

# Frequentist statistics methods and techniques used in the T2K oscillation results



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- The goal of the talk is to explain in a detailed way which statistics methods and techniques are used in T2K Far Detector Oscillation Analysis. How they are used and why
- Everybody heard about Feldman-Cousins method, Wilks' theorem, Neyman construction but not everybody understands what they really mean: the goal of the talk is to explain fundamentally what mean these concepts and why they are important
- In this lecture I tried to find balance between strict mathematical statements and clear physics interpretations. Hopefully, I could achieve this
- My target was to make it clear for 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD student

## Additional comments:

- Understanding that the topic is hard I will repeat important points many times during the slides
- The best time to ask questions is the end of the subsection because I try to answer main possible questions during the subsection. But if it very unclear interrupt me at any time



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- The leading term
- $\sim \theta_{13}$  (RC is important)
- $\sim \sin^2 \theta_{23}$  (allows to break octant degeneracy)
- $\sim \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$  (not sensitive to sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )

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- CP-odd term (asymmetric for  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  oscillations)
- Modulates probability with respect to first leading term
- The term is still “not small” as it is  $\sim \sin \Delta_{31} \sim 1$  (30% of first term for  $\sin \delta_{CP}=1$ )
- $\sim \sin \delta_{CP}$  (sensitive to  $\sin \delta_{CP}$ )

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- CP-even term
- Effects precision measurements of  $\delta_{CP}$  in case it is near to  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$
- BUT it is smaller than CP-even term as it depends on  $\cos \Delta_{31} \sim 0 \rightarrow$  Not so sensitive to  $\cos \delta_{CP}$





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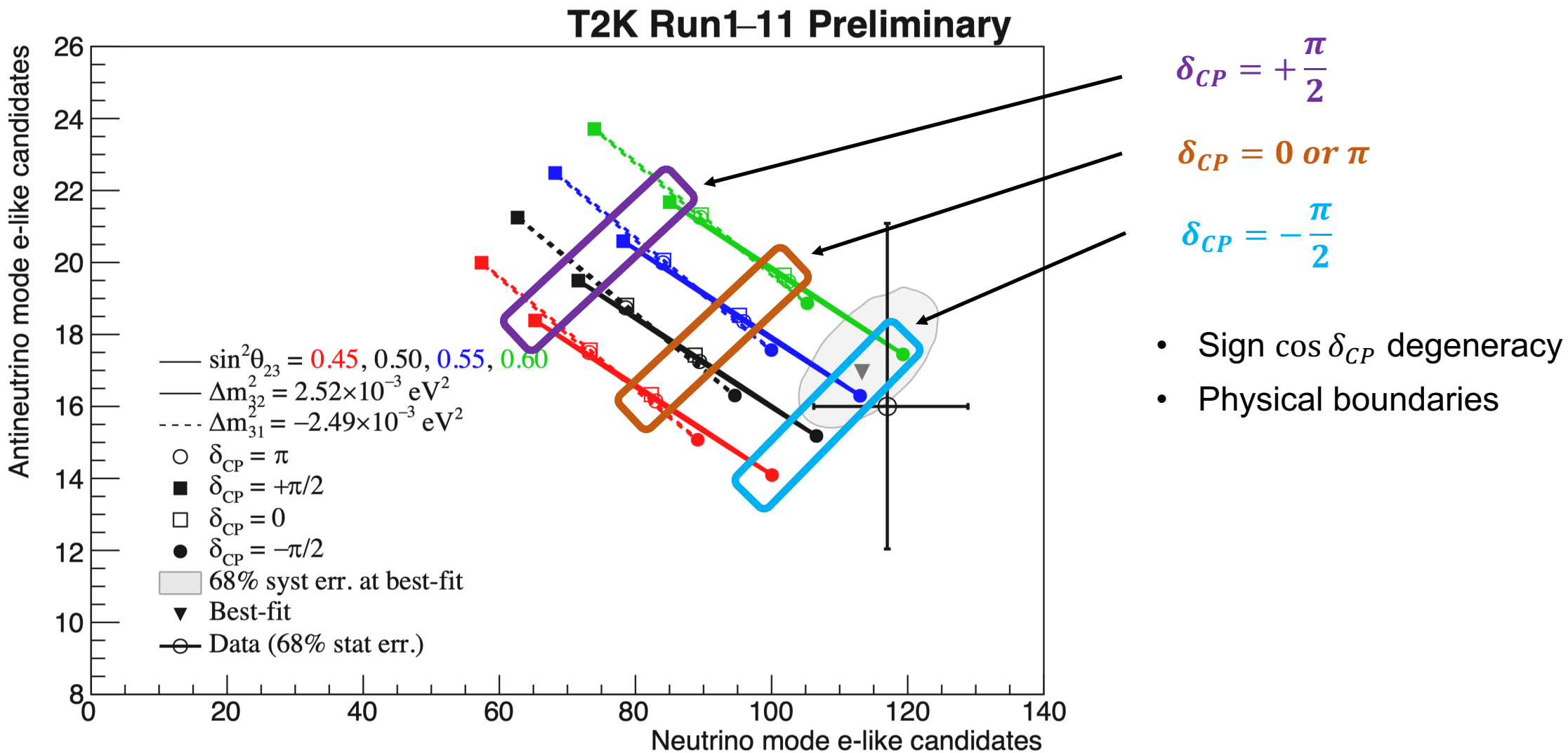
## Conclusions:

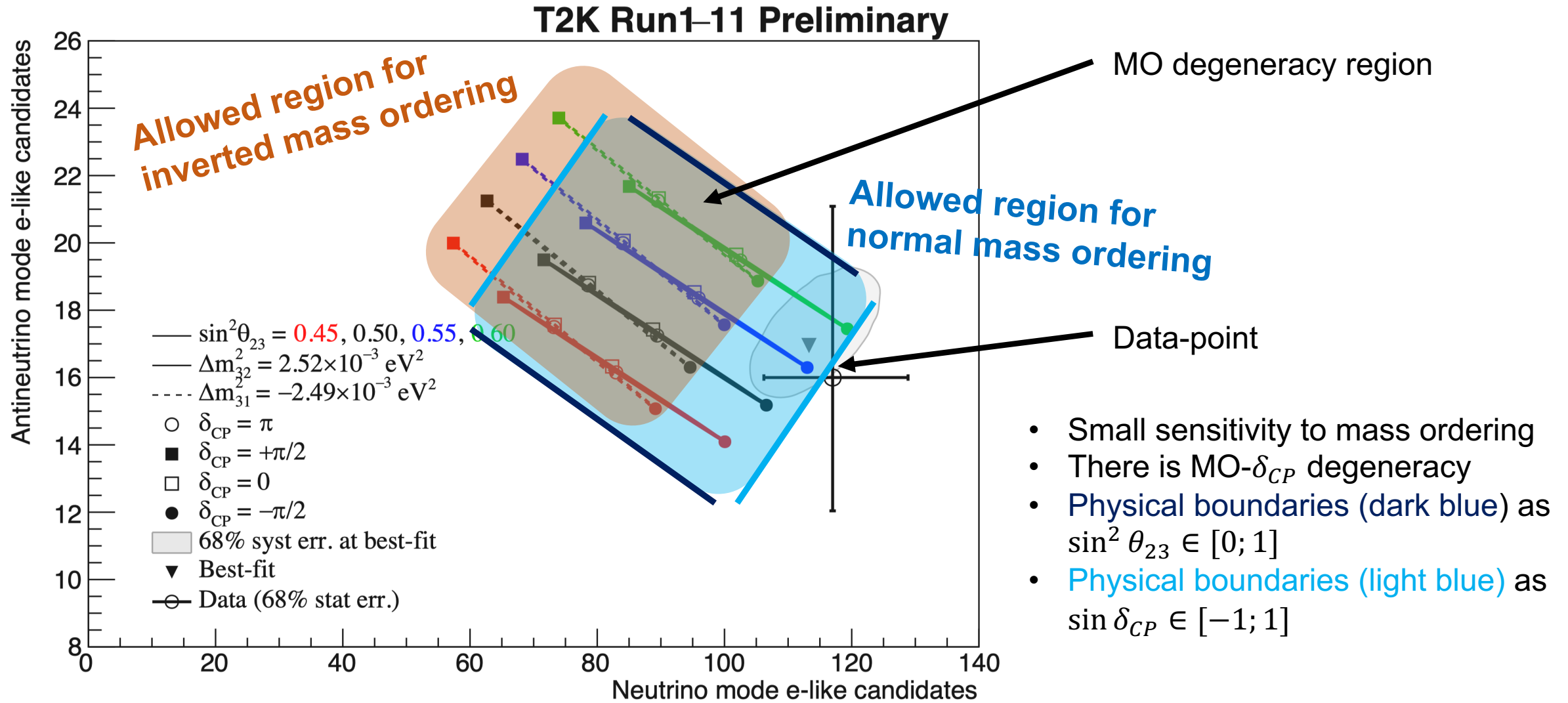
- 1) We have sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$ , more precisely speaking to  $\sin \delta_{CP}$  in appearance channel
- 2) Unknown MO causes degeneracy (but for T2K it is not so dramatic as baseline is not very long (295 km) )
- 3) Sensitivity to MO is small

Considering also disappearance channel we understand  
that T2K is sensitive to  
 $\delta_{CP}, \Delta m_{32}^2, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, (\text{MO})$

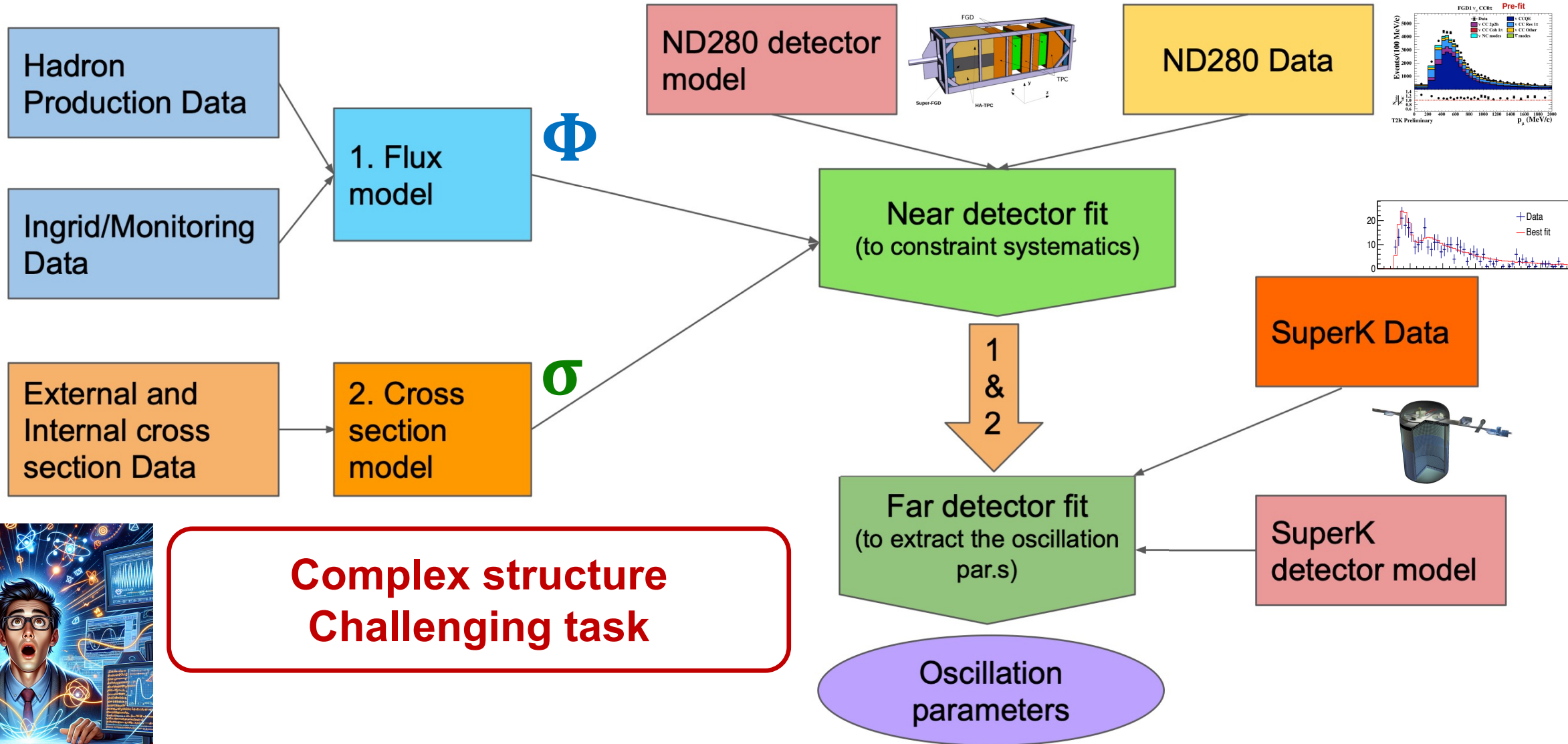
# Part I: Biprobability plots

Link from Oscillation probability to Likelihood fit

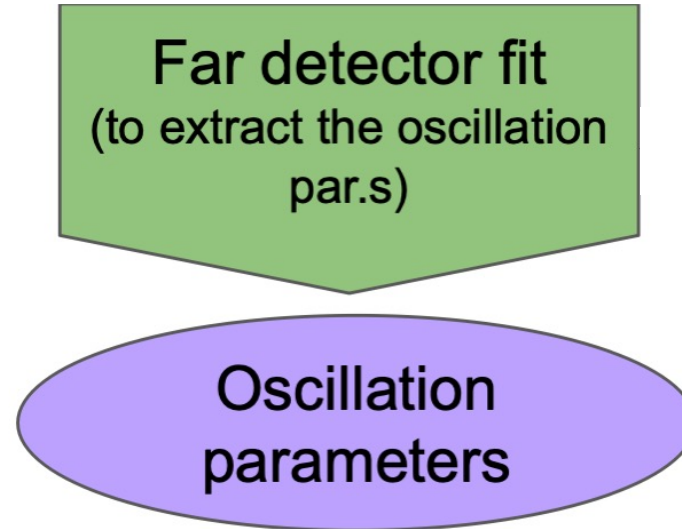




# T2K oscillation analysis



## Focusing on this part



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Part II: Introduction to the  
frequentist fit: likelihood  
definition

- I. As we perform frequentist fit: need to build the **likelihood** function.
  - We don't want to perform fit event by event as it is CPU consuming → Instead use **binned data**
  - Binned data → The **random variables**  $x_i = N_i^{obs}$  – are the number of observed events in the bin  $i$   
 $N_i^{obs} \sim \text{Poisson}(N_i^{exp})$ , where  $N_i^{obs}$  is the predicted or expected number of events in the bin  $i$
  - We need to construct **sophisticated model** to make accurate predictions  $N_i^{exp}$ 
    - **physics model**: describes the **neutrino oscillation phenomenon**
    - **systematics model**: describes the relevant effects except neutrino oscillation

$$N_{exp}^{\nu\alpha}(E_\nu^{true}) = \Phi(E_\nu^{true}) \otimes \sigma(E_\nu^{true}) \otimes \epsilon(E_\nu^{true}) \otimes S(E_\nu^{true}, E_\nu^{reco}) \otimes P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha}(E_\nu^{true}, \vec{\theta})$$

Neutrino flux

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Interaction cross-section

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Detector efficiency

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Energy smearing matrix

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Oscillation probability

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$\alpha = e, \mu$

Systematics

We want to extract this!

$$-\ln L = \sum_{s,i} \left[ N_{s,i}^{exp}(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f}) - N_{s,i}^{obs} + N_{obs} \ln \frac{N_{s,i}^{obs}}{N_{s,i}^{exp}(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f})} \right] + (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)^T V^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)$$

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Sample likelihood
Penalty term for systematics

$N_{s,i}^{exp}(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f})$  – number of expected events in bin  $i$  and sample  $s$

$V$  – prior covariance matrix on systematics

$N_{s,i}^{obs}$  – observed number of events in bin  $i$  and sample  $s$

$$L = f(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f} | N^{obs}), \quad f: R^{170+5} \rightarrow R$$

- The likelihood function stores all the statistics knowledge of our model and experiment
- We need a sophisticated accurate manipulations of it to **make inference on parameters of interest** (oscillation parameters), **check the validity of our model etc**
- We should develop the techniques for this which will be practically realisable and accurate enough

# Part III:

## Statistical inference of the oscillation parameters

The model depends on the large number of parameters:

- a) parameters of interest  $\theta$  (in our case 4 continuous ( $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\Delta m_{32}^2$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ) and 1 discrete - MO)
- b) nuisance parameters which come from systematic model  $-\eta$  (170).

- How do find the best estimator of the parameters?
- How do we determine the uncertainties of these estimators?

**Goal:** Determine the best fit point

$$\xi = (\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f})$$

$$L(\xi | N^{obs}) \rightarrow \max: L_{max} = L(\hat{\xi} | N^{obs})$$

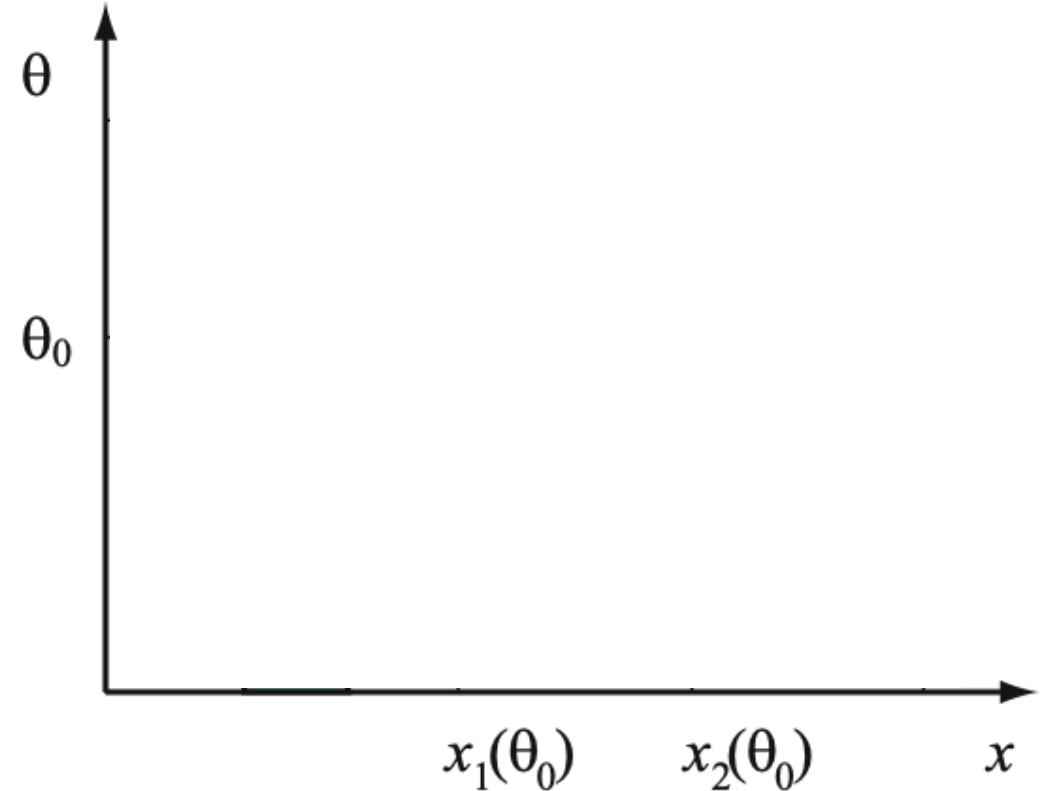
**$\hat{\xi}$  – our central value which will be quoted**

This is an easy part. No caveats

**Goal:** Determine the error of the best-fit point  
Central technique – Neyman belt construction

**Very important for understanding of next slides!**

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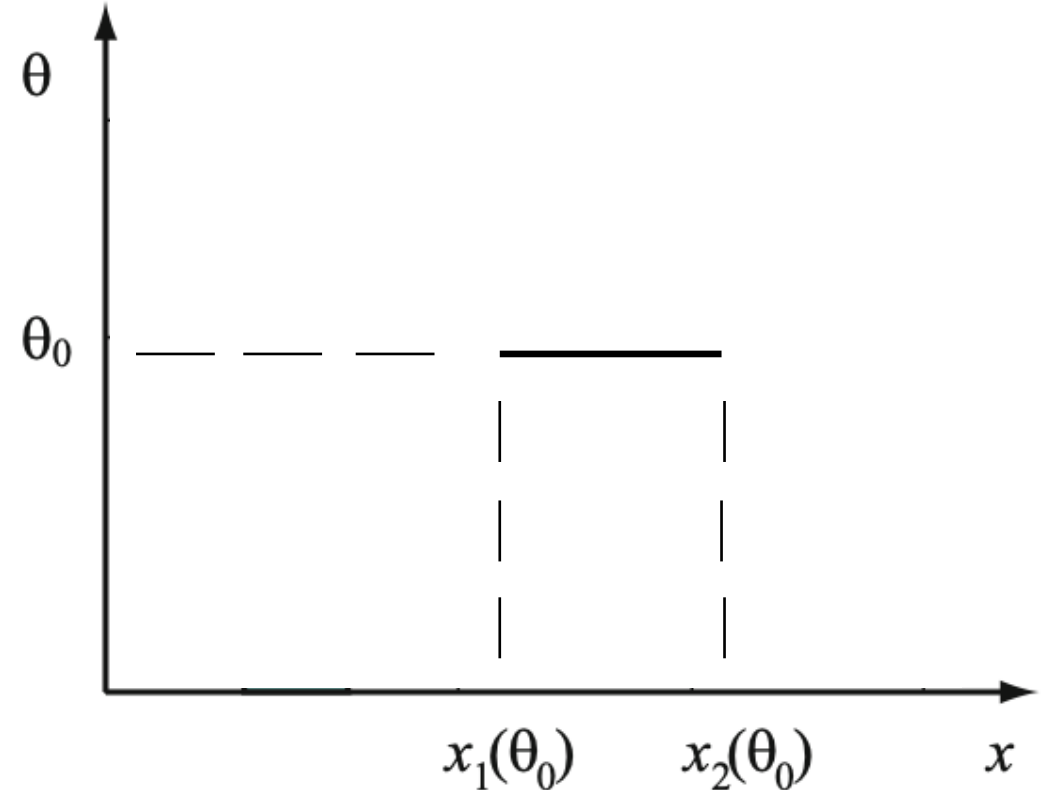




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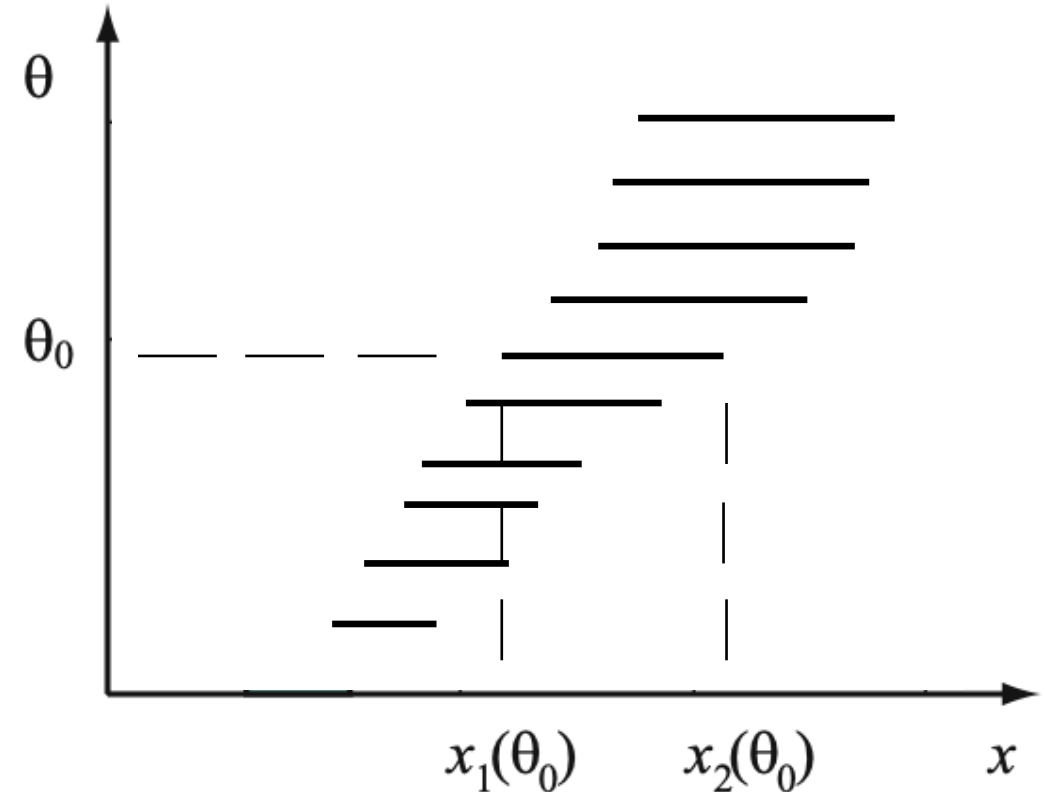
Distr of  $x$  and show the deltax region

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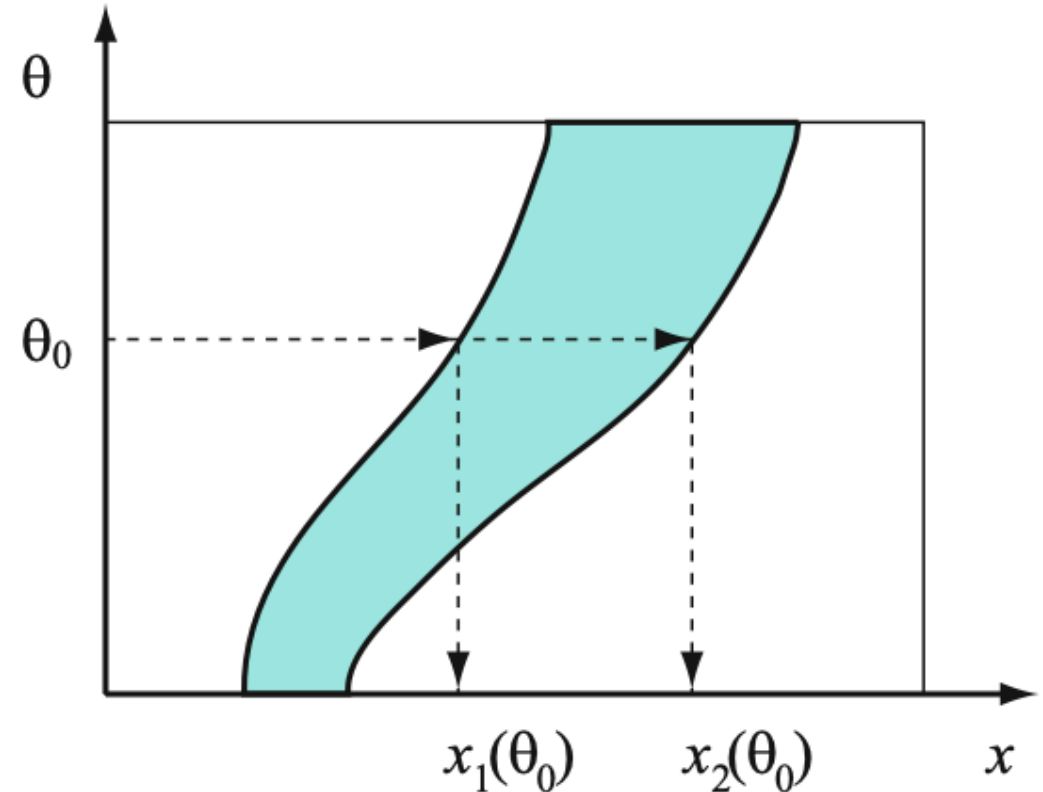


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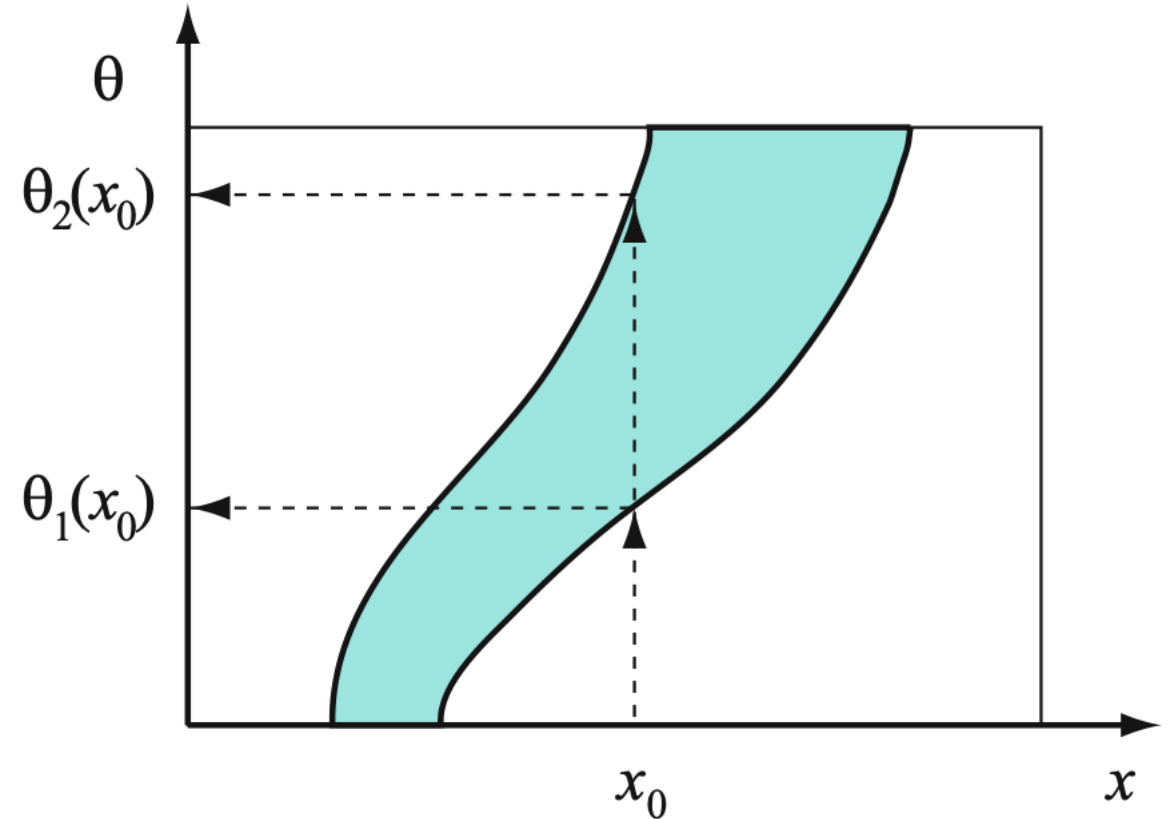
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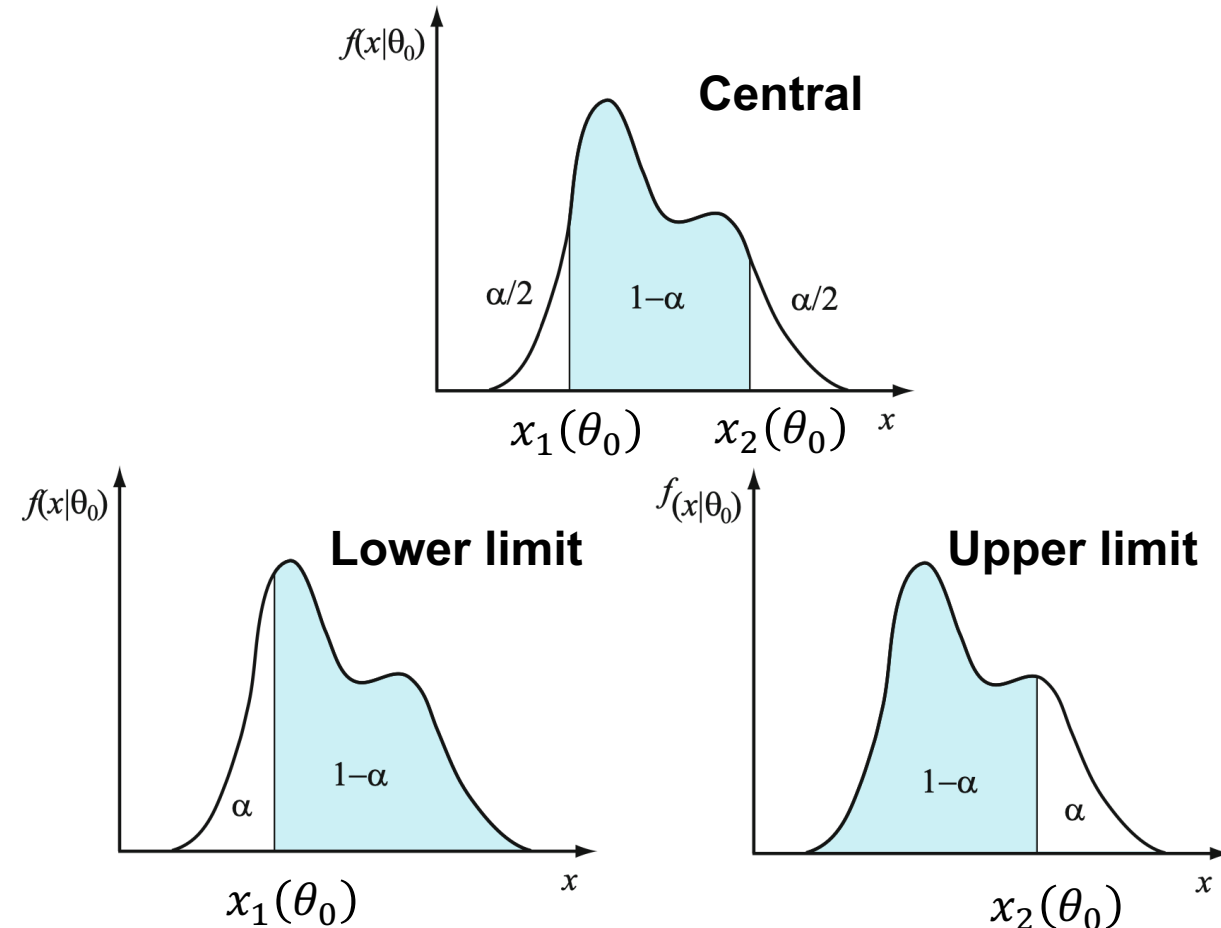
- Repeat this for different true values of  $\theta$
- Invert the confidence belt: if the data result is  $x_0$ , the **confidence interval for  $\theta$  is  $[\theta_1(x_0), \theta_2(x_0)]$**  (determined as intersections of vertical line with the belt)



**Later I will show some examples, don't worry!**

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## Example #1 for better understanding

Finally!

We measure directly a quantity  $x$ . Let  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\sigma^2$  – is known.

$$\text{So, } L(x; \mu) := f(x|\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

1) Construct Neyman belt:

For a fixed  $\mu$  and given  $\beta$ :

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \beta$$

$$\Phi\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \beta$$

This is equation on  $x_1, x_2$ !

$\Phi$  – CDF of standard normal distribution

Let's choose **central confidence interval**. Then

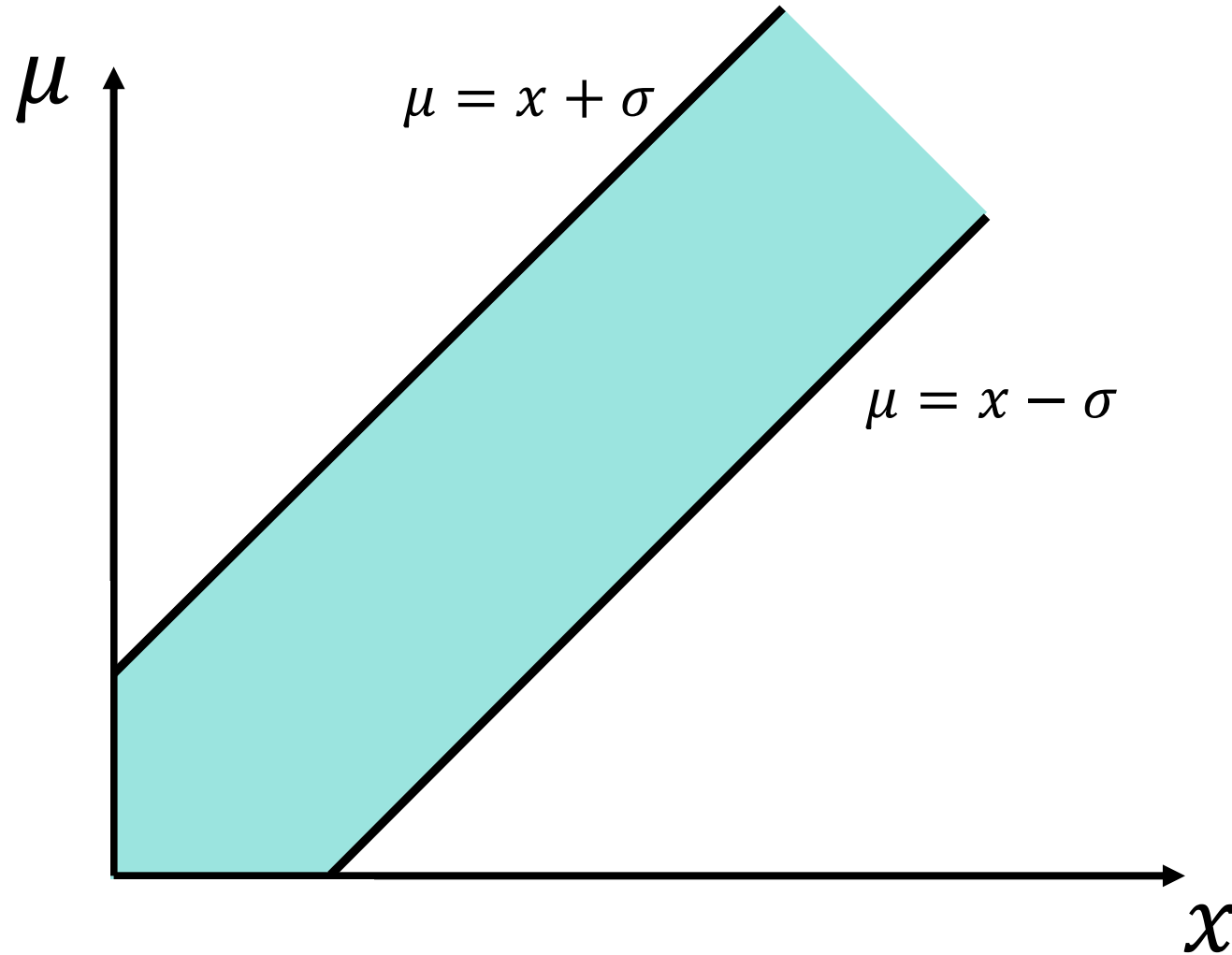
$$\Phi\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1 - \beta}{2}, \quad 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{1 - \beta}{2}$$

We now need to invert CDF. Let's take 68.27% C.L.. Then

$$x_1 = \mu - \sigma; \quad x_2 = \mu + \sigma$$

Hooray! Got expected result

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## 2) Neyman belt inversion

Let's  $D$  be our data measurement

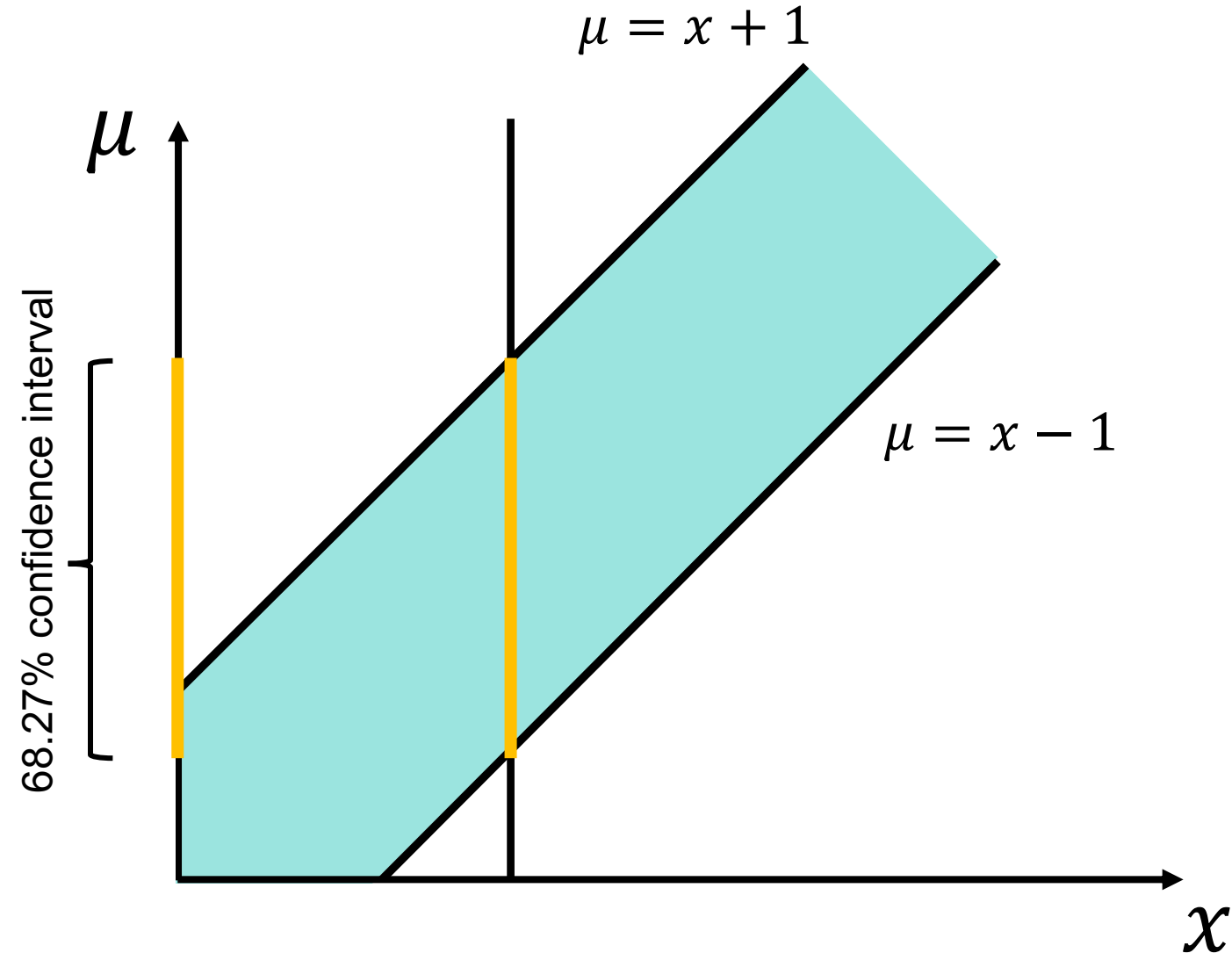
Then according to this measurement  $\mu$   $1\sigma$  C.I.:

$$\text{C.I.} = [D - \sigma; D + \sigma]$$

- Best-fit point obviously is at  $D$  (can be shown by likelihood maximisation):

$$\hat{\mu} = D$$

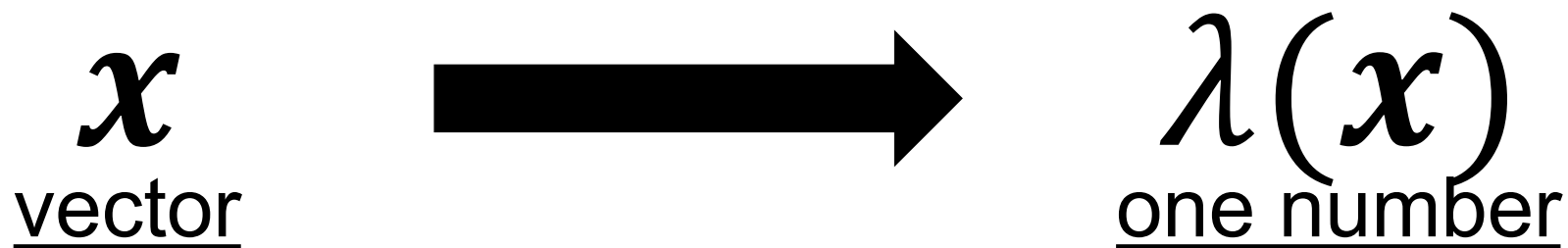
- So,  $\mu = D_{-\sigma}^{+\sigma}$
- The example is trivial but it illustrates how the Neyman construction works





But! What can be do if we have several measurements  
(if  $x$  is a vector but not a scalar)?

Answer: To use test statistic  $\lambda$  which is scalar



Use  $\lambda(x)$  for x-axis in Neyman belt construction

N.B.! We should know pdf for  $\lambda(x)$ , what can be a challenge

$$f(x|\theta) \rightarrow f(\lambda(x)|\theta)$$

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Usually we do not know  
analytically this function

## Example #2 for better understanding

We have several measurements:  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ . Each measurement  $x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\sigma^2$  – is known.

So,

$$L(\mathbf{x}; \mu) := f(\mathbf{x}|\mu) = \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- Choose test statistic: **a) Sample mean:**  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i = \bar{x}$
- Test statistic distribution is known analitically:  $\lambda \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N})$
- Now we have the same problem as in example 1 for quantity  $\lambda \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N})$ .

So, take example 1, substitute  $x \rightarrow \lambda = \bar{x}, \sigma \rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$


68.27% C.I. :  $[\bar{D} - \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}, \bar{D} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}]$ , where  $\bar{D} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i D_i$ ,  $D_i$  –outcomes of the direct measurements

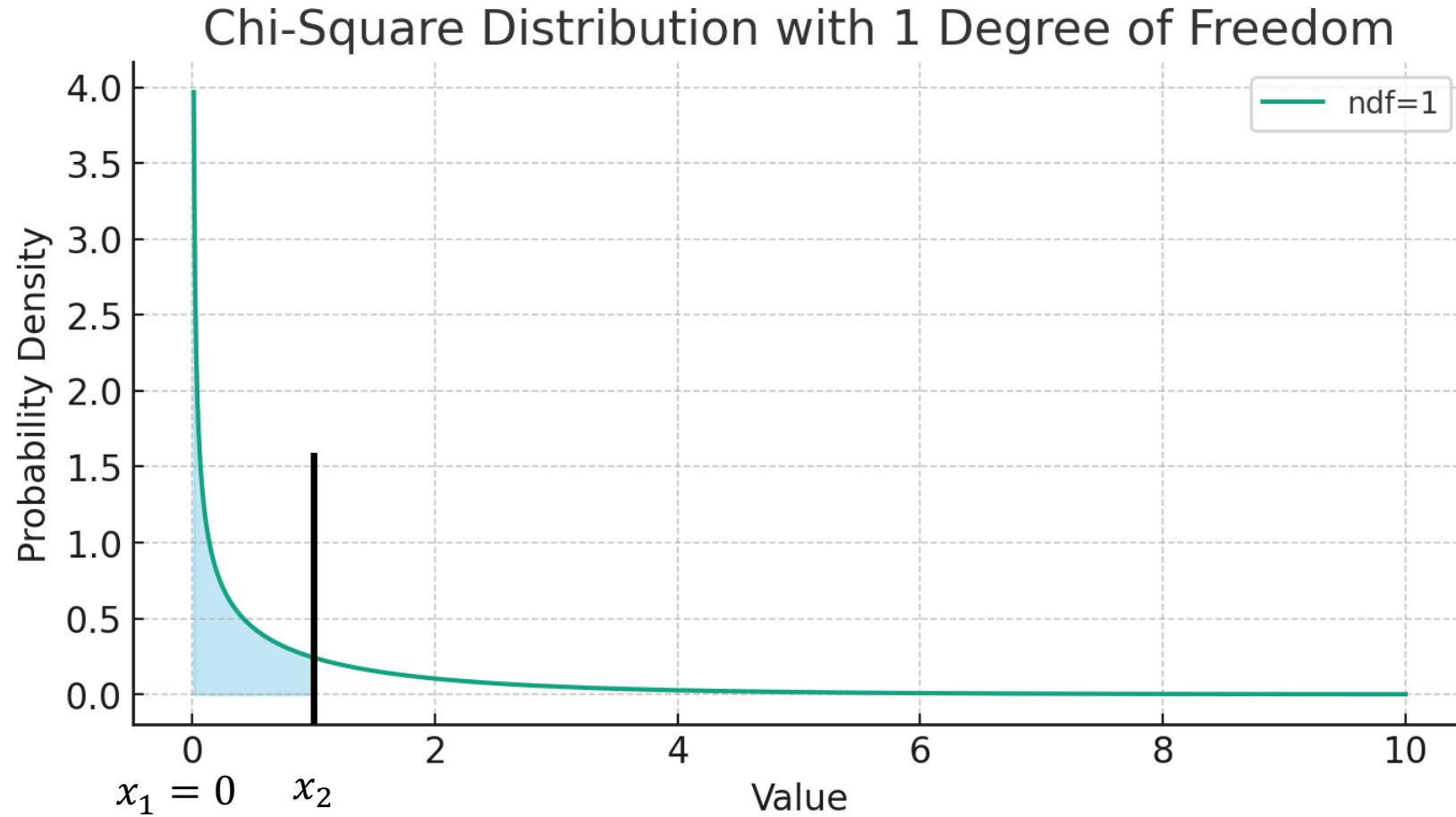
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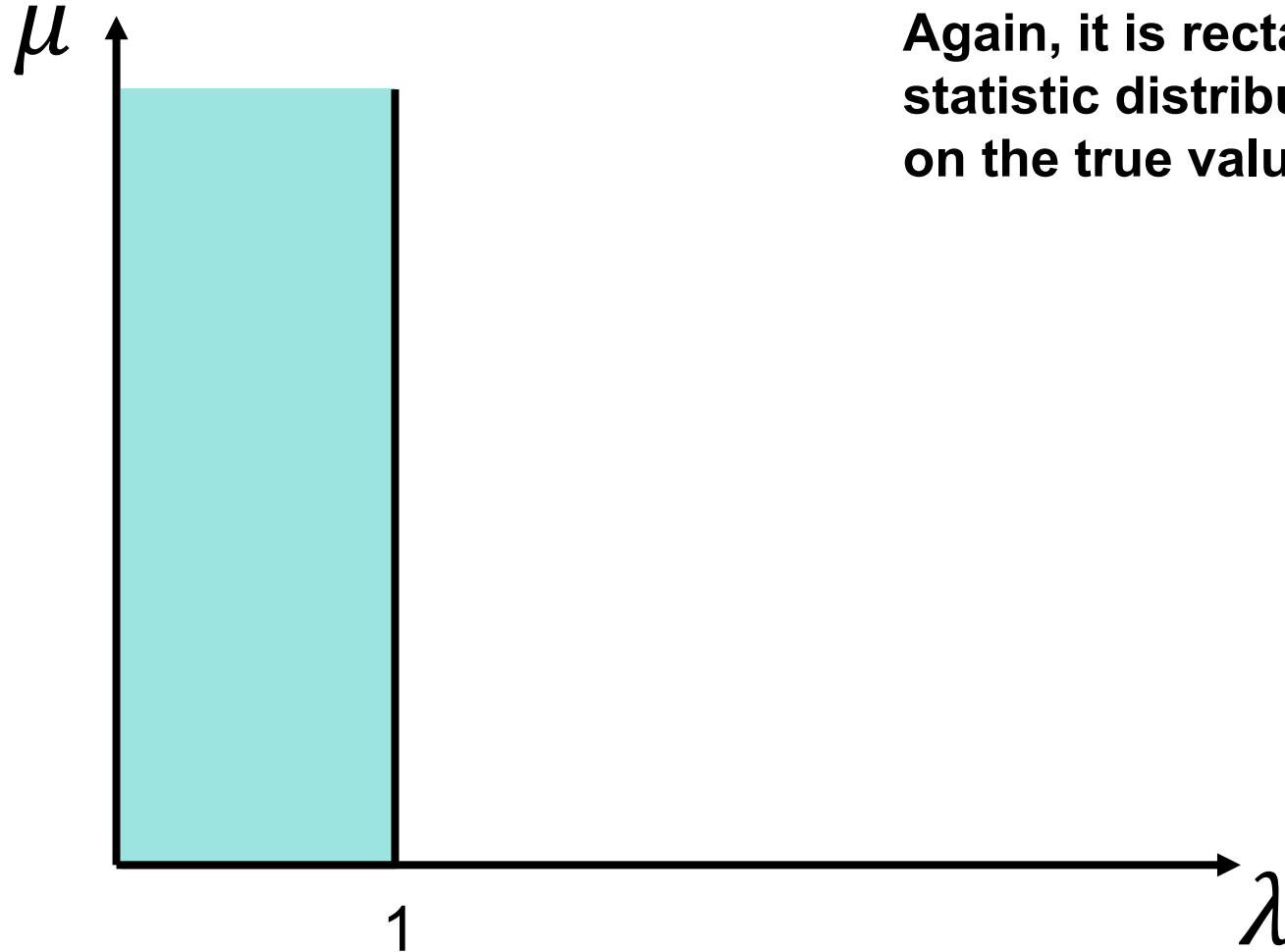
**Extremely important!**

- Choose test statistic: **b) Log-likelihood ratio:**  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mathbf{x}; \mu)}{L(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mu})}$  
- It can be shown that  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{N}{\sigma^2} (\mu - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2 = \frac{(\mu - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2}{\frac{\sigma^2}{N}}$  (exercise for young people ;))
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right) \rightarrow \lambda \sim \chi^2$  (*ndof* = 1) (does not depend to  $\mu$  value!) ( $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \rightarrow \chi^2$ )
- So we know explicitly pdf for  $\lambda$



For 68.27% C.L:  $x_1 = 0$ ;  $x_2 = 1$

When the test statistic has  $\chi^2$  distribution, the Neyman belt is a rectangle



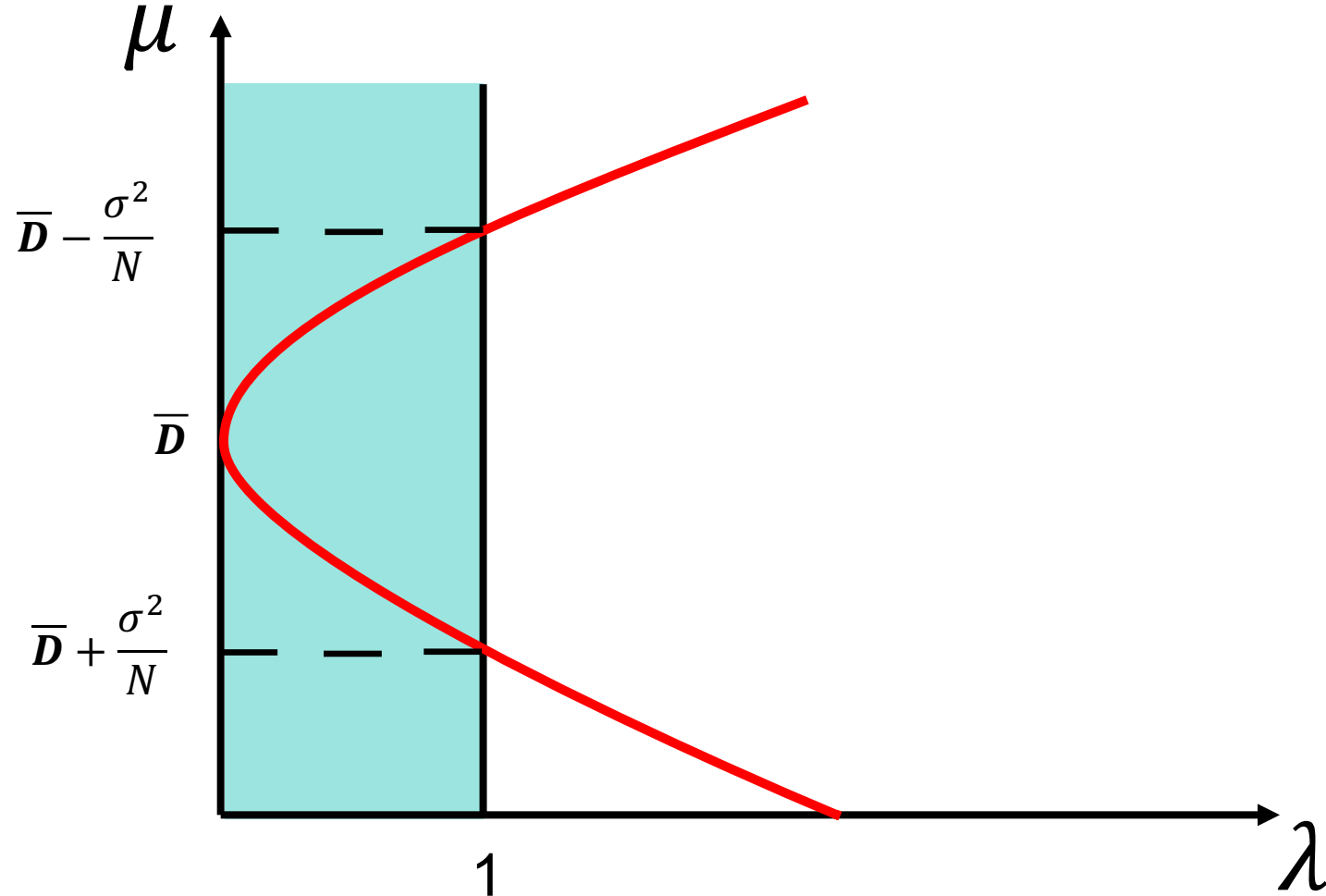
**Again, it is rectangle because test statistic distribution does not depend on the true value of parameter  $\mu$**

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If our measurement is  $\mathbf{D}$ , then the test statistic for our measurement:

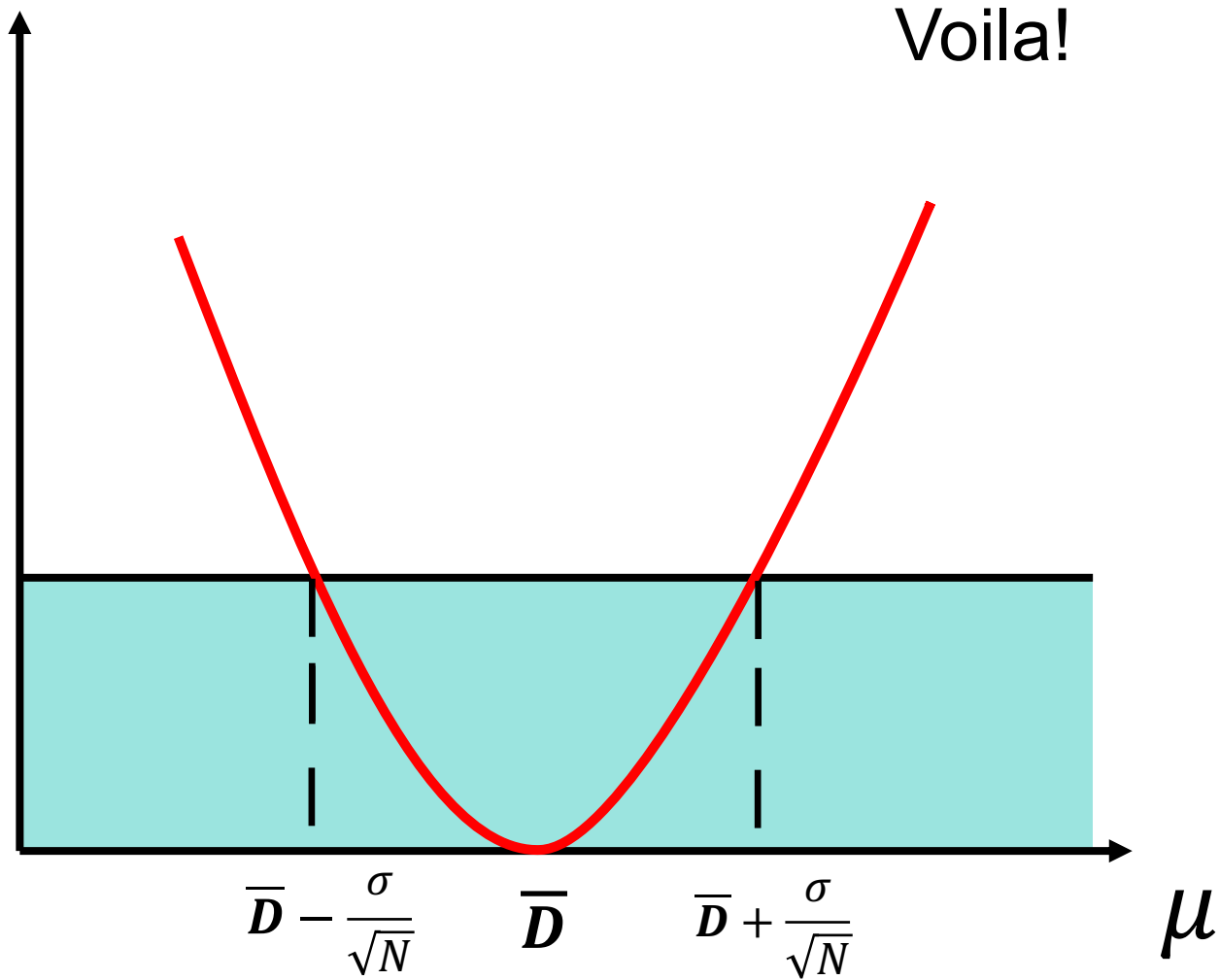
$$\lambda(\mathbf{D}) = \frac{N}{\sigma^2} (\mu - \bar{\mathbf{D}})^2$$

A simple parabola



Let's rotate the plot!

$$\lambda = -2 \Delta \ln L$$



The plot which we are used to see!

- Now we know how to construct the Neyman belt and understand its meaning

But we have not answered some important questions:

- How to choose ordering rule?
- How to choose test statistic?
- How to build distribution of test statistic in less trivial cases?
- How to build the belt for a model with many parameters?

**I will not discuss in big details, but I will give some answers**



# How to build the belt for a model with many parameters?

**Answer:**

**Use profiling or marginalisation to reduce the dimensionality of your likelihood**

I do not include here the details. I discussed about these one year ago at the group meeting ;) Hopefully, you remember everything :D

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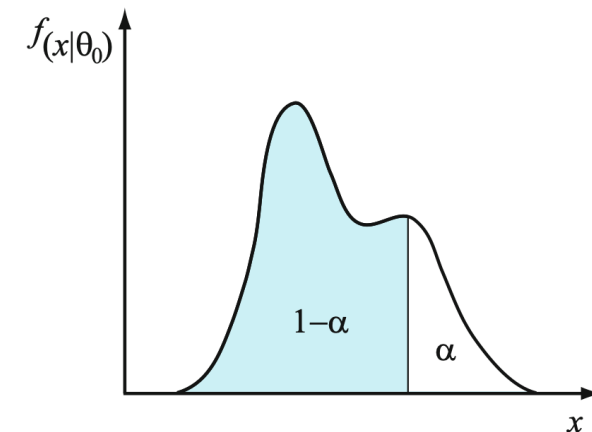
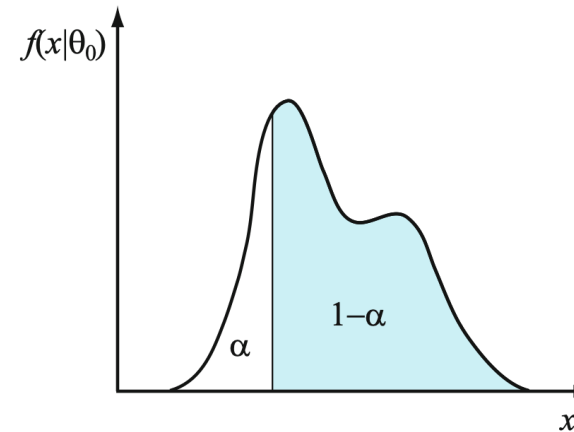
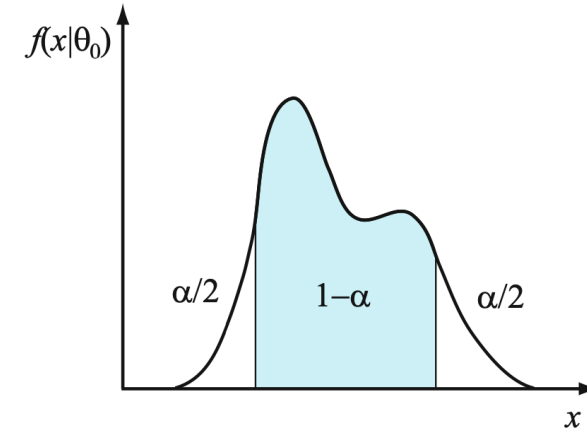
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**The Unified Feldman-Cousins Approach**

(see [here](#))

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# The Feldman-Cousins Approach

Feldman-Cousins ordering rule is based on ordering of likelihood ratio

It ensures the correct coverage

Use likelihood ratio:

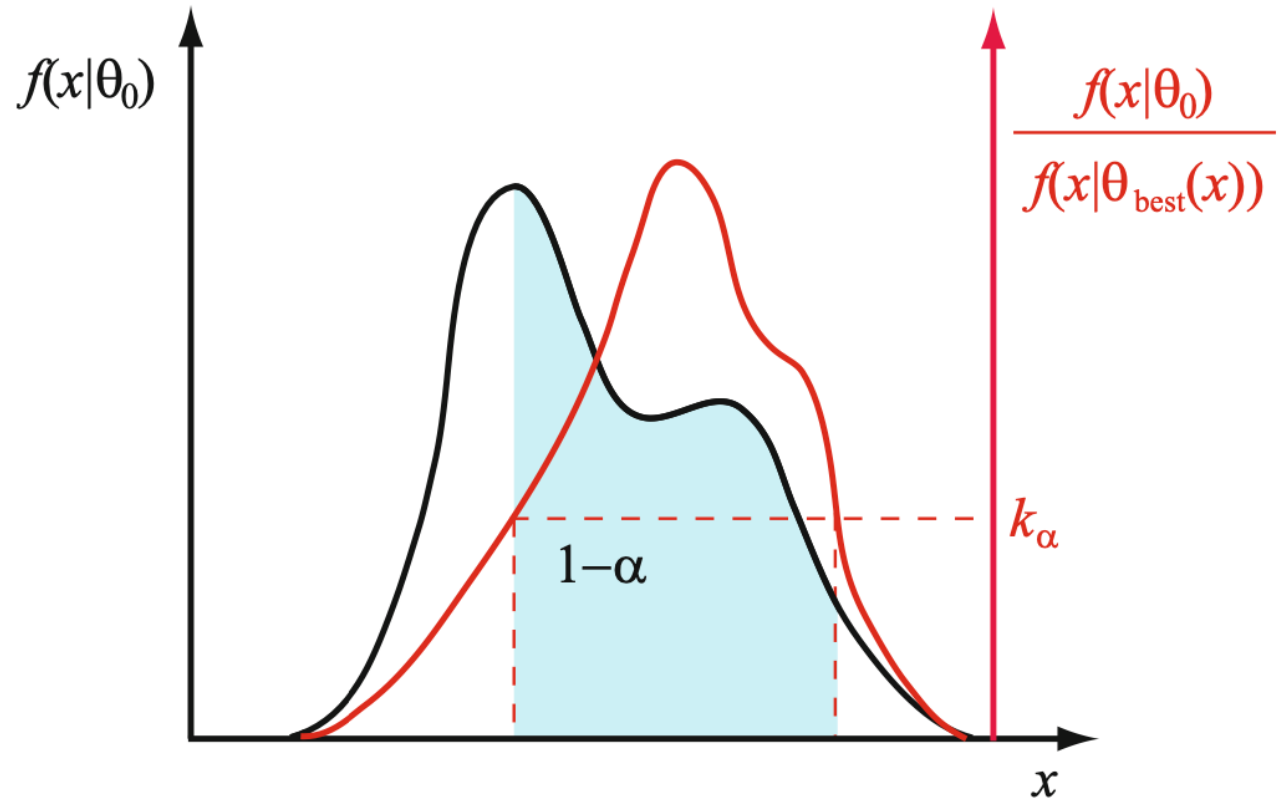
$$\lambda(x|\theta_0) = \frac{f(x|\theta_0)}{f(x|\hat{\theta}(x))} \quad \hat{\mu} \text{ -- best fit for measurement } x$$

The interval  $[x_1(\theta_0), x_2(\theta_0)]$  is defined by

$$R_\alpha(\theta_0) = \{x : \lambda(x|\theta_0) > k_\alpha\}$$

where  $k_\alpha$  is found from following equation for target coverage  $1 - \alpha$  (C.L.)

$$\int_{R_\alpha} f(x|\theta_0) dx = 1 - \alpha$$



$k_\alpha$  is called critical value corresponding to C.L.  $1 - \alpha$

# How to choose the test statistic?

Good option:

## The likelihood ratio

For several reasons:

- 1) **The Neyman-Pearson lemma:** the likelihood ratio ensures the most optimal hypotheses selection
- 2) **Wilk's theorem:** Under certain condition the log-likelihood ratio asymptotically converges to  $\chi^2$  distribution

# How to build the distribution of the test statistic for a general case?

## Generate MC simulations

But how? If you have nuisance parameters, then you should decide how to sample them!

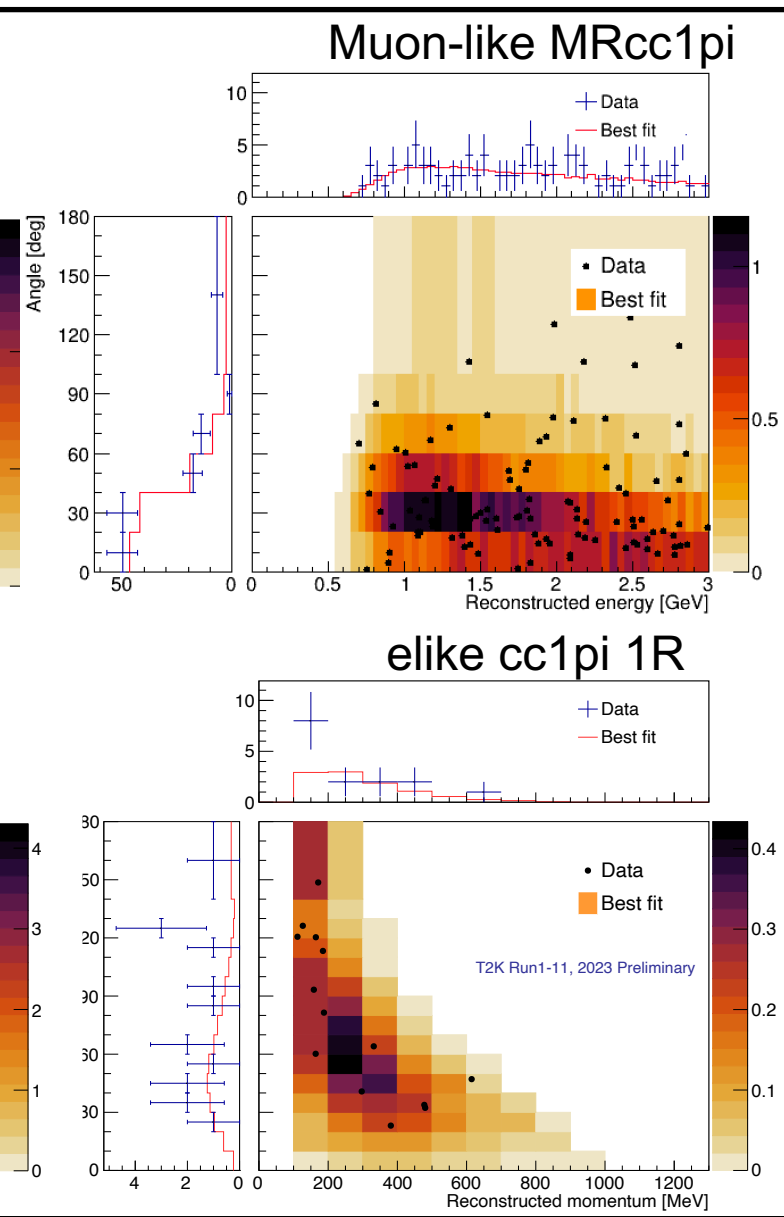
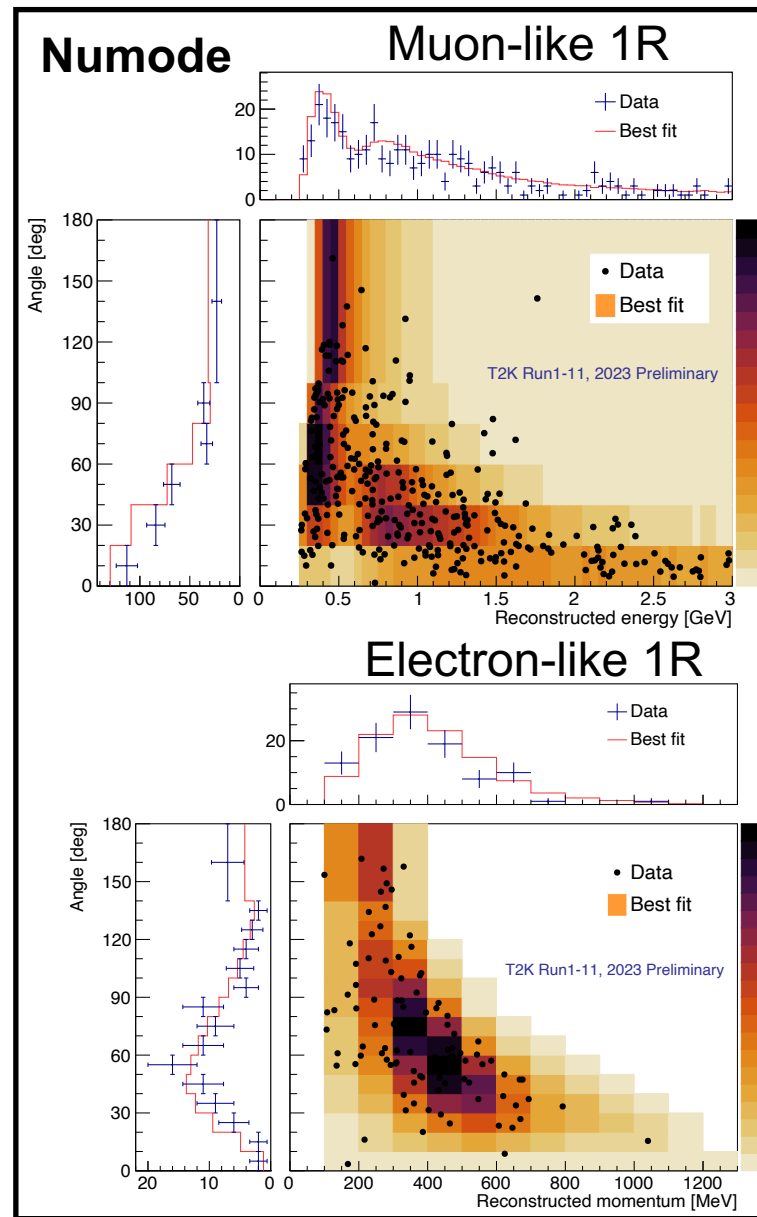
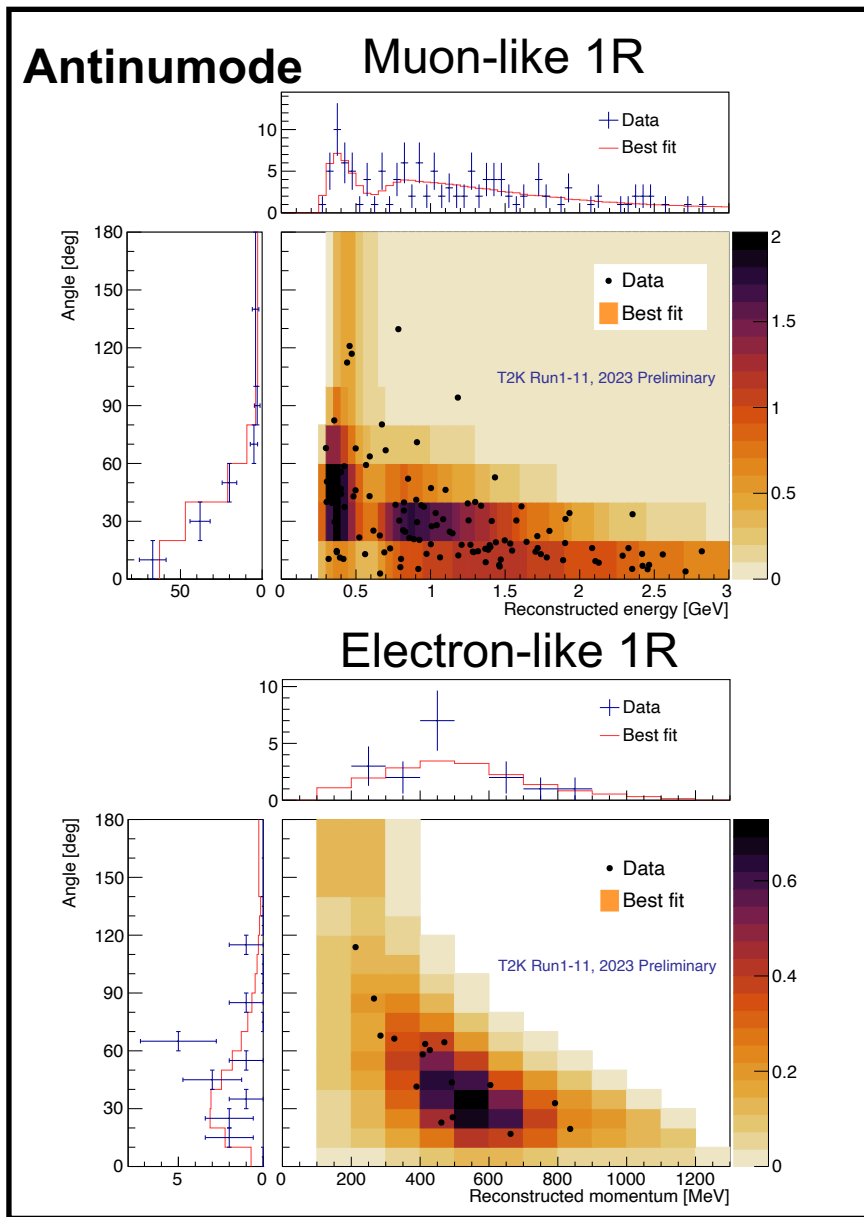
There are several options – I will discuss later only what is done in T2K

# Part IV:

## T2K approach to claim the oscillations results



# Part IV: T2K approach to claim the results



$$-\ln L = \sum_{s,i} \left[ N_{s,i}^{exp}(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f}) - N_{s,i}^{obs} + N_{obs} \ln \frac{N_{s,i}^{obs}}{N_{s,i}^{exp}(\mathbf{o}, \mathbf{f})} \right] + (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)^T V^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0)$$

$$L = L(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \delta_{CP}, \Delta m_{32}^2, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, MO, \mathbf{f})$$

1)  $V = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ND} & 0 \\ 0 & V_{SK} \end{pmatrix}$  (170×170), where  $V_{ND}$  – comes from BANFF or Gundam fit

$V_{ND}$  – comes from T2K-SK group from atmospheric fit

2) T2K uses reactor constraint (RC)  $\theta_{13}$  - Gaussian prior

3) Are used 6 SK samples categorised by neutrino mode, neutrino flavour and number of observed rings

$$\mathbf{o}_{bf} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{o}, f} L(N^{obs}; \mathbf{o}, f)$$

↑  
This is declared as central value

To estimate the error we find C.I. corresponding to different C.L. T2K uses Neyman belt construction using FC ordering

- Let's build it for a parameter  $\theta$  which is one the oscillation parameters
- We need to build a scalar test statistic **only as function of true  $\theta$**   $\lambda(N^{obs}|\theta)$
- For reason mentioned in previous part **we use log-likelihood ratio** as test statistics
- But we cannot directly use our likelihood as it depends on 170 parameters, not only on  $\theta$ . To reduce the likelihood dimensionality we use marginalisation. So, for **statistic we use log-marginalised likelihood**

**Why marginalisation? Why not profiling?**

## Main reason: CPU time

Example. If you are using paralisation with 100 jobs to compute an **Asimov fit**:

**Marginal likelihood:** you need ~2 minutes

**Profiled likelihood:** you need ~10\*4 minutes

To compute a toy fit:

**Marginal likelihood:** you need ~2 minutes

**Profiled likelihood:** you need ~30\*4 minutes

Factor of 4 you gain to cover al local minima:  
two octants and two sign of  $\cos \delta_{CP}$



For FC method and p-values calculation you need to fit thousands of toys!

**For profiled likelihood it would take ages!**

Test statistic for Neyman belt construction:

$$\lambda(N^{obs} | \theta) = -2 \ln \frac{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \theta)}{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \hat{\theta})},$$

$\theta$  – parameter of interest

This will  $x$  –axis on the Neyman belt

where  $L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \theta) := \int L_s(N^{obs}; \theta, \eta) \pi(\eta) d\eta$ ;  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \theta)$   
 $\eta$  –all params except  $\theta$

- Main task here: we need to know the pdf for  $\lambda$  for different true values of  $\theta$ :

**1) Calculate it by sampling  $N^{obs}$**

**2) Use a theorem to know distribution of  $\lambda$  without any calculations**

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Sample  $N^{obs}$  → Calculate  $\lambda(N^{obs} | \theta)$

However, the toys depend on the true value of nuisance parameters!

Sample nuisance parameters distribution → Sample  $N^{obs}$  → Calculate  $\lambda(N^{obs} | \theta)$

↑  
How?!



Sample nuisance parameters distribution  $\rightarrow$  Sample  $N^{obs}$   $\rightarrow$  Calculate  $\lambda(N^{obs}|\theta)$

**How?!**

There is no any definite answer. Maybe it is the most challenging step in T2K oscillation parameters inference

There are many different methods which can be chosen:

- 1) A priori estimate
- 2) Conservative
- 3) Berger–Boos
- 4) Highland–Cousins
- 5) A posteriori Highland–Cousins
- 6) Profiled method

You can check this [paper](#) which shortly describes these methods

- T2K **calculates** log-likelihood ratio distribution for  $\delta_{CP}$  and  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$
- T2K uses Highland–Cousins method to sample nuisance parameters

Highland–Cousins method realisation in T2K to sample nuisance parameters:

- 1) The posterior distributions of the oscillation parameters are calculated
- 2) These distributions are used to sample nuisance oscillation parameters
- 3) Systematic parameters are sampled from prior distributions

**Summary: We sample the toys following Highland-Cousins method and then calculate log-likelihood distribution which are used in Neyman belt construction**

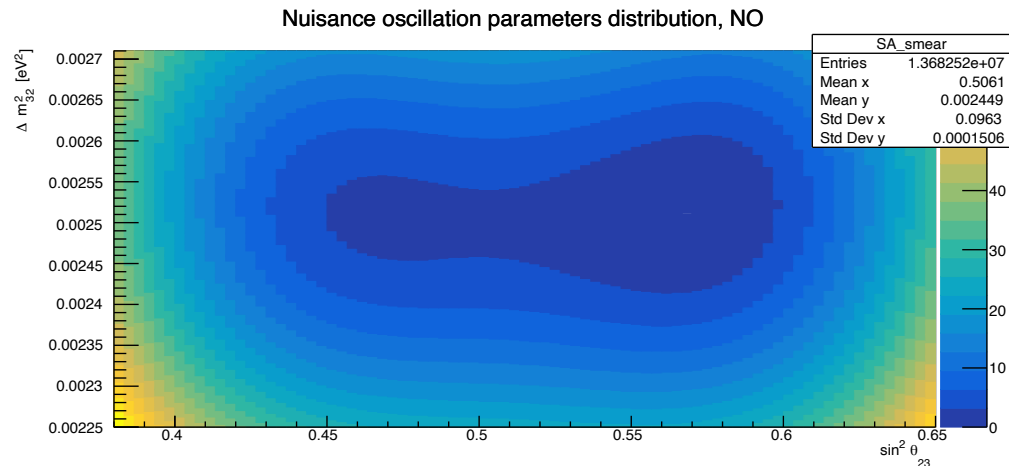
**Don't worry I will show an explicit example now!**

Let's now follow all the mentioned steps for  $\delta_{CP}$

## 1) We need to generate the toy experiments

For that we need to sample nuisance parameters. For each true value of  $\delta_{CP}$ :

- a) For  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  generate 2D data-posterior from  $\Delta\chi^2$
- b) For  $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$  use RC
- c) For all systematics use prior distribution



50k toy experiments

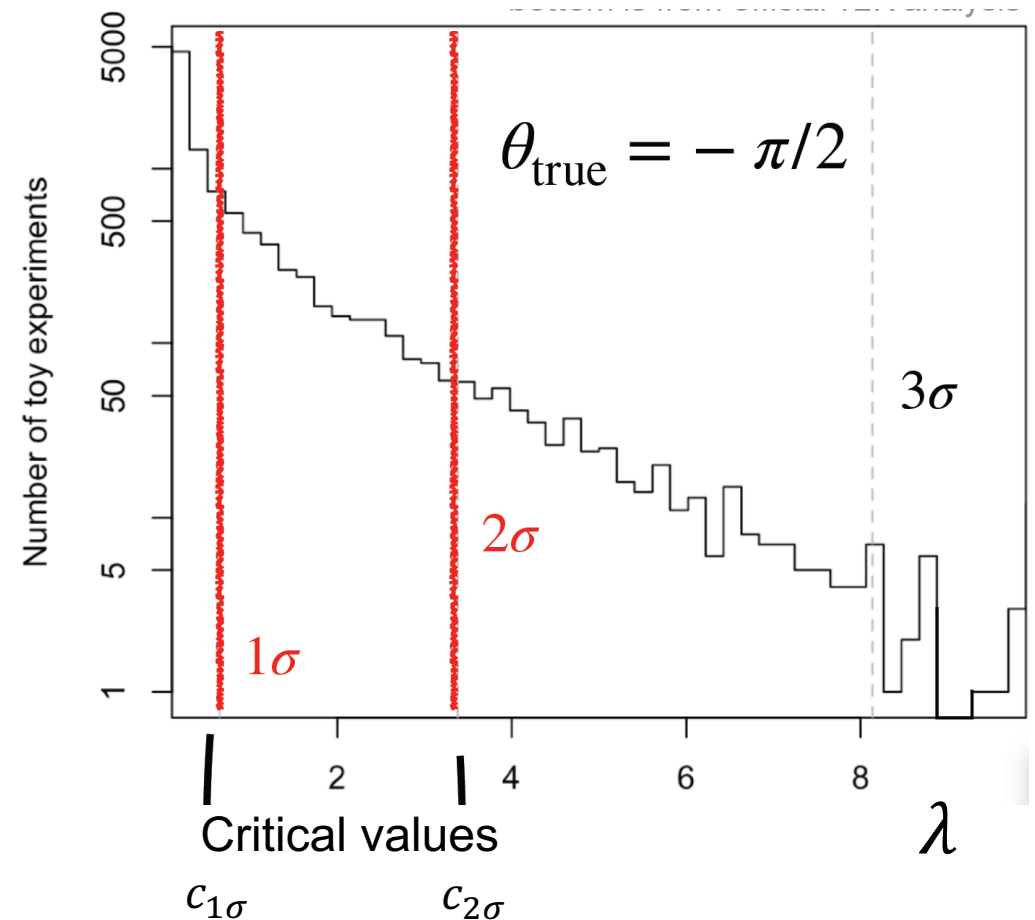
2) We need to fit the toys. For that we marginalise the likelihood at different toys

3) We calculate the test statistics, which is log-likelihood ratio:

$$\lambda(\mathbf{N}^{obs} | \delta_{CP}) = -2 \ln \frac{L_{marg}(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \delta_{CP})}{L_{marg}(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \widehat{\delta_{CP}})}$$

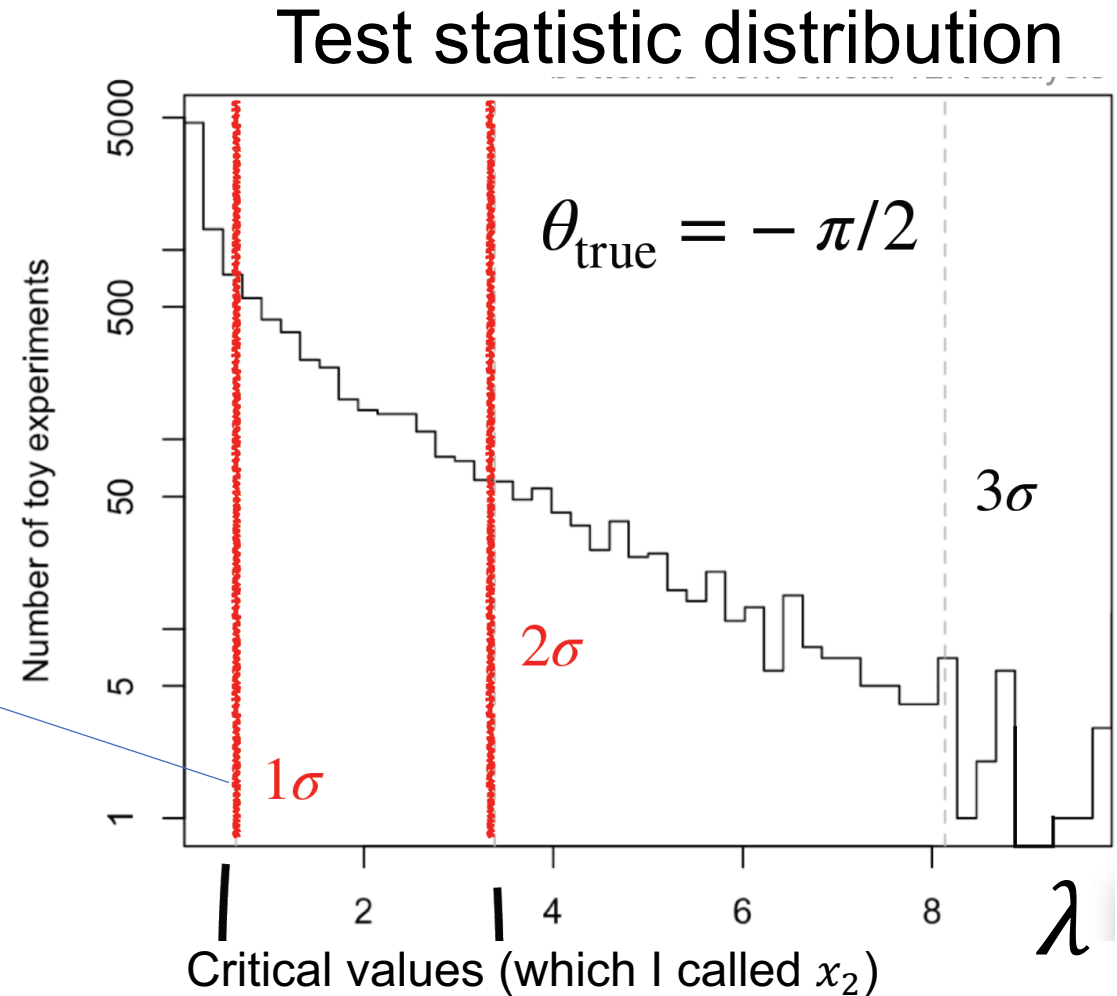
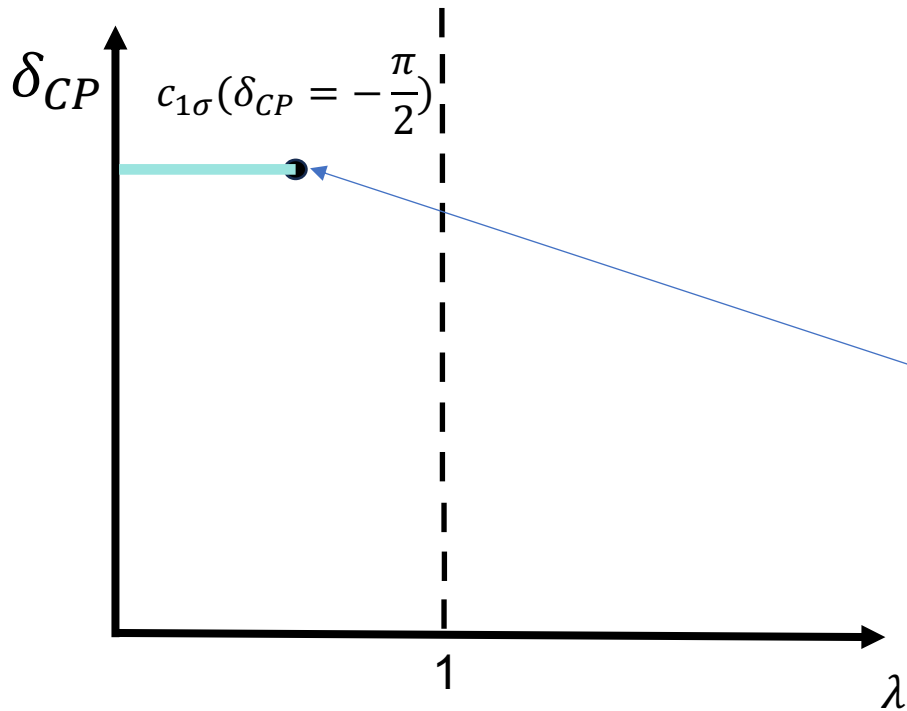
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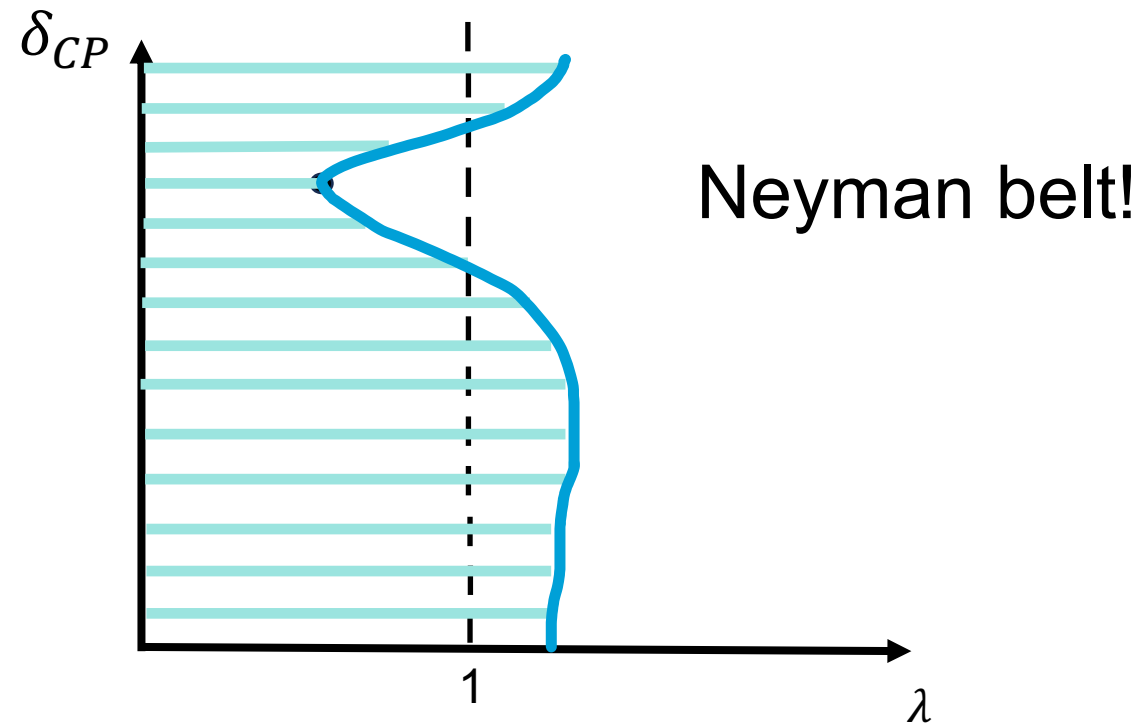
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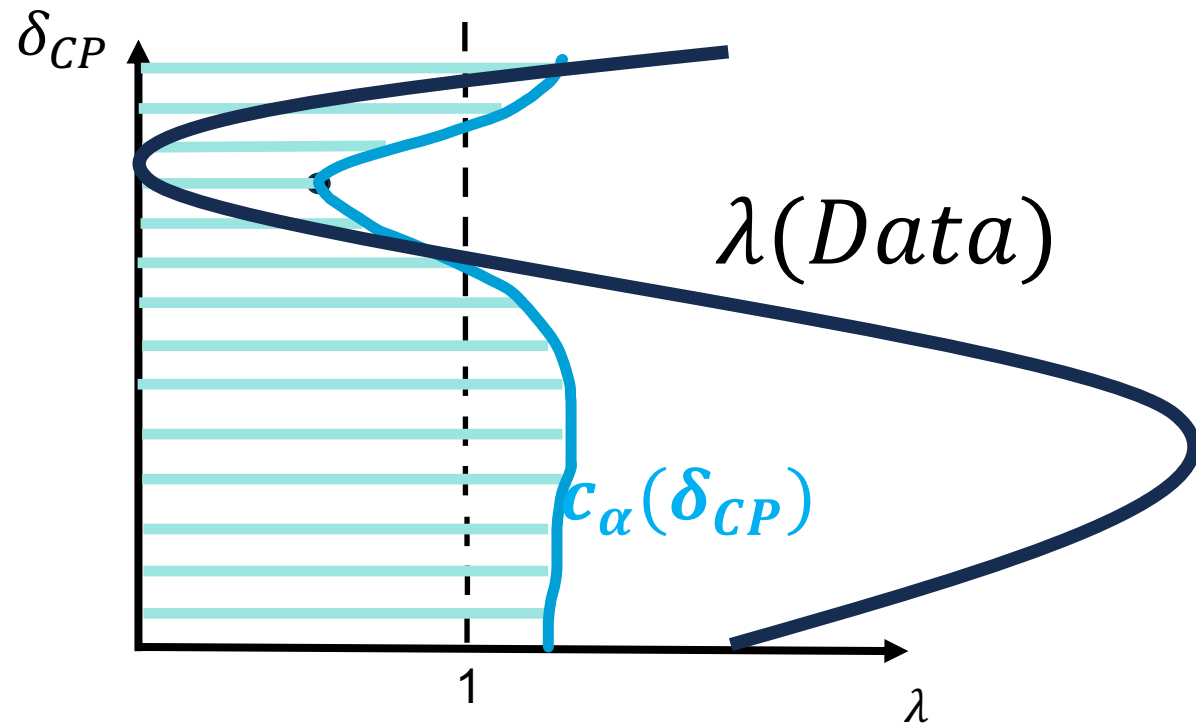
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- We have done full algorithm of Neyman belt construction!



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Reminder:  $\lambda = -2\Delta \ln L$

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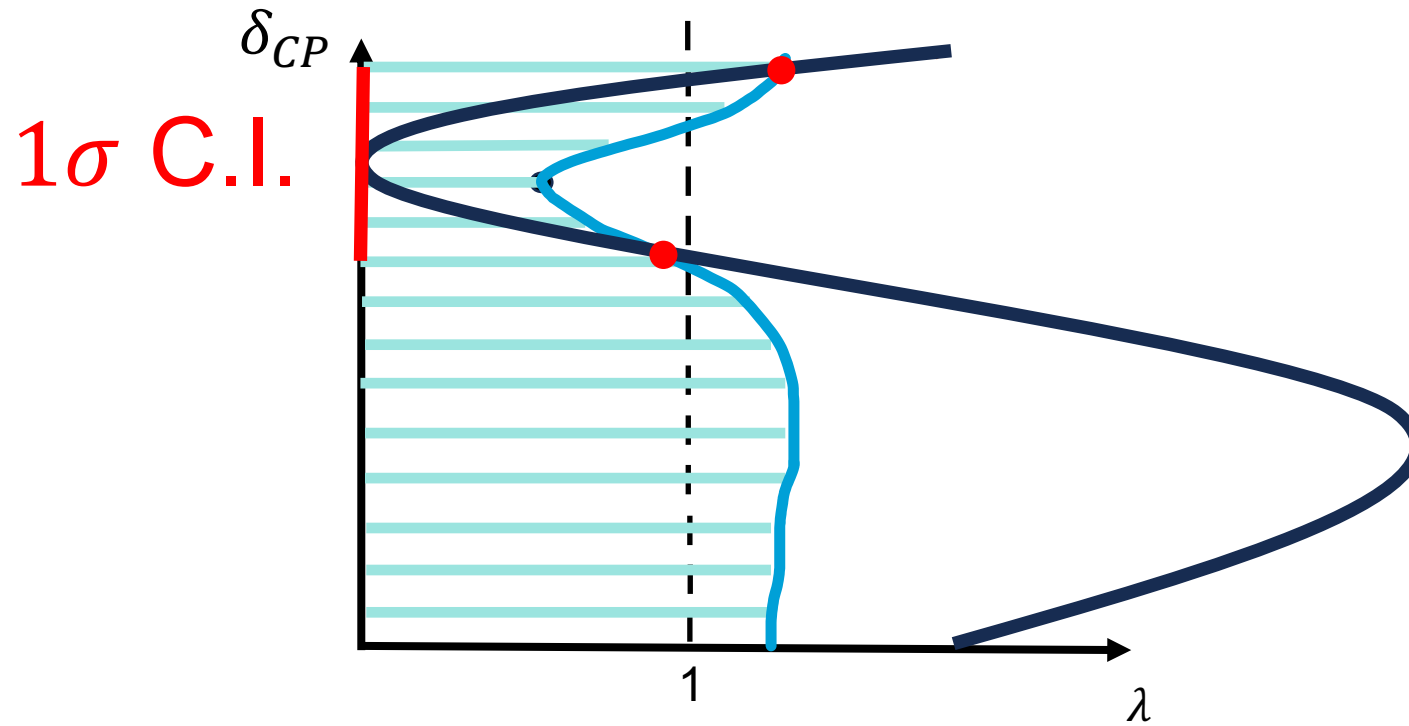


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# Part IV: T2K approach to claim the results

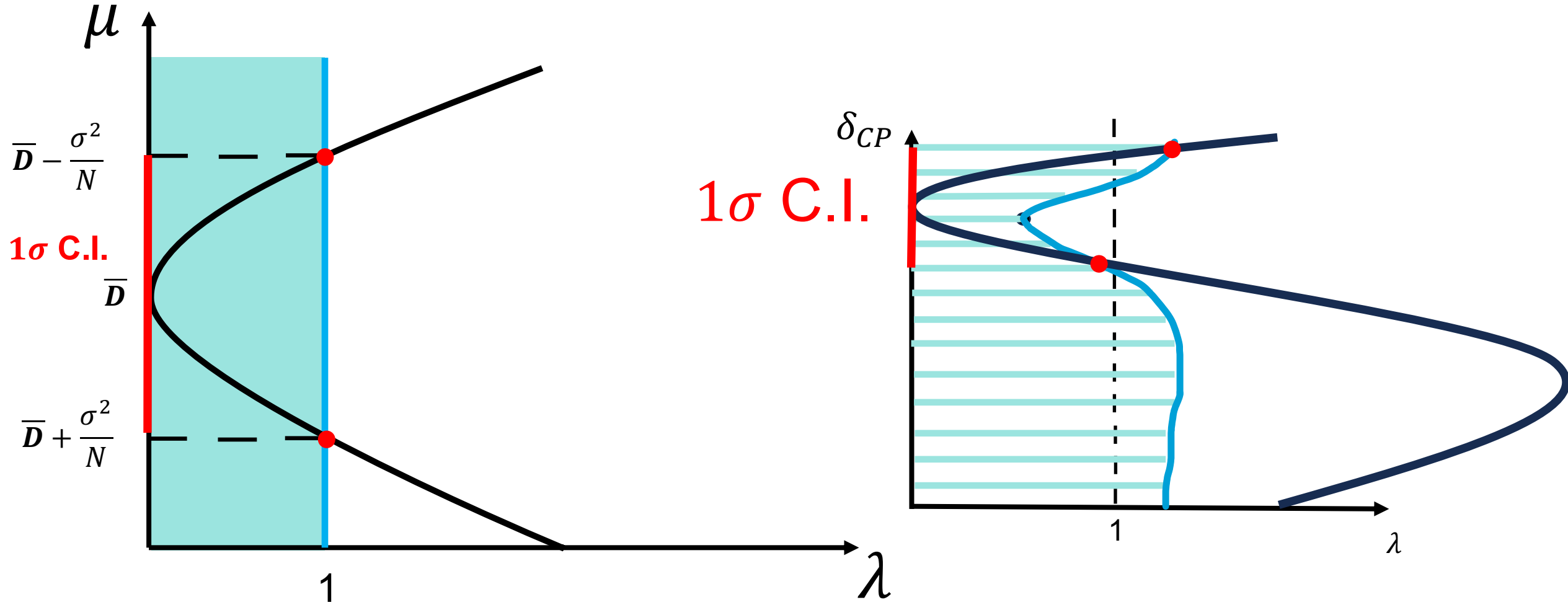
- Last step: draw test statistic of data result and invert the belt.

**Critical values**  
**Data-curve**



Compare with the Gaussian example!

**Critical values**  
**Data-curve**



$1\sigma$  C.I.

**What we have just performed is called in  
T2K Feldman-Cousins method for  $\delta_{CP}$**

**But why?!**

- Some words about terminology because it can be misleading: Instead of “FC method” I think it is better to say “Neyman belt construction using FC ordering”
- Personally I had the following problem while I was reading the presentations or TN on this topic: I thought that “FC method is a method when you generate the toys and fit them to find C.I.”. This is not correct interpretation!
- According to this interpretation FC method and Neyman belt construction are the same thing – not true at all!
- Feldman-Cousins is an ordering rule! And Feldman-Cousins method is about how to order you toys when you want to extract C.I.!

- We have clarified the terminology but still it is not clear: at which step we ordered the toys? I just took upper limits of log-likelihood ratio statistic. Is it?
- Let me explicitly show where the ordering was performed

# The Feldman-Cousins Approach

Feldman-Cousins ordering rule is based on ordering of likelihood ratio

It ensures the correct coverage

Use likelihood ratio:

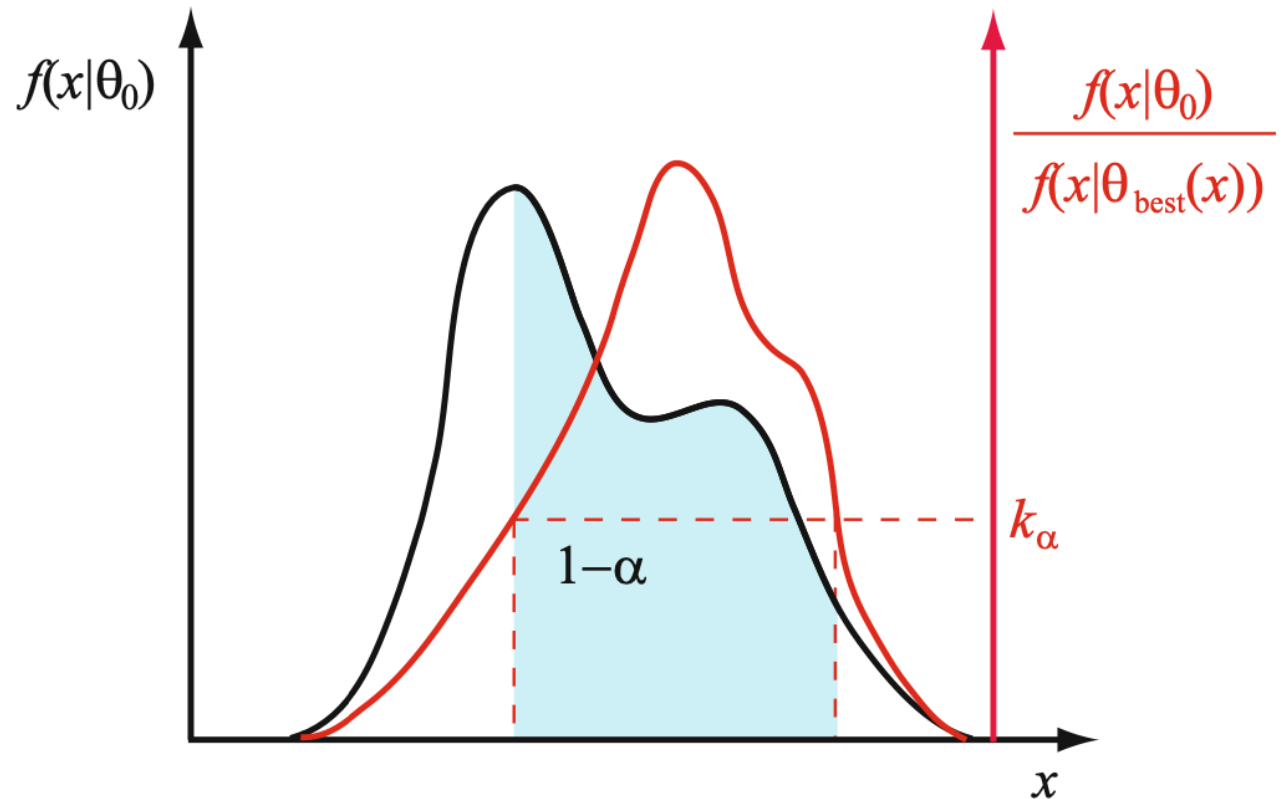
$$\lambda(x|\theta_0) = \frac{f(x|\theta_0)}{f(x|\hat{\theta}(x))} \quad \hat{\mu} \text{ -- best fit for measurement } x$$

The interval  $[x_1(\theta_0), x_2(\theta_0)]$  is defined by

$$R_\alpha(\theta_0) = \{x : \lambda(x|\theta_0) > k_\alpha\}$$

where  $k_\alpha$  is found from following equation for target coverage  $1 - \alpha$  (C.L.)

$$\int_{R_\alpha} f(x|\theta_0) dx = 1 - \alpha$$



$k_\alpha$  is called critical value corresponding to C.L.  $1 - \alpha$

# The Feldman-Cousins Approach

Use log-likelihood ratio:

$$LLR(N^{obs}|\delta_{CP}) = -2 \ln \frac{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \delta_{CP})}{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \widehat{\delta}_{CP})}$$

Using LLR we order the toys:

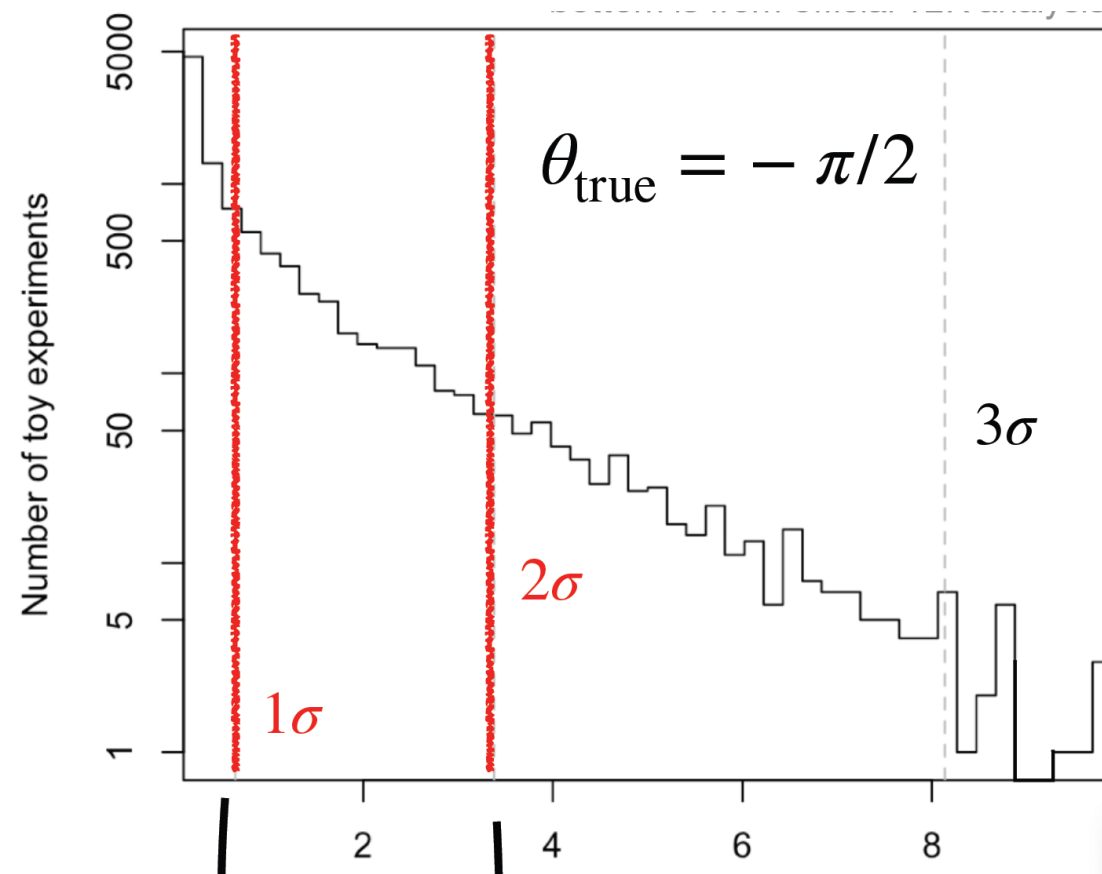
$$R_\alpha(\delta_{CP}) = \{N^{obs}: LLR(N^{obs}|\delta_{CP}) < c_\alpha\}$$

where  $c_\alpha$  is found from following equation for target coverage  $1 - \alpha$  (C.L.)

$$\int_{R_\alpha} f(\lambda|\delta_{CP}) d\lambda = 1 - \alpha$$

Then important transition: if  $\lambda == LLR$ , then we don't need do explicitly this ordering, we just take upper limits:

$$\int_0^{c_\alpha} f(LLR|\delta_{CP}) d\lambda = 1 - \alpha$$

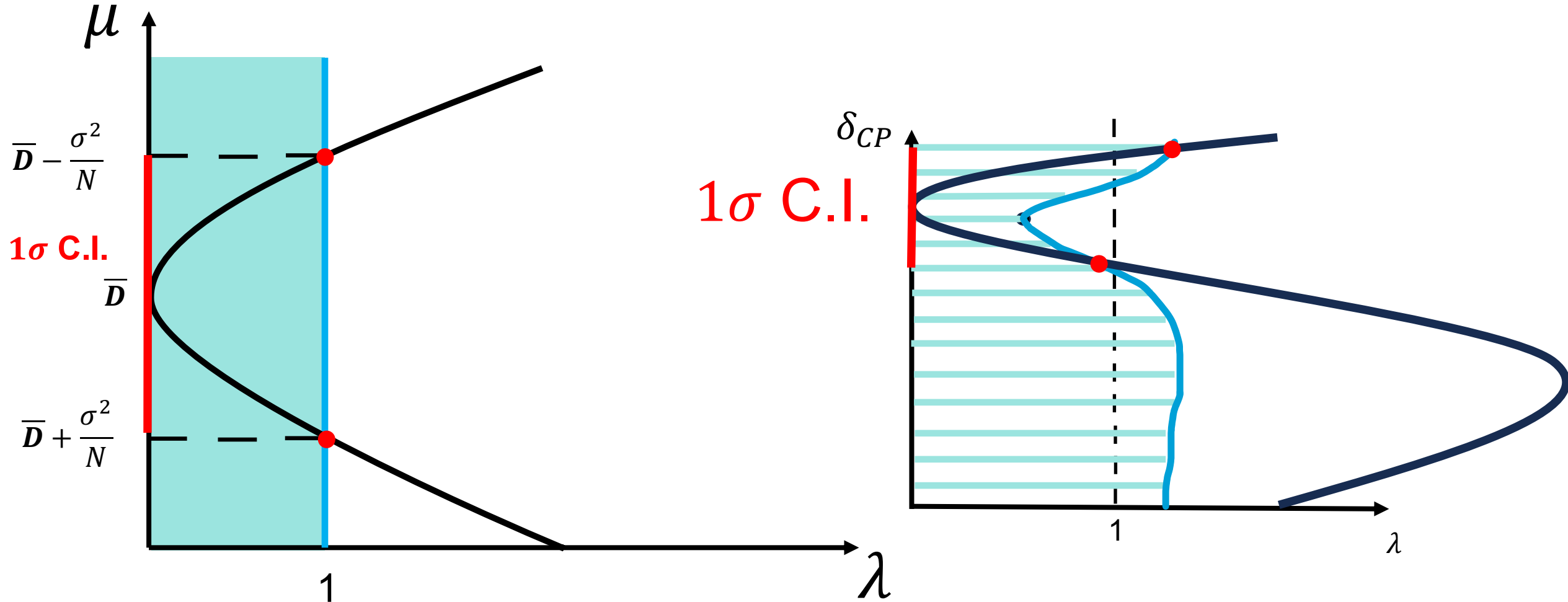


**But! It is not necessary that  $\lambda = LLR$ , it can be different! But the ordering is always based on LLR – and this is essence of Feldman-Cousins!**



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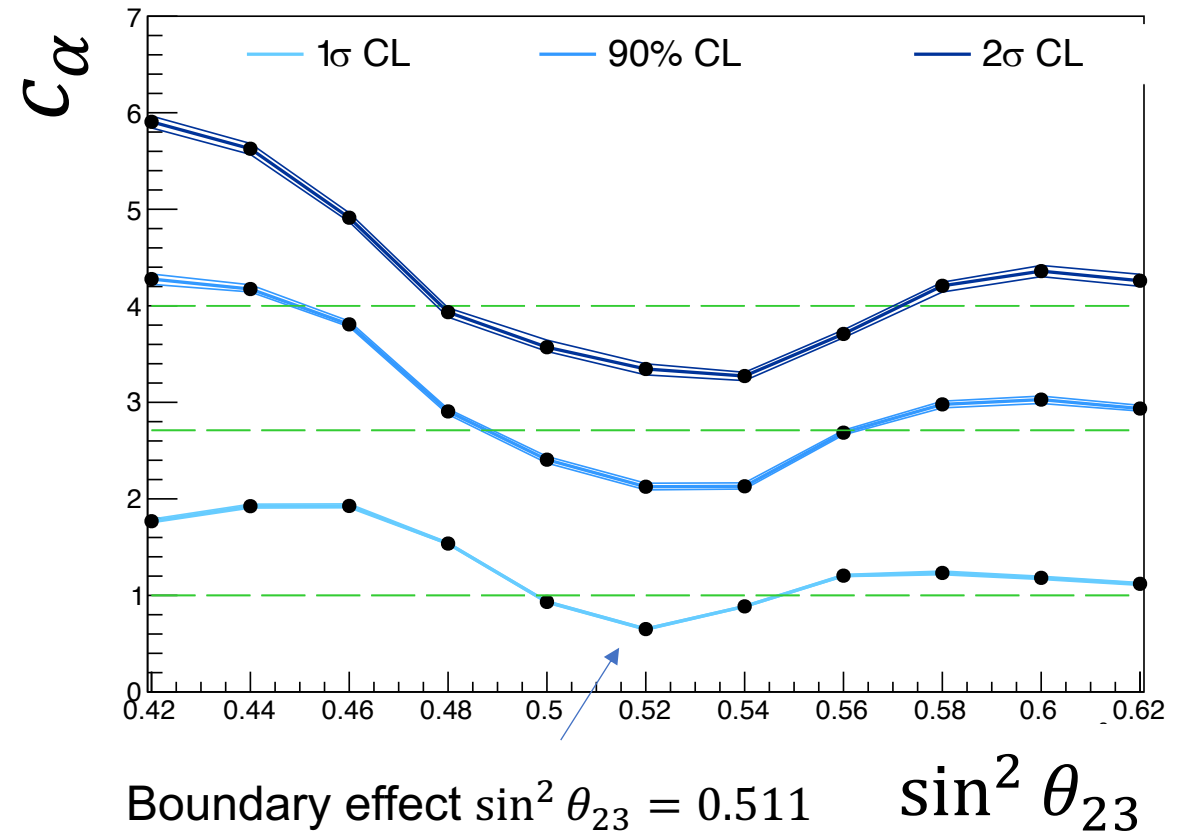
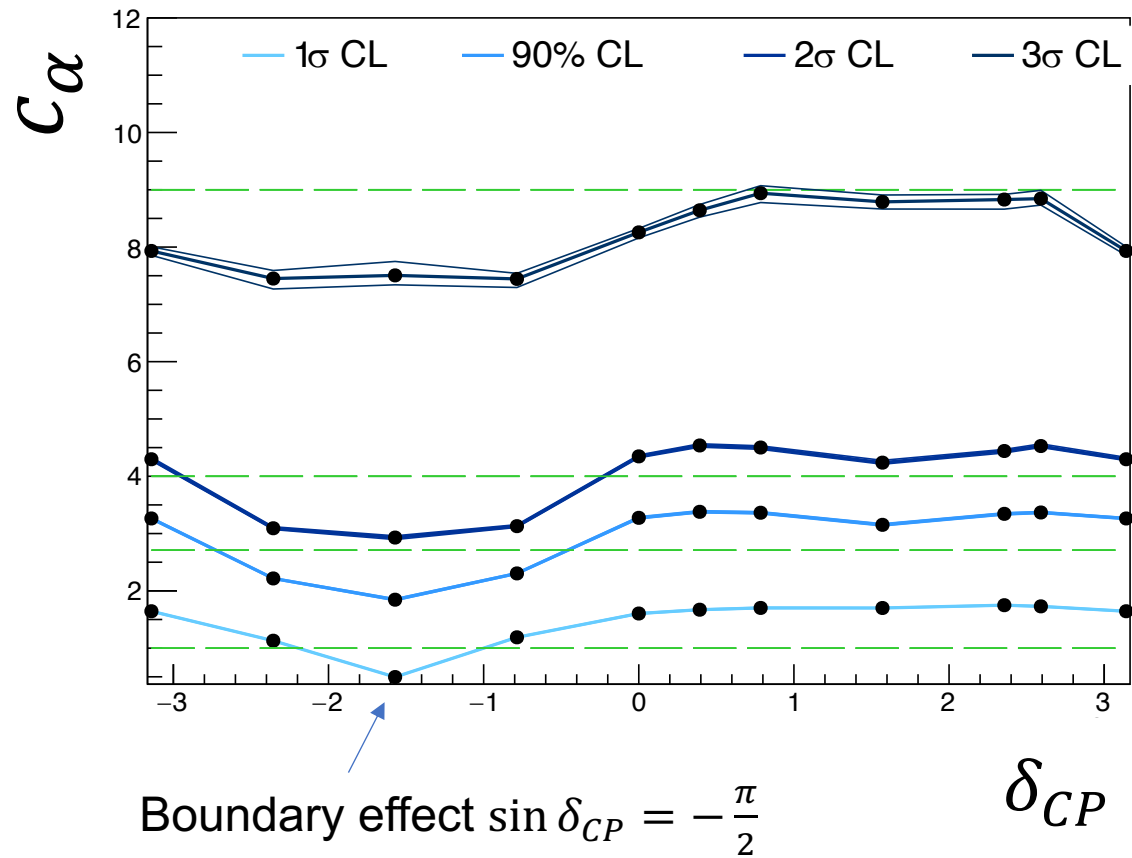
**Critical values**  
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# P-theta result (Frequentist)

## Critical values for FC method

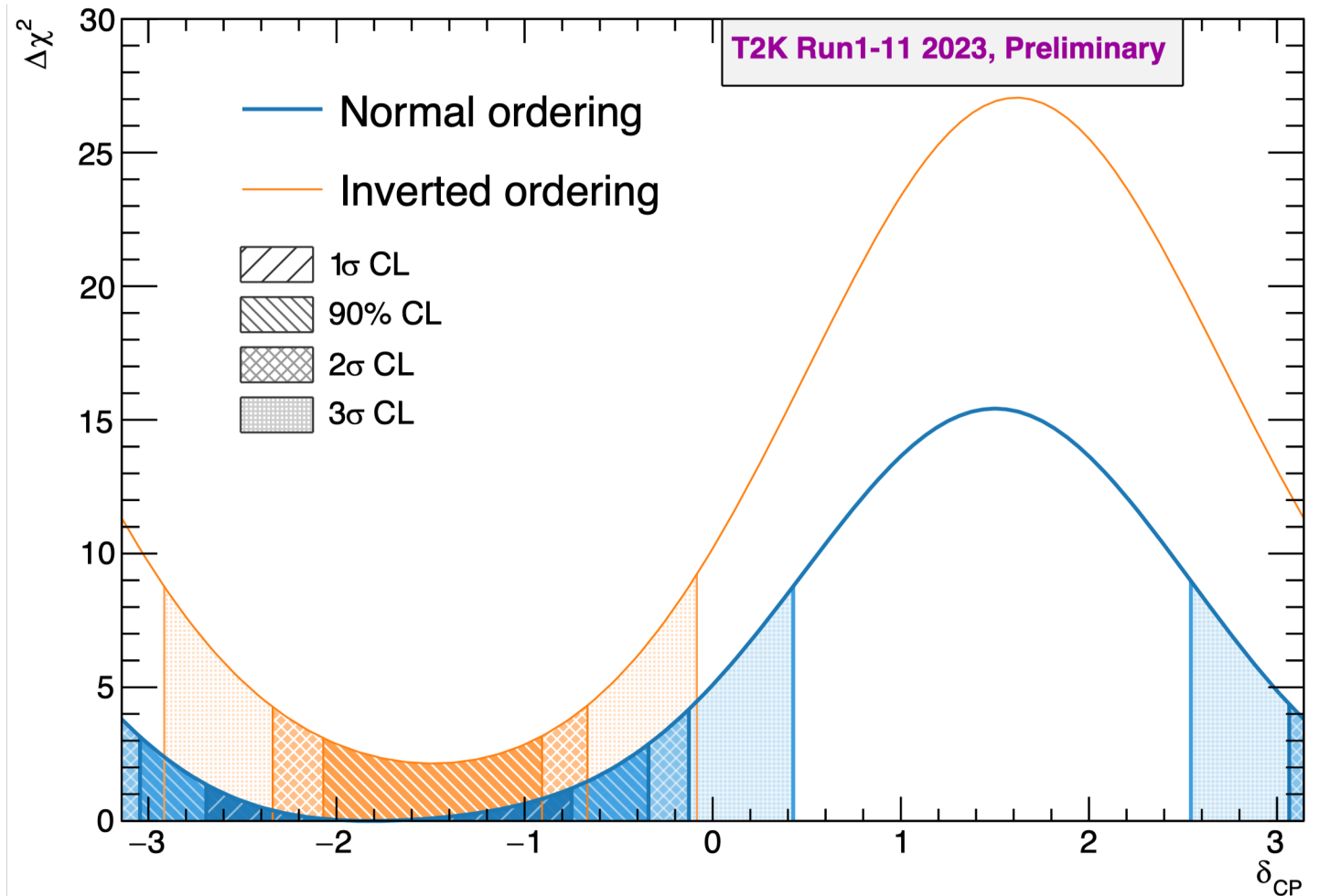
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# Part IV: T2K approach to claim the results

Drawing  $\lambda(Data|\delta_{CP})$  and rotating the plot we get the result



Repeating the same procedure for two different fixed mass orderings

Test statistic for Neyman belt construction:

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**Wilks' theorem**

## Wilks' theorem

Let's assume that we have two hypotheses:  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ .

$H_0 \Leftrightarrow \xi \in \Xi_0$  and  $H_1 \Leftrightarrow \xi \in \Xi_1$ . Let's also define statistic  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda(N^{obs} | \xi) = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\xi \in \Xi_1} L(N^{obs}; \xi)}{\max_{\xi \in \Xi_0} L(N^{obs}; \xi)}$$

**If:**

- 1) the maximum likelihood estimators of the parameters have ellipsoidal distributions (no physical boundaries, no degeneracies etc)
- 2)  $\Xi_1 \subset \Xi_0$  (nested hypotheses)
- 3) Data sample size  $N \rightarrow \infty$

**Then :**

$$\lambda \sim \chi^2 \text{ with } k \text{ ndof,}$$

where  $k = \dim(\Xi_0) - \dim(\Xi_1)$

## Wilks' theorem

$$\lambda(N^{obs}|\xi) = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\xi \in \Xi_1} L(N^{obs}; \xi)}{\max_{\xi \in \Xi_0} L(N^{obs}; \xi)}$$

$$\xi = (\theta, \eta)$$

$$\lambda \sim \chi^2 \text{ with } k \text{ ndof,} \quad k = \dim(\Xi_0) - \dim(\Xi_1)$$

- How is it related to our case? What is  $\Xi_0$  and  $\Xi_1$ ?
- Answer: in our case we should take  $\Xi_1 = \{\text{Space of nuisance parameters}\}$   
 $\Xi_0 = \{\text{Full parameter space}\}$

So,

$$\lambda(N^{obs}|\theta) = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\eta} L(N^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}{\max_{\theta, \eta} L(N^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}$$



## Wilks' theorem

$$\lambda(N^{obs}|\theta) = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\eta} L(N^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}{\max_{\theta, \eta} L(N^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}$$

We got log-profiled likelihood ratio!

So, if Wilks' theorem conditions are satisfied then the log-profiled likelihood asymptotically converges to  $\chi^2$

## Wilks' theorem

$$\lambda_p(\mathbf{N}^{obs} | \theta) = -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\eta} L(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}{\max_{\theta, \eta} L(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \theta, \eta)} \sim \chi^2$$

So, if Wilks' theorem conditions are satisfied we can avoid multiple toys fit  
 We don't need to **calculate** test statistic distribution – **it is known** – it is  $\chi^2$

- Denis, wait but Wilks' theorem works for **profiled log-likelihood ratio**, but as you mentioned T2K uses **marginalised log-likelihood ratio**. How can we use then the theorem?
- **Answer: There is second theorem: under exactly the same conditions of Wilks' theorem  $\lambda_m \sim \lambda_p$  for  $N \rightarrow \infty$**

$$\lambda_m(\mathbf{N}^{obs} | \theta) = -2 \ln \frac{L_{marg}(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \theta)}{L_{marg}(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \hat{\theta})} \sim -2 \ln \frac{\max_{\eta} L(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \theta, \eta)}{\max_{\theta, \eta} L(\mathbf{N}^{obs}; \theta, \eta)} = \lambda_p(\mathbf{N}^{obs} | \theta)$$

## Wilks' theorem

Thus, under Wilks' theorem conditions:

$$\lambda_m(N^{obs}|\theta) = -2 \ln \frac{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \theta)}{L_{marg}(N^{obs}; \hat{\theta})} \sim \chi^2$$

- $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ , MH do not satisfy the Wilks' theorem conditions that's we explicitly calculate  $\lambda_m$  distribution
- Why?
  - 1) Cyclic nature of  $\delta_{CP}$  introduces effective boundaries ( $|\sin \delta_{CP}| < 1$ )
  - 2) Other boundaries:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} < 1$
  - 3) Degeneracies:  $\text{sign}(\cos \delta_{CP})$  vs MH, octant degeneracy etc.
  - 4) Small number of events in appearance channel
  - 5) MH do not form nested hypotheses:  $IH \notin NH$

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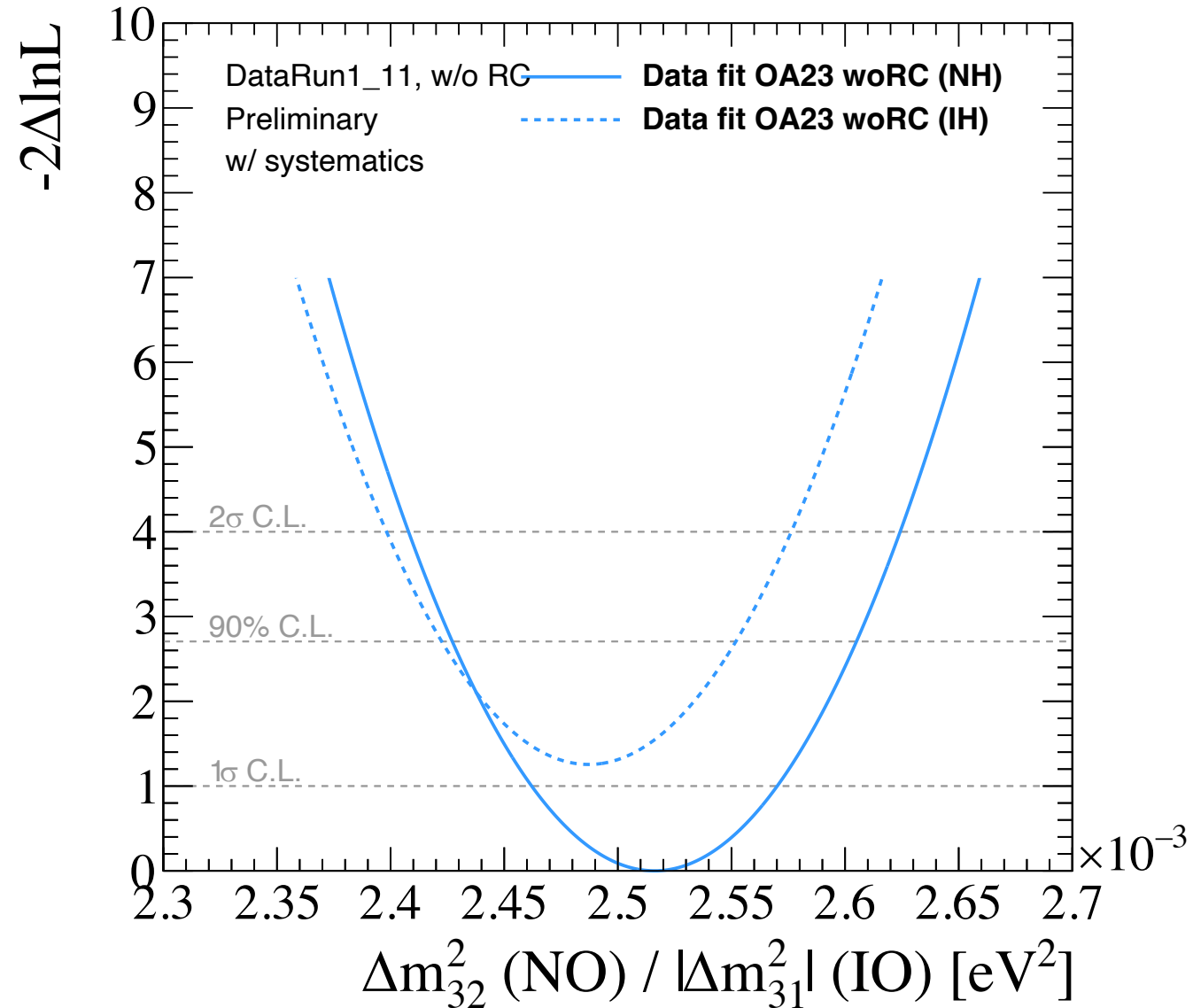
- $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ , MH do not satisfy the Wilks' theorem
- **Only for  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  the Wilks' theorem can be applied**

Thus, for  $\delta_{CP}$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  T2K calculates the critical values, performs explicit Neyman construction

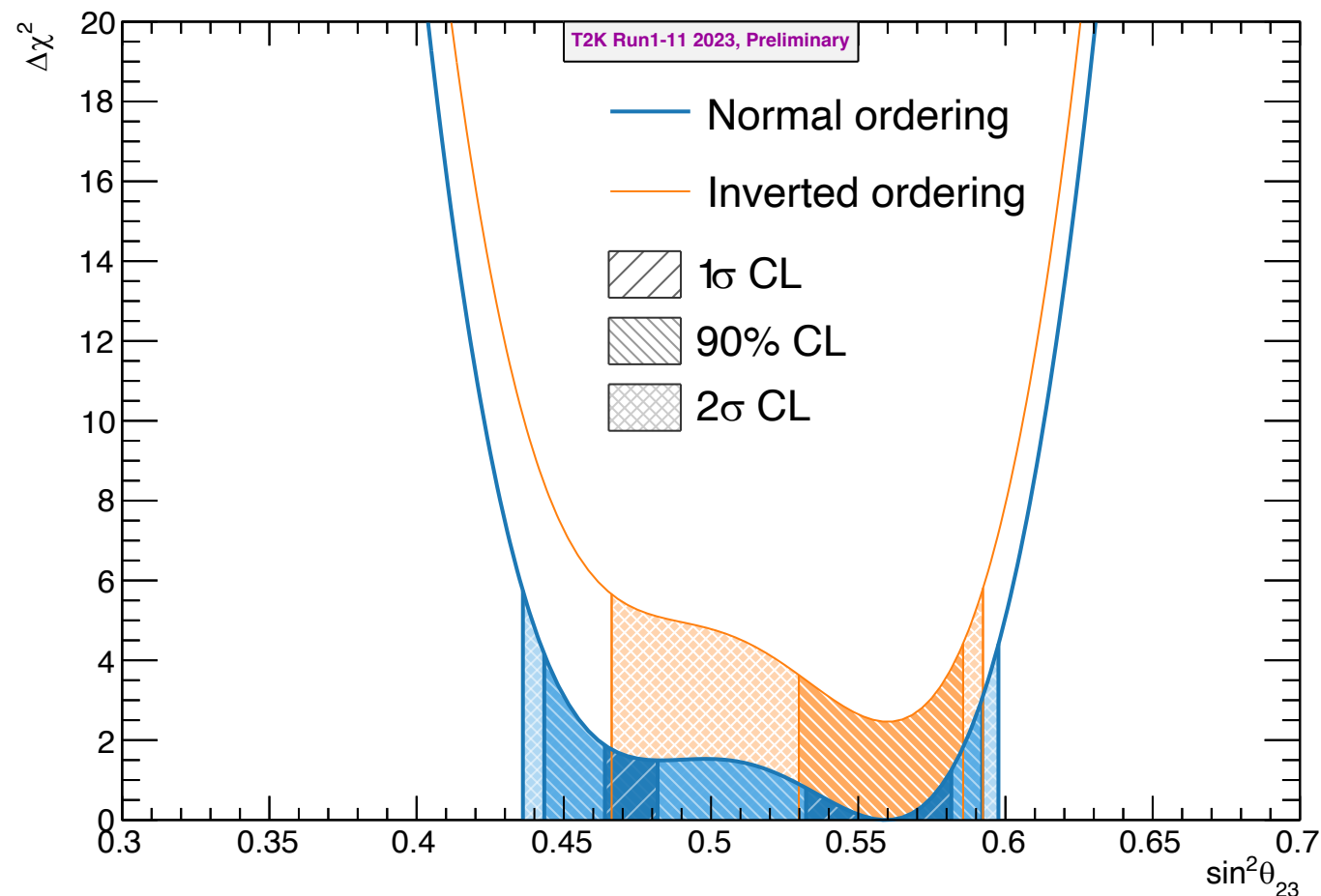
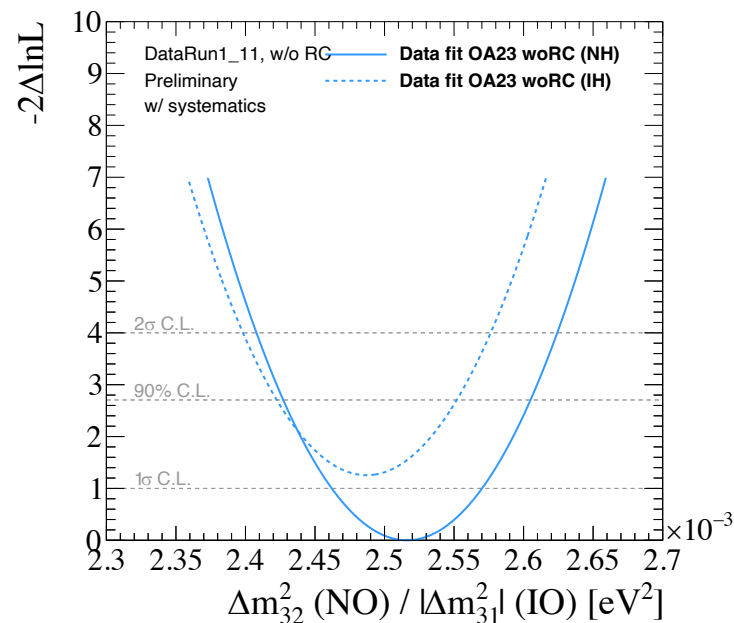
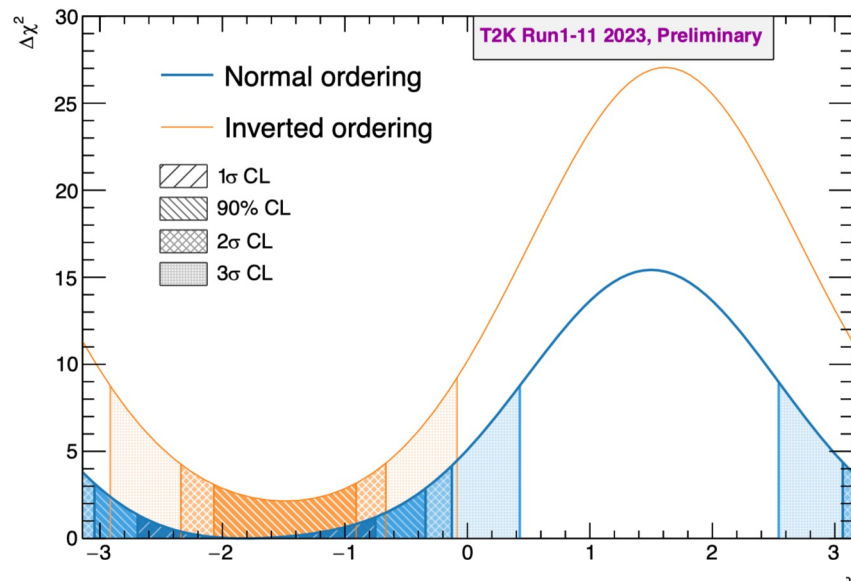
For  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  we apply Wilks' theorem according to which the Neyman belt will be a rectangle with width  $\sqrt{z}$ , where  $z$  is number of sigmas of corresponding C.L. (remember our example)

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

- Critical values are constant, not dependent on  $\delta_{CP}$
- Just take  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1, 4, 9$  for C.L.  $1\sigma, 2\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  corr.
- So, repeating for  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  the procedure is the same, we just a priori know the critical values



# Part IV: T2K approach to claim the results



# What about mass ordering?

**To test MH hypothesis T2K  
calculates p-values**



# Mass ordering studies

- The **p-value** of a hypothesis test is a measure of the strength of evidence against the null hypothesis.
- It represents the probability of obtaining a test statistic as extreme, or more extreme than, the one observed in the data, assuming that the null hypothesis is true.
- In hypothesis testing, typically, a smaller p-value suggests stronger evidence against the null hypothesis, leading to its rejection in favor of an alternative hypothesis.

For mass ordering tests:

- Test statistic:  $\lambda(H) := \chi_{NH}^2 - \chi_{IH}^2$ , **where  $H \in \{\text{True NH}, \text{True IH}\}$**

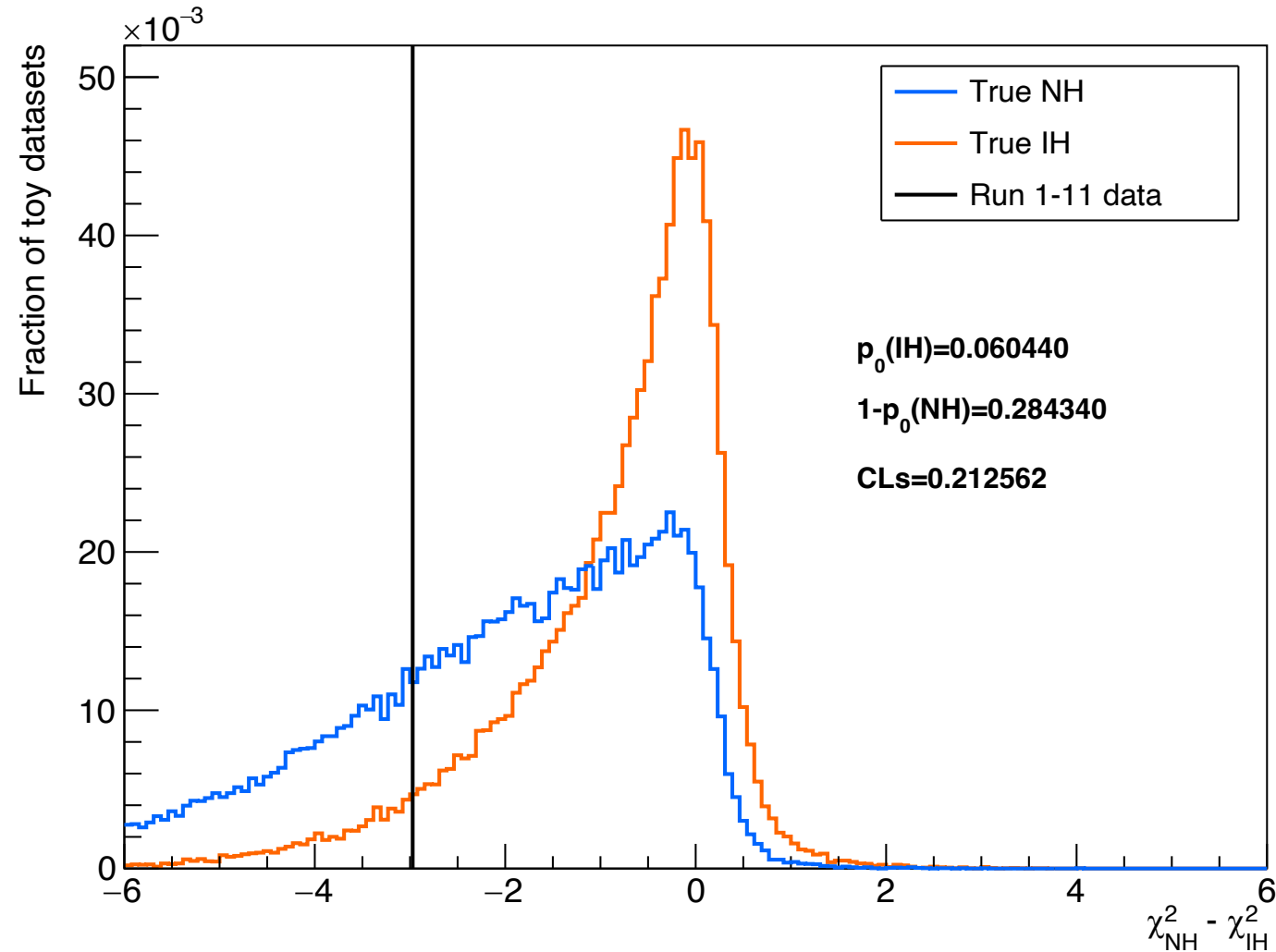
$$p_0(\text{NH}) = \int_{\lambda_D}^{+\infty} P(\lambda(\text{NH}))d\lambda - \text{we take right tail because for NH high } \lambda \text{ are more extreme}$$

$$p_0(\text{IH}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_D} P(\lambda(\text{IH}))d\lambda - \text{we take left tail because for IH low } \lambda \text{ are more extreme}$$

- Again the question: how to generate the toys? How to sample nuisance parameters?
- In T2K the sampling is done using two ways: for fixed  $\delta_{CP}$  and not fixed  $\delta_{CP}$
- In case of fixed  $\delta_{CP}$  we use the same toys used for FC Neyman construction for  $\delta_{CP}$
- In case of not-fixed  $\delta_{CP}$ :
  - 1) syst. parameters thrown according prior
  - 2)  $\delta_{CP}$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  sampled from 2D posterior
  - 3)  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  from 1D posterior

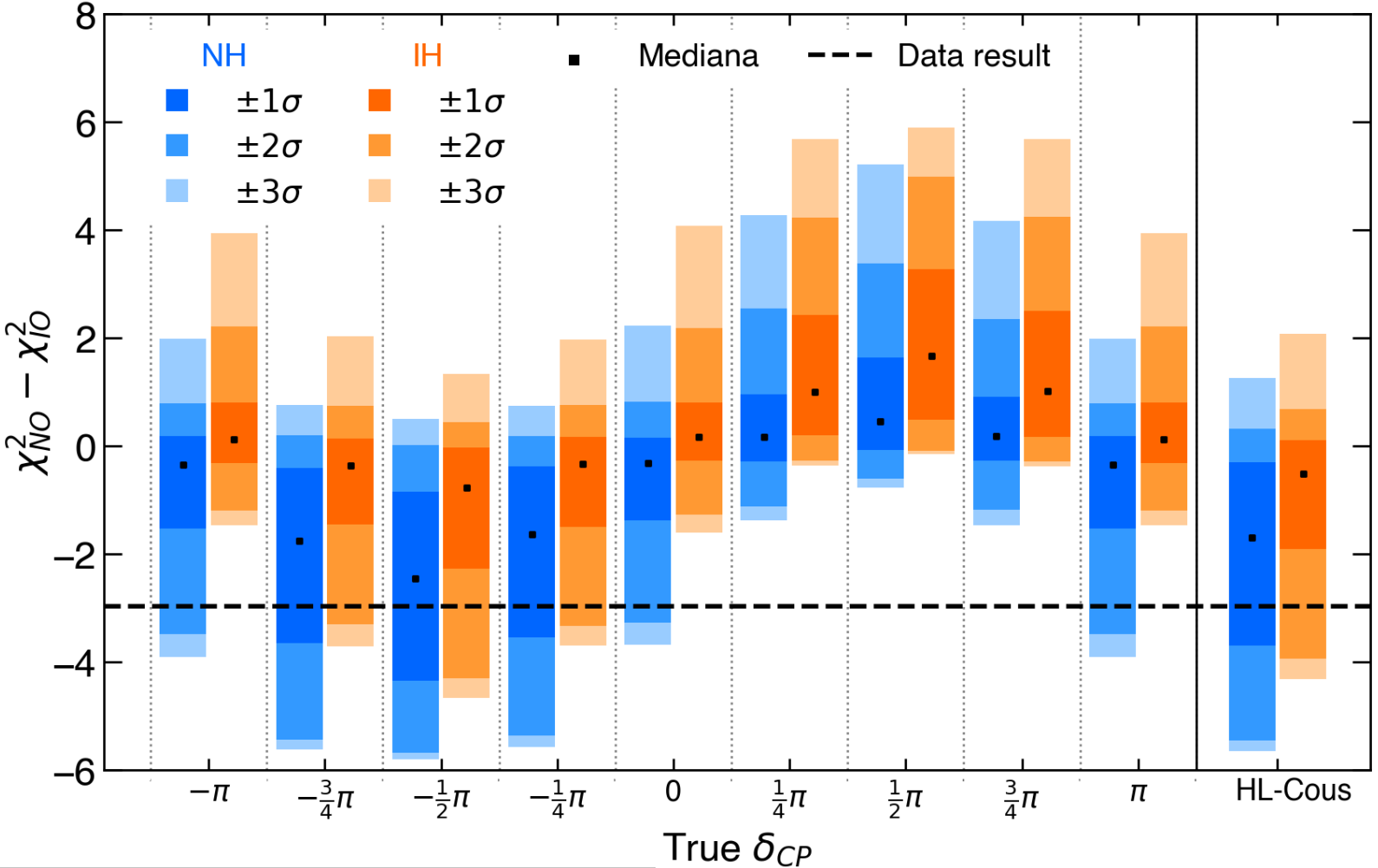
# Mass ordering studies

- Test statistic:  $\lambda(H) := \chi_{NH}^2 - \chi_{IH}^2$ , where  $H \in \{NH, IH\}$



- Potential p-value problem:  $p_0$  can be low for both hypothesis simultaneously
- To deal with this problem sometimes renormalised p-value is used called CLs:

$$CLs := \frac{p_0(IH)}{1 - p_0(NH)}$$



	Fixed $\delta_{CP} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$	Highland-Cousins
$p - \text{value}(IH)$	$1.69\sigma$	$1.88\sigma$
$CLs(IH)$	$1.26\sigma$	$1.25\sigma$

- I didn't covered many other aspects, such as another possible ways to report CP-conservation p-values, GoF p-values, octant CLs etc
- I hope that this lecture gave a general picture on main statistics methods in T2K

Now we finally can have a lunch!