

# Neutrino mass and implications for the Standard Model of particle physics

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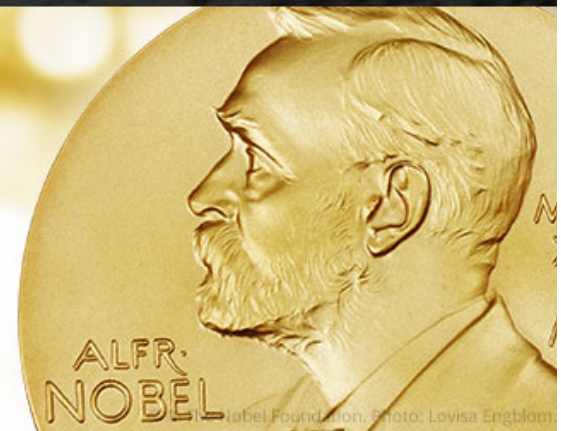
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*“For the greatest benefit to mankind”  
Alfred Nobel*

2015 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

**Takaaki Kajita  
Arthur B. McDonald**



„...for the discovery of neutrino oscillations,  
which shows that neutrinos have mass“

# Outline

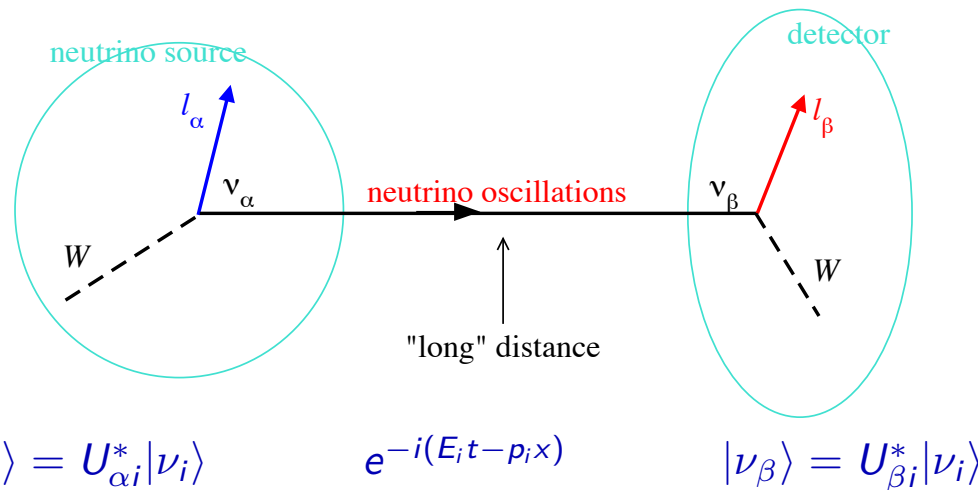
- Neutrino oscillations
  - basic introduction
  - present status of 3-flavour oscillations from global data
- Beyond oscillations
  - absolute mass observables
  - implications for the Standard Model of particle physics
  - how to identify the mechanism behind neutrino mass?  
comments on lepton number and lepton flavour violation
- Summary

# Neutrino oscillations - basics

- ▶ Flavour neutrinos  $\nu_\alpha$  are superpositions of massive neutrinos  $\nu_i$ :

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

- ▶  $U_{\alpha i}$ : Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) mixing matrix  
→ mismatch between mass and interaction basis



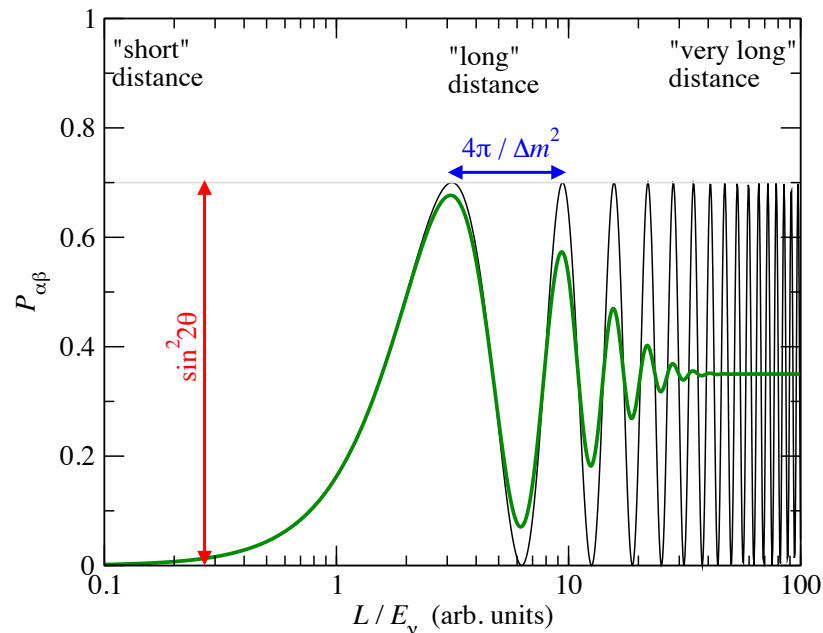
$$\mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = \sum_i U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha i}^* e^{-i(E_i t - p_i x)}, \quad P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = |\mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}|^2$$

# Neutrino oscillations - basics

2-flavour limit:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_\nu}$$

$\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \rightarrow$  oscillations are sensitive to mass differences



$$\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_\nu} = 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 [\text{eV}^2] L [\text{km}]}{E_\nu [\text{GeV}]}$$

# Neutrino oscillations - basics

Evolution of flavour state can be described by effective Schrödinger equ.:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} a_e \\ a_\mu \\ a_\tau \end{pmatrix} = H \begin{pmatrix} a_e \\ a_\mu \\ a_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$H = U \text{diag} \left( 0, \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E_\nu}, \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E_\nu} \right) U^\dagger$$

# Global data on neutrino oscillations

from various neutrino sources and vastly different energy and distance scales:

sun



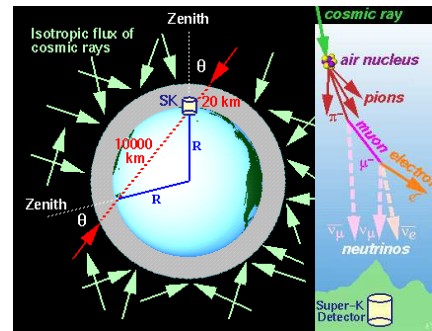
Homestake, SAGE, GALLEX  
SuperK, SNO, Borexino

reactors



KamLAND, CHOOZ

atmosphere



SuperKamiokande

accelerators



K2K, MINOS, T2K

- ▶ global data fits nicely with the 3 neutrinos from the SM
- ▶ a few “anomalies” at 2-3  $\sigma$ : LSND, MiniBooNE, reactor anomaly, no LMA MSW up-turn of solar neutrino spectrum

# The 3-flavour paradigm

- 3 masses:  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ,  $m_0$
- 3 mixing angles  $\theta_{12}$   $\theta_{13}$   $\theta_{23}$
- 3 phases (1 Dirac, 2 Majorana)

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- each parameter determined by several (classes of) experiments
- especially true for not-so-well determined parameters ( $\theta_{23}$ , MO, Dirac-phase)
- interplay of different data sets → global analyses

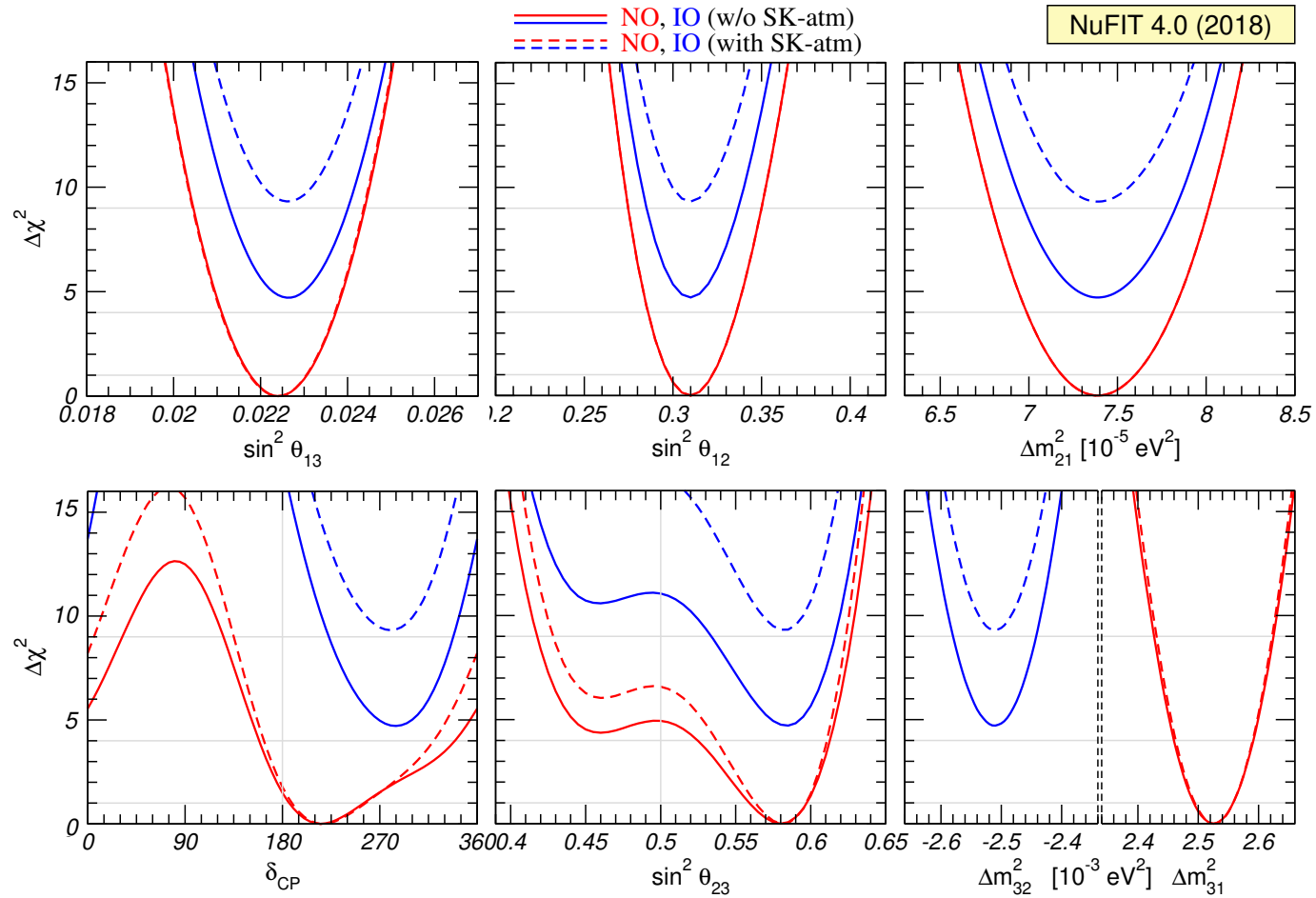
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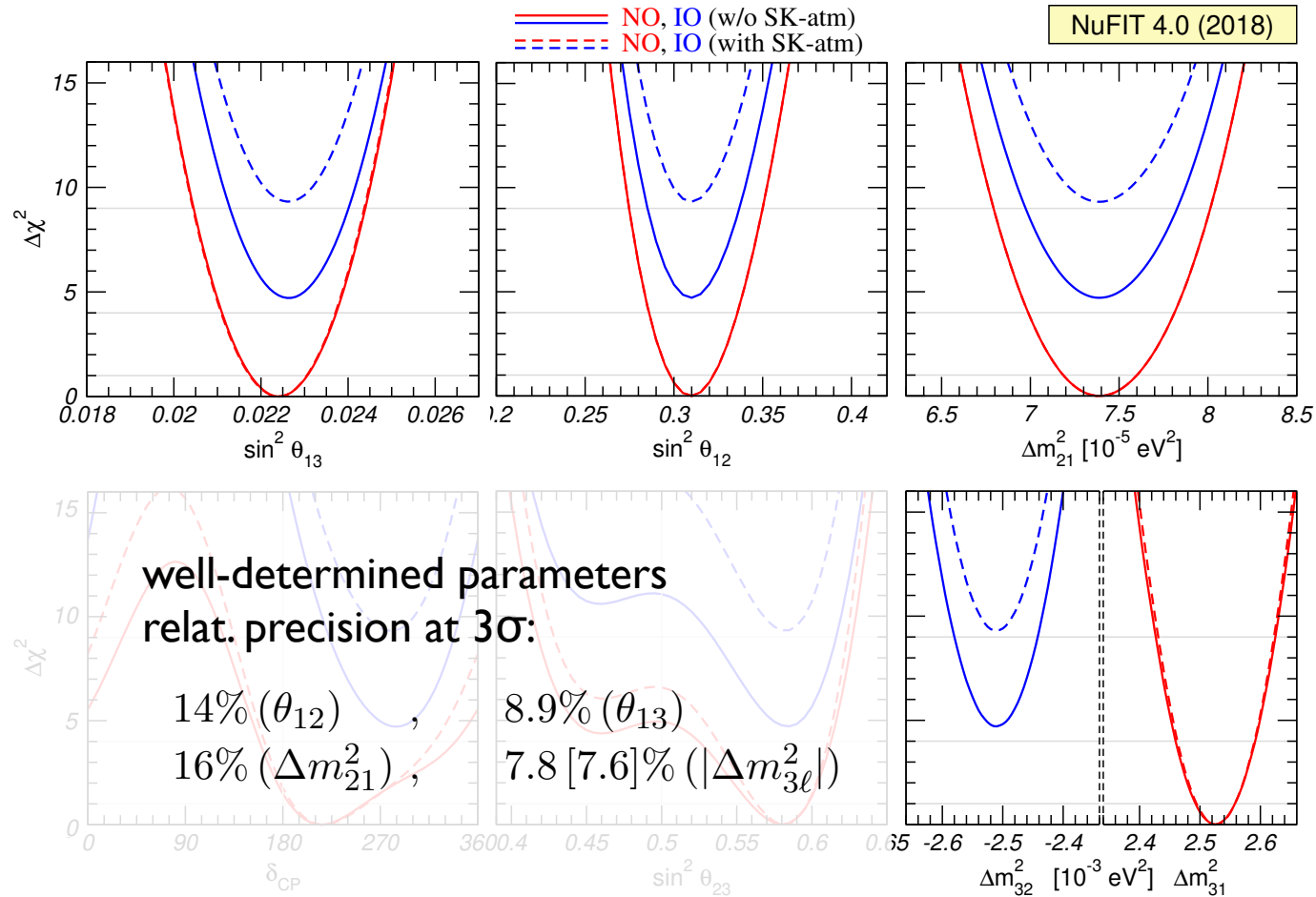
I. Esteban, C. Gonzalez-Garcia, A. Hernandez, M. Maltoni, T. Schwetz,  
JHEP 19, [arXiv:1811.05487]

- data available till Oct 2018  
(incl. Neutrino 2018 releases)
- updated results, full list of data,  $\chi^2$  tables  
<http://www.nu-fit.org>

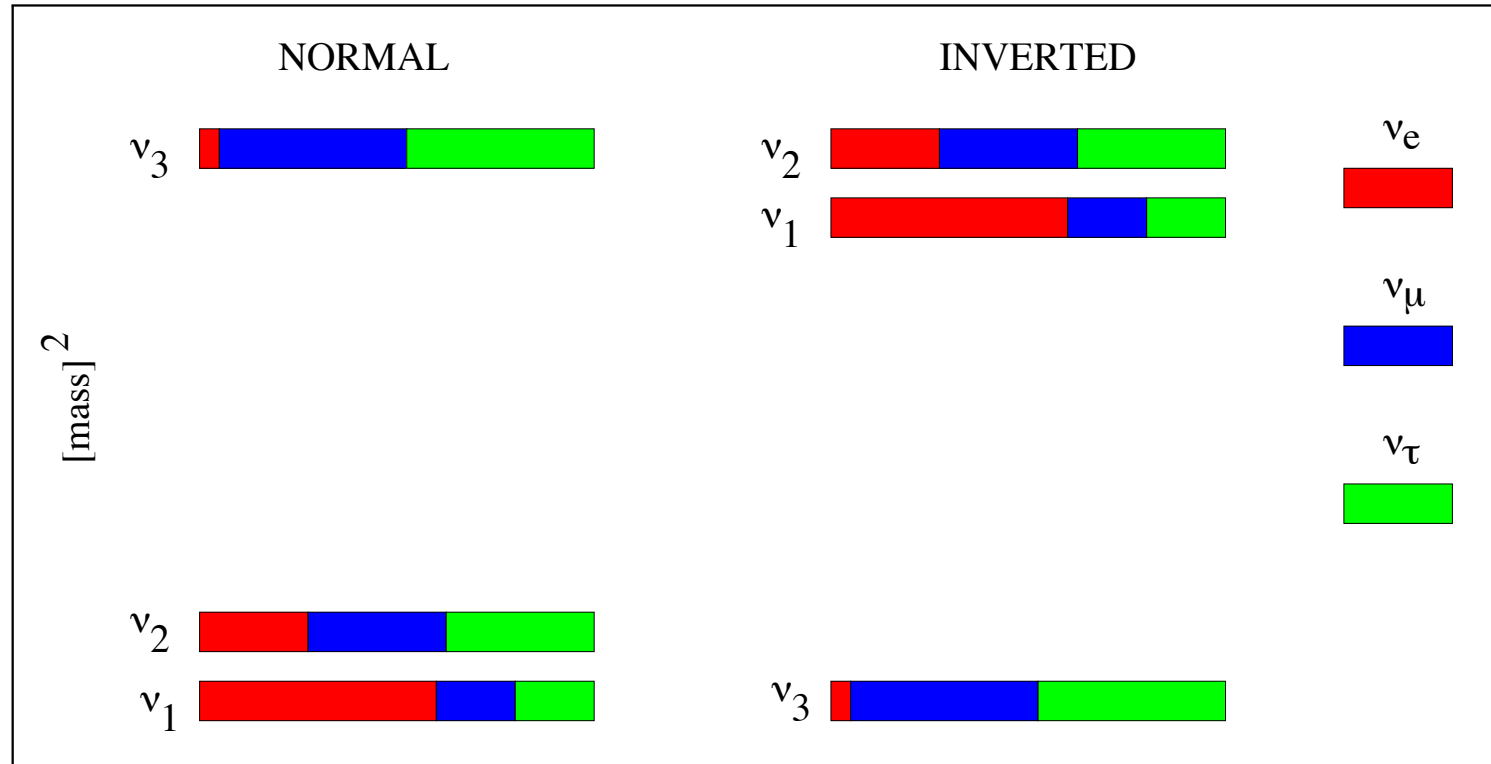
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# 3-flavour mixing



# The SM flavour puzzle

Lepton mixing:

$$\theta_{12} \approx 33^\circ$$

$$\theta_{23} \approx 45^\circ$$

$$\theta_{13} \approx 9^\circ$$

$$U_{PMNS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \epsilon \\ \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \\ \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Quark mixing:

$$\theta_{12} \approx 13^\circ$$

$$\theta_{23} \approx 2^\circ$$

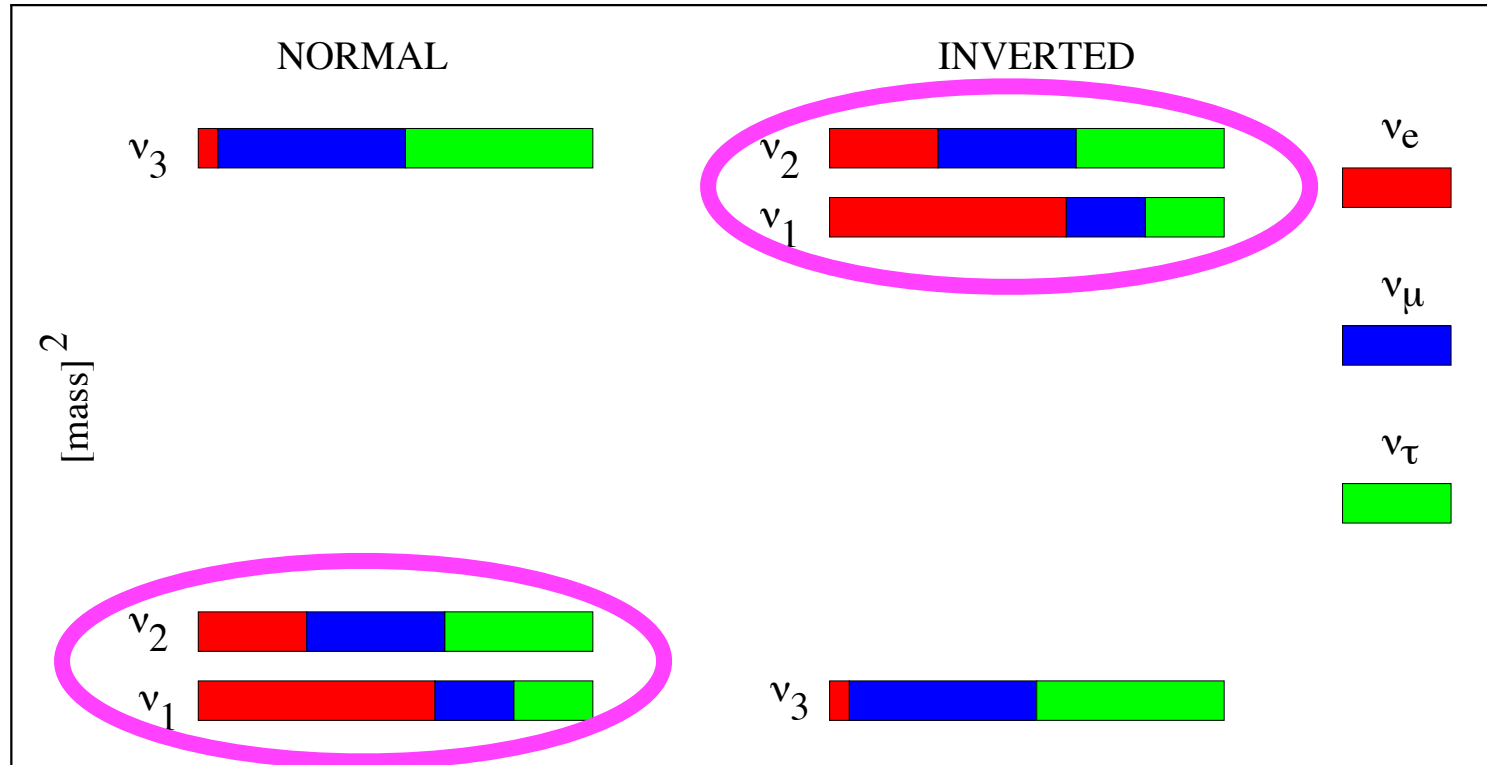
$$\theta_{13} \approx 0.2^\circ$$

$$U_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# The dominant oscillation modes



# 1-2 sector: $\theta_{12}$ and $\Delta m^2_{21}$



# Matter effect

When neutrinos pass through matter the interactions with the particles in the background induce an effective potential for the neutrinos

Effective 4-point interaction Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}}^{\nu\alpha} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\alpha \underbrace{\sum_f \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (g_V^{\alpha,f} - g_A^{\alpha,f} \gamma_5) f}_{J_{\text{mat}}^\mu}$$

coherent forward scattering amplitude leads to an “index of refraction”

L. Wolfenstein, *Phys. Rev. D* **17**, 2369 (1978); *ibid.* *D* **20**, 2634 (1979)

# Matter effect

effective Schrödinger eq. in matter:

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with

$$H = \underbrace{U \text{diag} \left( 0, \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E_\nu}, \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E_\nu} \right) U^\dagger}_{\text{vacuum}} + \underbrace{\text{diag}(\sqrt{2} G_F N_e, 0, 0)}_{\text{matter}}$$

$N_e(x)$ : electron density along the neutrino path

for non-constant matter:  $H(t) \rightarrow$  time-dependent Schrödinger eq.

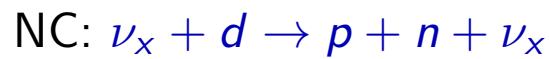
**“MSW resonance”** Mikheev, Smirnov, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 42, 913 (1985)

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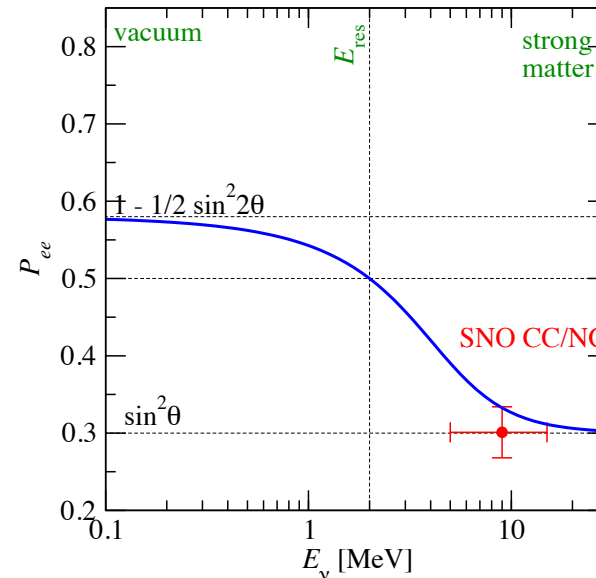


## MSW conversion in the Sun

2002: SNO: CC to NC ratio of solar neutrino flux



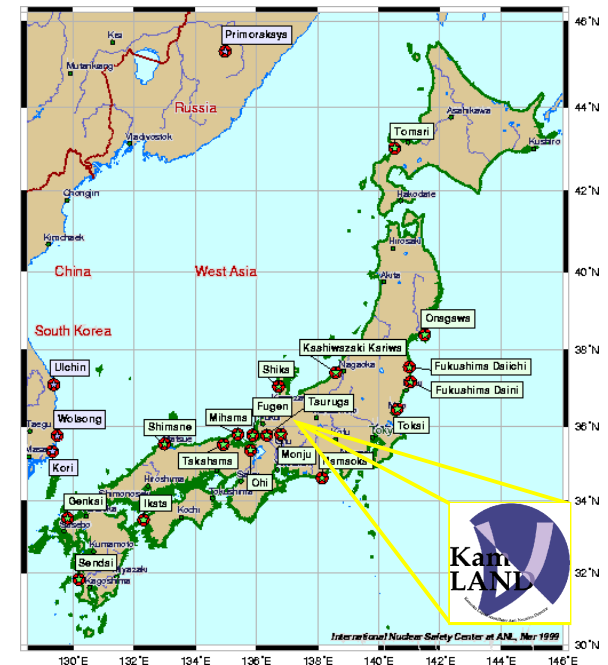
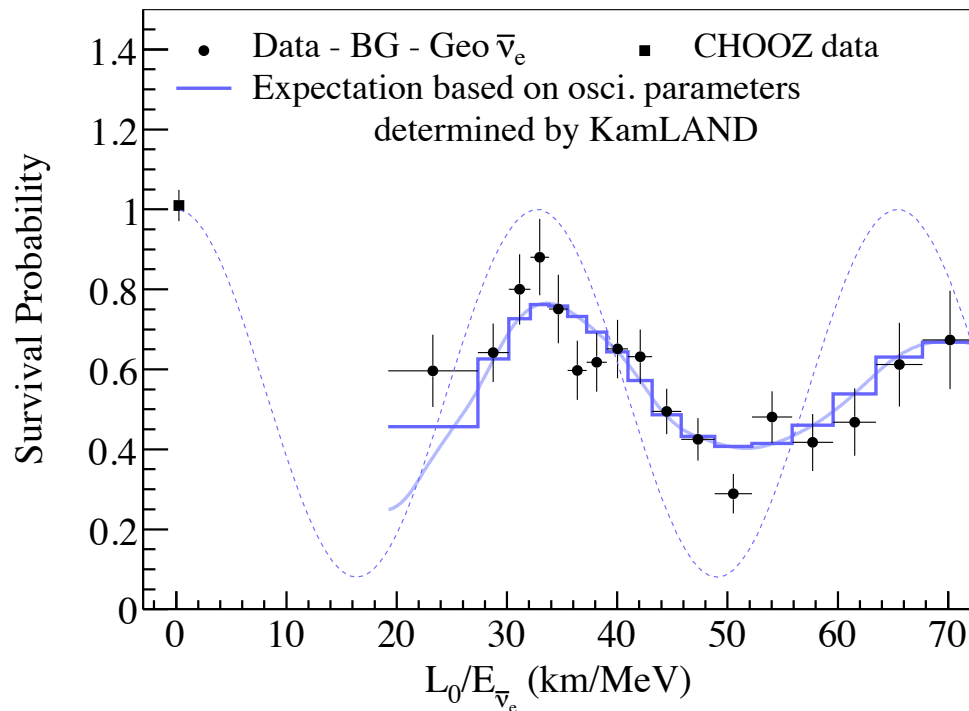
- ▶ evidence for  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  conversion
- ▶ **MSW effect** inside the sun  
adiabatic conversion through resonance
- ▶ fixes ordering of the 1-2 mass states



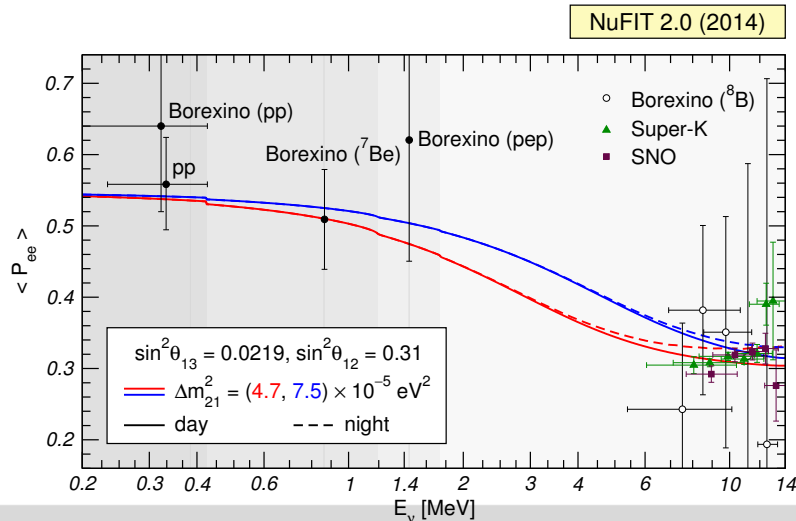
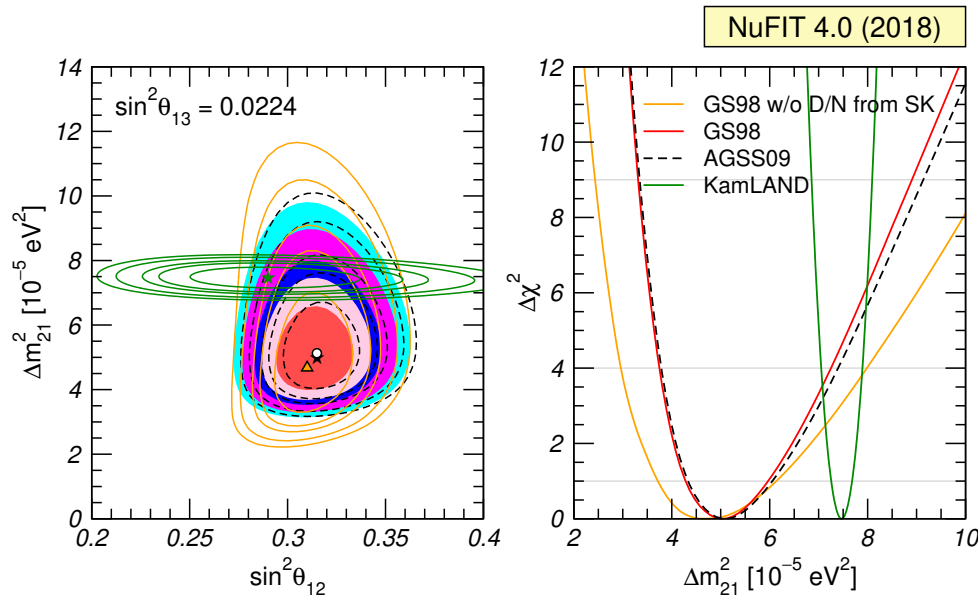
$$P_{ee} = \frac{\phi_e}{\phi_e + \phi_\mu + \phi_\tau} = \frac{\phi_{CC}}{\phi_{NC}}$$

# I-2 sector: $\theta_{12}$ and $\Delta m_{21}^2$

Evidence for spectral distortion: KamLAND 2004

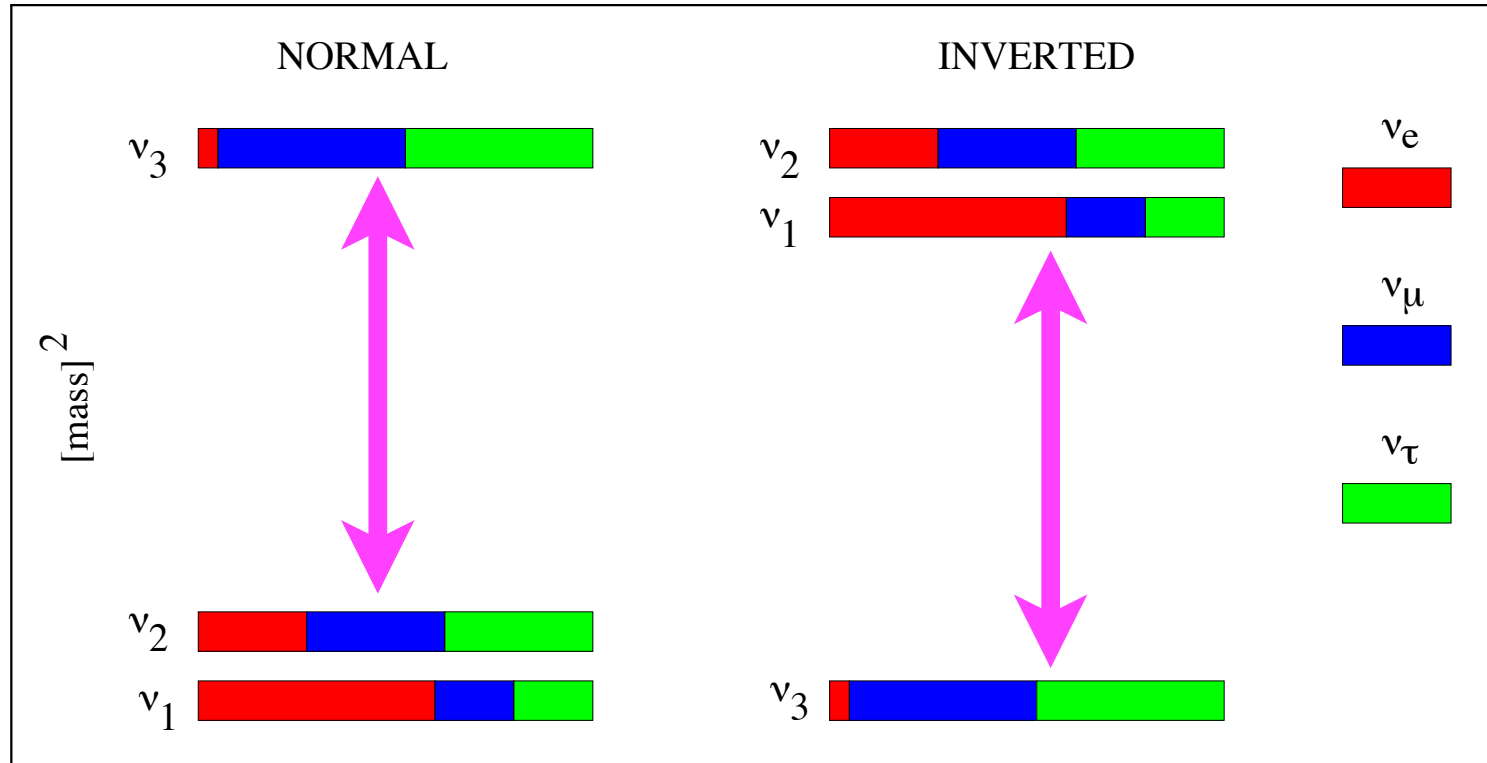


# Solar parameters

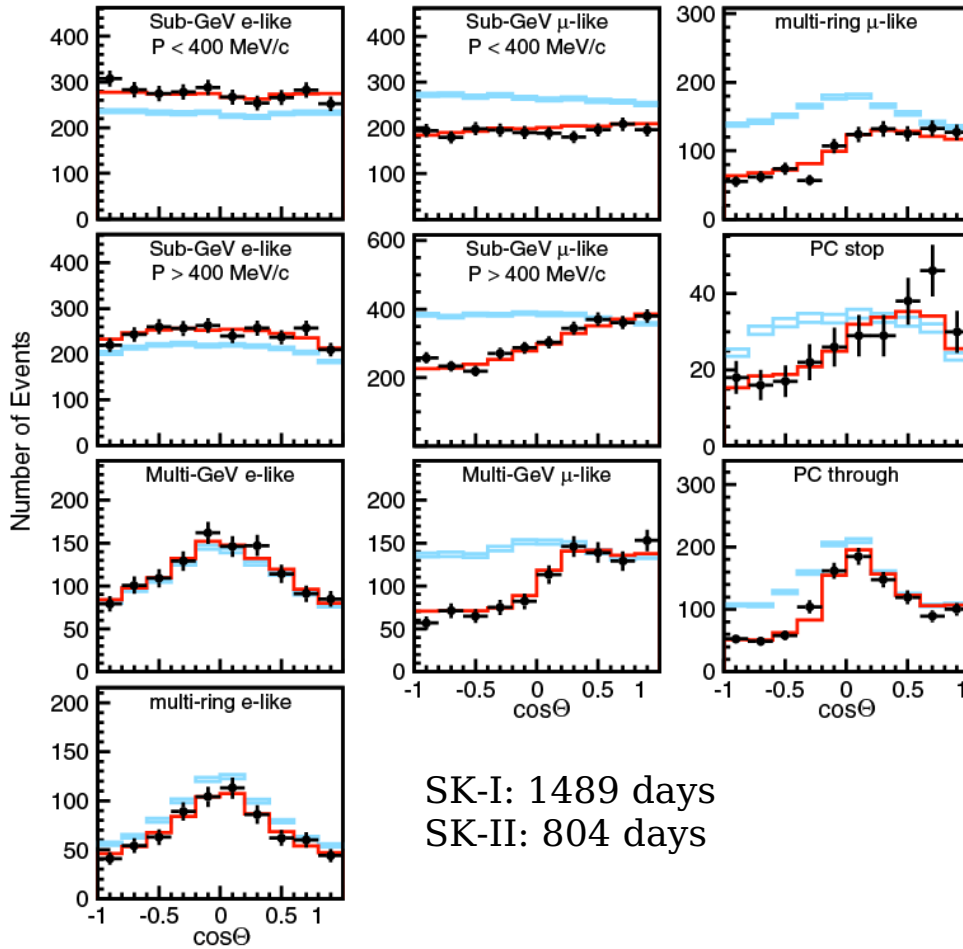


- using reconstructed fluxes from Daya-Bay in KamLAND analysis
- tension between solar and KamLAND at  $\sim 2\sigma$
- robust wrt to solar models (abundances)
- driven by spectrum upturn and day/night data from SK

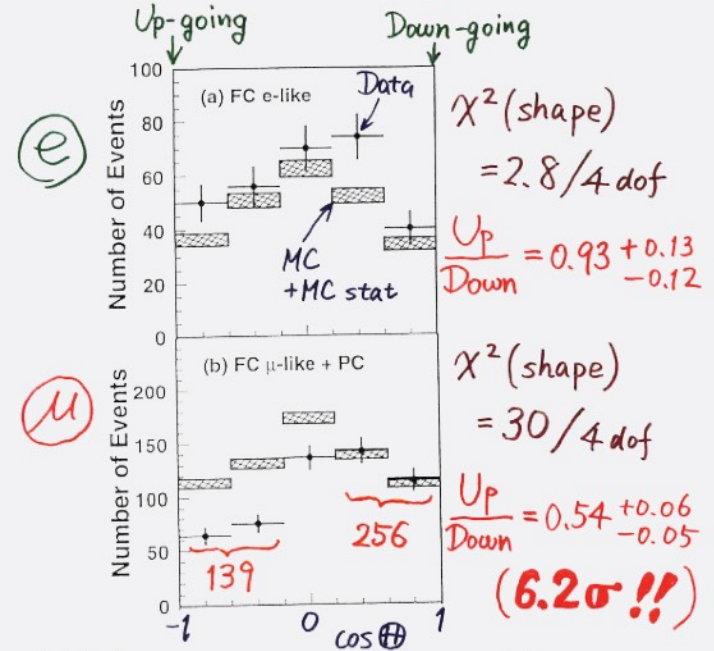
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## Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV)



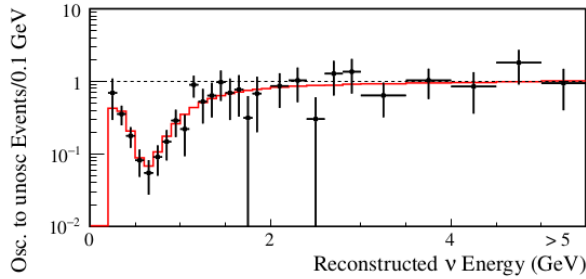
\* Up/Down syst. error for  $\mu$ -like

Prediction (flux calculation .....  $\lesssim 1\%$   
1km rock above SK .....  $1.5\%$ ) **1.8%**

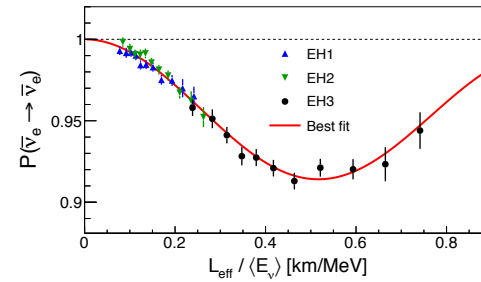
Data (Energy calib. for  $\uparrow \downarrow$  .....  $0.7\%$   
Non  $\nu$  Background .....  $< 2\%$ ) **2.1%**



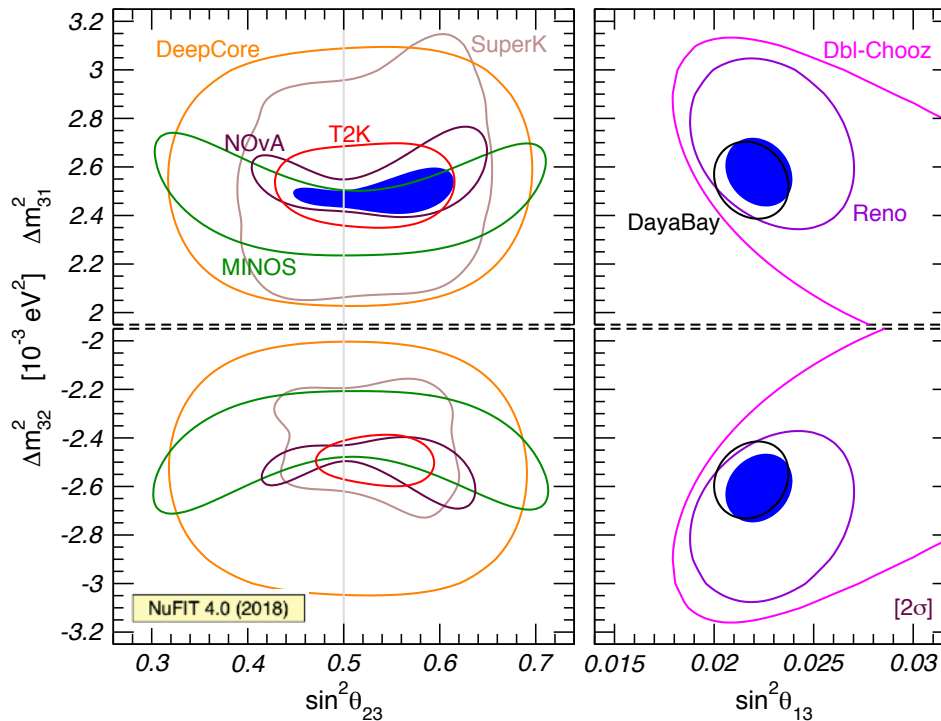
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T2K, 2015  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$

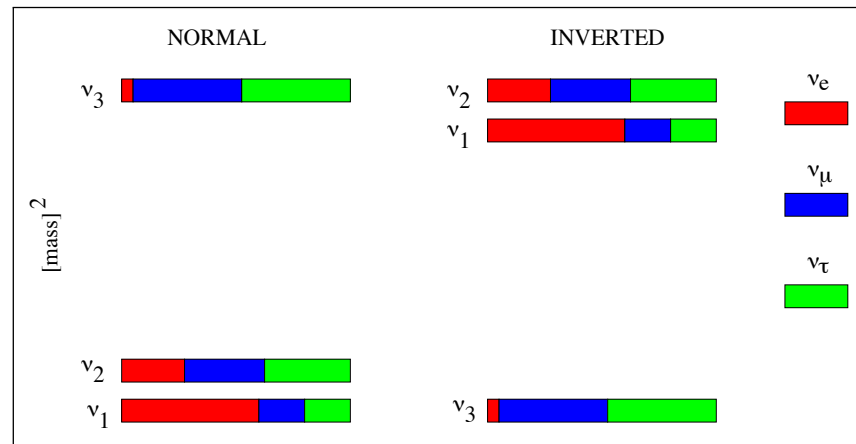
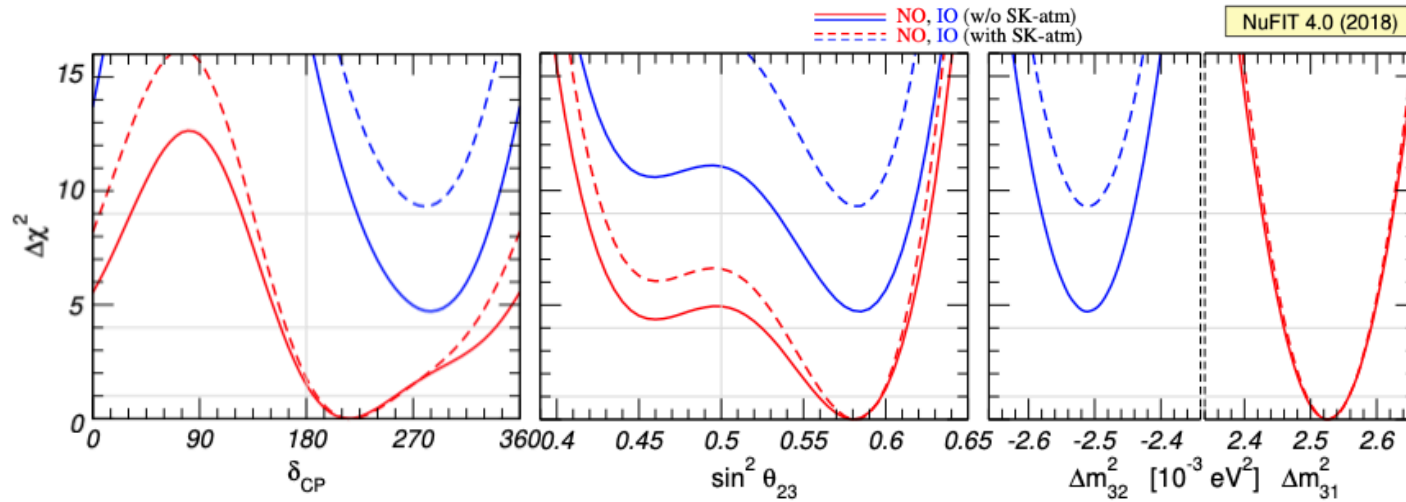


DayaBay, 2016  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

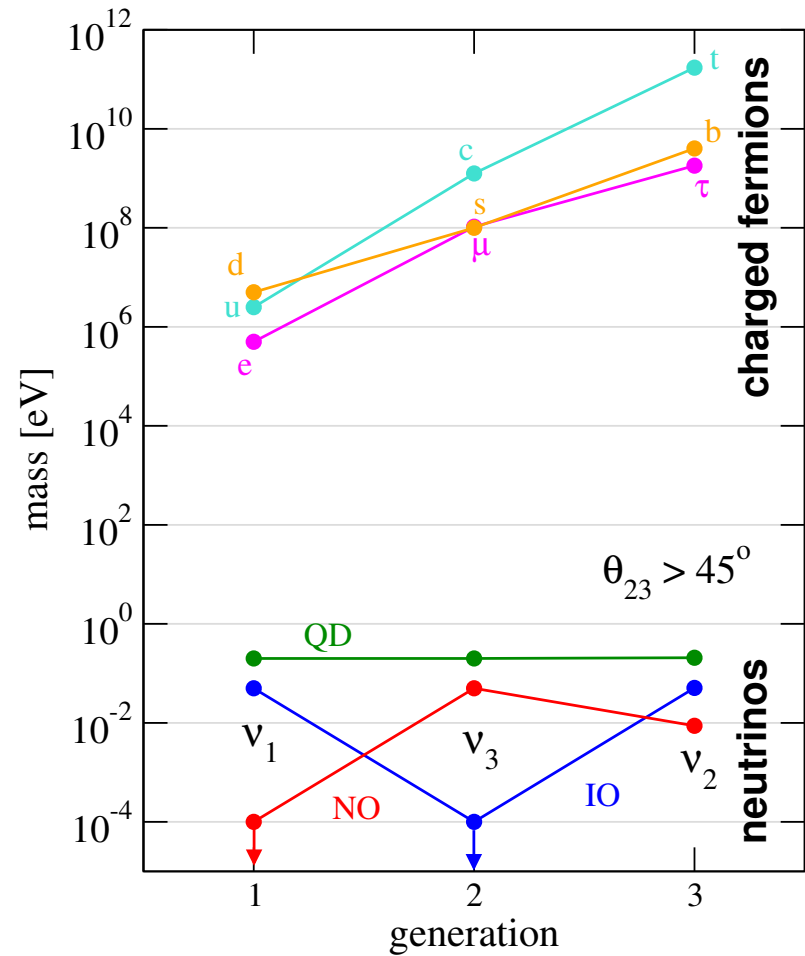
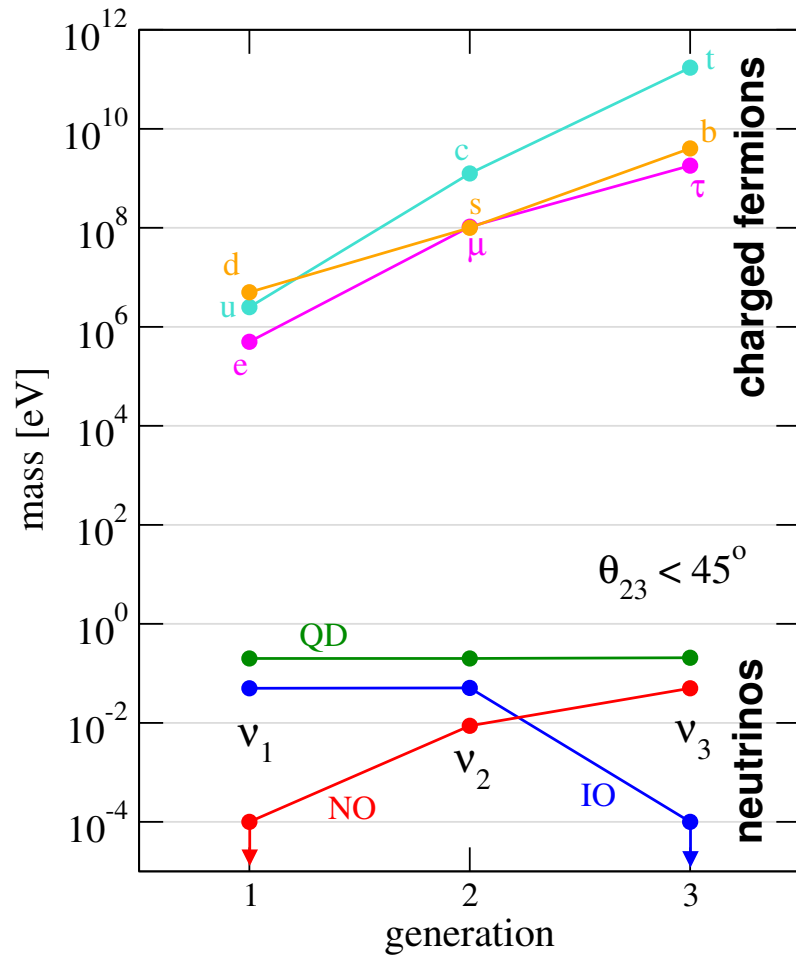


# not-so-well determined parameters

# CP phase, $\theta_{23}$ , mass ordering

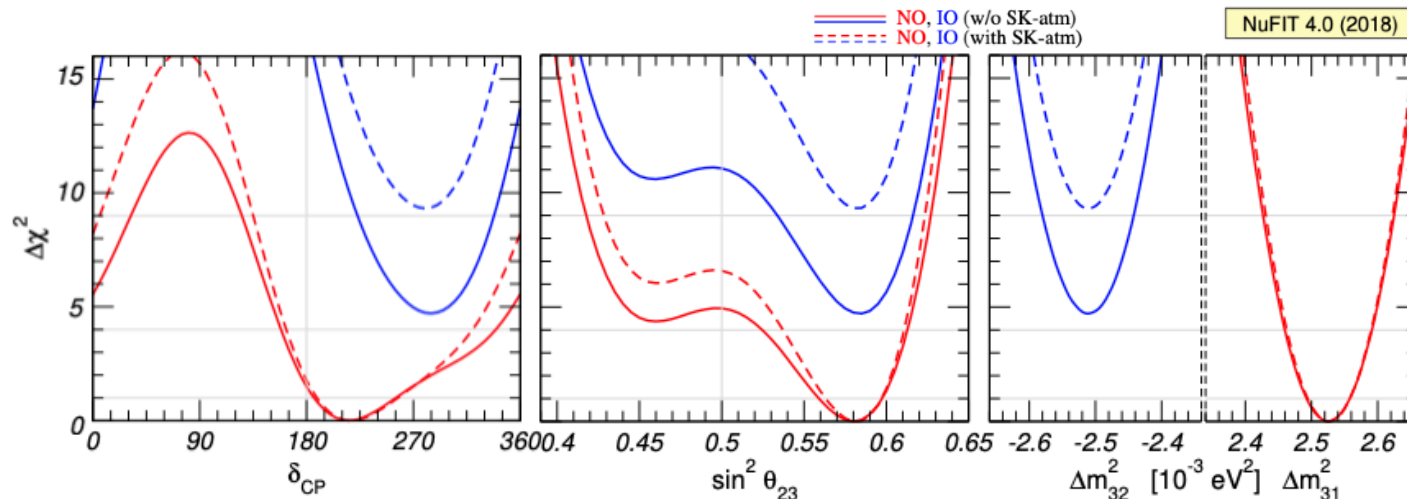


# The SM fermion mass puzzle



# CP phase, $\theta_{23}$ , mass ordering

- CP conservation allowed at  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1.8$ , bf at  $\delta = 217^\circ$
- preference for second octant of  $\theta_{23}$ , bf at  $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.58$   
 $\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.5$  disfavoured with  $\Delta\chi^2 \approx 4.4$  (6.0) without (with) SK atm
- NO preferred over IO by  $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.7$  (9.3) without (with) SK atm

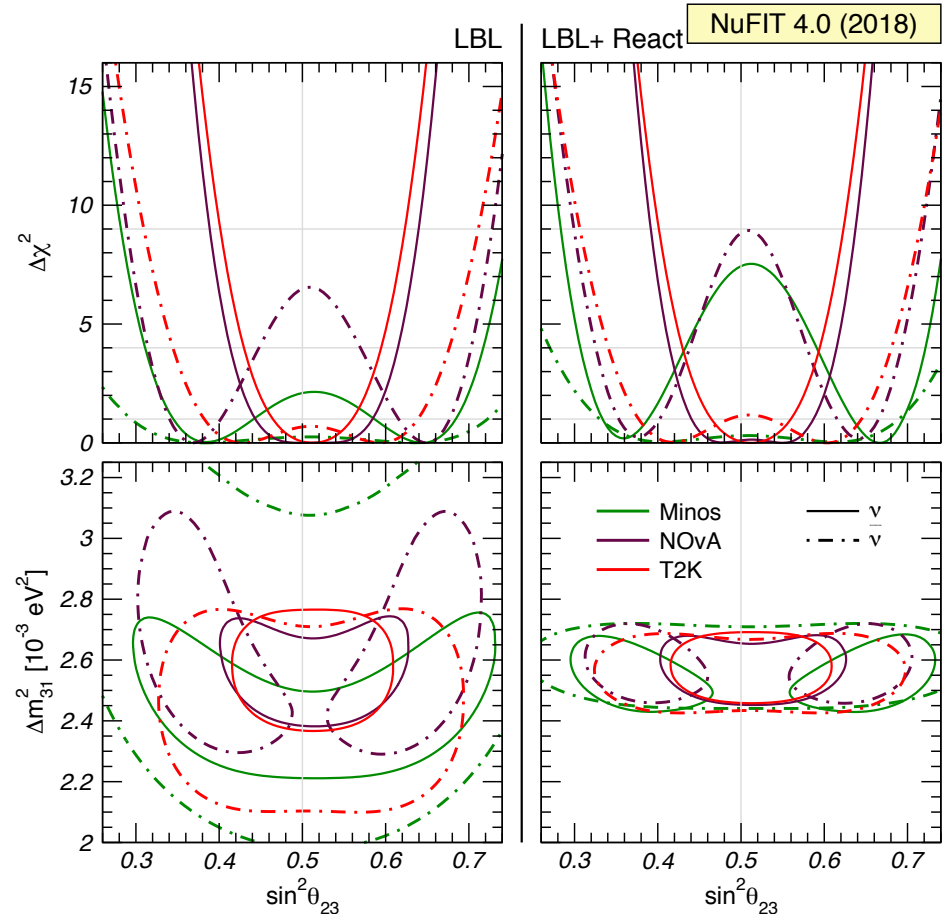
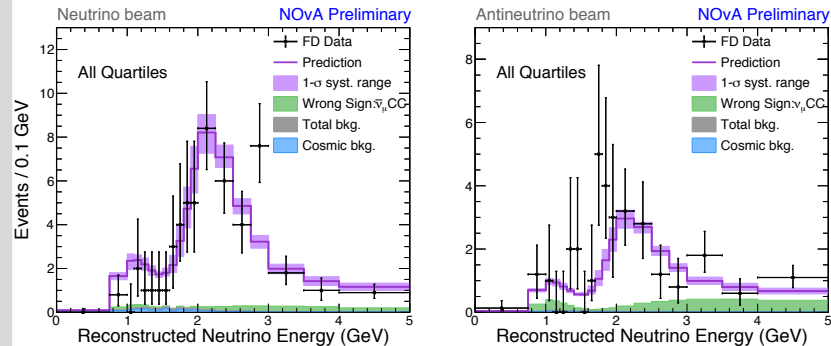


# $\theta_{23}$ from LBL disappearance results

$$P_{\mu\mu} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 L}{4E_\nu}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\mu\mu} = \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23},$$

$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2 + \cos \delta_{CP} \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23} \Delta m_{21}^2$$



2σ contours, normal ordering, prior on  $\theta_{13}$  imposed

M. Sanchez, Neutrino 18

# LBL $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance data

following Elevant, Schwetz, 15

$$N_{\nu_e} \approx \mathcal{N}_\nu [2s_{23}^2(1 + 2oA) - C' \sin \delta_{\text{CP}}(1 + oA)]$$

$$N_{\bar{\nu}_e} \approx \mathcal{N}_{\bar{\nu}} [2s_{23}^2(1 - 2oA) + C' \sin \delta_{\text{CP}}(1 - oA)]$$

$$C' \approx 0.28$$

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$$A \equiv \left| \frac{2EV}{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2} \right| \approx \begin{cases} 0.05 & \text{T2K} \\ 0.1 & \text{NOvA} \end{cases}$$

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- Both neutrino and anti-neutrino events are enhanced by increasing  $s_{23}^2$ .
- Values of  $\sin \delta_{\text{CP}} \simeq +1$  ( $-1$ ) suppress (increase) neutrino events, and have the opposite effect for anti-neutrino events.
- For NO (IO) neutrino events are enhanced (suppressed) due to the matter effect, whereas anti-neutrino events are suppressed (enhanced).
- For NO (IO) the matter effect increases (decreases) the impact of  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$  for neutrinos, while the opposite happens for anti-neutrinos.

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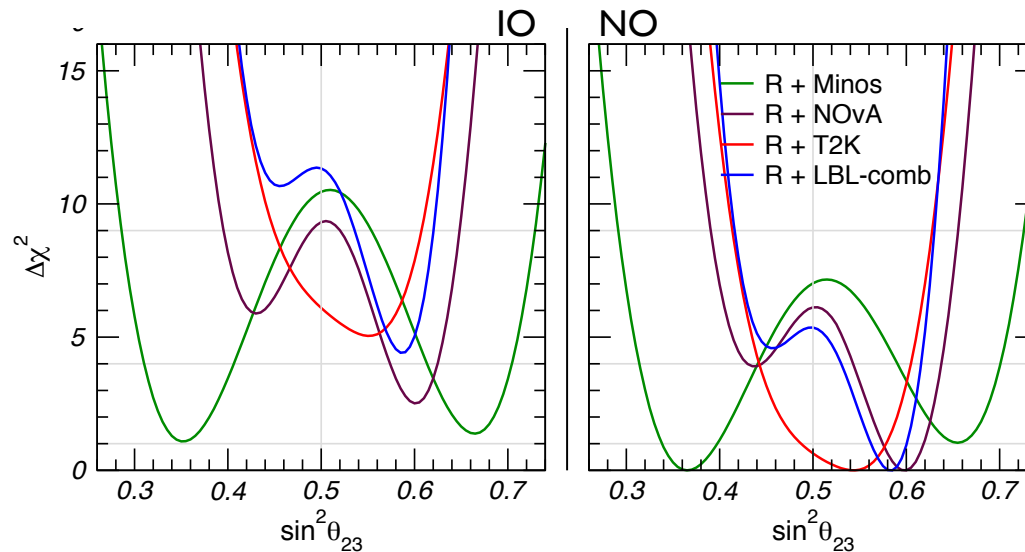
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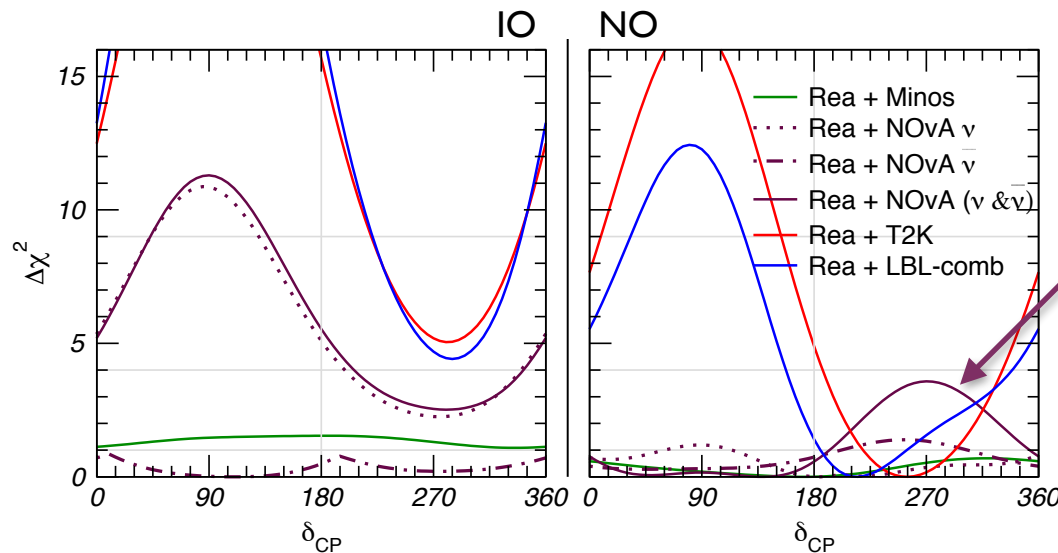
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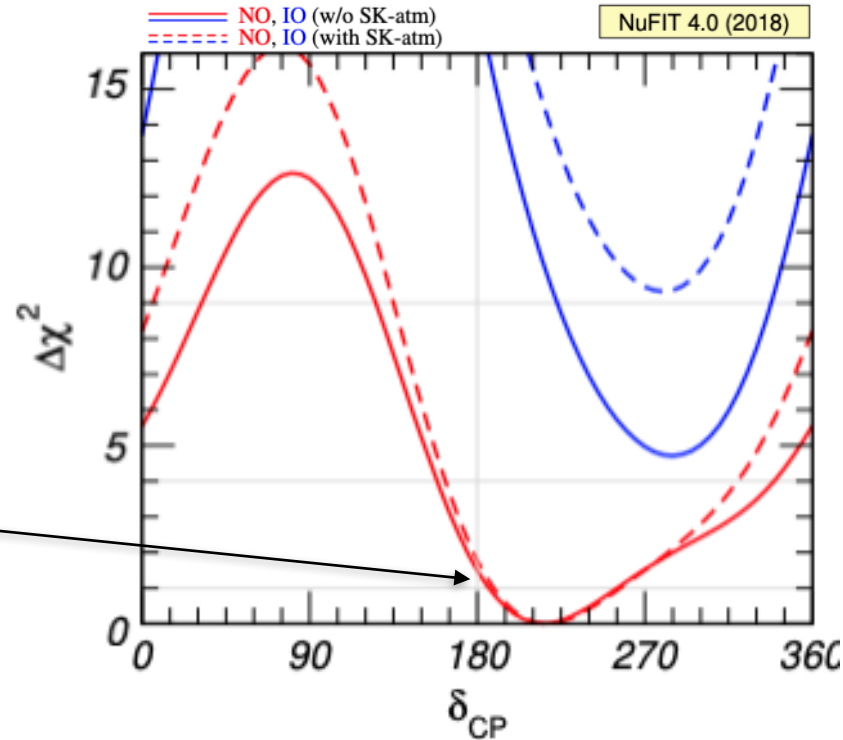
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NOvA: non-max  $\theta_{23}$  from antineut. + matter enhancement predict too many neutrino events for  $\delta \approx 270^\circ$

# CP phase



CP conservation  
at  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1.8$

	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 9.3$ )	
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$217^{+40}_{-28}$	$135 \rightarrow 366$	$280^{+25}_{-28}$	$196 \rightarrow 351$

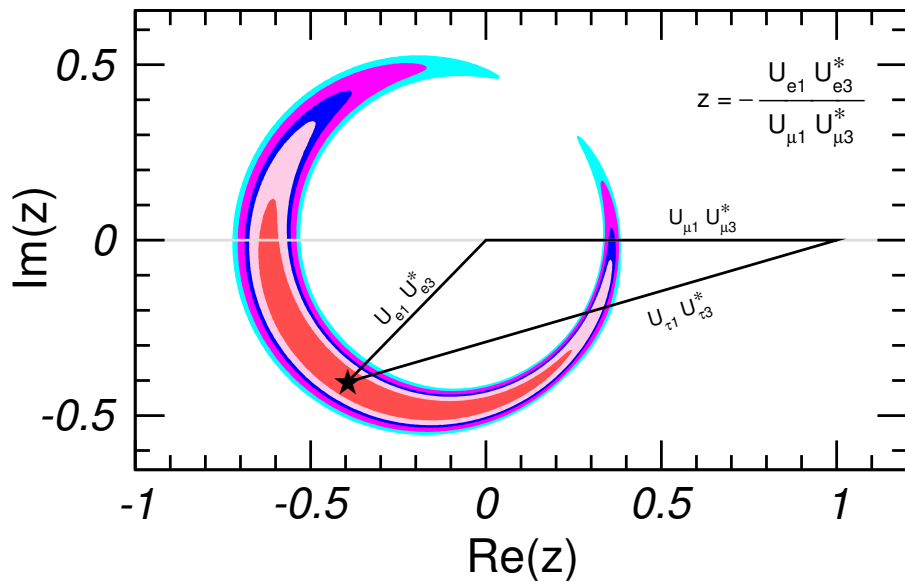
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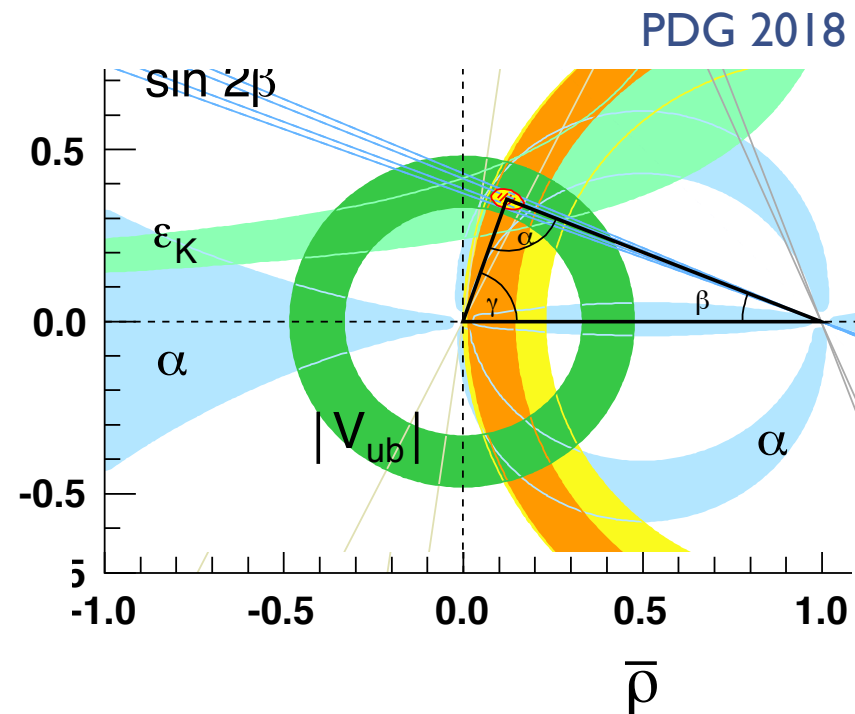
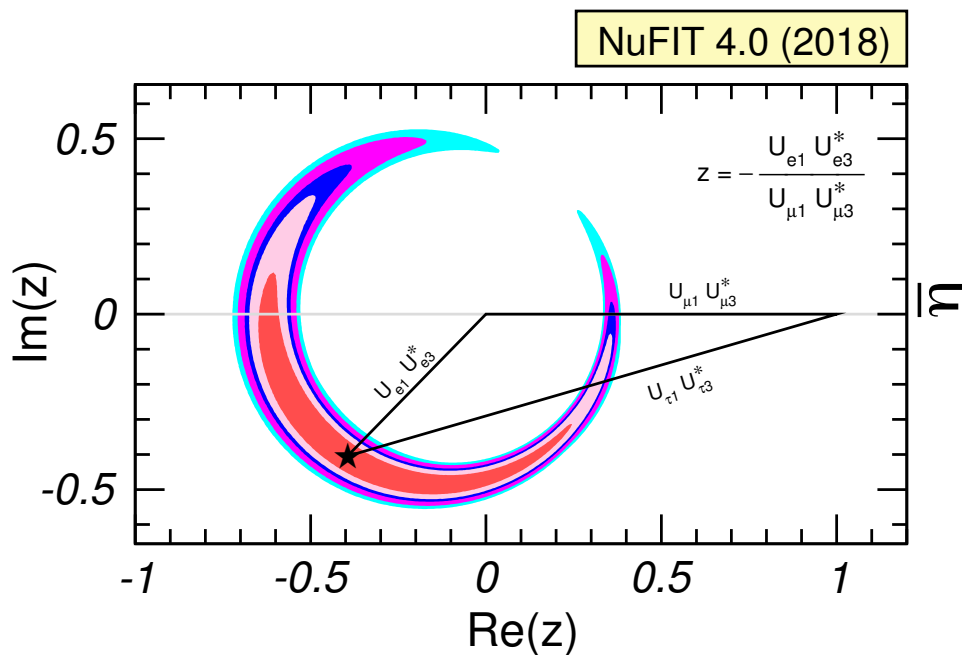
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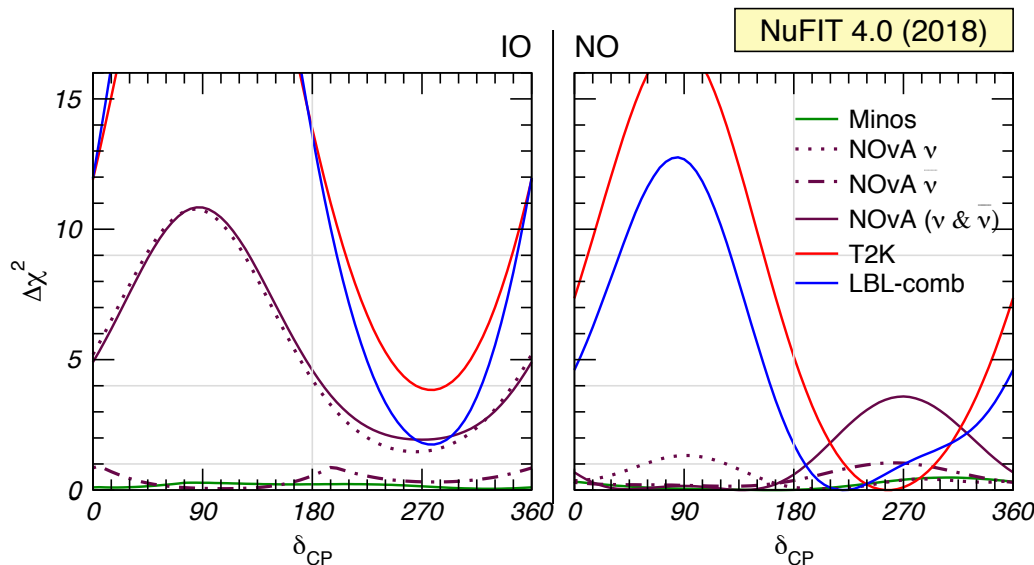
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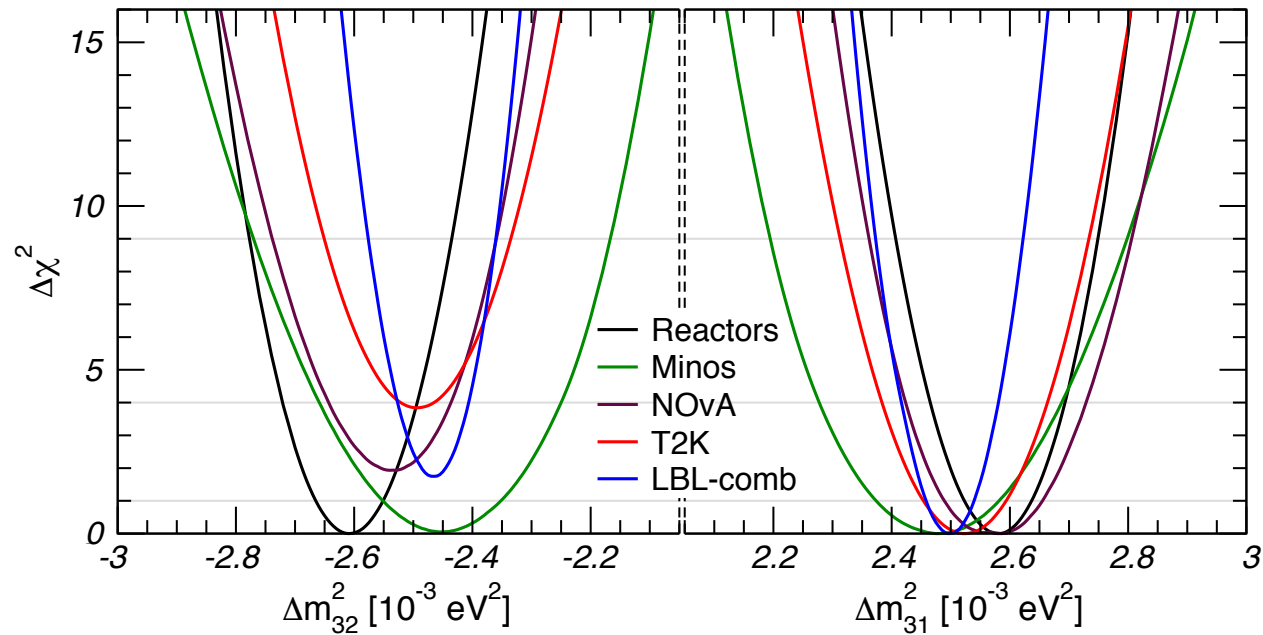


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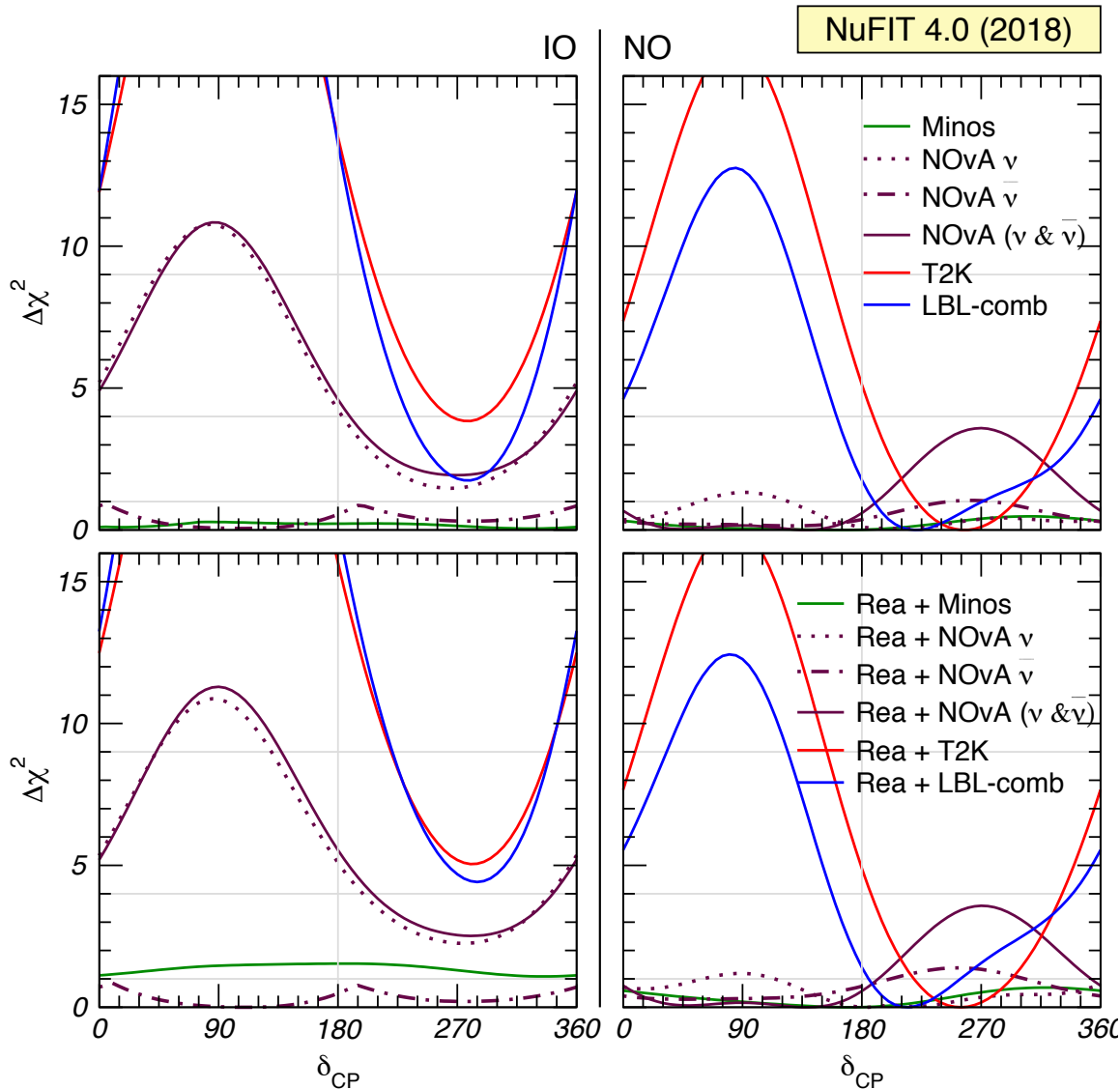
$\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance depend on slightly different effective mass-squared differences

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$$\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2 + \cos \delta_{CP} \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23} \Delta m_{21}^2$$

Nunokawa, Parke,  
Zukanovich, 05, 06

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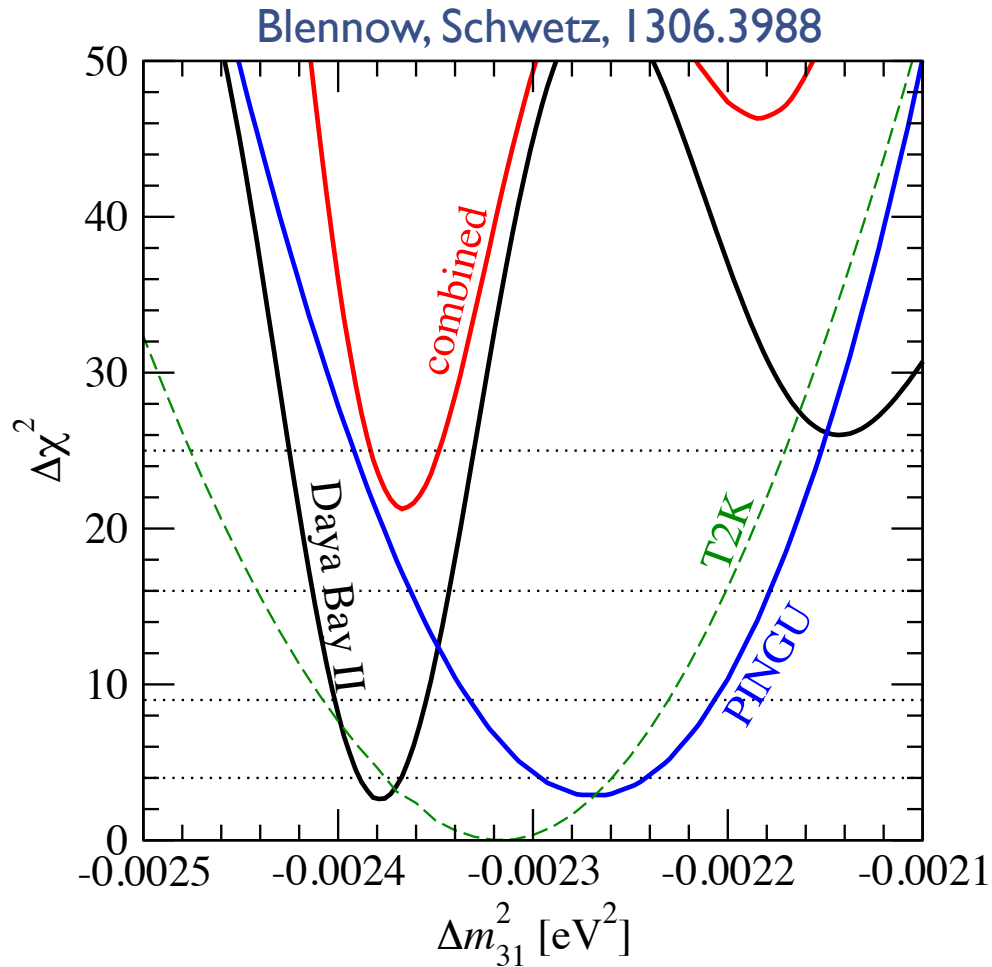
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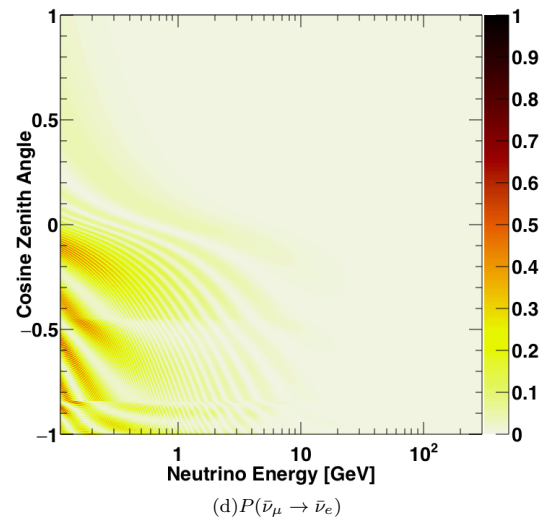
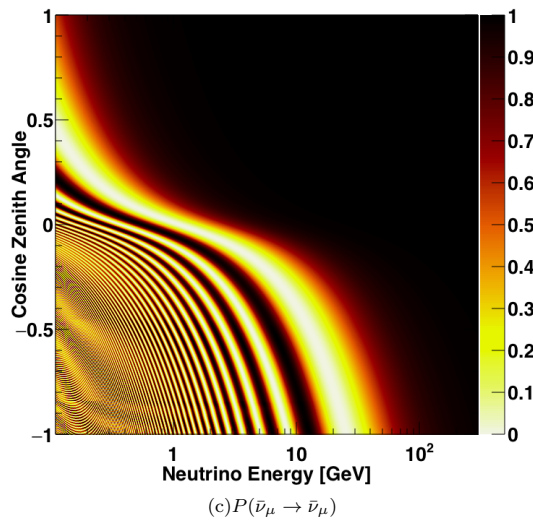
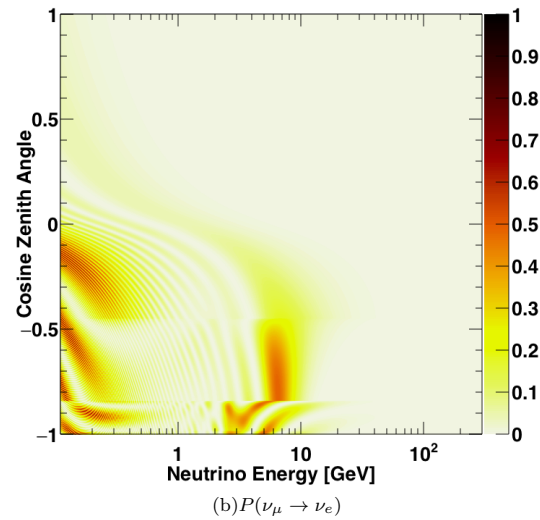
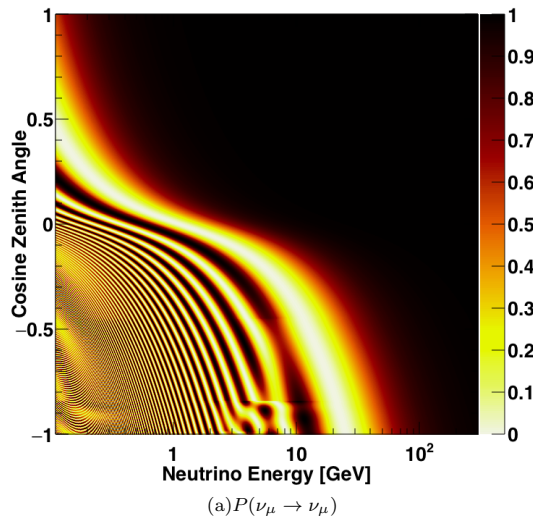
# $\nu_e$ and $\nu_\mu$ disapp. complementarity in future



joint IceCube & JUNO paper  
is in preparation



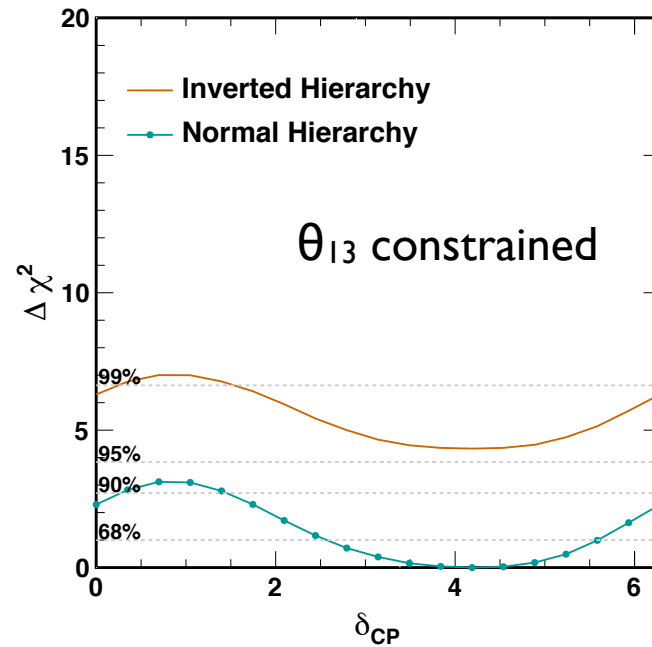
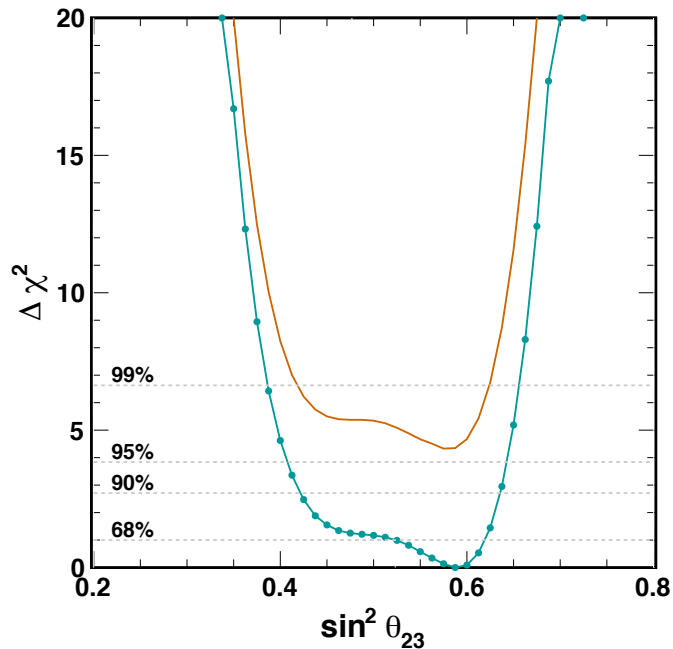
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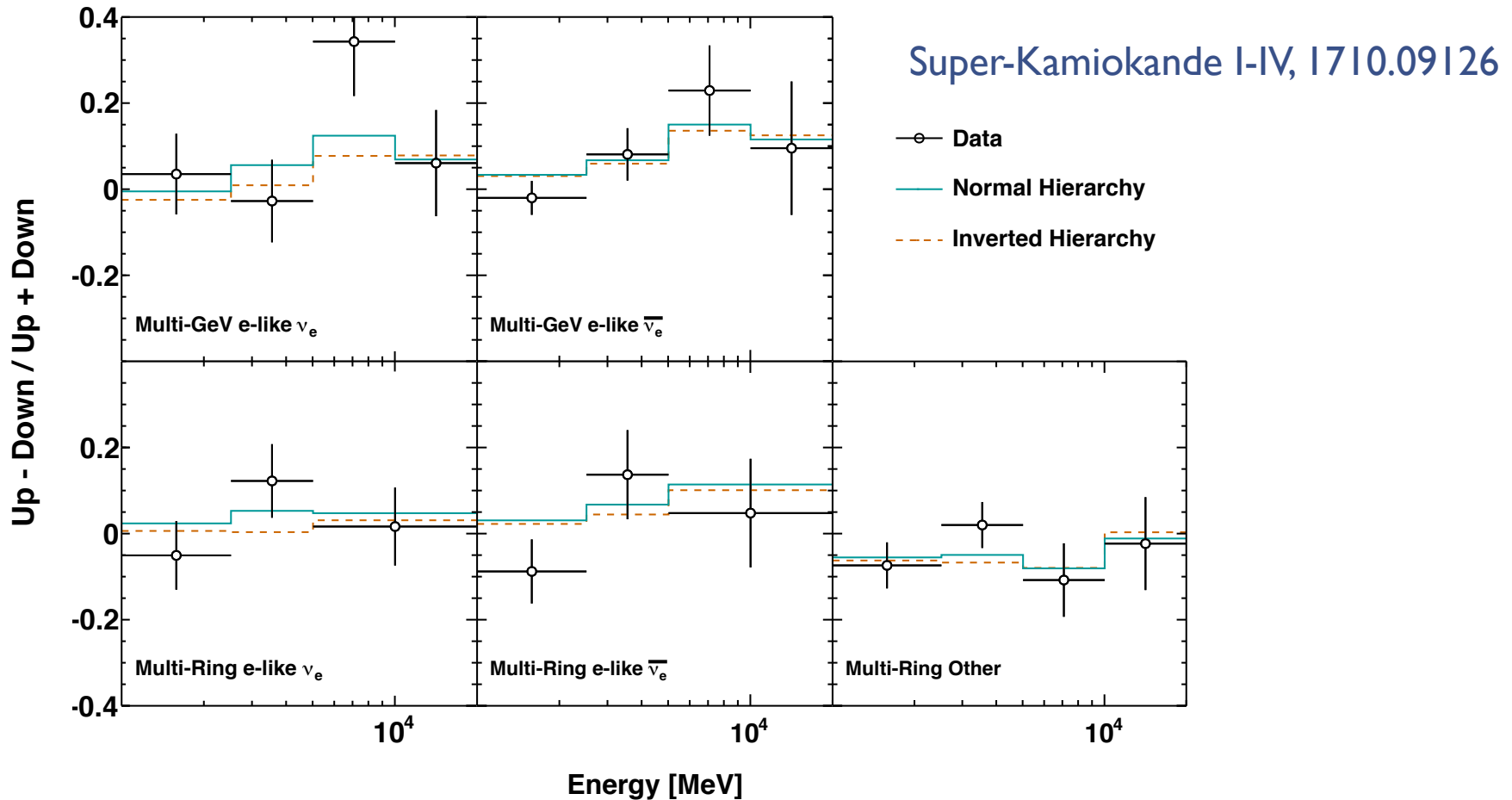
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Super-Kamiokande I-IV, 1710.09126



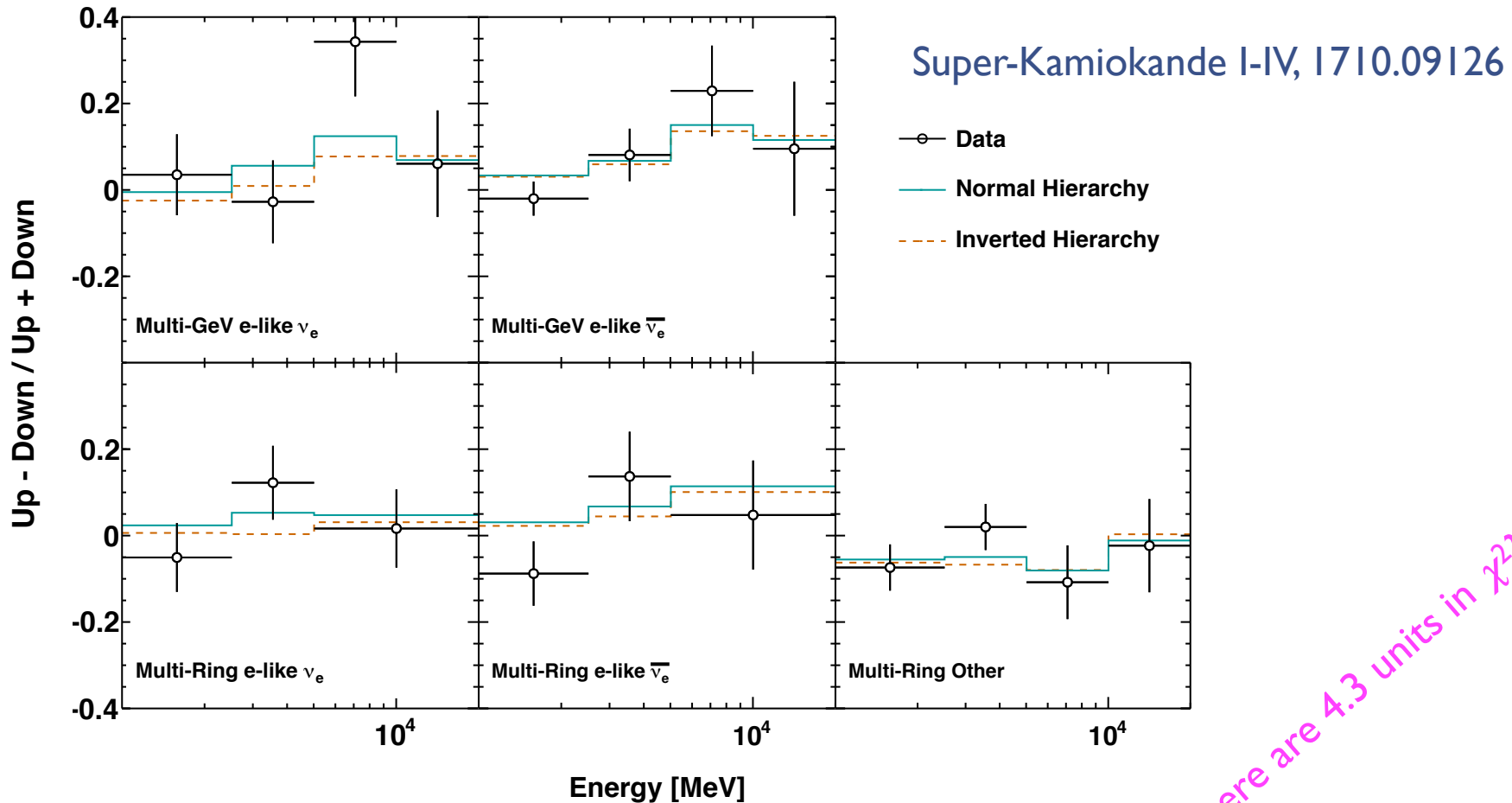
- prefers 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\theta_{23}$  octant and  $\pi < \delta < 2\pi$
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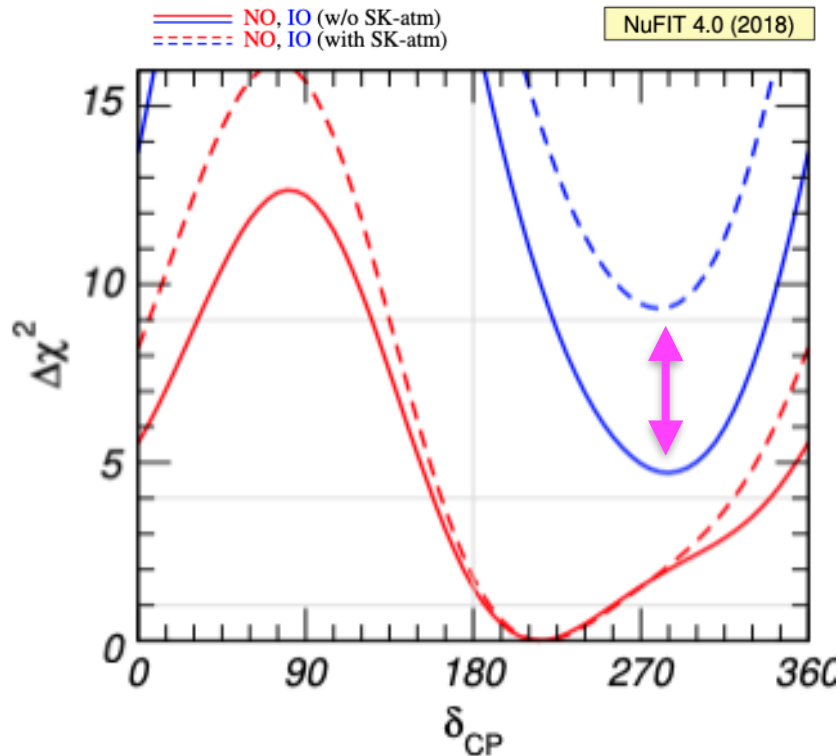
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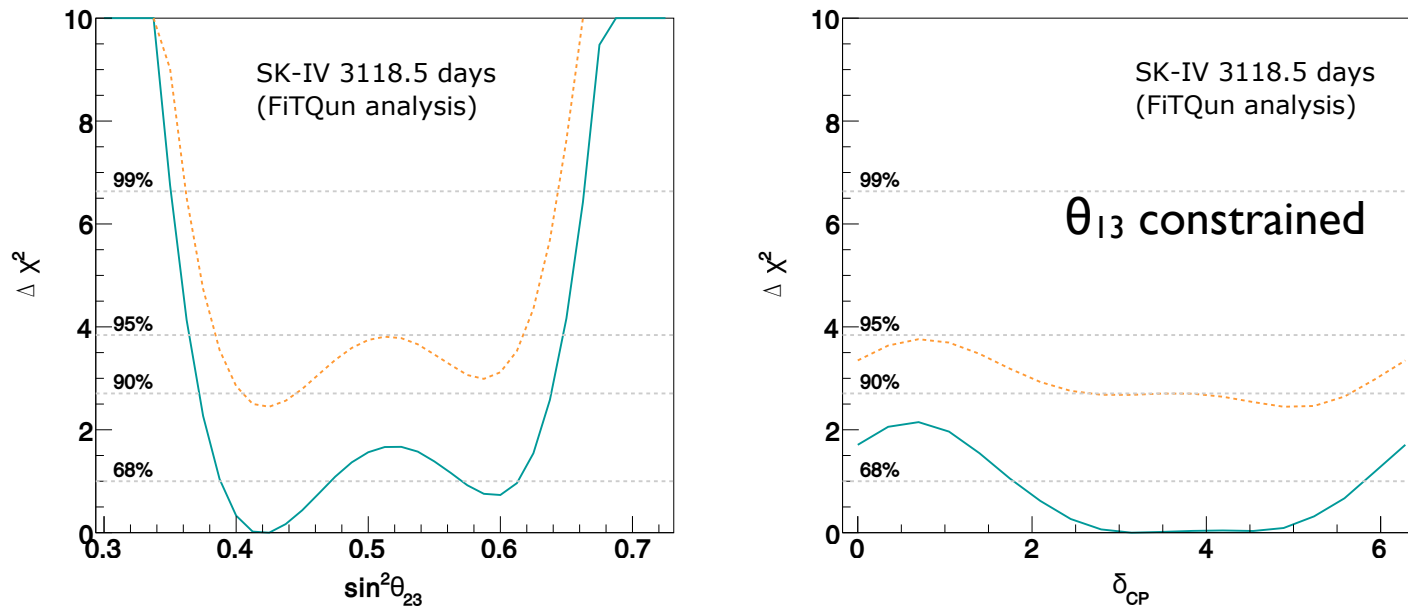
adding SuperK I-IV atm  
 $\chi^2$  table to the global fit  $\rightarrow$   
 inverted ordering becomes  
 disfavoured at  $3\sigma$

(contribution of IceCube to  
 MO still very small)

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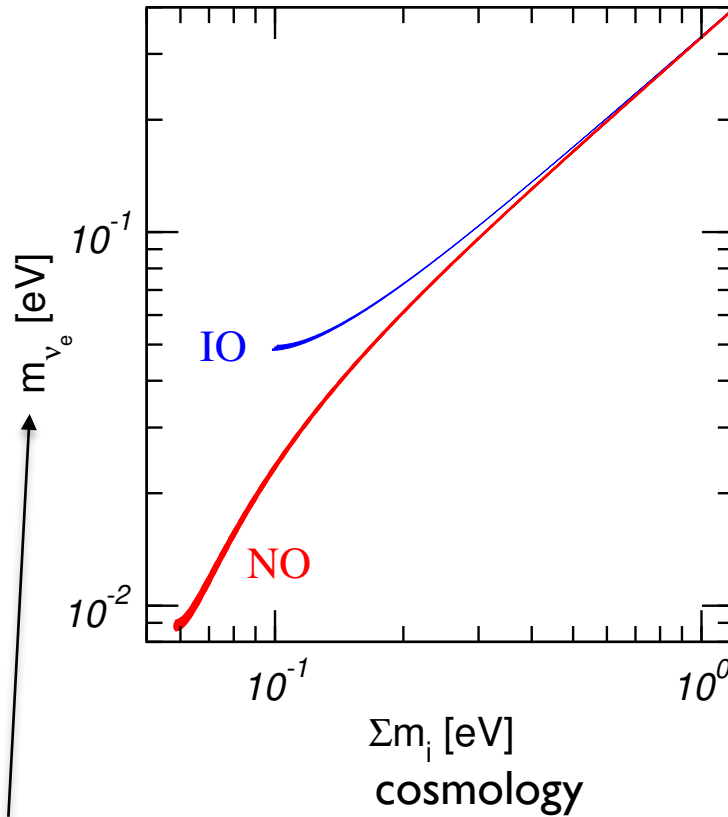


- $\chi^2_{(IO)} - \chi^2_{(NO)} = 2.45$  (compared to 4.3 from SK I-IV 2017)
- effective exposure 254 kt yr only 23% smaller (32% larger fiducial volume) (compared to 328 kt yr of SK I-IV 2017)

# Beyond oscillations — absolute neutrino mass

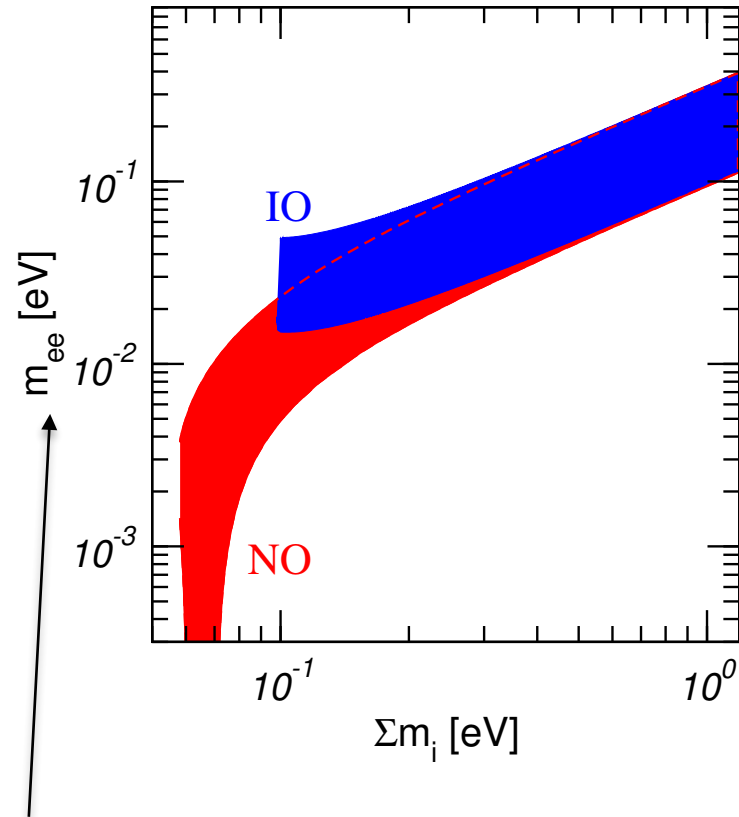
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NuFIT 4.0 (2018)



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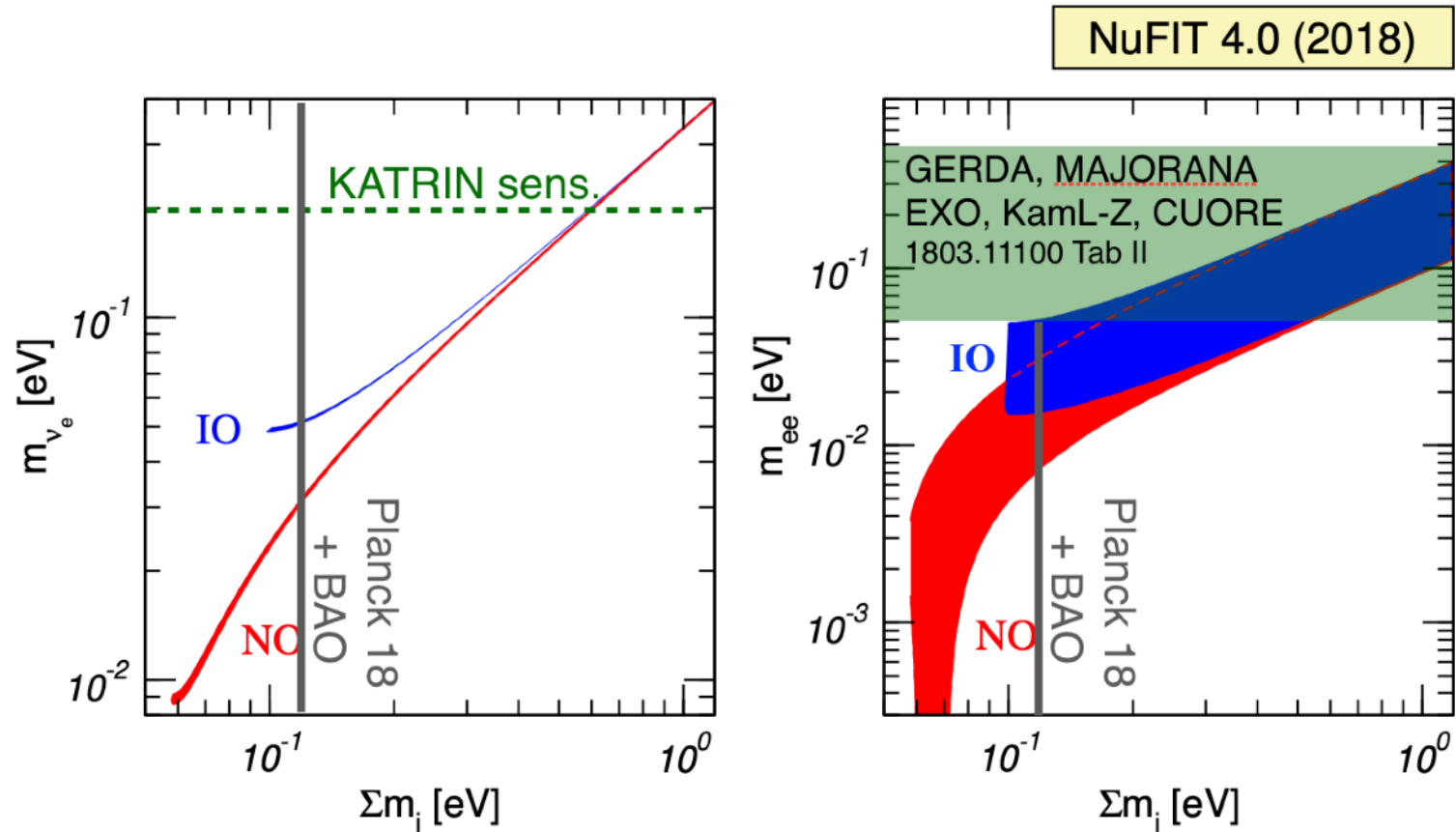


neutrinoless double-beta decay

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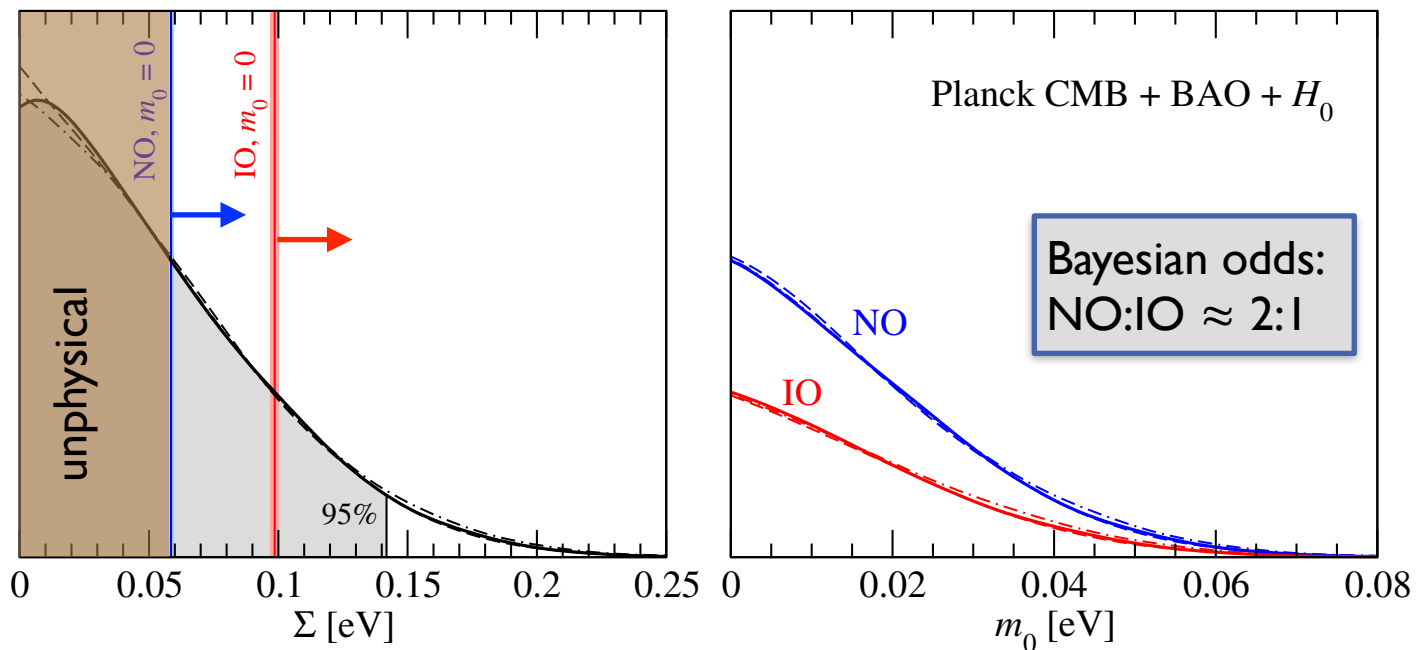


assumes standard 3-flavour & standard cosmology & Majorana neutrinos

# Excluding inverted ordering with cosmology?

Hannestad, Schwetz, [1606.04691]

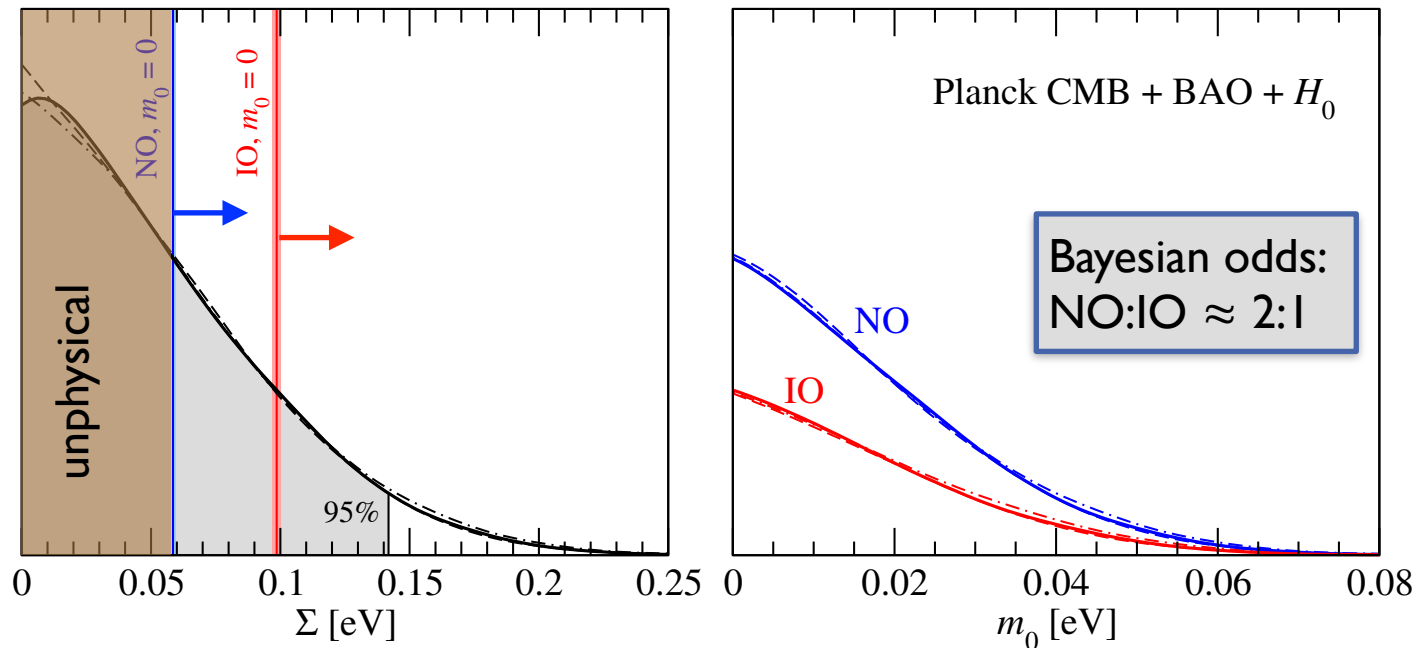
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„Strong evidence“ for NO claimed in [Simpson et al. \[1703.03425\]](#)  
→ be aware of Bayesian priors [[TS et al. \[1703.04585\]](#)]

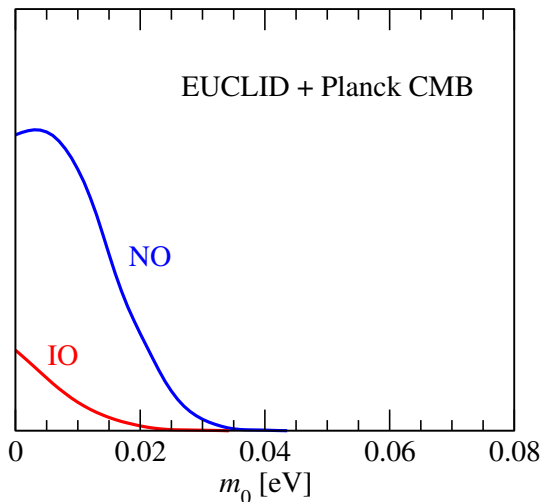
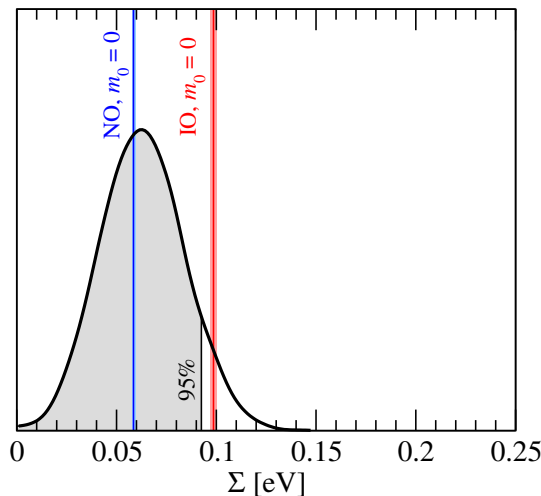
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simulated future data:

2 yrs of EUCLID data, available ~2023-24



- need accuracy better than 0.02 eV to exclude 0.1 eV against 0.06 eV at  $2\sigma$
- this would imply a  $3\sigma$  evidence for non-zero neutrino mass (for Sum = 0.06 eV)

# How to give mass to neutrinos?

# Masses in the Standard Model

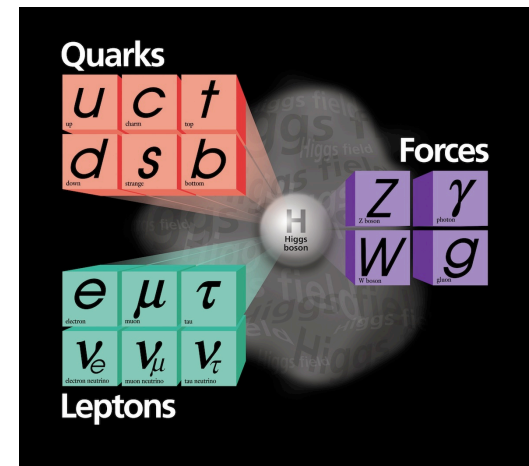
- ▶ The Standard Model has only one dimension full parameter: the vacuum expectation value of the Higgs:

$$\langle H \rangle \approx 174 \text{ GeV}$$

- ▶ All masses in the Standard Model are set by this single scale:

$$m_i = y_i \langle H \rangle$$

top quark:  $y_t \approx 1$   
electron:  $y_e \approx 10^{-6}$



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- for electrically neutral fermions a mass term can be built only from left-handed fields (Majorana mass term)
  - cannot assign conserved quantum number → Lepton number would be violated
  - BUT: in the SM Lepton number is an accidental symmetry → cannot break L at renormalizable level
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# Neutrino mass requires physics beyond the SM

- which type of new physics?
- at which energy scale?

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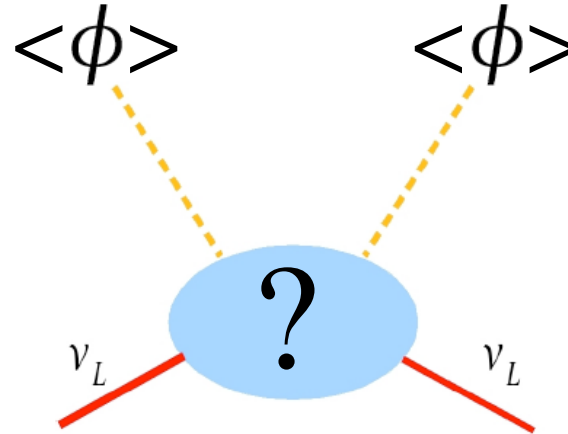
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**Seesaw:** neutrinos are light because of the presence of the large energy scale  $\Lambda$



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**What is the new physics responsible for neutrino mass?**

many realisations (too many?) are known:

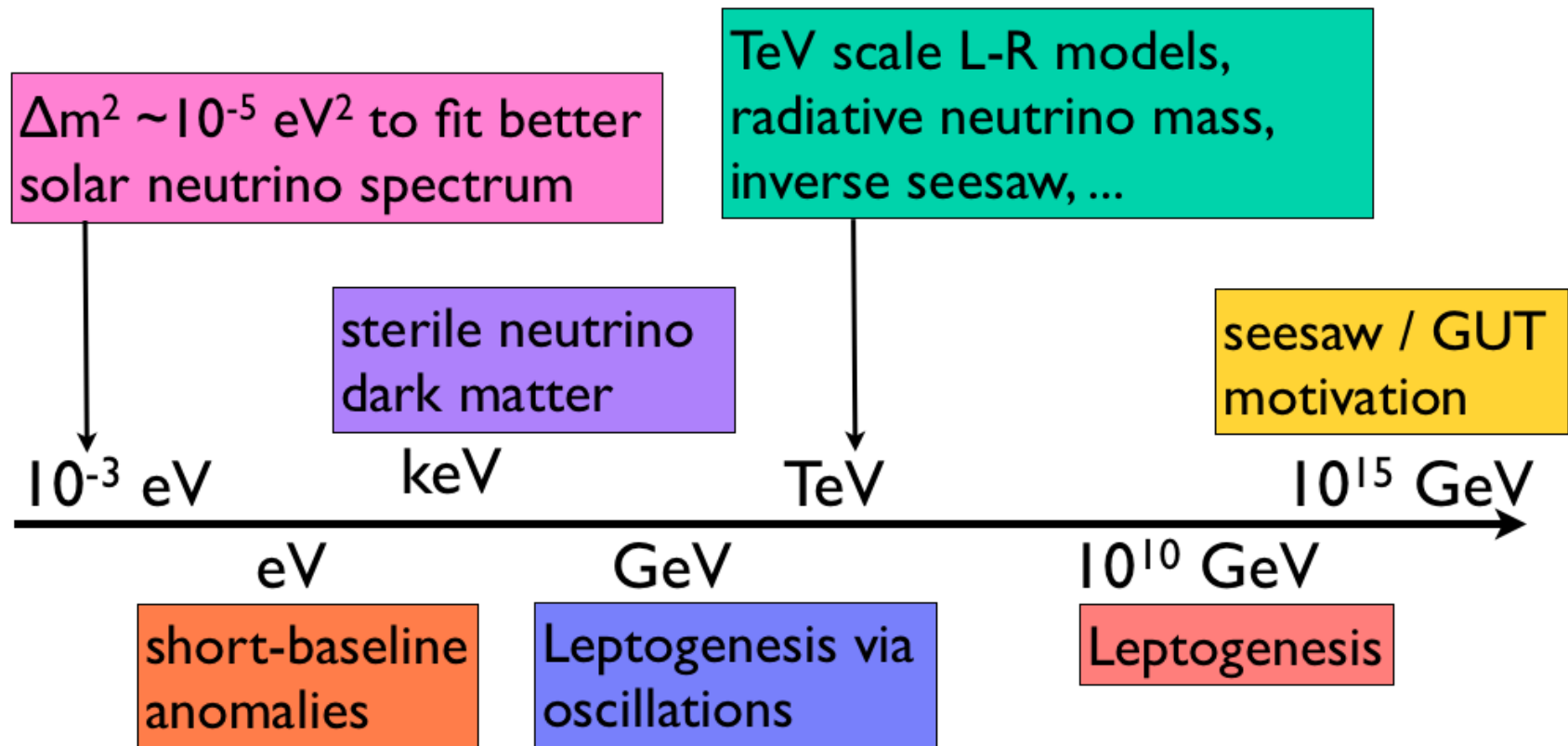
- ▶ right-handed neutrinos
- ▶ extended Higgs sector
- ▶ realisations due to quantum effects (loop-induced neutrino mass)
- ▶ ...

# What is the energy scale responsible for neutrino mass?

$m_\nu \sim Y^2 \frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{\Lambda}$  small neutrino mass by making  $\Lambda$  large or  $Y$  small or both

- ▶ **High scale seesaw:**  $Y \sim 1$  (top Yukawa)  $\rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{14}$  GeV
  - ▶ "natural" explanation of small neutrino masses
  - ▶  $\Lambda$  close to GUT scale  $\rightarrow$  SO(10) models
  - ▶ Leptogenesis
  - ▶ very hard to test experimentally
- ▶ **Low scale seesaw:**  $Y \sim 10^{-6}$  (electron Yukawa)  $\rightarrow \Lambda \sim 1$  TeV
  - ▶ link neutrino mass generation to TeV scale physics
  - ▶ potentially testable at colliders
  - ▶ observable signatures in searches for LFV  
 $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma, \mu \rightarrow eee, \dots$

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Neutrinoless double-beta decay:  $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$

- ▶ observation of this process would prove that lepton number is violated
- ▶ in a “natural theory” neutrinos will get a Majorana mass term  
Schechter, Valle, 1982; Takasugi, 1984
- ▶ lot's of experimental activity  
GERDA, Majorana, EXO, XMASS, KamLAND-Zen, CUORE, NEMO, SNO+, ...



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  - ▶ need to add right-handed neutrinos  $N$
  - ▶ need tiny Yukawa couplings  $y_\nu \lesssim 10^{-11}$   
(compare: top quark:  $y_t \sim 1$ , electron:  $y_e \sim 10^{-6}$ )
  - ▶ Majorana mass term for  $N$  is allowed by gauge symmetry  
there is “no reason” why lepton number is conserved  
there is no longer an accidental symmetry of the theory  
→ impose “by hand”
  - ▶  $m_{\text{Maj}} = 0$  is “technically natural” (stable under quantum corrections)

# How to identify the neutrino mass mechanism?

- theory provides little guidance towards the physics beyond the SM responsible for neutrino mass
- hope of additional signatures:
  - lepton number violation  
neutrinoless double-beta decay / at LHC
  - search for „unexpected“ neutrino properties  
(exotic interactions, sterile neutrinos, non-unitarity, neutrino decay,...)
  - lepton flavour violation in charged leptons

# Charged lepton flavour violation

- ▶ Neutrino oscillations imply violation of lepton flavour, e.g.:  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
- ▶ Can we see also LFV in charged leptons?

$$\mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$$

$$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \gamma$$

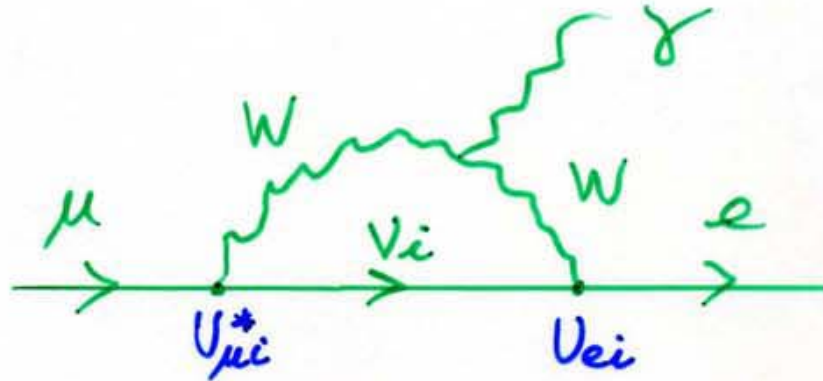
$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$$

$$\mu^- + N \rightarrow e^- + N$$

rich experimental programme with sensitivities in the  $10^{-13}$  to  $10^{-18}$  range!

# Can we see LFV in charged leptons?

Yes, BUT:  $\mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$  in the SM +  $\nu$  mass:



$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_i U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{m_{\nu_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right|^2 \lesssim 10^{-54}$$

- ▶ unobservably small (present limits:  $\sim 10^{-13}$ )
- ▶ observation of  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  implies new physics beyond neutrino mass

# Charged lepton flavour violation

generically: 
$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-10} \left( \frac{\text{TeV}}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{\theta_{e\mu}}{10^{-2}} \right)^2$$

- sensitive to new physics at 1-1000 TeV  
(TeV-scale SUSY, TeV-scale neutrino mass models,...)
- cLFV does not (directly) probe Majorana mass  
LFV is lepton number conserving; LNV: dim-5, LFV: dim-6

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LFV}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}1}^2} (\bar{\mu}e)(\bar{e}e) + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}2}^2} (\bar{\mu}e)(\bar{q}q) + \dots$$

- cLFV probes new physics which may or may not be related to neutrino mass → extremely viable information!

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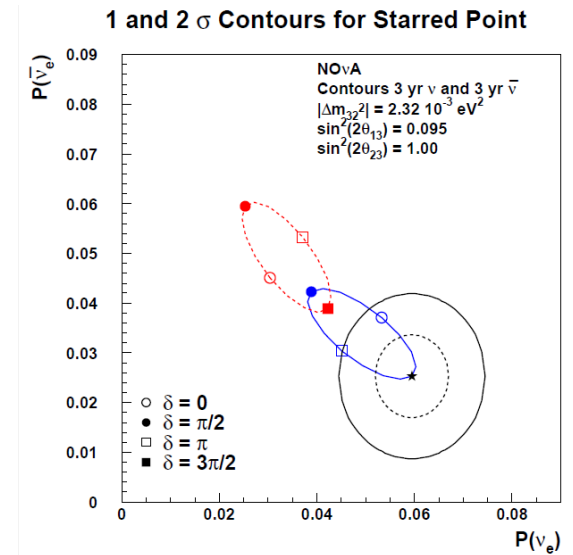
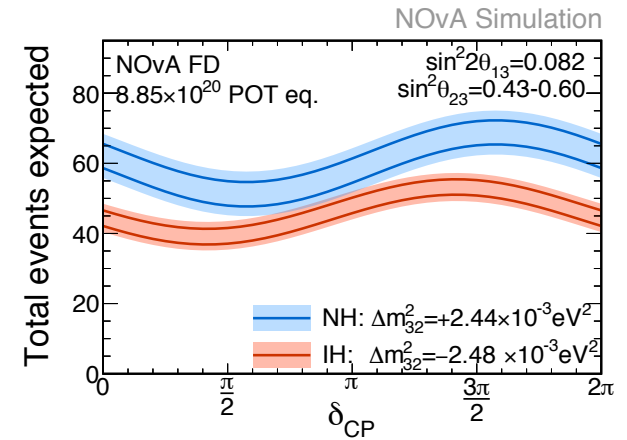
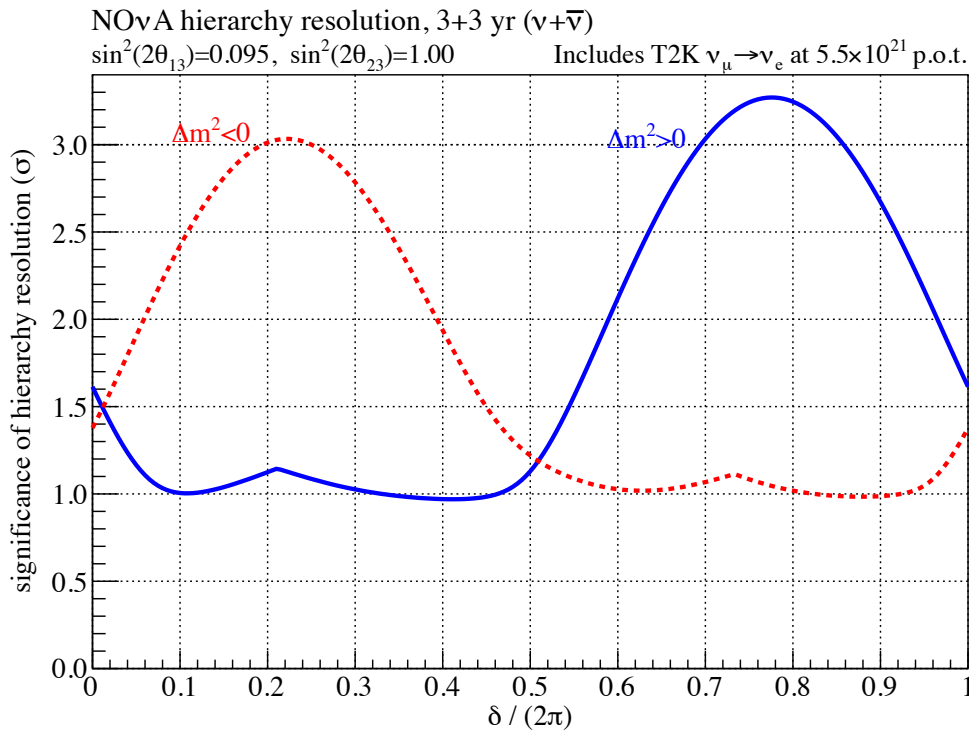
# *supplementary slides*

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	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.580^{+0.017}_{-0.021}$	0.418 $\rightarrow$ 0.627	$0.584^{+0.016}_{-0.020}$	0.423 $\rightarrow$ 0.629
	$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$49.6^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$	40.3 $\rightarrow$ 52.4	$49.8^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$	40.6 $\rightarrow$ 52.5
	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02241^{+0.00065}_{-0.00065}$	0.02045 $\rightarrow$ 0.02439	$0.02264^{+0.00066}_{-0.00066}$	0.02068 $\rightarrow$ 0.02463
	$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.61^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$	8.22 $\rightarrow$ 8.99	$8.65^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$	8.27 $\rightarrow$ 9.03
	$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$215^{+40}_{-29}$	125 $\rightarrow$ 392	$284^{+27}_{-29}$	196 $\rightarrow$ 360
	$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.39^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.79 $\rightarrow$ 8.01	$7.39^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.79 $\rightarrow$ 8.01
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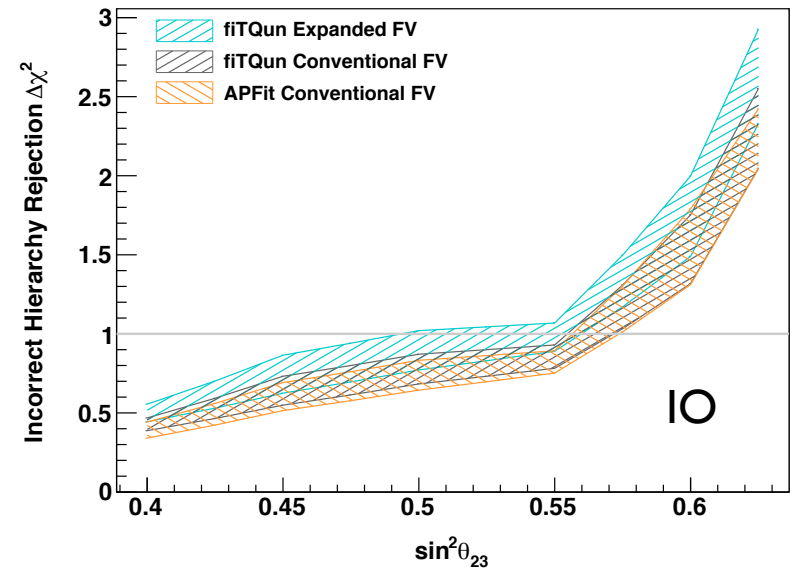
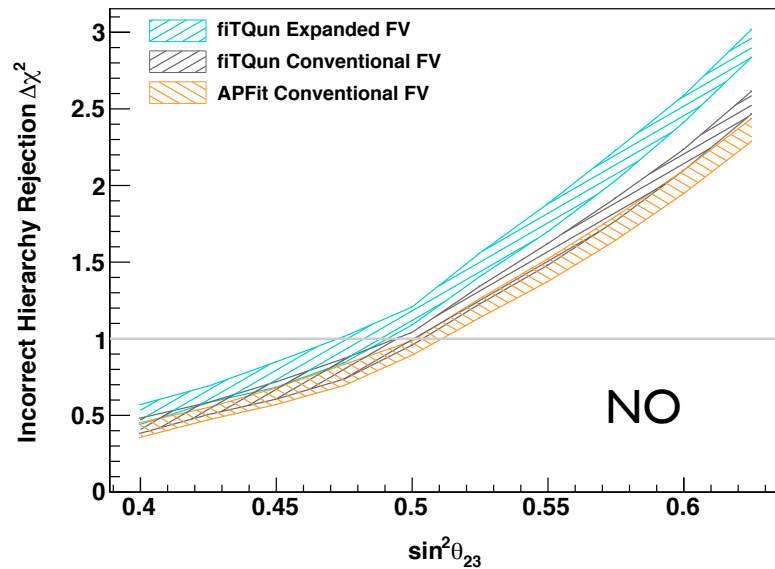
- strong dependence on true ordering and  $\delta_{CP}$
- $3\sigma$  possible for the most favourable combinations



[http://www-nova.fnal.gov/plots\\_and\\_figures/plots\\_and\\_figures.html](http://www-nova.fnal.gov/plots_and_figures/plots_and_figures.html)

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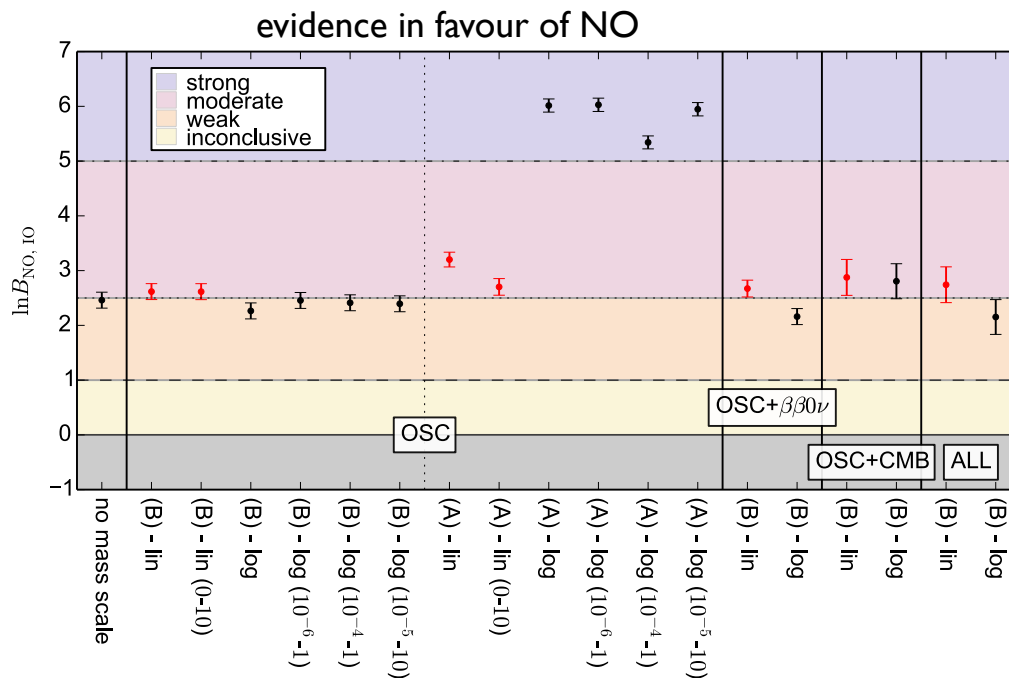


$\theta_{13}$  constrained — expected sensitivity

# Excluding inverted ordering with cosmology?

Model A			Model B		
Parameter	Prior	Range	Parameter	Prior	Range
$m_1/\text{eV}$	linear log	0 - 1 $10^{-5} - 1$	$m_{\text{lightest}}/\text{eV}$	linear log	0 - 1 $10^{-5} - 1$
$m_2/\text{eV}$	linear log	0 - 1 $10^{-5} - 1$	$\Delta m_{21}^2/\text{eV}^2$	linear	$5 \times 10^{-5} - 10^{-4}$
$m_3/\text{eV}$	linear log	0 - 1 $10^{-5} - 1$	$ \Delta m_{31}^2 /\text{eV}^2$	linear	$1.5 \times 10^{-3} - 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$

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- assuming a log prior in the 3 masses prefers strongly NO (just from oscillation data!)