



KM3NeT

Opens a new window on our universe

KM3NeT/ORCA

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Overview

- Introduction
 - KM3NeT & neutrino detection
 - Main science goal: Neutrino mass hierarchy
- ORCA sensitivity study & detector optimization
 - ORCA sensitivity study
 - General scheme
 - Pseudo-experiment log-likelihood ratio based
 - Simplified method
 - Results

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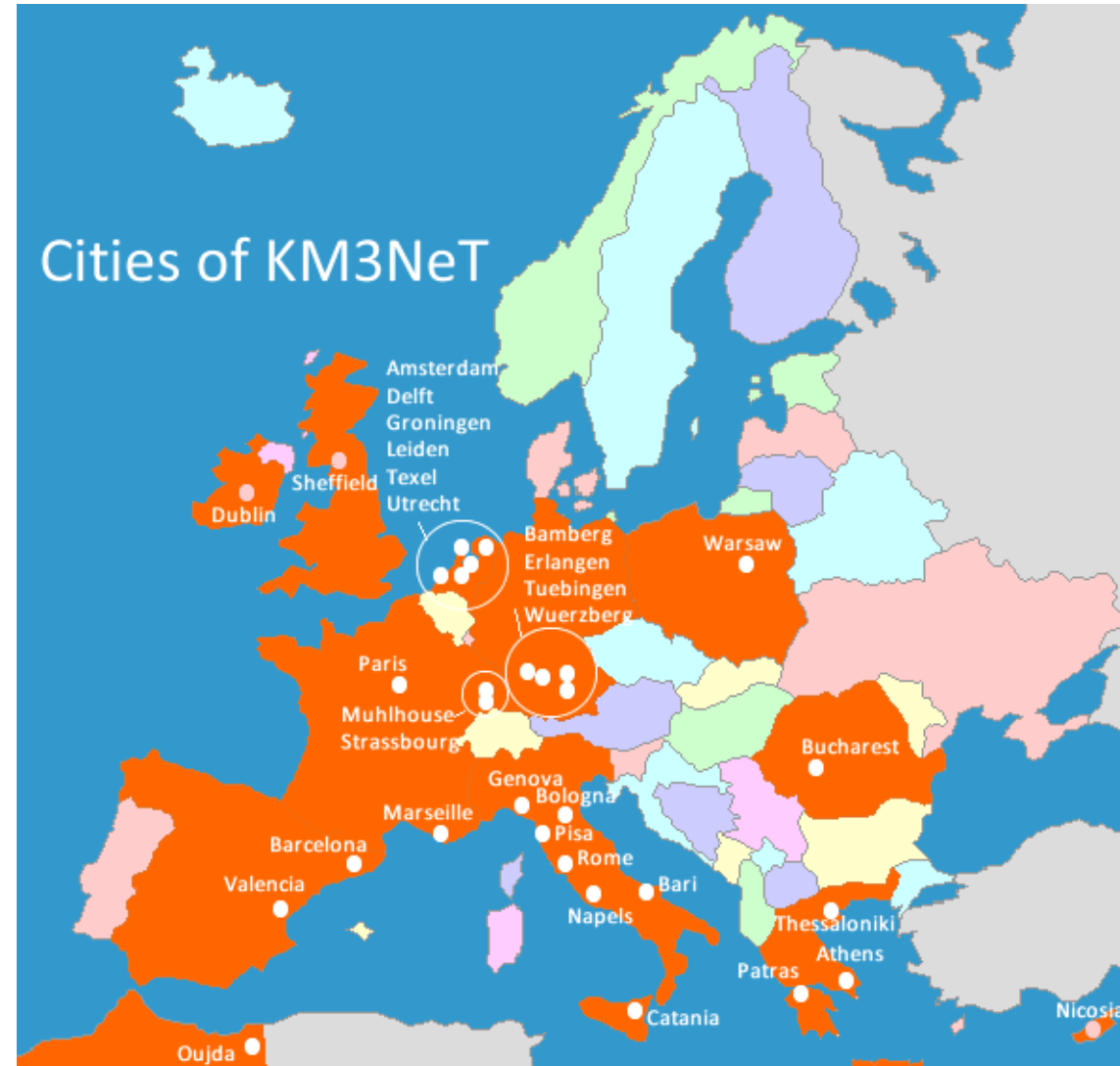
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YES!

KM3NeT Collaboration

12 Countries
42 Institutes
225 Scientists

Special credits for the sensitivity study:
M. Jongen (Nikhef, Amsterdam),
J. Brunner (CPPM, Marseille)



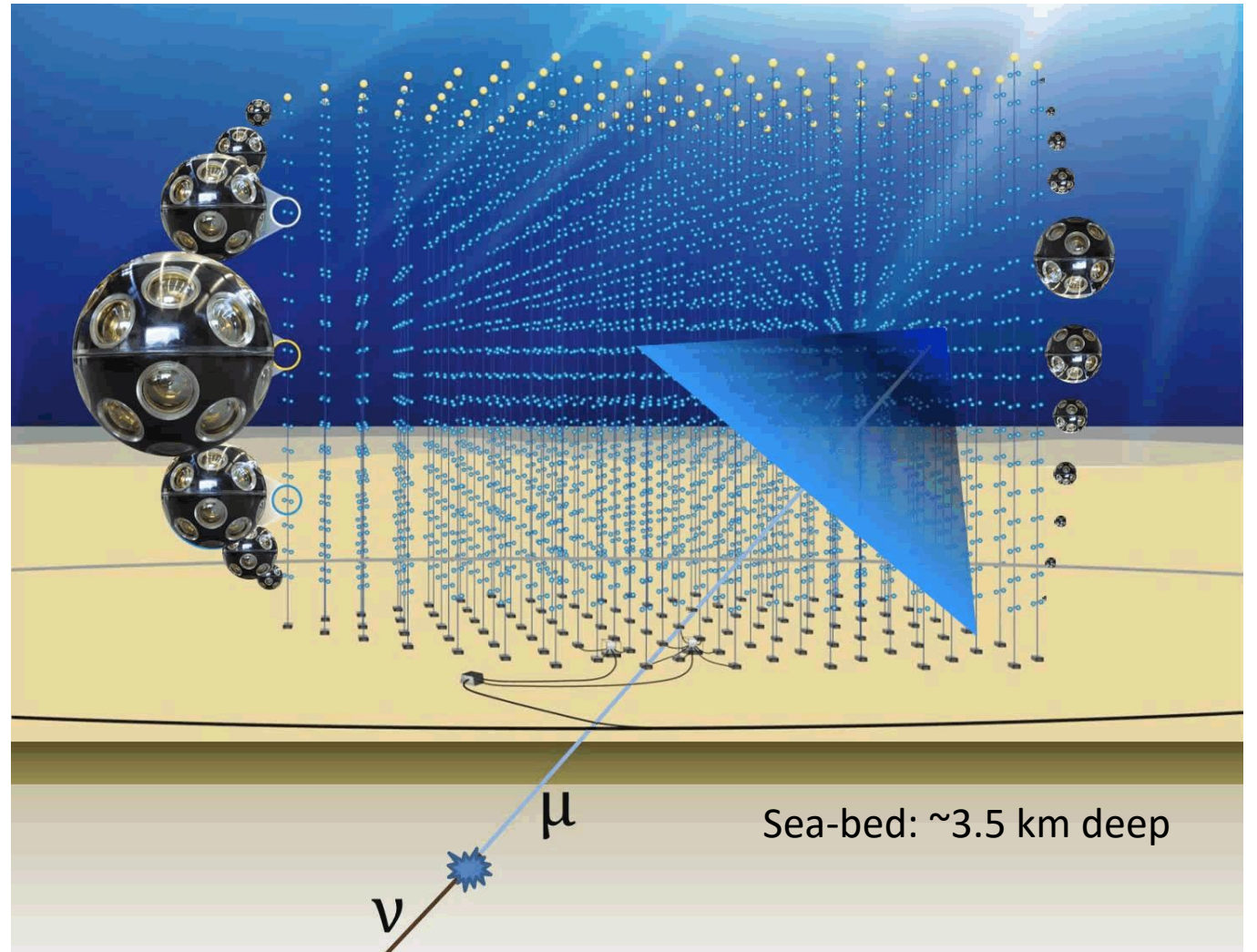
Large Volume Neutrino Telescopes

Cherenkov light from the charged products of neutrino interactions in sea-water are detected by a sparse array of photo-multiplier tubes

Two general event types:

Tracks - Charged current (CC) ν_μ interaction

Showers - Neutral current ν interaction
- ν_e CC electromagnetic shower
- Vertex of CC interaction
- τ decay shower



KM3NeT Design

Detection Units:

- 18 optical modules per vertical string
- ~36m or 9m between optical modules
- Lowest optical module ~100m or 40m above seabed
- Two Dyneema® ropes
- Backbone: 2 copper conductors; 18 fibres (+spares)
- Break out of cable at each optical module
- Base module with DWDM at anchor
- Cable for connection to seafloor network

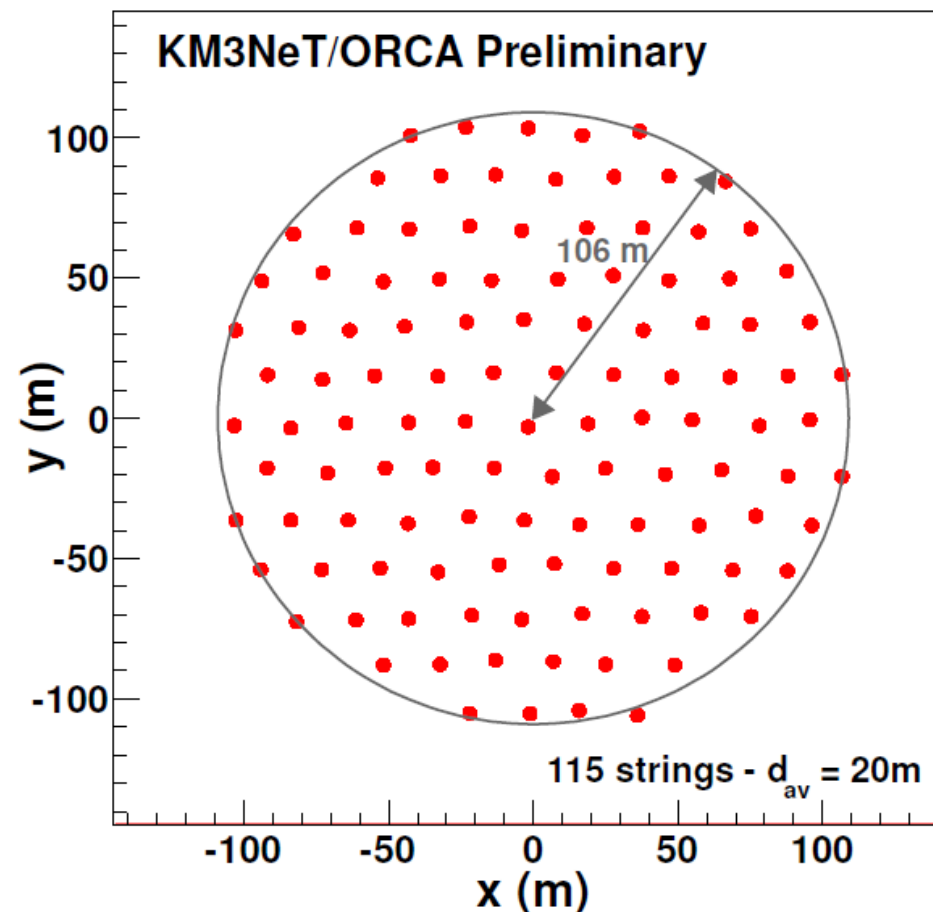
Cost saving design

Infrastructure:

- Building blocks of 115 strings
- Sea-bed infrastructure
(facility for long term high-bandwidth connection for sea-science, biology etc.)
- Optical data transmission

All-data-to-shore

- Filtering/Trigger on-shore in computer farm



(‘ORCA’ layout)

KM3NeT Digital Optical Module (DOM)



Segmented cathode area: 31 x 3" PMTs

- Directional Sensitivity
- Photon Counting

Light concentrator ring

Cathode area: ~ 3 x 10-inch PMT

- Less overhead

Custom low-power HV bases

LED, piezo, compass and tiltmeter inside

PMT Time-over-Threshold measurements

FPGA readout

PMT Features:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| ➤ Timing | $\leq 2\text{ns (RMS)}$ |
| ➤ QE | $\geq 25\text{-}30\%$ |
| ➤ Collection efficiency | $\geq 90\%$ |
| ➤ Photon counting purity | 100% (by hits, ≤ 7) |
| ➤ Price/cm ² | $\leq 10''$ PMT |



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ARCA & ORCA

High Energy Neutrino Astronomy:

ARCA: Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

Large Detector: $\sim 1 \text{ km}^3$ total

Sparse: 36 m vertical spacing, 100 m horizontal

TeV-PeV Energies

Astrophysical Neutrinos

Same technology & layout, dimensions scaled $\updownarrow$

Neutrino Physics:

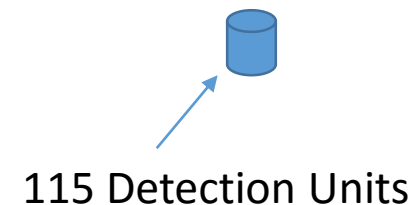
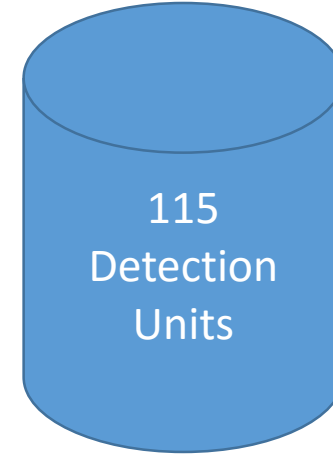
ORCA: Oscillations Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

‘Smaller’ detector: 5.7 Mton

Dense : 9m vertical spacing, 20m horizontal

GeV energies

Atmospheric neutrinos



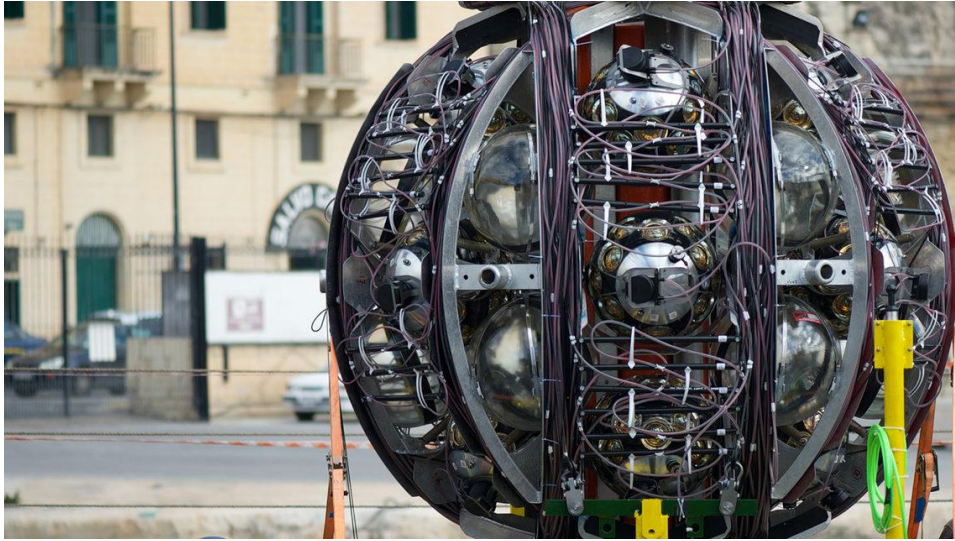
**Focus of
this talk**

Current Status & Future

- KM3NeT Phase-1:
 - Fully funded
 - 24 ARCA Detection Units
 - 6 ORCA Detection Units
 - Under Construction
- KM3NeT 2.0 :
 - ARCA: 2 x 115 Detection Units
 - ORCA : 115 Detection Units
 - ESFRI Roadmap

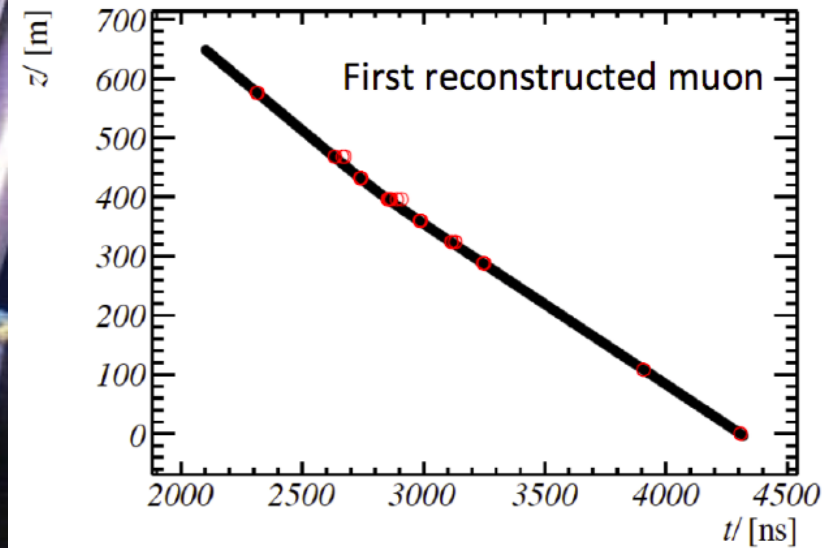
KM3NeT 2.0 Letter of Intent !
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07459>
(Accepted for publication in
Journal of Physics G)

Current Status



December 2015:
ARCA-DU1 : fully operational

May 2016:
ARCA-DU2 & 3: testing and
commissioning phase



ORCA Goal: Neutrino Mass Hierarchy

Neutrinos can change flavour during propagation as the mass eigenstates are not their flavour eigenstates

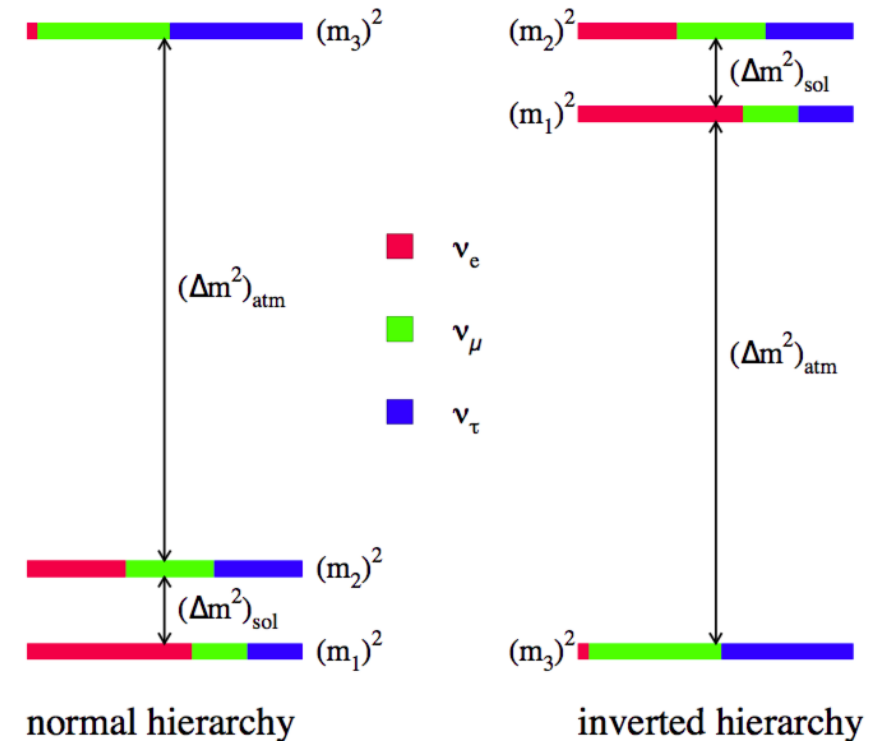
Neutrino flavour oscillations are described by the PMNS matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and two mass squared differences

Only the size of the large mass squared difference ΔM^2 is known. This allows for two orderings of the neutrino mass eigenstates

Neutrino Mass Hierarchy (NMH)



Also: CP violating phase δ_{CP} unknown and octant of θ_{23}

Determining the NMH with atmospheric ν 's

In vacuum, neutrino oscillations are unaffected by the mass ordering. E.g:

$$P_{3\nu}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

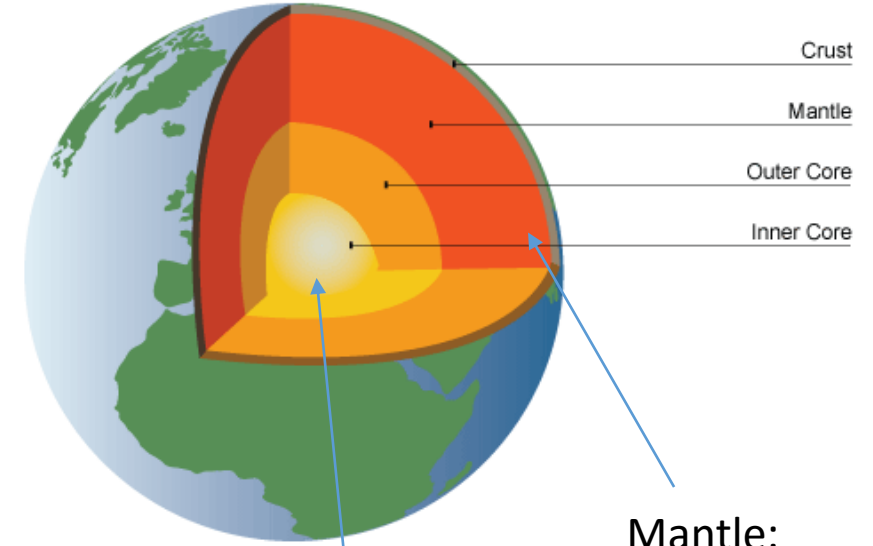
$$P_{3\nu}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - 4 \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} (1 - \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23}) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

In matter ν_e ($\bar{\nu}_e$) acquires effective potential $A = \pm \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$ through charged current elastic interactions with electrons. And oscillations probabilities are modified.

This affects phase and amplitude of oscillations and is strongest at resonance energy:

$$E_{\text{res}} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\theta_{13}}{2\sqrt{2} G_F N_e} \simeq 7 \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{4.5 \text{ g/cm}^3}{\rho} \right) \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2} \right) \cos 2\theta_{13}$$

Density profile of the path through the Earth depends on zenith angle

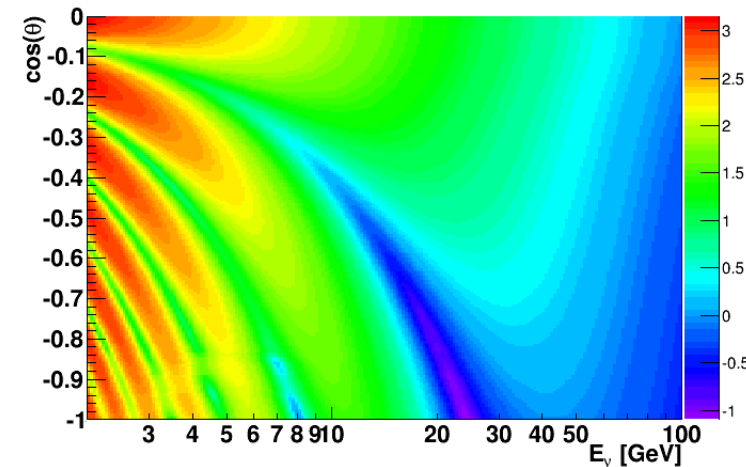
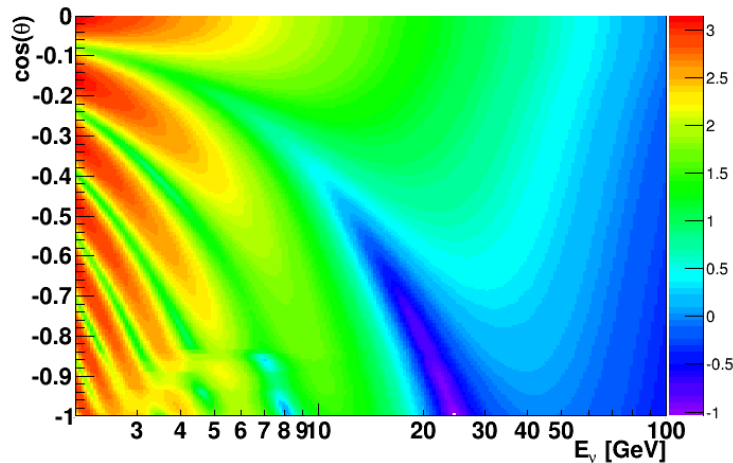


Measure atmospheric neutrino flux as function of energy and zenith angle!

Determining the NMH with atmospheric ν 's

Problem: Decide between the Normal Hierarchy (NH) and Inverted Hierarchy (IH) hypotheses from a measurement of the zenith angle and energy dependent atmospheric neutrino flux

Without detector effects (angle & energy resolutions, event classification, detection efficiency) the 'oscillograms' look like this:



One needs to take into account:

- Physics uncertainties (flux, cross-sections)
- Oscillation parameter uncertainties
- Detector effects and uncertainties
- Degeneracies

Sensitivity study/Detector optimization

- An extensive study was done to:
 - Quantify the performance of ORCA
 - Neutrino mass hierarchy sensitivity
 - Sensitivity to other oscillation parameters
 - Optimize the detector geometry for mass hierarchy measurement
 - This included development and optimization of diverse algorithms
 - Muon track reconstruction
 - Shower reconstruction
 - Particle identification
 - Background suppression (atmospheric muons)
- This study is summarized in the KM3NeT 2.0 LOI (see slide 8)

Sensitivity study/Detector optimization

So: Compare measured rate vs. zenith and angle between different hypotheses:

Ingredients:

Detector independent (interaction rates)

Physics inputs

Atmospheric neutrino flux per flavor (E, theta)

Oscillation probabilities per flavor (E, theta)

Neutrino interaction cross-sections

Detector dependent (detector response, reconstruction,...)

Derived from Monte-Carlo simulations

Misreconstructed background added

Event classification (16 event classes!)

Direction and energy resolutions (for each class)

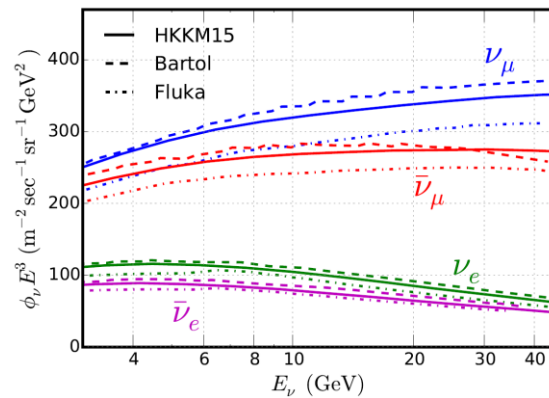
Sensitivity Calculation

Pseudo-experiment based log-likelihood ratio

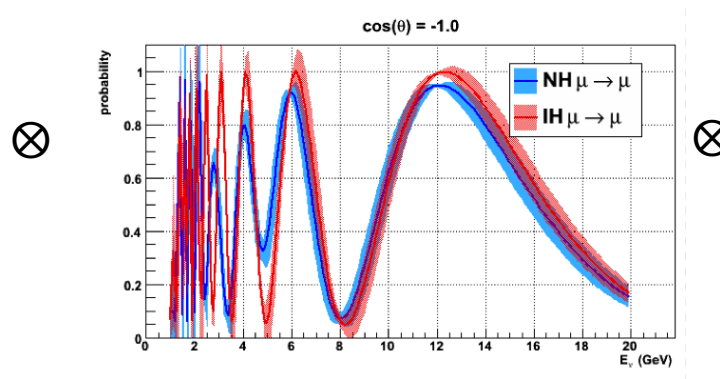
Simplified (Asimov sets)

Neutrino physics/Event rates

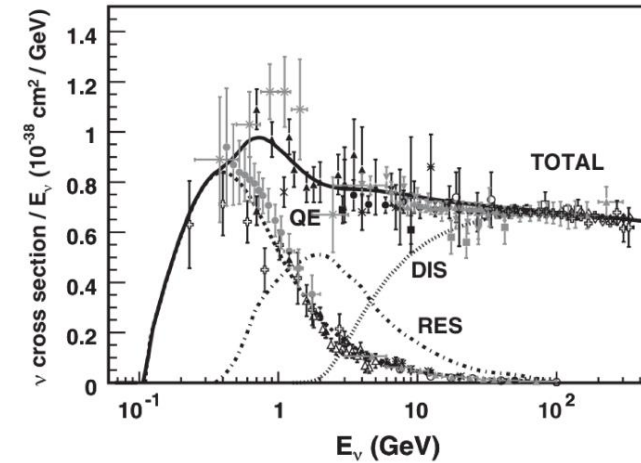
Fluxes (Bartol)



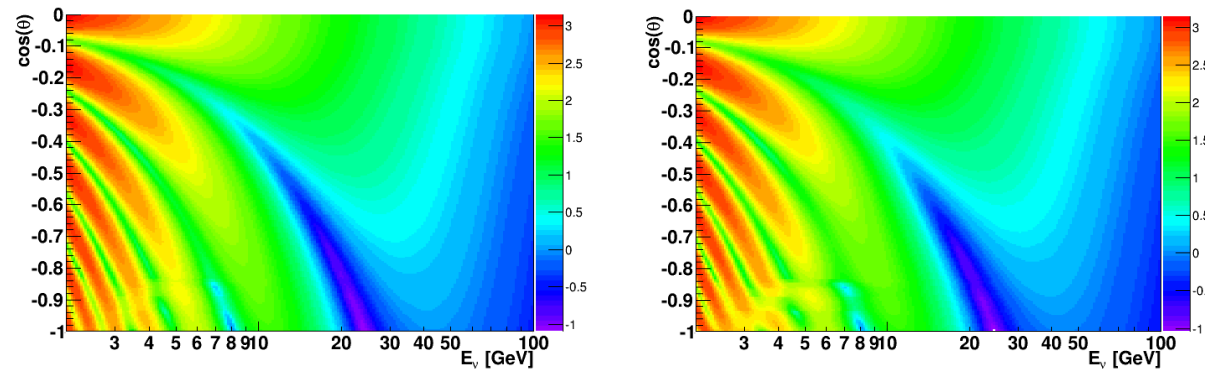
Oscillation probabilities



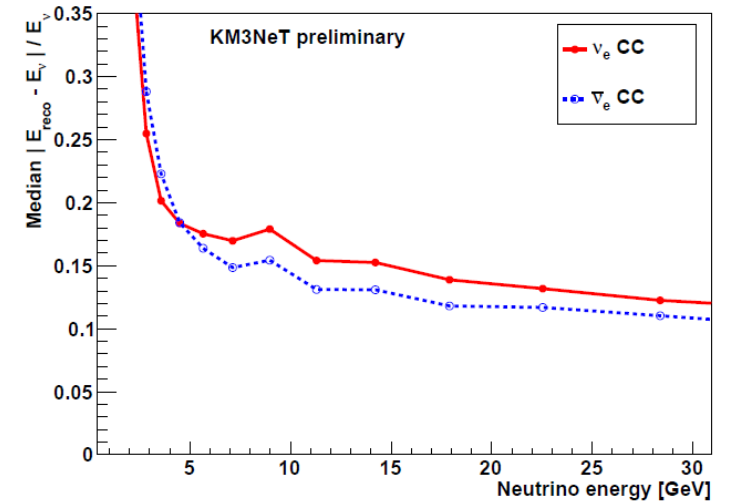
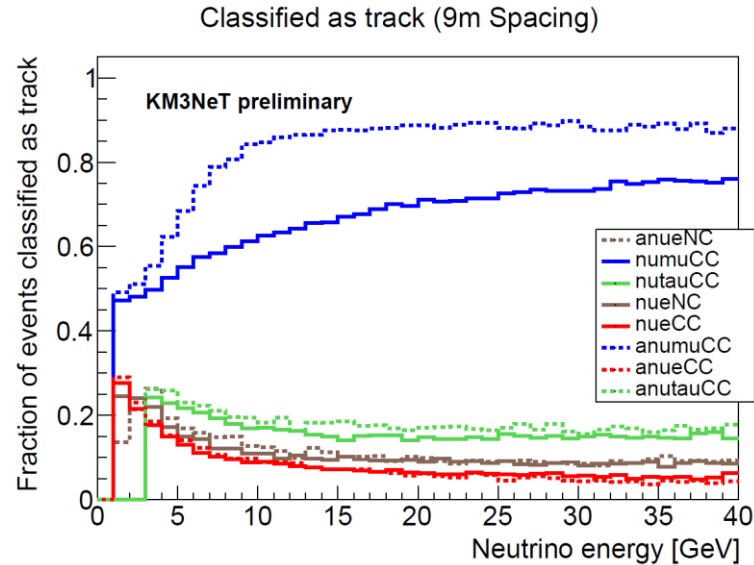
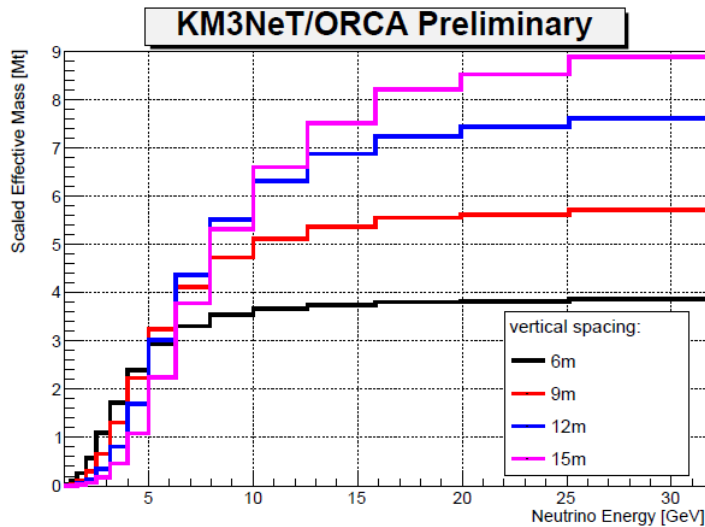
Cross-sections (GENIE)



Predicted event rates



Detector response



Calculate event rates as function of zenith and energy from fluxes using effective masses for different neutrino types (shown ν_μ)

Determine as what type of events are reconstructed (How many of each class) e.g.

- ν_μ interaction identified as track
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ interaction identified as shower
- ν_e misidentified as track
- ... (16 types)

Add misreconstructed atmospheric muons

Apply type dependent zenith angle and energy smearing with response matrices (dependent on type, so, 16x)
This results in 2 histograms :

Showers
Tracks

Sensitivity calculation

The procedure to calculate the sensitivity summarised:

1. Pick a set of *true* parameters
 - Oscillation parameters, *including hierarchy (normal or inverted)*
 - Systematics
2. Calculate the expected number of detected events (vs. zenith and energy)
 - See previous slides
 - 2 histograms
3. Generate pseudo-data by drawing from a Poissonian distribution with means given in step 2 or each bin of the rate histograms
4. Perform *two* maximum likelihood fits, imposing *normal hierarchy* and *inverted hierarchy*
 - Obtain LNH and LIH, the maximum likelihood values for both assumptions
5. Calculate the log-likelihood ratio of these values
 - This is the discriminating value

Sensitivity calculation: Likelihood

The likelihood is given by $\mathcal{L} = \prod_{i \in bins} \mathcal{P}(N_i | \mu_i)$ where the product is over all bins (zenith, angle) of the pseudo-data

where a Poisson probability is assigned to each bin $\mathcal{P}(n | \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$

The discriminating quantity, the log-likelihood ratio (LLR) is the log of the ratio of the best fit likelihoods imposing normal hierarchy and inverted hierarchy

$$LLR := \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{L}^{bestfit, NH}}{\mathcal{L}^{bestfit, IH}} \right)$$

This is done for every pseudo-experiment, thus creating a distribution for each hierarchy (two, thus).

Fit & Parameters

<i>parameter</i>	<i>true value distr.</i>	<i>initial value distr.</i>	<i>treatment</i>	<i>prior</i>	
θ_{23} [°]	$\{40, 42, \dots, 50\}$	uniform over $[35, 55]$ †	fitted	no	• Oscillation parameters • Hierarchy (NH or IH) assigned
θ_{13} [°]	8.42	$\mu = 8.42, \sigma = 0.26$	fitted	yes	
θ_{12} [°]	34	$\mu = 34, \sigma = 1$	nuisance	N/A	
ΔM^2 [10^{-3} eV ²]	$\mu = 2.4, \sigma = 0.05$	$\mu = 2.4, \sigma = 0.05$	fitted	no	
Δm^2 [10^{-5} eV ²]	7.6	$\mu = 7.6, \sigma = 0.2$	nuisance	N/A	
δ_{CP} [°]	0	uniform over $[0, 360]$	fitted	no	Systematics fitted with priors
overall flux factor	1	$\mu = 1, \sigma = 0.1$	fitted	yes	
NC scaling	1	$\mu = 1, \sigma = 0.05$	fitted	yes	
$\nu/\bar{\nu}$ skew	0	$\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.03$	fitted	yes	
μ/e skew	0	$\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.05$	fitted	yes	
energy slope	0	$\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.05$	fitted	yes	

Nuisance parameters:

Constrained by external measurements

Randomly assigned a 'best-fit' value to each pseudo-experiment

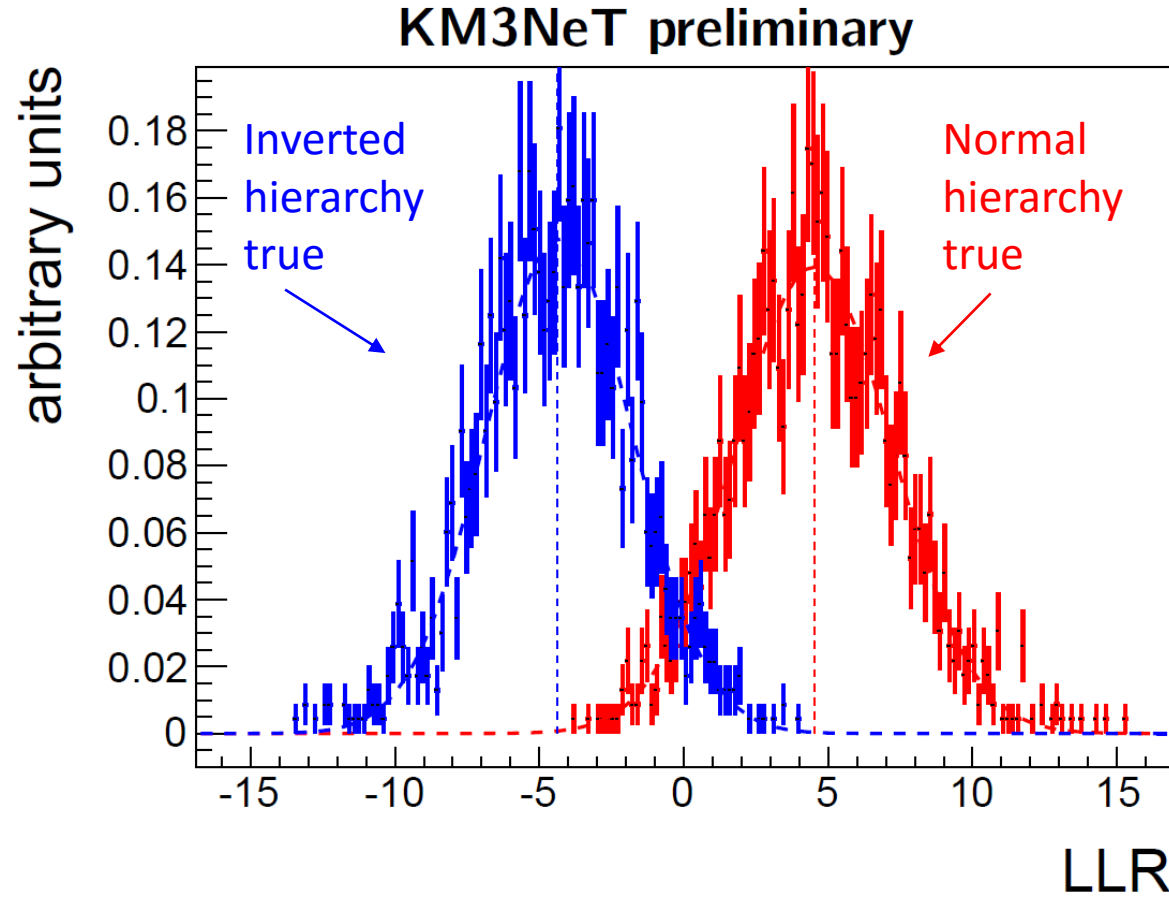
Priors

Multiply likelihood with Gaussian probability

θ_{23} octant uncertainty:

Start the fit multiple times with different values, spread over octants and take best likelihood

Figure of Merit



Log-Likelihood ratio distributions from pseudo-experiments

Median significance

`The significance with which the wrong hierarchy can be excluded at the median of the true hierarchy`

$$S := \frac{\mu_{NH} - \mu_{IH}}{\sigma_{IH}}$$

LLR distributions are very well described by Gaussians (mean μ , width σ)

Alternative hypotheses

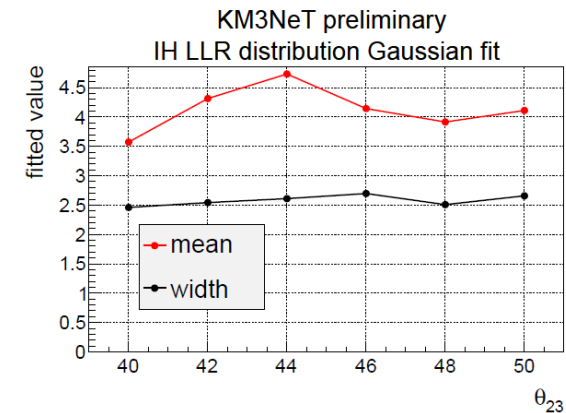
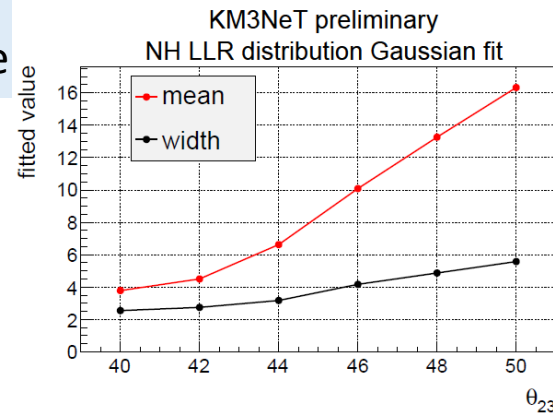
NH and IH pseudo-experiments are generated from same true parameters
This is ok for most parameters

However, the best fit value Θ_{23} depends strongly on hierarchy

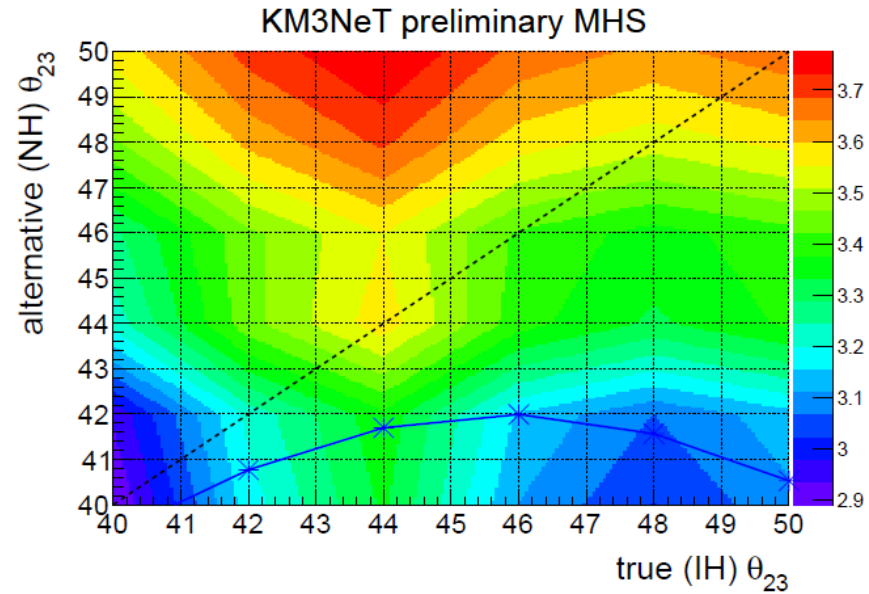
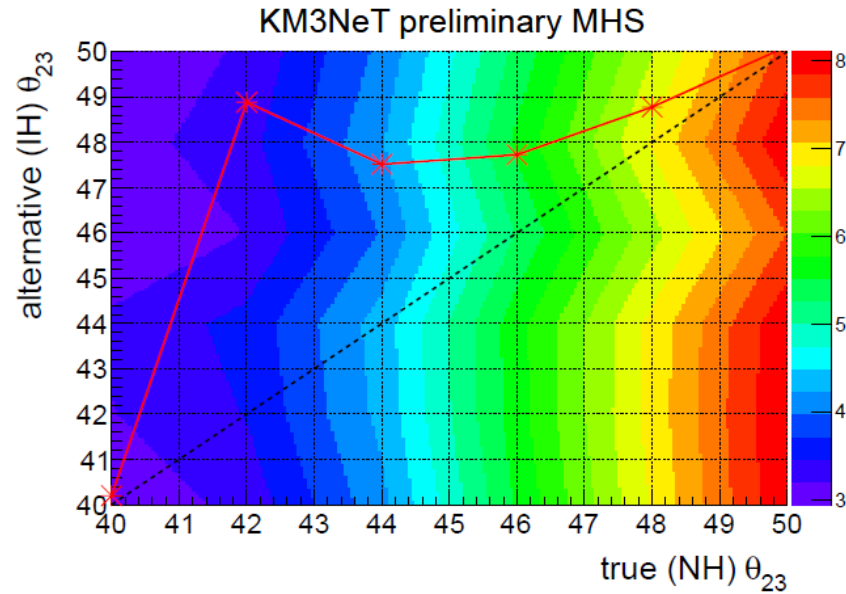
NH and IH hypotheses with different Θ_{23} and LLR distributions need to be distinguished

Approach :

- Parameterize the Gaussian LLR distributions
- Determine for each true hierarchy Θ_{23} the most likely 'wrong' hierarchy Θ_{23}
- Use these to calculate significance



Alternative hypotheses



Colour:
Exclusion significance
(in standard deviations)

Diagonal line: $\theta_{23}^{true} = \theta_{23}^{alternative}$

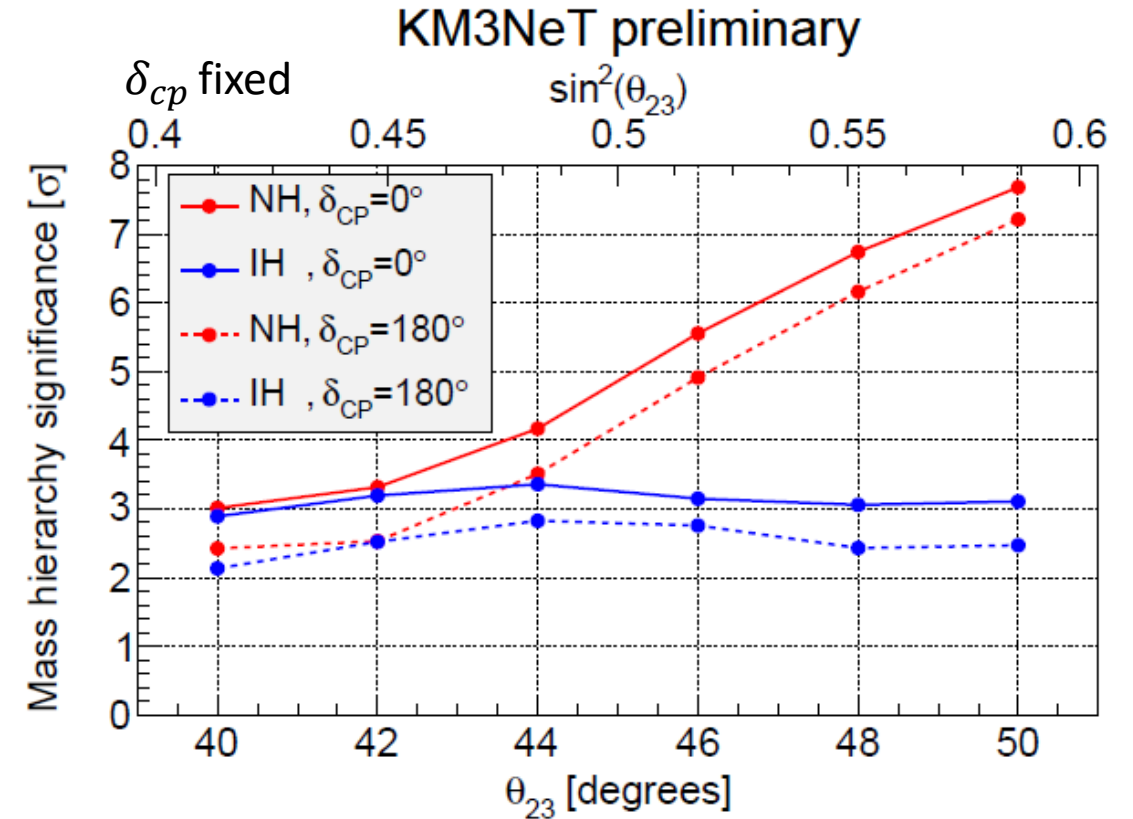
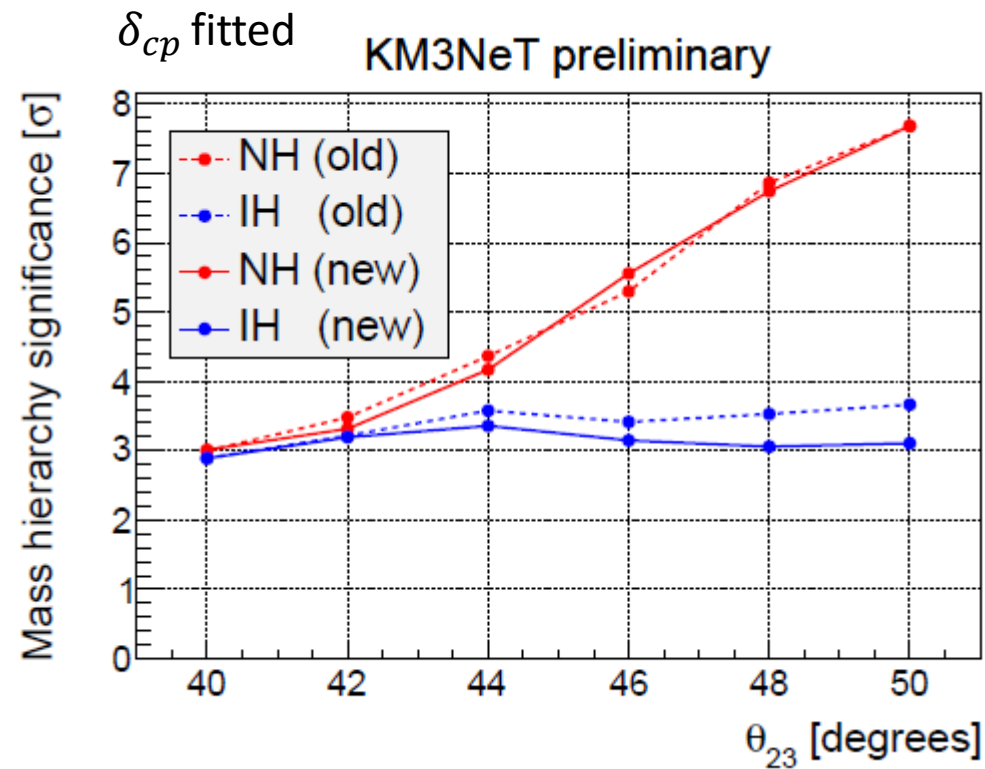
Coloured line: Most likely alternative θ_{23} for given true θ_{23}

Median significance :

$$S := \frac{|\mu_{true} - \mu_{alt}|}{\sigma_{alt}}$$

Results

Sensitivity after 3 years, 9m vertical spacing



Dashed: old treatment of alternative hypothesis
Solid: new treatment of alternative hypothesis

Simplified approach

The pseudo-experiment+LLR method is most detailed, but for detector optimization and specific questions, a quicker method is used.

Simplified approach 'Asimov sets' :

- Generate two sets of histograms (track and showers) for chosen true (TH) hierarchy
- Perform χ^2 minimization with 'wrong' hierarchy (WR)

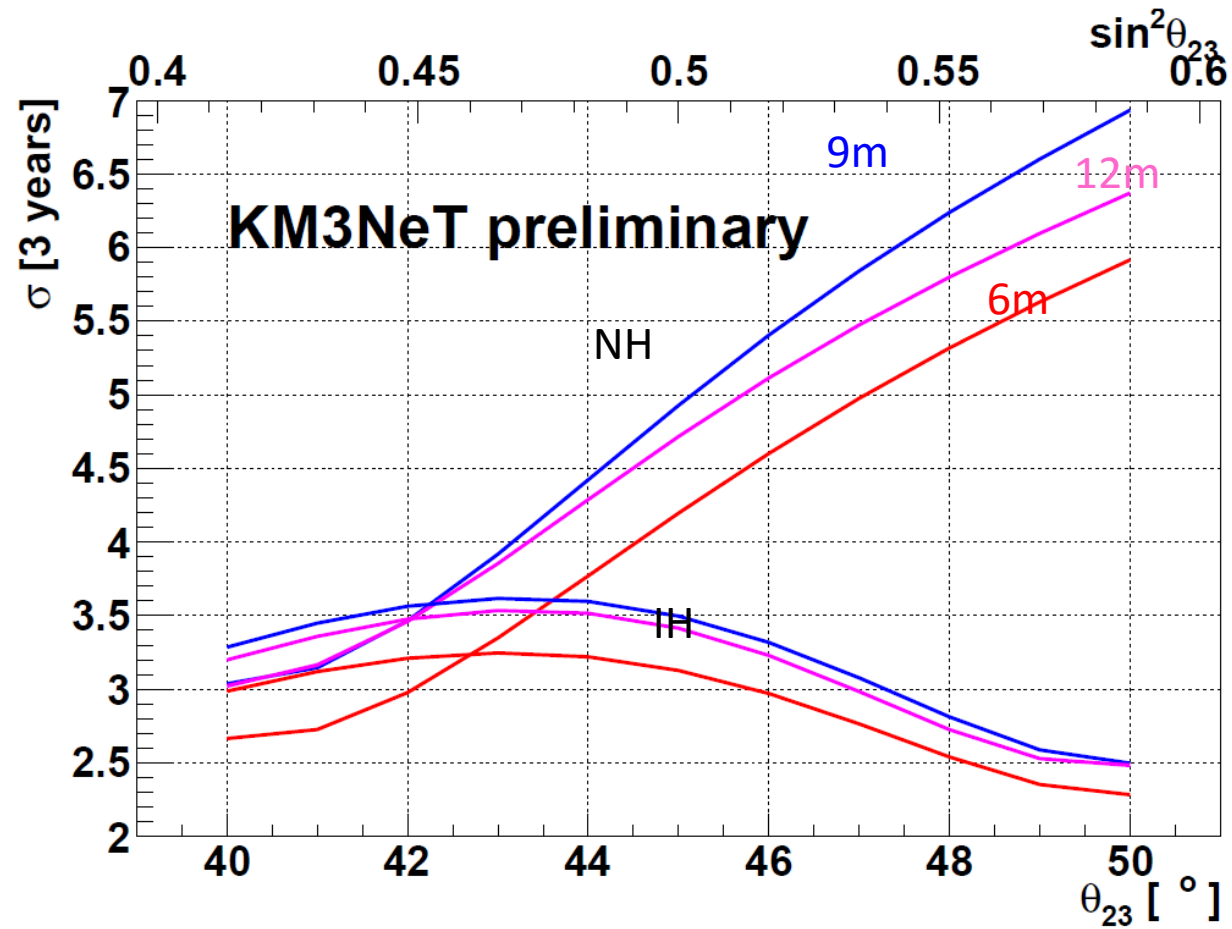
$$\bullet \quad \chi_{min}^2 = \sum_i \frac{(\mu_i^{TH} - \mu_i^{WH Fit})^2}{\mu_i^{TH}}$$

- Same parameters as before, but:
 - Θ_{12} , Θ_{13} and Δm^2 fixed to true values
 - All other (8) parameters fitted unconstrained (no priors)
- Significance can be expressed as $\sigma = \sqrt{\chi_{min}^2}$

Results of this method are close to full LLR method

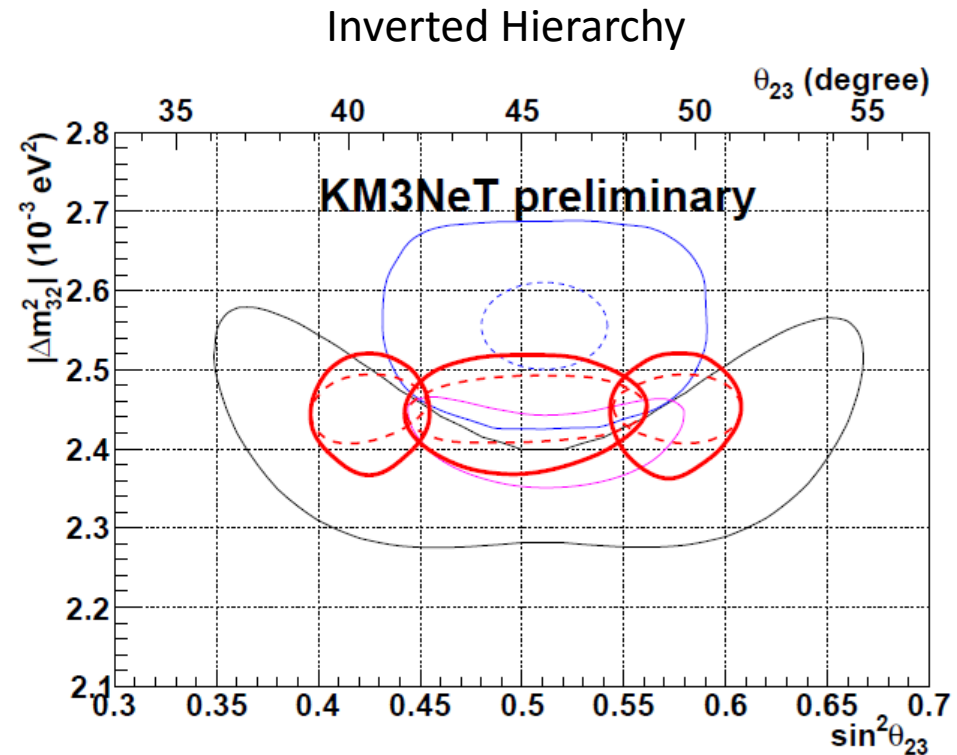
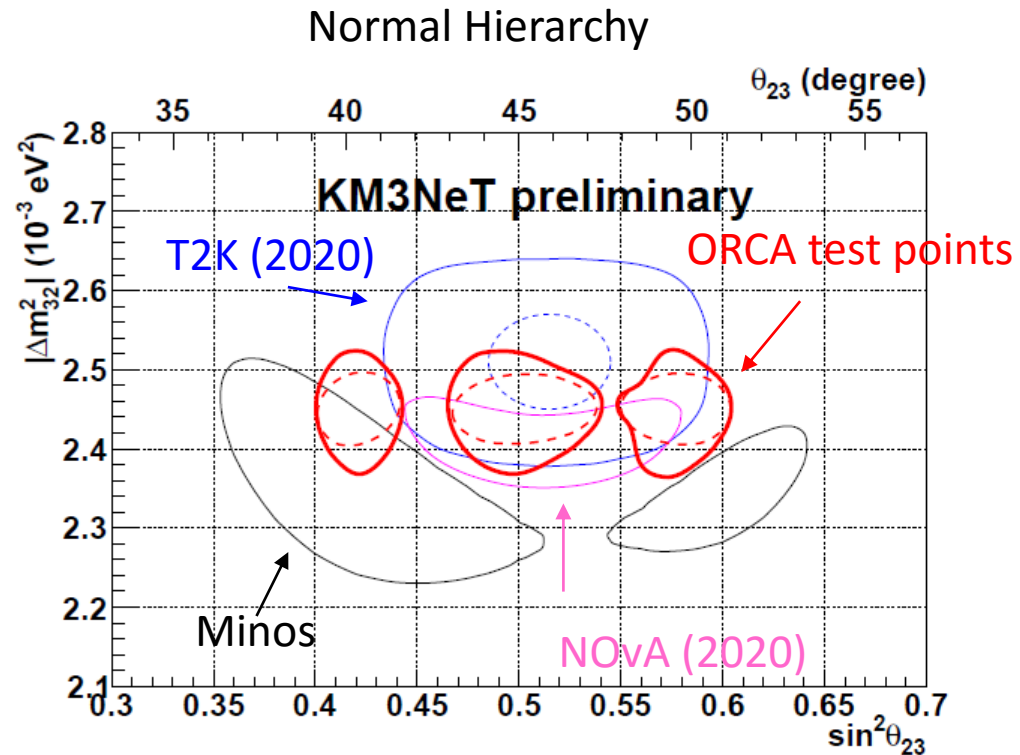
Scatter of parameters that have prior in LLR treatment agrees.

Simplified method – Detector geometry



*Mass hierarchy significance after 3 years
for different vertical spacings*

Simplified method - $|\Delta m_{23}^2|$ and $\sin^2(\Theta_{23})$



3 years, 1 sigma contours

Summary

- KM3NeT ORCA aims at determining the neutrino mass hierarchy
- The detector is under construction
- Extensive sensitivity study has been performed
 - Pseudo-experiment based Log-likelihood ratio
 - Strong correlation between Θ_{23} and mass hierarchy
 - Simplified Asimov set based method yields similar results
 - Including detector geometry optimization
- Promising prospects for mass hierarchy determination