

# **DUNE Oscillation Physics: Bayesian Sensitivity Studies**

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This talk will focus on (1-4)

# DUNE Collaboration

The DUNE experiment is a large international collaboration with > 1400 collaborators from > 200 institutions in 35 countries

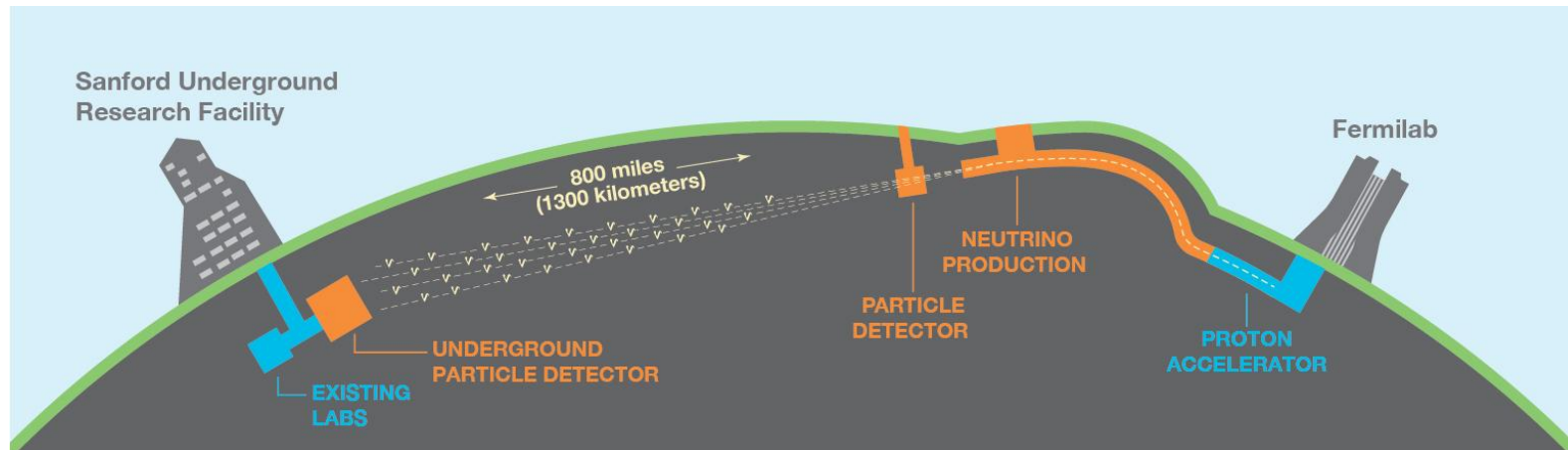
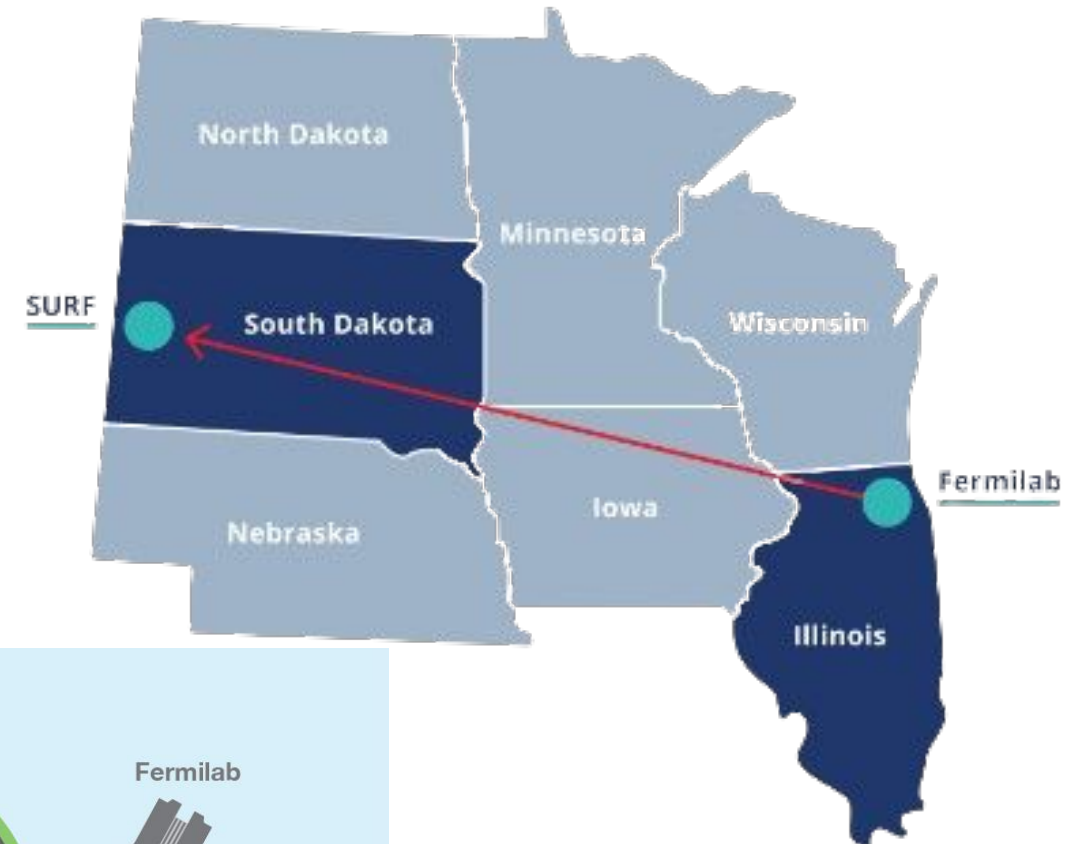


DUNE collaboration meeting  
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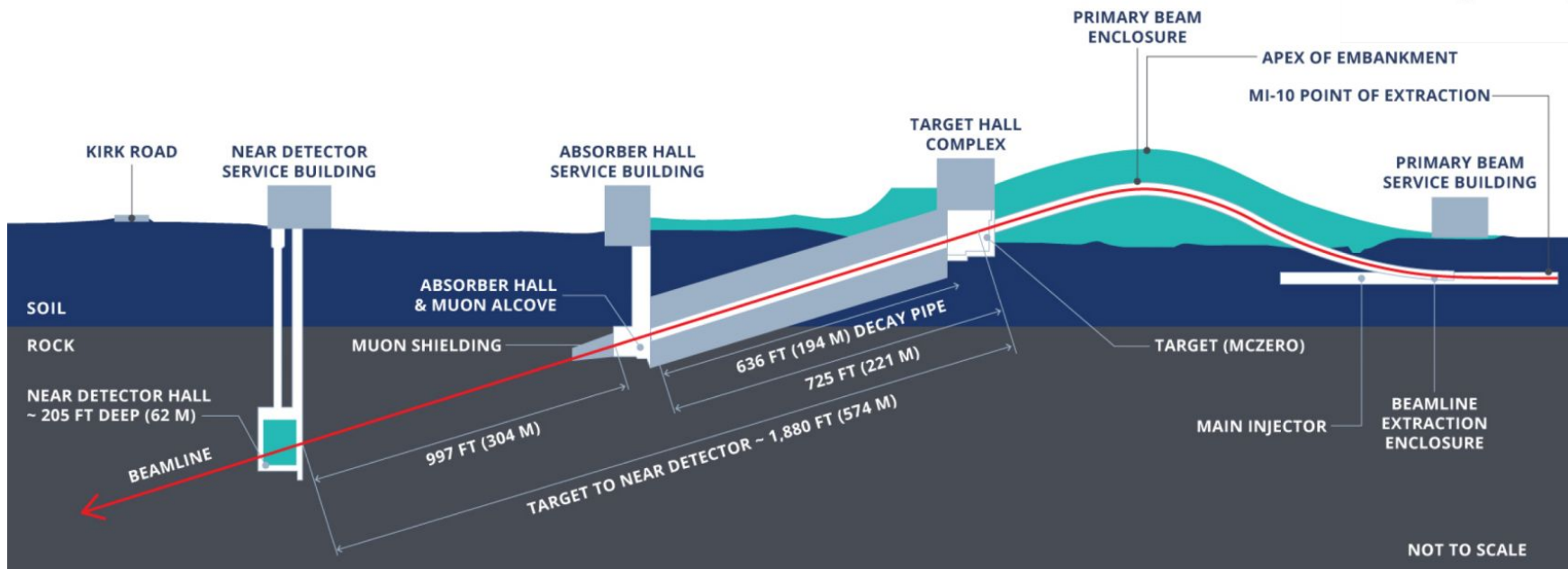
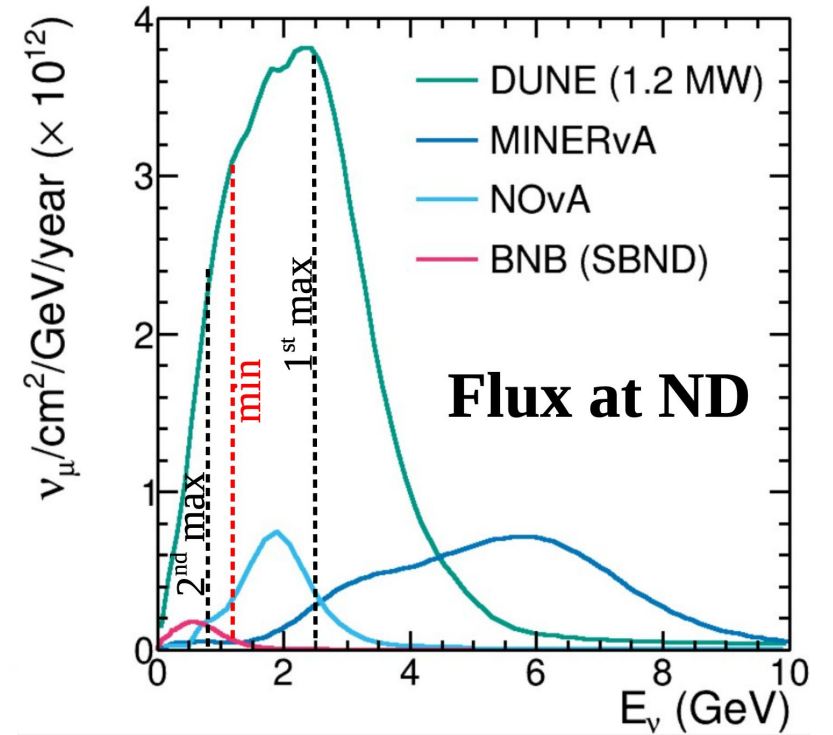
# Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

- DUNE will make a beam of predominantly  $\nu_{\mu}$  or  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  at Fermilab
- Beam passes through near detector **574 m** from target
- Beam passes through far detector **1300 km** from target at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) **1500m** underground



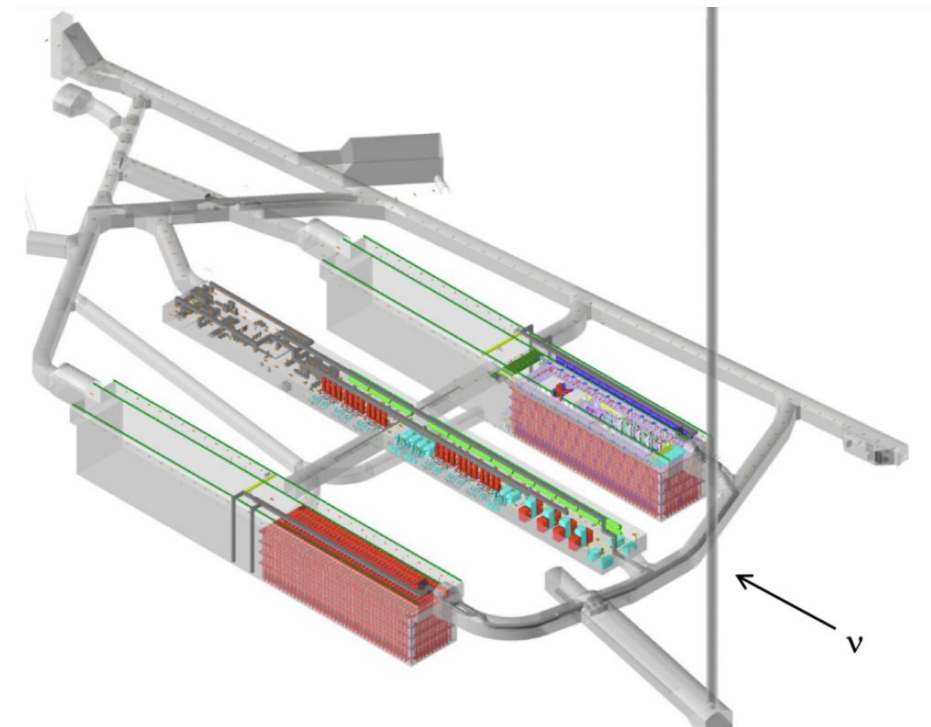
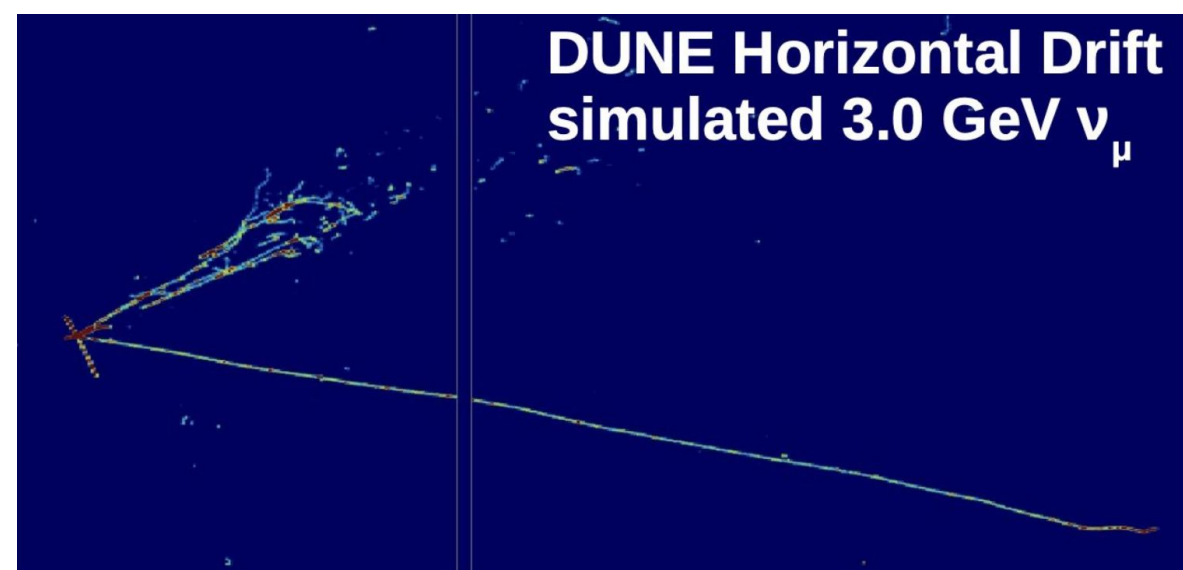
# Neutrino beam

- LBNF beamline will produce **world-leading intensity**
  - Phase 1: **1.2 MW**
  - Phase 2: Upgrade to → **2 MW**
- On-axis beam → broad range of energies
  - Covers **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation maxima**



# Far detector (FD)

- Liquid argon provides **precise reconstruction** of lepton and hadronic energy over **a broad energy range**
- Will consist of **4 modules**:
  - First module will be a **vertical drift (VD)** LArTPC
  - Second module will be **horizontal drift (HD)**
- VD is the baseline design for Module 3 & 4



# Near detector (ND)

- **ND-LAr:**

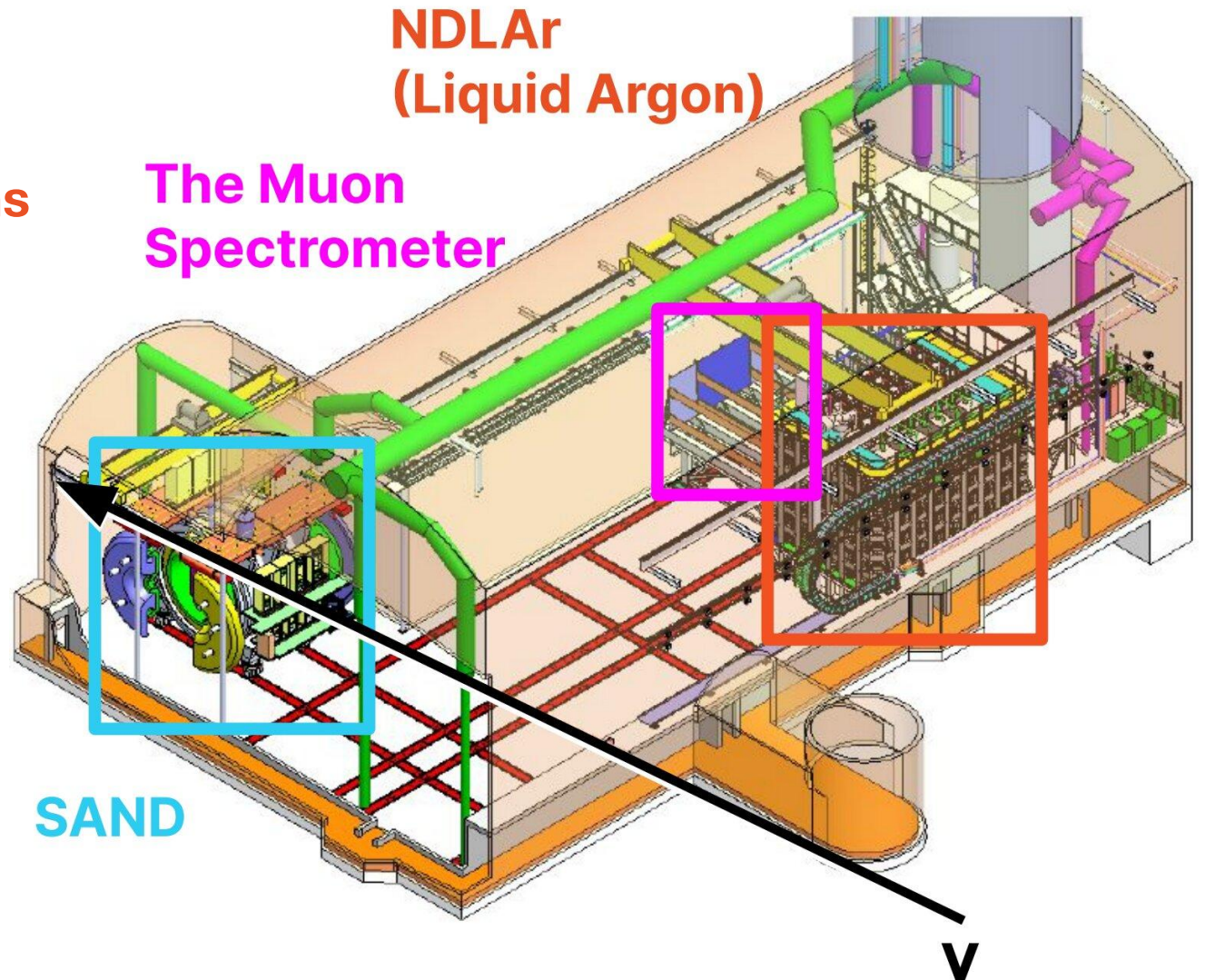
- LAr target → constrain  $\nu$  - Ar interactions
- High event rates → Native 3D readout + optical modularity

- **TMS:**

- Muon momentum & sign selection
- Phase II → **GArTPC**
- Lower threshold → better tracking of low energy particles → deeply probe  $\nu$  - Ar interactions

- **SAND:**

- Beam Monitoring
- Carbon Target





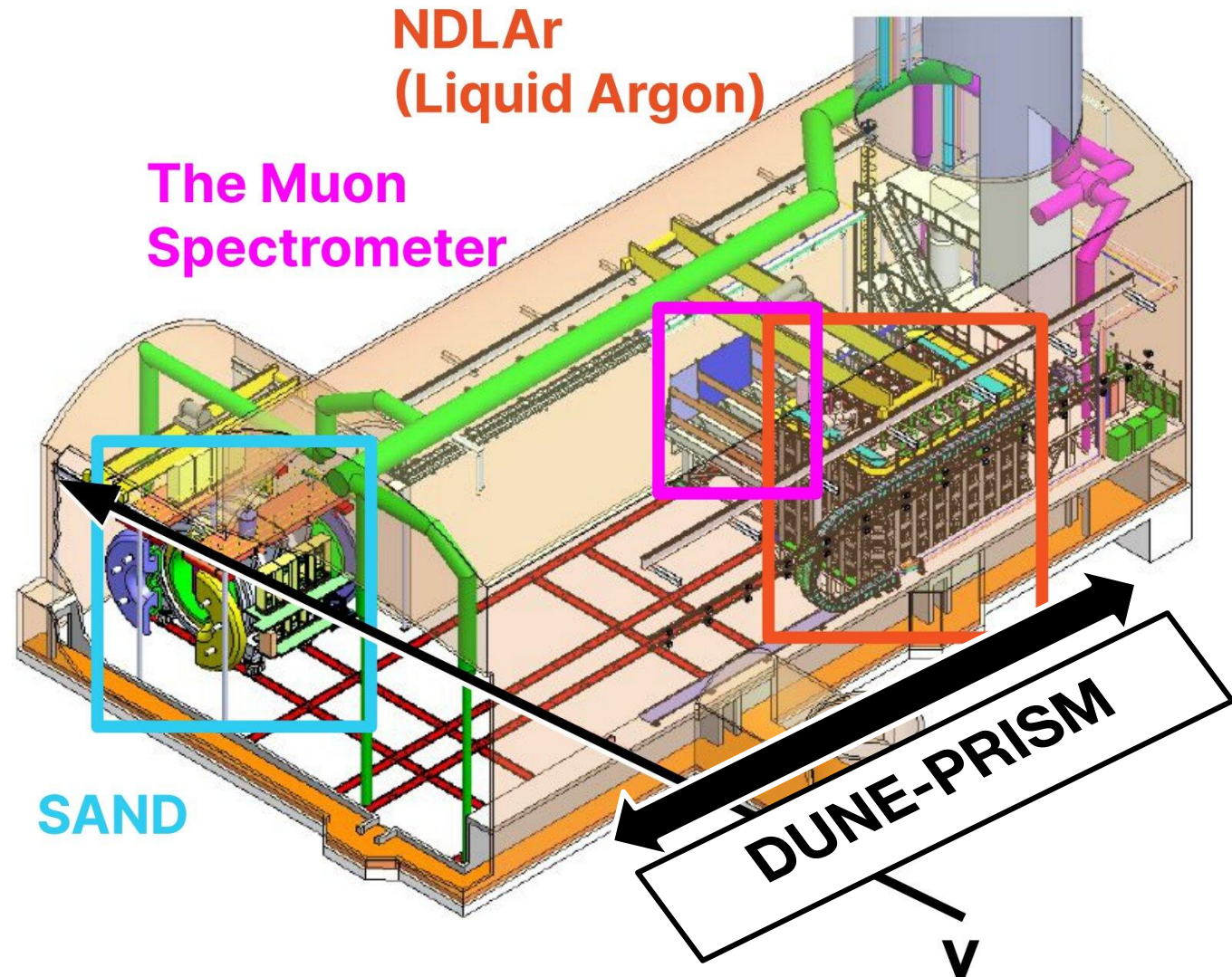
# Near detector (ND)

- DUNE-PRISM:

- Use off-axis effect to sample **multiple fluxes** using the same detectors
- Allows **isolation** of flux, cross-section and detector effects on rate



Precision Reaction-Independent  
Spectrum Measurement



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# How do long-baseline analyses work?

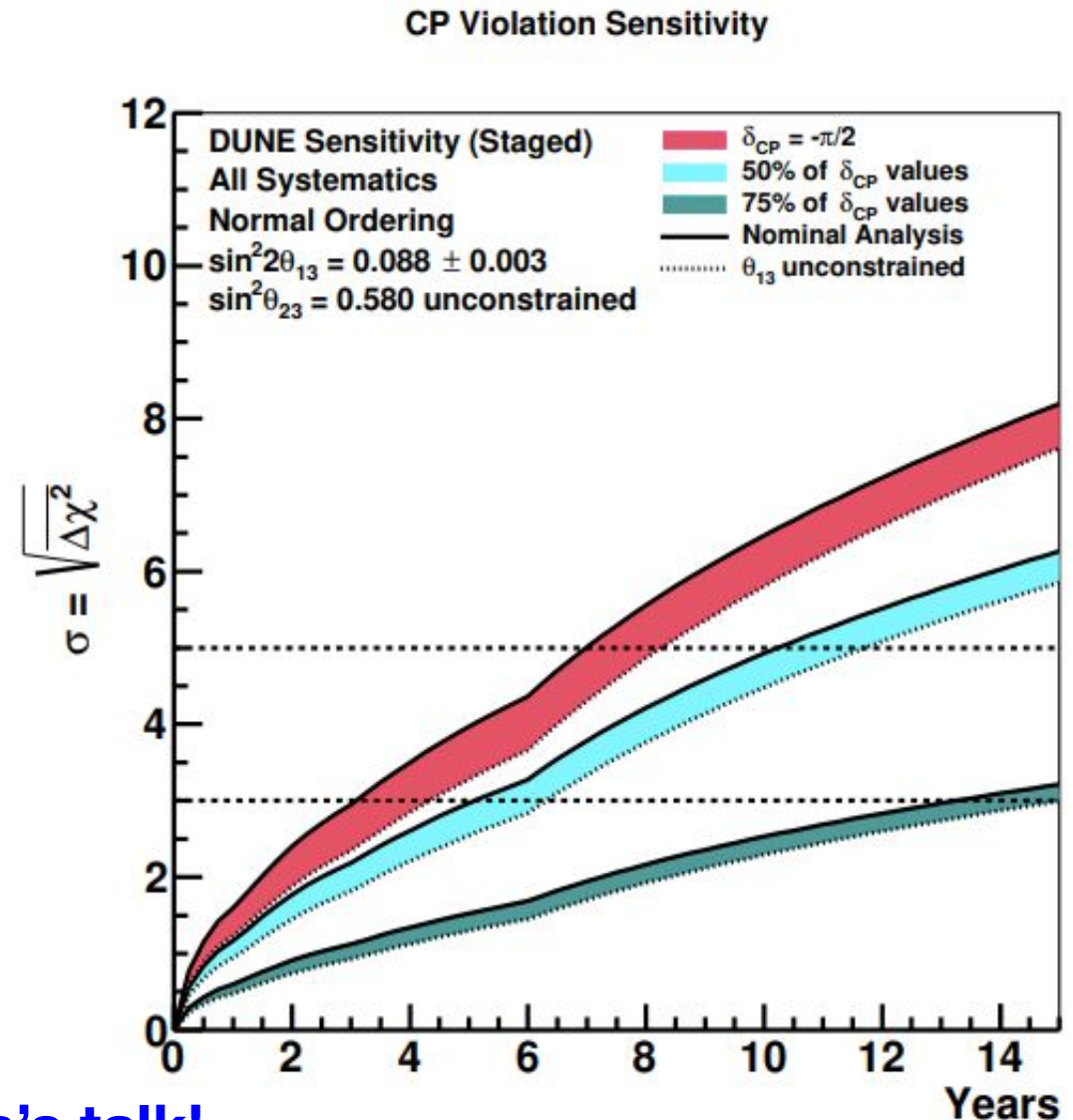
$$N(\text{Observables}) = \int \text{Flux}(E_\nu, \text{time}) \times \text{Interaction prob}(E_\nu, \text{final state}) \\ \times \text{Detector Efficiency}(\text{final state}) \times \text{Osc}(E_\nu)$$

- Measure event rates → product of **oscillations** and **flux/interaction/detector models**
- Near detector has lots of events and assumed to have **no oscillations** → **constrain the systematics**
- Far detector has oscillations → **apply systematic constraints** → **infer oscillation parameter values**

# FD TDR Analysis

- Current DUNE sensitivities produced using frequentist framework
- Used **4 sample fit** of FD data along with a constraint from the ND
- Far detector samples use full simulation and reconstruction
- Full results available in “Long-baseline neutrino oscillation physics potential of the DUNE experiment” – Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 978 (2020)

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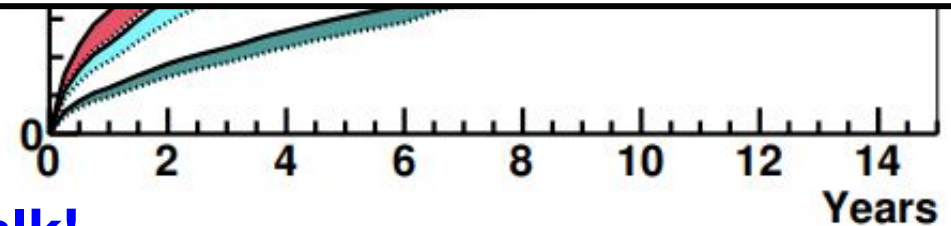
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This talk focuses on **new Bayesian sensitivity studies** using a Markov Chain Monte Carlo framework

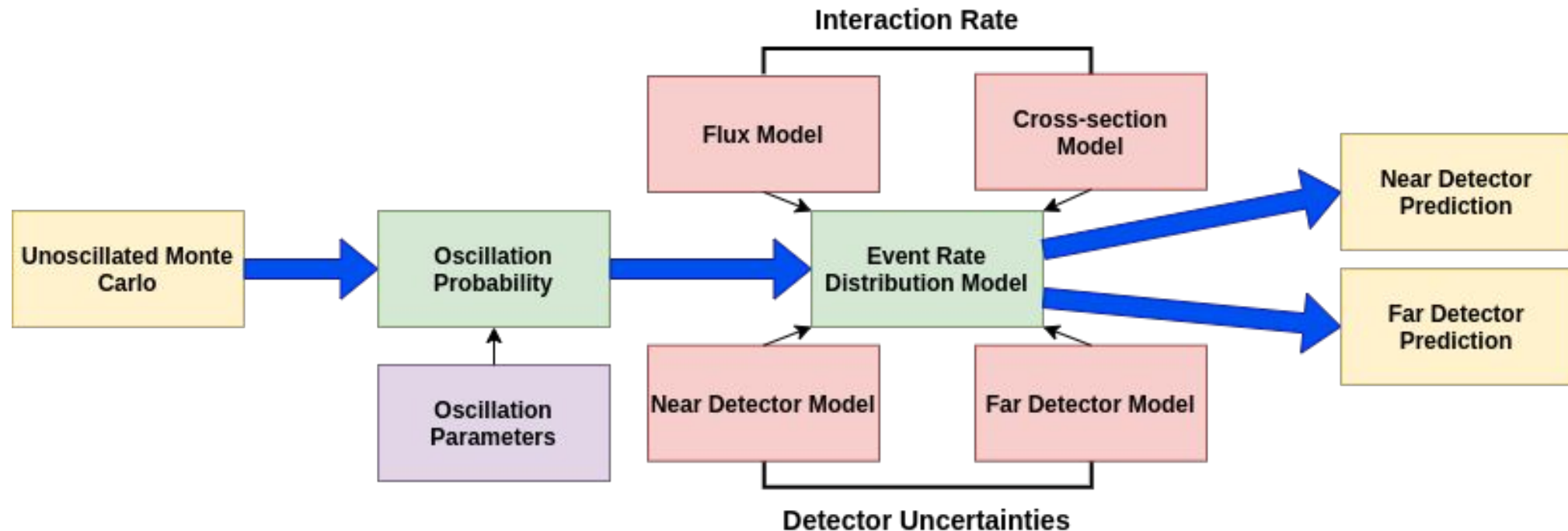
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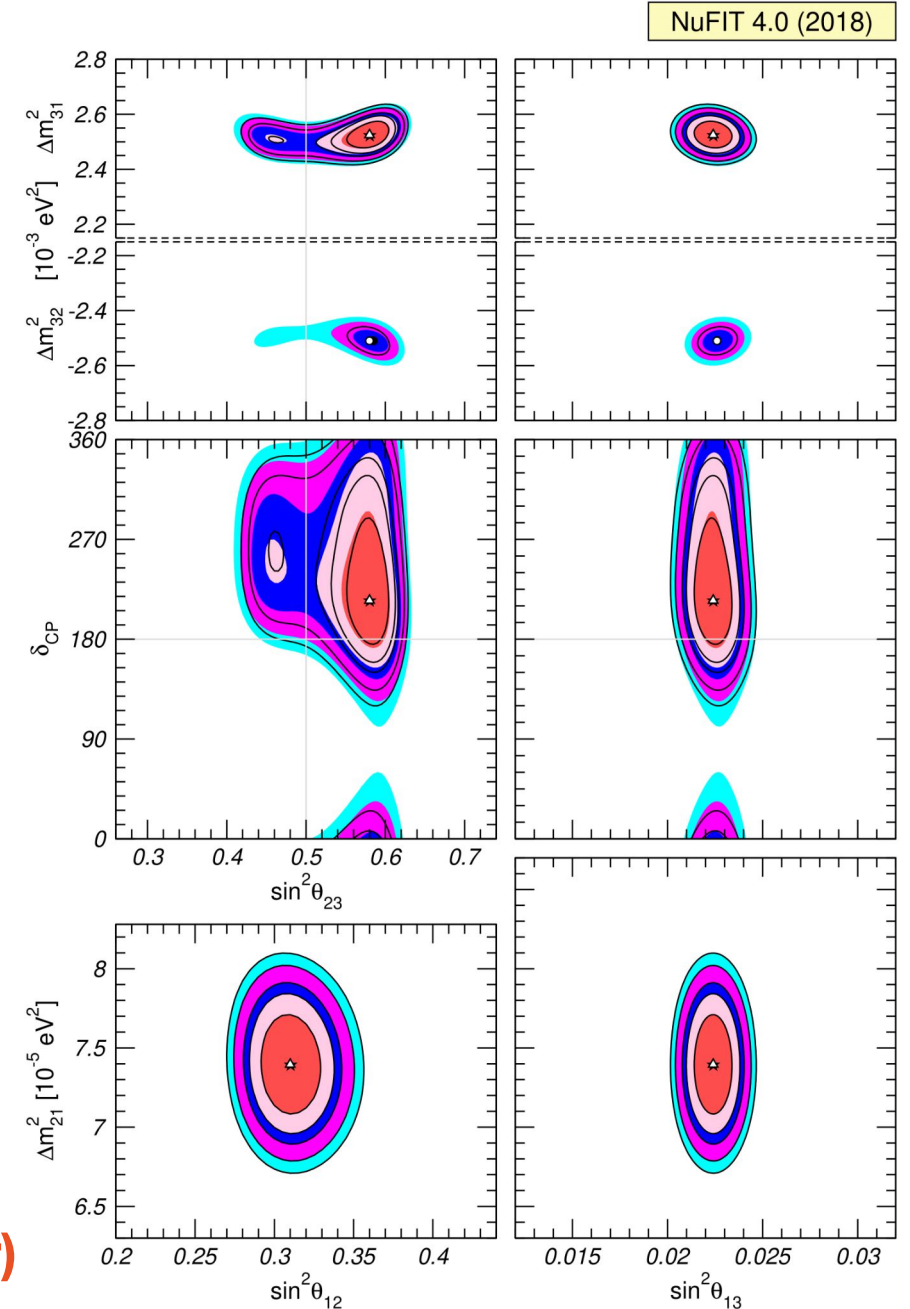
# Analysis Strategy

- **Oscillation** probabilities, **flux** model, **interaction** model and **detector** model → **predictions** of **far** and **near detector spectra**
- Build **likelihood space** as a function of **oscillation** and **systematic** parameters
- **MCMC** to explore the full likelihood space
- **Bayesian inference** of oscillation parameters and systematic parameters



# Sensitivity Study Details

- **Simultaneous** fit to FD and ND samples
- **NuFit 4.0 normal ordering (NO)** parameter values chosen:
  - **Flat priors** in oscillation parameters **of interest**
  - Gaussian solar constraint used for  $\sin^2(\theta_{12})$  and  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  from NuFit 4.0
- Markov chain ran for **180 million** steps
  - Sufficient for reliable **3 $\sigma$  intervals**
- Systematic model: (**288 pars**) for **xsec (55 pars)**, **flux (204 pars)** and **detector (24 pars)**
- Using **nominal staged 7 year exposure (336 ktMWyr)**

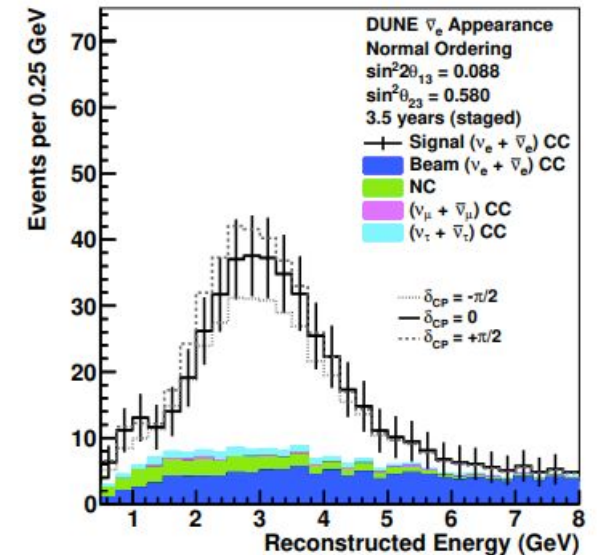
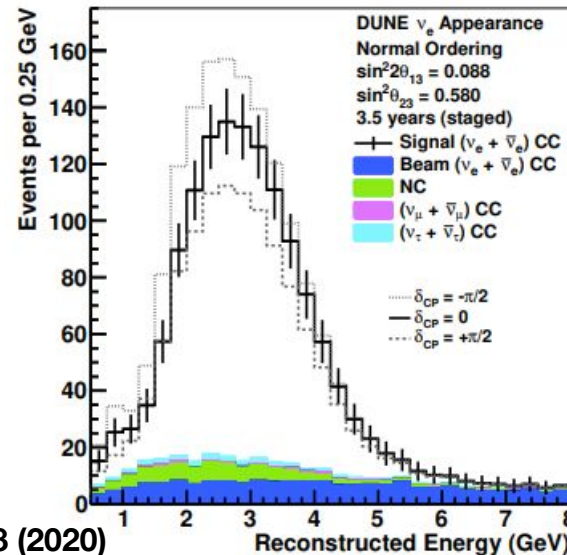
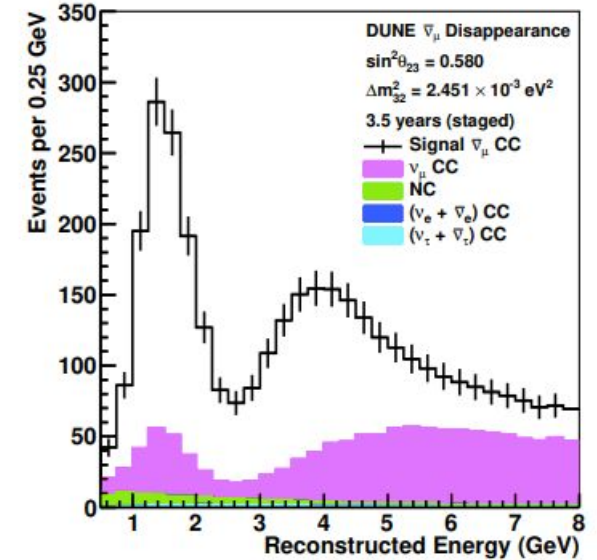
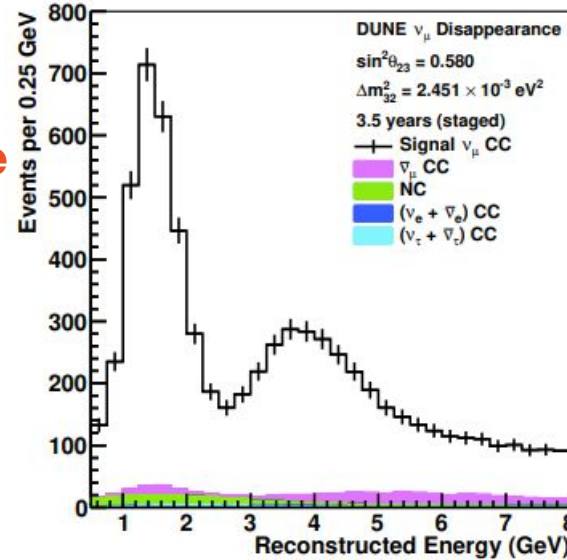


# Samples

$\nu$  mode

$\bar{\nu}$  mode

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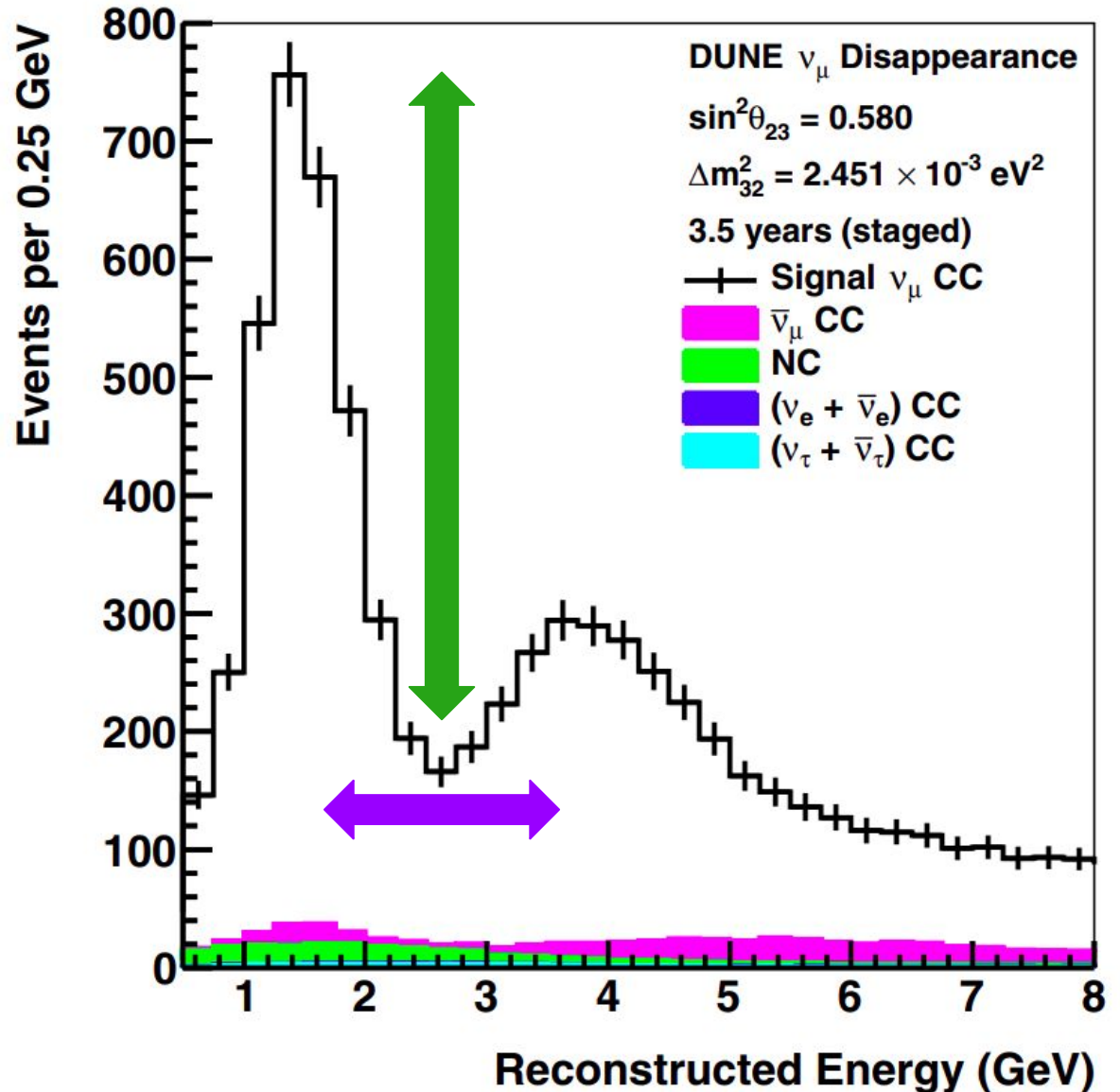
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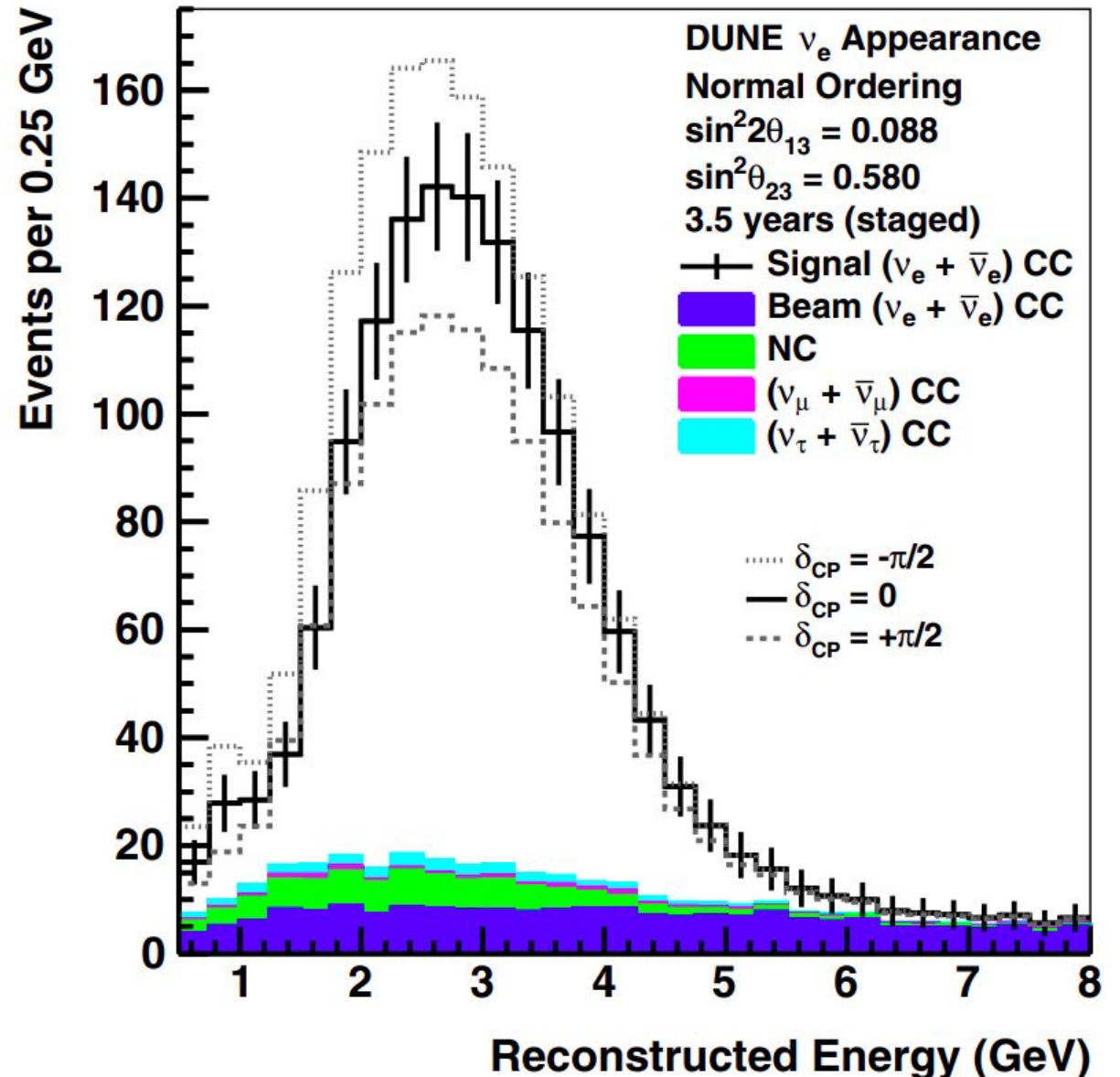
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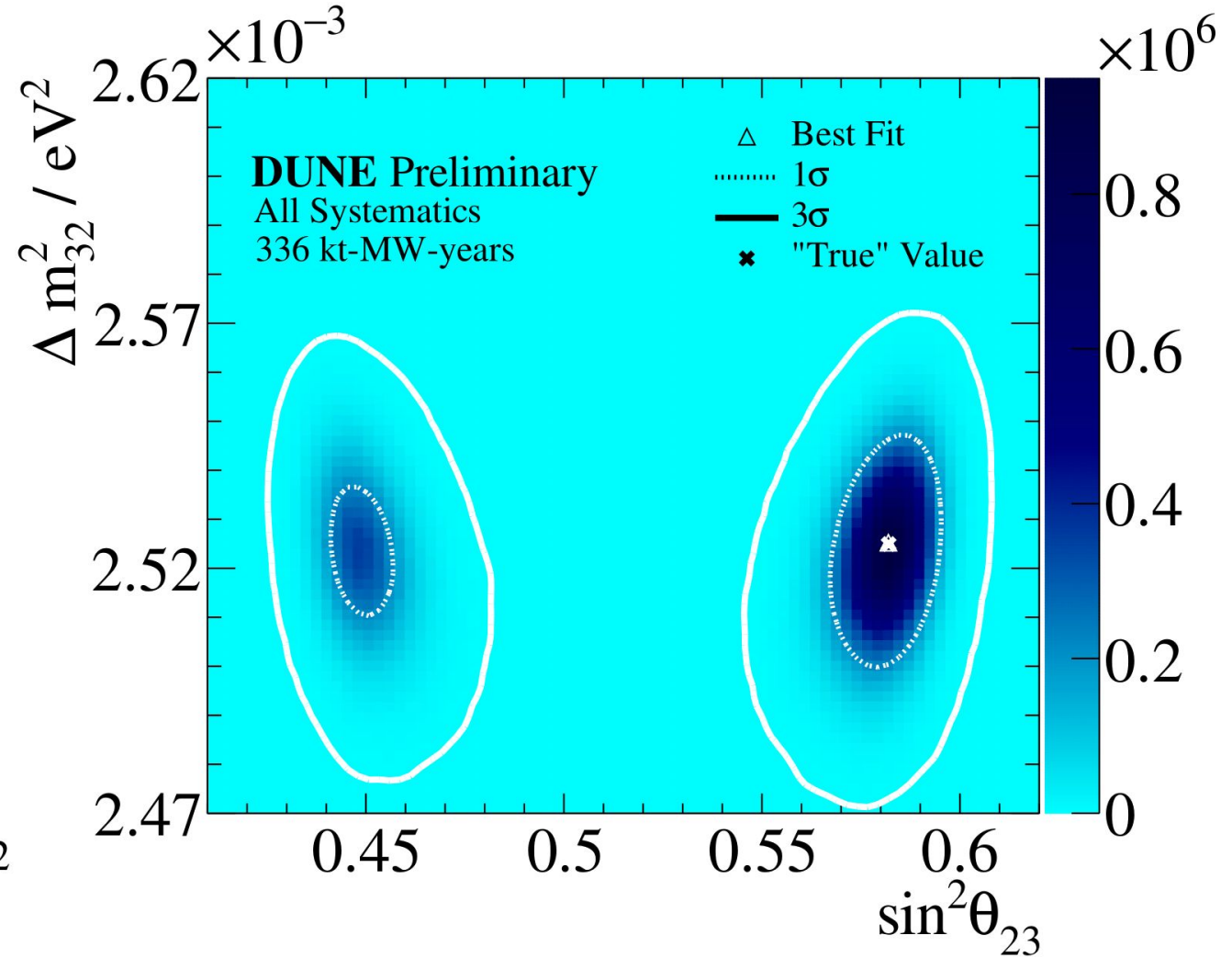
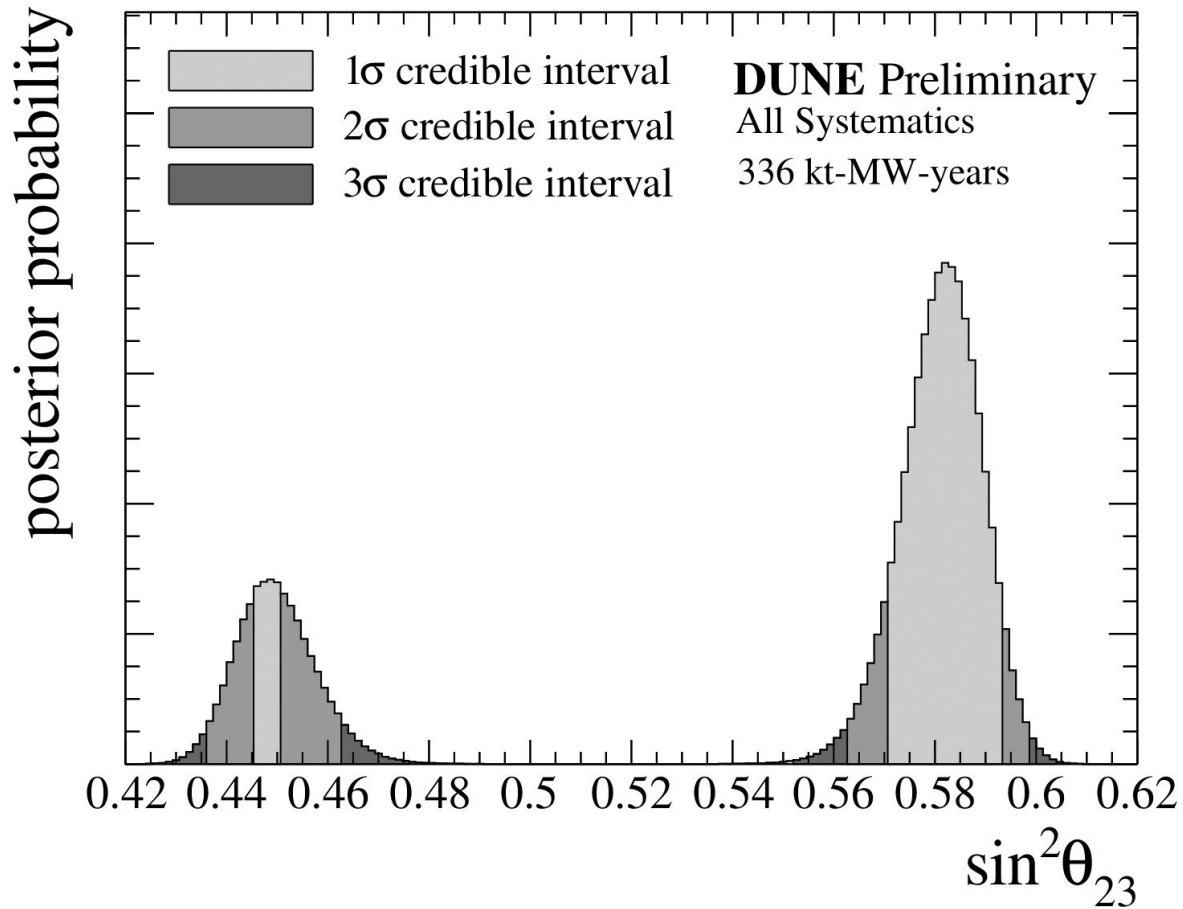
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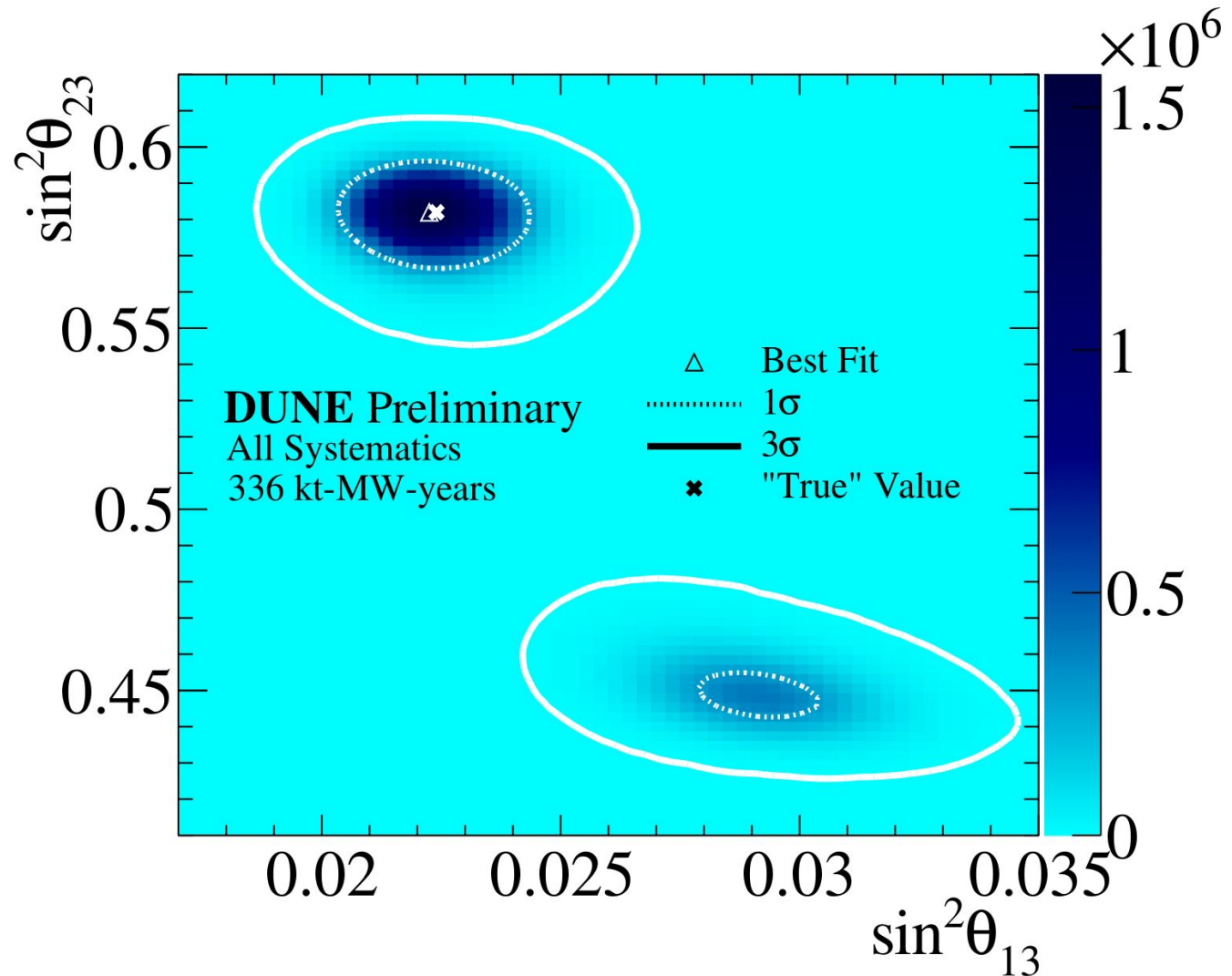
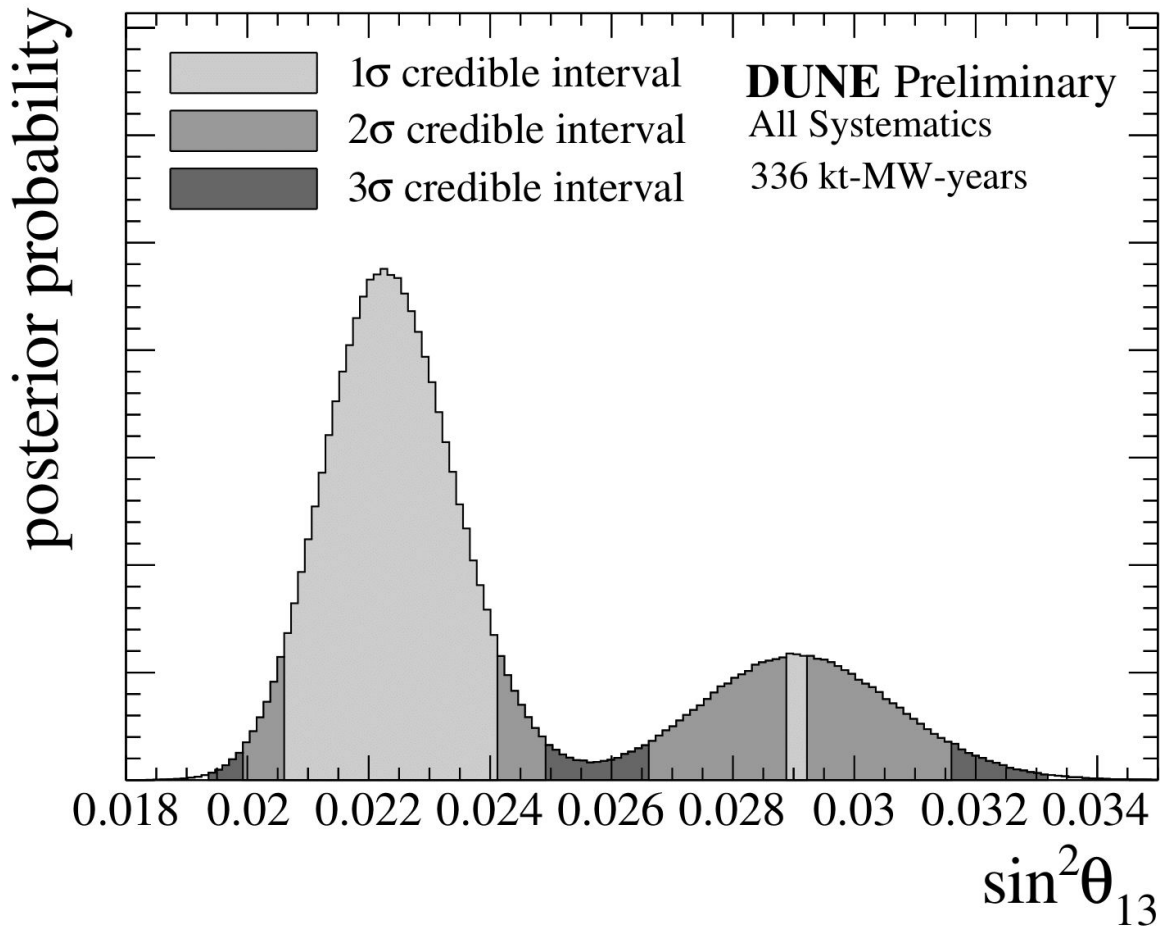
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# $\theta_{23}$ Sensitivity



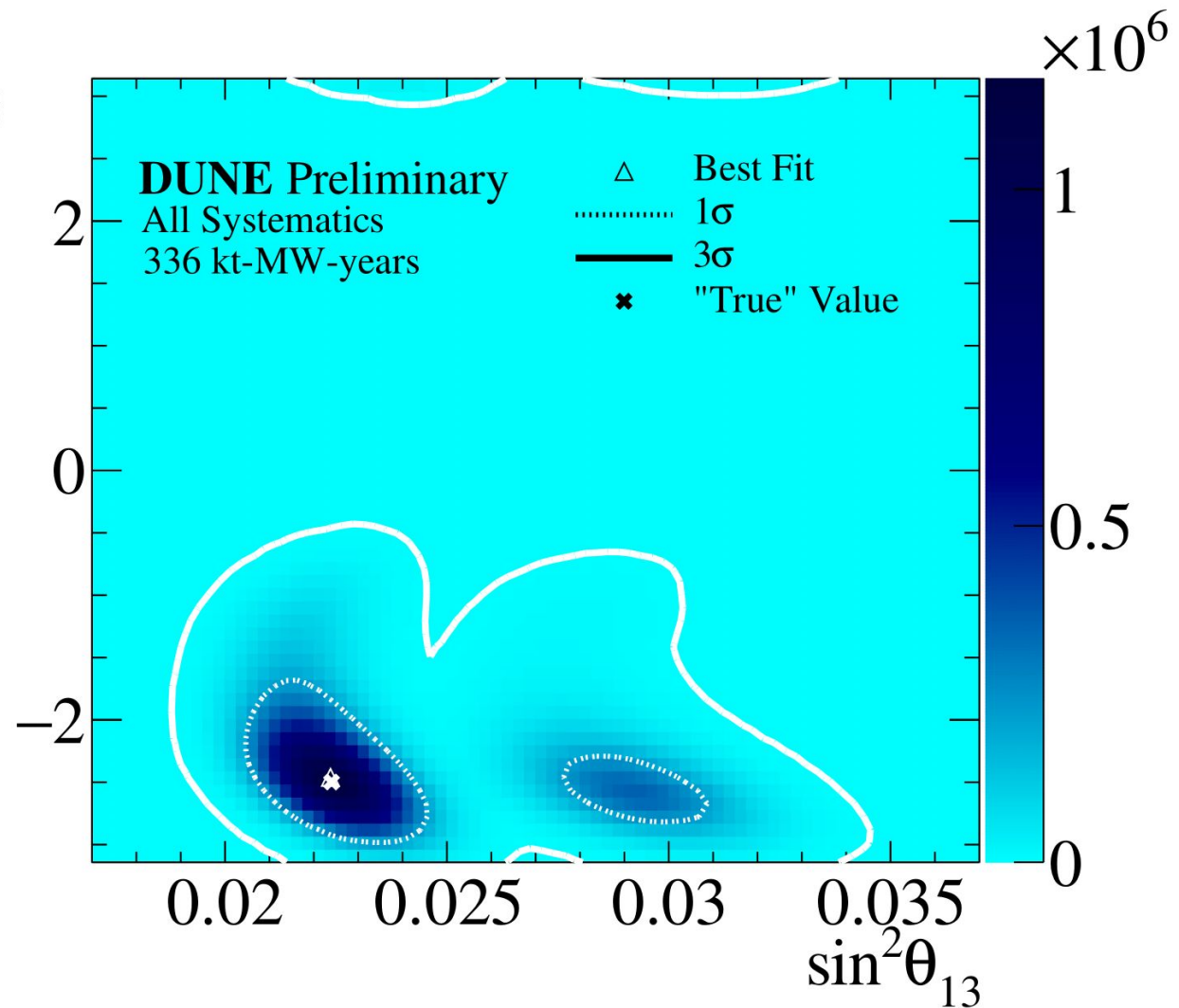
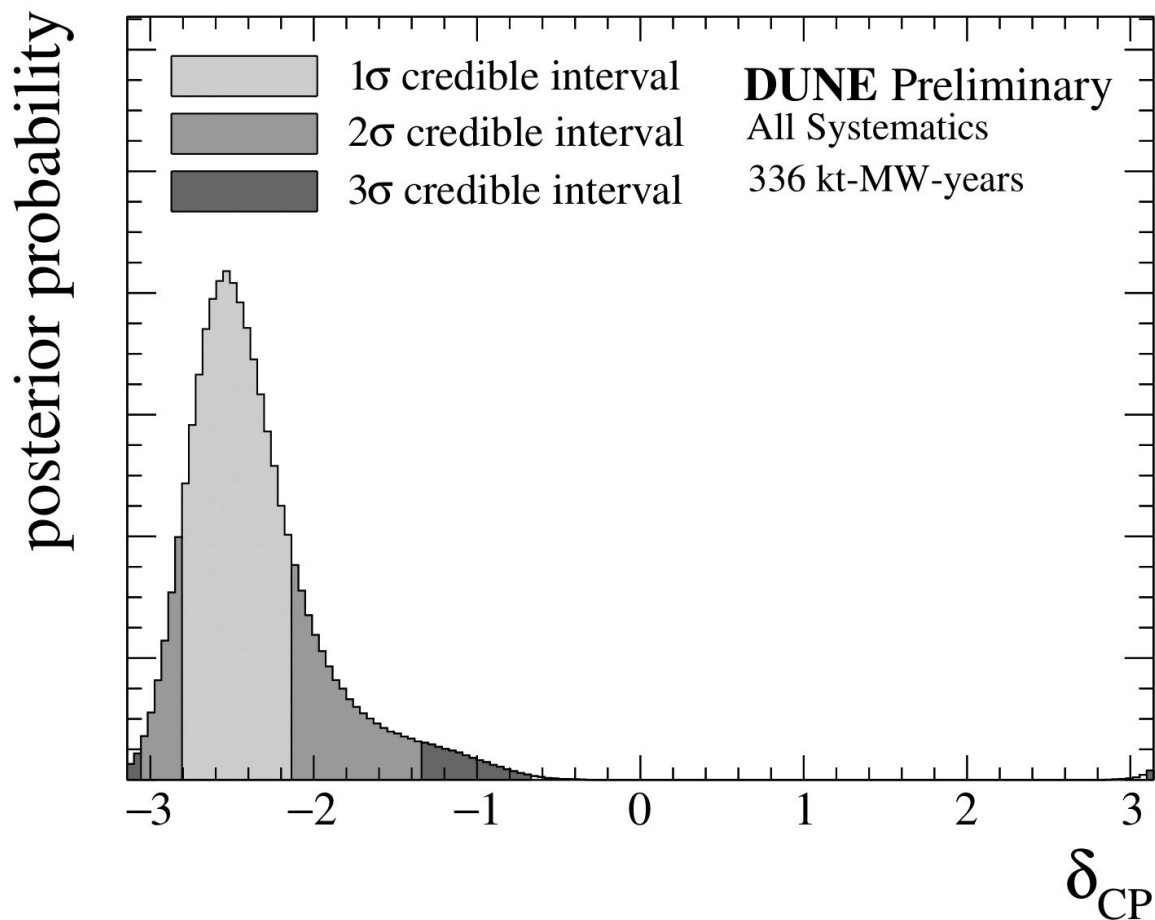
- Both  $\theta_{23}$  octants being evaluated → **correct octant chosen**
- **No posterior in IO**

# $\theta_{13}$ Sensitivity



- Second peak
- Some degeneracy in  $\theta_{13}$   $\rightarrow$  as a result of  $\theta_{23}$  octant degeneracy

# $\delta_{CP}$ Sensitivity

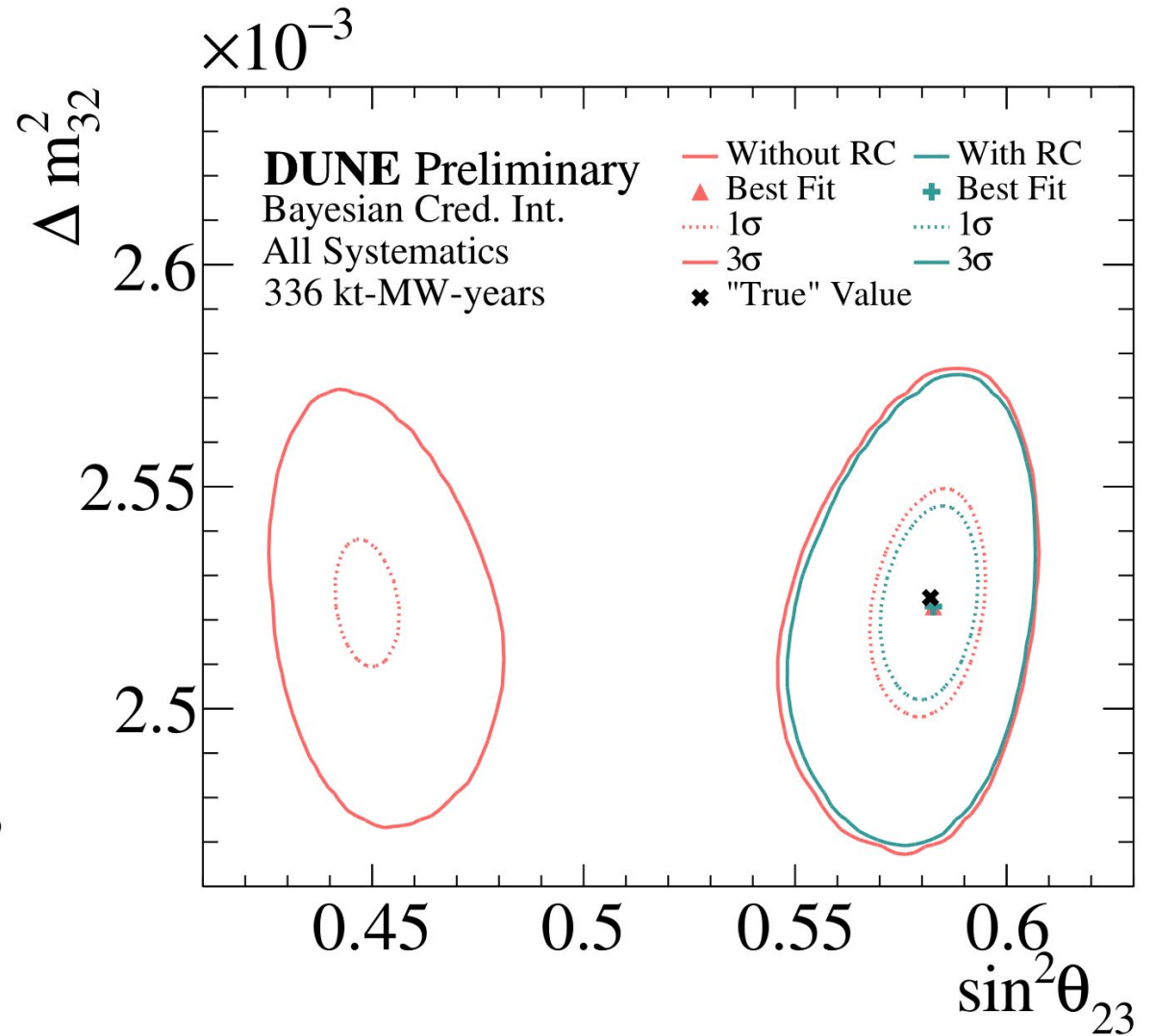
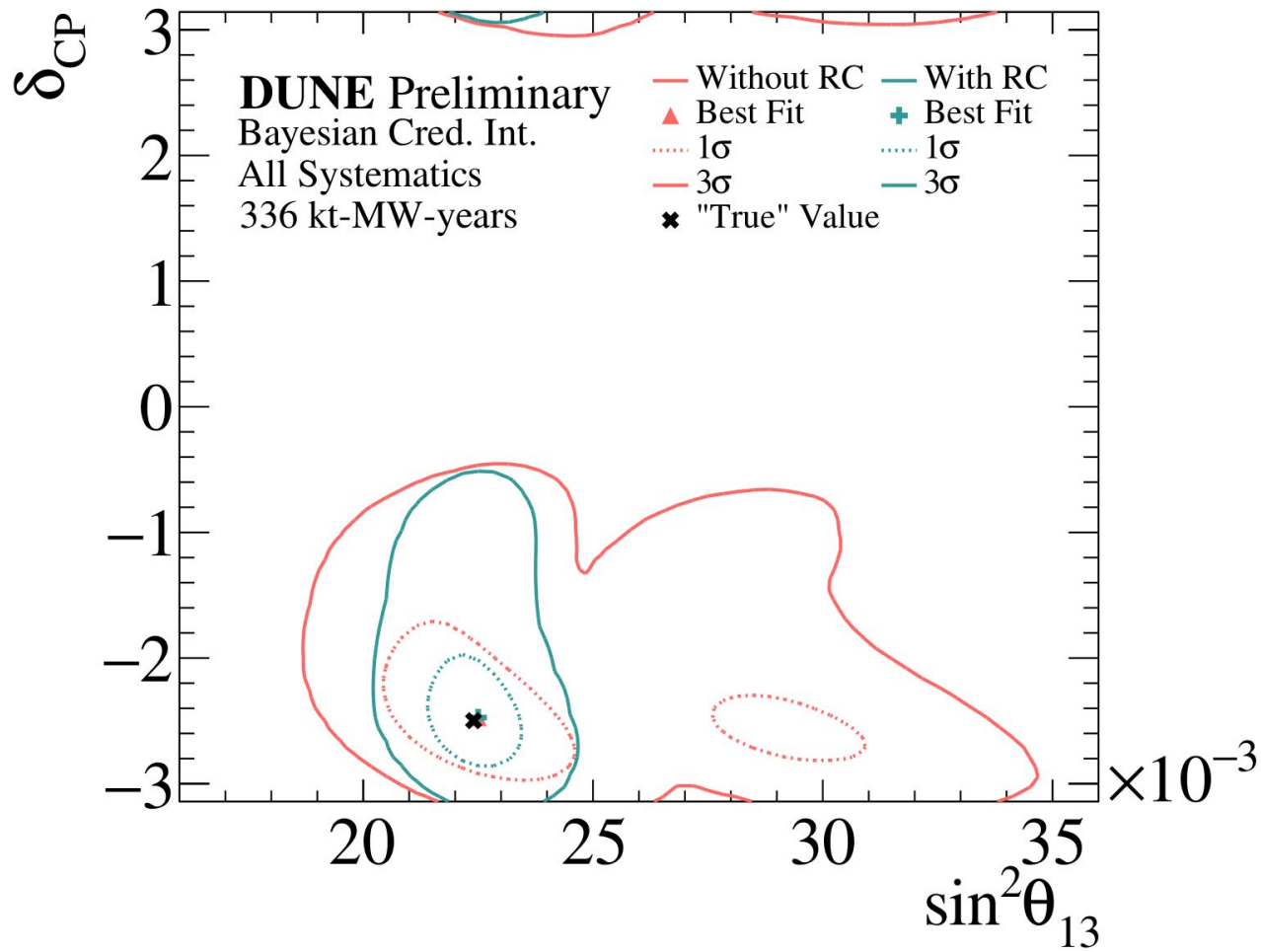


- $\delta_{CP} = 0$  excluded at  $3\sigma$
- Tail towards 0 caused by  $\delta_{CP}$  octant degeneracy  $\rightarrow$  mostly sensitive to  $\sin \delta_{CP}$

# MCMC Prior Reweighting and Reprojection

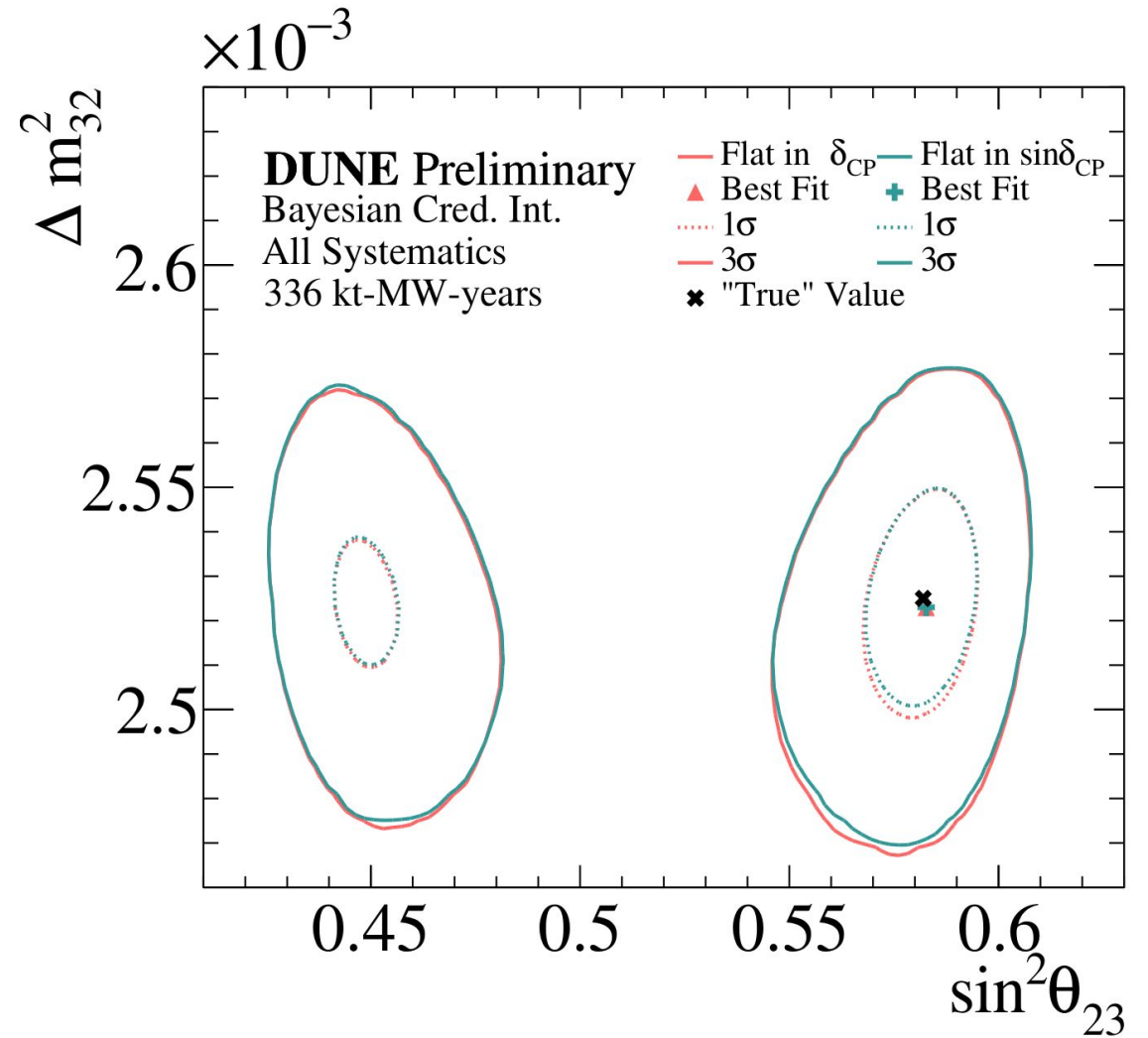
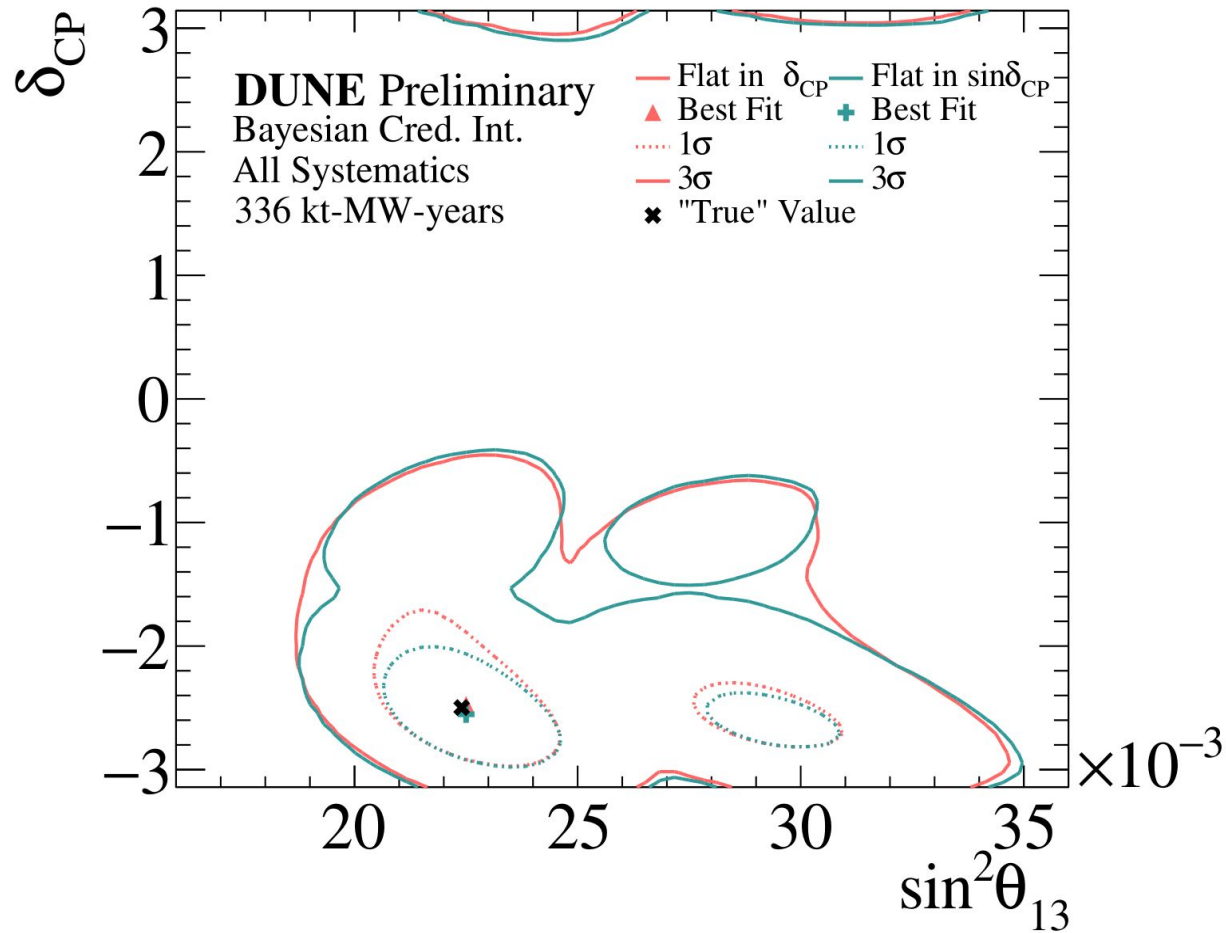
- MCMC allows the ability to **reweight the posterior distribution given a change of prior**
  - I.e. flat  $\sin^2(\theta_{13}) \rightarrow$  reactor constraint
- One caveat is that there are **enough MCMC steps** in the region that the new posterior favours
- Also **trivial** to produce a posterior distribution in some **new variable** that is a function of the variables included in the MCMC
  - I.e. if you have a posterior for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \rightarrow$  easy to produce any distribution of  $f(\alpha, \beta)$

# Reactor Constraint



- Second  $\theta_{13}$  peak completely suppressed
- Wrong  $\theta_{23}$  octant also suppressed

# $\delta_{CP}$ Prior Change

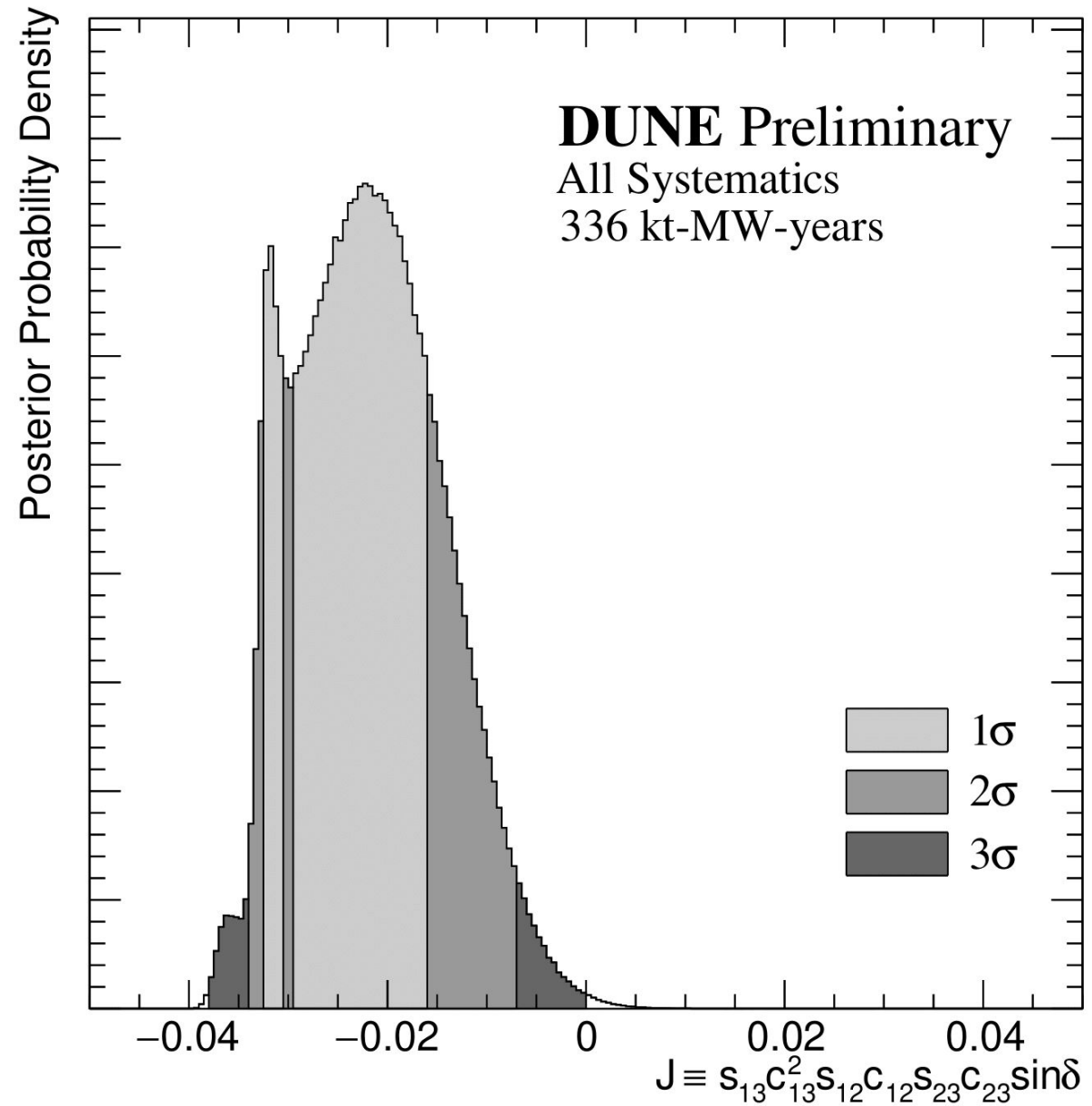


- Flat prior in  $\delta_{CP}$  results in **non-uniform prior** in other quantities e.g.  $\sin\delta_{CP}$  or  $\cos\delta_{CP}$
- Flat  $\sin\delta_{CP}$  prior of interest  $\rightarrow$  **CPV is a function of  $\sin\delta_{CP}$**

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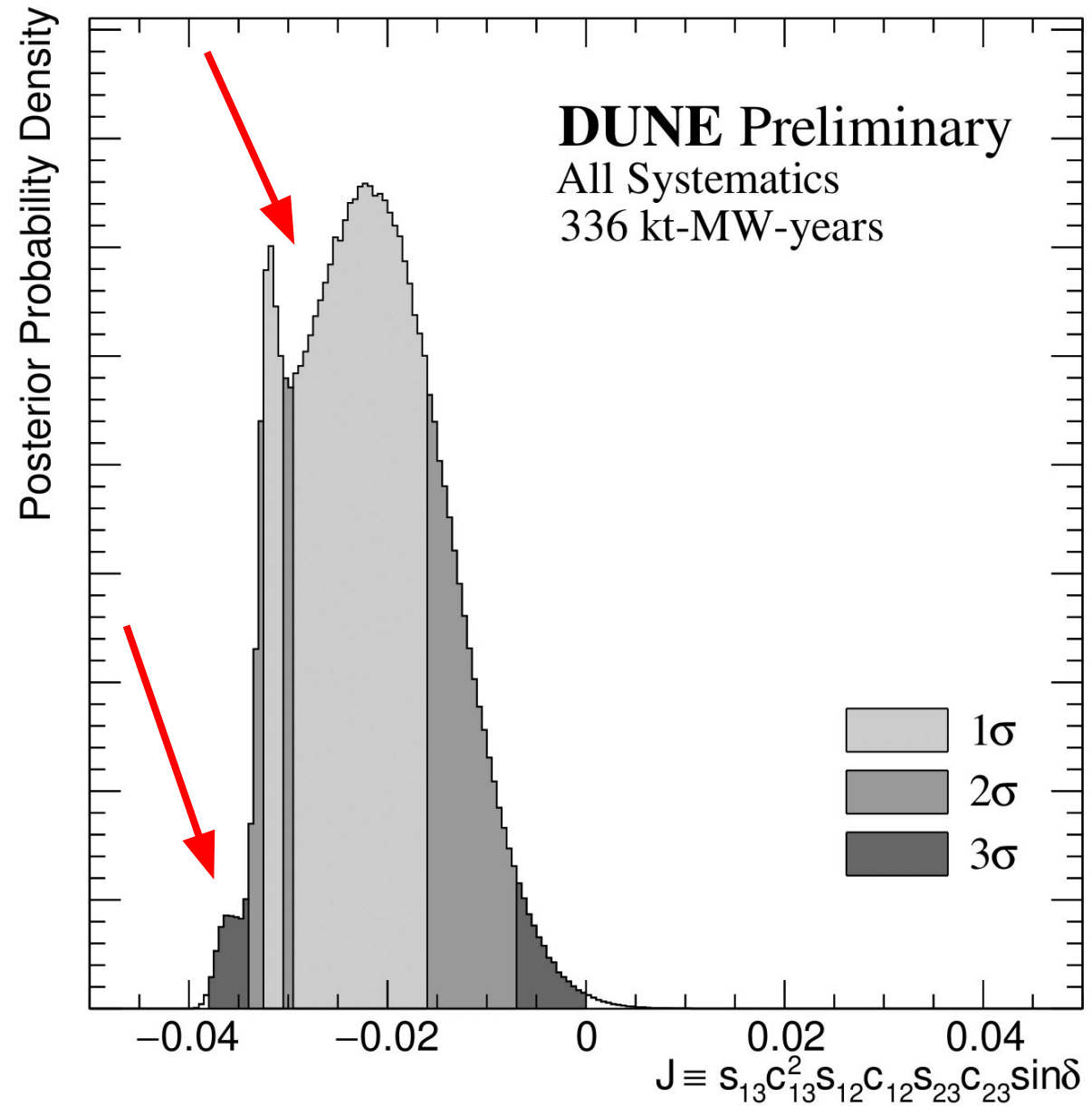




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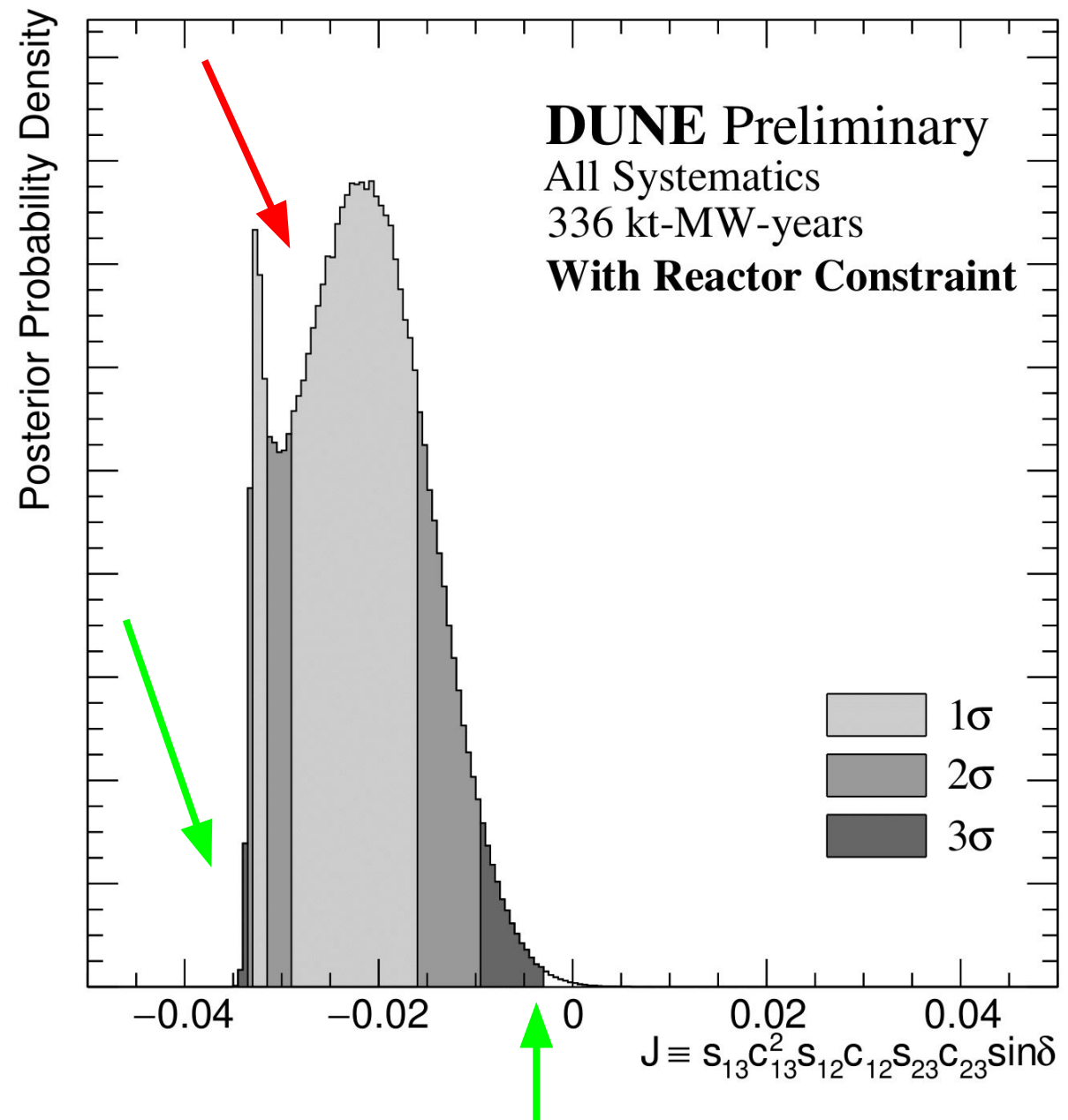
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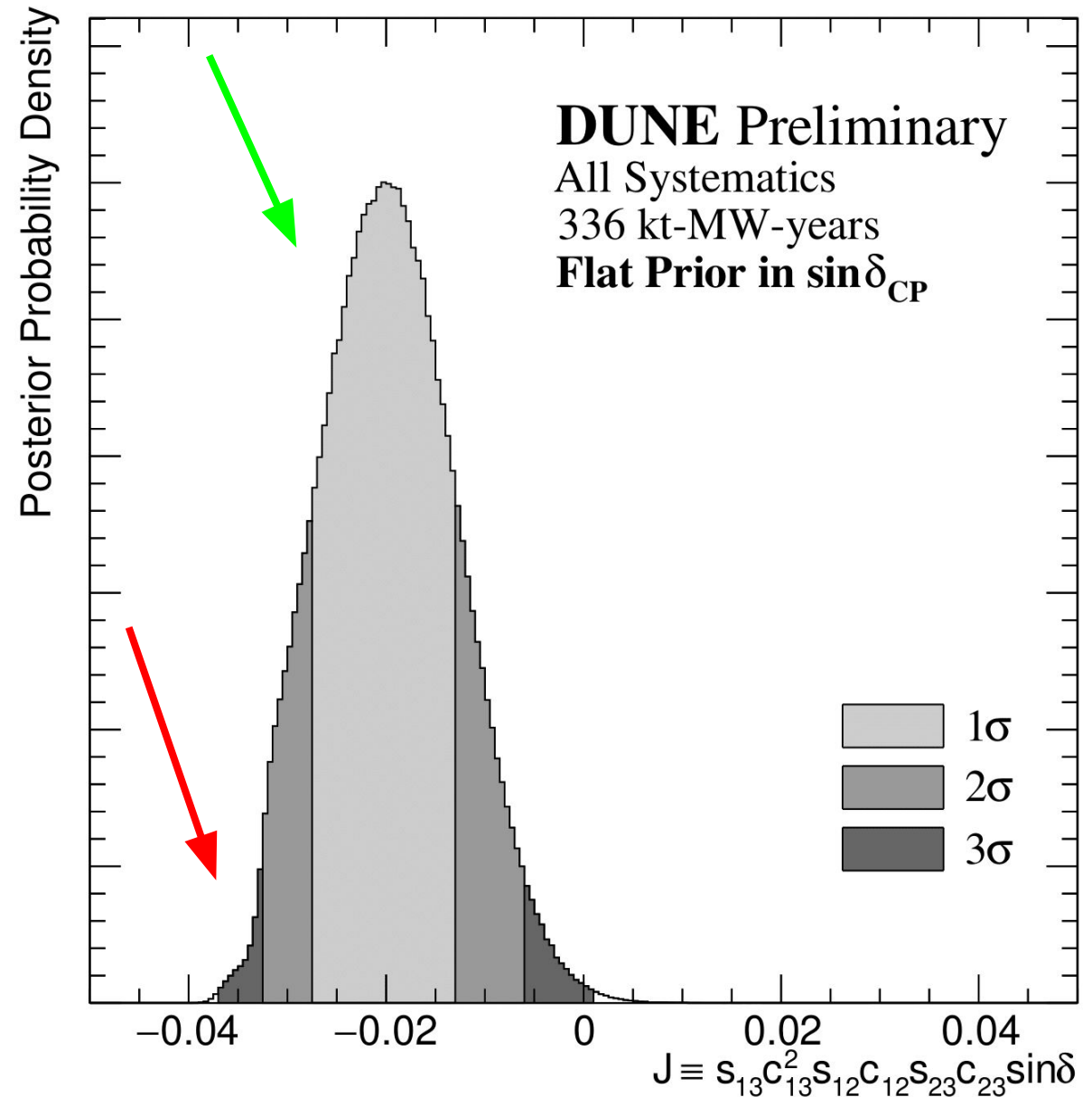
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  - Removes **dip around peak**

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# Summary

- DUNE will enable **an exciting physics program** and aims to make **precise measurements** of the oscillation parameters:
  - Definitively measure the **MO** regardless of other oscillation parameters
  - Sensitivity to **CPV** and  **$\theta_{23}$  octant**
- **First Bayesian analysis of DUNE** has been performed
  - Complementary to existing and future frequentist sensitivities

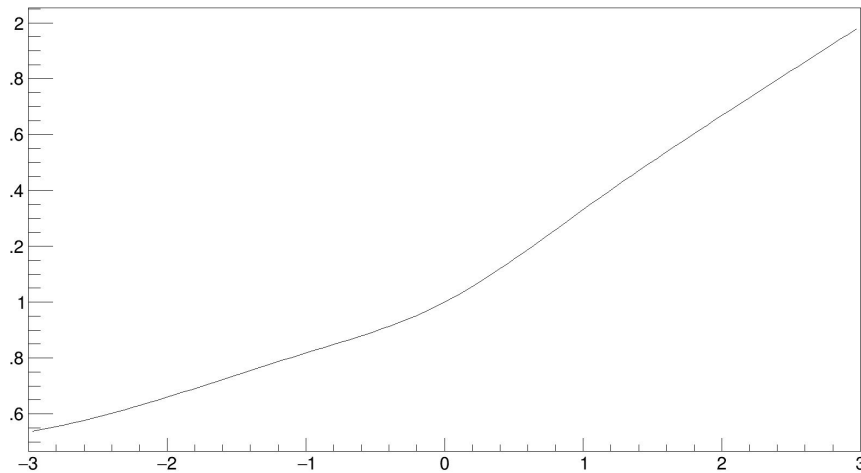


# Back up

# Systematic Implementation

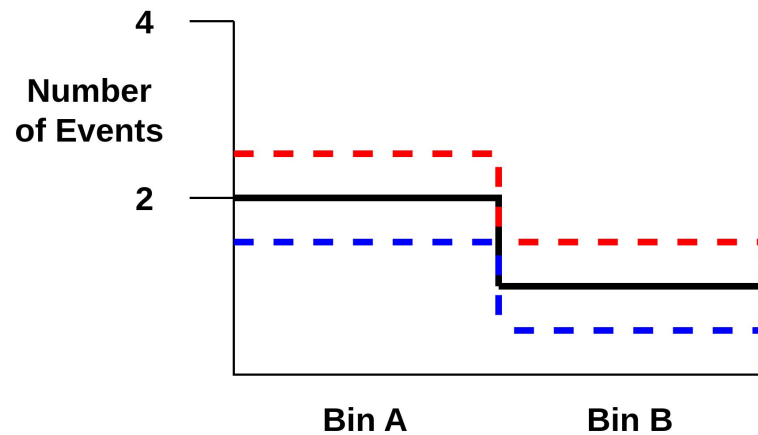
- **High statistics** in next-generation near detectors requires **sophisticated** systematic implementation
- We need to model a complex/degenerate likelihood space -> **different types of systematics:**

## Splines



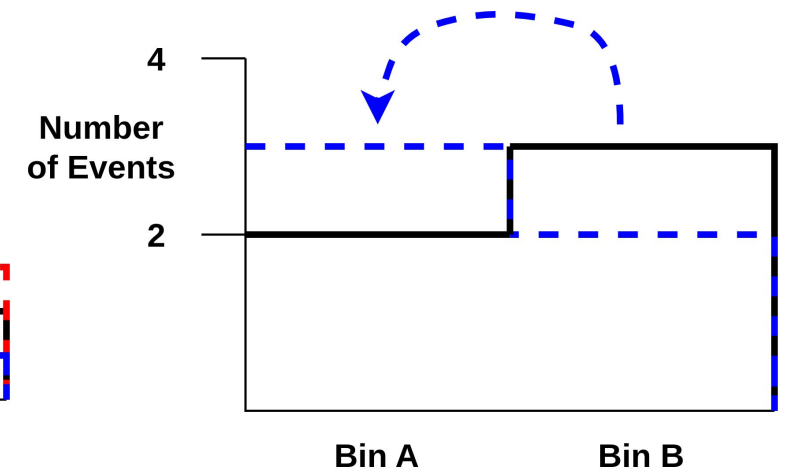
- Continuous response functions using piecewise cubic interpolation
- Binned or **event-by-event**
- Cross-section parameters

## Normalisation



- Weights events up and down relative to parameter movement
- Apply to specific kinematic ranges and events
- Flux parameters

## Shift-like



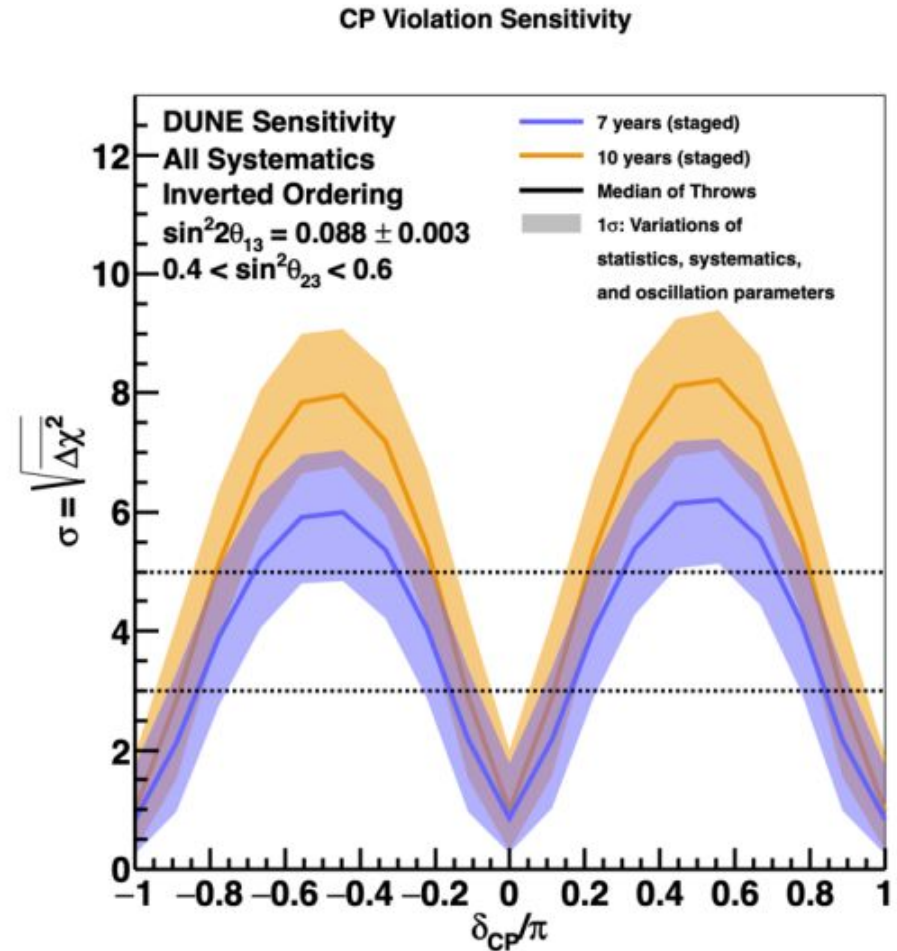
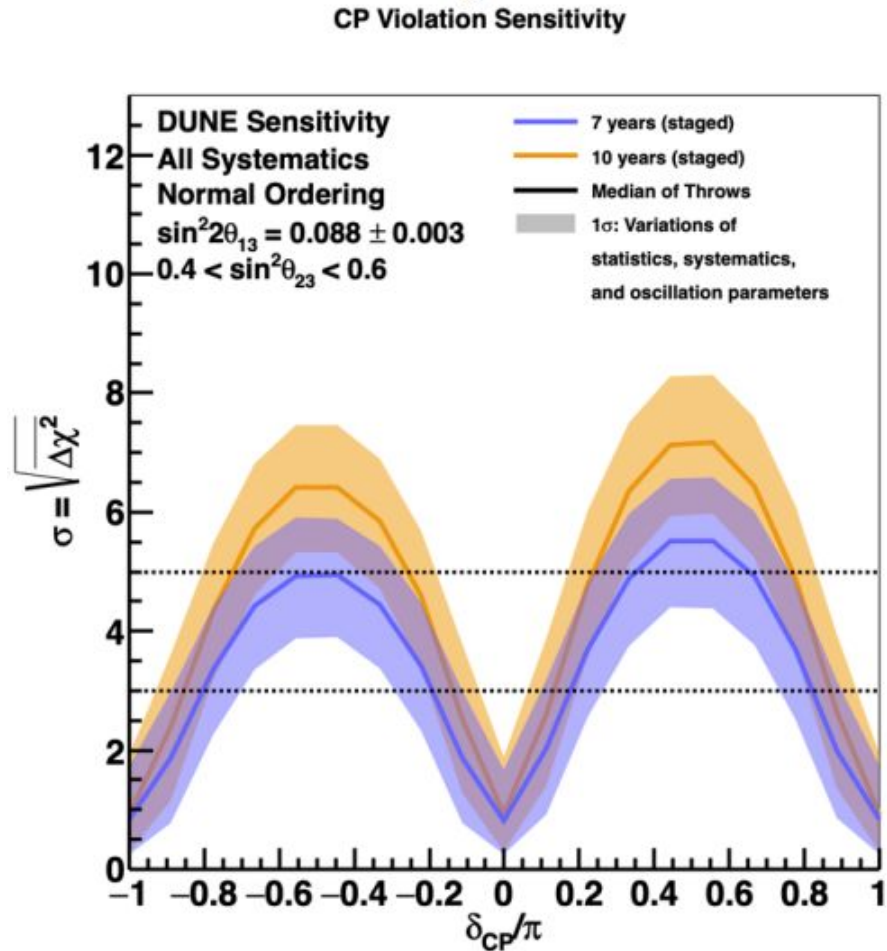
- Move events from one bin to another
- Systematics which **change reconstructed variables**
- Generally for detector systematics

# NuFit 4.0 Parameters

		Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.7$ )	
		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
without SK atmospheric data	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.310^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.275 $\rightarrow$ 0.350	$0.310^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.275 $\rightarrow$ 0.350
	$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.82^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$	31.61 $\rightarrow$ 36.27	$33.82^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$	31.61 $\rightarrow$ 36.27
	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.580^{+0.017}_{-0.021}$	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
	$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.525^{+0.033}_{-0.032}$	+2.427 $\rightarrow$ +2.625	$-2.512^{+0.034}_{-0.032}$	-2.611 $\rightarrow$ -2.412

- NuFIT 4.0 (2018), [www.nu-fit.org](http://www.nu-fit.org), JHEP 01 (2019) 106 – [arXiv:1811.05487](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.05487)

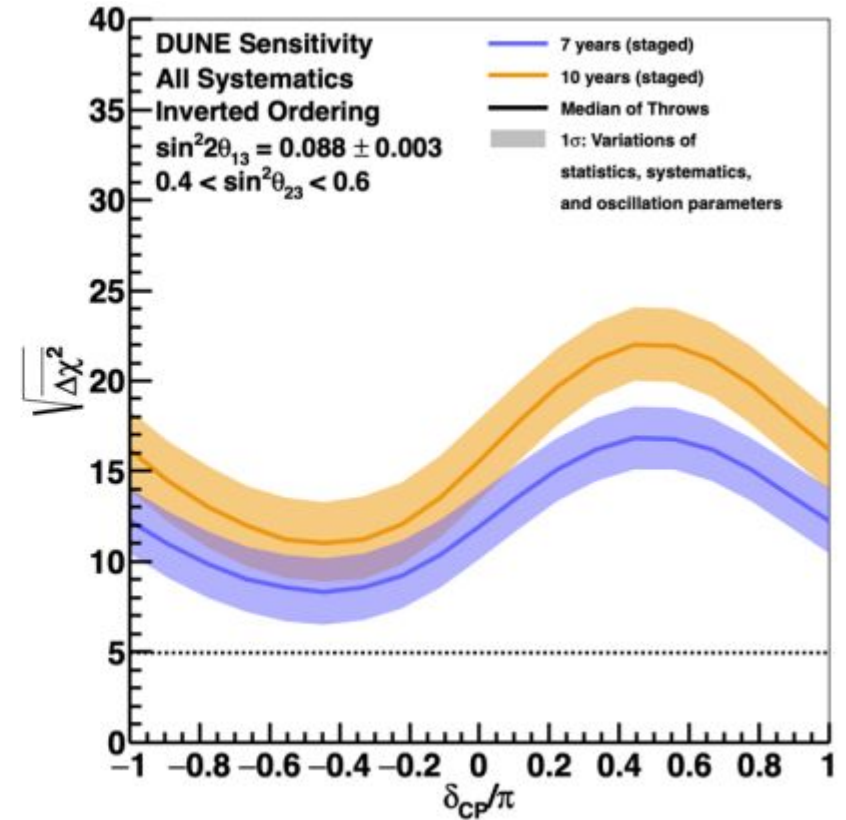
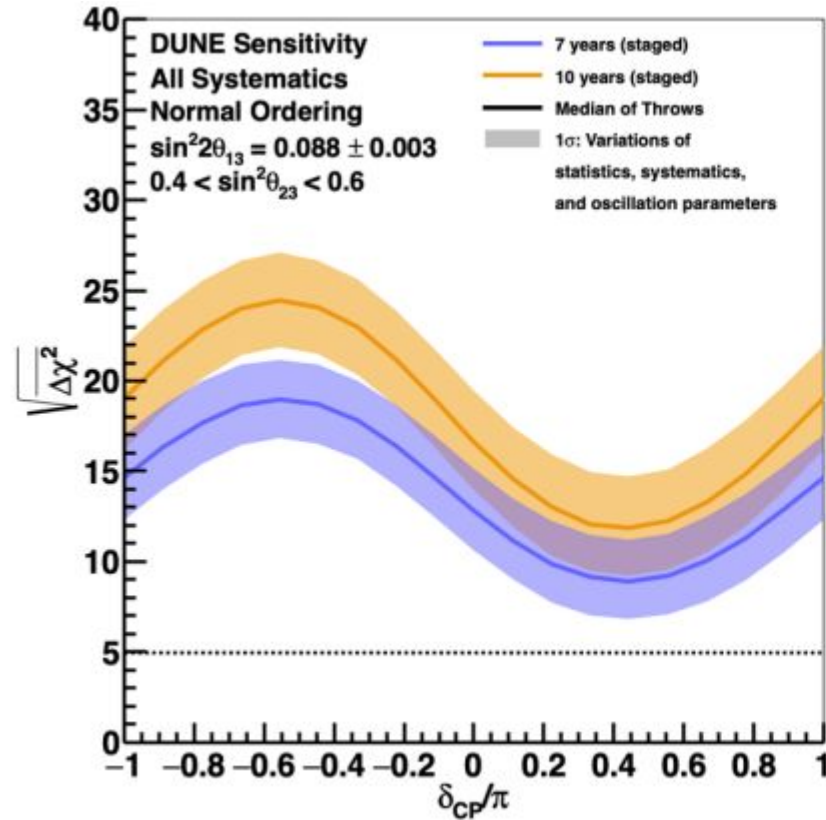
# CPV Sensitivity



- After 10 years (staged), there is significant CP violation ( $\delta_{CP} \neq 0, \pi$ ) discovery potential across true values of  $\delta_{CP}$  and for both hierarchies

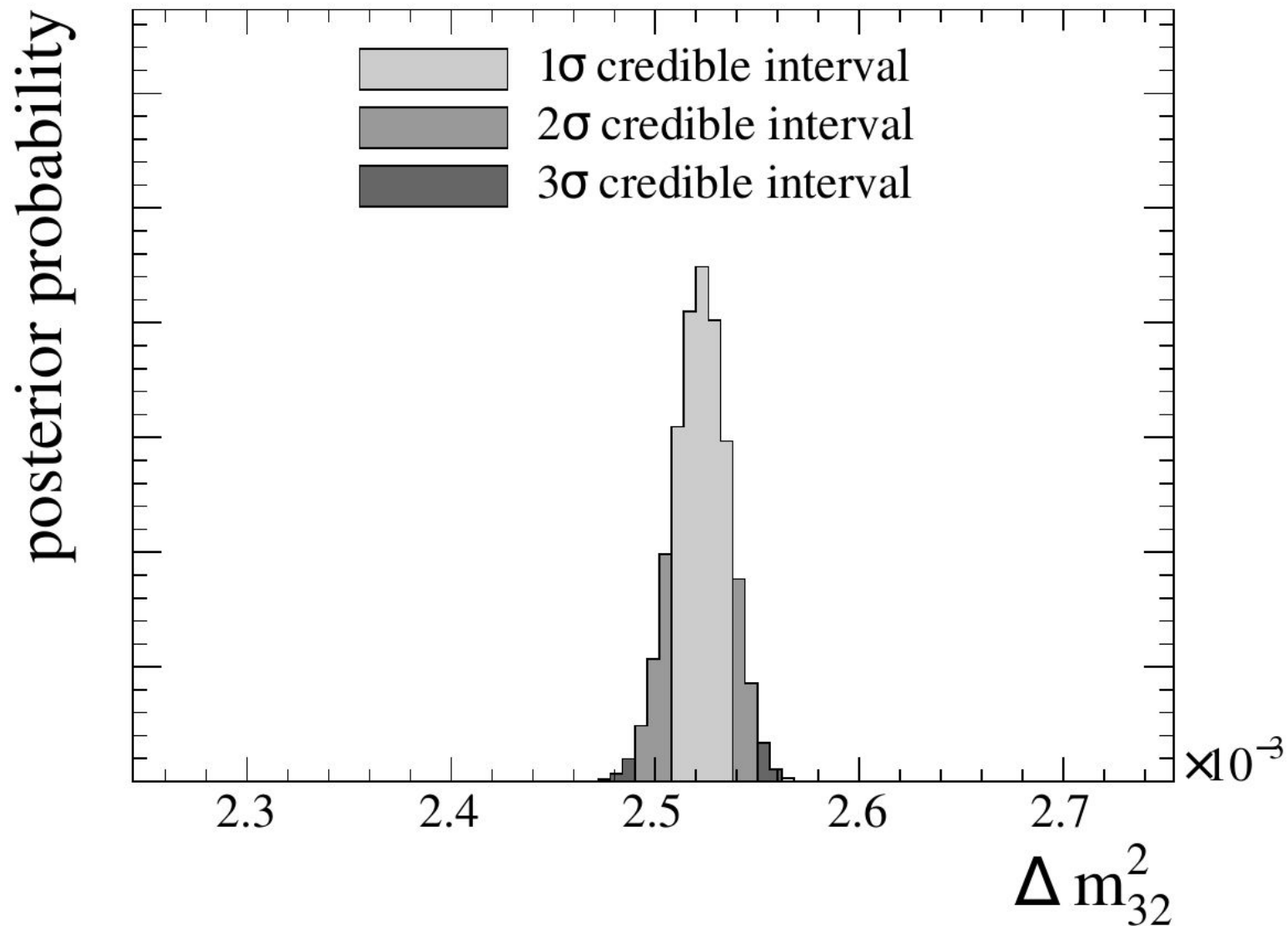


# Mass Ordering Sensitivity



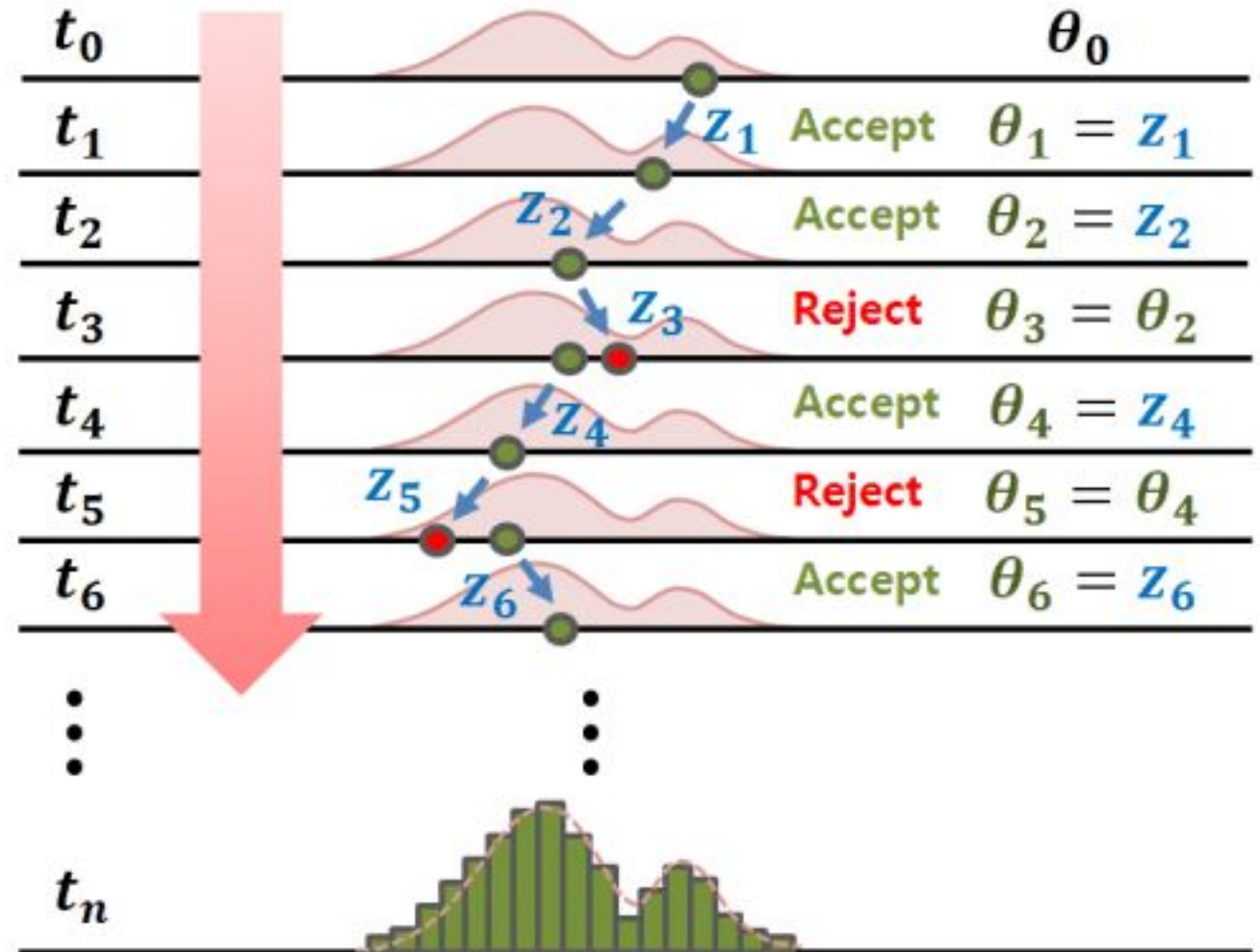
- Obtain a definitive answer for the mass hierarchy within 7 years (staged), regardless of the values of the other oscillation parameters

# $\Delta m_{32}^2$ Sensitivity



# MCMC - Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- Semi-random walk around the **full** parameter space
- Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for **accepting** or **rejecting** steps
- Builds up distribution of steps in each parameter -> **proportional to target distribution**
- Scales well with dimensions
- Can deal with **discontinuous likelihoods** (caused by event shifting)



# Bayesian Inference

- MCMC let's evaluate a nearly impossible integral to get the **posterior distribution**
- Multi-dimensional posterior... we only want oscillation parameters
- **Marginalisation** - integrate out nuisance parameters
- MCMC gives us this integral for **free**

Bayes' theorem:

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

