

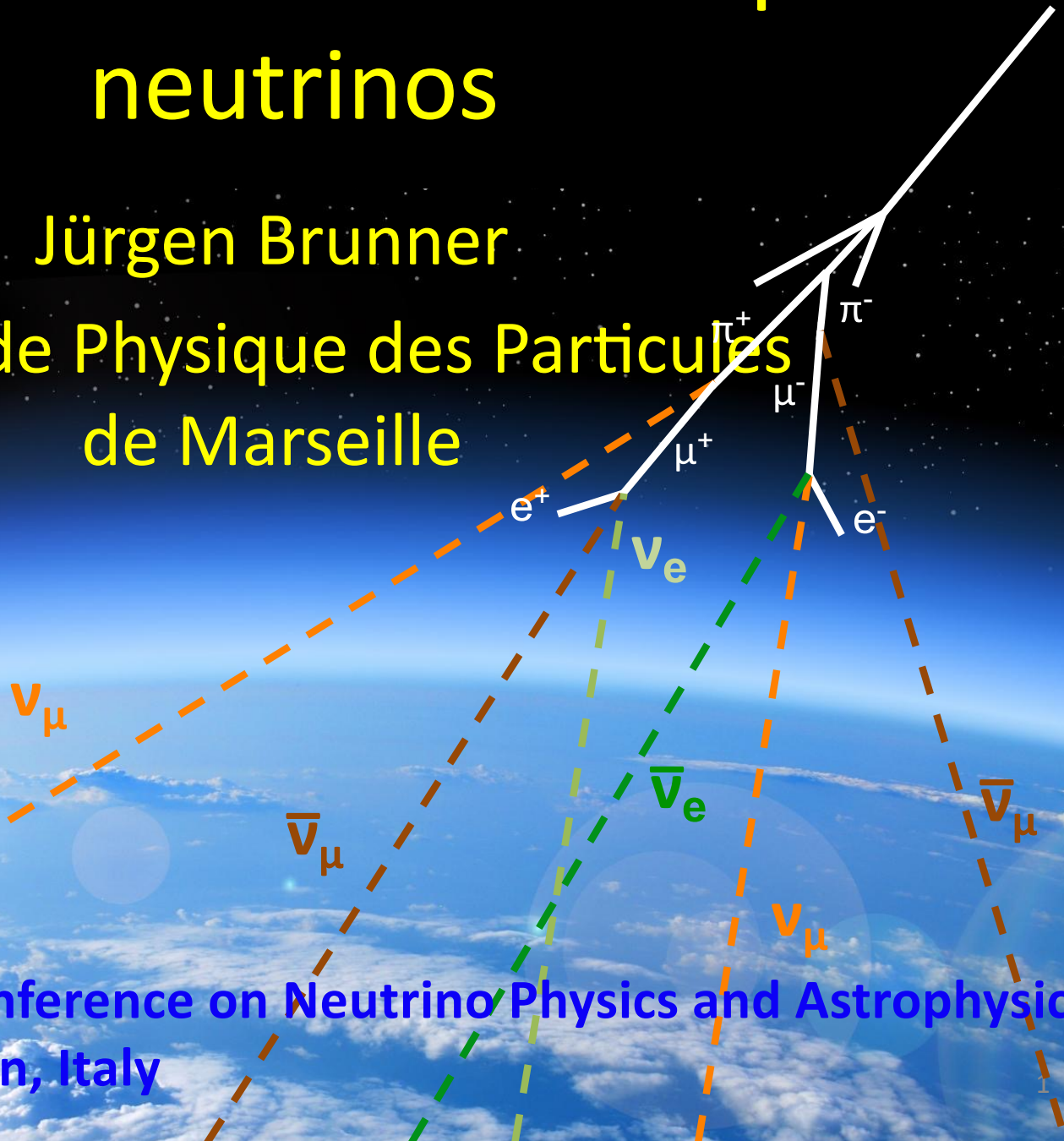
# Future\* detectors for atmospheric neutrinos



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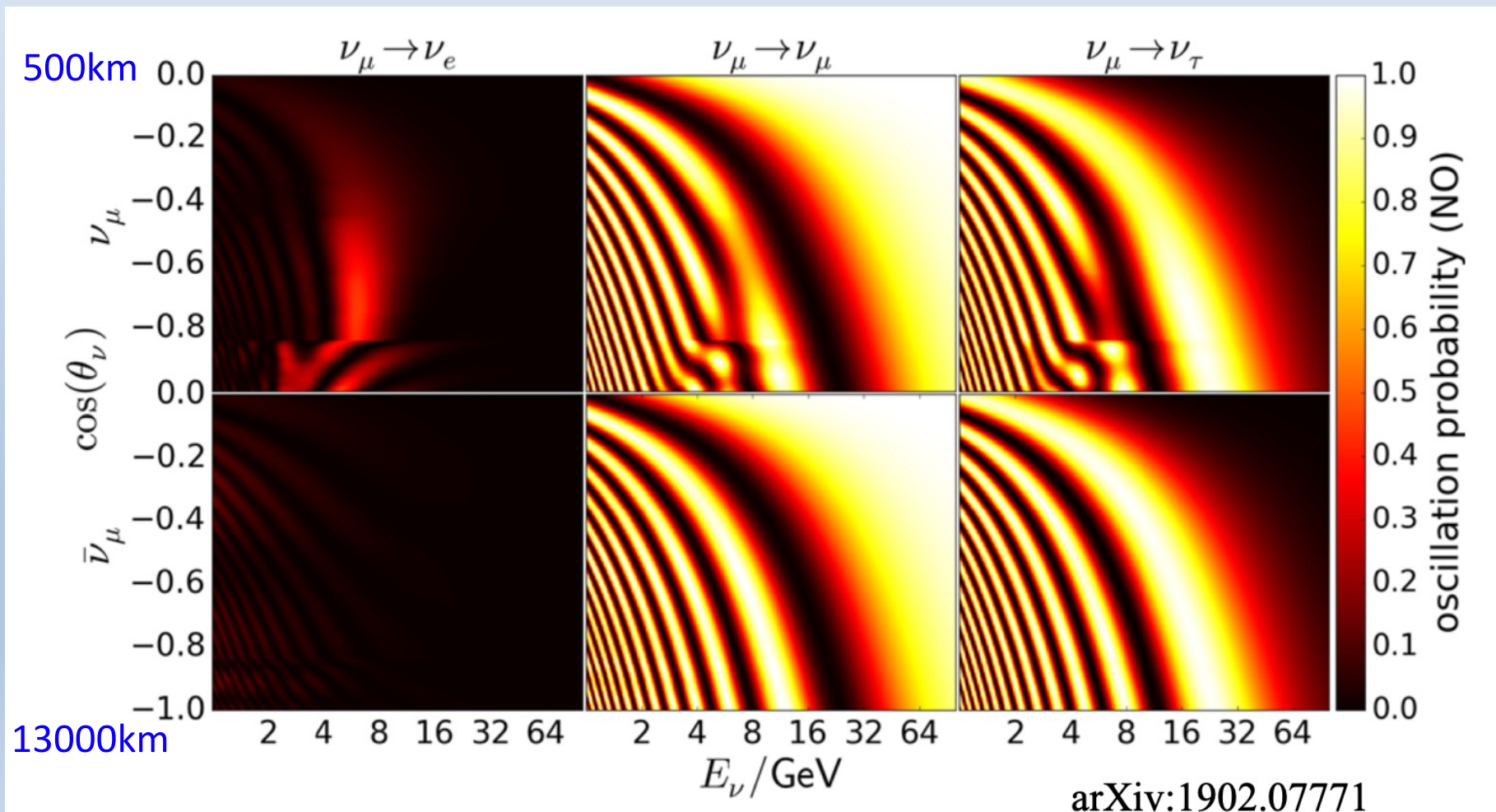
\* This decade

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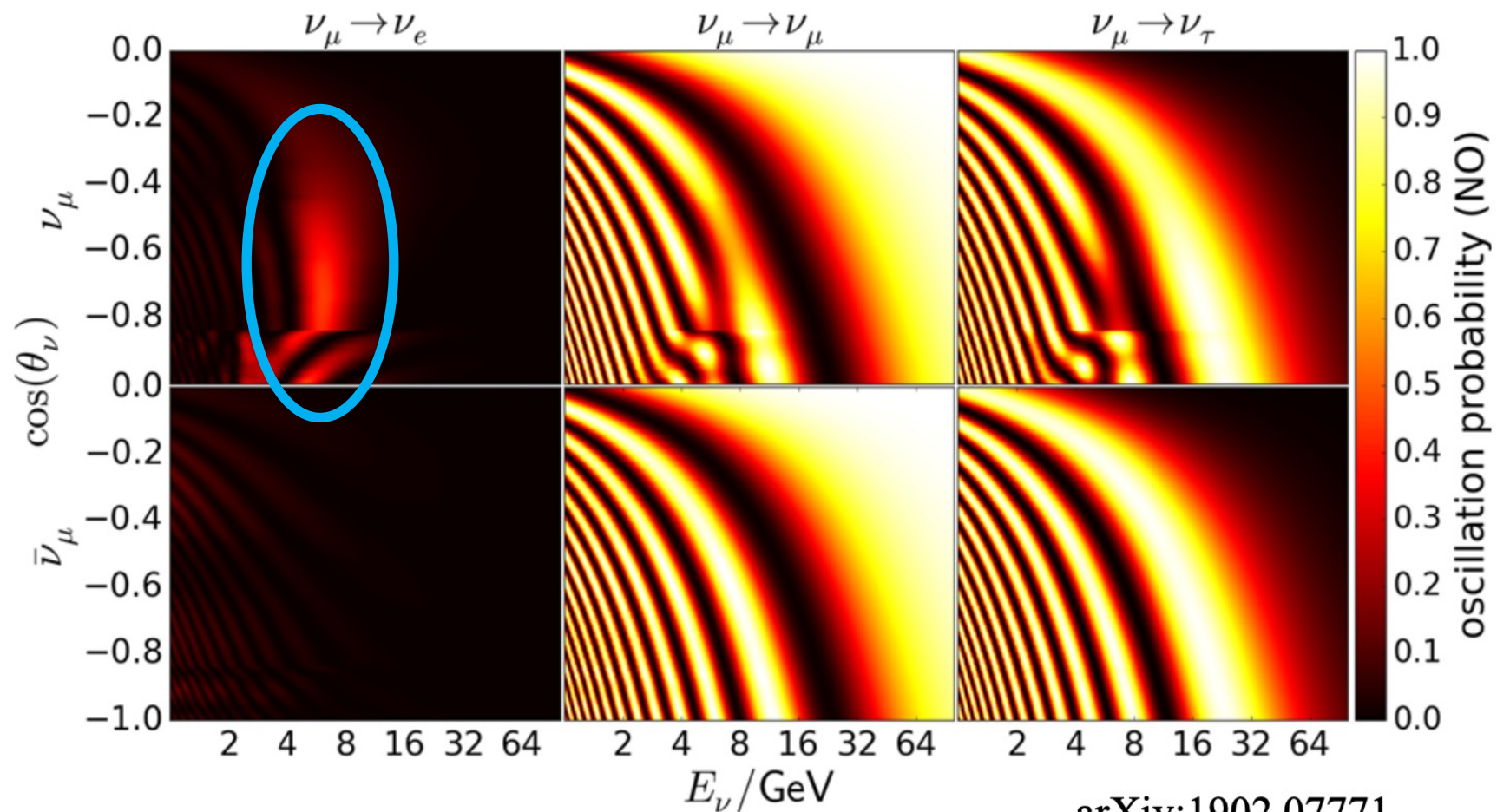
# Neutrino oscillations

- Rich phenomenology in the 1-100 GeV energy range
- Baselines between 500 km and 13000 km



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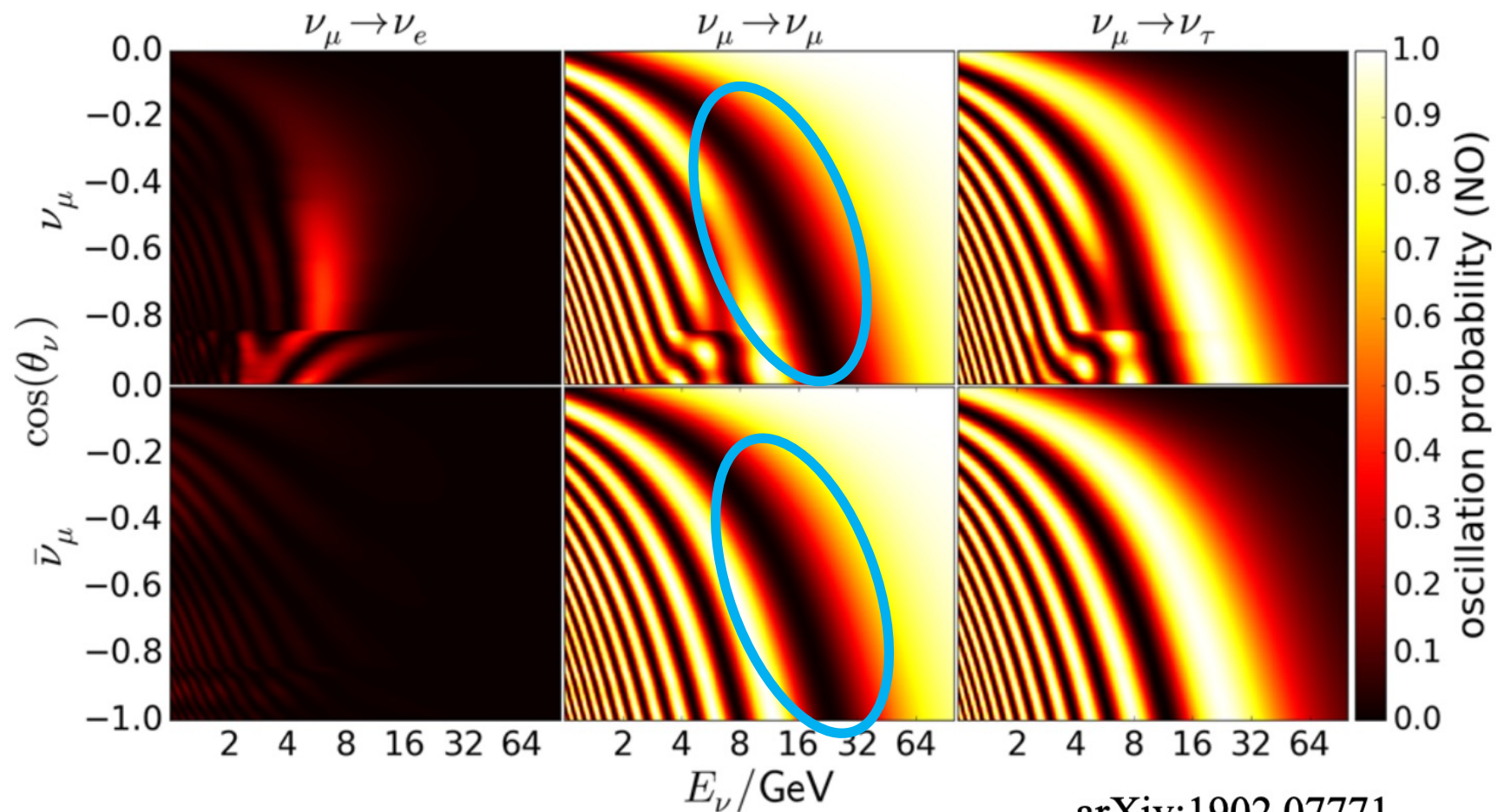
- Matter resonance 4-10 GeV  
→ neutrino mass ordering



arXiv:1902.07771

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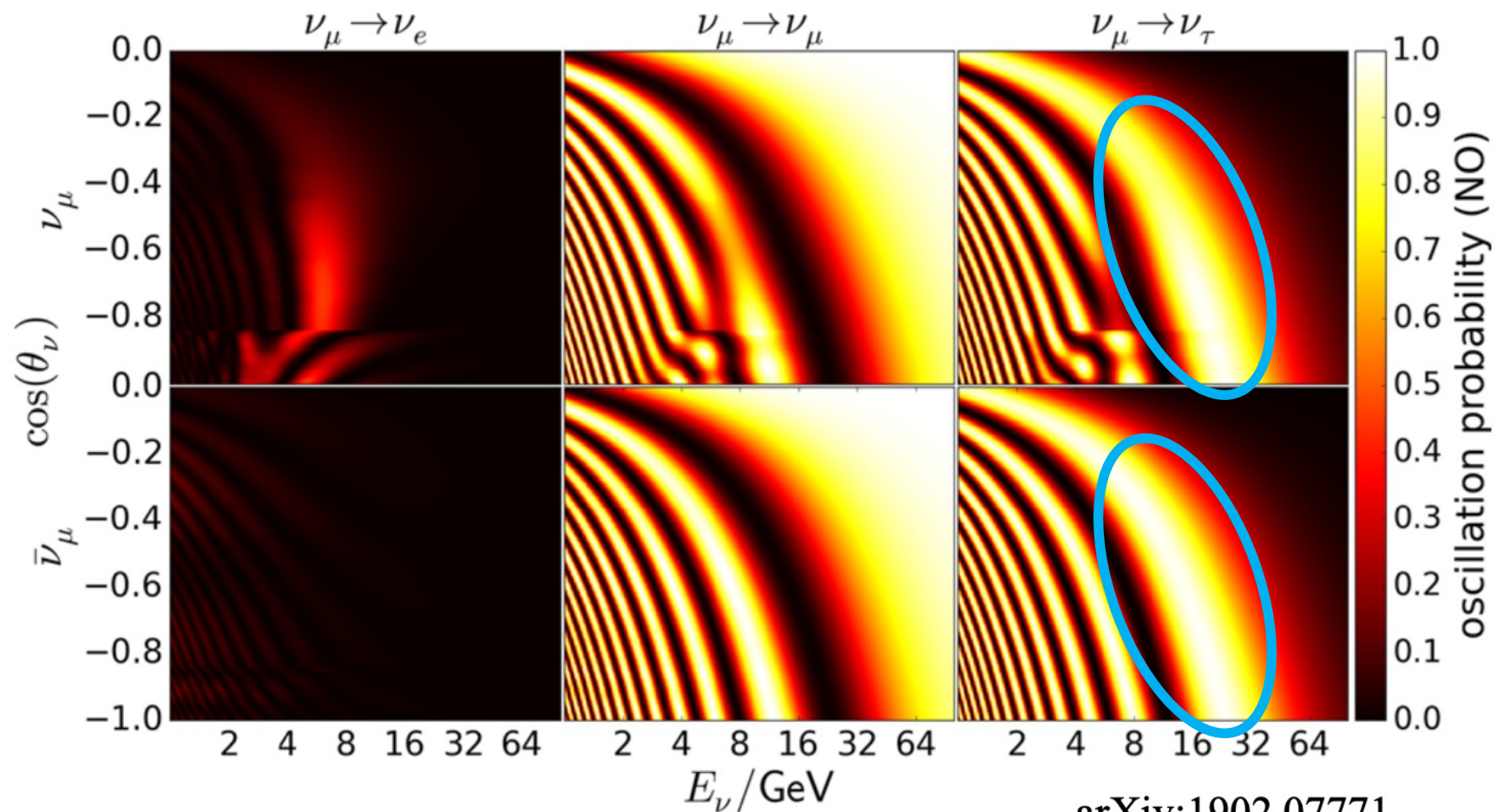
- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance 10-40 GeV  
→ precision measurements  $\Delta m^2_{31}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$



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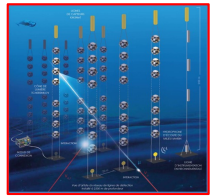
# Neutrino oscillations

- $\nu_\tau$  appearance 10-40 GeV  
→  $\nu_\tau$  cross section,  $\nu_\tau$  sector BSM tests



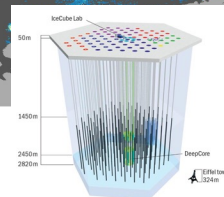
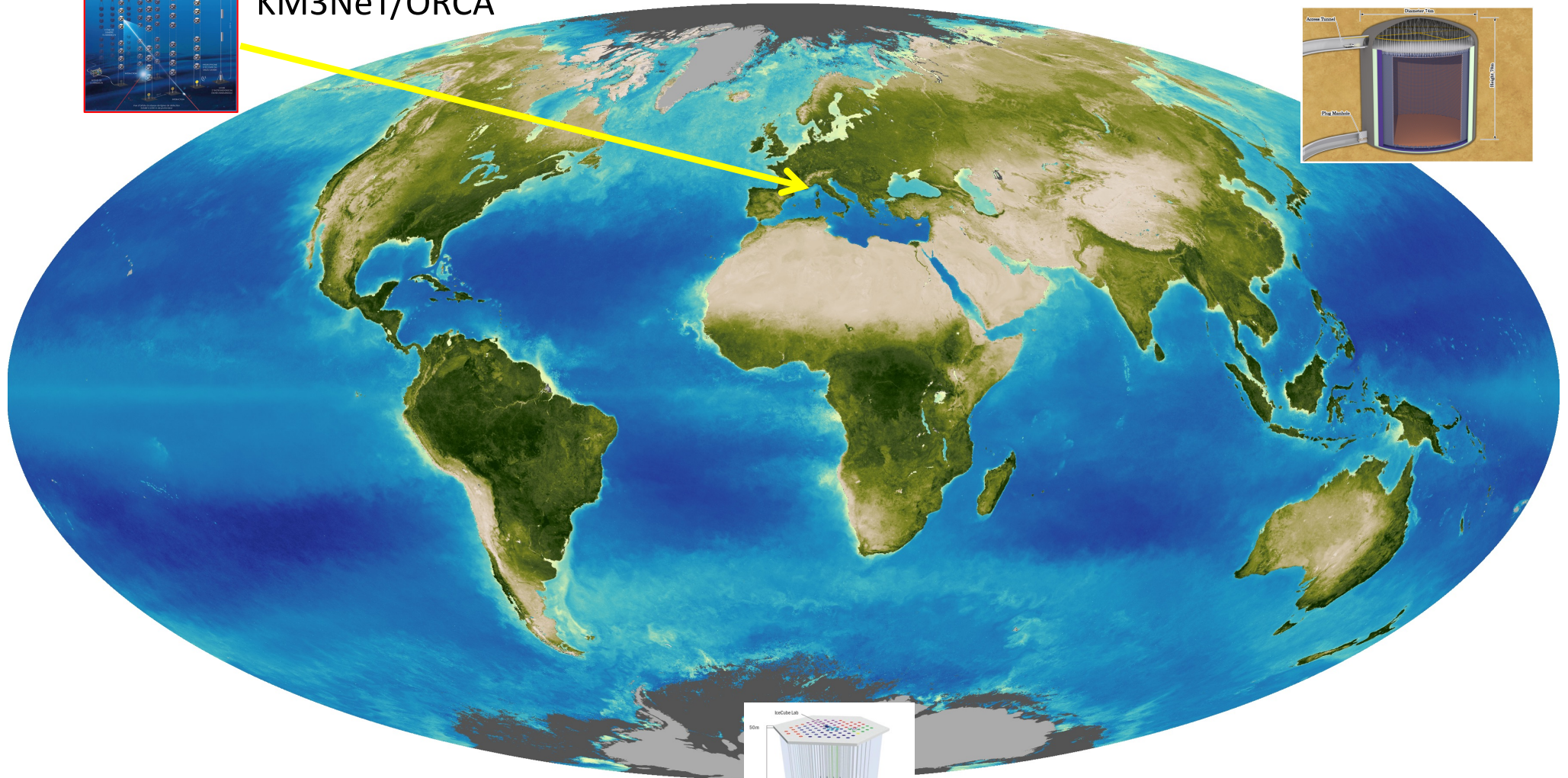
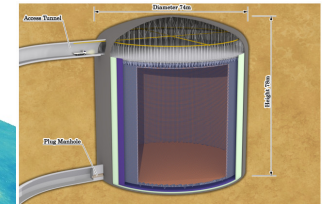
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# Next generation detectors



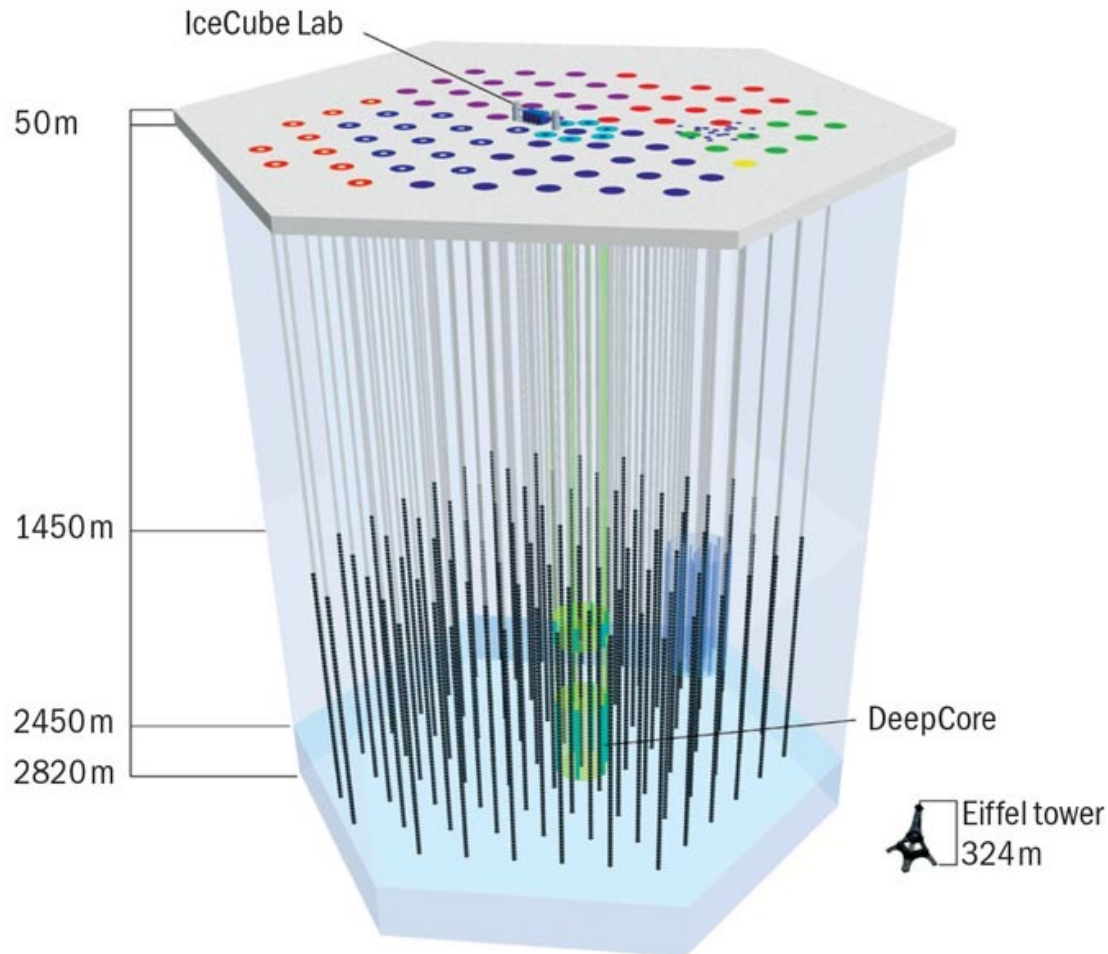
KM3NeT/ORCA

HyperKamiokande



IceCube-Upgrade

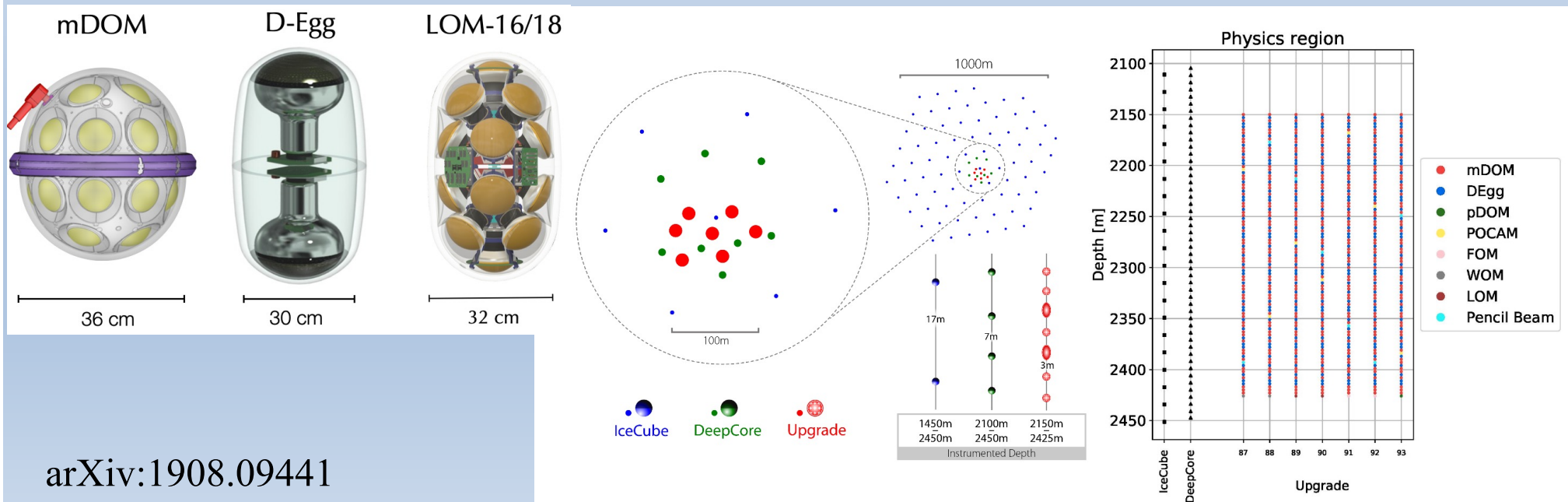
# Detectors - IceCube / DeepCore



- 86 strings with 60 DOMs instrumenting 1km<sup>3</sup>
- Deep Core : dense core for atmospheric neutrino physics at 10-100 GeV
- Operational since 2011

# Detectors - IceCube upgrade

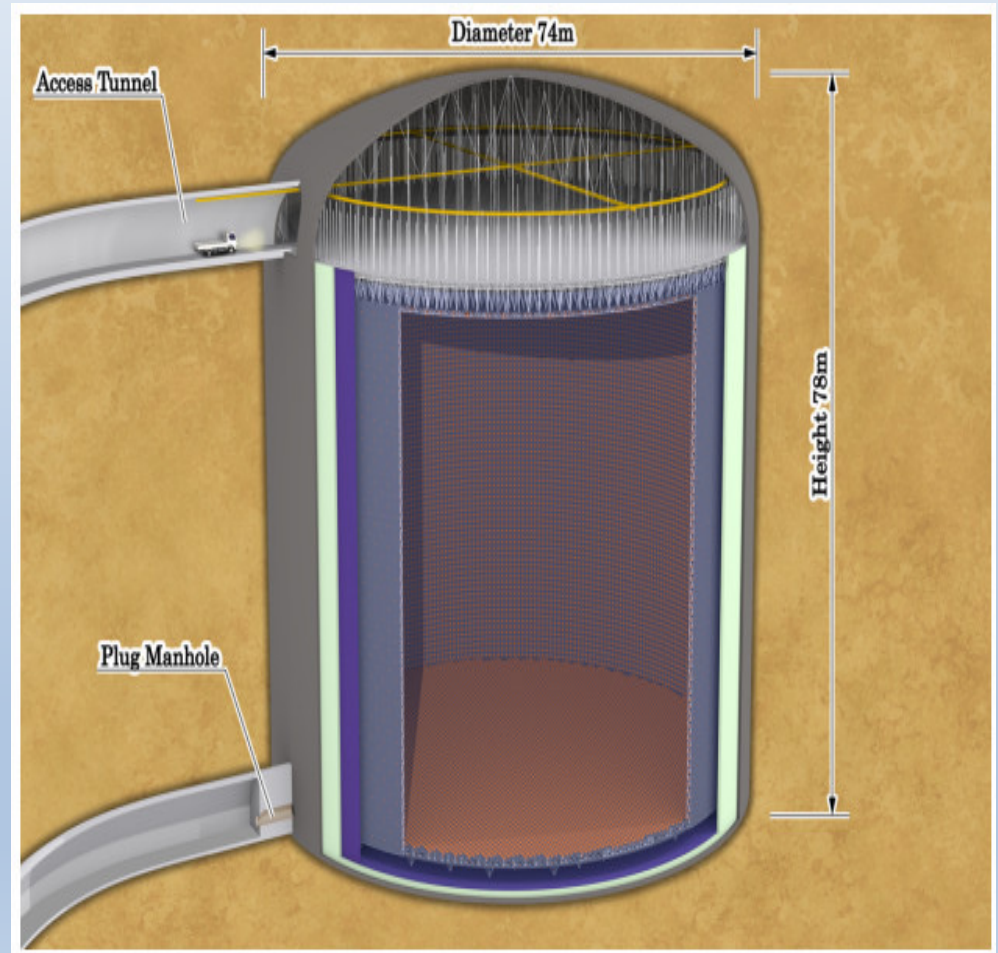
- 7 new strings inside DeepCore region
- 20m string spacing, 3m module spacing
- Energy threshold lowered from  $\sim 10$  GeV to  $\sim 2$  GeV
- Several Mtons instrumented volume
- Installation during 2025/2026 campaign



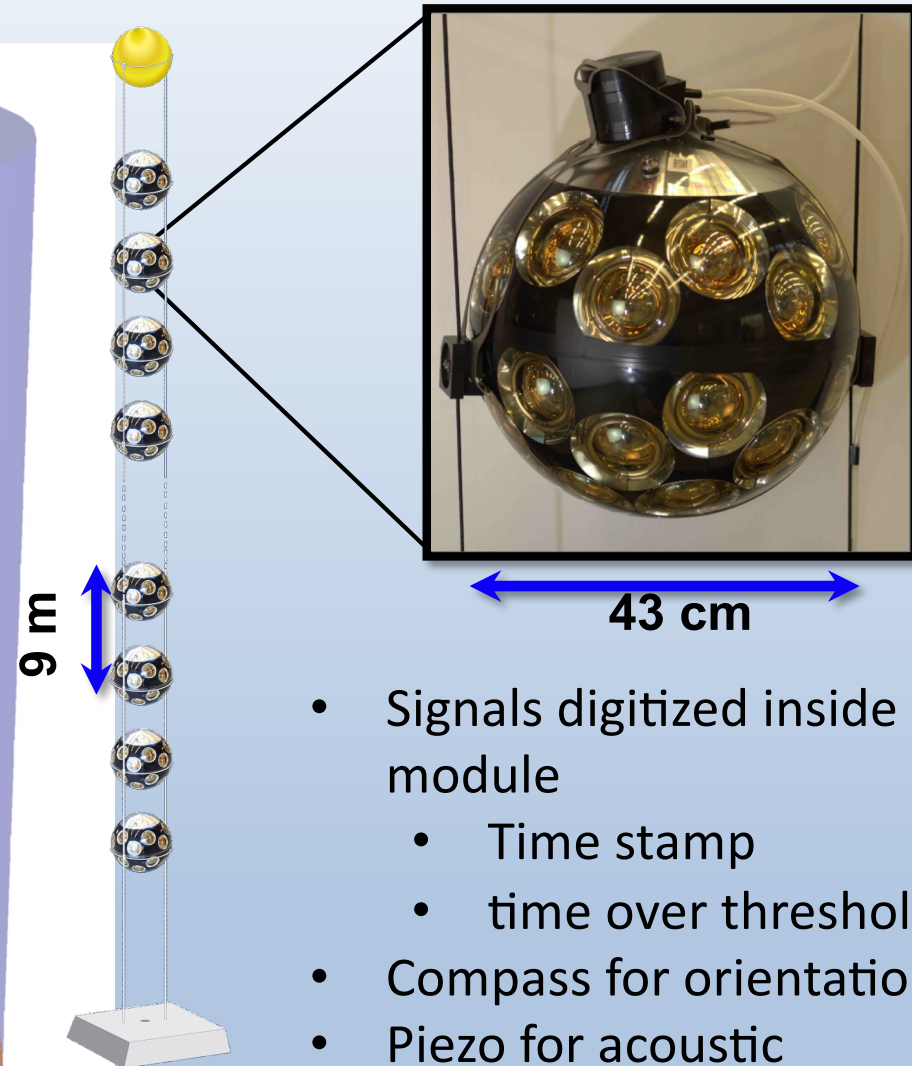
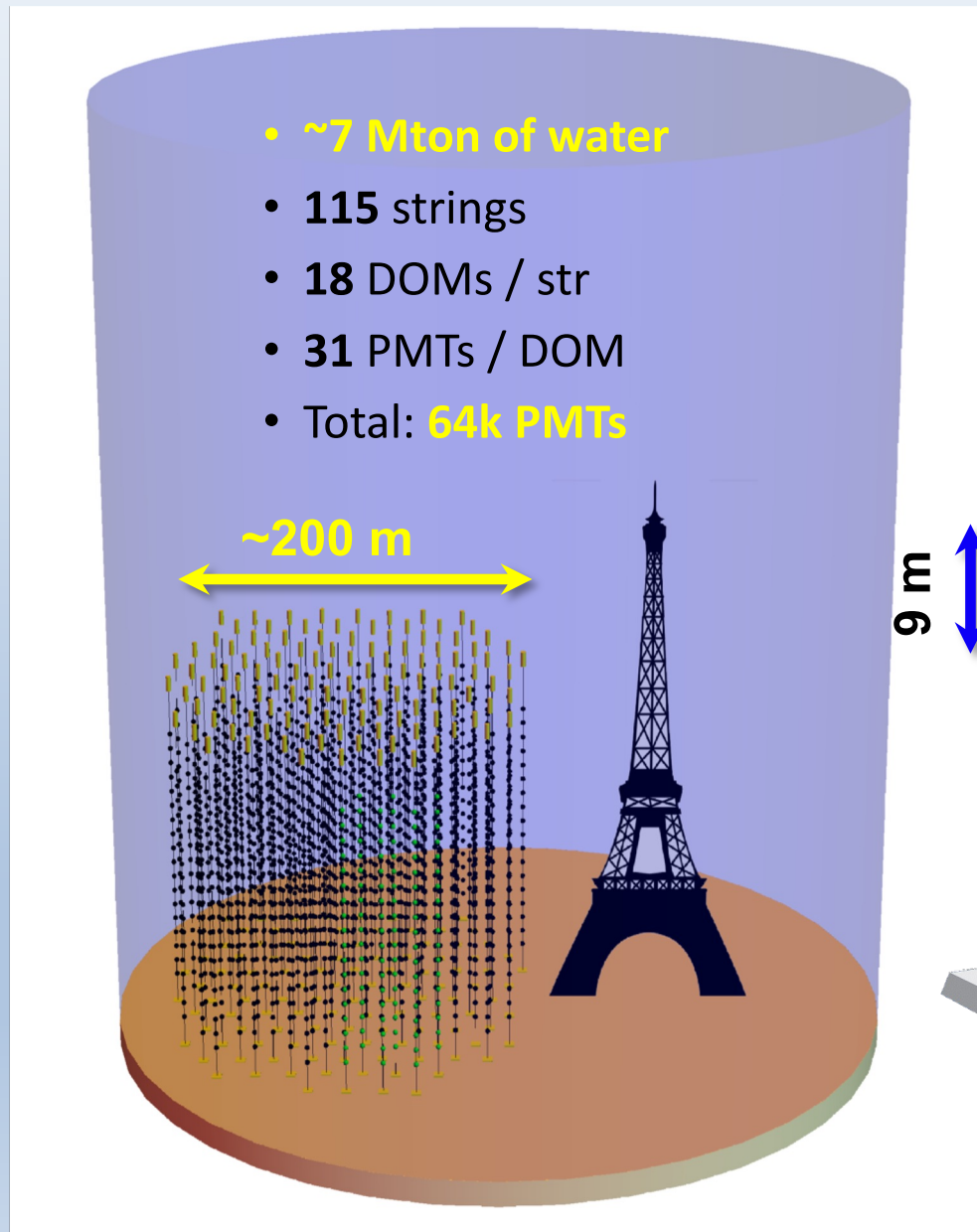


# Detectors - HyperKamiokande

- 258 kton of water
- Fiducial volume  $\sim 0.2$  Mton
- 20,000 50cm PMTs
- Data taking start planned for 2027



# Detectors - KM3NeT/ORCA



- Signals digitized inside module
  - Time stamp
  - time over threshold
- Compass for orientation
- Piezo for acoustic positioning

# Detectors - Multi-PMTs

- Design developed by KM3NeT
- Applied now in all next-generation detectors
- Photon counting, nsec coincidences, directionality
- Better calibrations

KM3NeT



IC upgrade

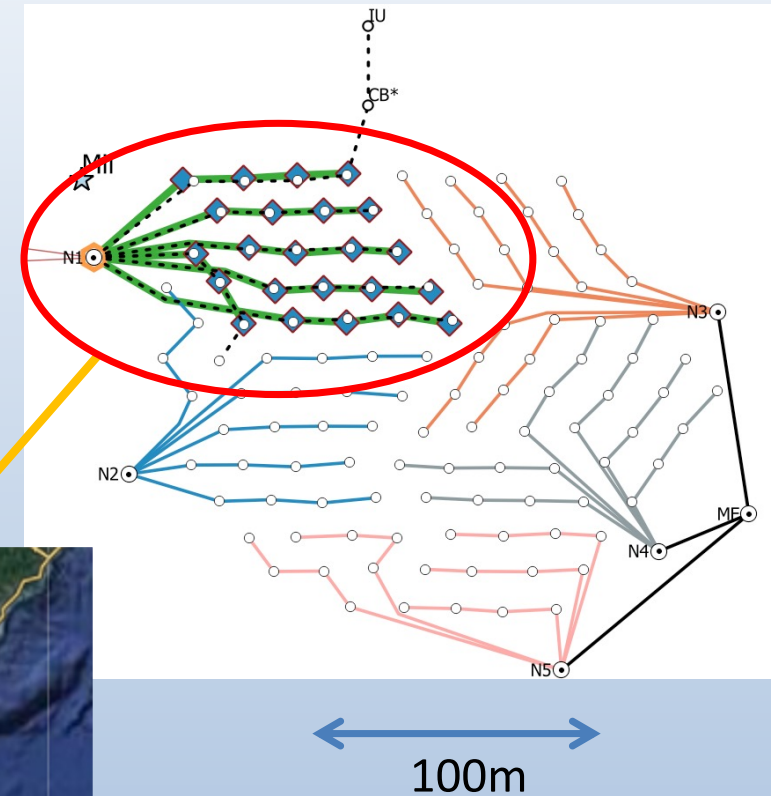


Hyperkamiokande



# Detectors - Status of KM3NeT/ORCA

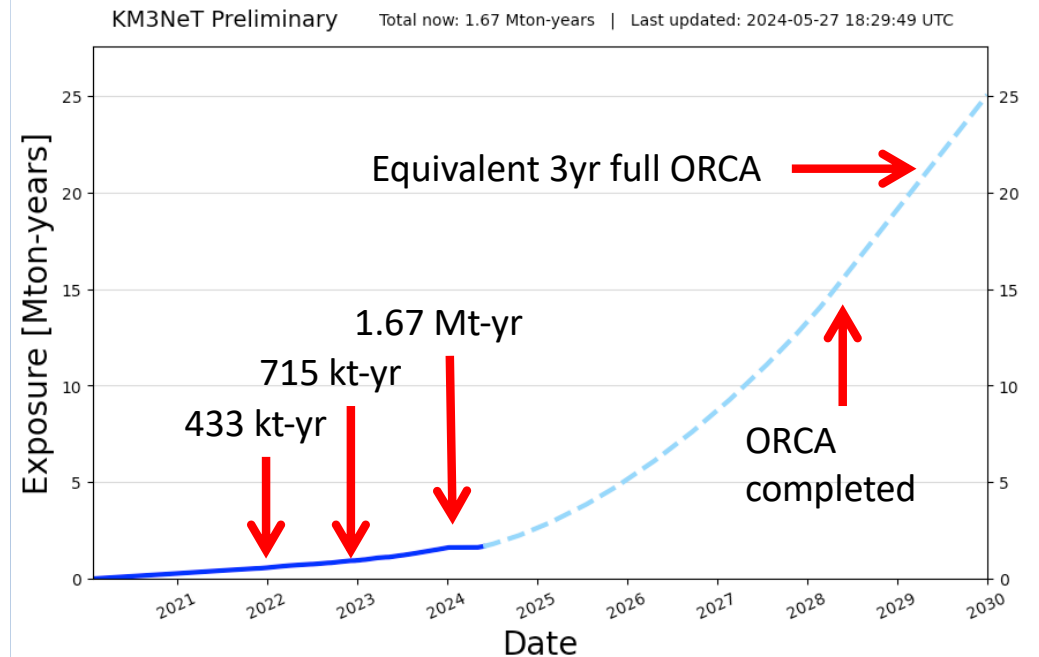
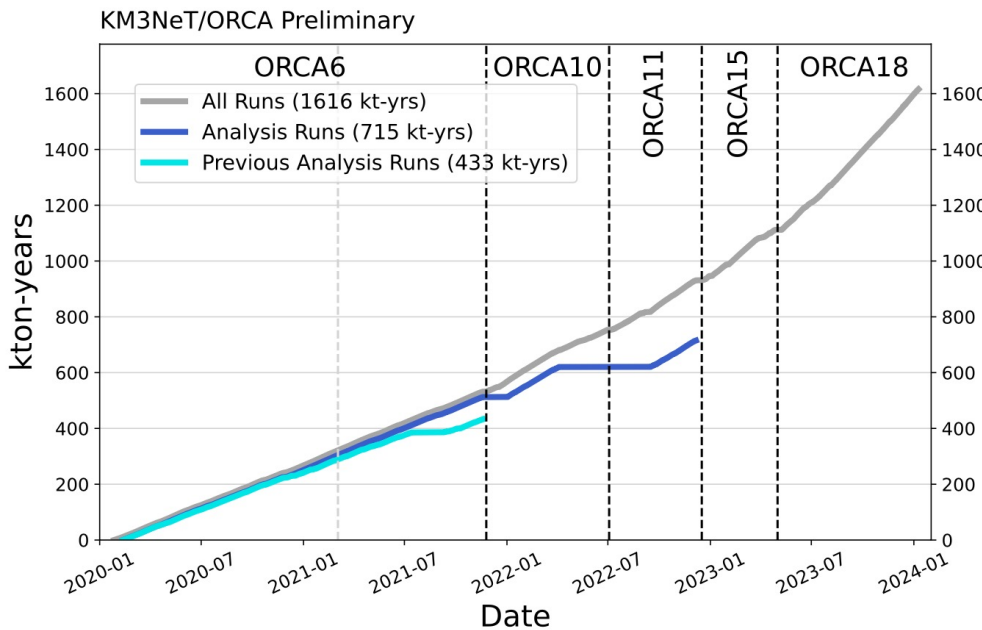
- 23 DUs installed on sea floor
- 20% of final detector



# Detectors - KM3NeT/ORCA construction

- Data taking and current analyses
- 433 and 715 kt-yr results
- 1.6 Mt-yr on tape

- Construction schedule
- Data sample equivalent of 3 years full ORCA before end of decade



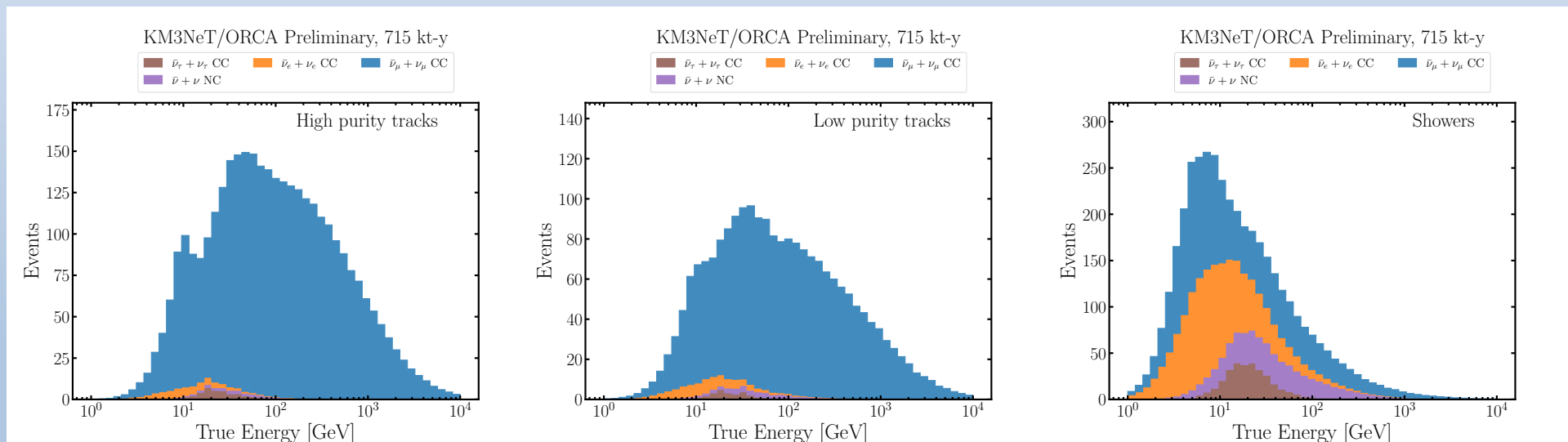
# Event sample - KM3NeT/ORCA

- Extrapolation from current analysis 0.7 Mt-yr
- 3 particle ID classes

High-purity tracks  
3400 events

low-purity tracks  
2000 events

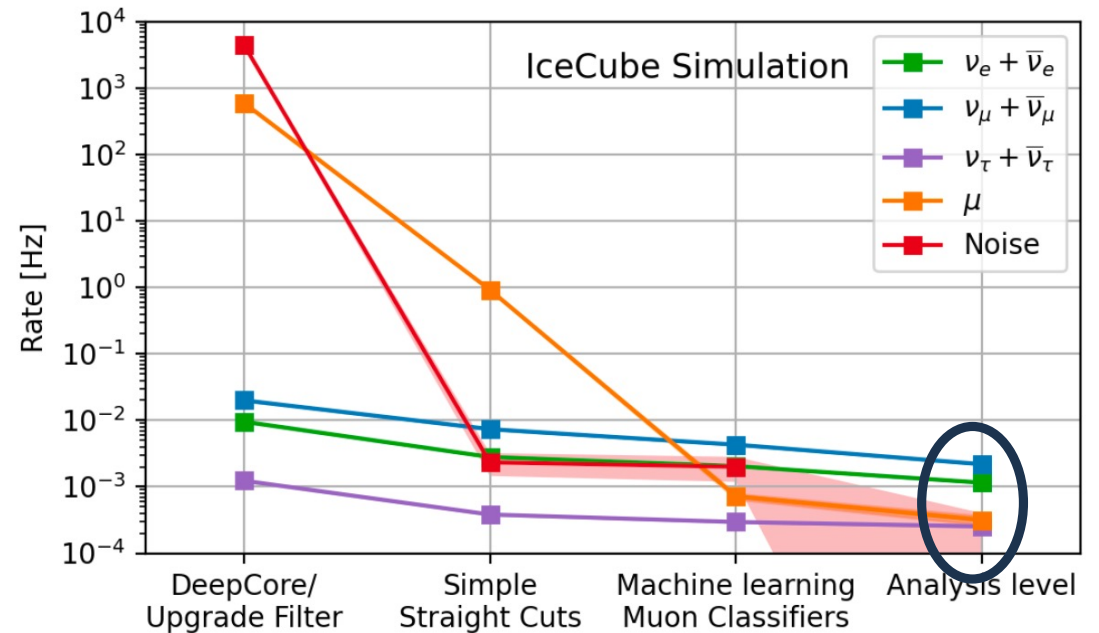
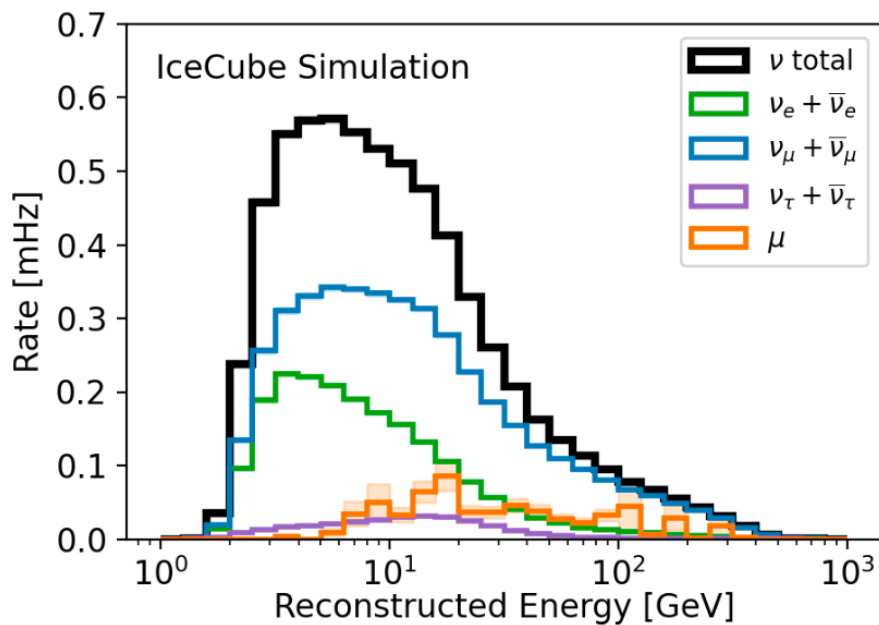
showers  
3800 events



- full ORCA (7 Mt-yr) : **90,000 neutrinos per year**
- **2 GeV – few TeV**

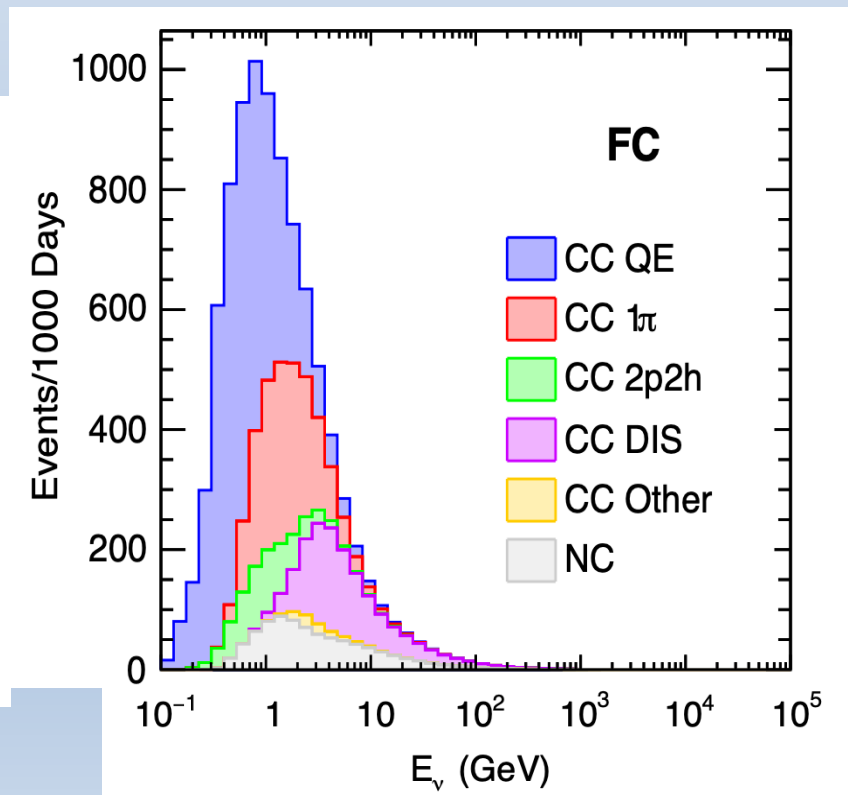
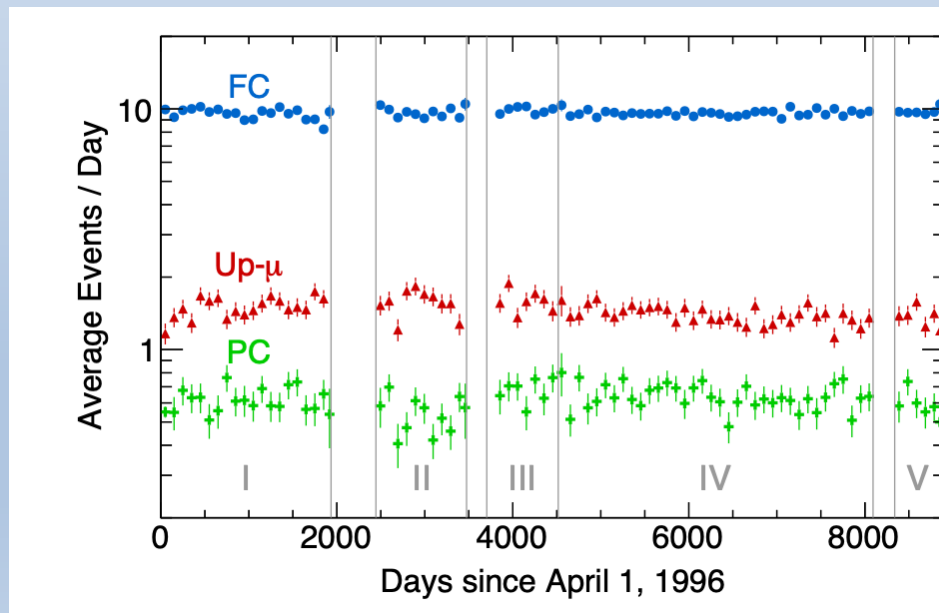
# Event sample - IC upgrade

- 3mHz  $\rightarrow$  90,000 neutrinos per year
- 2-100 GeV



# Event sample - Hyperkamiokande

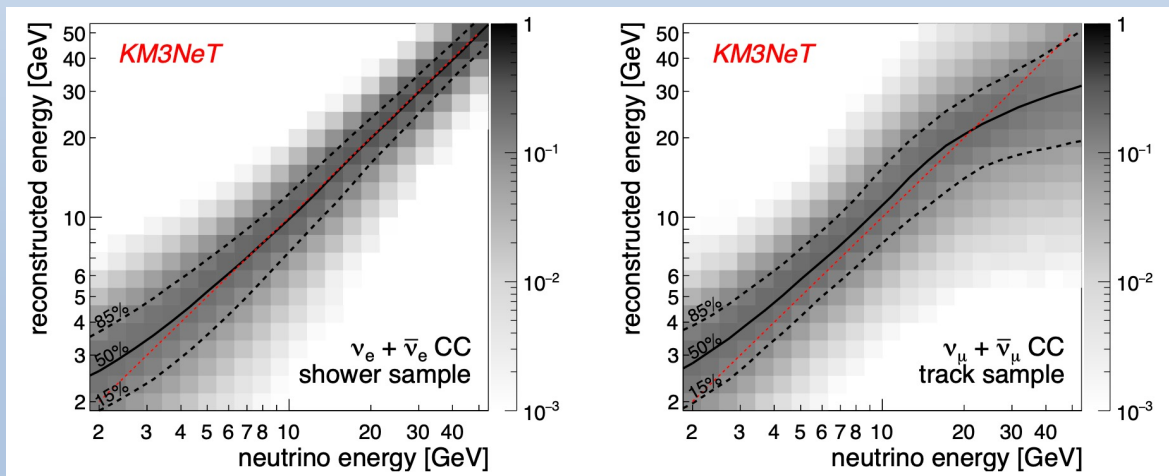
- Extrapolation from Superkamiokande
- 80 events per days  $\rightarrow$  30,000 neutrinos per year
- Dominantly fully contained (FC) events 0.2-20 GeV



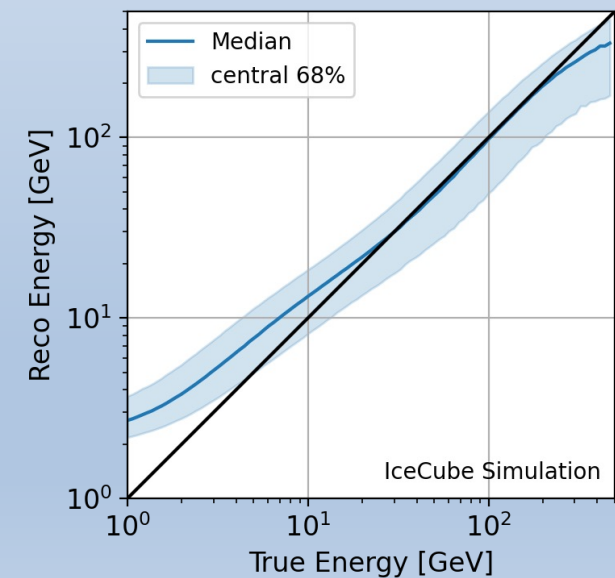


# Detector response - energy resolution

- KM3NeT/ORCA
- At 10 GeV 25% for  $\nu_e$  and 35% for  $\nu_\mu$
- IC upgrade
- Similar performance



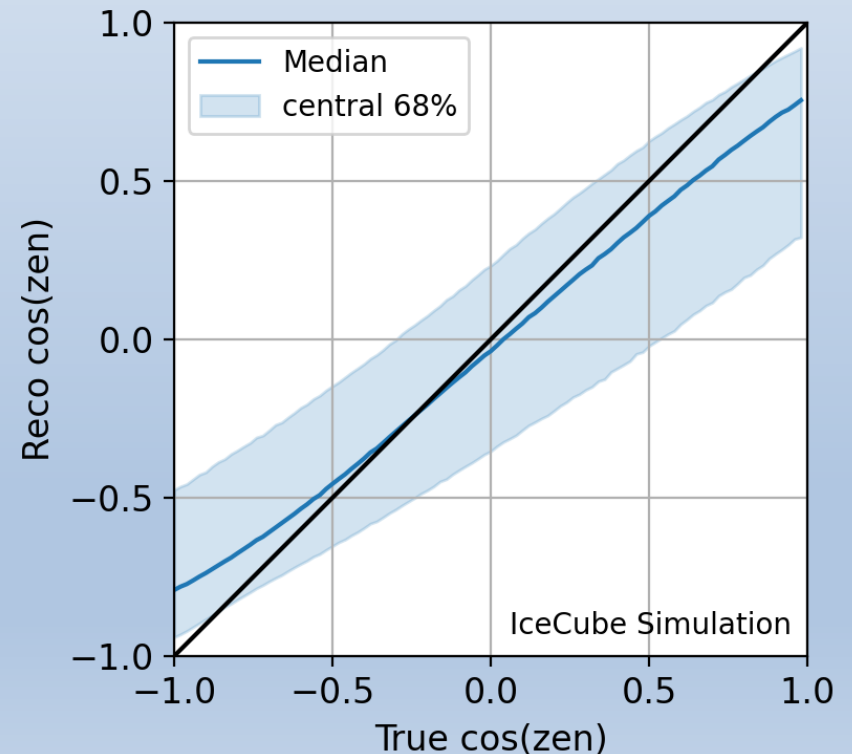
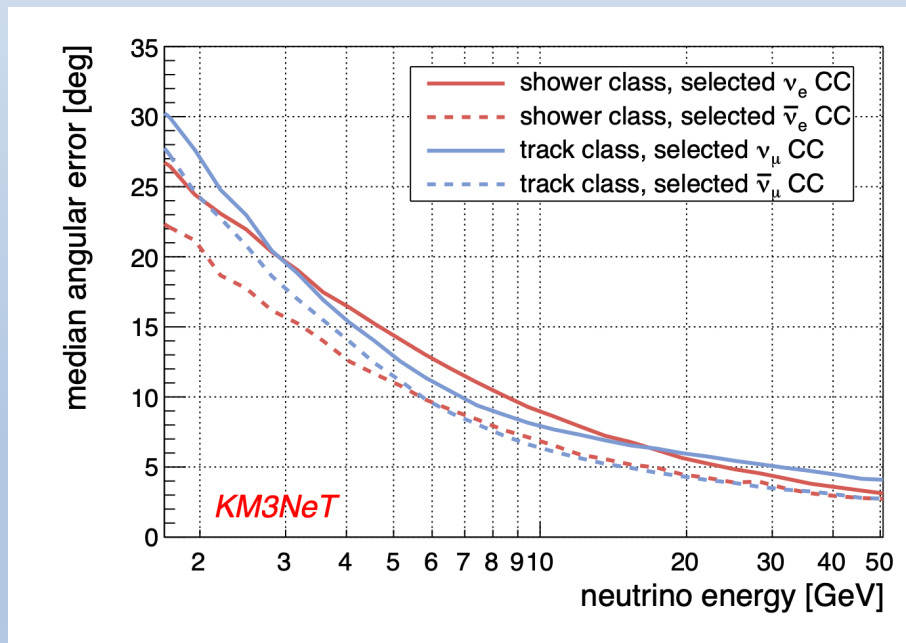
Poster  $\rightarrow$  K. Dutta



# Detector response - angular resolution

- KM3NeT/ORCA
- Between  $5^\circ$  and  $10^\circ$  at 10 GeV
- Kinematics dominated

- IC upgrade

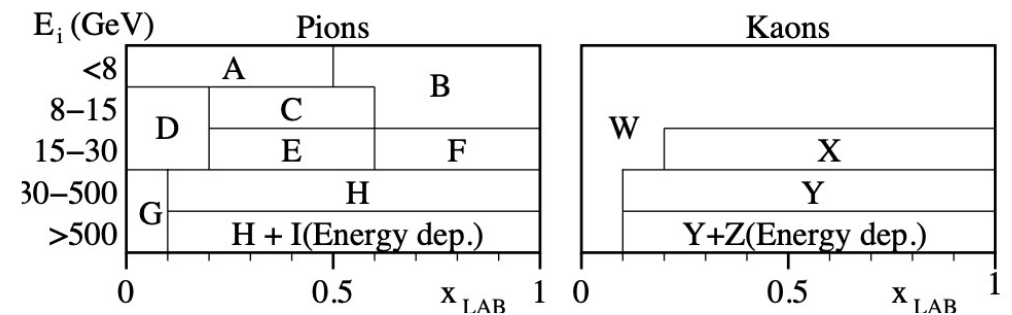
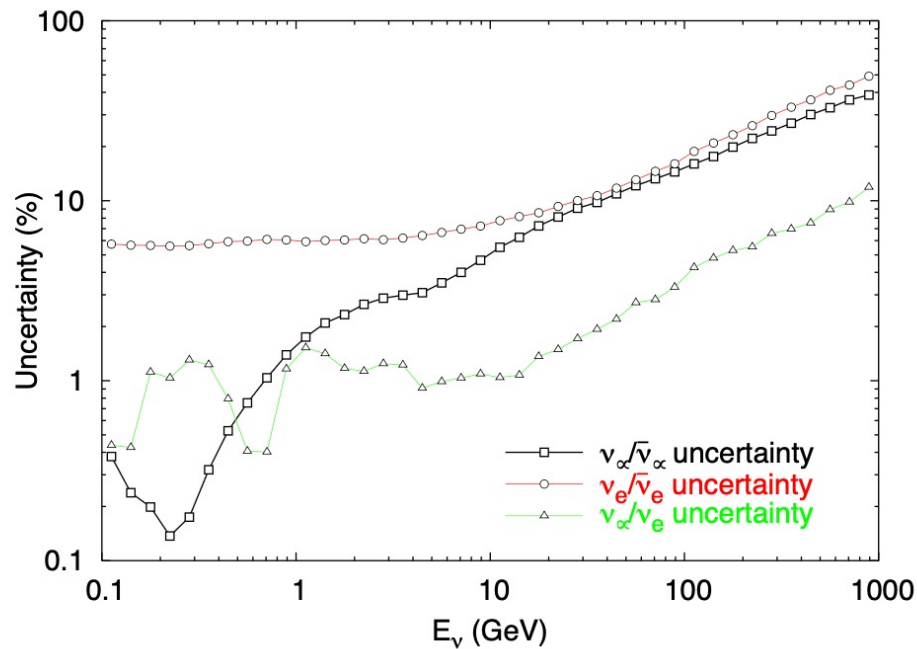


# Systematics – neutrino flux

- parametric approach
  - Spectral index
  - Normalisation, skews

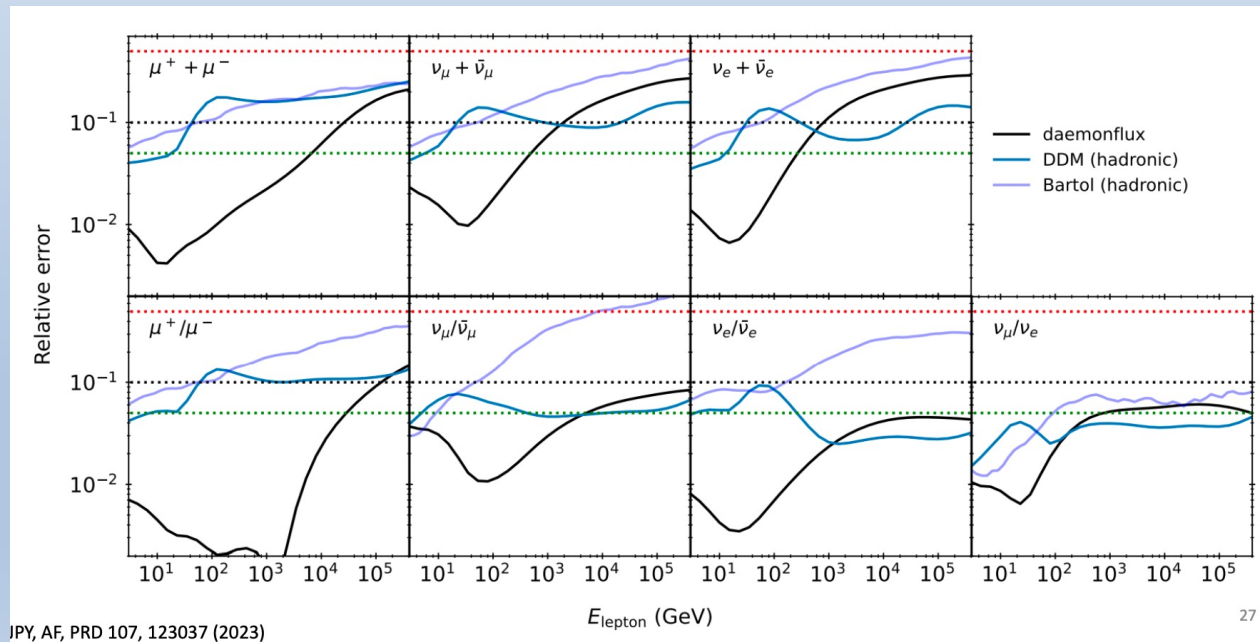
- Hadronic production uncertainties

- MCEq [arXiv:1503.00544](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.00544)  
Matrix Cascade Equations



# Systematics – neutrino flux

- Most recent development : [daemonflux](#)
- Combine Cosmic Ray composition, hadronic interaction model, adjust to muon spectrometer data
- Substantial improvements in relevant energy range possible
- Work in progress

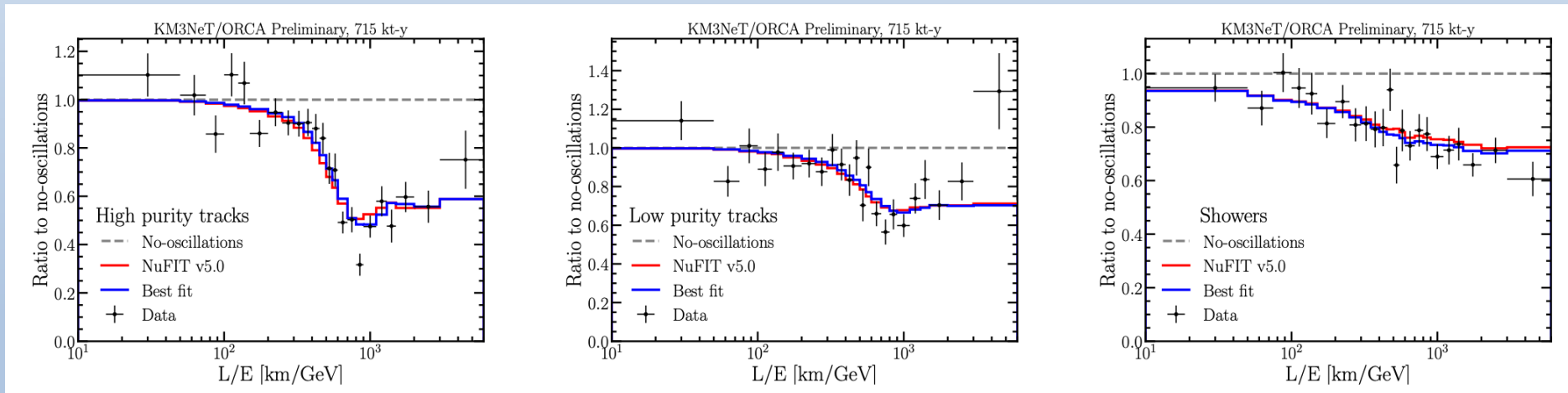


Data Driven Hadronic interaction model (DDM)  
A. Fedynitch, M. Huber PRD 106 (2022)

Calibration of DDM+GSF with muon spectrometer data  
J. P. Yañez, A. Fedynitch, PRD 107, 123037 (2023)

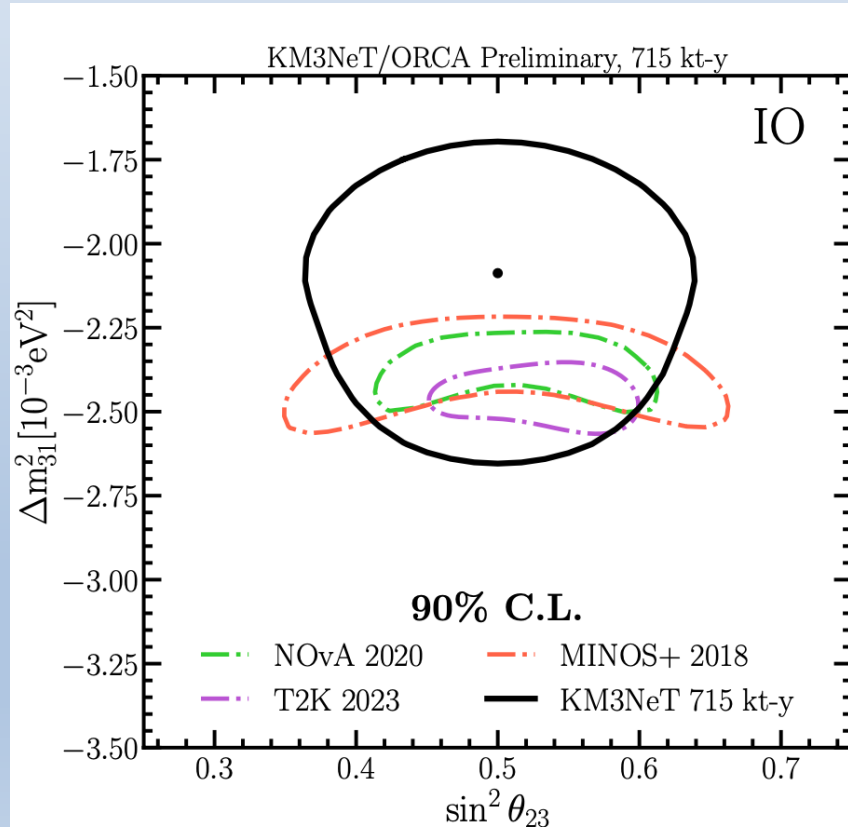
# Performance - $\Delta m^2_{31}$ , $\theta_{23}$

- High statistics right at the first oscillation peak
- Actual fit done in multi-dimensional phase space
- Example from [KM3NeT/ORCA 715 kt-yr](#)

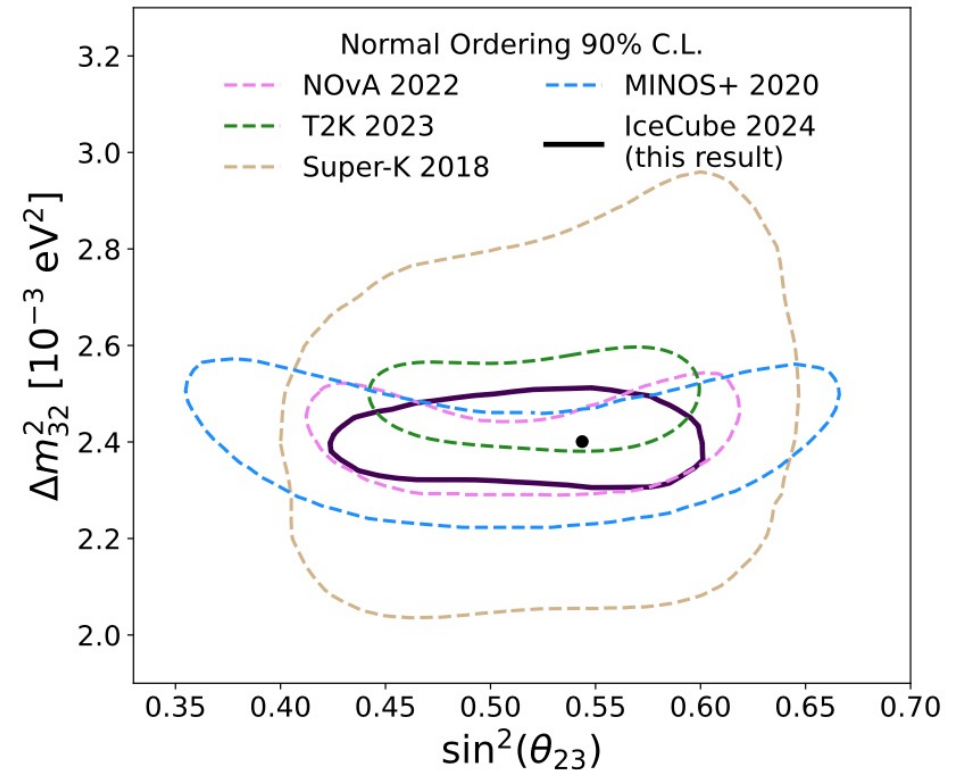


# Performance - $\Delta m^2_{31}$ , $\theta_{23}$

- Excellent performance already now
- $\Delta m^2_{31}$  with  $\sim 2.0\%$ ,  $\theta_{23}$   $\sim 8\%$



## 9.3 yr DeepCore

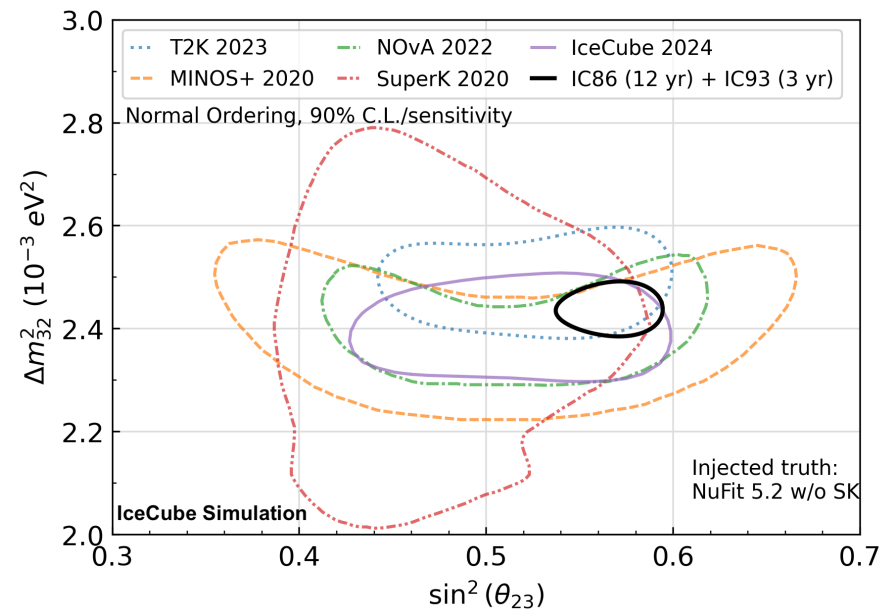
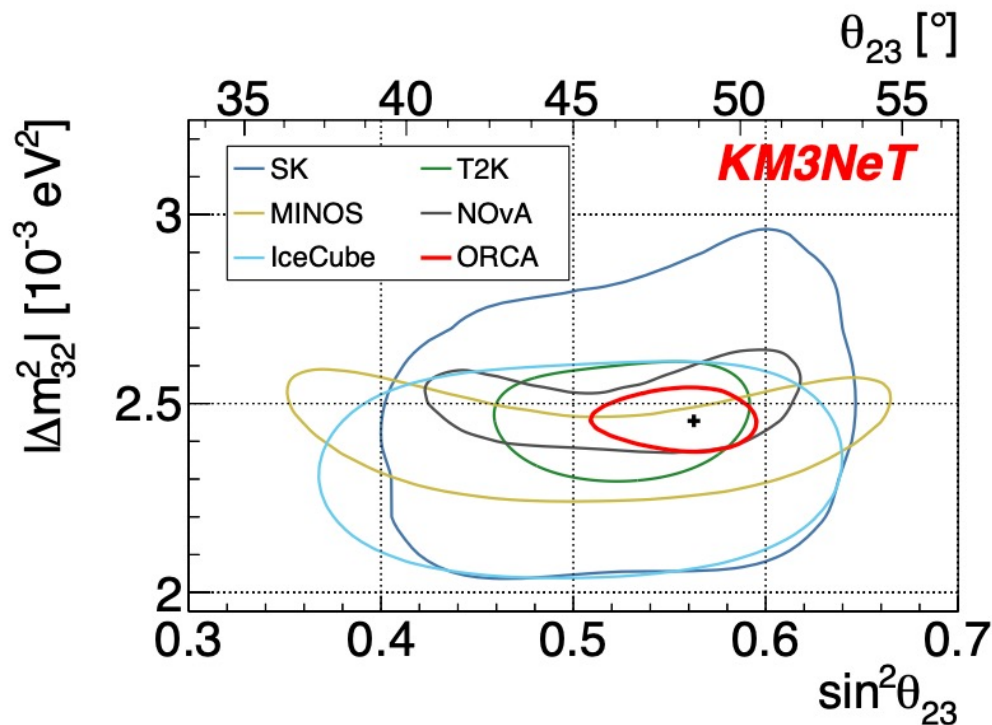


# Performance - $\Delta m^2_{31}$ , $\theta_{23}$

- Competitive measurement after 3 years
- $\Delta m^2_{31}$  with  $\sim 1.5\%$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  few % dependent from true value

21 Mt-yr

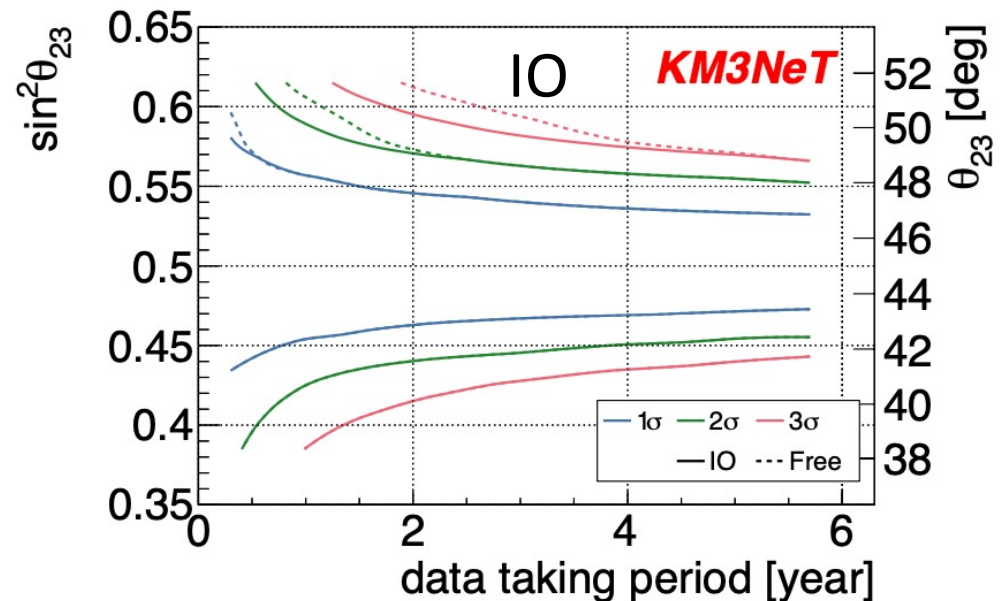
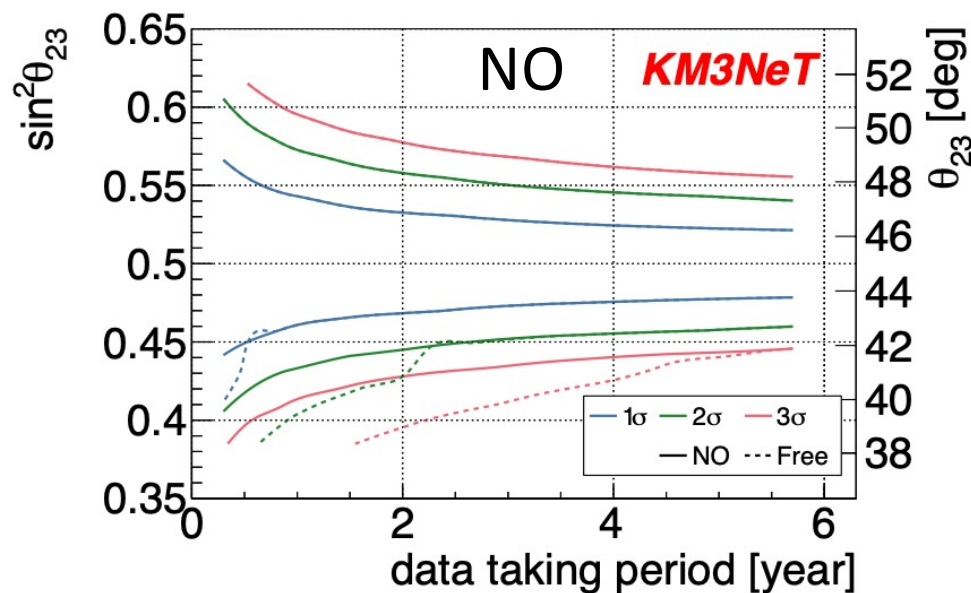
3yr IC-Upgrade



Poster  $\rightarrow$  K. Leonard deHolton

# Performance - $\Delta m^2_{31}$ , $\theta_{23}$

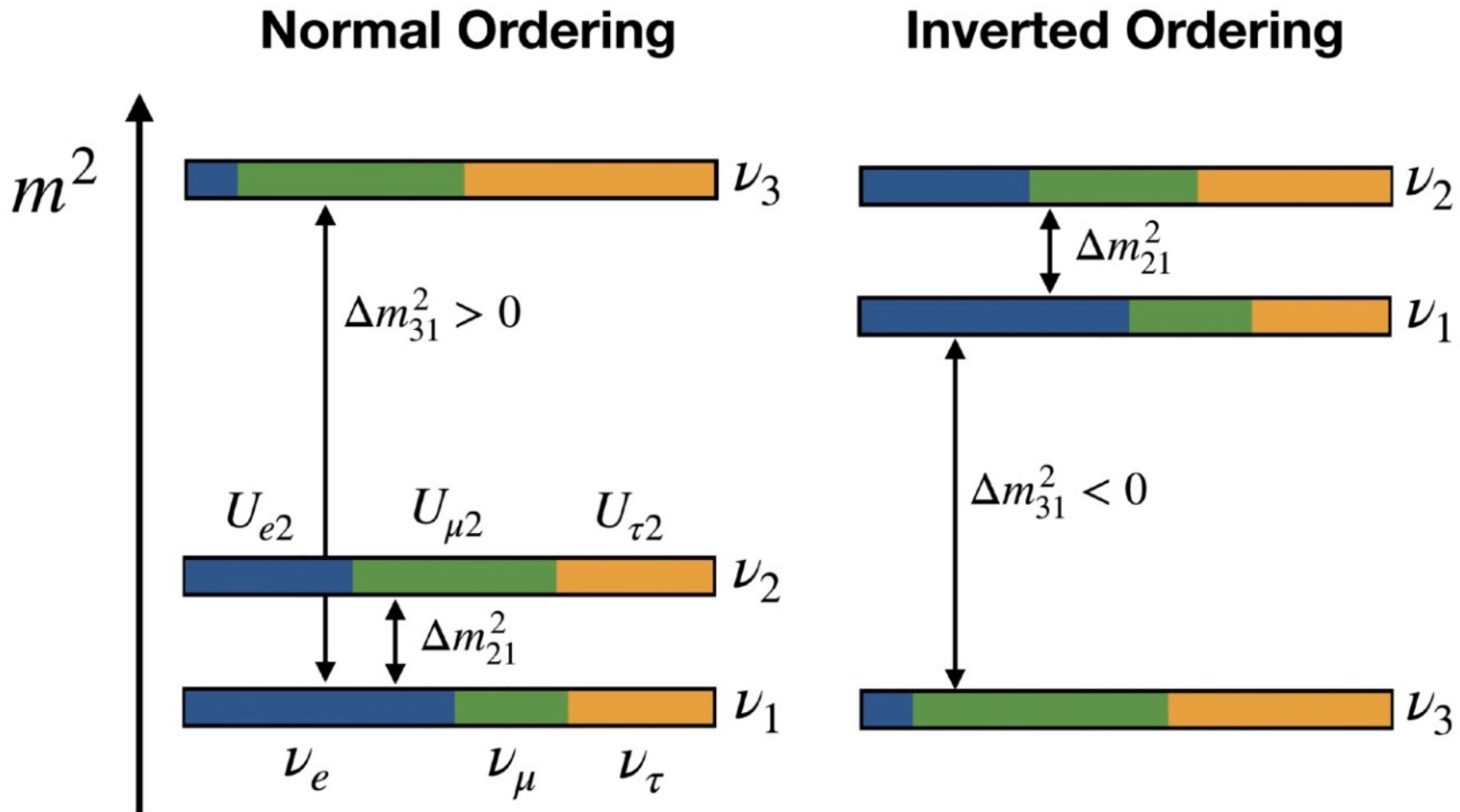
- Octant of  $\theta_{23}$  can be determined if not too close to maximal mixing





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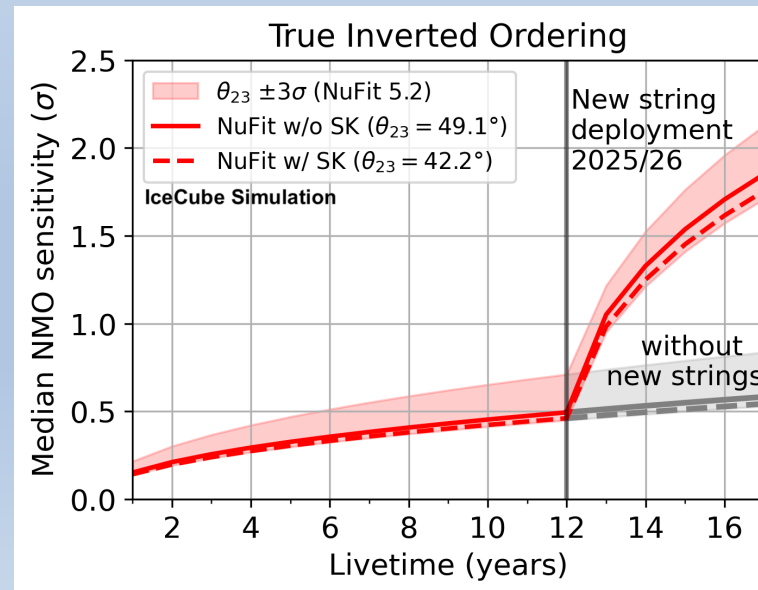
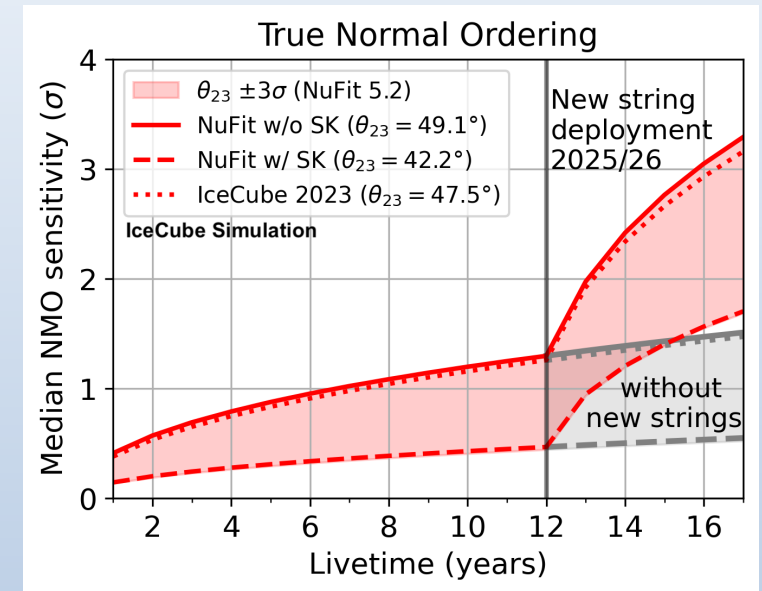
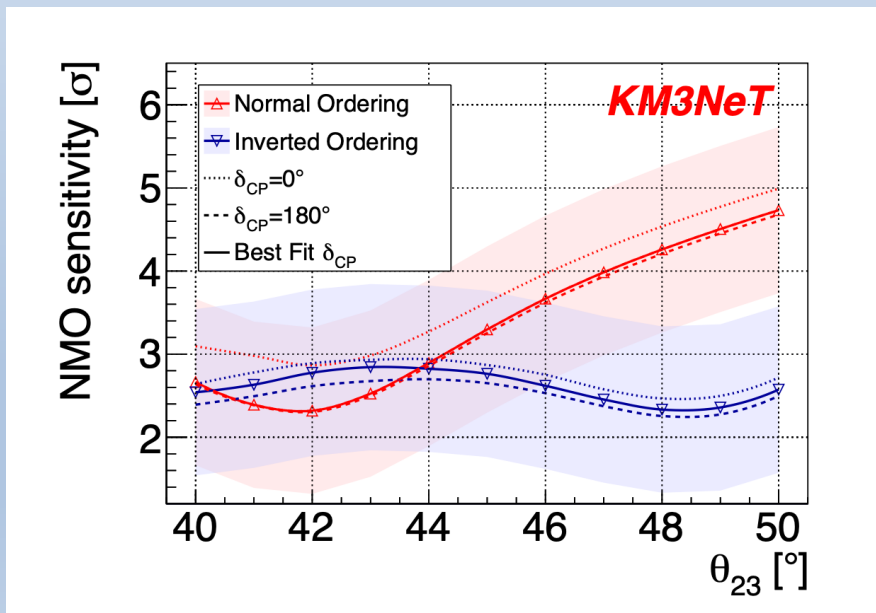
## Neutrino Mass Ordering



# Performance

## Neutrino Mass Ordering

- KM3NeT/ORCA 21 Mt-yr
- 2029 : 2.5 - 4.5 $\sigma$
- IC 2030 : 1.6 – 3.2 $\sigma$
- Upgrade crucial for performance



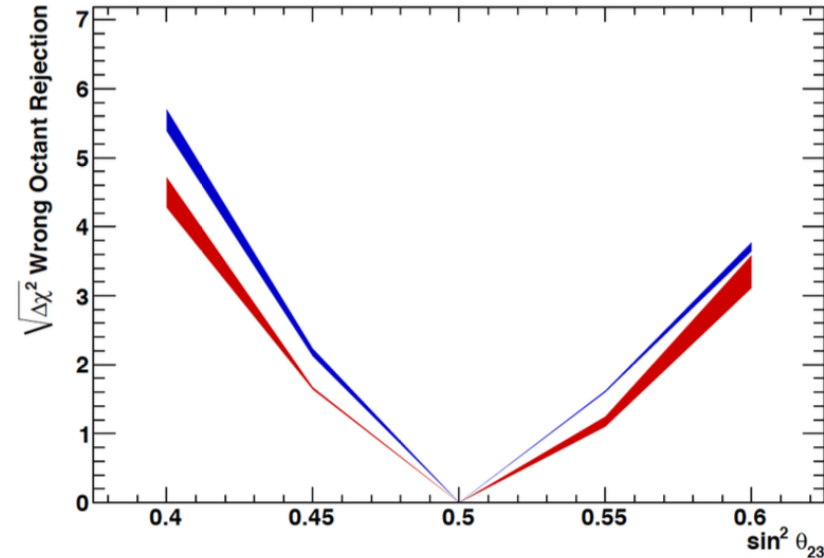
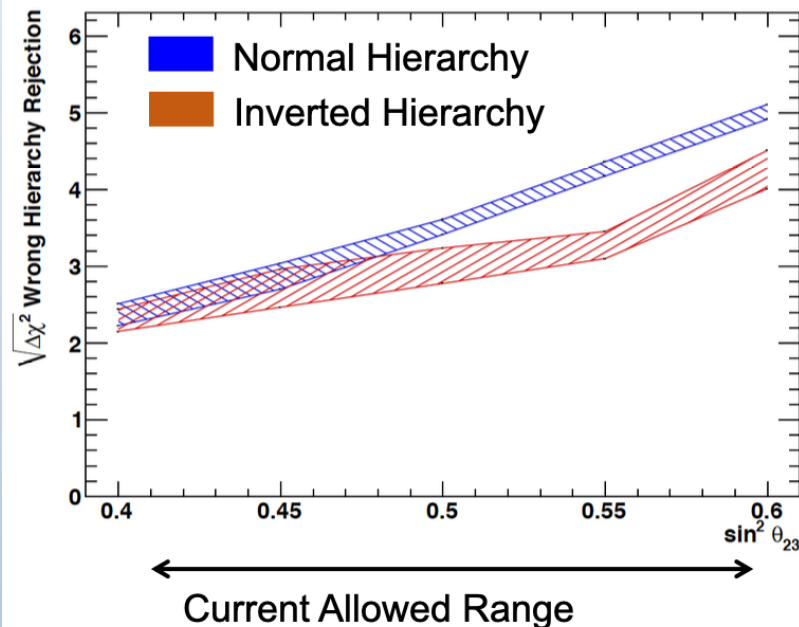
# Performance

## Neutrino Mass Ordering

Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity After 10 Years (186 kton)

Atmospheric  $\nu$  Only

HyperKamiokande



	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	Atmospheric neutrino	Atm + Beam
Mass ordering	0.40	$2.2 \sigma$	$\rightarrow 3.8 \sigma$
	0.60	$4.9 \sigma$	$\rightarrow 6.2 \sigma$
$\theta_{23}$ octant	0.45	$2.2 \sigma$	$\rightarrow 6.2 \sigma$
	0.55	$1.6 \sigma$	$\rightarrow 3.6 \sigma$

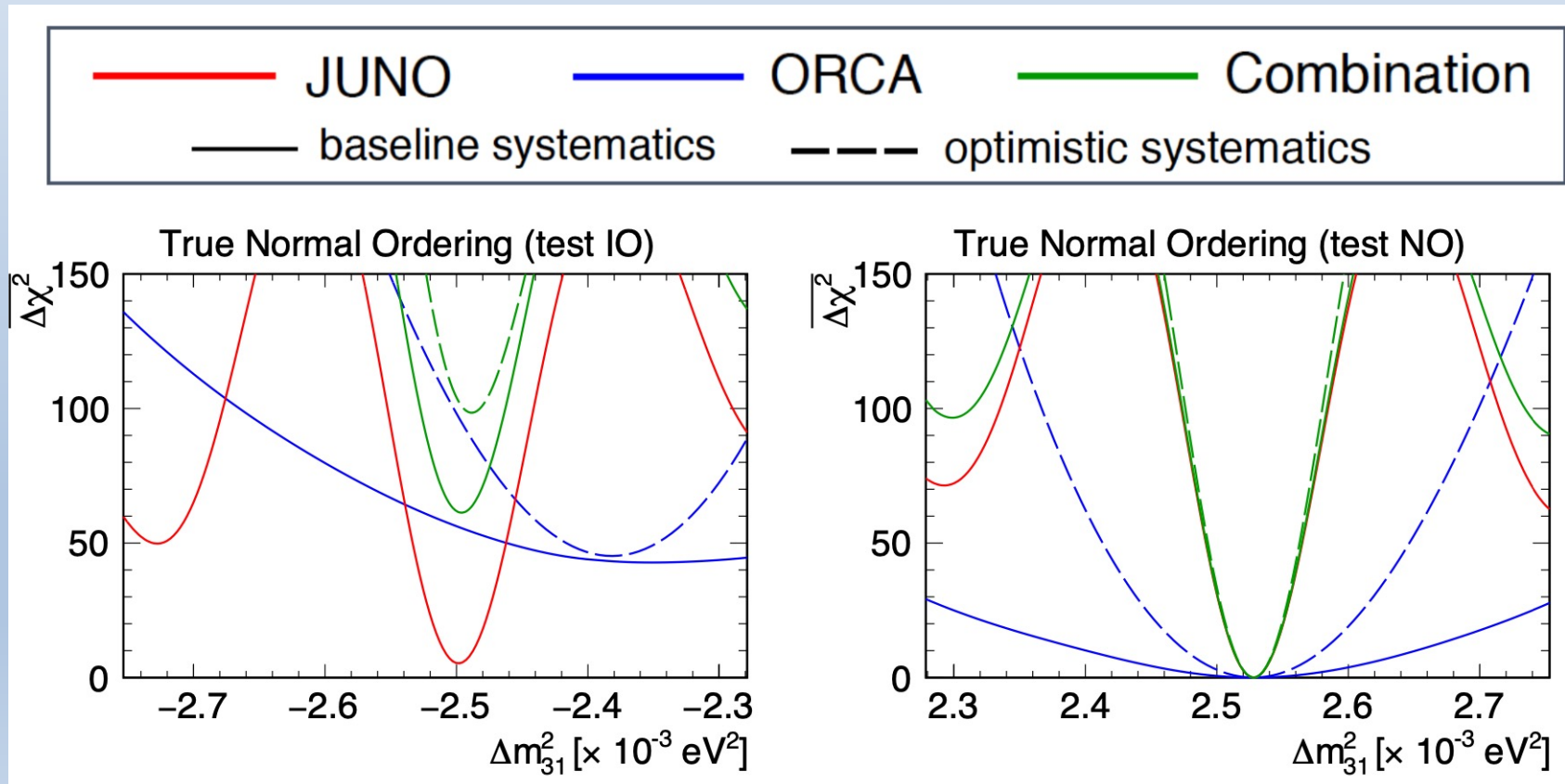
10 years with 1.3MW, normal mass ordering is assumed

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# Performance NMO

## Adding constraints from JUNO

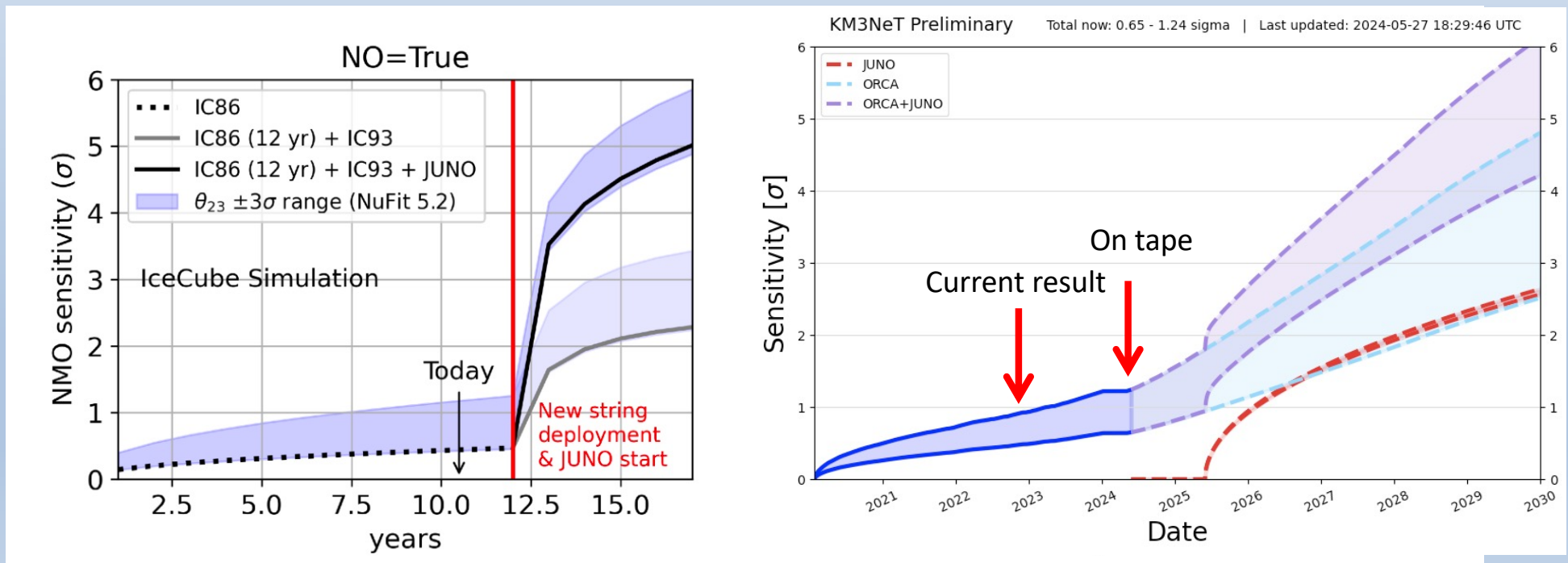
- Using  $\Delta m^2_{31}$  tension between JUNO and IC/ORCA when assuming wrong NMO significantly increases the rejection power for wrong NMO



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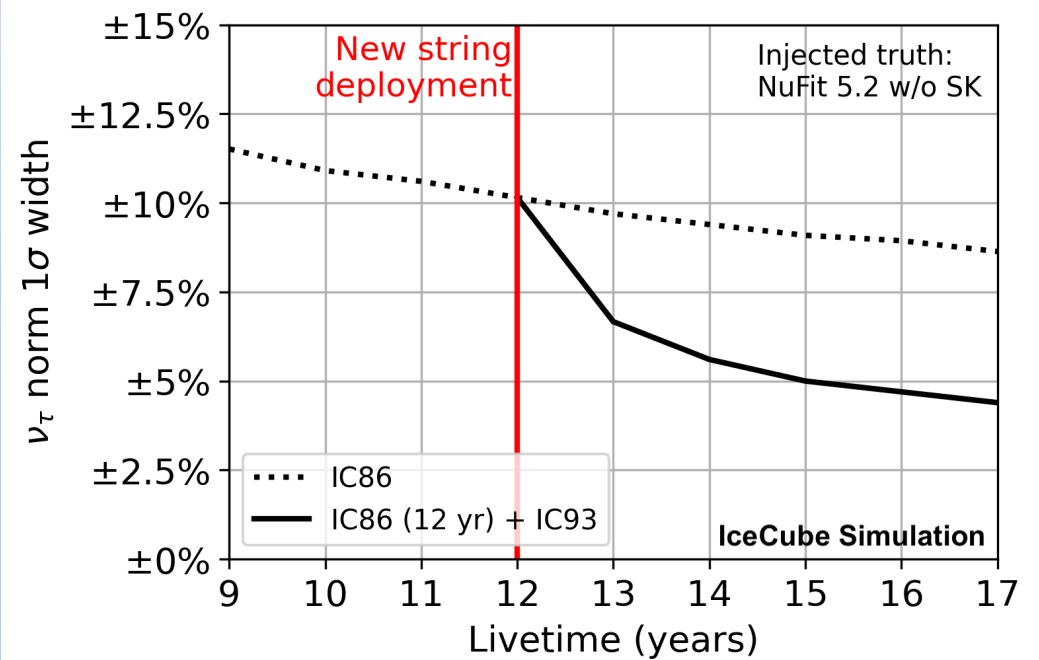
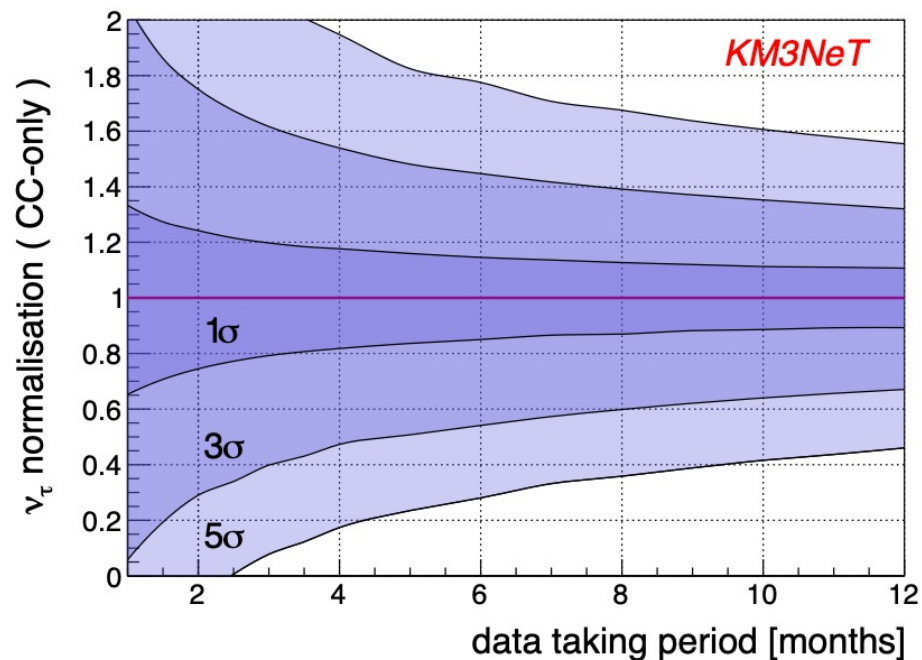
## Neutrino Mass Ordering

- KM3NeT/ORCA & IC-upgrade combination with JUNO
- $2\sigma$  gain in sensitivity
- **Overall combination :  $5\sigma$  NMO determination by 2030**



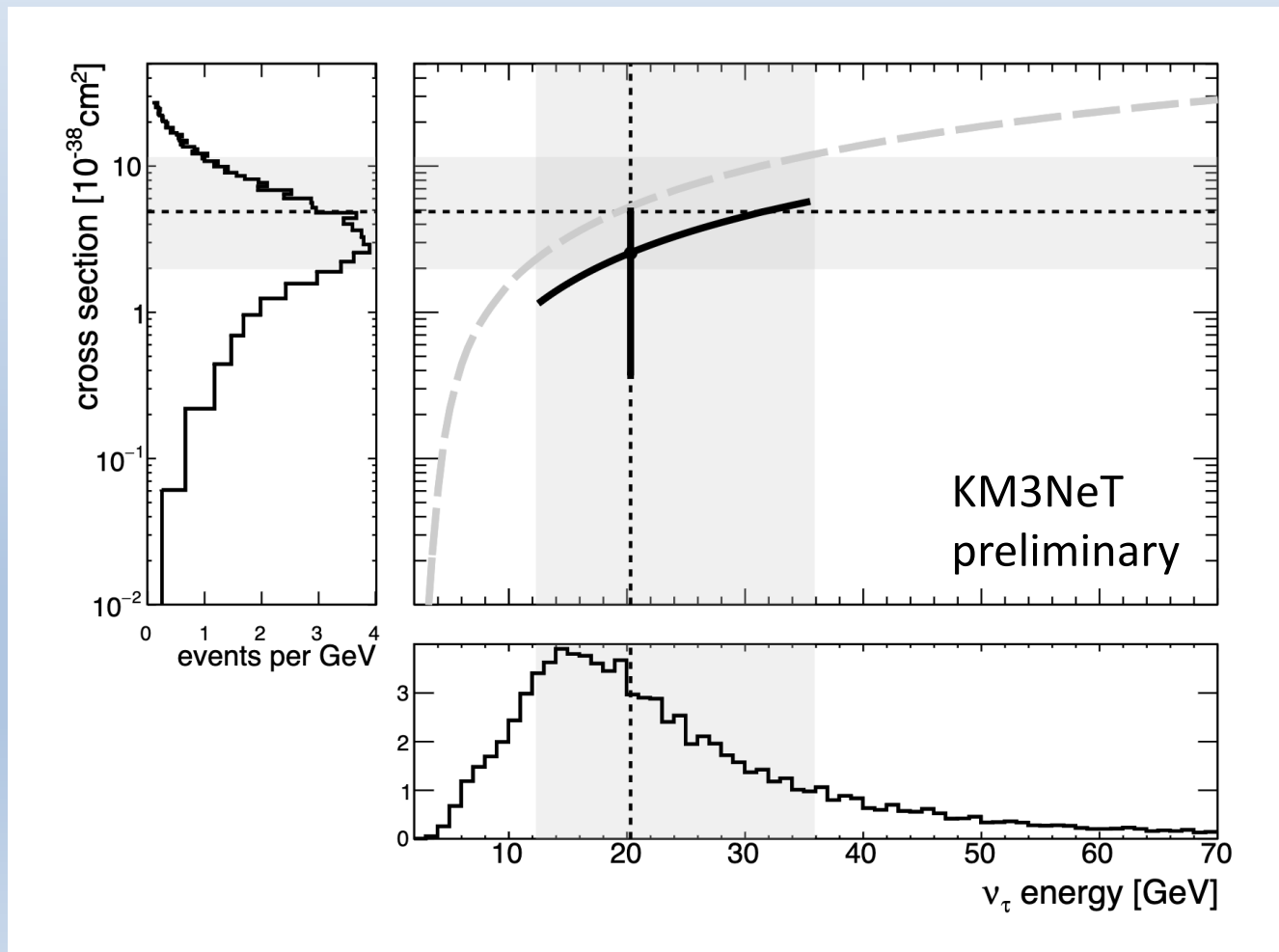
# Performance $\nu_\tau$ cross-section

- Several 1000  $\nu_\tau$  CC events in KM3NeT/ORCA and IceCube per year
- $\nu_\tau$  normalization measured to better than 5% after 3 years



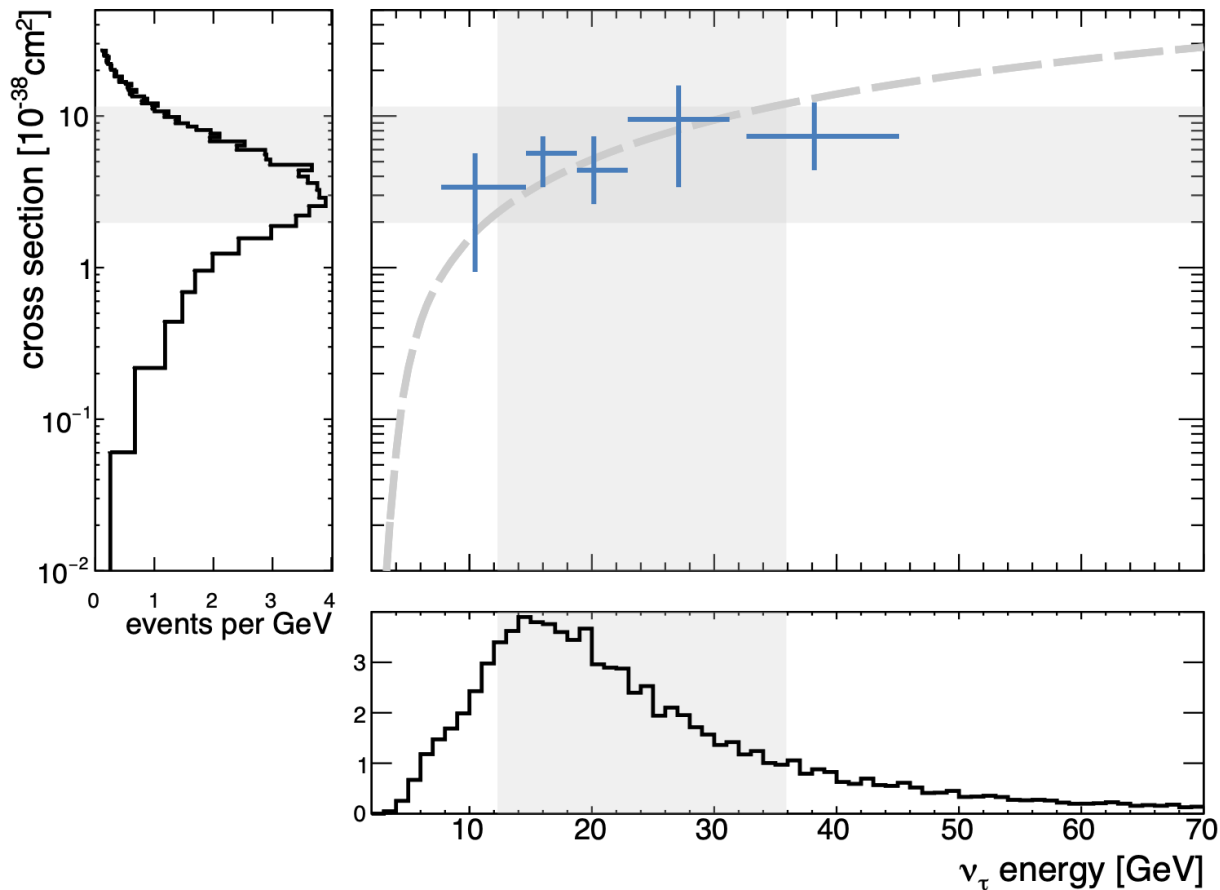
# Performance $\nu_\tau$ cross-section

- Measurement from KM3NeT/ORCA (433 kt-yr)
- Close to kinematical threshold



# Performance $\nu_\tau$ cross-section

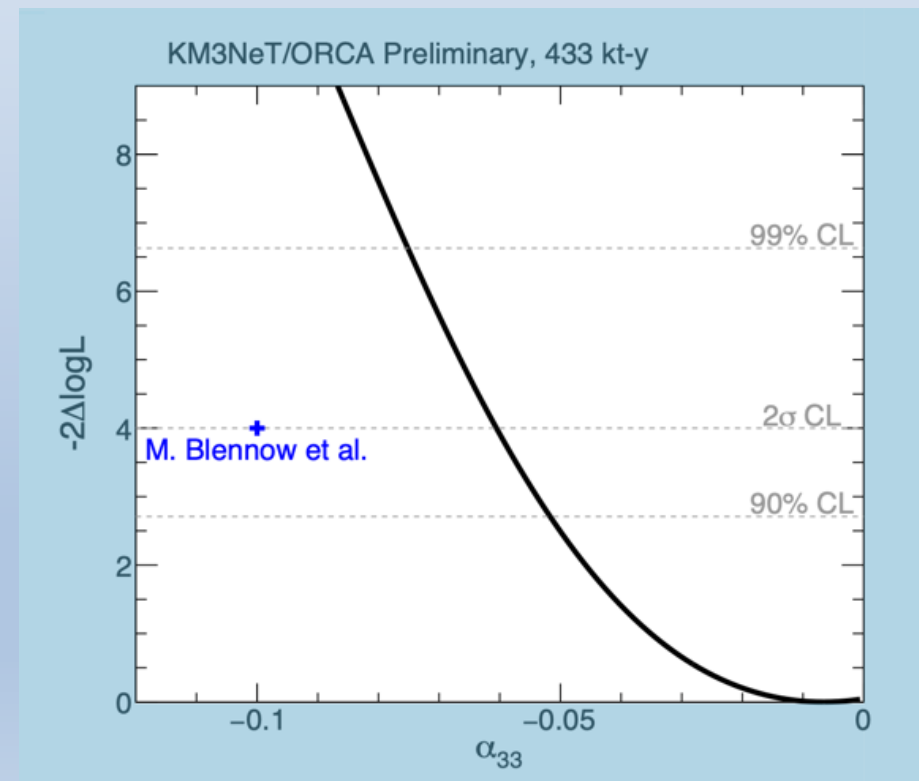
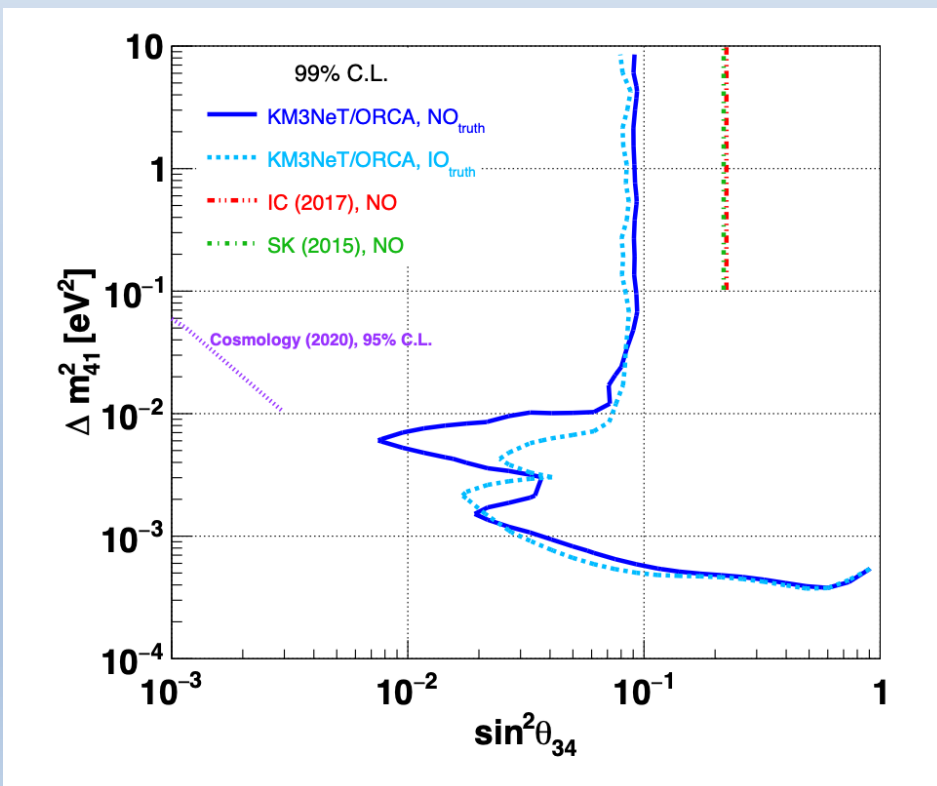
- Probes different structure function components and new physics
- Possible situation 2030





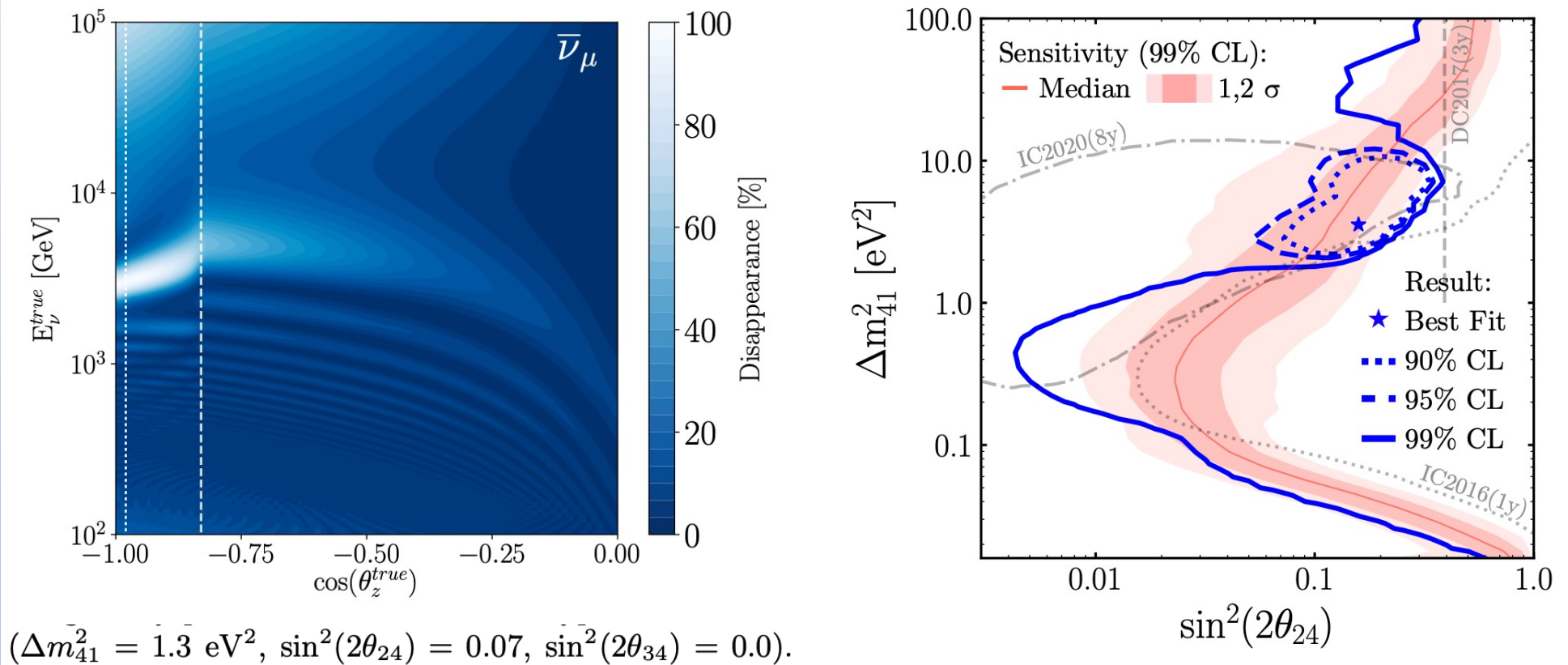
# Performance $\nu_\tau$ new physics

- New coupling to 3<sup>rd</sup> family not strongly constrained so far
- Probe mixing of additional sterile neutrinos or non-unitarity of PMNS
- Examples :  $\theta_{34}$  3 years KM3NeT/ORCA ,  $\alpha_{33}$  433 kt-yr KM3NeT/ORCA
- Competitive measurement/limit can be derived



# Performance High energies

- Matter resonance from heavy mass states in TeV energies
- High sensitivity to sterile neutrinos in HE atmospheric neutrinos



# Conclusion

- Next generation of atmospheric neutrino detectors becomes reality
  - several 100,000 neutrino events within a few years
  - Unambiguous determination of NMO before 2030
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- Precision measurement of  $\Delta m^2_{31}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$
  - World largest sample of many 1000  $\nu_\tau$

An underwater photograph showing a clear blue ocean with light rays filtering down from the surface. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and there are many small white bubbles and particles suspended in the water. The surface of the water is visible at the top, with gentle ripples and reflections of light.

Backup