T2K Expected Sensitivity at the Proposed POT

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Outline

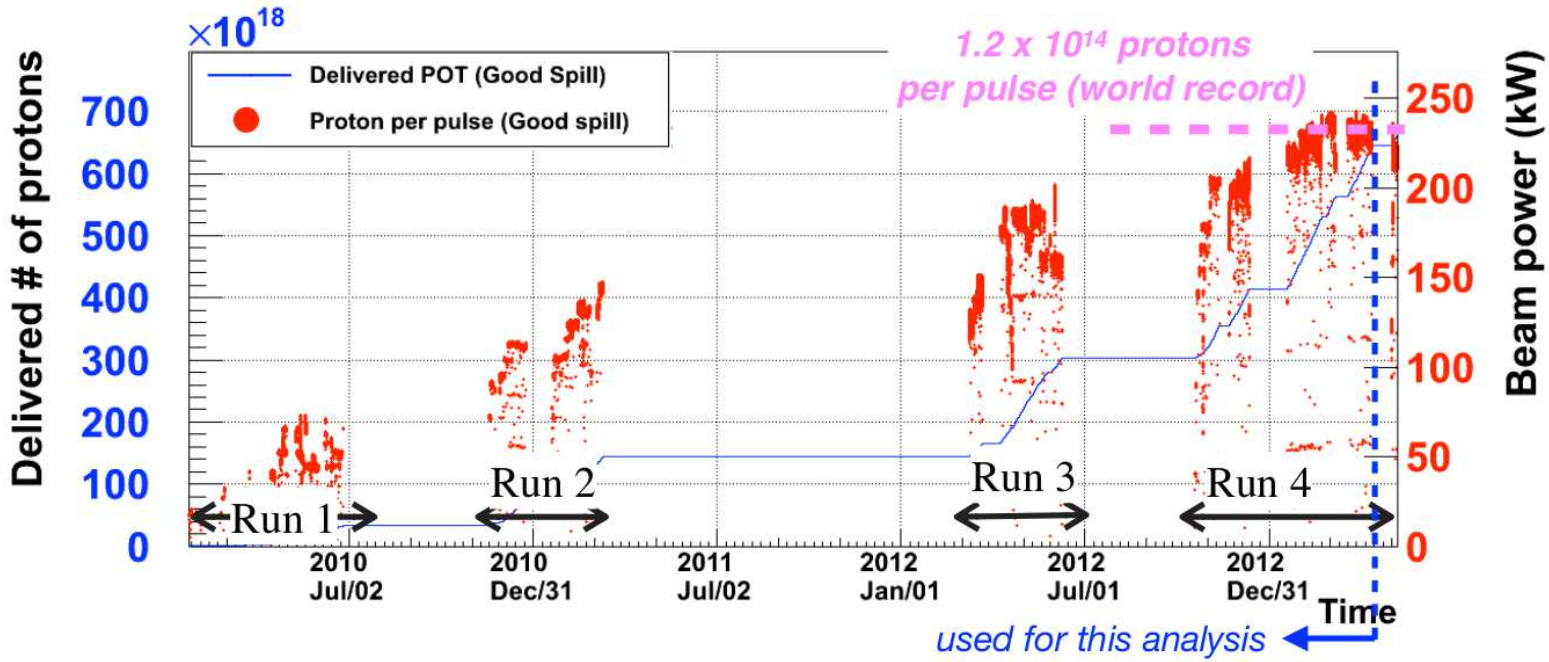
The T2K Collaboration

~500 members from 59 institutes in 11 countries

The T2K Experiment (Tokai to Kamioka Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment)

- Primarily ν_μ, 2.5° off axis neutrino beam produced at J-PARC
- ND280 Near Detector – 280 m from ν source
  - Constrains systematic errors
  - Measures ν cross sections and beam backgrounds
- Neutrino interactions detected at the Super-Kamiokande (SK) far detector – 295 km from ν source
  - 22.5 kT fiducial volume water Cherenkov detector
  - Good performance of ν_e/ν_μ particle ID for sub-GeV energy ν's
  - ν_e appearance and ν_μ disappearance ν oscillation information

The T2K Experiment – Current Status



- Current total integrated POT: $\sim 6.63 \times 10^{20}$
  $\rightarrow$ $\sim$8.5% of T2K approved full statistics (7.8×10^{21} POT)

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$\to$ Can now update the T2K experimental goals following the 7.5σ observation of ν_e appearance by T2K and the precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ by reactor experiments:

- Precisely measure θ_{23} and Δm^2_{32}
- Obtain hints about δ_{CP}, θ_{23} Octant, Mass Hierarchy

$\nu_\mu \to \nu_e$ Oscillation Probability

Precise measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ enhances the T2K sensitivity to δ_{CP} and the θ_{23} octant:

ν_μ disappearance measures $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ to first order and cannot distinguish the octant alone

$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) = 4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \sin^2\Phi_{31}\left(1 + \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{31}^2}(1-2S_{13}^2)\right) \quad \to \text{Leading, matter effect}$$

$$+ 8C_{13}^2 S_{12}S_{13}S_{23}(C_{12}C_{23}\cos\delta - S_{12}S_{13}S_{23})\cos\Phi_{32}\sin\Phi_{31}\sin\Phi_{21} \quad \to \text{CP conserving}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 C_{12}C_{23}S_{12}S_{13}S_{23}\sin\delta\sin\Phi_{32}\sin_{31}\sin\Phi_{21} \quad \to \text{CP violating}$$

$$+ 4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2(C_{12}^2C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2S_{23}^2S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12}C_{23}S_{12}S_{23}S_{13}\cos\delta)\sin^2\Phi_{21} \quad \to \text{Solar}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2(1-2S_{13}^2)\frac{aL}{4E}\cos\Phi_{32}\sin\Phi_{31} \quad \to \text{Matter effect}$$

($C_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij}$, $S_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij}$, $\Phi_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/4E$)

- δ_{CP} completely unknown
- MH completely unknown
- $\theta_{12} = 33.6^\circ \pm 1.0^\circ$
- $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ \pm 6^\circ$ (90% C.L.) – is θ_{23} maximal?
- $\theta_{13} = 9.1^\circ \pm 0.6^\circ$ – from reactor

T2K Expected Sensitivity Analysis Method

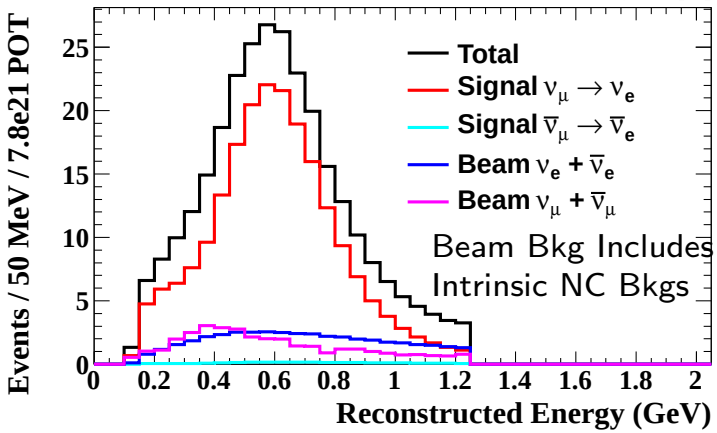
- Use both $\nu_\mu \to \nu_e$ appearance and $\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu$ disappearance MC information simultaneously
- Include possible $\bar{\nu}$-mode running information
  - Assuming full T2K statistics – 7.8×10^{21} POT
  - Simultaneously use far detector reconstructed energy spectra information for ν_e, ν_μ, $\bar{\nu}_e$, and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ data
  - Uncertainties on $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$, δ_{CP}, $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$, and Δm^2_{32} are all considered (all 4 parameters are fit simultaneously)
- Current T2K systematic errors are used
  - $\sim$10% for ν_e, $\sim$13% for ν_μ
  - $\bar{\nu}$ errors estimated as equal to ν errors with an additional 10% normalization uncertainty; fully correlated with ν errors
- With and without a reactor constraint based on the expected ultimate precision of Daya Bay + RENO + Double Chooz on $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$: $\delta(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}) = 0.005$

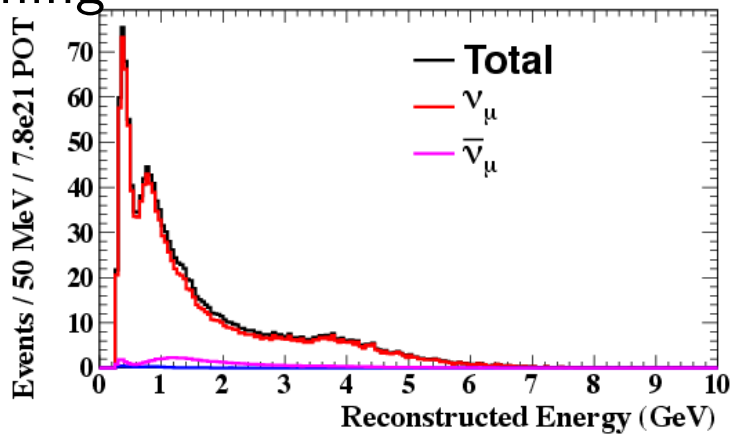
Far Detector Reconstructed Energy Spectra at Full Statistics (7.8×10^{21} POT)

ν_e Appearance

ν_μ Disappearance

ν-Running





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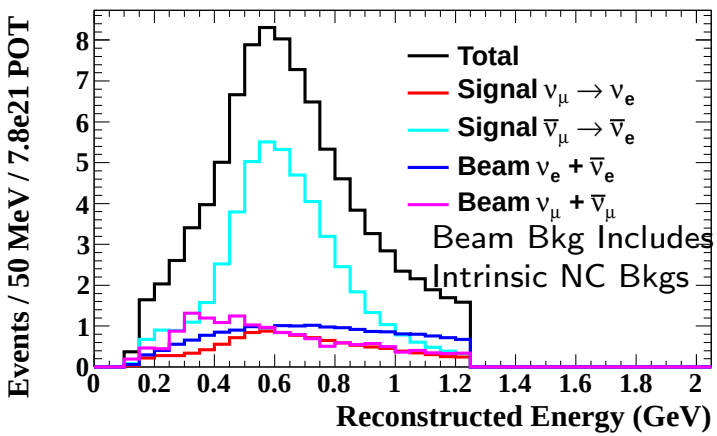

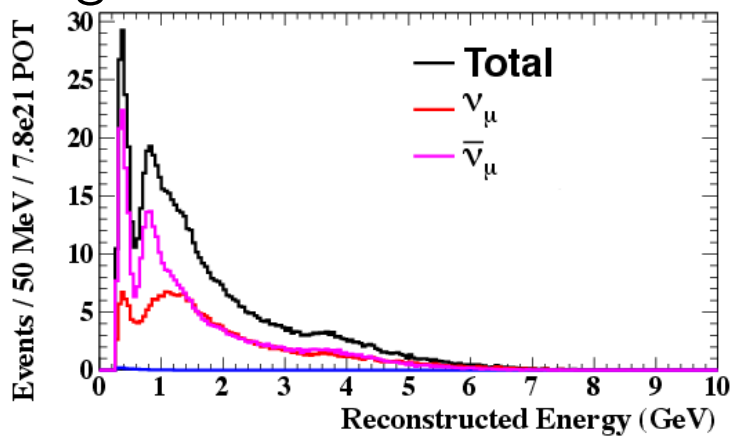

NOTE: must always choose set of "true" oscillation parameters:
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$, $\delta_{CP} = 0$, $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$, and $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}\text{eV}^2$, NH

Impact of ν- vs. $\bar{\nu}$-Mode Running

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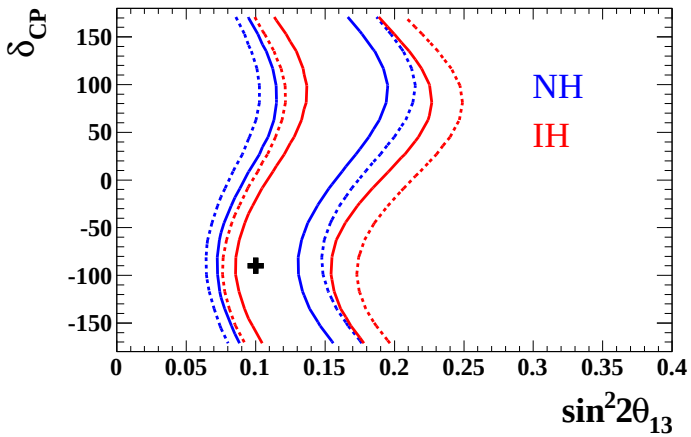

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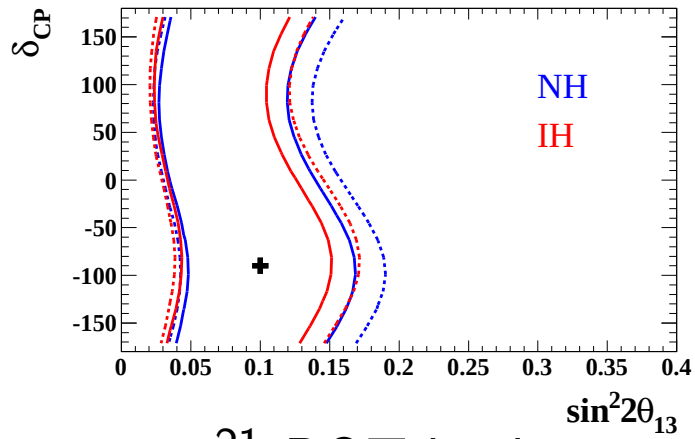

Difference in sensitivity to δ_{CP} for ν- vs. $\bar{\nu}$-mode beam means that δ_{CP} can be constrained with combined $\nu+\bar{\nu}$ data

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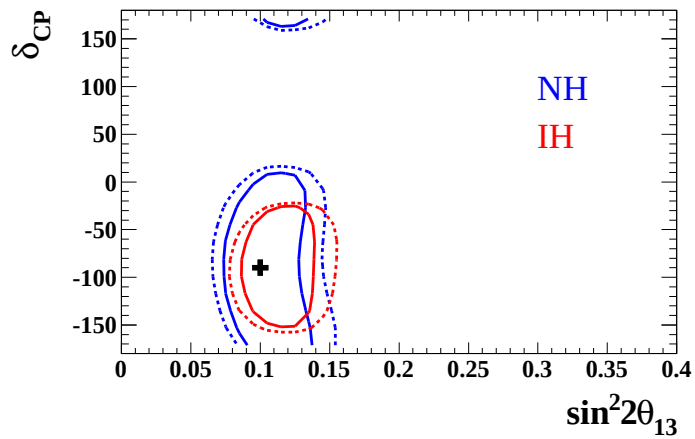

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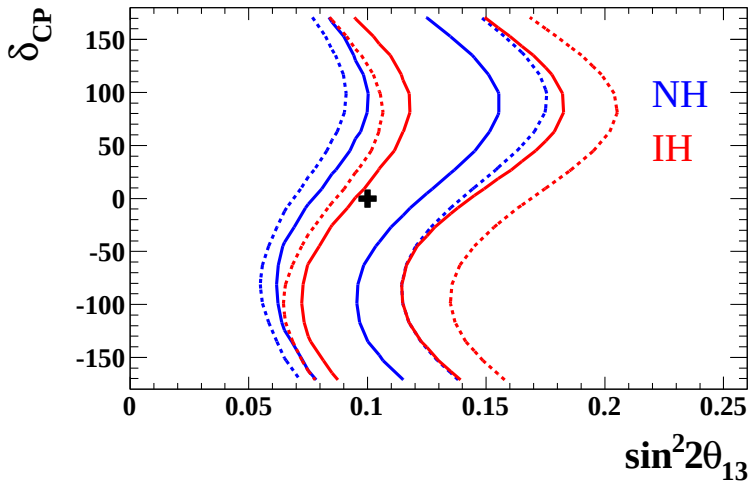

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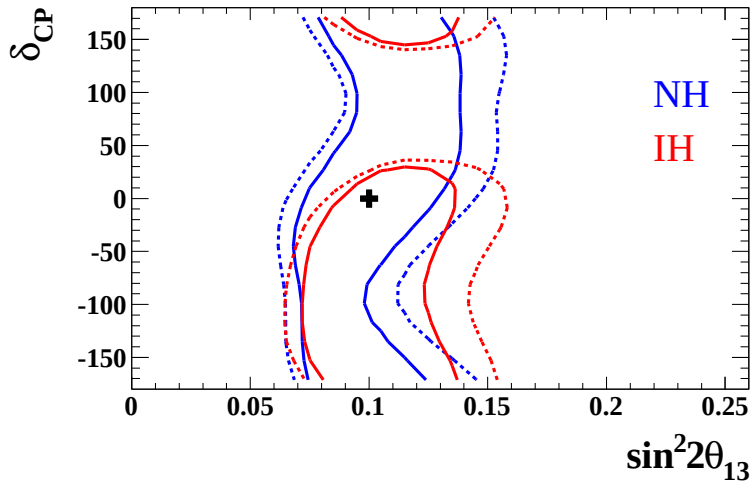

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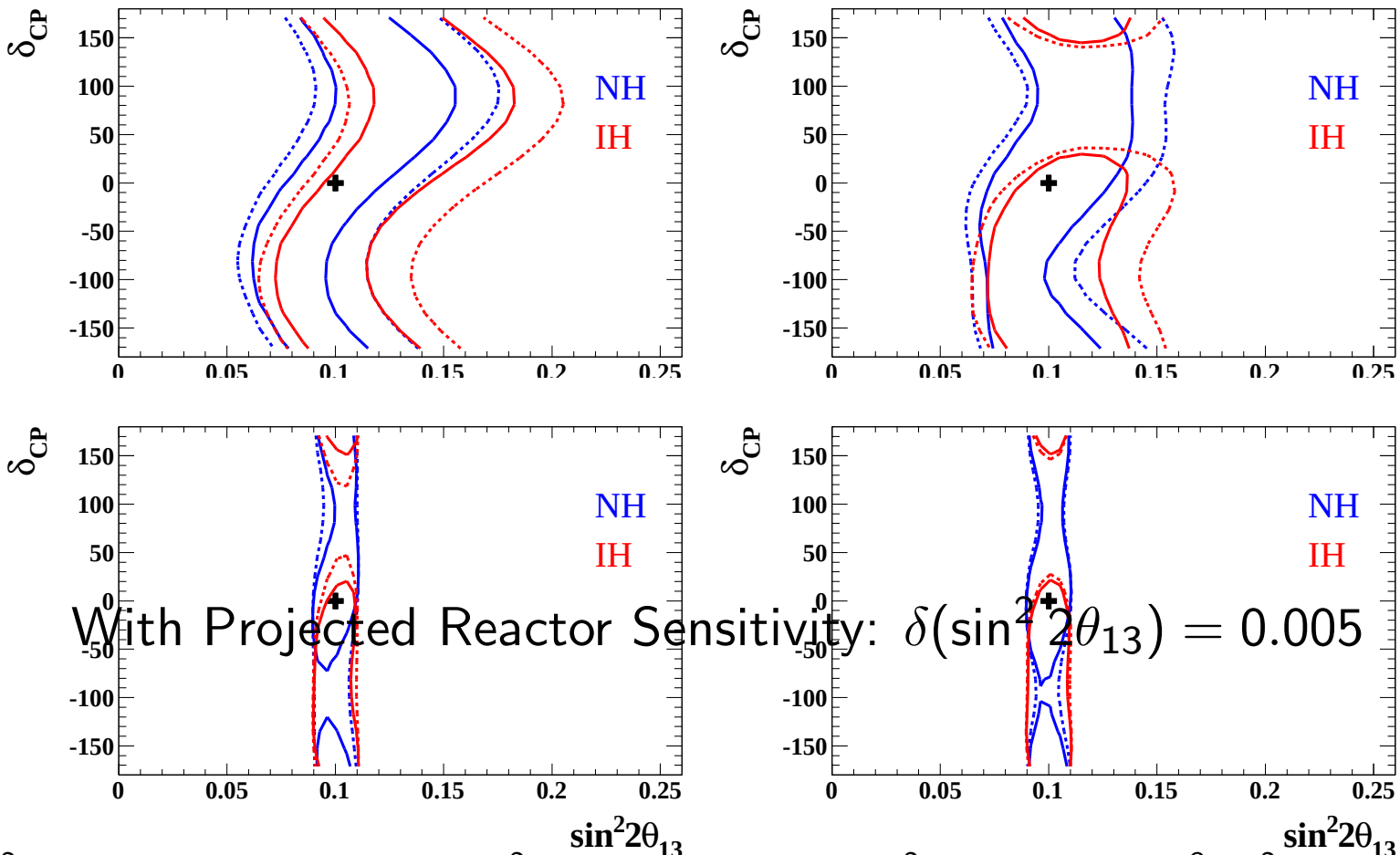

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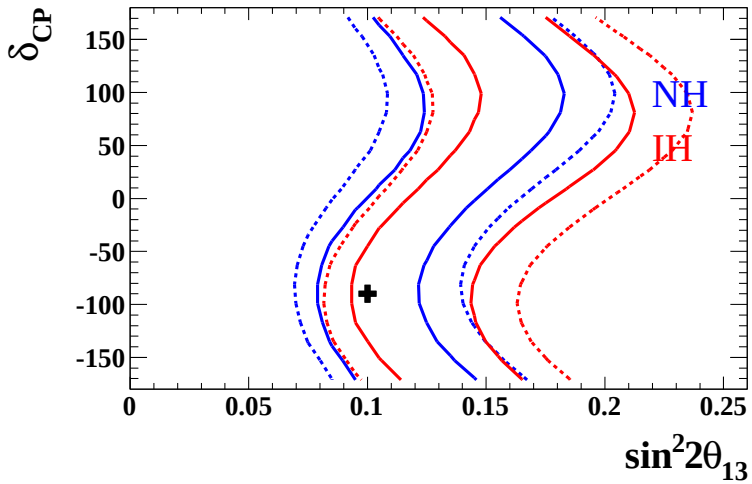

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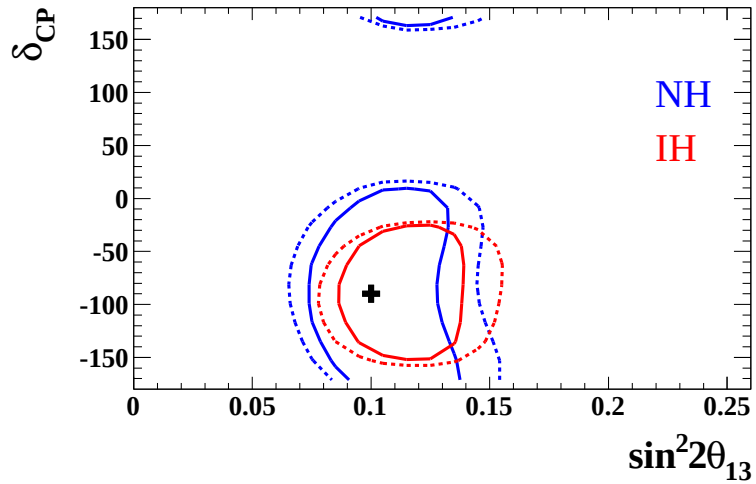

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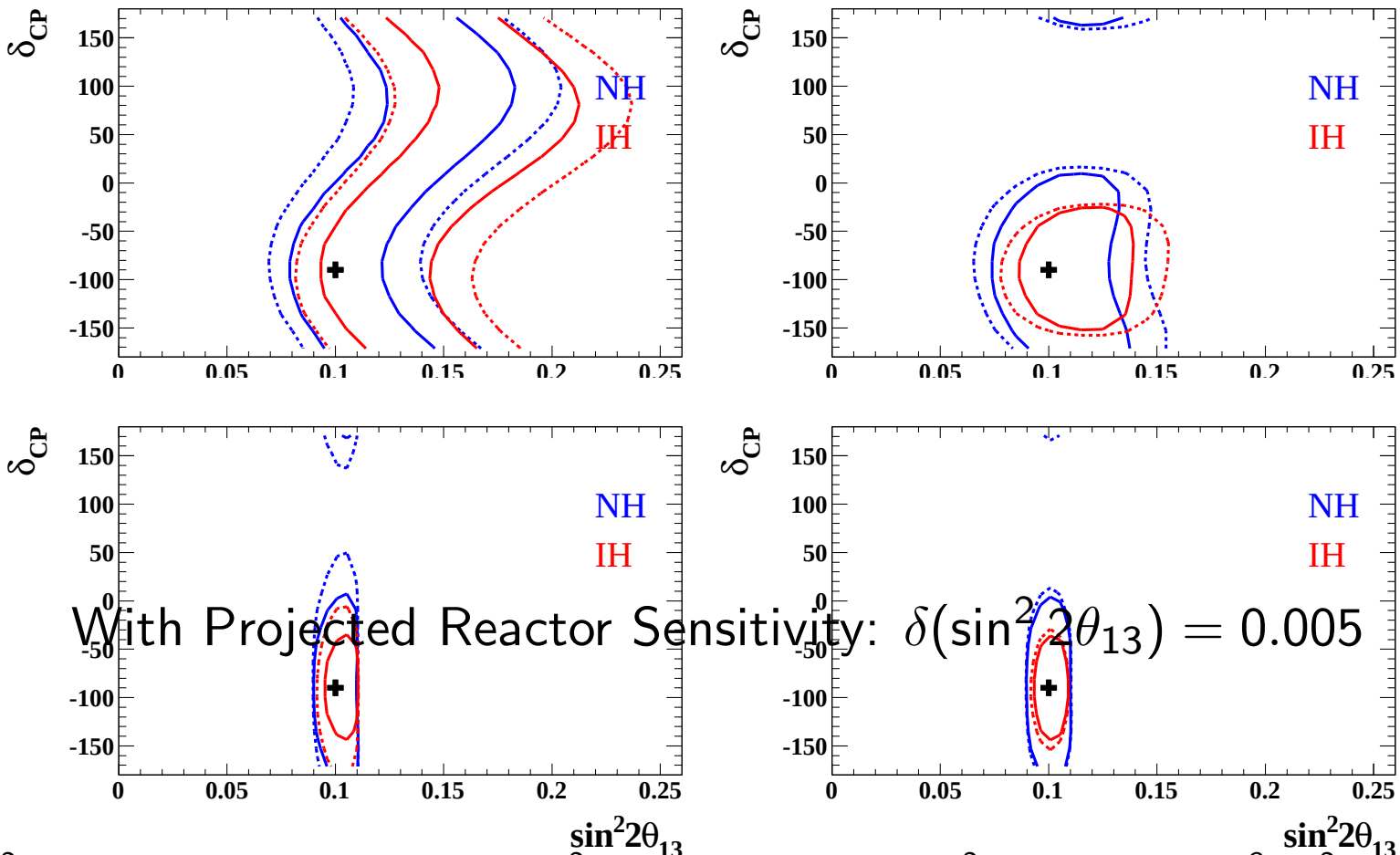

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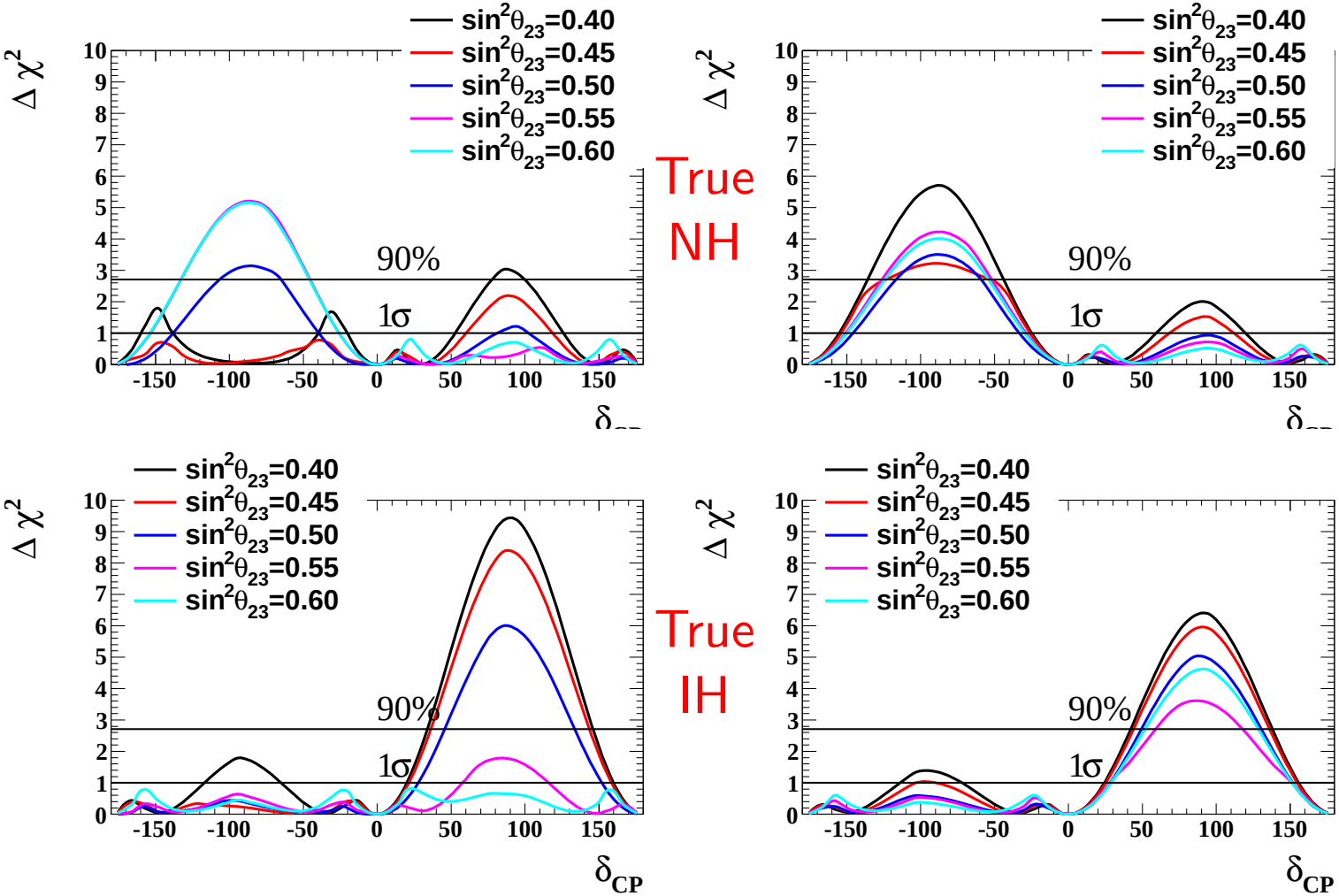
7.8×10^{21} POT; Without systematic error



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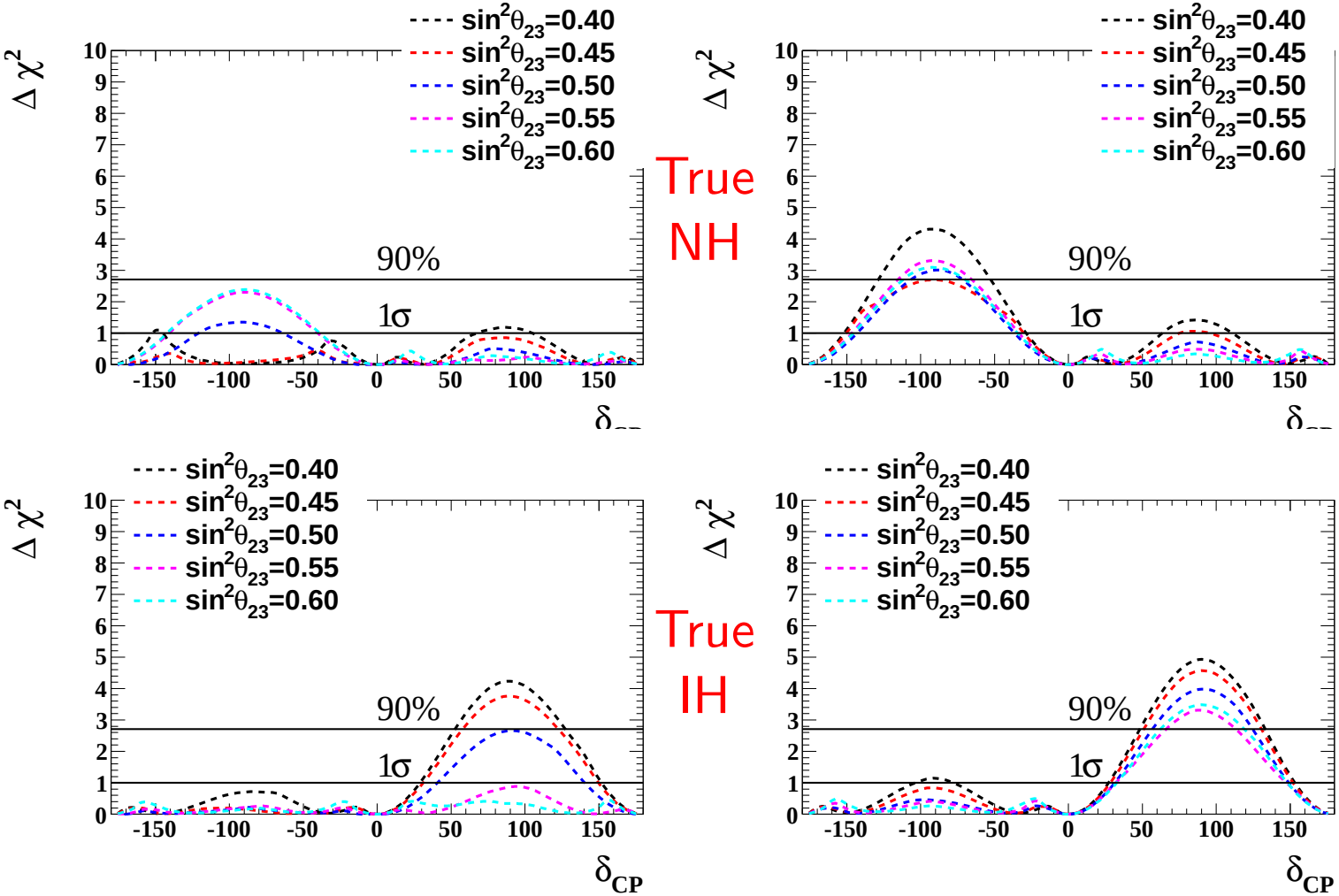

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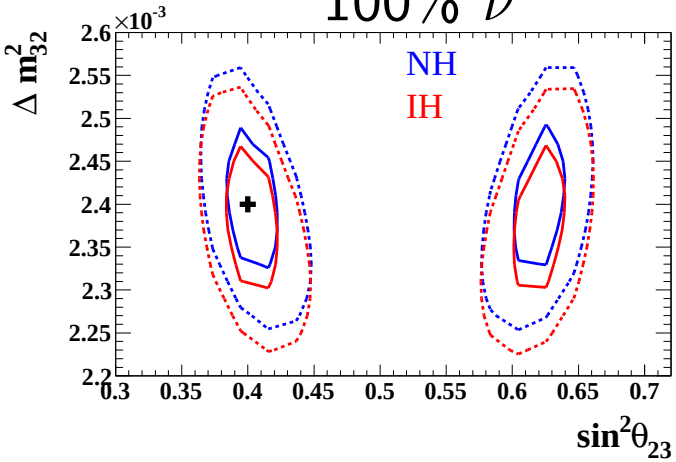

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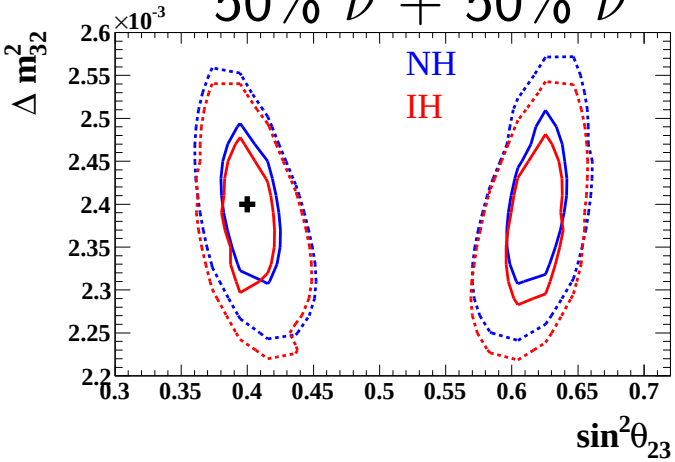

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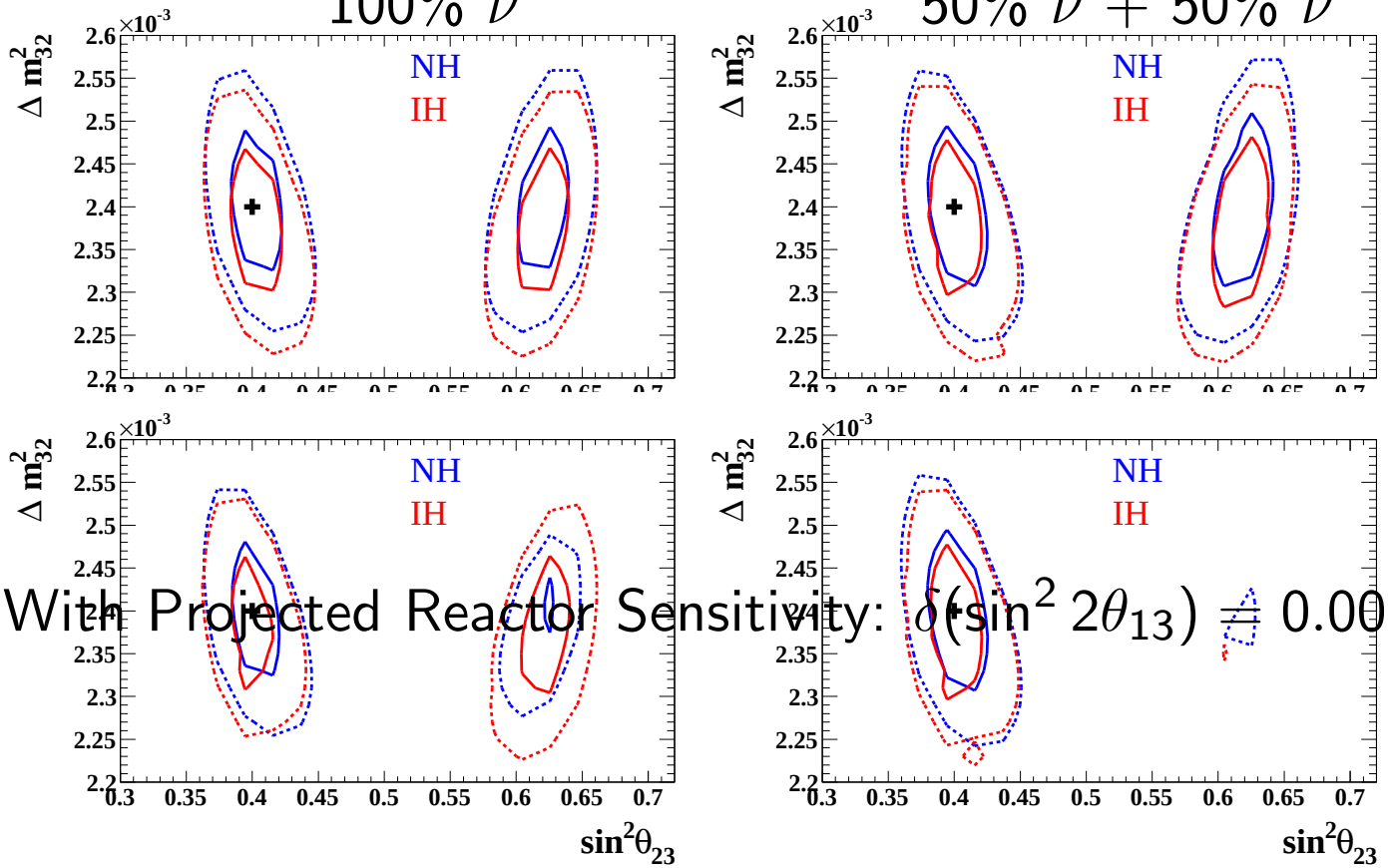

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$\sin^2\theta_{23}$ octant nearly determined!

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θ_{23} Octant 90% C.L. Discrimination

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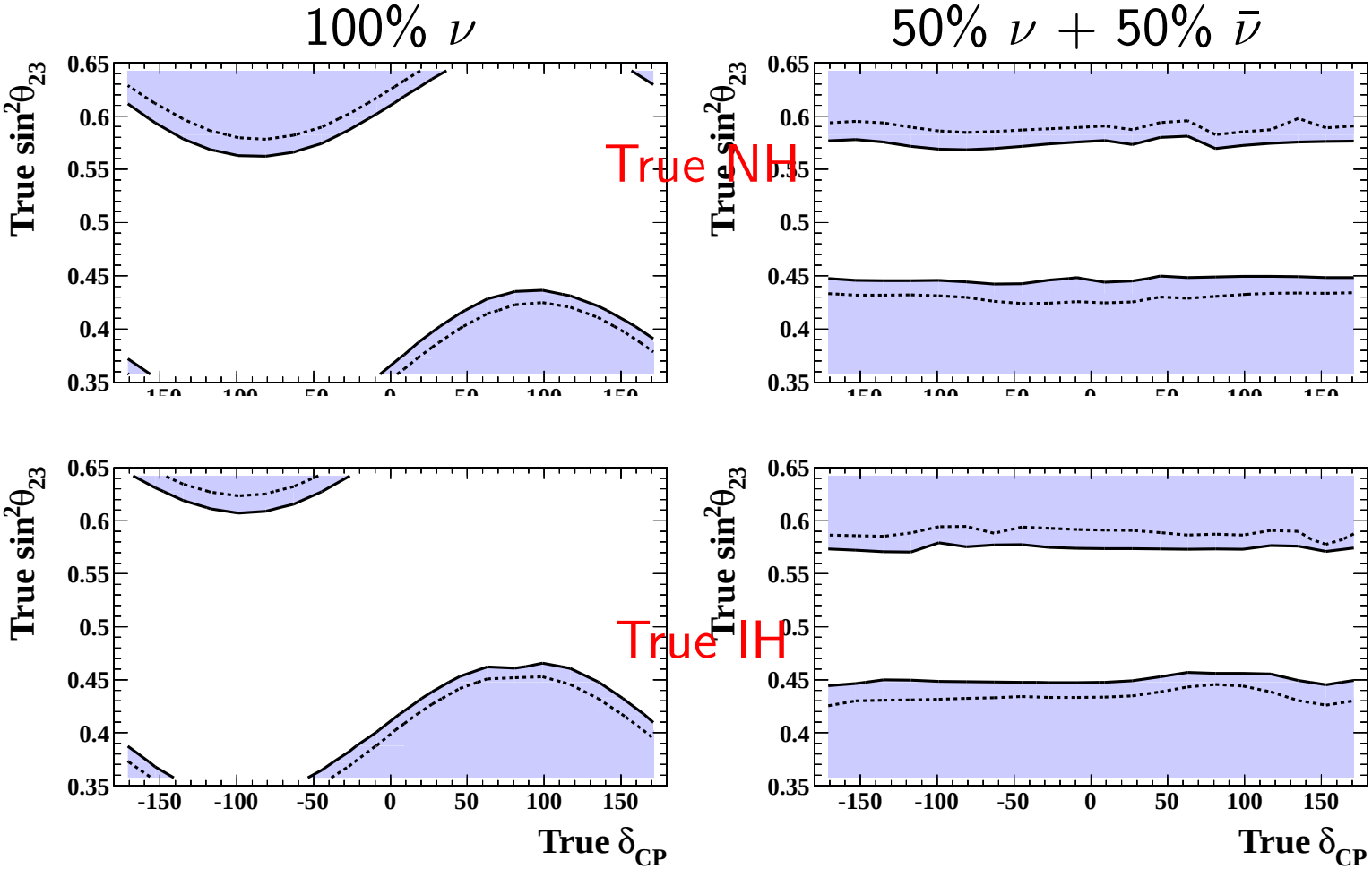

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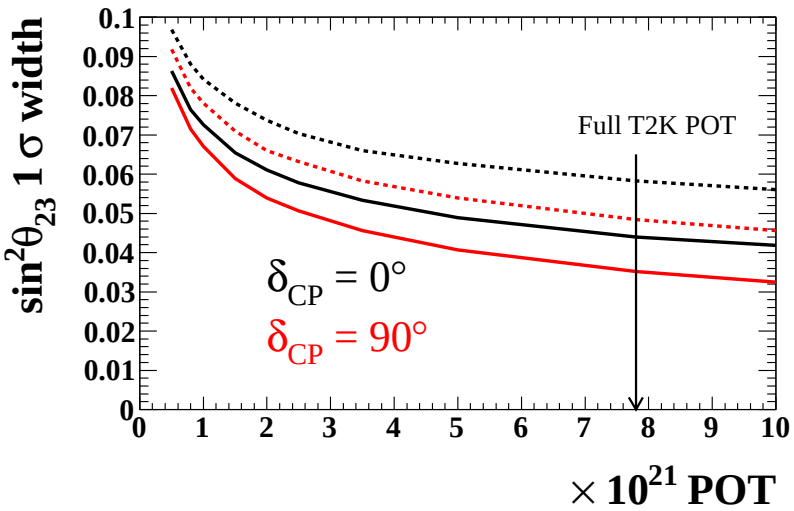

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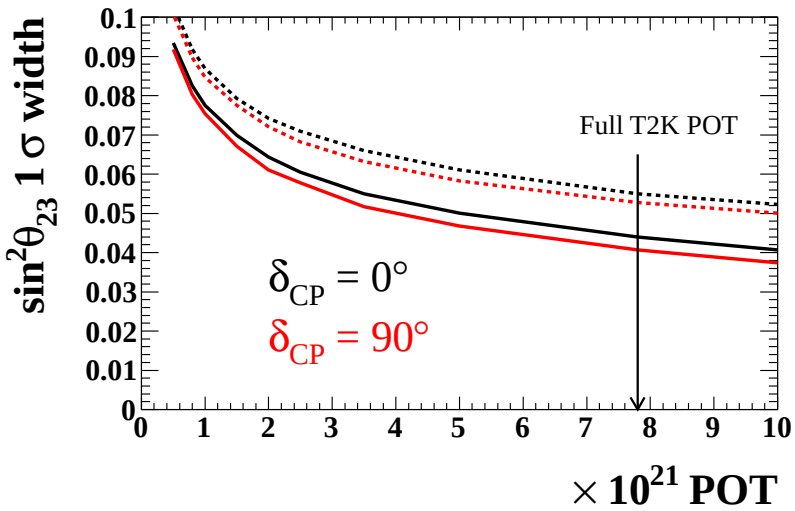

- Statistical limit of 1σ precision is $\sim$0.045 at full POT
- Running with a combination of ν- and $\bar{\nu}$-mode slightly degrades sensitivity in some cases, although it also reduces the effect of systematic errors

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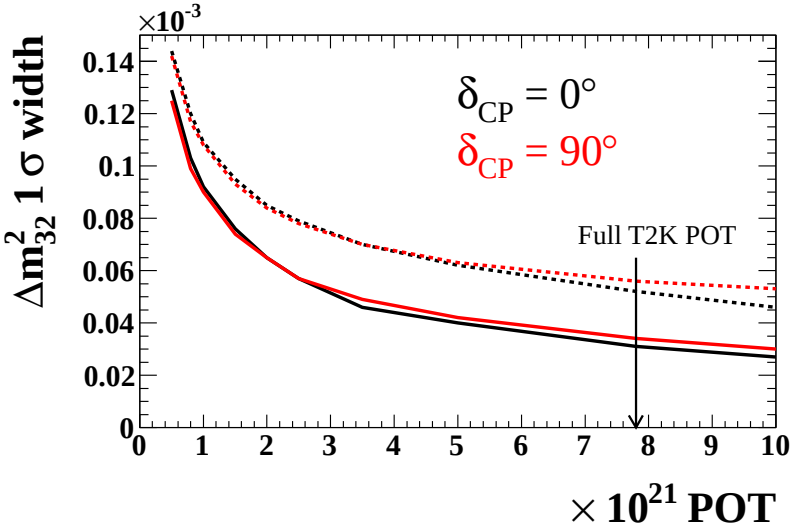

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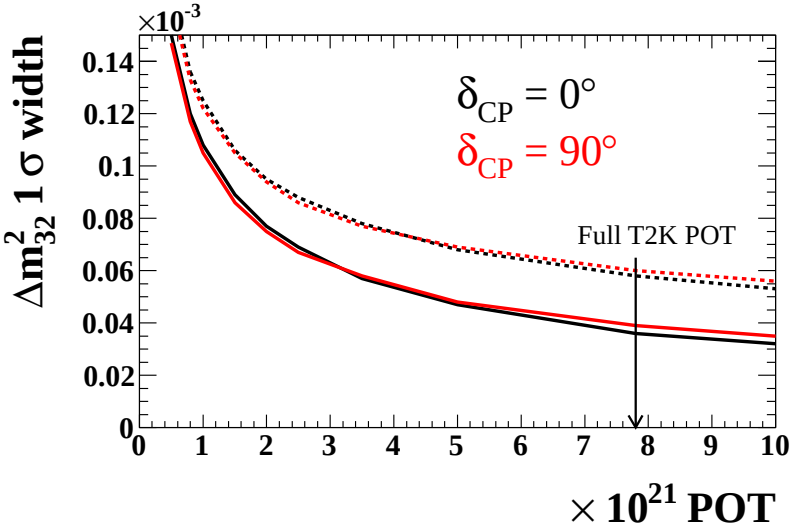

- Statistical limit of 1σ precision is $\sim 4 \times 10^{-5}$ eV^2 at full POT
- Running with a combination of ν- and $\bar{\nu}$-mode very slightly degrades the Δm^2_{32} sensitivity, although sensitivity is largely independent of $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ running ratio

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Conclusion

T2K strategy (ν- vs. $\bar{\nu}$-mode) is still to be decided

- Will be decided based on input from these case studies
- Information about accelerator status and development also needed

T2K expected sensitivity at 7.8×10^{21} POT:

- At the full statistics, T2K may have sensitivity to constrain δ_{CP} and determine the θ_{23} octant