### A Bayesian Approach to DUNE's Sensitivity Studies

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Brief overview of neutrino oscillations

• Introduction to DUNE

Bayesian DUNE Sensitivities





### **Neutrino Oscillations in a v-tshell**



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 $\mu^+$ Weak state

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- When the neutrino interacts → collapses back to weak state → probability of a given flavour depends on mass state mixture





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- Currently we don't know the hierarchy • i.e.  $\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$  or  $\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$
- In a vacuum there is no sensitivity to the sign → we use matter effects!



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

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### \* Insert new precision long-baseline experiment here\*



# **The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment**





# **DUNE Collaboration**

The DUNE experiment is a large international collaboration with > 1400 collaborators from > 200 institutions in 35 countries

DUNE collaboration meeting January 2023





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# **Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment**

- DUNE will make a beam of predominantly v<sub>µ</sub> or v<sub>µ</sub>
   at Fermilab
- Beam passes through near detector 574 m from target
- Beam passes through far detector 1300 km from target at Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) 1500m underground

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800 miles \_\_\_\_ 300 kilometers)



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# **Neutrino beam**

- LBNF beamline will produce world-leading power
  - Phase 1: 1.2 MW
  - Phase 2: Upgrade to  $\rightarrow$  **2 MW**
- On-axis beam —> broad range of energies
  - Covers 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> oscillation maxima





**DUNE (1.2 MW)** 

**MINERvA** 

BNB (SBND)

Flux at ND

8

E<sub>v</sub> (GeV)

NOvA

6

1<sup>st</sup> max.

2

min

 $v_{\mu}/cm^2/GeV/year ( imes 10^{12})$ 

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# **Far detector (FD)**

- Liquid argon provides precise reconstruction of lepton and hadronic energy over a broad energy range
- Will consist of 4 modules:
  - First module will be a vertical drift (VD) Ο LArTPC
  - Second module will be horizontal drift Ο (HD)
- VD is the baseline design for Module 3 & 4











# **Near detector (ND)**

#### • ND-LAr:

- LAr target  $\rightarrow$  constrain **y** Ar interactions
- $\circ \quad \mbox{High event rates} \rightarrow \mbox{Native 3D readout + optical modularity}$

### • TMS:

- Muon momentum & sign selection
- $\circ \quad \text{Phase II} \to \textbf{GArTPC}$
- Lower threshold  $\rightarrow$  better tracking of low energy particles  $\rightarrow$  deeply probe **v** - Ar interactions



### • SAND:

- Beam Monitoring
- $\circ \quad \mbox{Multiple targets} \rightarrow \mbox{exclusive} \\ neutrino-nucleus measurements \\ \mbox{measurements} \\ \mbox$



# **Near detector (ND)**

- DUNE-PRISM:
  - Use off-axis effect to sample multiple fluxes using the same detectors
  - Probe the smearing between observed and true energy



### **Precision Reaction-Independent** Spectrum Measurement





### **Inferring Oscillation Parameters**





# How do long-baseline analyses work?

 $N(\text{Observables}) = \int \frac{\text{Flux}(E_{\nu}, \text{time}) \times \text{Interaction prob}(E_{\nu}, \text{final state})}{\times \text{Detector Efficiency}(\text{final state}) \times \text{Osc}(E_{\nu})}$ 

- Measure event rates  $\rightarrow$  product of **oscillations** and **flux/interaction/detector models**
- Near detector has lots of events and assumed to have no oscillations → constrain the systematics
- Far detector has oscillations → apply systematic constraints → infer oscillation parameter values



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# 2020 Sensitivity Study

- Current DUNE sensitivities produced using frequentist framework
- Full results available in "Long-baseline neutrino oscillation physics potential of the DUNE experiment" – Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 978 (2020)
- Sensitivity to CP violation depends on the "true" value of δ<sub>CP</sub>
  - What percentage of true values of b<sub>CP</sub> can we exclude CP conservation to ... sigma





### **Bayesian Study**



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### **Analysis Strategy**

- **Oscillation** probabilities, flux model, interaction model and detector model  $\rightarrow$  predictions of far and near detector spectra
- Build likelihood space as a function of oscillation and systematic parameters
- **MCMC** to explore the full likelihood space
- **Bayesian inference** of oscillation parameters and systematic parameters



# **Systematic Implementation**

**High statistics** in next-generation near detectors requires **sophisticated** systematic implementation

**Splines** 



Normalisation

Shift-like





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Systematics which change reconstructed variables

**Bin A** 

 Generally for detector systematics

- Continuous response functions using piecewise cubic interpolation
- Binned or event-by-event
- Cross-section parameters

- Weights events up and down relative to parameter movement
- Apply to specific kinematic ranges and events
- Flux parameters
- Events that move bin keep their original weights —> re-calculate the response for that bin





Bin B

# MCMC - Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- Semi-random walk around the full parameter space
- MR<sup>2</sup>T<sup>2</sup> algorithm for accepting or rejecting steps
- Builds up distribution of steps in each parameter -> proportional to target distribution
- Scales well with dimensions
- Can deal with discontinuous likelihoods (caused by event shifting)







# **Bayesian Inference**

- MCMC let's evaluate a nearly impossible integral to get the posterior distribution
- Multi-dimensional posterior... we only want oscillation parameters
- Marginalisation integrate out nuisance parameters
- MCMC gives us this integral for free

theorem: 
$$P(B \mid A) \cdot P(A) = rac{P(B \mid A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$







**Bayes'** 

# **Sensitivity Study Details**

- Simultaneous fit to FD and ND samples
- NuFit 4.0 normal ordering (NO) parameter values chosen:
  - Flat priors in oscillation parameters of interest
  - Gaussian constraint used for sin<sup>2</sup>(θ<sub>12</sub>) and Δm<sub>21</sub><sup>2</sup> from NuFit 4.0
- Markov chain ran for **180 million** steps
  - Sufficient for reliable 3σ intervals
- Systematic model: (288 pars) for xsec (55 pars), flux (204 pars) and detector (24 pars)
- Using nominal staged 7 year exposure (336 ktMWyr)







# **Samples**

- 4 FD samples: **V**/**V** and **numu-like/nue-like** 
  - +2 ND samples: **V/V** CC numu 0 inclusive
- sin<sup>2</sup>(2θ<sub>23</sub>) sensitivity from dip in disappearance spectra
  - $\Delta m_{32}^2$  sensitivity from position of dip 0
- $sin^{2}(\theta_{23})$  and  $sin^{2}(\theta_{13})$  sensitivity from appearance
  - Allows for  $\theta_{23}$  octant selection Ο
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DUNE v. Appearance

Normal Ordering

sin<sup>2</sup>20,, = 0.088

 $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.580$ 

NC

3.5 years (staged)

(V<sub>µ</sub> + V<sub>µ</sub>) CC

(V. + V.) CC

 $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ 

 $\delta_{CP} = +\pi/2$ 

 $-\delta_{CP} = 0$ 

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**Reconstructed Energy (GeV)** 

Beam (ve + ve) CC

### $\bar{\nu}$ mode





80

60

40

20

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#### **Reconstructed Energy (GeV)**



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### **Sensitivities**



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- \*No\* posterior in IO  $\rightarrow$  strong sensitivity to the mass hierarchy
- New **proposal function** for switching hierarchy?





- Both  $\theta_{23}$  octants being evaluated  $\rightarrow$  correct octant chosen
- Bayes factor of  $2.76 \rightarrow$  light evidence for upper octant







• Tail towards 0 caused by  $\delta_{CP}$  octant degeneracy  $\rightarrow$  mostly sensitive to  $sin\delta_{CP}$ 



# **Advantages: Reweighting and Reprojection**

- MCMC allows the ability to reweight the posterior distribution given a change of prior
  - I.e. flat  $\sin^2(\theta_{13}) \rightarrow$  reactor constraint
  - New result/sensitivity from another experiment?
  - Does not require a new fit!
- One caveat is that there are enough MCMC steps in the region that the new posterior favours
- Also trivial to produce a posterior distribution in some new variable that is a function of the variables included in the MCMC
  - I.e. if you have a posterior for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \rightarrow$  easy to produce any distribution of  $f(\alpha, \beta)$



## **Reactor Constraint**

- So far results shown have use a flat prior in sin<sup>2</sup>(θ<sub>13</sub>)
  - Check **DUNE's** sensitivity

 Currently well-measured by multiple reactor neutrino experiments → dominated by Daya Bay (arXiv:1203.1669)

 Reweight posterior with a Gaussian prior → central value and uncertainty from NuFit 4.0



NuFit 4.0 (2018)



### **Reactor Constraint**







- Second θ<sub>13</sub> peak completely suppressed
- Wrong  $\theta_{23}$  octant also suppressed





- Flat prior in  $\delta_{CP}$  results in **non-uniform prior** in other quantities e.g.  $\sin \delta_{CP}$  or  $\cos \delta_{CP}$
- Flat  $sin\delta_{CP}$  prior of interest  $\rightarrow CPV$  is a function of  $sin\delta_{CP}$



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# Improved MCMC Sampling





# $3\sigma \to 5\sigma \ Feasibility$

- Steps are correlated → ~ 10k steps to get an independent step
  - 180 million steps -> ~ 40 independent points outside the 3σ contour
  - Enough to confidently determine where the  $3\sigma$  contour lies
- For the same number of independent points outside the 5σ contour requires 5000x more steps
  - ~ 800 billion steps!
  - Would currently require > 1 billion CPU hours
- This is **unfeasible!** 
  - We need a more efficient method of sampling the **tail regions**





# **Umbrella Sampling**

- Method of sampling low probability regions in a distribution:
  - Sample multiple biased likelihoods → bias increases probability in tail regions
- Combination of each biased sample requires weights
  - Undo the bias from each sample
  - Account for over/under sampled regions as a result of "overlaps"
- Several bias options → Tempered likelihood has been tested as a first attempt



# **Tempered Likelihood**

- Flatten entire distribution rather than confining the chain to a specific low probability region
  - Low probability regions explored more frequently

$$\mathcal{L} 
ightarrow \mathcal{L}^{1/T}$$

- Higher "temperature"  $\rightarrow$  more flat likelihood distribution
  - Sample at several temperatures → combine together using Umbrella Sampling weighting



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# **Tempered Likelihood**

- Effect of temperature on  $\delta_{CP}^{}$  sin<sup>2</sup> $\theta_{13}^{}$  distribution:
  - Same number of steps at each temperature
- Next step: Combine these chains using umbrella weights
  - Hopefully credible intervals lie where we'd expect them too!







# Summary

- DUNE will enable an exciting physics program and aims to make precise measurements of the oscillation parameters:
  - Definitively measure the **MO** regardless of other oscillation parameters
  - Sensitivity to **CPV** and  $\theta_{23}$  octant

- First Bayesian analysis of DUNE has been performed
  - Complementary to existing and future frequentist sensitivities
  - Provides ability to update results based on new information
    - Does not require a new fit
  - First in-depth look at alternative quantities e.g. J<sub>CP</sub>
- Exploring new sampling methods to reduce computational cost for achieving high significance measurements











### **Neutrinos**



#### **Standard Model of Elementary Particles**

- Three generations of matter:
  - Three charged leptons
  - Three corresponding neutrino flavours

- Neutrinos...
  - Neutral
  - Massless (in SM)
  - Interact via weak force



# **DUNE Physics Goals**

DUNE has a **rich** physics program which includes:

- **1.** Make precise measurements of the oscillation parameters  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\Delta m_{32}^2$
- 2. Resolve the neutrino mass hierarchy, i.e. whether  $m_3^2 > m_2^2$  or  $m_3^2 < m_2^2$
- **3.** Determine the octant of  $\theta_{23}$
- 4. Determine whether CP is violated in neutrinos and make a measurement of  $\delta_{CP}$
- **5.** Search for  $\tau$  appearance
- 6. Check the unitarity of the PMNS matrix
- 7. Search for nucleon decay
- 8. Be ready to detect low-energy neutrinos from a supernova
- 9. Search for Beyond Standard Model physics, e.g. sterile neutrinos, heavy neutral leptons etc .



### NuFit 4.0 Parameters

		Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering $(\Delta \chi^2 = 4.7)$	
		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
without SK atmospheric data	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.310\substack{+0.013\\-0.012}$	$0.275 \rightarrow 0.350$	$0.310\substack{+0.013\\-0.012}$	$0.275 \rightarrow 0.350$
	$\theta_{12}/^{\circ}$	$33.82^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$	$31.61 \rightarrow 36.27$	$33.82^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$	$31.61 \rightarrow 36.27$
	$\sin^2  heta_{23}$	$0.580\substack{+0.017\\-0.021}$	$0.418 \rightarrow 0.627$	$0.584\substack{+0.016\\-0.020}$	$0.423 \rightarrow 0.629$
	$\theta_{23}/^{\circ}$	$49.6^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$	$40.3 \rightarrow 52.4$	$49.8^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$	$40.6 \rightarrow 52.5$
	$\sin^2  heta_{13}$	$0.02241\substack{+0.00065\\-0.00065}$	$0.02045 \to 0.02439$	$0.02264\substack{+0.00066\\-0.00066}$	$0.02068 \rightarrow 0.02463$
	$ heta_{13}/^{\circ}$	$8.61\substack{+0.13 \\ -0.13}$	$8.22 \rightarrow 8.99$	$8.65\substack{+0.13 \\ -0.13}$	$8.27 \rightarrow 9.03$
	$\delta_{ m CP}/^{\circ}$	$215_{-29}^{+40}$	$125 \rightarrow 392$	$284^{+27}_{-29}$	$196 \rightarrow 360$
	$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \ {\rm eV}^2}$	$7.39\substack{+0.21 \\ -0.20}$	$6.79 \rightarrow 8.01$	$7.39^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	$6.79 \rightarrow 8.01$
	$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3}~{\rm eV}^2}$	$+2.525^{+0.033}_{-0.032}$	$+2.427 \rightarrow +2.625$	$-2.512^{+0.034}_{-0.032}$	$-2.611 \rightarrow -2.412$

NuFIT 4.0 (2018), www.nu-fit.org, JHEP 01 (2019) 106 – arXiv:1811.05487





# **CPV Sensitivity**

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After 10 years (staged), there is significant CP violation (δ<sub>CP</sub> ≠ 0, π) discovery potential across true values of δ<sub>CP</sub> and for both hierarchies



# **Mass Ordering Sensitivity**



 Obtain a definitive answer for the mass hierarchy within 7 years (staged), regardless of the values of the other oscillation parameters





