

# Neutrino Interaction Systematics and Future Long-Baseline Searches for Mass Hierarchy and CP Violation

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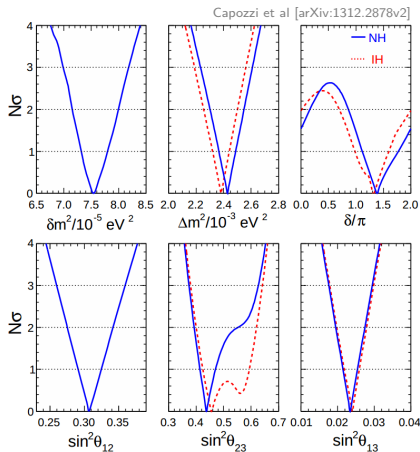
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# Overview

- ▶ Mass hierarchy (MH) and CP violation (CPV) in future long-baseline (LBL) experiments
  - ▶ LBL neutrino oscillations
  - ▶ T2HK (briefly), LBNE, LBNO
- ▶ Method, statistics, and systematics for sensitivity to MH and CPV
  - ▶ Focus on methods and effects of systematics. No attempt made to compare on equal footing or to account for possible phasing of the experiments.
  - ▶ Normalization uncertainties in LBNE and LBNO
- ▶ Example: LBNE's approach to computing sensitivity and incorporating detailed systematic uncertainties
  - ▶ The LBNE Fast Monte Carlo simulation
  - ▶ Fast MC systematic response functions
  - ▶ Near detector strategy to constrain systematics

# Long-Baseline Oscillations

- ▶ **Large  $\theta_{13}$**  from both  $\nu_e$  appearance and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance experiments
  - ▶ Possibility of observing CP violation
- ▶ **Global fits** produce strong constraints on many of the PMNS matrix parameters
- ▶ Will focus on the least constrained:
  - ▶  $\delta_{CP}$  and **CP violation** ( $\sin(\delta_{CP}) \neq 0$ )
  - ▶ **Mass hierarchy**: **normal** or **inverted**?
- ▶ Experiments with LBL (matter-effect) and high-statistics necessary to look for these oscillation effects in
  - ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance
  - ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  disappearance



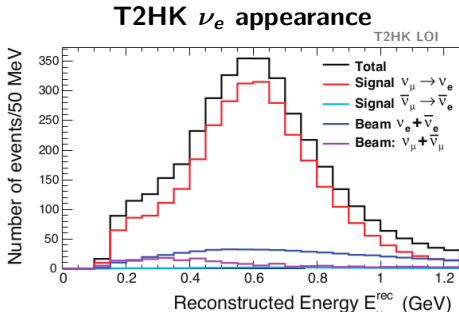
Global fit of PMNS matrix parameters to LBL, Solar, Kamland, Reactor, and atmospheric measurements assuming either **normal** or **inverted** hierarchy

# Future LBL Experiments: T2HK

- ▶ Tokai to Hyper-K (T2HK) LBL physics:
- ▶  $L$ : 295 km
- ▶  $E_\nu$ : 0.6 GeV (off-axis)
  - ▶ Narrow-band beam
- ▶ **Total POT**:  $1.56 \times 10^{22}$
- ▶ **Far Detector**: 560 kt (fiducial) WC

**Table:** Event rates for 560 kt,  $7.5 \text{ MW} * 10^7 \text{ s}$   
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.1$  and  $\delta_{CP} = 0$

	CC $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	Total BG
25% $\nu$ mode	3044	706
75% $\bar{\nu}$ mode	2506	892



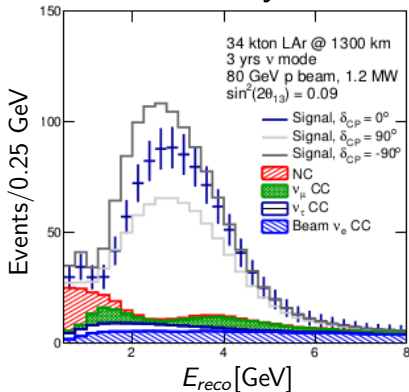
# Future LBL Experiments: LBNE

- ▶ Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE) LBL Physics:
- ▶  $L$ : 1300 km
- ▶  $E_\nu$ : 0.5-8 GeV
  - ▶ Wide-band beam
- ▶ **Total POT**:  $9 \times 10^{21}$  POT
- ▶ **Far Detector**: 34 kt (fiducial) LAr TPC

**Table:** Event rates for 34 kt, 1.2 MW, 6 years with  $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.09$  and  $\delta_{CP} = 0$

	CC $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	Total BG
50% $\nu$ mode	789	364
50% $\bar{\nu}$ mode	190	187

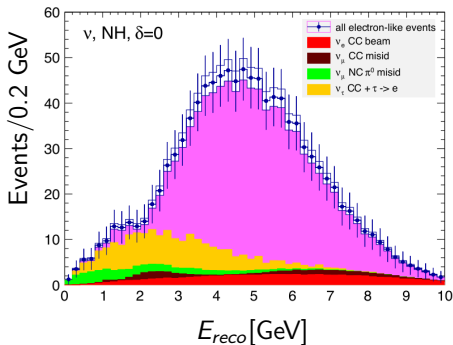
## LBNE $\nu_e$ appearance 34 kt \* 3 yrs



# Future LBL Experiments: LBNO

- ▶ Long-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation (LBNO) Experiment LBL Physics:
- ▶  $L$ : 2300 km
- ▶  $E_\nu$ : 1-10 GeV
  - ▶ Wide-band beam
- ▶ **Total POT**:  $1.5 \times 10^{21}$  POT
- ▶ **Far Detector**: 20 kt (fiducial) LAr TPC

## LBNO $\nu_e$ appearance 20kt \* 7.5 yrs



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Beam	$\nu_\mu$ unosc. CC	$\nu_\mu$ osc. CC	$\nu_e$ beam CC	$\nu_\mu$ NC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ CC	$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ CC $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2, 0, \pi/2$		
LBNO: 2300 km NH 400 GeV, 750 kW $1.5 \times 10^{20}$ POT/year 50kt years $\nu$ 50kt years $\bar{\nu}$	3447 1284	907 330	22 5	1183 543	215 98	246 20	201 27	162 29

Expected events at 50 kt.year in  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  modes

# $\nu_e$ Appearance: CP Violation

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e} \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2((1-x)\Delta)}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$- \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin \delta \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \Delta \frac{\sin(x\Delta)}{x} \frac{\sin((1-x)\Delta)}{(1-x)}$$

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$$x = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m_{31}^2}$$

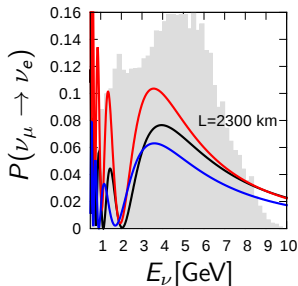
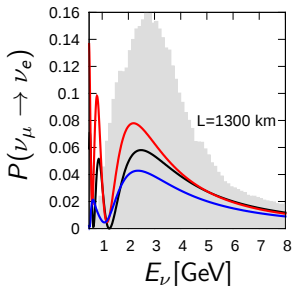
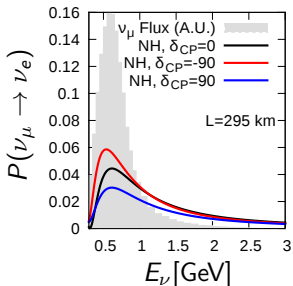
$$\Delta = \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}$$

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T2HK

LBNE

LBNO



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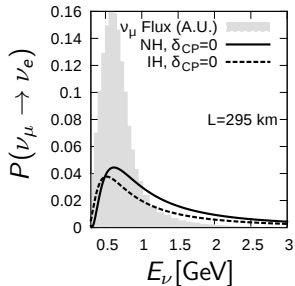
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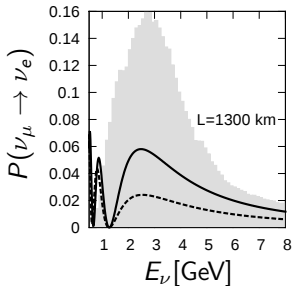
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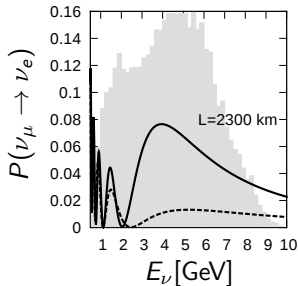
T2HK



LBNE



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# Simulating the Experiments

- ▶ **T2HK**: very similar to T2K, but some differences
  - ▶ Beam upgrade, event rates in the near detector
  - ▶ Upgrades to near detector(s)
  - ▶ FD has lower PMT coverage (SK2)
- ▶ **LBNE and LBNO**: have similar challenges
  - ▶ State of the art detector technologies come with reconstruction challenges
  - ▶ ND design still uncertain
    - ▶ Identical vs high resolution detectors
    - ▶ Methods of propagating constraints to the FD

# Statistics for MH and CPV Sensitivity

- Quantify experimental sensitivity using  $\chi^2$  (ratio of Poisson likelihoods):

$$\chi^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{true}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{test}, \mathbf{f}) = 2 \cdot \sum_i^{N_{bins}} \left( n_i^{true} \cdot \ln \frac{n_i^{true}}{n_i^{test'}} + n_i^{test'} - n_i^{true} \right) + \sum_j^{N_{sys}} \frac{f_j^2}{\sigma_j^2}$$

- $n^{true}$ : Sig.+BG events for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{true}$  oscillation parameters
- $n^{test'}$ : Sig.+BG events for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{test}$  oscillation parameters and  $\mathbf{f}$  systematic parameters
  - $\mathbf{f}$  encodes all allowed systematic variations and is constrained by priors ( $\sigma$ )

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## Mass Hierarchy Statistic

- $\Delta\chi^2_{MH} = \chi^2(NH, IH) - \chi^2(NH, NH)$
- No stat. fluctuations:  
 $\Delta\chi^2_{MH} = \chi^2(NH, IH)$

## CP Violation Statistic

- $\Delta\chi^2 = \text{Min}[\chi^2(\delta_{CP}^{true}, \delta_{CP}^{test} = 0), \chi^2(\delta_{CP}^{true}, \delta_{CP}^{test} = \pi)]$
- $\sqrt{\Delta\chi^2} \approx \sigma$

# Normalization Uncertainties in LBNE

- ▶ Total sensitivity given by joint fit of  $\nu_e$  appearance and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance in  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  modes
  - ▶ Each  $\chi^2$  minimized with respect to systematics parameters

$$\chi_{total}^2 = \chi_{\nu_e \text{ App.}}^2 + \chi_{\bar{\nu}_e \text{ App.}}^2 + \chi_{\nu_\mu \text{ Disapp.}}^2 + \chi_{\bar{\nu}_\mu \text{ Disapp.}}^2.$$

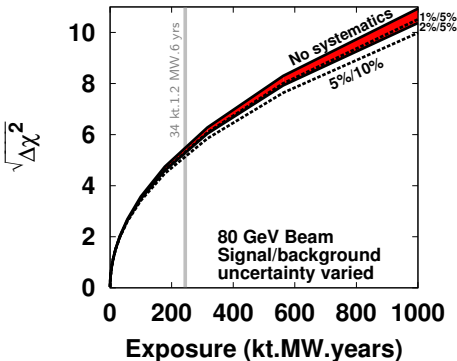
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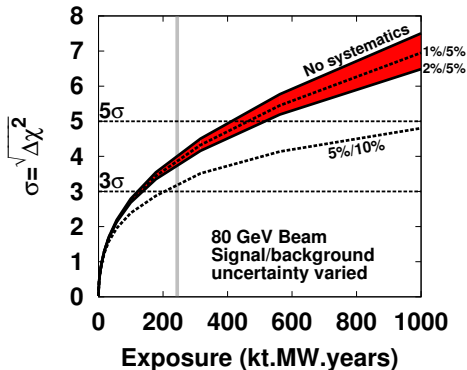
- ▶ 1% on signal, 5% on total background in  $\nu_e$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance
- ▶ 5% on signal, 10% on total background  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance
- ▶ Uncorrelated among  $\nu_e$  appearance,  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance,  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance samples
  - ▶ Residual uncertainties assuming that correlated pieces cancel
  - ▶ Ongoing studies will justify/update these estimates

# LBNE Sensitivity & Norm. Uncertainties

Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity  
100%  $\delta_{CP}$  Coverage



CP Violation Sensitivity  
50%  $\delta_{CP}$  Coverage



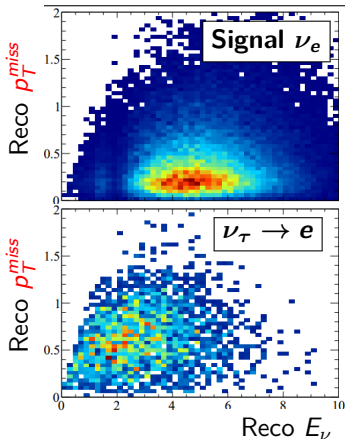
- ▶ No systematics and normalization systematic uncertainties on signal/background from 1%/5% to 5%/10%
- ▶ Exposures less than 100 kt.MW.years are statistically limited
- ▶ Small effect for MH (due to shape) but significant effect for CPV

# Normalization Uncertainties in LBNO

$$\chi^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{true}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{test}, \mathbf{f}) = 2 \cdot \sum_i^{N_{reco}, p_T^{miss}} \left( n_i^{true} \cdot \ln \frac{n_i^{true}}{n_i^{test'}} + n_i^{test'} - n_i^{true} \right) + \sum_j^{N_{sys}} \frac{f_j^2}{\sigma_j^2}$$

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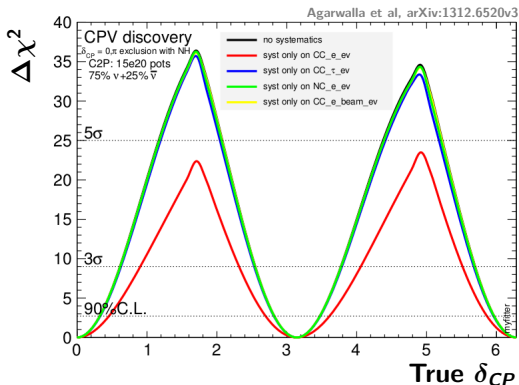
- ▶ 5% on signal normalization
- ▶ 5% on beam  $\nu_e$  background
- ▶ 20% on  $\nu_\tau$  background (for CP violation sensitivities)
- ▶ 10% NC and  $\nu_\mu$  CC background
- ▶ Correlated across analysis samples



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- ▶ Effects for each systematic on CP violation sensitivity
  - ▶ Largest effect from signal normalization

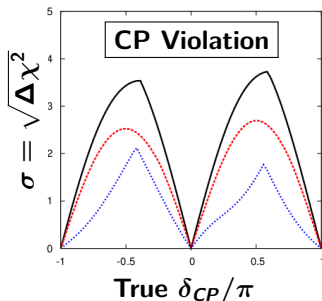
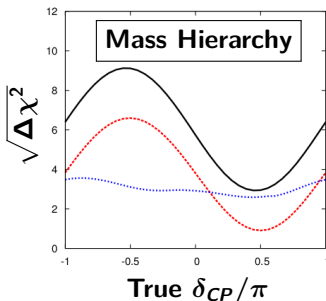
# Beyond Normalization Systematics

- ▶ Normalization systematics encompass part of uncertainties but do not degrade **shape information**
- ▶ Analyses in LBNO and LBNE (below) rely on **shape and rate**
  - ▶ Mostly rate in a narrow-band beam (T2HK)
- ▶ LBNE and LBNO are both performing detailed studies of the detector designs and requirements based on **MC simulations** for the near and far detectors
  - ▶ Including detailed effects of neutrino interaction systematics
- ▶ Will discuss the current state of **LBNE's simulation efforts**

## LBNE

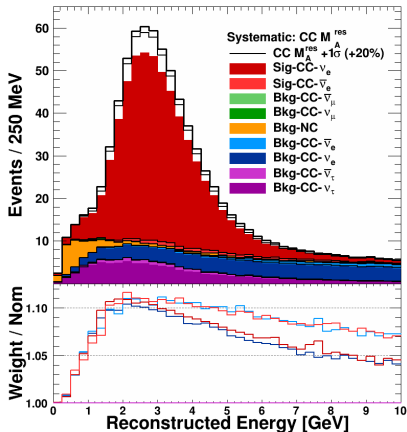
70 kt.MW.yrs

- ▶ **Shape+Rate**
- ▶ **Rate only**
- ▶ **Shape only**



# LBNE Simulation: Fast MC

- ▶ LBNE is developing a Fast Monte Carlo (**Fast MC**) to characterize effects of uncertainties in flux, cross-sections, FSI, beamline tolerances, beam design optimizations, and energy scale/resolution
  - ▶ LBNE flux predictions, GENIE event generator, parameterized detector response
- ▶ Simulates **particle-by-particle** thresholds, missing energy, and smearing
- ▶ **Detector response** is parameterized by inputs from MicroBooNE simulations, GEANT4, and ICARUS
- ▶ Realistic kinematics used to build selections and **calorimetrically reconstruct energy**
  - ▶  $p_T^{miss}$  cut for  $\nu_\tau$  BG reduction

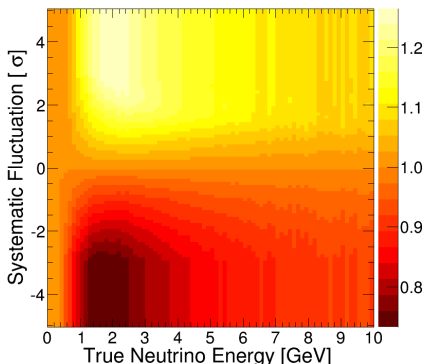


- ▶ Example: nominal (filled area)  $\nu_e$  appearance event spectrum and variation (line) induced by +20% change in  $CC M_A^{res}$



# Fast MC Response Functions

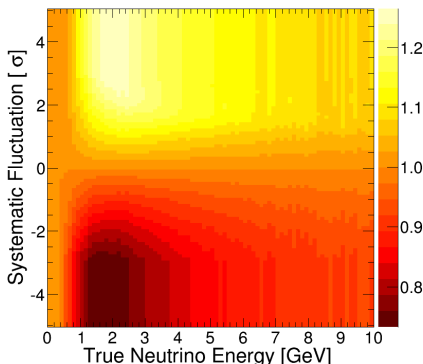
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  - ▶ Cross sections
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  - ▶ Flux uncertainties
  - ▶ Energy resolutions
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- ▶ **Propagate systematic parameters in the flux, generator (GENIE), or detector response through to the oscillation sensitivities**

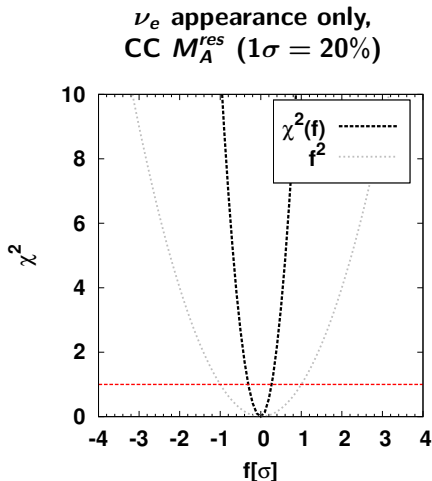


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# Response Functions and $\chi^2$

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- ▶ Modified  $\chi^2$  uses response functions
- ▶  $n_i^{test'}$  includes the response function impact on each channel
- ▶ Right:  $\chi^2$  vs  $f$  for **CC  $M_A^{res}$**
- ▶ Gray curve represents no response (penalty term only)
- ▶  $\nu_e$  **appearance only**
- ▶  $\chi^2 = \chi_{\nu_e app}^2$

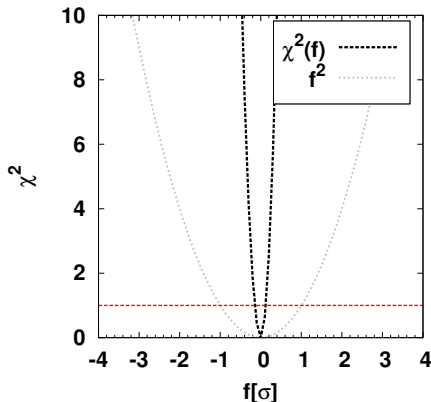


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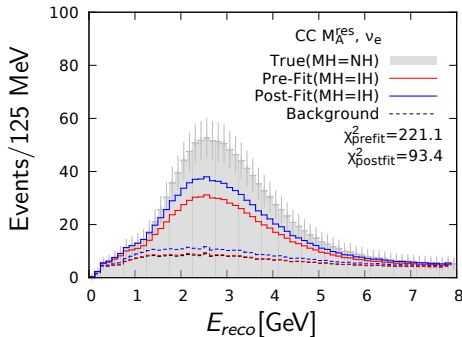
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- ▶ Right:  $\chi^2$  vs  $f$  for **CC  $M_A^{res}$**
- ▶ Gray curve represents no response (penalty term only)
- ▶ **Constraint from combined fit** because  $f$  is now correlated between samples
- ▶  $\chi^2 = \chi_{\nu_{eapp}}^2 + \chi_{\bar{\nu}_{eapp}}^2 + \chi_{\nu_{\mu}dis}^2 + \chi_{\bar{\nu}_{\mu}dis}^2$

**Combined fit**  
**CC  $M_A^{res}$  ( $1\sigma = 20\%$ )**



# Fit Spectra - Response Function - MH

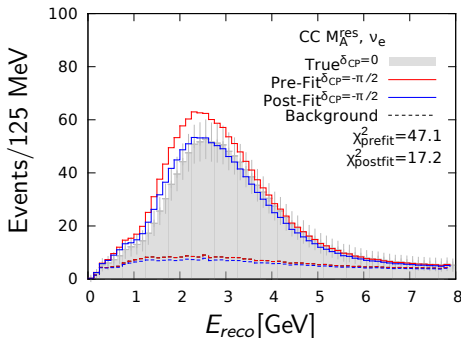
- ▶ **Fit spectra** show the effects of a systematic on the sensitivity to a particular oscillation hypothesis
- ▶ Where does the sensitivity to MH come from?
  - ▶ Compare gray area for NH to red line for IH
- ▶ How does the  $CC M_A^{res}$  systematic degrade the sensitivity if only  $\nu_e$  appearance sample is used?
  - ▶ Compare red line for pre-fit to blue line for post-fit
- ▶ Value of  $CC M_A^{res}$  shifted by 40% ( $1.12 \rightarrow 1.56$ )



- ▶ Fast MC  $\nu_e$  appearance spectrum comparing the normal hierarchy to the inverted hierarchy spectra before and after including effects from  $CC M_A^{res}$ 
  - ▶  $\delta_{CP} = 0$

# Fit Spectra - Response Function - CP Violation

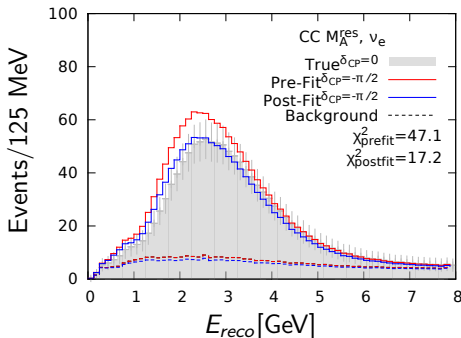
- ▶ Repeat for **CP violation** spectra
- ▶ Where does the sensitivity to CP violation come from?
  - ▶ Compare gray area for  $\delta_{CP} = 0$  to **red line for  $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$**
- ▶ How does the **CC  $M_A^{res}$**  systematic degrade the sensitivity if only  $\nu_e$  appearance sample is used?
  - ▶ Compare **red line for pre-fit** to **blue line for post-fit**
- ▶ Value of CC  $M_A^{res}$  shifted down by  $\sim 30\%$



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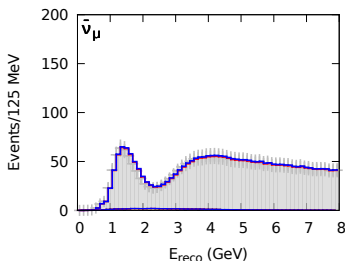
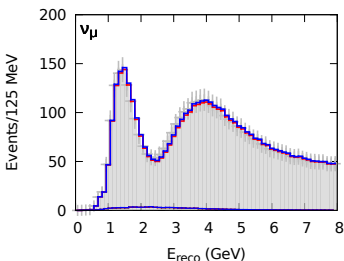
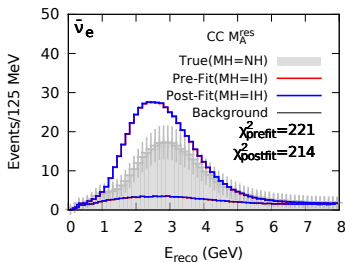
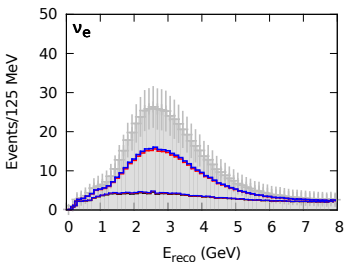
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  - ▶ Compare red line for pre-fit to blue line for post-fit
- ▶ Value of CC  $M_A^{res}$  shifted down by  $\sim 30\%$
- ▶ Now constrain CC  $M_A^{res}$  through a joint  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance +  $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance fit



- ▶ Fast MC  $\nu_e$  appearance spectrum comparing the  $\delta_{CP} = 0$  to the  $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$  spectra before and after including effects from CC  $M_A^{res}$

# Fit Spectra - Joint Fit - MH

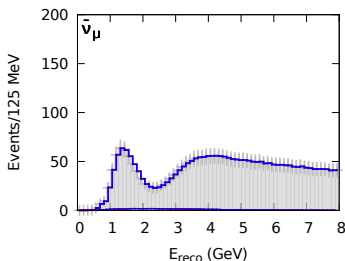
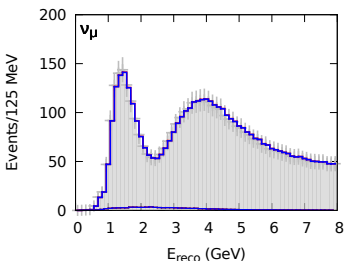
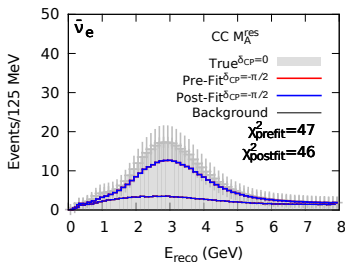
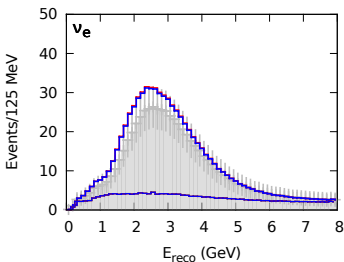
- ▶ Joint fit yields large constraint on CC  $M_A^{\text{res}}$  ( $\sim 4\%$  or  $0.2\sigma$ )
  - ▶ Infinite precision assumed on other parameters, including oscillation parameters
  - ▶ Impact will increase when all other systematics included





# Fit Spectra - Joint Fit - CP Violation

- ▶ Joint fit yields large constraint on CC  $M_A^{res}$  ( $\sim 1\%$  or  $0.05\sigma$ )
  - ▶ Infinite precision assumed on other parameters, including oscillation parameters
  - ▶ Impact will increase when all other systematics included



# Fast MC Sensitivity

**Solid:**

Joint fit  
245 kt.MW.yrs

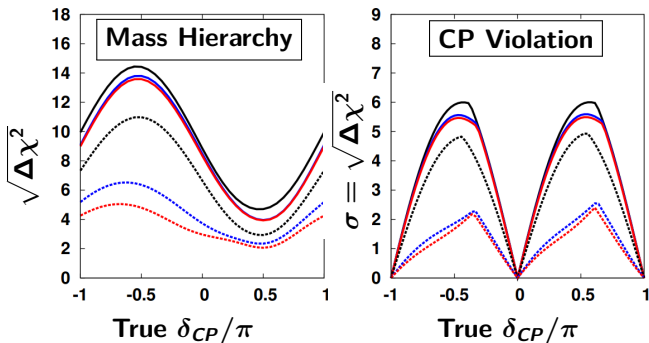
**Dashed:**

$\nu_e$  appearance only

**No systematics**

**Oscillation sys.**

**Osc. sys + CC  $M_A^{res}$**



- ▶ CC  $M_A^{res}$  uncertainty propagated to sensitivity for MH and CP violation
  - ▶ Joint fit (solid) and  $\nu_e$  appearance only (dashed)
- ▶ Large effect obvious for one sample is greatly reduced for joint fit
- ▶ See **poster** by D. Cherdack on “The LBNE Fast MC”

# Further Constraints

- ▶ So far have only considered constraints from far detector samples
- ▶ Other external constraints expected on
  - ▶ Hadron production from NA61/SHINE
  - ▶ Form-factors from e-N scattering
  - ▶ Cross-sections from MINER $\nu$ A and MicroBooNE
  - ▶ Test beam inputs from LArIAT and CAPTAIN
- ▶ **Near detector** constraints

# LBNE Near Detector

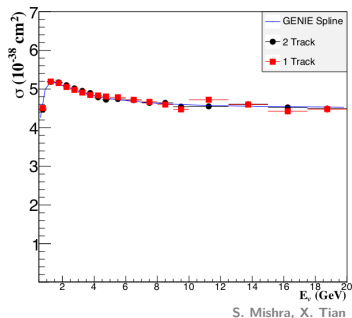
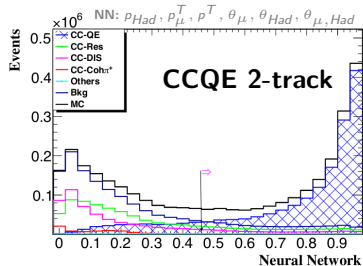
- ▶ The LBNE ND will be essential to reaching discovery-level sensitivity to CPV in LBNE
- ▶ **High resolution near detector** designed with the goal of measuring the unoscillated flux with  $\leq 2\%$  precision for both shape and absolute normalization
- ▶ ND group has proposed set of physics measurements to **constrain flux** and estimated precision based on statistics at the near-site, ND simulations, and prior experience

## ND Flux Measurements

Leptonic	$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$	$\sim 2\%$ on absolute flux	$0.5 \leq E_\nu \leq 10 \text{ GeV}$
	$\nu_\mu + e \rightarrow \nu_e + \mu$	$\sim 2.5\%$ on absolute flux	$E_\nu \geq 11 \text{ GeV}$
QE	$\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightarrow \mu + n$	$\sim 3\%$ on absolute flux	$0.5 \leq E_\nu \leq 20 \text{ GeV}$
Coherent	$\nu_\mu A \rightarrow \mu \rho A$	$\sim 5\%$ on absolute flux	$4 \leq E_\nu \leq 20 \text{ GeV}$
Low $\nu_0$	$\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + X$	$\sim 1\text{-}2\%$ on FD/ND ratio	$0.5 \leq E_\nu \leq 50 \text{ GeV}$
	$\bar{\nu}_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu^+ + X$	$\sim 1\text{-}2\%$ on FD/ND ratio	$0.5 \leq E_\nu \leq 50 \text{ GeV}$

# LBNE Near Detector - Simulation

- ▶ An **ND Fast MC** has been developed for baseline straw-tube tracker design
- ▶ Validated against existing NOMAD data and MC
- ▶ Example (right): extracted cross-sections for simulated 1 & 2-track **CCQE selections**
  - ▶ Evaluation of cross section measurement sensitivity
  - ▶ Propagate constraint to the FD analyses
    - ▶ Single constraint on QE events
    - ▶ In a full ND/FD combined fit
  - ▶ To do: evaluate systematic uncertainties



# Simulations - Current

- ▶ The LBNE Fast MC (beam sim. + GENIE + parameterized det. response) simulates neutrino interaction observables, and can be used to:
  - ▶ Generate near detector and far detector analysis samples
    - ▶ Reconstructed event kinematics that respect physics, det. capabilities
    - ▶ Realistic signal and background acceptances
  - ▶ Propagate systematic uncertainties event-by-event
    - ▶ Flux: beamline tolerances, physics models
    - ▶ Cross Section: model parameters, FSI
    - ▶ Detector response: calibration, energy scale
- ▶ Current studies focus on a detailed understanding of individual systematics:
  - ▶ Effects on far detector analysis spectra
  - ▶ Sensitivity degradation
  - ▶ Current and future external constraints
  - ▶ Constraints from an LBNE near detector

# Simulations - Future

- ▶ Future studies ( $\sim 6$  months) will focus on:
  - ▶ Cross section ratio ( $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau/\nu_\mu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}/\nu$ ) uncertainties
  - ▶ Effect of **multiple systematics**
  - ▶ Systematic parameter **covariances**
  - ▶ Design requirements and optimizations (FD, ND, beam)
- ▶ The **VALOR** group is working on a 3-flavor analysis for LBNE, LBNO, and T2HK based on their T2K analysis
  - ▶ Developing experiment agnostic software tools
  - ▶ Simulate near detector samples, analyze, produce covariance matrix
  - ▶ Simulate far detector samples, fit for oscillation parameters, and constrain systematics with covariance matrix

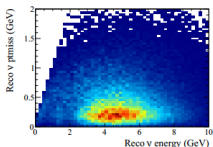
# Summary

- ▶ **Constraining systematics** is essential to **discovery** of CP violation and determining the mass hierarchy
- ▶ **Shape** information is crucial and further studies that introduce realistic shape uncertainties are underway
- ▶ LBNE and LBNO both developing detailed **simulations** to study effects of neutrino interaction, flux, and detector systematics
- ▶ The **LBNE Fast MC** simulation effort has started to produce results estimating impact of individual systematics

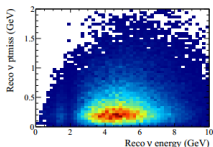


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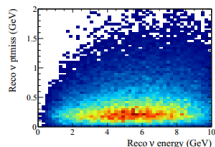
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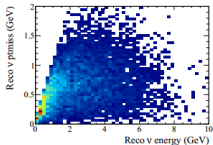
(a) All e-like



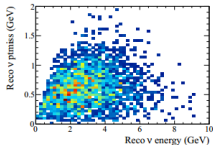
(b) Signal  $\nu_e$



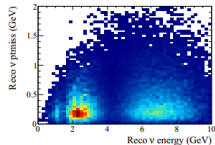
(c) Intrinsic  $\nu_e$



(d)  $\text{NC } \pi^0$



(e)  $\nu_\tau \rightarrow e$  contamination



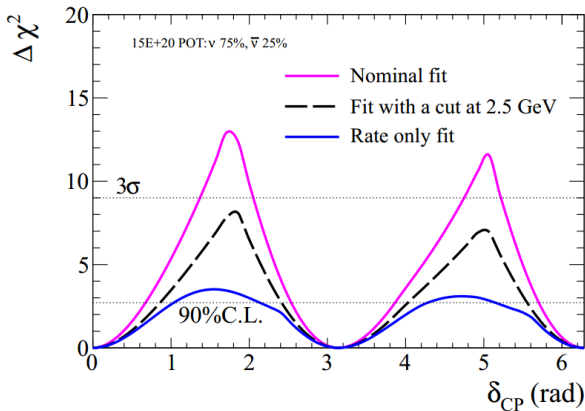
(f) Mis-id  $\nu_\mu$

Agarwalla et al, arXiv:1312.6520v3

- ▶ Event distributions for channels that contribute to the  $\nu_e$  appearance sample
- ▶  $\delta_{CP} = 0$ , Normal Hierarchy

# LBNO - Rate Only and 2nd Osc. Max.

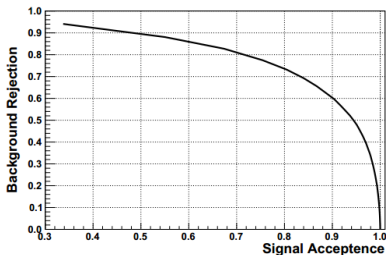
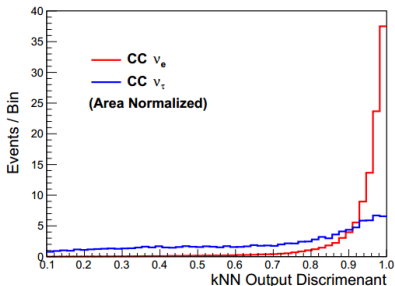
- ▶ Rate only leads to drastic loss in CP violation sensitivity
- ▶ Covering multiple oscillation maxima contributes greatly to sensitivity



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# LBNE - $\nu_\tau$ Reduction

- ▶ LBNE Fast MC uses a preliminary algorithm for removing  $\nu_\tau$  CC induced backgrounds from the  $\nu_e$  appearance and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance samples
- ▶ k-Nearest-Neighbors (kNN) ML technique from ROOT TMVA is used
- ▶ kNN inputs are: sum of transverse momentum wrt incoming  $\nu$  direction,  $E_{reco}$ , reconstructed  $E_{had}$



# LBNE ND - Reference Design

- ▶ Reference design is a fine-grained tracker consisting of a straw-tube tracker and ECAL inside of a 0.4-T dipole magnet

## FGT Parameters

Parameter	Value
STT detector volume	$3 \times 3 \times 7.04 \text{ m}^3$
STT detector mass	8 tons
Number of straws in STT	123,904
Inner magnetic volume	$4.5 \times 4.5 \times 8.0 \text{ m}^3$
Targets	1.27-cm thick argon ( $\sim 50 \text{ kg}$ ), water and others
Transition radiation radiators	2.5 cm thick
ECAL $X_0$	10 barrel, 10 backward, 18 forward
Number of scintillator bars in ECAL	32,320
Dipole magnet	2.4-MW power; 60-cm steel thickness
Magnetic field and uniformity	0.4 T; $< 2\%$ variation over inner volume
MuID configuration	32 RPC planes interspersed between 20-cm thick layers of steel

## FGT Performance

Performance Metric	Value
Vertex resolution	0.1 mm
Angular resolution	2 mrad
$E_e$ resolution	5%
$E_\mu$ resolution	5%
$\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ID	Yes
$\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$ ID	Yes
$\text{NC}\pi^0/\text{CC}e$ rejection	0.1%
$\text{NC}\gamma/\text{CC}e$ rejection	0.2%
$\text{NC}\mu/\text{CC}e$ rejection	0.01%

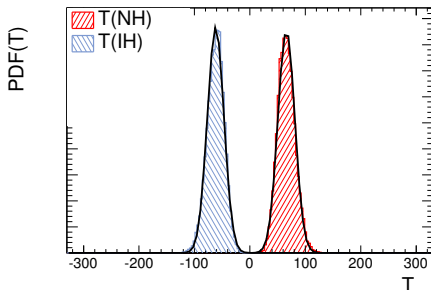
# VALOR

- ▶ VALOR (C.Andreopoulos et al.) is a T2K oscillation fitting group
  - ▶ Well-established with contributions to many published T2K oscillation results.
  - ▶ Contributions from Liverpool, STFC/RAL, ETHZ, Oxford, Warwick, IFIC Valencia and Lancaster.
  - ▶ A full 3-flavor oscillation analysis framework that can also accommodate sterile neutrino models (3+1, 3+2).
  - ▶ Implements an indirect extrapolation method, with a flux and systematic constraint from a high-granularity ND.
- ▶ Software already adapted for T2HK:
  - ▶ Same beamline, ND and FD technology
  - ▶ Effort to include simulations for additional WC ND detector at 2km
- ▶ Further adaptation to include LBNE and LBNO is nearly complete:
  - ▶ Initial effort to derive flux and cross-section systematic constraints
    - ▶ Joint fit of the  $(E_{reco}, y_{reco})$  distributions
    - ▶ Inclusion of several near detector semi-inclusive samples, including:  $\nu_\mu$  CC 1-track and 2-track QE-like,  $\nu_\mu$  CC  $1\pi^+$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  CC  $1\pi^0$ , NC  $1\pi^0$ ,  $\nu_e$  CC
- ▶ Objectives:
  - ▶ Oscillation sensitivities for T2HK, LBNE, and LBNE using common physics assumptions.
  - ▶ Physics-driven requirements for the near detector designs of all 3 experiments

# Statistics Detail for MH and CPV

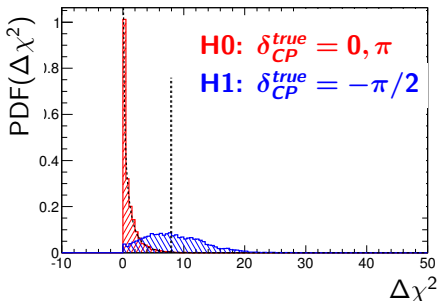
- ▶ If Poisson statistical effects are included using Toy MC throws:

## Mass Hierarchy Statistic



- ▶  $\Delta\chi^2_{NH} = \chi^2(NH, IH) - \chi^2(NH, NH)$
- ▶ Not a  $\chi^2$  distribution for 1 dof
- ▶ e.g.  $\overline{\Delta\chi^2} = 36$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$  means 0.13% probability of ruling out true MH and of accepting wrong MH

## CP Violation Statistic



- ▶  $\Delta\chi^2 = \text{Min}[\chi^2(\delta_{CP}^{true}, \delta_{CP}^{test} = 0), \chi^2(\delta_{CP}^{true}, \delta_{CP}^{test} = \pi)]$
- ▶ Wilk's theorem applies and this is asymptotically  $\chi^2$  distributed (1 dof):  $\sqrt{\overline{\Delta\chi^2}} \approx \sigma$

# Systematics for T2HK

$$\chi^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{true}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{test}, \mathbf{f}) = 2 \cdot \sum_i^{N_{reco}} \left( n_i^{true} \cdot \ln \frac{n_i^{true}}{n_i^{test'}} + n_i^{test'} - n_i^{true} \right) + \sum_{i,j}^{N_{bins}} f_i (C^{-1})_{i,j} f_j$$

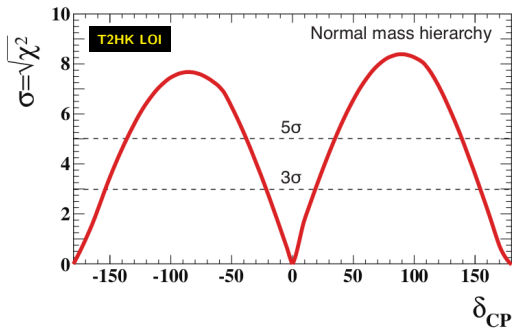
## ► T2HK

- Uses normalized covariance matrix,  $C$ , to constrain per-bin systematic nuisance parameters  $f_i$
- Assuming the T2K neutrino beamline and near detectors and takes into account improvements expected from future running in T2K

T2HK LOI				
Source	$\nu$ mode		$\bar{\nu}$ mode	
	Appearance	Disappearance	Appearance	Disappearance
Flux & ND-constrained cross section	3.0	2.8	5.6	4.2
ND-independent cross section	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.4
Far detector	0.7	1.0	1.7	1.1
Total	3.3	3.3	6.2	4.5



# T2HK Sensitivity



- ▶ CP violation detected at greater than  $5\sigma$  for 58% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values
  - ▶ 1:3  $\nu:\bar{\nu}$