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Presenting Neutrino Oscillation Results in the Precision Era



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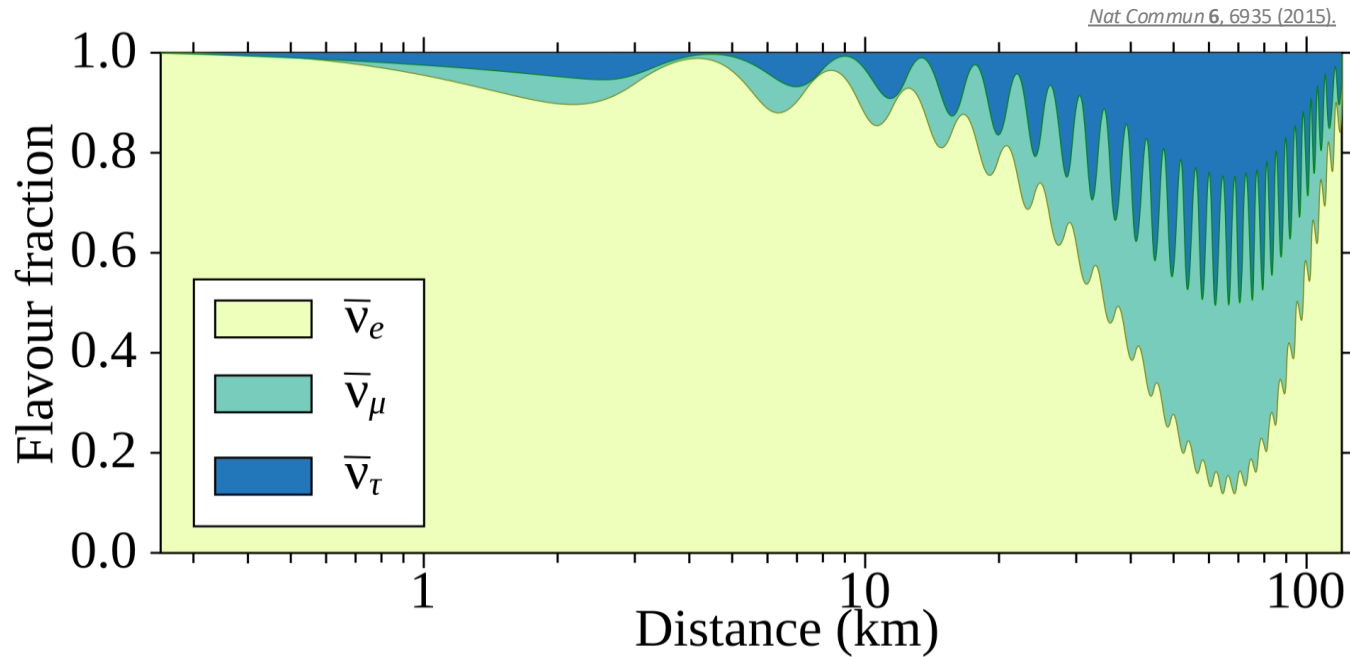
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Neutrino Oscillations

- In the Standard Model:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{\mu 1} & U_{\tau 1} \\ U_{e2} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\tau 2} \\ U_{e3} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} + \Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2 \neq 0$$



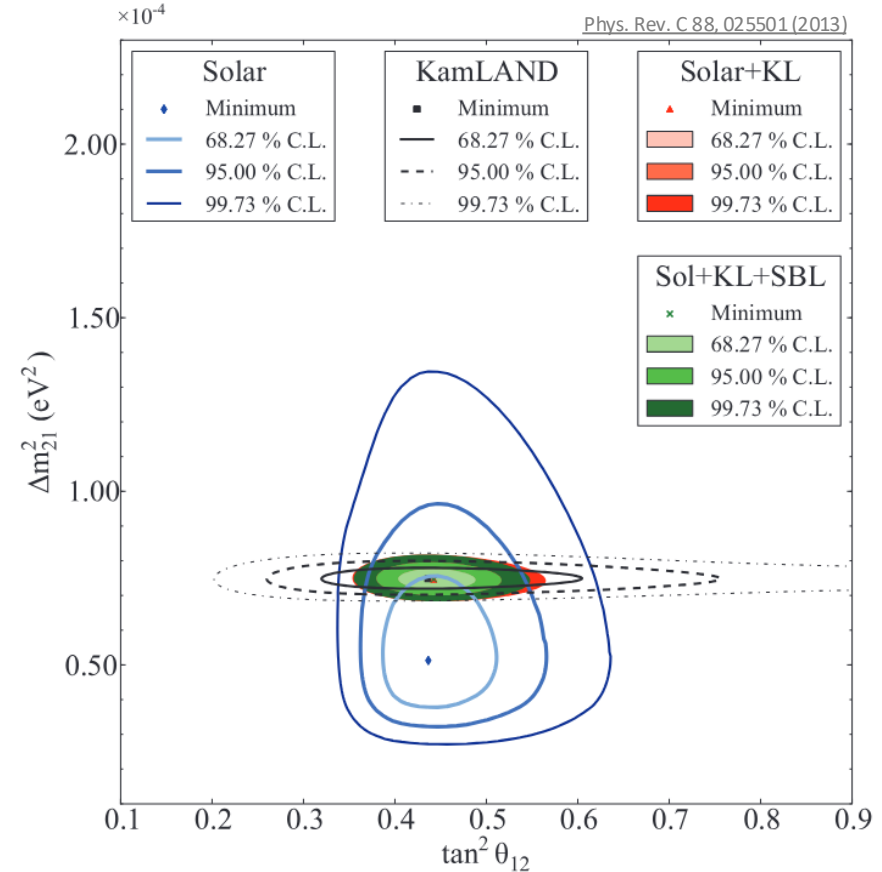
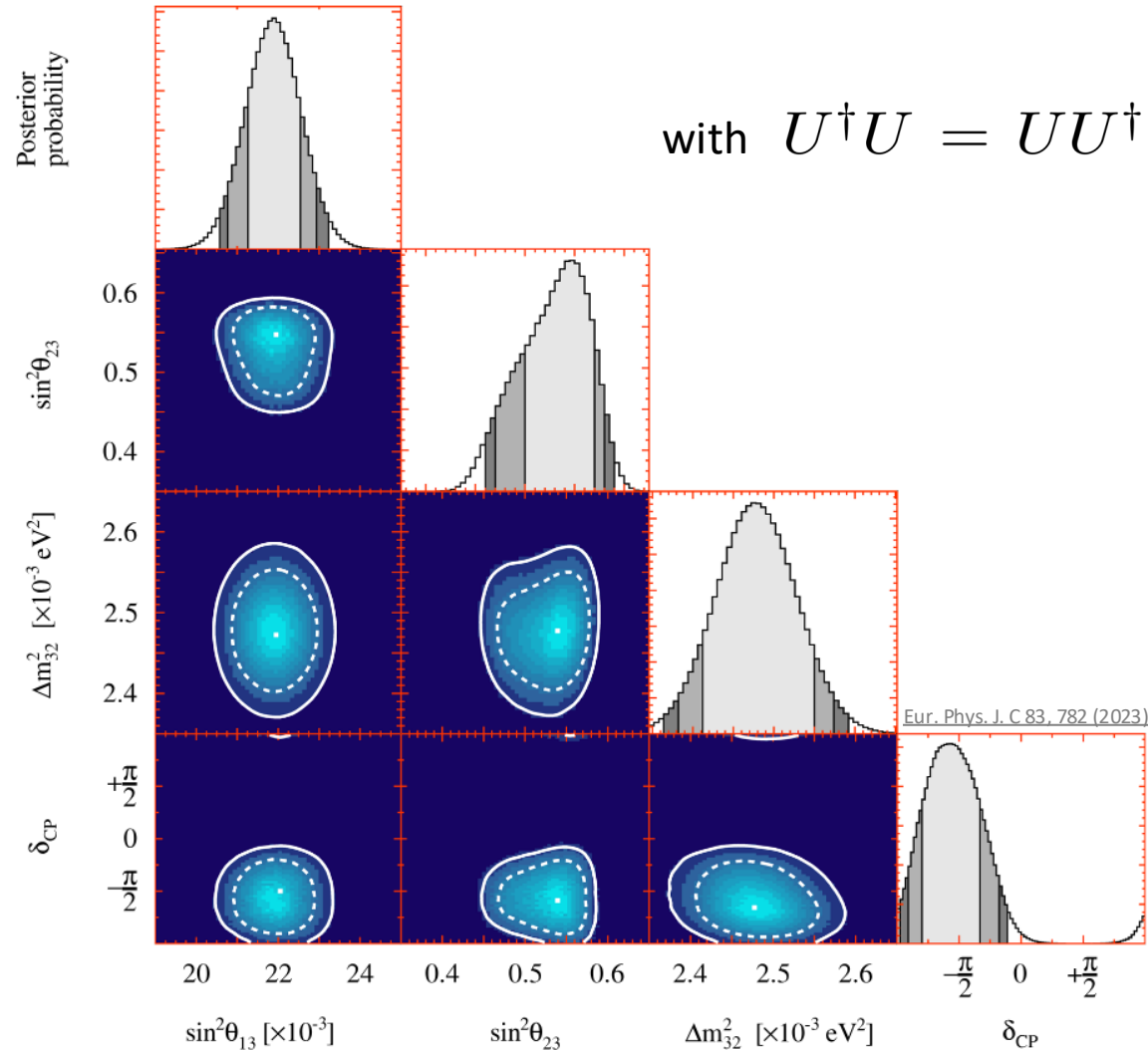
E = 4 MeV

Leptonic Mixing Matrix

- Most common parameterisation:
$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$, $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $\delta = \delta_{\text{CP}}$

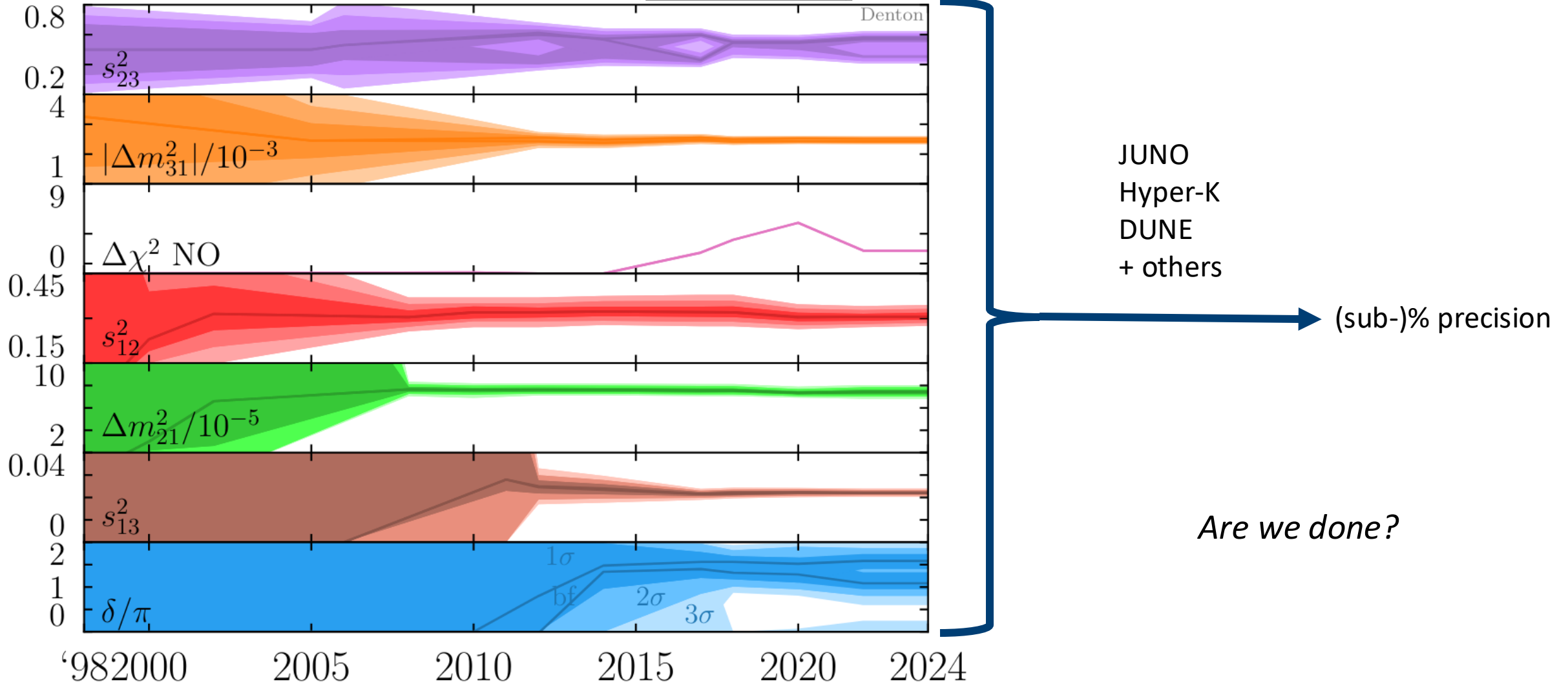
with $U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = \mathbb{I}$



For newer results, see [NuFIT 6.0](#)

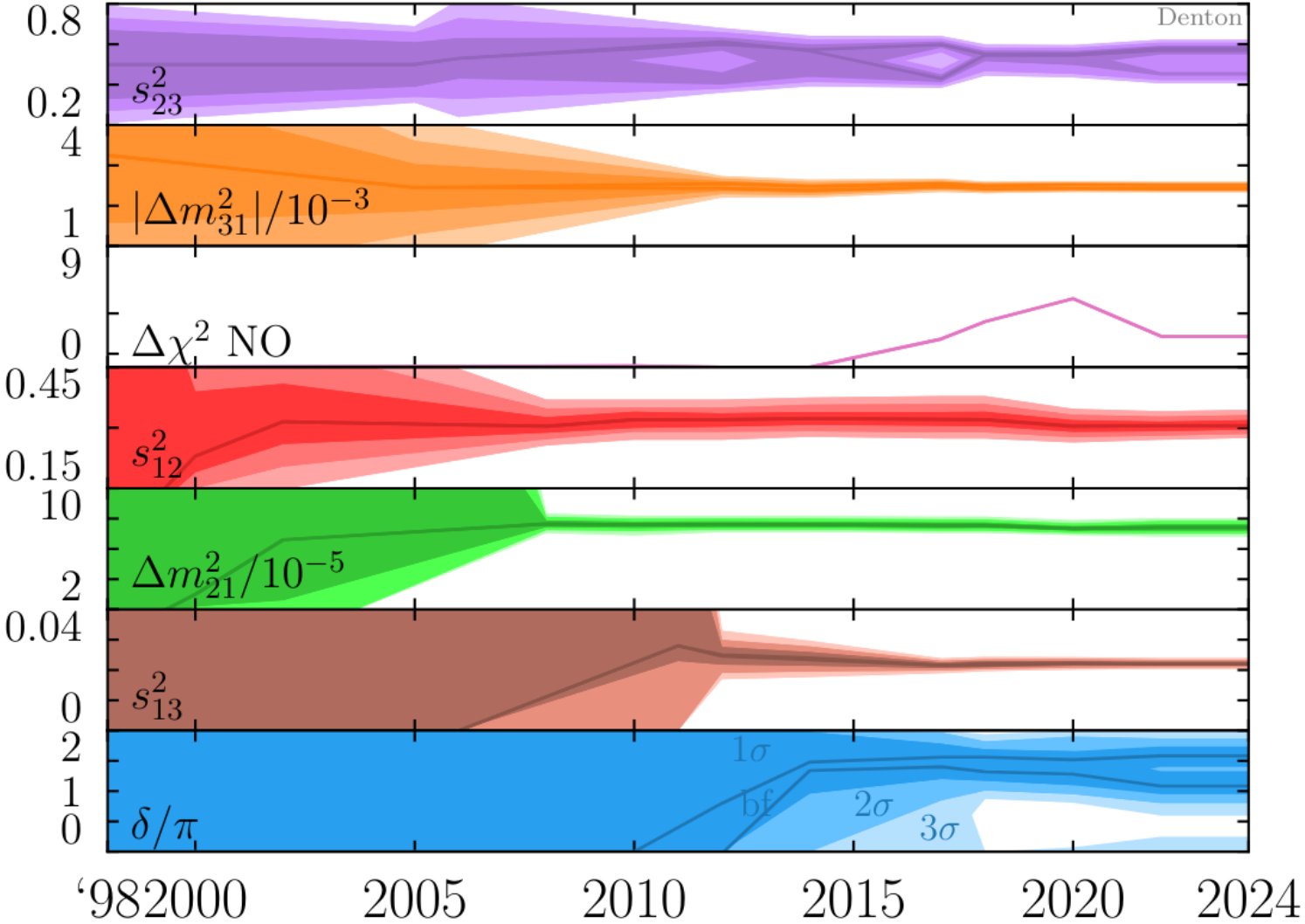
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P. Denton, *Modern Neutrino Oscillation Theory*, NuFact 2024



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Open questions:

- *Octant*
- *Mass ordering*
- *CP violation*
- Absolute neutrino masses
- Neutrino mass generation
- Electromagnetic moments
- Non-standard interactions
- ...

And:

$$U_{3+1} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Leptonic Mixing Matrix – Revisited

- Most common parameterisation:

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- One possible parameterisation without assuming unitarity:

$$U_{LMM} = \begin{pmatrix} |U_{e1}| & |U_{e2}|e^{i\phi_{e2}} & |U_{e3}|e^{i\phi_{e3}} \\ |U_{\mu1}| & |U_{\mu2}| & |U_{\mu3}| \\ |U_{\tau1}| & |U_{\tau2}|e^{i\phi_{\tau2}} & |U_{\tau3}|e^{i\phi_{\tau3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

[Phys. Rev. D 102, 115027 \(2020\)](#)

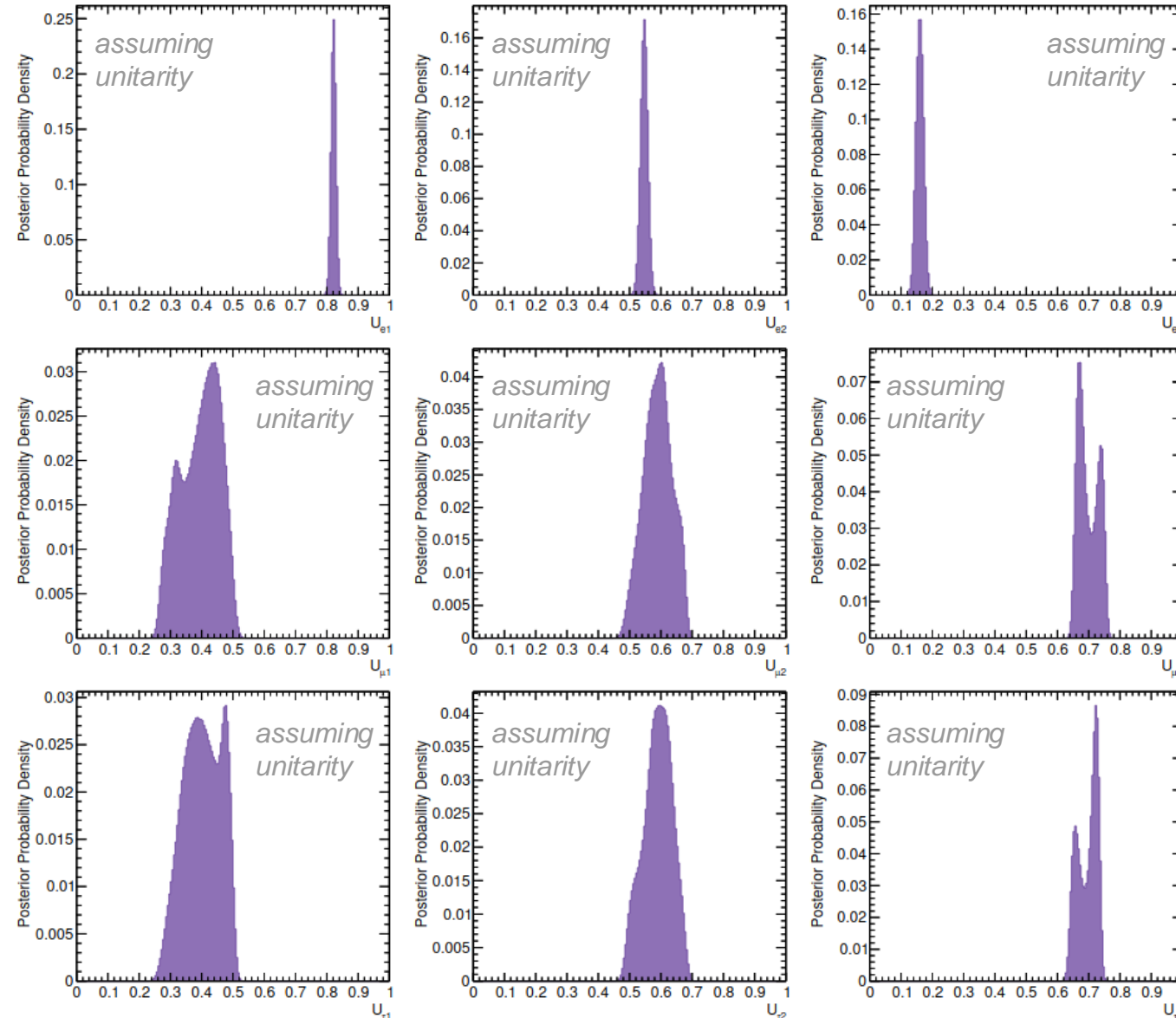
→ Need new presentations as well

Leptonic Mixing Matrix Element Moduli & Phases

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NOvA-T2K Preliminary



→ Moduli of the elements can already be used while assuming unitarity

Unitarity Triangles

Unitarity condition and orthogonal vectors:

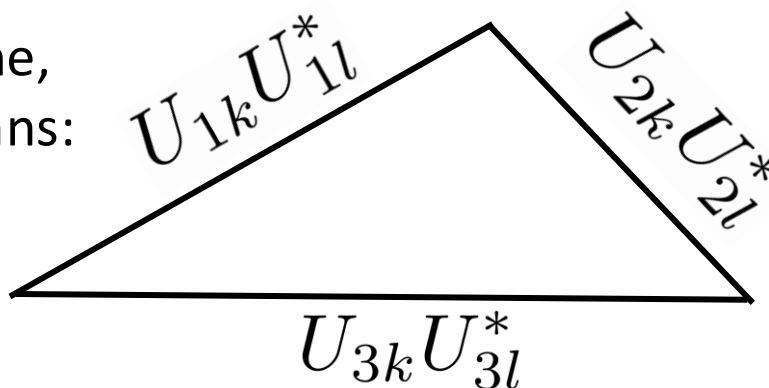
$$U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = \mathbb{I}$$

→ 6 orthogonality conditions for 3x3 matrices:

$$\sum_k U_{ik} U_{jk}^* = 0 \quad (i \neq j) \\ \text{(rows)}$$

$$\sum_i U_{ik} U_{il}^* = 0 \quad (k \neq l) \\ \text{(columns)}$$

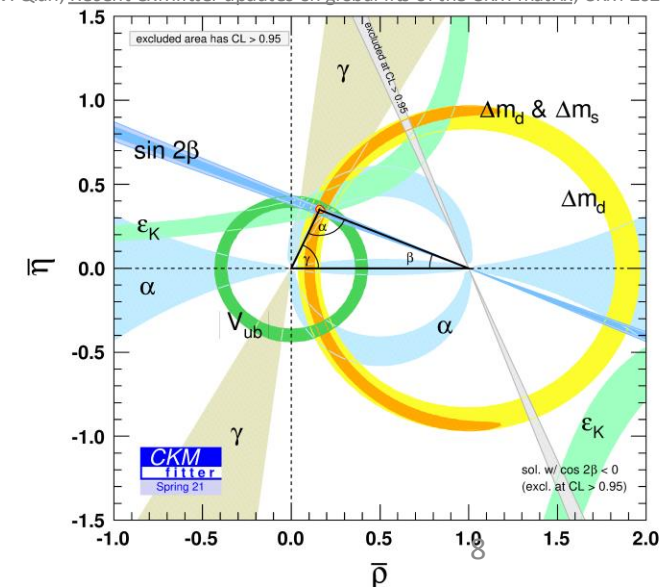
→ 6 unitarity triangles in complex plane,
e.g. for columns:



→ Powerful tool to test unitarity of mixing matrices in the SM



W. Qian, [Recent CKMfitter updates on global fits of the CKM matrix](#), CKM 2021



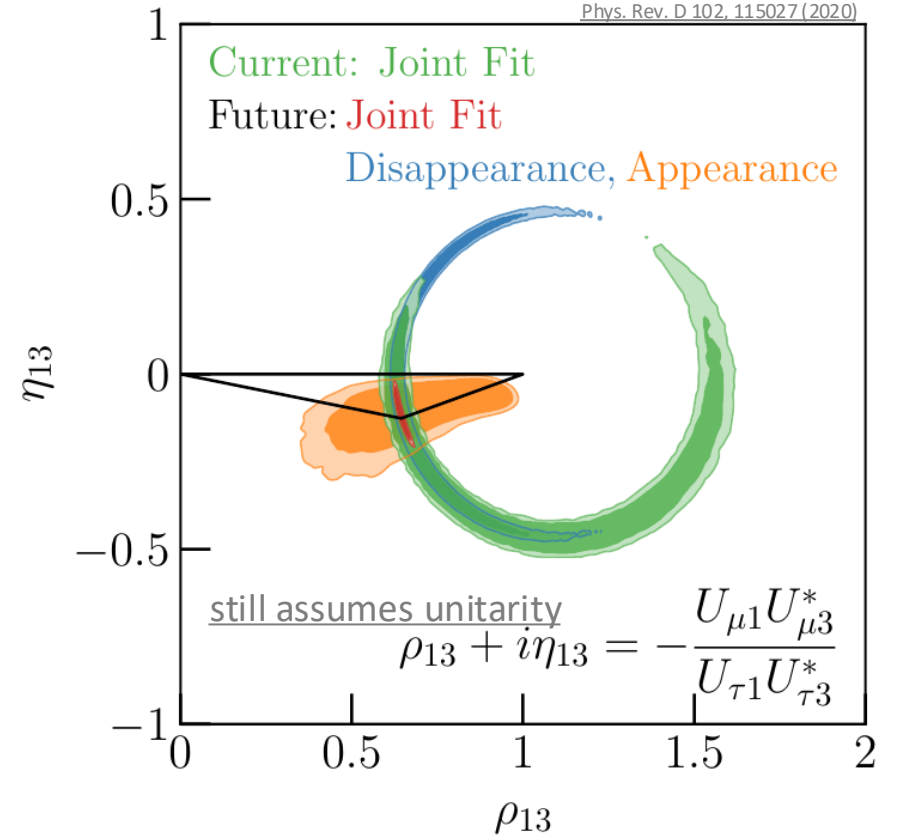
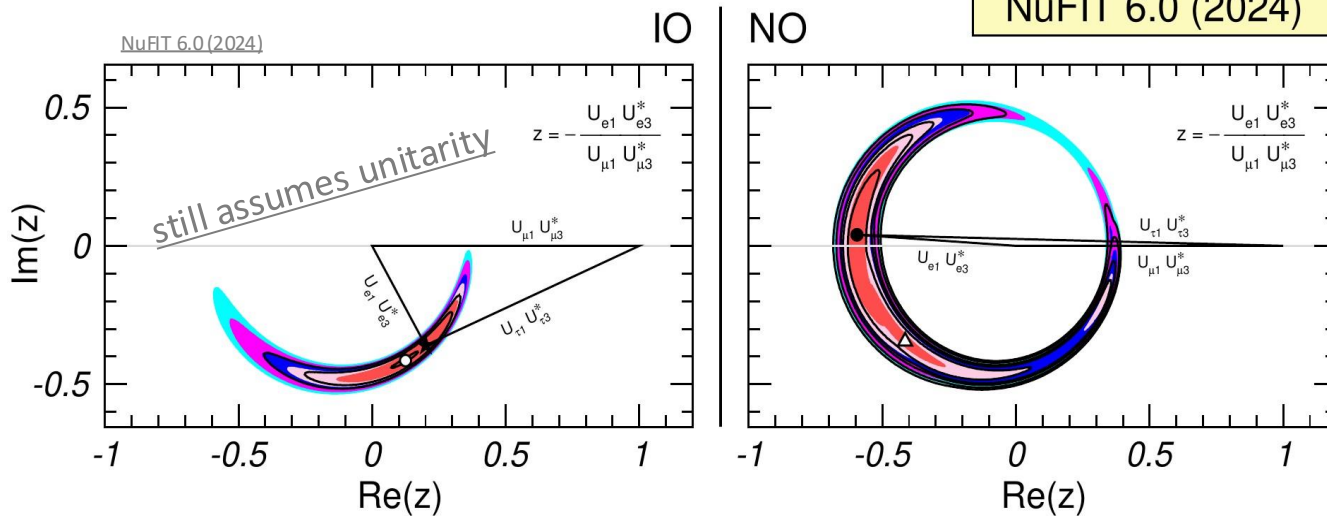
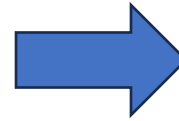
Unitarity Triangles for PMNS

- Example triangle for PMNS:

$$U_{e1}U_{e3}^* + U_{\mu1}U_{\mu3}^* + U_{\tau1}U_{\tau3}^* = 0$$

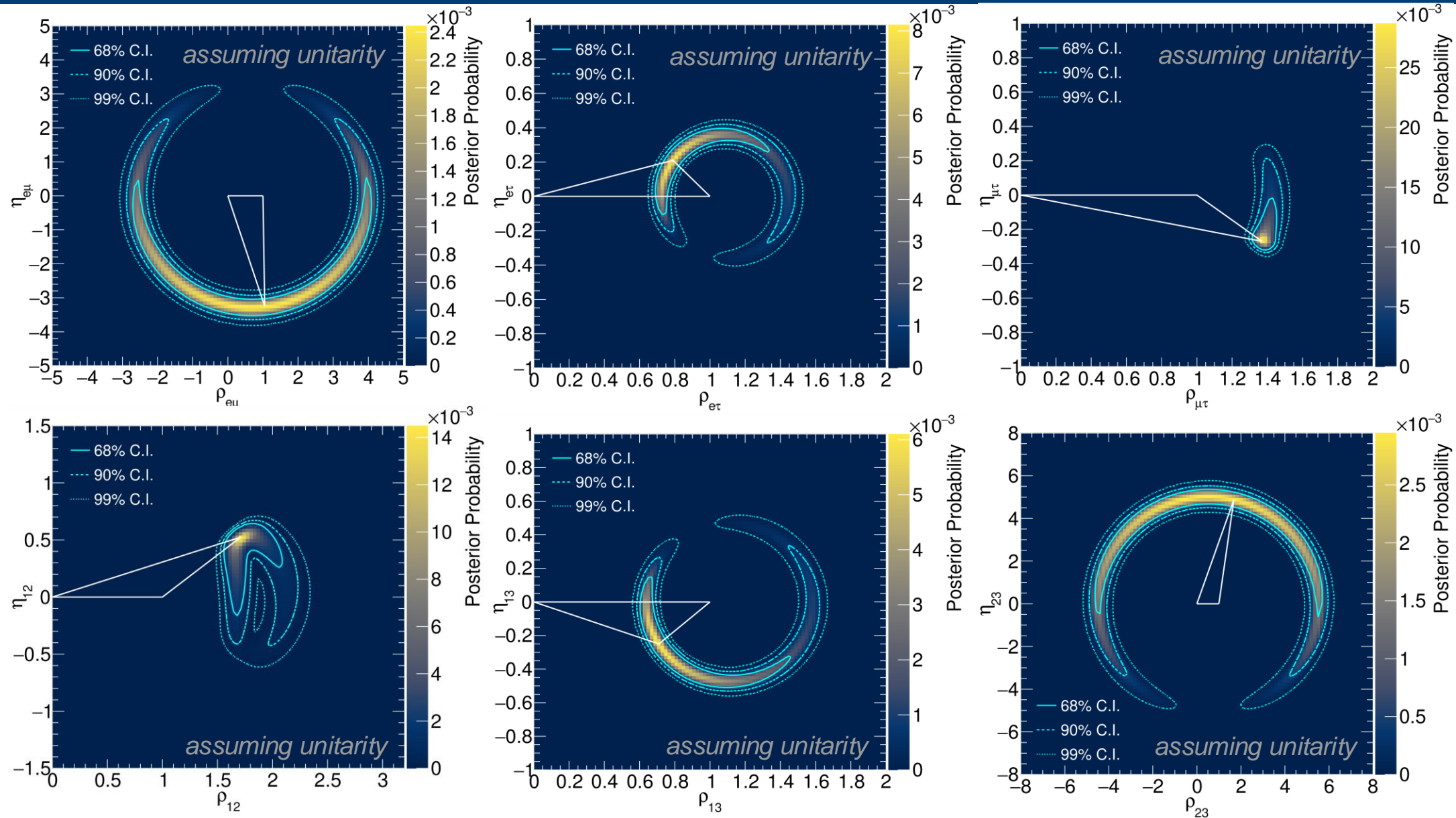
- Arbitrary choice of normalisation

- Different choice, e.g. NuFIT:



Powerful tool even whilst assuming unitarity

Unitarity Triangles for PMNS



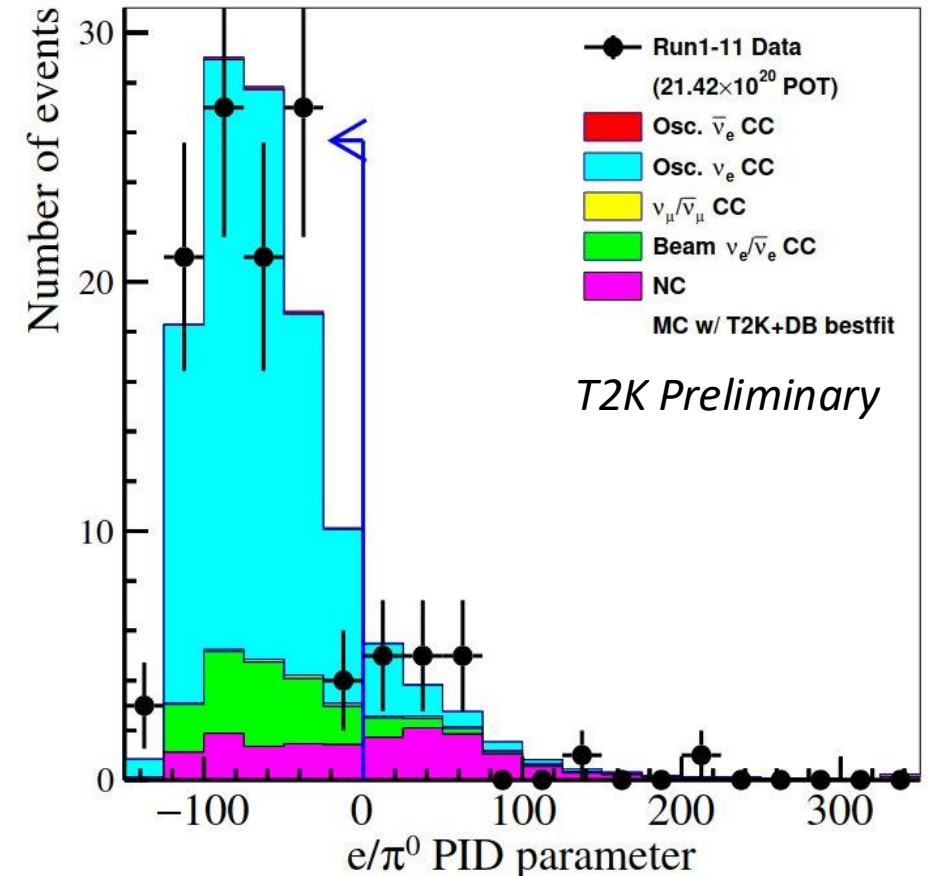
→ Triangle area proportional to CP violation

Note:
 For visualisation purposes only;
 values for PMNS parameters generated loosely based on NuFIT 6.0

Constraints from Neutral Current Events

- Neutral current powerful tool to constrain overall flux
- Current efforts to include neutral current pi0 data in T2K oscillation analysis
- Additional charged current nue events contained in data sample give extra oscillation sensitivity

→ Can sample be understood well enough?

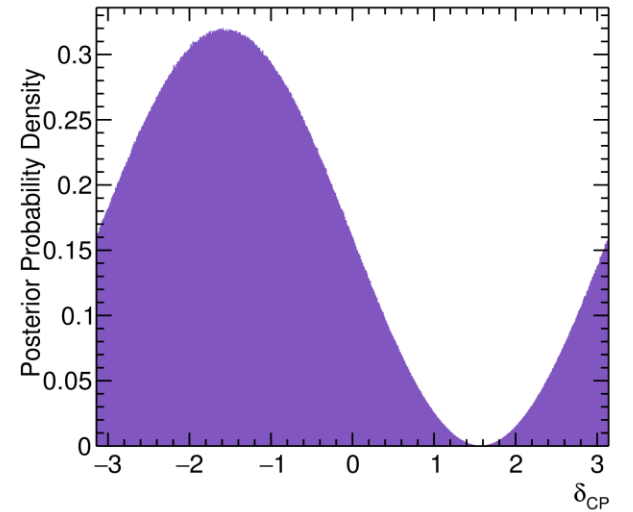
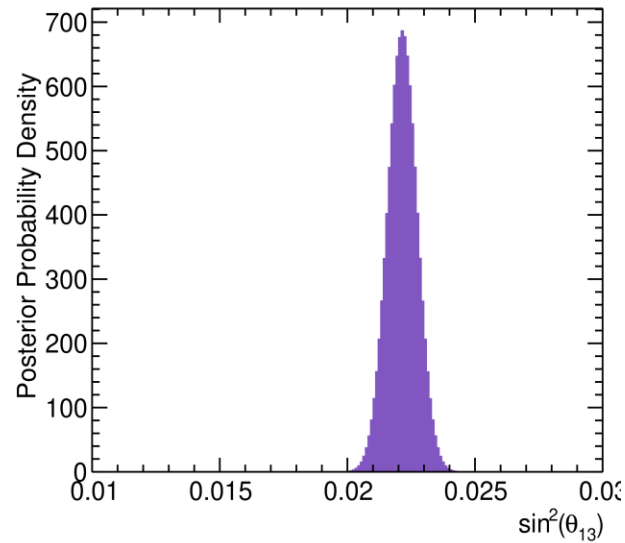
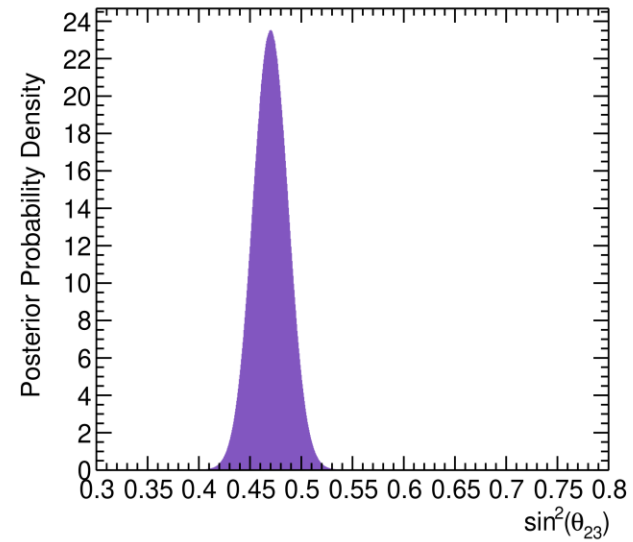
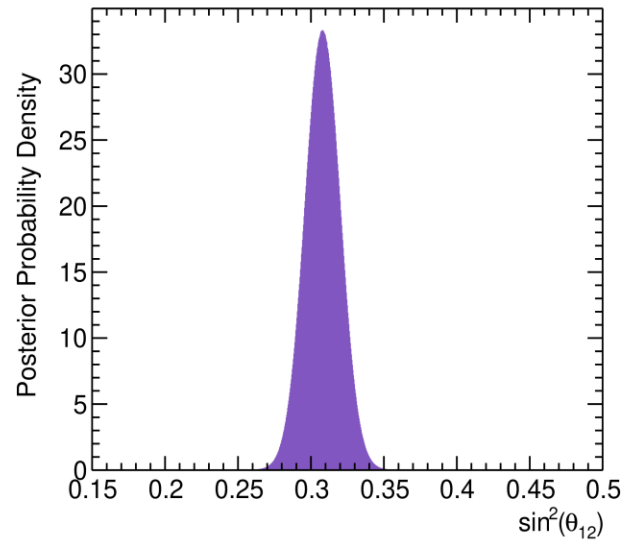


Summary & Conclusion

- Neutrino Physics is entering the precision era
- Soon it might be possible to test unitarity in long-baseline neutrino experiments
→ it will no longer be possible to solely rely on assumption of unitarity
- New presentations needed that don't assume unitarity or can test it
→ Should start using these now to accustom the community
- Using neutral current events as additional flux constraint might increase sensitivity
- First such sample is currently being implemented in the T2K oscillation analysis

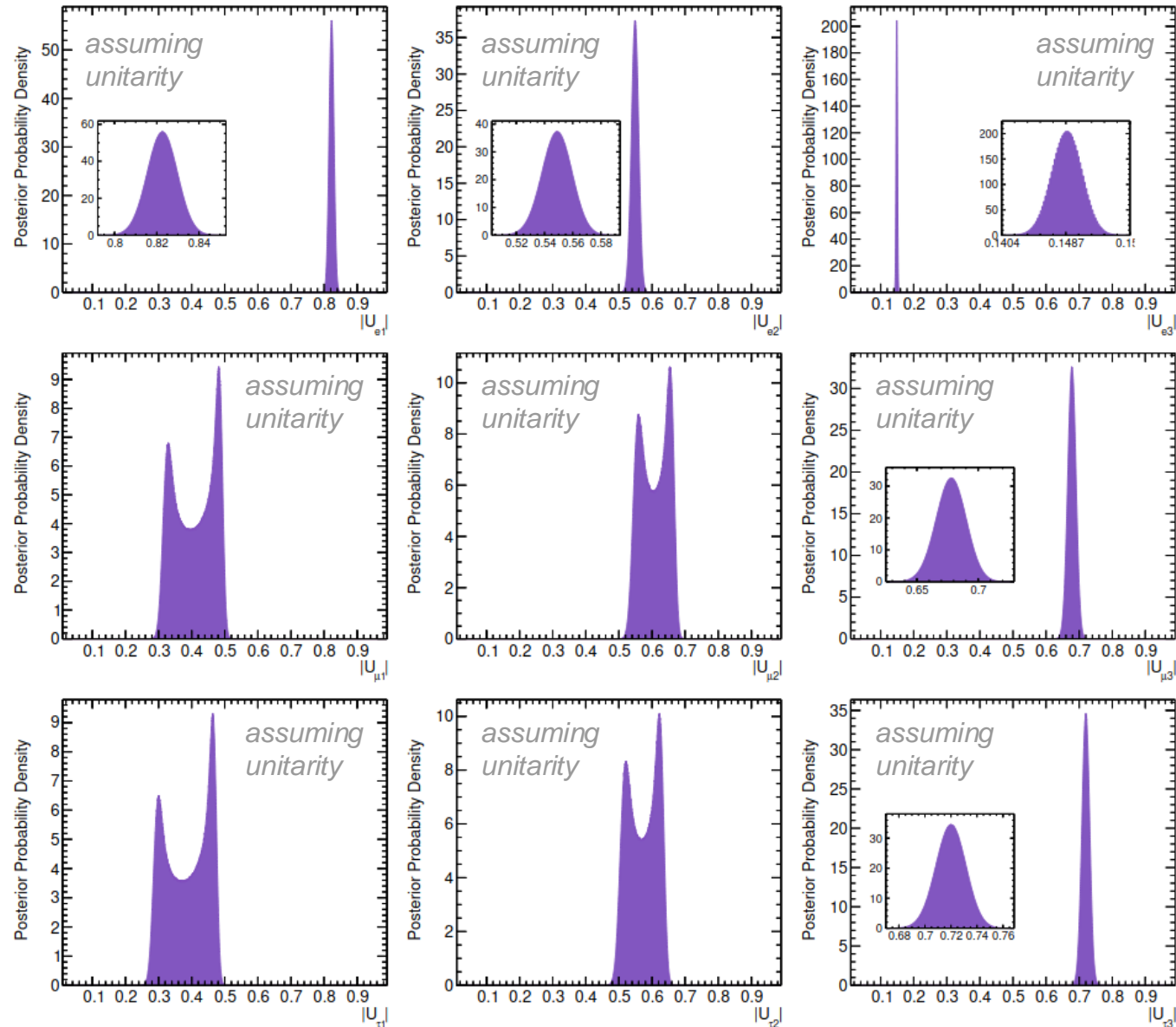
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PMNS Parameter Distributions



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PMNS Parameterisation

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Magnitudes & Phases (MP) Parameterisation

$$U_{LMM} = \begin{pmatrix} |U_{e1}| & |U_{e2}|e^{i\phi_{e2}} & |U_{e3}|e^{i\phi_{e3}} \\ |U_{\mu1}| & |U_{\mu2}| & |U_{\mu3}| \\ |U_{\tau1}| & |U_{\tau2}|e^{i\phi_{\tau2}} & |U_{\tau3}|e^{i\phi_{\tau3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

MP Parameterisation Vacuum Oscillation Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = & 1 - \frac{4|U_{\alpha 2}|^2 (|U_{\alpha 1}|^2 + |U_{\alpha 3}|^2)}{N_\alpha^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) \\ & - \frac{4|U_{\alpha 3}|^2 (|U_{\alpha 1}|^2 + |U_{\alpha 2}|^2)}{N_\alpha^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}\right) \\ & + \frac{8|U_{\alpha 2}|^2 |U_{\alpha 3}|^2}{N_\alpha^2} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\Delta_{32}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

MP Parameterisation Vacuum Oscillation Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = & \frac{|t_{\alpha\beta}|^2}{N_\alpha N_\beta} + \frac{4|U_{\alpha 2}|^2 |U_{\beta 2}|^2}{N_\alpha N_\beta} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) + \frac{4|U_{\alpha 3}|^2 |U_{\beta 3}|^2}{N_\alpha N_\beta} \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}\right) \\
 & + \frac{8|U_{\alpha 2}| |U_{\beta 2}| |U_{\alpha 3}| |U_{\beta 3}|}{N_\alpha N_\beta} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\Delta_{32}}{2} + \varphi_2^{\alpha\beta} - \varphi_3^{\alpha\beta}\right) \\
 & + \frac{4|t_{\alpha\beta}|}{N_\alpha N_\beta} \left[|U_{\alpha 2}| |U_{\beta 2}| \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{21}}{2} + \varphi^{\alpha\beta} - \varphi_2^{\alpha\beta}\right) \right. \\
 & \left. + |U_{\alpha 3}| |U_{\beta 3}| \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta_{31}}{2} + \varphi^{\alpha\beta} - \varphi_3^{\alpha\beta}\right) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

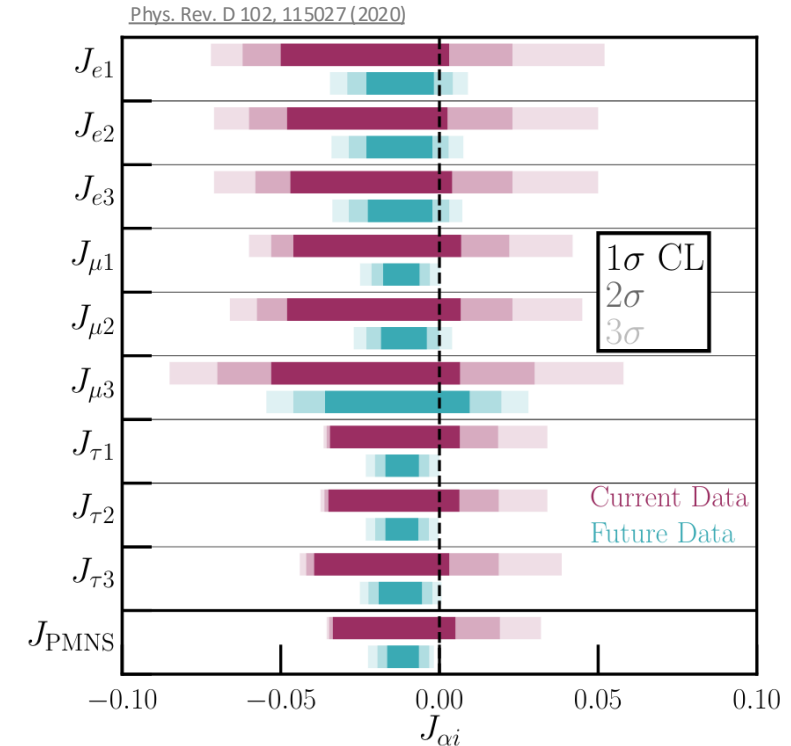
$$N_\alpha = |U_{\alpha 1}|^2 + |U_{\alpha 2}|^2 + |U_{\alpha 3}|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad t_{\alpha\beta} = U_{\alpha 1}^* U_{\beta 1} + U_{\alpha 2}^* U_{\beta 2} + U_{\alpha 3}^* U_{\beta 3}$$

$$t_{\alpha\beta} = |t_{\alpha\beta}| e^{i\varphi^{\alpha\beta}} \quad U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} = |U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k}| e^{i\varphi_k^{\alpha\beta}}$$

Jarlskog Factors

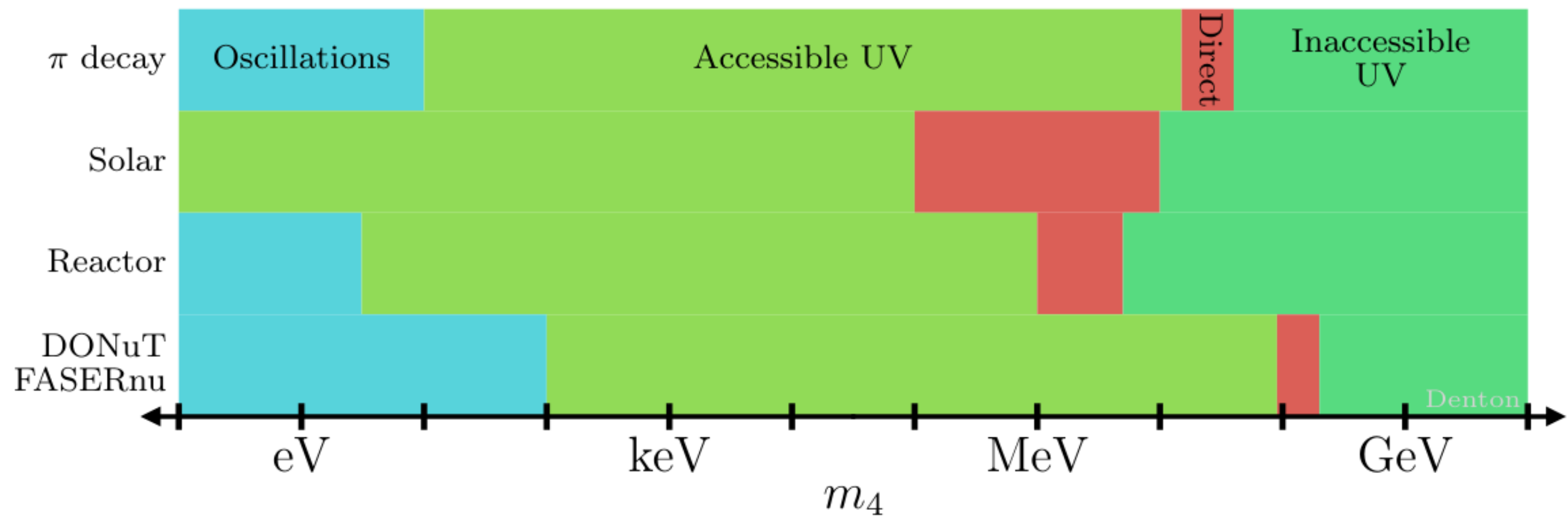
- 9 Jarlskog factors can be constructed as generalisations of the Jarlskog invariant according to:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}\varepsilon_{ijk}J_{\alpha i} = \text{Im} (U_{\beta j}U_{\gamma k}U_{\beta k}^*U_{\gamma j}^*)$$
- They are directly related to the area of the unitarity triangles
- In case of unitarity, all Jarlskog factors are equal to the Jarlskog invariant
- In case of non-unitarity different Jarlskog factors relate to the different CP violating phases \rightarrow full measure of CP violation in the case of non-unitarity



Unitarity violation: a tale of four regimes

Taken from [Peter Denton's talk](#)
from the October DUNE Collab Call



*Details depends on the specific experiment/channel

Unitarity violation: mass ranges

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experiment	(4,4) (m_4)	(5,3) (m_4)
atmospheric ν_μ disappearance	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
atmospheric ν_τ appearance	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
astrophysical ν_τ appearance	$\lesssim 15 \text{ MeV}$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
solar ^8B	$\lesssim 5 \text{ MeV}$	$\gtrsim 20 \text{ MeV}$
DONuT/FASERnu	$\in [100 \text{ eV}, 90 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 200 \text{ MeV}$
LBL ν_τ appearance (OPERA)	$\in [1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
LBL ν_τ appearance (DUNE)	$\in [0.1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
LBL ν_μ disappearance (DUNE)	$\in [0.1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
CEvNS	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$

(m, n) : m total neutrinos, n accessible neutrinos

PBD, J. Gehrlein [2109.14575](#)

Wolfenstein Parameterisation

See *Eur. Phys. J. C 21, 225–259 (2001)*

- CKM triangles shown as function of adapted Wolfenstein parameters:

$$(\bar{\rho} = \rho(1 - \lambda^2/2), \bar{\eta} = \eta(1 - \lambda^2/2)), \quad \text{so that} \quad R_u = \left| \frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} \right| = \sqrt{\bar{\rho}^2 + \bar{\eta}^2}$$

- Wolfenstein parameterisation is expansion possible due to diagonality of CKM matrix:

$$V \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{8}\lambda^4 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda \left[1 + A^2\lambda^4 \left(\rho + i\eta - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{8}\lambda^4(1 + 4A^2) & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3 \left[1 - (\rho + i\eta) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 \right) \right] & -A\lambda^2 \left[1 + \lambda^2 \left(\rho + i\eta - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] & 1 - \frac{1}{2}A^2\lambda^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} s_{12} &= \lambda, \\ s_{23} &= A\lambda^2, \\ s_{13}e^{-i\delta} &= A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta), \end{aligned}$$

which is valid to $O(|\lambda|^6) \simeq 0.01\%$.

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