

Mass hierarchy^(and CP_ν) with accelerator experiments

LBNE, NO ν A, NO ν A+, T2K, MINOS+(+), GLADE, CHIPS

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Long-baseline approach to mass ordering

One-slide review of technique

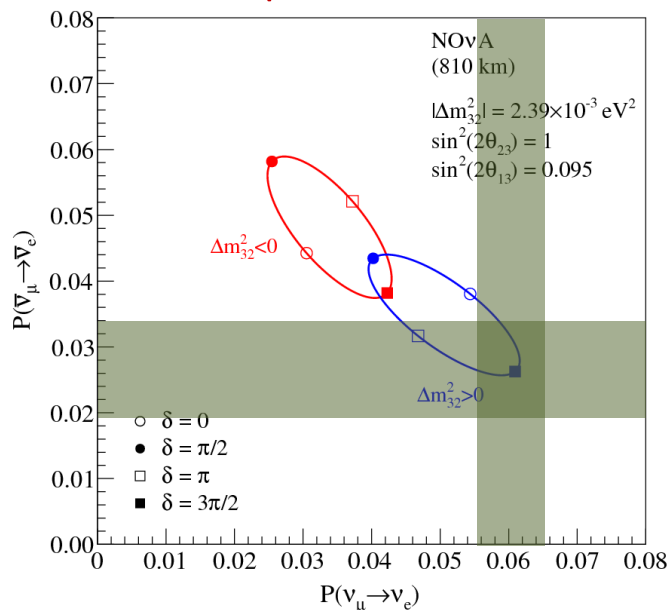
- All experiments in this talk are measuring:

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, E) \quad \text{and} \quad P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e, E)$$

- Matter effects modify these probabilities by a calculable, baseline-dependent, hierarchy-dependent amount

- CP violation can also modify these probabilities

\Rightarrow Both a “bug” (complicates hierarchy measurement) and a “feature” (allows CP measurement)

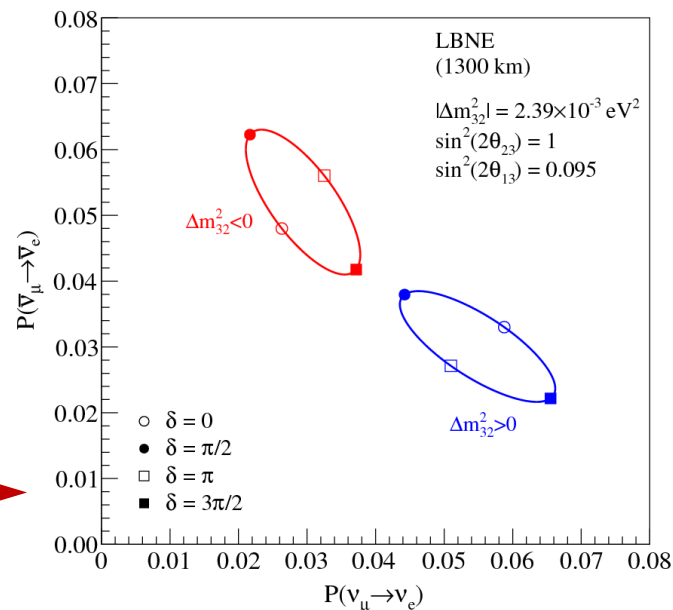


$$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \text{ vs. } P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

shown at a particular L/E
 for
 both choices of $\text{sign}(\Delta m^2)$
 and for full range of δ_{CP}

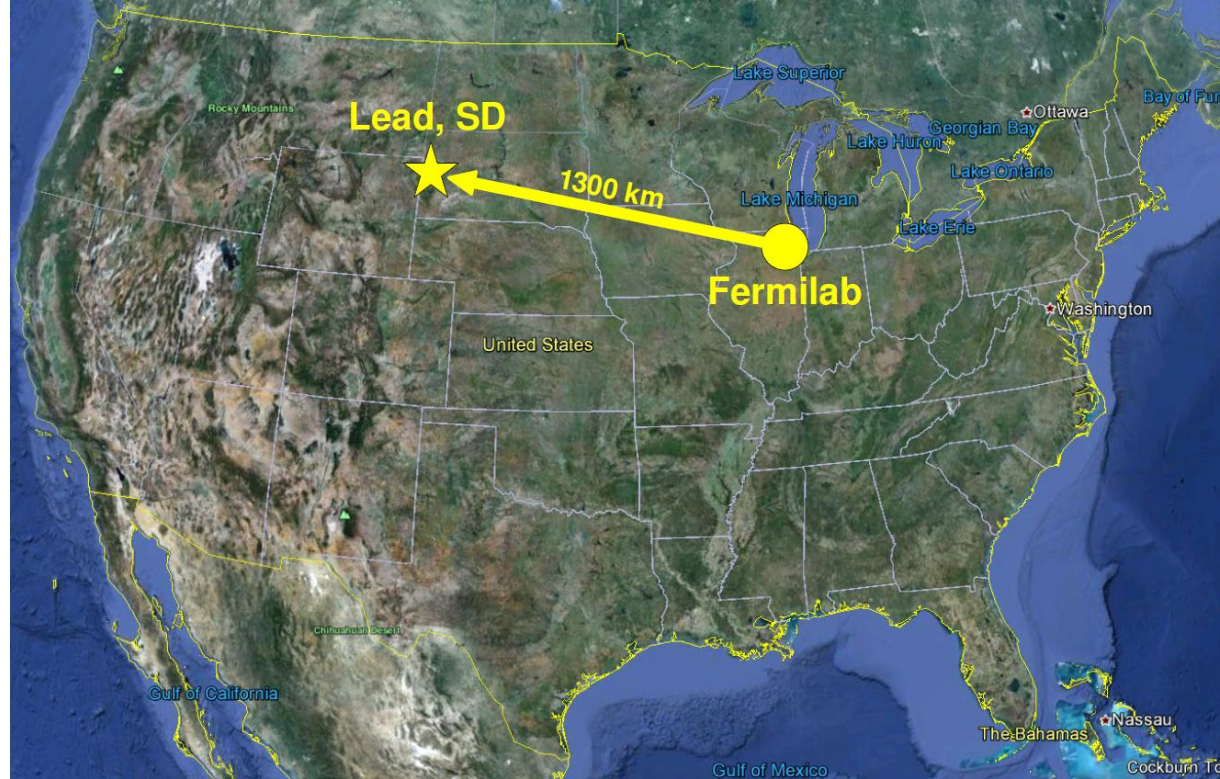
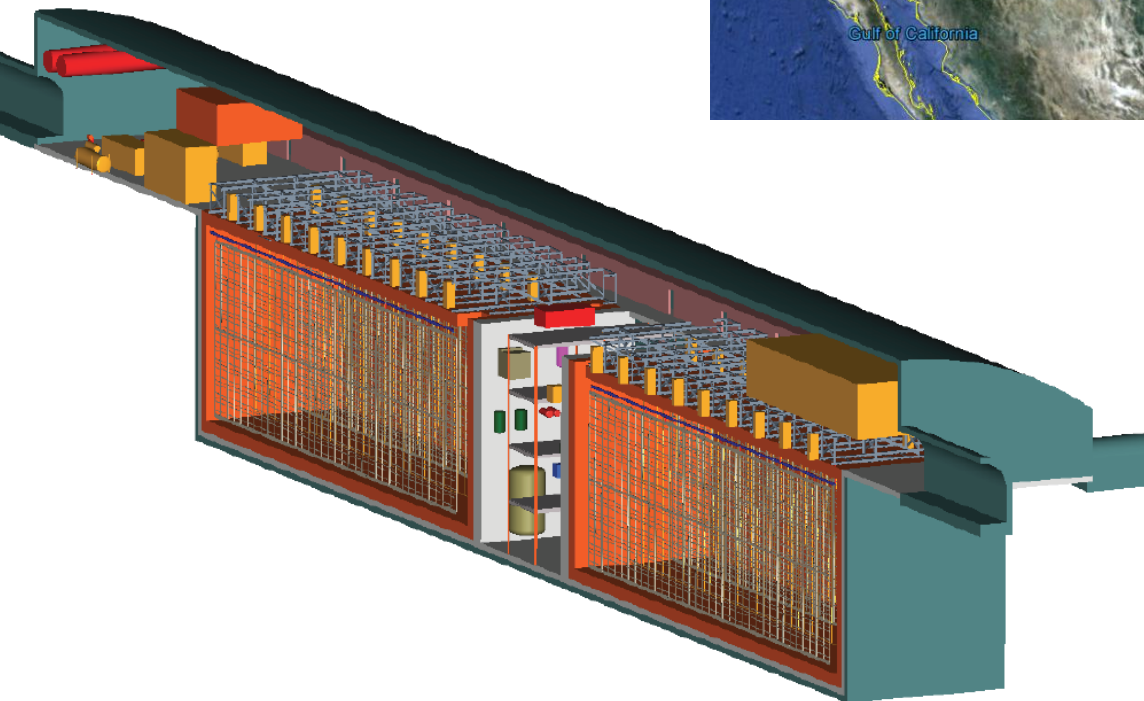
$\leftarrow 810 \text{ km}$

$\rightarrow 1300 \text{ km}$



LBNE

- 1300 km baseline
Matter effects too large to be confused by CPv, regardless of δ
- New ν beam from FNAL
- LAr TPC detector



- Full program: 34 kton
Price tag: ~\$1.5B
- At odds with current budget scenarios
- Program reconfigured into "phases"
- *Phase I: 10 kton @ Homestake*

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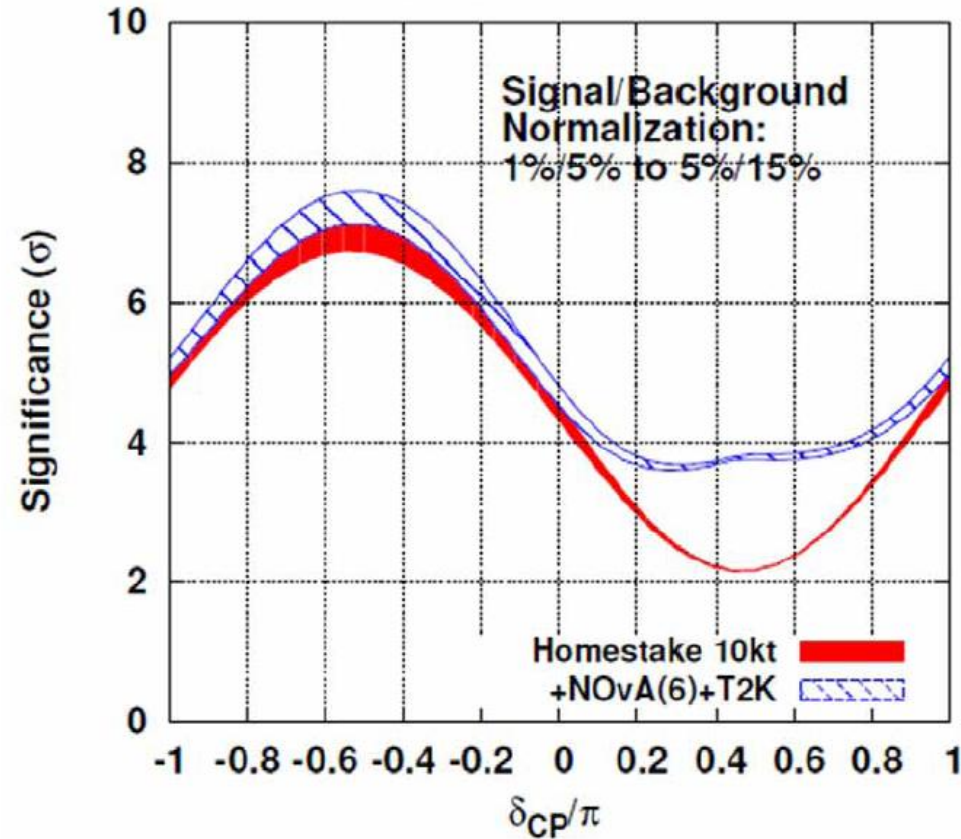
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Mass Hierarchy Significance vs δ_{CP}
Normal Hierarchy



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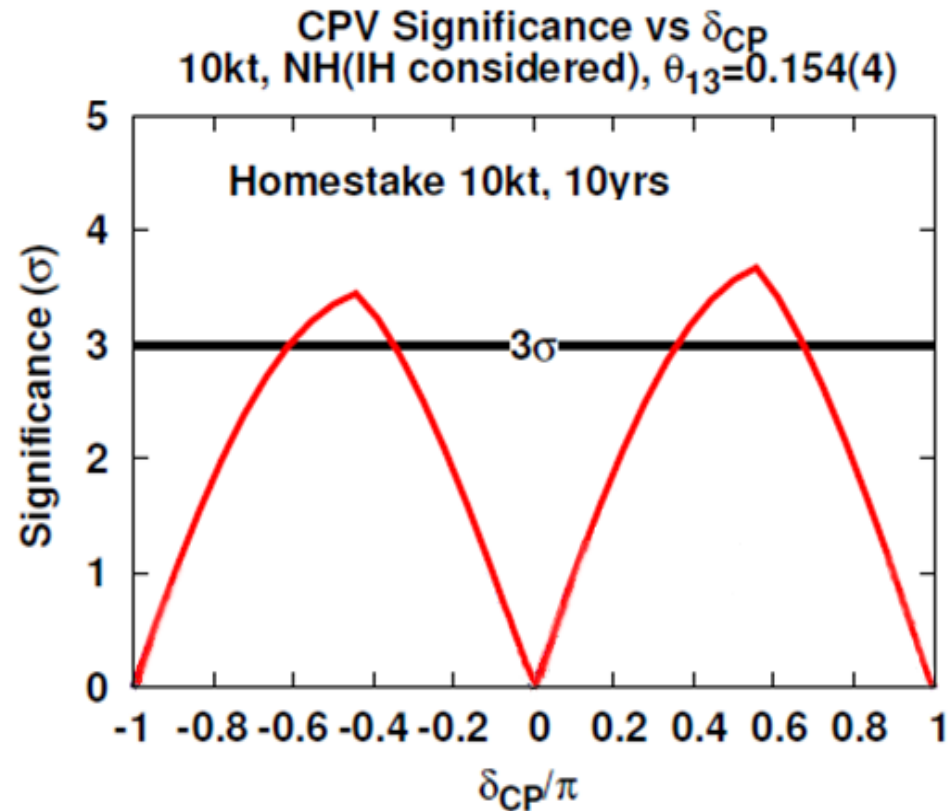
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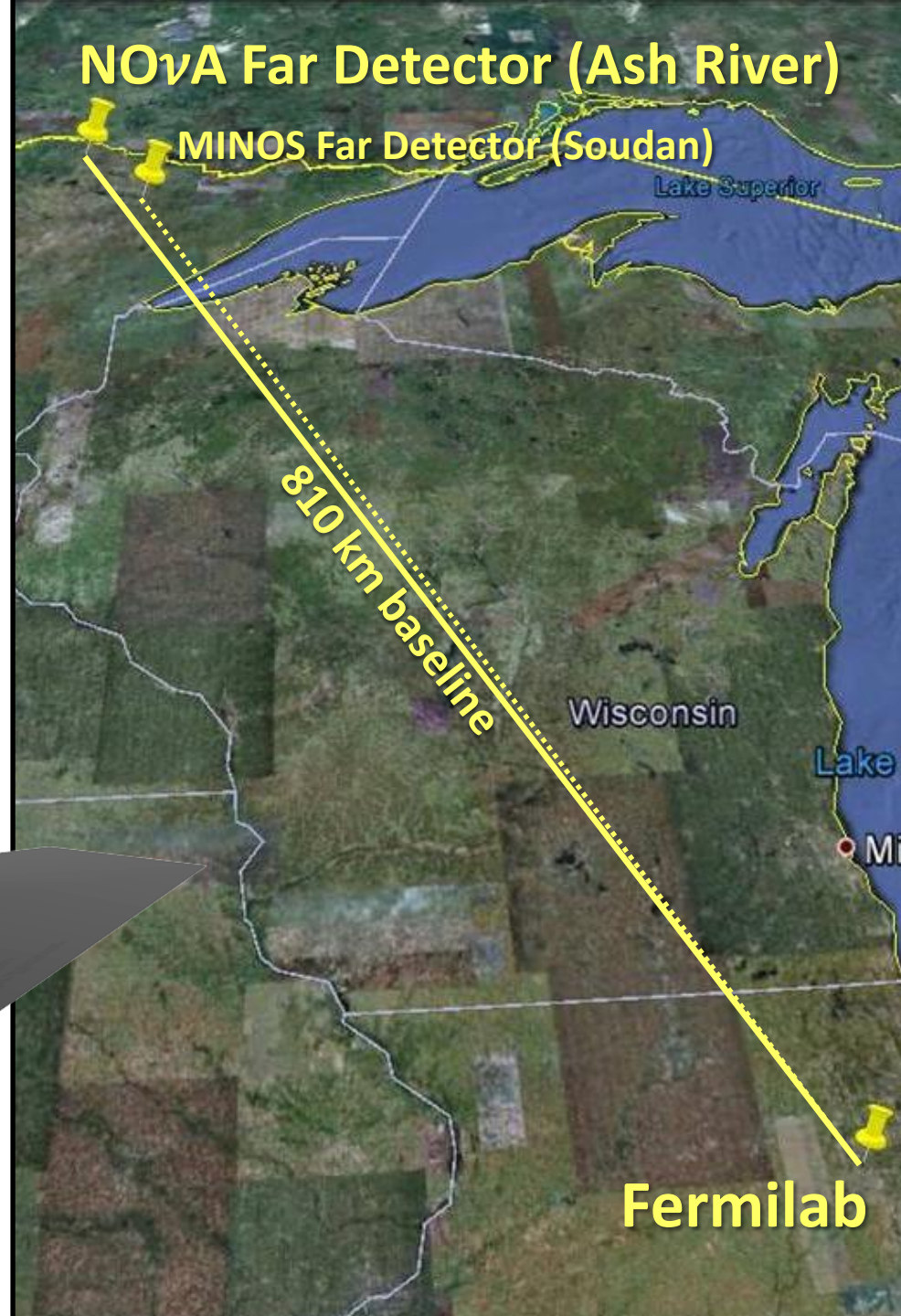
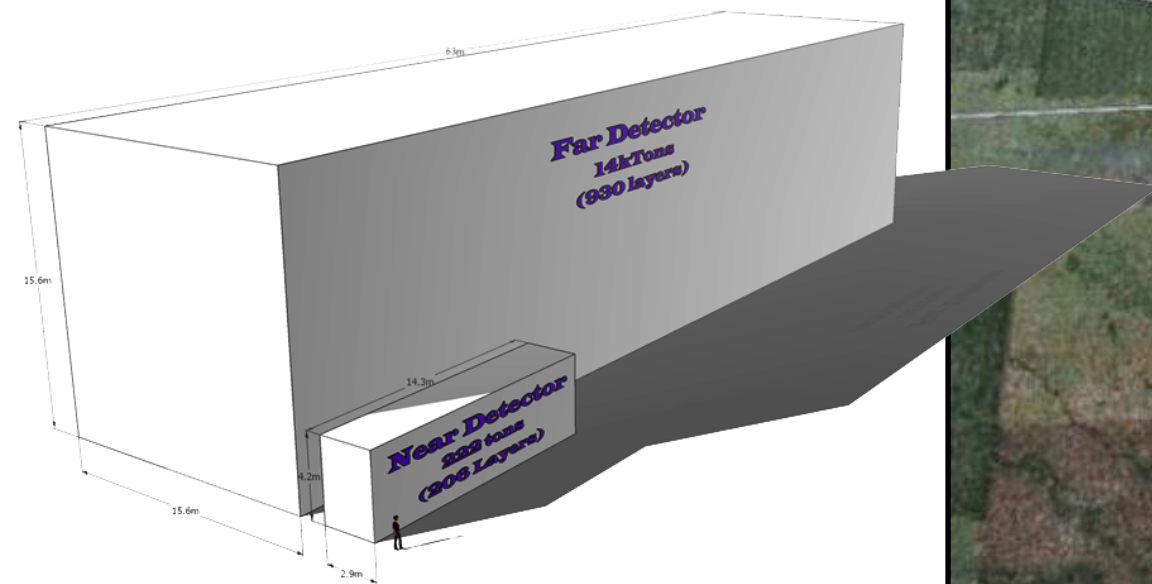


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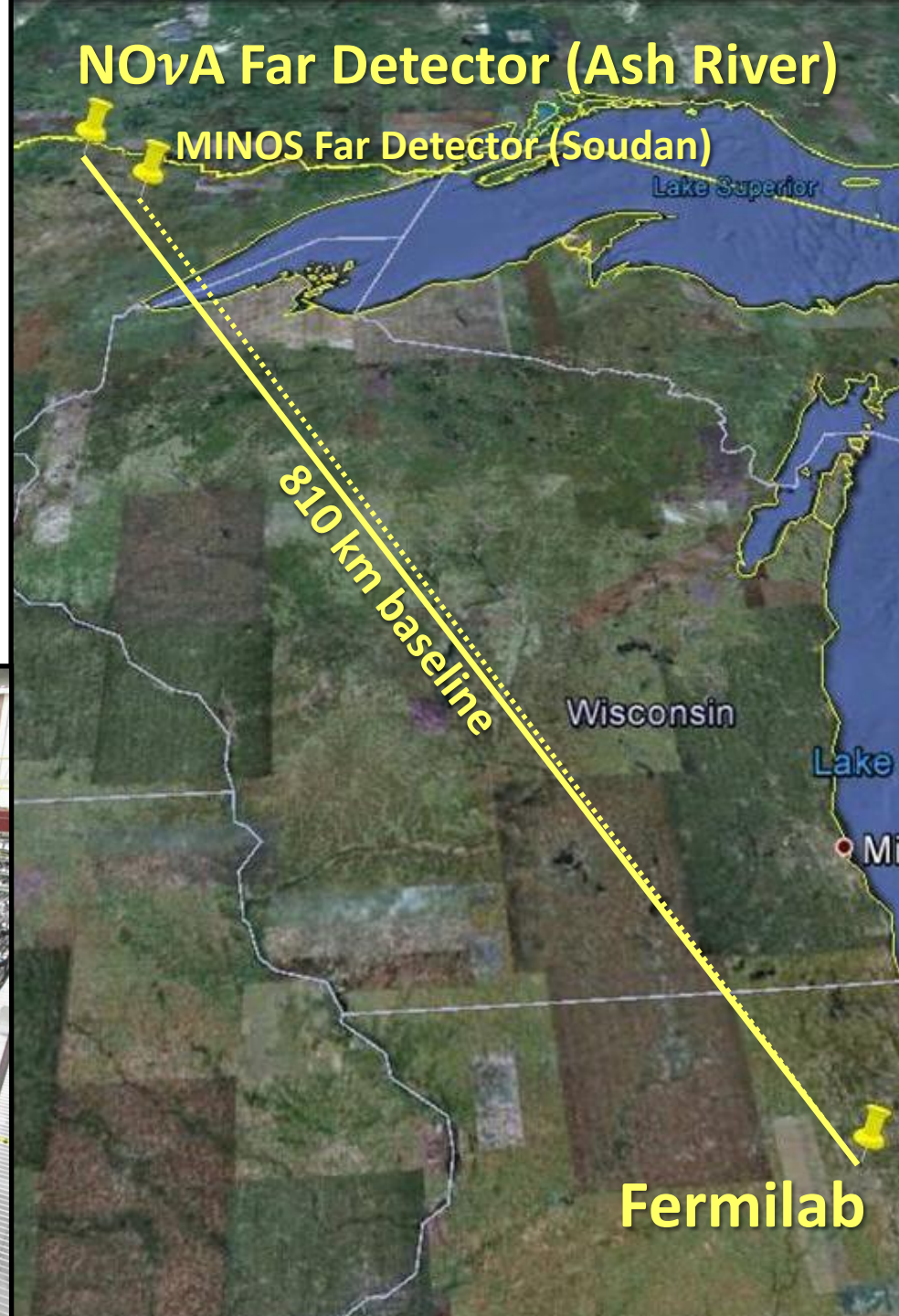
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The top of the first 10% of the detector



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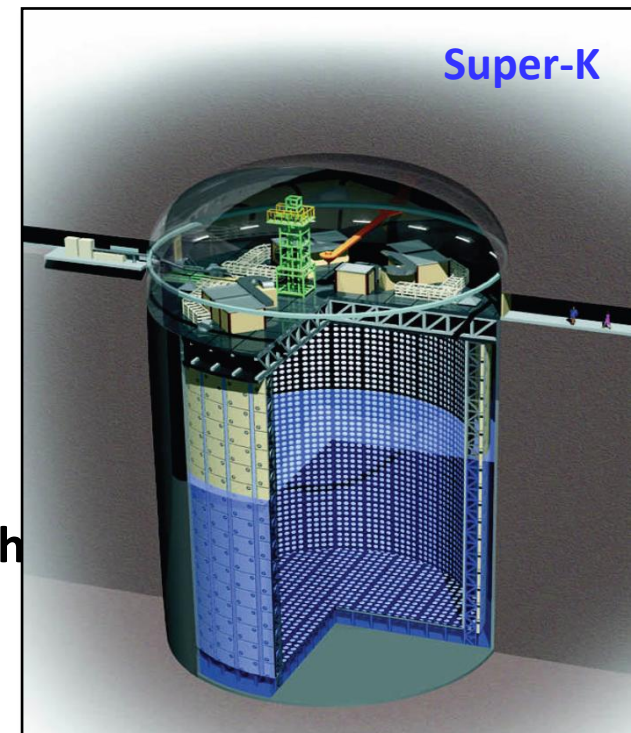
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T2K: 295 km baseline \Rightarrow minimal matter effect, so it helps disambiguate the “other” half of δ range. Not much impact on favorable half of δ range.

Can surpass 90% C.L. in degenerate region, but not much more without more T2K stats!



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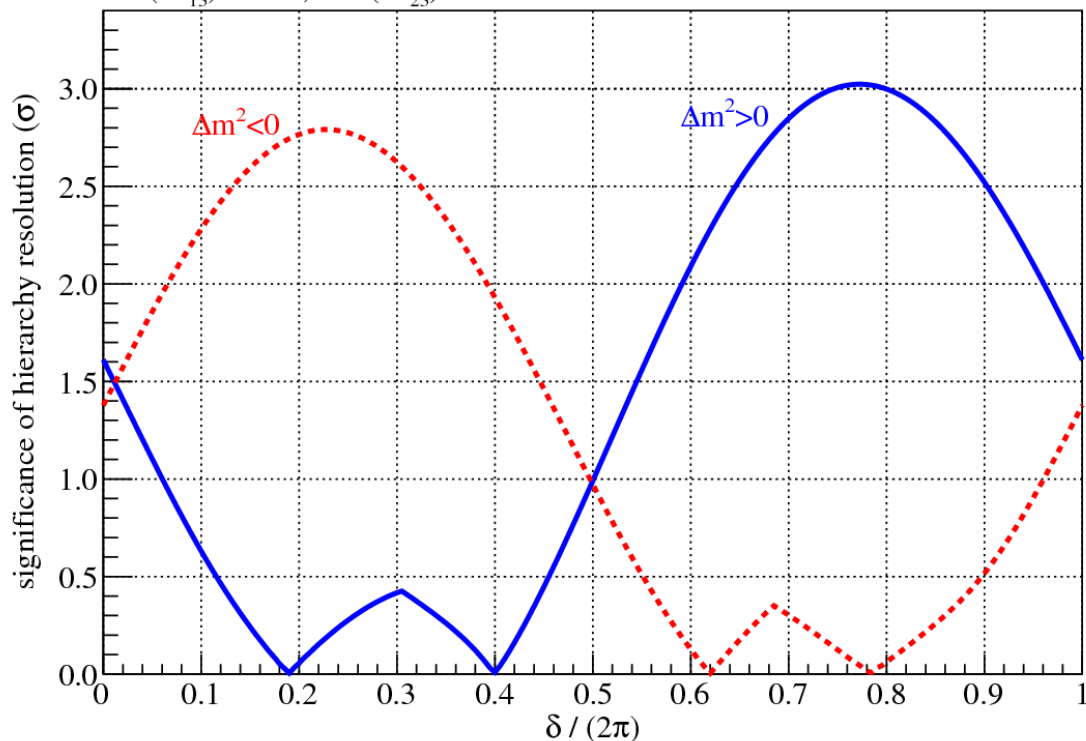
NOvA, 6 yr

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NOvA hierarchy resolution, 3+3 yr ($\nu + \bar{\nu}$)

$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.095$, $\sin^2(2\theta_{23})=1.00$



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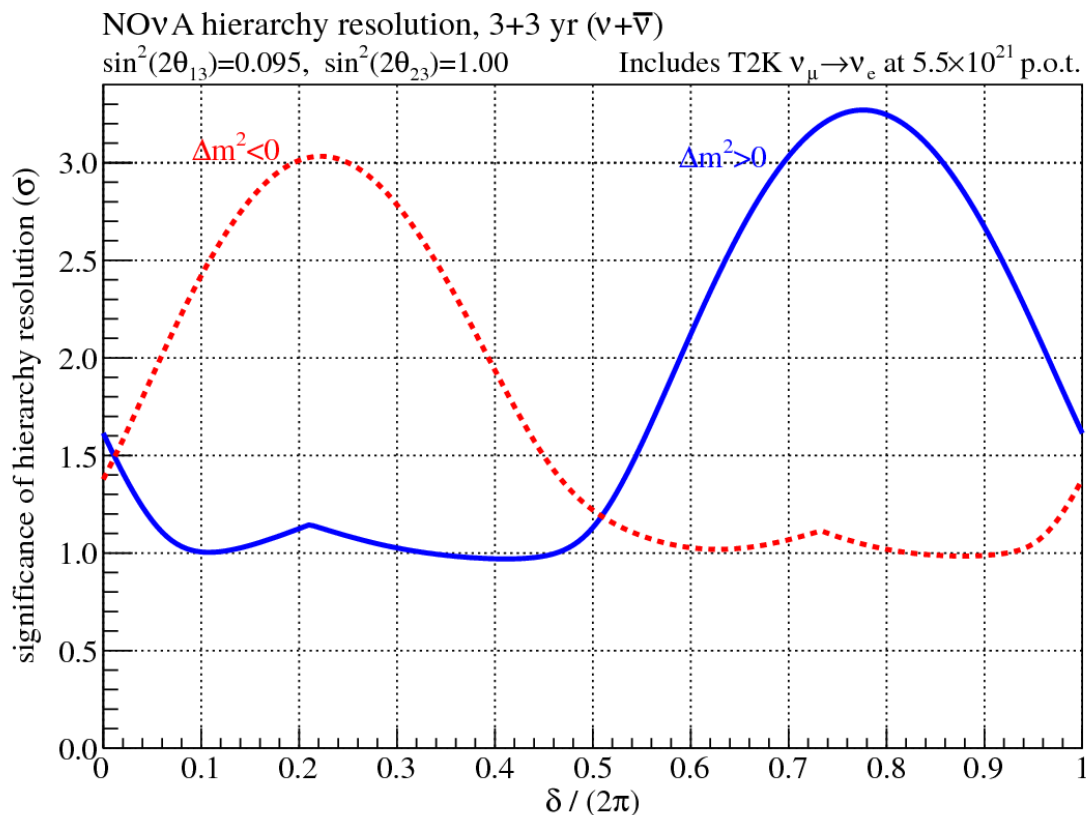
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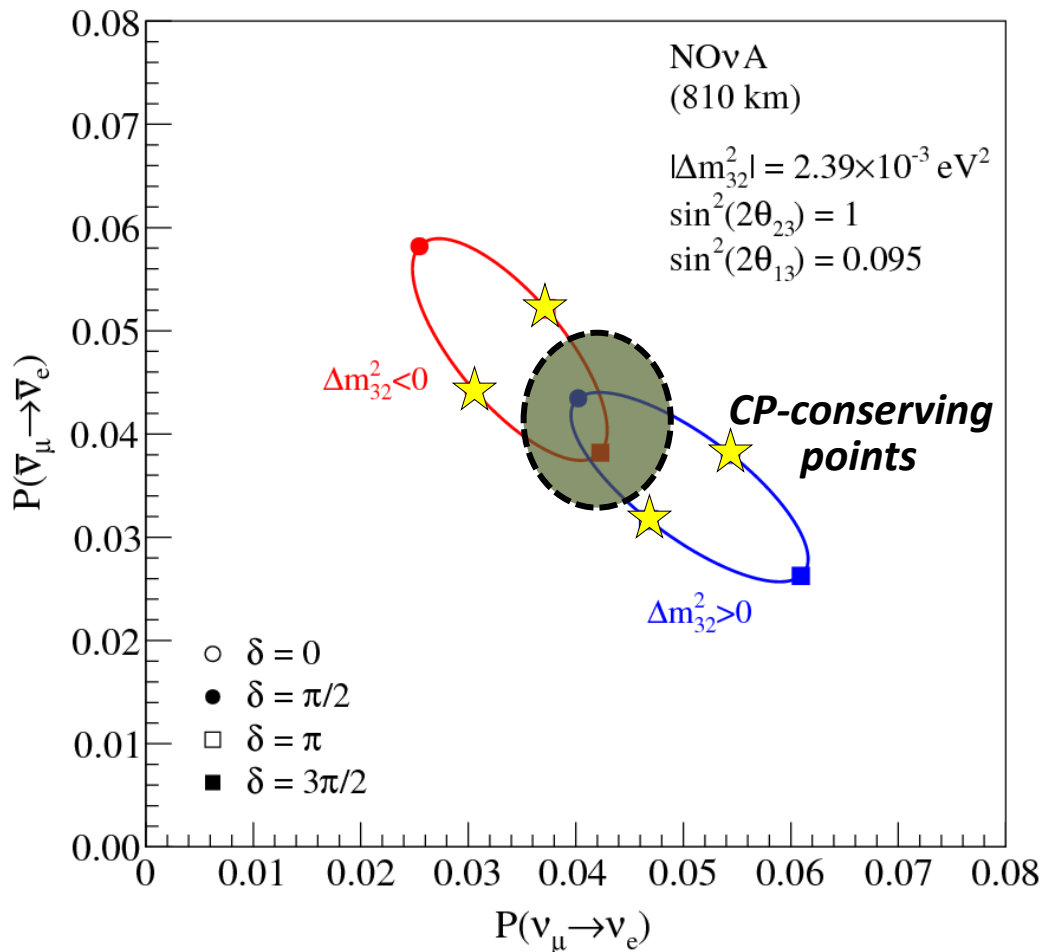
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For example at left...

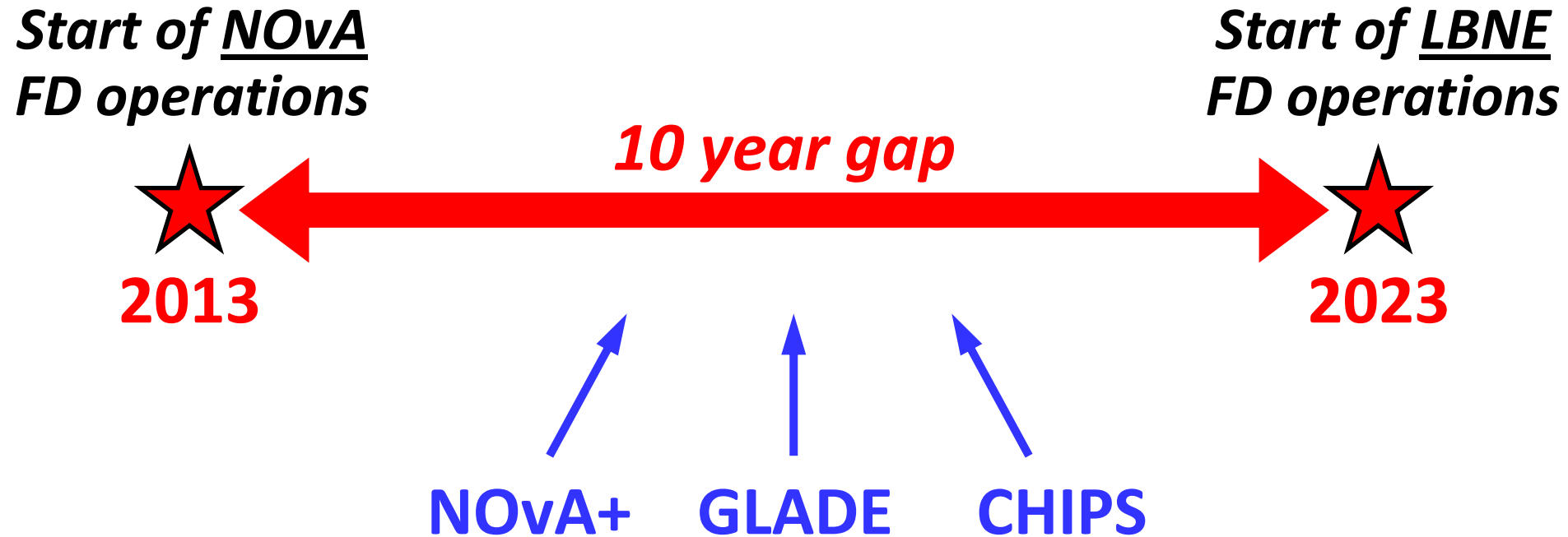
*MH is ambiguous, but
CPv discovery doesn't care*

*CPv is just a stats game at
long or very long baselines*

Side note: observation of CPv
could leave a bi-modal allowed
region for the actual value of δ .

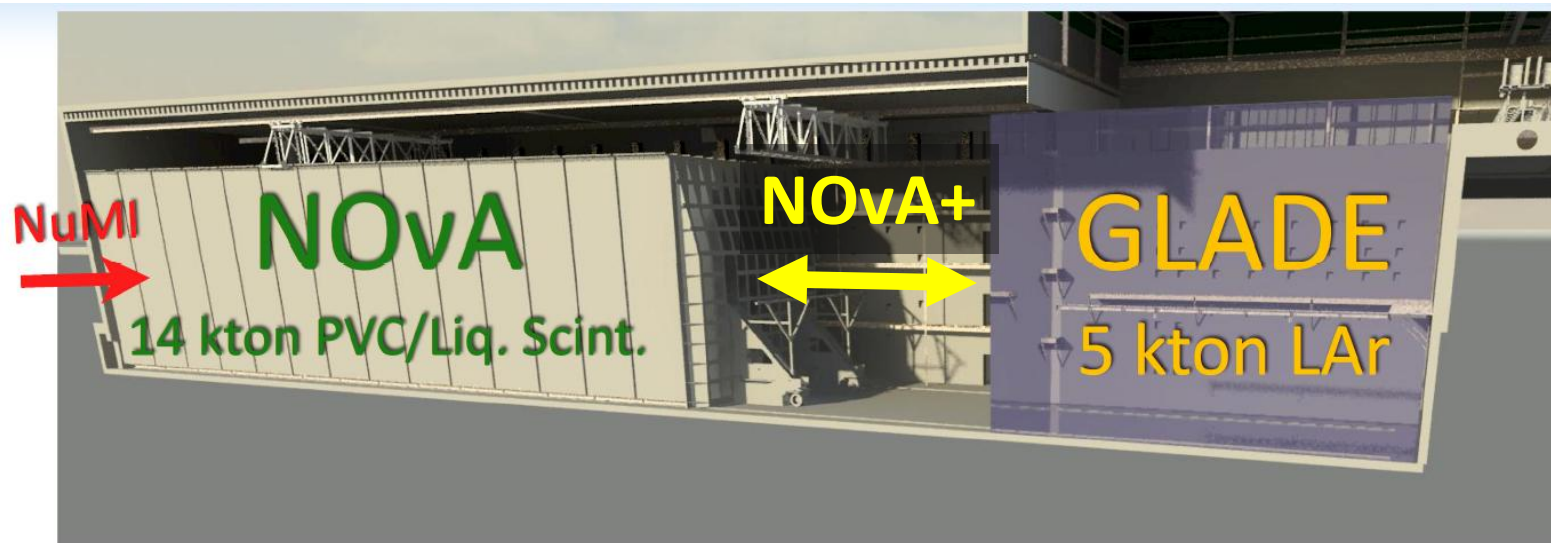
*Deal with that later (LBNE). CPv
observation is a goal on its own.*

Utilizing NuMI



- Aim for CPv while increasing MH reach (+ more stuff out of this talk's scope)
- Costs are low (see next pages) relative to LBNE
 - ⇒ *Needn't burden existing LBL planning!*
- $d(\text{physics})/d\$$ attractive

NOvA+ and GLADE



NOvA+:

+4 kton mass and 10 yr run (instead of 6 yr)
Cheap! \$6M/kton if production lines are not stopped
(else, upper bound of \$9M/kton)
⇒ **Cost: \$30M** (+ operations)

GLADE:

Use free **NOvA** assembly space
18m x 18m x 24m maximum volume
Can house detector prototypes for LBNE and LBNO
(the “G” stands for “Global”)
⇒ **Cost: \$150M** (+ operations)

NOvA+ and GLADE

NOvA, 6 yr

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CPv coverage:

stats limited

+\$30M



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GLADE, 6 yr

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$>3\sigma$ for 40% of δ range

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$>2\sigma$ for 45% of δ range



*here, includes NOvA+,
but doesn't have to*

*(Sensitivity calc. rule-of-thumb:
5 kton GLADE is about equal
in statistical power to 14 kton NOvA)*

CHIPS

- 100-kton water Cherenkov
⇒ *with prospects for staging*
- NuMI off-axis
- Use defunct mining pit →
(*would need filtration*)
- Benefiting from prior WC tech.
and deployment R&D
- Could be operational in <4 yr



Floating platform used for aquaculture
(*Shown here in open water, not in calm mining pit*)



***“Cherenkov
detectors
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- Closer to beam axis, broader spectrum
⇒ δ_{CP} info from shape
- Cost / event ID optimization underway re: PMT layout
(*e.g., reduced coverage on upstream side*)

+\$120M



CHIPS, 6 yr

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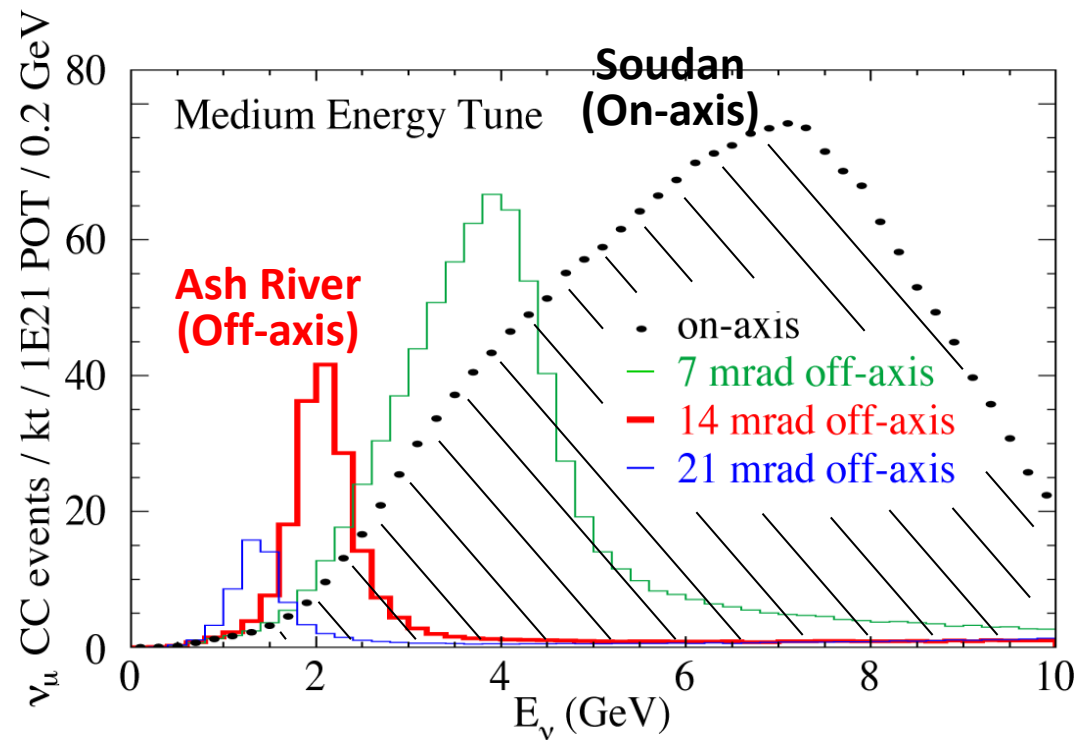
>2 σ for 65% of δ range



includes 10 yr NOvA

MINOS+(+)

- **3000 CC events/yr** at MINOS+
- **High-stats** probe of **3-10 GeV** region at 735 km
 - ⇒ *Precision disappearance, NSI searches, sterile ν , ...*
- **“MINOS++”**
 - ⇒ *Idea to add new layers of scintillator strips*
- Advocates are working on **cost, sensitivity estimates**
- *Of note for this MH session:*
Impact on MH reach likely to be minimal
 - ⇒ *“small” FD mass, NC backgrounds, L/E not ideal (if in medium-E tune)*



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Full physics cases not described in this talk!)

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Relevant: CP violation observation

LBNE	2σ @ 55%	20 years out
Utilizing NuMI	2σ @ 45-65%	10 years out



Note: Two different experimental niches here

⇒ 2× in time scale, 10× in cost (programmatically compatible!)

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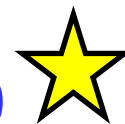
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**See Kathy Turner's talk:
An emphasis that continual physics output
is essential to competing with other fields.**

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Extras

LBNE

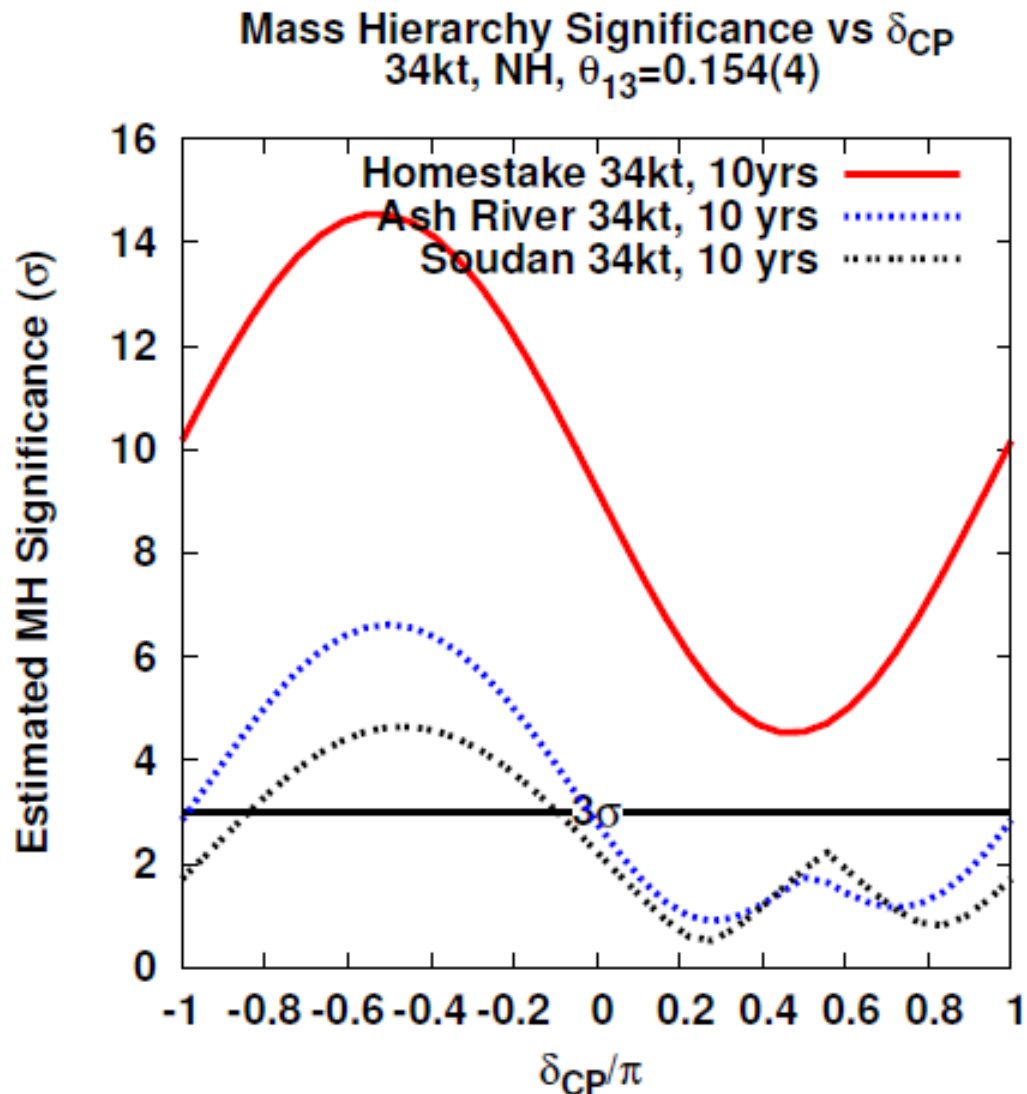
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LBNE 34 kton, 10 yr

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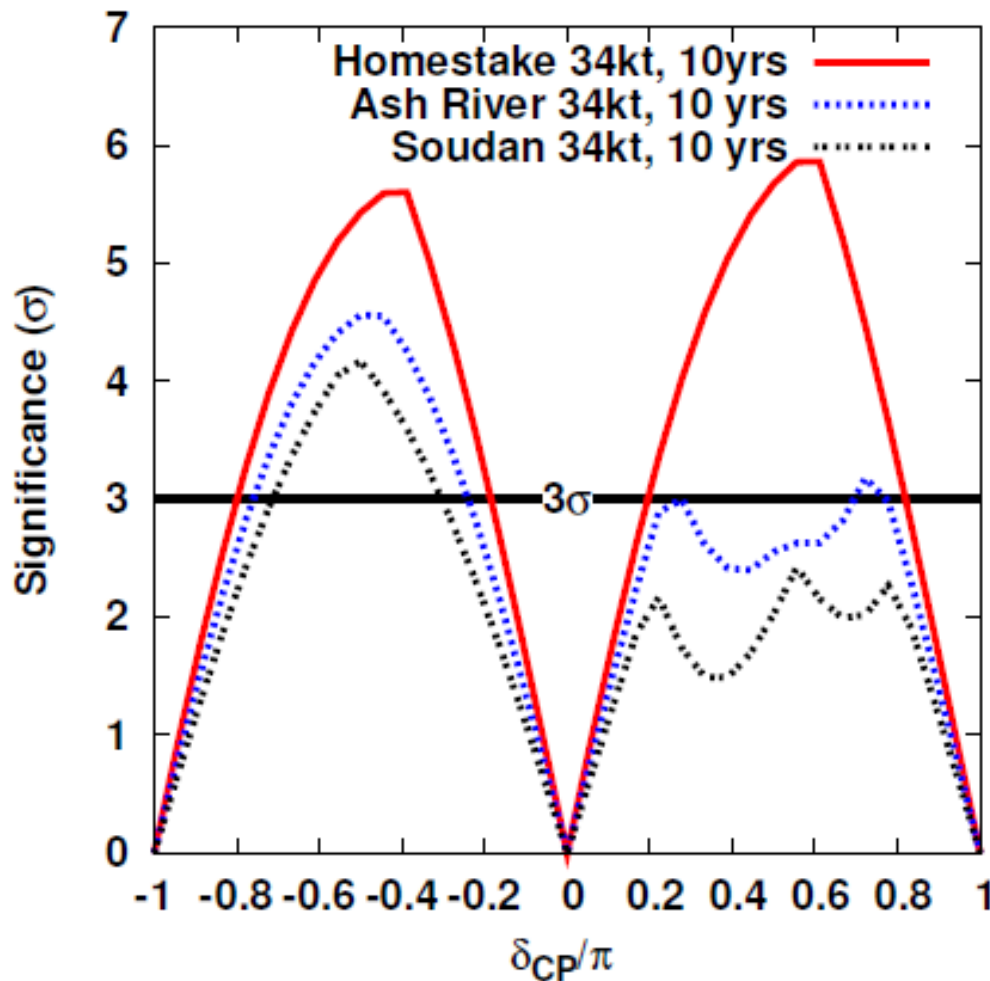
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A definitive experiment. Price tag: ~\$1.5B.

(also buys you other LBL ν measurements, atmospheric ν , proton decay, SN ν , ...)

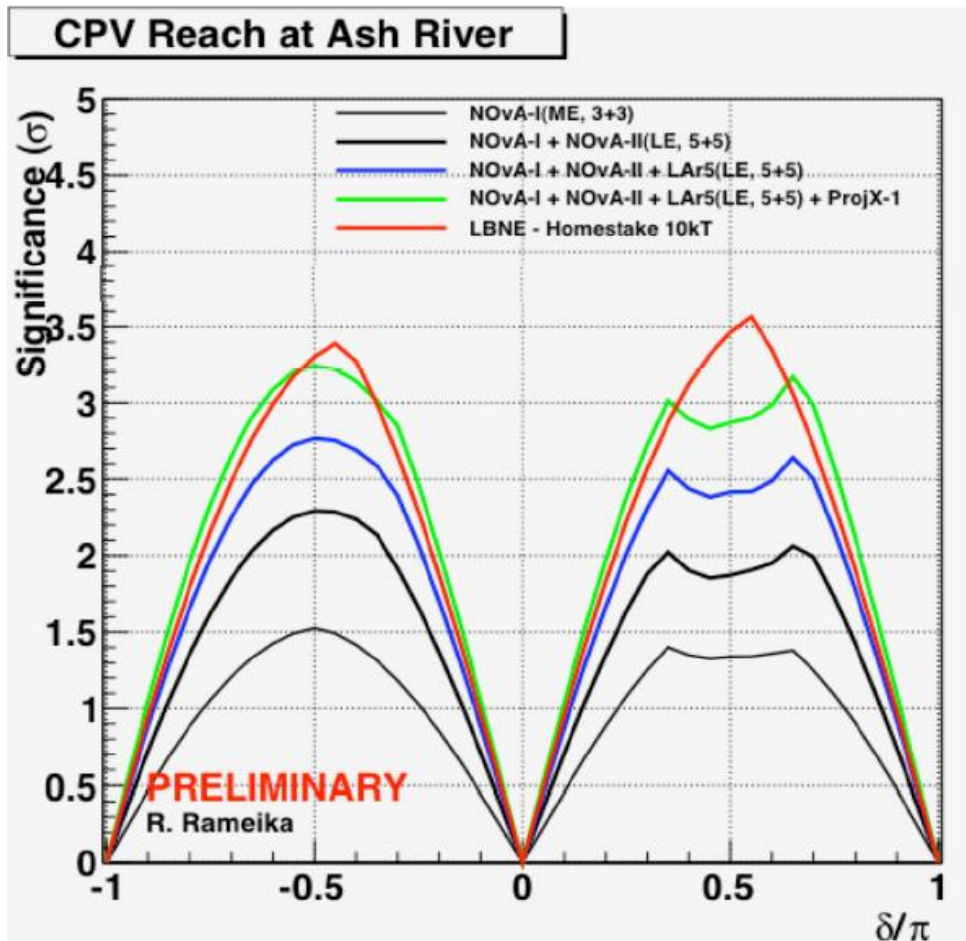
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CPV Significance vs δ_{CP}
34kt, NH(IH considered), $\theta_{13}=0.154(4)$



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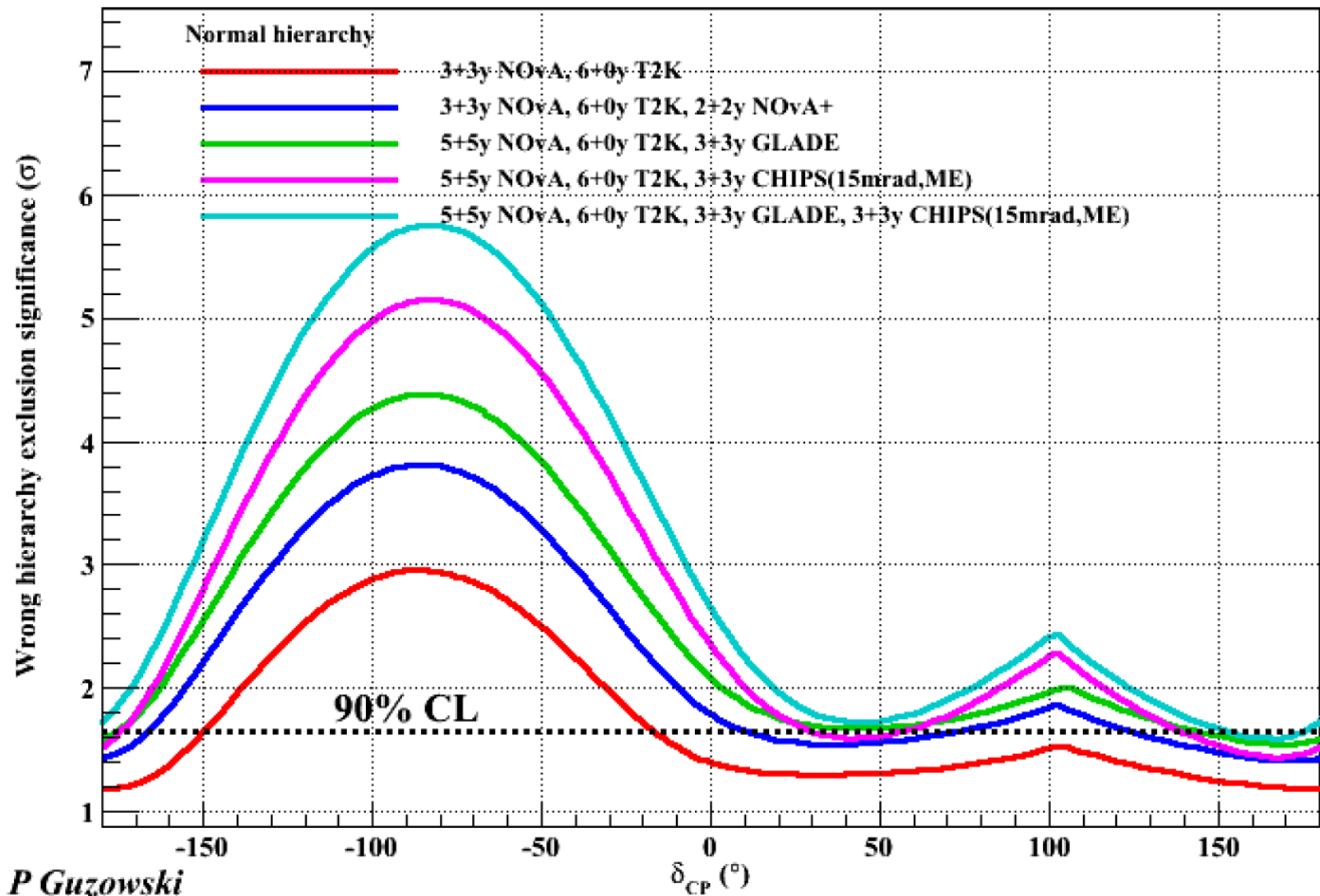
Colors of note here:

10 kton LBNE

Ash River w/ similar stats

A GLoBES combination of NuMI prospects

(P. Guzowski)



Numbers for NOvA (1 on horiz axis), NOvA+ (2), [NOvA+]+GLADE (4)
(R. Patterson; see NOvA+ whitepaper for more detail)

