Recent Neutrino Oscillations Results from the T2K and NOvA Experiments

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- Oscillation Results:
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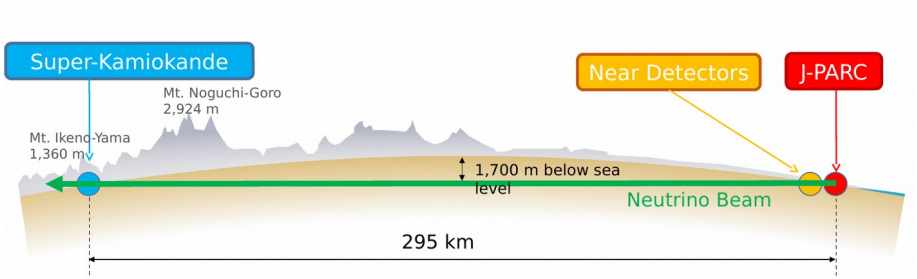


3-Flavor Mixing

- 3-flavor mixing describes (almost) all neutrino oscillation phenomena (3 mixing angles, 2 independent mass splittings, 1 CPV phase)

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

Atmospheric & accelerator:
$\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$
$(\Delta m_{23})^2 \sim 2.4\times10^{-3}$ eV^2

Interference:
$\theta_{13} \sim 9^\circ$ and δ_{CP}=??

Solar & reactor:
$\theta_{12} \sim 34^\circ$
$(\Delta m_{12})^2 \sim 8\times10^{-5}$ eV^2

Muon neutrino disappearance ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$) :

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - (\cos^2\theta_{13}\sin^2 2\theta_{23})\sin^2(\Delta m^2_{32}\frac{L}{4E})$$

→ **Sensitive to:** θ_{23}, $|\Delta m^2_{31}|$ (~$|\Delta m^2_{32}|$)
($\Delta m^2_{32} = m^2_3 - m^2_2$)

Electron neutrino appearance ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$):

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2\theta_{23}\sin^2 2\theta_{13}\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{32}L}{4E_\nu}\right)\left(1+\frac{2a}{\Delta m^2_{31}}(1-2\sin^2\theta_{13})\right)$$ Leading term

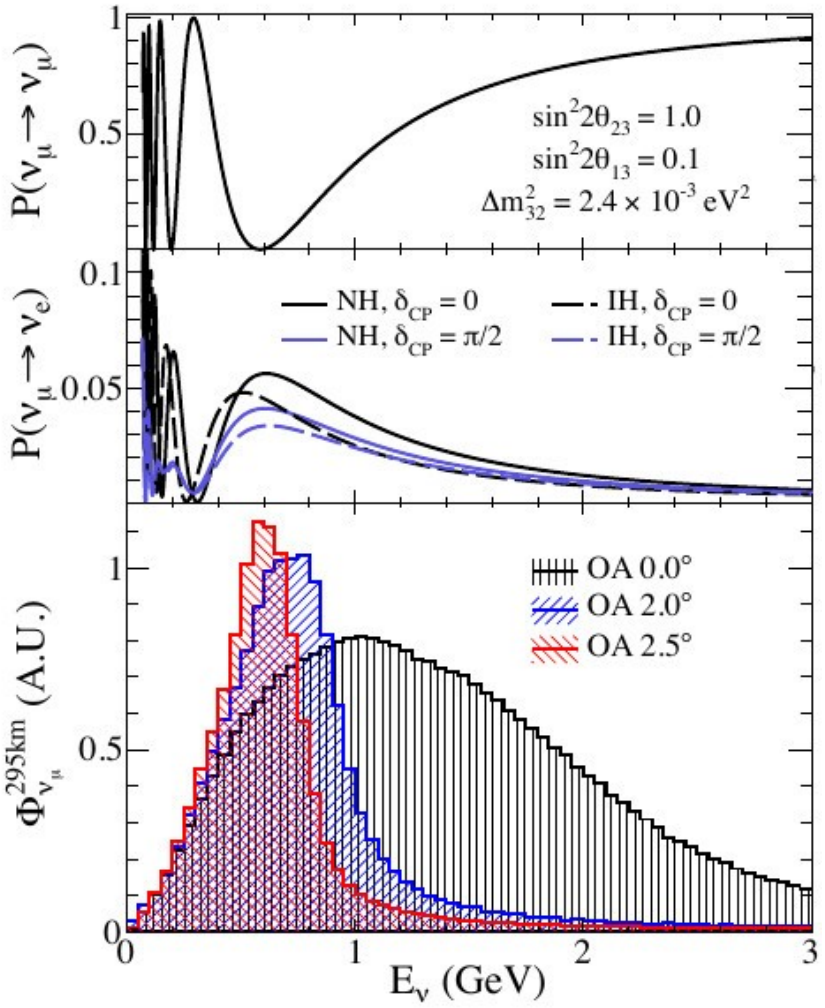
$$-\sin 2\theta_{12}\sin 2\theta_{23}\sin 2\theta_{13}\cos\theta_{13}\sin\delta\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{32}L}{4E_\nu}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{21}L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$ CP violating

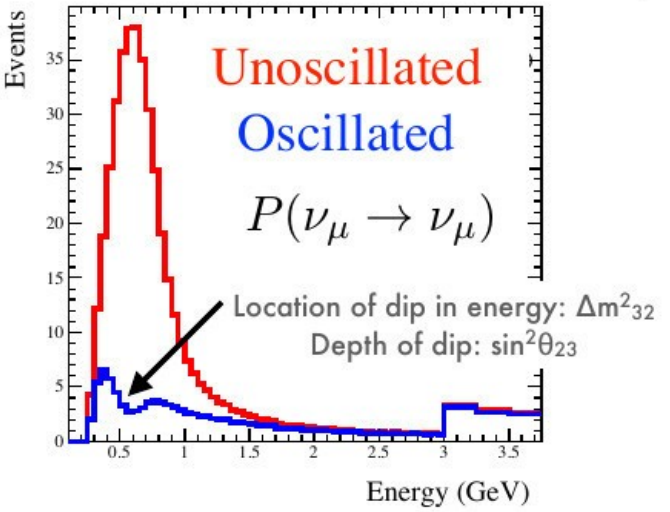
→ **Sensitive to:** θ_{13}, δ_{CP}, θ_{23}, Δm^2_{31}

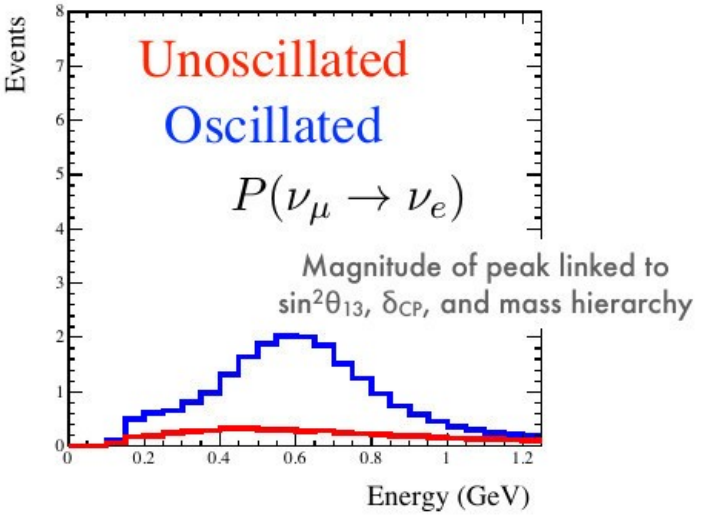
Depends on sign of mass difference: *i.e.* Mass Ordering

[($P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$ δ turns into – δ and a to -a ("a" matter effect term)]

Oscillation Primer







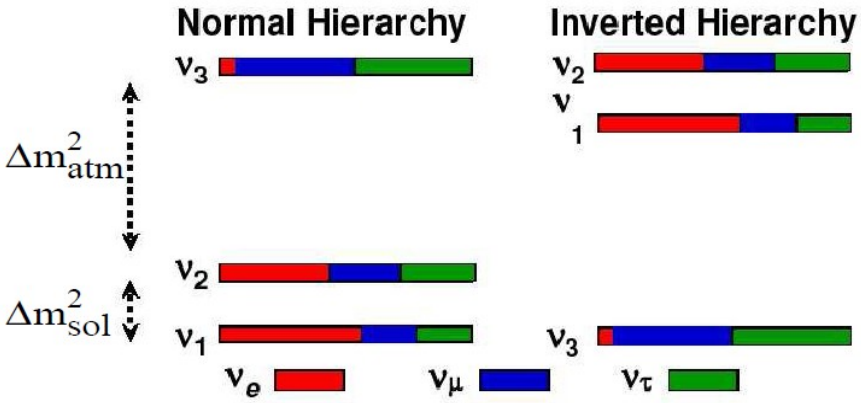
What Do We Know?

Solar+KamLAND → $\theta_{12} \sim 34^0$

SK, MINOS, T2K, NOvA → $\theta_{23} \sim 45^0$

Daya Bay, Reno, Double Chooz → $\theta_{13} \sim 9^0$

(T2K: $\theta_{13} \neq 0 \rightarrow$ In Appearance Channel)



$\Delta m^2_{21} = (7.65 + \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-5}$ eV^2

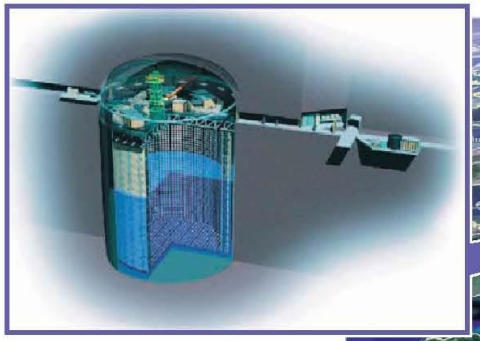
sign of the mass difference, $\Delta m^2_{21} > 0$.

$\Delta m^2_{32} (\approx \Delta m^2_{31}) = (2.40 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-3}$ eV^2

What We Don't Know?

- **Value CP-Violating Phase:** δ
- **θ_{23} Maximal? Octant? (< or > 45^0)**
- **Sign of the mass difference:** $\Delta m^2_{32} = m^2_3 - m^2_2$
  - **Normal Ordering (NO) > 0**
  - **Inverted Ordering (IO) < 0**
- **Are there any more ν's? (sterile)**
- **Are Neutrinos Dirac or Majorana?**
- **Absolute Mass Scale**

The T2K Experiment
(Tokai to Kamioka)



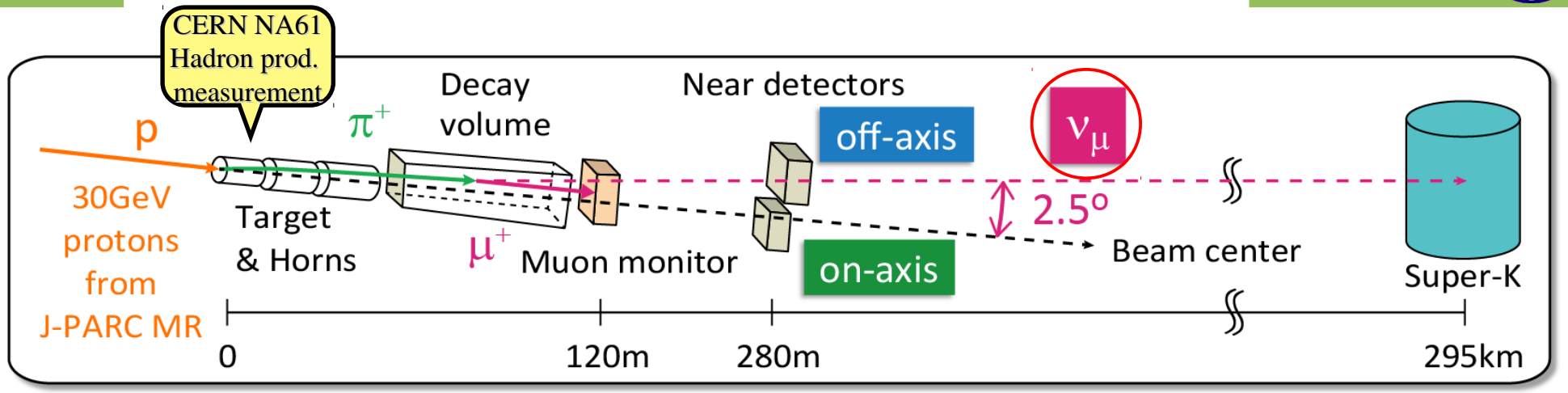
Super-Kamiokande
(ICRR, Univ. Tokyo)

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

Goals:

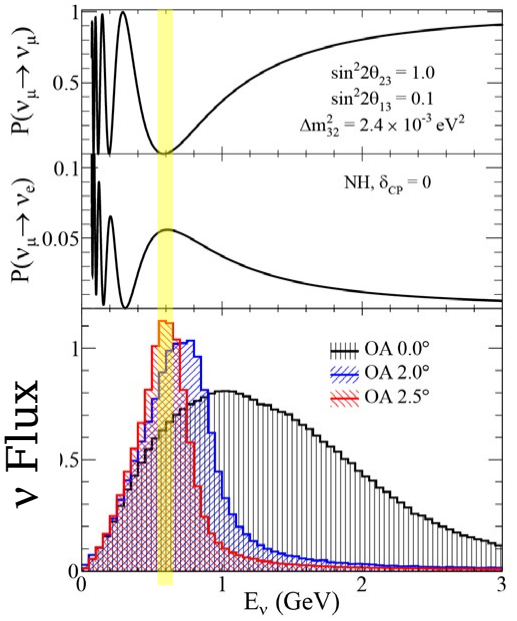
- Study ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$): Explore δ_{CP} and $\theta_{13,\,23}$
- Precision measurement of ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance: Explore θ_{23} and Δm^2_{23}

Overview of T2K: Beam

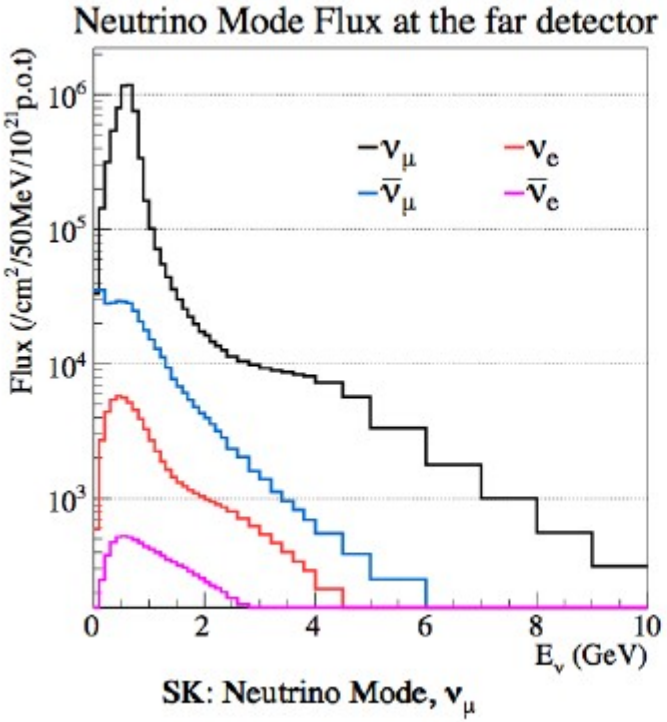


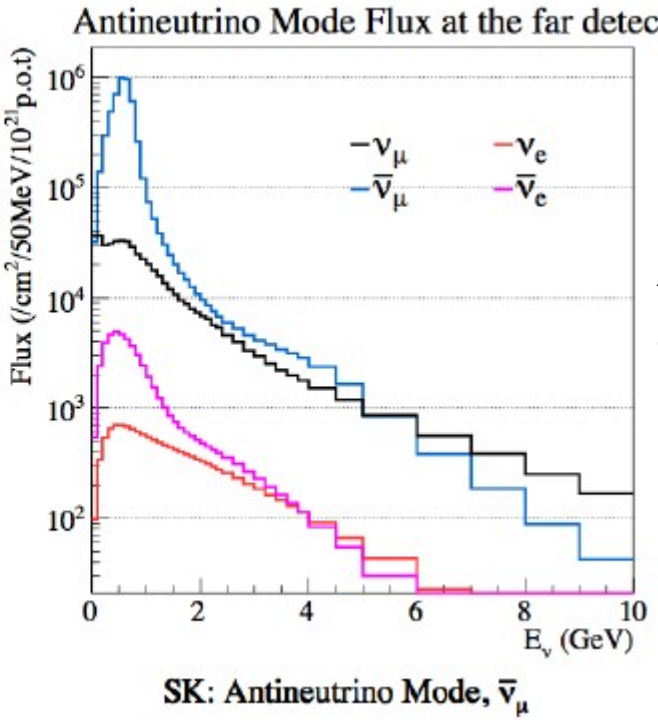
First Use of Off-axis ν_μ Beam:

- Intense & high-quality beam (Beam direction stability < 1mrad)
  - ~1 mrad shift corresponds to ~2% energy shift at peak
- Low-energy narrow-band beam
- Can choose between ν and $\bar{\nu}$ by changing current direction in horns
- E_ν peak around oscillation maximum (~0.6 GeV)
- Small high-energy tail → reduces feed-down background events
- π,K production at target was measured using CERN NA61 exp.



Beam Configurations

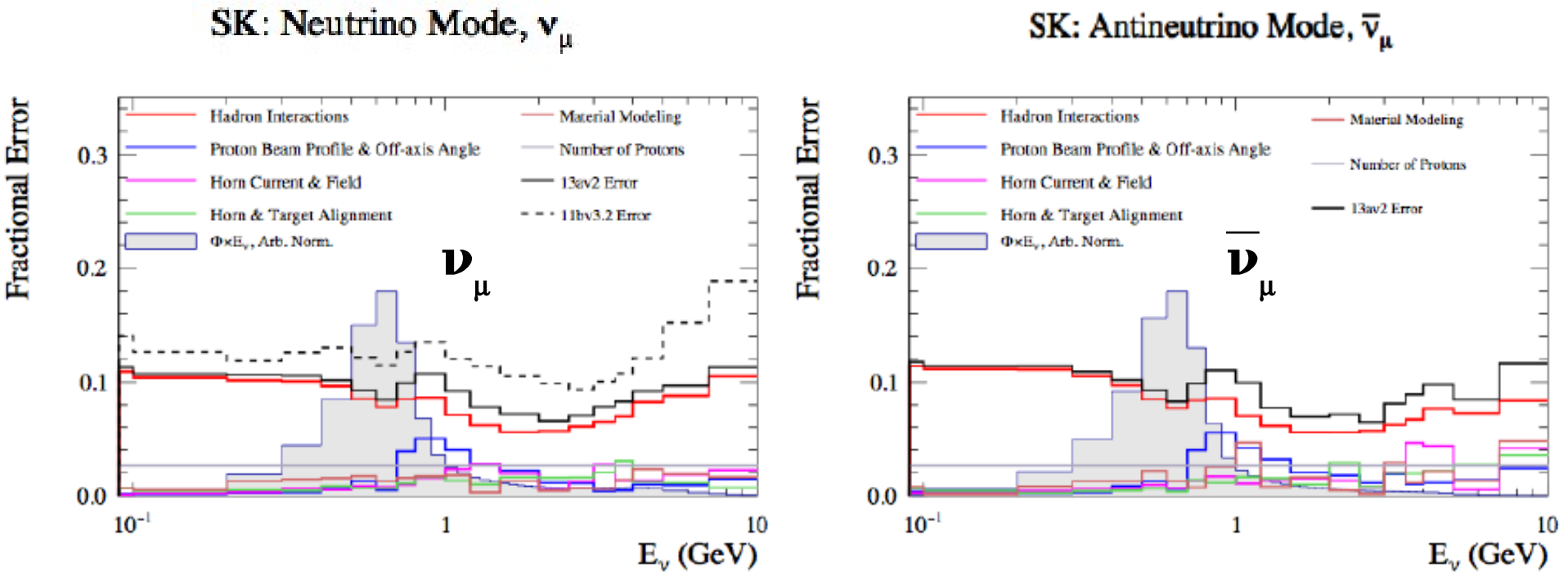




Note:
More "WS" ν's in RHC when compared to FHC

ν – mode known as "forward horn current" (FHC) or "positive focusing" (PF)
$\bar{\nu}$ – mode known as "reverse horn current" (RHC) or "negative focusing" (NF)

Neutrino fluxes



- Present flux uncertainties smaller than 8% (at peak)
- Main systematics due to the hadron interactions modeling →
  - With NA61/SHINE measurements using T2K replica target → goal <5%

At These Energies Neutrino Cross-sections are Poorly Known

- **ν oscillations:**

→ We are now in a period of precision neutrino oscillation measurements

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = \sin^2(2\theta_{23})\sin^2((1.27\Delta m^2_{23} L)/E_\nu)$$

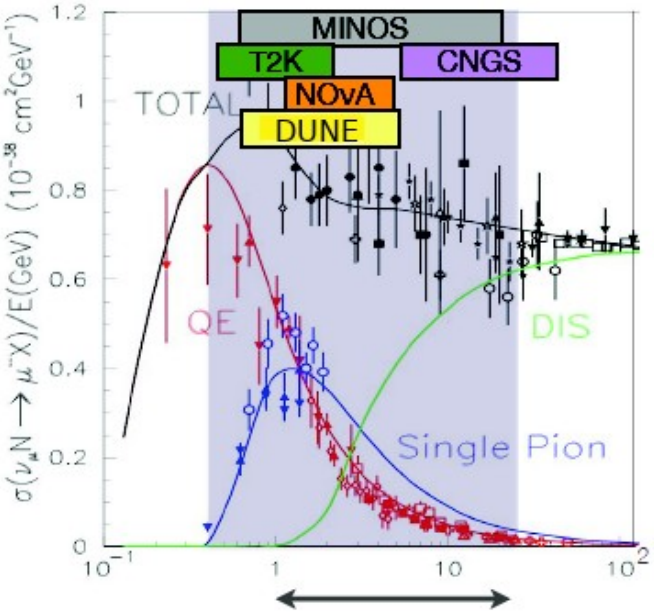
(ν_τ appearance example)

→ **Note oscillation probability depends on E_ν**

- However Experiments Calculate E_{rec}
- E_{rec} depends on Flux, σ, detector response, interaction multiplicities, target type, particle type produced and final state interactions: E_{rec} not equal to E_ν

→ Appearance Oscillation Measurements:

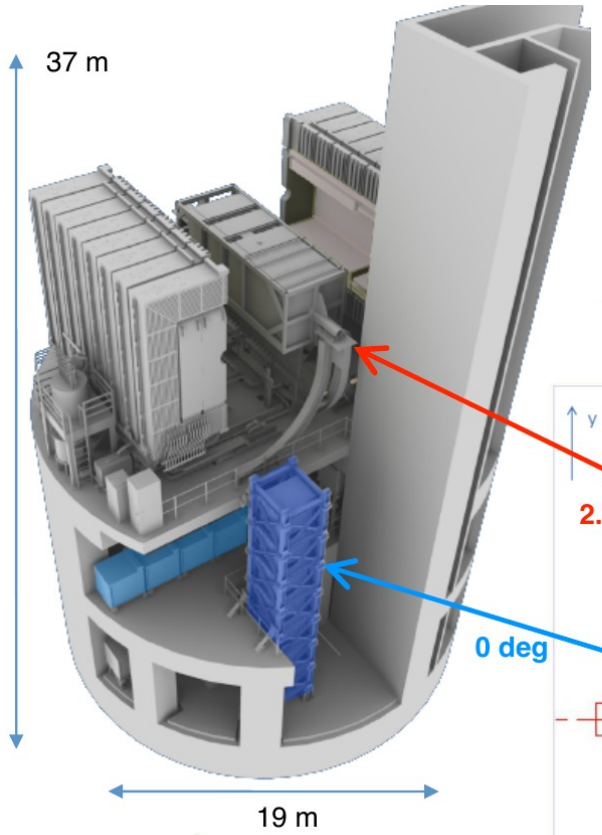
- Large Θ_{13} and CP violation - systematics important
- Need to understand backgrounds to ν_e searches:



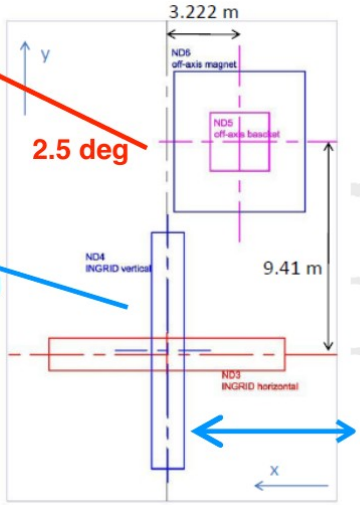
MINERνA Energy Range

- **Need Precision understanding of Low energy (Few GeV) ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ cross sections to improve models.**

Overview of T2K: Near Detectors(ND280)

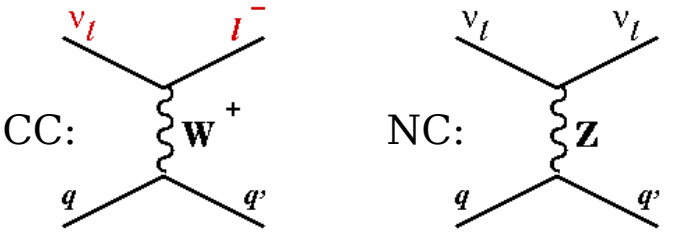


T2K Near Detector pit houses both the off-axis (ND280) and on-axis (INGRID) detectors



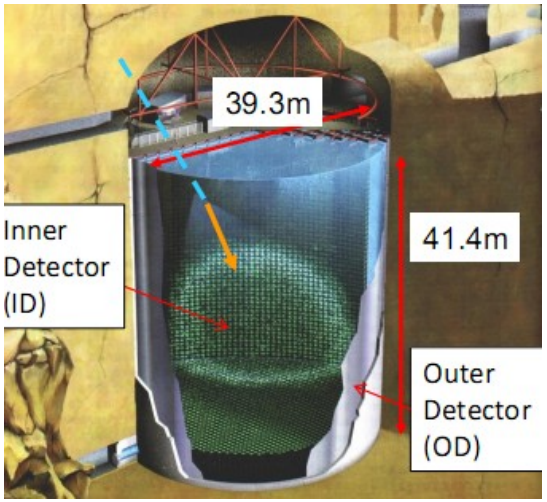
On-Axis Detector (INGRID) Monitor ν:
- **Beam direction**
- **Beam Intensity**

Off-Axis Detector:
- **In SK Direction**
- **Measure:**
  - **ν flux**
  - **Cross-section measurements using water targets to reduce systematic errors on oscillation parameters**

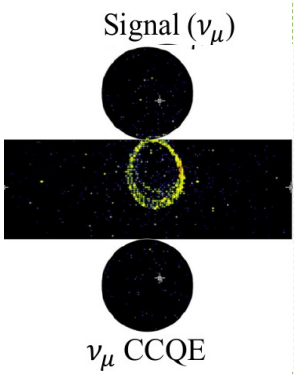


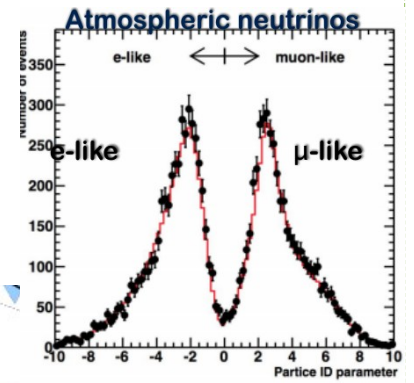
→ Used for monitoring of beam, flux constraints and systematic error reduction

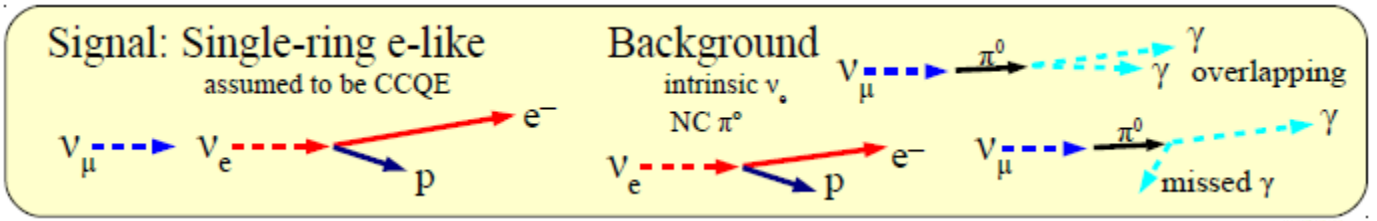
The T2K Far Detector: Super-Kamiokande



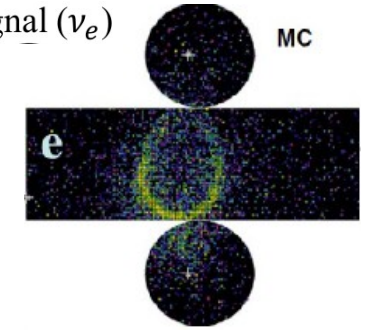
- 50 kiloton Water Cherenkov detector 1 km underground
- Performance well matched to sub-GeV neutrinos
- High ν_e signal efficiency plus high π^0 rejection
  - 32 kiloton inner volume:
    - Fiducial cut (*i.e.* cut on vertex distance to wall) optimized for each interaction type.
- Probability to misidentify muon as electron is small
- GPS time recorded in real-time for every spill
  - Associate events with J-PARC (beam)





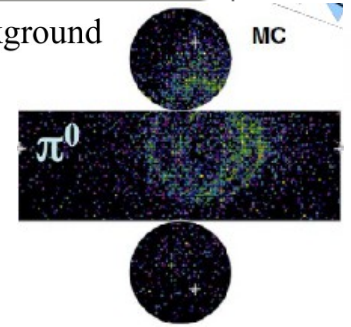


Signal (ν_e)



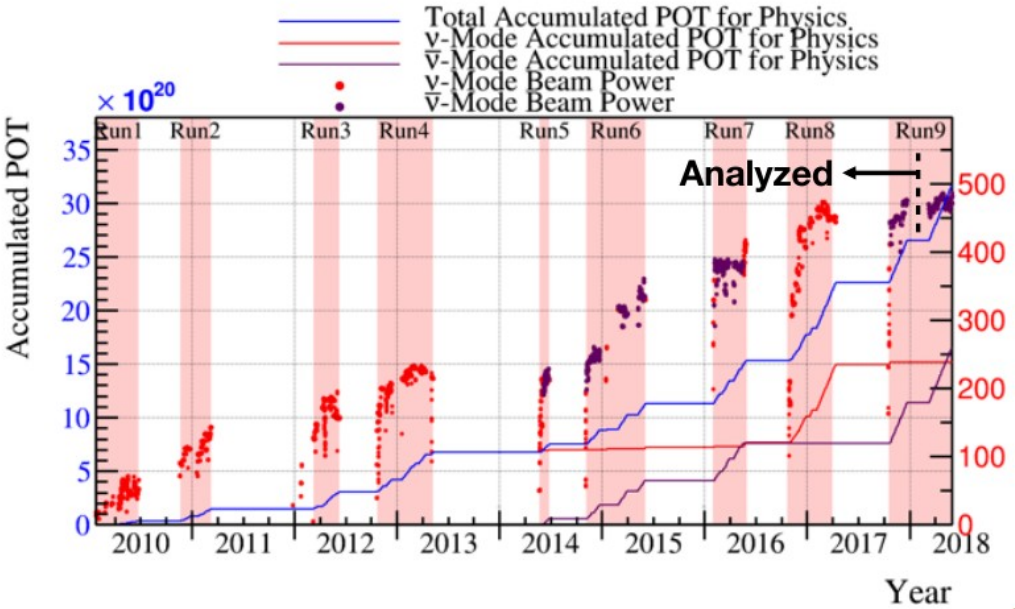
1 EM Shower:
1 Fuzzy Ring

Background



2 EM Showers:
2 or 1 Fuzzy Ring

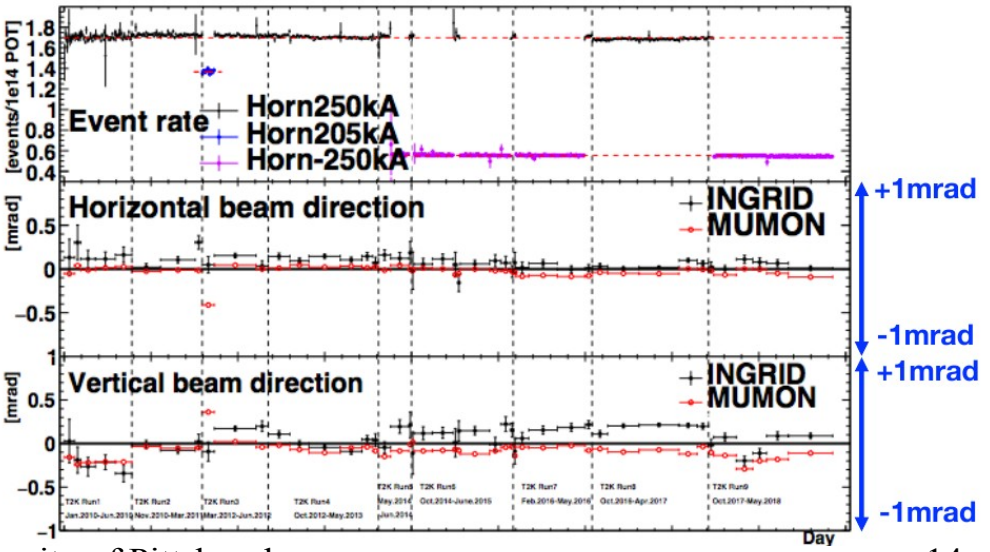
Analyzed Data



Analyzed data (December, 2017)
→ ν-mode: 14.9 ×10^{20} POT
→ $\bar{\nu}$-mode: 11.2 ×10^{20} POT (~50/50)
→ Total: 26.2 ×10^{20} POT
(POT – Protons on Target)

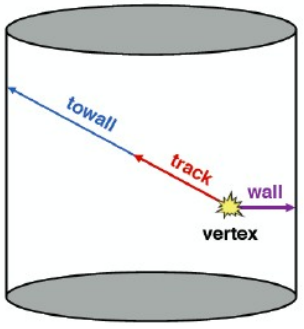
(Total delivered POT to T2K : 3.16 x 10^{21})

Required beam direction stability achieved (< 1mrad)



Far Detector (SK): Event Timing

- T2K beam timing
  - Time window of (−2μs, +10μs)
- Fully Contained (FC) definition
  - No signal in Outer Detector (OD)
- Fiducial volume definition:



Sample	Towall Cut	Wall Cut
CCQE 1-Ring e-like FHC	170 cm	80 cm
CCQE 1-Ring μ-like FHC	250 cm	50 cm
CC1π 1-Ring e-like FHC	270 cm	50 cm
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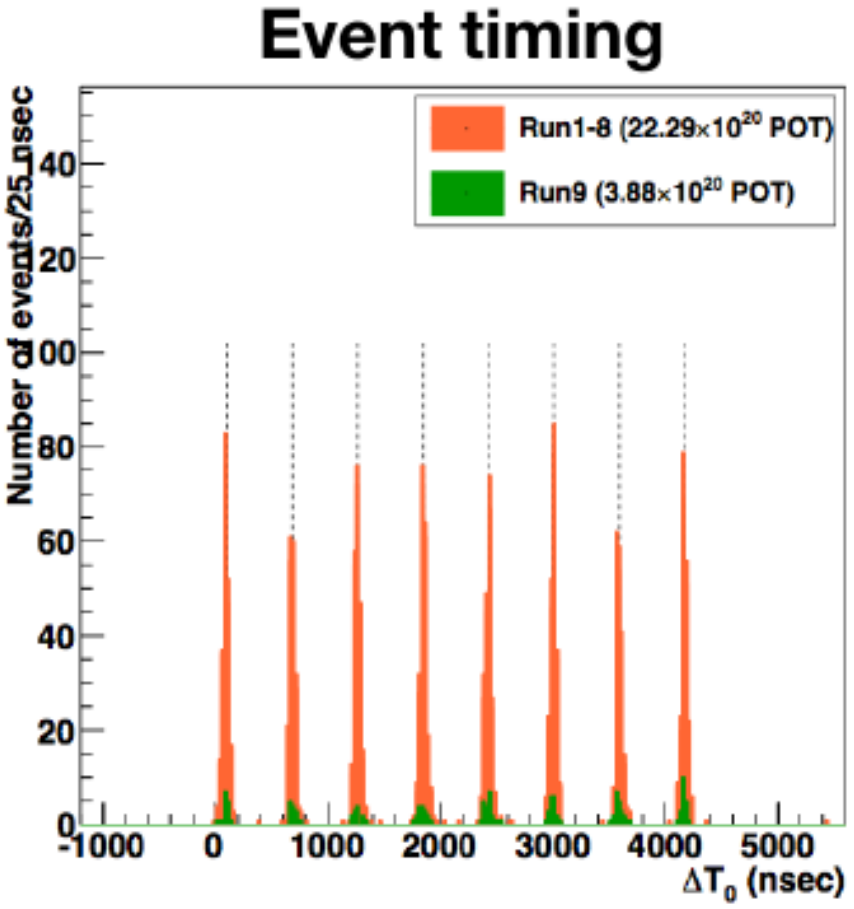
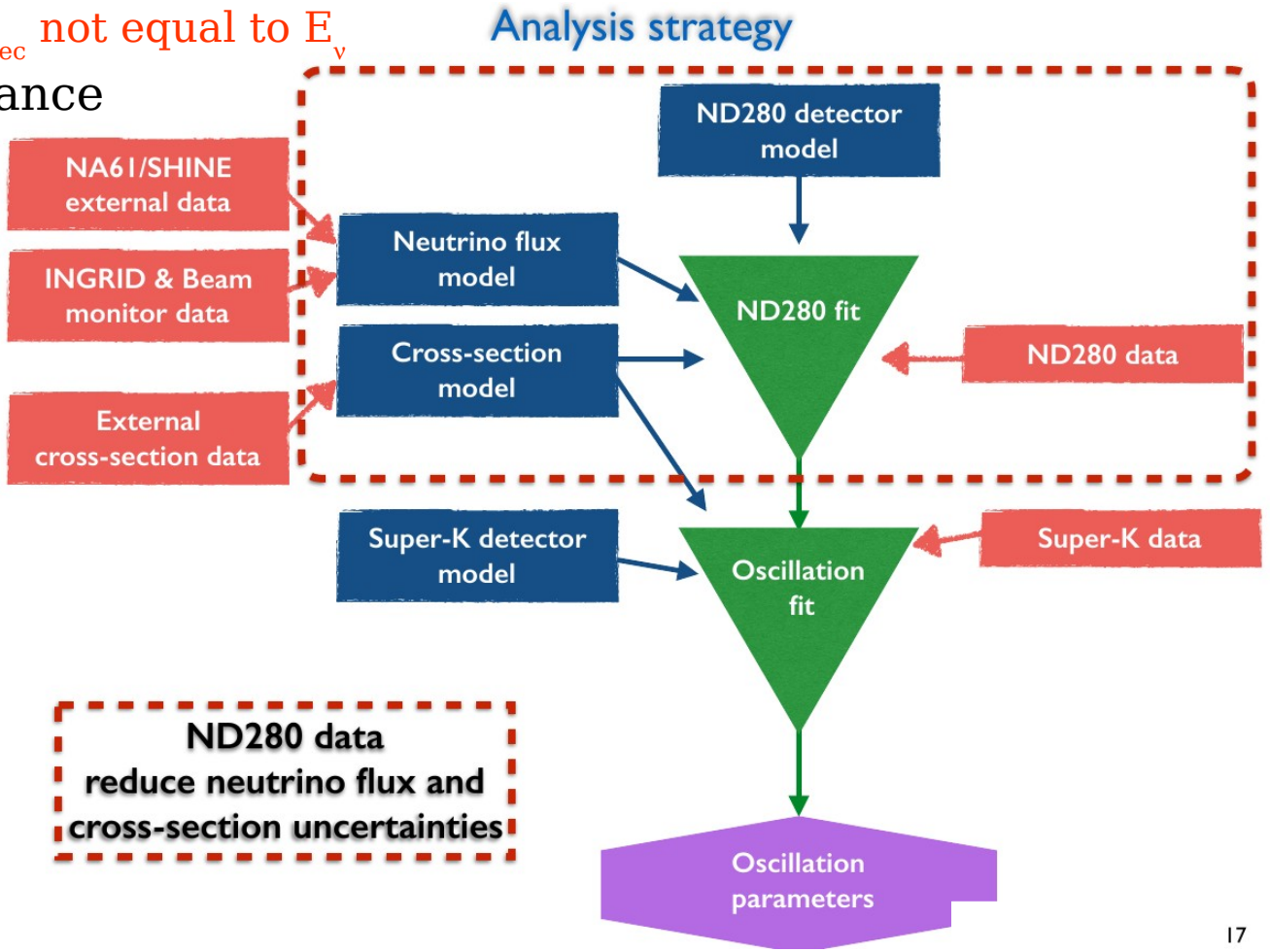


(JPARC: 8 bunches/spill)

Oscillation Parameter Fitting Procedure

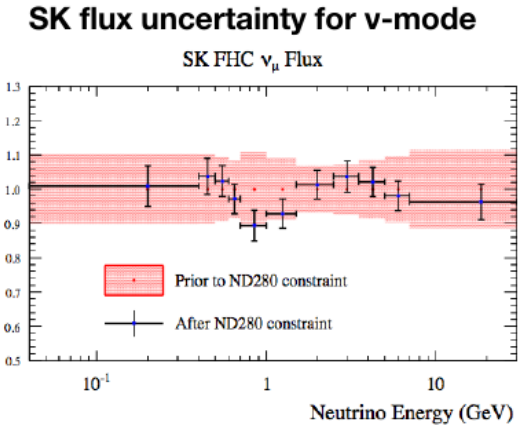
To extract ν oscillation parameters we need to model:

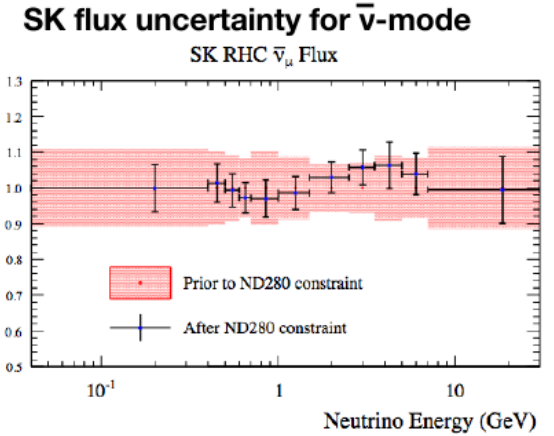
- The neutrino flux
- Neutrino interactions: E_{rec} not equal to E_{ν}
- Understand the performance of the near and far detectors



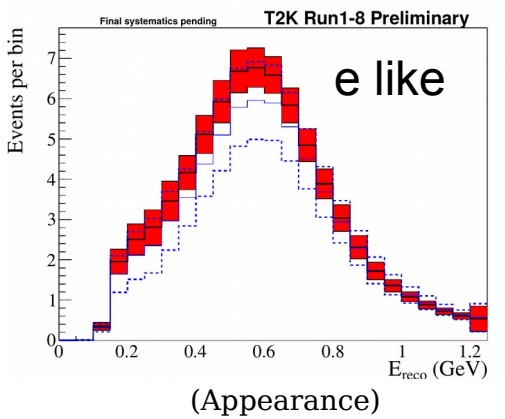
Flux & ν Background Constraints using ND280

- Select charged-current (CC) events in ND280
- Separate into 3 categories (CCQE, CC Resonance, CC DIS)
  - Parameters from simultaneous fit of 3 samples
  - Used for prediction of Super-K neutrino spectrum w/o oscillation



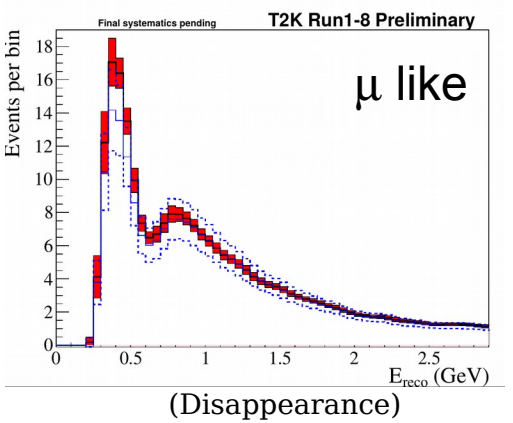


ND280 constraint provides significant reduction of uncertainty at Super-K:
Increases the effectiveness of each proton on target



(Appearance)

	μ-like ν-mode	e-like ν-mode	μ-like $\bar{\nu}$-mode	e-like $\bar{\nu}$-mode
Total Systematics (without ND280)	13.9 %	15.9 %	11.7 %	13.7 %
Total systematics (with ND280)	4.3 %	7.3 %	3.8 %	7.7 %



(Disappearance)

Oscillation Results

Disappearance (anti-)neutrino results…
(Test for CPT Violation or a search for non-standard ν interactions)

$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - (\cos^2\theta_{13}\sin^2 2\theta_{23})\sin^2(\Delta m^2_{32}\frac{L}{4E})$$

Sensitive to:
θ_{23}, $|\Delta m^2_{31}|$ (~$|\Delta m^2_{32}|$)

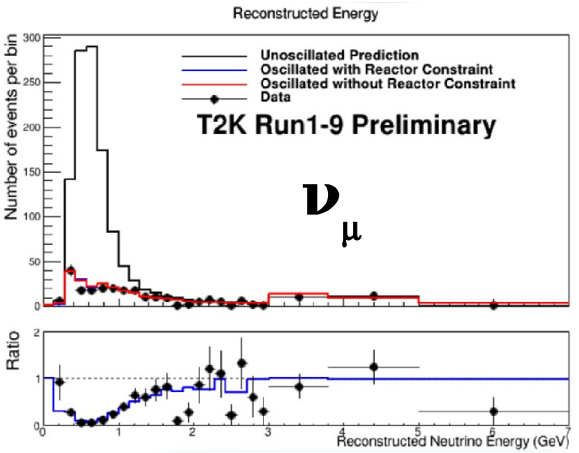
- θ_{23} **Maximal? Octant? (< or > 45^0)**

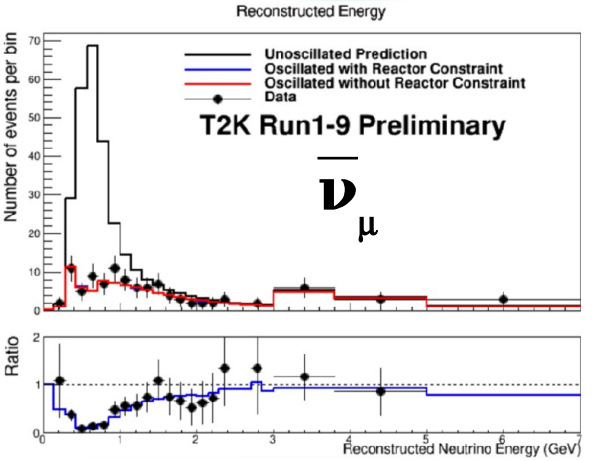
T2K: Disappearance Event Selection

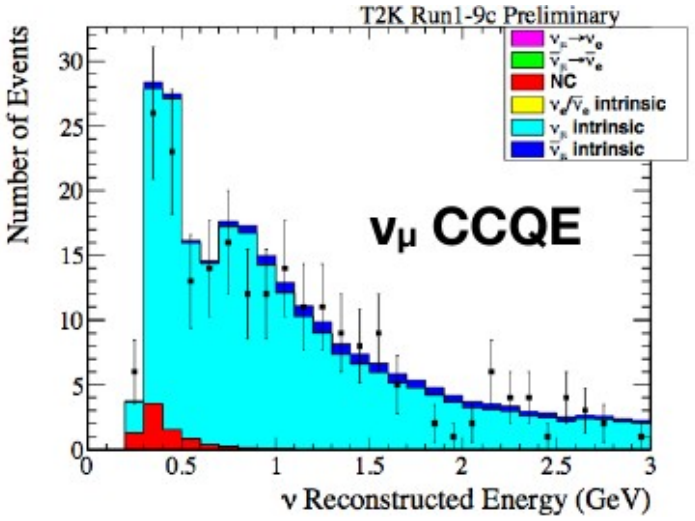
ν_μ ($\bar{\nu}_\mu$) event selection

(Disappearance):

- Fully contained fiducial volume
- Single-ring μ-like event
- $p_\mu > 200$ MeV/c
- # of decay electron ≤ 1

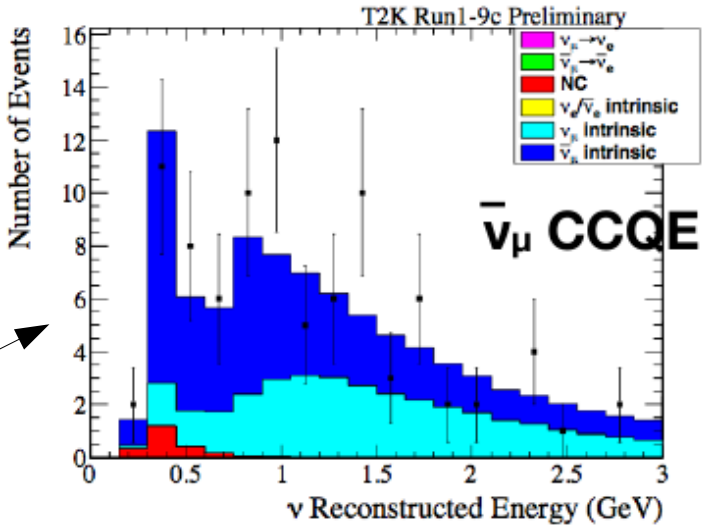






243 events

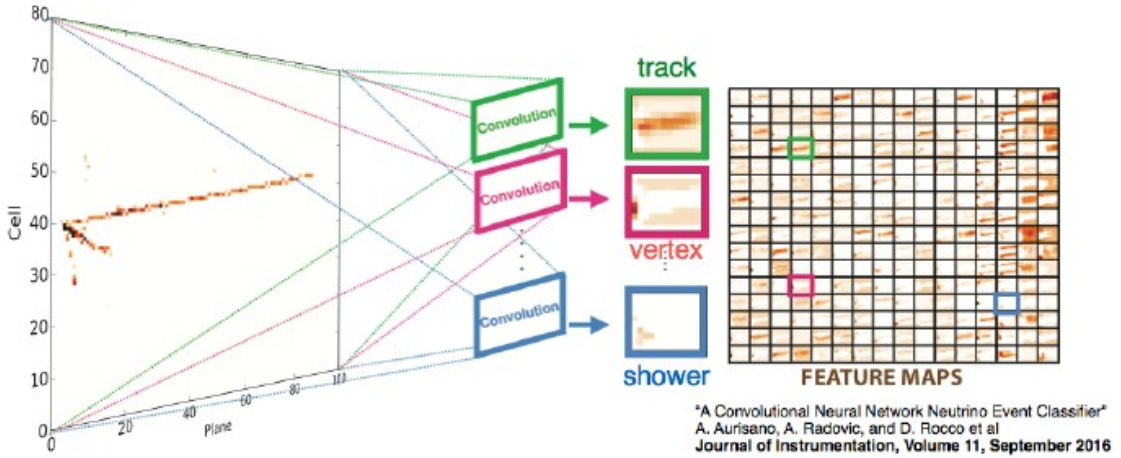
102 events



The NOvA Experiment:

8.9 x 10^{20} POT ν mode
6.9 x 10^{20} POT $\bar{\nu}$ mode

- **US based Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment:**
- FNAL neutrino beam to Ash River, MN (on surface)
  - Off-axis neutrino beam: $<E_\nu>$~2 GeV
    - > 700 kW beam achieved
- Functionally identical near/far detectors (~~T2K~~)
  - Segmented liquid scintillator bars
    - → Different technology than T2K
  - Far: 14 kton total mass (65% active mass)
- Data analysis based on:
  - Event classification with Convolutional Neural Network



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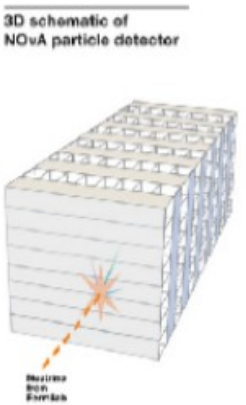

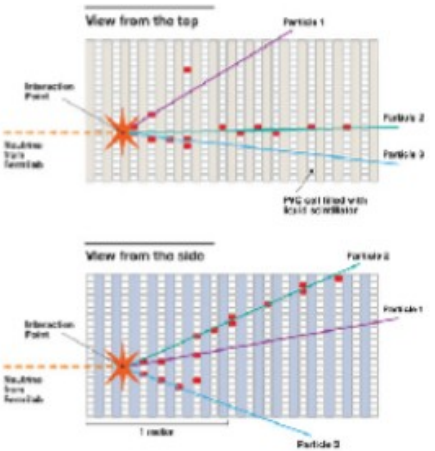

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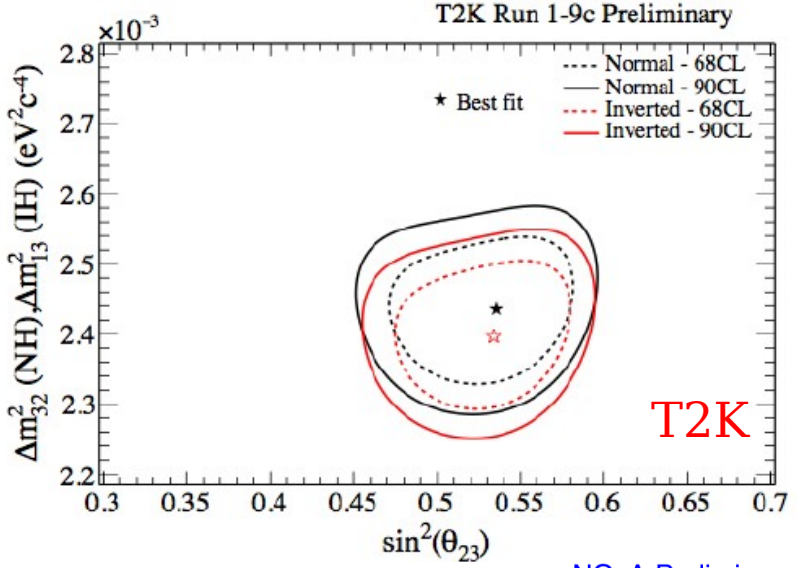
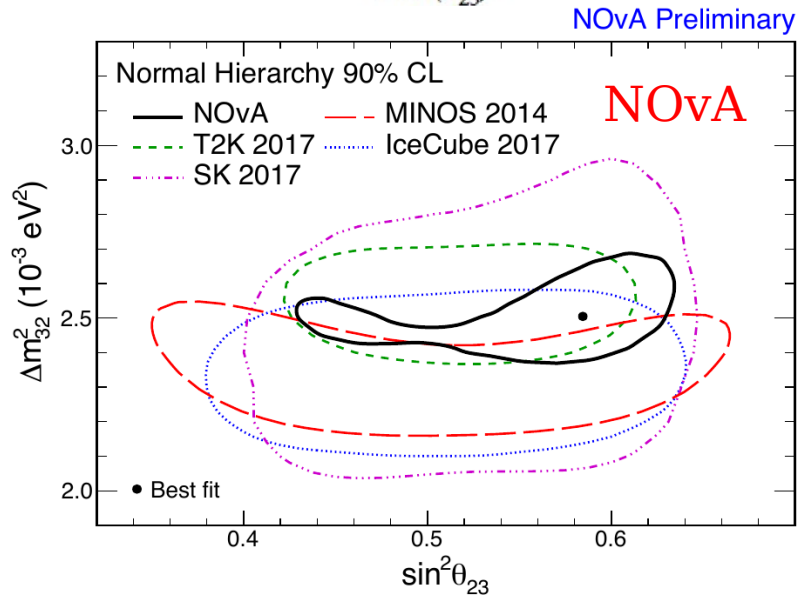


T2K →

	NH	IH
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	$0.536^{+0.031}_{-0.046}$	$0.536^{+0.031}_{-0.041}$
$\lvert\Delta m^2_{32}\rvert$ (eV^2/c^4)	2.434 ± 0.064 x10^{-3}	$2.410^{+0.062}_{-0.063}$ x10^{-3}

→ No obvious diff. between ν and $\bar{\nu}$ observed… And consistent with maximal mixing (Θ_{23}=45°)



NOvA →

→ They observed 113 events in ν (expect 730 +38/-49(syst.) w/o oscillations),

→ 65 events in $\bar{\nu}$ (expect 266 +12/-14(syst.) w/o oscillations).

Best fit:

Normal Ordering

$\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.58 \pm 0.03$

$\Delta m^2_{32} = (2.51^{+0.12}_{-.08}) \cdot 10^{-3}$ eV^2

→ Prefer non-maximal θ_{23} at 1.8σ

Oscillation Results

Appearance (anti-)neutrino results…

$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) \approx \sin^2\theta_{23}\sin^2 2\theta_{13}\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{32}L}{4E_\nu}\right)\left(1+\frac{2a}{\Delta m^2_{31}}\left(1-2\sin^2\theta_{13}\right)\right)$$

$$-\sin 2\theta_{12}\sin 2\theta_{23}\sin 2\theta_{13}\cos\theta_{13}\sin\delta\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{32}L}{4E_\nu}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{21}L}{4E_\nu}\right)$$

[($P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_e)$ δ turns into – δ and a to -a ("a" matter effect term)]

Sensitive to:
θ_{13}, δ_{CP}, θ_{23}, Δm^2_{31}

We measure "P" → Degeneracies…

- **CP-Violating Phase: δ**

T2K: Appearance Event Selection

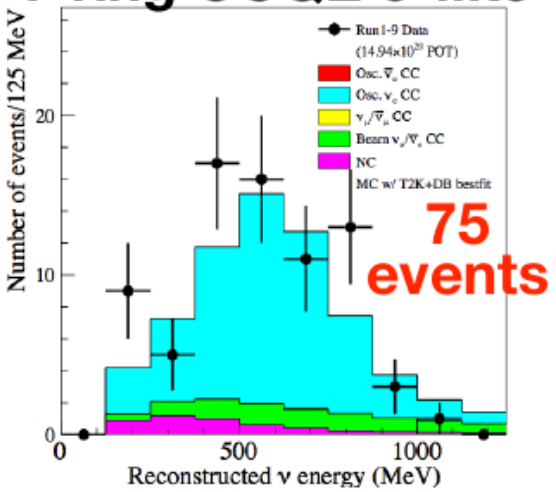
ν_e ($\bar{\nu}_e$)event selection (Appearance):

- Fully contained fiducial volume
- Single-ring e-like event
- Evisible > 100 MeV, Erec < 1250 MeV
- # of decay electron = 0
- π^0 rejection cut

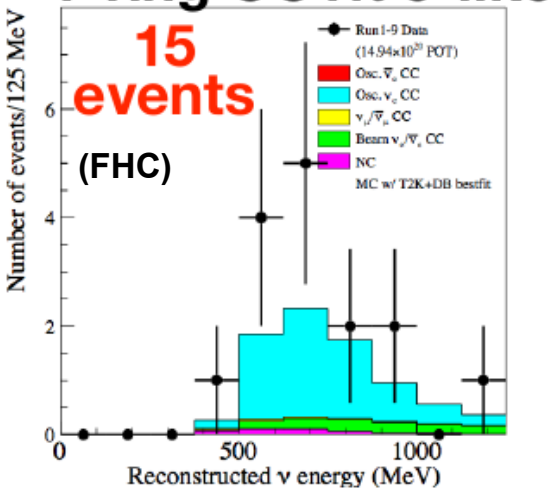
ν_e CCQE	75
$\bar{\nu}_e$ CCQE	9
ν_e CC1π	15

FHC

1-ring CCQE e-like



1-ring CC1π e-like



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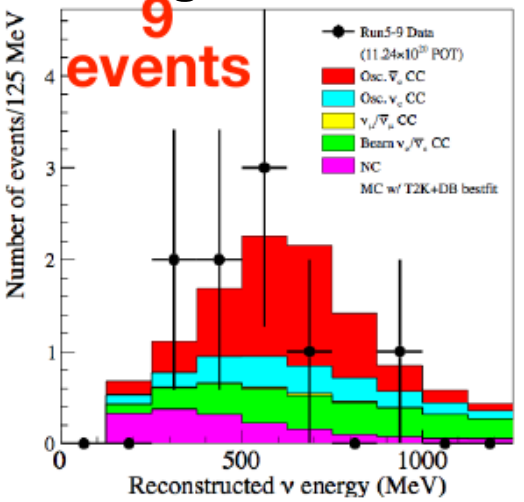
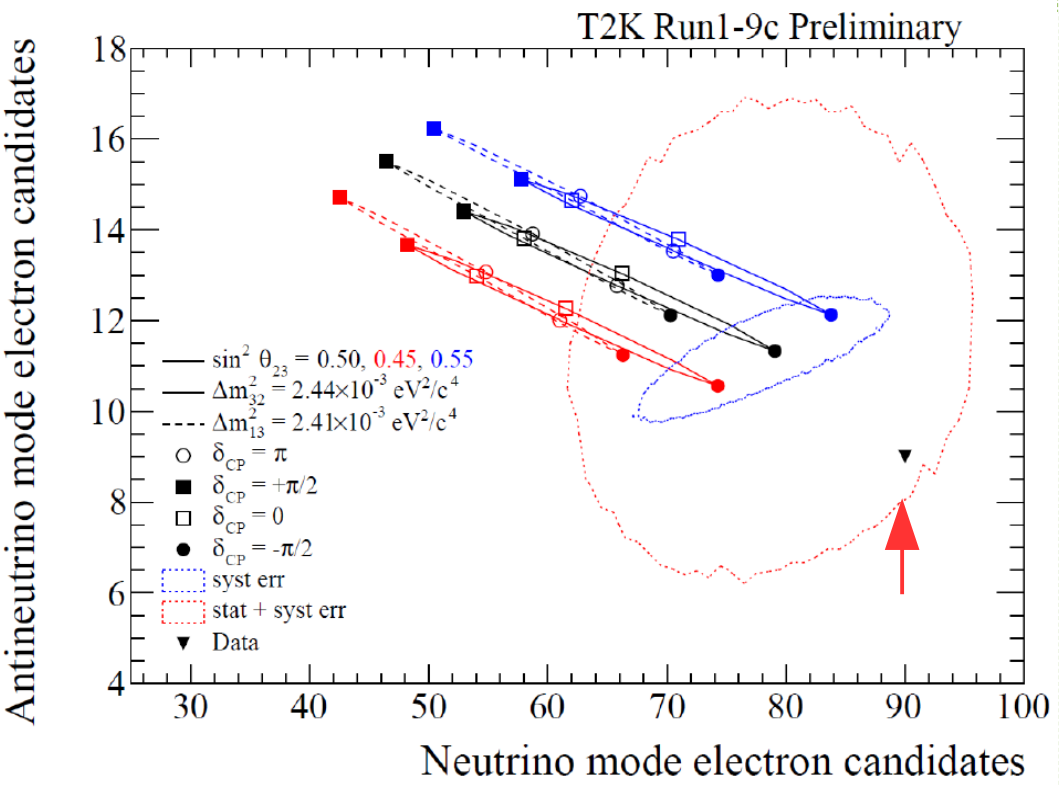
1-ring CCQE e-like



Oscillation probabilities as a function of parameters

For T2K:

- $\theta_{23} \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance probabilities are affected in the same way
- $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2 \rightarrow$ maximize ν_e appearance, minimize $\bar{\nu}_e$ (~30%)
- $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2 \rightarrow$ maximize $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance, minimize ν_e (~30%)
- Normal hierarchy → same as $\delta_{CP}=-\pi/2$ but smaller effect in T2K (~10%)
- Inverted hierarchy → same as $\delta_{CP}=\pi/2$ but smaller effect in T2K (~10%)



(Errors shown for the case of $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ and $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.5$, NO, w/reactor constraint)

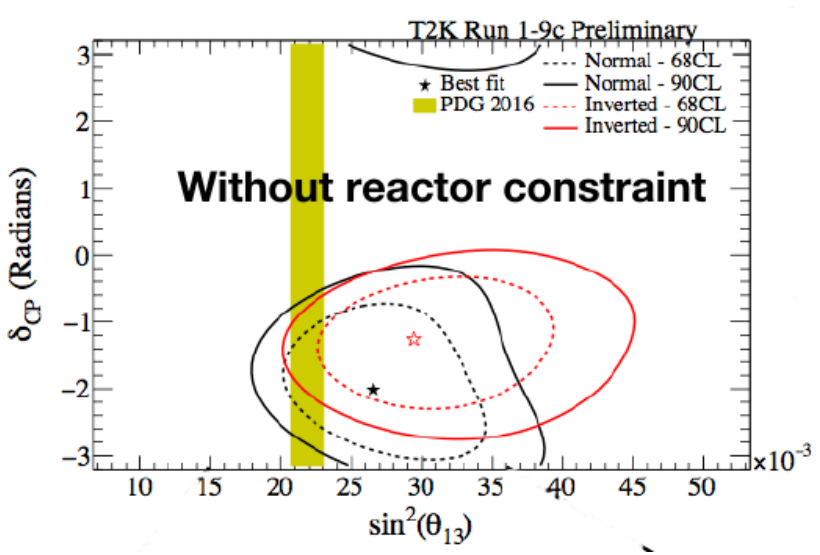
Expected # of events($\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$):

Sample	Predicted rates				Observed rates
	δ=0	δ=π/2	δ=π	δ=-π/2	
ν-mode CCQE 1-ring μ-like	268.2	268.5	268.9	268.5	243
ν-mode CCQE 1-ring e-like	61.6	50.1	62.2	73.8	75
ν-mode CC1π 1-ring e-like	6.0	4.9	5.8	6.9	15
$\bar{\nu}$-mode CCQE 1-ring μ-like	95.3	95.5	95.8	95.5	102
$\bar{\nu}$-mode CCQE 1-ring e-like	13.4	14.9	13.3	11.8	9

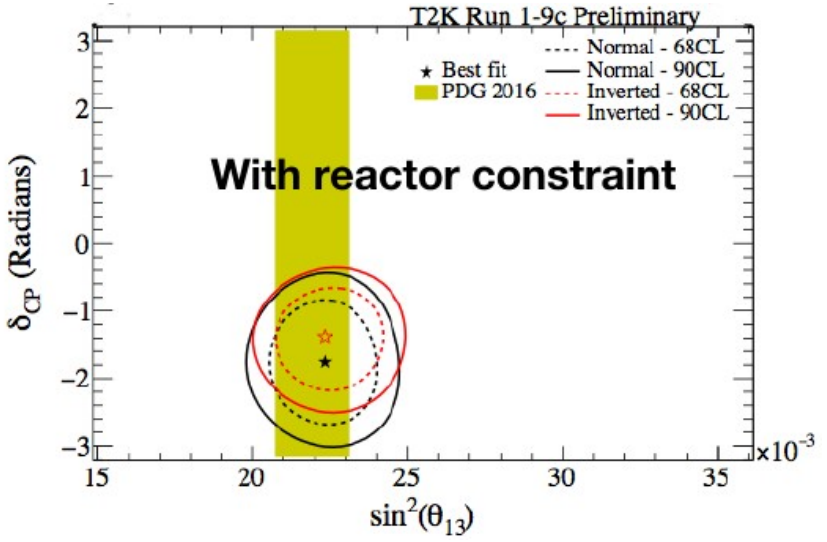
- Preference for δ_{CP}=-π/2 → maximize ν_e appearance probability, minimize $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance
  - Larger effect in e-like+1π (2.5% probability of observing 15 events when 6.9 are expected)
  - For $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance background level is ~6.3 events → No strong statistical conclusion
- In ν-mode deficit of μ-like events → compatible with our systematic uncertainties model

Joint Fits ($\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$): δ_{CP} *vs* Θ_{13}

T2K-Only



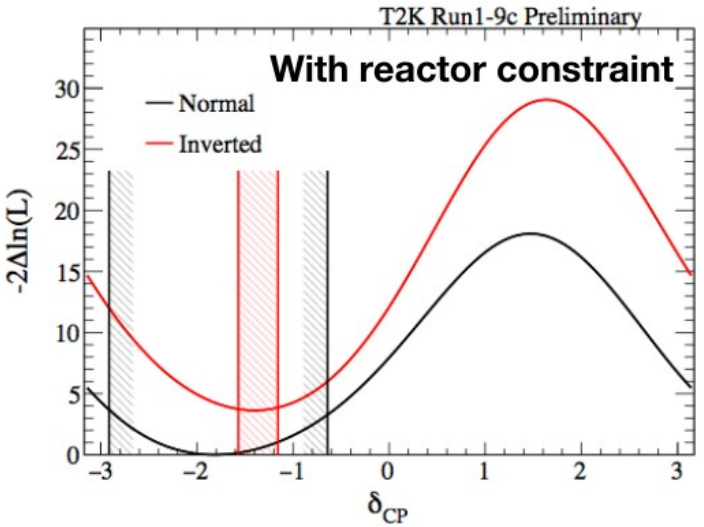
T2K Result with Reactor Constraint



- T2K results consistent with reactor results
- Data prefer maximal CPV: **δ_{CP}=-π/2**
  - With reactor constraints: stronger preference for values of δ_{CP} ~ -π/2
  - Even though statistics are small $\bar{\nu}_e$ results reinforce maximal CPV observed for ν_e data

Joint Fits ($\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$): δ_{CP} Measurement

T2K:



- **NO : [-2.914, -0.642]**
- **IO : [-1.569, -1.158]**

- 2σ interval calculated with Feldman&Cousins method
- CP conserving values (0, ±π) outside of 2σ region for both mass orderings

δ_{CP}: NOvA Recent Results

M. Sanchez @Neutrino2018

NOvA Observes:
58 (expected bkg 15) events in ν
18 (expected bkg 5.3) events in $\bar{\nu}$:
> 4 σ evidence of $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance

Best fit: Normal Ordering
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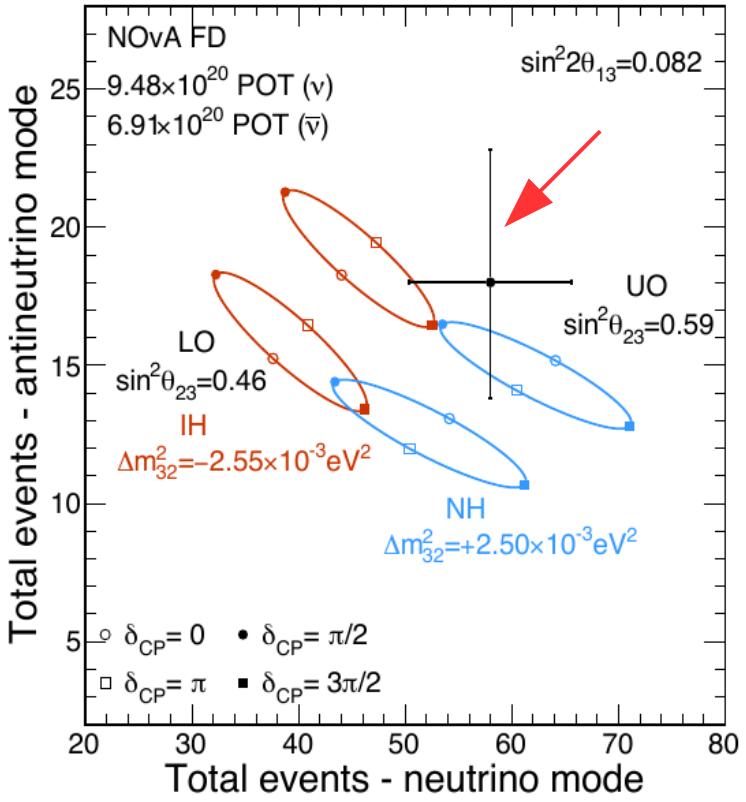
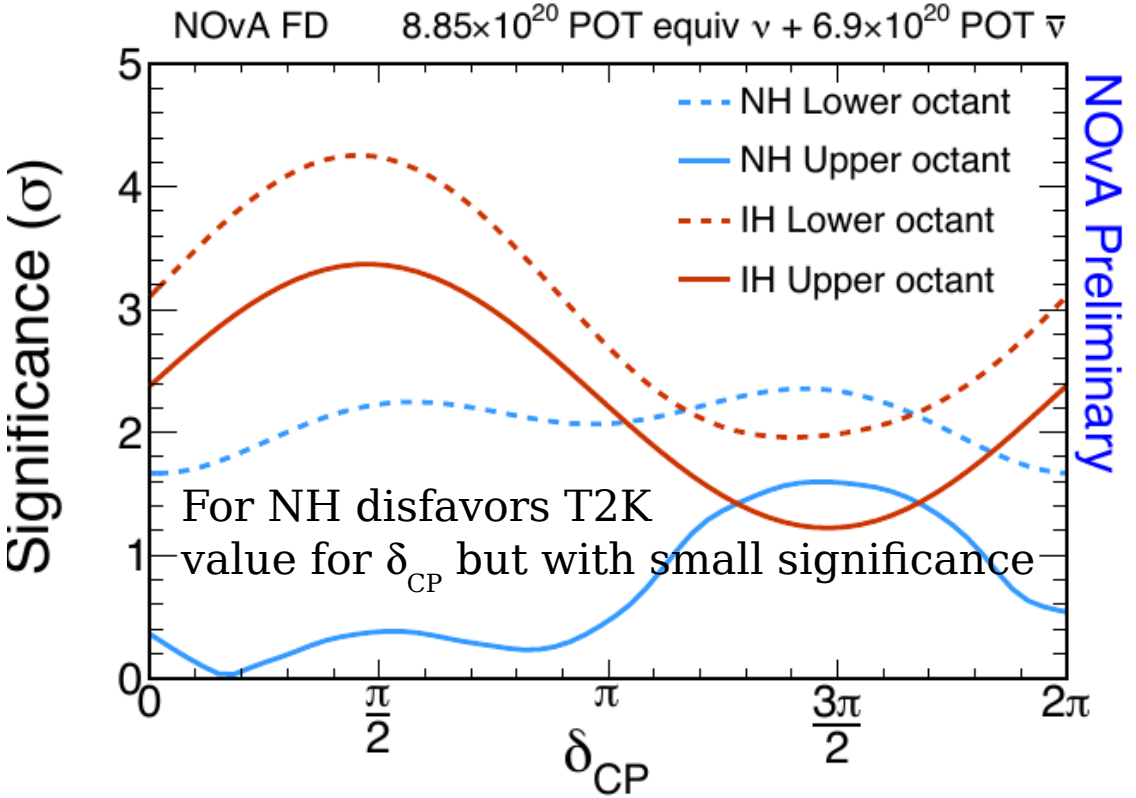




T2K and NOνA Comparisons

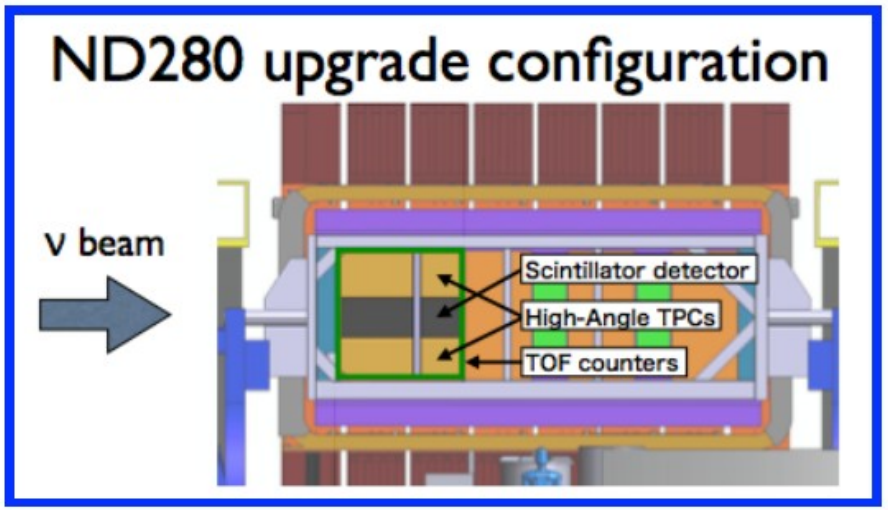
- Both T2K and NOνA are studying the same physics
  - However they are using different detection technologies
    - This is a good thing

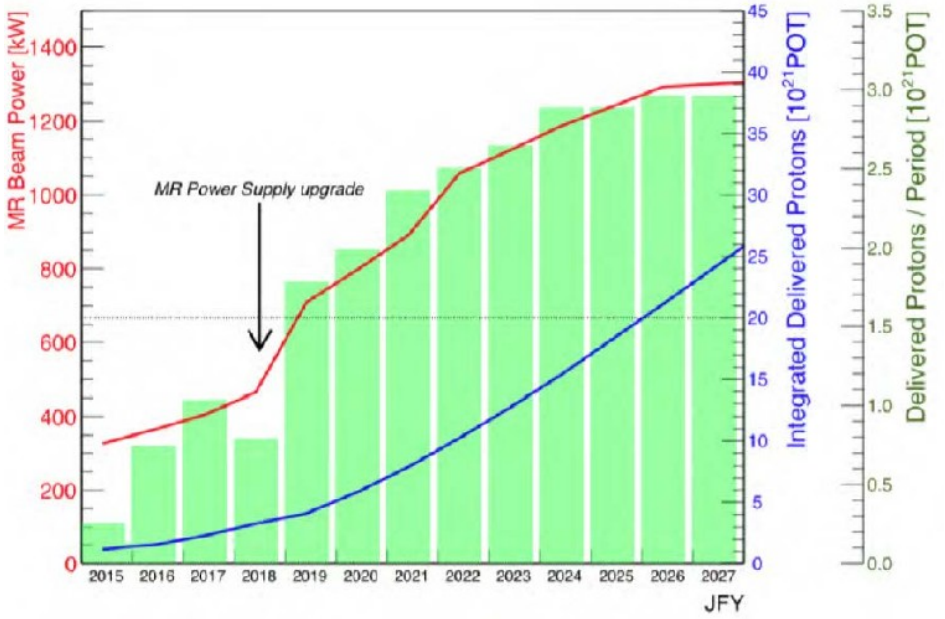
- As mentioned both measure $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ and $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$ but…
  - In the PMNS framework these are functions of several parameters
    - *i.e.* Baseline for NOνA is 810km and 295km for T2K
      - Longer baselines have greater sensitivity to the Mass Ordering

- The joint measurements of T2K and NOνA important in untangling the physics parameters embedded in $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ and $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$, specifically δ_{CP}
  - Preparing for a joint working group: Three workshops already held.

T2K Future

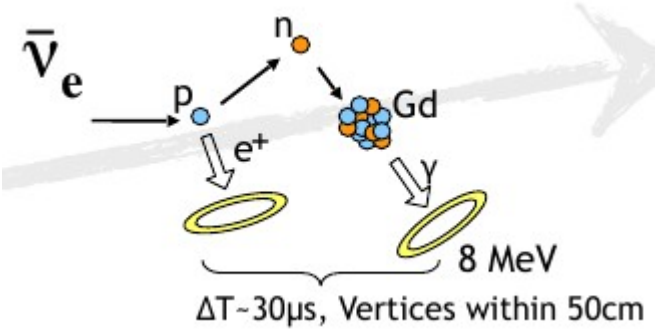
- JPARC expected to deliver higher power beam in the future
- T2K-II (run extension)
- Upgrade plans:
  - Near detector





→ T2K phase 2 goal: reduce systematics to ~4%

- Far detector (add Gd to SK)
  - Enhance neutron detection capability
  - Improved low energy $\bar{\nu}$ detection

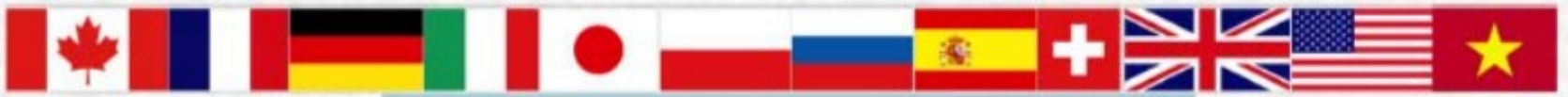


Summary and Outlook

- T2K has accumulated a total of 3.16×10^{21} POT (~50/50 ν and $\bar{\nu}$ modes) (~40% of T2K's approved POT – Full amount expected by 2020-21)
- Joint analysis across all modes of oscillation $\nu_{\mu,e}/\bar{\nu}_{\mu,e}$ disappearance, appearance
  - Constraints from near detector (ND280) measurements incorporated
  - These data show a preference for maximal θ_{23} mixing, δ_{CP} ~$-\pi/2$ and NH
    - Manifested by "maximal" $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance, "large" ν_e appearance, "small" $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance
- Stable beam power @485 kW achieved this year
  - Approved upgrades for >750 kW operation
  - A proposed extension of T2K(T2K II). In 2016 Stage I approval:
    - Accelerator and beam line upgrades to improve beam power to 1.3 MW
      - Allowing 20×10^{21} POT to be accumulated by ~2026
    - Primary goals are >3σ sensitivity to CPV and < 2° resolution on Θ_{23}
- Healthy competition and complementarity between T2K and NOνA
  - Joint analysis plans in the works

→ Stay Tuned: More oscillation results to come…

The T2K Collaboration



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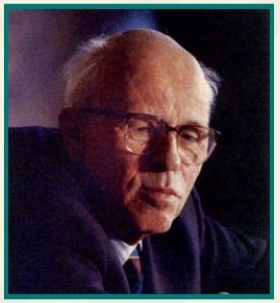
Backup Slides

Motivation

The Sakharov Conditions

Antimatter → Matter if:

(1) Baryon number violation
(baryon # asymmetry)
(2) Matter-antimatter asymmetry
(CP Violation)
(3) Departure from thermal equilibrium
(preferential reaction direction)



A.D. Sakharov
1975 Nobel Peace Winner

[Sakharov, JETP Lett 5, 24 (1967)]

Particle Physics Astrophysics & Cosmology

Must Understand CP Violation

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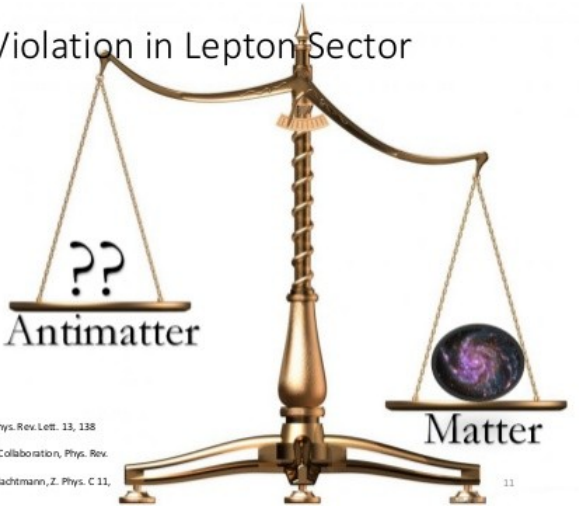
Discovery of CP Violation in Lepton Sector Critical

- Current evidence of CP violation confined to the quark sector.
  - Kaons and B-Mesons[1,2]
- Need additional CP violation sector to account for observed matter-antimatter asymmetry[3]



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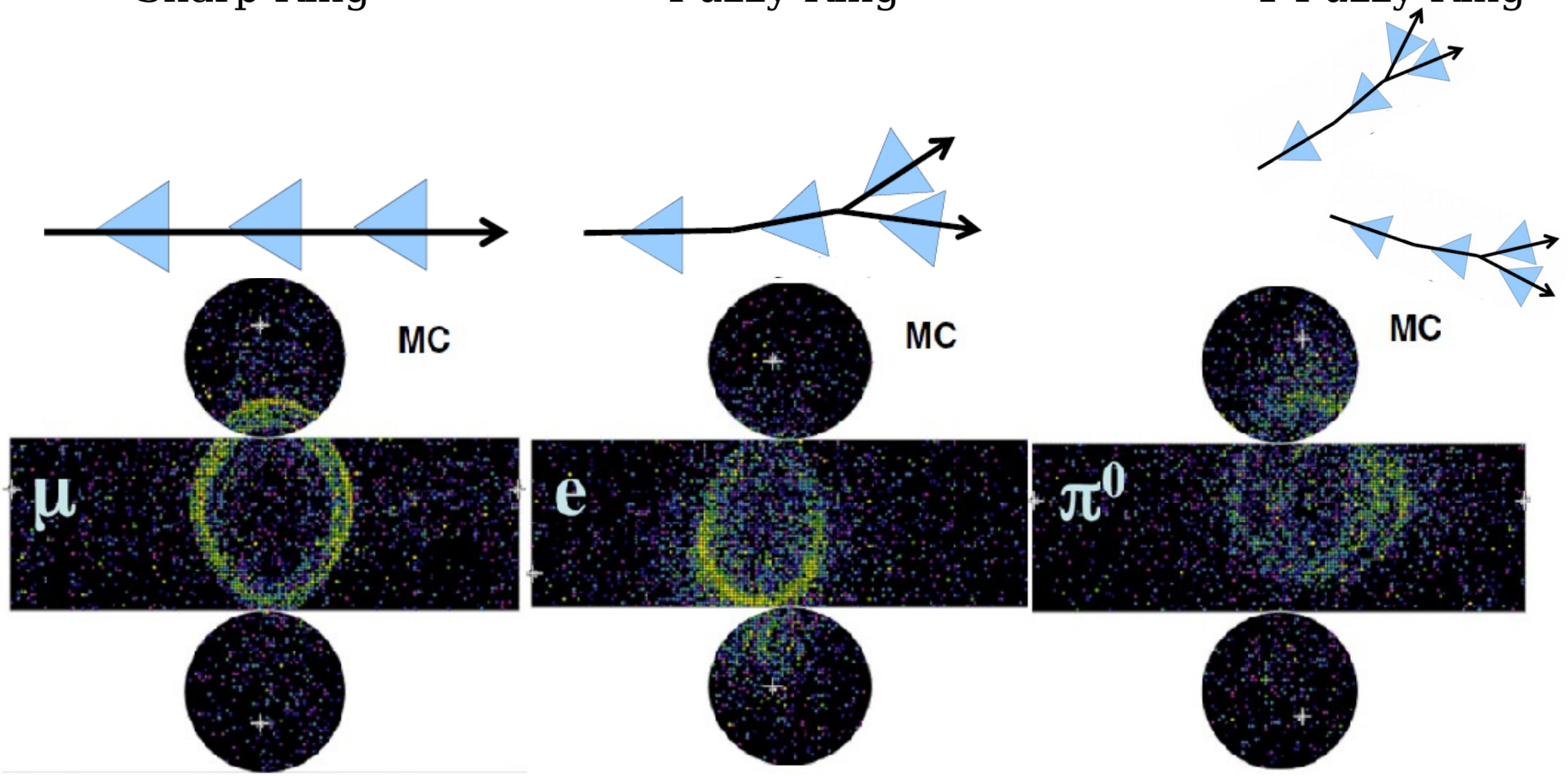
Far Detector: Particle ID

MS Small:
Sharp Ring

EM Shower:
Fuzzy Ring

2 EM Showers:
> 1 Fuzzy Ring



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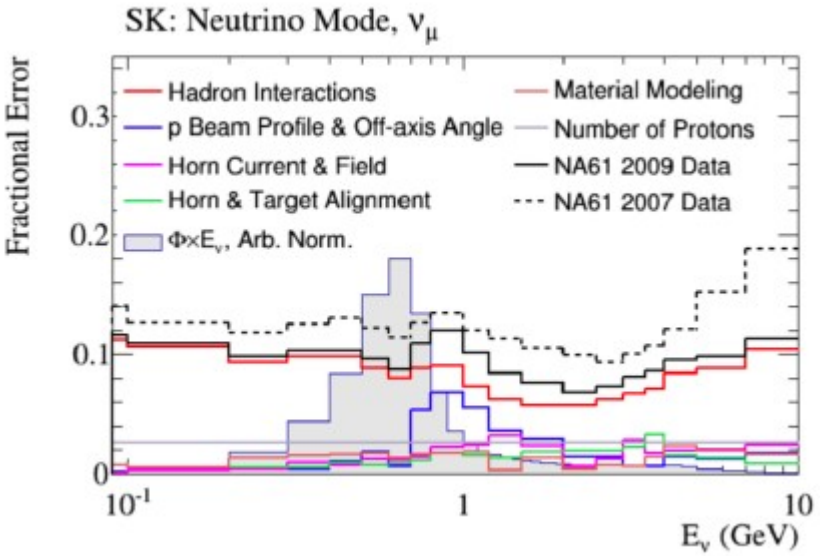
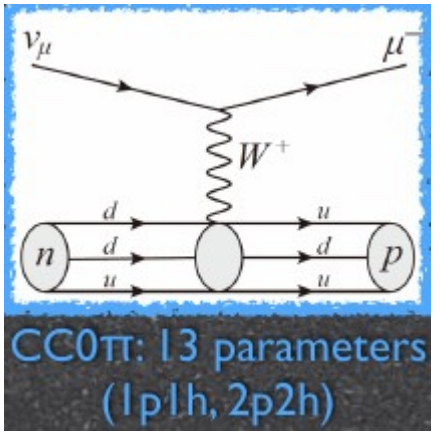
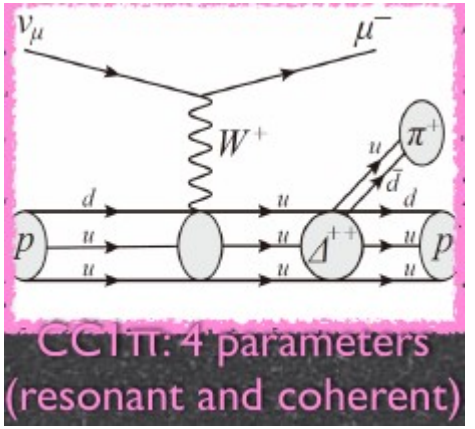
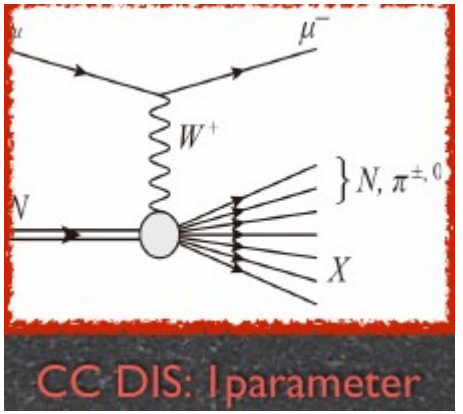
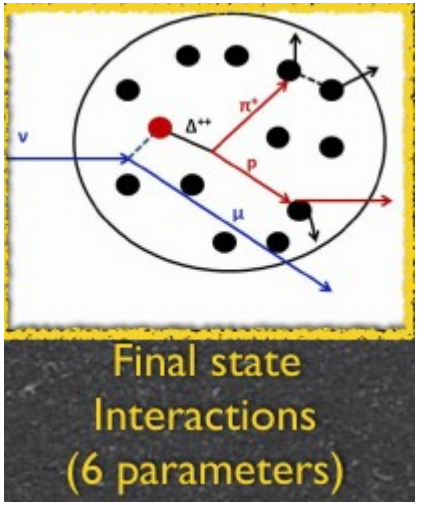




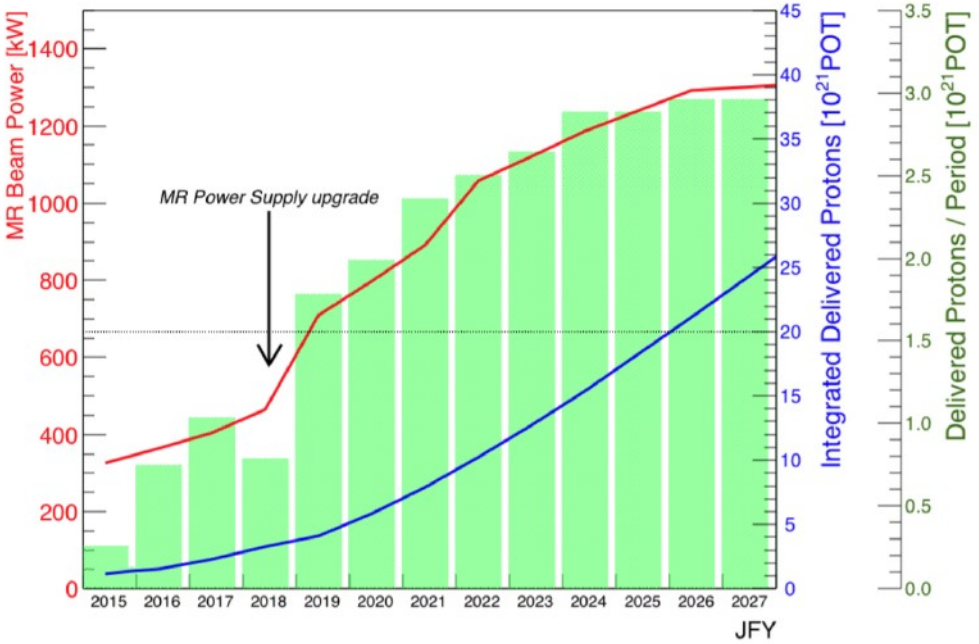




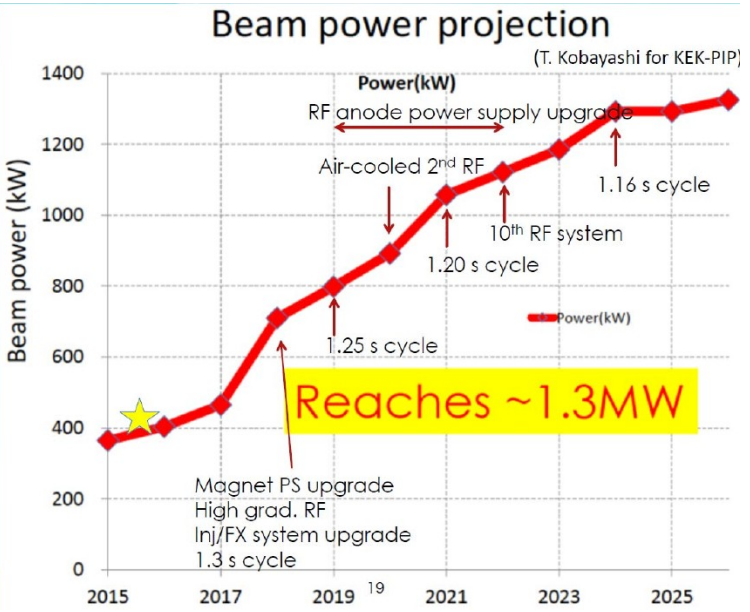


- Combined flux and cross section systematic uncertainties produce ~15% systematic errors in T2K's oscillation analyses.

Future Prospects: T2K II



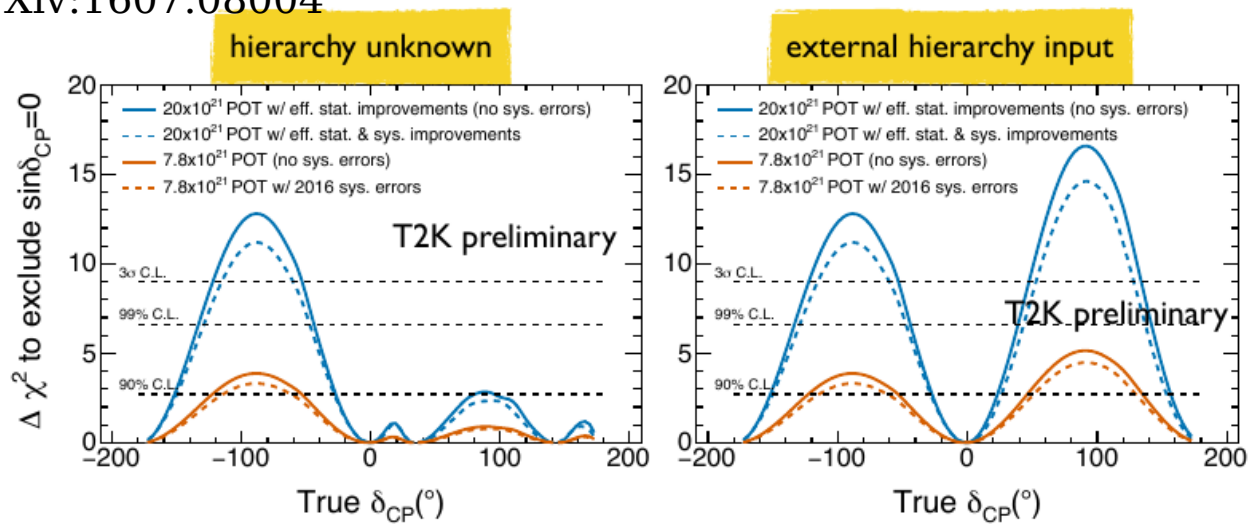
J-PARC Intensity Upgrade Plan:

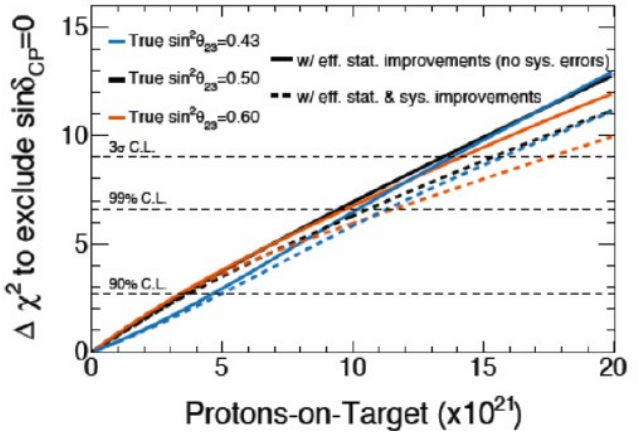


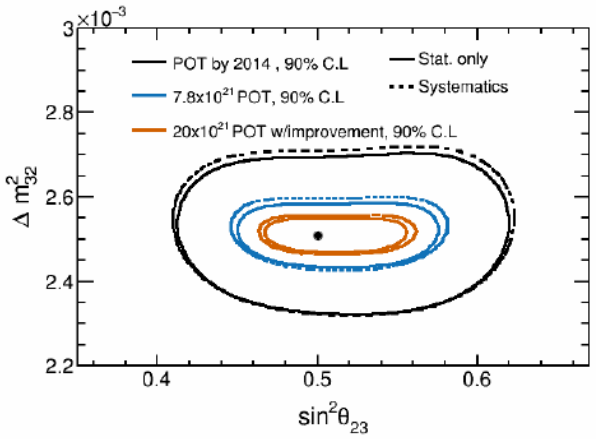
- Presently T2K approved for 7.8×10^{21} POT
  - Projected to reach around 2020
- 1st stage of J-PARC main ring power supply upgrade approved
  - Major step in achieving > 1 MW beam power (currently 420 kW)
- T2K-II extends T2K accumulated POT to 20×10^{21} POT
  - With further accelerator and beam-line upgrades expect 1.3 MW
  - Goal could be reached in 2026

T2K II Sensitivity

arXiv:1607.08004







Goals:

- ~3σ sensitivity to CP violation for favorable (and currently favored) parameters
- Precise measurement of θ_{23}:
  - Octant resolution if θ_{23} at the edge of currently allowed region
  - Otherwise measure θ_{23} with a resolution of 1.7° or better

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