

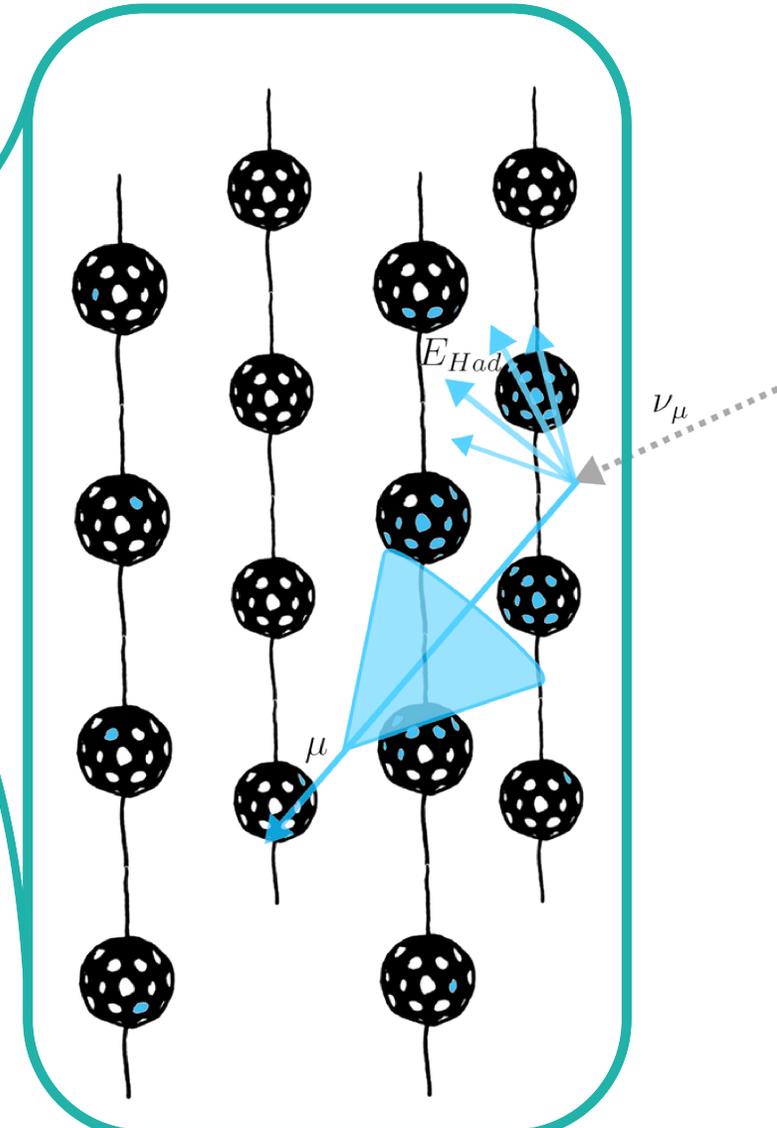
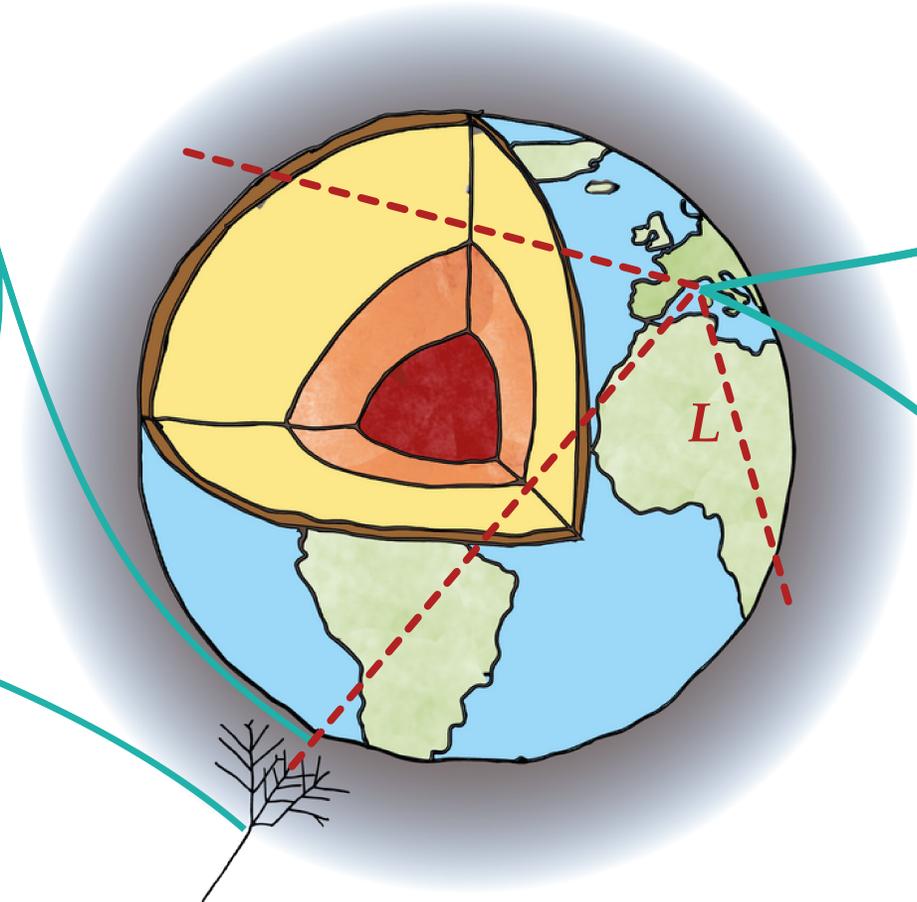
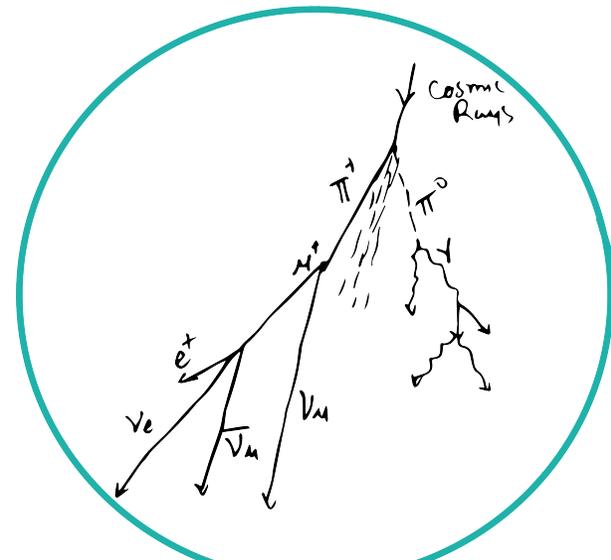
Studying Neutrino Oscillations with KM3NeT

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Experiment's Working Principle

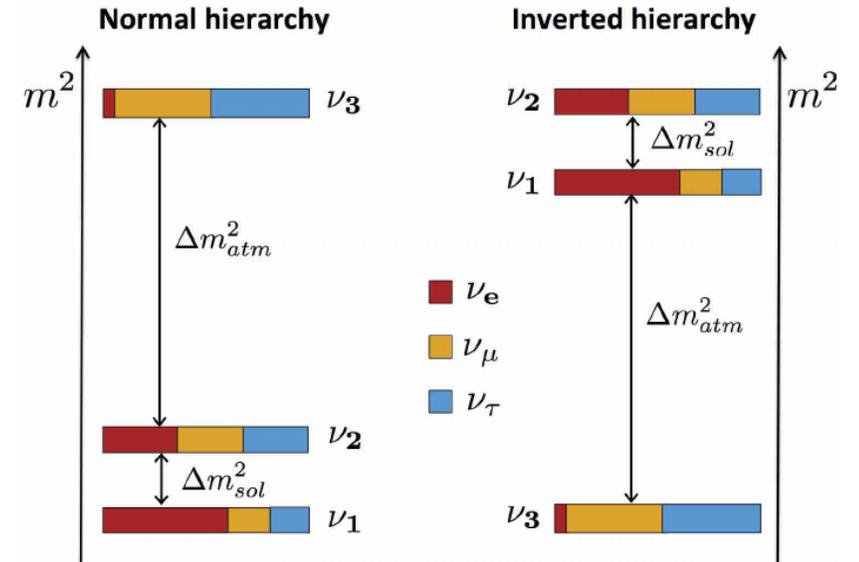


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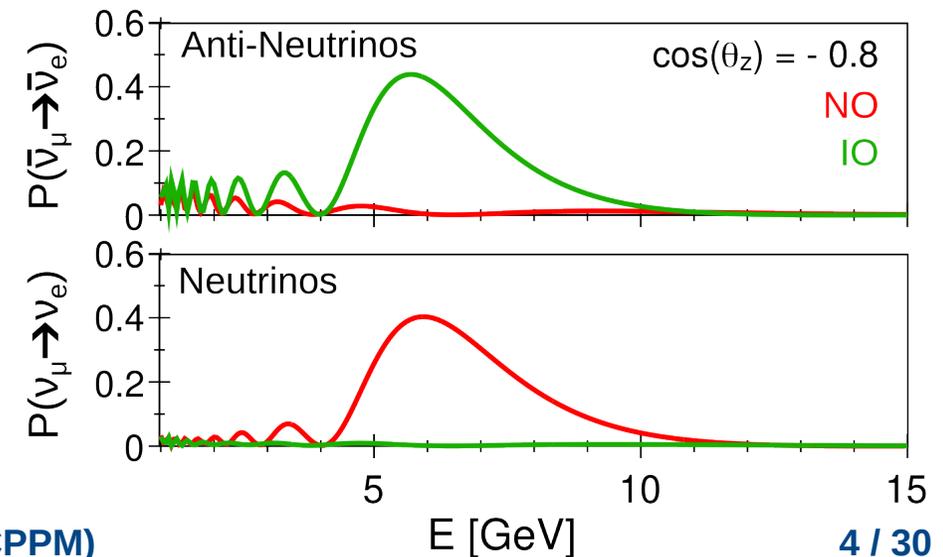
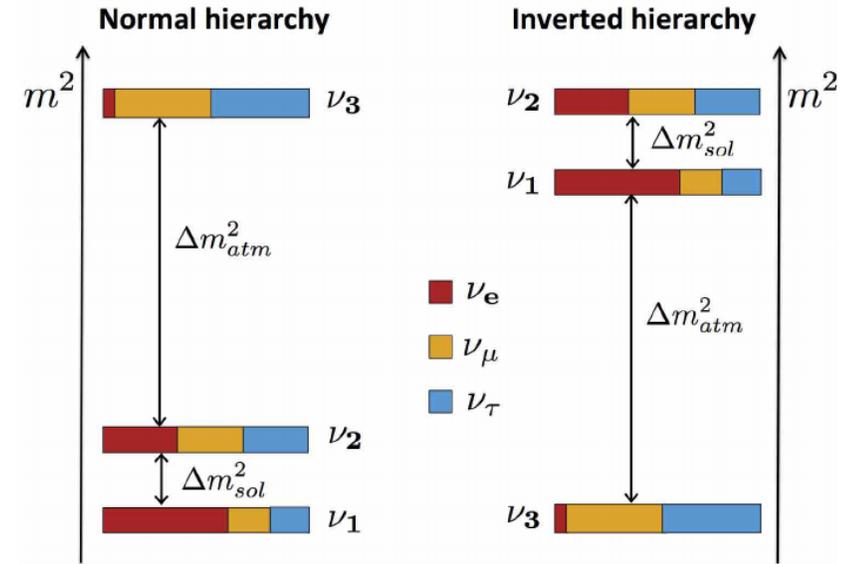
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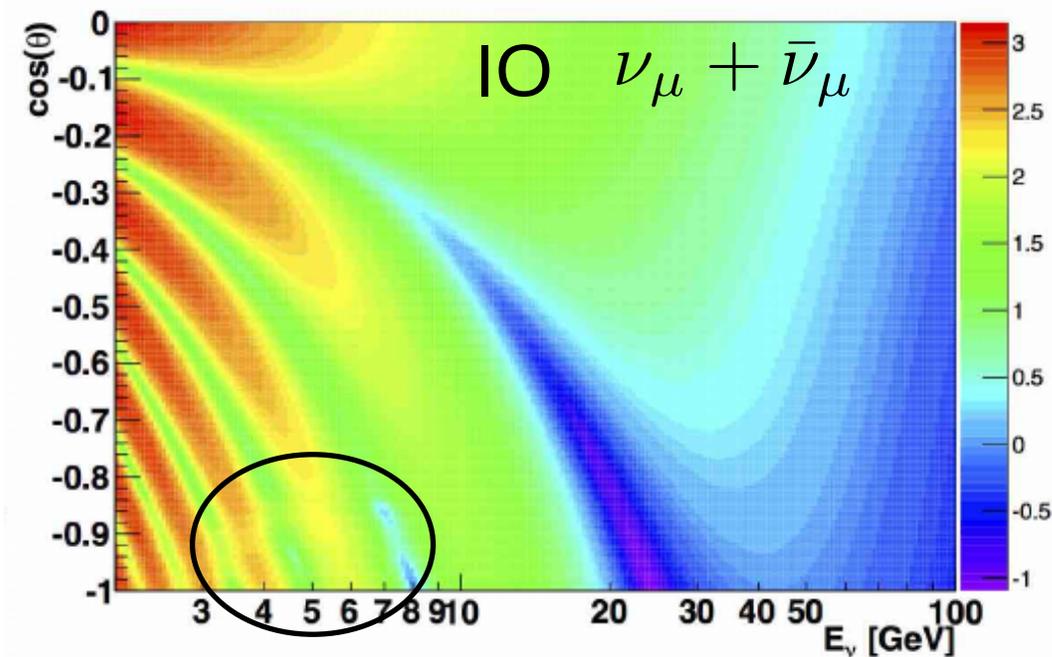
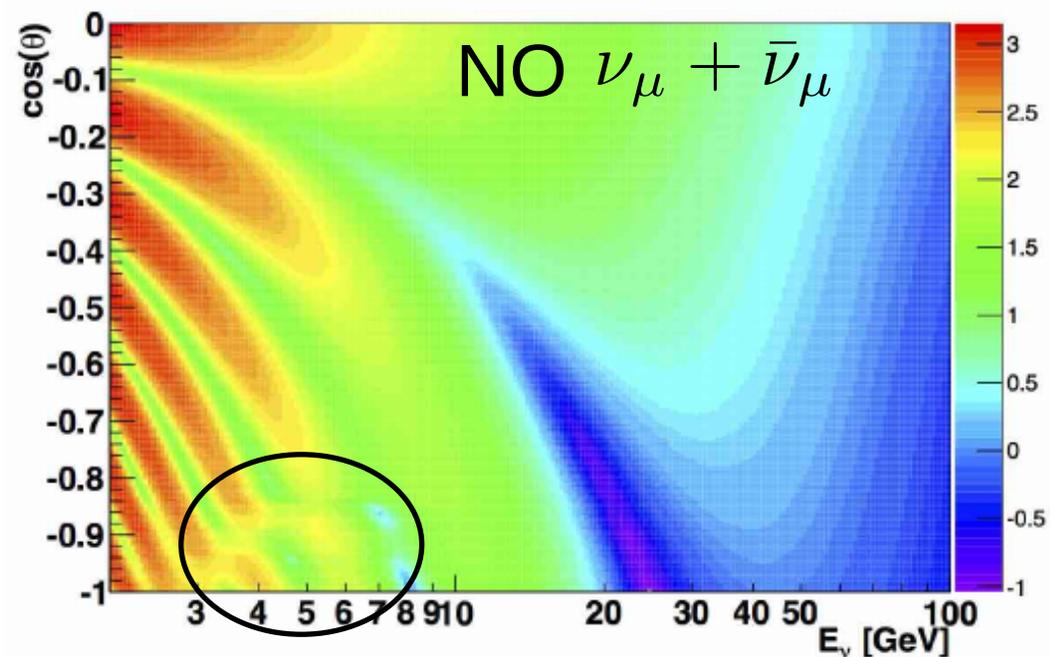
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}^m) \equiv \frac{(\Delta m_{31}^2 \sin 2\theta_{13})^2}{(\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\theta_{13} \mp 2E_\nu V_{CC})^2 + (\Delta m_{31}^2 \sin 2\theta_{13})^2} \stackrel{\text{RES}}{=} 1$$

- **Resonance** occurs at $E = 7$ GeV for
 - neutrino and normal mass ordering
 - anti-neutrino and inverted mass ordering



NMO Net Effect

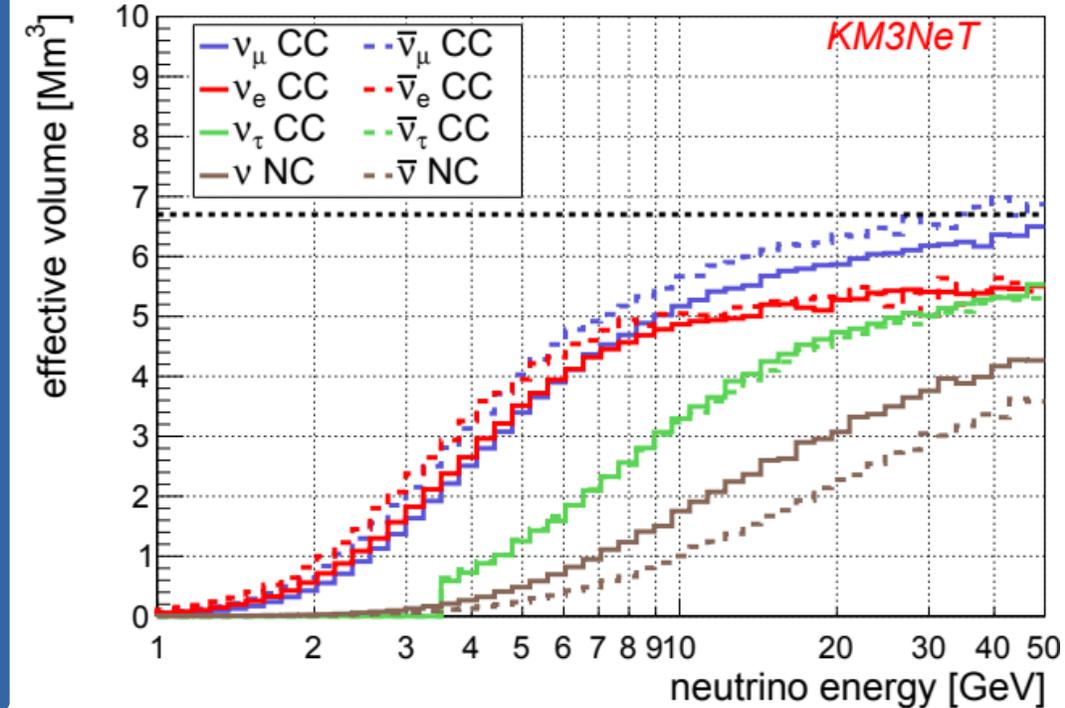
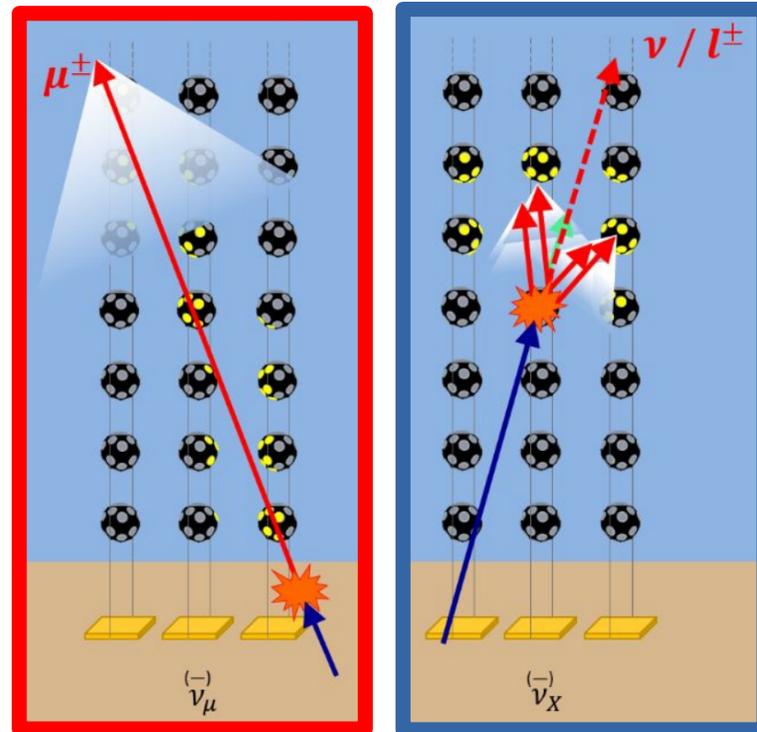
- **Degeneracy between NMO and chirality** is broken by cross-section (and flux) difference between neutrinos and anti-neutrinos
- **Strong net effect** even without chirality measurement



Mass ordering at KM3NeT/ORCA

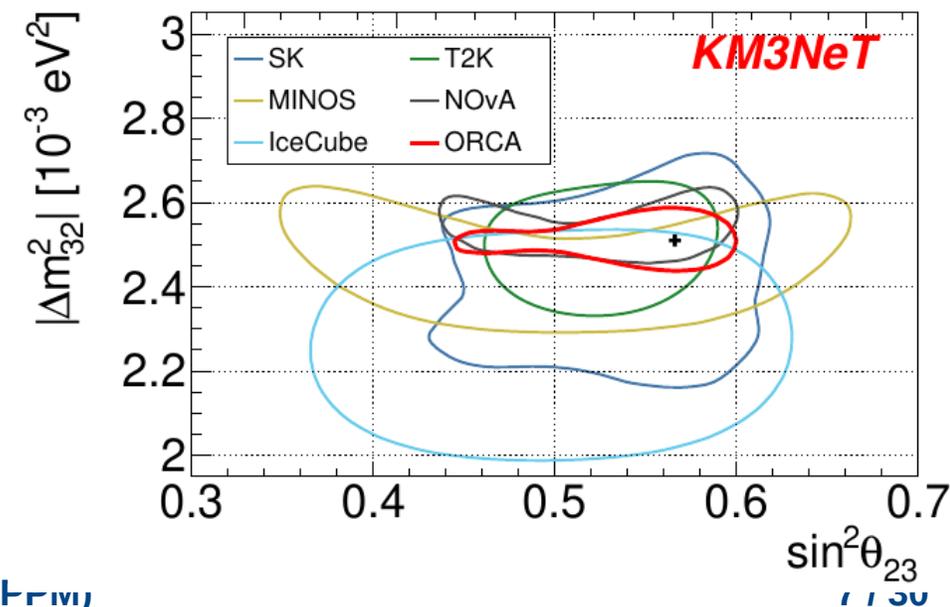
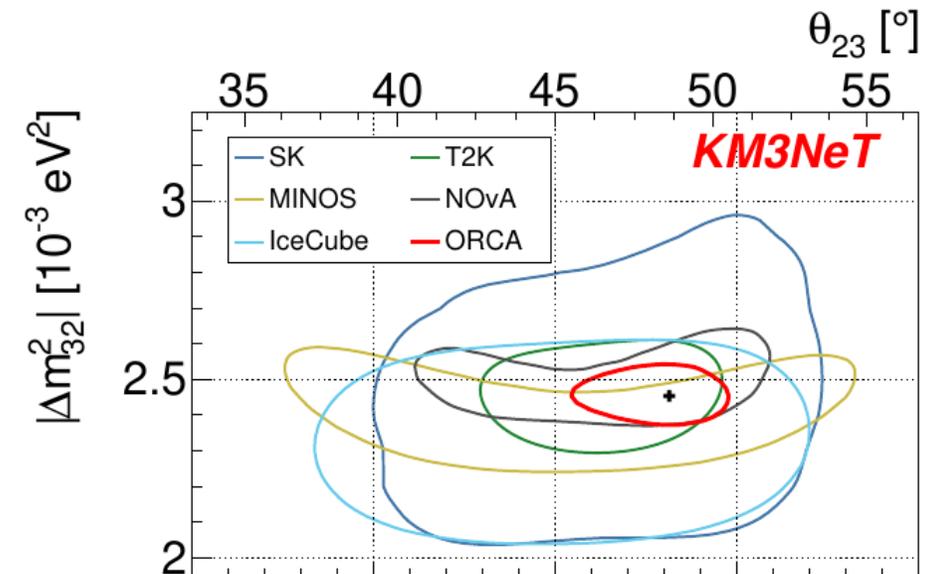
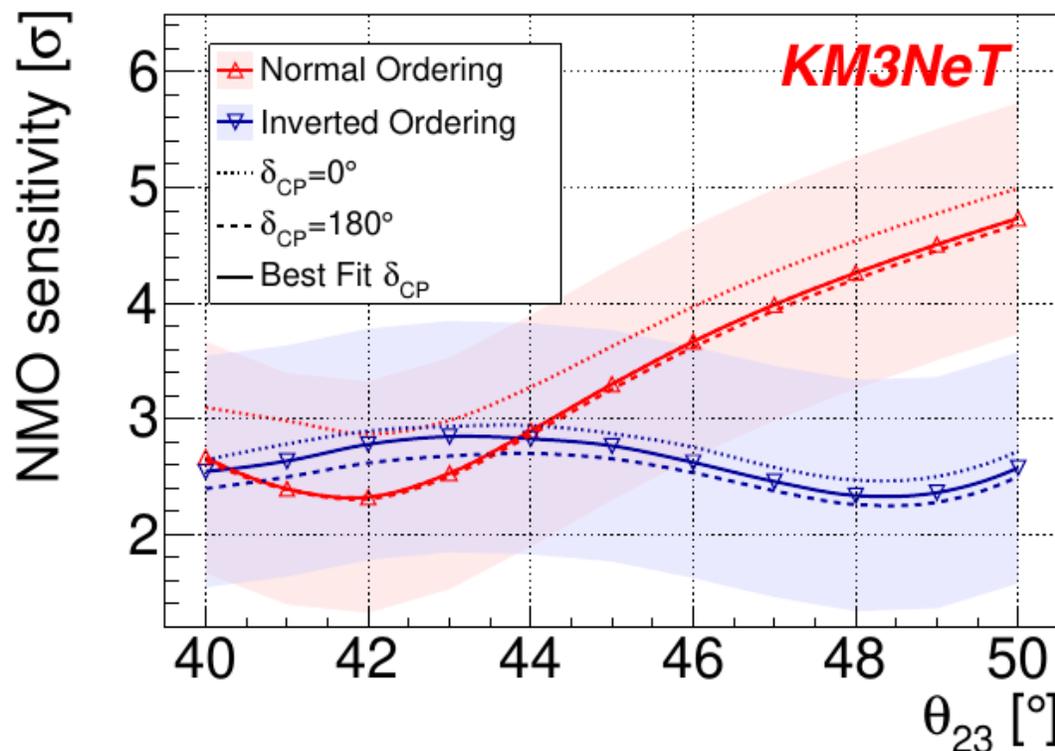
- ORCA designed to collect ν with energies of 1-100 GeV
- Event topology (track/shower) allows to select flavour enriched ν samples

ν_μ CC		Track like
	$\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu \nu$	
ν_τ CC	$\tau \rightarrow e \nu \nu$	Shower like
	$\tau \rightarrow \text{pions}$	
ν_e CC		
ν NC		



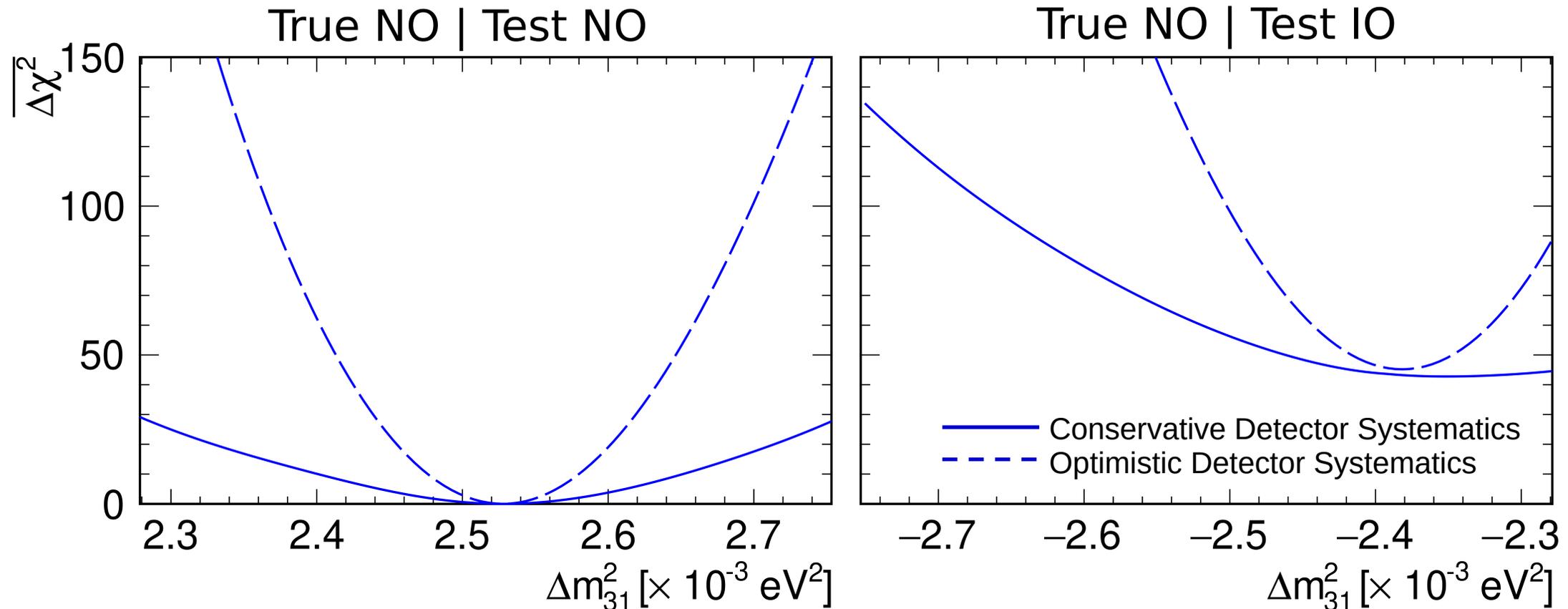
Sensitivity with full ORCA (3 years)

- Atmospheric oscillation parameters
- NMO sensitivity
 - strongly depends on θ_{23} for NO
 - band thickness corresponds to stat. fluct. (68% coverage)



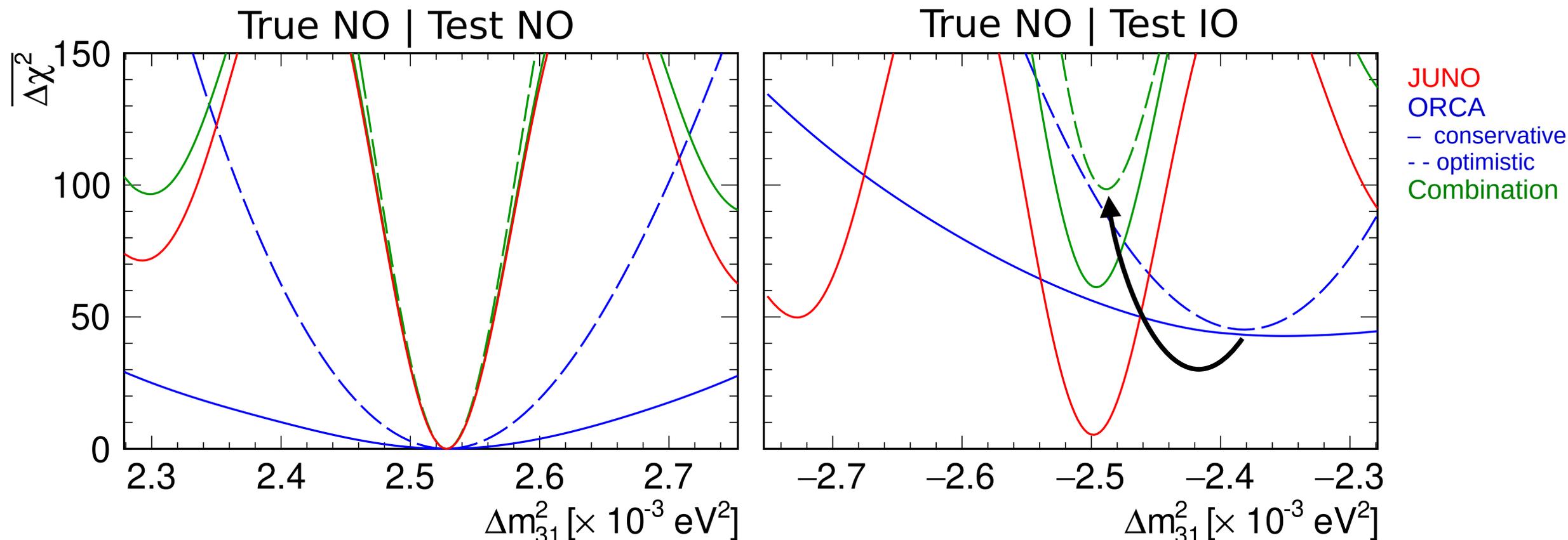
Mass ordering sensitivity with ORCA 115

- Degeneracy between NMO and Δm^2_{31}



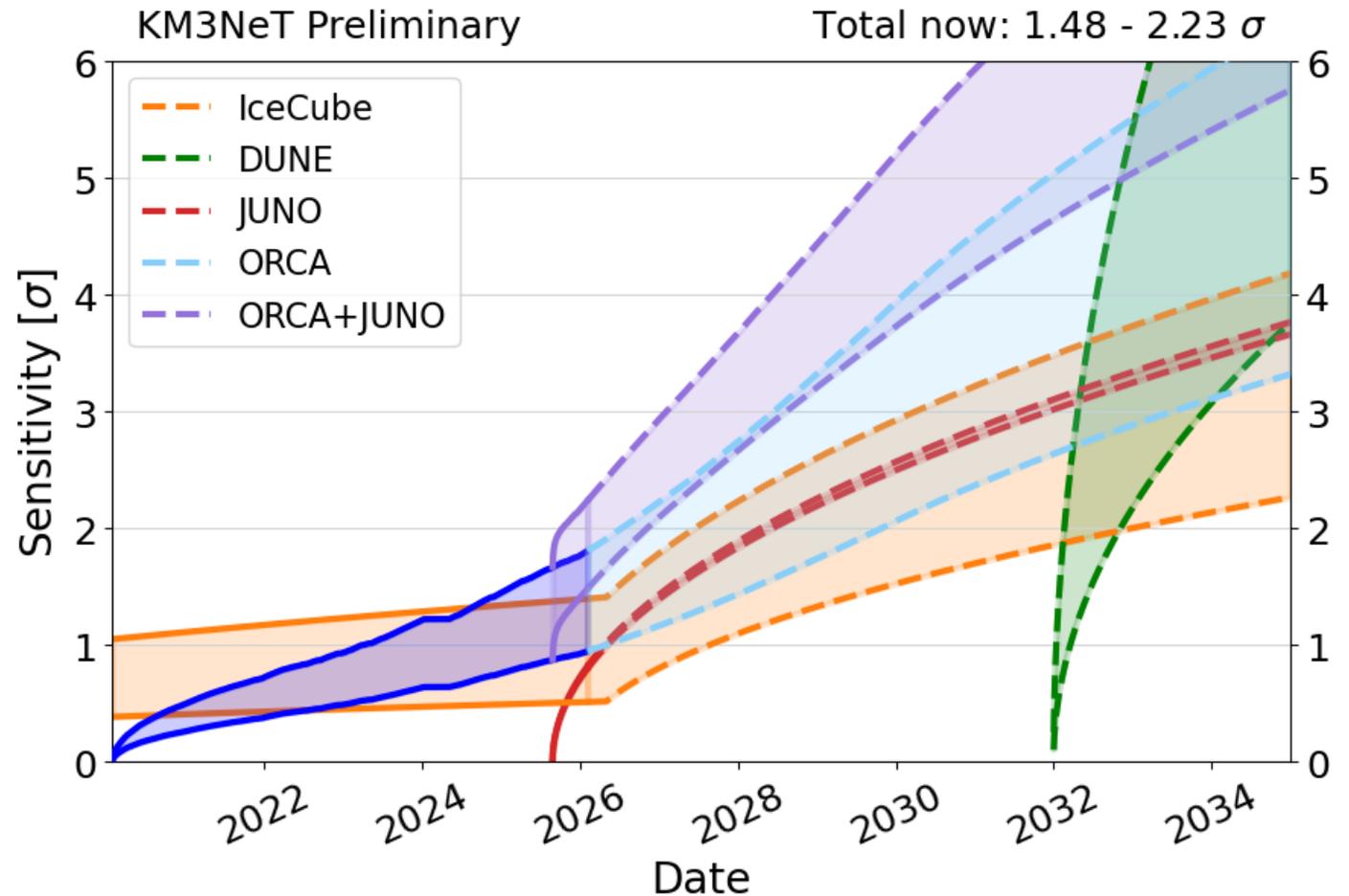
How to lift the degeneracy

- **JUNO** much **less affected** by NMO/ Δm_{31}^2 degeneracy
- JUNO's Δm_{31}^2 measurement strongly **boosts ORCA sensitivity** (even without a full combination)



Projections for NMO Sensitivity

- **Projections** based on current construction schedule and conservative detector syst.
- **Band thickness** corresponds to favourable/disfavourable scenarii (NO/IO)
- **ORCA is the most sensitive experiment** (until DUNE starts)
- **JUNO/ORCA synergy** allows for world's first determination (5σ) of the NMO



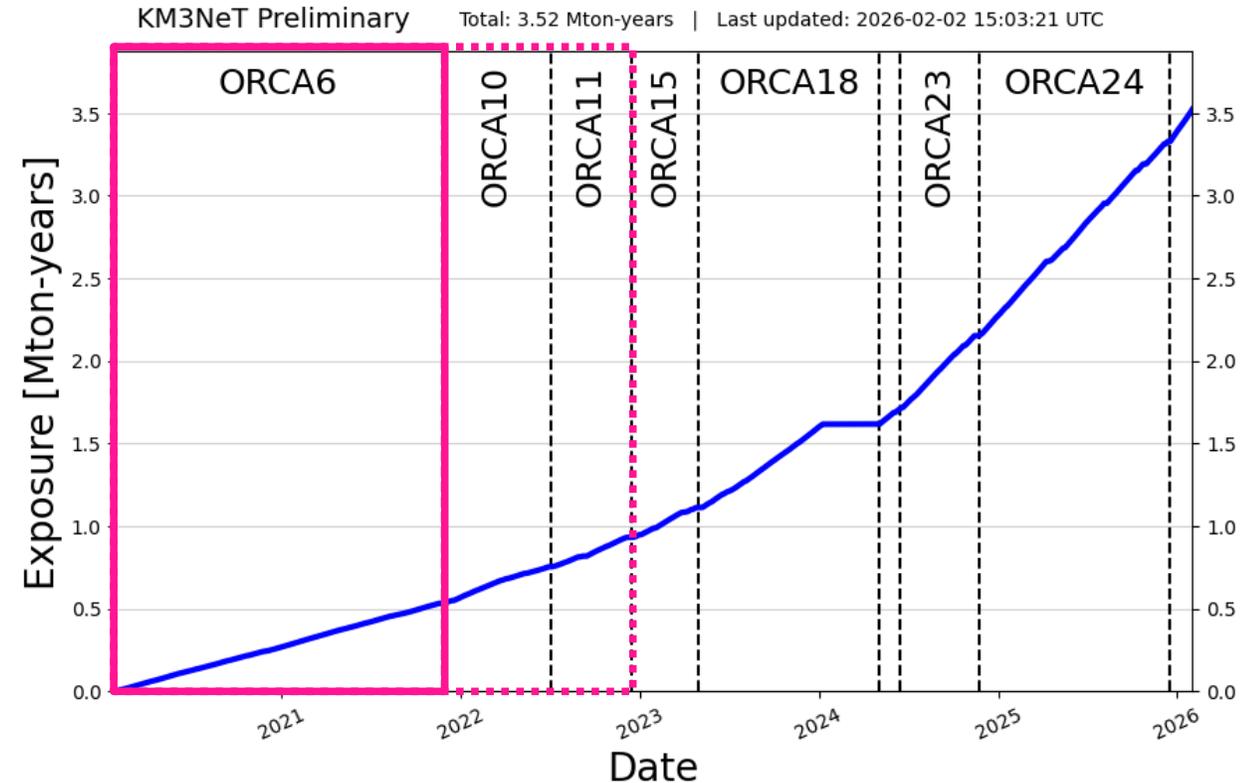
Results on first data

- **Extensive set of analyses** performed on **ORCA6** (433kton.y) using methods similar to those used for full ORCA sensitivity

Standard Oscillations	JHEP10(2024)206
Sterile Neutrinos	JHEP02(2026)080
Lorentz Invariance Violation	In preparation
Quantum Decoherence	JCAP03(2025)039
Neutrino Decay	JHEP04(2025)105
Non Standard Interaction	JCAP02(2025)073
Tau appearance/NUNM	JHEP07(2025)213

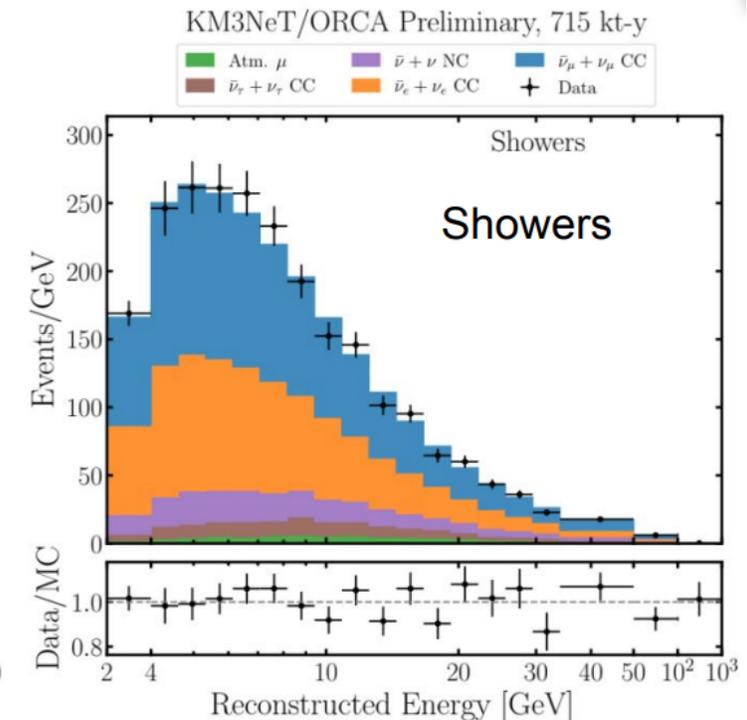
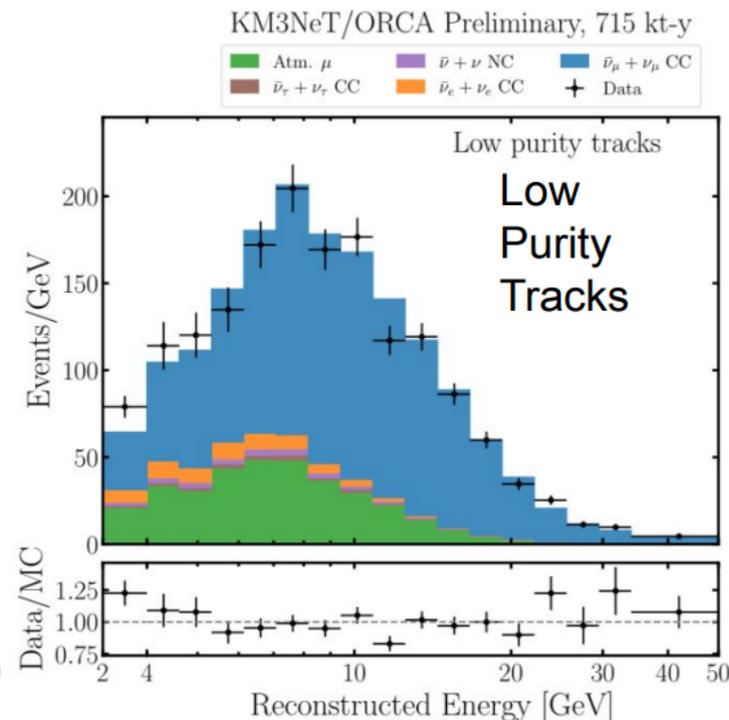
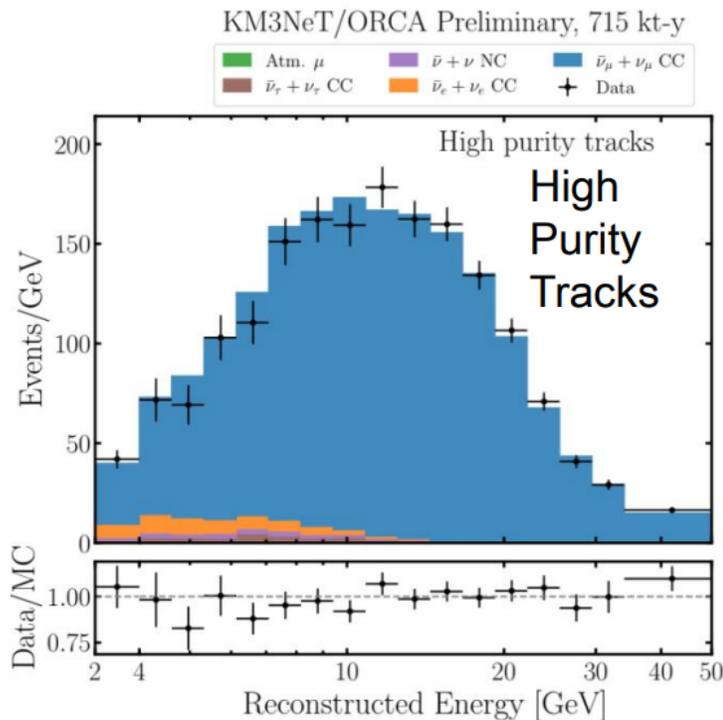
- **ORCA6 public data** set released:
<https://zenodo.org/records/15715220>

- Update for standard oscillations shown in conference (2023) with **715 kton.y (ORCA6-11)**



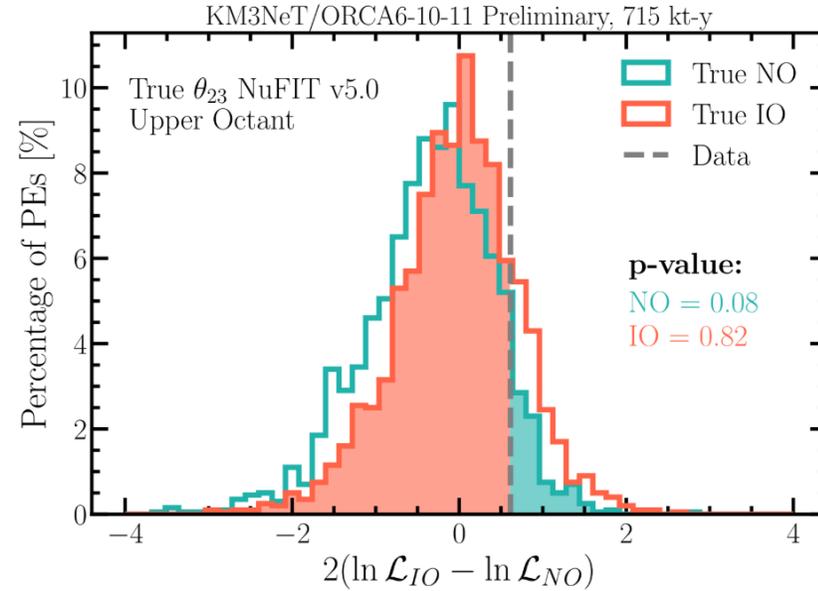
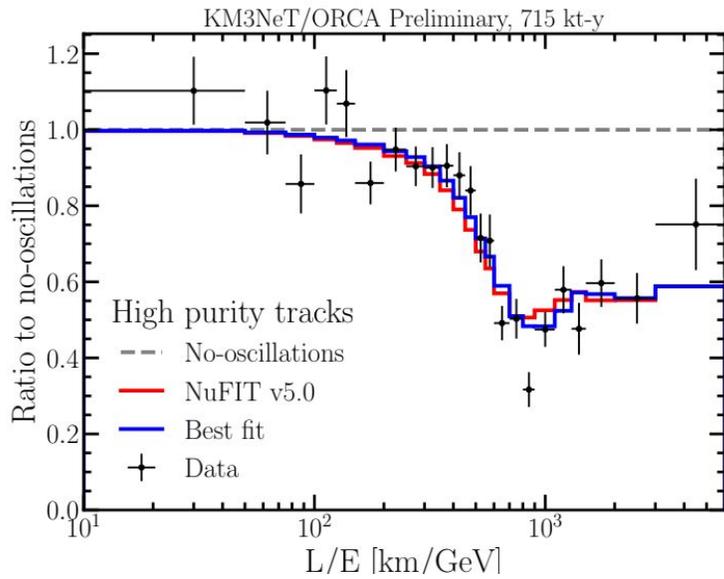
The data

- After selection: **9751 neutrino candidates** (715 kton.y)
- Separated in **three classes**:
 - high purity-tracks (i.e. with minimal muon contamination)
 - low purity tracks
 - showers
- **Good data/MC agreement**

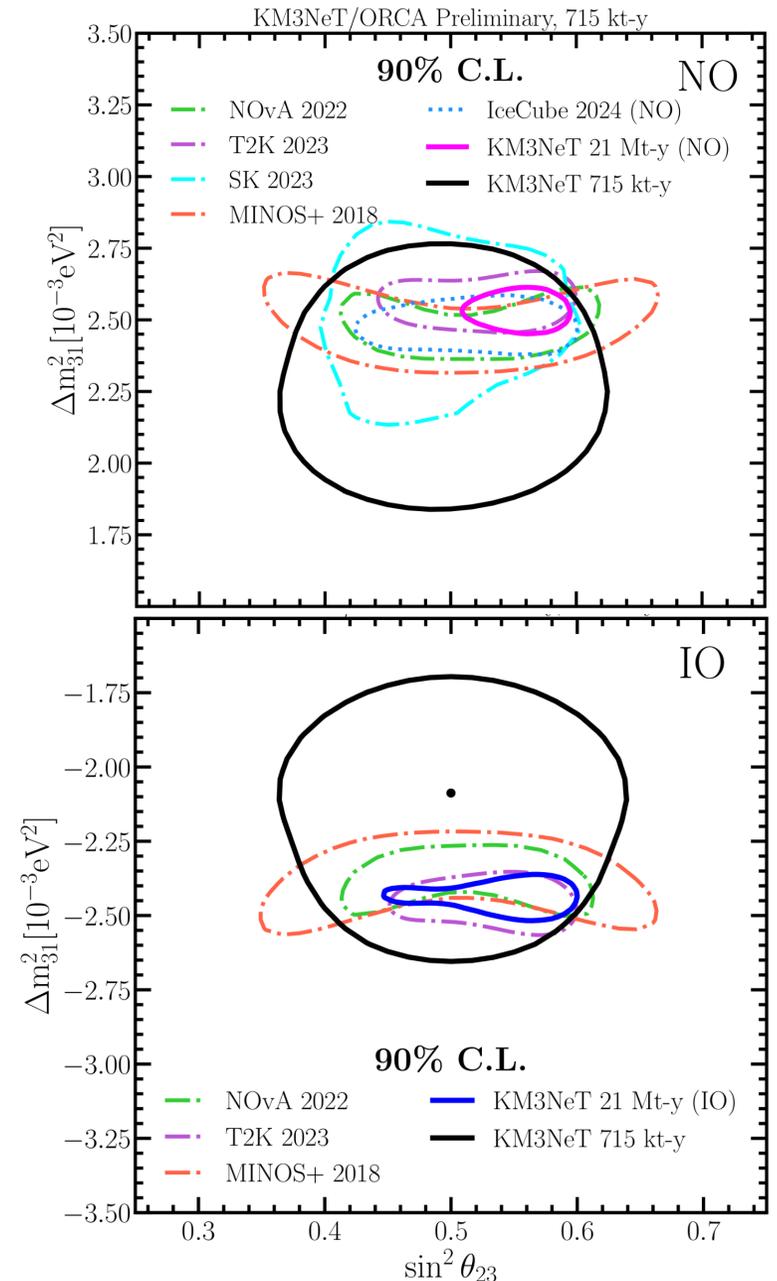


Standard Oscillations

- Oscillations pattern clearly visible in L/E

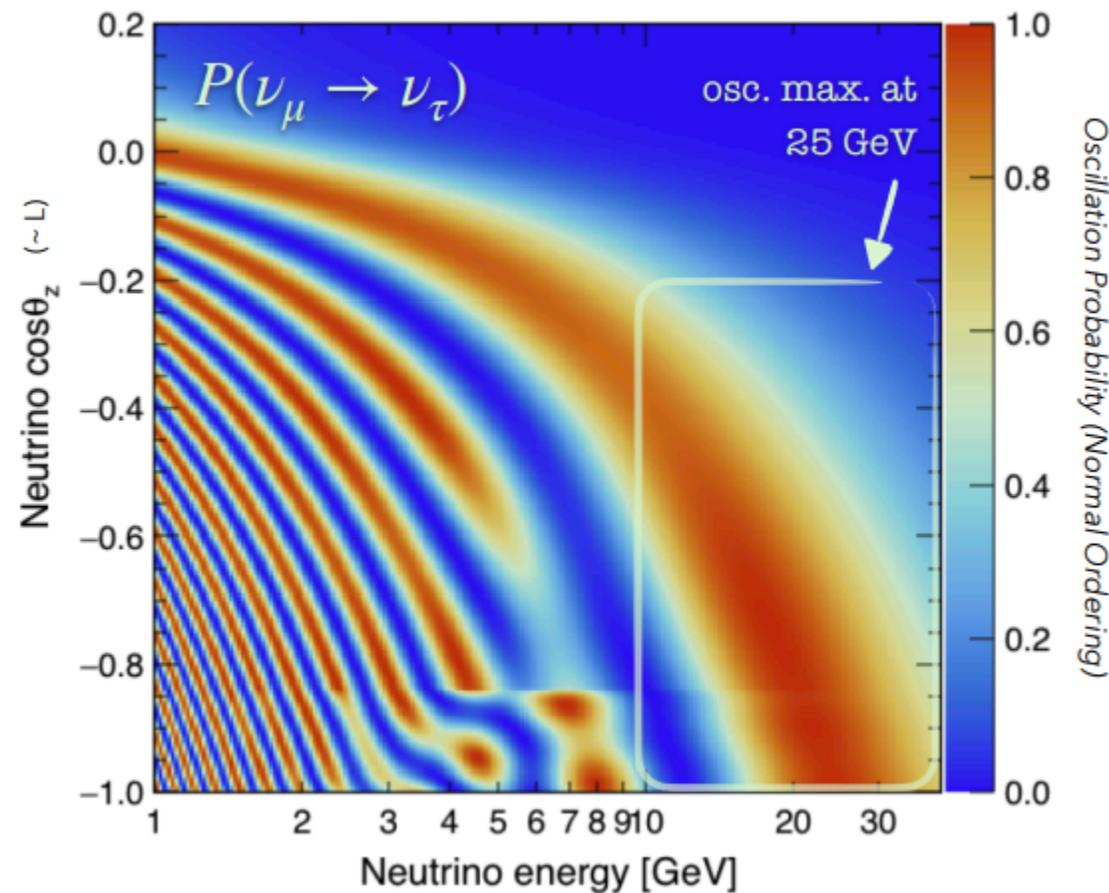
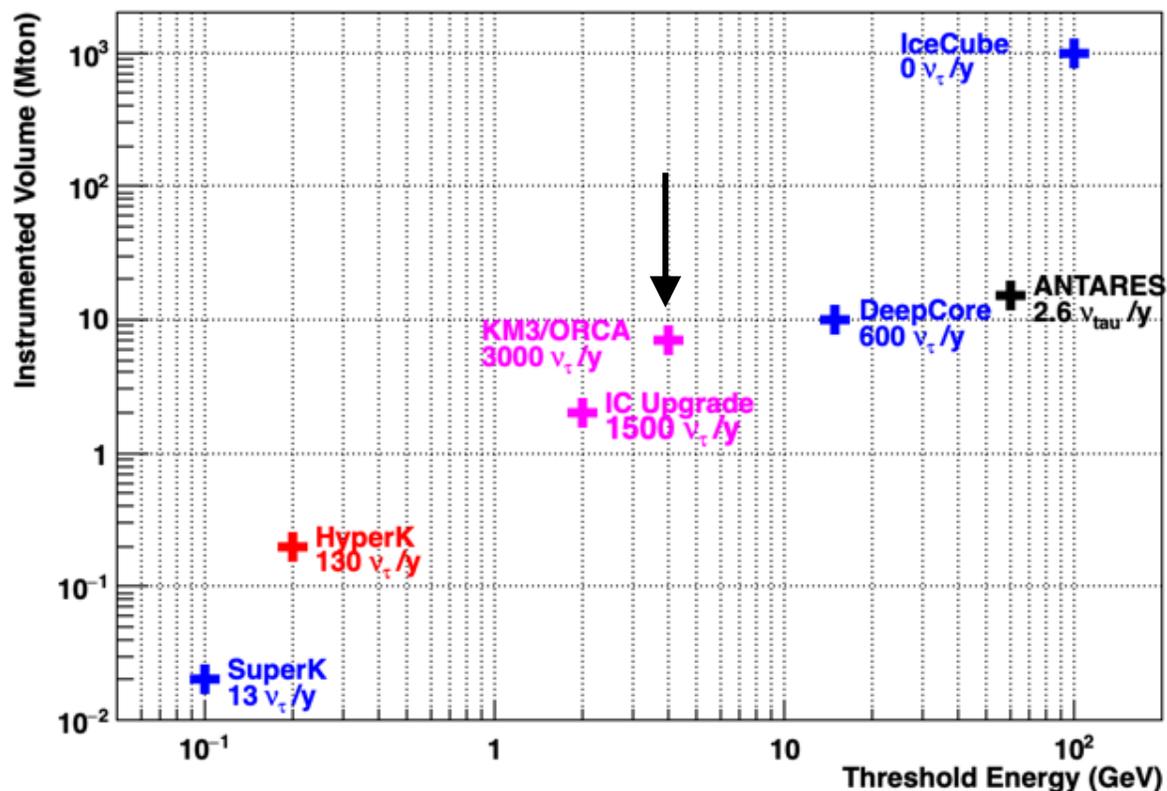


- **Contour** on $\sin^2 \theta_{23} \times \Delta m_{31}^2$ getting competitive
On going efforts to improve syst. affecting Δm_{31}^2 precision
- Sensitivity to **NMO** remains limited



Tau Neutrinos

- ORCA accesses one of the world's largest ν_τ sample

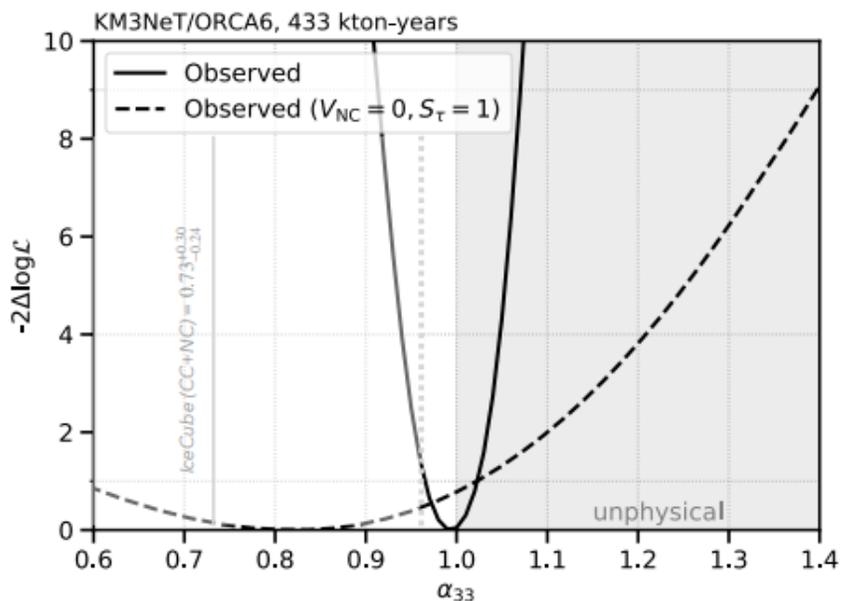


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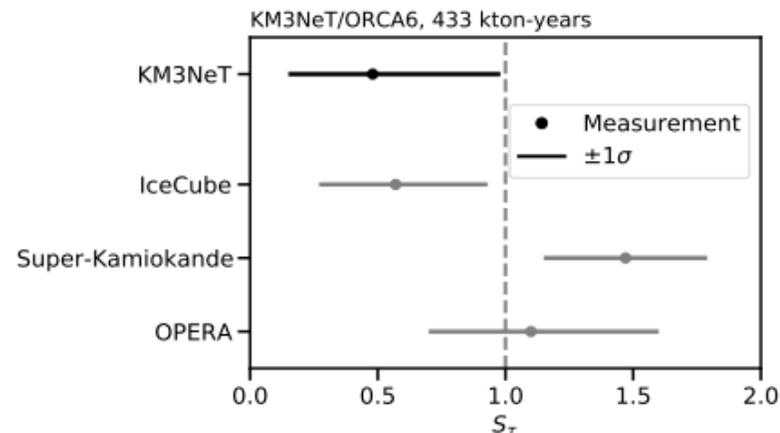
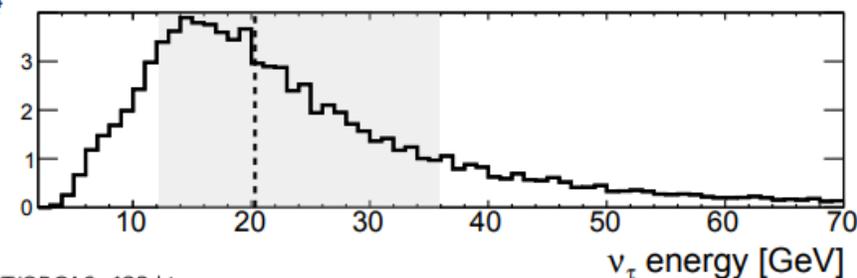
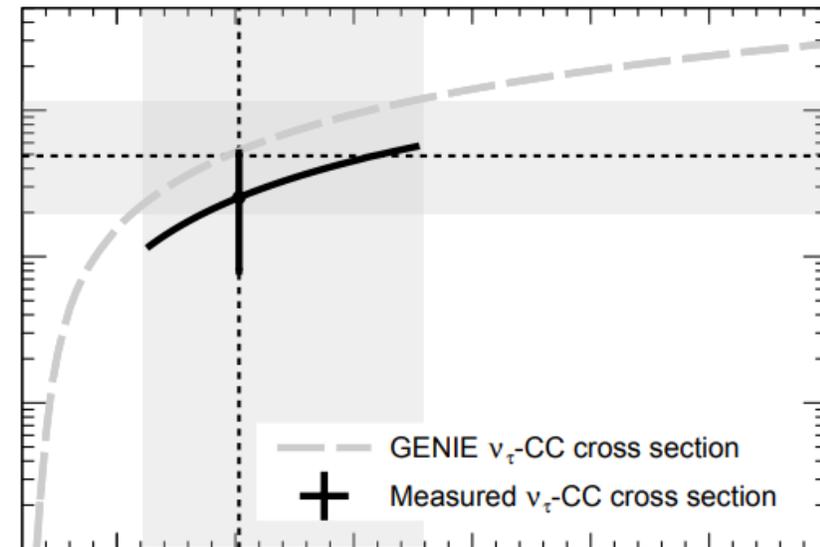
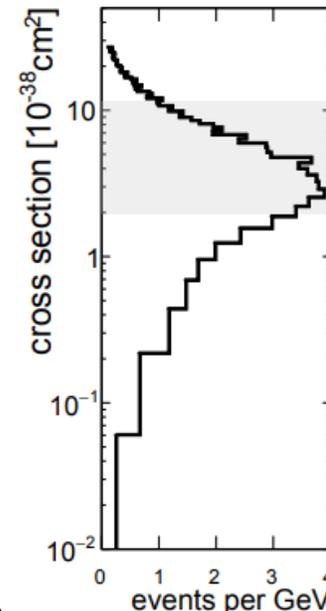
- **ORCA6 ν_τ sample** exploited to
 - measure ν_τ **cross section**
 - constrain ν_τ **normalisation**
 - constrain **non-unitarity mixing**



Best limit on α_{33} : [0.95, 1.04] at 95% CL

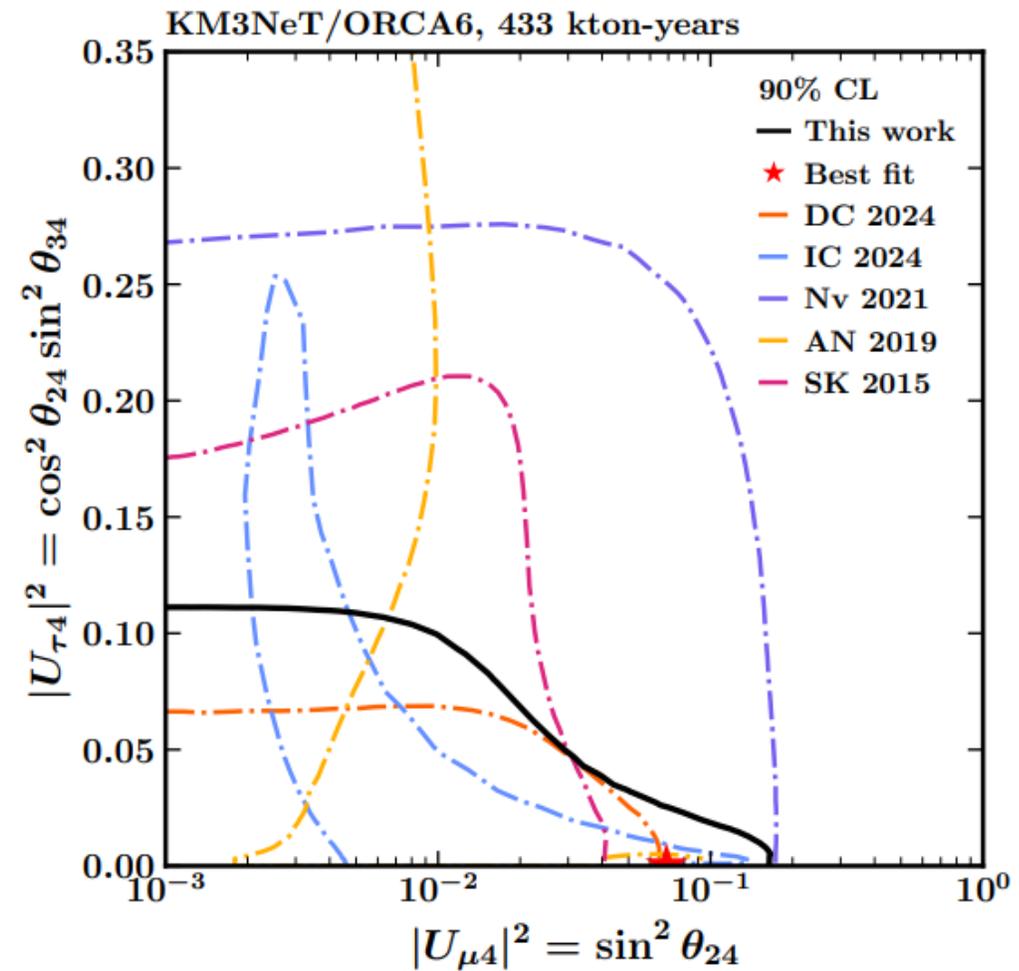
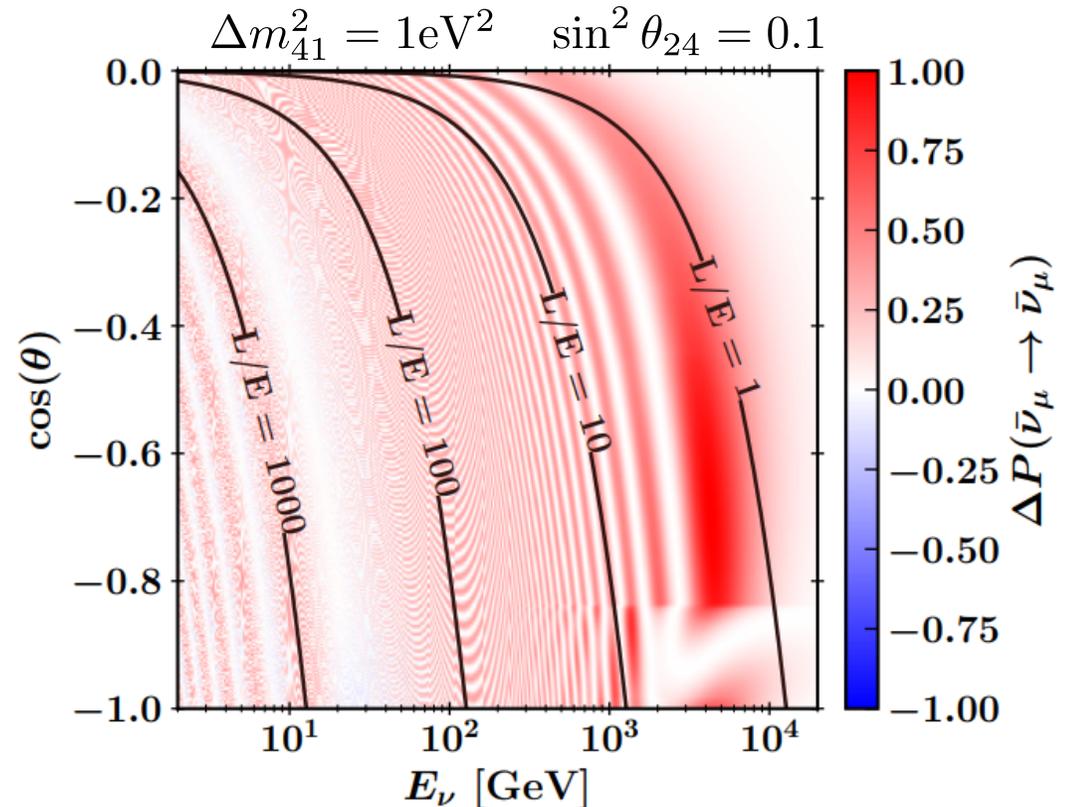
$$N = \alpha U_{PMNS}$$

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



Search for sterile neutrinos

- ORCA6 search for **sterile neutrino above 1eV²** already gives **competitive results**
- **Complementarity ORCA/ARCA** to cover wider energy regime



Lorentz Invariance Violation

- **Lorentz invariance*** can be violated in models trying to unify QFT&GR
- Model independent search using **EFT (SME)**

$$H = UH_0U^\dagger + H_I + H_{LIV}$$

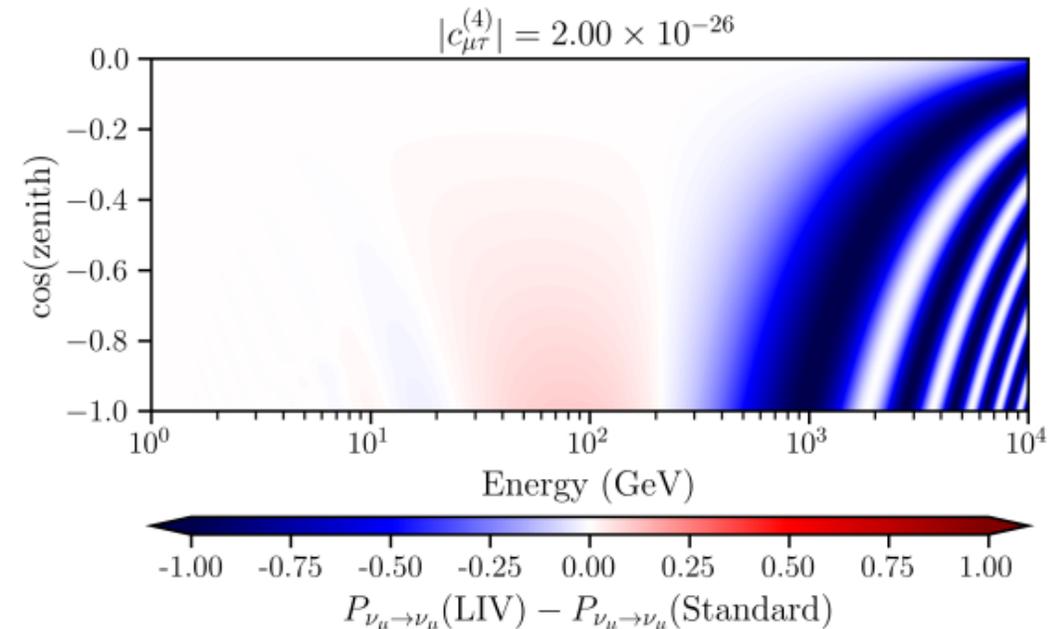
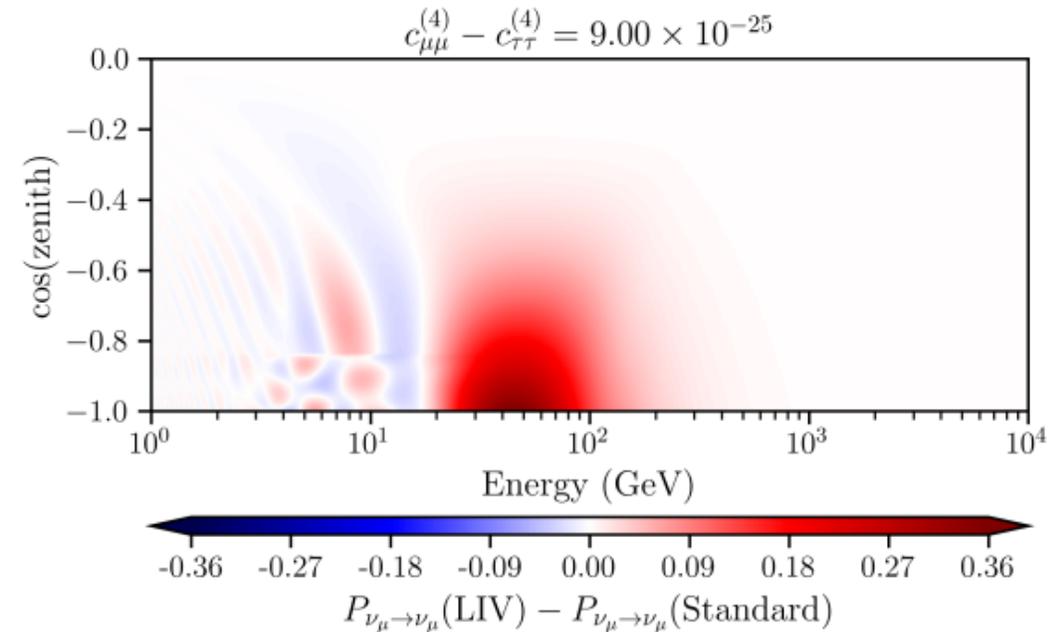
↙ PMNS
↙ Std Osc. Hamiltonian
↙

↘ Matter Effect Hamiltonian

$$H_{LIV} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_{ee}^{(3)} & \hat{a}_{e\mu}^{(3)} & \hat{a}_{e\tau}^{(3)} \\ \hat{a}_{e\mu}^{(3)*} & \hat{a}_{\mu\mu}^{(3)} & \hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(3)} \\ \hat{a}_{e\tau}^{(3)*} & \hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(3)*} & \hat{a}_{\tau\tau}^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c}_{ee}^{(4)} & \hat{c}_{e\mu}^{(4)} & \hat{c}_{e\tau}^{(4)} \\ \hat{c}_{e\mu}^{(4)*} & \hat{c}_{\mu\mu}^{(4)} & \hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)} \\ \hat{c}_{e\tau}^{(4)*} & \hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)*} & \hat{c}_{\tau\tau}^{(4)} \end{pmatrix} + E^2 \hat{a}^{(5)} - E^3 \hat{c}^{(6)} + \dots$$

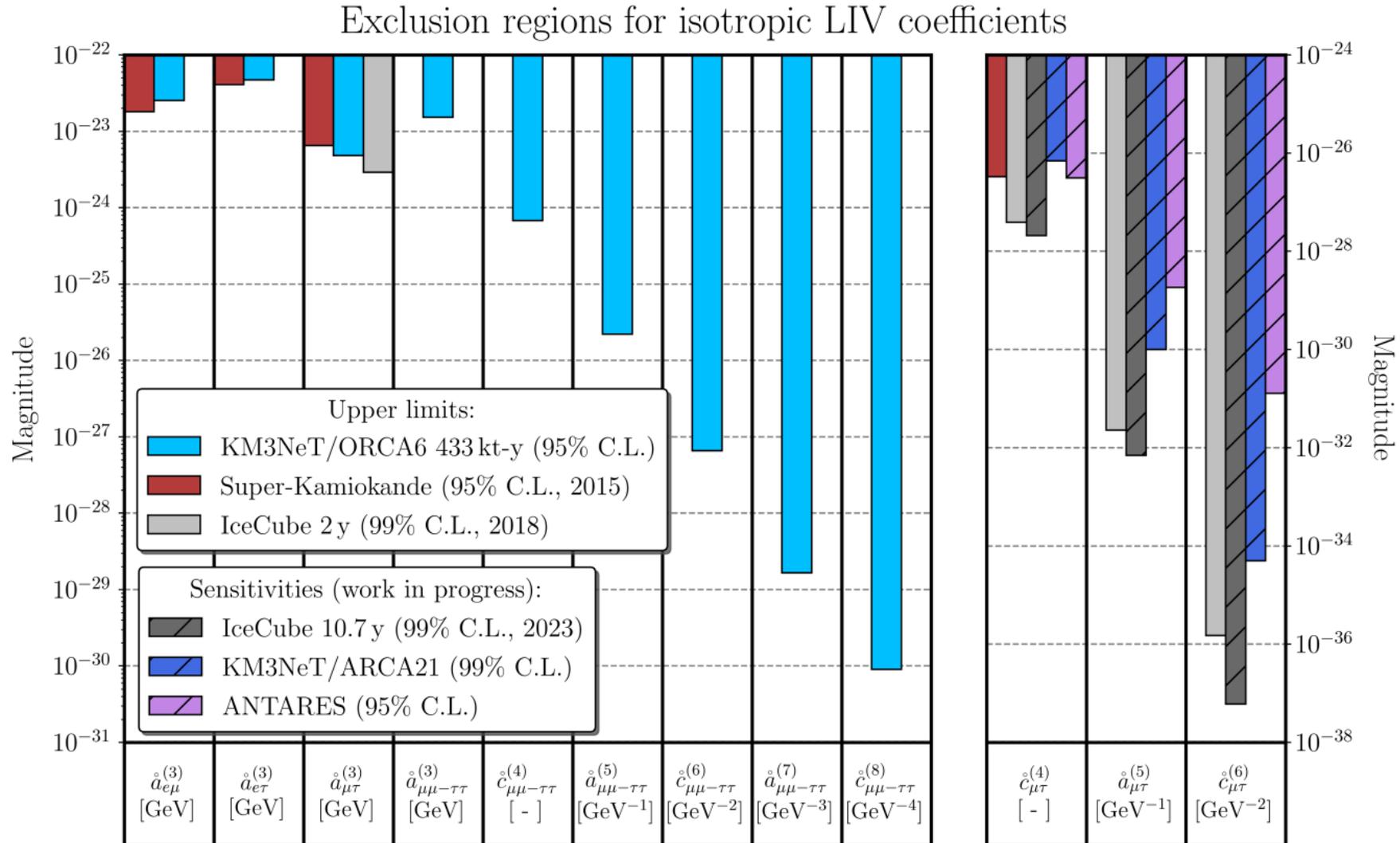
- **Complementarity ORCA/ARCA** to test the H_{LIV} terms in different energy regimes

*Lorentz Invariance: physics is identical for all interial obervers



Lorentz Invariance Violation

- ORCA6 and ARCA21 data set already put **very competitive constraints**



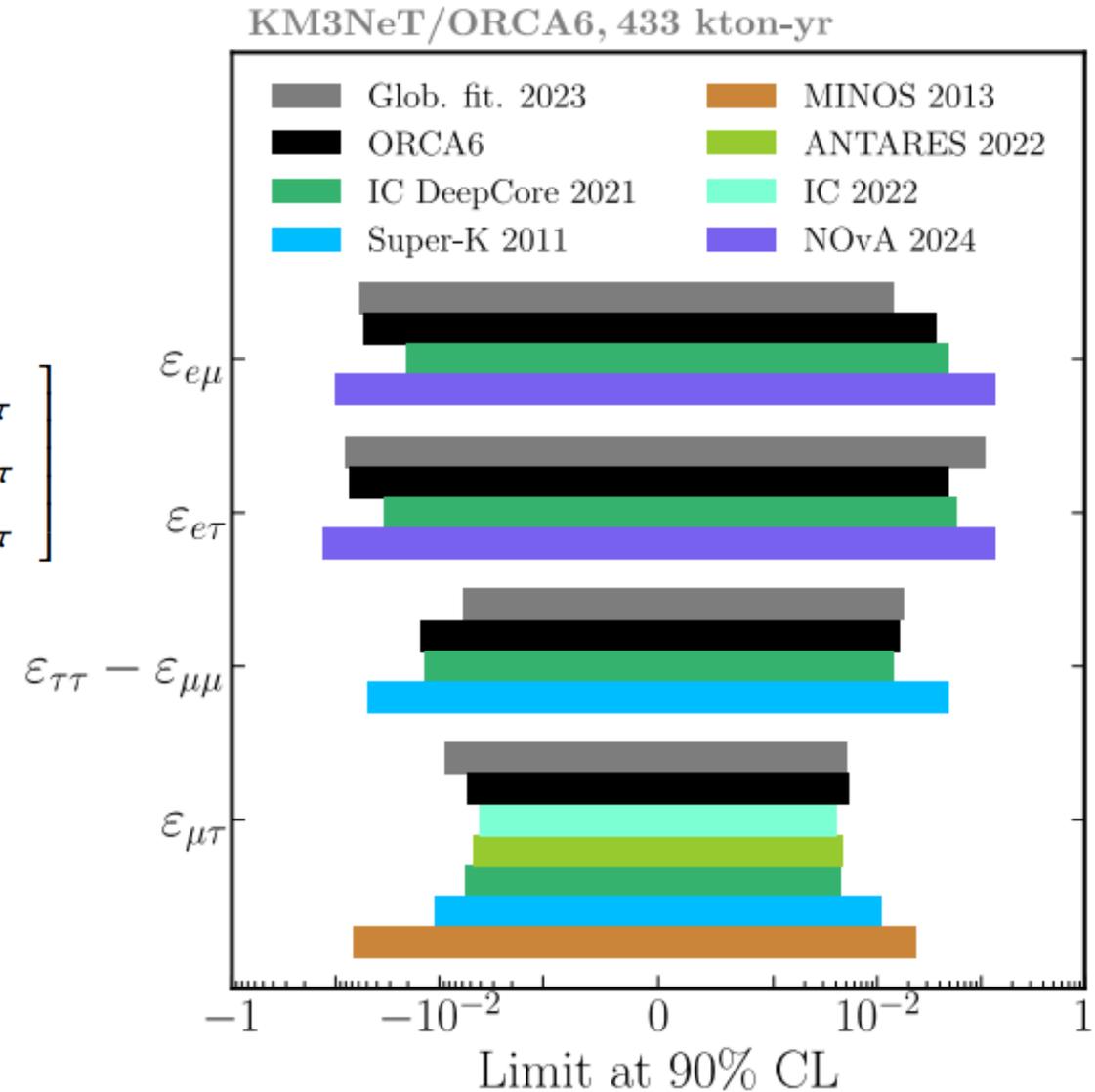
Non Standard Neutrino Interactions

- **NSI** typically arise in models providing mechanisms to explain the **origin of ν masses**

- Model independent search with **EFT**:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2E} \mathcal{U} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{U}^\dagger + A(x) \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon_{ee} & \varepsilon_{e\mu} & \varepsilon_{e\tau} \\ \varepsilon_{e\mu}^* & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu} & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \varepsilon_{e\tau}^* & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^* & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **NC-NSI** affect ν oscillations in matter by modifying coherent forward scattering
- ORCA6 data provide **competitive results**



Quantum Decoherence

- Oscillations affected by **decoherence**, described by a **damping term**

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sum_{i,j} \tilde{U}_{\alpha i} \tilde{U}_{\beta i}^* \tilde{U}_{\alpha j}^* \tilde{U}_{\beta j} e^{-i\Delta\tilde{E}_{ij}t - \gamma_{ij}t}$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ij}^0 \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^n$$

- ORCA** well suited to study $n = -2, -1$
ARCA well suited to study $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$
- ORCA6** data allows to set limits comparable to **DeepCore** but other exp. at **lower energy** (RENO, KamLAND, T2K) put stronger bounds for $n < 0$.

	Upper Limits on γ_{31} [GeV]	
	n=-2	n=-1
ORCA6 NO, 90%CL	$8.4 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-22}$
arXiv:2306.14699 $\gamma_{31}=\gamma_{32}$ NO/IO, 90%CL	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-25}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-23}$
	RENO	T2K
ORCA6 NO, 95%CL	$11.7 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-22}$
DeepCore $\gamma_{31}=\gamma_{32}$ NO, 95%CL	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-21}$

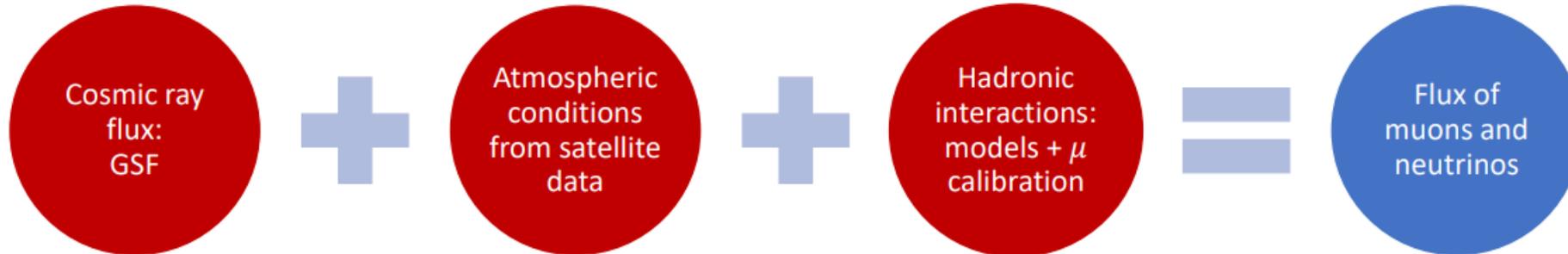
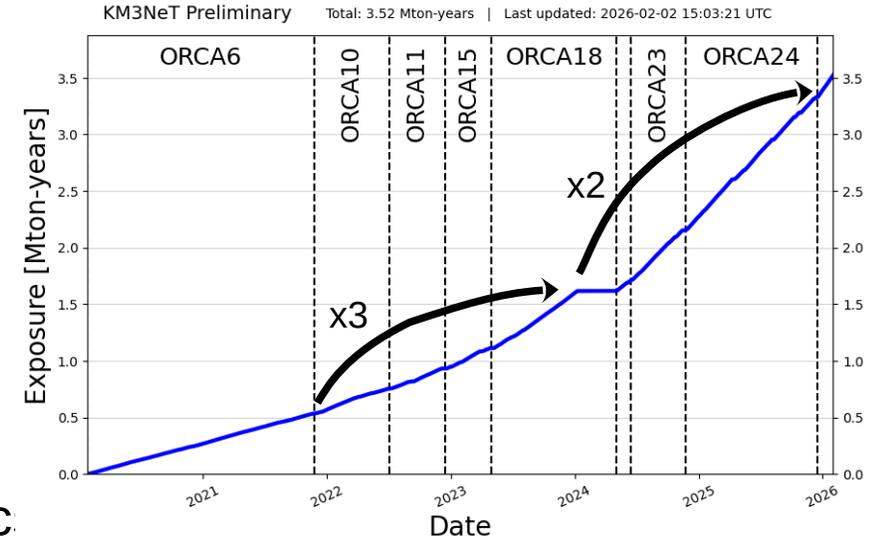
Analysis Plans

Next round of analyses on-going with **ORCA18 by summer** and **ORCA24 by end of the year**

Major **improvement** of the treatment of **systematics**

- **Neutrino flux**

- replace Honda flux by **Daemonflux** (data driven model, physic. driven uncertainties, coherent ν and μ fluxes description)



Dembinski, Fedynitch, Gaisser, ICRC 2017 & H. Dembinski 2019

A. Fedynitch, M. Huber PRD 106 (2022)

JPY, A. Fedynitch, PRD 107, 123037 (2023)

- migration **coordinated with IceCube** to homogenise analysis tools in view of combined analyses

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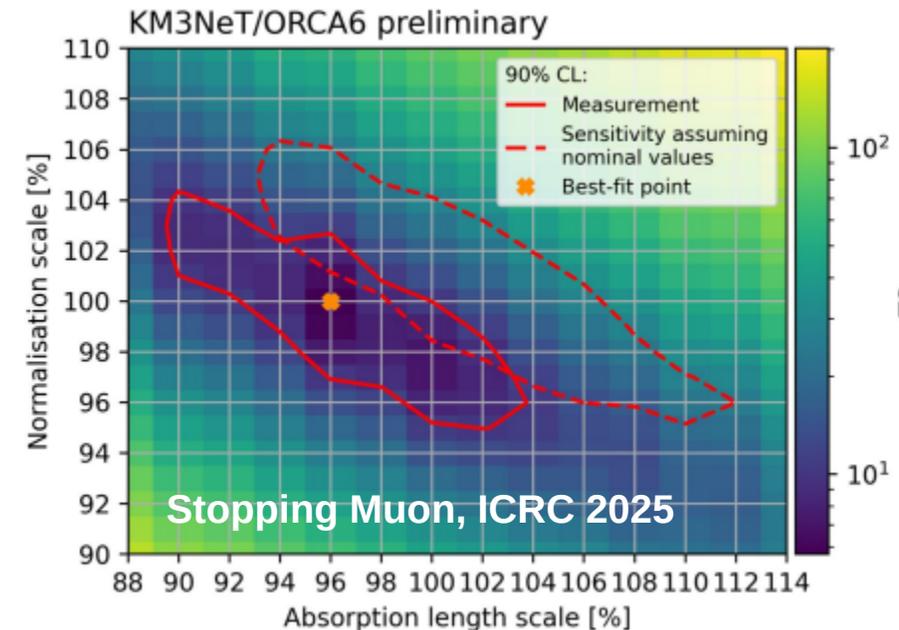
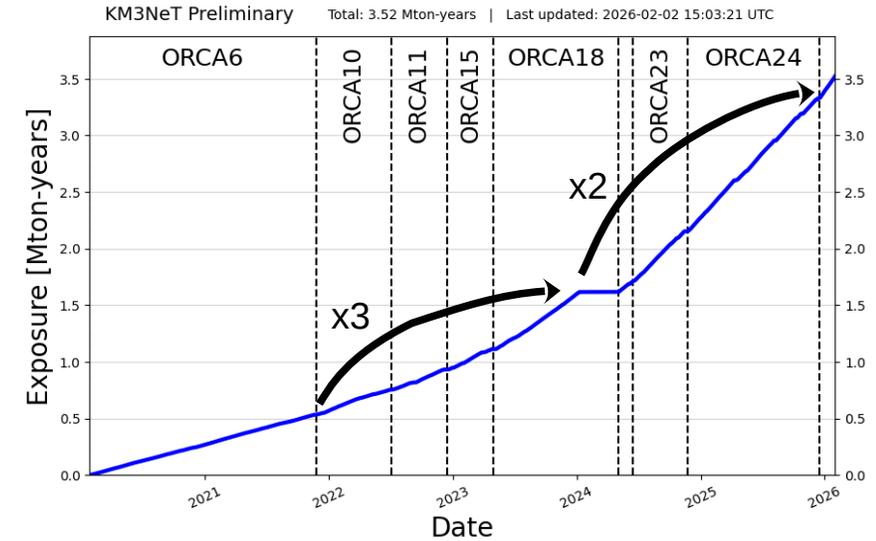
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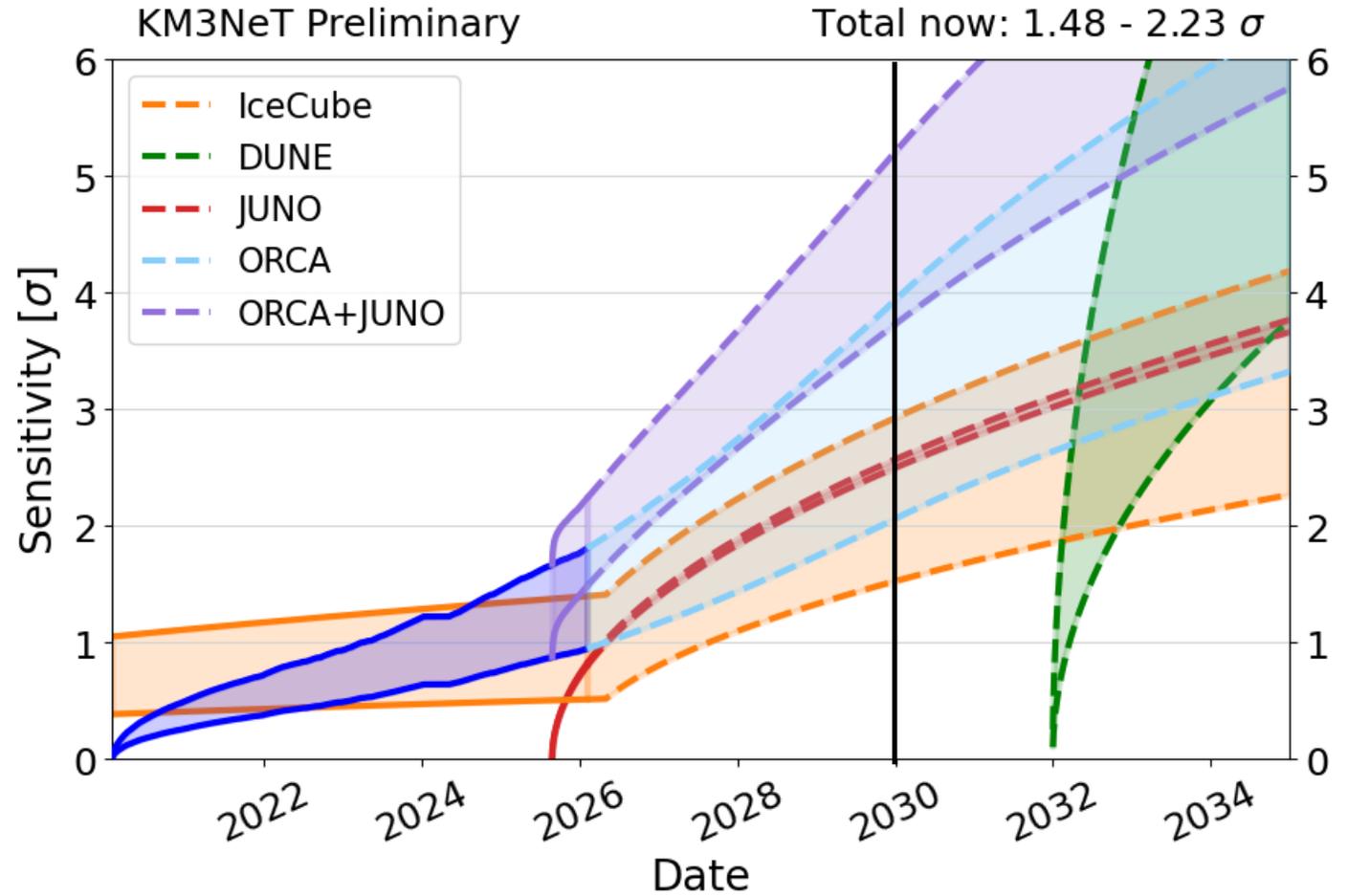
- **Detector response**

- replace naive **energy-scale** by **physics driven effects**
- **simulate** detector response for different **DOM efficiencies & water absorption length**
- **measure** abs. length and DOM efficiency with stopping μ (time dependent meas.) and/or other sources (^{40}K , POCAM, T-REX)



Prospects by 2030

- **NMO:**
 - 2 – 4 σ ORCA alone
 - 3.5 – 5 σ ORCA/JUNO
- **θ_{23}**
 - 4-7% relative precision
- **ν_{τ} x-section**
 - 5% relative precision
- **BSM**
 - improvement x4 wrt ORCA6

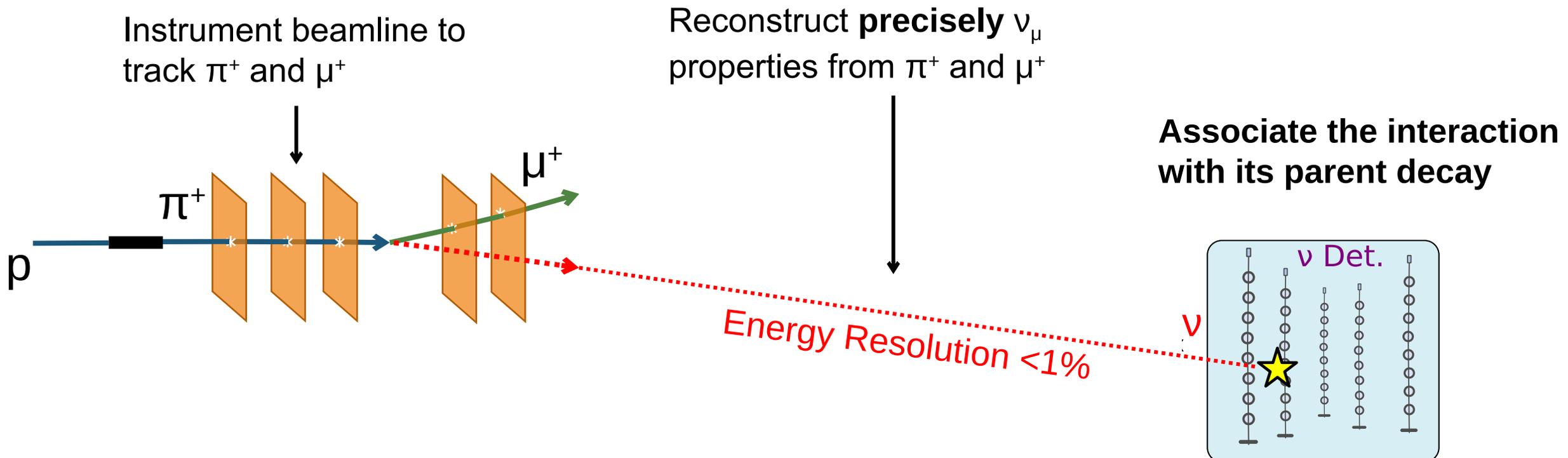


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 - very high intensity trackers (HL-LHC)

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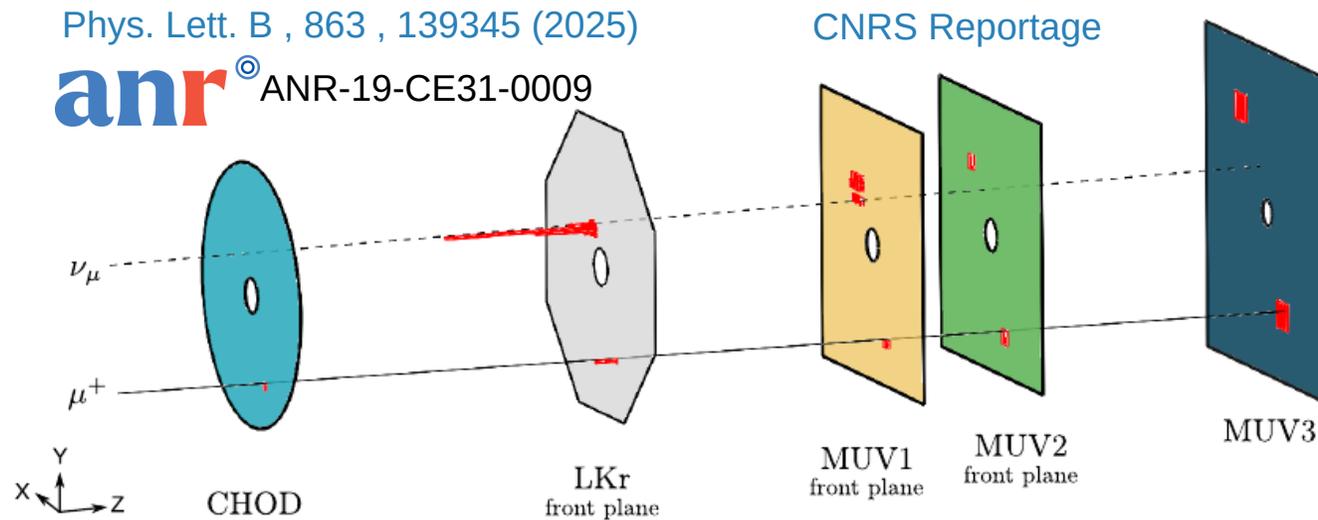


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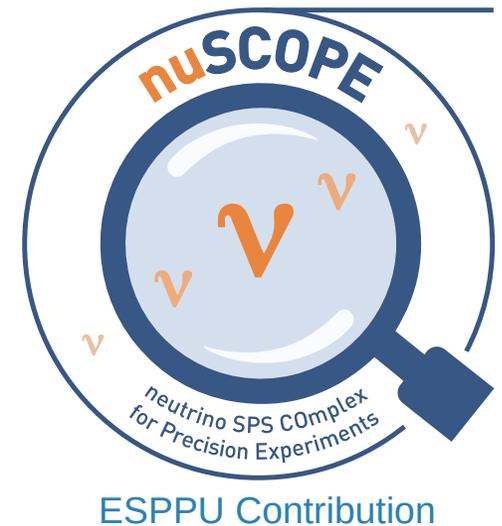
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- **First tagged neutrino candidate with NA62**



<https://nuscope.web.cern.ch/>



- Project of a **short baseline tagged neutrino experiment at CERN (nuSCOPE)**

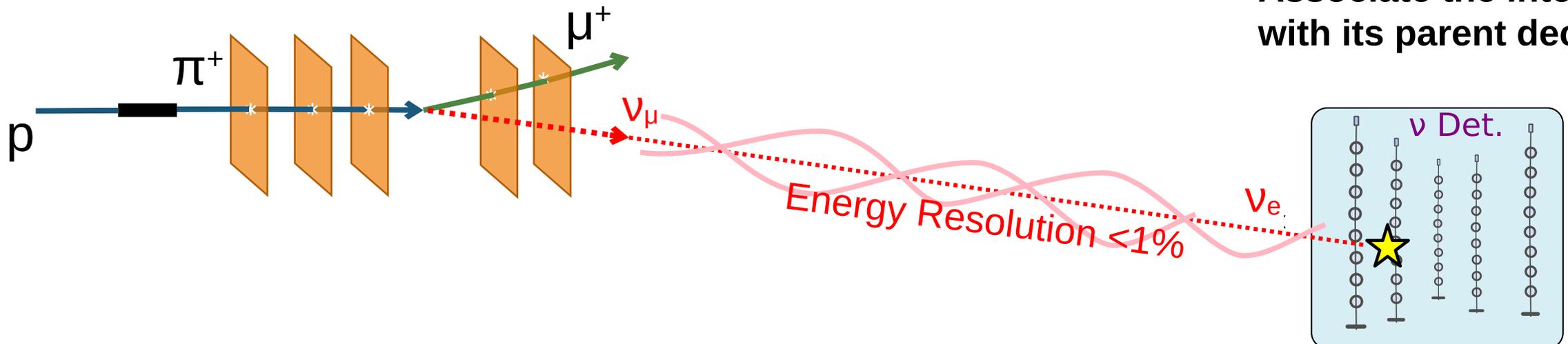
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- **Neutrino Tagging for oscillations**

Determine on an **per-event-basis** which ν changed flavour!



Associate the interaction with its parent decay

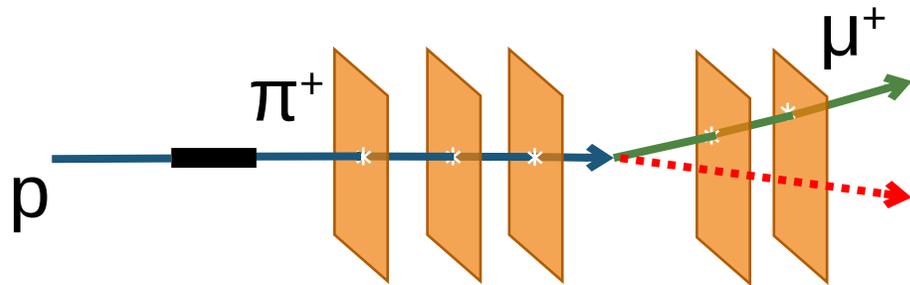
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- **A win-win combination**

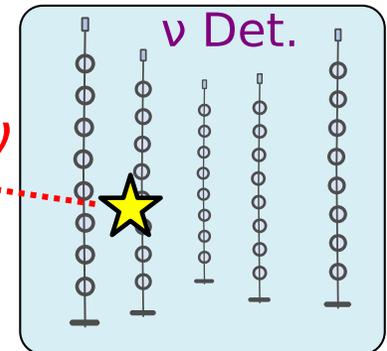
Trackers limit the beam intensity
 ...but provide **ultimate precision**



Energy Resolution <1%

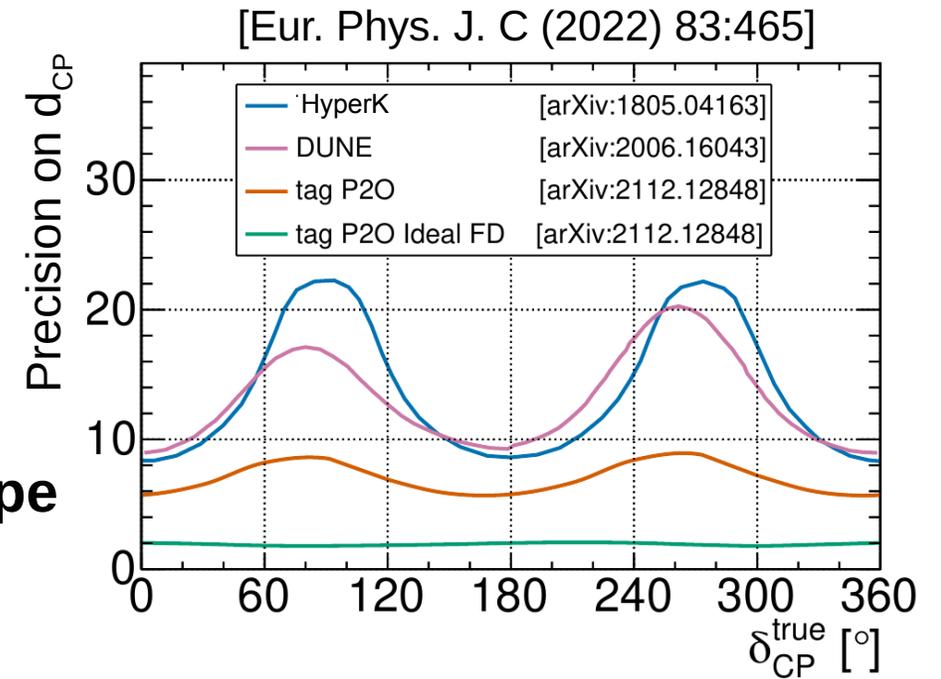
Neutrino telescope has limited precision
 ...but provides **stats. (huge instrumented volume)**

	Statistics	Precision
Trackers	-	+
ν telescope	+	-
Tagged LBL	+	+



Long term plans

- **Preliminary studies** are encouraging
 - beamline design [within CERN PBC] ([EPJC 2024 84:1024](#))
 - sensitivity studies ([EPJC 2022 83:465](#))
- Several options with **existing infrastructures in Europe**



		Baseline km	Energy GeV	
U70	KM3NeT-Fr	2600	5.0	See P2O
ESS	KM3NeT-Fr	1500	2.9	
CERN	KM3NeT-It	1300	2.5	
CERN	KM3NeT-Gr	1700	3.3	See NESTOR , C2GT

Conclusions

- KM3NeT has a **unique potential to determine the NMO**
- Neutrino **physics program extends well beyond NMO**, exploiting **ORCA/ARCA complementarity**
- **First results** with 5% of the total detectors (ORCA6) are already **competitive**
- ORCA opens **long term perspectives** from next-generation of accelerator based neutrino experiments

Thank you for your attention

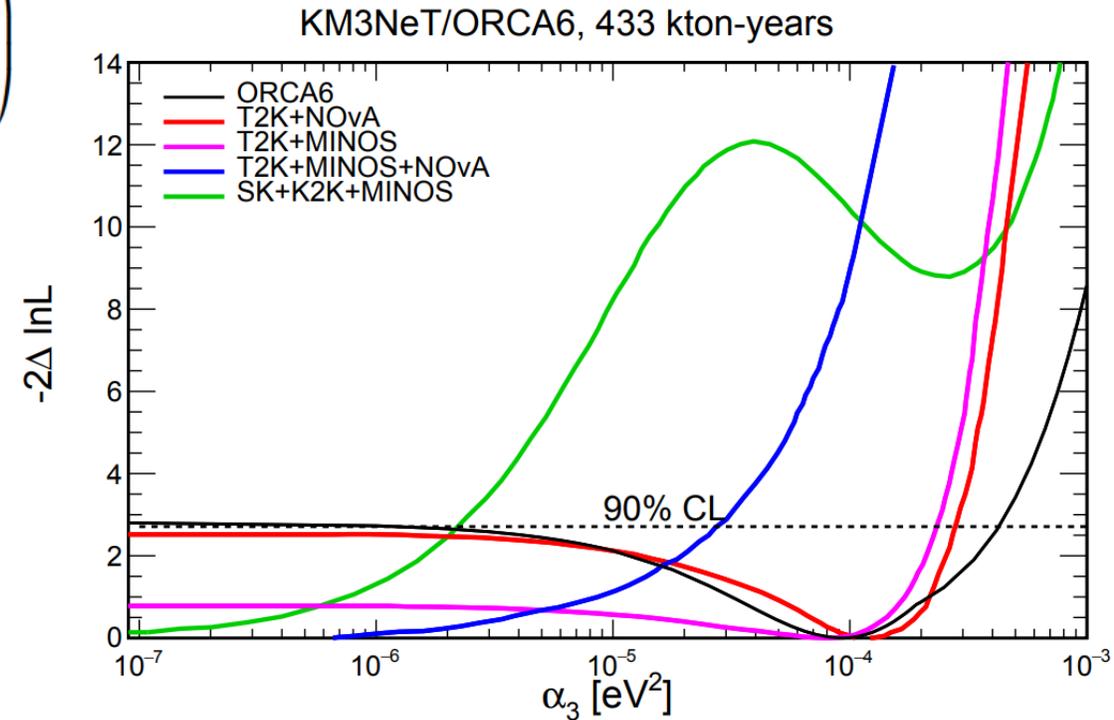
Neutrino Decay

- Hypothesis: neutrino decay to invisible products
- Analysis focusses on ν_3 decay (others constrained by solar and Super Novae)
- Model independent search with EFT

$$H_{\text{Total}} = \frac{1}{2E} \left[U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i\alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger \right] + \begin{pmatrix} V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

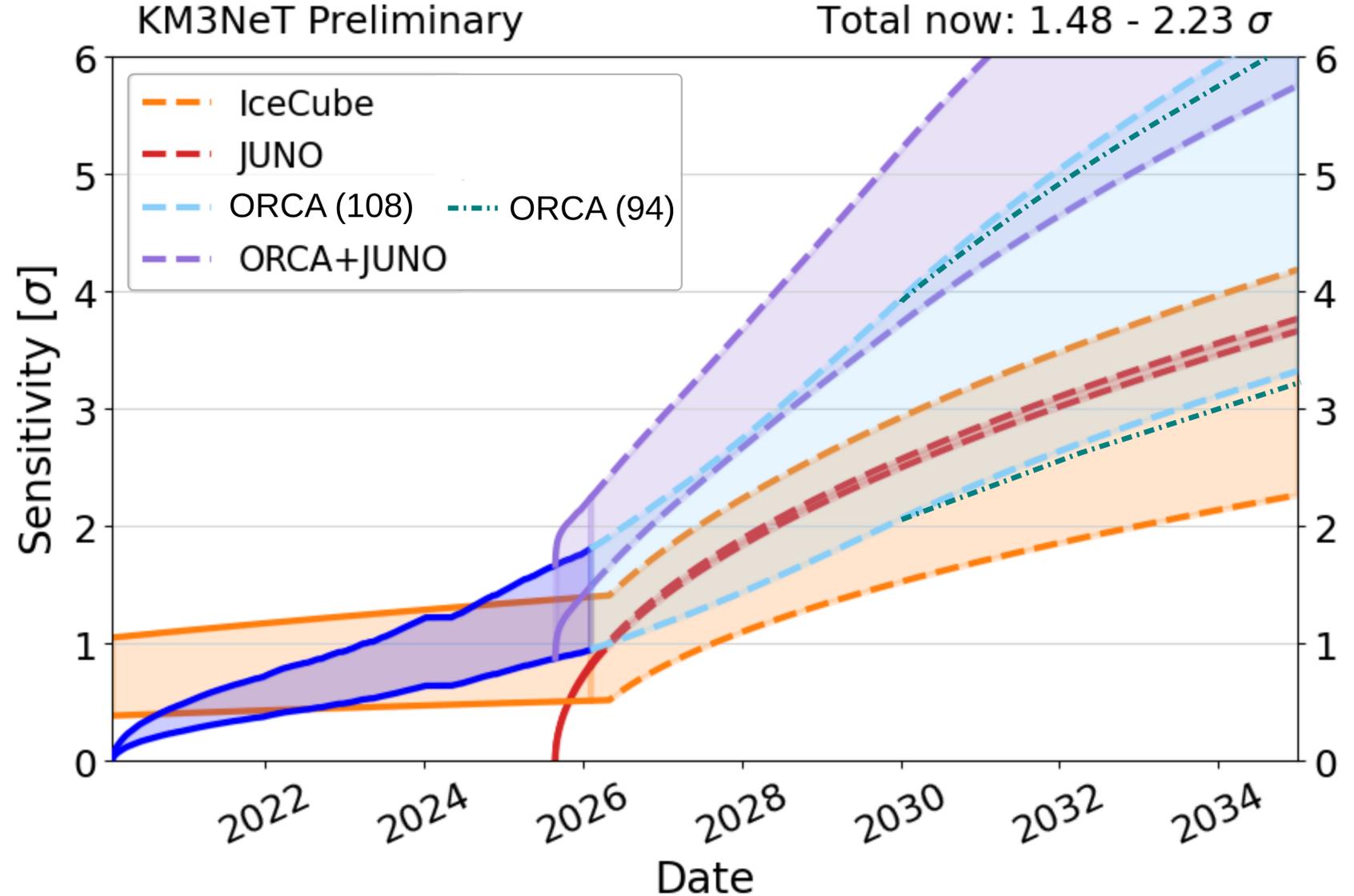
- ORCA6 measured $\alpha_3 = 0.92_{-0.57}^{+1.08} \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$ compatible with 0 (SM) at 2.1σ

Experiment	UL (90% CL) [10^{-6} eV^2]
ORCA6 (433 kton-year)	[10, 380]
ORCA (70 Mton-year)	3.7
T2K, NO ν A	290
T2K, MINOS	240
T2K, NO ν A, MINOS	27
K2K, MINOS, SK I+II	2.3
DUNE ($5\nu+5\bar{\nu}$) yr	13
MOMENT (10 yr)	24
ESSnuSB ($5\nu+5\bar{\nu}$) yr	16 – 13
JUNO (5 yr)	7
INO-ICAL (10 yr)	4.4



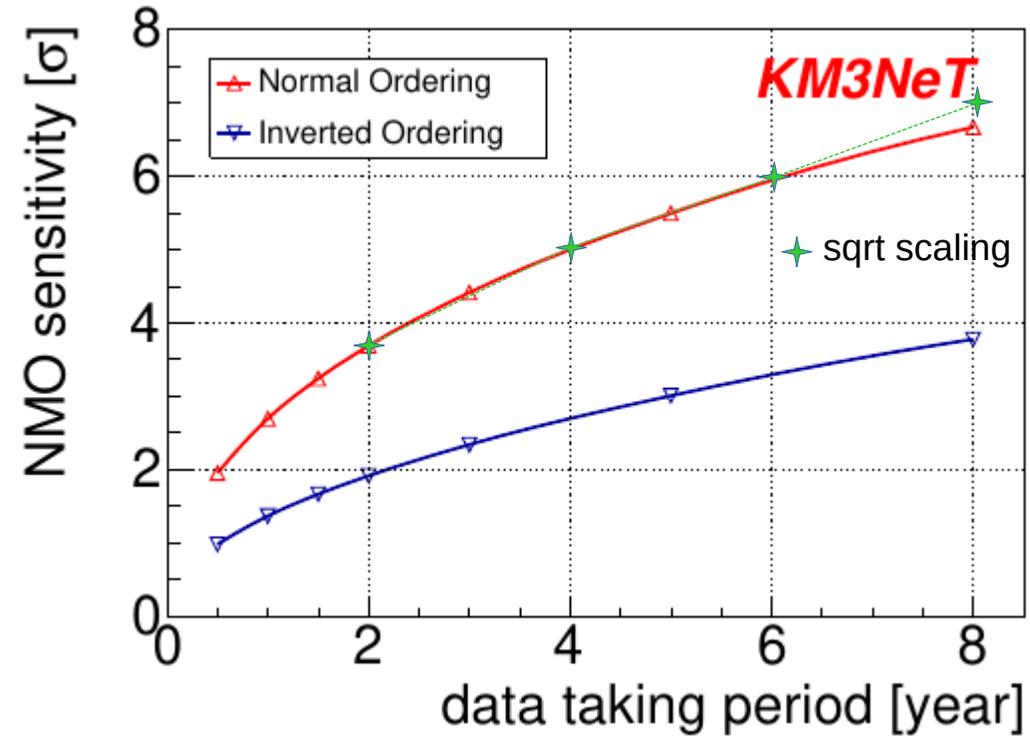
Influence of the DU number

- Limited impact on NMO by reducing DU number from 108 to 94
- Budgeting for 94 DUs increases the risks for the scientific impact of ORCA

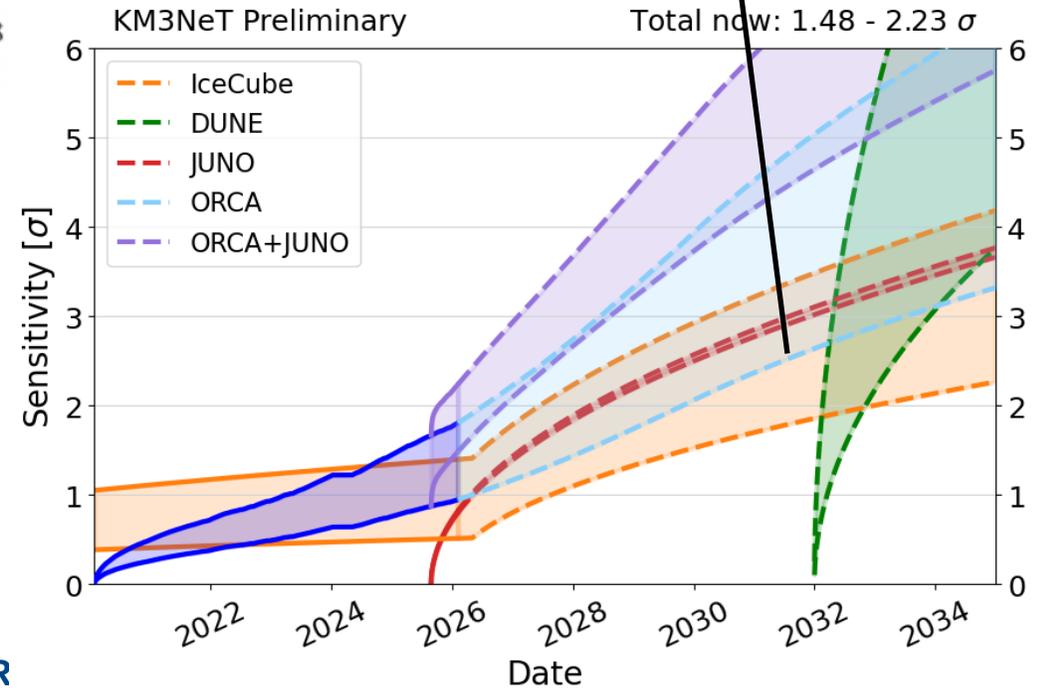
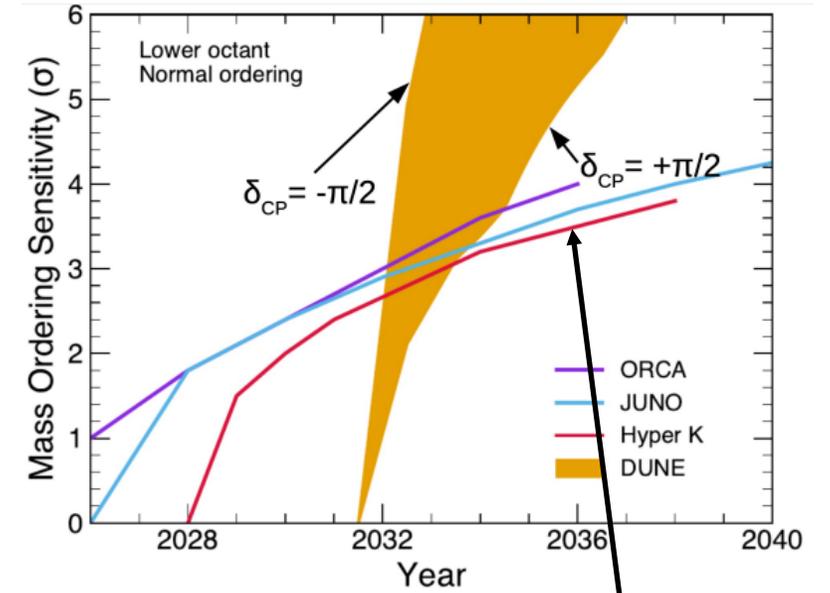
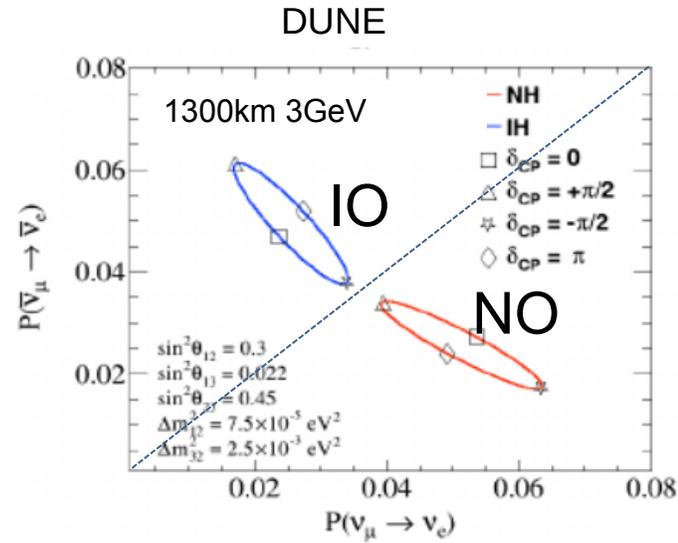
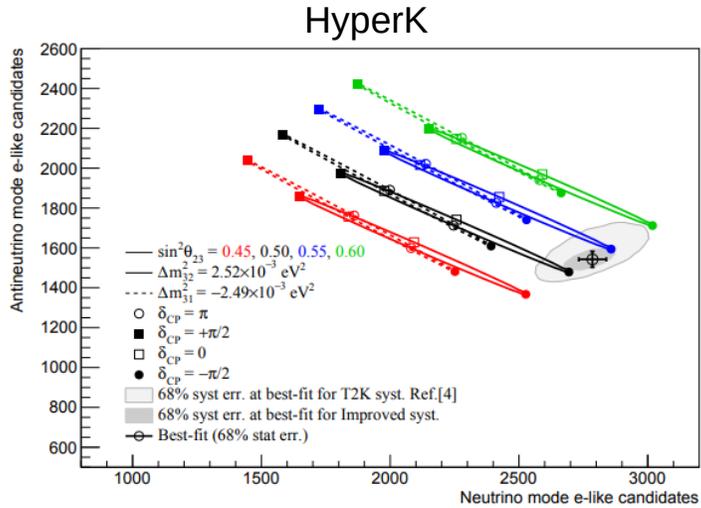


Stats vs Syst

- ORCA is dominated for a long time by statistical uncertainties



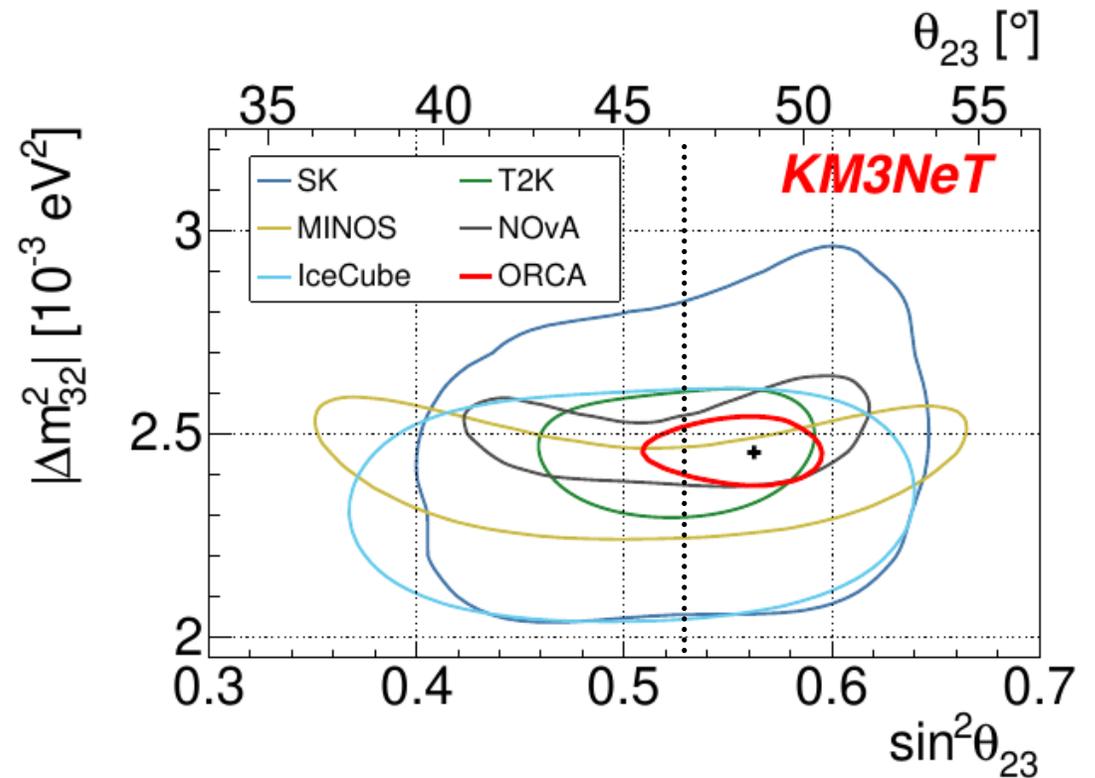
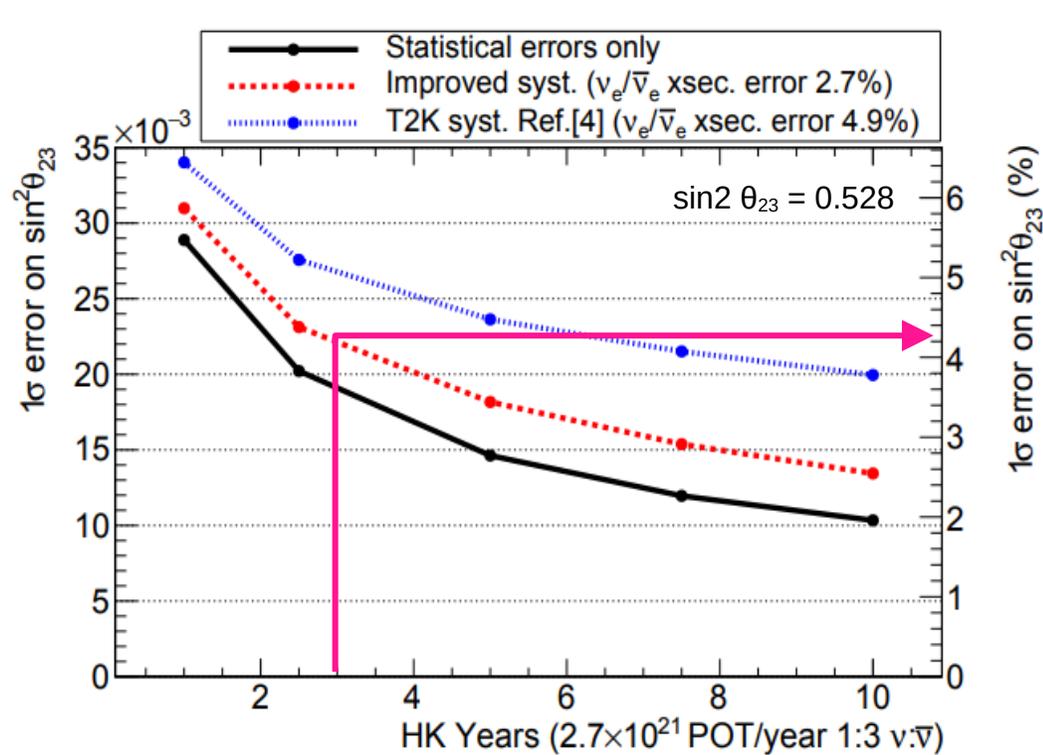
ORCA / HyperK / DUNE



inverted ordering). In **Hyper-Kamiokande**, the mass ordering will be measured with atmospheric neutrinos: the combination of atmospheric and beam neutrinos [12] reaches between 3.5 and 4.5 σ MO determination in 6 years of data taking, depending on the value of $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ in the 1σ interval from presently available oscillation measurements. In-

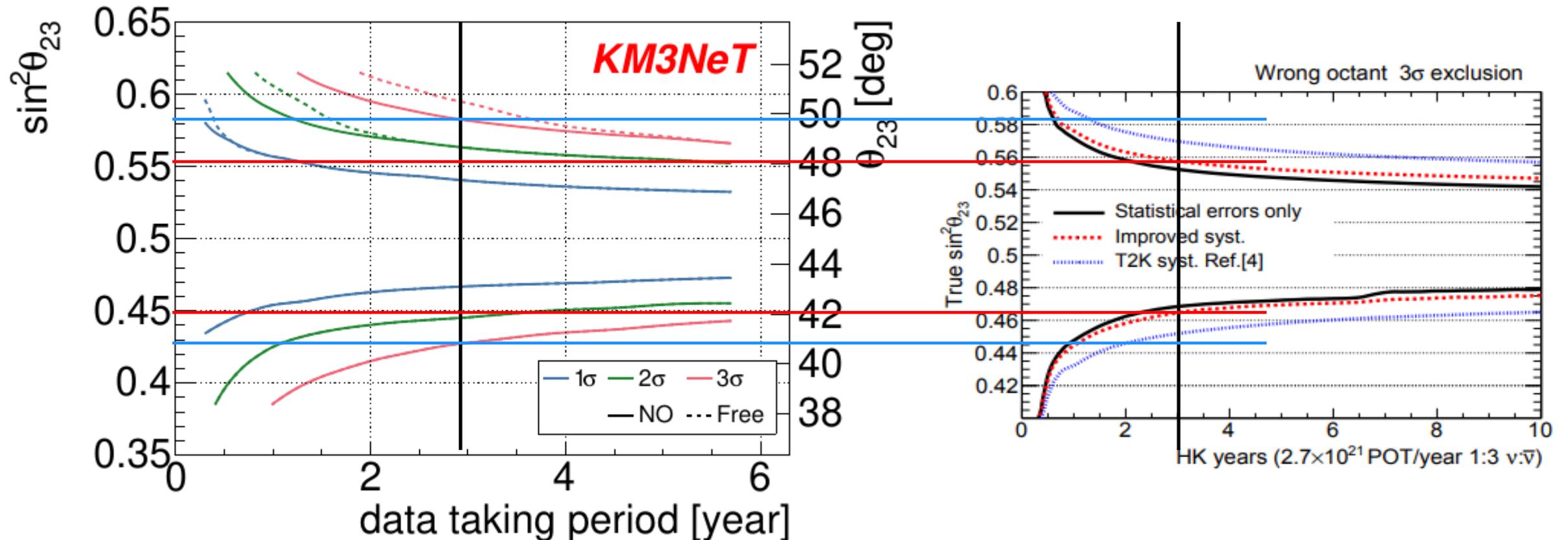
Comparison with HyperK for θ_{23}

- After 3 years **ORCA's** precision on θ_{23} (NO, 48deg) is **4-6%**
- **HyperK** is slightly better (**4%** but at $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.528$)



Comparison with HyperK for θ_{23} octant

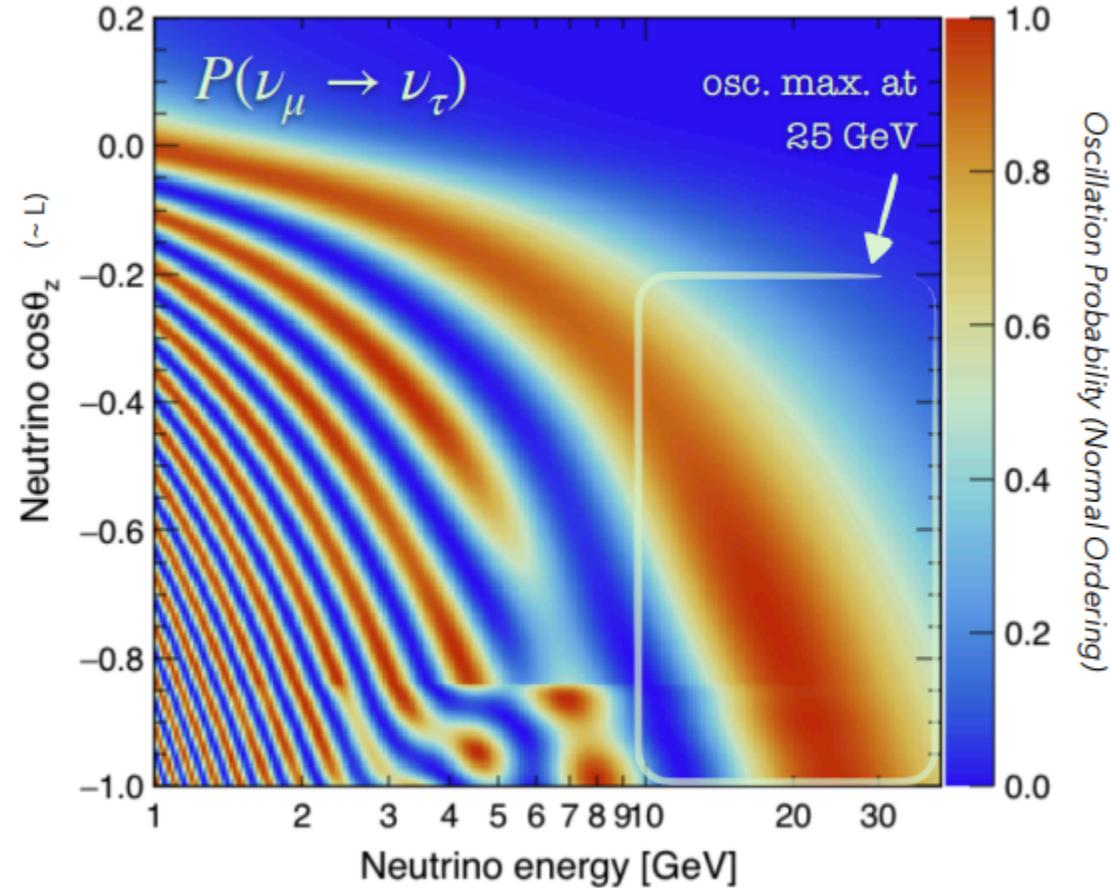
- HyperK has a better capability of determining θ_{23} octant
- This information could boost ORCA's NMO sensitivity



Tau Neutrinos

- ORCA accesses one of the world's largest ν_τ sample

Experiment		Nb ν_τ	Effective Energy Threshold [GeV]
SK(14.6y)	[1]	185	6.4
Deep Core(3y)	[2]	1800	37
ORCA6 (1.4y)	[3]	185	13
HK (from 2028)	[4]	140	7.3
IC Upgrade (from 2026)	[5]	1460/y	7.8
Full ORCA	[6]	3000/y	13



[1] arXiv:1711.09436. [2] arXiv:1901.05366. [3] arXiv:2502.01443. [4] arXiv:1805.04163. [5] arXiv:2307.15295. [6] arXiv:2103.09885.

Quantum Decoherence

- Oscillations affected by **decoherence**, described by a **damping term**

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sum_{i,j} \tilde{U}_{\alpha i} \tilde{U}_{\beta i}^* \tilde{U}_{\alpha j}^* \tilde{U}_{\beta j} e^{-i\Delta\tilde{E}_{ij}t - \gamma_{ij}t}$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ij}^0 \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^n$$

- ORCA** well suited to study $n = -2, -1$

ARCA well suited to study $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$

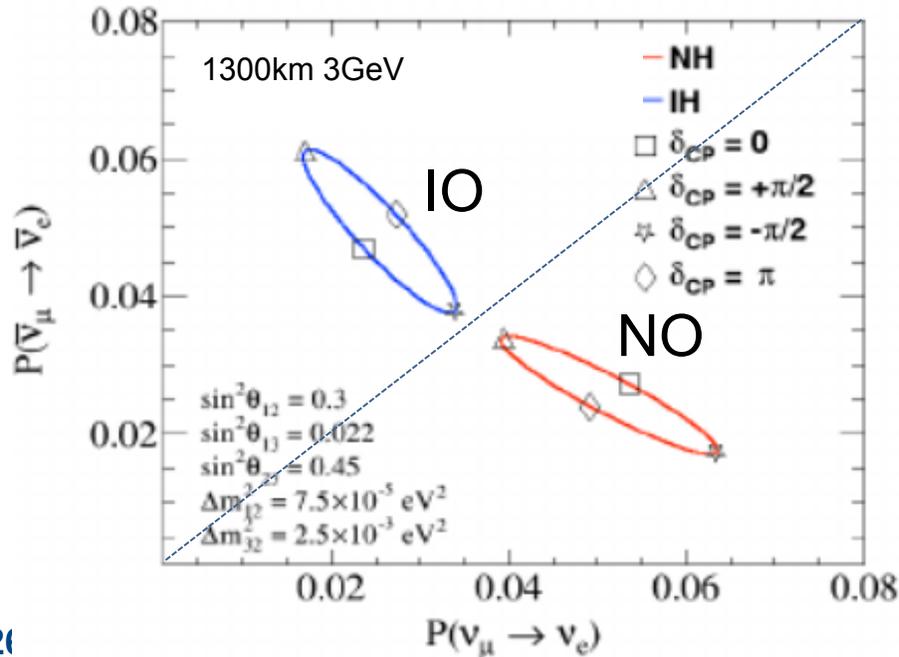
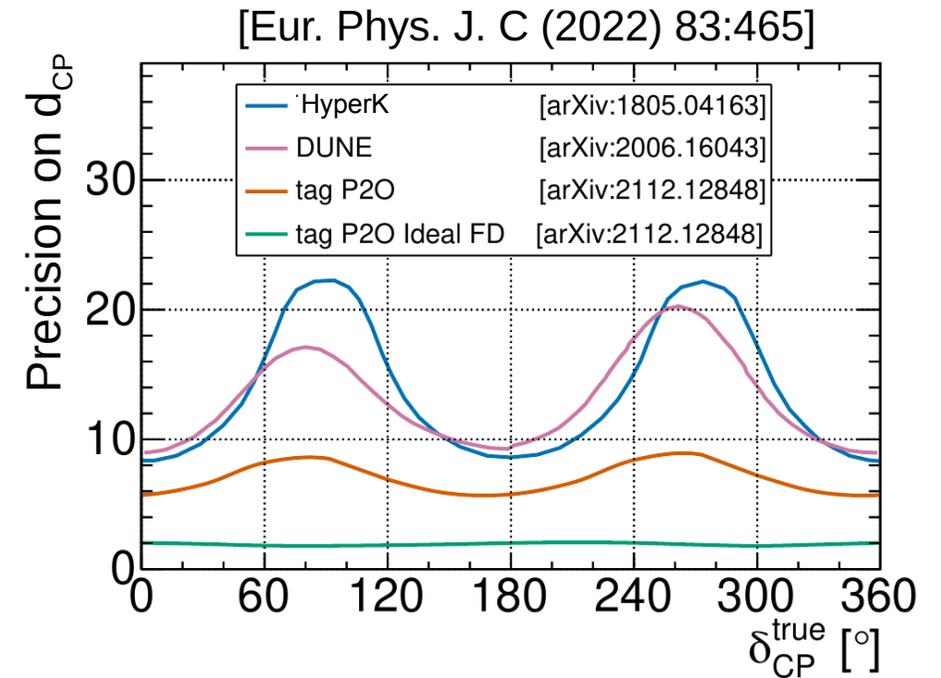
- ORCA6** data allows to set limits comparable to **DeepCore** but other exp. at **lower energy** (RENO, KamLAND, T2K) put stronger bounds for $n < 0$

	Upper limits [GeV]			
	$n = -2$		$n = -1$	
ORCA6, 90 %CL	NO	IO	NO	IO
Γ_{21}	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-22}$
Γ_{31}	$8.4 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$0.8 \cdot 10^{-22}$
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{31}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-22}$
ORCA6, 95 %CL	NO	IO	NO	IO
Γ_{21}	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-22}$
Γ_{31}	$11.7 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-22}$
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{31}$	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-22}$

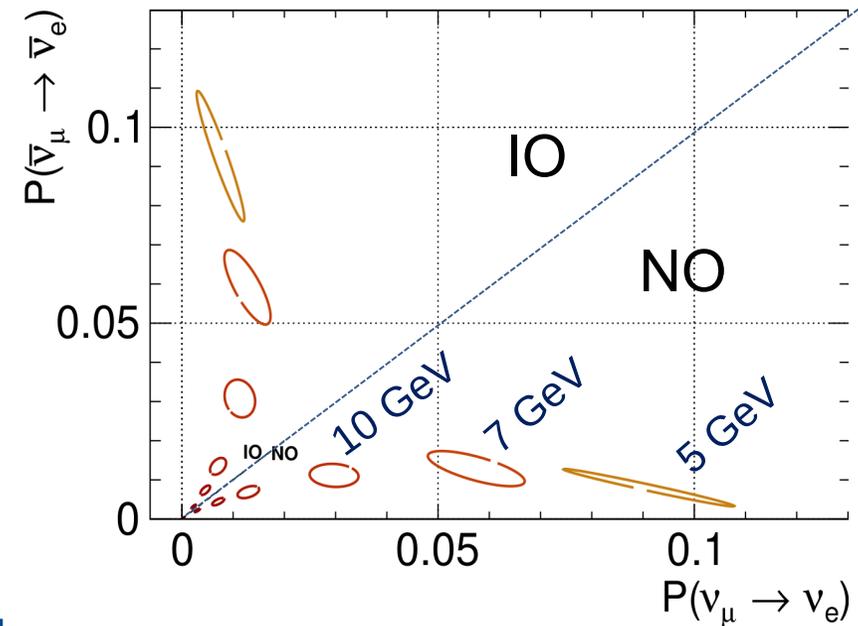
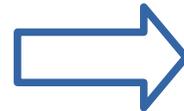
	Upper limits [GeV]			
	$n = -2$		$n = -1$	
Reported in [14], 90 % CL				
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{32}$	$7.9 \cdot 10^{-27}$ (KL)		$1.8 \cdot 10^{-24}$ (KL)	
$\Gamma_{31} = \Gamma_{32}$	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-25}$ (R)		$2.1 \cdot 10^{-23}$ (T2K)	
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{31}$	$7.9 \cdot 10^{-27}$ (KL)		$1.8 \cdot 10^{-24}$ (KL)	
Reported in [18], 95 %CL	NO	IO	NO	IO
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{32}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-21}$
$\Gamma_{31} = \Gamma_{32}$	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-22}$
$\Gamma_{21} = \Gamma_{31}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$5.4 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-22}$

What about tagged LBL

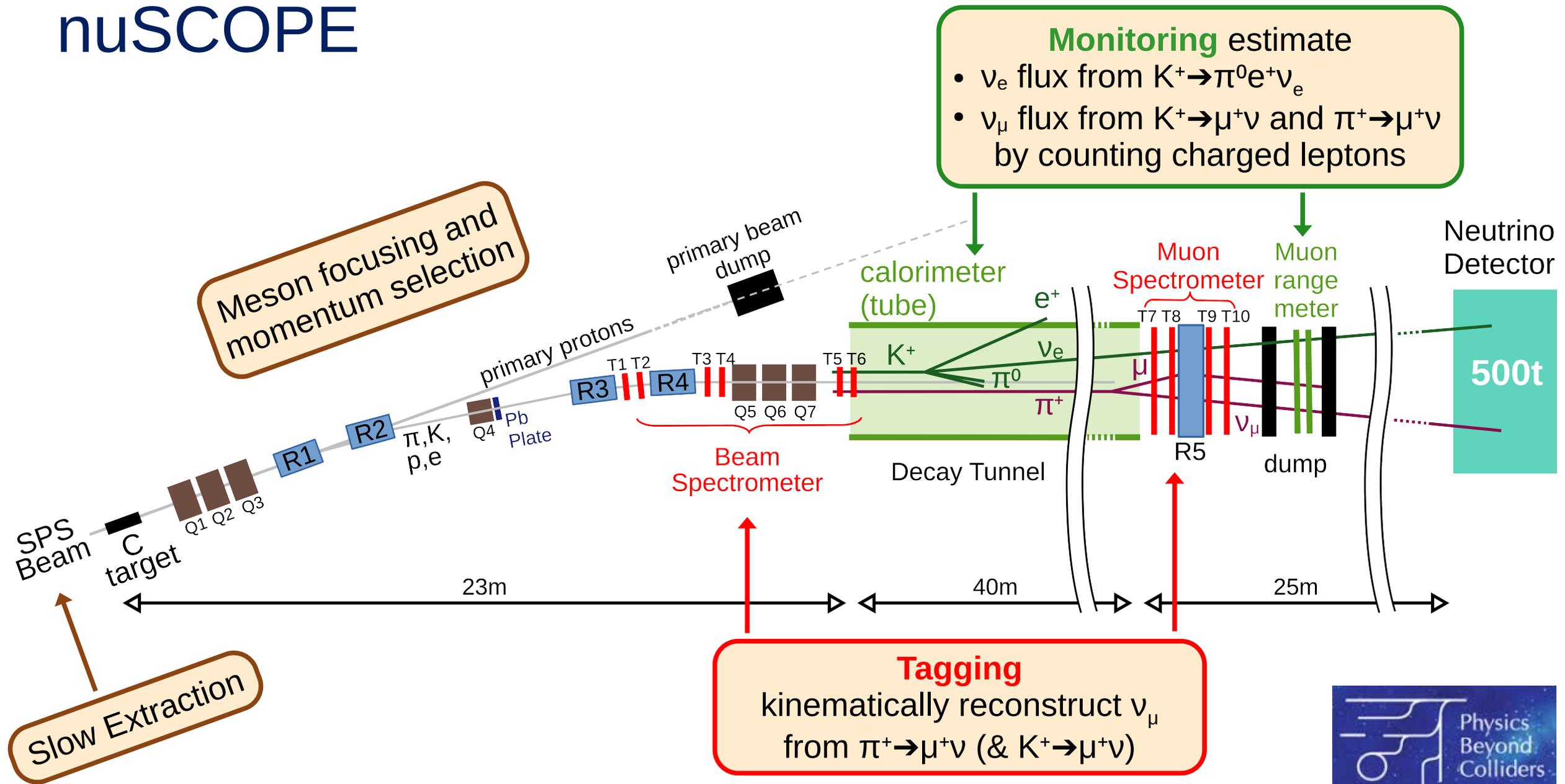
- **Preliminary studies** are encouraging
 - beamline design [within PBC] (EPJC 2024 84:1024)
 - sensitivity studies (EPJC 2022 83:465)
- Tagging give access to **multiple ellipses** on bi-probability plot
 - some are more circular
 - apsides not always reached at 90 or 270°
 - only with a wide band beam (challenging without horn)



tagging

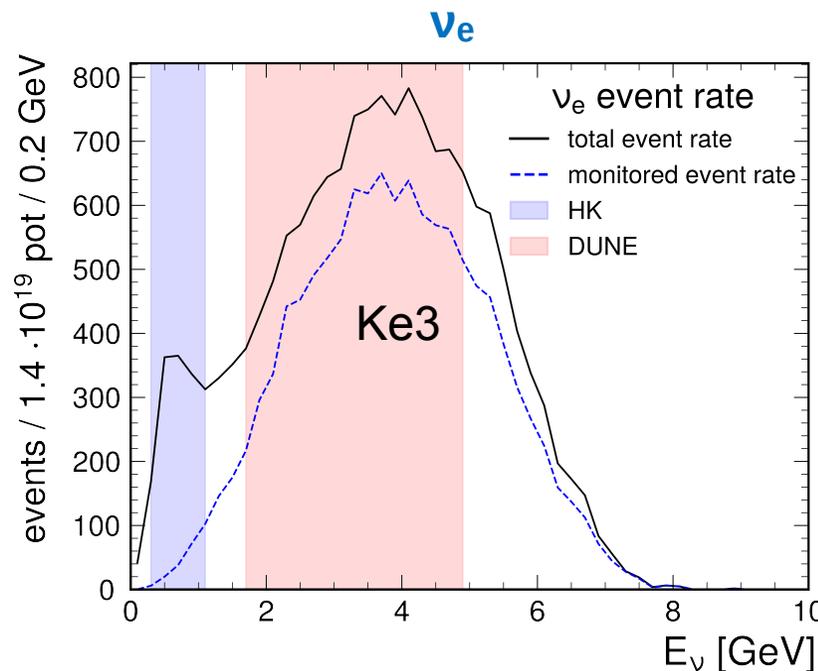
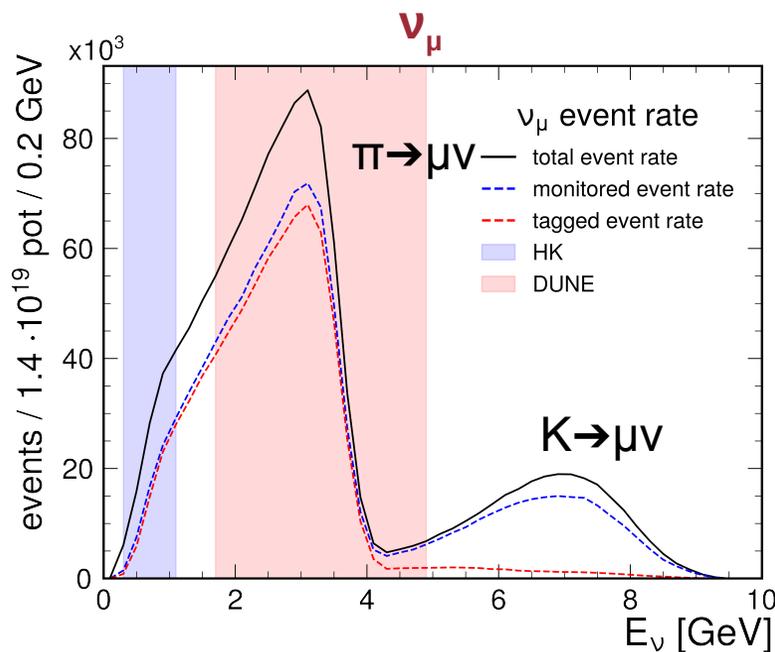


nuSCOPE



Neutrino detector and interaction rates

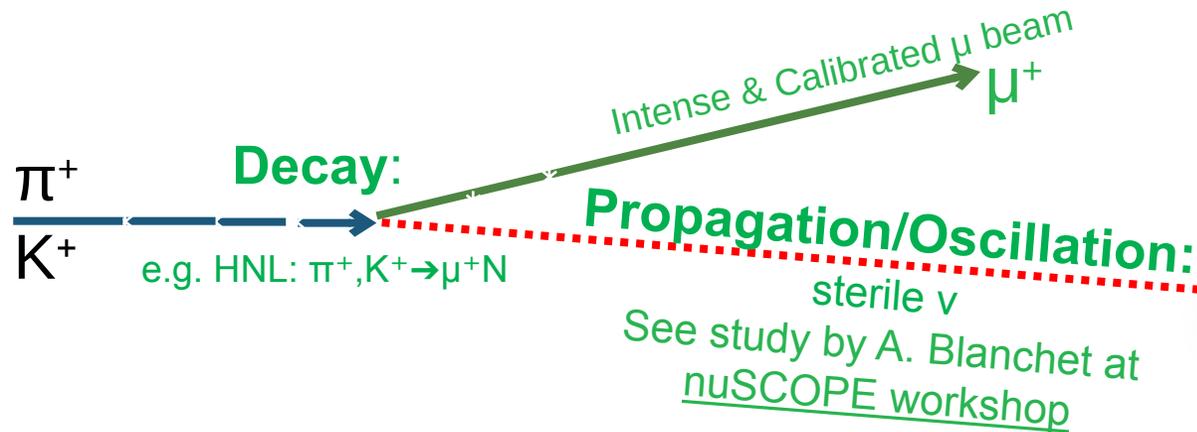
- **Reference detector:**
500t of liquid argon ($4 \times 4 \times 22.3 \text{m}^3$) similar to protoDUNEs at 25m from decay tunnel end
 Improved time resolution (300ps) assuming more photon coverage (R&D for 3rd/4th DUNE detector)
- On-going studies using a **100t water Cerenkov or WBLS detector**
- **Large fraction of neutrino are monitored and tagged**



	Event per 1.4×10^{19} POT	
	500t LAr	100t Water
ν_μ	1.3×10^6	
Monitored ν_μ	1.0×10^6	
Tagged ν_μ	0.76×10^6	0.14×10^6
ν_e	1.7×10^4	
Monitored ν_e	1.2×10^4	

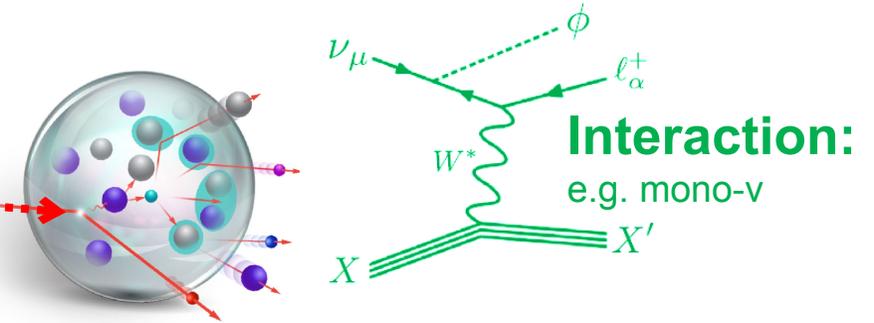
Rich physics program

Beyond Standard Model



Neutrino Interactions

large ν interaction samples.
flux knowledge, energy resolution



Kaon Physics

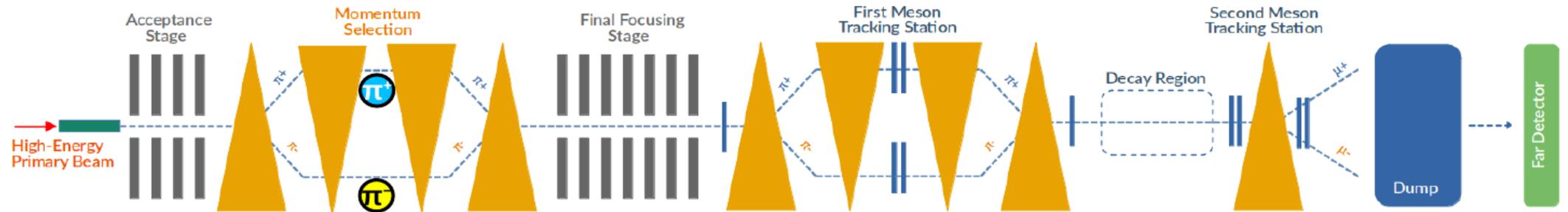
ultra rare decay exploiting large stats

Nuclear Physics/QCD

repeat electron scattering exp. but with ν as probe
access axial structure...

Tagged LBL Beamline

- Beam line designed to exploit the fact that the tagger determines the neutrino chirality ($\nu / \bar{\nu}$): both π^+ and π^- are transported



- Flux is sufficiently intense but too narrow to fully take advantage of the tagging energy resolution
=> more studies are needed

