

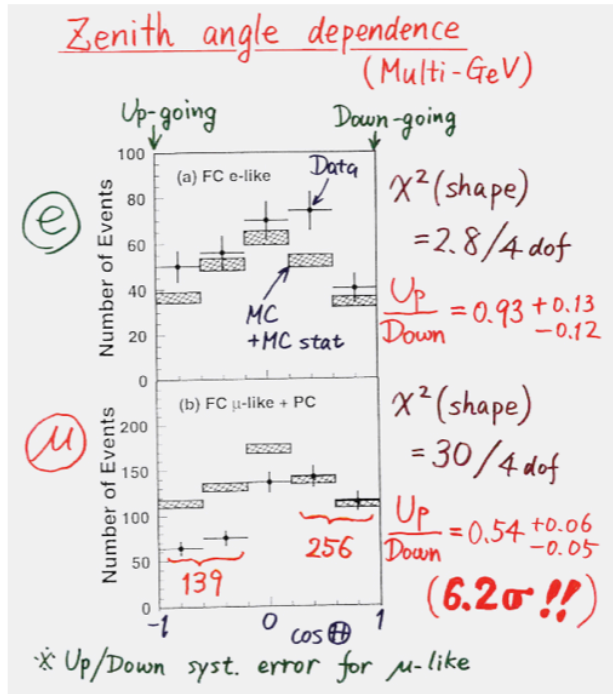
# The fate of hints: recent developments in neutrino physics

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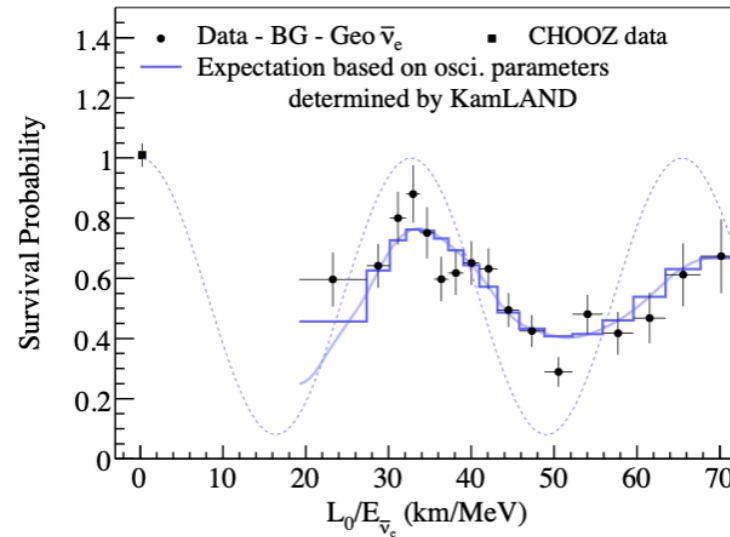
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# Neutrinos oscillate...

SuperK 1998 atmospheric neutrinos



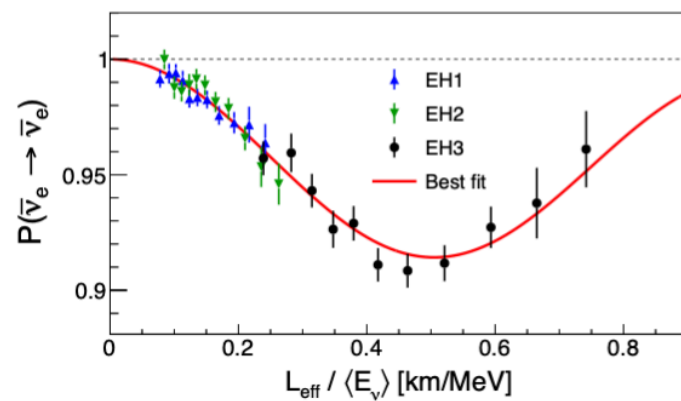
KamLAND 2006 reactor neutrinos  $\sim 180 \text{ km}$



...and therefore have mass!

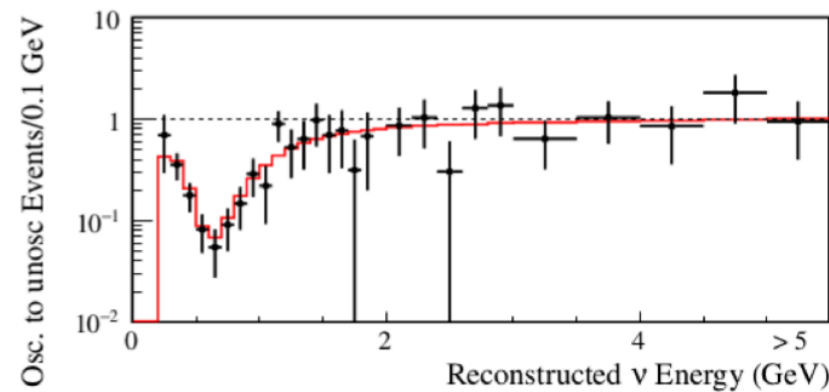
DayaBay, 2015

$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ ,  $\langle L \rangle \sim 2 \text{ km}$



T2K, 2015

$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$ ,  $\langle L \rangle \sim 295 \text{ km}$





# In the Standard Model neutrinos are massless

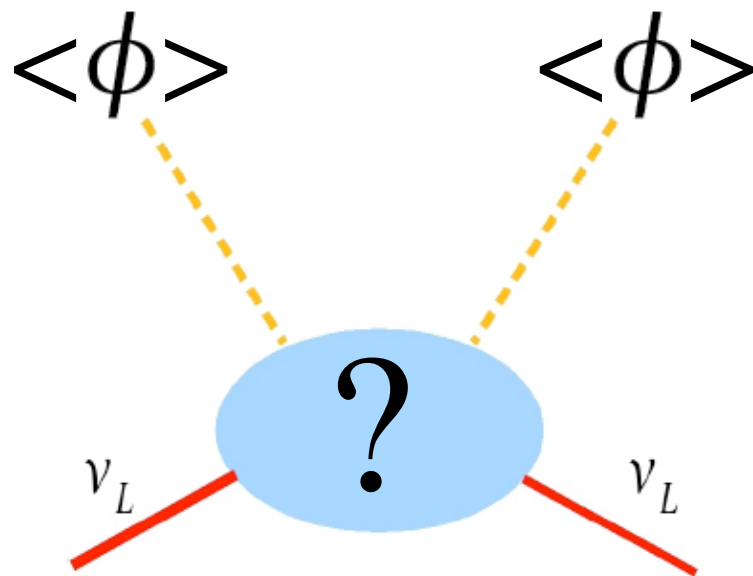
- absence of right-handed neutrinos  
no Dirac mass for neutrinos
- lepton-number is an accidental symmetry at the renormalizable level  
given SM fields and gauge symmetry, lepton number cannot be violated at dim. 4  $\rightarrow$  no Majorana mass can be generated

**$\Rightarrow$  neutrino mass implies physics beyond the SM**

# Origin of neutrino mass?

Weinberg 1979: there is only one dim-5 operator consistent with the gauge symmetry of the SM, and this operator will lead to a Majorana mass term for neutrinos after EWSB:

$$Y^2 \frac{\overline{L^c} \tilde{\phi}^* \tilde{\phi}^\dagger L}{\Lambda} \longrightarrow m_\nu \sim Y^2 \frac{\langle \phi \rangle^2}{\Lambda}$$

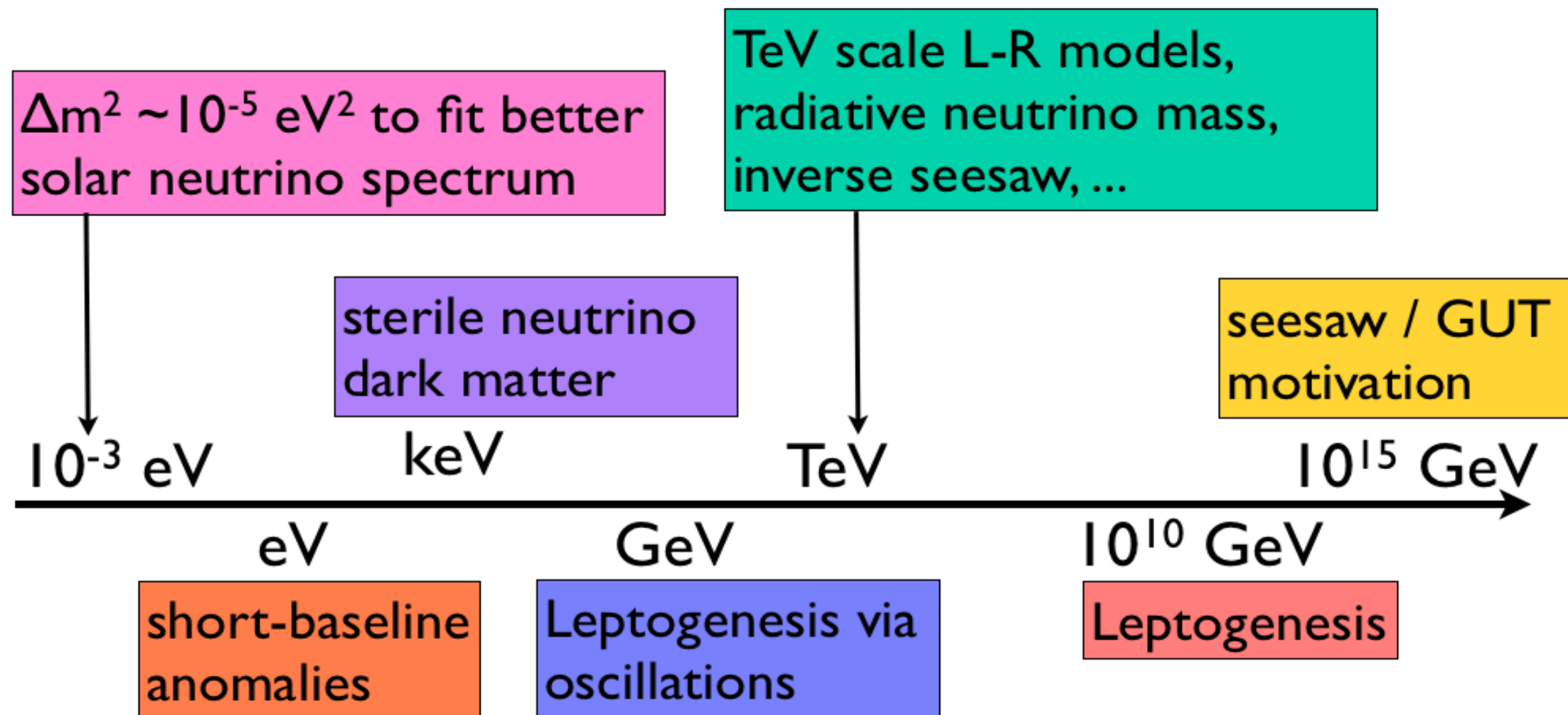


- predicts violation of Lepton number by 2 units (Majorana mass!)
- what is the new physics responsible for that operator?
- what is the energy scale of the new physics?

# What is the energy scale of new physics responsible for neutrino mass?

$$m_\nu \sim Y^2 \frac{\langle \phi \rangle^2}{\Lambda} \approx Y^2 \frac{(178 \text{ GeV})^2}{\Lambda}$$

can obtain small neutrino masses by making  $\Lambda$  very large or  $Y$  very small (or both)





# Outline for the rest of the talk

take a phenomenological approach

- Determination of 3-flavour oscillation parameters
  - Fate of hints for CP violation and mass ordering
- Absolute neutrino mass and searches for lepton number violation
- Fate of hints for exotic neutrino properties
  - Non-standard neutrino interactions
  - sterile neutrinos

# 3-flavour neutrino parameters

- ▶ 3 masses:  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ,  $m_0$
- ▶ 3 mixing angles:  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$
- ▶ 3 phases: 1 Dirac ( $\delta$ ), 2 Majorana ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ )

neutrino oscillations  
 absolute mass observables  
 lepton-number violation

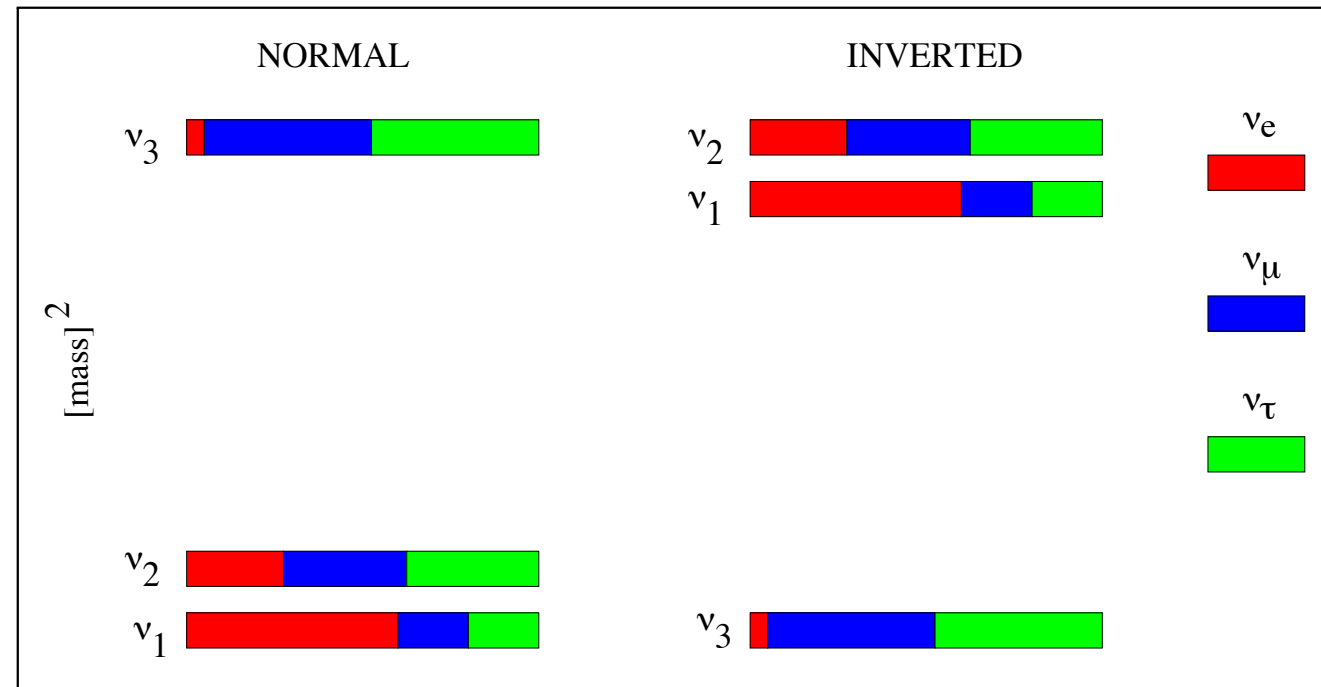
$$U = \begin{matrix} \Delta m_{31}^2 \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{atm+LBL(dis)} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} c_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{react+LBL(app)} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \Delta m_{21}^2 \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ \text{solar+KamLAND} \end{matrix}$$

3-flavour effects are suppressed:  $\Delta m_{21}^2 \ll \Delta m_{31}^2$  and  $\theta_{13} \ll 1$  ( $U_{e3} = s_{13} e^{-i\delta}$ )

⇒ dominant oscillations are well described by effective two-flavour oscillations

⇒ present data is already sensitive to sub-leading effects

# The rough picture



- the two mass-squared differences are separated roughly by a factor 30:

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \approx 7 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2, \quad |\Delta m_{31}^2| \approx |\Delta m_{32}^2| \approx 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

- at least two neutrinos are massive — two possible orderings
- mixing angles are large

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta_{13} &= |U_{e3}| & (\nu_e \text{ component in } \nu_3) &= (\nu_3 \text{ component in } \nu_e) \\ \tan \theta_{12} &= \frac{|U_{e2}|}{|U_{e1}|} & \text{ratio of } \nu_2 \text{ and } \nu_1 \text{ component in } \nu_e & \\ \tan \theta_{23} &= \frac{|U_{\mu 3}|}{|U_{\tau 3}|} & \text{ratio of } \nu_\mu \text{ and } \nu_\tau \text{ component in } \nu_3 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_{13} \approx 9^\circ$$

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

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



# Complementarity of global oscillation data

param	experiment	comment
$\theta_{12}$	SNO, SuperK, (KamLAND)	resonant matter effect in the Sun
$\theta_{23}$	SuperK, T2K, NOvA	$\nu_{\mu}$ disappearance atmospheric (accelerator) neutrinos
$\theta_{13}$	DayaBay, RENO, D-Chooz (T2K, NOvA)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance reactor experiments @ $\sim 1$ km
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	KamLAND, (SNO, SuperK)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance reactor @ $\sim 180$ km (spectrum)
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	MINOS, T2K, NOvA, DayaBay	$\nu_{\mu}$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ disapp (spectrum)
$\delta$	T2K, NOvA + DayaBay	combination of $(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e) + \bar{\nu}_e$ disap

⇒ **global analysis** (especially sub-leading 3-flavour effects)

NuFit collaboration: [www.nu-fit.org](http://www.nu-fit.org) with M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, et al.

NuFIT 5.0: Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz, Zhou, 2007.14792

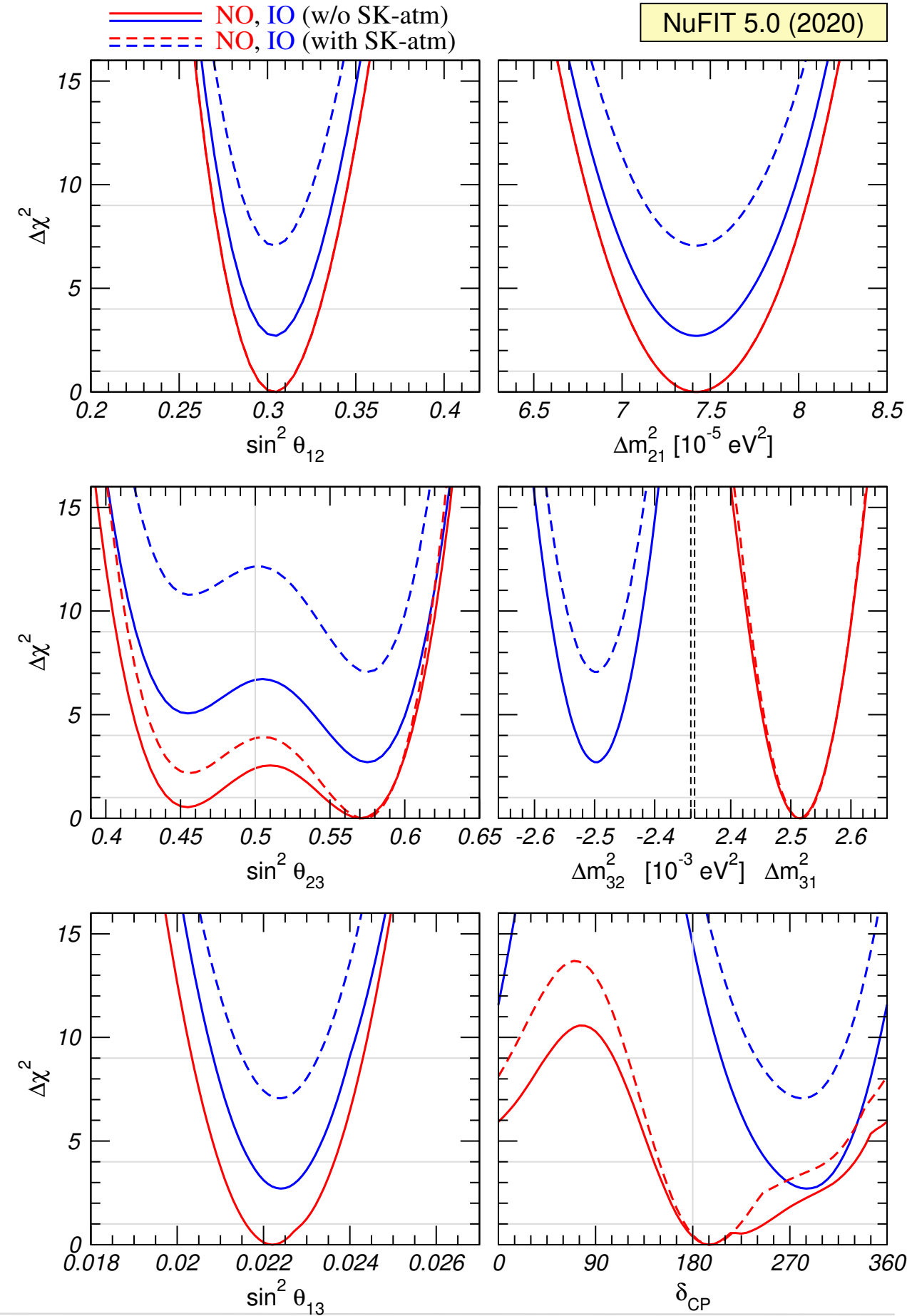
compatible results from Bari (Lisi et al.) and Valencia (Tortola et al.) groups

# NuFit 5.0 results

[www.nu-fit.org](http://www.nu-fit.org)

NuFIT 5.0 (2020)

	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.7$ )	
	bf $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bf $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
without SK atmospheric data				
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.304^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.269 $\rightarrow$ 0.343	$0.304^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.269 $\rightarrow$ 0.343
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.44^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.27 $\rightarrow$ 35.86	$33.45^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.27 $\rightarrow$ 35.87
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.570^{+0.018}_{-0.024}$	0.407 $\rightarrow$ 0.618	$0.575^{+0.017}_{-0.021}$	0.411 $\rightarrow$ 0.621
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$49.0^{+1.1}_{-1.4}$	39.6 $\rightarrow$ 51.8	$49.3^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$	39.9 $\rightarrow$ 52.0
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02221^{+0.00068}_{-0.00062}$	0.02034 $\rightarrow$ 0.02430	$0.02240^{+0.00062}_{-0.00062}$	0.02053 $\rightarrow$ 0.02436
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.57^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	8.20 $\rightarrow$ 8.97	$8.61^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	8.24 $\rightarrow$ 8.98
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$195^{+51}_{-25}$	107 $\rightarrow$ 403	$286^{+27}_{-32}$	192 $\rightarrow$ 360
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 $\rightarrow$ 8.04	$7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 $\rightarrow$ 8.04
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.514^{+0.028}_{-0.027}$	+2.431 $\rightarrow$ +2.598	$-2.497^{+0.028}_{-0.028}$	-2.583 $\rightarrow$ -2.412
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$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.573^{+0.016}_{-0.020}$	0.415 $\rightarrow$ 0.616	$0.575^{+0.016}_{-0.019}$	0.419 $\rightarrow$ 0.617
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$49.2^{+0.9}_{-1.2}$	40.1 $\rightarrow$ 51.7	$49.3^{+0.9}_{-1.1}$	40.3 $\rightarrow$ 51.8
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$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.57^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	8.20 $\rightarrow$ 8.93	$8.60^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	8.24 $\rightarrow$ 8.96
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$197^{+27}_{-24}$	120 $\rightarrow$ 369	$282^{+26}_{-30}$	193 $\rightarrow$ 352
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$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.517^{+0.026}_{-0.028}$	+2.435 $\rightarrow$ +2.598	$-2.498^{+0.028}_{-0.028}$	-2.581 $\rightarrow$ -2.414



# NuFit 5.0 results

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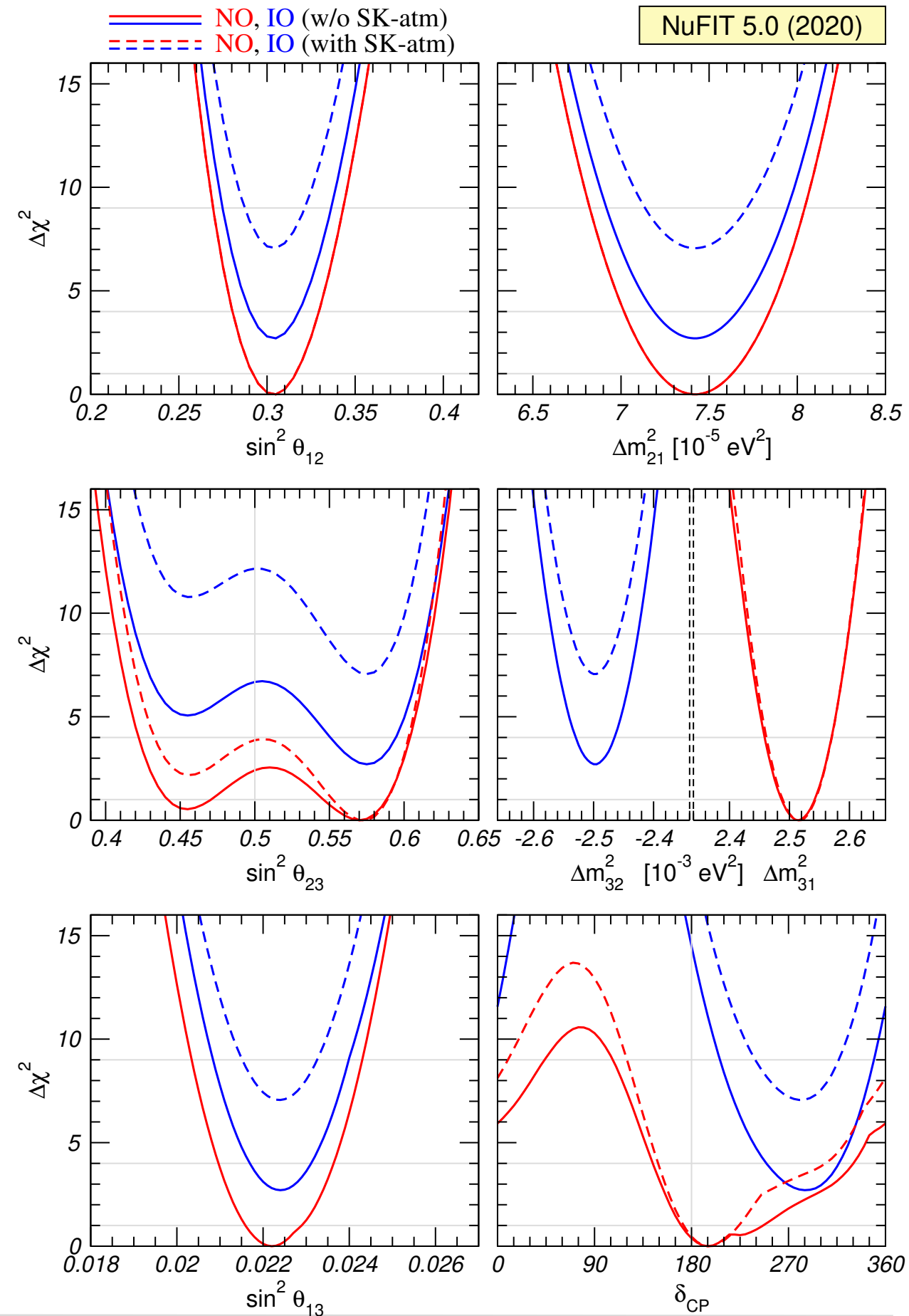
$$\theta_{12} (14\%) \quad , \quad \theta_{13} (9\%)$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 (16\%) \quad , \quad |\Delta m_{3\ell}^2| (6.7\%)$$

- ▶ broad allowed range for  $\theta_{23}$  (27%), non-significant indications for non-maximality/octant

- ▶ ambiguity in sign of  $\Delta m_{3\ell}^2 \rightarrow$   
**mass ordering**

- ▶ values of  $\delta_{CP} \simeq 90^\circ$  disfavoured





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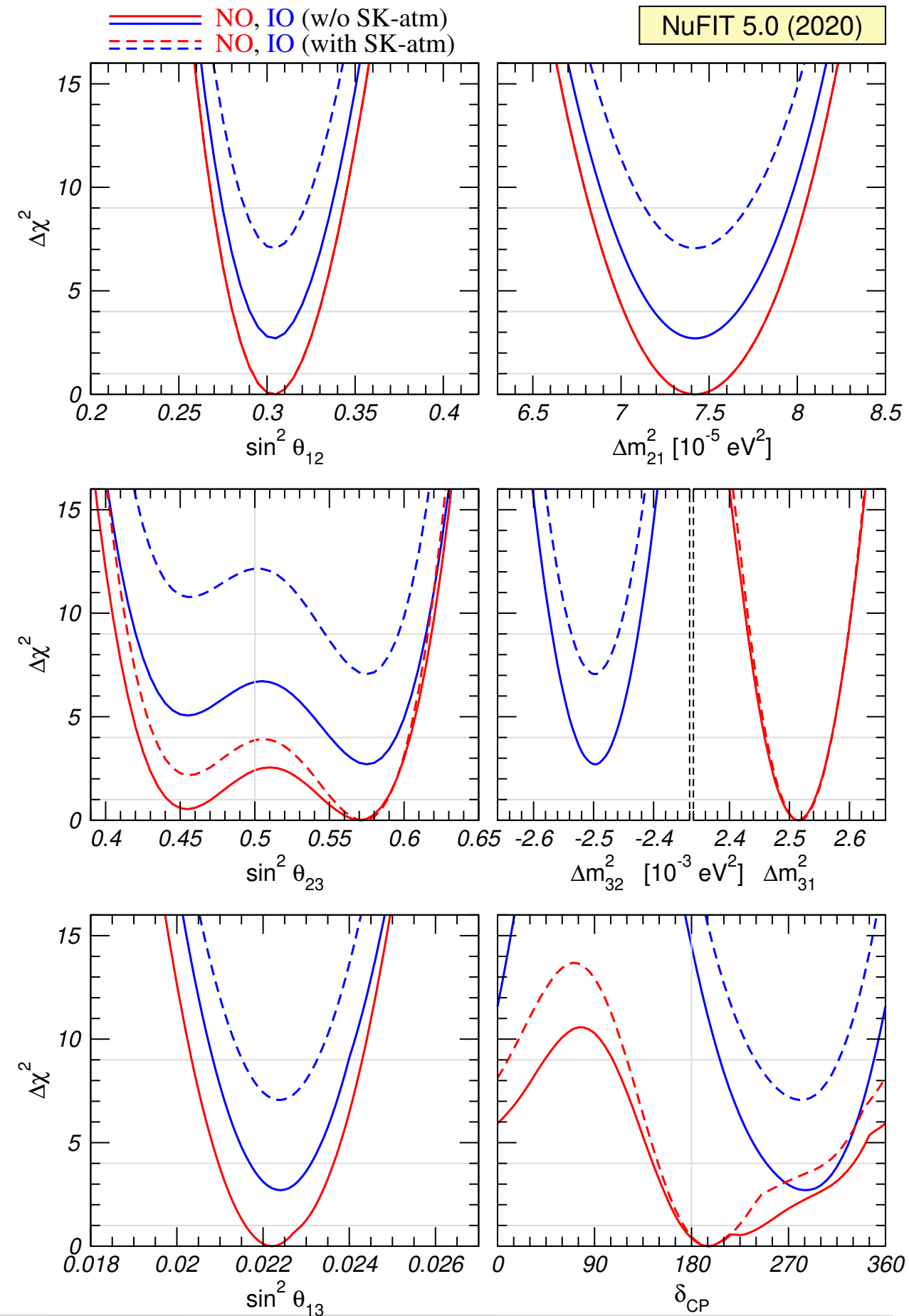
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# CP violation and mass ordering

status about one year ago:

- preference for normal mass ordering  $\sim 3\sigma$   
(subtle interplay of global data)
- hints for „large“ CP violation  $\sim 2-3\sigma$   
(mostly driven by T2K versus DayaBay)

**New data from T2K and NOvA  
at Neutrino20 (June 2020)**

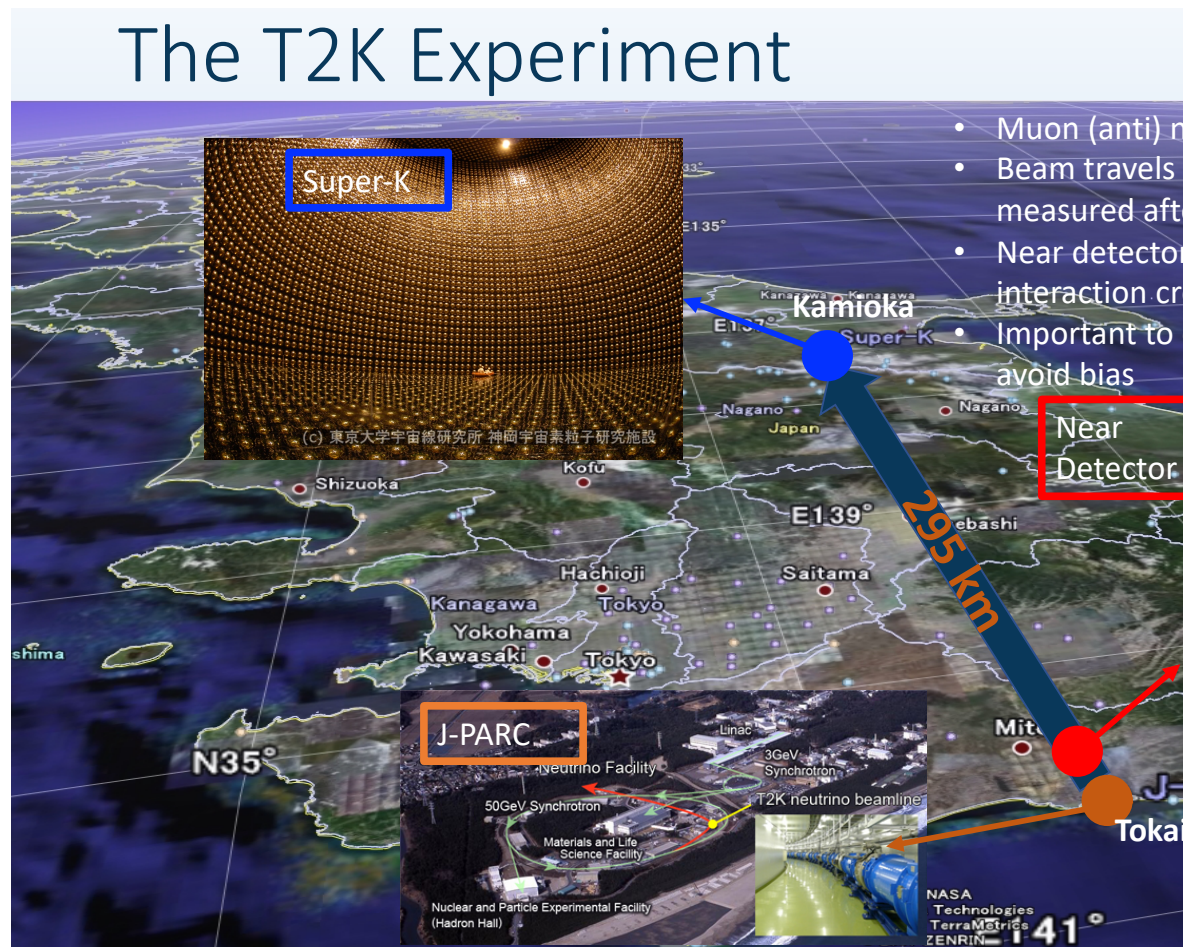
neutrino samples increased by 32% / 54% resp.





# T2K and NOvA accelerator experiments

- ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance
- ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance





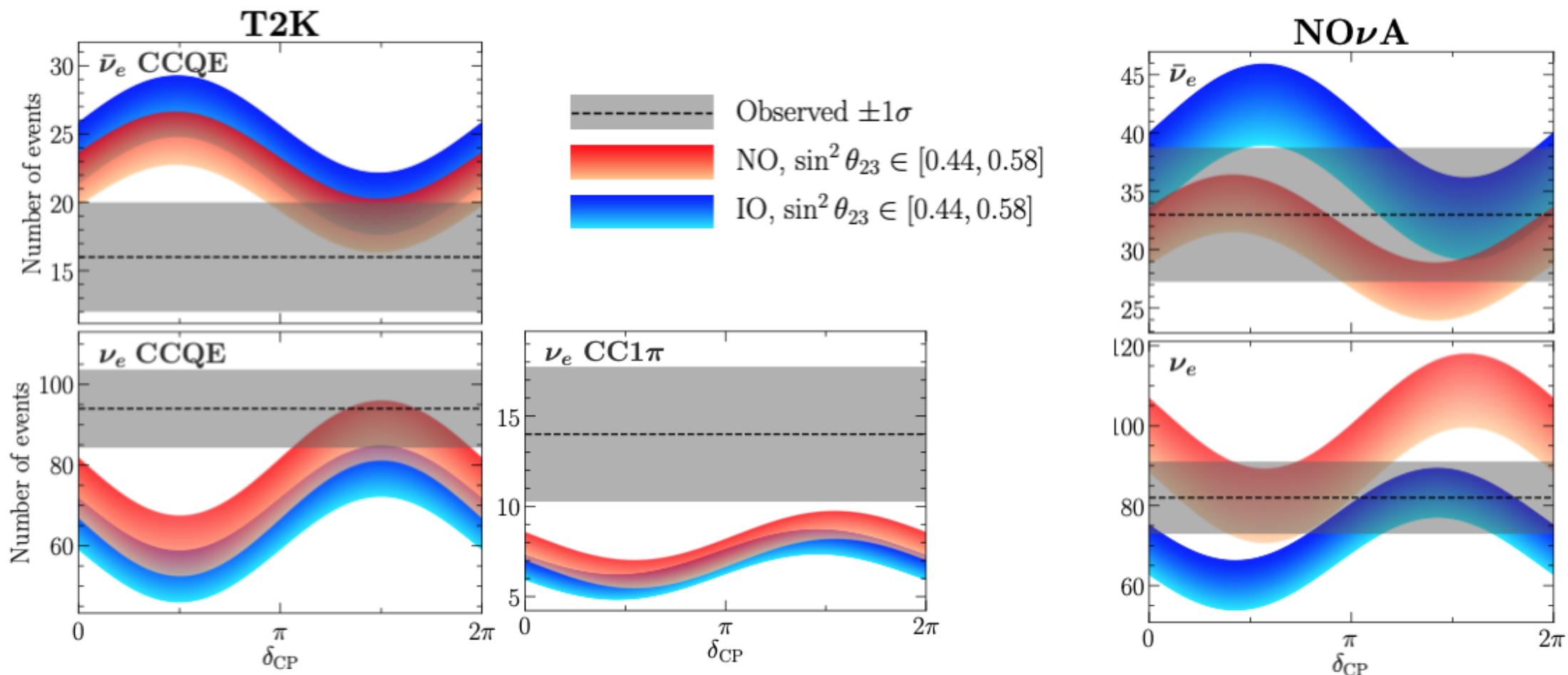
# T2K and NOvA Neutrino20 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance results

$$P_{\mu e} \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(1-A)\Delta}{(1-A)^2} + \sin 2\theta_{13} \hat{\alpha} \sin 2\theta_{23} \frac{\sin(1-A)\Delta}{1-A} \frac{\sin A\Delta}{A} \cos(\Delta + \delta_{CP})$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu}$$

$$\hat{\alpha} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \sin 2\theta_{12}$$

$$A \equiv \frac{2E_\nu V}{\Delta m_{31}^2}$$



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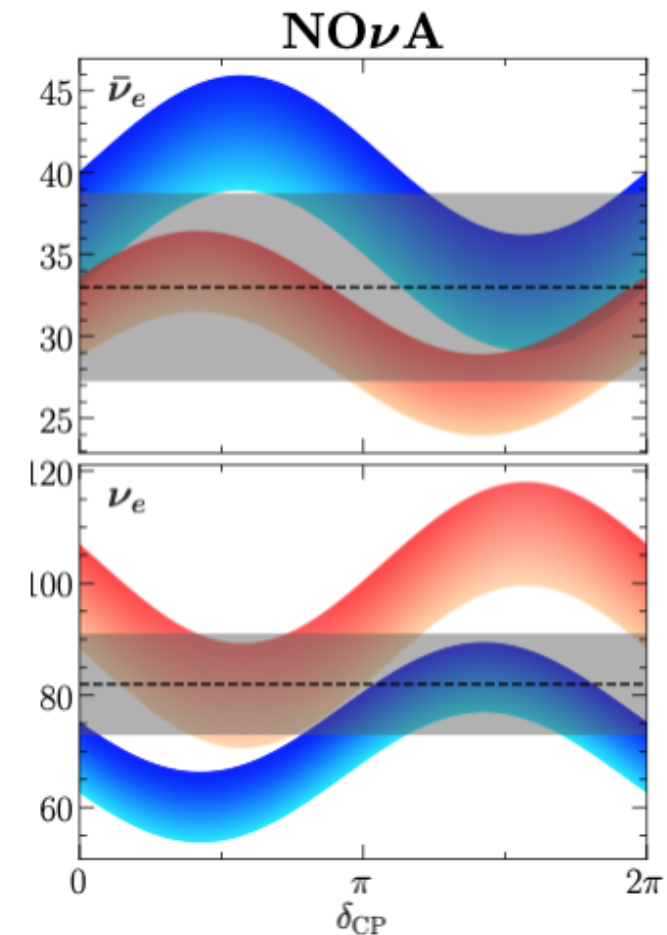
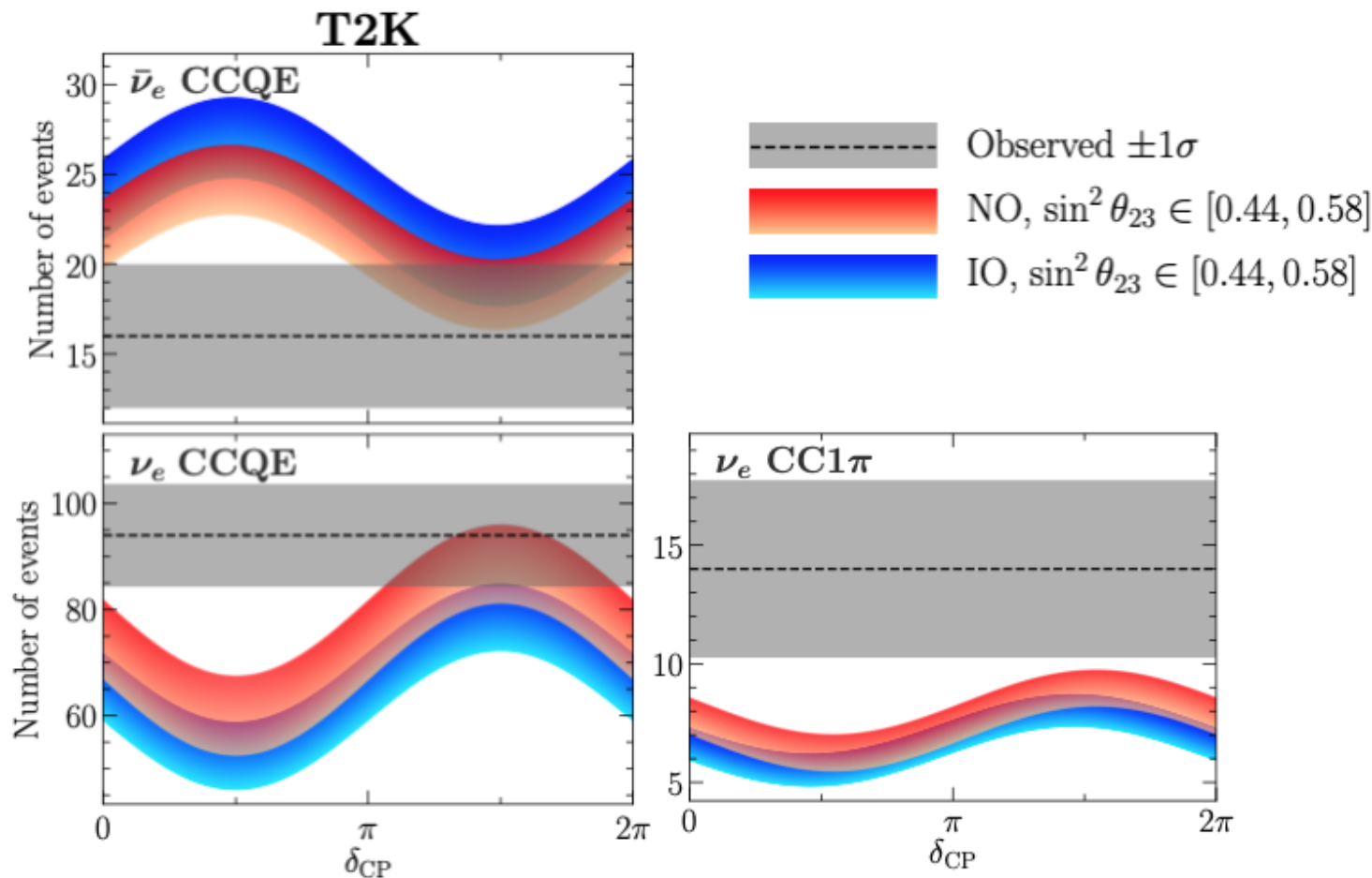
determined by DayaBay, RENO, DoubleChooz

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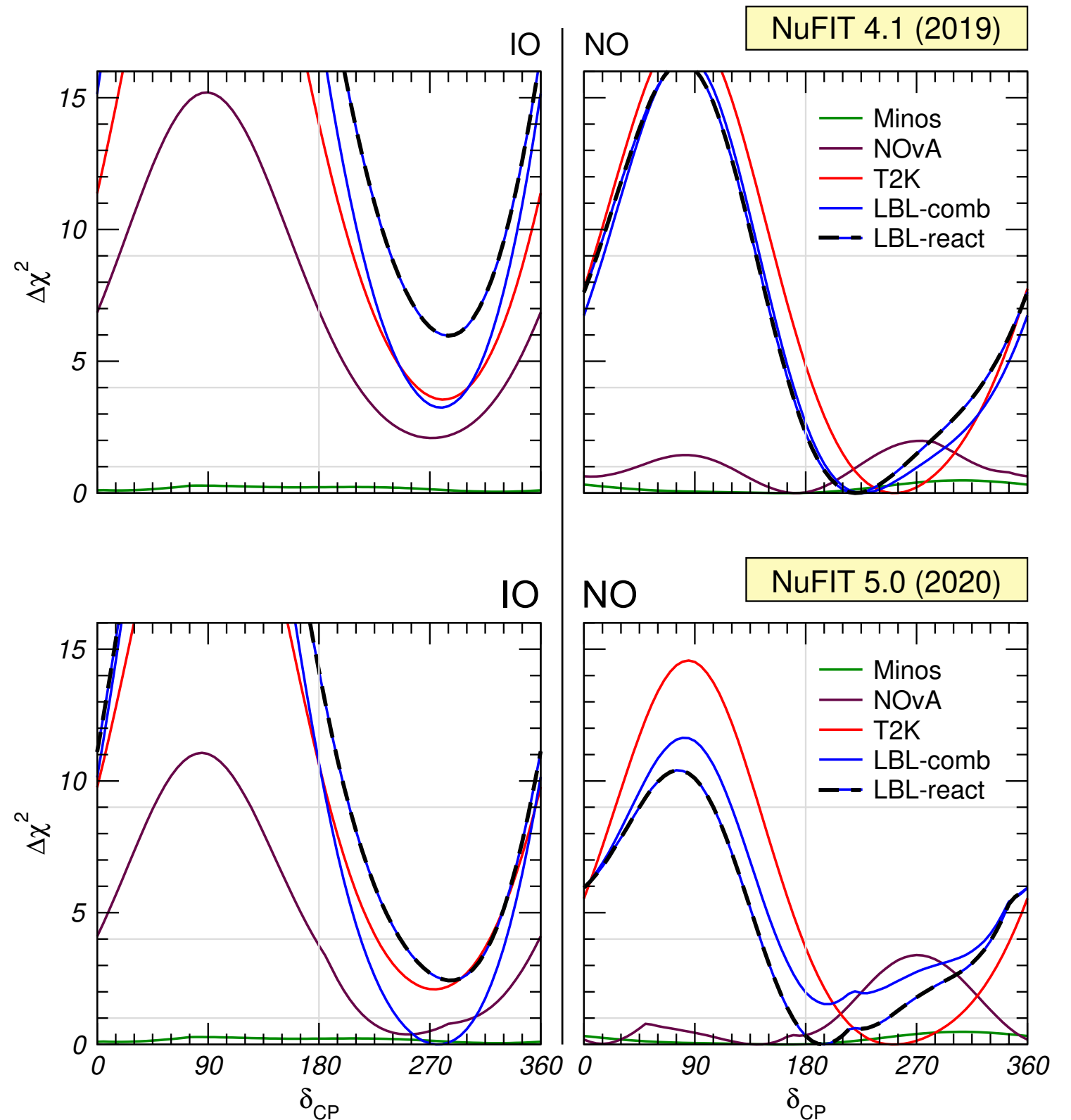
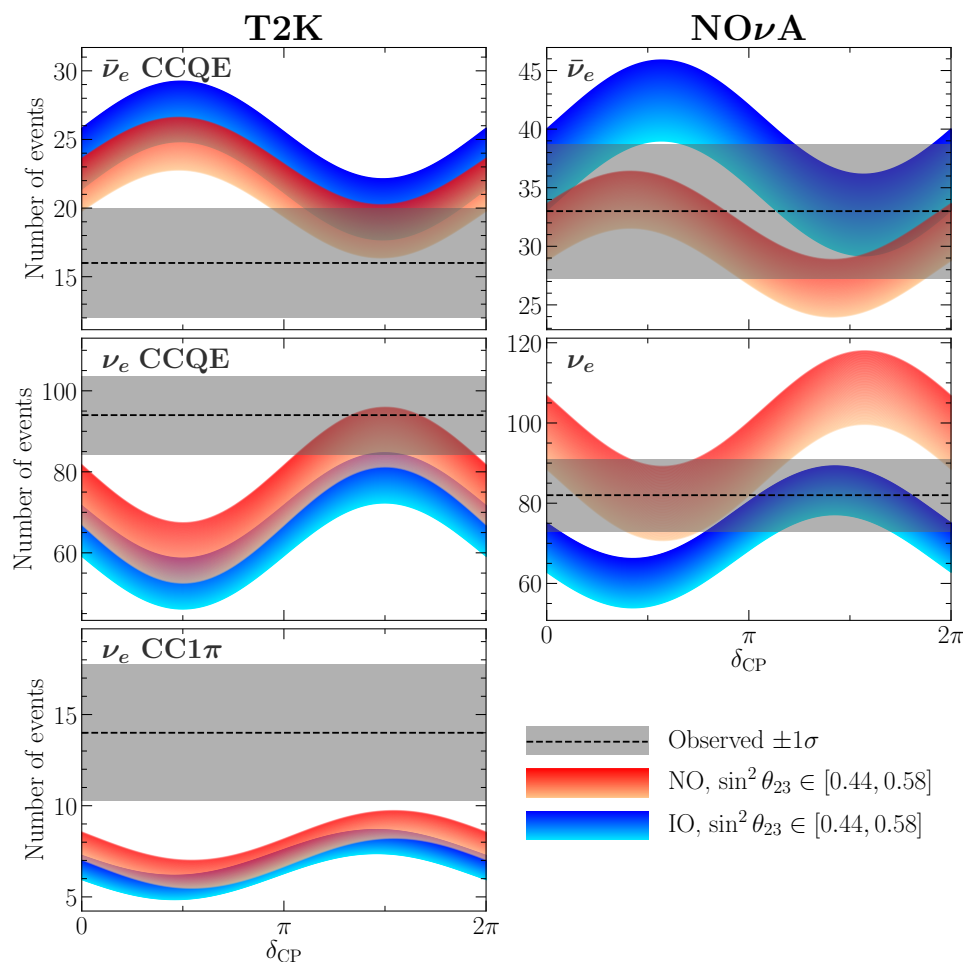
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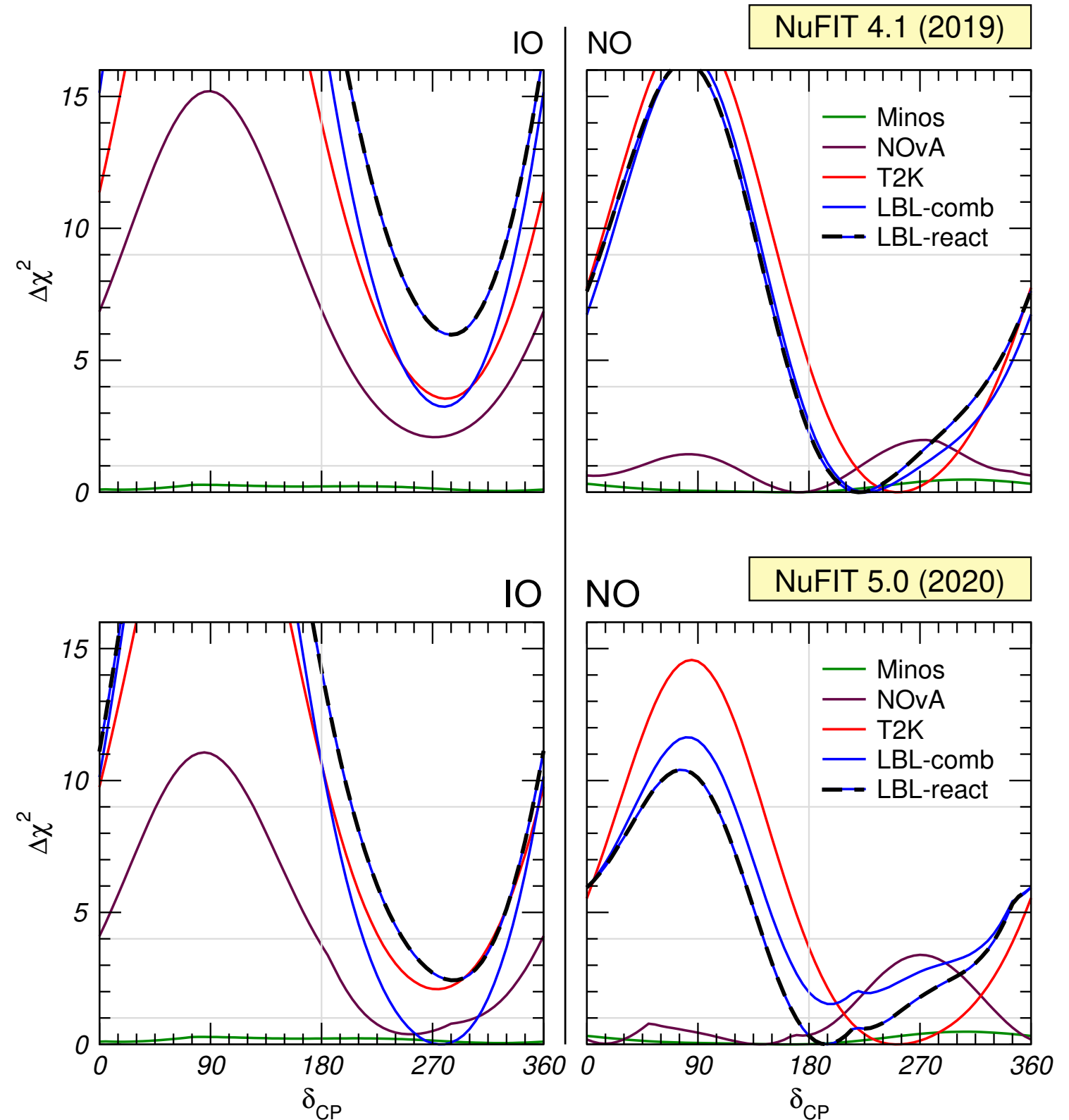
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Esteban et al., 2007.14792

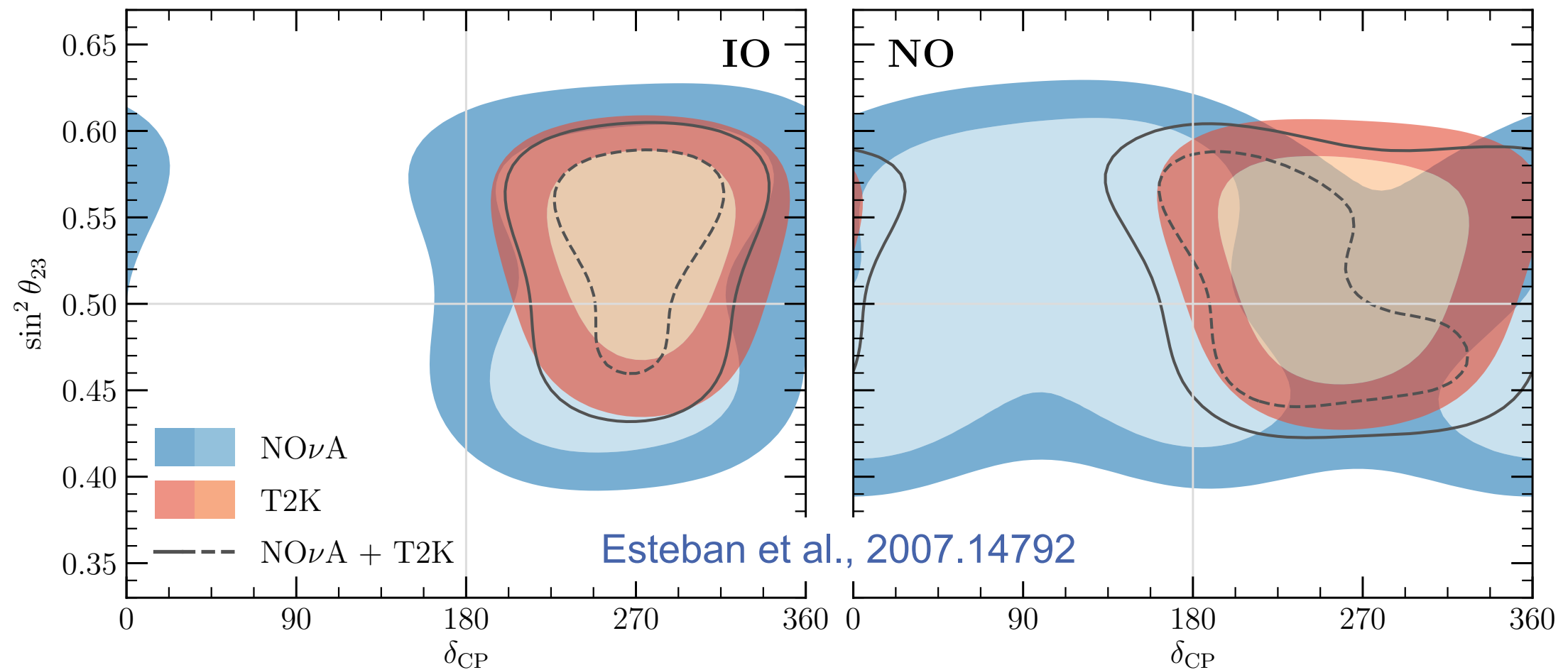
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- CP phase best fit at  $\delta=195^\circ$  (shifted towards  $180^\circ$ )  $\rightarrow$  CP conservation allowed at  $0.6\sigma$
- for IO: best fit close to  $\delta=270^\circ$ , CP conserv. disfavoured at  $3\sigma$



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# T2K and NOvA are statistically consistent for both orderings



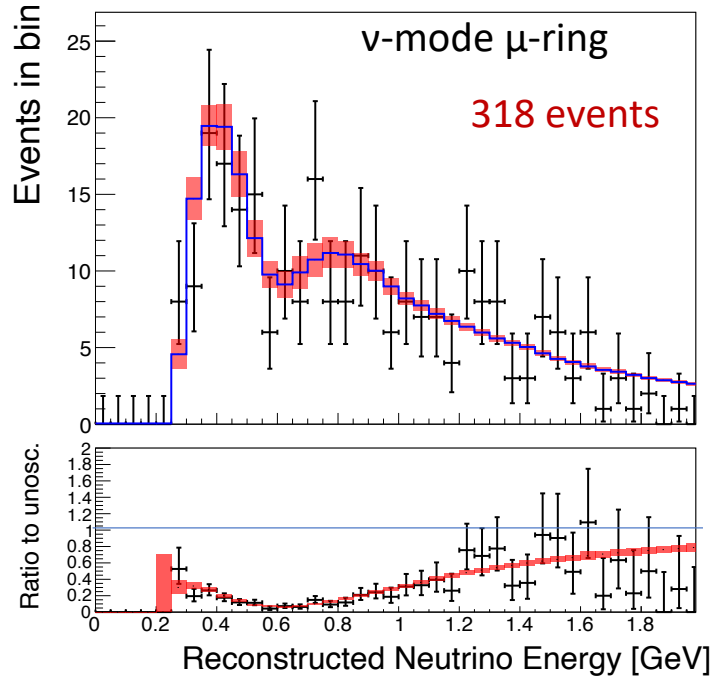
**Figure 3.**  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  allowed regions (2 dof) for T2K (red shading), NOvA (blue shading) and their combination (black curves). Contours are defined with respect to the local minimum for IO (left) or NO (right). We are fixing  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0224$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.310$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.40 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$  and minimize with respect to  $|\Delta m_{3\ell}^2|$ .



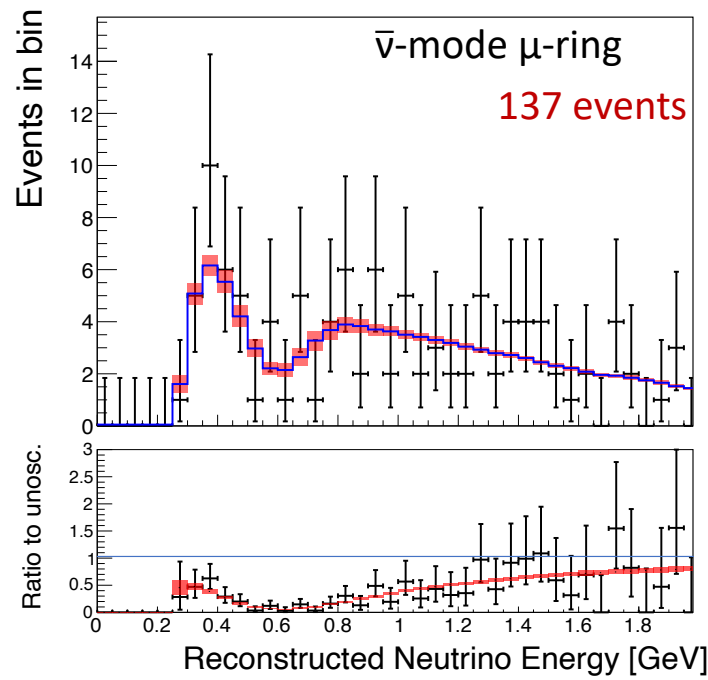
# $\nu_\mu$ disappearance: T2K & NOvA

# $\nu_e$ disappearance: reactor experiments

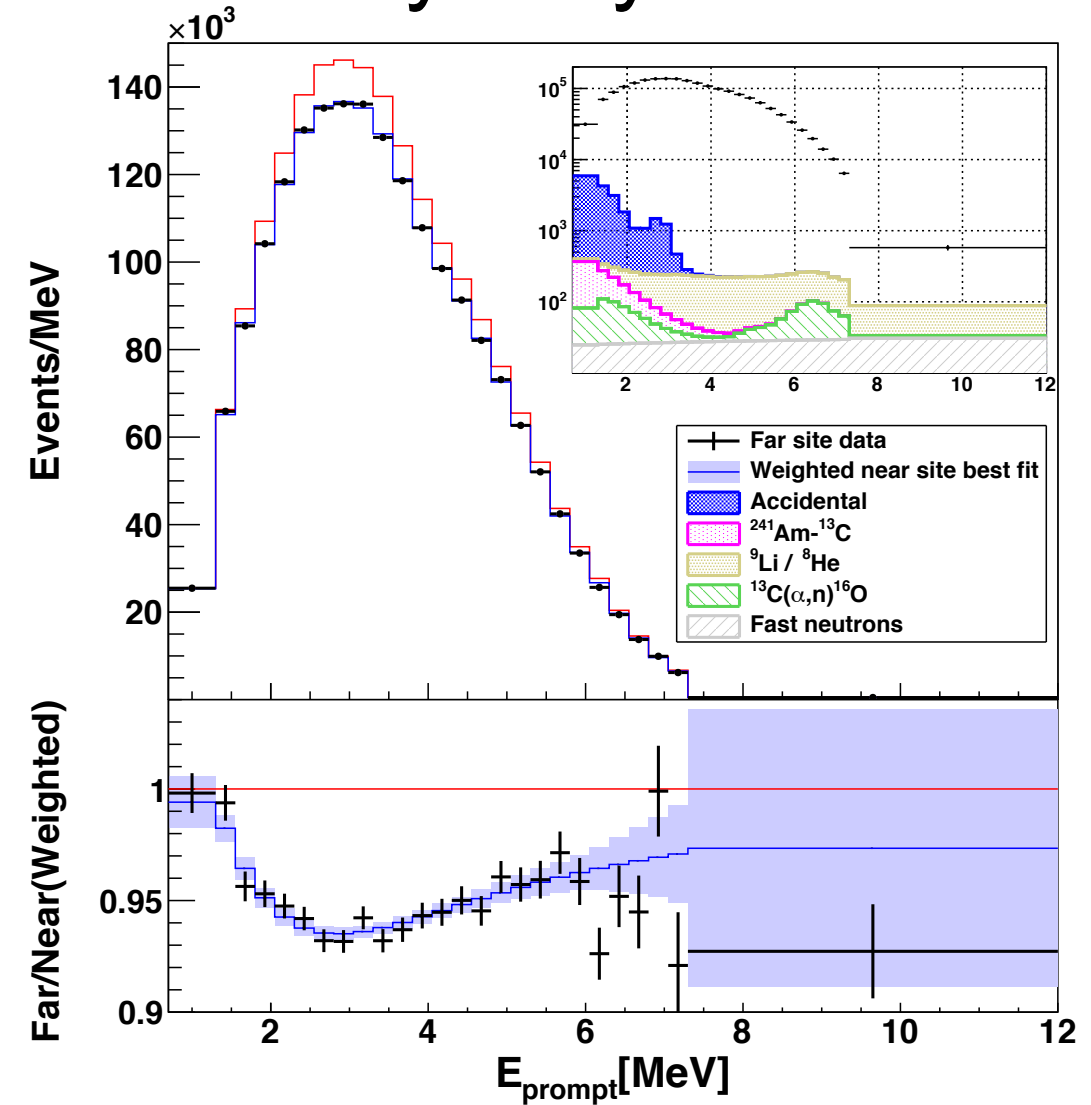
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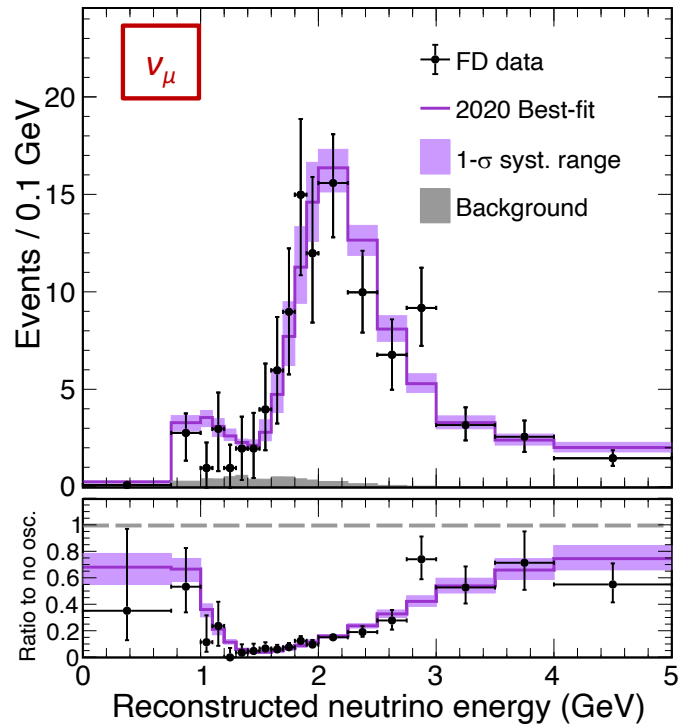
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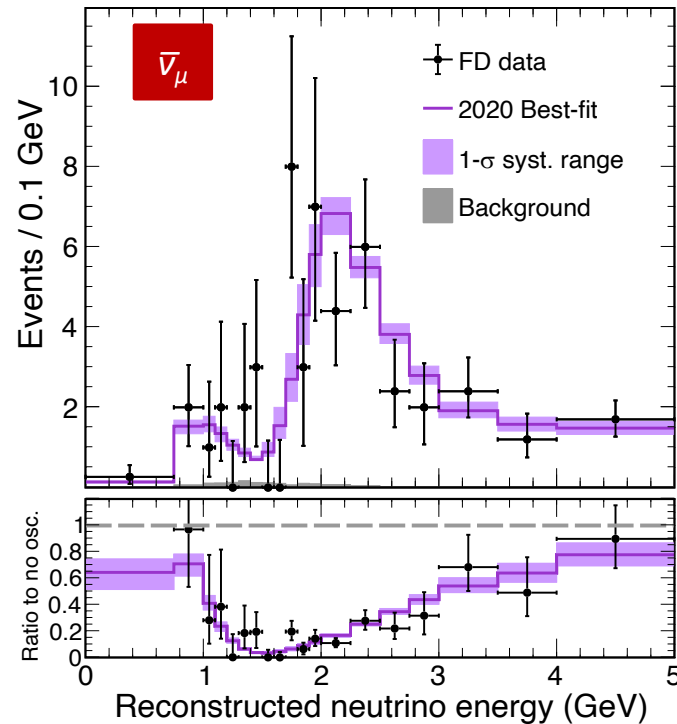
DayaBay 1809.02261



NOvA Preliminary



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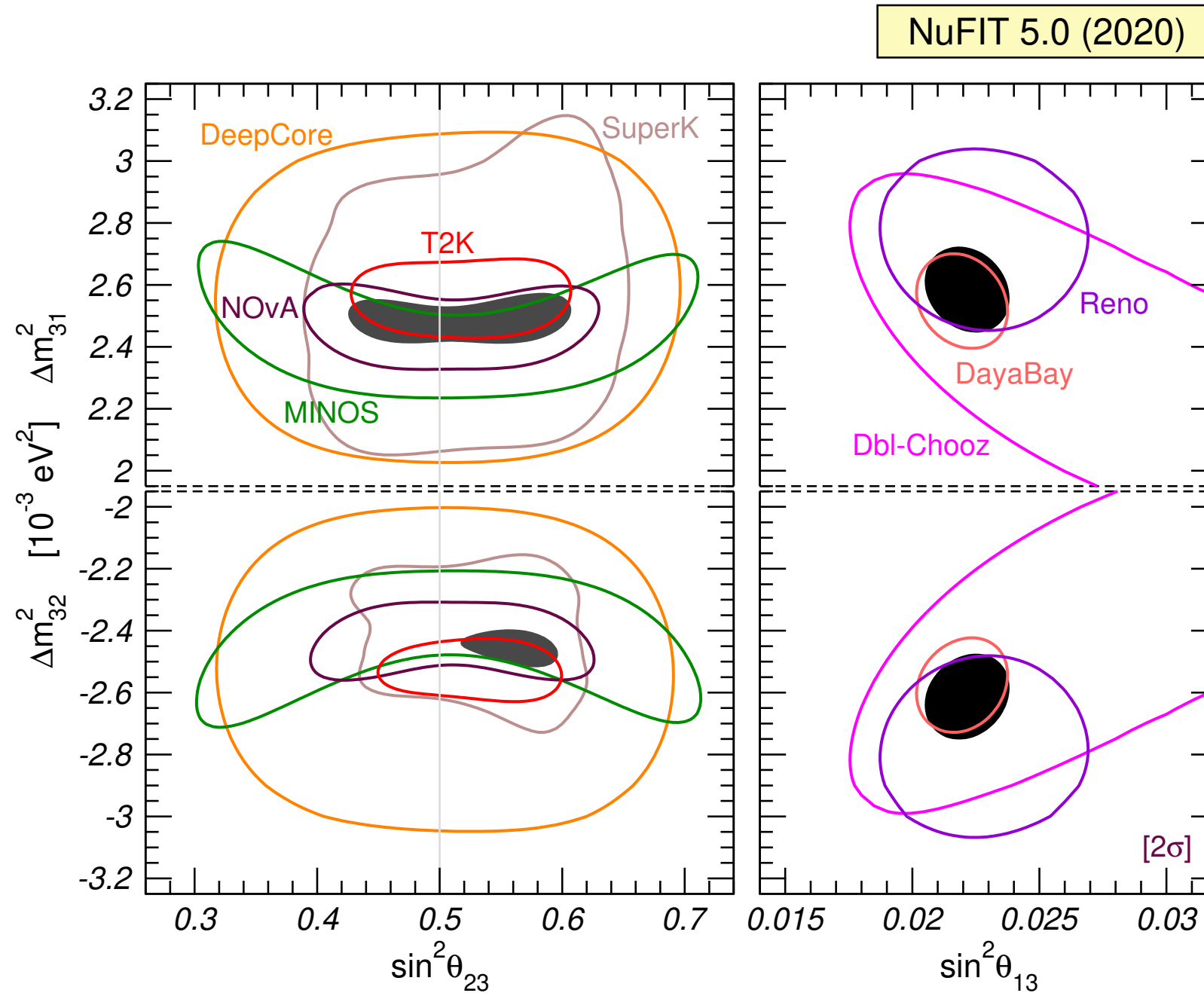


211 events, 8.2 background

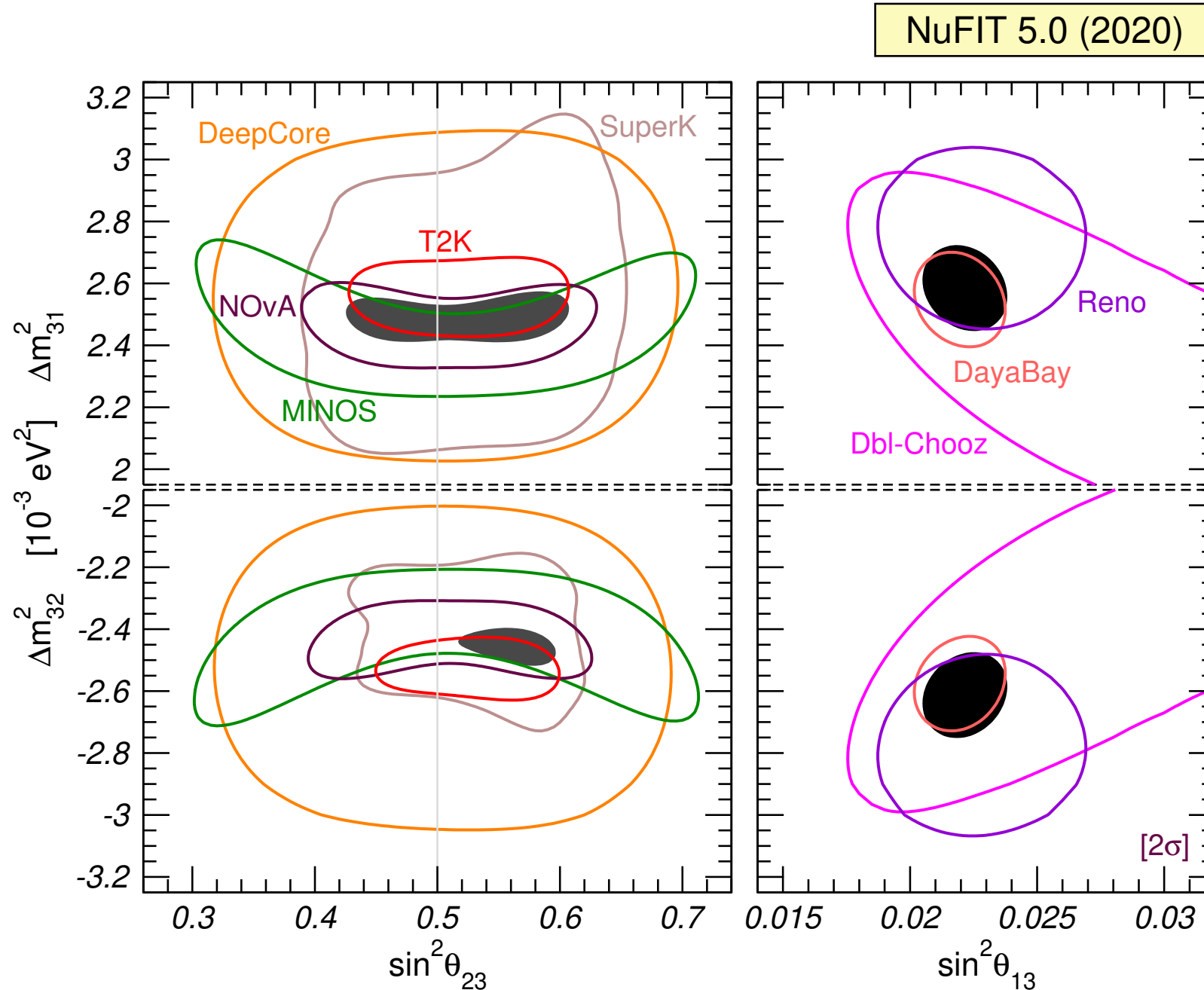
105 events, 2.1 background



# Consistency of $\mu$ and $e$ disappearance



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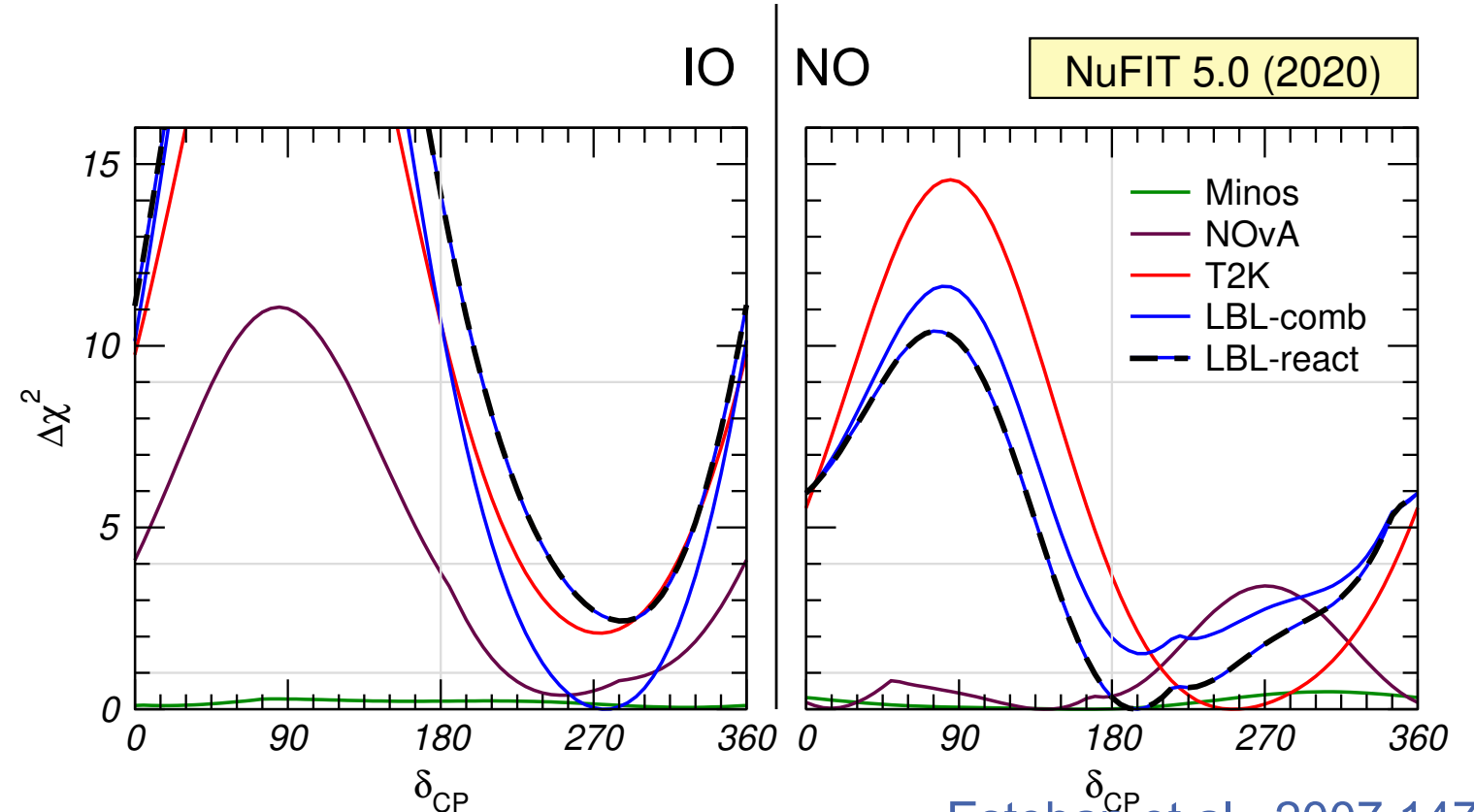
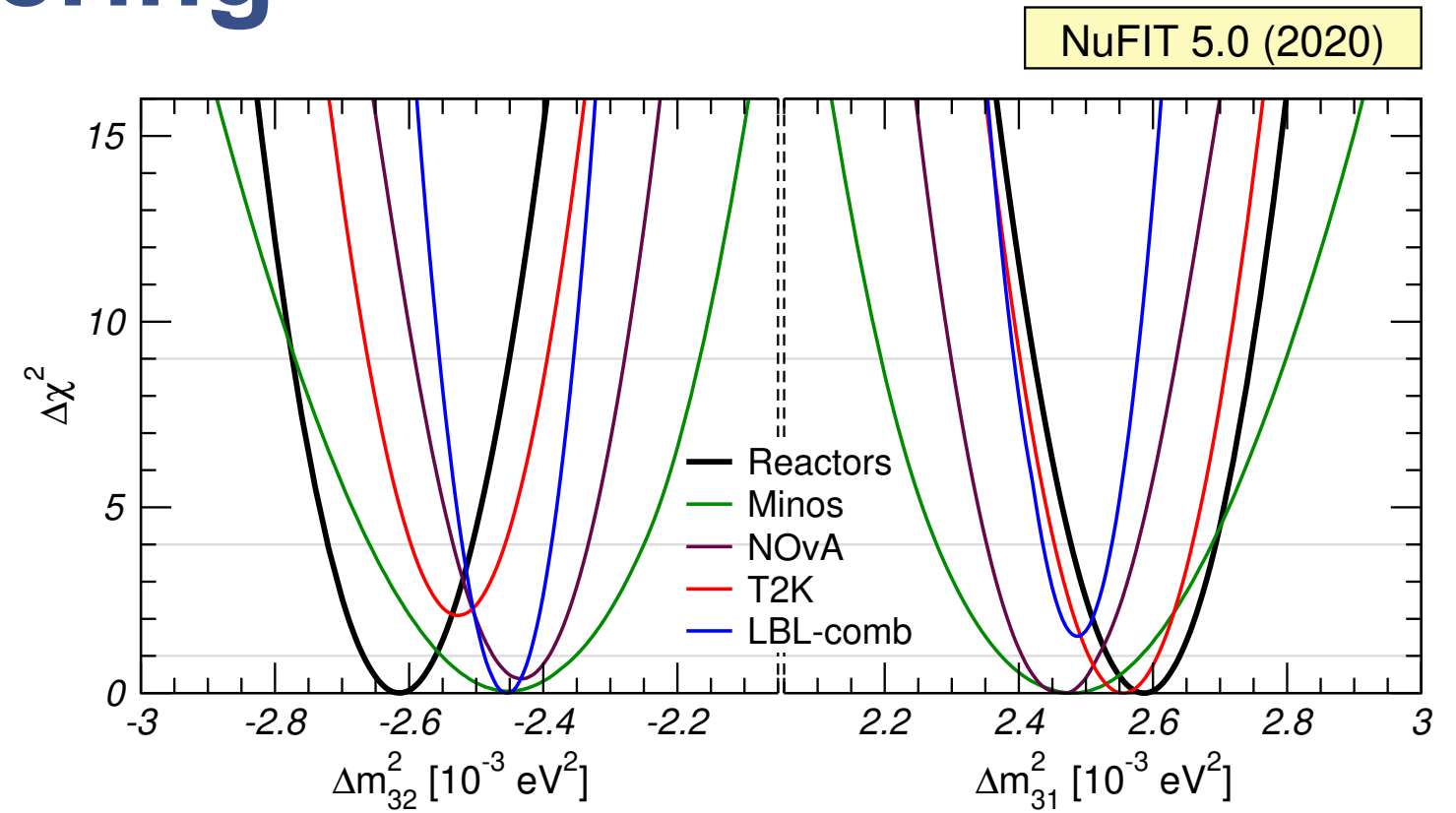


$$|\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2| = |\Delta m_{ee}^2| \mp \Delta m_{21}^2 [\cos 2\theta_{12} - \cos \delta \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23}]$$

slightly different *effective* mass-squared differences: -/+ for NO/IO [Nunokawa, Parke, Zukanovich, 05](#)

# Status of mass ordering

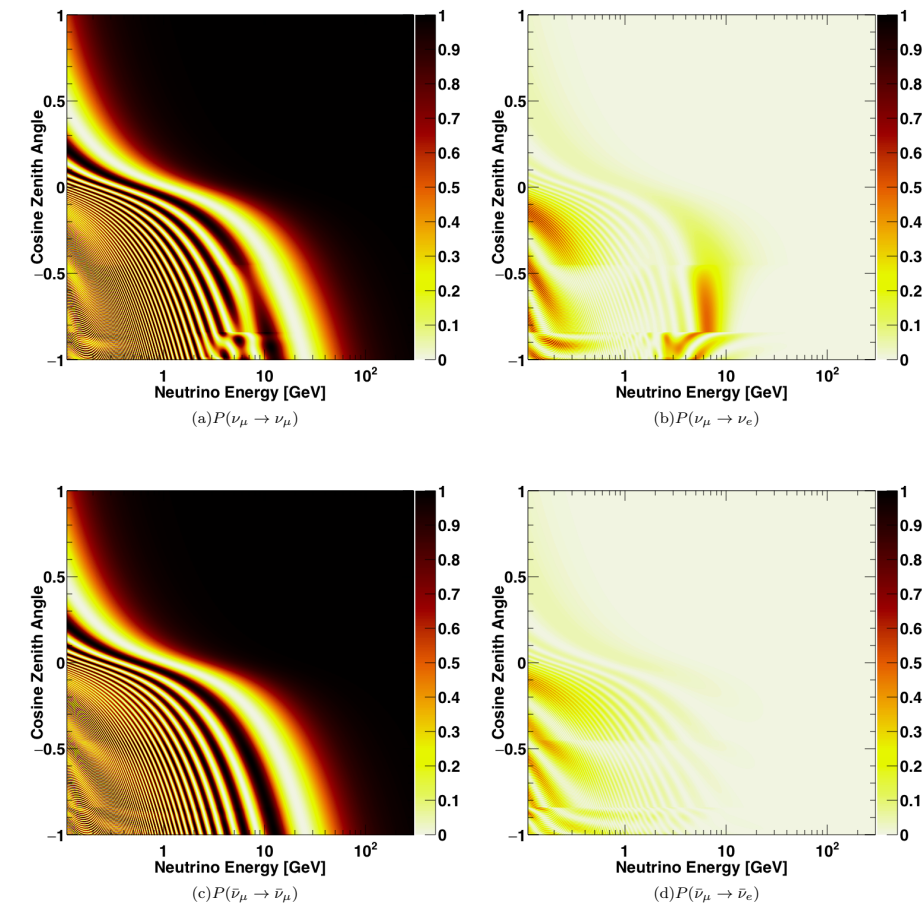
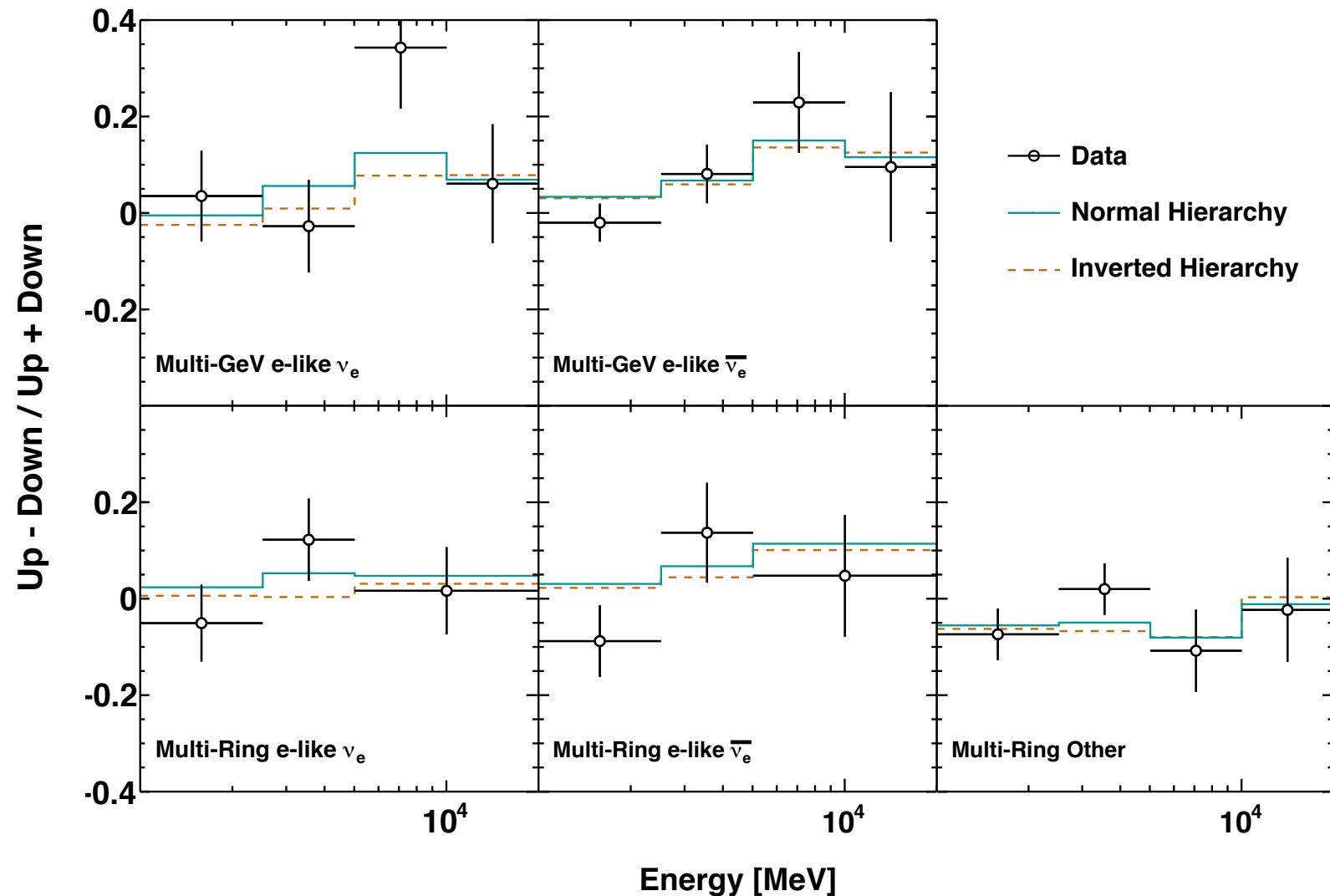
- T2K and NOvA better compatible for IO  $\rightarrow$  LBL combination best fit for IO
- LBL/reactor determ of  $\Delta m^2$  better for NO  $\rightarrow$
- overall preference for NO with  $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.7$  (was 6.2 in 2019)



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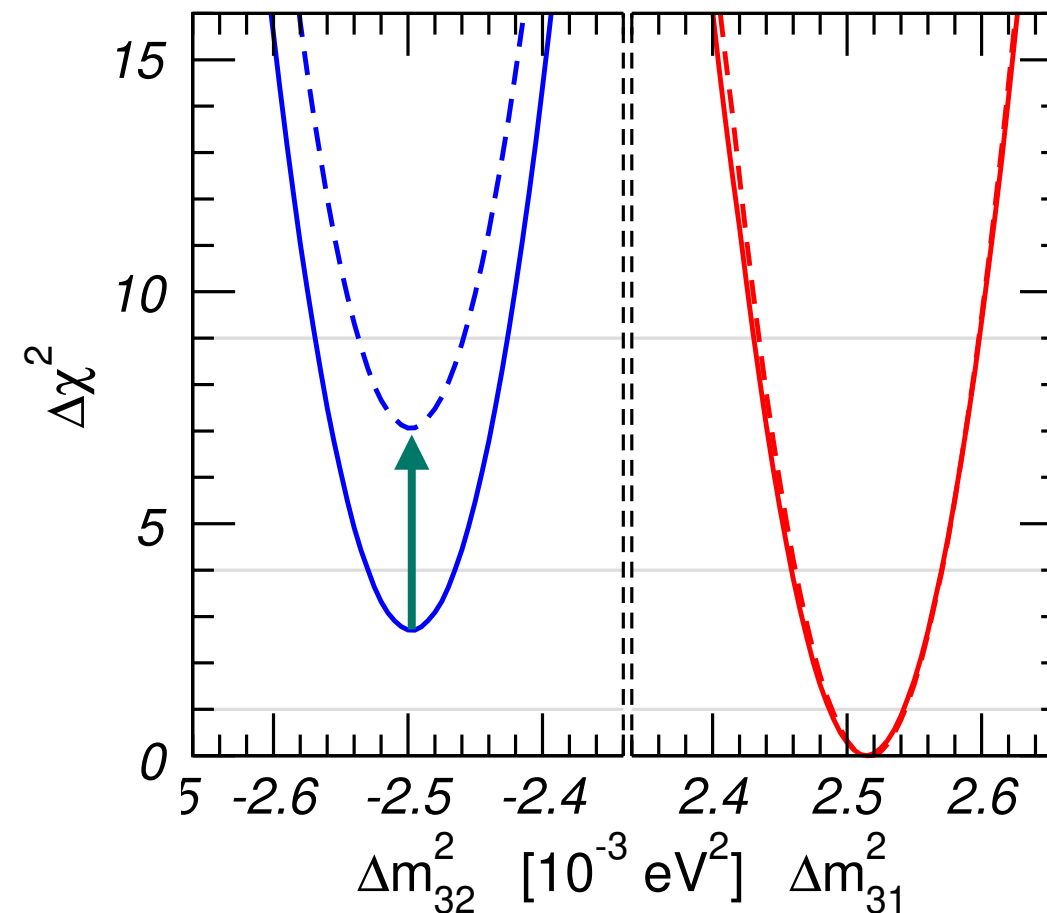
# Mass ordering - atmospheric neutrinos

Super-Kamiokande I-IV, 1710.09126



- $\chi^2_{(IO)} - \chi^2_{(NO)} = 4.3$
- analysis not reproducible outside SK
- add  $\chi^2$  table to global fit („black box“)

# Mass ordering - atmospheric neutrinos



- global analysis (using [SK I-IV, 1710.09126](#)):  
 $\chi^2_{(\text{IO})} - \chi^2_{(\text{NO})} = 2.7$  (no SK)  $\rightarrow$  **7.1 (w SK)  $2.7\sigma$**  was 10.4 ( $3.2\sigma$ ) in 2019
- **NOTE:** recent SK update @ Neutrino20: improved analysis:  
 $\chi^2_{(\text{IO})} - \chi^2_{(\text{NO})} = 4.3 \rightarrow 3.2$  ( $\chi^2$  table not available yet)

# Absolute neutrino mass

- cosmology
- beta-decay endpoint
- double beta-decay

# Neutrino mass from cosmology

- finite neutrino mass affects growth of structure in the Universe
- sensitivity of CMB and large-scale structure observables

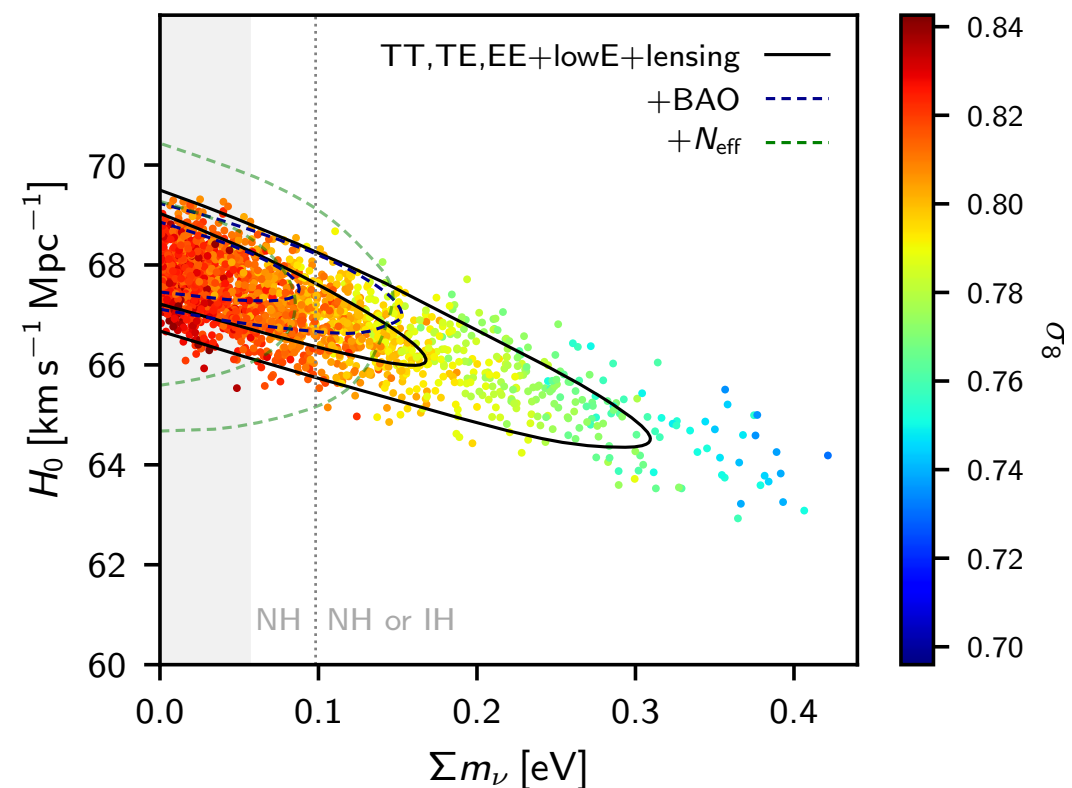
for review, e.g., Lesgourgues, Pastor [astro-ph/0603494]

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.24 \text{ eV (CMB)}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV (CMB+BAO)}$$

limits at 95% CL

Planck 1807.06209





# Neutrino mass from cosmology

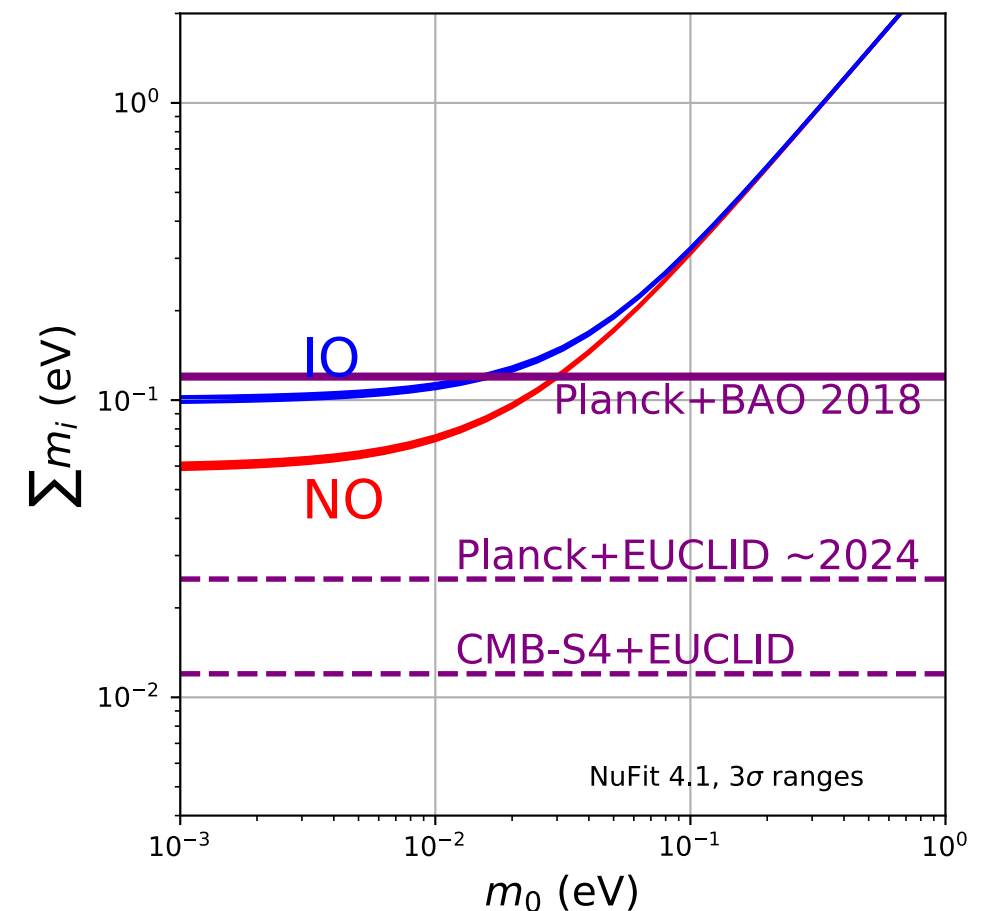
Cosmology is sensitive to the sum of neutrino masses

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 m_i = \begin{cases} m_0 + \sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2 + m_0^2} & \text{(NO)} \\ m_0 + \sqrt{|\Delta m_{32}^2| + m_0^2} + \sqrt{|\Delta m_{32}^2| - \Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2} & \text{(IO)} \end{cases}$$

minimum values for  $m_0 = 0$ :

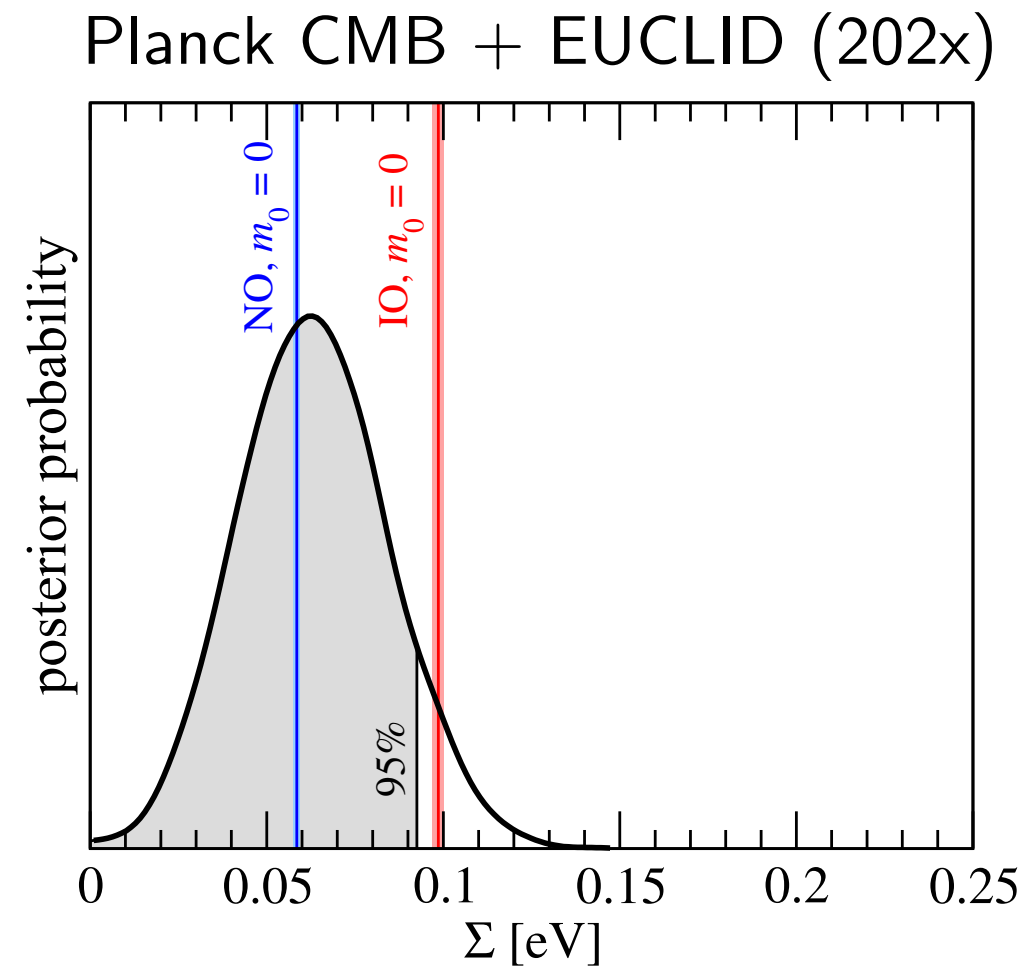
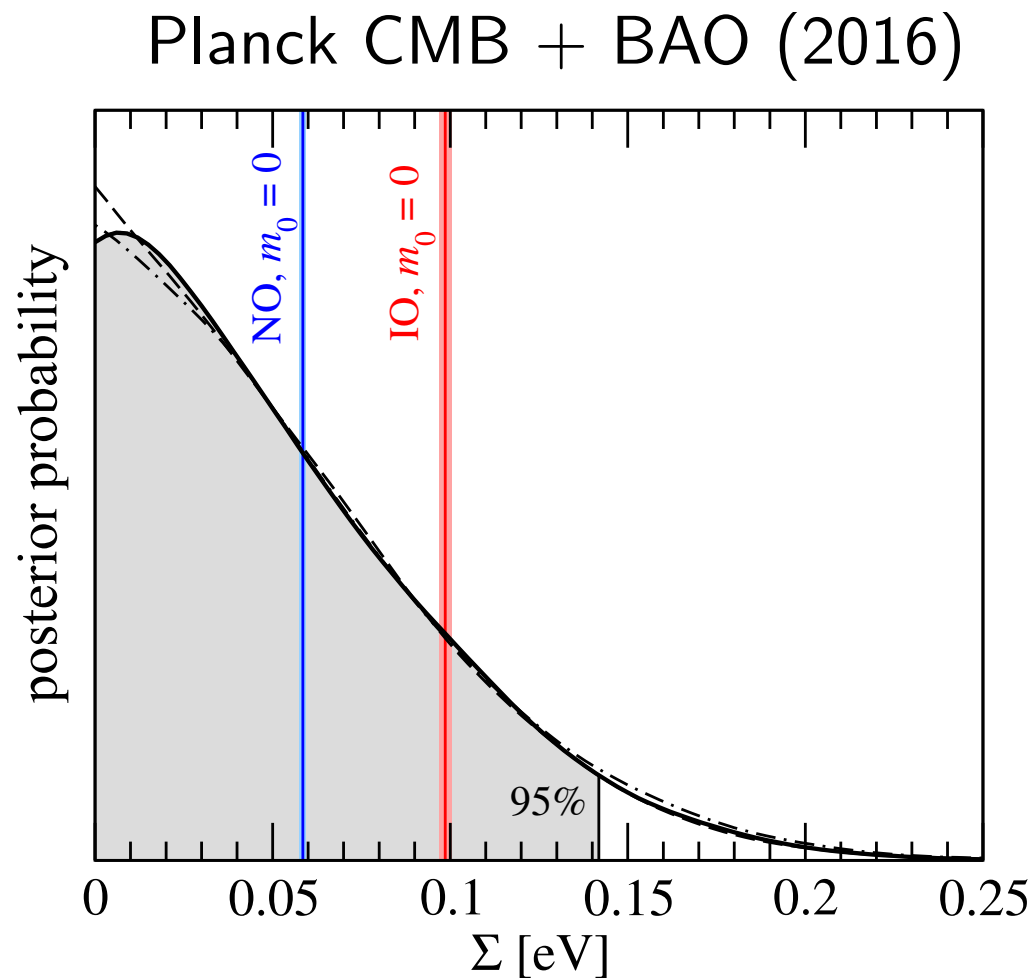
$$\sum m_i \Big|_{\min} = \begin{cases} 58.5 \pm 0.48 \text{ meV} & \text{(NO)} \\ 98.6 \pm 0.85 \text{ meV} & \text{(IO)} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ current limit close to IO minimum
- ▶ detection of non-zero neutrino mass expected soon!



e.g. Archidiacono et al., 1808.05955

# Excluding inverted ordering with cosmology?



Hannestad, Schwetz, 1606.04691

see also: Archidiacono, de Salas, Gariazzo, Mena, Ternes, Tortola, 1801.04946;...

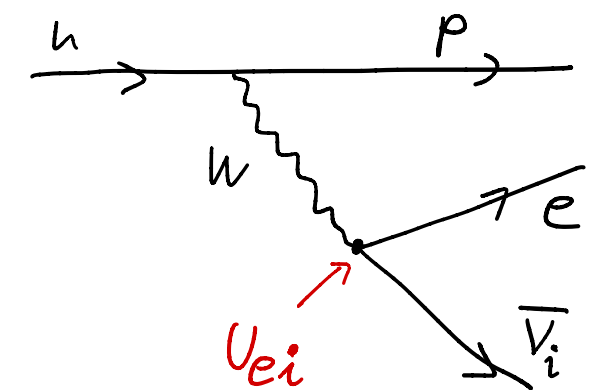
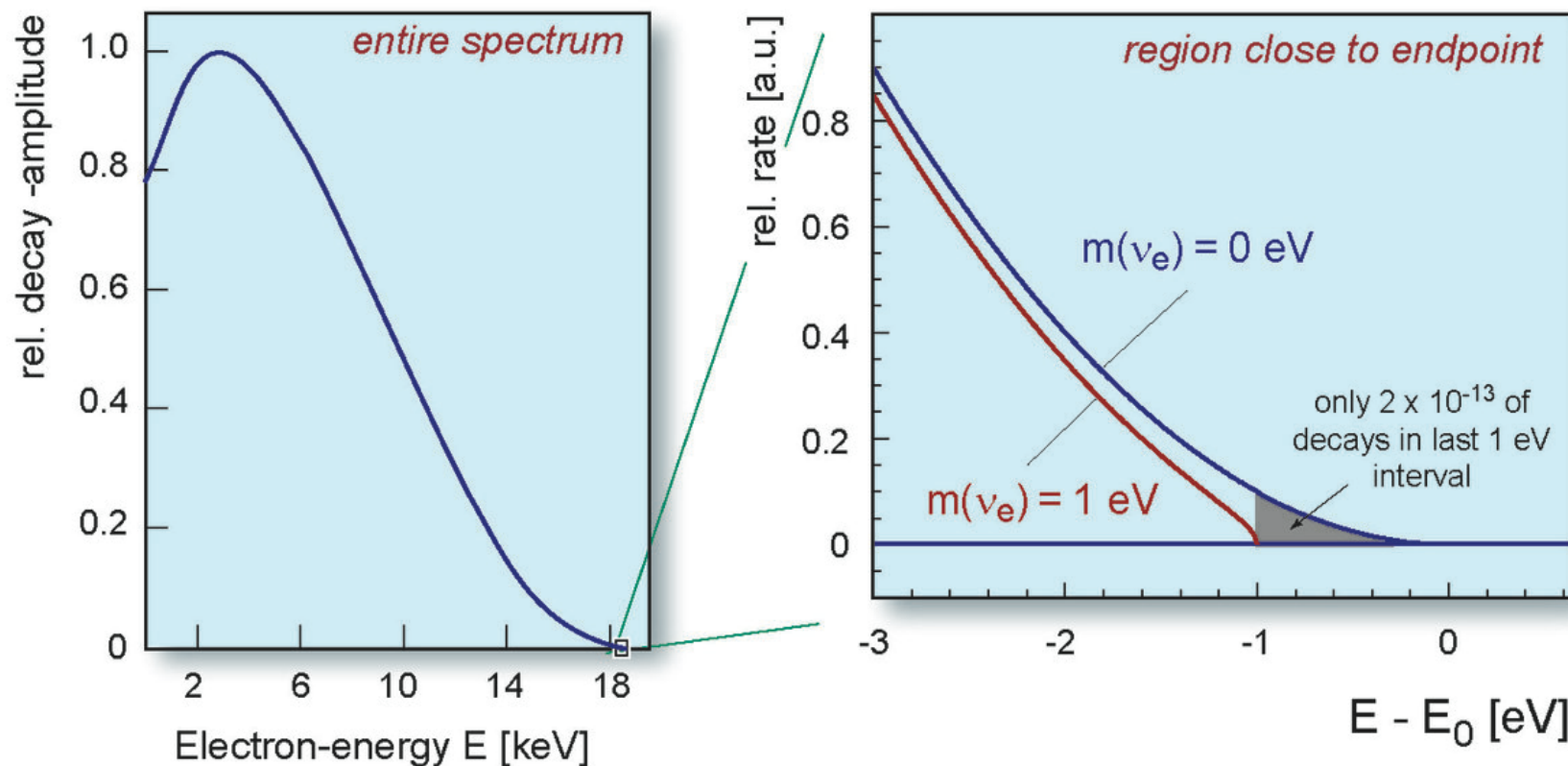
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phase space factor close to spectrum endpoint

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dT} \approx (T_{max,0} - T) \sqrt{(T_{max,0} - T)^2 - \kappa^2 m_\beta^2}$$

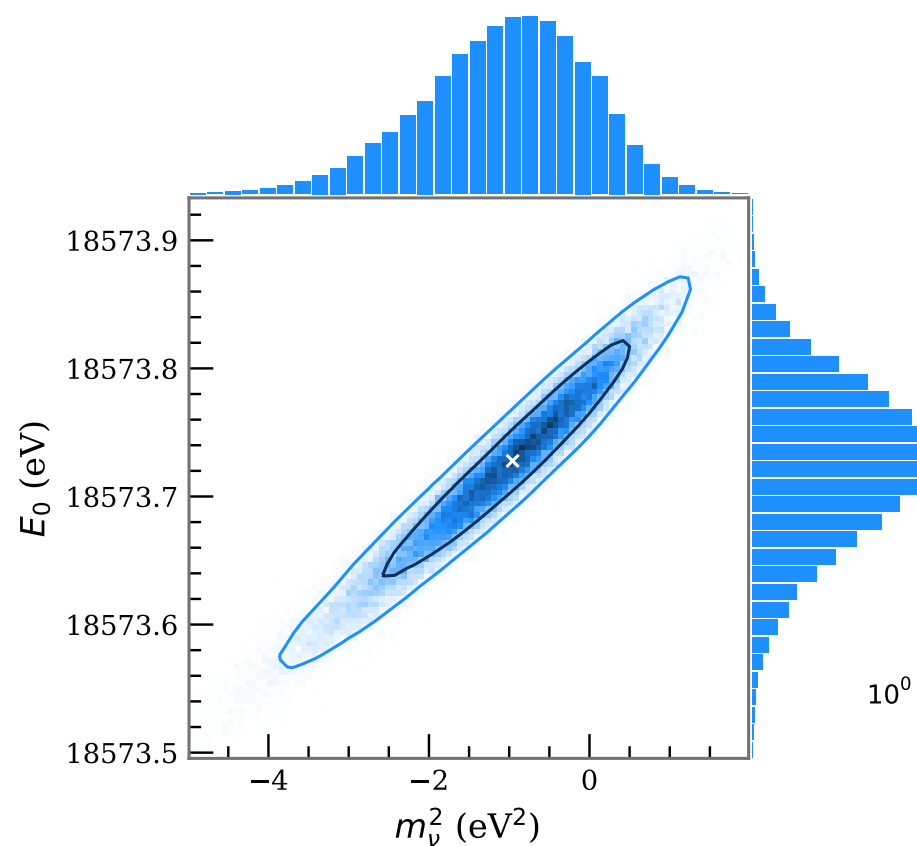
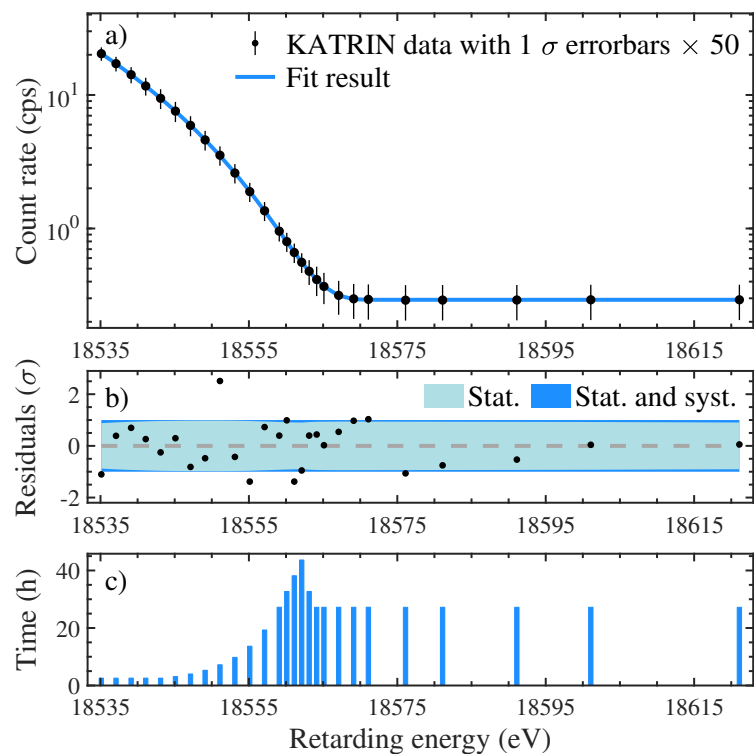
$$m_\beta^2 \equiv \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

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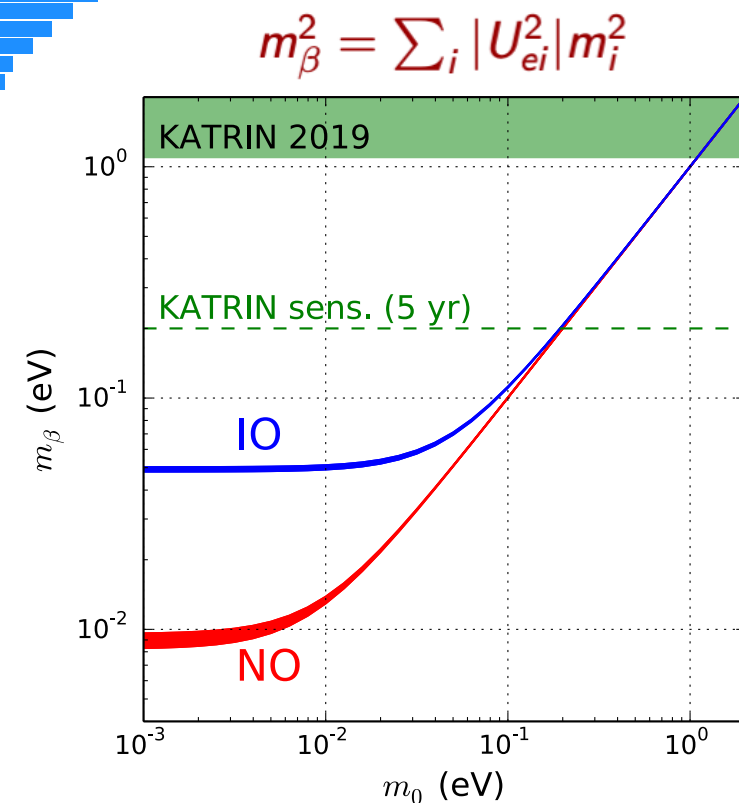
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KATRIN 2019 Aker et al., 1909.06048



$$m_\beta^2 = -1.0^{+0.9}_{-1.1} \text{ eV}^2 \quad m_\beta < 1.1 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$$

based on  $\sim 3$  weeks data  
updated results expected soon!



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$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^{-}$$

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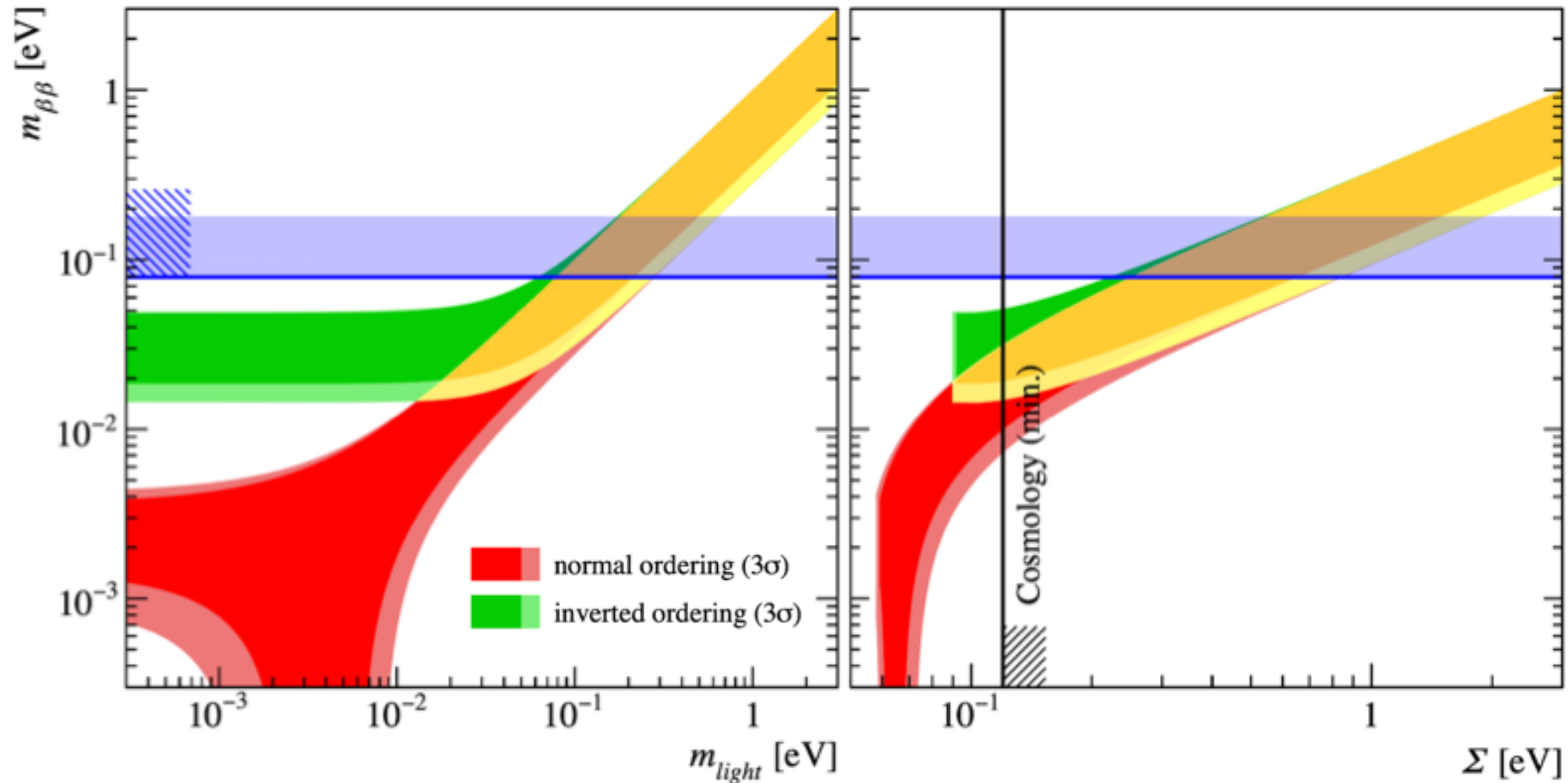


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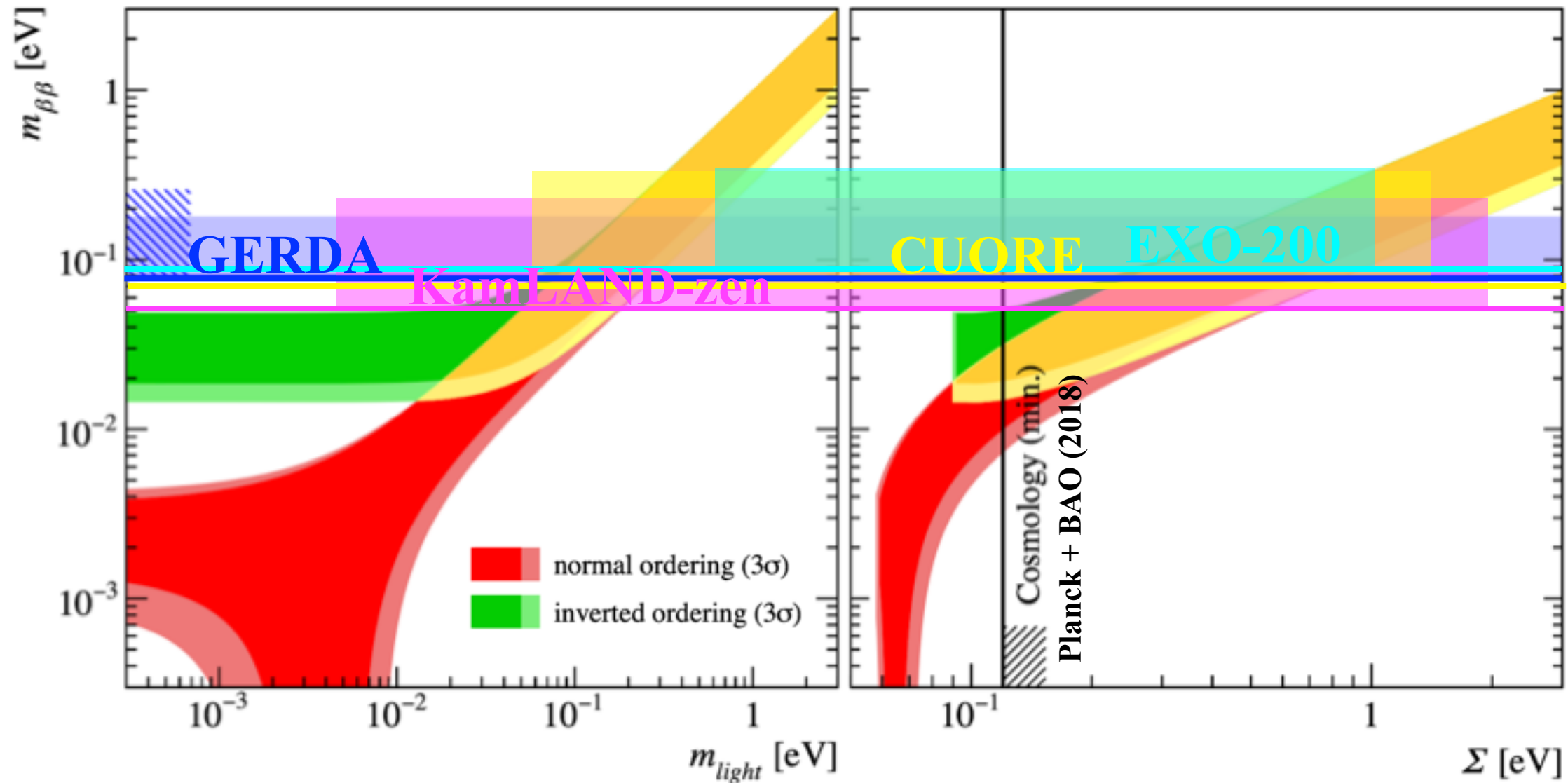


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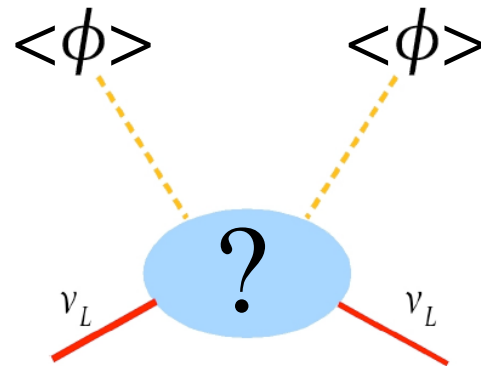
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**Lepton number violation!**

Weinberg operator:

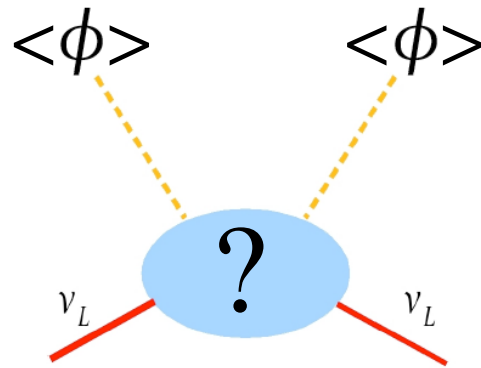
$$Y_2 \frac{\overline{L^c} \tilde{\phi}^* \tilde{\phi}^\dagger L}{\Lambda}$$



- what is the new physics responsible for that operator?
- what is the energy scale of the new physics?

- a unique prediction is the Majorana nature of neutrinos, which implies breaking of lepton number
- observation of neutrinoless double beta decay would prove that lepton number is violated by 2 units, as predicted by the Weinberg operator
- Majorana mass term will be induced at some level

Schechter, Valle, 1982, Takasugi, 1984



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- need signs of „new physics“ related to neutrinos (little guidance from theory)
- phenomenological approach: search for signals beyond standard 3-flavour paradigm

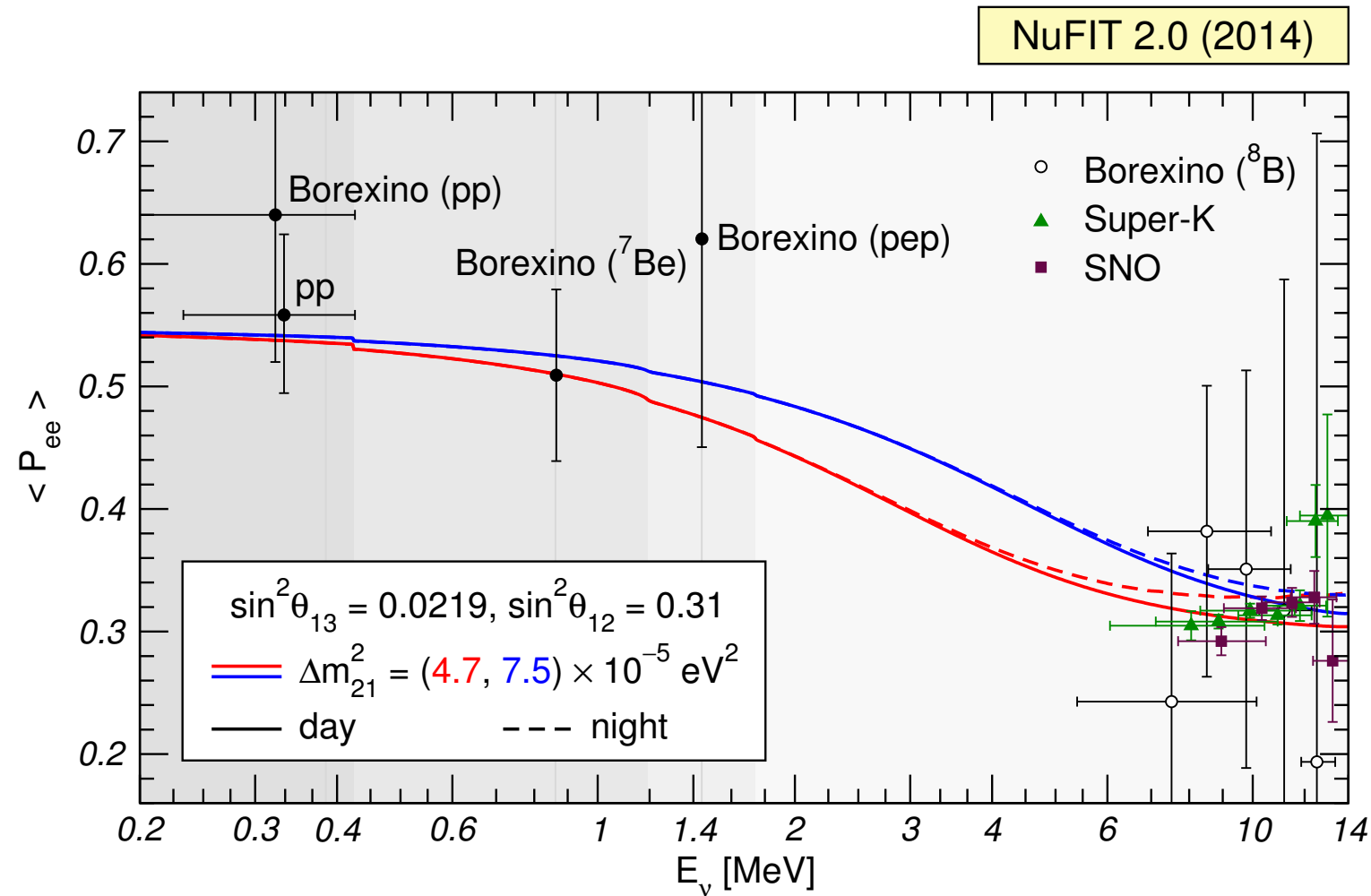
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- slight tension between solar neutrino data and the KamLAND reactor experiment in determination of  $\Delta m^2_{21}$   
(non-standard interactions?)
- short-baseline anomalies:  
LSND, MiniBOONE, reactor, Gallium  
(sterile neutrinos?)



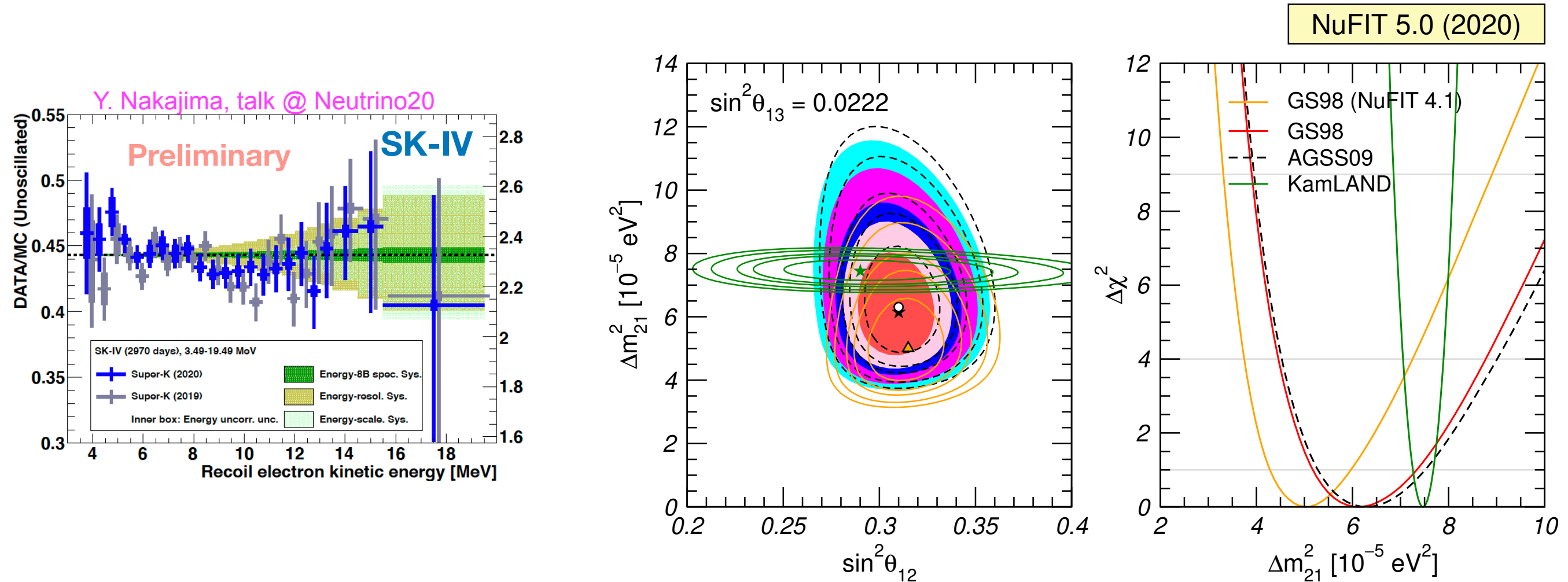
# Small „tension“ ( $2\sigma$ ) in 12 sector



long-standing tension between  $\Delta m^2$  from KamLAND and solar neutrinos:

- missing up-turn of high-energy solar neutrino spectrum
- too large day-night effect

# Small „tension“ ( $2\sigma$ ) in 12 sector: **RESOLVED**

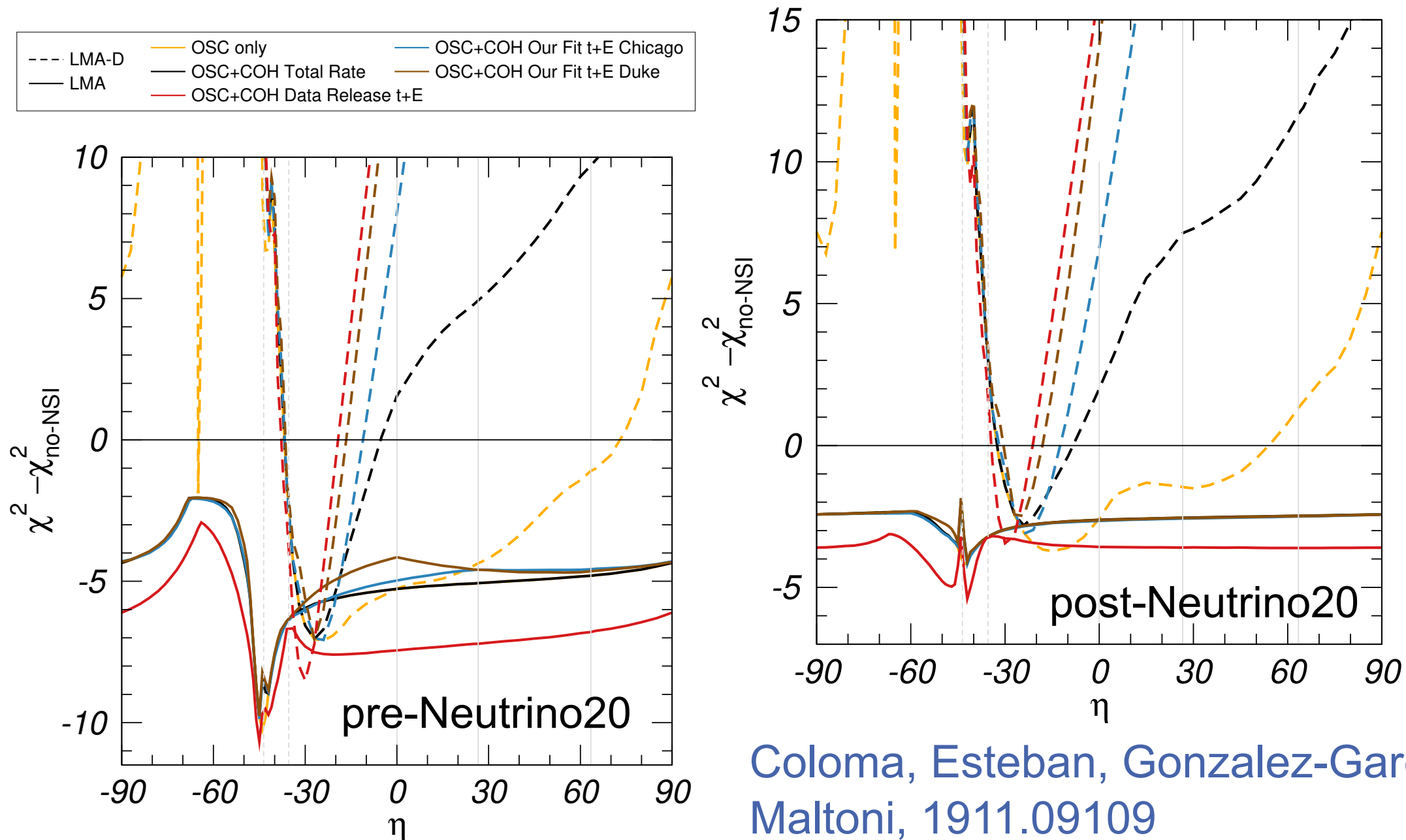


- new SuperK solar neutrino data @ Neutrino20:
  - spectrum better compatible with KamLAND prediction
  - day/night asym.:  $A_{DN}^{Fit} = (-3.6 \pm 1.6(stat) \pm 0.6(syst)) \% \rightarrow A_{DN}^{Fit} = (-2.1 \pm 1.1) \%$
- solar neutrino and KamLAND data compatible at  $1.1\sigma$

# Hints for non-standard neutrino interactions?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI,NC}} = \sum_{f,\alpha,\beta} 2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f,P} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma^\mu P f) + \text{h.c.}$$

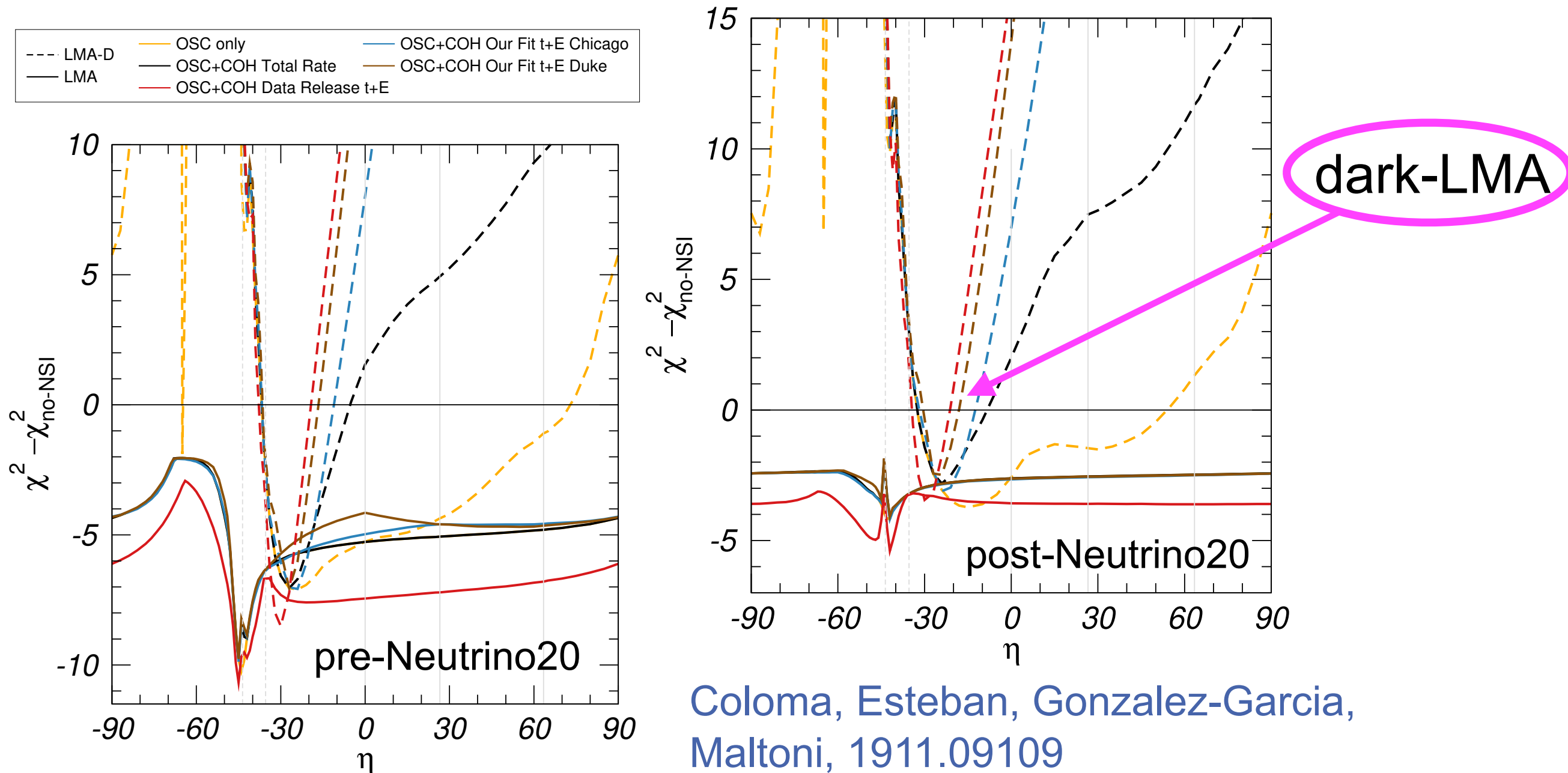
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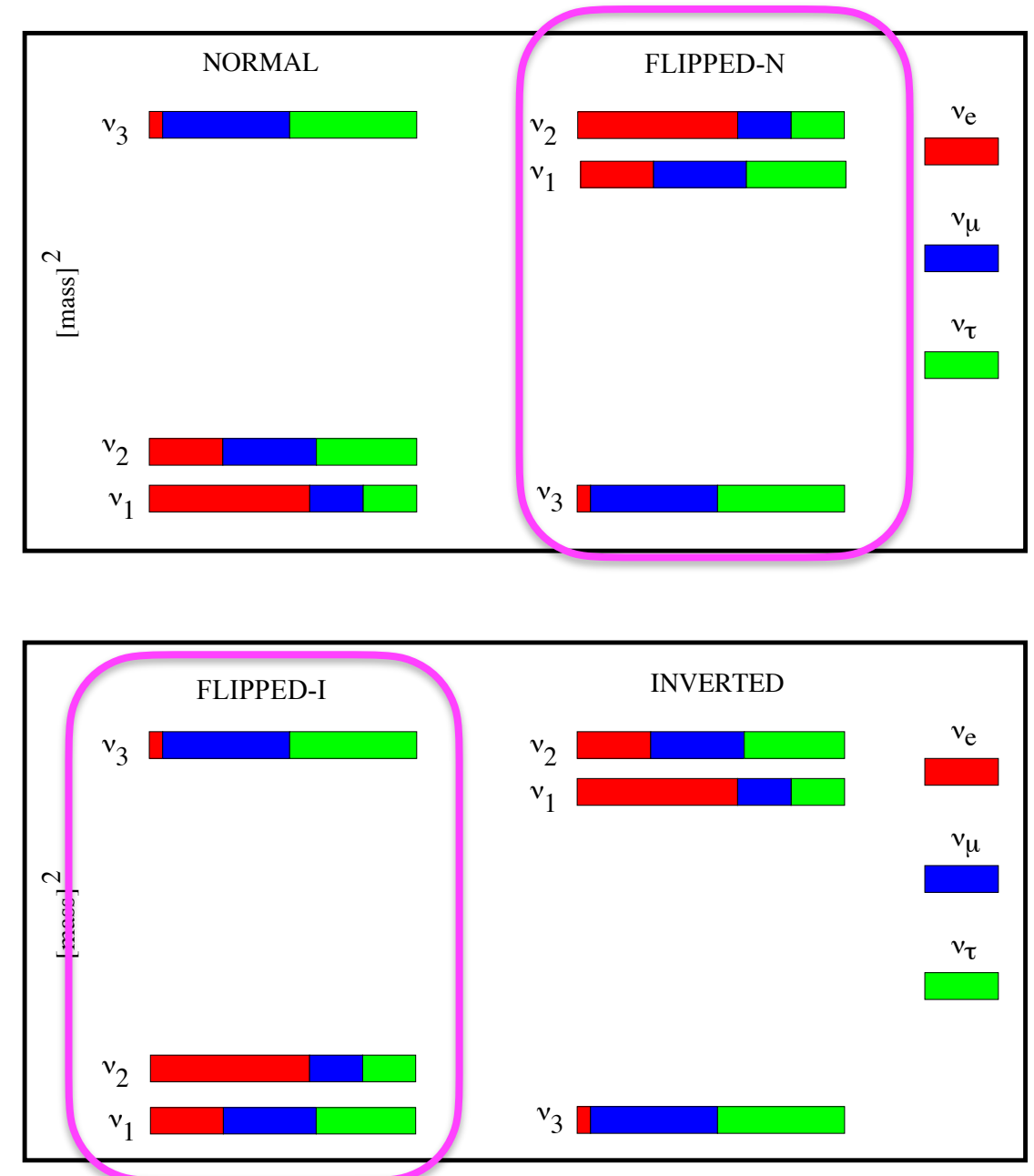


# Dark-LMA / generalised MO degeneracy

- solution with  $\theta_{12} > 45^\circ$ : „dark-LMA“  
Miranda, Tortola, Valle, hep-ph/0406280
- implies flipping of the mass ordering: „generalised MO degeneracy“ Coloma, TS, 06

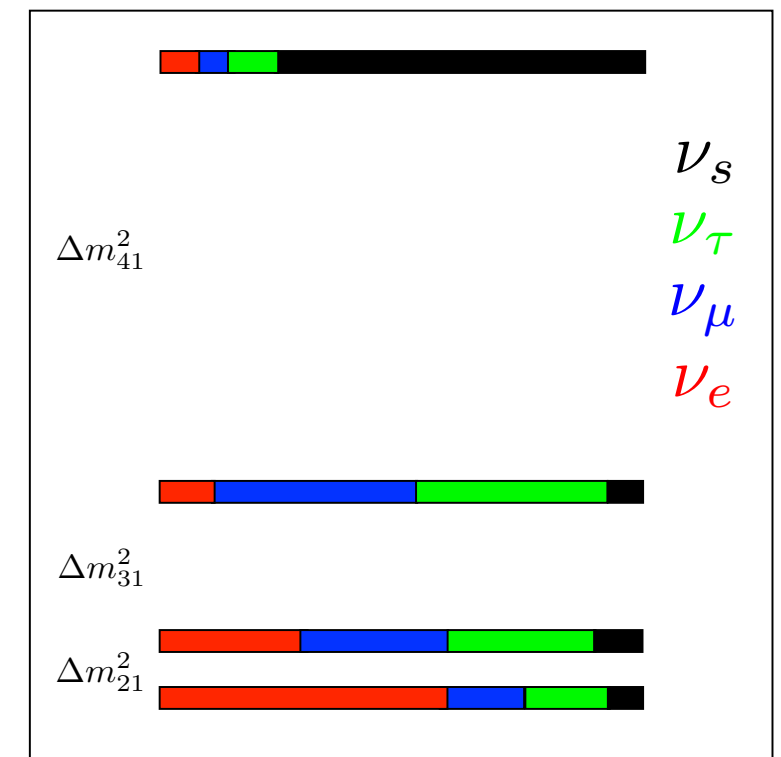


- requires NSI  $\sim G_F$
- $O(1)$  modification of mixing pattern
- makes determination of MO by oscillation experiments impossible



# Sterile neutrinos at the eV scale?

- ▶ Reactor anomaly ( $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance)
  - ▶ predicted vs measured rate
  - ▶ distance dependent spectral distortions
- ▶ Gallium anomaly ( $\nu_e$  disappearance)
- ▶ LSND ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance)
- ▶ MiniBooNE ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance)





# Reactor anomaly

- tension between „predicted“ and observed neutrino rates at nuclear reactors
- dominated by systematic/theoretical uncertainty, status „unclear“

Berryman, Huber, 1909.09267

Analysis	$\chi_{3\nu}^2$	$\chi_{\min}^2$	$n_{\text{data}}$	$p$	$n\sigma$
→ HM Rates	41.4	33.5	40	$2.0 \times 10^{-2}$	2.3
→ <i>Ab Initio</i> Rates	39.2	37.0	40	0.34	0.95
→ HKSS Rates	58.1	47.5	40	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	2.8
Spectra	184.9	172.2	212	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	3.1
DANSS + NEOS	98.9	84.7	84	$8.1 \times 10^{-4}$	3.3

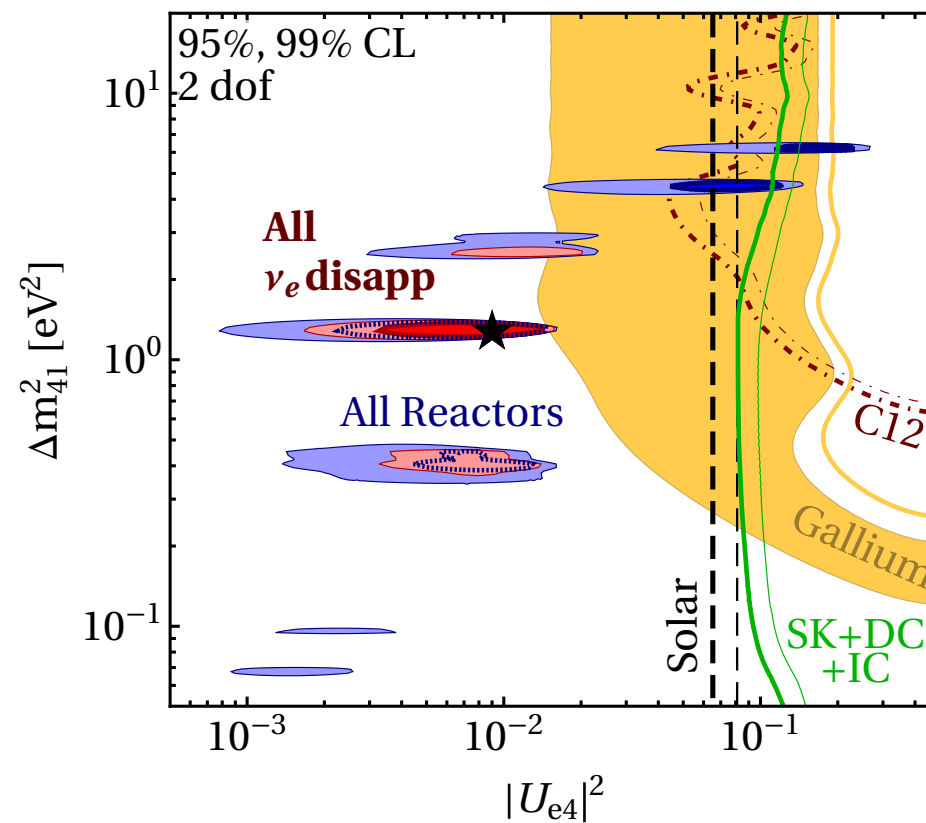
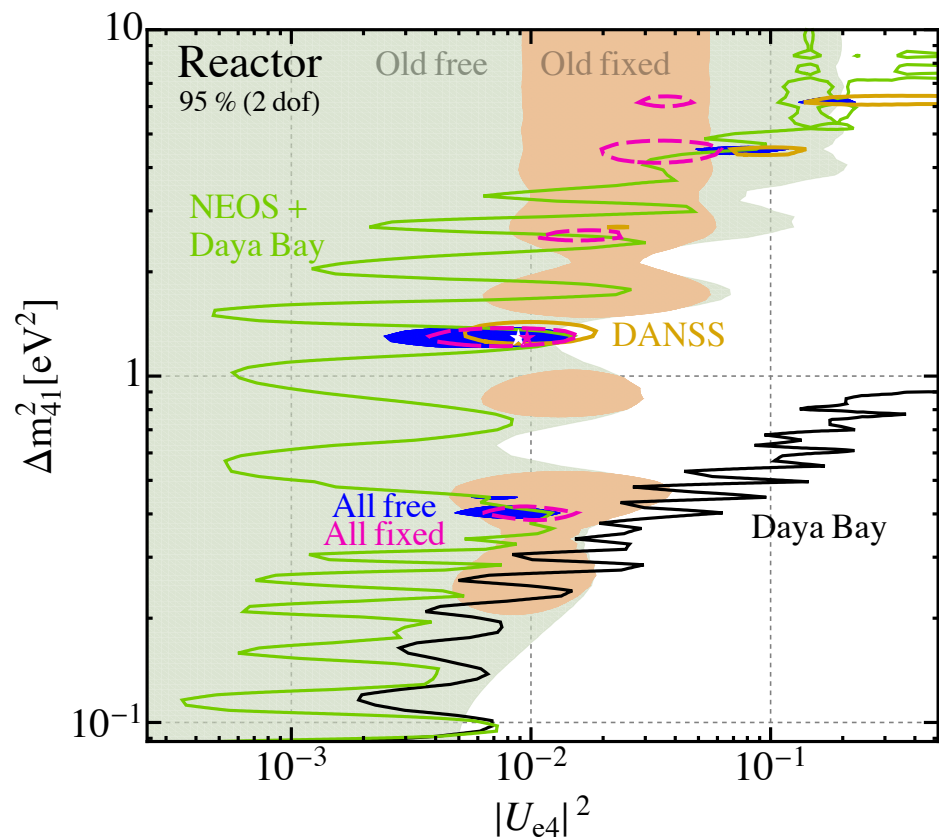
Huber, Muller, 2011

Estienne et al., 1904.09358

Hayen et al., 1908.08302

# Hints from relative shape measurements — 2018 status

Analysis	$\Delta m_{41}^2$ [eV <sup>2</sup> ]	$ U_{e4} ^2$	$\chi_{\min}^2/\text{dof}$	$\Delta\chi^2(\text{no-osc})$	significance
DANSS+NEOS	1.3	0.00964	74.4/(84 - 2)	13.6	3.3 $\sigma$
all reactor (flux-free)	1.3	0.00887	185.8/(233 - 5)	11.5	2.9 $\sigma$
all reactor (flux-fixed)	1.3	0.00964	196.0/(233 - 3)	15.5	3.5 $\sigma$
$\bar{\nu}_e$ disap. (flux-free)	1.3	0.00901	542.9/(594 - 8)	13.4	3.2 $\sigma$
$\bar{\nu}_e$ disap. (flux-fixed)	1.3	0.0102	552.8/(594 - 6)	17.5	3.8 $\sigma$



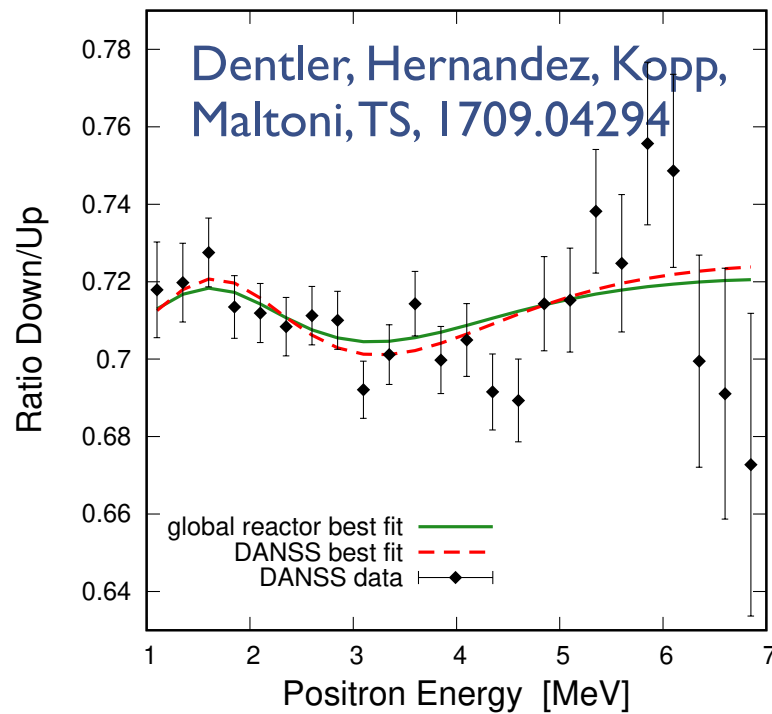
assuming Wilks theorem

Dentler et al.,  
1803.10661

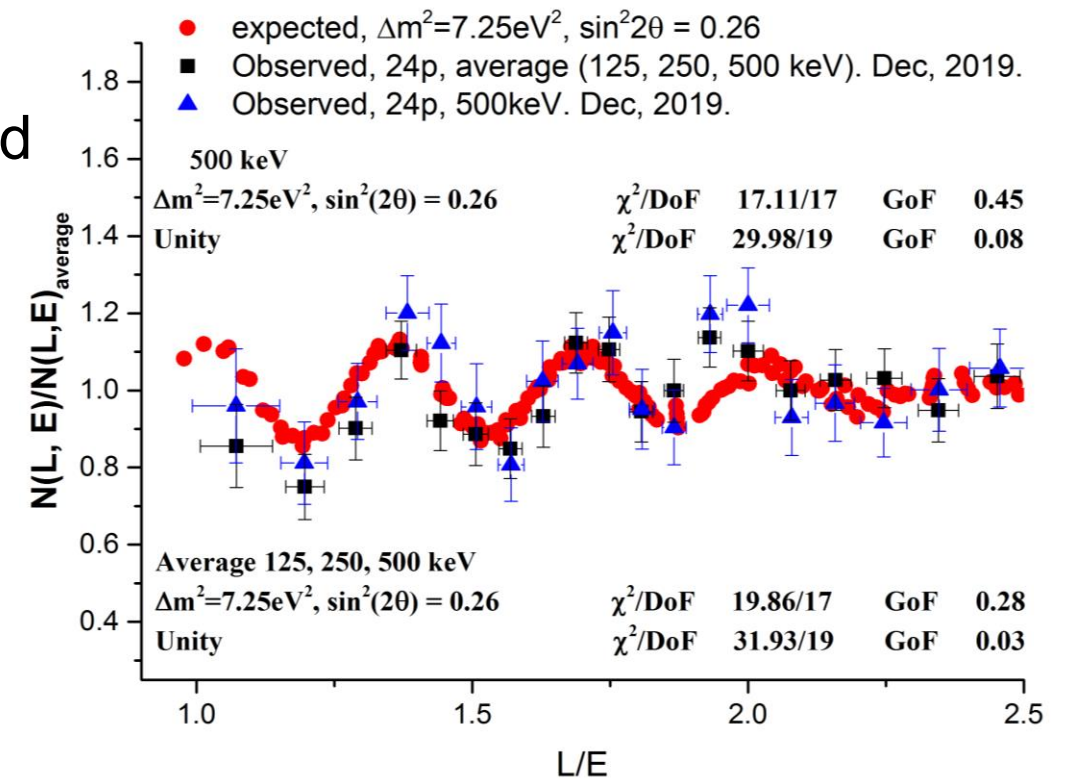
hint for sterile neutrino oscillations, independent of reactor flux calculations!

# Recent relative spectral measurements

Neutrino4 2005.05301



Neutrino4: segmented detector,  $L = 6.25$  to  $11.9$  m, 216 bins in  $L/E$  „ $3\sigma$ “ indication



DANSS: relative spectra @  $L = 10.7$  and  $12.7$  m  
prev.  $\sim 2\sigma$  hint decr.  $\sim 1.5\sigma$   
DANSS talk @ ICHEP20

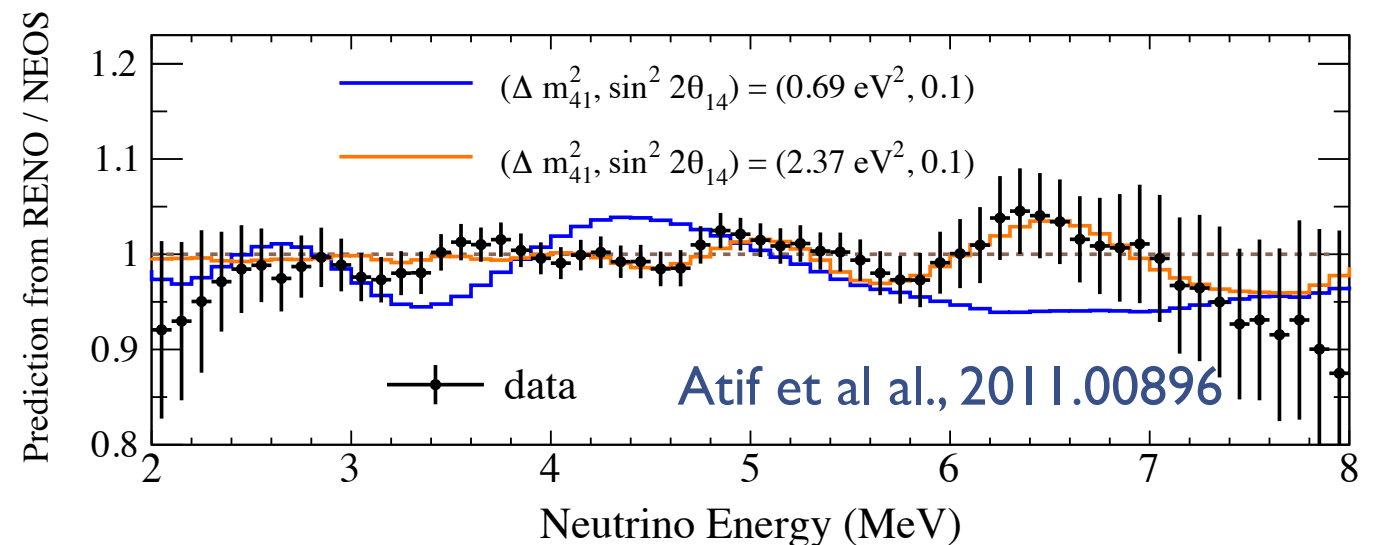
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STEREO [arXiv:1912.06582]

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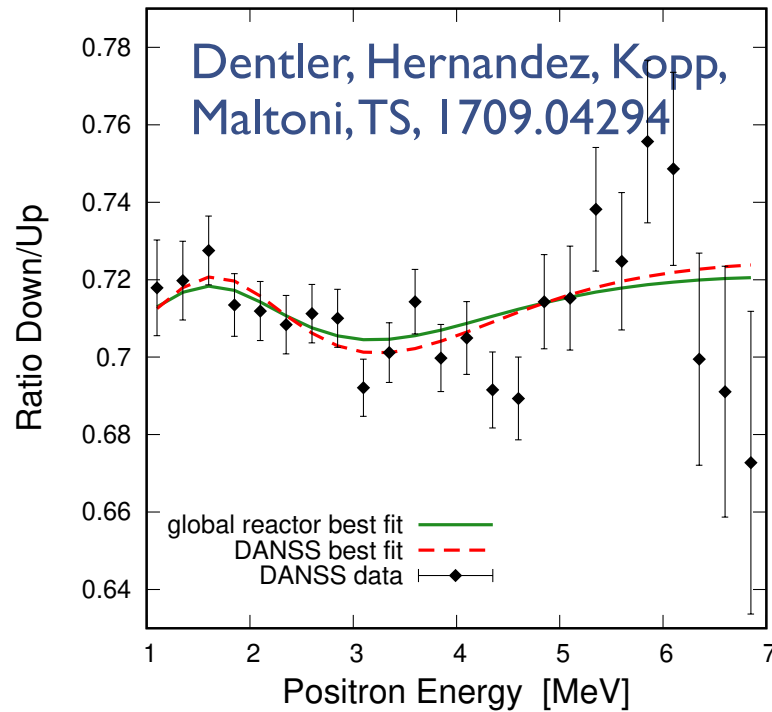
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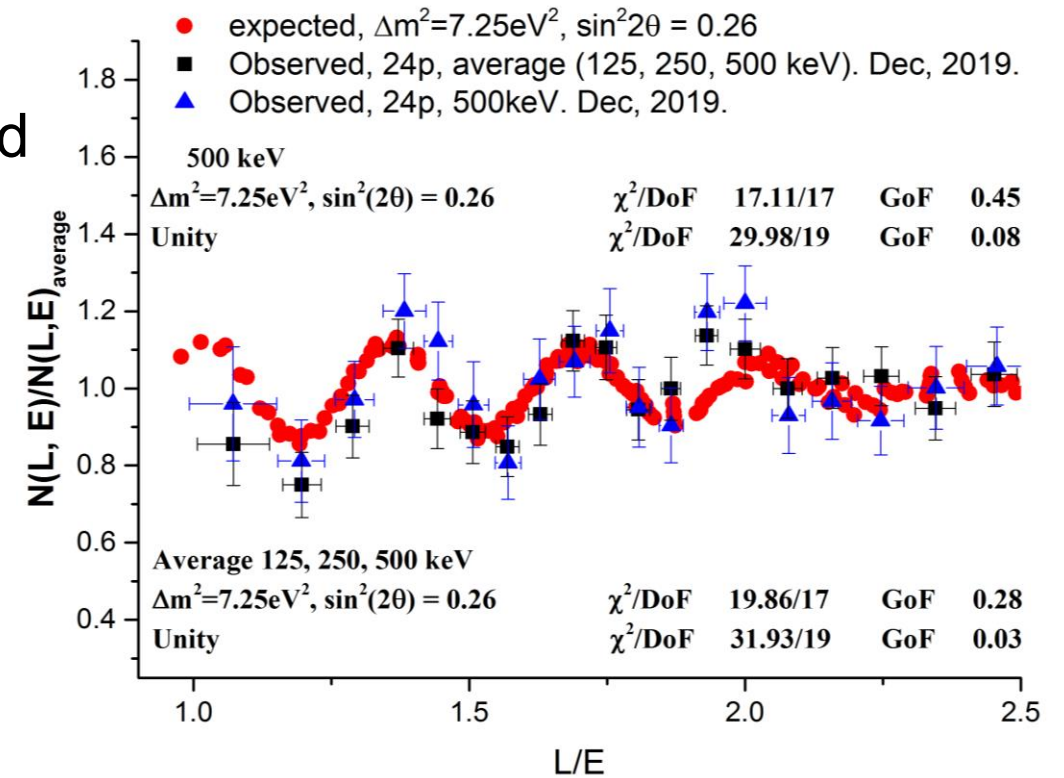
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prev. ~ 2σ hint decr. ~ 1.5σ

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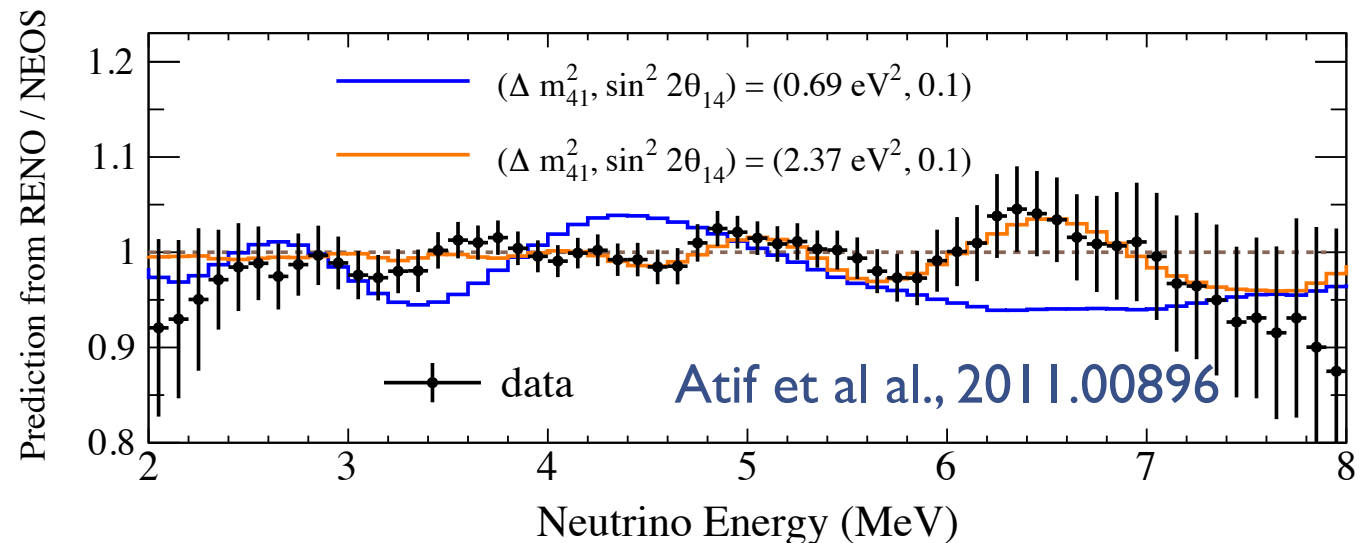
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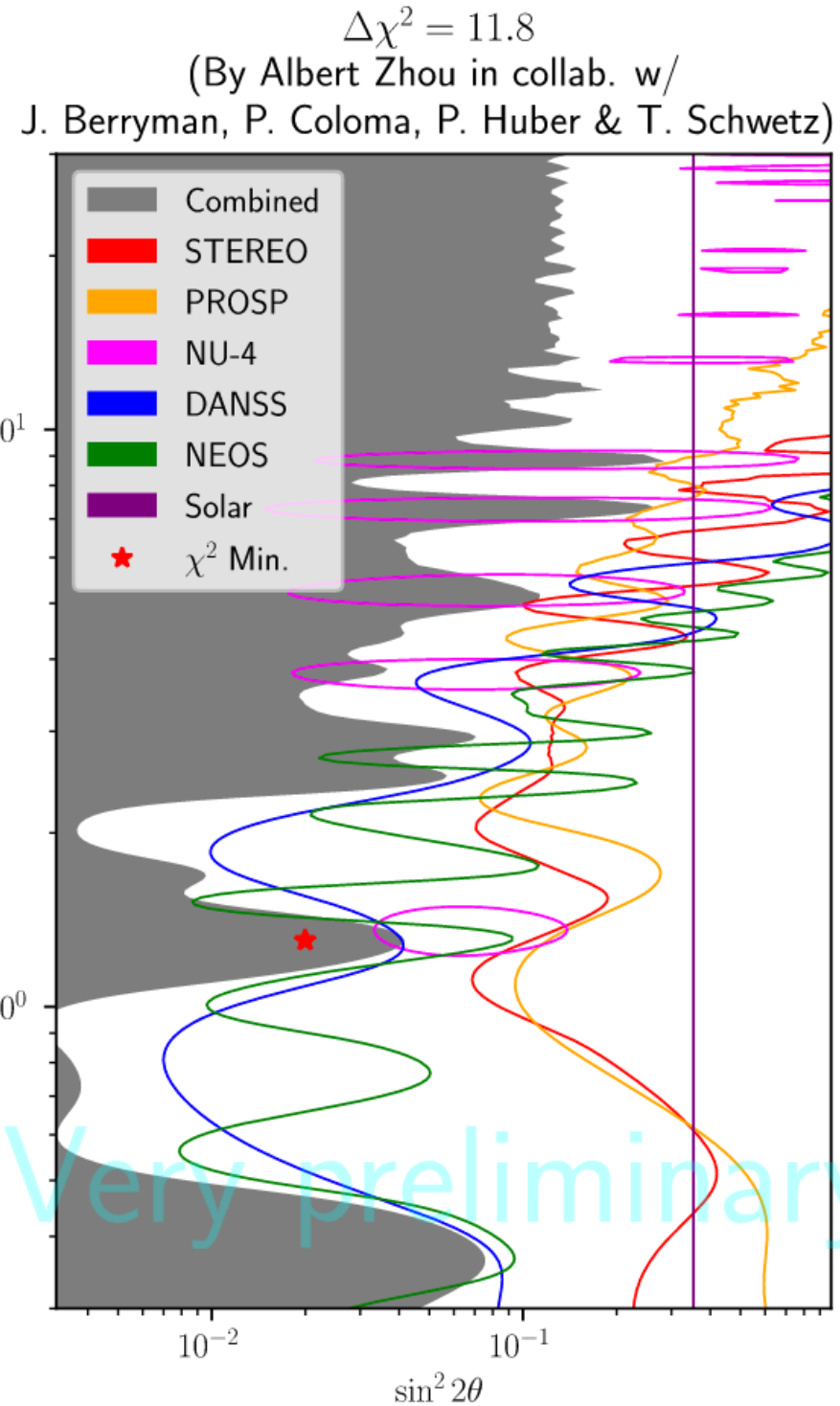
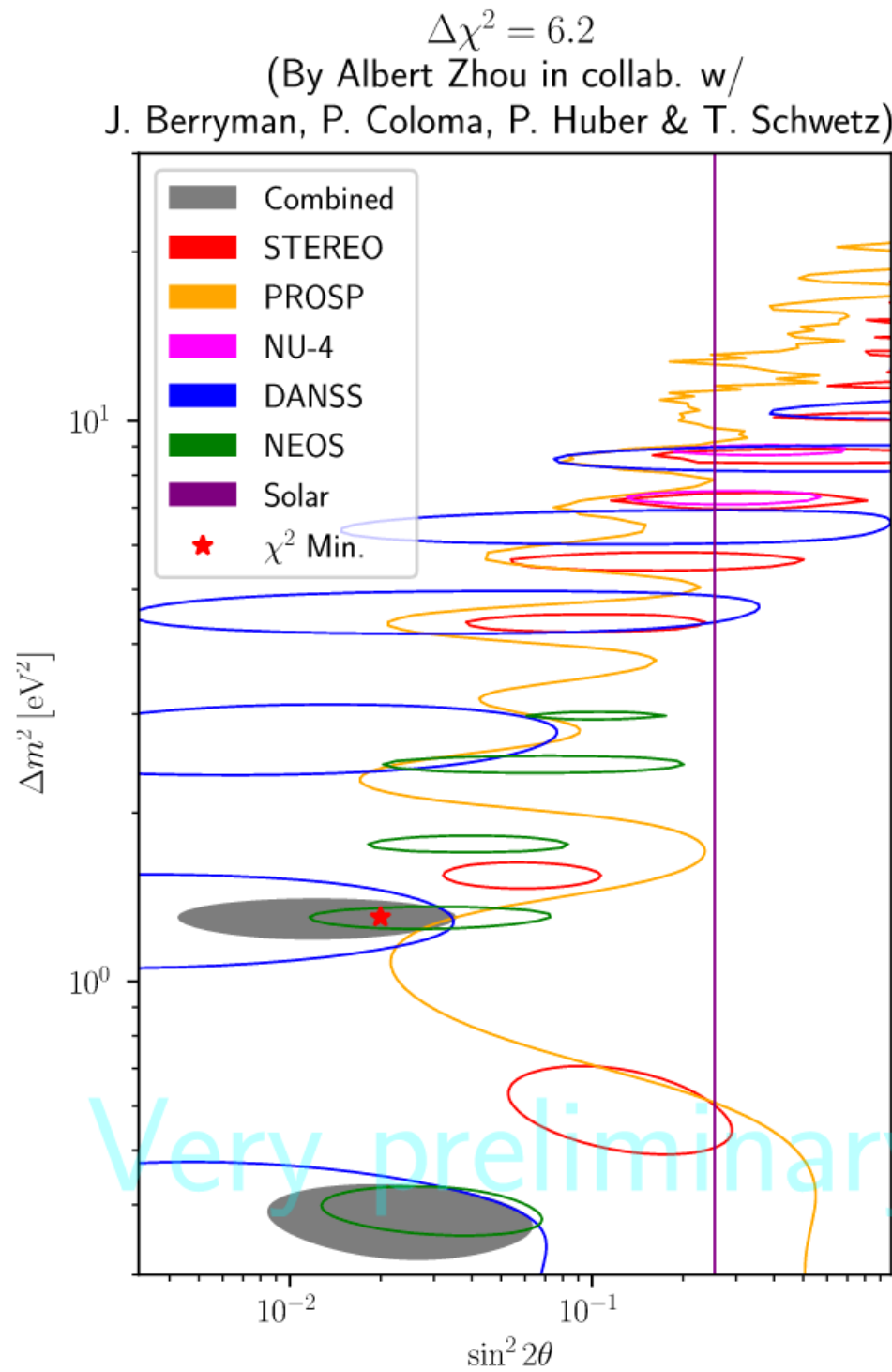
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# Are hints consistent with each other?



global best fit:  
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 $\Delta m^2 = 1.3 \text{ eV}^2$   
 $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.02$

NEOS analysis to  
be updated

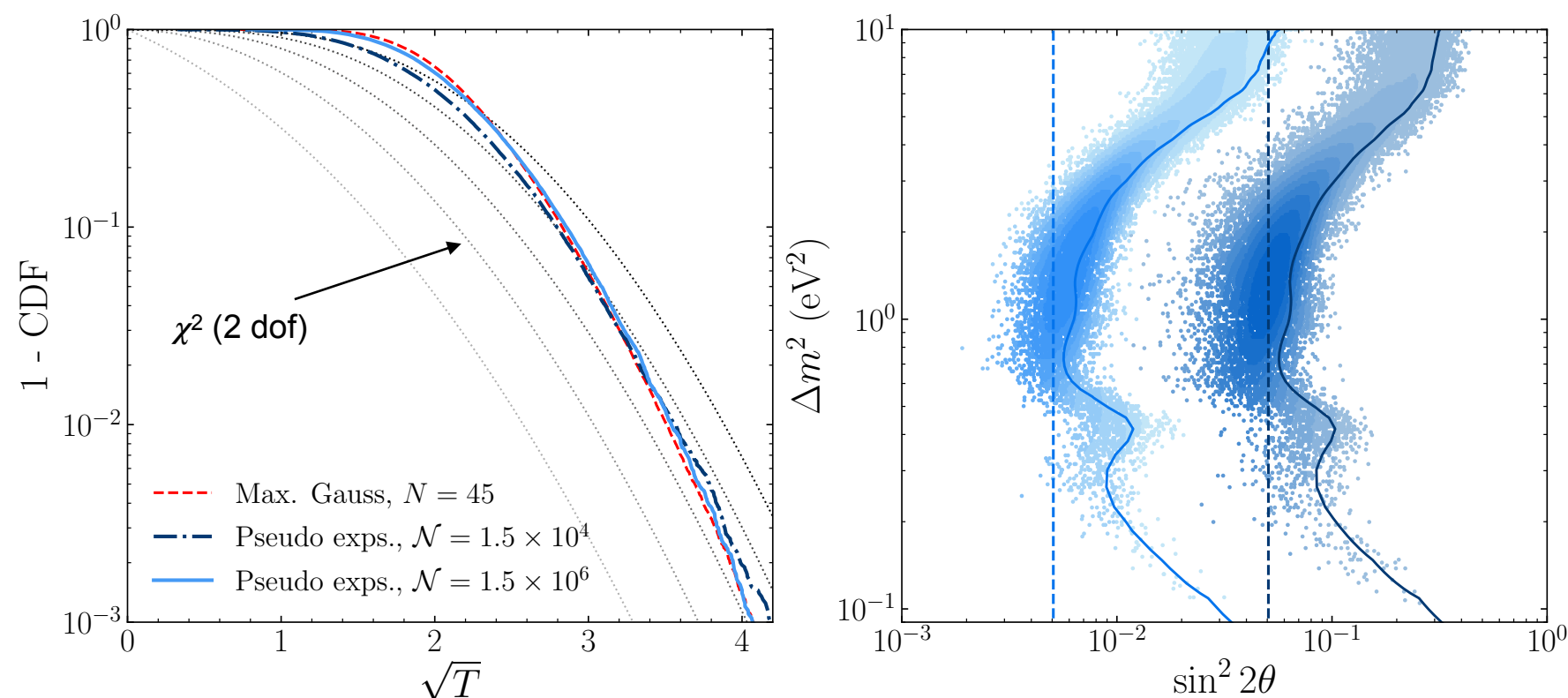


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## Neutrino4 case study:

significance for signal is reduced from

$3.2\sigma$  ( $p=0.0016$ ) to  $2.6\sigma$  ( $p=0.0091$ )

based on stat. errors only

Coloma, Huber, Schwetz, 2008.06083

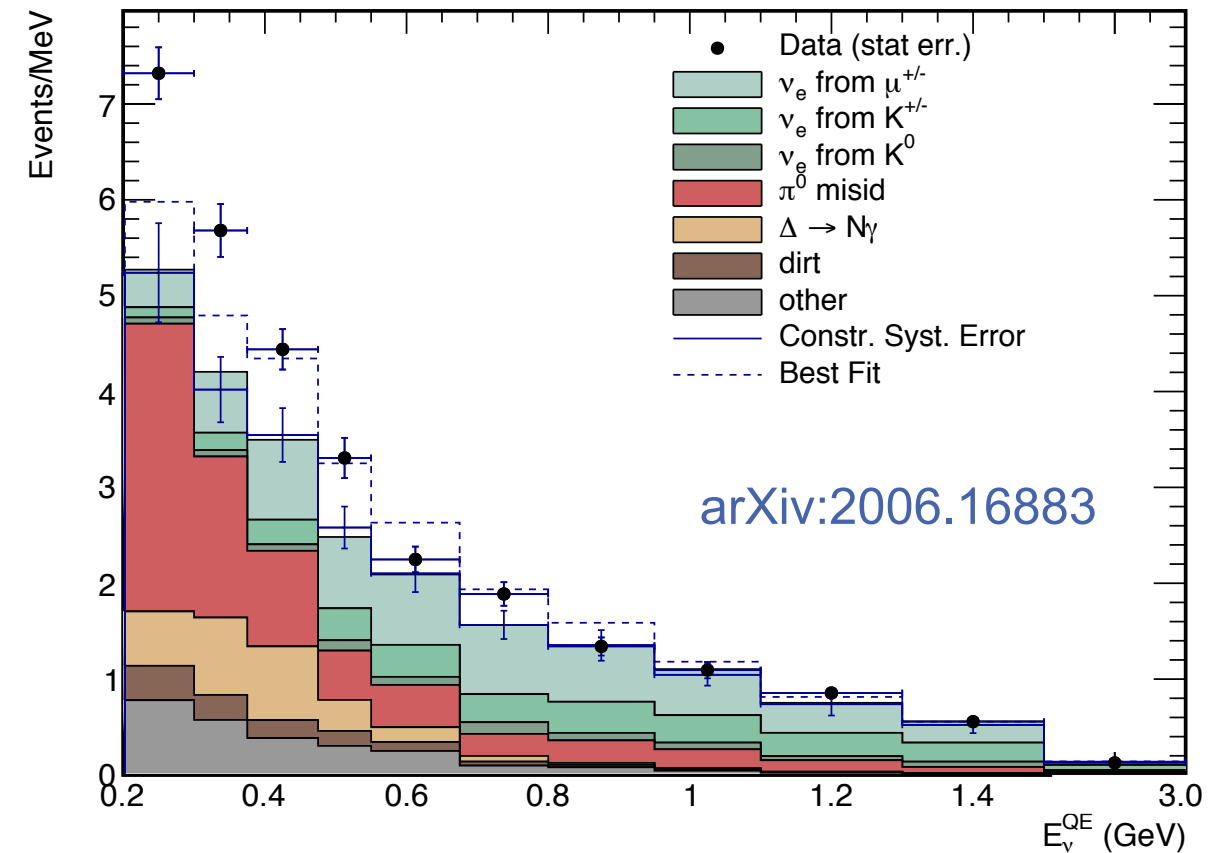
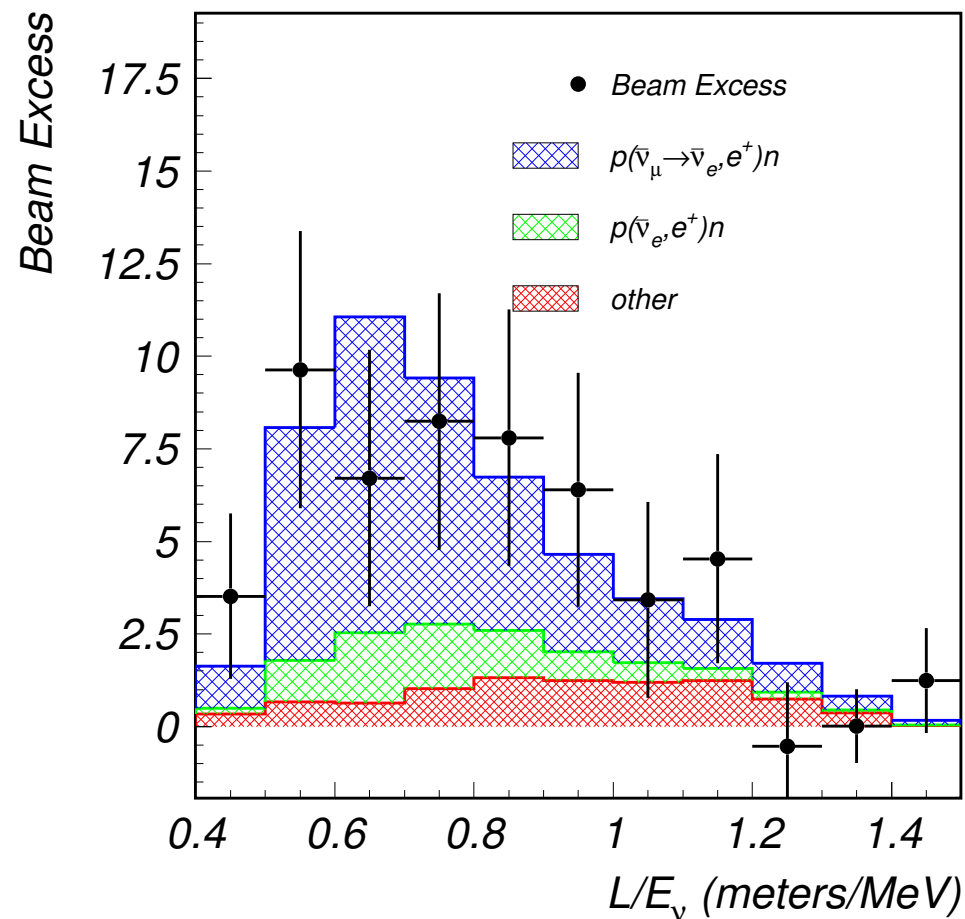
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# Hints for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance

LSND, 2001

MiniBooNE 2020

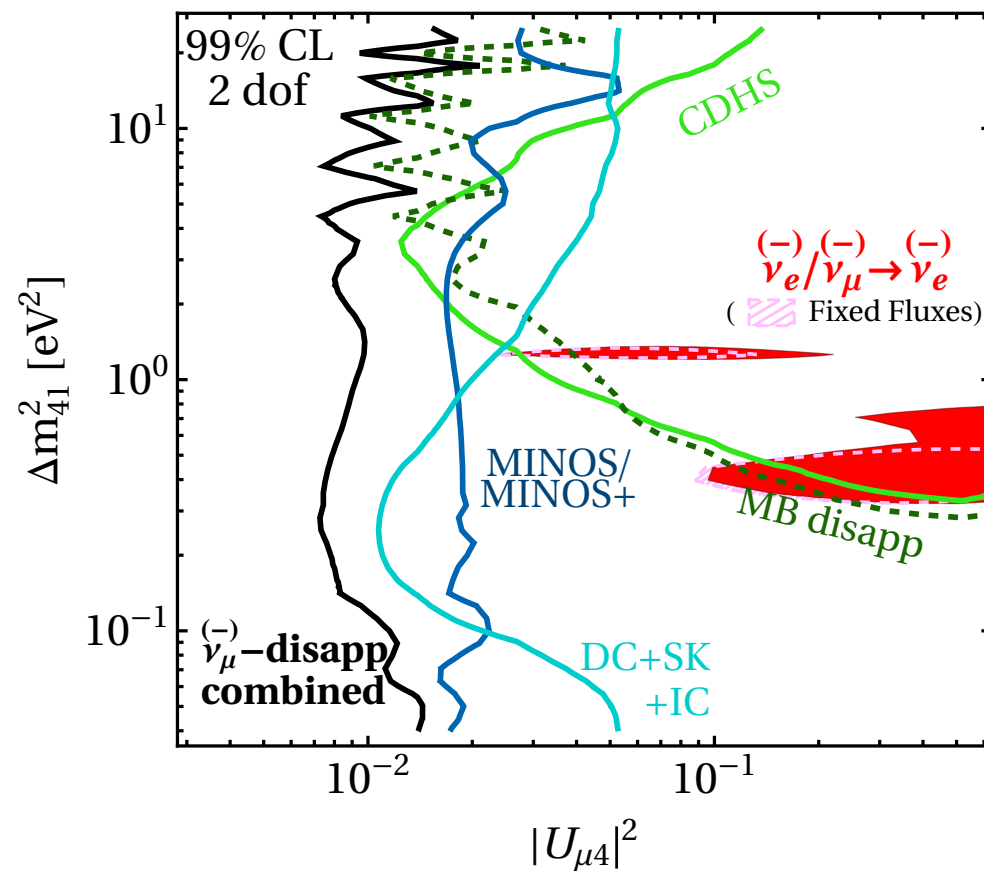


► signal for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  transitions  
( $3.8\sigma$ )

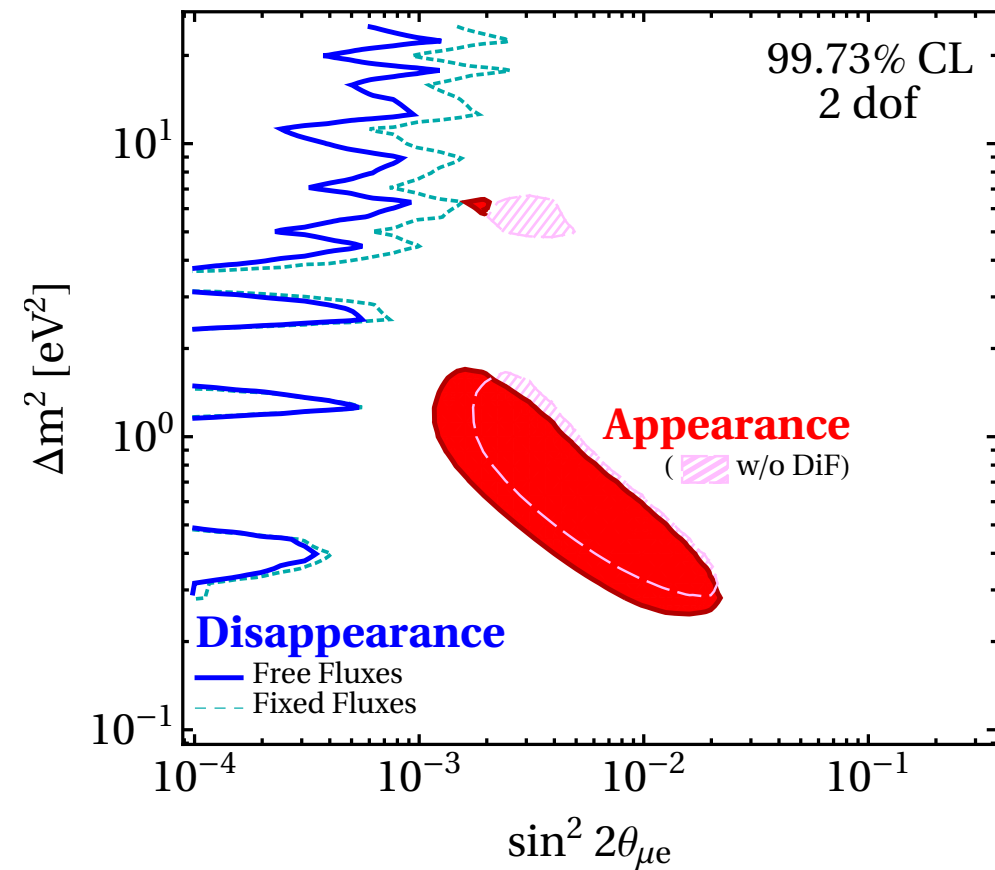
combined neutrino+antineutrino  
excess:  $638.0 \pm 132.8$  events ( $4.8\sigma$ )

# Strong tension btw appearance and disappearance

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e} \approx \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{ee} \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu}$$



non-observation of oscillations in  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance (CDHS, MiniB, MINOS+, SK, IceCube)



consistency of appearance and disapp. data with a  $p$ -value  $< 10^{-6}$

Dentler et al, 1803.10661

# Strong tension btw appearance and disappearance

→ sterile neutrino oscillation explanation of LSND/MB excluded

... robust result wrt to individual experiments

Analysis	$\chi^2_{\min, \text{global}}$	$\chi^2_{\min, \text{app}}$	$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{app}}$	$\chi^2_{\min, \text{disapp}}$	$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{disapp}}$	$\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{dof}$	PG
Global	1120.9	79.1	11.9	1012.2	17.7	29.6/2	$3.71 \times 10^{-7}$
<b>Removing anomalous data sets</b>							
w/o LSND	1099.2	86.8	12.8	1012.2	0.1	12.9/2	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$
w/o MiniBooNE	1012.2	40.7	8.3	947.2	16.1	24.4/2	$5.2 \times 10^{-6}$
w/o reactors	925.1	79.1	12.2	833.8	8.1	20.3/2	$3.8 \times 10^{-5}$
w/o gallium	1116.0	79.1	13.8	1003.1	20.1	33.9/2	$4.4 \times 10^{-8}$
<b>Removing constraints</b>							
w/o IceCube	920.8	79.1	11.9	812.4	17.5	29.4/2	$4.2 \times 10^{-7}$
w/o MINOS(+)	1052.1	79.1	15.6	948.6	8.94	24.5/2	$4.7 \times 10^{-6}$
w/o MB disapp	1054.9	79.1	14.7	947.2	13.9	28.7/2	$6.0 \times 10^{-7}$
w/o CDHS	1104.8	79.1	11.9	997.5	16.3	28.2/2	$7.5 \times 10^{-7}$
<b>Removing classes of data</b>							
$\bar{\nu}_e$ dis vs app	628.6	79.1	0.8	542.9	5.8	6.6/2	$3.6 \times 10^{-2}$
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ dis vs app	564.7	79.1	12.0	468.9	4.7	16.7/2	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ dis + solar vs app	884.4	79.1	13.9	781.7	9.7	23.6/2	$7.4 \times 10^{-6}$

reactor flux-free analysis

Dentler et al, 1803.10661

results for 2018 MiniB very similar (tension gets slightly worse)

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# MiniBooNE and a decaying sterile neutrino

Palomares, Pascoli, TS, hep-ph/0505216; Gninenko, 0902.3802, 1009.5536;  
Bertuzzo, Jana, Machado, Zukanovich, 1807.09877; Ballett, Pascoli, Ross-Lonergan, 1808.2915;  
Arguelles, Hostert, Tsai, 1812.08768; Fischer, Hernandez, TS, 1909.09561;  
Dentler, Esteban, Kopp, Machado, 1911.01427; deGouvea, Peres, Prakash, Stenico, 1911.01447;  
Brdar, Fischer, Smirnov, 2007.14411, ...

- sterile neutrino  $N$  with  $m_N \sim \text{keV}$  to  $\sim 500 \text{ MeV}$
- produce  $N$  either by mixing or by up-scattering
- decay:
  - $N \rightarrow \Phi \nu_e$  with standard neutrino interact in detector
  - electromagn. decay inside MB detector  $N \rightarrow \nu \gamma / \nu e^\pm$   
(no LSND explanation)

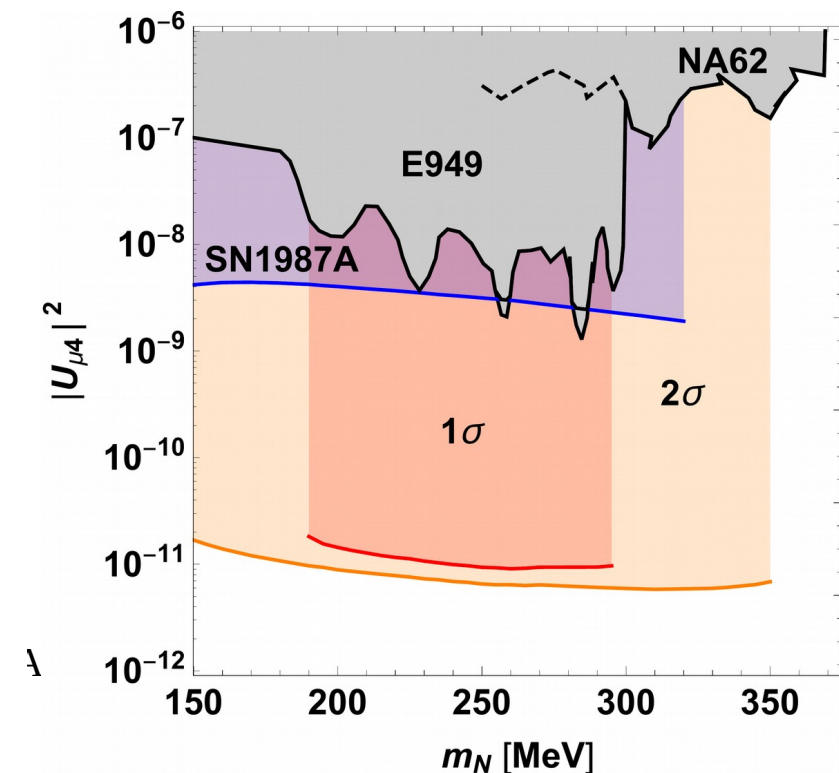
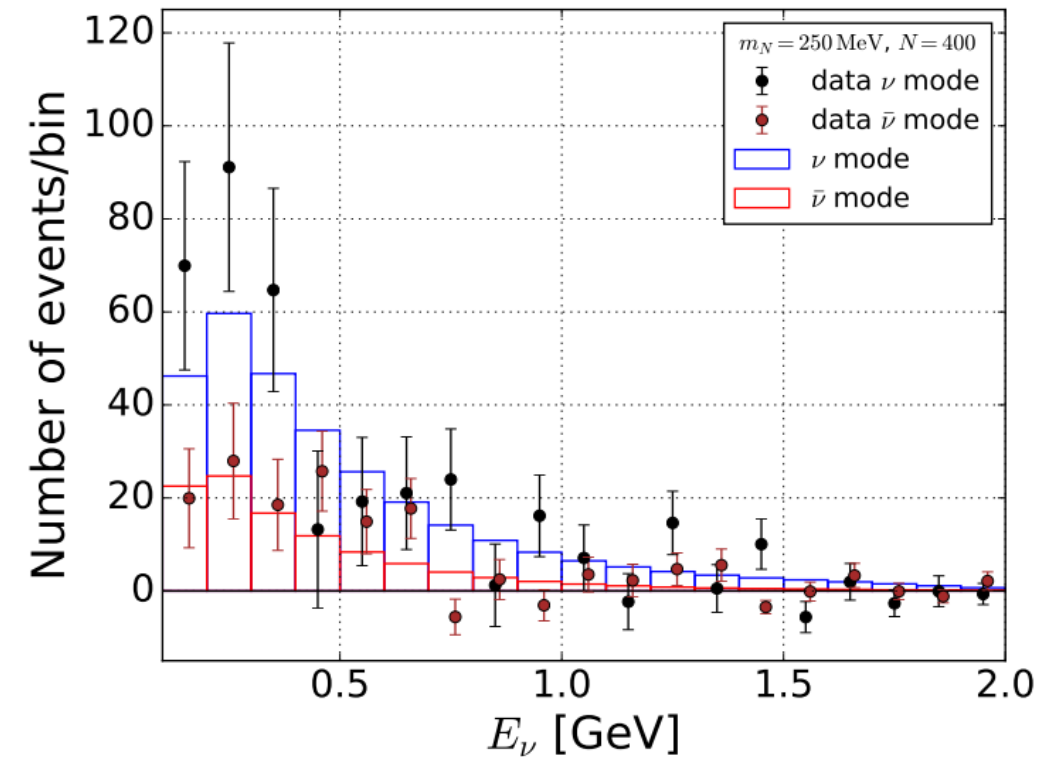
# MiniBooNE and a decaying sterile neutrino — example:

$$K \rightarrow N \mu$$

Fischer, Hernandez, TS, I909.09561

- sterile neutrino  $N$  with  $m_N \sim 250$  MeV ( $m_\pi < m_N < m_K$ )
- produce  $N$  in kaon decays via mixing  $K \rightarrow N \mu/e$
- decay inside MB detector  $N \rightarrow \nu \gamma$  via

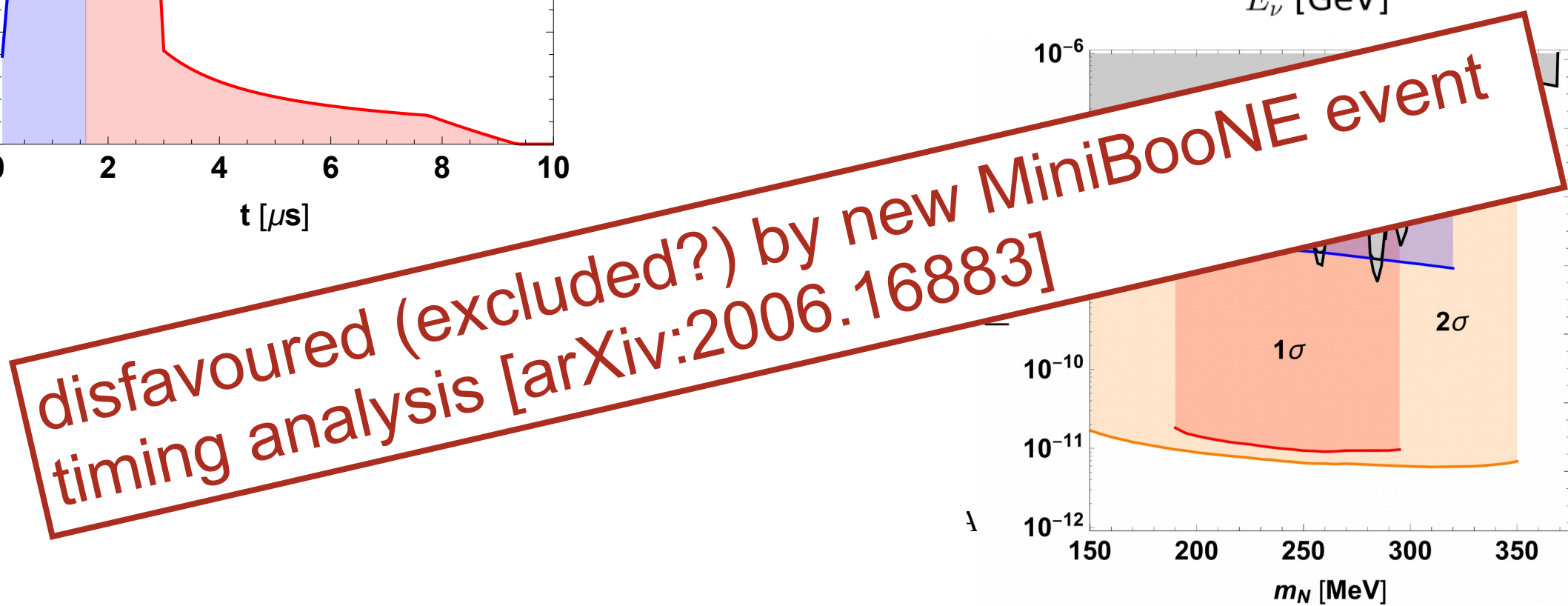
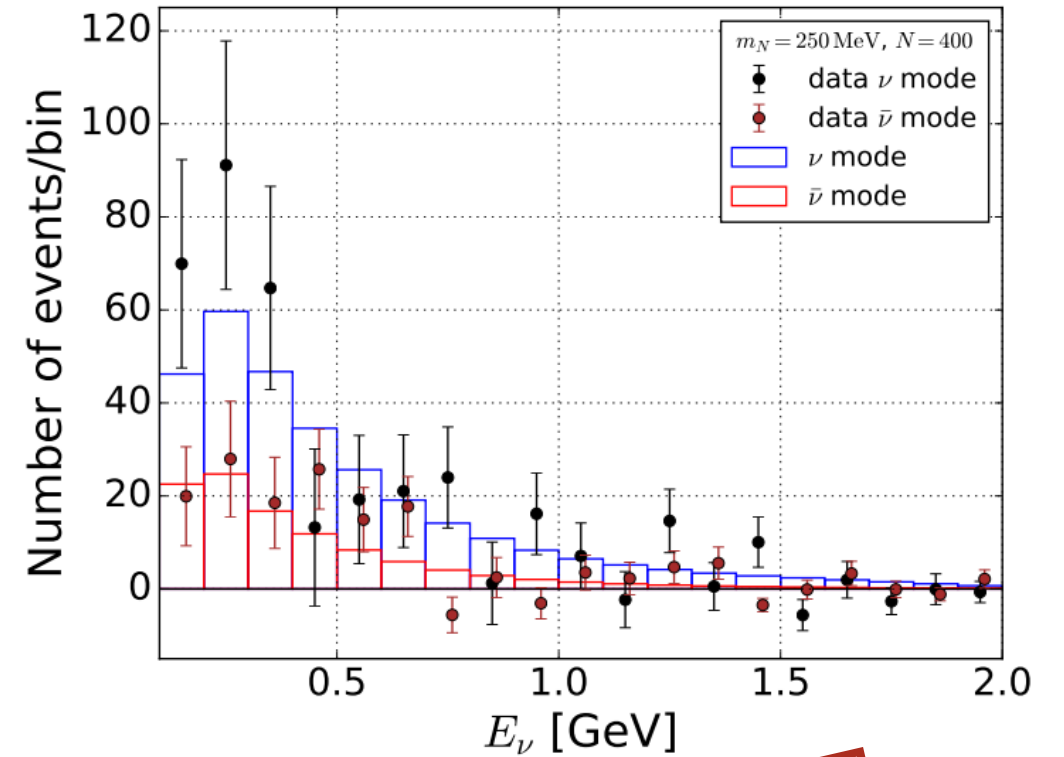
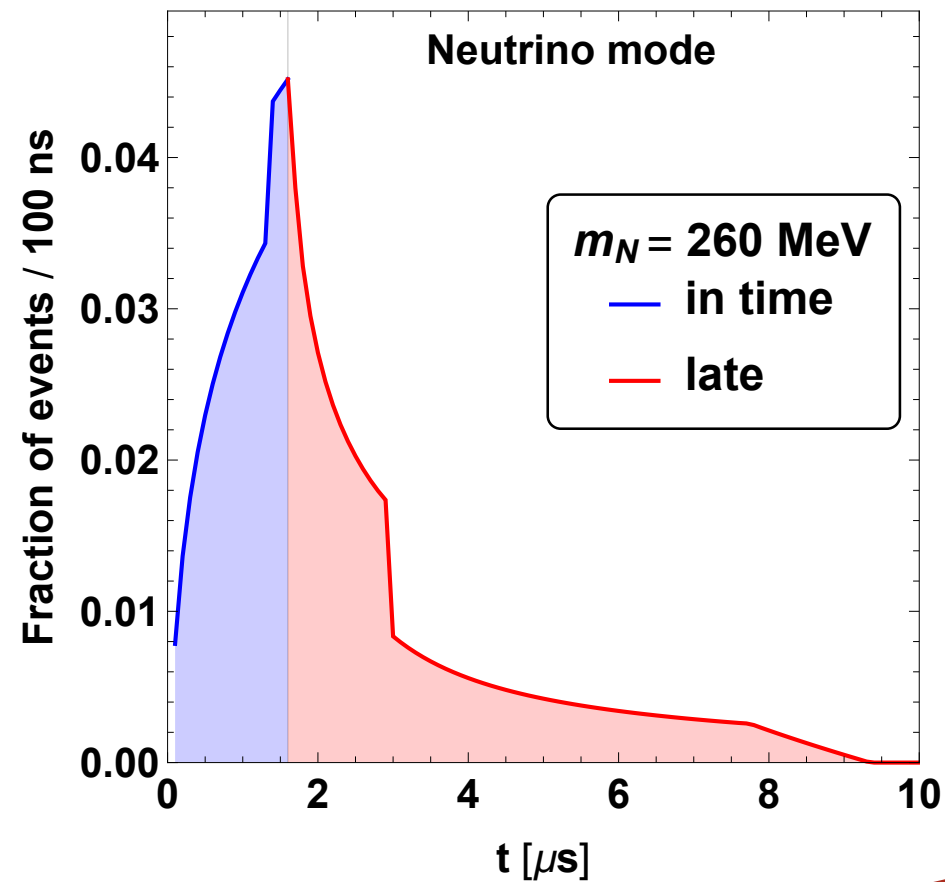
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Fischer, Hernandez, TS, 1909.09561



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Palomares, Pascoli, TS, hep-ph/0505216; Gninenko, 0902.3802, 1009.5536;  
Bertuzzo, Jana, Machado, Zukanovich, 1807.09877; Ballett, Pascoli, Ross-Lonergan, 1808.2915;  
Fischer, Hernandez, TS, 1909.09561; Dentler, Esteban, Kopp, Machado, 1911.01427;  
deGouvea, Peres, Prakash, Stenico, 1911.01447; ...

- exciting new physics
- rich phenomenology: timing / angular event distributions
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Jordan et al., 1810.07185; Arguelles, Hostert, Tsai, 1812.08768;  
Brdar, Fischer, Smirnov, 2007.14411

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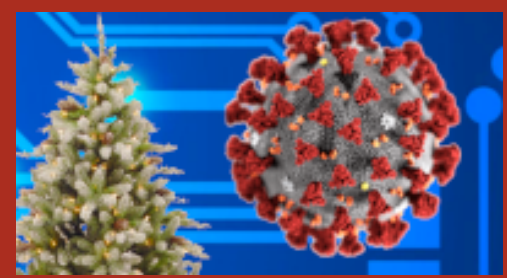
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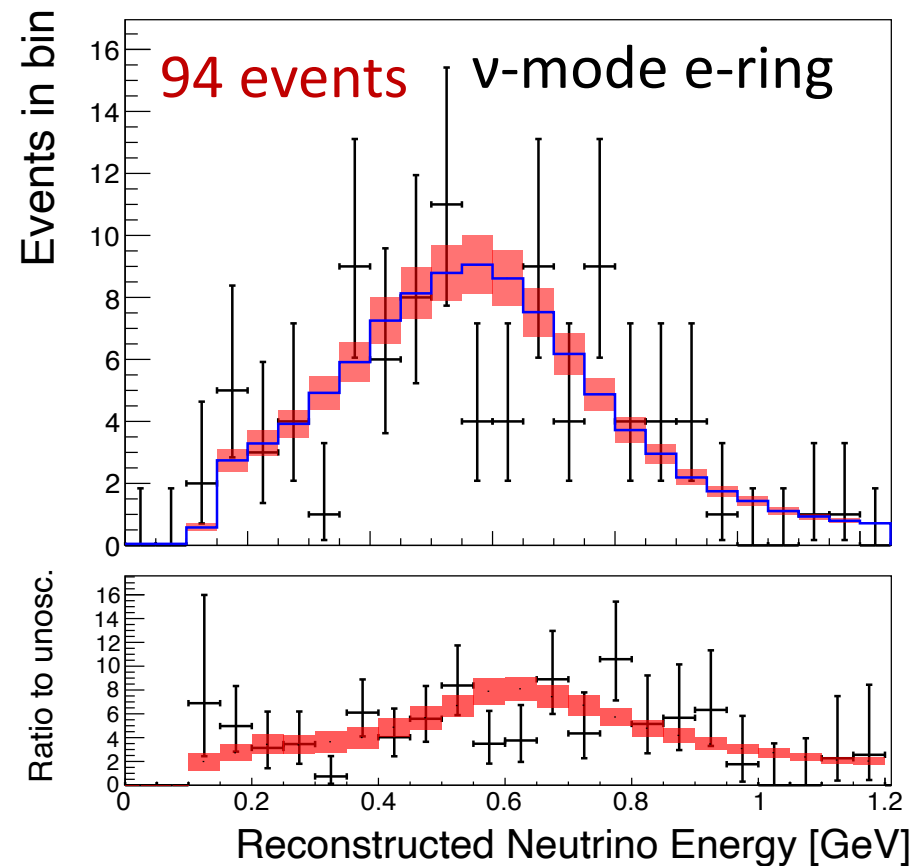
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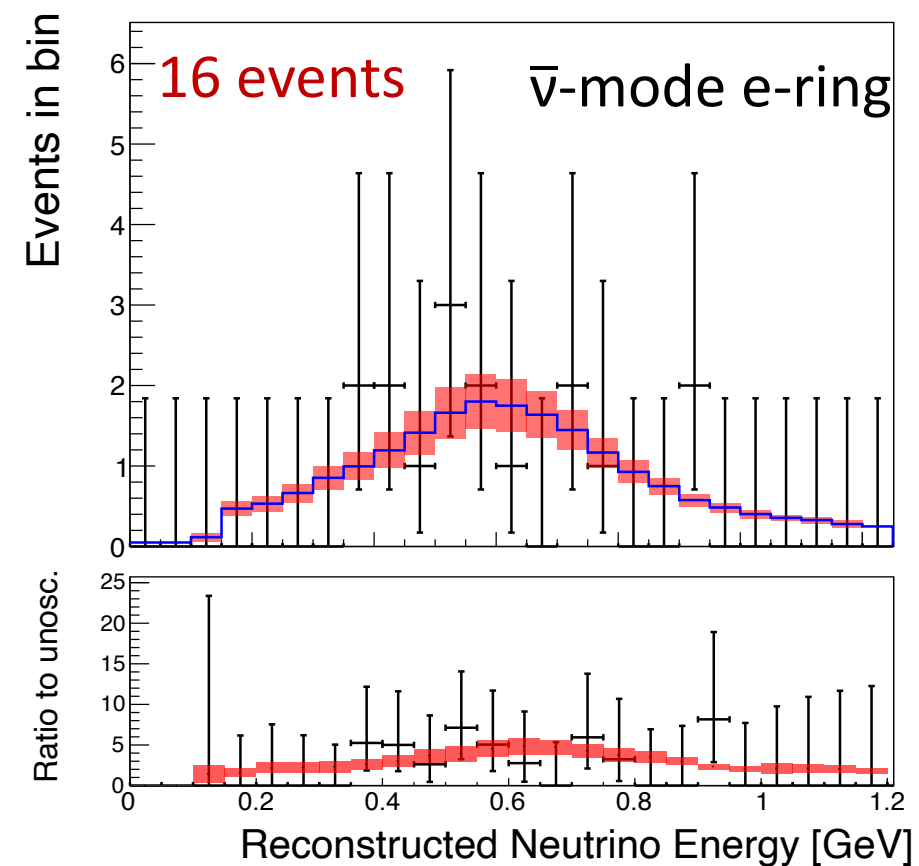
# Supplementary slides

# T2K and NOvA Neutrino20 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance results

T2K Run 1-10 Preliminary



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## NOvA neutrino

Total Observed	82	Range
Total Prediction	85.8	52-110
Wrong-sign	1.0	0.6-1.7
Beam Bkgd.	22.7	
Cosmic Bkgd.	3.1	
Total Bkgd.	26.8	26-28

## NOvA anti-neutrino

Total Observed	33	Range
Total Prediction	33.2	25-45
Wrong-sign	2.3	1.0-3.2
Beam Bkgd.	10.2	
Cosmic Bkgd.	1.6	
Total Bkgd.	14.0	13-15

>4 $\sigma$  evidence of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance

# T2K, NOvA, and reactors are consistent with each others

data sets	normal ordering			inverted ordering		
	$\chi_{\text{PG}}^2/n$	$p$ -value	$\#\sigma$	$\chi_{\text{PG}}^2/n$	$p$ -value	$\#\sigma$
T2K vs NOvA	6.7/4	0.15	1.4 $\sigma$	3.6/4	0.46	0.7 $\sigma$
T2K vs React	0.3/2	0.87	0.2 $\sigma$	2.5/2	0.29	1.1 $\sigma$
NOvA vs React	3.0/2	0.23	1.2 $\sigma$	6.2/2	0.045	2.0 $\sigma$
T2K vs NOvA vs React	8.4/6	0.21	1.3 $\sigma$	8.9/6	0.18	1.3 $\sigma$
T2K vs NOvA	6.5/3	0.088	1.7 $\sigma$	2.8/3	0.42	0.8 $\sigma$
T2K vs NOvA vs React	7.8/4	0.098	1.7 $\sigma$	7.2/4	0.13	1.5 $\sigma$

**Table 2.** Testing the consistency of different data sets shown in the first column assuming either normal or inverted ordering. “React” includes Daya-Bay, RENO and Double-Chooz. In the analyses above the horizontal line,  $\theta_{13}$  is a free parameter, whereas below the line we have fixed  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0224$ . See text for more details.

Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz, Zhou, 2007.14792

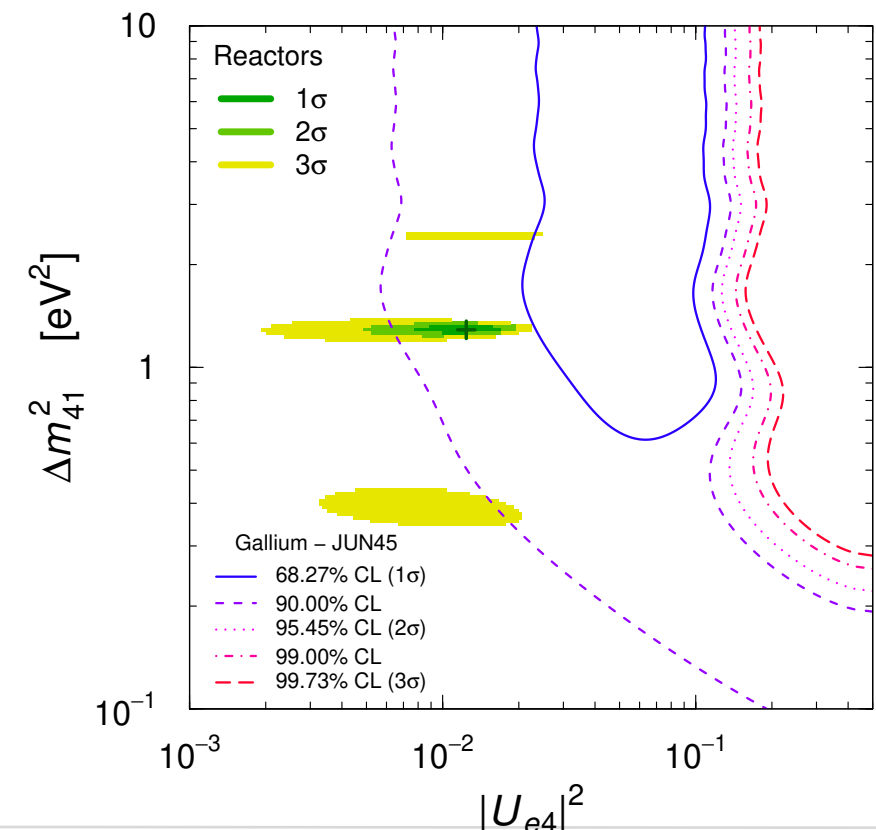
# Update on Gallium anomaly

Kostensalo, Suhonen, Giunti, Srivastava, 1906.10980

Table 7: Ratios of measured and expected  $^{71}\text{Ge}$  event rates in the four radioactive source experiments, their correlated average, and the statistical significance of the gallium anomaly obtained with the cross sections in Table 5.

	GALLEX-1	GALLEX-2	SAGE-1	SAGE-2	Average	Anomaly
$R_{\text{Bahcall}}$	$0.95 \pm 0.11$	$0.81 \pm 0.11$	$0.95 \pm 0.12$	$0.79 \pm 0.08$	$0.85 \pm 0.06$	$2.6\sigma$
$R_{\text{Haxton}}$	$0.86 \pm 0.13$	$0.74 \pm 0.12$	$0.86 \pm 0.14$	$0.72 \pm 0.10$	$0.76 \pm 0.10$	$2.5\sigma$
$R_{\text{Frekers}}$	$0.93 \pm 0.11$	$0.79 \pm 0.11$	$0.93 \pm 0.12$	$0.77 \pm 0.08$	$0.84 \pm 0.05$	$3.0\sigma$
$R_{\text{JUN45}}$	$0.97 \pm 0.11$	$0.83 \pm 0.11$	$0.97 \pm 0.12$	$0.81 \pm 0.08$	$0.88 \pm 0.05$	$2.3\sigma$

- improved shell-model cross section calculations
- significance decreases  $3.0\sigma \rightarrow 2.3\sigma$





# Summary — fate of hints 1

- Neutrino oscillations well established  
3-flavour paradigm very successful
- previous hints for **CP violation** disappeared:
  - CP cons. @  $0.6\sigma$
  - if restricted to inverted ordering: CPV preferred at  $\sim 3\sigma$
- previous hints for **normal ordering** decreased:
  - $\Delta\chi^2_{(10)} = 2.7$  (no SK atm) /  $7.1$  (w SK atm)  
opposite tendencies in different sets of experiments
  - preference for NO from SK atm is decreasing

# Summary — fate of hints 2

- previous tension between solar and KamLAND data disappeared
  - no hint for non-standard interactions
  - **but Dark-LMA still allowed:  $O(1)$  perturbation,  $MO$  degeneracy**
- eV sterile @ reactors:
  - reactor flux predictions: situation unclear, dominated by theory uncertainties
  - spectral distortions at reactors: a number of  $2-3\sigma$  hints, no clear best fit emerging, statistical interpretation non-trivial
- Gallium anomaly: significance decreases from  $3.0\sigma \rightarrow 2.3\sigma$  due to new shell-model cross section calculations [[Kostensalo et al., 1906.10980](#)]
- LSND and MiniBooNE
  - sterile neutrino oscillation interpretation strongly disfavoured
  - no clear hints for more exotic explanations (but testable predictions)