

# Neutrino Theory Overview: II

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# Connecting experiments to measurements: Reactors

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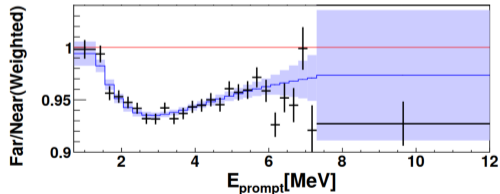
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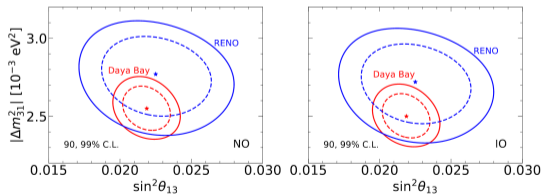
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H. Nunokawa, S. Parke, R. Funchal [hep-ph/0503283](#)

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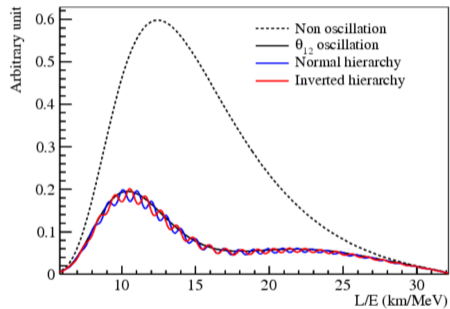
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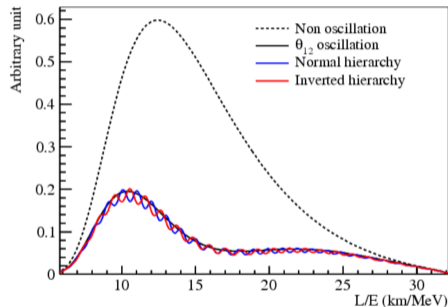
Vacuum measurements can never determine the mass orderings;  
this relies on solar's determination:  $\Delta m_{21}^2 > 0$  to work

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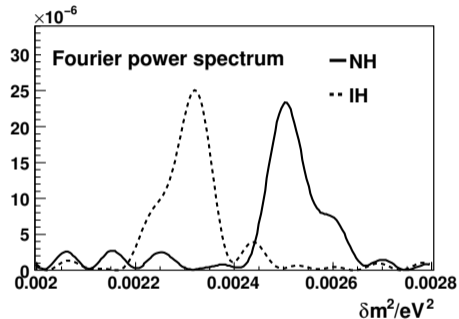


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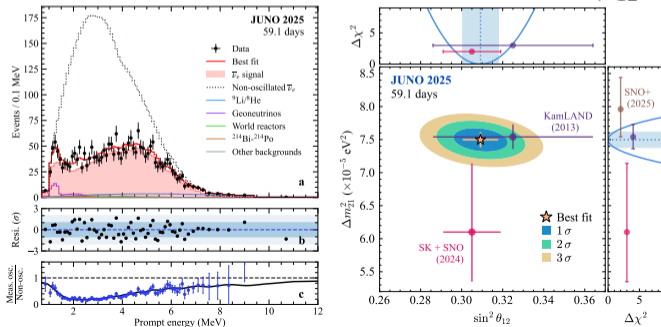
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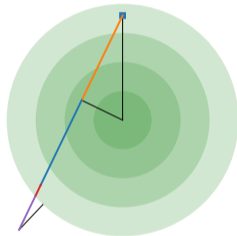
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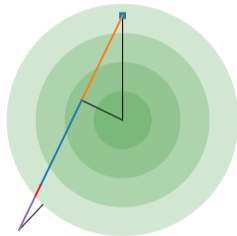
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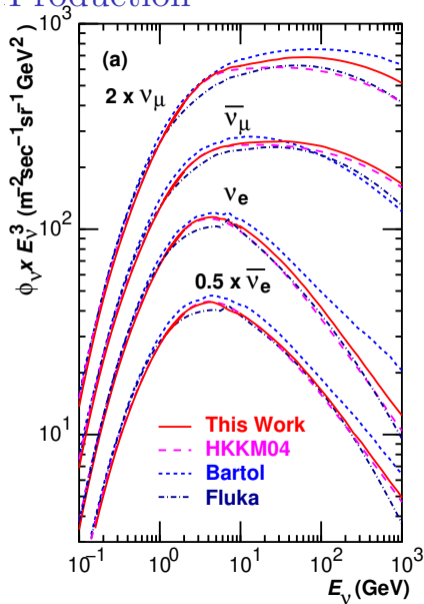
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M. Honda, T. Kajita,  
K. Kasahara, S. Midorikawa,  
T. Sanuki [astro-ph/0611418](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0611418)

# Open Atmospheric Neutrino Flux Problems

1. Heavier mesons produce neutrinos with a different spectrum: predict this theoretically and measure it

See work by Mary Hall Reno+, e.g. [2212.07865](#)

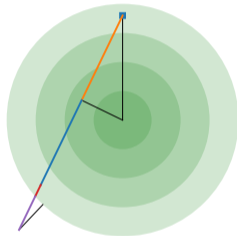
2. There are fewer muons at very high energies than predicted by the models

See e.g. K. Cheminant, et al. [2302.07932](#)

In addition to astroparticle experiments (IceCube, KM3NeT, Auger, Telescope Array, ...), the LHC plays an important role too

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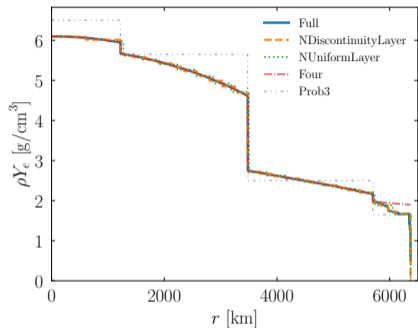
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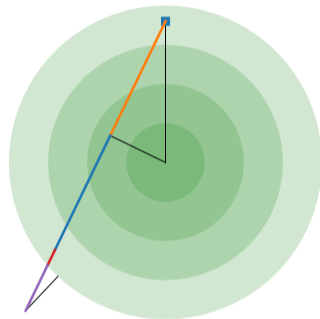
Standard libraries for matrix exponentiation work  
Can be much more clever

PBD, S. Parke 2511.04735  
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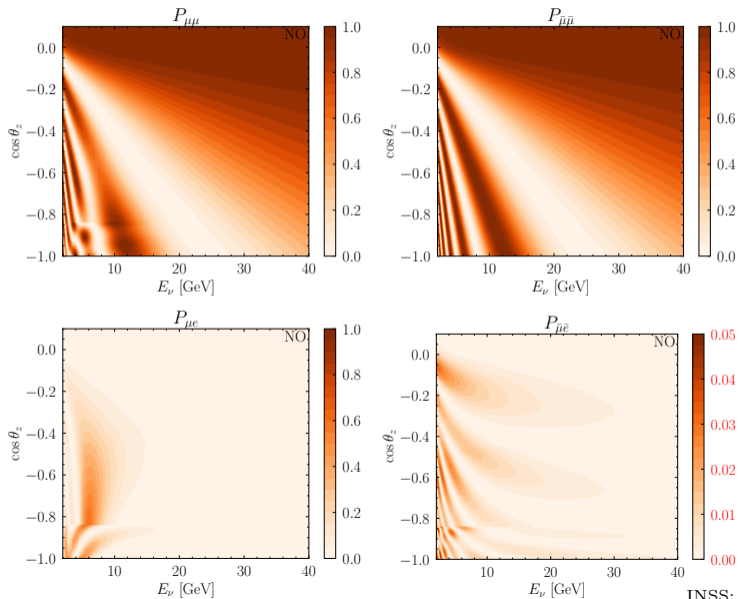
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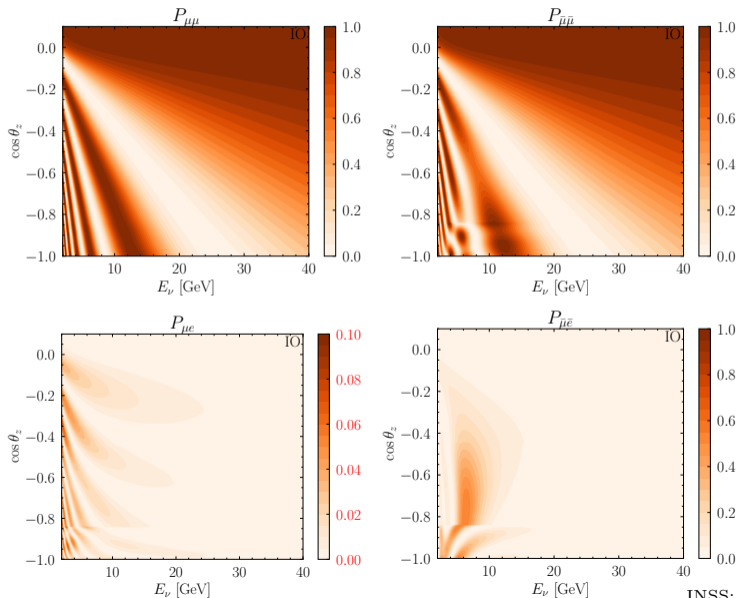
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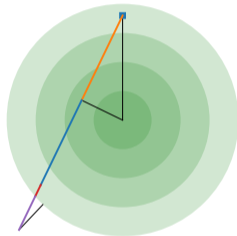


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Event rate falls off rapidly with energy

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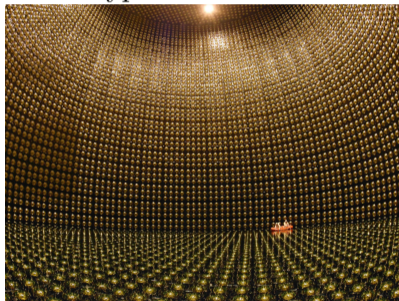
Reduce down-going atmospheric muon background

3. Need direction information:  $L \simeq -2R \cos \theta_z$

$\cos \theta_z = -1 \Rightarrow$  core-crossing  
 $\cos \theta_z = 0 \Rightarrow$  horizontal  
 $\cos \theta_z = 1 \Rightarrow$  down-going

# Atmospheric Neutrino Detectors Today and Tomorrow

SuperKamiokande →  
HyperKamiokande



Huge water Cherenkov  
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IceCube & KM3NeT



Massive water Cherenkov  
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DUNE & JUNO

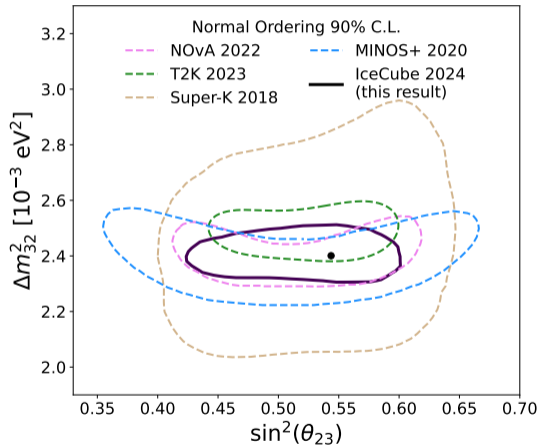


“Small” LArTPC/liquid  
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IceCube [2405.02163](#)

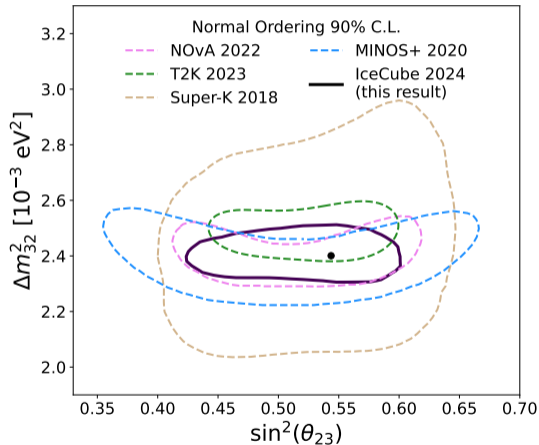
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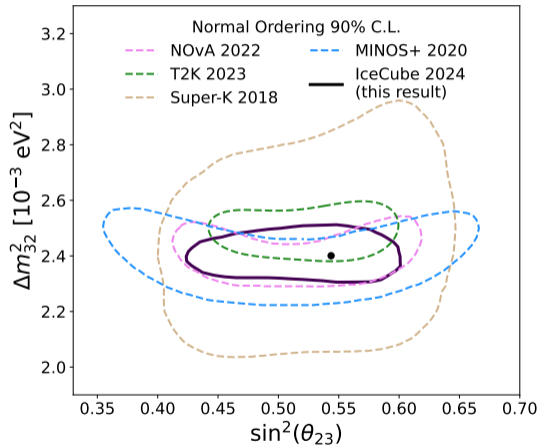
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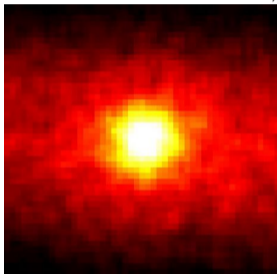
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There is also information about the mass ordering and potentially CP violation



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The Sun produces a lot of neutrinos; exactly how many?

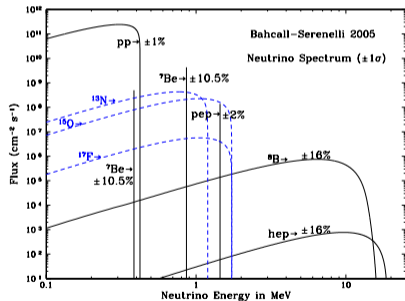


SuperKamiokande image of the Sun in neutrinos

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### 1. John Bahcall predicted the solar neutrino flux



$${}^8\text{B flux} \propto T^{24-25}$$

J. Bahcall et al. [nucl-th/9601044](https://arxiv.org/abs/nuc1-th/9601044)

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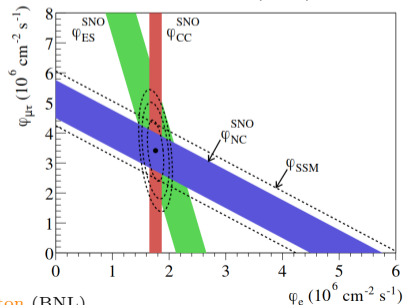
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See also: A. Dighe, A. Smirnov [hep-ph/9907423](#)

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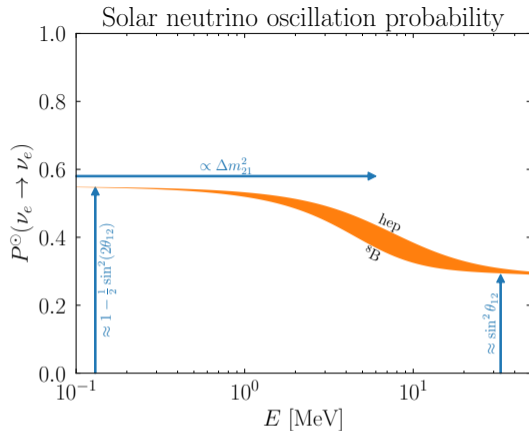
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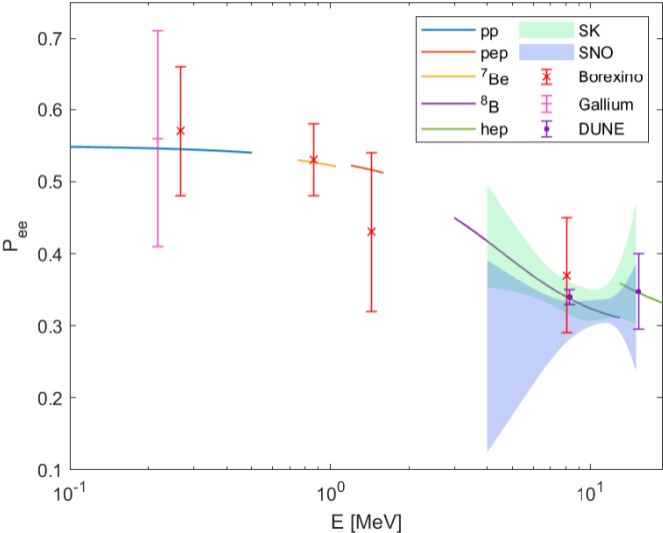
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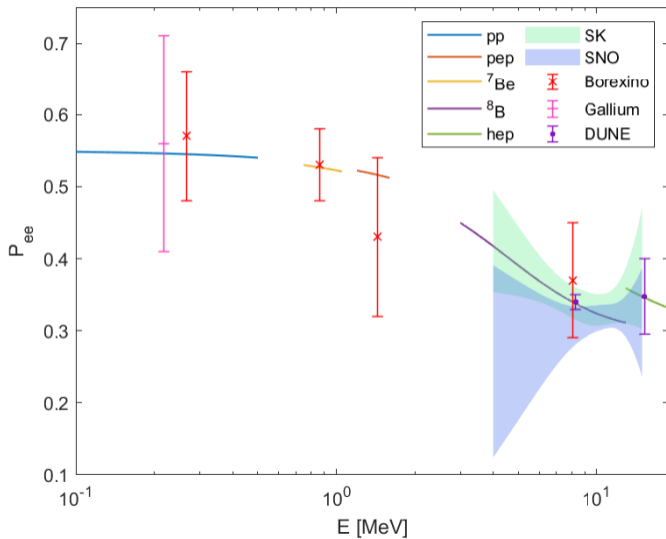


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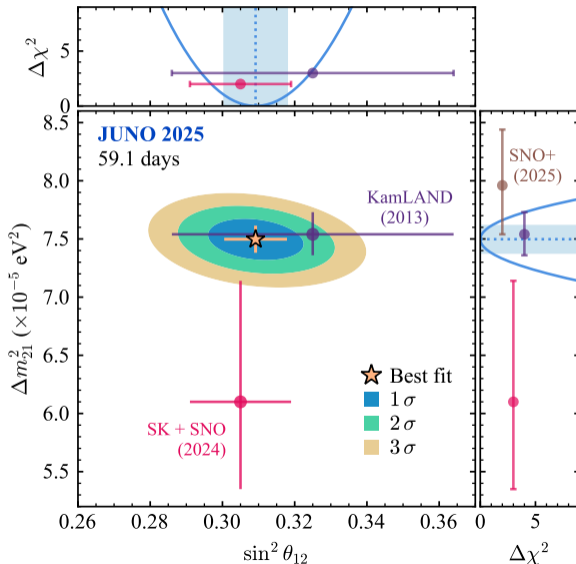


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# Solar Parameters: SuperK, SNO, KamLAND, JUNO

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## Challenge Questions: Solar Neutrinos

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Q: Do we see more solar neutrinos during the day or the night?

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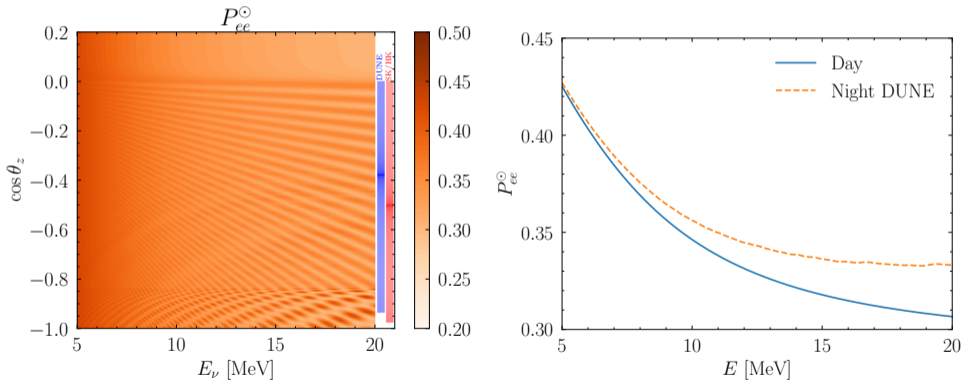
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# Solar Neutrino Open Questions

- ▶ Measure the day-night effect, confirm matter effect in the Earth.
- ▶ Detect the hep flux.
- ▶ New physics: sterile neutrinos, vector/scalar non-standard interactions, unitarity violation, ...
- ▶ Build on Borexino's CNO measurements; understand metallicity discrepancy.
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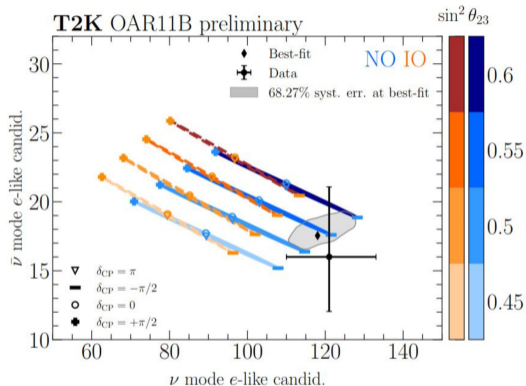
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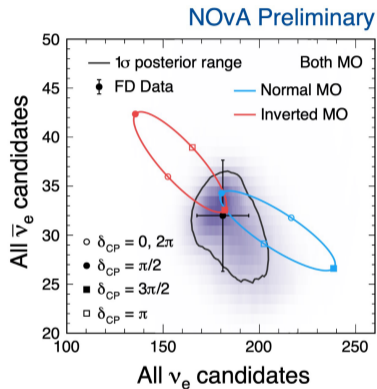
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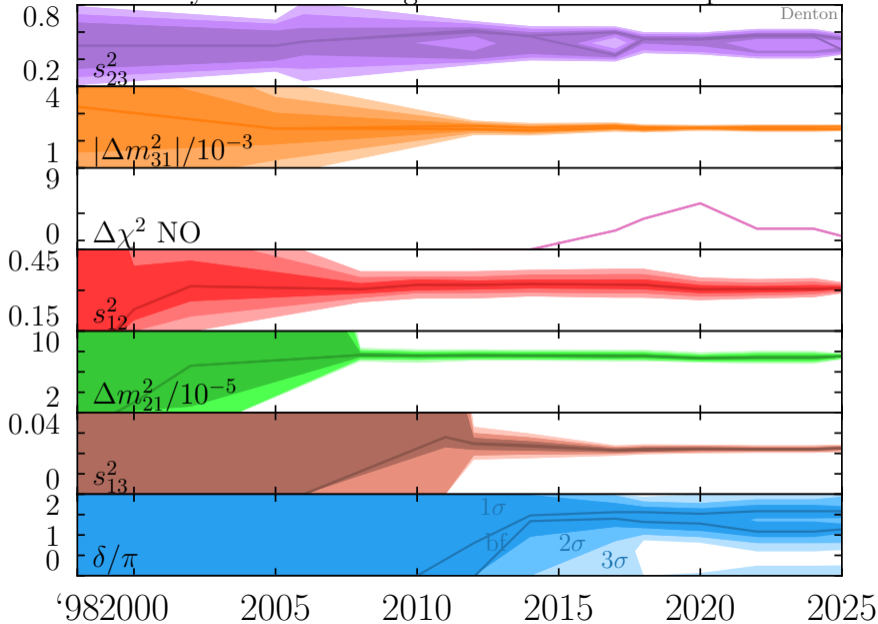
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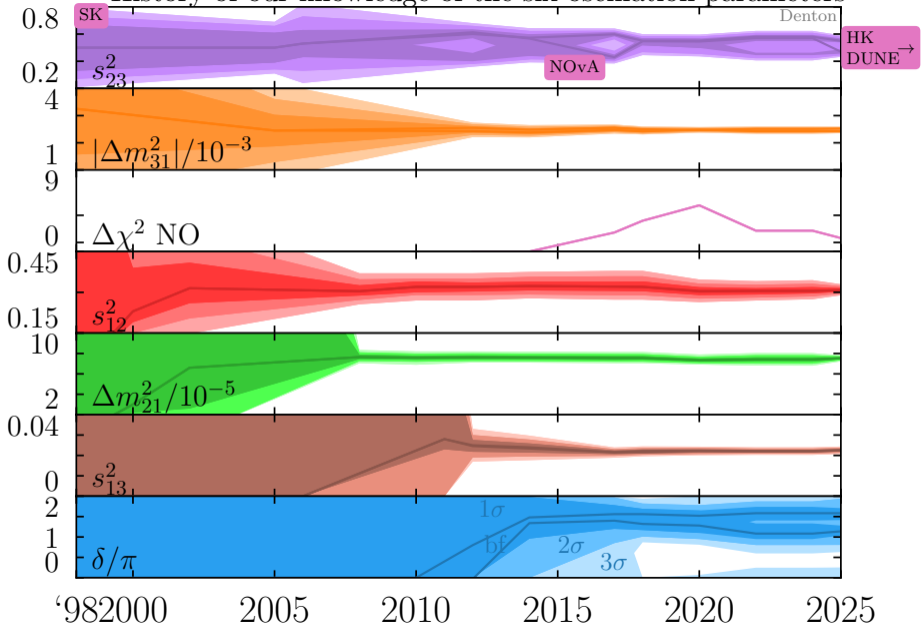
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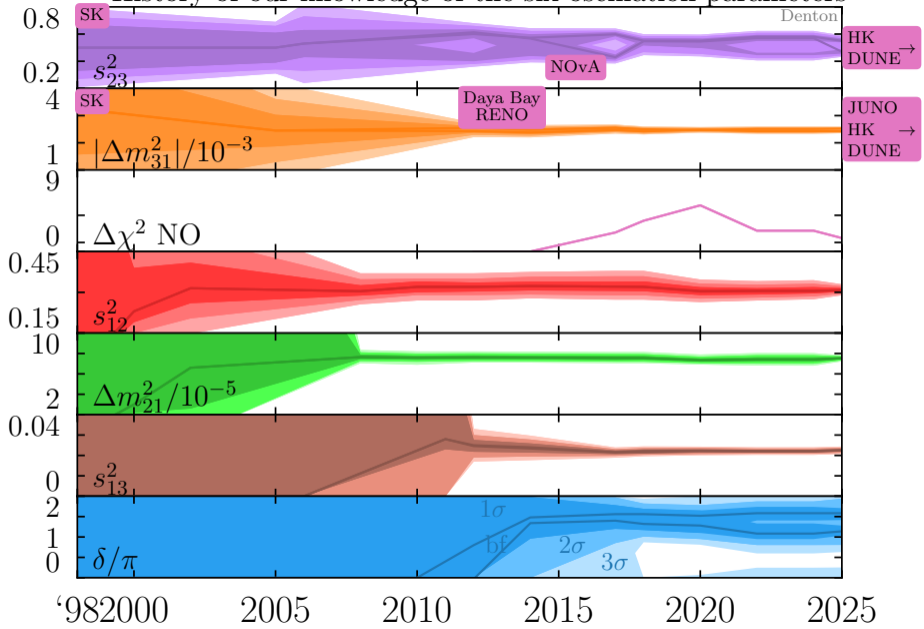


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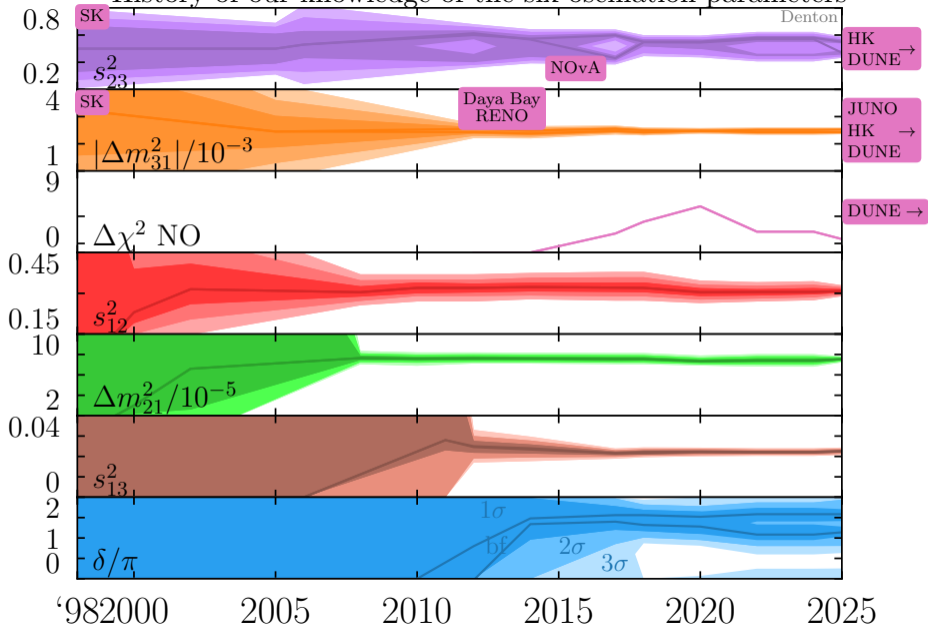
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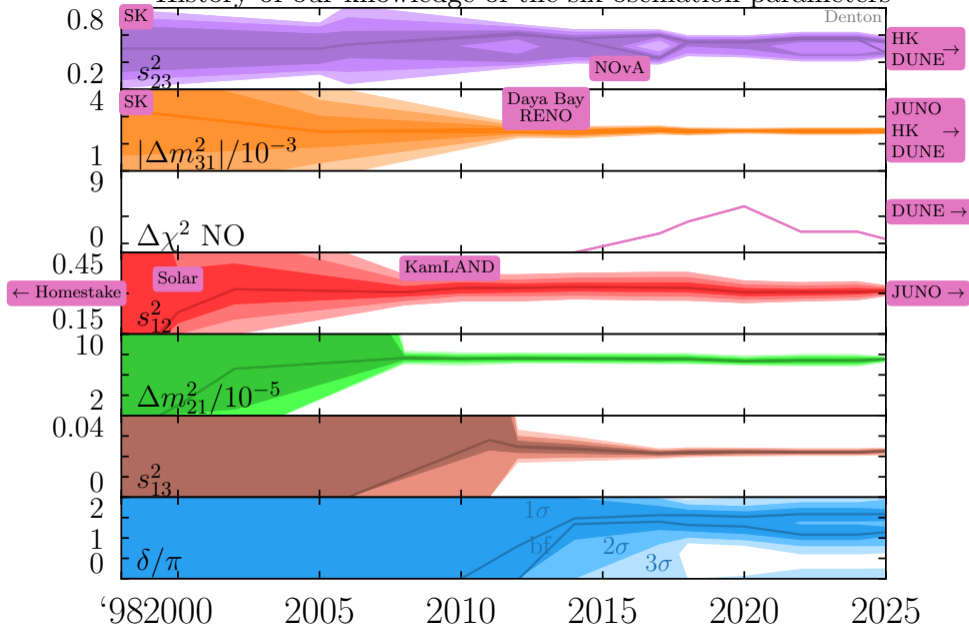
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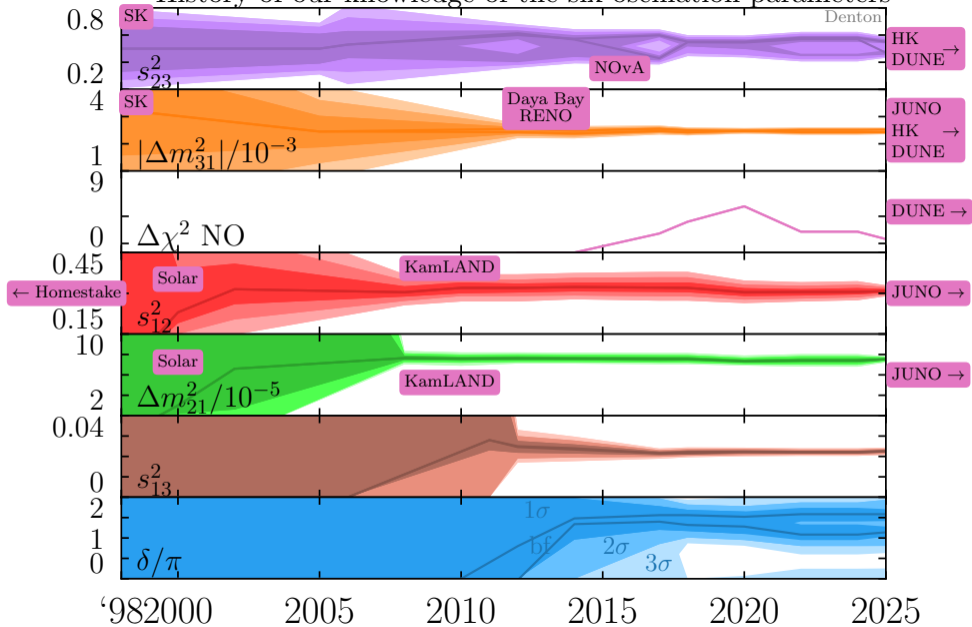
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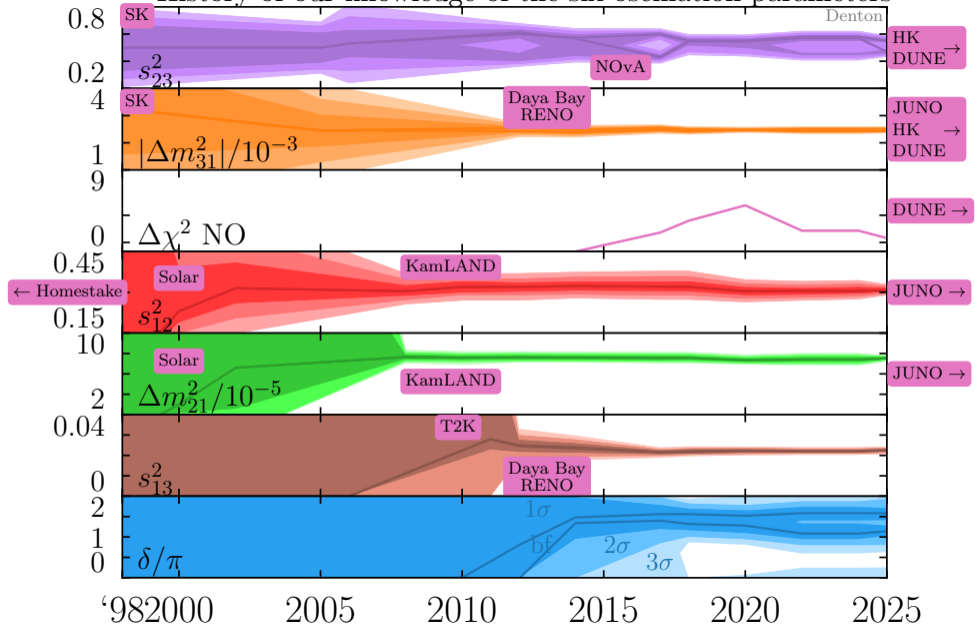
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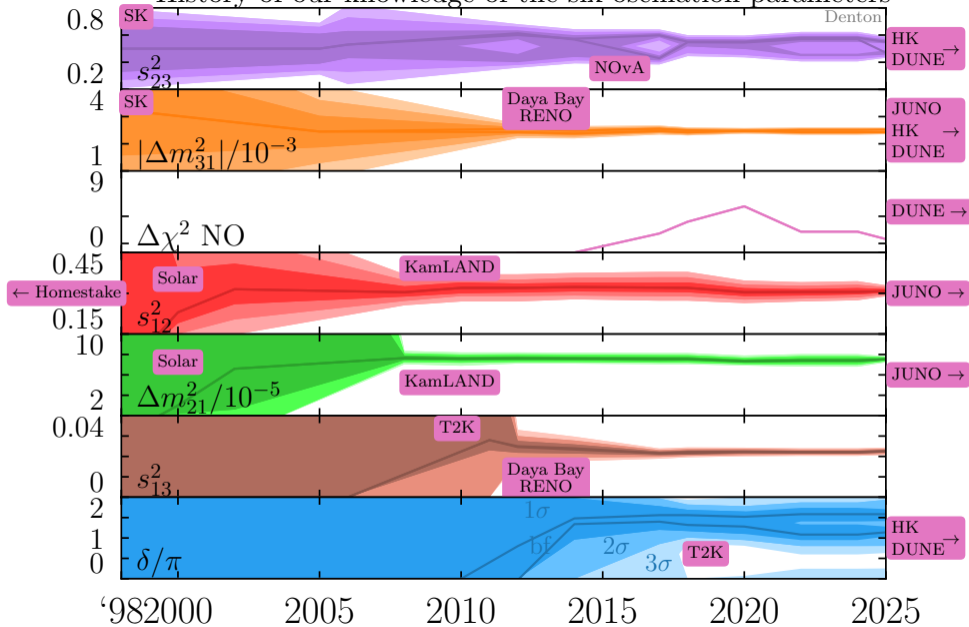
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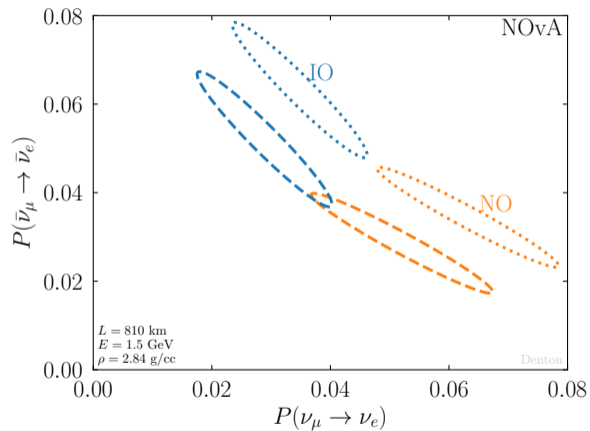
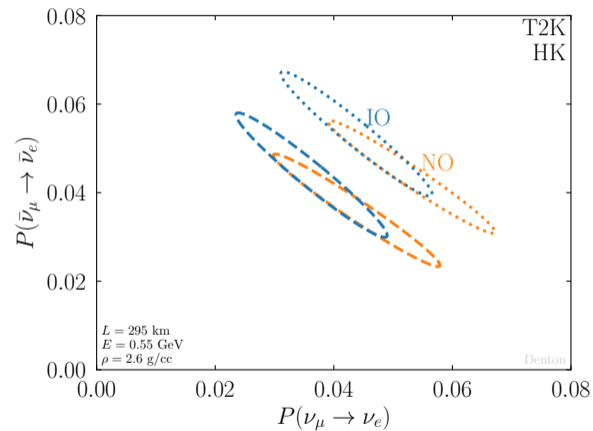
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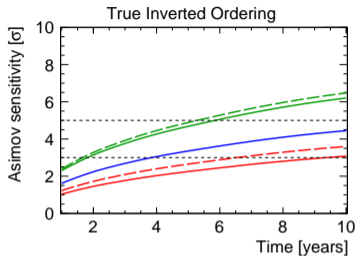
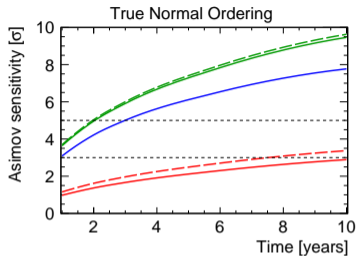
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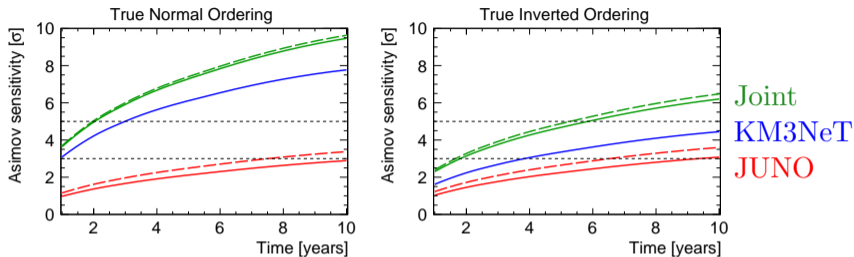
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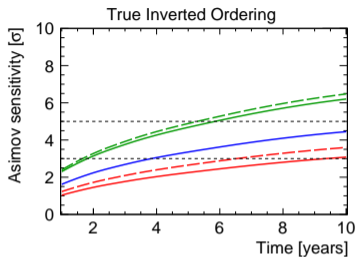
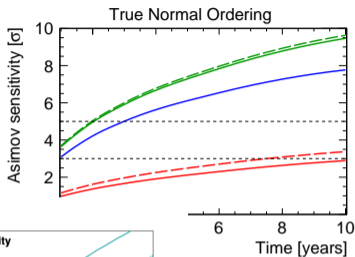
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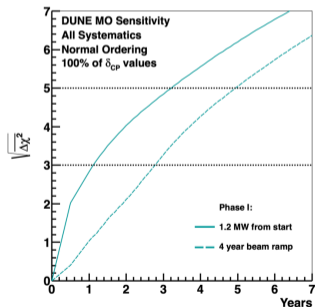
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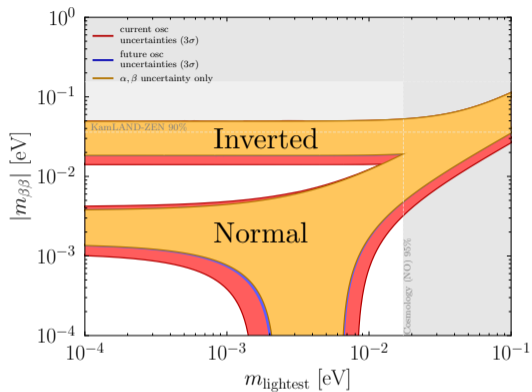
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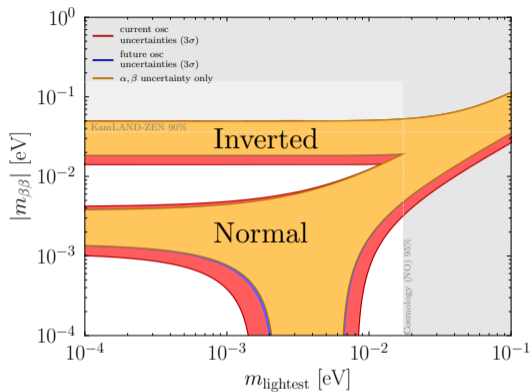
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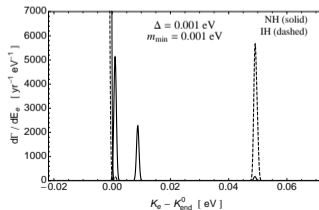
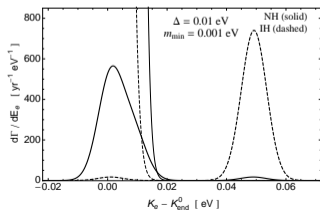
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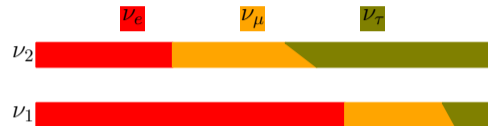
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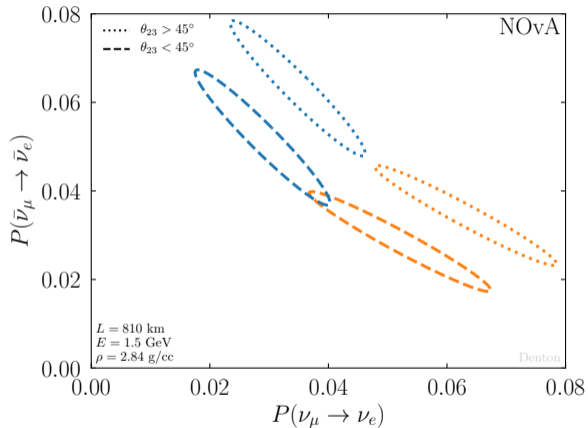
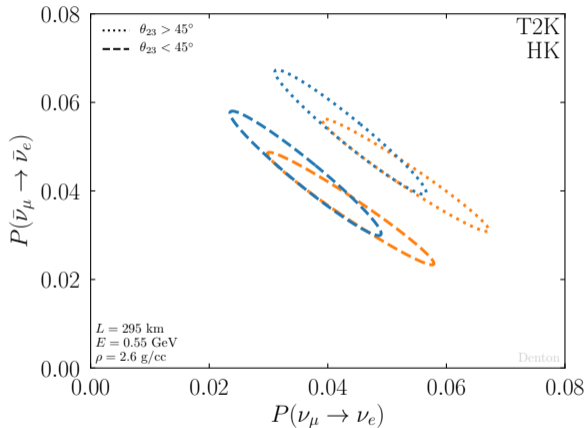
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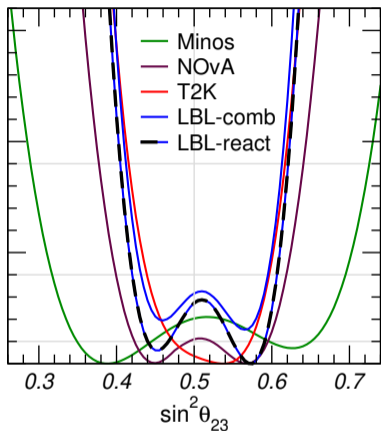


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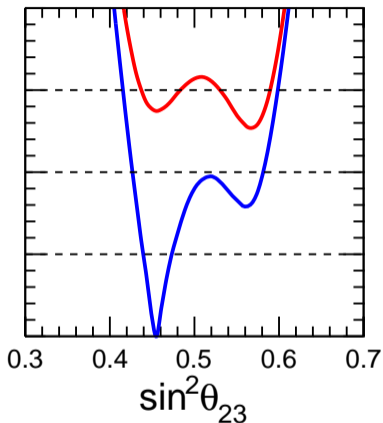
Lower octant more “normal” than upper octant

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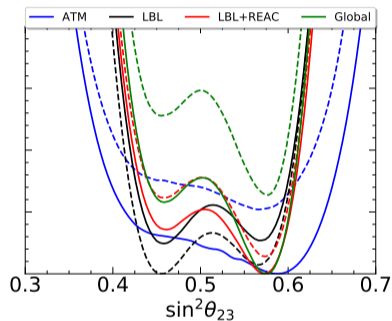
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F. Capozzi, et al. [2107.00532](#)

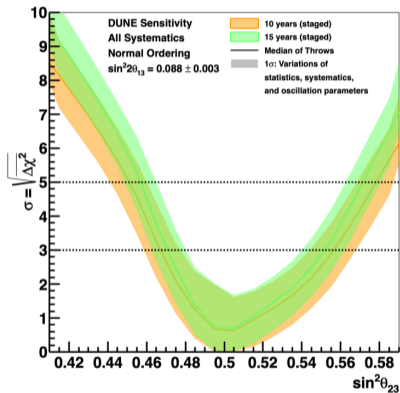
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P. de Salas, et al. [2006.11237](#)

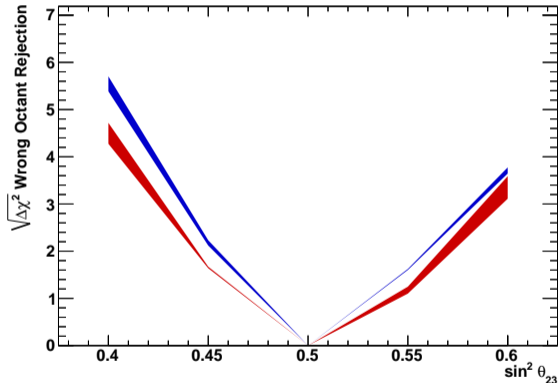
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DUNE 2002.03005



Beam+Atm  $\Rightarrow \sim 3 - 6\sigma$

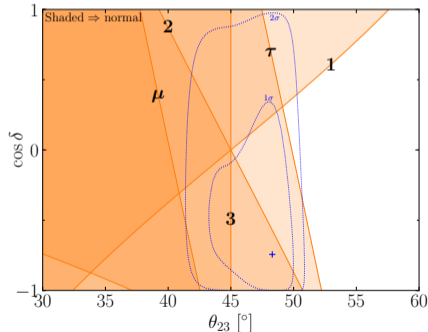
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## $\theta_{23}$ : Broader Implications

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Quarks easily satisfy normalcy [PBD 2003.04319](#)

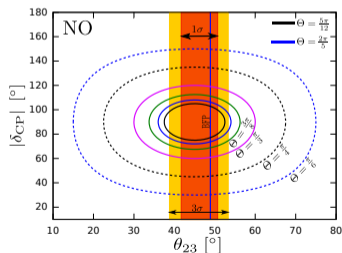
$\mu$ - $\tau$  interchange/reflection symmetry

$$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$$

$$M_\nu^* = X M_\nu X^T \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_\nu \equiv U D_\nu U^\dagger$$

Predicts:  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$ , often  $\theta_{13} = 0$



P. Chen, et al. [1512.01551](#)

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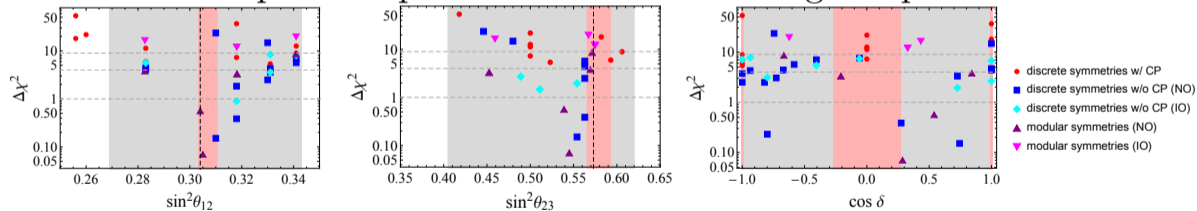
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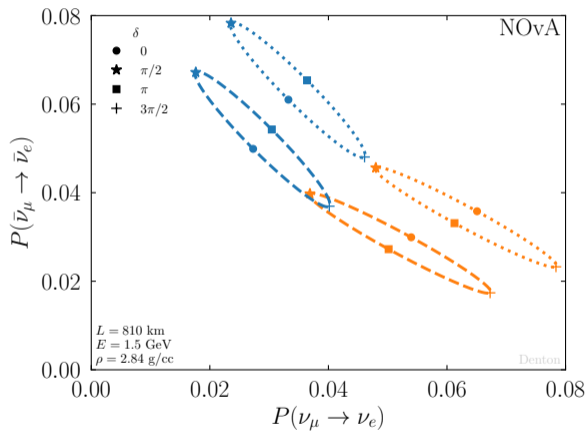
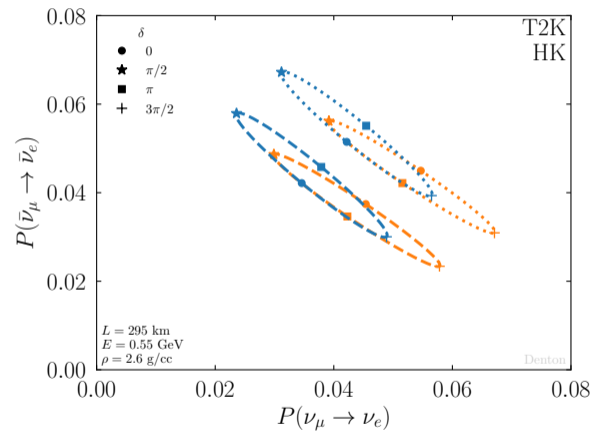
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[PBD](#), J. Gehrlein, R. Pestes [2008.01110](#)

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# $\delta \not\Rightarrow$ Baryogenesis

The amount of leptogenesis is a function of:

1.  $\delta$
2. the heavy mass scale
3.  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  (Majorana phases)
4. CP phases in the RH neutrinos
5. ...

C. Hagedorn, et al. [1711.02866](#)

K. Moffat, et al. [1809.08251](#)

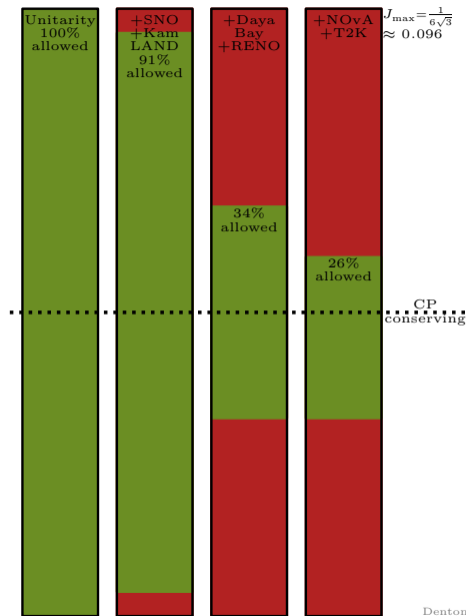
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Maximal CP violation is already ruled out:

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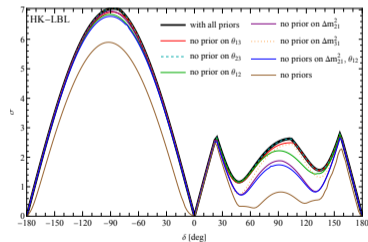
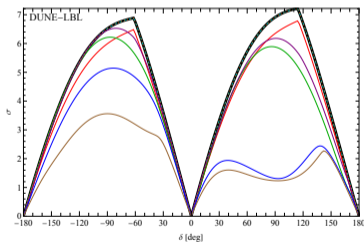
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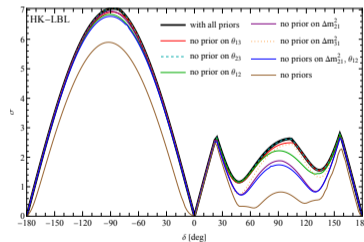
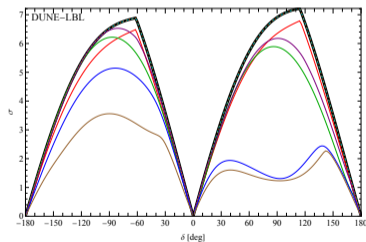
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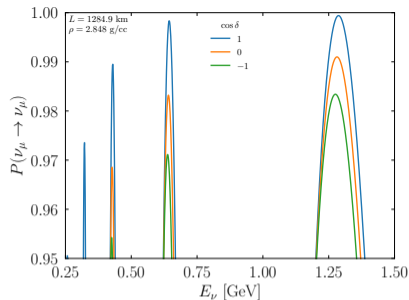
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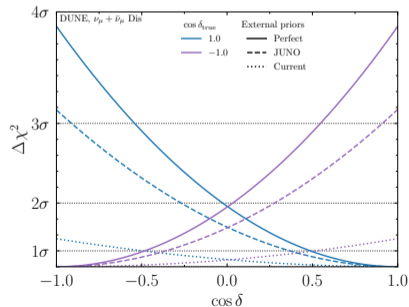
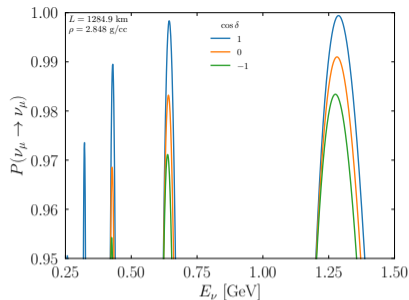
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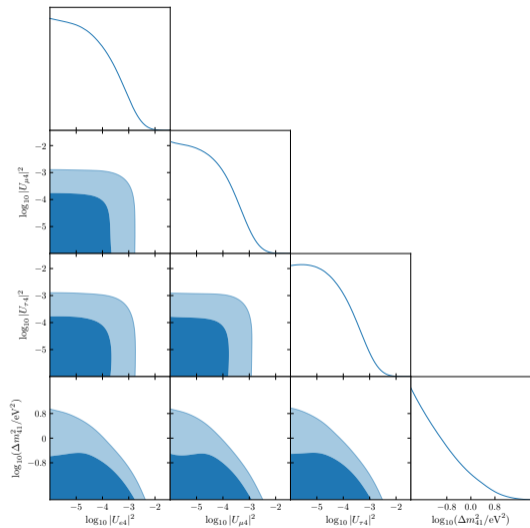
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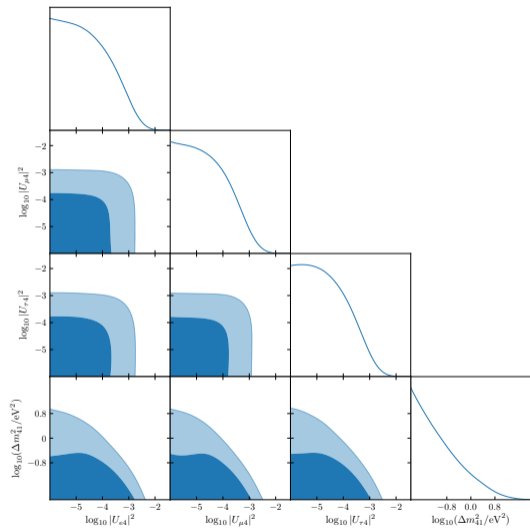


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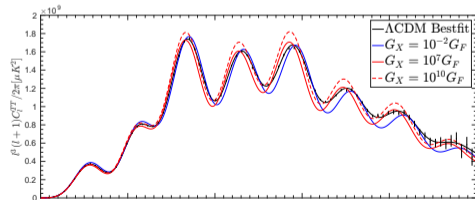
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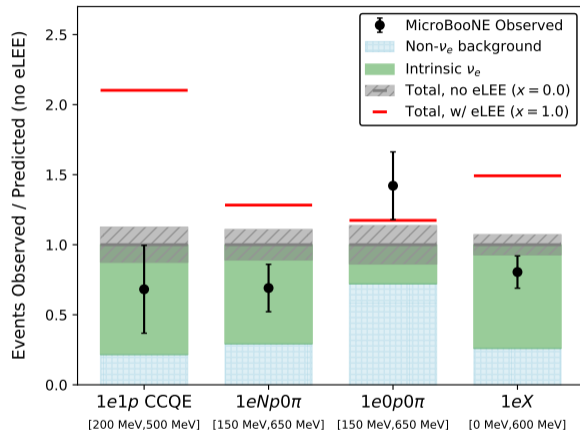
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    - ▶ With 1+ protons
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MicroBooNE [2110.14054](#)

# Current Status of eV Scale Sterile Neutrinos

1. Not a mass range theoretically motivated
2. Gallium seems to be something, no obvious non-sterile explanation
3. Appearance hints in tension with other appearance measurements,  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance
4. Cosmology generally disfavors the whole relevant parameter space, although care is required given  $H_0$  and DESI tensions

Two new physics scenarios:  
Light sterile neutrinos ( $\sim 1$  eV)  
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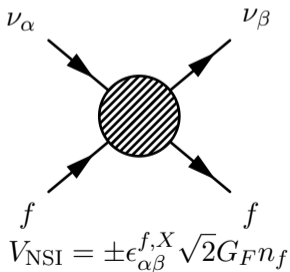
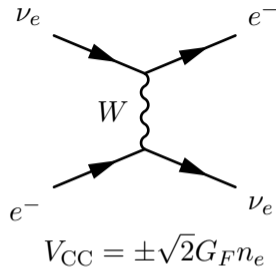
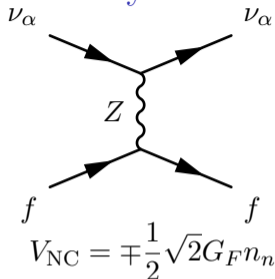
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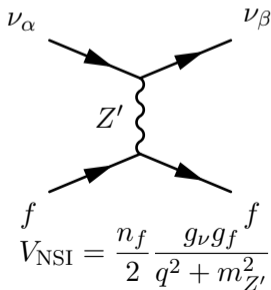
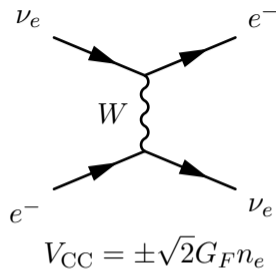
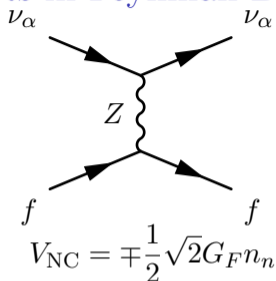
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- ▶ Vector interaction  $\Rightarrow$  modifies energy
- ▶ Can have over Lorentz structures; P, A don't affect oscillations
- ▶ Can have NC or CC: both affect oscillations, CC affects production/detection  
CC subject to tight constraints from e.g.  $\mu$ ,  $\pi^\pm$  decays
- ▶ Can have different couplings to  $e$ ,  $u$ , and  $d$
- ▶ Can lead to degeneracies
- ▶ Ultimately there must be a mediator; mediator dependence affects scattering constraints

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- ▶  $\epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu}$ : Modifies the matter effect, only constrained by solar+LBL reactor

Can subtract a diagonal part; convention is often  $\epsilon_{\mu\mu}$   
DUNE will have modest sensitivity to this as well  
Degeneracy?

- ▶  $\epsilon_{\tau\tau} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}$ : Strongly constrained by high energy  $\sim$  TeV atmospheric
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# Mass Ordering: New Physics Degeneracies

In the presence of new physics such as NSI we have:

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This is known as the **LMA-Dark** solution



# Is The Mass Ordering Robust?

Need **scattering** to break



Can probe same NC  $\epsilon = -2$  process in scattering, but...

1. CHARM and NuTeV for  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 10$  GeV

PBD, et al. [1701.04828](#)

2. COHERENT for  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 50$  MeV and cosmology for  $M_{Z'} \lesssim 5$  MeV

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3. Dresden-II for any mediator mass

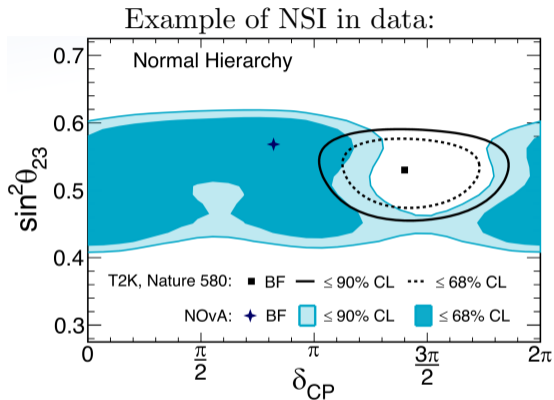
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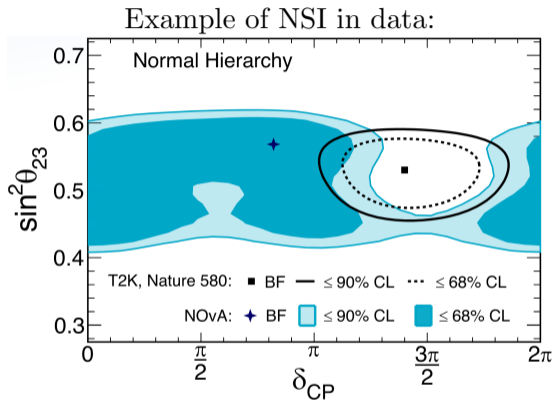
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Difference could be due to off-diagonal (flavor changing) CP violating NSI  
NSI effect is large for NOvA, modest for T2K

## Estimate size of effect: magnitude

$$|\epsilon_{e\beta}| \approx \frac{s_{12}c_{12}c_{23}\pi\Delta m_{21}^2}{2s_{23}w_\beta} \left| \frac{\sin \delta_{\text{T2K}} - \sin \delta_{\text{NOvA}}}{a_{\text{NOvA}} - a_{\text{T2K}}} \right| \approx \begin{cases} 0.22 & \text{for } \beta = \mu \\ 0.24 & \text{for } \beta = \tau \end{cases}$$

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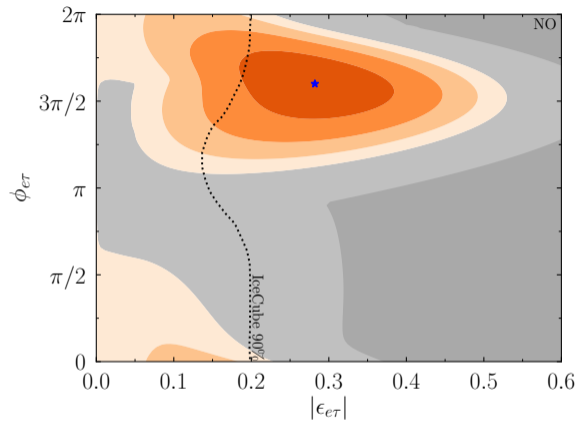
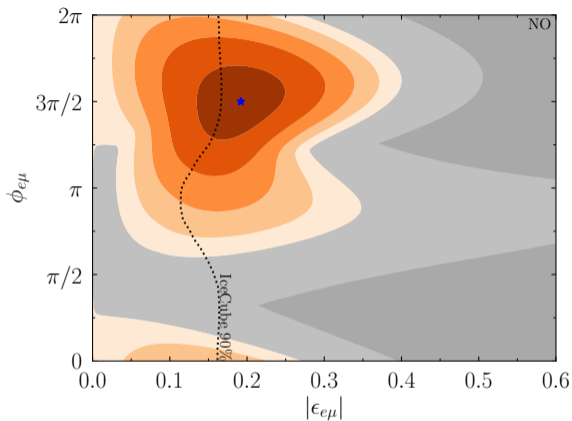
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Assumed upper octant  $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$

Consistency checks:

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- ▶ Octant:
  1. LBL is governed by  $\nu_3$
  2. Upper octant  $\Rightarrow \nu_3$  is more  $\nu_\mu$
  3. More  $\nu_\mu \Rightarrow$  need less new physics coupling to  $\nu_\mu$  to produce a given effect

# NSI parameters



Orange is preferred over SM at integer values of  $\Delta\chi^2$ , dark gray is disfavored at 4.61

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$\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$ , IO in backups

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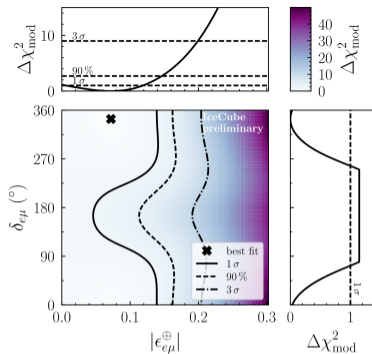
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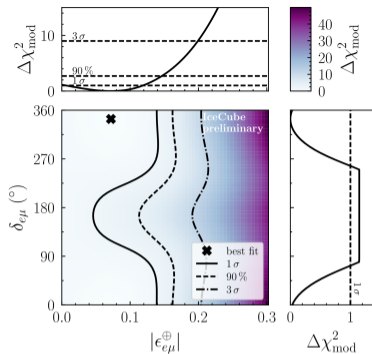
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T. Ehrhardt, IceCube [PPNT \(2019\)](#)

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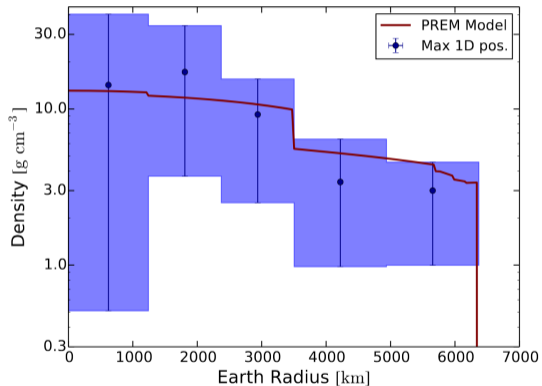
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## Neutrinos probe opaque environments



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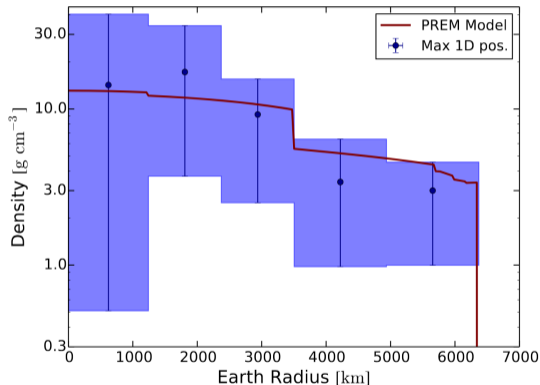
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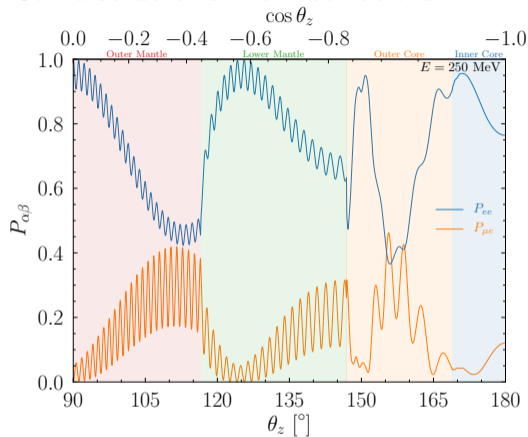
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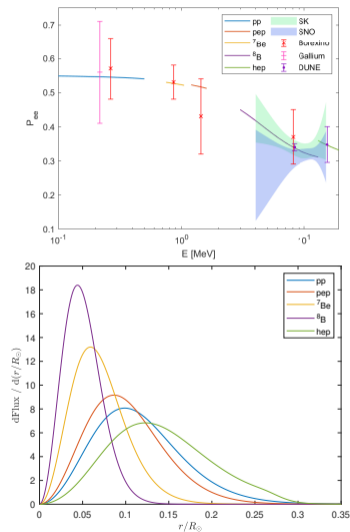
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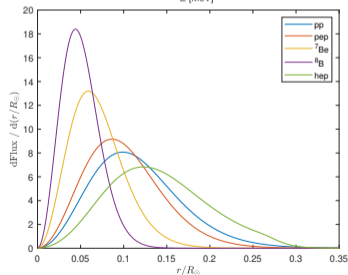
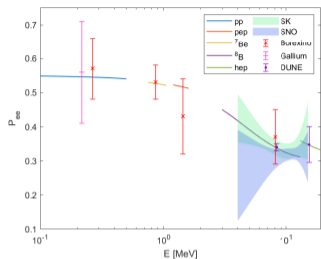
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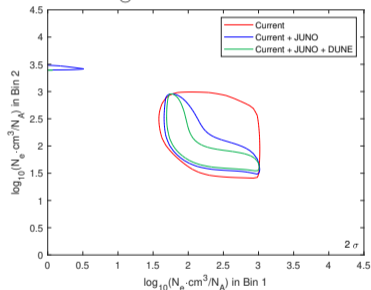
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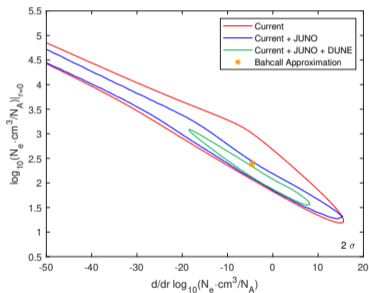


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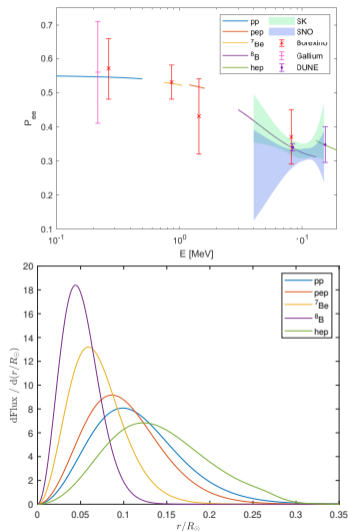


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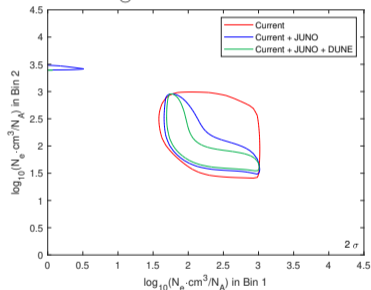
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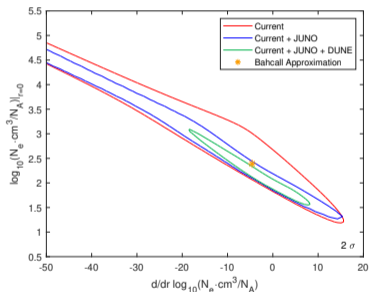


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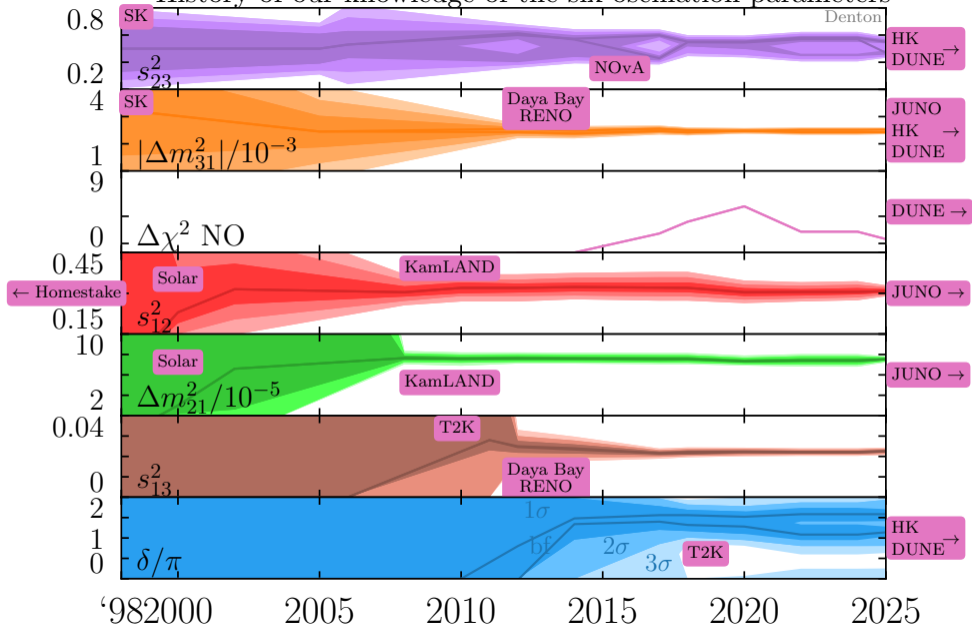


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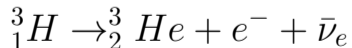
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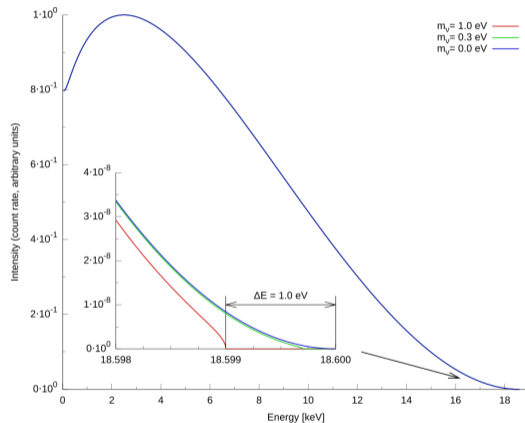


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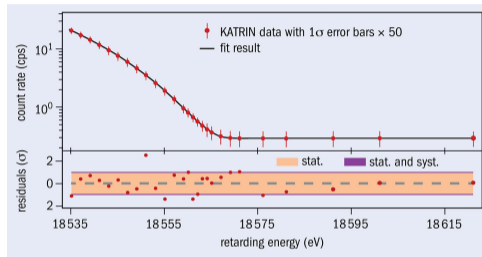


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$$m_\nu \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$$

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Other atmospheric experiments had hints for oscillations, didn't frame it since "mixing angles should be small"

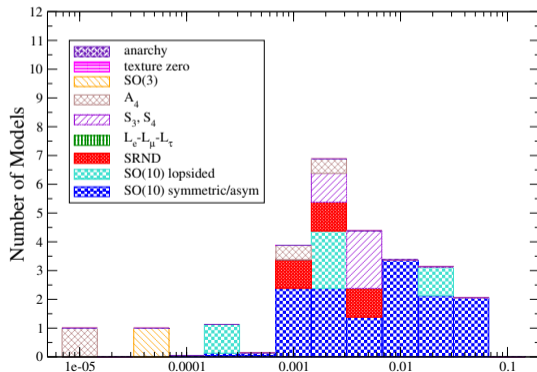
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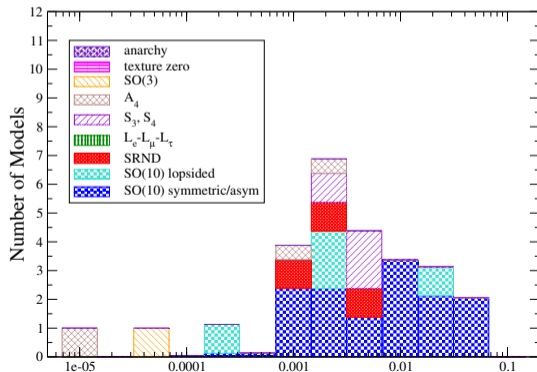
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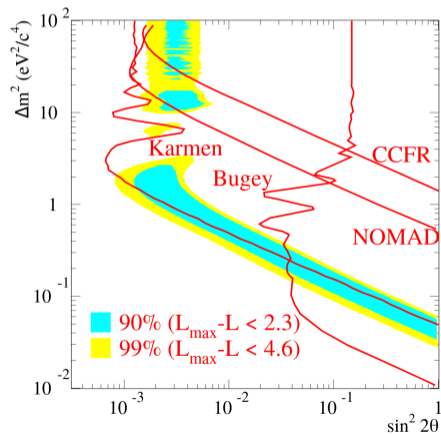
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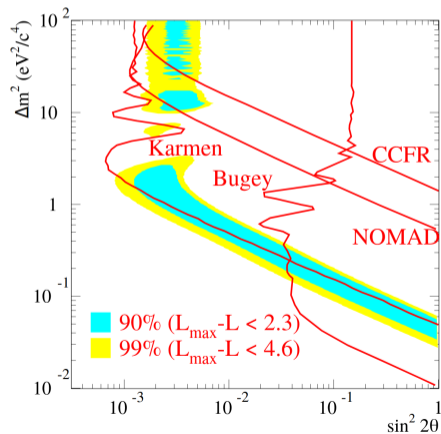


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J. Hill [hep-ex/9504009](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/9504009)

# MiniBooNE Results

MiniBooNE 1805.12028

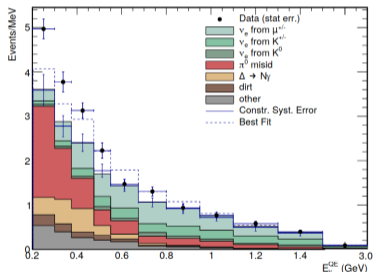


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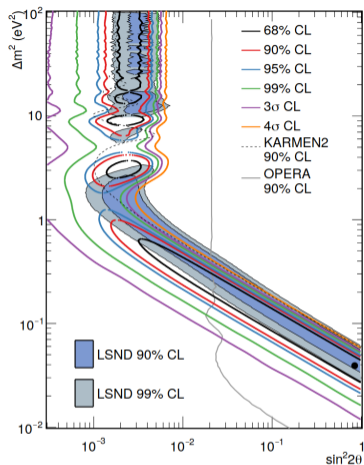


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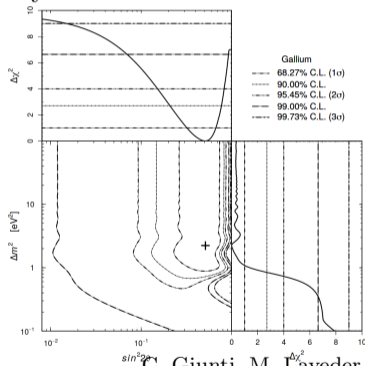
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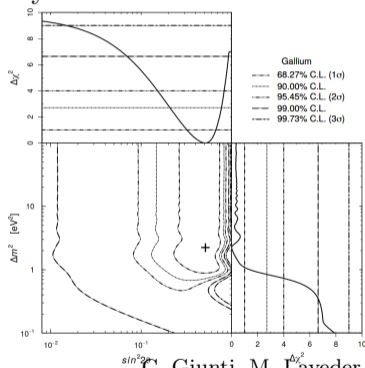
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C. Giunti, M. Laveder [1006.3244](#)

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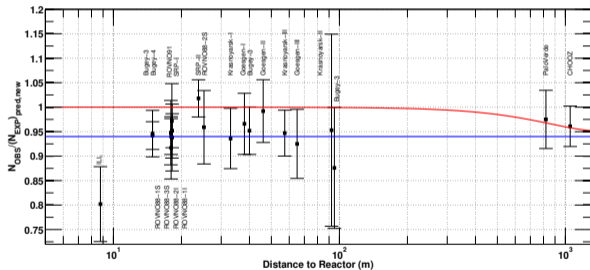
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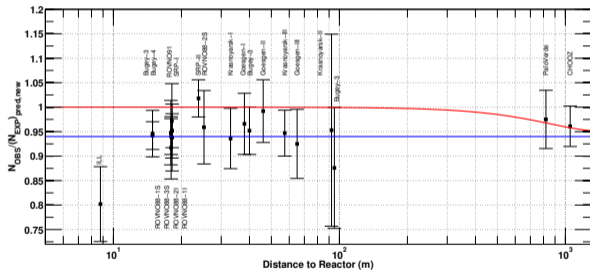
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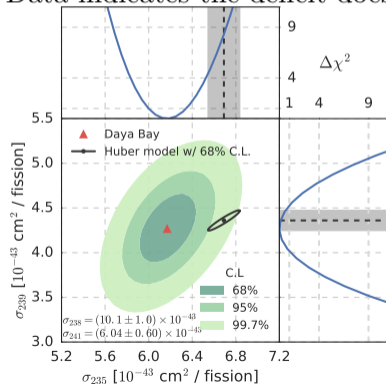
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Daya Bay [1704.01082](#)

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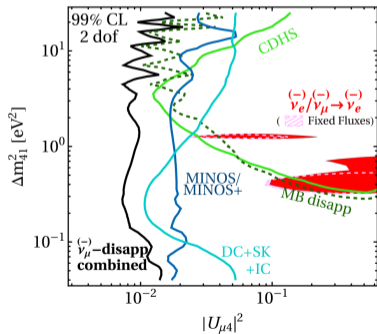
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M. Dentler, et al. [1803.10661](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.10661)

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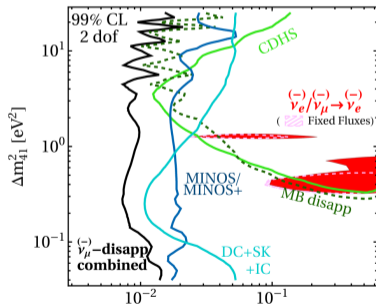
LSND, MiniBooNE

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Gallium, reactor anti-neutrino anomaly

- ▶ Appearance also **needs**  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$

- ▶ Strong constraints: IceCube (atm) and MINOS+ (LBL acc)



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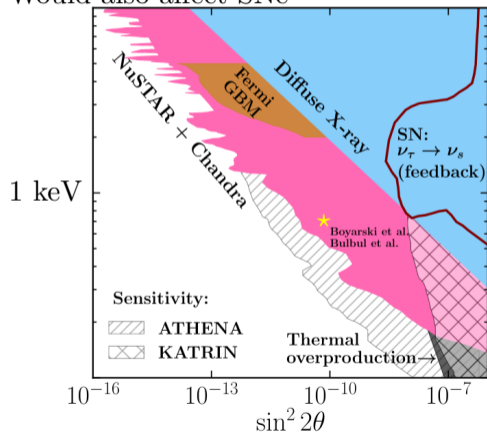
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## Steriles: keV

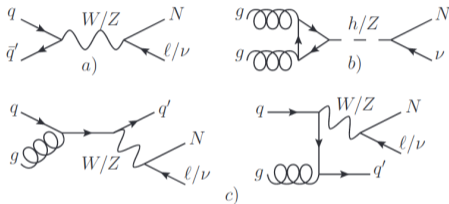
- ▶ keV sterile neutrinos can be DM
- ▶ Would be a bit high in temperature
- ▶ A possible hint of their existence at 7 keV
- ▶ Would also affect SNe



A. Suliga, I. Tamborra, M. Wu [2004.11389](#)

# Steriles: GeV+

If they are heavy they won't affect oscillations, just kinematics

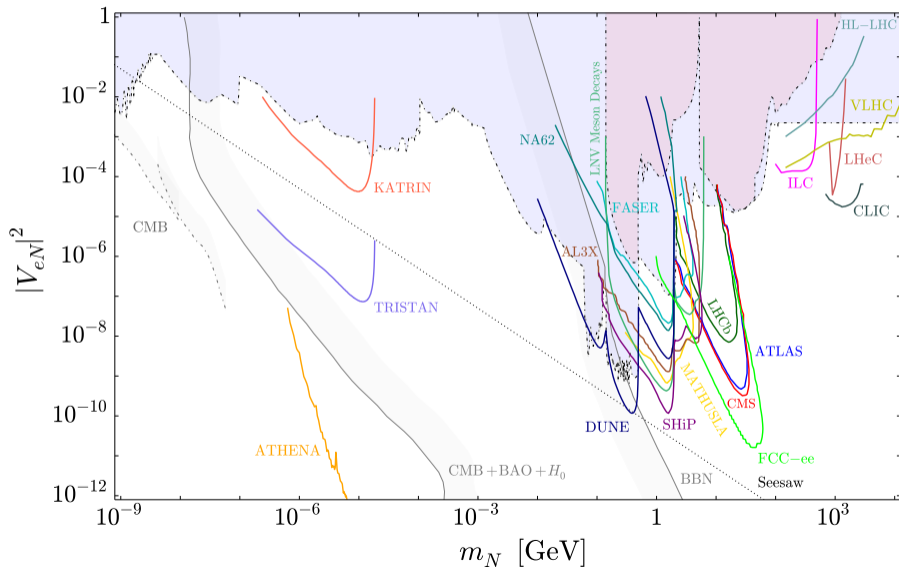


**Figure 7.** HNL production channels: a) Drell-Yan-type process; b) gluon fusion; c) quark-gluon fusion.

K. Bondarenko, et al. [1805.08567](#)

- ▶ Look in colliders, beam dumps
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# Sterile Neutrinos: Where are they Hiding?



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Models with large NSIs consistent with CLFV:

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# Neutrino Decay

Since neutrinos have different masses, they decay

- ▶ Loop suppressed
- ▶ Long lifetime:  $\tau \gtrsim 10^{35}$  years

Test this!

Typical Lagrangian for  $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \phi$  with  $m_i > m_j$

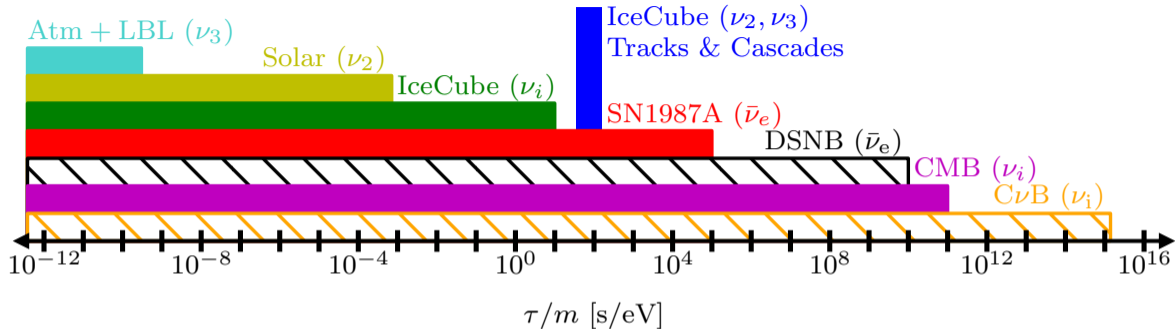
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_{ij}}{2} \bar{\nu}_j \nu_i \phi + \frac{g'_{ij}}{2} \bar{\nu}_j i \gamma_5 \nu_i \phi$$

# Neutrino Decay Phenomenology

Neutrino decay is phenomenologically classified into:

- ▶ **Invisible decay:**
  - ▶ The decay products are sterile or too low energy to be detected
  - ▶ Results in a *depletion* of the flux below the relevant energy
- ▶ **Visible decay:**
  - ▶ Decay products are detected
  - ▶ In addition to depletion, there is *regeneration*
  - ▶ Regeneration happens at a lower energy than depletion

# Invisible $\nu$ Decay Constraints and Evidence



M. Gonzalez-Garcia and M. Maltoni [0802.3699](#)

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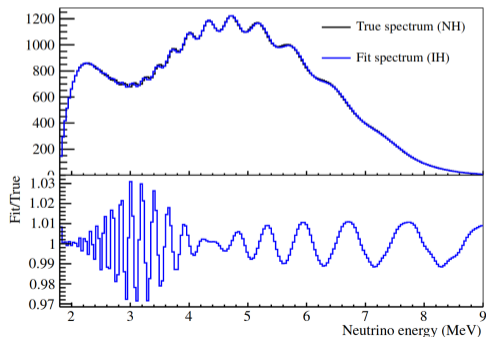
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# Next Generation Oscillation Experiments

JUNO: KamLAND 2.0, coming online in  $\sim 1$  year

1. Improved measurement of solar parameters  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2$
2. Measurements of MBL reactor parameters  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\Delta m_{31}^2$
3. Mass ordering measurement by  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  vs.  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  discrimination



JUNO [1508.07166](#)

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Need more degrees of freedom: sum rules

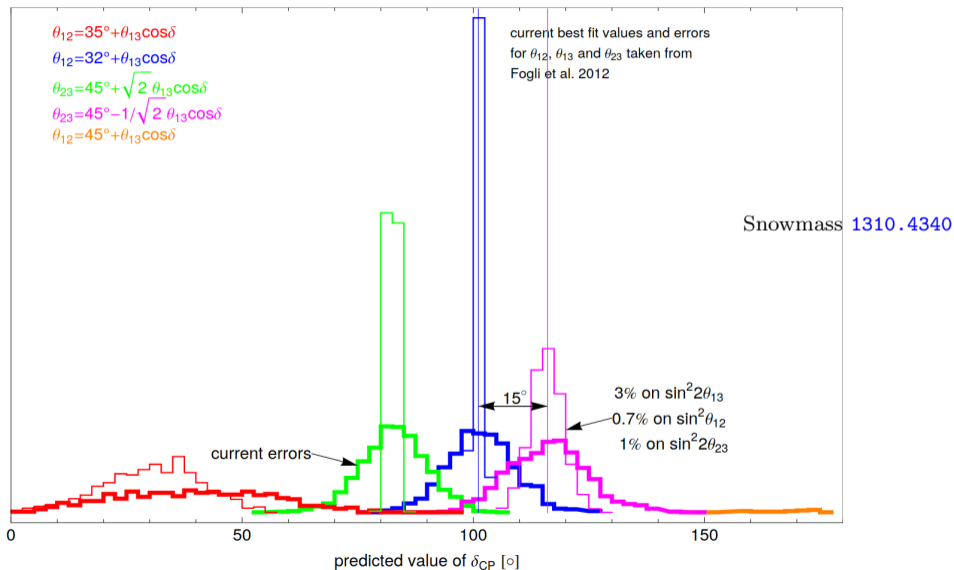
Perhaps:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_\phi & s_\phi e^{-i\psi} & 0 \\ -s_\phi e^{i\psi} & c_\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} U_{TBM}$$

which predicts:

$$\cos \delta \approx \frac{\theta_{12} - \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\theta_{13}}$$

# Flavor Models



# Values and Vectors

Probability amplitude:

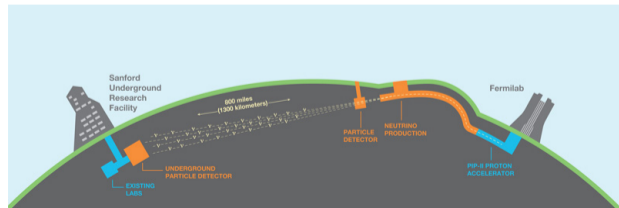
$$A_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i \hat{U}_{\alpha i}^* e^{-im_i^2 L/2E} \hat{U}_{\beta i}$$

- ▶ **Eigenvalues** give the frequencies of the oscillations

Where should DUNE be?

- ▶ **Eigenvectors** give the amplitudes of the oscillations

How many events will DUNE see?



# Exact Neutrino Oscillations in Matter: Mixing Angles

$$s_{12}^2 = \frac{-\left[(\widehat{m^2_2})^2 - \alpha\widehat{m^2_2} + \beta\right] \Delta\widehat{m^2_{31}}}{\left[(\widehat{m^2_1})^2 - \alpha\widehat{m^2_1} + \beta\right] \Delta\widehat{m^2_{32}} - \left[(\widehat{m^2_2})^2 - \alpha\widehat{m^2_2} + \beta\right] \Delta\widehat{m^2_{31}}}$$

$$s_{13}^2 = \frac{(\widehat{m^2_3})^2 - \alpha\widehat{m^2_3} + \beta}{\Delta\widehat{m^2_{31}}\Delta\widehat{m^2_{32}}}$$

$$s_{23}^2 = \frac{s_{23}^2 E^2 + c_{23}^2 F^2 + 2c_{23}s_{23}c_\delta EF}{E^2 + F^2}$$

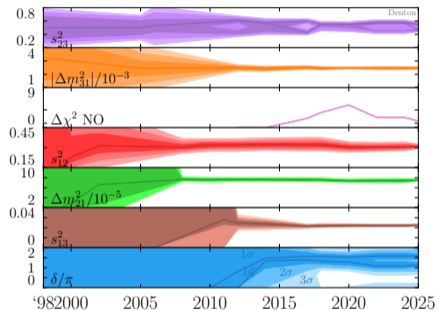
$$e^{-i\hat{\delta}} = \frac{c_{23}s_{23} (e^{-i\delta} E^2 - e^{i\delta} F^2) + (c_{23}^2 - s_{23}^2) EF}{\sqrt{(s_{23}^2 E^2 + c_{23}^2 F^2 + 2EFc_{23}s_{23}c_\delta) (c_{23}^2 E^2 + s_{23}^2 F^2 - 2EFc_{23}s_{23}c_\delta)}}$$

$$\alpha = c_{13}^2 \Delta m_{31}^2 + (c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + s_{13}^2) \Delta m_{21}^2, \quad \beta = c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 \Delta m_{21}^2 \Delta m_{31}^2$$

$$E = c_{13}s_{13} \left[ \left( \widehat{m^2_3} - \Delta m_{21}^2 \right) \Delta m_{31}^2 - s_{12}^2 \left( \widehat{m^2_3} - \Delta m_{31}^2 \right) \Delta m_{21}^2 \right]$$

$$F = c_{12}s_{12}c_{13} \left( \widehat{m^2_3} - \Delta m_{31}^2 \right) \Delta m_{21}^2$$

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# The CPV Term in Matter

The amount of CPV is

$$P_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{P}_{\alpha\beta} = \pm 16J \sin \Delta_{21} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{32} \quad \alpha \neq \beta$$

where the Jarlskog is

$$J \equiv \Im[U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta i}^*] \quad \alpha \neq \beta, i \neq j$$

$$J = c_{12} s_{12} c_{13}^2 s_{13} c_{23} s_{23} \sin \delta$$



C. Jarlskog [PRL 55 \(1985\)](#)

The exact term in matter is known to be

$$\frac{\hat{J}}{J} = \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 \Delta m_{31}^2 \Delta m_{32}^2}{\widehat{\Delta m}_{21}^2 \widehat{\Delta m}_{31}^2 \widehat{\Delta m}_{32}^2}$$

V. Naumov [IJMP 1992](#)

P. Harrison, W. Scott [hep-ph/9912435](#)

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CPV in matter can be written sans  $\cos(\frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1}(\dots))$  term.

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This is the only oscillation quantity in matter that can be written exactly without  $\cos(\frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1}(\dots))$ !

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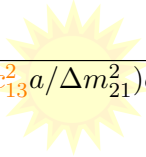
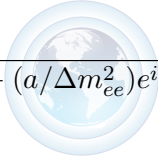
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## One Caveat in Support of $\delta$

If the goal is **CP violation** the Jarlskog should be used

however

If the goal is **measuring the parameters** one must use  $\delta$

Given  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ , and  $J$ , I can't determine the sign of  $\cos \delta$  which is physical

e.g.  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$  depends on  $\cos \delta$  a tiny bit