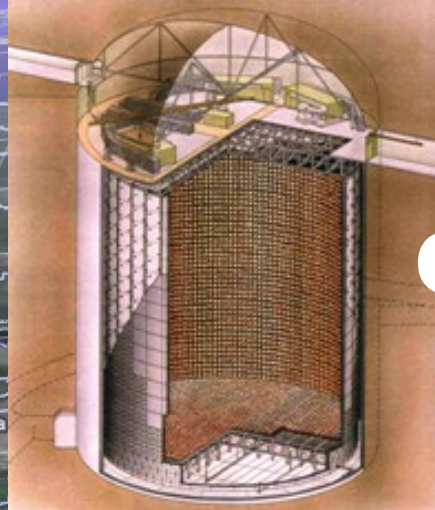


# New Results From The T2K Neutrino Oscillation Experiment



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# Neutrino Flavour Oscillation

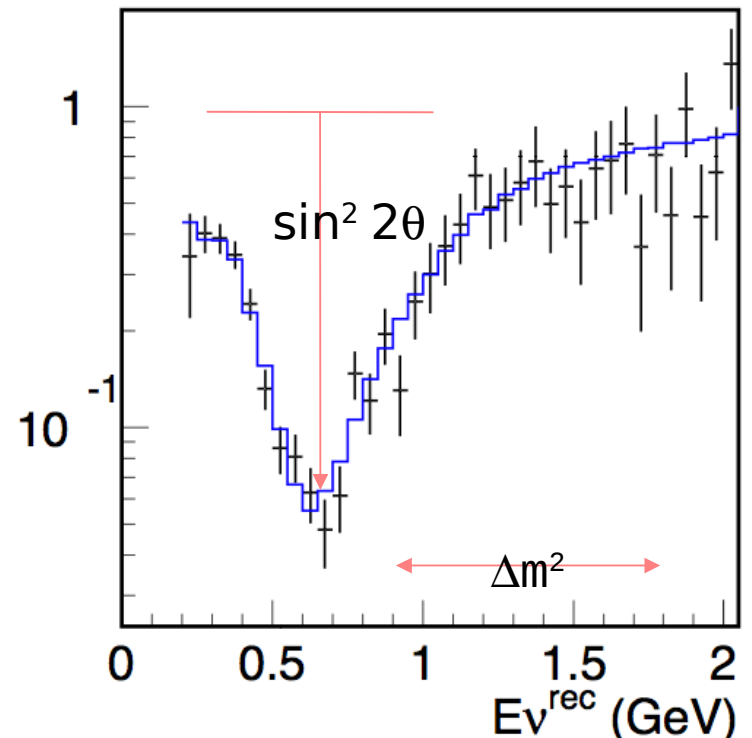
Because a flavour eigenstate produced by a weak interaction is a mix of mass eigenstates which, if  $m_1 \neq m_2$ , propagate with different kinematics, oscillation can occur.

$$|\nu(t=0)\rangle = |\nu_\mu\rangle = \cos\theta |\nu_1\rangle + \sin\theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

$$|\nu(t)\rangle = e^{i\sqrt{p^2+m_1^2}t} \cos\theta |\nu_1\rangle + e^{i\sqrt{p^2+m_2^2}t} \sin\theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

$$\text{Prob}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E}\right)$$

Units: [L] = km; [E] = GeV;  
 $\Delta m^2 = [\text{eV}^2]$





# Three Flavour Neutrino Mixing

3x3 unitary matrix relating mass eigenstates to flavour eigenstates can be parametrized by four angles

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}}$$

Measured with  
atm and LBL  $\nu$

$$\theta_{23} \approx \pi/4$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & e^{i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{-i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}}$$

Measured with reactor  
and LBL  $\nu$

$$\theta_{13} \approx \pi/20$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Measured with  
solar, reactor  $\nu$

$$\theta_{12} \approx \pi/6$$

Compare to identical parameterization of CKM matrix ...

$$\theta_{23} \approx \pi/76$$

$$\theta_{13} \approx \pi/870$$

$$\theta_{12} \approx \pi/14$$

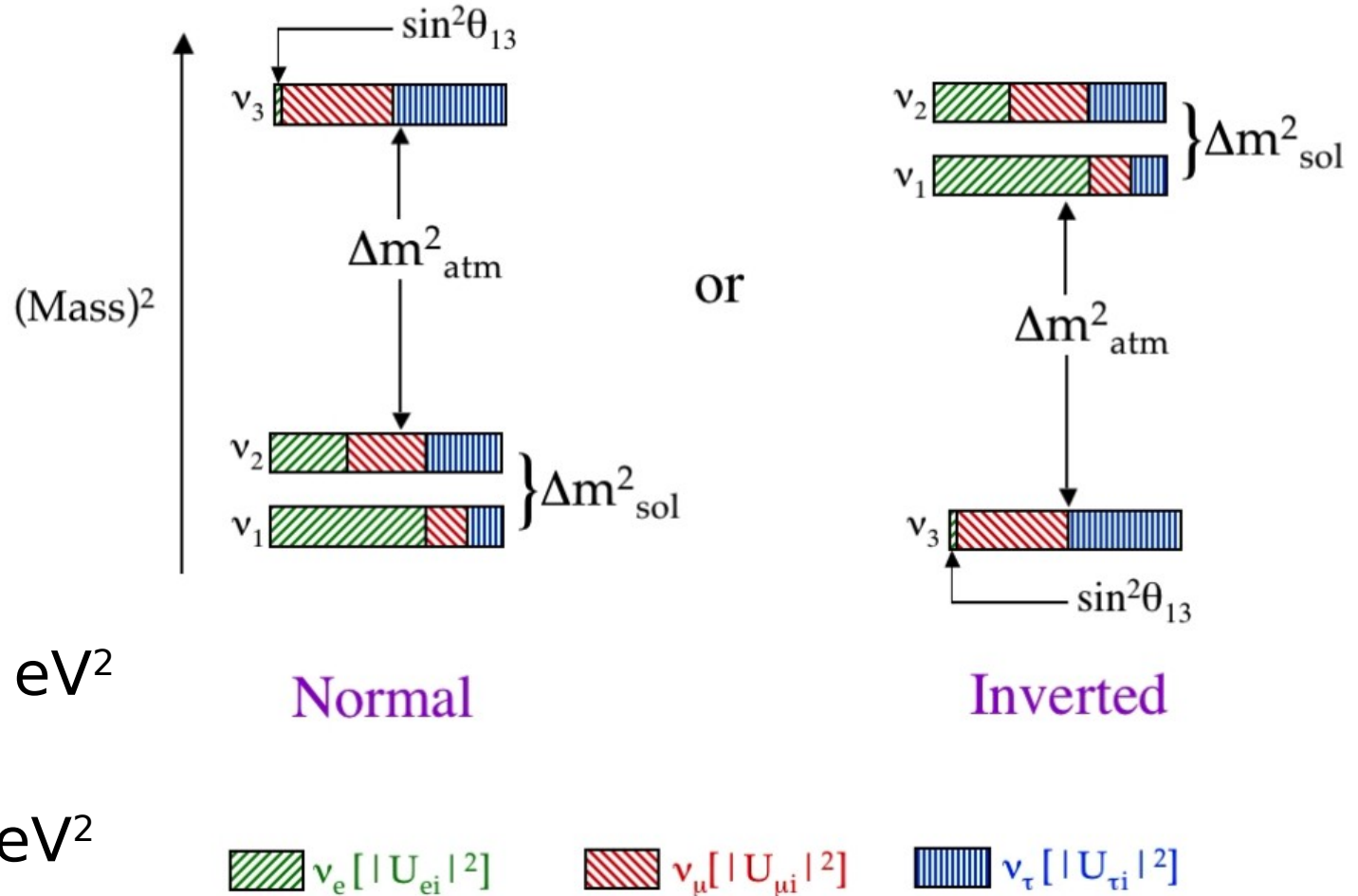
# Mass Hierarchy

Currently unknown:

- $\delta_{CP}$
- sign of the mass hierarchy

$$\Delta m_{atm}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{sol}^2 = 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$



# $\theta_{13}$ and $\nu_e$ Appearance

The observed oscillations of atmospheric and long-baseline  $\nu$ 's seem to be  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ . What about  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ ?

For oscillations involving  $\nu_2$  and  $\nu_3$  (atmospheric, long baseline), the limiting factor for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  is how much  $\nu_3$  couples to electrons in CC weak interactions. To first order, in the absence of matter and CP effects, at oscillation maximum this probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) &\approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \\ &\approx 1/2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \end{aligned}$$

**Observing this is the main goal of T2K.**

# CP Violation and $\nu_e$ Appearance

CP symmetry requires

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$$

For  $\nu_e$  appearance at  $\Delta m_{32}^2$ :

$$\frac{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin \delta_{\text{CP}}}{4E_\nu \sin \theta_{13}} \quad \text{modulo matter effect corrections (small at T2K)}$$

Only  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$  now unknown---this could be a big asymmetry!

Our universe is made of matter but not anti-matter.

CP violation is a requirement for producing a cosmological asymmetry.

*Regular quark CP violation not enough---is this the missing piece?*

# Notable recent $\theta_{13}$ measurements

T2K (June 2011):  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.11 \pm 0.044$  ( $2.5\sigma$  excess, assuming  $\delta_{CP}=0$ , normal hierarchy. PRL 107, 041801)

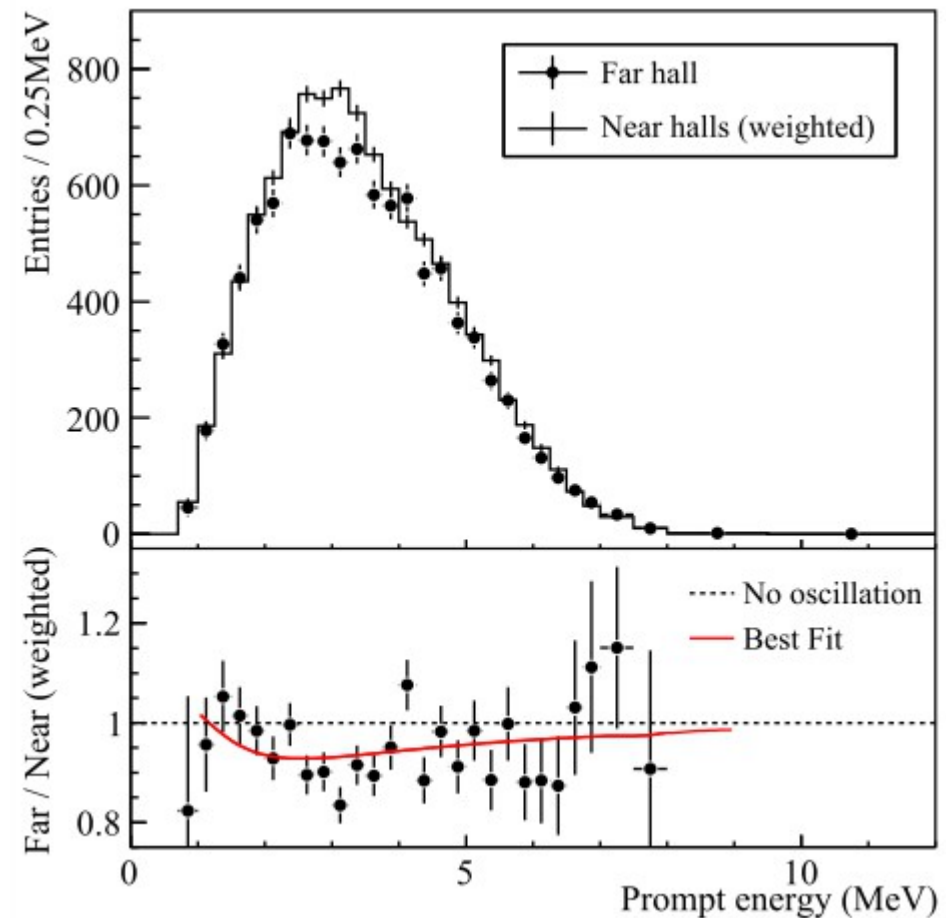
Daya Bay reactor experiment (arXiv:1203.1669, March 2012):

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.092 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.005$   
( $5.2\sigma$  deficit)  
Updated:  $0.089 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.005$

RENO reactor experiment (arXiv:1204.0626, April 2012):

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.019$   
( $4.9\sigma$  deficit)

*Daya Bay disappearance effect*





# JAPAN PROTON ACCELERATOR RESEARCH COMPLEX (J-PARC):

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Tokai, Japan

30 GeV proton synchrotron

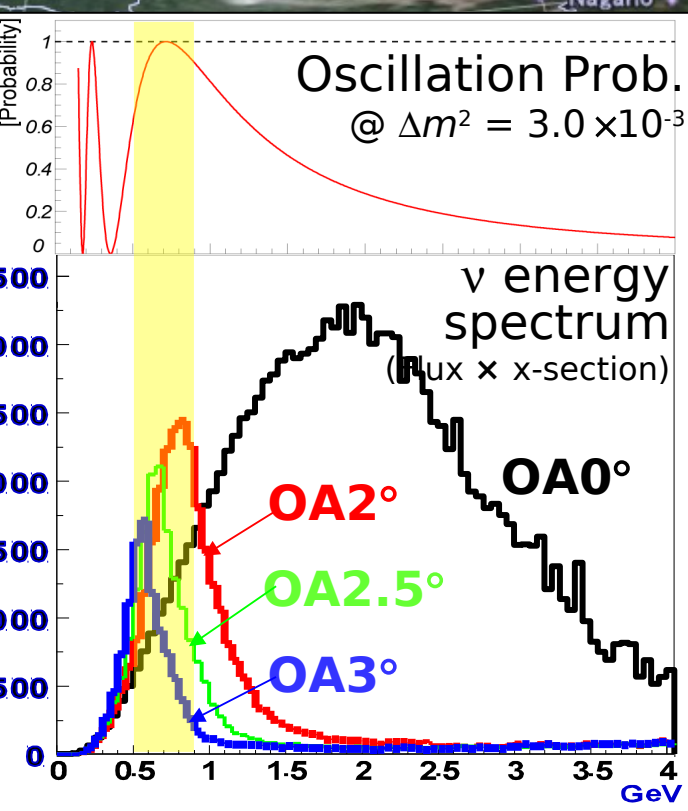
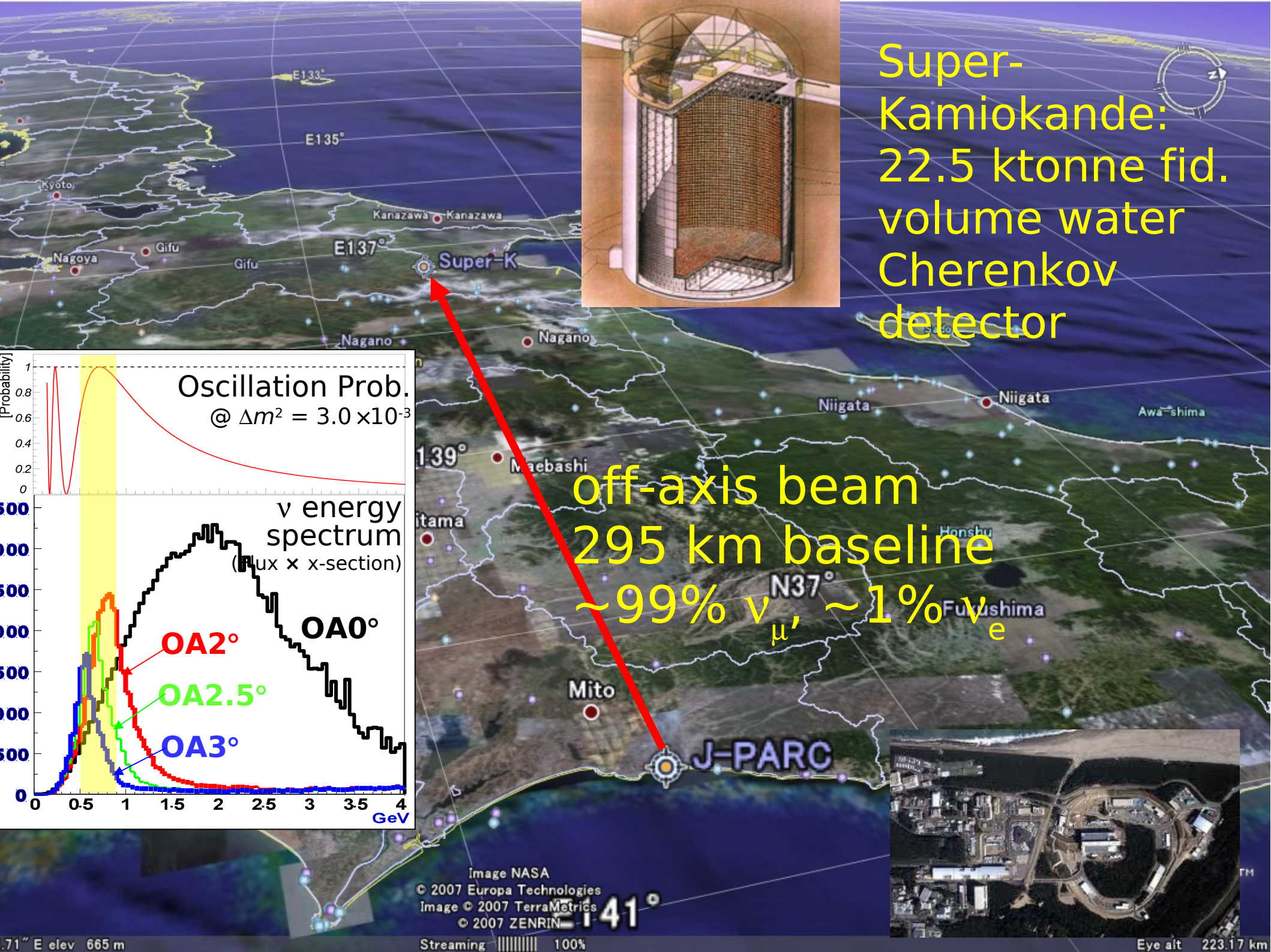
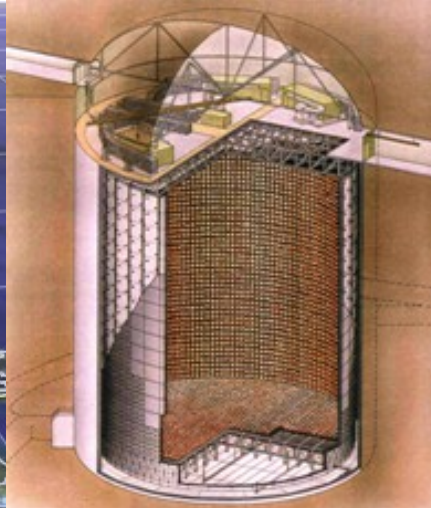
design power: 0.75MW



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Super-Kamiokande:  
22.5 ktonne fid.  
volume water  
Cherenkov  
detector



off-axis beam  
295 km baseline  
 $\sim 99\% \nu_{\mu}$ ,  $\sim 1\% \nu_e$







Sophisticated near detectors 280m from proton target

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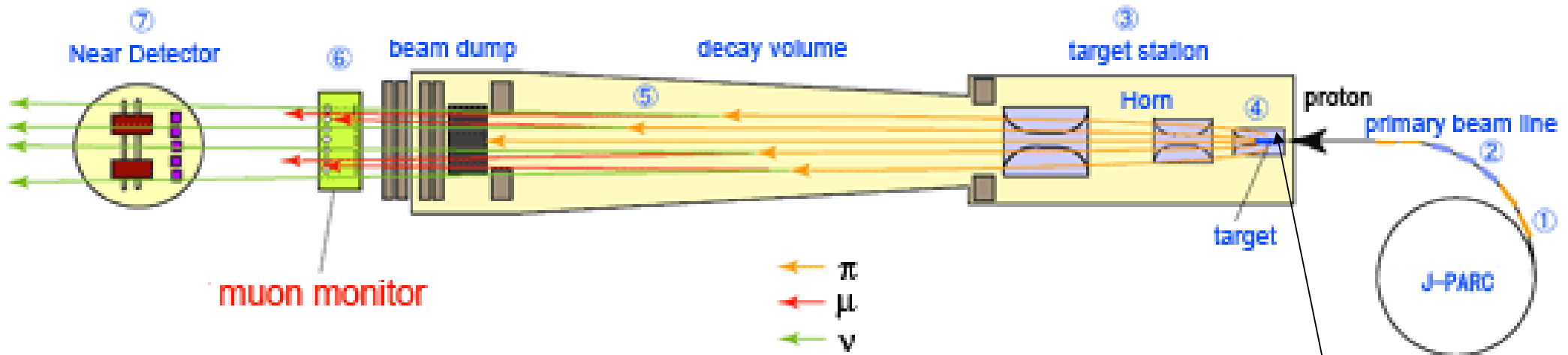
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Streaming 100%

Eye alt 223.17 km



# T2K Neutrino Beam

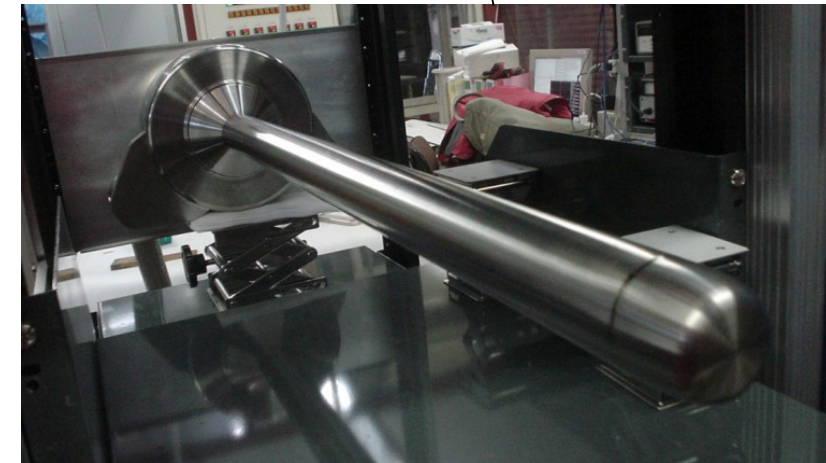


30 GeV protons hit graphite target

3 magnetic horns focus  $\pi^+$ , defocus  $\pi^-$ .

$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$  in 96m long decay pipe

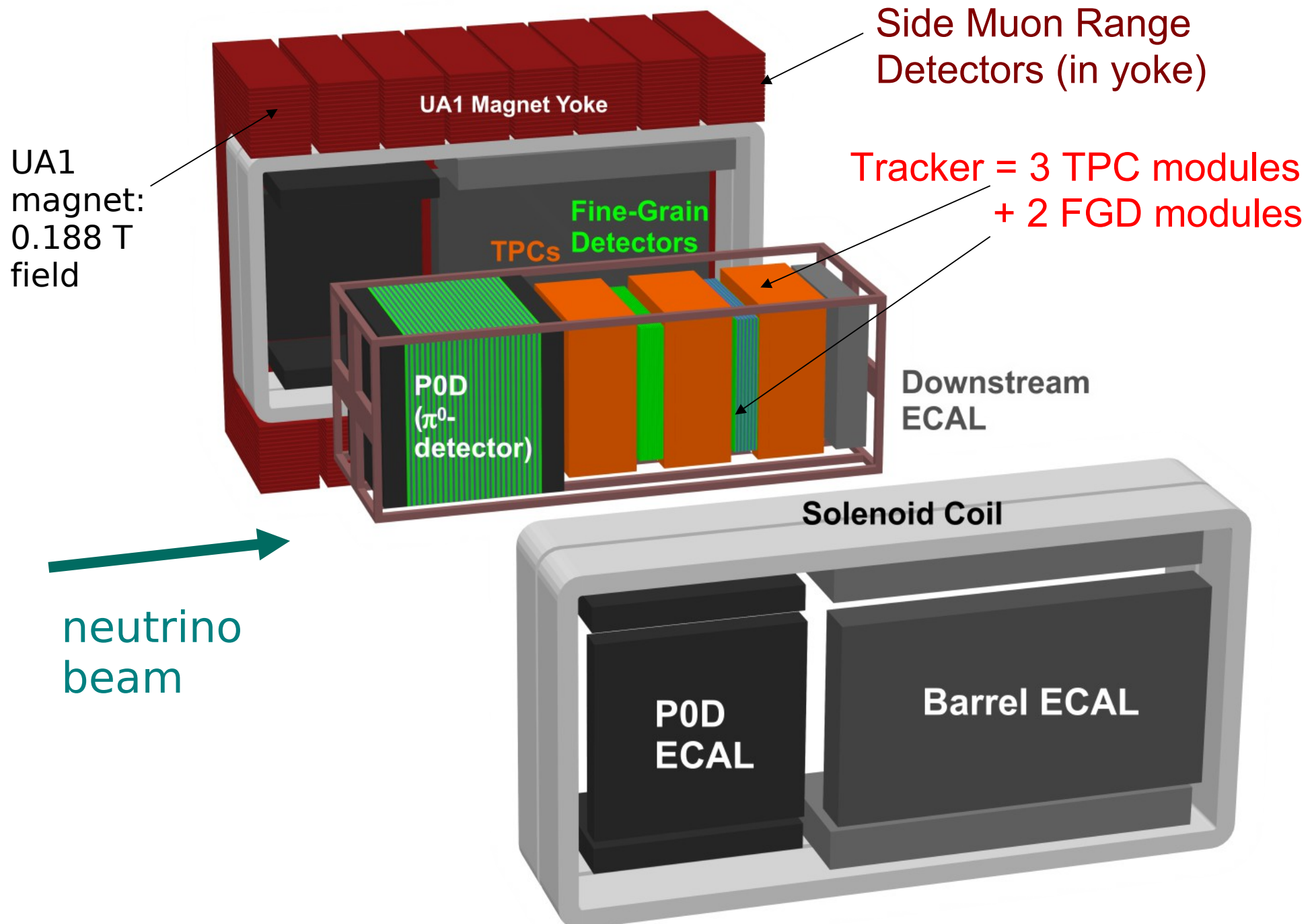
$\mu$  monitor at far end of beam dump:  
fluence:  $10^8 \mu/\text{cm}^2/\text{spill}$  at 750 kW  
(projected eventual beam power)



T2K's 90cm graphite target



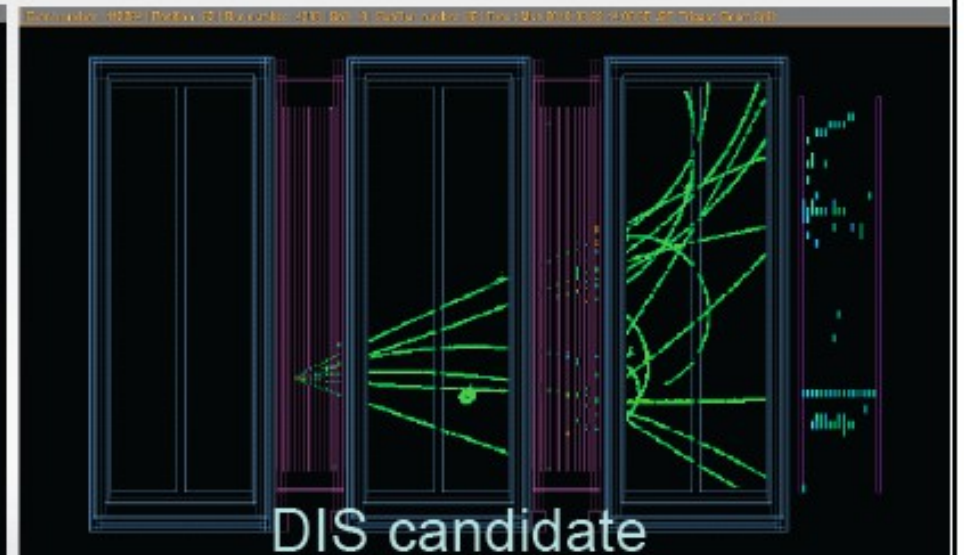
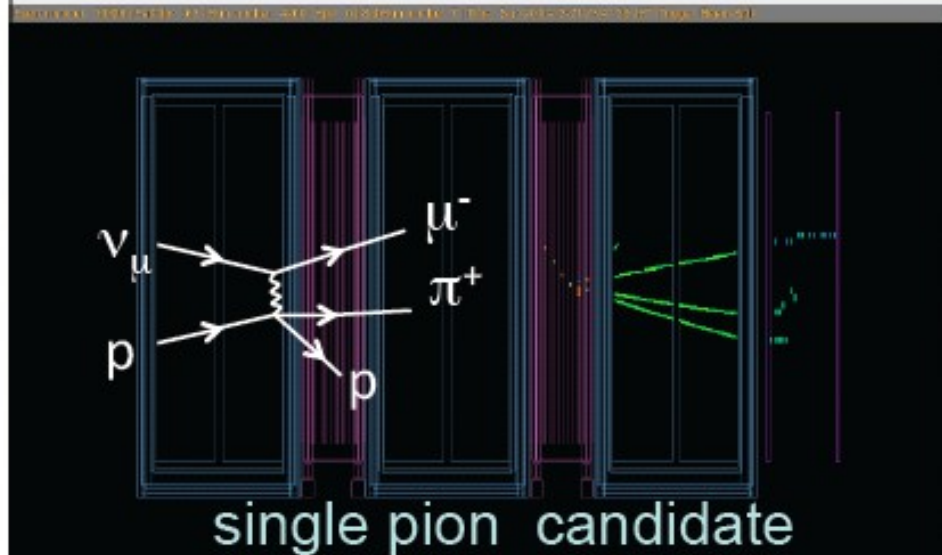
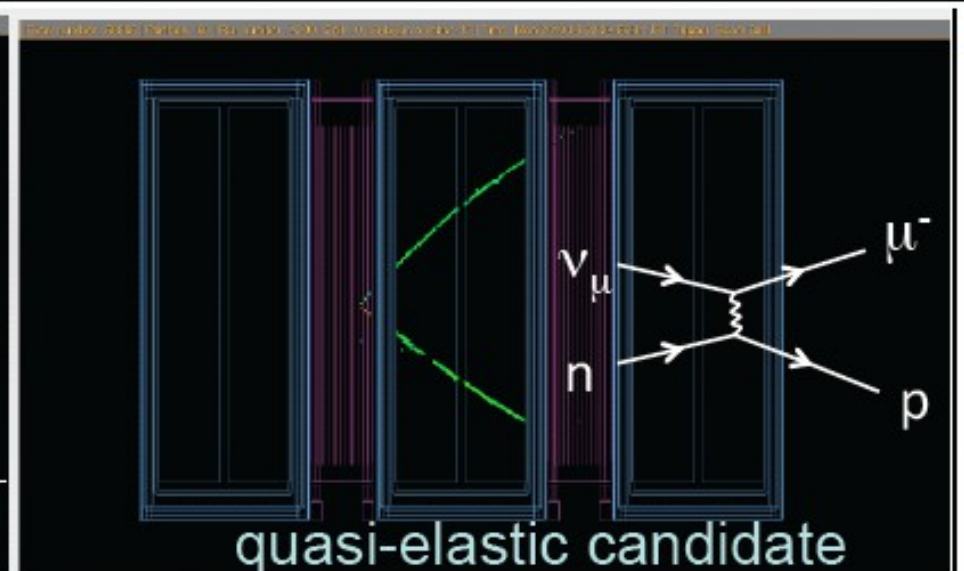
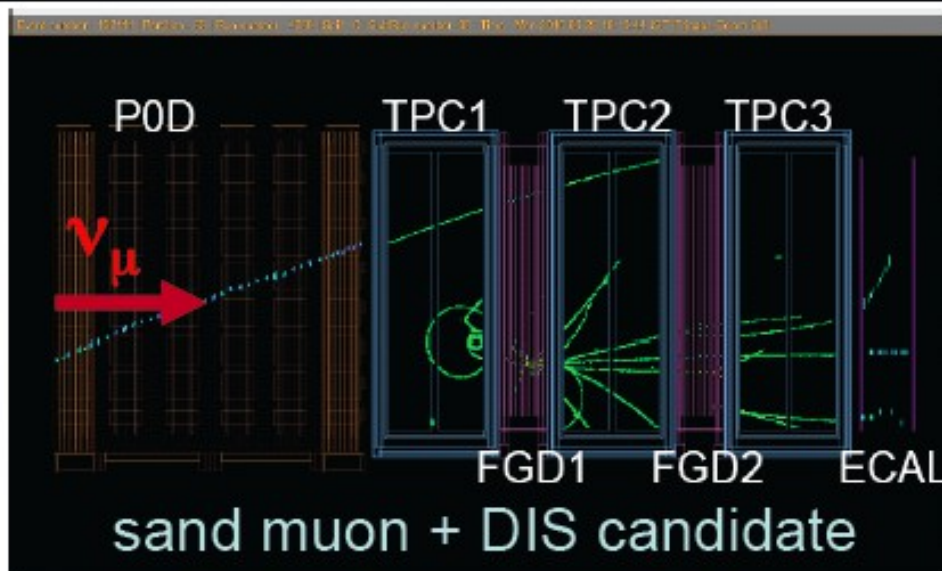
# Off Axis Near Detector



**Measure flux and spectrum before neutrinos oscillate.**

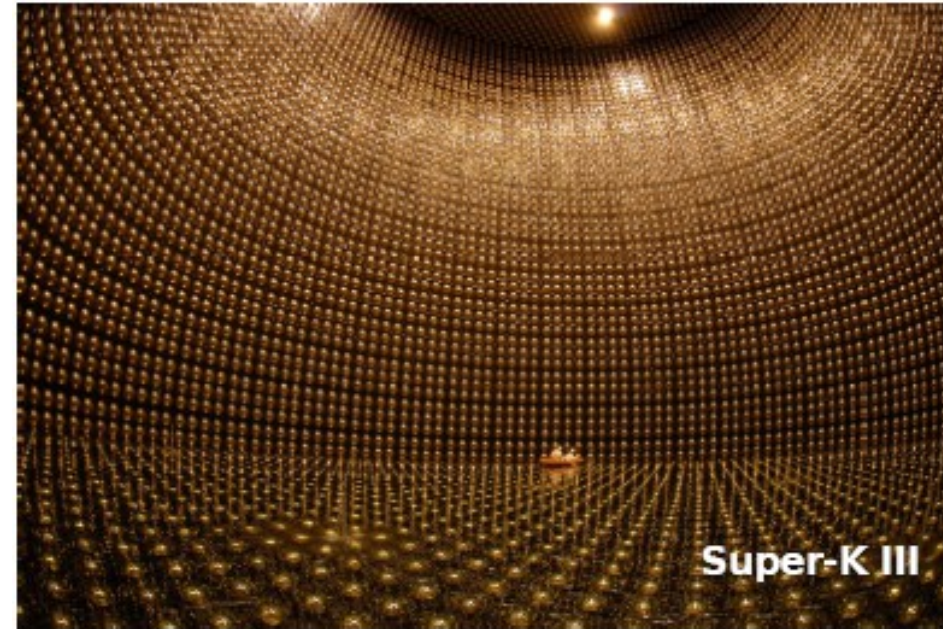
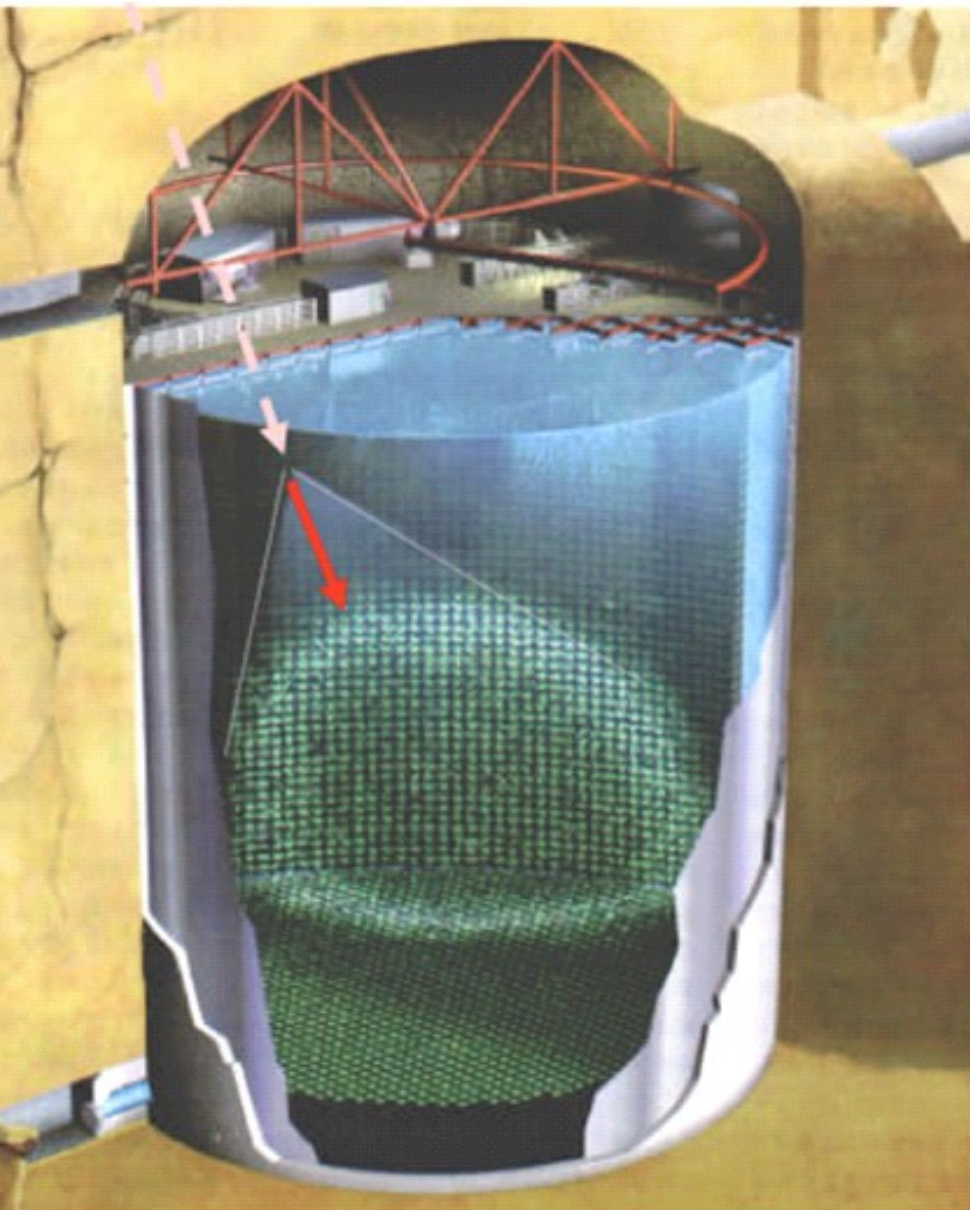
# Near detector interactions

## ND280 off-axis event gallery





# Super-Kamiokande



Large water Cherenkov  
detector

22.5ktonne water fiducial mass

~11,000 phototubes

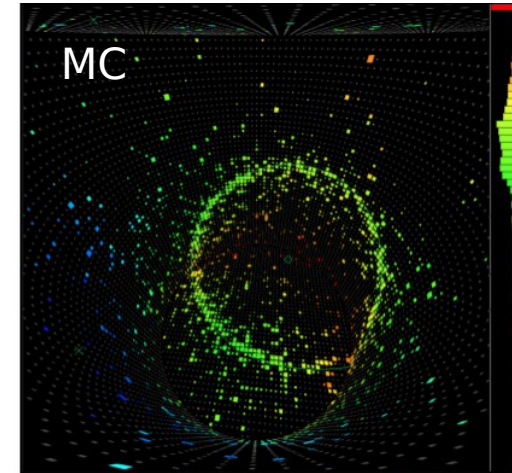
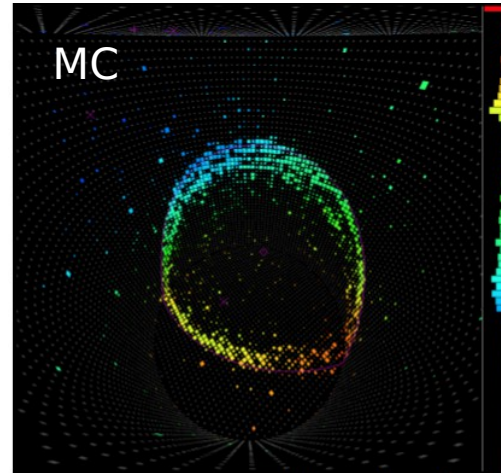


# T2K Event Selection at Super-K

Super-K measures  
CCQE  $\nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_e$  events  
for key T2K  
measurements.

- Some challenges:

- Understanding the irreducible background from beam  $\nu_e$
- Understanding background  $\nu_\mu$  interactions that might mimic signal  $\nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_e$  interactions, such as  
$$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \nu_\mu + n + \pi^0 \quad : \text{NC1pi0} \quad (\nu_e \text{ background})$$



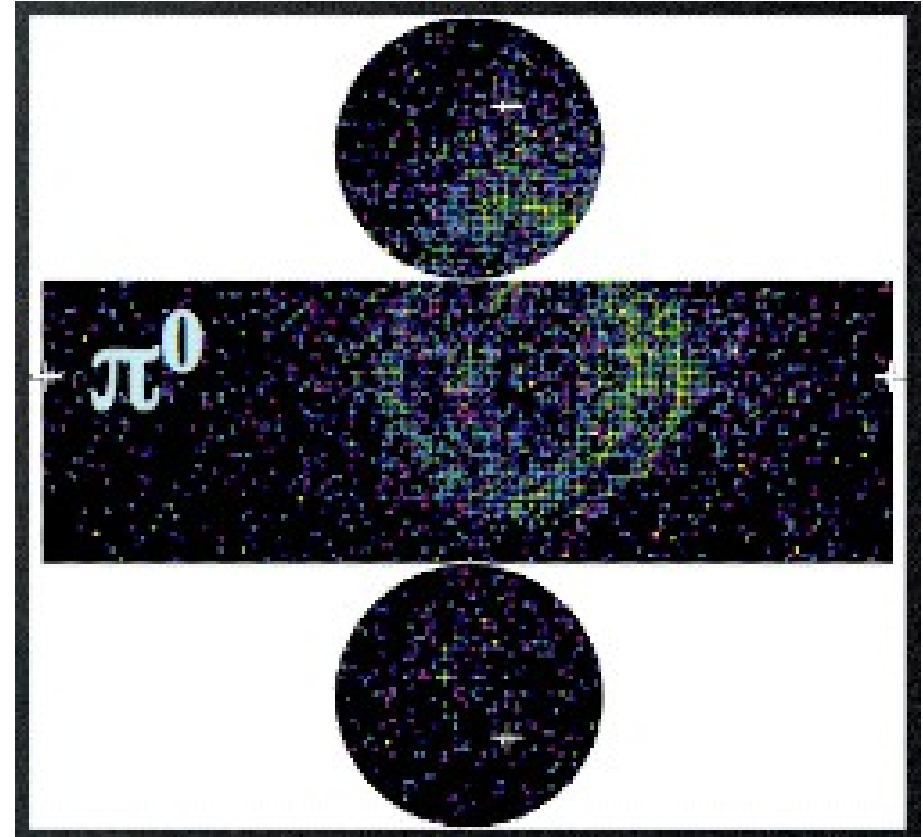
# Backgrounds to $\nu_e$ Appearance

## 1. Intrinsic beam $\nu_e$ :

- reduce with E cut
- measure at ND

## 2. $\pi^0$ production, if one $\gamma$ from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ is not detected at Super-K:

- better ID algorithms
- measure at ND
- measure  $\pi^0$  in SK



MC  $\pi^0$  event at Super-K

# Analysis Strategy

Predict event rates and distribution at Super-K as function of  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\delta_{CP}$ .

- Beam Monte Carlo and neutrino interaction models provide baseline prediction
- Use near detector measurements to normalize flux  $\oplus$  cross-section to data

Select  $\nu_e$  events at Super-K

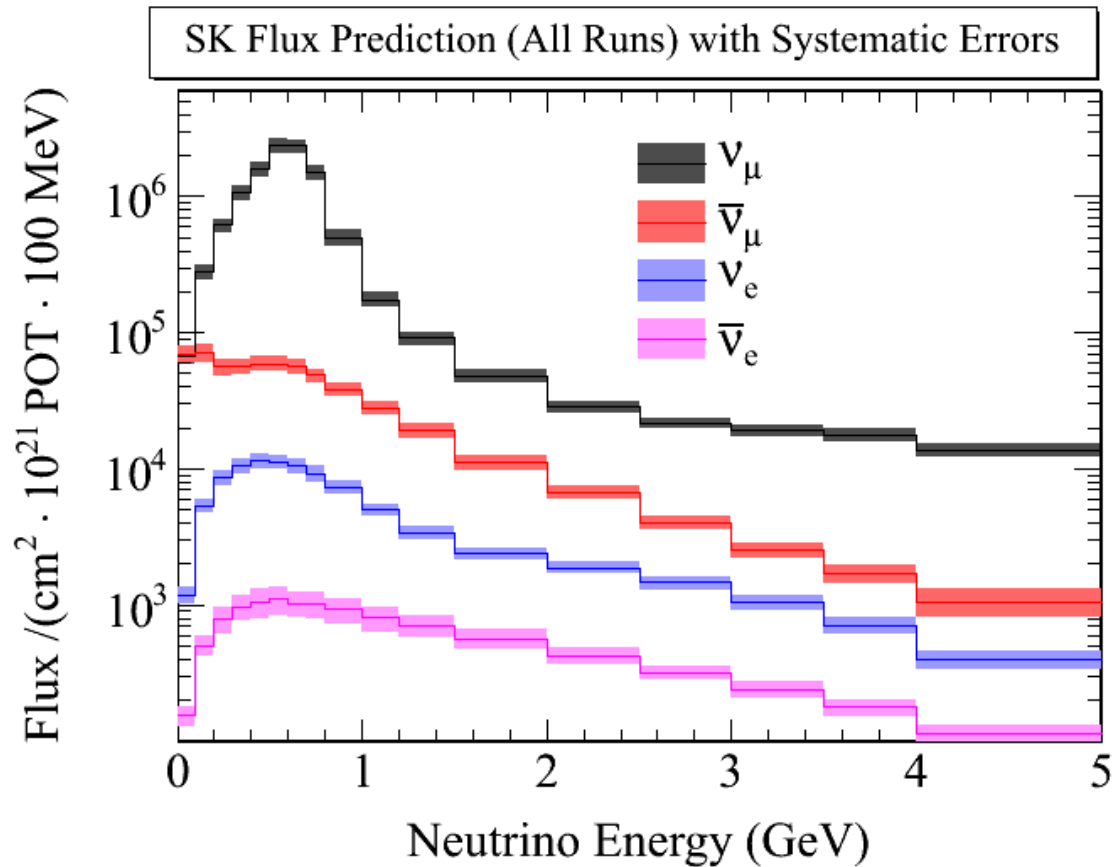
Compare observed  $\nu_e$  distribution to prediction and fit for preferred  $\theta_{13}$ .



# Beam Flux Predictions

Flux uncertainty derived from experimental data on hadronic production. Pion and kaon production tuned to external data, especially NA61, which measured these on replica T2K target. Tuned GEANT3 simulation of production on graphite target used to predict fluxes at near and far detectors.

Major uncertainties are secondary nucleon production, hadronic interaction length, and pion production.



Beam flux uncertainty at SK is 11%, before adding near detector constraint.

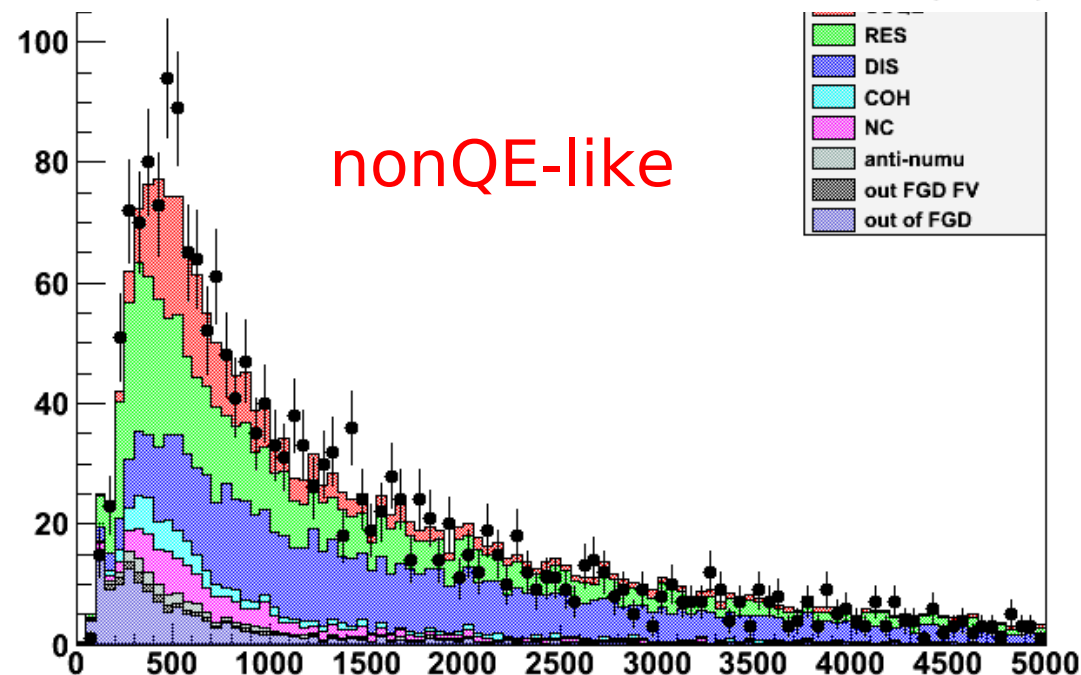
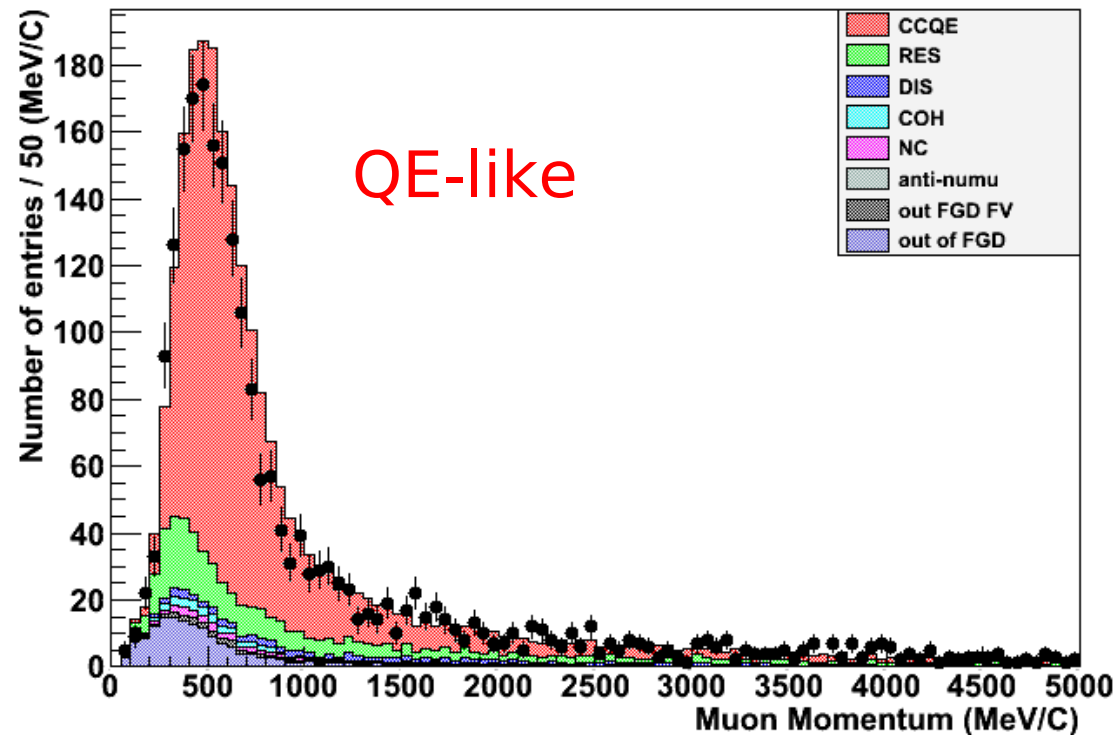
Full correlation matrix between near and far detector fluxes is produced. 18

# Near Detector Spectrum Measurement

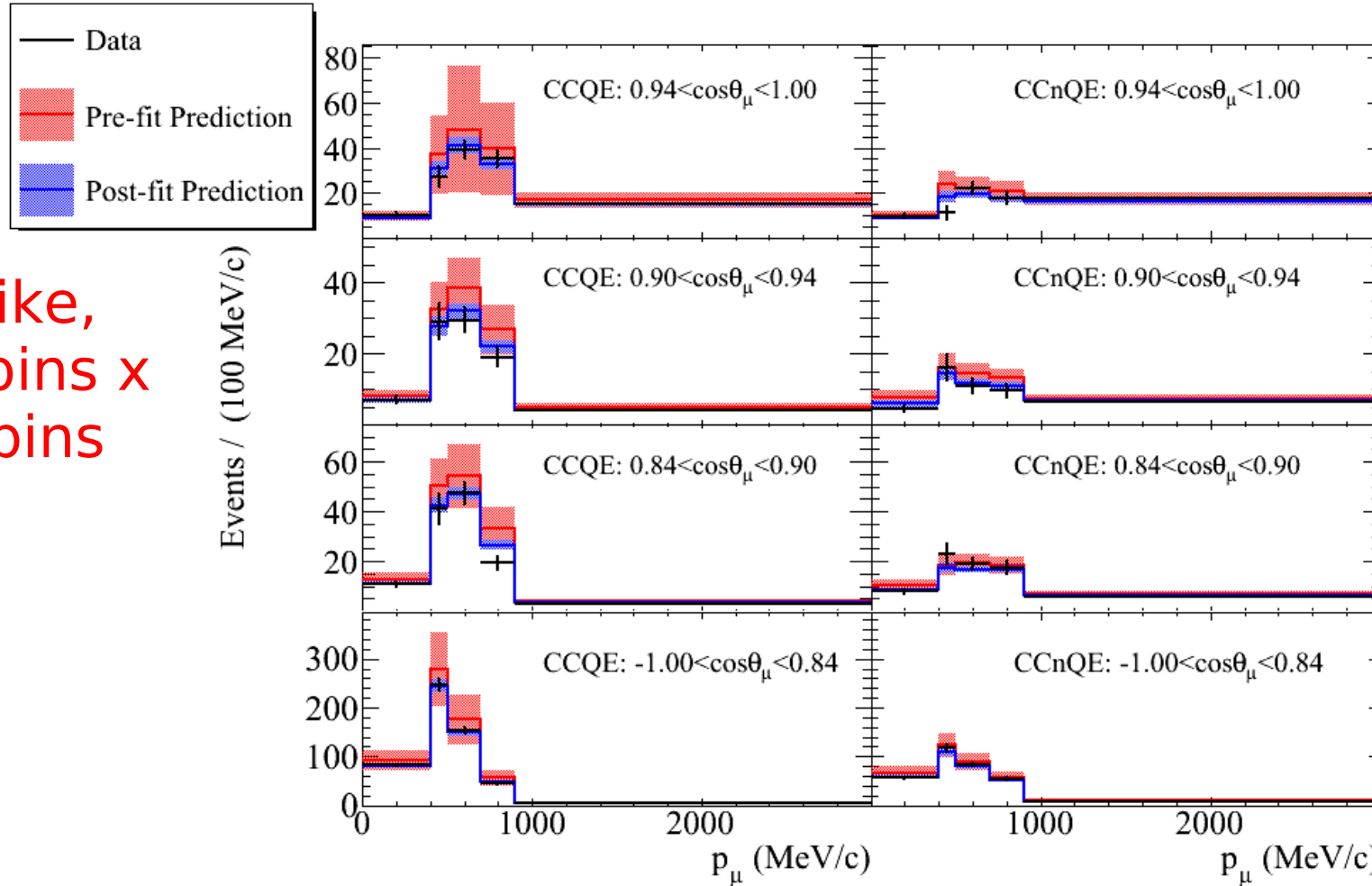
Select CC events in 1<sup>st</sup> FGD:  
muon-like dE/dx in TPC,  
negative curvature, start of  
track in FGD fid. volume,  
no upstream tracks

Divide into CCQE-like and  
nonQE-like sample: QE-like if  
no 2<sup>nd</sup> track in TPC & no  
Michel electron in FGD.

Measure the muon track's  
momentum and angle, and  
use the  $p, \theta$  distribution for  
both QE-like and nonQE-like  
events to constrain flux and  
cross-section



# Near Detector Distributions



QE-like,  
4  $\theta$  bins x  
5 p bins

nonQE-like,  
4  $\theta$  bins x  
5 p bins

QE sample constrains spectral shape, flux, and cross-section:

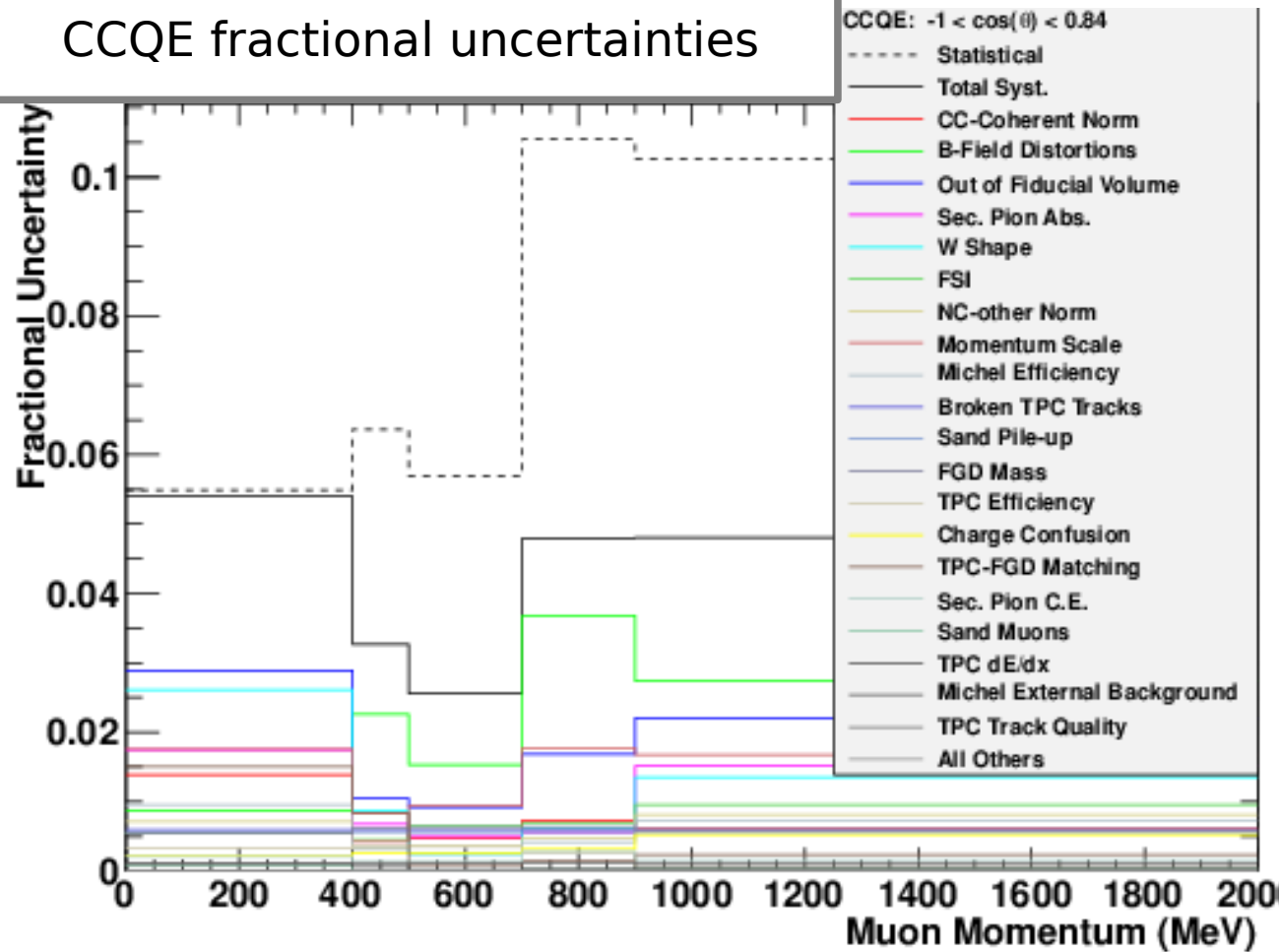
$$E_{\nu}^{\text{rec}} = \frac{(M_n - V_{nuc}) \cdot E_e - m_e^2/2 + M_n \cdot V_{nuc} - V_{nuc}^2/2 + (M_p^2 - M_n^2) / 2}{M_n - V_{nuc} - E_e + P_e \cos \theta_{\text{beam}}}$$

NonQE-like sample fixes backgrounds, cross-section inputs



# Near Detector Systematics

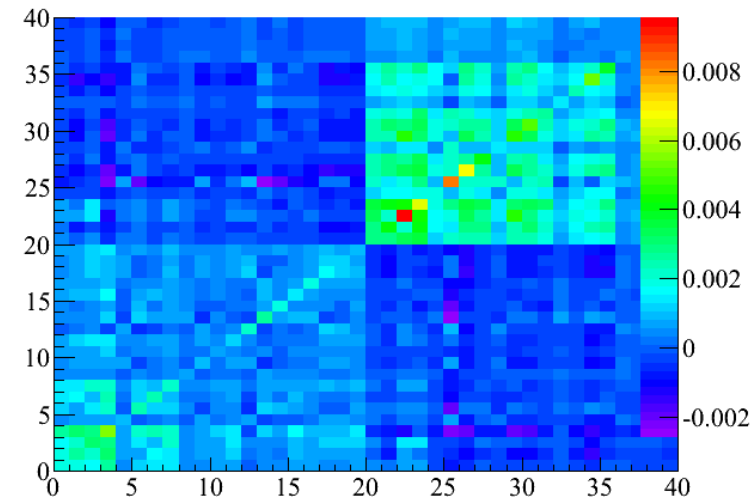
CCQE fractional uncertainties



Full 40x40 detector covariance matrix produced for all systematic uncertainties.

Statistics-limited analysis.  
Major detector systematics:  
\* non-uniform B field  
\* secondary interactions  
\* background from interactions outside of FGD

Detector Covariance



# Joint fit of beam and near detector data for fluxes and cross-sections

**Beam inputs:**  
binned energy spectra for all flux components; covariances between ND280 and SK fluxes

**$\nu$  interaction model:**  
parametrized cross-sections for all relevant modes; Error estimates from fits to external data. NEUT + reweighting

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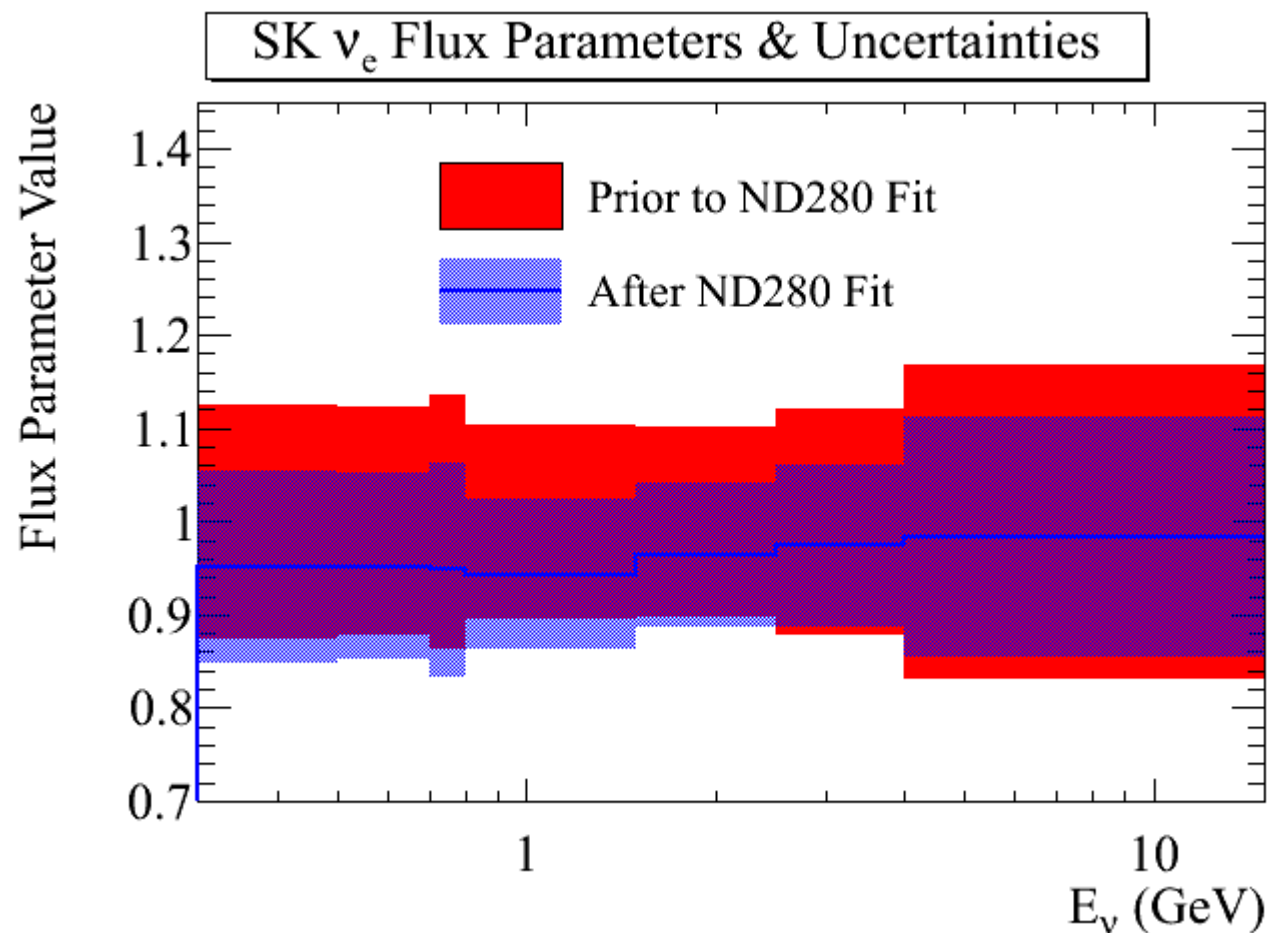
Predicted # of events in ND bins as a function of flux and cross-section parameters

Maximum likelihood fit to ND data to determine flux and cross-section reweightings. Beam model prediction and external cross-section measurements serve as priors in fit.

**Result:** updated flux, cross-section values and uncertainties at SK

**Near detector data:**  
Number of events in  $20 p_\mu, \theta_\mu$  bins for QE-like and nonQE-like samples, + full error matrix.

# Reduction in uncertainty from ND fit



Near detector data constrains combination of flux x cross-sections.

Flux at ND is highly correlated with flux at SK, since  $\nu$ 's are produced by the same decaying particles in the beam.

Event totals	QE-like	nonQE-like
ND Data	2352	2132
Predicted, pre-fit	$2694 \pm 275(\text{flux}) \pm 469(\text{xsec})$	$2348 \pm 235(\text{flux}) \pm 238(\text{xsec})$
Predicted, post-fit	$2363 \pm 79$ (flux + xsec)	$2130 \pm 107$ (flux + xsec)



# Neutrino Interaction Model

Our primary neutrino interaction model is NEUT, with GENIE used as a cross-check.

Previous data from Mini-BooNE, K2K, and other experiments used to constrain parametrized cross-section model.

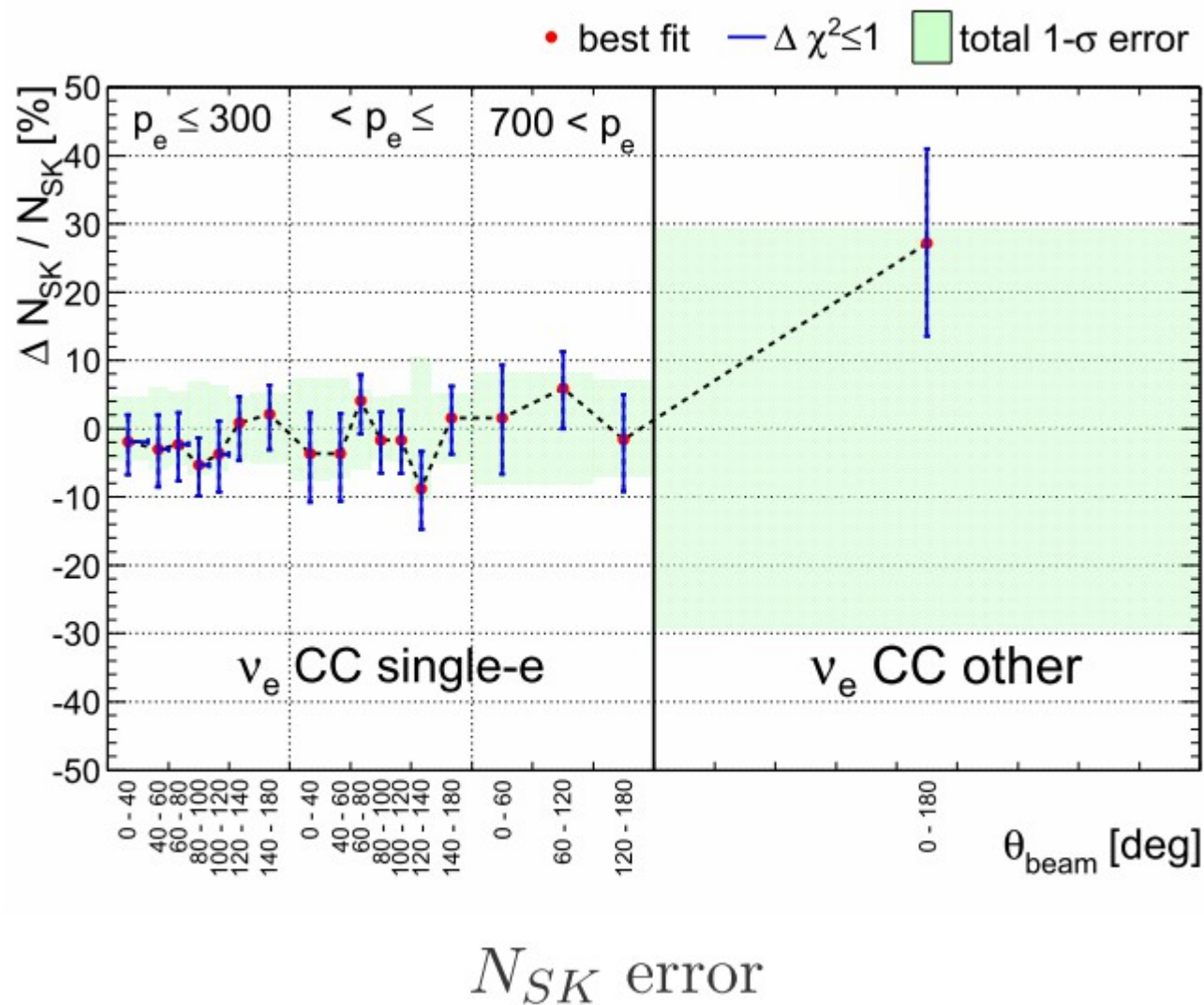
Parameter	Prior Value	Prior Error	Fitted Value	Fitted Error
$M_A^{QE}$ (GeV)	1.21	0.45	1.186	0.194
$M_A^{RES}$ (GeV)	1.16	0.11	1.137	0.095
CCQE E1	1.0	0.11	0.941	0.087
CCQE E2	1.0	0.30	0.917	0.230
CCQE E3	1.0	0.30	1.182	0.252
CC1 $\pi$ E1	1.63	0.43	1.665	0.283
CC1 $\pi$ E2	1.0	0.40	1.101	0.297
NC1 $\pi^0$ Norm.	1.19	0.43	1.222	0.396
Spec. Function	0 (off)	1 (on)	0.038	0.205
$p_F$ (MeV/c)	217	30	224.6	23.5
CC Other Shape (GeV)	0.0	0.4	-0.048	0.352

CCQE model is based on relativistic Fermi gas model of nucleus, with empirical normalization factors to span uncertainties in data. Comparison to spectral function model included as uncertainty.

# Super-K Detector Systematics

Detector efficiency systematics are determined primarily from atmospheric neutrino data.

$\pi^0$  mis-ID studied with hybrid electron + MC  $\gamma$  sample

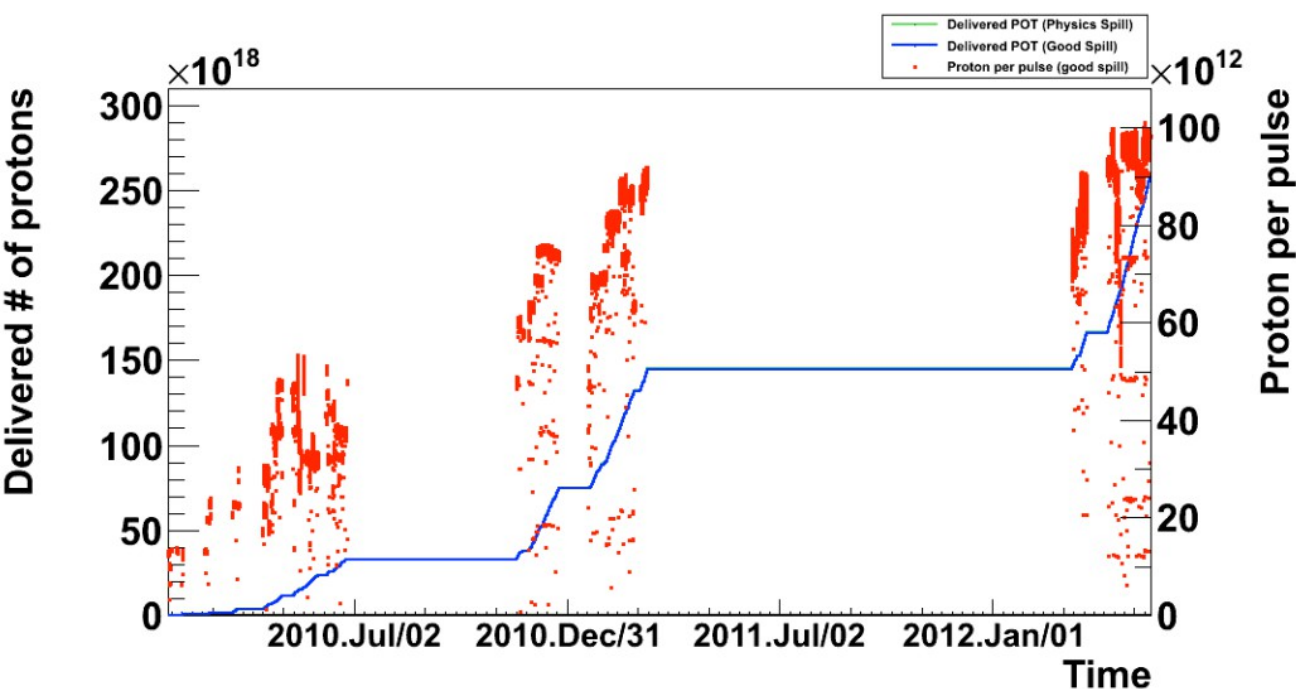


Systematic uncertainties evaluated as function of electron direction & momentum

Event	Systematic error	
	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0.1$	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0$
Signal	2.6%	2.6%
Background	9.4%	9.0%
Sig+BKG	3.3%	8.5%

# T2K Data Set (until 2012 May 15)

	Run Periods			
	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3b	Run 3c
Protons on Target ( $\times 10^{20}$ )	0.323	1.108	0.214	0.911



Peak beam power:  
190kW

Total POT used in  
analysis:  $2.56 \times 10^{20}$

Near detector  
constraint from just  
Run 1+2 only

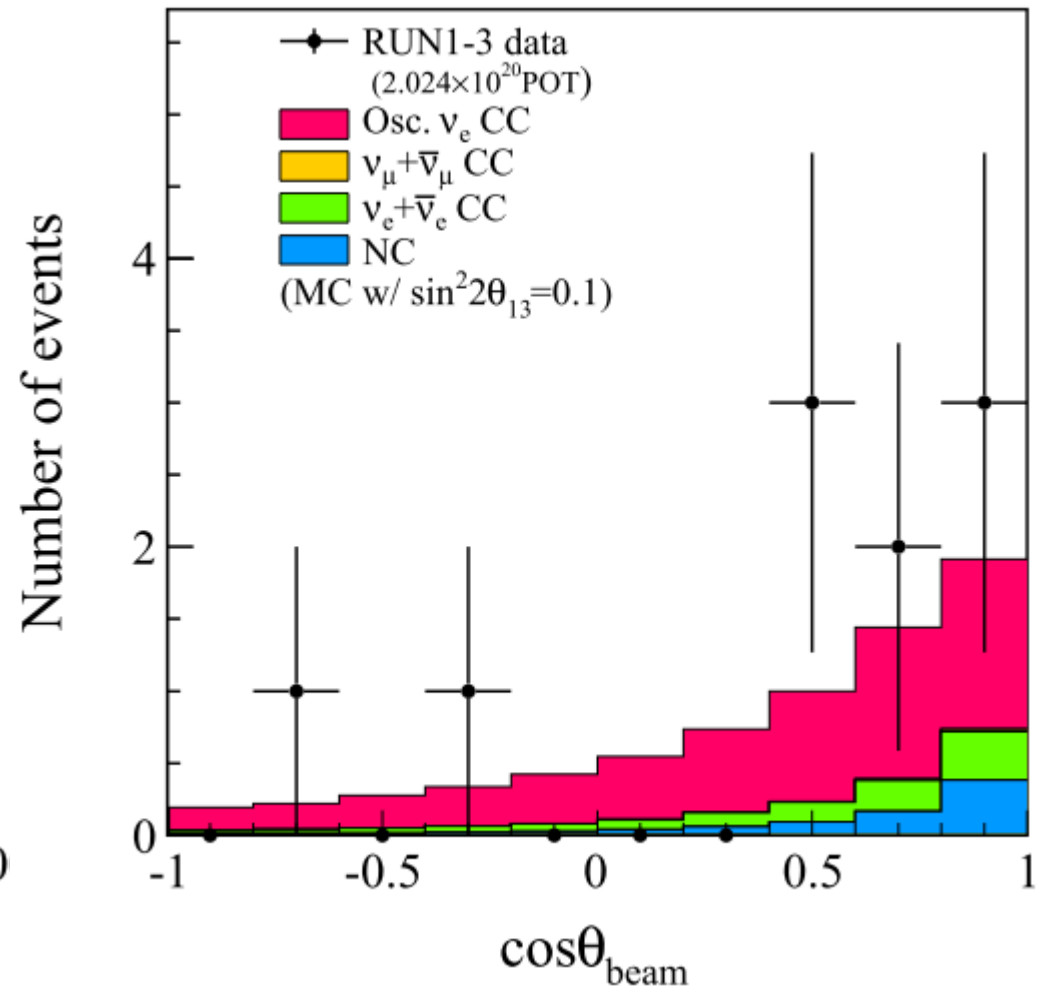
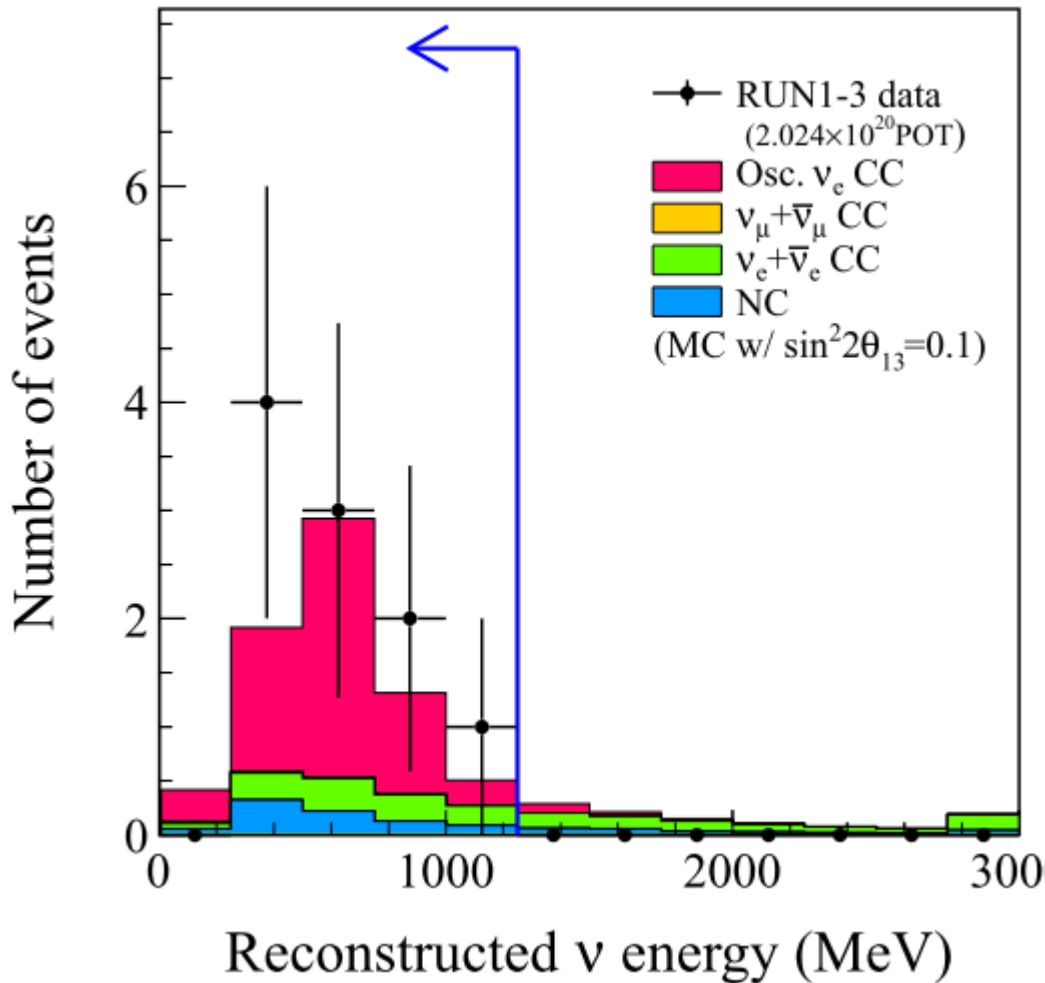
# T2K event selection cuts at SK

Selection cuts optimized on MC and fixed before data-taking.

1. Event is fully contained in SK fiducial volume (22.5ktonne)
2. Number of rings found = 1
3. Ring has electron-like particle ID
4. Visible energy  $> 100$  MeV
5. No decay electrons
6.  $\pi^0$  cut: fit for best 2<sup>nd</sup> ring that can be found, and demand that invariant mass of two rings is  $< 105$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
7. Reconstructed neutrino energy (assuming CCQE kinematics) is  $< 1250$  MeV.



# Selected T2K $\nu_e$ events in SK



The predicted number of events

Event category	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0$	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$
Total	2.73	9.07
$\nu_e$ signal	0.15	6.60
$\nu_e$ background	1.42	1.32
$\nu_\mu$ background	1.02	1.02
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ background	0.06	0.06
$\bar{\nu}_e$ background	0.08	0.07

Observed: 10 events

Expected ( $\theta_{13} = 0$ ):  $2.73 \pm 0.37$

Probability of 2.73 fluctuating to  $\geq 10$  events:  $8.2 \times 10^{-4}$  ( $3.2\sigma$ )

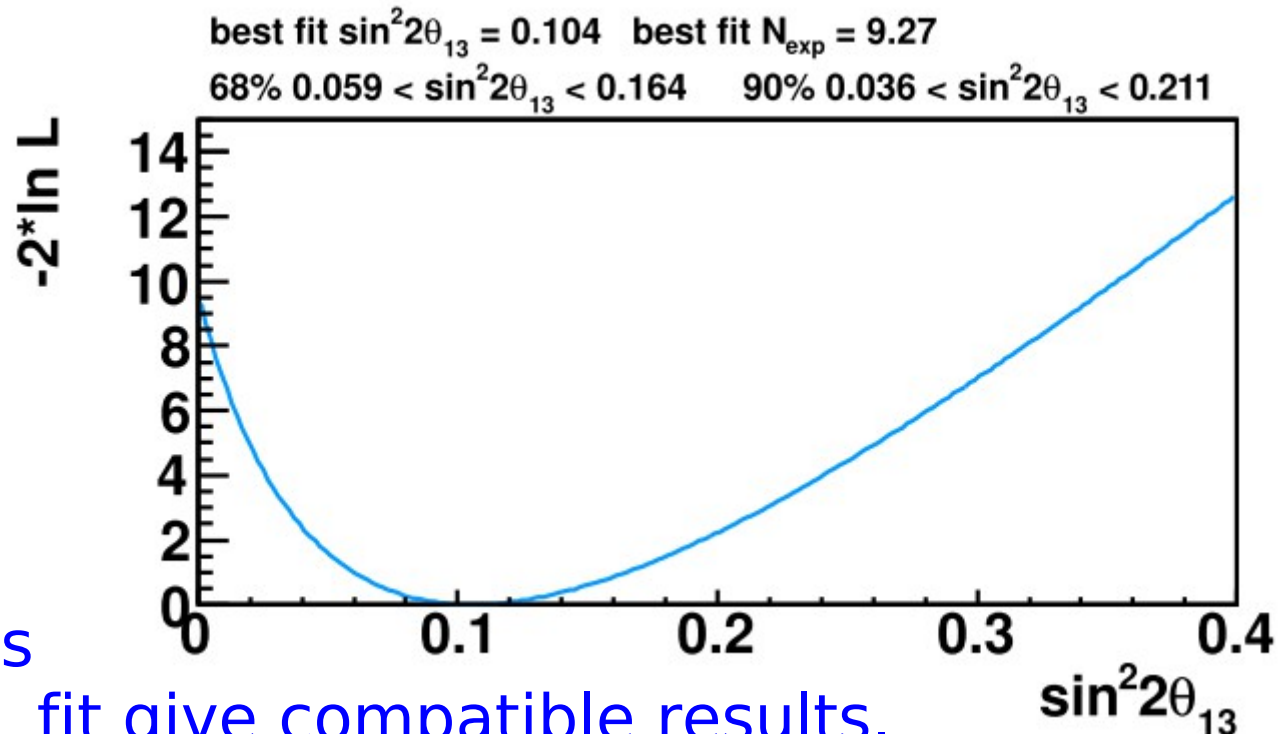
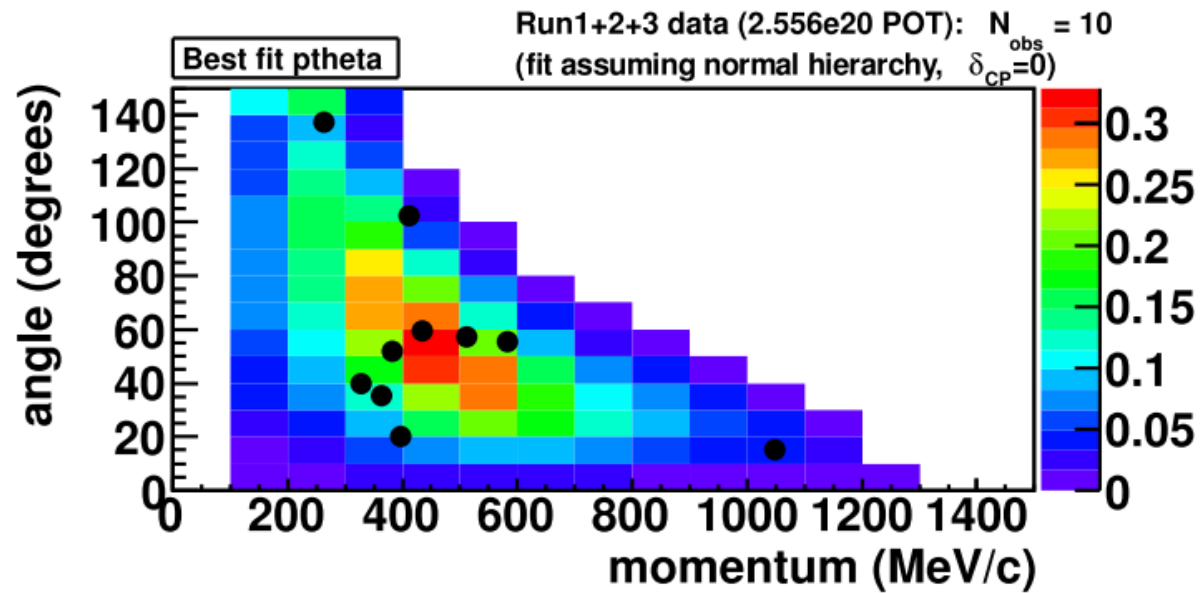
# Oscillation Fit

We fit the  $p_e, \theta_e$  distribution to templates for signal and background to determine  $\theta_{13}$ , using a maximum likelihood fit.

Signal and background have different distributions in these variables.

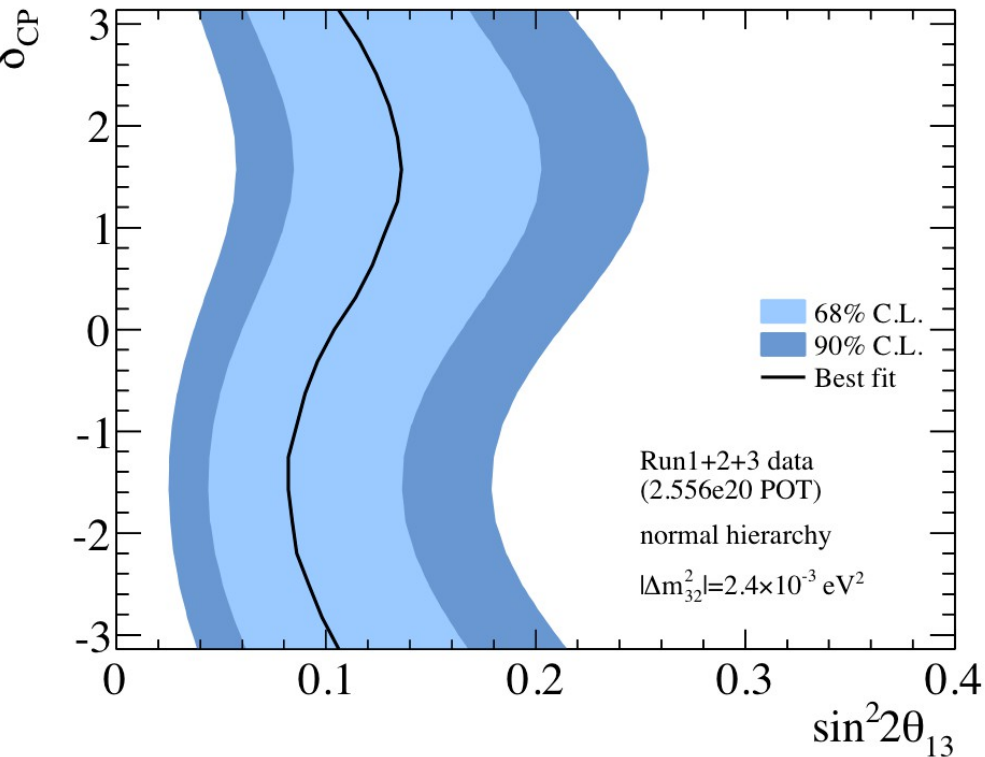
**Best-fit:**  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.104$   
(for normal hierarchy,  $\delta_{CP}=0$ )

Alternate fits using rates only or reconstructed  $E_\nu$  fit give compatible results.

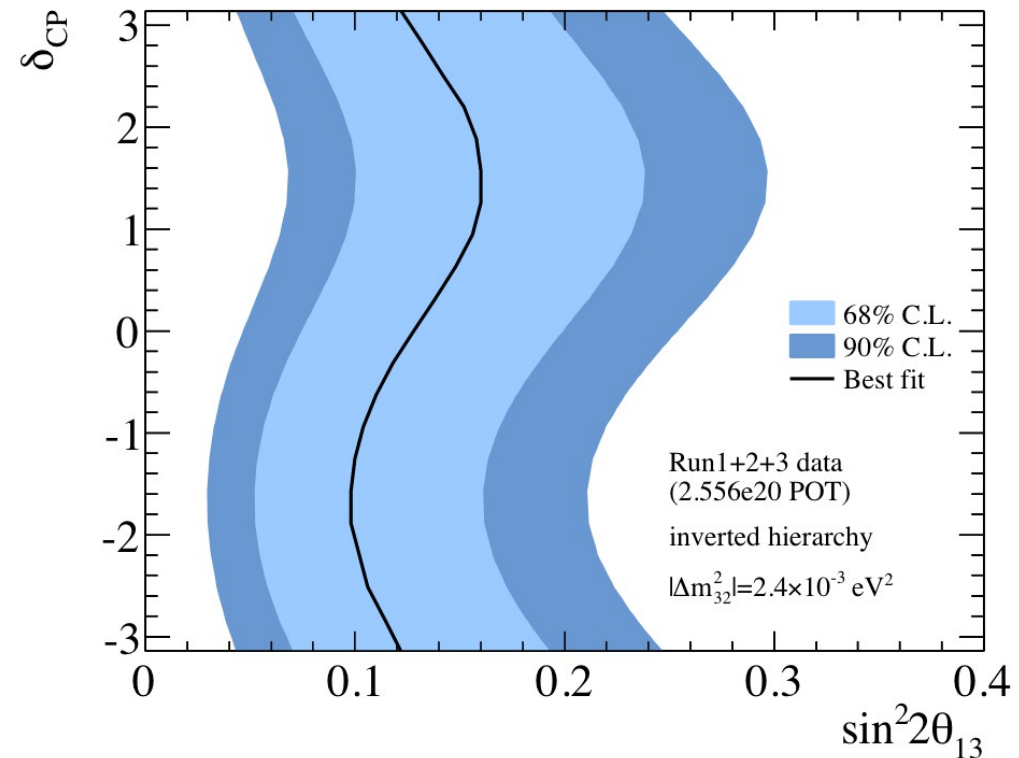


# Oscillation parameter limits

Normal hierarchy



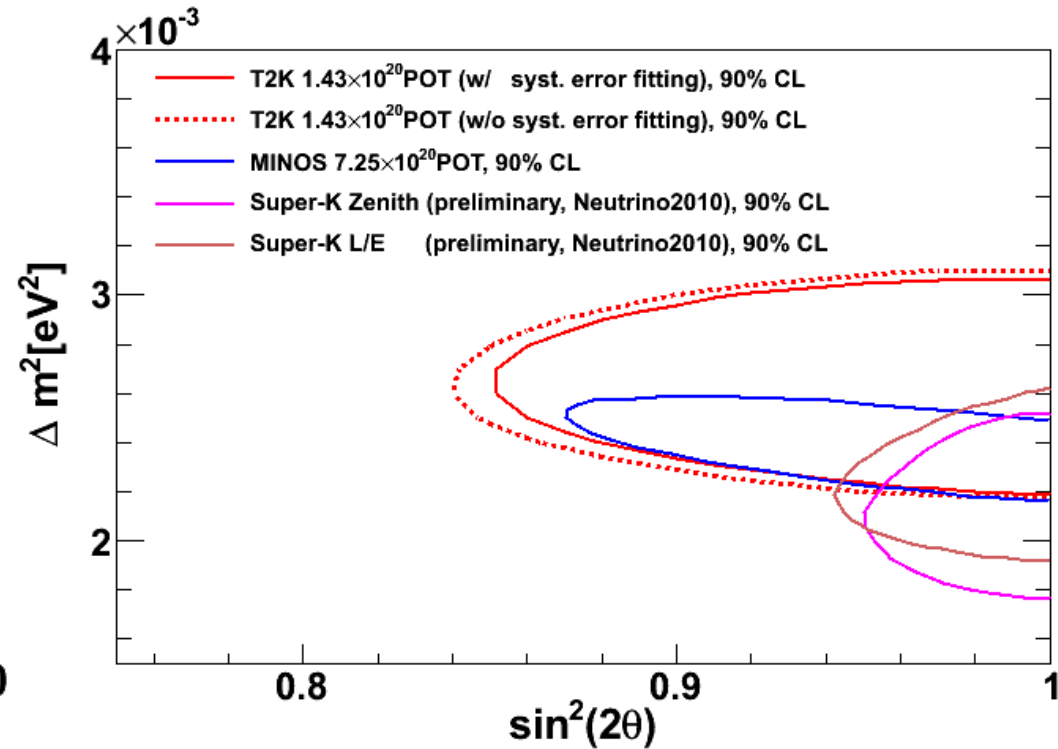
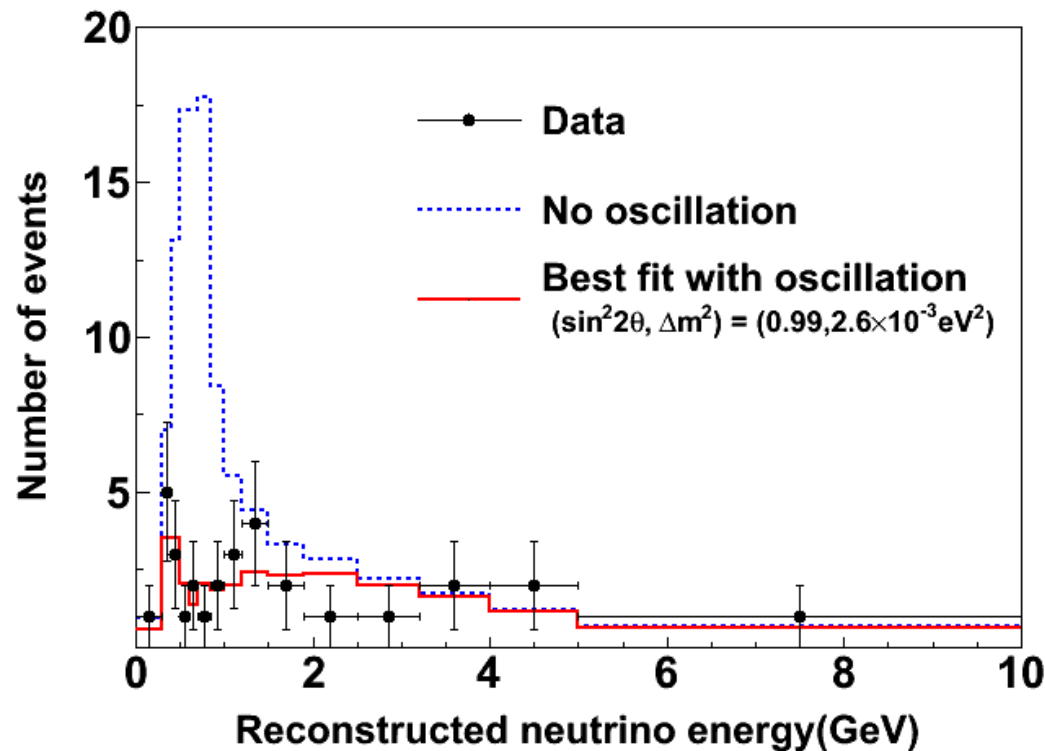
Inverted hierarchy



Best-fit values for both normal and inverted mass hierarchy are very close to values inferred from reactor neutrino data.



# $\nu_\mu$ disappearance result: Runs 1+2



With only 1/50th of its final data set T2K is already competitive on atmospheric neutrino mixing parameters. Significant improvements in  $\theta_{23}$ , tests of maximal mixing expected.

# Conclusions

T2K has nearly doubled its data set since the March 2011 earthquake, and has significantly upgraded the analysis.

New analysis uses full near detector spectrum measurement, improved beam systematics, reduced Super-K systematics, and momentum/angular distributions at Super-K.

Latest data from T2K excludes  $\theta_{13}=0$  at  $3.2\sigma$ .

Results are consistent with past T2K and recent reactor neutrino results, and open the door to CP studies using long-baseline neutrino beams.

# Backup slides



# Matter Effects and $\nu_e$ Appearance

Matter effects modify the oscillation formula. Because the Earth is made of electrons and not heavier leptons, the effective “index of refraction” for  $\nu_e$  is different than that for  $\nu_\mu$ . At the oscillation maximum, the  $\nu_e$  appearance probability changes to:

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \left(1 + 2 \frac{E}{E_R}\right) P_{vac}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

where

$$E_R = \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2}{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e} = \pm 11 \text{ GeV}$$

The sign of the matter effect is opposite for neutrinos and anti-neutrinos, and depends on the sign of  $\Delta m^2$  as well.

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} c_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij} \end{array}$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \boxed{4C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \cdot \sin^2 \Delta_{31}} \quad \text{leading term} \quad \text{CP violating (flips sign for anti-}\nu\text{)}$$

$$+ 8C_{13}^2 S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} (C_{12} C_{23} \cos \delta - S_{12} S_{13} S_{23}) \cdot \cos \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31} \cdot \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} \sin \delta \cdot \sin \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31} \cdot \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$+ 4S_{12}^2 C_{13}^2 (C_{12}^2 C_{23}^2 + S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 S_{13}^2 - 2C_{12} C_{23} S_{12} S_{23} S_{13} \cos \delta) \cdot \sin^2 \Delta_{21}$$

$$- 8C_{13}^2 S_{12}^2 S_{23}^2 \cdot \frac{aL}{4E_\nu} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \cdot \cos \Delta_{32} \cdot \sin \Delta_{31} \quad \text{Solar}$$

$$+ 8C_{13}^2 S_{13}^2 S_{23}^2 \frac{a}{\Delta m_{13}^2} (1 - 2S_{13}^2) \sin^2 \Delta_{31} \quad \text{Matter}$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 \frac{L}{E} \right)$$

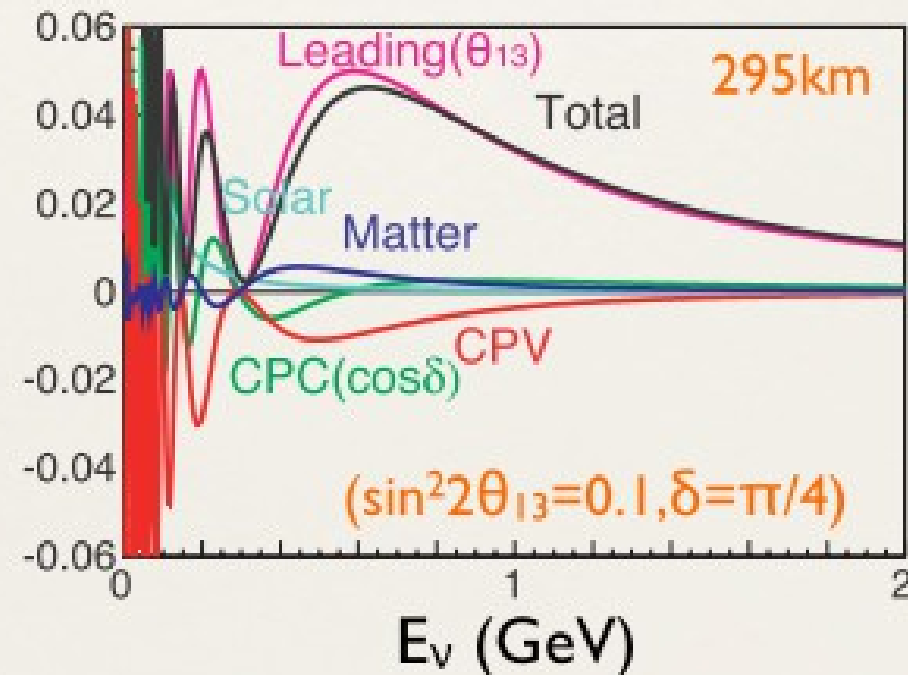
### Rich Physics in $\nu_e$ appearance

$$[\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \delta_{CP}, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta m_{32}^2]$$

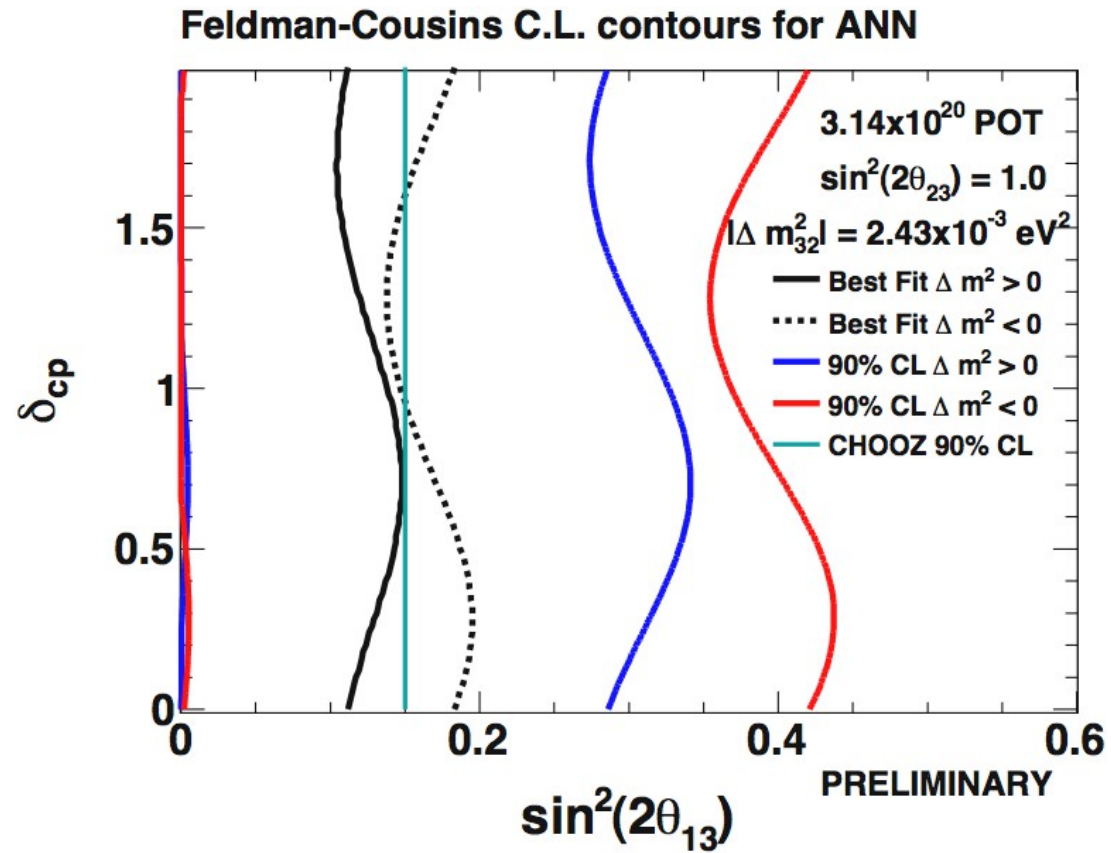
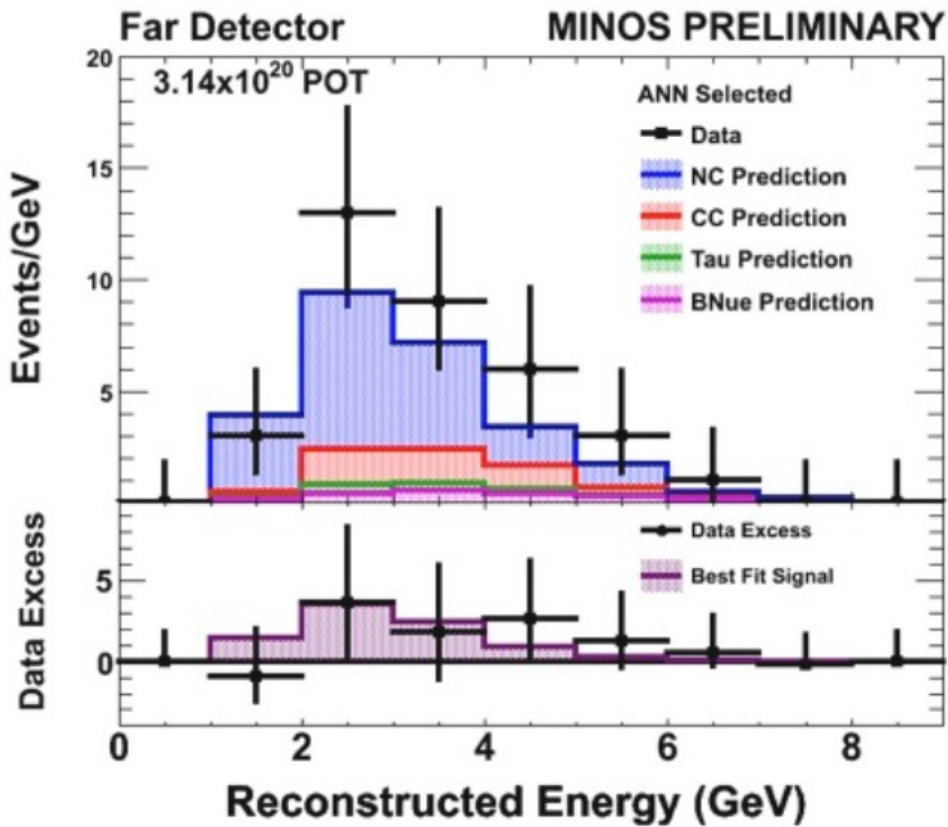
- CP violation

- Matter effect

- (Sterile neutrinos) or new physics<sub>4</sub>



# $\theta_{13}$ : MINOS



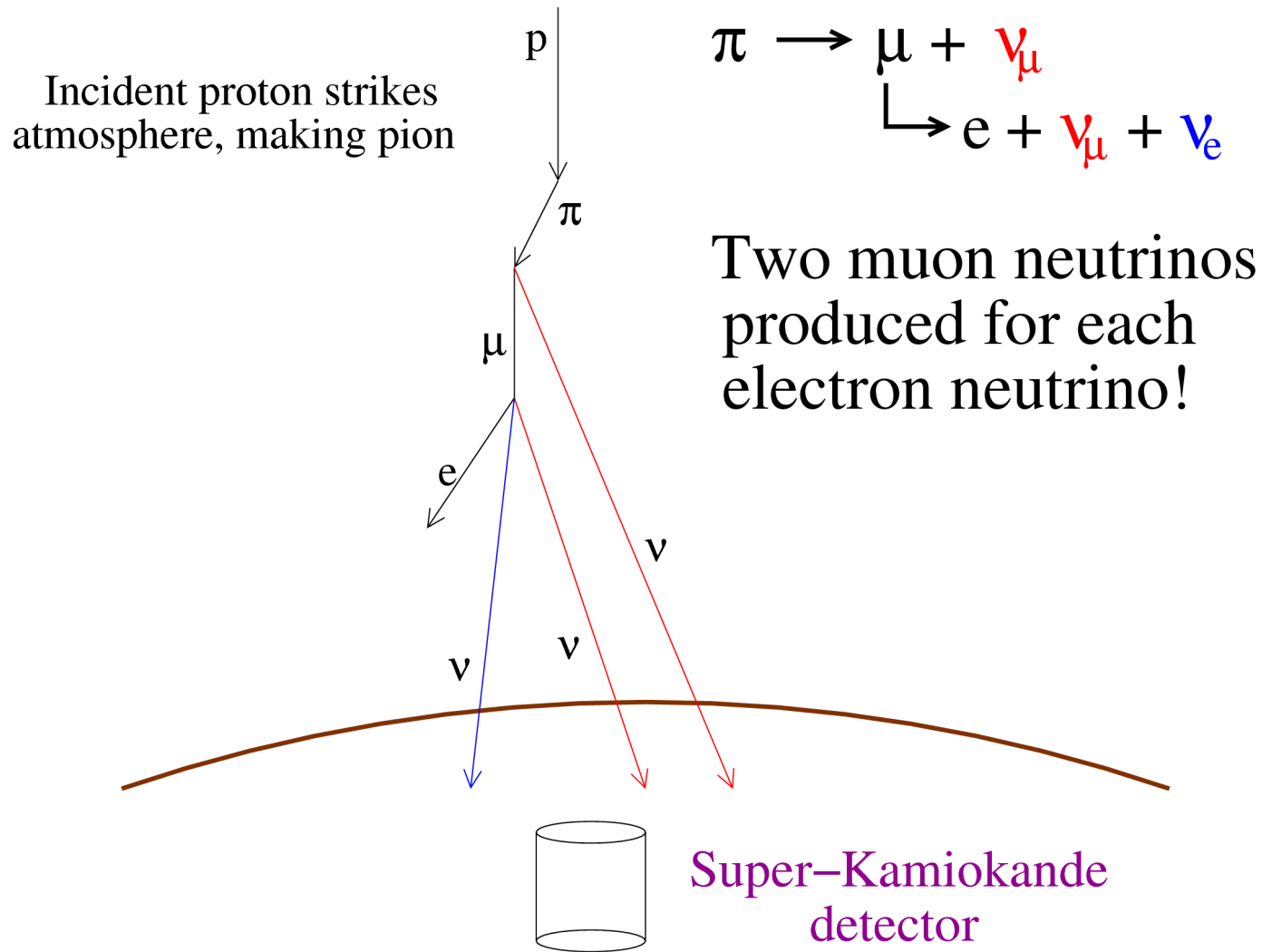
MINOS  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$ : saw 35 events, expected background  $27 \pm 5 \pm 2$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.078^{+0.079}_{-0.064}$$

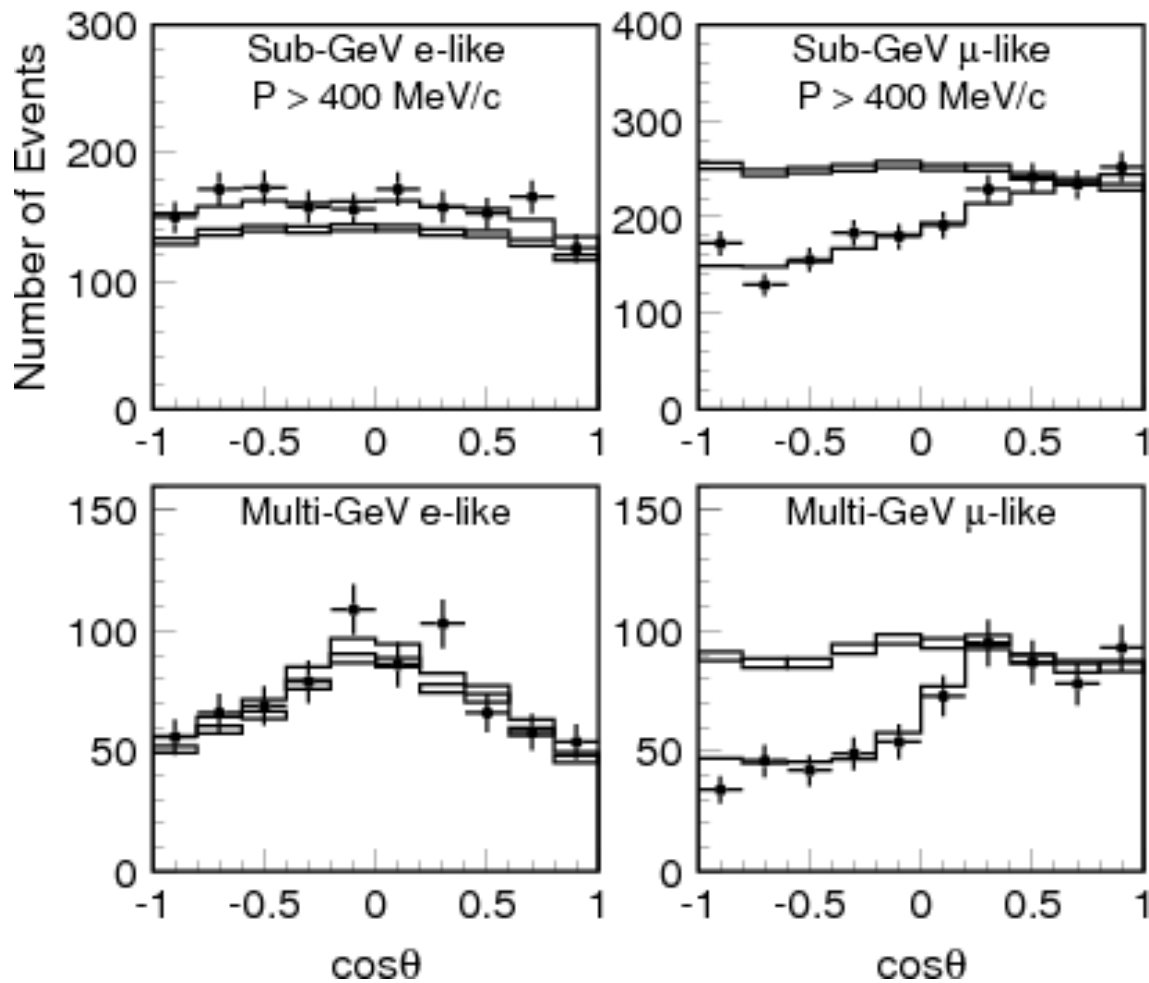
PRL 107, 101802 (2011)



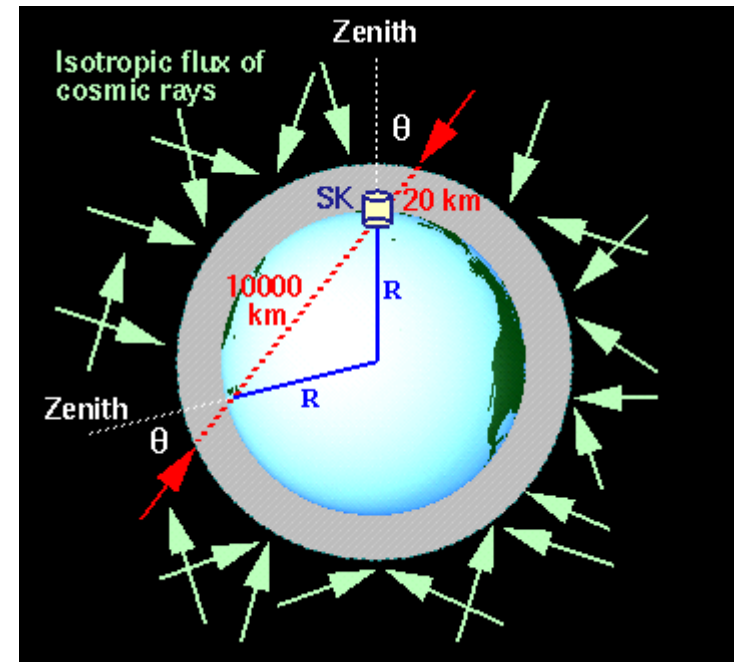
# Atmospheric Neutrinos



# Super-K atmospheric $\nu$ results



PRL 93:101801, 2004  
PRD 71:112005, 2005



Deficit of upward-going  $\nu_\mu$  relative to downward-going.

No deficit for  $\nu_e$ .

Seems like  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

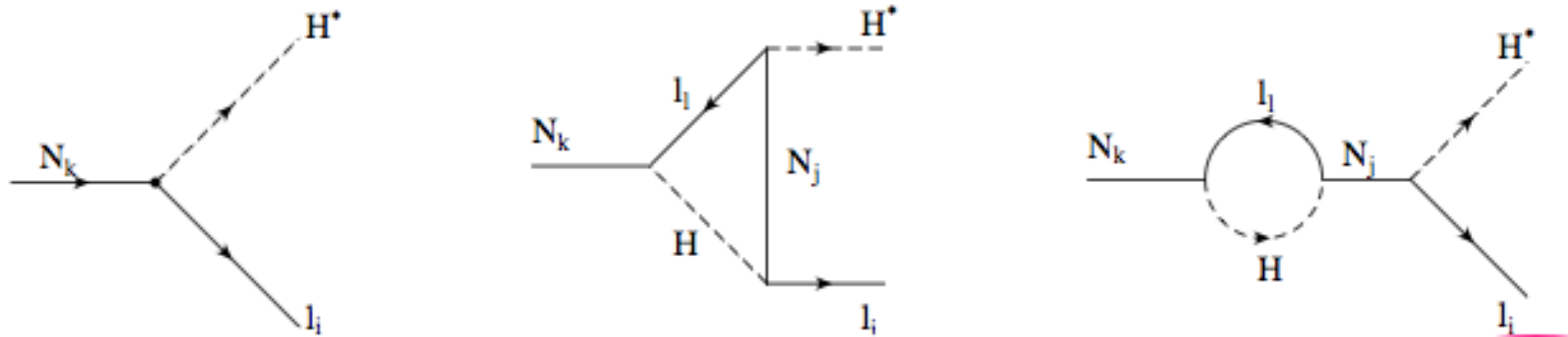
# Leptogenesis

CP violation in quark sector not enough to explain observed matter-antimatter asymmetry in universe.

Neutrino mixing provides another possible source of CPV.

- **Standard Leptogenesis: decays of RH neutrinos (CPV in decay)**

Quantum interference of tree diagram and one-loop diagram



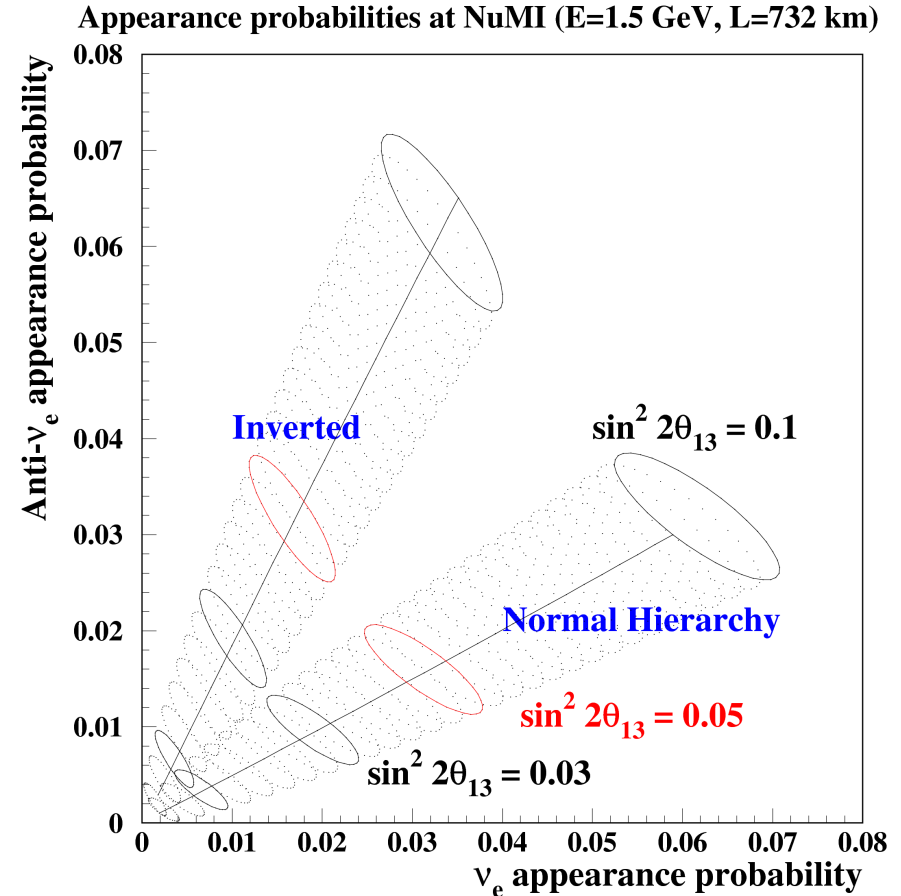
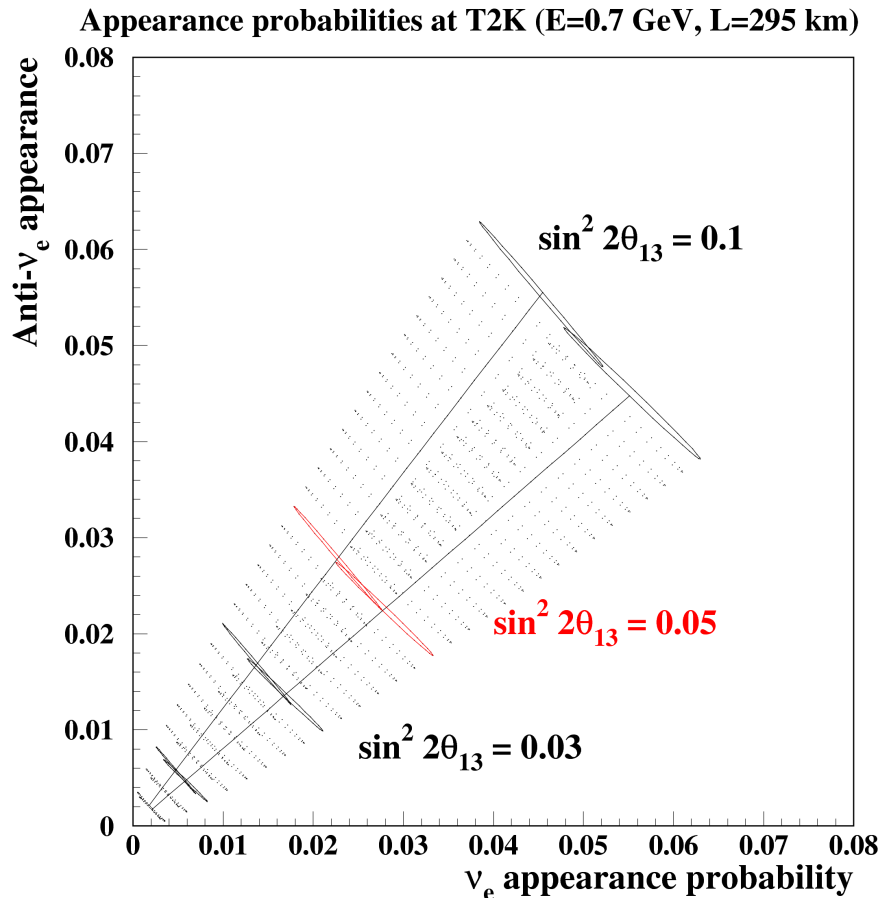
Usual scenario: decay of heavy Majorana neutrinos [Phys.Lett B 174, 45 \(1986\)](#)

Many alternates, eg. leptogenesis with only Dirac  $\nu$ 's [PRL 89:271601 \(2002\)](#)

Relation of  $\delta_{CP}$  to leptogenesis is model-dependent, but observation of leptonic CP violation is an important milestone.



# CP Violation and Matter Effects



Significant parameter degeneracies will require multiple experiments to disentangle.

# Beam Flux Uncertainties

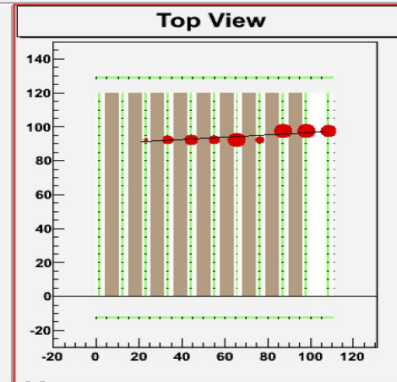
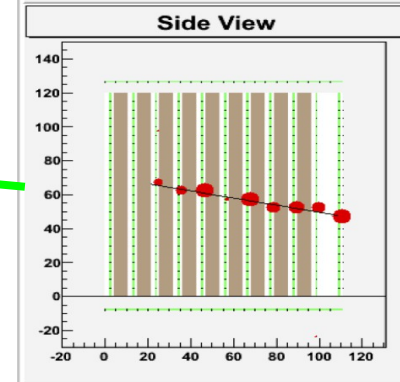
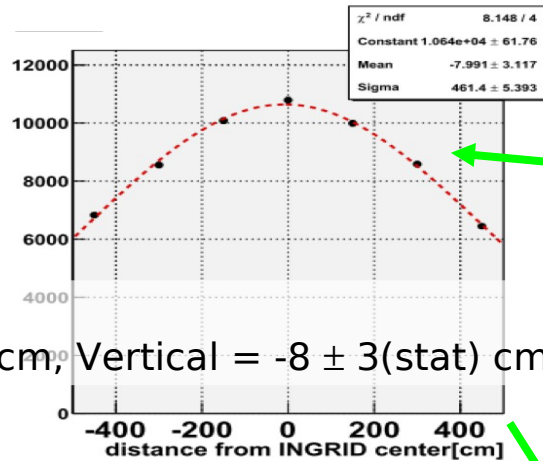
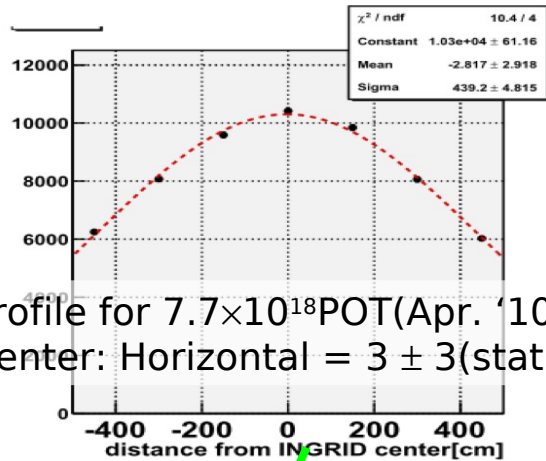
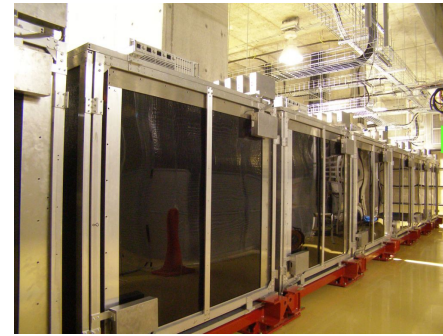
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.1 \quad \Delta m_{32}^2=2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23})=1.0$$

	% Errors on Sample Predictions		
	$N_{ND}$	$N_{SK}$	$N_{SK}/N_{ND}$
Pion Production	3.41	4.97	1.88
Kaon Production	3.48	1.17	2.99
Secondary Nucleon Production	5.46	6.61	1.34
Hadronic Interaction Length	5.78	6.56	1.90
Proton Beam, Alignment & Off-axis Angle	3.45	2.08	1.75
Horn Current and Magnetic Field	1.40	1.16	1.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.04</b>	<b>10.94</b>	<b>4.78</b>

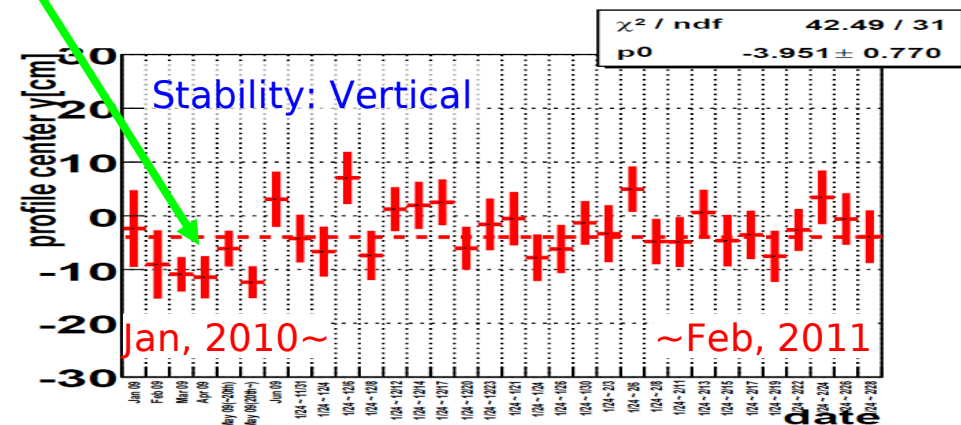
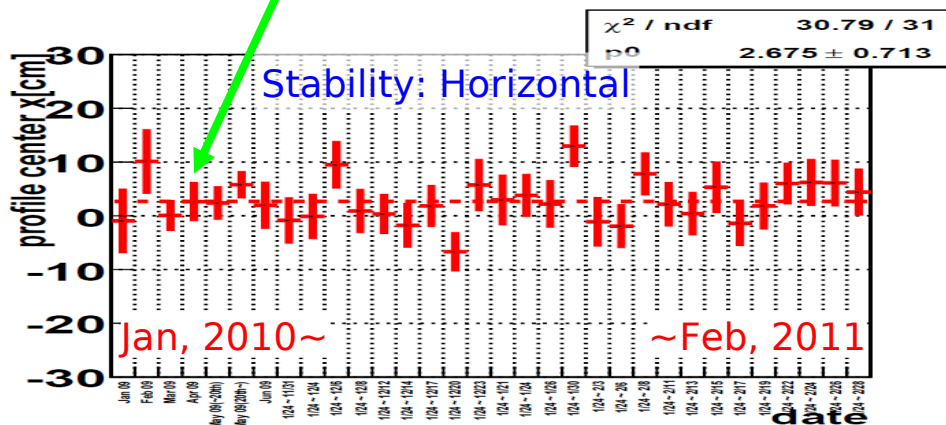
# Beam direction: INGRID

- 7+7 array of the scintillator trackers with iron target.
- Distance from target = 279m (V) / 283m (H)  
→ 10cm center shift  $\equiv$  0.04mrad
- Beam direction from 2010 Jan. ~ Jun.
  - Horizontal:  $+0.01 \pm 0.05$ (stat.)  $\pm 0.33$ (syst.) mrad
  - Vertical :  $-0.24 \pm 0.05$ (stat.)  $\pm 0.37$ (syst.) mrad

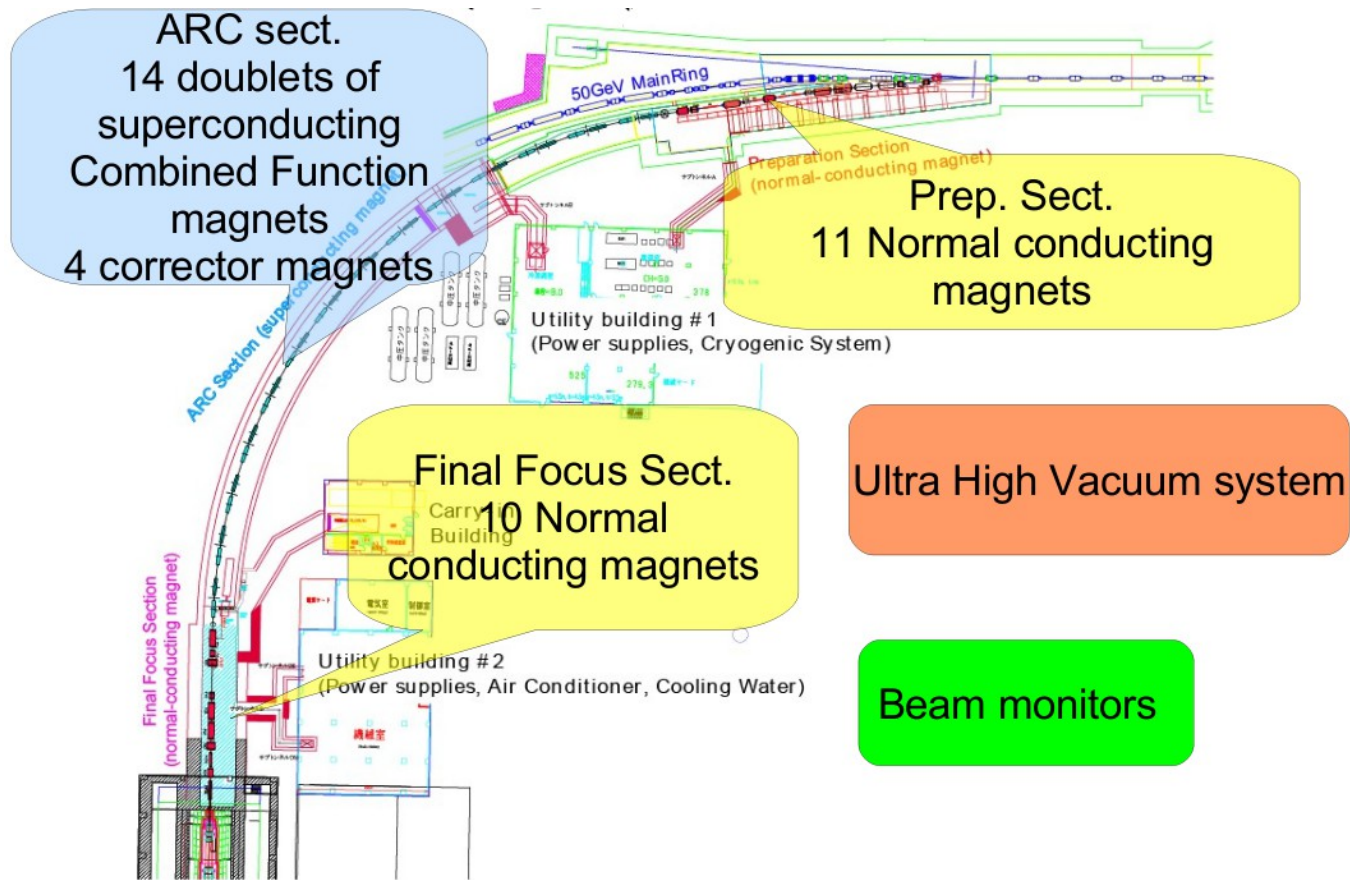


Event display

Profile for  $7.7 \times 10^{18}$  POT (Apr. '10)  
Center: Horizontal =  $3 \pm 3$ (stat) cm, Vertical =  $-8 \pm 3$ (stat) cm

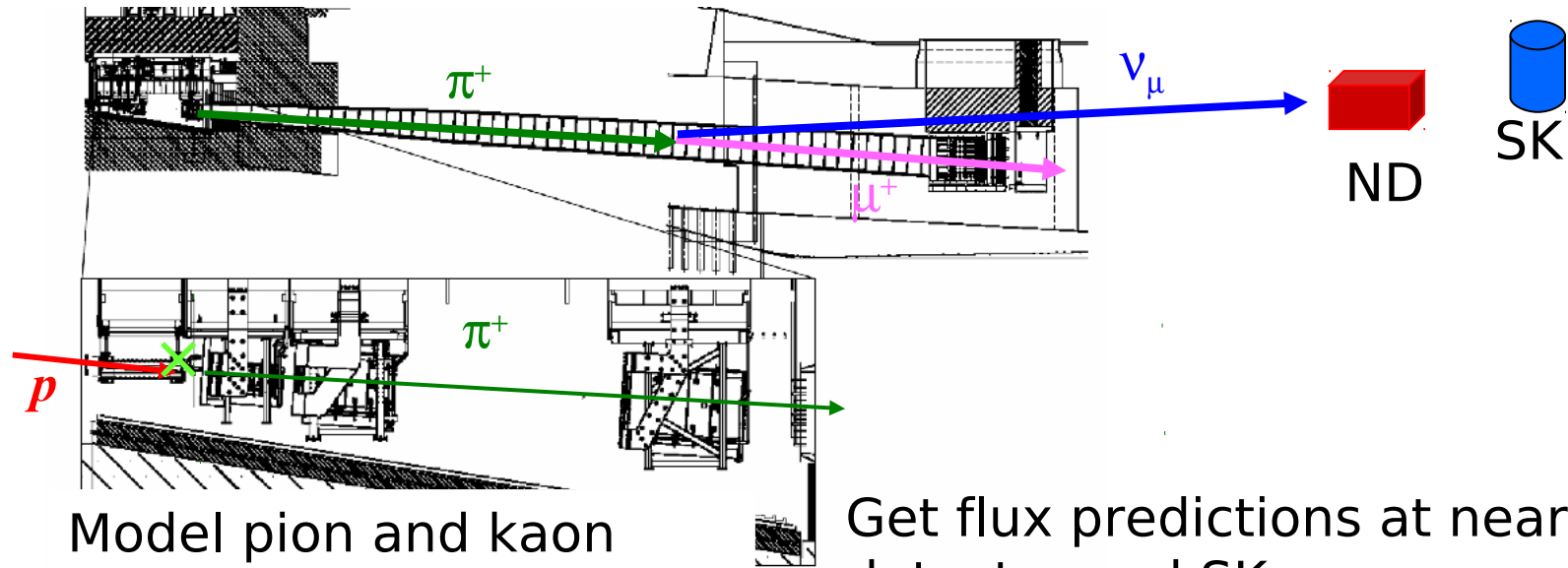


# Neutrino Beamline





# T2K: Flux prediction (Beam MC)

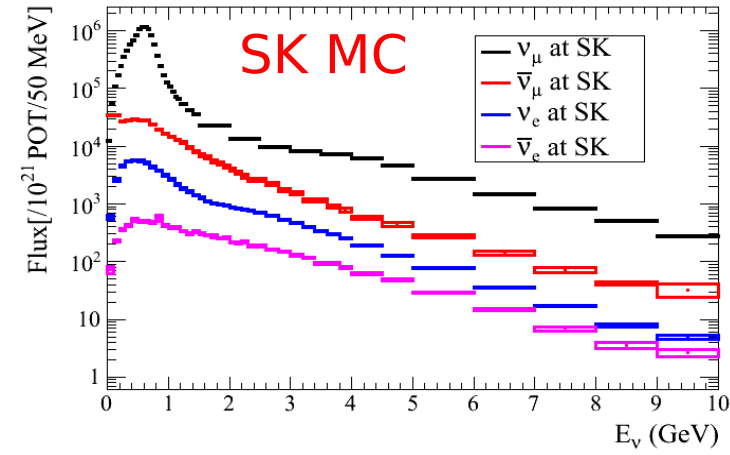
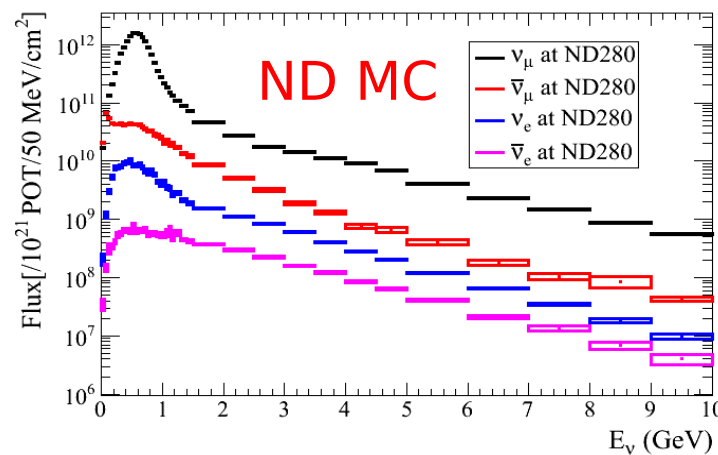


Simulate hadron production on target using FLUKA simulation

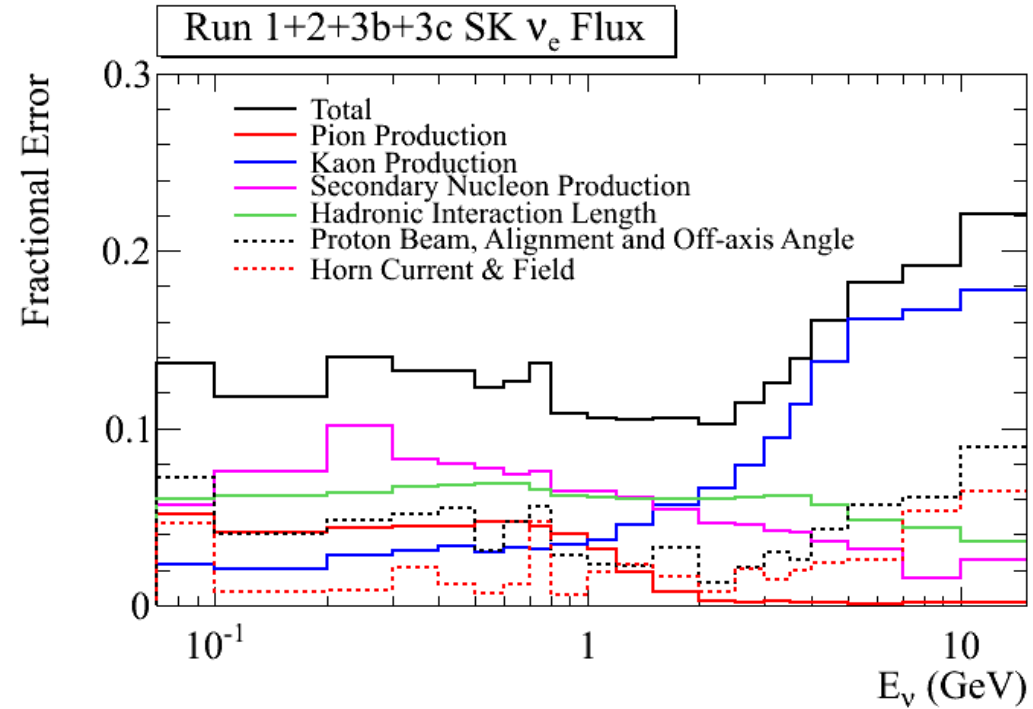
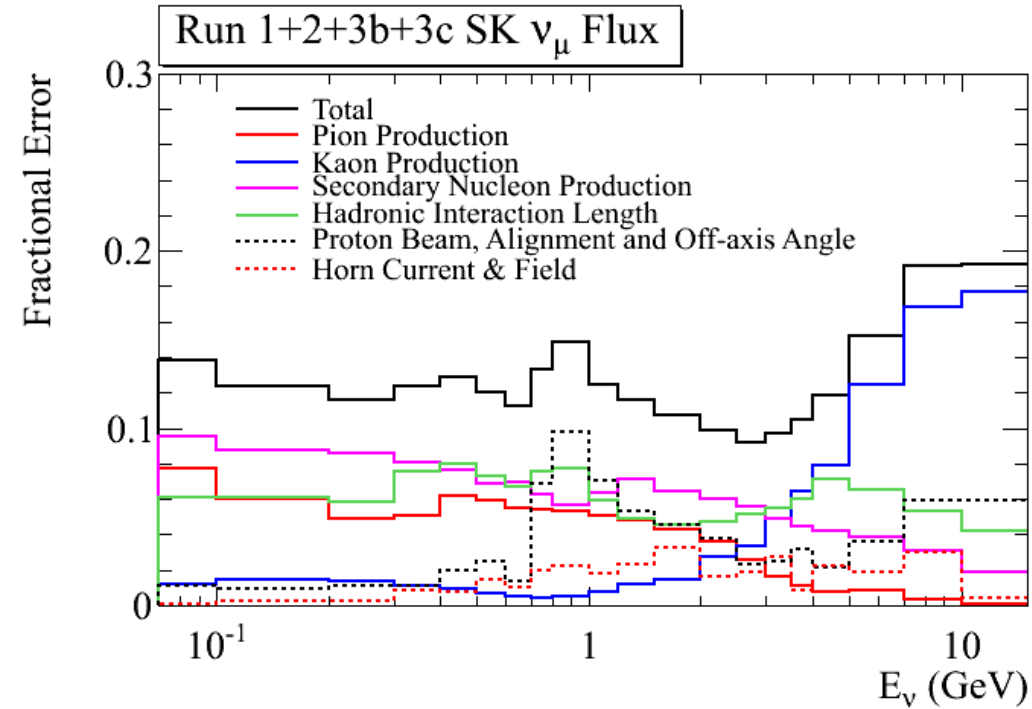
Model pion and kaon propagation and decay through horns and beamline

Get flux predictions at near detector and SK

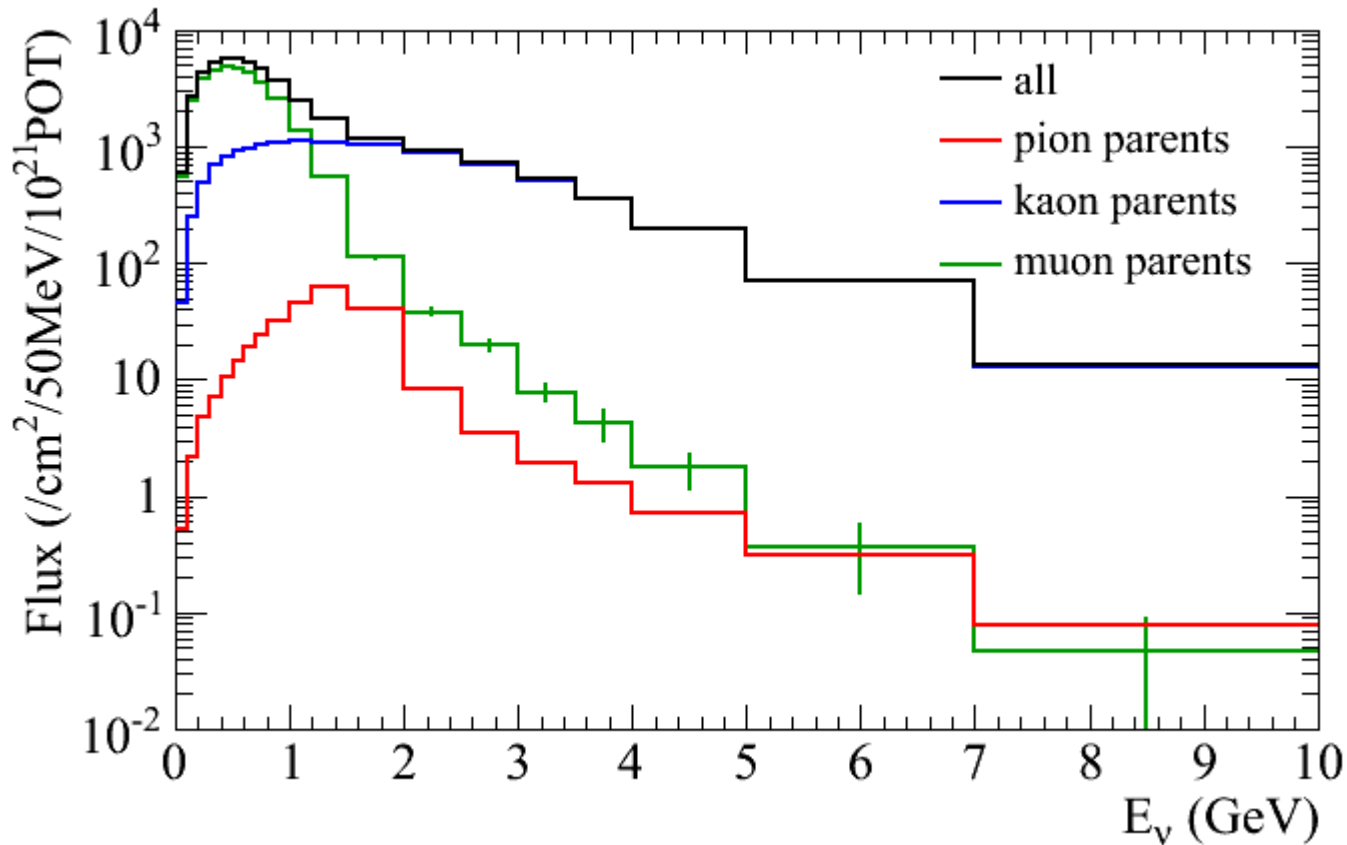
Particle production cross sections tuned to external data from NA61 and others.



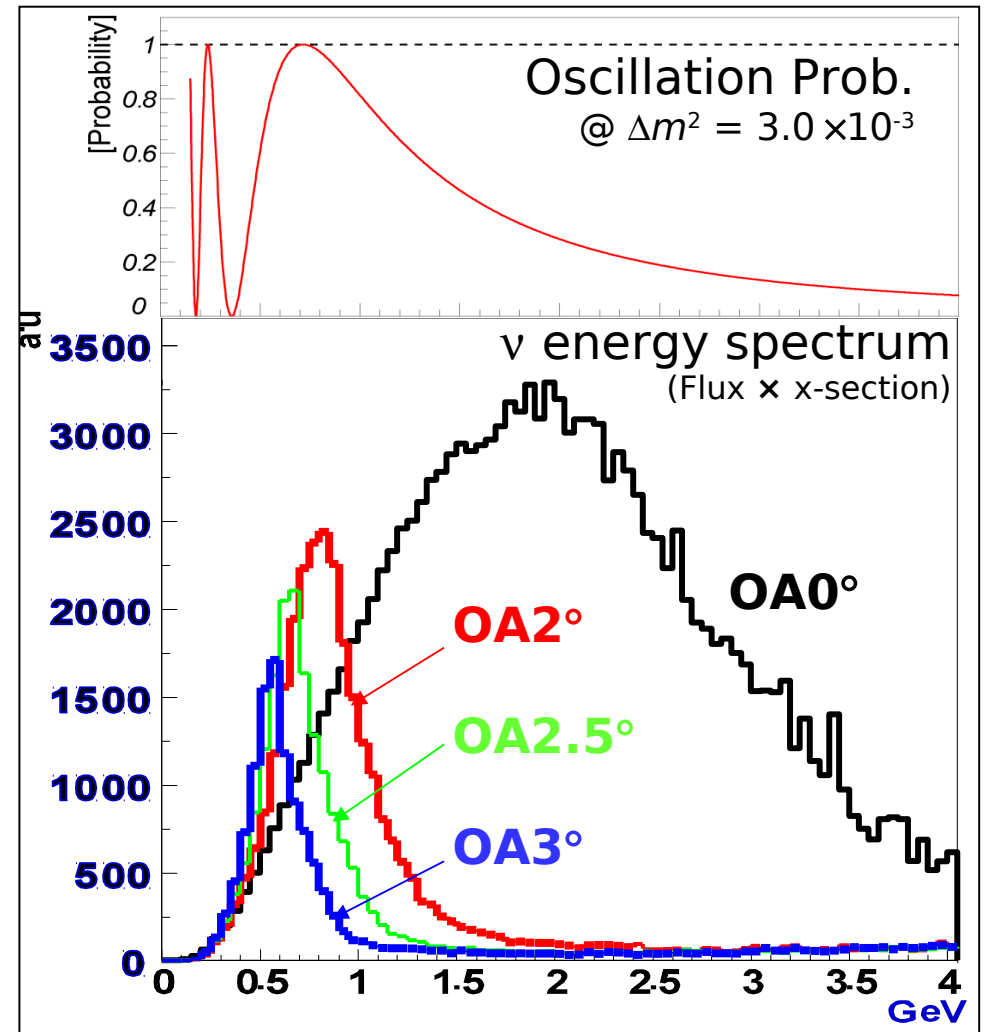
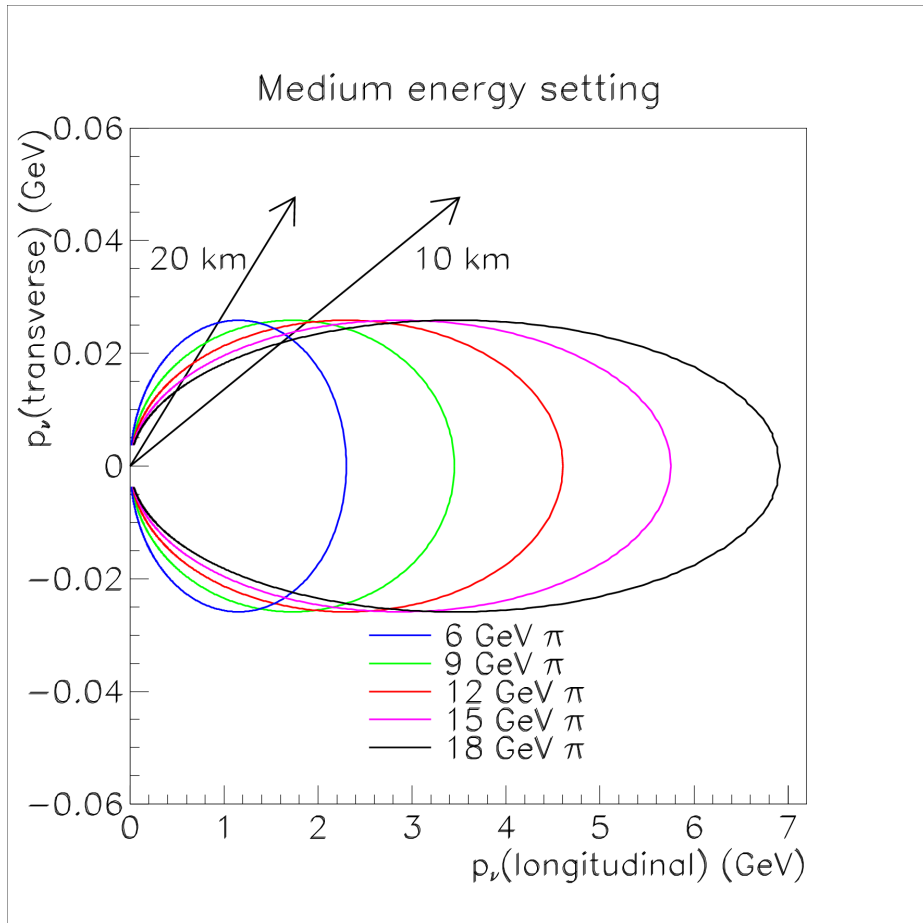
# Flux uncertainties for $\nu_\mu$ and $\nu_e$



# Parent particles of beam $\nu_e$ background



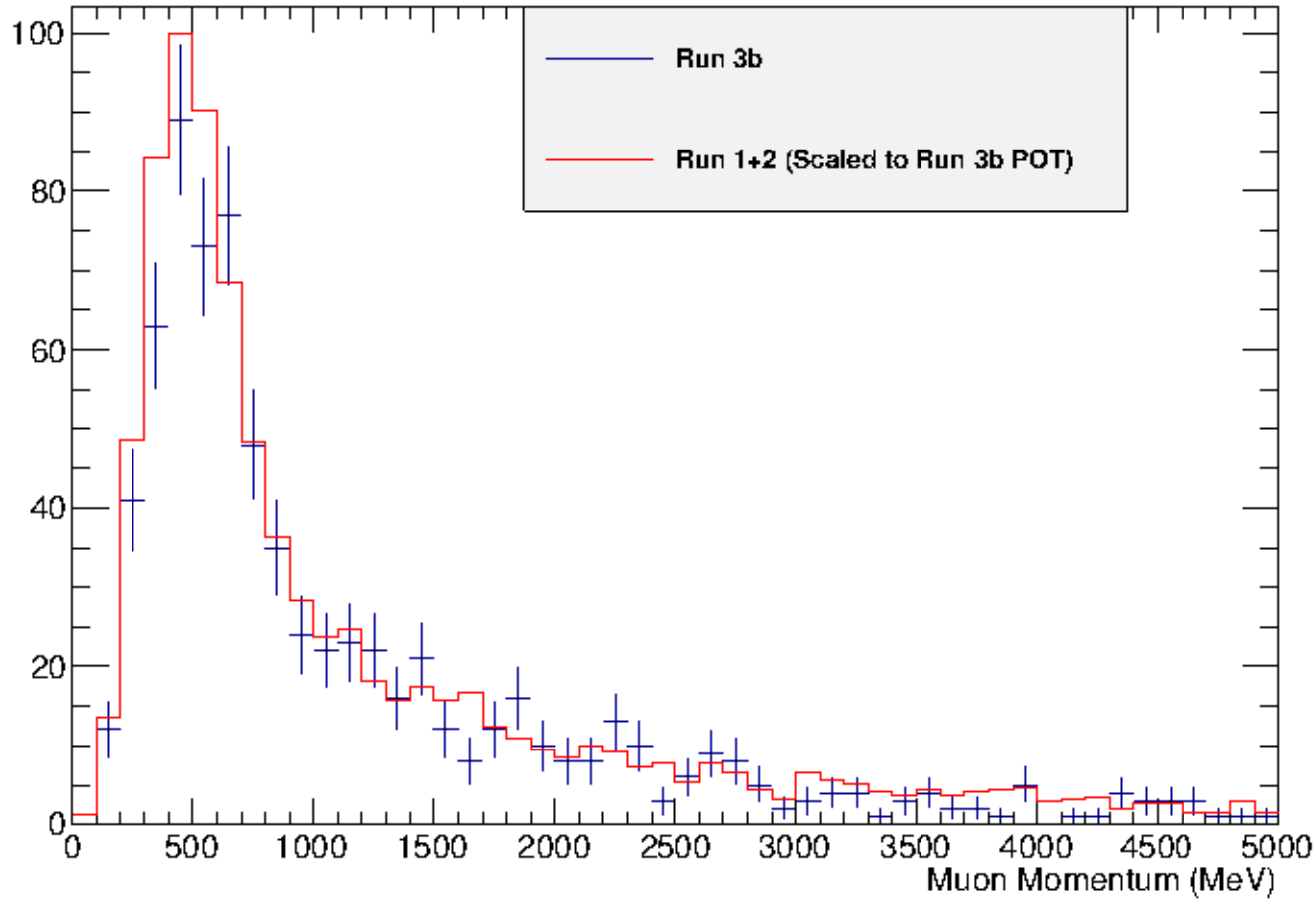
# Off-Axis Beam Principle



Off-axis beam: more flux near peak oscillation energy, less flux at higher energies where  $\nu_e$  backgrounds are produced.

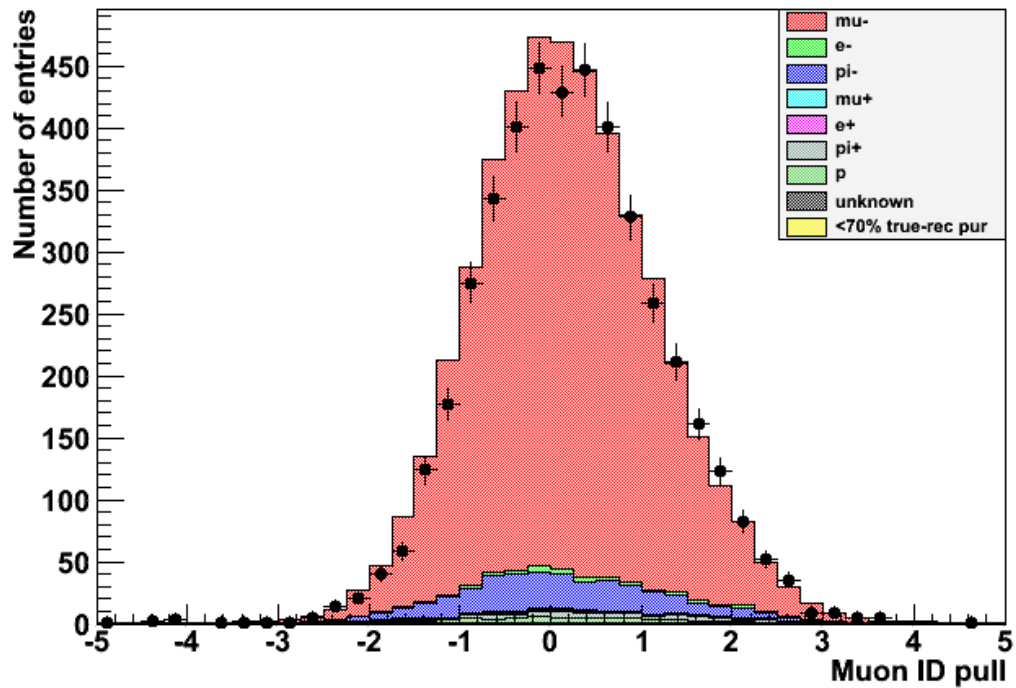


# Near Detector Run 3 vs. Run 1+2 comparison

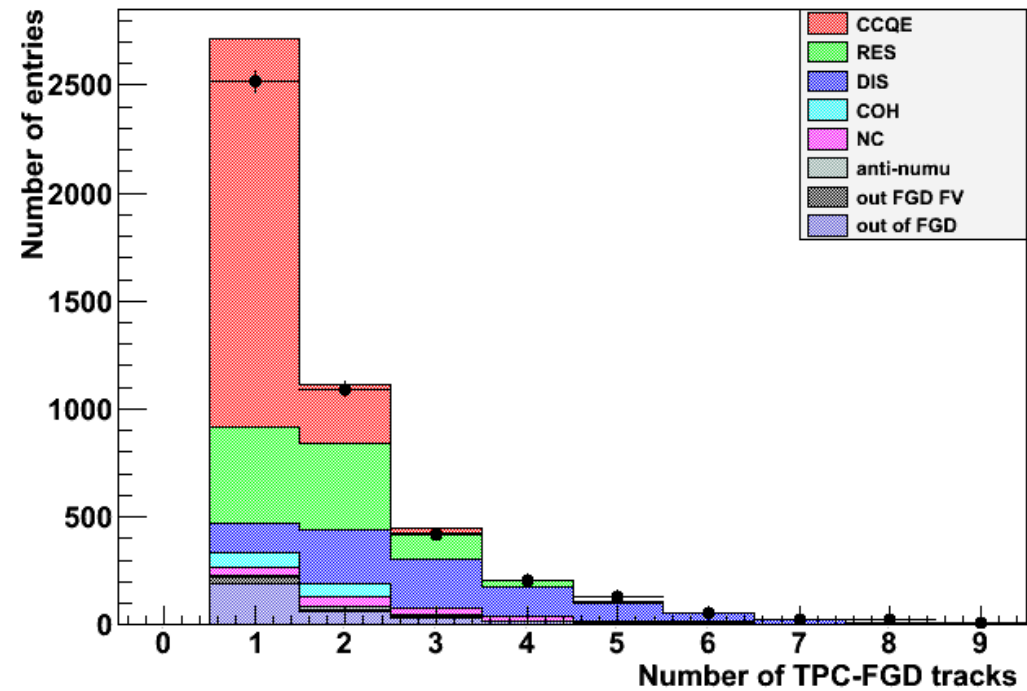


Check	Sample	P-value
Rate Consistency	Run3 versus Run1+2	0.989
Shape Consistency	Run3 versus Run1+2	0.561

# ND280 selection cut distributions

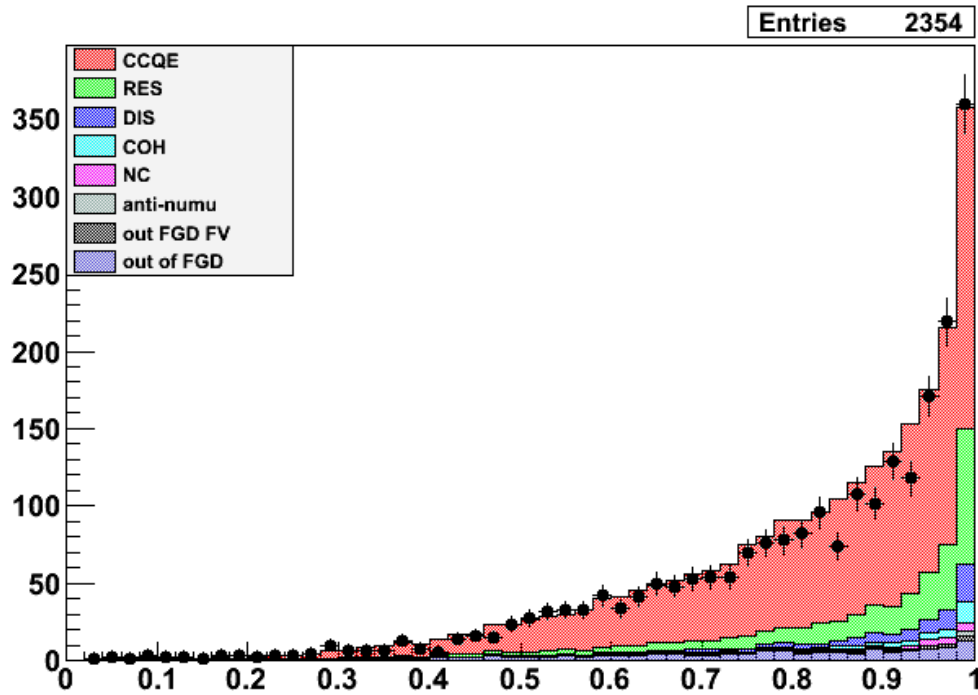


TPC dE/dX particle ID

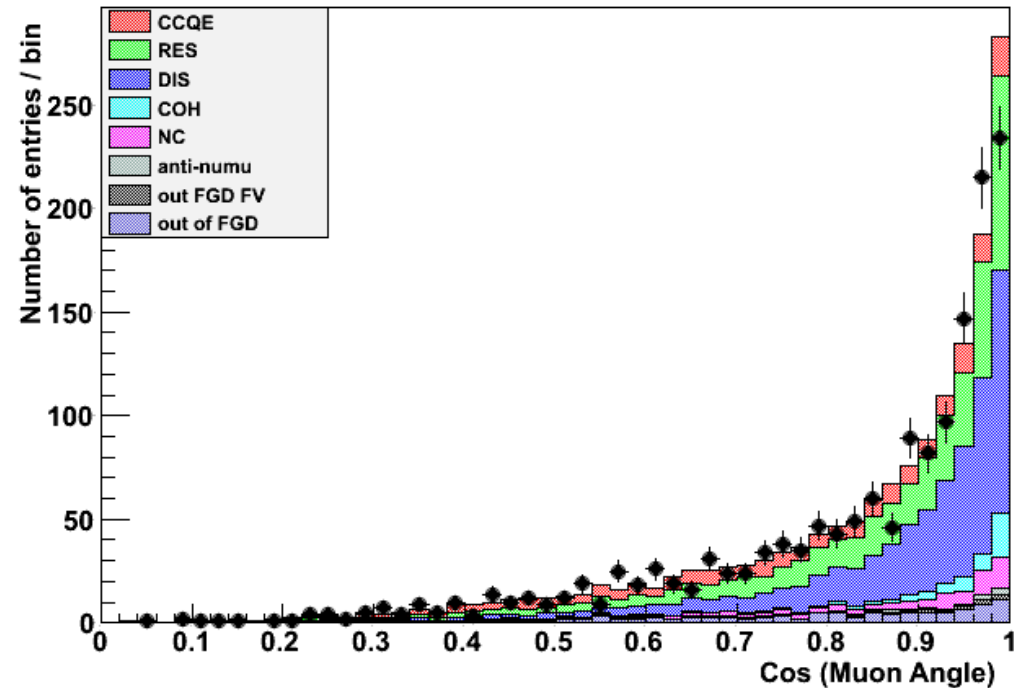


Number of TPC-FGD tracks

# Near Detector angular distributions



QE-like



nonQE-like

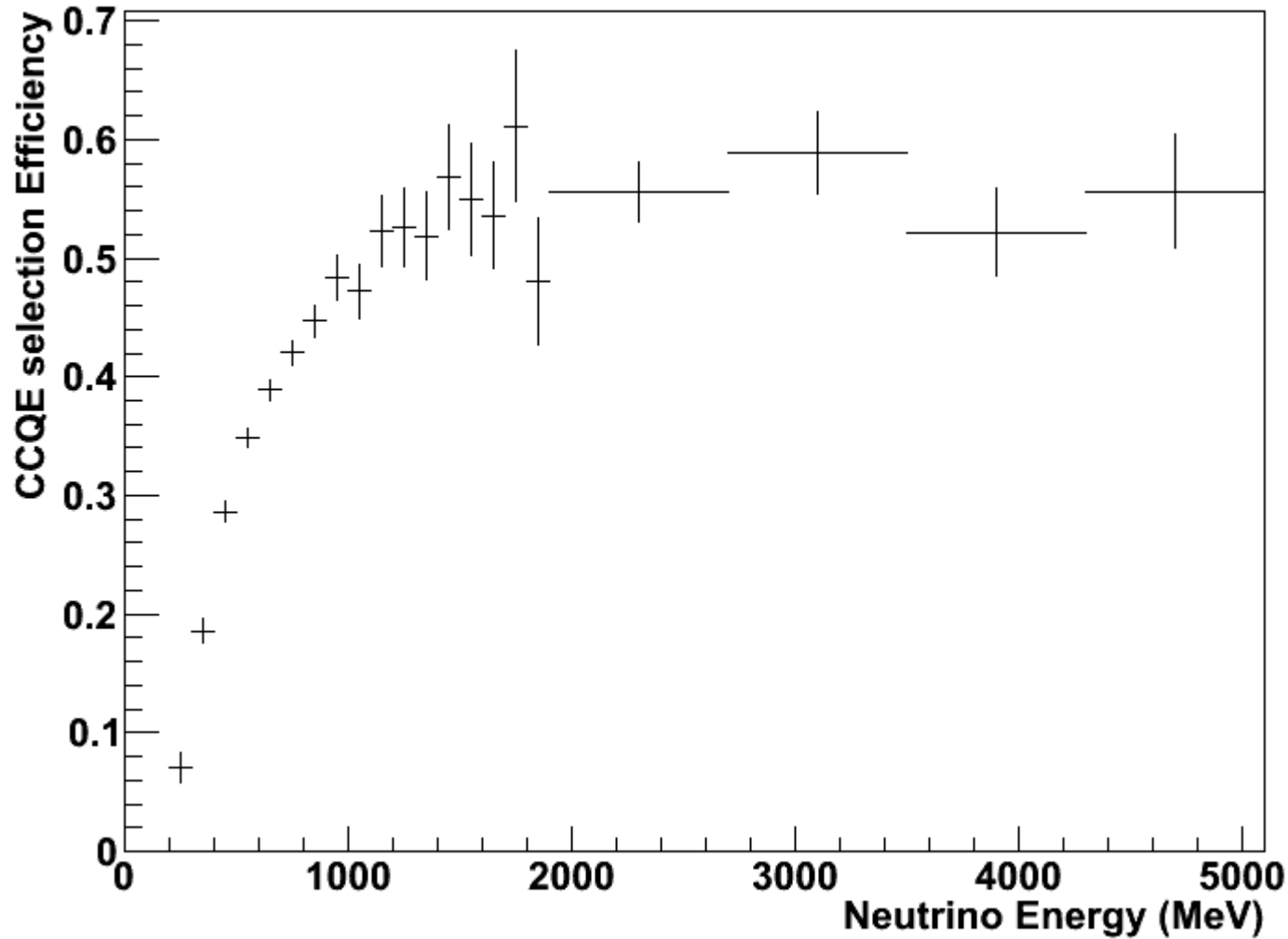
Technically plot is Run2 only, since Run 1+2 wasn't available

# ND280 detector systematics

Systematics	Sample	Error (%)
Track quality	Beam data/MC	0.1
TPC single track eff.	Beam data/MC	0.5
TPC double track eff.	Beam data/MC	0.6
TPC particle ID (PID)	Beam data/MC	0.1
TPC momentum scale	External measurements	0.5
TPC mom. distortion	Special MC	~1-7
TPC mom. resolution	Beam data/MC	2.0
TPC-FGD match. eff.	Sand interact. + cosmics	<1
Fiducial mass	External measurements	0.7
Charge mis-ID	Beam data/MC	<0.3
Michel electron eff.	Cosmics	0.5
Cosmic rays	Special MC	0.1
Sand interactions	Special MC	1.5
Out-of-fiducial volume	Several samples	~1-9



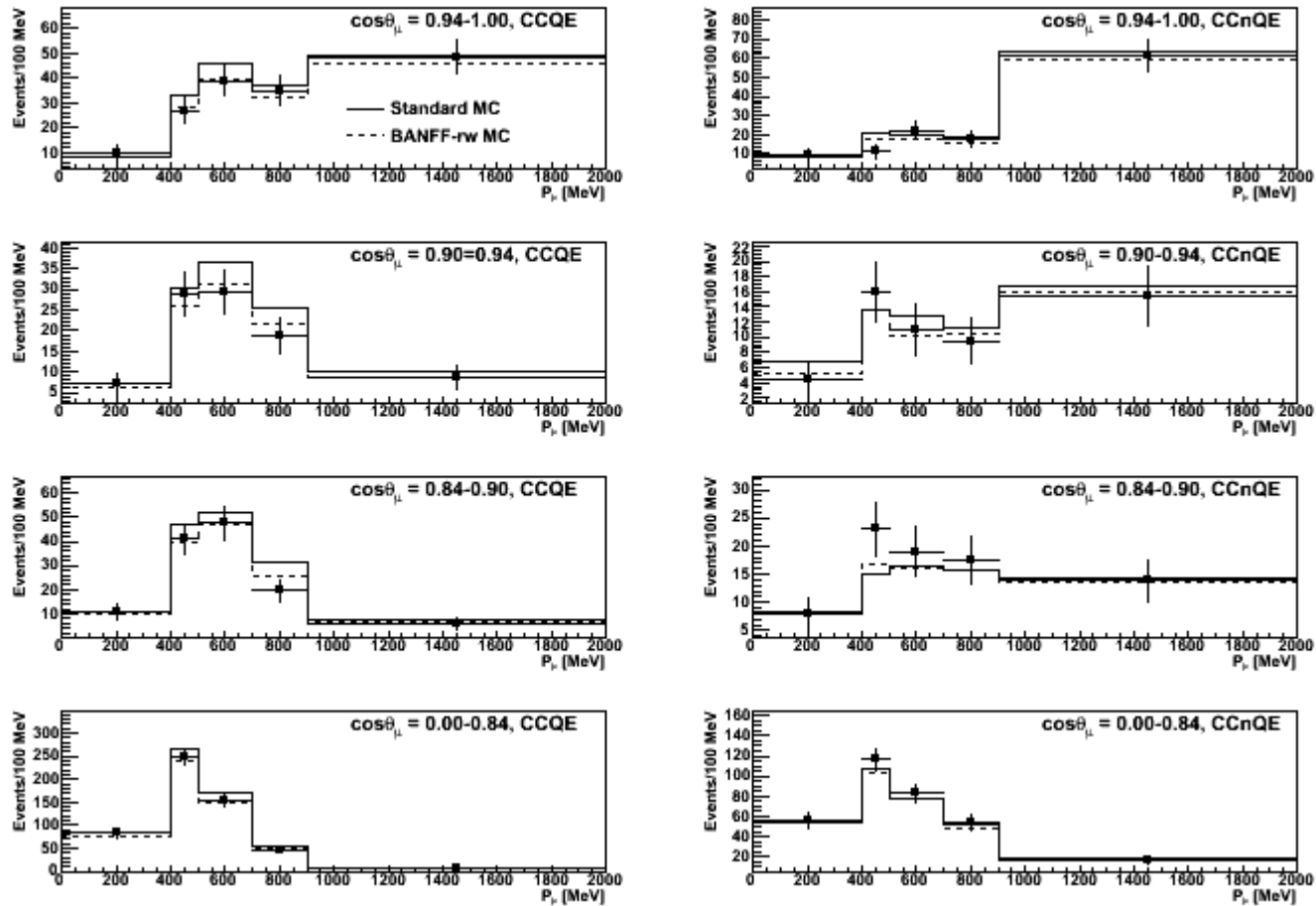
# CCQE selection efficiency in ND



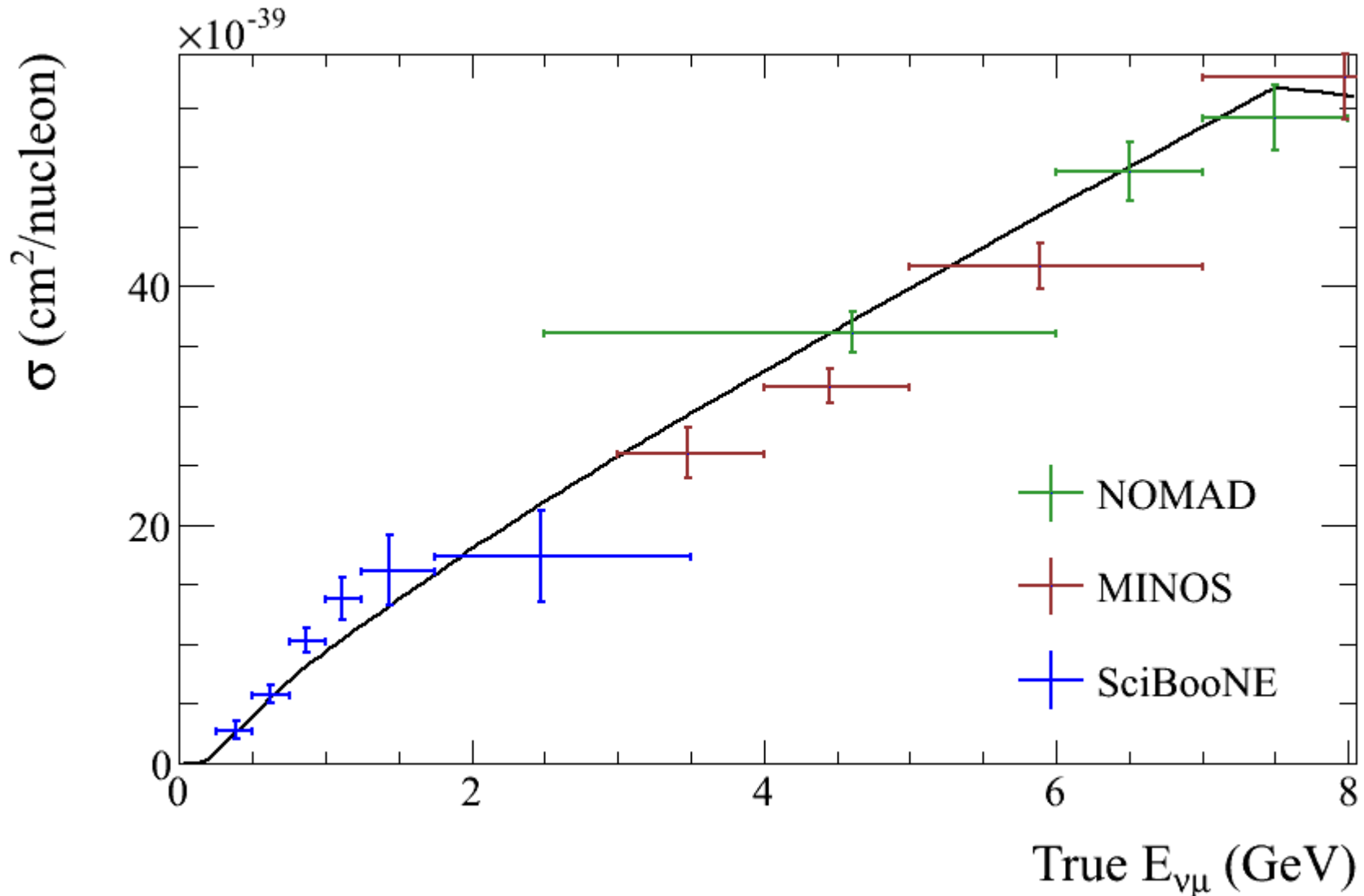
# ND selection table

Cut	Data Run1	MC Run1	Data Run2	MC Run2
CC Inclusive Selection				
Good negative track in FV	2479	2347.9	6358	6148.8
Upstream TPC veto	1741	1800.7	4502	4749.6
PID cut	1202	1266.2	3283	3440.6
CCQE Sub-Sample Selection				
TPC-FGD track = 1	664	727.4	1853	1989.9
No Michel electron	619	676.0	1735	1858.8

# Comparison of ND280 data to MC after tuning with fit results

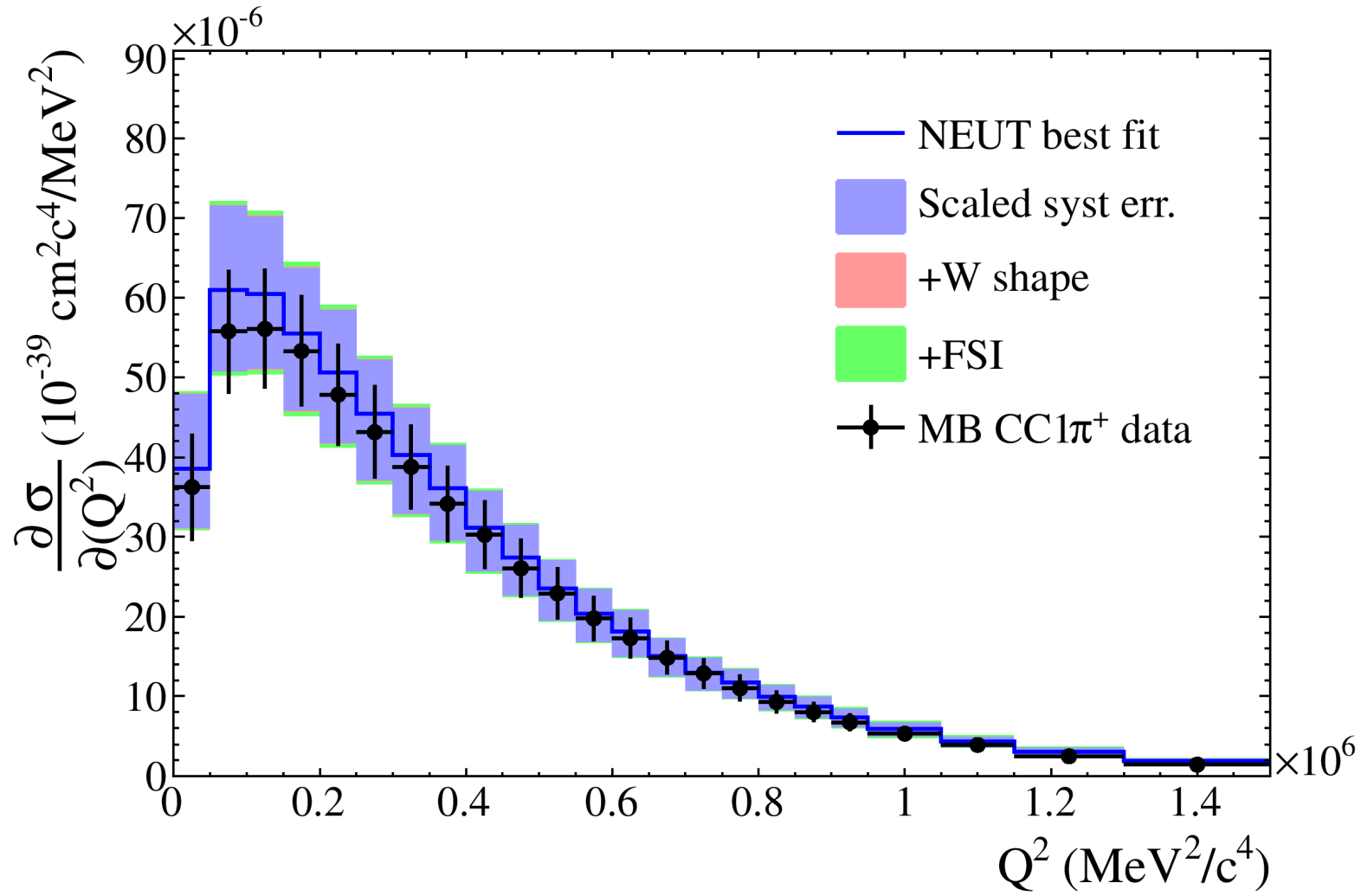


# NEUT bare (nucleon level) inclusive CC cross-section vs. energy

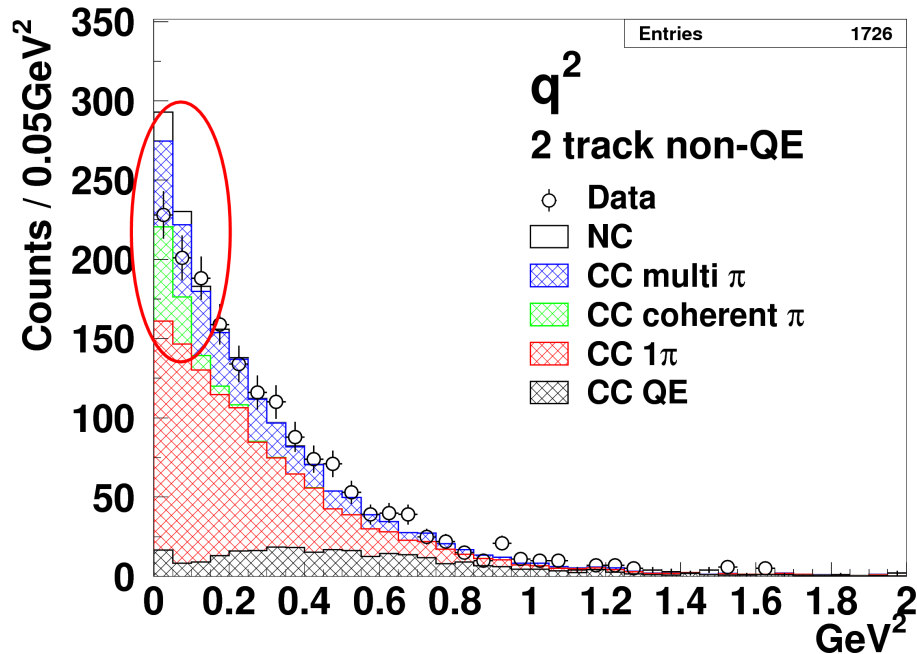




# CC1 $\pi$ $q^2$ distribution for best fit



# Nuclear Effects



Data from K2K Scibar detector shows poor agreement in  $q^2$  distribution for events selected as being not CCQE

The neutrino world's version of a QCD background ... are there ain't no such thing as asymptotic freedom at these energies!

Nuclear effects quite important in modelling neutrino interactions: binding energy, Fermi motion, Pauli blocking, coherent scattering off of entire nucleus ...

**Data anomalies abound!**

May be different for different nuclei.

# T2K general likelihood fit

$$\begin{aligned}\ln[L(\vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{o} | \vec{M}_{ND280}, \vec{M}_{SK})] &= \ln[P(\vec{M}_{ND280} | \vec{b}, \vec{x})] + \ln[P(\vec{M}_{SK} | \vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{o})] \\ &\quad + \ln[\pi(\vec{b})] + \ln[\pi(\vec{x})]\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi(\vec{b}) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} |V_b|^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \Delta b (V_b^{-1}) \Delta b^T}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln[L(\vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{o} | \vec{M}_{ND280}, \vec{M}_{SK})] &= \ln[P(\vec{M}_{ND280} | \vec{b}, \vec{x})] + \ln[P(\vec{M}_{SK} | \vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{o})] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \Delta b (V_b^{-1}) \Delta b^T - \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (V_x^{-1}) \Delta x^T\end{aligned}$$

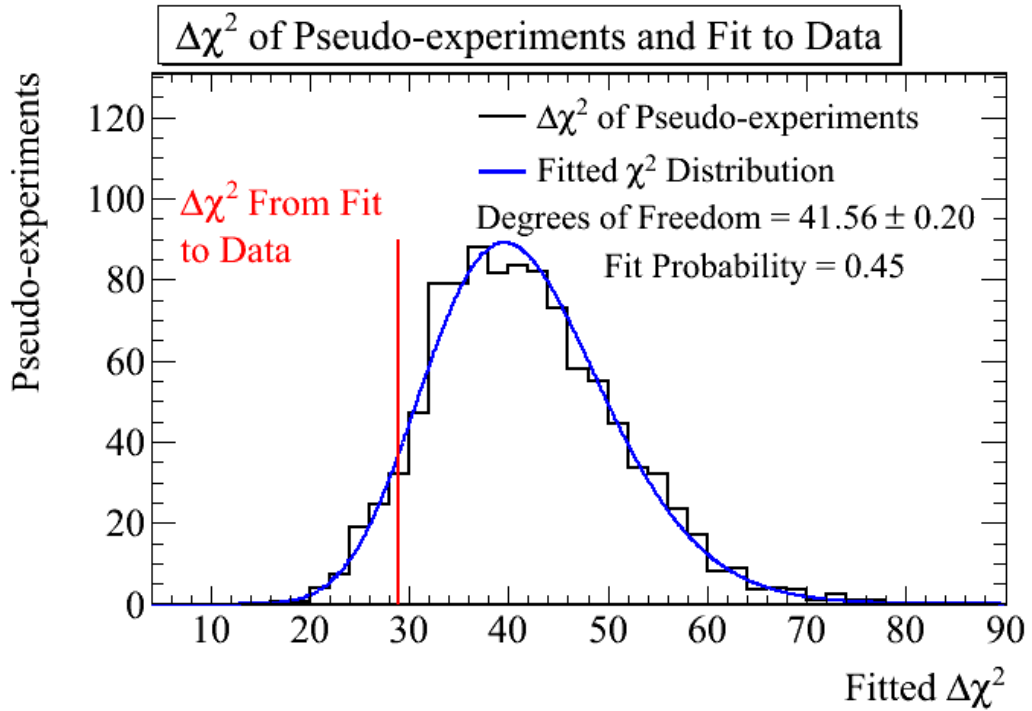
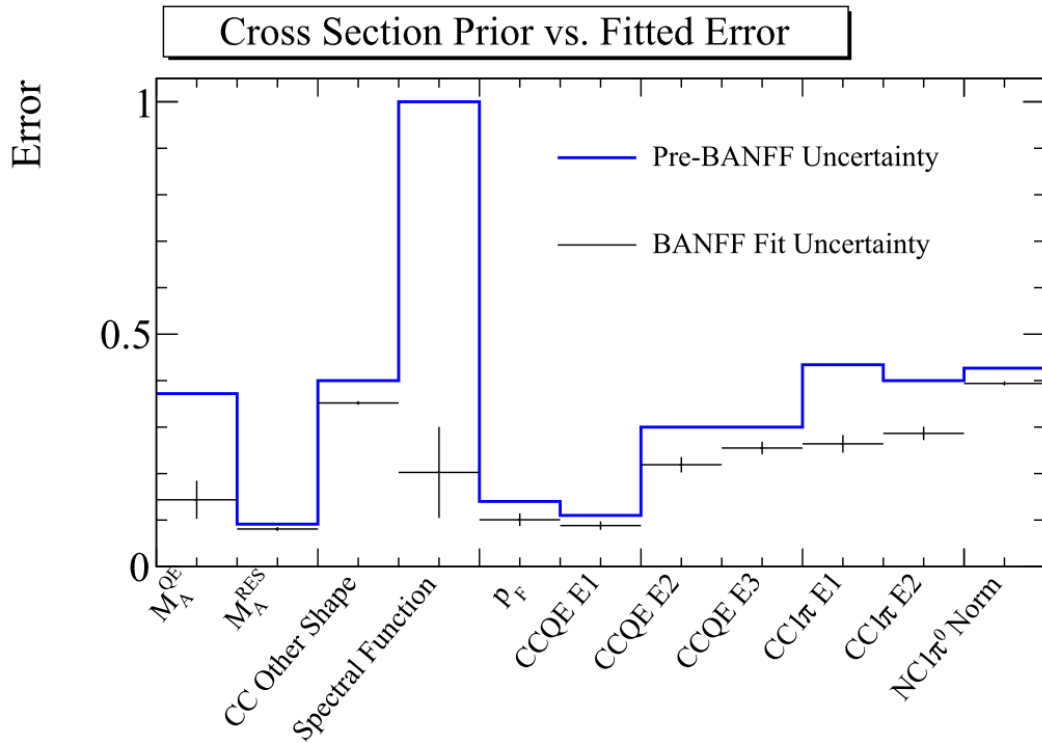
# T2K beam+ND likelihood fit

$$\ln[L(\vec{b}, \vec{x} | \vec{M}_{ND280})] = \ln[P(\vec{M}_{ND280} | \vec{b}, \vec{x})] - \frac{1}{2} \Delta b (V_b^{-1}) \Delta b^T - \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (V_x^{-1}) \Delta x^T$$

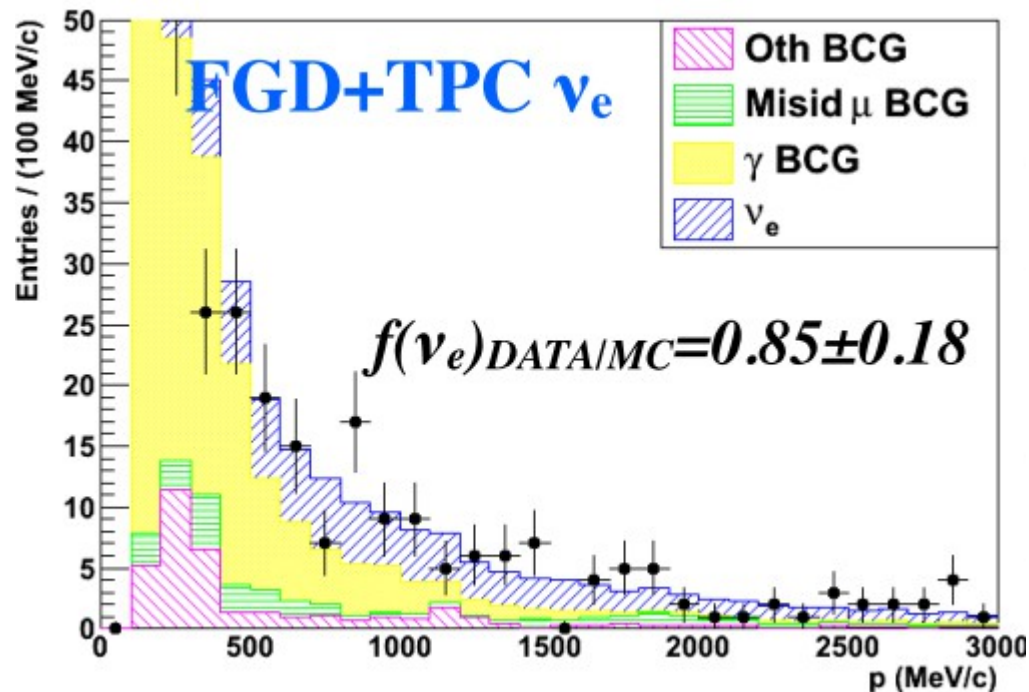
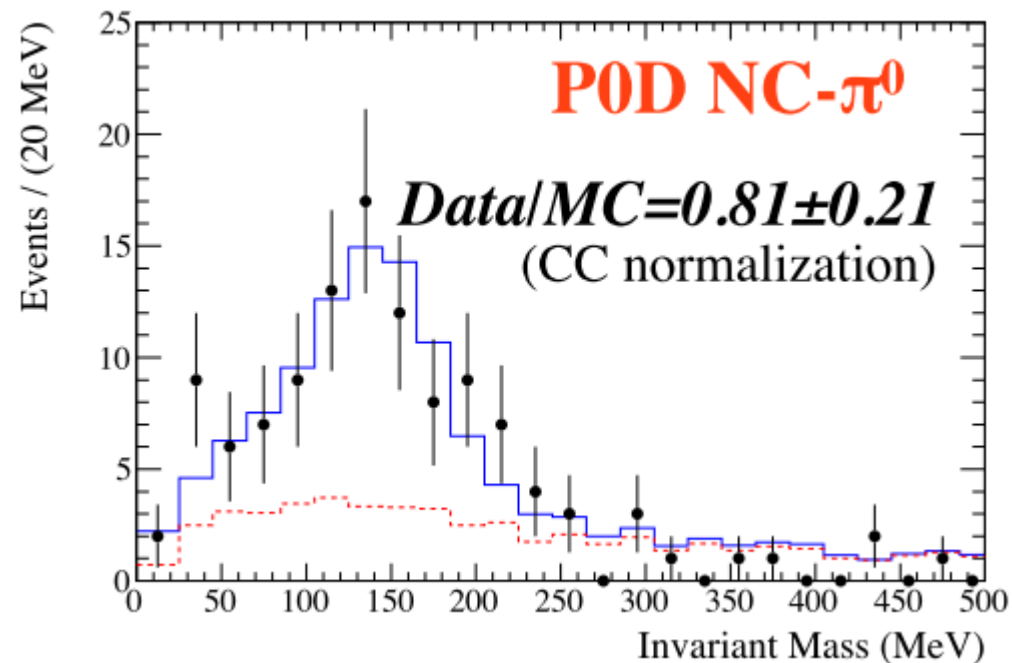
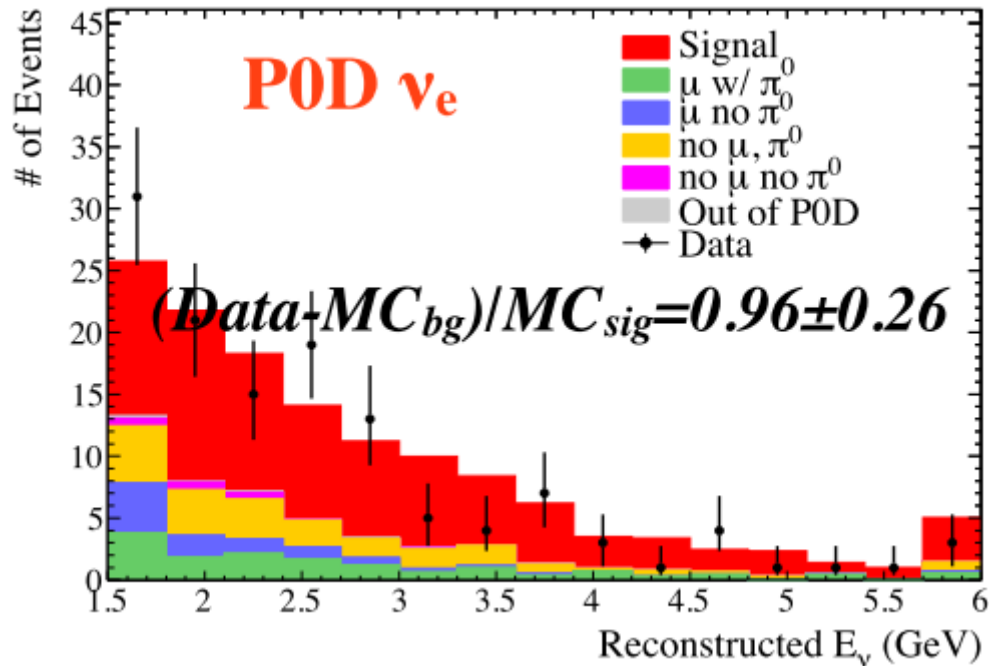
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \chi_{ND280}^2 = & 2 \sum_i^{Nbins} N_i^p(\vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{d}) - N_i^d + N_i^d \ln[N_i^d / N_i^p(\vec{b}, \vec{x}, \vec{d})] + \\ & \sum_i^{E_\nu bins} \sum_j^{E_\nu bins} \Delta b_i (V_b^{-1})_{i,j} \Delta b_j + \sum_i^{xsecpars} \sum_j^{xsecpars} \Delta x_i (V_x^{-1})_{i,j} \Delta x_j + \\ & \sum_i^{Nbins} \sum_j^{Nbins} \Delta d_i (V_d(\vec{b}, \vec{x})^{-1})_{i,j} \Delta d_j + \ln\left(\frac{|V_d(\vec{b}, \vec{x})|}{|V_d^{nom}|}\right) \end{aligned}$$



# Beam+ND fit results



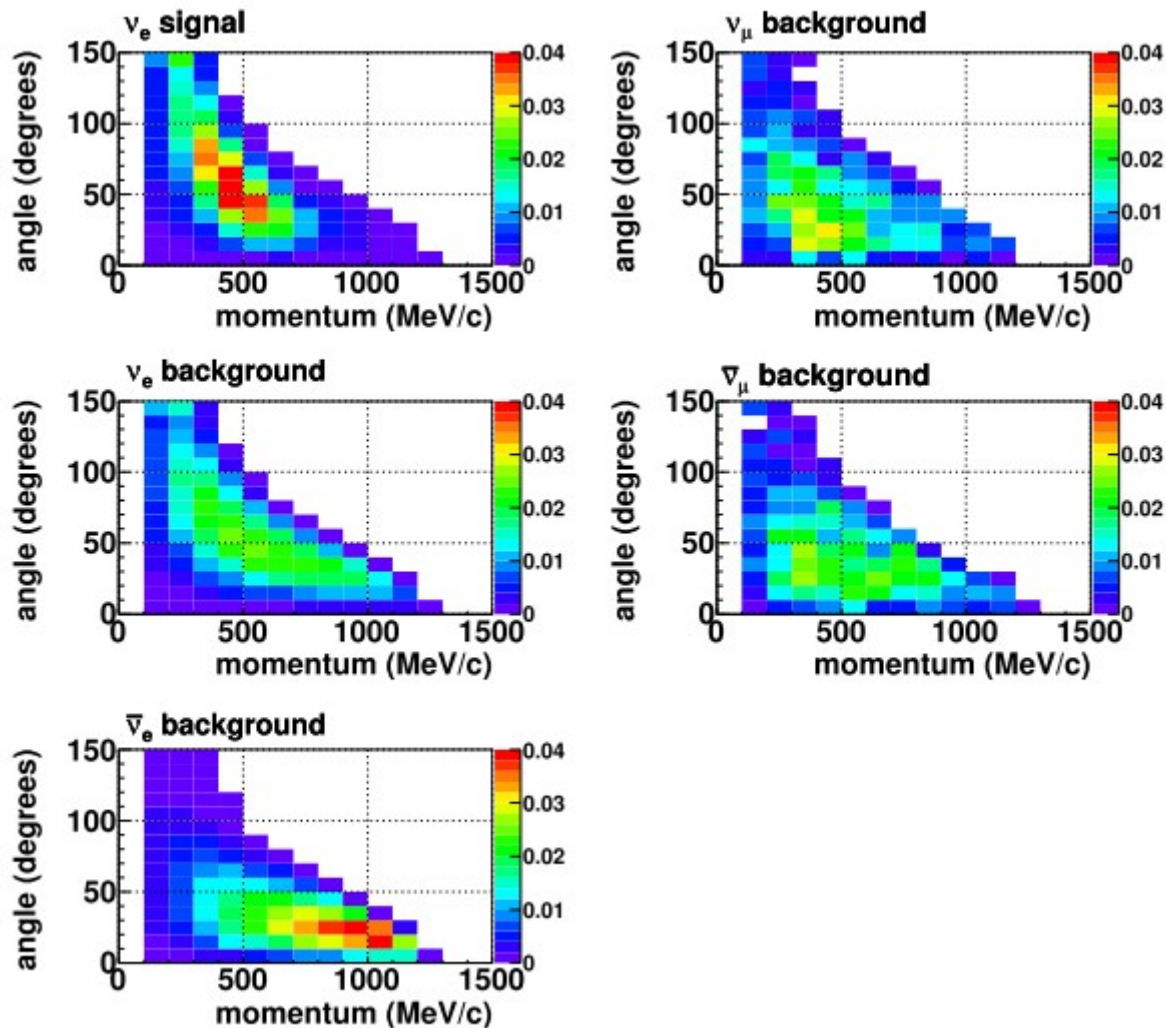
# ND280 background measurements



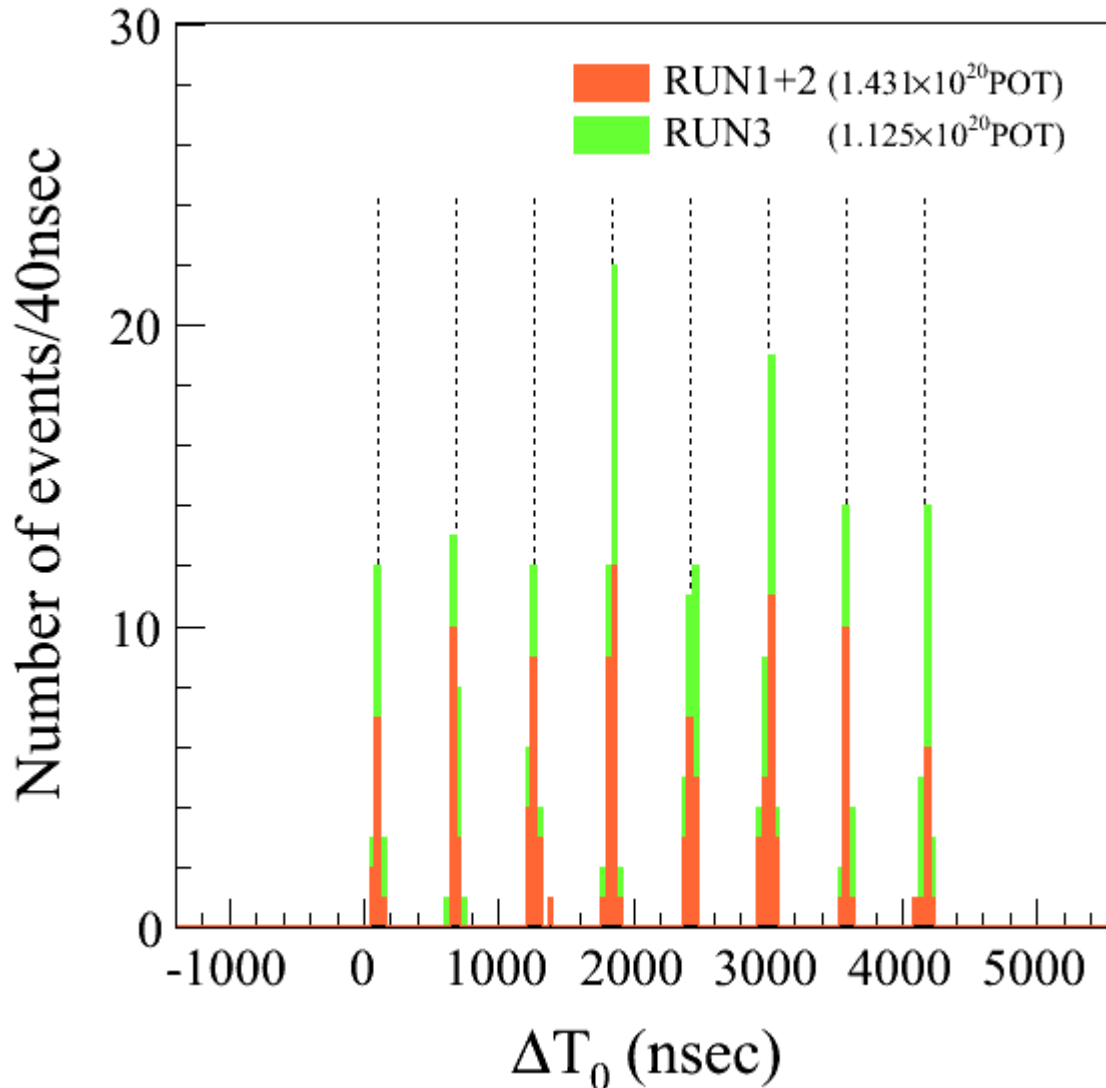
In-situ measurements of electron neutrino component of beam and  $\pi^0$  production rate in ND280.

Used as cross-checks at present.

# $p_e, \theta_e$ PDFs for signal and backgrounds in oscillation fit

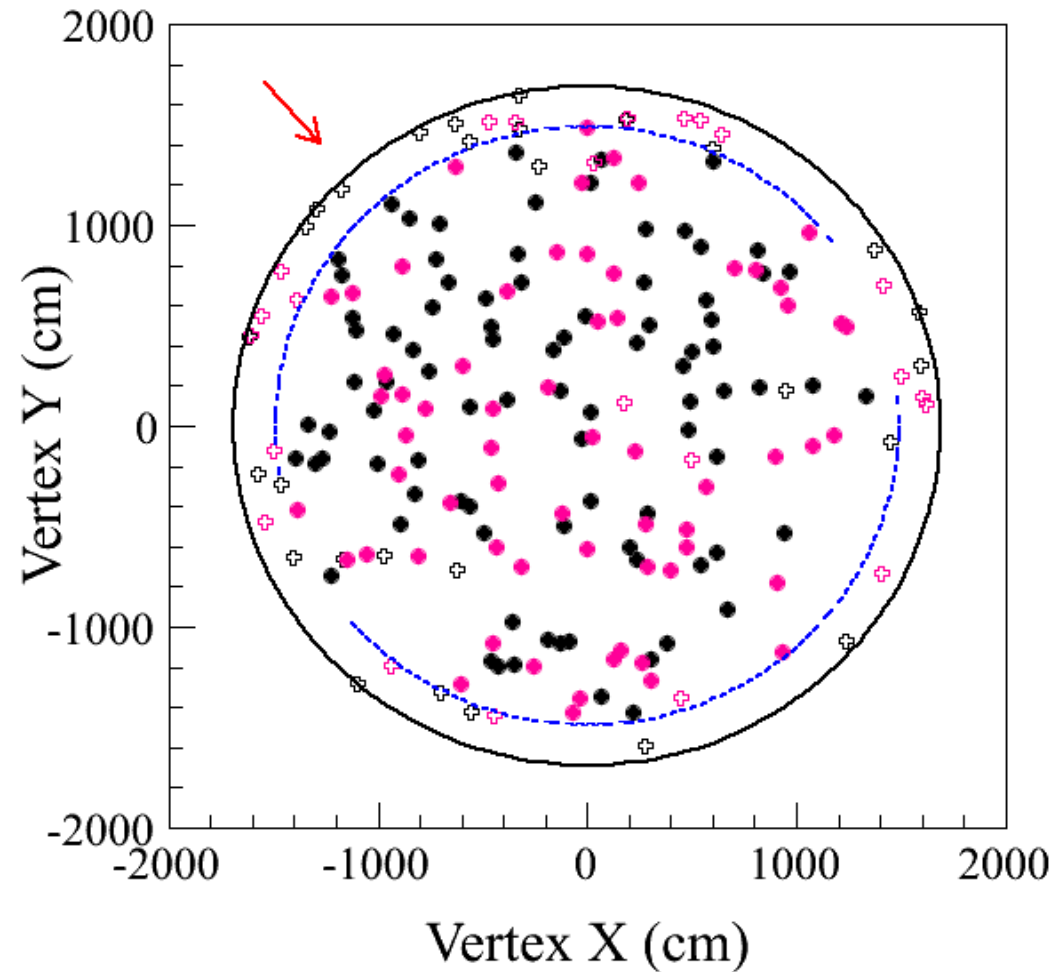


# Event timing for fully contained events at Super-K

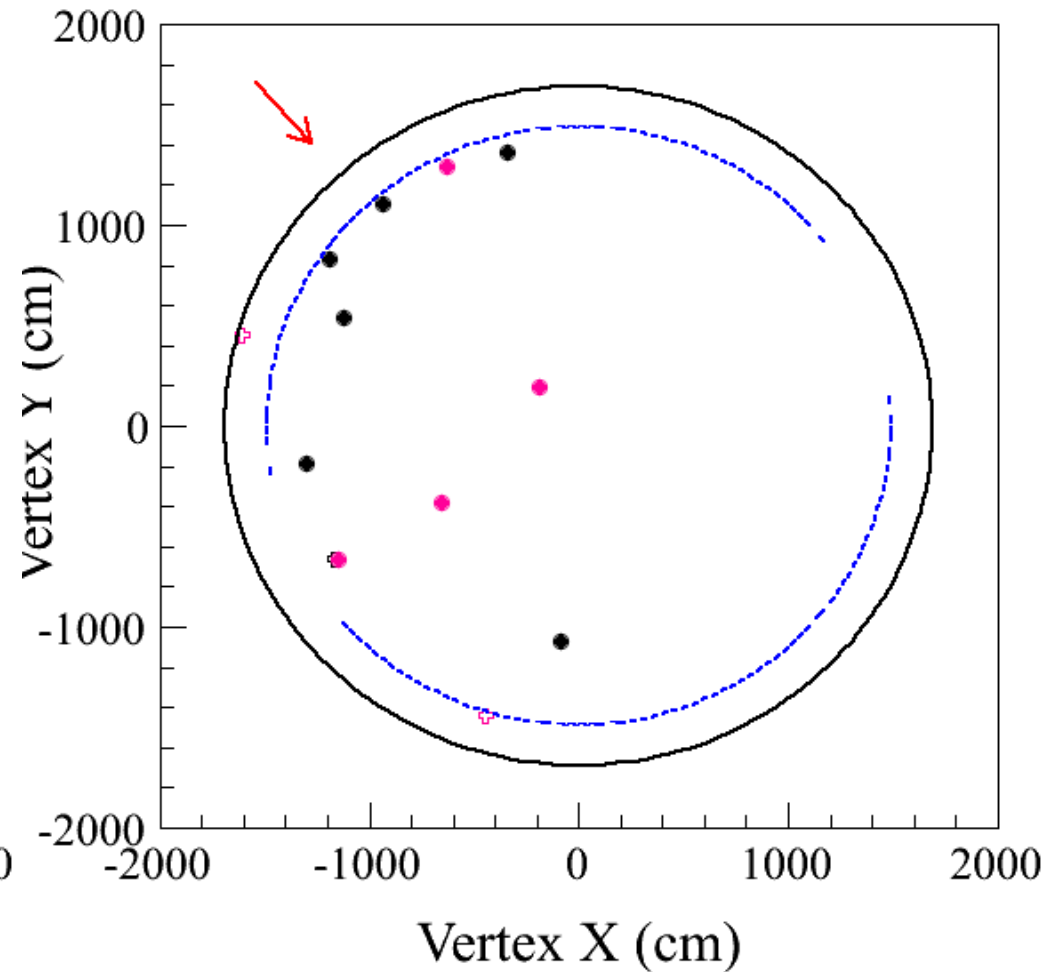




# Event distributions at Super-K

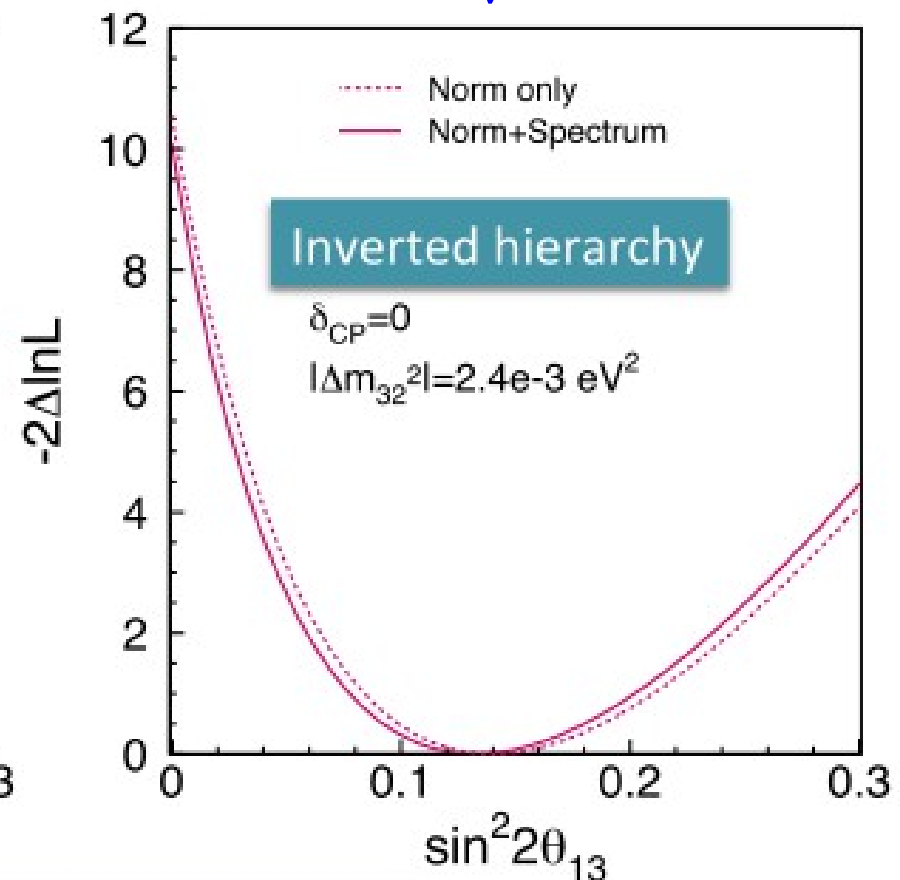
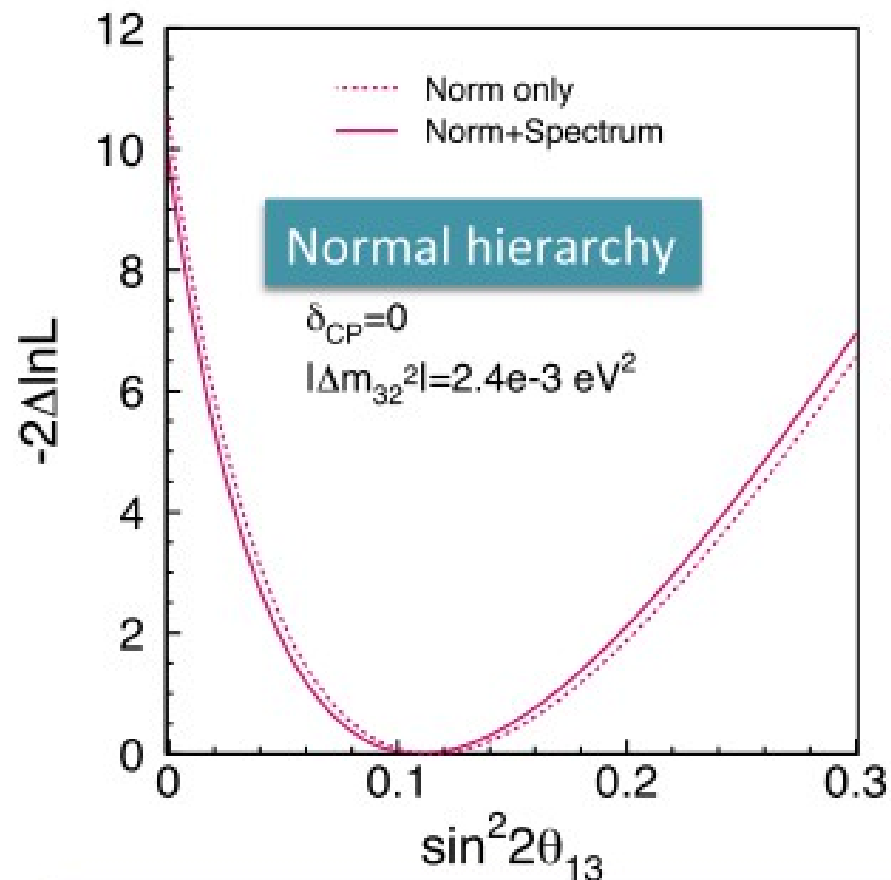


All fiducial volume events  
with  $E > 30$  MeV



$\nu_e$  candidate events

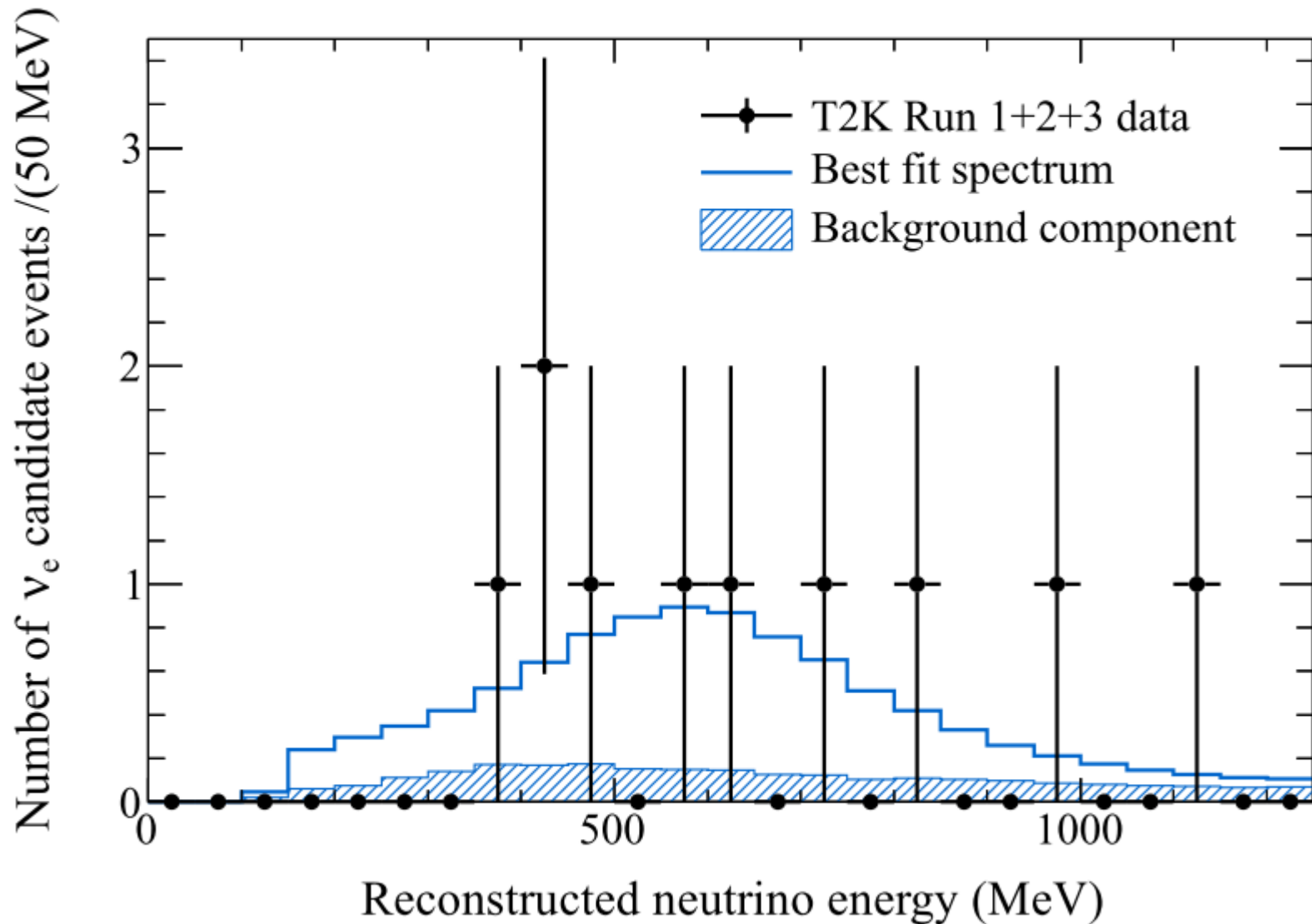
# Results from fit to reconstructed $E_\nu$



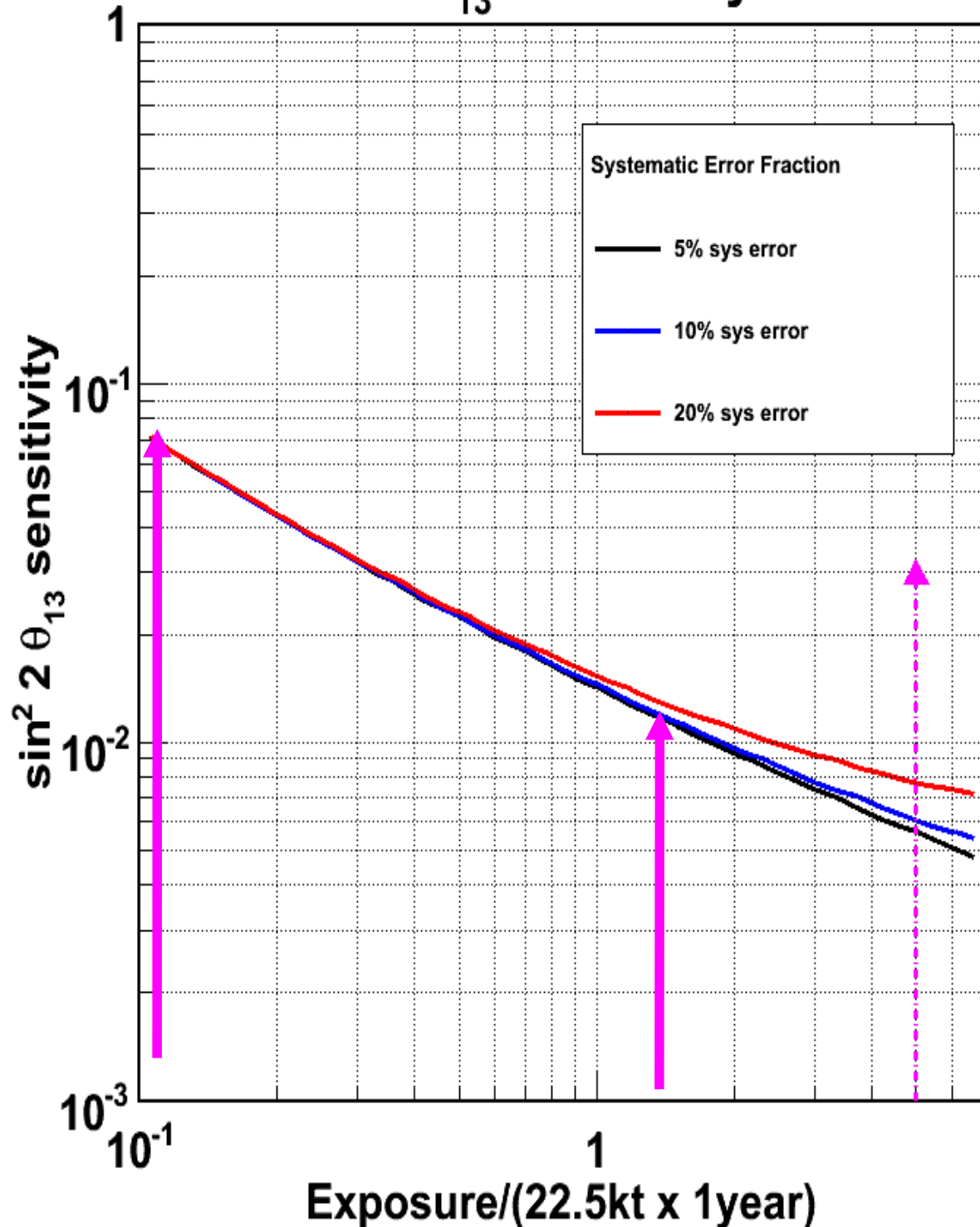
	Normal hierarchy	Inverted hierarchy
Best fit	0.11	0.13
68 % C.L.	0.06 - 0.17	0.08 - 0.20
90 % C.L.	0.04 - 0.21	0.05 - 0.26

$N_{\text{exp}}$  @ best fit for NH  
 9.7 events

# Reconstructed $E_\nu$ spectrum



# 90% CL $\theta_{13}$ Sensitivity 750kW



## Ultimate Sensitivity

Ultimately we aim for 750kW x  $5 \times 10^7$  s, which should push down to  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = .006$  (90% CL)

This would be 5 years of running at full power.

Intermediate target is  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.013$

# The T2K Collaboration



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