

# On the Neutrino Mass Ordering

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# Neutrino Flavor Oscillations

## Driven by Mass and Mixing

flavor eigenstates

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} \nu_i \quad \alpha = e, \mu, \tau$$

mass eigenstates

$$U = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{atmospheric} & & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{reactor} & & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{solar} & & \end{matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

mixing matrix

- two independent mass scales have been identified

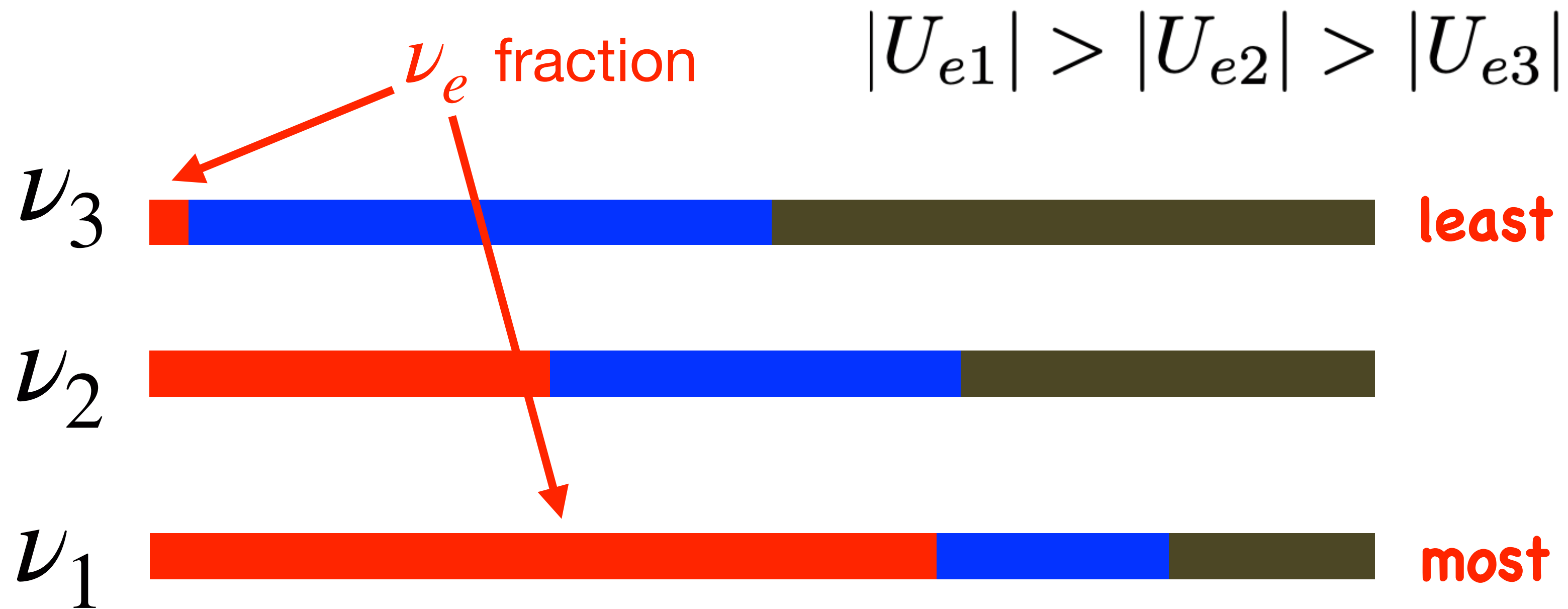
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \equiv m_2^2 - m_1^2 \approx 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{so-called solar scale})$$

$$\Delta m_{31}^2 \equiv m_3^2 - m_1^2 \approx \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\text{so-called atm. scale})$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = \Delta m_{31}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2 \quad | \Delta m_{31}^2 | \approx | \Delta m_{32}^2 | = \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$$

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Normal or Inverted



$\nu_e$  ■

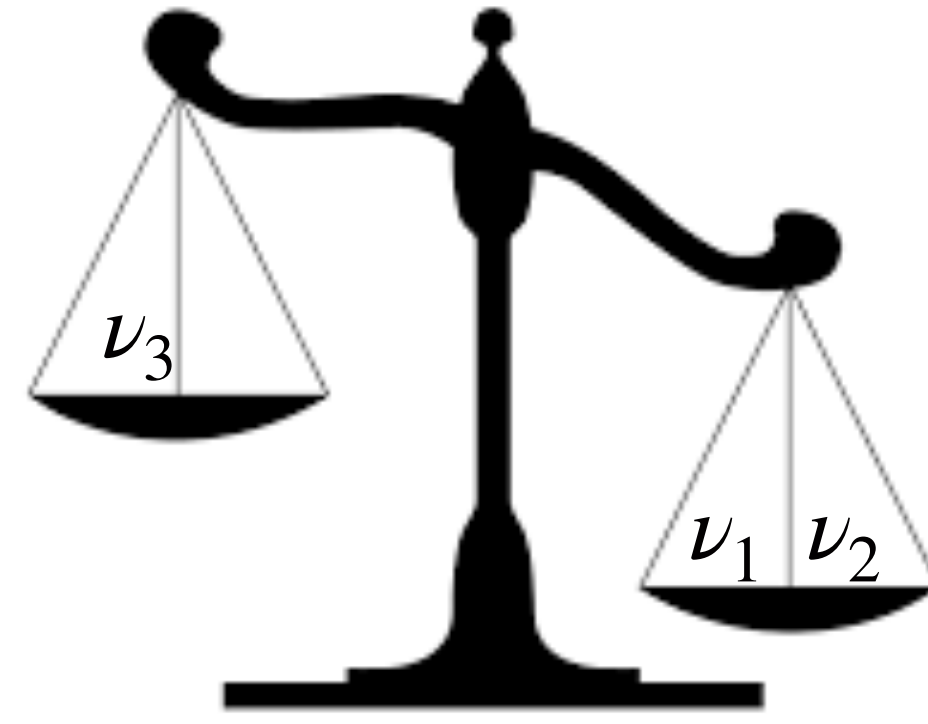
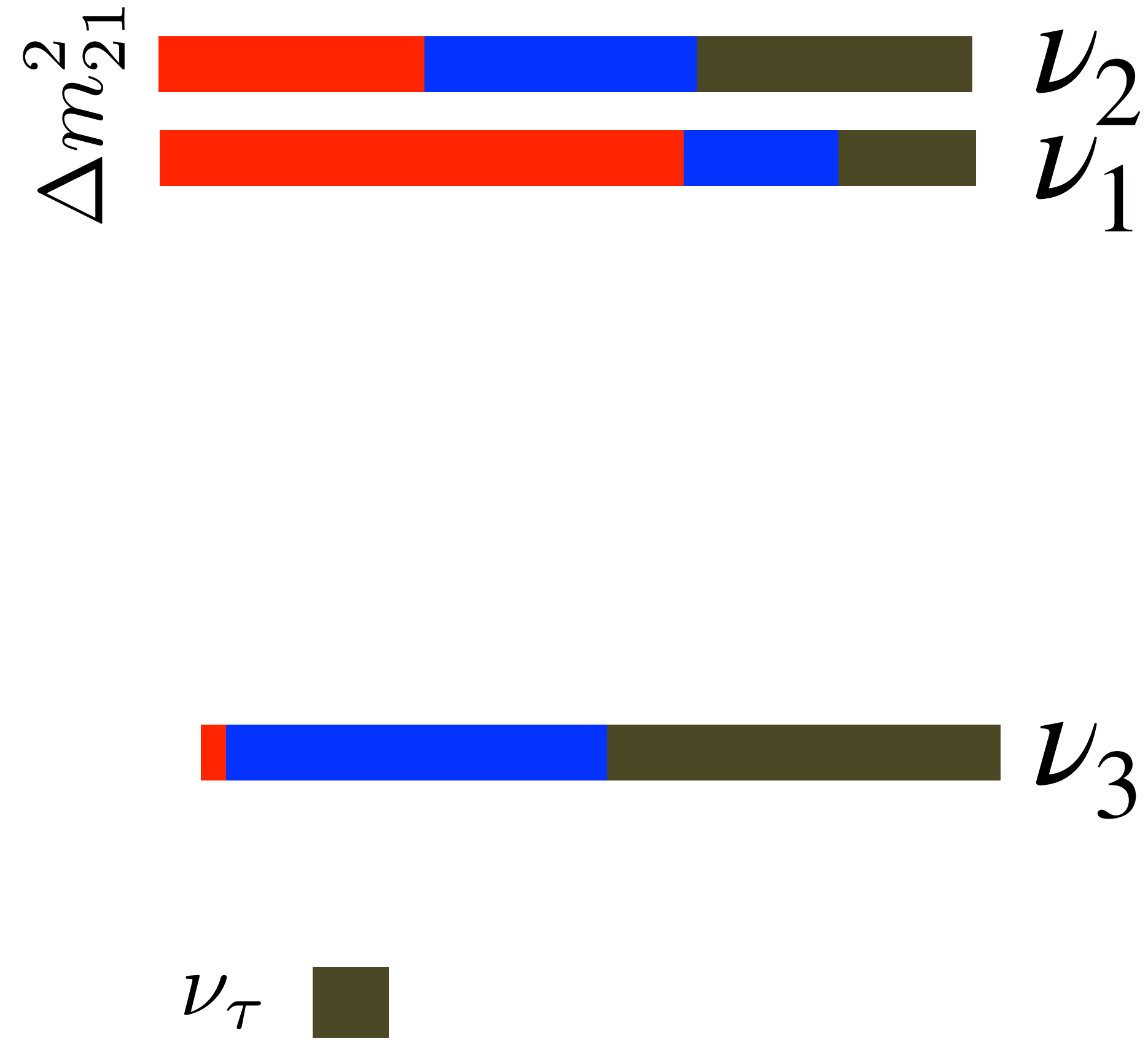
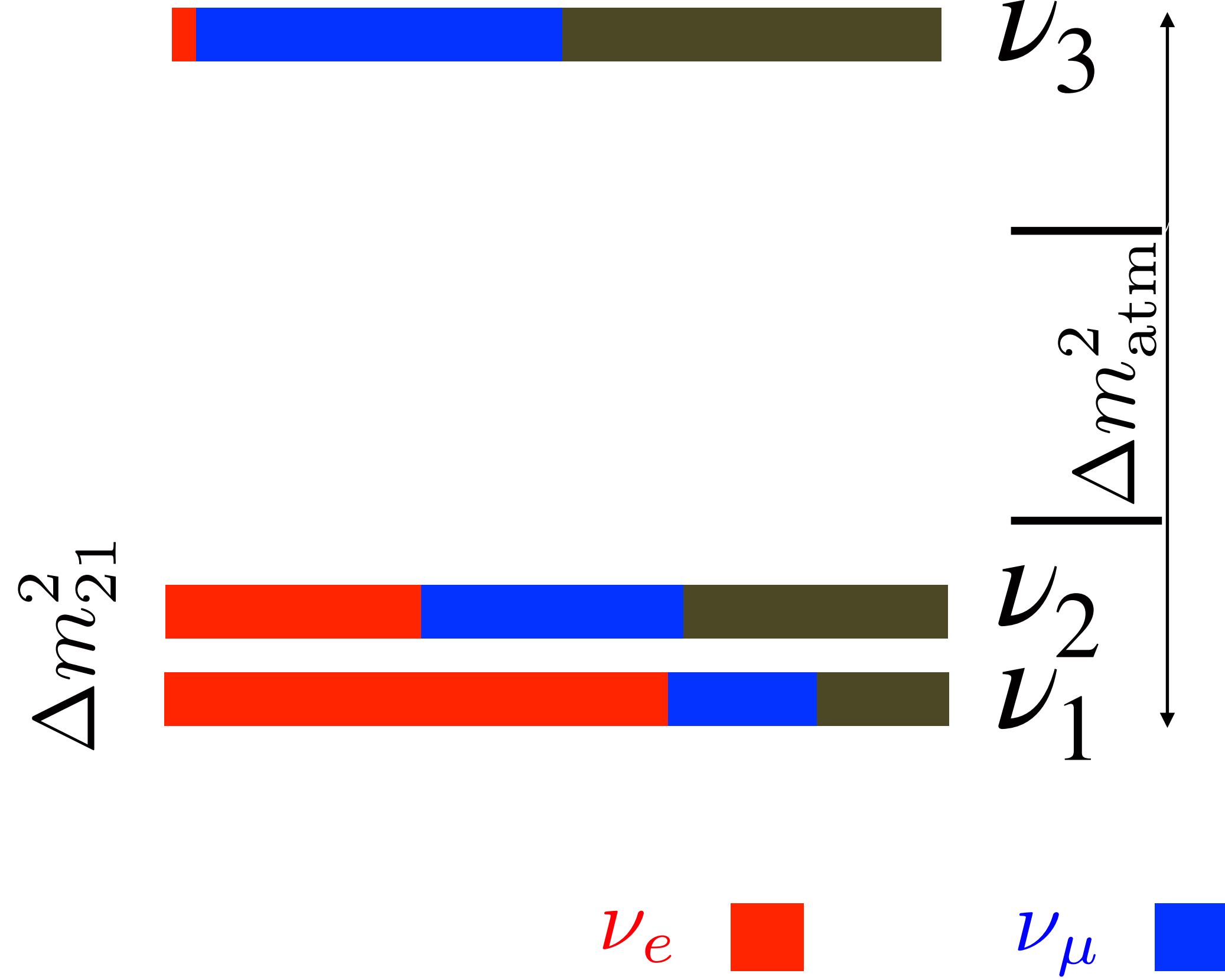
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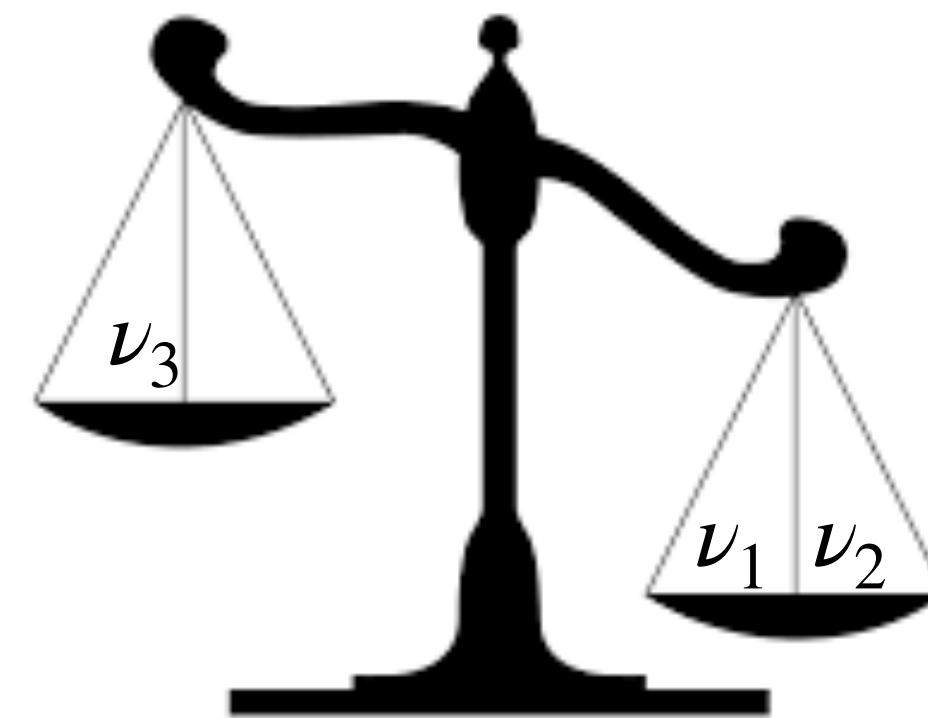
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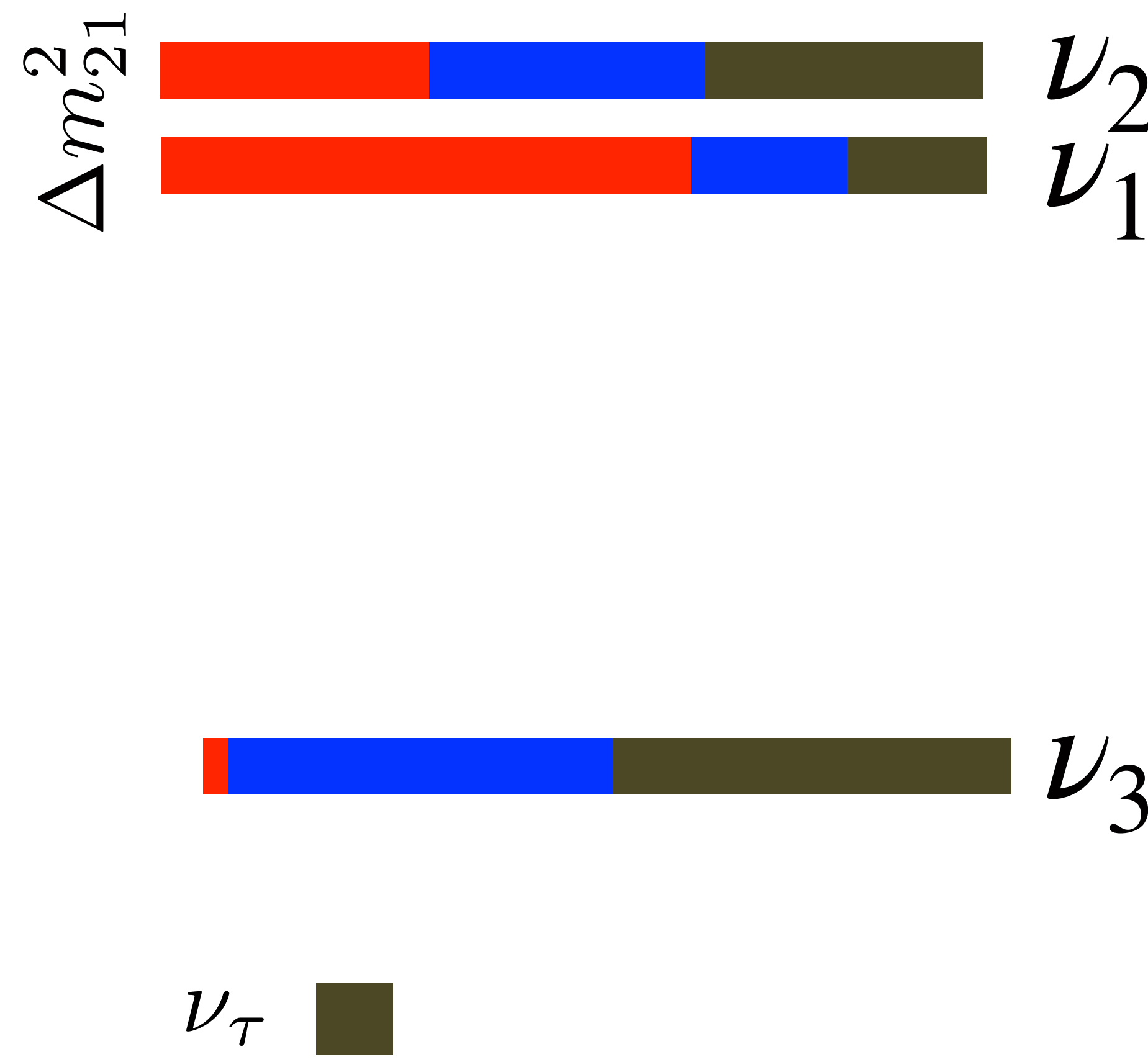
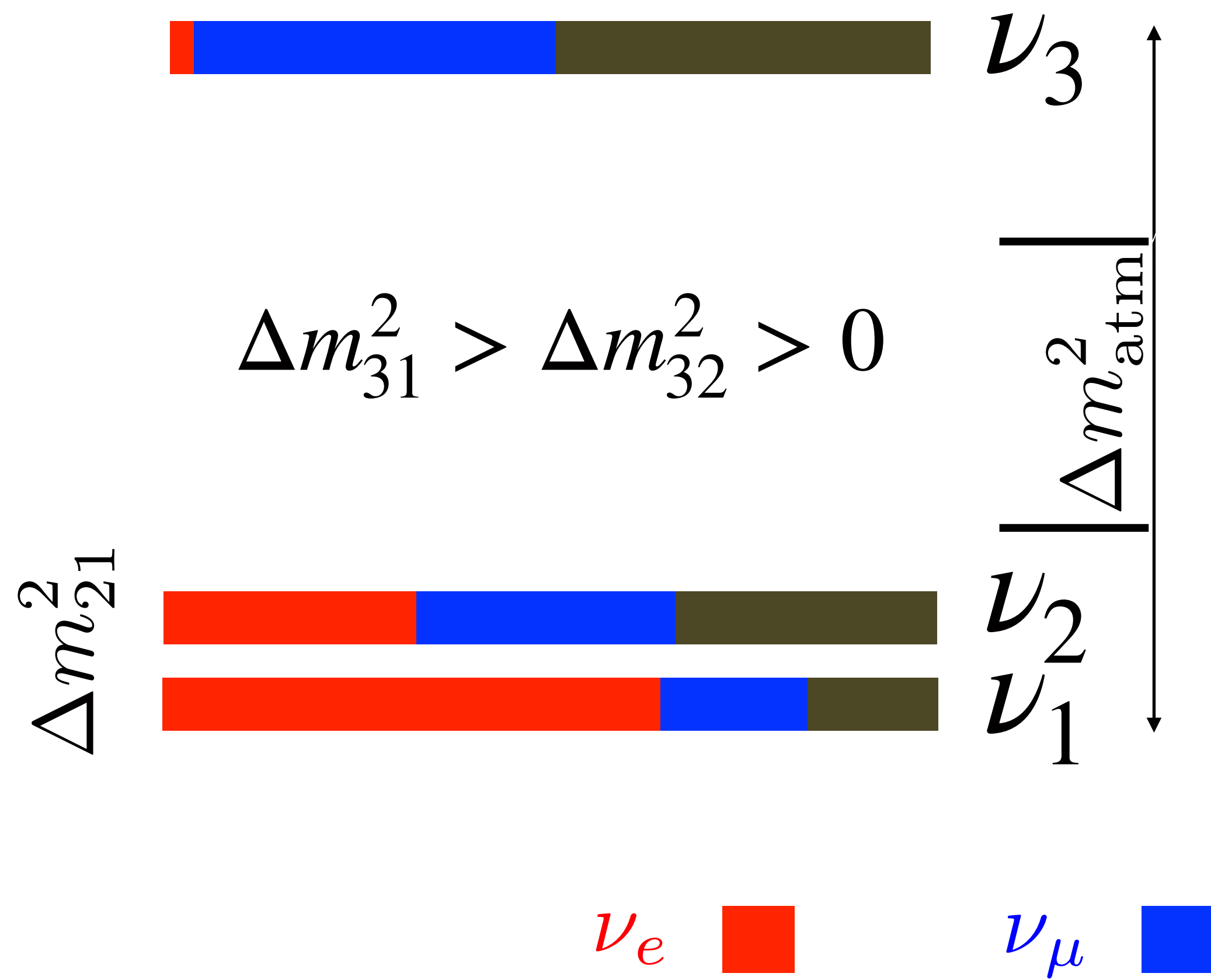
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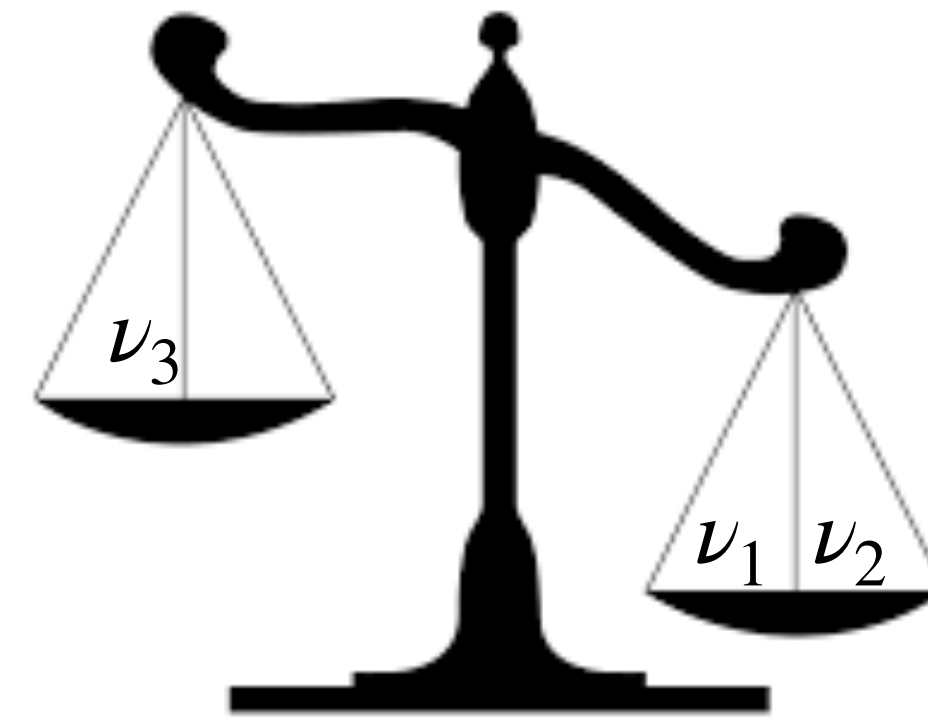
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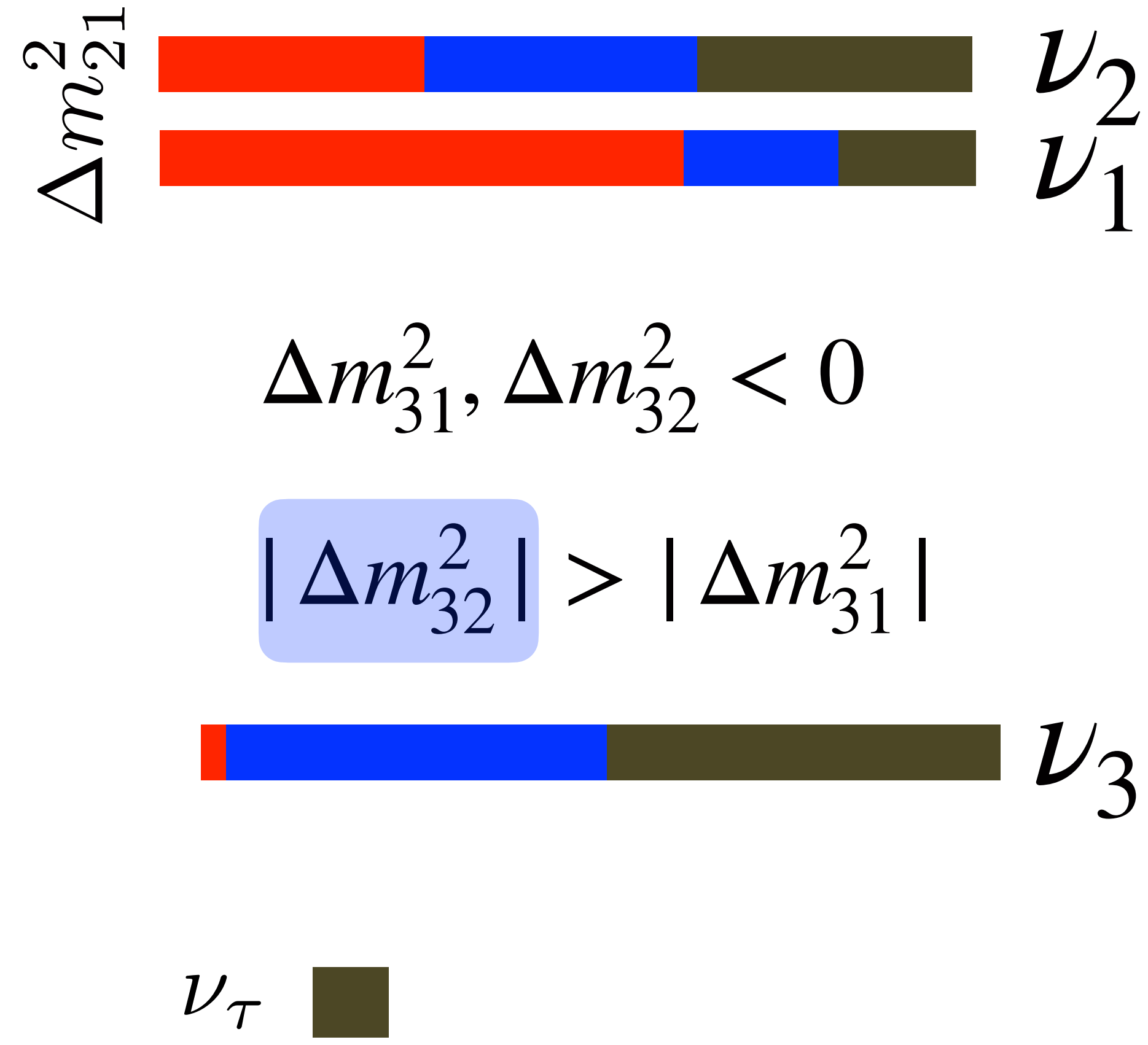
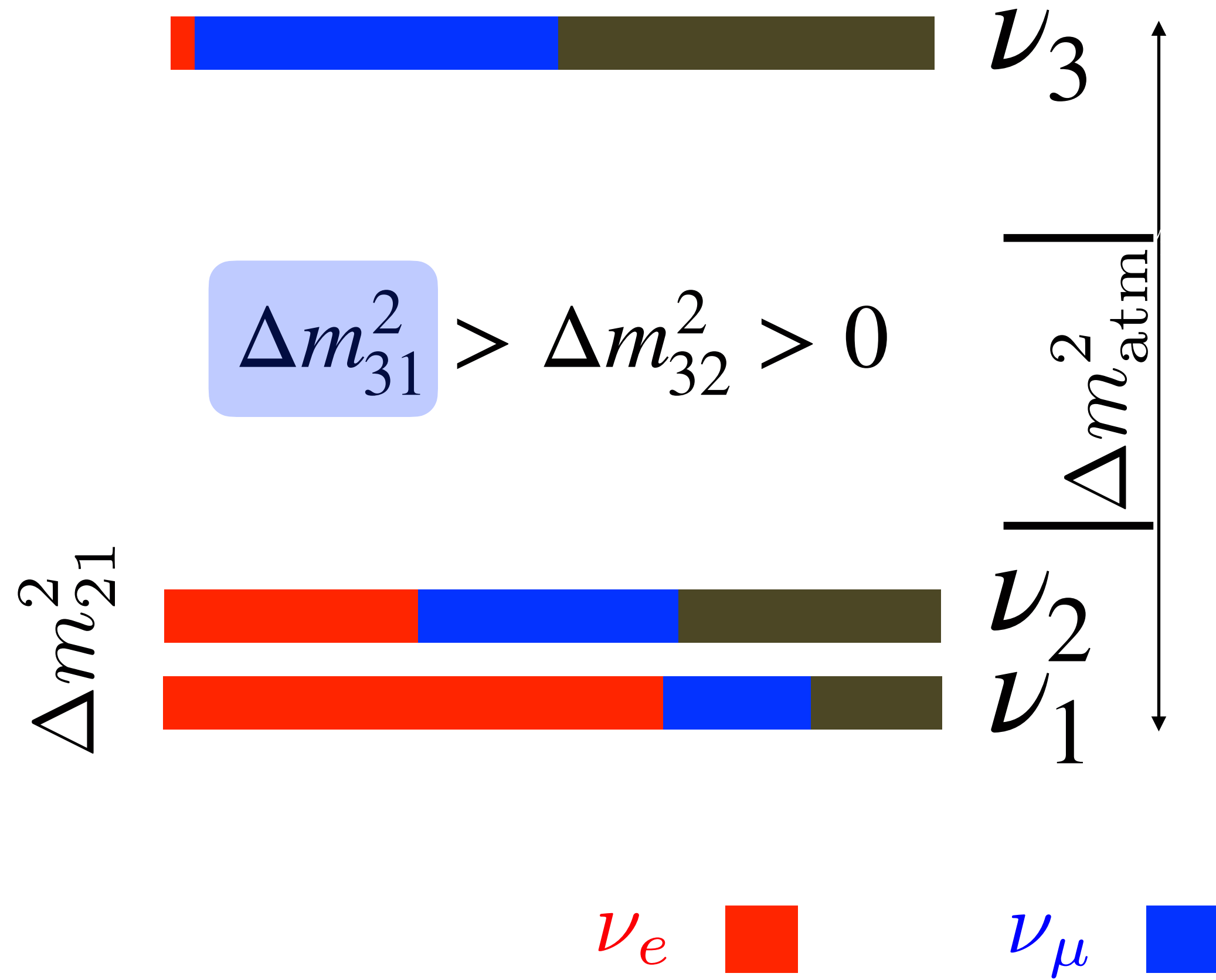
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# Effect $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ - scale

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in vacuum

- for experiments where

[ H. Nunokawa, S. J. Parke, RZF (2005)]

the oscillation phase

$$\Delta_{21} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \ll 1$$

$L$  = baseline

$E$  = neutrino energy

survival probabilities

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

effectively described  
by a different

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$$\neq \Delta m_{31}^2 \quad \neq \Delta m_{32}^2$$

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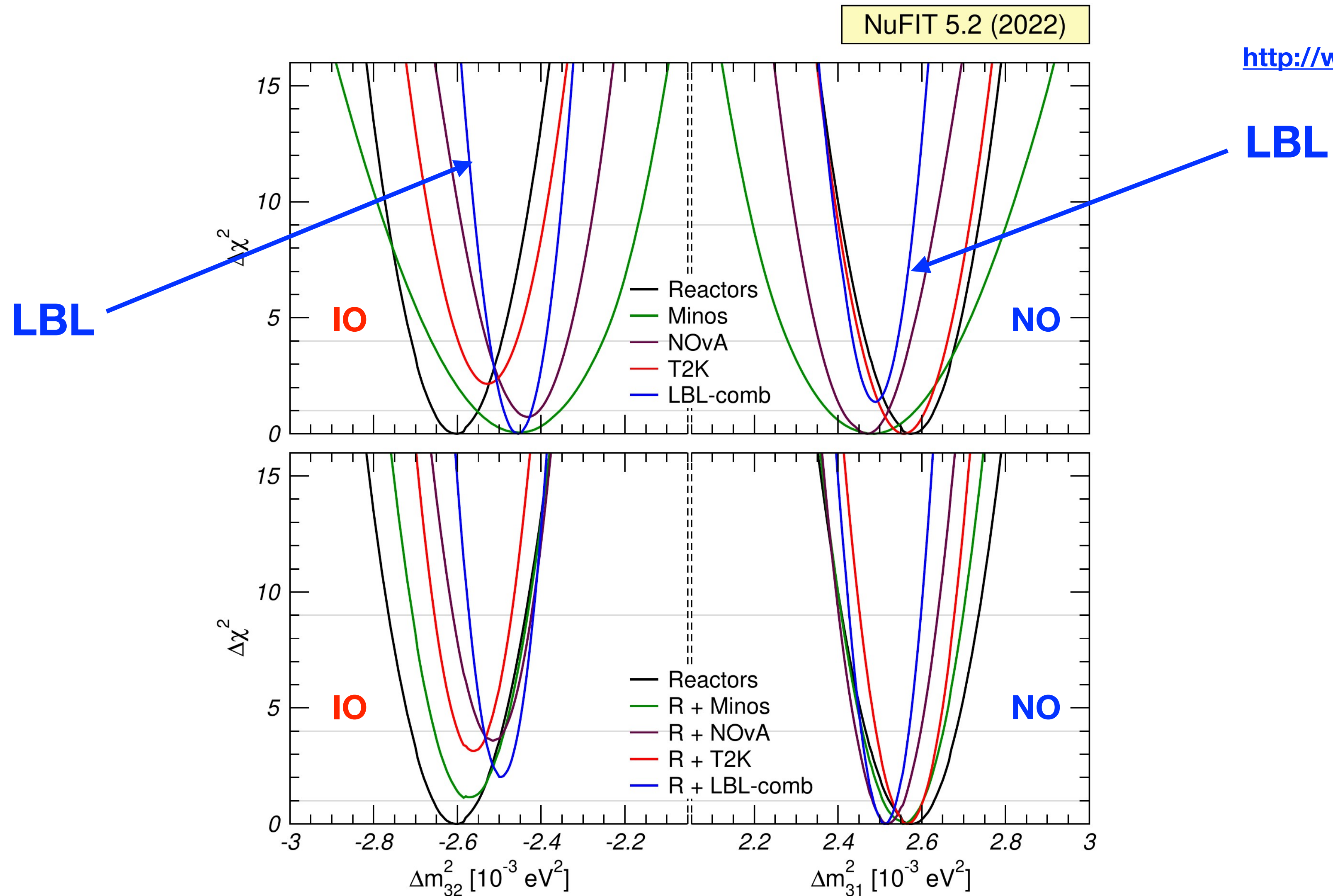
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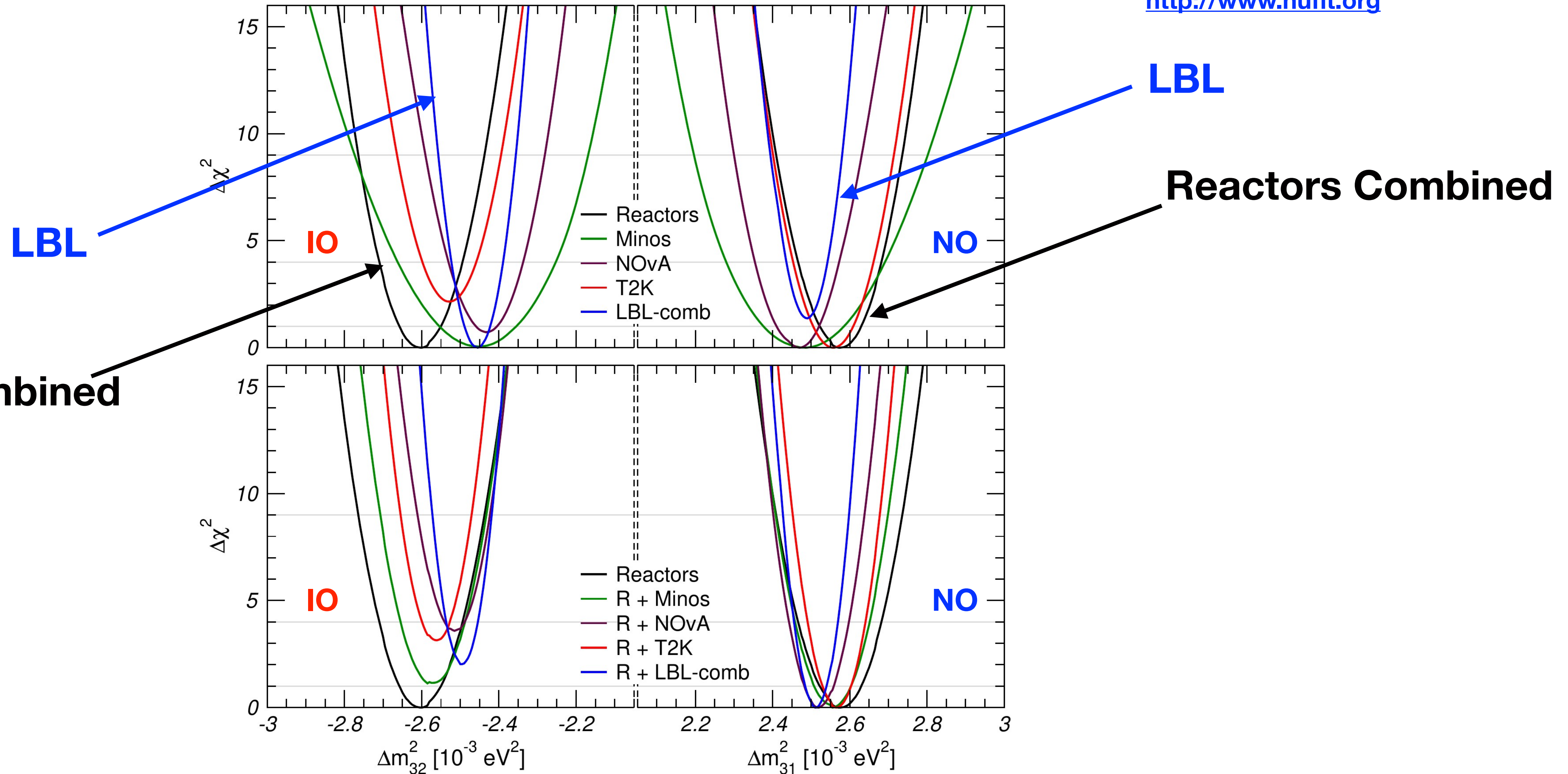


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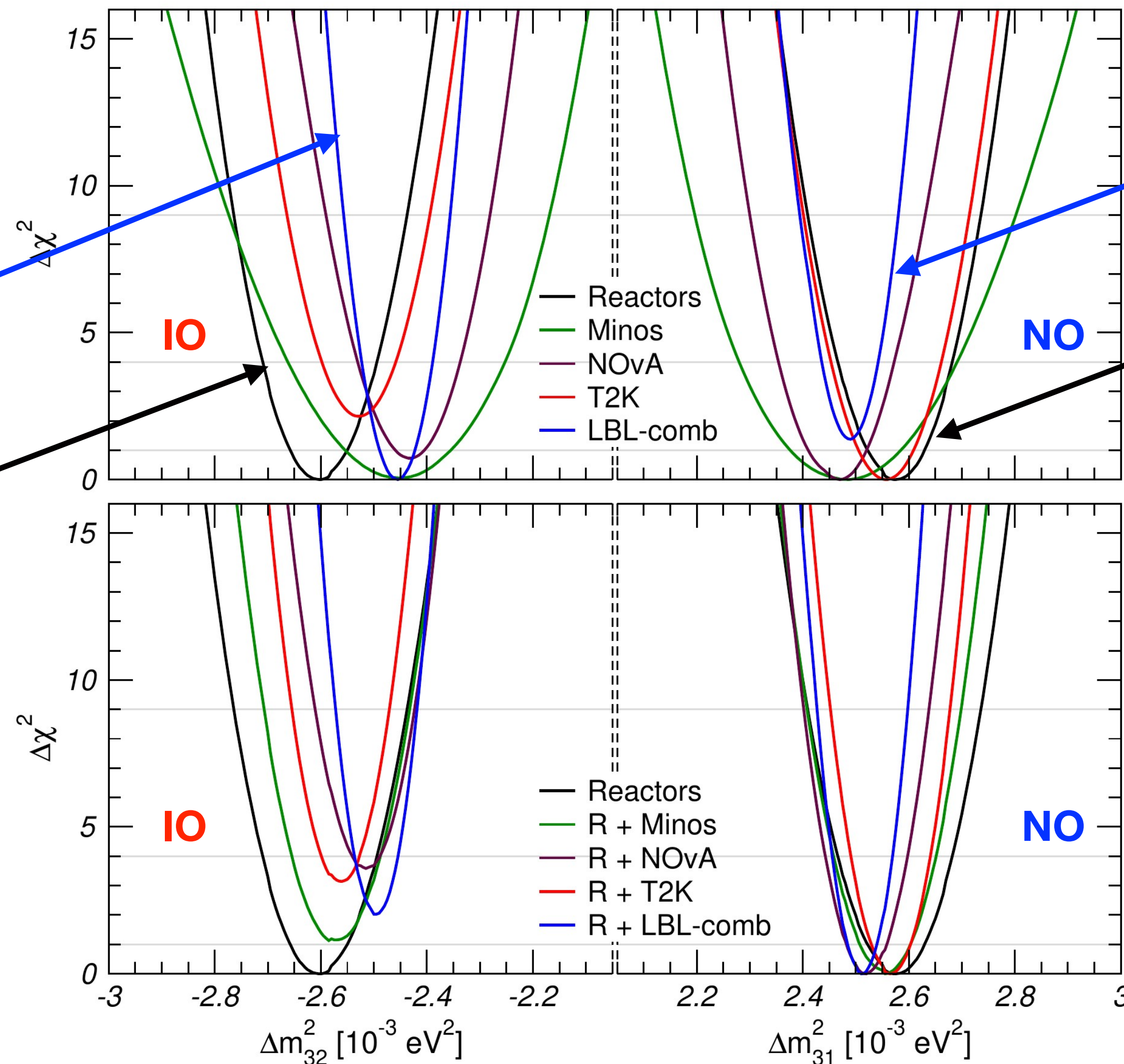
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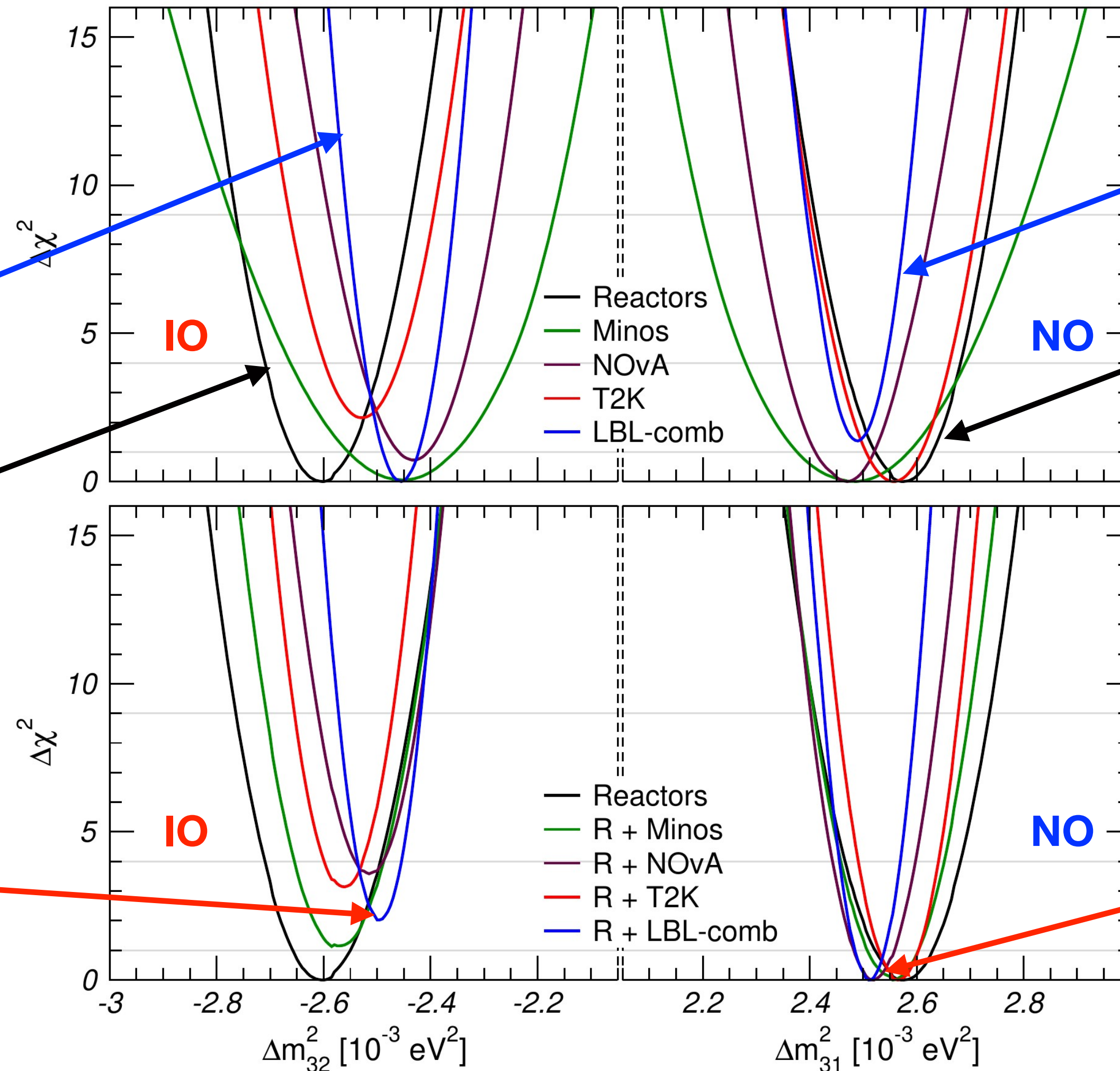
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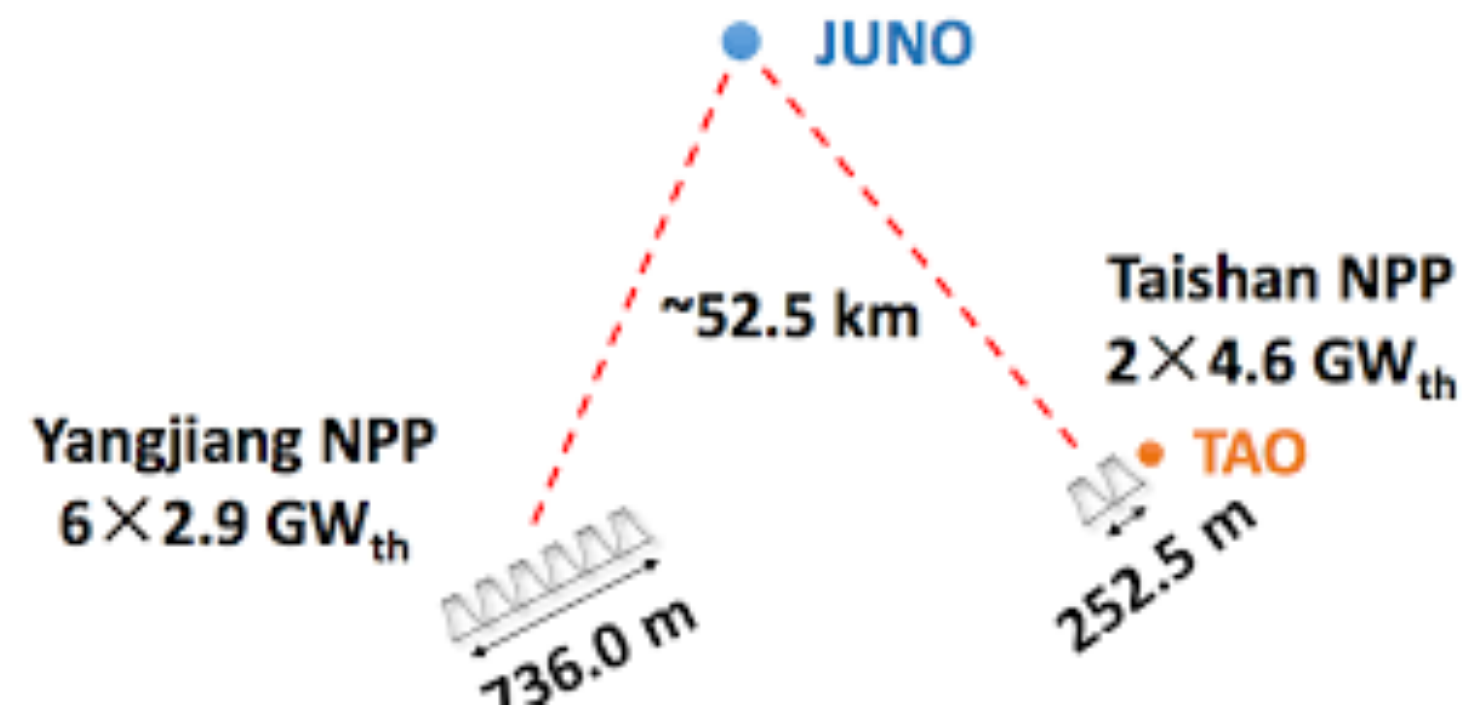
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# JUNO Disappearance Measurement

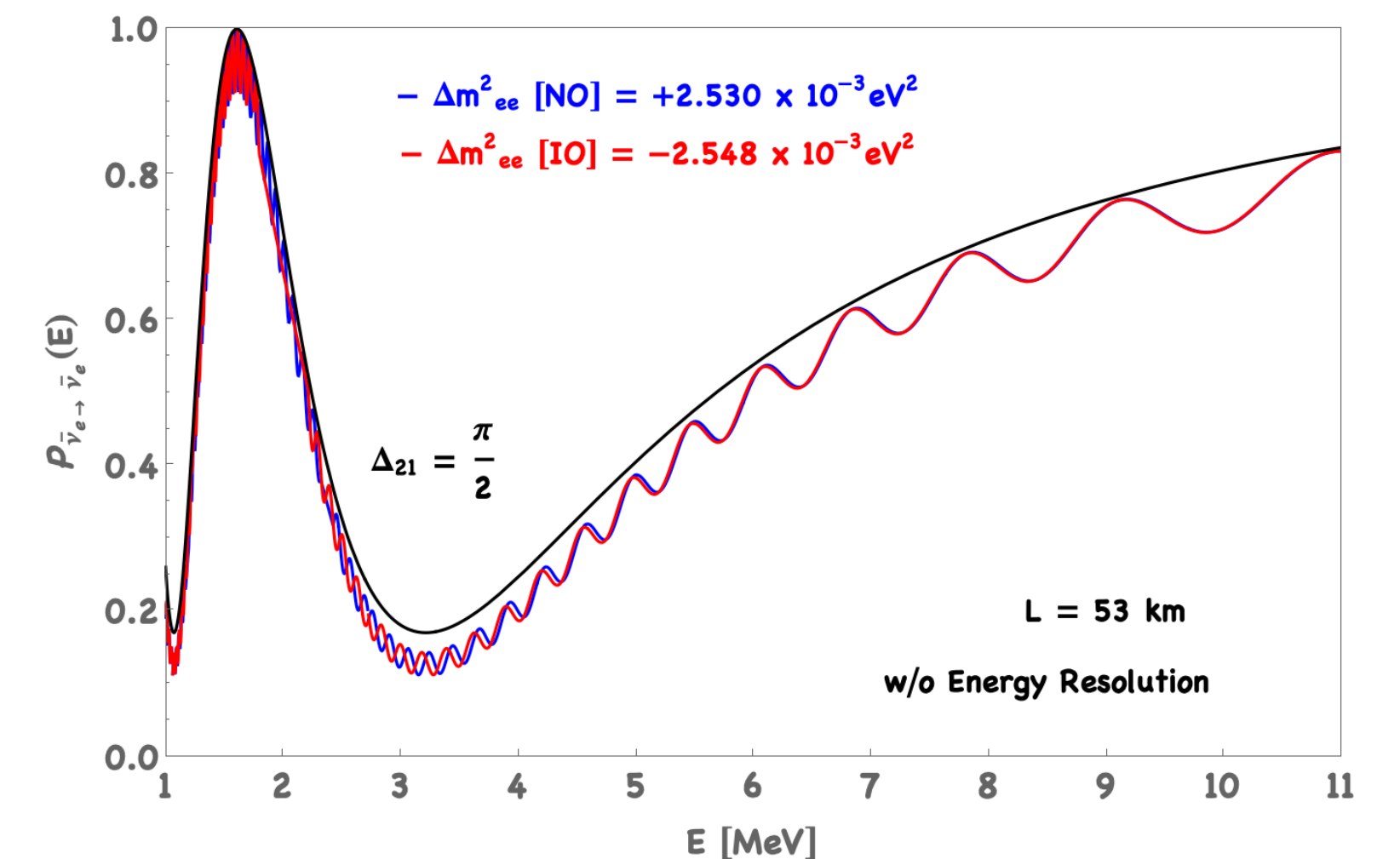
$$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$



**Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory**

- a 20 kton liquid scintillator detector
- @ 53 km from Yangjiang & Taishan Nuclear Power Plants
- 26.6 GW<sub>th</sub>
- in China - starting in 2024

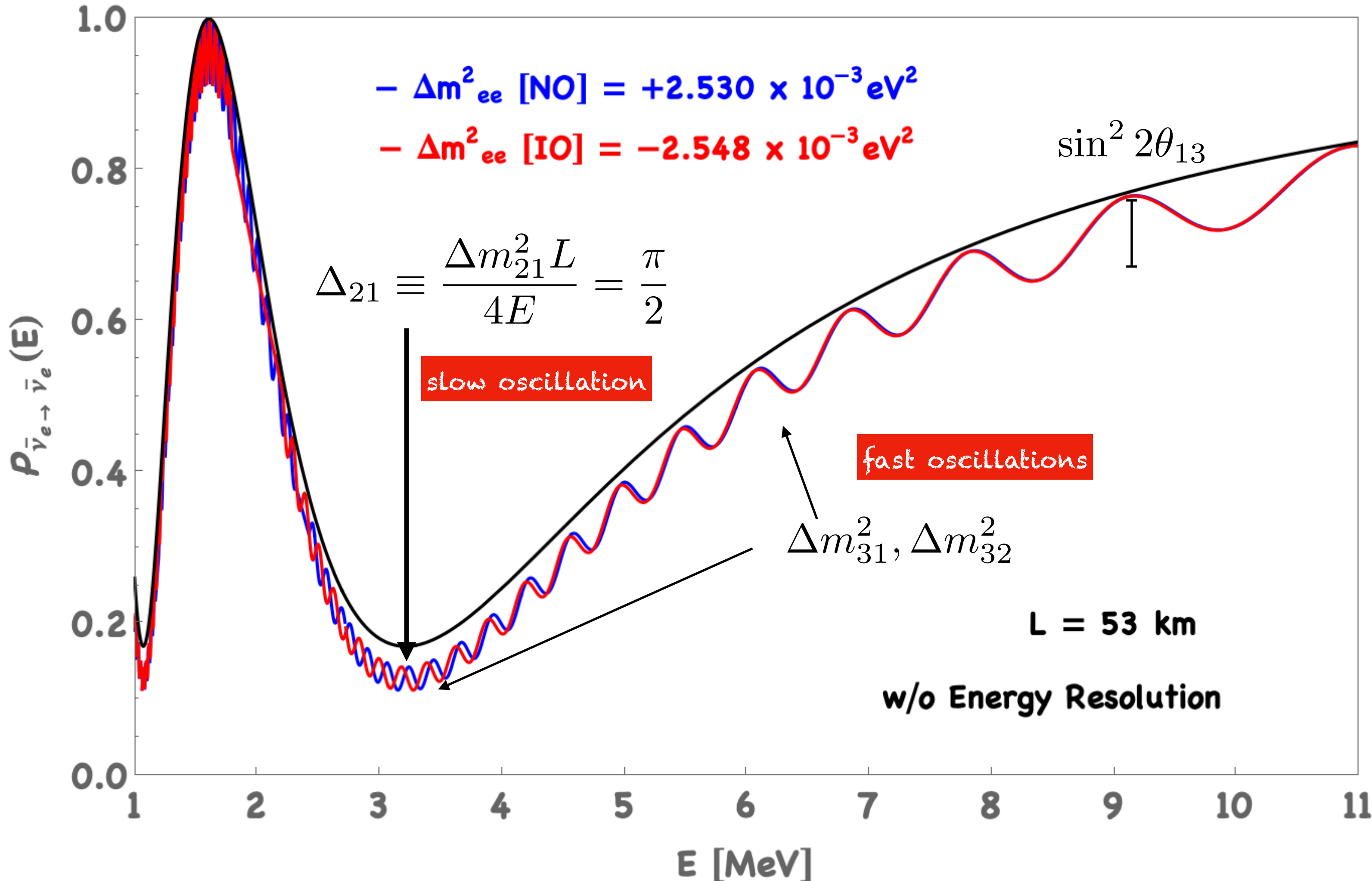
	100 days	6 years
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	1.0 %	0.3 %
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	1.9 %	0.5 %
$ \Delta m_{ee}^2 $	0.8 %	0.2 %



# REACTOR NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

$$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

medium baseline reactor neutrino detector



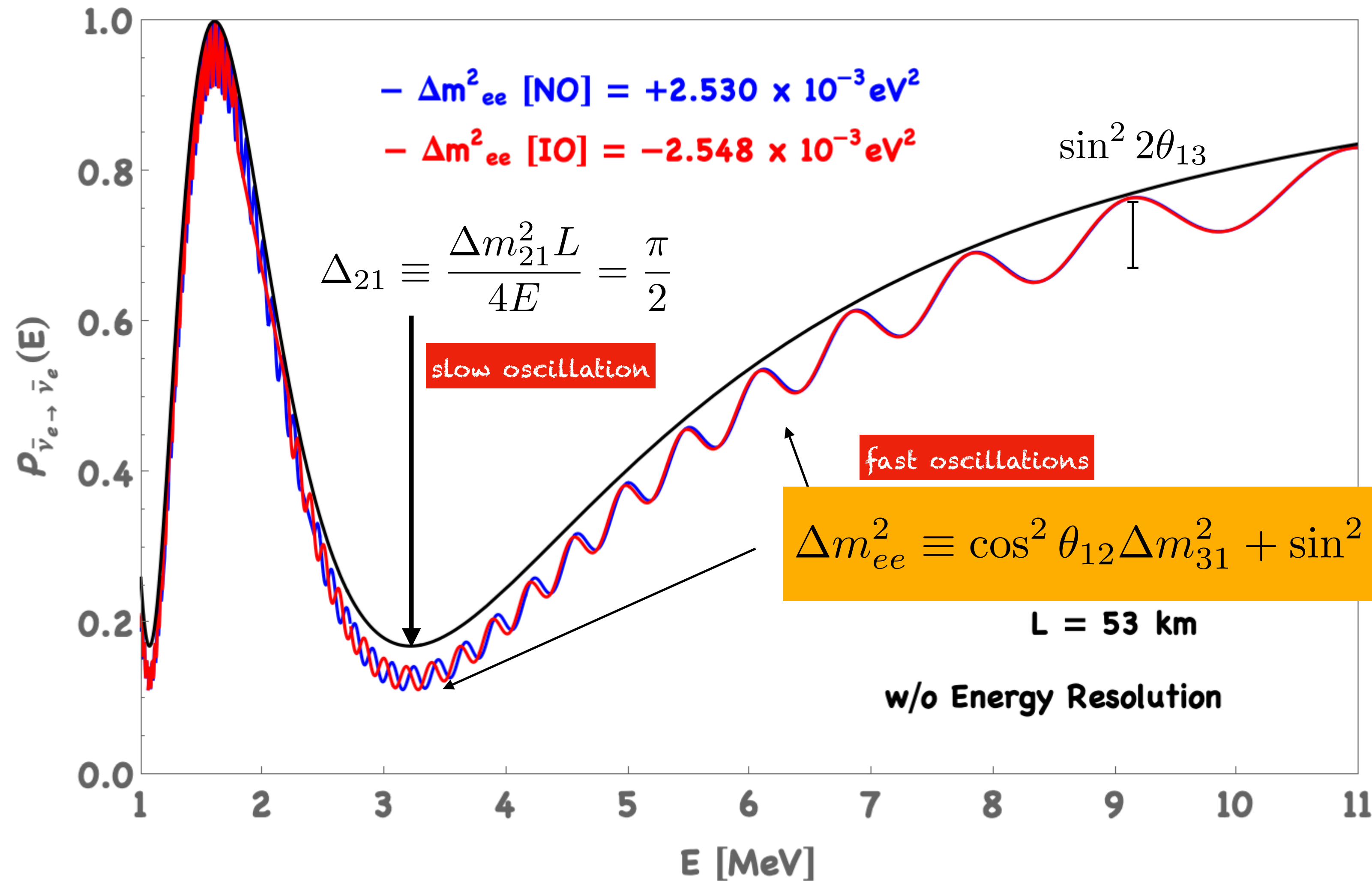
low and high frequency modes present

[S.T.Petcov & M Piai (2002)  
&  
S. Choubey et al. (2003)]

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$$\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

medium baseline reactor neutrino detector



effective atmospheric

$$\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}$$

for reactor experiments

[ H. Nunokawa, S. J. Parke, RZF (2005) ]

# $\bar{\nu}_e$ -Disappearance Measurement

$$\Delta_{ij} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \sim \frac{\pi}{2}$$

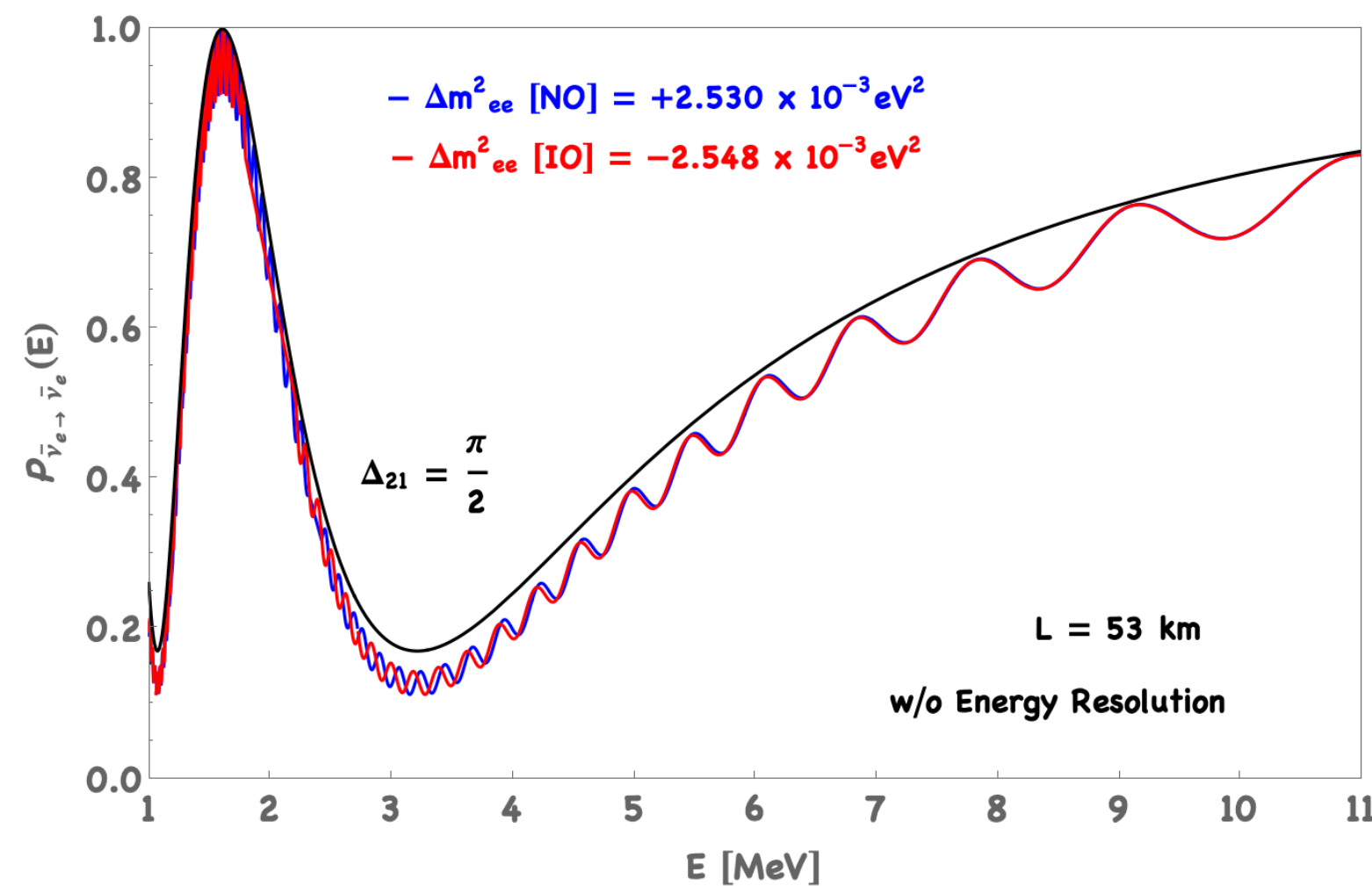
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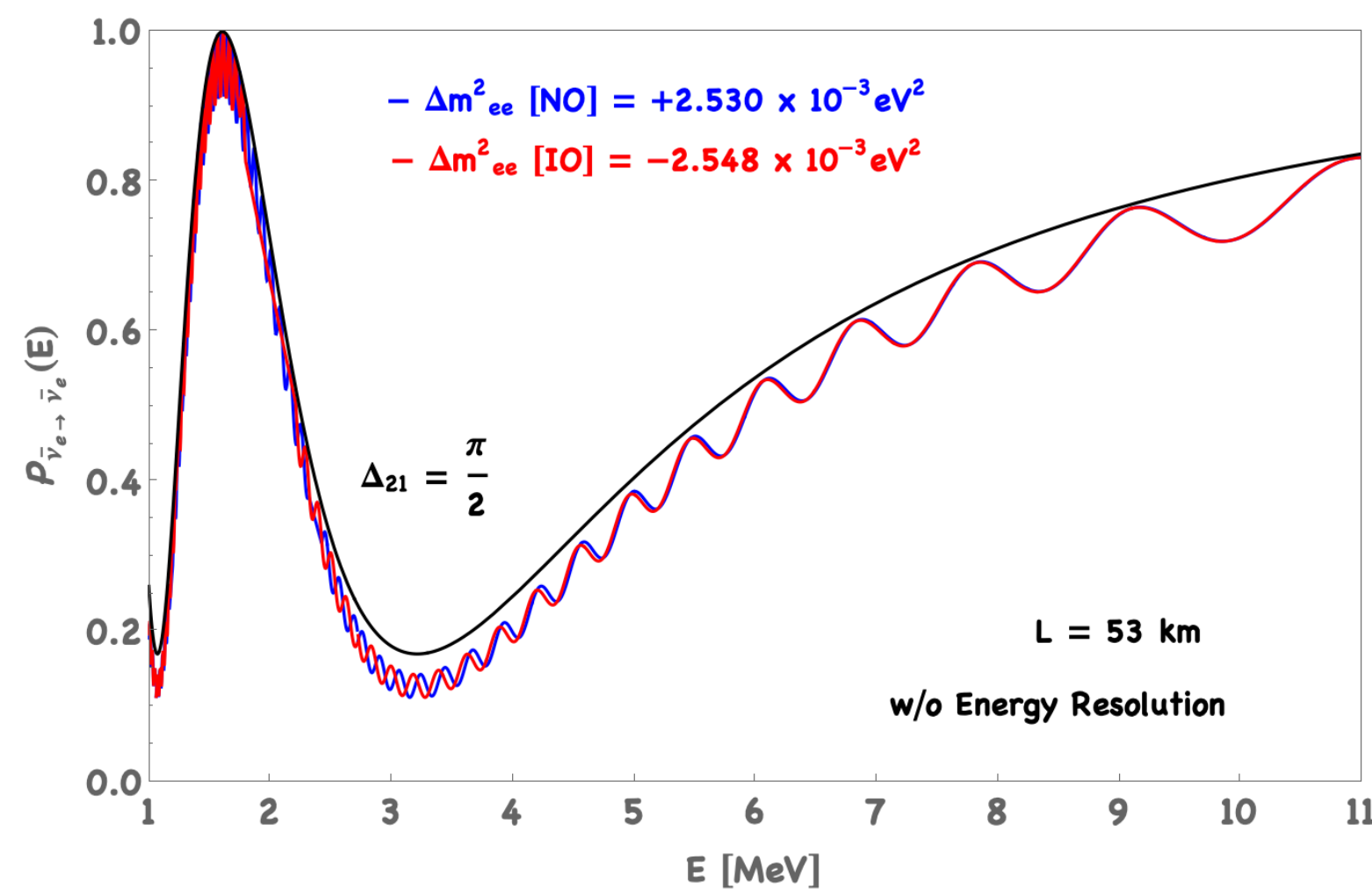
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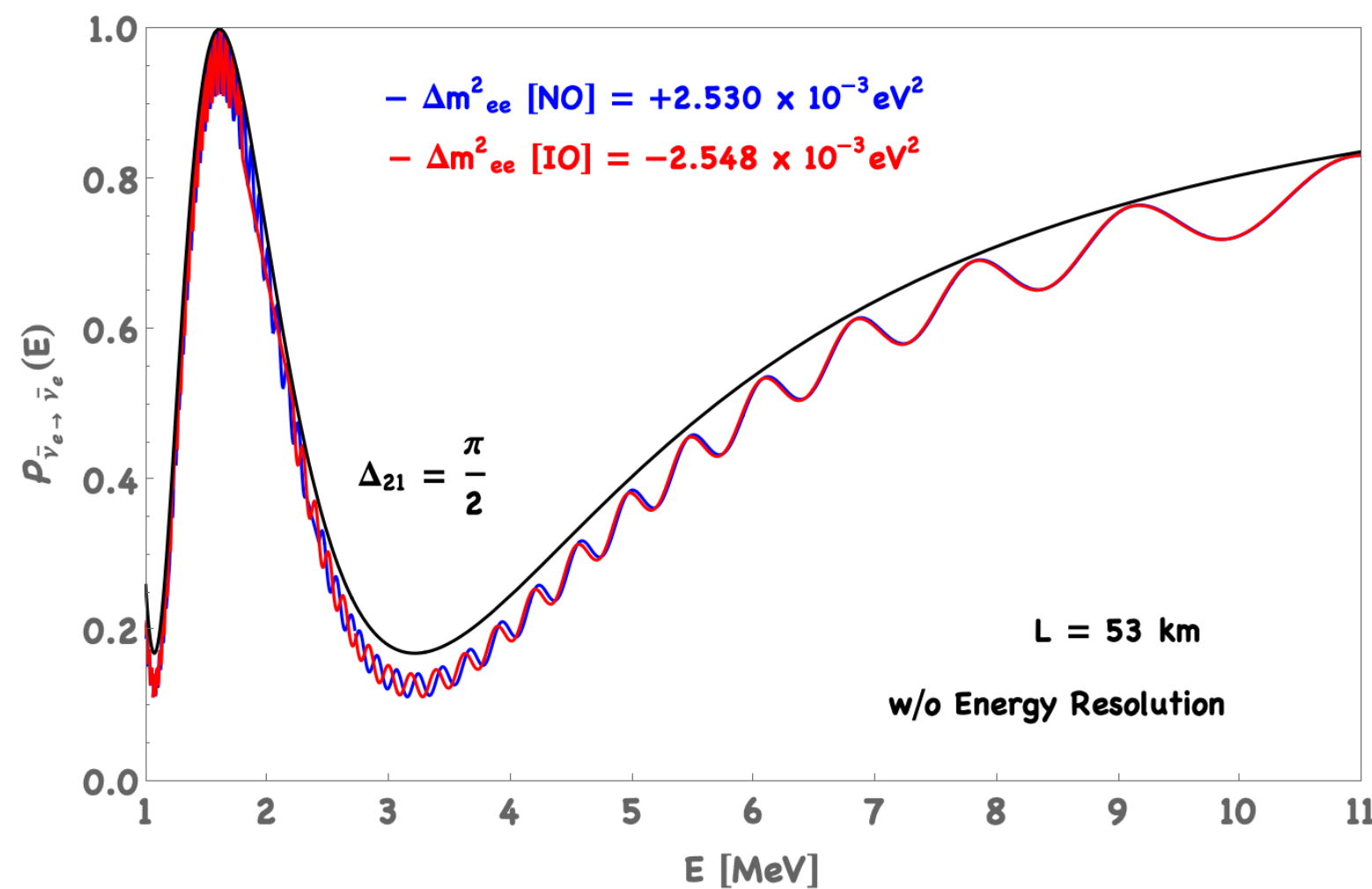
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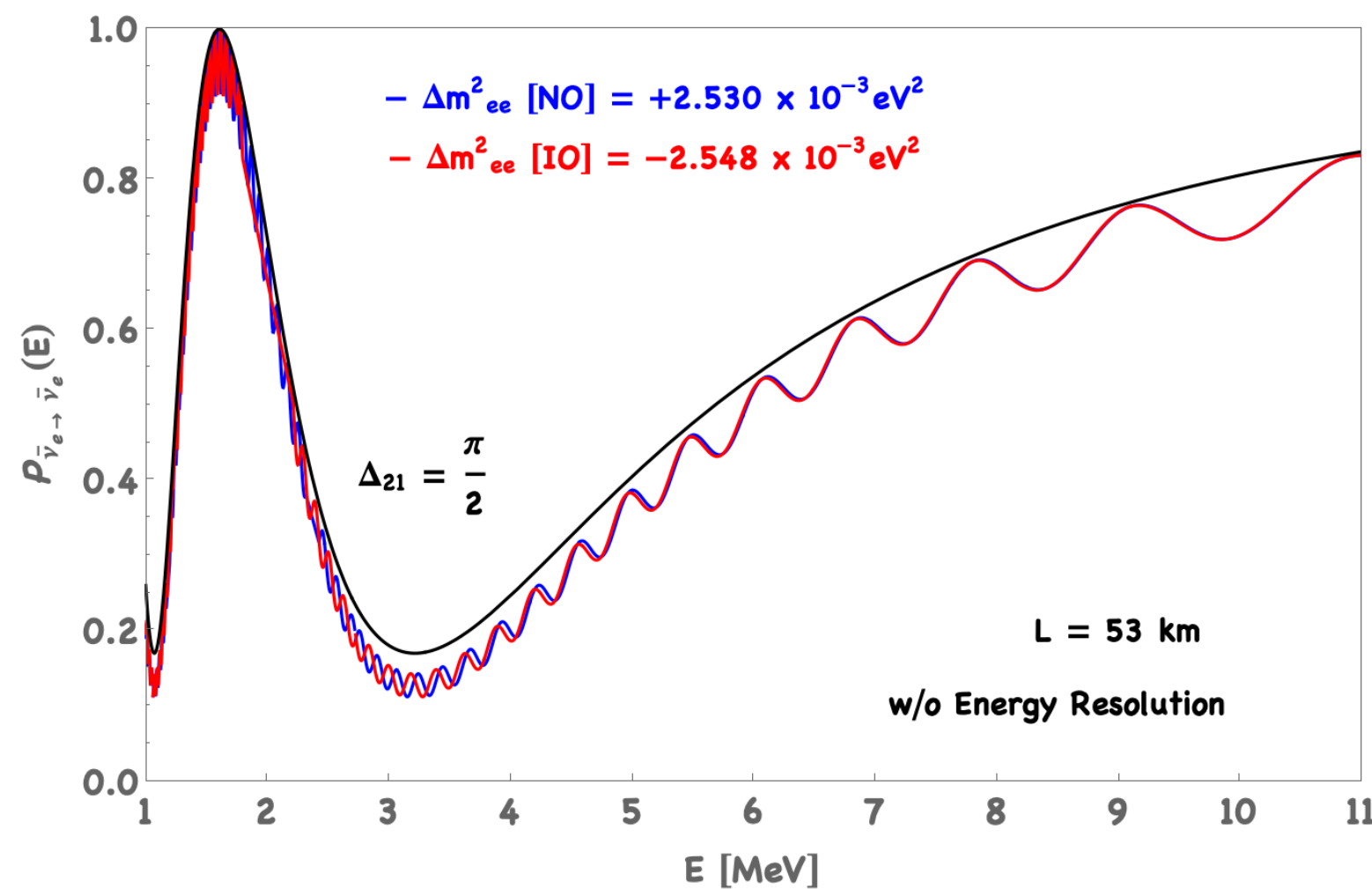
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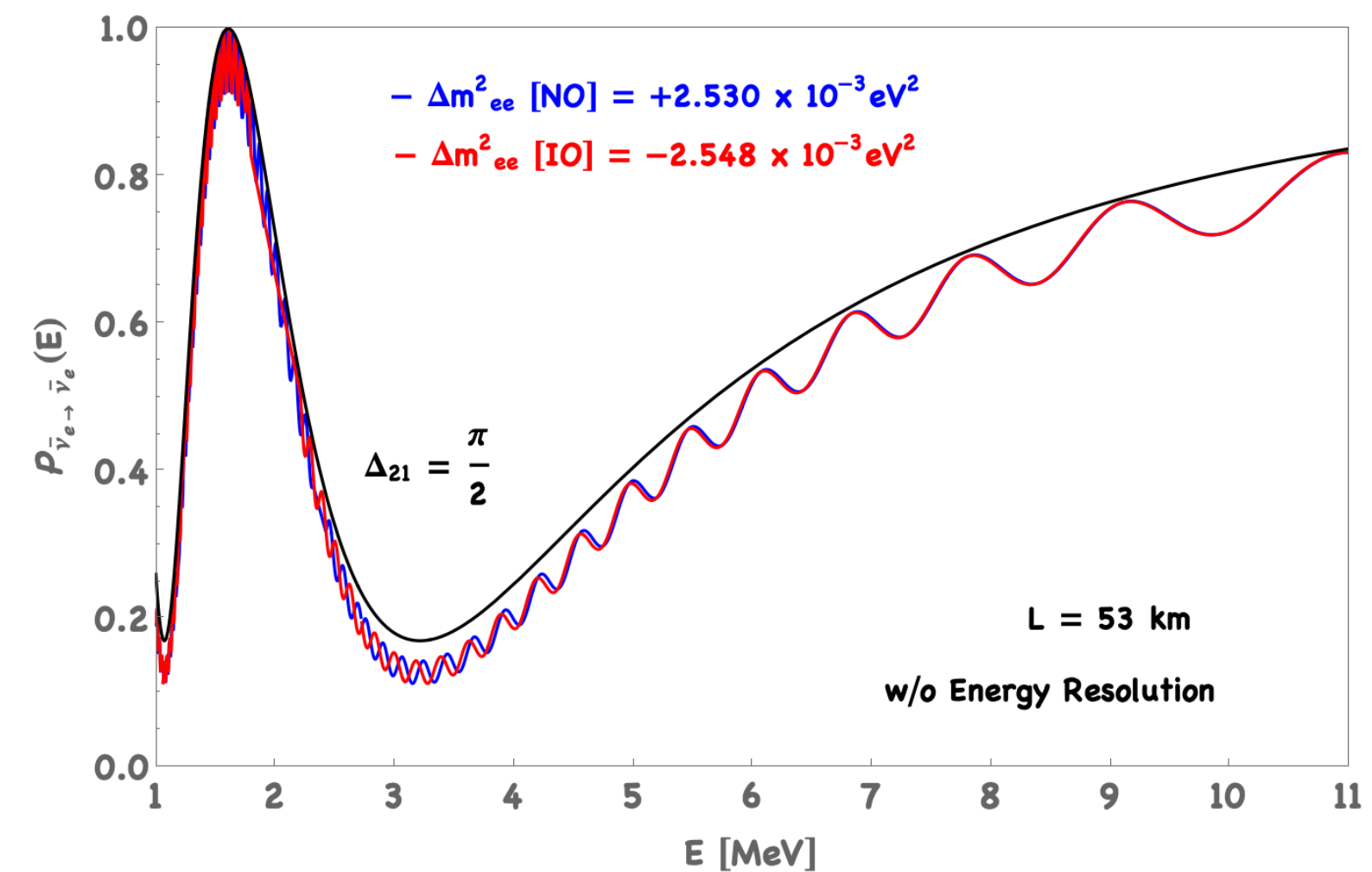
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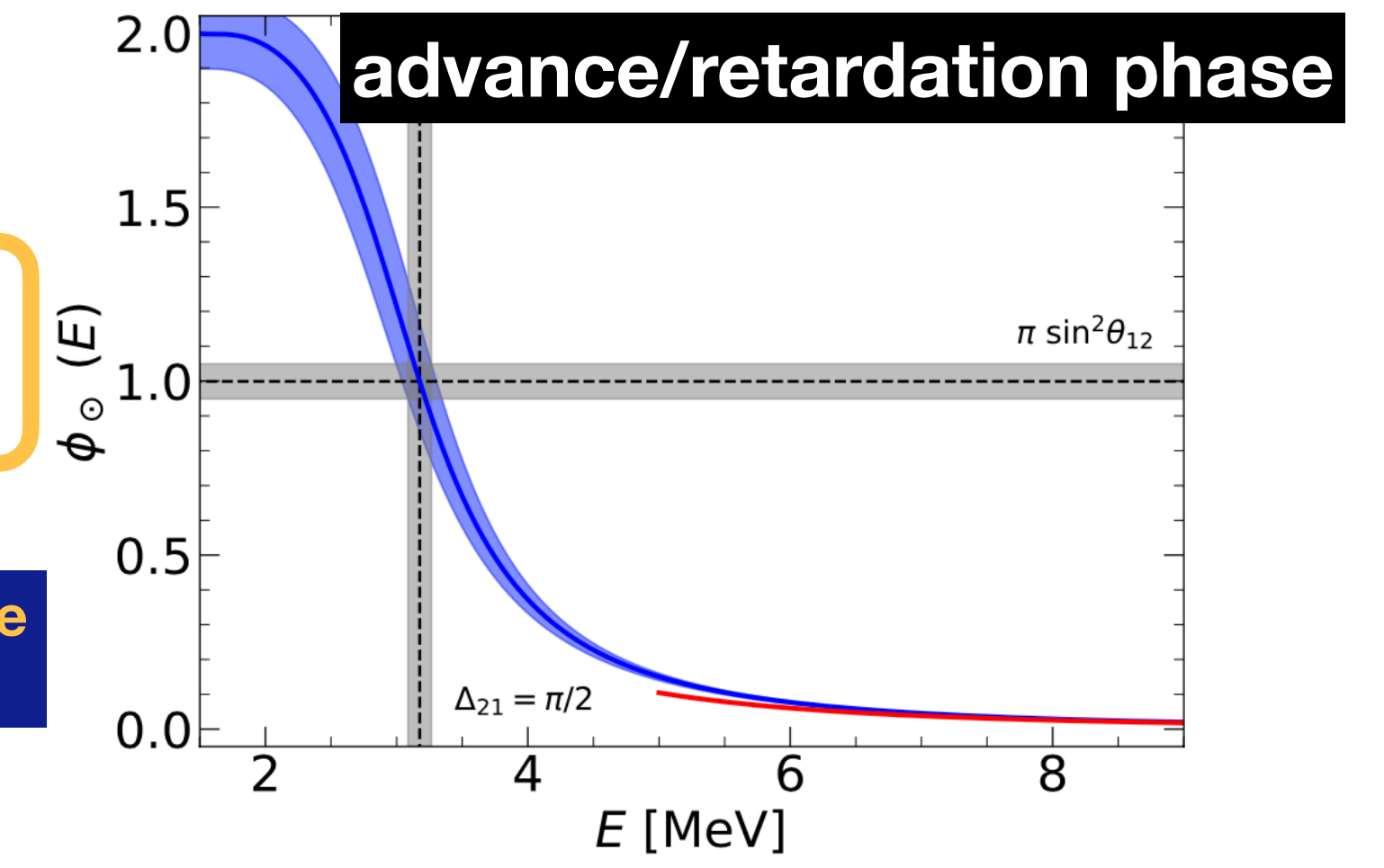
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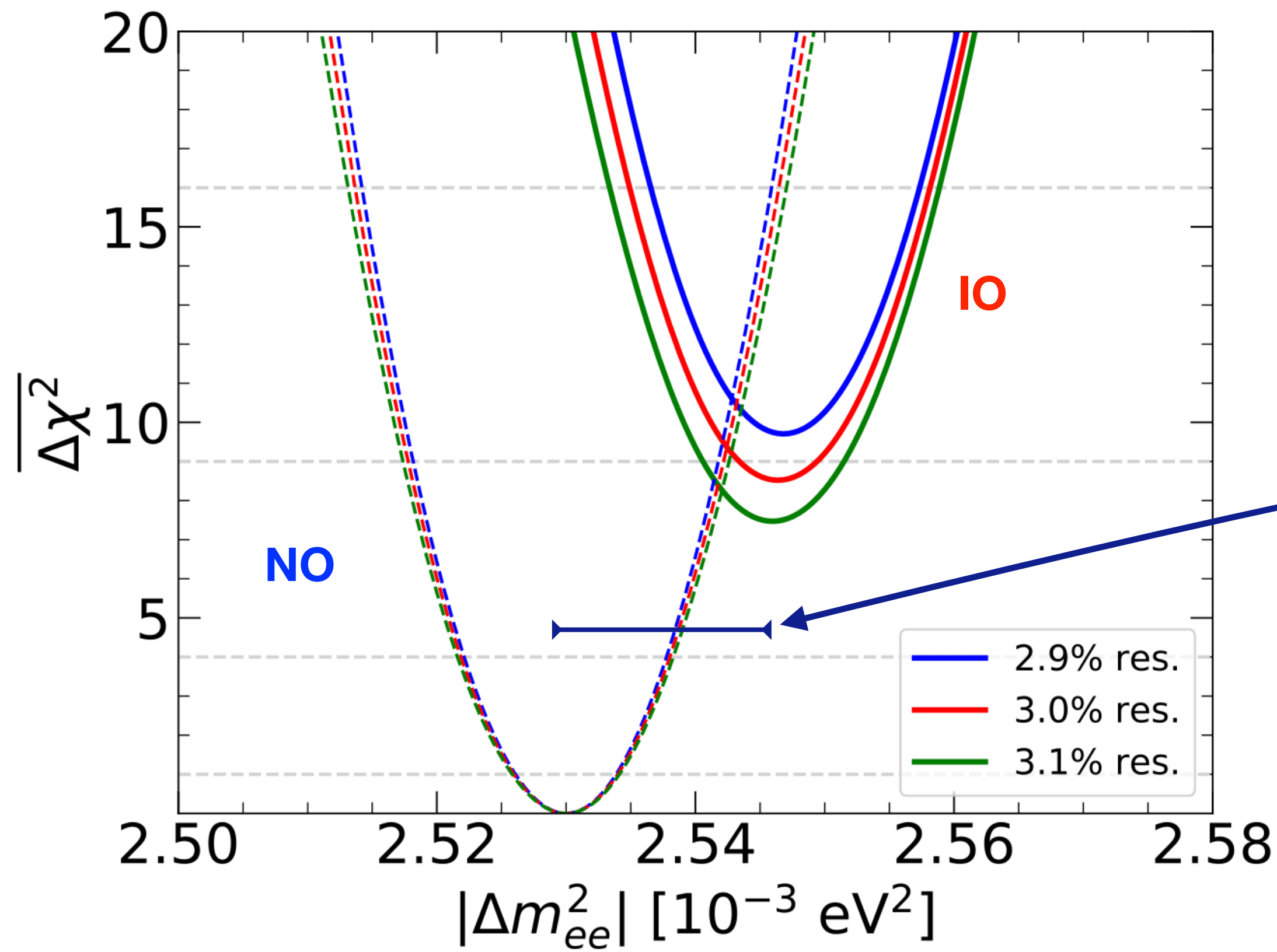


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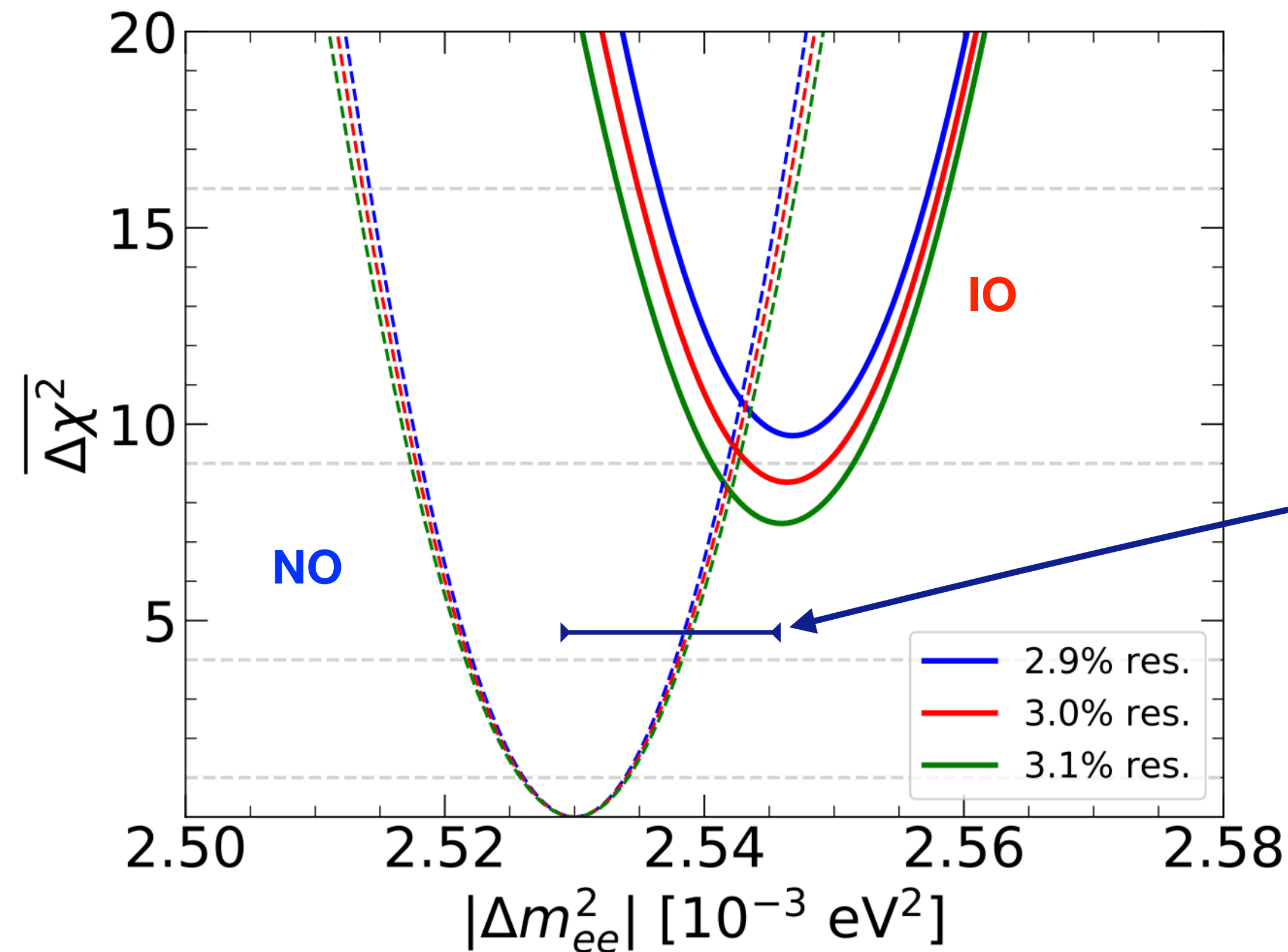
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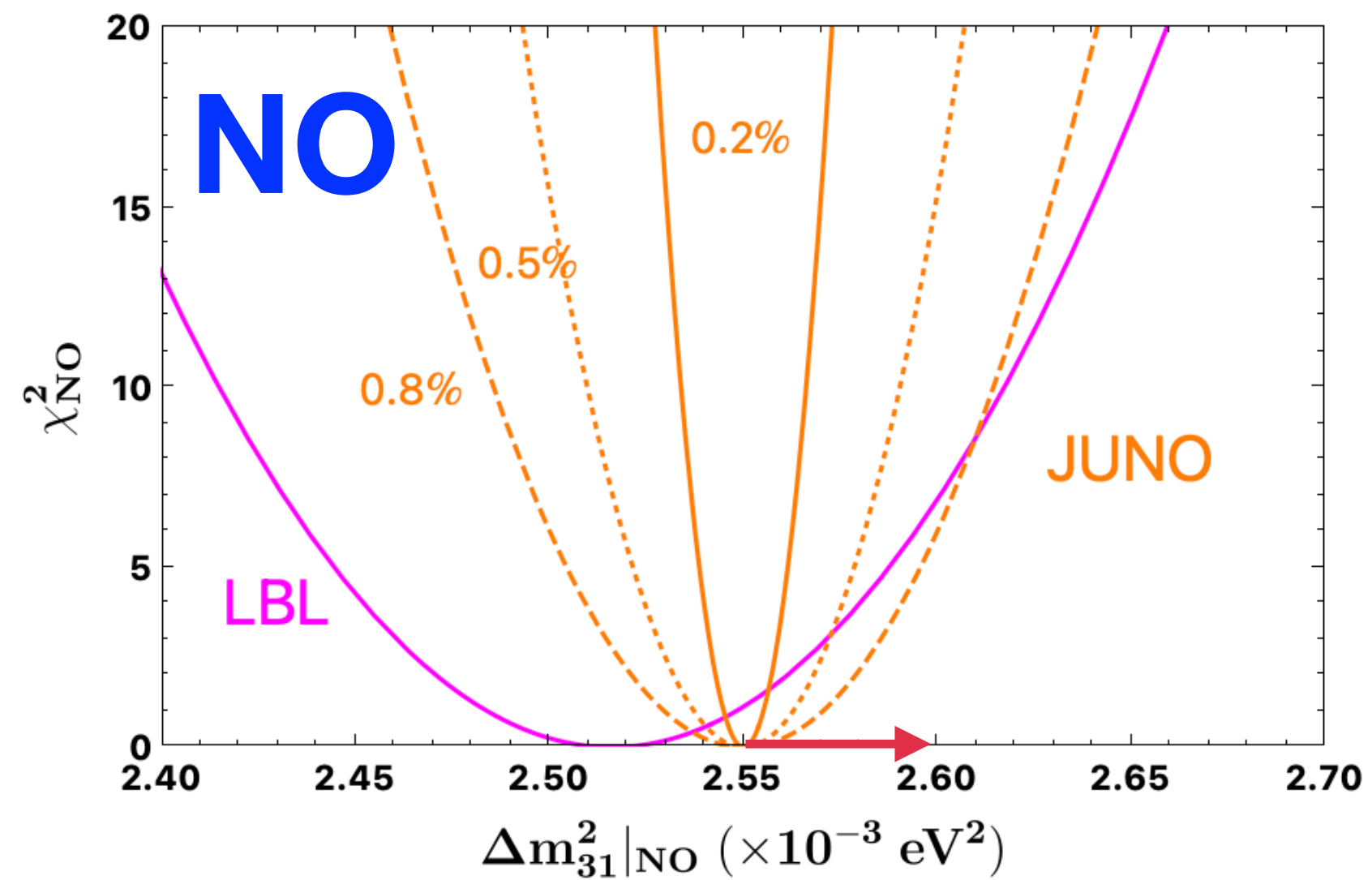
Even before they can determine the Ordering ...  
They can determine both values precisely  
i.e. two degenerate solutions

[JUNO Collab. arXiv:2204.13249]

2.4 % (DayaBay) → 0.8 % in 100 days

# FAN PLOT

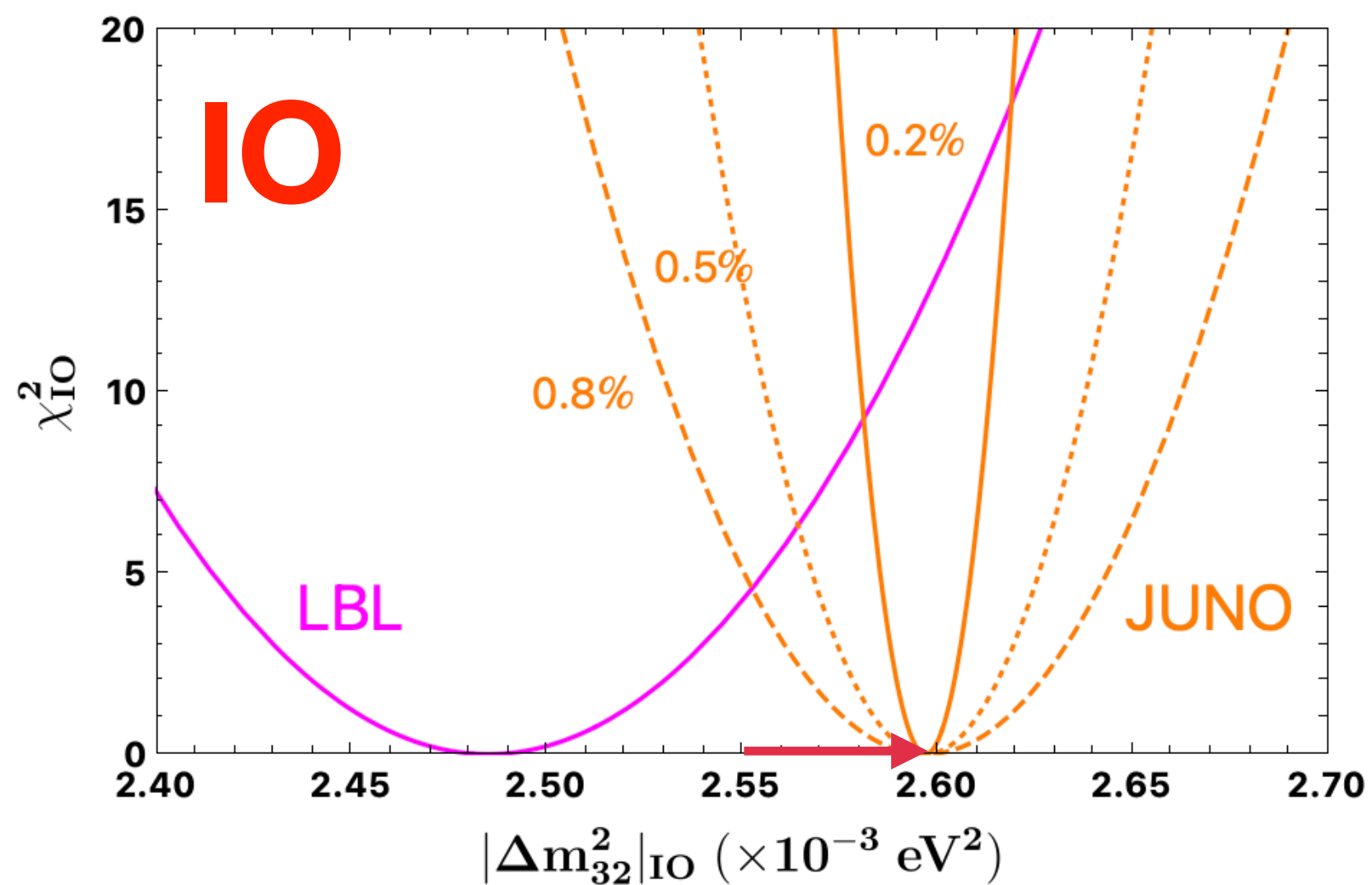
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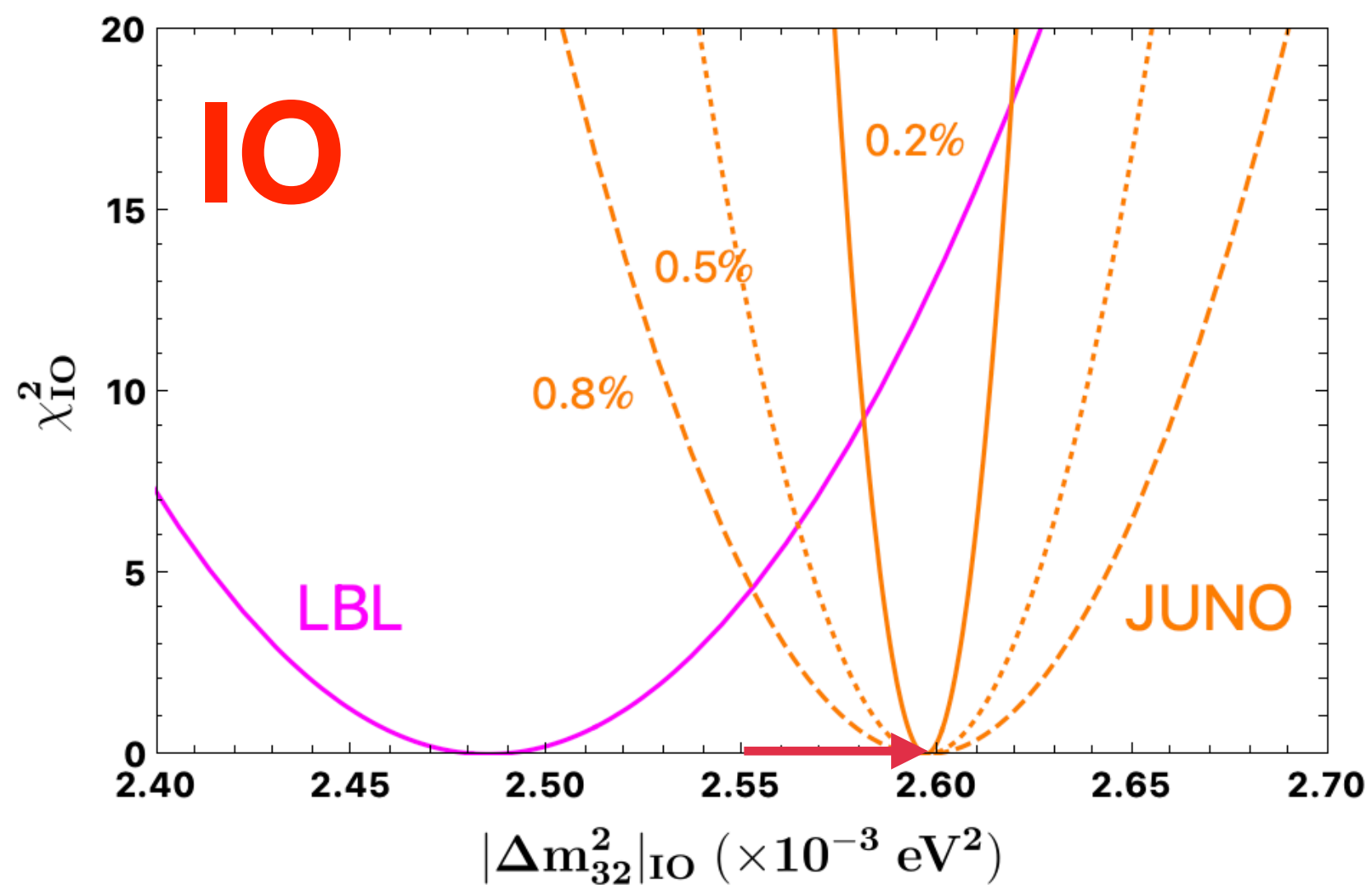
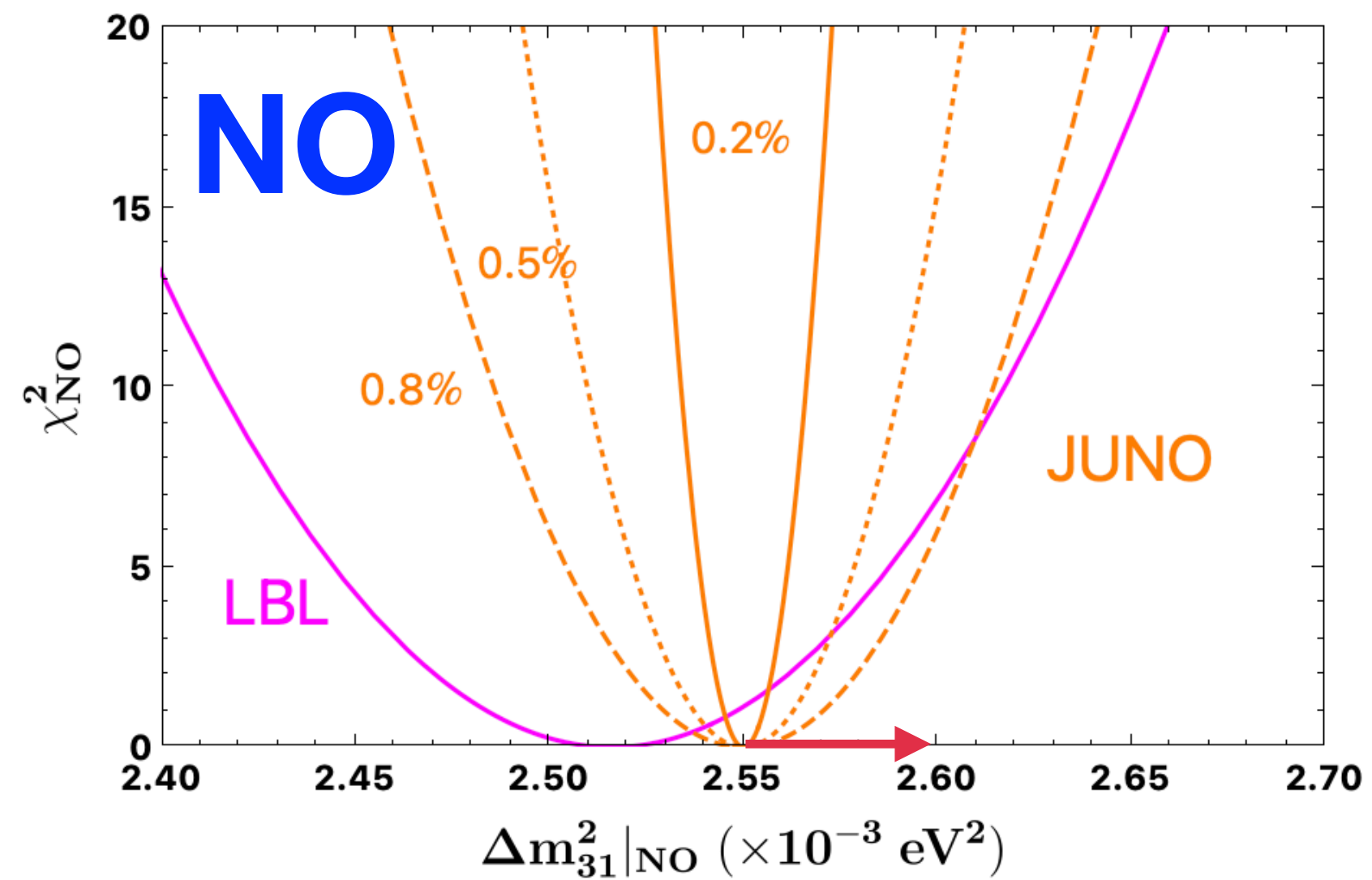
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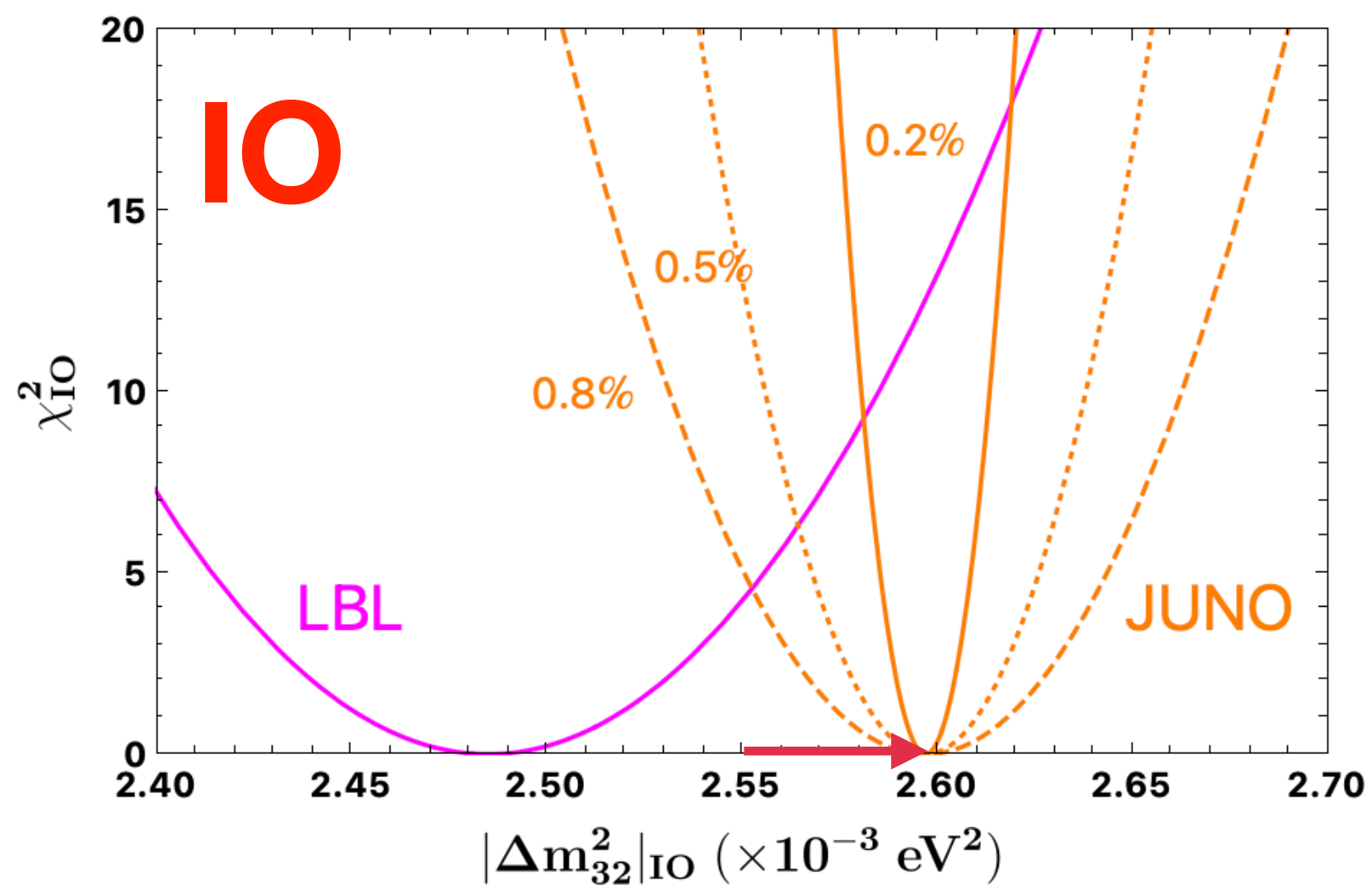
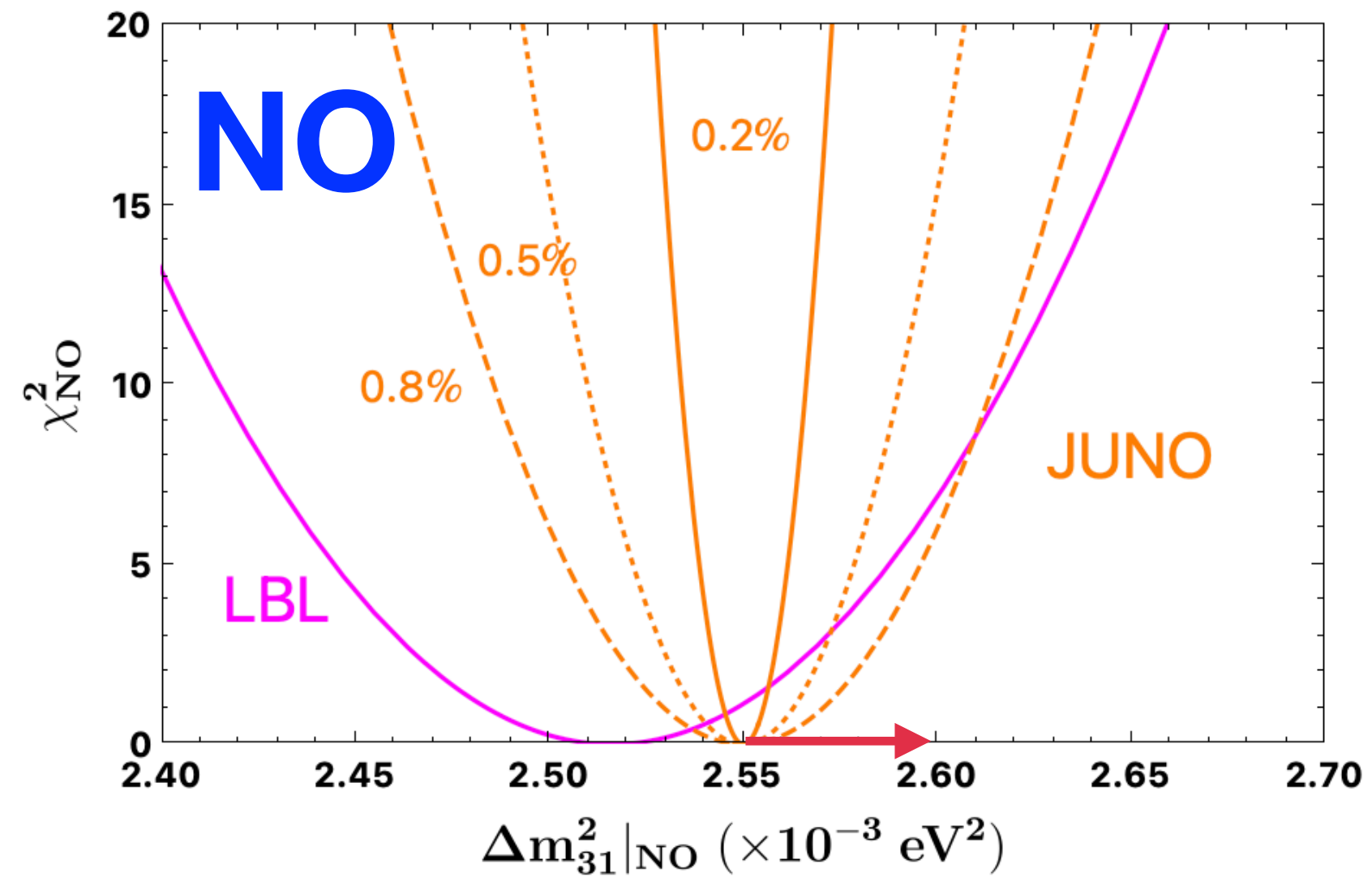
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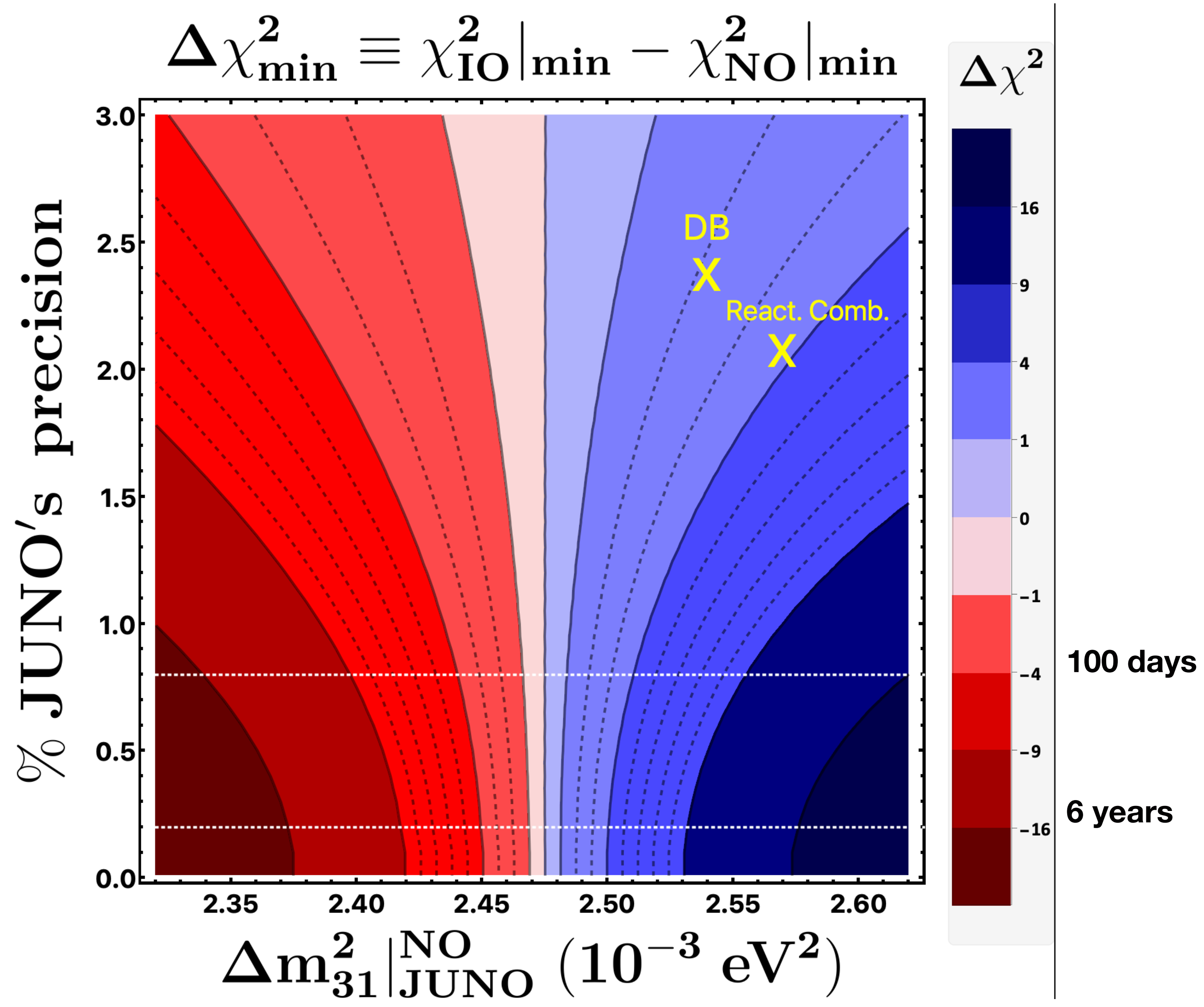
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# Conclusion

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  - cosmic neutrinos background
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