



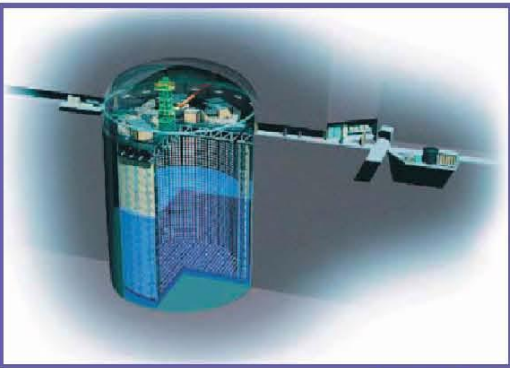
# Recent Results from T2K

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# The T2K Experiment



**Super-Kamiokande**  
(ICRR, Univ. Tokyo)



**J-PARC Main Ring**  
(KEK-JAEA, Tokai)



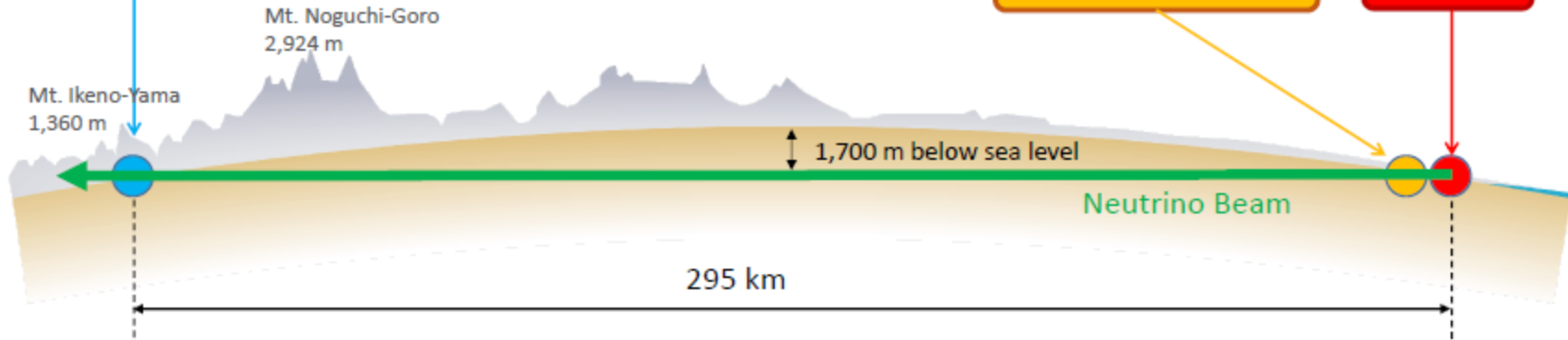
11 countries  
~500 members



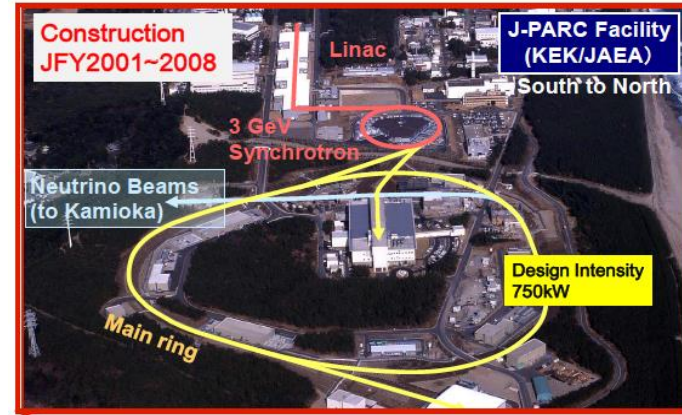
# Super-Kamiokande

# Near Detectors

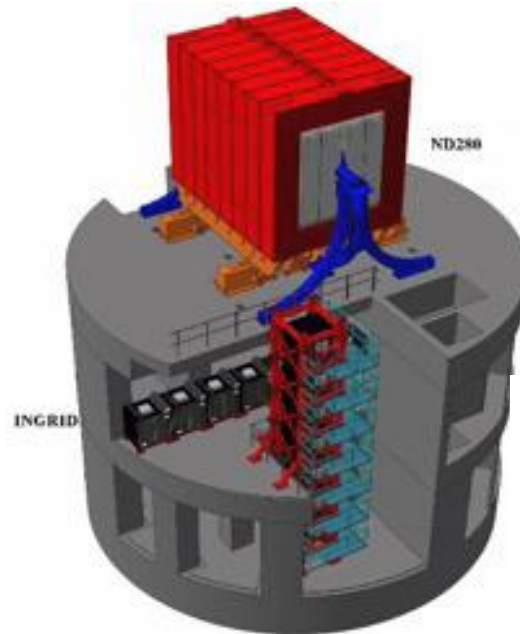
# J-PARC



## JPARC - accelerator complex

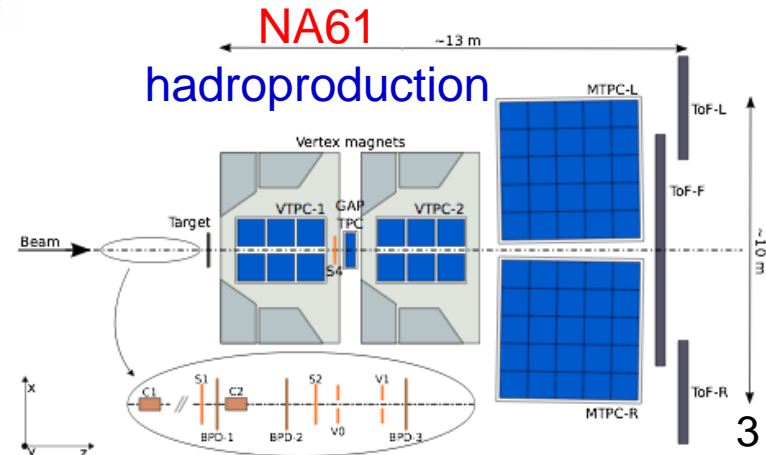


far detector  
Super-Kamiokande

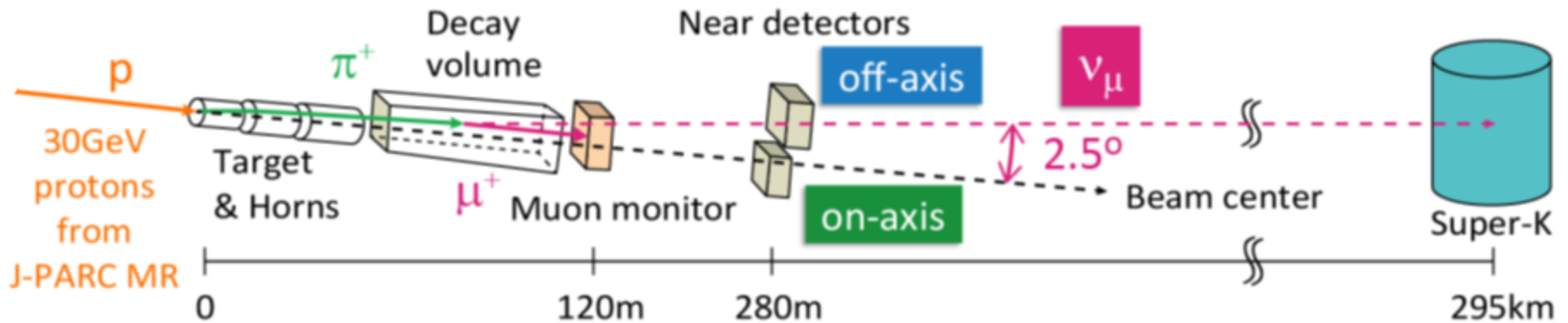


near detectors  
Off-axis: ND280  
On-axis: INGRID

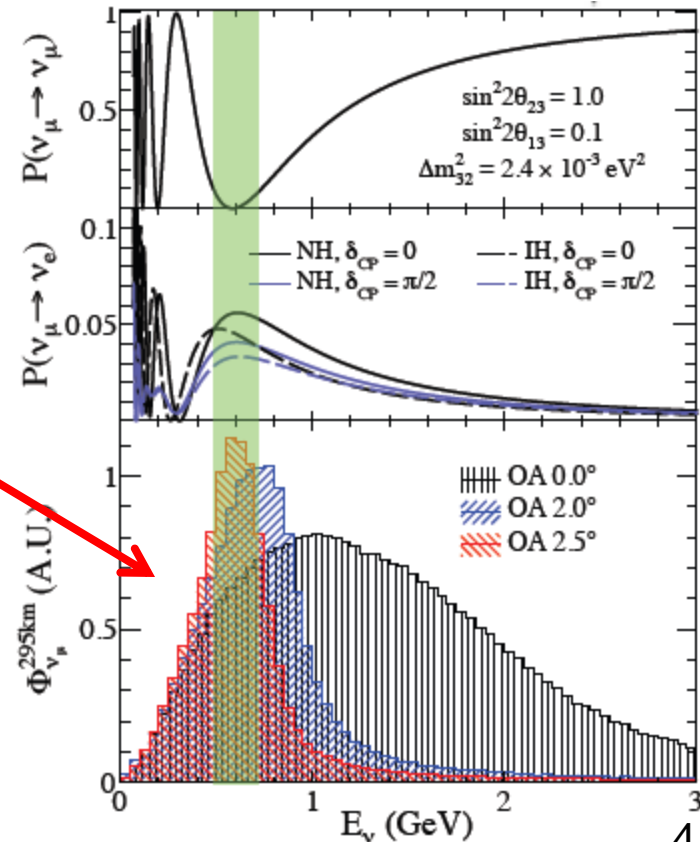
## NA61 hadroproduction



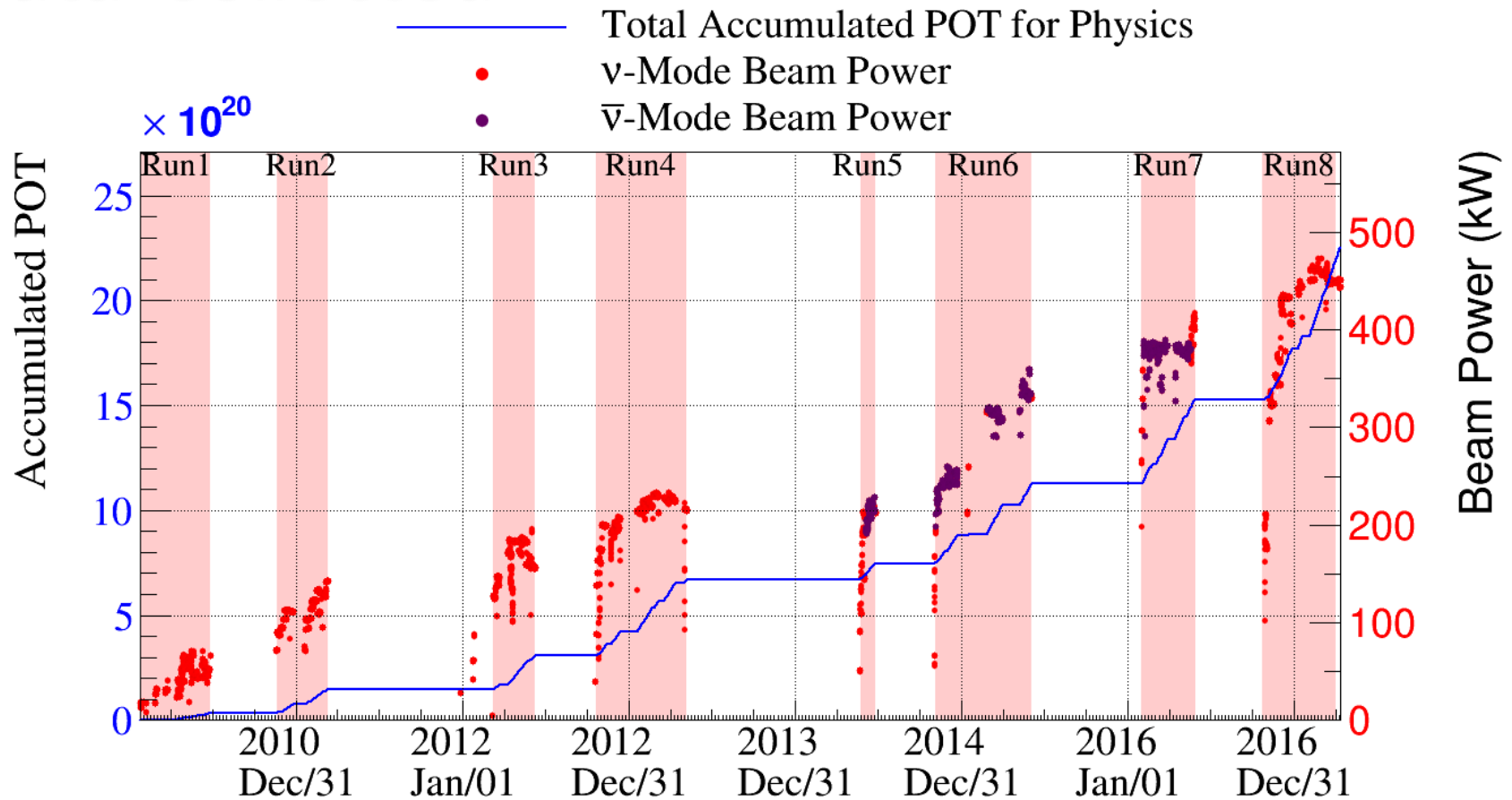
# Neutrino Source at J-PARC



- 30 GeV protons on a 90 cm long graphite rod
- $\nu$  beam created in the decay in flight of  $\pi / K / \mu$
- **2.5° off-axis neutrino beam**
  - very narrow energy spectrum
  - neutrino beam energy “tuned” to oscillation maximum
  - reduced high-energy tails
  - $E_\nu$  almost independent of parent pion energy
- neutrino beam predictions data driven (NA61 hadro-production measurements)
- Horn focusing cancels partially the  $p_T$  dependence of the parent mesons



# Data Collected



Reached beam power of 475 kW

Accumulated POT (protons on target) by April 2017

$22.3 \times 10^{20}$  in total

$14.7 \times 10^{20}$  in  $\nu$  mode

$7.6 \times 10^{20}$  in  $\bar{\nu}$  mode



# 3 Flavor Neutrino Mixing

Flavor eigenstates  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U_{PMNS}(\vartheta_{12}, \vartheta_{23}, \vartheta_{13}, \delta_{CP}) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$  Mass eigenstates

Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata Matrix (CKM matrix of lepton sector)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{+i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\beta/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$   
SuperK (atm.  $\nu$ )  
K2K / Minos  
T2K

$\theta_{13} \sim 8^\circ$   
Daya Bay  
Reno  
T2K

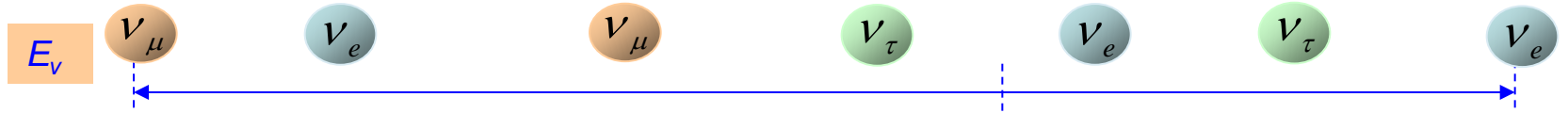
$\theta_{12} \sim 34^\circ$   
solar  $\nu$   
KamLAND

Majorana phases  
neutrinoless  
double-beta  
decay

NuFIT 2016  $|U|_{3\sigma}^{LID} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.798 \rightarrow 0.843 & 0.517 \rightarrow 0.584 & 0.137 \rightarrow 0.158 \\ 0.232 \rightarrow 0.520 & 0.445 \rightarrow 0.697 & 0.617 \rightarrow 0.789 \\ 0.249 \rightarrow 0.529 & 0.462 \rightarrow 0.708 & 0.597 \rightarrow 0.773 \end{pmatrix}$



# Neutrino Oscillations and Time Evolution



$$| \nu_\alpha(t=0) \rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} | \nu_i \rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad | \nu_\alpha(t) \rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} e^{-iE_i t} | \nu_i \rangle \quad E_i \approx p + \frac{m_i^2}{2p}$$

$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = \left| \langle \nu_\beta(t) | \nu_\alpha(t=0) \rangle \right|^2 = \sum_i |U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta j} e^{-i(E_i - E_j)t} \quad \Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

$$P_{\mu \rightarrow e} = 4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \left( 1 + \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \right) \quad \text{leading, } \theta_{13} \text{ driven}$$

$$+ 8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cos \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \quad \text{CPC}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} \sin \delta \sin \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \quad \text{CPV}$$

$$+ 4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2 (C_{12}^2 C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{23} S_{13} \cos \delta) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \quad \text{solar}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \frac{aL}{4E} \cos \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \quad \text{matter effects}$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

6 independent parameters govern oscillation

$$\theta_{12}, \quad \theta_{23}, \quad \theta_{13}, \quad \delta_{cp}, \quad (\Delta m_{12}^2), \quad \Delta m_{23}^2, \quad \Delta m_{13}^2$$

# $\nu_e$ Appearance and Oscillation Parameters

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  and  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$

leading terms

“octant” dependence, whether  $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$ , or  $\theta_{23} < 45^\circ$

$\delta_{CP}$ : +/- 27% effect at T2K for  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$

$\delta_{CP} = \sim -\pi/2$ : enhances  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$   
 suppresses  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

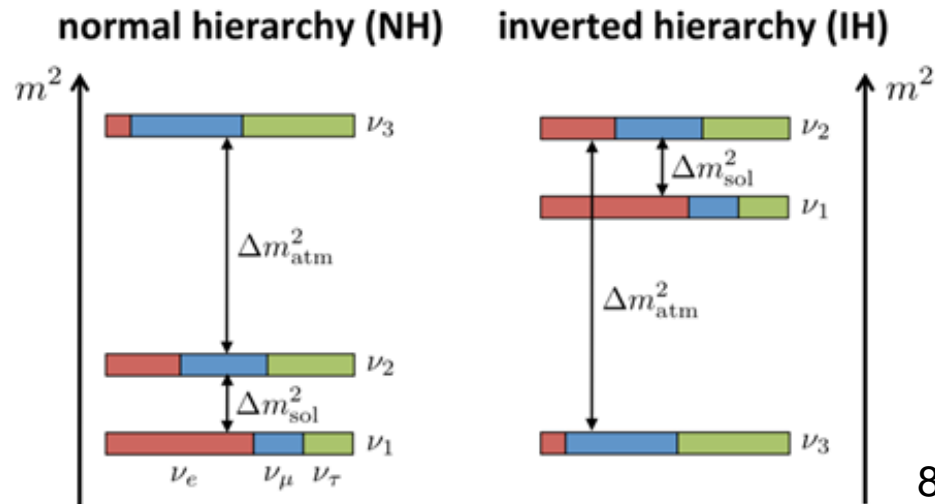
$\delta_{CP} = \sim +\pi/2$ : suppresses  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$   
 enhances  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

mass ordering

mass hierarchy: +/- 10% effect at T2K

normal: enhances  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$   
 suppresses  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

inverted: suppresses  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$   
 enhances  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$





# Neutrino Oscillation Analysis Overview

$$N_{FD} \sim \Phi_{FD}(E_\nu) \cdot \sigma_{FD}(E_\nu) \cdot \varepsilon_{FD} \cdot P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

Observed rate of  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  constrains the oscillation probability  $P$ .

It depends on:



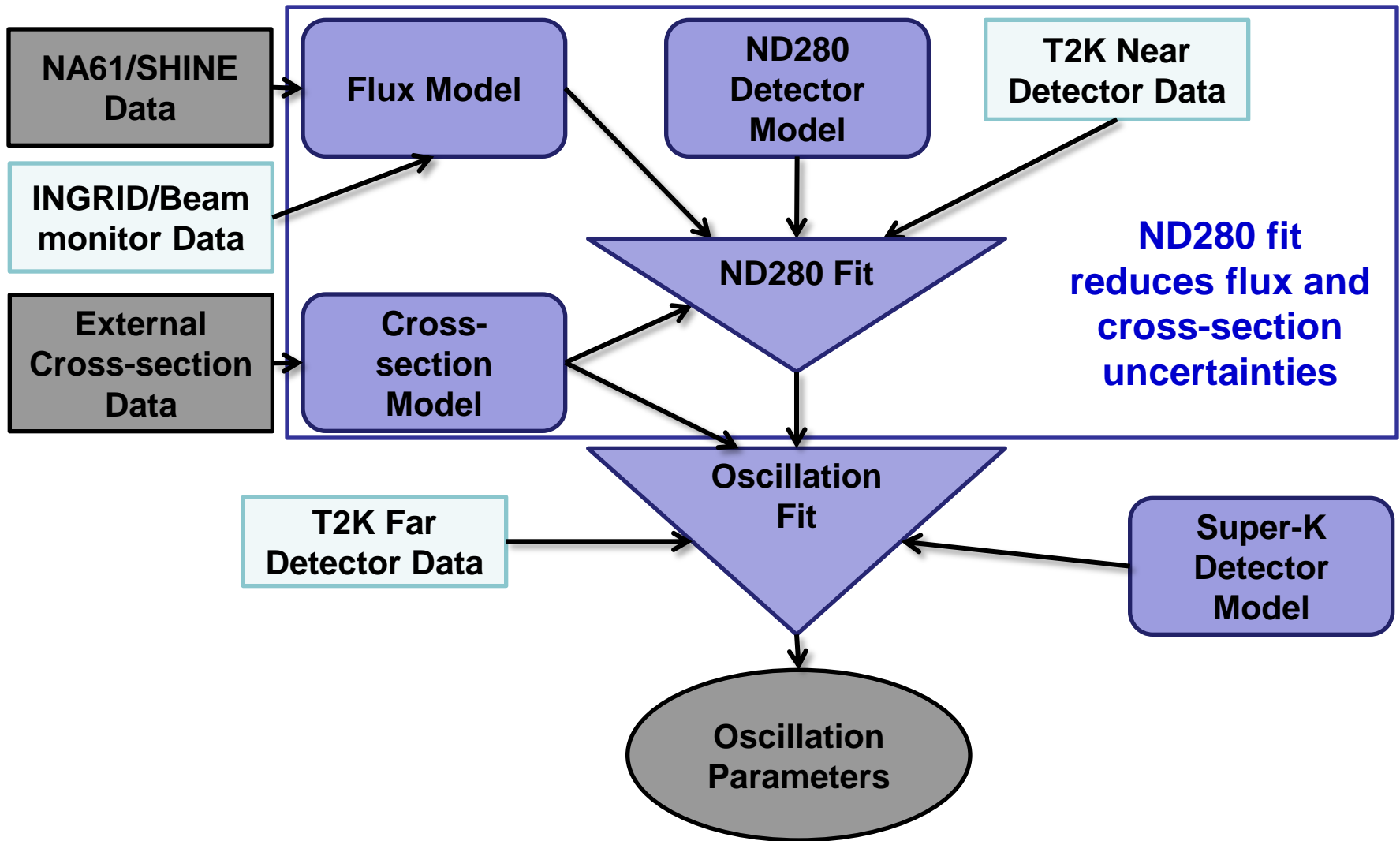
Reduce the error of the  $\nu_\mu$  rate with the near detector measurements.

$$N_{ND} \sim \Phi_{ND}(E_\nu) \cdot \sigma_{ND}(E_\nu) \cdot \varepsilon_{ND}$$



# Oscillation Analysis Strategy

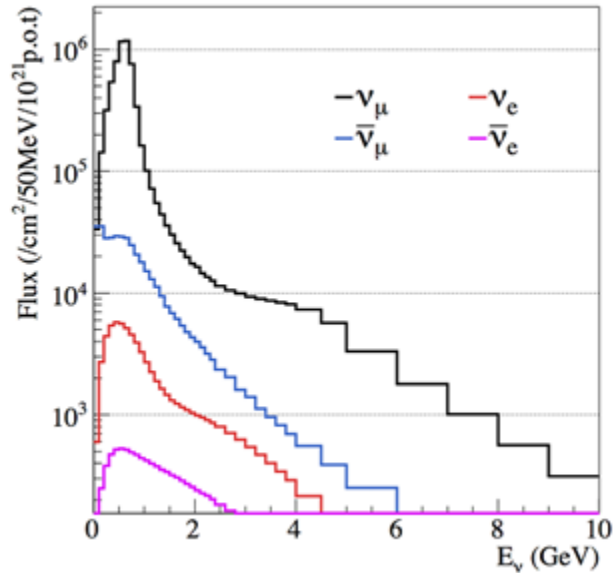
data driven



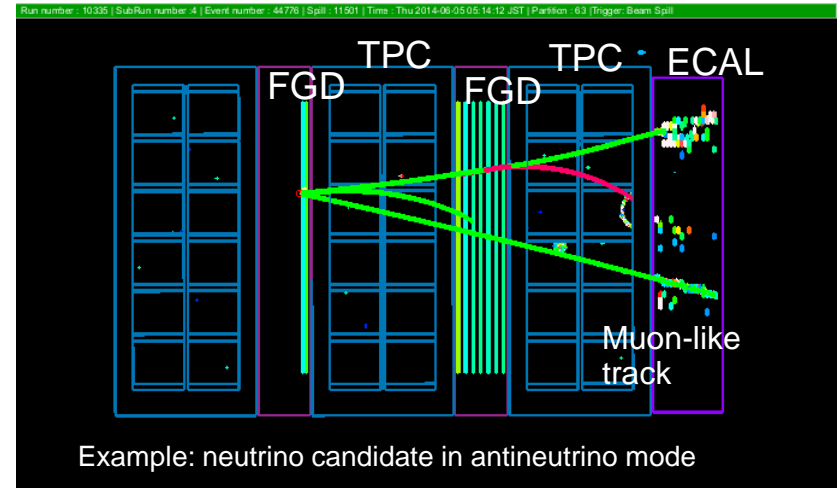
In the latest analyses, the  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_e$ , and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  samples are fit simultaneously to maximize the sensitivity to the oscillation parameters

# Sources of Systematic Uncertainties

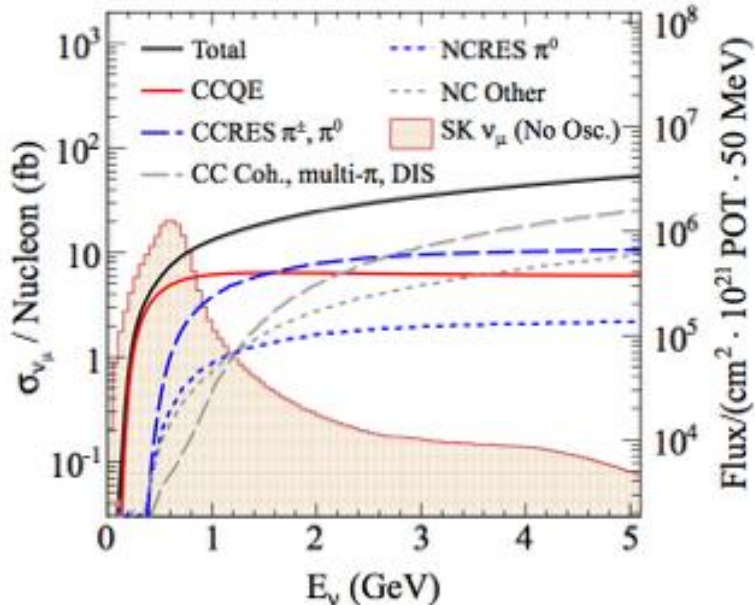
## Neutrino flux



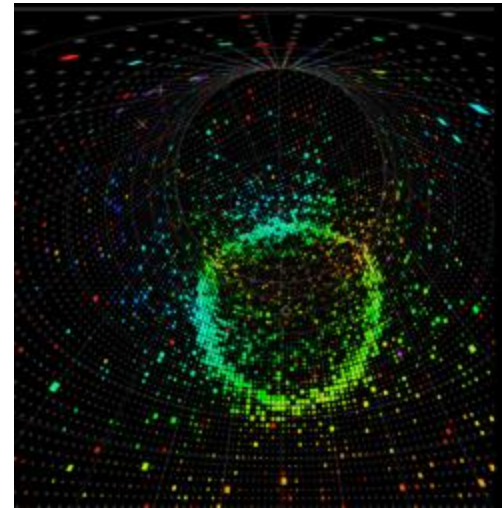
## Near Detector response



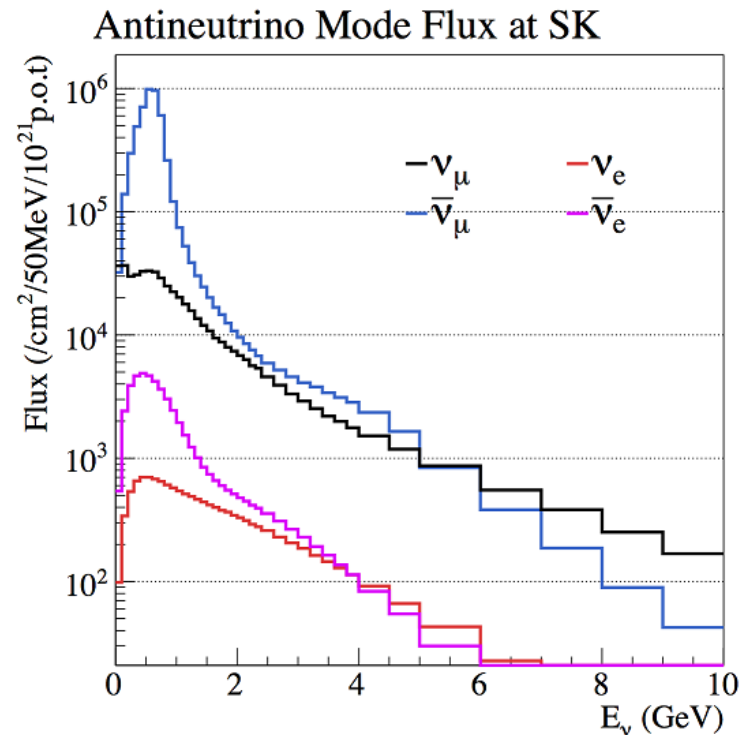
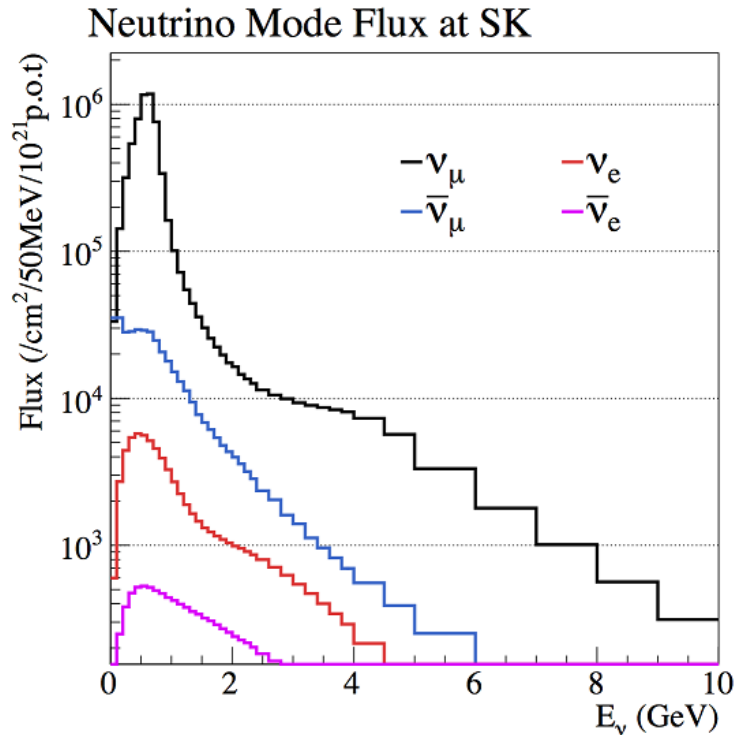
## Neutrino interactions



## Far Detector response



# Neutrino and Antineutrino Flux at SK



Mostly but not only pions are produced in the target

Other  $\nu$  parents – K as well as  $\mu$  produce a background flux coming from:

- intrinsic  $\nu_e$  component around 0.5% near the peak energy  
it is an important background for the appearance analysis
- “wrong sign neutrinos” in antineutrino mode  
increase in event rate due to lower  $\bar{\nu}$  cross-section



# Absolute Neutrino Flux Uncertainties

Beamline related uncertainties

proton beam profile

off-axis angle

horn current and field

Hadron interaction model uncertainties

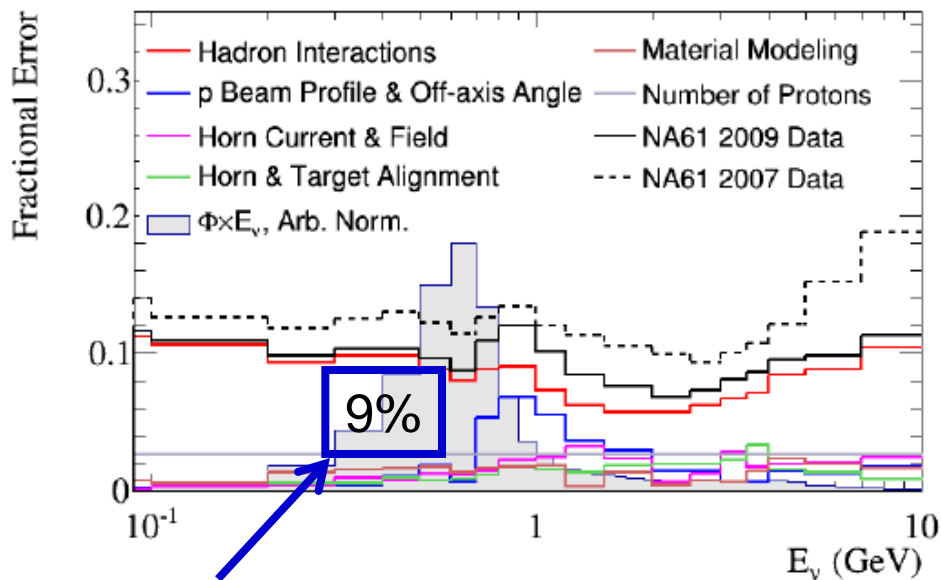
NA61 uncertainties

re-interactions

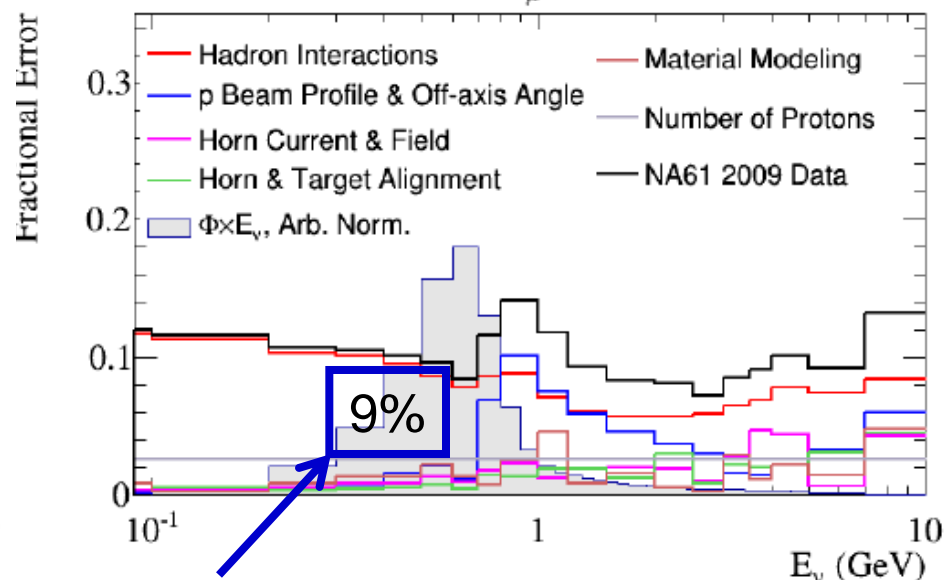
secondary hadron production

At T2K peak energy, flux uncertainty has decreased to 9%  
(before ND280 fit constraint)

SK: Neutrino Mode,  $\nu_\mu$



SK: Antineutrino Mode,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$



Dominant flux uncertainties stem from hadron interactions

Replica target data from NA61/SHINE is being incorporated in the T2K flux prediction  
→ reduce systematics further (< 5% ?)

# The ND280 Near Detector

Excellent performance  
Operated since 2010

Provides critical input for oscillation measurements

Constrains neutrino flux before oscillations  
(CC  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  data)

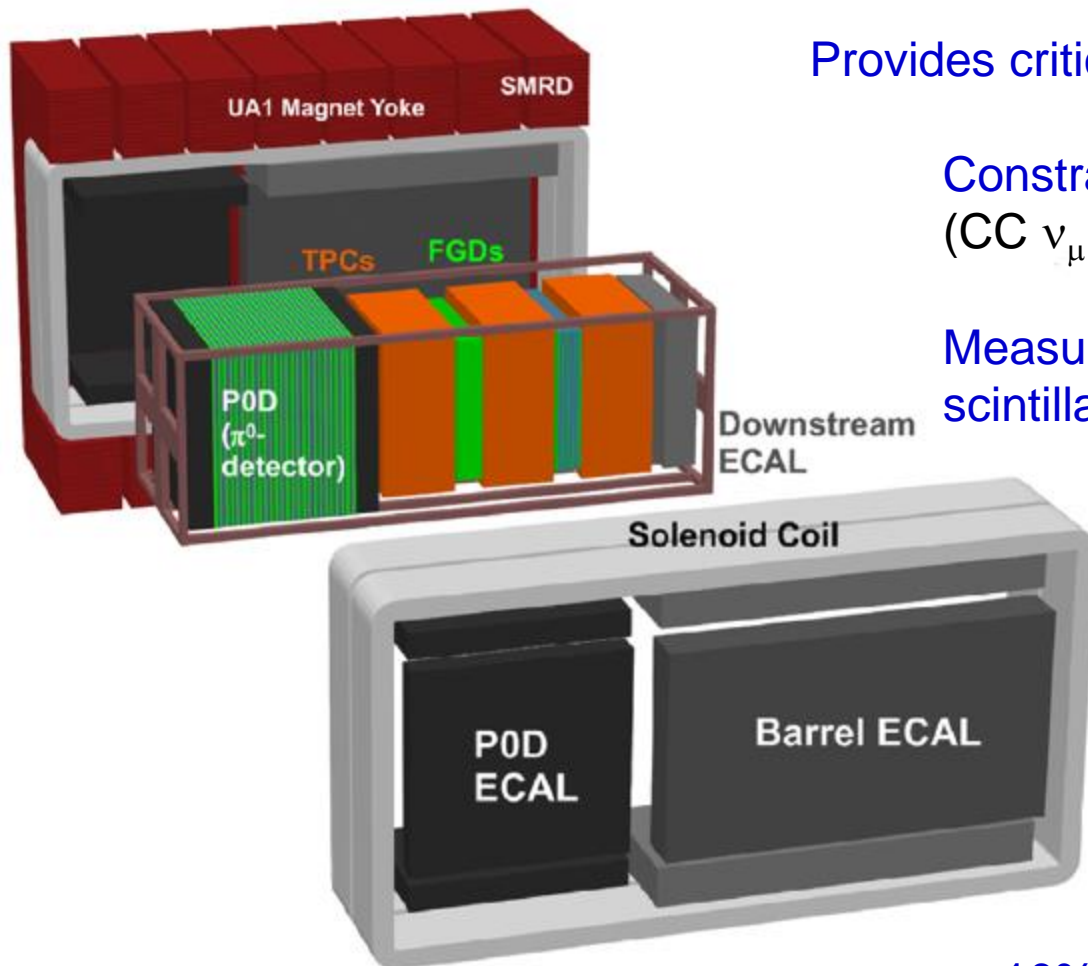
Measures neutrino interactions on  
scintillator (CH) and water targets

0.2 T magnetic field

Plastic scintillator detectors  
(tracking, calorimetry)

Time Projection Chambers  
better than 10% dE/dx resolution

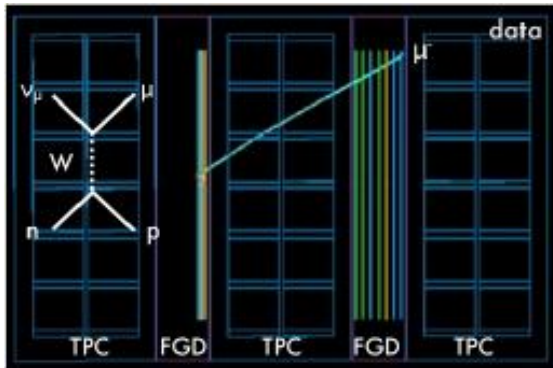
10% momentum resolution at 1 GeV/c



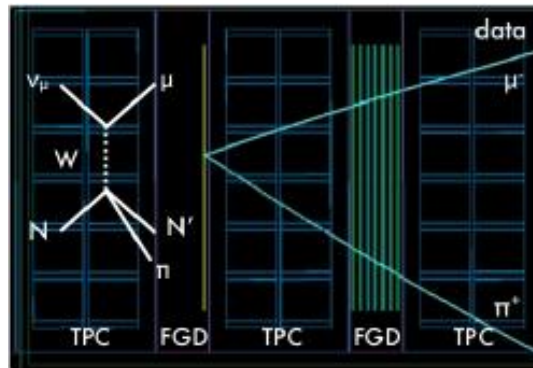
# Gallery of Events in ND280 (FGD1)

$\nu$  mode

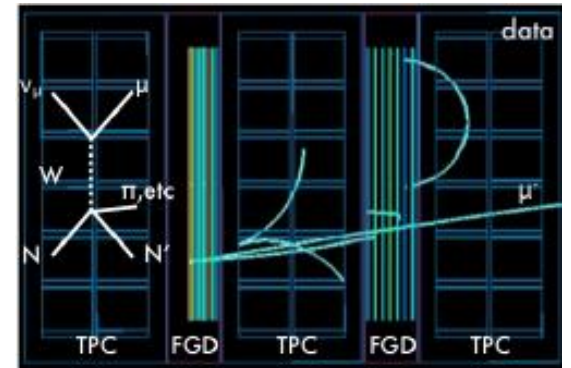
$\nu_\mu$  CC0 $\pi$



$\nu_\mu$  CC1 $\pi^+$

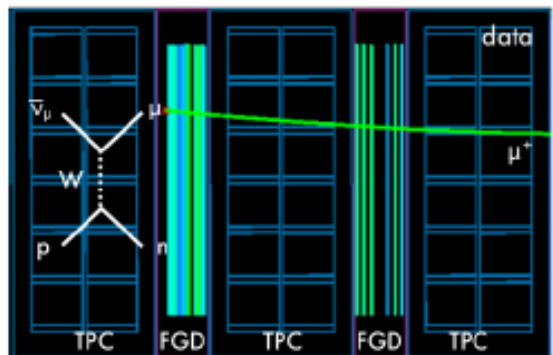


$\nu_\mu$  CC other

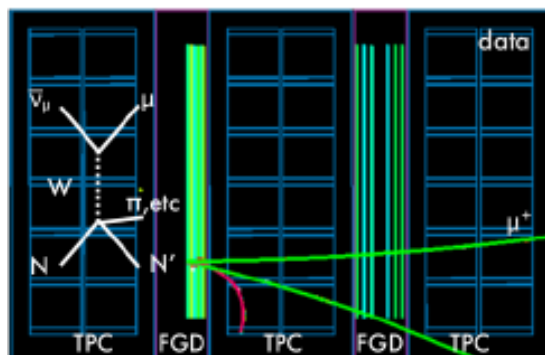


$\bar{\nu}$  mode

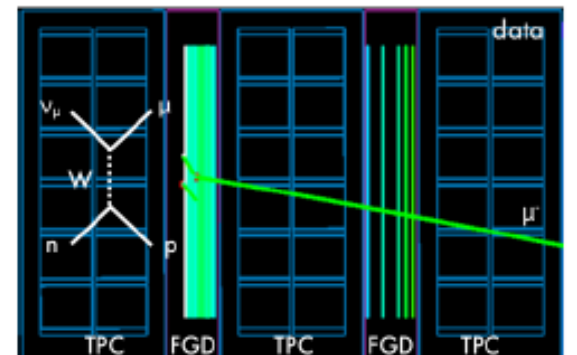
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC 1-track



$\bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC N-track



$\nu_\mu$  CC 1-track

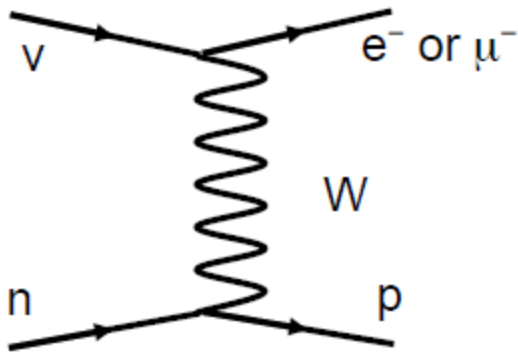


# Neutrino Interactions

Oscillation probability depends on neutrino energy.

In T2K energy range, dominant process is **Charged-Current Quasi-Elastic**

CCQE



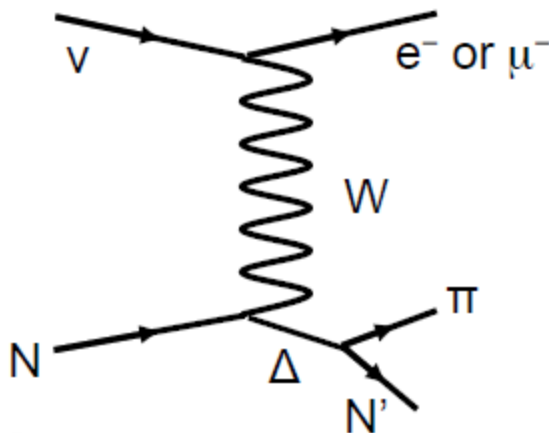
Neutrino energy from measured lepton momentum and angle

$$E_{\nu}^{QE} = \frac{m_p^2 - m_n'^2 - m_{\mu}^2 + 2m_n' E_{\mu}}{2(m_n' - E_{\mu} + p_{\mu} \cos \theta_{\mu})}$$

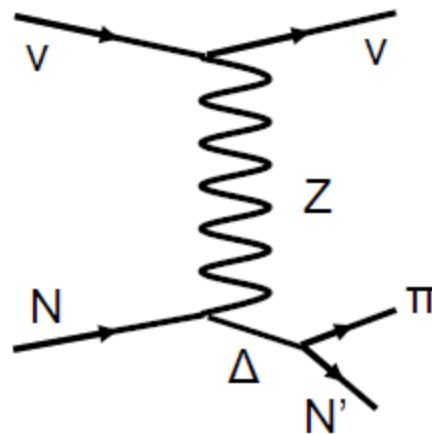
2-body kinematics and assumes the target nucleon is at rest

Additional significant processes:

CC1π



NC1π



CCQE-like multi-nucleon interaction

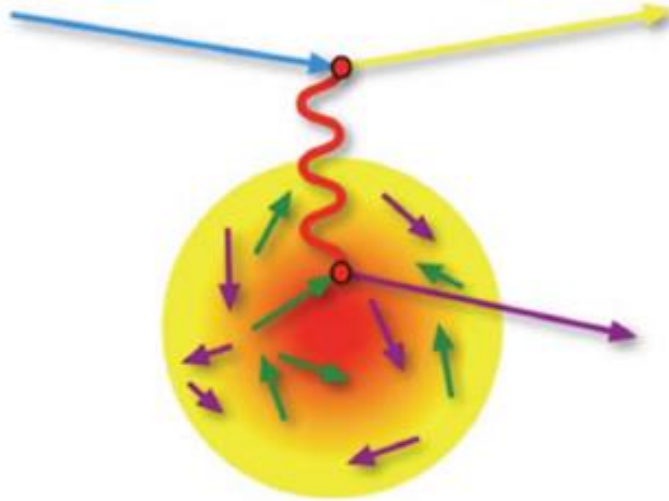
Charged-current single π production (CC1π)  
(resonant production)

Neutral-current single π production (NC1π)





# Don't Forget the Nucleus!



short range correlations and  
medium range correlations  
scatters off a pair of correlated  
nucleons – **2p2h effect**

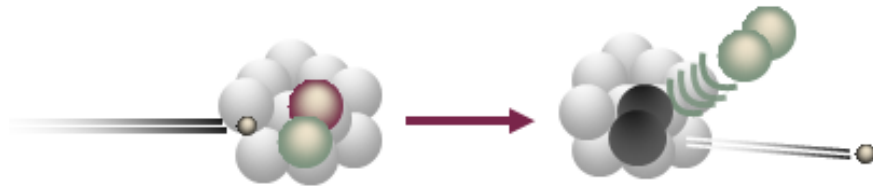
long range correlations – **RPA effect**

final state interactions

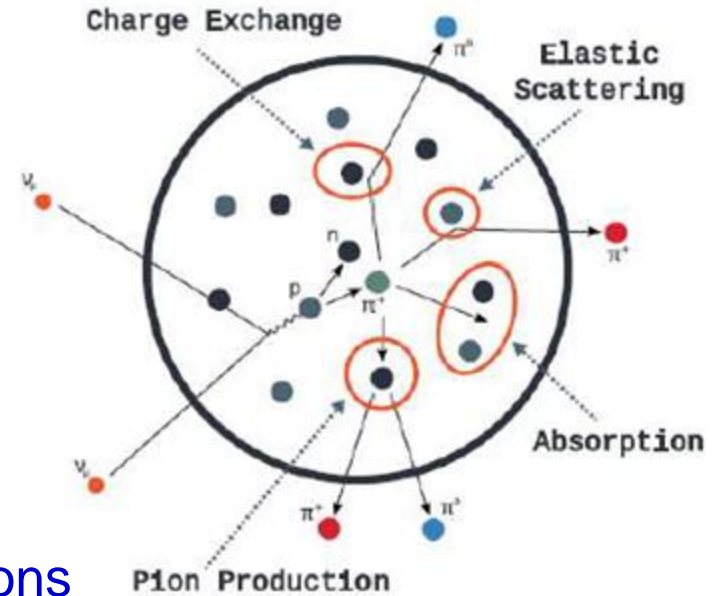
created particles have to work  
their way out of the nucleus

**2p2h effect**

**2 particle**



**2 hole**



big source of uncertainties in neutrino interactions  
ND280 measurements try to improve modelling of all these effects

# Improved Neutrino Interaction Model

Most recent NEUT generator tuned to external data (MiniBooNE and MINERvA)

- several improvements introduced in 2017 analysis
- interactions in ND280 H<sub>2</sub>O target included

Improved CCQE description:

- nuclear effects (Fermi Gas Model)
- nuclear correlations (MEC – 2p2h)
- long range correlations (RPA)
- final state interactions (FSI)

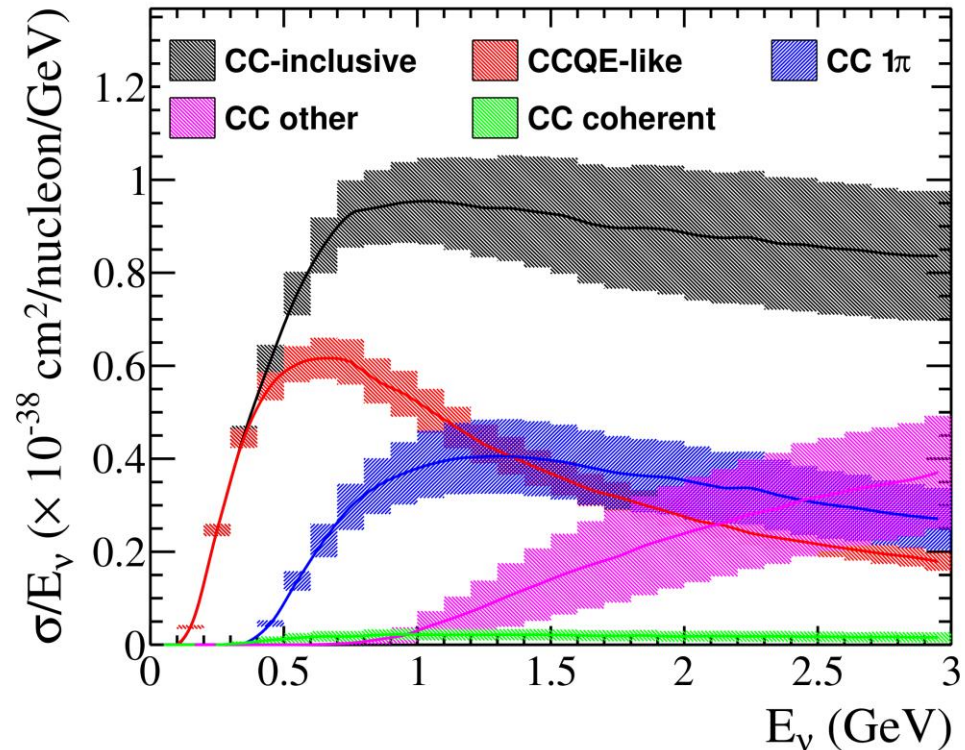
Improved resonant pion production model with tuning to H and D data

Tensions with some data sets remain. Cross-section model uncertainties come from underlying model parameters and normalization.

Expected number of events at the far detector tuned using a binned likelihood fit to the ND280 data (in bins of  $p_\mu$  and  $\theta_\mu$ ) taking into account

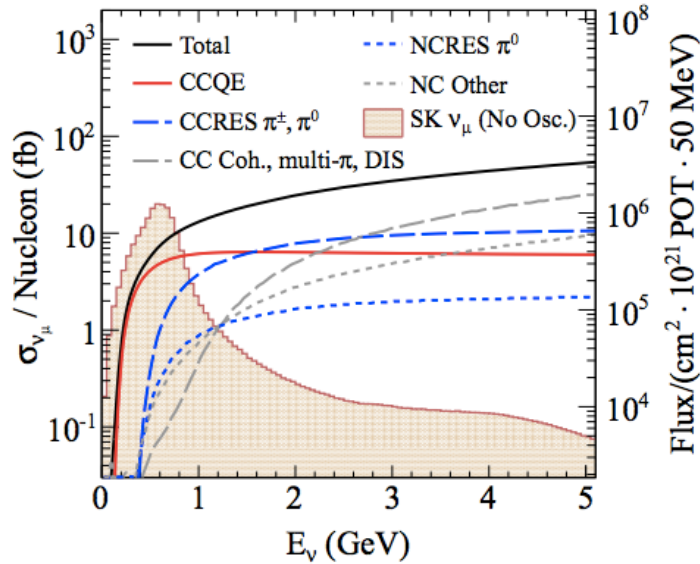
- variations in the flux model parameters
- cross-section model parameters
- ND280 detector uncertainties

decomposition of  $\nu$ -N cross-section

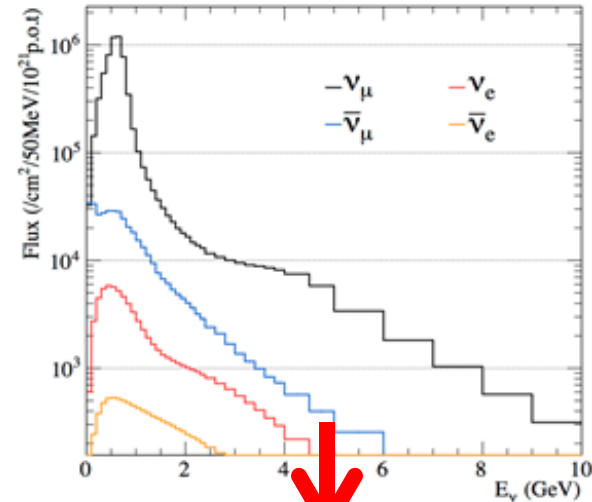


# ND280 Constraints for Far Detector

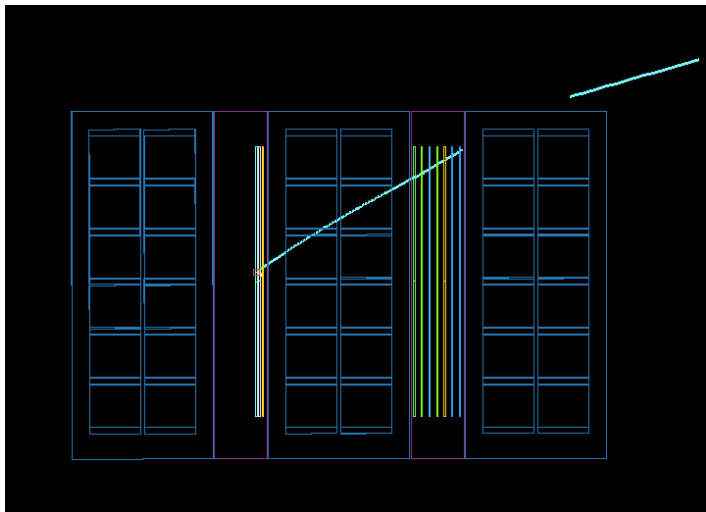
$\nu$ -N Interaction Model



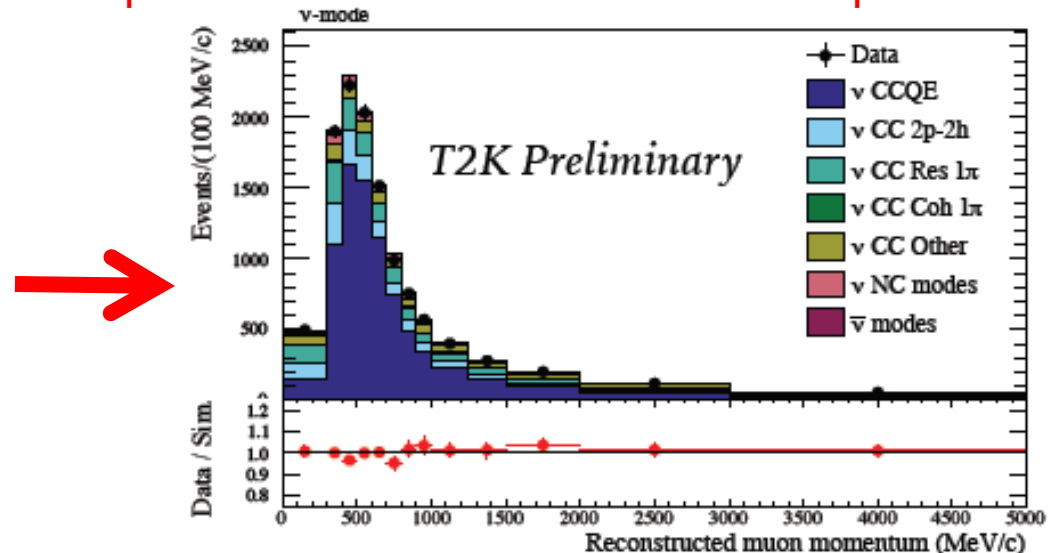
Flux Model



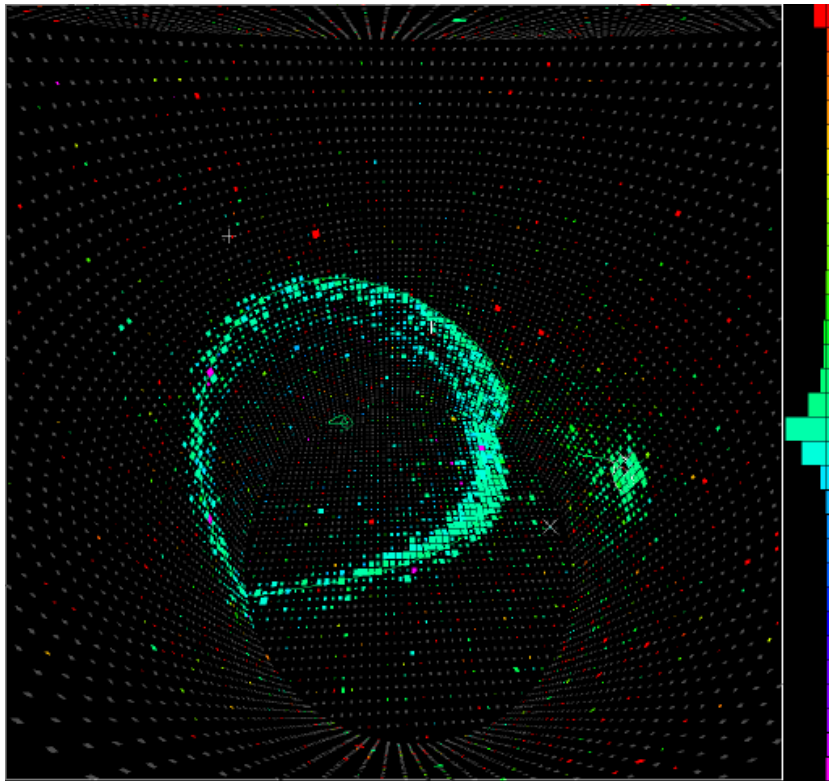
ND280 Data



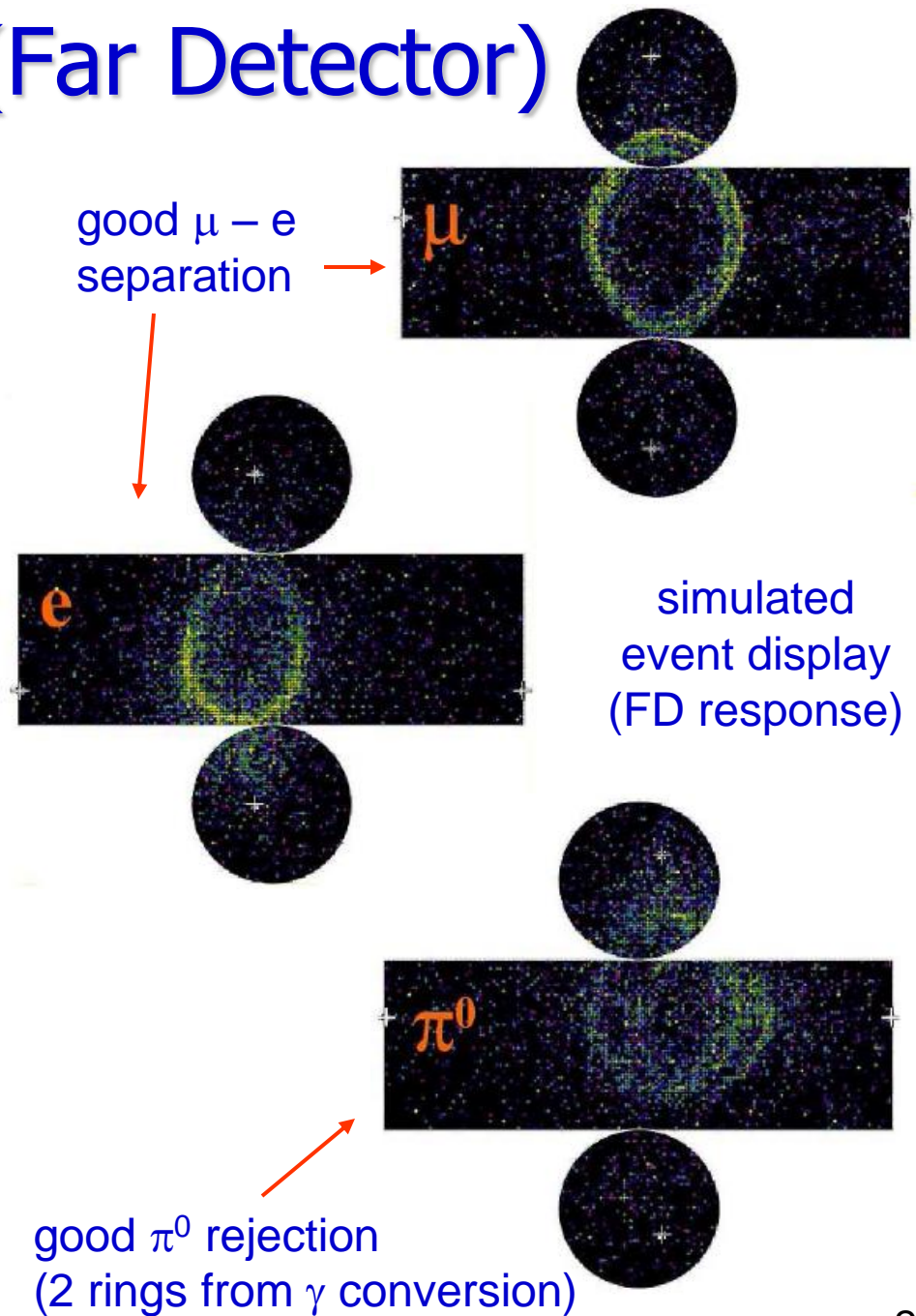
Fit to ND280 data constrains neutrino flux parameters and interaction model parameters



# T2K Typical Events (Far Detector)



background for  $\nu_e$  appearance:  
intrinsic  $\nu_e$  component in initial beam  
merged  $\pi^0$  rings from NC interactions



# New Far Detector Reconstruction Algorithm

Previous T2K analyses have used the event reconstruction algorithm APFit

2017 event reconstruction at Super-K updated to use the **fiTQun** algorithm

**fiTQun** uses a charge and time likelihood for a given ring(s) hypotheses

Maximizes likelihood for each event

**fiTQun** previously used in T2K analyses for the rejection of  $\pi^0$  from electron neutrino candidates

Five samples are selected

## Neutrino-mode (forward horn current FHC)

(CCQE) 1 Muon-like Ring,  $\leq 1$  decay electron

(CCQE) 1 Electron-like Ring, 0 decay electrons

**(CC1 $\pi$ ) 1 Electron-like Ring, 1 decay electron**

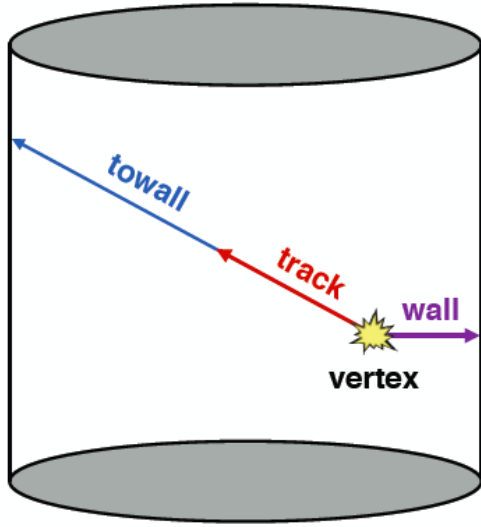
## Antineutrino-mode (reverse horn current RHC)

(CCQE) 1 Muon-like Ring,  $\leq 1$  decay electron

(CCQE) 1 Electron-like Ring, 0 decay electrons



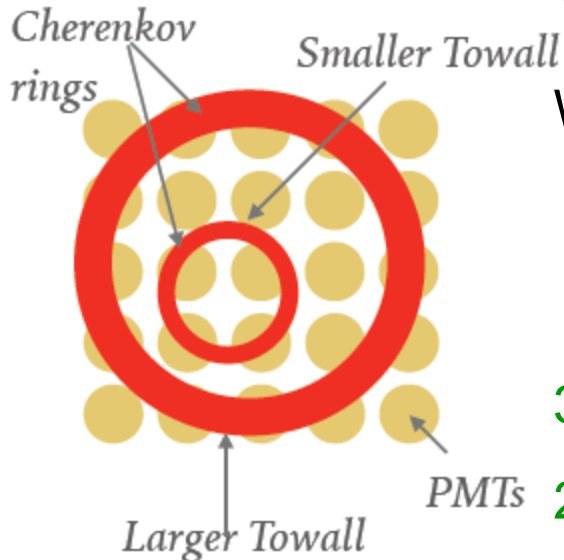
# Increasing the Far Detector Fiducial Volume



Previous APFit based fiducial volume  
reconstructed vertex  $> 2$  m from the detector wall

New fiTQun, the fiducial volume cut is re-optimized  
distance of vertex from wall (Wall)  
distance to the wall along the particle trajectory (Towall)

Optimize cuts accounting for statistical and systematic errors



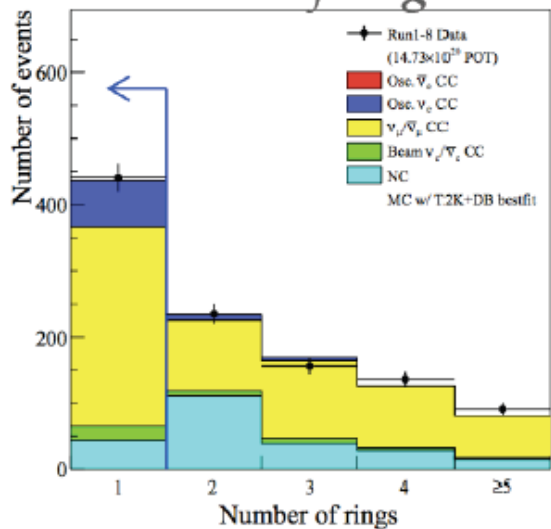
With new fiTQun reconstruction and  $CC1\pi$  e-like sample  
significant statistical improvement for same beam exposure  
reduction of  $NC\pi$  and  $CC\pi$  backgrounds

30% increase for neutrino mode e-like selection

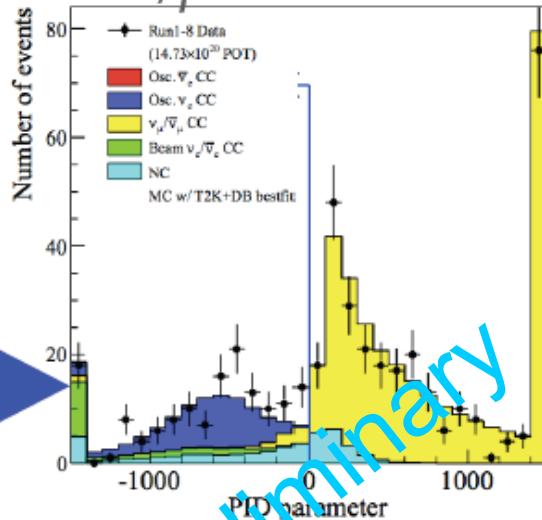
20% increase for anti-neutrino mode e-like sample

# $\nu_e$ Far Detector Selection

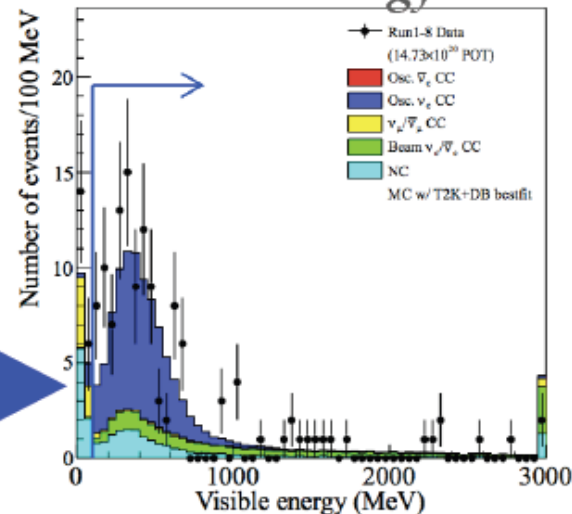
Number of rings



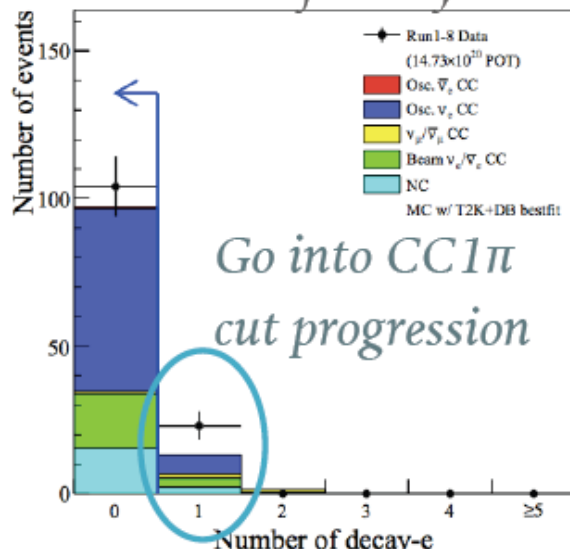
$e/\mu$  Particle ID



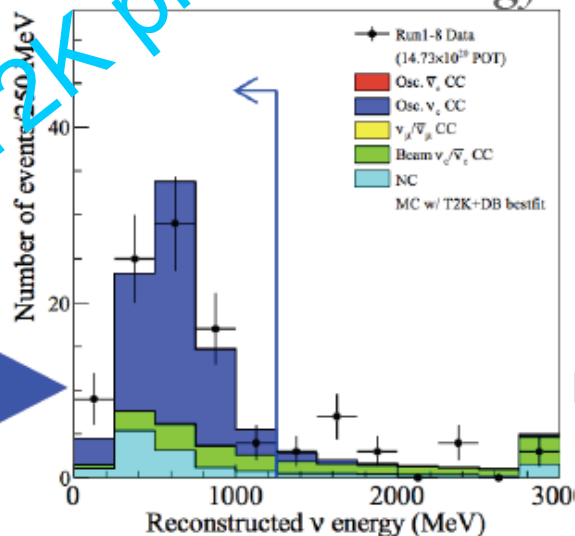
Visible Energy



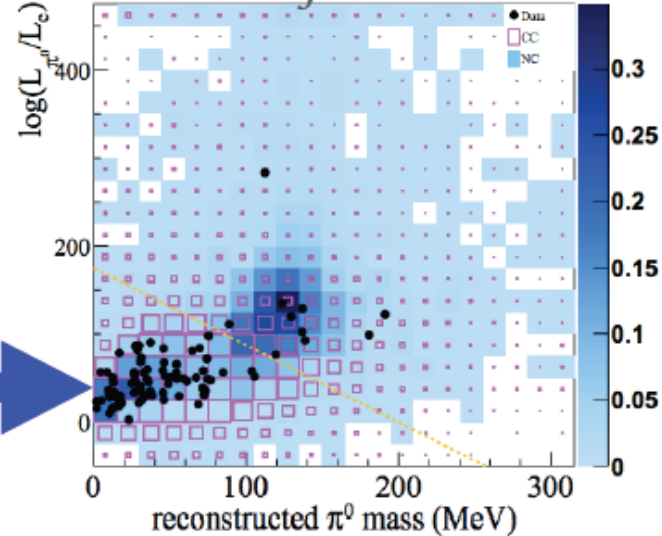
Number of Decay  $e$



Reconstructed Energy

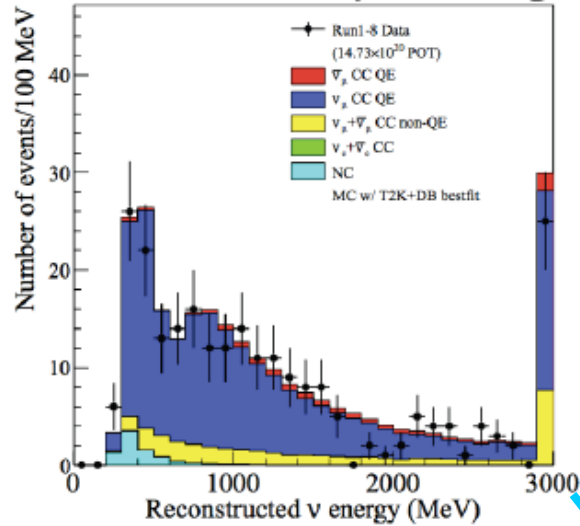


$\pi^0$  Rejection

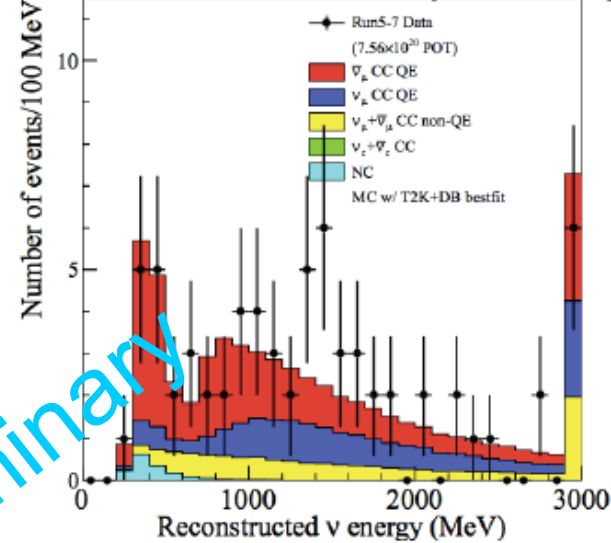


# Observed Spectra (Far Detector)

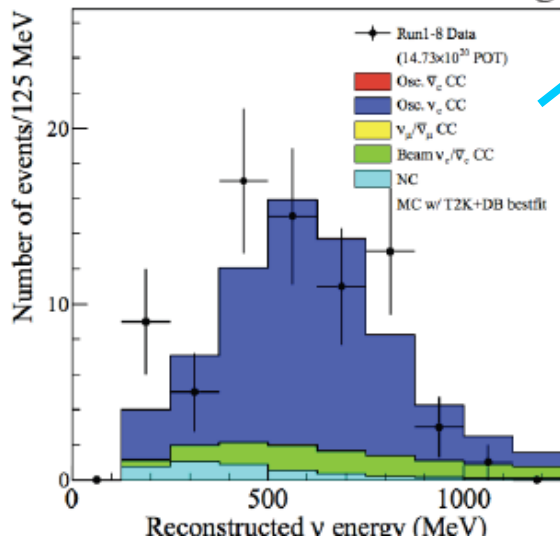
Neutrino CCQE 1  $\mu$ -like ring



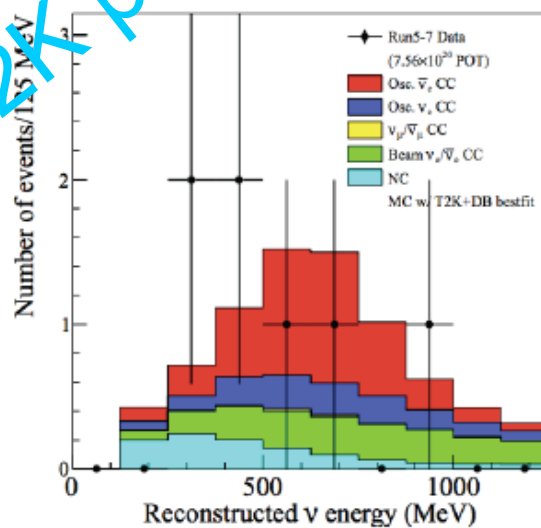
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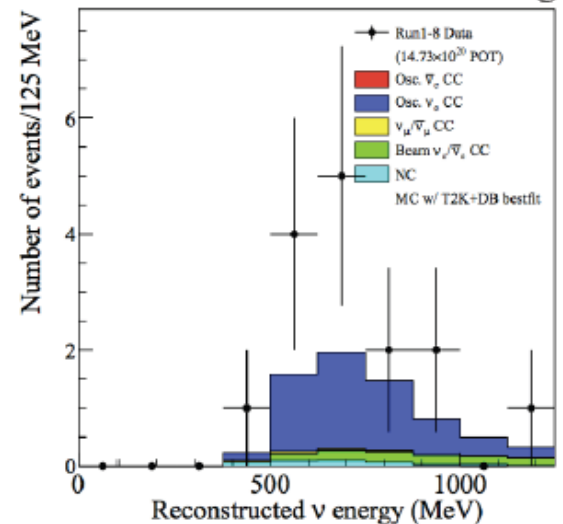
Neutrino CCQE 1  $e$ -like ring



Antineutrino CCQE 1  $e$ -like ring



Neutrino CC1 $\pi$  1  $e$ -like ring



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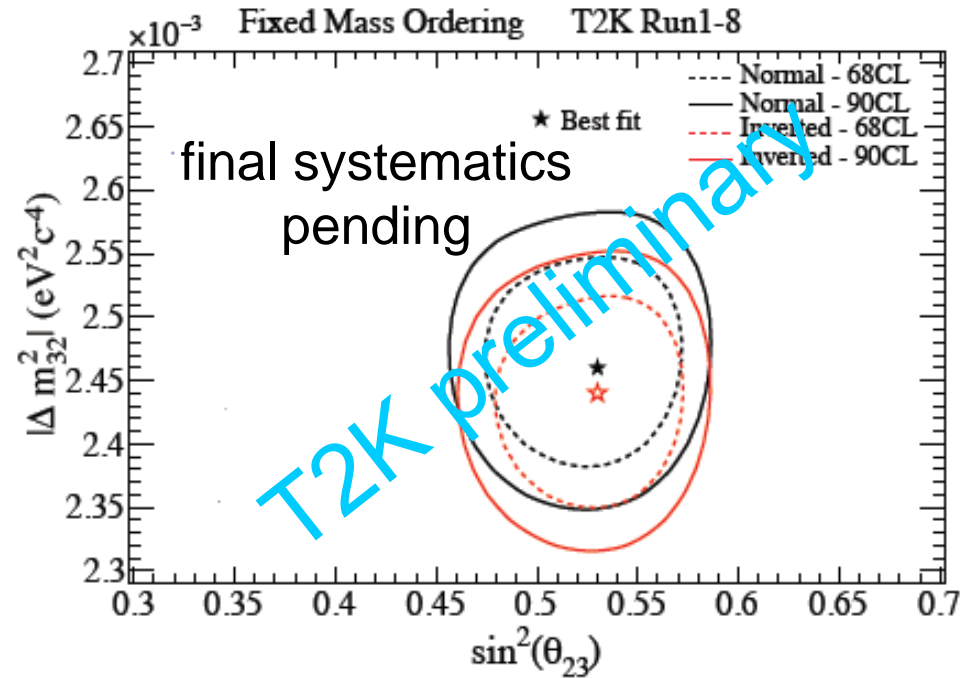


# Atmospheric Parameters $\theta_{23}$ and $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$

Fit normal and inverted hierarchies separately

Joint analysis with reactor constraint on  $\sin^2\theta_{13}$

Final systematic error pending



Posterior probabilities from Bayesian analysis (with reactor constraint) (assumes equal probabilities for both hierarchy and octant hypothesis)

|                              | $\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.5$ | $\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.5$ | Sum   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| NH ( $\Delta m^2_{32} > 0$ ) | 0.193                     | 0.674                     | 0.868 |
| IH ( $\Delta m^2_{32} < 0$ ) | 0.026                     | 0.106                     | 0.132 |
| Sum                          | 0.219                     | 0.781                     |       |

Data prefers normal hierarchy and upper octant

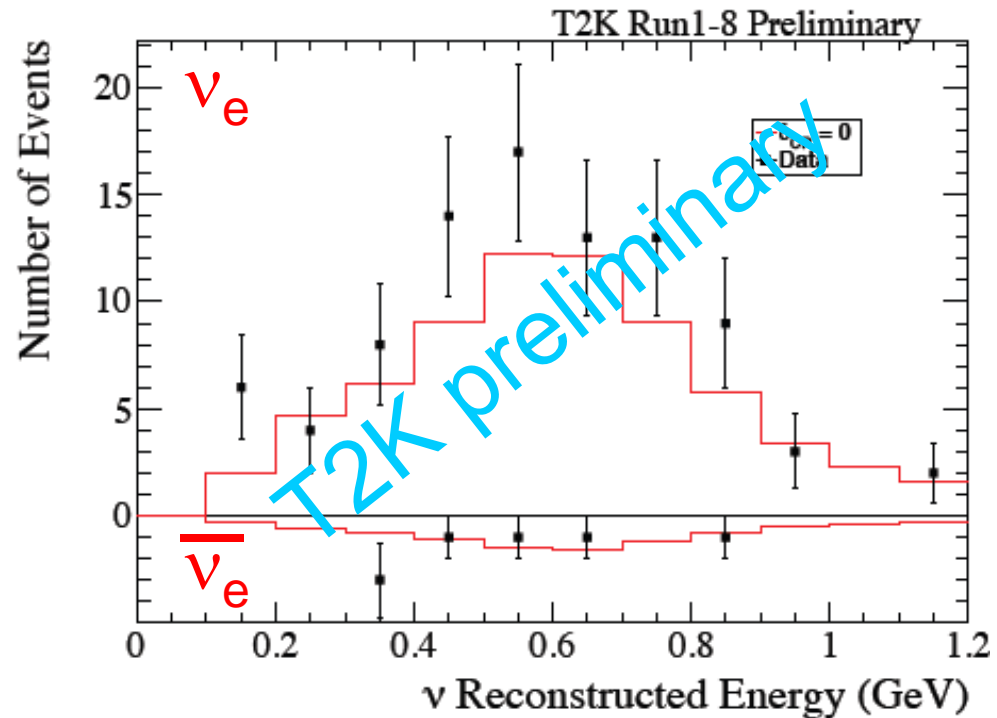


# $\nu_e / \bar{\nu}_e$ Appearance

Compared to prediction  
with  $\delta_{CP} = 0$

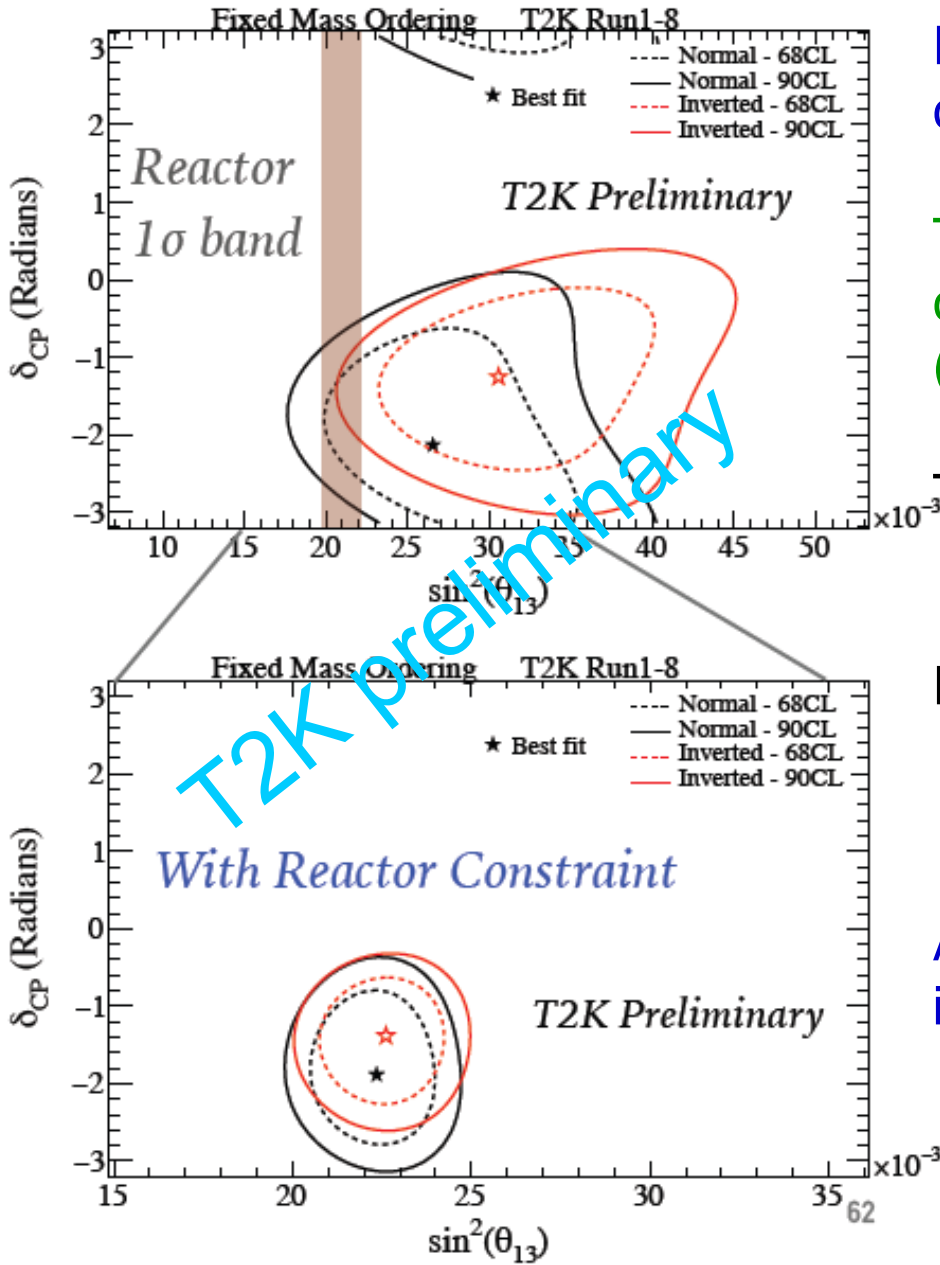
Excess in neutrino mode

Deficit in antineutrino mode



| Sample                      | Predicted Rates        |                   |                       |                     | Observed Rates |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                             | $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ | $\delta_{CP} = 0$ | $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$ | $\delta_{CP} = \pi$ |                |
| CCQE 1-Ring e-like FHC      | 73.5                   | 61.5              | 49.9                  | 62.0                | 74             |
| CC1 $\pi$ 1-Ring e-like FHC | 6.92                   | 6.01              | 4.87                  | 5.78                | 15             |
| CCQE 1-Ring e-like RHC      | 7.93                   | 9.04              | 10.04                 | 8.93                | 7              |
| CCQE 1-Ring $\mu$ -like FHC | 267.8                  | 267.4             | 267.7                 | 268.2               | 240            |
| CCQE 1-Ring $\mu$ -like RHC | 63.1                   | 62.9              | 63.1                  | 63.1                | 68             |

# $\theta_{13}$ VS $\delta_{CP}$



Fit without the reactor constraint:  
closed contours in  $\delta_{CP}$  at 90% CL

T2K-only  $\sin^2\theta_{13}$  measurement  
consistent with reactor measurements  
(PDG 2016)

T2K Best Fit (NH)

$$\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.0277 (+0.0054, -0.0047)$$

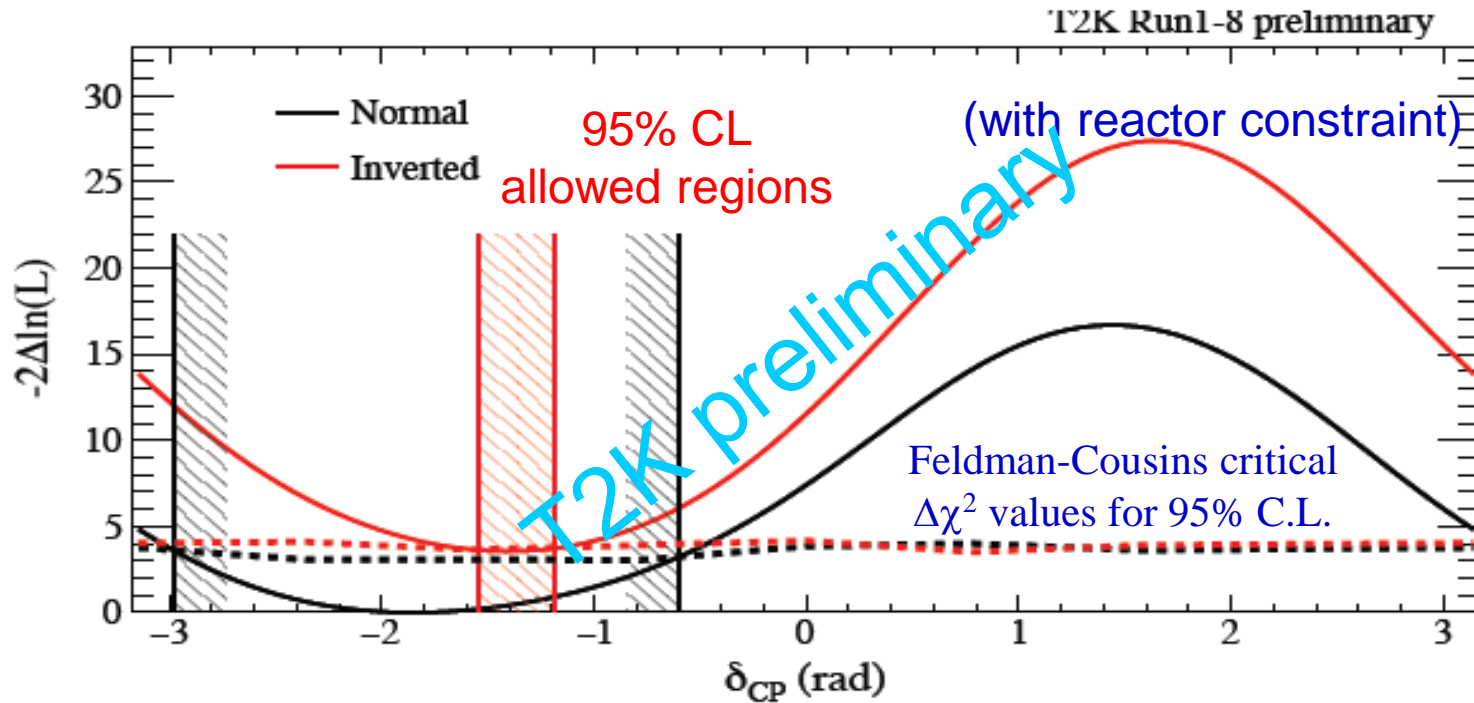
PDG 2016

$$\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.0210 \pm 0.0011$$

Adding the reactor constraint  
improves the constraint on  $\delta_{CP}$



# Measurement of $\delta_{CP}$



Favors the  $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$  region, best fit point  $-1.83$  (NH)

normal hierarchy:  $\delta_{CP} = [-2.98, -0.60]$   $[-171^\circ, -34^\circ]$  at  $2\sigma$

inverted hierarchy:  $\delta_{CP} = [-1.54, -1.19]$   $[-88^\circ, -68^\circ]$  at  $2\sigma$

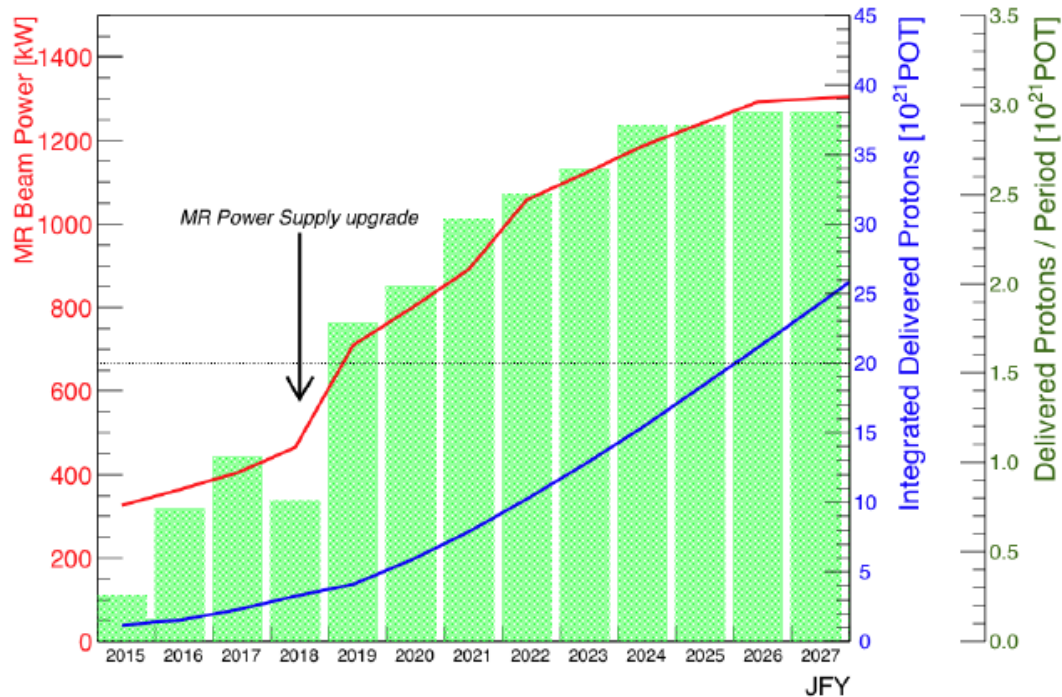
CP conserving values  $(0, \pi)$  fall outside of the  $2\sigma$  interval



# T2K Phase II (T2K-II)

Proposal to extend T2K run to  $20 \times 10^{21}$  POT by 2026

Currently T2K approved to  $7.8 \times 10^{21}$  POT



J-PARC plans to increase beam power from 475 kW to 1.3 MW in several steps

repetition cycle from 2.48 s to 1.3 s

# protons  $2.4 \times 10^{14}$  / spill to  $3.2 \times 10^{14}$  / spill

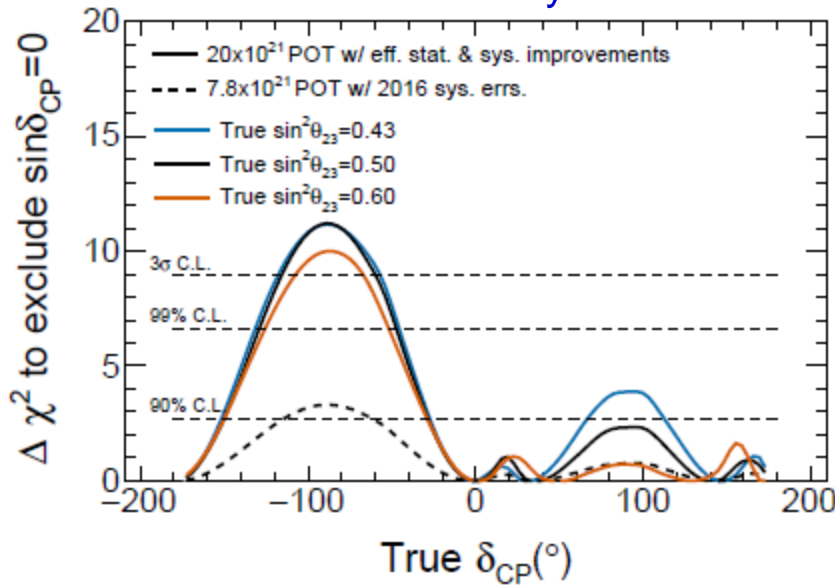
Stage-1 status given by J-PARC PAC

ND280 upgrade proposal under way

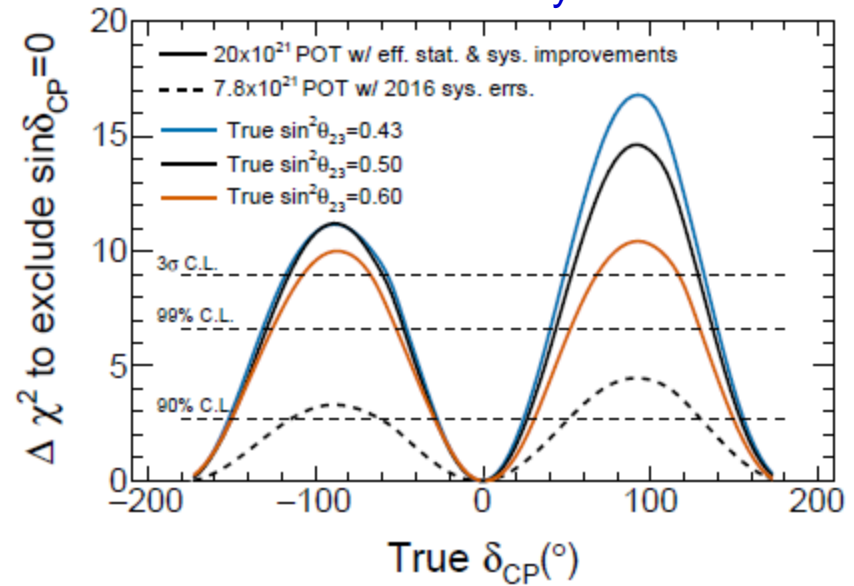


# Physics Potential of T2K-II

Mass Hierarchy unknown



Mass Hierarchy known

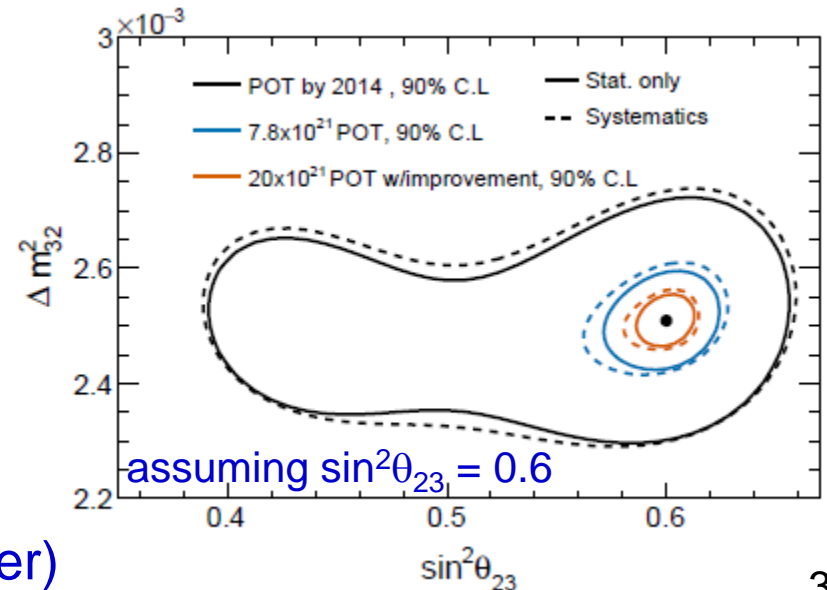


aim for  $3\sigma$  CPV sensitivity for favorable (and currently favored) parameters

50% increase in effective POT (increase horn current, enlarge fiducial volume)

reduction of systematic errors  $< 4\%$

precise measurement of  $\theta_{23}$  (to  $1.7^\circ$  or better)



# Conclusions

Accumulated  $\sim 22.5 \times 10^{20}$  protons on target (POT)

Beam power continuously increasing (475 kW at the end of run 8)

Fully joint analysis across all modes of oscillation

$\nu_\mu / \bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance and  $\nu_e / \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance

Near detector and NA61 hadro-production data used to constrain rate at far detector (SK)

water target and “wrong sign” from ND280

Data prefer maximal  $\theta_{23}$  mixing,  $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$ , normal hierarchy

“maximal”  $\nu_\mu / \bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, “large”  $\nu_e$  appearance, “small”  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance

$\delta_{CP} = [-2.98, -0.60]$  at  $2 \sigma$  (NH)

$\delta_{CP} = [-1.54, -1.19]$  at  $2 \sigma$  (IH)

**T2K excludes CP conservation at 95% confidence level**

Accelerator upgrade approved, aiming for 1.3 MW operation

Proposal to extend T2K (T2K-II) Stage-1 status

Studies to upgrade ND280 detector under way



more ...

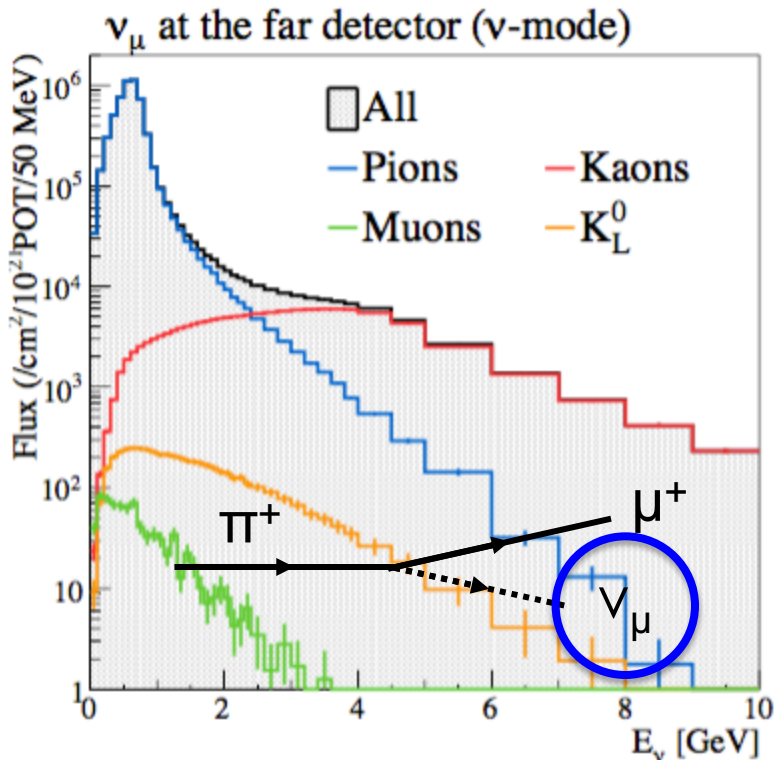




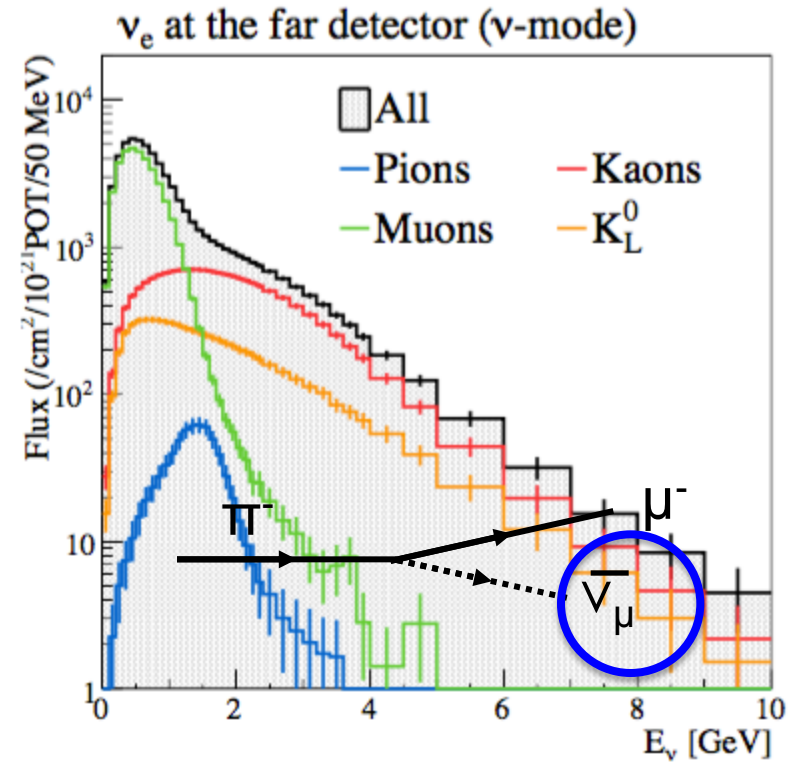
# Need for Hadro-production Measurements

The flux predictions in accelerator-based neutrino experiments depend on hadro-production models of  $\nu$  parents

Hadro-production at present is still one of the dominant uncertainties in flux estimates



$\nu_\mu$  ( $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ):  $\pi$  at low  $E_\nu$ , K at large  $E_\nu$

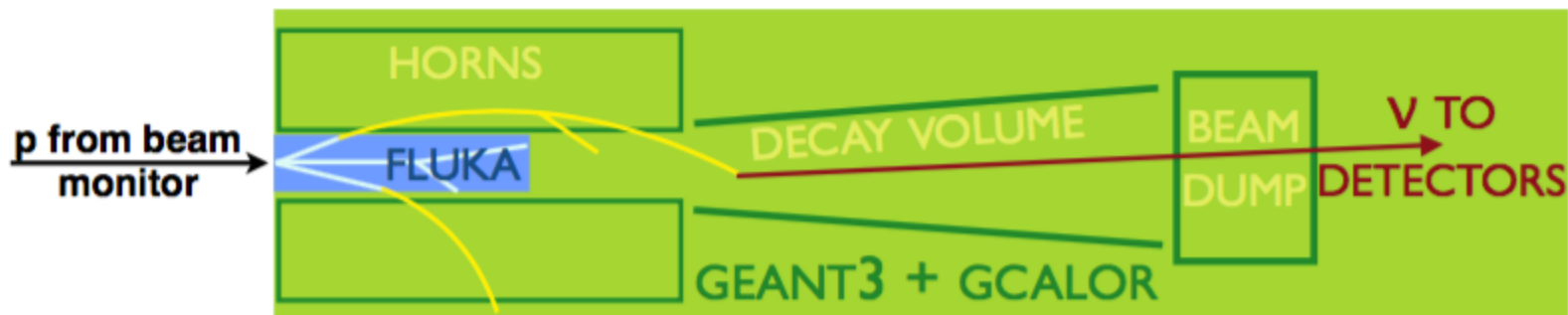


$\nu_e$ :  $\mu$  at low  $E_\nu$ , K at large  $E_\nu$ ;  $\bar{\nu}_e$ : K at all  $E_\nu$

NA61 measurements replace model-based calculations for hadro-production in  $\nu$  flux estimates, thus reduce one of the largest sources of uncertainty

# Modelling of T2K $\nu$ Flux

Data driven (NA61) FLUKA/Geant3 based neutrino beam simulation



## FLUKA

primary p+C interaction  
in the target

beamline monitors data are  
parameterized to obtain  
the proton beam profile

## GEANT3 + GCALOR

tracking particles exiting the target  
target through horns, magnetic  
field and decay volume

accurate description of secondary  
beamline in simulation is required

## RE-WEIGHTING

$\pi$ , K multiplicity and  
interaction rate are used  
to re-weight simulations

external hadro-production  
measurements are used  
mostly NA61 data

To tune T2K flux, for each simulated neutrino interaction,  
a weight is calculated for simulated event to adjust MC to data.

primary interactions can be directly re-weighted with NA61 thin target data for  $\pi$ , K  
the kinematic coverage is extended by using parameterization from fit to data  
scaling is used for secondary interactions and interactions on material other than  $C_{34}$

# Fitting ND280 Data

Since 2016, include FGD2 (water targets) to extract interactions on  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Separate data sets in FGD1 and FGD2

Neutrino mode separated by number of charged pions:

$\text{CC-}0\pi$ ,  $\text{CC-}1\pi$ ,  $\text{CC-Other}$

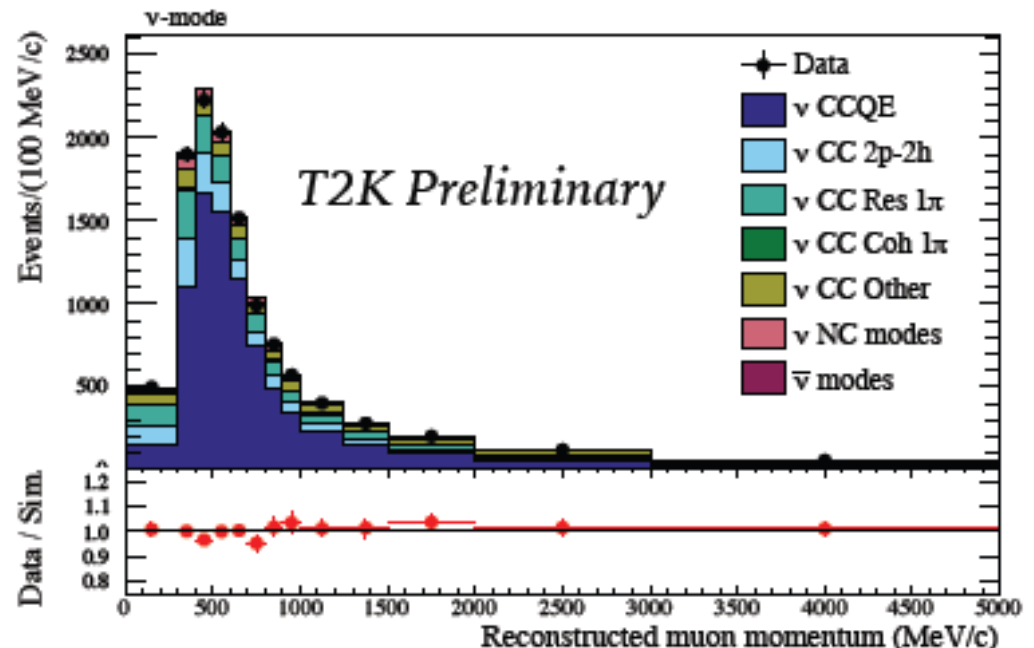
Antineutrino mode separate by number of TPC tracks:

$\text{CC-}1\text{Track}$ ,  $\text{CC-NTrack}$

In antineutrino mode, separate samples for  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  candidates

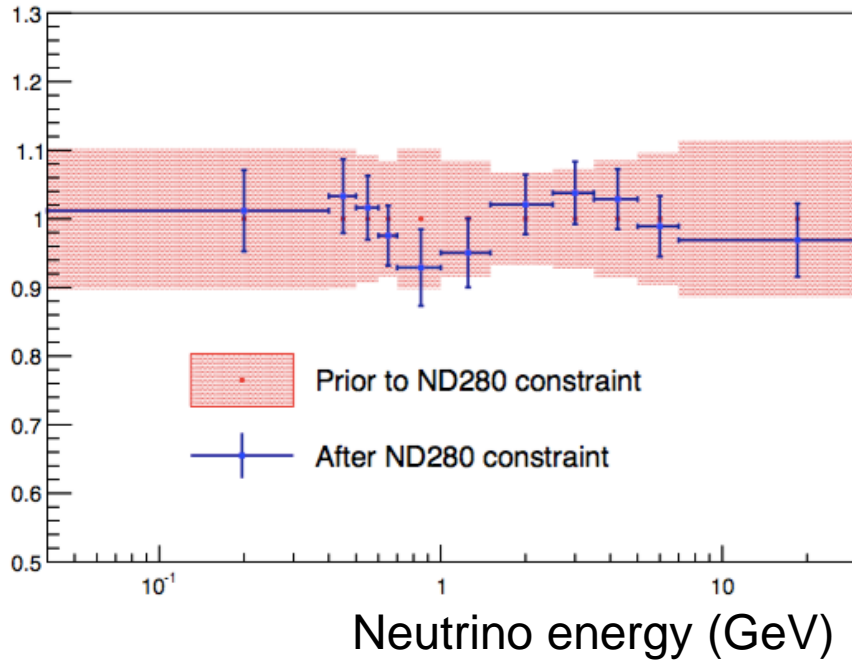
Example fitted FGD2  
 $\text{CC-}0\pi$  muon momentum

The fit reproduces the data well with a p-value of 0.47

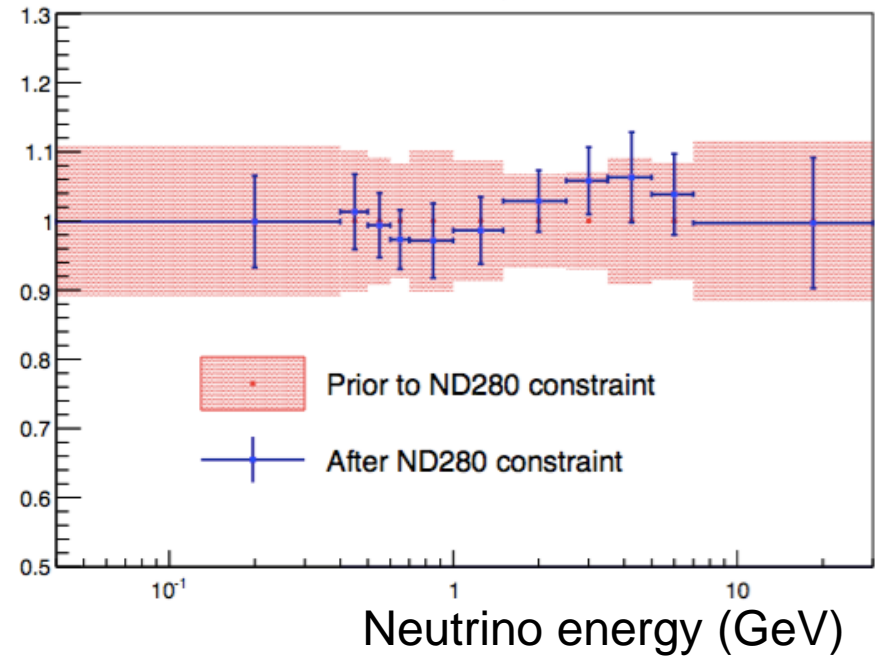


# Fitted Flux Parameters

SK FHC  $\nu_\mu$  Flux



SK RHC  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  Flux

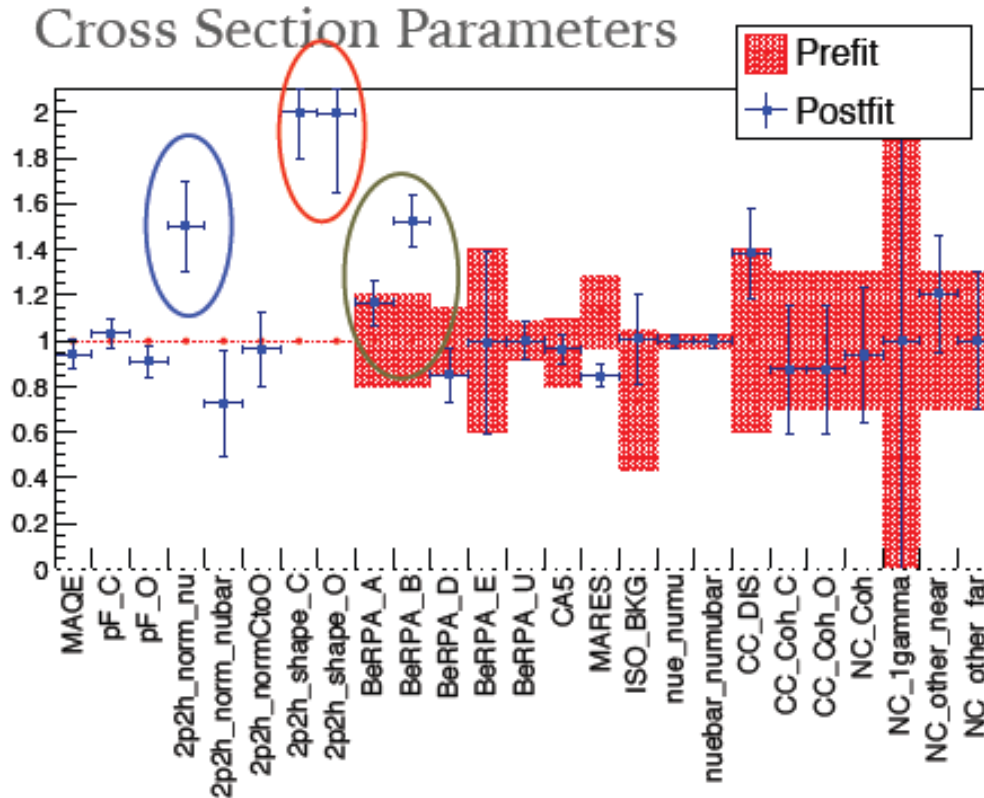


Fitted flux parameters are generally near their nominal value of 1.0

Most of the fitted flux parameters fall within their assigned 1  $\sigma$  prior uncertainty



# Fitted Interaction Model Parameters



The 2p-2h for neutrinos is enhanced by 50%

The 2p-2h shape is shifted so that the  $\Delta$ -enhanced component of the cross-section is increased to maximum

The RPA parameters for  $Q^2$  below  $1 \text{ GeV}^2$  are increased, enhancing the cross-section in that region

# Robustness of T2K Results

Neutrino interaction models are rapidly changing and this may impact T2K results

Check robustness of results against potential neutrino interaction modeling effects not yet included in T2K neutrino interaction model (NEUT generator)

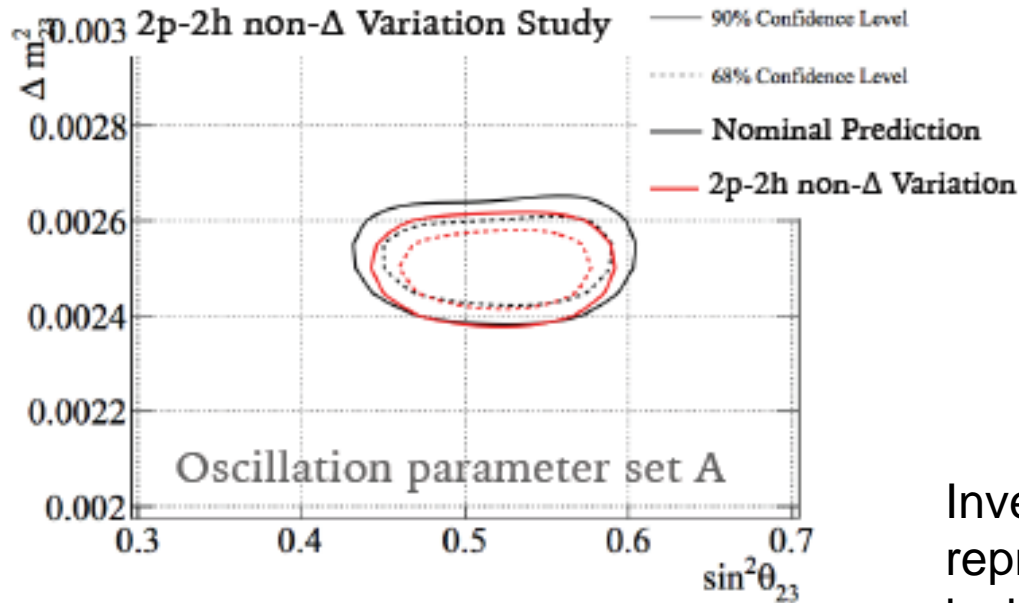
- Apply data-driven or model-driven changes to the simulated event rates at ND280 and SK that aren't implemented in fitting model
- Fit this systematically varied Monte Carlo with current fitting model  
Data-driven variation based on the pre-fit data/prediction discrepancy in ND280
- Take excess of data over prediction prior to ND280 fitting and assign the excess to 1 of 3 types of interactions:
  - CCQE
  - 2p-2h  $\Delta$ -enhanced
  - 2p-2h non- $\Delta$ -enhancedand apply modeled excess to predict rates at ND280 and SK

Effect seen on  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  (next slide)

No significant impact on the measured intervals for  $\delta_{CP}$  (next to next slide)



# Impact on Atmospheric Parameters



In this study

$\Delta m^2_{32}$  is biased to lower values

$\sin^2\theta_{23}$  is biased towards maximal disappearance

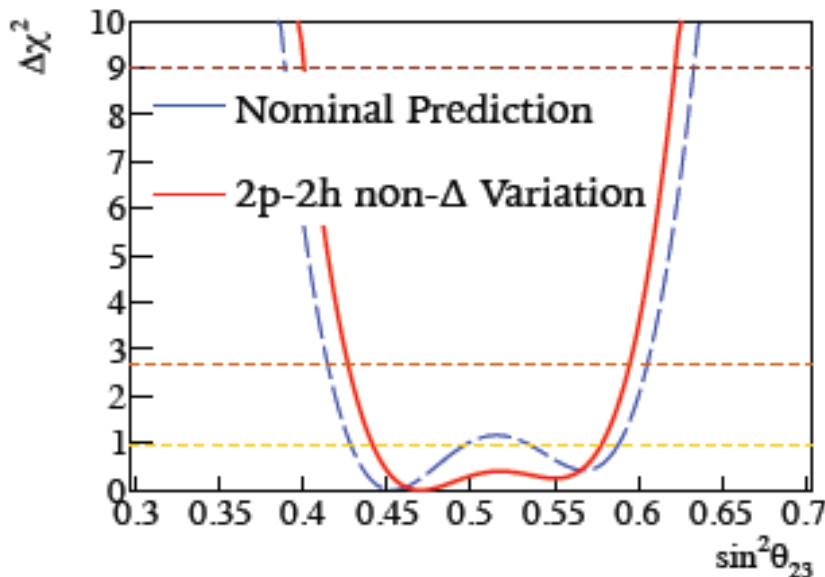
This leads to narrower contour than fit to nominal prediction

Investigating if this type of variation represents a physical effect that should be included as a systematic uncertainty

We present  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  vs.  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  contours with caveat that the systematic error model may be updated in the future

Neutrino interaction model systematic effects will be addressed by

- use of  $4\pi$  samples in the fit to ND280 data
- study of the hadronic recoil system
- ND280 upgrades



# Impact on CP Phase

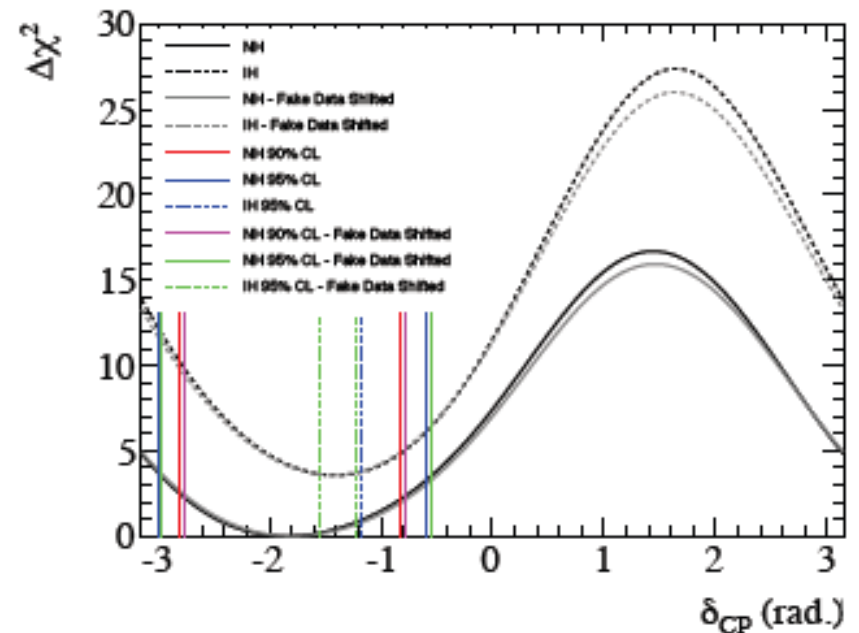
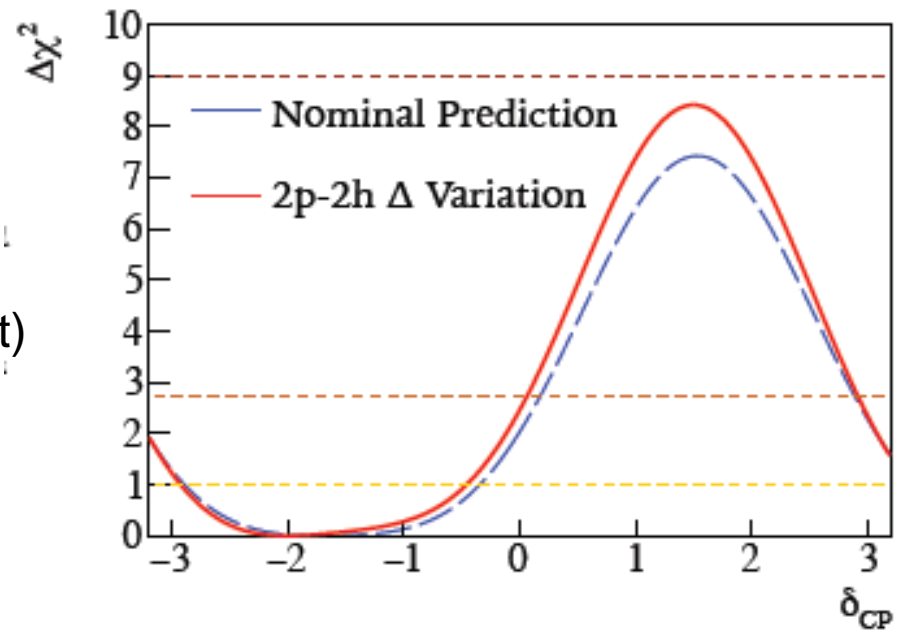
Consider how changes to the  $\Delta\chi^2$  impact confidence intervals calculated from data

Shift  $\Delta\chi^2$  observed in data (bottom plot) by difference observed in systematic study (top plot)

Maximum shift in the NH 2- $\sigma$  confidence interval mid-point was 1.7%

Maximum change to the NH 2- $\sigma$  confidence interval was 2.3%

Impact on  $\delta_{CP}$  intervals is small

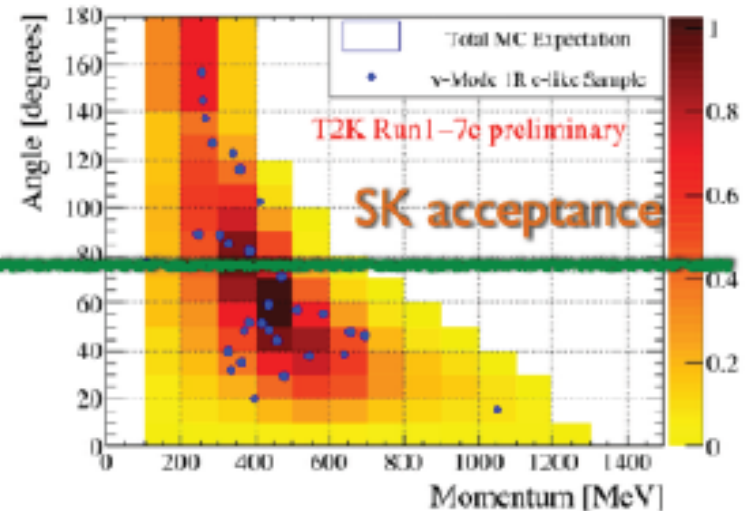
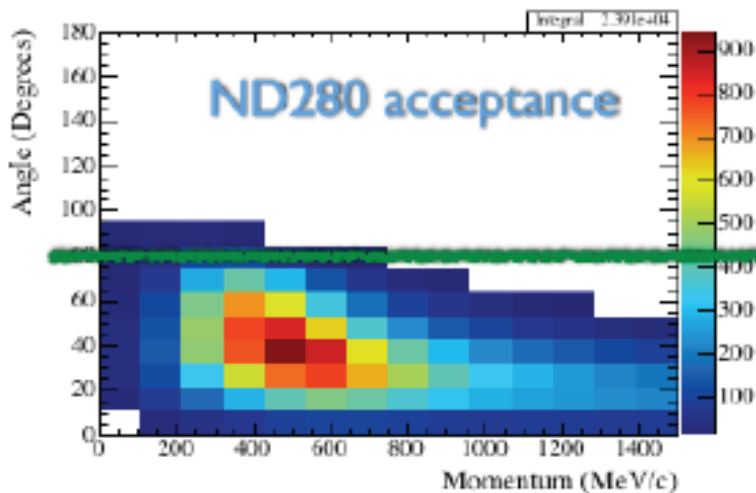




# ND280 Upgrade

ND280 upgrade to understand the neutrino-nucleus interactions and improve on systematics

Current ND280 has an excellent performance for forward tracks, however limited performance for large angle tracks



## Basic criteria for upgrading ND280

Enlarge phase space – cover full polar angle (Super-K has  $4\pi$  uniform acceptance)

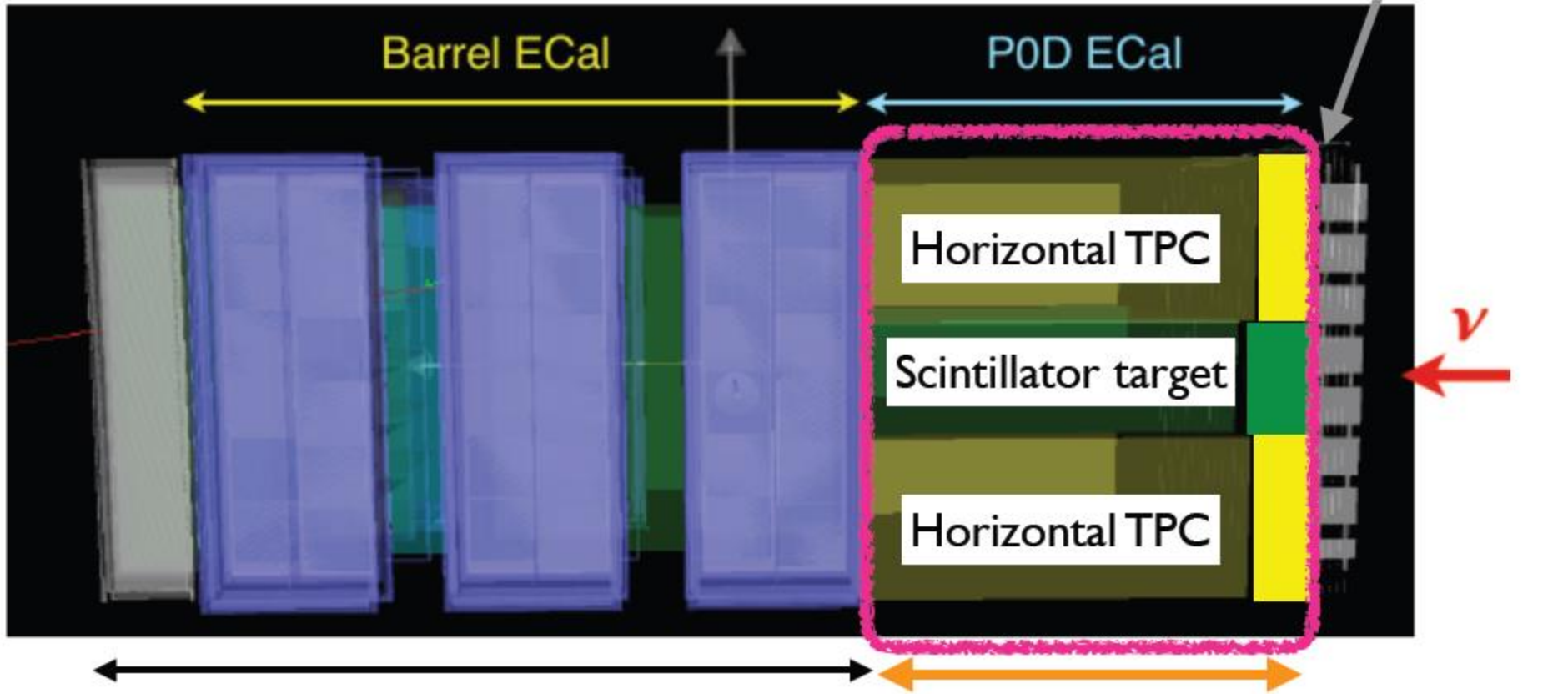
Retain ND280 TPC capabilities

Efficiency for short hadron tracks

Improve electron neutrino selection



# Baseline Configuration



Keep current tracker + downstream Ecal

Magnet and surrounding Ecal  
also preserved

New Detectors

2 horizontal TPCs  
Scintillator target  
(different options studied)  
ToF detectors