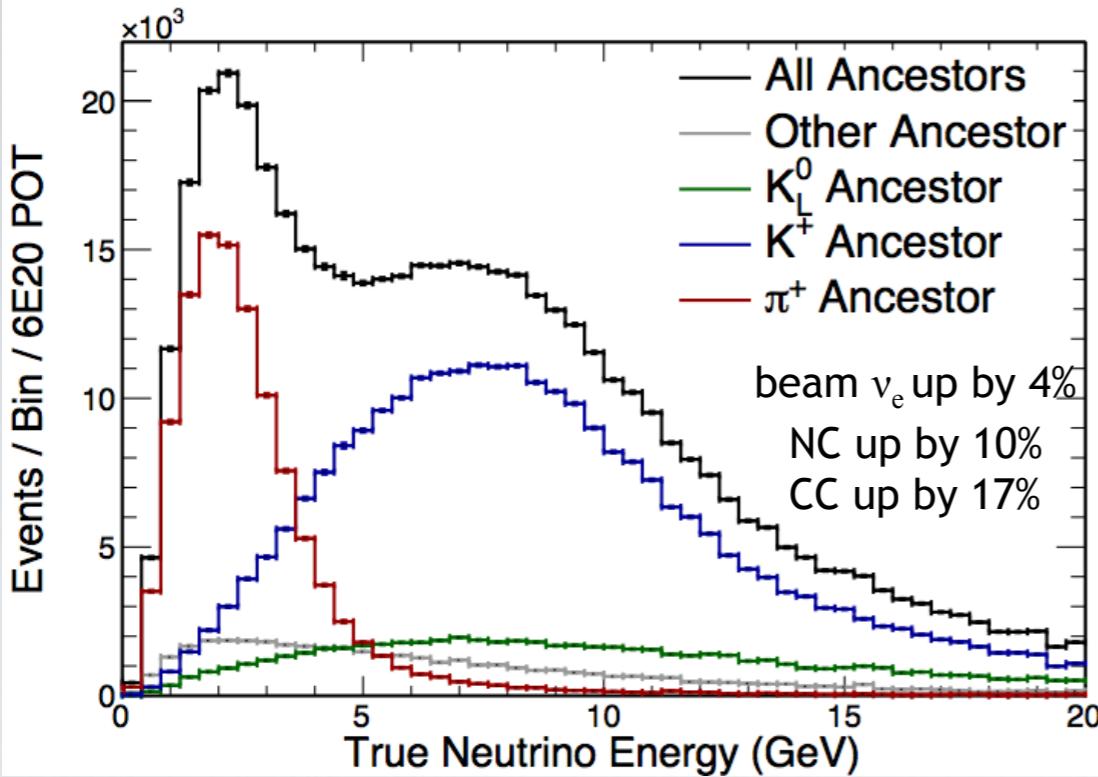
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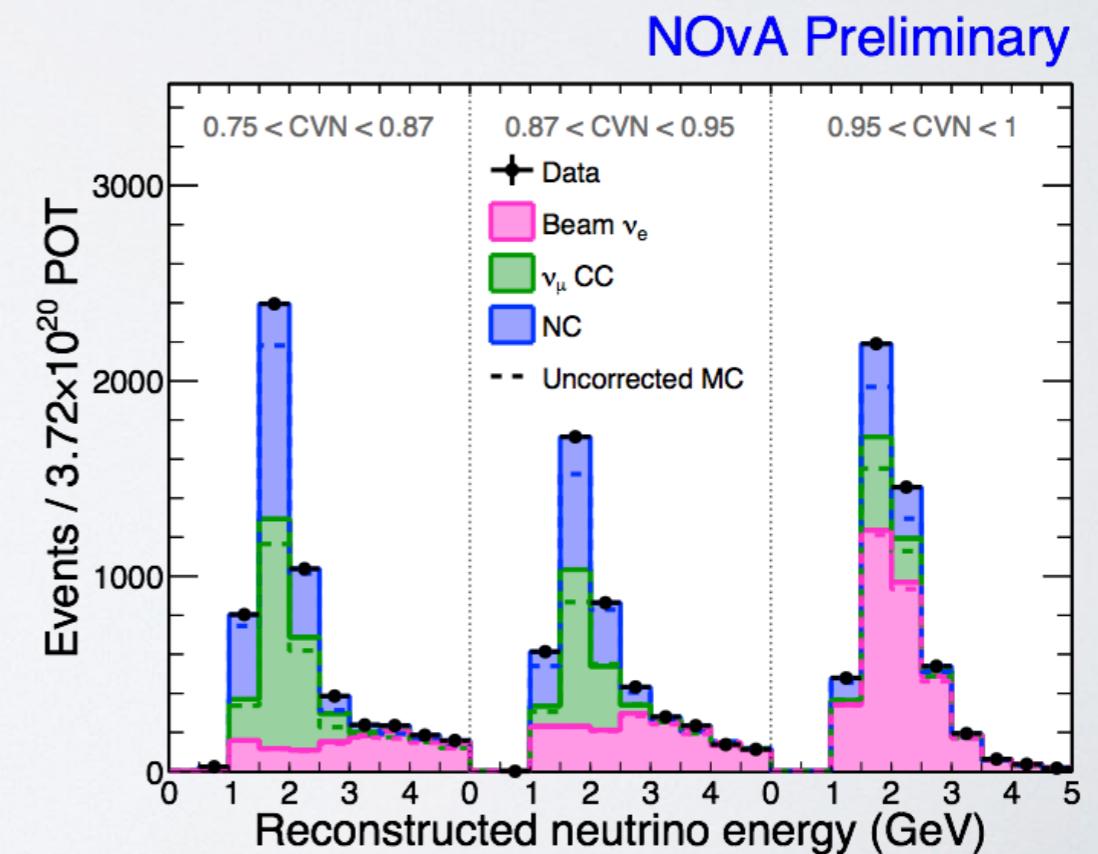
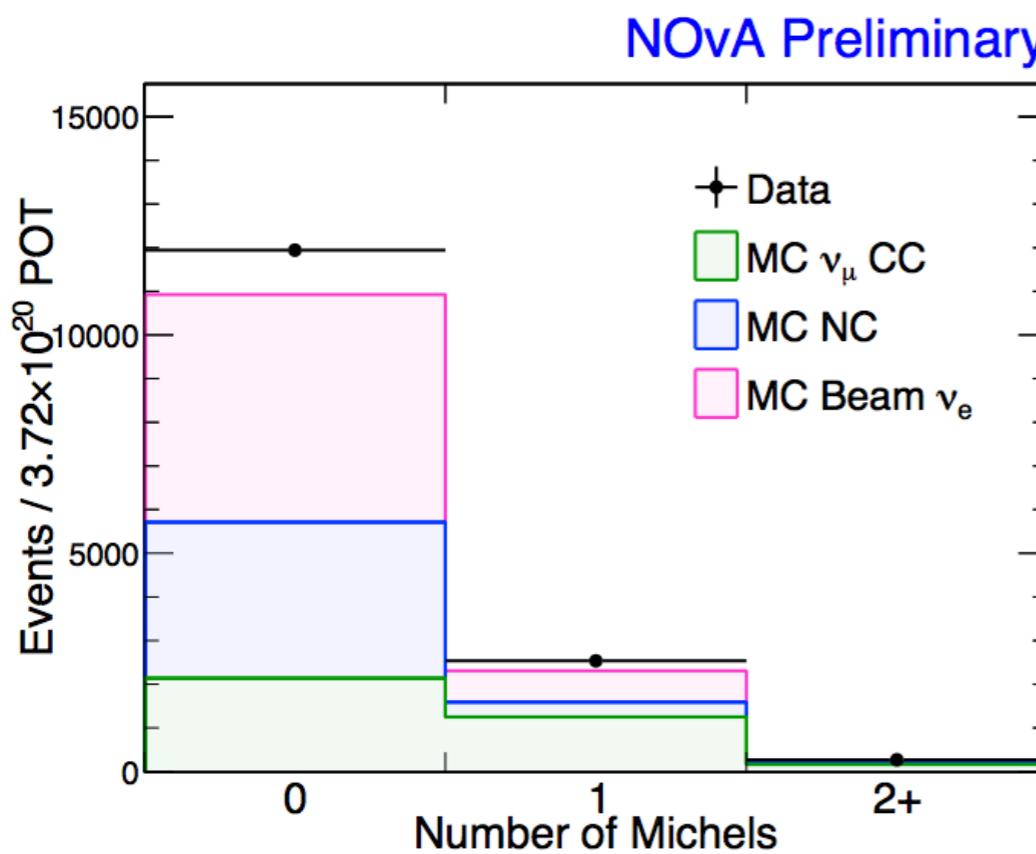
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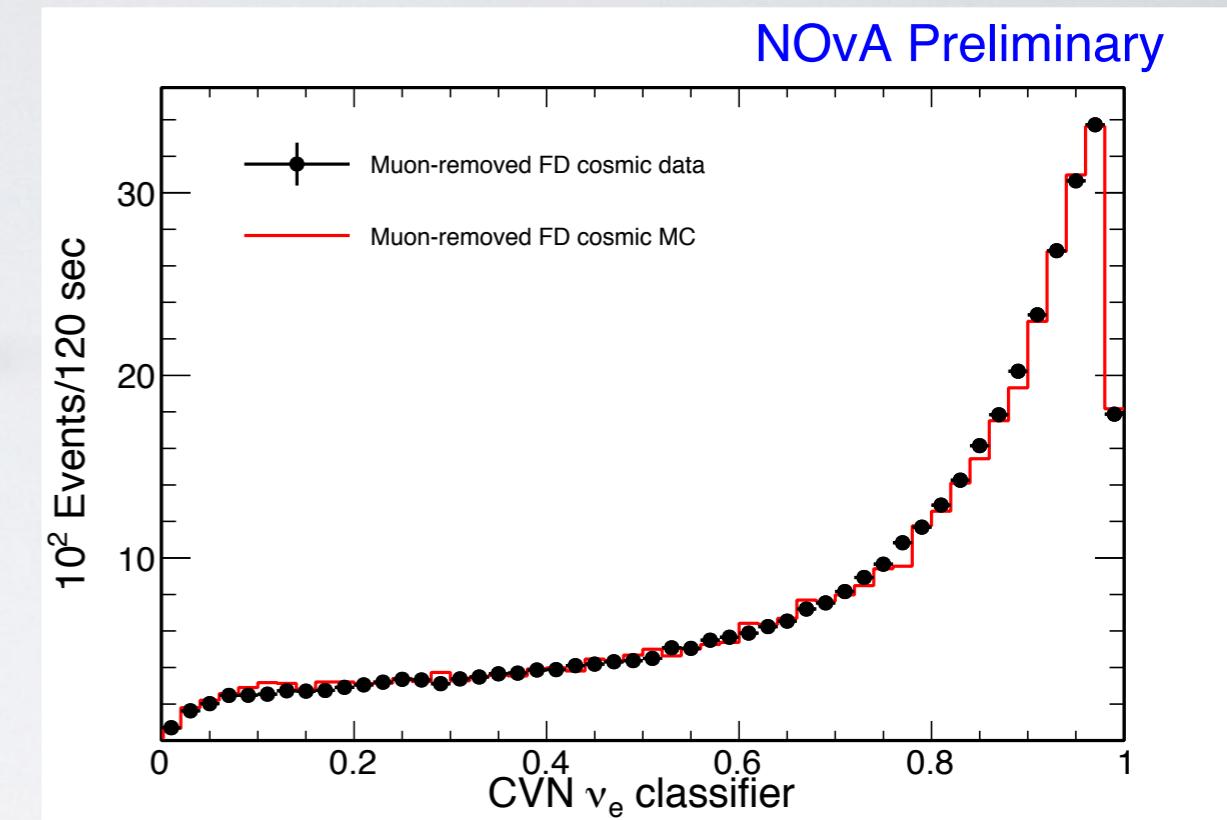
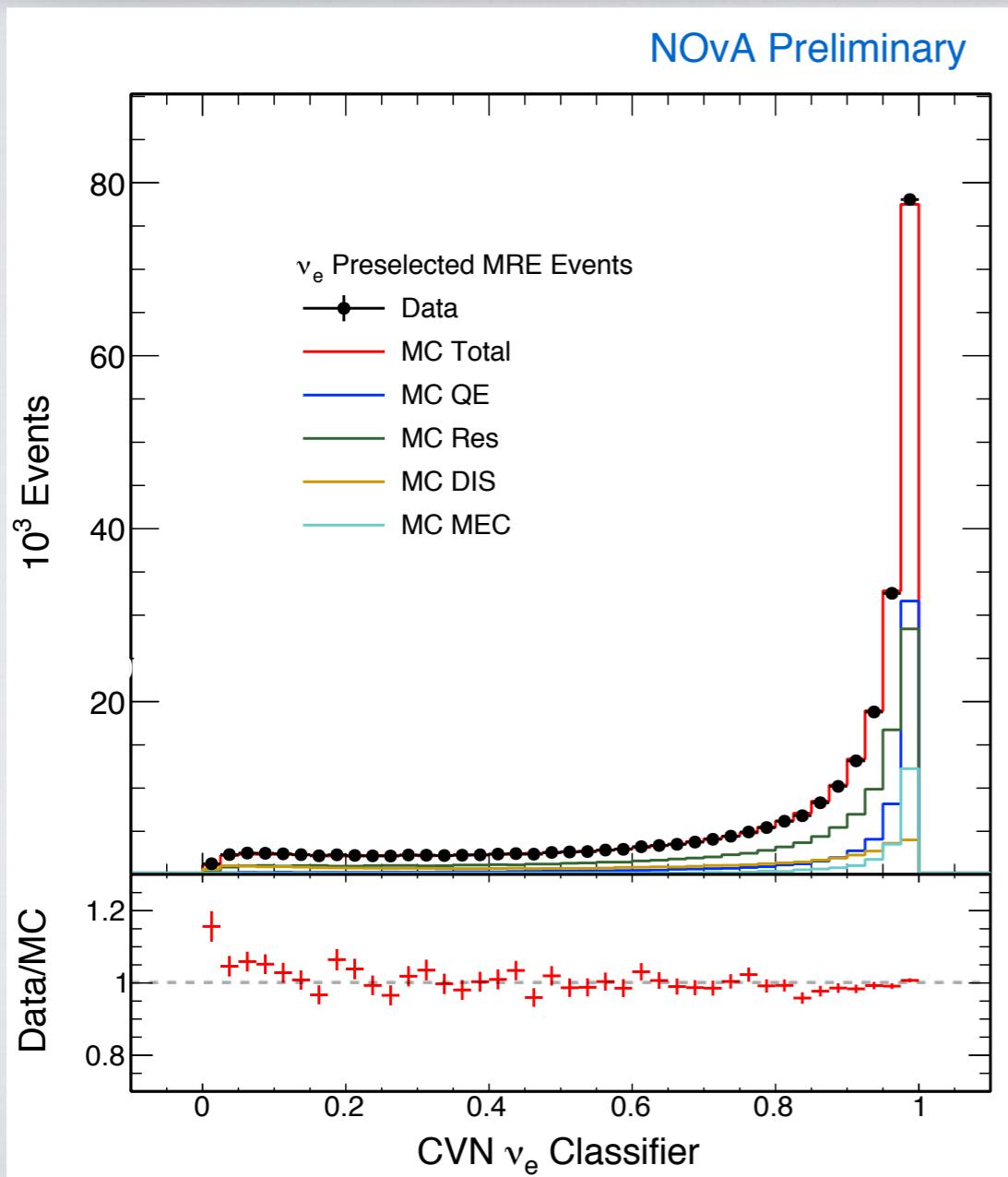


- Use ND data to predict FD background
- NC, CC, beam ν_e extrapolate differently
constrain beam ν_e using selected ν_μ CC spectrum
- constrain CC with Michel Electron distribution

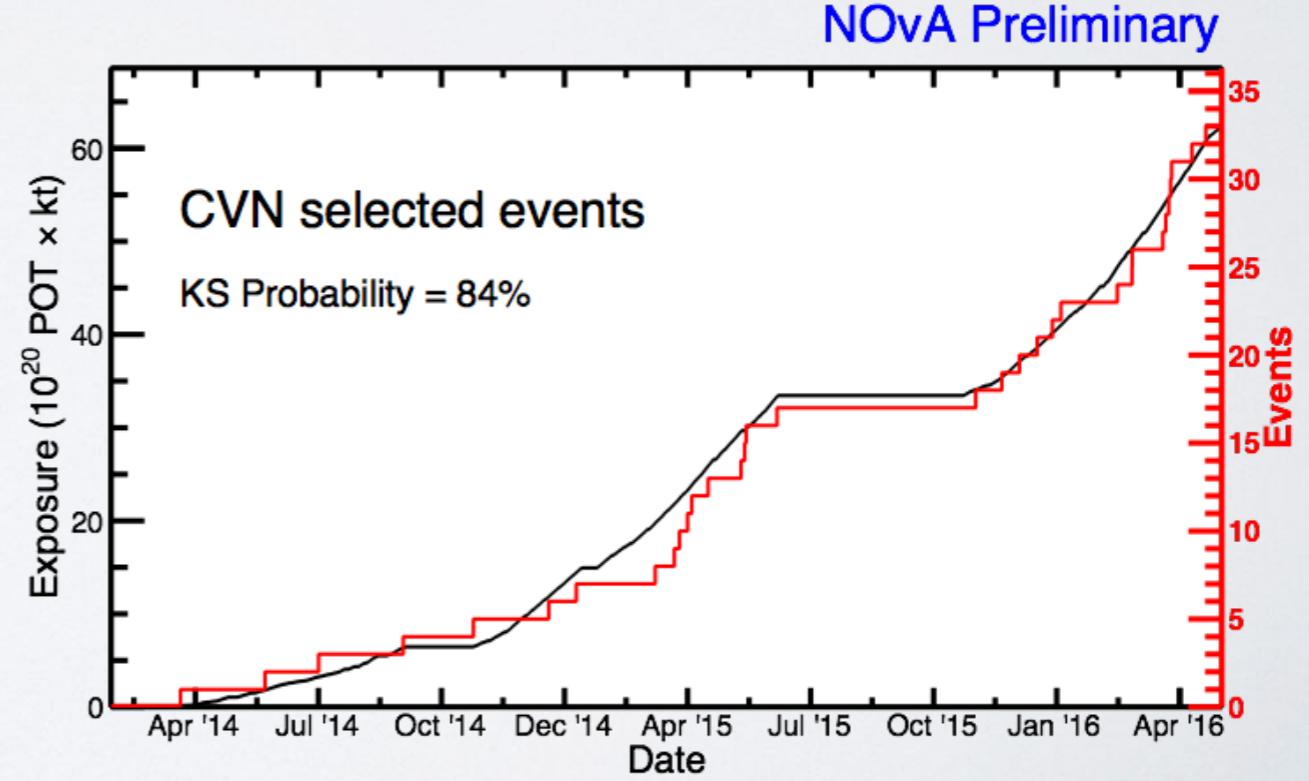
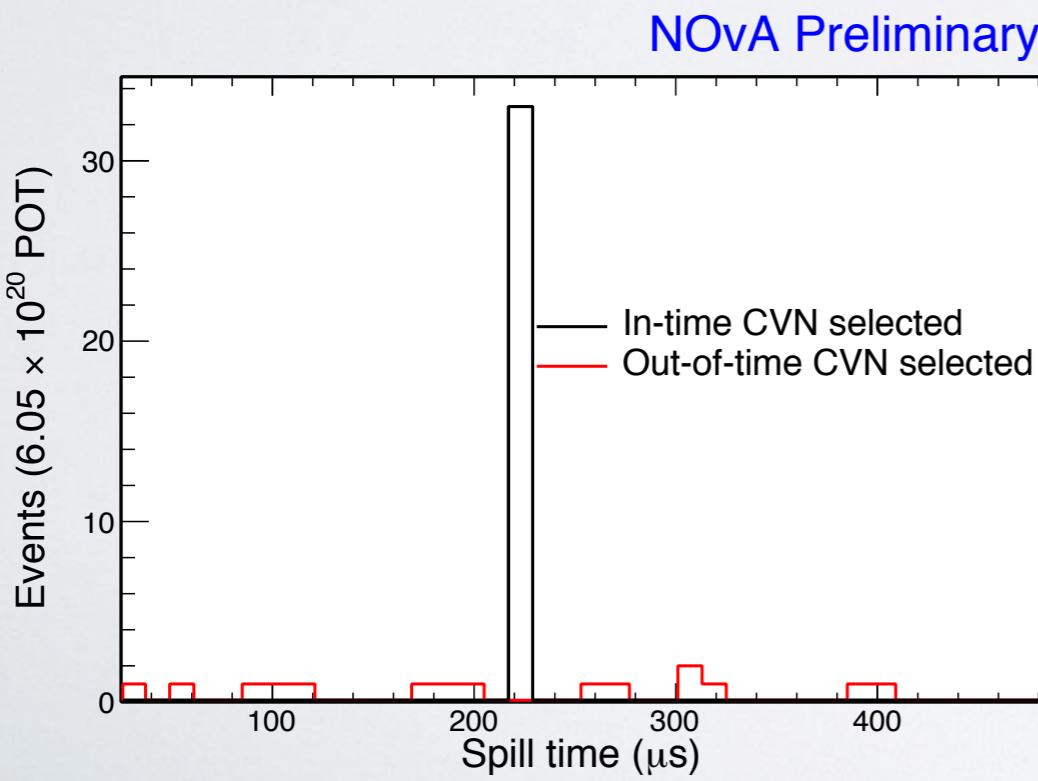
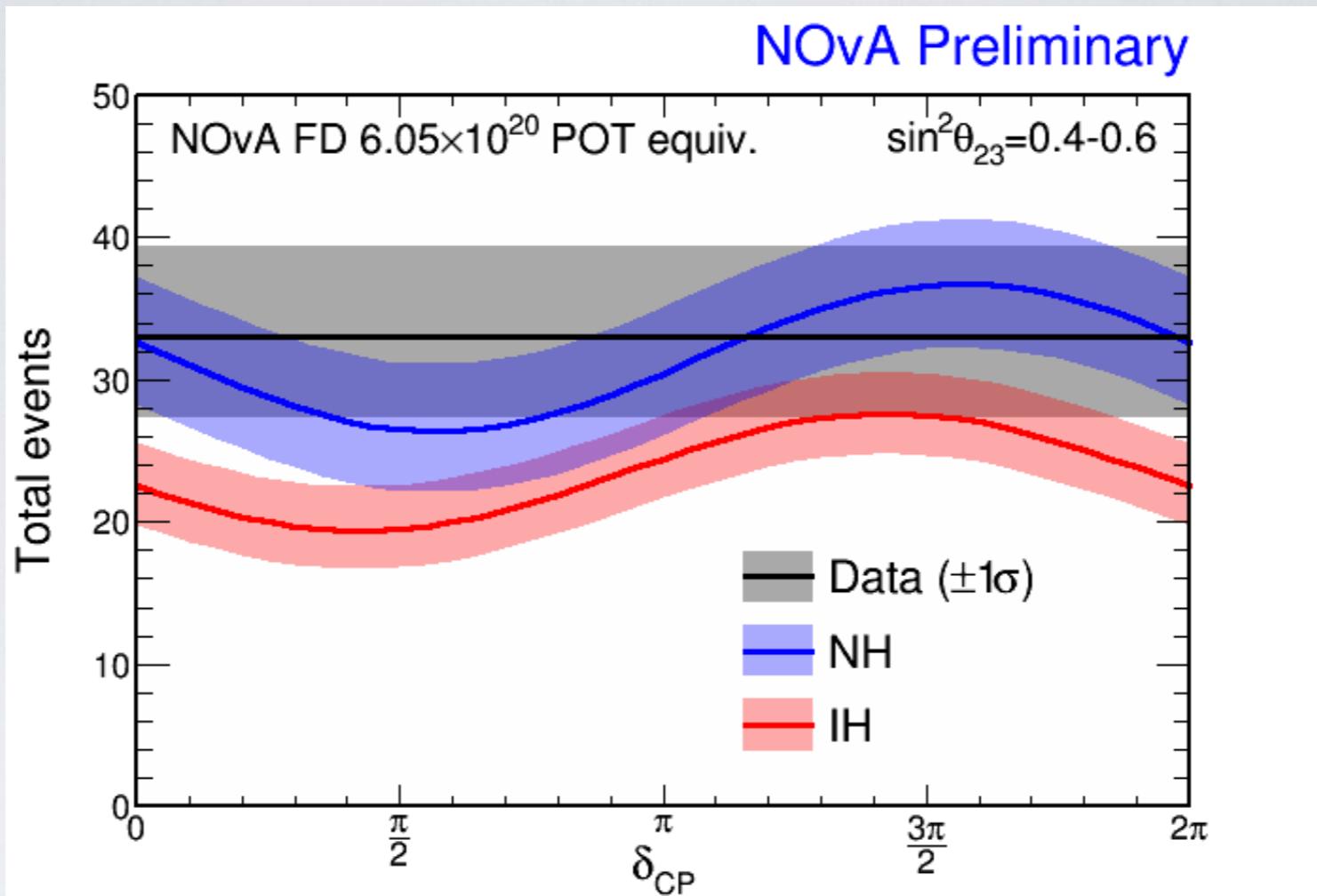


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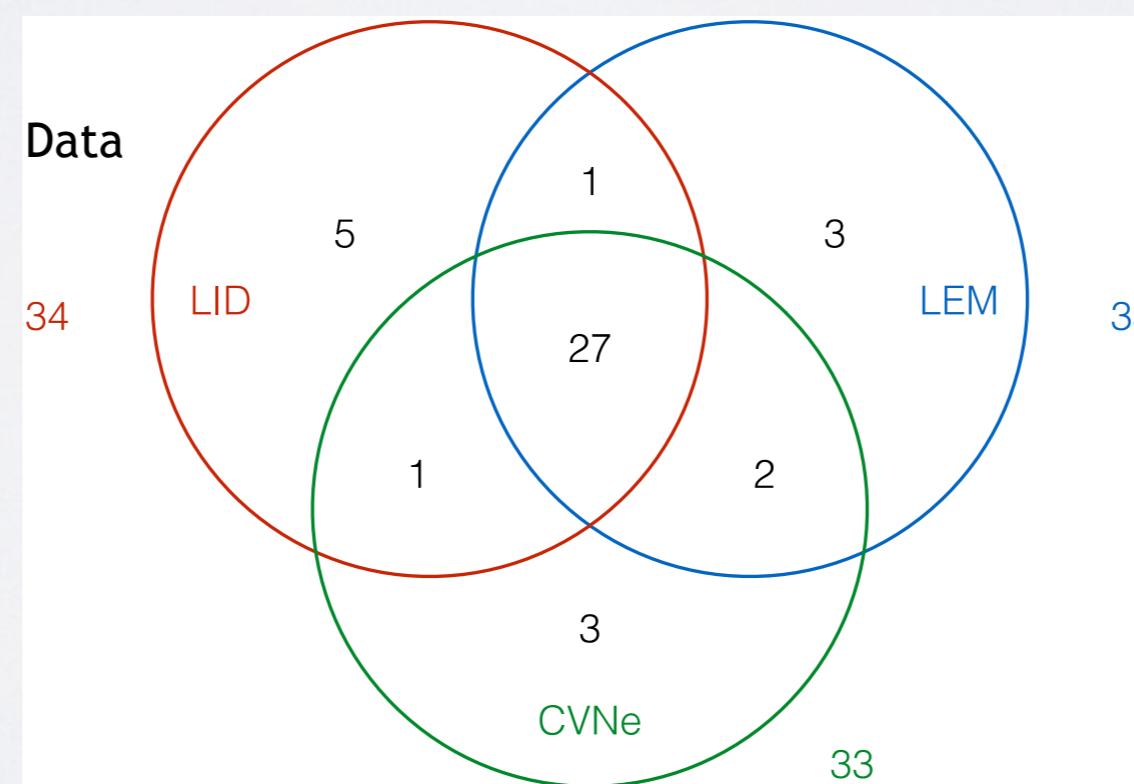
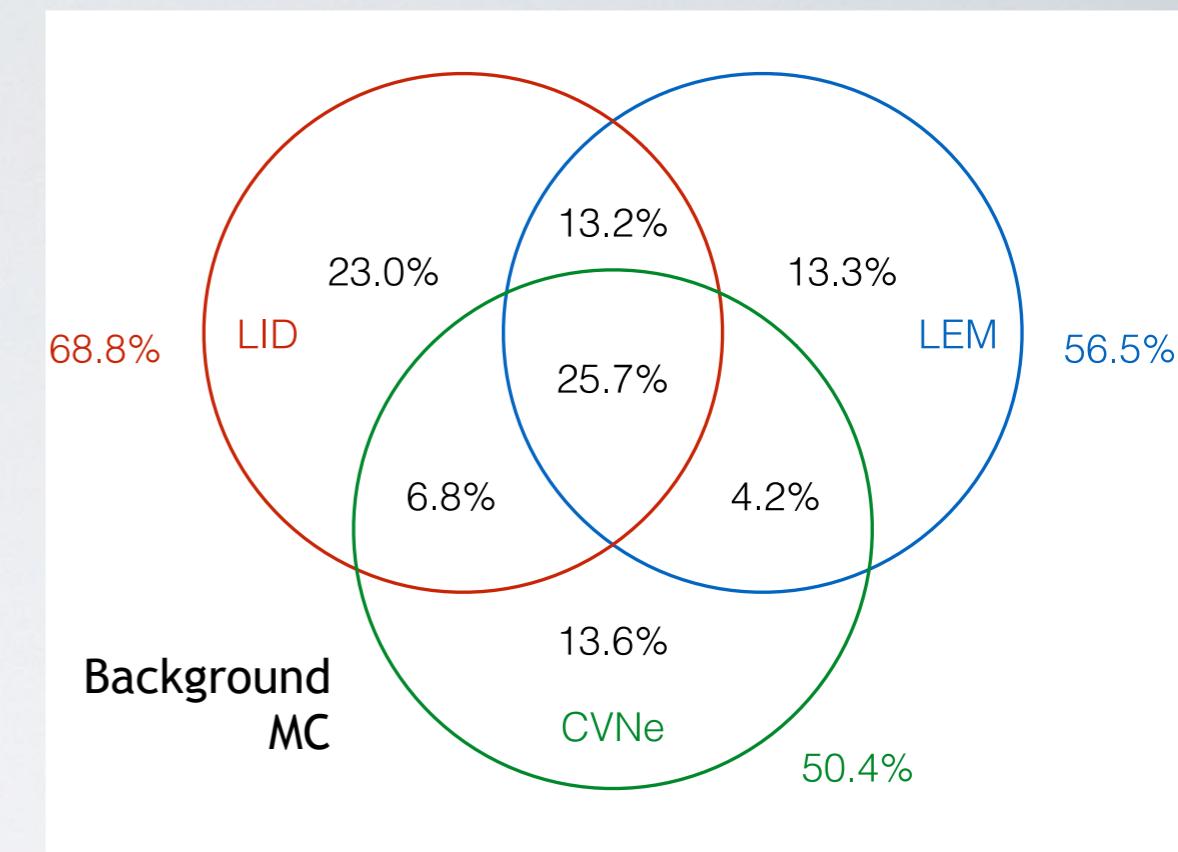
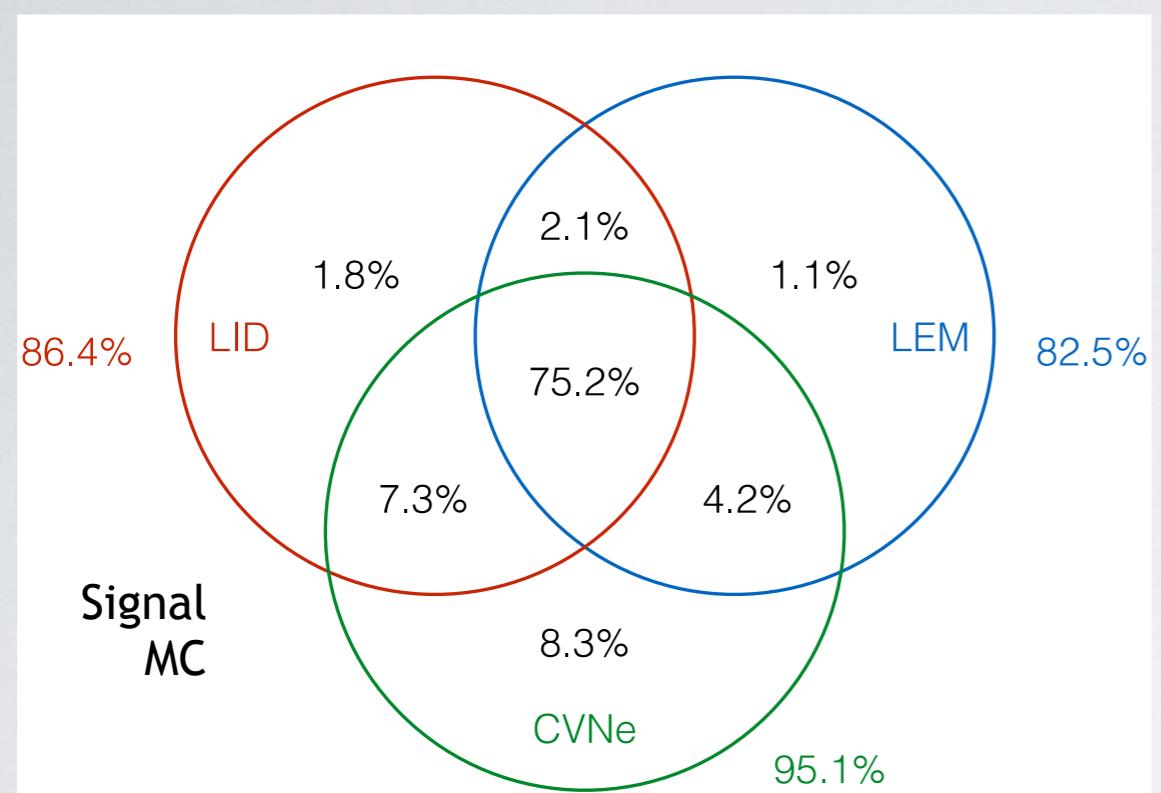
- Use bremsstrahlung from cosmic ray muons to benchmark simulation of electron selection
- Event classifier distributions match well



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

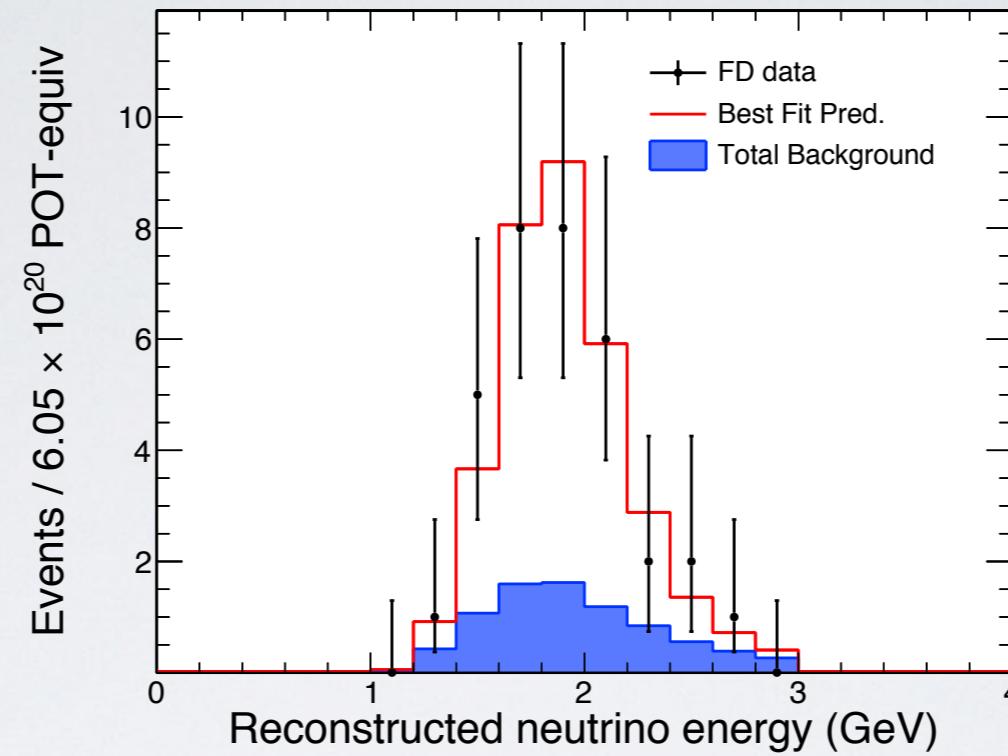


Electron Neutrino Selection Techniques

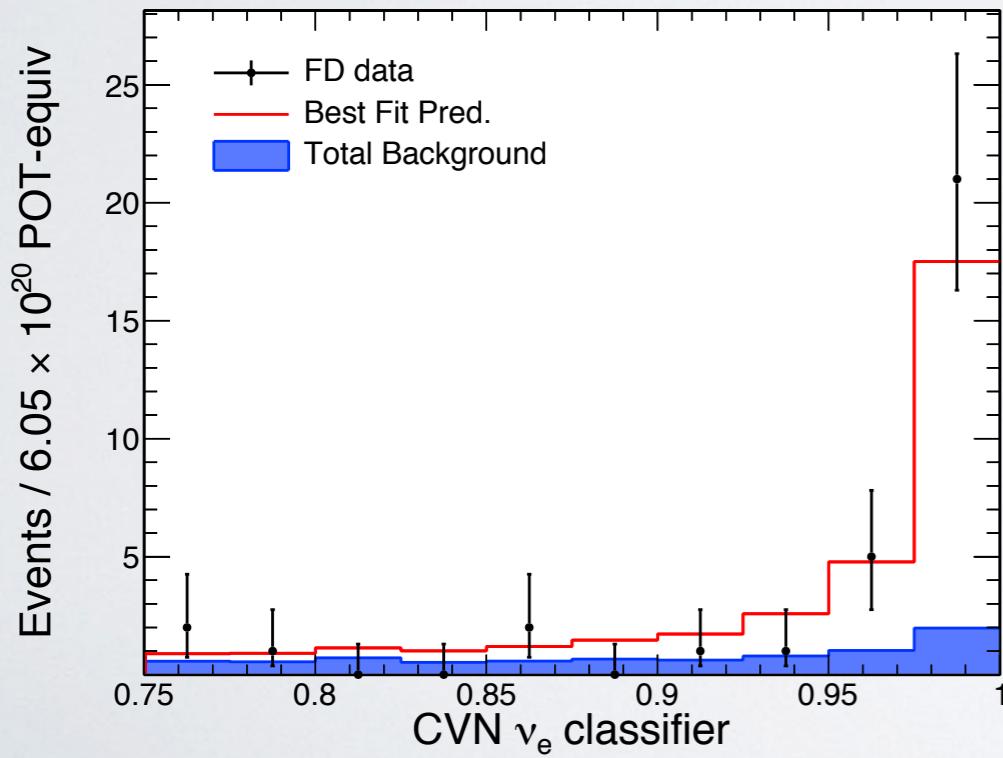


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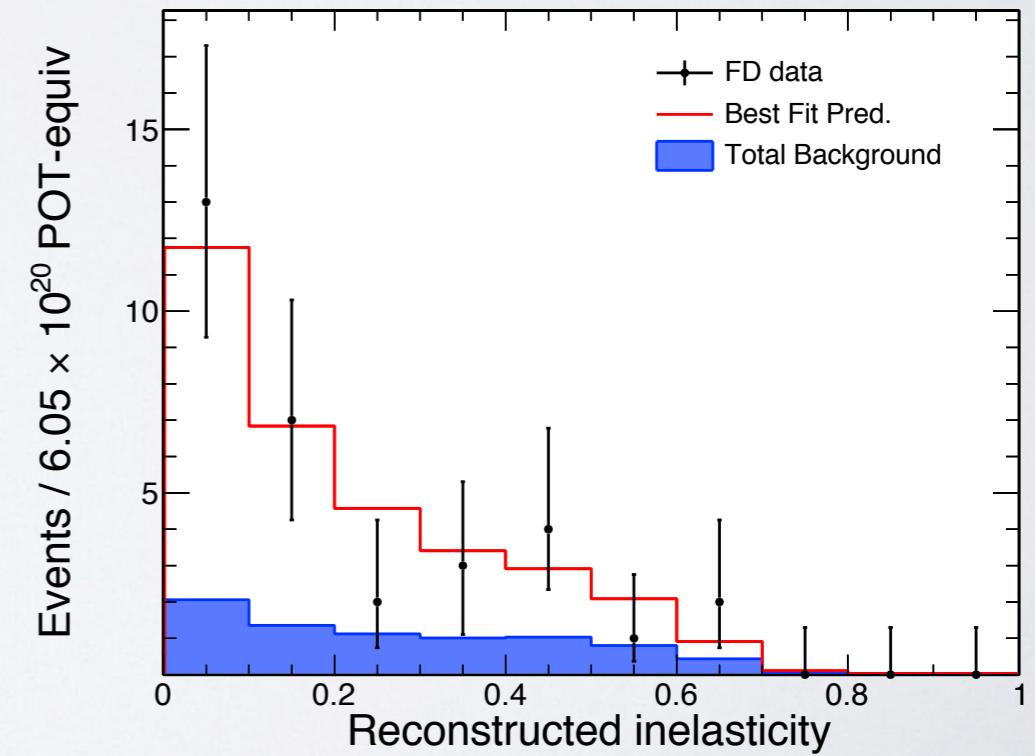
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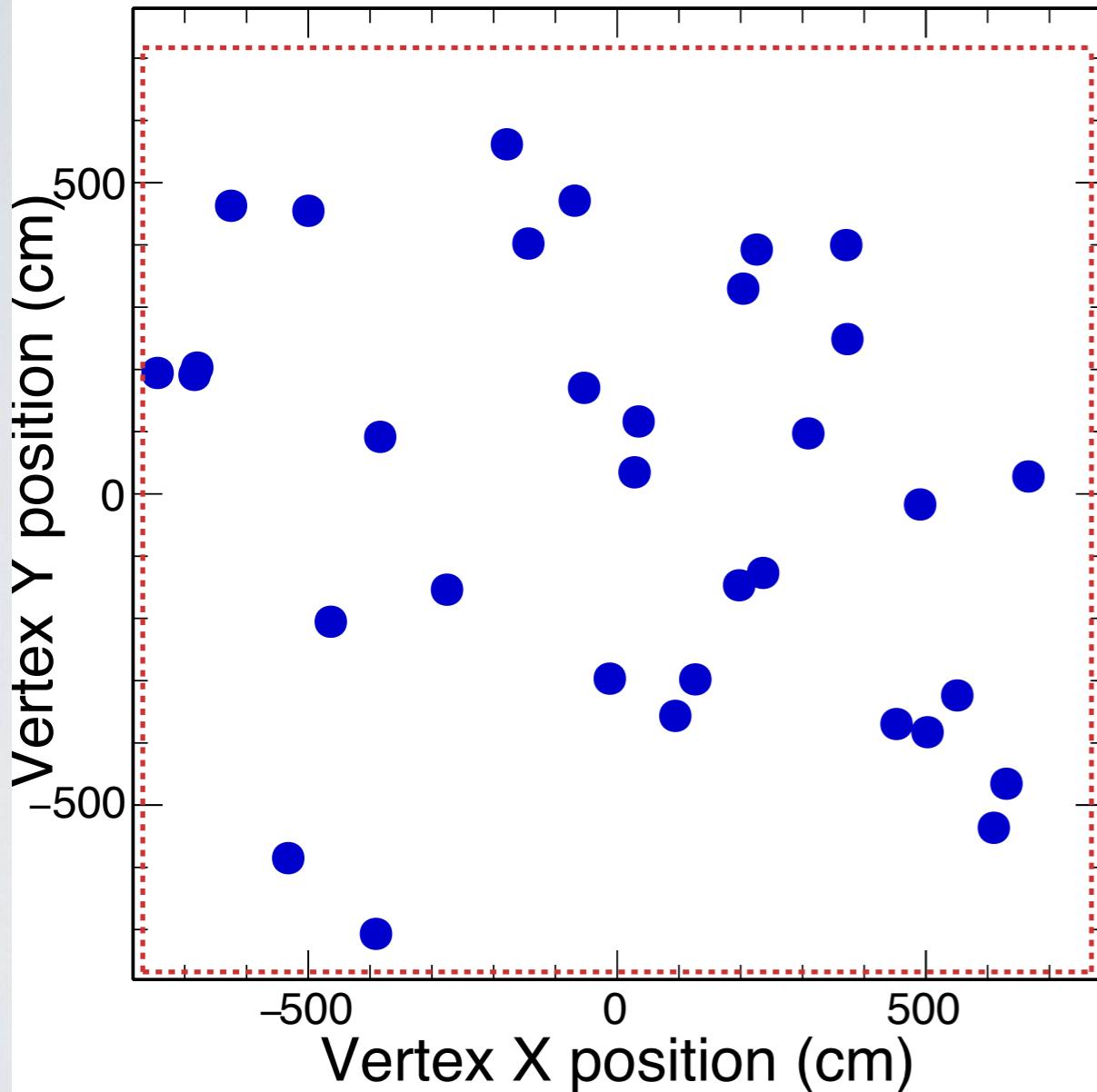


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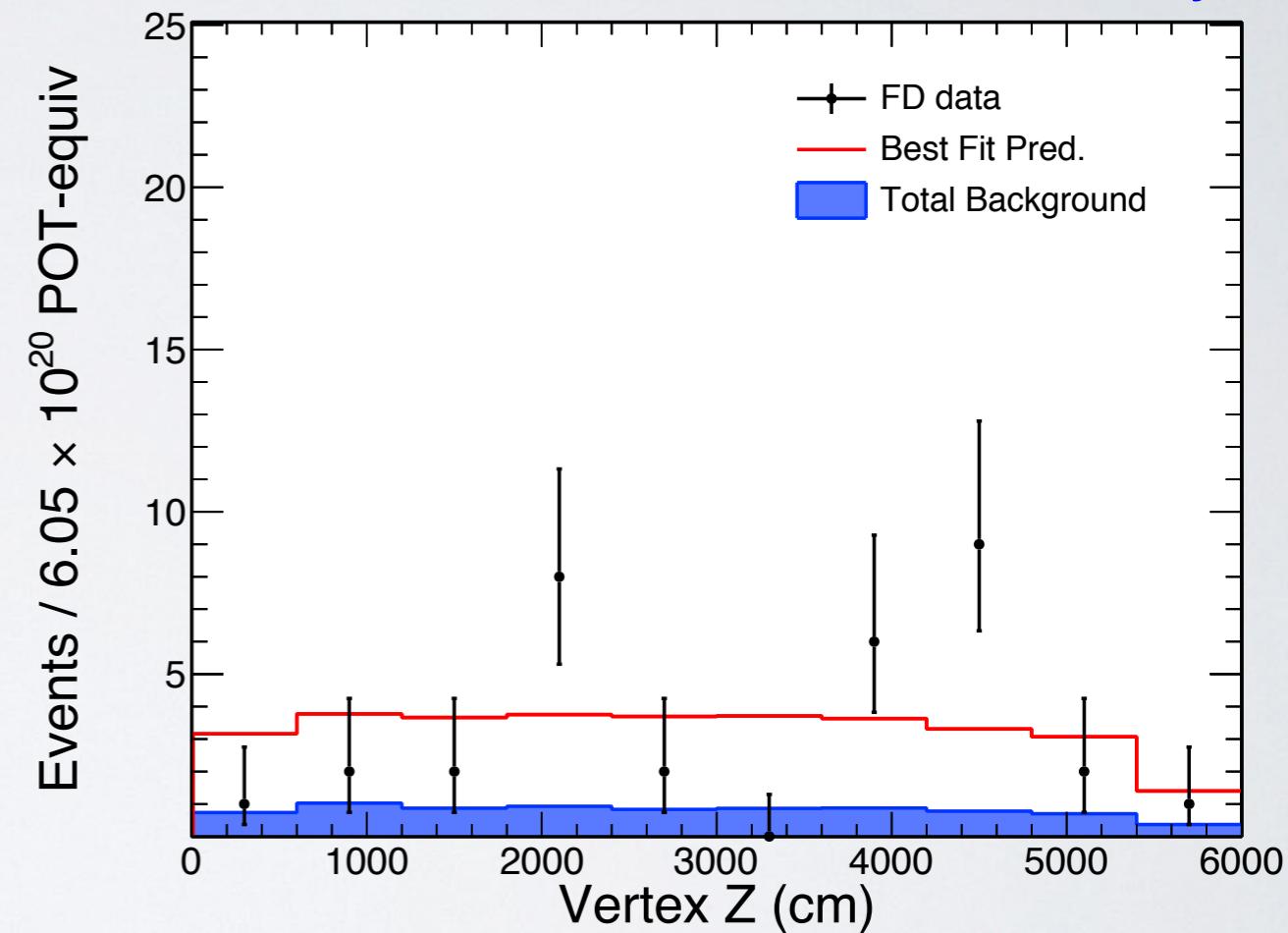


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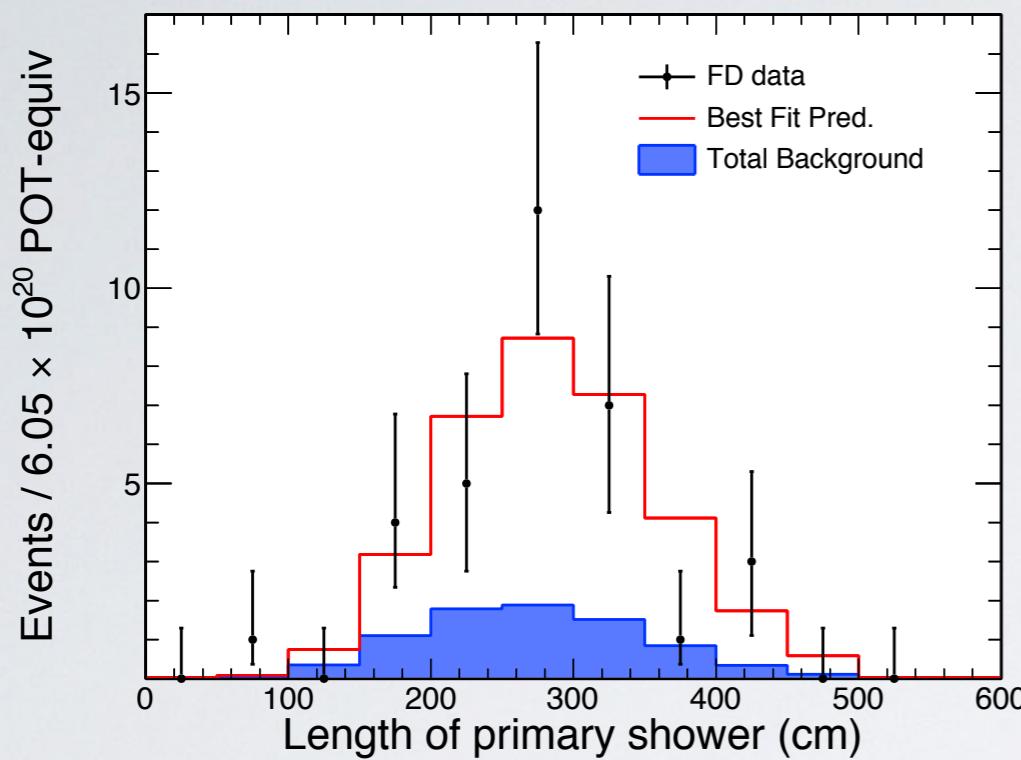


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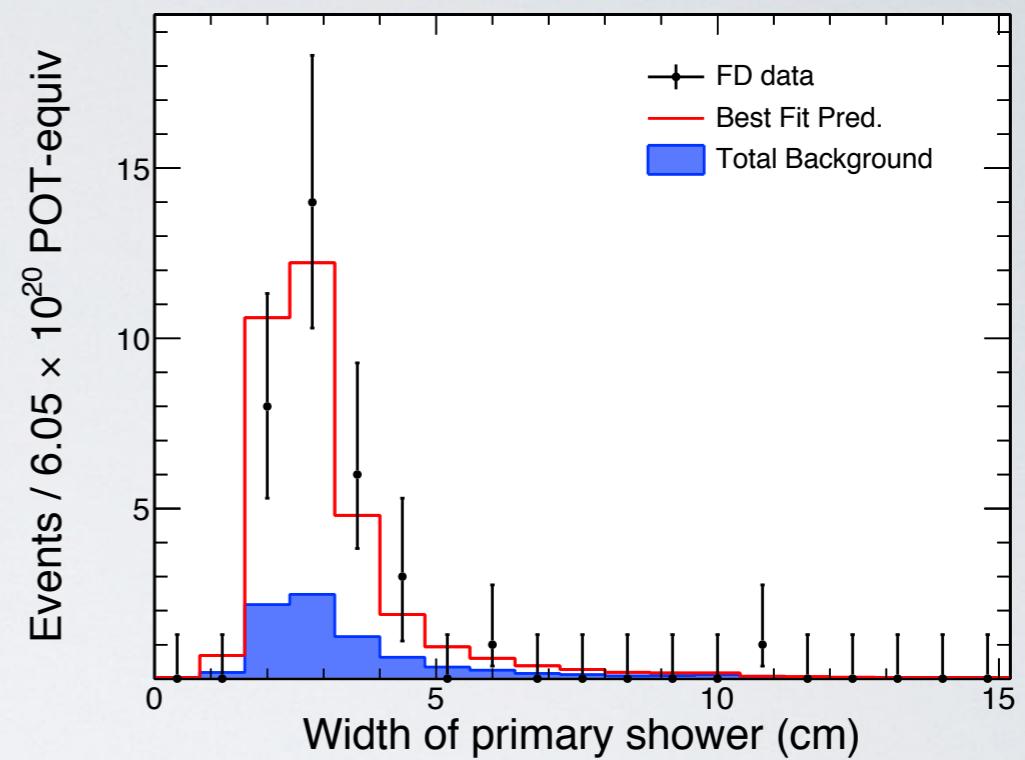


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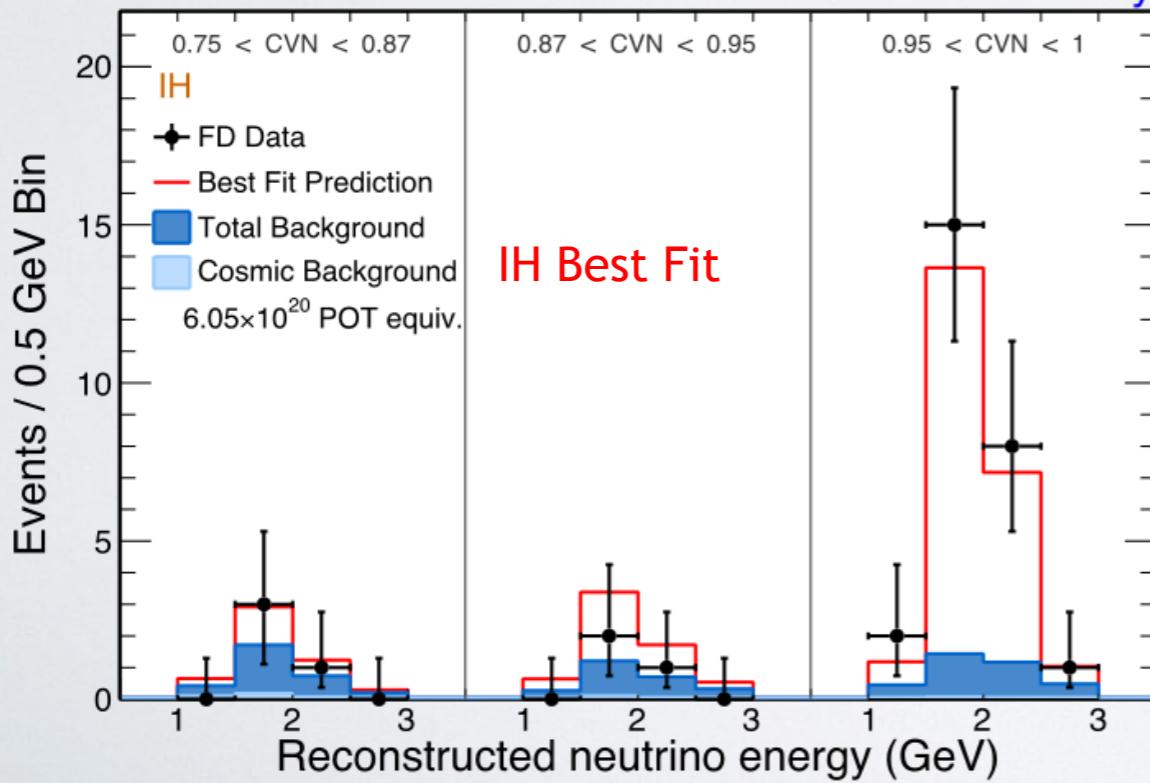
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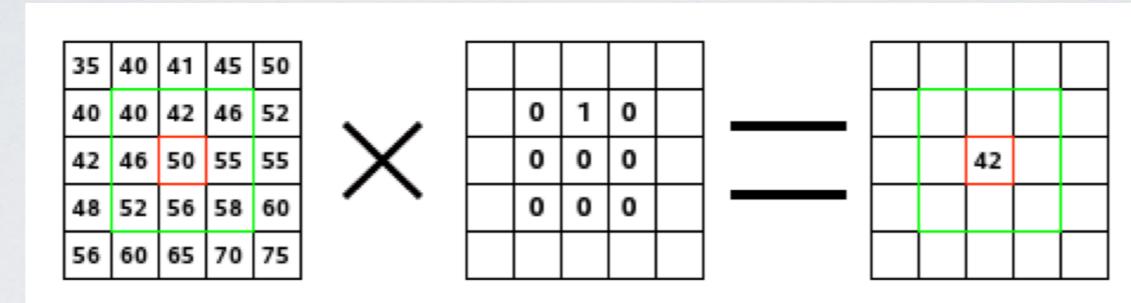


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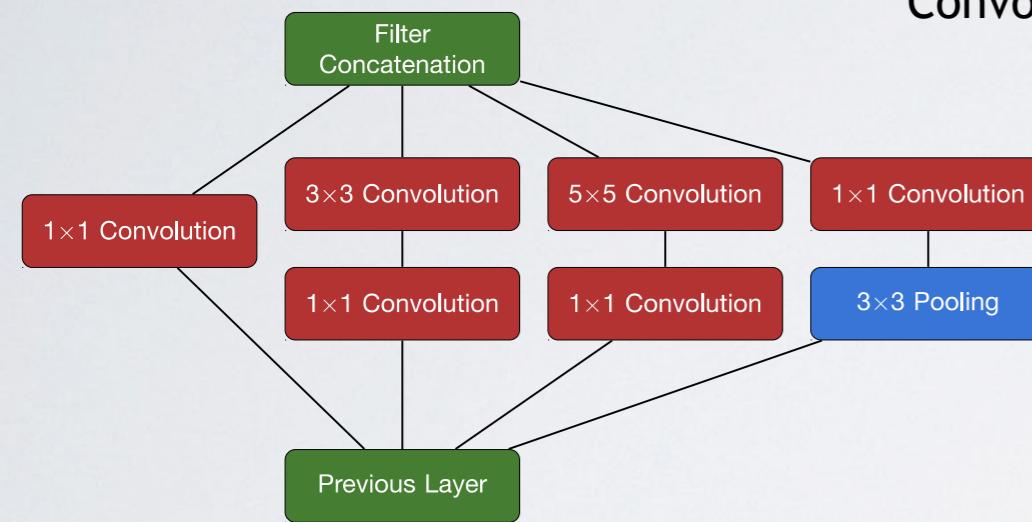


CVN Architecture

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



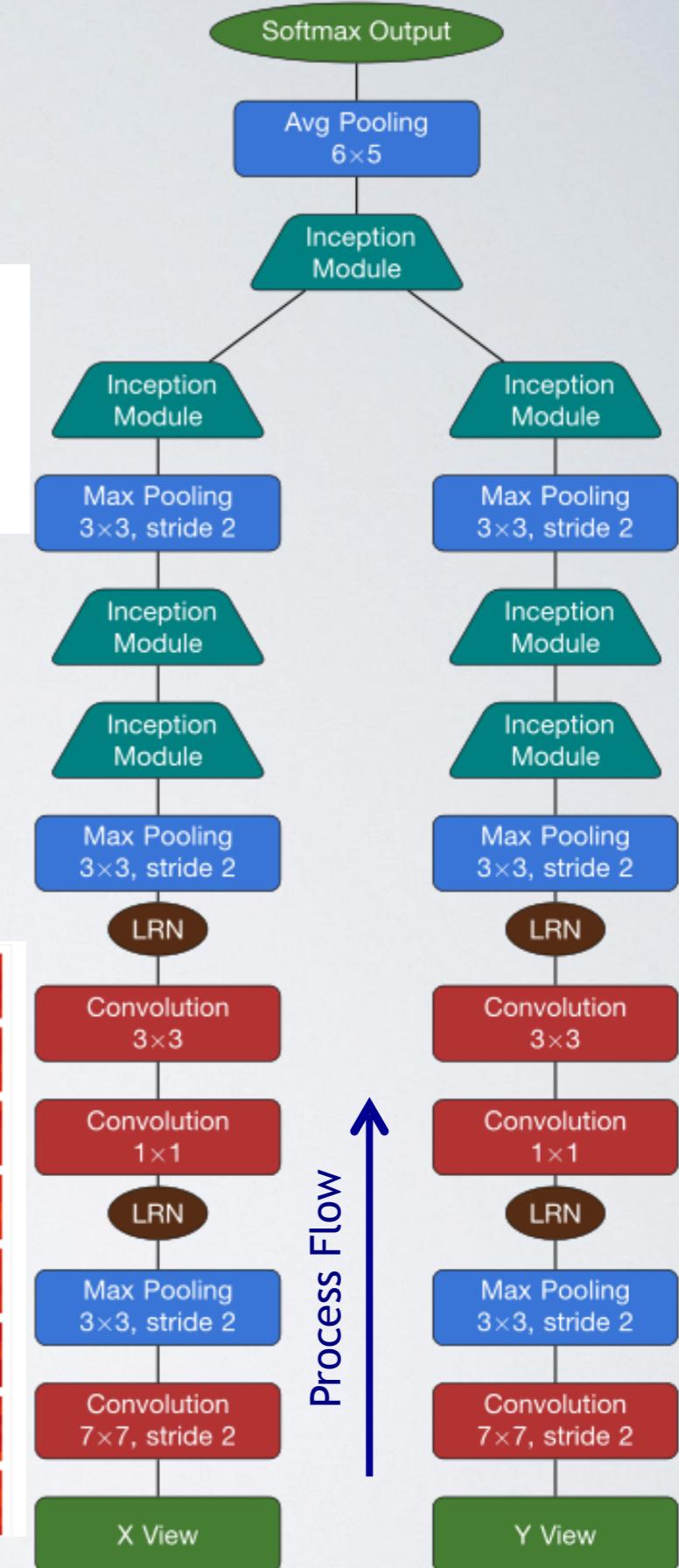
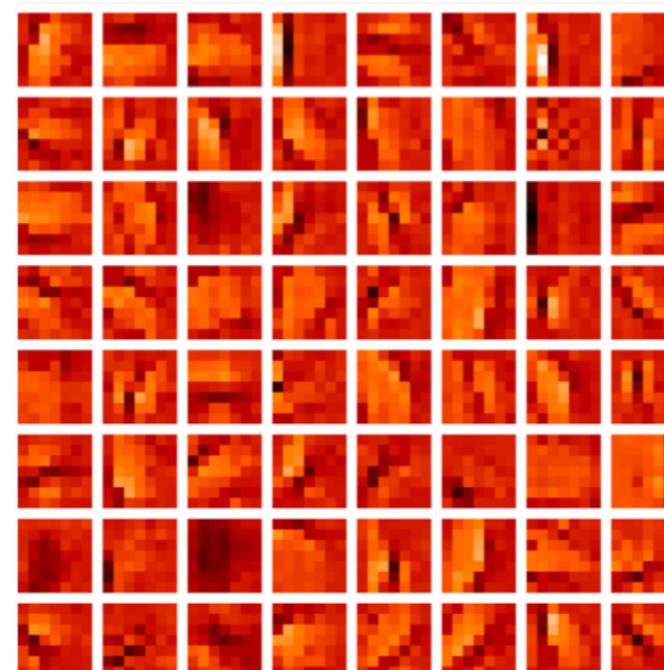
Example image processing transformation
Convolution, or kernel map



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

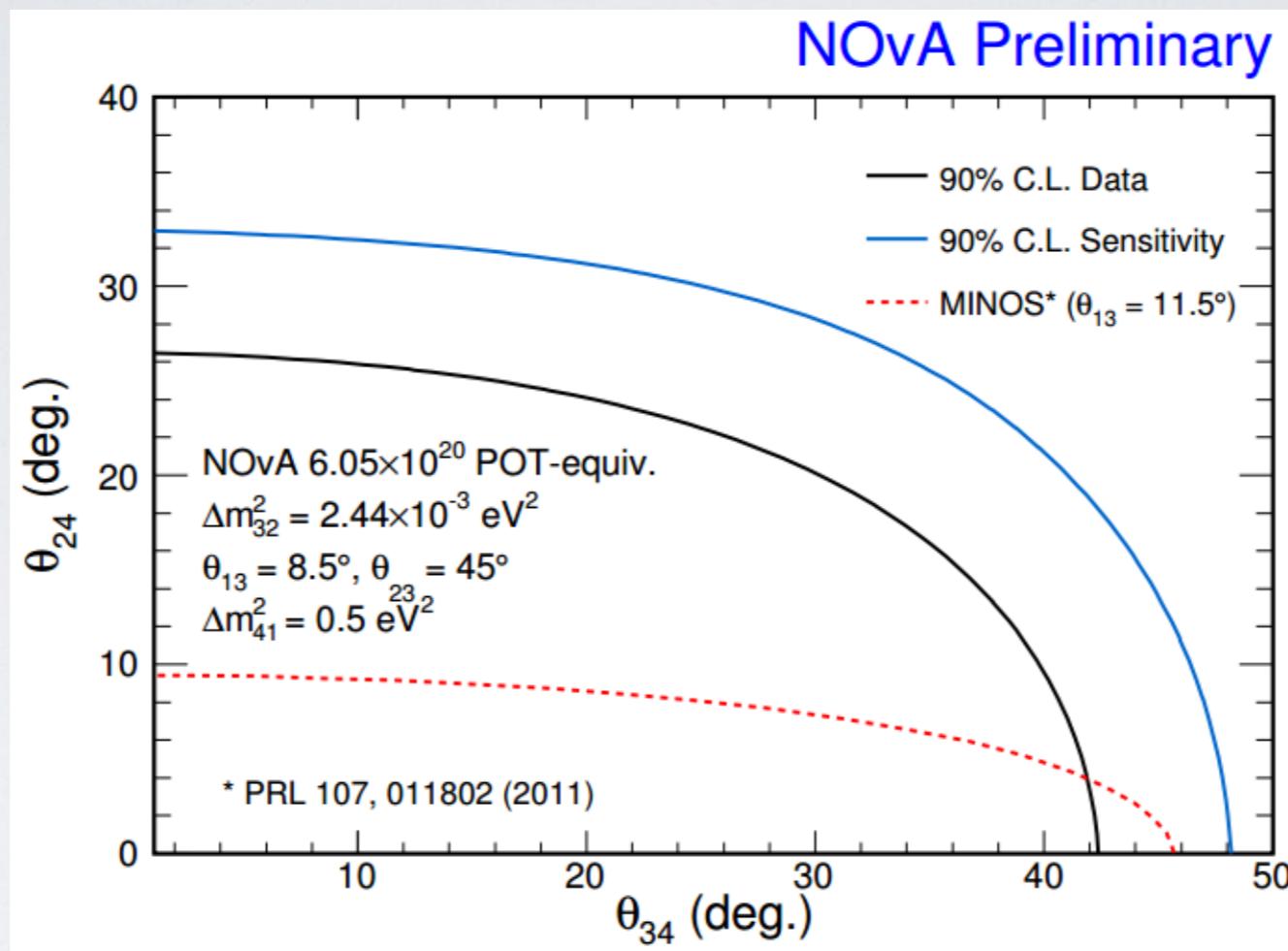
Trained over 4.7M simulated events,
Trained on FNAL GPU farm

Example Convolutional
Filter Layer



Sensitivities

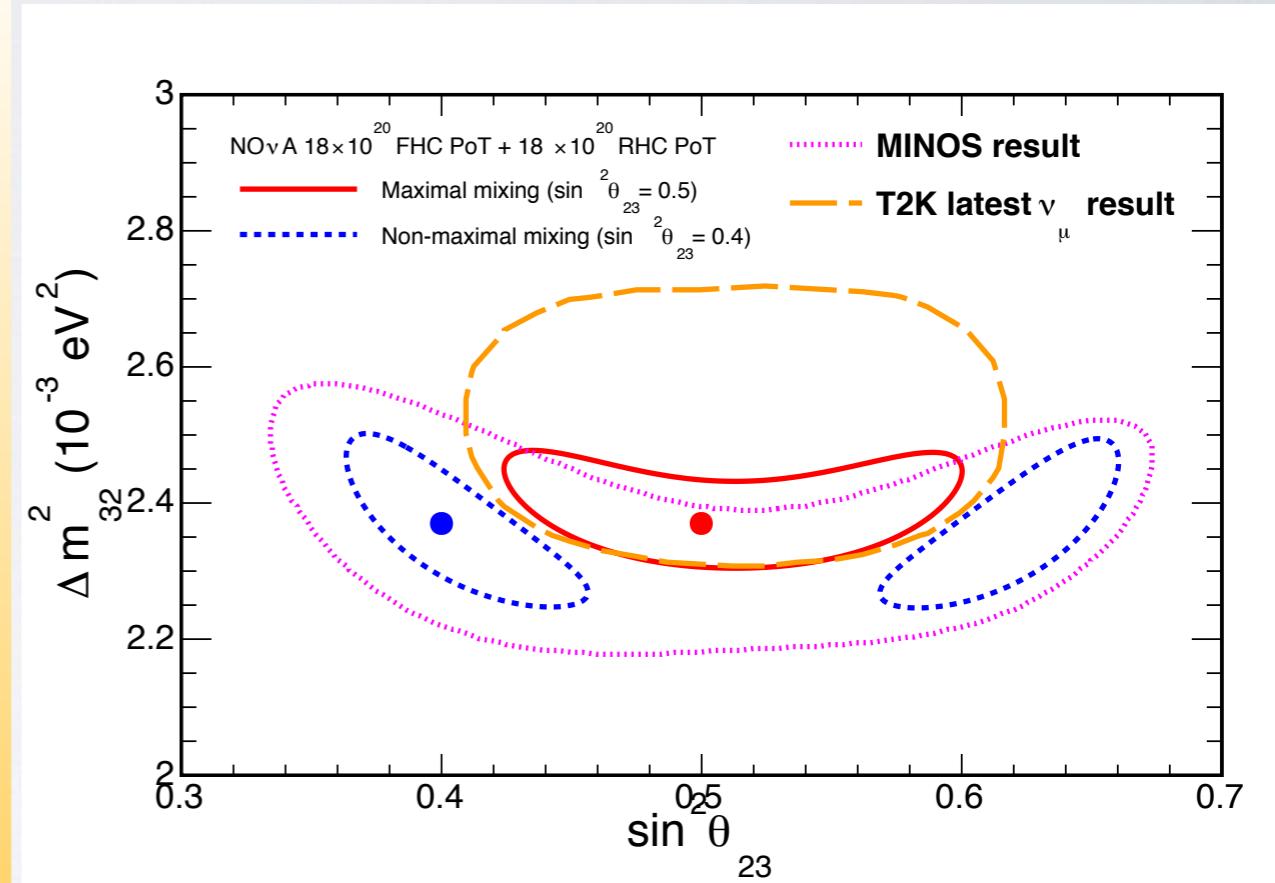
NC Disappearance 2D limits



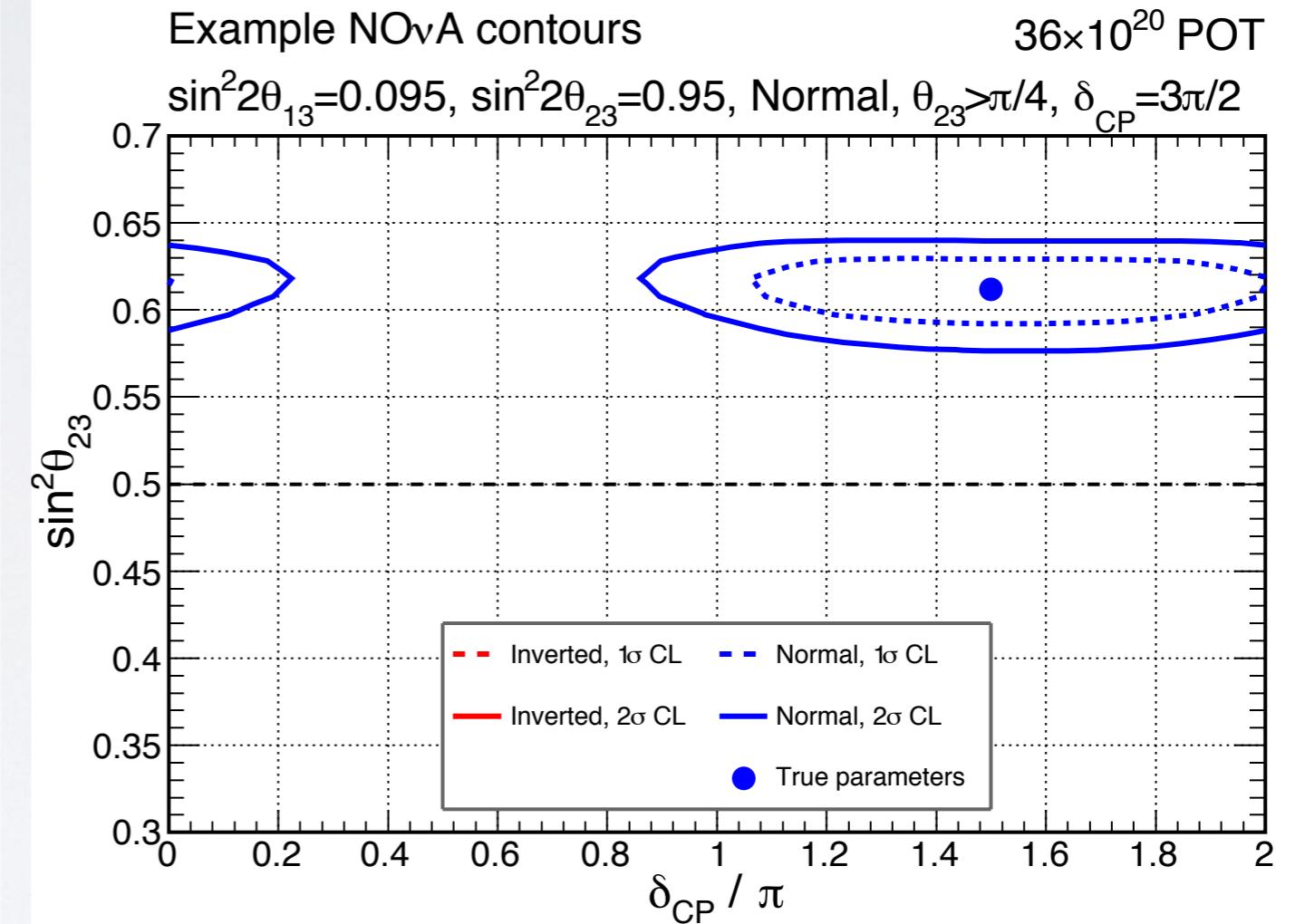
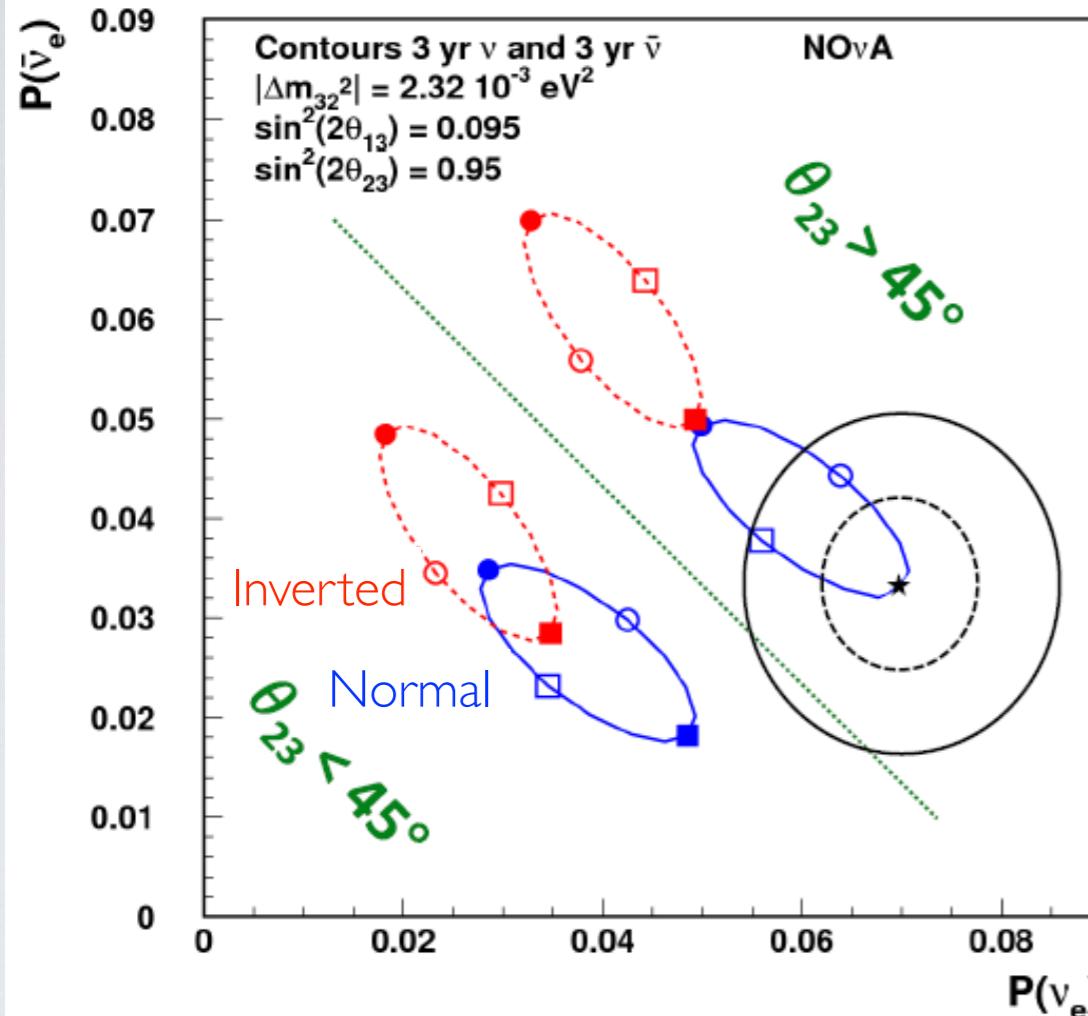
90% C.L. curves obtained by fitting a 3+1 flavour hypothesis with the predicted FD NC spectrum in data.

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 Δm^2_{32} and $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ for nominal sensitivity
- Measurements in the anti-neutrino channel: CPT tests

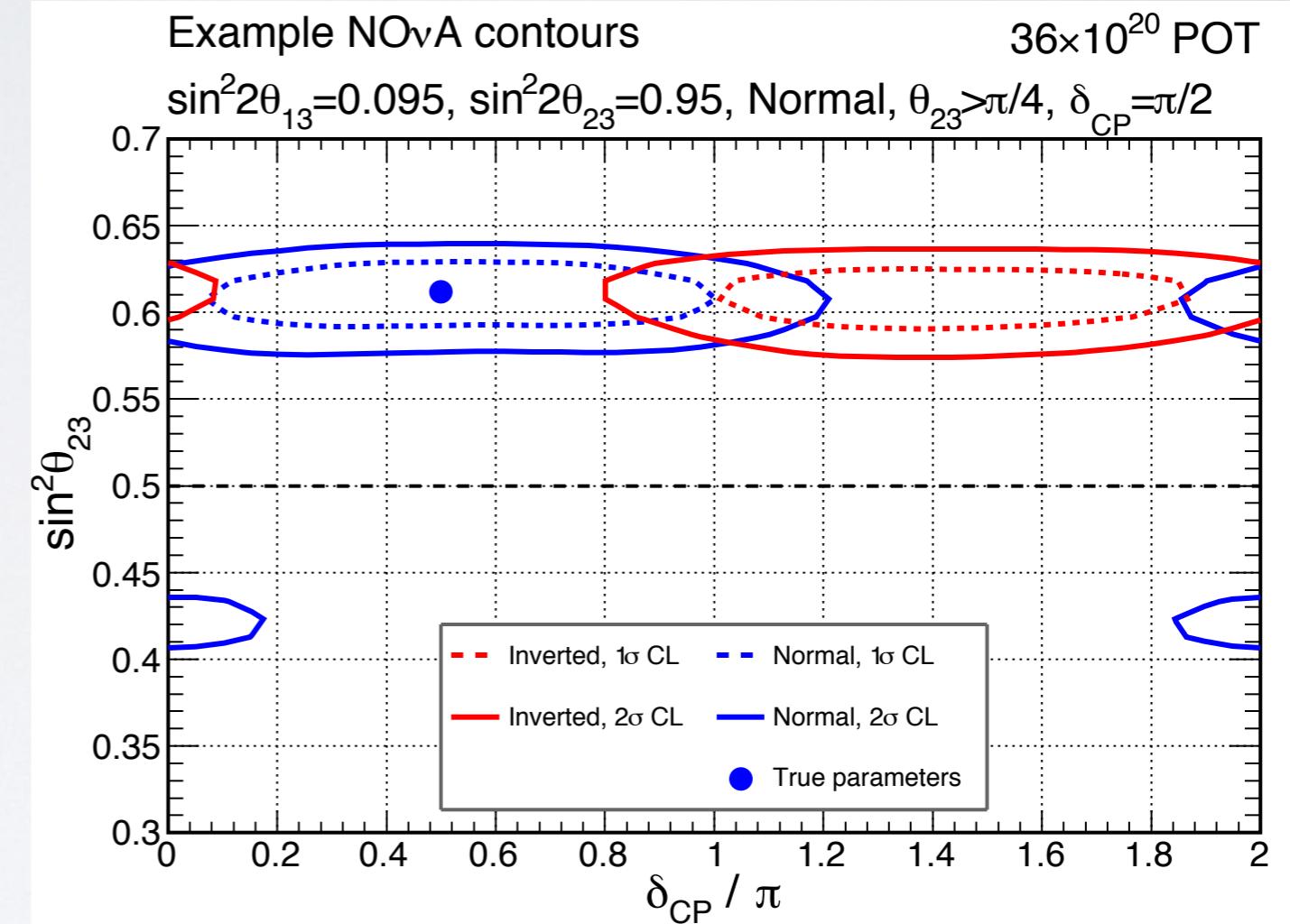
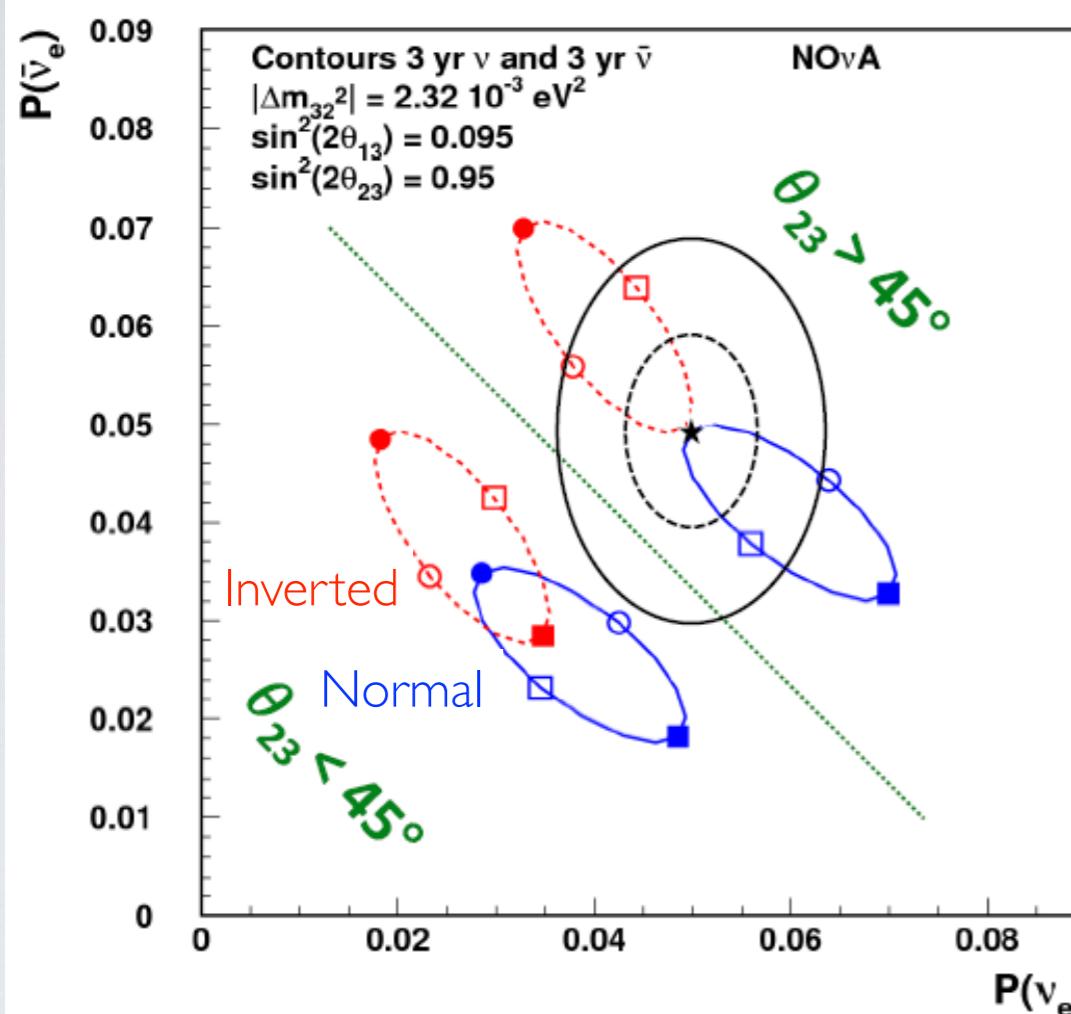


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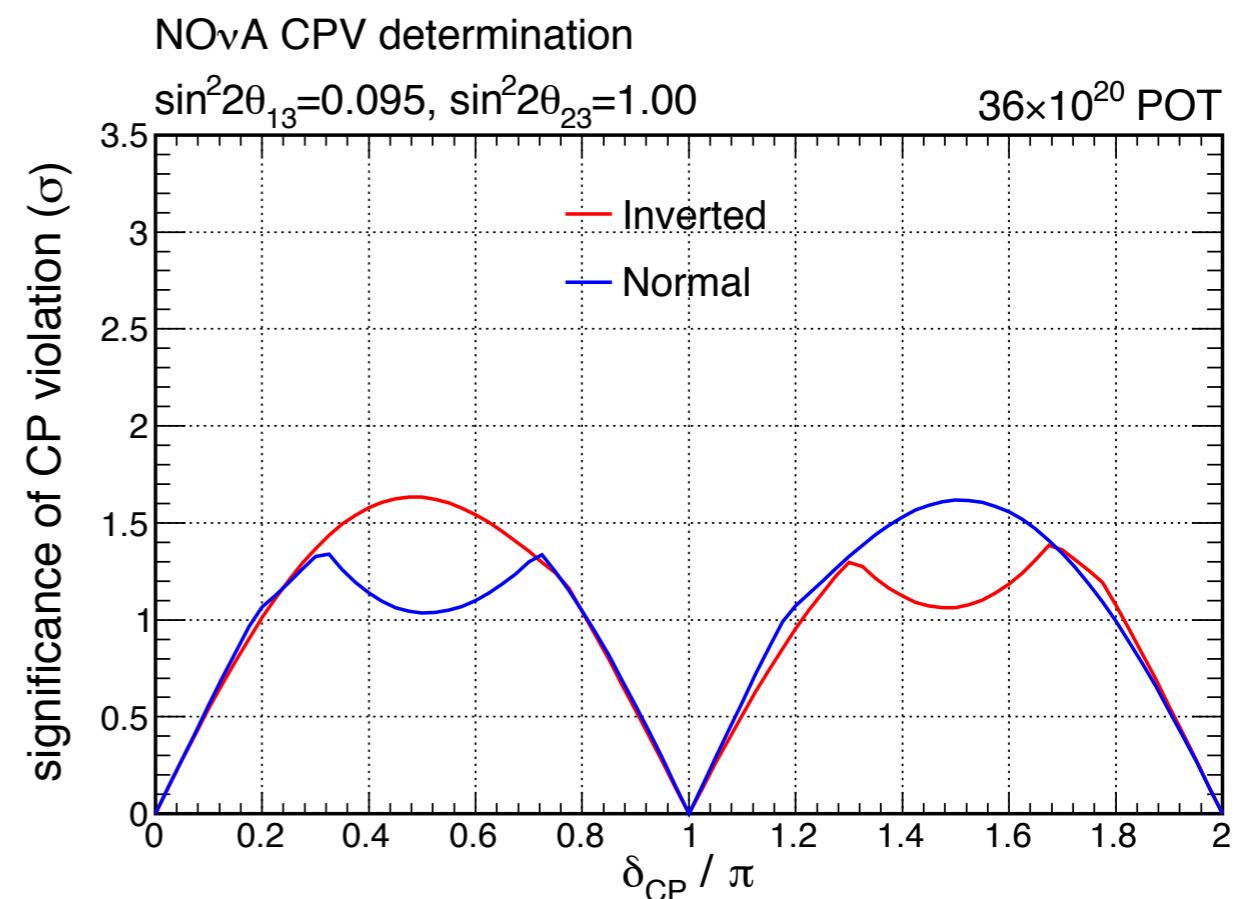
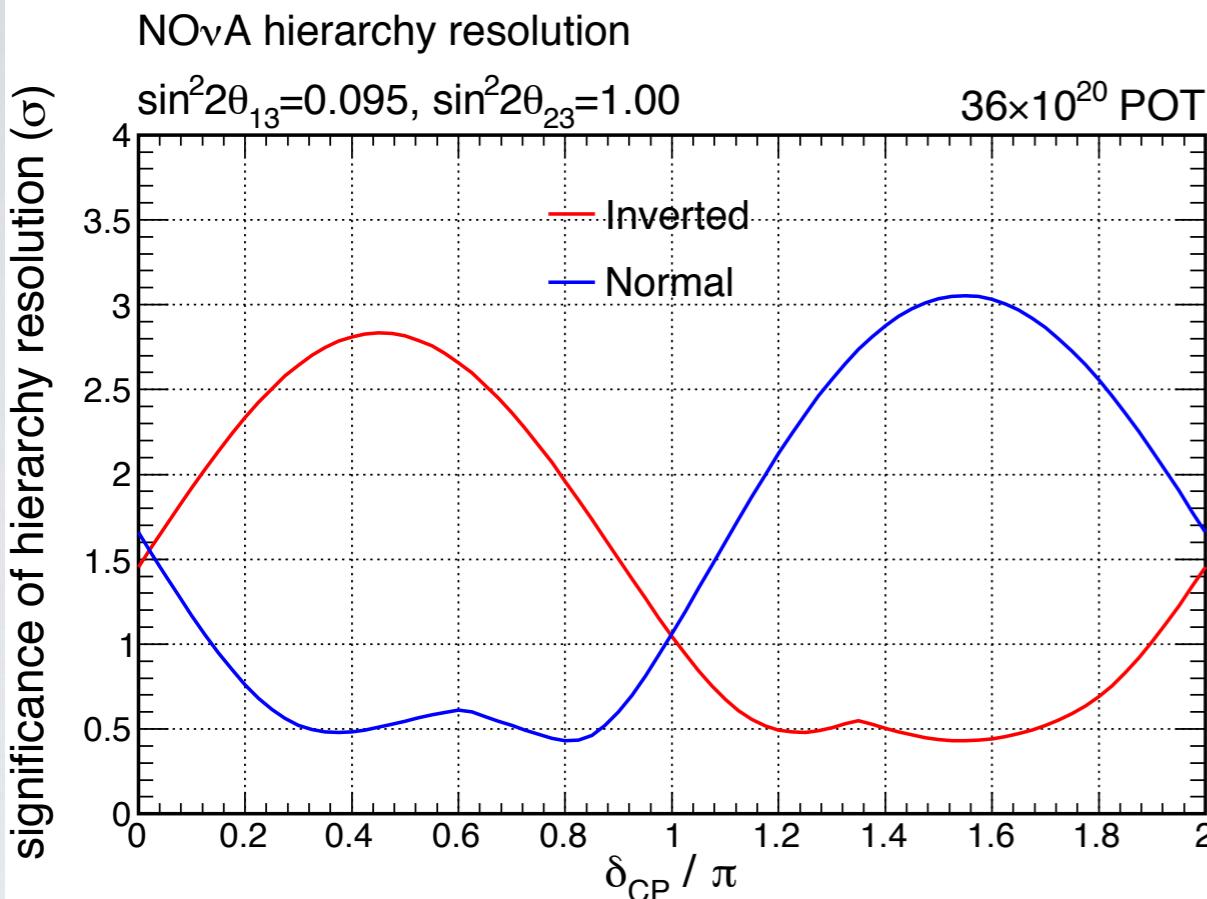
Best case scenario: NOvA simultaneously measures the mass ordering, CP violation and octant information!

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

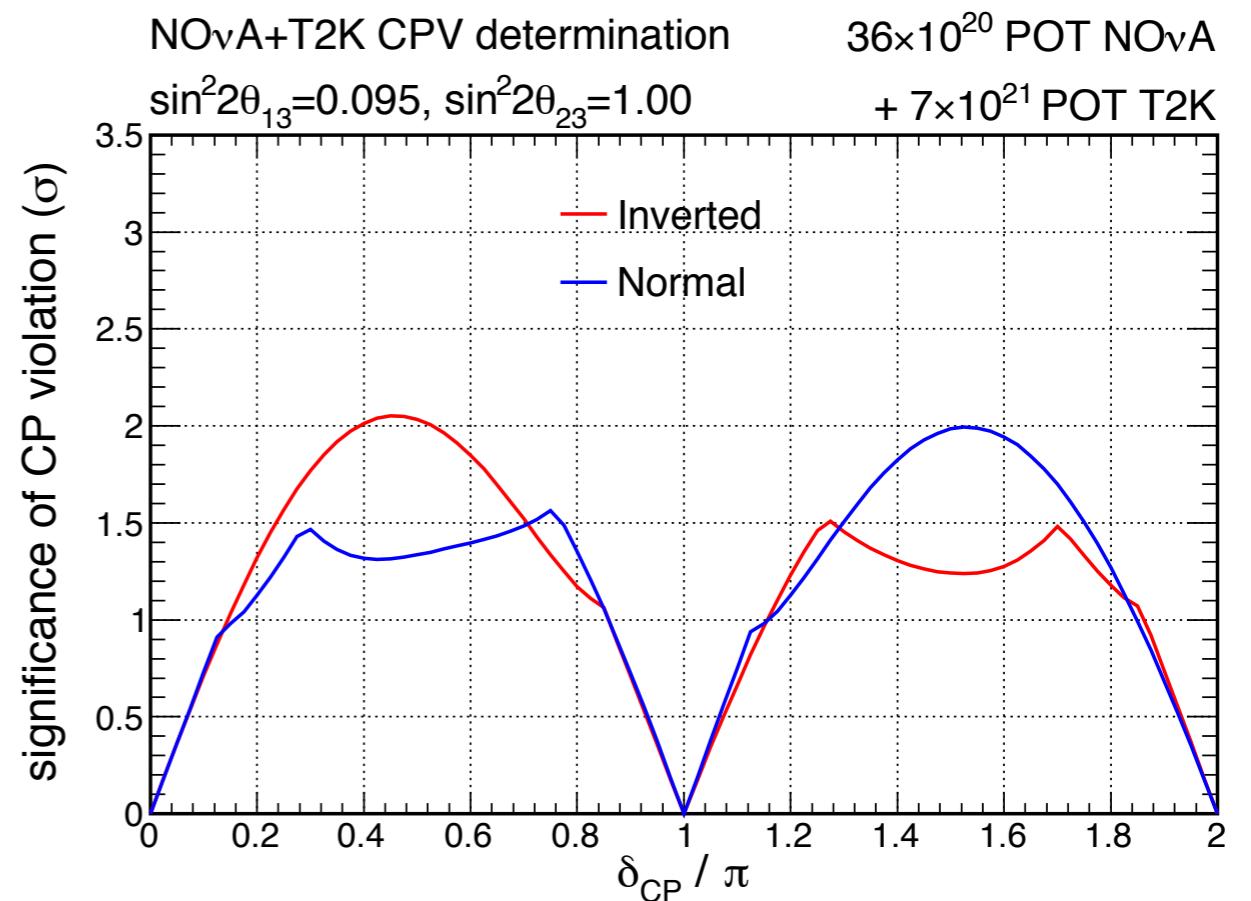
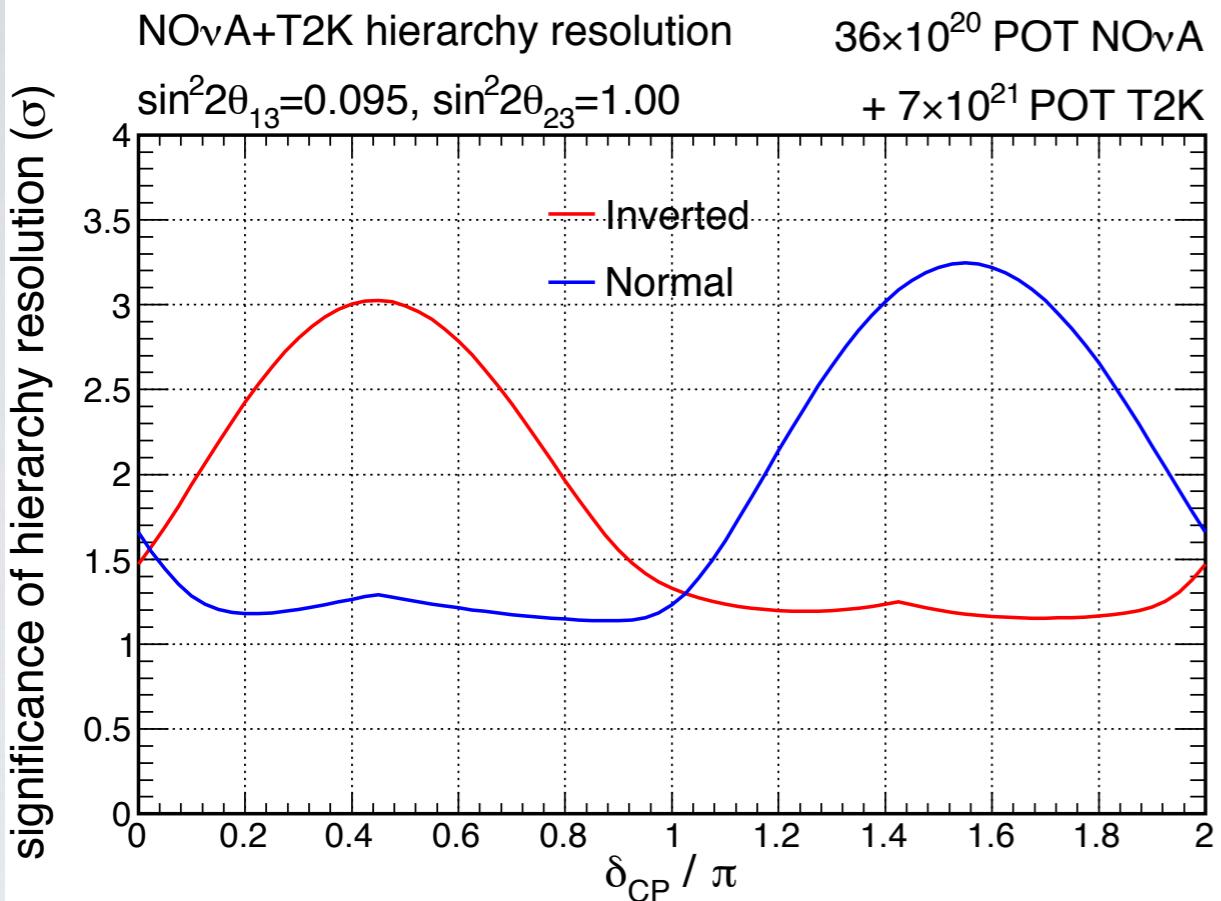
MASS HIERARCHY AND CP-VIOLATION



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

Only 1.5 sigma in 10% of the range

COMBINATION WITH T2K



Combining with T2K: At least 1 sigma
for the whole δ_{CP} range

With T2K: 1.5 sigma in 25%