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Visible neutrino decay and matter effects at future long-base line experiments

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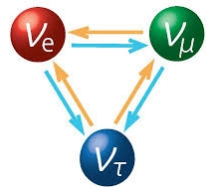
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Introduction

Beyond Standard Model:



Standard Neutrino Oscillation
(vacuum and matter)



Neutrino Decay
(invisible and visible)

Majoron Model:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\text{Scalar } g_s}{2} \bar{\nu}_i \nu_j J + i \frac{\text{Pseudo-scalar } g_p}{2} \bar{\nu}_i \gamma_5 \nu_j J$$

There are two modes:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + J \\ \text{or} \\ \nu_i \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_j + J \end{array} \right.$$

If the neutrino resulting from decay is sterile we have **invisible decay**, but if the resulting neutrino is active we have **visible decay**.



Neutrino oscillation including effects of matter and decay

Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{2E} U_0 \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & & \\ & m_2^2 - i\alpha_2 & \\ & & m_3^2 - i\alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} U_0^\dagger + \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}G_F N_e & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Decay
parameter

$$\alpha_i = E \Gamma_i$$

Decay width

Decay parameters are defined in the mass basis.



Diagonalize H: $\tilde{U}^{-1} H \tilde{U} = H^{\text{diag}}$

Where $\tilde{U}_{\alpha I}$ combines the basis of interaction and matter.

$$\tilde{U}_{\alpha I} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{- Interaction (flavor, } \alpha = e, \mu, \tau) \\ \text{- Matter } \oplus \text{ decay (where the effective Hamiltonian is diagonal, } I = \tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \tilde{3}) \end{array} \right.$$



Neutrino oscillation including effects of matter and decay

Hamiltonian eigenvalues: $\tilde{m}_I^2 - i\tilde{\alpha}_I = 2E (H^{\text{diag}})_{II}$

If $\alpha_3 \neq 0 \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\alpha}_2$ are not necessarily zero, $\tilde{\alpha}_3$ as well.

Probability function:

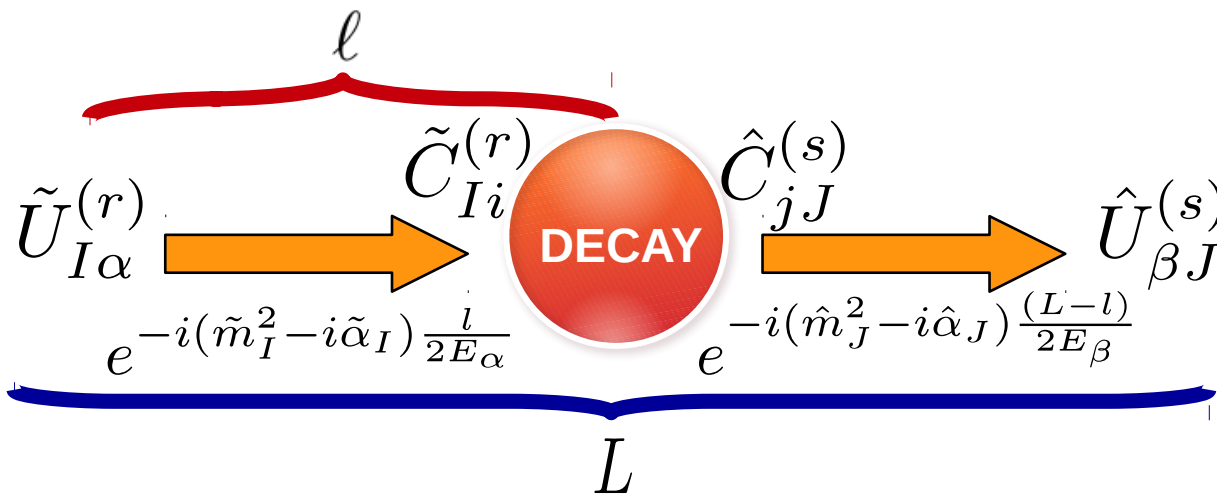
$$P_{\text{dec}} \left(\nu_{\alpha}^{(r)} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}^{(s)} \right) = \underbrace{\left[\sum_{I=1}^3 \left(\tilde{U}^{(r)} \right)_{I\alpha}^{-1} \exp \left[-i \frac{\tilde{m}_I^2 L}{2E_{\alpha}} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_I L}{2E_{\alpha}} \right] \tilde{U}_{\beta I}^{(s)} \right]^2}_{\text{Invisible Decay Probability (ID)}} \underbrace{\delta_{rs} \delta(E_{\alpha} - E_{\beta})}_{\substack{\text{Energy} \\ \text{Conservation}}} + \underbrace{P_{\text{vis}}(E_{\alpha}, E_{\beta})}_{\substack{\text{Visible Decay Probability (VD)}}} \underbrace{\delta_{rs}}_{\substack{\text{Helicity} \\ \text{Conservation}}}$$

Flux in the far detector: $\frac{d\Phi_{\beta}^{(s)}}{dE_{\beta}} = \int P_{\text{dec}} \left(\nu_{\alpha}^{(r)} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}^{(s)} \right) \frac{d\Phi_{\alpha}^{(r)}}{dE_{\alpha}} dE_{\alpha}$ Helicity: $r, s = (+, -)$

Neutrino oscillation including effects of matter and decay

Visible Decay Probability:

$$P_{\text{vis}}(E_\alpha, E_\beta) = \int dl \left| \sum_{I=\hat{1}}^{\hat{3}} \left(\tilde{U}^{(r)} \right)_{I\alpha}^{-1} \exp \left[-i \frac{\tilde{m}_I^2 \ell}{2E_\alpha} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_I \ell}{2E_\alpha} \right] \sum_{i=2}^3 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{C}_{Ii}^{(r)} \sqrt{\frac{d}{dE_\beta} \Gamma_{\nu_i^r \rightarrow \nu_j^s}(E_\alpha)} \right. \\ \left. \times \sum_{J=\hat{1}}^{\hat{3}} \left(\hat{C}^{(s)} \right)_{jJ}^{-1} \exp \left[-i \frac{\hat{m}_J^2 (L-l)}{2E_\beta} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{\hat{\alpha}_J (L-l)}{2E_\beta} \right] \hat{U}_{\beta J}^{(s)} \right|^2$$



Where:

- Before decay

$$\tilde{C}_{Ii}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho=e,\mu,\tau} \tilde{U}_{\rho I}^{(r)} (U_0)_{\rho i}^{(r)*}$$

- After decay

$$\hat{C}_{jJ}^{(s)} = \sum_{\rho=e,\mu,\tau} \hat{U}_{\rho J}^{(s)} (U_0)_{\rho j}^{(s)*}$$



Setting and parameters values

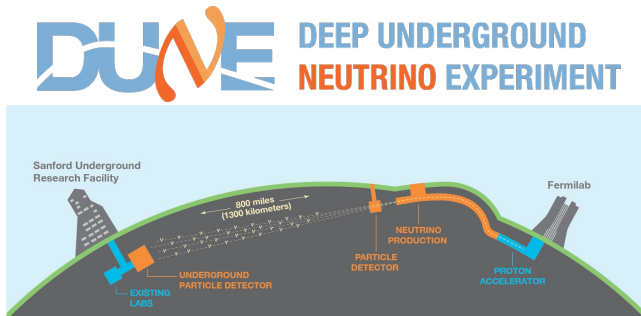
Long base-line experiments:

Baseline:

1300 km

Matter density:

2.96 g/cm³



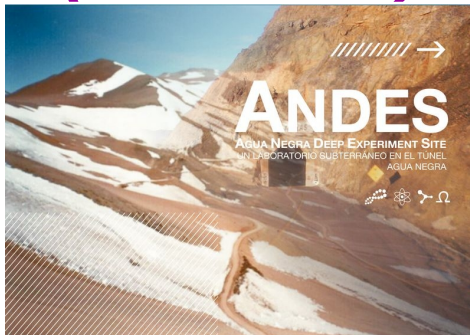
(hypothetical)

Baseline:

7650 km

Matter density:

4.7 g/cm³



Power:

1.47 MW (Main Injector)

Far Detector:

(LArTPC), 40kt

POT:

1.1 x 10²¹

Mode:

Forward Horn Current – FHC (ν)

Reverse Horn Current – RHC ($\bar{\nu}$)

Time:

3.5 years in each mode (7 years in total)

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	33.56	$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	-90
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	41.6	$\frac{\Delta m_{12}^2}{10^{-5} \text{eV}^2}$	7.50
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	8.46	$\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{10^{-3} \text{eV}^2}$	2.524

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Flux x Cross Section:

$$(\Phi \times \sigma)_\beta \equiv \sum_s \sigma_\beta^{s, \text{CC}}(E_\beta) \frac{d\Phi_\beta^{(s)}}{dE_\beta}$$



Define:

$$x_{31} = \frac{m_3}{m_1} = \frac{m_3}{m_{\text{lightest}}}$$

then,

- If $m_1 = 0.07 \text{ eV}$: $x_{31} \rightarrow 1$
- If $m_1 \rightarrow 0 \text{ eV}$: $x_{31} \rightarrow \infty$

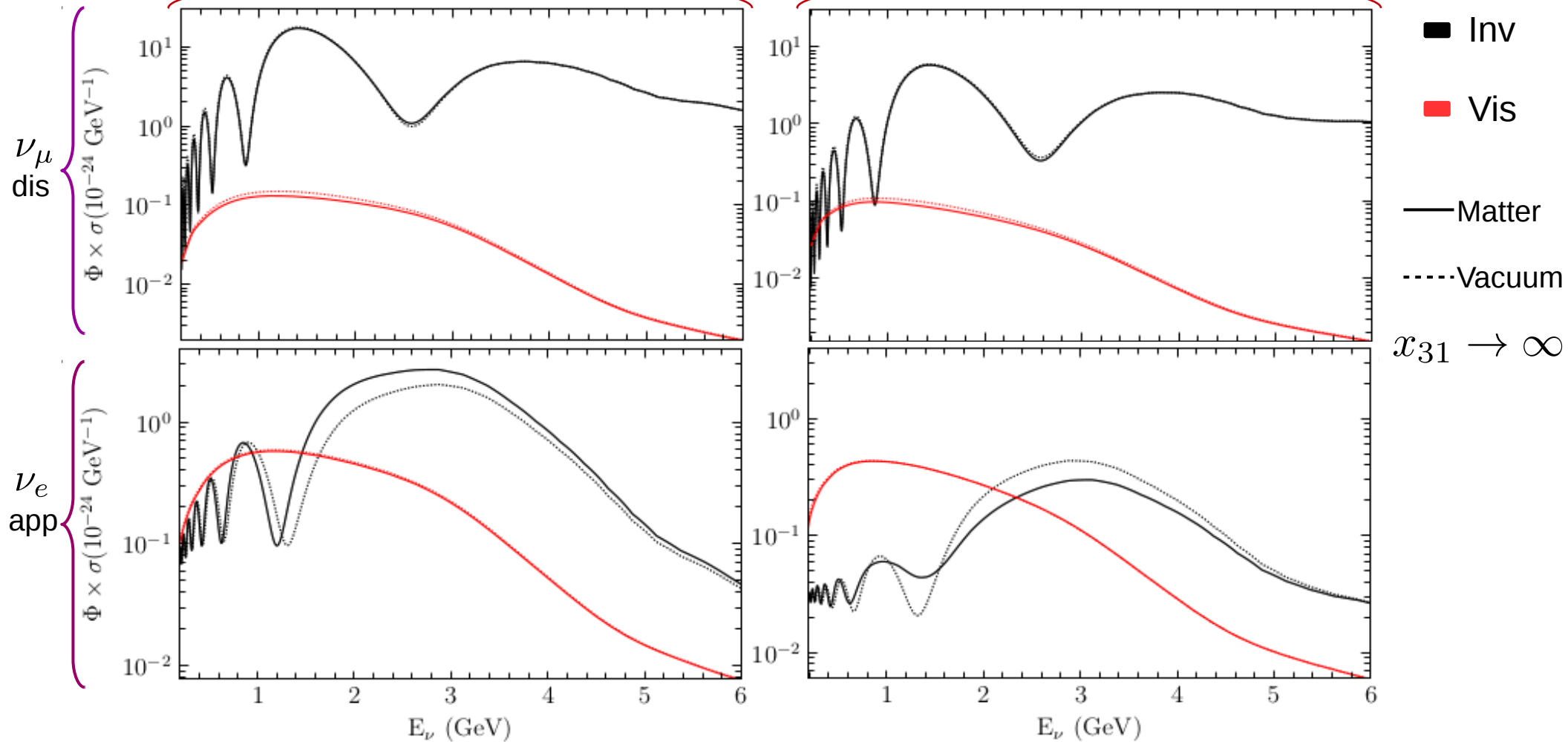


Impact on $(\Phi \times \sigma)$ at DUNE and ANDES

DUNE

FHC

RHC



$$\delta_{CP} = -90^\circ, \alpha_3 = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

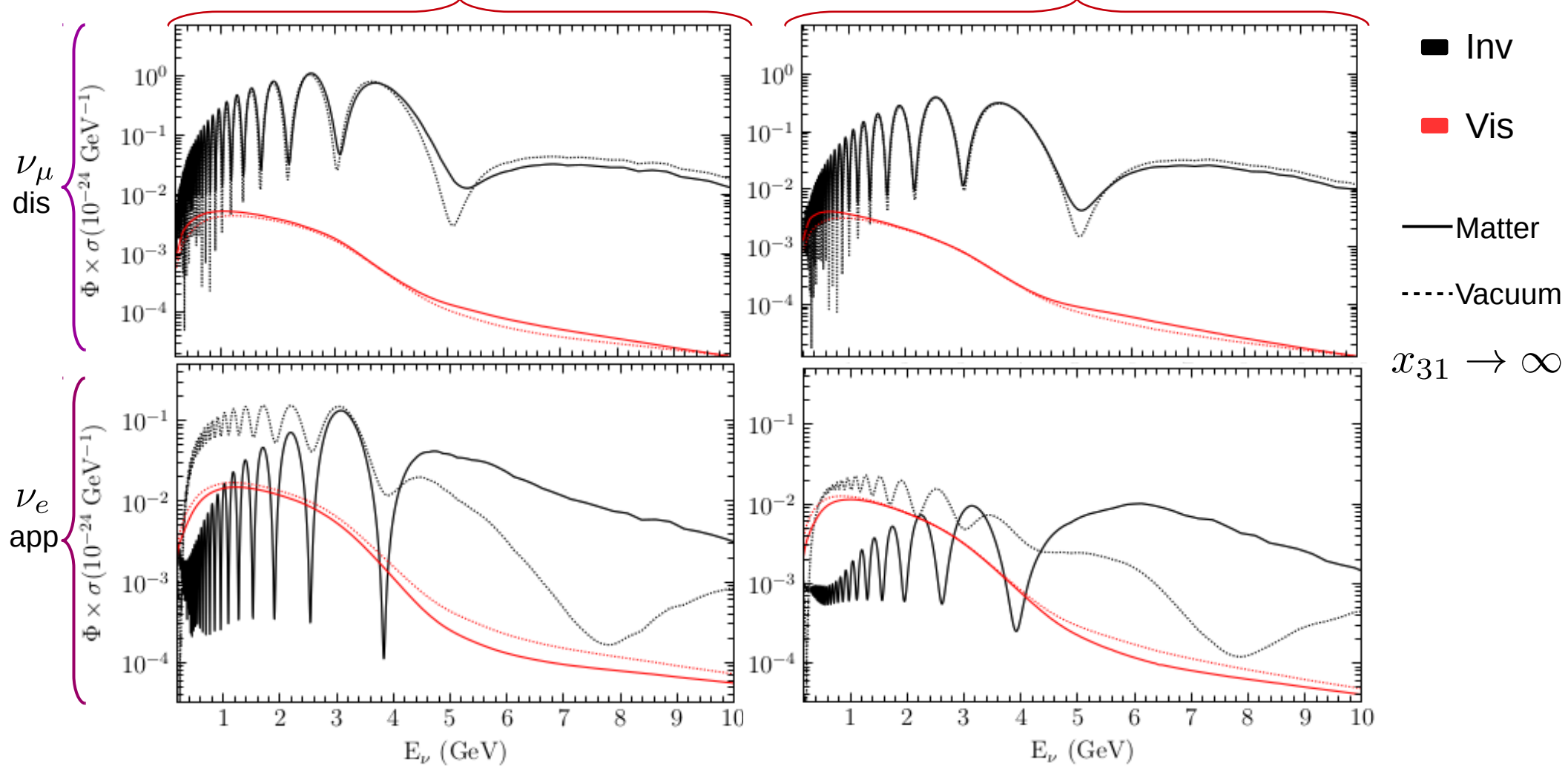


Impact on $(\Phi \times \sigma)$ at DUNE and ANDES

ANDES

FHC

RHC

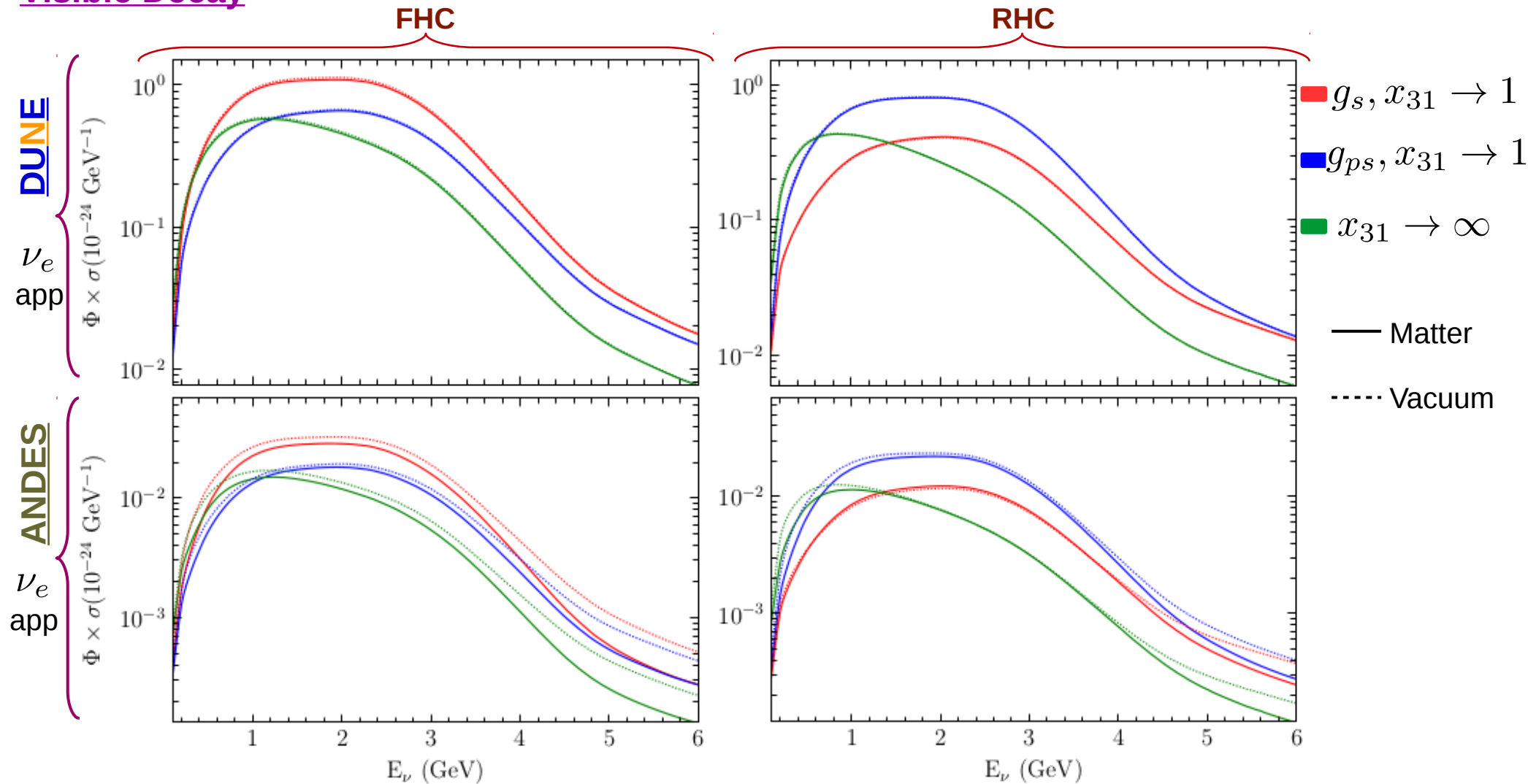


$$\delta_{CP} = -90^\circ, \alpha_3 = 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2$$



Impact on $(\Phi \times \sigma)$ at DUNE and ANDES

Visible Decay





Sensitivity and Parameter Fits at DUNE

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Chi-square definition

$$\chi^2(\theta_{23}, \delta_{CP}, \alpha_3, \theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, \alpha_3^{\text{true}}) = \sum_i^{\text{bins}} \frac{(N_i(\theta_{23}, \delta_{CP}, \alpha_3) - N_i(\theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, \alpha_3^{\text{true}}))^2}{N_i(\theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, \alpha_3^{\text{true}})}$$

Sensitivity of α_3 , we make $\theta_{23} = \theta_{23}^{\text{true}}$, $\delta_{CP} = \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}$ and $\alpha_3^{\text{true}} = 0 \text{ eV}^2$.

Marginalization:

$$\chi^2(\theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, \alpha_3, \theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, 0) \Big|_{\min \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}}$$

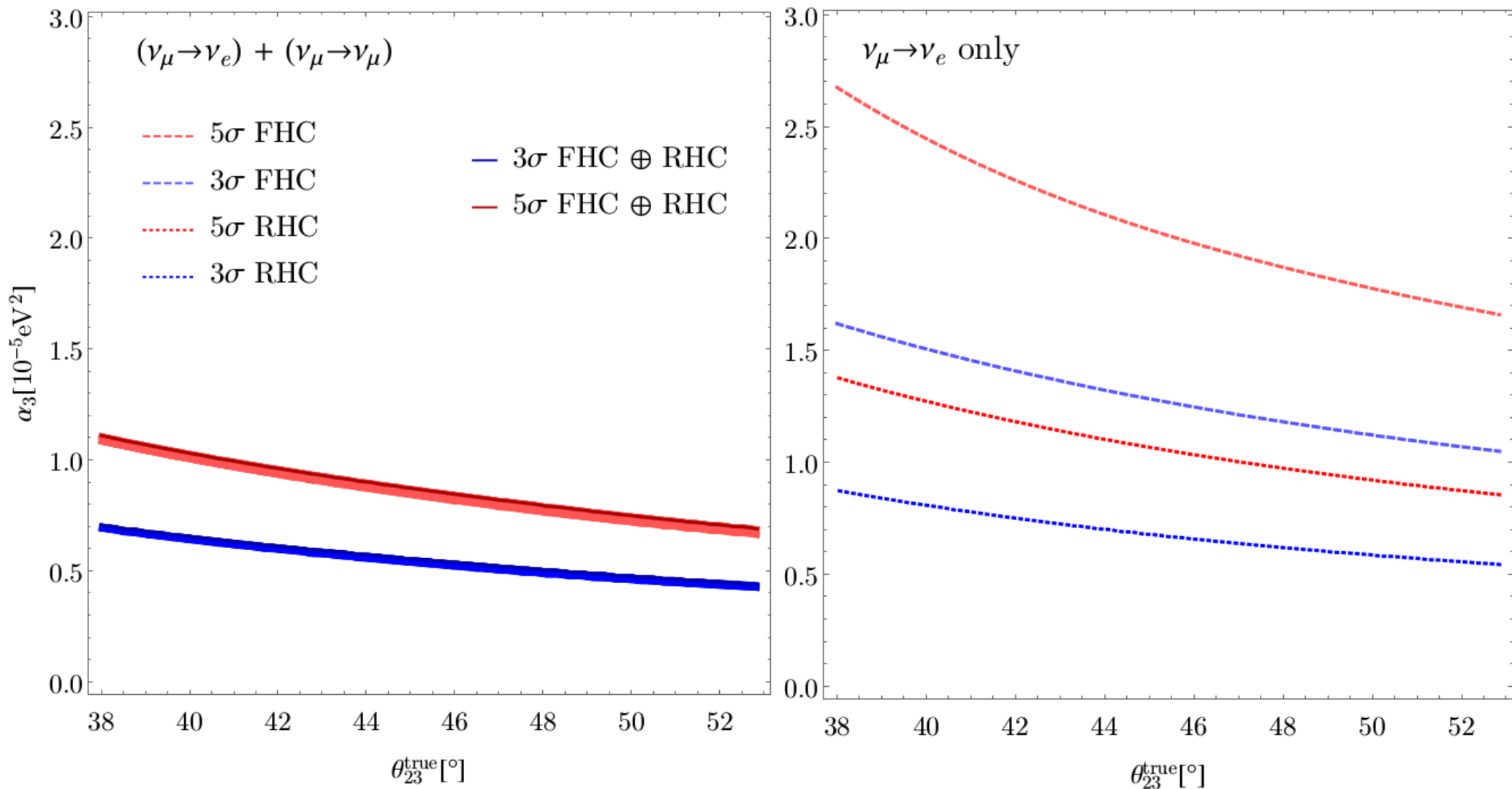
and

$$\chi^2(\theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, \alpha_3, \theta_{23}^{\text{true}}, \delta_{CP}^{\text{true}}, 0) \Big|_{\min \theta_{23}^{\text{true}}}$$



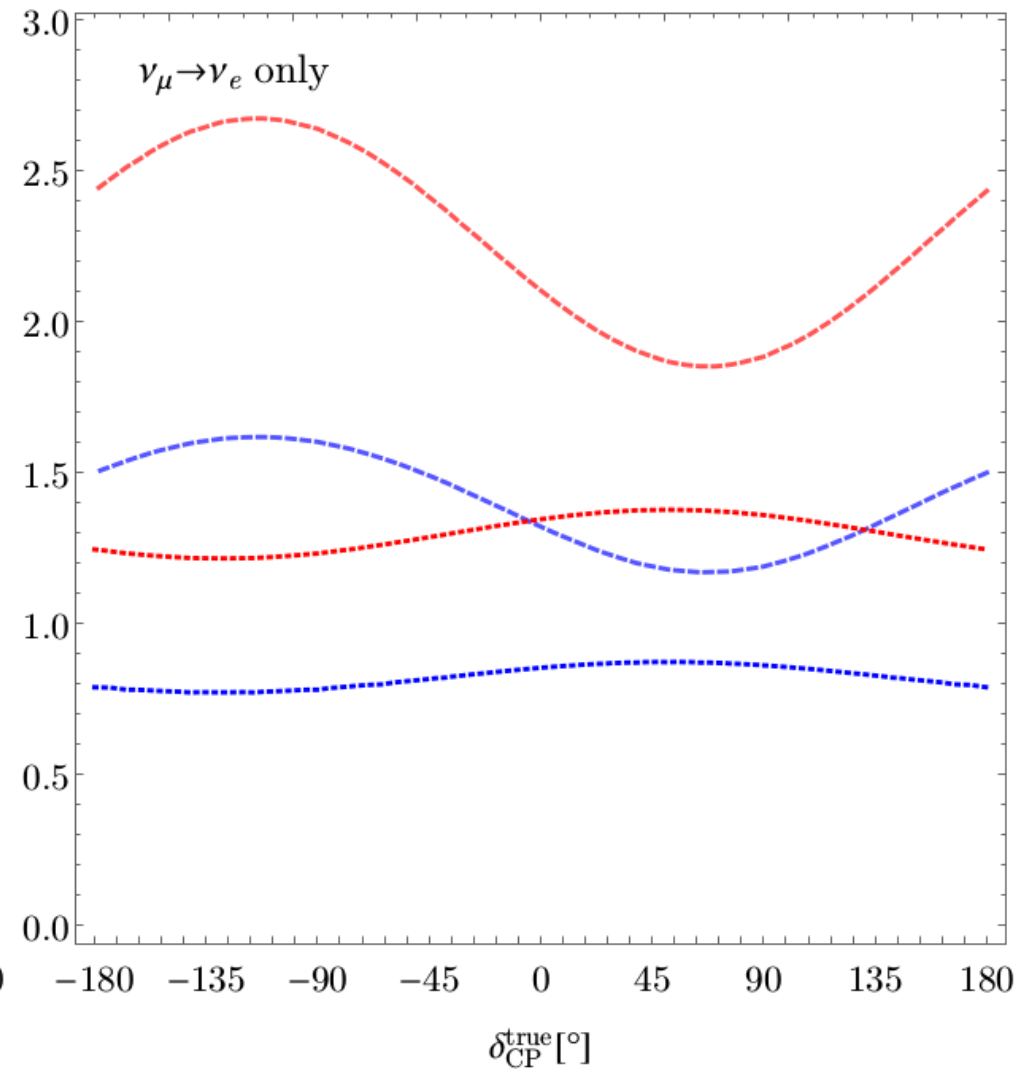
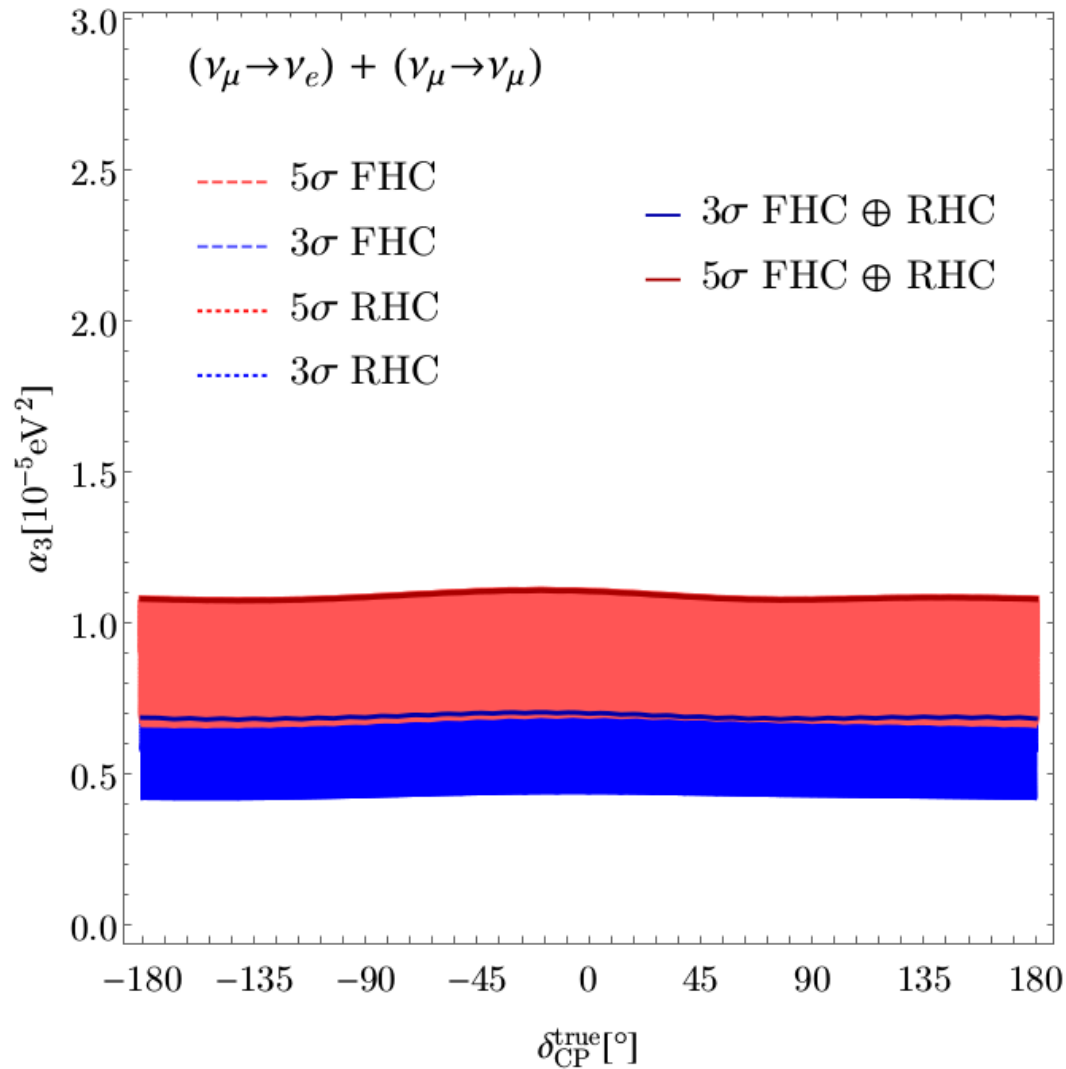
Sensitivity and Parameter Fits at DUNE

Sensitivity Plots





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Sensitivity Plots

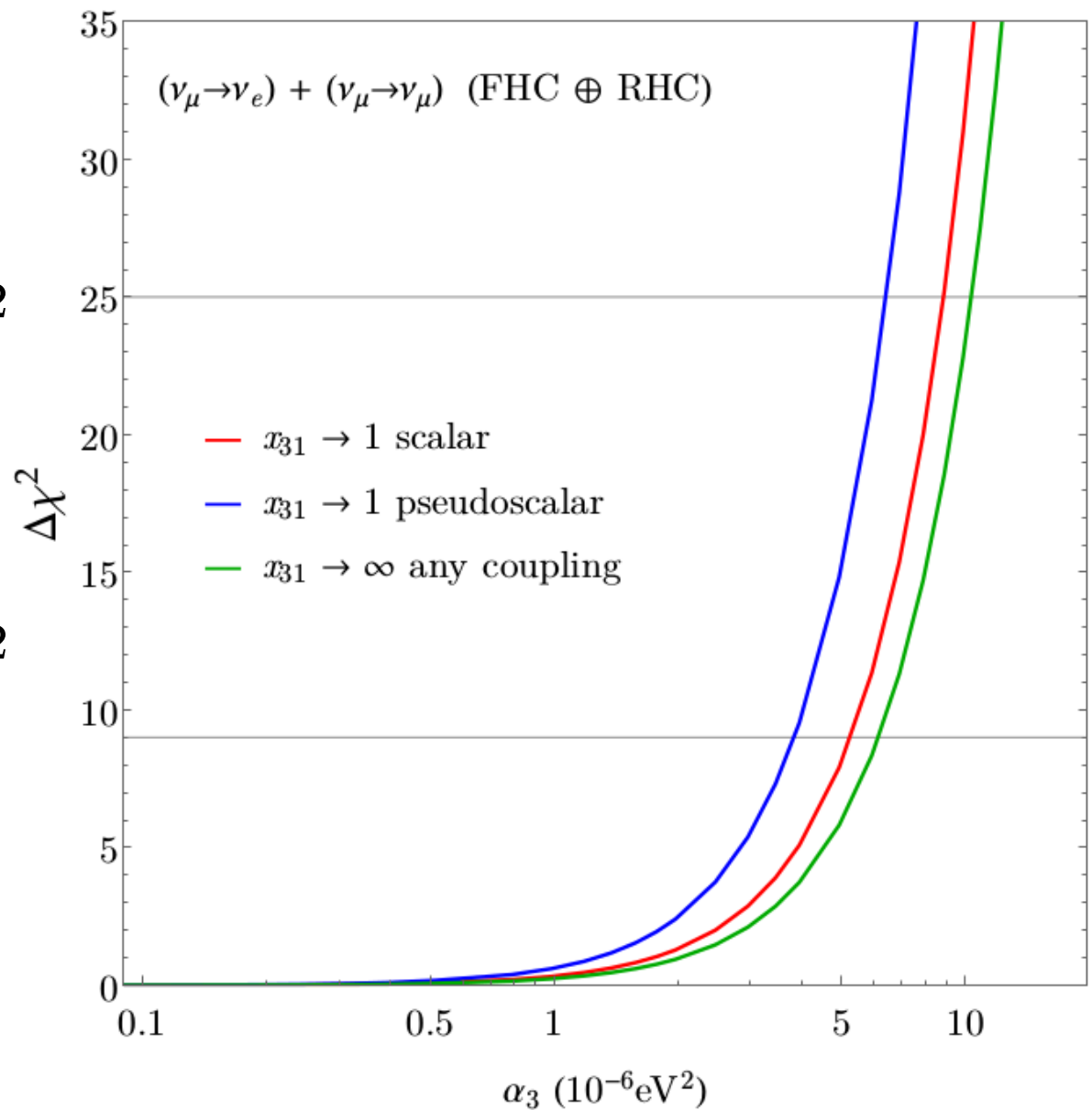
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3σ :

$$\alpha_3 = 3.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2$$

5σ :

$$\alpha_3 = 6.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2$$



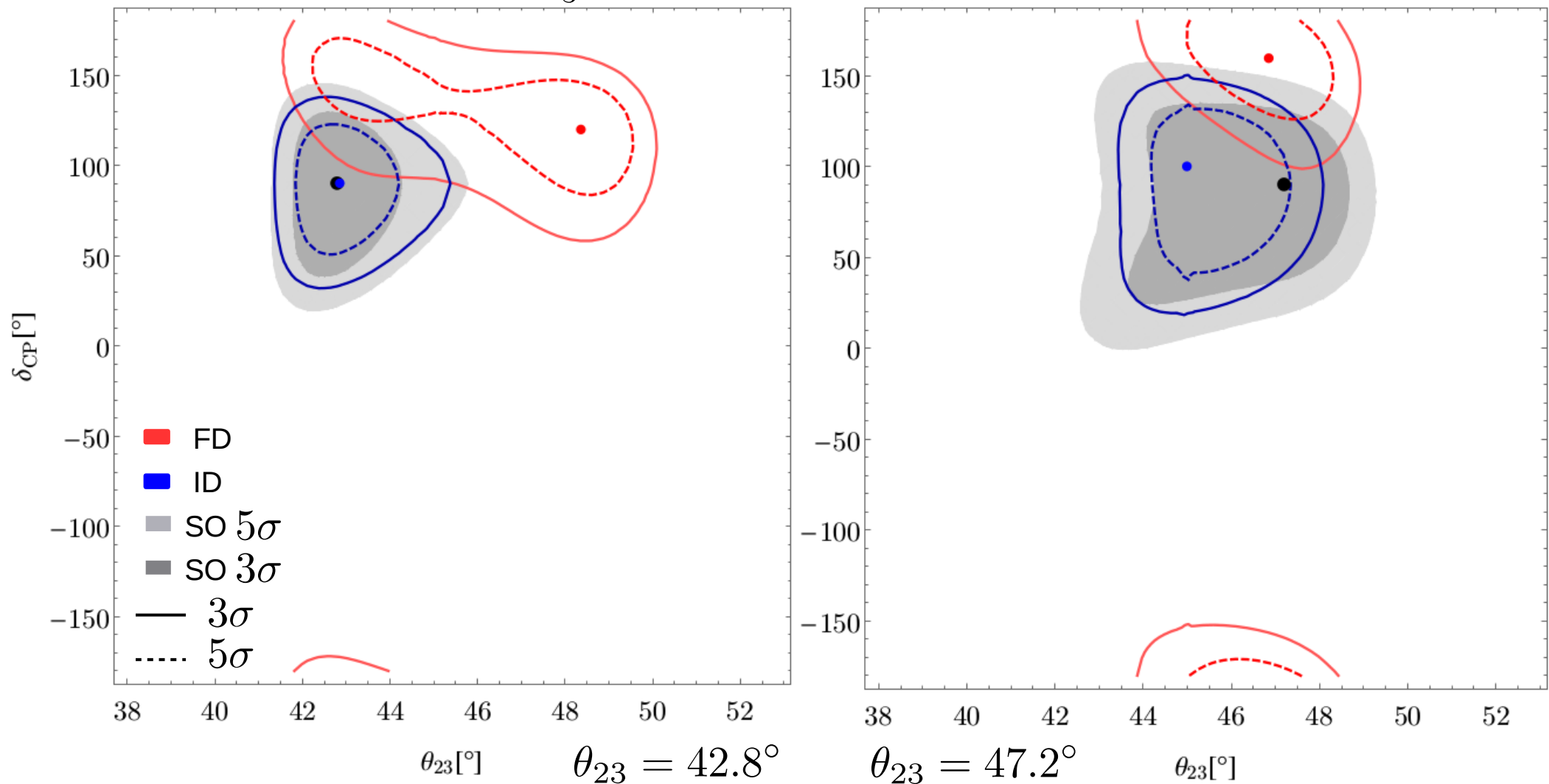


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Parameter Fits Plots

$$\alpha_3^{\text{true}} = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \delta_{CP} = 90^\circ$$



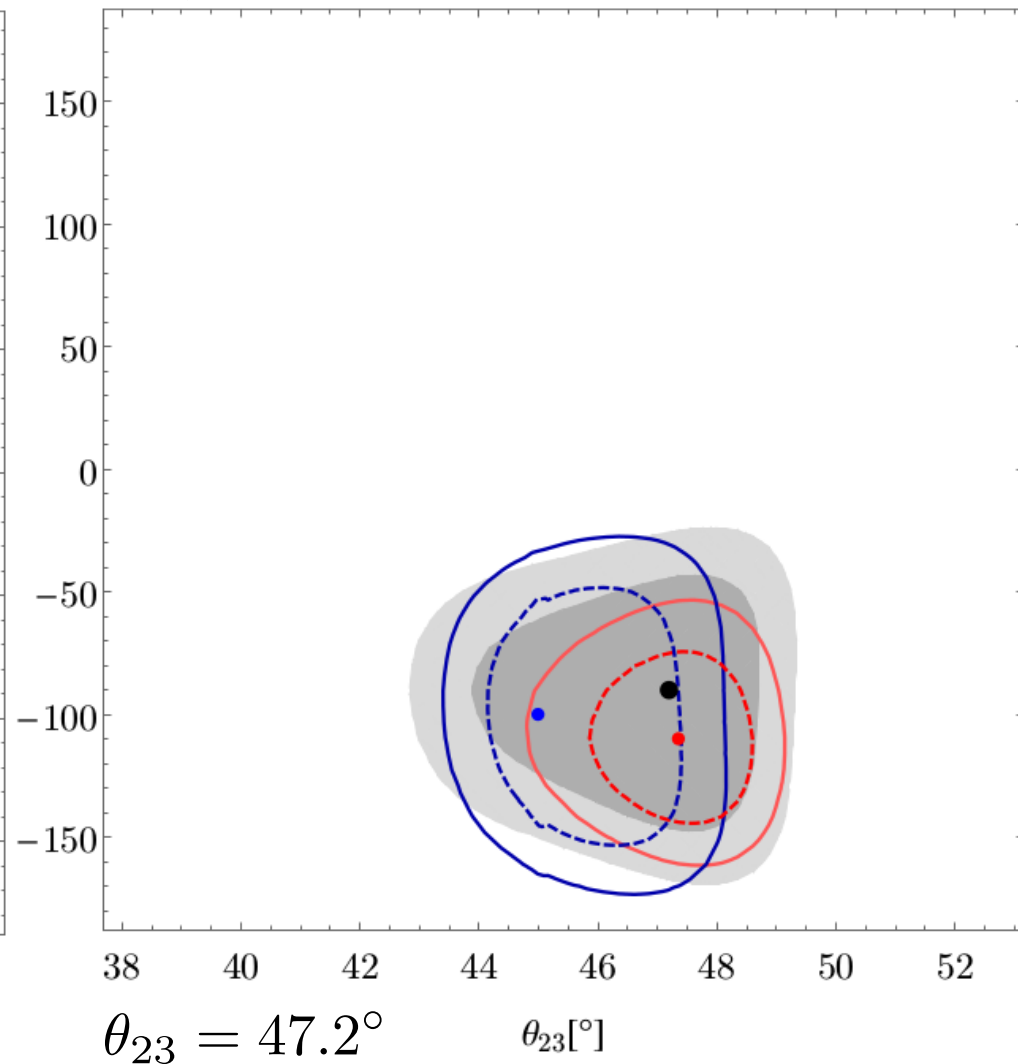
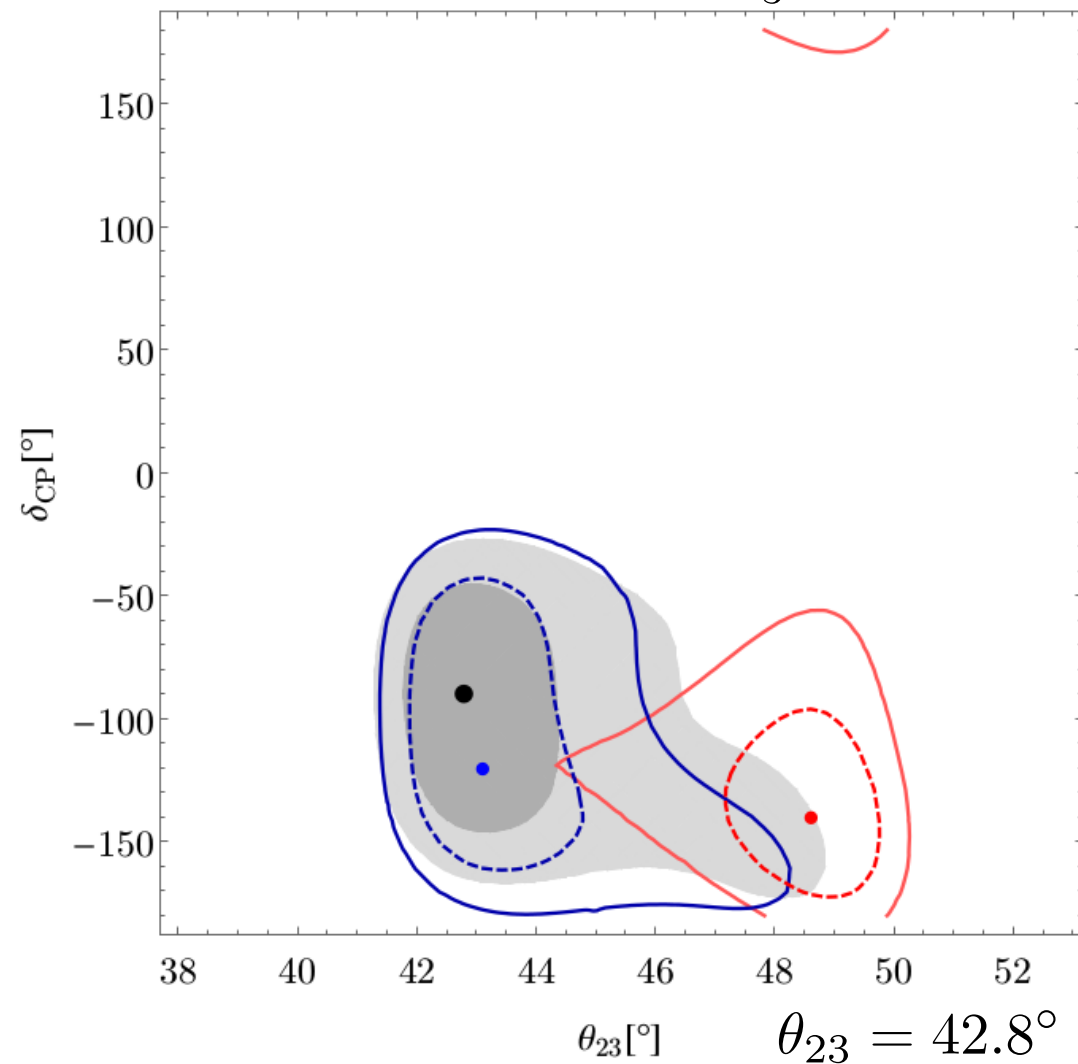


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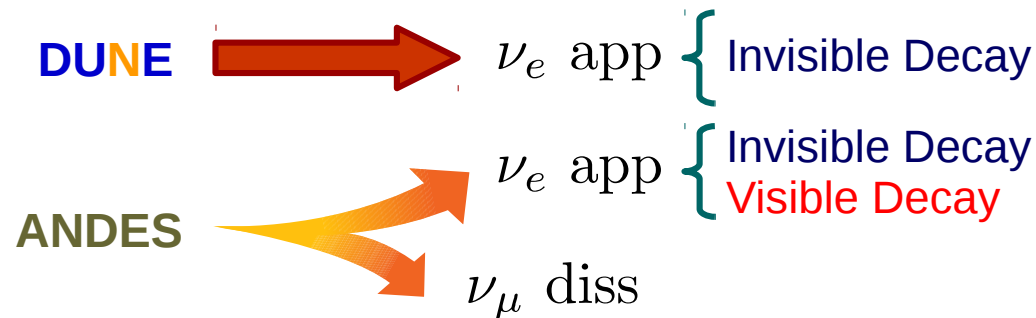
Parameter Fits Plots

$$\alpha_3^{\text{true}} = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \delta_{CP} = -90^\circ$$



Conclusions

- The study of $\Phi \times \sigma$ show:



- We found the sensitivity of DUNE depends on $m_{lightest}$ in the following scenarios:

$$x_{31} \rightarrow 1 \begin{cases} \alpha_3^{(s)} < 2.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \alpha_3^{(p)} < 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2 \end{cases}$$

$$x_{31} \rightarrow \infty \begin{cases} \alpha_3^{(s,p)} < 3.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2 \end{cases}$$

- The fit of θ_{23} and δ_{CP} , assuming SO, with data generated for FD, it is found that the allowed regions will change towards larger values of θ_{23} , and toward conservation CP-values of δ_{CP} .



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Rules used in the Event Simulation

Rules for ν_e appearance

		ν_e appearance, FHC Flux	$\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance, RHC Flux
Signal	CC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{VD}$ $+ (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{VD}$ $+ (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{VD}$ $+ (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{VD}$ $+ (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{VD}$
Background	CC:	$(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)_{ID}$	$(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)_{ID}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{ID}$	$(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)_{ID}$
	CC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{VD}$
	NC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{VD}$
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Missing
identification

Rules for ν_μ disappearance

		ν_μ disappearance, FHC Flux	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance, RHC Flux
Signal	CC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu)_{VD}$
Background	CC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau)_{VD}$
	CC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau)_{VD}$
	NC:	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{VD}$	$(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)_{VD}$
	NC:	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha)_{ID} + (\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha)_{VD}$	$(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha)_{ID} + (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha)_{VD}$

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Event Generation at DUNE

Events

Number of events of flavor β in the energy bin i , with helicity s and going through interaction $\text{int} = \{CC, NC\}$, is obtained from:

$$N_{i,\beta}^{(s),\text{int}} = \int dE_{\beta} K_i^{\text{int}}(E_{\beta}) \sigma_{\beta}^{s,\text{int}}(E_{\beta}) \frac{d\Phi_{\beta}^{(s)}}{dE_{\beta}}$$

where $\sigma_{\beta}^{s,\text{int}}(E_{\beta})$ is the cross section for the interaction int , and

$$K_i^{\text{int}}(E_{\beta}) = \int_{E_{i,\min}}^{E_{i,\max}} dE_{\text{bin}} \epsilon_{\beta}^{\text{int}}(E_{\text{bin}}) R^{\text{int}}(E_{\text{bin}} - E_{\beta})$$

Detector efficiency: $\epsilon_{\beta}^{\text{int}}(E_{\text{bin}})$

Resolution function: $R^{\text{int}}(E_{\text{bin}} - E_{\beta})$