# Bridging Experiments, Narrowing Uncertainties: When DUNE Meets Hyper-K to unveil insights into 2-3 Oscillation Sector

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#### Matter Effect



- Neutrinos interact with matter by coherent forward elastic scattering.
- Charge current interaction of ν<sub>e</sub> with electrons creates an extra effective matter term for ν<sub>e</sub>, i.e, A=2√2G<sub>F</sub>N<sub>e</sub>E.
- Matter term changes sign when we switch from neutrino to anti-neutrino mode.
- Matter term modifies oscillation probability differently depending on the sign of  $\Delta m^2$ .
- The Hamiltonian corresponding to interaction with matter via CC-interaction is,  $H = U[\frac{1}{2E} \text{diag}(m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2)]U^{\dagger} + \text{diag}(V_{CC}, 0, 0)$

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#### Present global-fit scenario in 3*v*-paradigm



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### Deviation of $\theta_{23}$ from maximal mixing



•  $\mu \rightarrow \tau$  symmetry

$$\begin{array}{l} |\nu_2\rangle = \cos\theta_{23} \ |\nu_{\mu}\rangle + \sin\theta_{23} \ |\nu_{\tau}\rangle \\ |\nu_3\rangle = -\sin\theta_{23} \ |\nu_{\mu}\rangle + \cos\theta_{23} \ |\nu_{\tau}\rangle \end{array}$$

• If  $\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ}$ , i.e for MM,  $\nu_2$  and  $\nu_3$  have equal contributions of  $\nu_{\mu}$  and  $\nu_{\tau}$ .

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# Deviation of $\theta_{23}$ from maximal mixing



$\nu$ Mixing Model	$\theta_{23}$	$ heta_{13}$	$ heta_{12}$
Tri-bimaximal	45°	0°	35°
Bi-maximal	45°	0°	45°
Tri-bimaximal Cabibbo	45°	8.54°	35°
Bi-large	39°	12.12°	39°
Bi-trimaximal	36.23°	12.18°	36.23°

 Deviation from maximal mixing of θ<sub>23</sub> indicates the exclusion of several theoritical neutrino mixing models.

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# Considered values of neutrino oscillation parameters in our work

Parameters	Best-fit	$1\sigma$ range	$3\sigma$ range	
$\Delta m_{21}^2/10^{-5} eV^2$	7.36	7.21-7.52	6.93-7.93	Fixed
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}/10^{-1}$	3.03	2.90-3.16	2.63-3.45	Fixed
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}/10^{-2}$	2.23	2.17-2.30	2.04-2.44	Fixed
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}/10^{-1}$	4.55	4.40-4.73	4.16-5.99	Free
$\Delta m_{31}^2/10^{-3} eV^2$	2.522	2.490-2.545	2.436-2.605	Free
$\delta_{\rm CP}/^{\circ}$	223	200-256	139-355	Free

Capozzi et al., https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.00532

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#### Roles of different channels in our study

• The appearance probability  
for 
$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$$
 channel  
$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \approx \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) \frac{\sin^{2}[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{(1-\hat{A})^{2}}$$
$$-\alpha \sin(2\theta_{13})\zeta \sin \delta_{CP} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{(1-\hat{A})^{2}}$$
$$+\alpha \sin(2\theta_{13})\zeta \cos \delta_{CP} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{(1-\hat{A})^{2}}$$

• The disappearance probability for  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$  channel

 $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - \sin^{2}(2\theta_{23}) \sin^{2}(\Delta)$  $+ (\alpha \Delta) c_{12}^{2} \sin^{2}(2\theta_{23}) \sin(2\Delta)$ 

$$-2lpha\zeta ext{cos}(\delta_{CP}) ext{cos}(\Delta) rac{ ext{sin}(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} rac{ ext{sin}[(\hat{A}-1)\Delta]}{(\hat{A}-1)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \approx 0.033$$

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

$$\zeta = \cos\theta_{13}\sin2\theta_{12}\sin2\theta_{23}$$

Appearance channel helps in  $\theta_{23}$  octant exclusion. Disappearance channel helps in the precision

of  $\theta_{23}$ .

$$\hat{A} = \pm rac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m_{31}^2}$$

 $+\frac{2}{(\hat{A}-1)}\alpha\zeta\cos(2\theta_{23})\cos(\delta_{CP})\sin(\Delta)[\hat{A}\sin(\Delta)-\frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}}\cos((\hat{A}-1)\Delta)]$   $\stackrel{\square}{\longrightarrow} Contribution ID- 491 EPS-HEP 2025 - Mathematical Structure (1.5) - 2025$ 

# Salient features of DUNE and Hyper-K

Features	DUNE	Hyper-K	
Baseline length	1300 km	295 km	
	(Larger matter effect)	(Smaller matter effect)	
Detector Mass	40 kt	187 kt	
	(Smaller statistics)	(Larger statistics)	
Detection technique	LArTPC	Water Cherenkov	
Beam type	Wide-band, on-axis	Narrow-band, off-axis (2.5 $^{\circ}$ )	
Beam Power	1.2 MW	1.3 MW	
Run time	5 yrs $ u$ + 5 yrs $ar{ u}$	2.5 yrs $ u$ + 7.5 yrs $ar{ u}$	
P.O.T/year	$1.1 imes10^{21}$	$2.7 imes10^{21}$	
Syst. Uncertainty in			
App. (Disapp.) channel	2% (5%)	5% (3%)	

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# Deviation from maximal $\theta_{23}$



$$\Delta \chi^{2}_{\rm DM} = \min_{\delta_{\rm CP}, \Delta m^{2}_{31}} \left\{ \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\rm test}_{23} = 0.5 \right) - \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\rm true}_{23} \in [0.4, 0.6] \right) \right\}$$

• In Nature, if true  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  attains the lower value of the current  $1\sigma$  uncertainty (0.473), only DUNE+Hyper-K can achieve  $3\sigma$  sensitivity of non-maximal  $\theta_{23}$  with the present benchmark values.

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# Deviation from maximal $\theta_{23}$ as the function of exposure



- The range of true values of  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  that can be differentiated from MM choices, by DUNE + Hyper-K with just  $\sim 0.4$  of their nominal exposures, cannot be achieved by either of them individually even at their respective full exposures.
- At lower exposure, Hyper-K always performs better than DUNE irrespective of the values of  $\theta_{23}$ . At nominal exposure, they perform almost in same way.

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# Potential of exclusion of the wrong octant of $\theta_{23}$



- At lower confindence, Hyper-K wins due to larger statistics whereas, at higher confidence DUNE wins due to lesser systematics in appearance channel.
- The combined setup of DUNE and Hyper-K boosts their individual performances to exclude the wrong octant solution.
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# Definition of $\Delta \chi^2_{\rm octant}$

• For 
$$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$$
 (true)<0.5 (LO),

$$\Delta \chi^{2}_{\text{octant}} = \min_{(\vec{\lambda})} \left\{ \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\text{true}}_{23} = [0.4, 0.5) \right) - \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\text{test}}_{23} = (0.5, 0.6] \right) \right\}$$

• For  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  (true)>0.5 (HO),

$$\Delta \chi^{2}_{\text{octant}} = \min_{(\vec{\lambda})} \left\{ \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\text{true}}_{23} = (0.5, 0.6] \right) - \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2} \theta^{\text{test}}_{23} = [0.4, 0.5) \right) \right\}$$

where,  $\lambda = \delta_{\rm CP}, \ \Delta m_{31}^2$  is the marginalized parameters.

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# Efficacy of DUNE and Hyper-K in octant exclusion at various exposures



• With just 0.25 times of the benchmark exposure of the individual experiments, the combined set up can exclude the wrong octant for more than half of the currently allowed  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ .

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# Precision measurement of $heta_{23}$ and $\Delta m^2_{31}$



The combination of DUNE and Hyper-K outperforms their performances in isolation to the precision measurement of θ<sub>23</sub> and Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>31</sub>.

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# Definition of Relative $1\sigma$ precision and $\Delta \chi^2_{PM}$

The relative  $1\sigma$  precision in the measurement of oscillation parameters  $\zeta$  is estimated as follows:

$$p(\zeta) = rac{\zeta^{ ext{max}} - \zeta^{ ext{min}}}{6.0 imes \zeta^{ ext{true}}} imes 100\%.$$

 $\zeta^{\rm max}$  and  $\zeta^{\rm min}$  are the allowed  $3\sigma$  upper and lower bounds, respectively.

$$\Delta \chi^{2}_{\mathsf{PM, } \sin^{2}\theta_{23}} = \min_{(\delta_{CP}, \Delta m^{2}_{31})} \left\{ \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2}\theta^{\mathrm{true}}_{23} \in [0.4, 0.6] \right) - \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2}\theta^{\mathrm{test}}_{23} = [0.455] \right) \right\},$$

$$\Delta \chi^{2}_{\mathsf{PM, }\Delta m^{2}_{31}} = \min_{\left(\delta_{CP}, \sin^{2}\theta_{23}\right)} \left\{ \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2}\theta^{\mathrm{true}}_{23} \in [2.4, 2.6] \times 10^{-3} \right) - \chi^{2} \left( \sin^{2}\theta^{\mathrm{test}}_{23} = 2.522 \times 10^{-3} \right) \right\}$$

	Relative $1\sigma$ precision (%)						
Parameter	HK	DUNE	HK+DUNE	$T2K+NO\nu A$	Capozzi <i>et al</i> .	JUNO	
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	1.18	1.40	0.88	7.10	6.72	—	
$\Delta m_{31}^2$	0.25	0.31	0.20	0.99	1.09	0.2	

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#### Performance of measuring precision at various exposures



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# Allowed regions in $\sin^2 \theta_{23} - \Delta m_{31}^2$ plane



 The combination of DUNE and Hyper-K can exclude the HO only in antineutrino mode at 3σ C.L. breaking sin<sup>2</sup> θ<sub>23</sub> - δ<sub>CP</sub> degeneracy due to higher ν̄ statistics in Hyper-K. So, majority of the appearance events are free from fake (matter-induced) CP-phase.

• HO can be ruled out when both  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  modes are considered together.

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# Allowed regions in $\sin^2 \theta_{23} - \delta_{\rm CP}$ plane



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# Allowed regions in $\sin^2\theta_{23}-\Delta m^2_{32}$ plane given by the other experiments



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### Summary

- Ongoing long-baseline and atmospheric experiments (e.g.- T2K, NO $\nu$ A, MINOS+, Super-K etc.) strongly suggest deviation from MM of  $\theta_{23}$ .
- DUNE has large matter effect so is expected to measure Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>31</sub> precisely. But the larger matter effect induces fake CP-asymmetry which is negligible in Hyper-K.
- The disappearance statistics of Hyper-K is larger. So, Hyper-K is expected measure  $\theta_{23}$  precisely. But the combined setup improves the present achievable precision of sin<sup>2</sup>  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  by a factor of 7 and 5, respectively.
- Combination of DUNE and Hyper-K outperforms their isolated performances to establish non-maximal  $\theta_{23}$ . Furthermore, the range of true values of  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  that can be differentiated from MM choices, by DUNE + Hyper-K with just  $\sim 0.4$  of their nominal exposures, cannot be achieved by either of them individually even at their respective full exposures.
- With only 0.25 times of the benchmark exposure of the standalone experiments, the combination of DUNE and Hyper-K can exclude the wrong octant of  $\theta_{23}$  for more than half of the currently allowed sin<sup>2</sup>  $\theta_{23}$ .
- DUNE+Hyper-K can exclude the wrong octant solution with only antineutrino mode due to the complementarity between DUNE and Hyper-K.

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#### Total event rates in DUNE and Hyper-K



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# Total number of events in DUNE and Hyper-K

Channe	el	LO $(\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.455)$		MM $(\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5)$		HO $(\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.599)$	
		DUNE	Hyper-K	DUNE	Hyper-K	DUNE	Hyper-K
App.	ν	1601 [1586]	1598 [1588]	1729 [1712]	1725 [1713]	2004 [1983]	1996 [1981]
	$\bar{\nu}$	<b>297</b> [187]	<b>919</b> [755]	<b>328</b> [209]	1021 [844]	<b>399</b> [260]	1251 [1044]
Disapp.	ν	15529 [14286]	10064 [9487]	15209 [13974]	9628 [9057]	15857 [14597]	10661 [10074]
	$\bar{\nu}$	9008 [4433]	13949 [8985]	<b>8884</b> [4333]	13541 [8643]	9252 [4648]	14613 [9553]

Table: Total (Signal + Background) appearance and disappearance event rates in DUNE and Hyper-K assuming 480 kt·MW·years and 2431 kt·MW·years of exposure, respectively. Events in parenthesis does not include the effect of wrong-sign contamination. The events are simulated by General Long Baseline Experiment Simulator (GLoBES).

- Contribution of wrong sign events is more in  $\bar{\nu}$  mode than  $\nu$  due to the cross-section suppression.
- Initially pions or kaons are produced due to pp or pn collision. Positive chaged mesons are abundant than the negative one. Hence, contamination of ν in ν beam is more.

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Definition of  $\chi^2$  used

$$\chi^2 = \min_{(\vec{\zeta_s},\vec{\zeta_b})} \left\{ 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{y_i} - x_i - x_i \ln \frac{\tilde{y_i}}{x_i}) + \zeta_s^2 + \zeta_b^2 \right\},\$$

where, n is the total number of bins and

 $\tilde{y}_i(\{\omega, \alpha_{e\mu}\}, \{\zeta_s, \zeta_b\}) = N_i^{th}(\{\omega, \alpha_{e\mu}\})[1 + \pi^s \zeta_s] + N_i^b(\{\omega, \alpha_{e\mu}\})[1 + \pi^b \zeta_b]$ where,

- $N_i^{th}(\{\omega, \alpha_{e\mu}\}) =$  Predicted no. of events in i-th bin for a set of osc. params.  $\omega$  and for a given value of  $\alpha_{e\mu}$
- N<sup>b</sup><sub>i</sub>({ω, α<sub>eµ</sub>}) = No. of background events in the i-th bin where CC background depends on ω and α<sub>eµ</sub> but NC does not
- $\pi^{s}, \pi^{b} = Systematic errors in signal and background$
- $\zeta_s, \zeta_b =$  'Pulls' due to systematic errors in signal and background respectively
- x<sub>i</sub> = N<sub>i</sub><sup>ex</sup> + N<sub>i</sub><sup>b</sup> (where, N<sub>i</sub><sup>ex</sup> = No. of observed CC signal events in the i-th bin, N<sub>i</sub><sup>b</sup> = Same for the background)
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### Effect of Systematics of DUNE in probing non-maximal $\theta_{23}$



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# Table of systematics in DUNE

True	Channels	2%, 5%	0%, 0%	5%, 5%	5%, 10%	10%, 10%
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$						
	App.+Disapp.	17.64	24.13	16.88	16.74	15.42
0.455	App.	3.52	4.05	2.33	2.33	1.05
(Best-fit)	Disapp.	14.31	18.79	14.31	14.16	14.16
	App.+Disapp.	4.28	5.72	3.88	3.84	3.42
0.473	App.	1.27	1.47	0.84	0.84	0.38
$(1\sigma$	Disapp.	2.99	3.88	2.99	2.97	2.97
upper						
bound)						

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#### Neutrino mixing in three-flavor oscillation

• Flavor and mass eigen-states are linearly combined as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{e} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

The three flavor neutrino oscillation is given by

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{j < i} Re(U_{\alpha i}U_{\beta i}^*U_{\alpha j}^*U_{\beta j})\sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{ij}^2L/E)$$
$$-2 \sum_{j < i} Im(U_{\alpha i}U_{\beta i}^*U_{\alpha j}^*U_{\beta j})\sin(2.54\Delta m_{ij}^2L/E)$$

where,  $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$  (in eV<sup>2</sup>), L is the baseline length (in km), and E is the energy of the neutrino (in GeV).

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#### Parametrization of PMNS matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- PMNS (Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata) matrix is parametrized by three independent mixing angles ( $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ , and  $\theta_{12}$ ,), two independent mass-squared difference [Solar mass-squared difference ( $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ), Atmospheric mass-squared difference ( $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )] and one  $\delta_{CP}$ phase.
- For the non-zero value of  $\theta_{13}$ , we have got  $3\nu$ -paradigm in neutrino oscillation.
- The (3×3) matrices in the red, green, and blue color are called "1-2 sector" or Solar Sector, "1-3 sector" or Reactor Sector, and "2-3 sector" or Atmospheric Sector.

Maki, Z; Nakagawa, M.; Sakata, S. (1962)

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