

Long-baseline neutrino oscillation sensitivities with Hyper-Kamiokande

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Hyper-Kamiokande project is approved!

KEK will upgrade
and operate J-PARC
to produce 1.3 MW
neutrino beam



The University of Tokyo
will construct and
operate the Hyper-
Kamiokande Detector

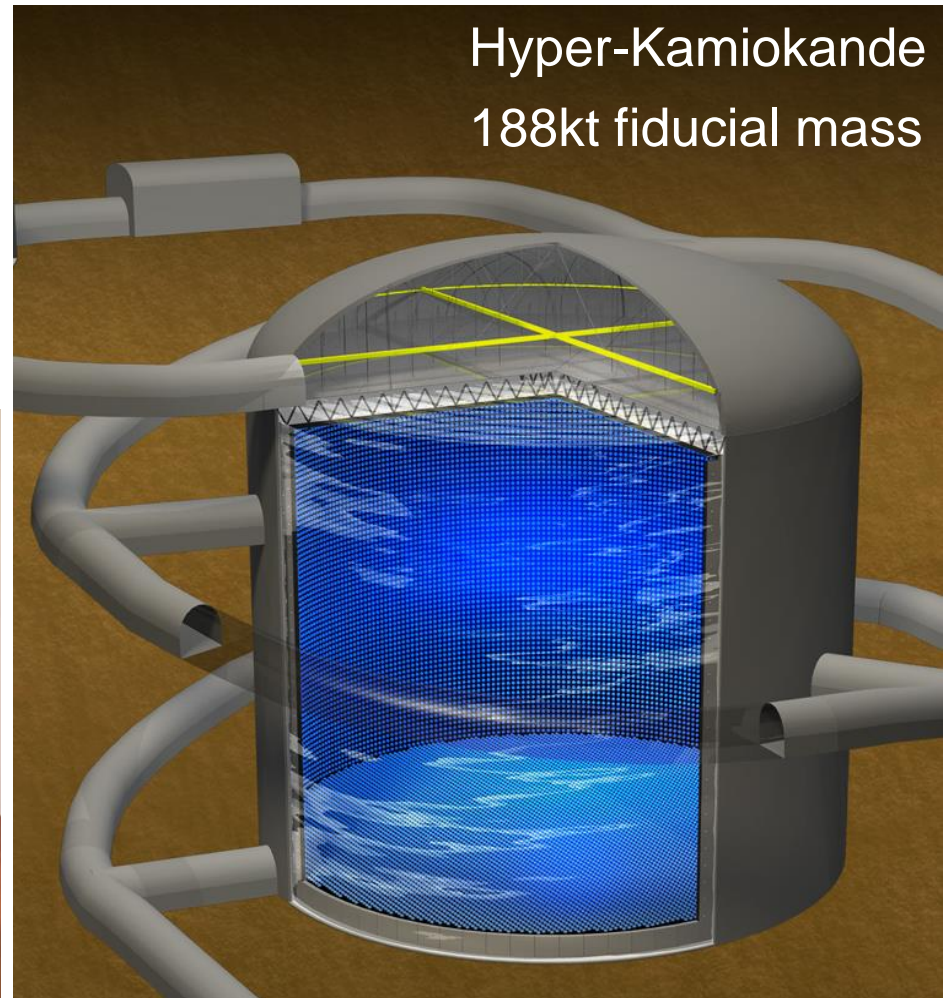
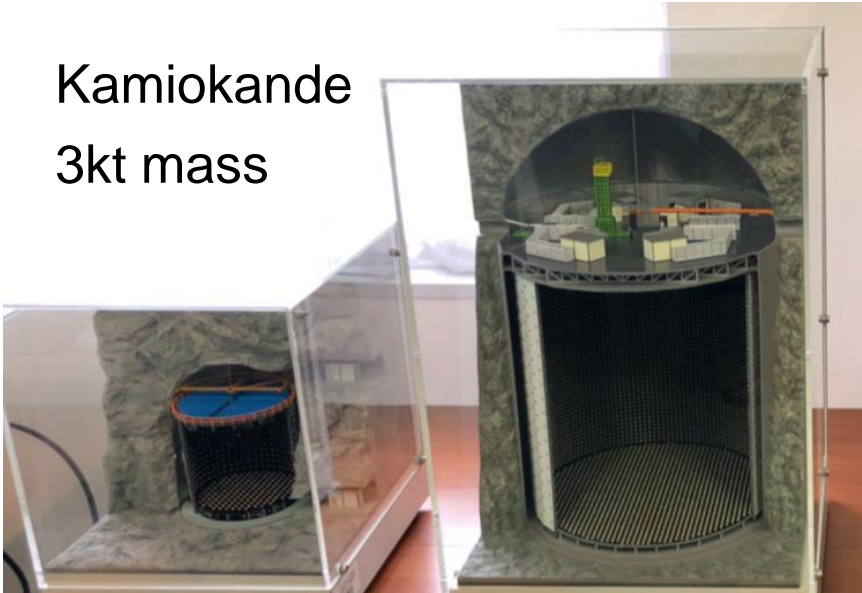
- Construction has begun
- Operation will begin in 2027



Water Cherenkov detectors in Kamioka

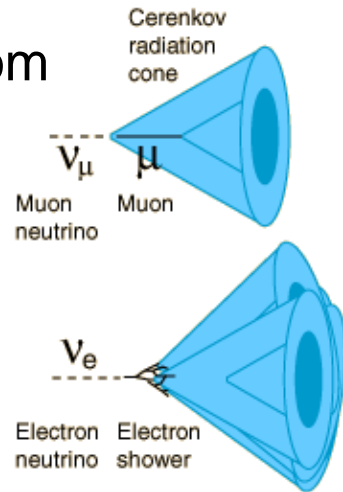
Super-Kamiokande
22.5kt fiducial mass

Kamiokande
3kt mass

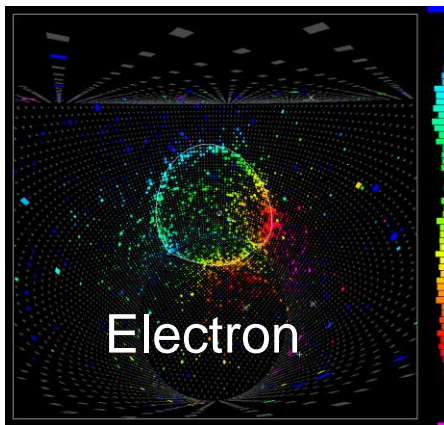
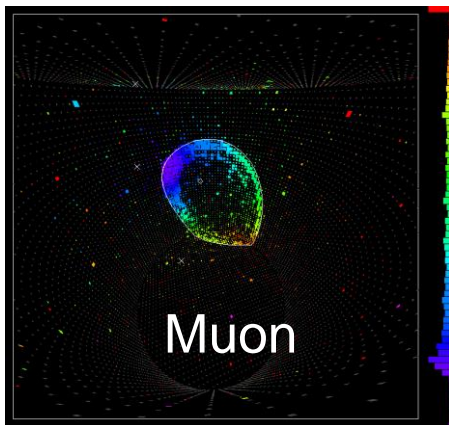
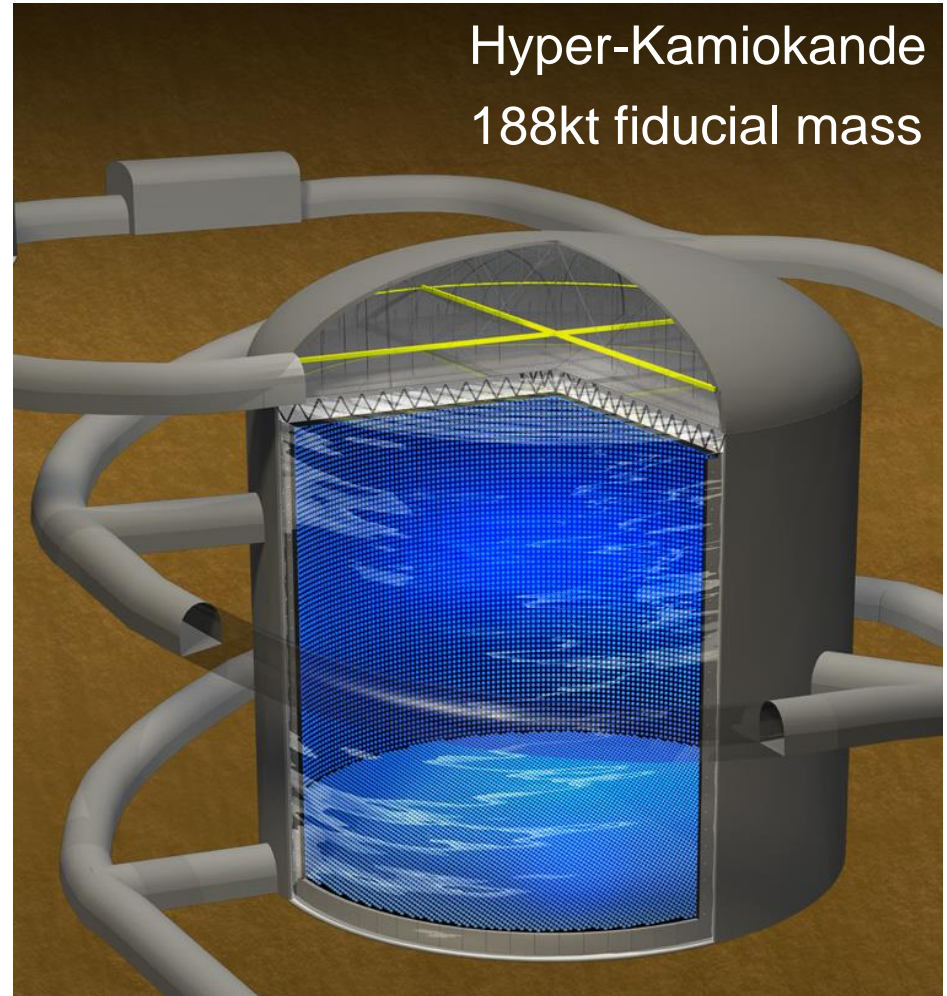


Water Cherenkov detectors in Kamioka

- Cherenkov ring from charged particles
- $>99\%$ μ/e separation
- Momentum and direction reconstruction



Hyper-Kamiokande
188kt fiducial mass



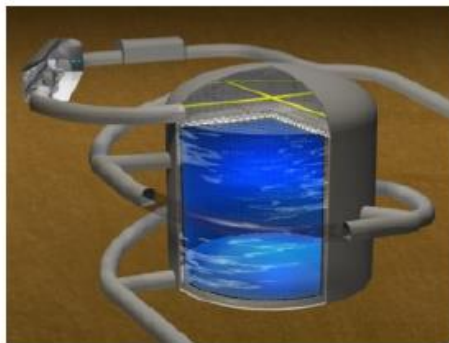
Hyper-Kamiokande experiment

- **Factor 20 increase in statistics compared to T2K:**
 - Upgrade of the J-PARC neutrino beam to 1.3 MW
 - New far detector with 188kt fiducial volume
- New intermediate detector and inherited upgraded near detectors
- Improved photosensors with twice the quantum efficiency



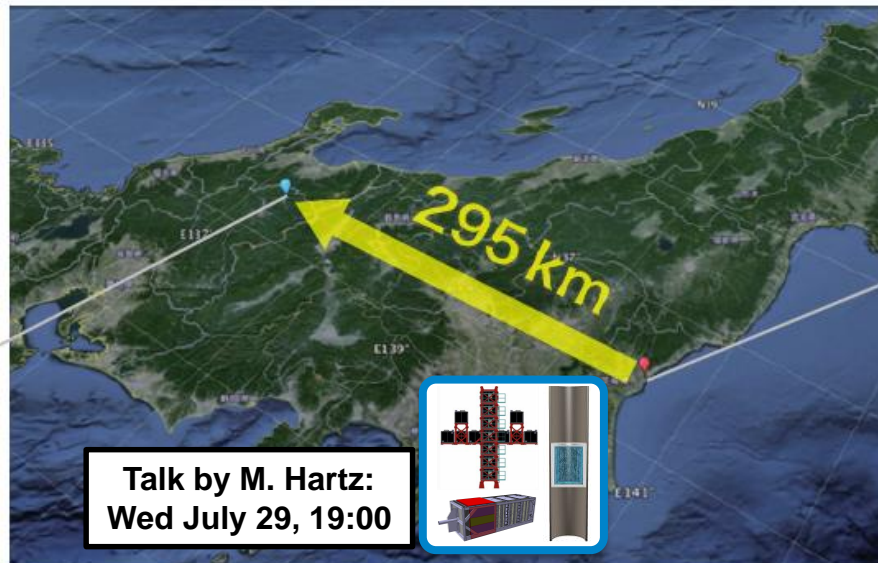
Talks by:

T. Tashiro, Fri July 31, 10:45
G. De Rosa, Fri July 31, 11:00



Hyper-K

OD talk by S. Zsoldos:
Fri July 31, 11:45



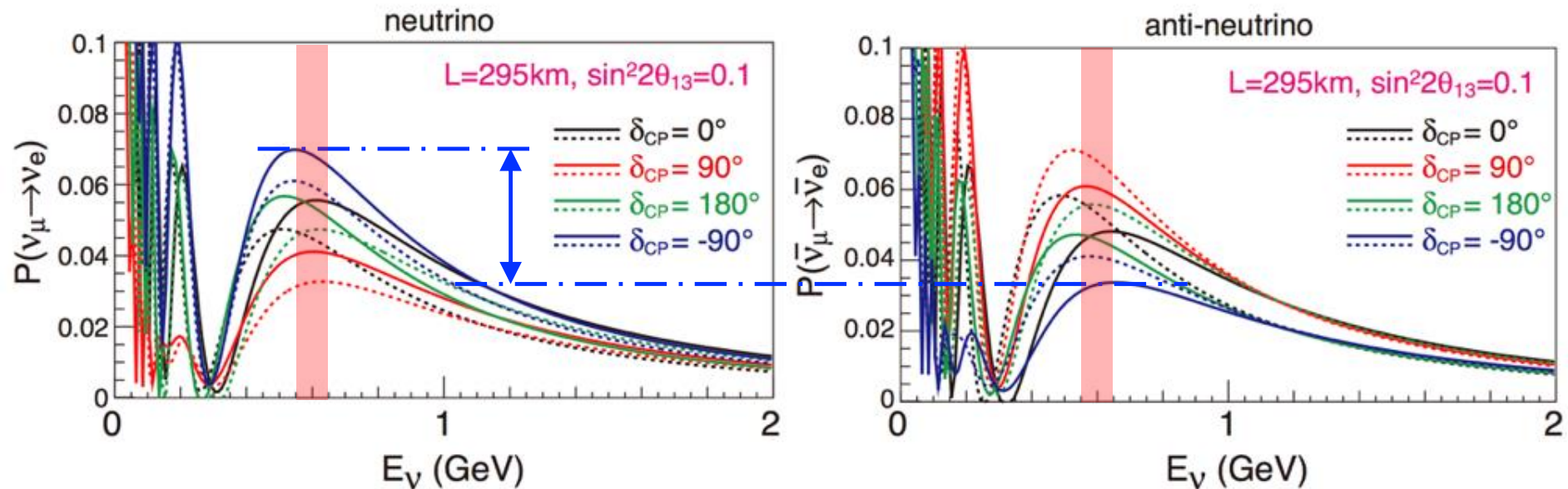
Talk by M. Hartz:
Wed July 29, 19:00

J-PARC Accelerator Complex



Neutrino oscillations

- Measure flavour composition of beam as function of L / E
 - Compare neutrino beam and antineutrino beam to test CP symmetry
- $$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} e^{-im_i^2 L/2E} \right|^2$$

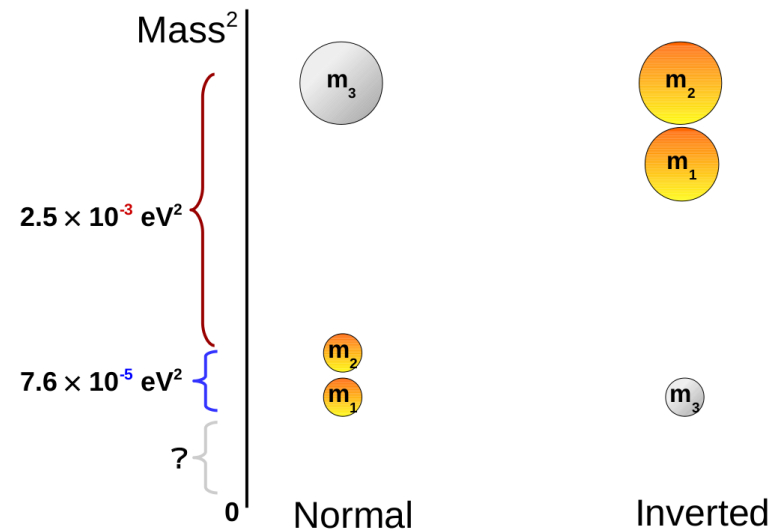


Neutrino oscillation formalism

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$$\begin{aligned} c_{ij} &= \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} &= \sin \theta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- Three mixing angles, θ_{12} , θ_{23} and θ_{13}
- Two mass splittings, Δm^2_{12} and Δm^2_{23}
- One CP-violating phase, δ_{CP}

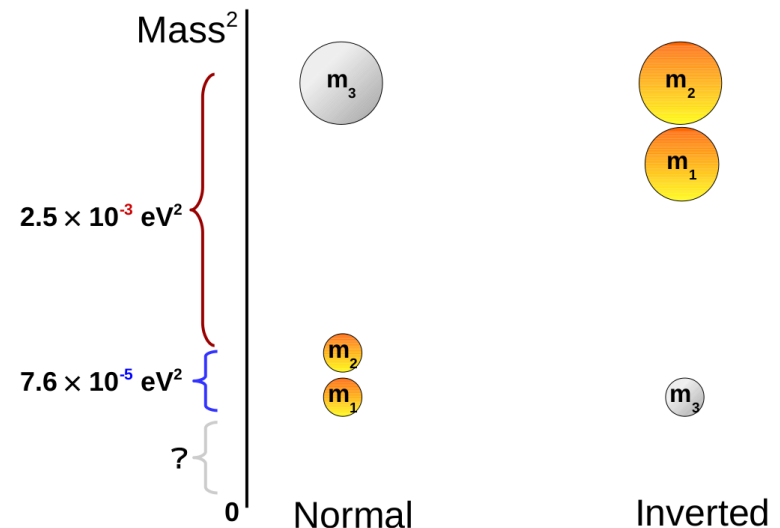


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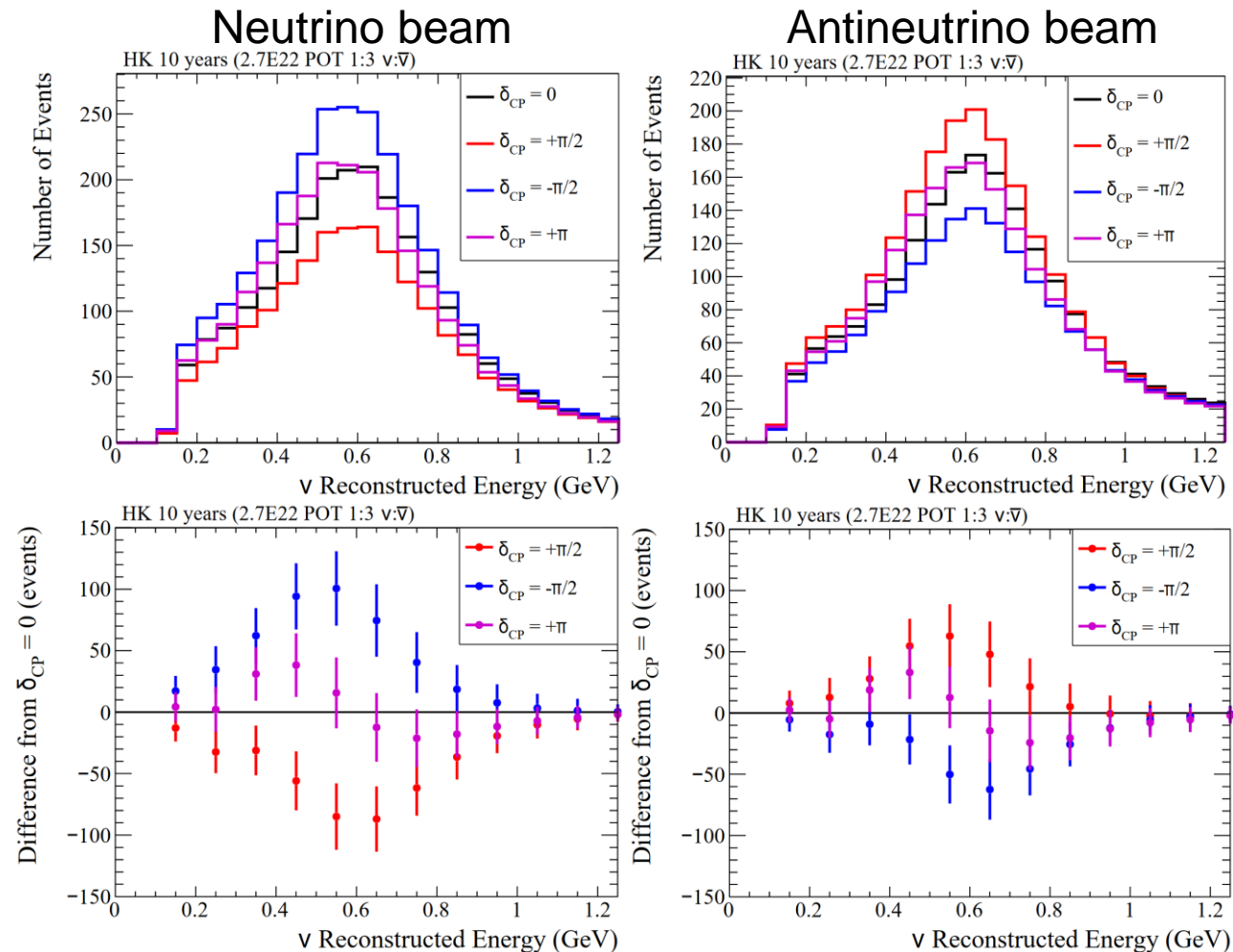
$$\begin{aligned} c_{ij} &= \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} &= \sin \theta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- Is θ_{23} above or below 45° (octant)?
- What is the neutrino mass ordering?
- Do neutrinos violate CP symmetry?



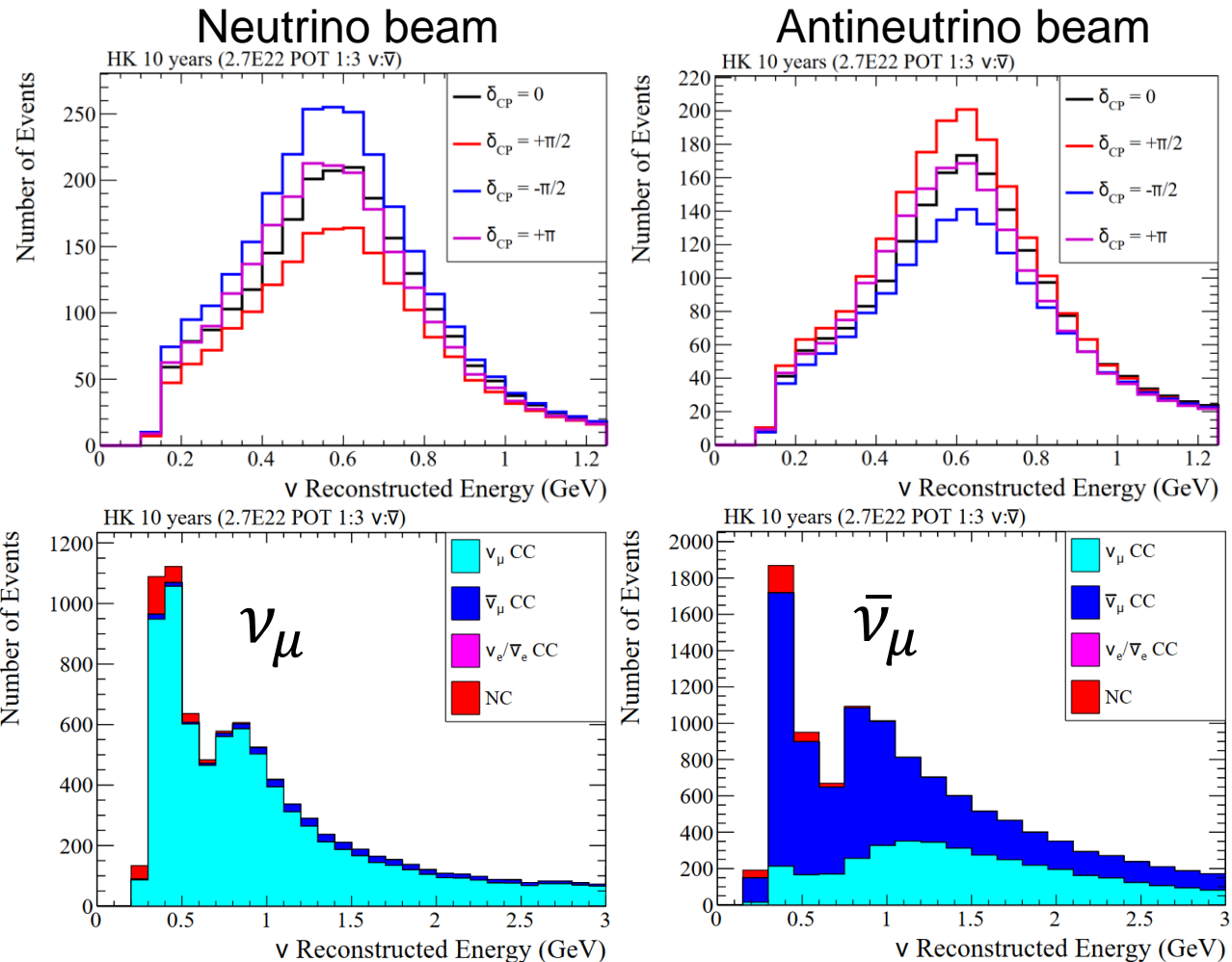
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- Use Super-K MC, scaled to HK volume and exposure
- Expect approx:
 - 2300 ν_e events
 - 1900 $\bar{\nu}_e$ events
 - Assuming $\sin(\delta_{CP}) = 0$
- Difference between neutrino and antineutrino rates gives δ_{CP}



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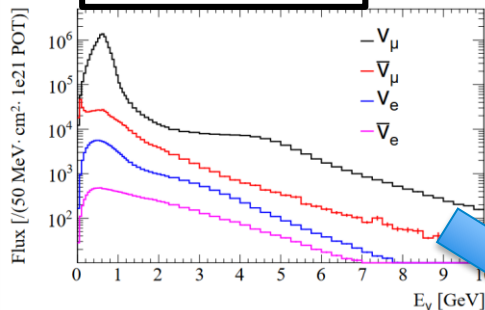
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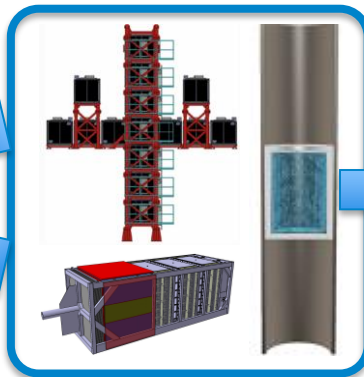
HK Oscillation Analysis

- Based on T2K analysis method

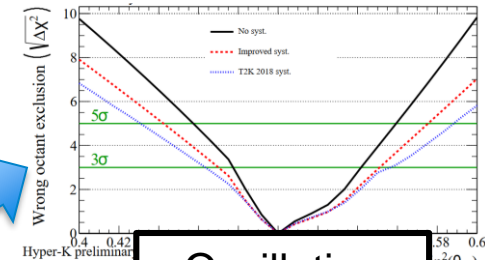
Neutrino flux



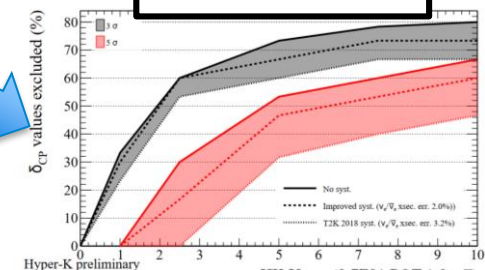
Tune models with
near detectors



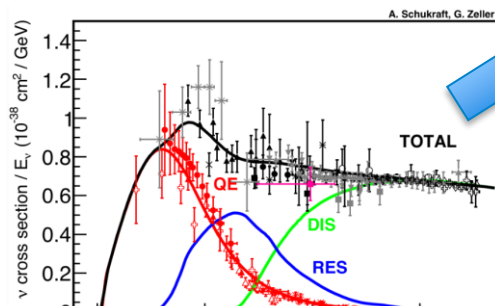
Fit models to far
detector data



Oscillation
parameter
sensitivities

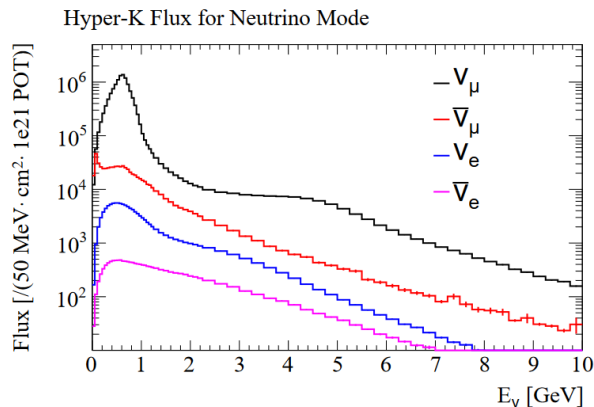


Interaction cross-section

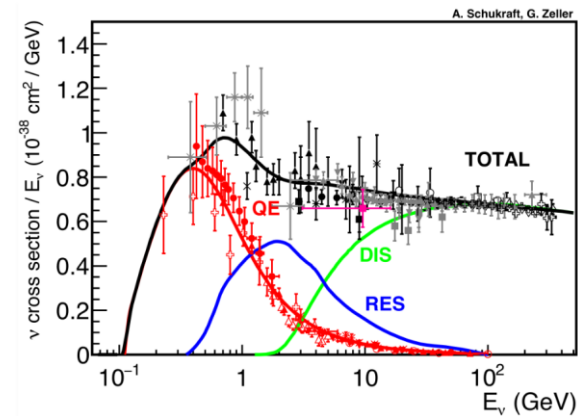


Systematic uncertainties

- High statistics experiment, limited by systematics



- NA61/SHINE thin-target hadron-production data
- J-PARC neutrino beamline uncertainties

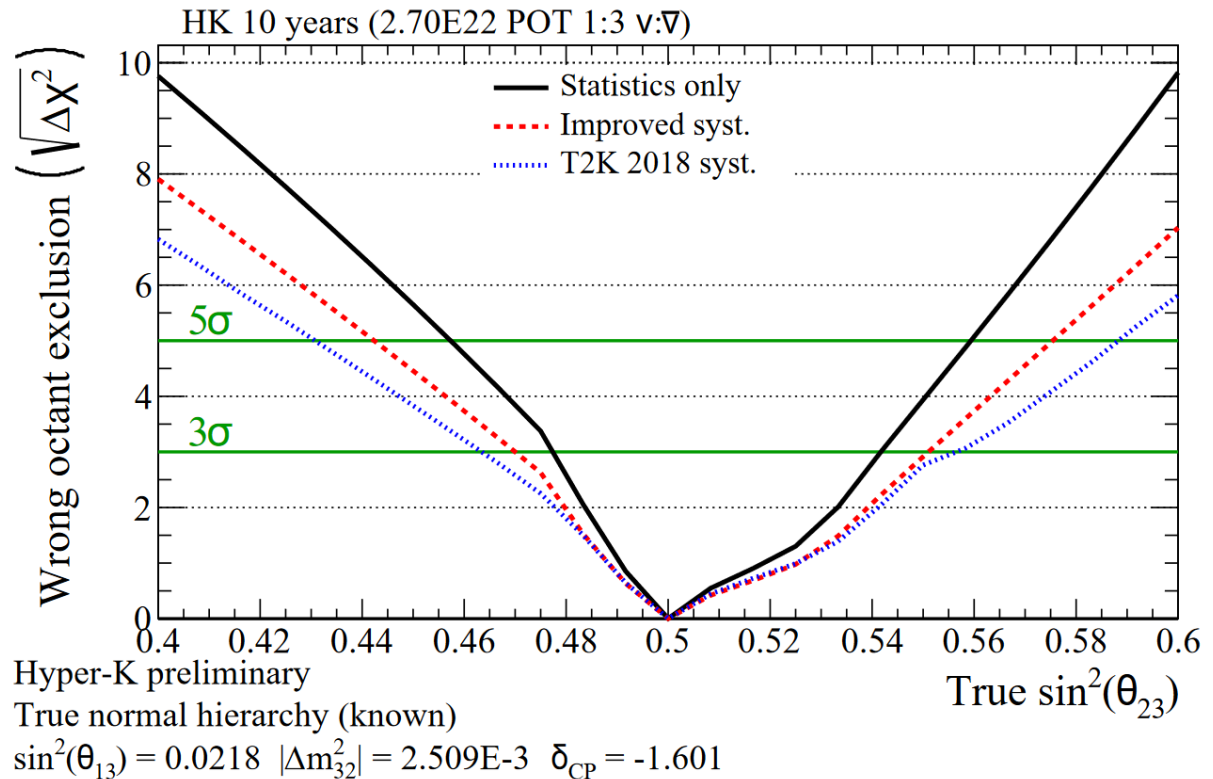


- NEUT 5.4 and T2K 2018 uncertainty model as baseline ([Nature](#) volume 580, pages339–344(2020))
- Nucleon removal energy uncertainty included directly

- Use T2K near detector fit to provide initial constraint on model uncertainties
- Scale uncertainties to expected Hyper-K near detector performance

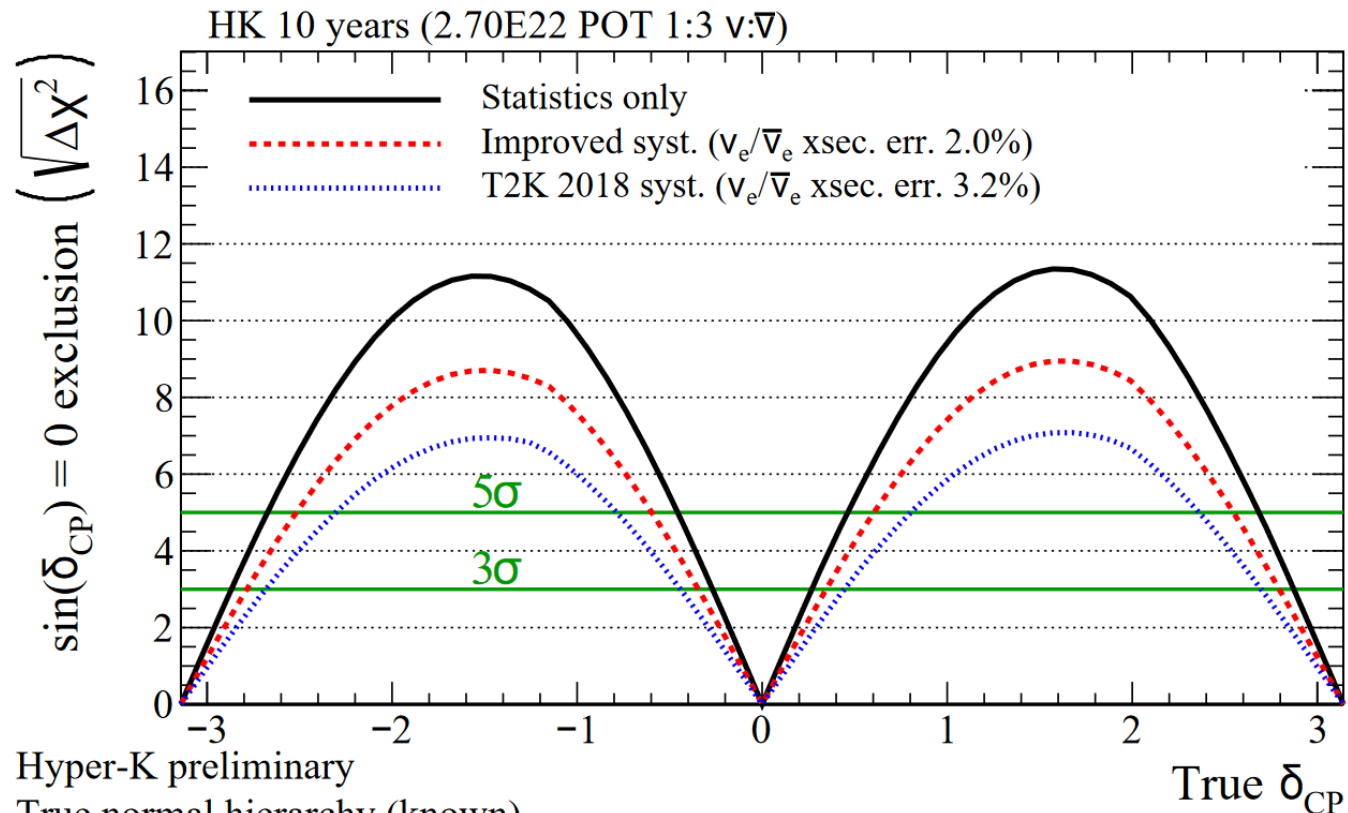
Lifting the $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ degeneracy

- All analyses assume 10 years of HK data
 - 1:3 ratio of neutrino beam to antineutrino beam
 - **Not** including atmospheric neutrino sample
- Wrong octant exclusion versus true value of $\sin^2\theta_{23}$
- Estimated systematic uncertainty on muon sample reduced from 4.6% to 1.9% with improved near detectors
- Achieve 3σ exclusion for:
 - $\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.47$
 - $\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.55$



CP violation sensitivity

- Ability to exclude CP conservation versus true value of δ_{CP}



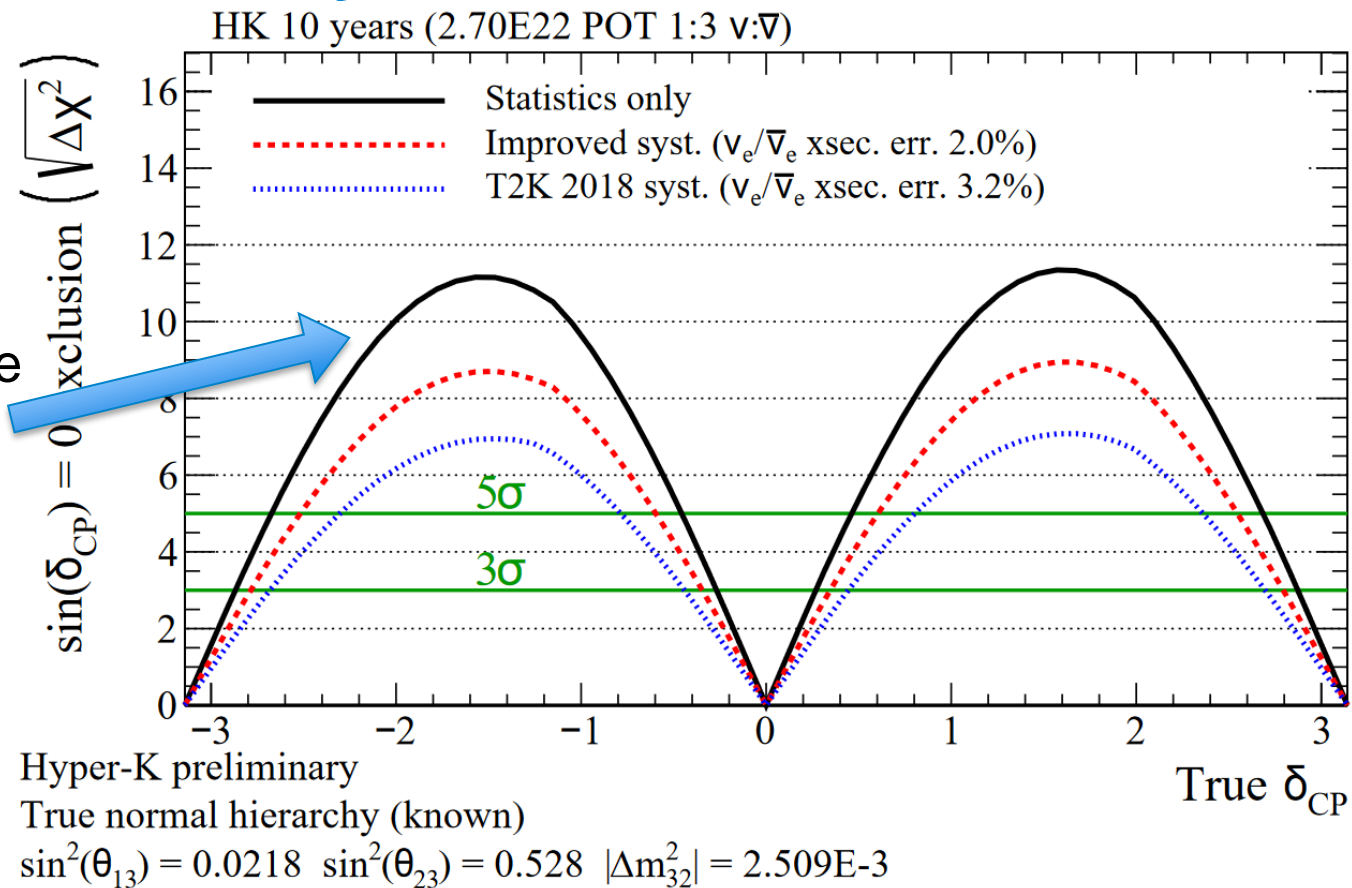
Hyper-K preliminary

True normal hierarchy (known)

$$\sin^2(\theta_{13}) = 0.0218 \quad \sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.528 \quad |\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.509\text{E-}3$$

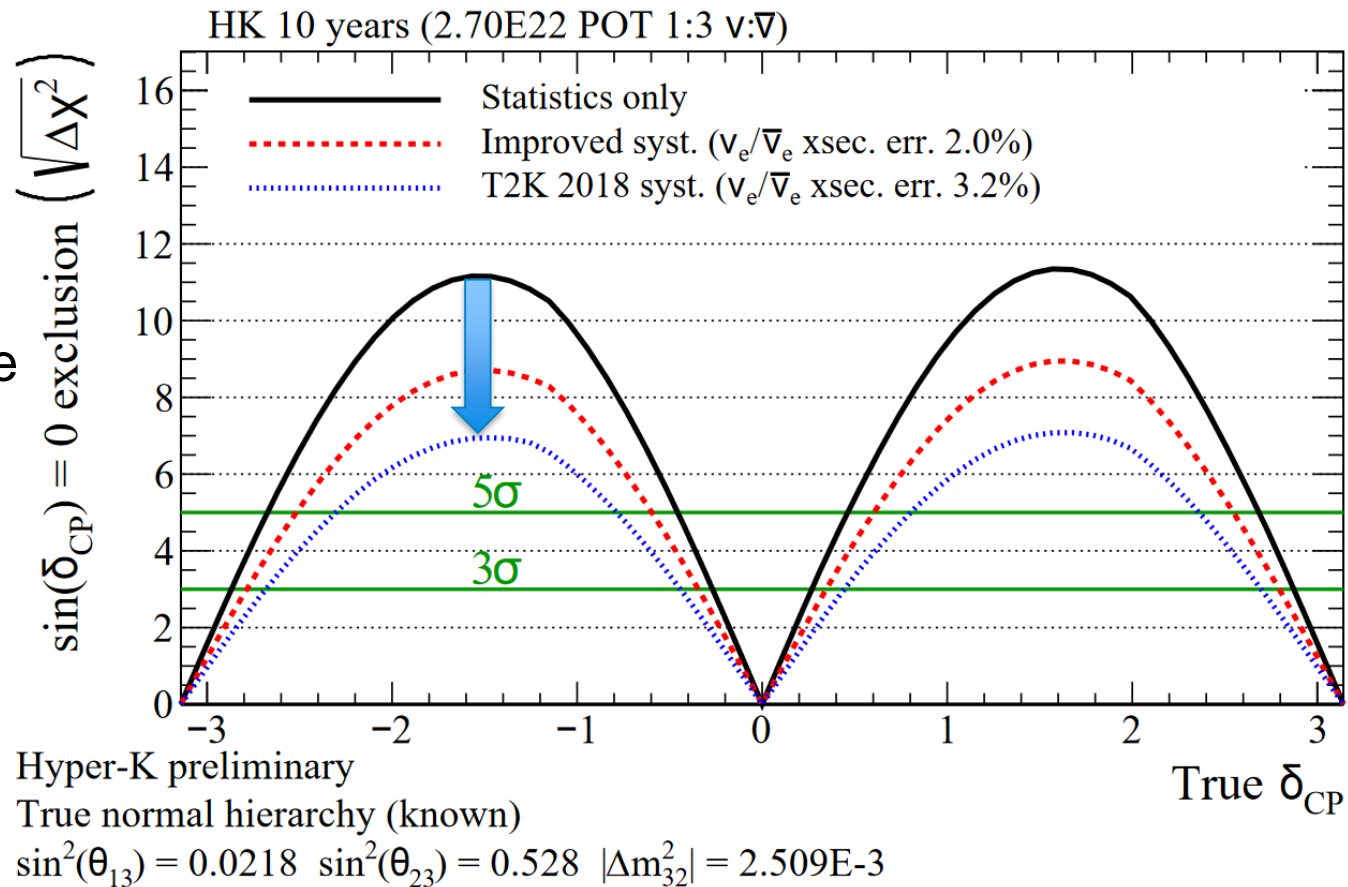
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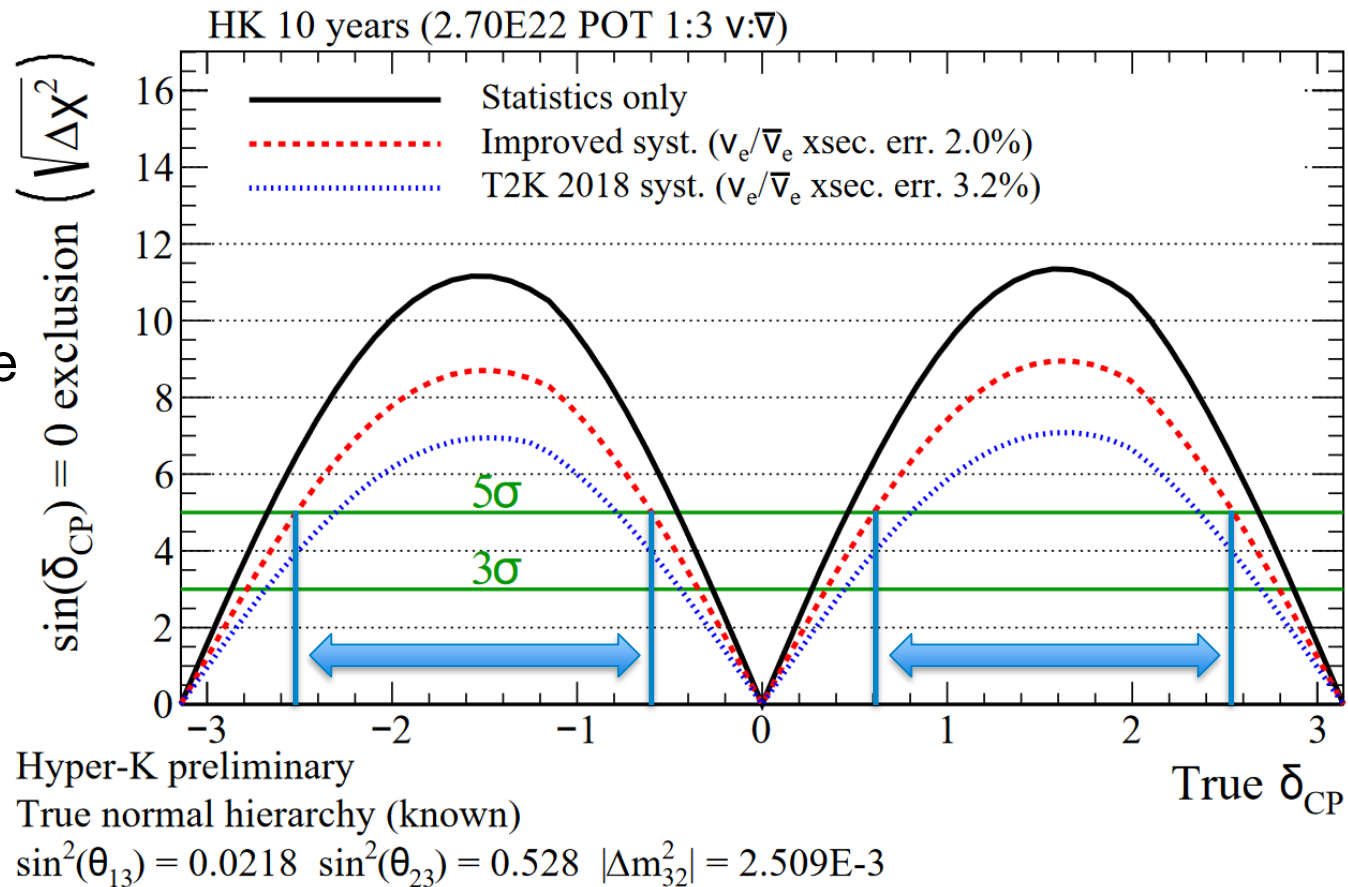
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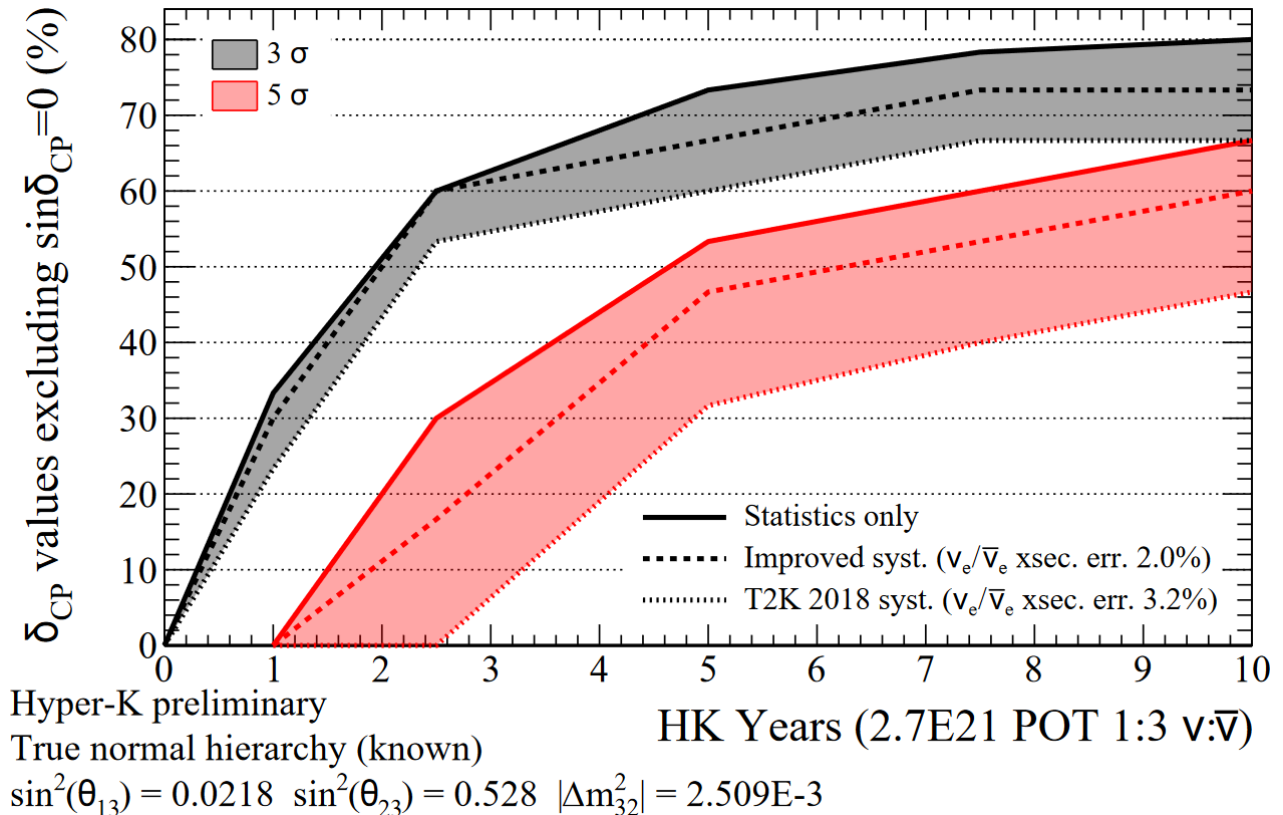
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- Ability to exclude CP conservation versus true value of δ_{CP}
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- Limited by systematics
- **Can exclude 60% of true δ_{CP} values at 5σ**



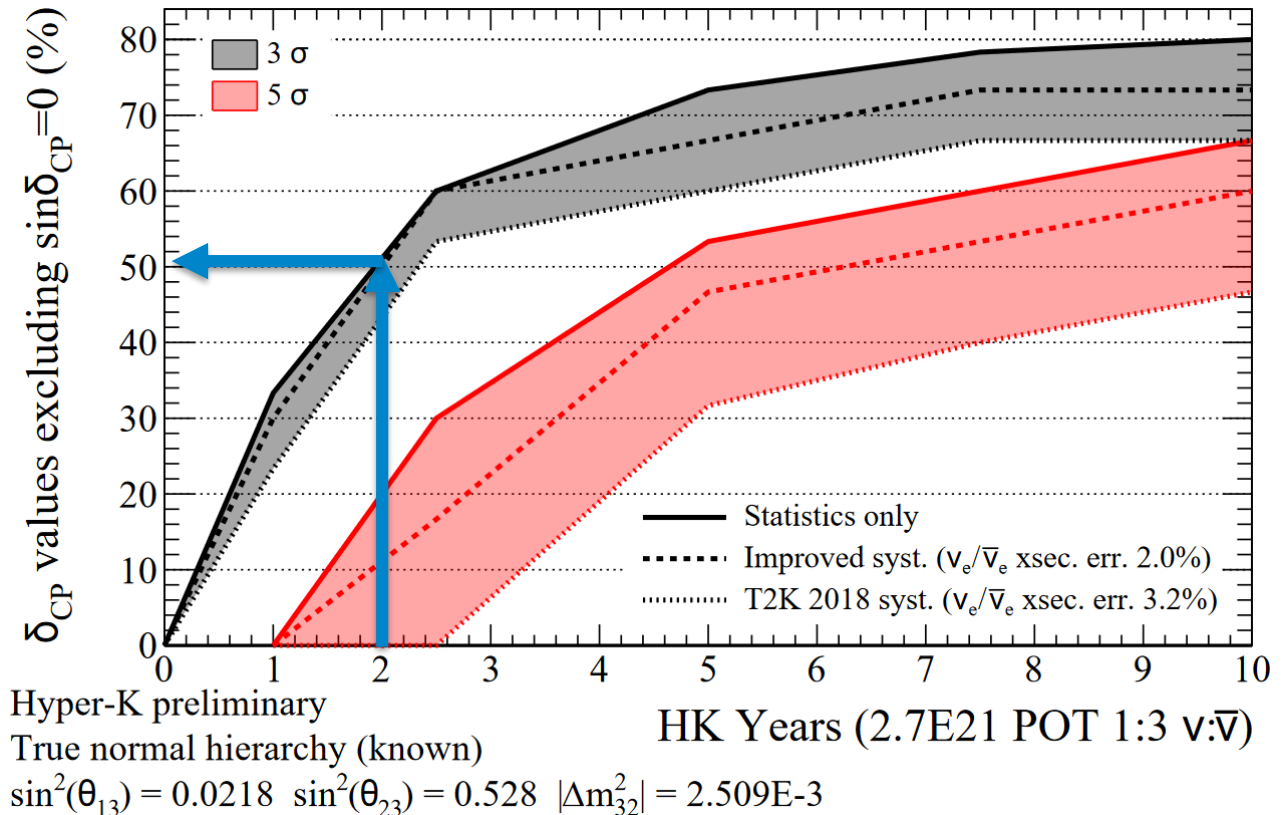
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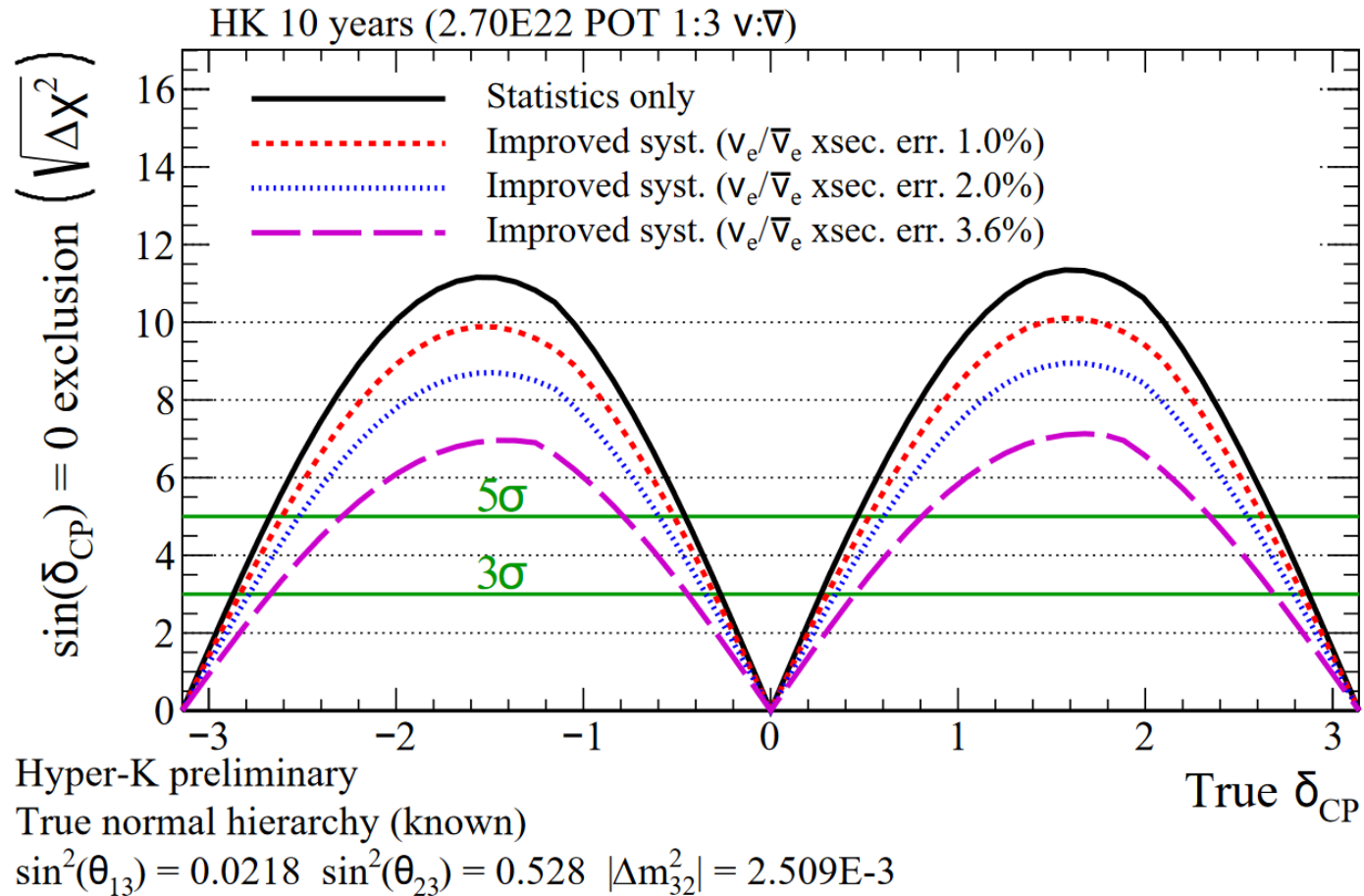
CP violation sensitivity over time

- Percentage of true δ_{CP} values where CP conservation can be excluded as a function of running year
- Can achieve 3σ CP violation result over significant regions of δ_{CP} after 2 years operation



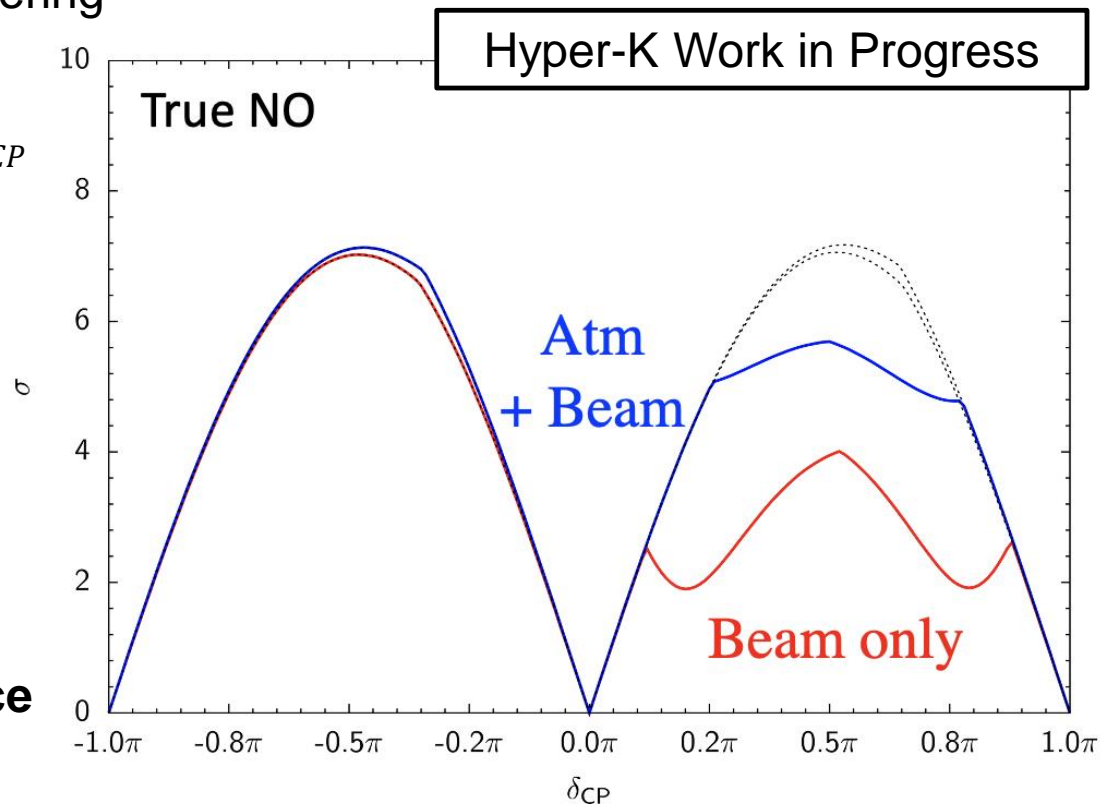
CPV and systematic uncertainties

- $(\nu_e)/(\bar{\nu}_e)$
cross-section
uncertainty
dominates
- Current theory
uncertainty
~3.2%
- **Must measure
this as well
as possible!**



Adding atmospheric neutrinos

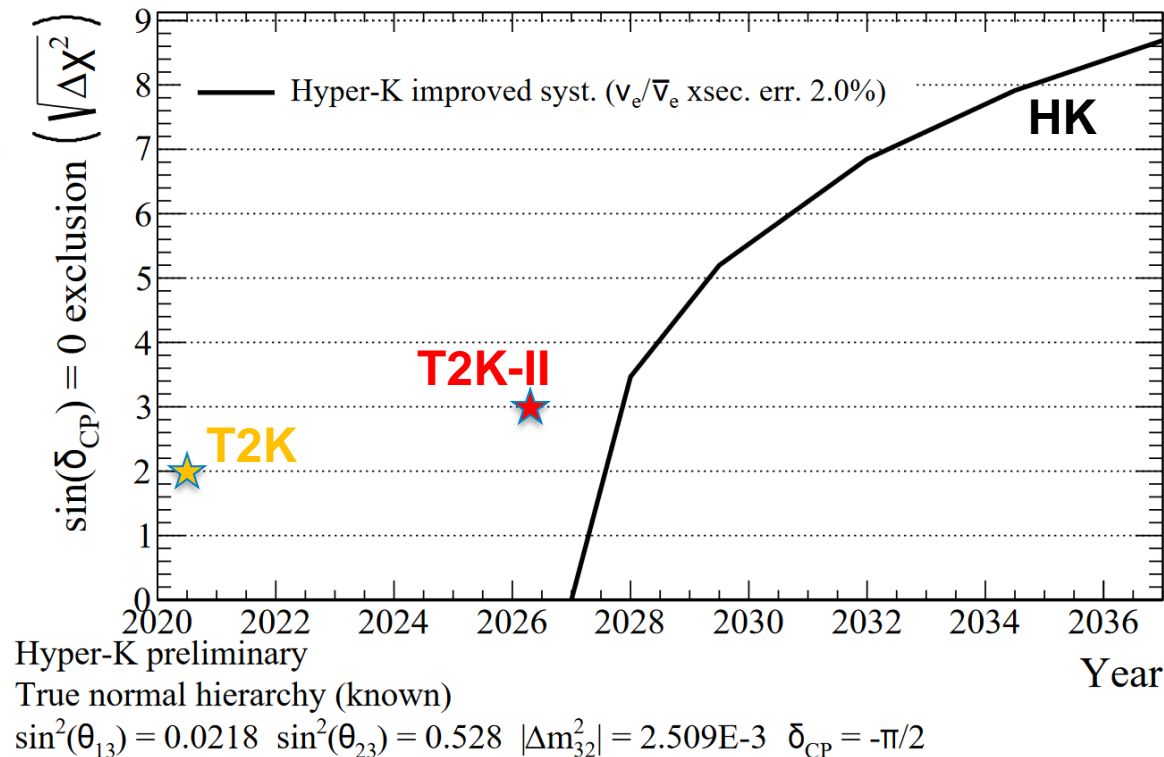
- Atmospheric neutrinos have longer baseline and higher energies – gives sensitivity to neutrino mass ordering
- Plot shows sensitivity to CP violation versus true value of δ_{CP}
- If MO unknown, **beam analysis** less sensitive for some values of δ_{CP}
- Joint **atmospheric and beam analysis** increases sensitivity above 5σ
- **Can exclude incorrect mass ordering at 4 – 6 σ significance** (depending on value of $\sin^2\theta_{23}$)



Summary

- Updated Hyper-K long-baseline oscillation parameter sensitivities
- After 10 years data taking HK will:

- Exclude CP conservation at 5σ for 60% of δ_{CP} parameter space
- Reach 4 – 6 σ exclusion of the wrong mass ordering
- Achieve 3 σ exclusion of wrong octant for $\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.47$ and $\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.55$



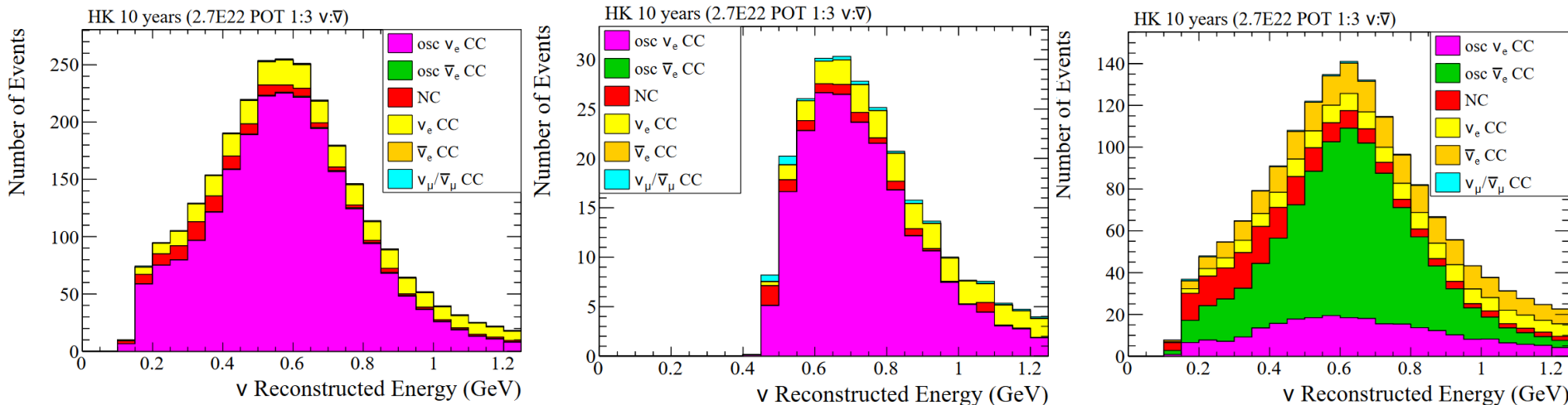
- See talk by T. Yano, Thu 30 July, 10:30, for astrophysical neutrino sensitivities

Supplementary slides

Hyper-Kamiokande electron-like sample breakdown

Neutrino beam

Antineutrino beam

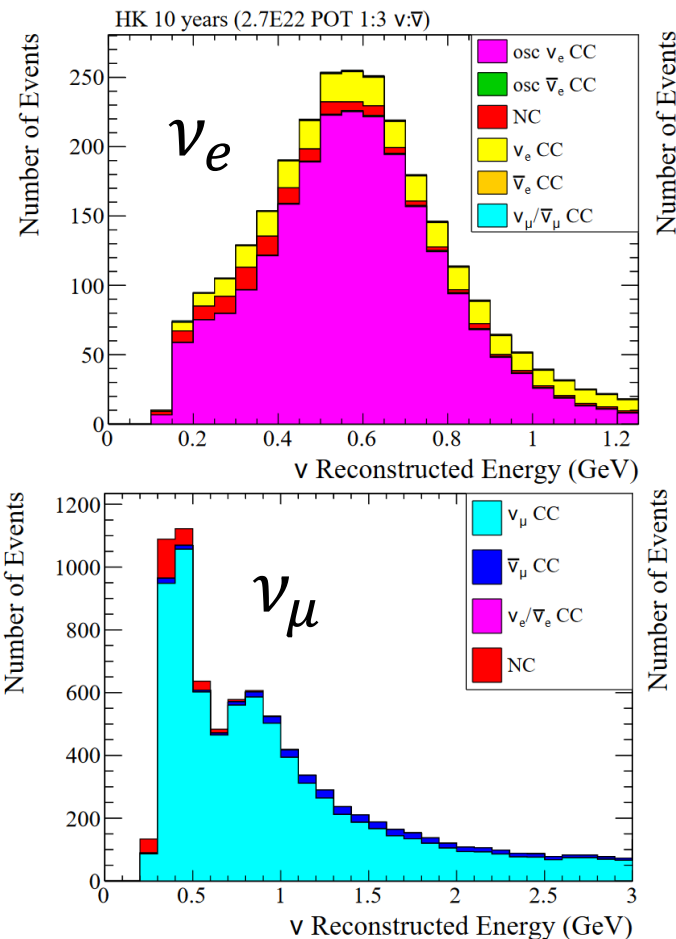


- A sample of CC-1 π events is included from the neutrino beam data
- The sample selects single-ring, electron-like events with the presence of a Michel electron tagging a pion below Cherenkov threshold
- The energy of this sample is calculated assuming a Δ_{1232} resonance

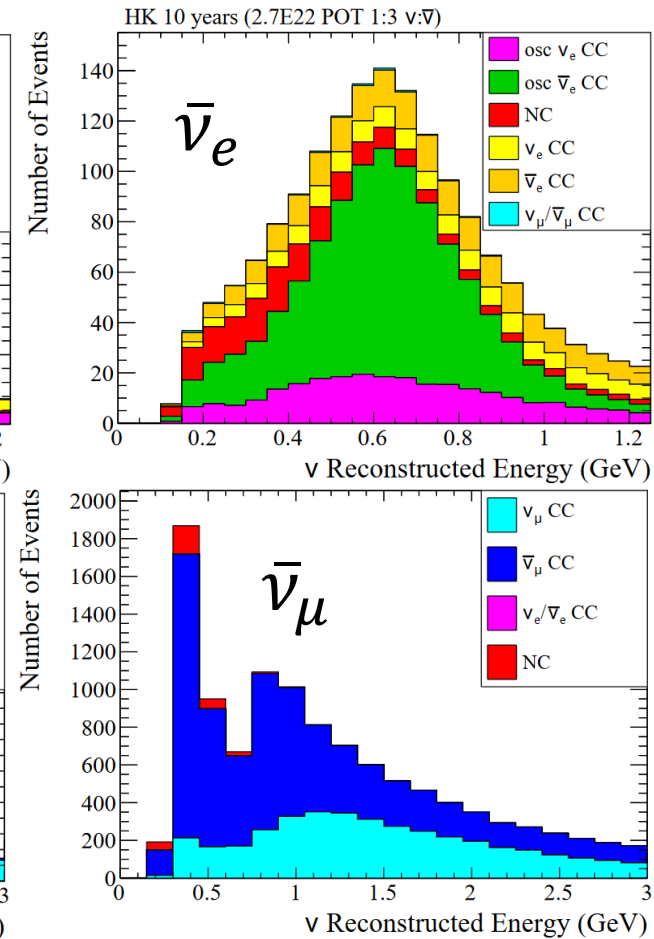
Hyper-Kamiokande sample breakdown

- Antineutrino beam:
 - Larger “wrong-sign” component
 - Larger neutral current component due to increased exposure
- Expect approx:
 - 9300 ν_μ events
 - 12300 $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ events

Neutrino beam

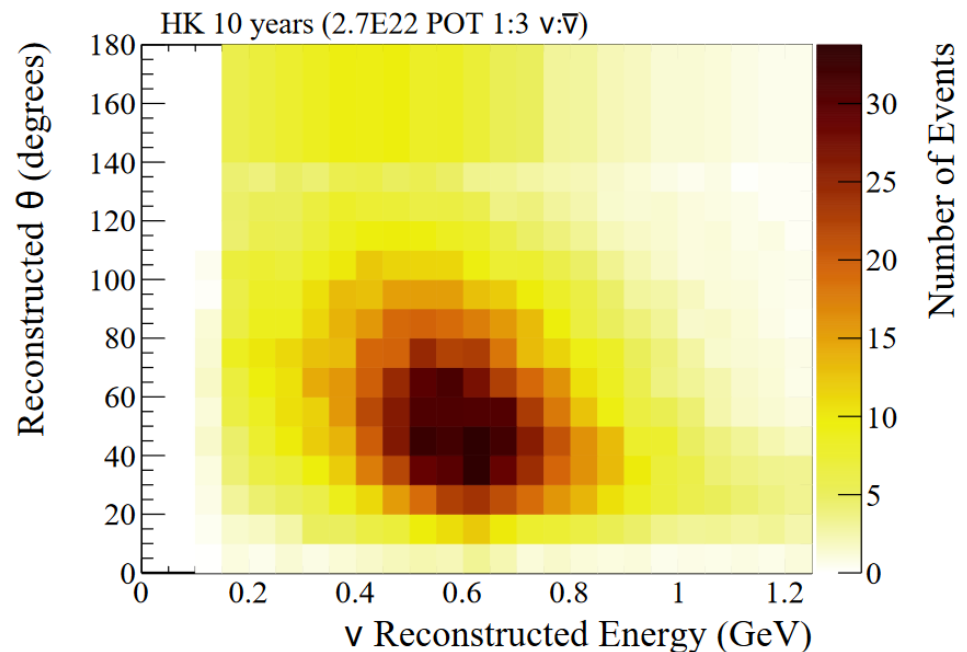


Antineutrino beam



Oscillation analysis fit

- Simultaneous likelihood fit of electron-like and muon-like samples at HK
- Profile systematics and oscillation parameters
- Fit electron-like samples in 2D (reconstructed energy vs lepton angle relative to the beam)
- Muon-like samples fit in 1D as function of reconstructed neutrino energy (assuming CCQE kinematics)
- Include flux and cross-section uncertainties using T2K 2018 near detector fit results
- Far detector uncertainties based on 2018 Super-K systematics



Scaled HK systematics

- Scale uncertainty on flux, cross-section and SK detector systematics by $1/\sqrt{N}$, where $N = 8.7$ is the relative increase in neutrino beam exposure from T2K to Hyper-K
- Studies from the ND280 Upgrade group (see talk #392 by D. Sgalaberna) and the HK Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector were used to apply a further constraint to the cross-section model uncertainties:
 - A factor of 3 reduction on all non-quasi-elastic uncertainties
 - A factor of 2.5 reduction on all quasi-elastic uncertainties
 - A factor 2 reduction on all anti-neutrino uncertainties
 - A reduction in neutral current uncertainties to the $\sim 10\%$ level
- The electron neutrino / electron antineutrino cross-section ratio error was varied from $\sim 3.6\%$ to 1% to assess its impact
- No parameter was allowed to have an uncertainty of less than 1%

Uncertainty on event samples

- T2K 2018 uncertainties on the HK event samples

Error source	1-ring μ -like		1-ring e -like			
	ν -mode	$\bar{\nu}$ -mode	ν -mode 0 d.e.	$\bar{\nu}$ -mode 0 d.e.	ν -mode 1 d.e.	ν -mode/ $\bar{\nu}$ -mode 0 d.e.
Cross section	4.77%	4.02%	5.61%	5.09%	5.05%	4.24%
Flux	4.28%	4.12%	4.38%	4.26%	4.46%	2.07%
Flux + xsec	3.27%	2.95%	4.33%	4.37%	4.99%	4.52%
Detector+FSI	3.22%	2.76%	4.14%	4.39%	17.77%	2.06%
All syst	4.63%	4.10%	5.97%	6.25%	18.49%	4.95%

Table 6: Percentage error on event rate by error source and sample, for the T2K-2018 syst error model.

- Scaled HK uncertainties, with a 3.6% error on the electron neutrino/antineutrino cross-section

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	ν -mode	$\bar{\nu}$ -mode	ν -mode 0 d.e.	$\bar{\nu}$ -mode 0 d.e.	ν -mode 1 d.e.	ν -mode/ $\bar{\nu}$ -mode 0 d.e.
Cross section	0.92%	0.77%	3.43%	2.62%	3.43%	3.72%
Flux	0.85%	0.80%	0.87%	0.83%	0.89%	0.51%
Flux + xsec	0.82%	0.72%	3.44%	2.62%	3.51%	3.76%
Detector+FSI	1.69%	1.59%	1.54%	1.72%	5.22%	0.95%
All syst	1.88%	1.74%	3.75%	3.12%	6.24%	3.88%

Table 8: Percentage error on event rate by error source and sample, for the HK 3.6% error model.

Event number variations with δ_{CP}

	$\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$	$\delta_{CP} = 0$	$\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$	$\delta_{CP} = \pi$
ν -mode beam 1-ring μ -like	9349.30	9335.51	9348.29	9365.49
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode beam 1-ring μ -like	12375.02	12344.43	12375.21	12408.46
ν -mode beam 1-ring e -like + 0 decay e	2739.76	2285.17	1845.99	2300.57
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode beam 1-ring e -like + 0 decay e	1623.97	1883.40	2117.98	1858.56
ν -mode beam 1-ring e -like + 1 decay e	257.63	223.18	179.45	213.91

Parameter(s)	AsimovA-2020
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.528
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0218 ± 0.0007
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.307
$ \Delta m_{32}^2 \text{ (NH)} / \Delta m_{13}^2 \text{ (IH)}$	$2.509 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
Δm_{21}^2	$7.53 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
δ_{CP}	-1.601
Mass Hierarchy	Normal

CPV sensitivity over time at $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$

