

New 3-flavor neutrino oscillation results from NOvA



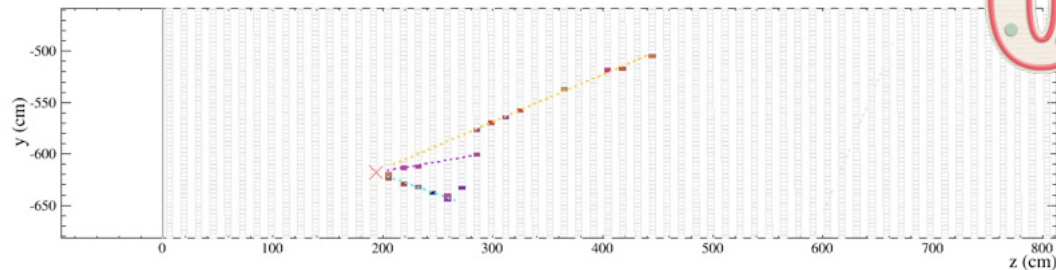
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February 5th, 2014 – NOvA's Period 1 data taking began with run 12941 at 11:57 pm



February 11, 2014 - NOvA "1st Neutrino Event" Celebration in the Main Control Room



(No evidence of cake at this event)

10 years, many milestones, a few cakes...



July 2014 –
FD completed



April 2015 –
"Gary-fest"



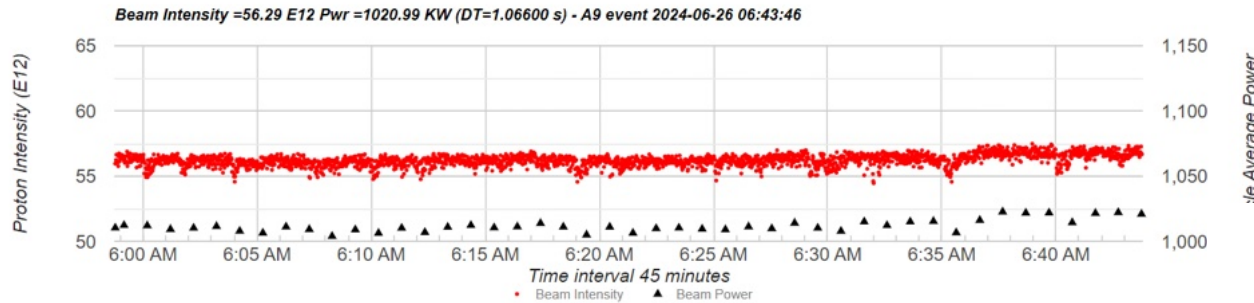
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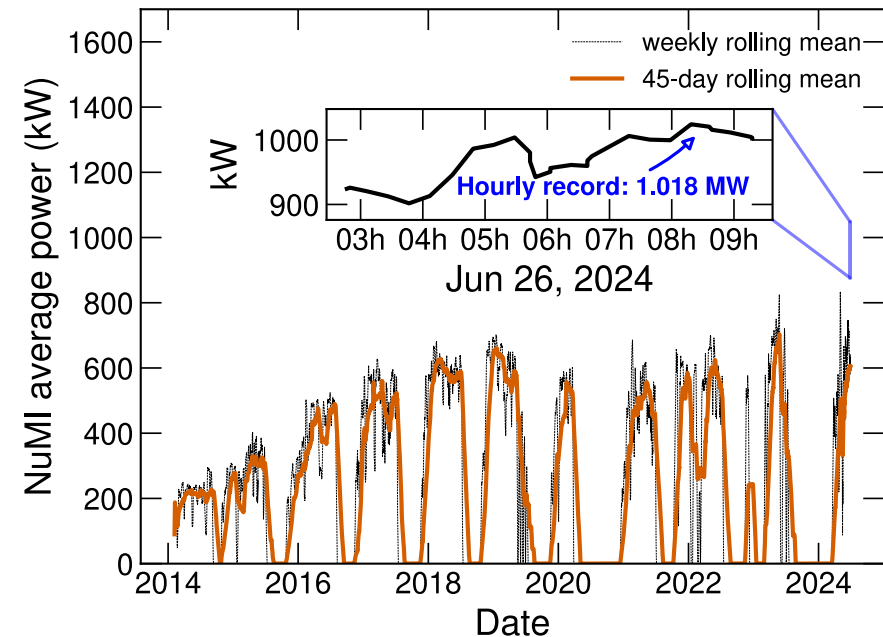
February 2017 –
NuMI 700 kW

Earlier this week (Wednesday, June 26th) the power delivered to NuMI surpassed 1MW for ~3 hrs!!!



New one-hour power record is

1.018 MW!



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2010, FNAL

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2014, FNAL

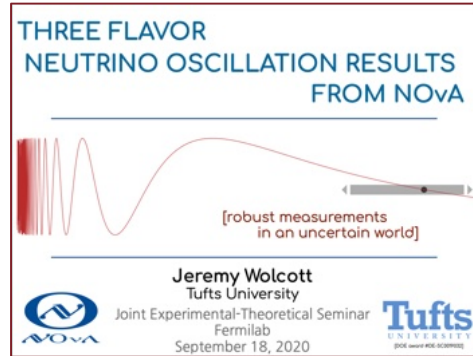
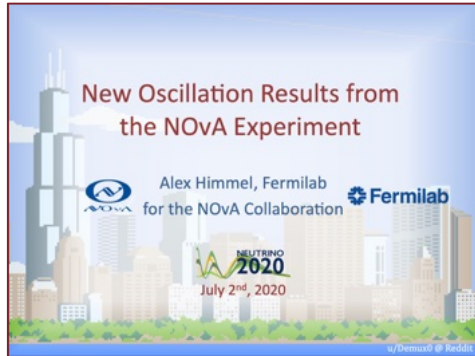


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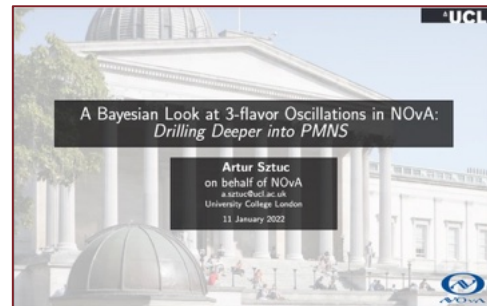
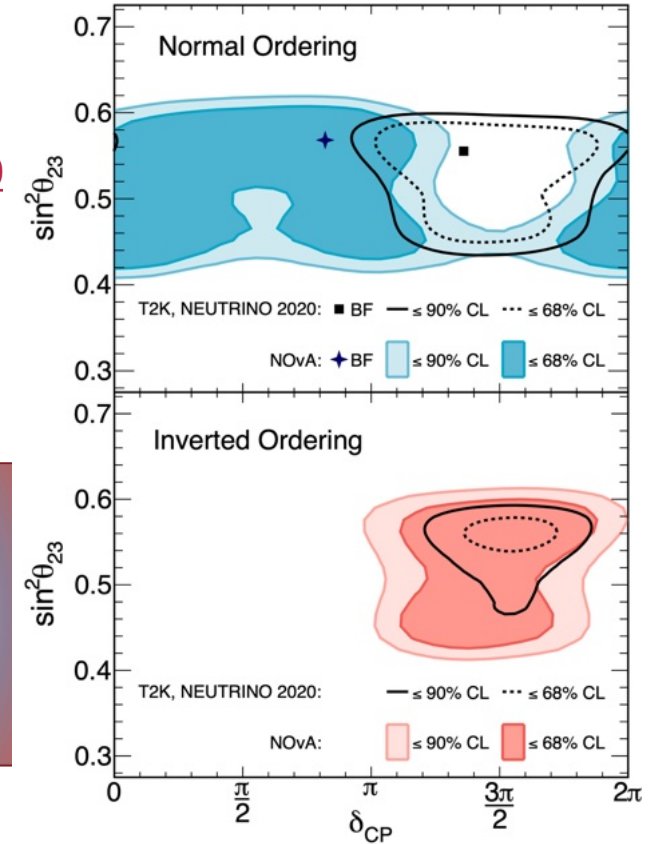


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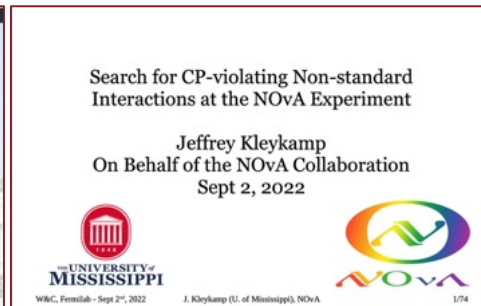
The “2020” dataset - with 6 years of NOvA data - has generated many interesting results



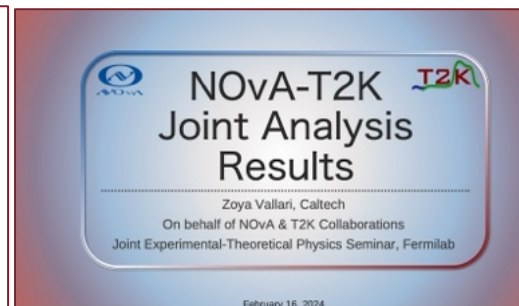
2020 analysis
Neutrino 2020, July 2nd, 2020
JETP Sept. 18, 2020
PhysRevD.106.032004



Bayesian analysis
JETP Jan. 11, 2022
arXiv:2311.07835



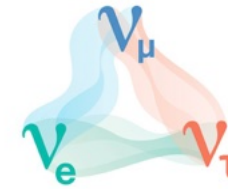
NSI analysis
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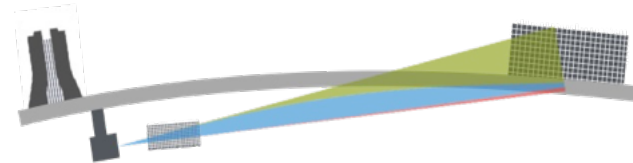
NOvA-T2K joint analysis
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Today: we'll discuss NOvA's 3-flavor neutrino oscillation analysis, and the new results with 10 years of data

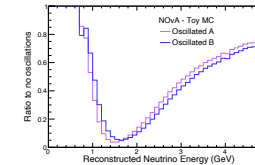
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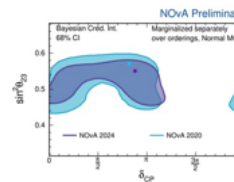
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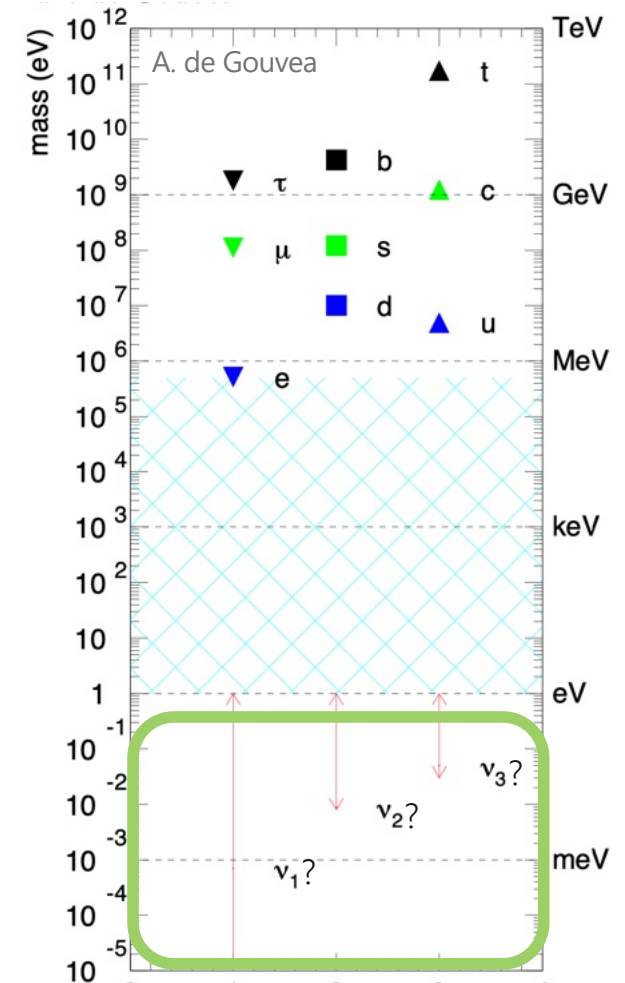
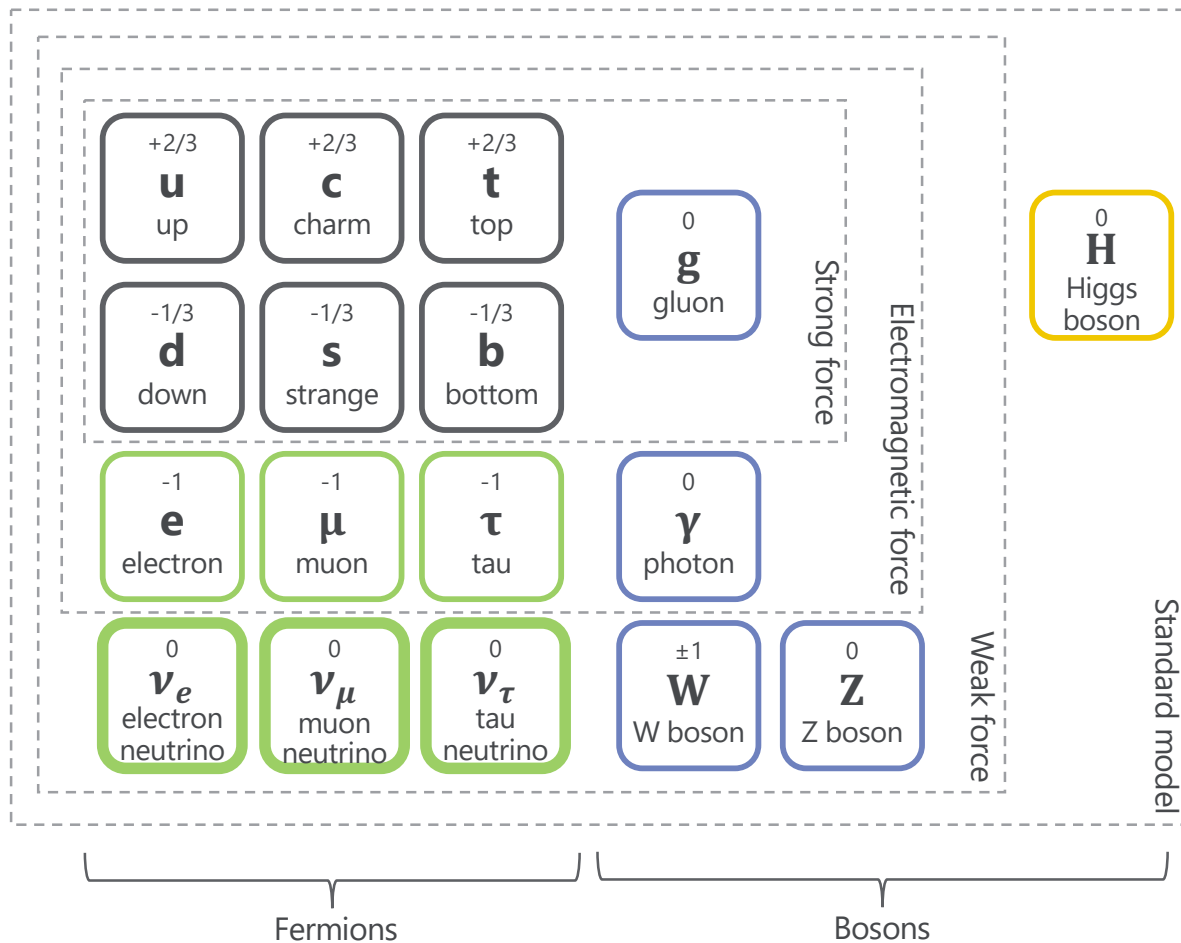


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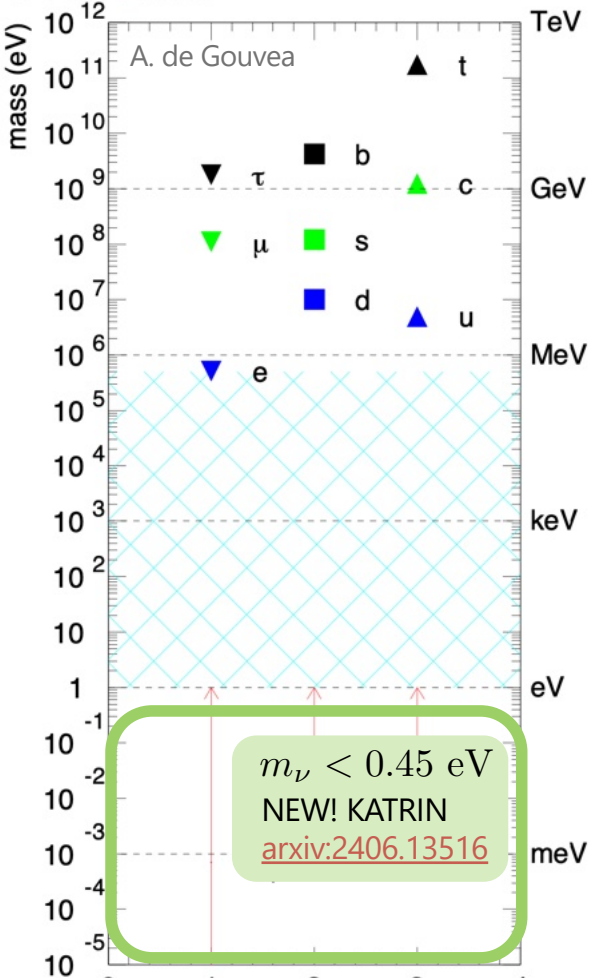
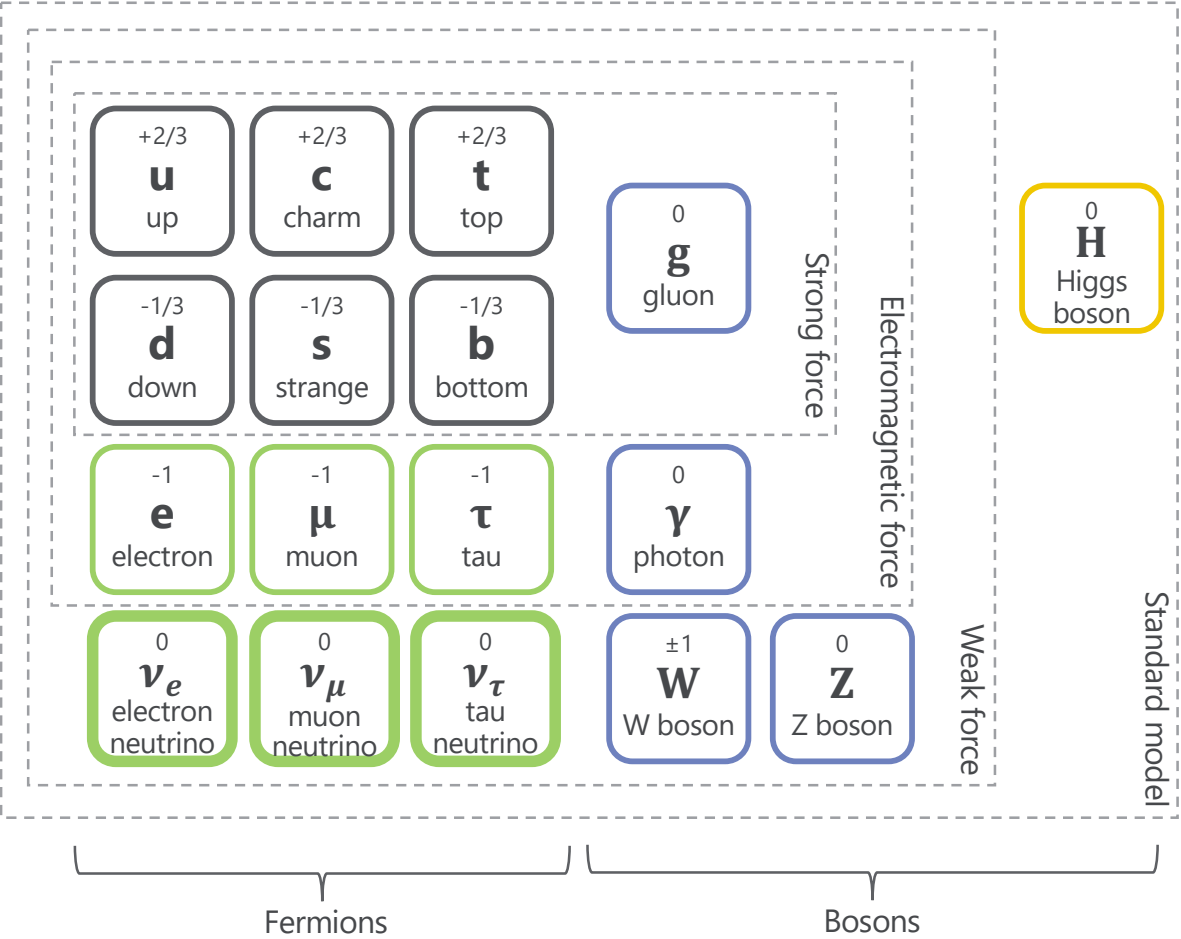


3-flavor neutrino oscillations

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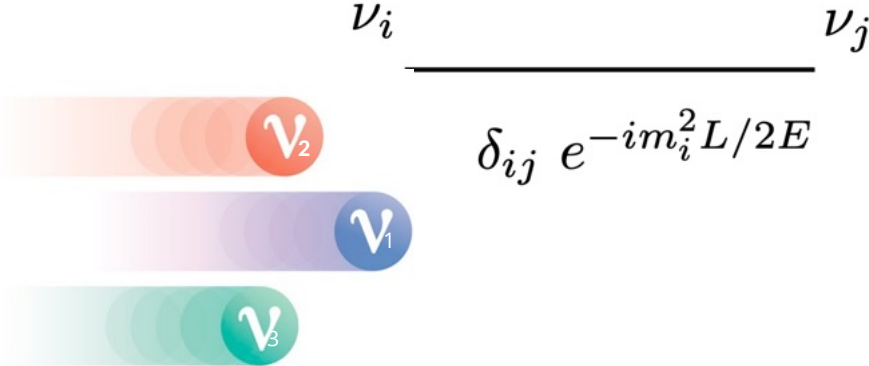
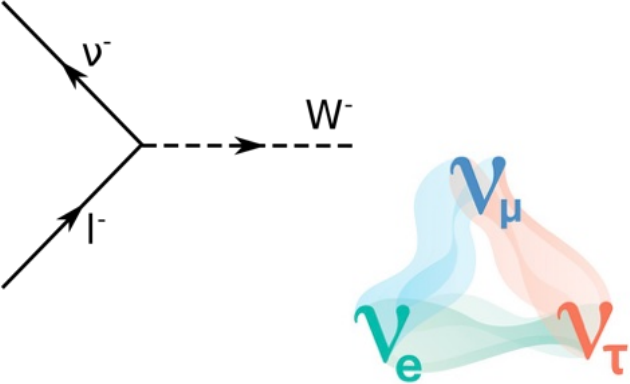
The neutrino flavor eigenstates are related to the mass eigenstates by the PMNS unitary mixing matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

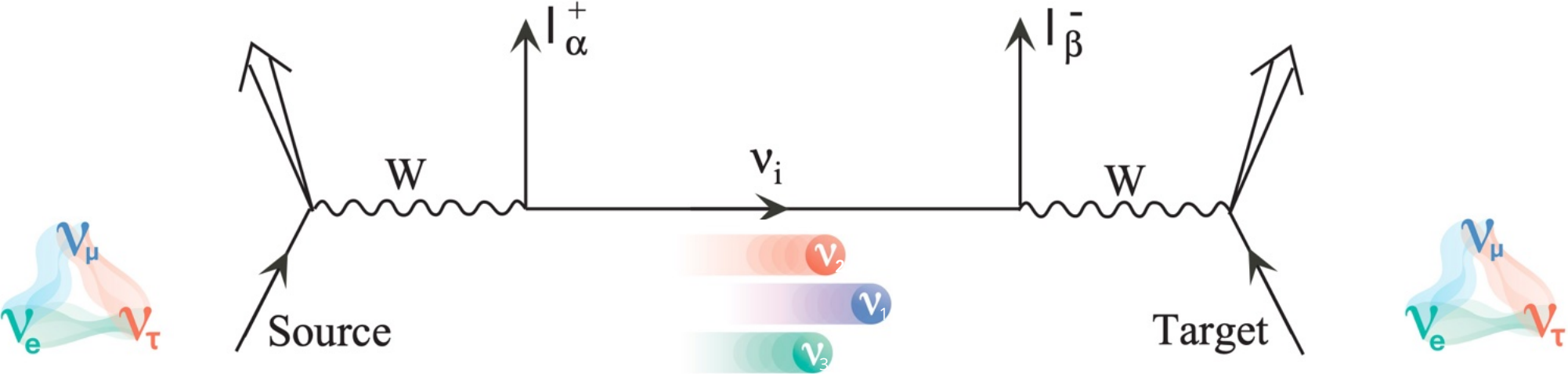
Flavor states (interaction)

Mixing matrix

Mass states (propagation)



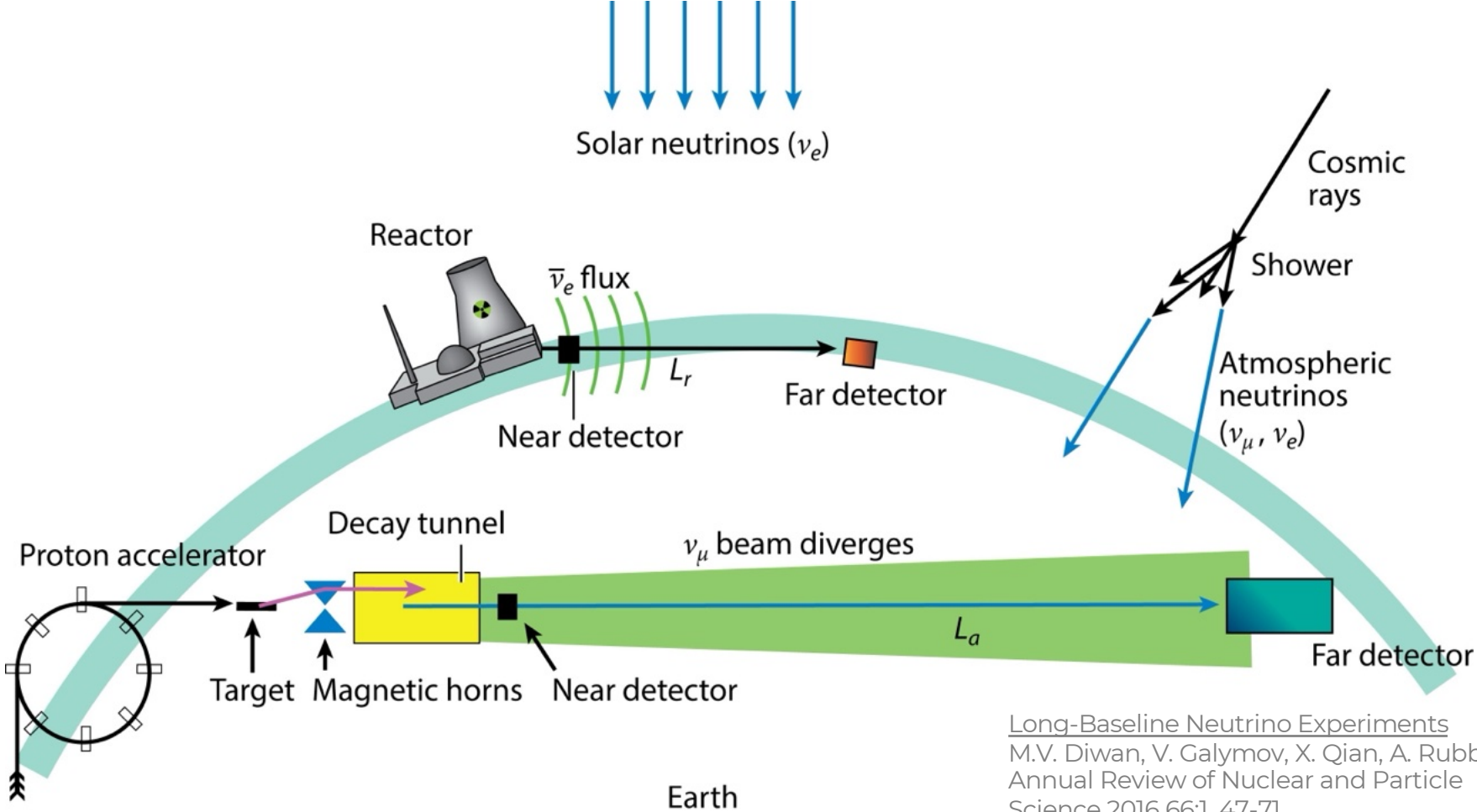
3-flavor neutrino oscillations are transitions in-flight between the flavor neutrinos, caused by non-zero neutrino masses and neutrino mixing



$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^* e^{-i \frac{m_i^2 L}{2E}} U_{\beta i} \right|^2$$

Oscillatory in distance $L_{0,ij}^{osc} = \frac{4\pi E}{|\Delta m_{ij}^2|}$
 Amplitudes proportional to products of elements in the mixing matrix

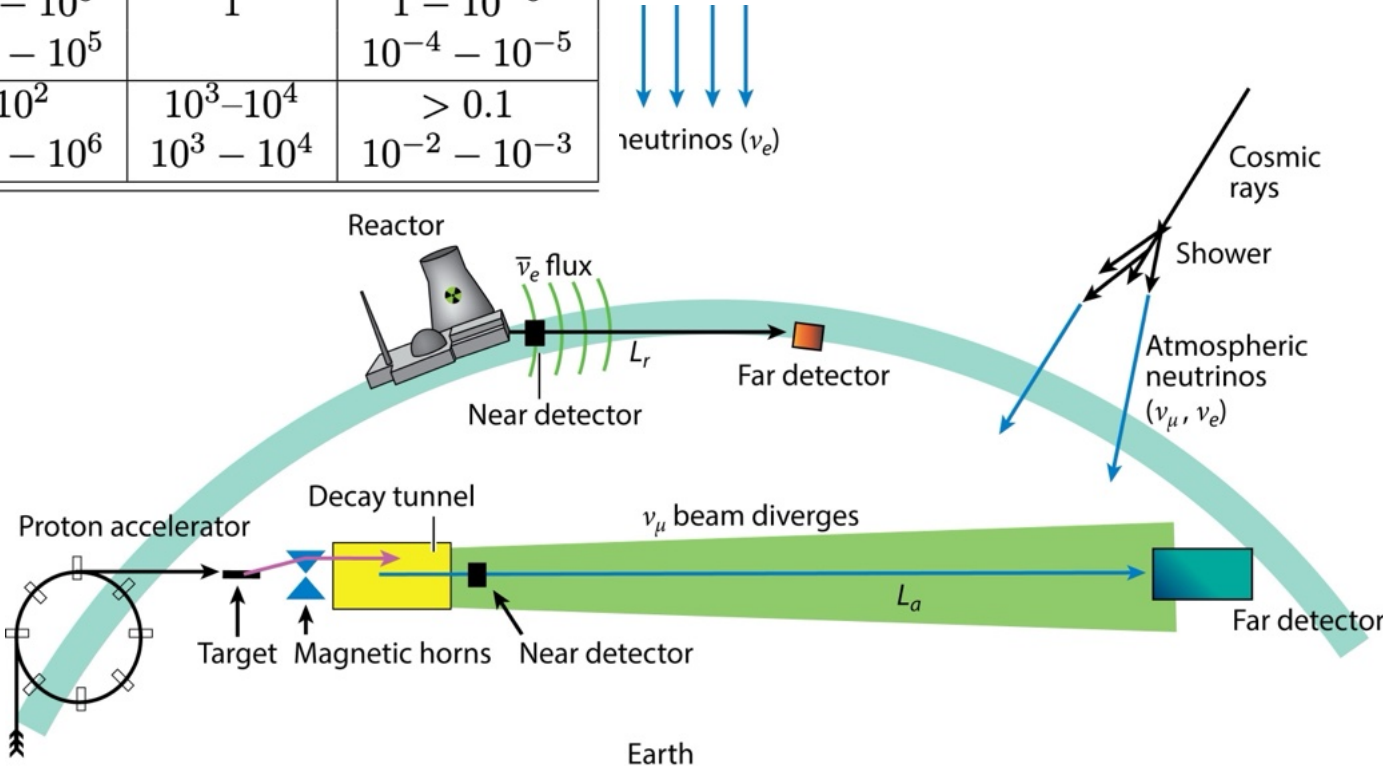
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Experiment		L (m)	E (MeV)	$ \Delta m^2 $ (eV ²)
Solar		10^{10}	1	10^{-10}
Atmospheric		$10^4 - 10^7$	$10^2 - 10^5$	$10^{-1} - 10^{-4}$
Reactor	VSBL-SBL-MBL	$10 - 10^3$	1	$1 - 10^{-3}$
	LBL	$10^4 - 10^5$		$10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$
Accelerator	SBL	10^2	$10^3 - 10^4$	> 0.1
	LBL	$10^5 - 10^6$	$10^3 - 10^4$	$10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$



A phenomenologically-useful parametrization of the mixing matrix reflects the sensitivity of different types of experiments

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{+i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$, $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$
 θ_{ij} : the mixing angles

δ : CP-violating phase
 α, β : Majorana phases

Atmospheric/LBL

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

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 \sim \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

Reactor/LBL

$$\theta_{13} \sim 8.5^\circ$$

$$\delta_{CP} ???$$

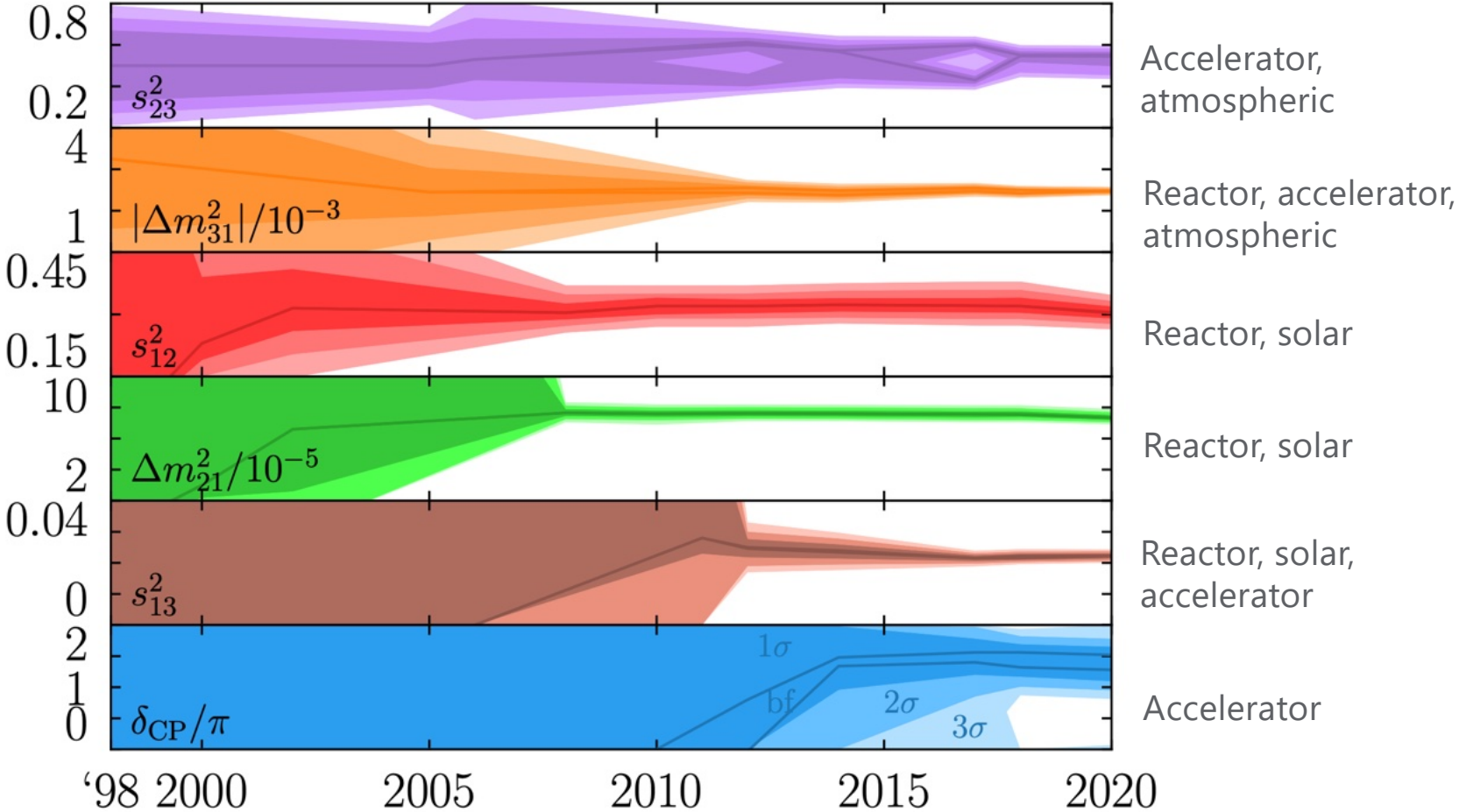
Reactor/Solar

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

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 \sim 7.5 \times 10^{-5} eV^2$$

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Our understanding of the neutrino oscillation parameters has evolved over the past 25 years.

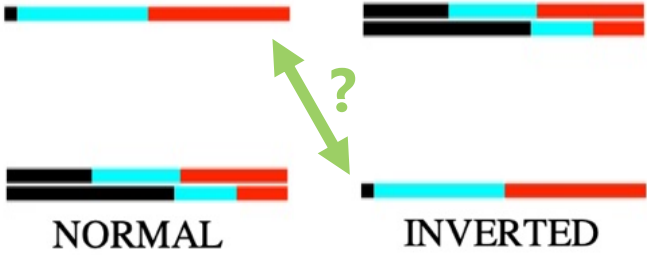


Snowmass NF01 report
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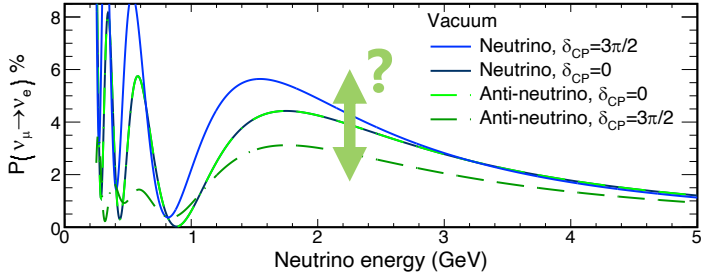
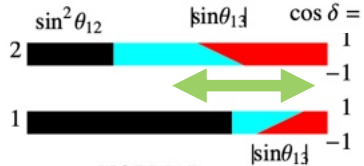
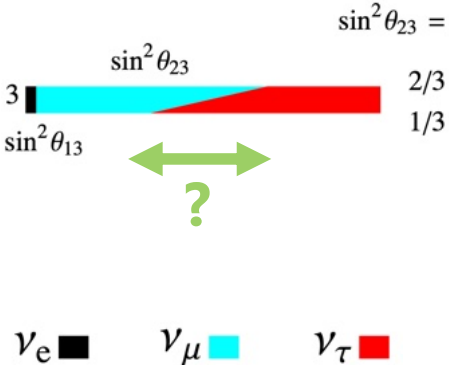
Open questions in the 3-flavor paradigm include the neutrino mass ordering, the octant of θ_{23} , and CP violation



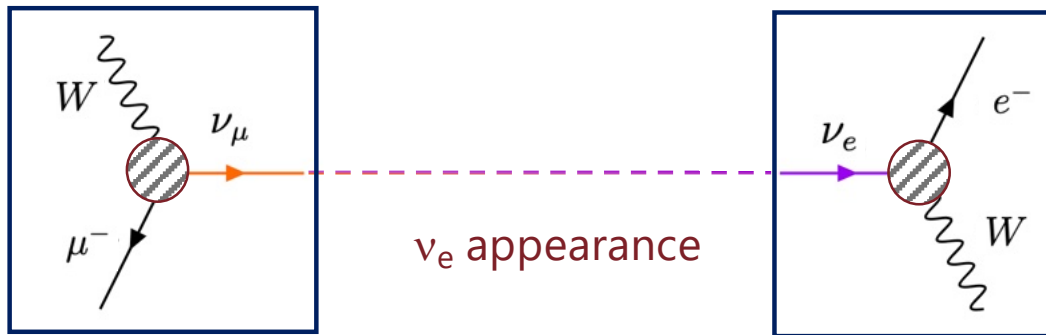
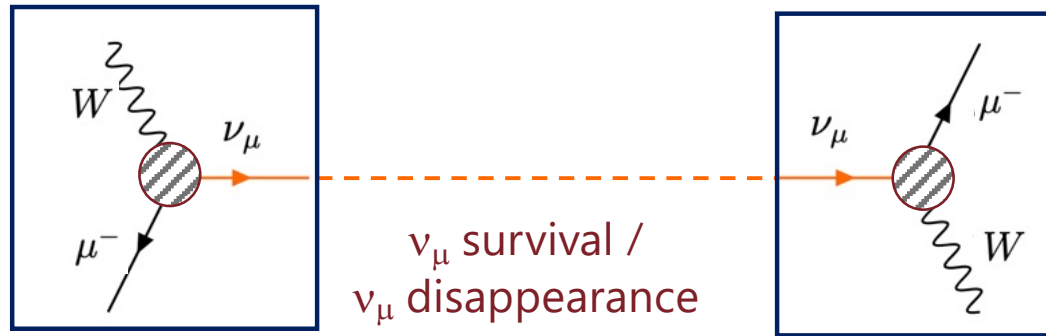
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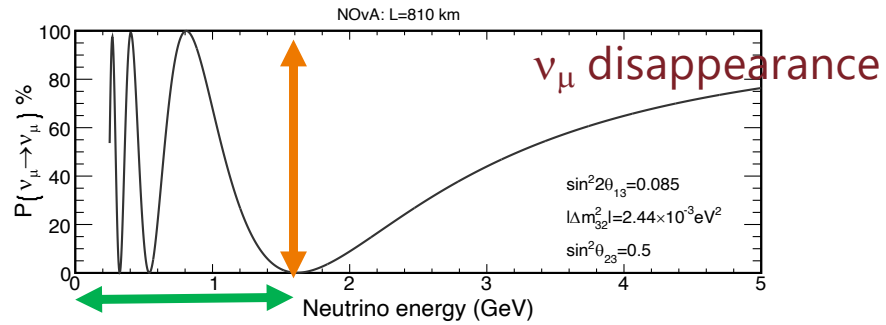
Mass Ordering
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Mixing angles

CP Phase δ_{CP}

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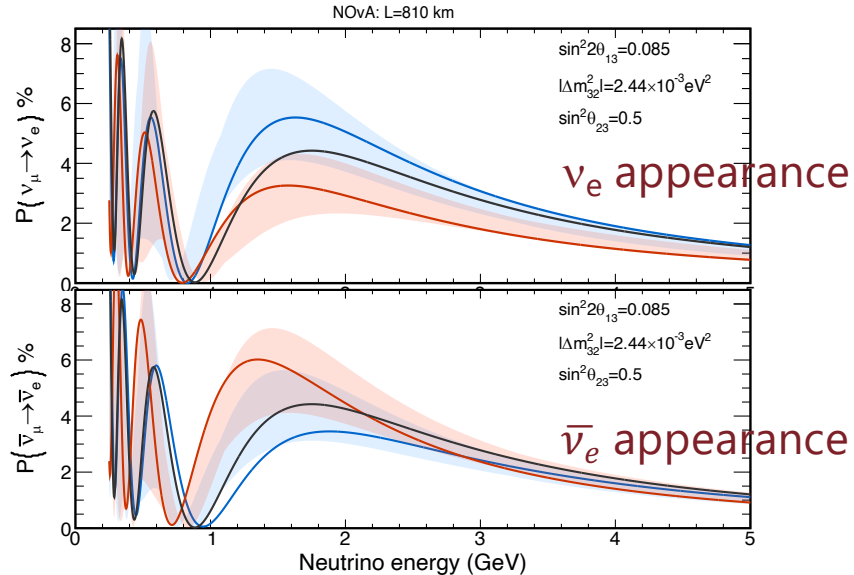


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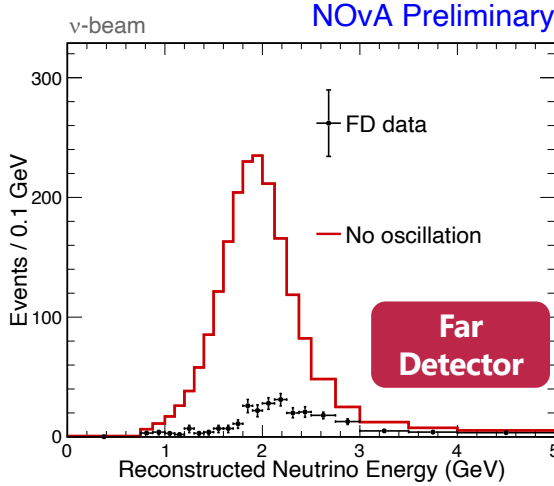
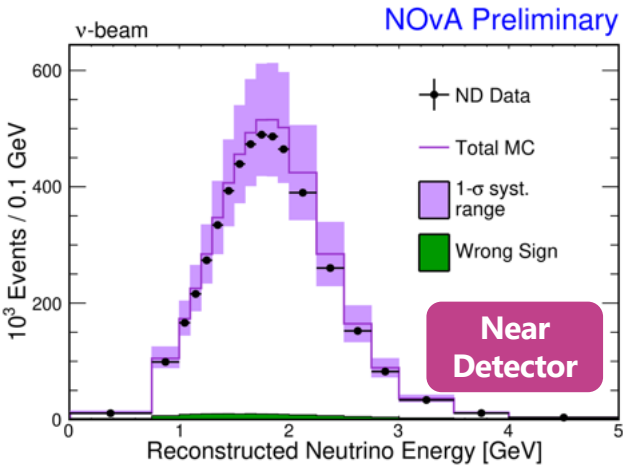
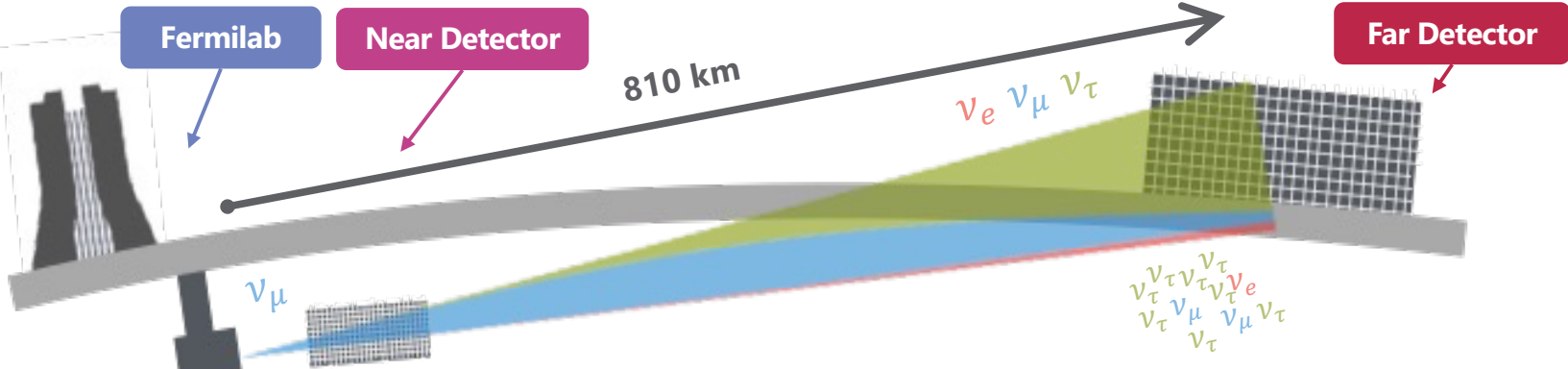
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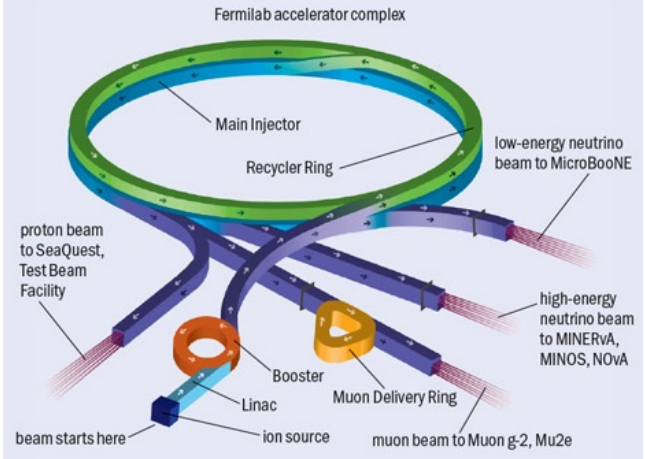
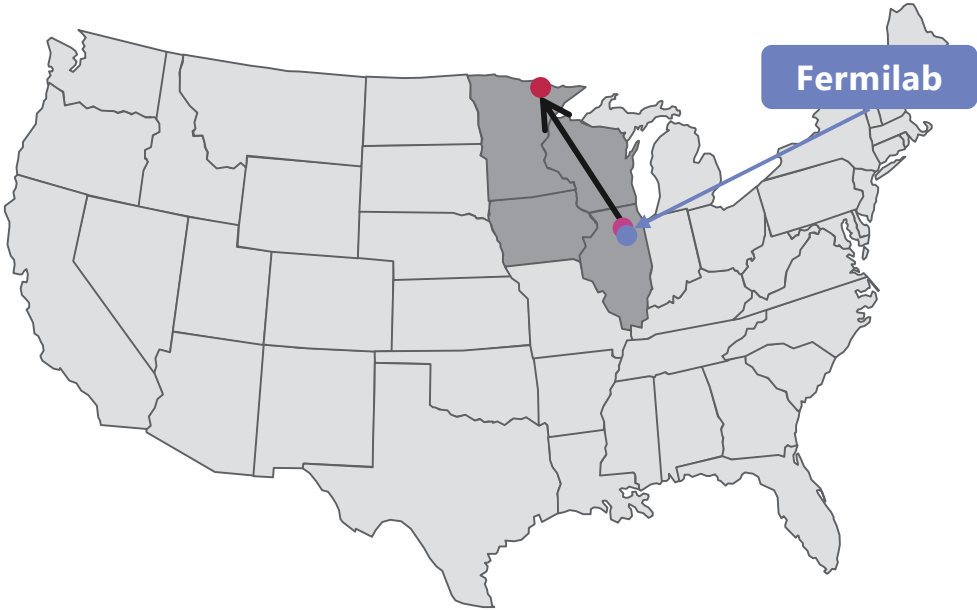
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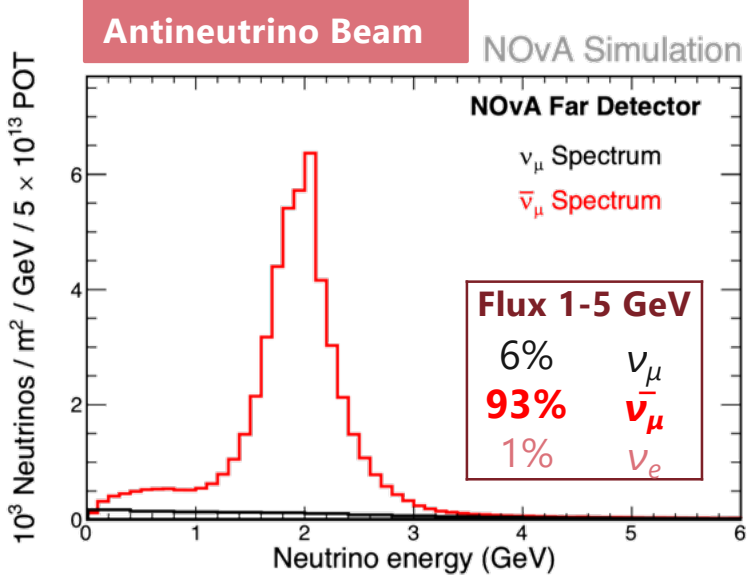
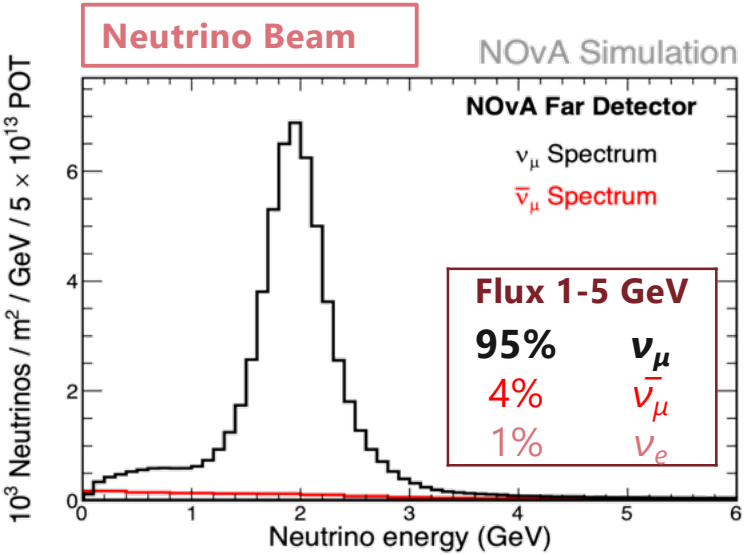
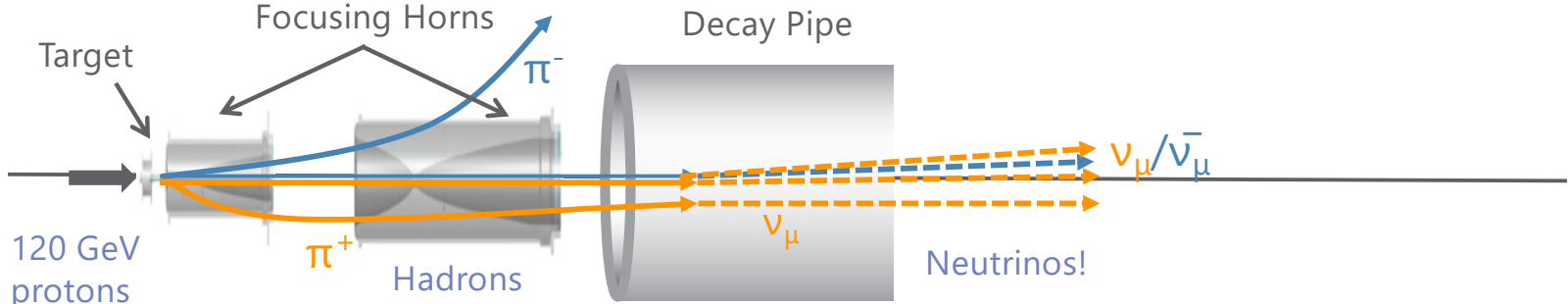
Long-baseline experiments like NOvA use neutrinos produced by a particle accelerator. Neutrinos before (after) oscillations are measured with a Near (Far) Detector



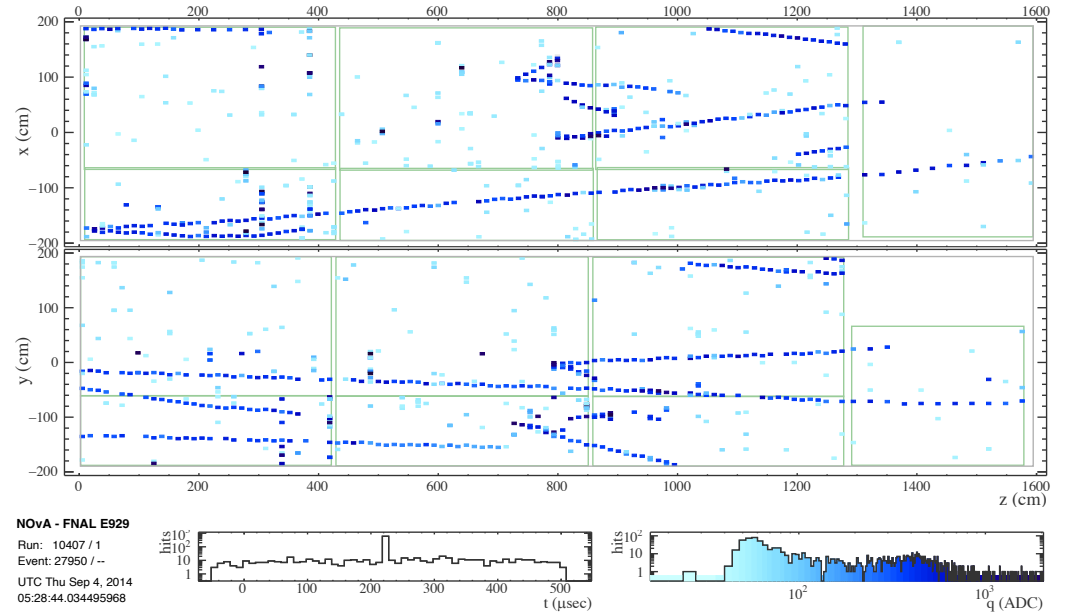
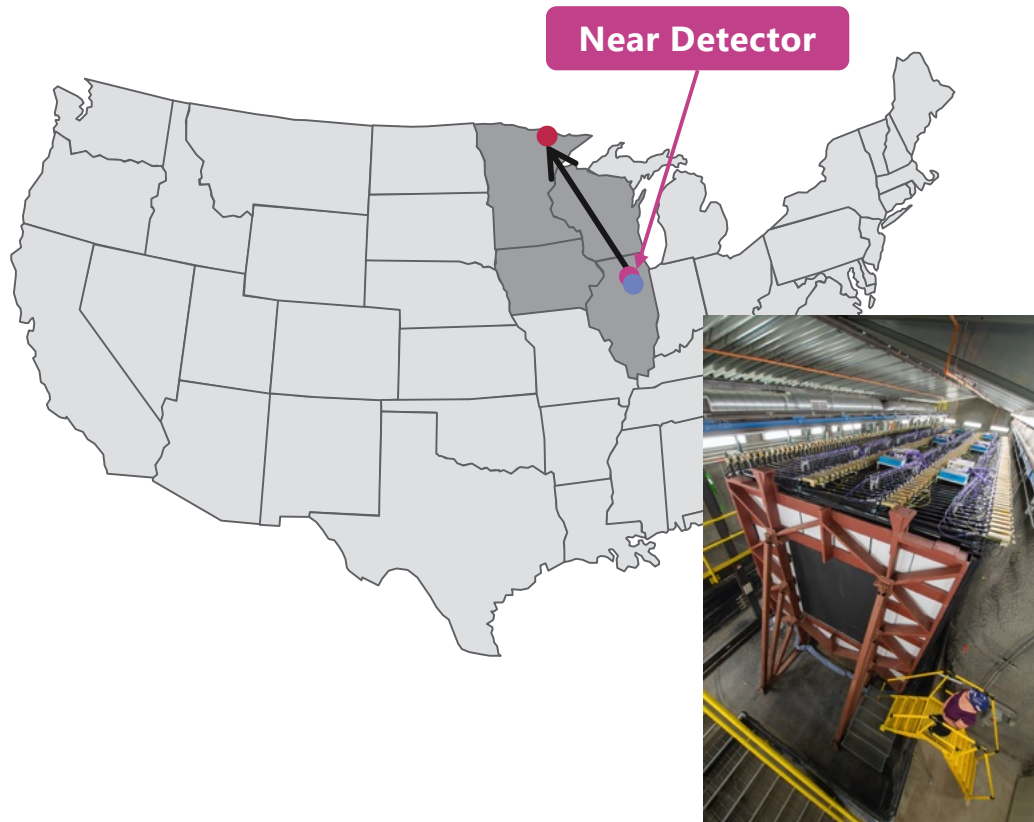
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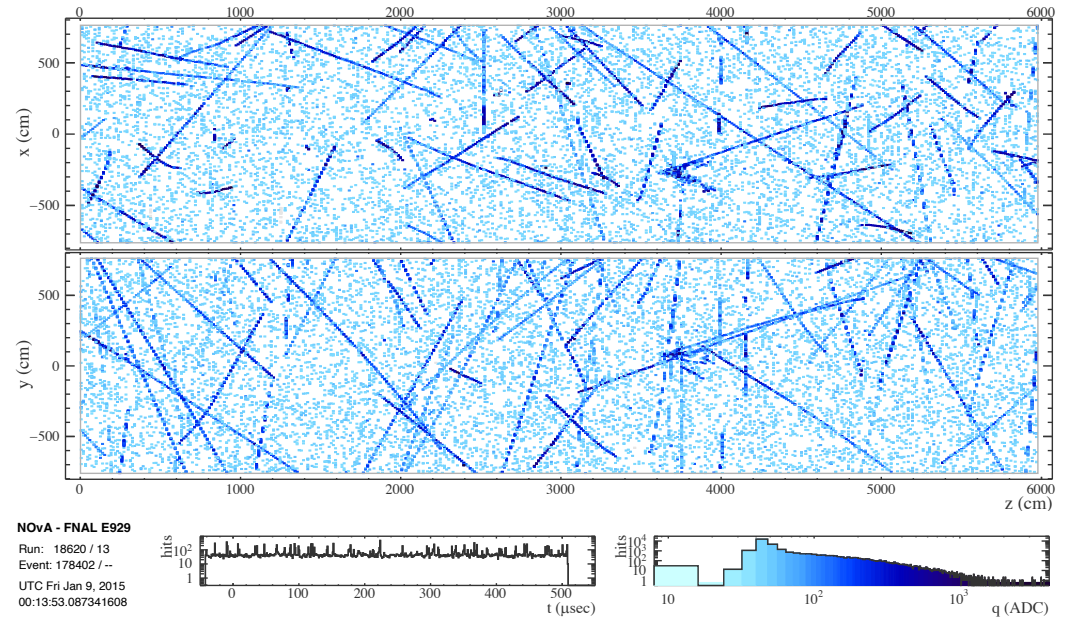
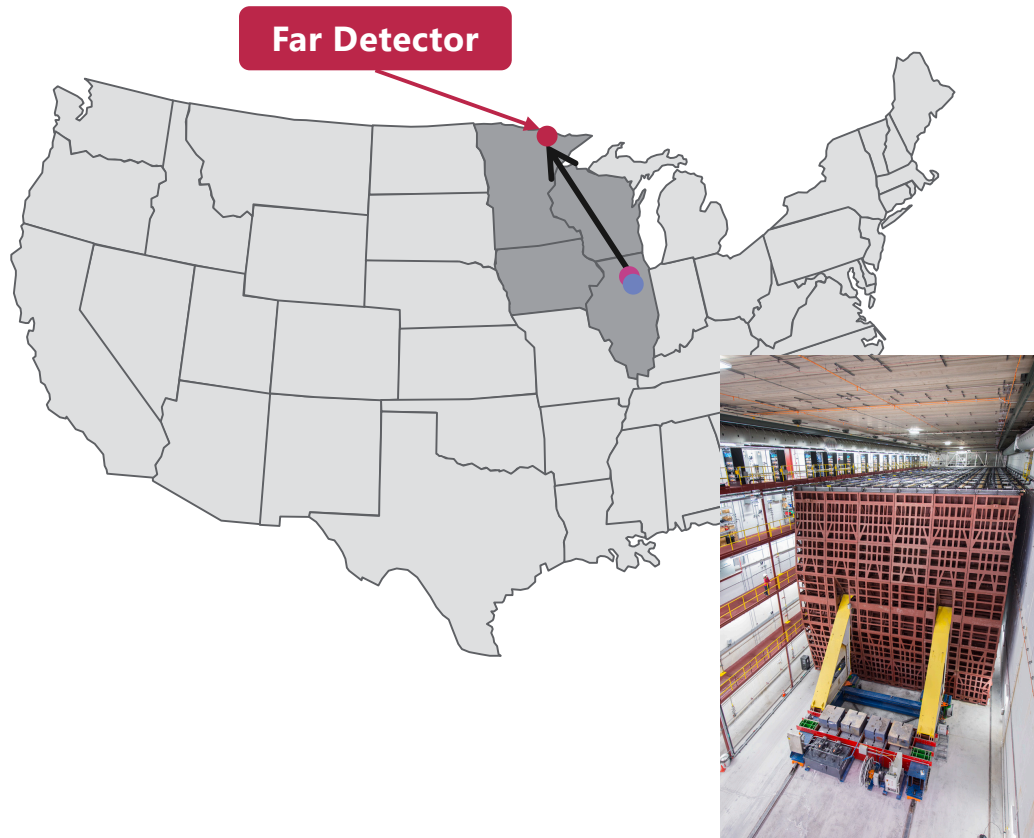
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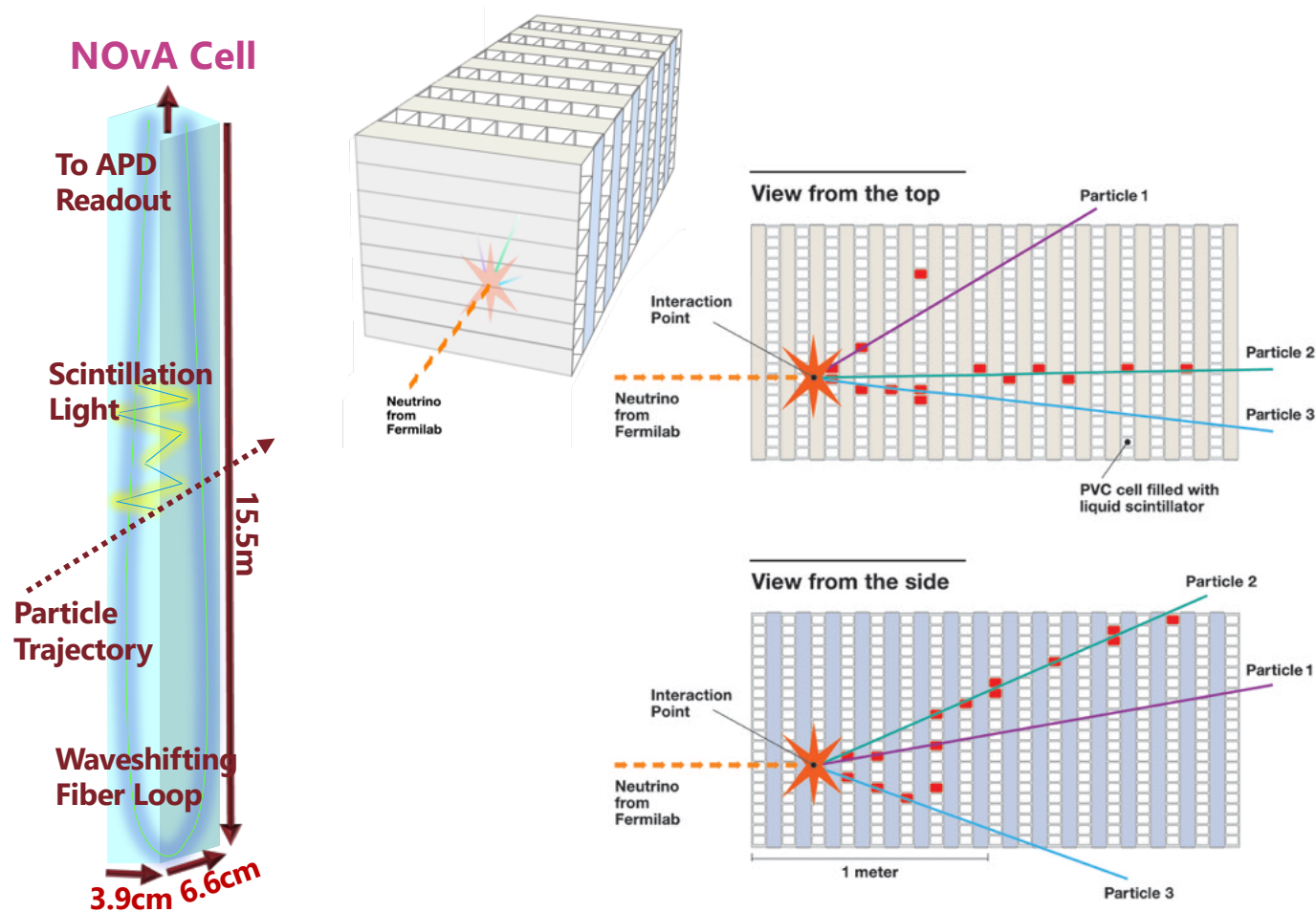
The NOvA near detector is 1km from the beam source, 100 m underground, with a mass of 0.3 kton



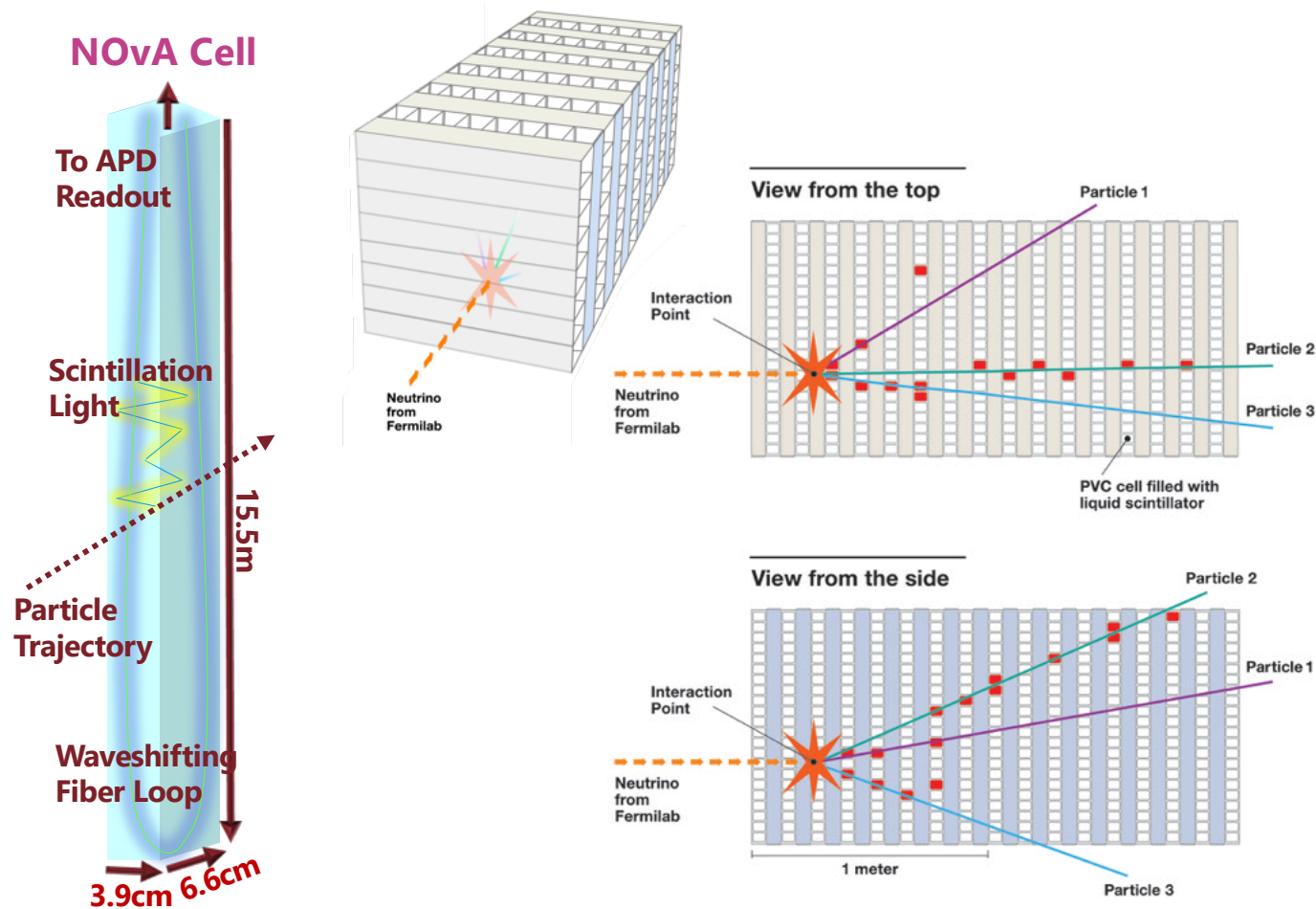
The NOvA far detector is 810 km from the beam source, on the surface, with a mass of 14 kton



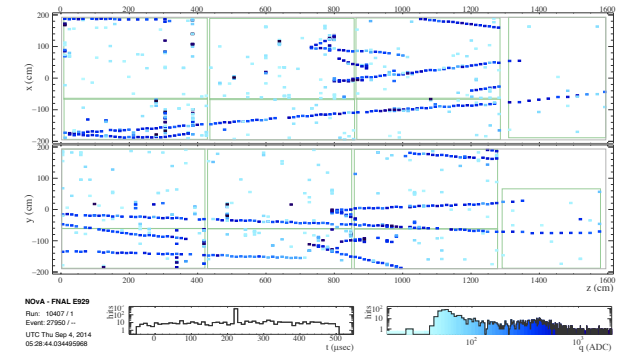
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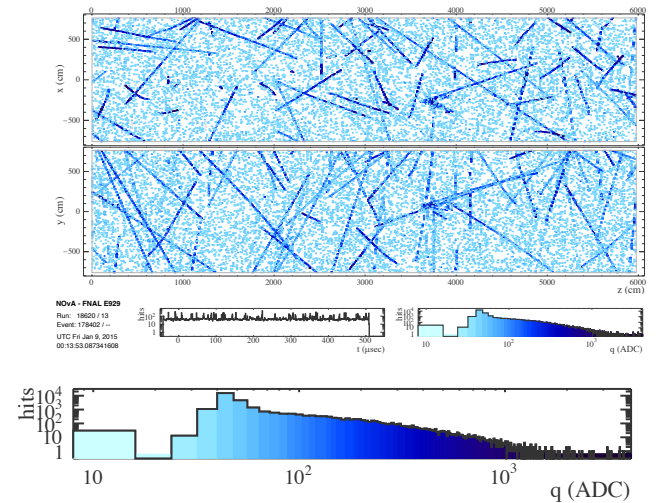
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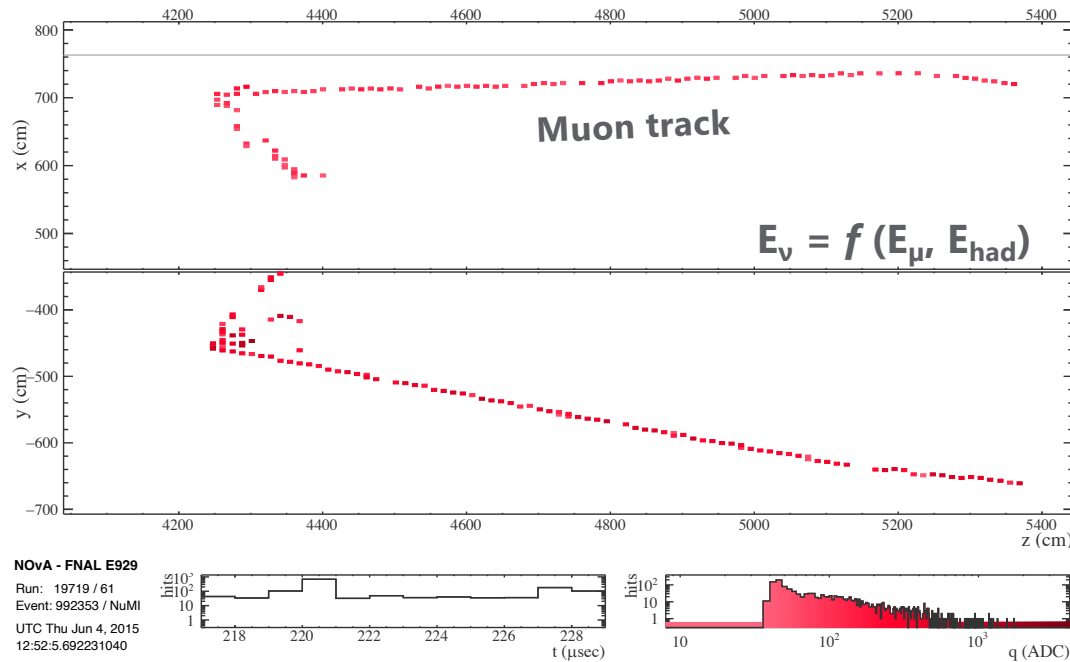
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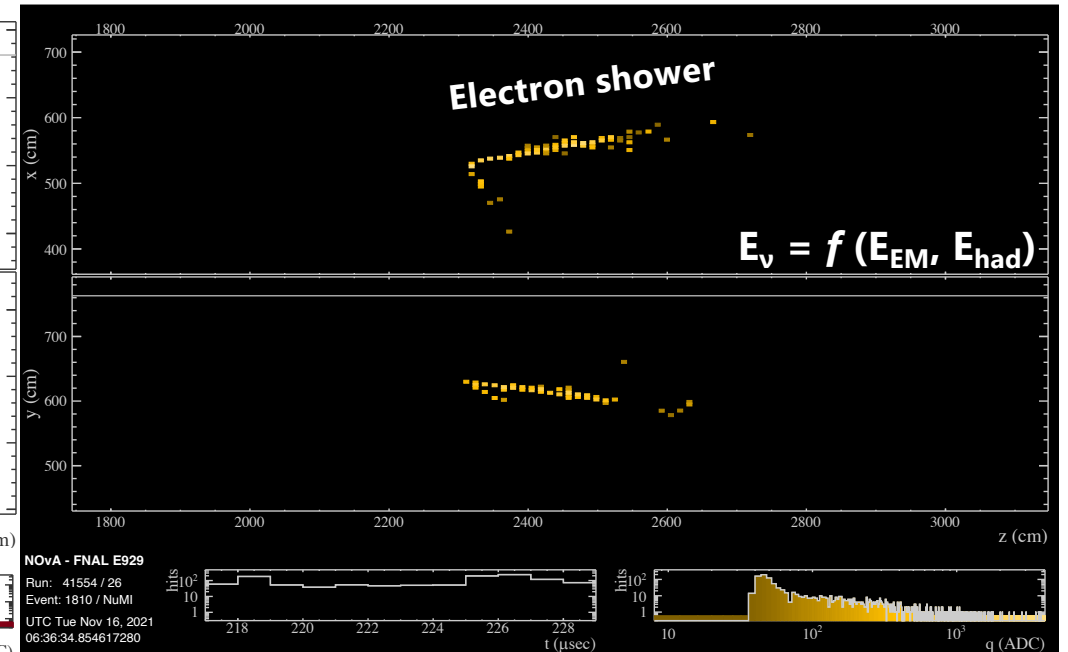
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Event candidates comprise hits clustered in space and time and matched across views. Energy is reconstructed via tracking (muon) and calorimetry (electromagnetic, hadronic)

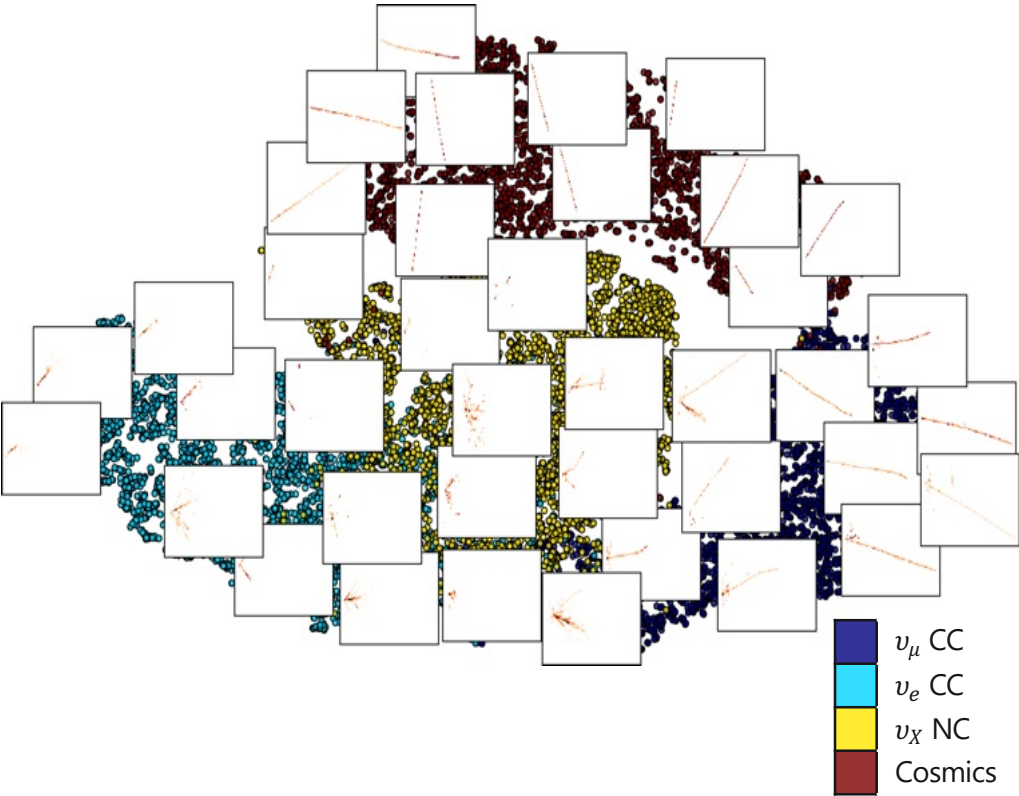
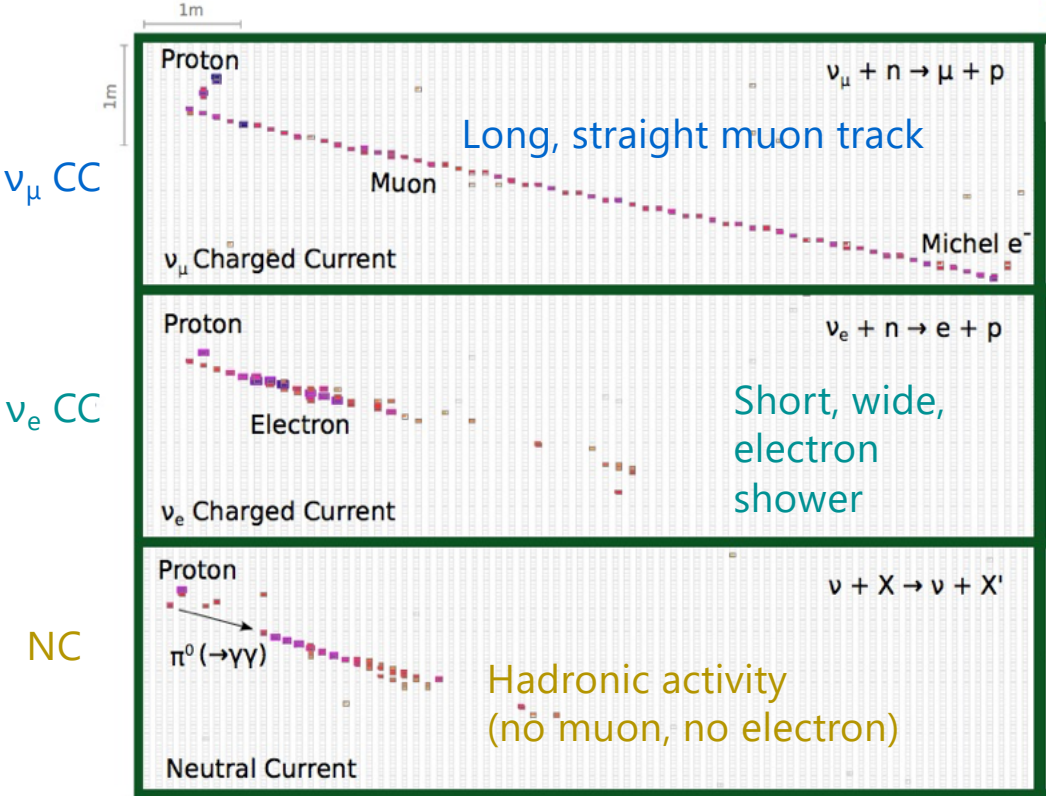


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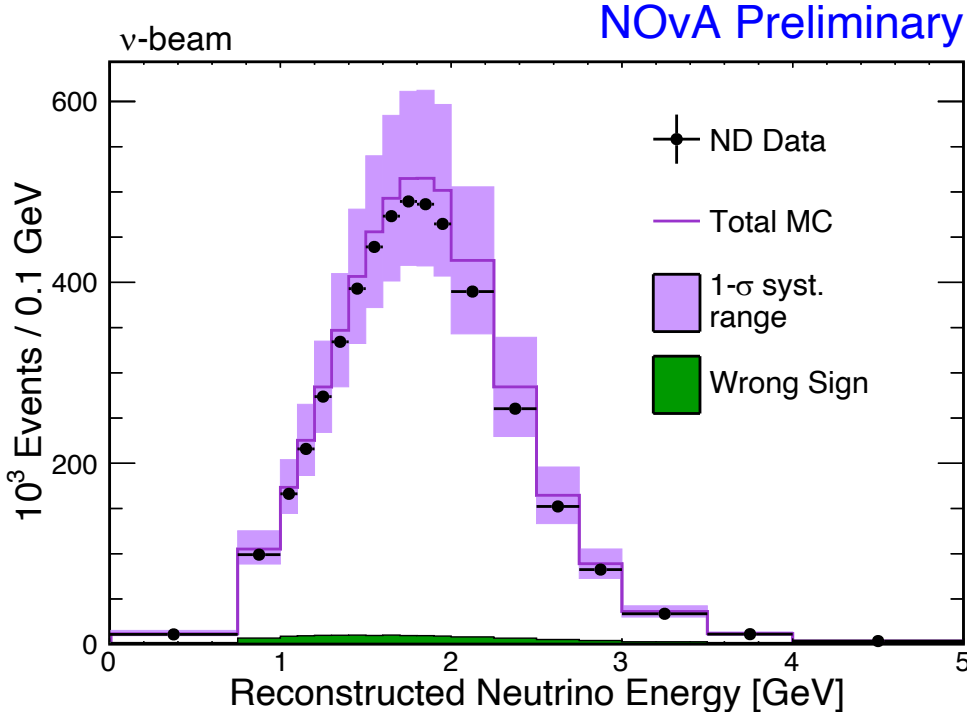
2 GeV nue candidate

Neutrino interaction candidates are identified using a convolutional neural network (CNN)

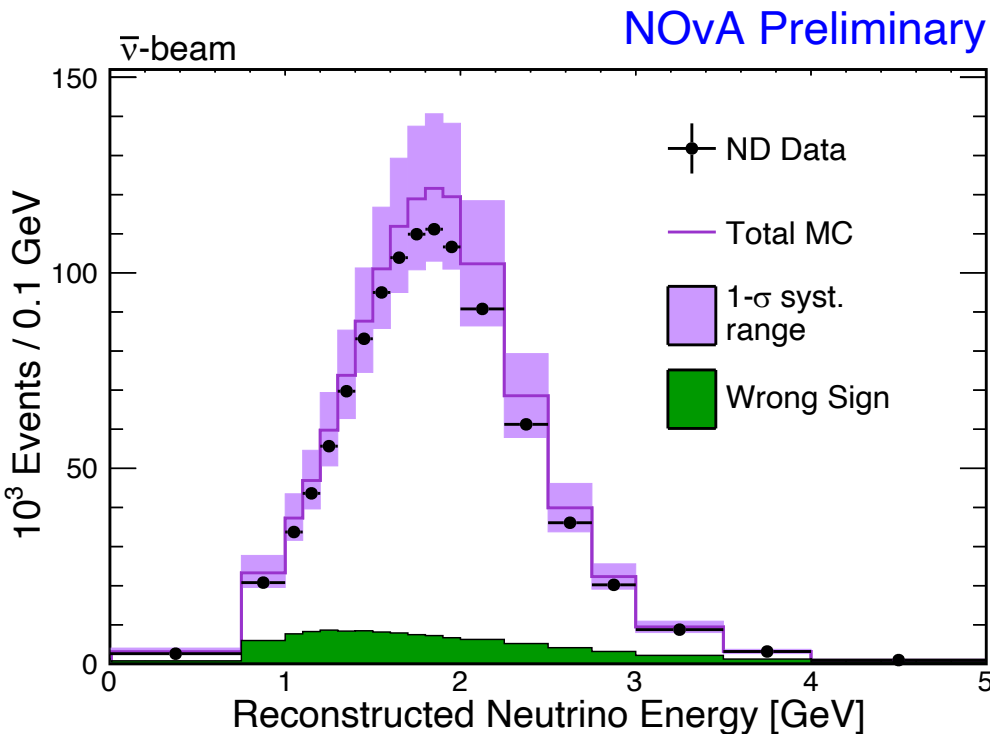


We select millions of muon neutrinos and anti-neutrinos in the near detector

~6.5 M candidates

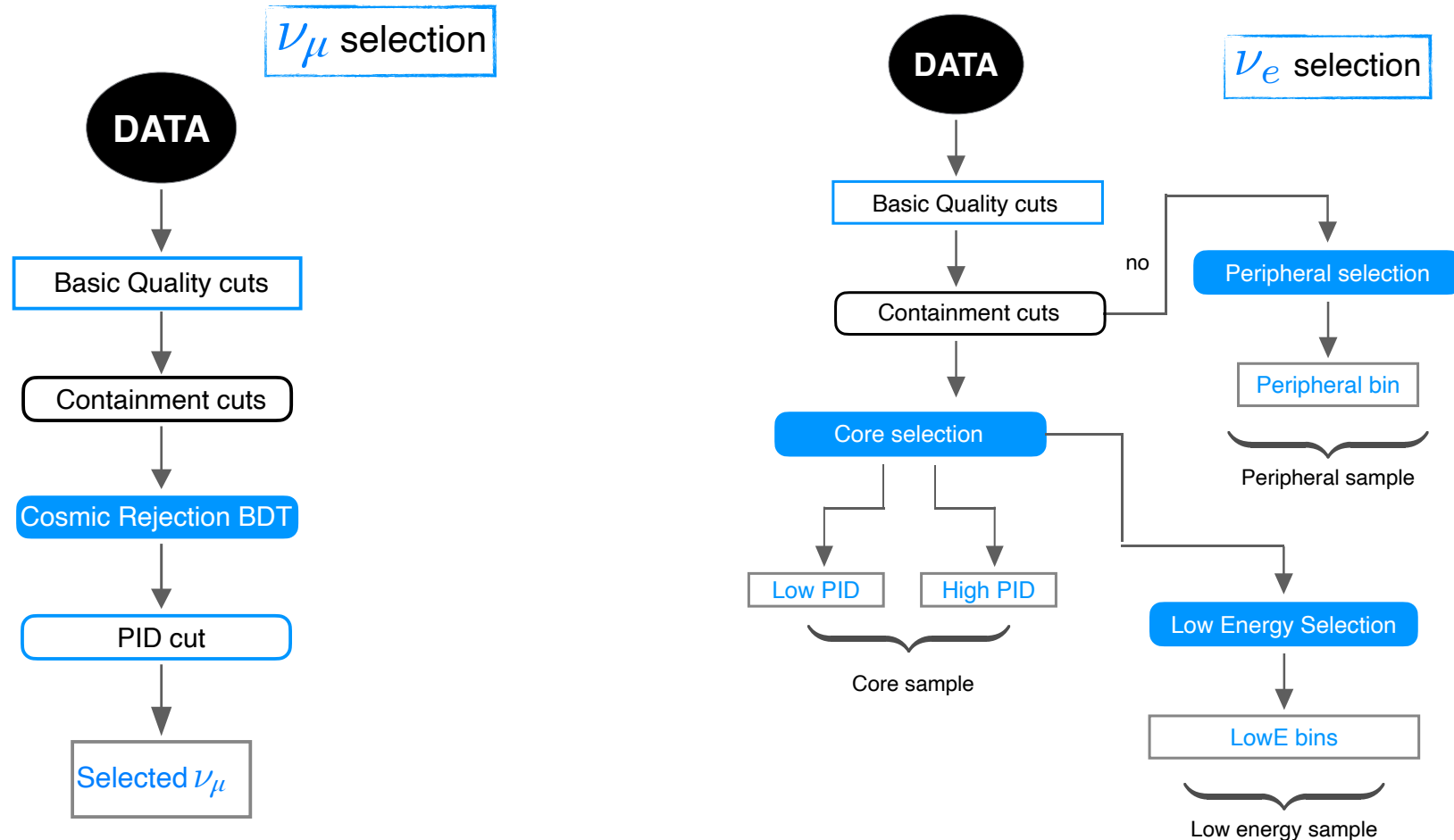


~1.5 M candidates

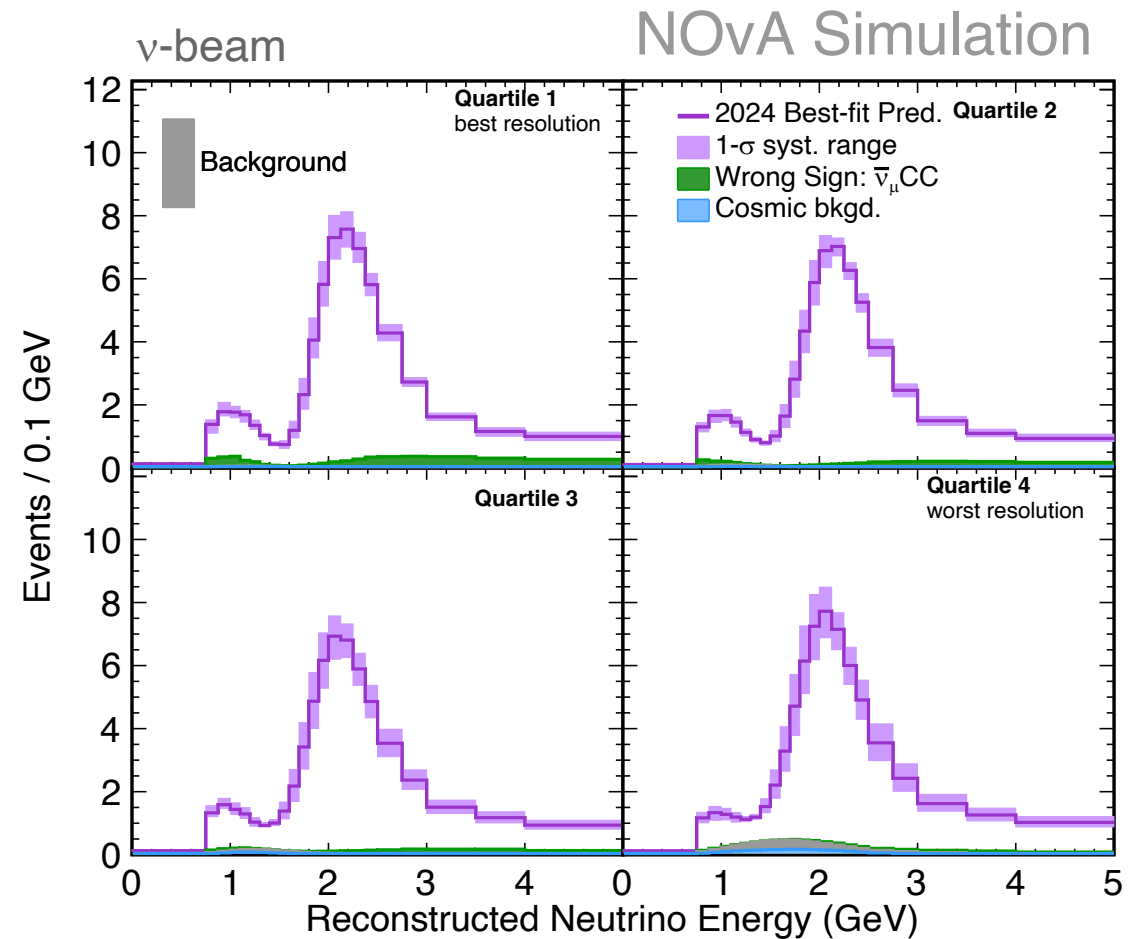
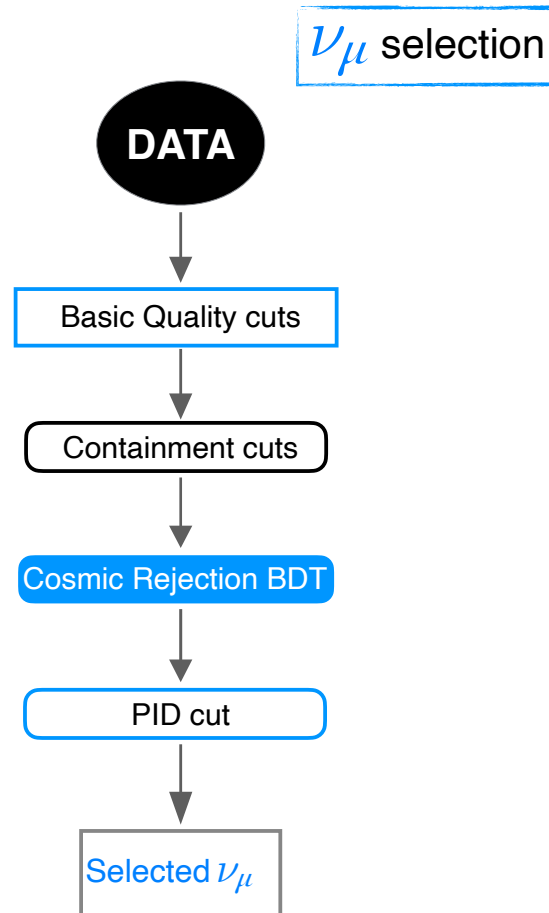


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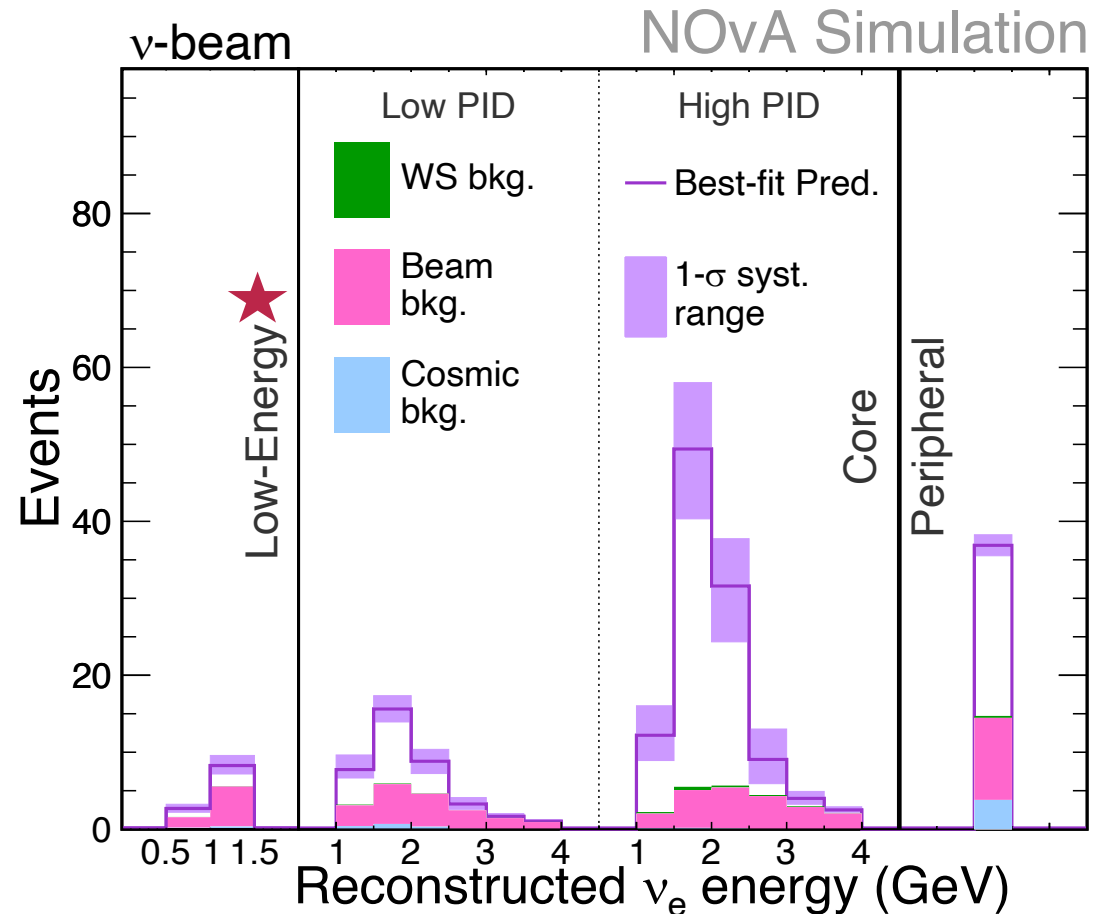
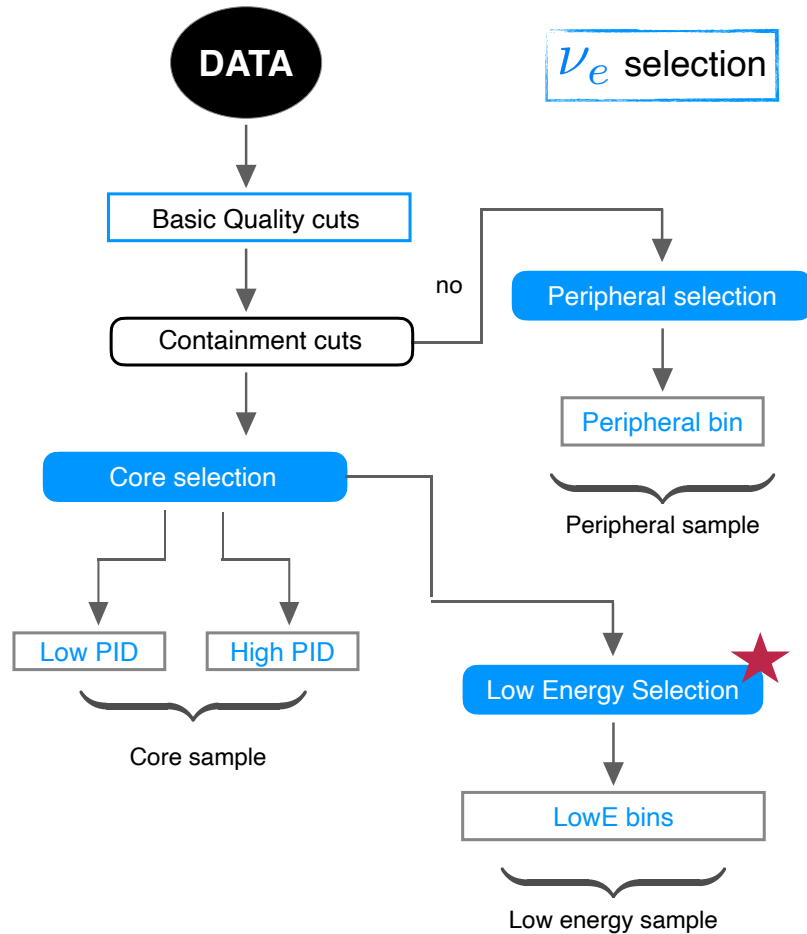
The full FD selection includes quality, containment, cosmic rejection, and the event-classifier (CNN) cuts. Sensitivity can be enhanced by further splitting the samples



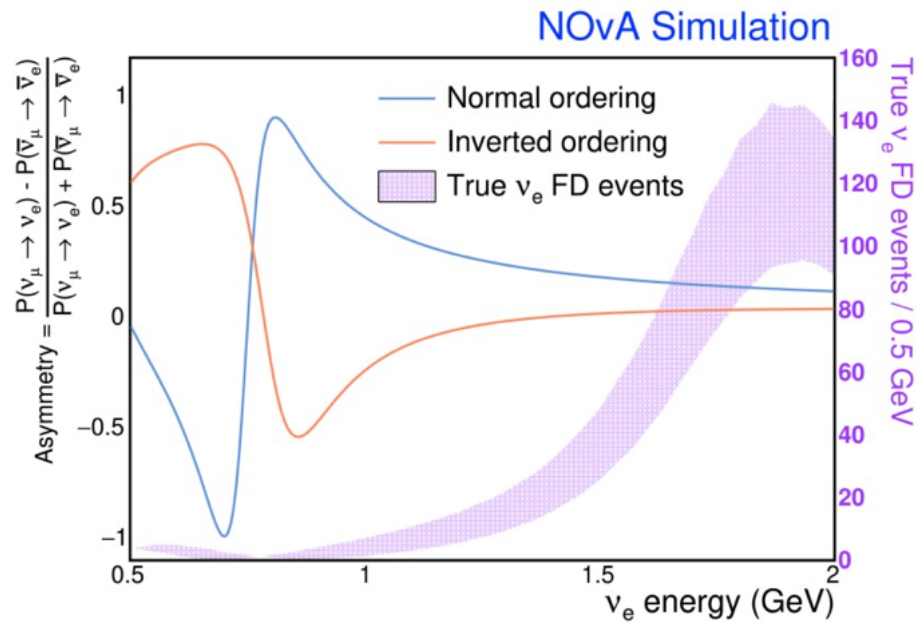
For the ν_μ sample, the sensitivity depends primarily on the shape of the energy spectrum. We bin by hadronic energy fraction, as a proxy for binning by energy resolution



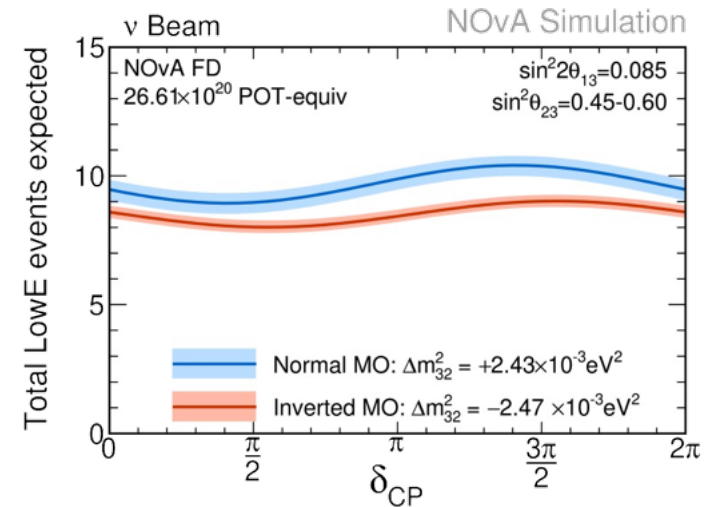
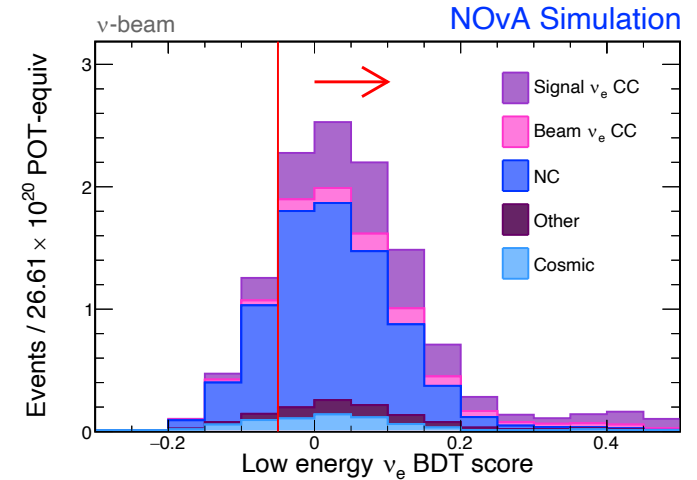
For the ν_e sample, the sensitivity depends primarily on separating signal from background. We bin by "purity" with bins of low & high PID



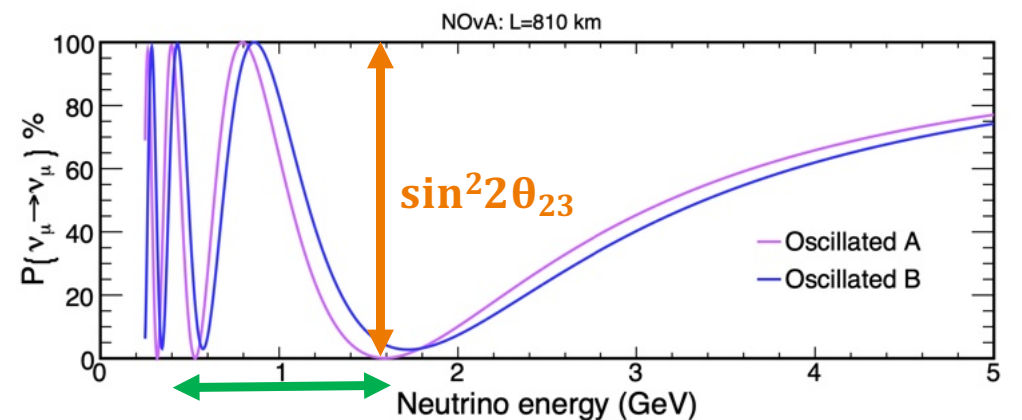
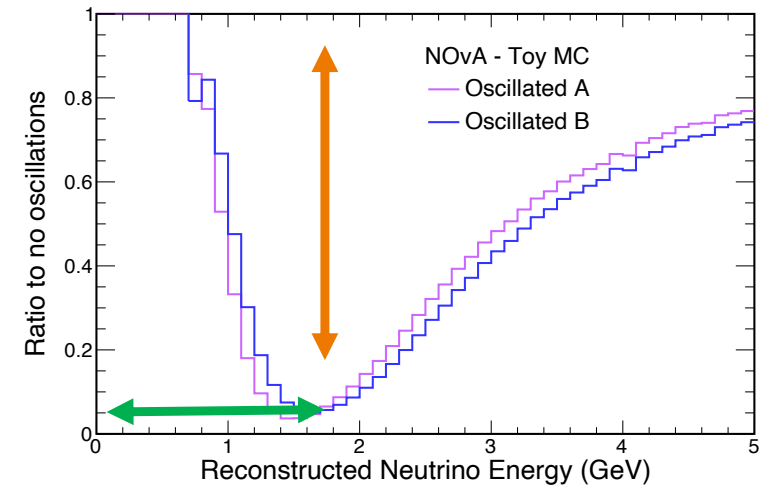
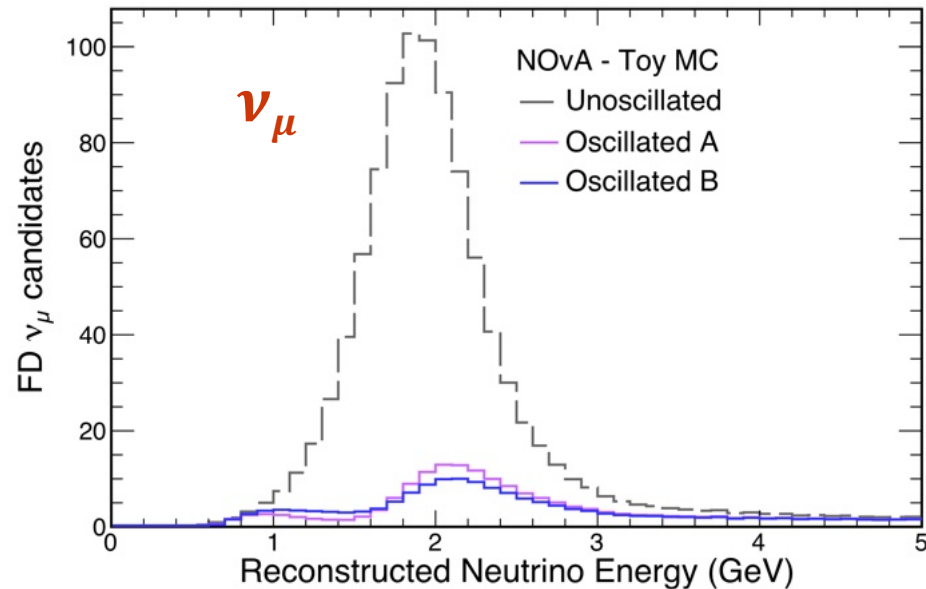
A new selection was developed to retain lower-E ν_e candidates. It increases the mass ordering sensitivity by ~few % (depending on oscillation parameters)



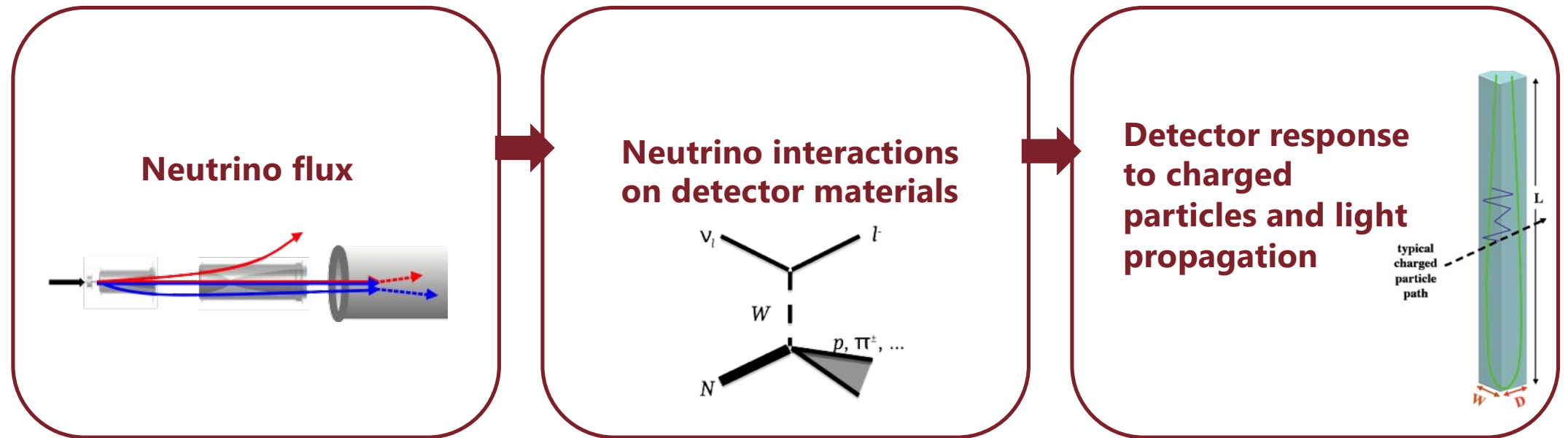
Maximum ordering sensitivity from ν_e - $\bar{\nu}_e$ asymmetry at lower E ν_e
(previous analysis had a cut reco. $E_\nu \geq 1$ GeV)



We make inferences about the oscillation parameters by measuring neutrino candidates in the FD and comparing our observations to simulated predictions



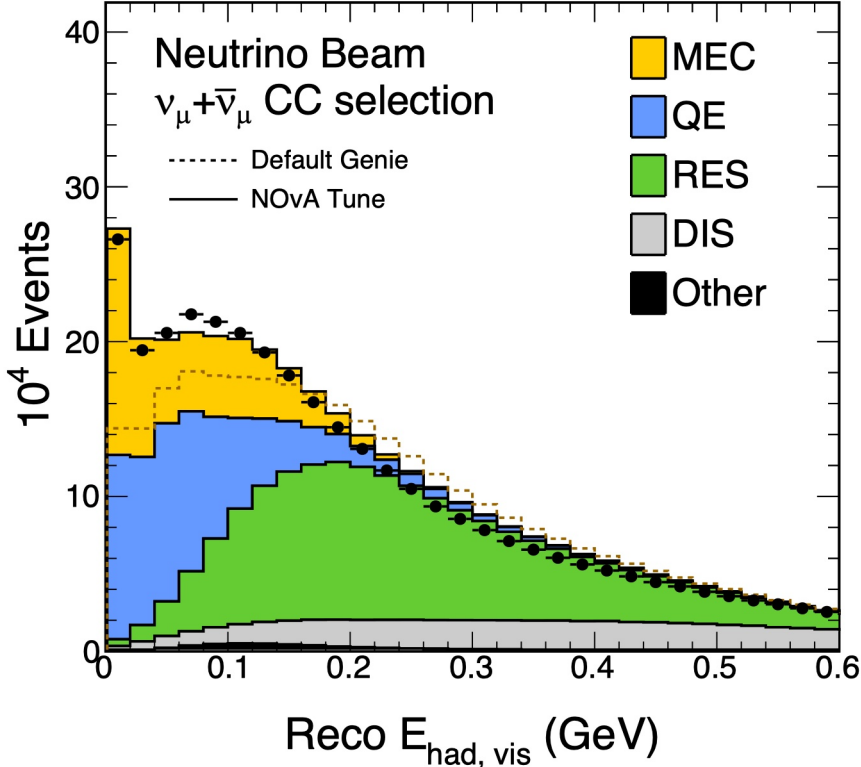
Simulating events in the detector is a multi-stage process. We also use data-driven techniques to improve the predictions.



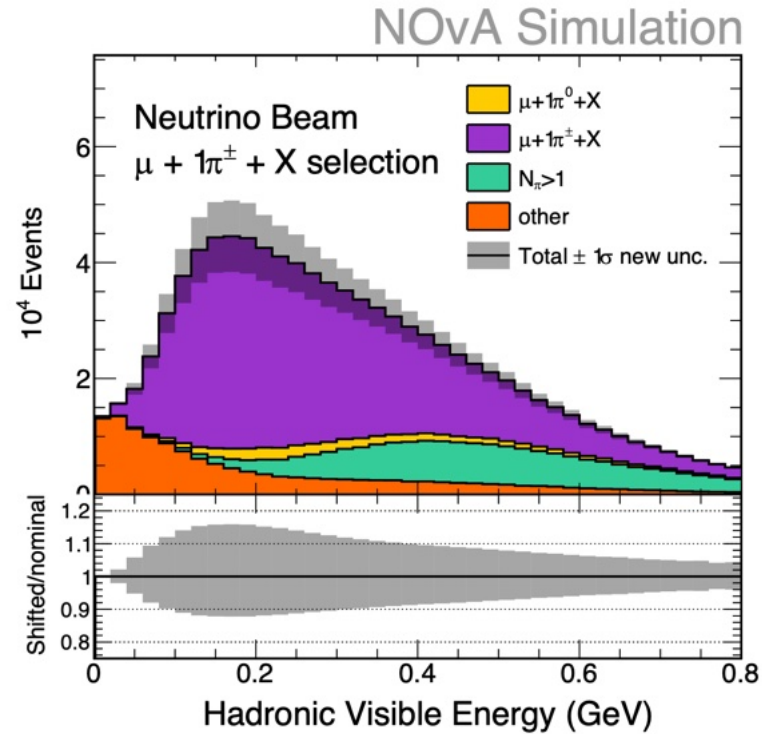
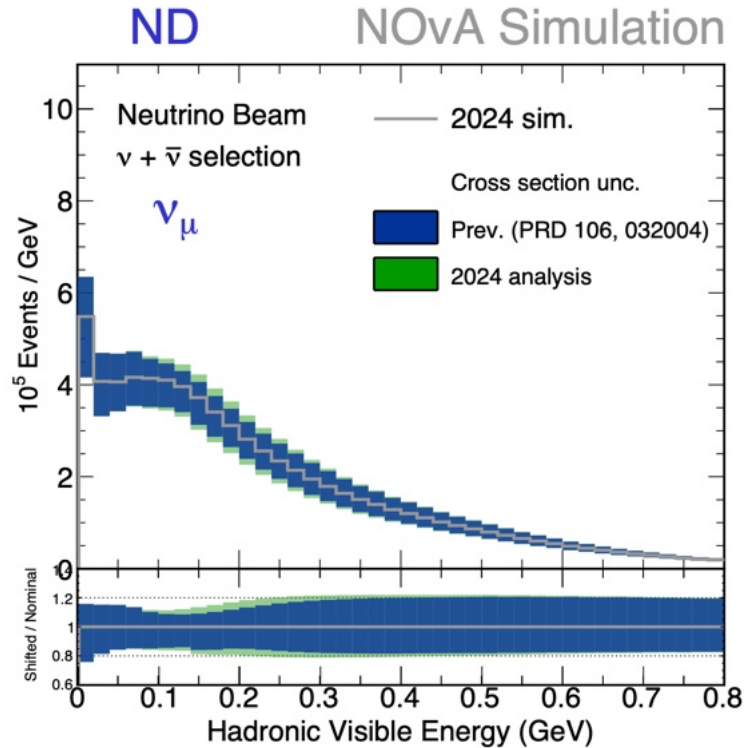
The cross-section model is largely unchanged from previous analysis: GENIE 3.0.6 Custom configuration and tuned to external data and NOvA ND Data.

Neutrino - free nucleon interactions	
Quasi-Elastic (QE)	Valencia 1p1h Z-expansion axial form factor
Resonance (RES)	Berger-Sehgal
Deep inelastic Scattering (DIS)	Bodek-Yang
Multinucleon interactions	
Meson exchange current (MEC)	Valencia MEC custom adjustment to NOvA data for 2p2h
Interactions with the nuclear environment	
Final State Interactions (FSI)	hN Semi Classical Cascade Custom fit to external pion scattering data.

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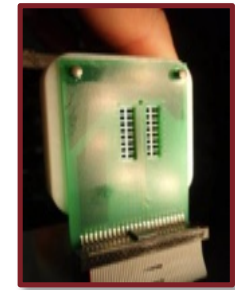
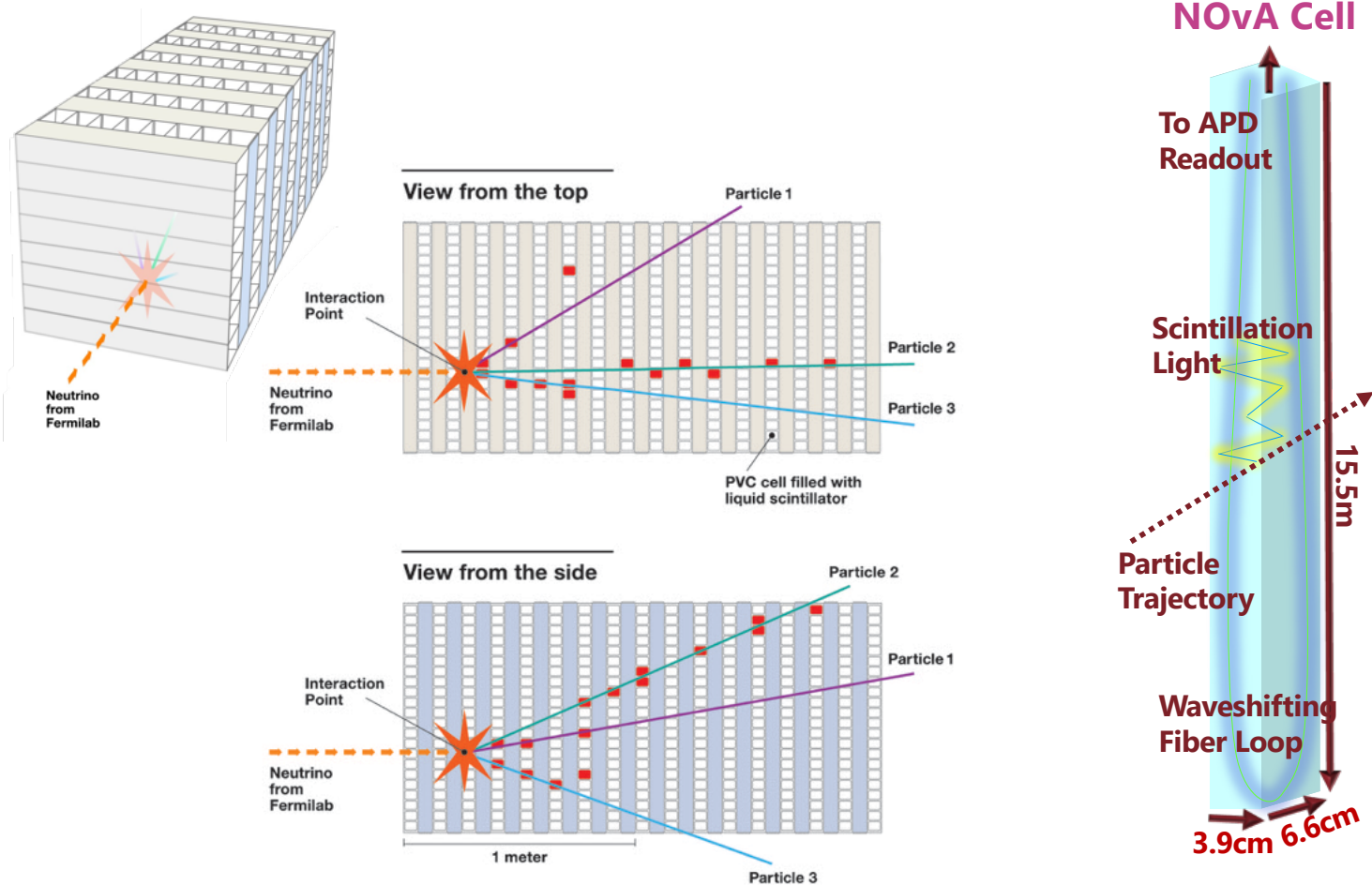
New for 2024: extra systematic uncertainties treating pion production.



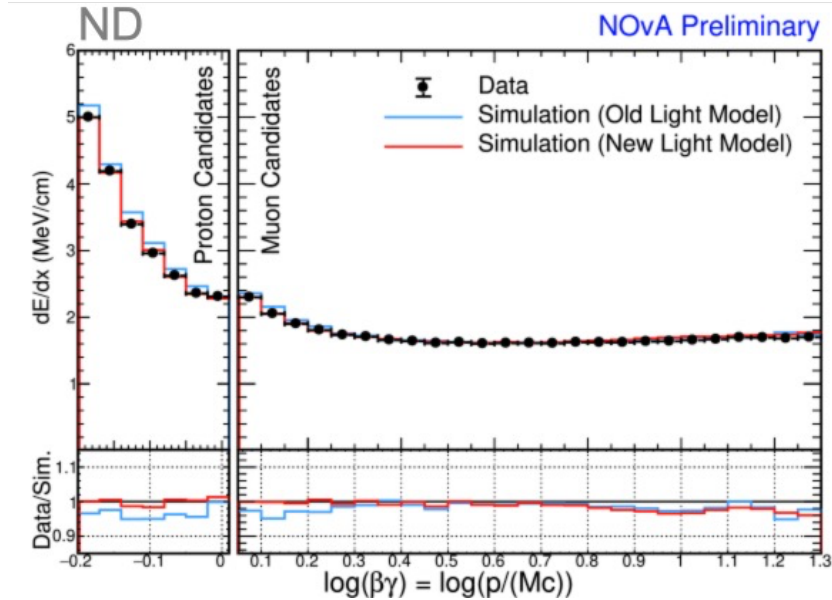
- RES: relative ratio of Delta vs. non-Delta resonances
- RES & DIS: rates of charged vs neutral hadron production

- Modest effect on the inclusive sample
- These uncertainties will prove important contributions to pion-sensitive cross section measurements

The propagation of final state particles is simulated with GEANT4. Light readout and front-end electronics use a custom simulation.

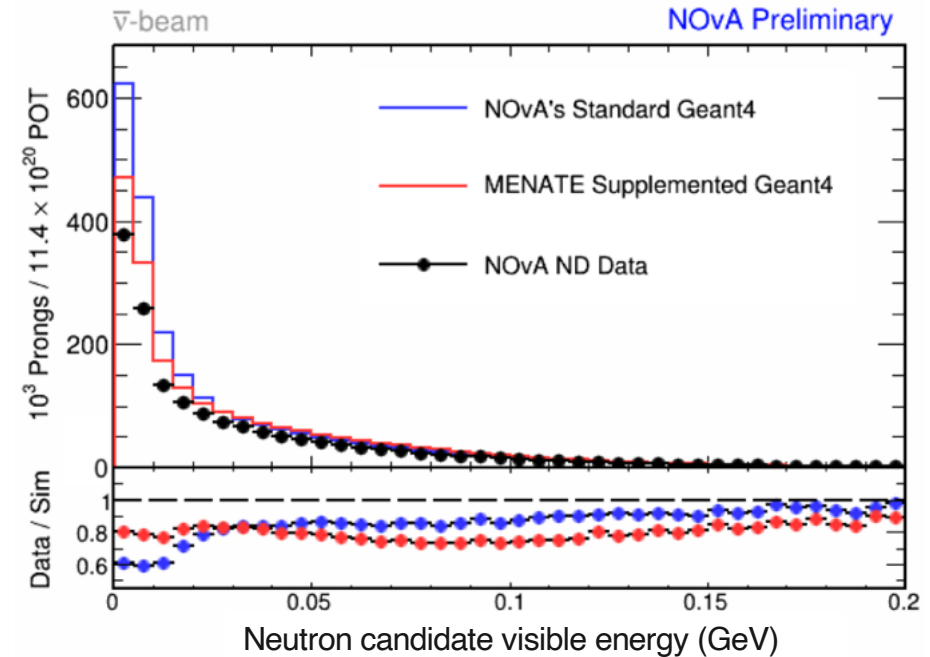


Updates to the simulation include an improved light response model and neutron propagation uncertainty



Improved light production model (Cherenkov & scintillation)

in both detectors, from dedicated bench measurements
& in situ stopping muon and proton tracks

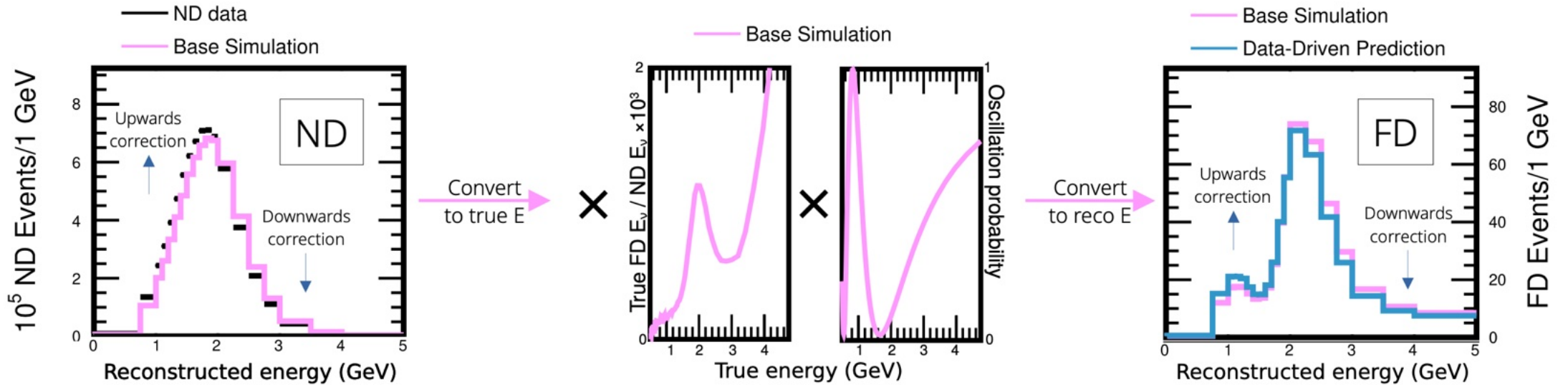


Improved n - ^{12}C inelastic scattering model

Difference between MENATE_R* and default Geant4.10.4
informs systematic uncertainty

* P. Désesquelles, et al., NIM A307 366-373 (1991), Z. Kohley, et al., NIM A682 59-65 (2012)

Data-MC differences observed at the ND can be used to modify the FD MC. “Extrapolation” constrains the nominal prediction and the effect of systematic uncertainties



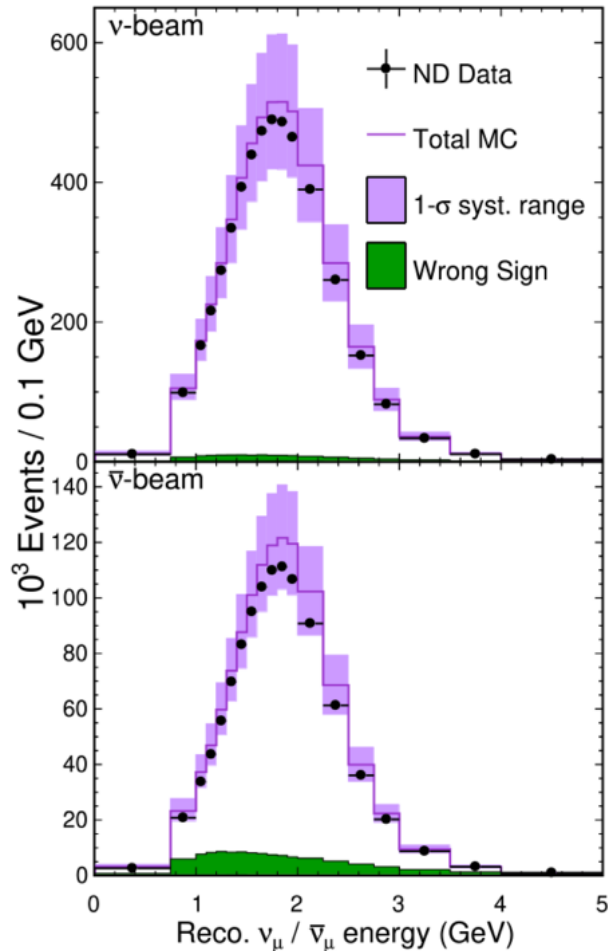
Correcting ND simulation to agree with data in reco E_ν ...

... via Far/Near transformation that comprises well understood effects (beam divergence, detector acceptance) + oscillations

... results in constrained FD E_ν prediction highly correlated with ND correction

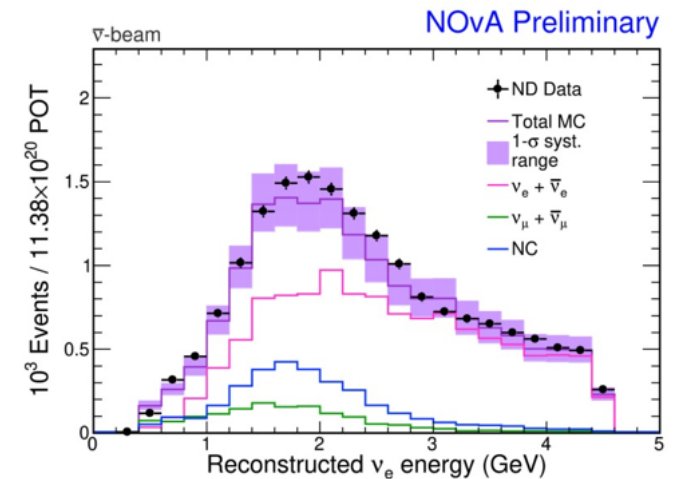
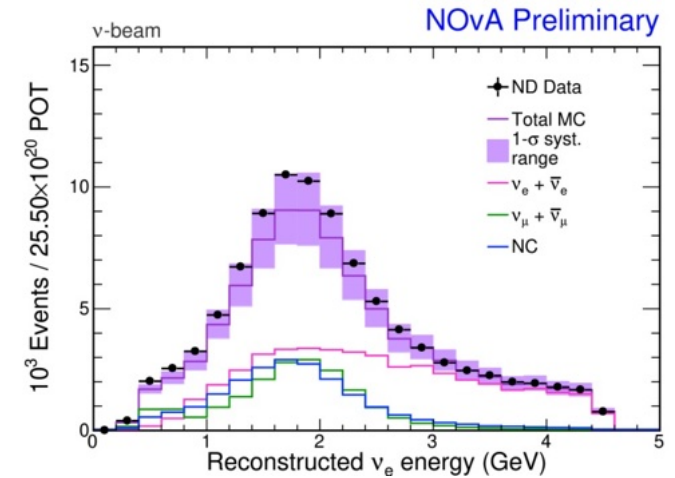
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ν_μ -like and ν_e -like ND data samples are used to correct the a-priori simulated predictions of FD signal and backgrounds.

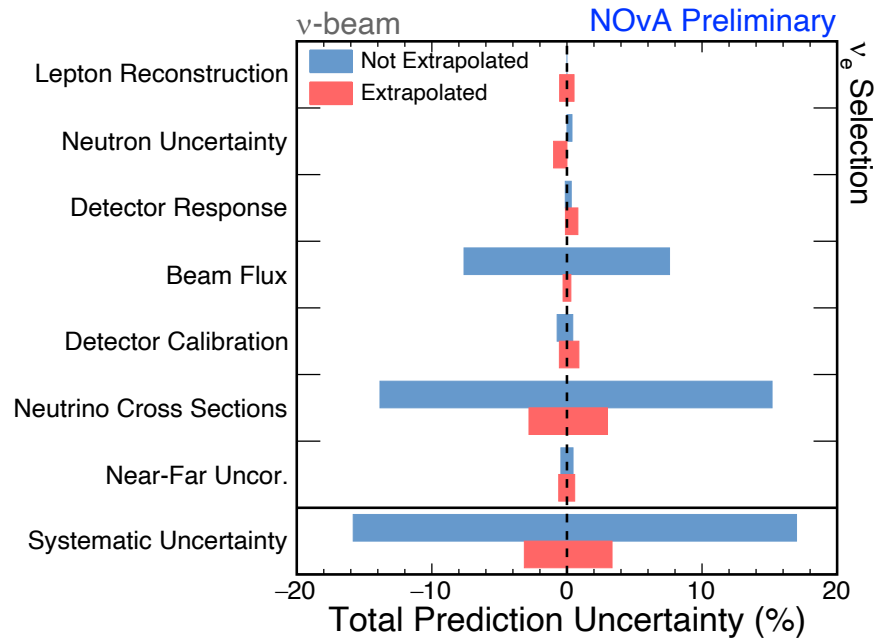


ND ν_μ -like samples are used to correct the FD $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ and $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ **signal** predictions

ND ν_e -like samples are used to correct the FD ν_e **background** predictions

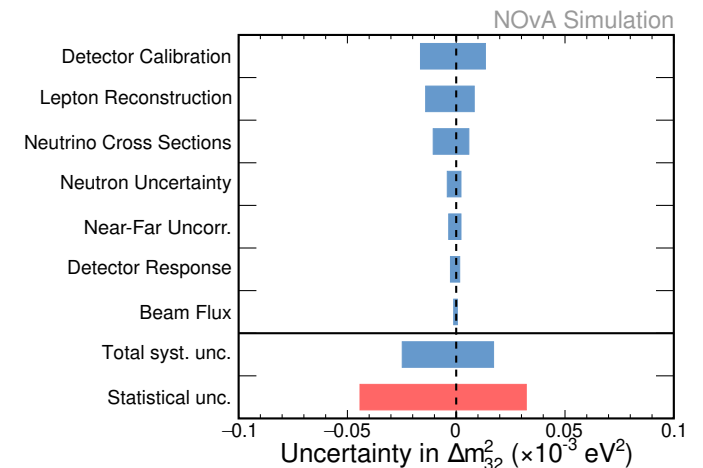
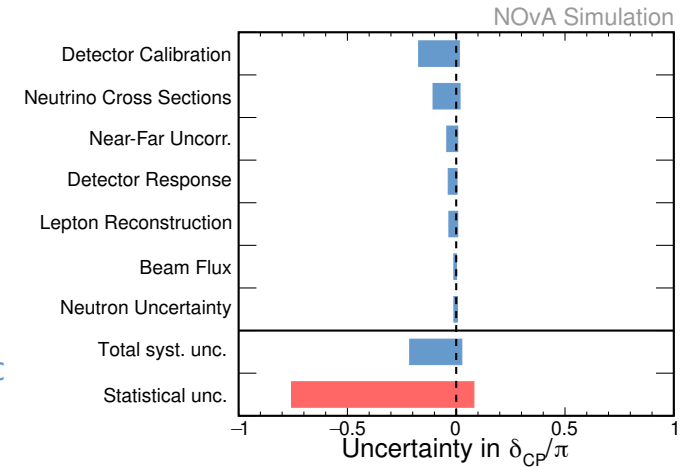


ND constraints reduce the systematic uncertainties in the FD predictions from ~15% to 4-5%. Statistical uncertainties are dominant in the oscillation measurement.

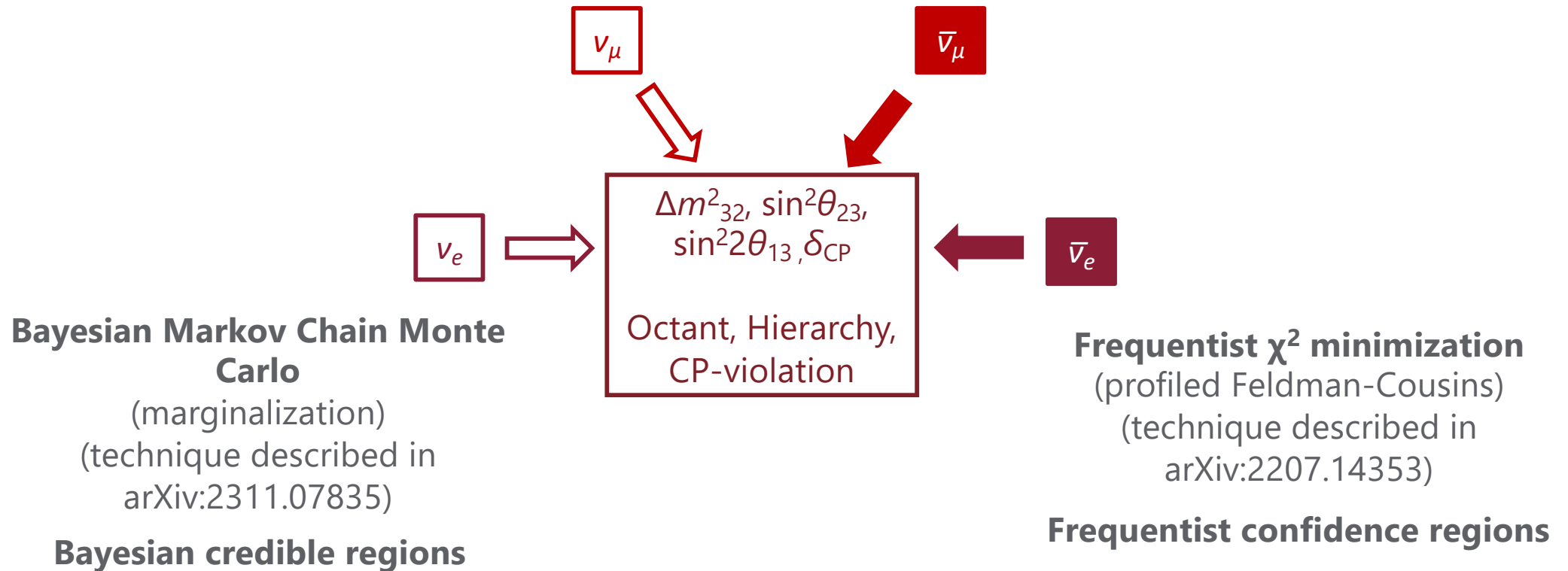


Example: Systematic uncertainties on the $\nu_{e\mu}$ candidate count: **a-priori** vs **improved** predictions

Uncertainties on the oscillation parameters:
statistical vs **systematic**



We perform a simultaneous fit of all samples, using Bayesian or frequentist techniques. External constraints are used for the solar parameters and optionally reactor constraint on θ_{13}



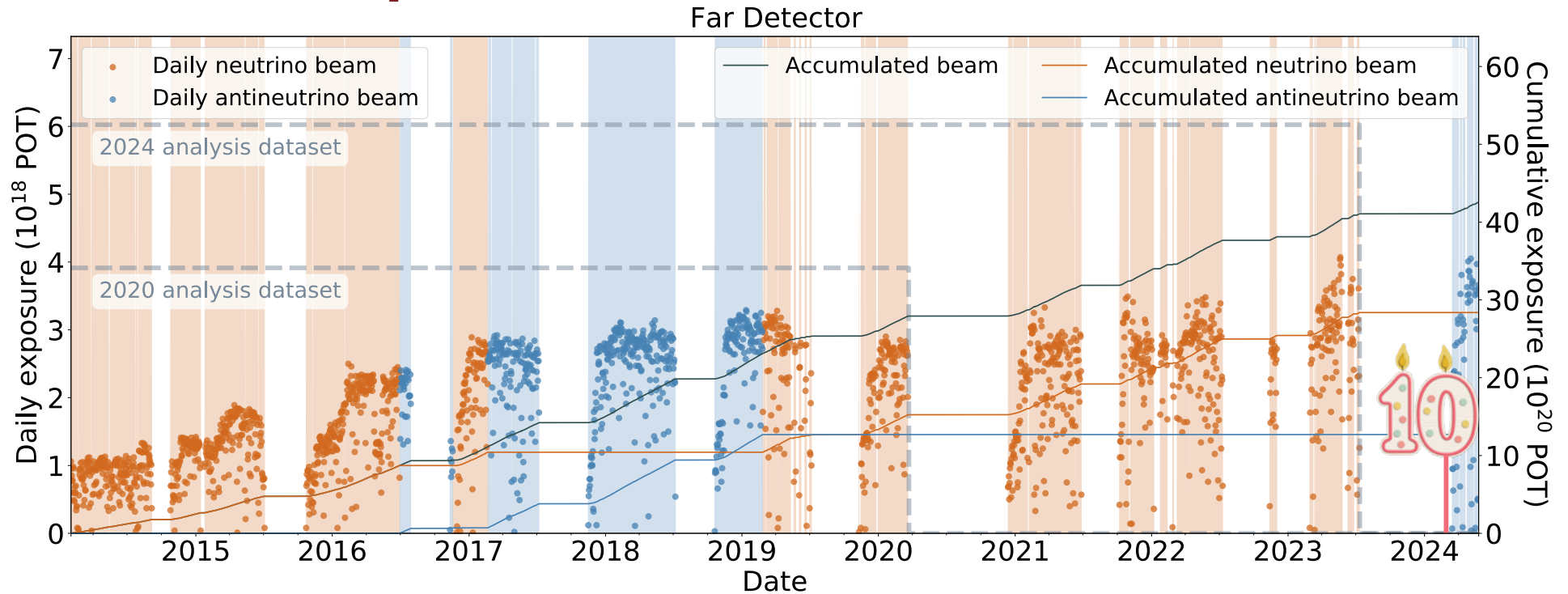
Other mixing parameters:
 $\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.307$ (PDG 2023)
 $\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.53 \times 10^5 \text{ eV}^2$ (PDG 2023)
 $\rho = 2.74 \text{ g/cm}^3$ (CRUST1.0)

Daya Bay 1D θ_{13} constraint
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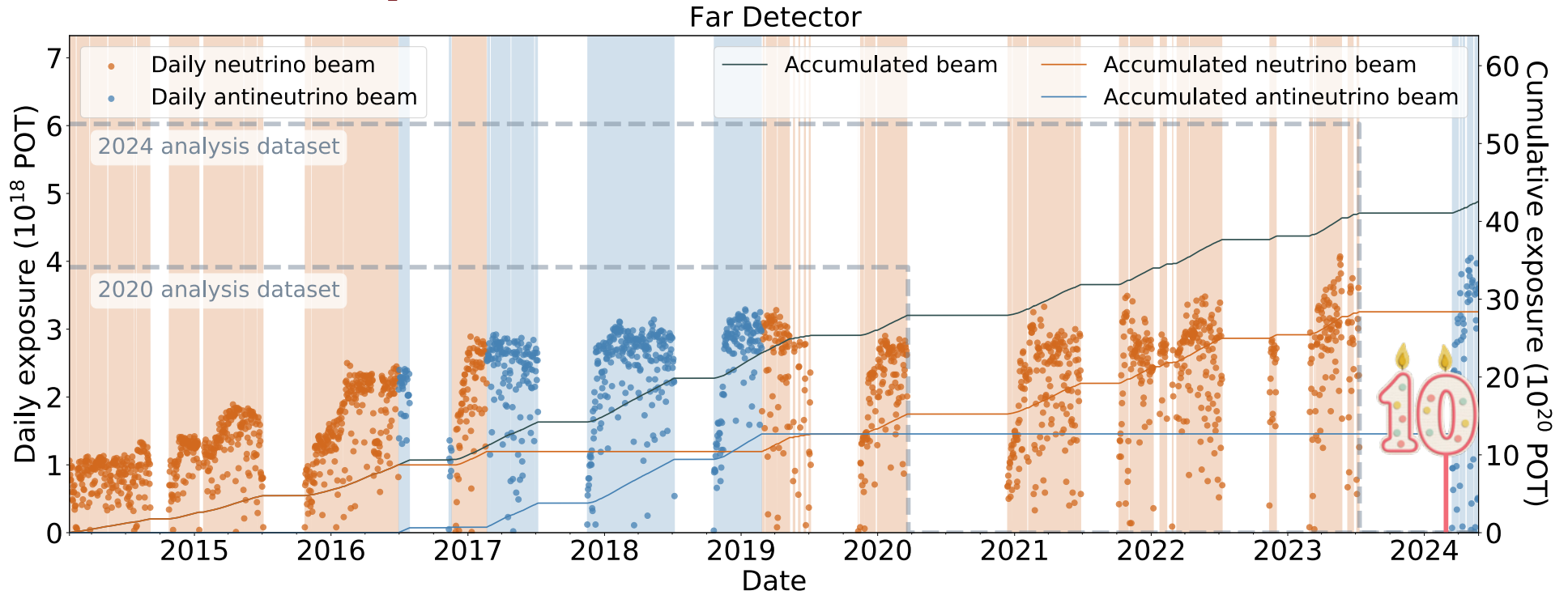
Daya Bay 2D ($\Delta m^2_{32}, \theta_{13}$) constraint
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New results

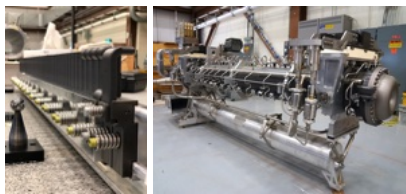
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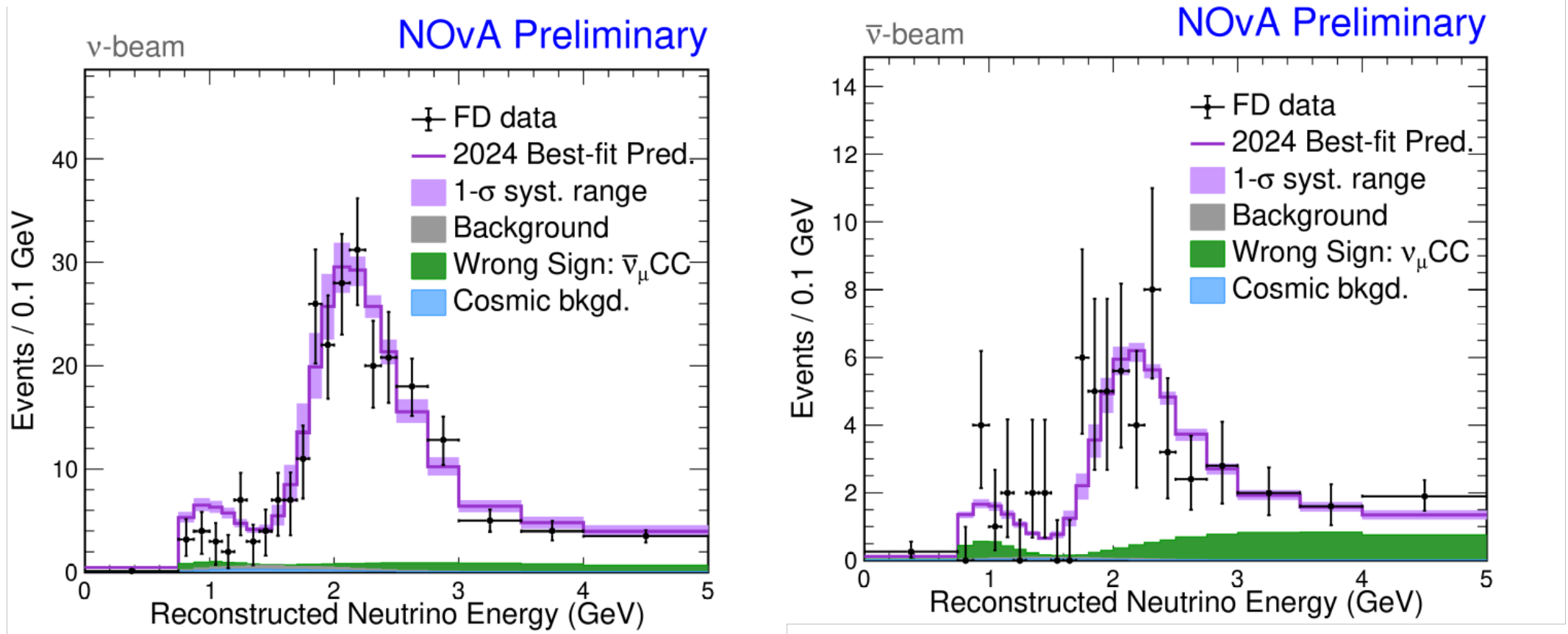


MW capable target, horn installed in 2019-2020

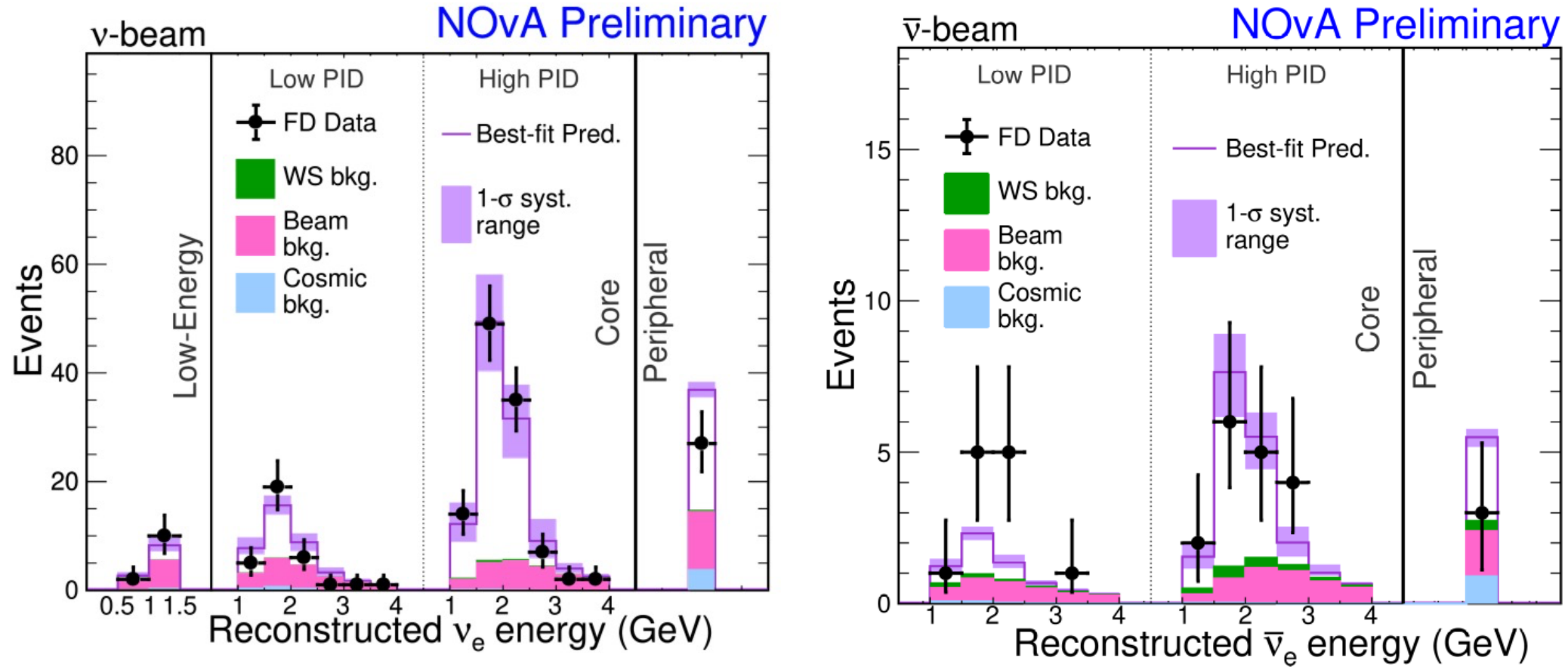
Typical NuMI beam power ~900kW, with record 959 kW in 2023

Achieved 1.018 MW record in June 2024!

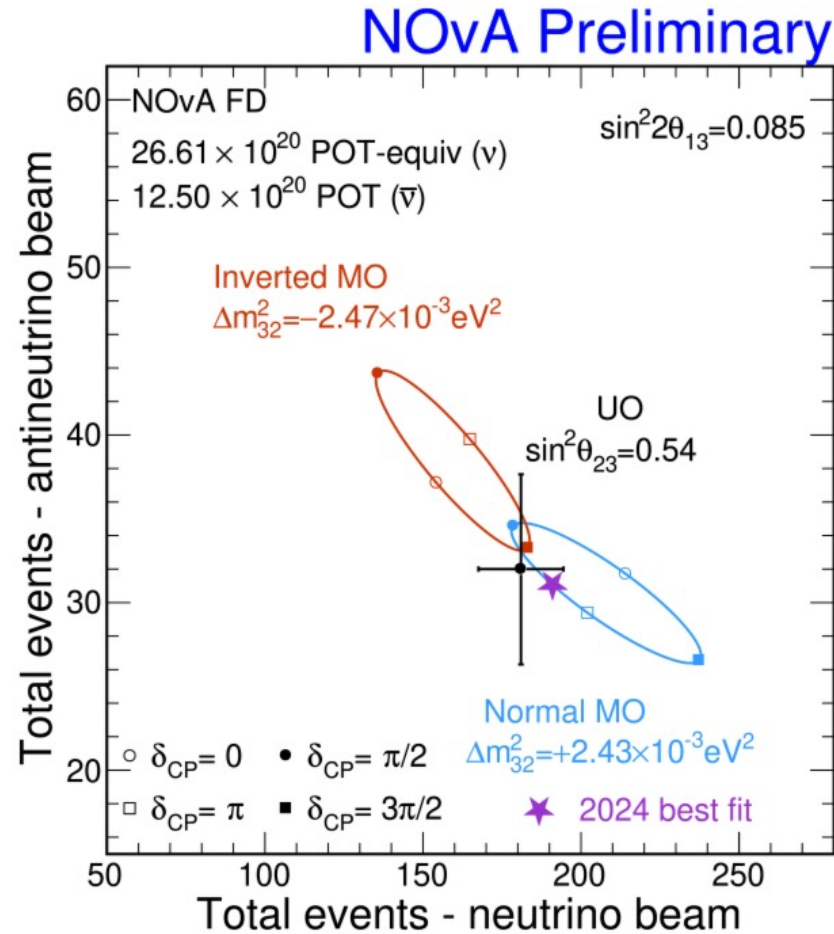
We observe 384 ν_μ and 106 $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ candidates in the FD. In the absence of oscillations, we'd expect ~ 2100 and ~ 500 .



We observe 181 ν_e and 32 $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance candidates in the FD. The predicted backgrounds are 62 and 12 respectively.

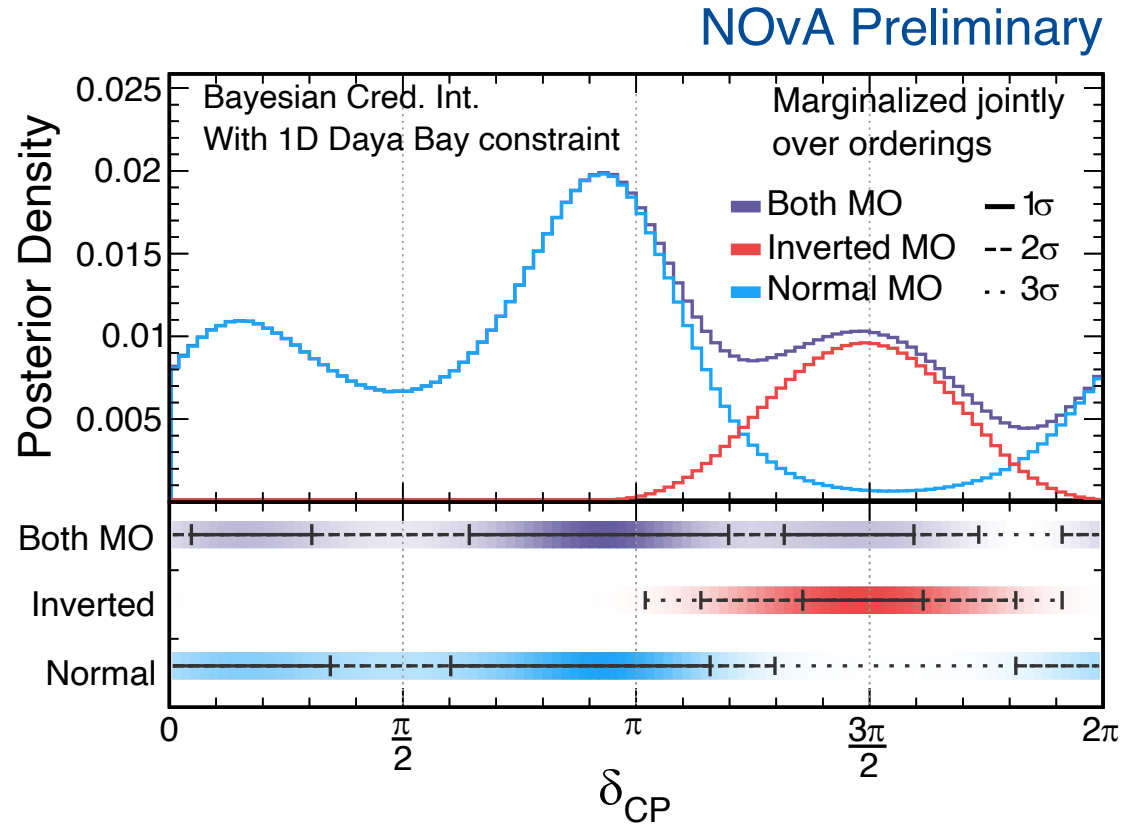
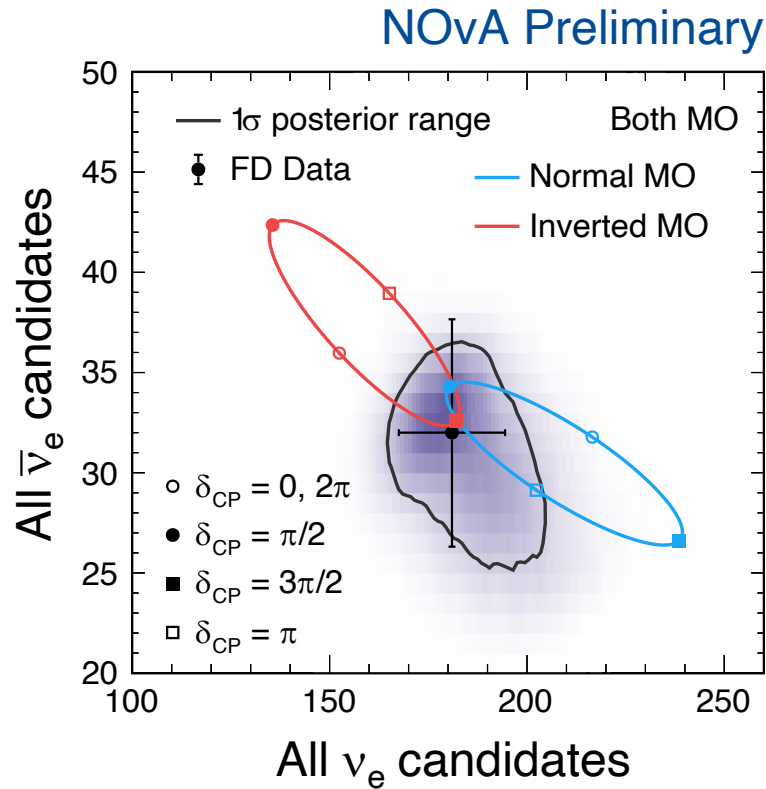


The appearance data favor a region where matter and CP violation effects are highly degenerate

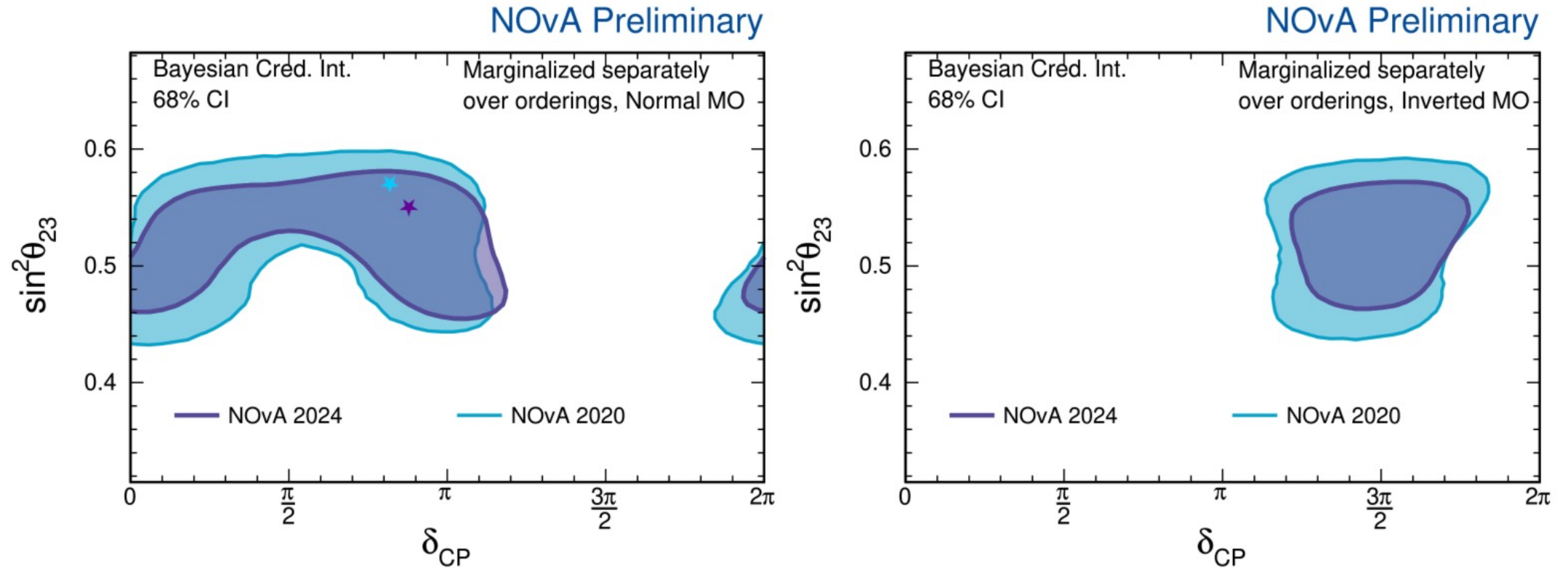


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δ_{CP}	0.88 π		1.51 π	
Rejection significance (σ)			1.36	

The data disfavor “extreme” asymmetry combinations: (IO, $\delta = \pi/2$) and (NO, $\delta = 3\pi/2$). CP-conserving points outside 3σ interval in IO



The new NOvA result is consistent with our previous analysis: improved constraints lie in ~ the same regions

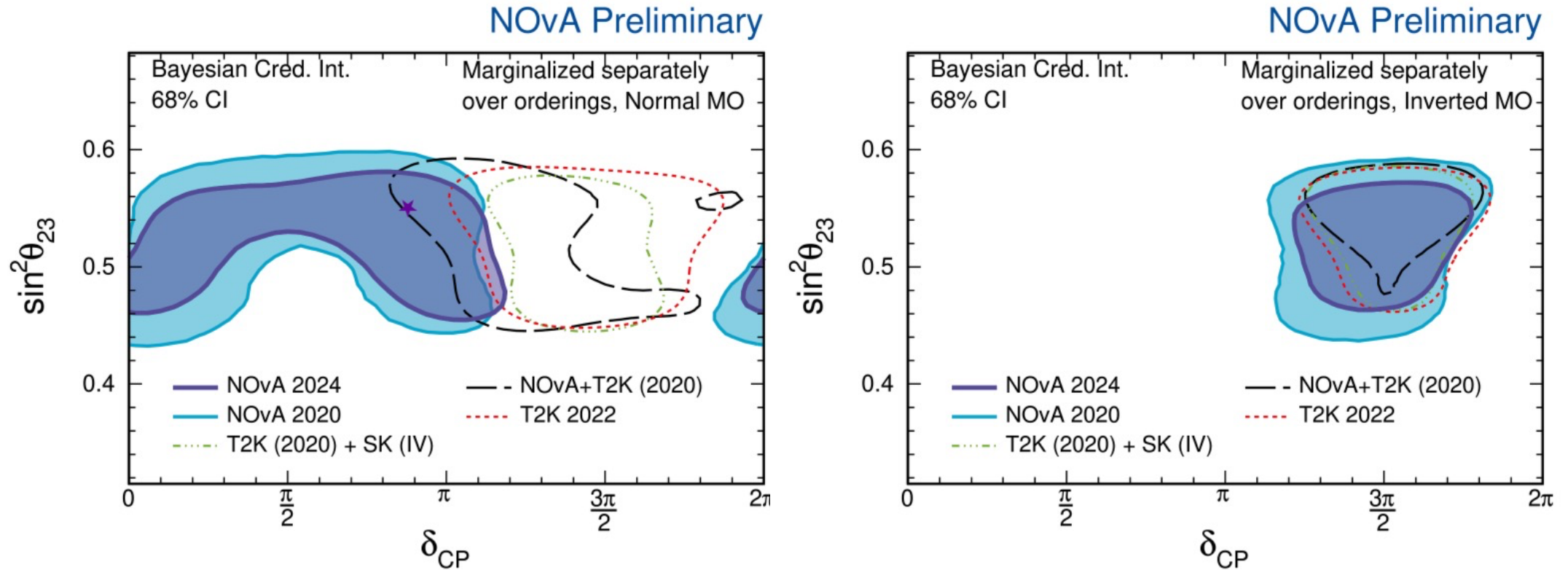


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NOvA 2024: Daya Bay 2023 1D θ_{13}

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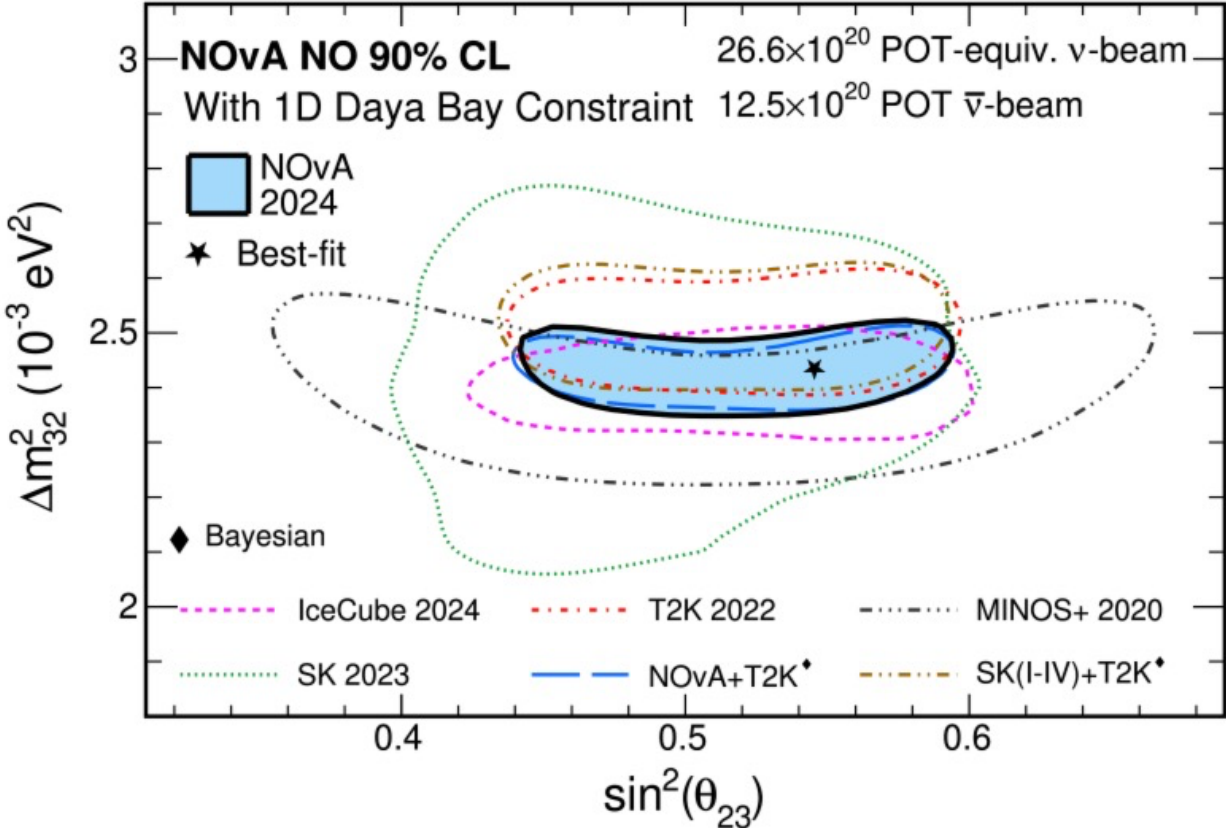
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T2K+SK 2019 PDG avg θ_{13}

In the $\nu 2 - \nu 3$ sector, our measurements are consistent with accelerator, atmospheric, and joint results

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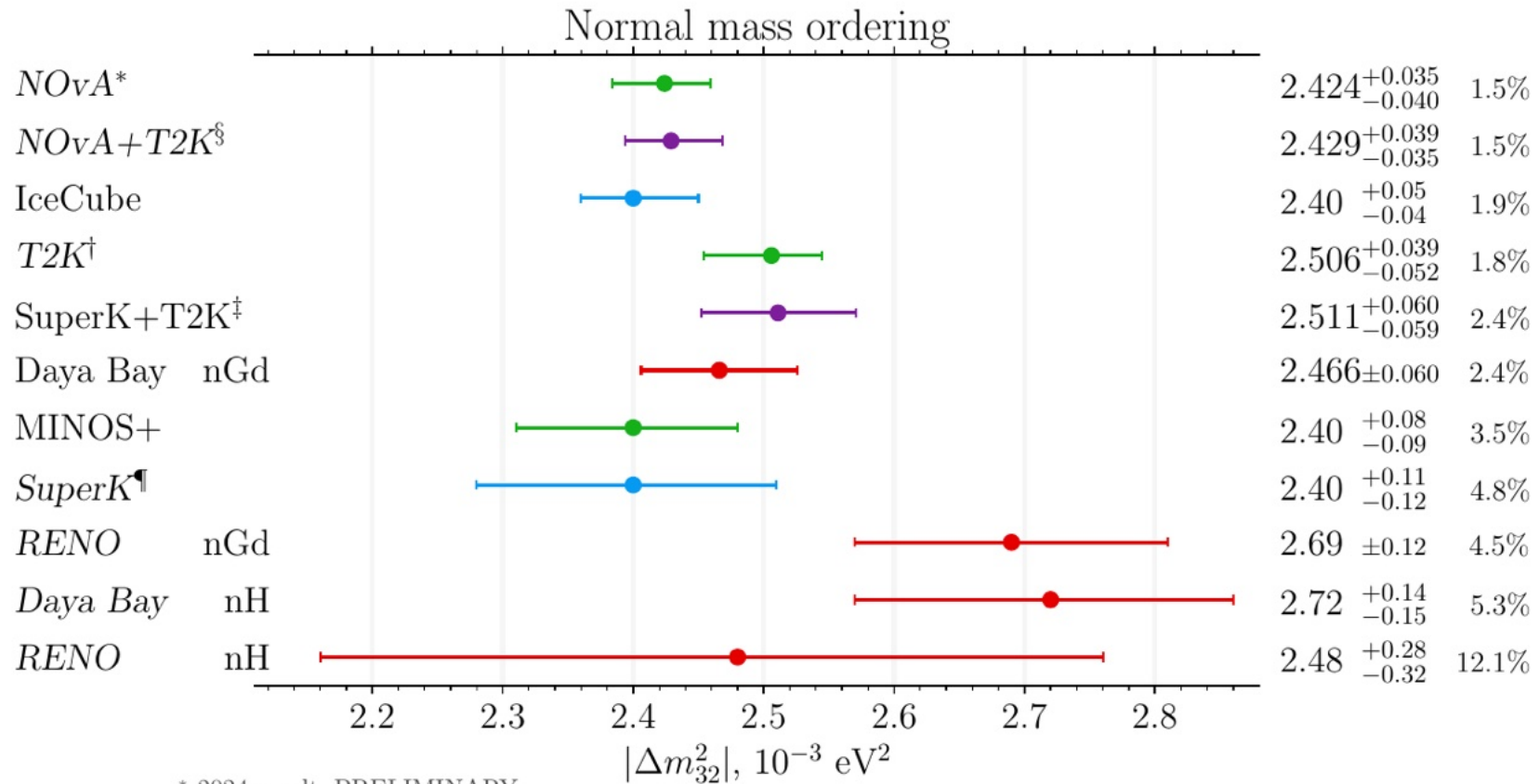


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IceCube 2024: arXiv:2405.02163
 T2K 2022: 10.5281/zenodo.6683821
 MINOS+ 2020: Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 131802
 SK 2023: Phys. Rev. D109, 072014
 NOvA+T2K 2024: KEK IPNS seminar, FNAL JETP seminar
 T2K+SK 2024: arXiv:2405.12488

Δm^2_{32} is now the most precisely known PMNS parameter. NOvA's new result achieves a precision of 1.5%

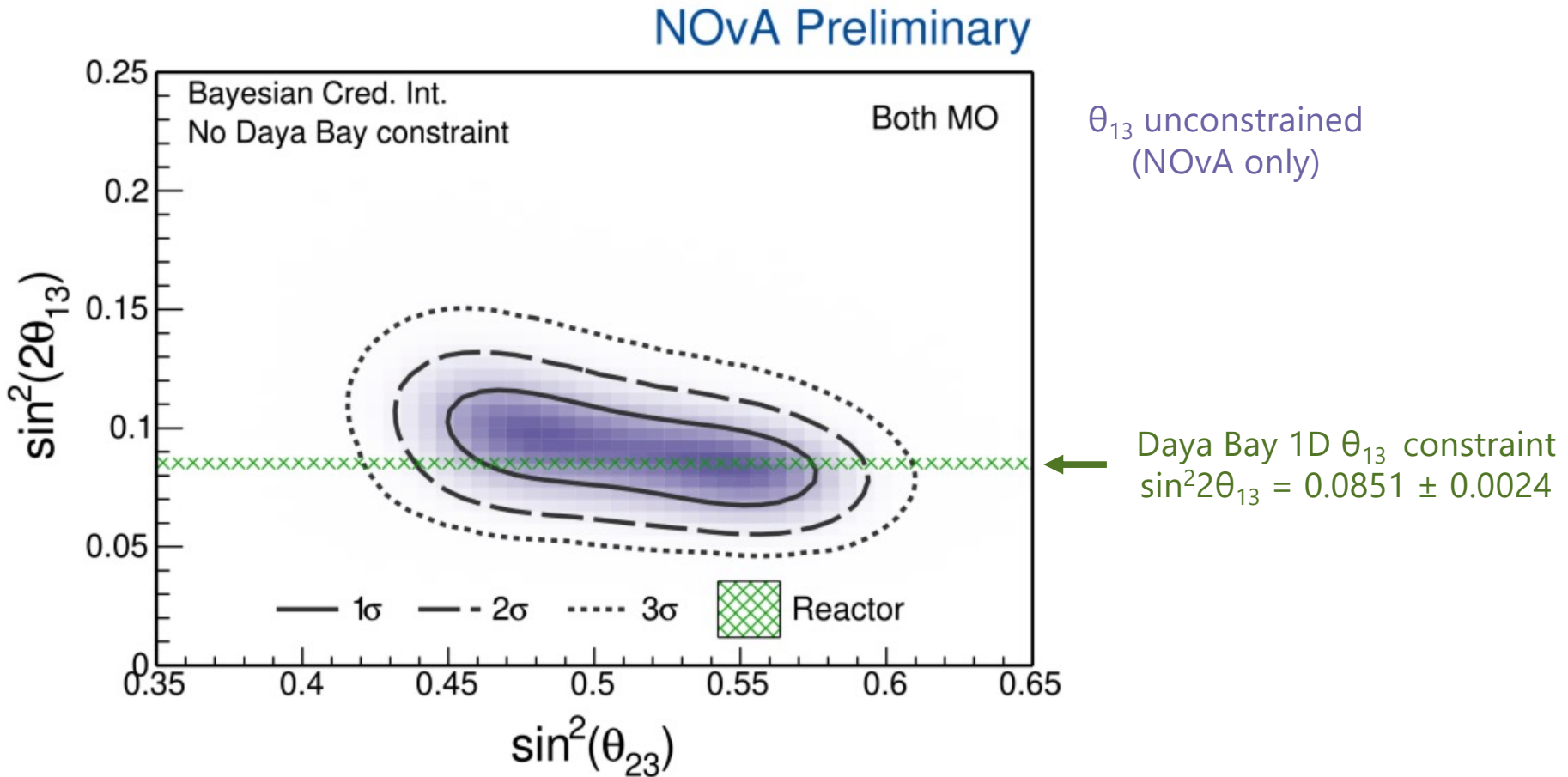


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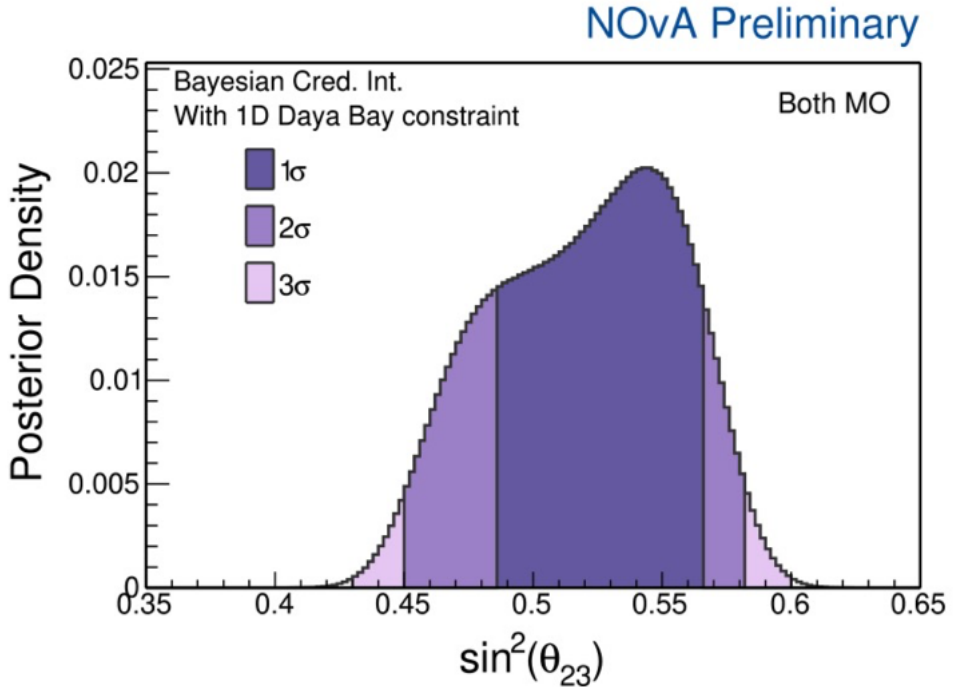
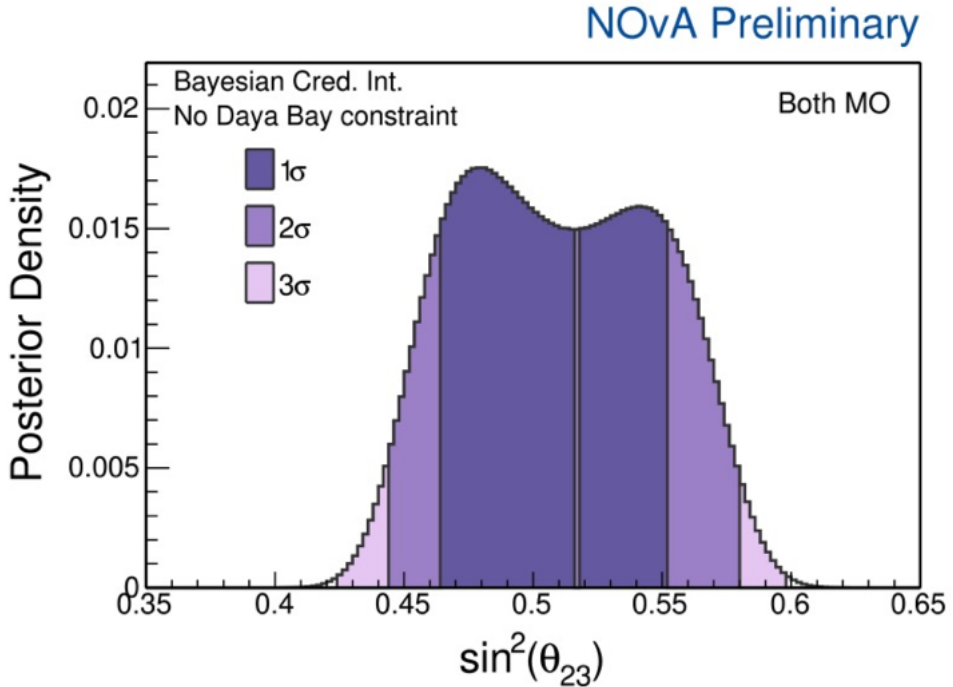
* 2024 result, PRELIMINARY
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 § based on 2020 ana.
 † Neutrino-2022 result

¶ SKI-V result, arXiv:2311.05105
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Without any external constraint from reactor experiments, there's a degeneracy between $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ and $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

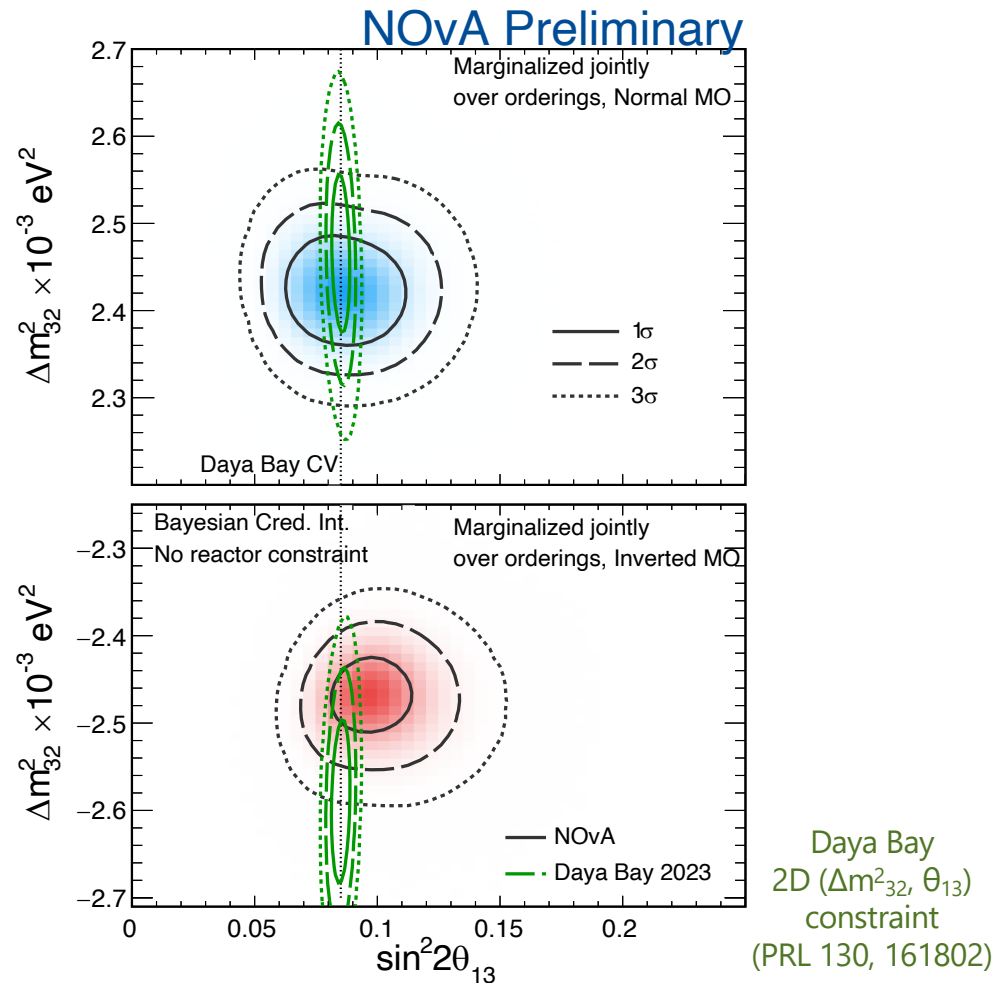


The NOvA results show a mild preference for the upper octant that emerges from applying the reactor constraint. Maximal mixing is allowed at $<1\sigma$



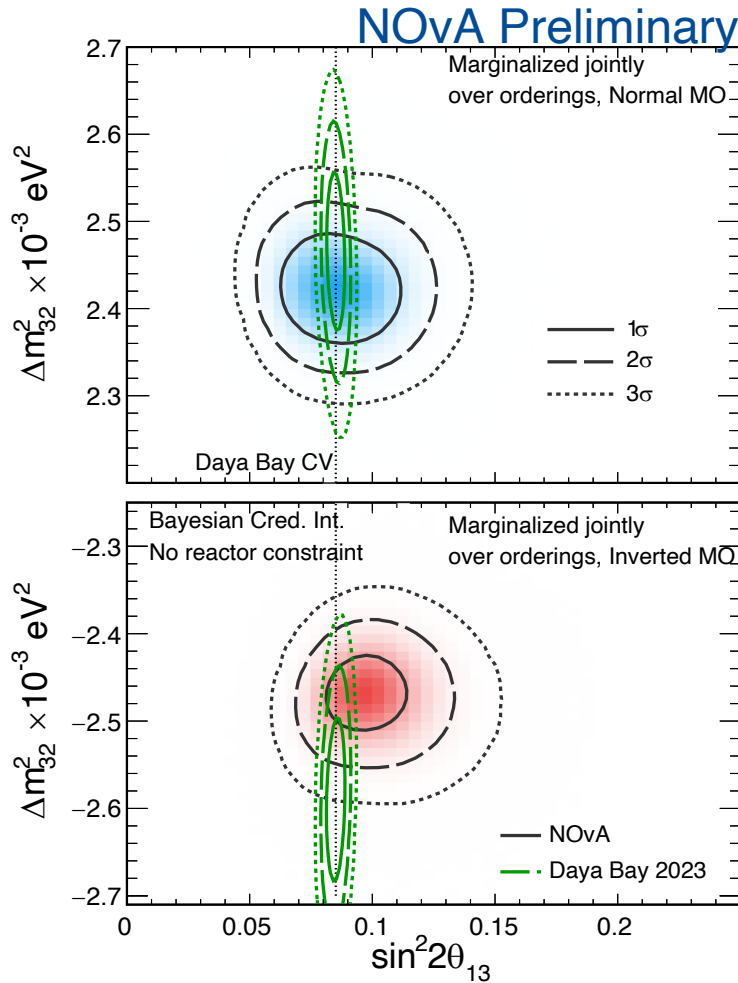
	No constraint		Daya Bay 2023 1D θ_{13}	
	Probability	Bayes Factor	Probability	Bayes Factor
Upper Octant preference	57%	1.3	69%	2.2

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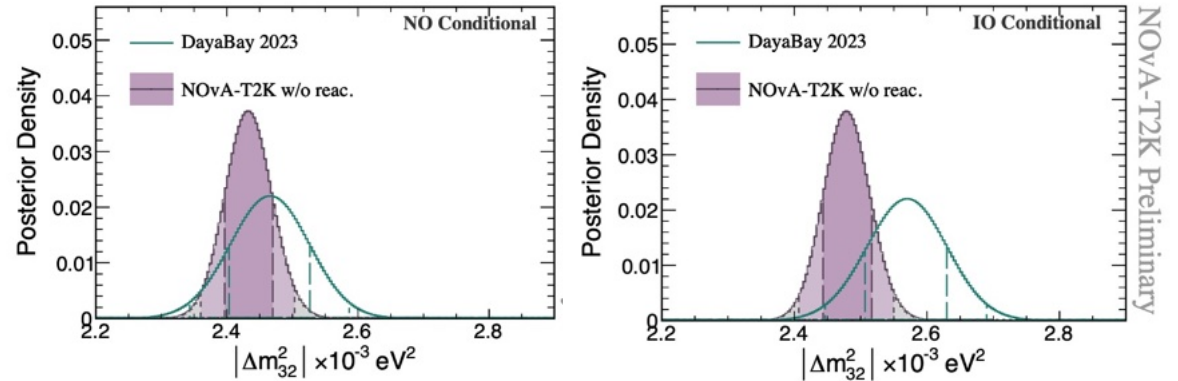


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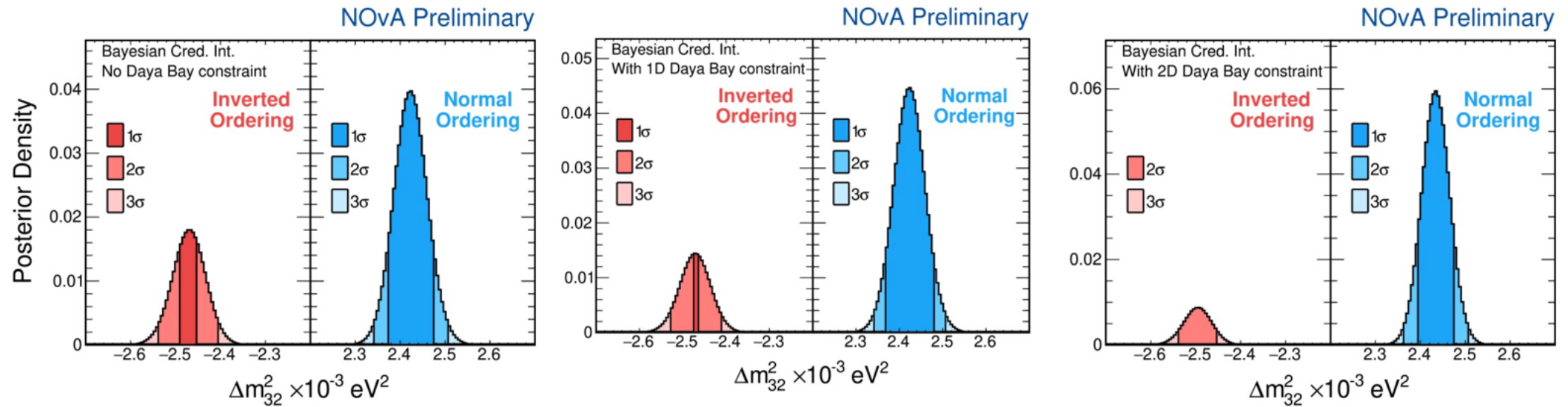
- In the true mass ordering, reactor and long-baseline measurements of Δm_{32}^2 would be consistent but in the incorrect mass ordering would be wrong by different amounts.

See: [Stephen Parke W&C, 2023](#) *[Phys. Rev. D 72: 013009, 2005](#)

Another possible way to determine the Neutrino Mass Hierarchy

Hiroshi Nunokawa^{1,*}, Stephen Parke^{2,†} and Renata Zukanovich Funchal^{3,‡}

NOvA data prefer the normal mass ordering. This preference is enhanced by applying reactor constraints (1D and 2D)



	No constraint		Daya Bay 2023 1D $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$		Daya Bay 2023 2D ($\sin^2 2\theta_{13}, \Delta m_{32}^2$)	
	Probability	Bayes Factor	Probability	Bayes Factor	Probability	Bayes Factor
Normal MO preference	69%	2.2	76%	3.2	87%	6.8

Summary

Summary and Outlook

- **The NOvA 2024 analysis is the first large update since 2020**
 - Doubled neutrino-mode dataset with 10 years of neutrino & antineutrino data
 - Updated simulation, including improved light response model and neutron propagation uncertainty
 - New low-energy ν_e candidate sample
- **NOvA's most recent oscillation analysis results:**
 - Most precise single-experiment measurement of Δm^2_{32} (1.5%)
 - Data favors region where matter, CP violation effects are degenerate
- **Strong synergy with reactor measurements**
 - Constraint on θ_{13} enhances Upper Octant preference (69% odds)
 - Constraint on Δm^2_{32} enhances Normal Ordering preference (87% odds)
- **NOvA has a bright future ahead**
 - Goal of doubling antineutrino dataset → Increased precision measurements of the osc. parameters, disentangle mass ordering / CPV?
 - Test beam results could address some of the largest systematic uncertainties in NOvA
 - Sterile searches, NSI, cross section measurements, cosmic ray physics, exotics... and more!




Backup

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/37867/contributions/233955/>

**New NOvA Results
with 10 Years of Data**

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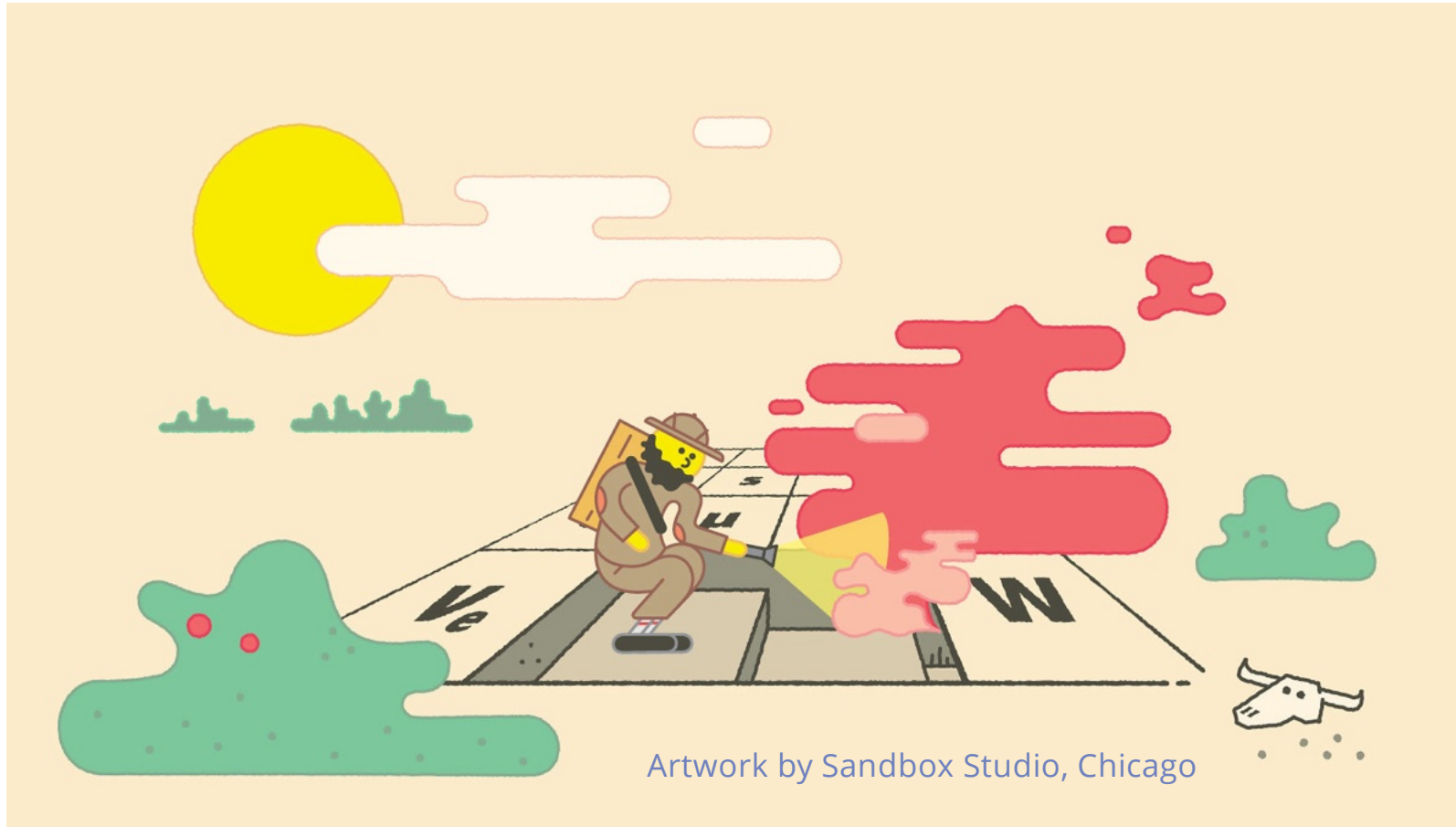
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Duomo di Milano, as seen by NOvA
(not 1:1 scale)





Beyond the standard 3-flavor picture... is there undiscovered physics impacting neutrino mixing and oscillations?



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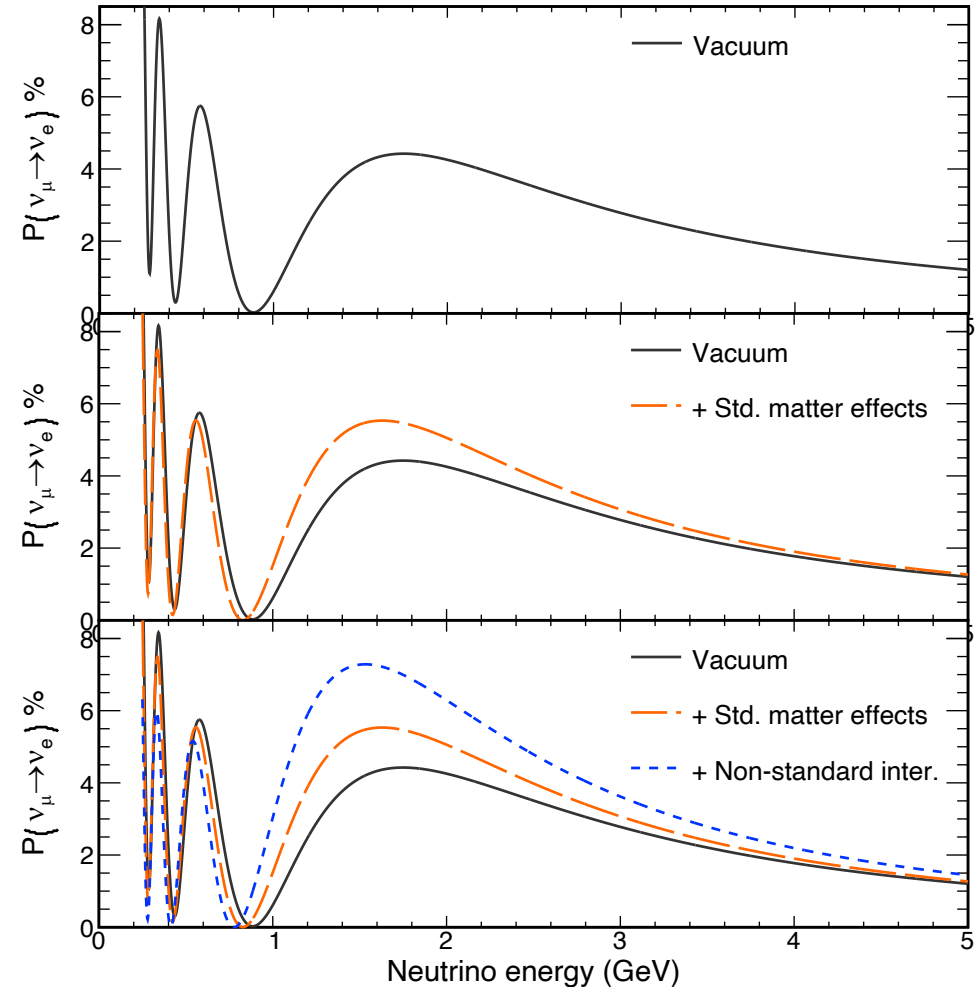
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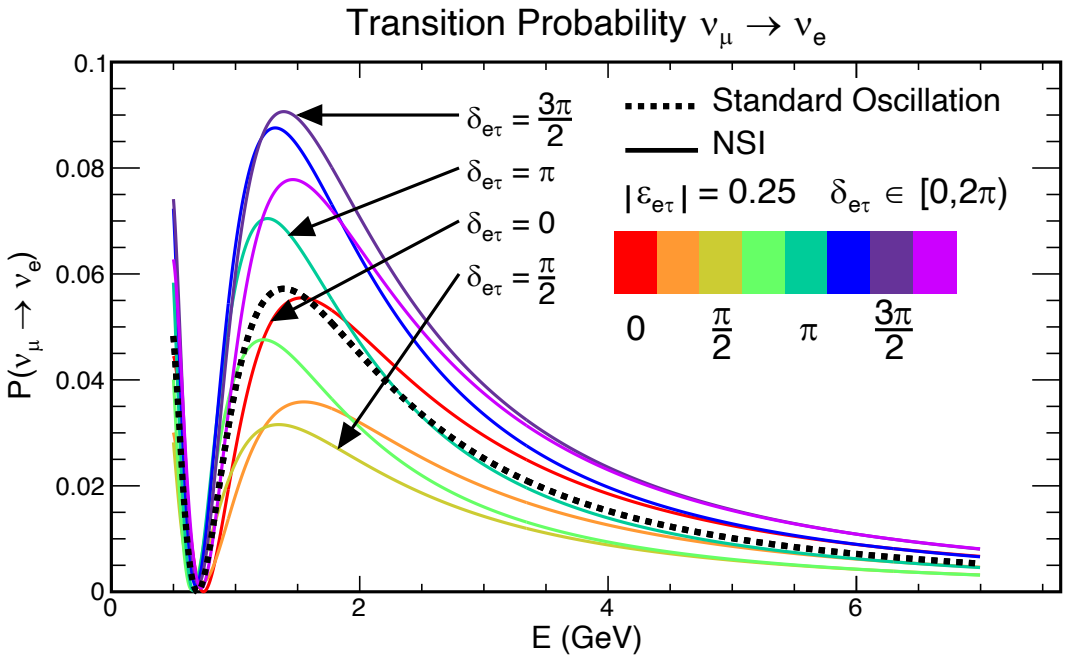


The off-diagonal complex terms introduce CP-violating phases. NOvA's $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ channel is sensitive to $\varepsilon_{e\mu}$ and $\varepsilon_{e\tau}$

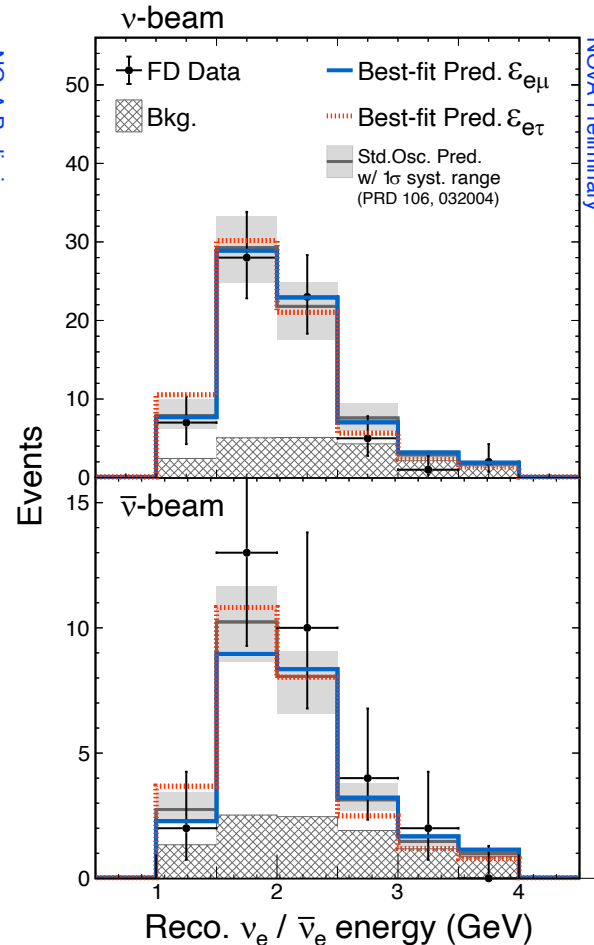
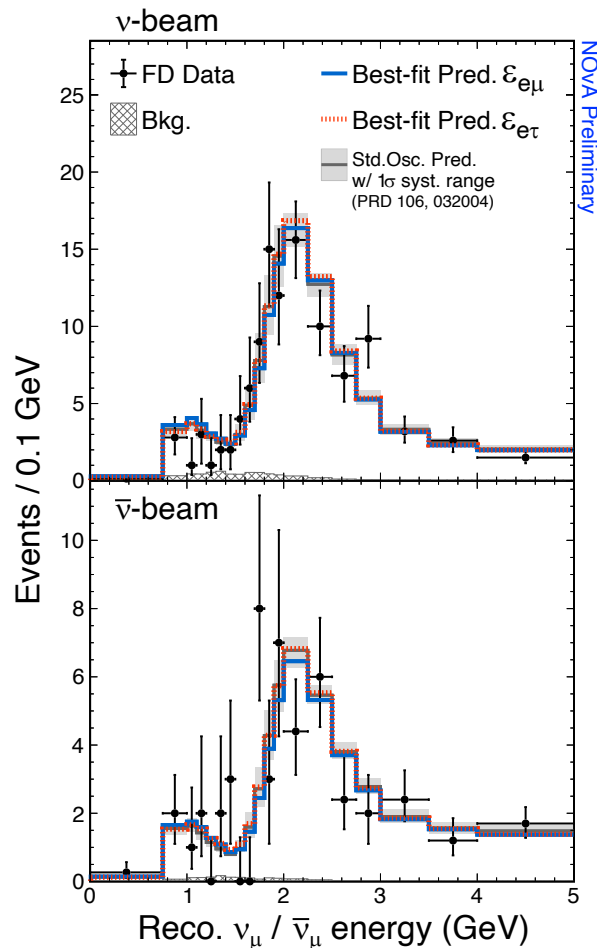
$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = |\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}| e^{i\delta_{\alpha\beta}}$$

	Magnitude	Phase
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$\varepsilon_{e\mu}$	$ \varepsilon_{e\mu} $	$\delta_{e\mu}$
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New degrees of freedom
(one row at a time)



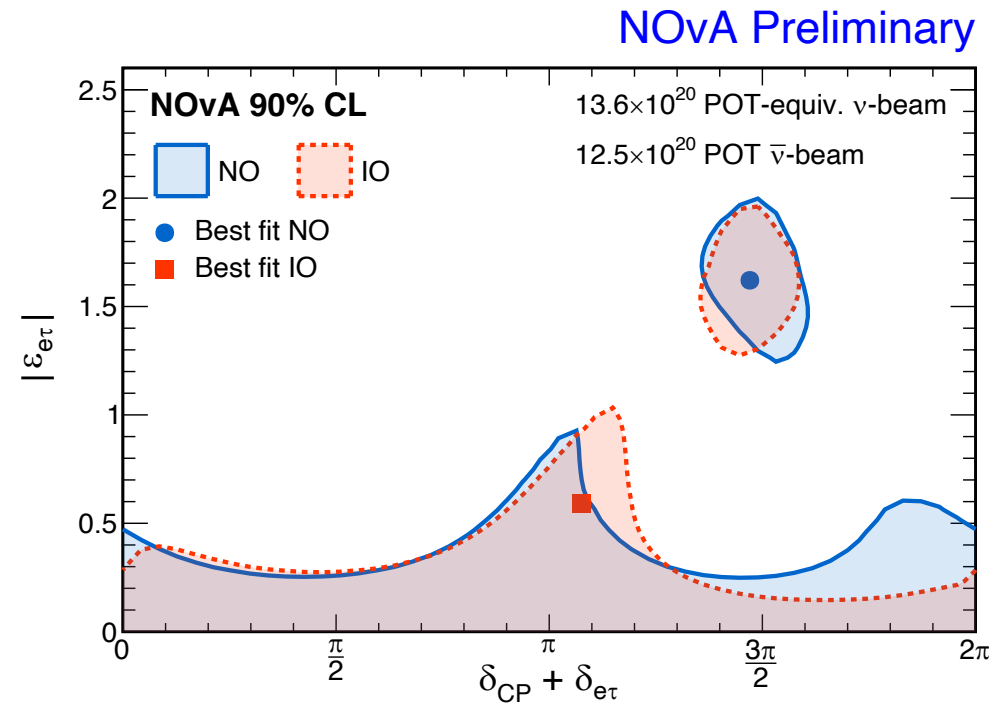
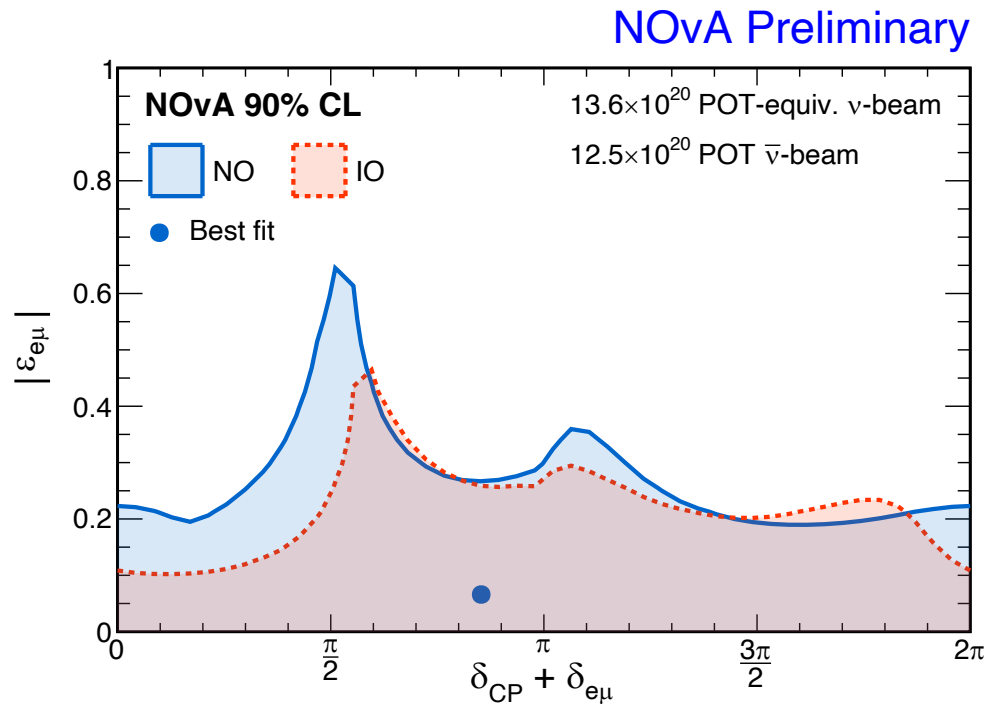
We re-analyze the data with added degrees of freedom to estimate the effect of non-zero NSI parameters $\epsilon_{e\mu}$ and $\epsilon_{e\tau}$



The NSI parameters $\epsilon_{e\mu}$ and $\epsilon_{e\tau}$ are added separately to the oscillation fit.

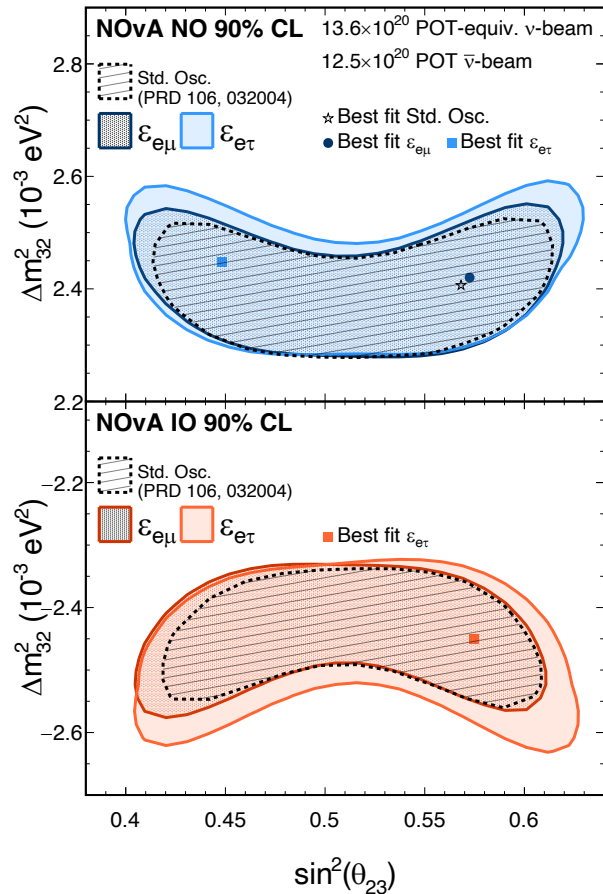
These fits to data are not significantly better than the standard oscillation result.

This analysis constrains the NSI parameters $|\varepsilon_{e\mu}| \lesssim 0.4$ and $|\varepsilon_{e\tau}| \lesssim 0.8, 1.4 \lesssim |\varepsilon_{e\tau}| \lesssim 2$



Allowing non-zero NSI parameters $\epsilon_{e\mu}$ and $\epsilon_{e\tau}$ can significantly affect the measurement of the standard parameters (esp. δ_{CP})

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