

# DEGENERACIES IN PRESENCE OF INVISIBLE DECAY OF NEUTRINOS

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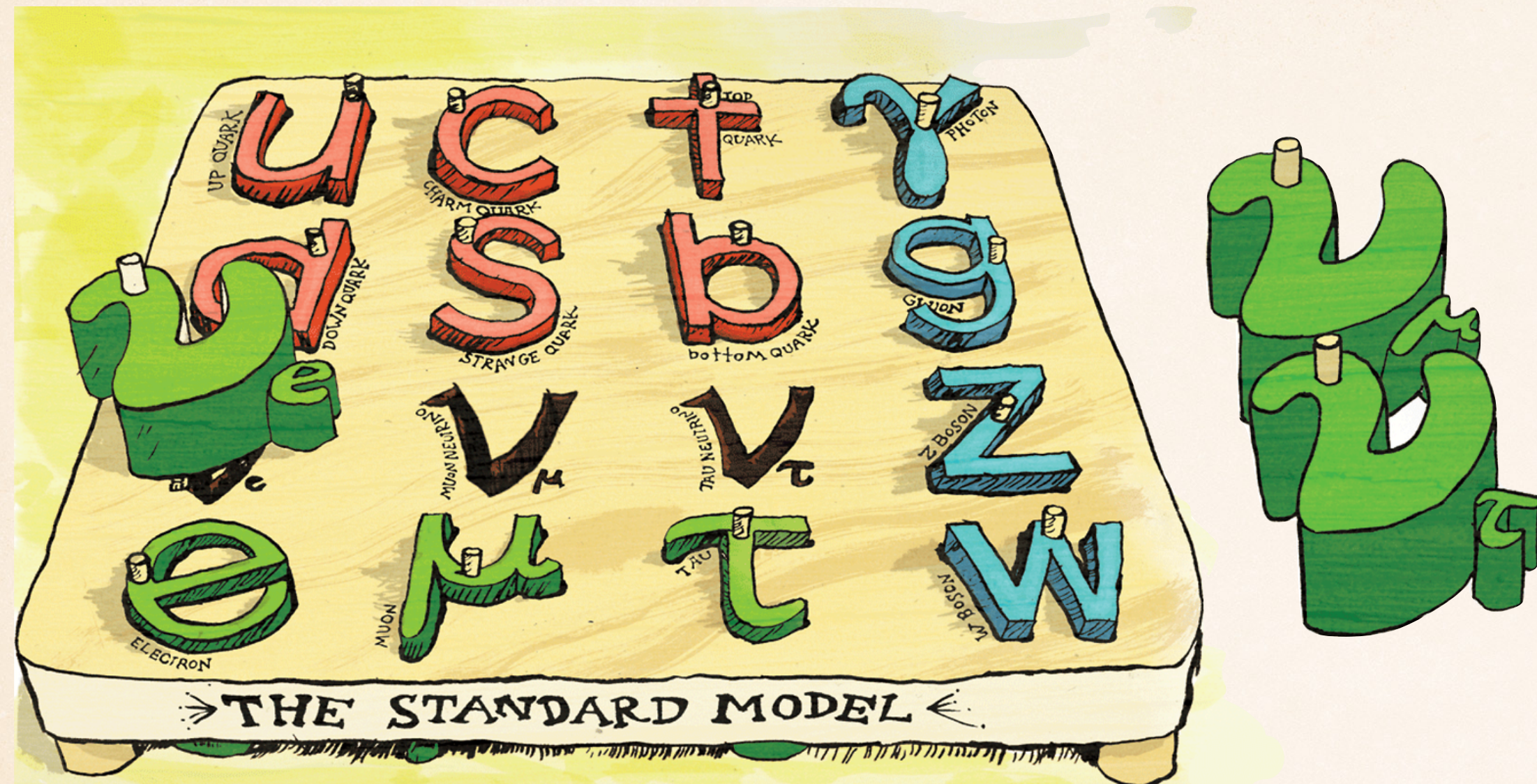
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# NEUTRINO OSCILLATION FRAMEWORK



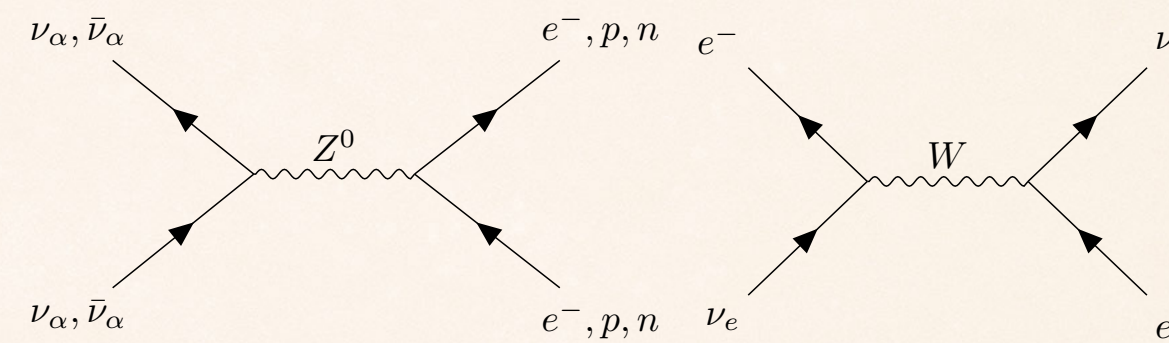
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$$U = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solar

Reactor

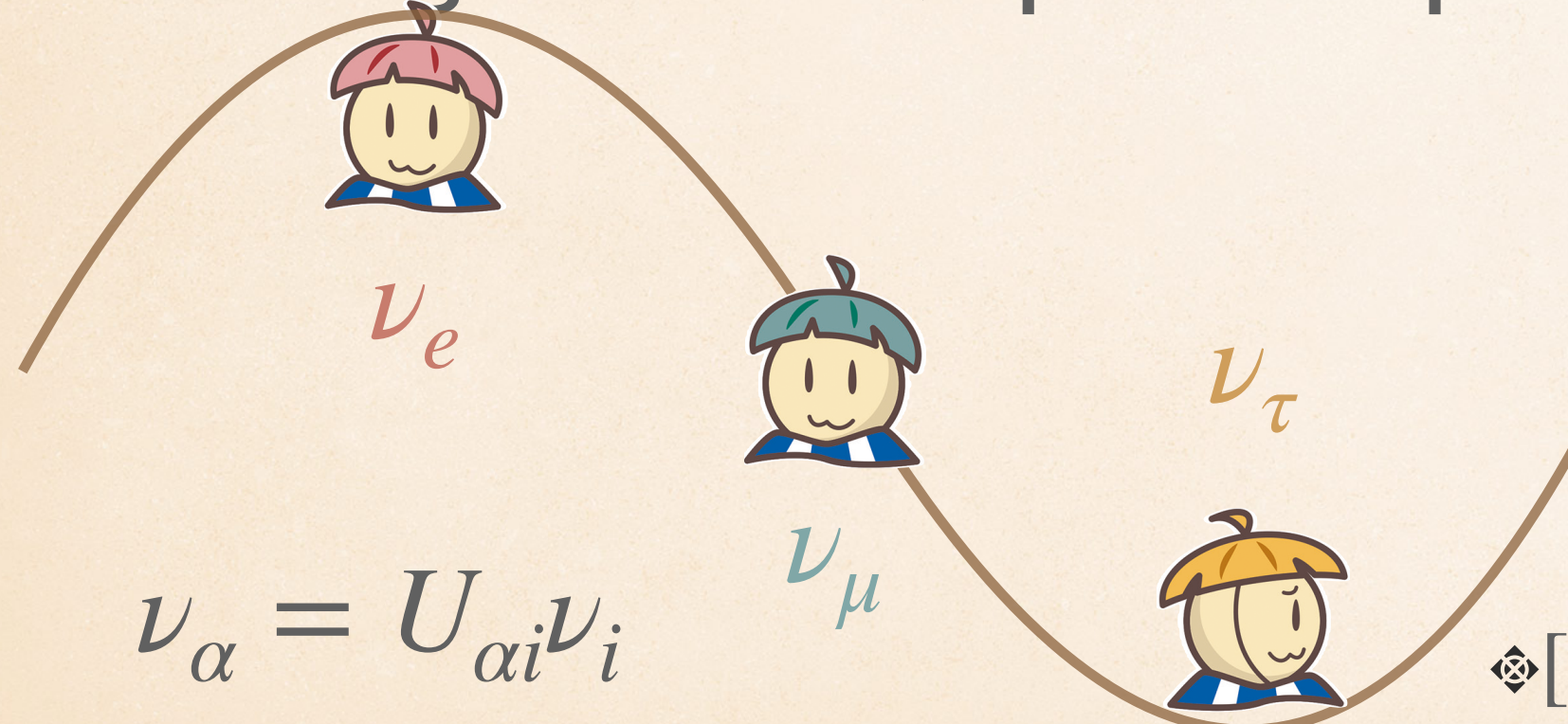
Atmospheric/LBL



$$A = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E_\nu = 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\rho}{\text{g/cc}} \frac{E_\nu}{\text{GeV}} \text{eV}^2$$

- ❖  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  are massless in SM.
- ❖ Charge neutral, spin-half particles.

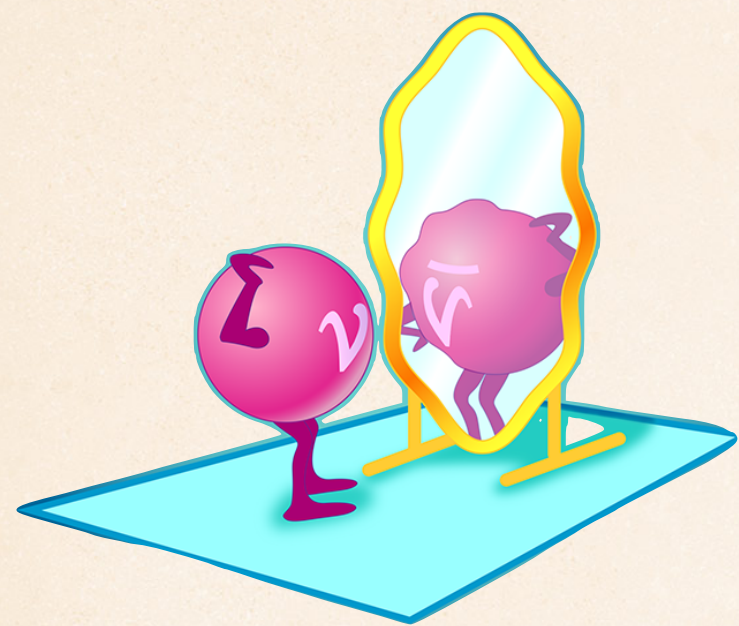
$$H = \frac{1}{2E_\nu} U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta_{31} \end{bmatrix} U^\dagger + \begin{bmatrix} A/2E_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$P_{\alpha\beta} = |\langle \nu_\alpha | \nu_\beta \rangle|^2 = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \text{Re}(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2 \frac{1.27 \Delta_{ij} L}{E_\nu} + 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im}(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin \frac{2 \times 1.27 \Delta_{ij} L}{E_\nu}$$

❖  $[\Delta_{ij} = m_i^2 - m_j^2]$  :  $\Delta_{21}$ (solar),  $\Delta_{31}$ (atmospheric),  $\theta_{12}$ (solar),  $\theta_{13}$ (reactor),  $\theta_{23}$ , Phase:  $\delta_{CP}$

# CHALLENGES IN NEUTRINO PHYSICS



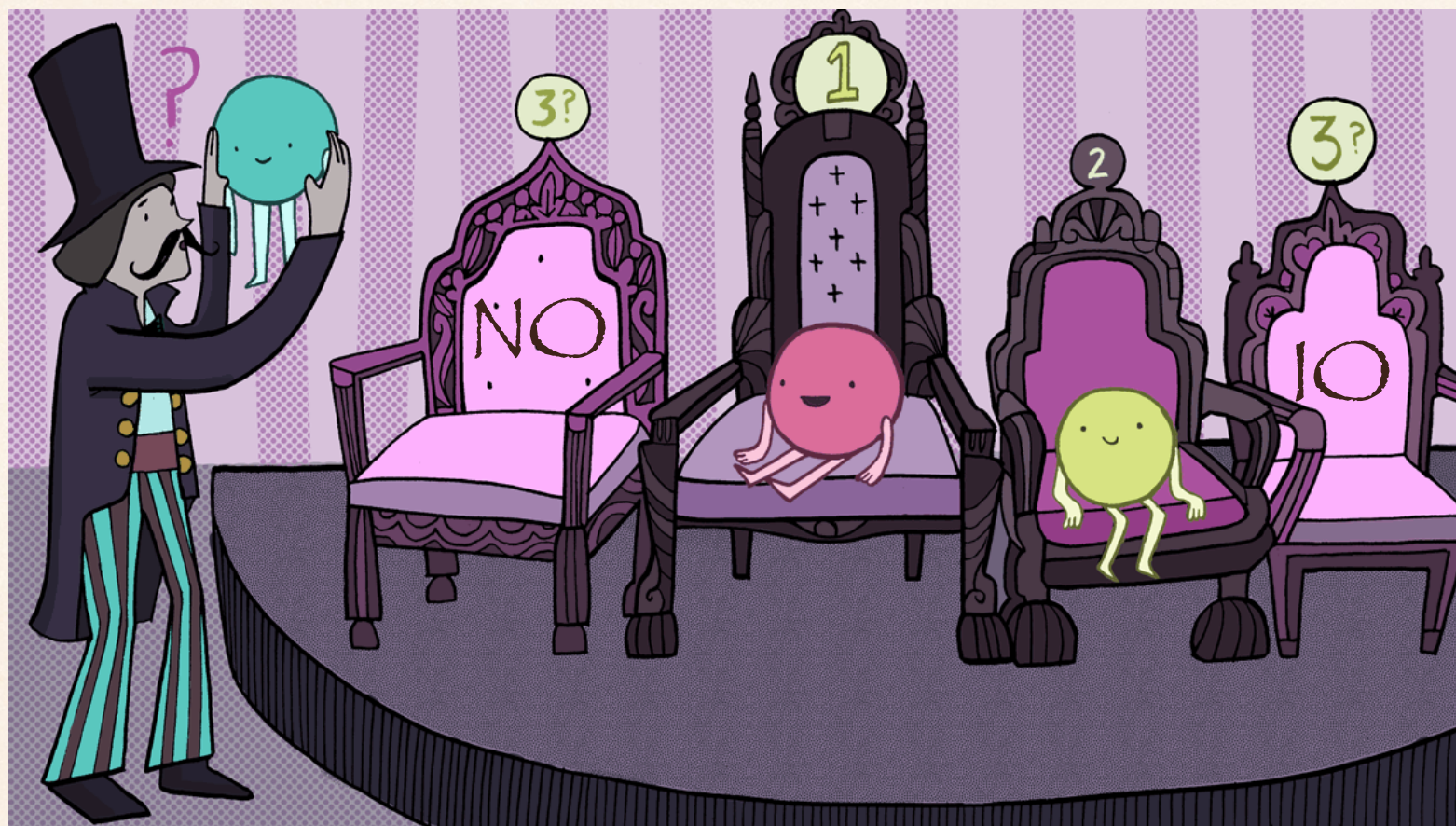
Value of  $\delta_{13}$

Octant of  $\theta_{23}$

Higher Octant  
( $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$ )

Lower Octant  
( $\theta_{23} < 45^\circ$ )

Mass Ordering: Sign of  $\Delta_{31}$



Probing BSM Signatures

$$H^{mat} = \frac{1}{2E_\nu} U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta_{31} \end{bmatrix} U^\dagger + H_{int} + \mathbf{H}_{BSM}$$

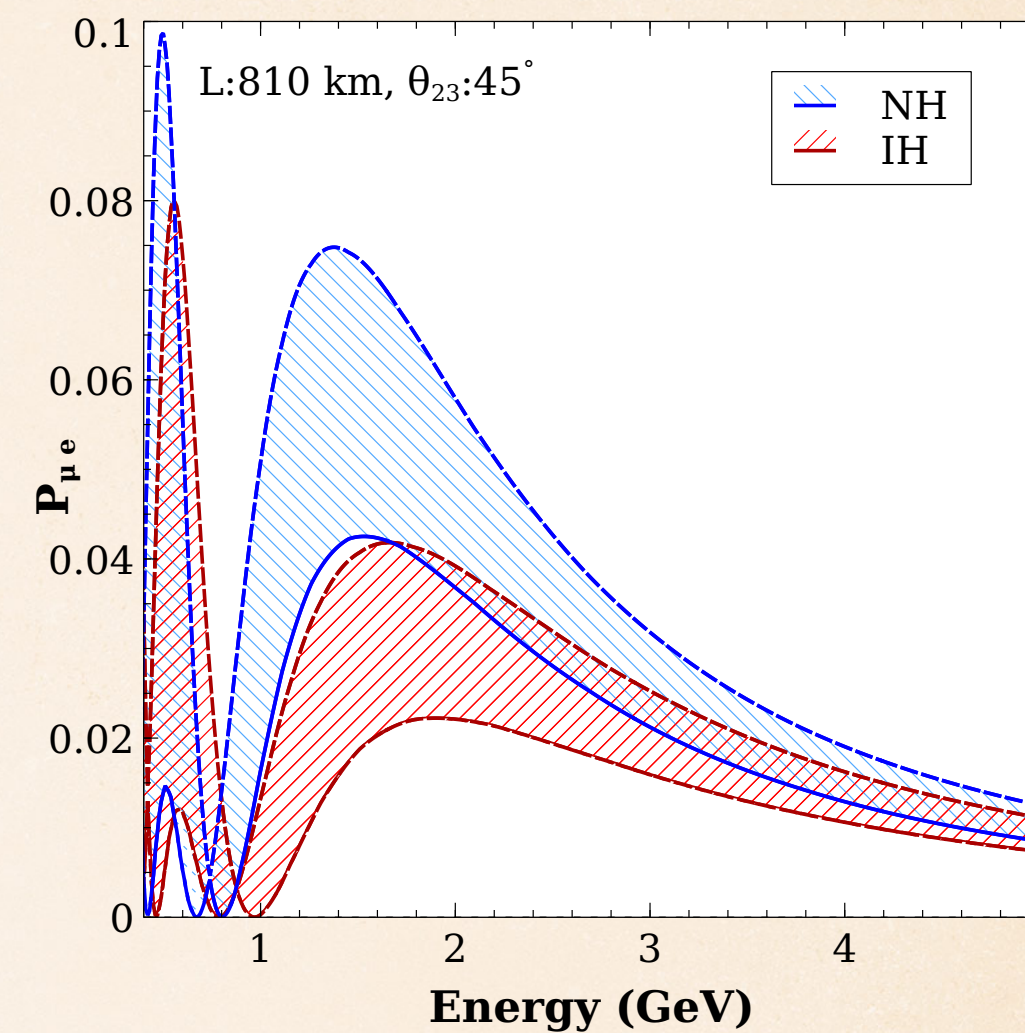
NSI, LIV, Sterile neutrino, neutrino decay, ..

Dirac/ Majorana nature of neutrinos

## Hierarchy- $\delta_{13}$

$$P_{\mu e}(\Delta_{31}[NO], \delta_{13}) = P_{\mu e}(\Delta_{31}[IO], \delta'_{13})$$

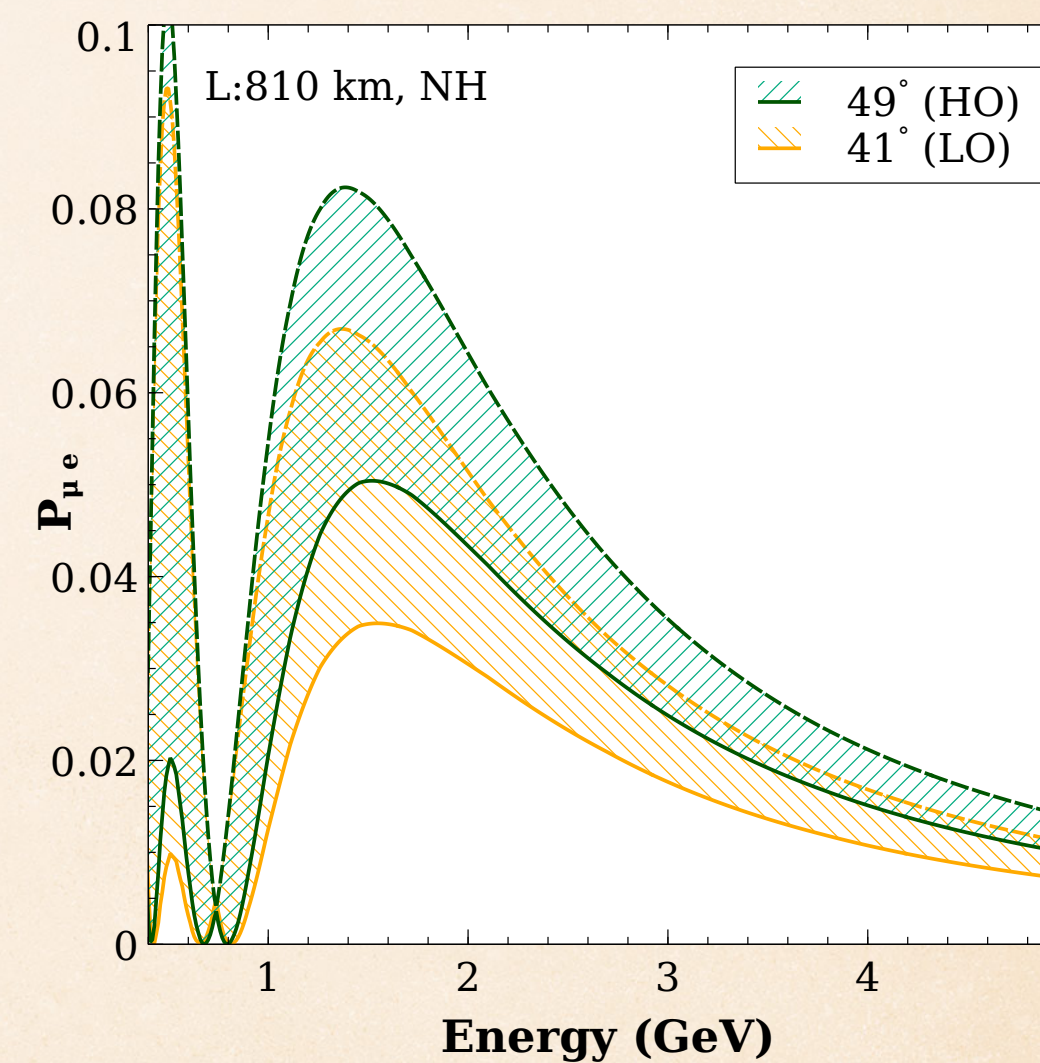
[Minakata, Nunokawa,  
*JHEP* 10 (2001) 001]



## Octant- $\delta_{13}$

$$P_{\mu e}(\theta_{23}[HO], \delta_{13}) = P_{\mu e}(\theta_{31}[LO], \delta'_{13})$$

[Gandhi, Ghoshal, Goswami,  
Shankar, [hep-ph/0506145](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0506145)]



# INVISIBLE NEUTRINO DECAY [ $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu + X$ ]

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$$\alpha_3 = m_3/\tau_3$$

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$$\tau_3/m_3 > 9 \times 10^{-11} \text{s/eV}$$

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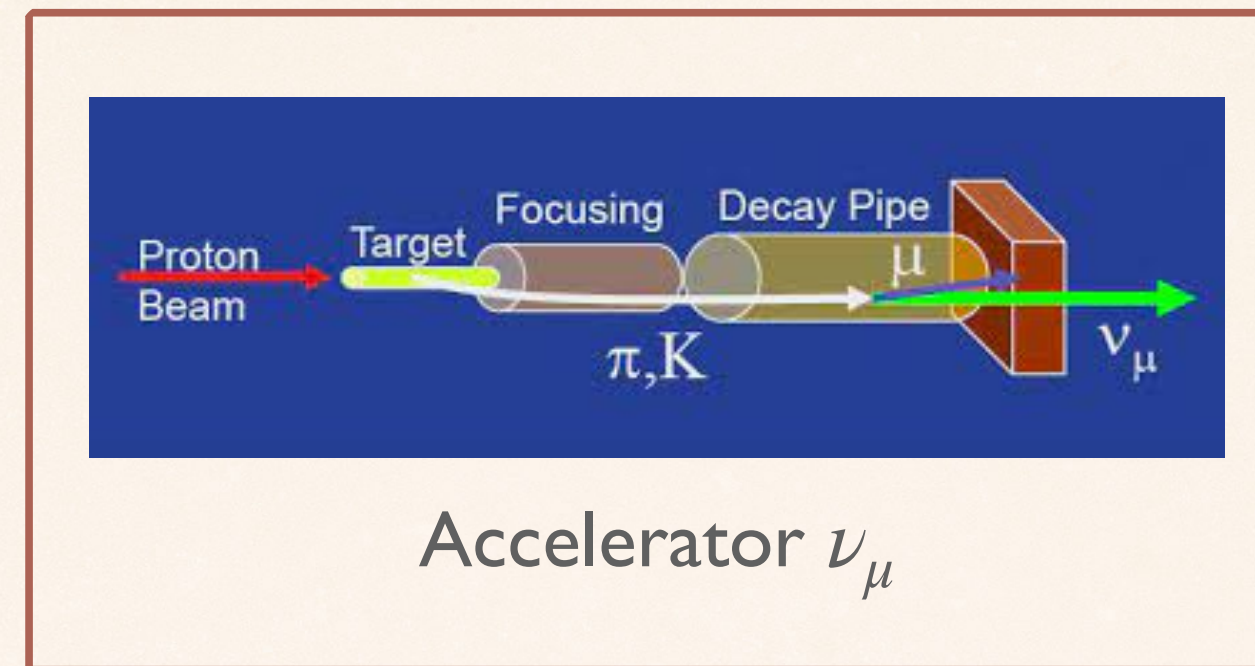
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# EXPERIMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

## 2588 km (P2O)

- ◆ Water Cherenkov detector: 4 M ton
- ◆ Beam: 90 kW, POT:  $4 \times 10^{20}$ /yr
- ◆ Average density: 3.8 g/cc
- ◆ 2588 km is close to bimagic baseline
- ◆ Runtime: 3 yr( $\nu$ ) + 3 yr( $\bar{\nu}$ )
- ◆ Peak energy: 2-3 GeV
- ◆ Relatively large background



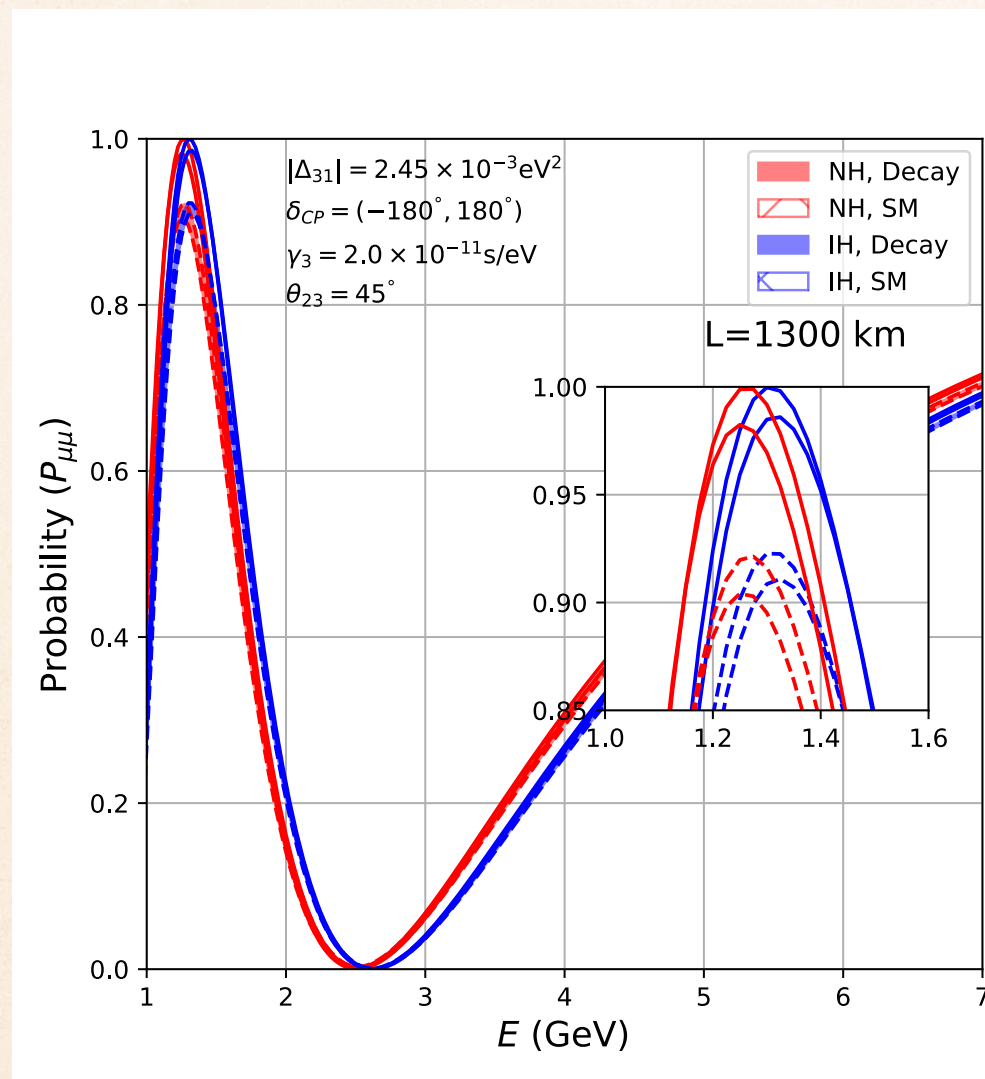
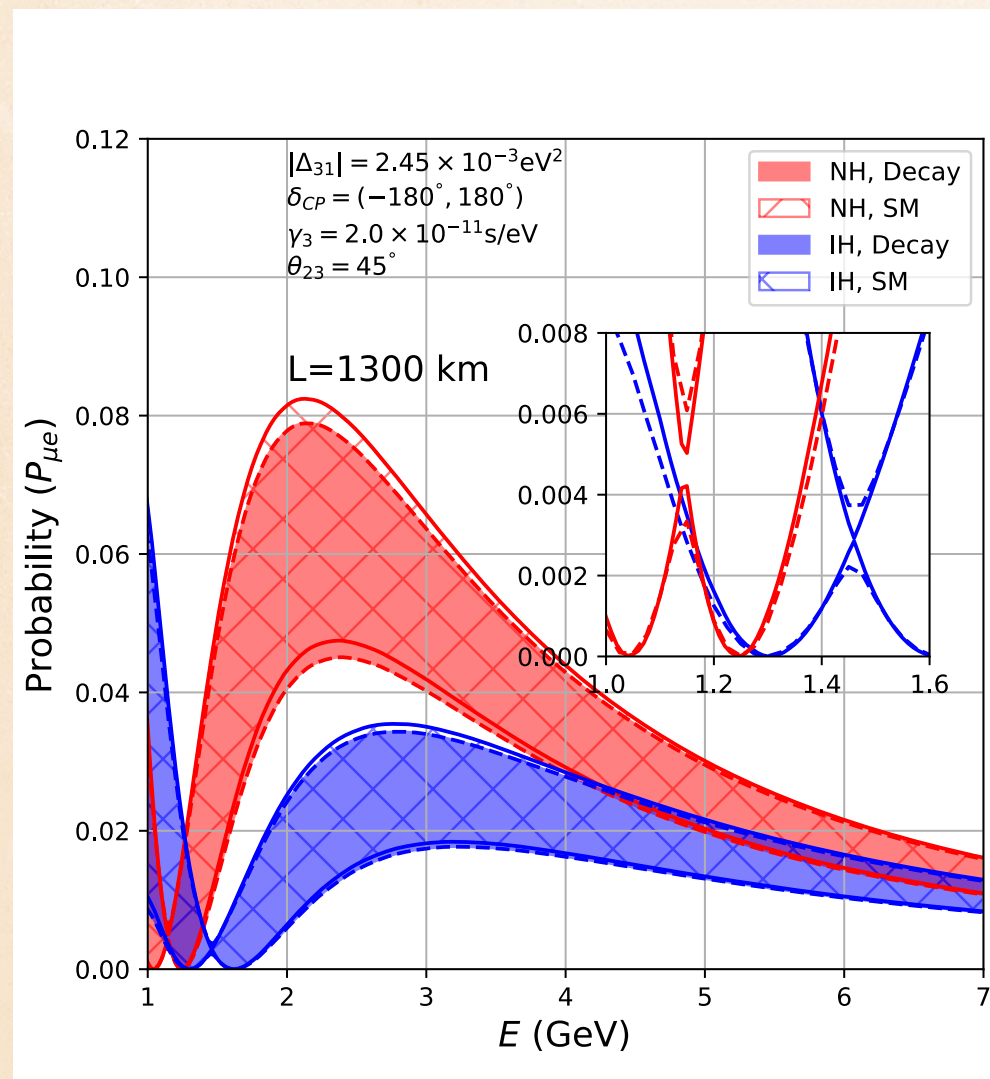
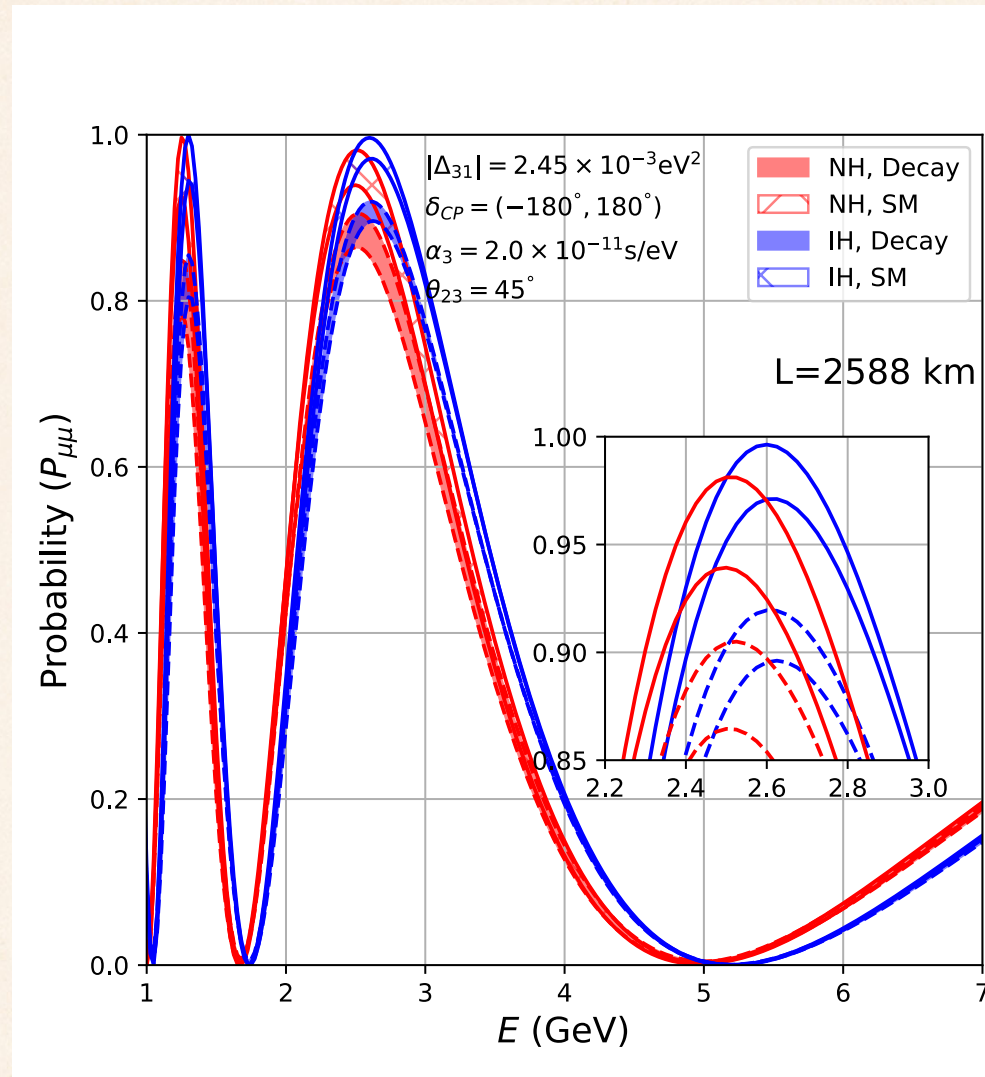
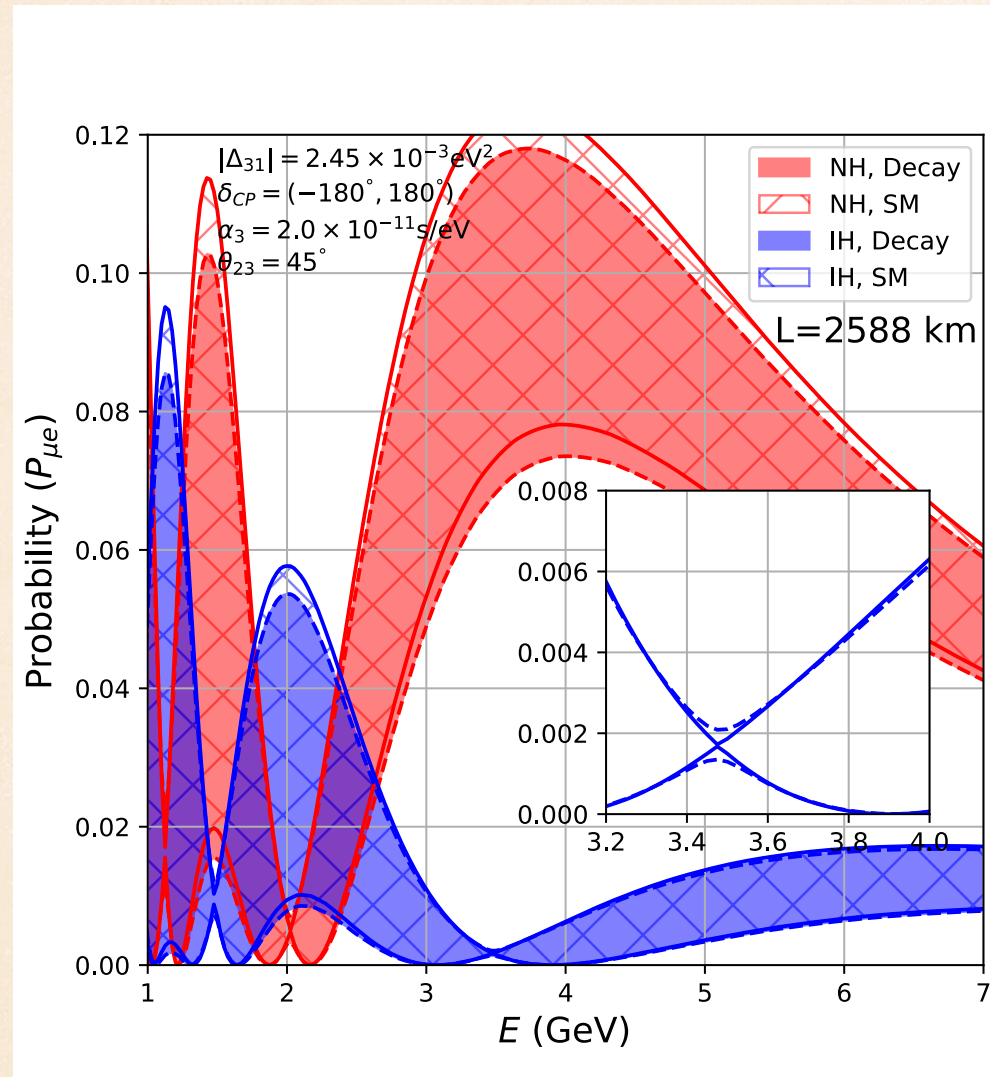
Parameters	True values	Test values
$\theta_{12}$	33.4°	33.4°
$\theta_{13}$	8.42°	8.42°
$\theta_{23}$ (Hierarchy)	41°	39° : 51°
$\theta_{23}$ (Octant)	41° (49°)	45° : 51° (39° : 45°)
$\delta_{CP}$	-180° : 180°	-180° : 180°
$\delta_{CP}$ (CP sensitivity)	-180° : 180°	-180°, 0, 180°
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	$7.53 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.53 \times 10^{-5}$
$\Delta m_{31}^2$ (Hierarchy)	$\pm 2.45 \times 10^{-3}$ eV <sup>2</sup>	$\mp [2.35 : 2.6] \times 10^{-3}$ eV <sup>2</sup>
$\Delta m_{31}^2$ (Octant)	$\pm 2.45 \times 10^{-3}$ eV <sup>2</sup>	$\pm [2.35 : 2.6] \times 10^{-3}$ eV <sup>2</sup>
$\alpha_3^{-1}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-11}$ s/eV	$[1.0 : 3.0] \times 10^{-11}$ s/eV

Table 1. The true and test values of oscillation parameters.

## 1300 km (DUNE)

- ◆ Liquid Argon detector: 40 k ton
- ◆ Beam: 1.2 MW, POT:  $10 \times 10^{20}$ /yr
- ◆ Average density: 2.85 g/cc
- ◆ 1300 km baseline
- ◆ Runtime: 3.5 yr( $\nu$ ) + 3.5 yr( $\bar{\nu}$ )
- ◆ Peak energy: 4-5 GeV
- ◆ Lesser background

# DEGENERACY RELATED TO MASS ORDERING



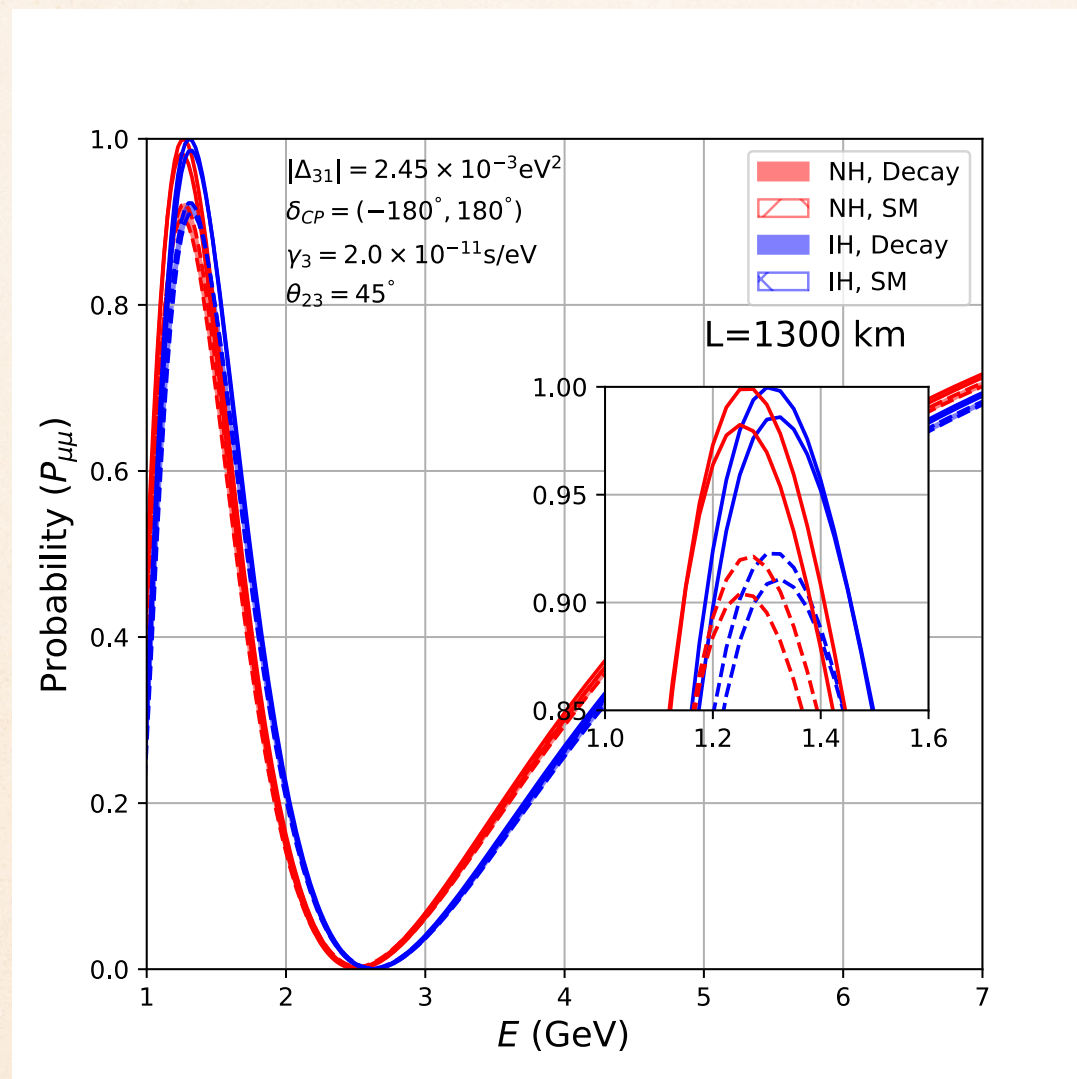
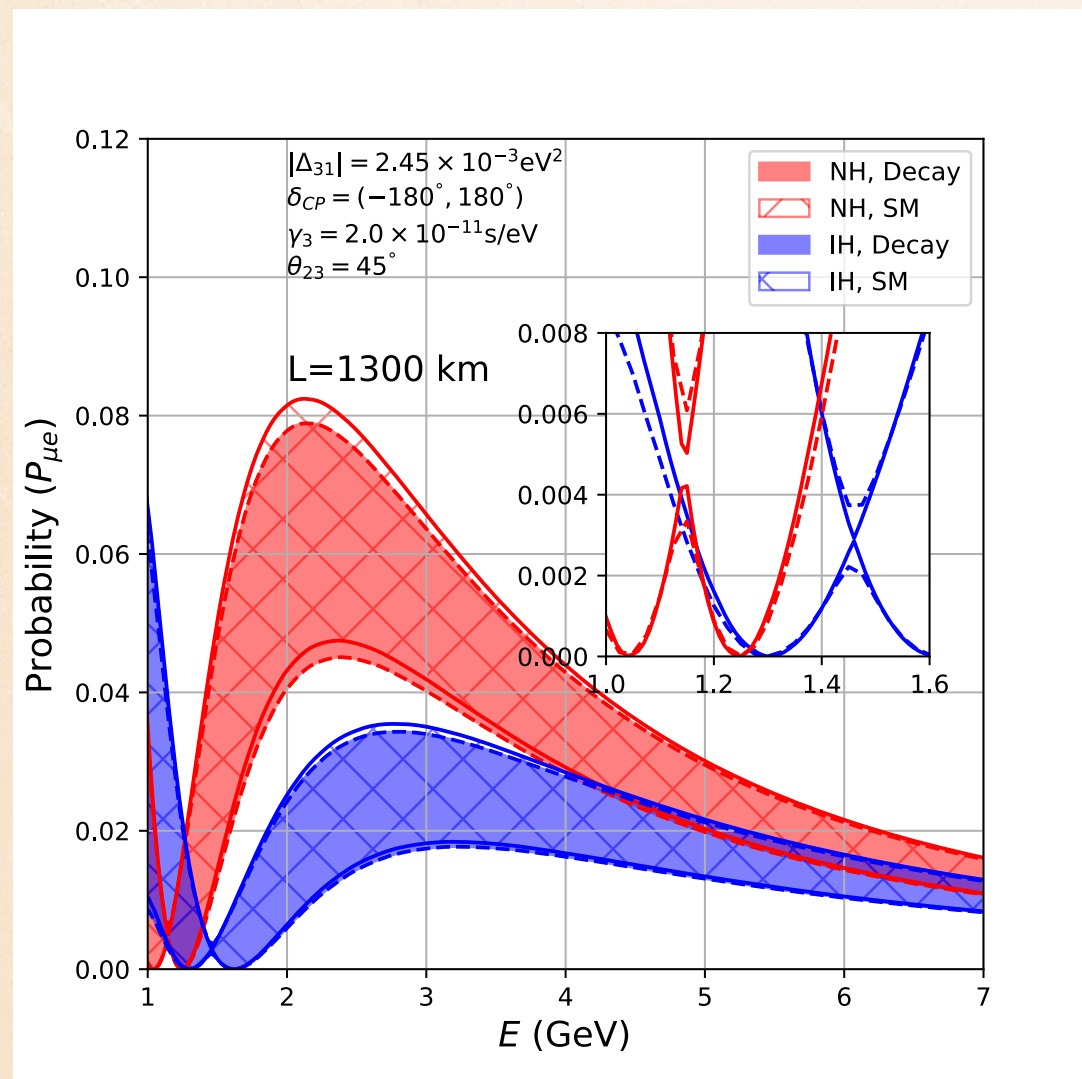
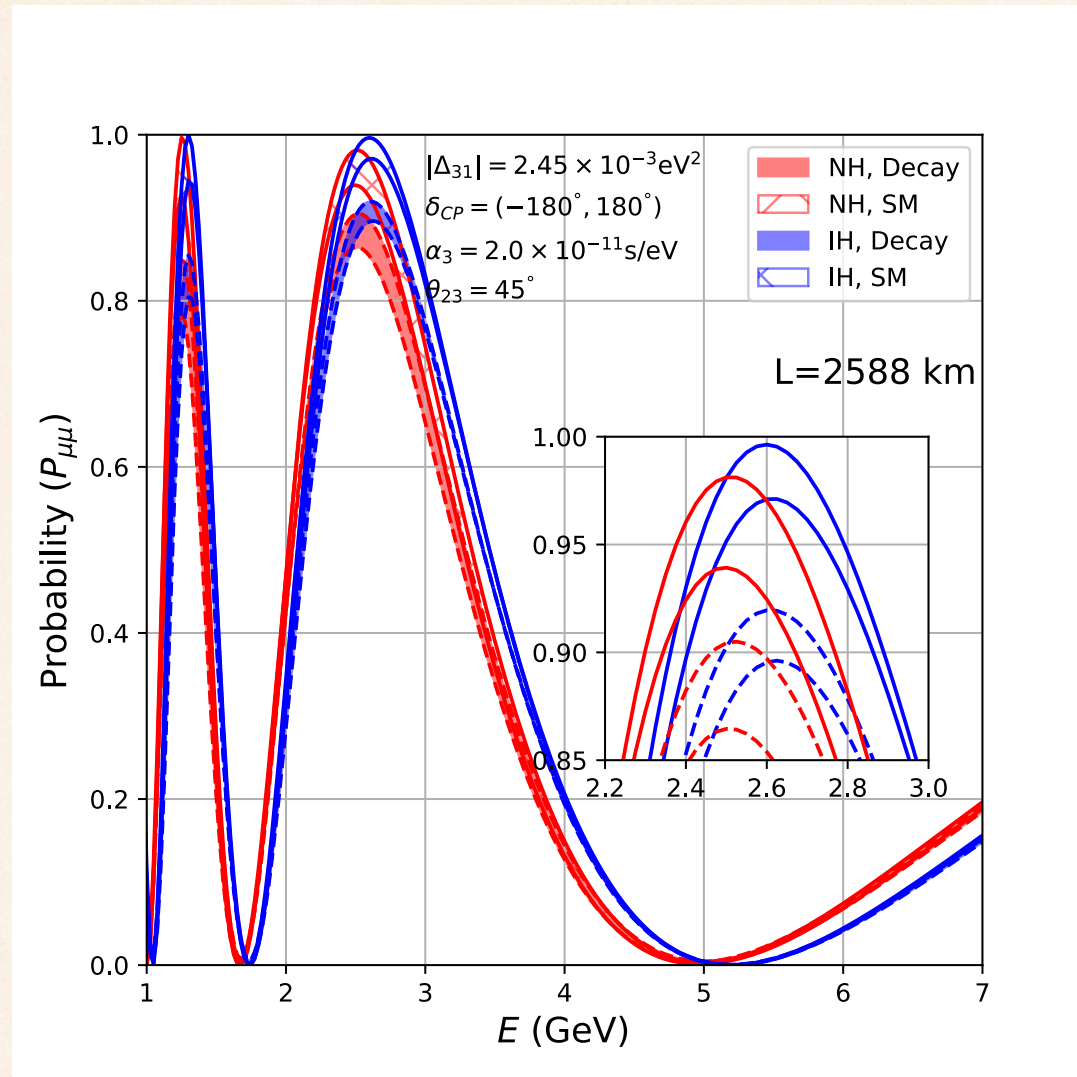
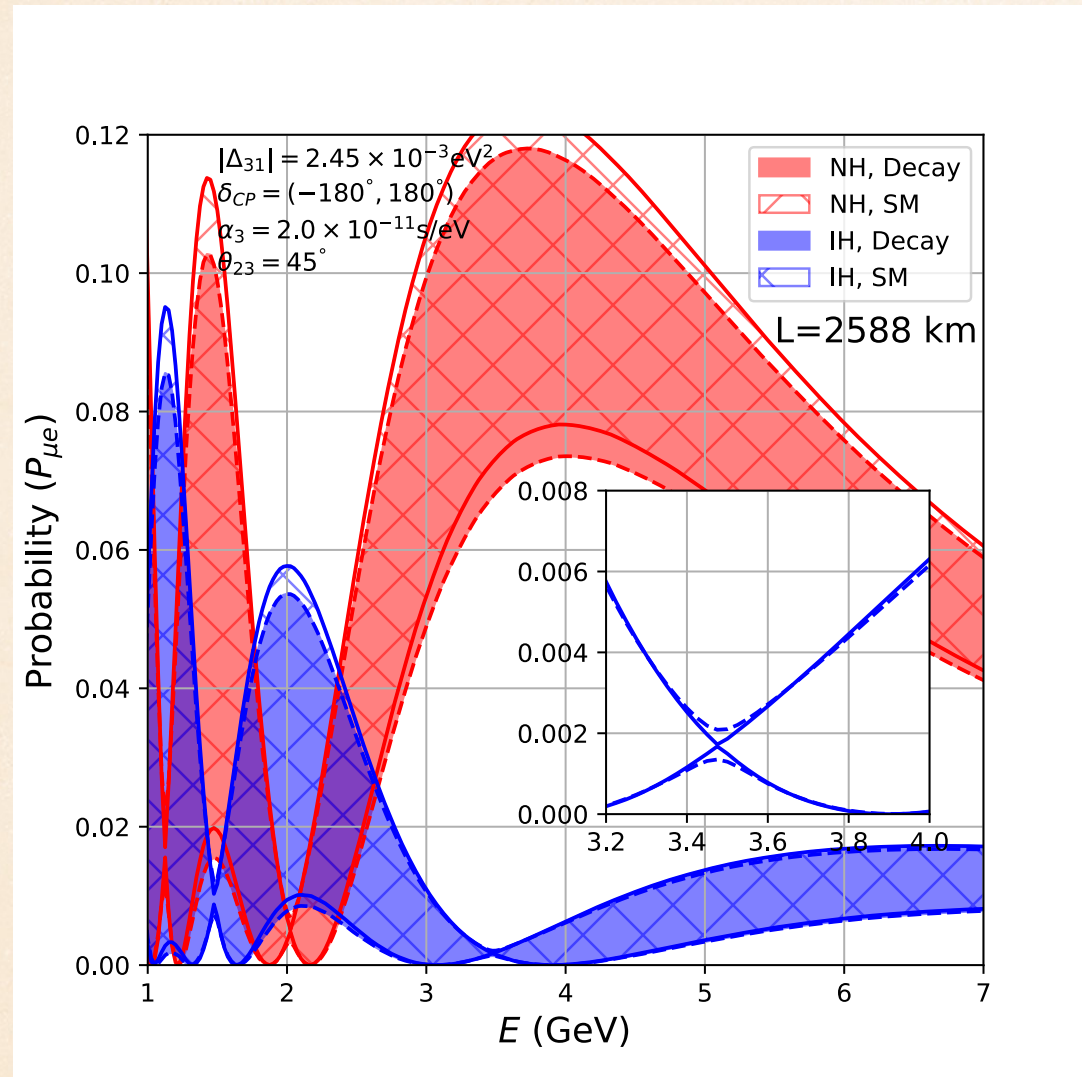
- Lowering of NH band in  $P_{\mu e} \Rightarrow$  decreased sensitivity
- Broadening of bands at minimum energy corresponding to NH, IH in  $P_{\mu e}$  (inset). This effect leads violation of bimagic conditions at 2588 km.

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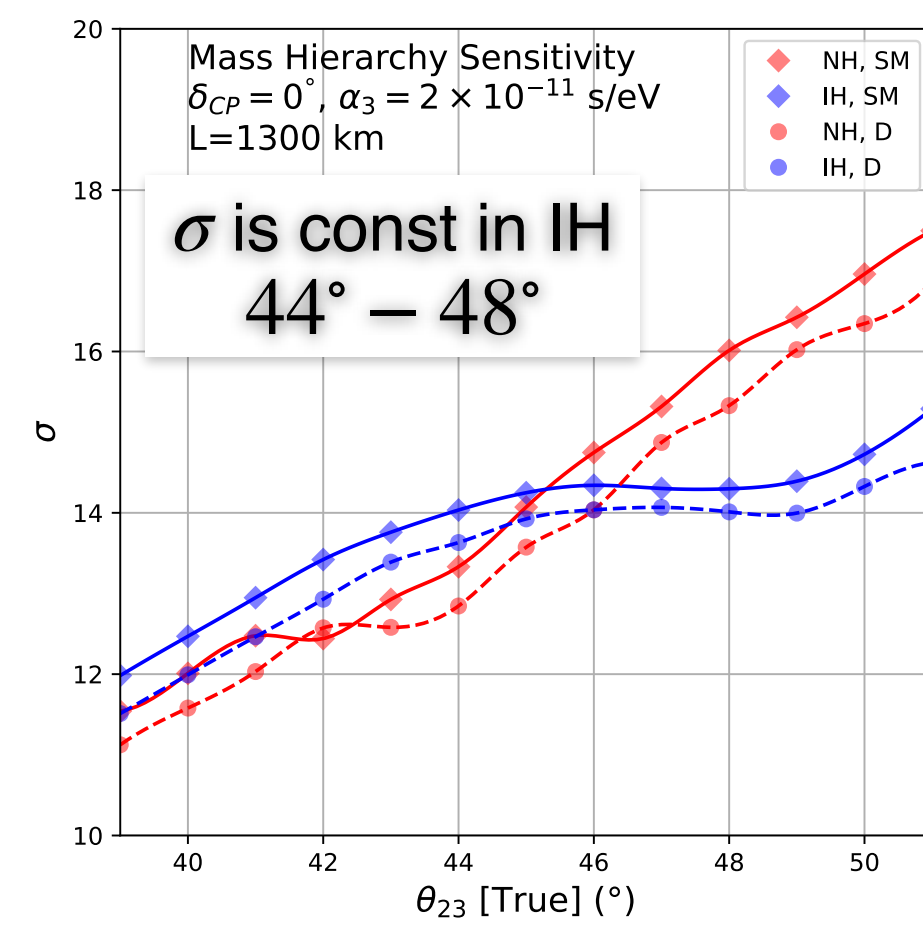
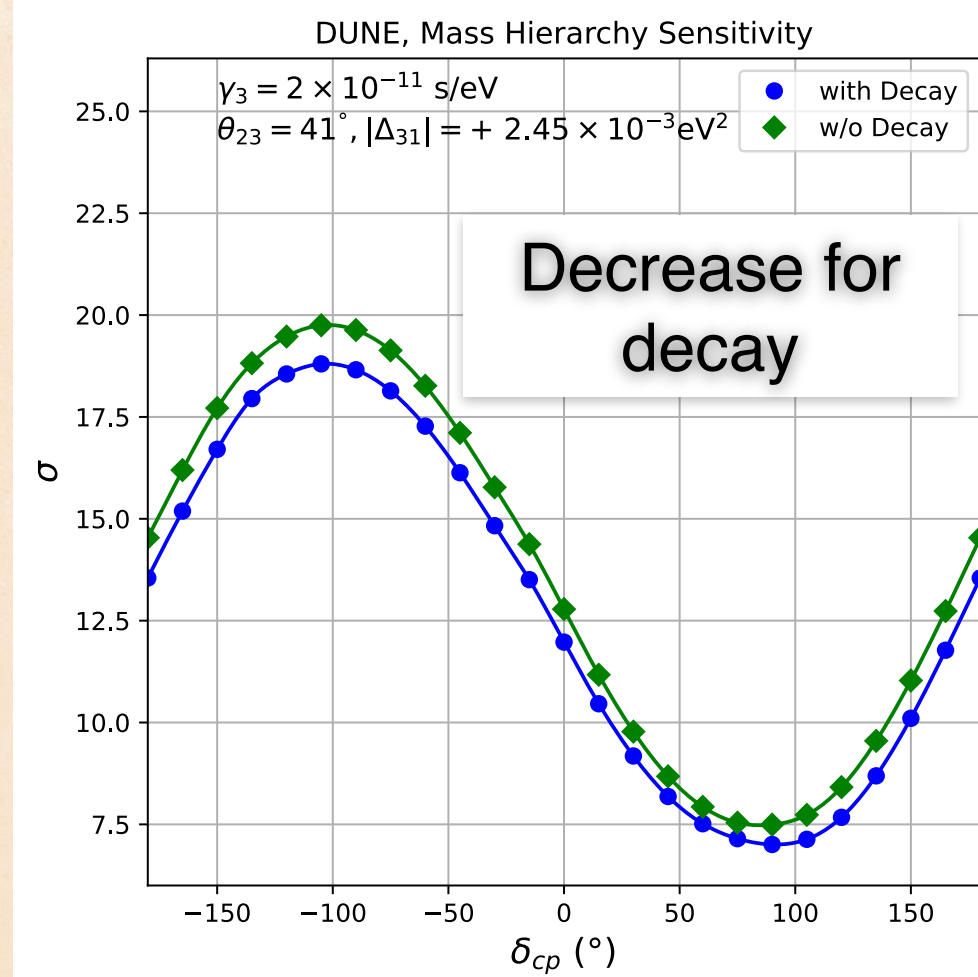
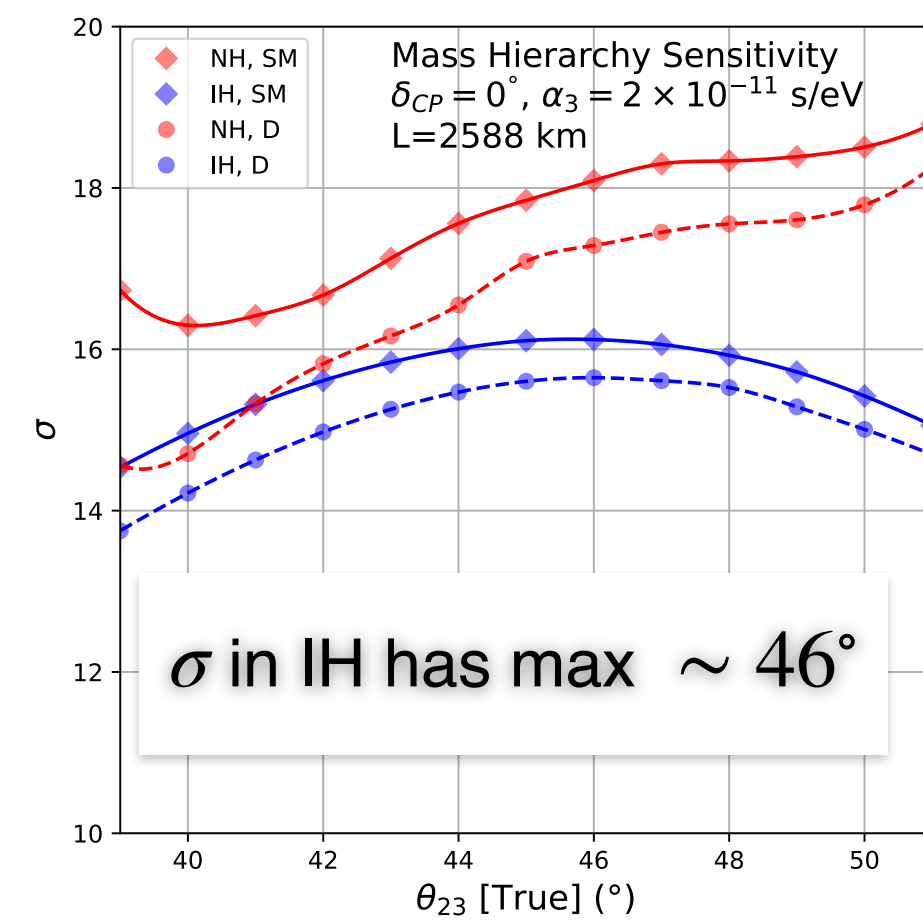
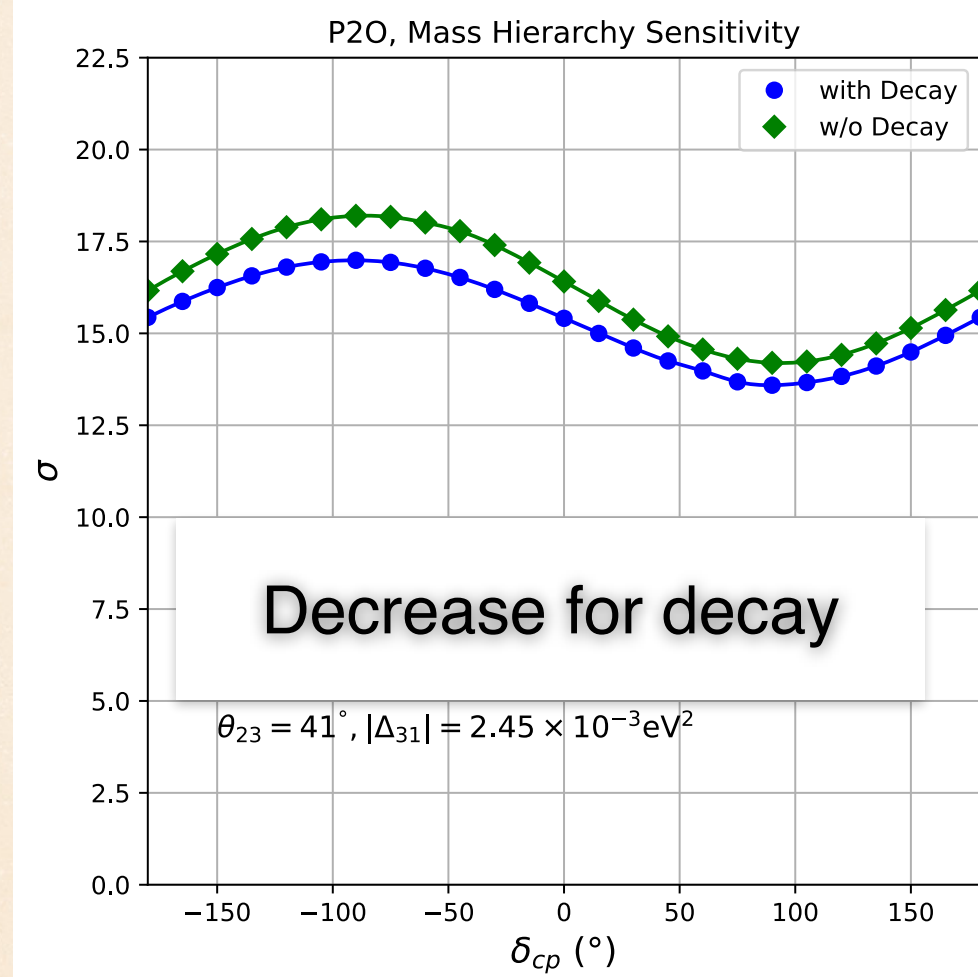
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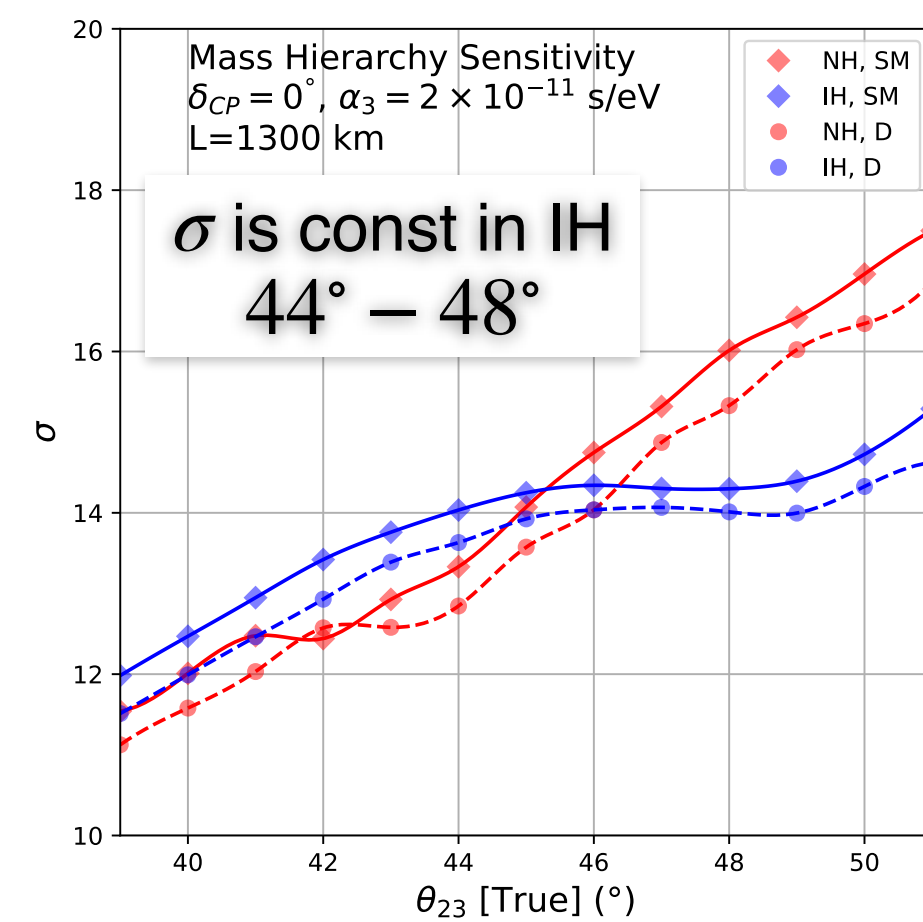
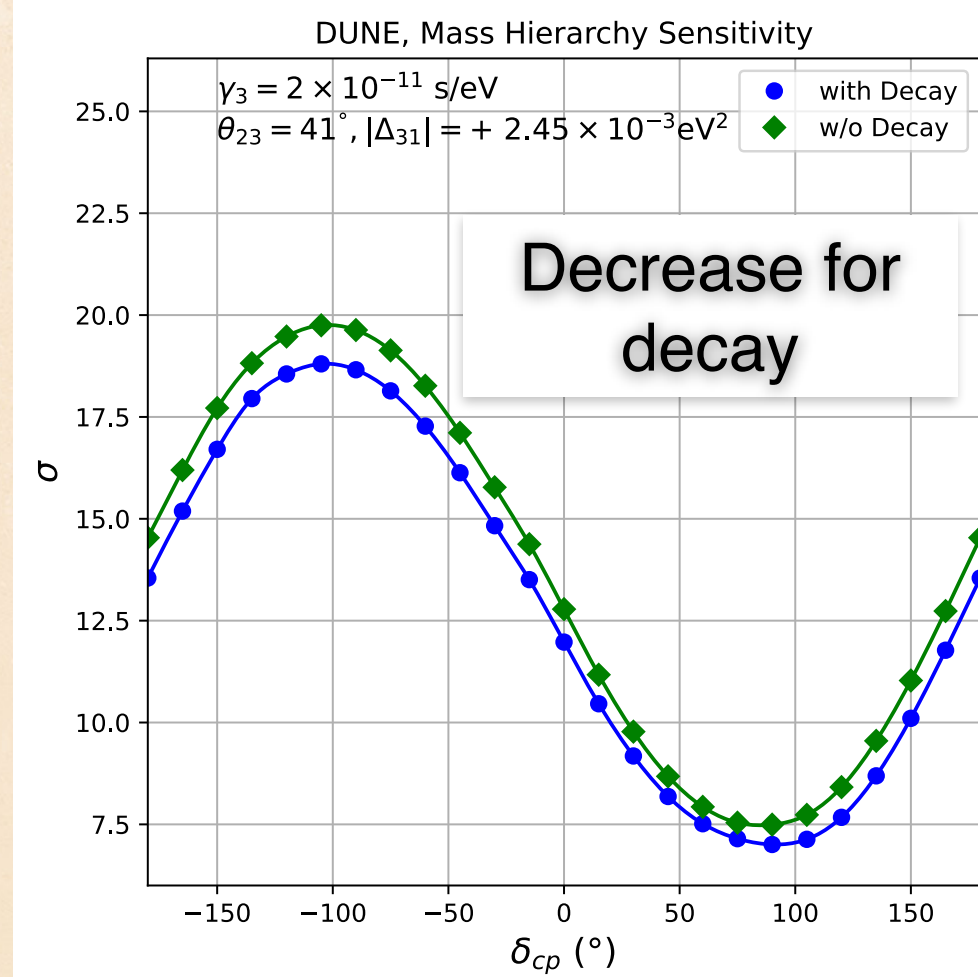
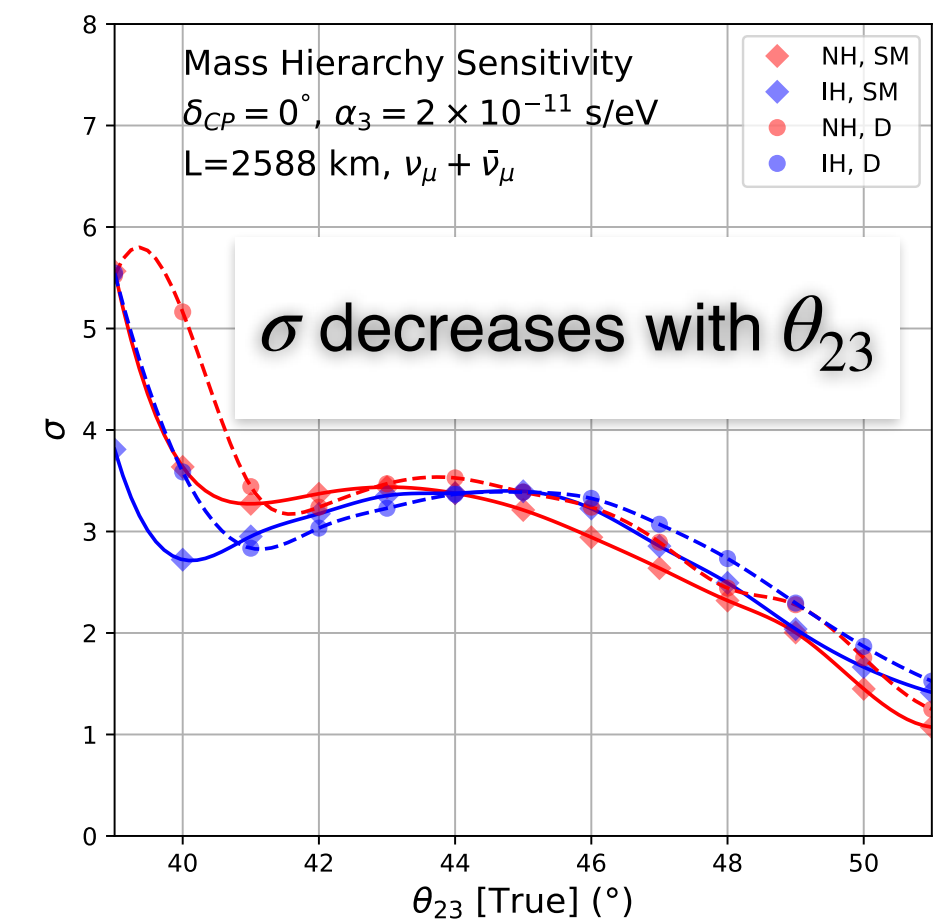
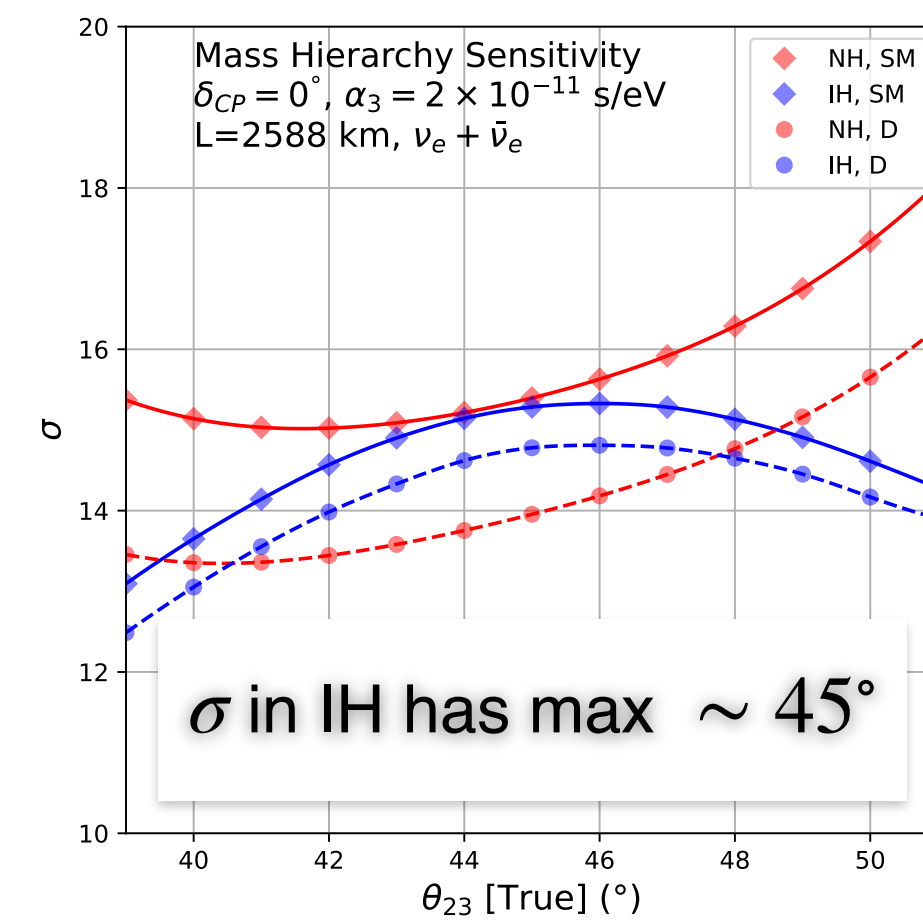
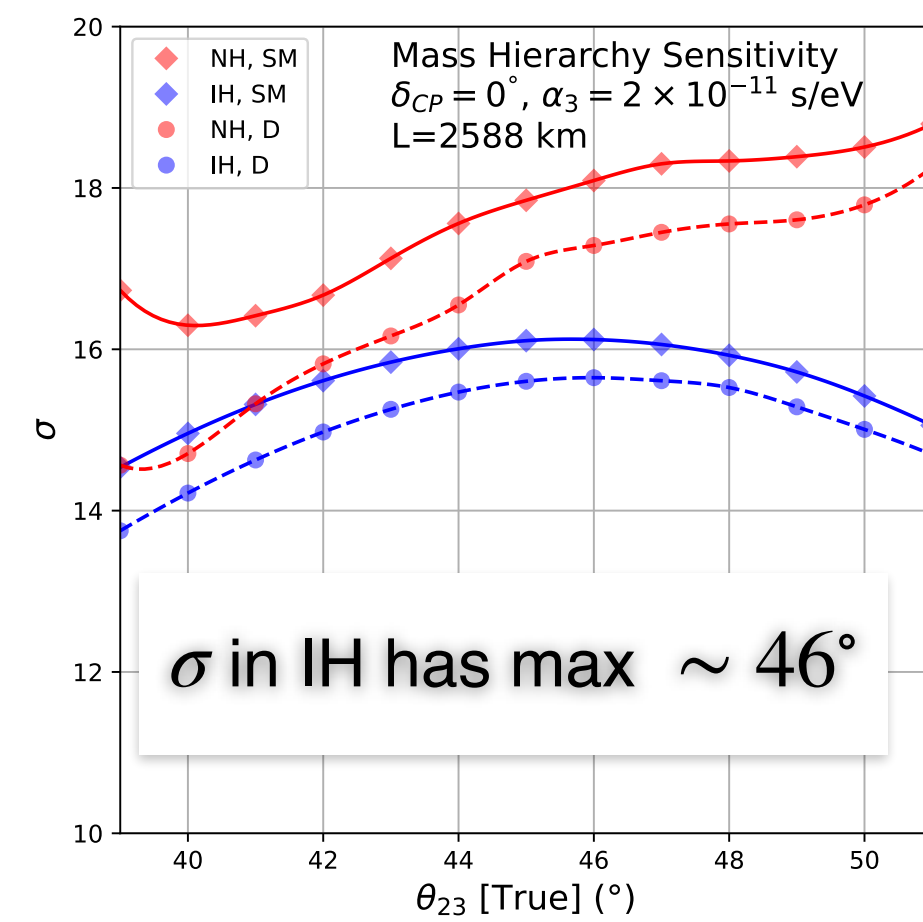
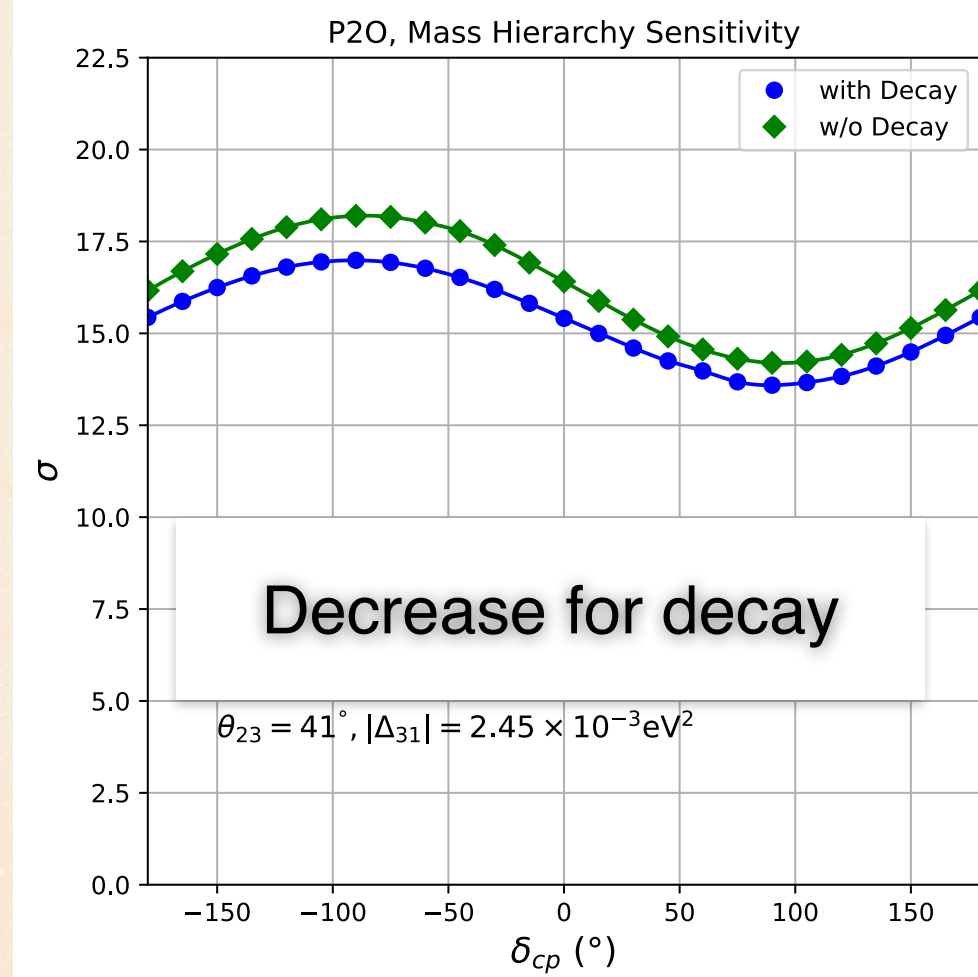
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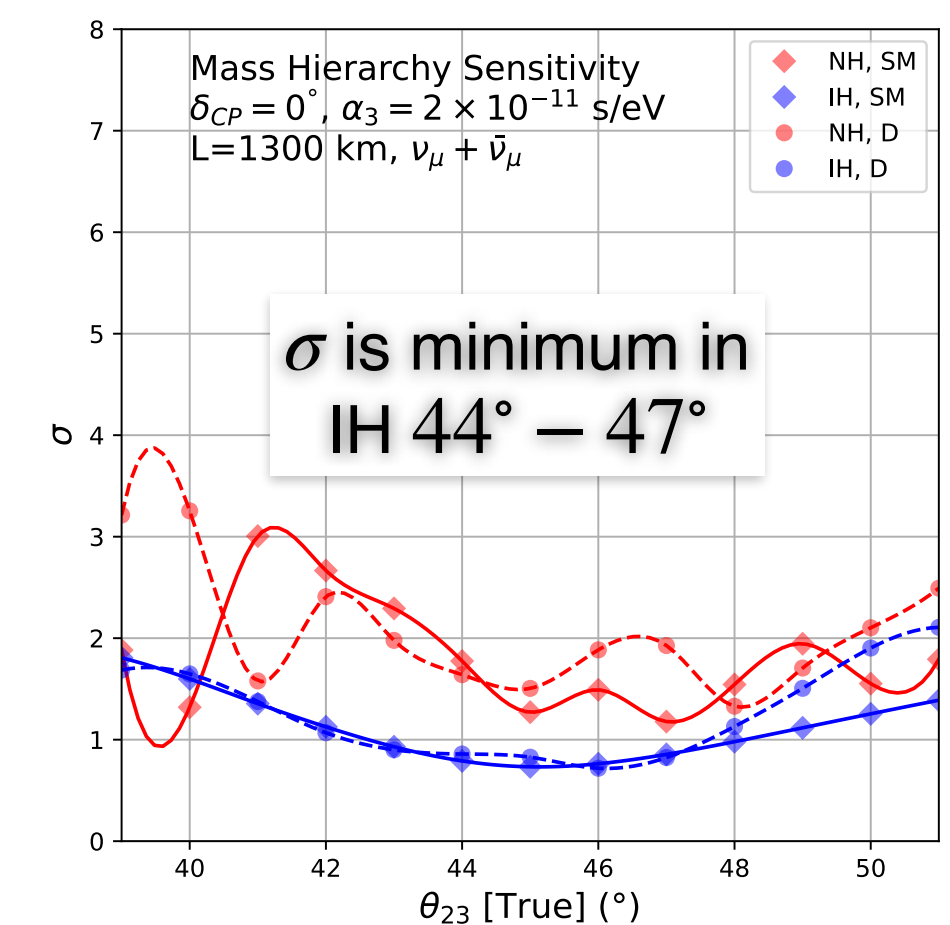
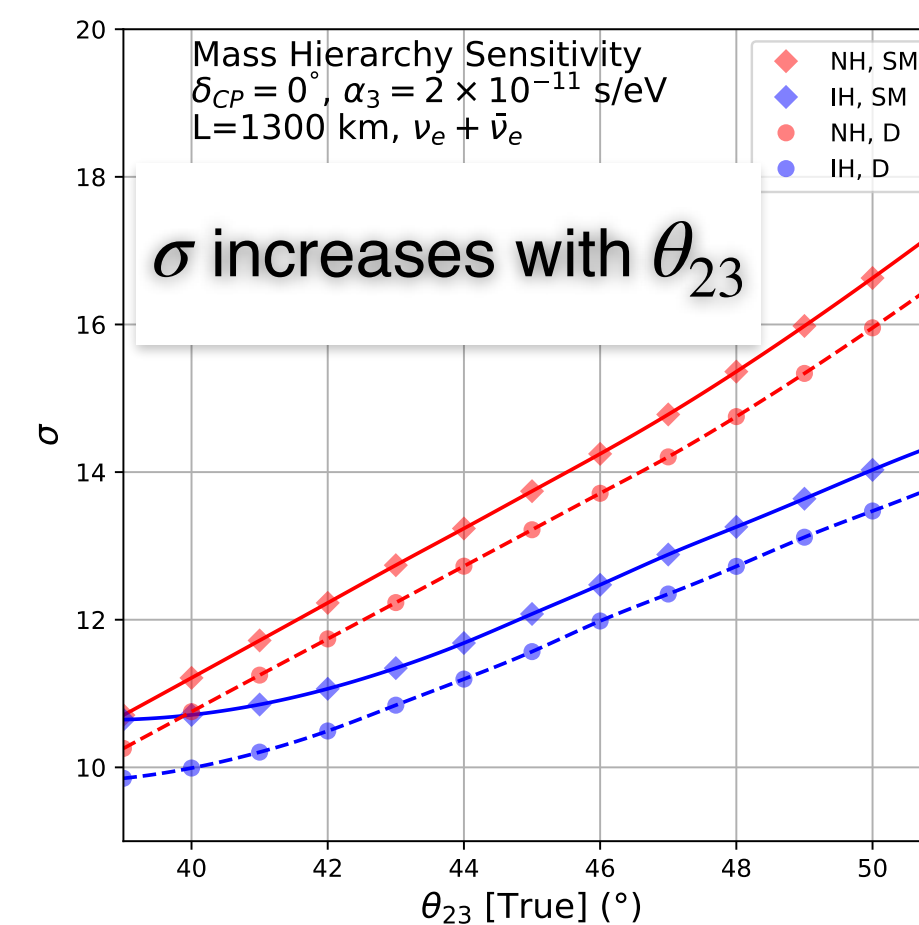
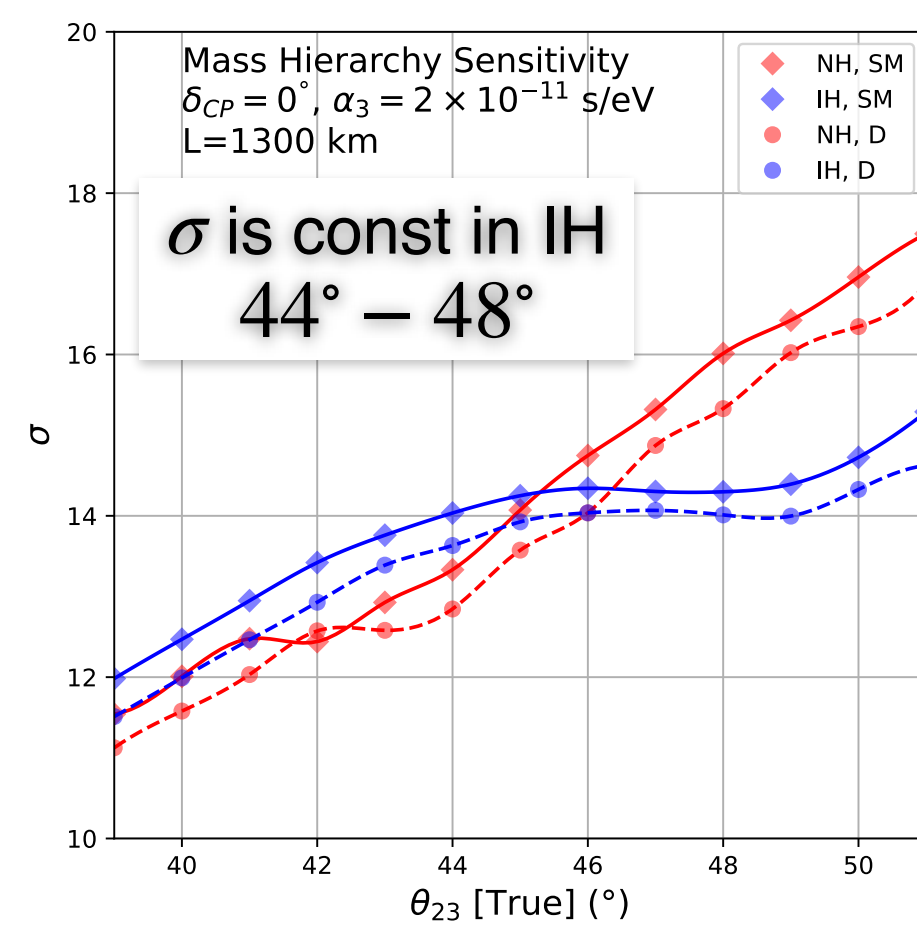
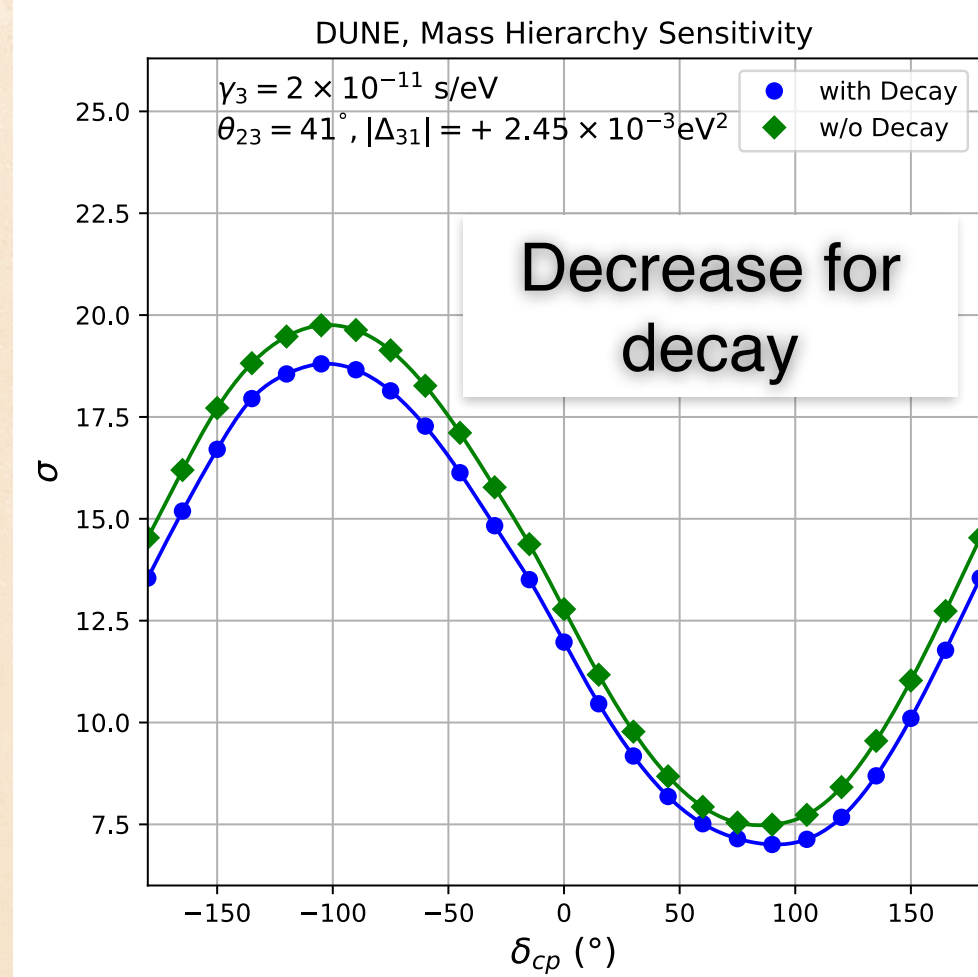
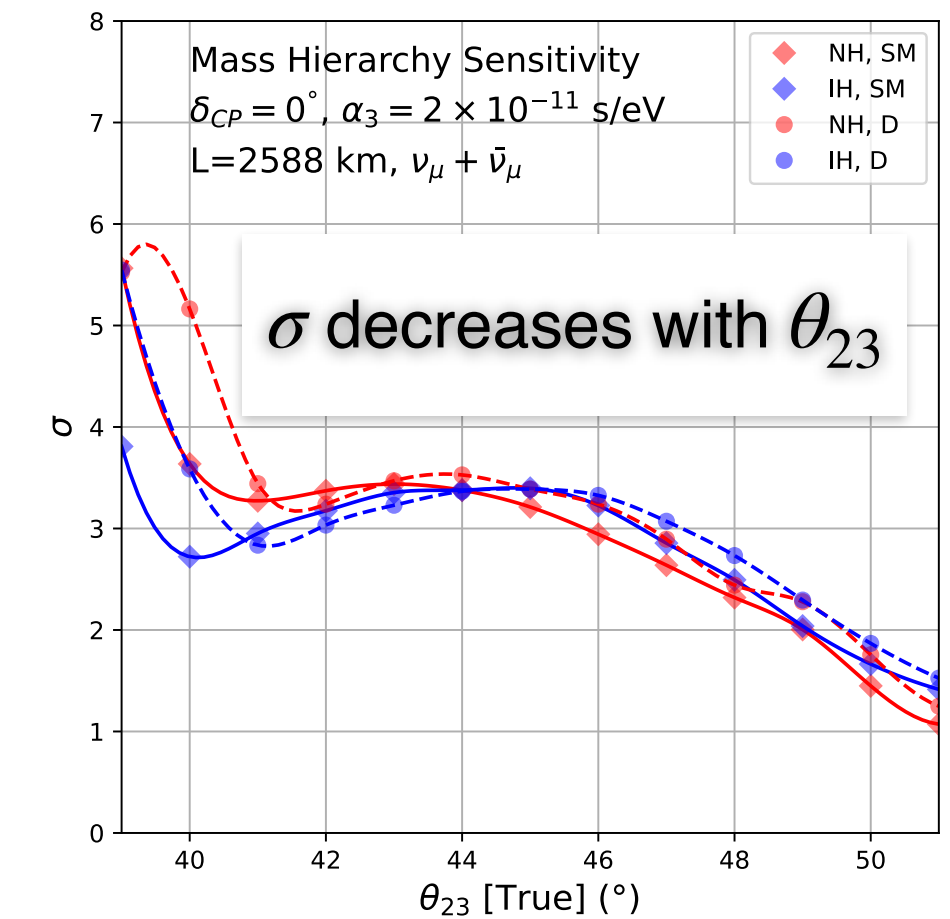
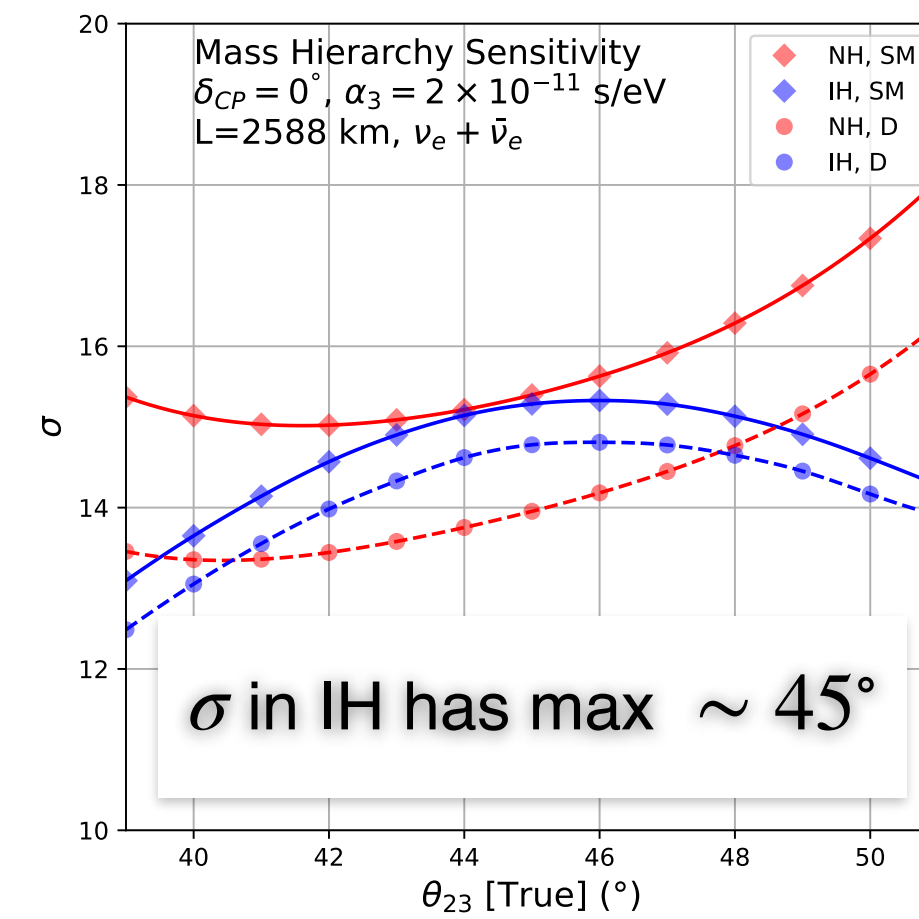
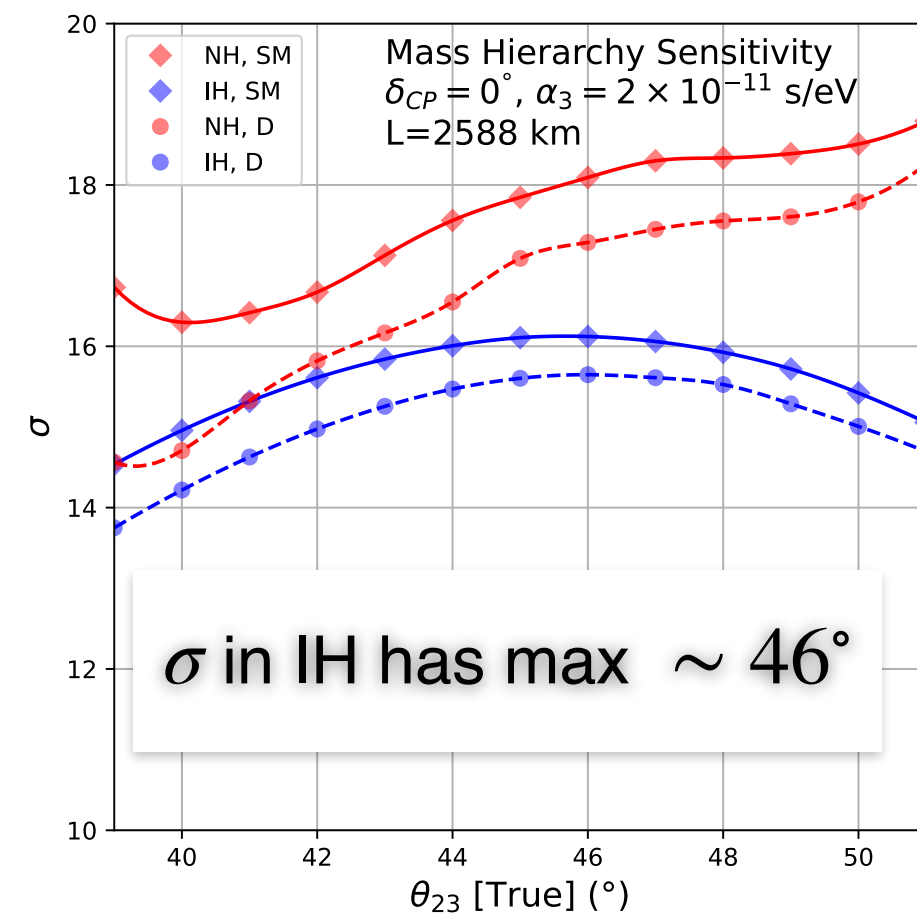
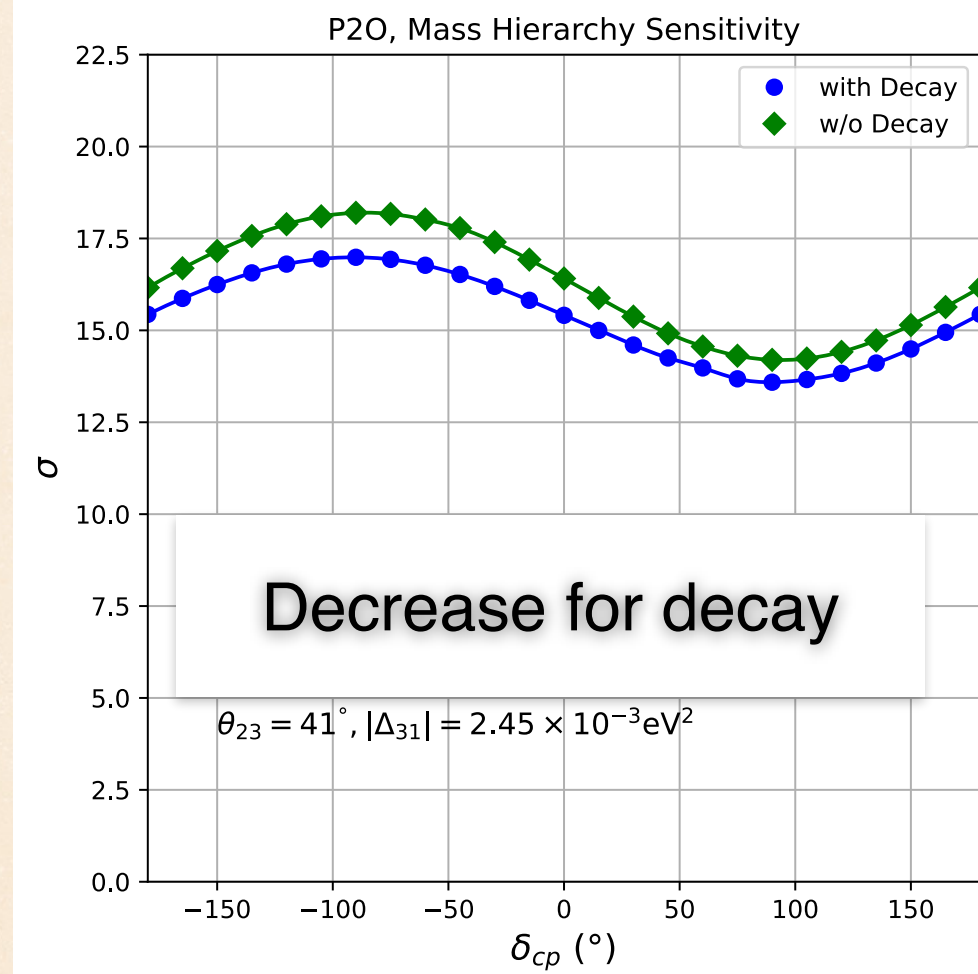
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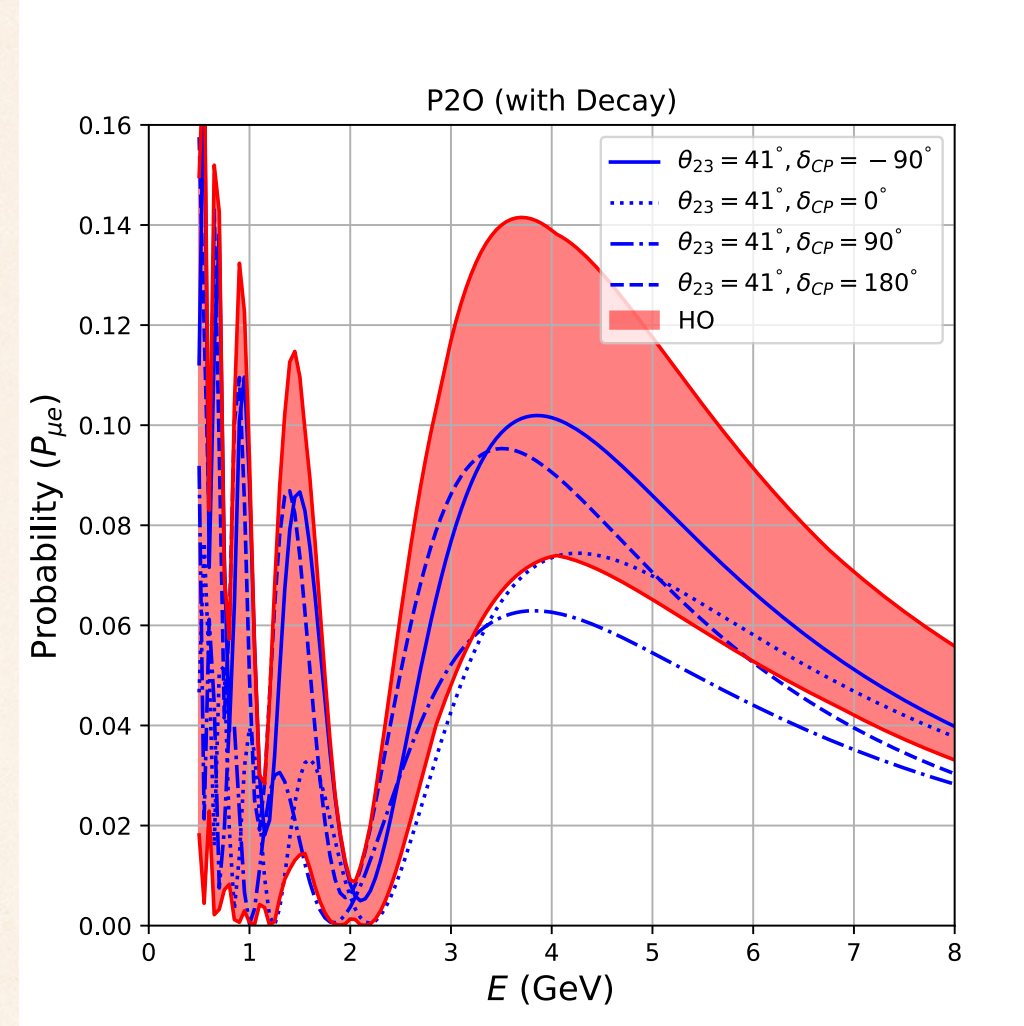
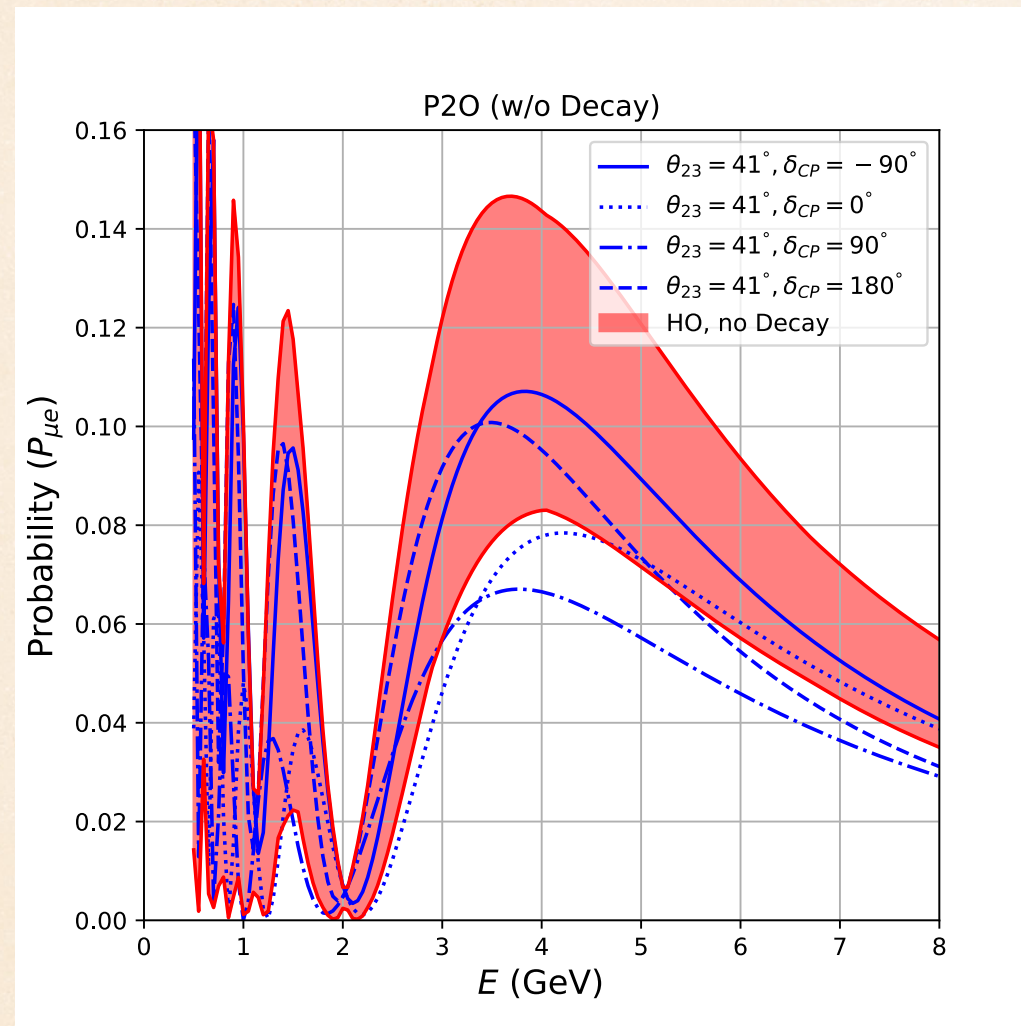
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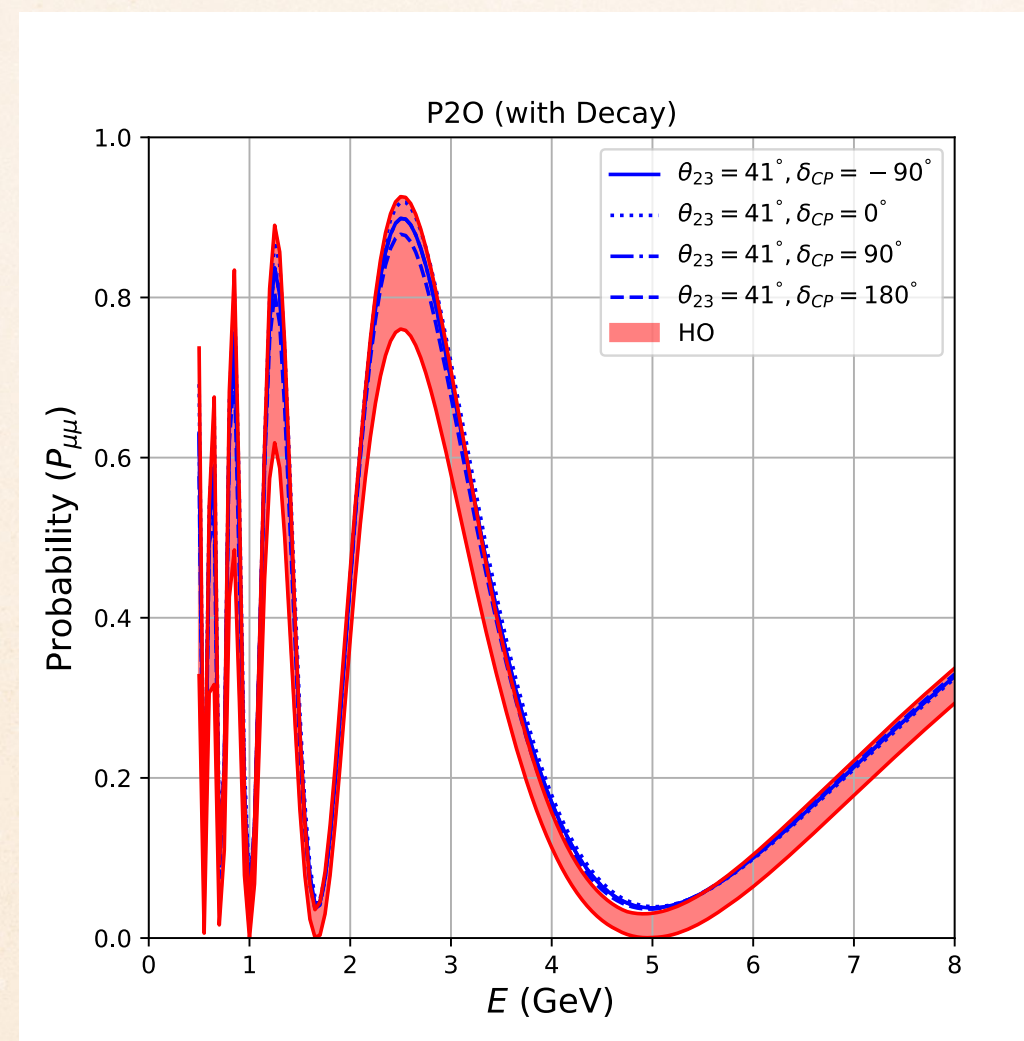
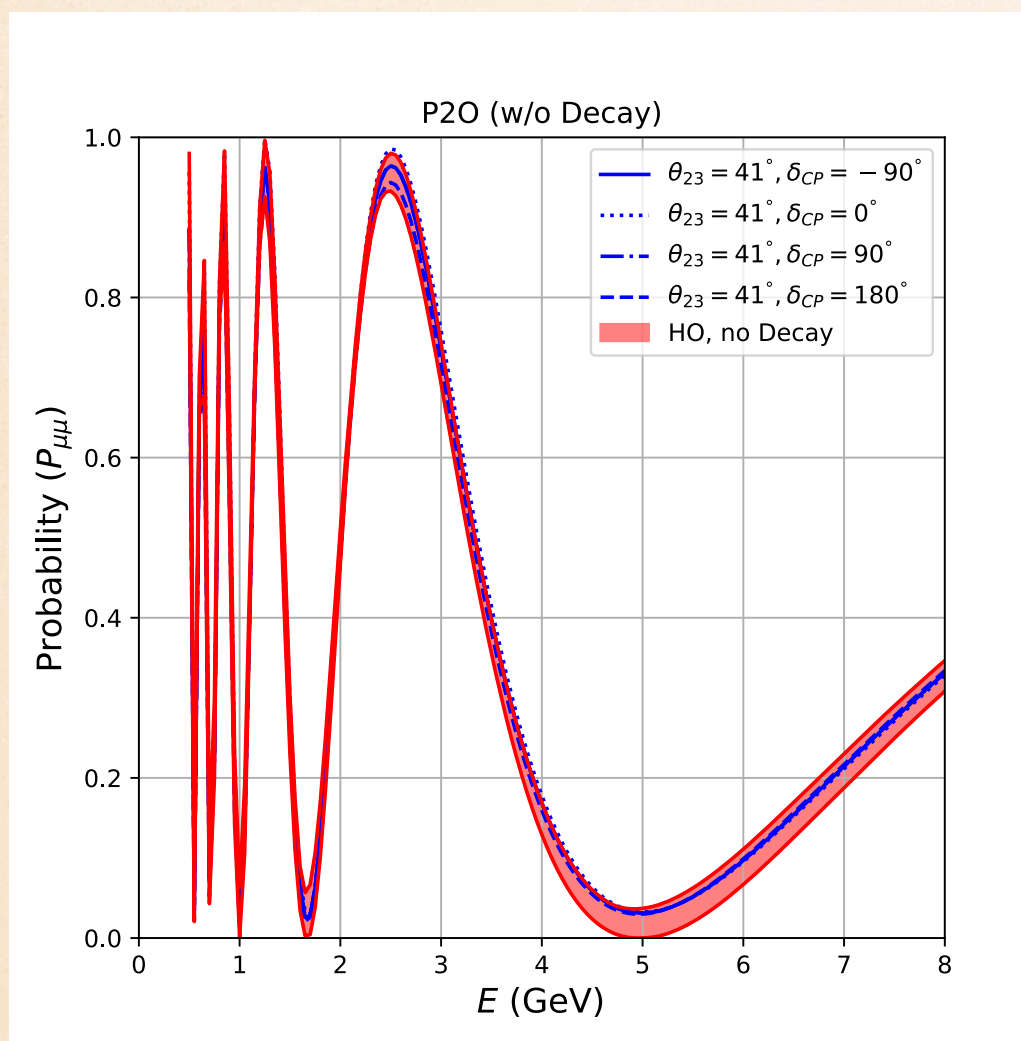
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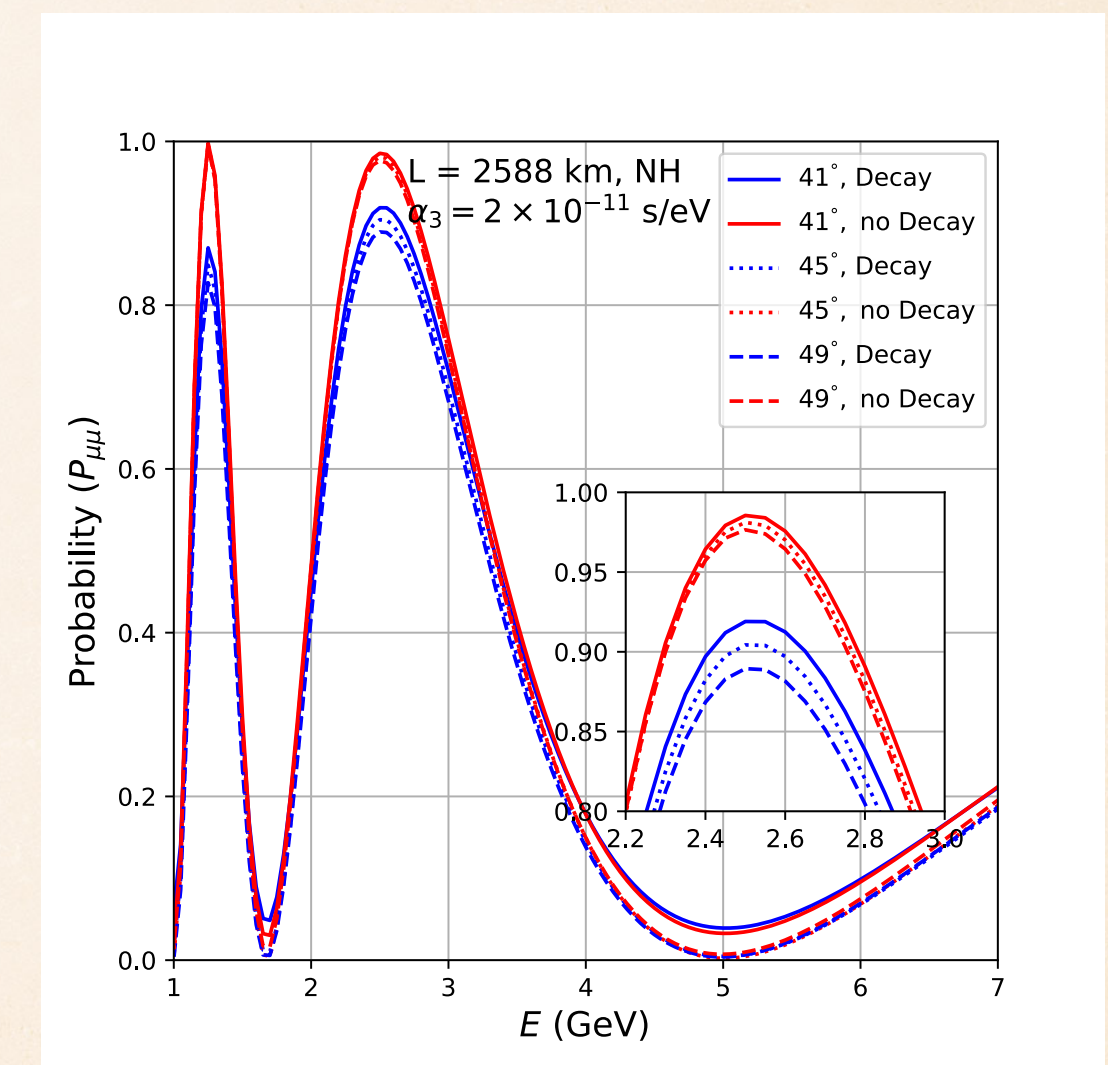
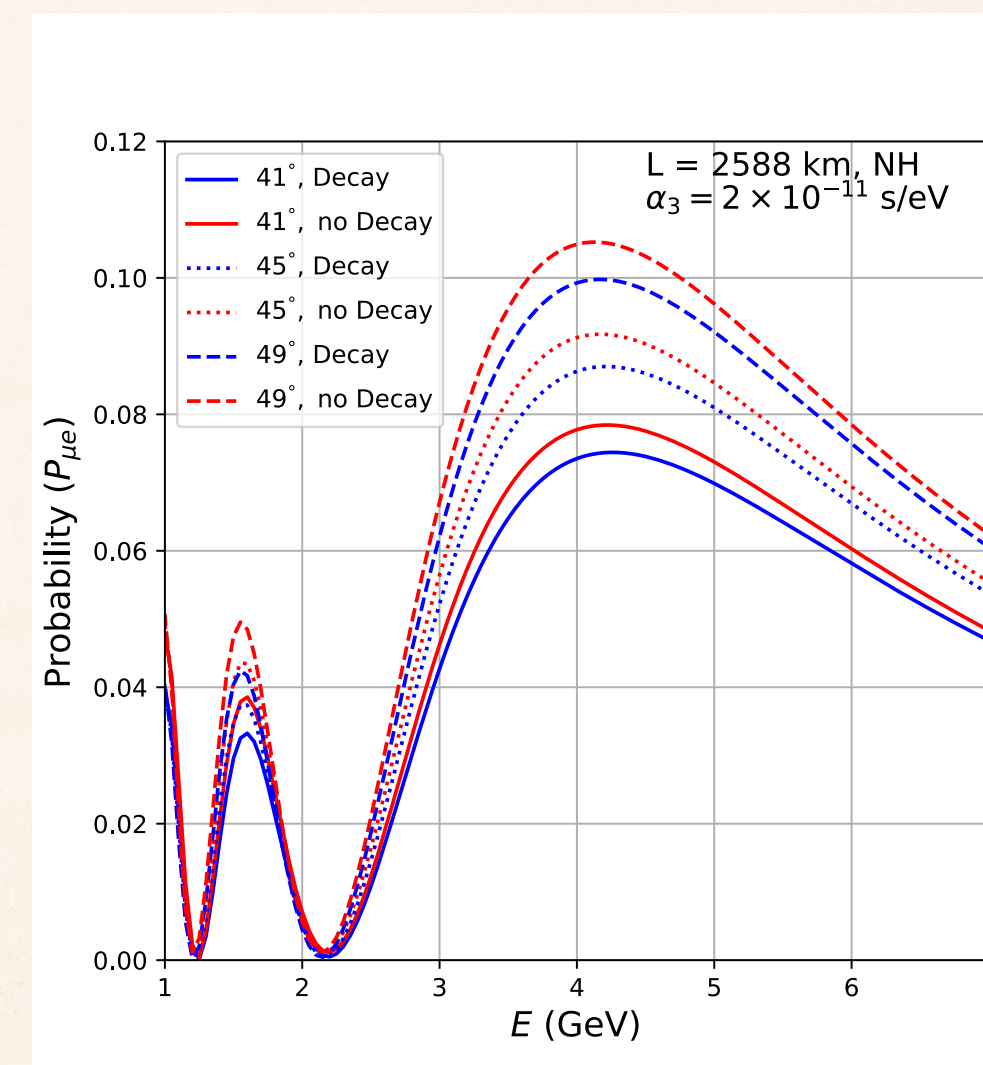
# DEGENERACY RELATED TO OCTANT OF $\theta_{23}$



- Separation b/w HO band and  $41^\circ$  curve around 4 GeV smaller in  $P_{\mu e} \Rightarrow$  decreased sensitivity
- Separation between in  $P_{\mu\mu}$  is higher for decay around 4 GeV  $\Rightarrow$  increased sensitivity

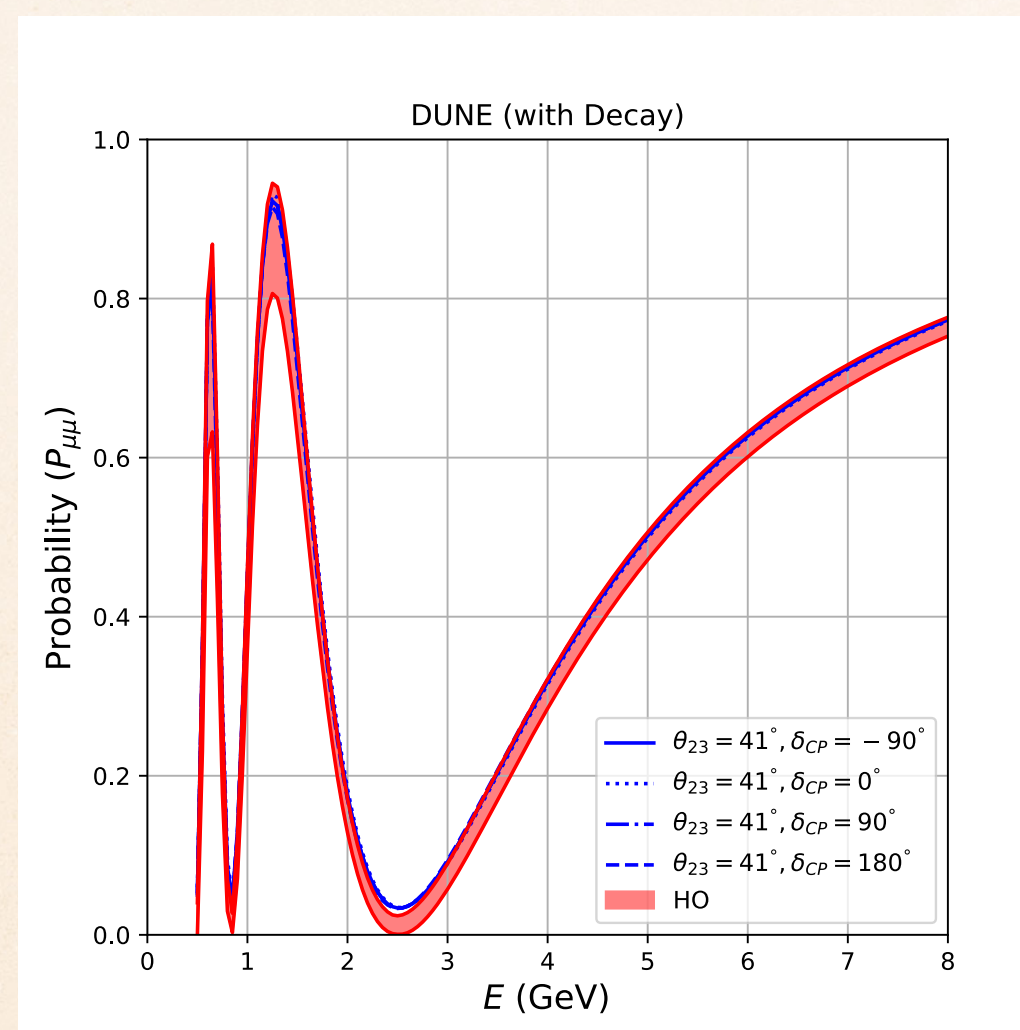
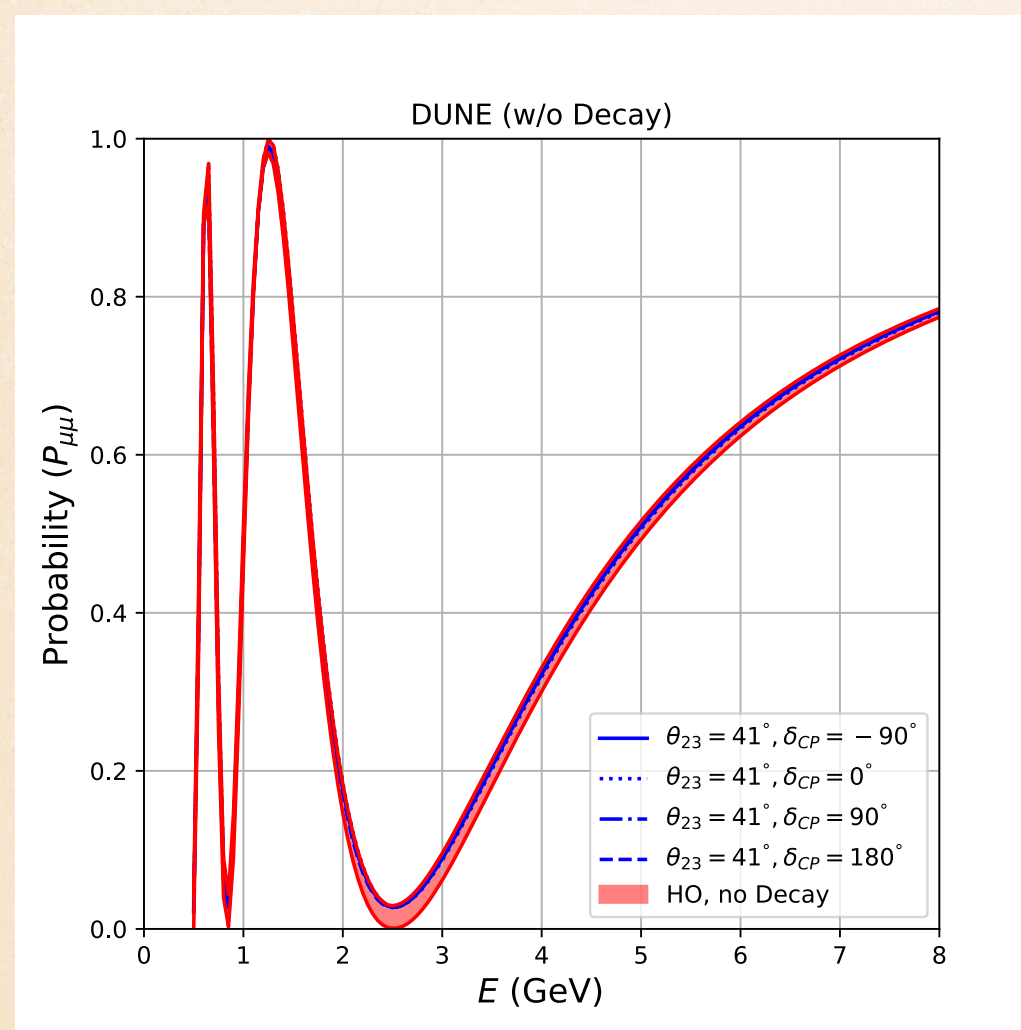
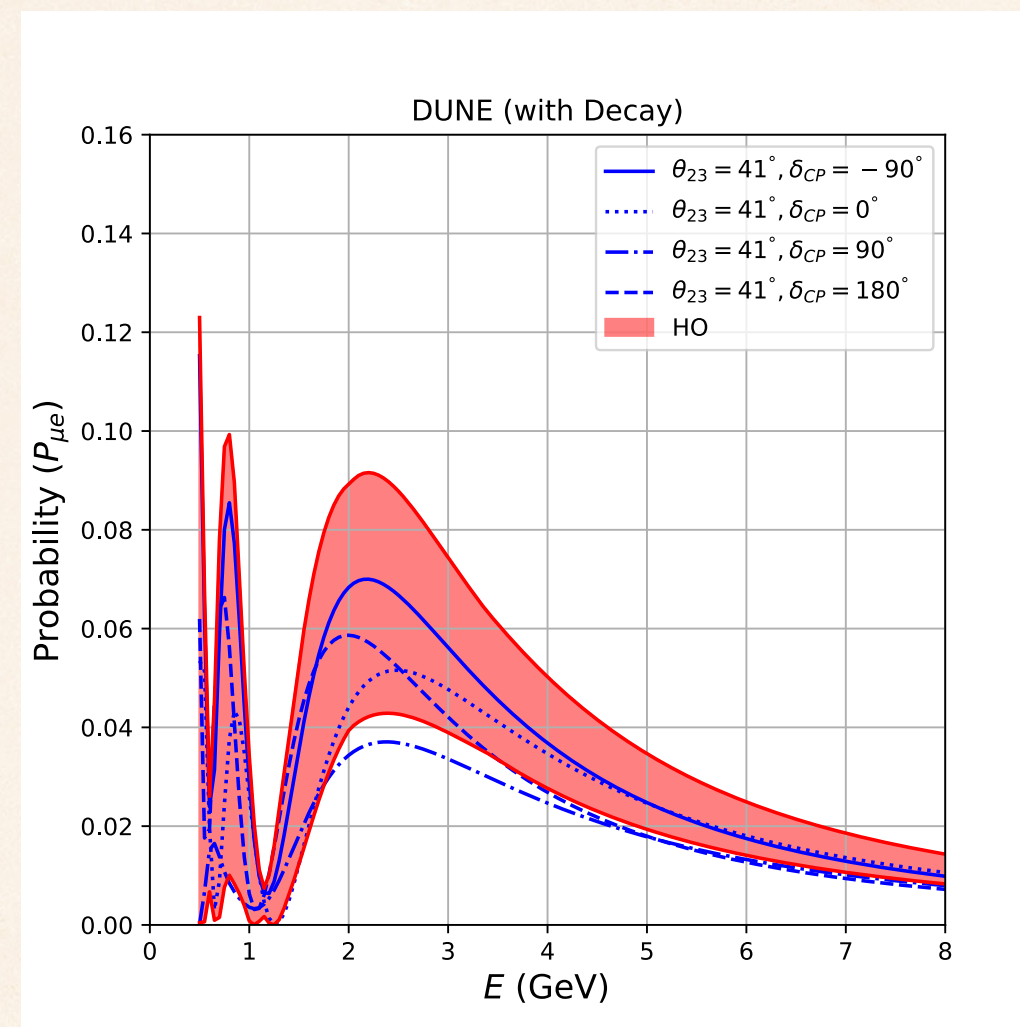
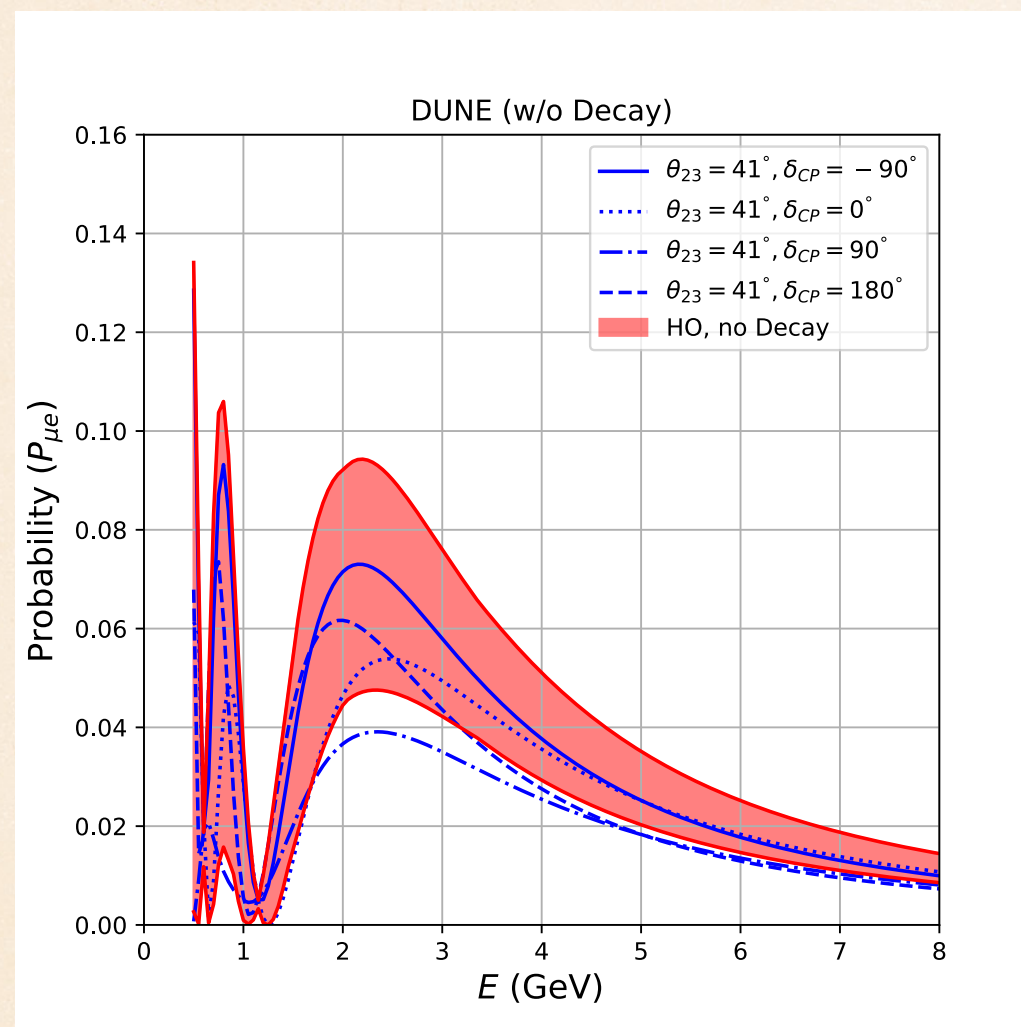


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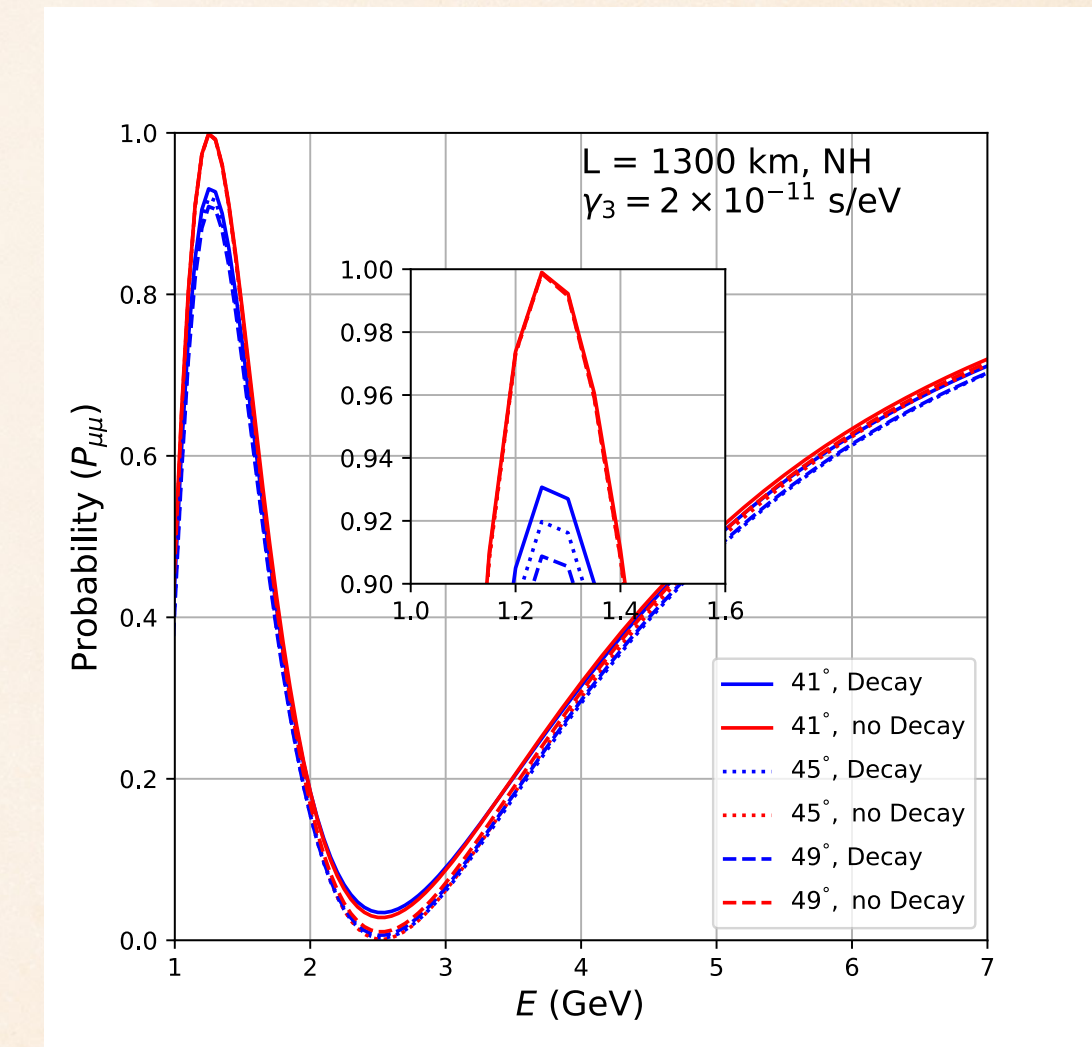
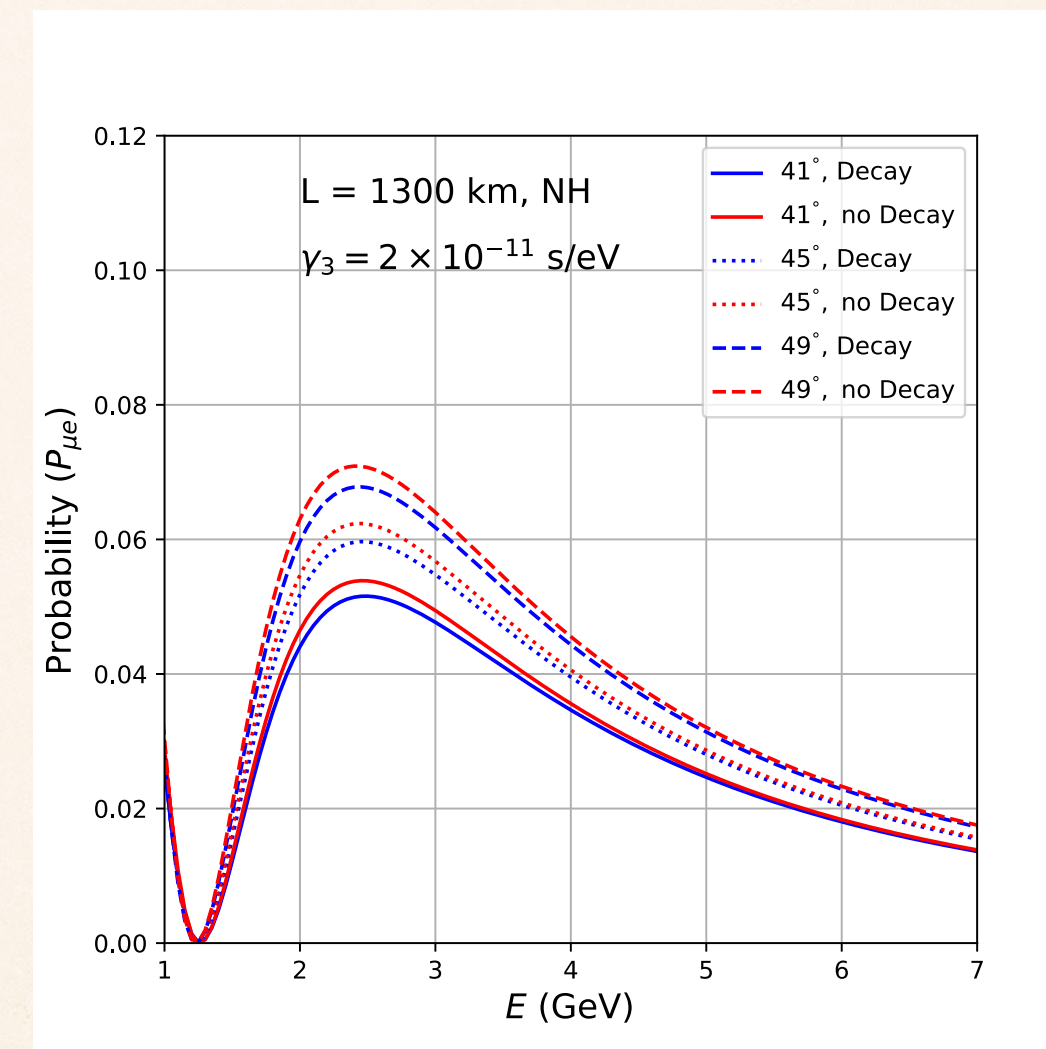
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# DEGENERACY RELATED TO OCTANT OF $\theta_{23}$



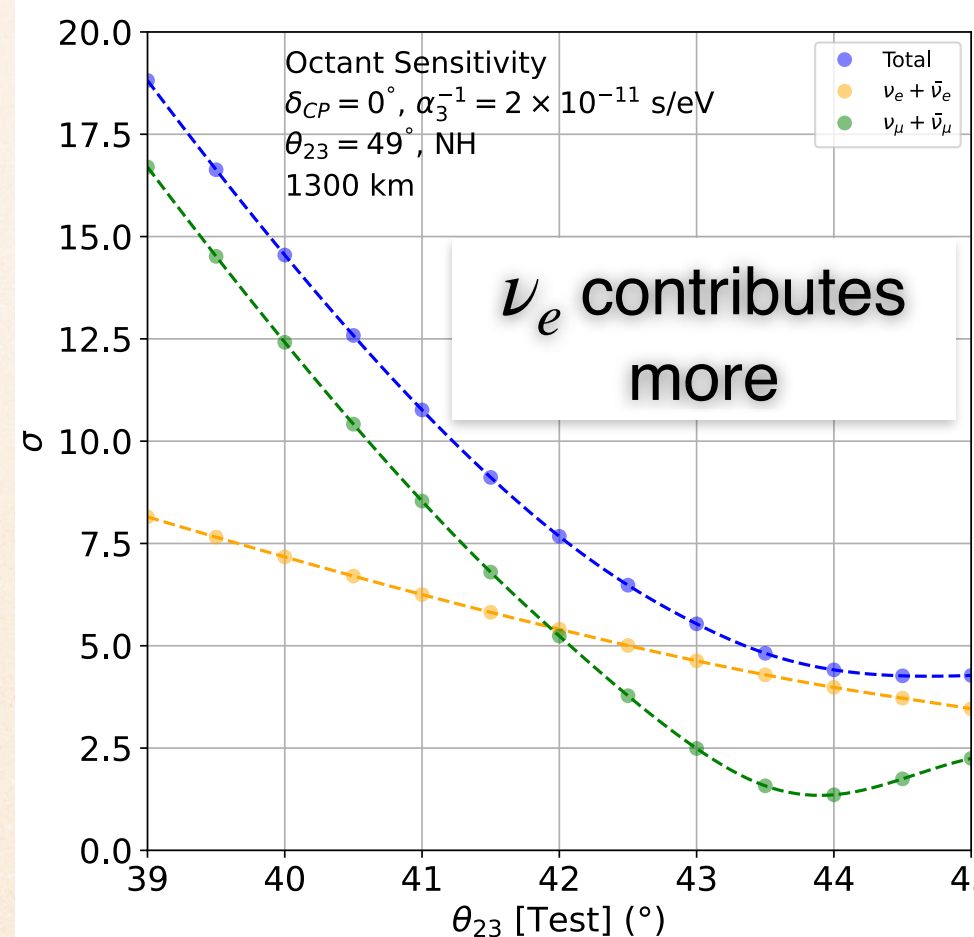
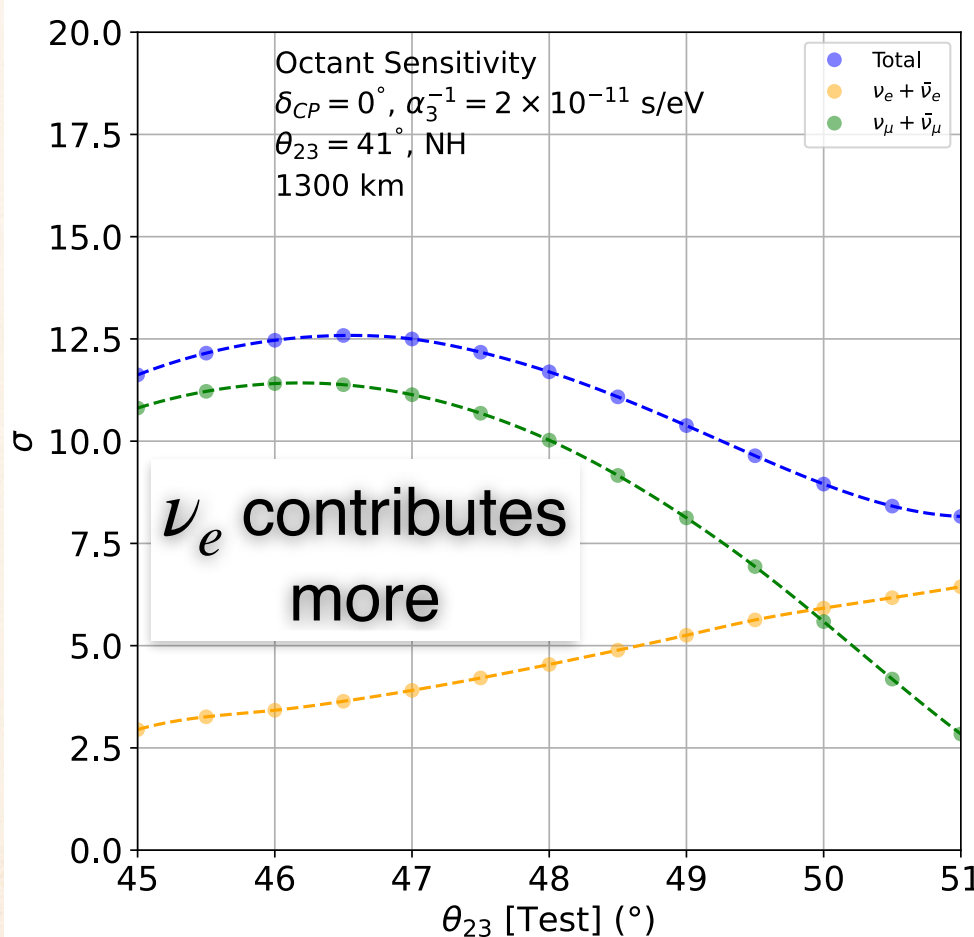
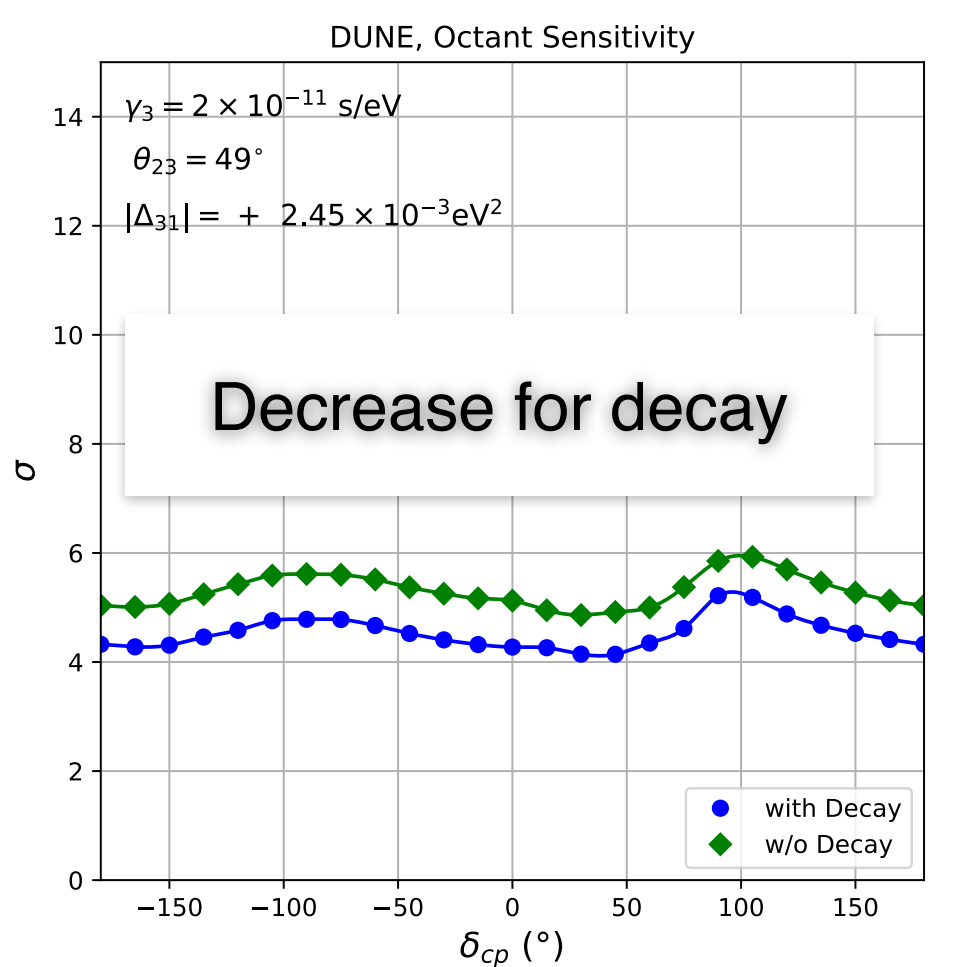
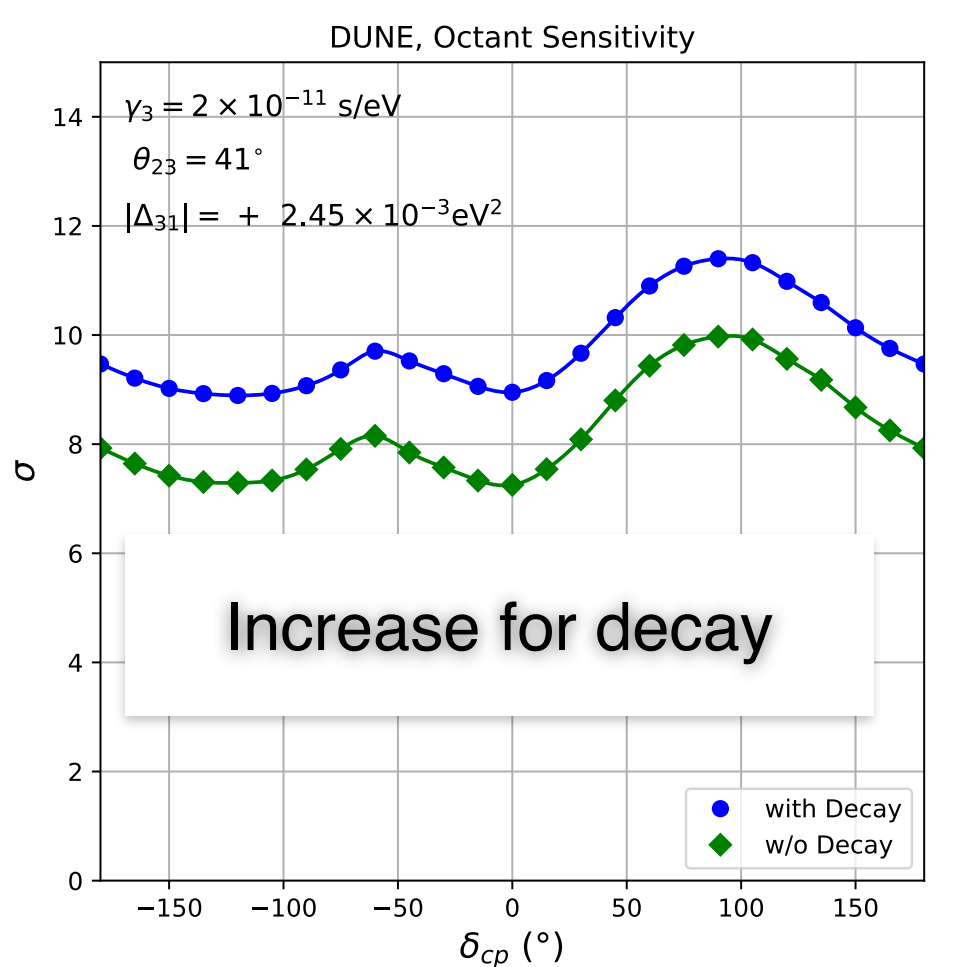
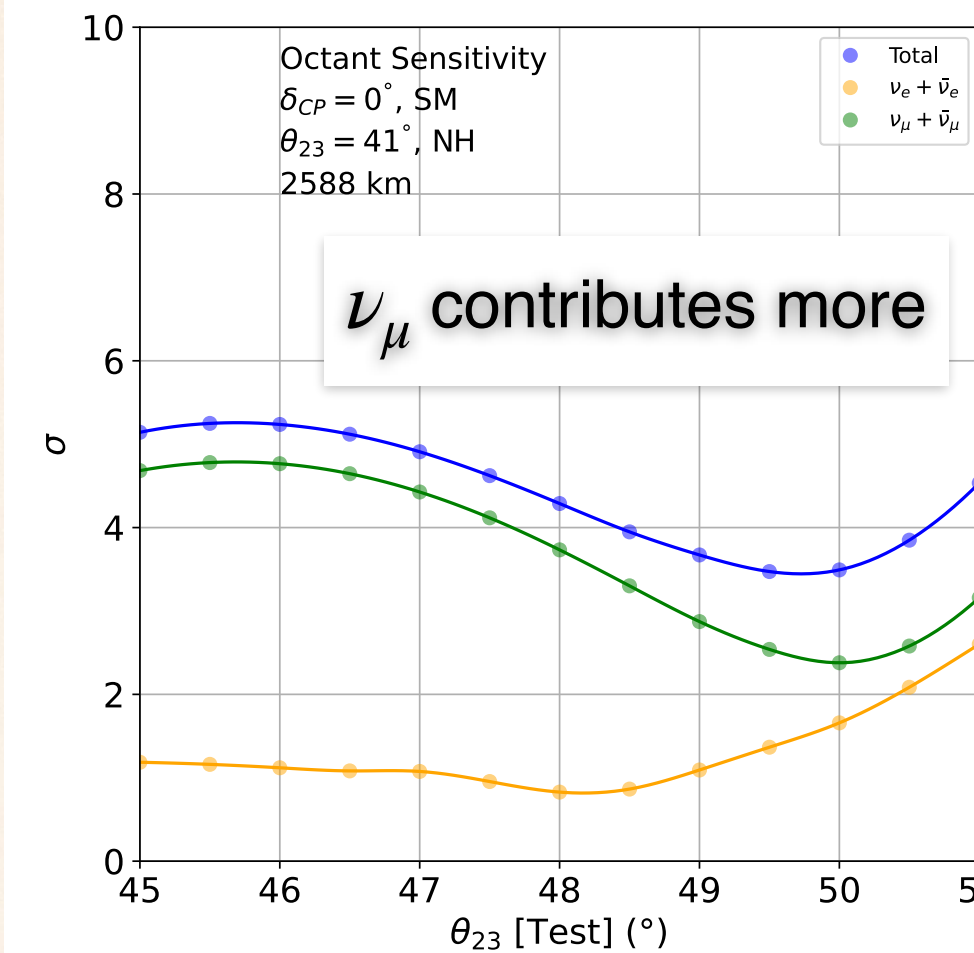
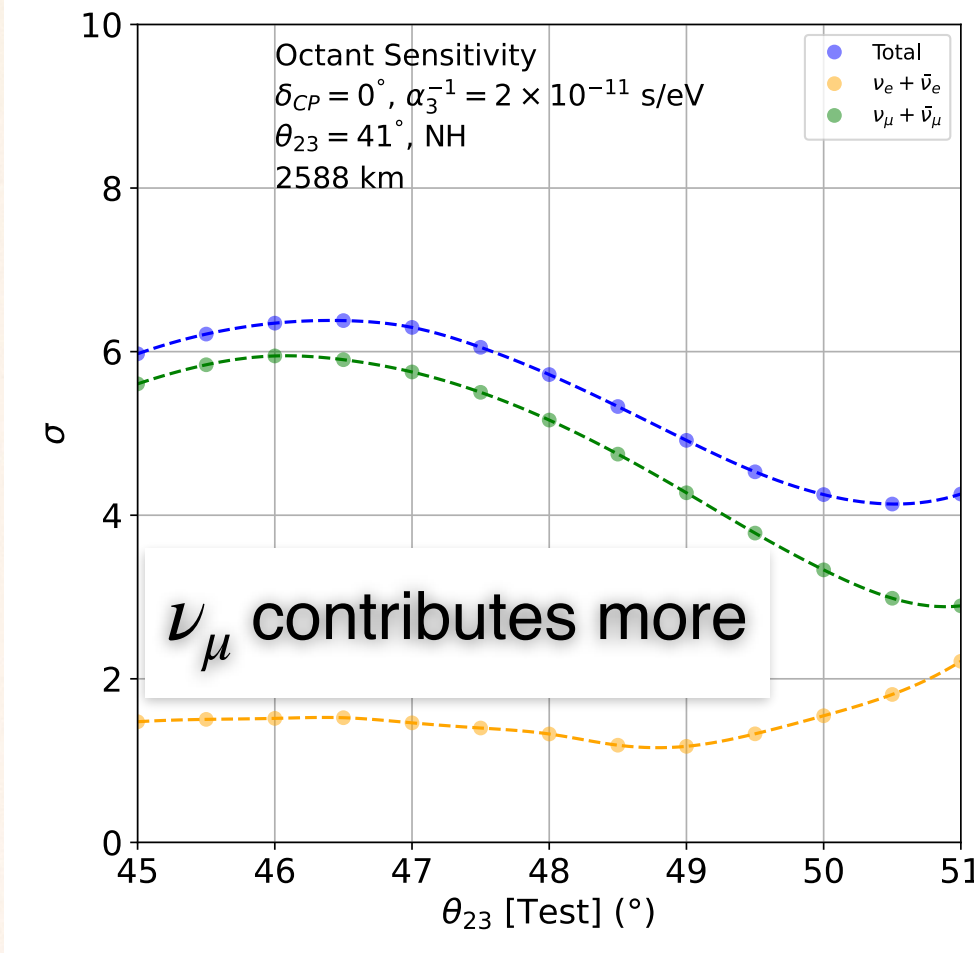
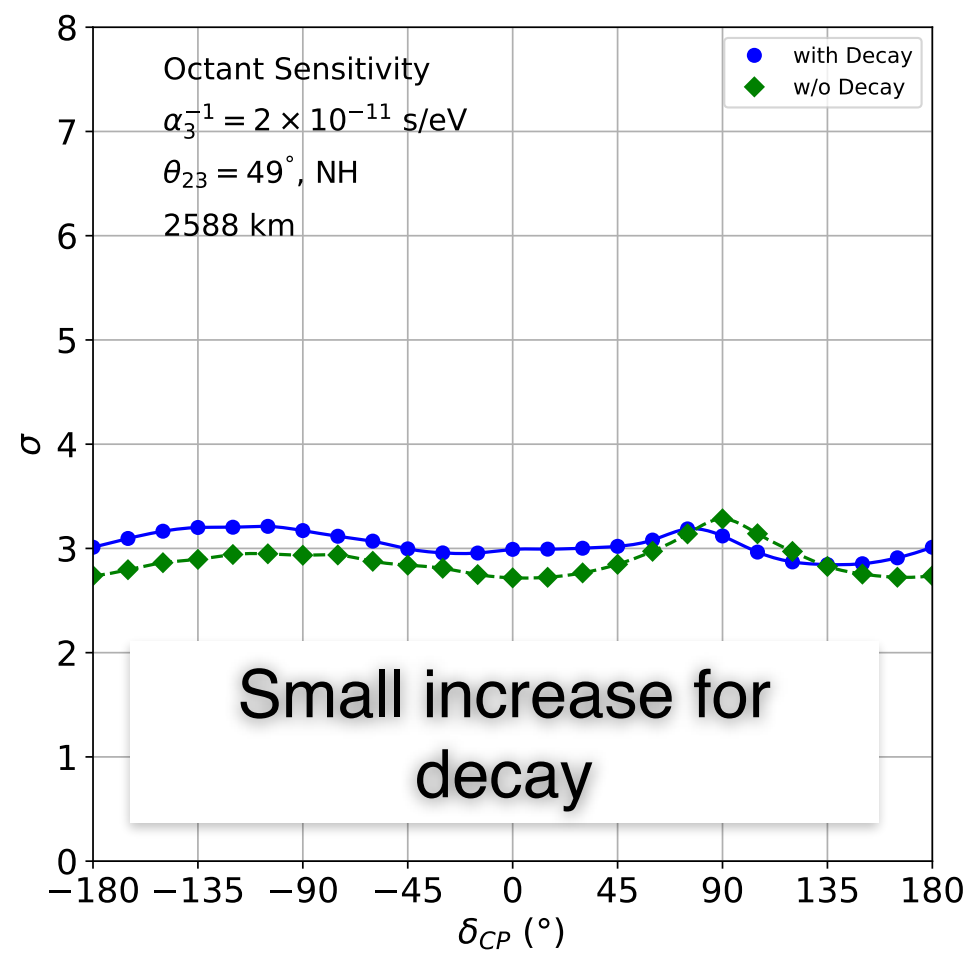
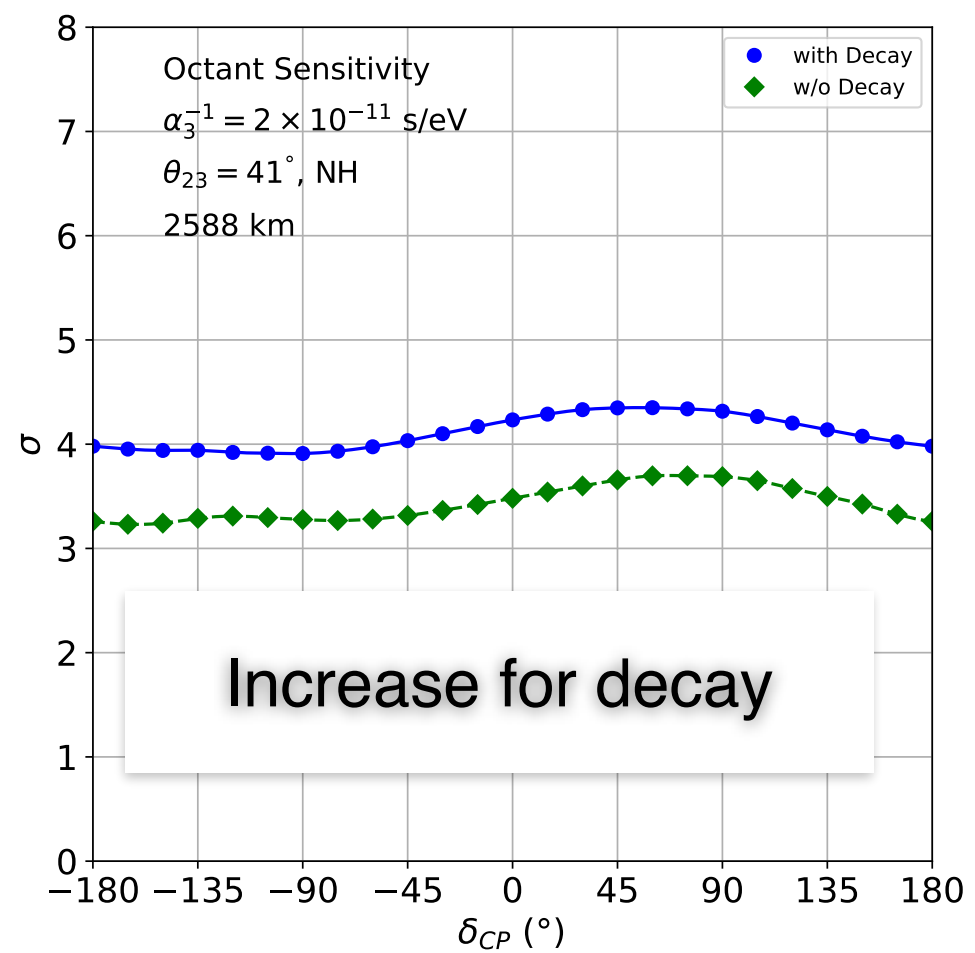
- Separation b/w HO band and  $41^\circ$  curve around 2.5 GeV smaller in  $P_{\mu e} \Rightarrow$  decreased sensitivity
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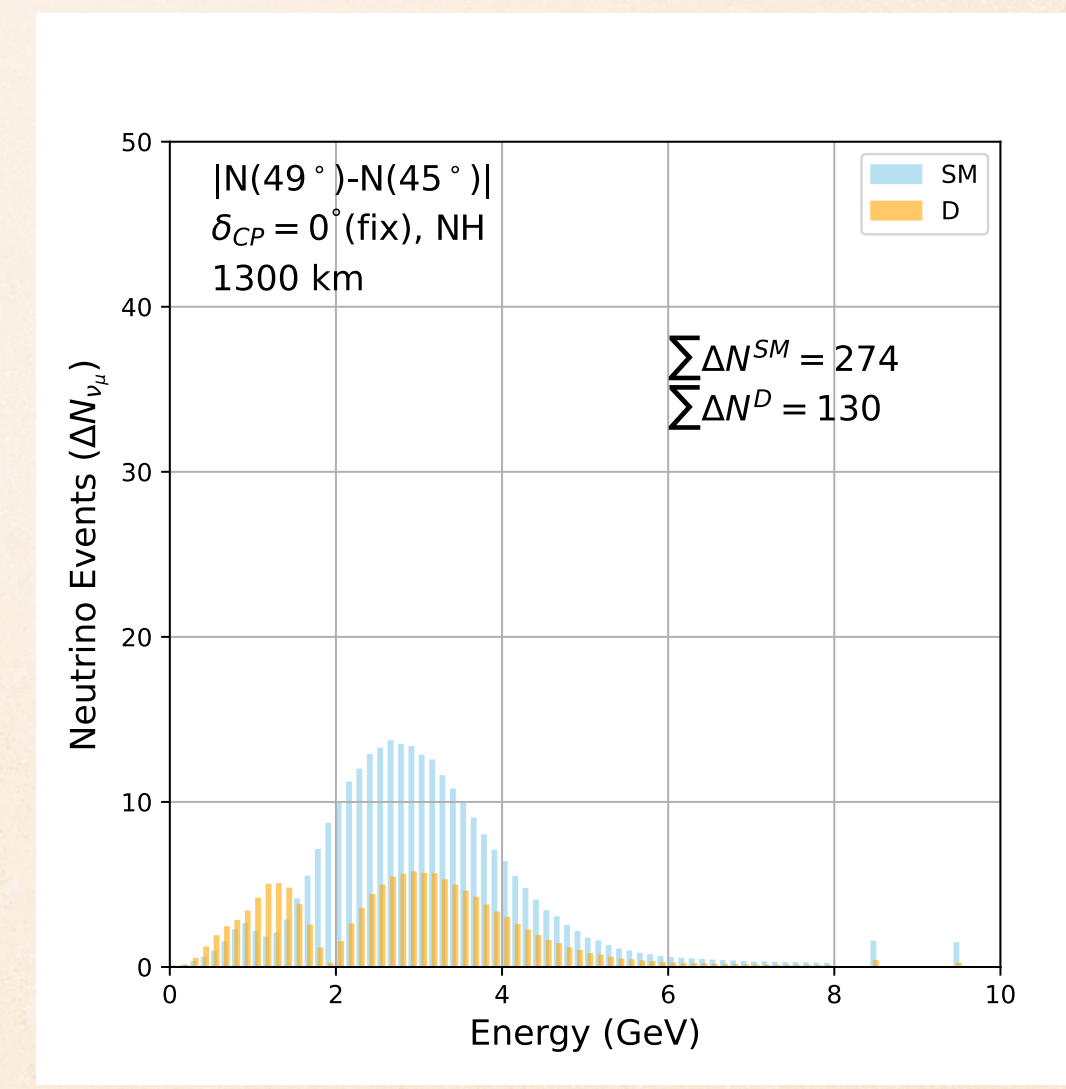
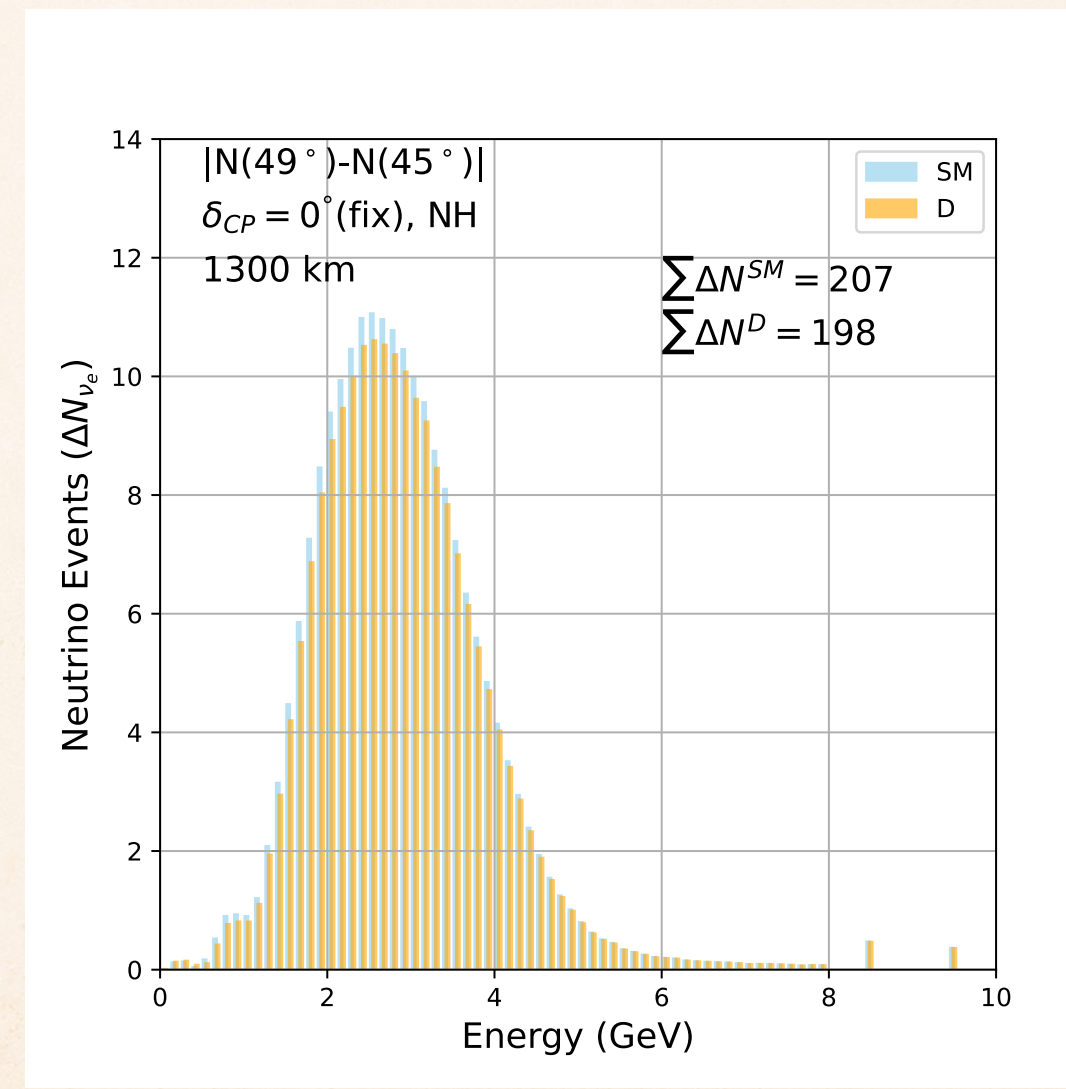
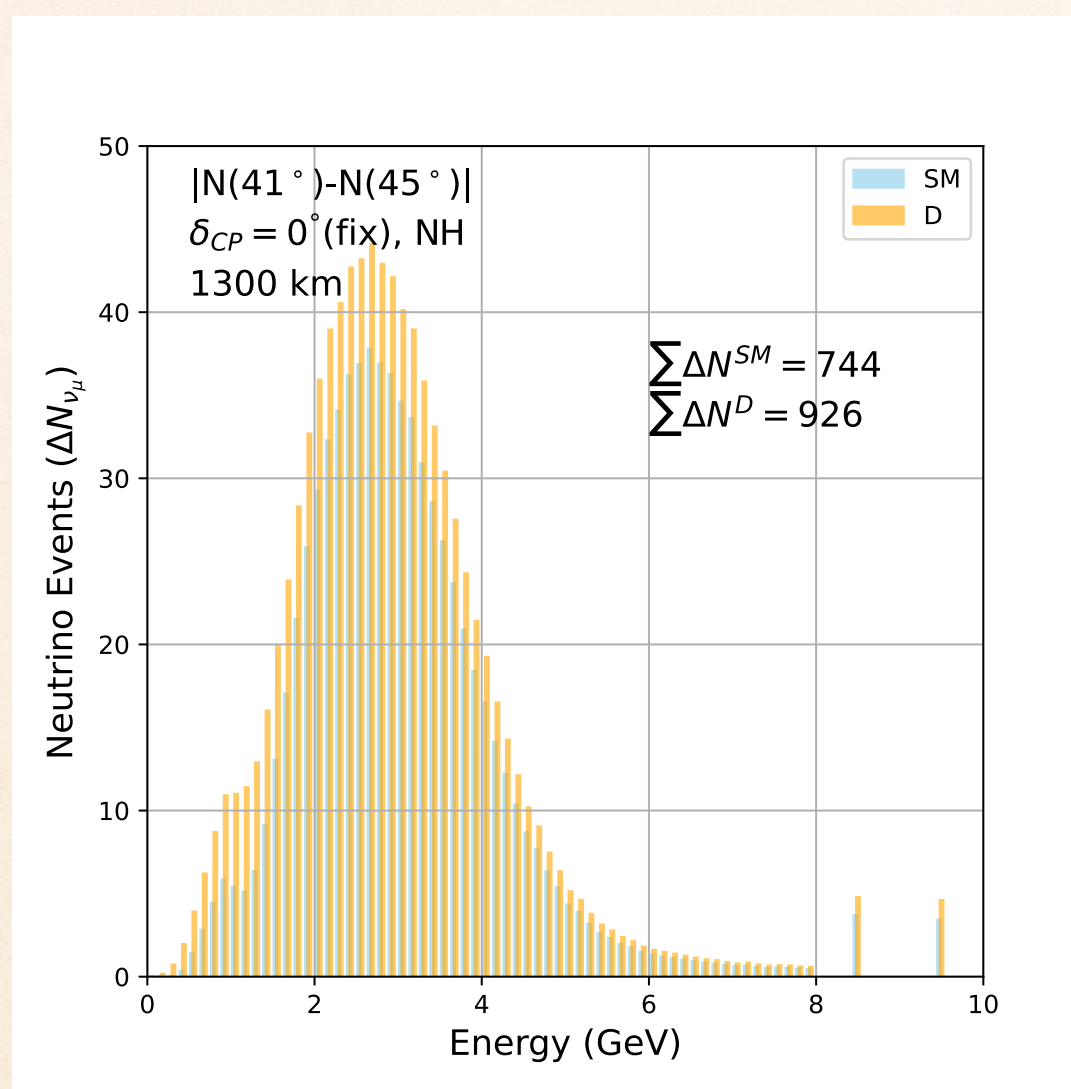
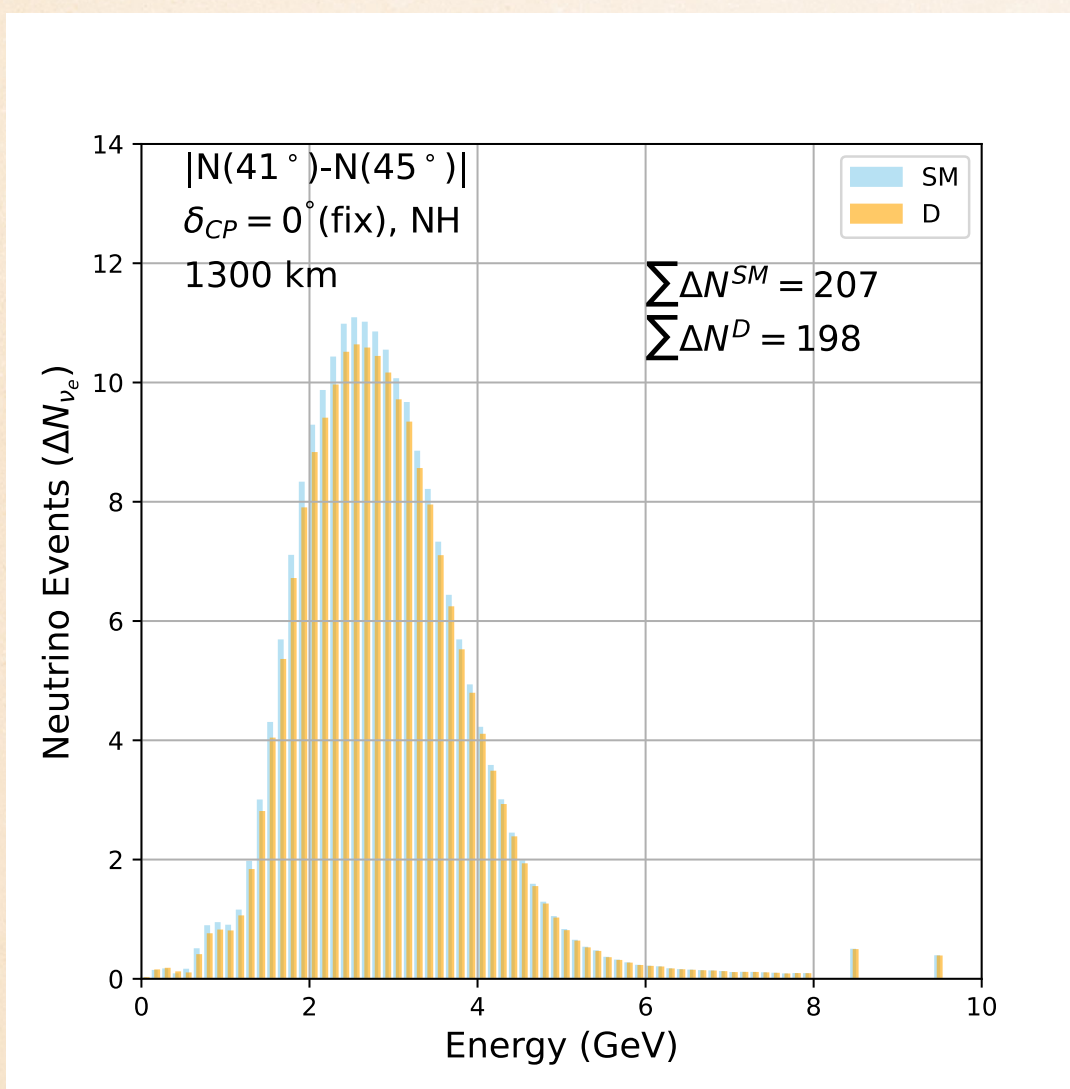
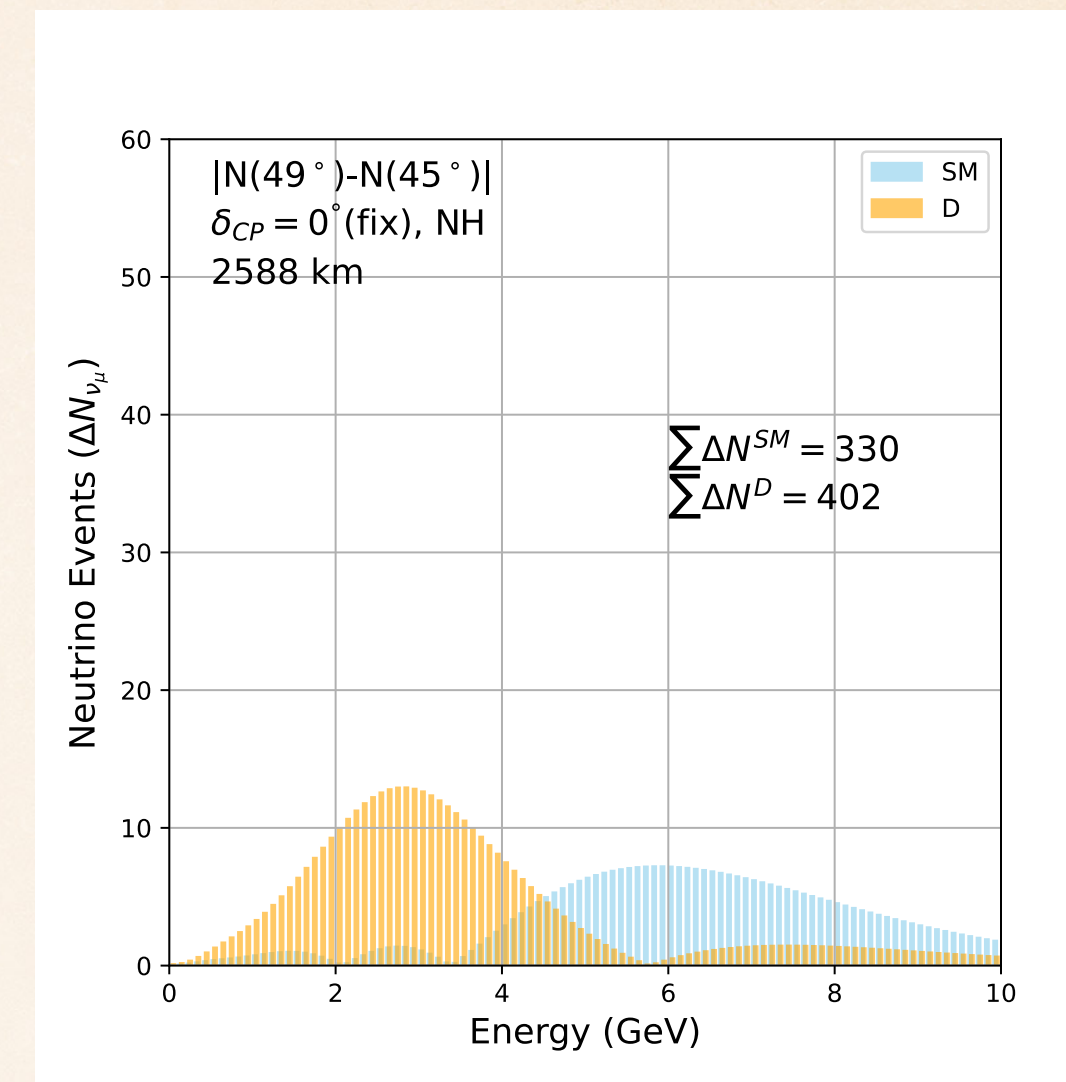
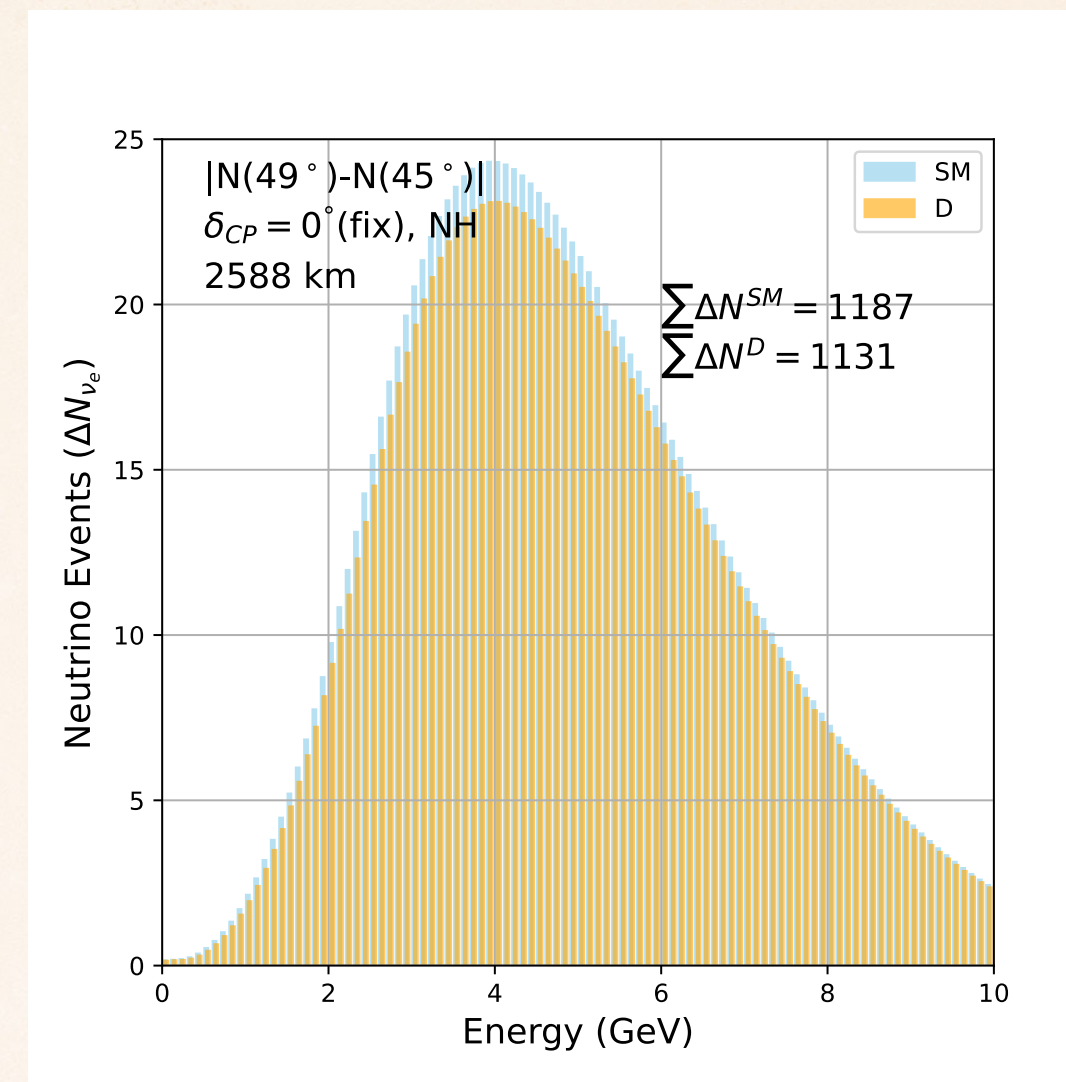
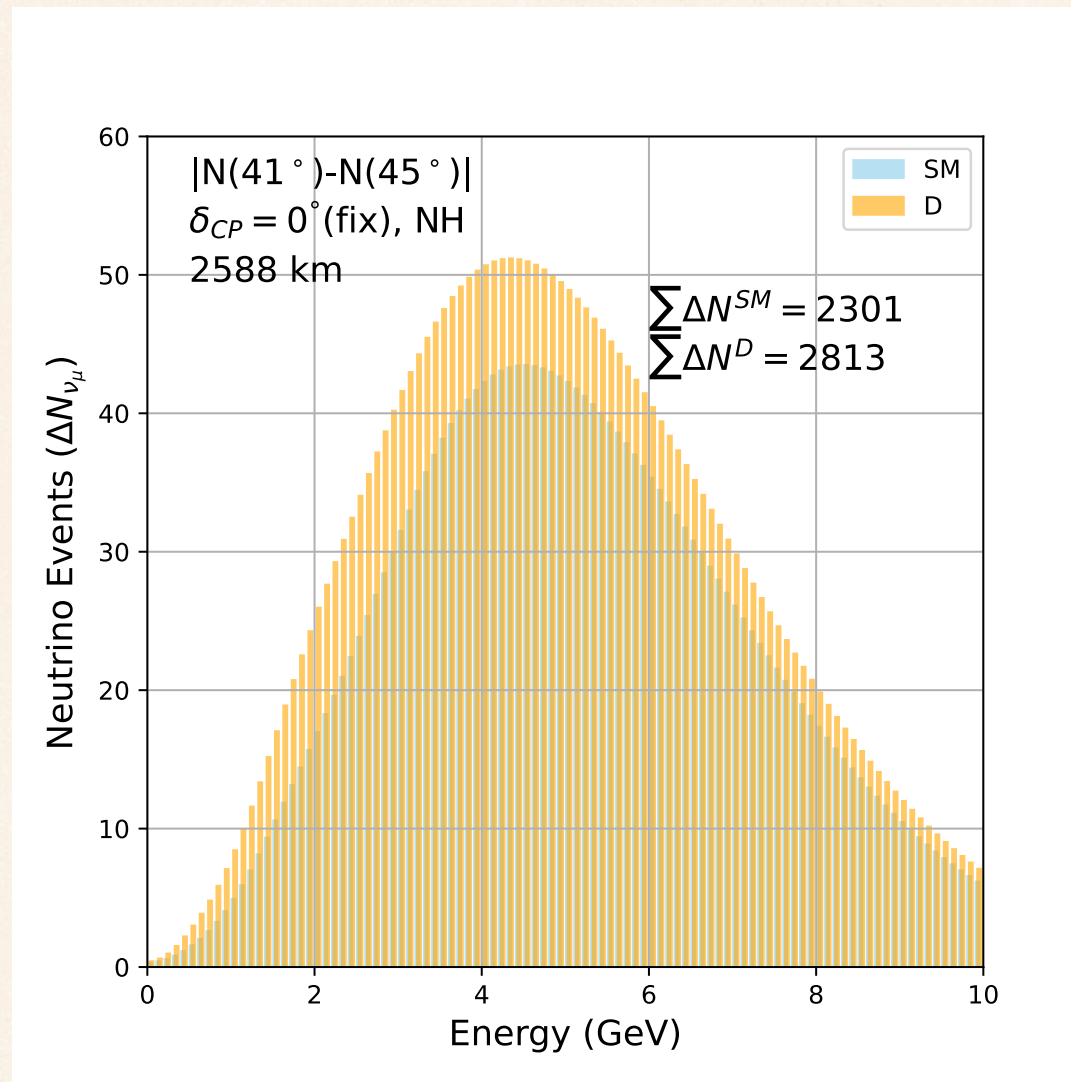
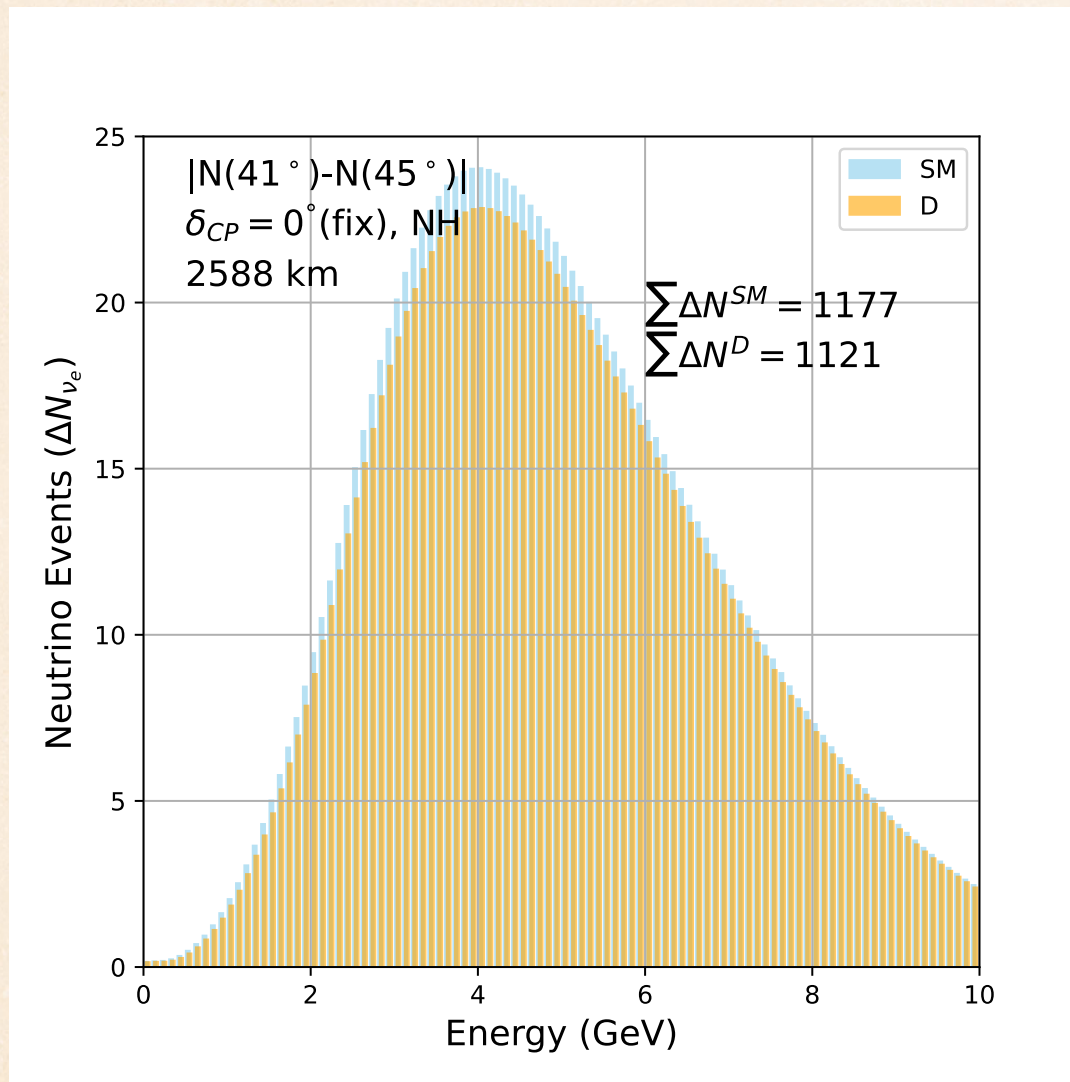
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# OCTANT SENSITIVITY

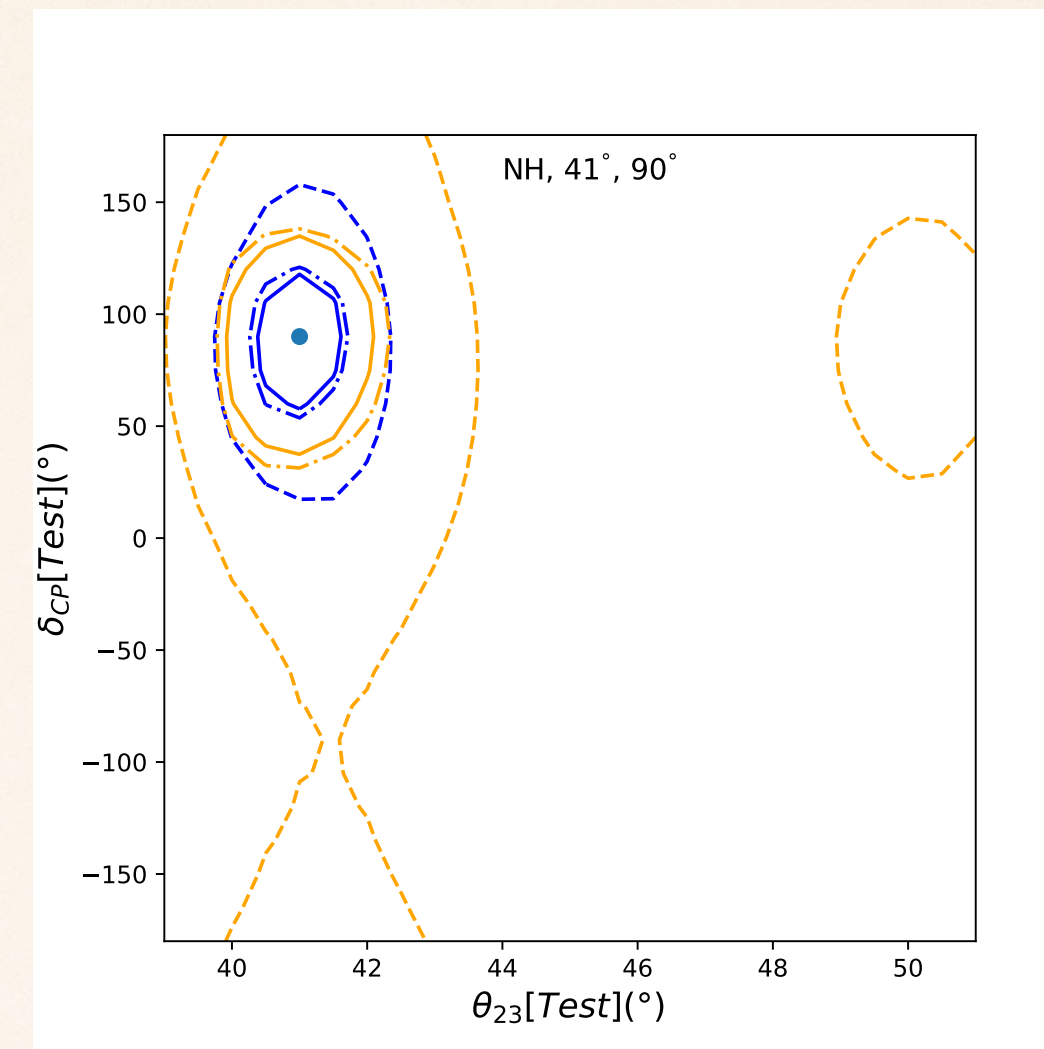
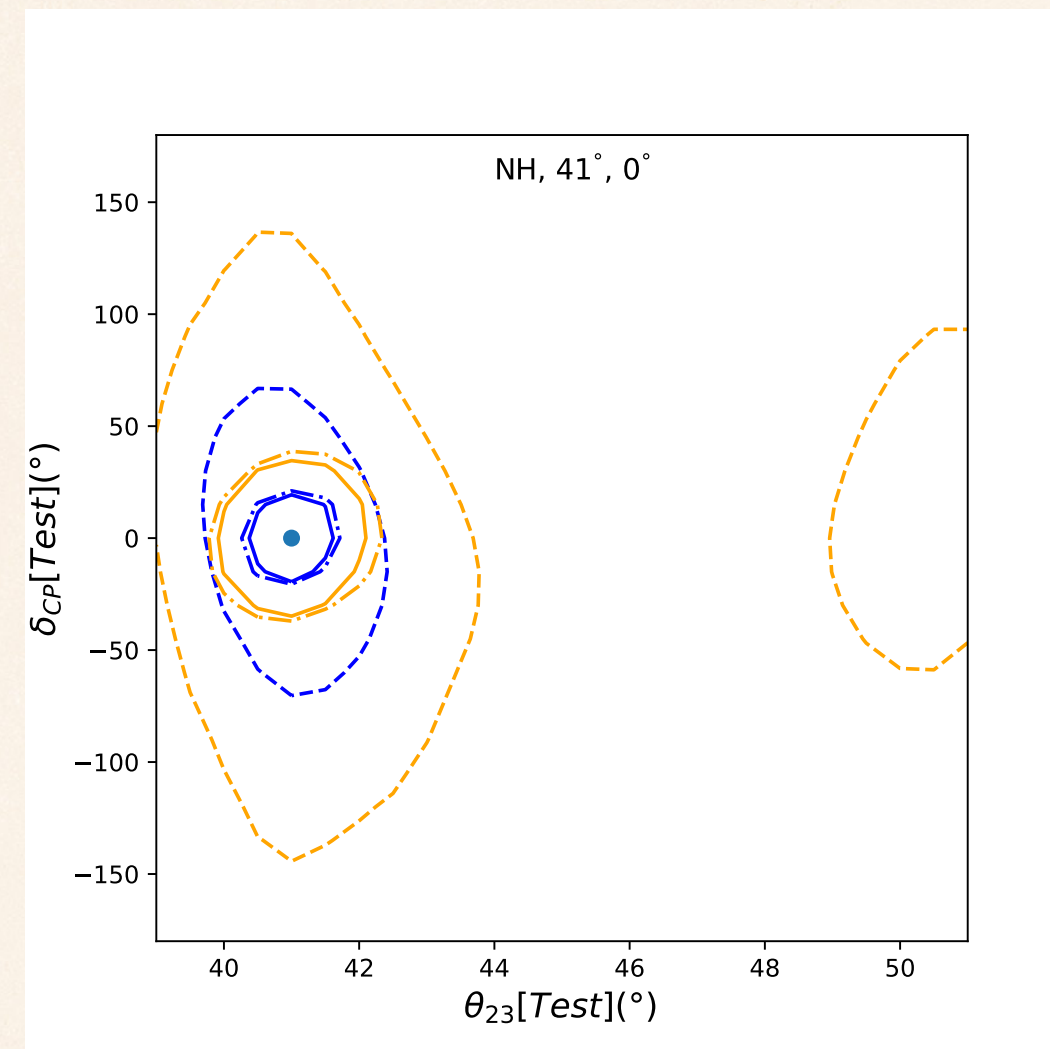
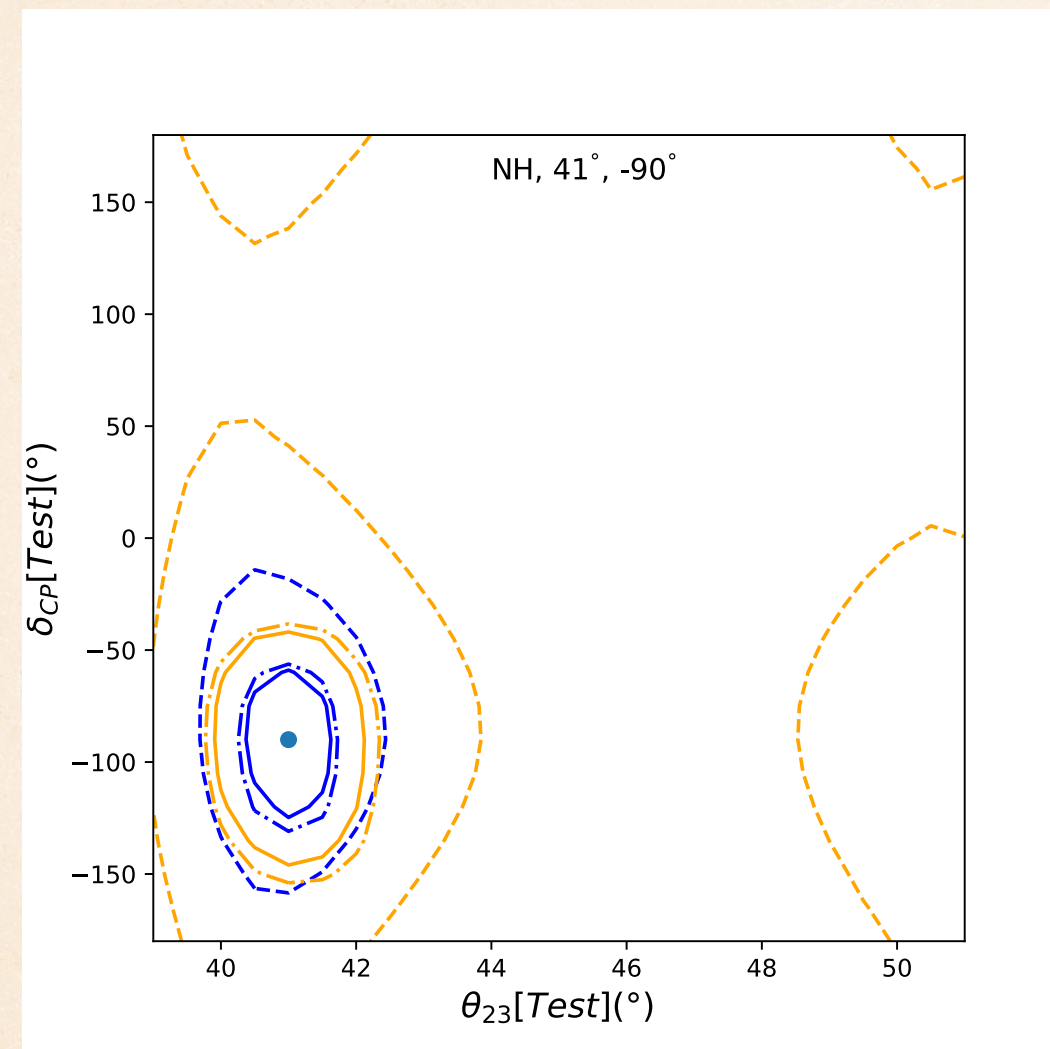




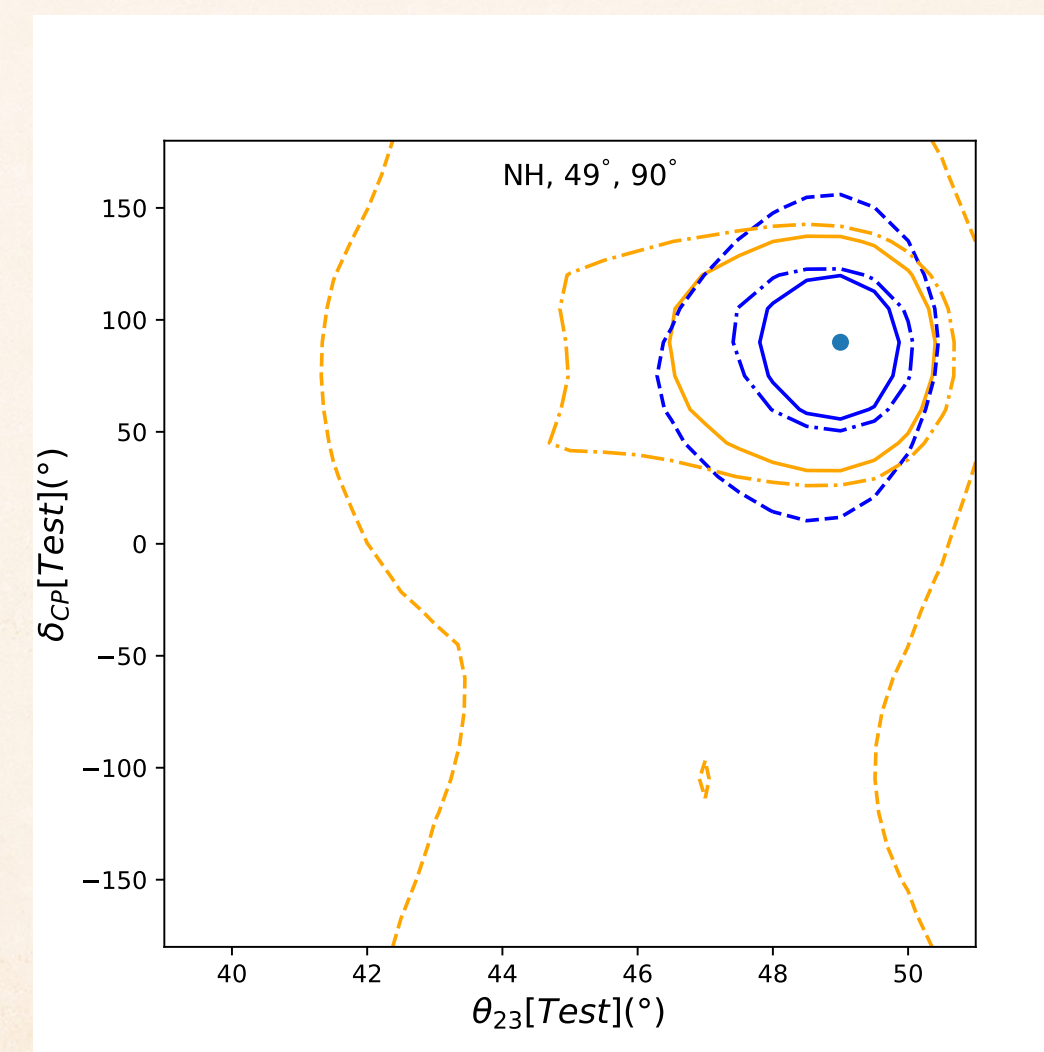
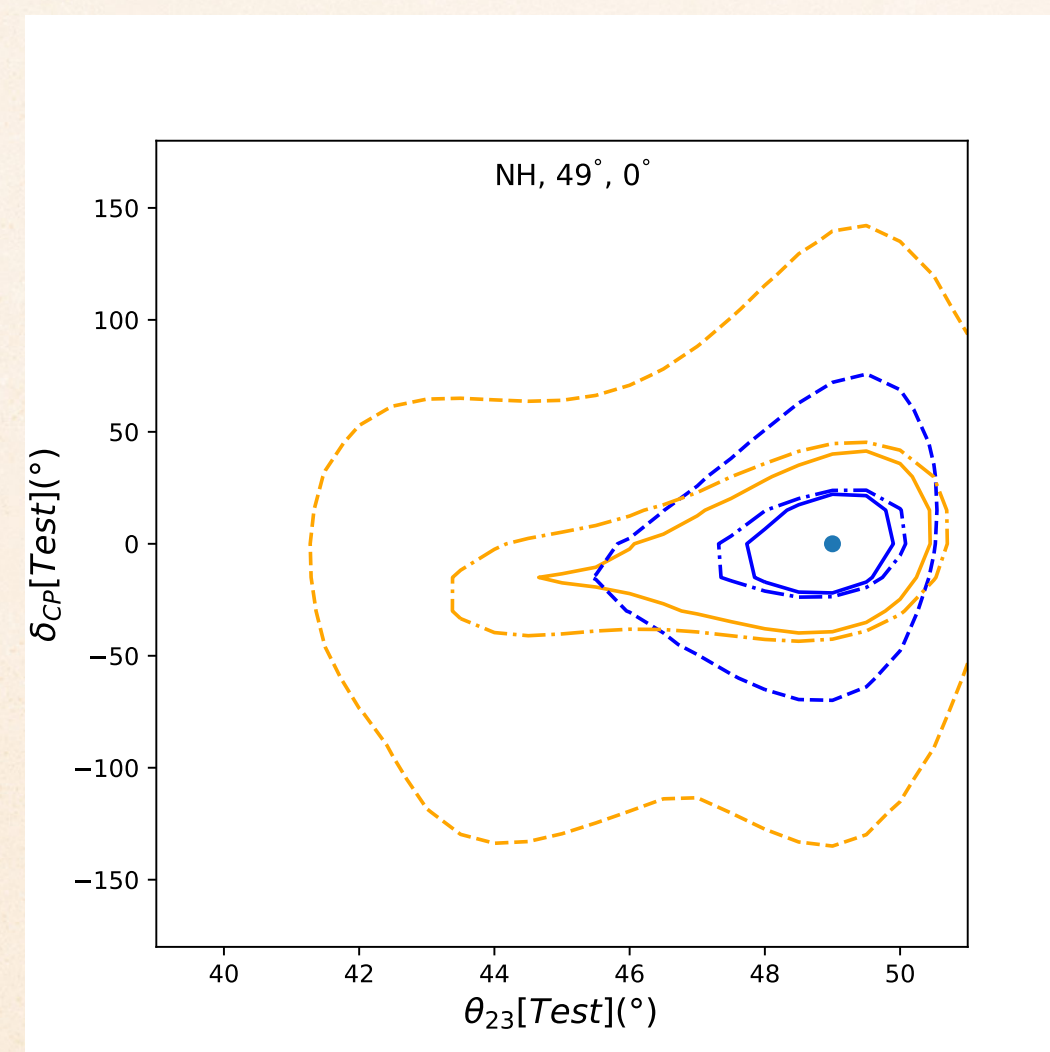
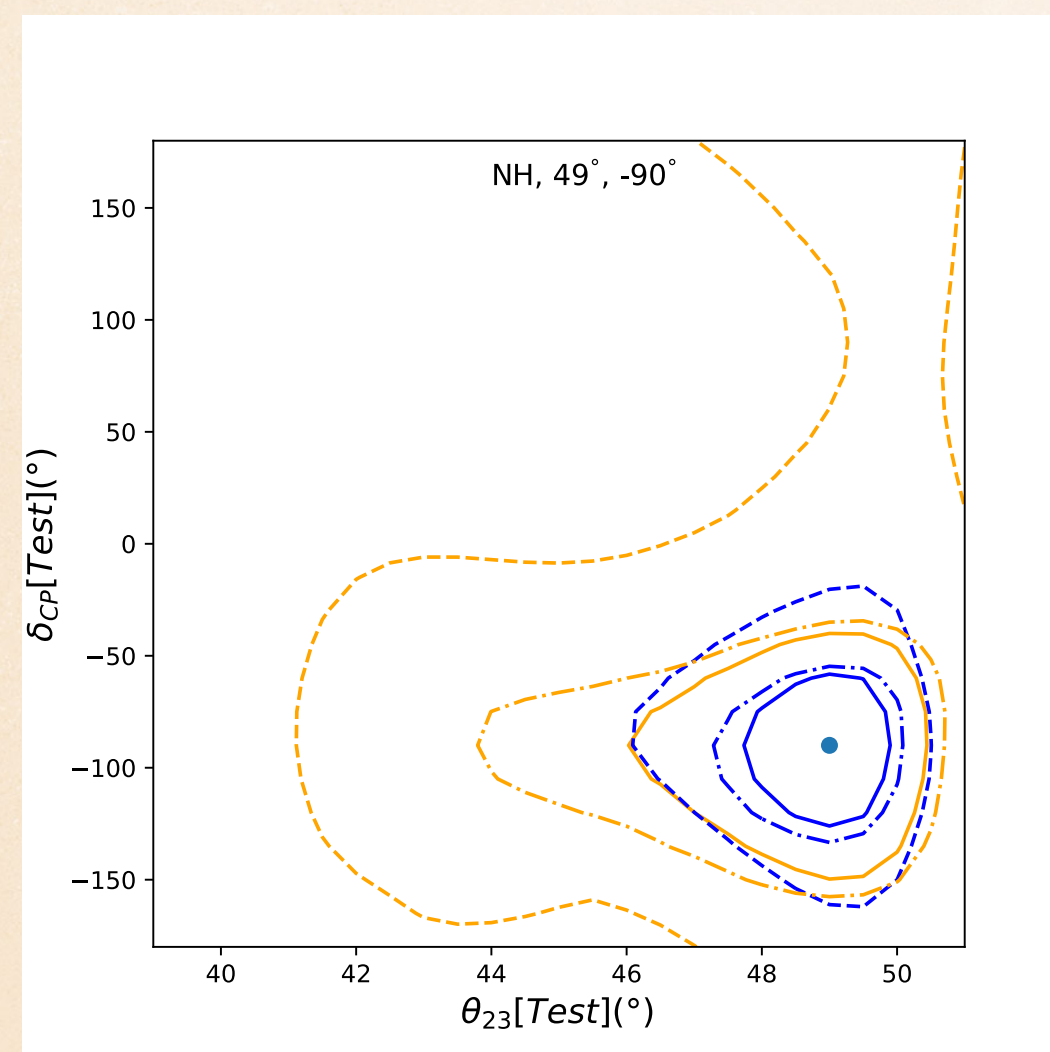
# EVENTS SPECTRUM



# SENSITIVITY IN $\theta_{23} - \delta_{CP}$ PLANE



Dot-dashed, dashed, and solid lines correspond to P2O, DUNE and P2O+DUNE combined analysis. Orange and blue colours stand for 5 $\sigma$ , 3 $\sigma$  contours.



DUNE+P2O removes all the wrong octant, wrong  $\delta_{CP}$  solutions

# CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ Sensitivity to mass ordering reduces for decay in both baselines.
- ◆ MO sensitivity shows different dependence with  $\theta_{23}$  in IH. In 2588 km it is due to  $\nu_e$  channel
- ◆ Sensitivity to octant increases for decay in 2588 for  $\theta_{23}$  in both HO and LO
- ◆ Octant sensitivity increases when  $\theta_{23}$  in LO and decreases for  $\theta_{23}$  in HO for decay
- ◆ Contribution of  $\nu_\mu(\nu_e)$  channel in octant sensitivity is higher in 2588 km (1300 km).
- ◆ Joint analysis of DUNE, P2O removes wrong  $\theta_{23}$ , wrong  $\delta_{CP}$  solutions.



**THANK YOU**