

Latest Atmospheric Neutrino Oscillation Results from Super-Kamiokande

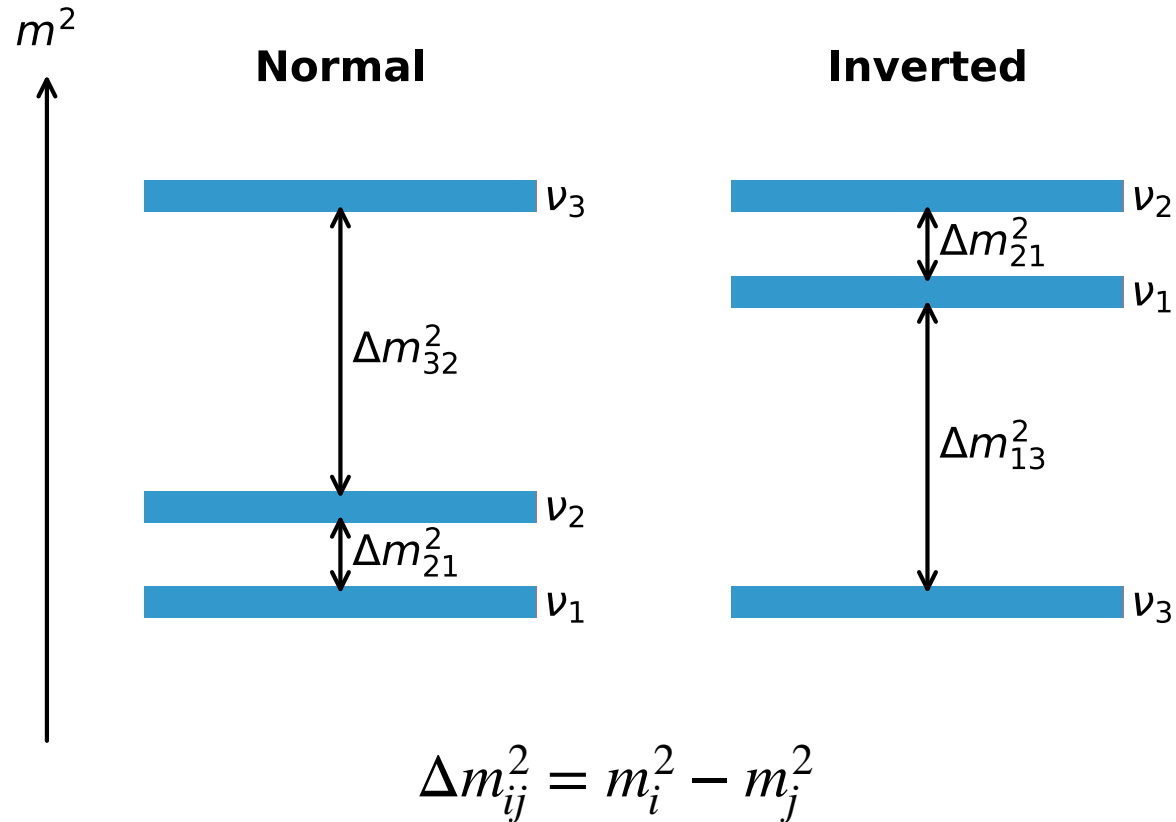
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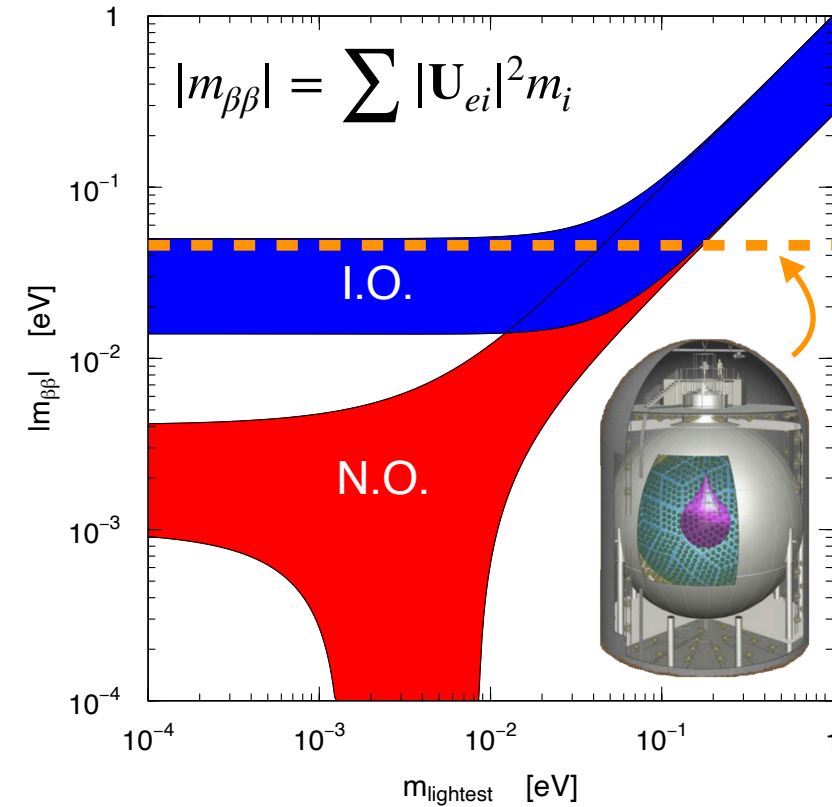
Neutrino Mass Ordering

Two heavy & one light neutrino or the other way around?



Mass Ordering Connections

Neutrino-less Double beta decay

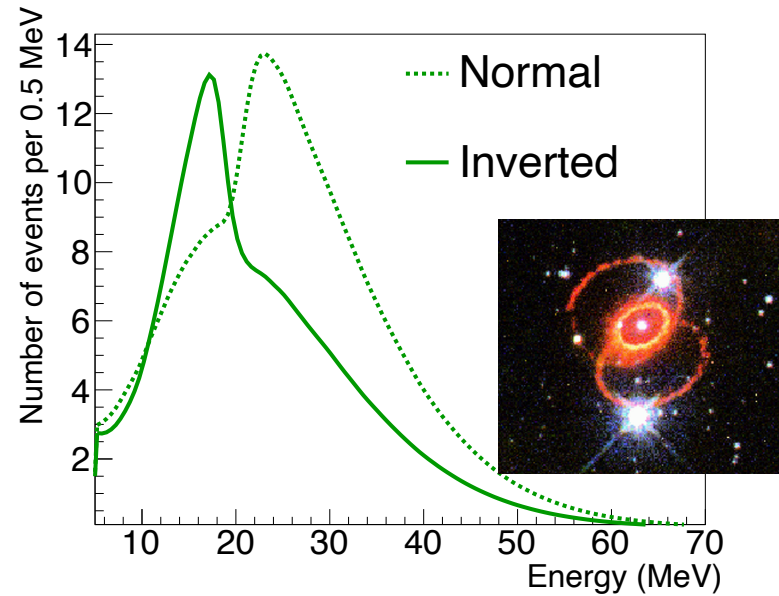
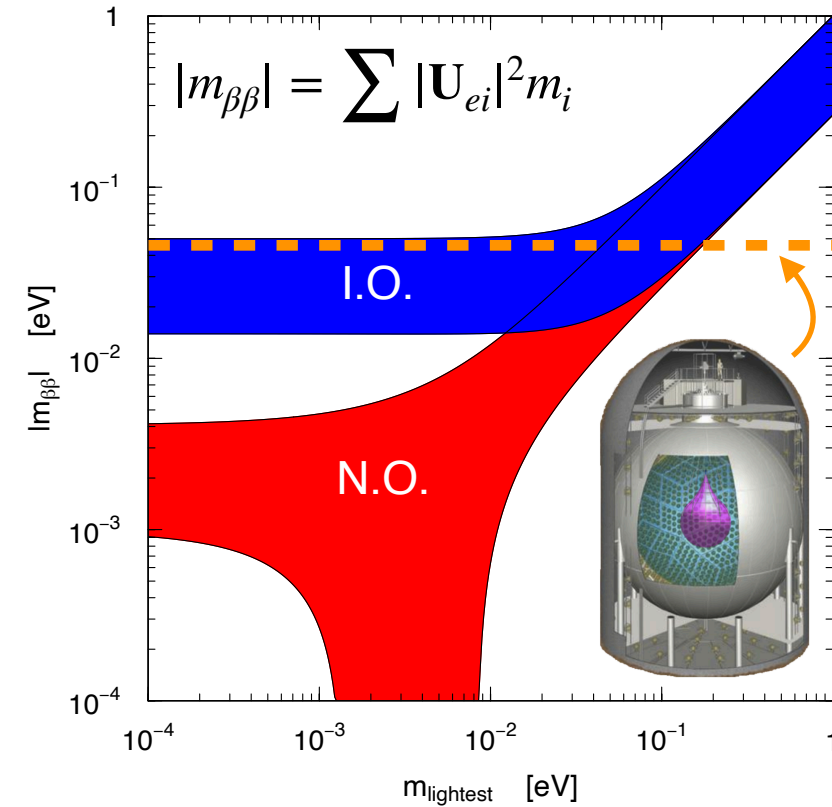


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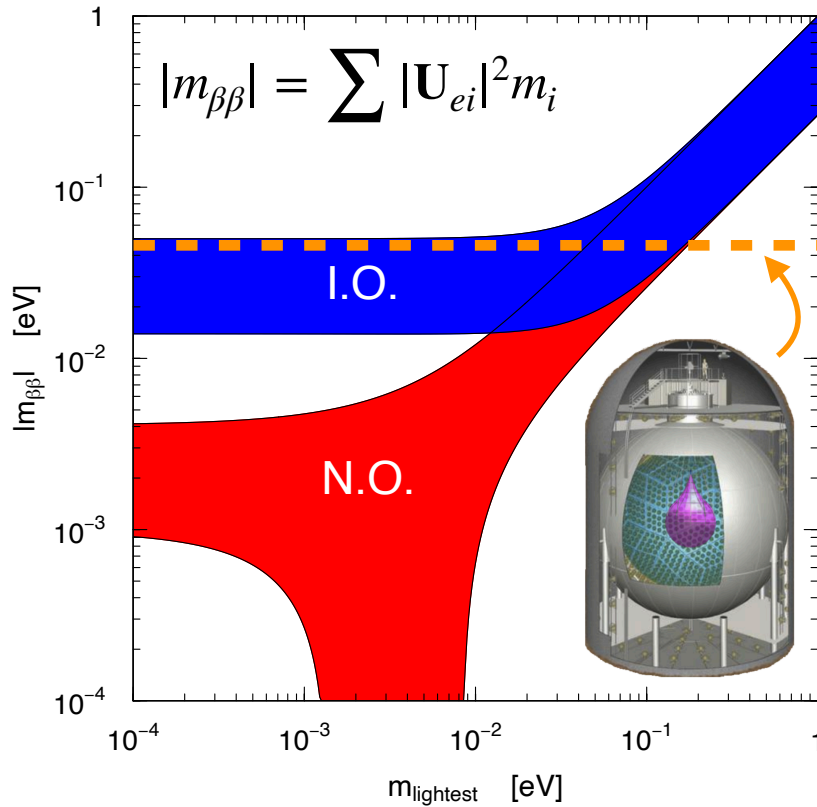


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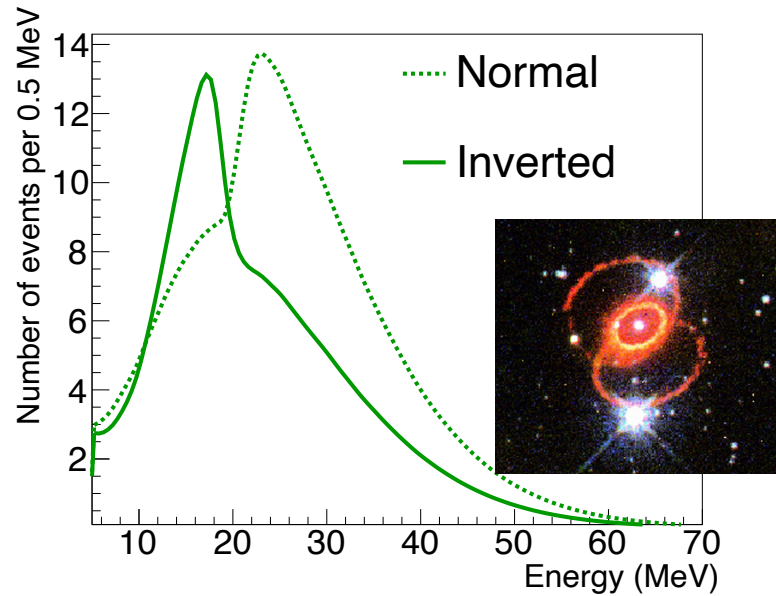
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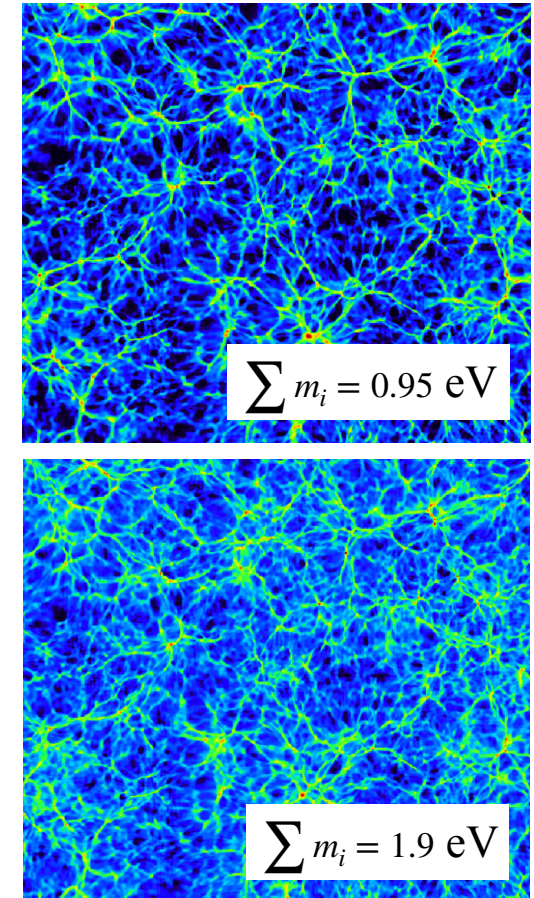
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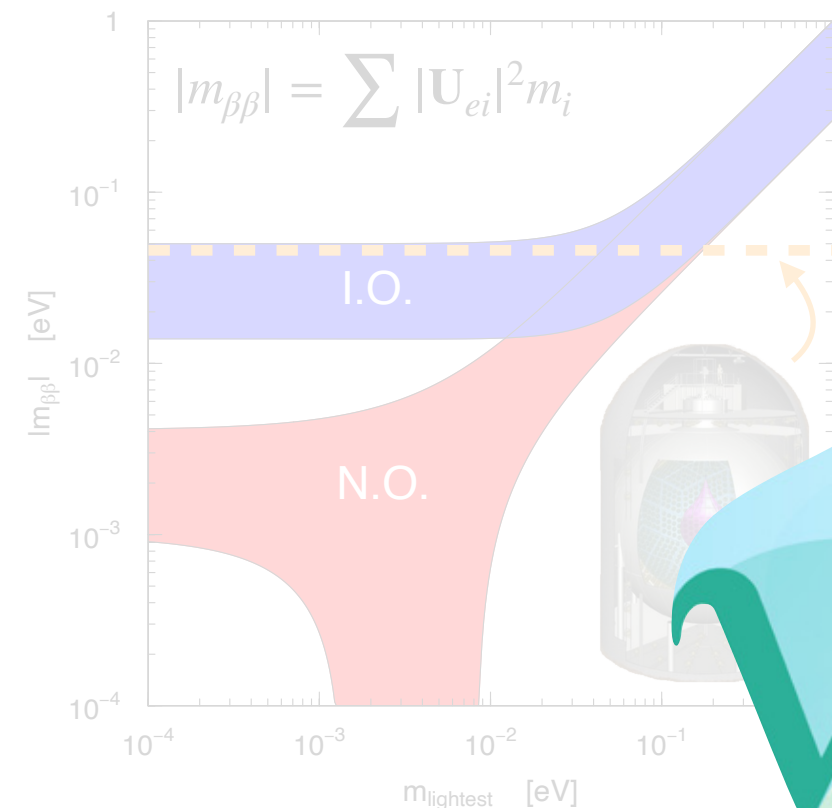
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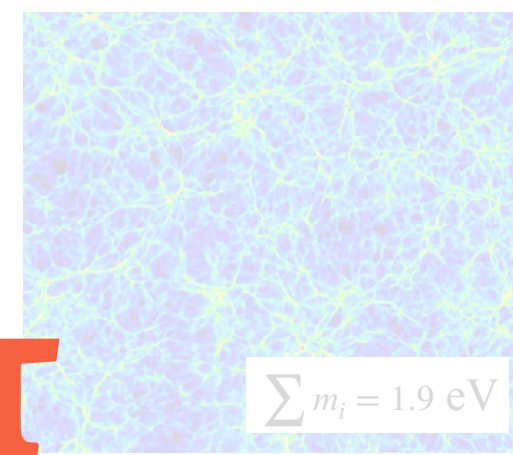
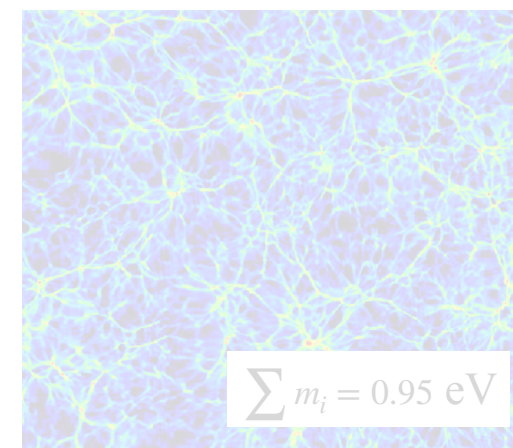
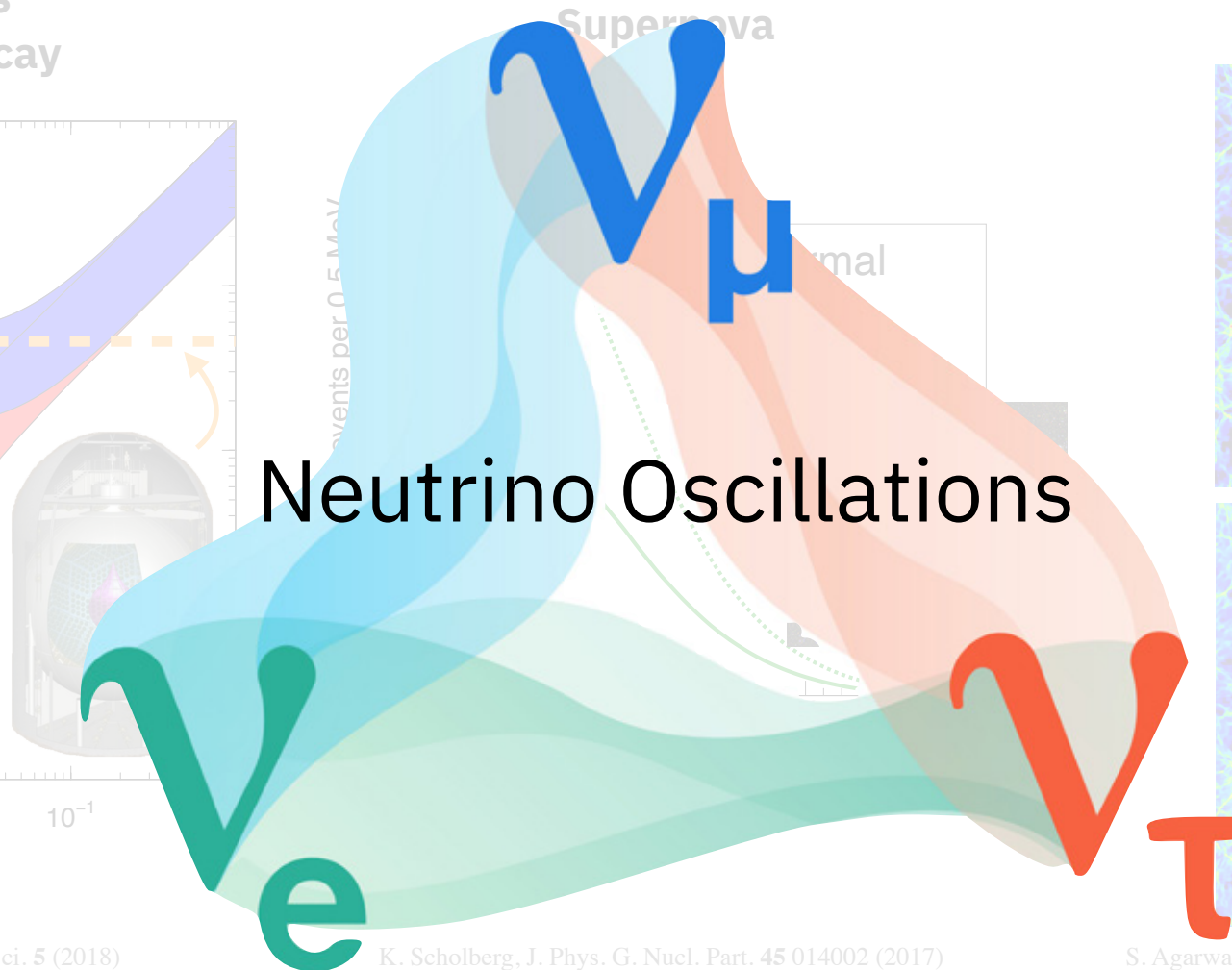
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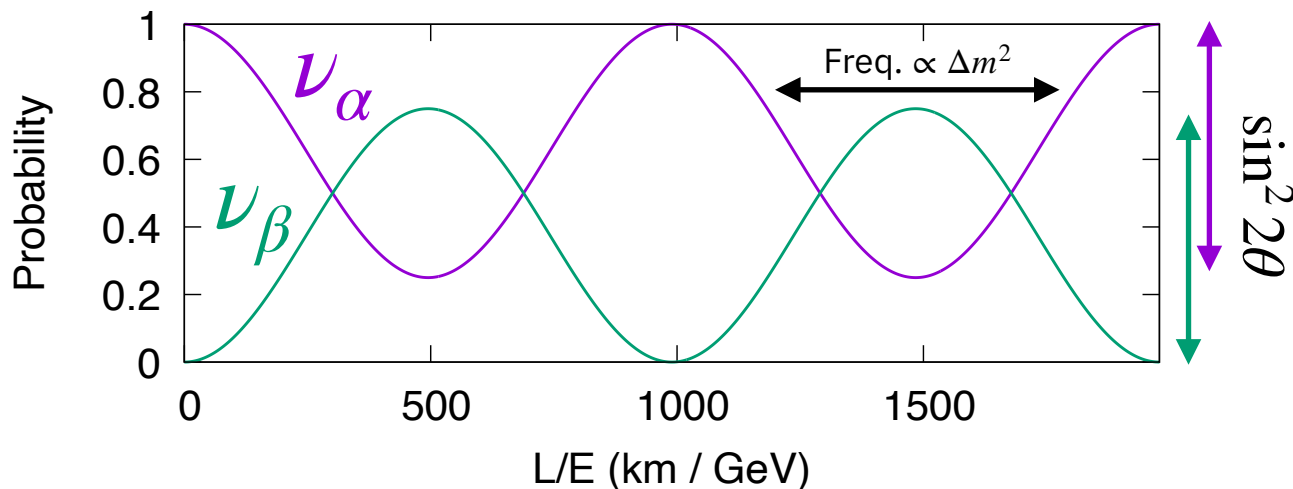
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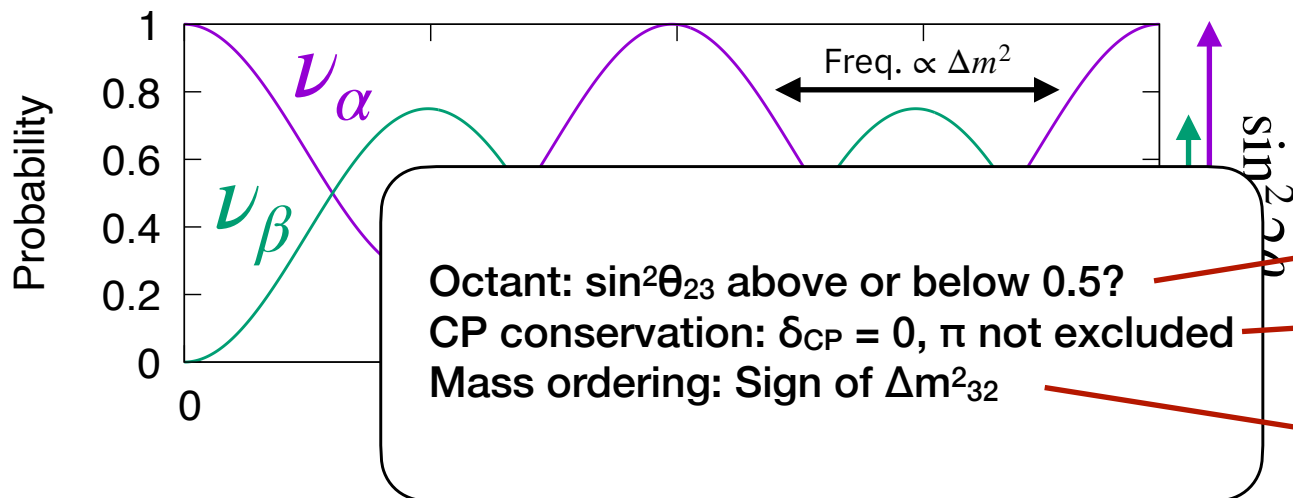
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Matter effect: Electron neutrino forward scattering introduces dependence on sign of Δm^2 ,

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13,\text{Matter}} = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}}{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} + \left(\pm 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E / \Delta m^2 - \cos 2\theta_{13} \right)^2}$$

G_F : Fermi constant
 N_e : Electron density
 \pm : $\nu / \bar{\nu}$

RENO, Daya Bay, Double Chooz reactor neutrino experiments: $\theta_{13} \approx 8.5^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ or $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ resonance possible when $2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E / \Delta m^2 \sim 1$

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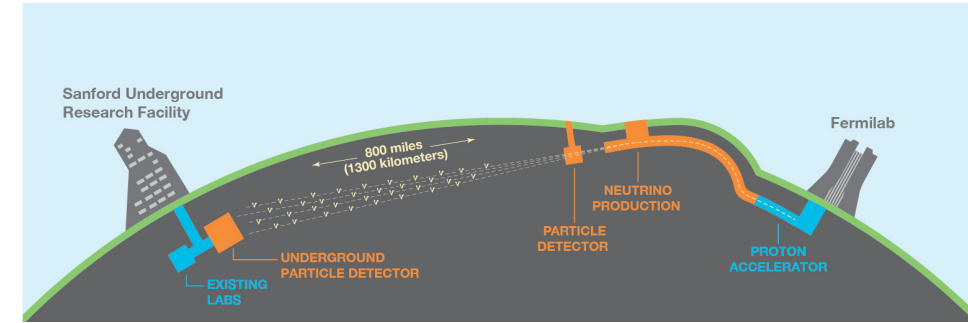


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- Mass ordering signal is enhanced $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ or $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ oscillations, same signal for $\delta_{CP} \neq 0, \pi$
- Maximum ν_e appearance is best-fit by normal ordering & $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$, but multiple combinations can explain other outcomes

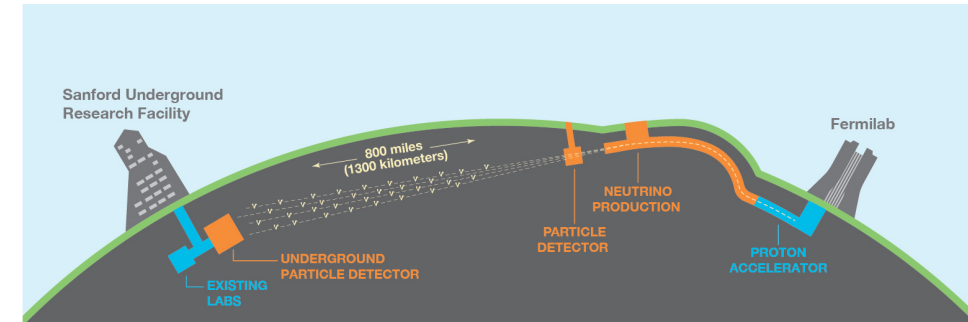
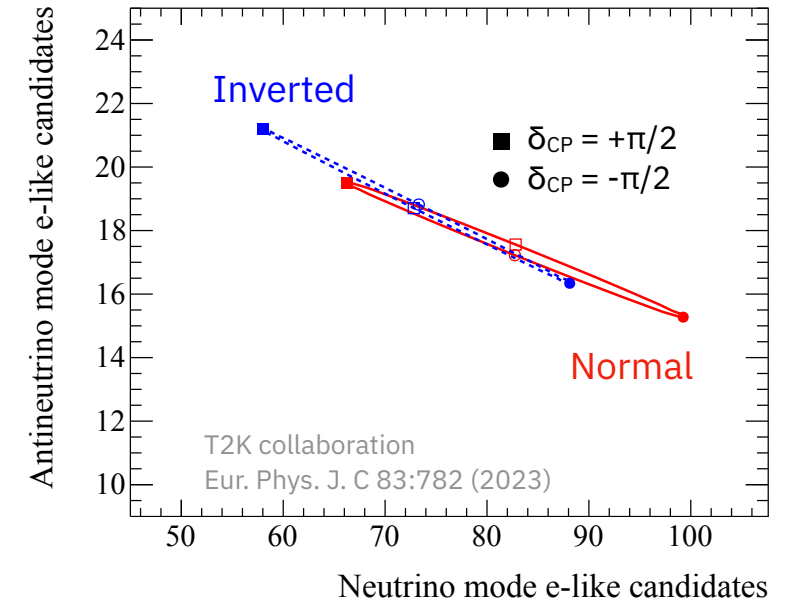
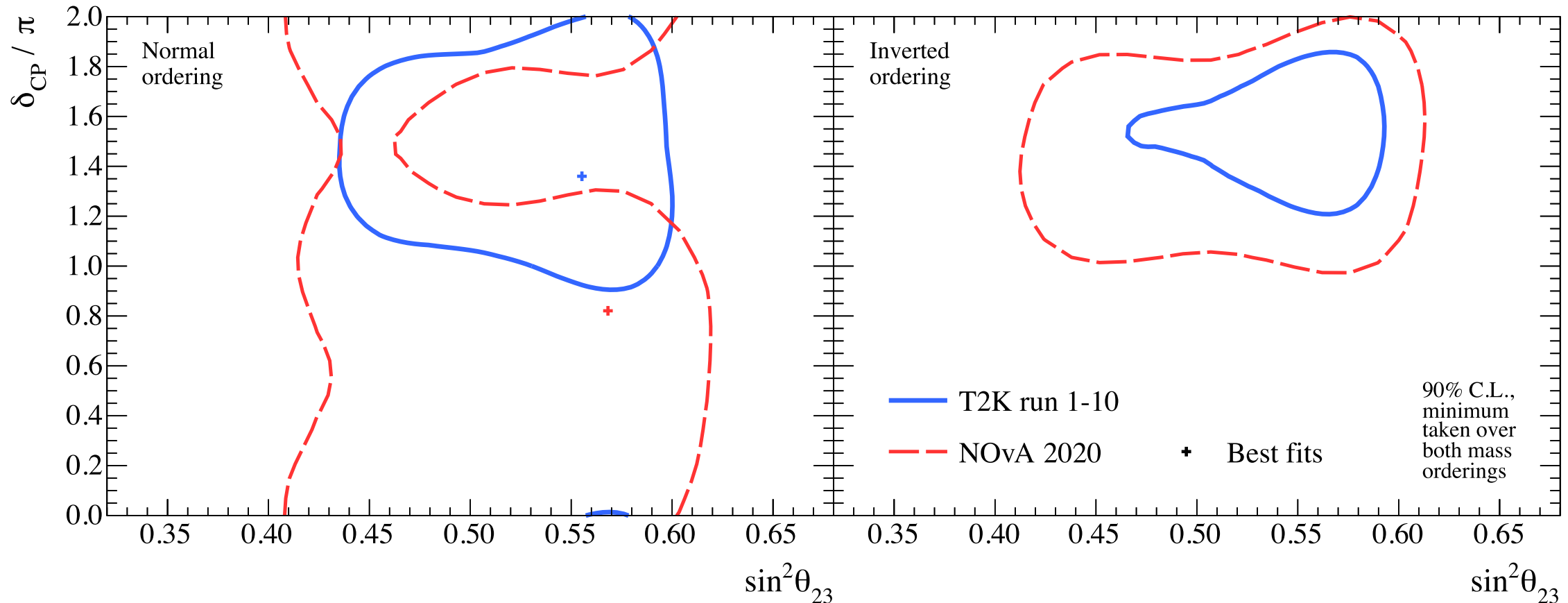


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Present Status from Neutrino Beams



T2K Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 83:782 (2023)
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Atmospheric Neutrino Oscillation Analysis

[arXiv:2311.05105](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.05105)

Data release: [10.5281/zenodo.8401262](https://zenodo.org/record/8401262)

Atmospheric Neutrinos

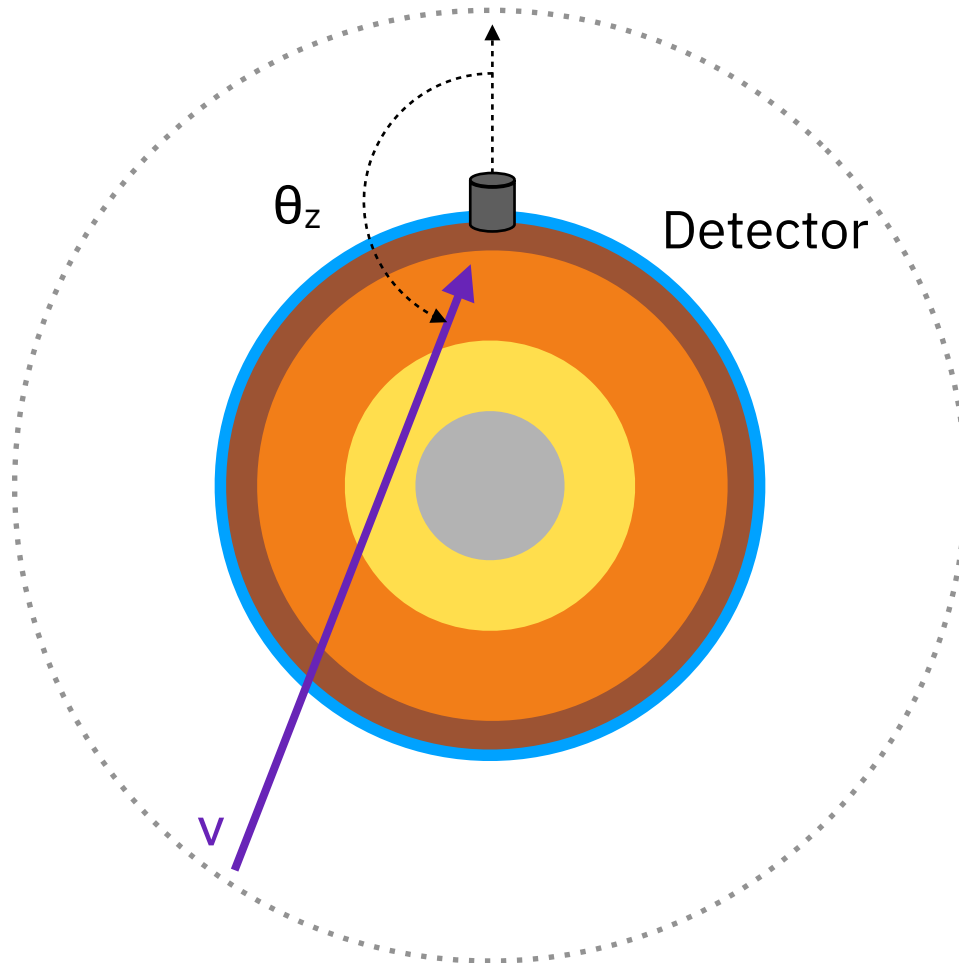
Production in particle showers from cosmic rays:

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

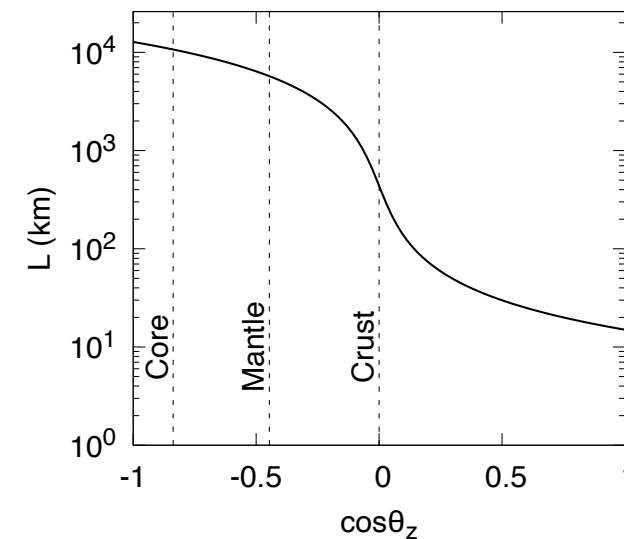
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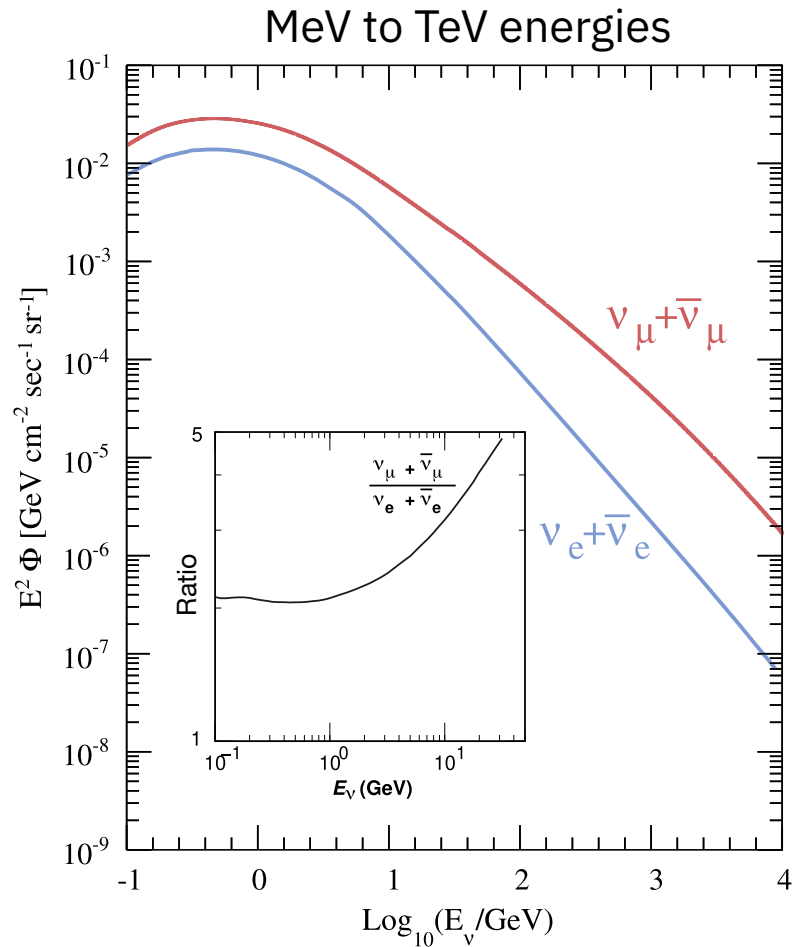
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Zenith angle (neutrino direction) determines baseline
~15–13,000 km

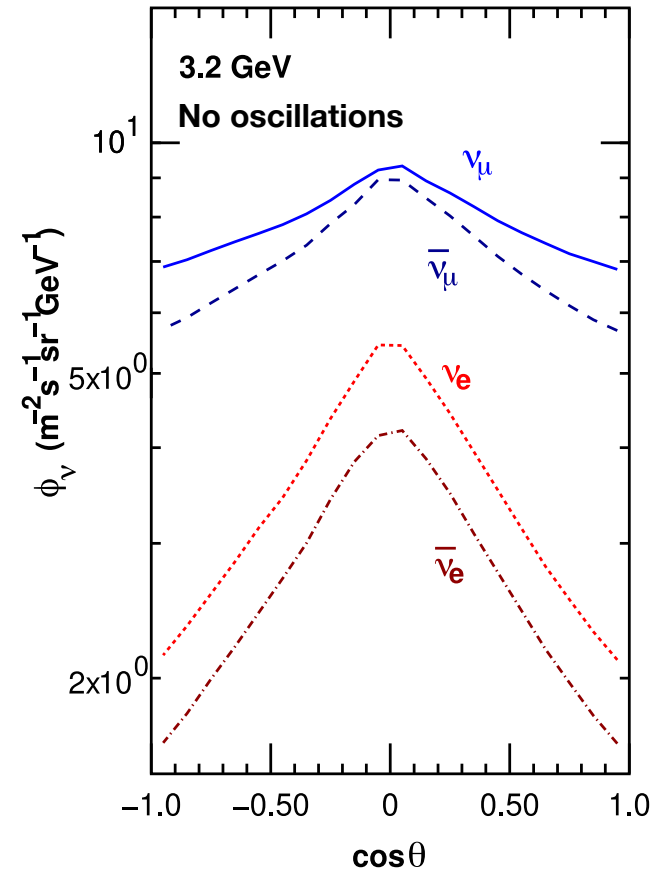


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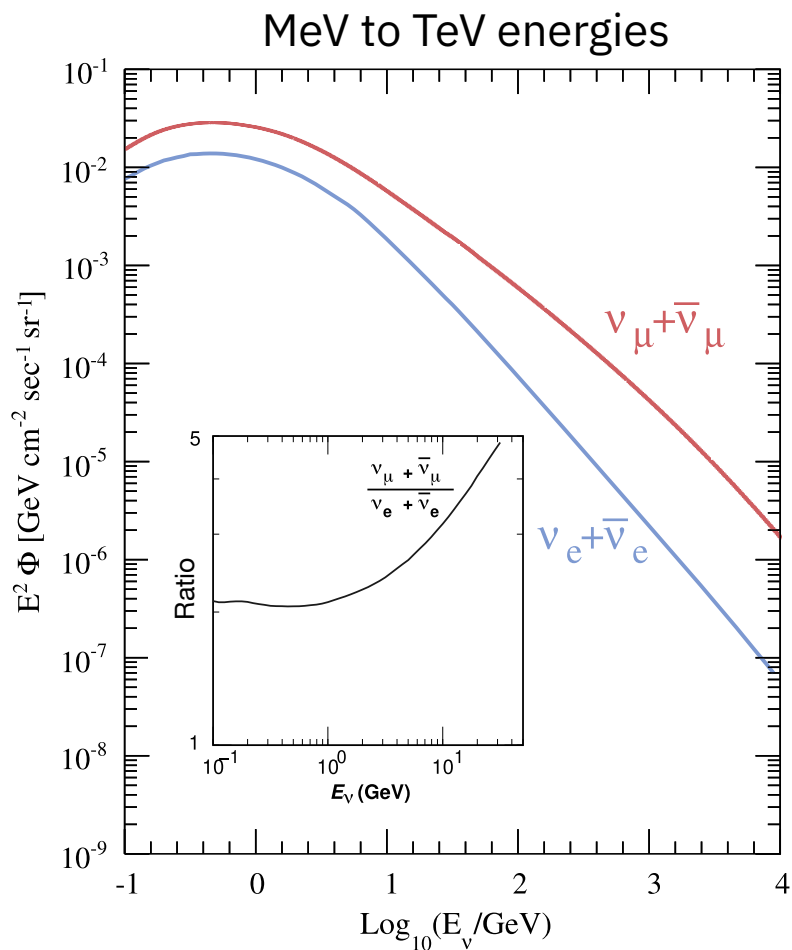
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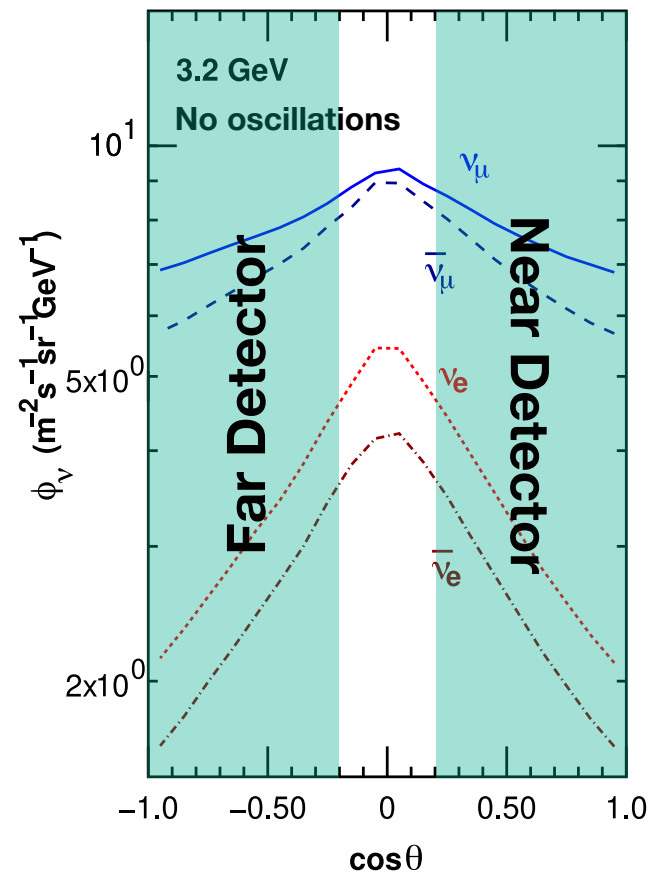
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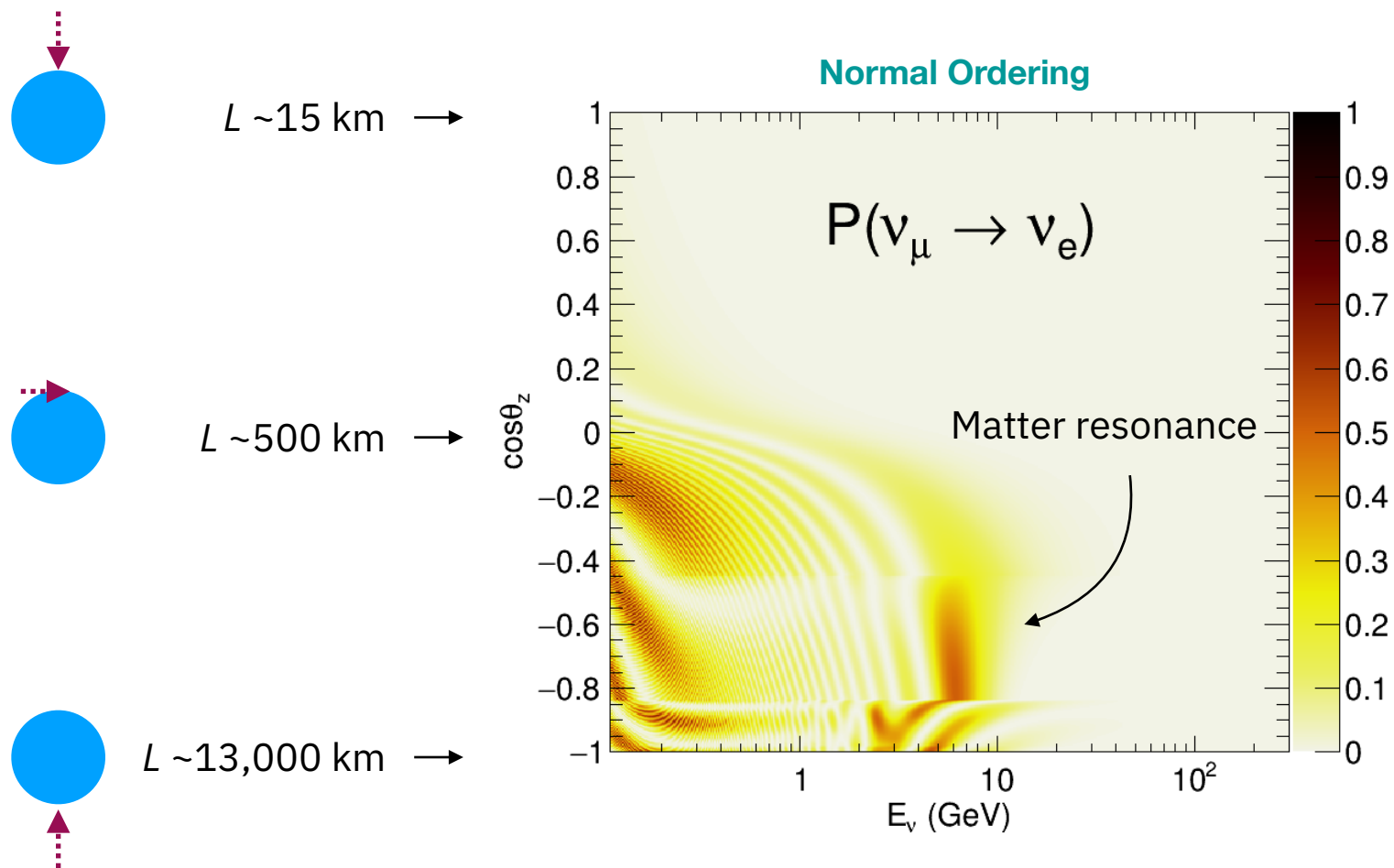
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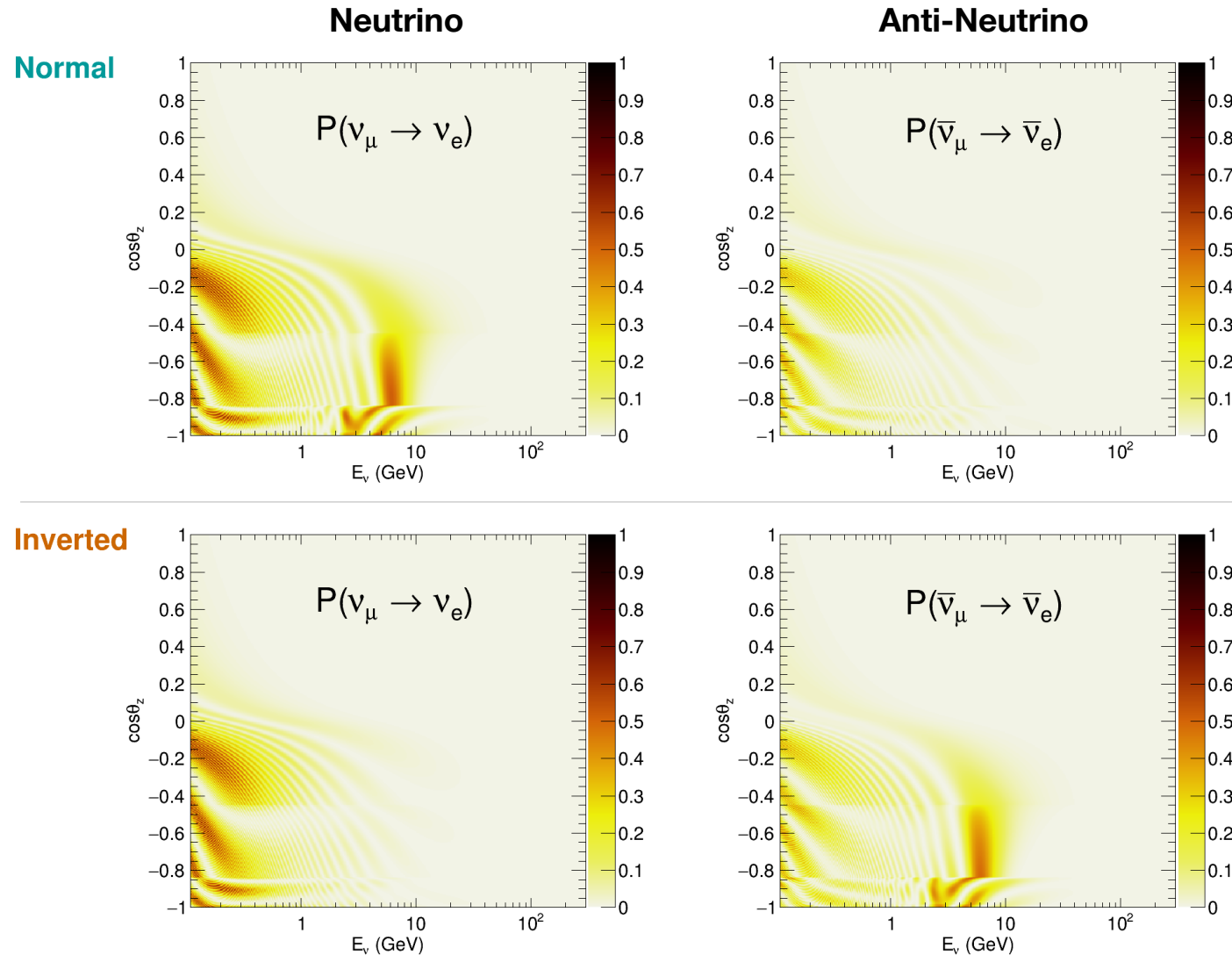


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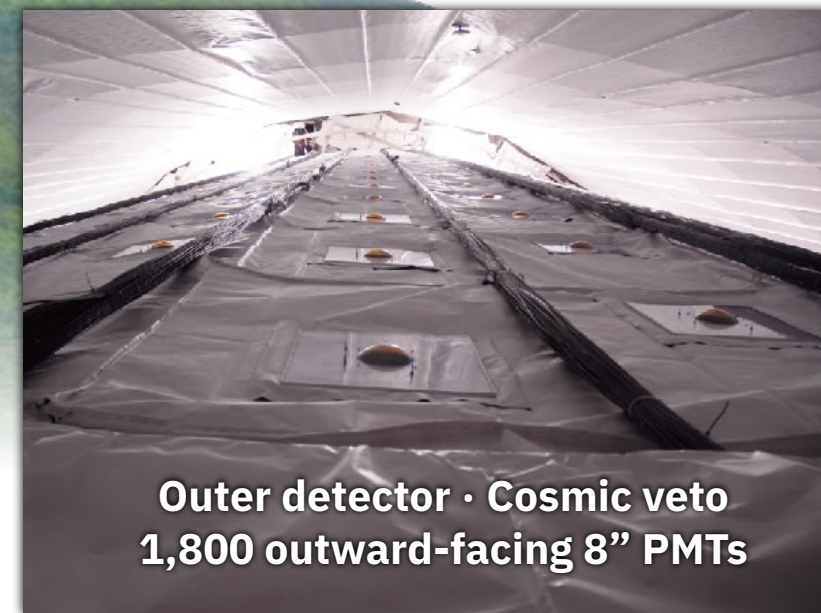
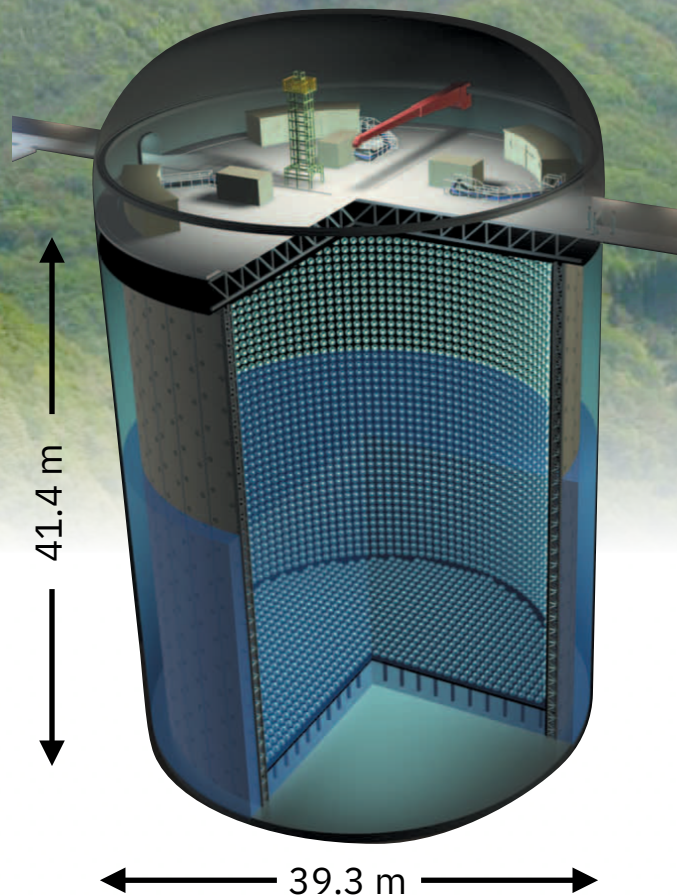
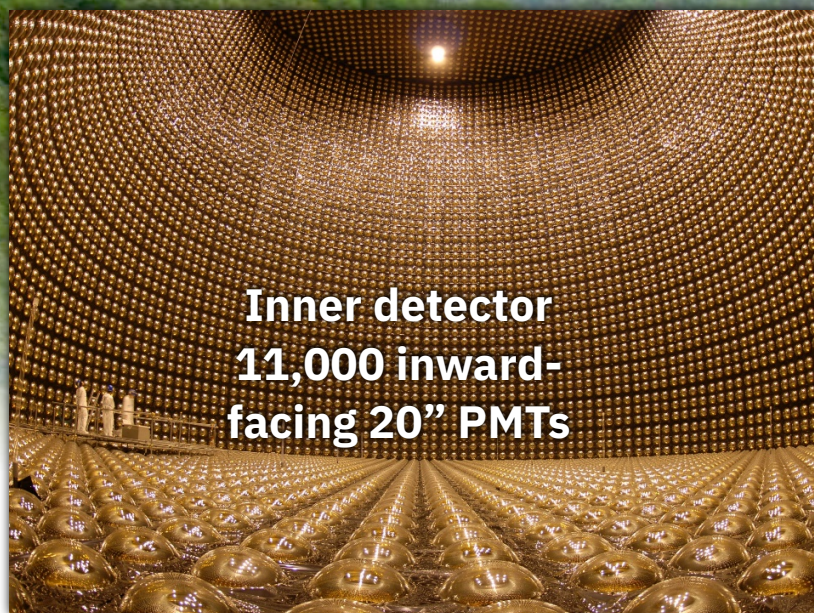
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Parameters
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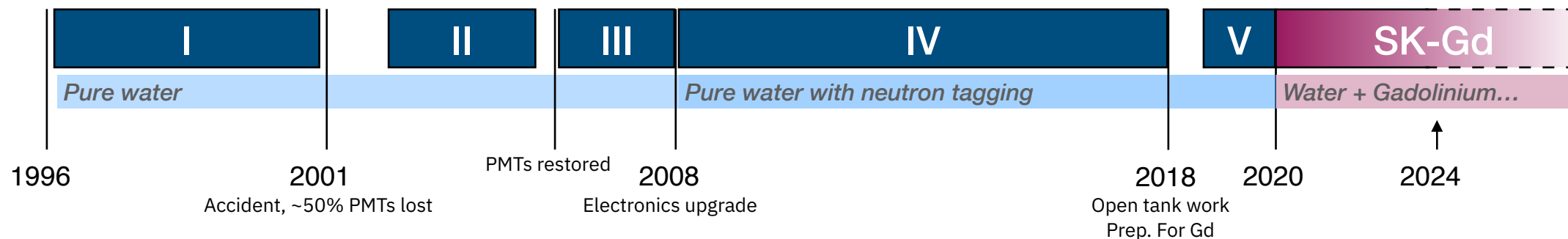
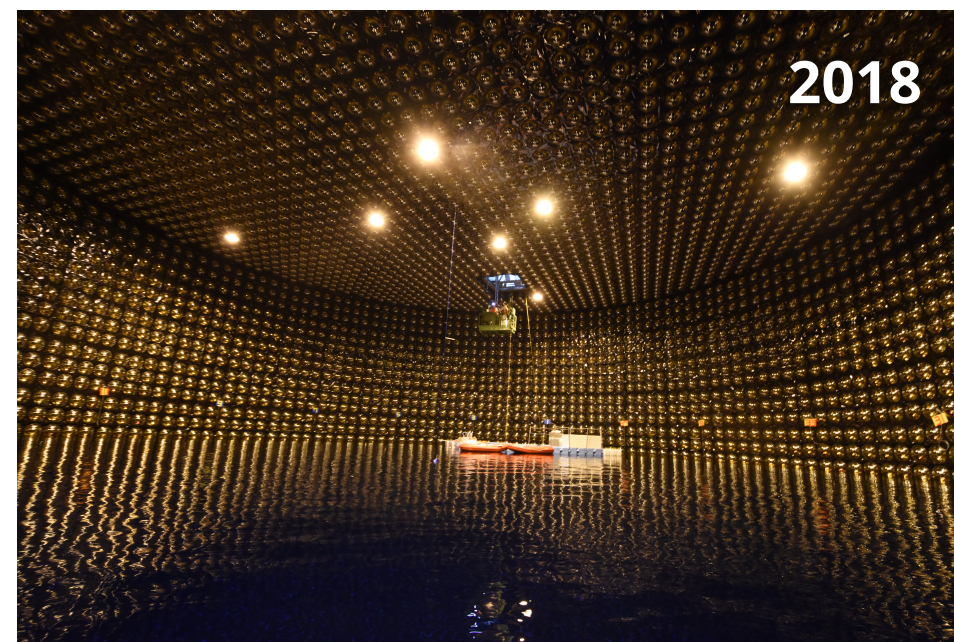
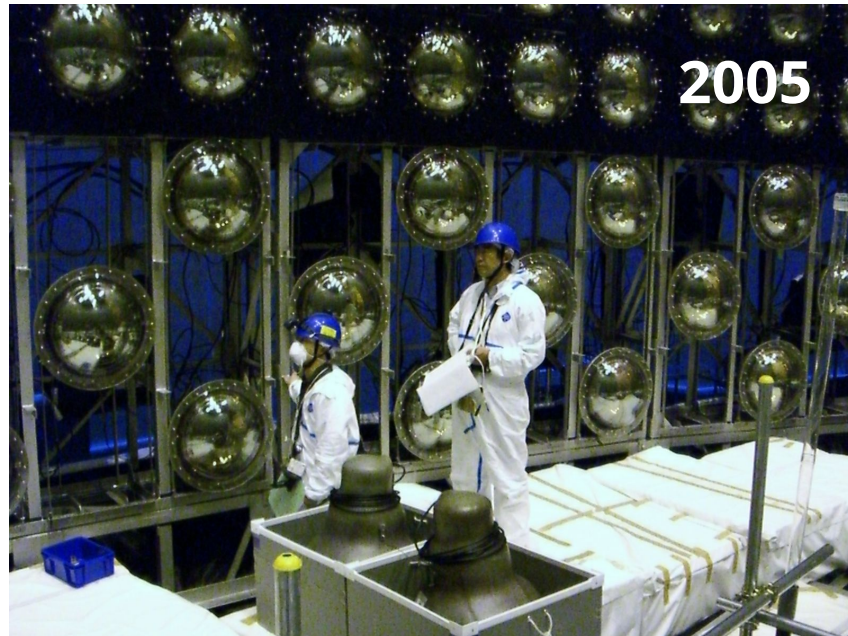
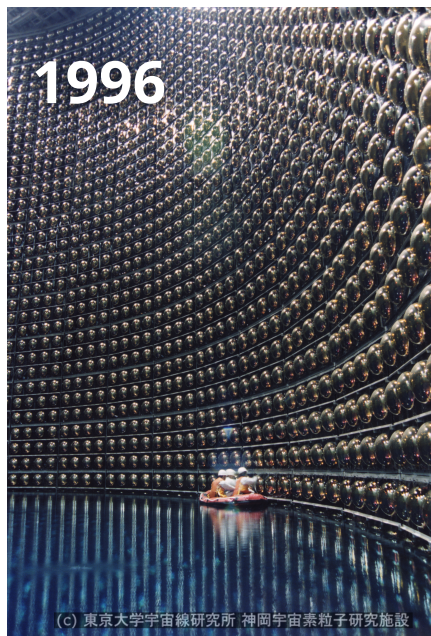
Super-K Experiment

Mt. Ikenoyama
(1 km overburden)



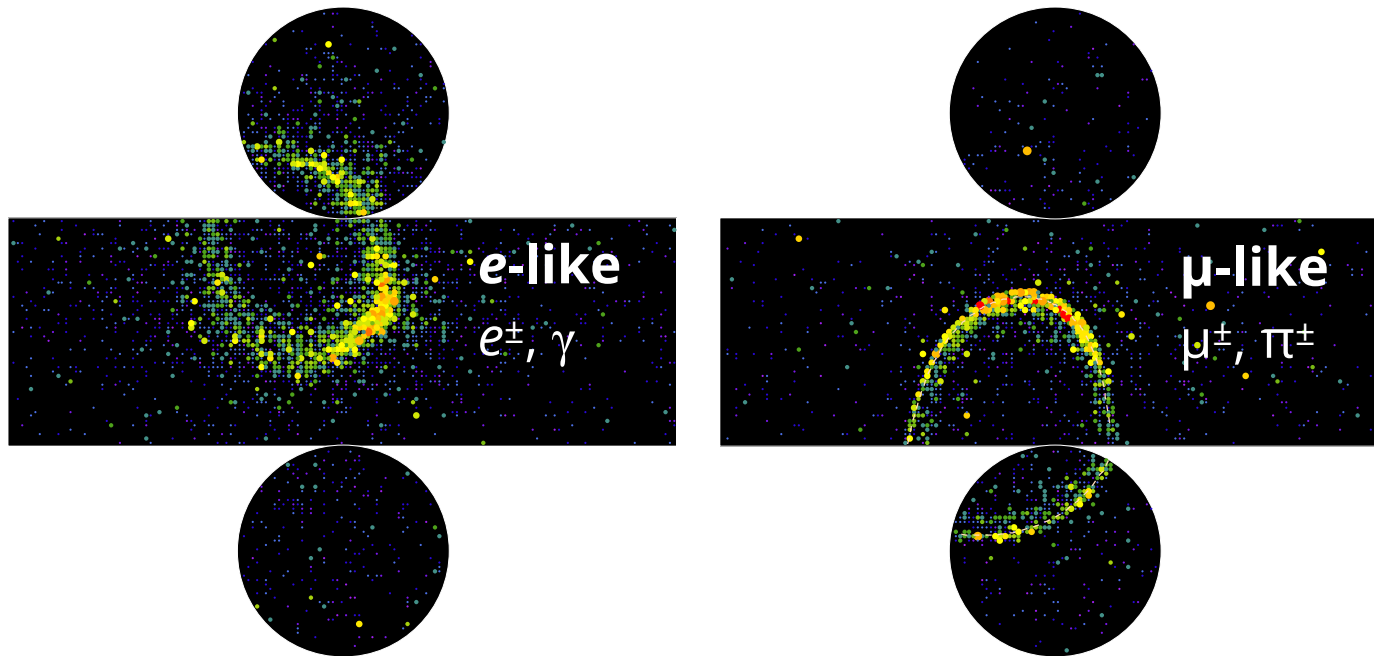
~2 ns resolution

Super-K Timeline



Super-K Events

Cherenkov rings for reconstructing particle type, direction, & momentum



1 GeV μ or e (APFIT)

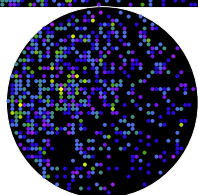
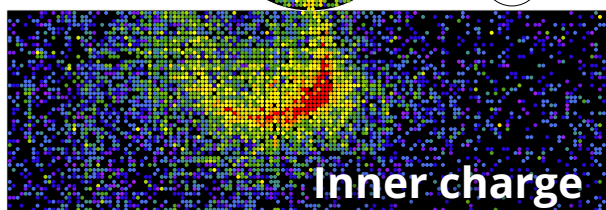
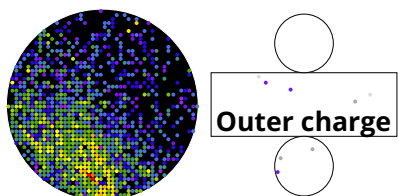
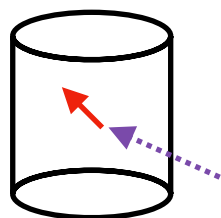
Vertex resolution	20 cm
Direction resolution	1.5°
Momentum resolution	3%
Mis-PID rate	0.7%

- + Also detect time-clustered hits from low-energy decay electrons & neutrons
- Can't distinguish charge, no event-by-event $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ separation
- Miss low-momentum hadrons below Cherenkov threshold

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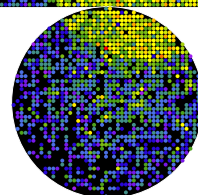
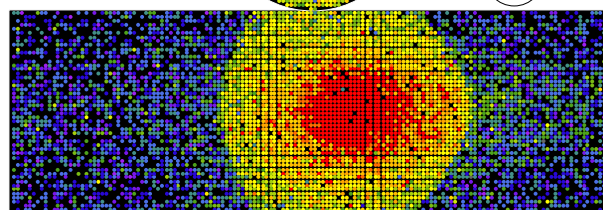
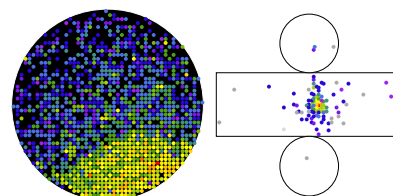
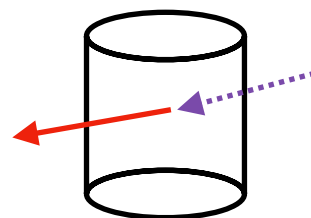
Fully Contained (FC)

Fiducial vertex, no exiting particles



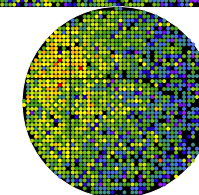
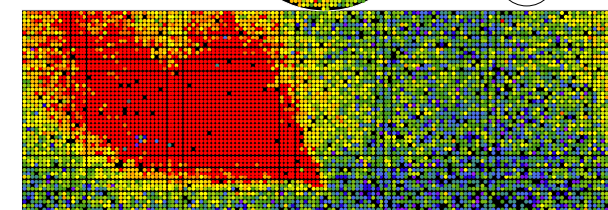
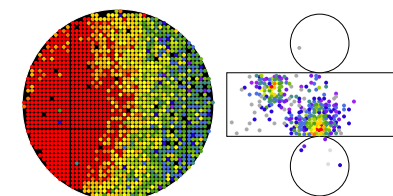
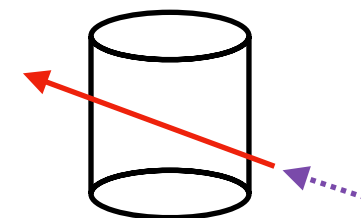
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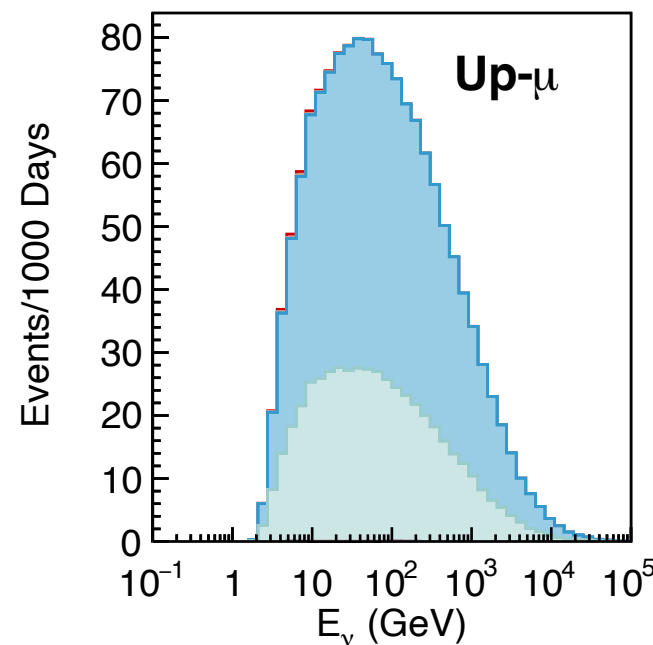
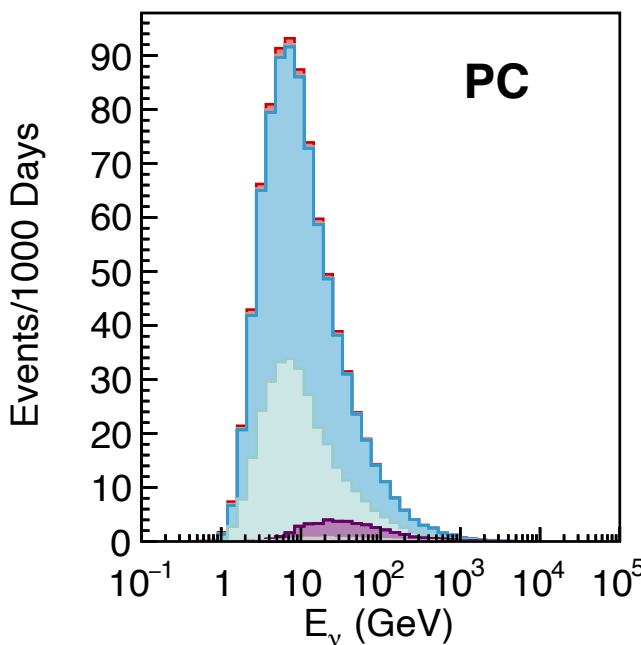
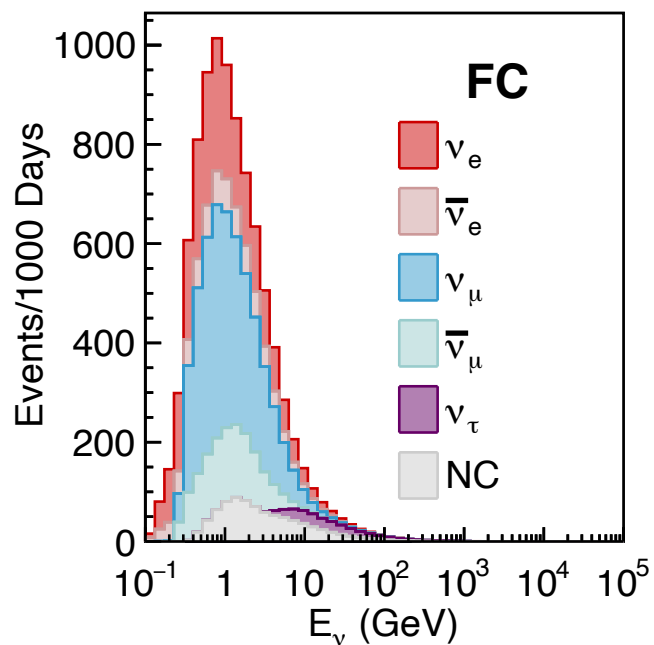
Up- μ

Outside vertex, upward-going



SK Atmospheric Neutrinos

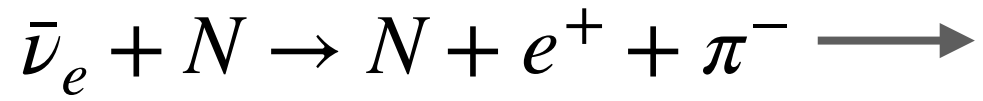
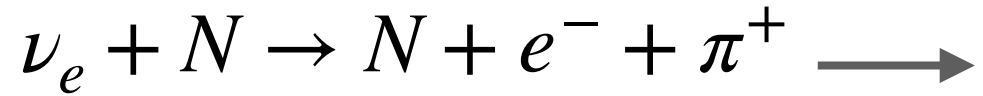
Oscillated event rate @ SK



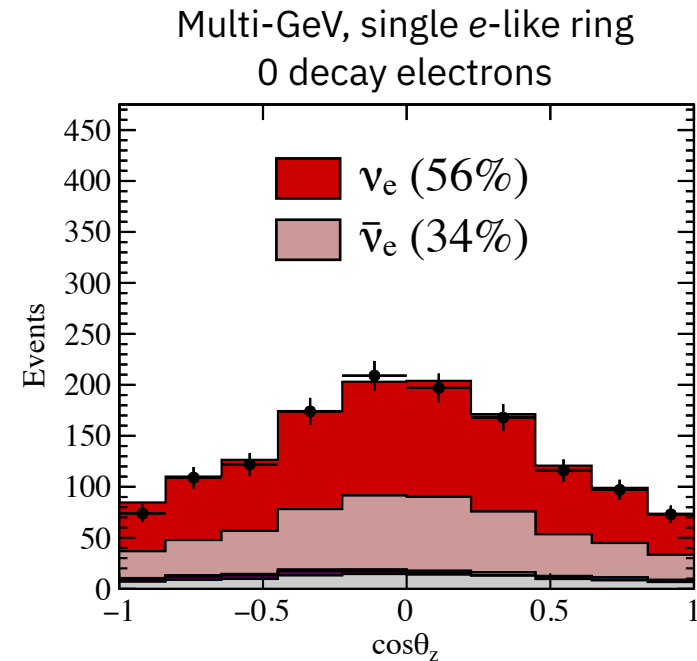
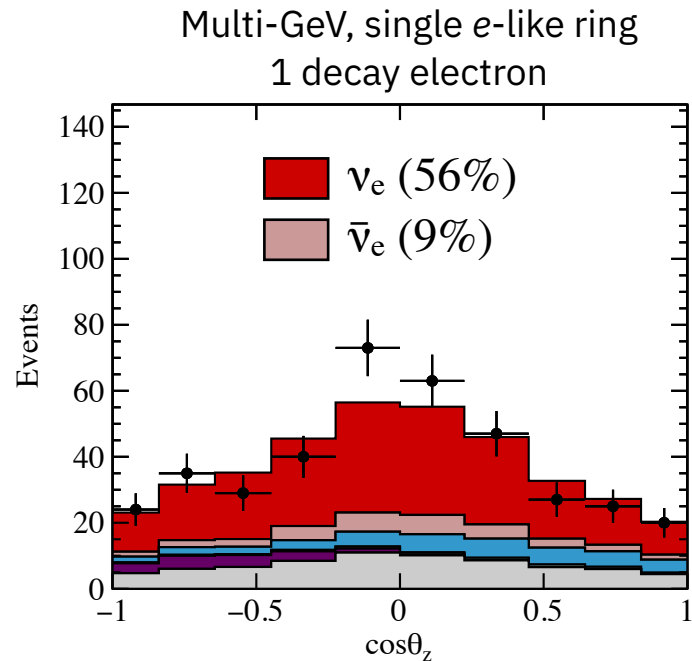
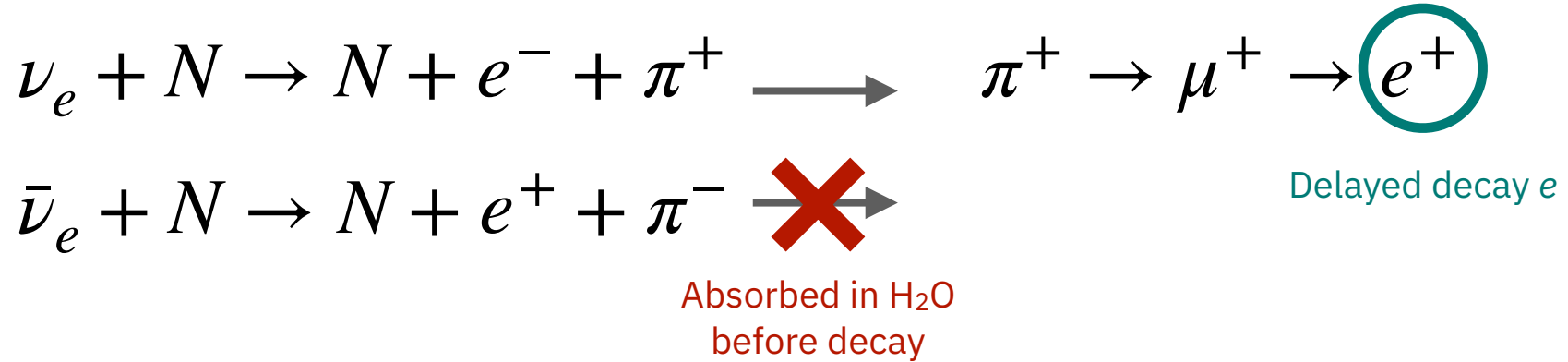
MeV - GeV, all flavors
Mass ordering,
 θ_{23} octant, δ_{CP}

>GeV, almost all ν_{μ}
Constrain $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$,
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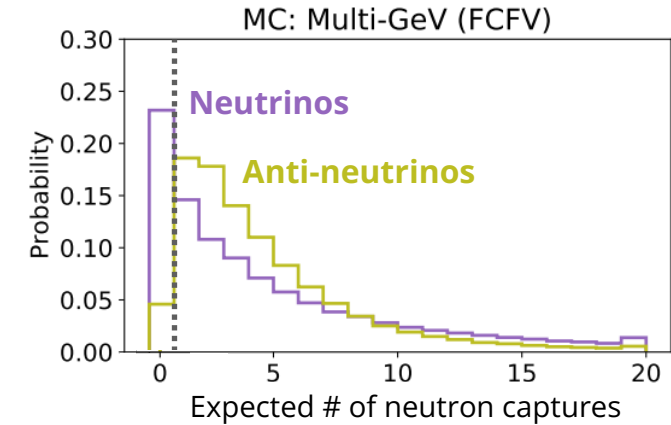


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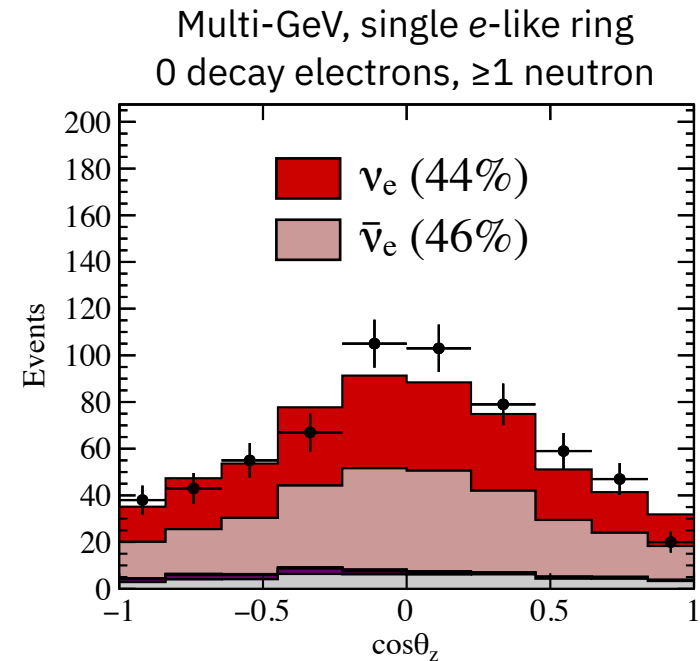
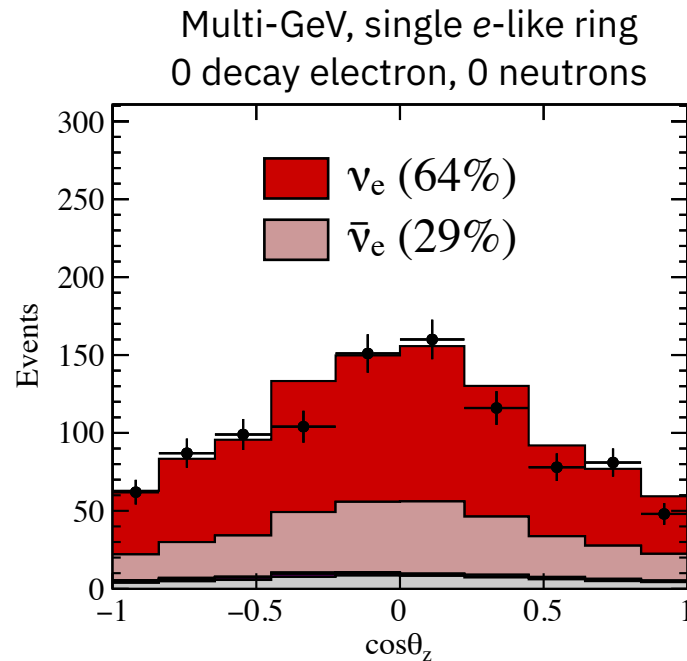
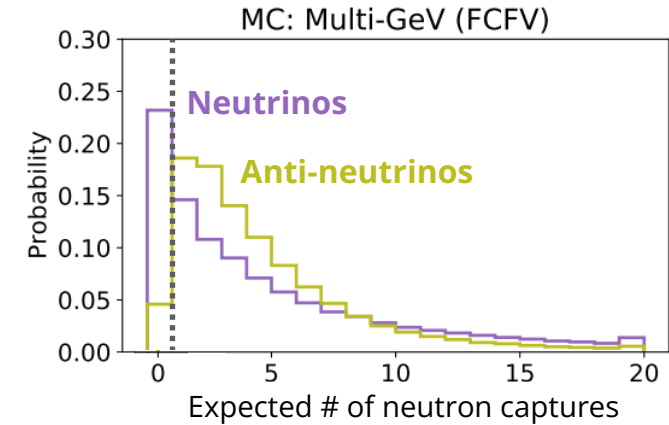


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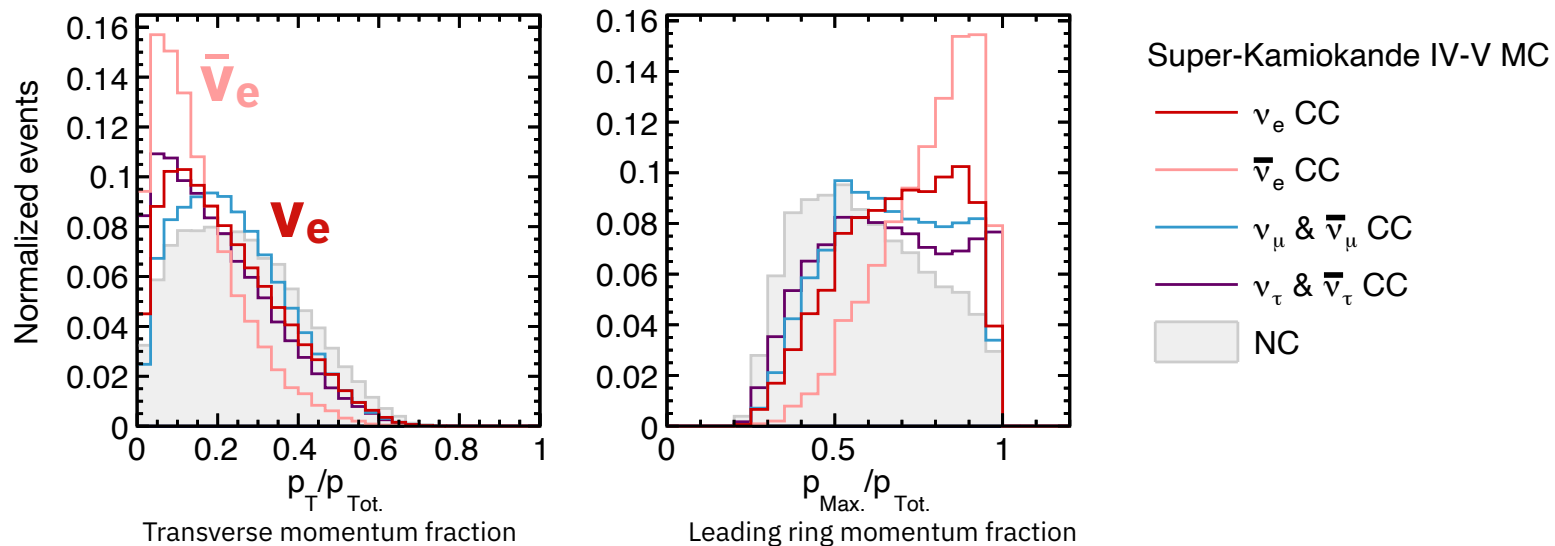
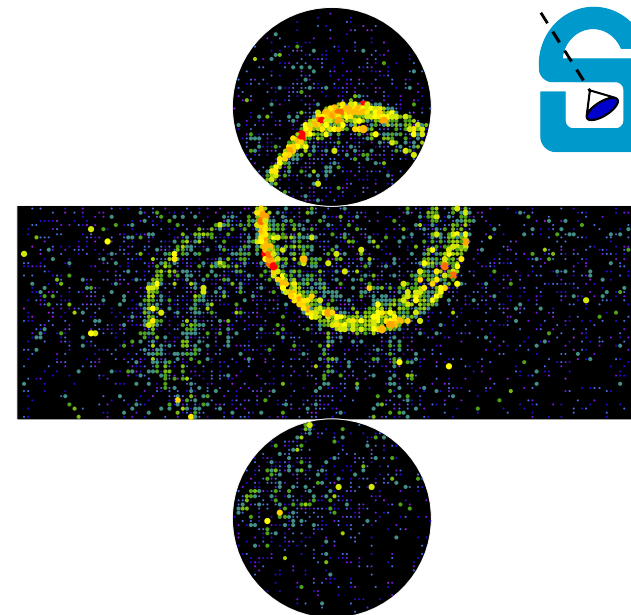
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Multi-Ring BDT

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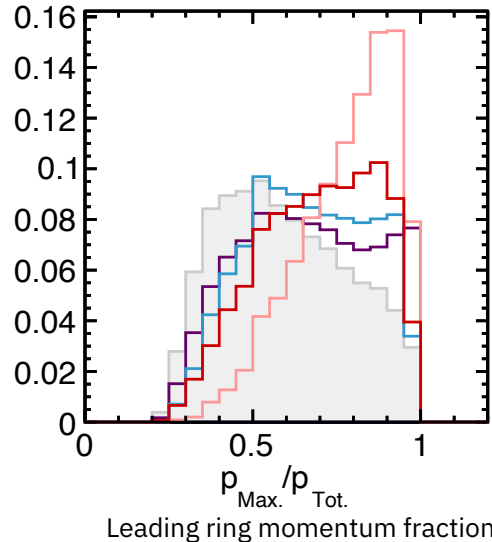
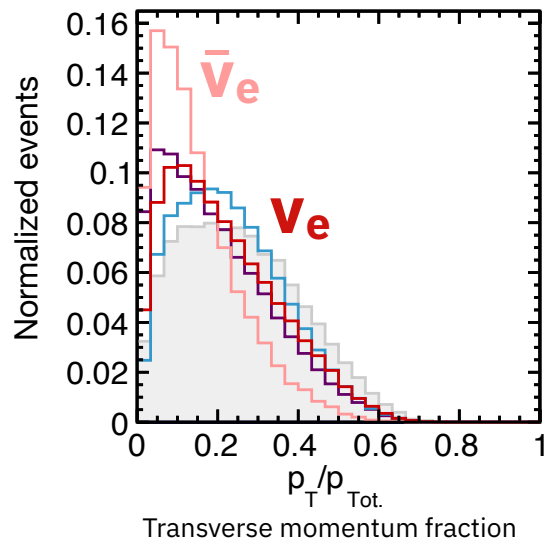
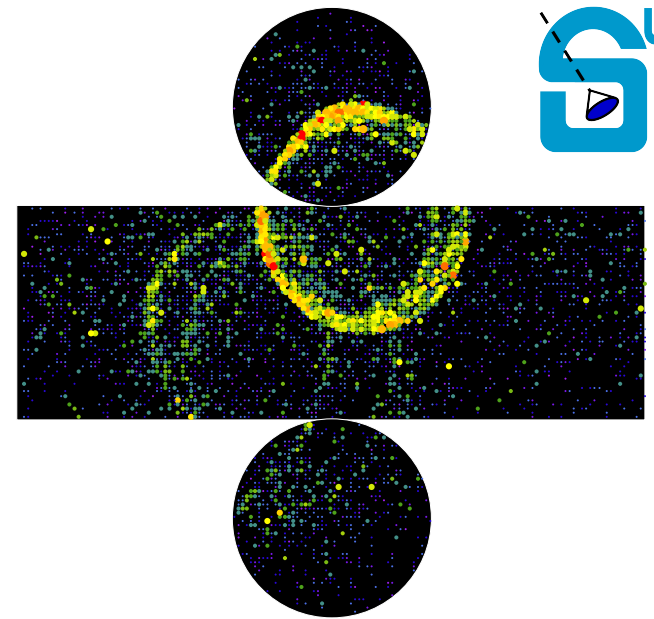
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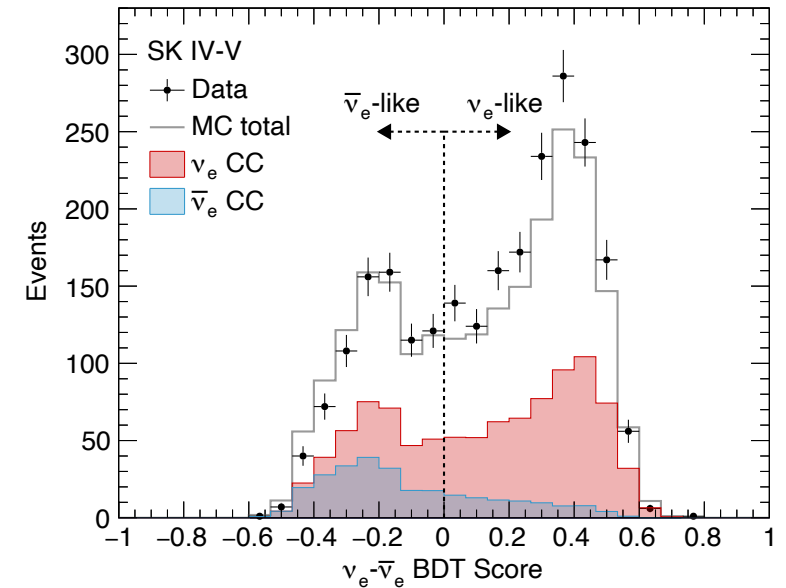
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Super-Kamiokande IV-V MC

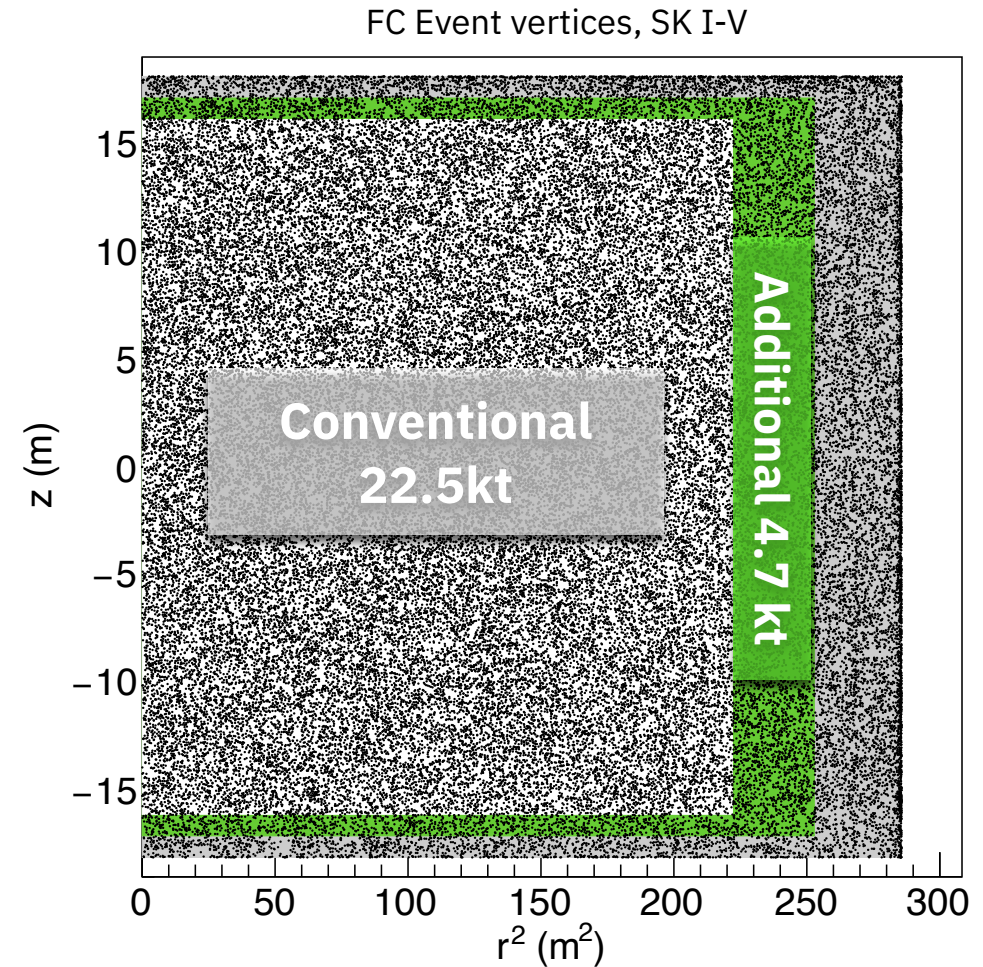
- ν_e CC
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ CC
- ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC
- ν_τ & $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC
- NC



Expanded Fiducial Volume

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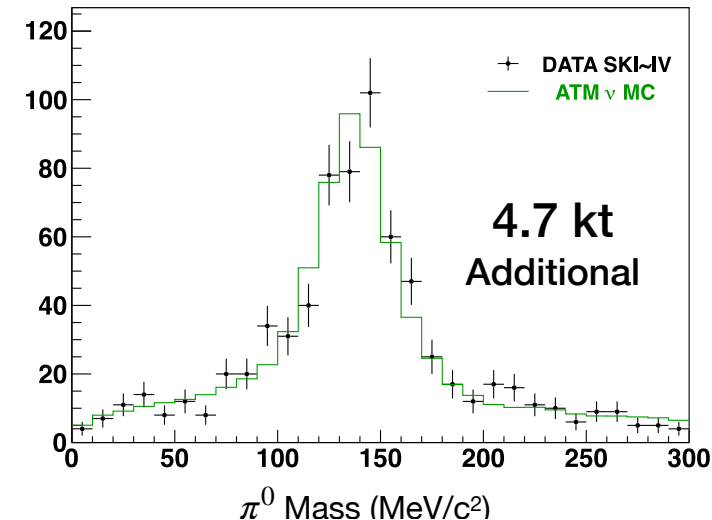
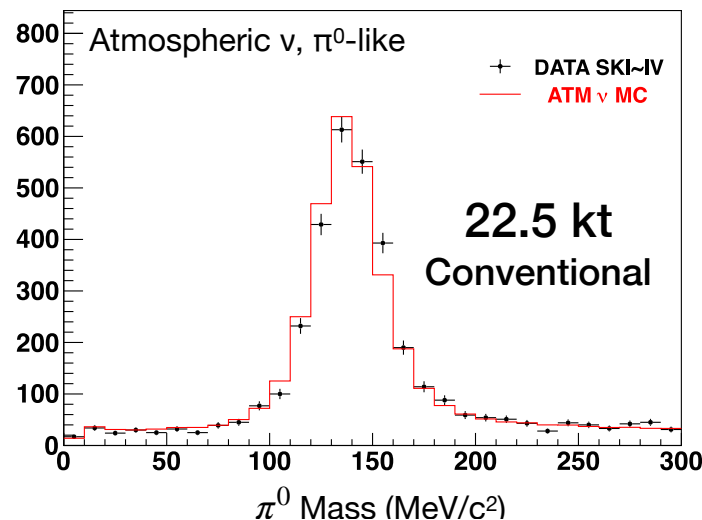


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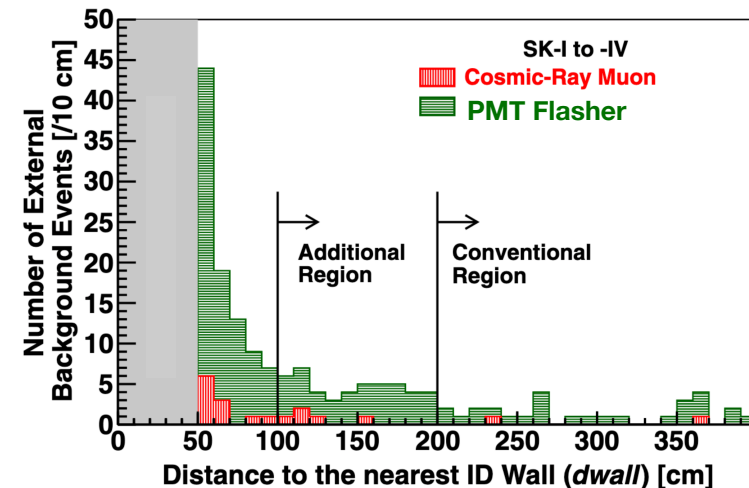
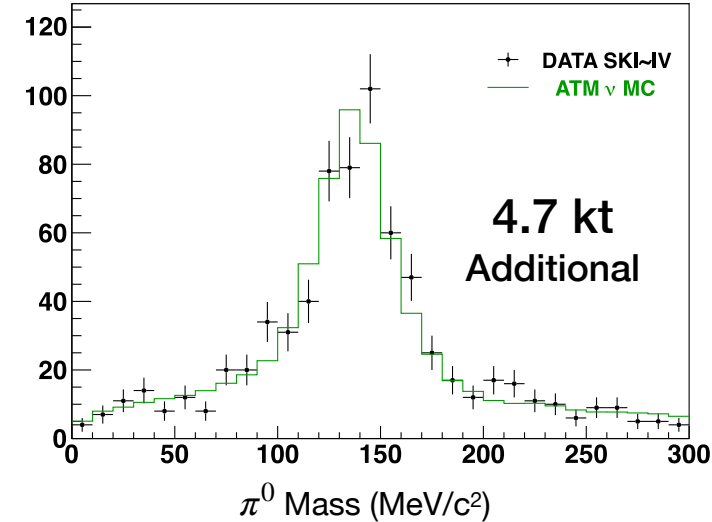
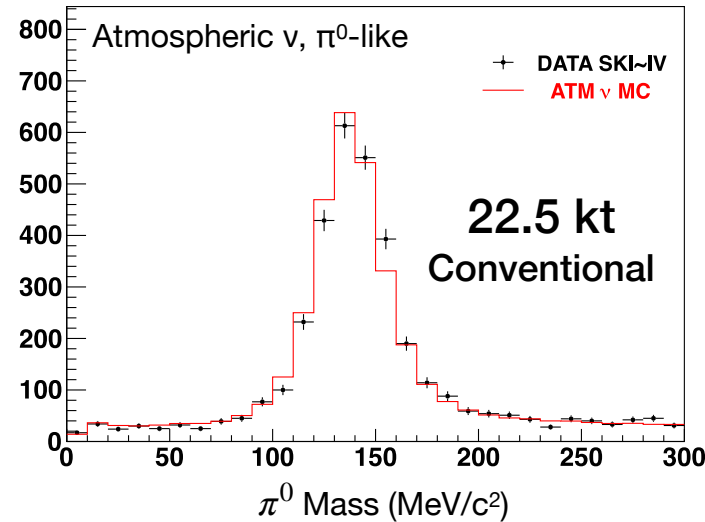


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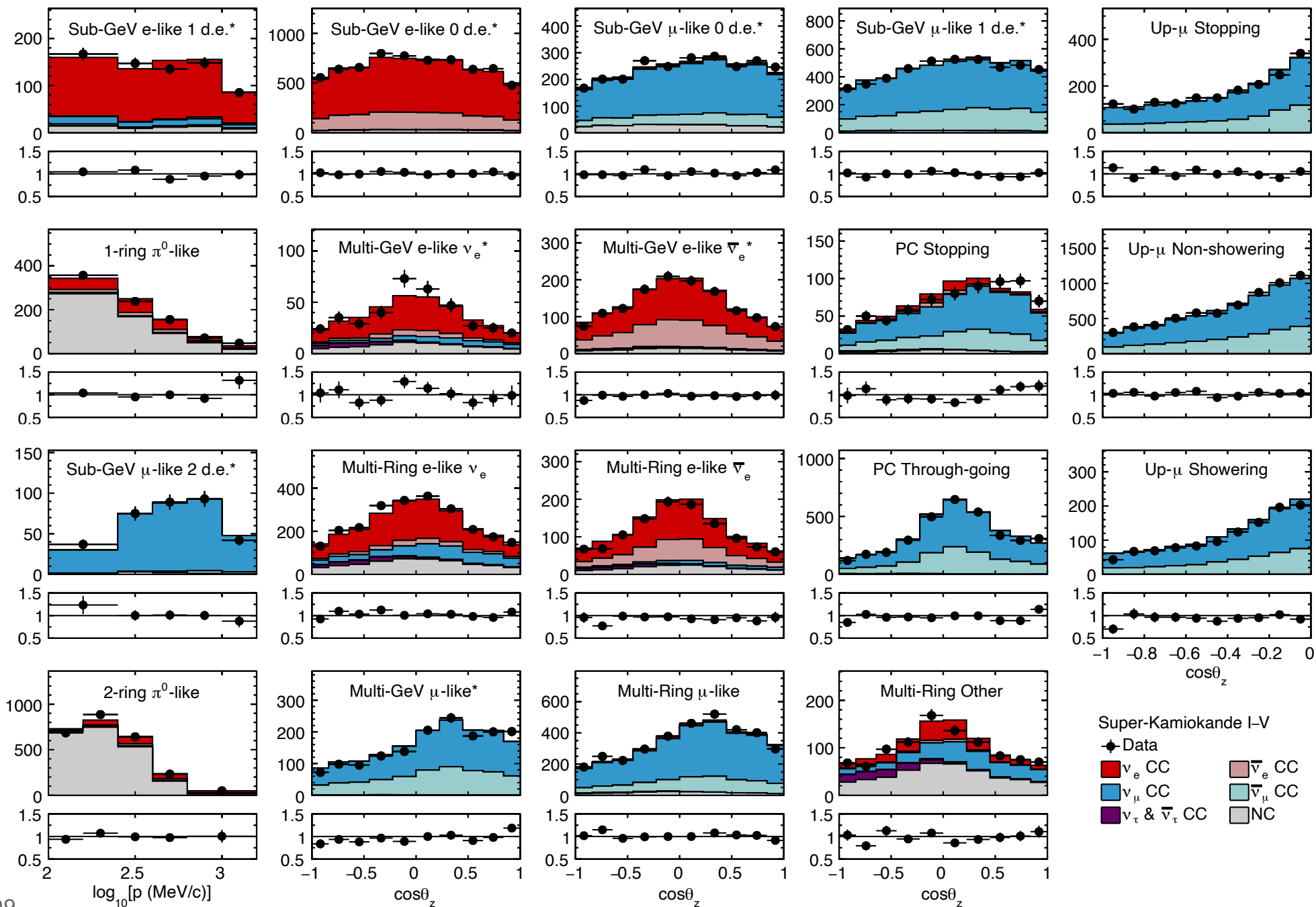
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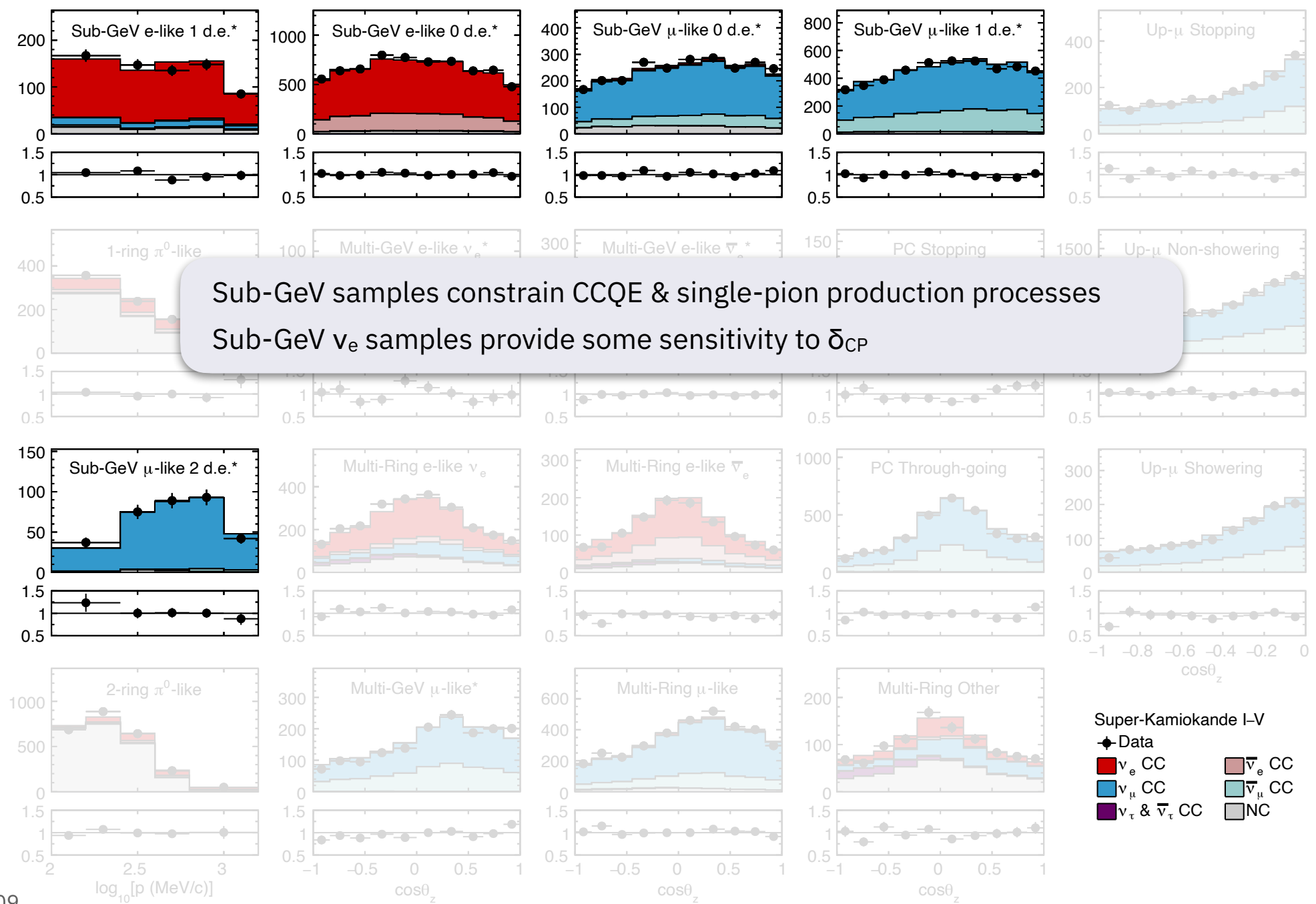
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- Background: New reduction cuts added to reject entering cosmic muons. Background in additional volume is 0.5% (0.1% in conventional volume)



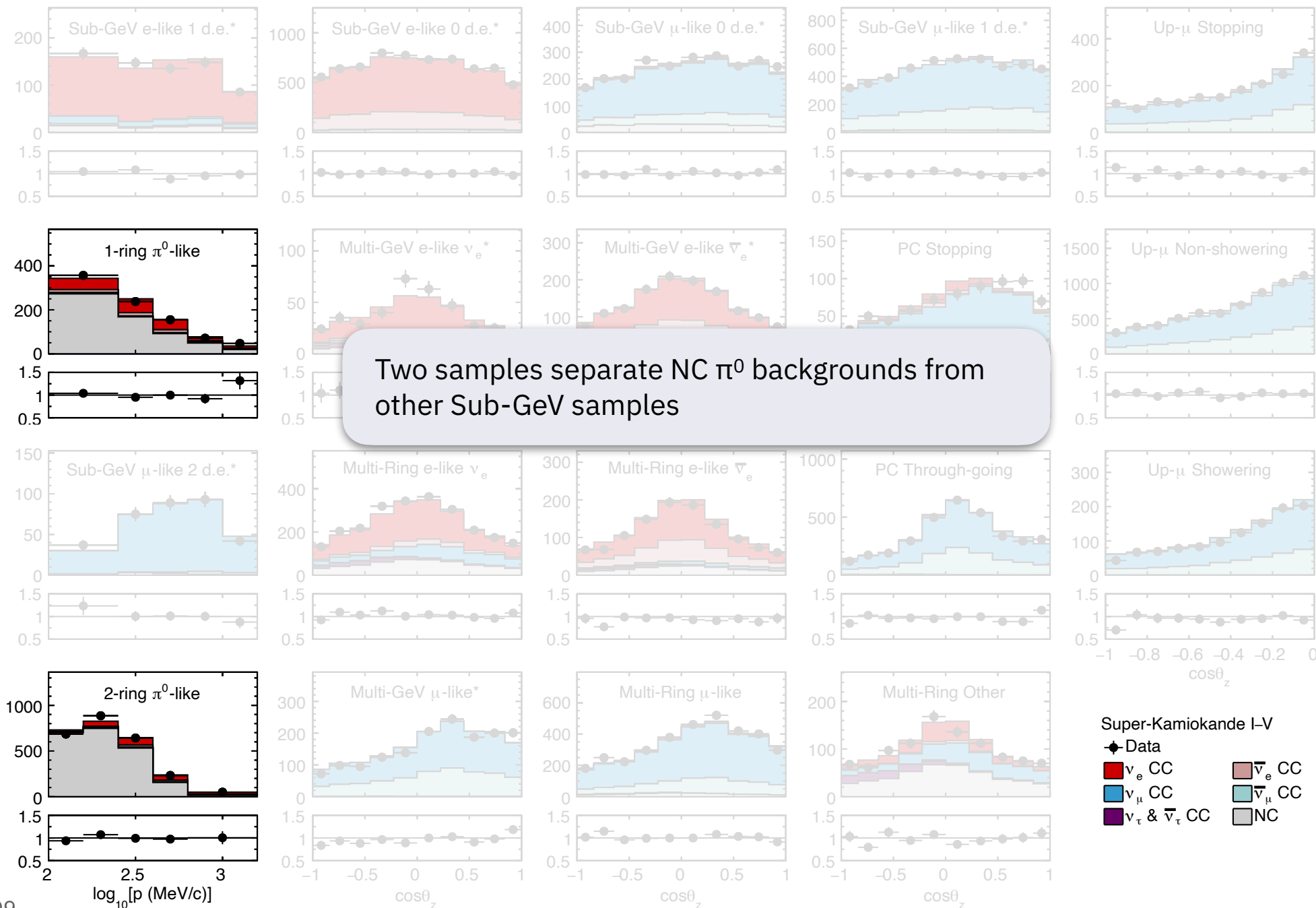
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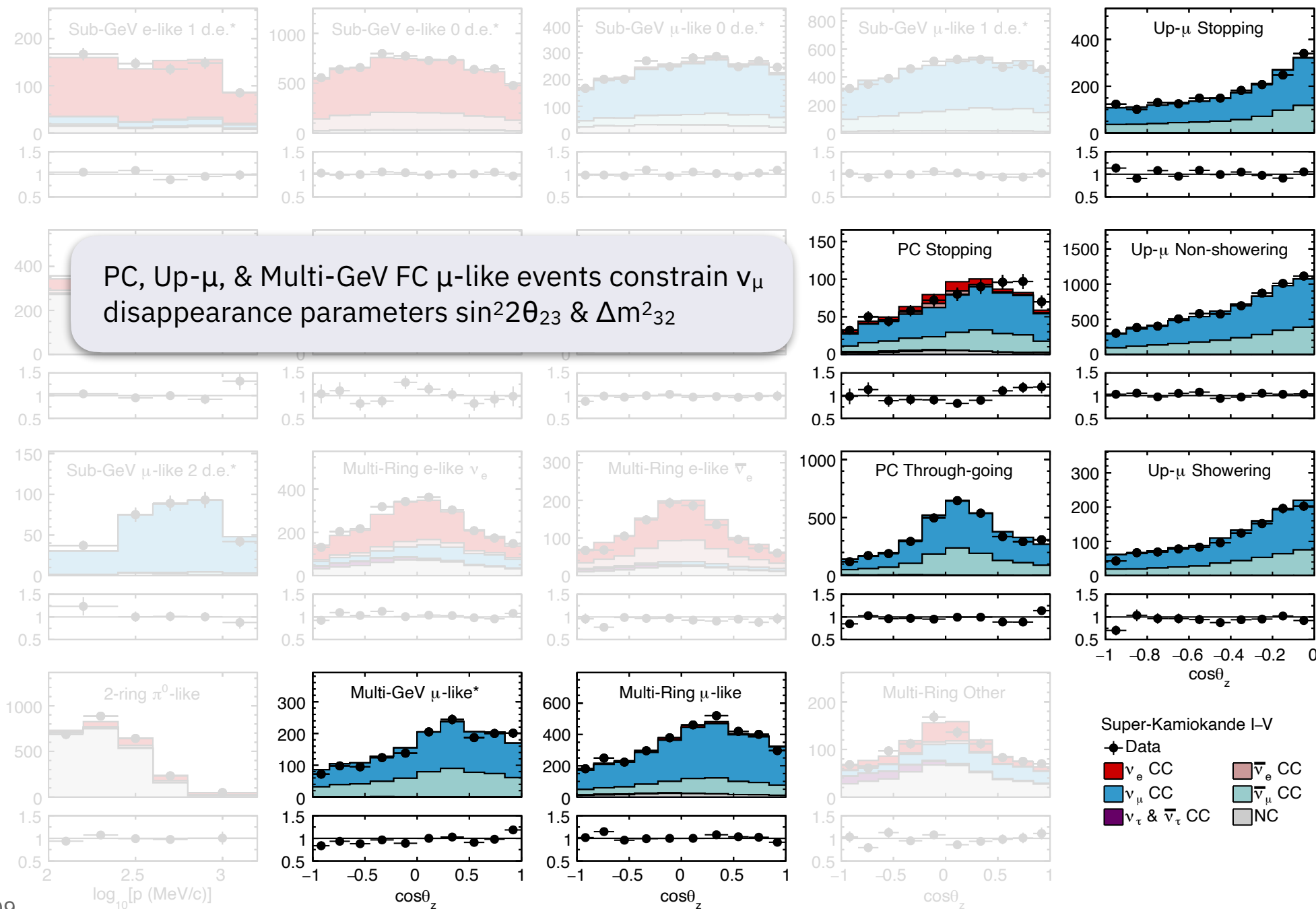
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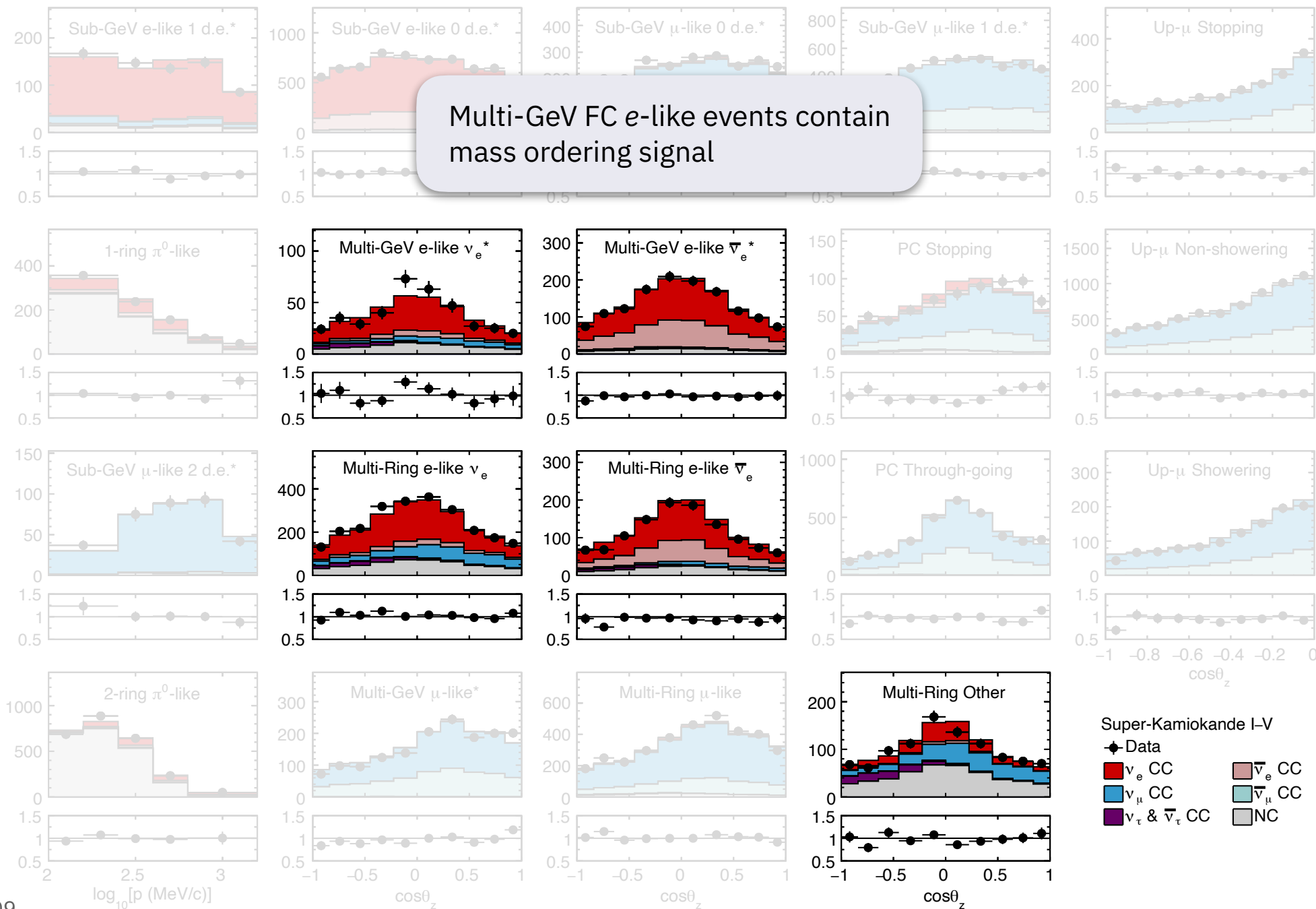
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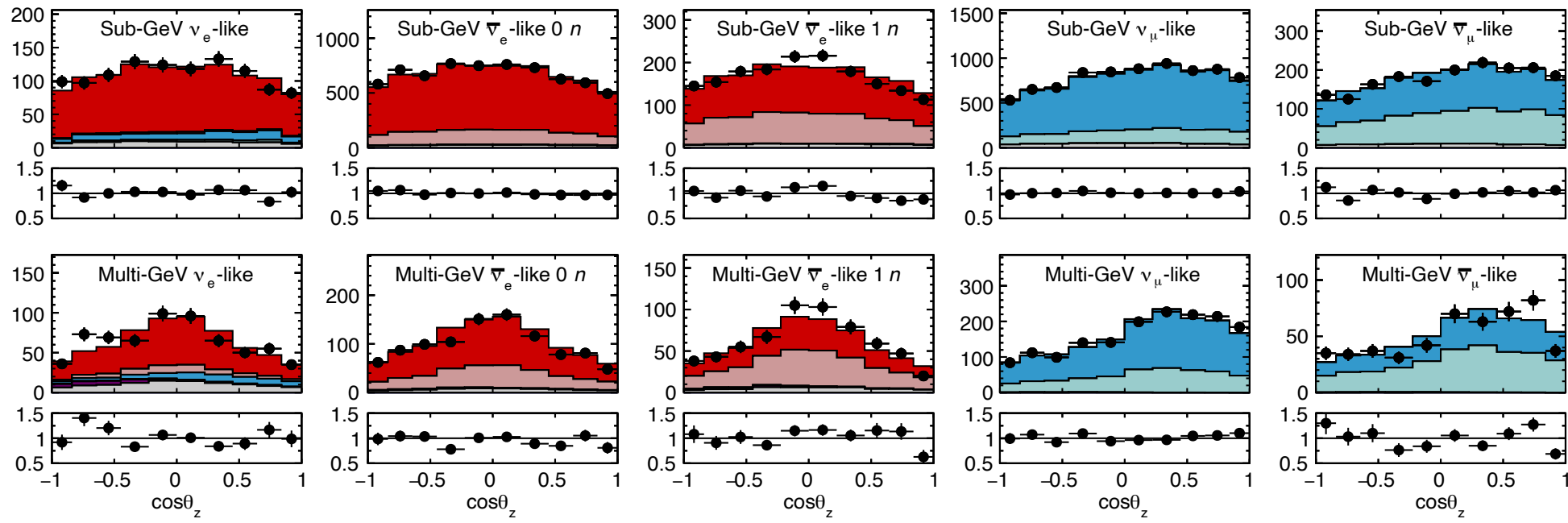
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SK I-V pure- water data set



+ SK IV–V samples with neutron tagging



SK IV–V single-ring samples with neutron tagging selection
included as additional samples in SK I–V analysis

χ^2 Calculation

$$\chi^2 = \sum_n \left(E_n - O_n + O_n \ln \frac{O_n}{E_n} \right) + \sum_i \epsilon_i^2$$

Expected counts (points to E_n)

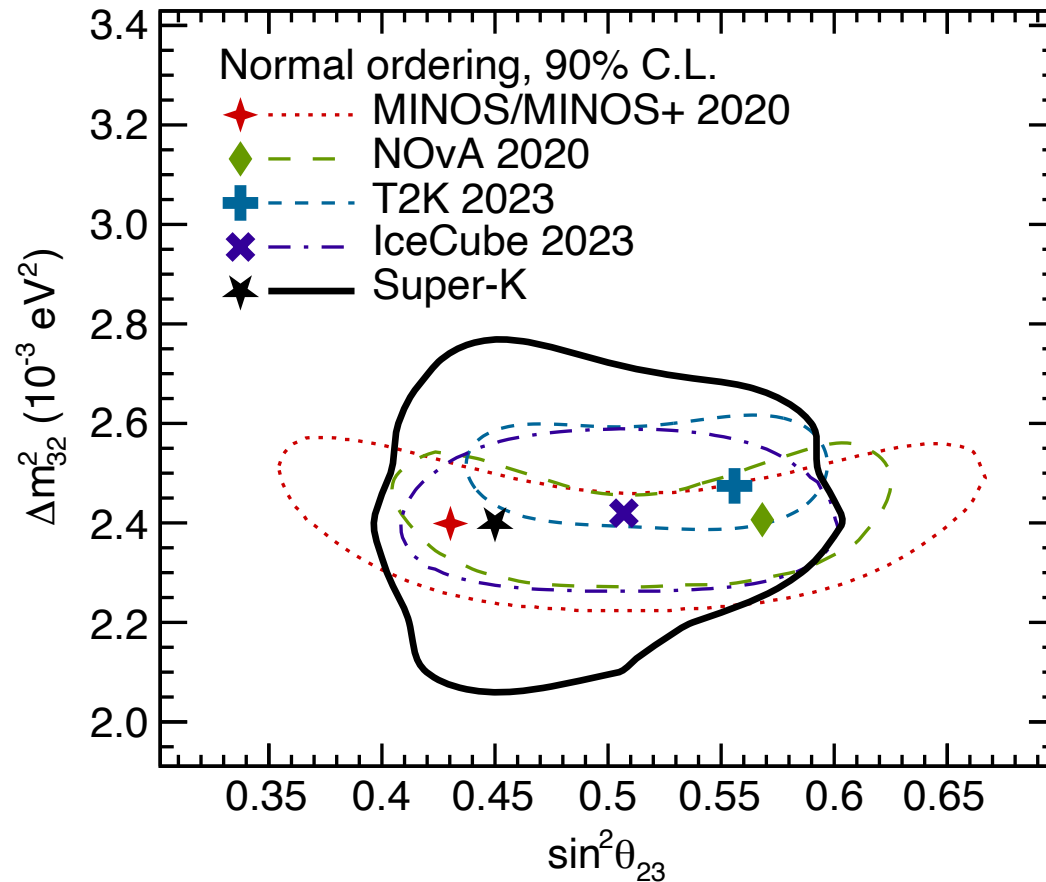
Observed counts (points to O_n)

Sum over n bins (points to \sum_n)

Systematic error pull terms (points to $\sum_i \epsilon_i^2$)

Data set	Samples	Bins	Systematic uncertainties	Free parameters	Minimization
6511 live days 0.48 Mton·years	29	930 2D $\cos\theta_z$ vs. momentum	194 Detector: 29×5 phases Flux & xsec: 49	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}, \Delta m_{32}^2, \delta_{CP},$ ordering Also perform fit with θ_{13} free	Grid scan

Results: Δm^2_{32} & $\sin^2\theta_{23}$



SK I–V best fit

With reactor constraint: $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.0220 \pm 0.0007$

$\sin^2\theta_{23} \sim 0.45$ (lower octant)

$\Delta m^2_{32} \sim 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

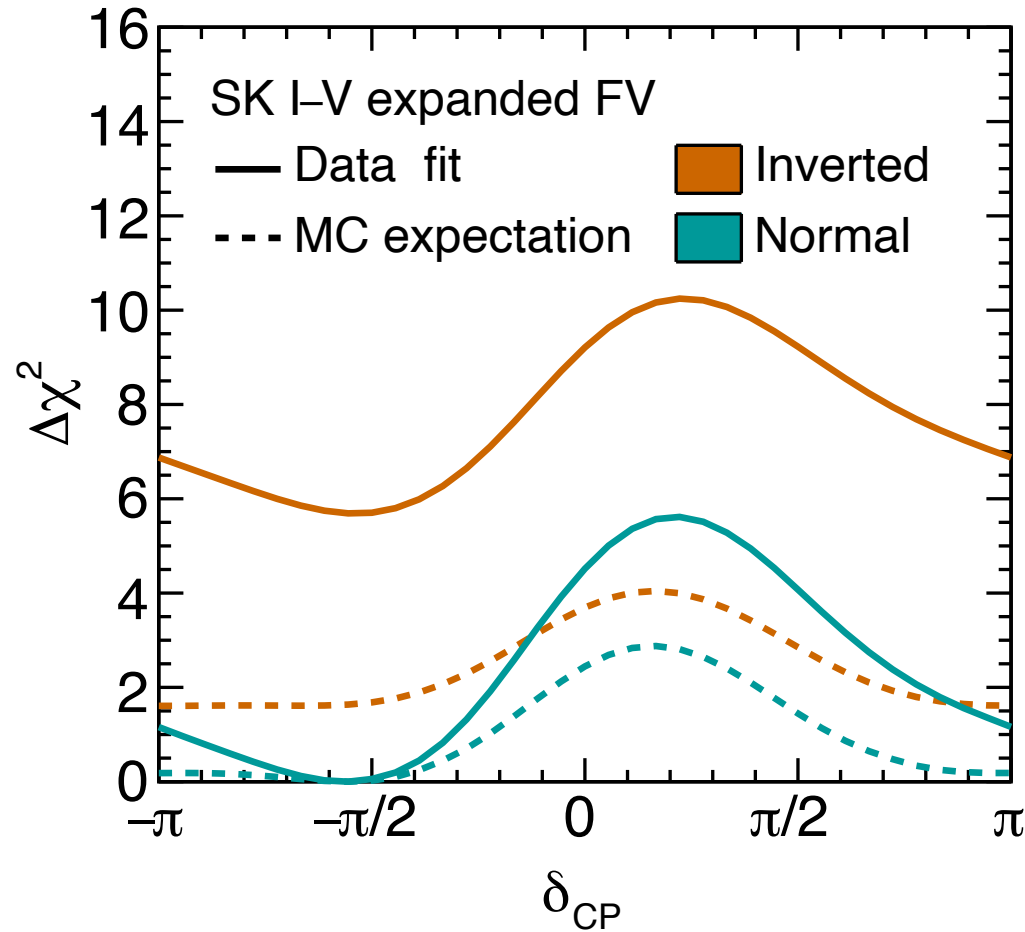
MINOS: Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 131802 (2020)

NOvA: 10.5281/zenodo.4142045 (2020)

T2K: Eur. Phys. J. C **83**, 782 (2023)

IceCube: Phys. Rev. D **108**, 012014 (2023)

Results: Mass Ordering & δ_{CP}



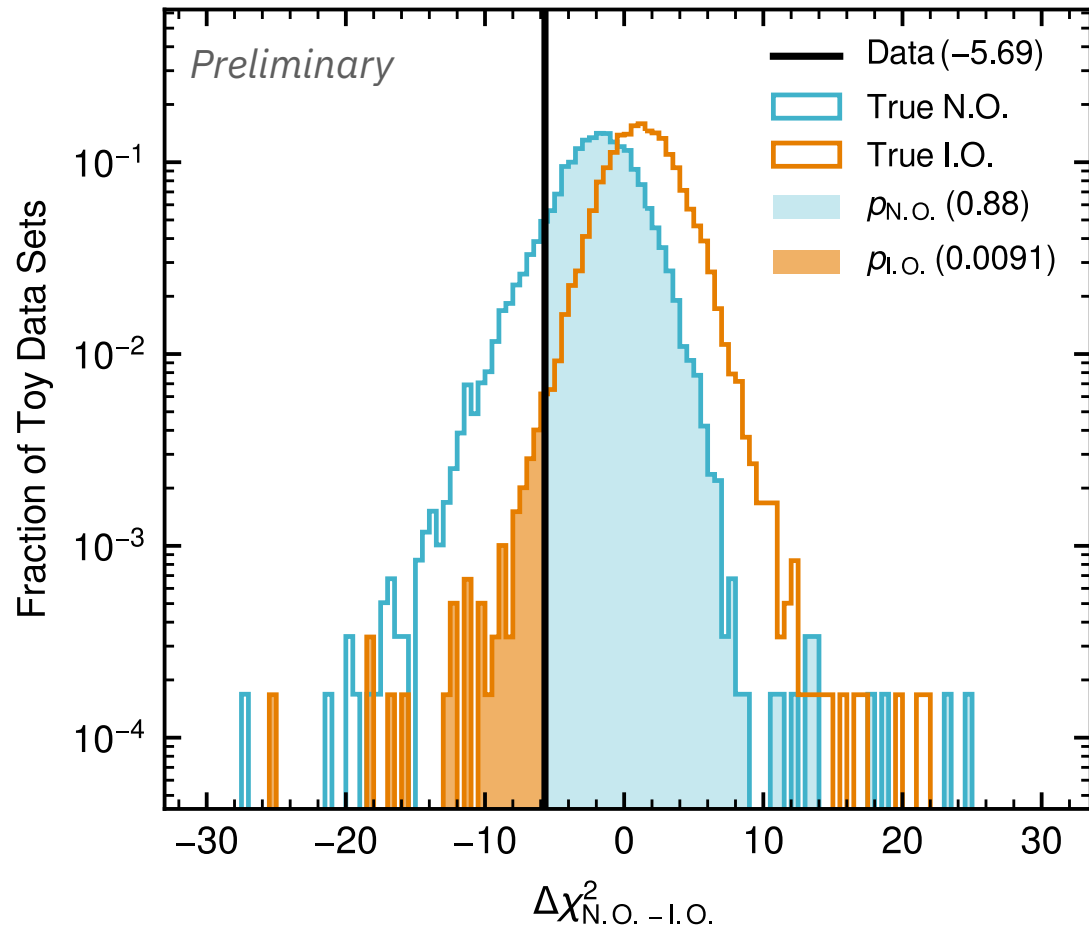
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Normal ordering, $\Delta\chi^2_{\text{I.O.} - \text{N.O.}} \sim 5.7^*$

$\delta_{CP} \approx -\pi/2$

*Mass Ordering Significance

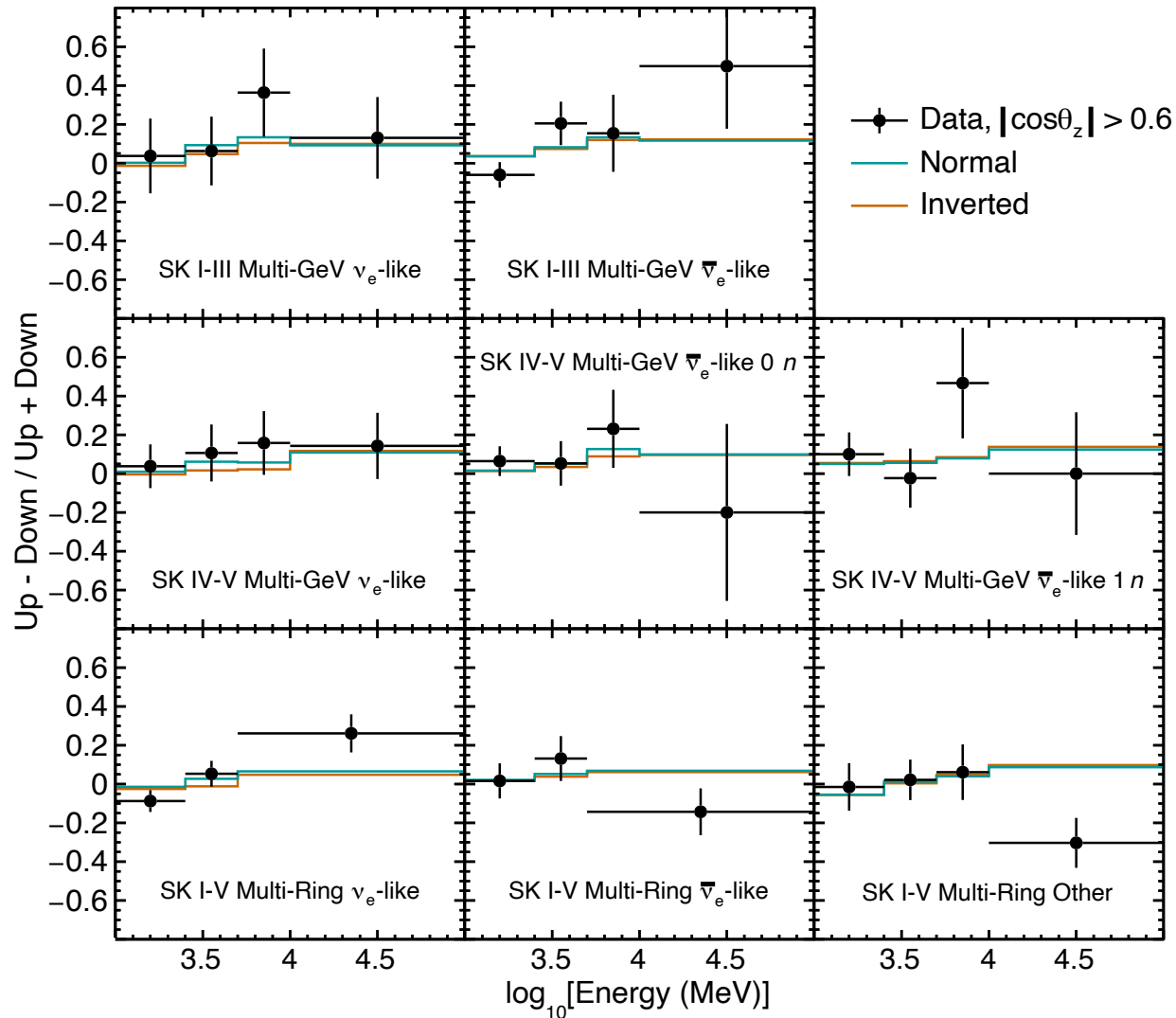


- Generate toy data sets to obtain distribution of $\Delta\chi^2_{\text{NO-IO}}$
- **CL_s statistic** corrects probability of rejecting the inverted ordering by probability of rejecting normal ordering

$$\text{CL}_S = \frac{p_{\text{IO}}}{1 - p_{\text{NO}}} \approx 0.077$$

Reject inverted ordering at the ~92% confidence level.

Mass Ordering in the Data



Upward-going / downward going ratio in multi-GeV e-like samples shows consistent excess in mass ordering-sensitive bins

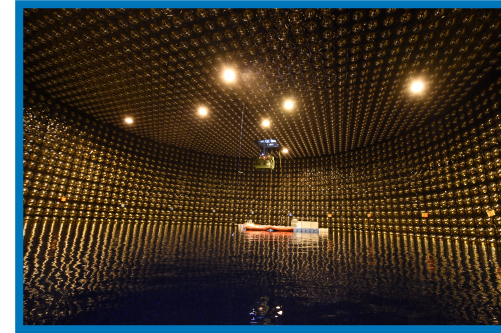
SK+T2K Joint Fit

First report: [A. Eguchi, NNN23 Procida](#)
[L. Berns, KEK-JPARC Seminar](#)

T2K Experiment

Precision long-baseline experiment measuring Δm_{32}^2 , $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$, δ_{CP}

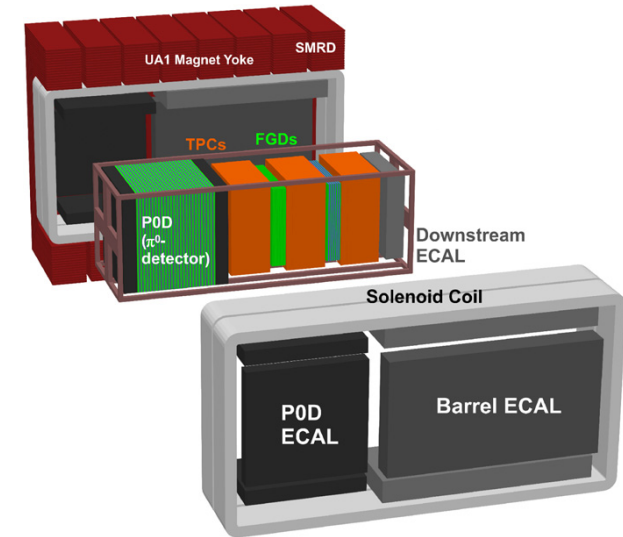
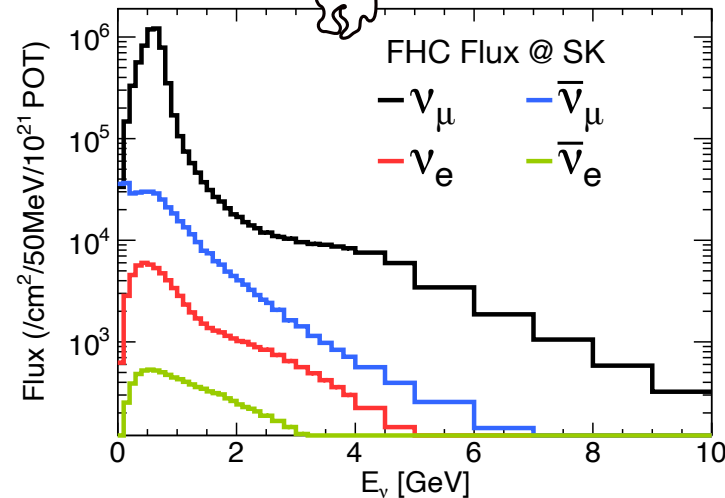
- Neutrino flux peaked at 600 MeV, CC Quasi-elastic (CCQE) primary interaction channel
- ND280 near detector constrains flux & cross section uncertainties
- $>3.6 \times 10^{21}$ POT accumulated since 2010:
 - FHC (ν -mode) 1.97×10^{21} POT
 - RHC ($\bar{\nu}$ -mode) 1.64×10^{21} POT



Super-K



JPARC accelerator



ND280 near detector

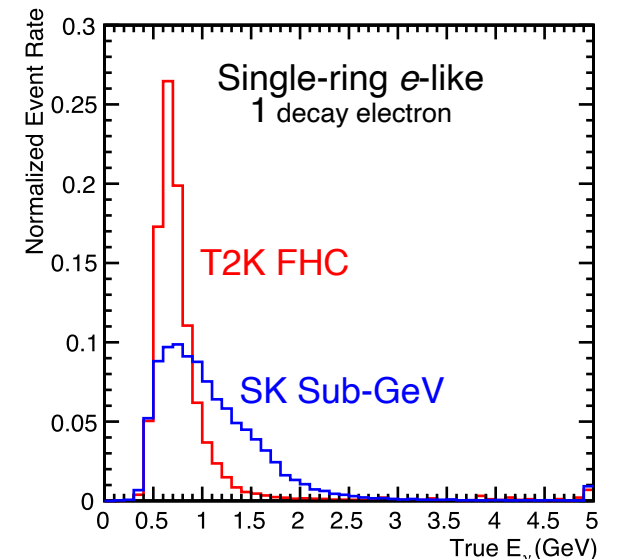
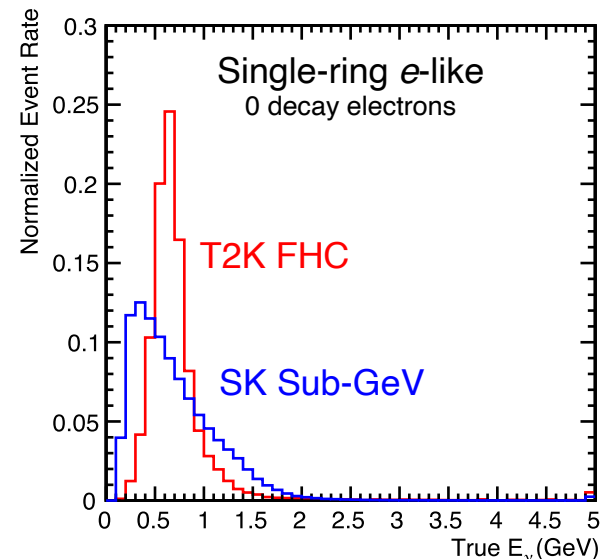
Joint Fit Overview

Joint fit combines existing SK & T2K analyses into single framework

Joint fit goals:

- **Demonstrate complementarity** of precision accelerator measurement & large matter effect in atmospheric neutrinos
- **Combined cross section model** for accelerator & atmospheric events
 - ↳ T2K near detector constraints applied to atmospheric samples
- **Correlated detector systematics**

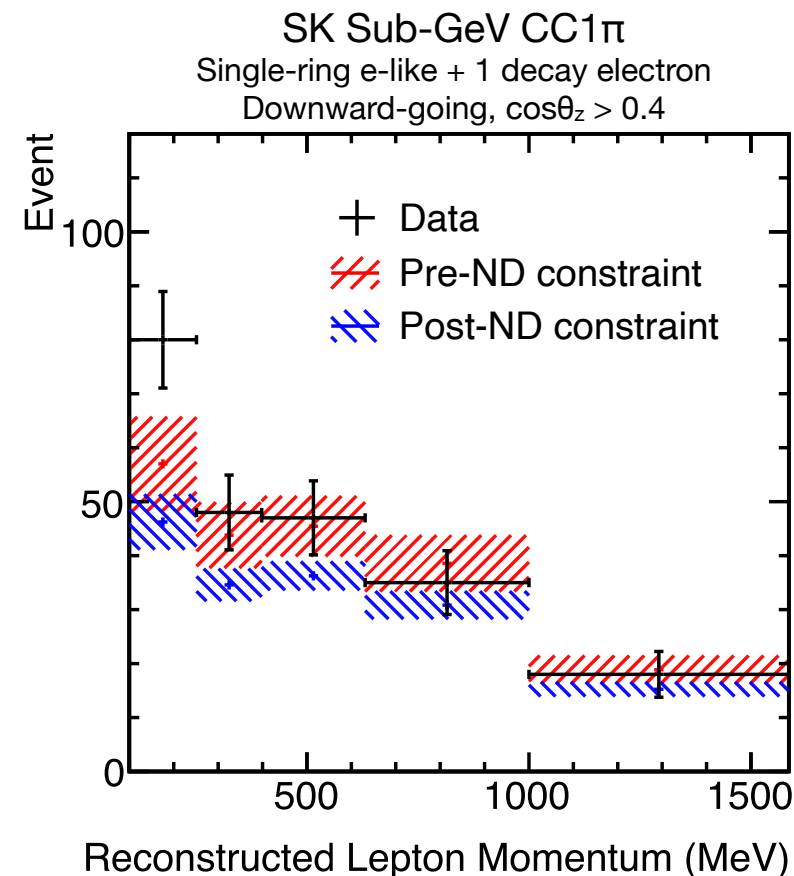
Joint Fit	T2K Eur. Phys. J. C 83:782 (2023)	SK PTEP 2019 5, 053F01
Data set	Runs 1-10	SK IV
Exposure	3.6×10 ²¹ POT	254 kt·yr (~50% of pure-water data set)
Samples	5 single ring	18 (no neutron tagging)



SK + T2K Near Detector Constraints

Near detector constraint found to cause excess in SK atmospheric CC1 π sample from study of downward-going (un-oscillated) control data

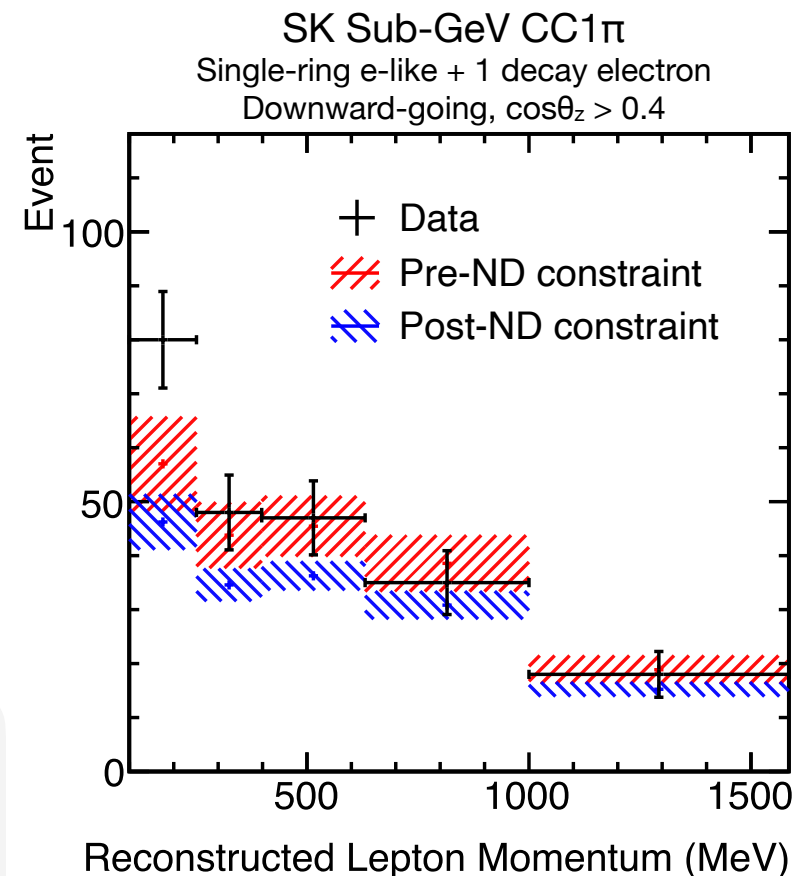
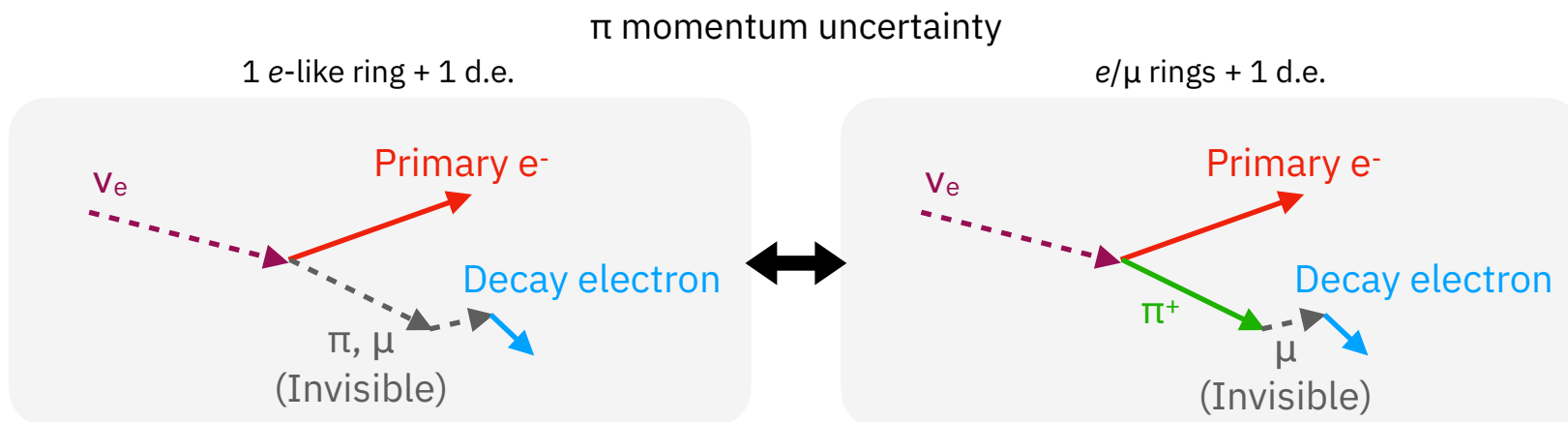
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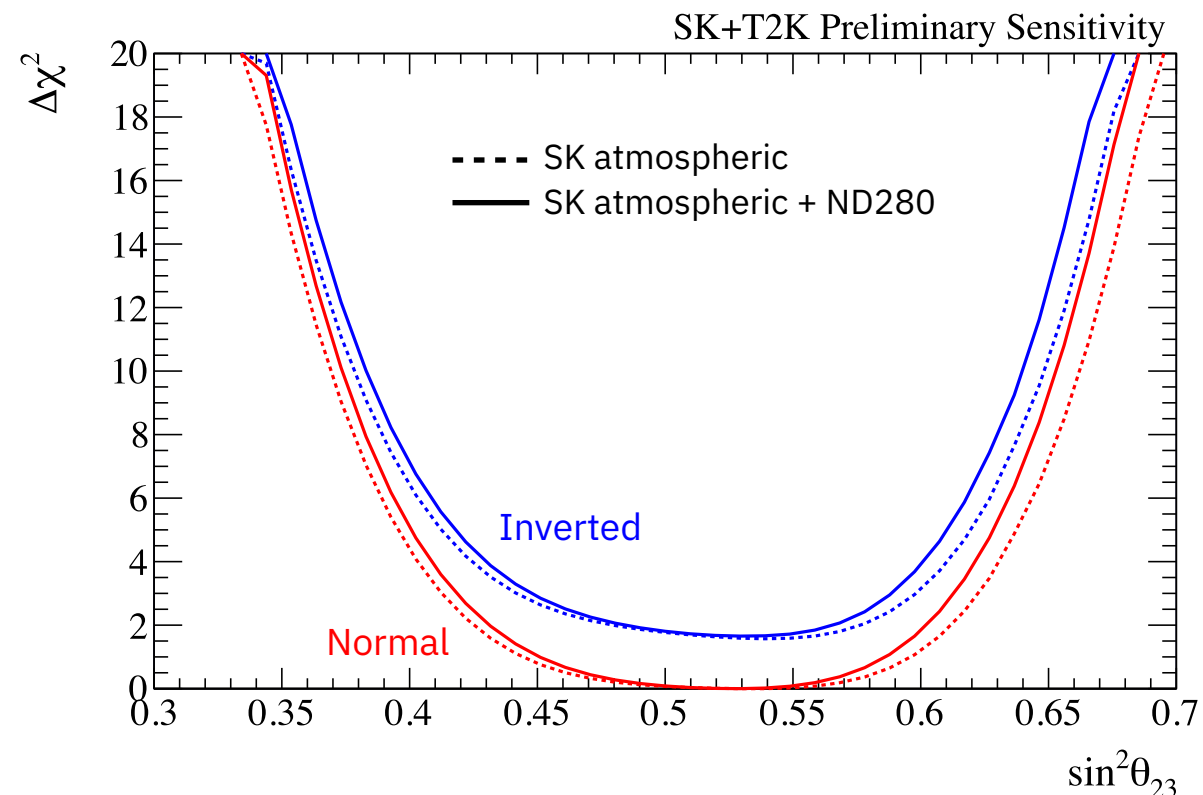
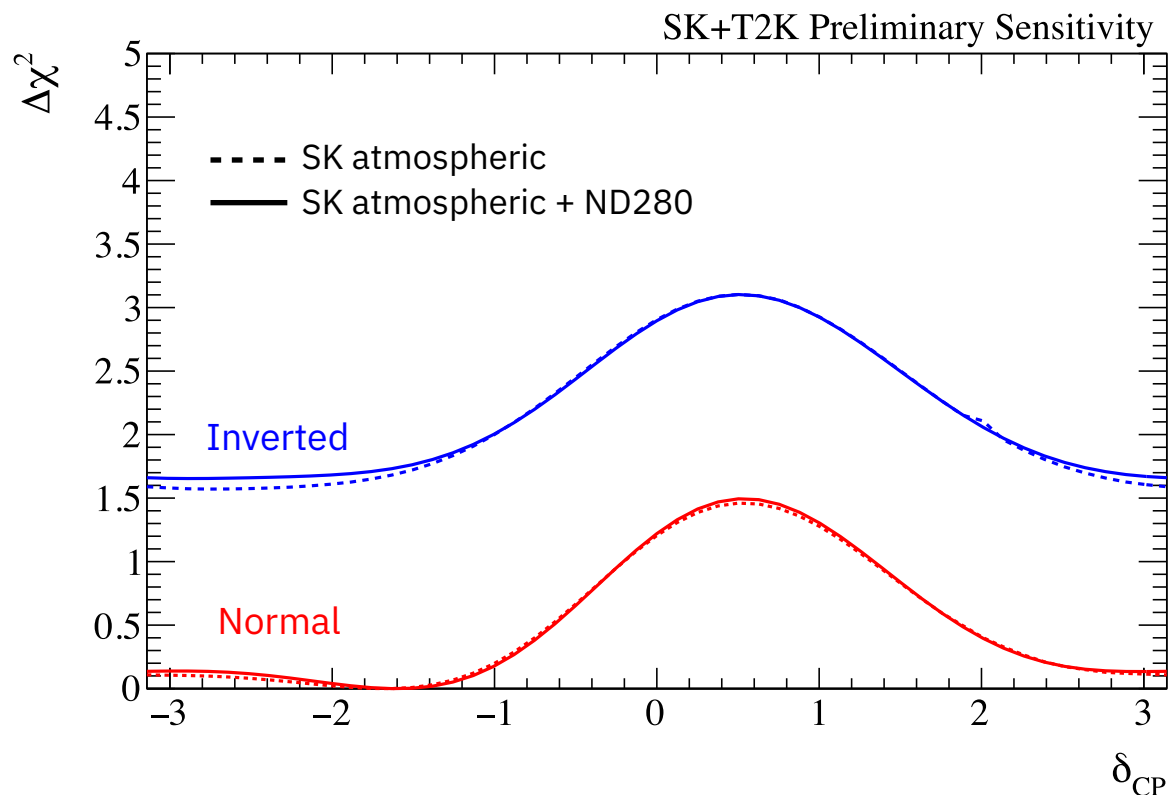
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- Excess can potentially bias δ_{CP} measurement
- Add new uncertainty on pion momentum: Changes number of pions above/below Cherenkov threshold in SK, small effect on near detector



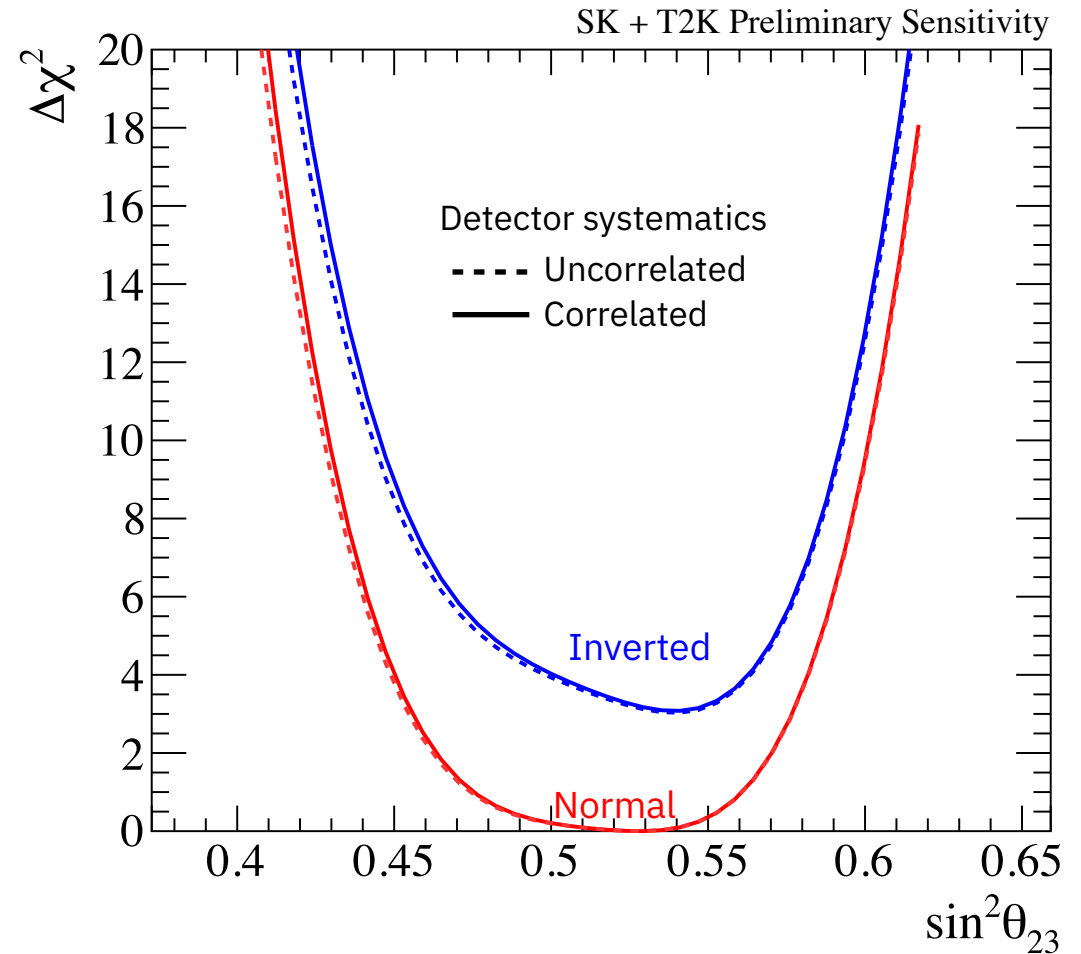
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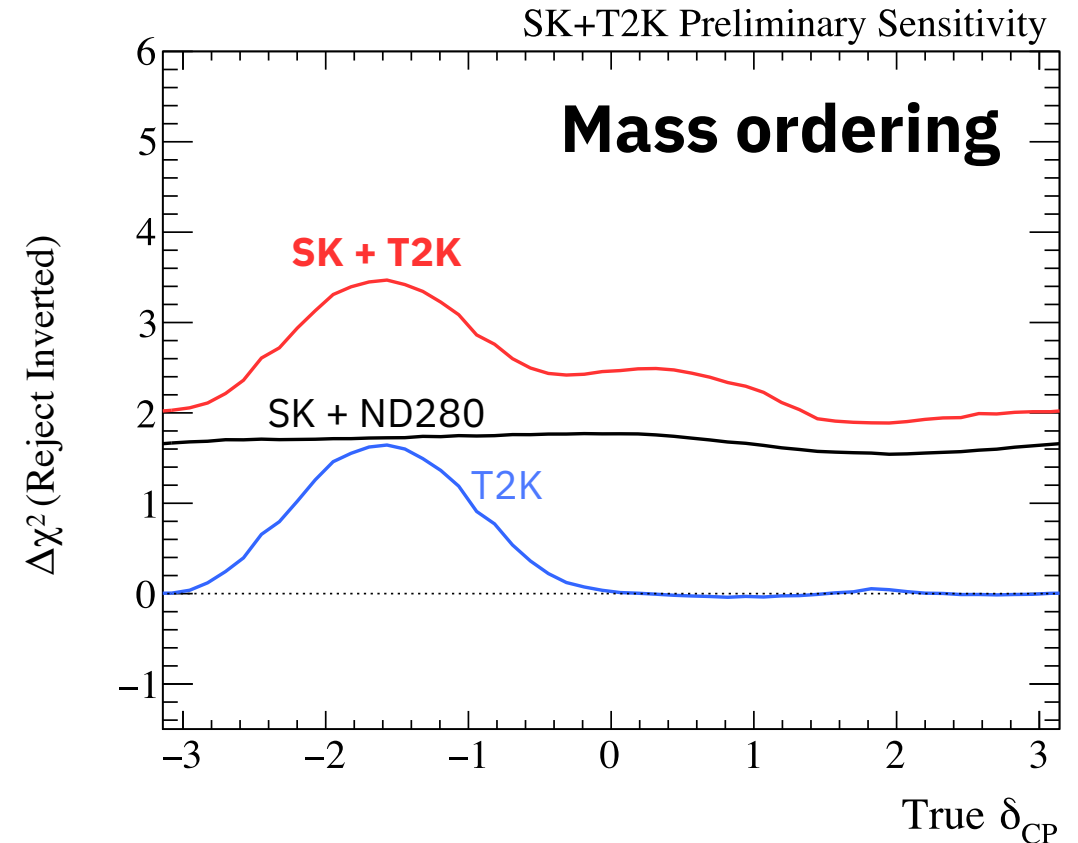
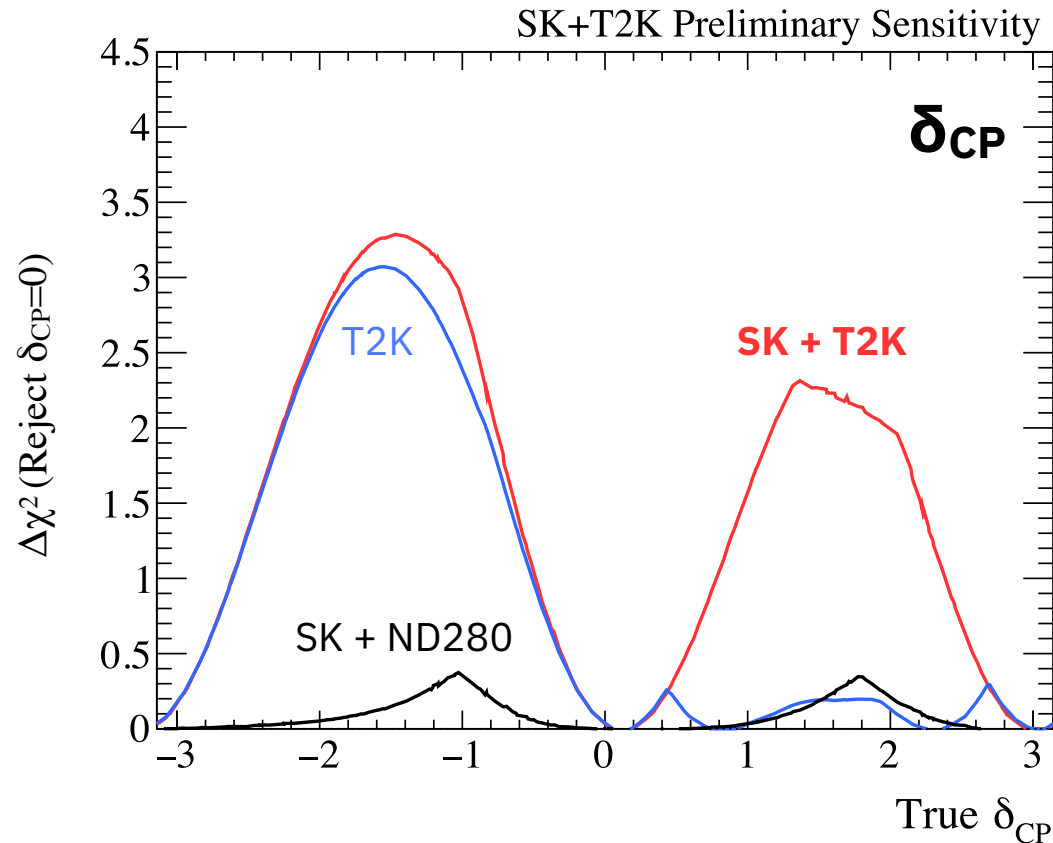
Improvement in SK $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ sensitivity from T2K ND constraint

Detector Systematics

- Same reconstruction is applied to SK & T2K events
→ Detector systematics are fully correlated
- Overall small effect on oscillation parameter sensitivities. Expect to become more relevant with higher statistics

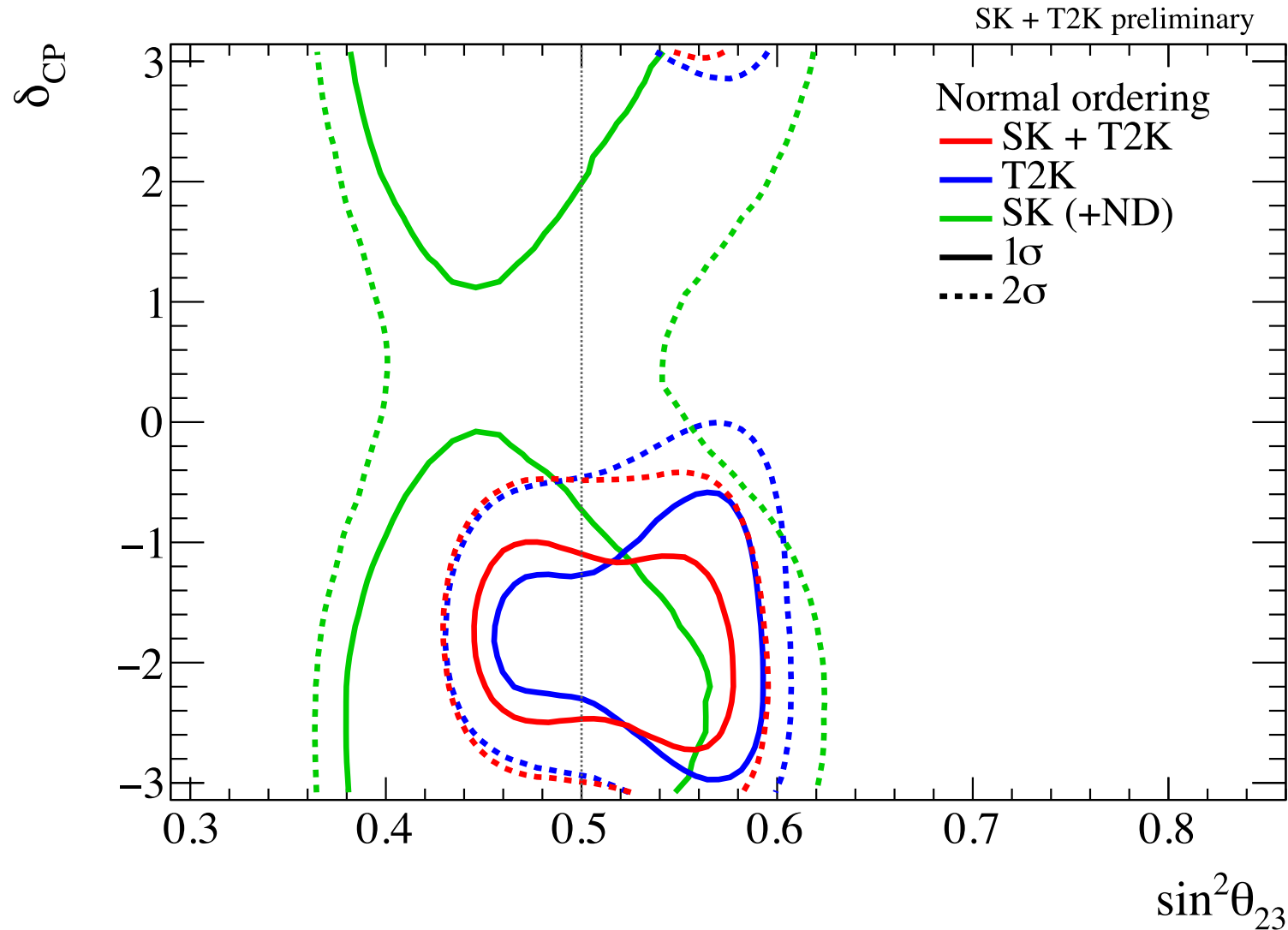


T2K + SK IV Joint Fit Sensitivities



- Mass ordering- δ_{CP} degeneracy broken for $0 < \delta_{CP} < \pi$
- Gains in sensitivity beyond simple likelihood sum

T2K + SK IV Joint Fit Results: δ_{CP} & Octant

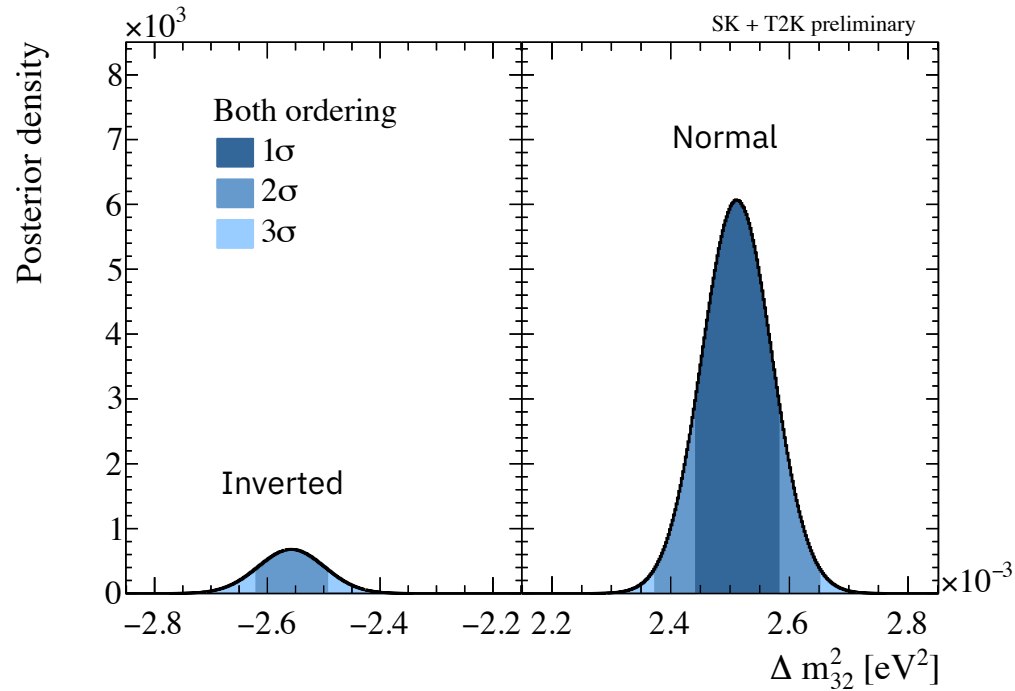


Bayesian results,
frequentist results in
preparation

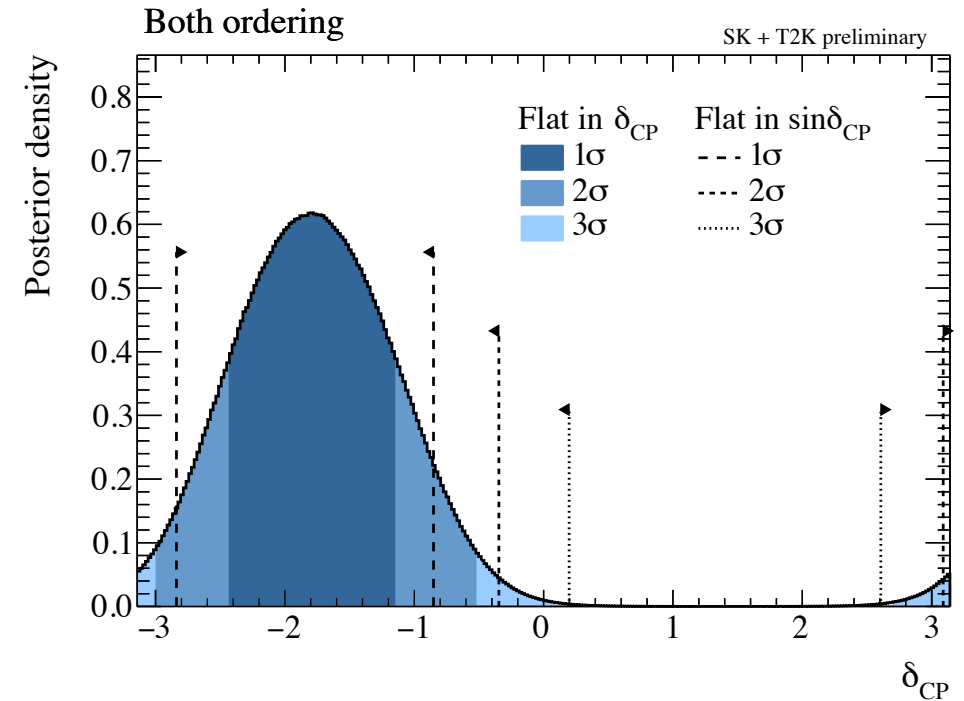
Best fit in the normal
ordering, $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$

SK & T2K data slightly
prefer different octants
for $\sin^2\theta_{23}$, joint fit has
no strong preference

Joint Fit Results: Mass Ordering & CP conservation



NO/IO Bayes factor 8.98 ± 0.06
 (~1.6 σ assuming Gaussian)



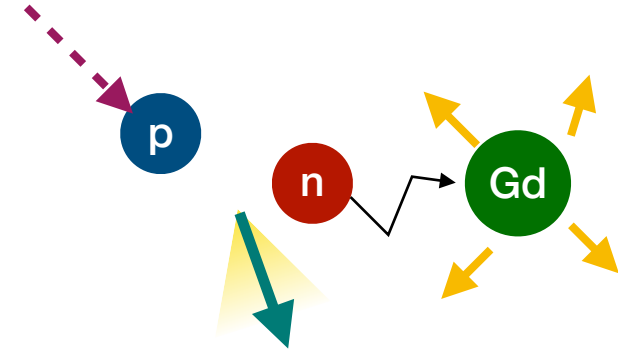
CP conservation rejected at 90%-2 σ level
 Depending on prior choice & out-of-model effects

Coming soon: Comparisons between multiple fitting groups & frequentist results

SK-Gd: Super-K with Gadolinium

SK-Gd Idea

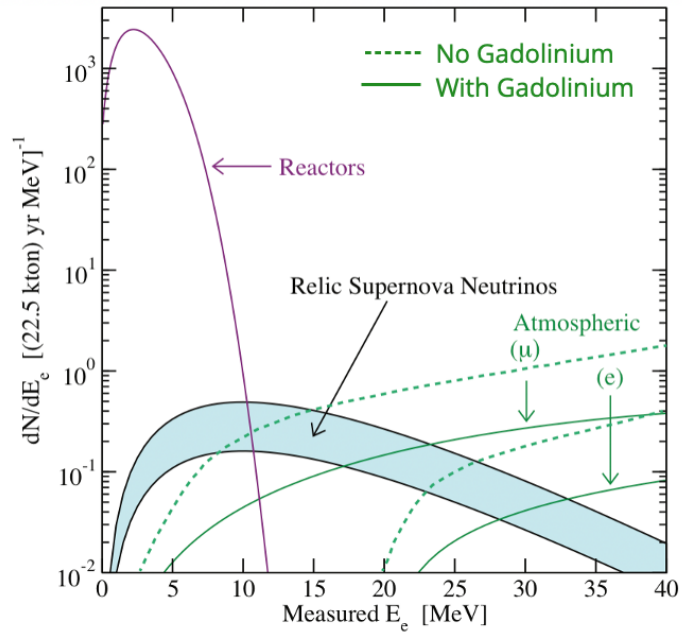
SK-Gd proposal: Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 171101 (2003)



Neutron captures	Gamma energy (MeV)	Capture time (μs)	Tagging efficiency (%)	Capture vertex resolution (cm)
H (pure water)	2.2	200	26	–
0.01% Gd	8	120	50	~100
0.03% Gd	8	60	75	~100

Gd Neutron Tagging in SK

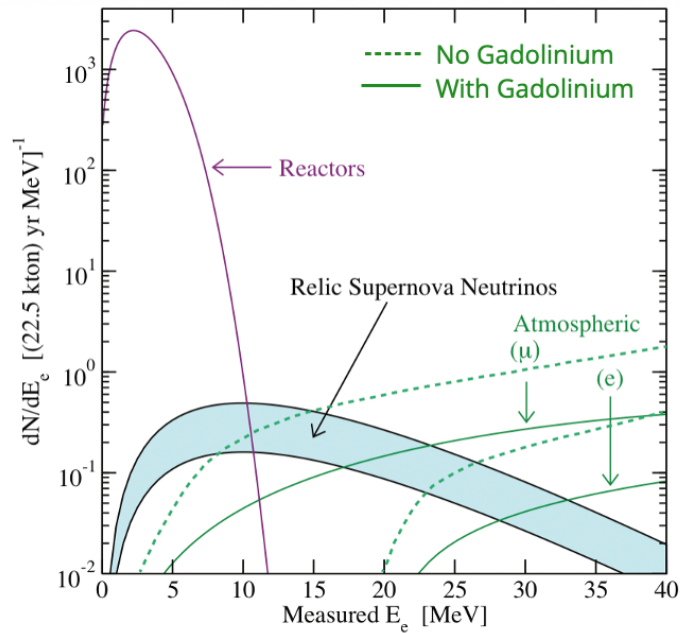
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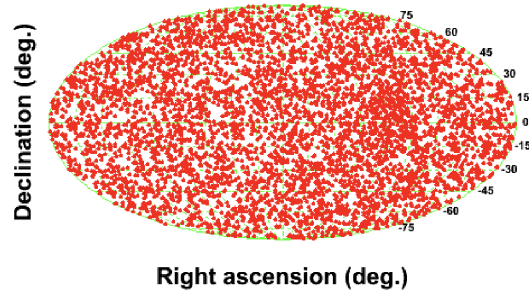
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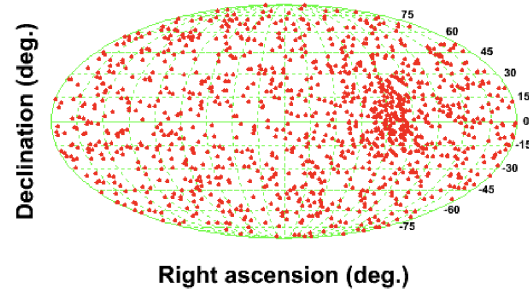
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Supernova Pointing

10 kpc SN, All events



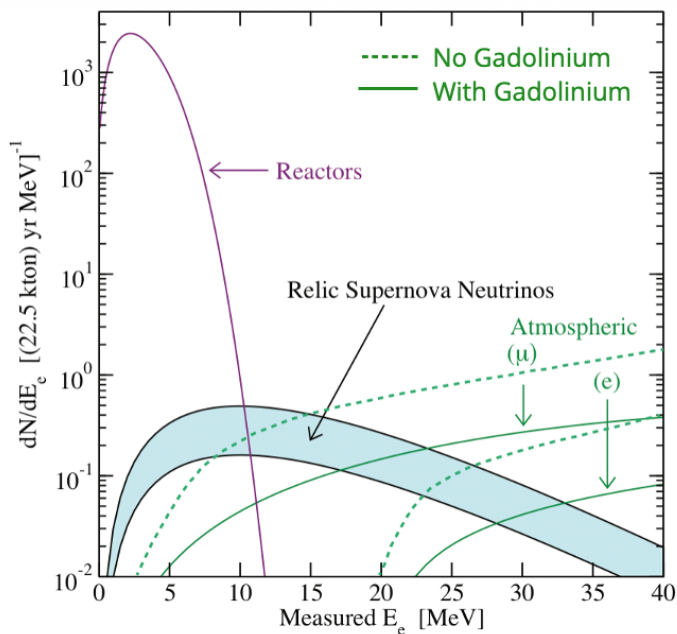
IBD removed with 80% efficiency



Efficiently tag IBD events
Elastic scatters point back to SN location

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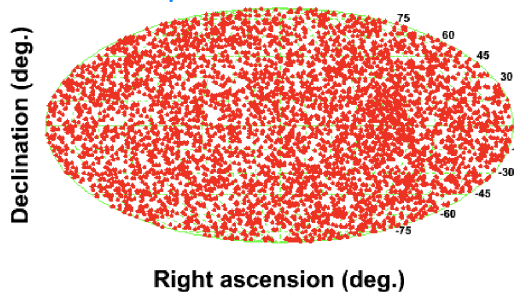
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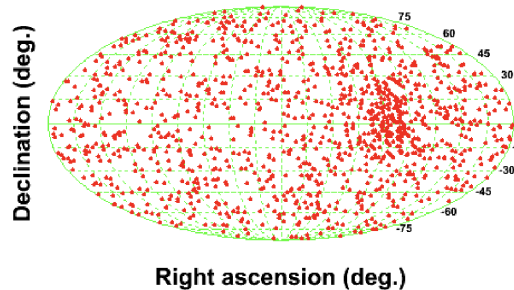
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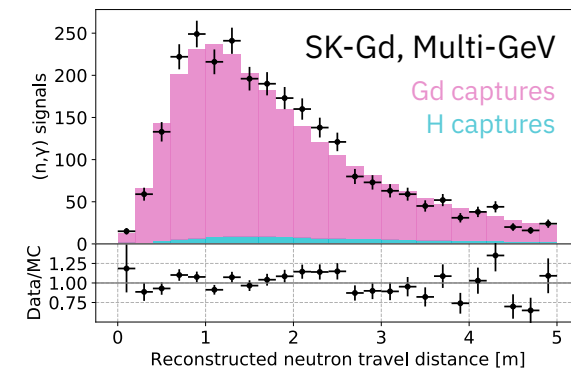
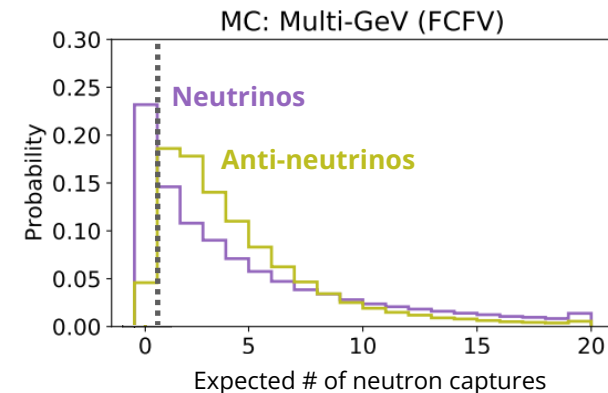


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Atmospheric ν



Neutrino/anti-neutrino separation
Neutron vertex used in reconstruction

Gadolinium Timeline



2014–: EGADS detector ~ mini-SK, ongoing Gd R&D

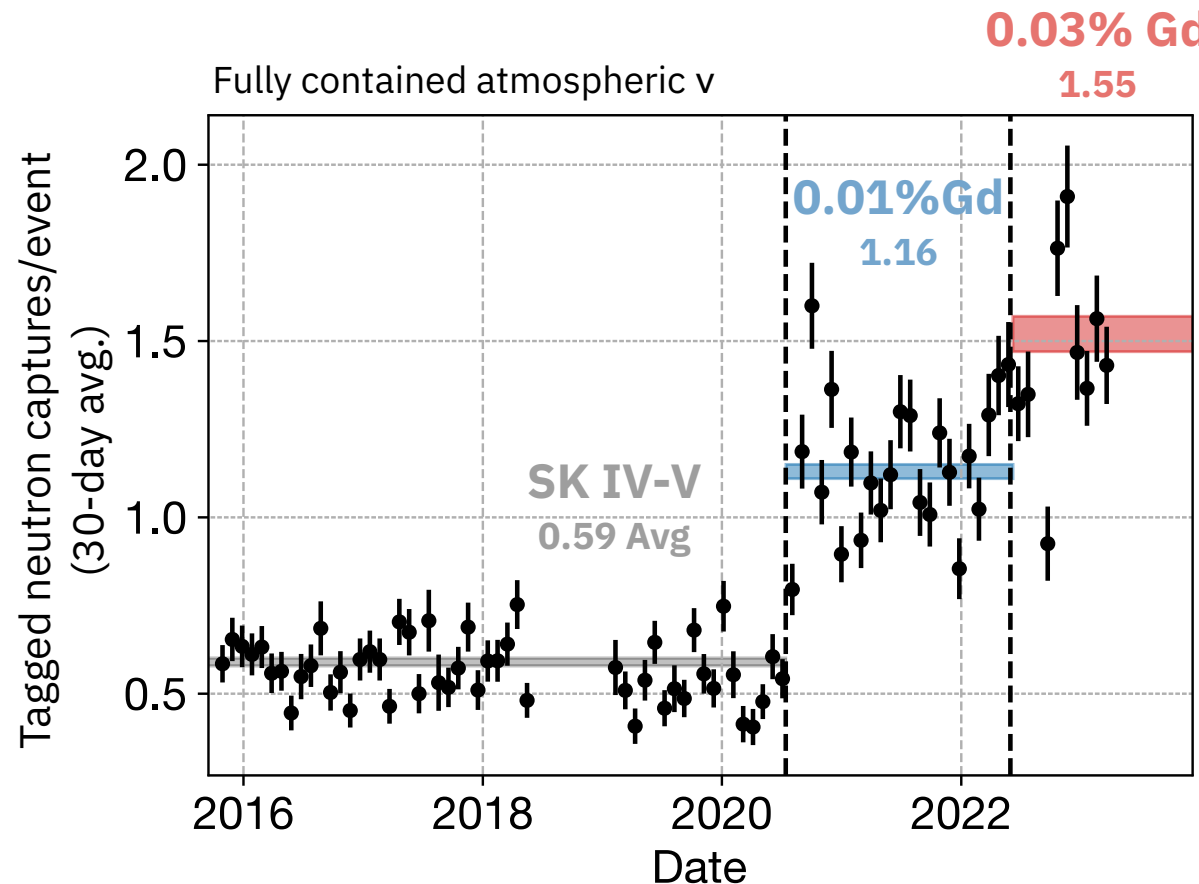
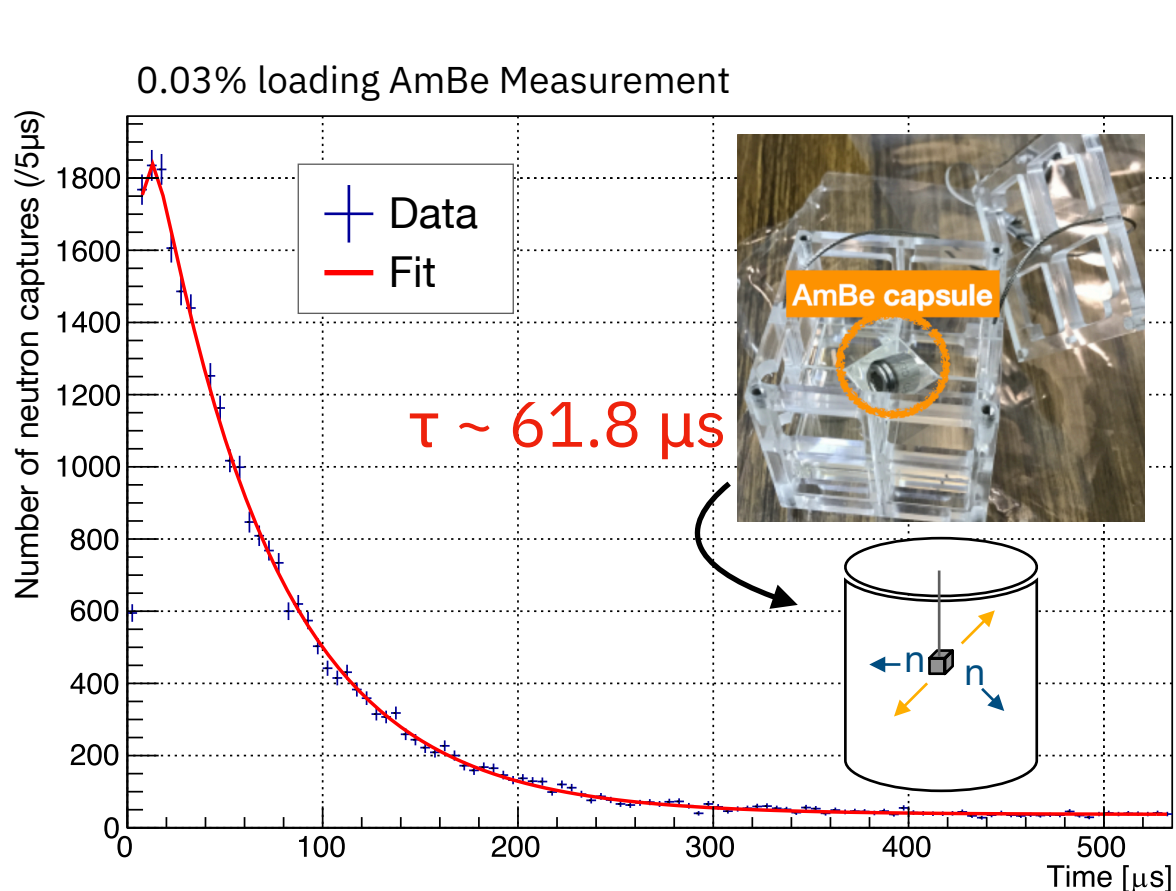
2018: SK-Gd water system installed, commissioned with pure water during 2019-2020

2020: 0.01% loading completed

2022: 0.03% loading completed



SK-Gd Neutron Capture Measurements

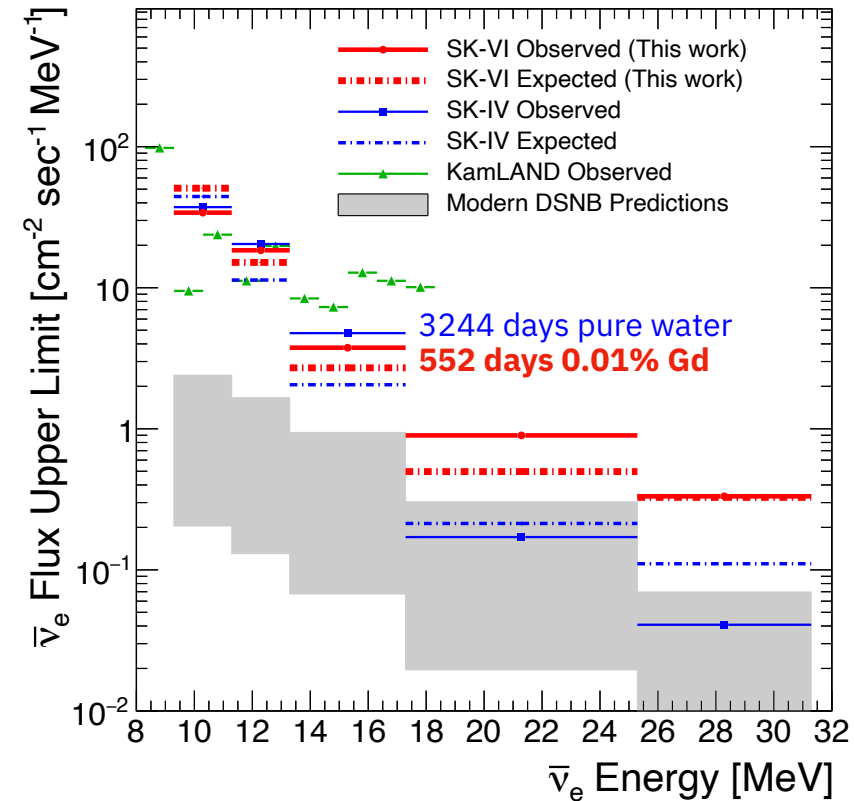
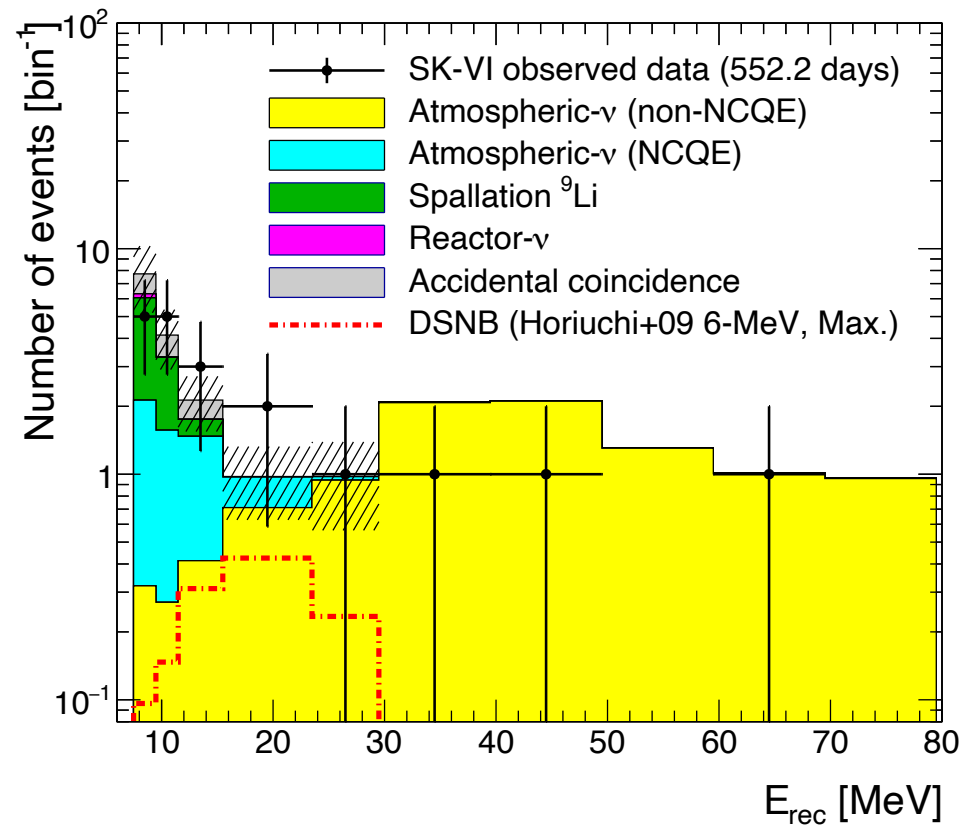


SK-Gd DSNB analysis

APJ Lett. **951**:L27 (2023)

Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background: Not-yet observed neutrino source expected from all past supernova

- ~7.5–30 MeV IBD signal window avoids reactor neutrinos & atmospheric background if neutron is tagged
- 0.01% SK-Gd data analyzed: Sensitivity is close to theoretical predictions, competitive with pure water phases



Summary



Atmospheric neutrinos

- Analyzed full pure water data set
- Prefer normal mass ordering, reject inverted ordering $CL_s \sim 0.077$

Joint Analysis with T2K

- Developed robust analysis framework for combining SK atmospheric and T2K beam data sets
- Reject CP conservation at $\sim 2\sigma$ level using $\sim 50\%$ of pure-water atmospheric data set

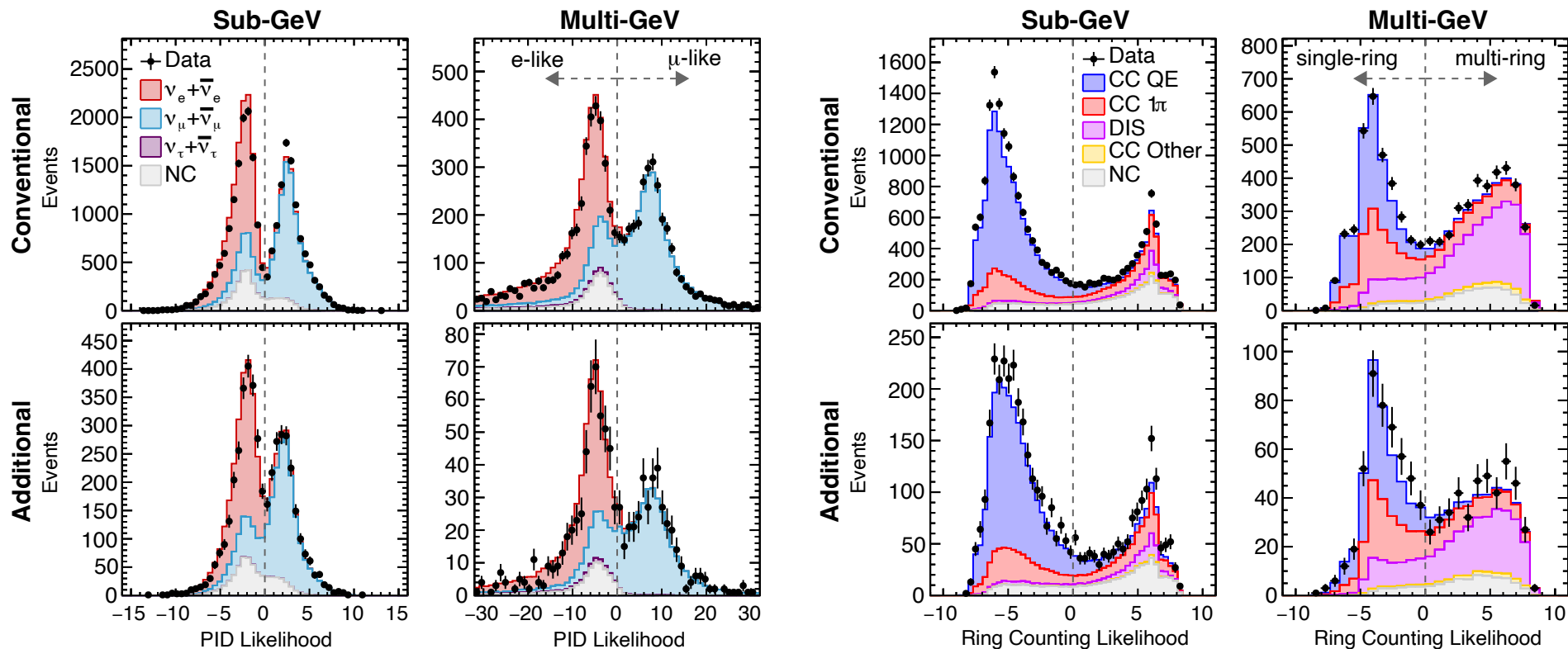
SK-Gd

- Neutron tagging is working, observing many more captures
- First Gd data is analyzed for DSNB, more soon!

Extra

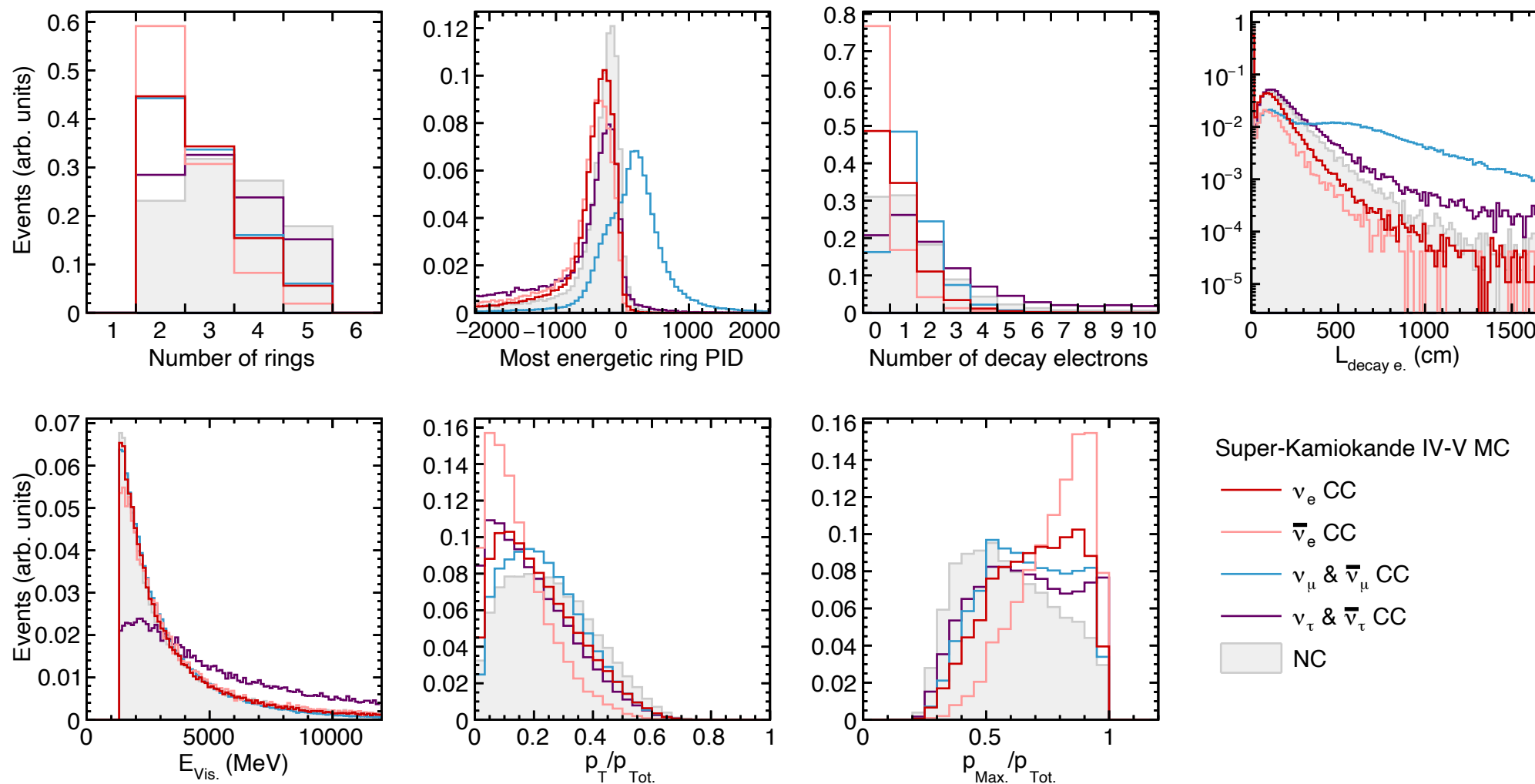
SK I–V Atmospheric Neutrino Oscillation Analysis

Comparison of Fiducial Volume Reconstruction Performance



Distributions show data/MC agreement before the application of any systematic uncertainties. Dashed lines show cut for e/ μ or single/multi-ring classification.

All Multi-ring BDT Input Distributions

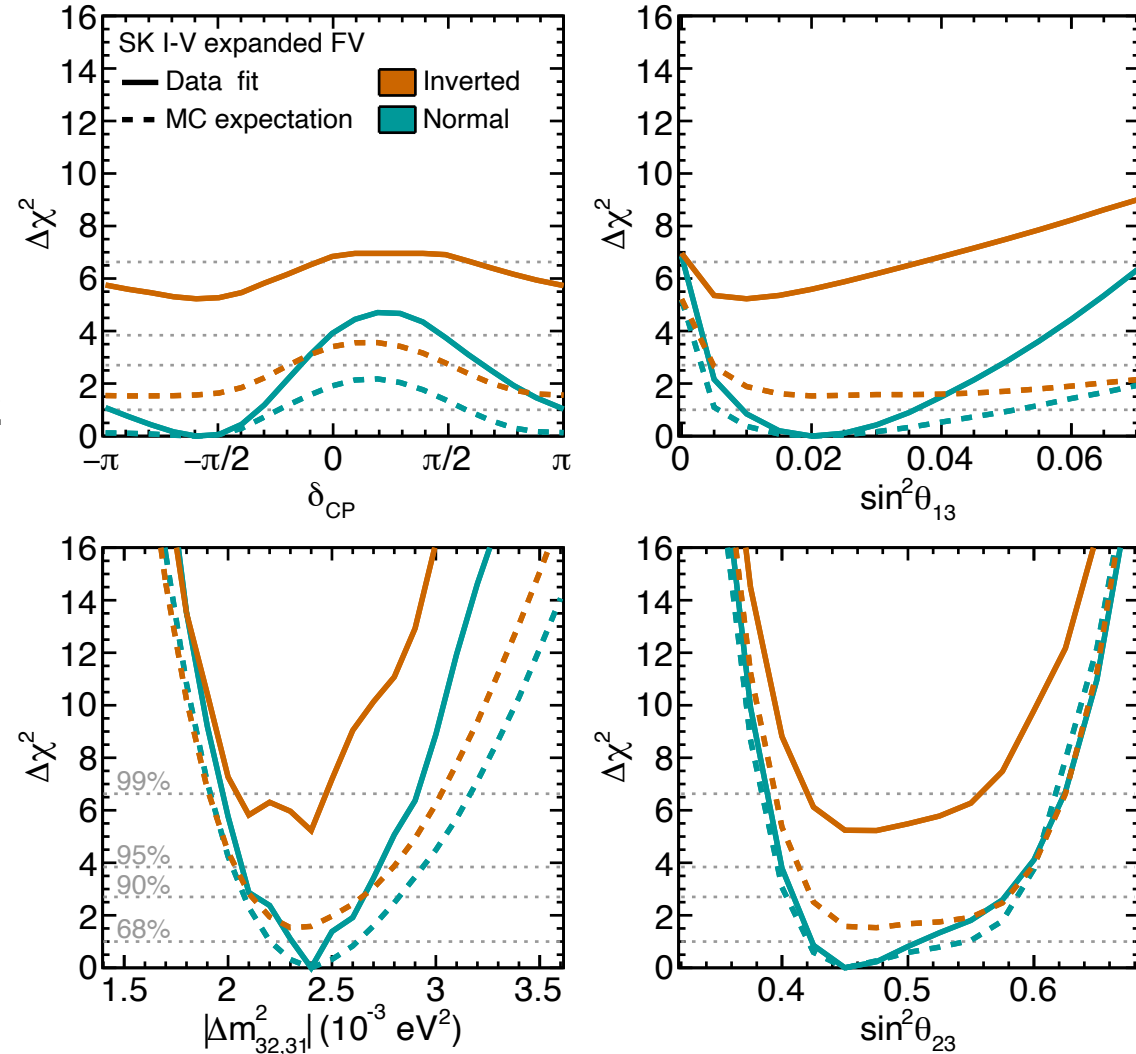


Multi-ring BDT Efficiencies & Purities

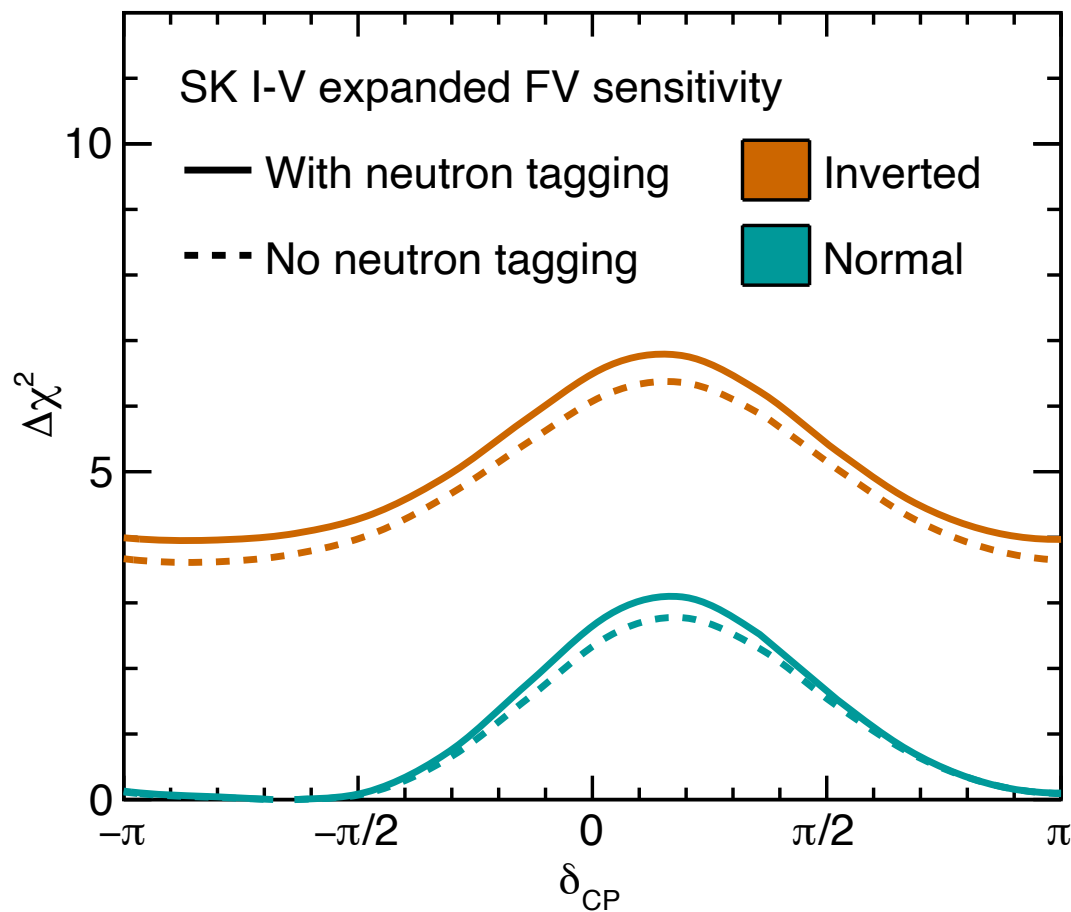
Multi-ring sample	Likelihood (Previous SK analyses)		BDT (SK I–V analysis)	
	Efficiency (%)	Purity (%)	Efficiency (%)	Purity (%)
ν_e	35	56	55	50
$\bar{\nu}_e$	58	27	65	26
ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$	74	92	81	91
Other (NC)	57	30	31	43

Results with θ_{13} Free

- Prefer **normal** ordering, $\Delta\chi^2_{\text{IO-NO}} \approx 5.2$
- Prefer **$\sin^2\theta_{13} \approx 0.02$** , consistent with world-average reactor measurements



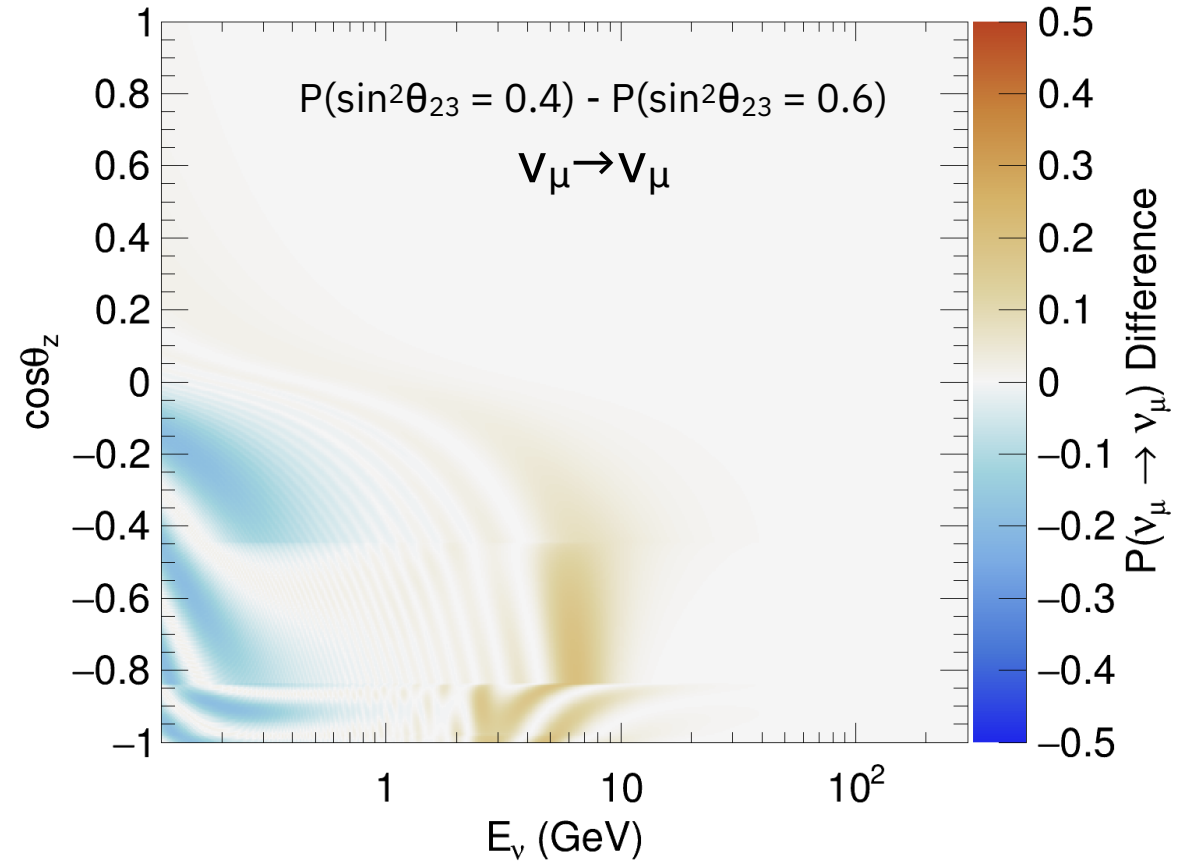
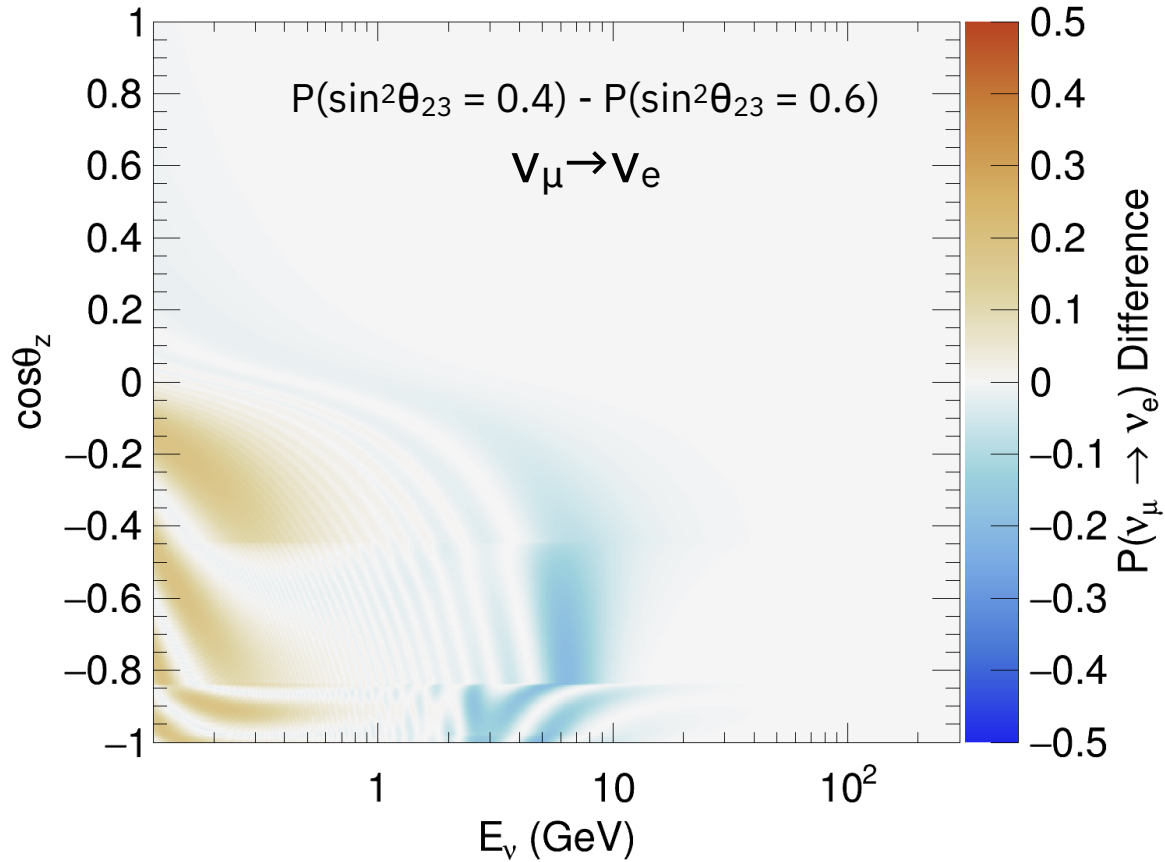
Neutron Tagging & Mass Ordering



Comparison between event selection from previous SK atmospheric neutrino oscillation publication & event selection using neutron tagging for SK IV-V (57% of total livetime) fully contained single-ring data

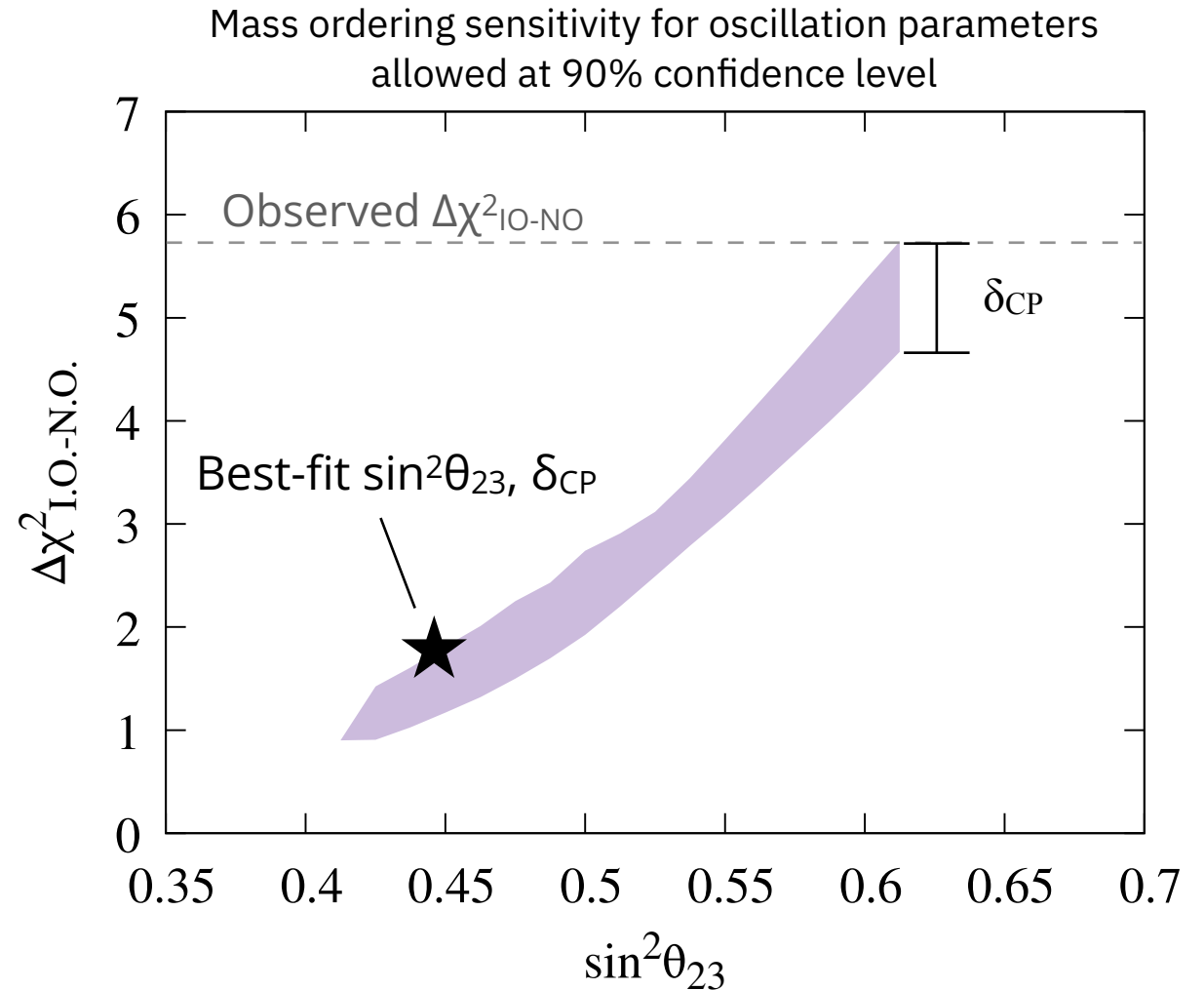
Oscillation parameters assumed: PDG 2022

Octant Effect on Oscillations

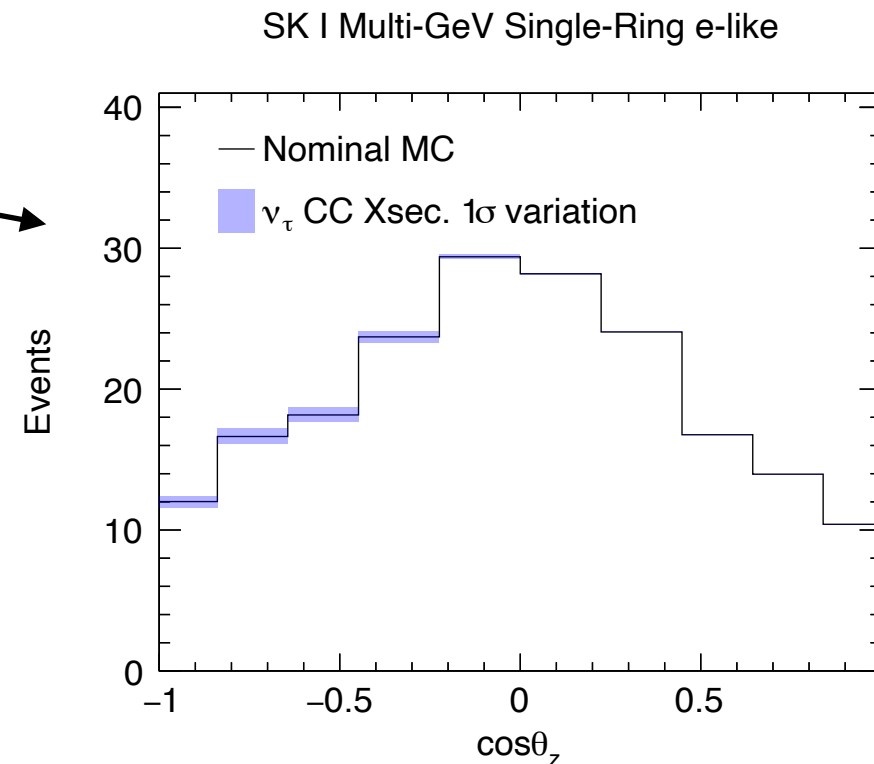
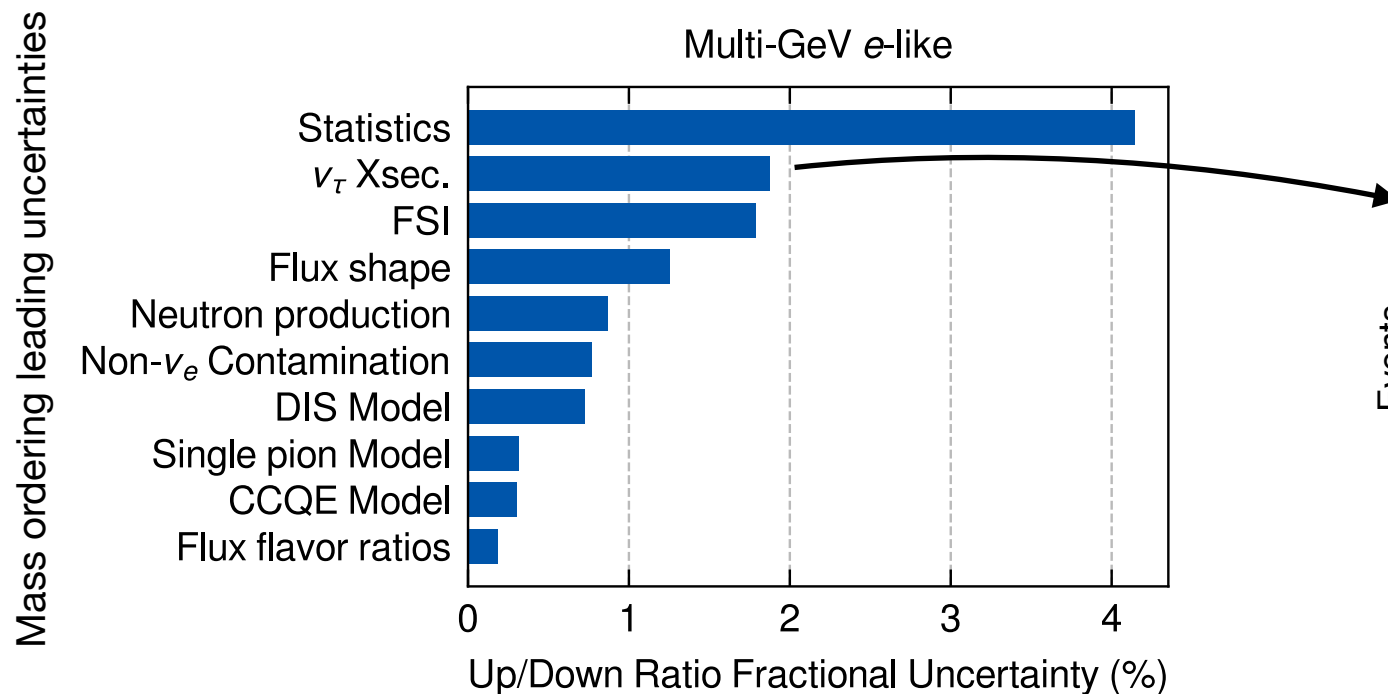


Mass Ordering Sensitivity vs. Octant

- Octant is constrained by sub-GeV events & multi-GeV ν_μ events with small mass ordering sensitivity
- Figure: Sensitivity for combinations of oscillation parameters allowed at 90% confidence level
- Upper-octant values of θ_{23} are closer to observed $\Delta\chi^2_{\text{IO-NO}}$, wide range



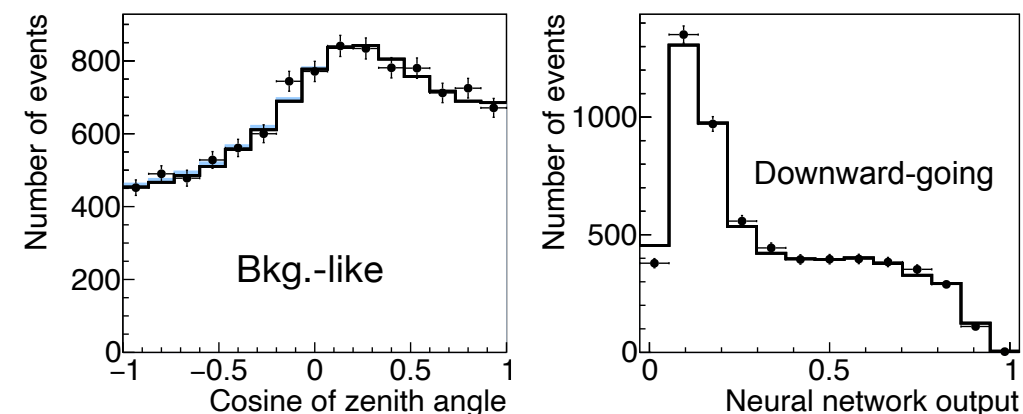
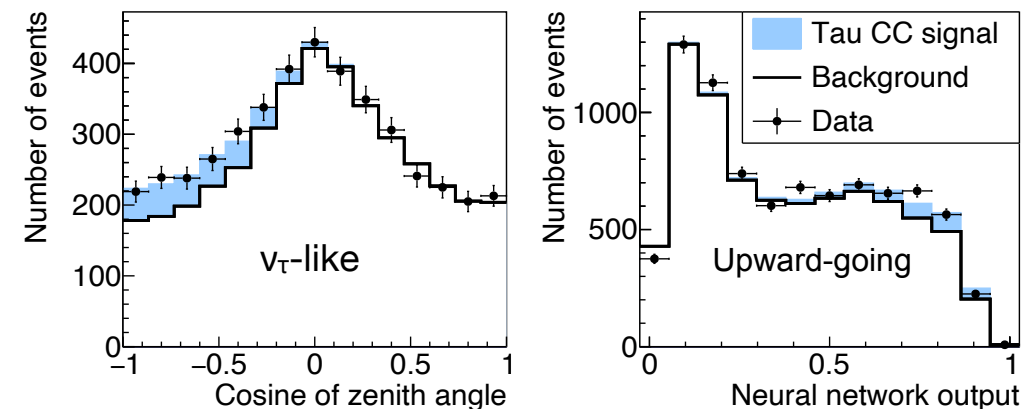
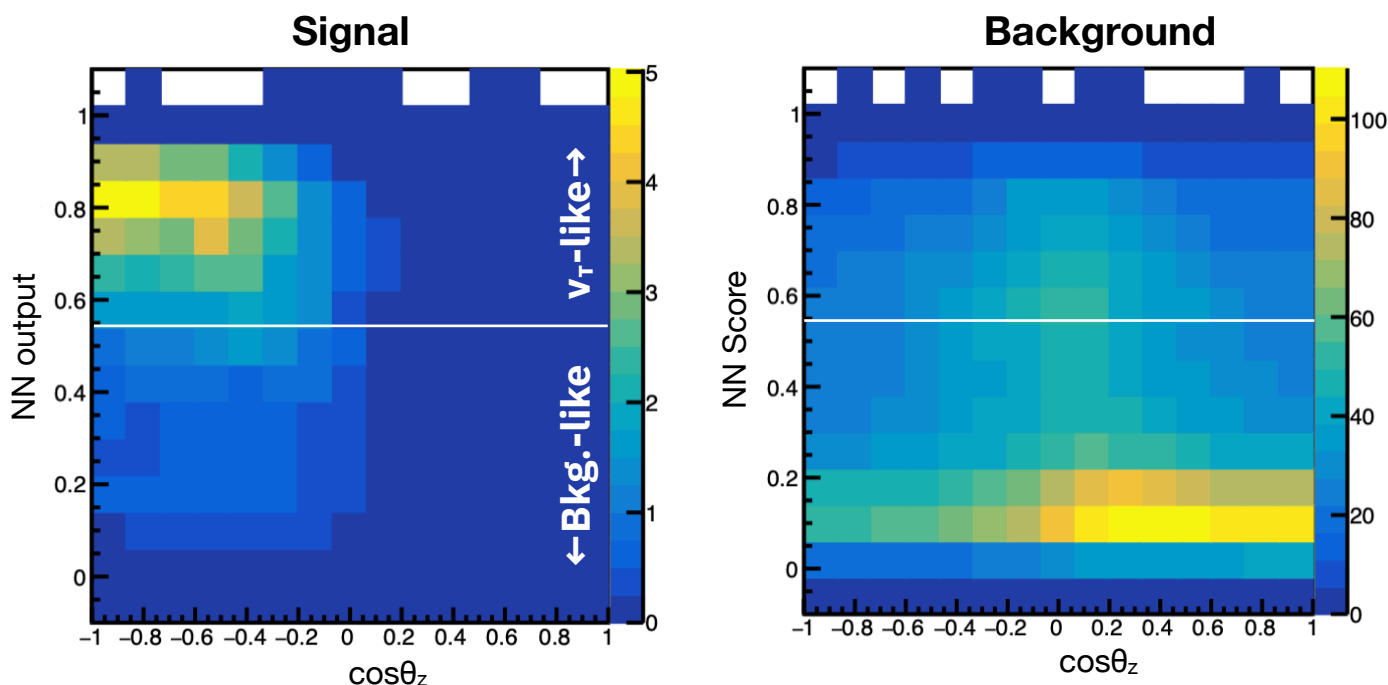
Tau Neutrinos: What's Next



SK ν_τ Appearance with Neural Network

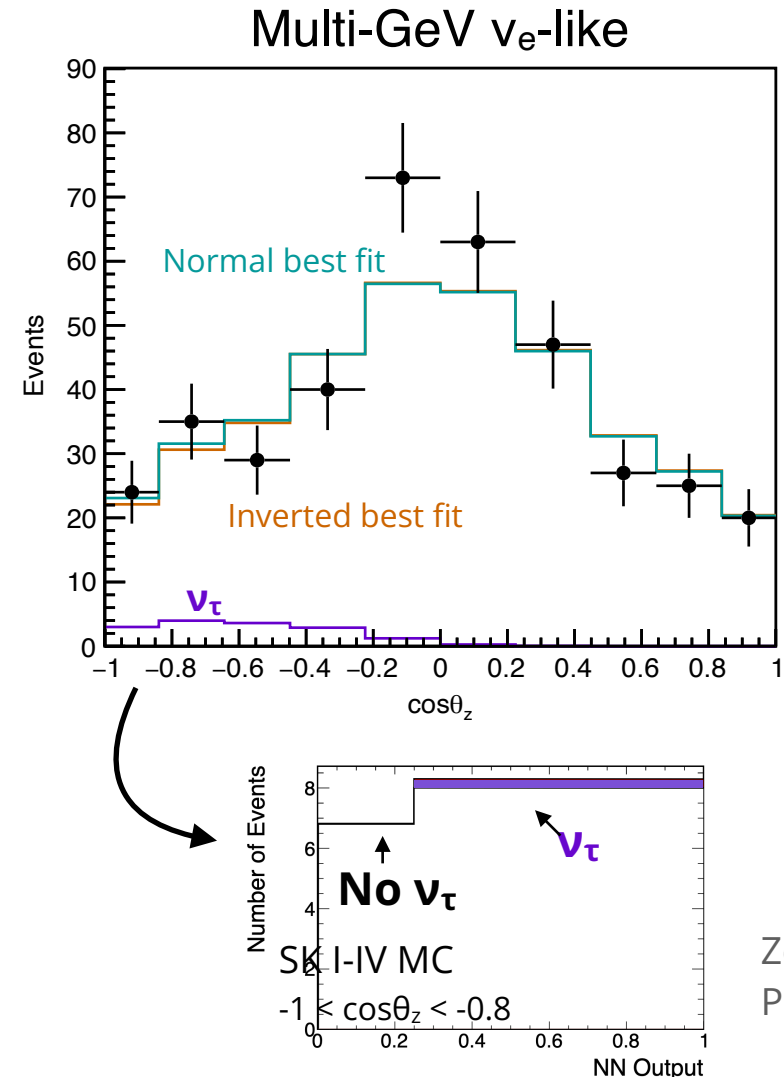
- Neural network based on Multi-ring BDT inputs + sphericity measure
- Fit 2D signal & background PDFs to data, $>4\sigma$ ν_τ appearance signal
- Planned incorporation into oscillation analysis

1D projections of PDF fit to data



Reducing ν_τ Contamination

- ν_τ due to $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ oscillations appears in upward-going multi-GeV signal region for mass ordering
- No constraint from downward-going atmospheric neutrinos
- Developing neural network selection to divide Multi-GeV e -like events by ν_τ probability to reduce impact of cross section uncertainty



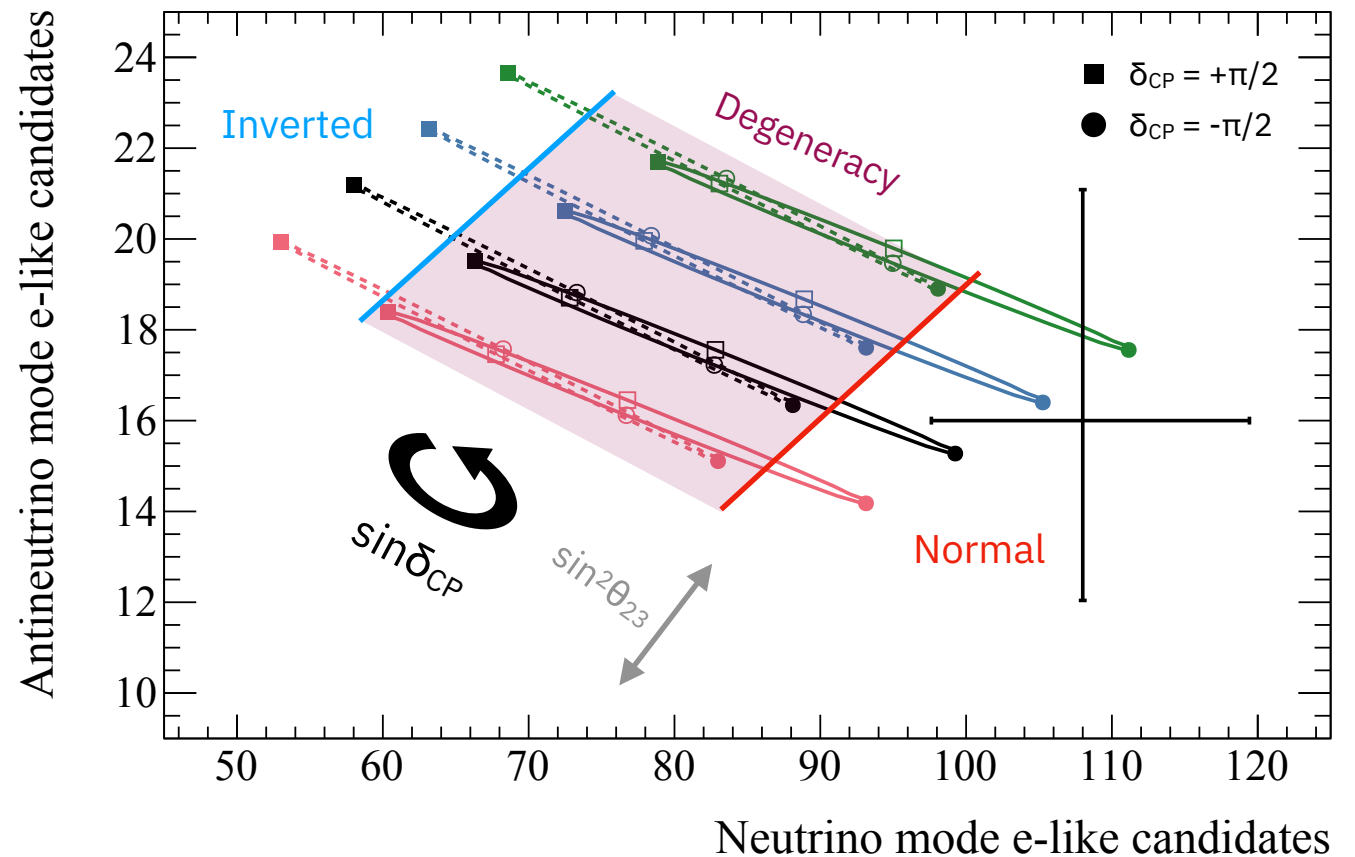
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More on SK + T2K Joint Fit

T2K Oscillation Measurement

T2K uses $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance to measure δ_{CP} & mass ordering

- Maximum ν_e appearance for normal ordering & $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$, can exclude inverted ordering
- Degeneracy between mass ordering & δ_{CP} for non-maximal values due to small matter effect



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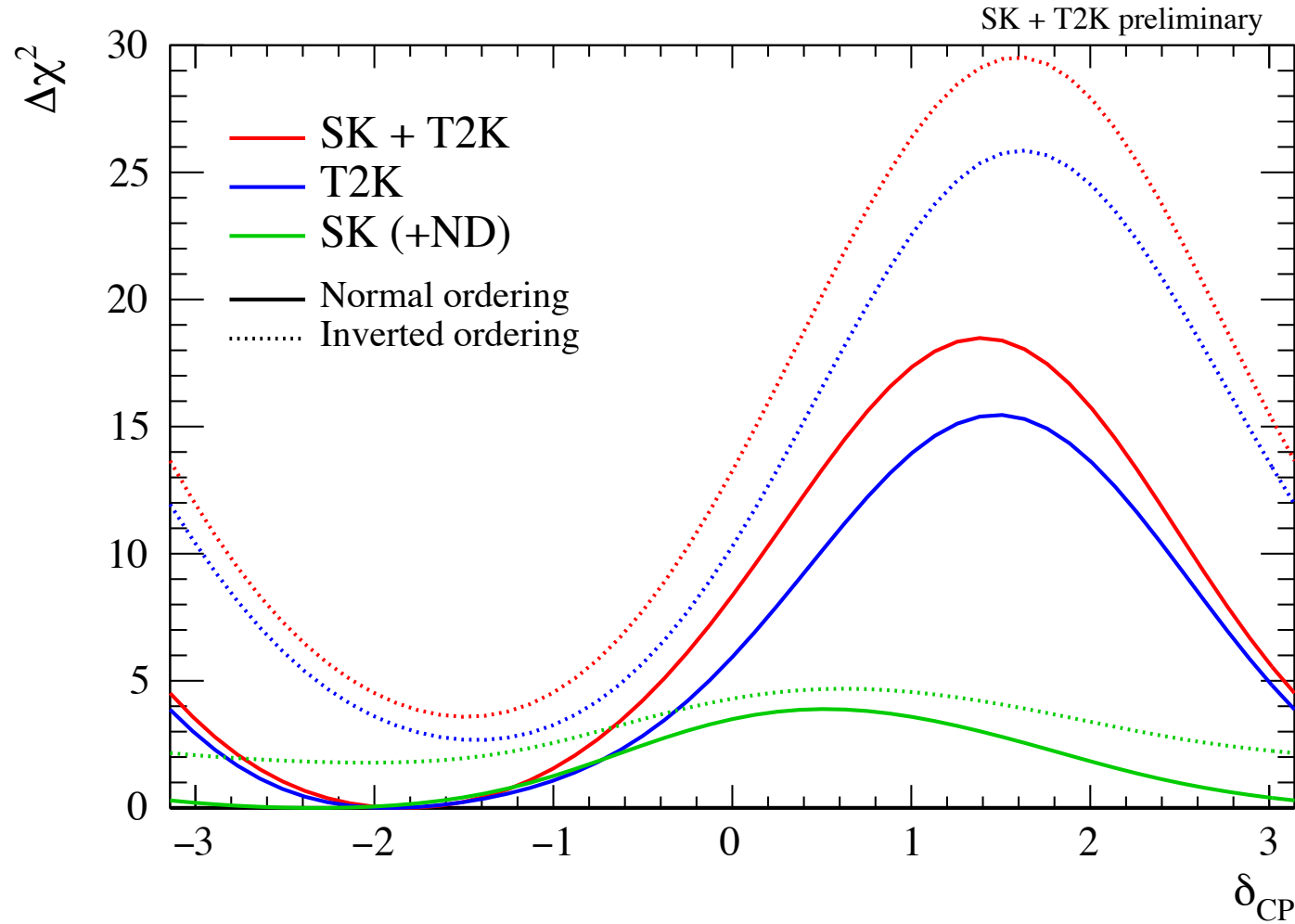
Cross Section Model Overview

	Low-energy sub-GeV atm + beam	High-energy multi-GeV atm
CCQE	T2K model with ND280 constraint, correlated in low-E/highE (except for high-Q ²)	
	high-Q ² params w/ND280	high-Q ² params w/o ND
	add ν_e/ν_μ ratio unc. (CRPA)	
2p2h	T2K model w/ND280	SK model (100% error) + T2K-style shape
Resonant	T2K model w/ND280 + new pion momentum dial + NC1 π^0 uncertainties	SK model for 3 dials common with T2K, use more recent larger T2K priors
DIS	T2K model w/ND280	SK model
ν_τ	SK model (25% norm on top of other syst) for other systematics checked that we have no numerically unstable values	
FSI	T2K model w/ND280	T2K model w/o ND280 should be mostly same as SK model
SI	T2K model, correlated in low-E/high-E only applied to FC and PC for atm, PN not applied to atm	

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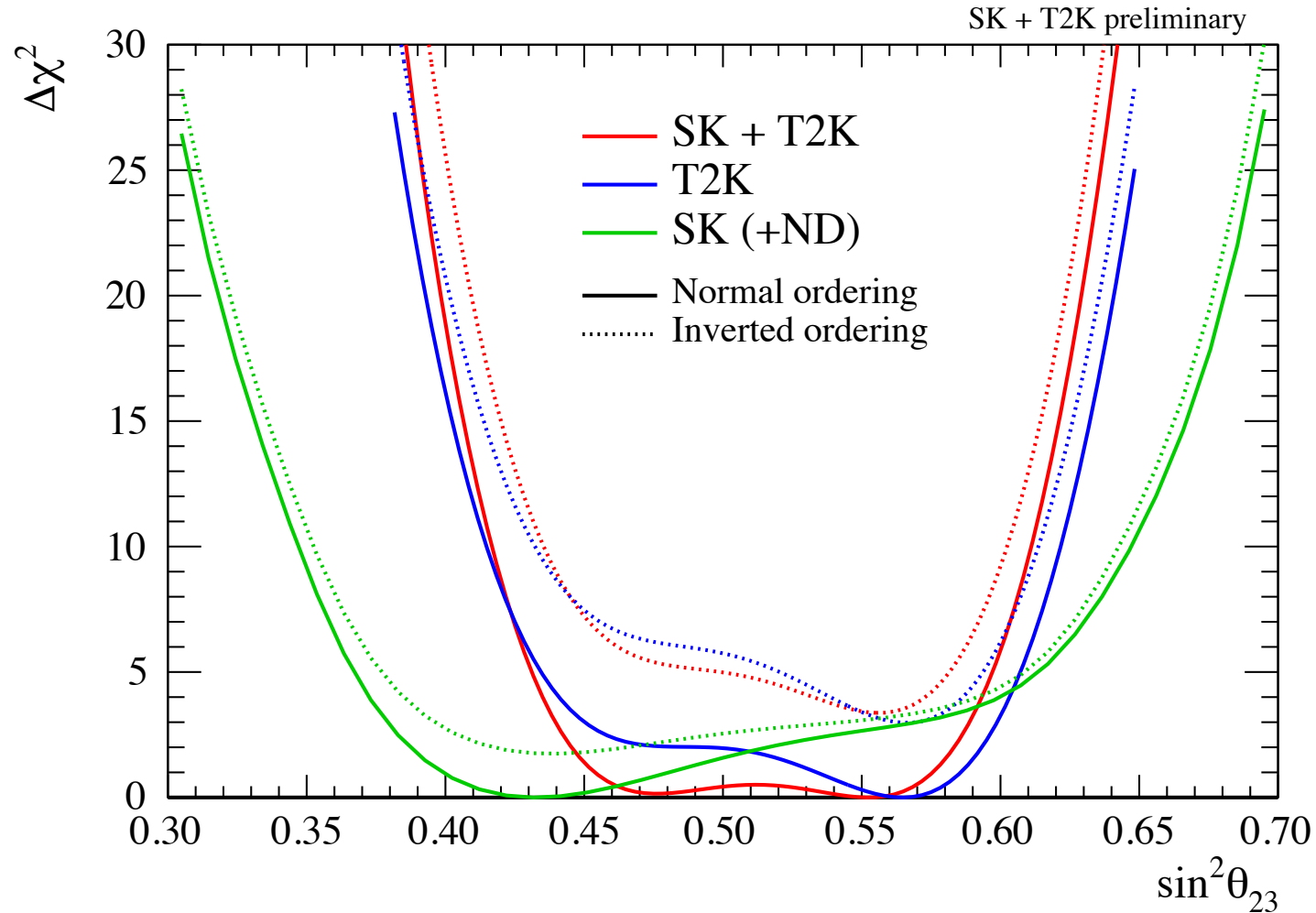
T2K + SK IV Joint Fit Results 1D



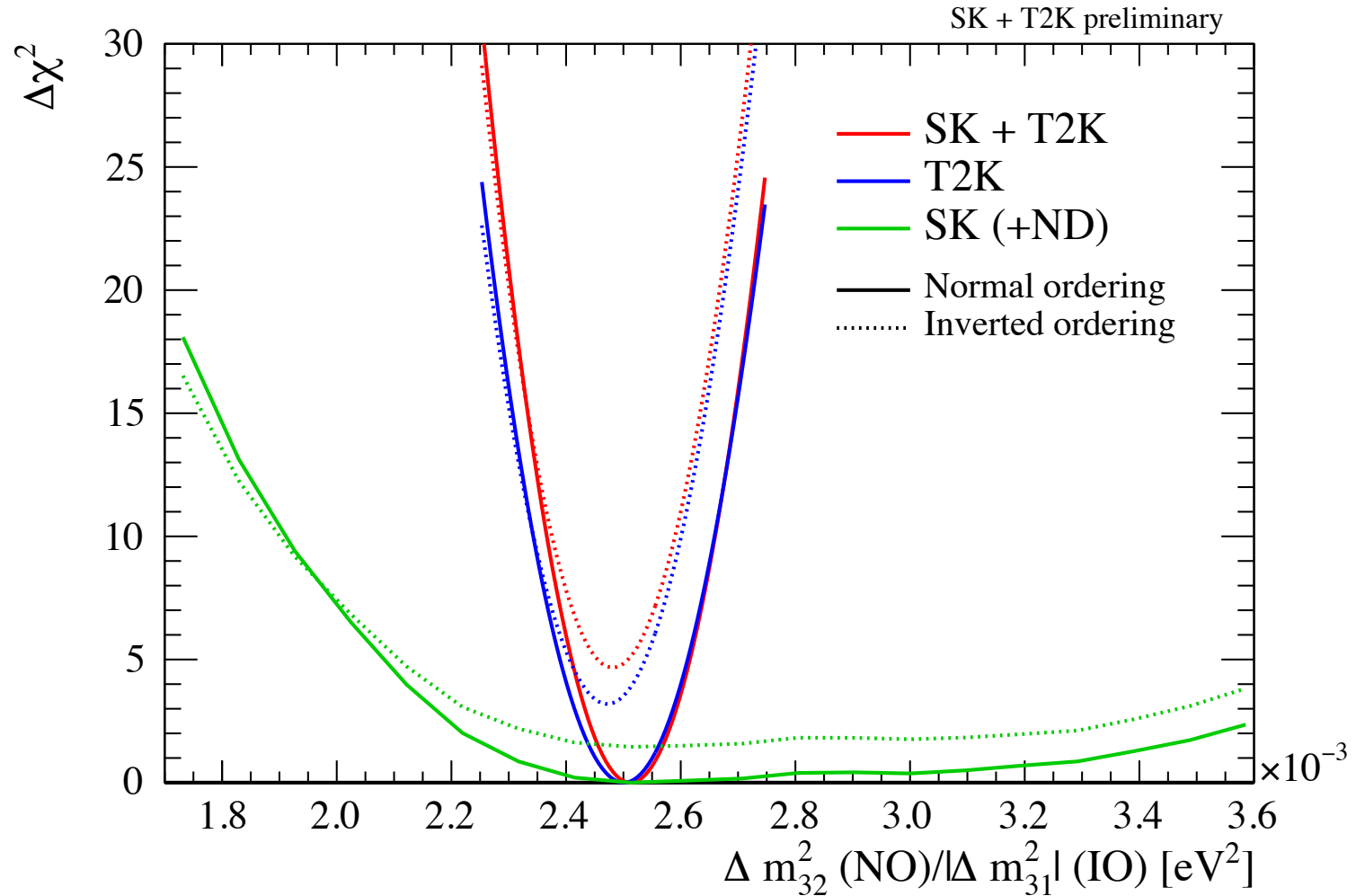
$\Delta\chi^2$ obtained from the numerical marginalization based on the importance sampling method.

The fixed $\Delta\chi^2$ does not guarantee the correct coverage, and therefore, the significance of CP symmetry exclusion is not given by the values of $\Delta\chi^2$ at $\delta_{CP} = 0, \pi$.

T2K + SK IV Joint Fit Results 1D



T2K + SK IV Joint Fit Results 1D



Joint Fit CP Conservation Summary

Summary of two fitting groups, third group results in preparation

Criteria for exclusion:
 $\delta_{CP} \rightarrow$ Exclude 0 & π
 $J_{CP} \rightarrow$ Exclude 0

Analysis	Variable	Prior	1σ	90%	2σ	3σ
Analysis 1	δ_{CP}	Flat in δ_{CP}	✓	✓	✓	×
		Flat in $\sin \delta_{CP}$	✓	✓(×)	×	×
	J_{CP}	Flat in δ_{CP}	✓	✓	✓	×
		Flat in $\sin \delta_{CP}$	✓	✓	✓	×
Analysis 2	δ_{CP}	Flat in δ_{CP}	✓	✓	✓	×
		Flat in $\sin \delta_{CP}$	✓	✓(×)	×	×
	J_{CP}	Flat in δ_{CP}	✓	✓	✓	×
		Flat in $\sin \delta_{CP}$	✓	✓	✓(×)	×

✓: excluded ×: not excluded

✓(×): excluded but may not be robust against the possible bias from an out-of-model effect

Joint Fit Results Table

SK+T2K Preliminary

Prior flat in δ_{CP}			
Normal ordering	δ_{CP}	$\sin \delta_{\text{CP}}$	J_{CP}
Most probable value	-1.872	-1.000	-0.033
1σ	[-2.464, -1.205]	[-1.000, -0.776]	[-0.034, -0.026]
2σ	[-3.021, -0.556]	[-1.000, -0.261]	[-0.034, -0.008]
3σ	[-3.142, 0.085] and [2.682, 3.142]	[-1.000, 0.344]	[-0.035, 0.012]
Inverted ordering	δ_{CP}	$\sin \delta_{\text{CP}}$	J_{CP}
Most probable value	-1.476	-1.000	-0.033
1σ	[-2.003, -0.976]	[-1.000, -0.870]	[-0.034, -0.029]
2σ	[-2.528, -0.506]	[-1.000, -0.523]	[-0.034, -0.017]
3σ	[-3.048, -0.023]	[-1.000, -0.052]	[-0.035, -0.002]
Both ordering	δ_{CP}	$\sin \delta_{\text{CP}}$	J_{CP}
Most probable value	-1.797	-1.000	-0.033
1σ	[-2.417, -1.159]	[-1.000, -0.787]	[-0.034, -0.026]
2σ	[-2.985, -0.552]	[-1.000, -0.281]	[-0.034, -0.009]
3σ	[-3.142, 0.072] and [2.704, 3.142]	[-1.000, 0.325]	[-0.035, 0.011]

Out-of-Model Effects Considered

List of Robustness Test

● 14 simulated data studies have been performed to test a possible bias in the analysis.

- The first six studies are taken from Appendix B of [Eur.Phys.J.C 83 \(2023\) 9, 782](#).

- Two alternative nuclear models are tested (our baseline model is SF)

- LFG+RPA [ref]
- HF+CRPA [ref]

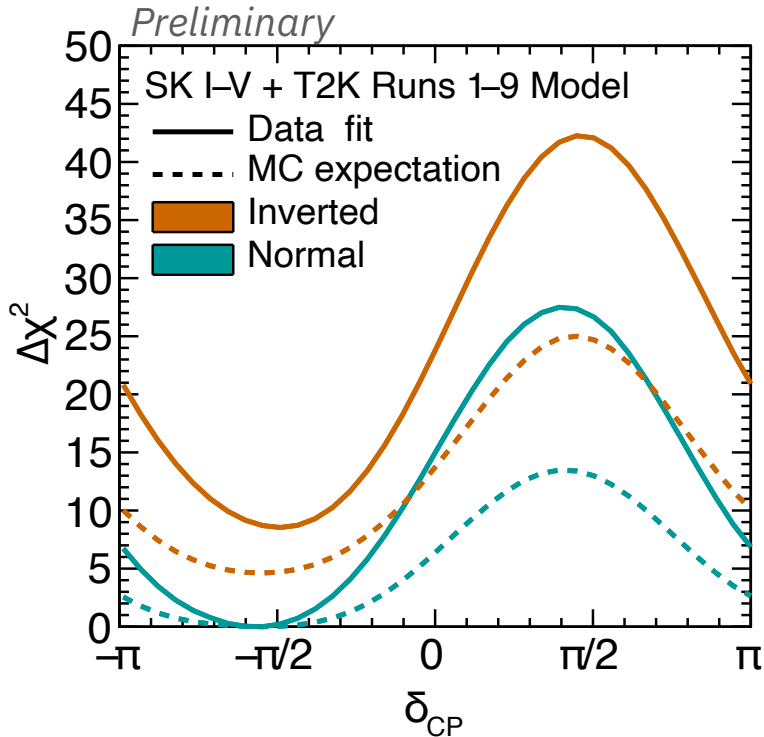
SF: Spectral Function
 LFG: Local Fermi Gas
 RPA: Random Phase Approximation
 HF: Hartree-Fock
 CRPA: Continuum Random Phase Approximation

- The last six studies were included to test possible problems that would come with the joint fit.

	Model component
Martini 2p2h	2p2h
ND280 data-driven pion kinematics	CC1 π
CC0 π non-QE alteration	CC0 π
Removal energy	Nuclear Model
Axial form factors	CCQE
Pion SI bug fix	CC1 π , CCn π
LFG	Nuclear model
CRPA	Nuclear model
Pion multiplicity	CCn π
Energy-dependent $\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$	$\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$
Xsec-only fit	Fit
Atmospheric down-going CC1 π	CC1 π
Atmospheric full-zenith CC1 π	CC1 π
No-migration energy scale fit	Fit

SK + T2K Model

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SK 2023 + T2K Runs 1-9 Model:

$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{I.O.} - \text{N.O.}} \sim 8.5, \text{CL}_S \sim 0.02$

Reject inverted ordering at the ~98% confidence level

SK + T2K Model:

- External combination of SK & *published* T2K data by SK collaboration
- Tests effects of T2K constraints on Δm^2_{32} , $\sin^2\theta_{23}$, δ_{CP} , mass ordering on SK mass ordering result
- Previously done for SK 2018 oscillation analysis. Update for SK 2023 & T2K runs 1-9 was first shown at NEUTRINO 2022

Methods:

- Re-weight atmospheric MC to T2K's nominal flux and cross section parameters and approximate T2K's systematic uncertainty with ND constraint from published information
- Fit model prediction to published T2K bin counts as additional bins in atmospheric fit

Model based on on *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 112008 (2021)

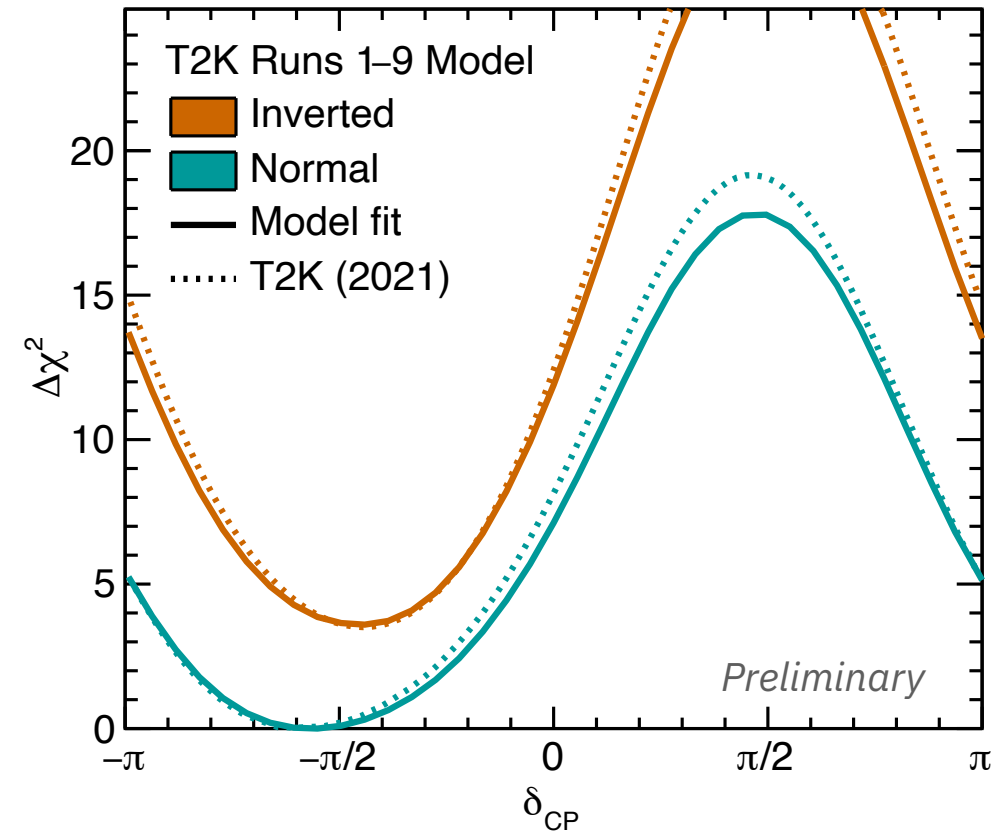
Comparison with Joint Fit

	SK I-V + constraints from T2K Runs 1-9 Model External analysis by SK, update T2K Model from 2018 SK analysis	T2K+SK IV Joint fit New formal joint effort between T2K & SK
Data products analyzed	Full atmospheric event info Published T2K bin counts	Full atmospheric event info Full T2K event info
Uncertainty model	Full atmospheric, simplified beam Correlated cross section uncertainties	Full atmospheric, full beam Correlated cross section + detector uncertainties , near detector included in correlation matrix
Atm. exposure/ Beam POT	6511.3 days (SK I-V) 14.9e20 v-mode , 16.3e20 $\bar{\nu}$ -mode (T2K runs 1-9)	3244.4 days (SK IV) 19.7e20 v-mode , 16.3e20 $\bar{\nu}$ -mode (T2K runs 1-10)
Event selection	29 atmospheric samples, neutron tagging for SK IV-V 5 T2K single-ring samples	18 atmospheric samples, no neutron tagging 5 T2K single-ring samples
Analysis	Profiled $\Delta\chi^2$	Frequentist & Bayesian results, cross validation between multiple fitters

More details in backup. Previous SK publication: Phys. Rev. D **97**, 072001 (2018)

T2K Model Compared to T2K Runs 1–9 Analysis

- T2K Model based on published information is overall conservative compare to the T2K Runs 1–9 analysis
- Few-% difference in mass ordering preference and δ_{CP} best-fit & allowed ranges
- T2K run 10 data only recently published, and so is not included



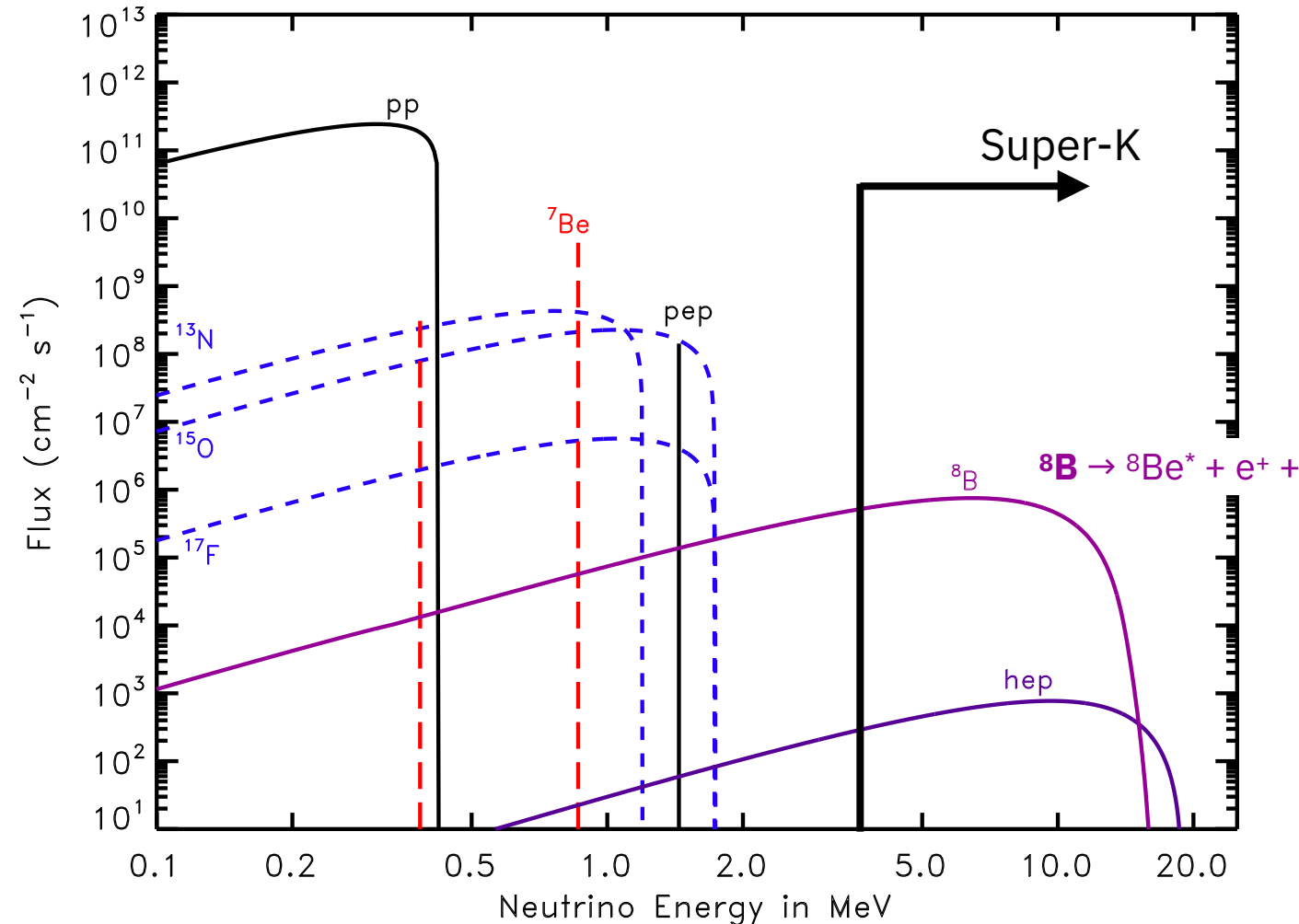
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Solar Neutrinos

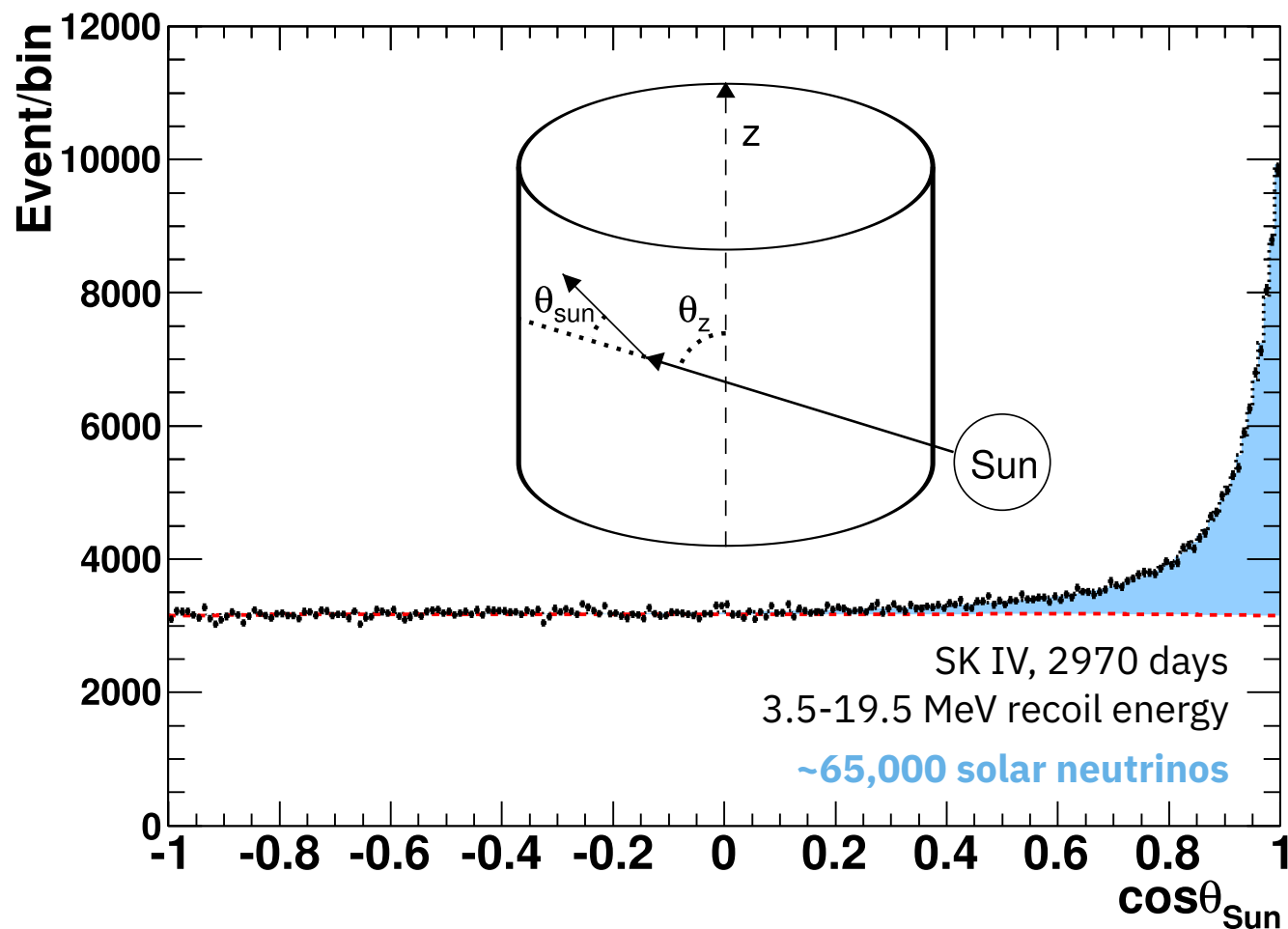
Solar Neutrinos

Neutrinos produced in the sun through fusion processes

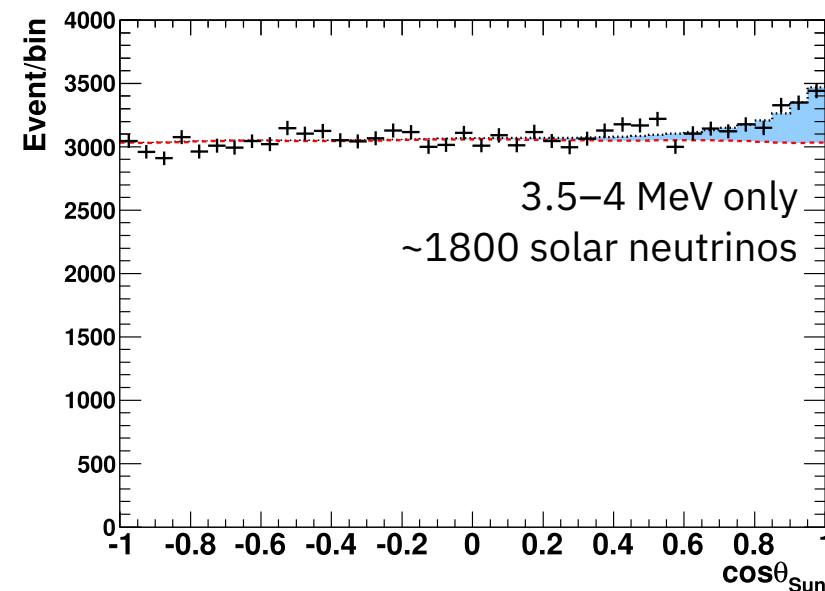
- **^8B neutrinos** recorded by SK with direction and energy information
- Oscillation topics:
 - Oscillation parameters θ_{12} , Δm^2_{21}
 - Day/night effect: Regeneration of solar neutrinos in earth matter
 - Solar upturn: MSW oscillations between $\sim 1\text{-}5$ MeV
- Other solar neutrino topics:
 - Flux modulation
 - Anti-neutrino search



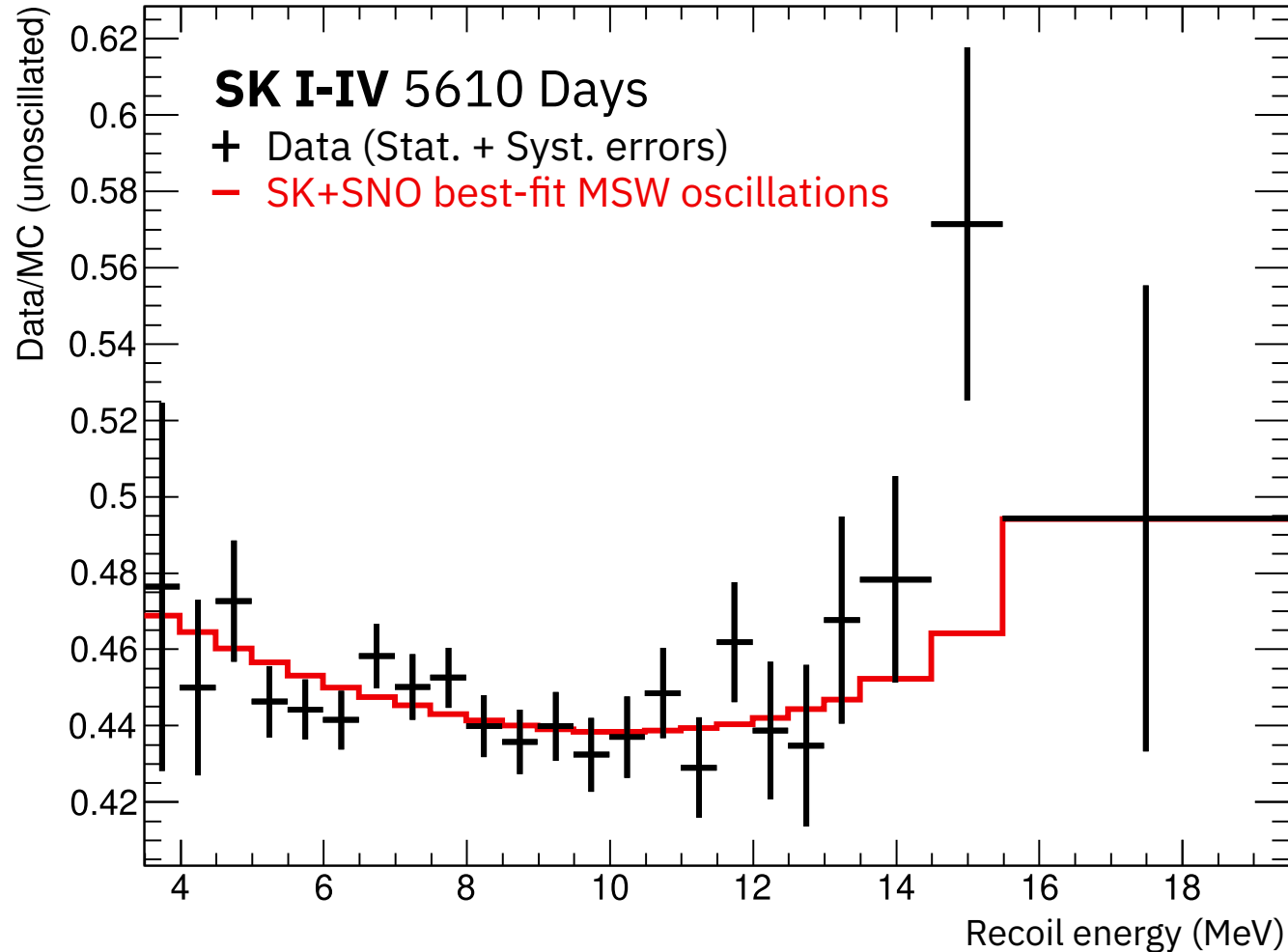
SK Solar Neutrino Measurements



- Solar ν recoil electrons point back to sun
- Rate extracted from solar peak after background subtraction
- Bin into energy ranges & goodness scores to minimize systematic uncertainties

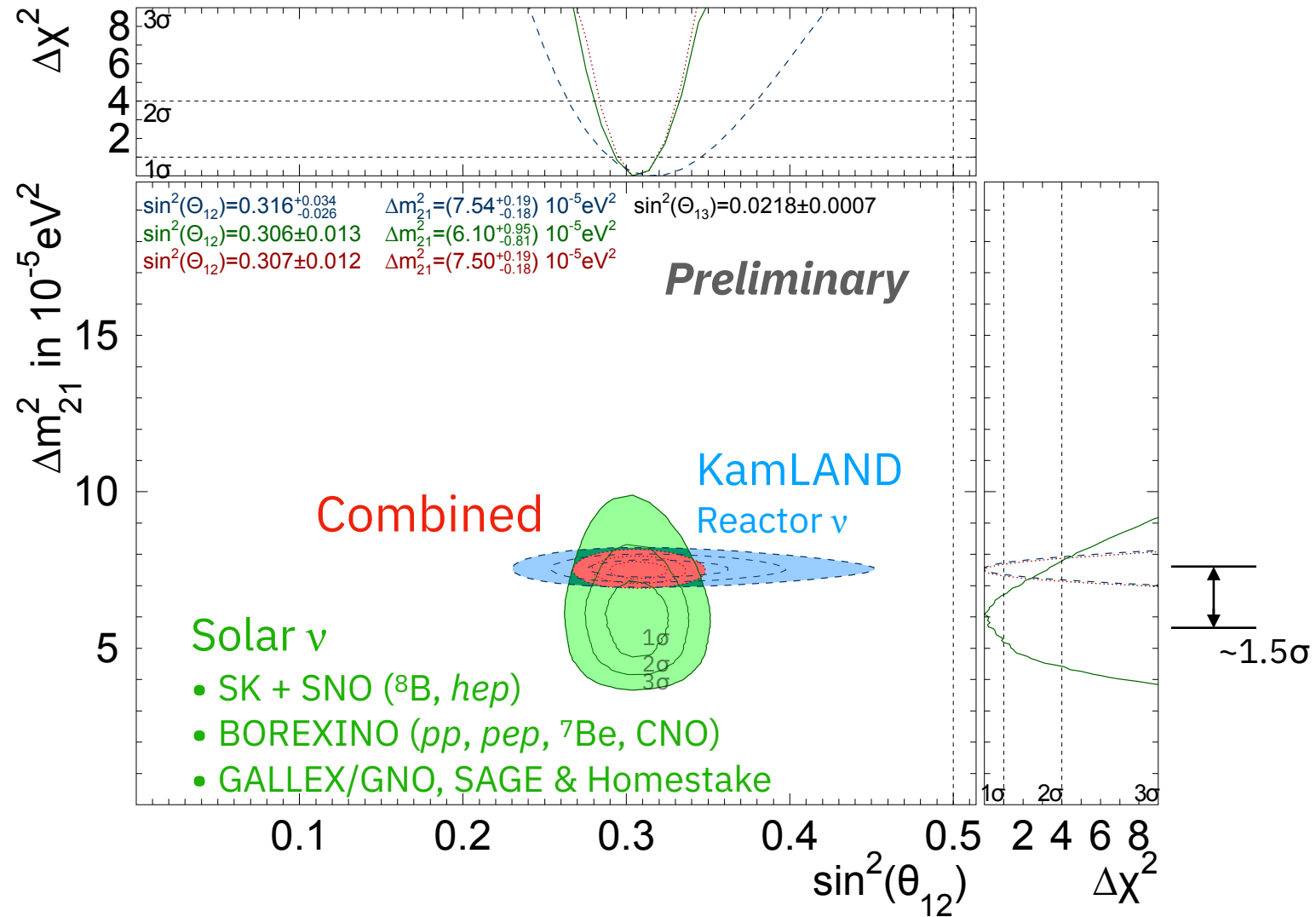


SK Solar Neutrino Oscillations



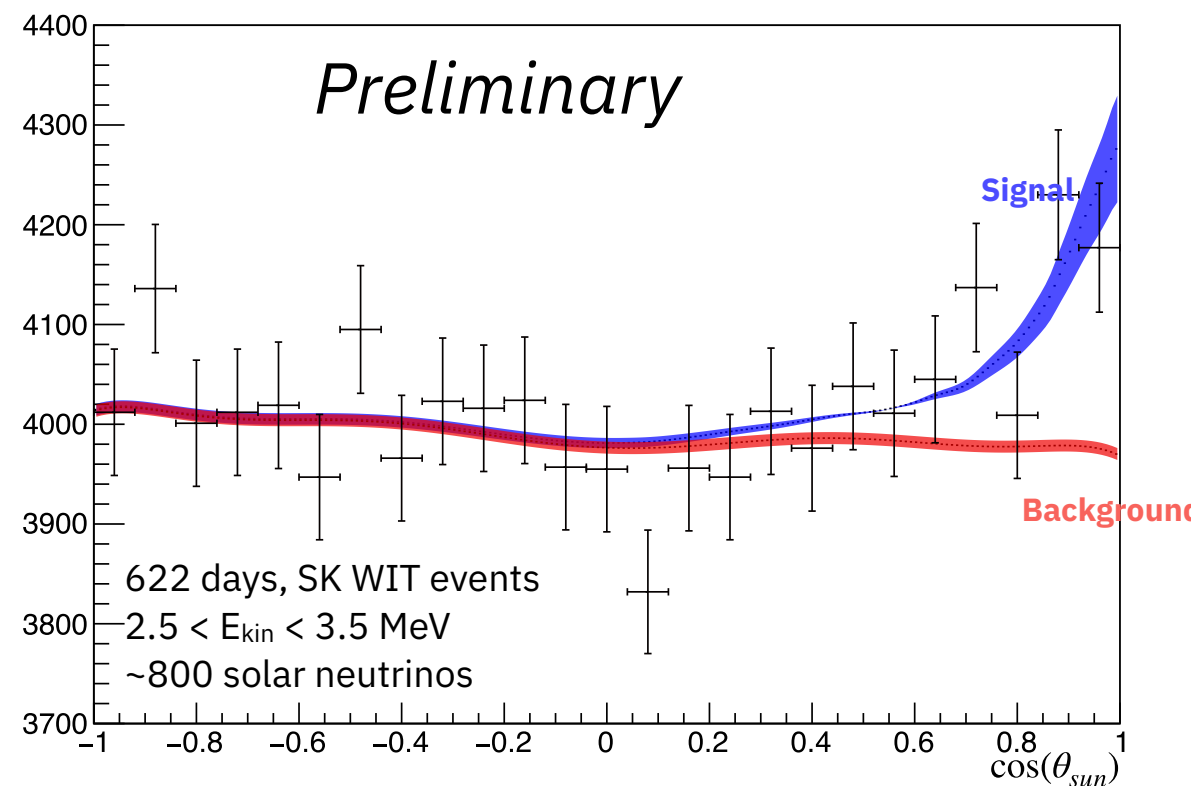
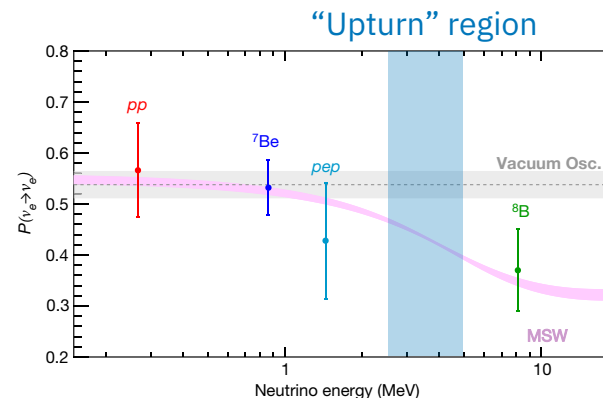
- SK data favors up-turn scenario below 5 MeV, but < 3.5 MeV data needed
- Recoil energy spectrum consistent with MSW oscillations

Solar Neutrino Global Fit Status



Progress Towards Upturn

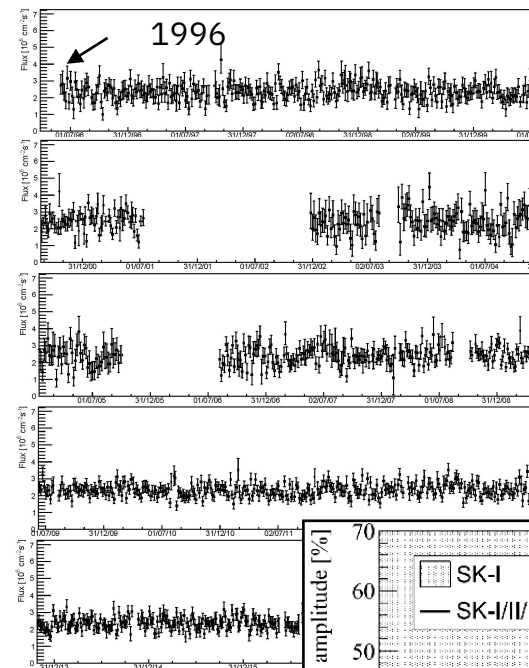
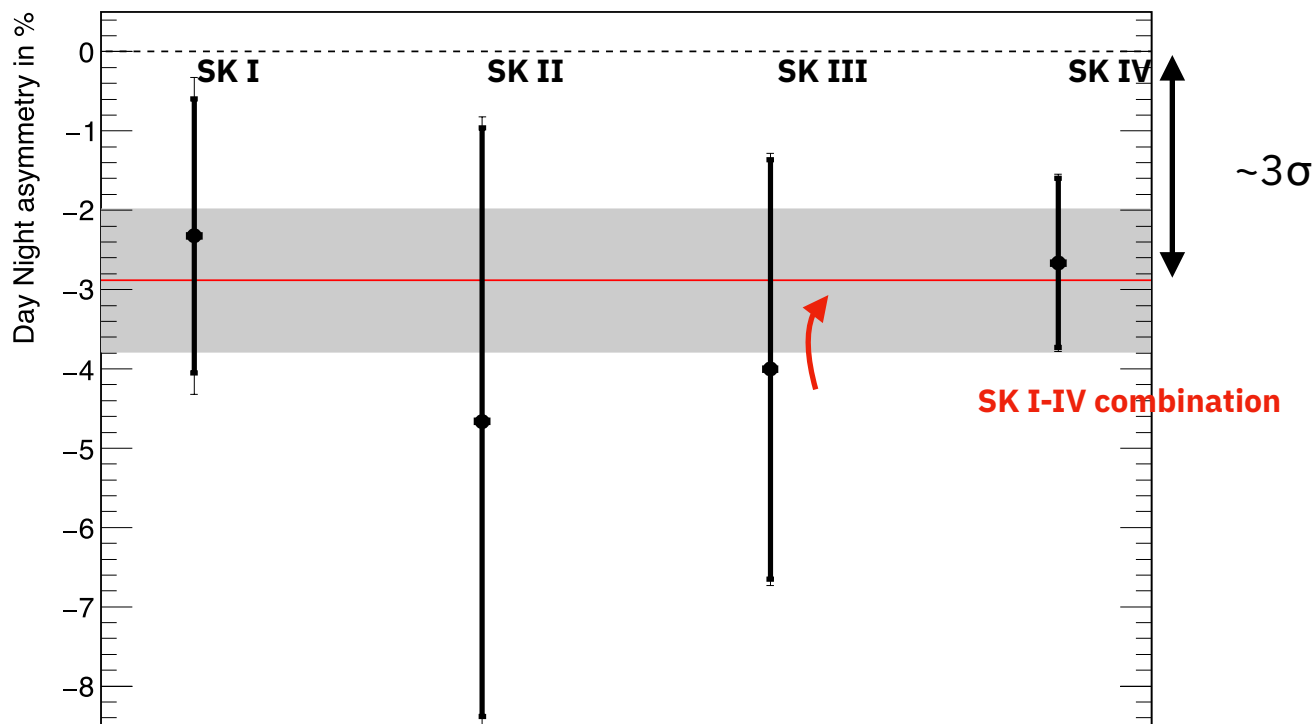
- Need to lower current SK solar neutrino energy threshold to observe transition between matter and vacuum oscillations in solar neutrinos. Background-limited
- Dedicated hardware (WIT) searches un-triggered data for low-energy events & fits for fiducial vertex in real-time
- Some efficiency for solar neutrino identification down to 2.5 MeV recoil energy using BDT & WIT data



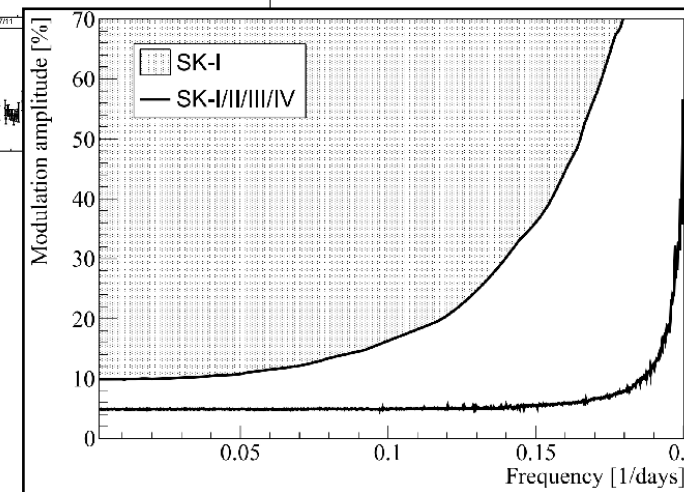
[A. Yankelevich. \(2022\). Machine Learning Methods for Solar Neutrino Classification. \(NEUTRINO2022 Poster\)](#)

Other Solar Neutrino Results

Day/Night Asymmetry in Solar Neutrino Flux



5800 days of solar neutrino flux measurements (5-day interval)



Solar ^8B ν flux modulation $< 5\%$ @ 95% C.L.

Solar Neutrino Global Fit of θ_{13}

