Progress on experiments with existing facilities:

Neutrinos

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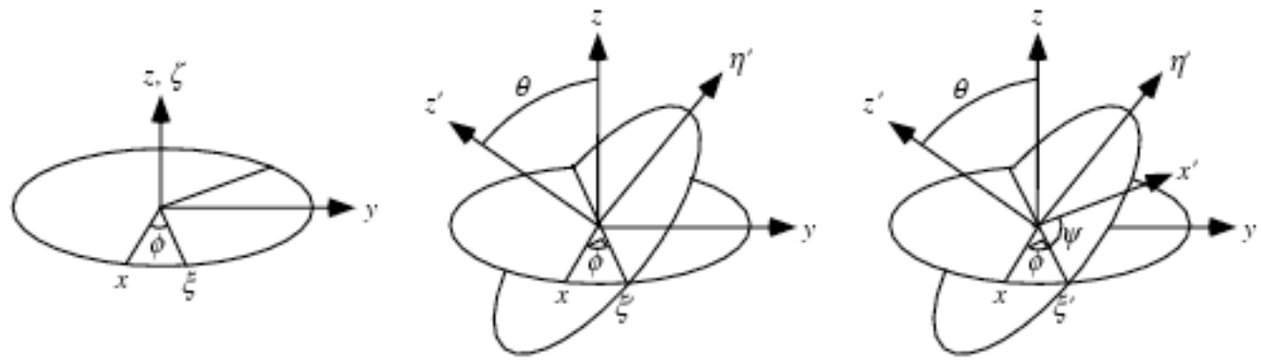
Neutrino oscillations

- Neutrinos of definite flavor do not have definite mass.
- The flavor eigenbasis is rotated wrt the mass eigenbasis



$$\left| \begin{matrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{matrix} \right\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ & 1 & \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left| \begin{matrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

- Interference between mass states means a neutrino produced as a ν_μ can be detected later as a ν_τ or ν_e

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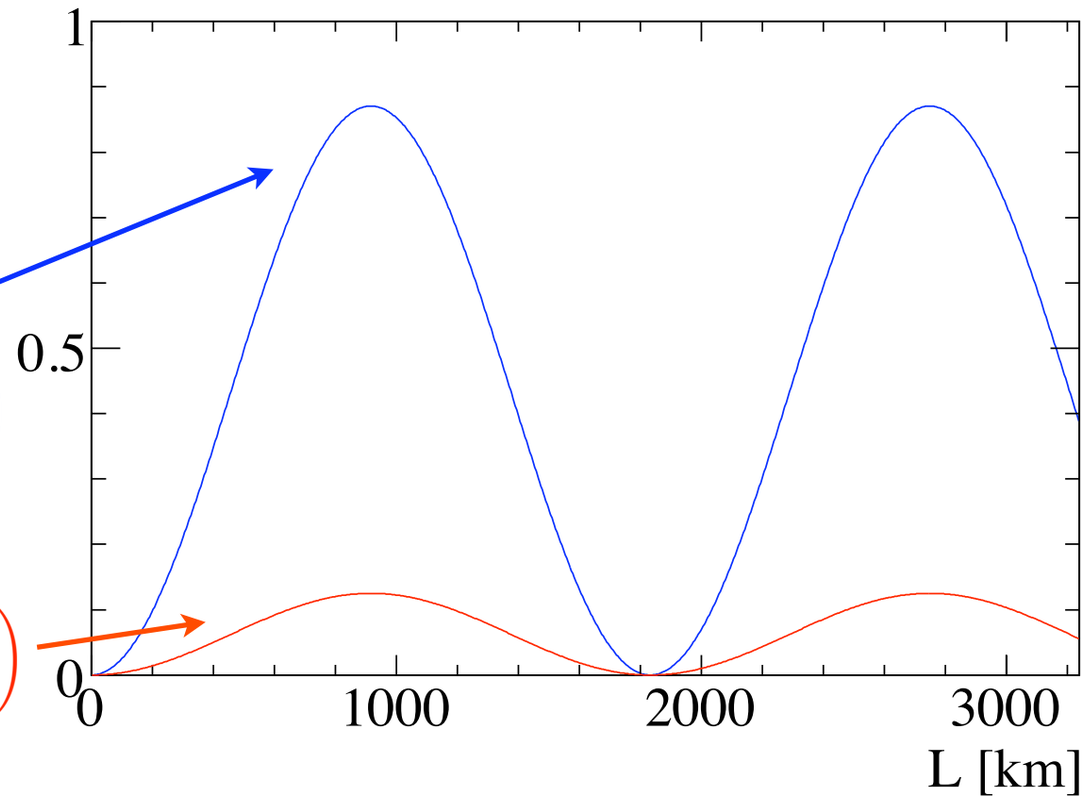

SNO/SK/Radiochemical/KamLAND

What are the solar neutrino oscillation parameters?

SK solar neutrino flux:

$$(2.38 \pm 0.05(\text{stat.})^{+0.16}_{-0.15}(\text{sys.})) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$$

SNO solar neutrino fluxes:

$$\Phi_{^8\text{B}} = 5.046\,^{+0.159}_{-0.152}(\text{stat})\,^{+0.107}_{-0.123}(\text{syst})$$

$$\Phi_{\text{NC}} = 5.140\,^{+0.160}_{-0.158}(\text{stat})\,^{+0.132}_{-0.117}(\text{syst})$$

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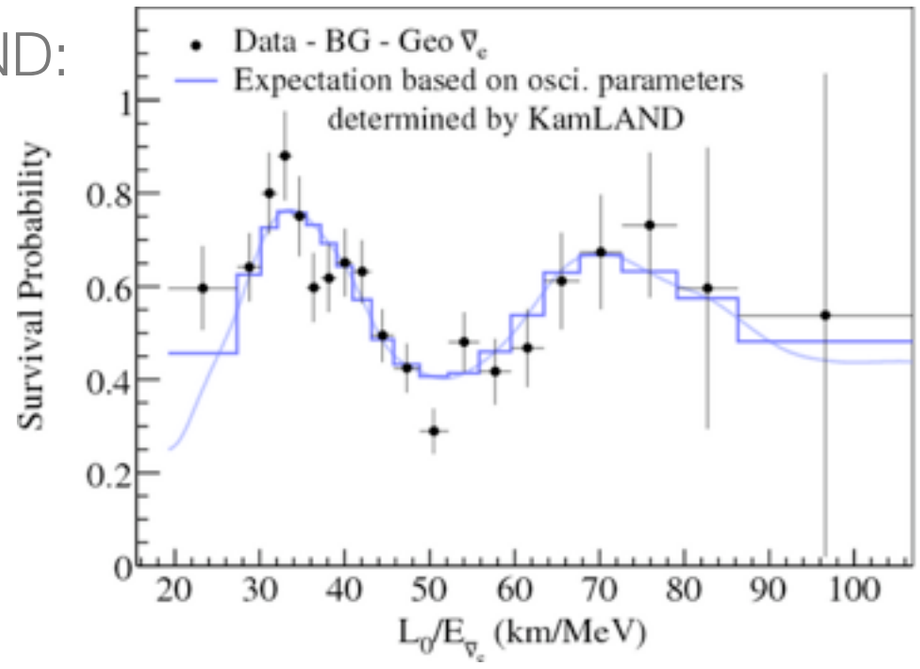

$$\theta_{12} = 34.06\,^{+1.16}_{-0.84} \text{ degrees}$$

$$\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.59\,^{+0.20}_{-0.21} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

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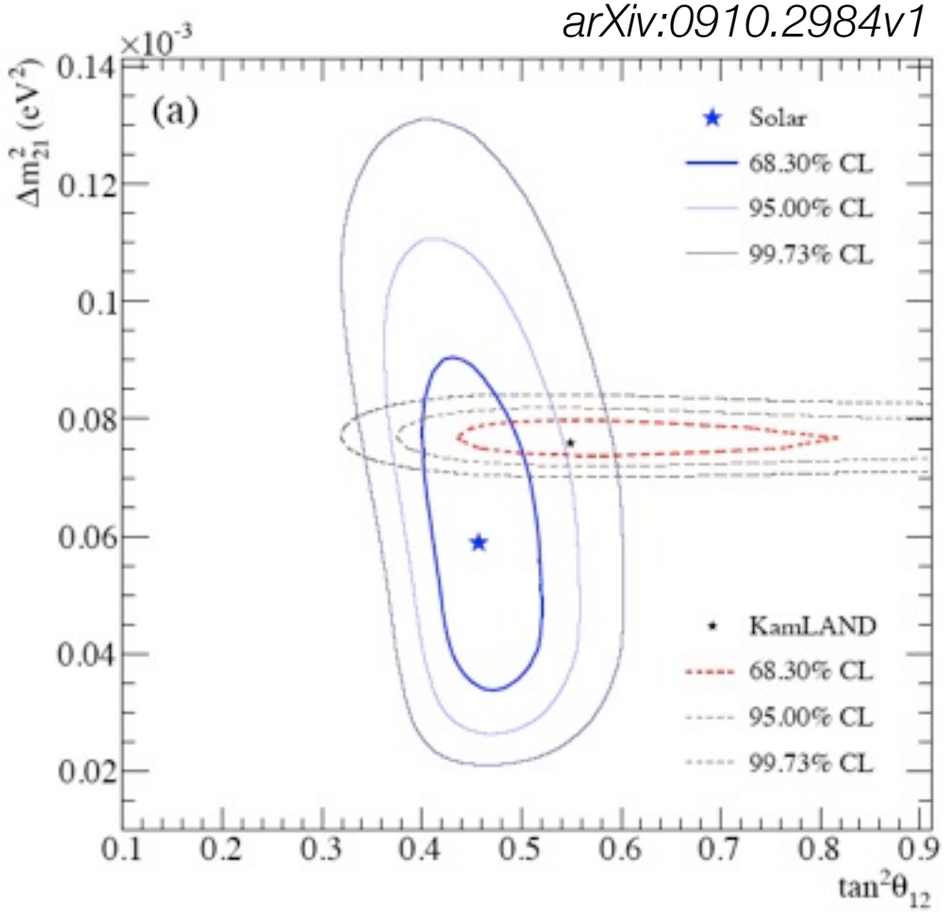

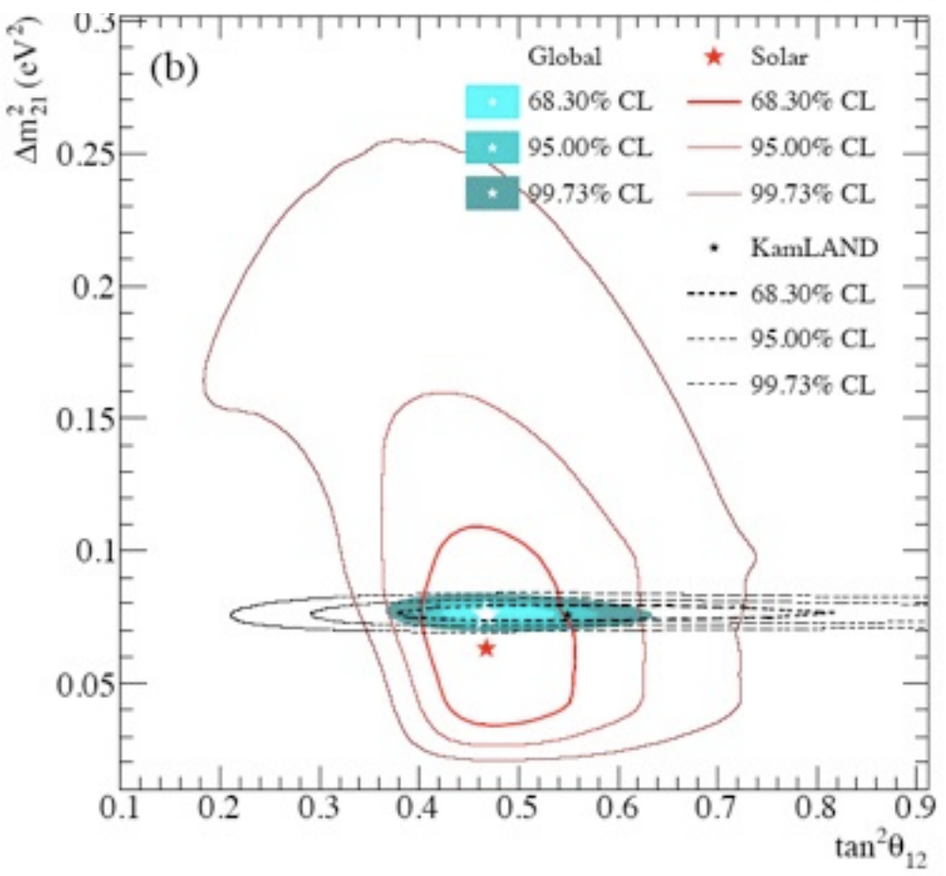

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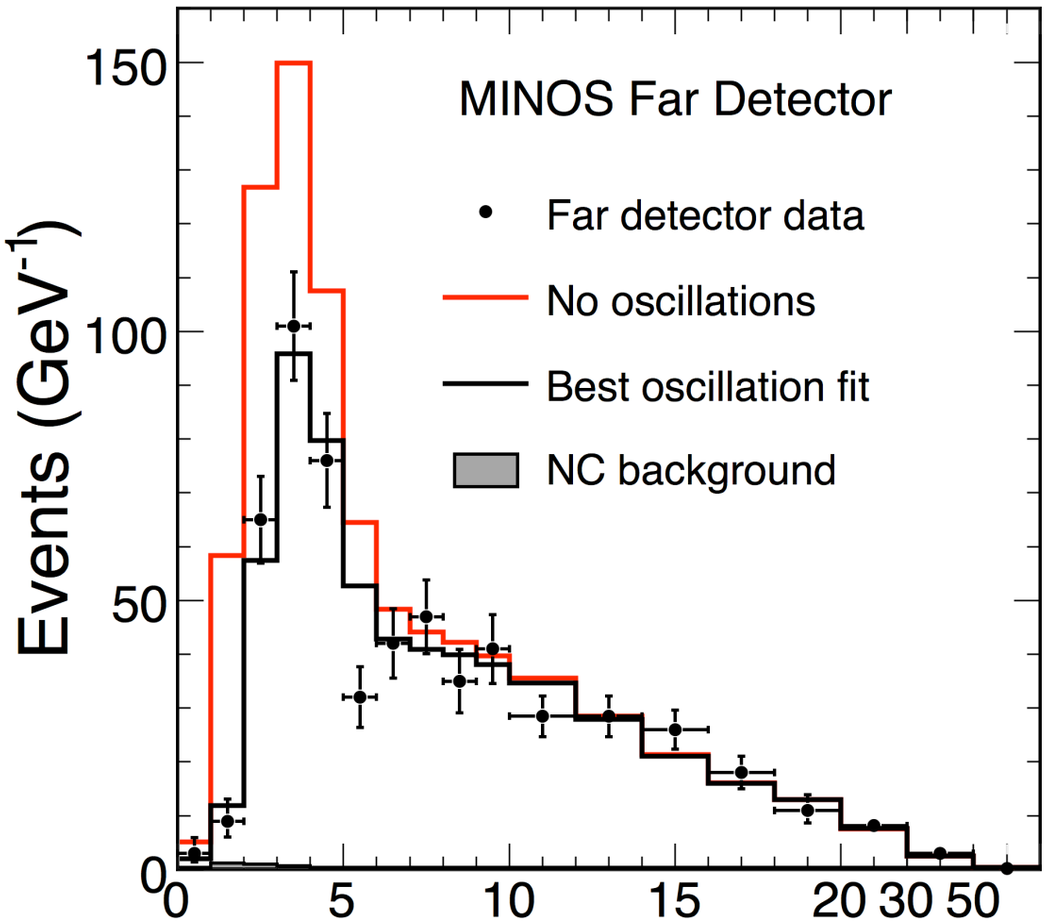

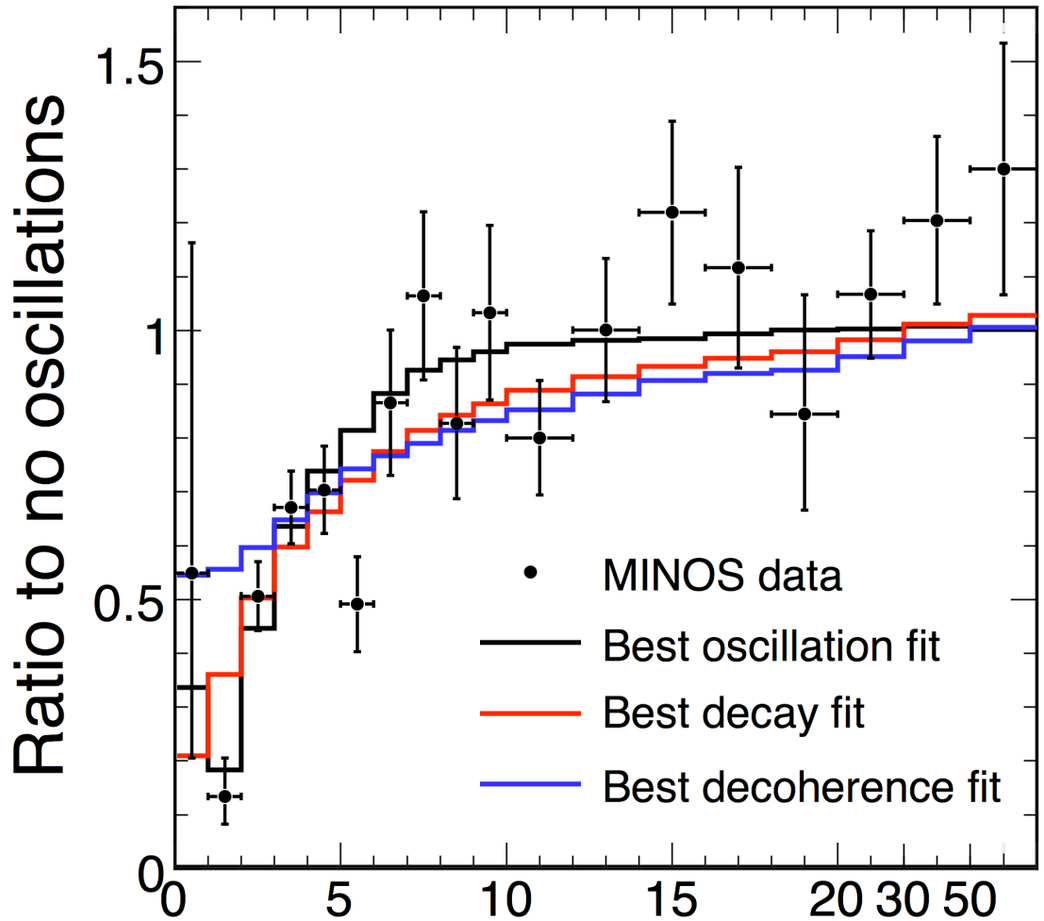

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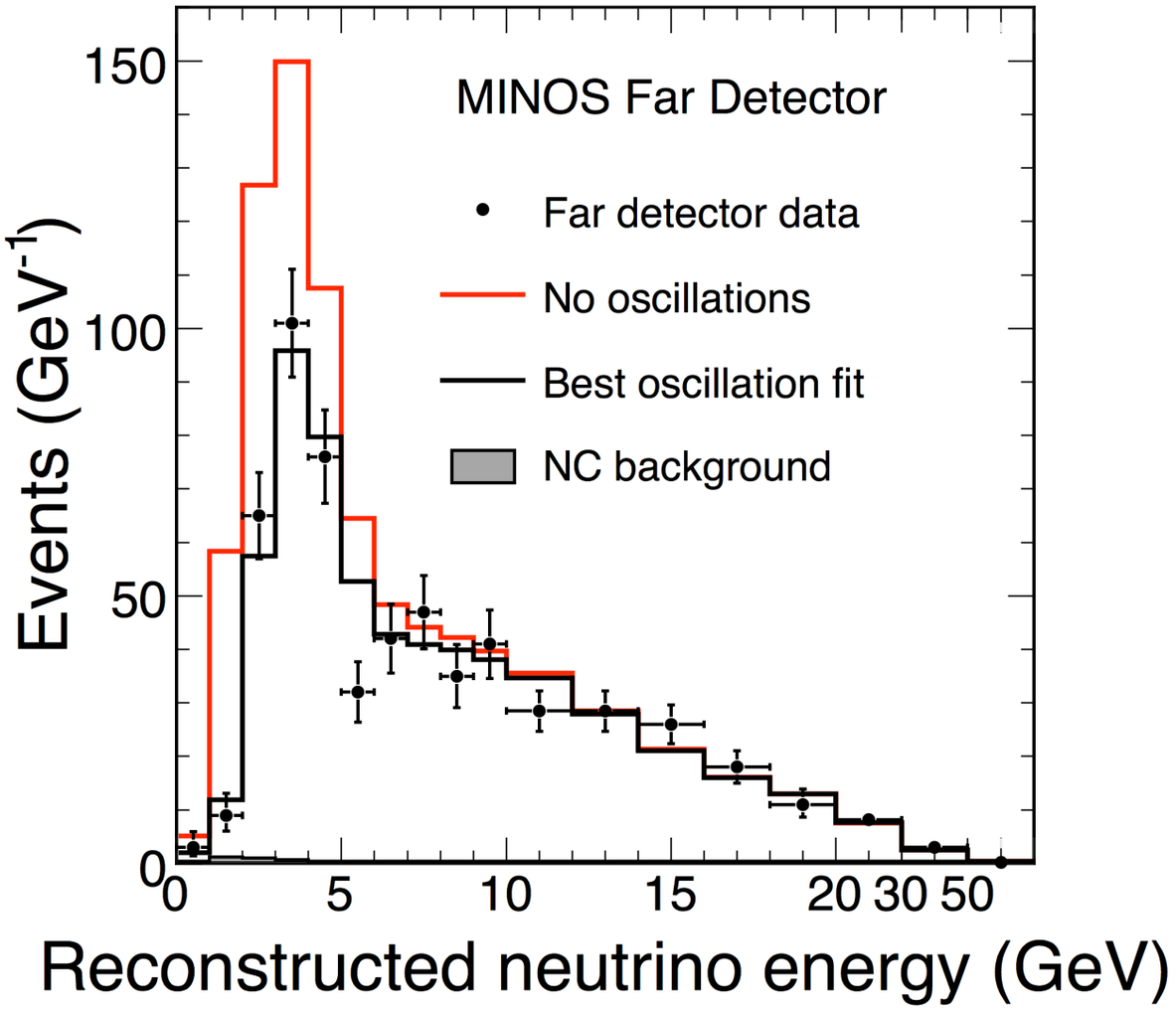

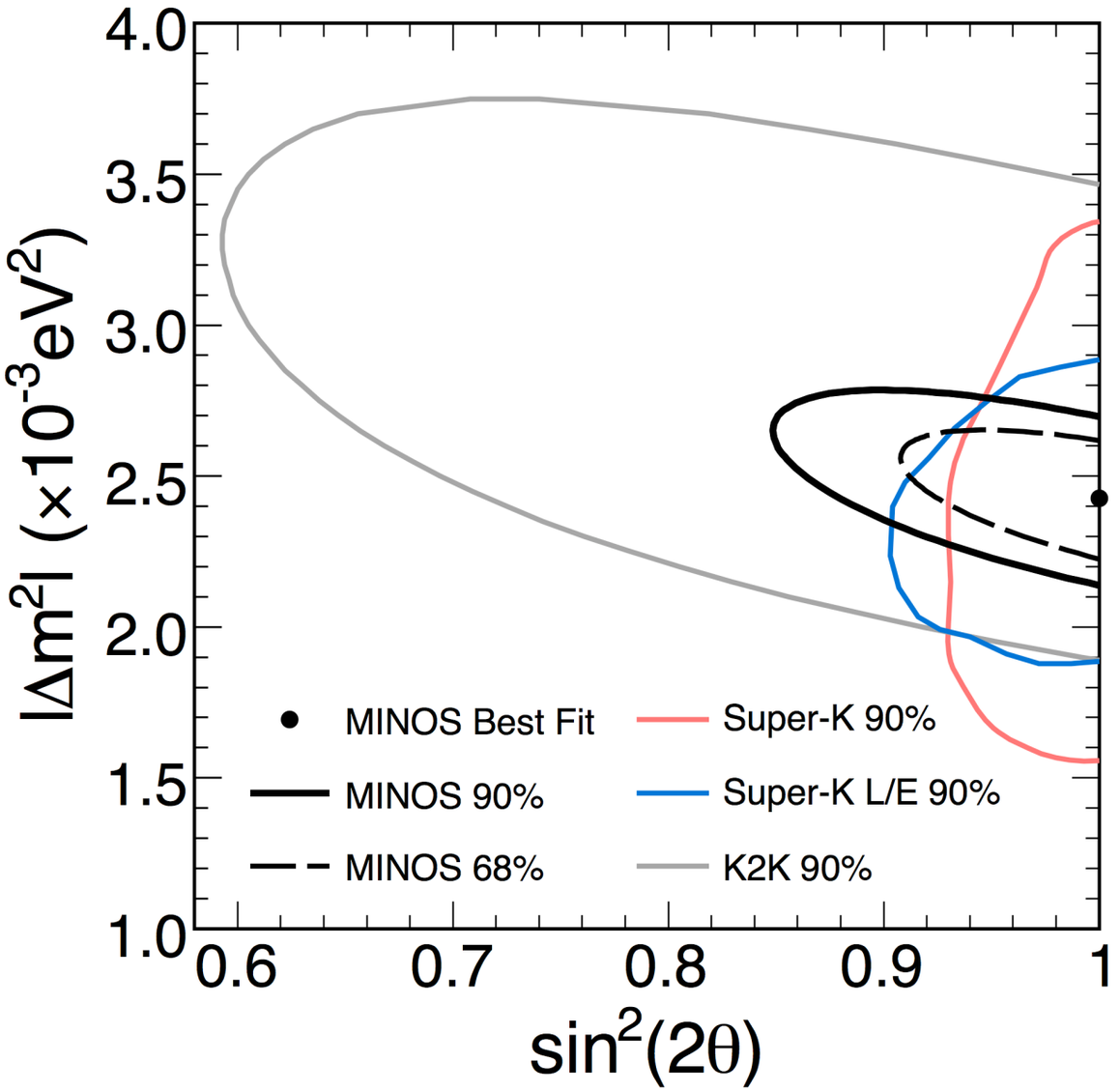

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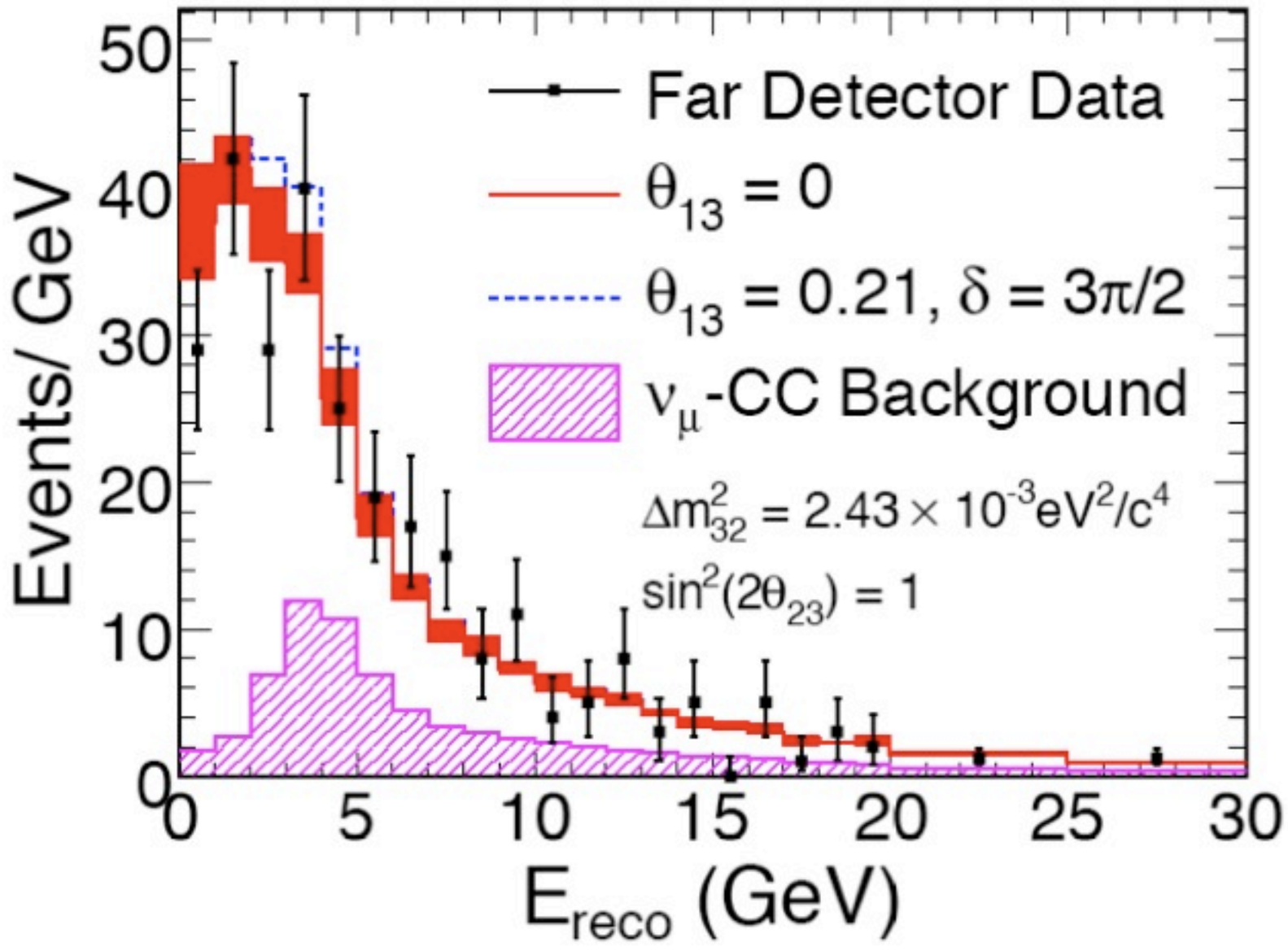

100 events observed / 115 expected (0-3 GeV)

Limits fraction of muon neutrinos converting to sterile neutrinos to less than 68% at 90% CL.

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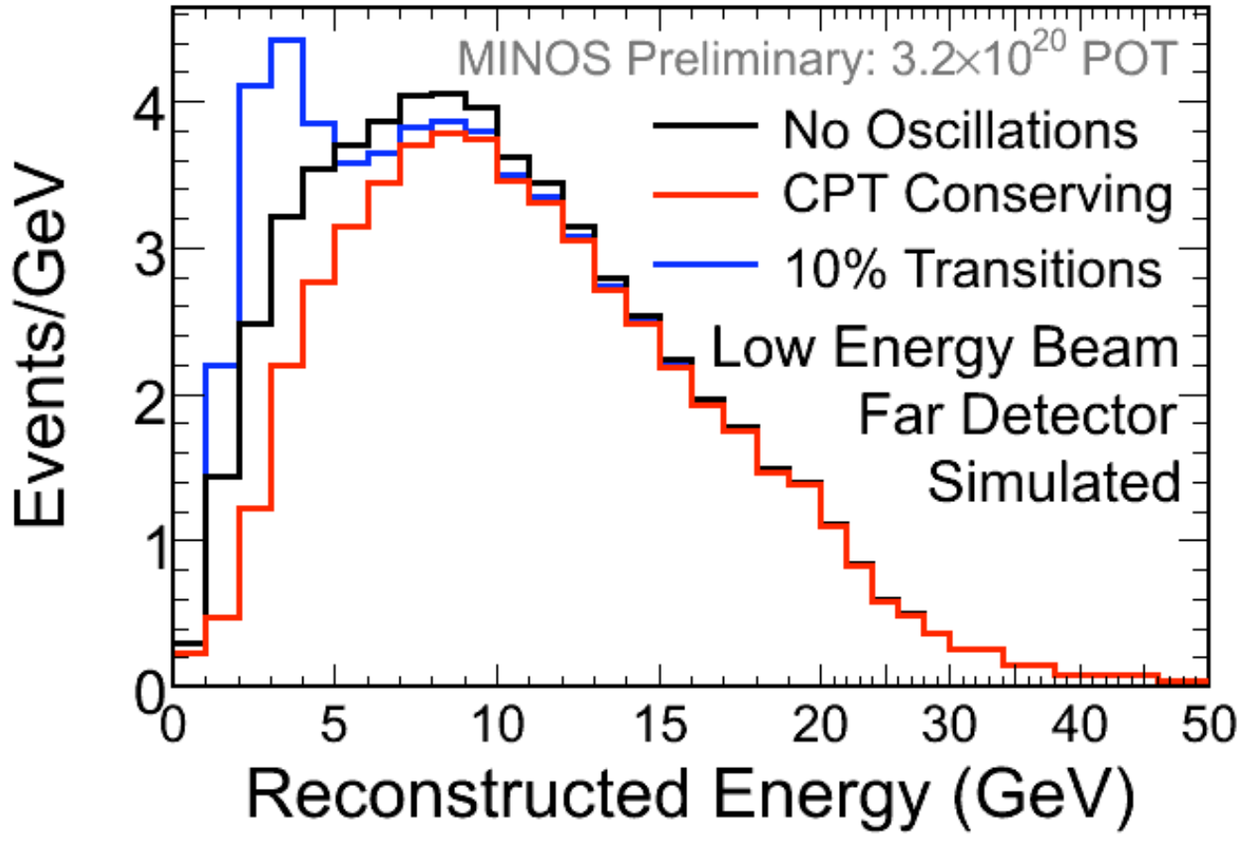

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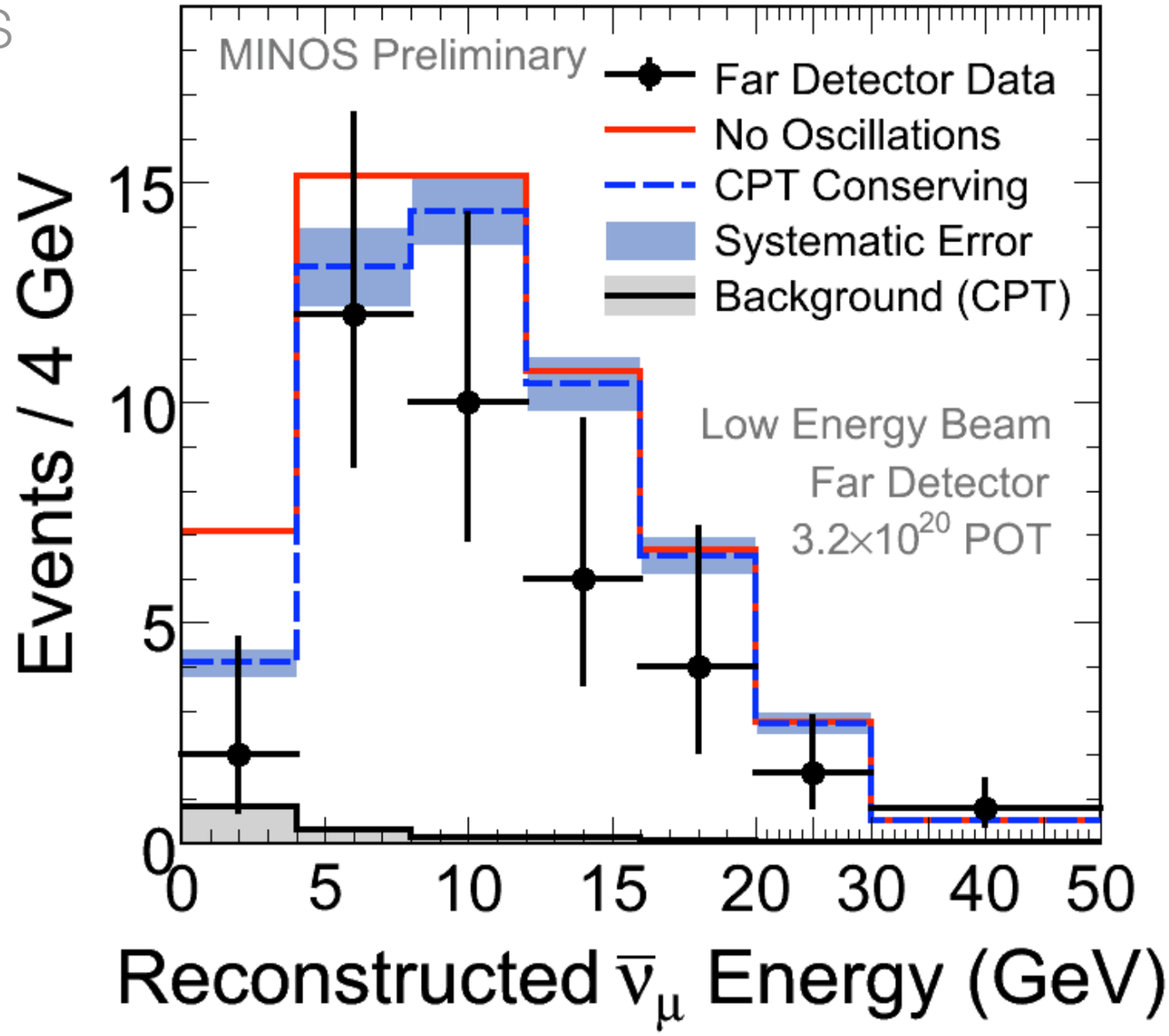

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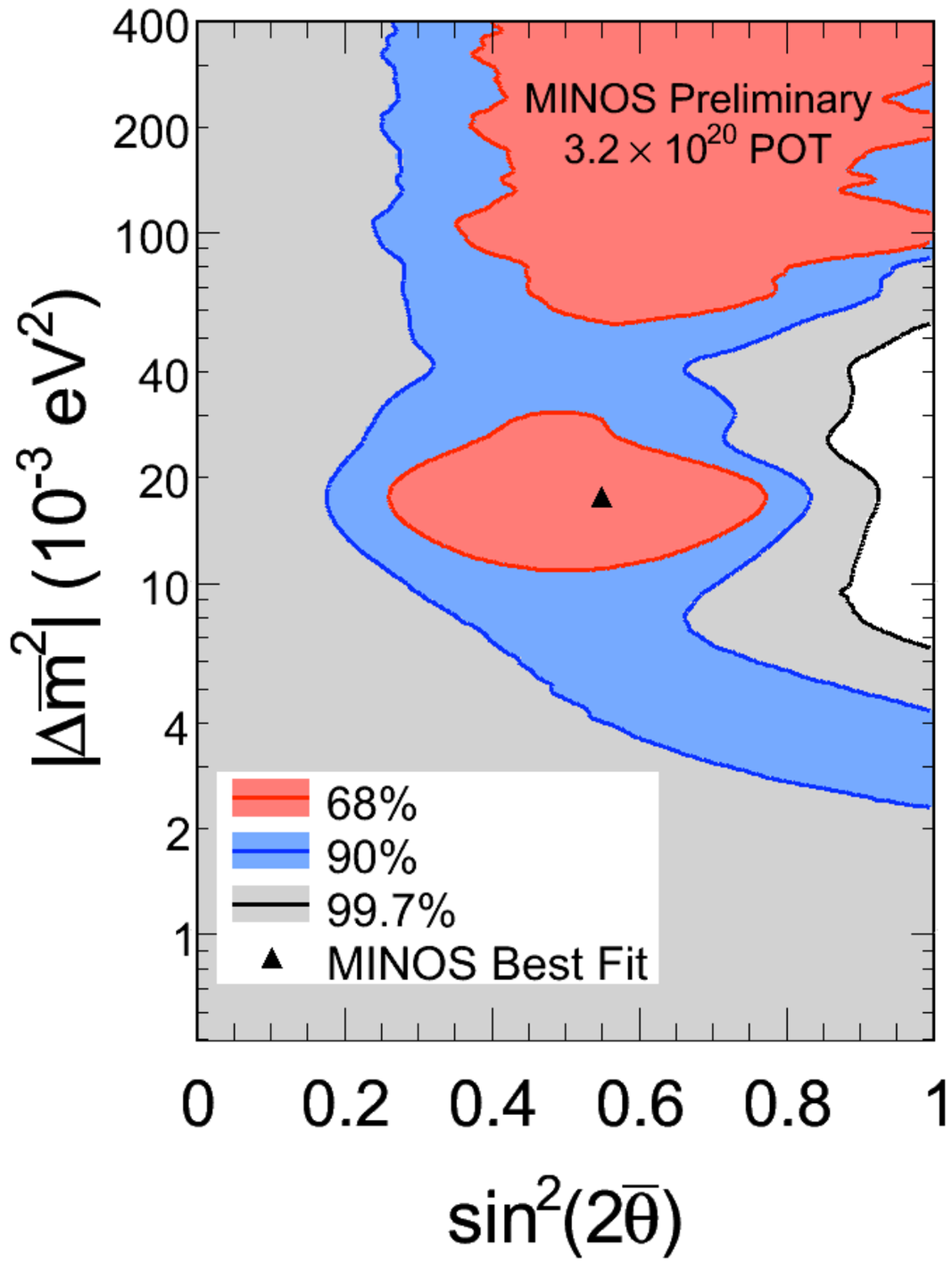

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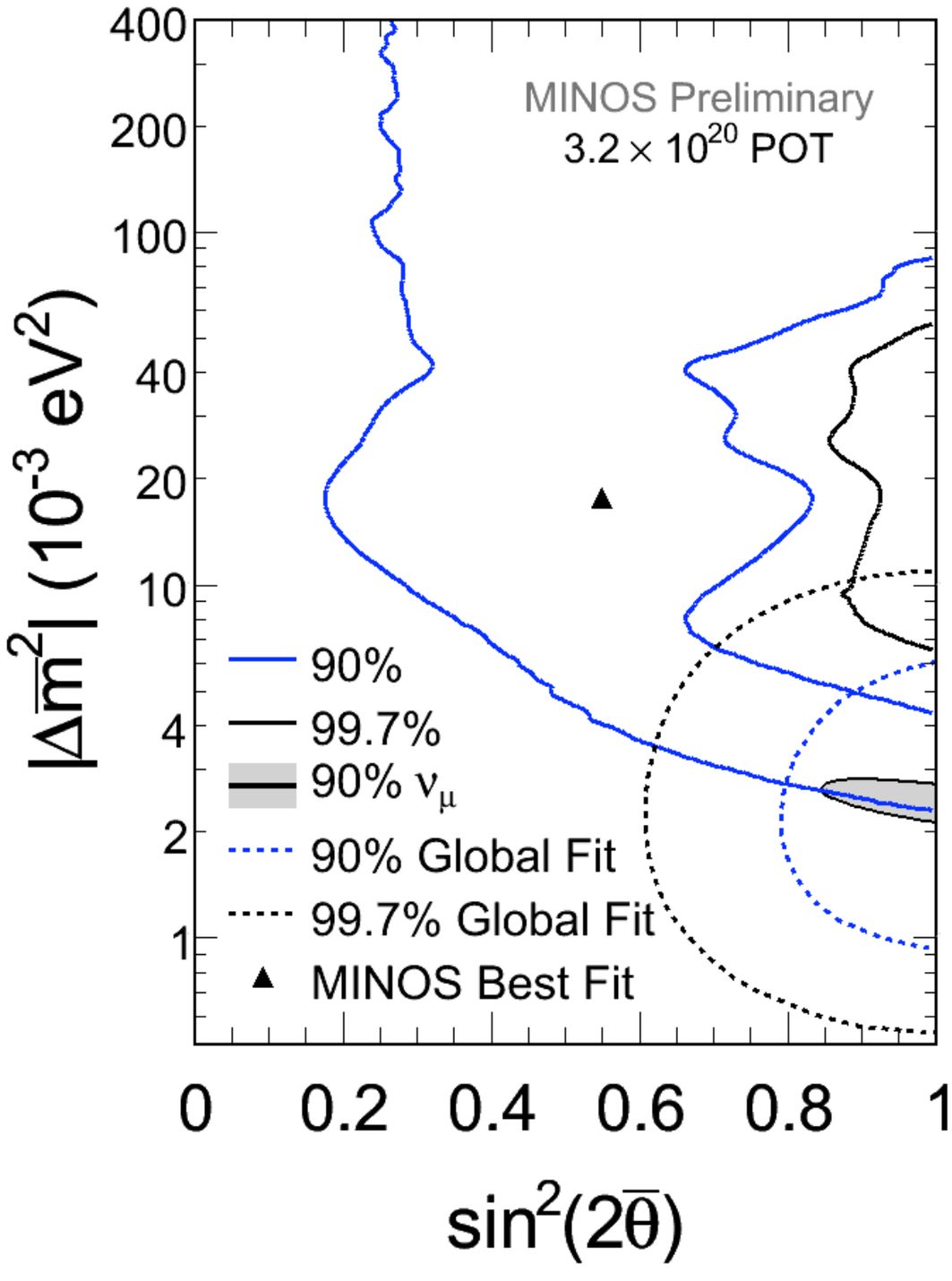

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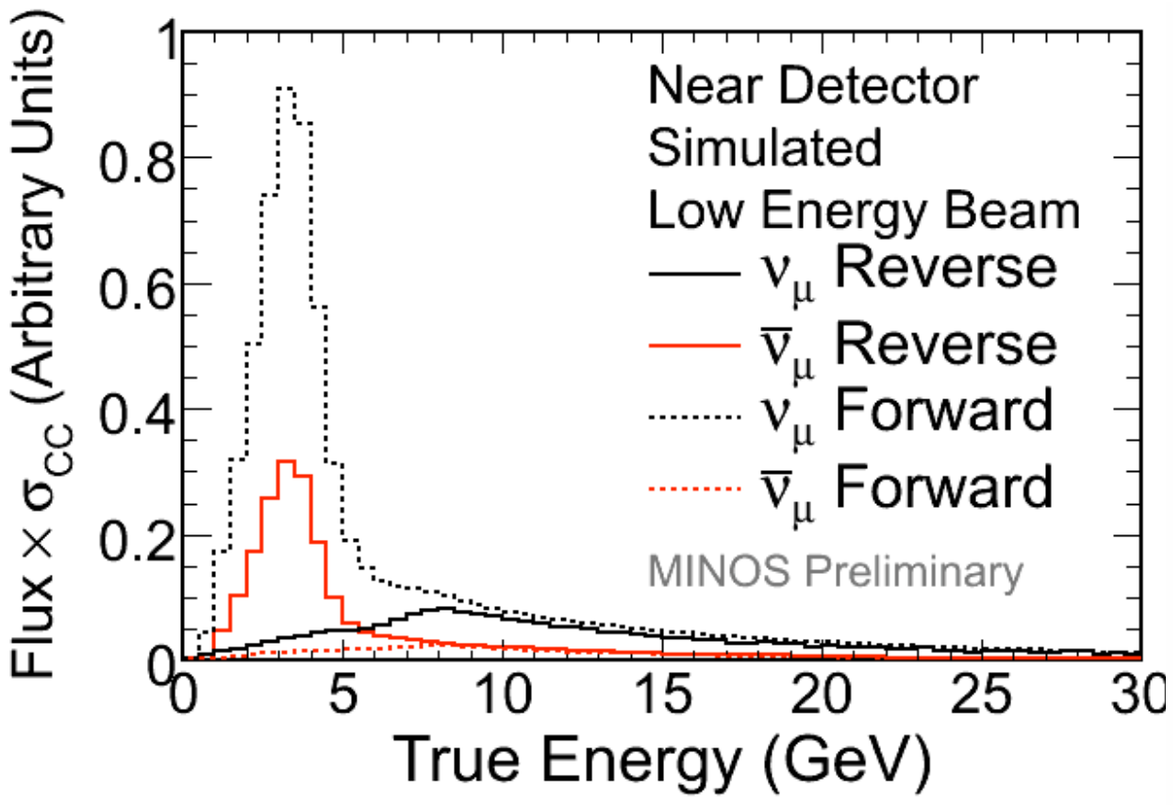

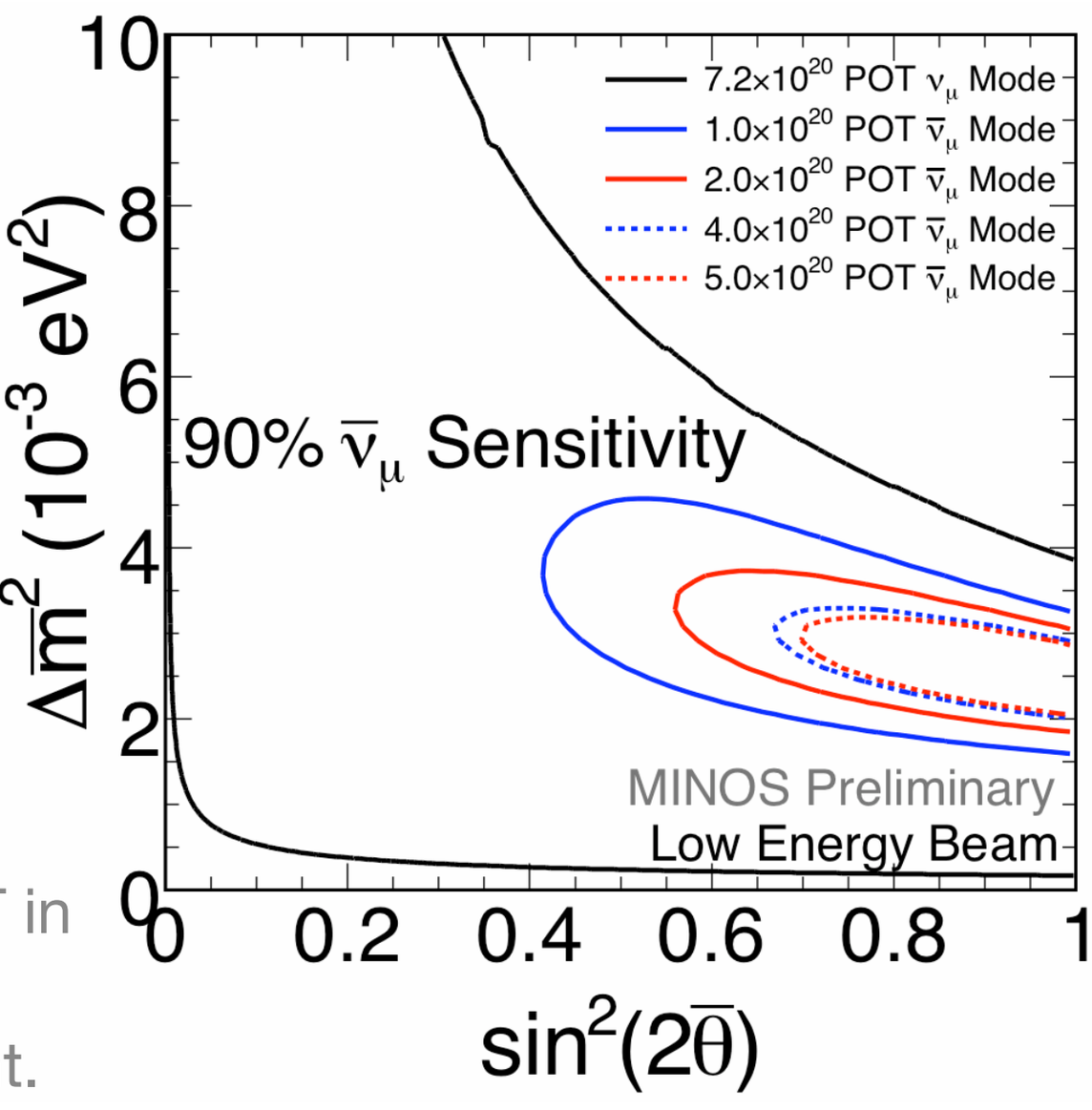

- In 2009 run (September - March) MINOS will accumulate ~1.5E20 POT in anti-neutrino beam. Somewhere between blue and red in figure at right.
- Enables ~30% measurement of $\Delta\overline{m}^2$

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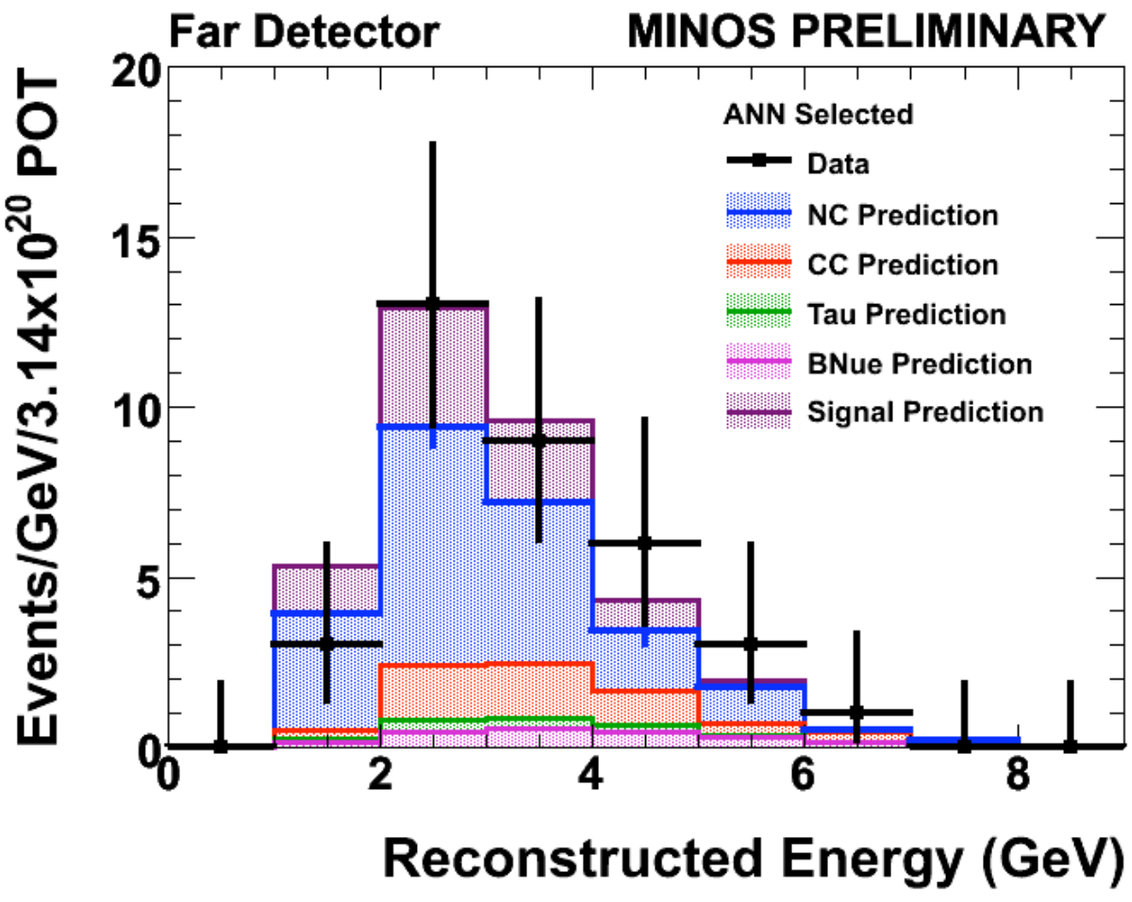

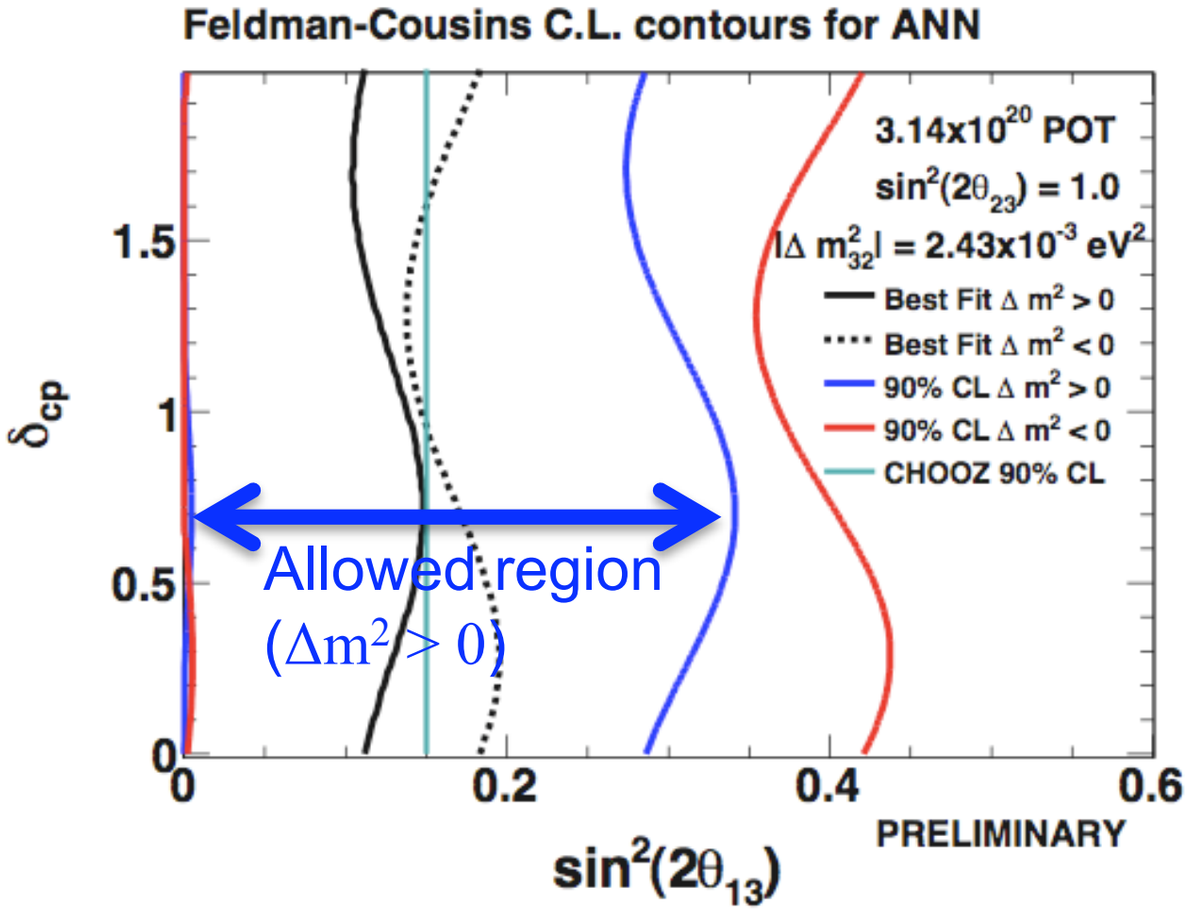

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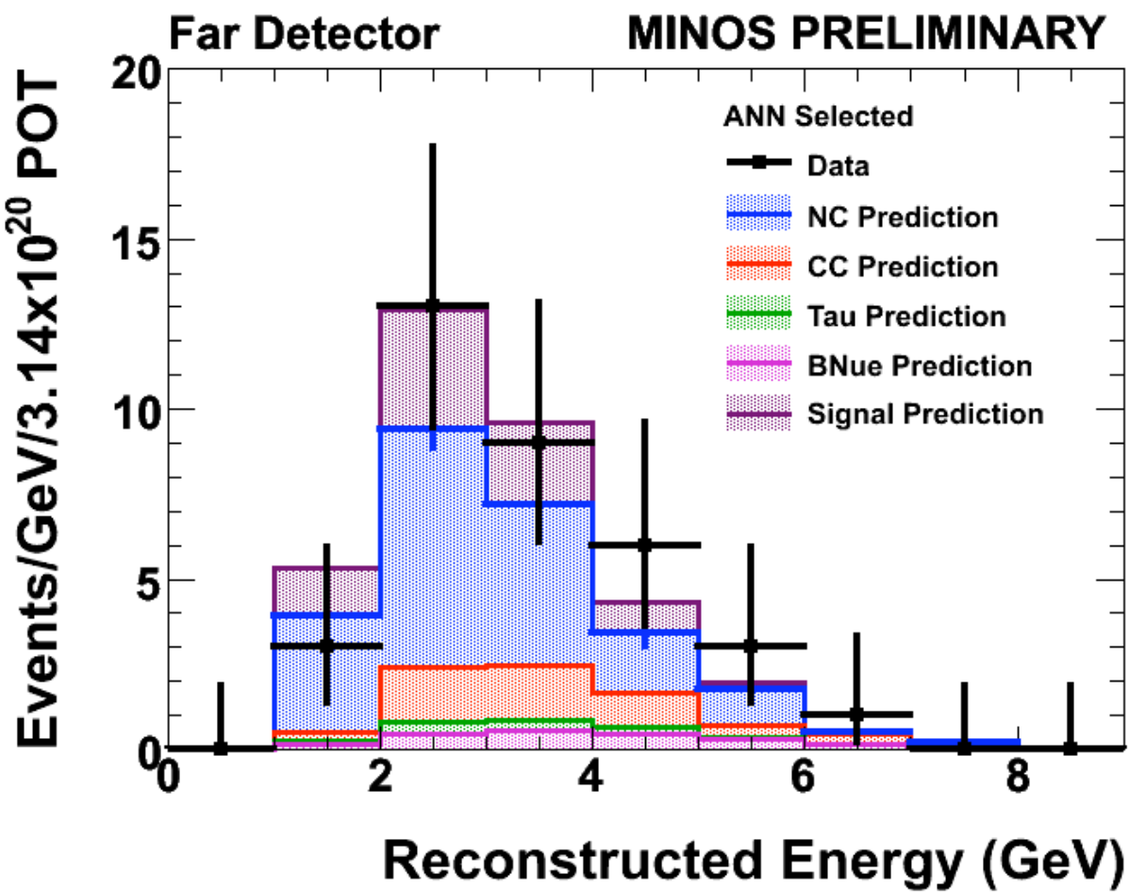

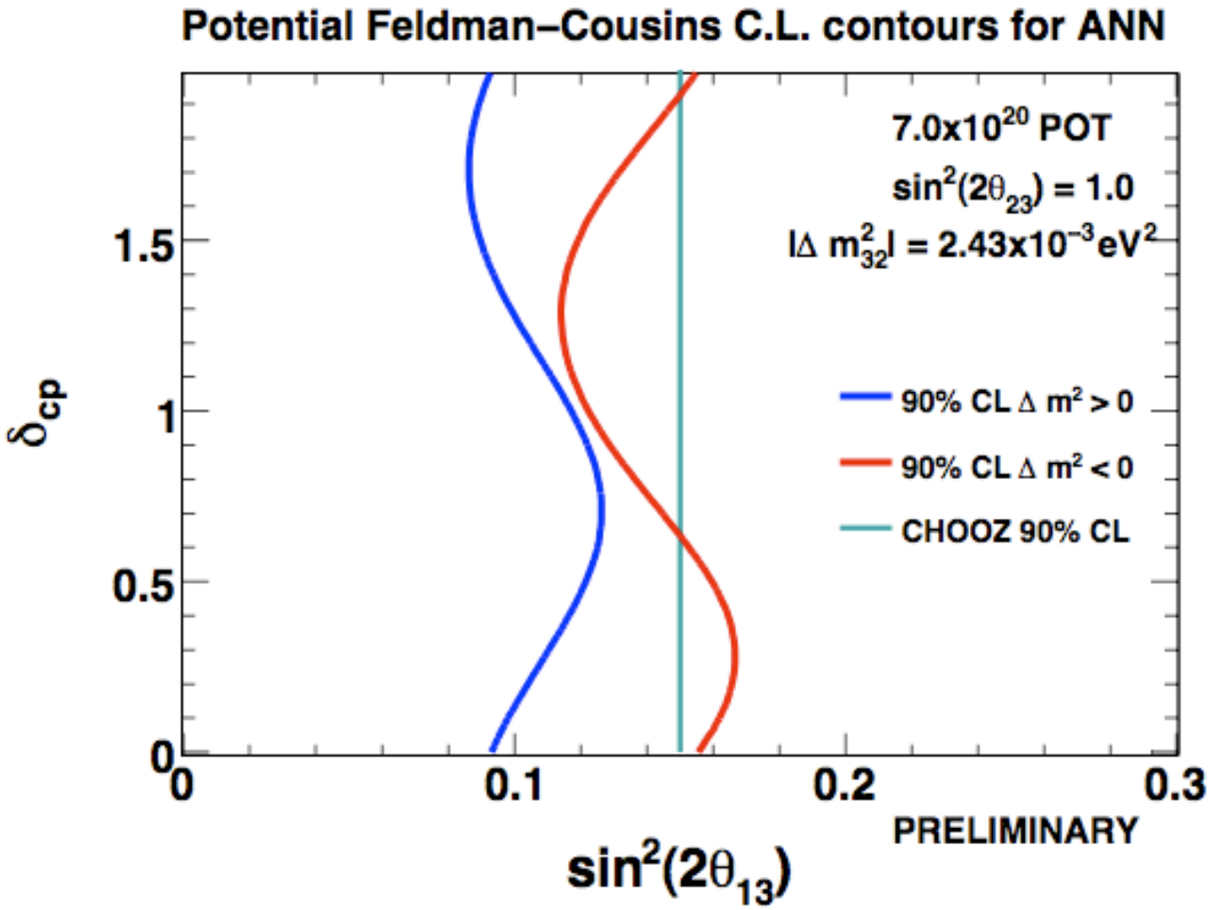

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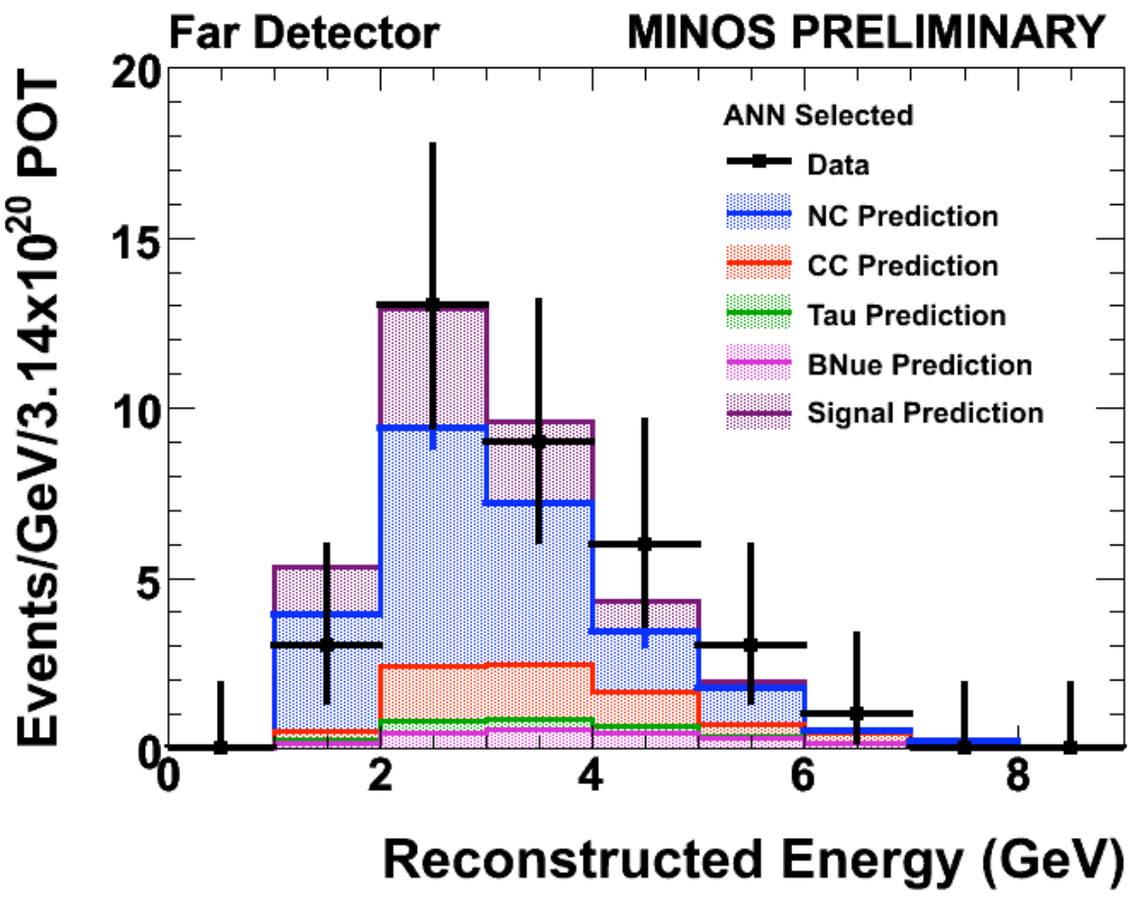

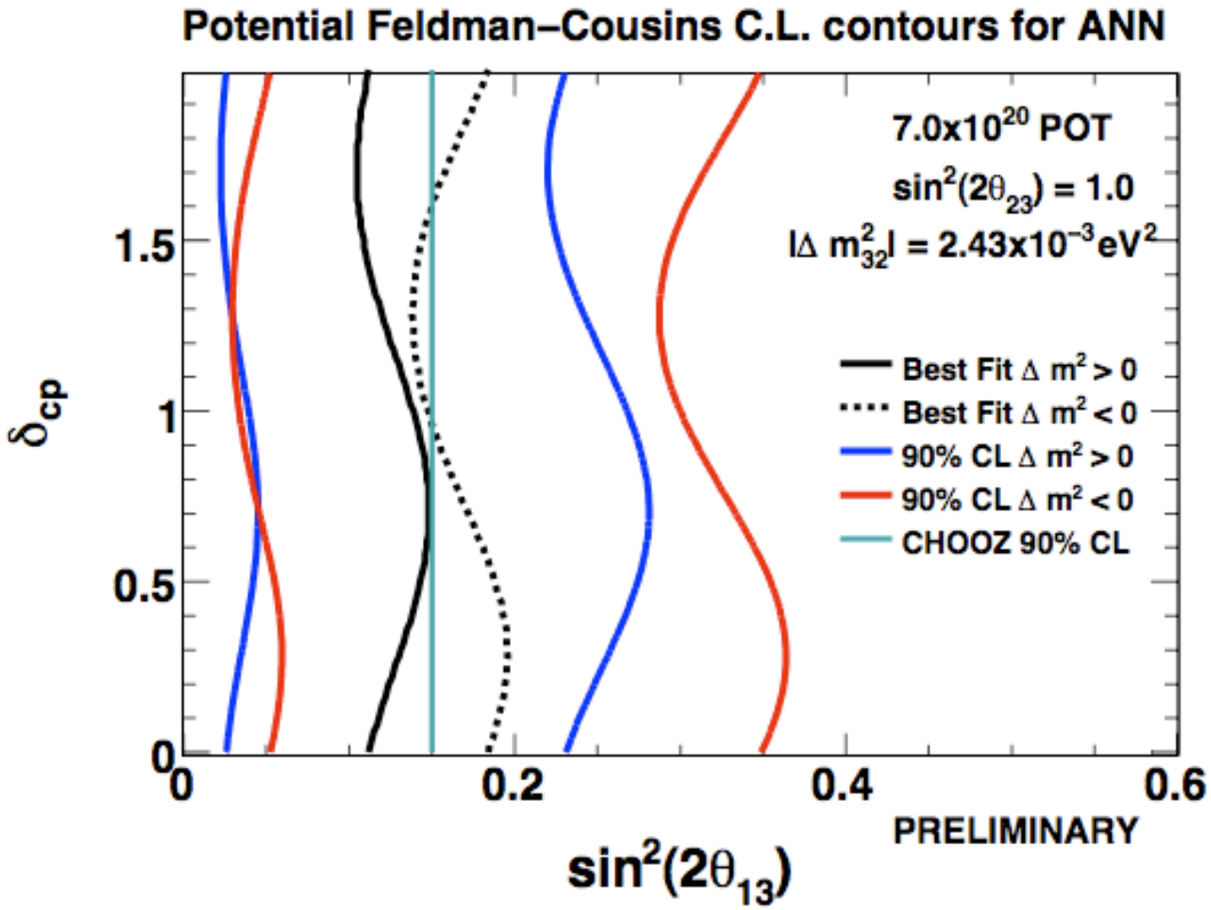

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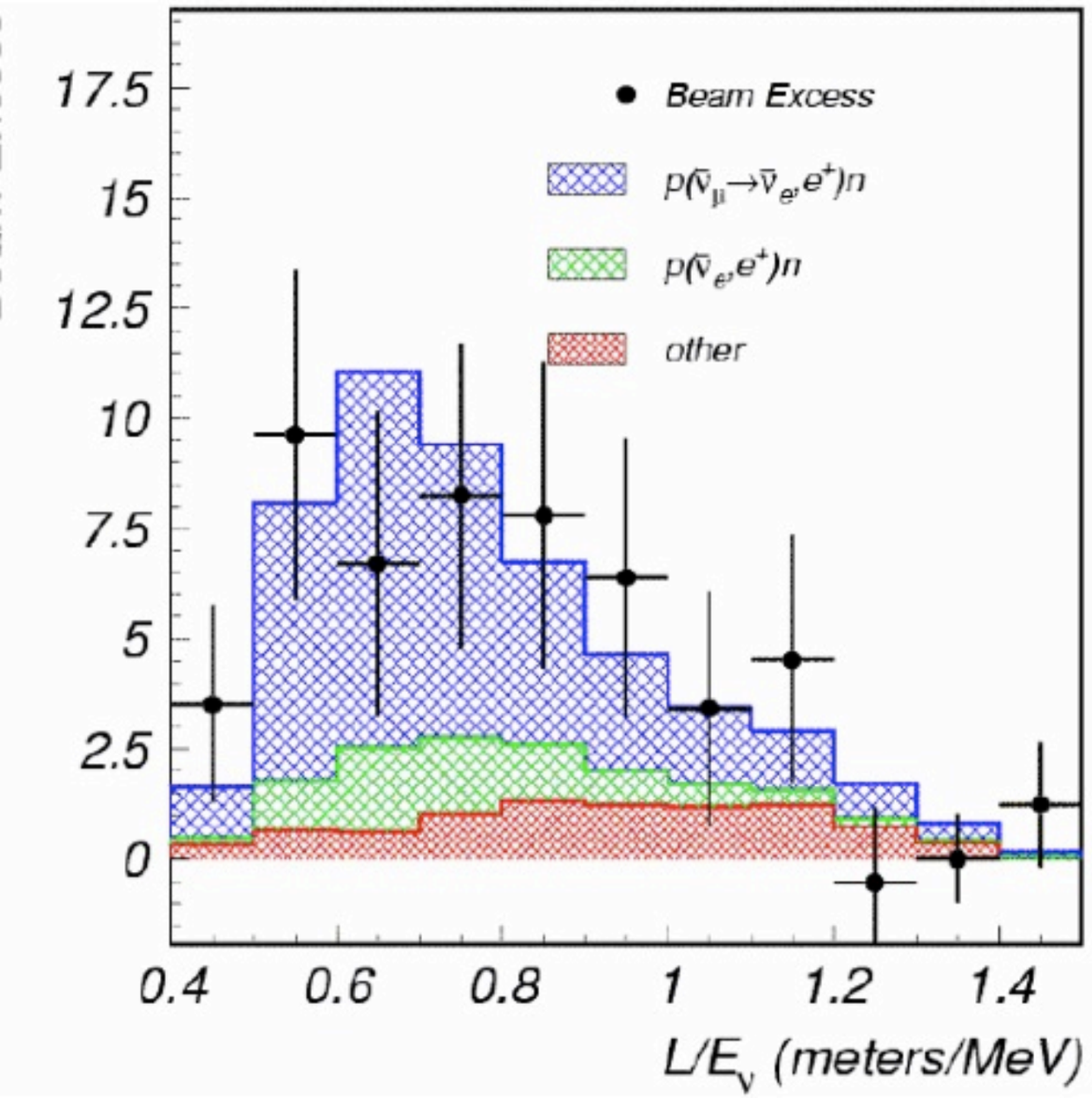

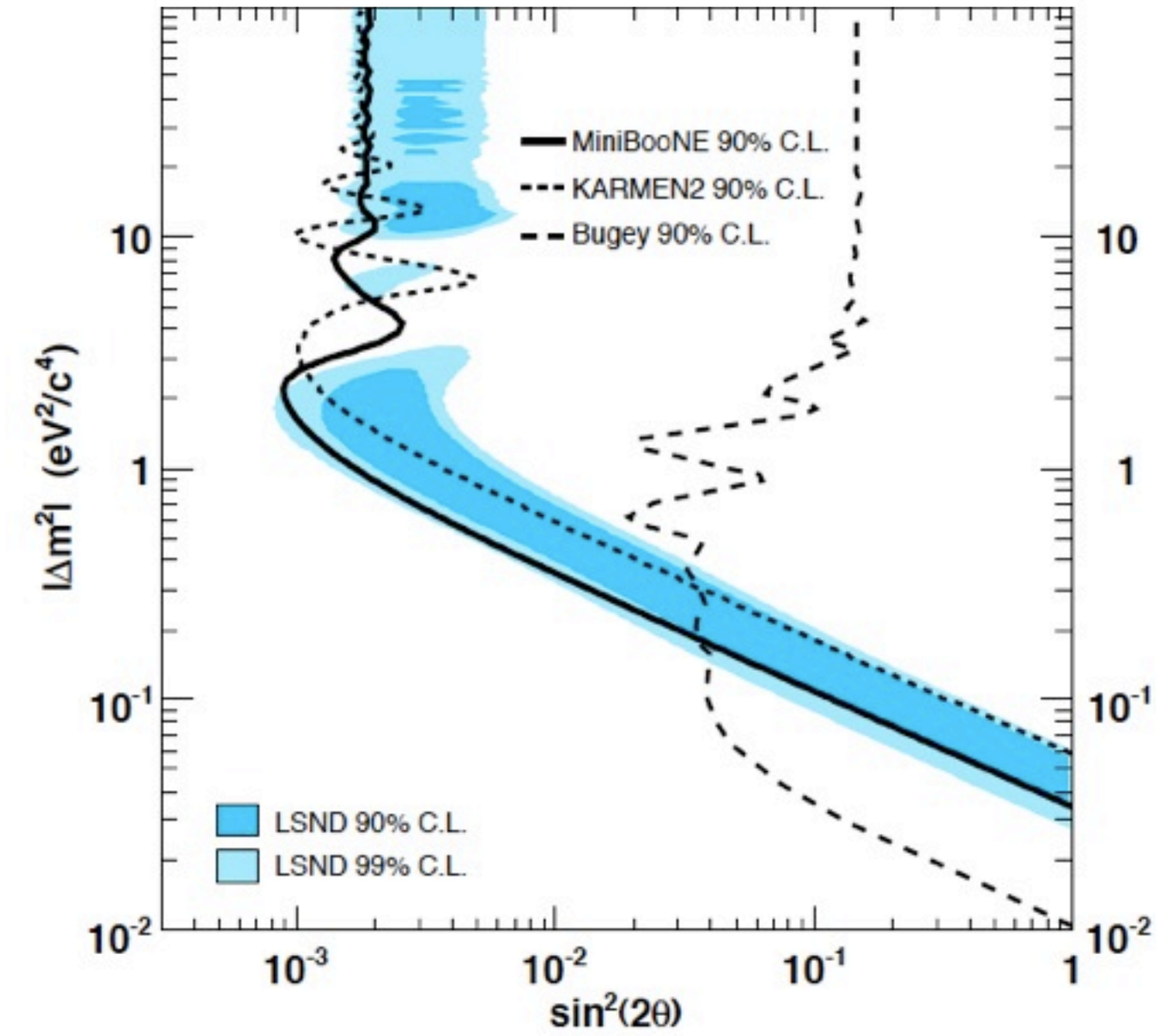

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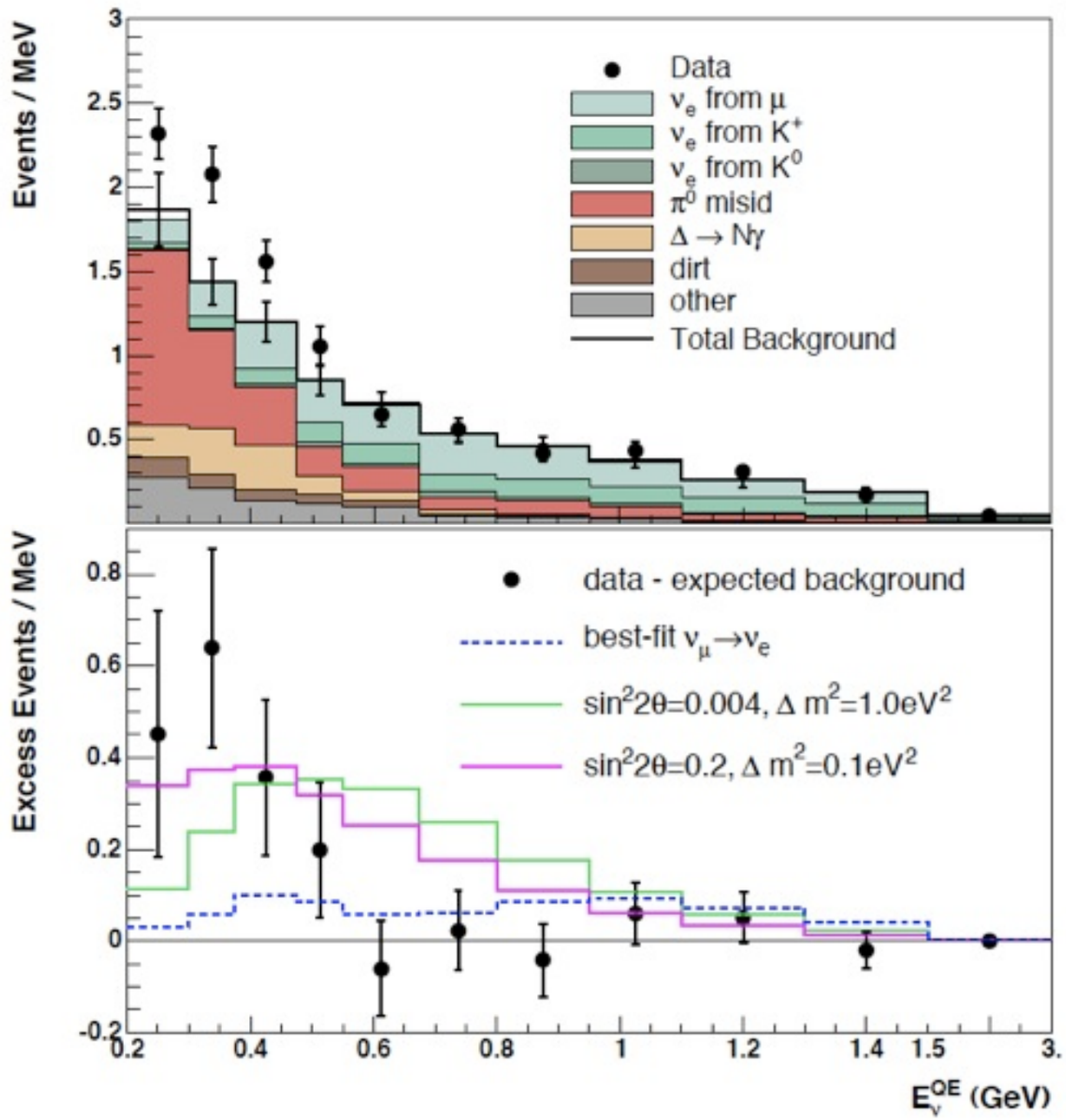

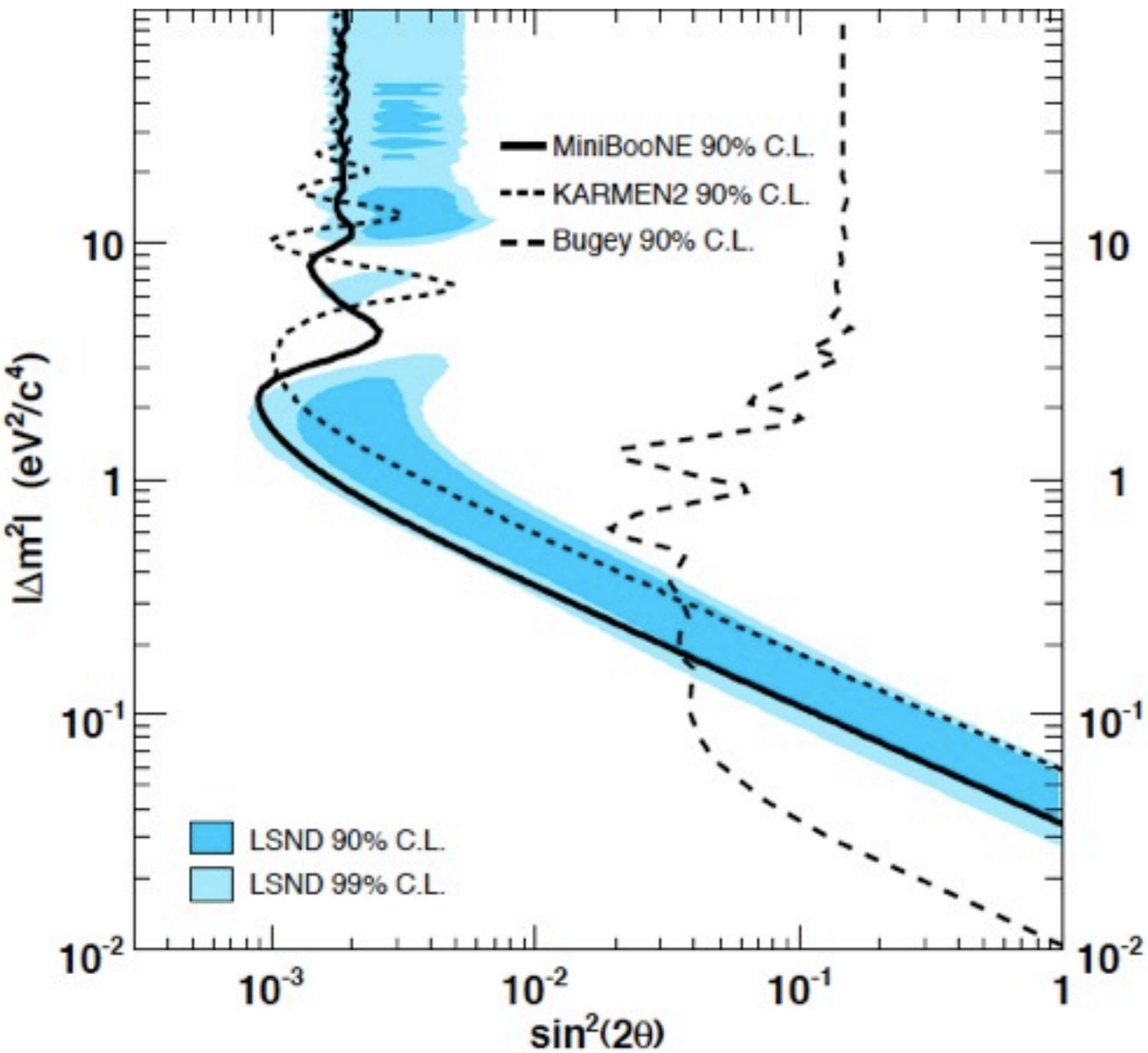

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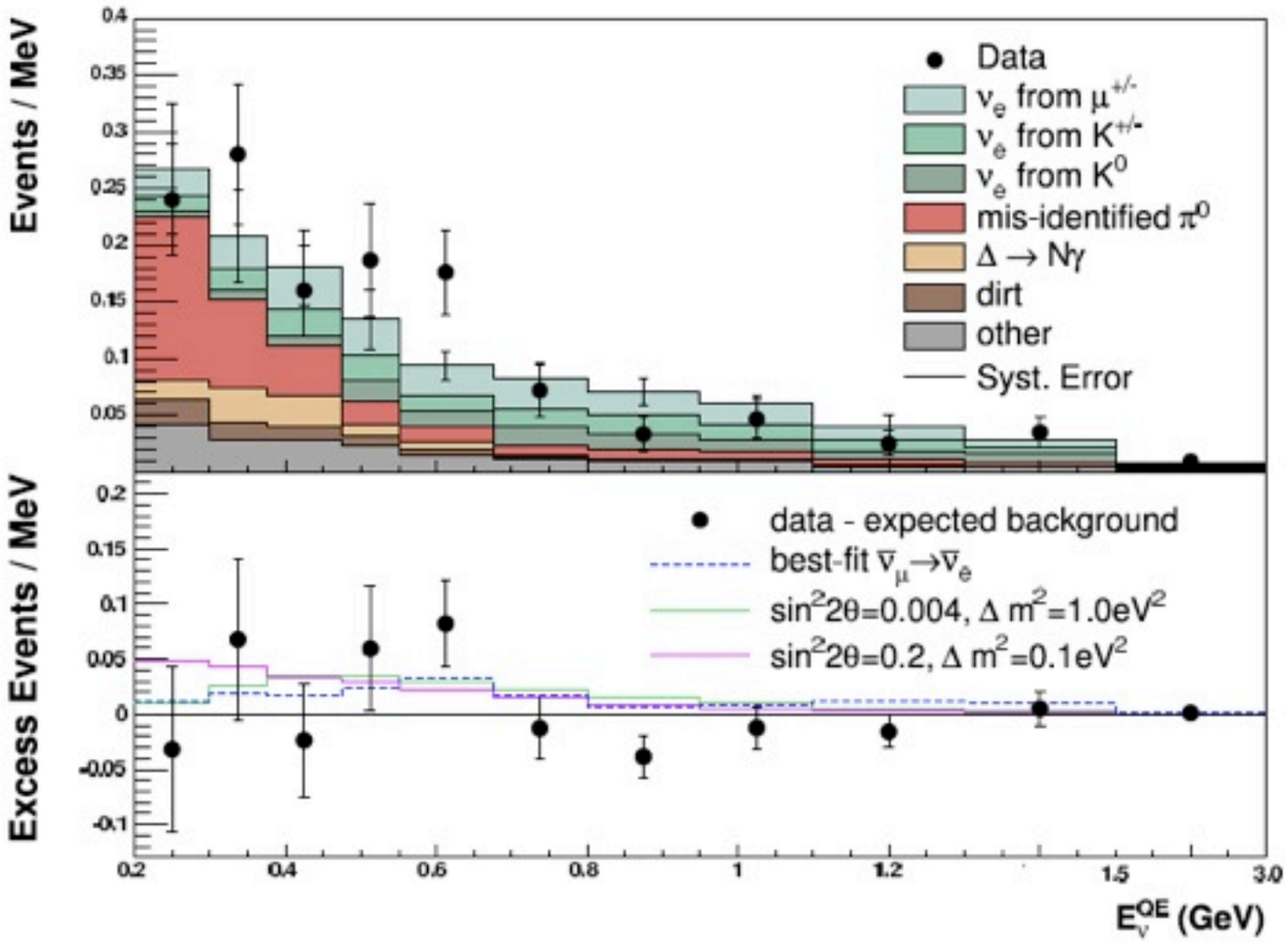
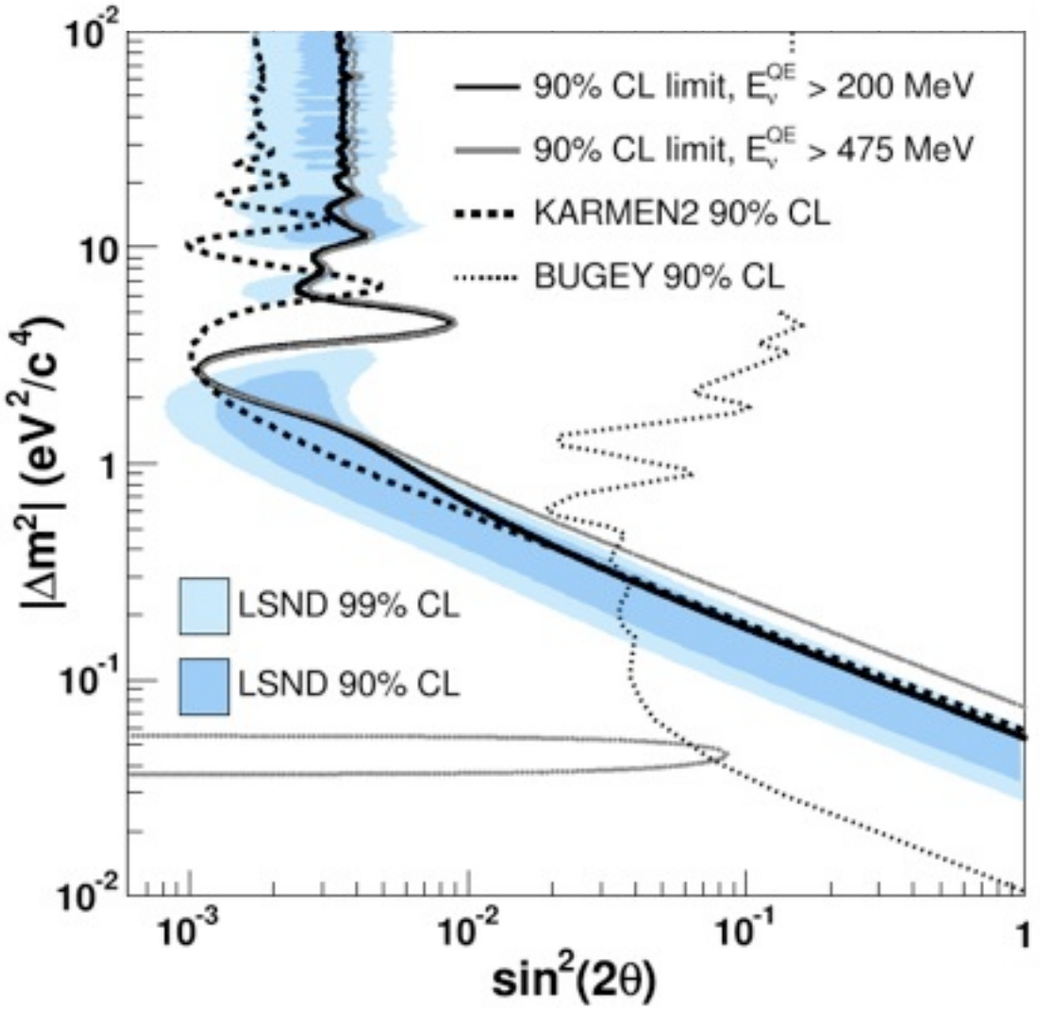




- Excess seen in neutrinos seems not to be reproduced in anti-neutrinos
- No conclusion possible with present statistics
- Situation may be further clarified by SciBooNE and microBooNE data

Double CHOOZ / Daya Bay / Reno

Is $\theta_{13}>0$?

Double Chooz

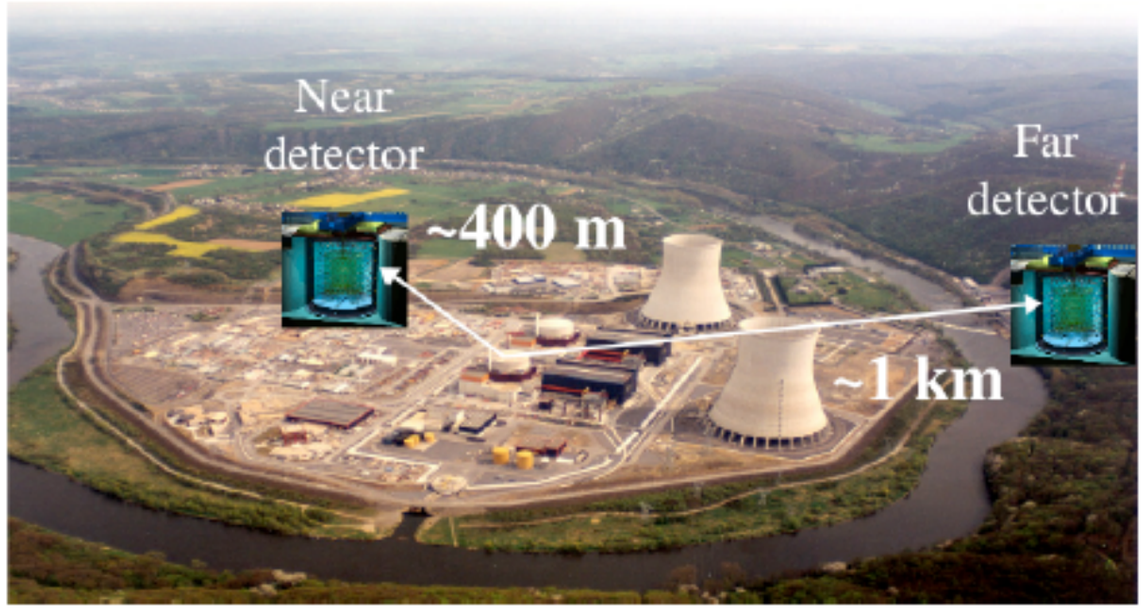
- Installation of far detector nearing completion by April 2010
- Construction of near lab begins in 2010
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.06$ (90%CL) by 2011
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.03$ by 2014

RENO

- Civil construction completed.
- Finish installation in 2010
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.02$ by 2014

Daya Bay

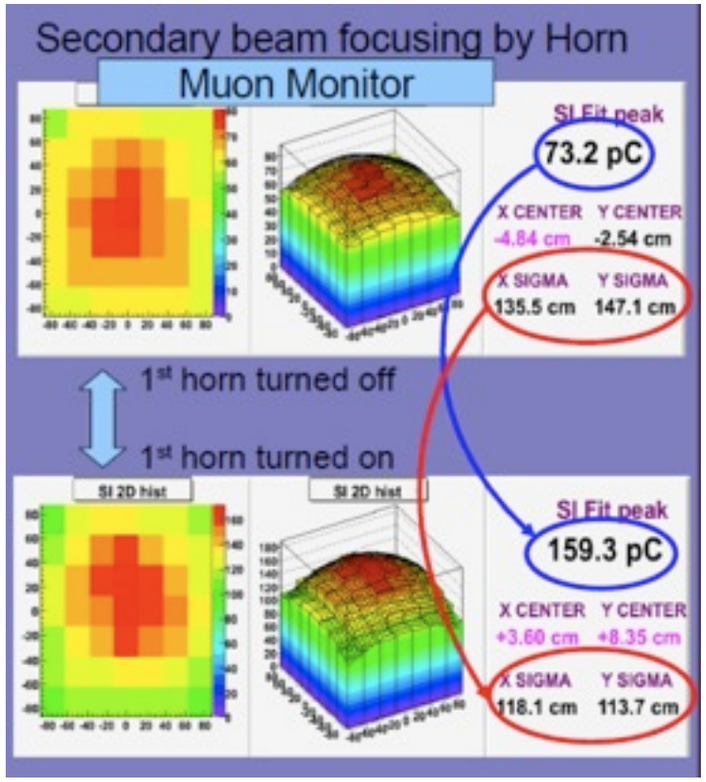
- Excavation ~70% complete
- Halls ready for data taking in summer '11
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.01$ by 2014

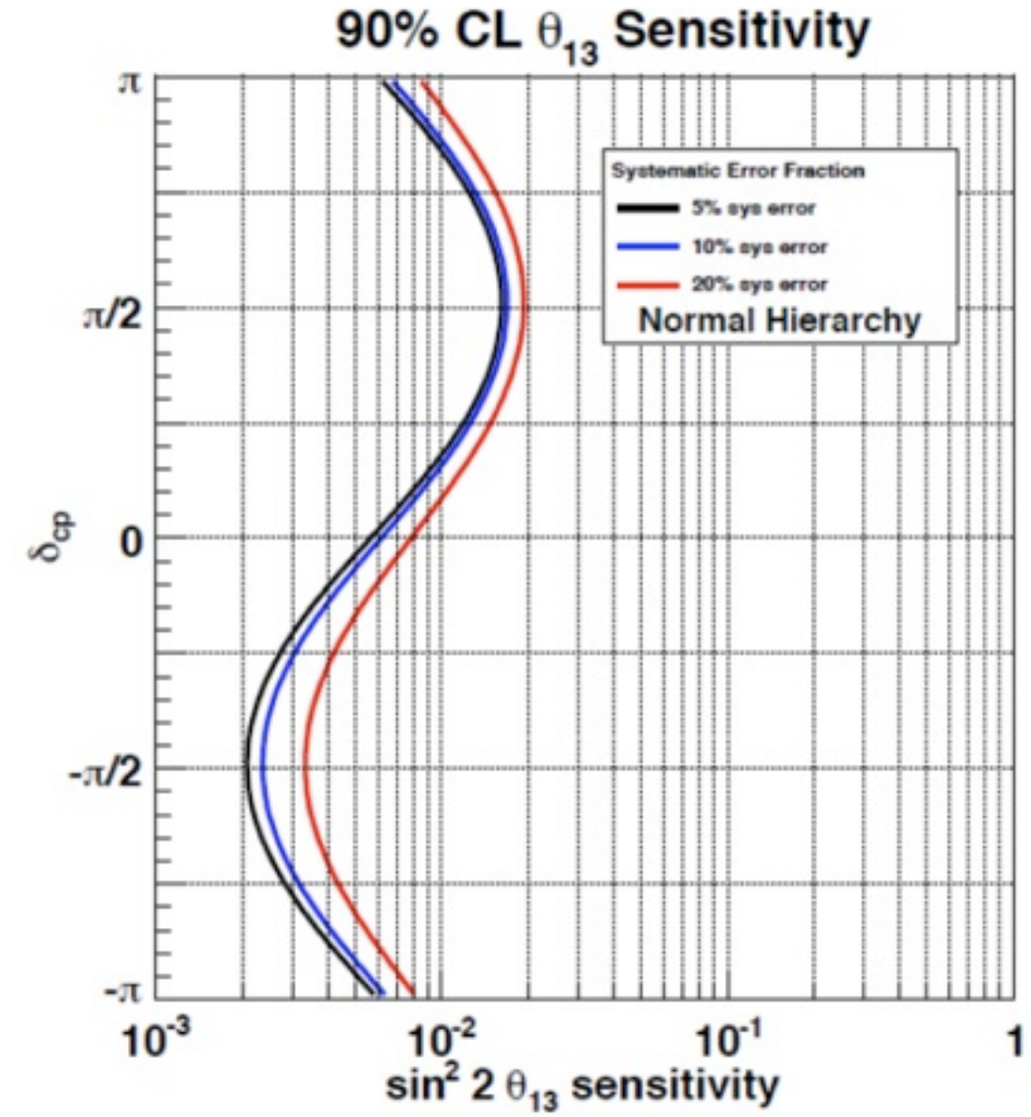


T2K
Is $\theta_{13}>0$?

New off-axis neutrino beam directed at 50 kton Super-Kamiokande detector

First beam to T2K target in April 2009
Near detector installation nearing completion
Beam line re-commissioning starting now. 120 kW in RCS and 40 kW to T2K





First run through 2010: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.06$ (90% CL)
Ultimate sensitivity $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.006$

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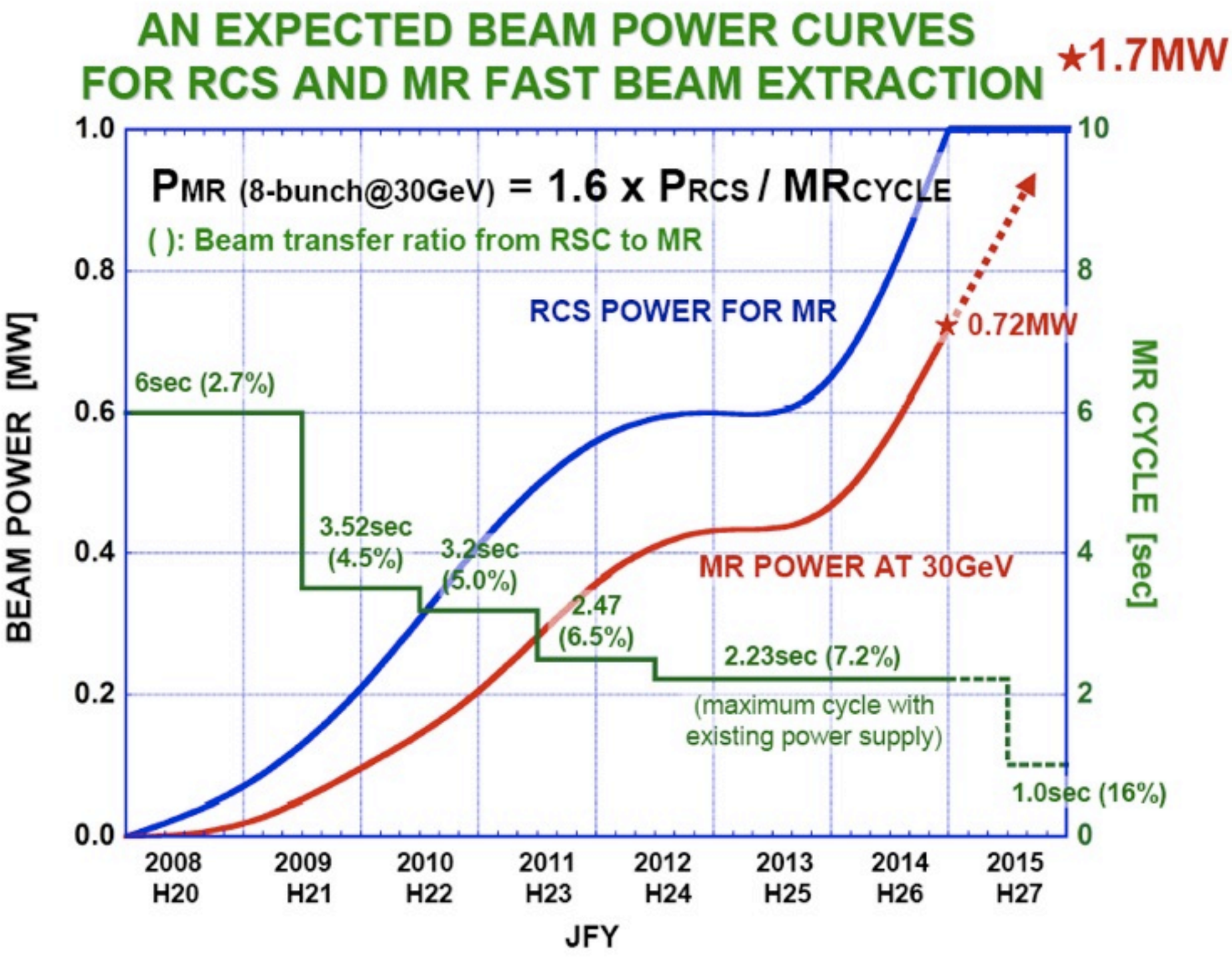

NOvA

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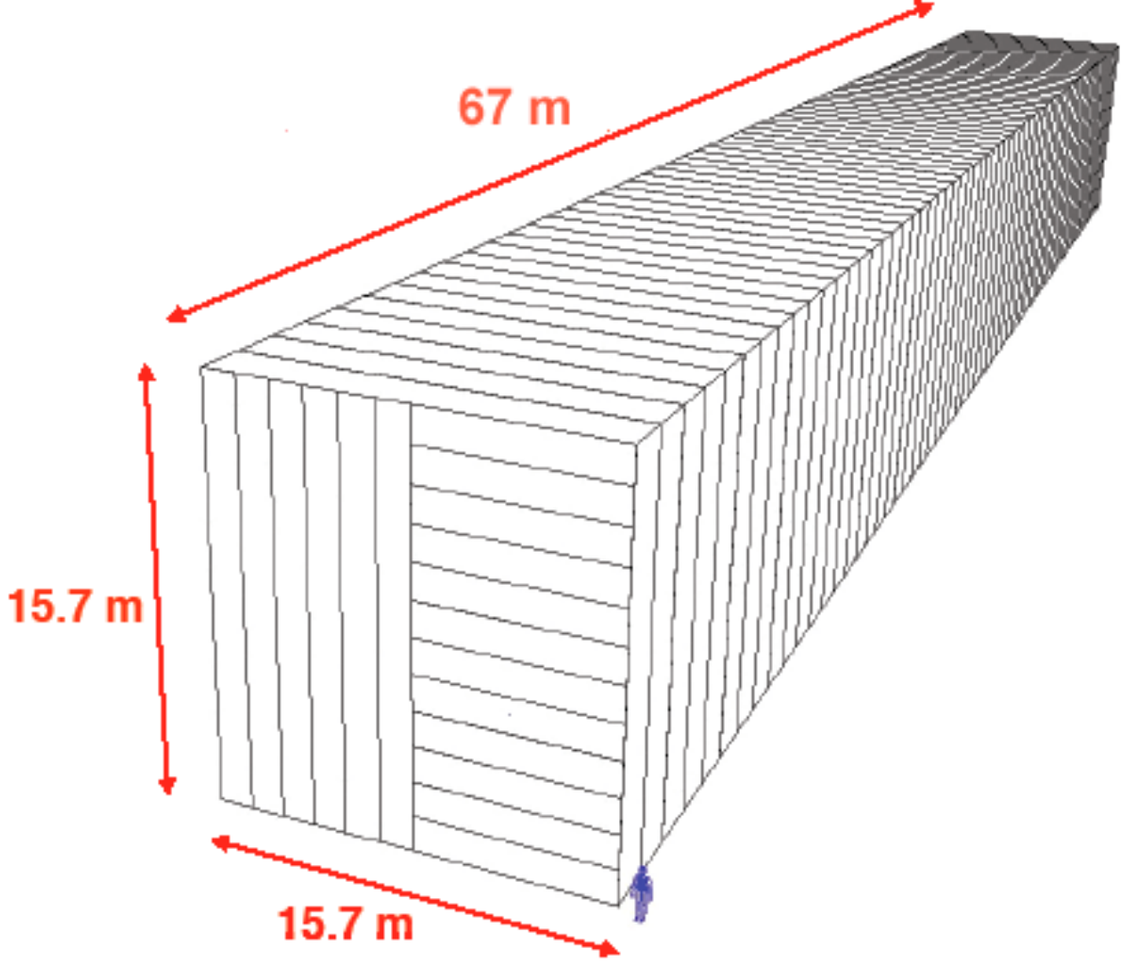
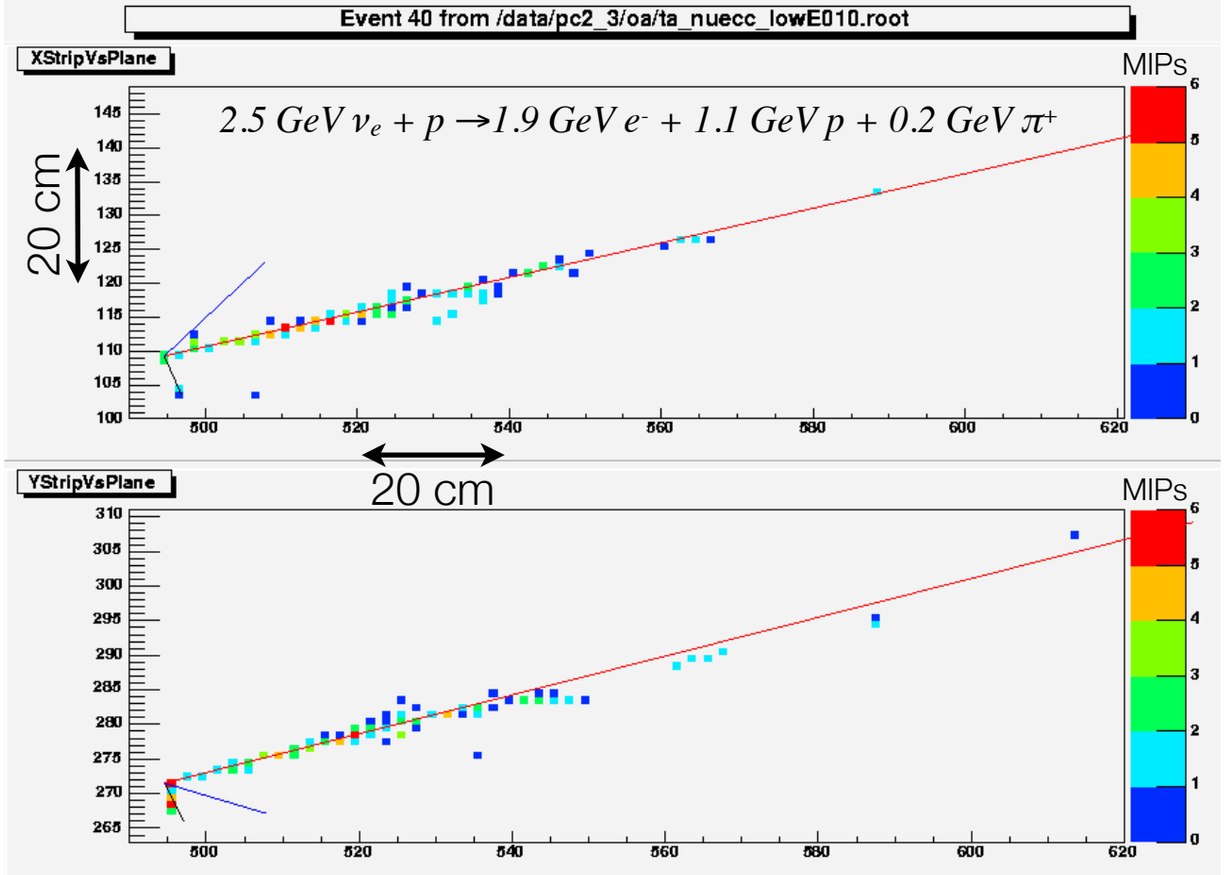
What can we learn about δ_{CP}?

- NOvA is a second generation experiment on the NuMI beamline which is optimized for the detection of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\overline{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e$ oscillations
- NOvA is:
  - An upgrade of the NuMI beam intensity from 400 kW to 700 kW
- A 15 kt “totally active” tracking liquid scintillator calorimeter sited 14 mrad off the NuMI beam axis at a distance of 810 km
- A 220 ton near detector identical to the far detector sited 14 mrad off the NuMI beam axis at a distance of 1 km





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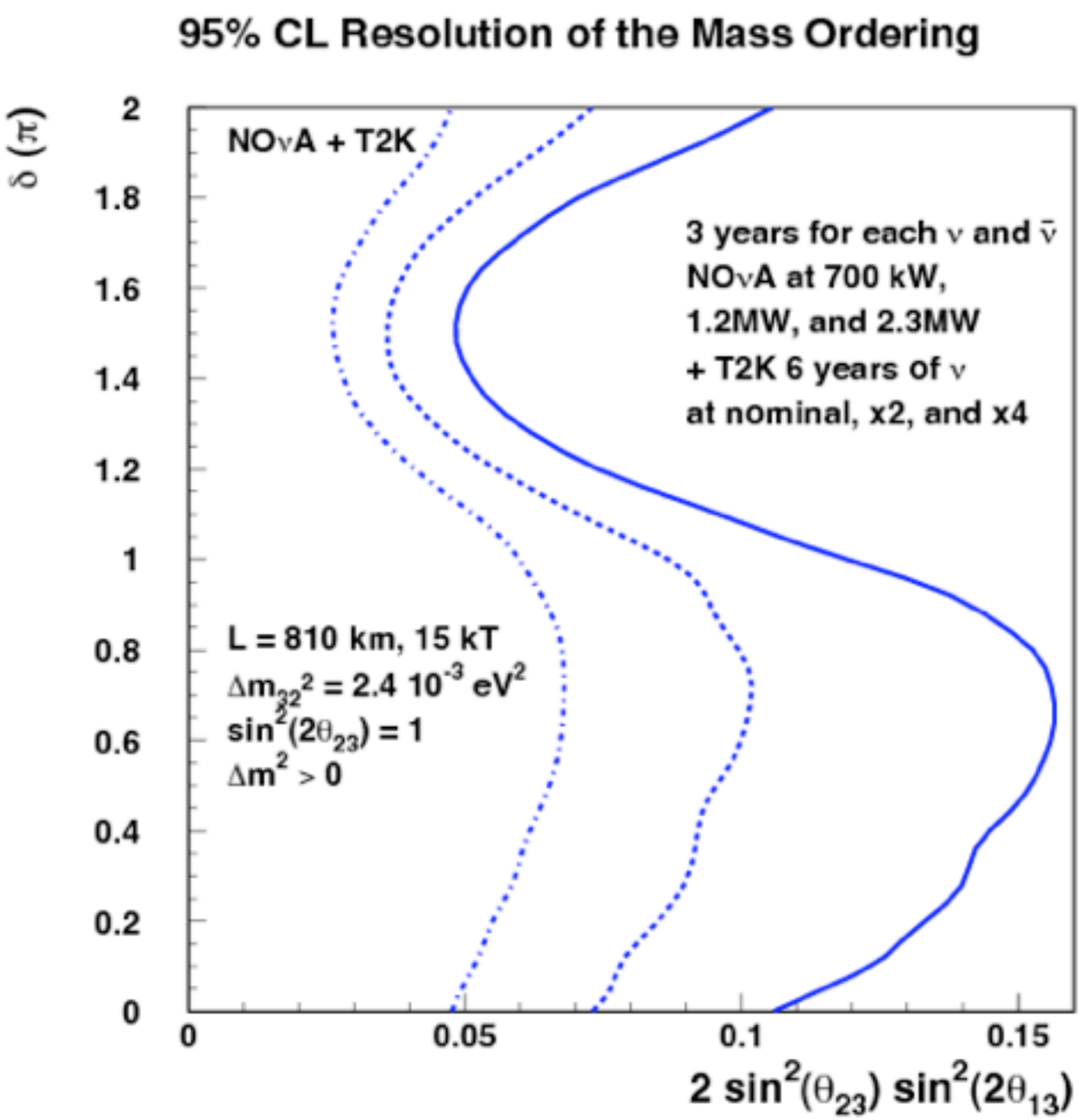

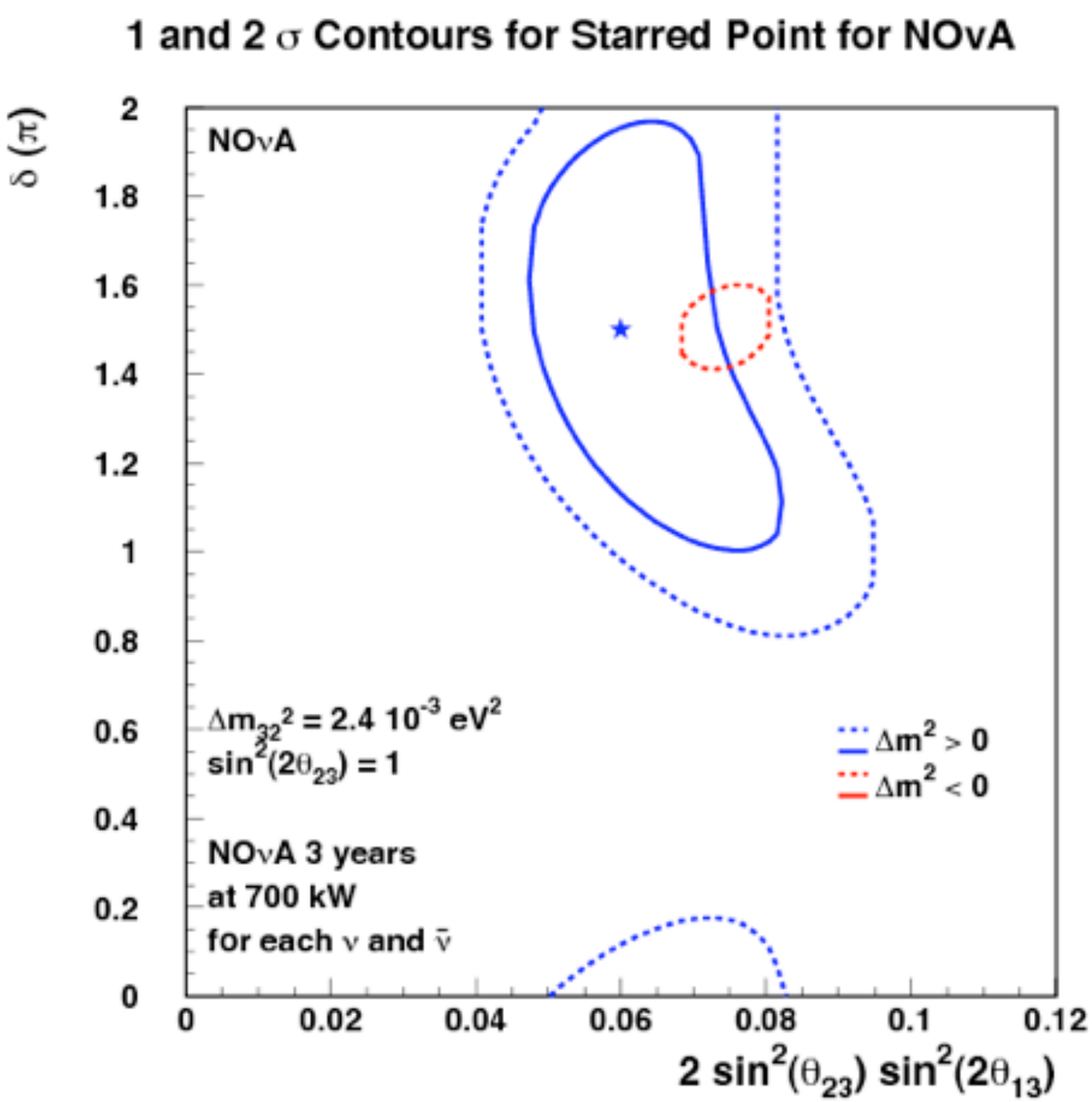

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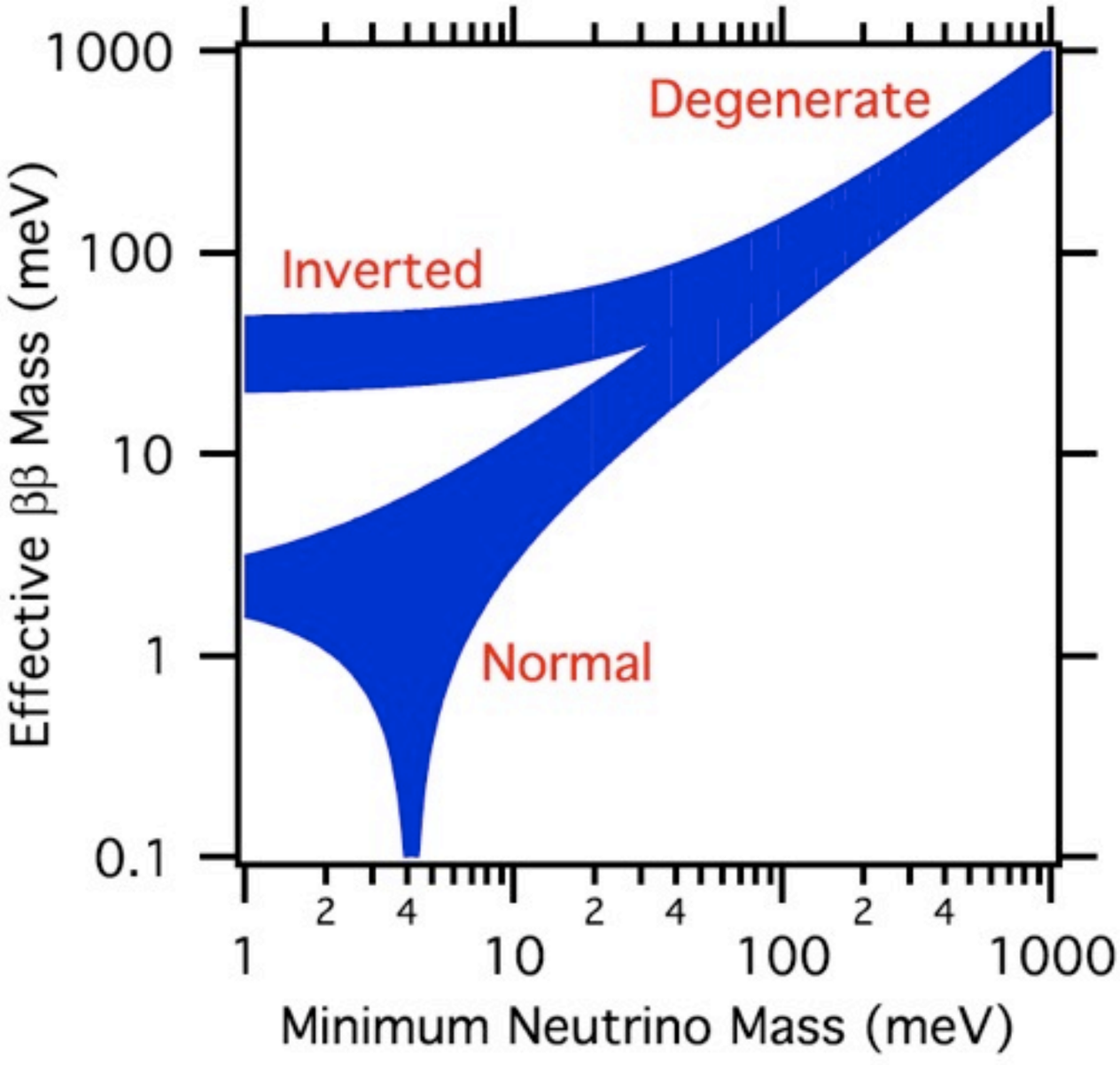

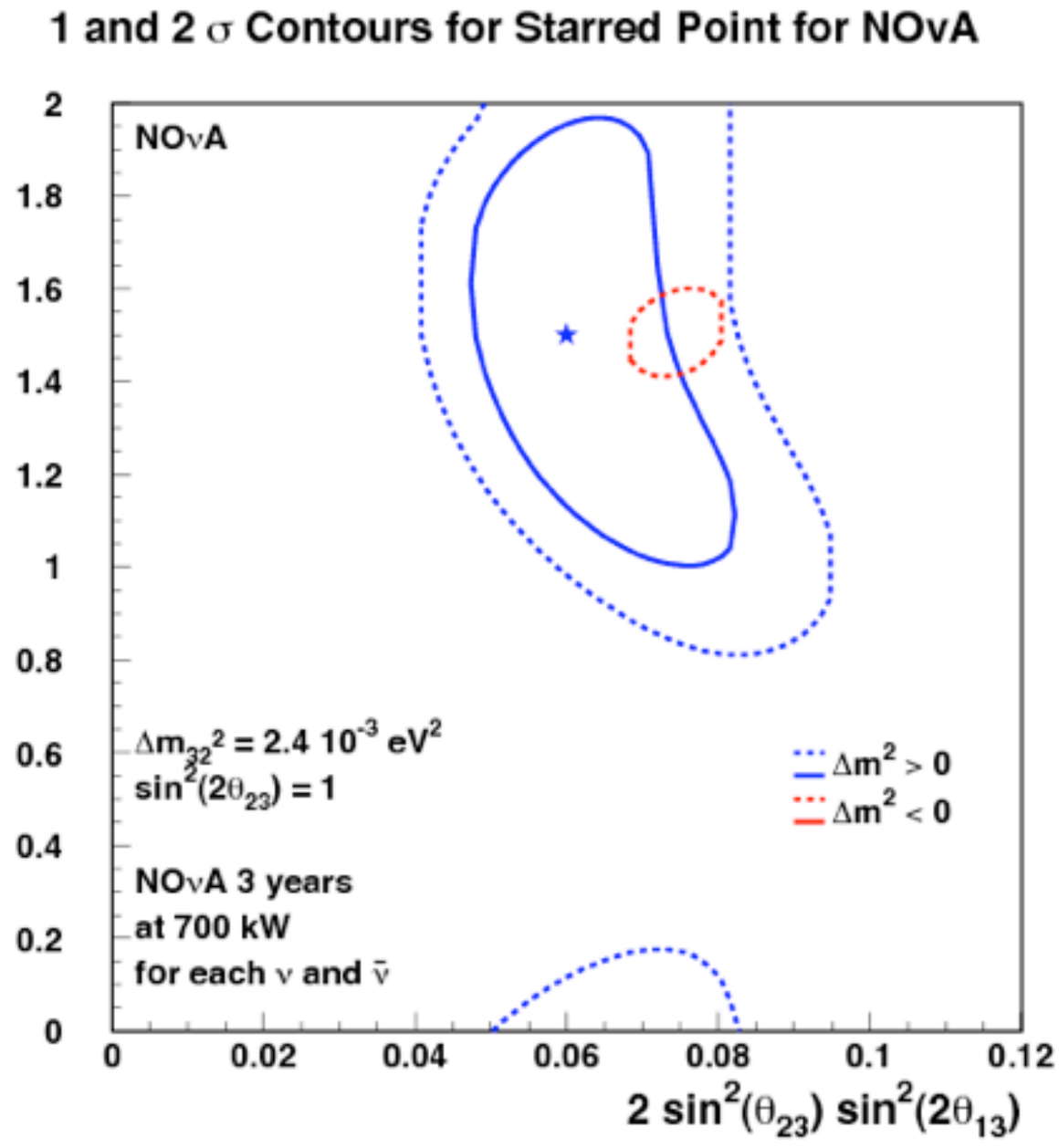

Far detector laboratory construction
2 November 2009

NOvA construction

CD3b signed 29 October 2009

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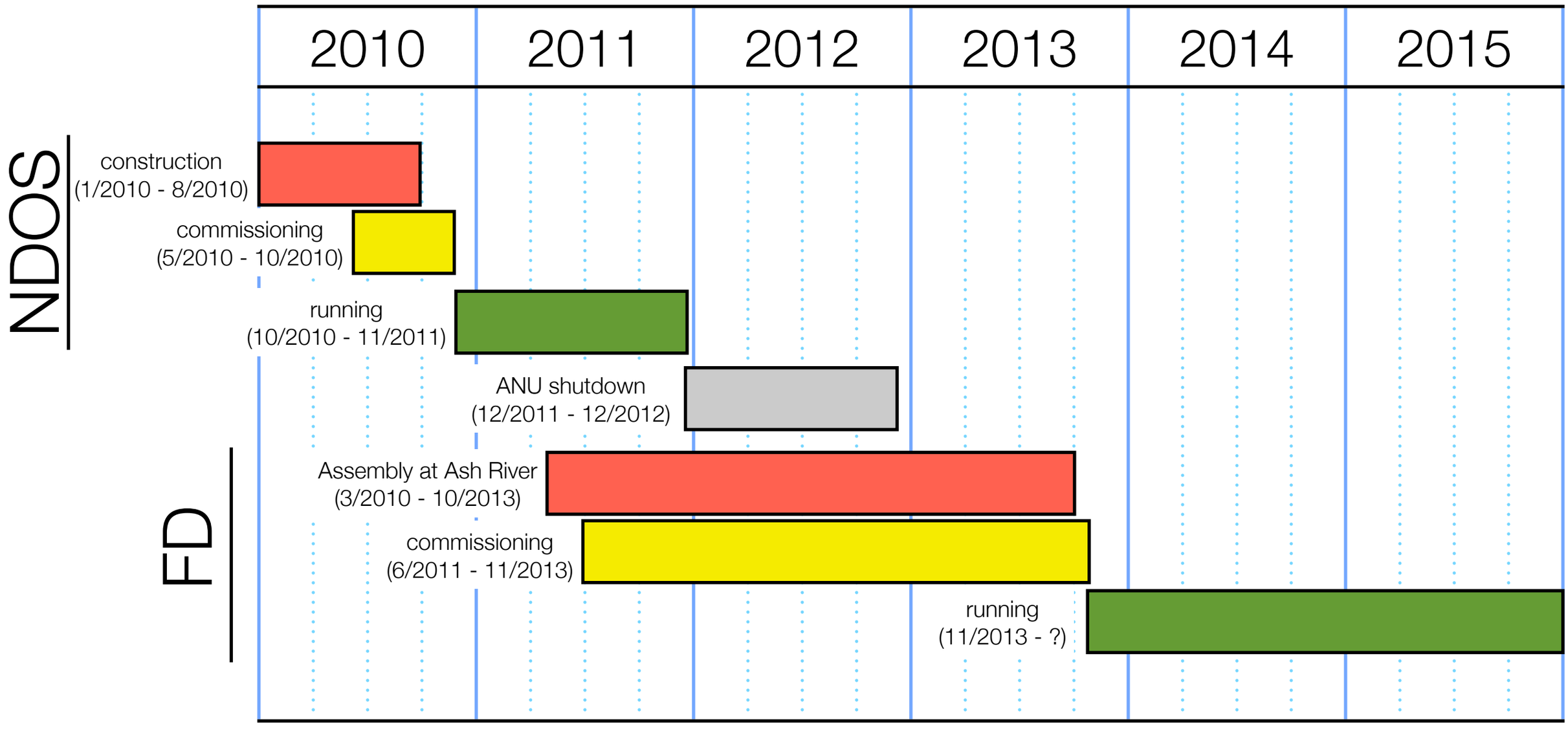

NDOS = near detector on the surface

FD = far detector at Ash River

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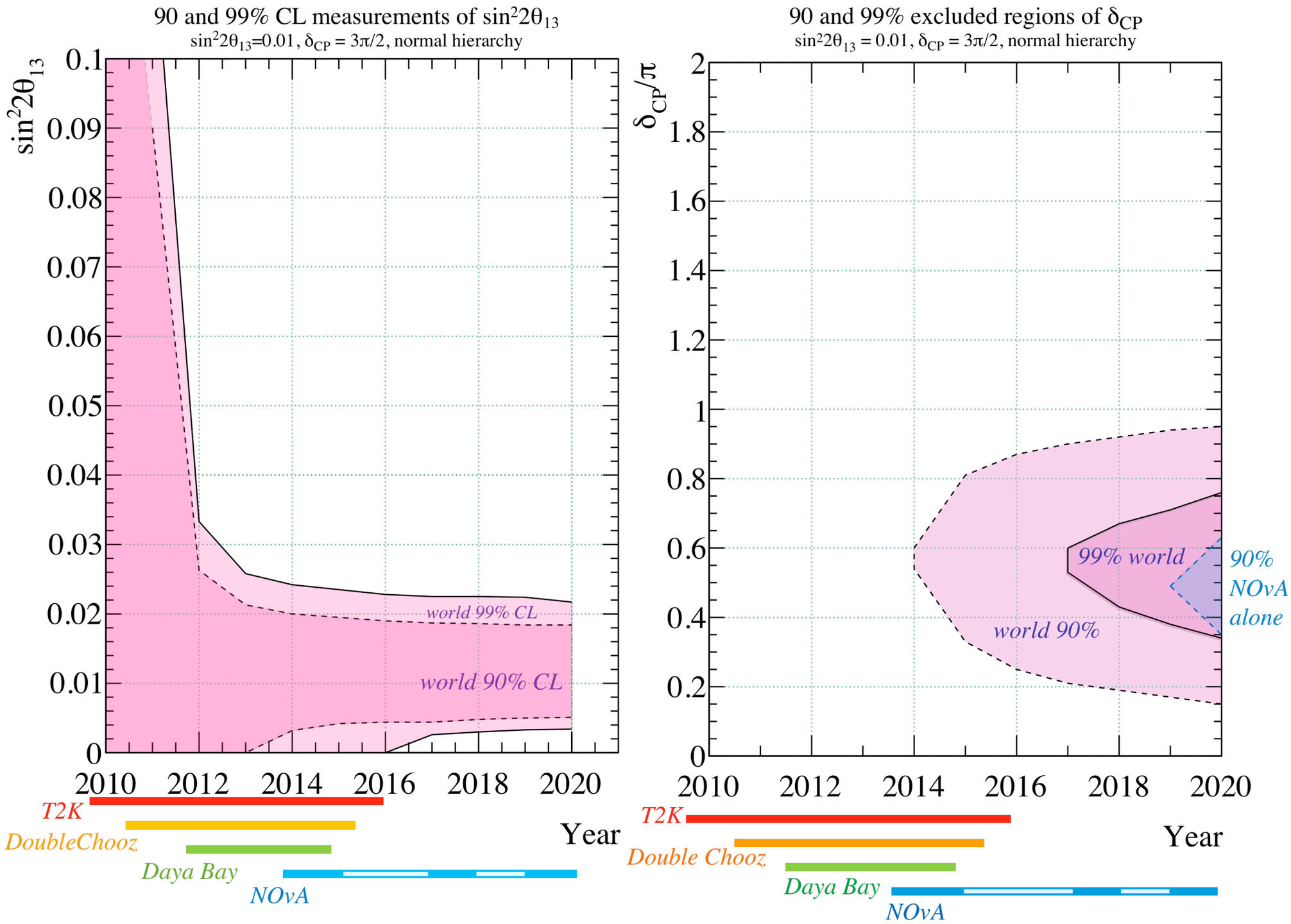

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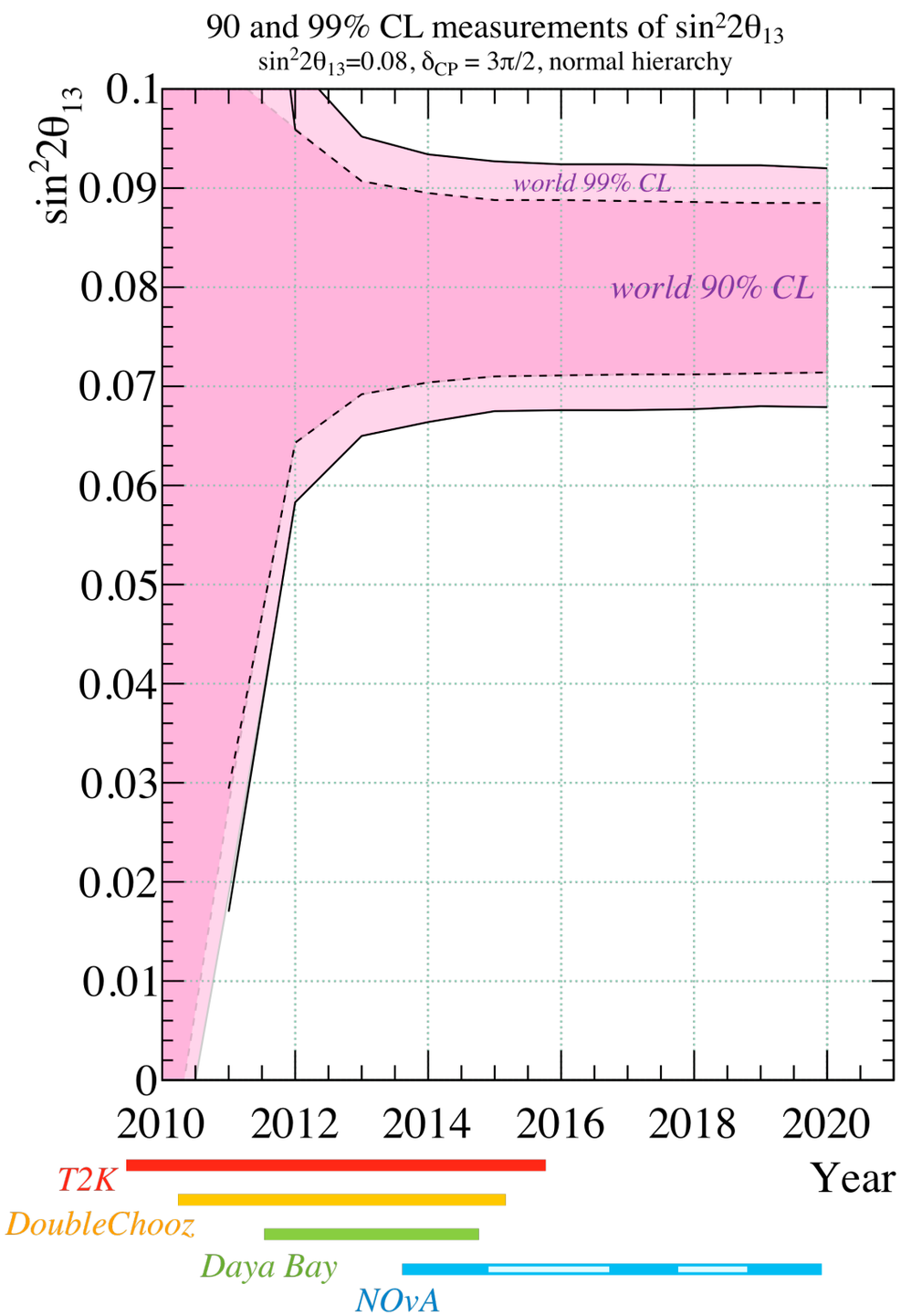

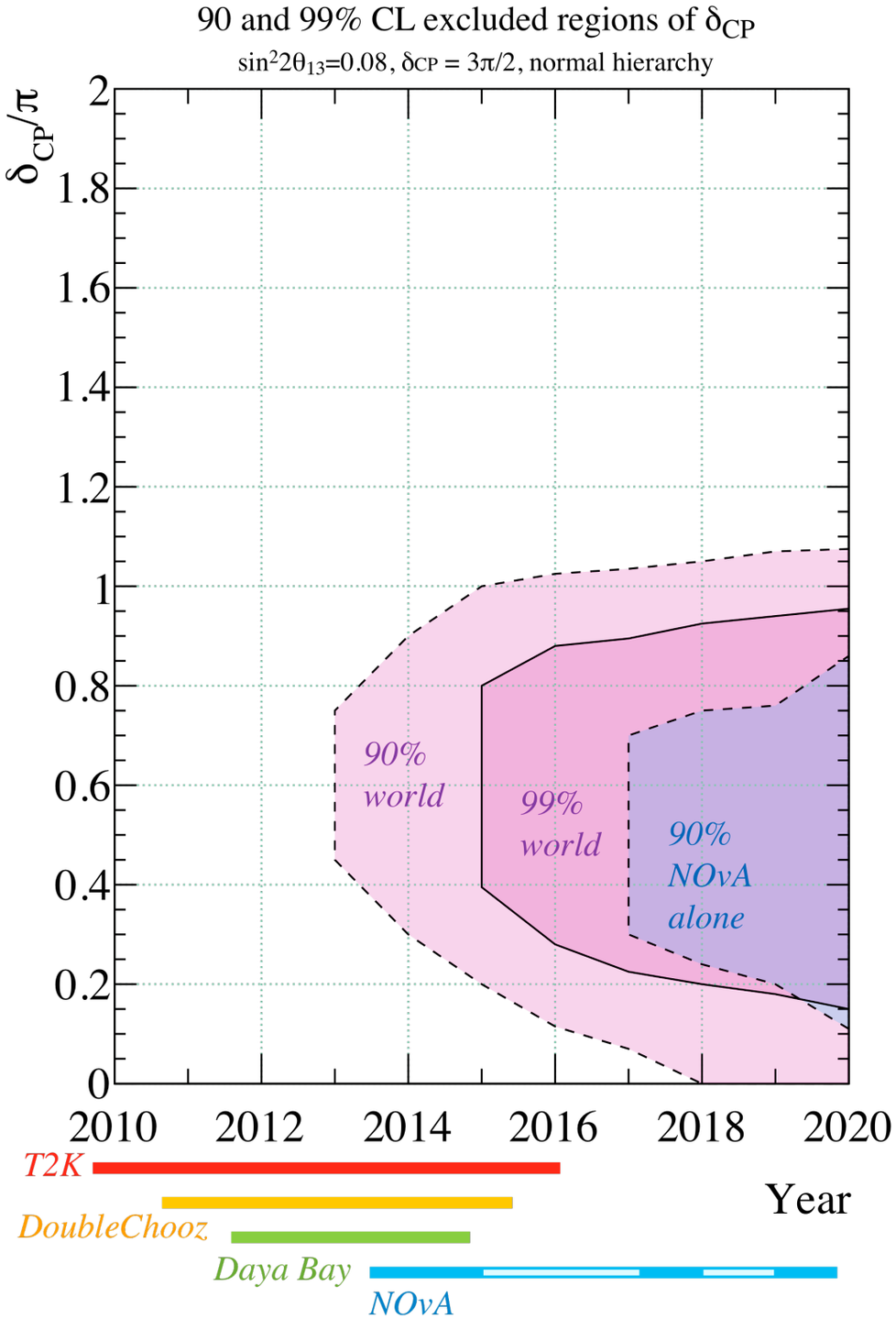

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