

Neutrino Oscillation Studies with KM3NeT/ORCA

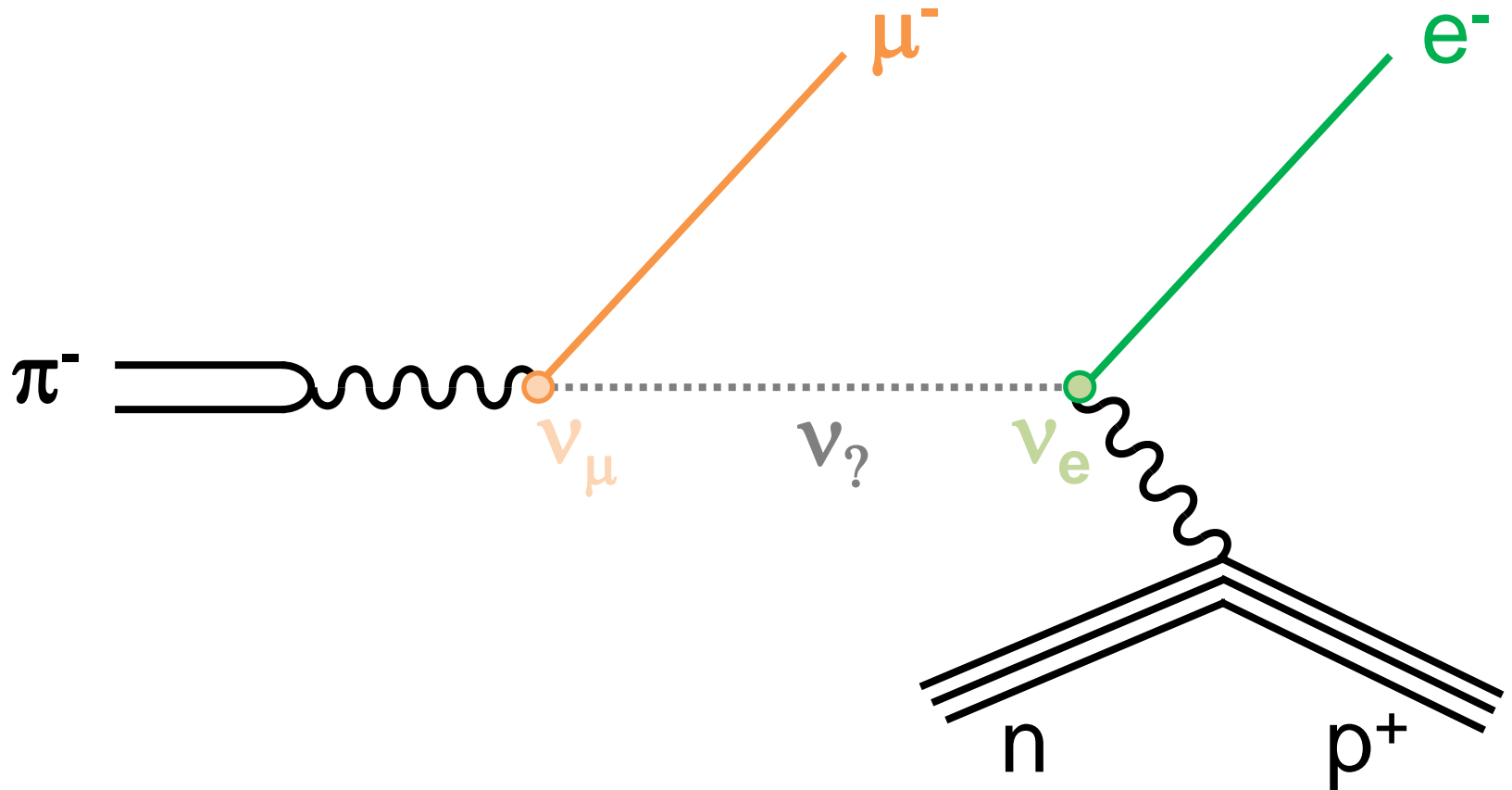
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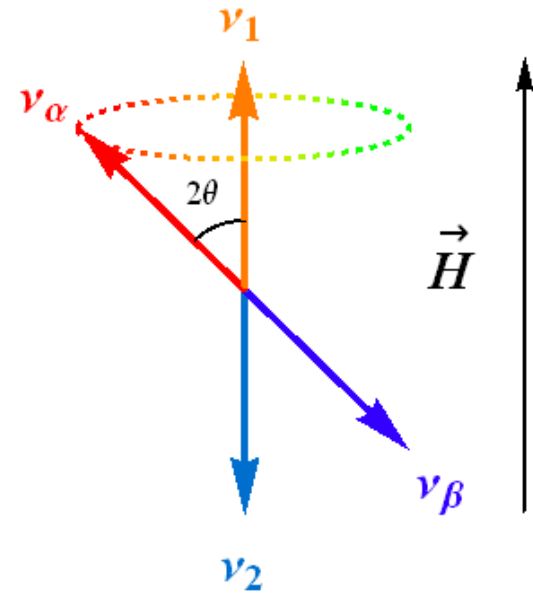
- Neutrinos are created in a superposition of mass states
- Time evolution generates flavour oscillations

Simple QM

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i\rangle$$

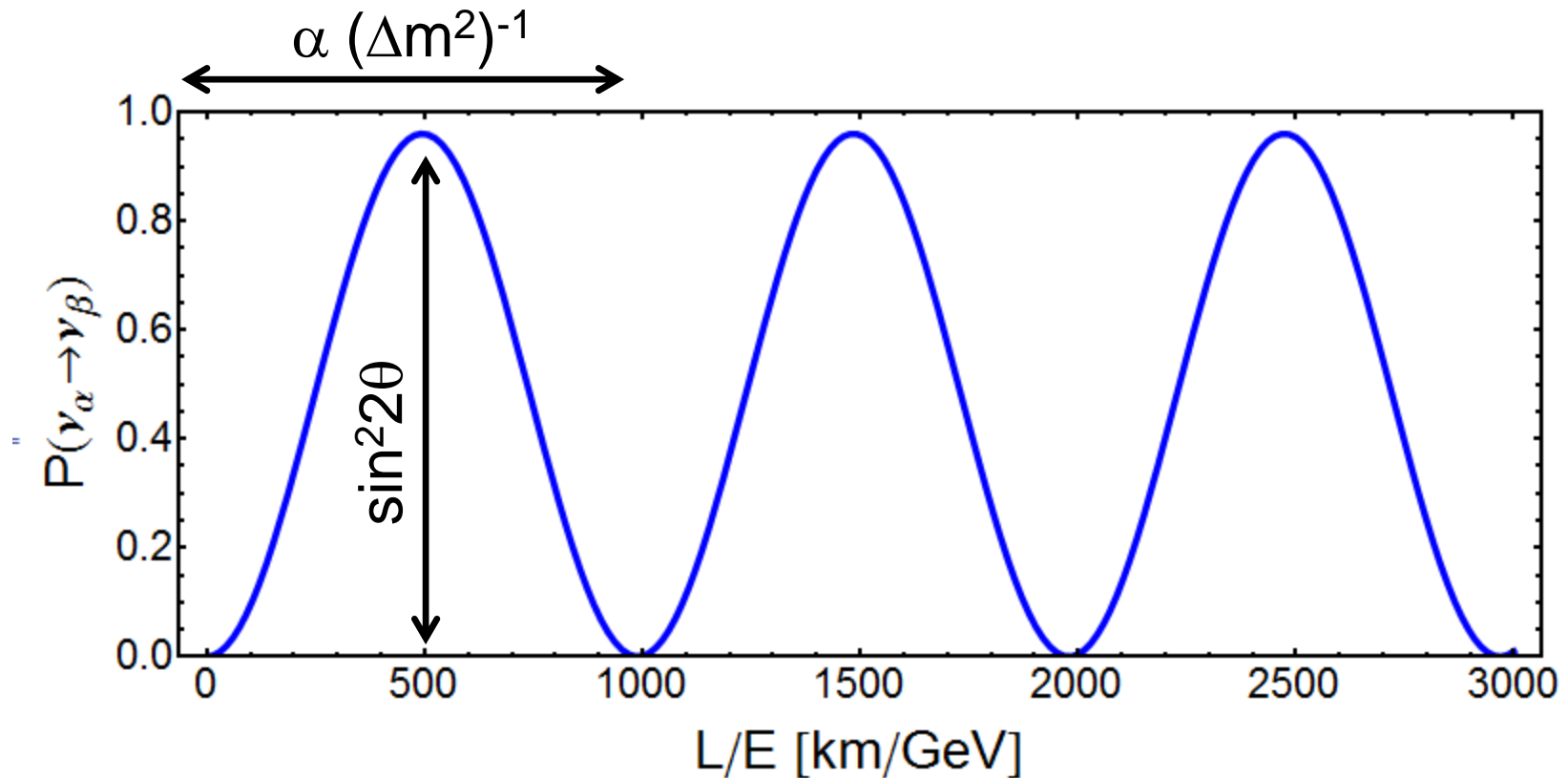
$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \langle \nu_\beta | e^{-iHt} | \nu_\alpha \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\langle H \rangle . t \sim \Delta E . L \sim \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}$$



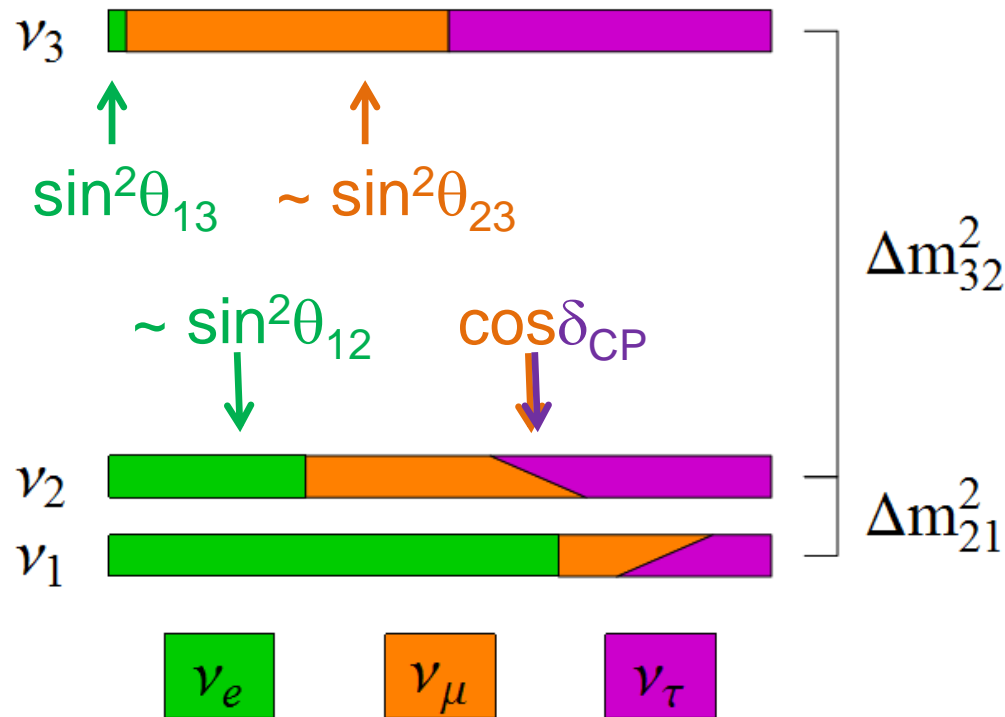
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$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) \approx \sin^2 2\theta \times \sin^2 \left(1.27 \times \Delta m^2 [\text{eV}^2] \times L/E [\text{km/GeV}] \right)$$



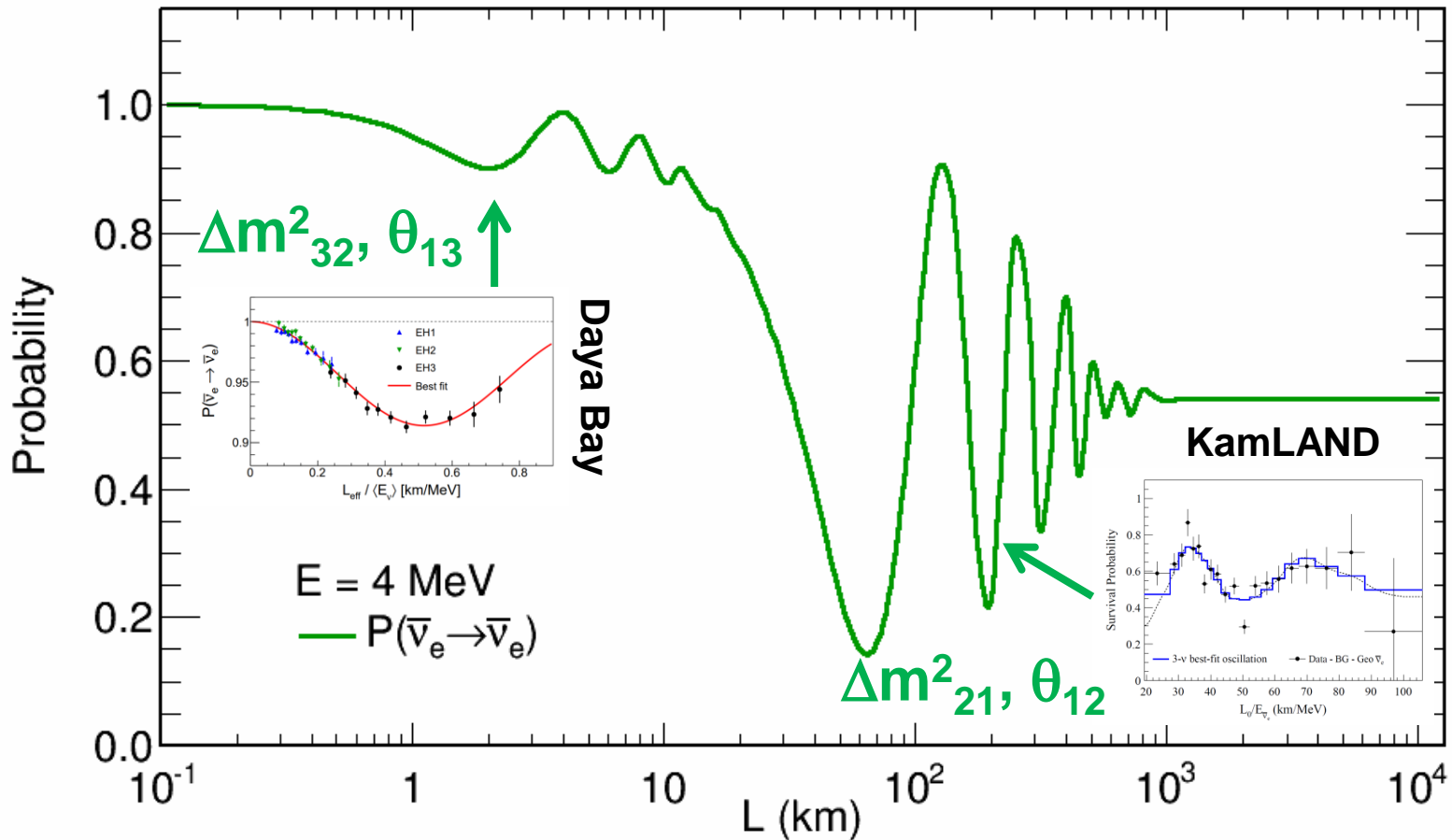
Neutrino Oscillations

- There are 3 neutrinos, so things are a bit more complicated
- Two independent differences in mass-squared (Δm_{21}^2 , Δm_{32}^2)
- 3 mixing angles (θ_{12} , θ_{13} , θ_{23}) and 1 CPV phase δ_{CP}



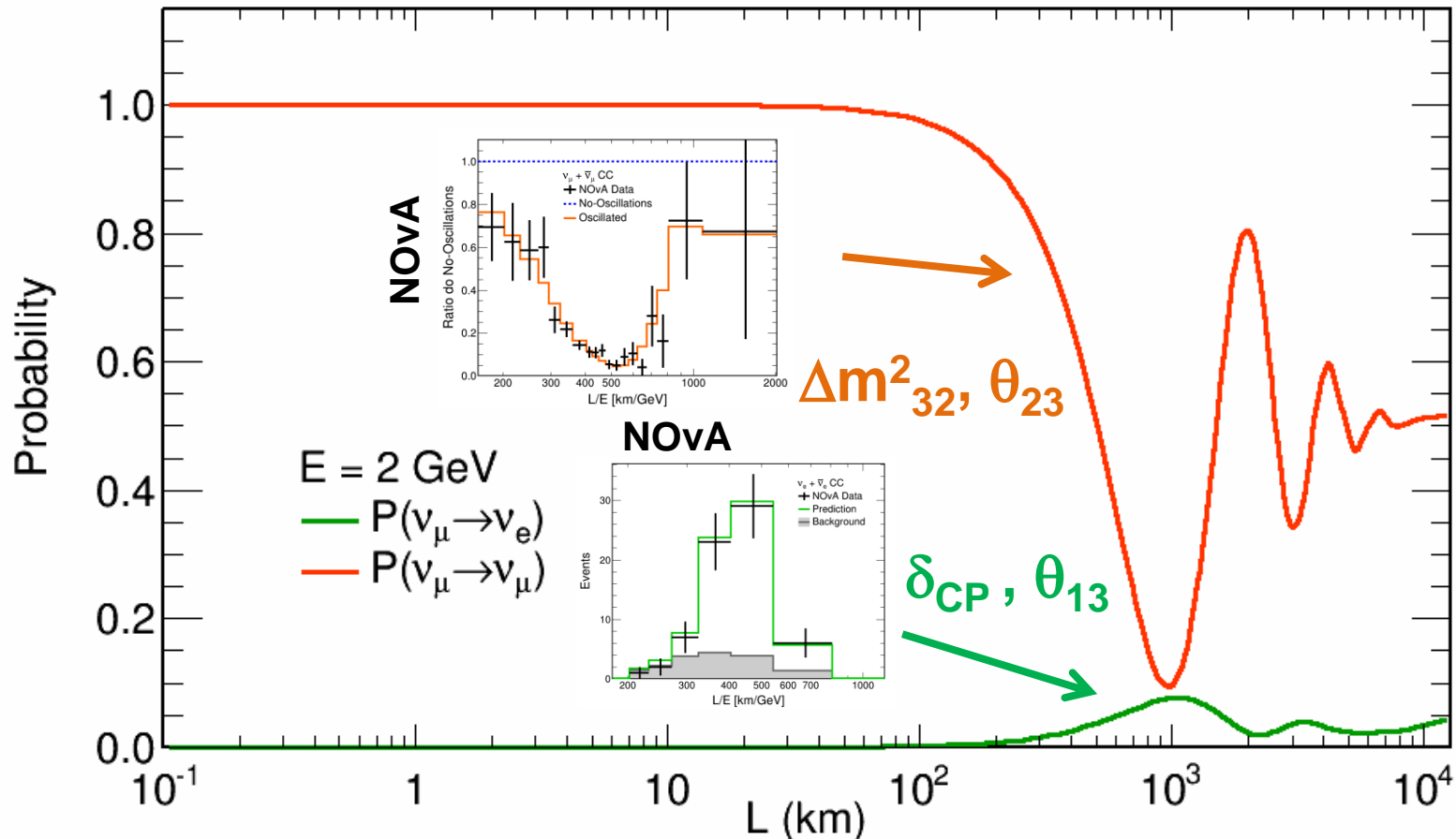
The Data: MeV

- Reactor and solar nu's measure θ_{12} , θ_{13} and Δm^2_{21}



The Data: GeV

- Atmospheric and accelerator nu's measure θ_{23} and Δm^2_{32}
- Also sensitive to θ_{13} and δ_{CP} .

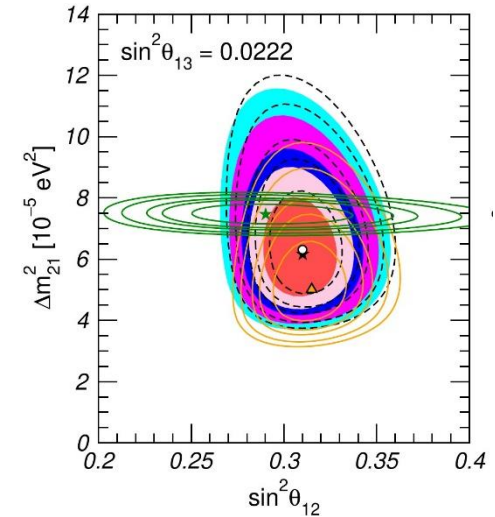
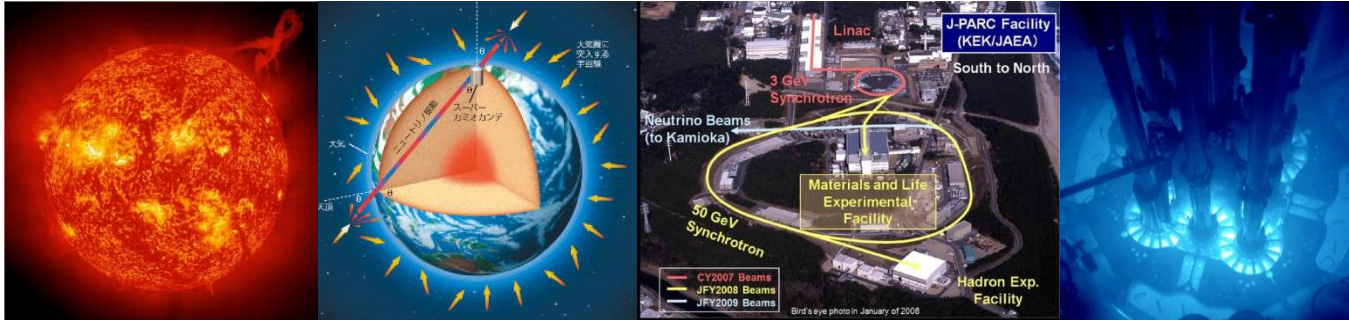


Global Picture

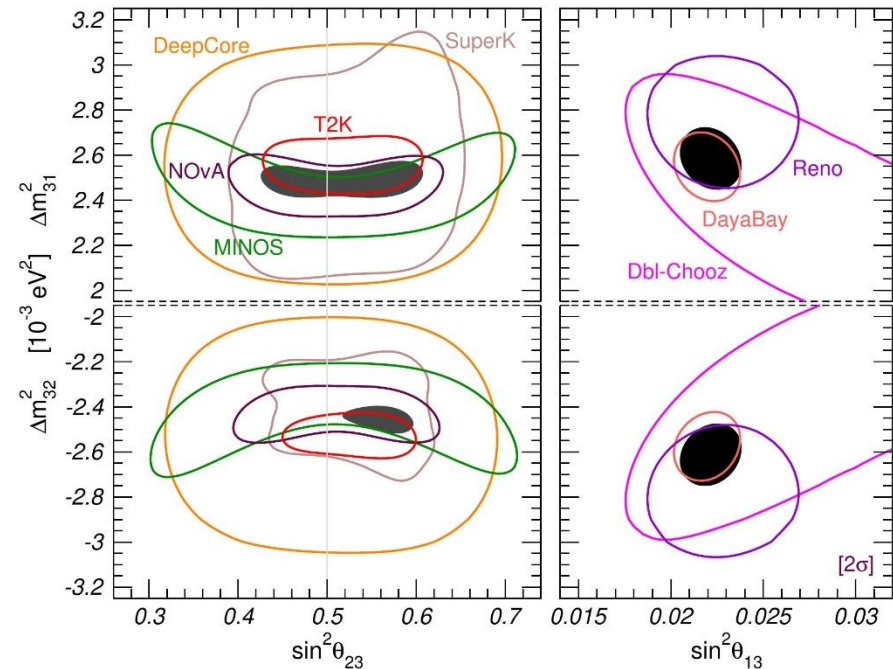
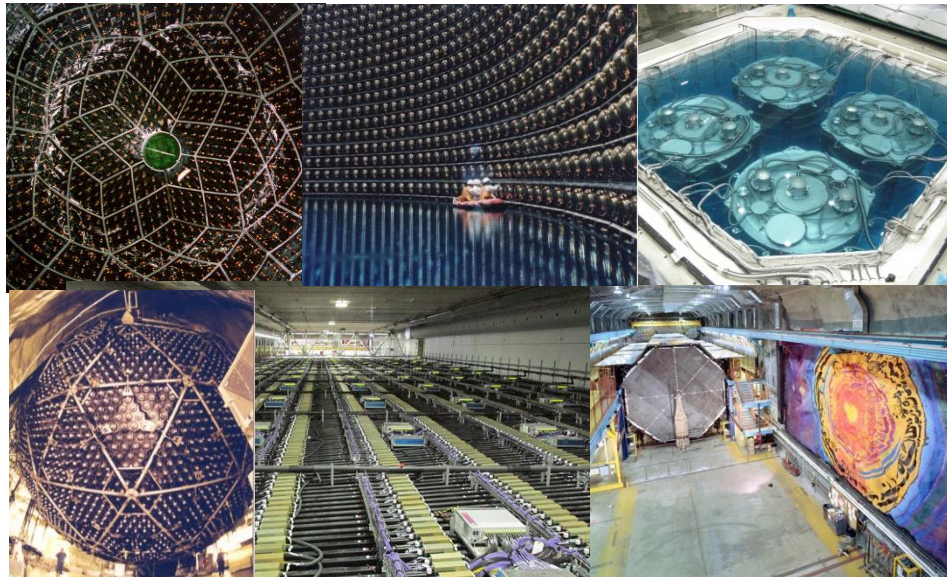
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- Multiple sources



- Multiple detectors



Missing Pieces

symmetries

- Is $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$? Underlying symmetry?
- Do neutrinos violate CP? (δ_{CP})
- **What is the mass ordering? (Mass Hierarchy)**

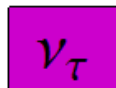
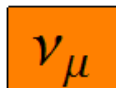
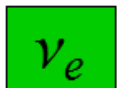
$$\sin^2 2\theta \times \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

Normal Hierarchy



same?

δ_{CP} ?

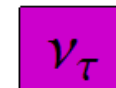
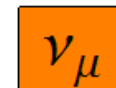
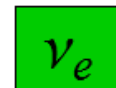


Inverted Hierarchy



$\Delta m^2_{32} < 0$?

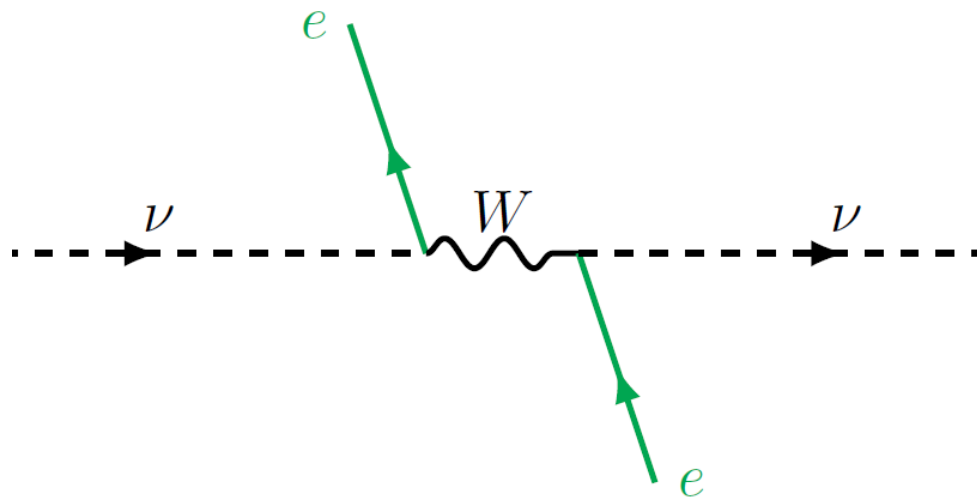
($\Delta m^2_{31} < \Delta m^2_{32}$??)
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Δm^2_{21}

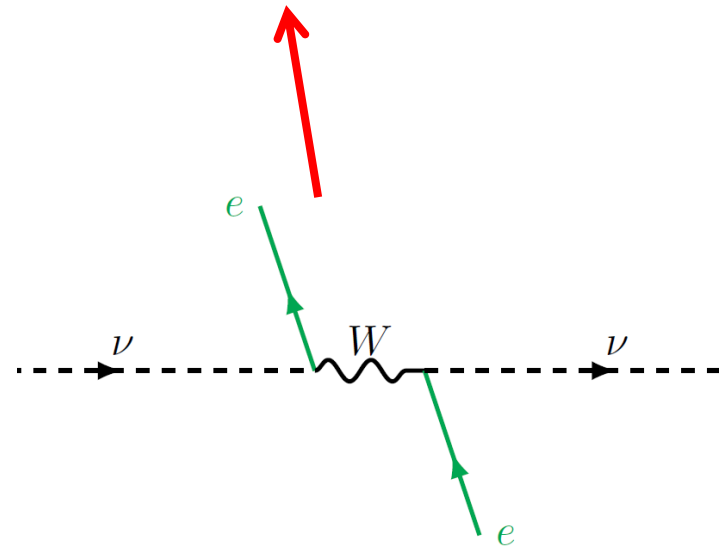
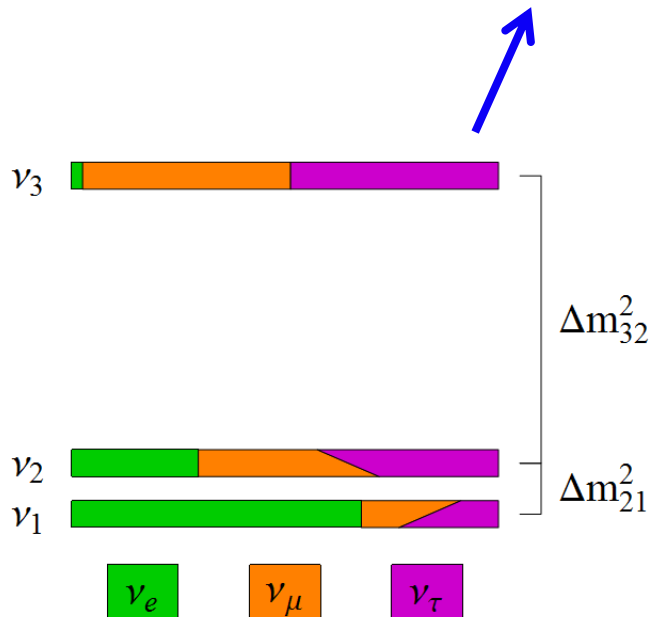
Δm^2_{32}

One weird trick to measure the Mass Hierarchy...

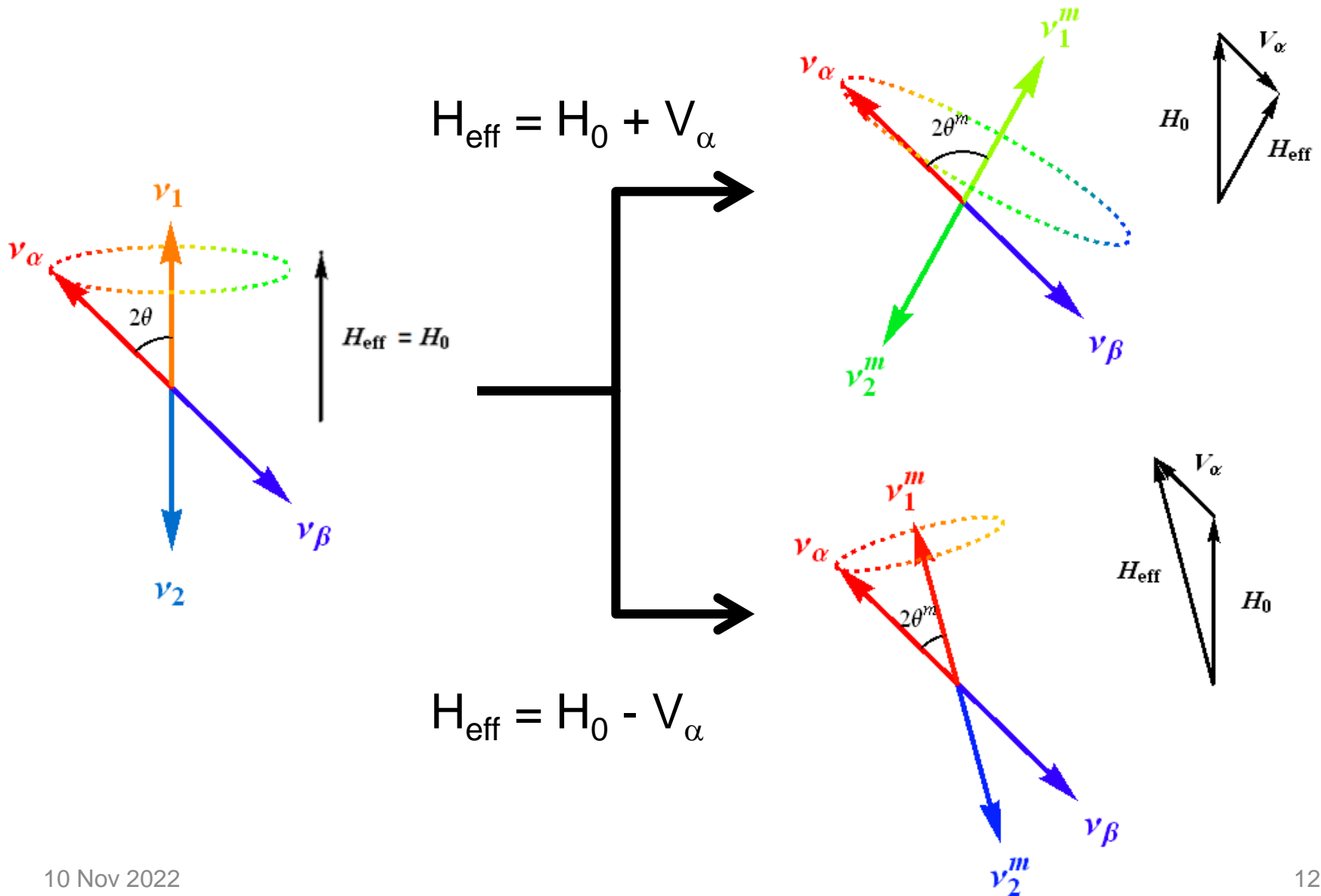


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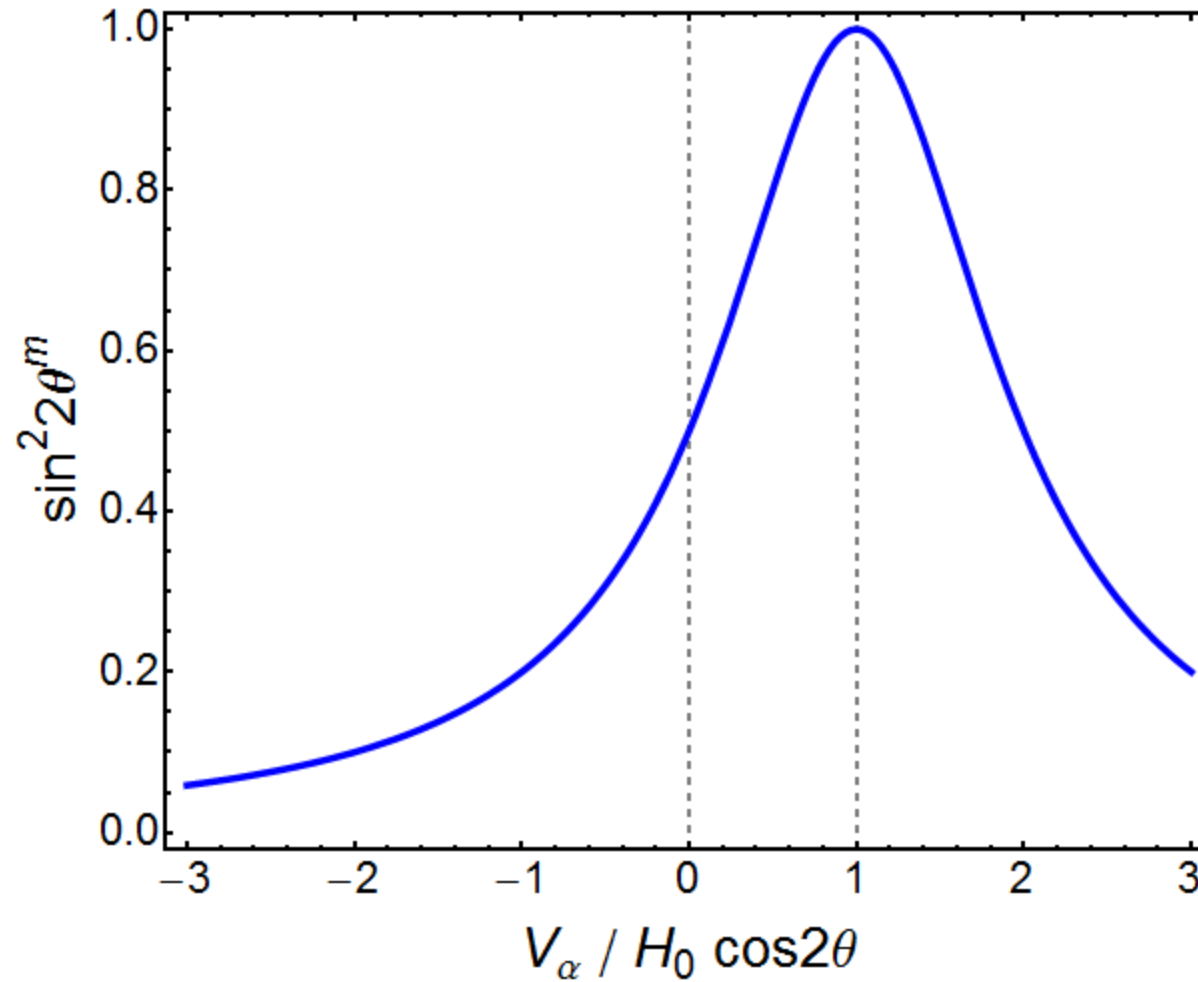
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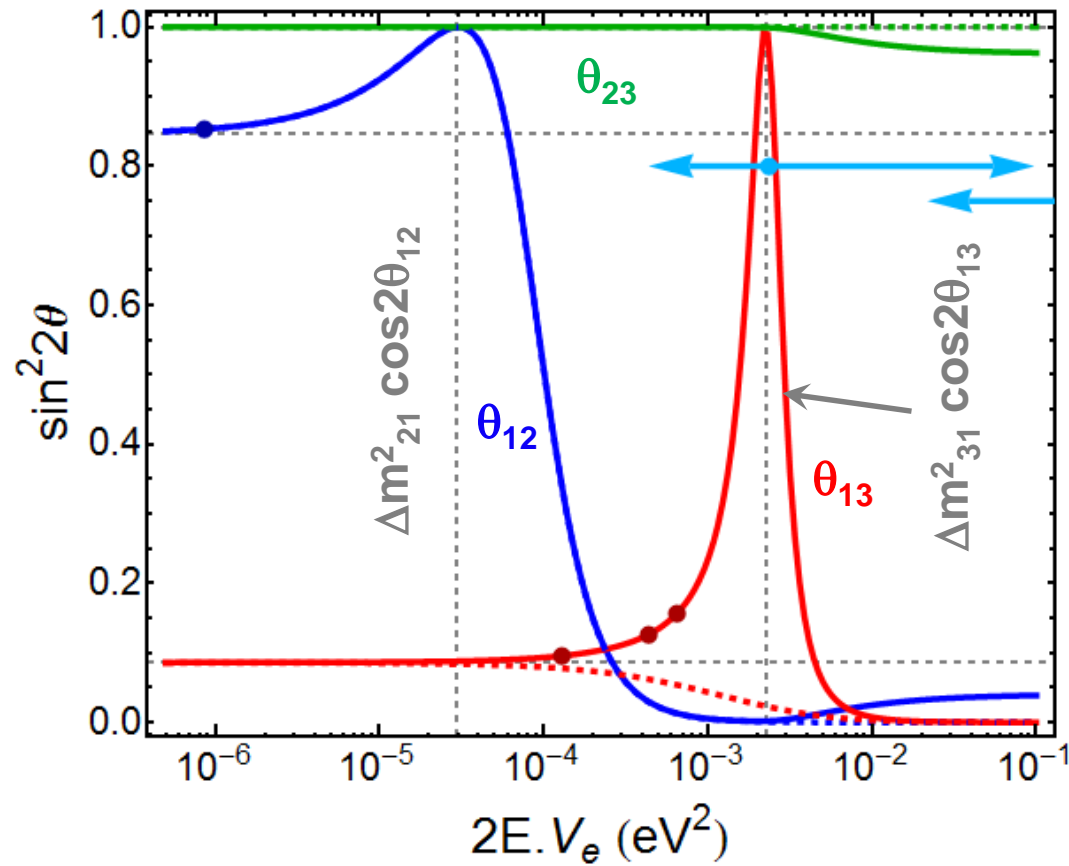
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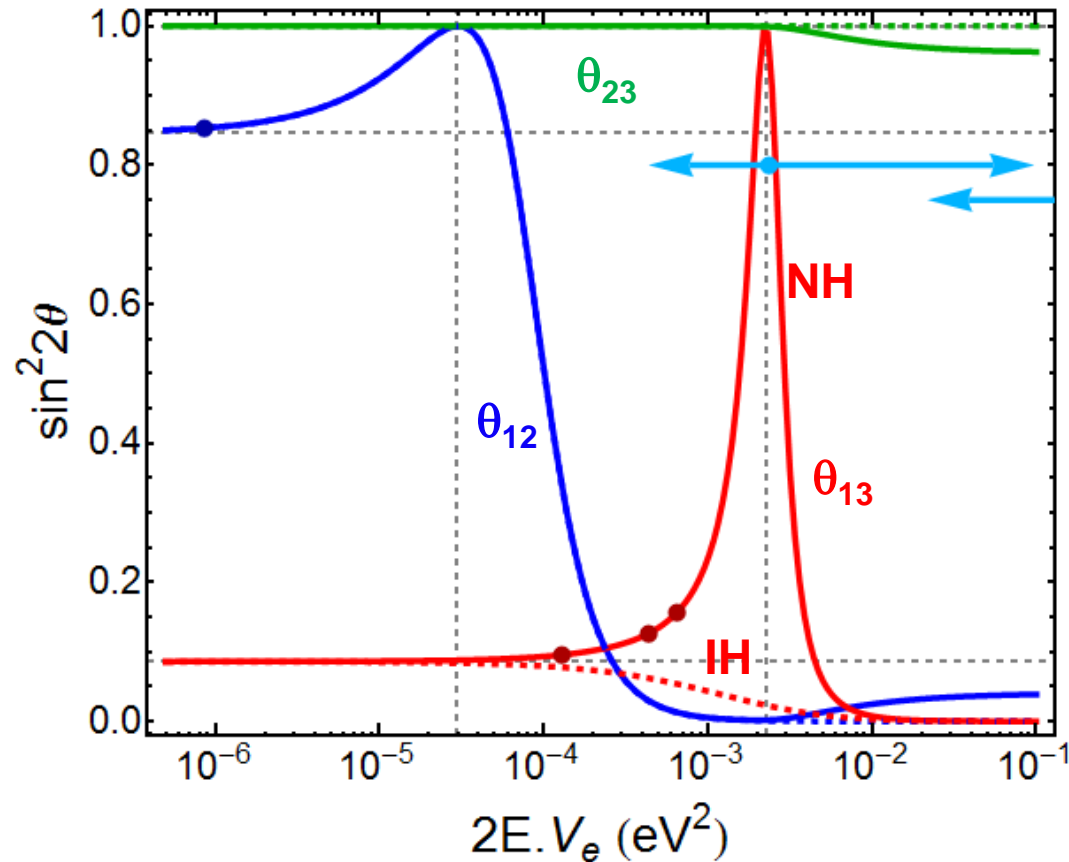


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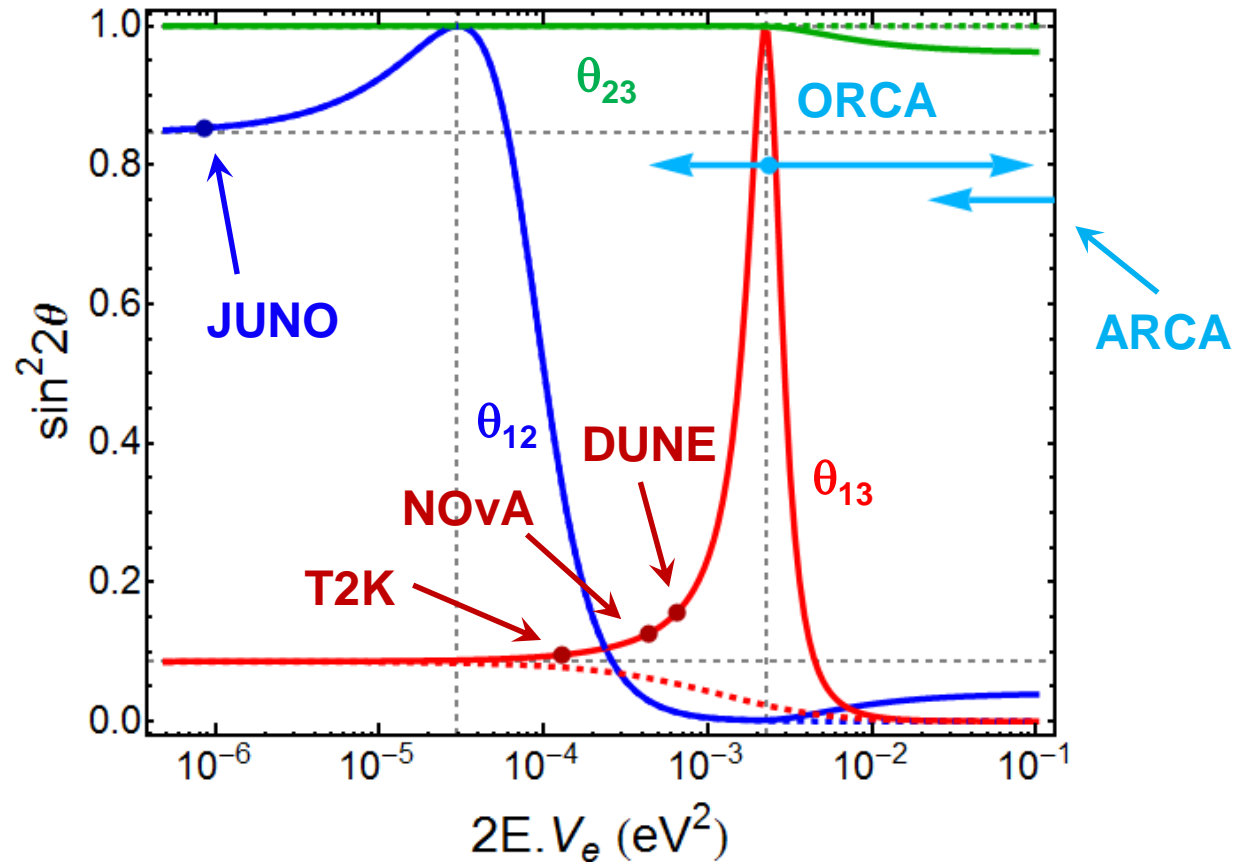
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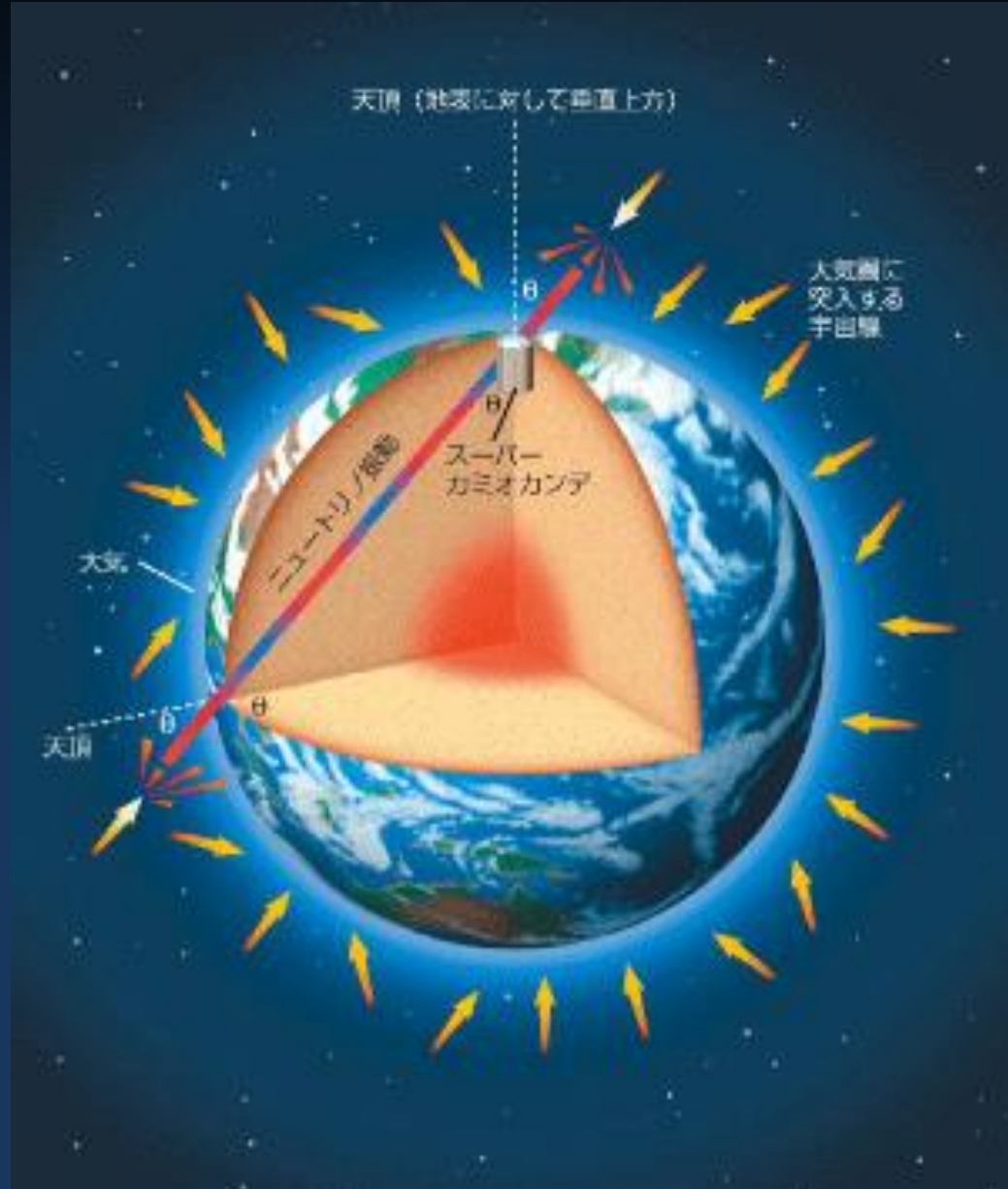
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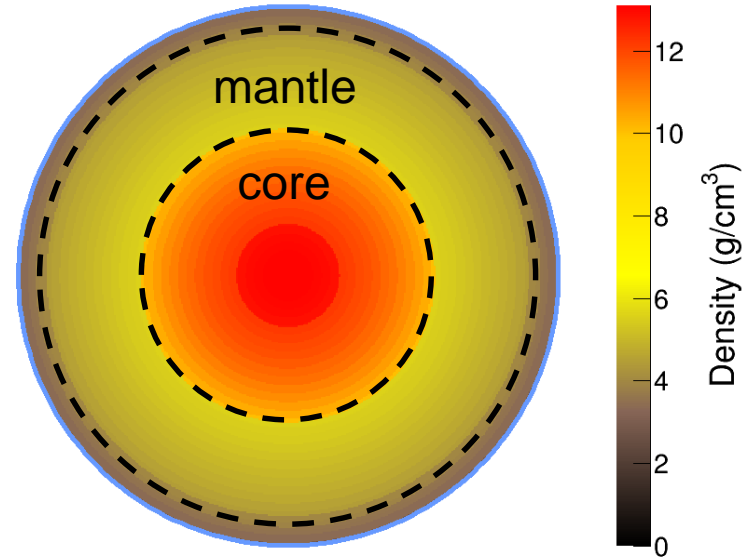
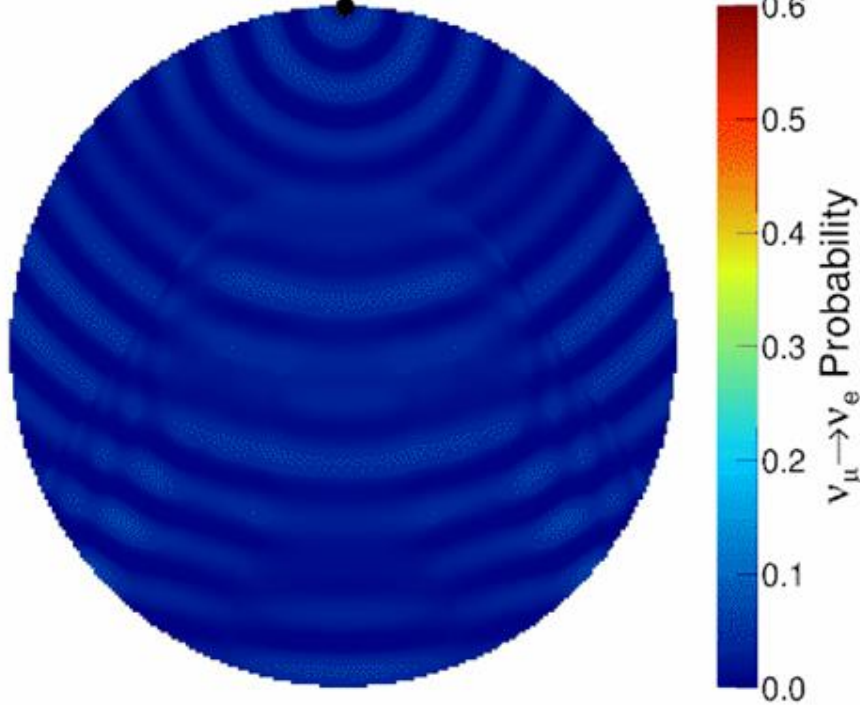
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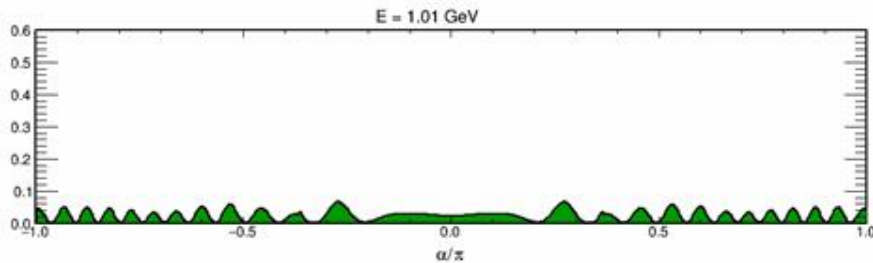
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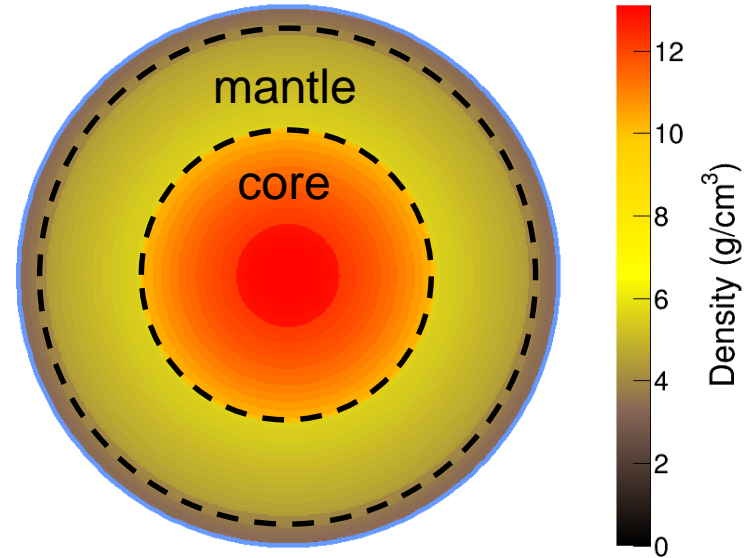
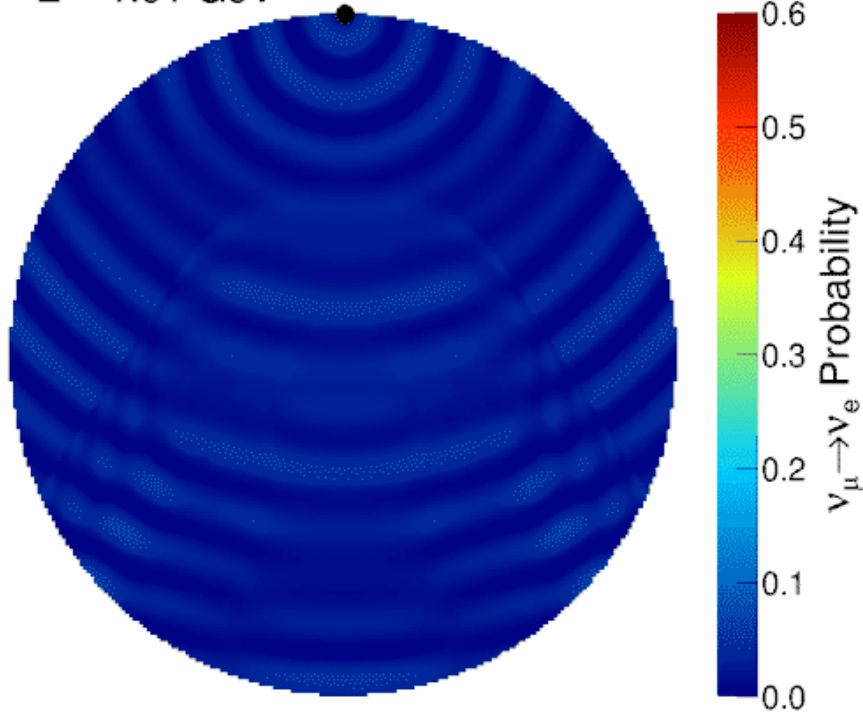
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ν_e appearance at the surface

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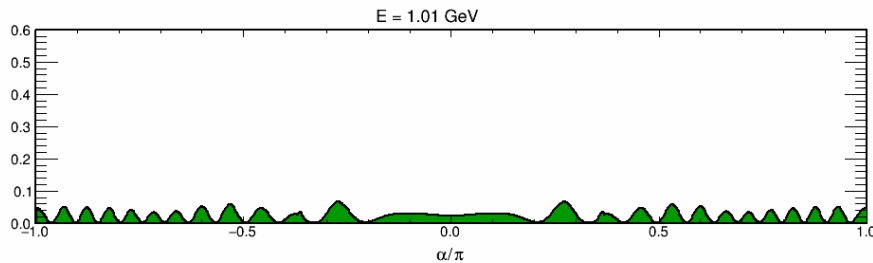
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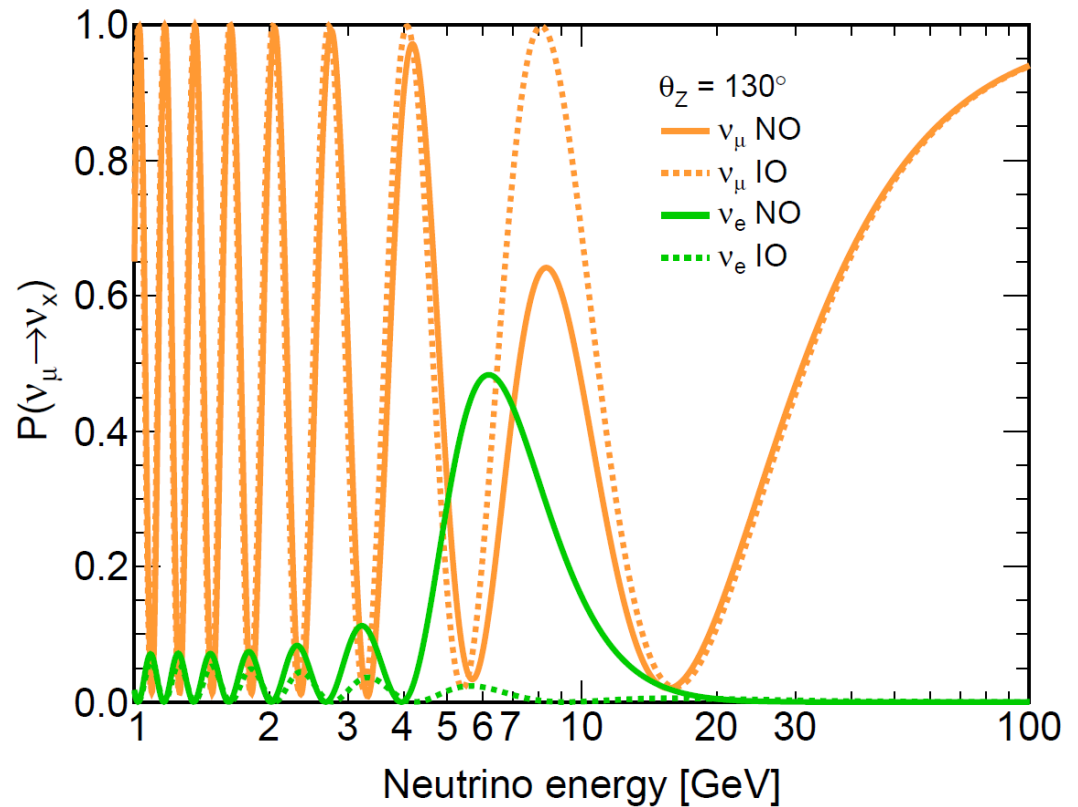
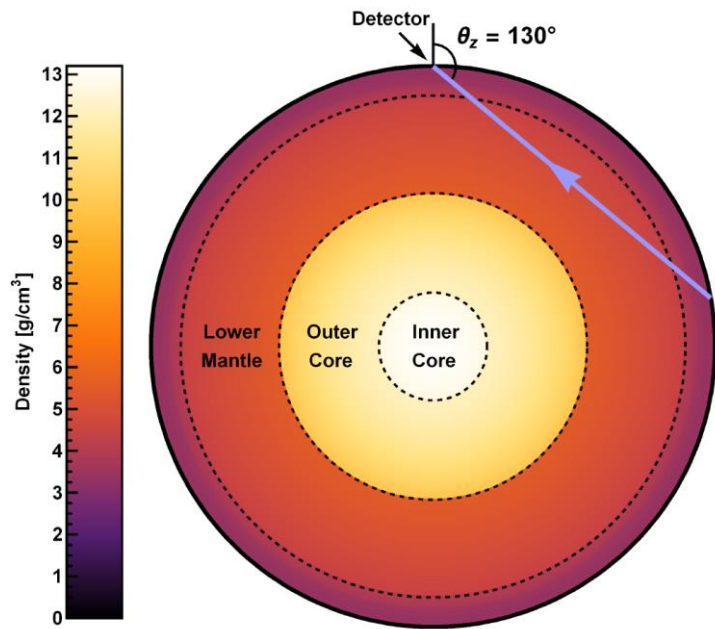
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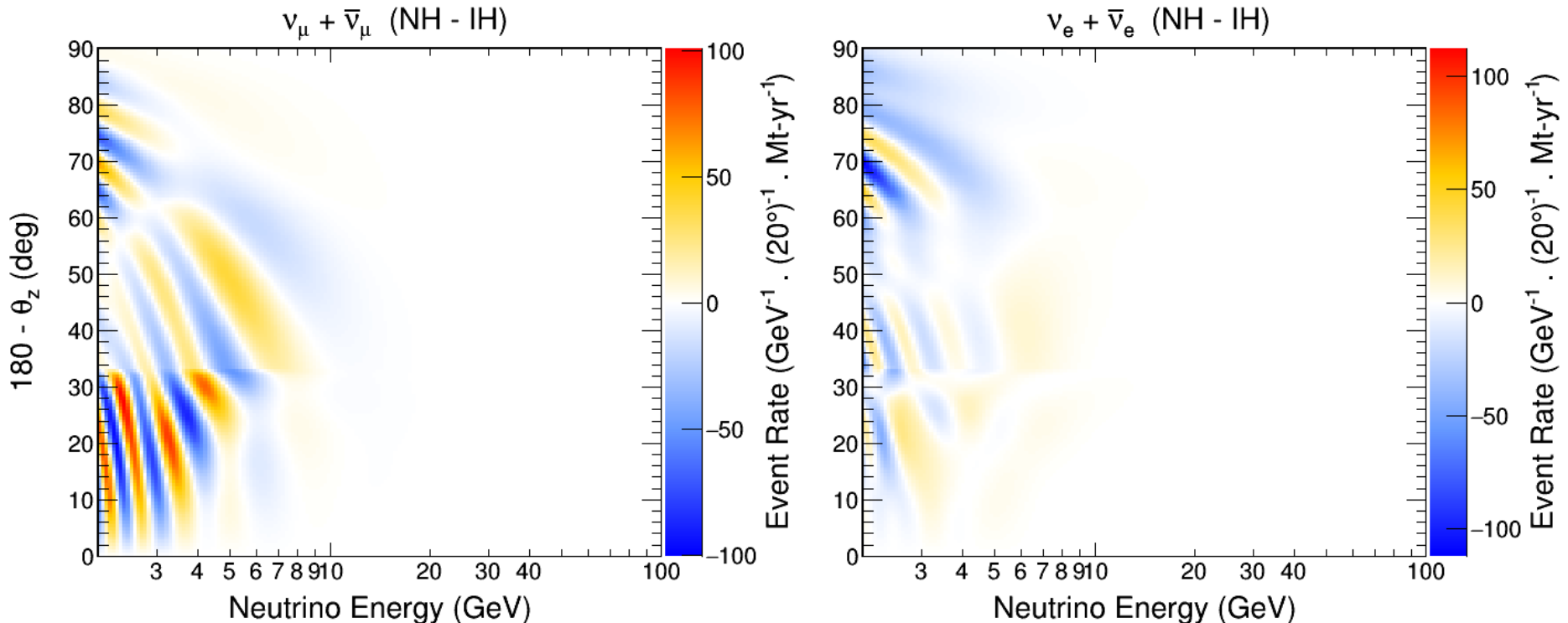
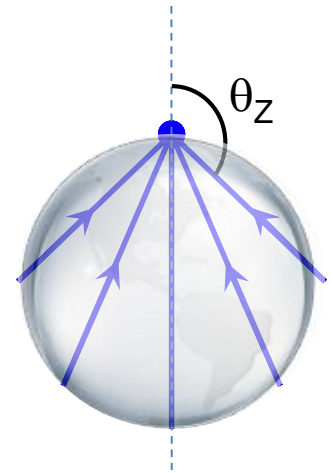
Nue appearance at the surface

Sensitive to Mass Ordering at resonance energies



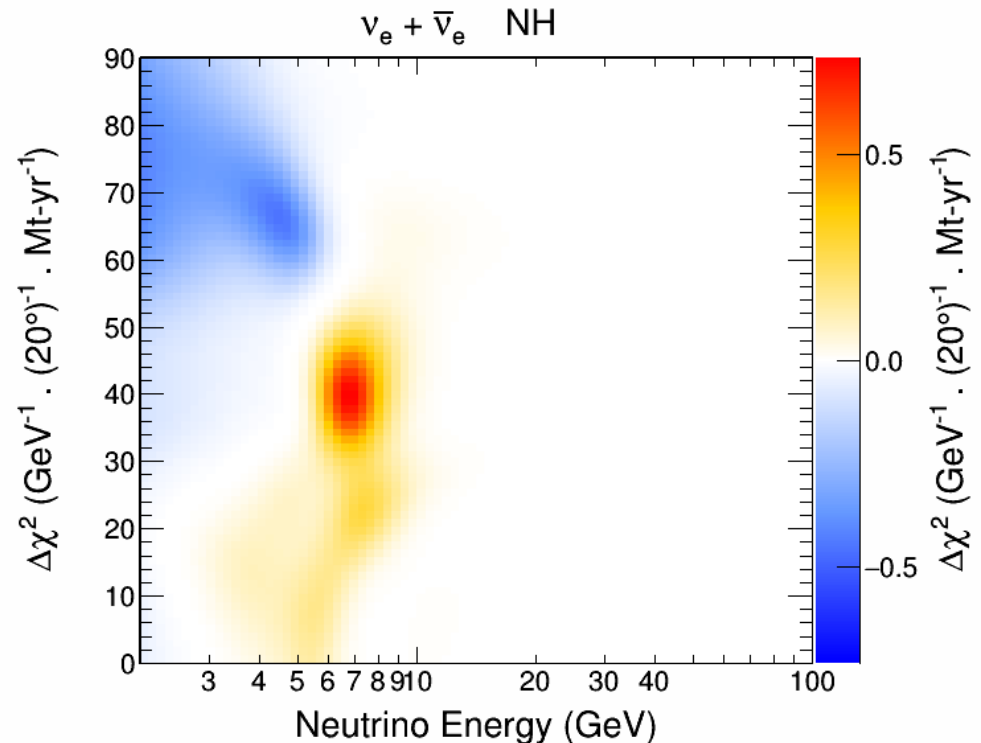
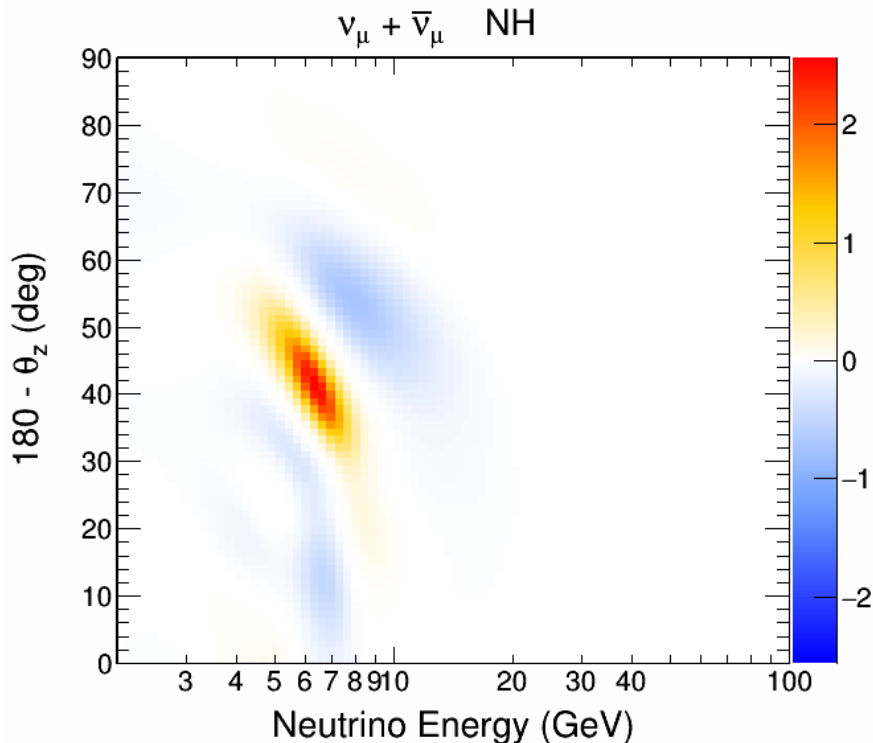
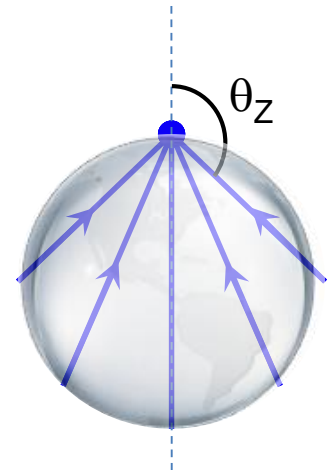
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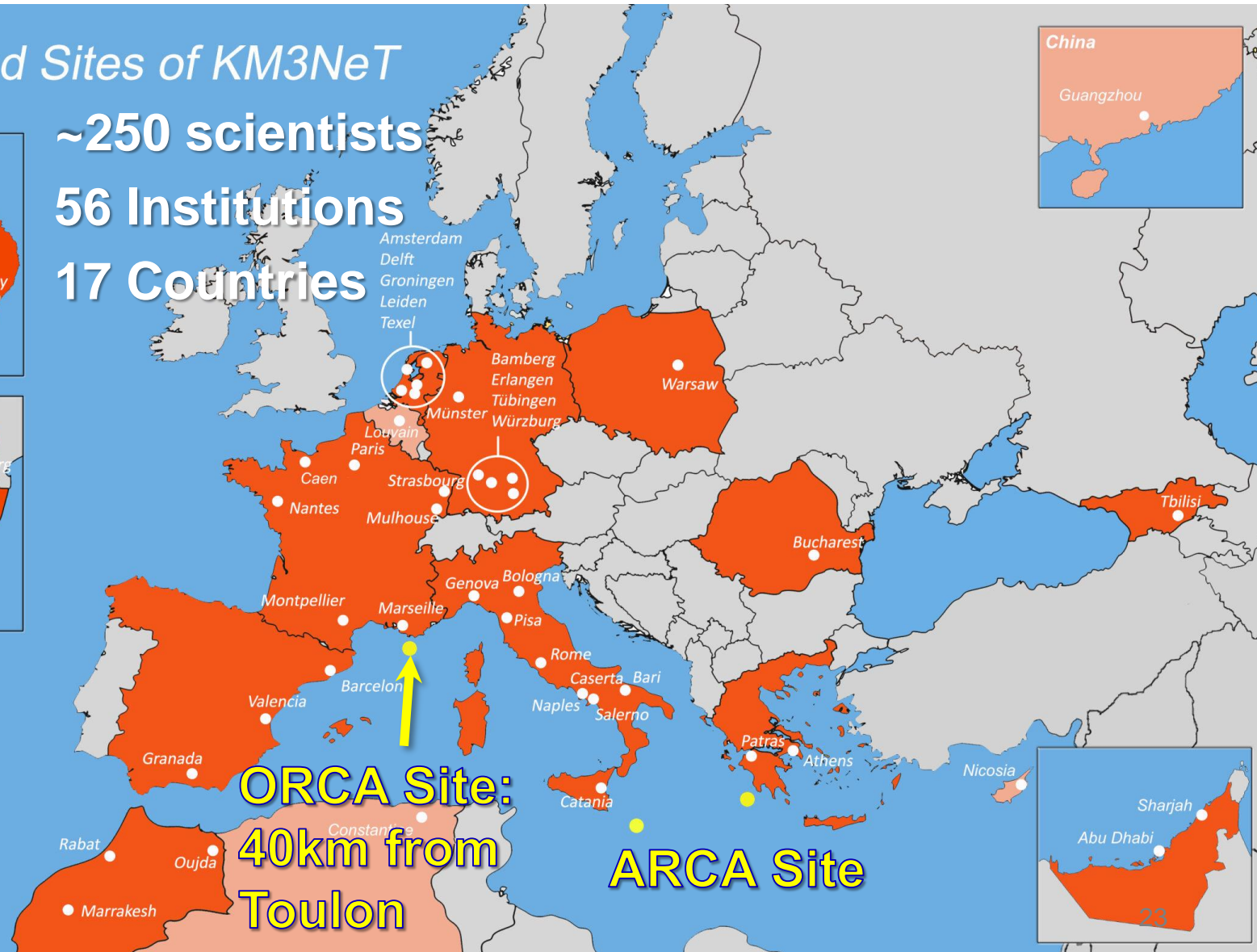
KM3NeT Collaboration

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Cities and Sites of KM3NeT

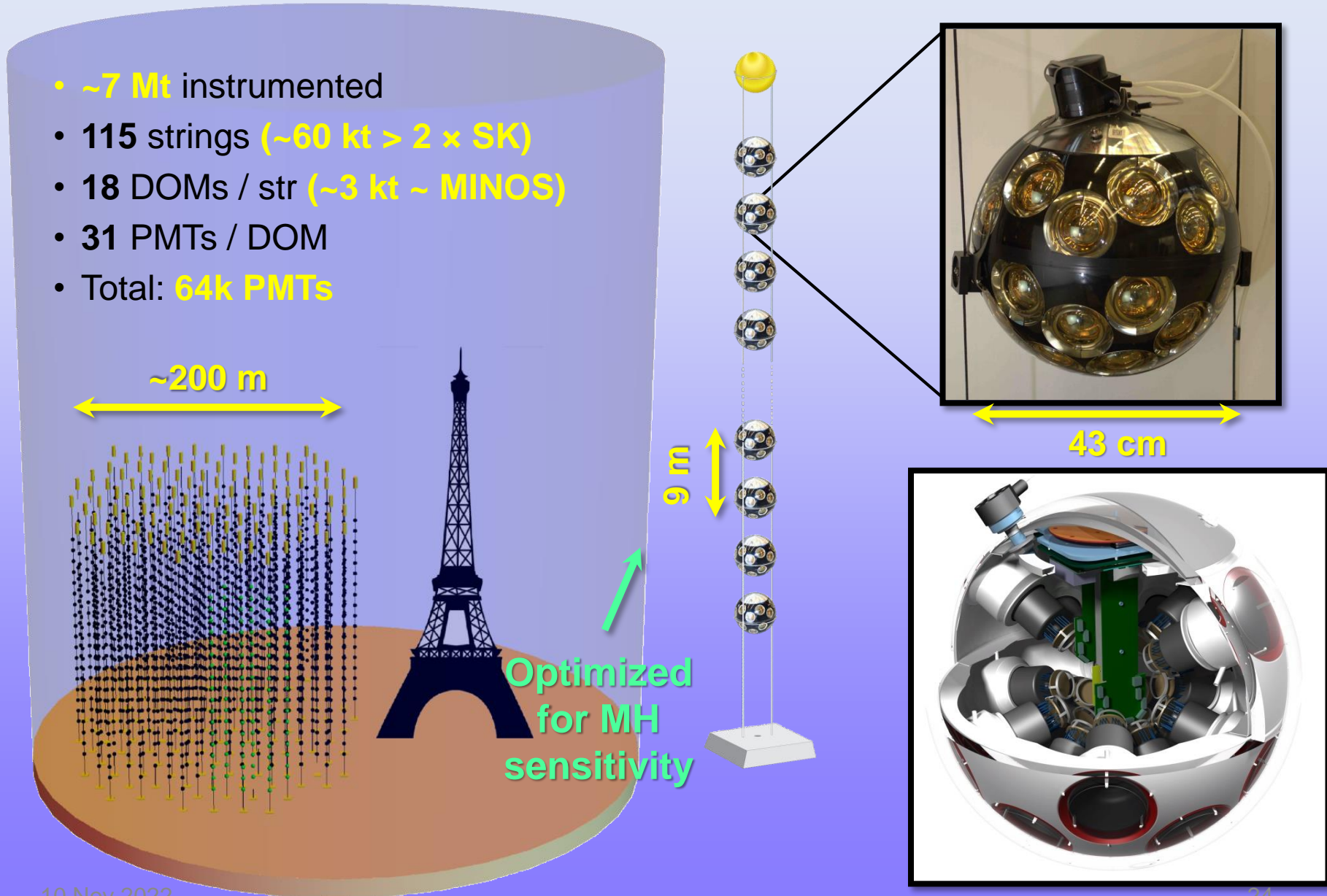
~250 scientists
56 Institutions
17 Countries



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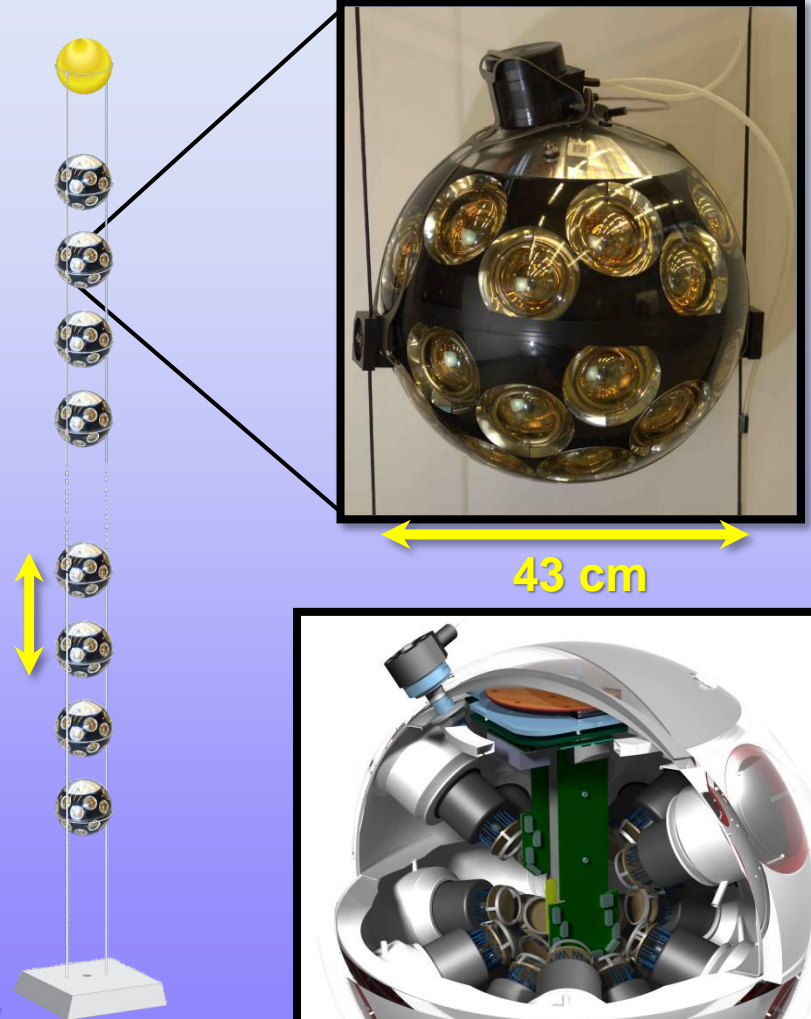
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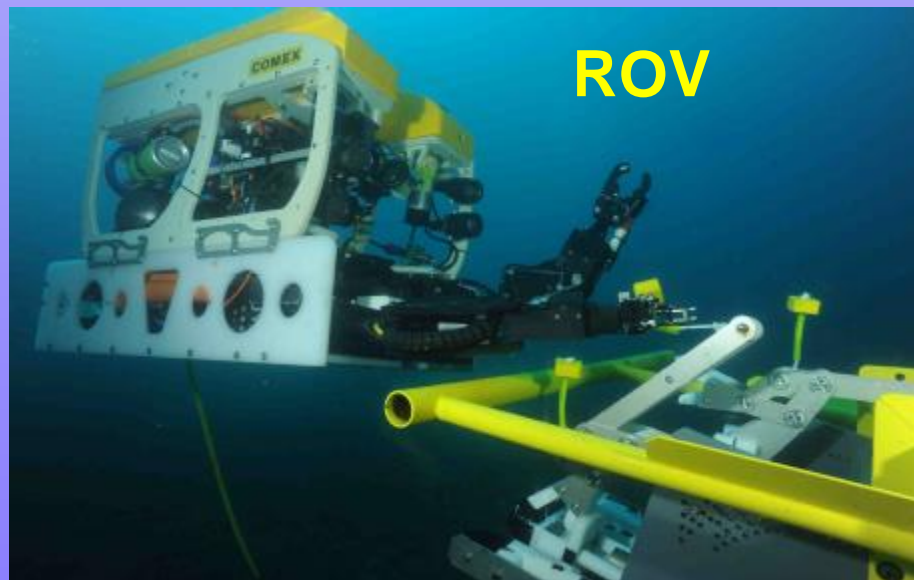
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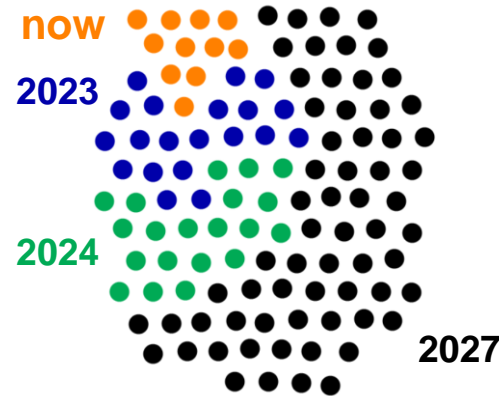
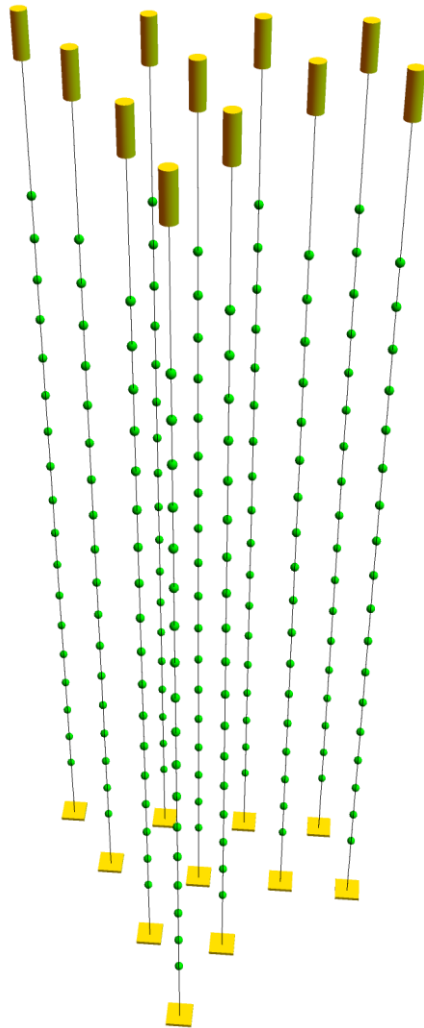
Deployment

- String fitted to Launcher Vehicle
- Delivered at a **depth of 2450m**
- Dynamic Positioning: **1m precision**
- ROV connects cable to junction box
- Boat triggers unfurling of the string
- Many nice videos on youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/KM3NeTneutrino>



Production ongoing around Europe

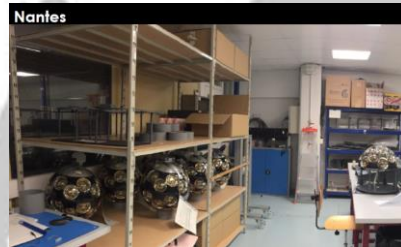


- **ORCA: 11 lines in the water since September 2022**
- **~20 more lines expected by end of 2023 to be deployed**

Amsterdam



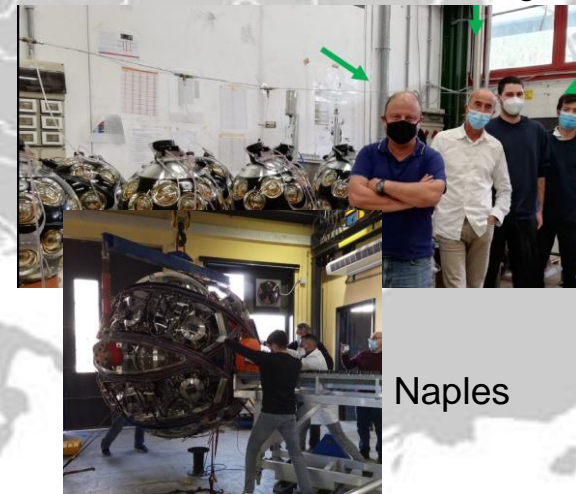
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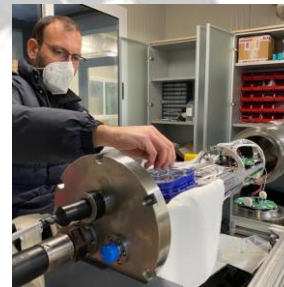
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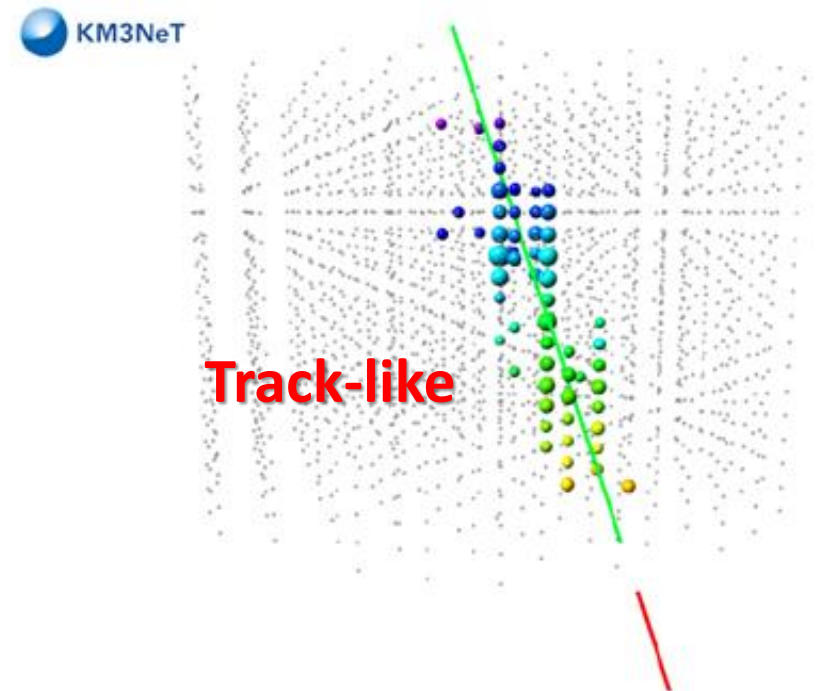
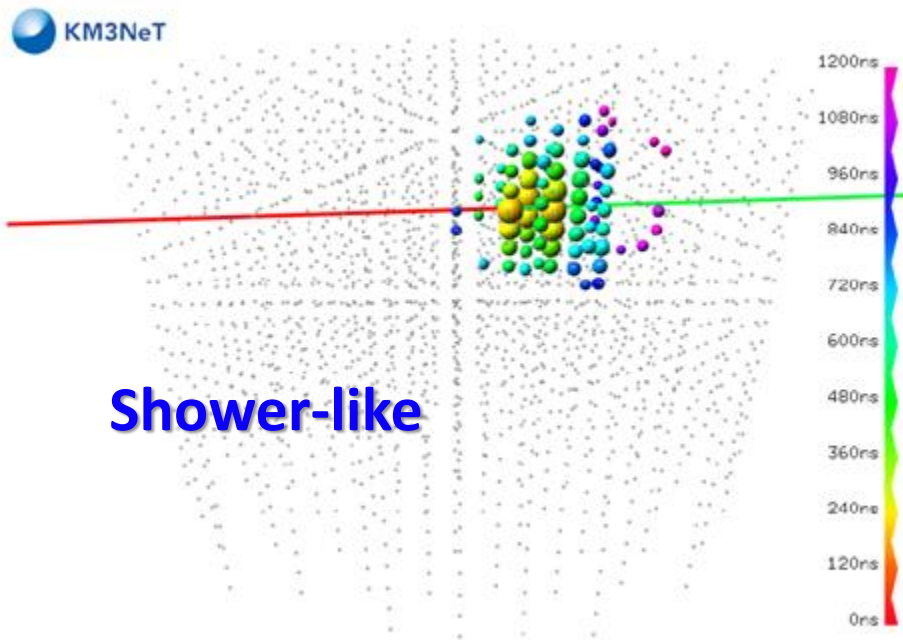
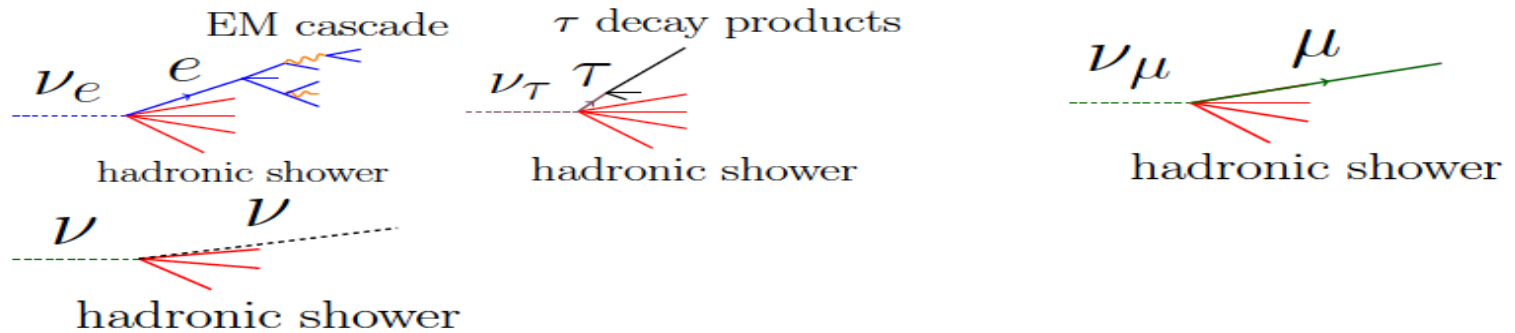
Bologna



Naples

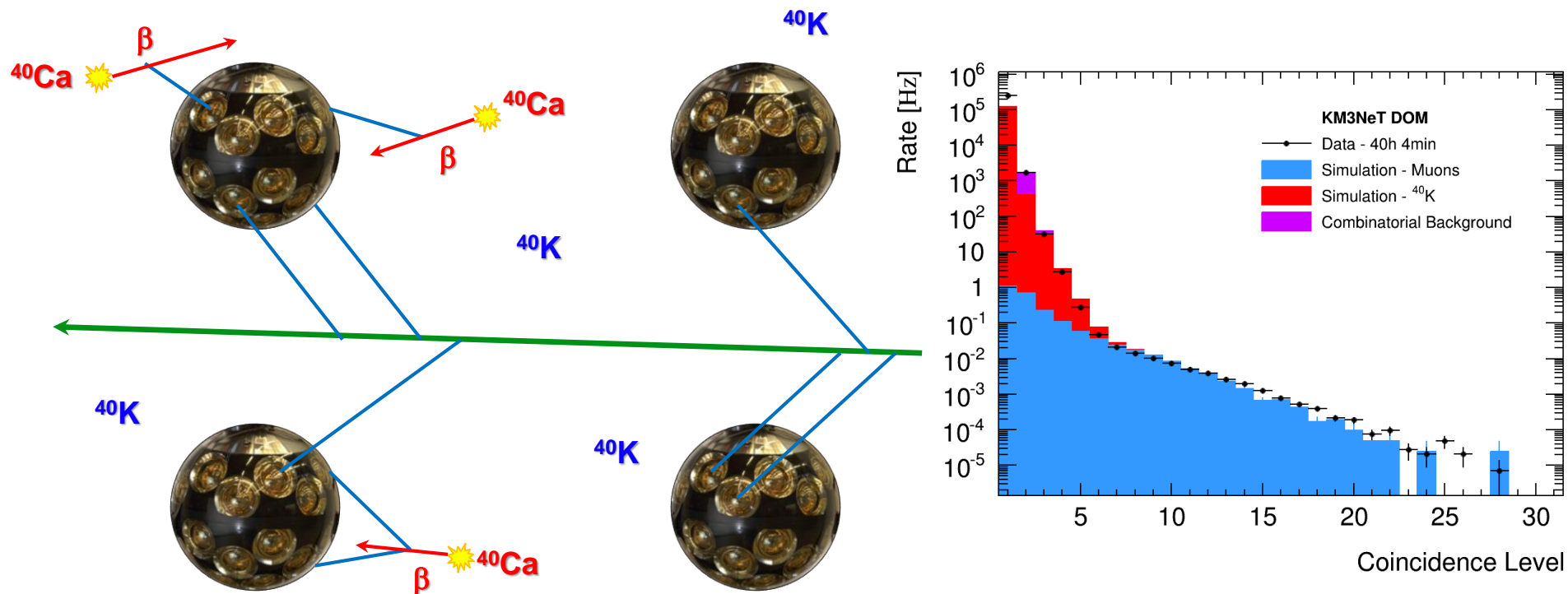


Measuring Neutrinos



Trigger

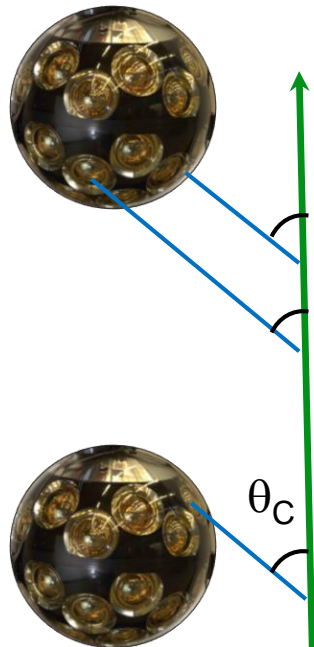
- Optical background mostly from ^{40}K decays in the water
- Measured: **8 kHz** uncorr., **340 Hz** level-two coinc. / PMT [Eur. Phys. J. C 74, 3056 (2014)]
- Look for coincidences in time and PMT direction to reduce trigger rate.
- Causality further restricts space and time correlations for extra power.
- Final trigger rate **~59 Hz**, with **70%** of events containing a cosmic ray **muon**.



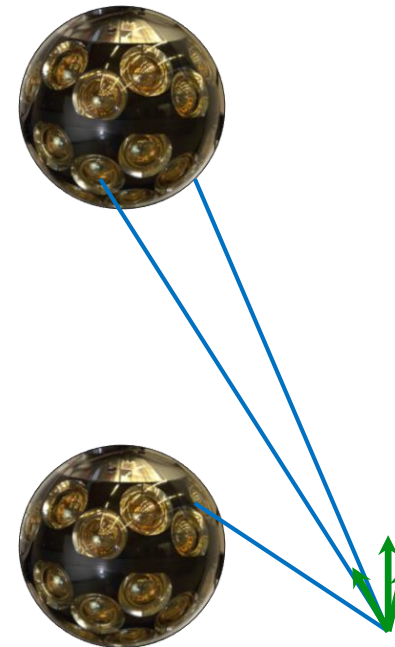
Reconstruction

- 1) Start with a track or shower hypothesis
- 2) Use **causality** to perform a robust **hit selection**
- 3) Find **vertex** and **direction** that best match hit pattern
- 4) Estimate track range for computing **track energy** (0.24 GeV / m)
- 5) Estimate **Shower energy** and direction from hit distribution after initial fit to the vertex position and time

Track Hypothesis

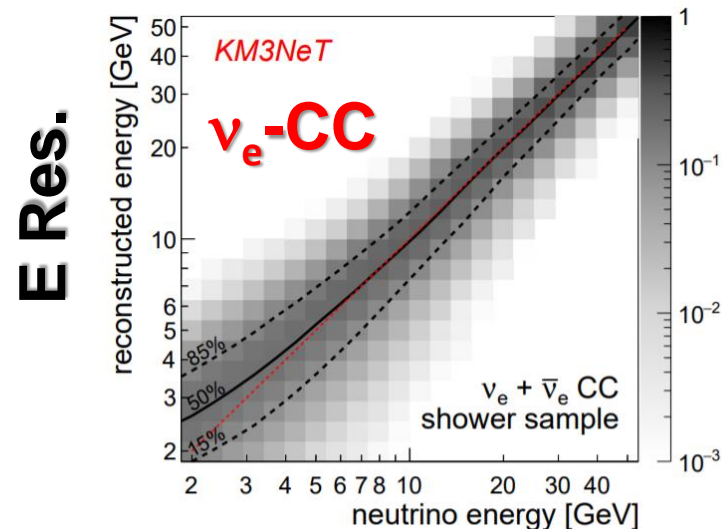
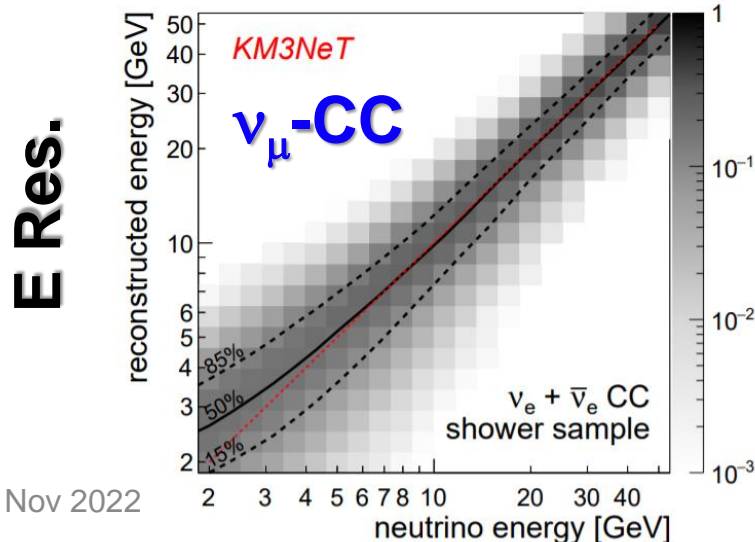
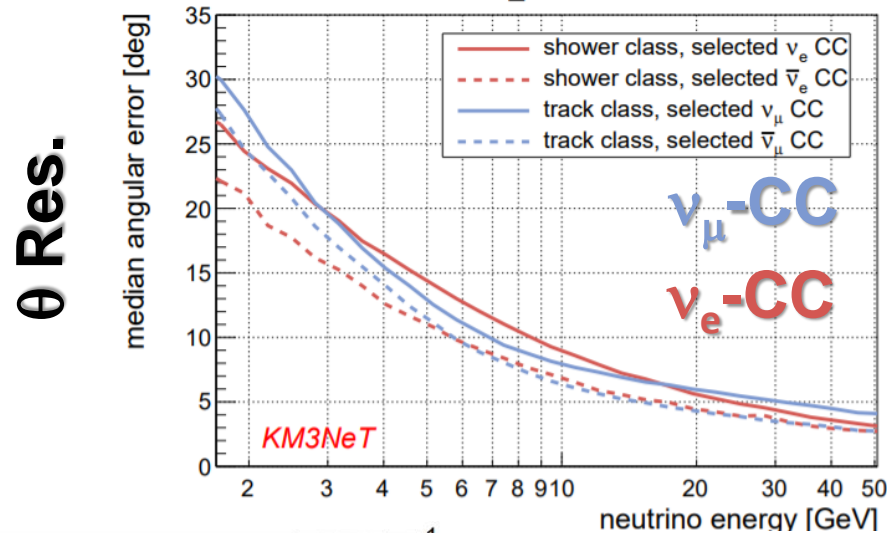
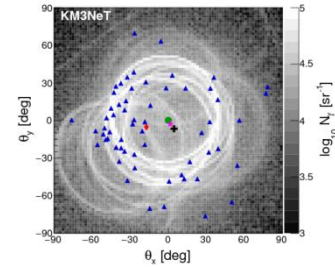


Shower Hypothesis

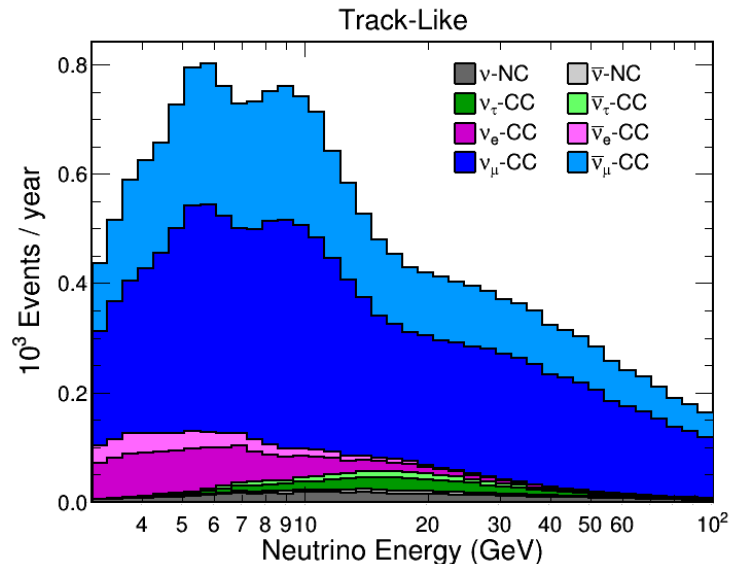


Reco Performance

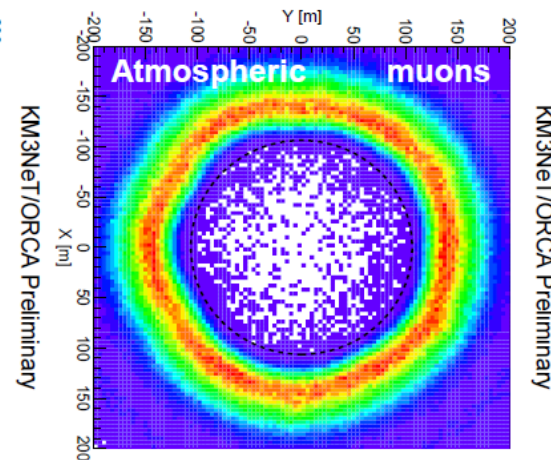
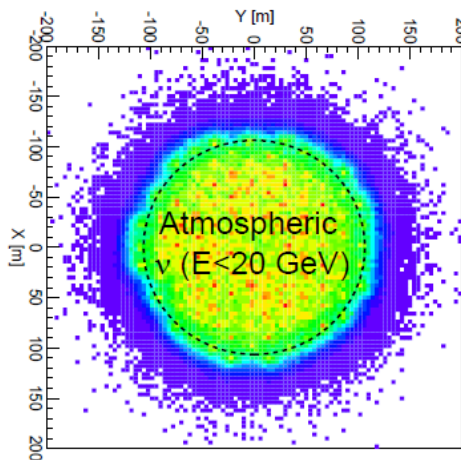
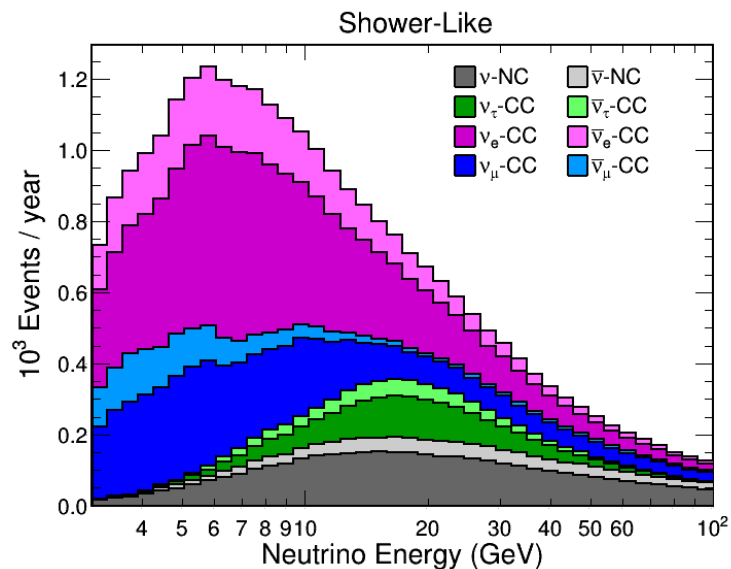
- Energy resolution: ~25% (Close to limit [arXiv:1612.05621](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.05621))
- Angular resolution: Better than 15 degrees at relevant energies



Event Selection

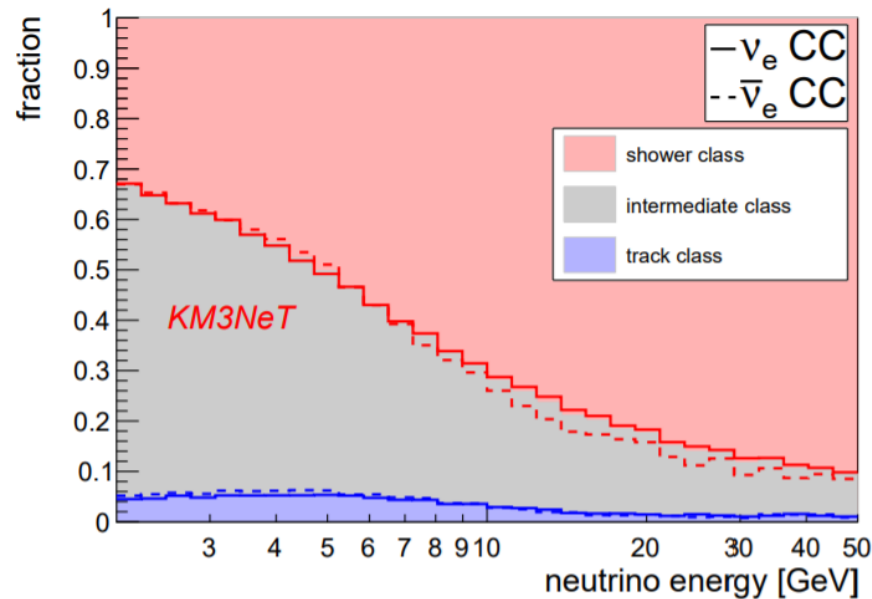
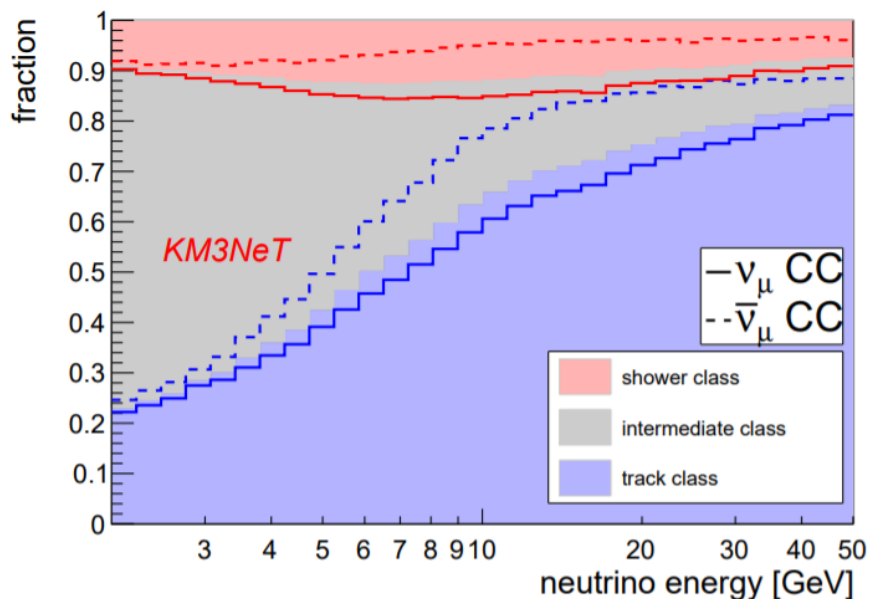
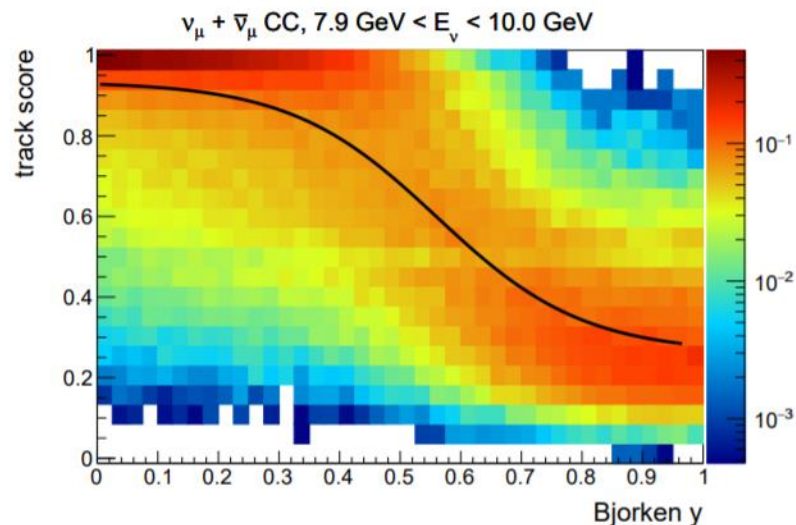


- Events are classified through a Random Decision Forest (RDF)
- At 10 GeV:
 - 90% of ν_e -CC are shower-like
 - 70% of ν_μ -CC are track-like
- Most atmospheric muons are removed by containment cuts

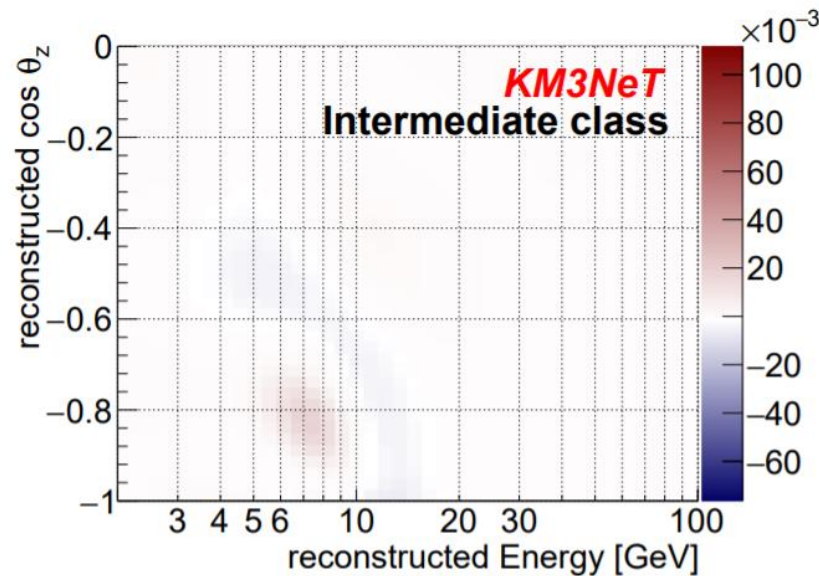
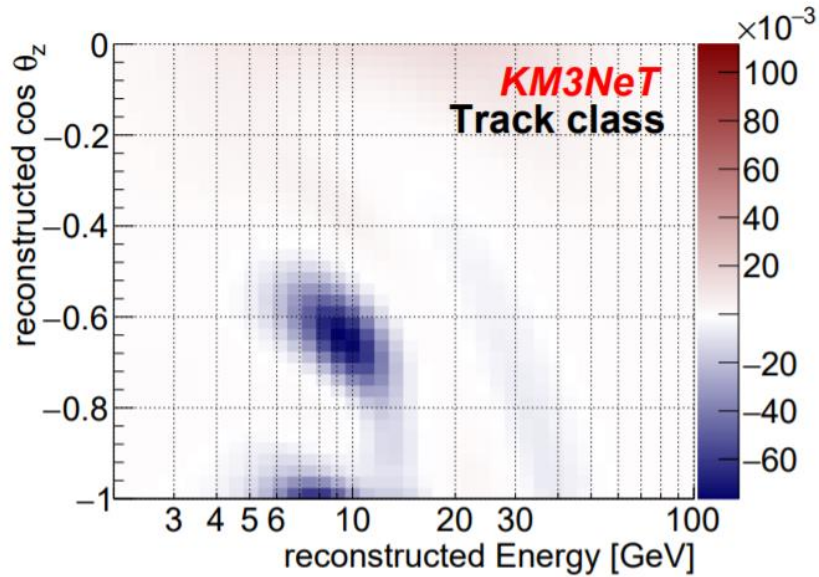


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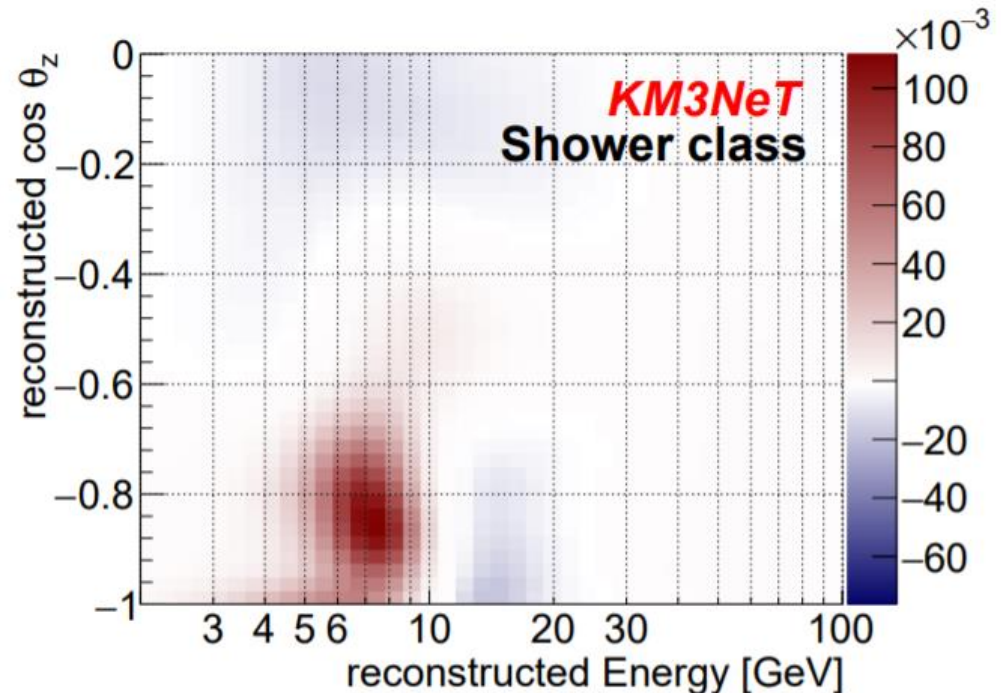
- Split non-track events into shower class (track score < 0.3) and intermediate class ($0.3 < \text{track score} < 0.7$)
- Increases purity in shower class but keeps low purity intermediate sample for control
- ν_μ -CC contamination mostly from highly inelastic interactions



NMO Sensitive Regions



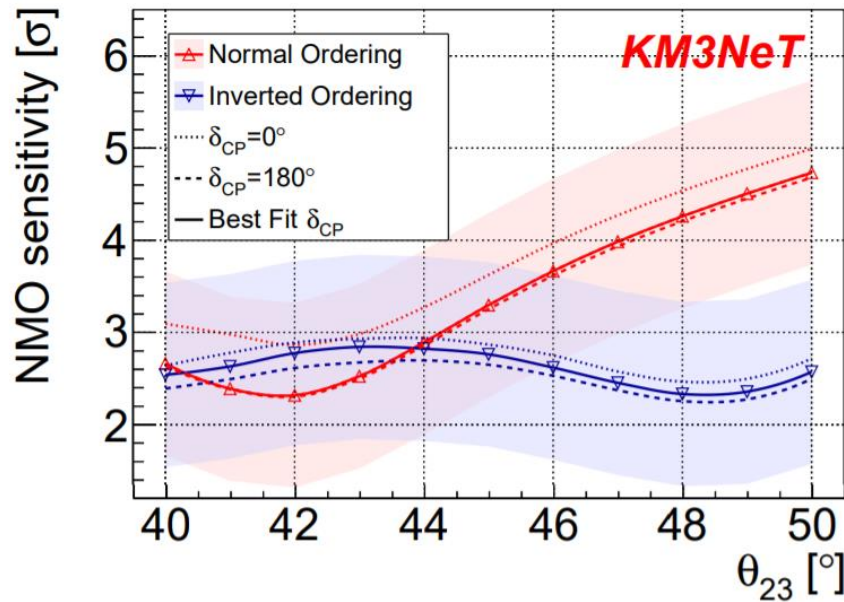
- Matter effects means NMO will impact very specific regions in L and E space
- Sensitivity dominated by shower class, but non-negligible contribution from track class
- Intermediate class has little sensitivity but helps constraint systematics



Systematics

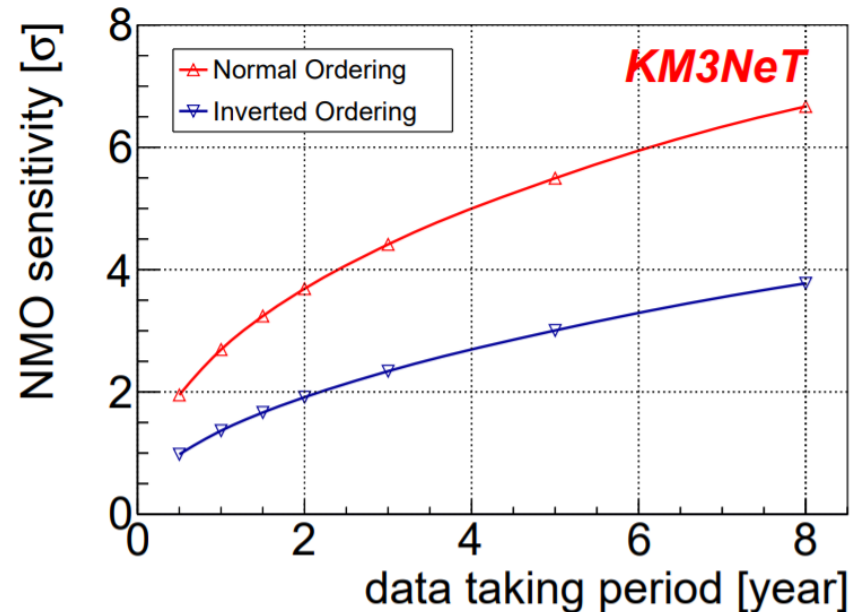
- A total of 12 parameters are included in the analysis to account for shape and normalization uncertainties due to a combination of flux, cross-section and detector systematics
- Many systematics can be left free with no priors and will be constrained by our own data in different regions of L and E
- Ratios between samples:
 - $\nu_e/\text{anti-}\nu_e$: 7%
 - $\nu_\mu/\text{anti-}\nu_\mu$: 5%
 - ν_e/ν_μ : 2%
- Shape uncertainty:
 - Energy scale: 6%
 - Had. energy scale: 5%
 - Directional skew: 2%
 - Spectral index: Free
- Normalization components:
 - NC component: Free
 - ν_τ component : Free
 - Overall norm. of each class: Free
- Plus 4 oscillation parameters:
 - Δm^2_{31} : Free
 - δ_{CP} : Free
 - $\sin^2\theta_{23}$: Free
 - $\sin^2\theta_{13}$: 3%

Sensitivity Results



- **In 3 years** expect to achieve **4.4σ** (2.3σ) if truth is NO (IO) at current best fit oscillation parameters
- **NO and upper octant** of θ_{23} significantly enhances sensitivity (**5σ in ~ 4 years**)

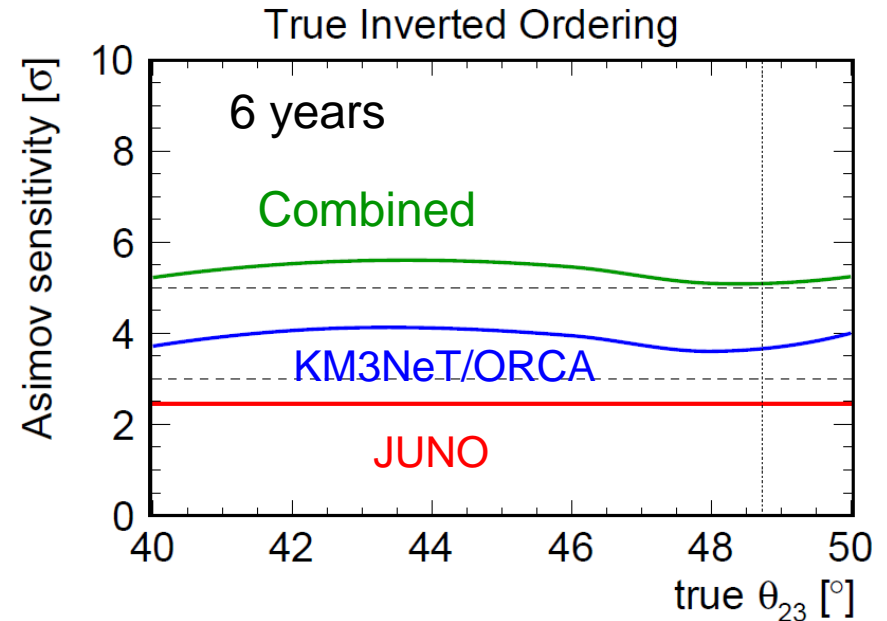
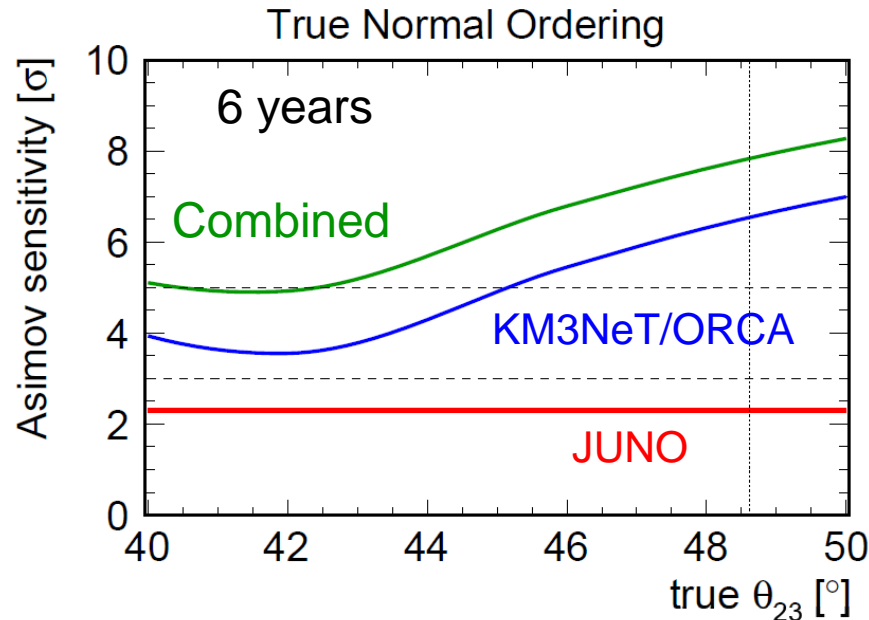
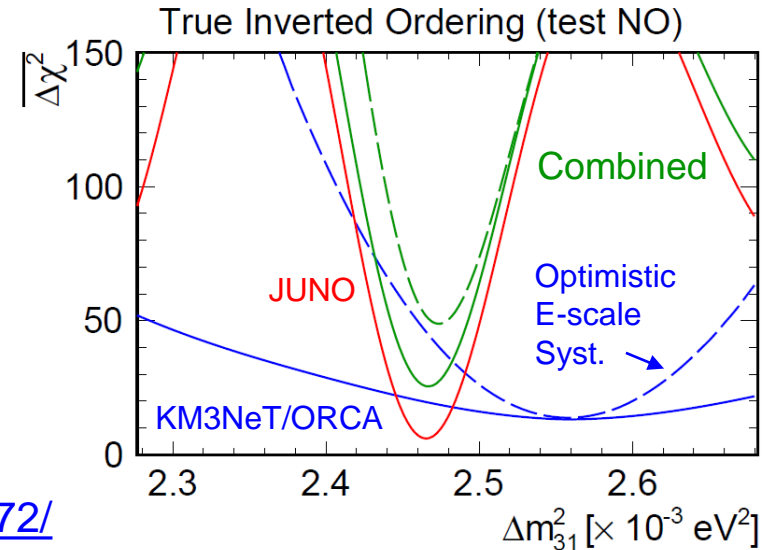
- In the IH, sensitivity is less dependent on octant of θ_{23}
- **Worst case** scenarios should reach **3σ in ~ 5 years**
- The value of δ_{cp} has small but non-negligible impact on sensitivity



Synergy with JUNO

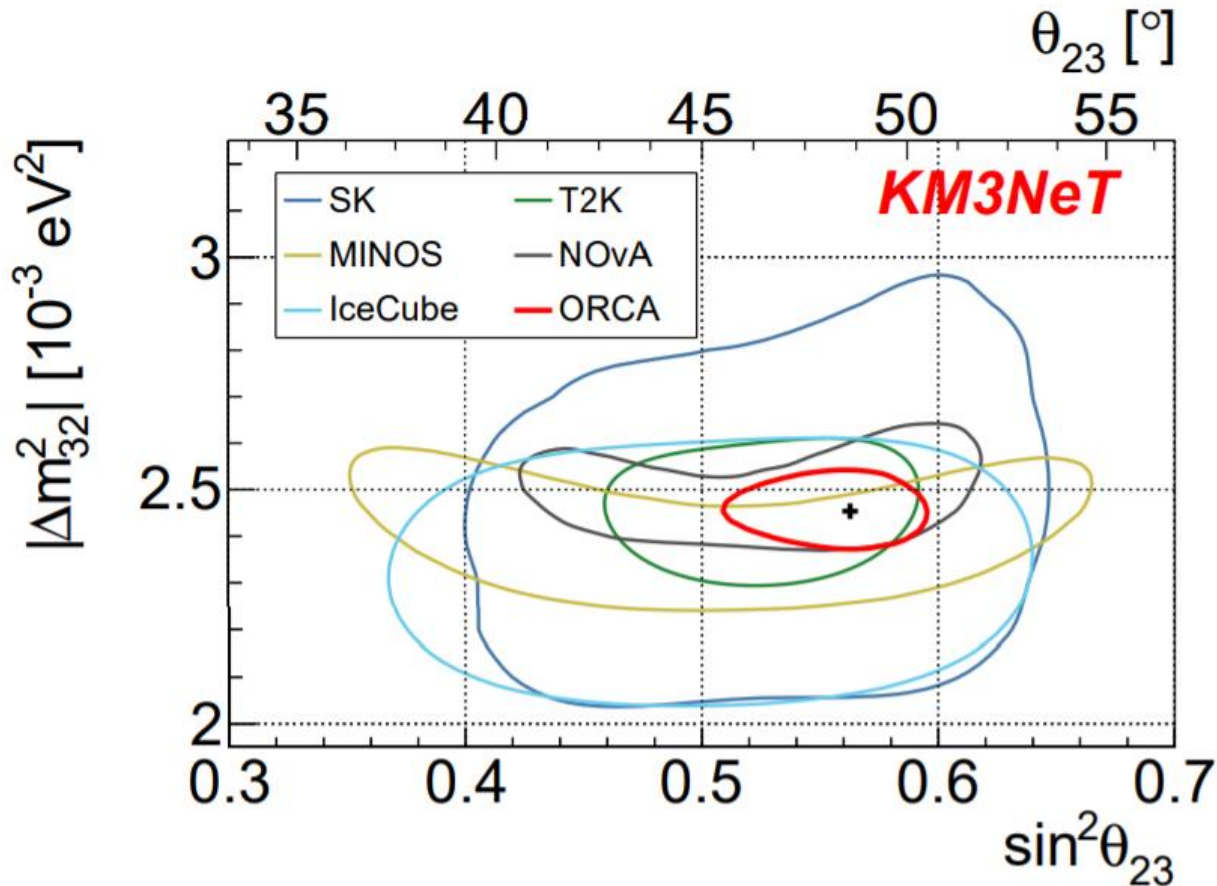
- Before 2030, JUNO and KM3NeT may be able to **definitively measure the NMO at 5σ** by exploiting a synergy between measurements of Δm_{31}^2
- Combined sensitivity is better than the simple sum of their $\Delta\chi^2$

<https://indico.ific.uv.es/event/3965/contributions/14772/>



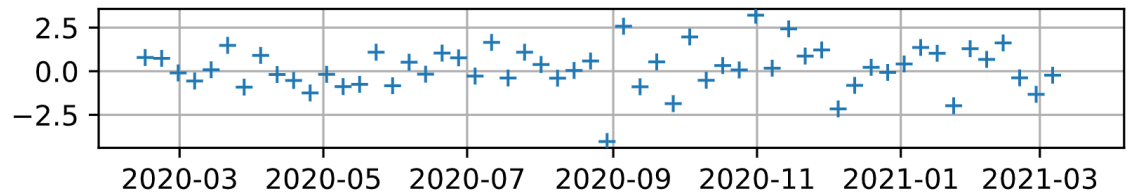
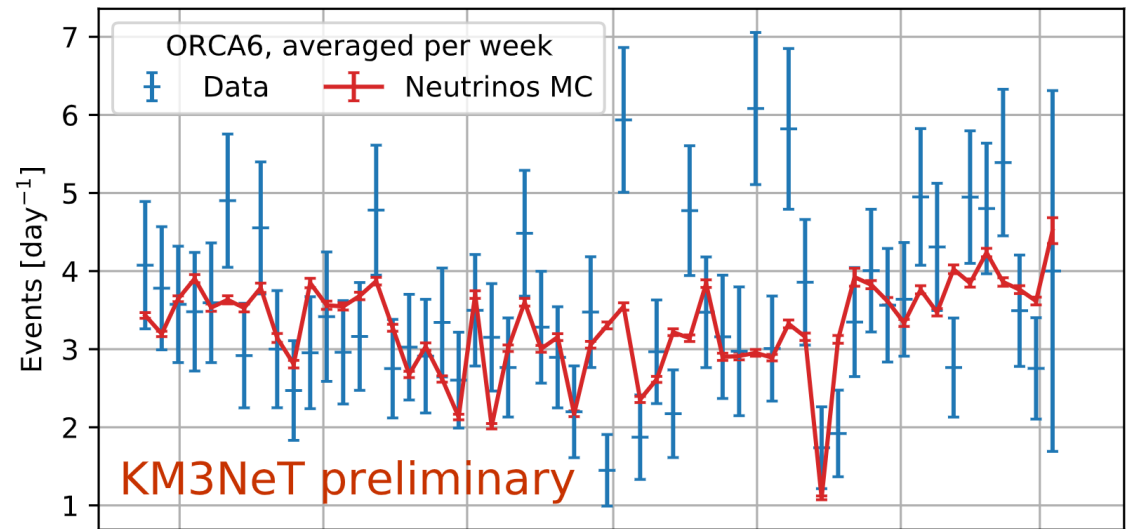
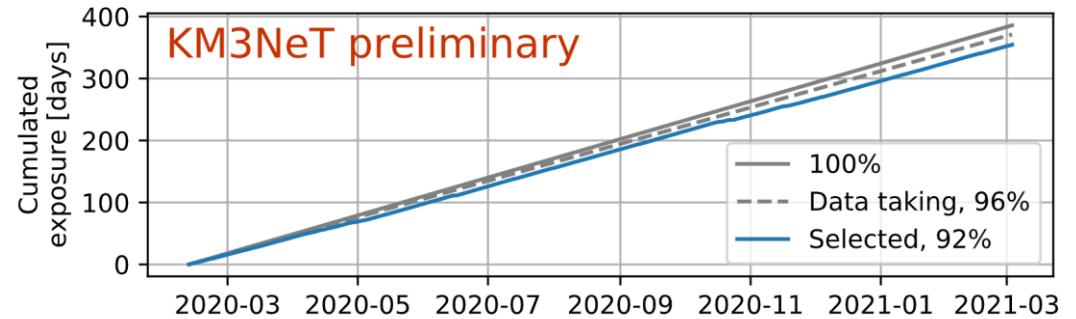
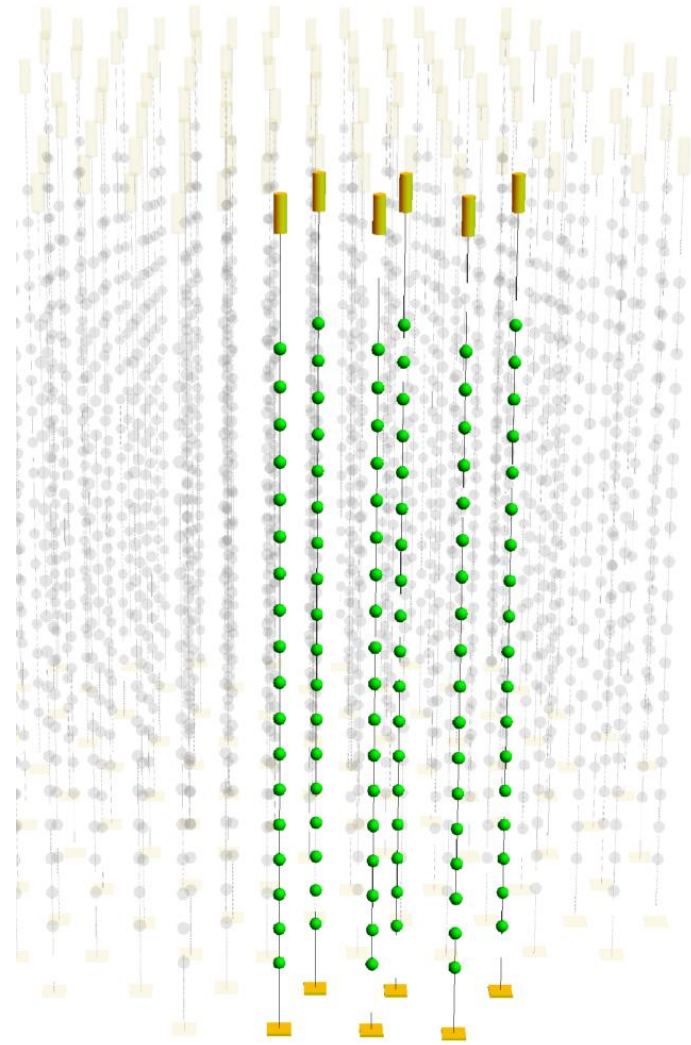
Other Parameters

- High statistics and excellent resolution → Measure Δm^2_{32} and $\sin^2\theta_{23}$
- **Competitive sensitivity with LBL experiments**
- Achieve **4.5%** prec. in Δm^2_{32} and **~10%** in $\sin^2\theta_{23}$



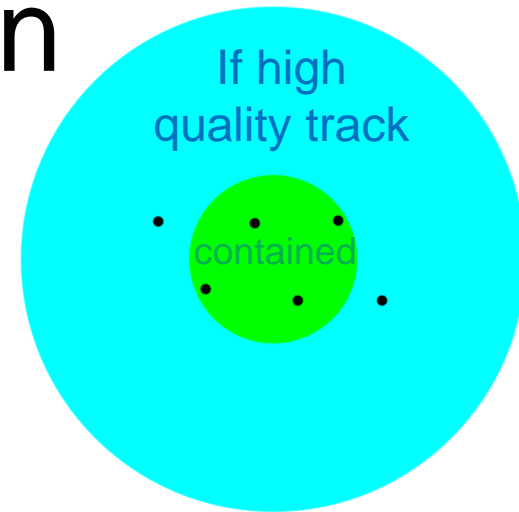
But we have data now!

Over 90% up time for 1 year



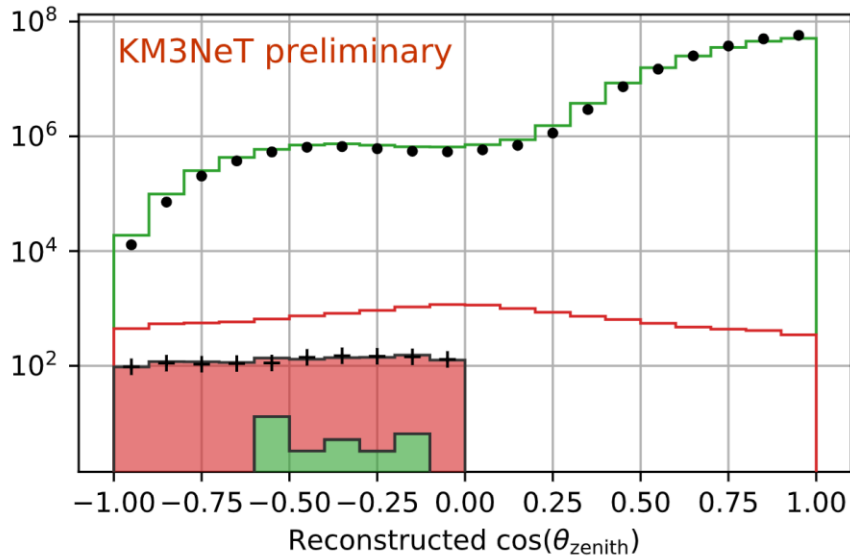
Neutrino Selection

- Simplified selection for track-like events only
- Minimum number of hits matching Cherenkov angle
- Vertex contained in fiducial volume
- High quality track reconstruction, increasing with radius
- Reject poorly understood high energy tail (dE/dx based)



ORCA6, 354.6 days.

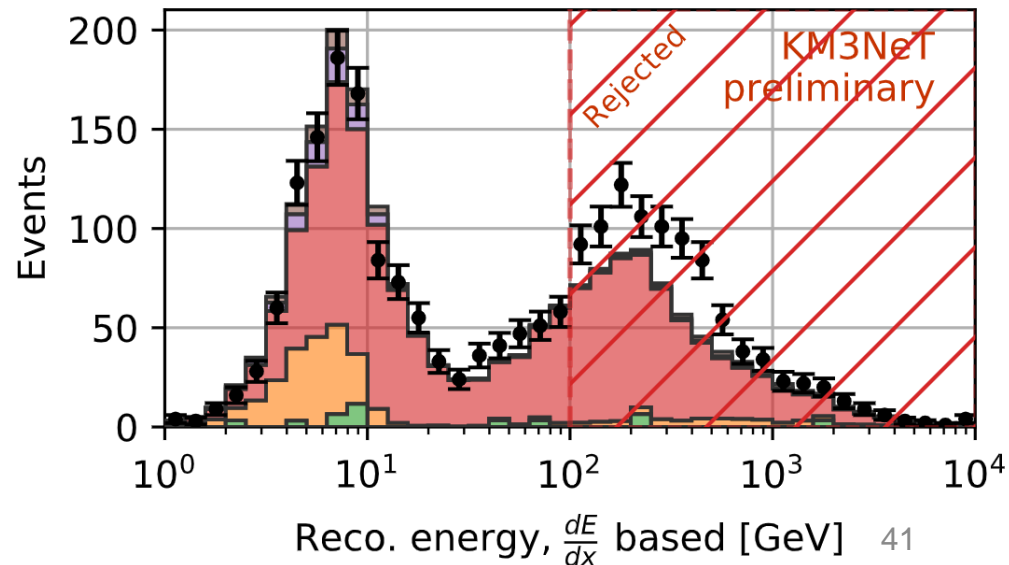
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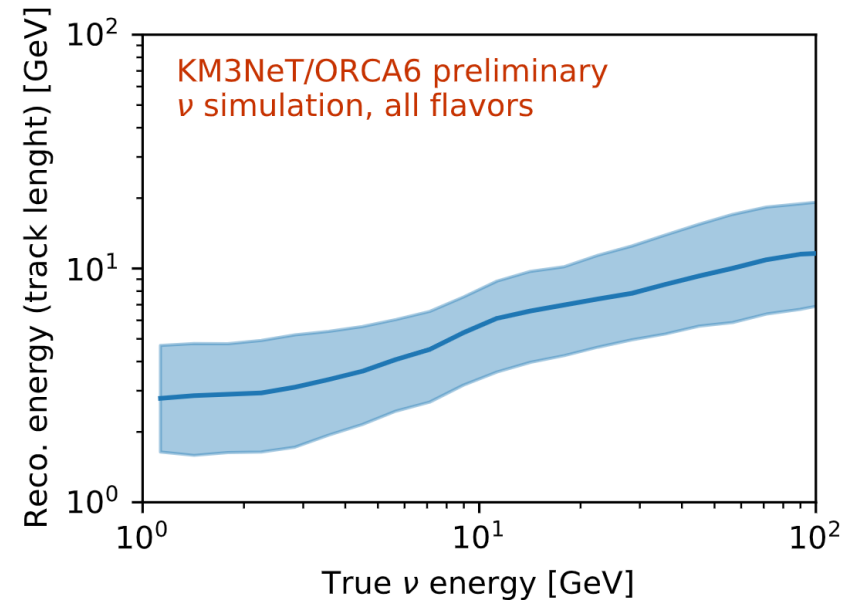
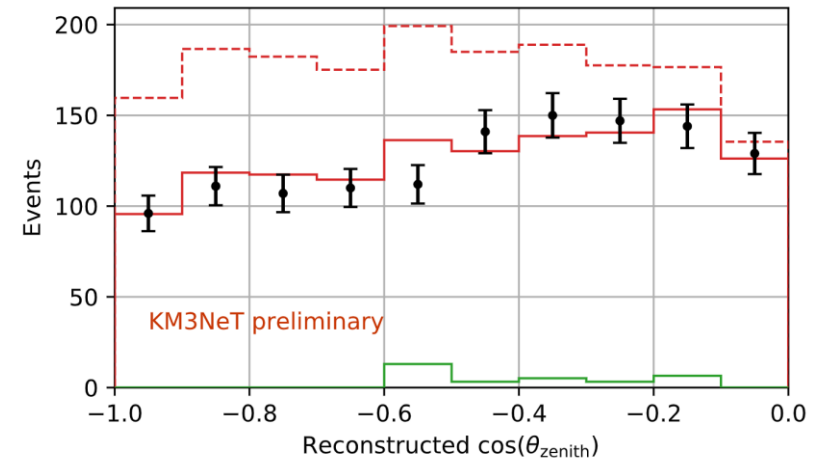
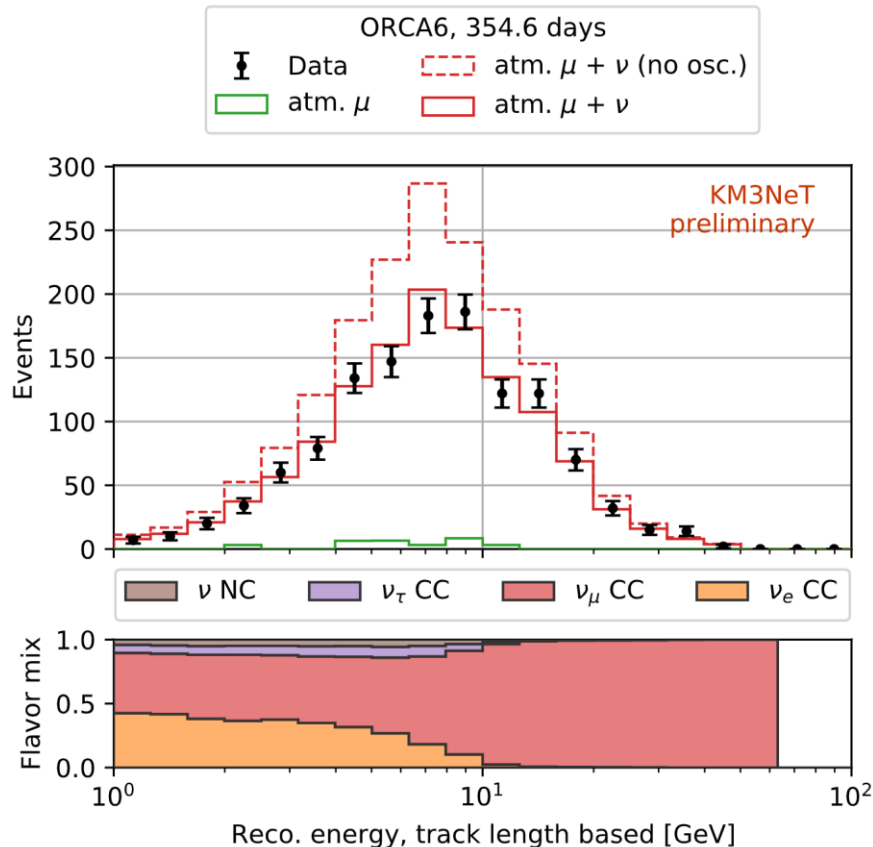
ORCA6, 354.6 days

I Data □ ν_e CC □ ν_τ CC
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ORCA6 Data

- Energy estimate based on track length
- Poor energy resolution, but robust
- Good agreement with oscillated MC

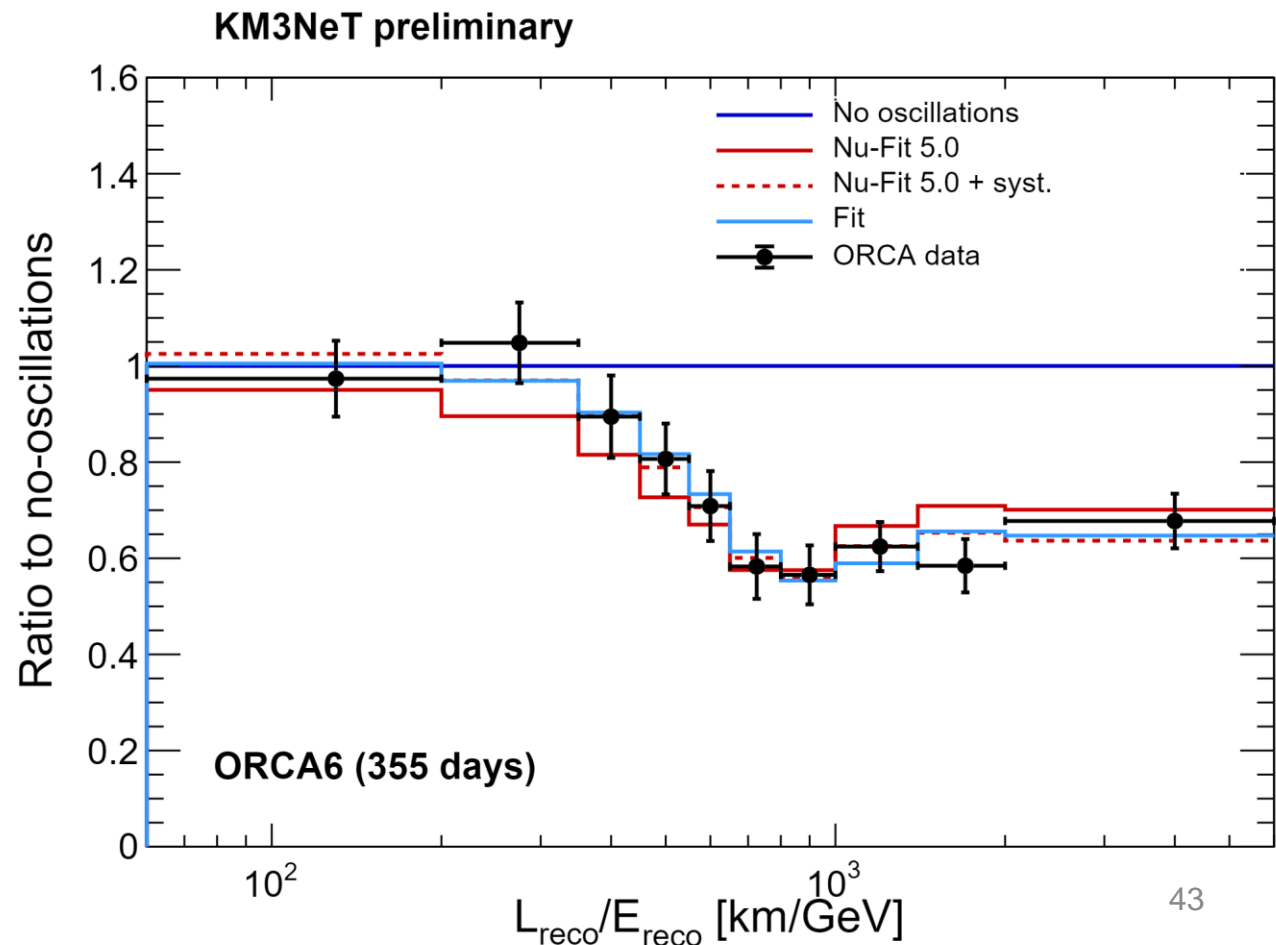


Clear Evidence of Oscillations

- First oscillation dip already visible even with suboptimal resolution
- **Oscillation hypothesis confirmed at 5.9σ**
- Data prefers oscillation minimum at higher L/E than expected from global fits
- Our systematics do cover this effect however, so results are consistent (1.9σ)

Systematics

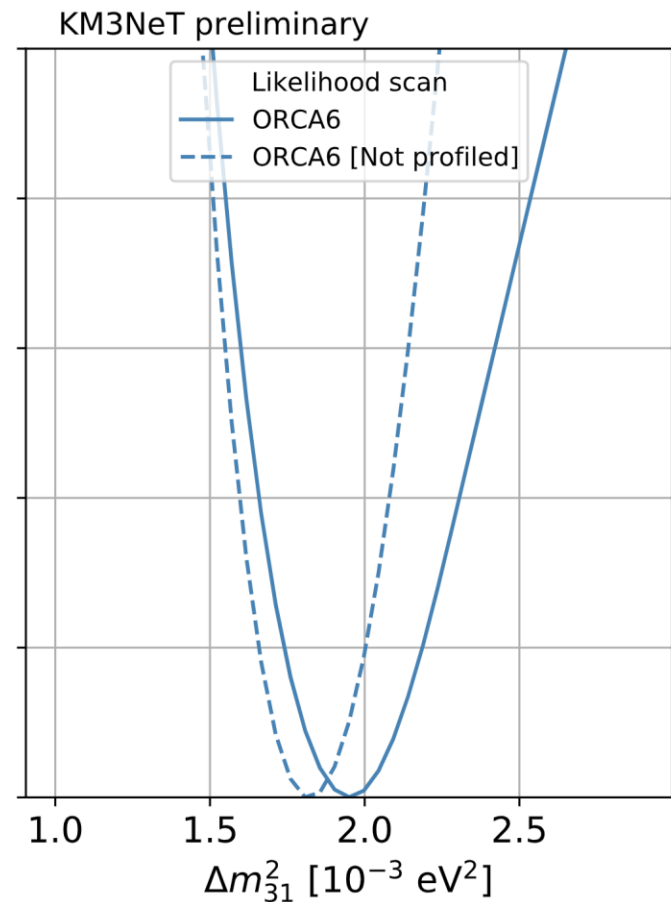
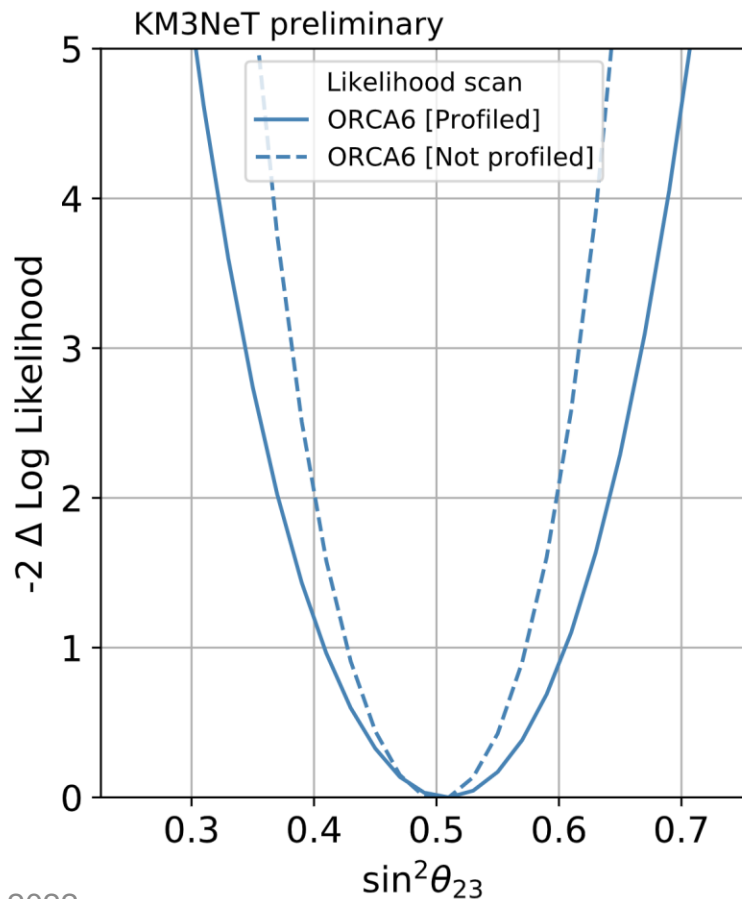
Parameter	Treatment Free/Fixed/Prior
θ_{12} [deg]	Fixed
θ_{13} [deg]	Fixed
θ_{23} [deg]	Free
Δm_{31}^2 [10^{-3} GeV 2]	Free
Δm_{21}^2 [10^{-5} GeV 2]	Fixed
δ_{CP} [deg]	Fixed
Normalisation	Free
Spectral index	Prior: 10%
$n_{\nu_{\text{up}}}/n_{\nu_{\text{horiz}}}$	Prior: 7%
$n_{\nu_{\mu}}/n_{\nu_{\bar{\mu}}}$	Prior: 10%
$n_{\nu_e}/n_{\nu_{\bar{e}}}$	Prior: 10%
$n_{\nu_{\mu}}/n_{\nu_e}$	Prior: 3%
n^{NC}	Prior: 10%
n_{τ}^{CC}	Prior: 20%
Energy scale	Prior: 10%



First Oscillation Measurement

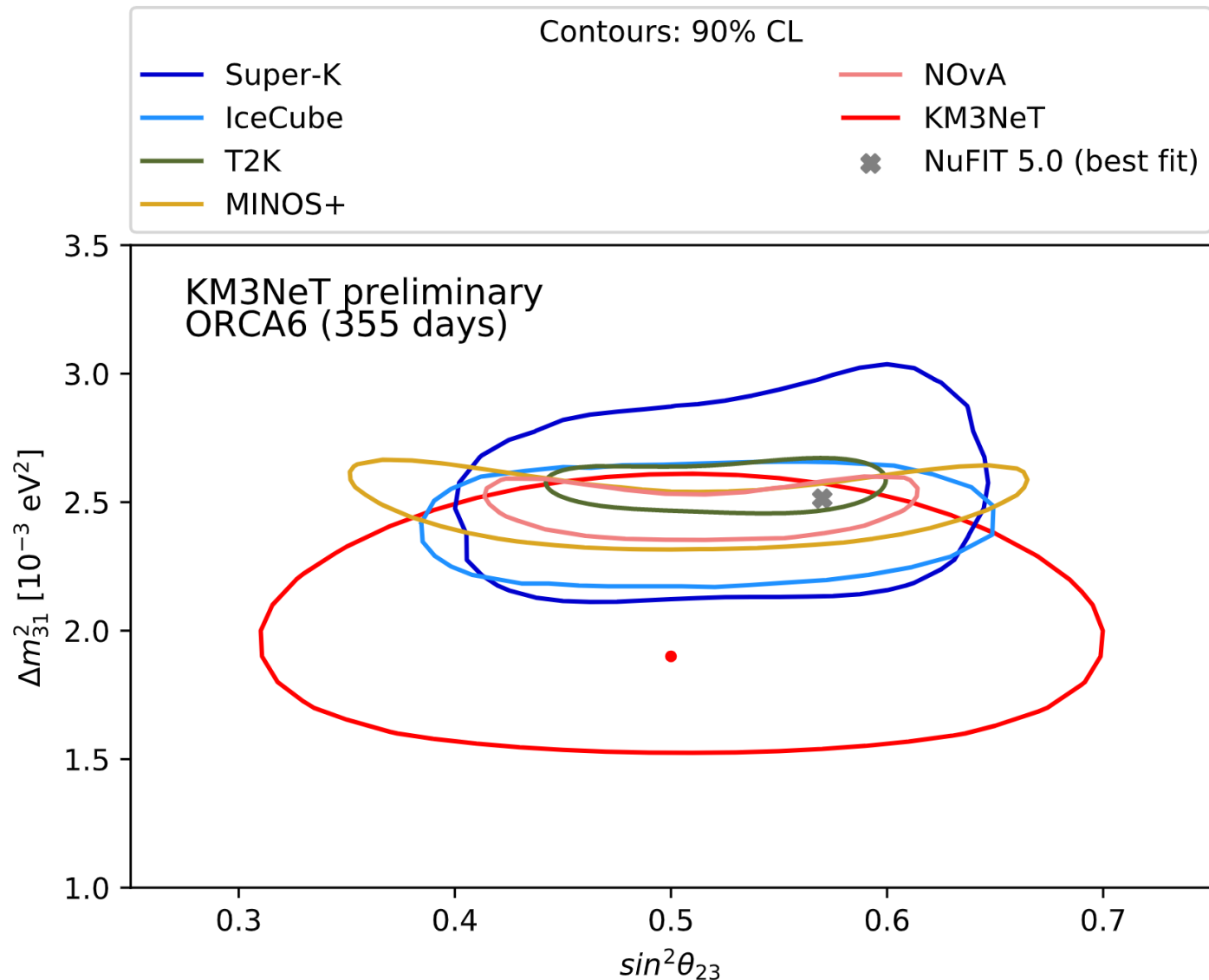
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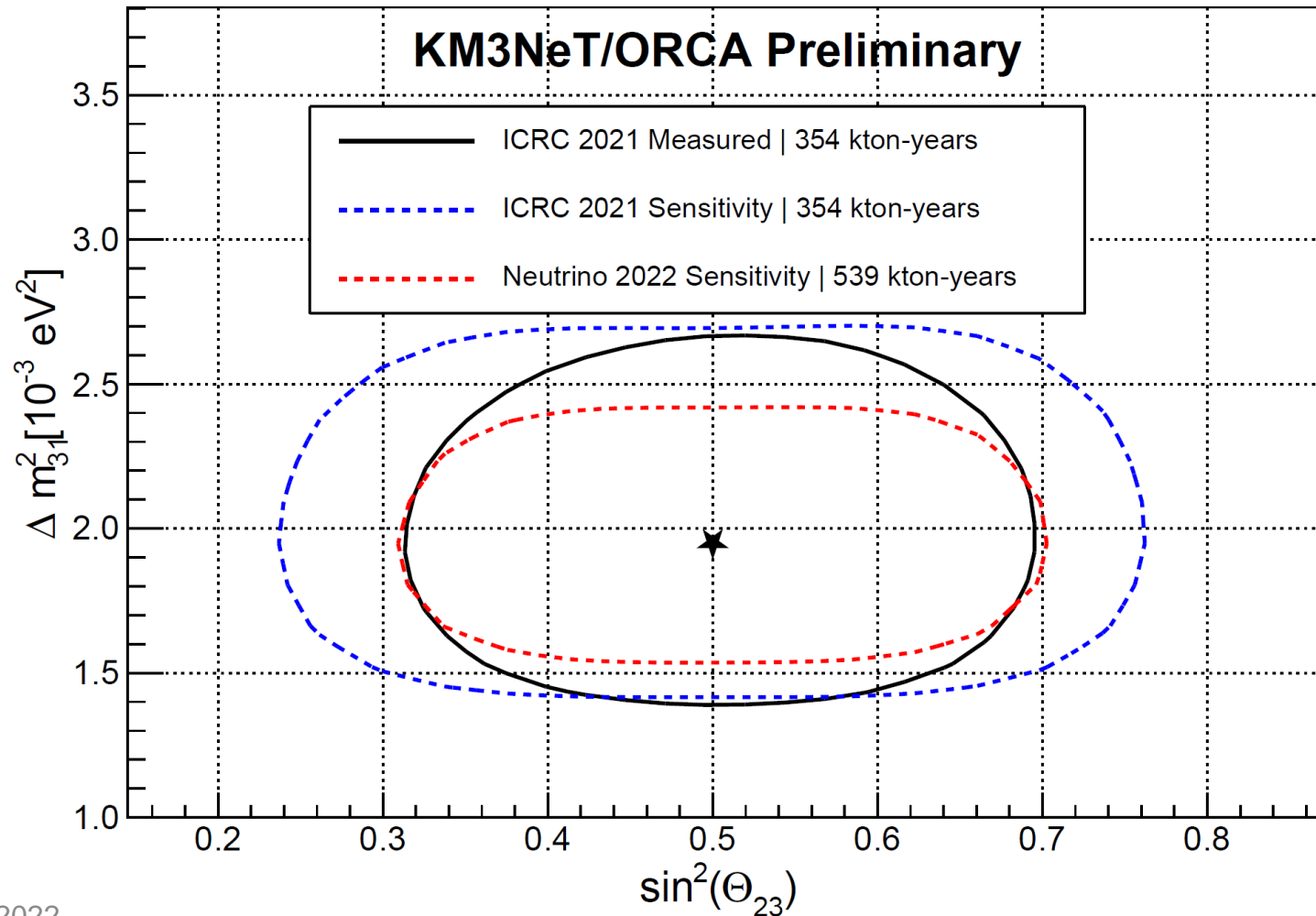
KM3NeT is in the game!

- First oscillation results already interesting with only 5% of the detector in 1 year



Updated Results Soon!

- 50% more data
- 4x more statistical power from analysis improvements



Beyond the Standard Model

Extended Models

Non-Standard Interactions (NSI)

Arbitrary
Perturbation

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Sterile Neutrinos (3+N Flavours)

$$H_{eff} = U_S \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2}{2E} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} U_S^\dagger + \begin{bmatrix} V_e & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_n/2 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

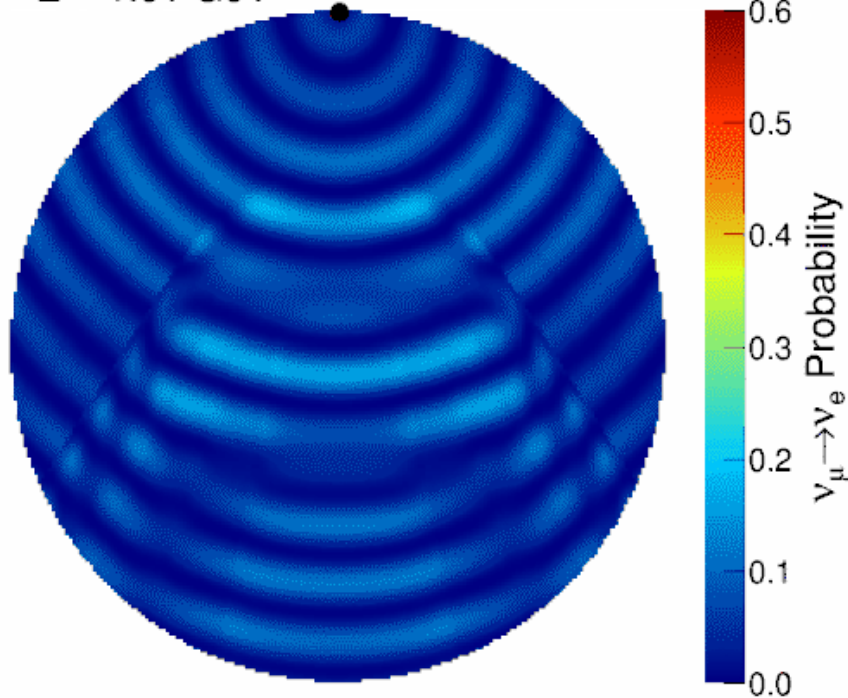
NC Contribution

$$U_S = U_{N-1,N} \cdots U_{34} U_{24}^{(c)} U_{14}^{(c)} U_{23} U_{13}^{(c)} U_{12}$$

Enhanced Matter Effects

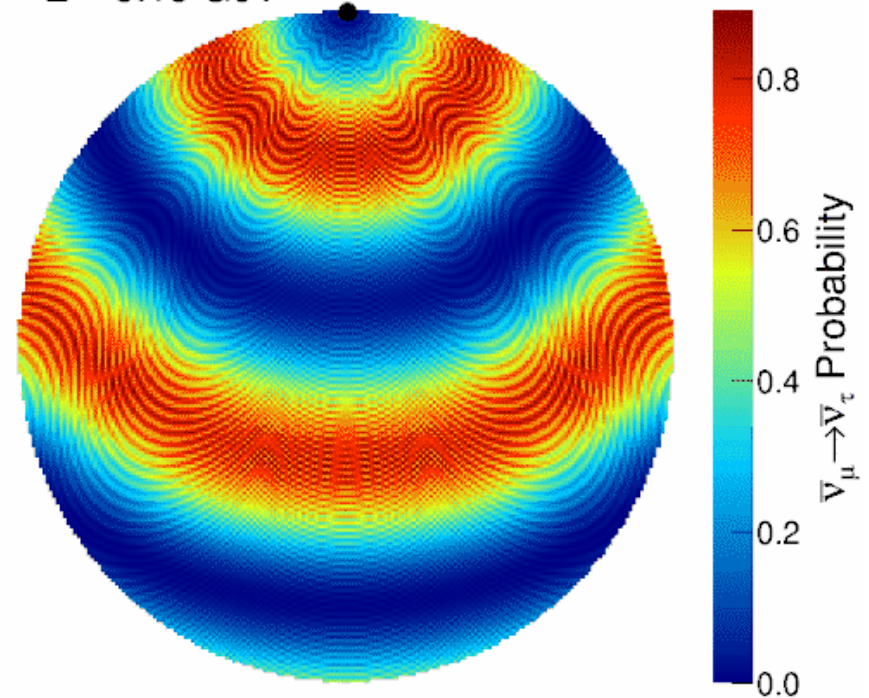
NSI ($\varepsilon_{e\tau} = 0.2$)

E = 1.01 GeV



Steriles (“Curr.” Limits)

E = 5.15 GeV

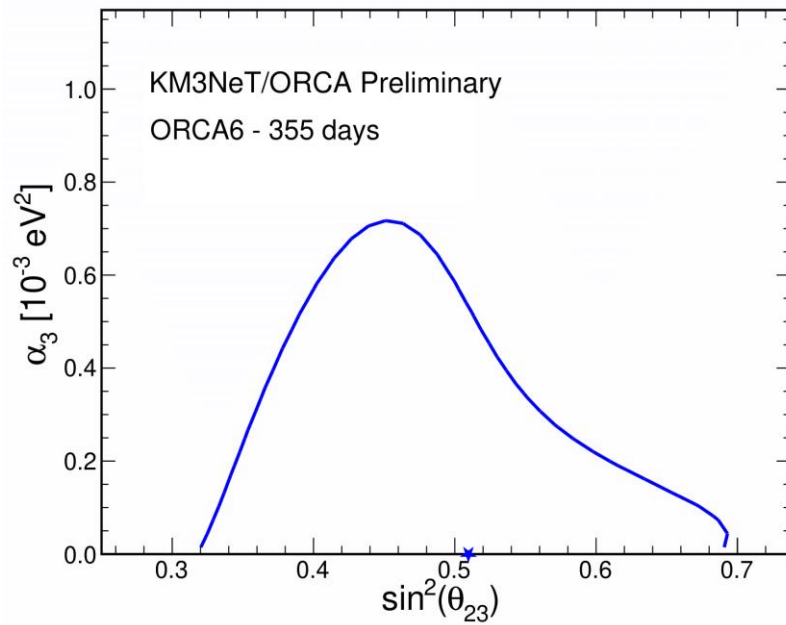


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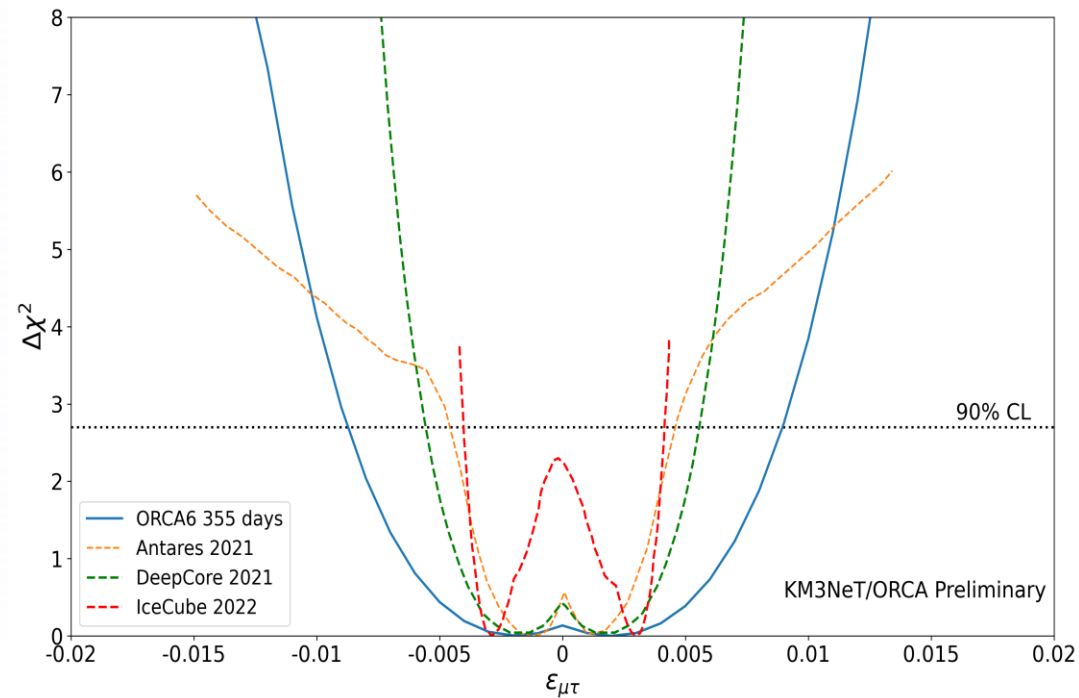
BSM Searches

- First data already constraining some new physics scenarios

Neutrino Decay

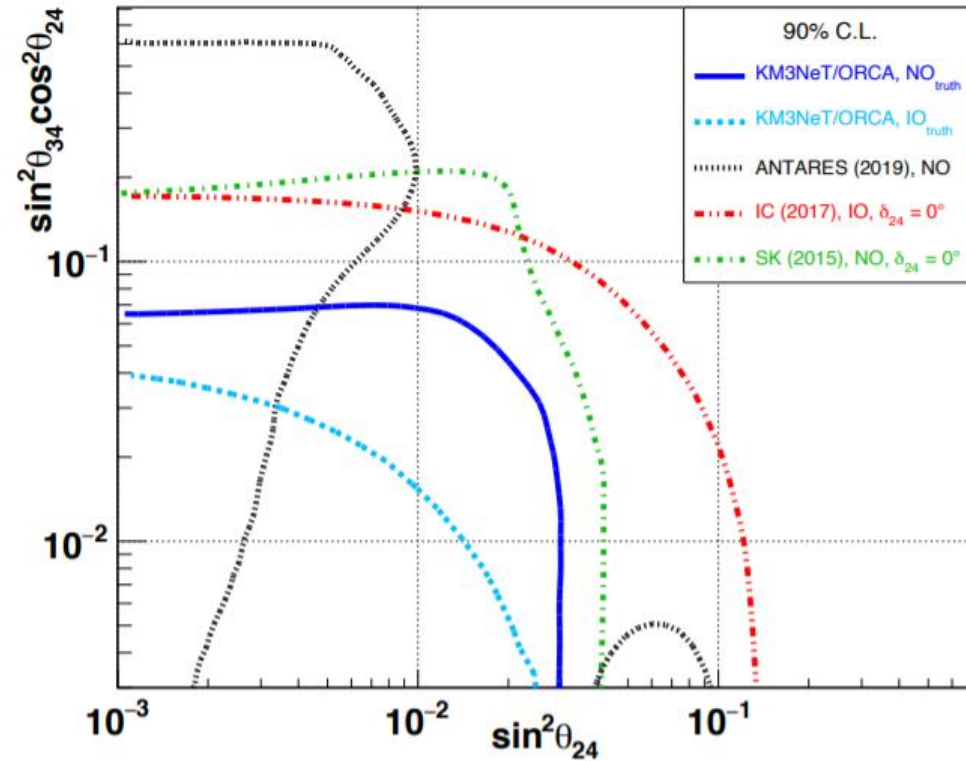
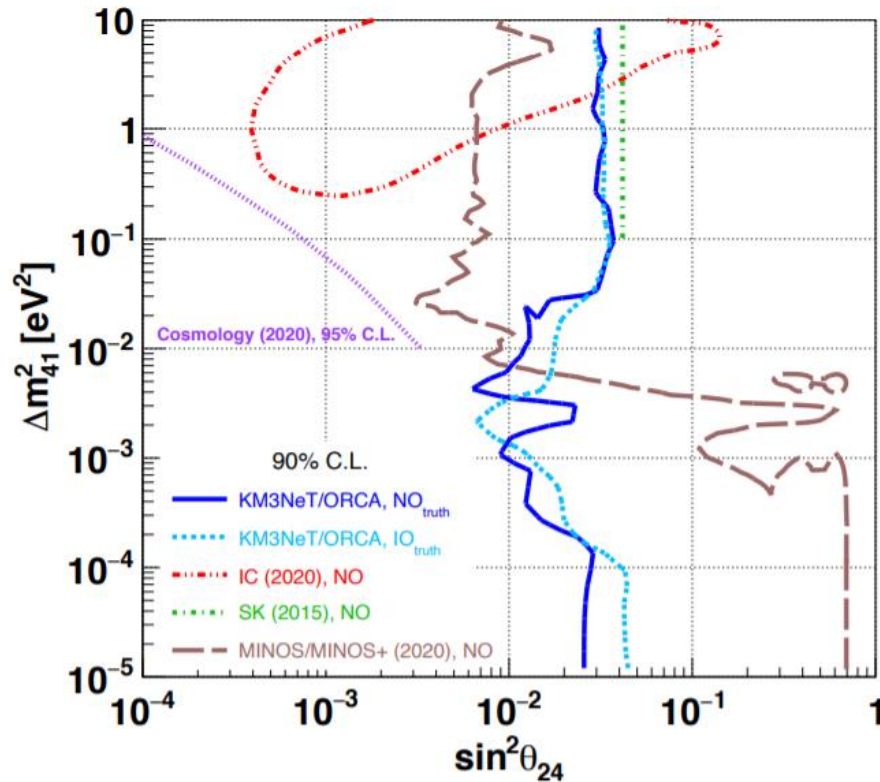


Non-Standard Interactions



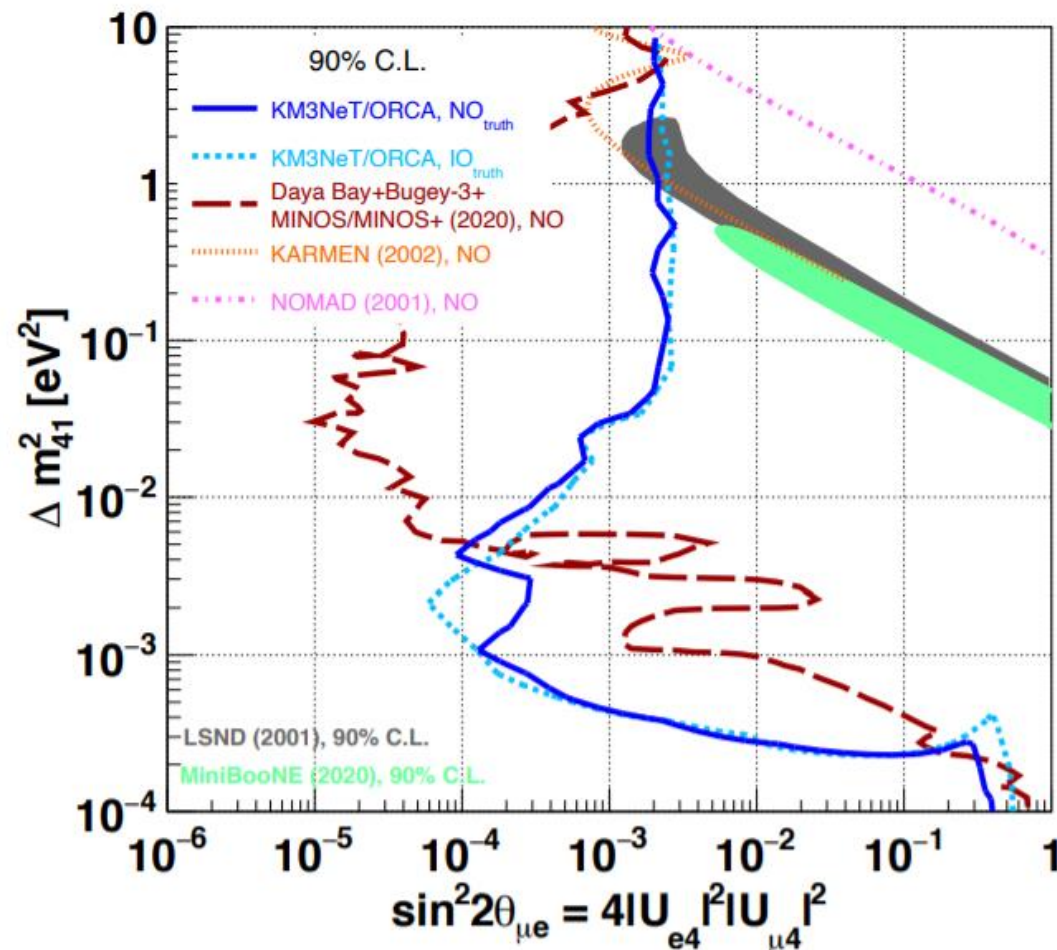
Sterile Neutrinos

- Explores very low Δm_{41}^2 values due to longer baselines
- World leading sensitivity to $U_{\tau 4}$ coupling



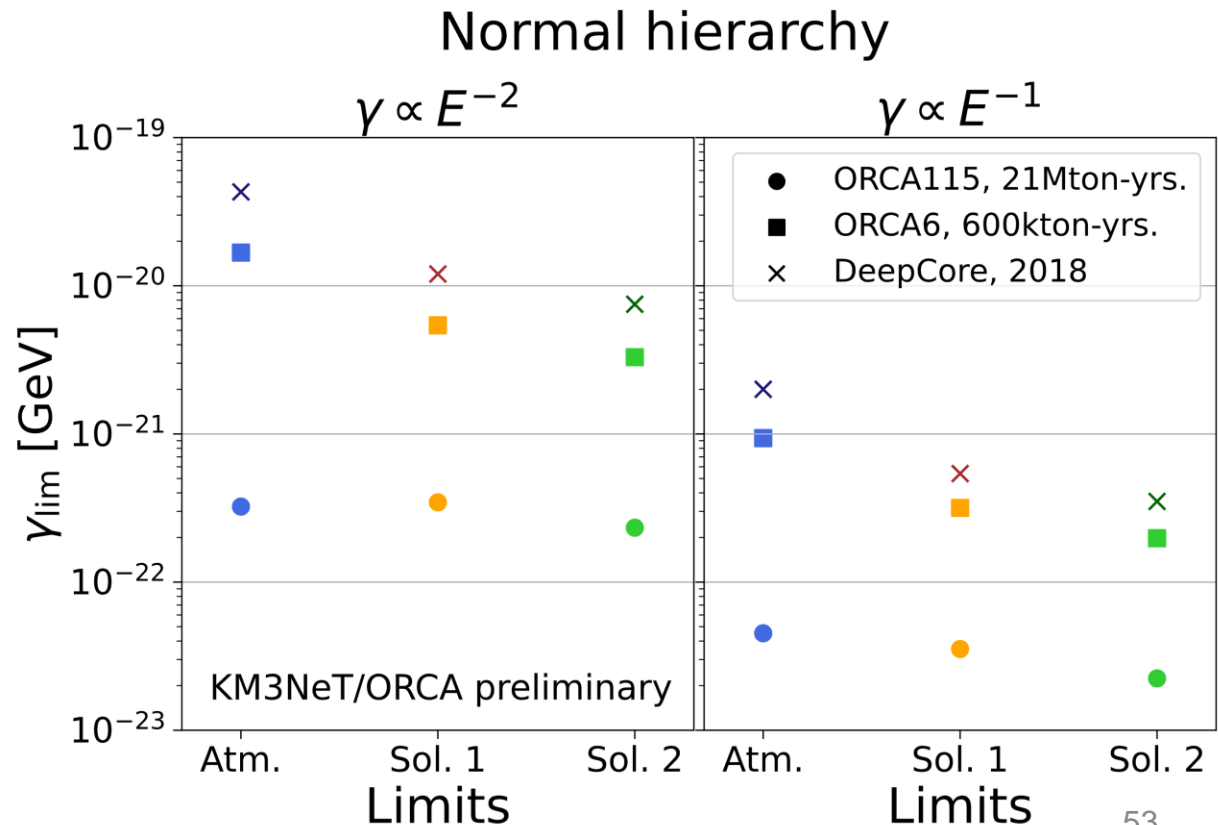
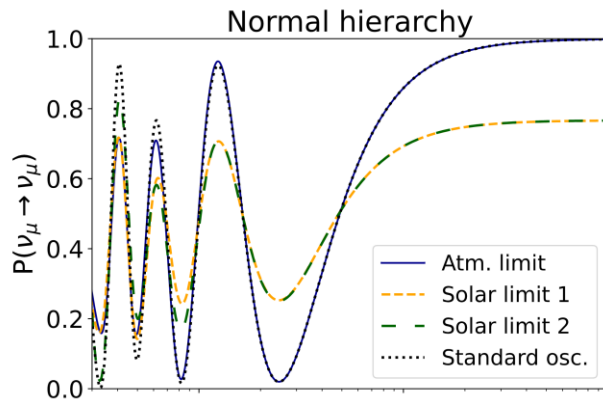
Sterile Neutrinos

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- World leading sensitivity to $U_{\tau 4}$ coupling
- Probing LSND/MiniBooNE anomaly in single experiment



Decoherence

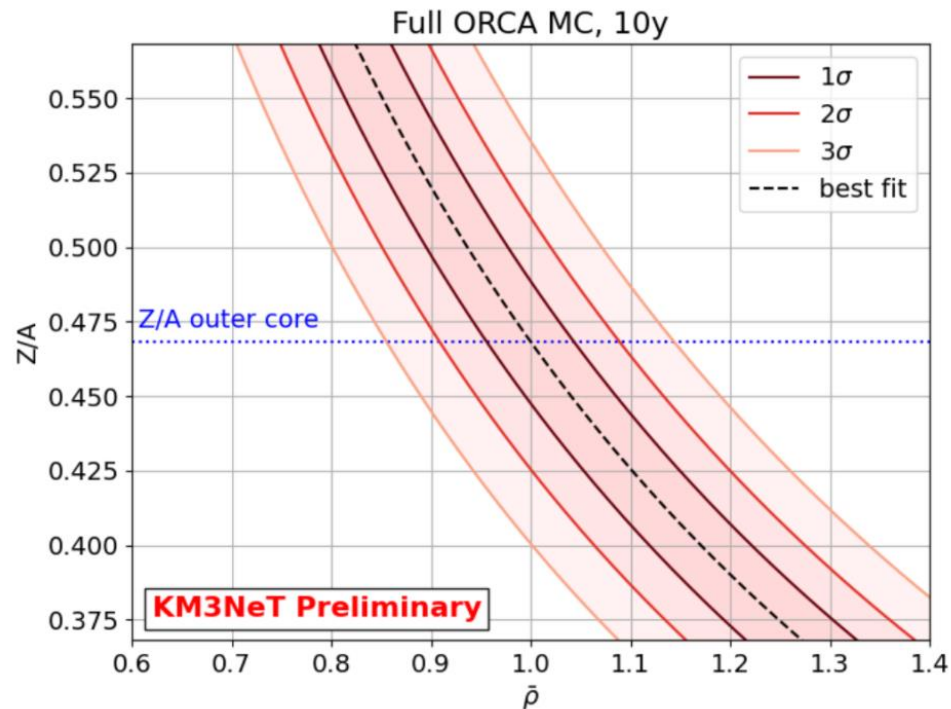
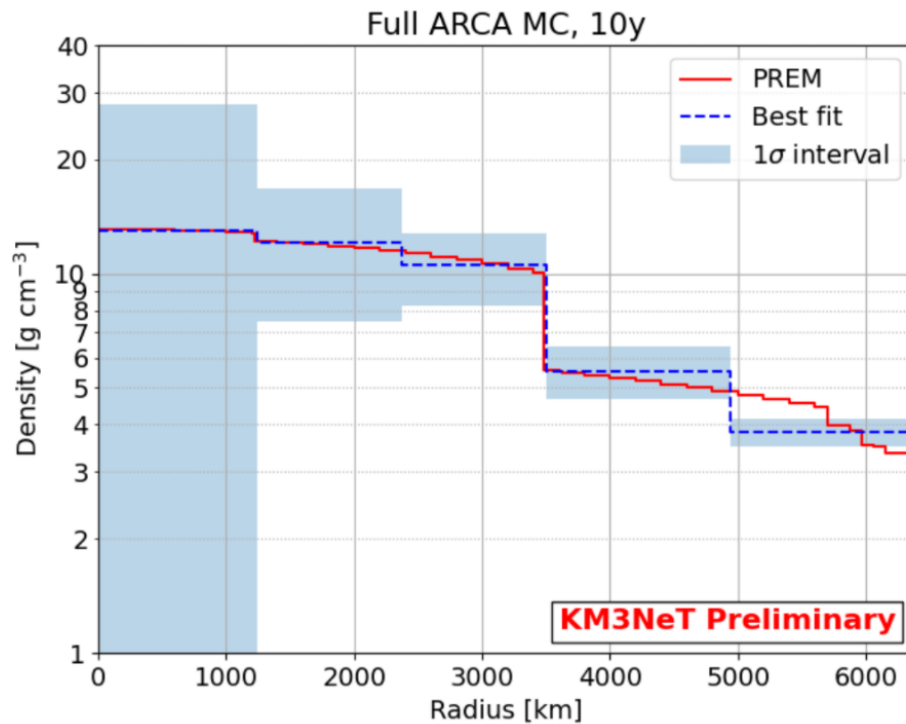
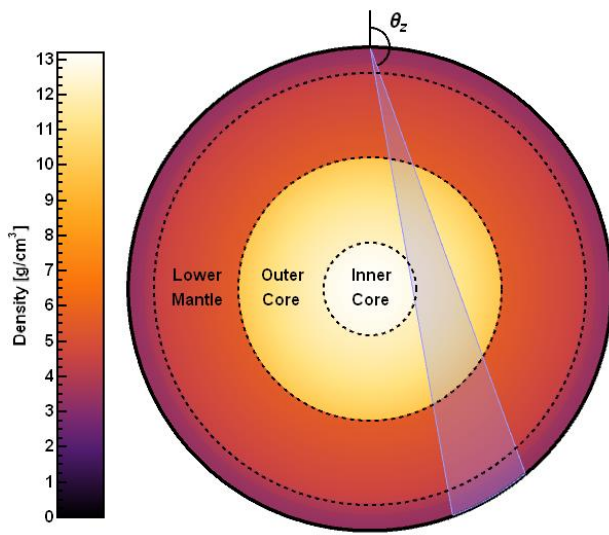
- Measures possible loss of coherence of neutrinos due to interactions with the environment around it
- Proposed as a possible signal of Quantum Gravity
- World leading sensitivity to some decoherence modes



And more...

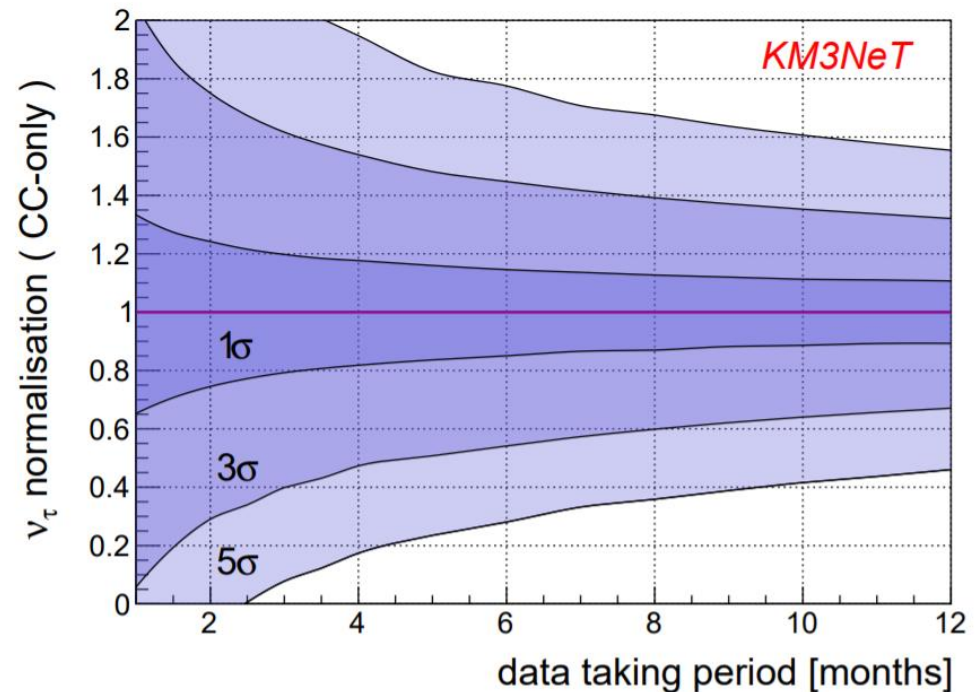
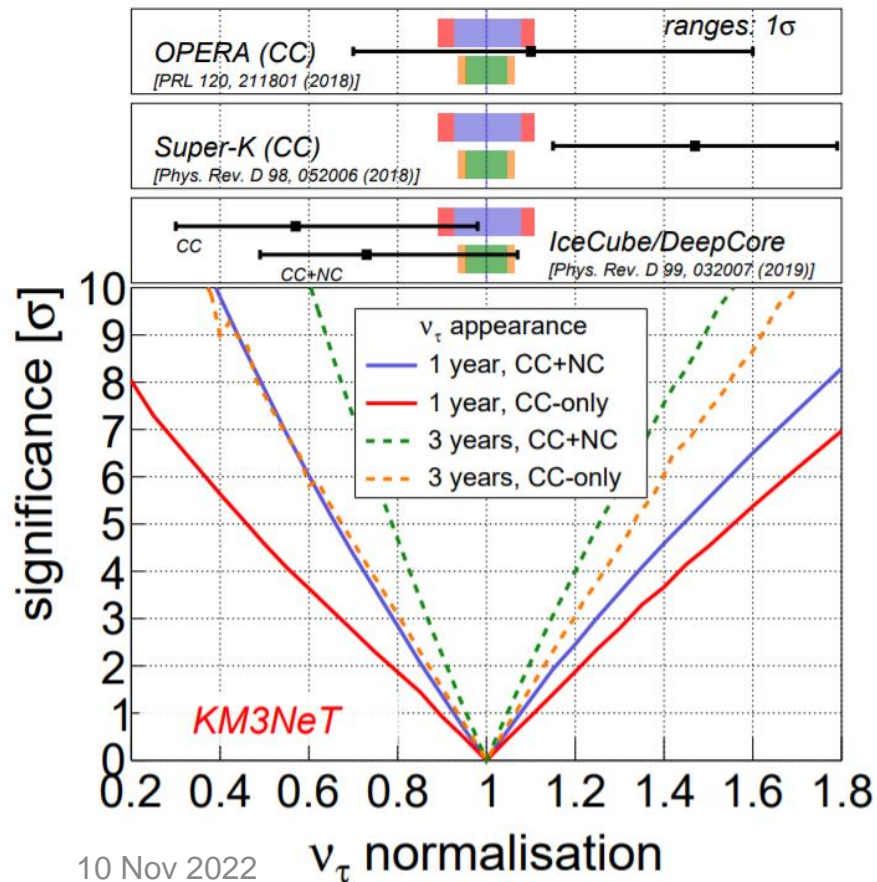
Earth Tomography

- Use both absorption and oscillations to measure the density and composition of the deep Earth
- The sensitivity to the chemical composition is particularly interesting as there is no other known method to probe it directly



Tau Appearance

- Atmospheric neutrinos are also an excellent probe of ν_τ appearance
- KM3NeT will be able to constrain the nt component to 7% level in 3 years
- Measurement can be used to probe the unitarity of the PMNS matrix
- Tau appearance can be confirmed with 5σ confidence in 2.5 years



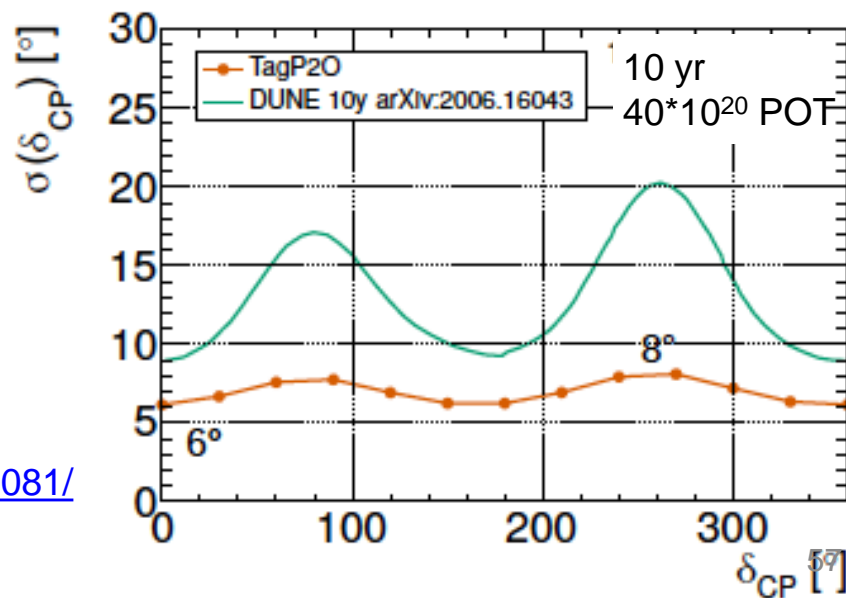
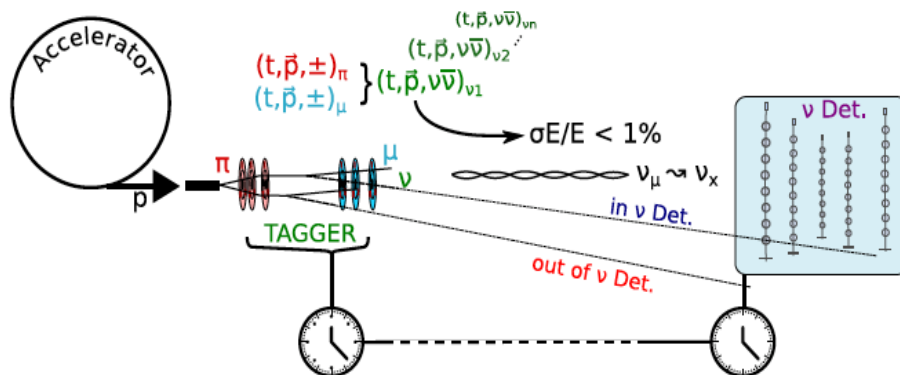
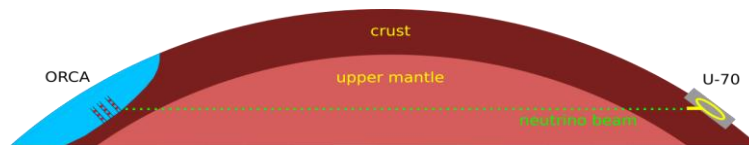
New idea: Tagged Protvino to ORCA

A. V. Akindinov et al.,

"Letter of Interest for a Neutrino Beam from Protvino to KM3NeT/ORCA"

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.06083>

- Neutrino Beam from Protvino to ORCA
- Baseline 2590 km
- First oscillation maximum 5.1 GeV
- Sensitivity to mass hierarchy and CPV
- Huge detector -> relax beam power
- **New idea - ν tagging at source:**



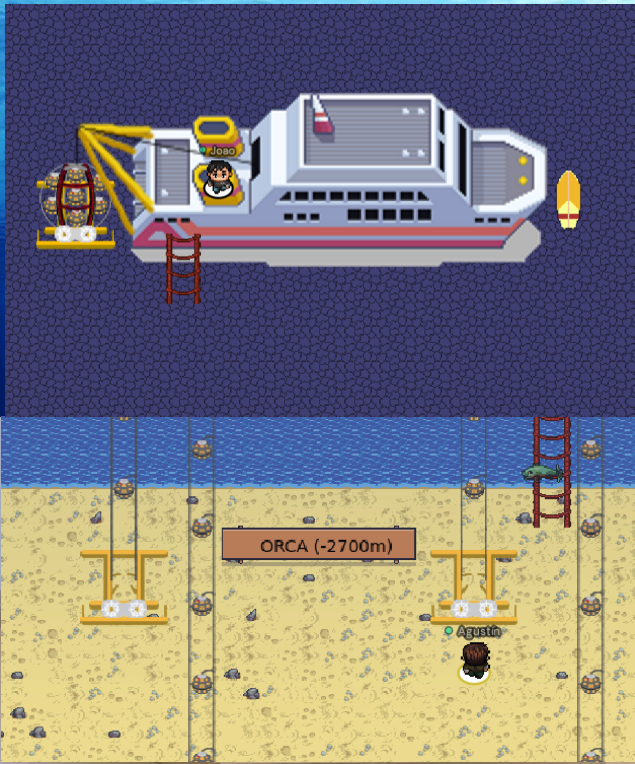
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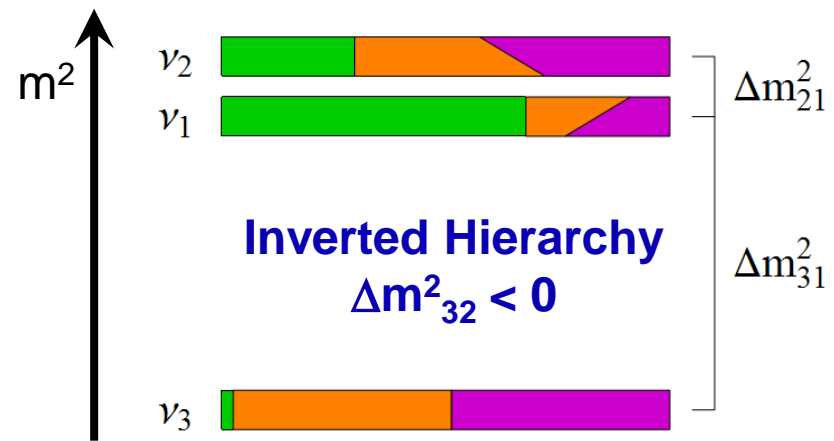
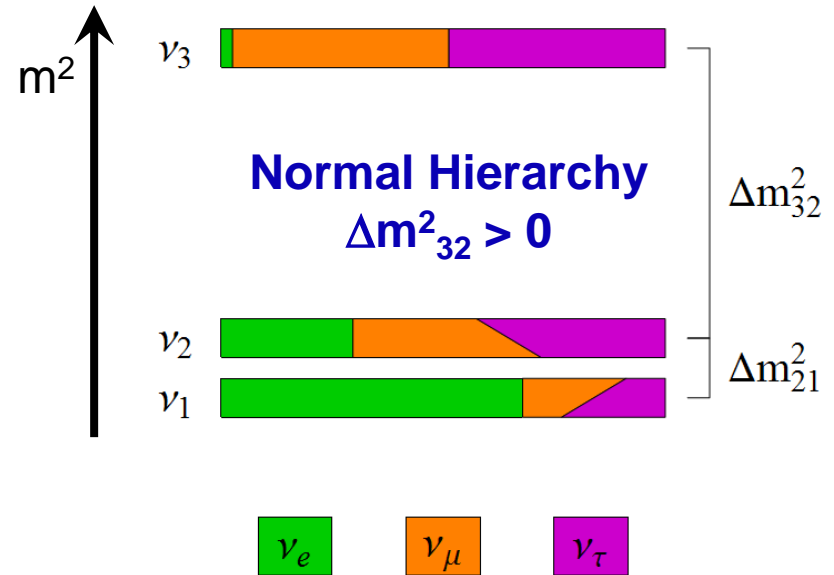
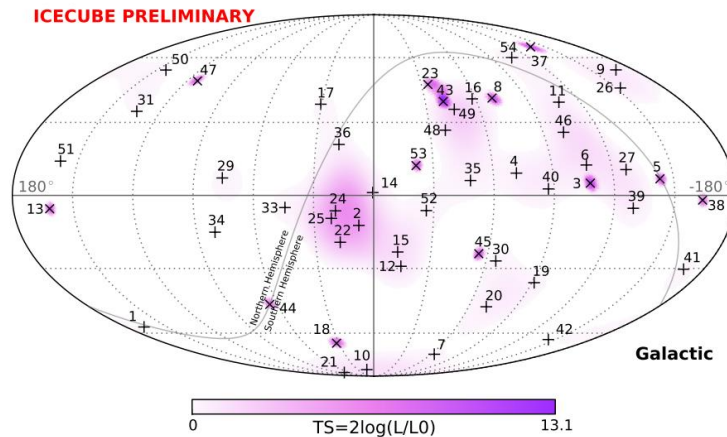
- ORCA is here and taking data!
- Main goal is to determine the **Neutrino Mass Hierarchy**
- Will also improve measurements of Δm_{32}^2 and θ_{23}
- First results:
$$\Delta m_{31}^2 = 1.95_{-0.21}^{+0.24} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.50 \pm 0.10$$
- Lots of potential for other searches: sterile neutrinos, NSI, earth tomography, tau neutrinos, etc.
- Stay tuned for more results soon

Thank you!

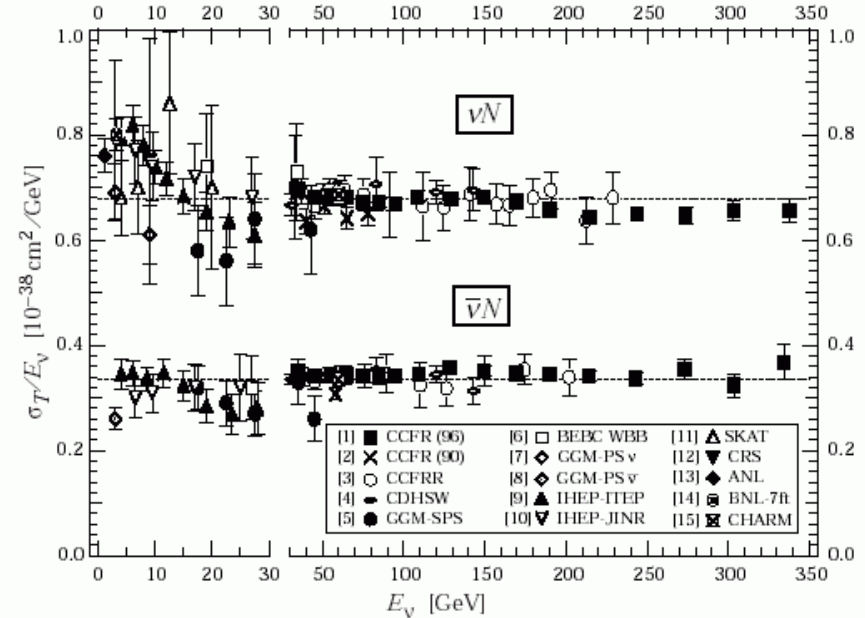
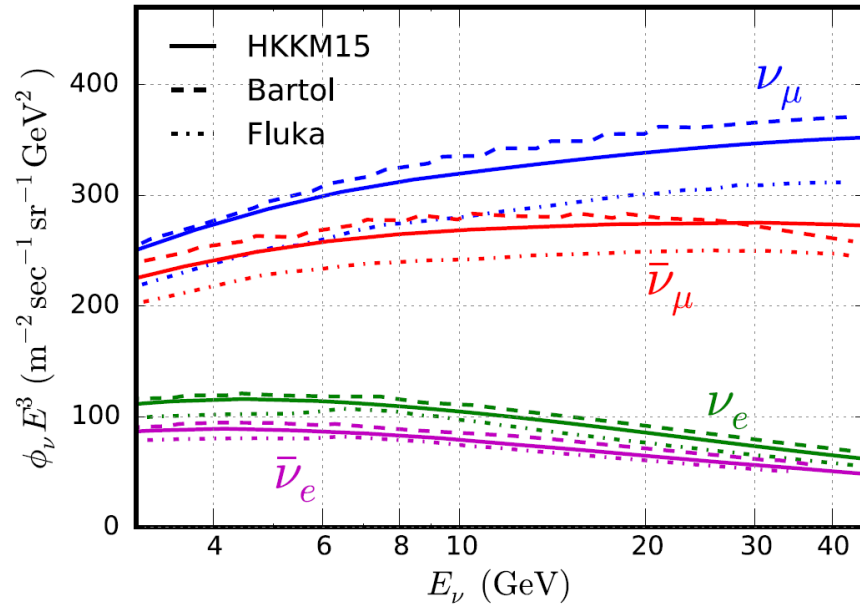


Objectives

- **ORCA:** Determine the **Neutrino Mass Hierarchy (NMH)**
- **ARCA:** Discover/Observe high-energy neutrino sources in the universe



Atmospheric Neutrinos



- Factor of ~ 2 between ν_e and ν_μ
- Factor of ~ 2 between ν and $\bar{\nu}$
- $\nu_\mu + \text{anti-}\nu_\mu = (\nu_\mu + \text{anti-}\nu_\mu + \nu_e + \text{anti-}\nu_e) \rightarrow (\nu_\mu + \text{anti-}\nu_\mu)$

Resonance Formulas

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}^m \equiv \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{\Delta^m m^2} \right)^2$$

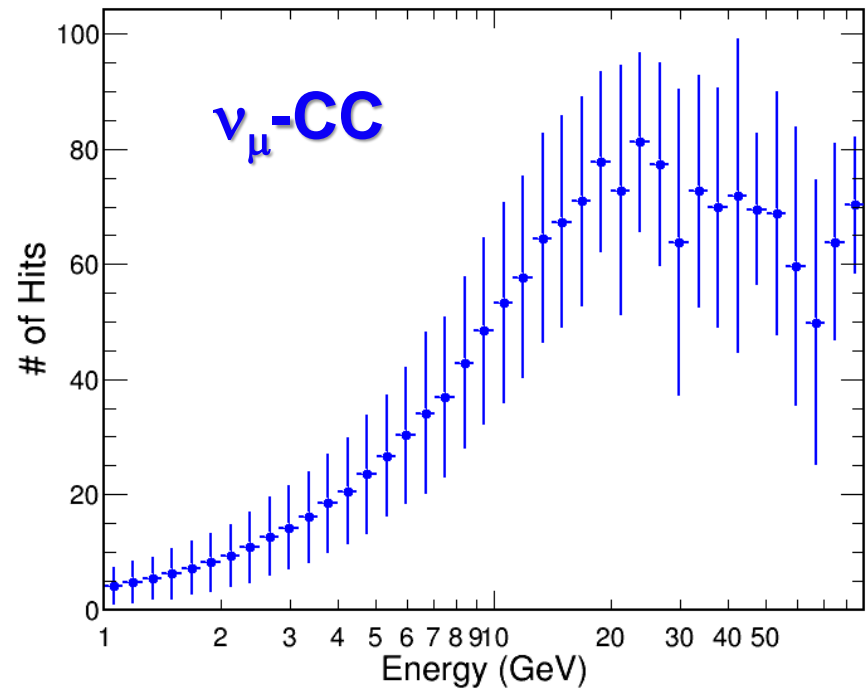
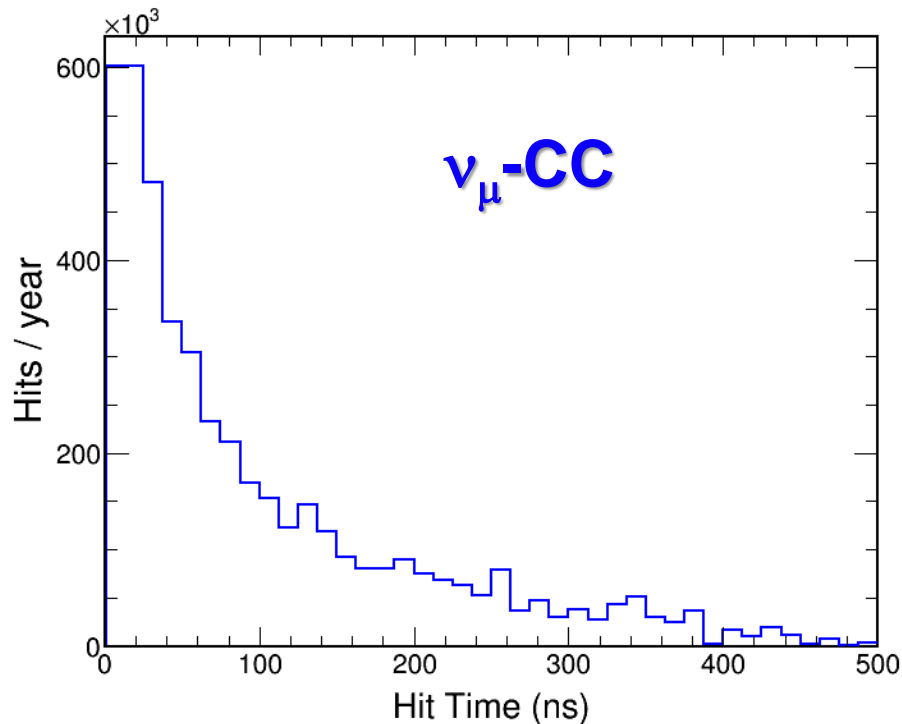
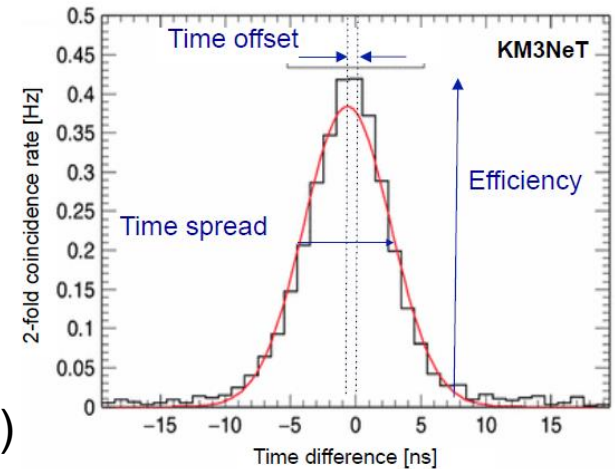
Depends on
sign of Δm_{31}^2 (MH)

$$\Delta^m m^2 \equiv \sqrt{(\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\theta_{13} - 2 E_\nu A)^2 + (\Delta m_{31}^2 \sin 2\theta_{13})^2},$$

$$E_{\text{res}} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\theta_{13}}{2 \sqrt{2} G_F N_e} \simeq 7 \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{4.5 \text{ g/cm}^3}{\rho} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2} \right) \cos 2\theta_{13}.$$

Optical Noise

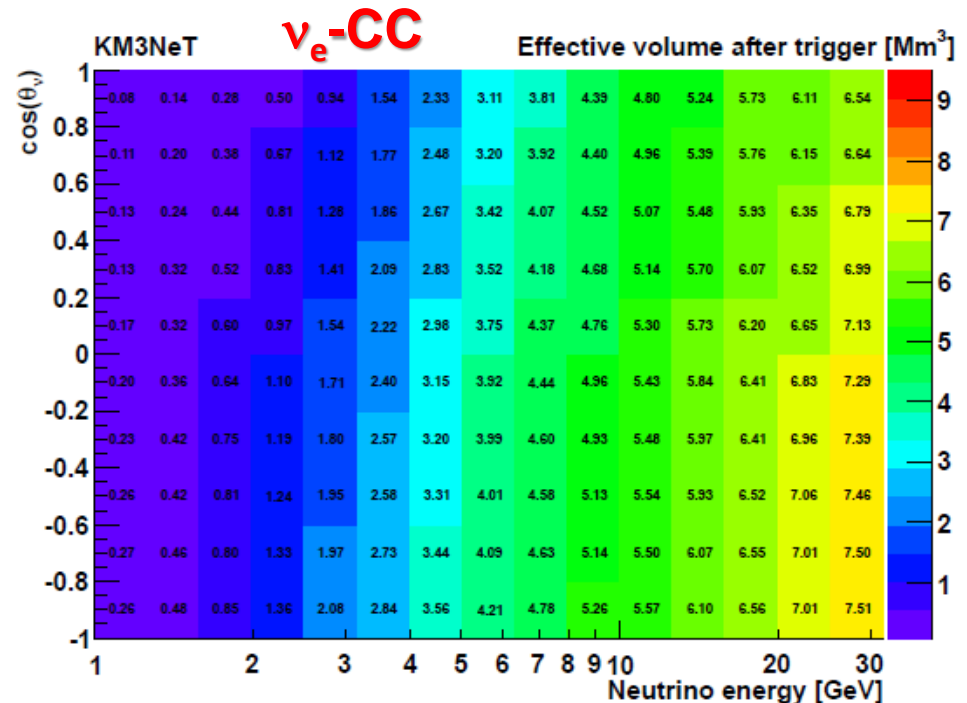
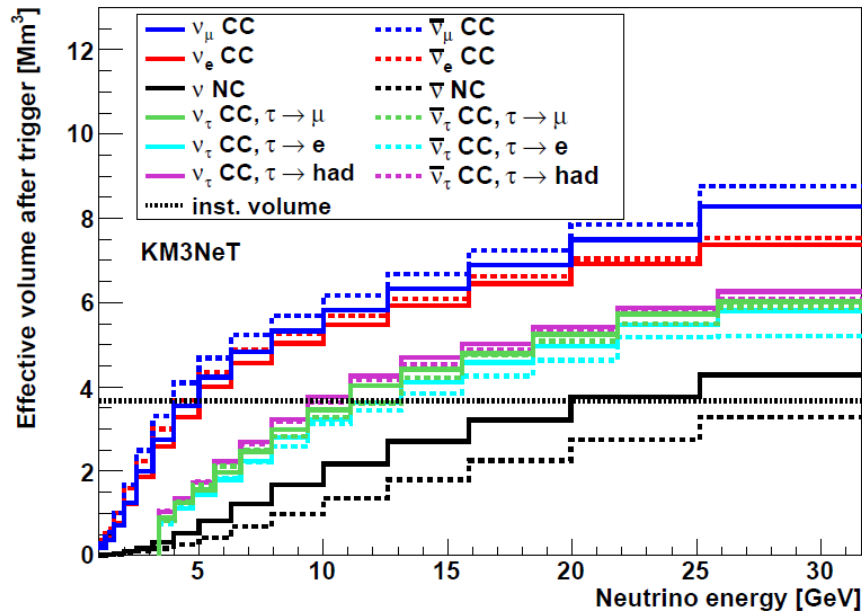
- Optical background in full detector **~ 500 MHz**.
- Neutrino events ~ 40 hits in a **~ 500 ns** window
- Expect **250 noise hits** ($\sim 15\%$ purity)
- Trigger approach **~ 5 ns time residuals**
- Calibrated using 2-fold coincidences
- Can achieve **~ 3 noise hits** per trigger ($>90\%$ purity)



Trigger Performance

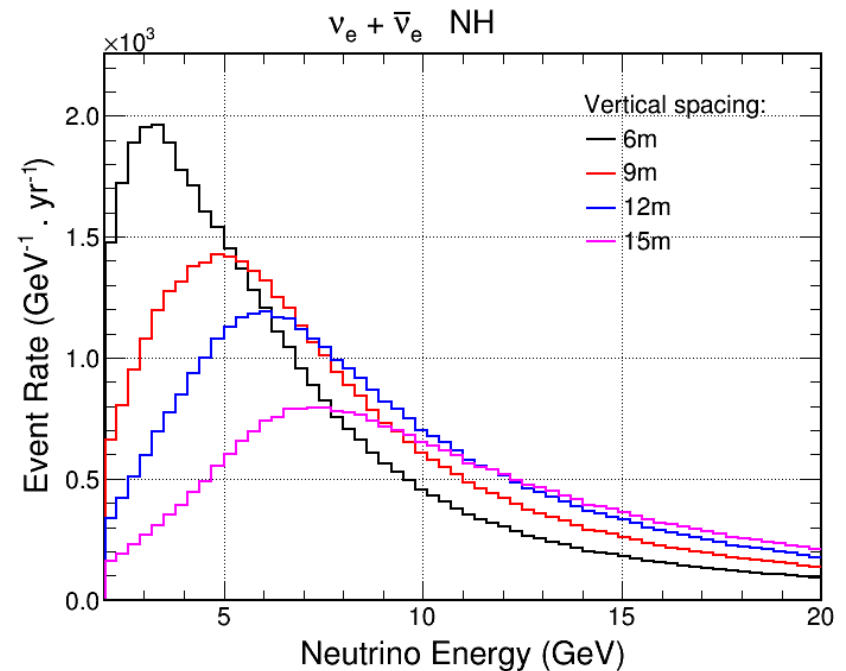
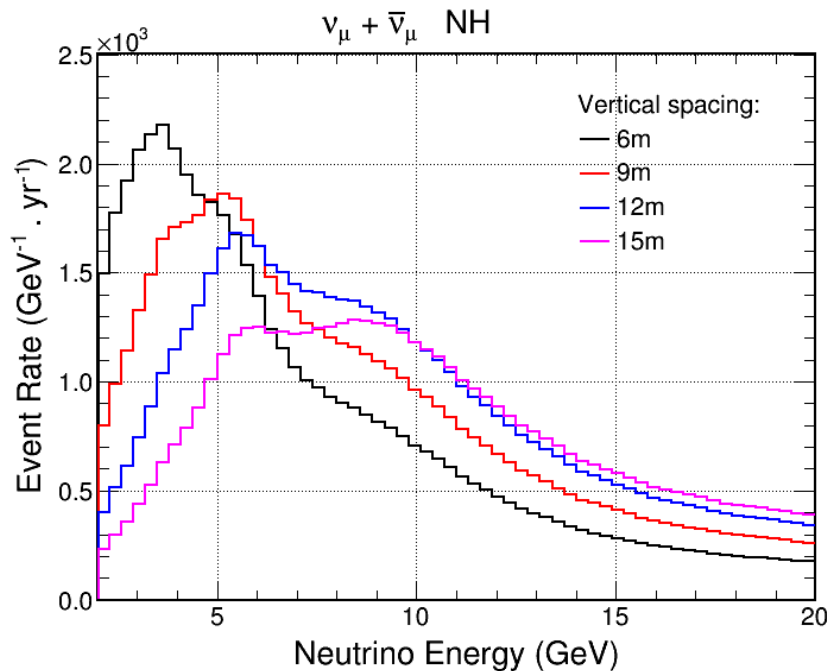
- Input a **conservative** noise rate of **10 kHz** uncorr. (**500Hz** level-two coinc.)
- Achieve a total triggered rate of **59 Hz**
- About **70%** of events contain a **muon** (41 Hz)
- High efficiency for ν_μ and ν_e above 4 GeV
- Slightly more efficient for up-going neutrinos (Larger PMT coverage)

Neutrino Rate:
~ 1 ν / 10 min



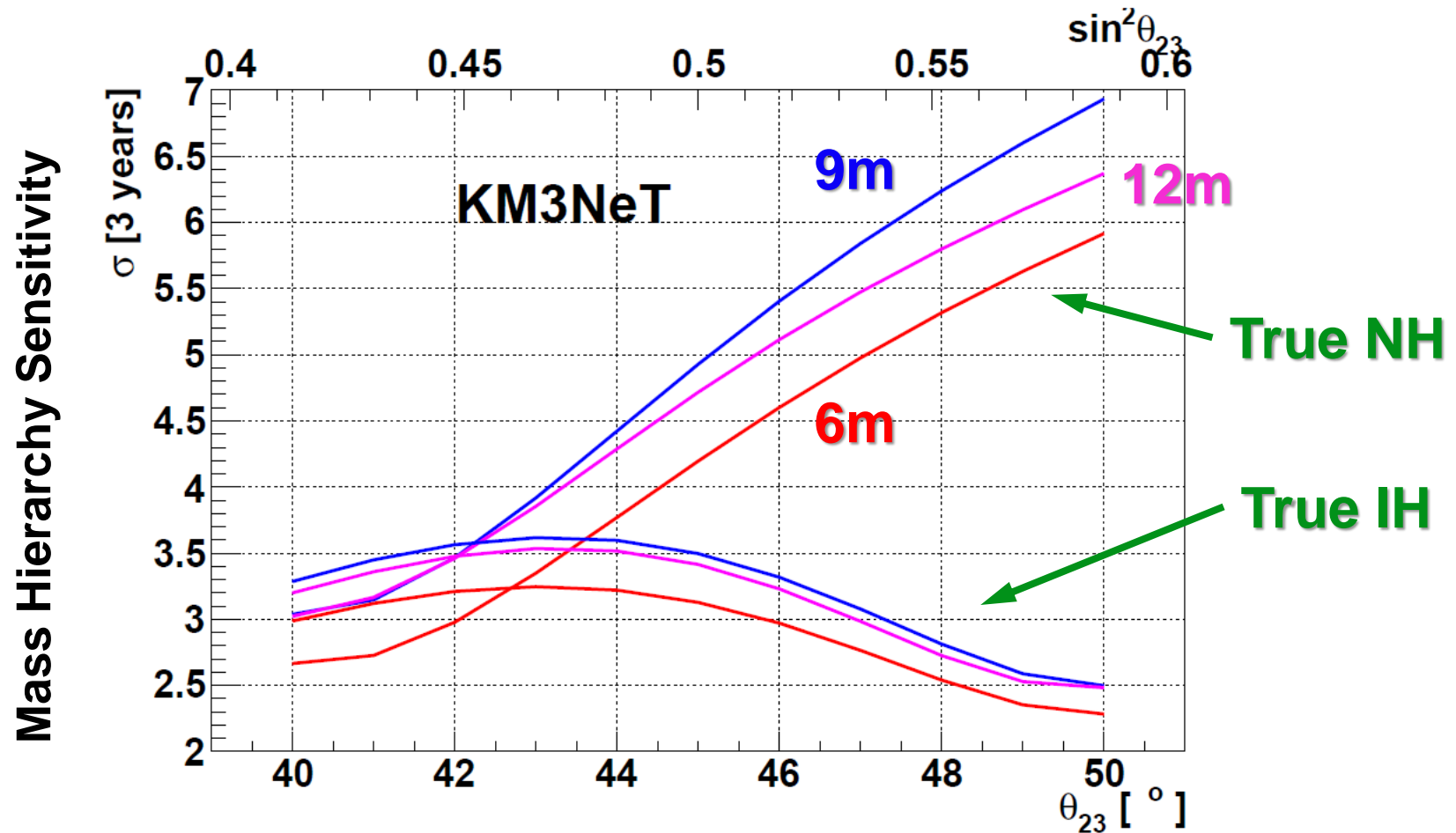
Optimizing DOM Spacing

- Simulated small (6m) vertical spacing detector
- Mask off 1/3, 1/2 or 2/3 of DOMs to emulate larger spacing
- **Smaller spacing** enables measurement at **lower energies**
- **Larger spacing improves statistics** due to larger volume
- **Tune spacing** to obtain maximum sensitivity to **Mass Hierarchy**



Simple χ^2 Analysis

- 9m spacing achieves best sensitivity



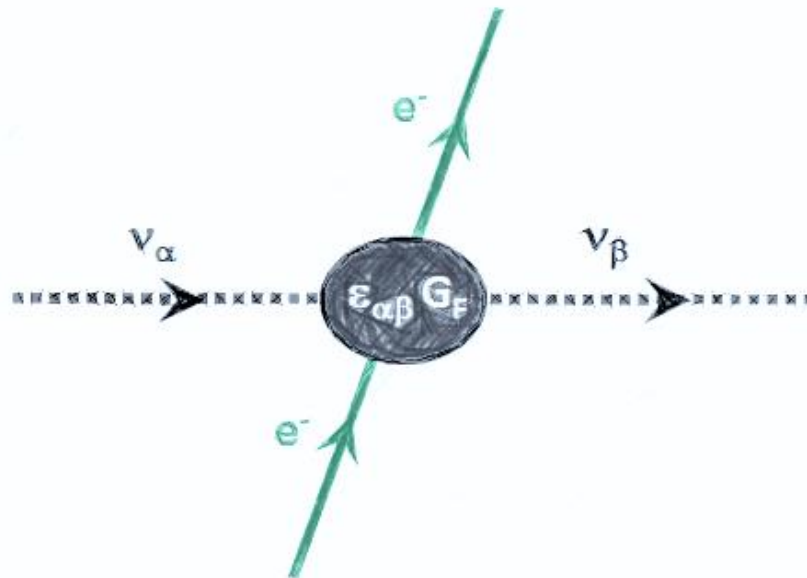
Non-Standard Interactions

NSI Motivation

Non-Standard Interactions (NSI)

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Perturbation

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Dimension-6
+ Naturalness

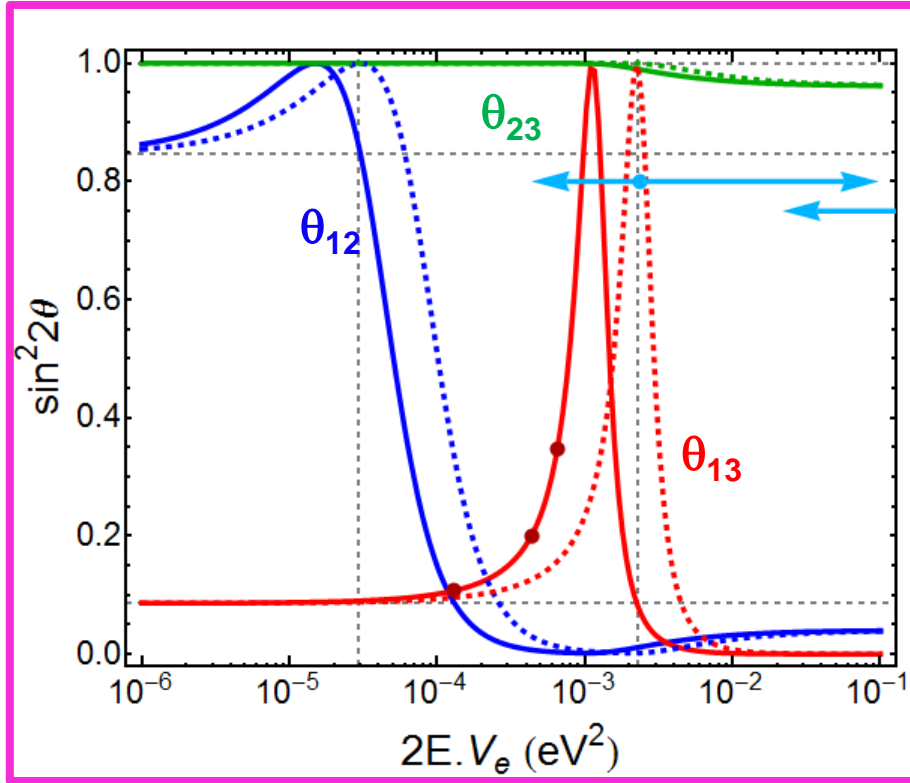
$$\epsilon \propto \frac{m_W^2}{m_X^2}$$

TeV Scale
 $\sim 10^{-2}$

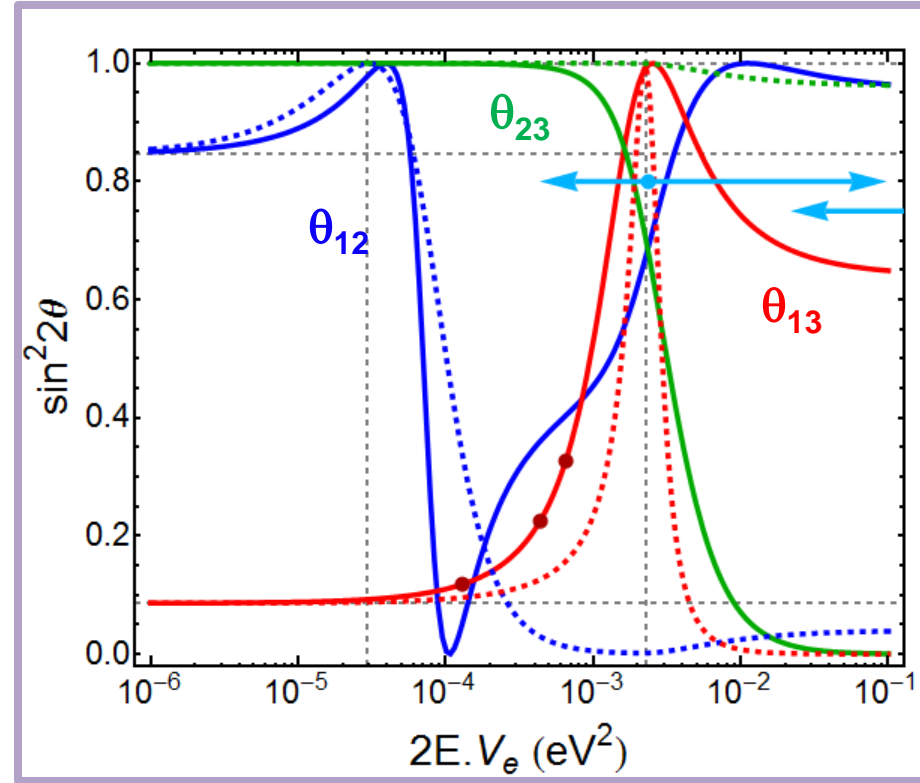
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ff'C} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_C f')$$

Resonances w/ NSI

$$\epsilon_{ee} = 1$$



$$\epsilon_{e\tau} = 0.5, \epsilon_{\tau\tau} = 0.25$$

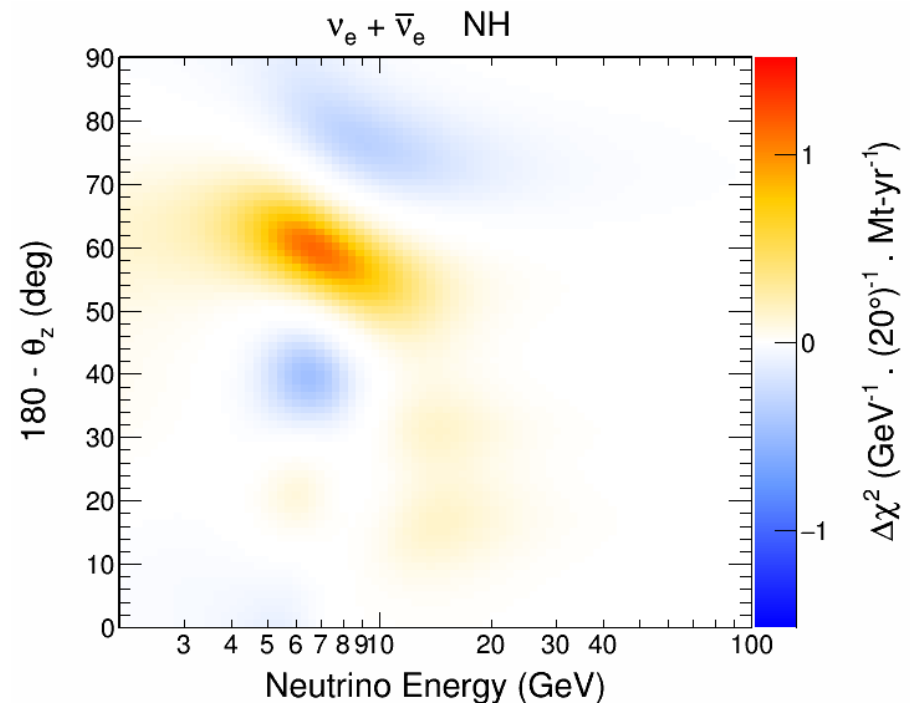
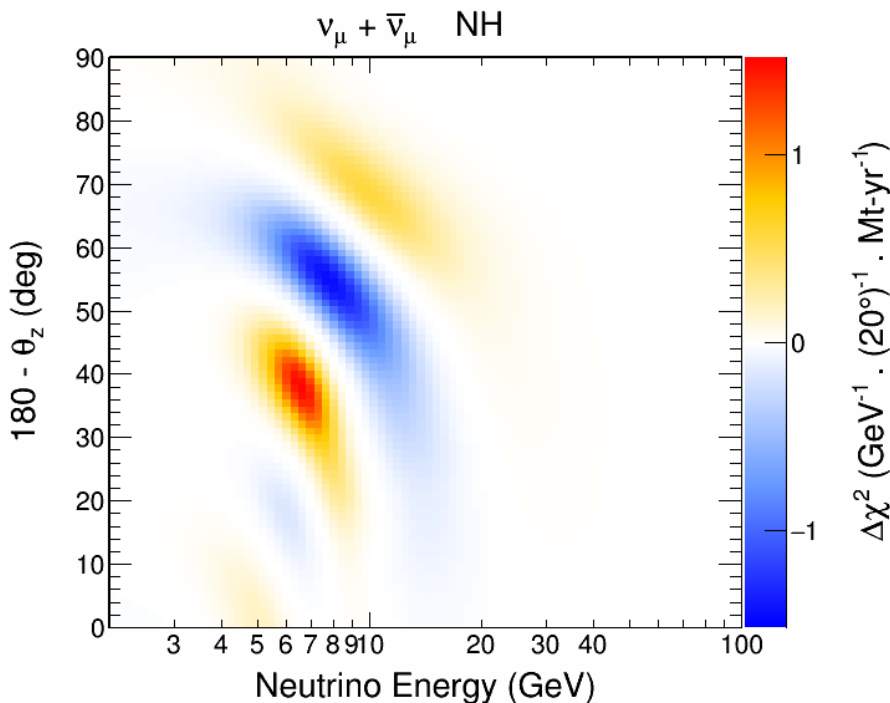


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NSI Phase Space

- Very different from MH for $\nu_{\mu e}$
- Sensitivity in both channels, but ν_{μ} is correlated with MH
- Still under unrealistic assumptions:
 - Perfect flavour selection
 - No systematics or nuisance pars.

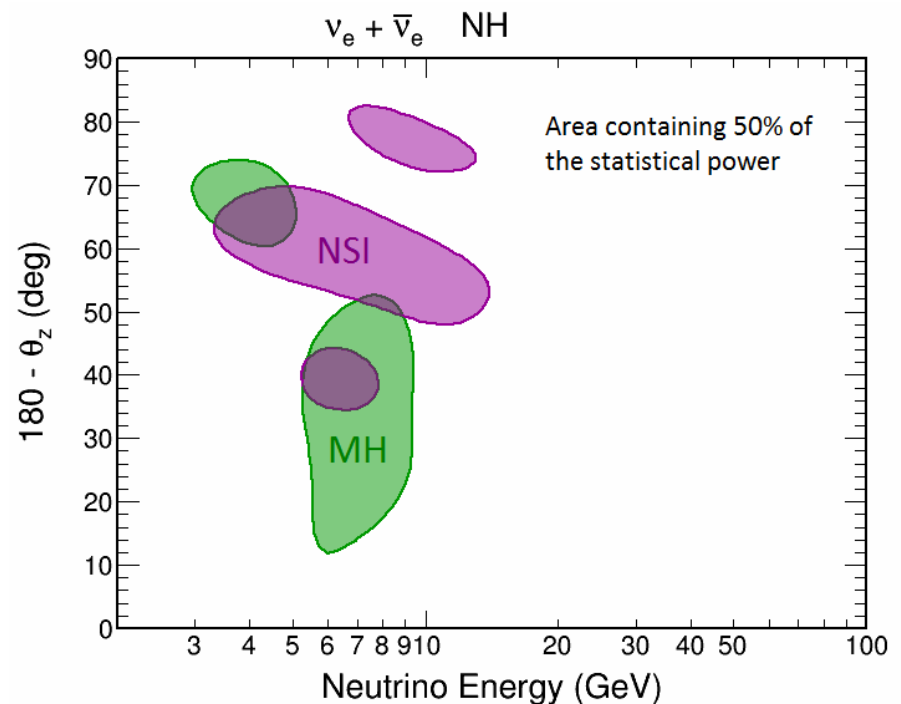
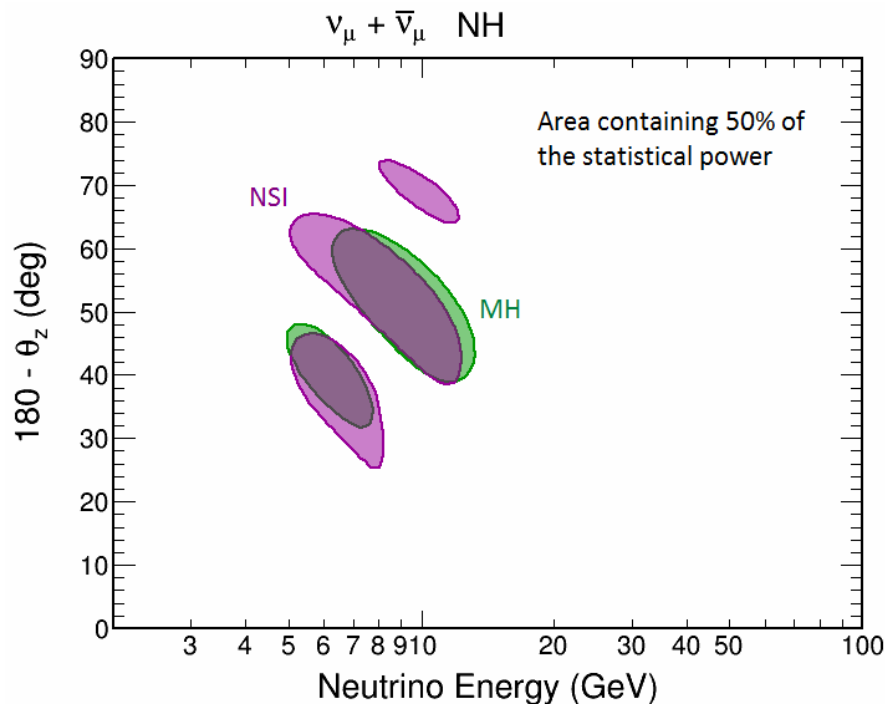
$$\varepsilon_{e\tau} = 0.2, \varepsilon_{\tau\tau} = 0.04$$



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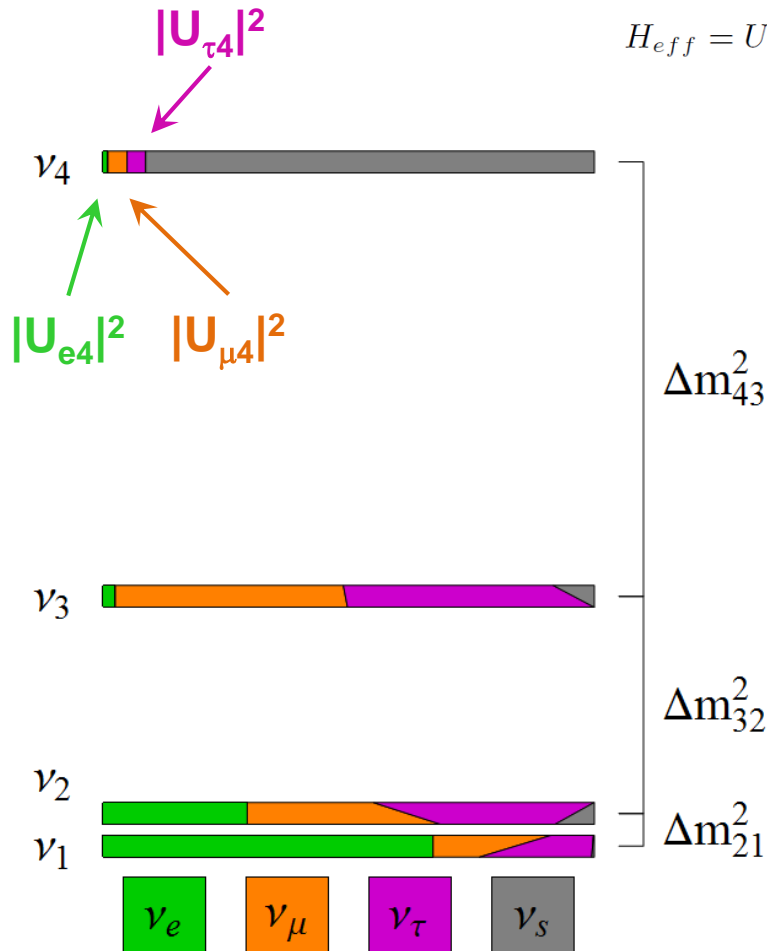
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Sterile Neutrinos

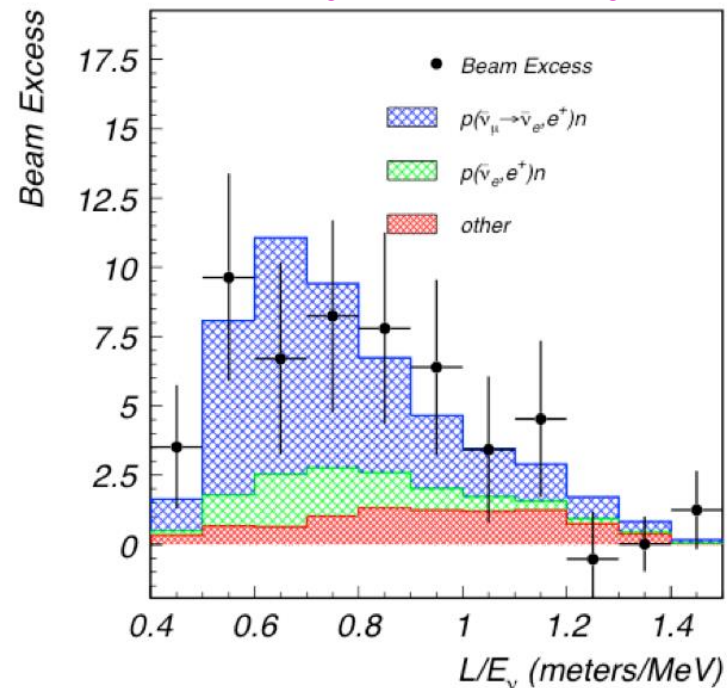
Sterile Neutrino Motivation



$$H_{eff} = U_S \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2}{2E} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} U_S^\dagger + \begin{bmatrix} V_e & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V_n/2 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

NC Contribution

**LSND: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ at
L/E ~ 1 km/GeV
 $\Delta m_{43}^2 \sim 100 \times \Delta m_{32}^2$**

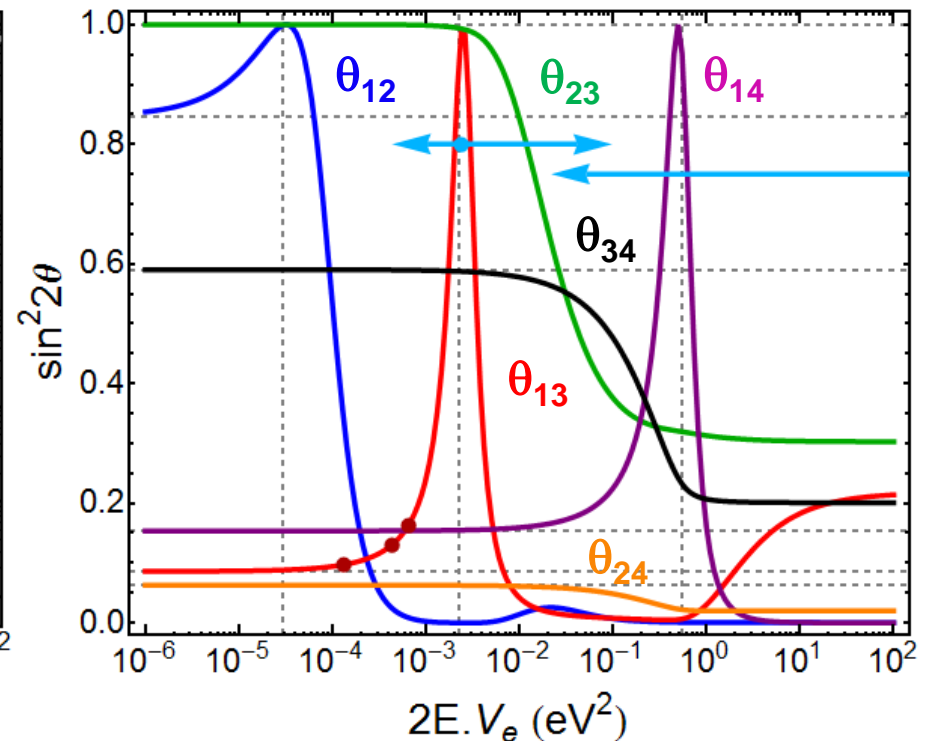
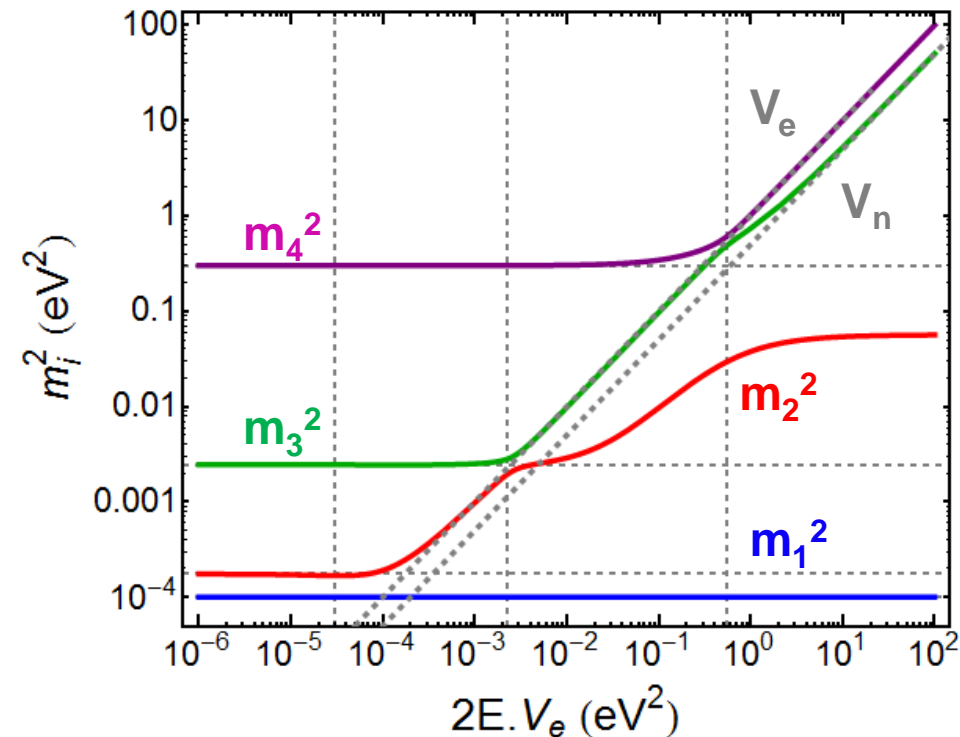


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$$\Delta m_{41}^2 = 0.3 \text{ eV}^2$$

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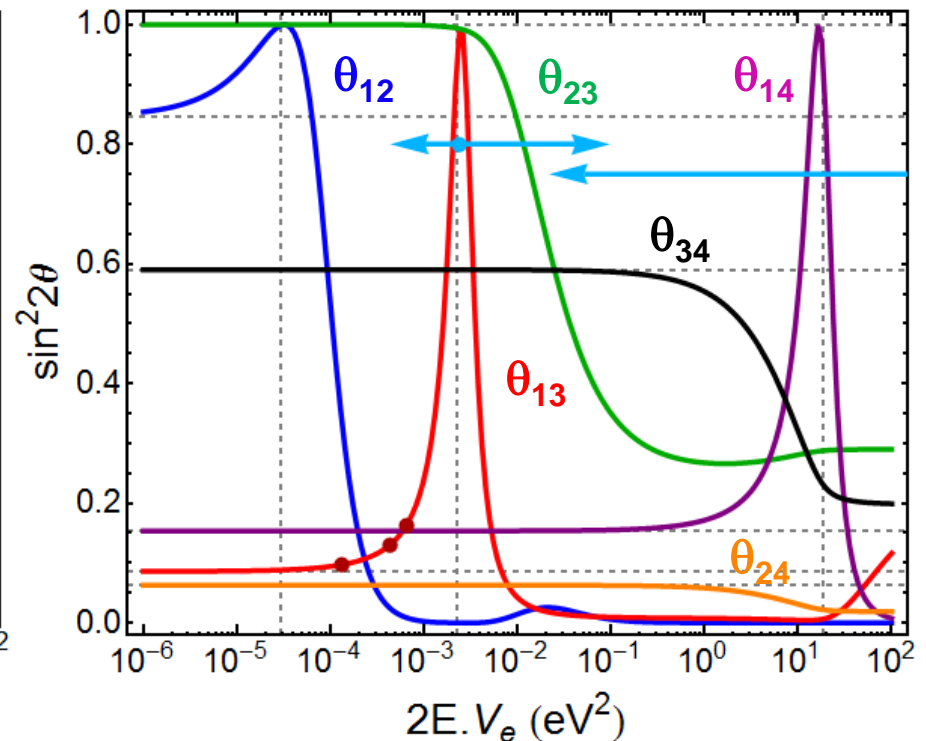
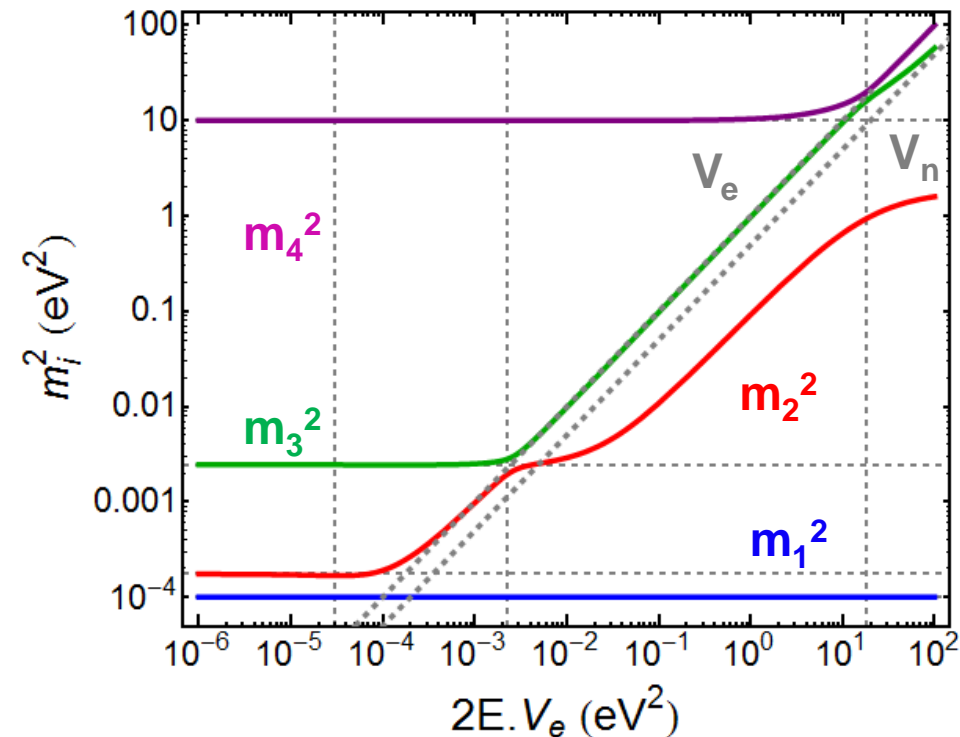


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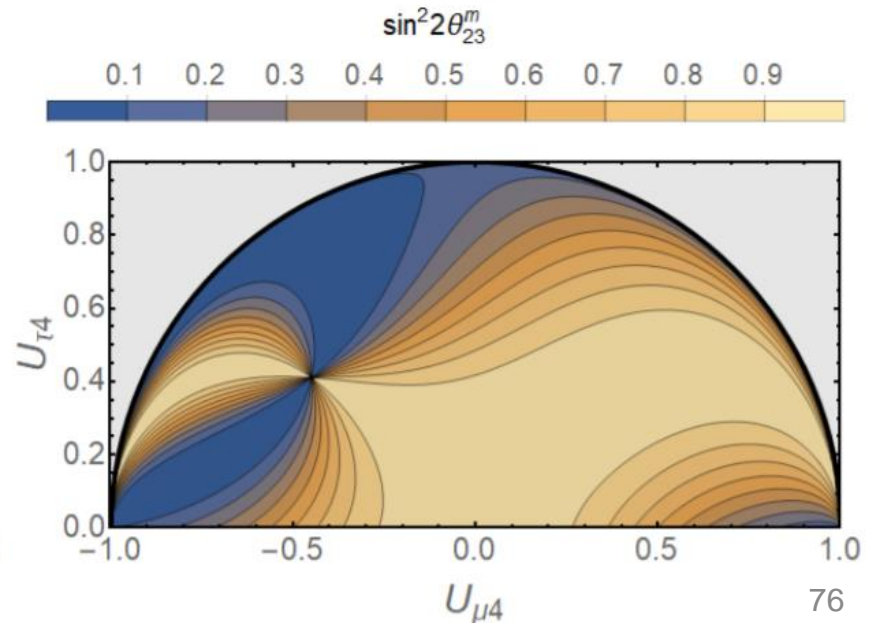
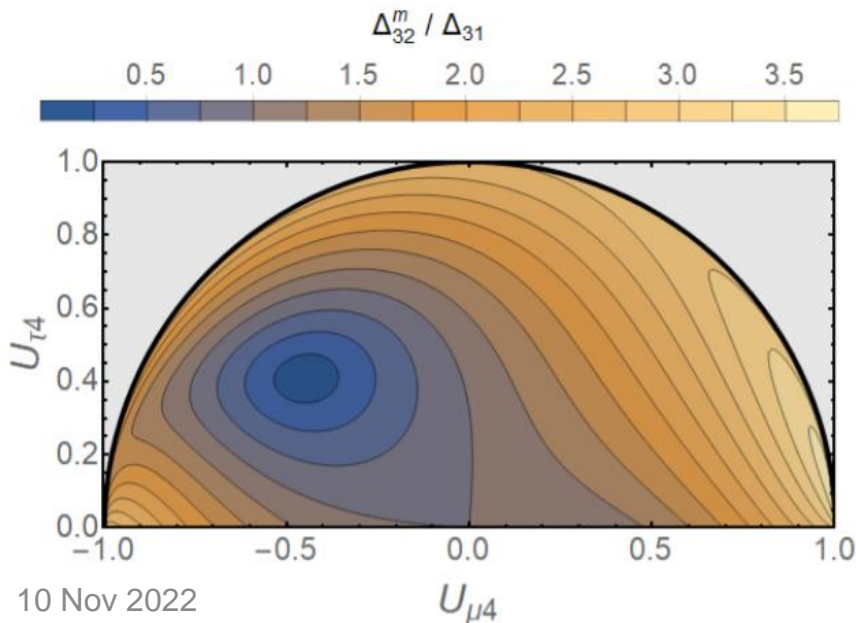
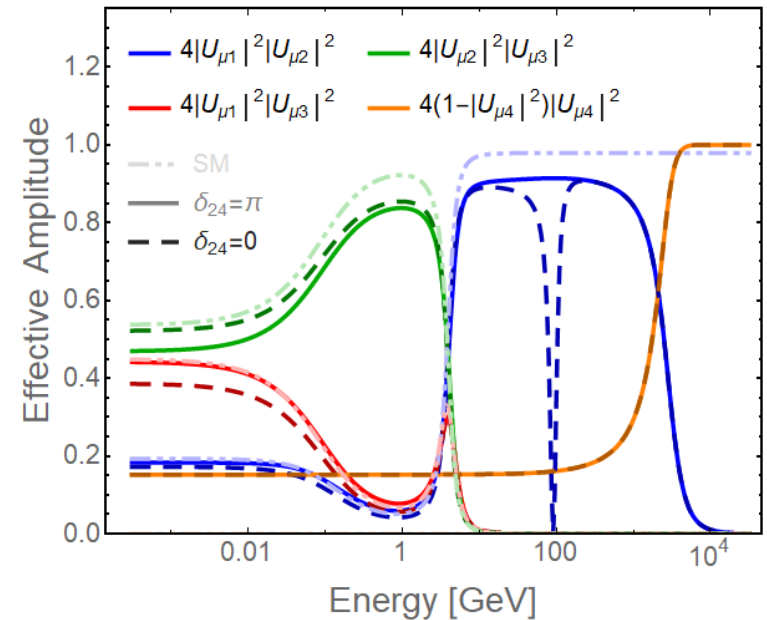
$$\Delta m_{41}^2 = 10 \text{ eV}^2$$

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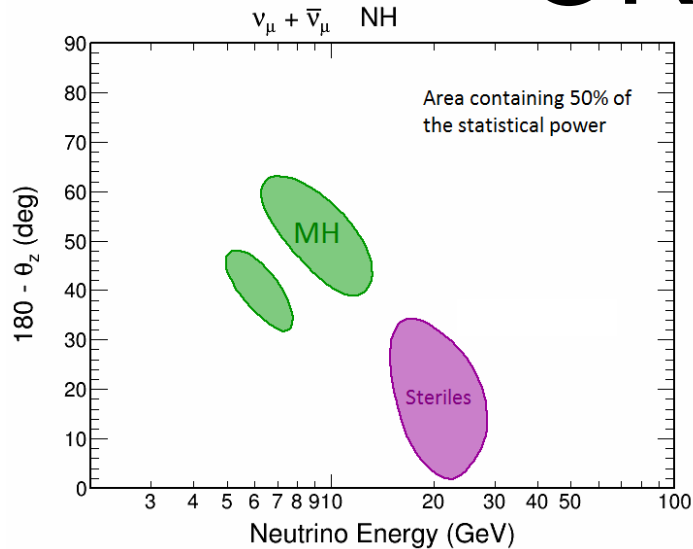


Resonances w/ Steriles

- New second order resonance also depends on CP phases
- Very rich structure with interplays between $U_{\mu 4}$ and $U_{\tau 4}$
- New paper out:
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.00344>



ORCA Studies



- Strong sensitivity with ν_μ channel
- Very different from 3ν resonance
- Still under unrealistic assumptions:
 - Perfect flavour selection
 - No systematics or nuisance pars.

