

# Systematics at future LBL oscillation experiments

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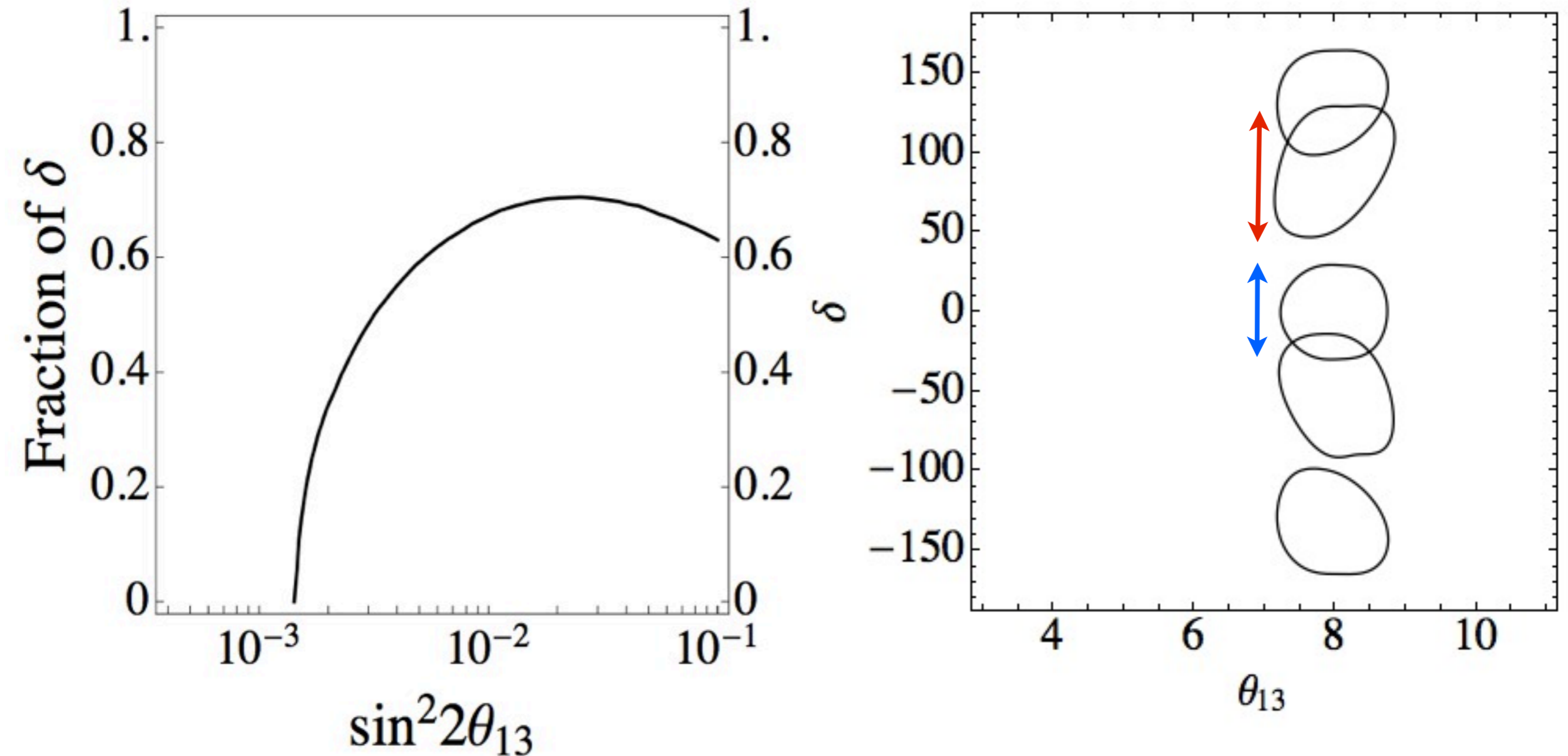


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P. Huber, J. Kopp and W. Winter, arXiv: 1209.5973 [hep-ph]

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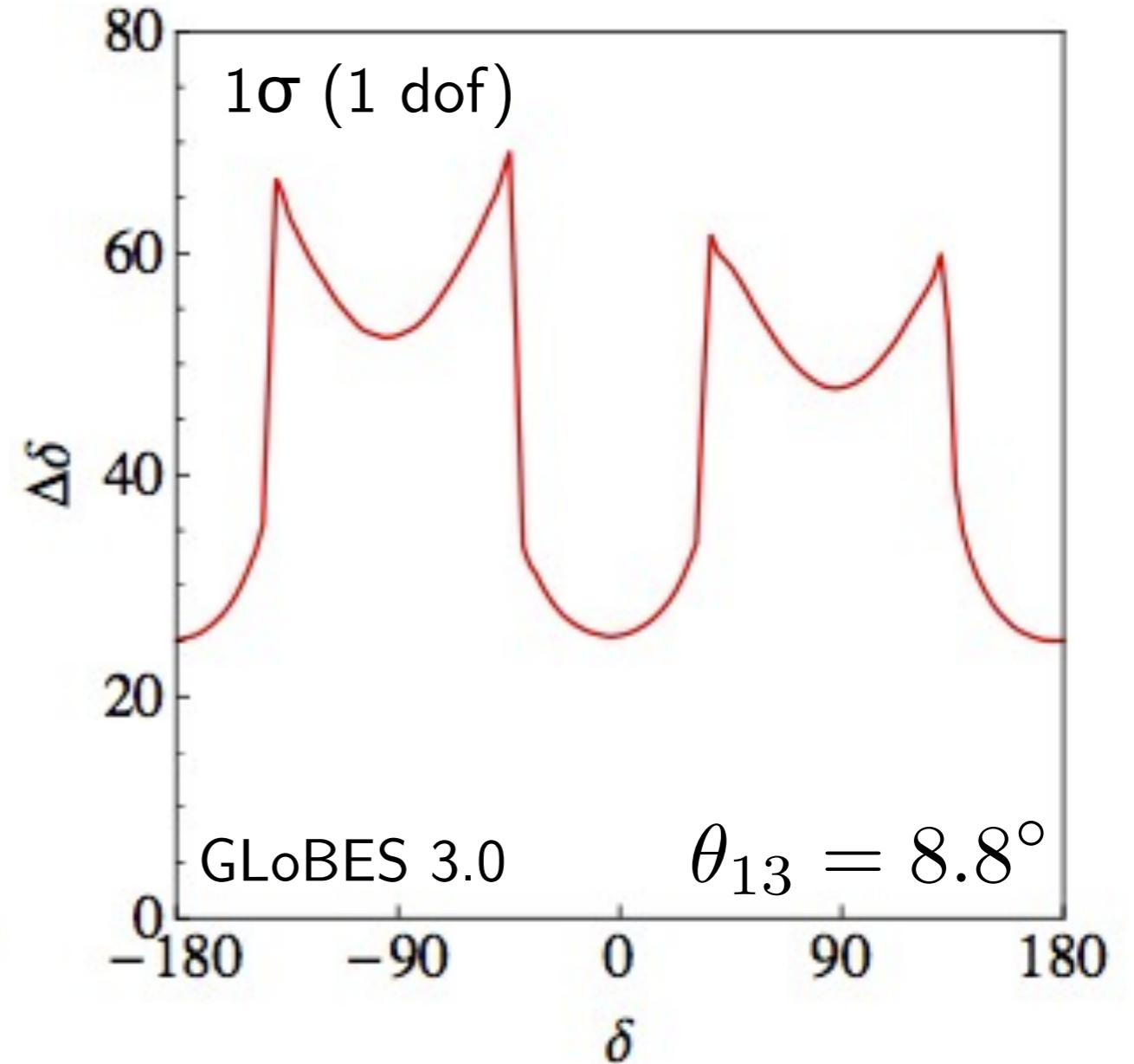
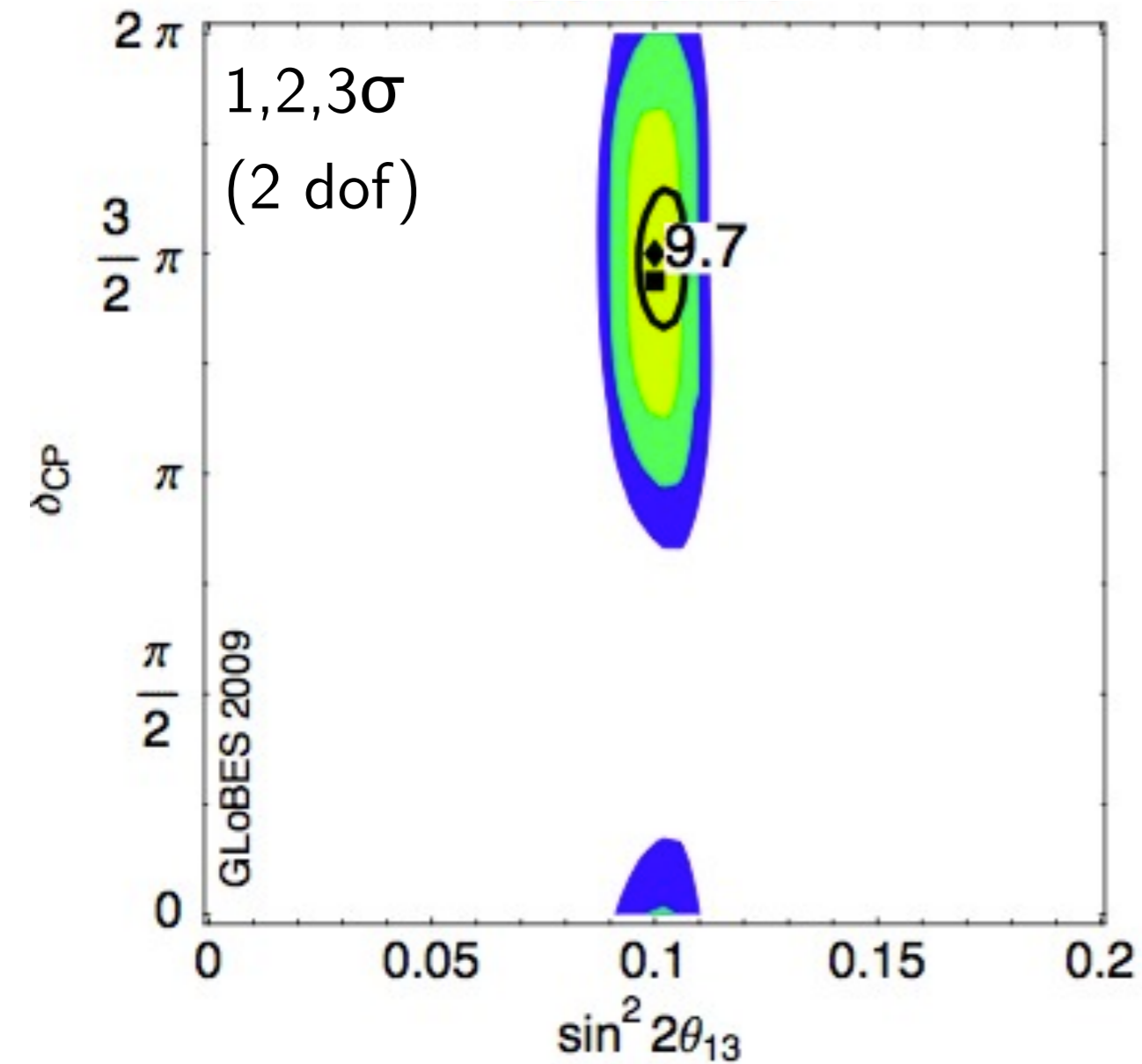
# Why precision?

Discovery vs precision



# The starting point

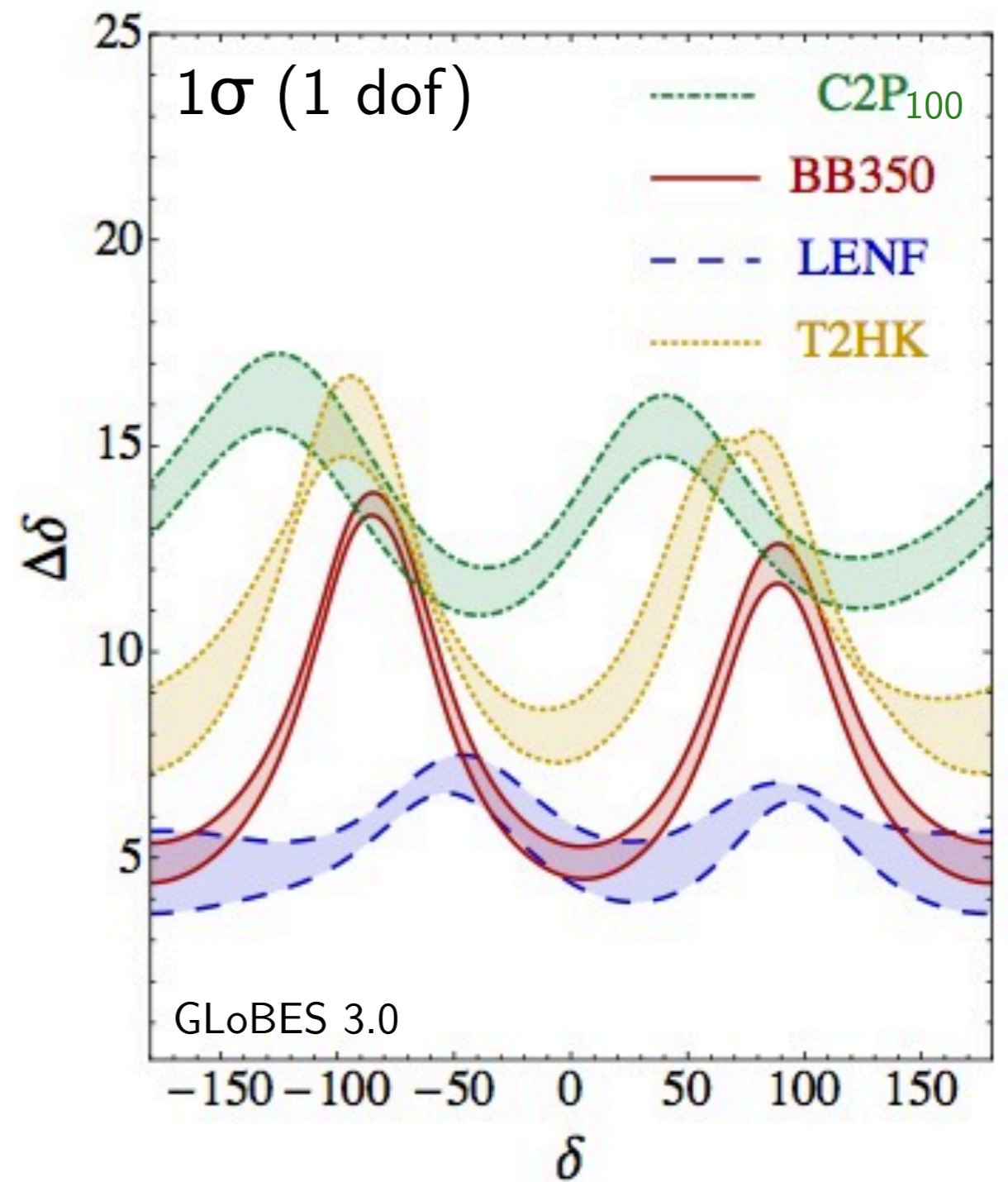
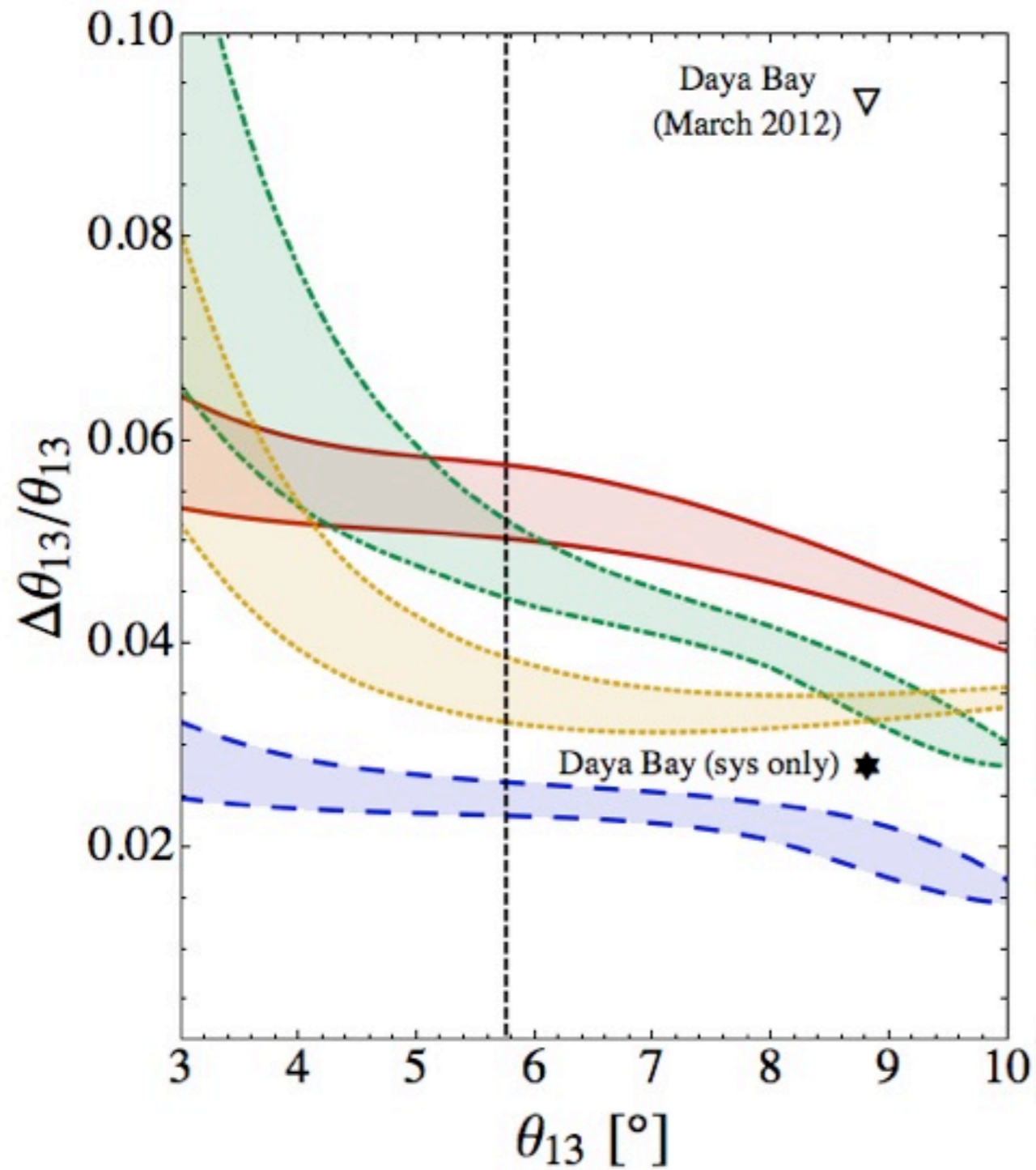
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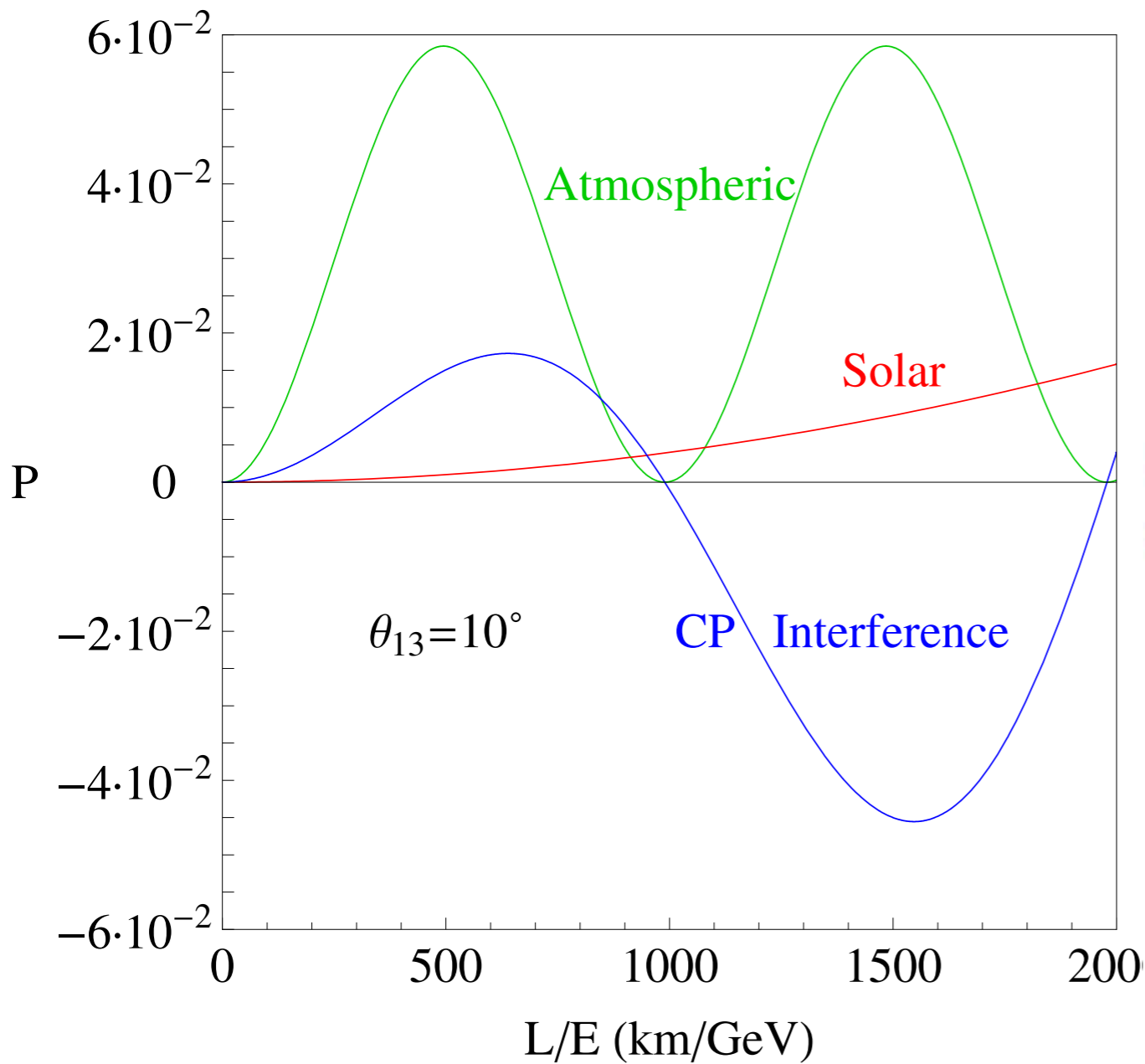
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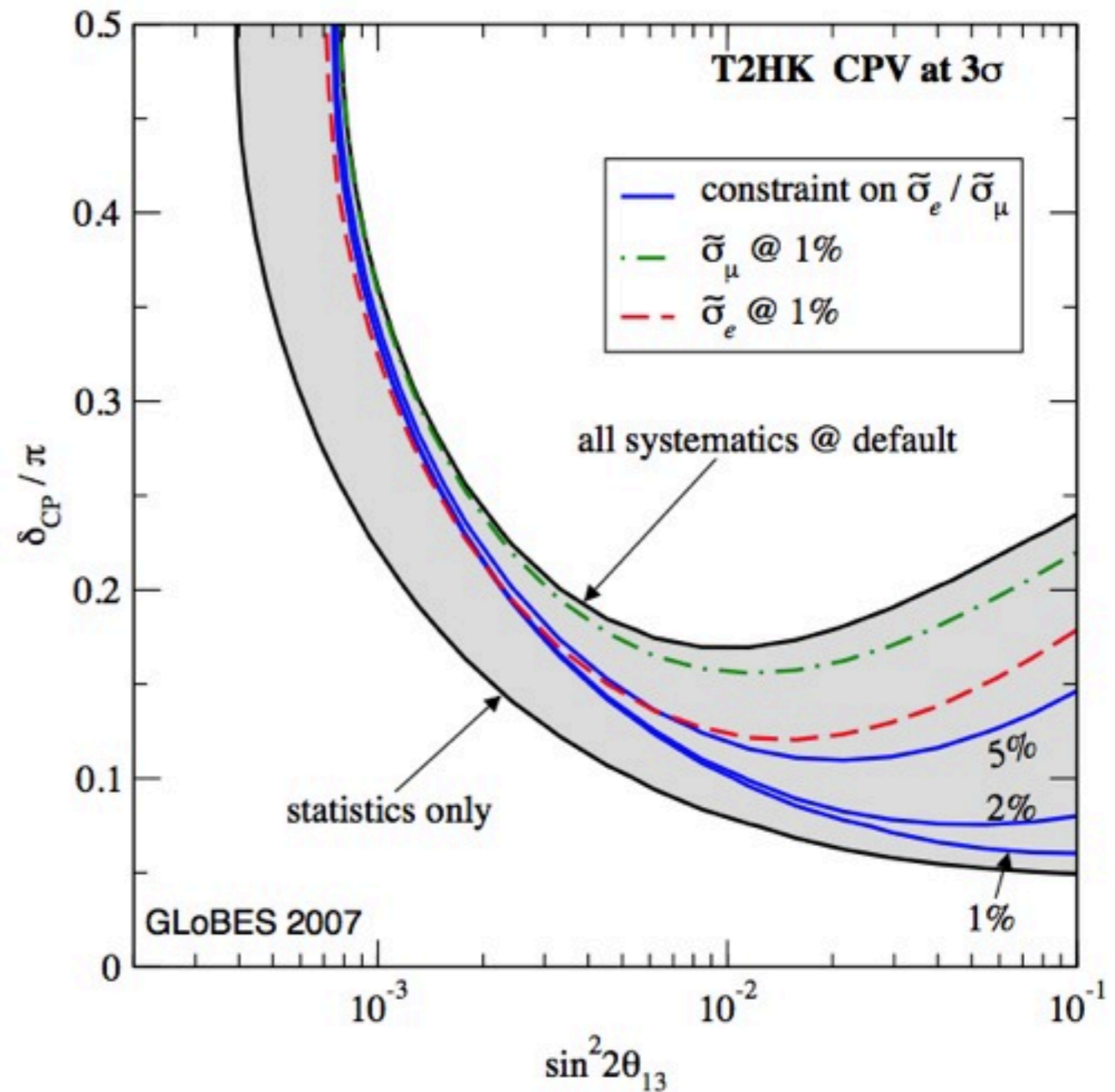
# Precision



# Impact of systematics on CPV



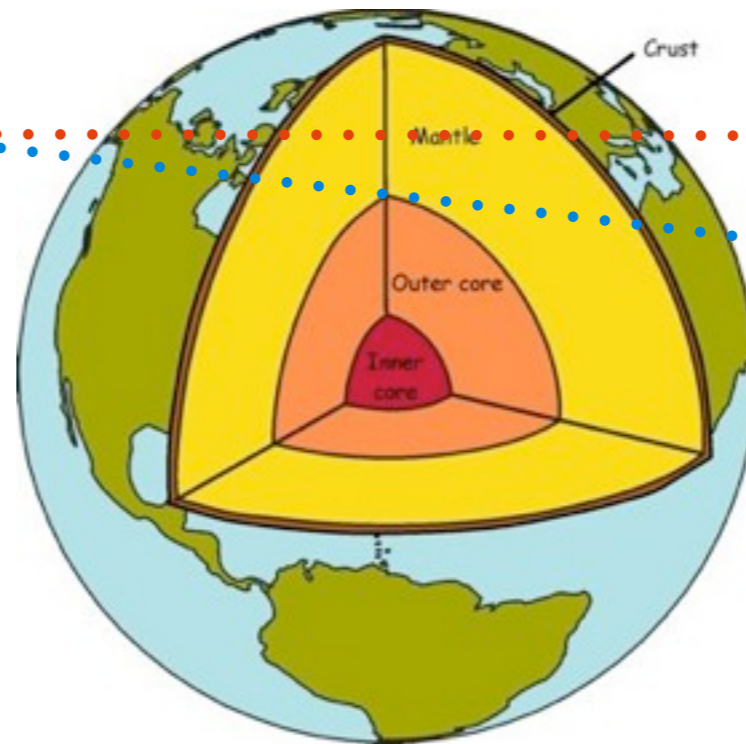
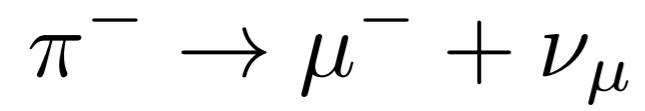
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# An example

Signal:



CC interactions

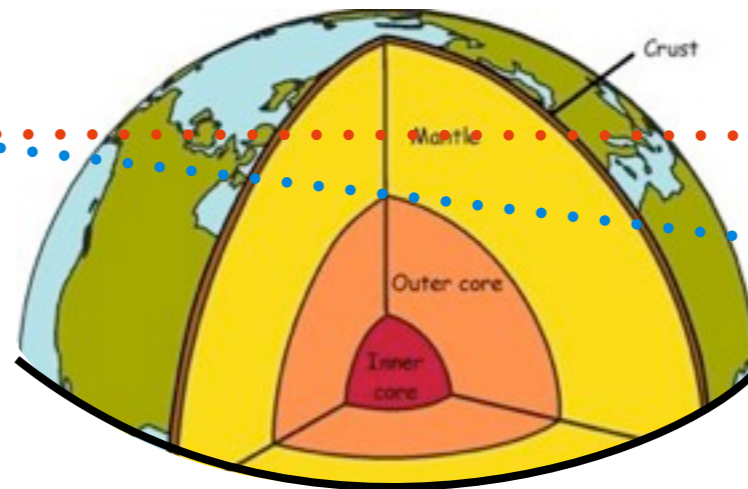
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Signal:

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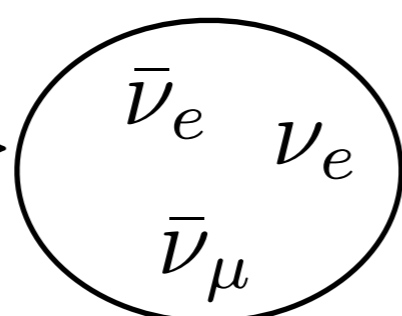
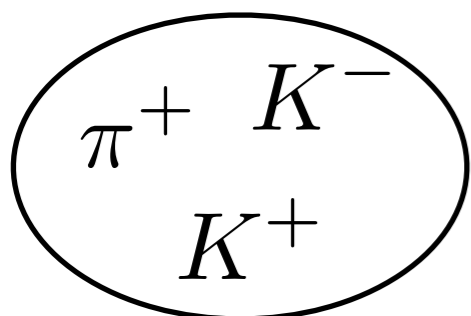
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Backgrounds:

NC interactions

$$\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + E_{miss}$$

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$

$\nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$

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Possible ways to reduce the effect of systematics:

1) measure **final flavor cross sections** at a near detector.

If this cannot be done, put constraints on **ratios**

between cross sections for different flavors

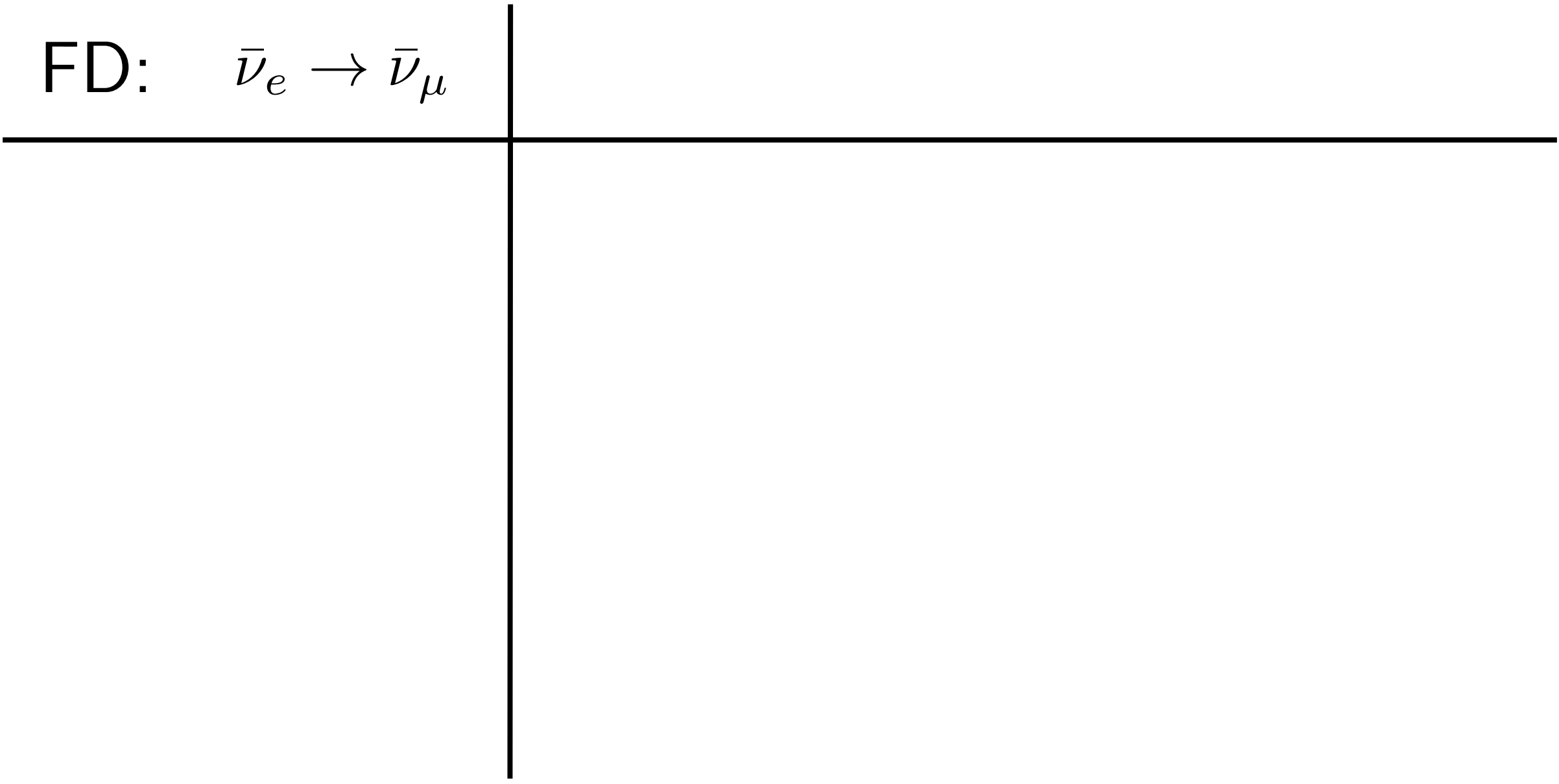
2) measure **intrinsic background** at near detector

3) use **data from disappearance** channels at the far detector

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| Systematics                                    | SB   |      |       | BB         |      |       | NF         |      |       |
|--|------|------|-------|------------|------|-------|------------|------|-------|
|  | Opt. | Def. | Cons. | Opt.       | Def. | Cons. | Opt.       | Def. | Cons. |
| Fiducial volume ND                             | 0.2% | 0.5% | 1%    | 0.2%       | 0.5% | 1%    | 0.2%       | 0.5% | 1%    |
| Fiducial volume FD<br>(incl. near-far extrap.) | 1%   | 2.5% | 5%    | 1%         | 2.5% | 5%    | 1%         | 2.5% | 5%    |
| Flux error signal $\nu$                        | 5%   | 7.5% | 10%   | 1%         | 2%   | 2.5%  | 0.1%       | 0.5% | 1%    |
| Flux error background $\nu$                    | 10%  | 15%  | 20%   | correlated |      |       | correlated |      |       |
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| Flux error background $\bar{\nu}$              | 20%  | 30%  | 40%   | correlated |      |       | correlated |      |       |
| Background uncertainty                         | 5%   | 7.5% | 10%   | 5%         | 7.5% | 10%   | 10%        | 15%  | 20%   |
| Cross secs $\times$ eff. QE <sup>†</sup>       | 10%  | 15%  | 20%   | 10%        | 15%  | 20%   | 10%        | 15%  | 20%   |
| Cross secs $\times$ eff. RES <sup>†</sup>      | 10%  | 15%  | 20%   | 10%        | 15%  | 20%   | 10%        | 15%  | 20%   |
| Cross secs $\times$ eff. DIS <sup>†</sup>      | 5%   | 7.5% | 10%   | 5%         | 7.5% | 10%   | 5%         | 7.5% | 10%   |
| Effec. ratio $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ QE <sup>*</sup>   | 3.5% | 11%  | –     | 3.5%       | 11%  | –     | –          | –    | –     |
| Effec. ratio $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ RES <sup>*</sup>  | 2.7% | 5.4% | –     | 2.7%       | 5.4% | –     | –          | –    | –     |
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| Matter density                                 | 1%   | 2%   | 5%    | 1%         | 2%   | 5%    | 1%         | 2%   | 5%    |

theoretical constraint

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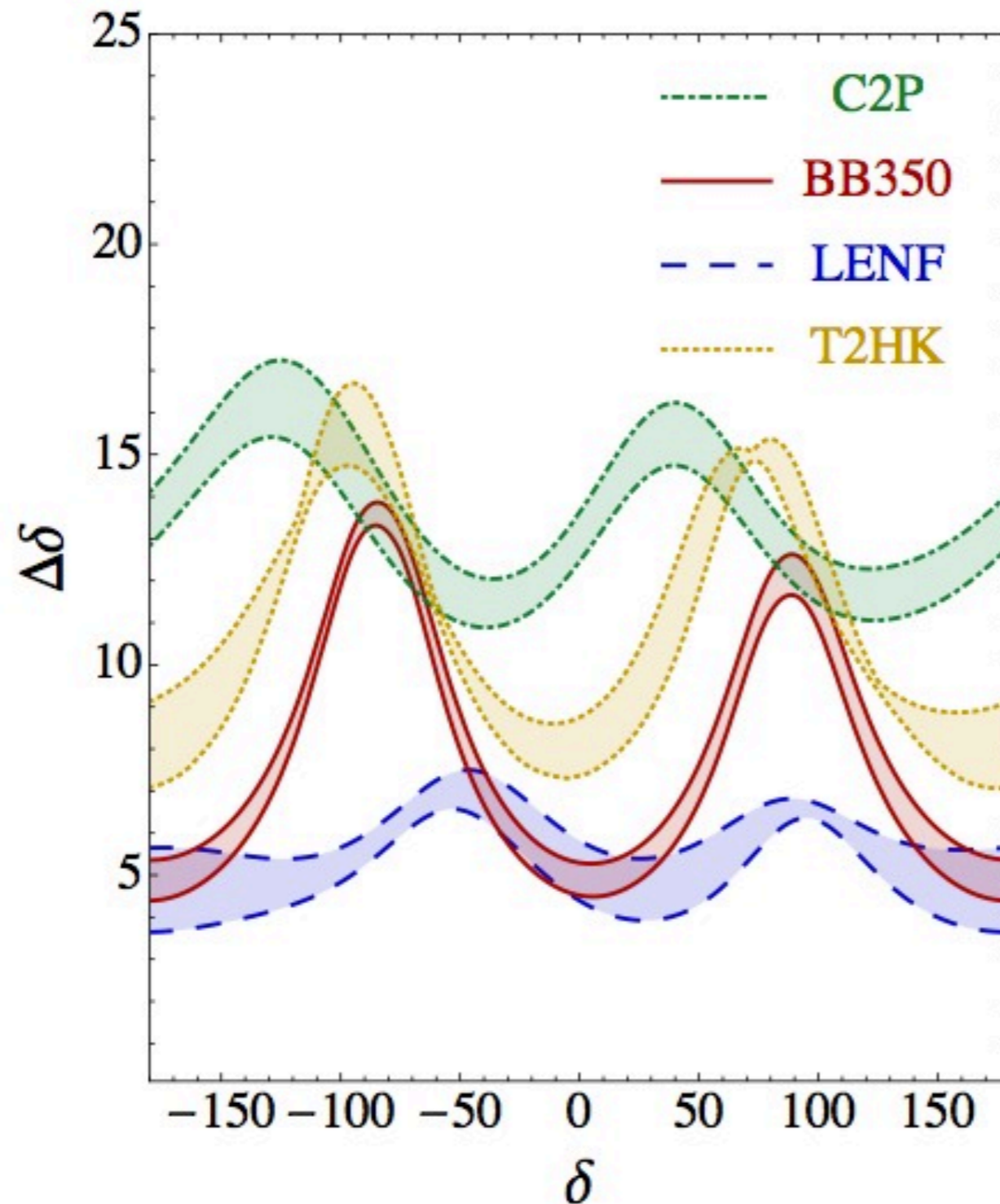
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{r,i} 2 \left( T_{r,i}(\vec{\Theta}, \vec{\xi}) - O_{r,i} + O_{r,i} \ln \frac{O_{r,i}}{T_{r,i}(\vec{\Theta}, \vec{\xi})} \right) + \sum_k \left( \frac{\xi_k}{\sigma_k} \right)^2$$

- GLoBES software used [hep-ph/0407333](#), [hep-ph/0701187](#)
- Input values in agreement with best fits [1205.5254 \[hep-ph\]](#), [1205.4018 \[hep-ph\]](#)
- Marginalization over solar and atmospheric params performed  
assuming  $1\sigma$  gaussian priors [1108.1376 \[hep-ph\]](#)
- No degeneracies have been accounted for: atmospheric angle set to maximal, normal hierarchy
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$
- $1\sigma$  (1 dof) unless stated otherwise

# The setups

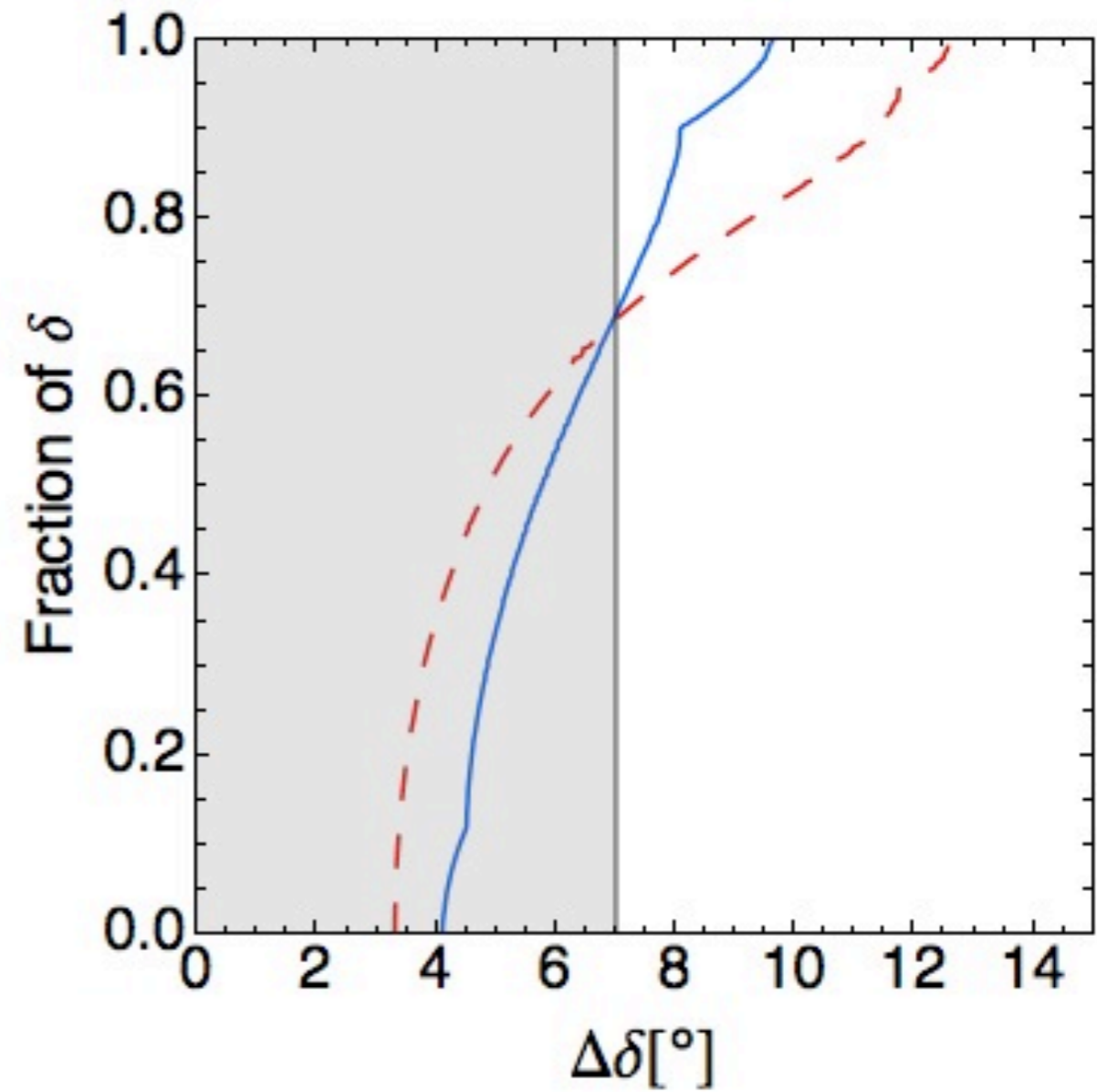
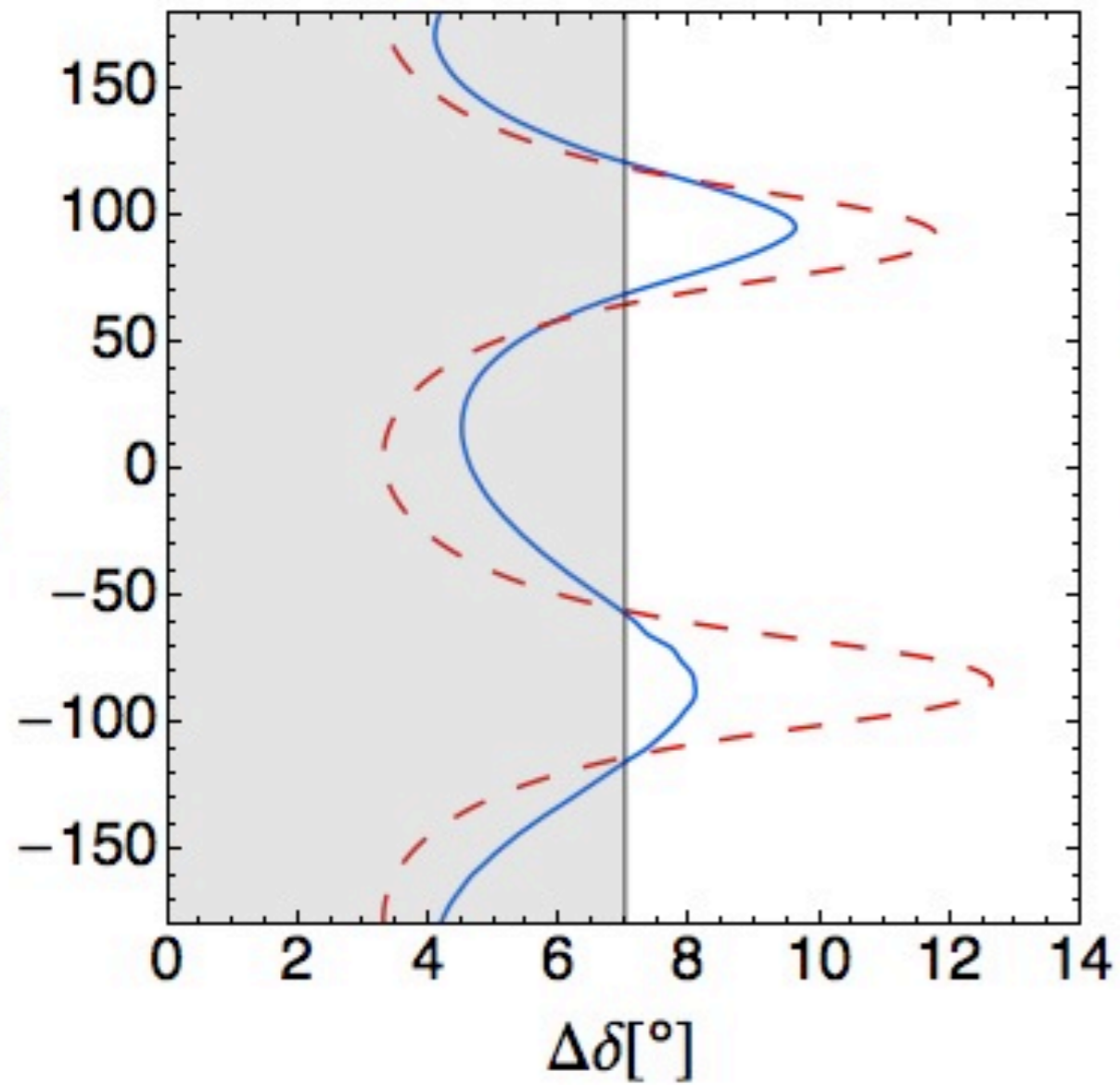
|             | Setup                   | $E_\nu^{\text{peak}}$ | $L$  | OA          | Detector | kt   | MW   | Decays/yr                 | $(t_\nu, t_{\bar{\nu}})$ |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|-------------|----------|------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Benchmark   | BB350                   | 1.2                   | 650  | –           | WC       | 500  | –    | $1.1(2.8) \times 10^{18}$ | (5,5)                    |
|             | NF10                    | 5.0                   | 2000 | –           | MIND     | 100  | –    | $7 \times 10^{20}$        | (10,10)                  |
|             | WBB                     | 4.5                   | 2300 | –           | LAr      | 100  | 0.8  | –                         | (5,5)                    |
|             | T2HK                    | 0.6                   | 295  | $2.5^\circ$ | WC       | 560  | 1.66 | –                         | (1.5,3.5)                |
| Alternative | BB100                   | 0.3                   | 130  | –           | WC       | 500  | –    | $1.1(2.8) \times 10^{18}$ | (5,5)                    |
|             | + SPL                   |                       |      | –           |          |      | 4    |                           | –                        |
|             | NF5                     | 2.5                   | 1290 | –           | MIND     | 100  | –    | $7 \times 10^{20}$        | (10,10)                  |
|             | LBNE <sub>mini</sub>    | 4.0                   | 1290 | –           | LAr      | 10   | 0.7  | –                         | (5,5)                    |
|             | NO $\nu$ A <sup>+</sup> | 2.0                   | 810  | $0.8^\circ$ | LAr      | 30   | 0.7  | –                         | (5,5)                    |
| 2020        | T2K                     | 0.6                   | 295  | $2.5^\circ$ | WC       | 22.5 | 0.75 | –                         | (5,5)                    |
|             | NO $\nu$ A              | 2.0                   | 810  | $0.8^\circ$ | TASD     | 15   | 0.7  | –                         | (4,4)                    |

# Precision



very different  
behaviour  
for all facilities

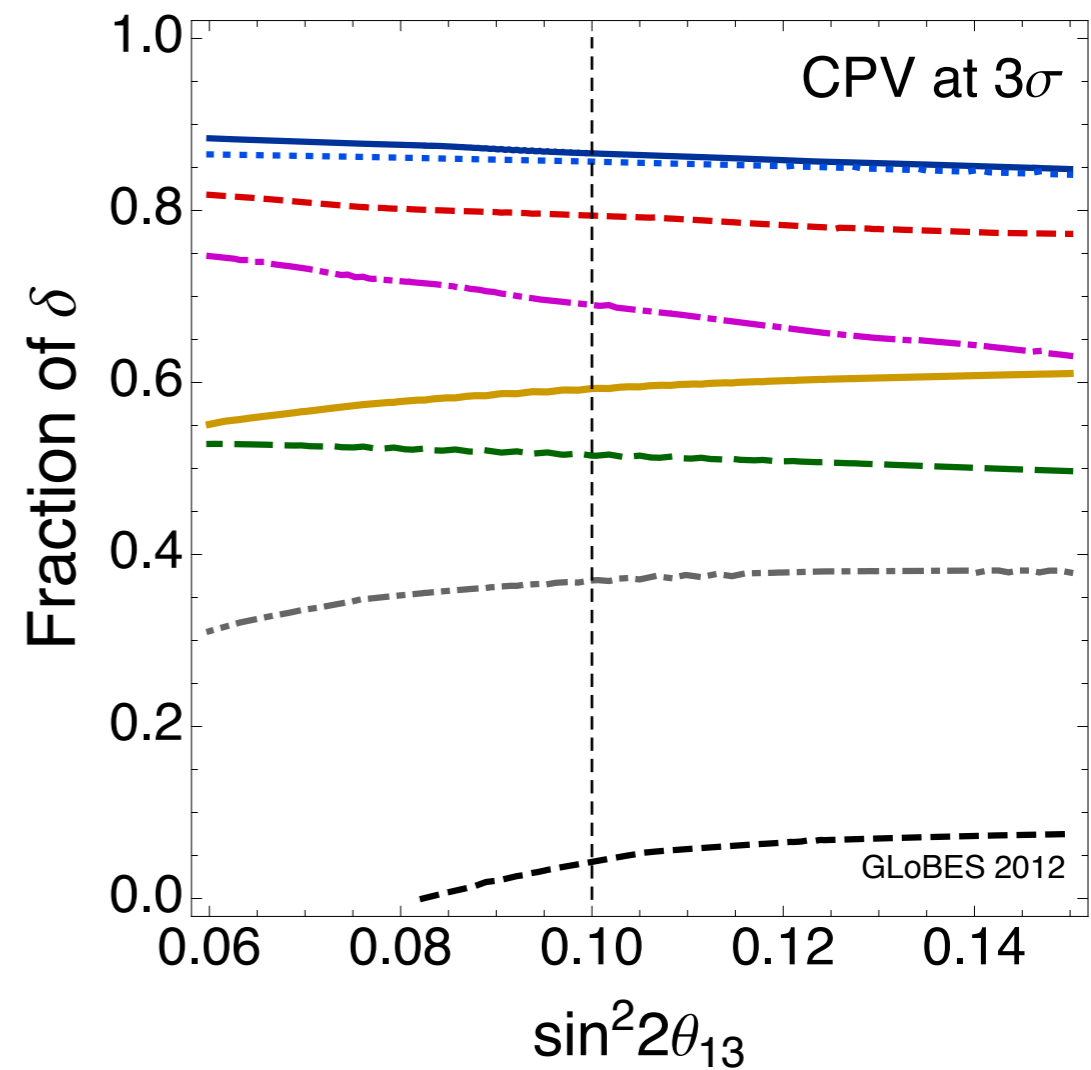
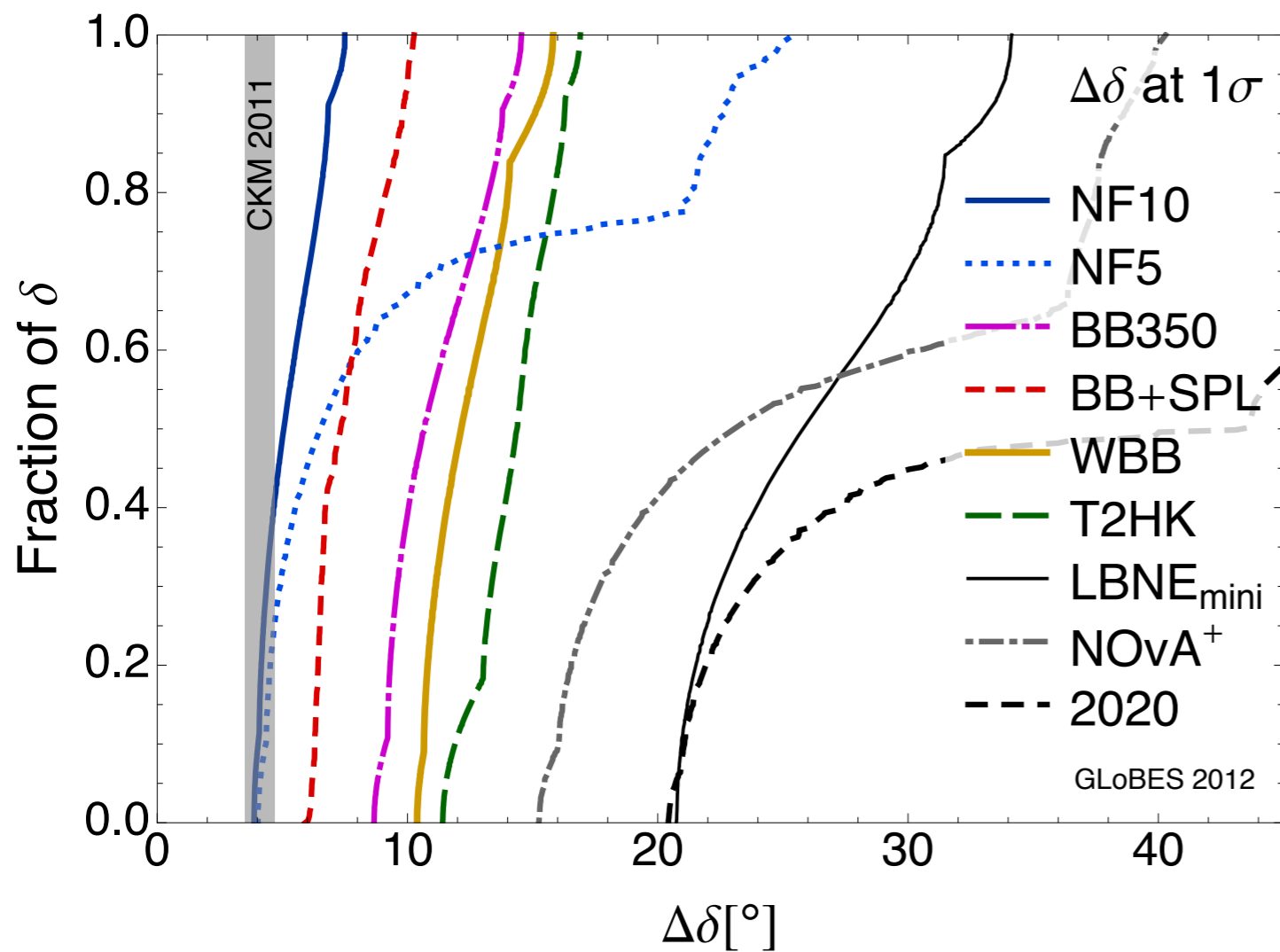
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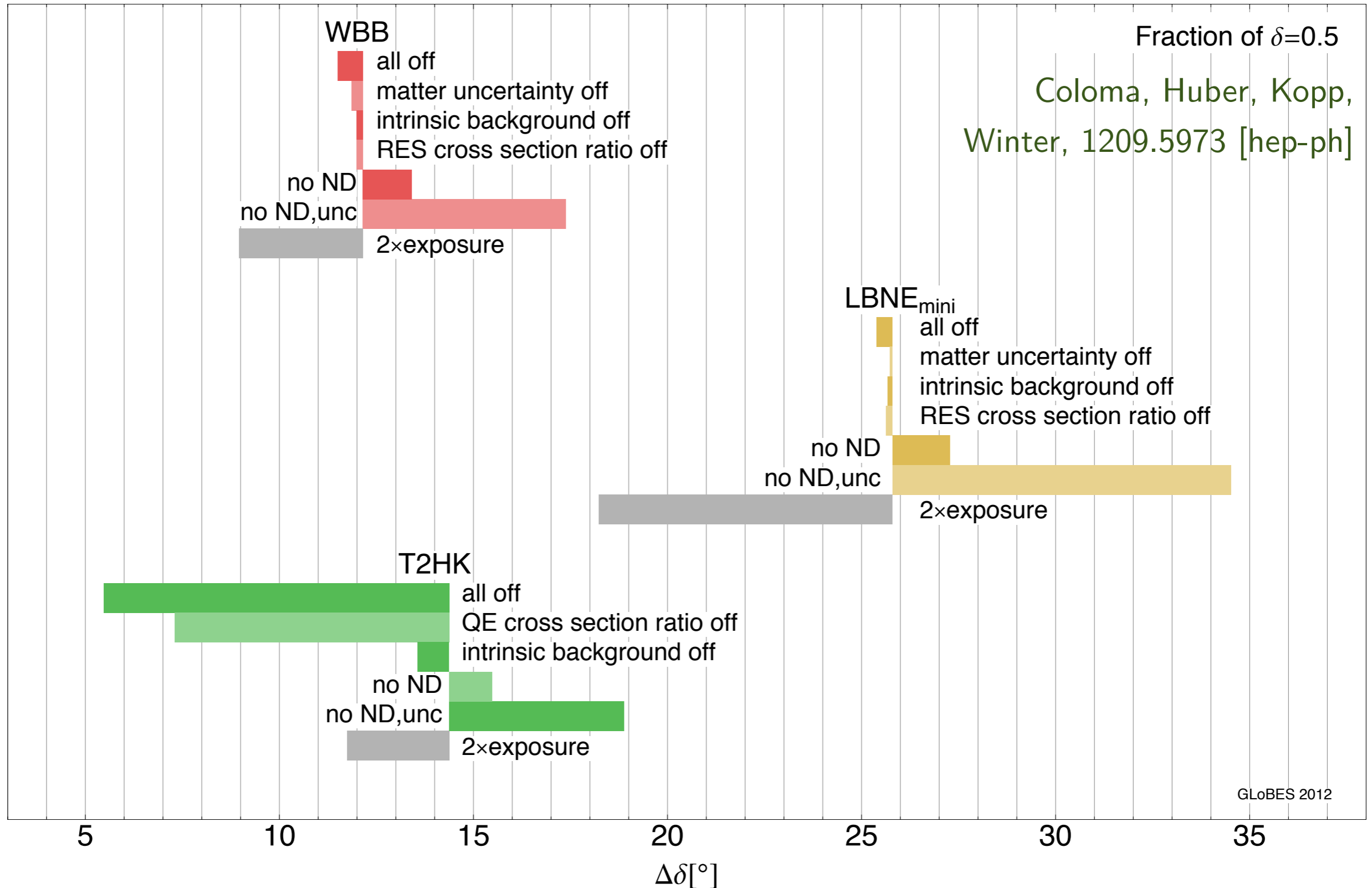
Results

# General comparison

How **far** do we want to get?



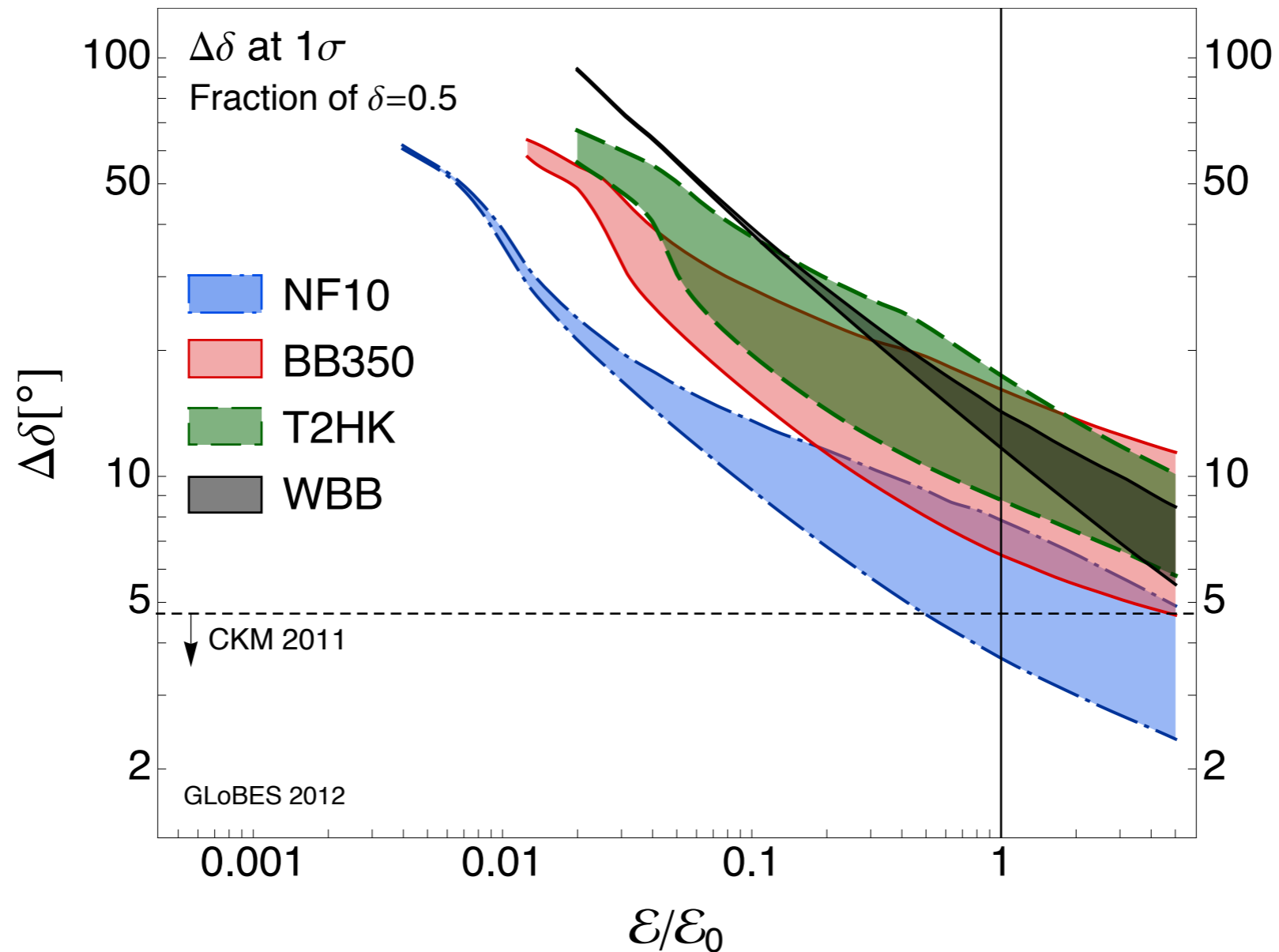
# Sys and near detectors





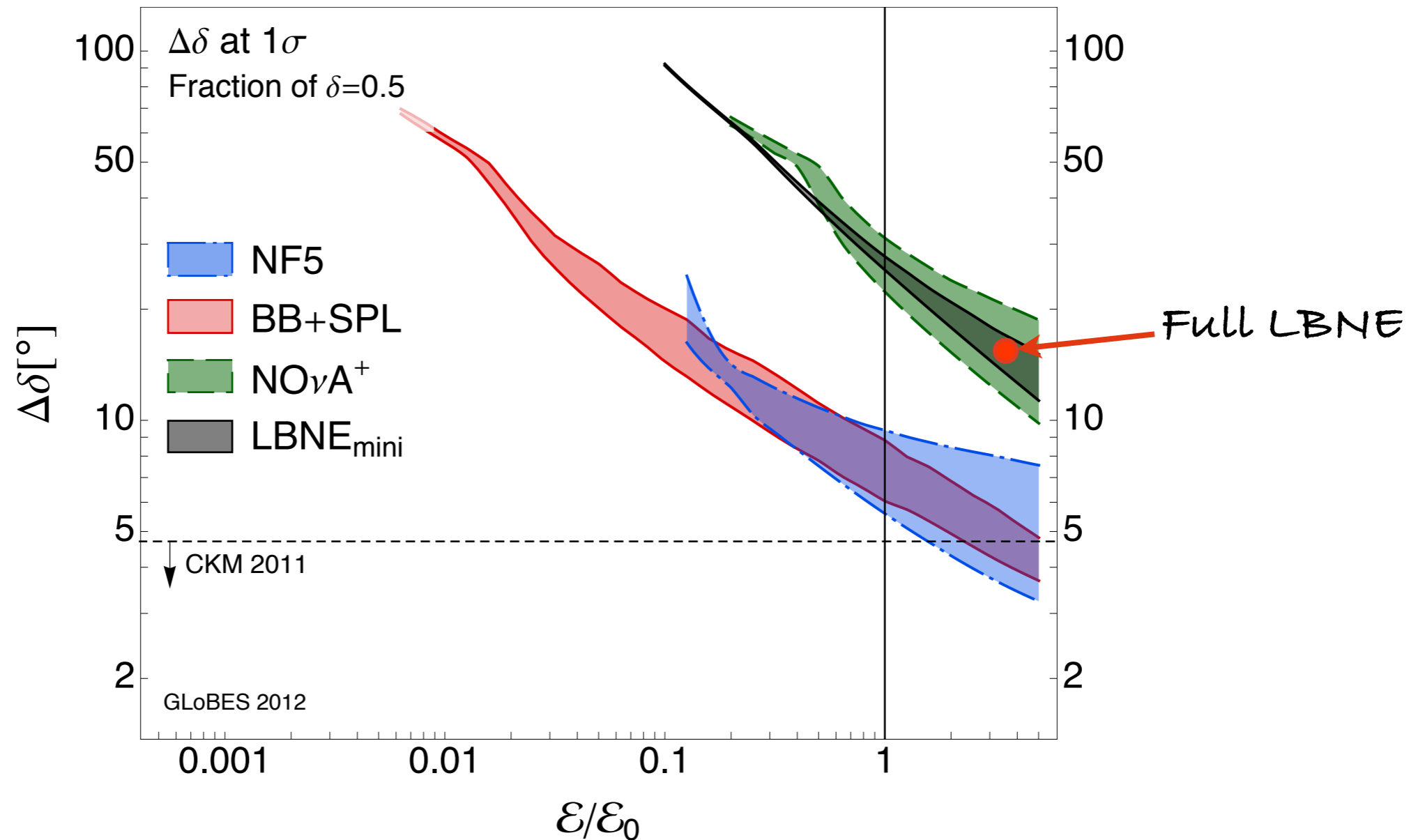
# Exposure vs systematics

Variation between optimistic and conservative assumptions:



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# Conclusions

- The impact of a ND does not seem so relevant if data from disappearance at the FD is used
- Low energy setups are generally more affected by systematics
  - Theoretical assumptions on cross section ratios are critical (Exception!  $BB+SPL$ )
- In some cases, it may a be better path to increase statistics than reduce systematics...
- LBNF is the only facility able to achieve similar precision to quark sector
  - Matter uncertainty has a large effect for LBNF

Backup

# Mass hierarchy

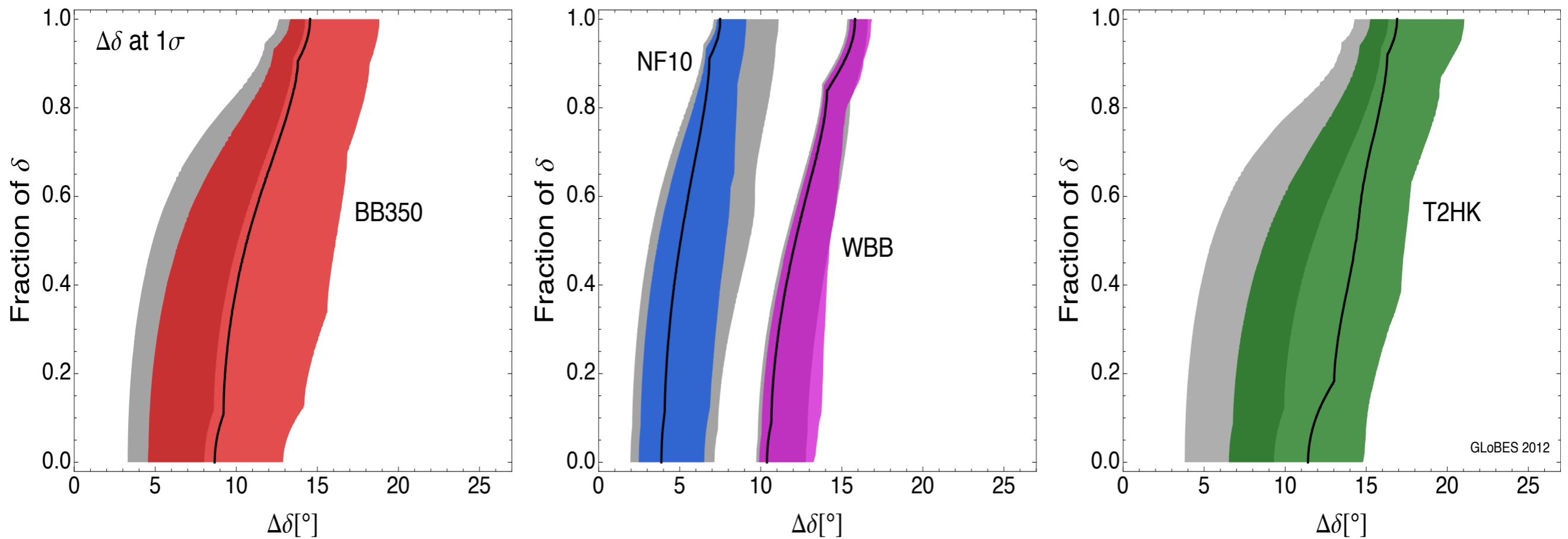
Mass hierarchy may be obtained through:

- T2K+NOvA+INO 1203.3388 [hep-ph]
- Atmospheric data at future exps 1109.3262 [hep-ex]
- PINGU 1205.7071 [hep-ph]
- Daya Bay II hep-ph/0112074
- combination of precise reactor+LBL data  
hep-ph/0503283
- ...

...or a combination of all of them!

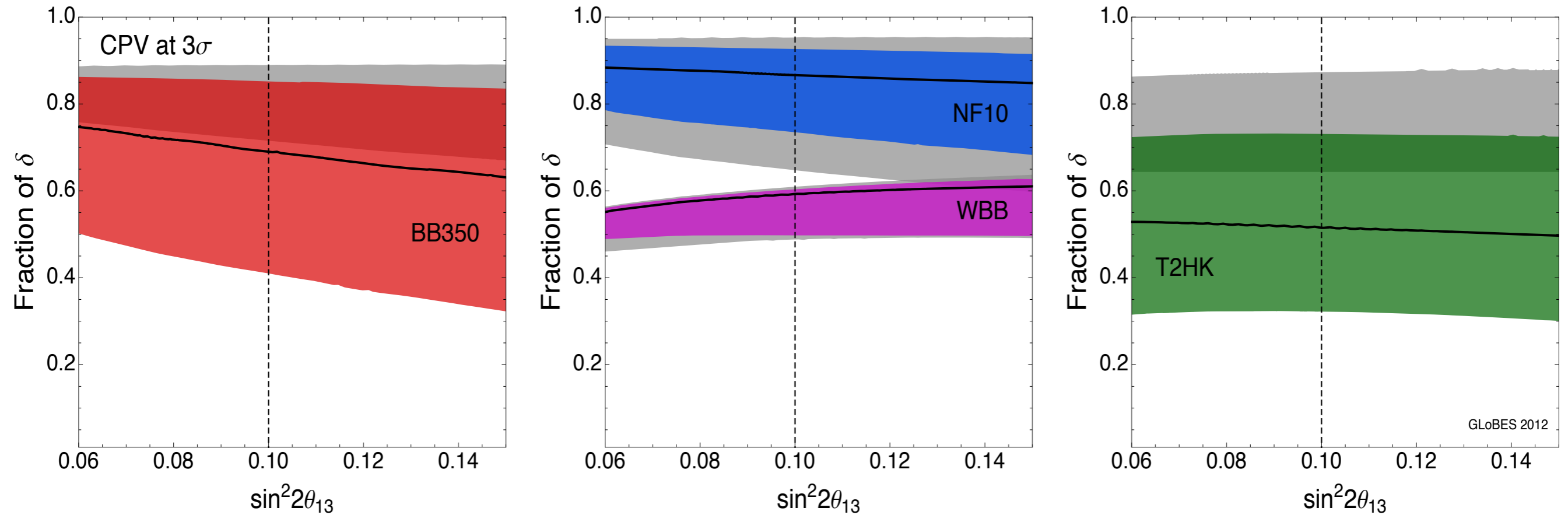
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Variation between optimistic and conservative assumptions:

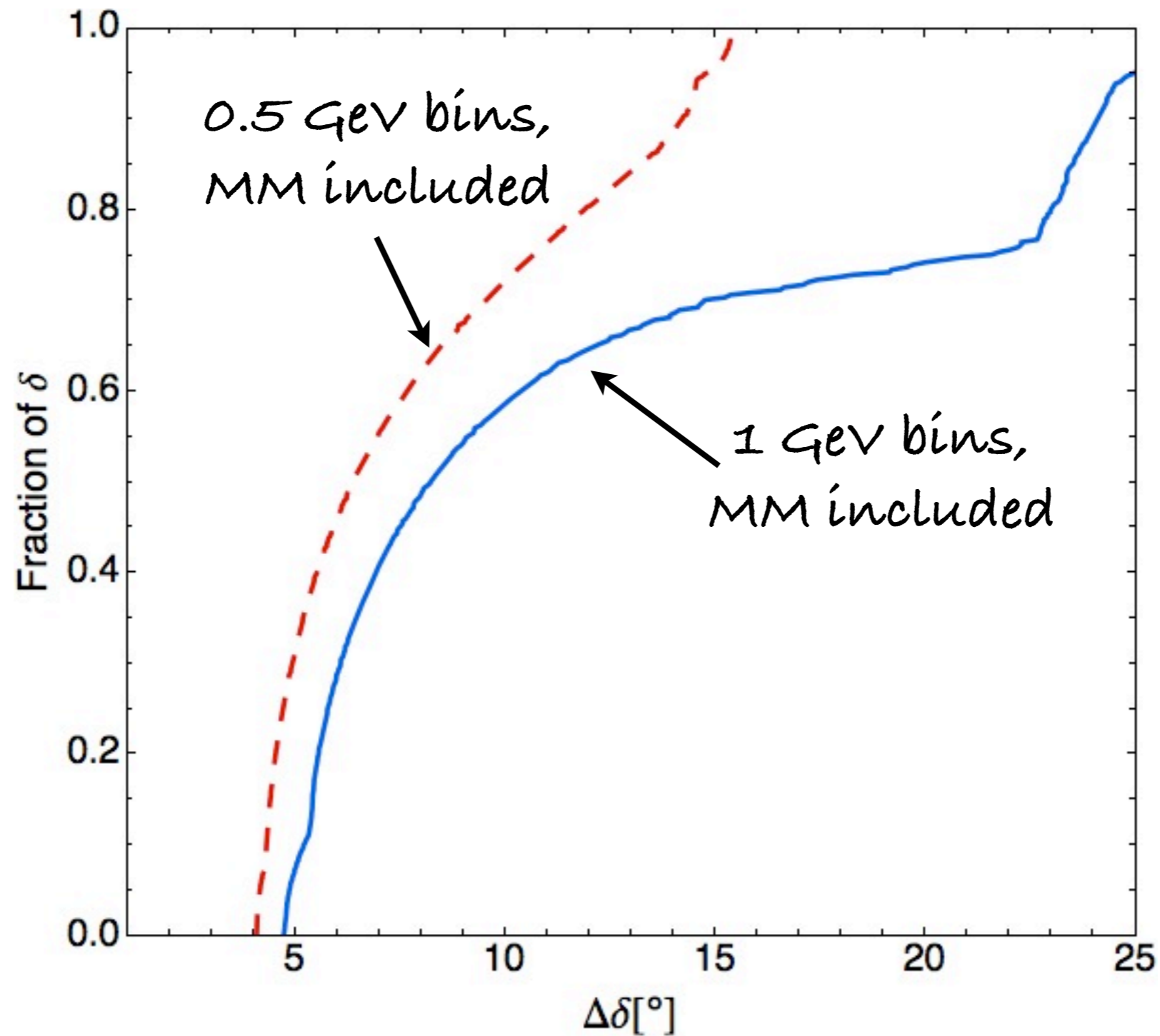


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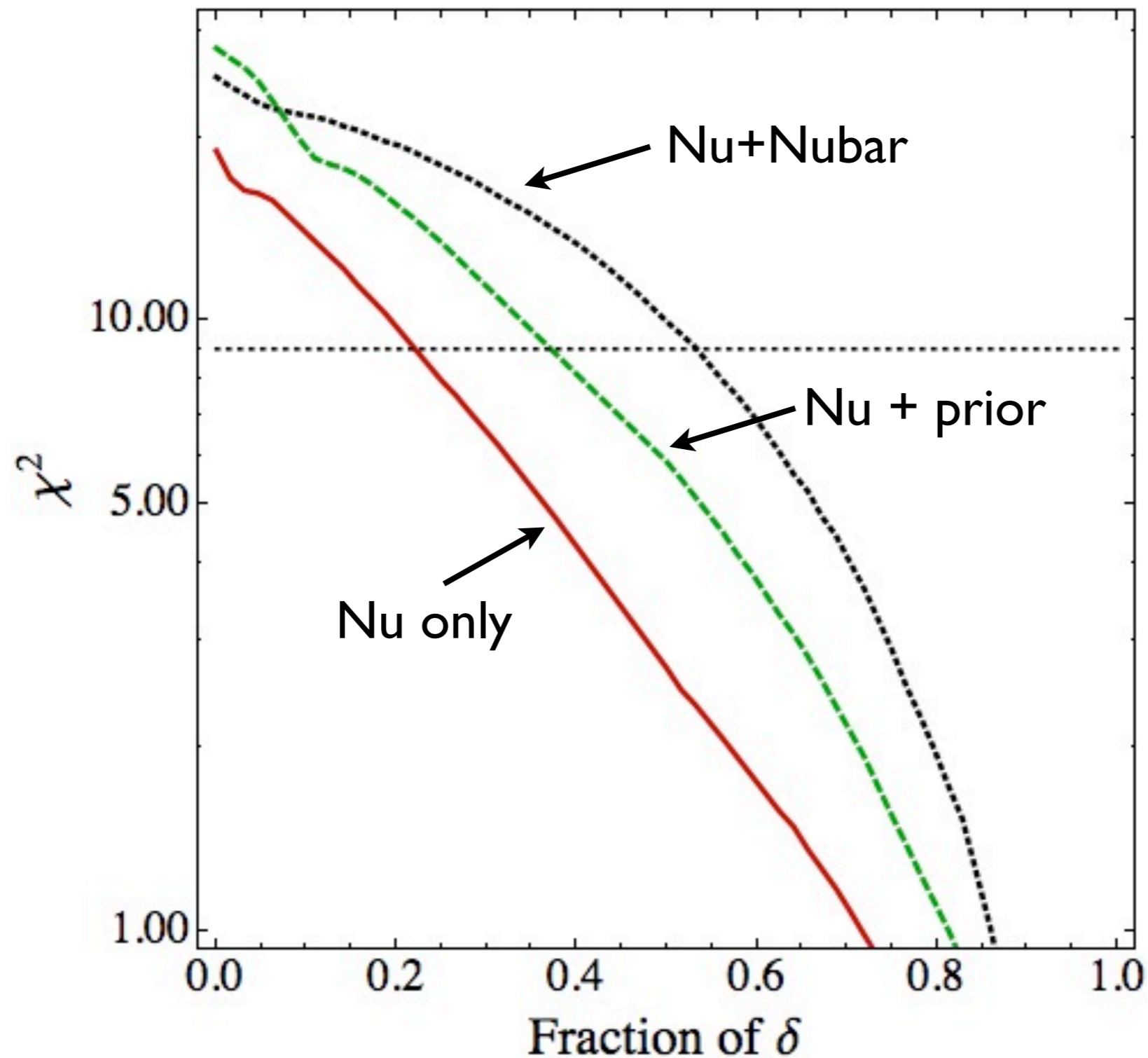
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# Binning for the LENF

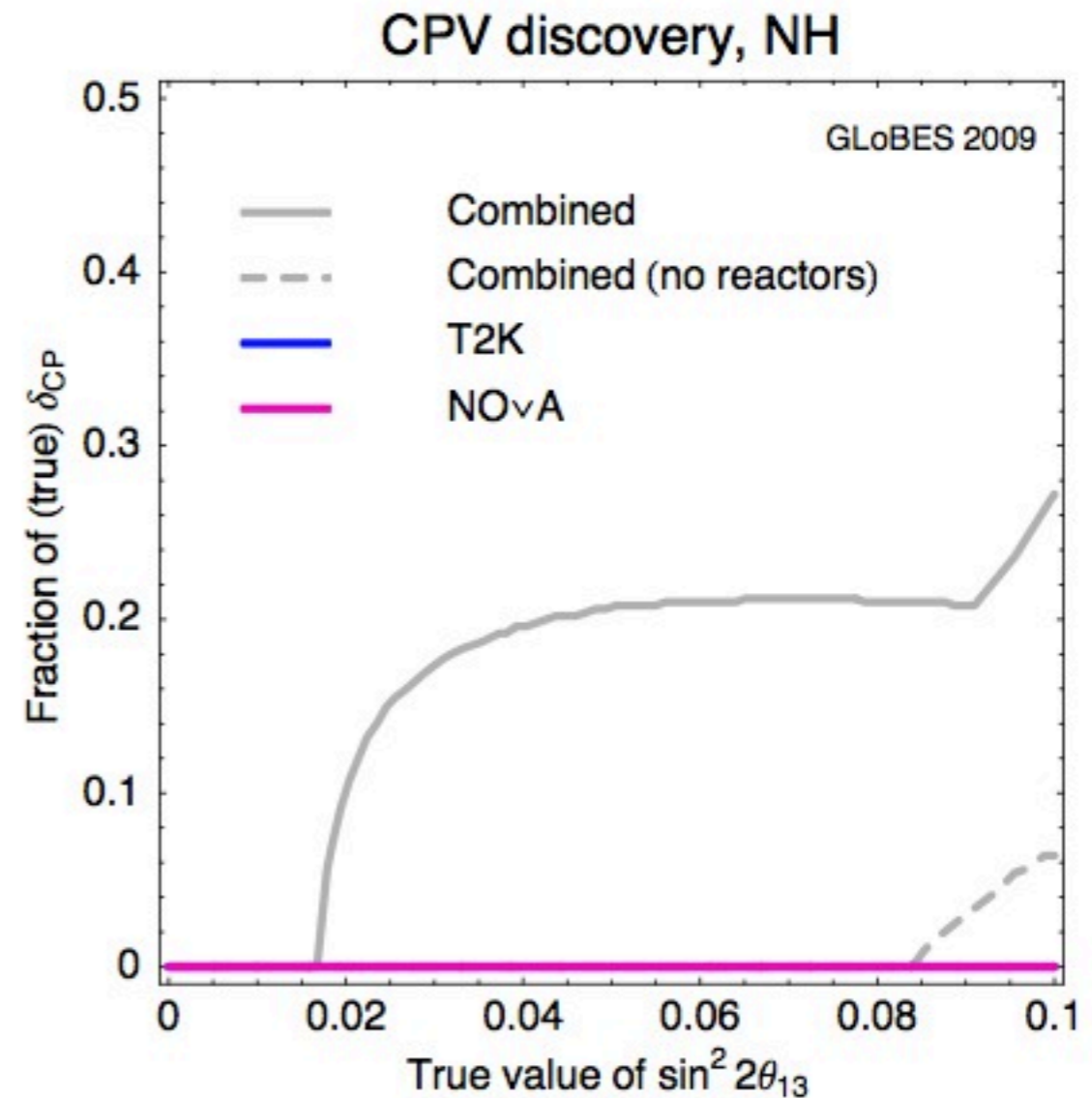
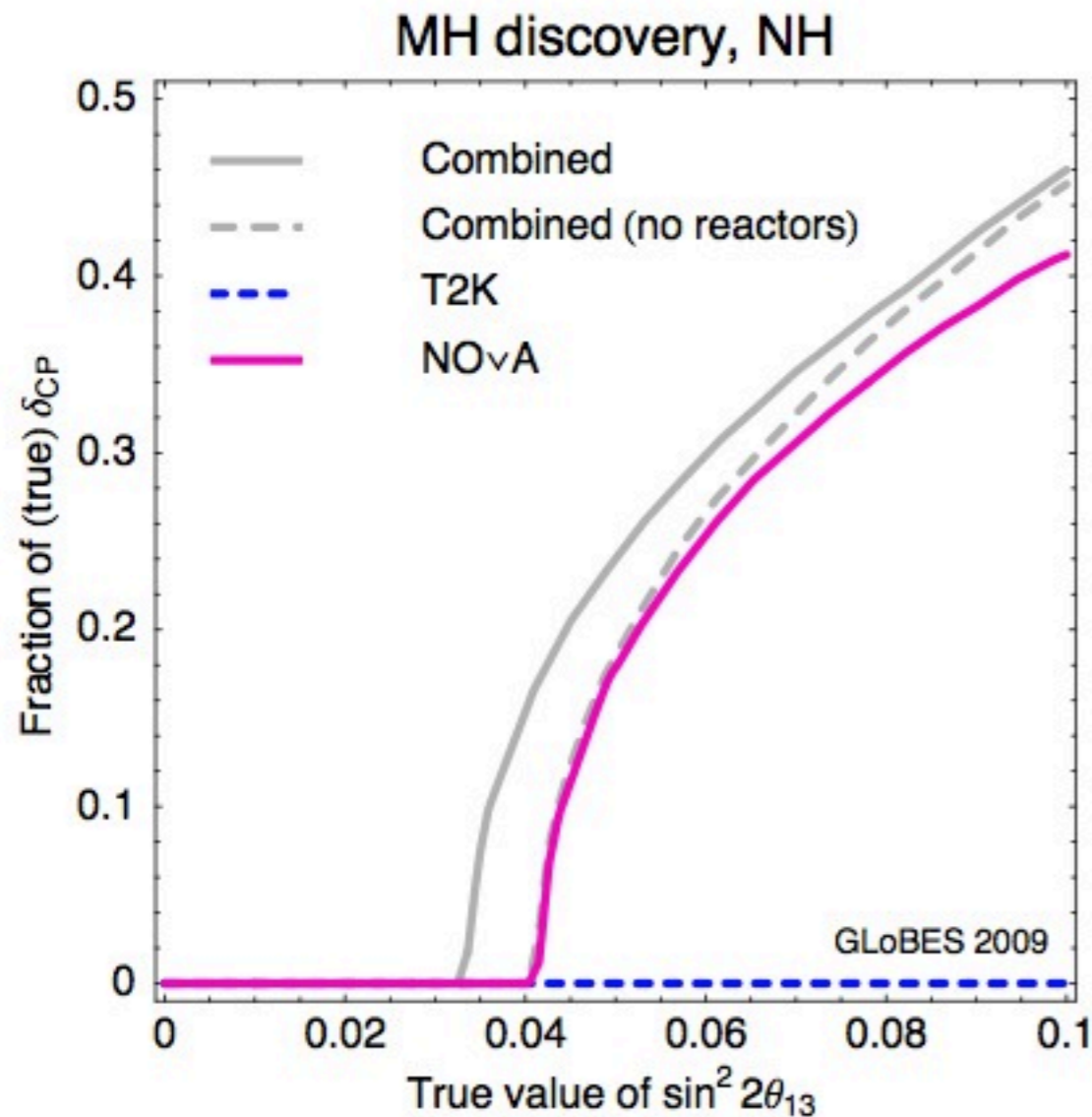


# Effect of th13 prior on CPV



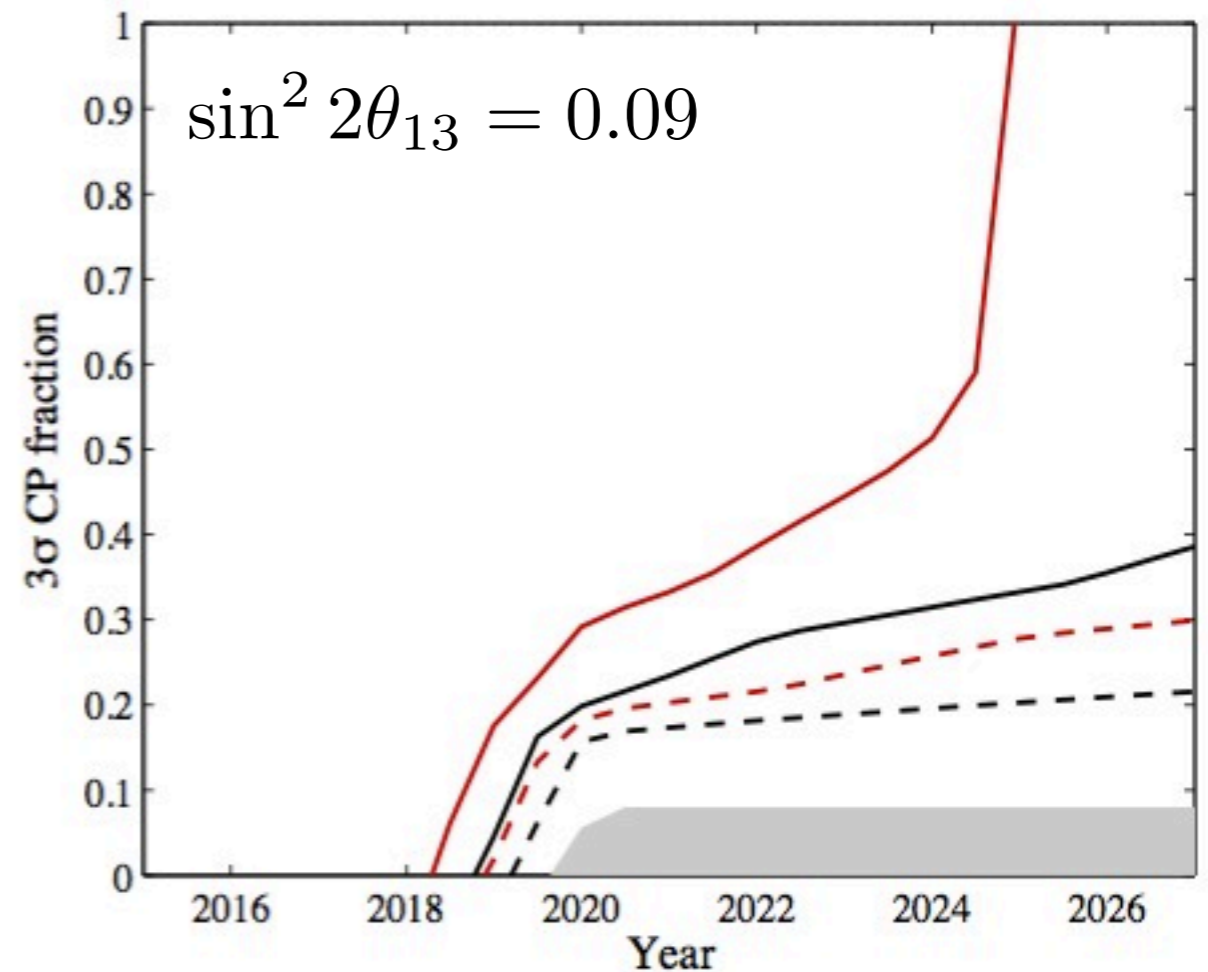
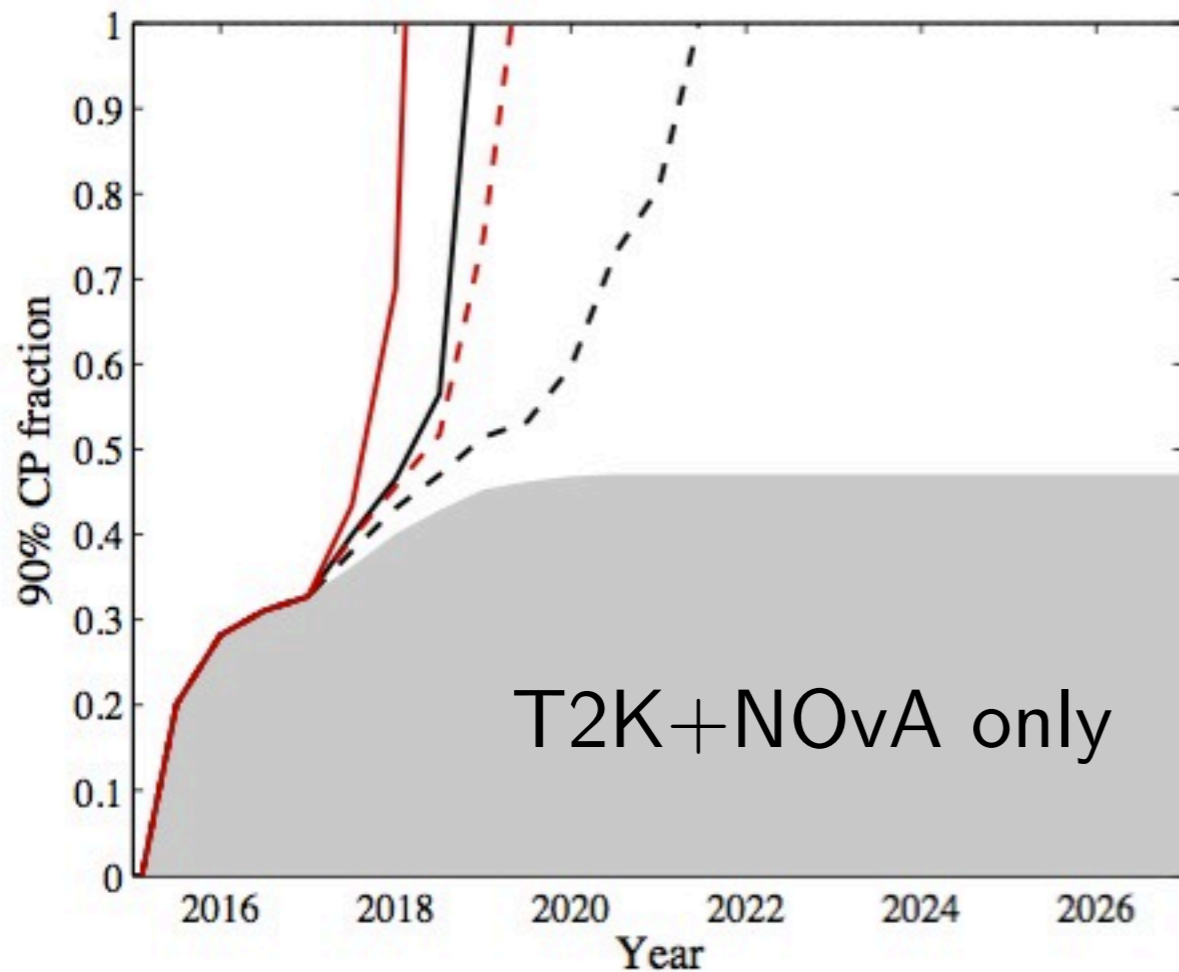
# Present oscillation facilities

Discovery potential at the 90% CL



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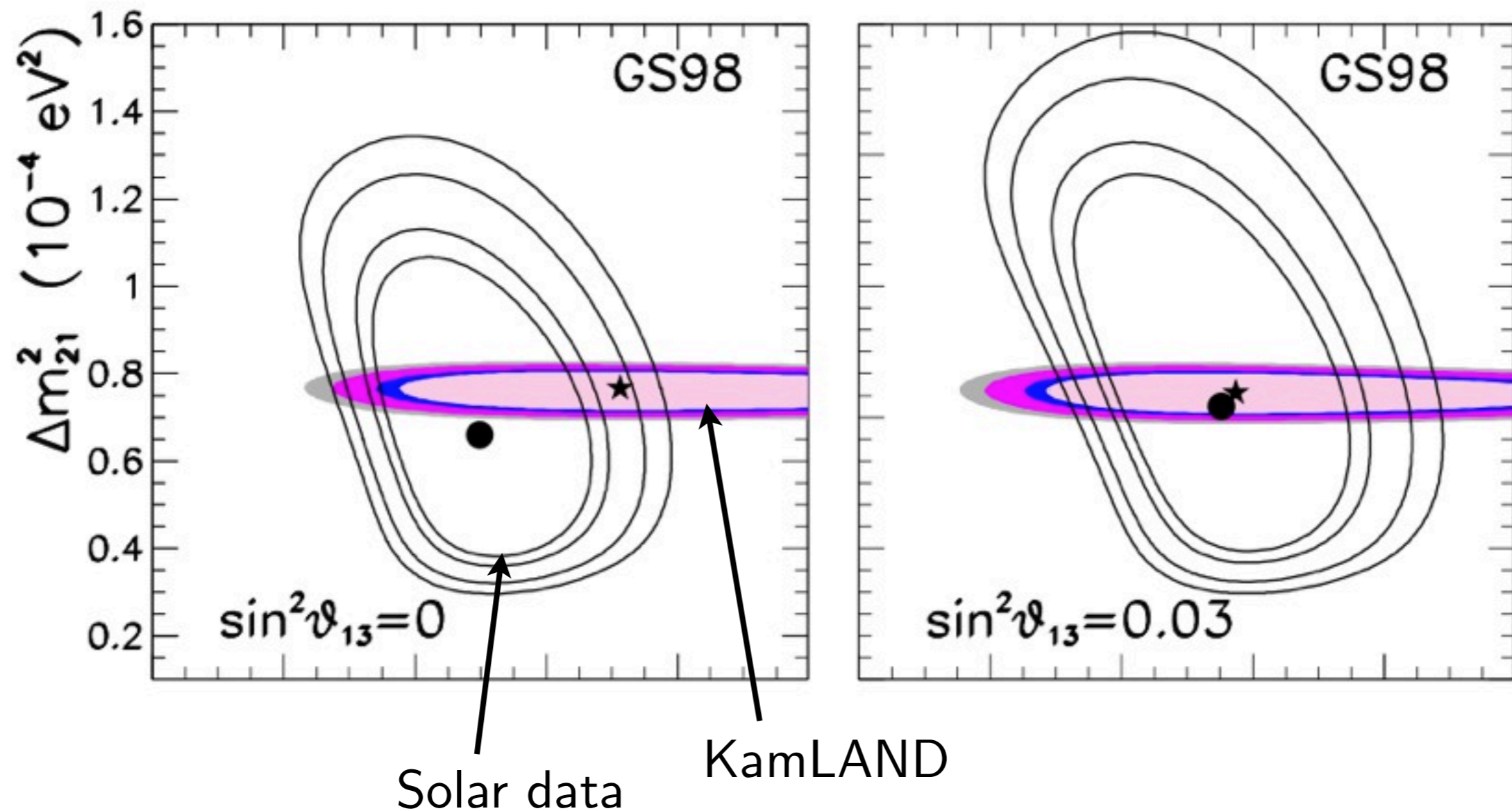
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(50kt/100kt; low/high res)

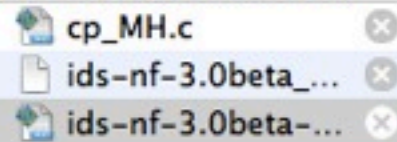


Blennow, Schwetz, 1203.3388 [hep-ph]

# Previous hints on $\theta_{13}$

Previous hints from global fits pointed to nonzero  $\theta_{13}$ ...



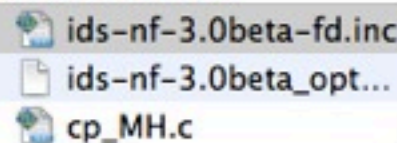


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240 // \mu^- running: appearance
241 rule(#Nu_Mu_Bar_Appearance)<
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243   @sys_on_multiex_errors_sig = { #MassFar, #FluxMuMinus, #XmbQE } :
244                               { #MassFar, #FluxMuMinus, #XmbRES } :
245                               { #MassFar, #FluxMuMinus, #XmbDIS }
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247   @background = 1@#nu_NC_bckg : 1@#nu_mu_misCID
248   @sys_on_multiex_errors_bg = { #MassFar, #FluxMuMinus, #NCBG_mb } :
249                               { #MassFar, #FluxMuMinus, #BGm }
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251   @sys_on_function = "chiMultiExp"
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253   @energy_window = 0.1 : 10
254 >
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257 // \mu^+ running: disappearance
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# The importance of systematics

- Up to now, each facility has made its own assumptions about systematic uncertainties. Generally,
  - BB and NF are assumed to have low sys
  - SB are assumed to have high sys
- However, this may change if a near detector is included and correlations are considered carefully
  - (For instance, if final flavor cross sections can be measured at the ND)