

LONG-BASELINE NEUTRINO OSCILLATION AT THE DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT (DUNE)

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Overview

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Neutrino Mixing & Oscillation

- Neutrinos have non-zero mass
- **Mass states** are not the same as the **flavor states**; flavor states may be written as linear combination of mass states (and vice versa) using a **mixing matrix**

$\nu_\alpha = \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$
are the flavor states

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\nu_k\rangle$$

$\nu_k = \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$
are the mass states

$U_{\alpha k}$ PMNS matrix

- Oscillation probability depends on the **mixing angles**, Δm^2 (mass differences), and L/E (baseline/energy)

2 neutrino case:

$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \neq \beta} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

PMNS Matrix

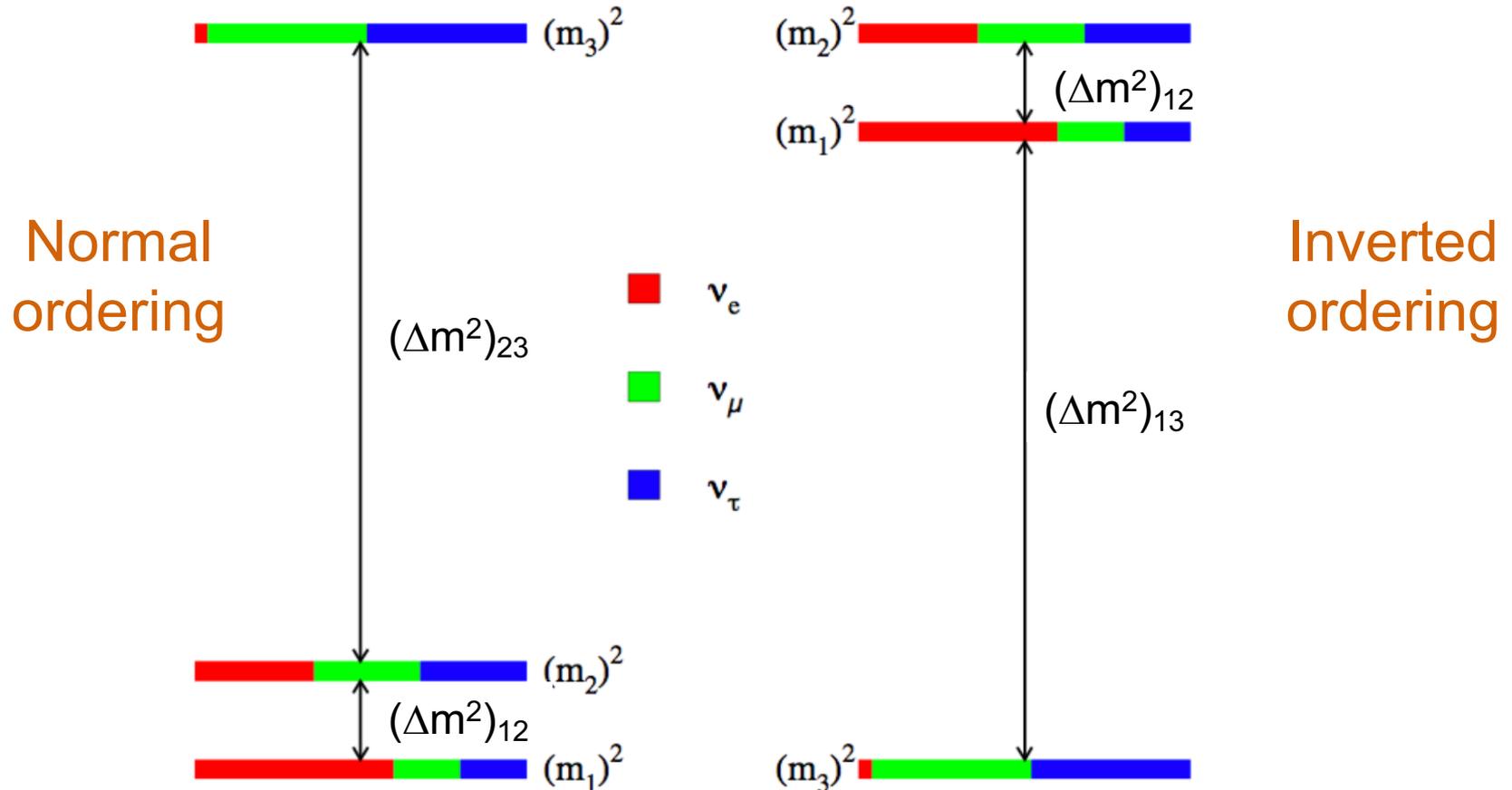
$$|v_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |v_k\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin\theta_{13} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

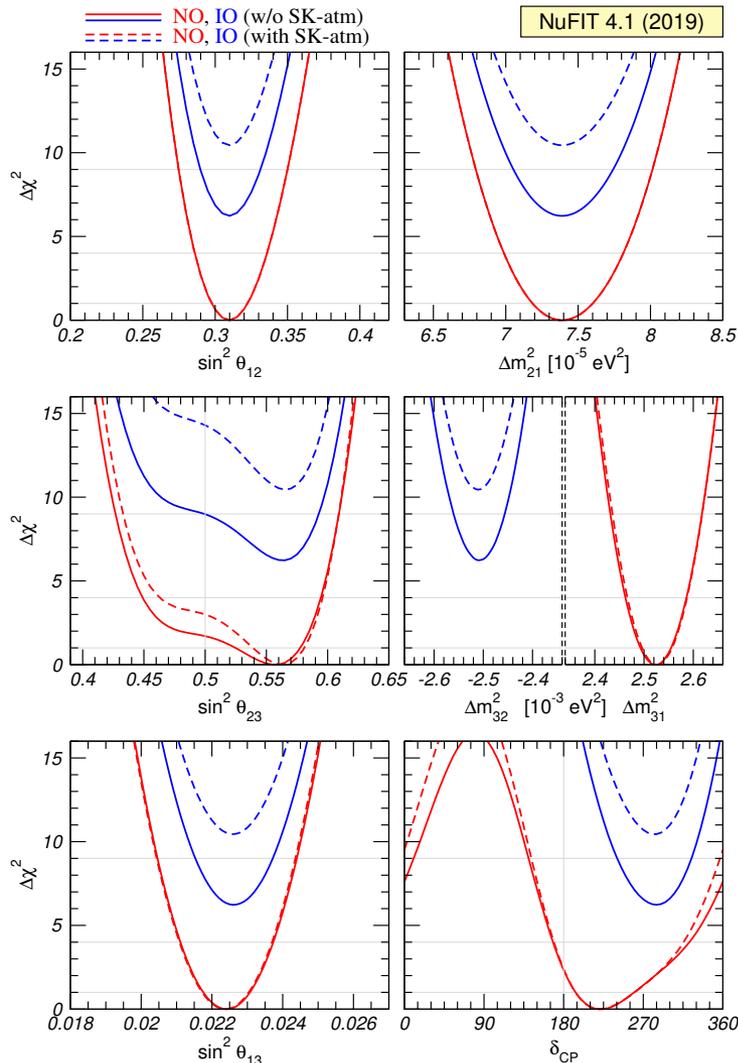
- $\theta_{23} \approx 45^\circ$
- Octant unknown (new symmetry?)
- $\theta_{13} \approx 10^\circ$
- Large uncertainty in δ_{CP} (CP violation?)
- $\theta_{12} \approx 35^\circ$

Mass Ordering

Neutrino mass “ordering” or “hierarchy” (sign of Δm^2_{23}) is unknown.



Current Knowledge (NuFit 4.1)



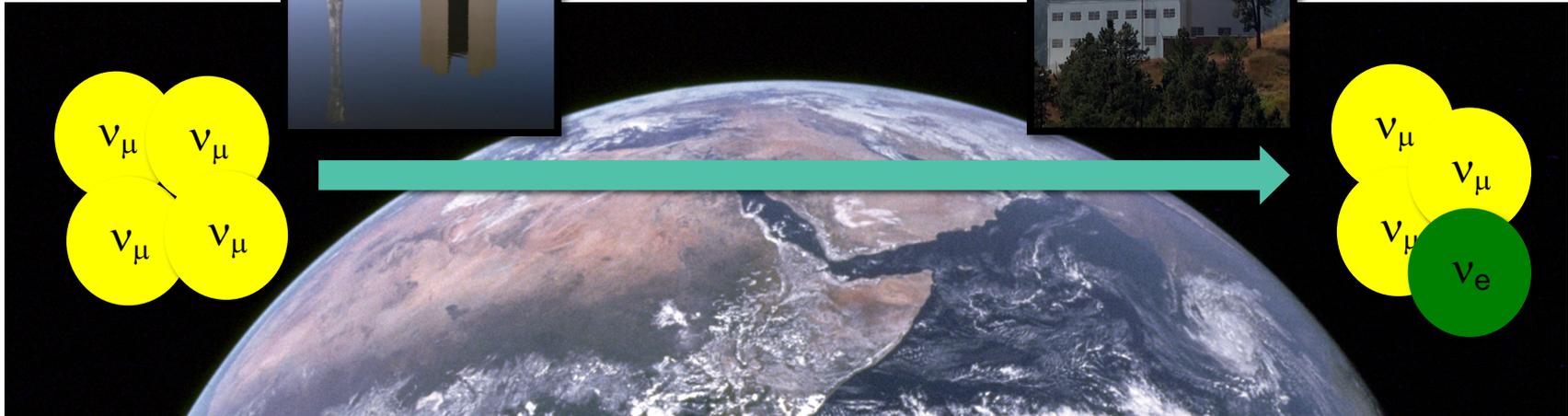
- See last week's seminar
- Sign of larger mass splitting unknown; some preference for normal ordering
- θ_{23} octant unknown; some preference for upper octant
- δ_{CP} unknown; significant regions of possible phase space excluded at 3σ
- Currently running long-baseline experiments: T2K & NOvA
 - Recent result from T2K:
Nature **580**, 339–344 (2020).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2177-0>
 - Latest result from NOvA:
Phys.Rev.Lett. **123** (2019) 15, 1518 03. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.04907>
 - Expect updated results at Neutrino 2020 in June

JHEP 01 (2019) 106 (arXiv:1811.05487), www.nu-fit.org

Long-Baseline Experiment



Two operational modes make either neutrino or antineutrino dominated beam



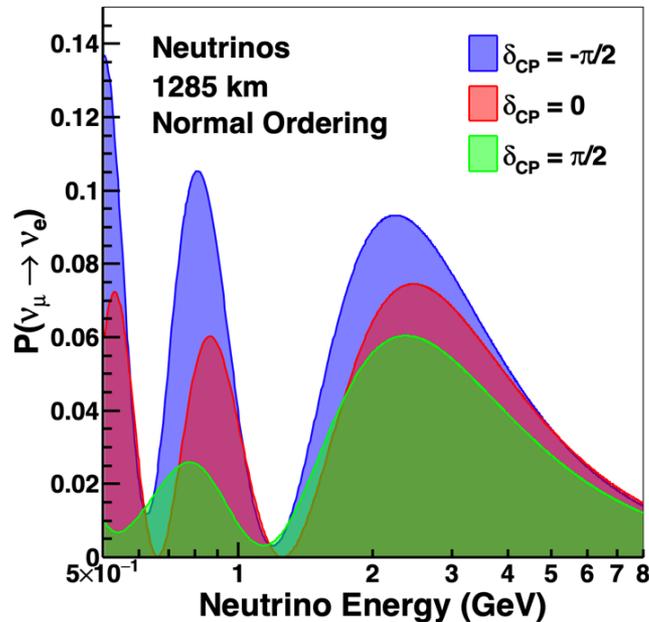
ν_e Appearance

$$\begin{aligned}
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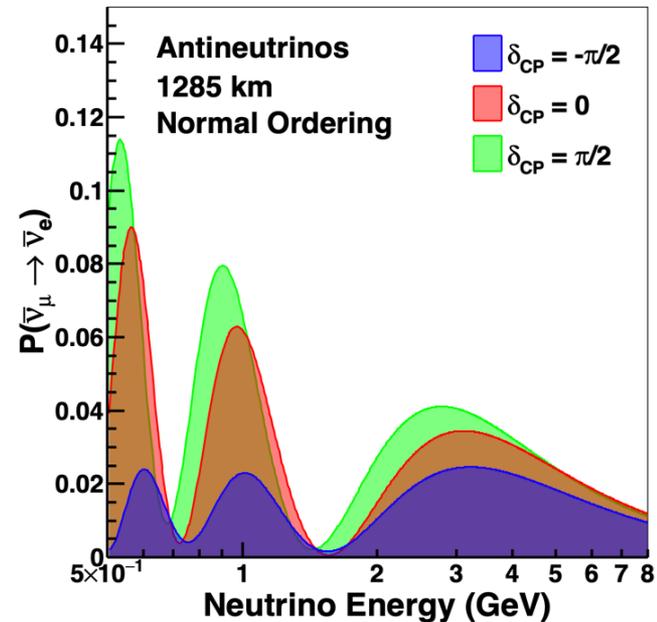
$$a = G_F N_e / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E}$$

Neutrinos

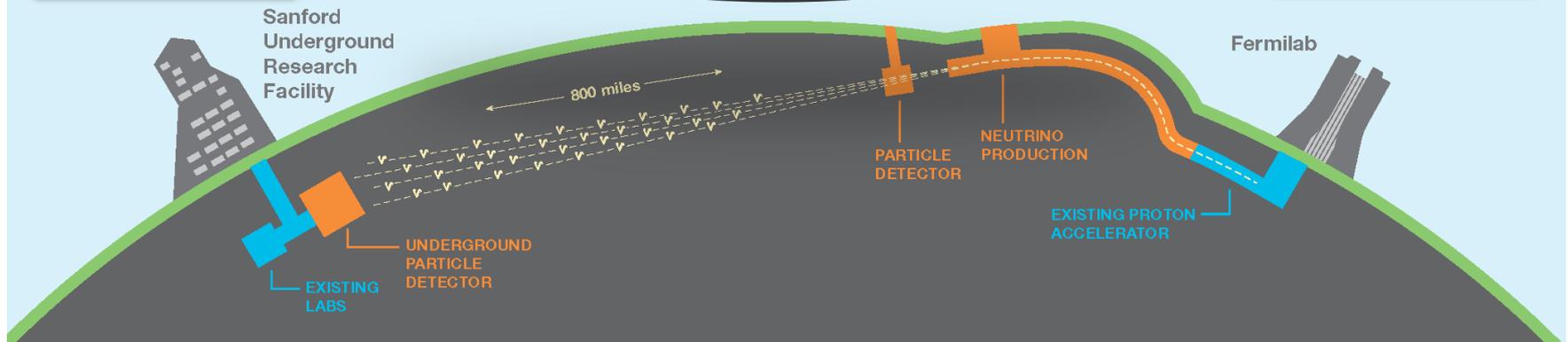
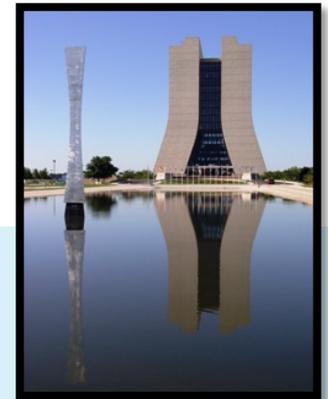


Antineutrinos



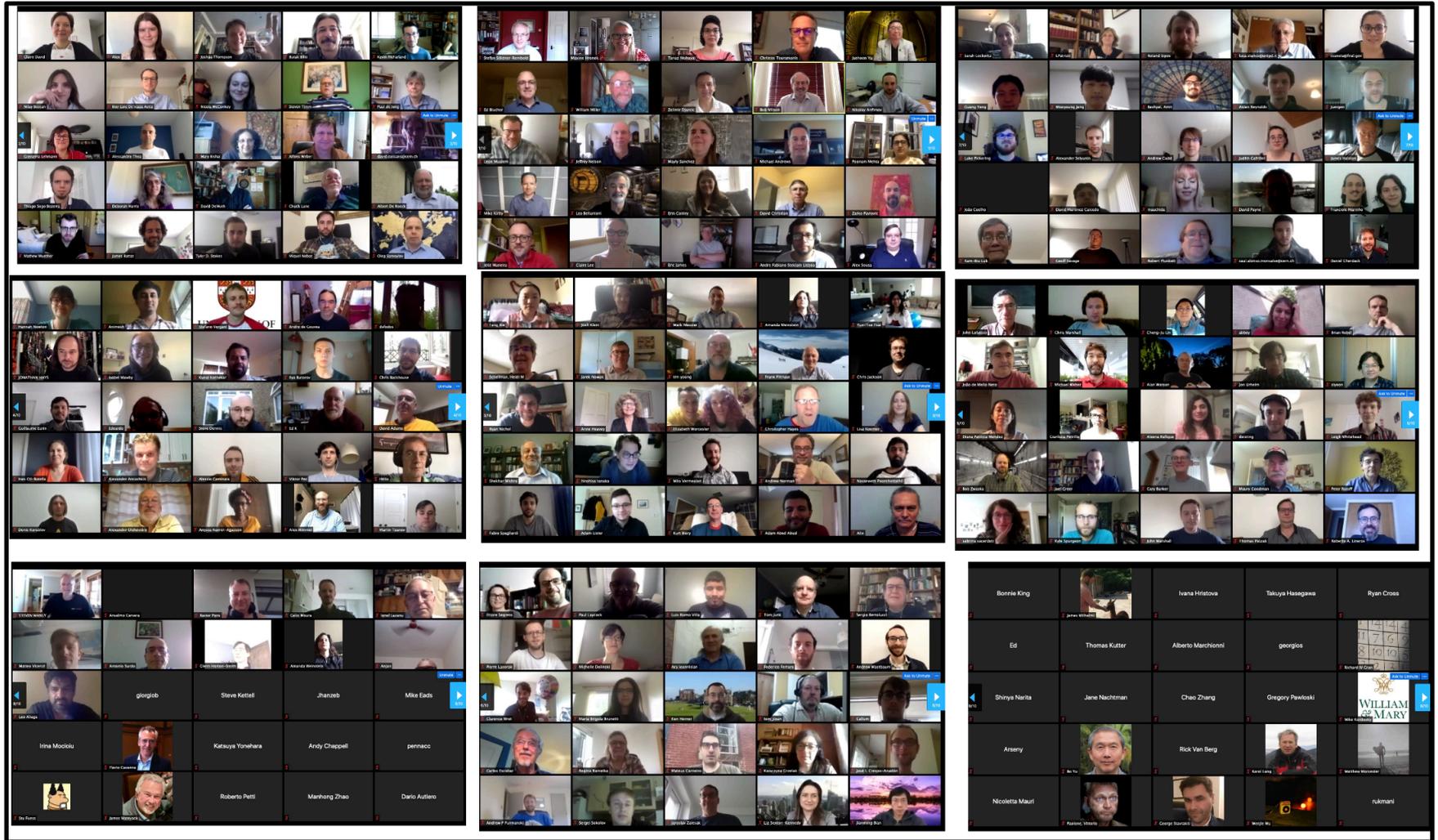
DUNE

Measure ν_e appearance and ν_μ disappearance in a wideband neutrino beam at 1300 km to measure mass ordering, CP violation, and neutrino mixing parameters in a single experiment. Large detector, deep underground allows sensitivity to rare processes and low-energy physics.



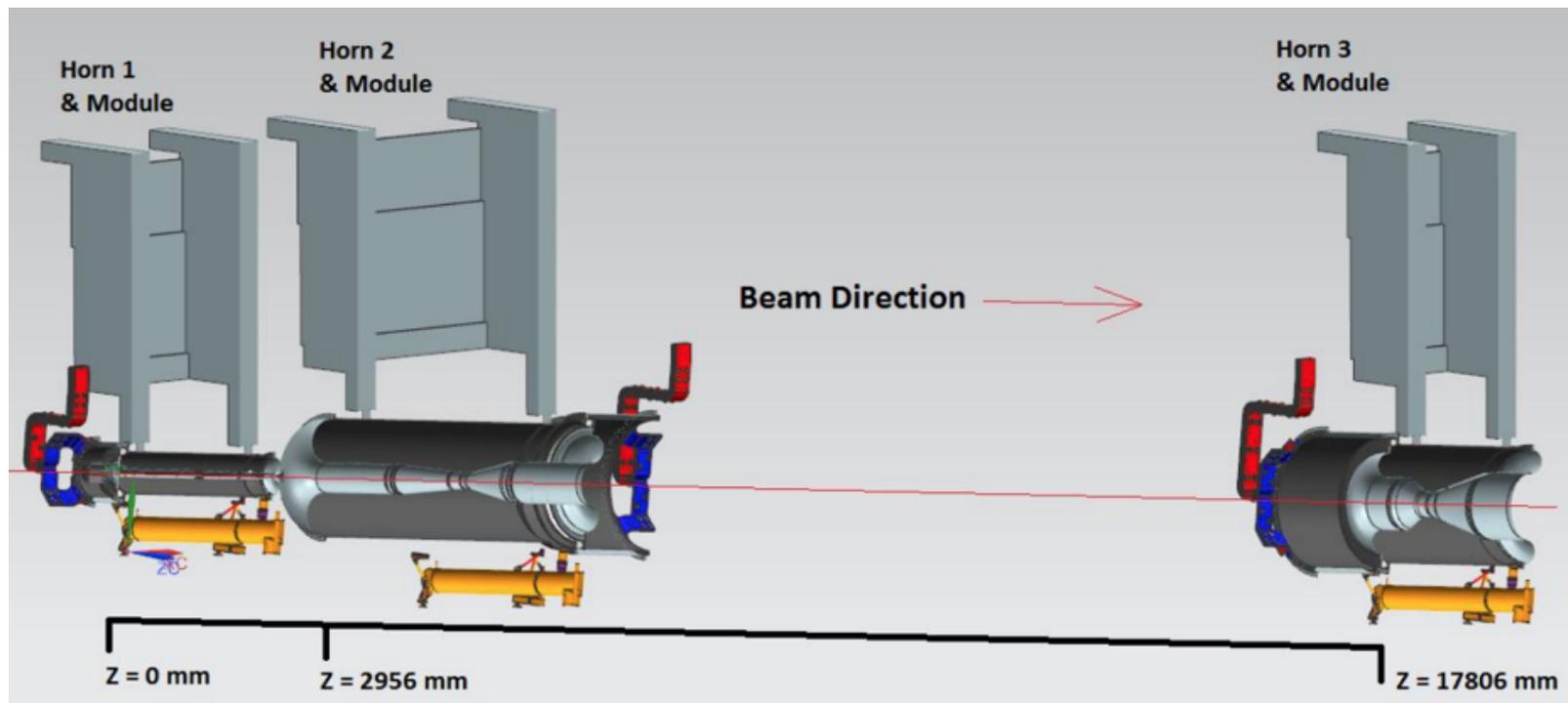
May 2020 Collaboration Photo

~250 participants!



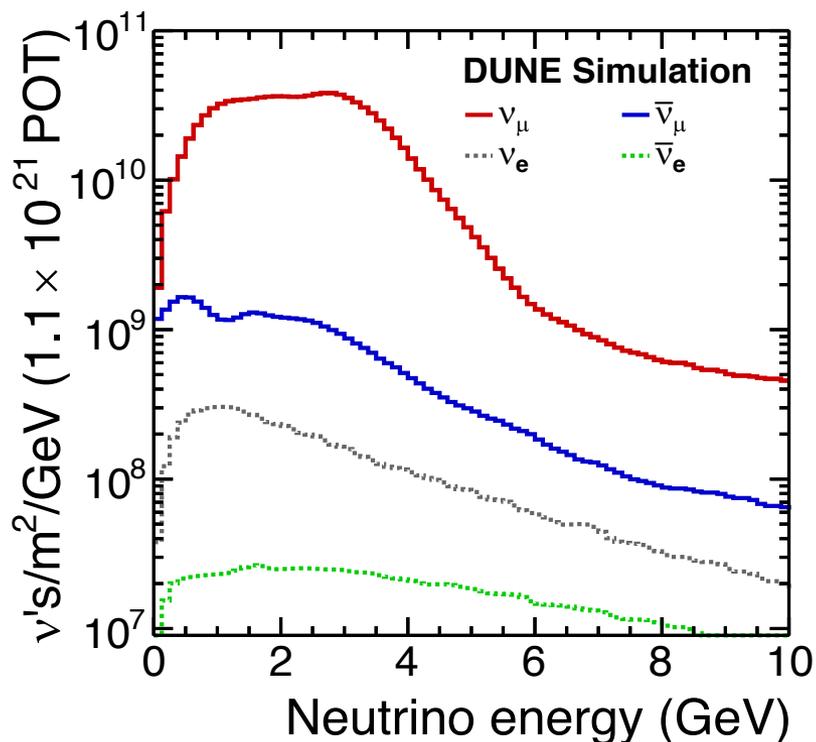
LBNF Neutrino Beam

- 120-GeV protons from FNAL accelerator complex
 - 1.2 MW beam power, upgradeable to 2.4 MW
- Neutrino beam line designed using genetic algorithm to optimize CP violation sensitivity

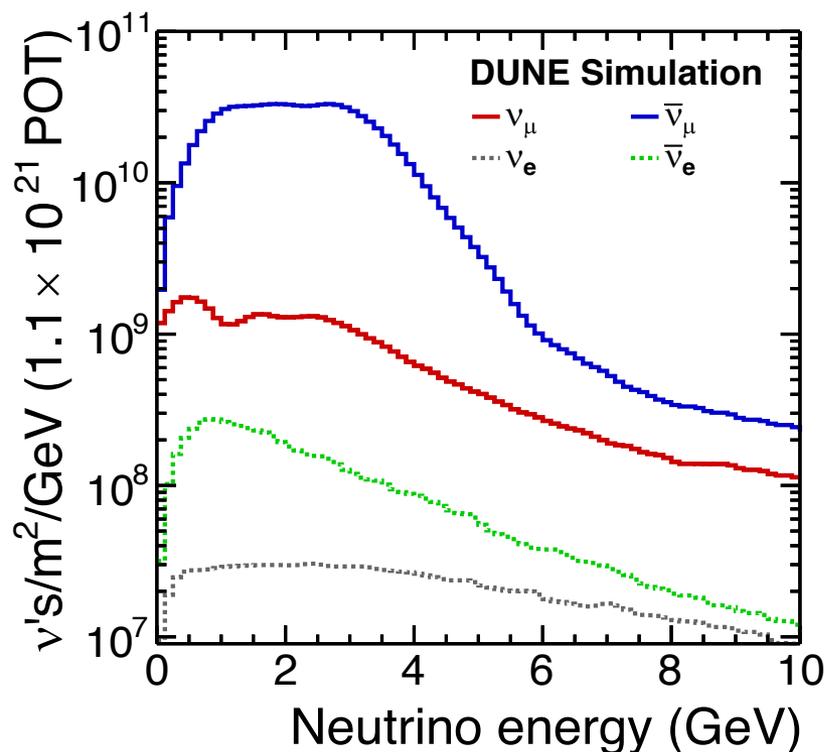


Neutrino Flux

Neutrino Mode:

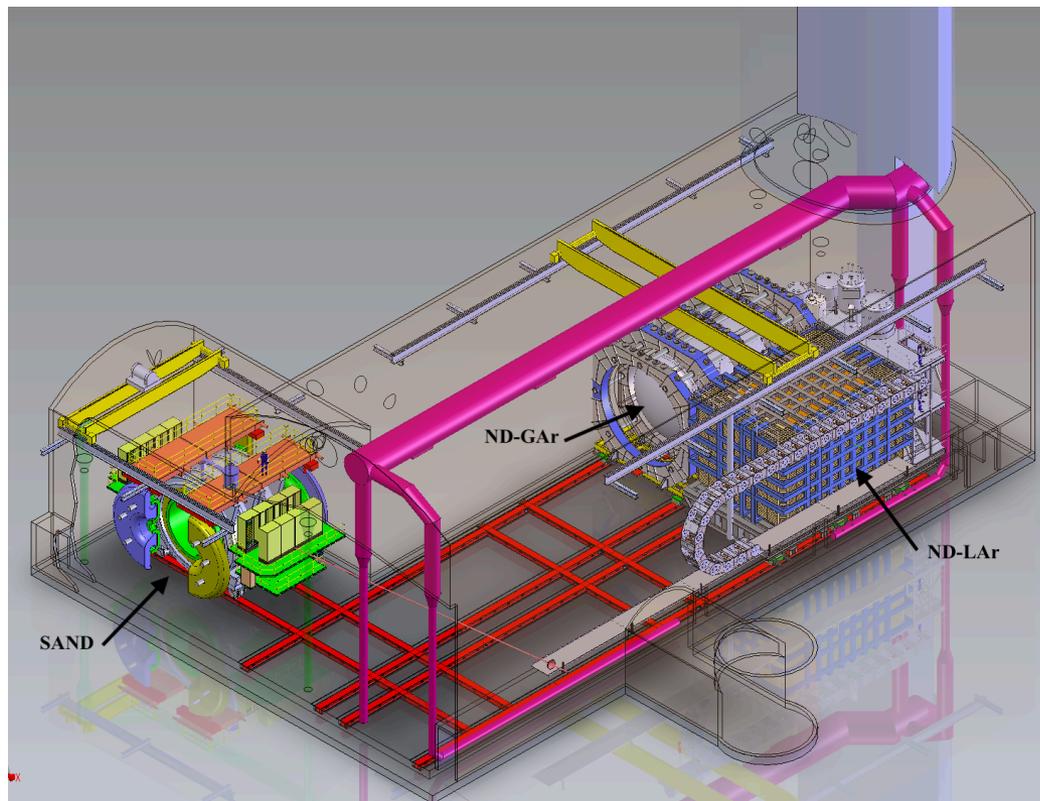


Antineutrino Mode:



DUNE Near Detector

- Located 574 m from neutrino beam target
- Primary purpose is to constrain systematic uncertainty for the long-baseline oscillation analysis



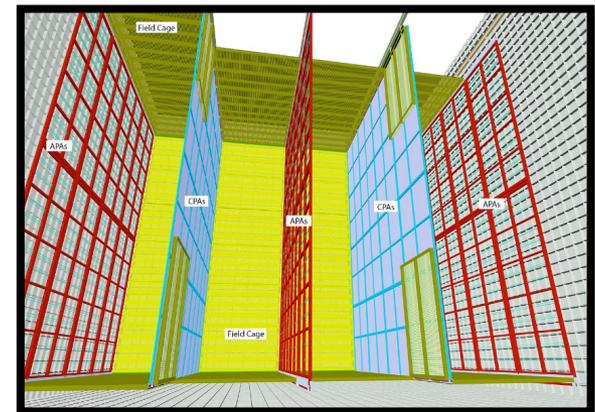
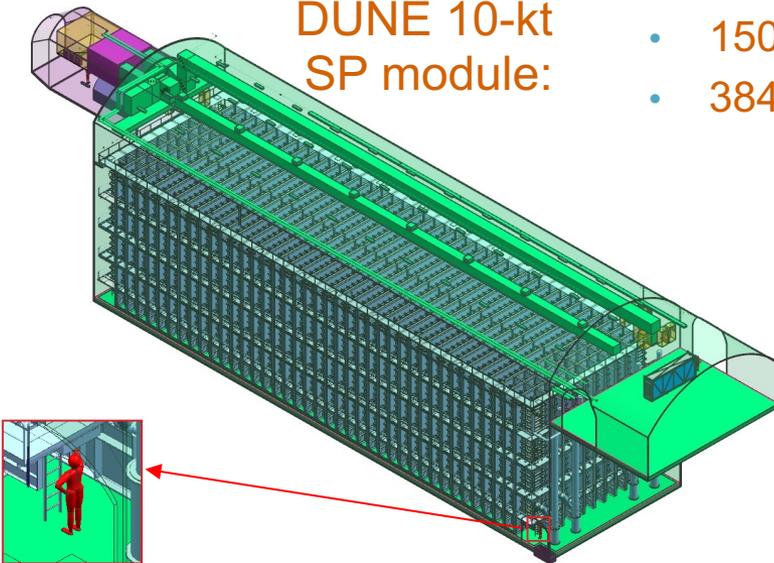
- ND-LAr: Modular, pixelized liquid argon TPC
 - Primary target
 - Most similar to FD
- ND-GAr: High pressure gaseous argon TPC surrounded by ECAL and magnet
 - Momentum analysis of muons from interactions in ND-LAr
 - Lower threshold
- ND-LAr & ND-GAr move off-axis to observe varied beam spectra (DUNE-PRISM)
- SAND: Tracker surrounded by ECAL and magnet
 - On-axis
 - Monitors beam spectrum

DUNE Far Detector

- 40-kt (fiducial) liquid argon TPC at 4850L of SURF with integrated photon detection
 - Four 10-kt (fiducial) modules
- Single- and dual-phase detectors being prototyped
 - First module will be a single phase LArTPC
- Modules installed in stages; modules will not be identical

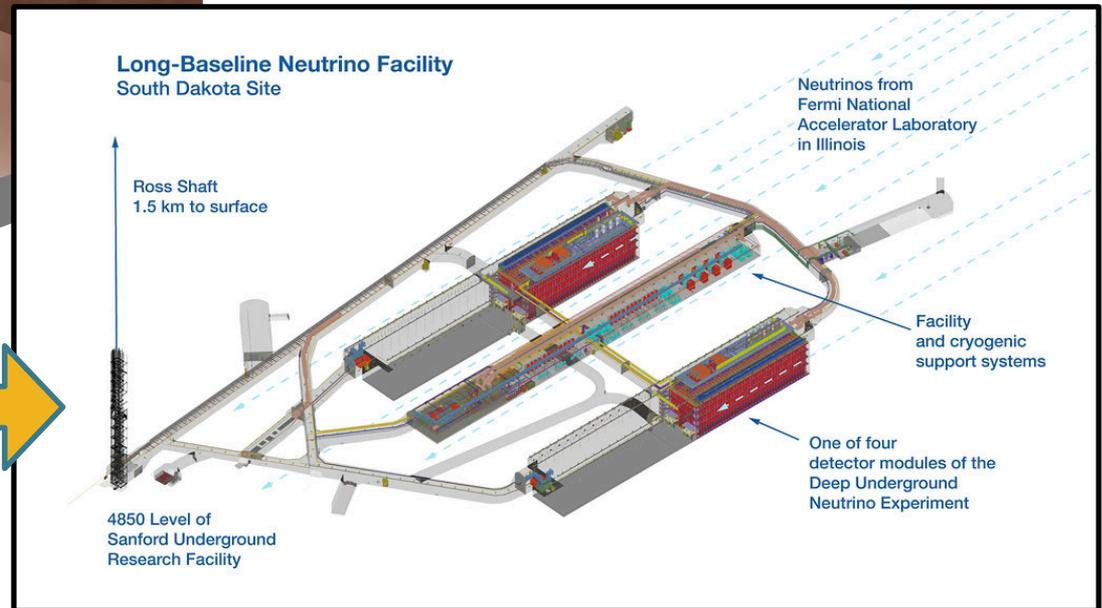
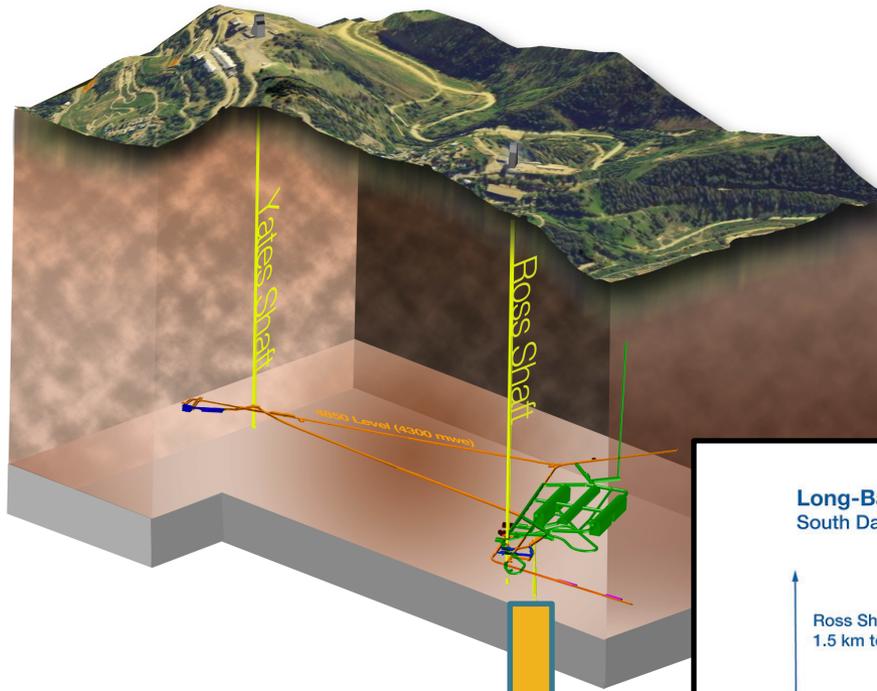
DUNE 10-kt
SP module:

- 12 m high x 15.5 m wide x 58 m long
- 150 individual anode plane assemblies (2.3 m x 6 m)
- 384,000 readout wires



SURF

Sanford Underground Research Facility (Lead, SD)



DUNE Physics Goals

- Three-flavor long-baseline neutrino oscillation
 - Precise measurement of all parameters governing long-baseline oscillation in a single experiment: θ_{23} , θ_{13} , Δm^2_{32} , δ_{CP}
 - Definitive measurement of neutrino mass ordering
 - Discovery potential for CP violation for wide range of δ_{CP} values
 - Significant potential for determination of θ_{23} octant
- Supernova burst neutrinos
 - Large sample of neutrinos for SNB in our galaxy (especially ν_e)
 - Measure flavor content, spectra, time evolution of SNB neutrinos
 - Quantitative measurements of SNB evolution, particle physics parameters
 - Early detection and pointing for multi-messenger astrophysics
- BSM processes
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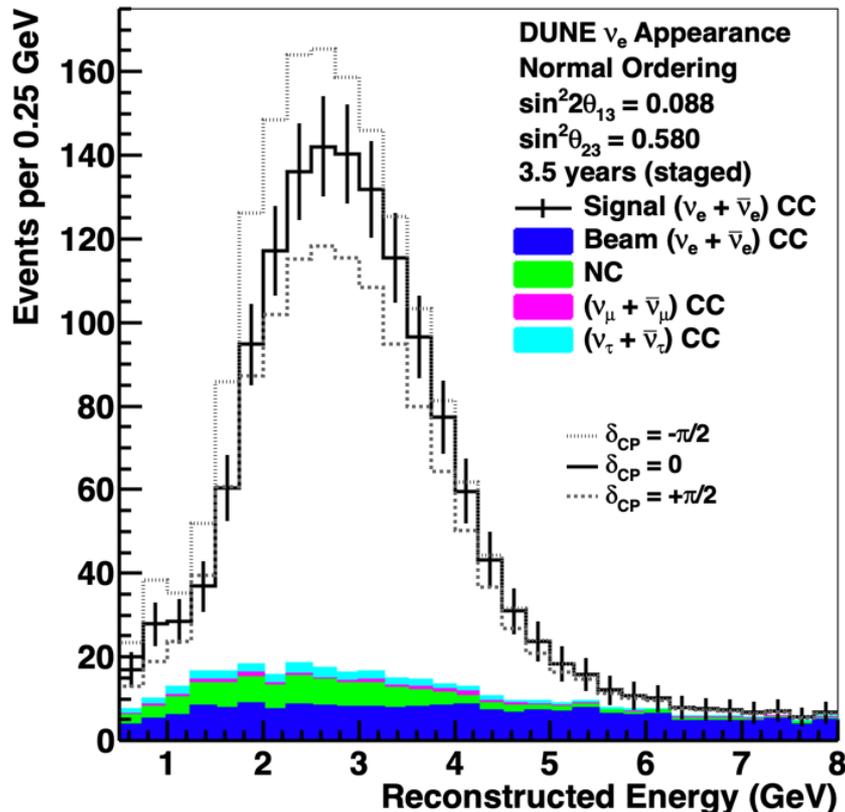
Another talk...

LBL Oscillation Analysis

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$$+ \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(aL)}{(aL)^2} \Delta_{21}^2,$$



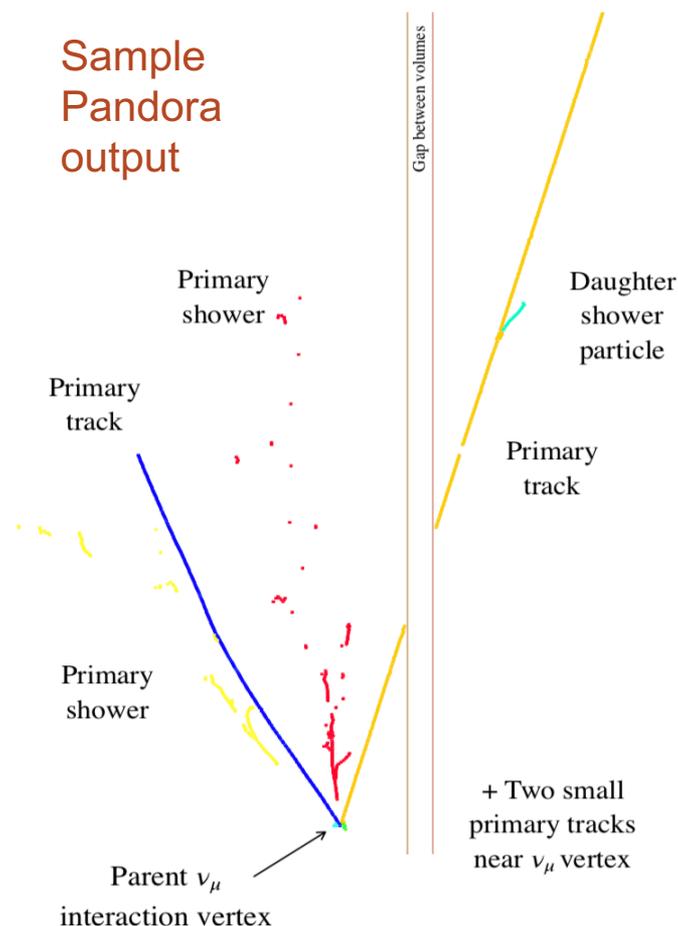
- Compare FD data to FD predictions to measure oscillation parameters
 - Sensitivity analysis, so all “data” is simulated
- FD prediction comes from combination of flux model, neutrino interaction model, detector models, and ND data
- Individual sources of systematic uncertainty (flux, interactions, detector effects) included in analysis
 - Incorporate knowledge from existing experiments (MINERvA, NOvA, T2K, uBooNE)
 - Consider impact of “unknown unknowns”

Far Detector Analysis

- GEANT4 simulation of neutrino beam design
- Full LArSoft Monte Carlo simulation
 - Shared framework among many LArTPC experiments
 - GENIE event generator
 - GEANT4 particle propagation
 - Detector readout simulation including realistic waveforms and white noise
- Automated reconstruction: signal processing and hit finding, clustering algorithms, energy reconstruction
- Event classification using convolutional visual network (CVN)
 - A convolutional neural network (CNN)

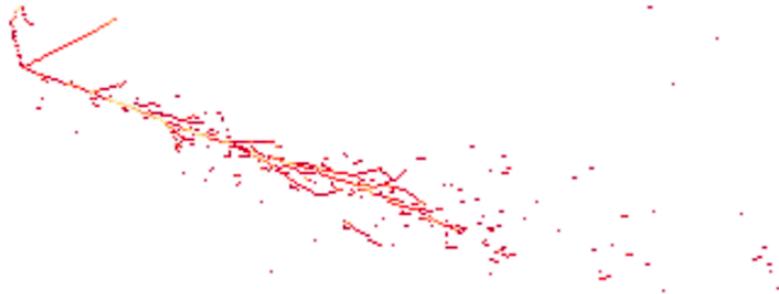
FD Reconstruction

- High-level objects (tracks & showers) identified based on hit proximity in space and time
- Track energies determined using range (contained) or multiple Coulomb scattering (exiting)
- Shower (hadronic and EM) energies determined with calorimetry
- Corrections applied for recombination, electron lifetime, and missing energy
- Reconstructed neutrino energy is sum of lepton and hadron reconstructed energies
- Neutrino energy resolution: 15-20%
 - Dominated by hadron reconstruction

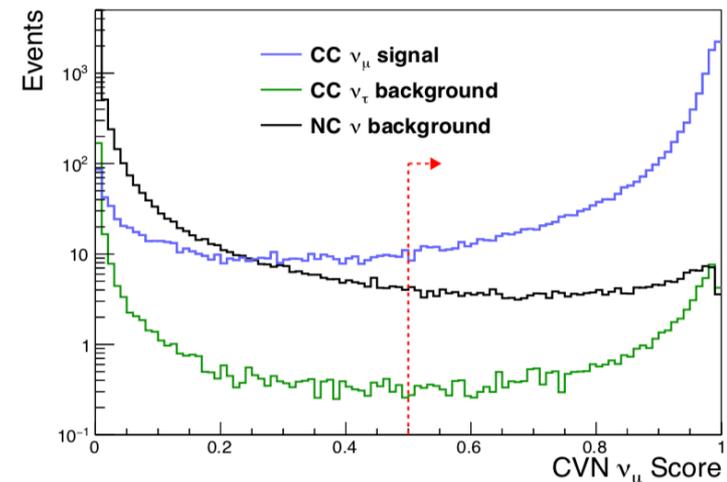
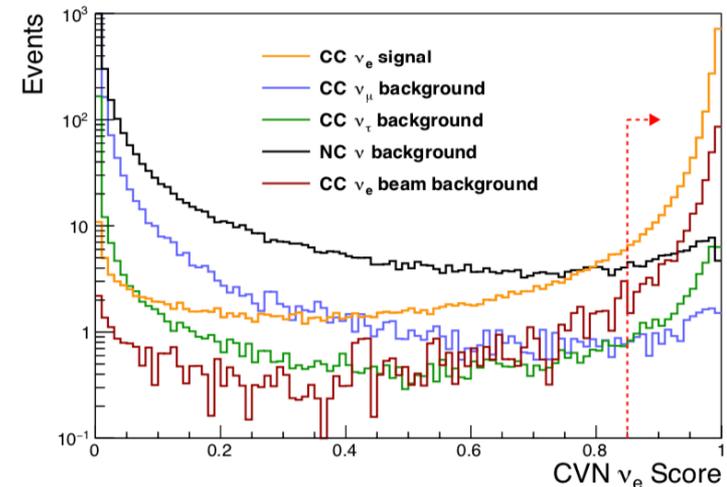


FD Event Classification

- Performed using convolutional visual network (CVN)
 - Three input images per event (time vs. wire number for each readout plane)

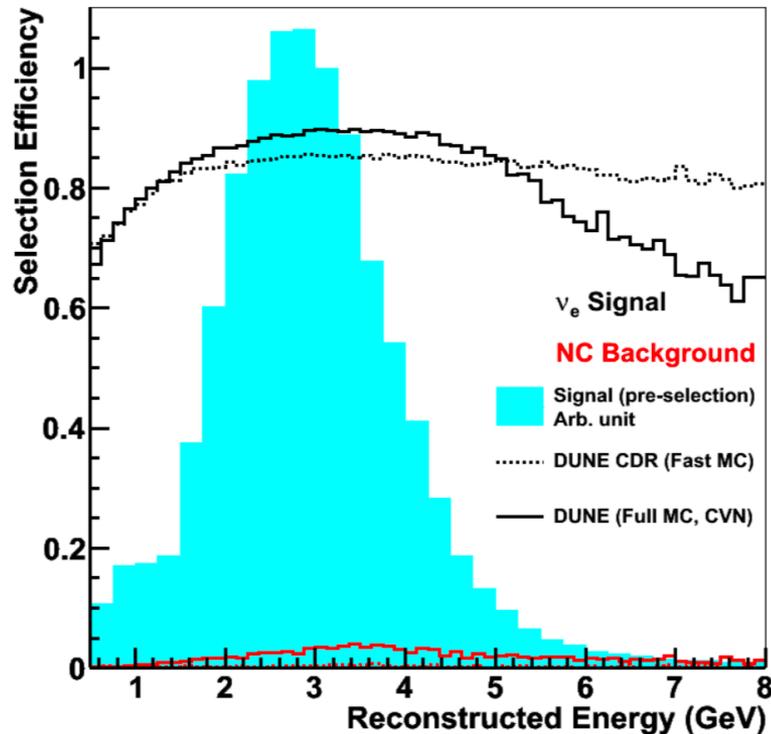


- Training performed on statistically independent MC sample
- Event selection criteria chosen to optimize CP violation sensitivity

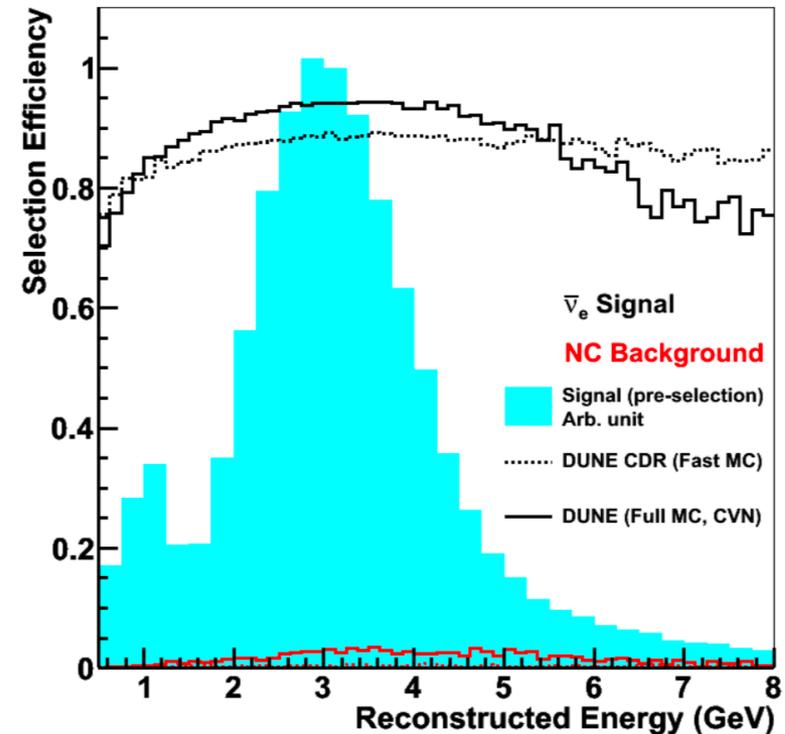


FD Event Selection Efficiency

Neutrino Mode:



Antineutrino Mode:



>90% peak efficiency for both ν_e and ν_μ selection
Good efficiency for full energy range used in oscillation analysis

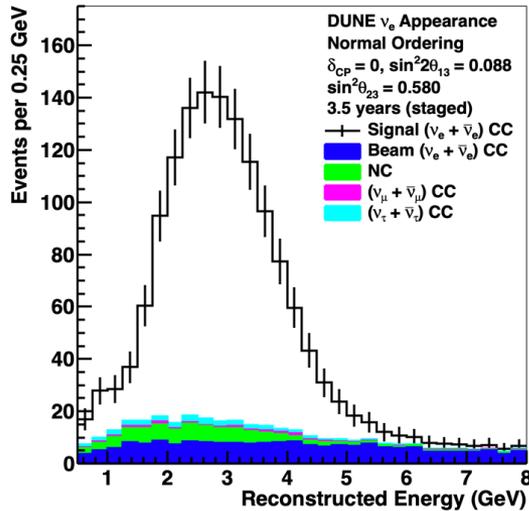
Analysis Input

- Oscillation parameters: NuFit 4.0 (Nov 2018)
 - <http://www.nu-fit.org/?q=node/177>
 - True value of θ_{23} has significant impact on sensitivity
- Earth density: 2.848 g/cm³
- Baseline: 1284.9 km
- Staging assumptions (technically limited schedule)
 - 1.2 MW × 20 kton at start
 - 1.2 MW × 30 kton after 1 yr
 - 1.2 MW × 40 kton after 3 yr
 - 2.4 MW × 40 kton after 6 yr
 - Equal running in neutrino/antineutrino mode
 - Standard “Fermilab year” = 56% accelerator uptime

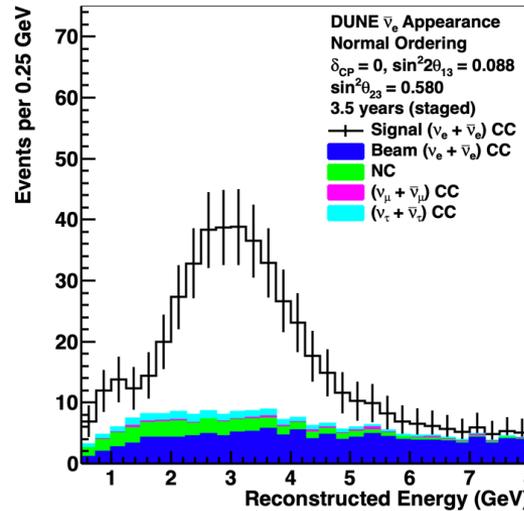
FD Selected Spectra

Appearance

Neutrino Mode

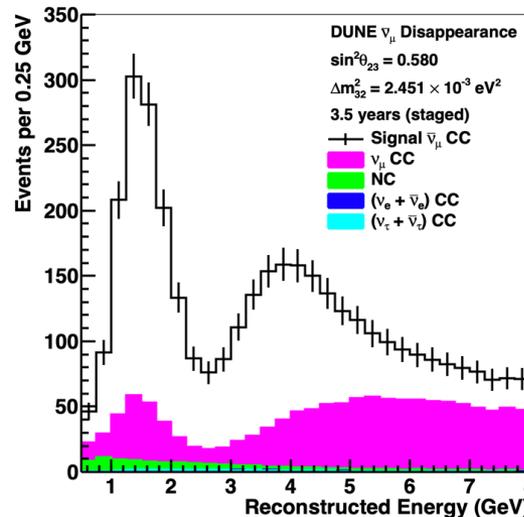
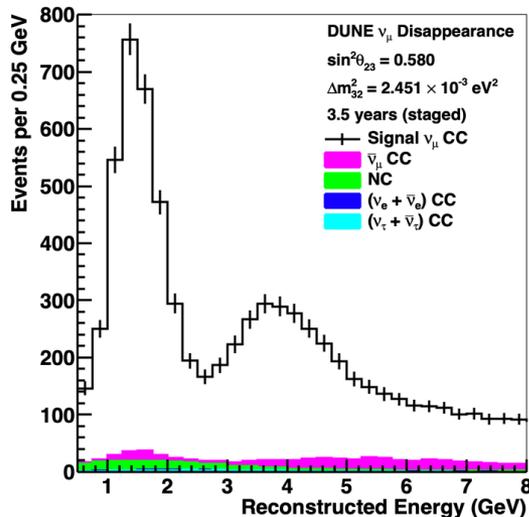


Antineutrino Mode



Order 1000
 appearance
 events in 7 years

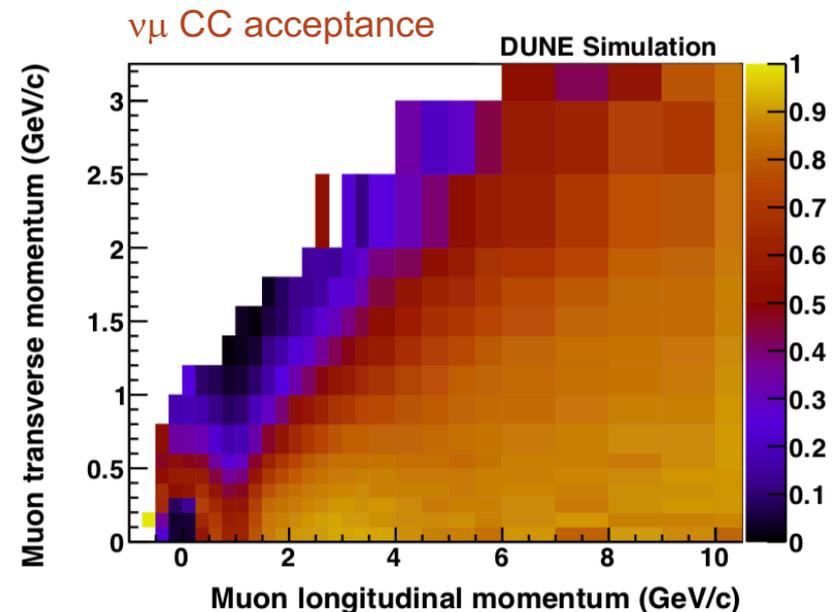
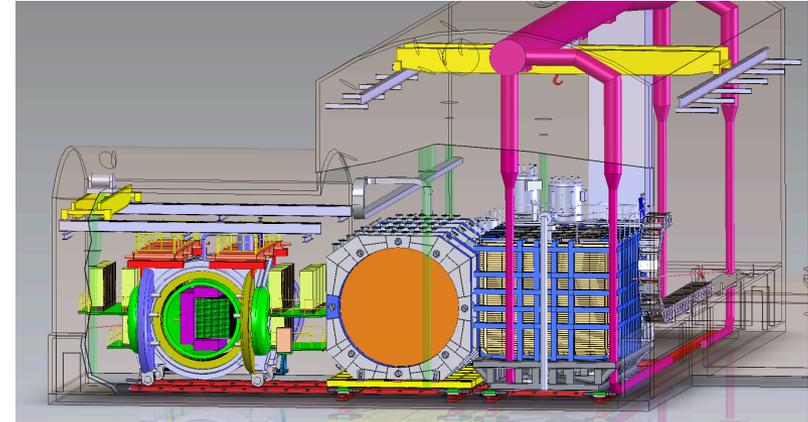
Disappearance



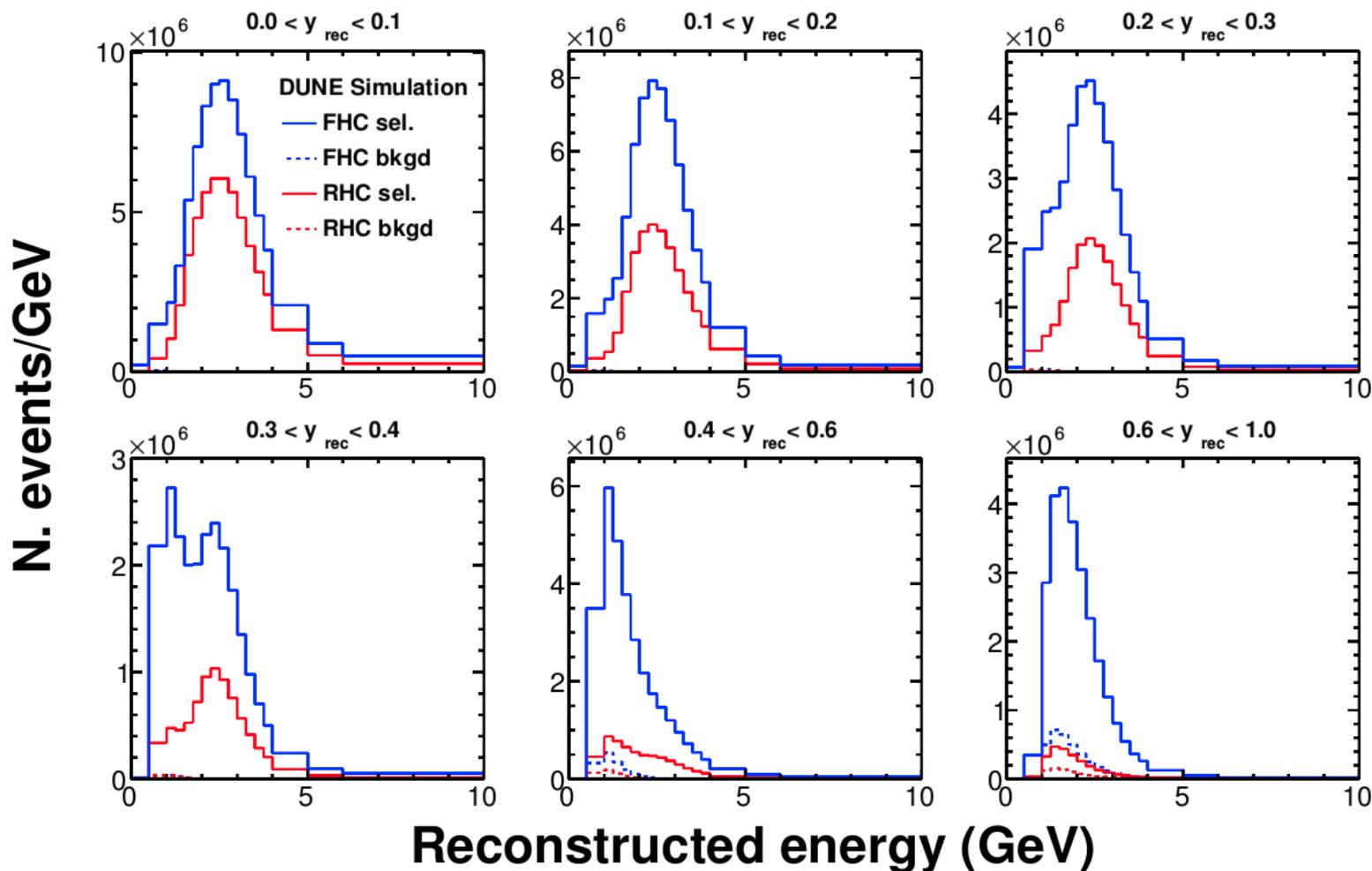
Order 10,000
 disappearance
 events in 7 years

Near Detector Analysis

- For analysis presented here, only parameterized reconstruction (based on Geant4 simulation) of ν_μ CC sample in ND-LAr is included in fits **but** analysis assumes constraints from full ND
 - Parameterized muon reconstruction assumes momentum analysis in ND-GAr for tracks exiting ND-LAr, so acceptance is limited to tracks that stop in ND-LAr or are matched in ND-Gar
 - Tracks are selected as muons if they are at least 1 m long and the mean energy deposit per cm is <3 MeV
 - Events are required to have exactly one identified muon track
 - Hadronic energy is calculated calorimetrically (sum of energy deposits not associated with a track)
- For fit, ND samples binned in reconstructed energy and y_{rec}

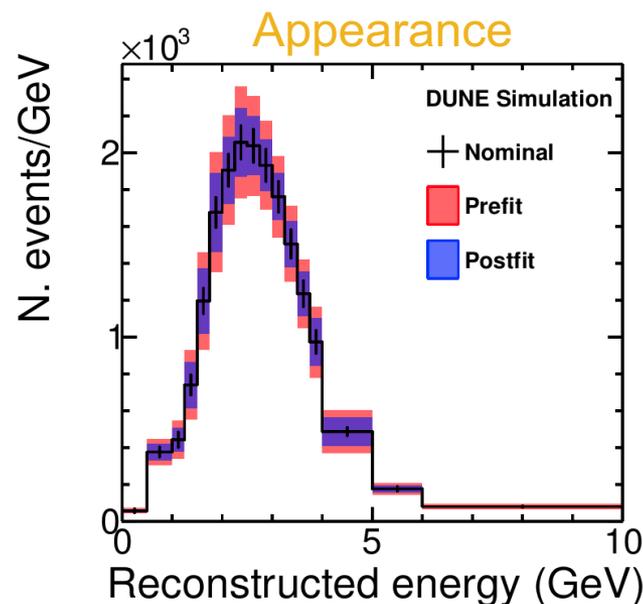
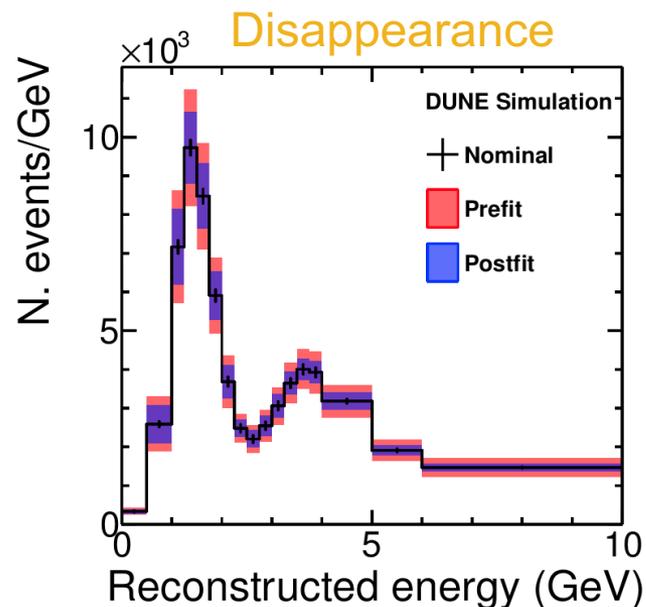


ND Selected Spectra



Systematic Uncertainties

- Analysis includes impact of individual sources of systematic uncertainty in both FD and ND samples
 - Flux, interaction model, detector effects

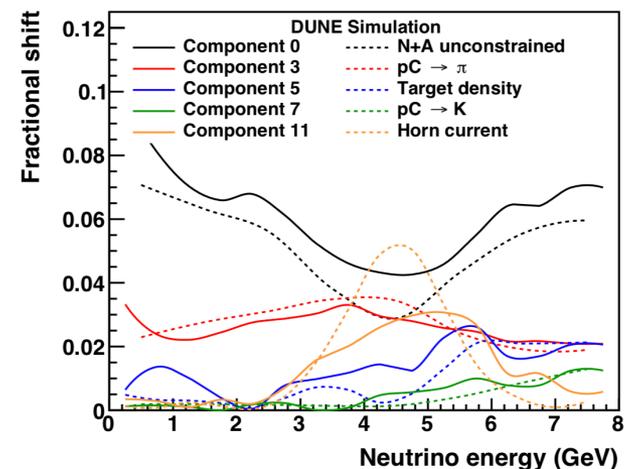
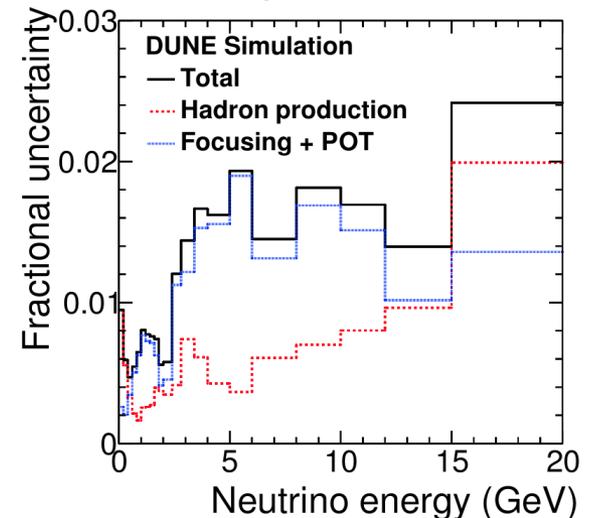


Note: Previous DUNE analyses did not attempt to evaluate impact of individual sources of systematic uncertainty. Overall effect of systematic uncertainty, after constraints from ND and FD sample-sample cancellations, was approximated using 2% uncorrelated signal normalization uncertainty. This approximation is replaced by the detailed treatment of individual sources of uncertainty in the analysis presented here.

Flux Systematics

- Flux prediction from Geant4 simulation
- Flux uncertainties include hadron production, beam focusing, and alignment effects
 - Uncertainty analysis informed by experience with the NuMI beam
 - ~8% at peak of appearance spectrum
- Flux uncertainties largely cancel in ND/FD ratio
 - ~1% at peak of appearance spectrum
- Flux uncertainty implemented in analysis via principle component analysis of flux covariance matrix
 - Include 30/208 principle components

Uncertainty in ND/FD Ratio



Interaction Model Systematics

- Neutrino interactions are simulated with GENIE version 2.12.10, with default physics list except for Valencia 2p2h model
- LBL analysis uses “DUNEInt”
 - Implementation of interaction model & uncertainties developed by neutrino interaction experts based on experience from MINERvA, NOvA, T2K, uBooNE
 - Makes extensive use of GENIE’s reweighting framework
 - Supports kinematic shifts in addition to reweighting
 - Adds additional freedom inspired by lack of measurements on argon and informed by modeling uncertainties in running experiments
- Model uncertainty implemented in the analysis by allowing individual model parameters to vary, constrained by a penalty term proportional to pre-fit uncertainty
 - ~40 individual parameters included
- **Implicit assumption that model fully describes the physics and only the parameters of the model are uncertain (more later)**

Detector Systematics

- Detector systematics defined using **post-calibration** expectation of detector performance, based on experience with previous experiments and prototypes
- Detector systematics treated as uncorrelated between ND & FD
- Energy scale uncertainties defined separately for four particle types: muons (1-2%), charged hadrons (5%), neutrons (20-30%), EM showers (2.5%)
 - Parameterized to allow significant freedom as a function of energy

$$E'_{rec} = E_{rec} \times \left(p_0 + p_1 \sqrt{E_{rec}} + \frac{p_2}{\sqrt{E_{rec}}} \right)$$

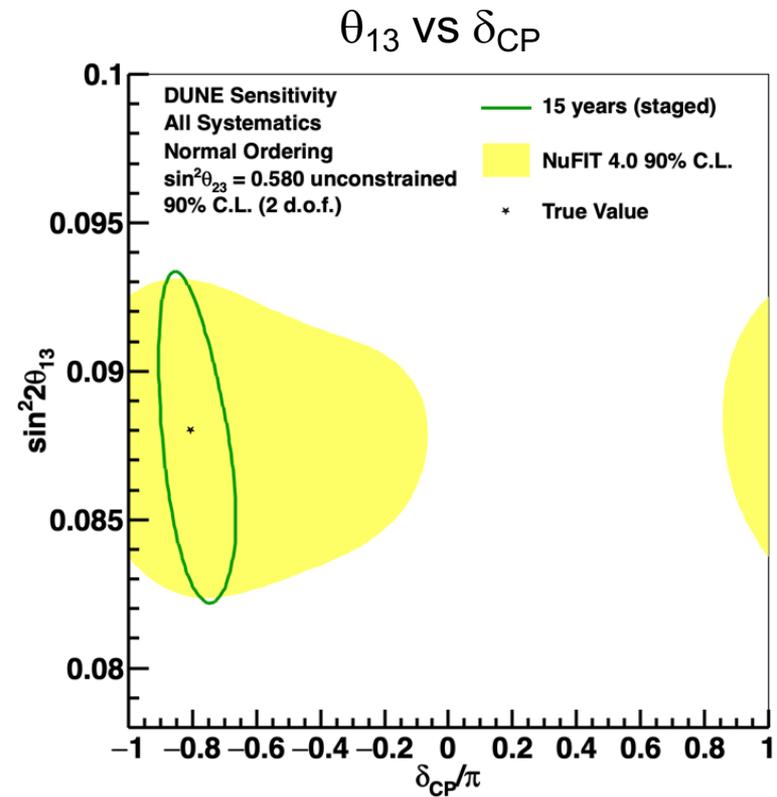
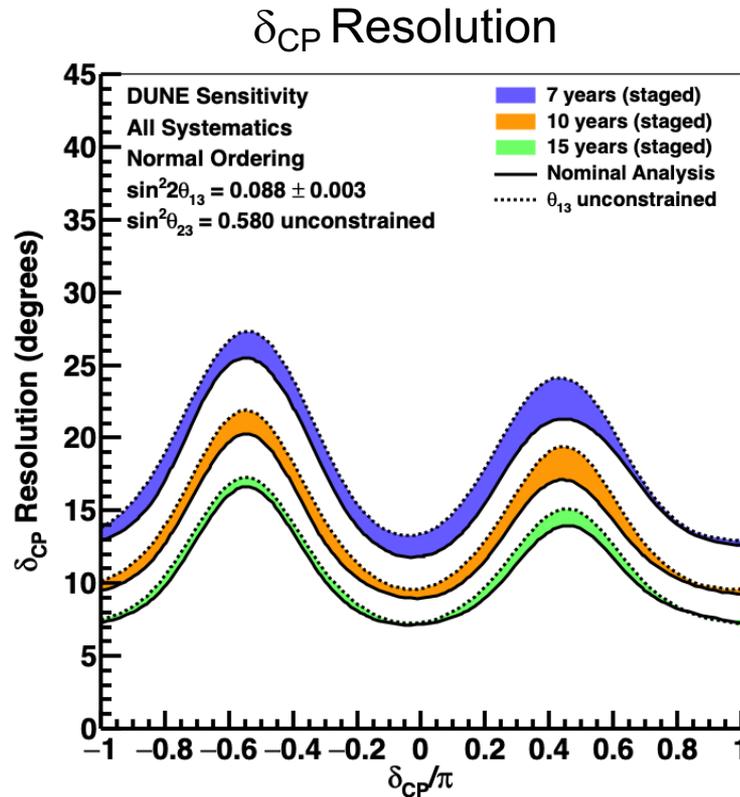
- Resolution uncertainty also applied separately for the four particle types
- Far detector parameters allowed to vary individually in the fit, constrained by a penalty term proportional to pre-fit uncertainty
- Near detector parameters not allowed to vary in the fit
 - Impact of ND uncertainty included by adding an additional penalty term extracted from a covariance matrix generated by “throws” of ND detector uncertainty parameters
 - Prevents over-constraint from ND sample based on parameterized analysis

Fitting

- Fits performed using CAFAna
 - Originally developed for NOvA
 - Produces expected event rates given input MC samples, oscillation parameters, systematic uncertainties
 - Systematics implemented using 1D response functions
 - Oscillation weights calculated in fine bins of true neutrino energy
 - Minimization performed with MINUIT
- θ_{13} constrained by NuFit uncertainty in nominal fits
- All other long-baseline oscillation parameters vary freely

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}, \mathbf{x}) &= -2 \log \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}, \mathbf{x}) \\ &= 2 \sum_i^{N_{\text{bins}}} \left[M_i(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}, \mathbf{x}) - D_i + D_i \ln \left(\frac{D_i}{M_i(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}, \mathbf{x})} \right) \right] \longrightarrow \text{Compare predicted spectra to mock data} \\ &+ \sum_j^{N_{\text{systs}}} \left[\frac{\Delta x_j}{\sigma_j} \right]^2 \longrightarrow \text{Penalty for varied systematics parameters} \\ &+ \sum_k^{N_{\text{bins}}^{\text{ND}}} \sum_l^{N_{\text{bins}}^{\text{ND}}} (M_k(\mathbf{x}) - D_k) V_{kl}^{-1} (M_l(\mathbf{x}) - D_l), \longrightarrow \text{Penalty for (fixed) ND systematics}\end{aligned}$$

Precision δ_{CP} Measurement



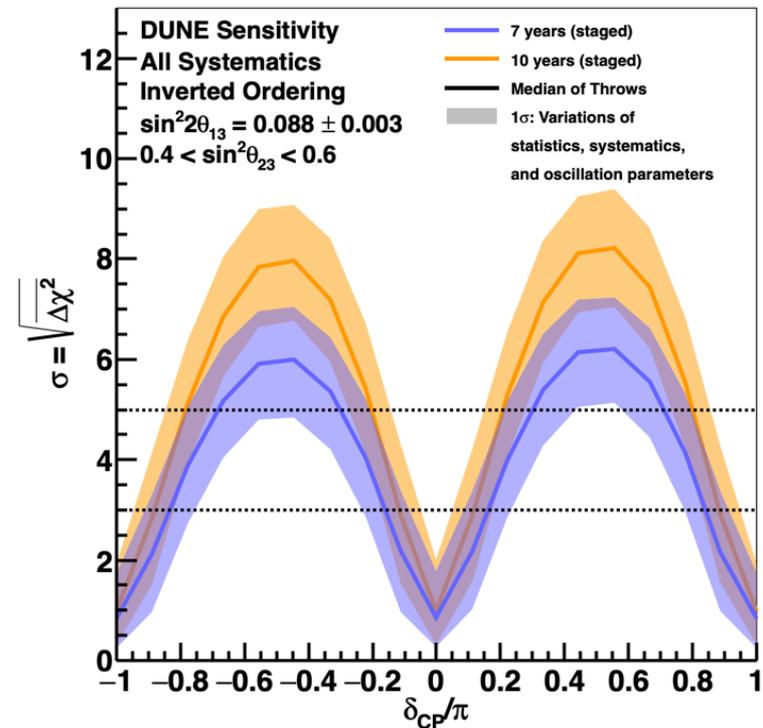
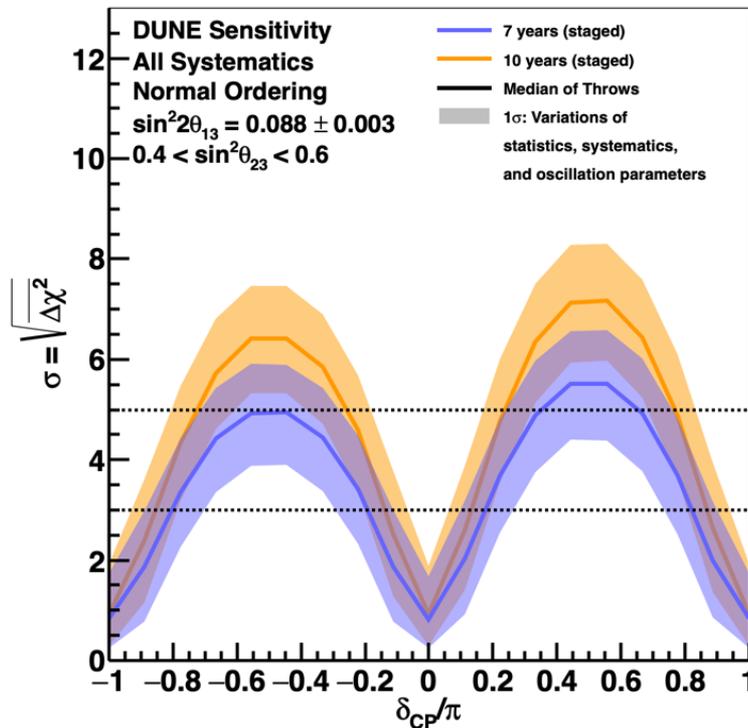
Width of band represents difference between sensitivity with and without external constraint on θ_{13}

Ultimate goal is precise measurement of δ_{CP} : < 17 degrees after 15 years
 θ_{13} precision comparable to that of reactor experiments after 15 years

CP Violation Sensitivity

True Normal Ordering

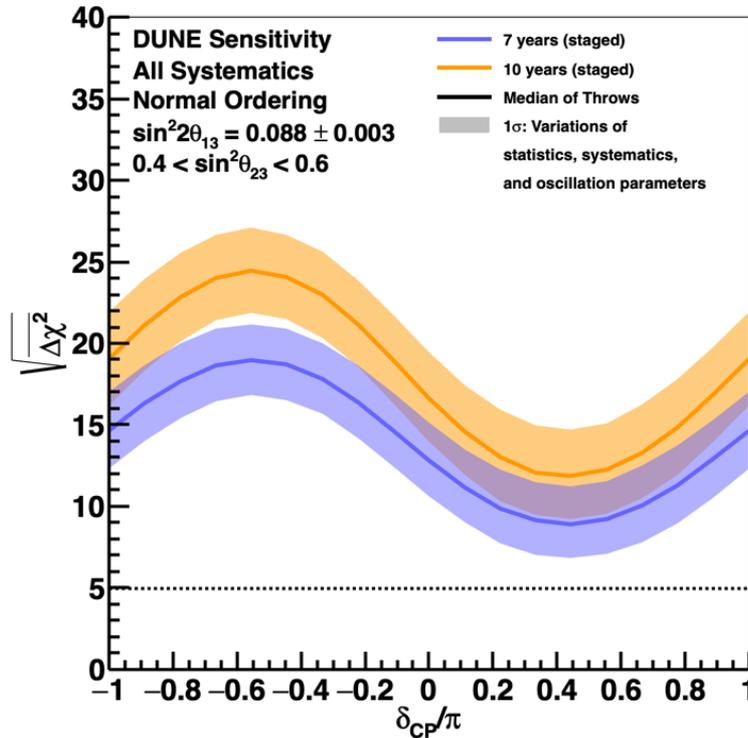
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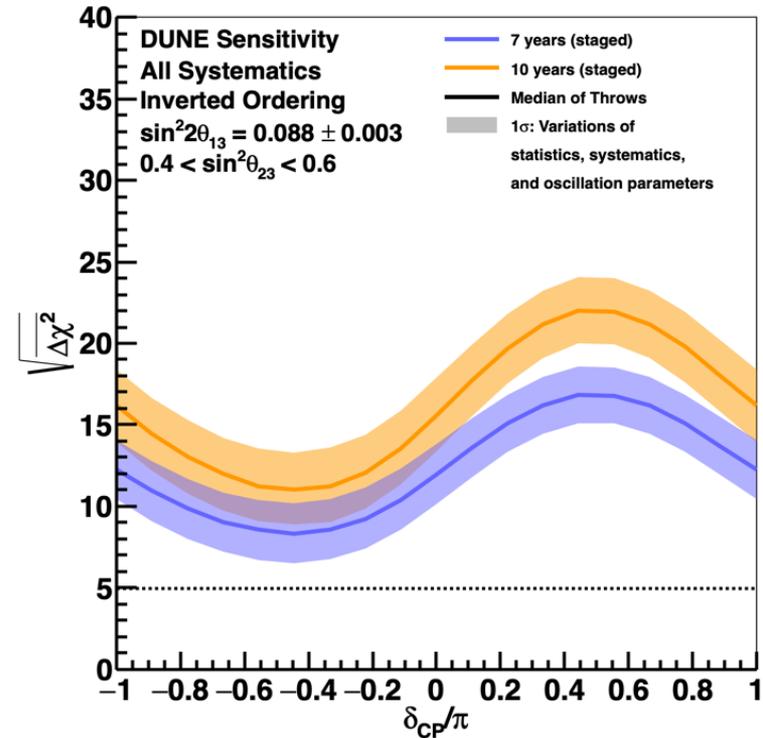
Width of band represents 68% of throws (stats, systematics, oscillation parameters)
Significant CP violation discovery potential over wide range of δ_{CP} space in 7-10 years

Mass Ordering Sensitivity

True Normal Ordering



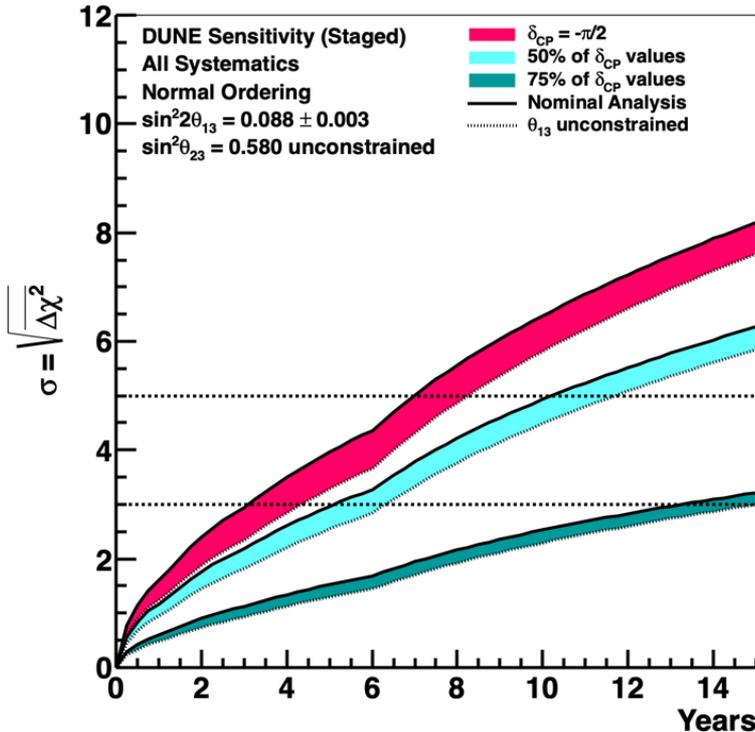
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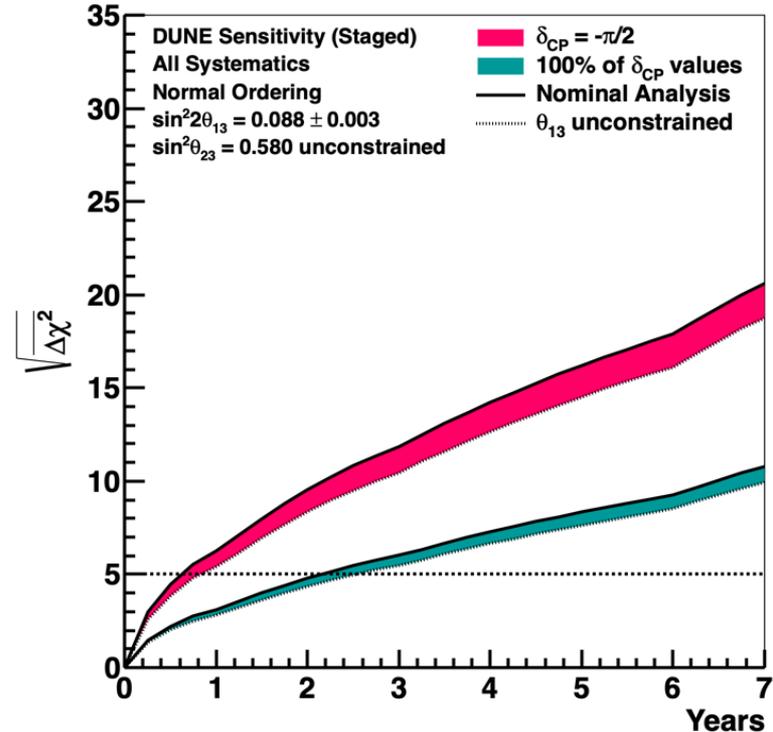
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Definitive determination of mass ordering for all possible parameters

Sensitivity Over Time

CP Violation Sensitivity



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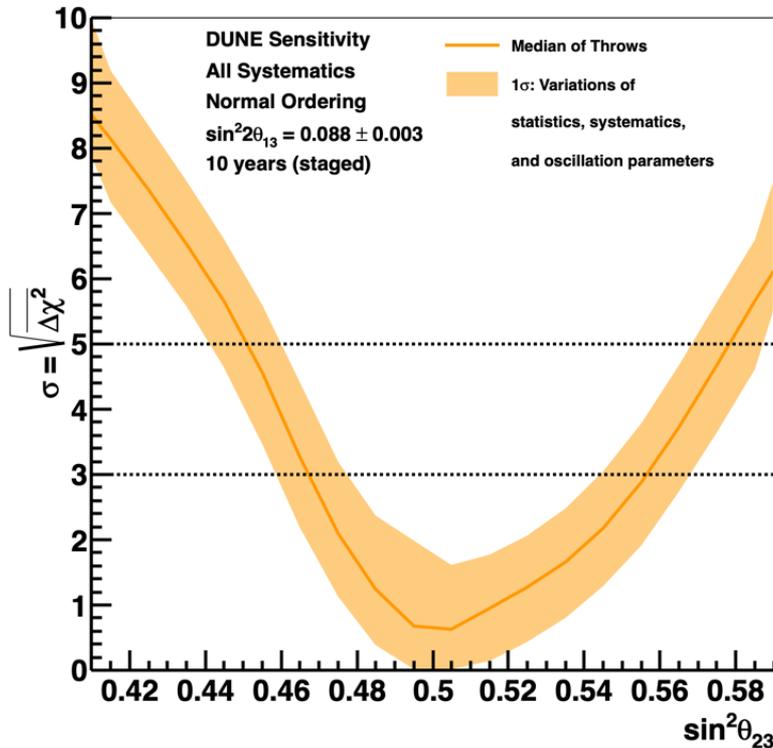


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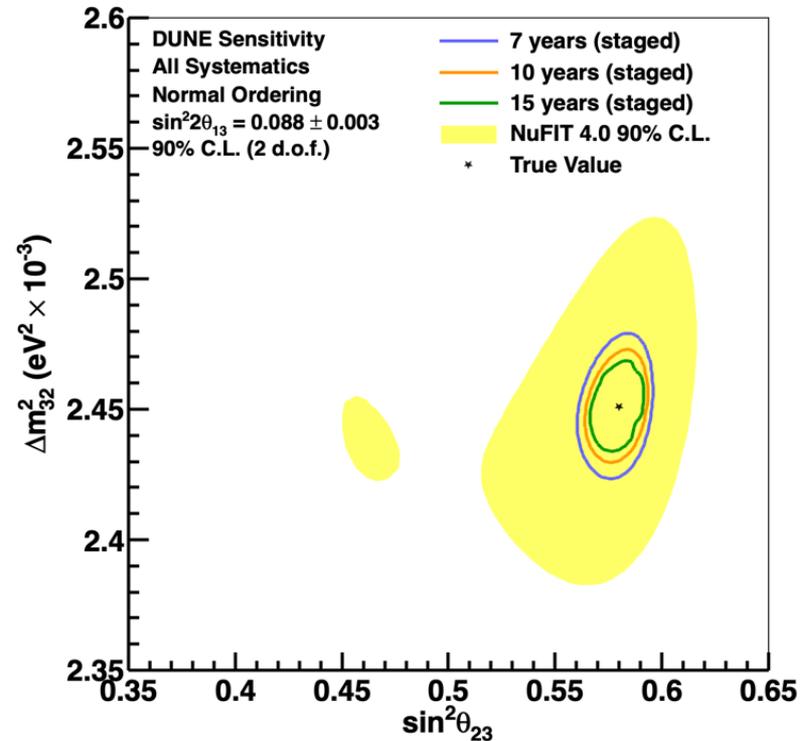
Unambiguous determination of neutrino mass ordering within first few years.
Significant milestones throughout the beam physics program.

Other Parameters

Octant determination



Δm^2_{32} vs $\sin^2\theta_{23}$



Width of band represents 68% of throws (stats, systematics, oscillation parameters)
 Significant improvement in precision measurement of atmospheric mixing parameters

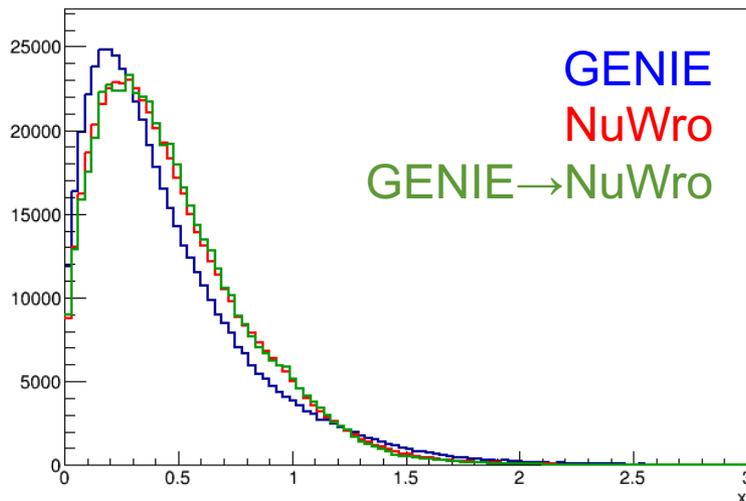
Further Studies

- Ability to detect and resolve model deficiencies is implicit in the sensitivities in the preceding slides
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- Study experimental capacity for handling unknown unknowns by creating alternative simulated datasets drawn from a different, plausible underlying model than that used in the nominal analysis, eg:
 - GENIE→NuWro
 - Redistribute energy between final state protons and neutrons

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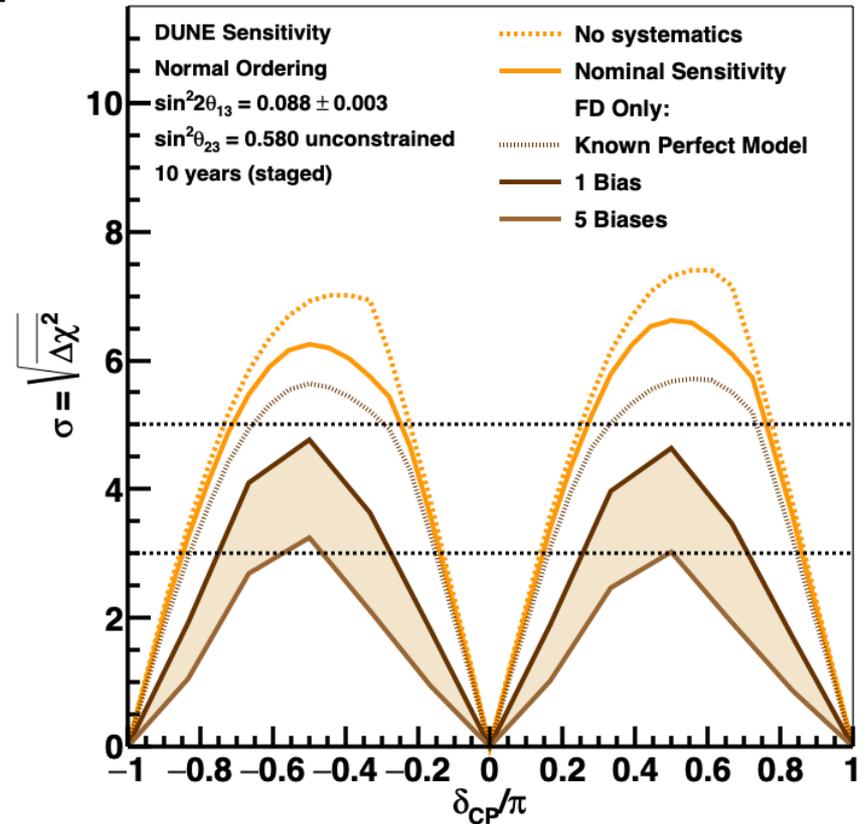
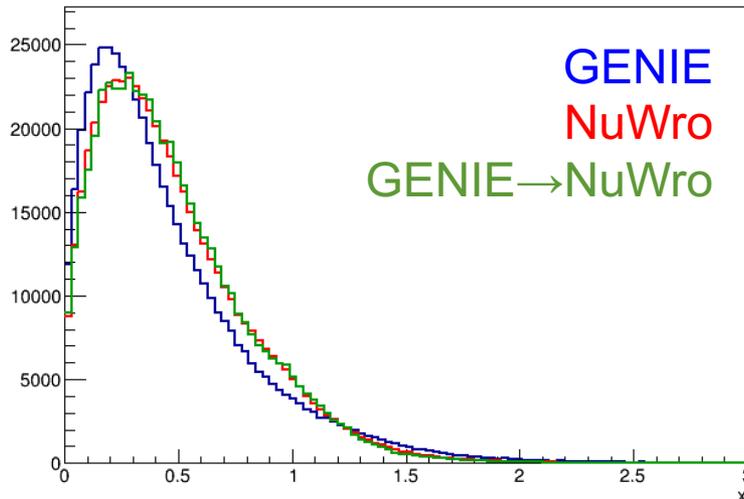
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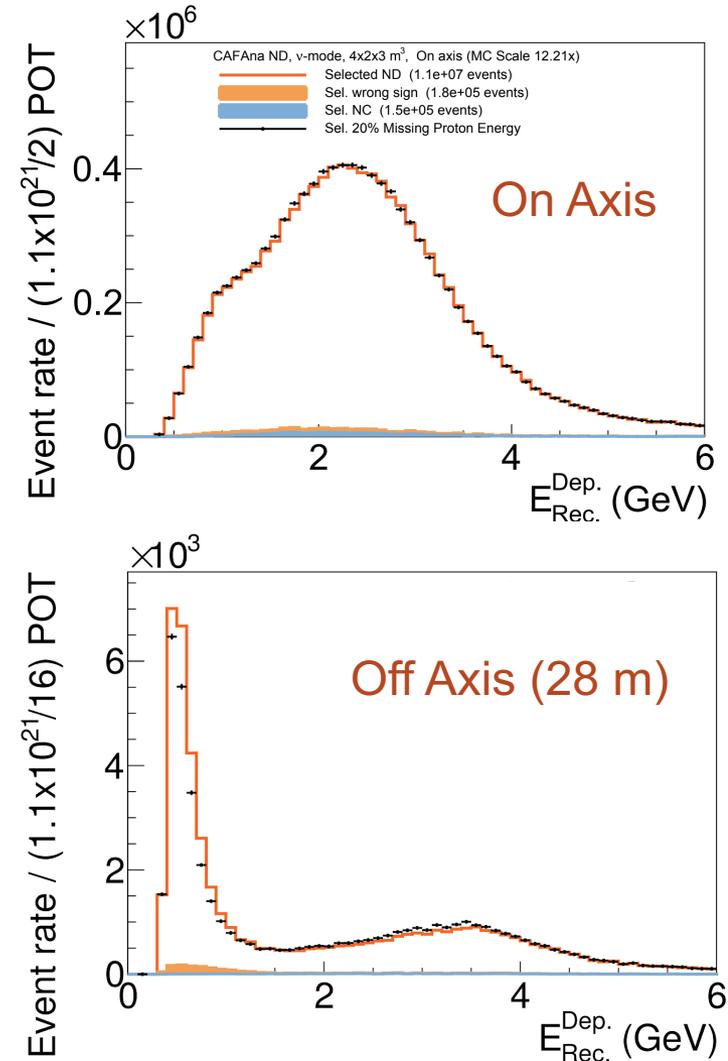
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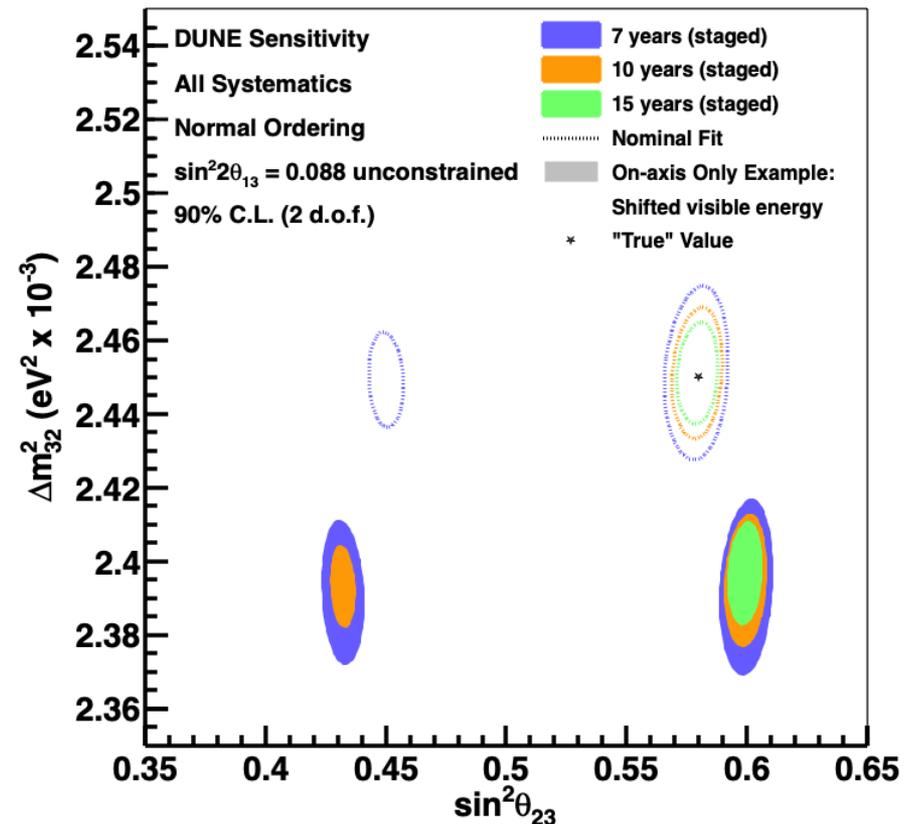
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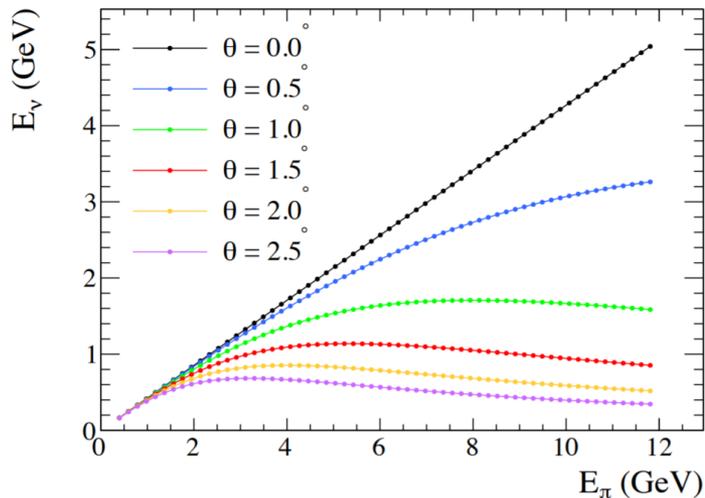
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- Mismatch leads to significant bias in measured oscillation parameters

Δm^2_{32} vs $\sin^2\theta_{23}$

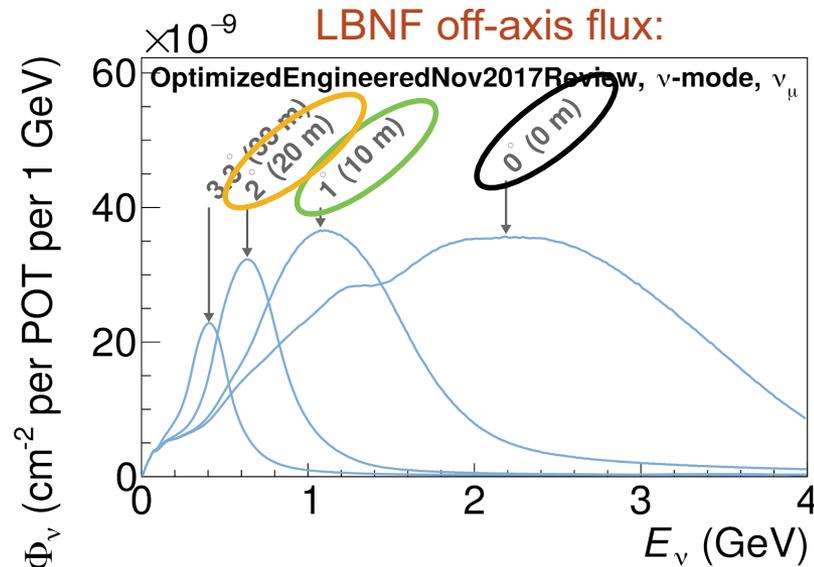


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Off-axis neutrino energy:

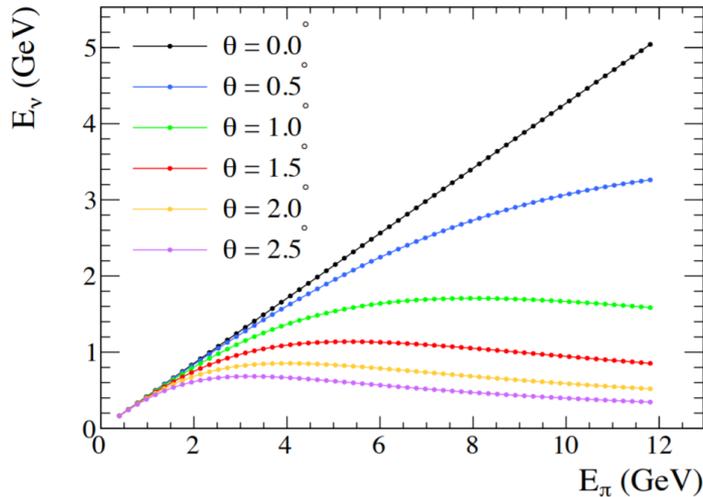


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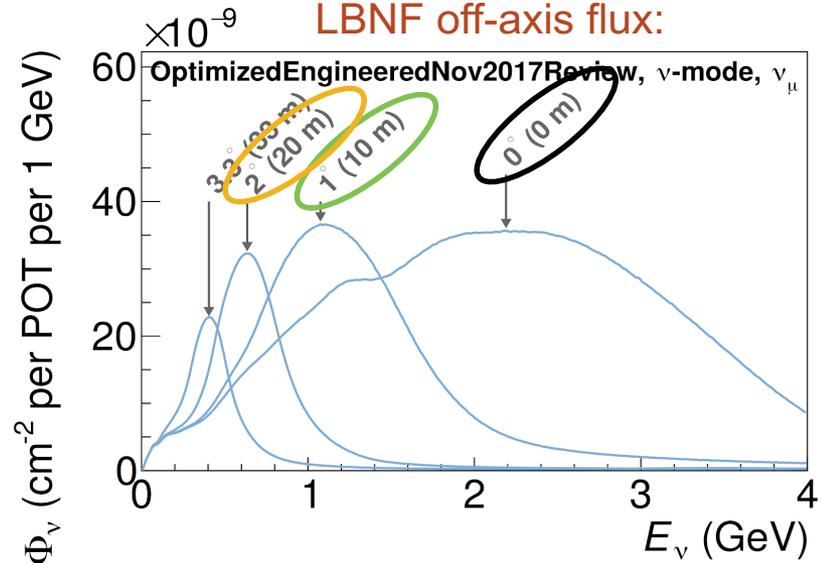


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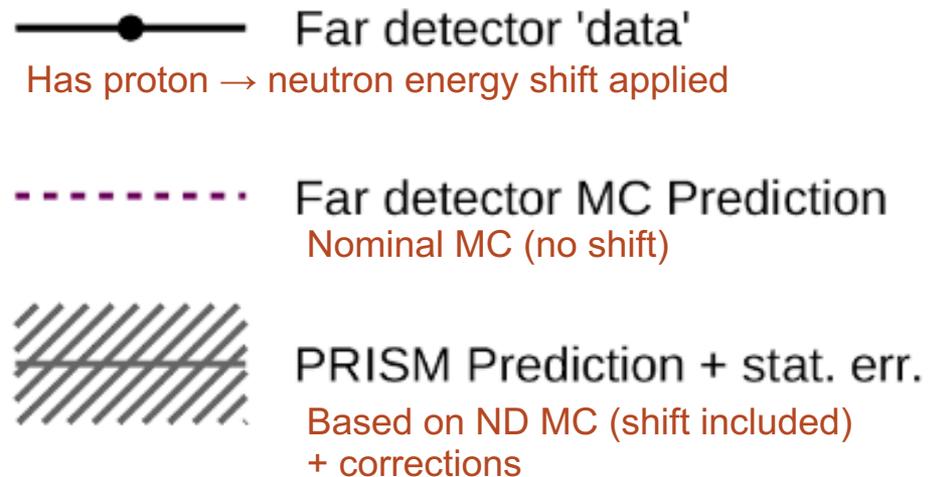
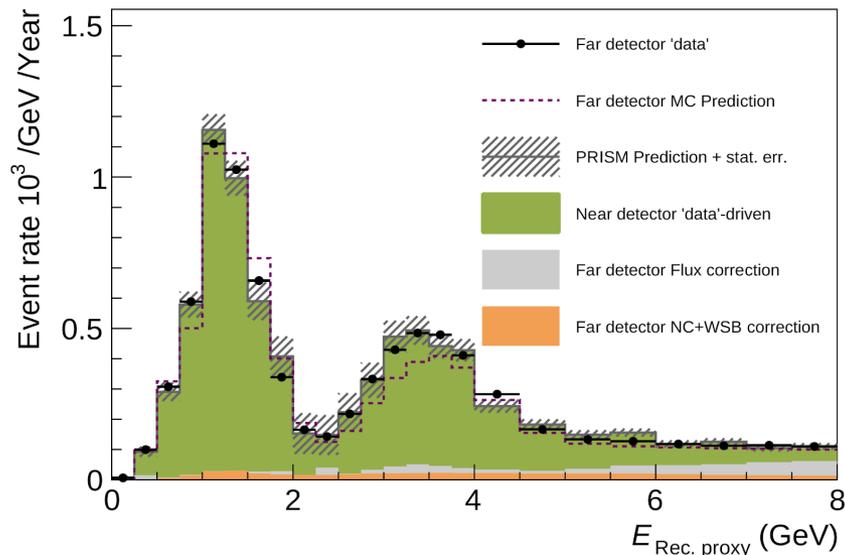


PRISM (Precision Reaction-Independent Spectrum Measurement) concept is to use linear combinations of off-axis fluxes to construct any flux: can \sim reproduce FD flux prediction or Gaussian flux at a given energy. Same weights can then be applied to ND data to construct a “data driven” predicted event rate for a given flux.

DUNE PRISM Example

Energy bias study with PRISM:

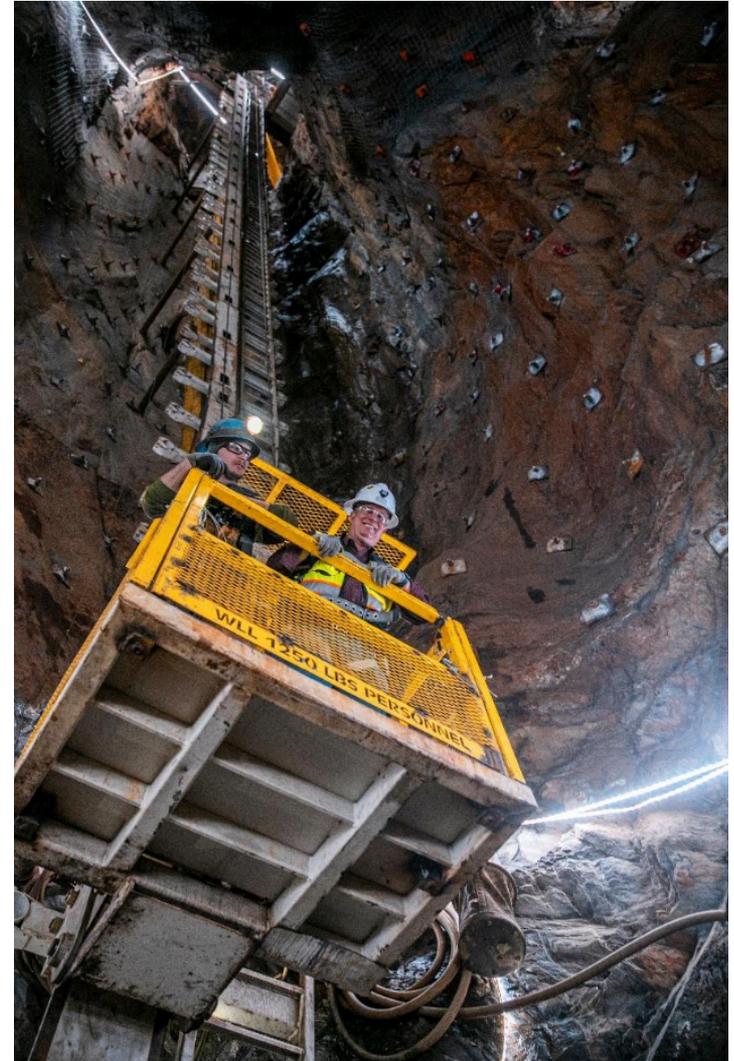
NuFit 4.1, $\Delta|M^2|_{32} = 2.52 \times 10^{-3}$ eV, $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.525$



- With nominal MC, prediction badly mismatched to data, leading to biased measurement of oscillation parameters
- PRISM prediction is well-matched to data and no bias in parameter measurement is observed!

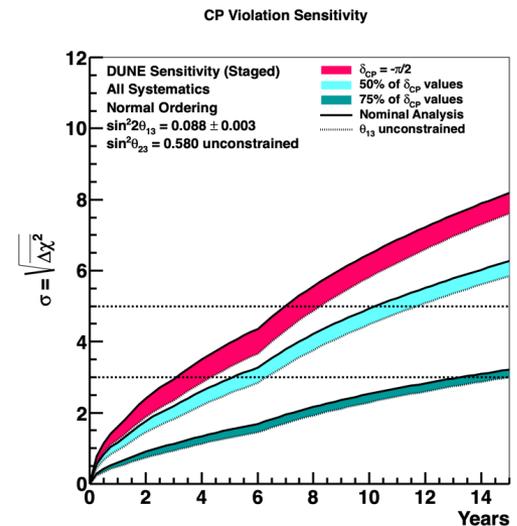
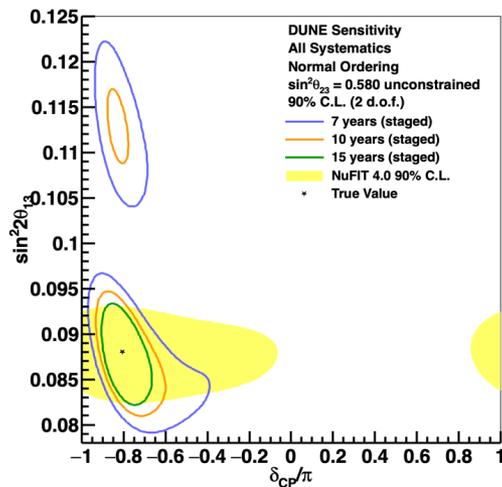
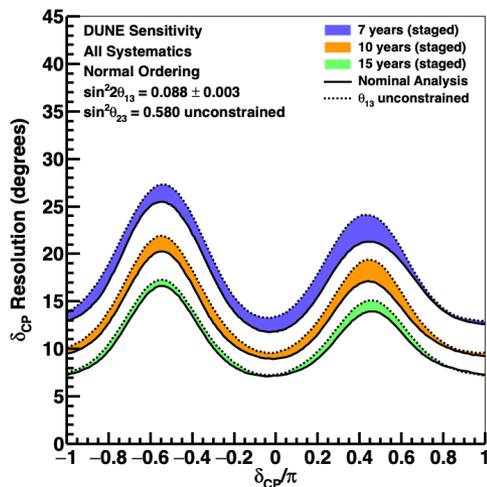
DUNE Timeline & Plans

- Far site construction underway
- Near site preparation underway
- protoDUNEs (large scale FD prototypes at CERN Neutrino Platform) taking data now
- Far detector physics data expected in late 2020s
- Neutrino beam expected to be available on similar timescale
- Details of timeline will be finalized when project is baselined (expected this year)



Summary

- DUNE's primary physics goals include precise measurement of all parameters governing long-baseline oscillation in a single experiment: θ_{23} , θ_{13} , Δm^2_{32} , δ_{CP}
- DUNE analysis of sensitivity to long-baseline oscillation physics has been updated to include:
 - Full simulation, reconstruction, and CVN-based event selection for far detector Monte Carlo
 - Parameterized analysis of near detector Monte Carlo
 - Detailed treatment of individual sources of systematic uncertainty
 - Study of robustness to modeling deficiencies



More DUNE Information

- DUNE Technical Design Report
 - Volume 1, Introduction to DUNE, [arXiv:2002.02967](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02967)
 - Volume 2, DUNE Physics, [arXiv:2002.03005](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.03005)
 - Volume 3, Far Detector Technical Coordination, [arXiv:2002.03008](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.03008)
 - Volume 4, Far Detector Single-phase Technology, [arXiv:2002.03010](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.03010)
- Paper on long-baseline analysis to be submitted to EPJC
- Paper on CVN event classification to be submitted to PRD

