

# T2K and $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ oscillation analysis

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electron neutrino



muon neutrino



tau neutrino

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

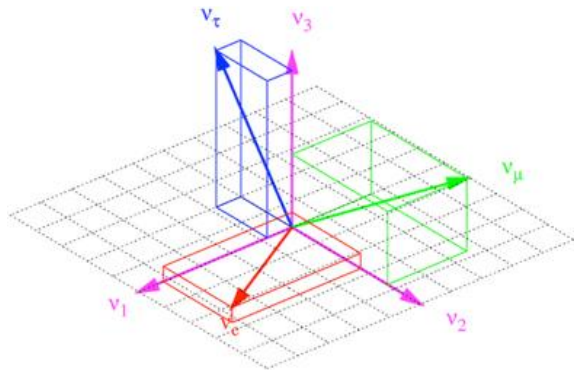
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$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \text{Re} \left( U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \right) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im} \left( U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{2E} \right),$$

The primary purpose of any neutrino oscillation experiment is to explore the oscillation probability, and therefore the mixing parameters.

3 Mixing angles:



$\theta_{12}$

$\theta_{23}$

$\theta_{13}$

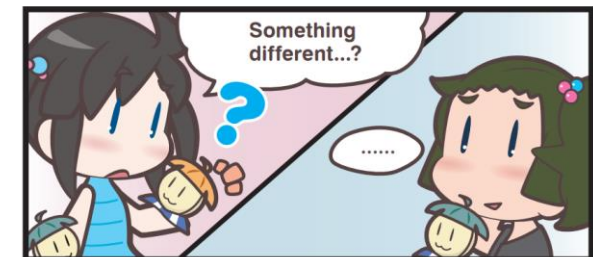
2 Mass splittings:

$\Delta m_{21}^2$

$\Delta m_{32}^2$  or  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

CP violating phase factor:

$\delta_{CP}$



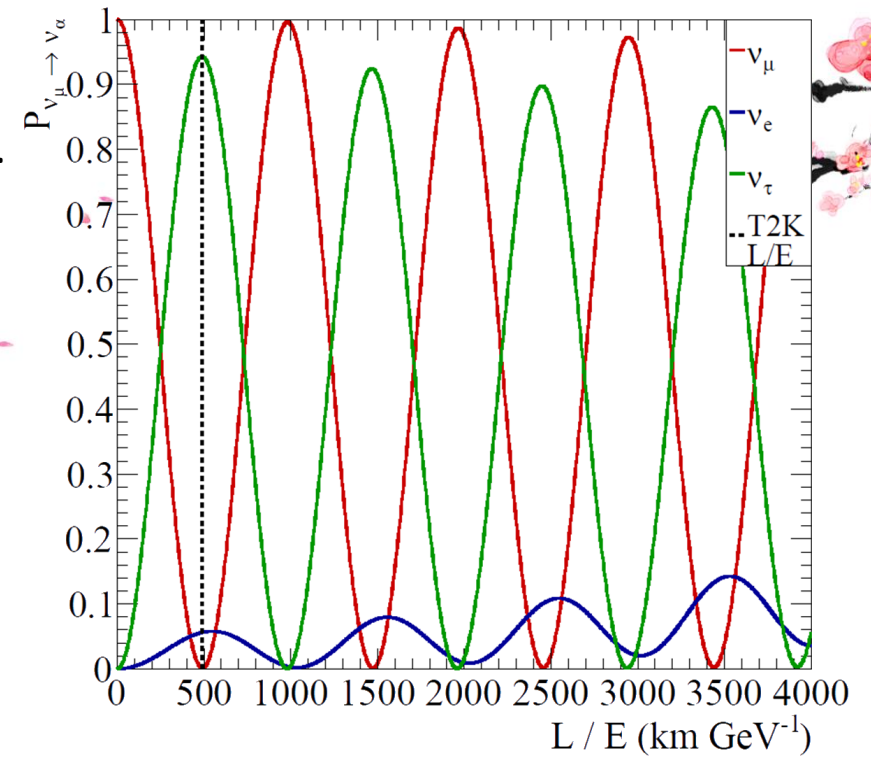
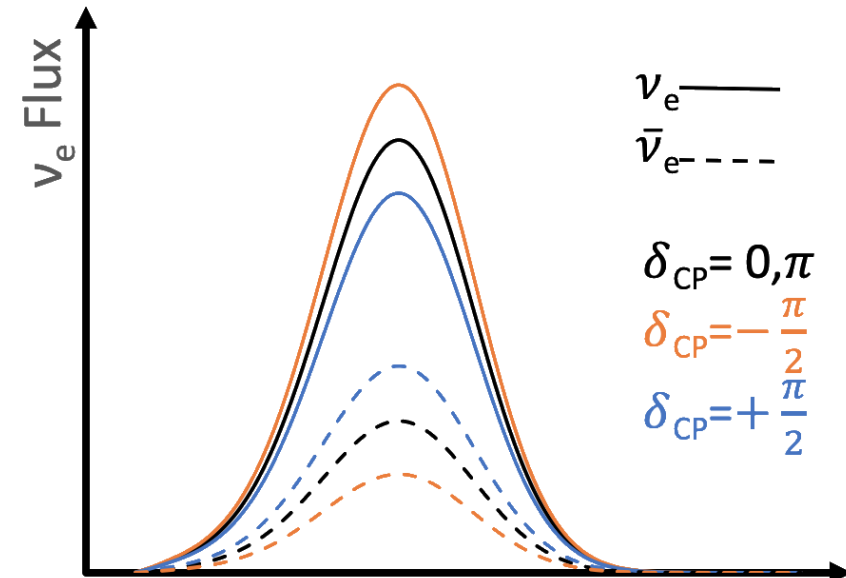
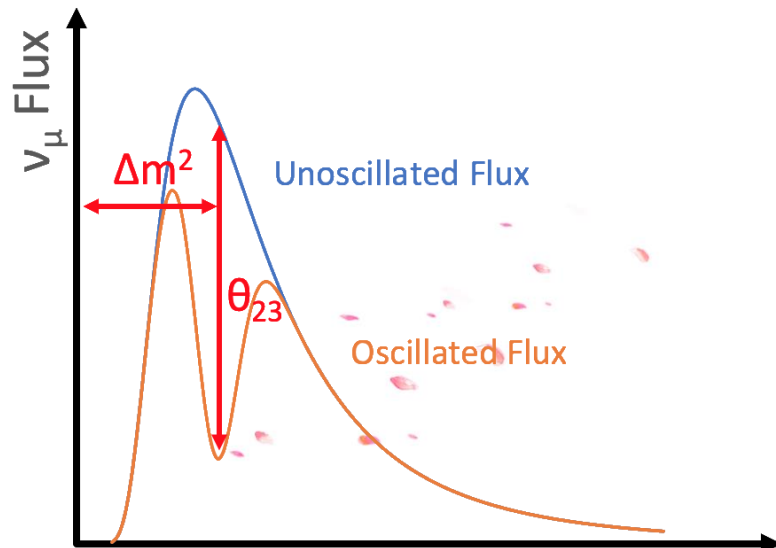
<https://www-he.scphys.kyoto-u.ac.jp/nucosmos/en/files/NF-pamph-EN.pdf>

Assuming 3 flavour PMNS mixing in a pure  $\nu_\mu$  beam with a fixed baseline, L.

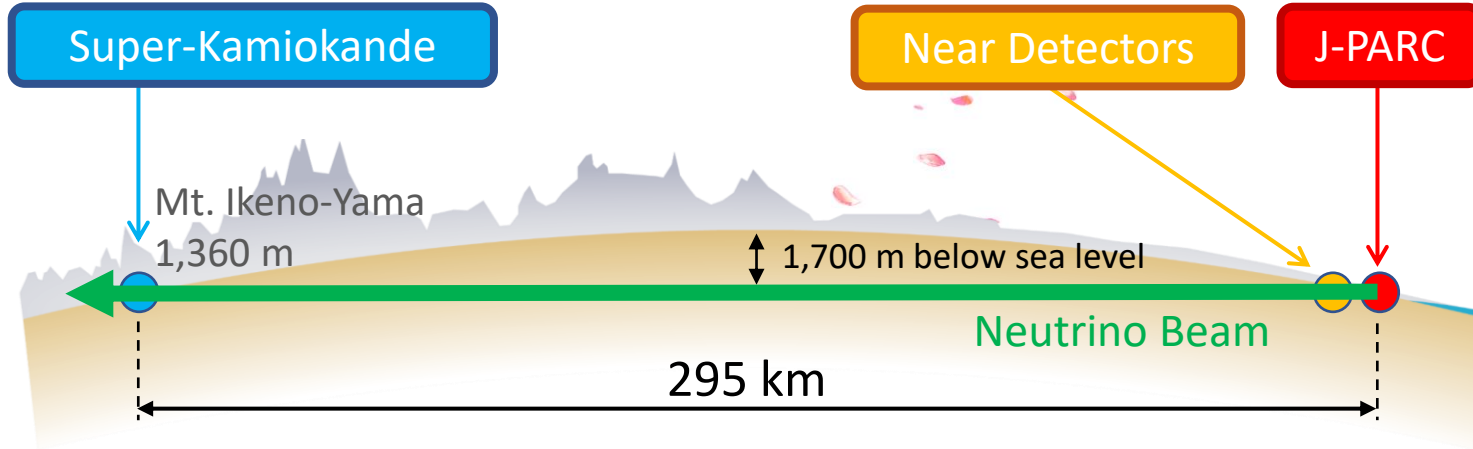
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \simeq 1 - \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu}\right) \mp 1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu} 8J_{CP} \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- $\theta_{23}$
- $\Delta m_{32}^2$  or  $(|\Delta m_{31}^2|)$
- $\theta_{13}$
- $\delta_{CP}$

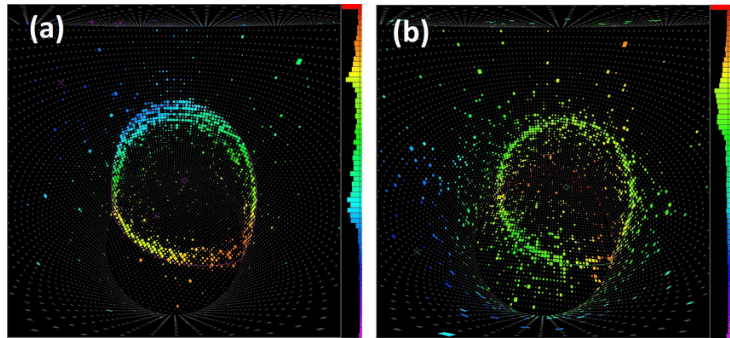


T2K (Tokai to Kamioka) is a long-baseline neutrino experiment that utilises multiple detectors in the goal of measuring the properties of neutrinos and their oscillations.



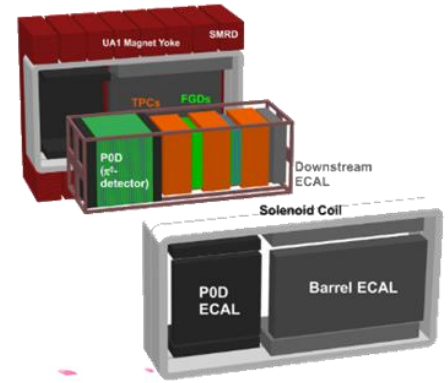
**Super-K**

- Off-axis water-based Cerenkov far detector.
- Topology based PID.
- CCQE dominant interactions.



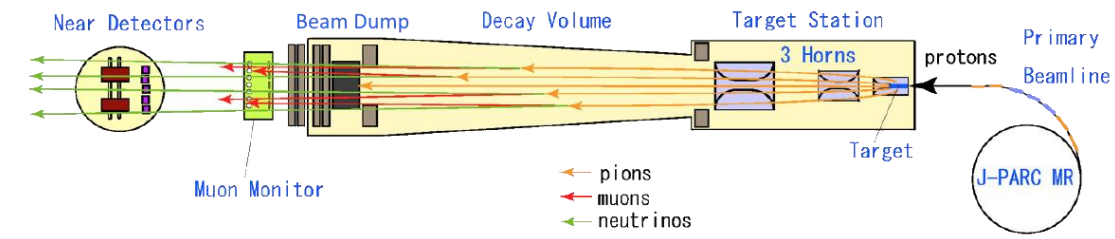
Cerenkov rings detected at SK. (a) is a muon event, (b) is an electron event.

**ND280**



- Magnetised composite near detector.
- Off-axis (replicates SK energy spectra).
- Constrains flux and cross-section uncertainties.

**J-PARC**



- 'Off axis' beam tuned to 0.6 GeV for oscillation max at SK.
- Produces pure  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  flux.
- Able to be run in  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$  mode.



The T2K collaboration has about 500 members from [70 institutes](#) in [12 countries](#). We always need more bright minds!

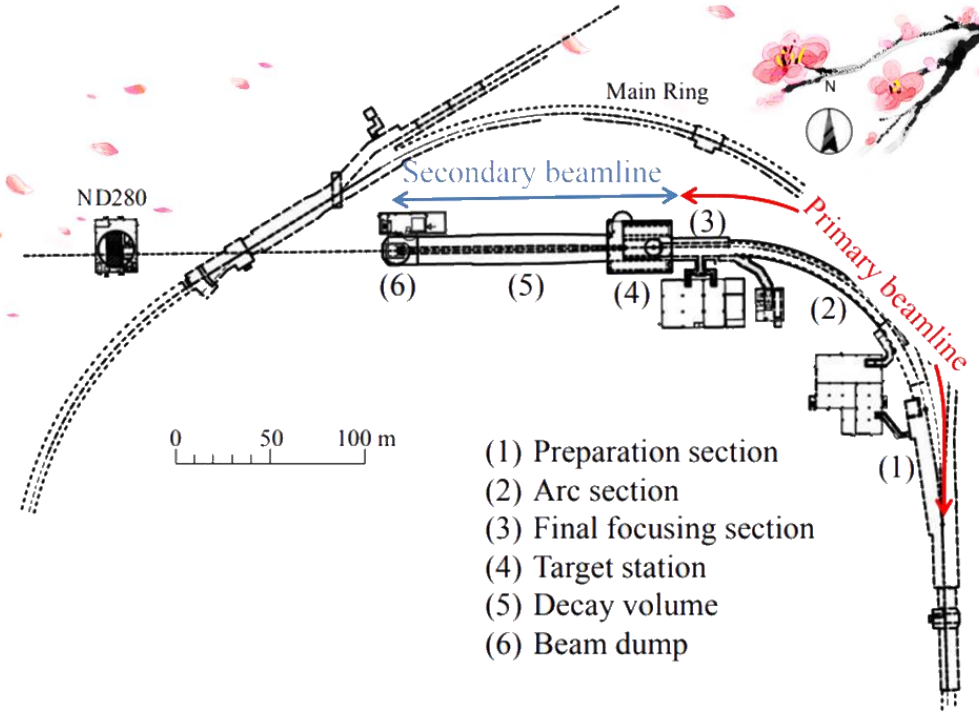
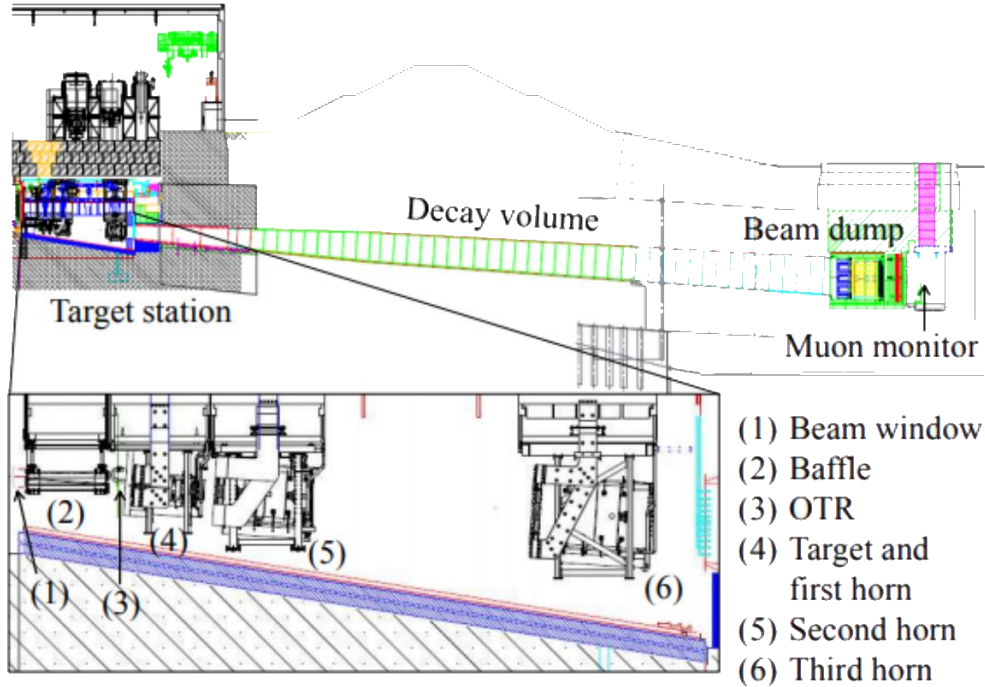
1999: The T2K experiment was first proposed by Koichiro Nishikawa and Yoji Totsuka in order to search for oscillations from muon neutrinos to electron neutrinos.

2006: Submission of [T2K experiment proposal](#).

2009: First neutrino beam produced by the proton accelerator at J-PARC.

2010: First physics data taken in the ND280 near detector and the SuperK far detector.

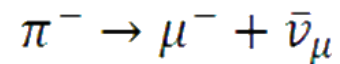
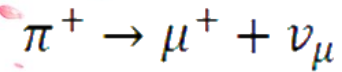
# J-PARC beam production facility

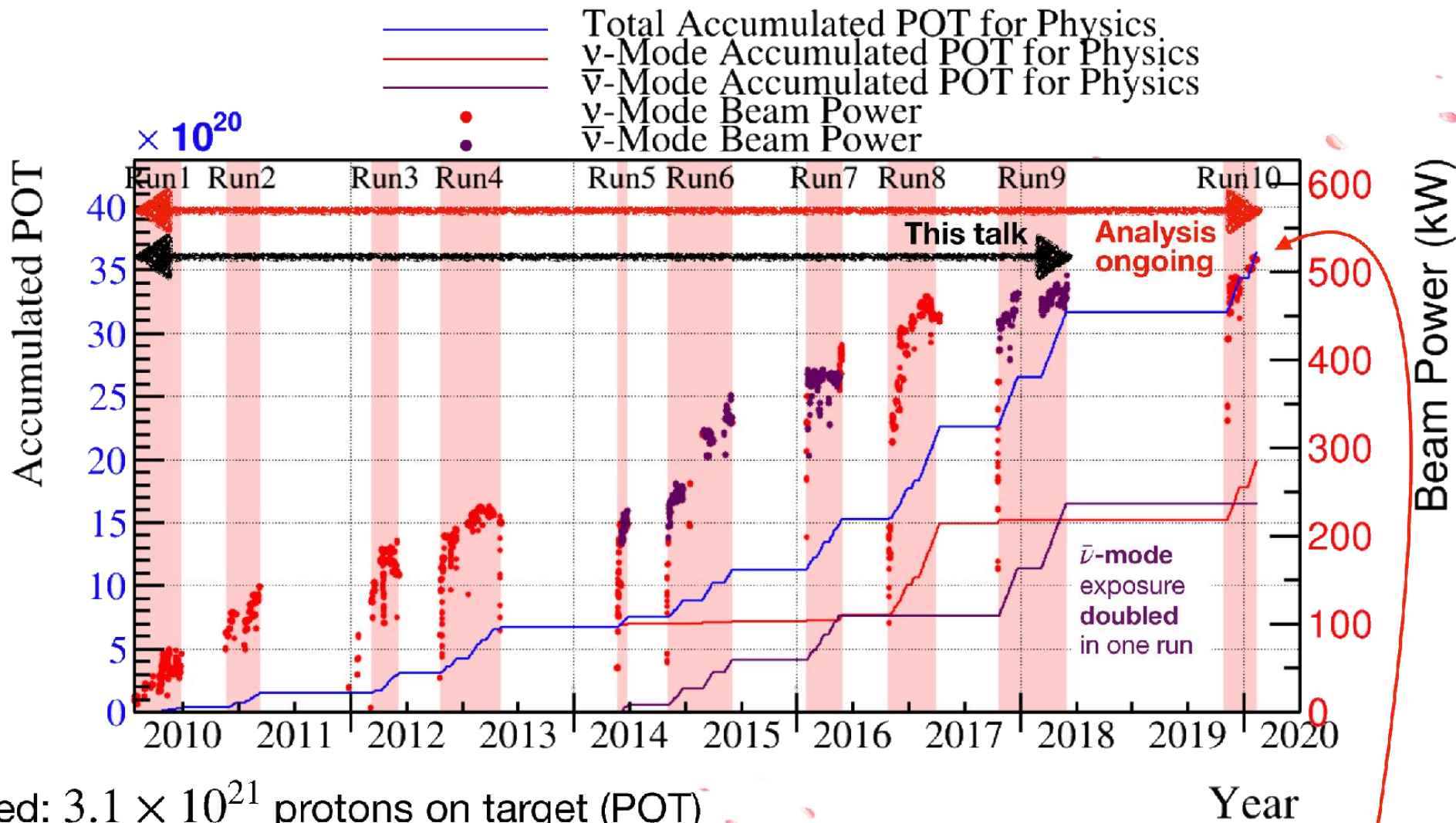


Multi-purpose beam production facility (meaning that not all the time is neutrino time ☹)

Utilises pion decay to produce almost pure flavour beam.

Able to run in  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$  mode by selection of pion charge. This is known as Forward or Reverse Horn Current.





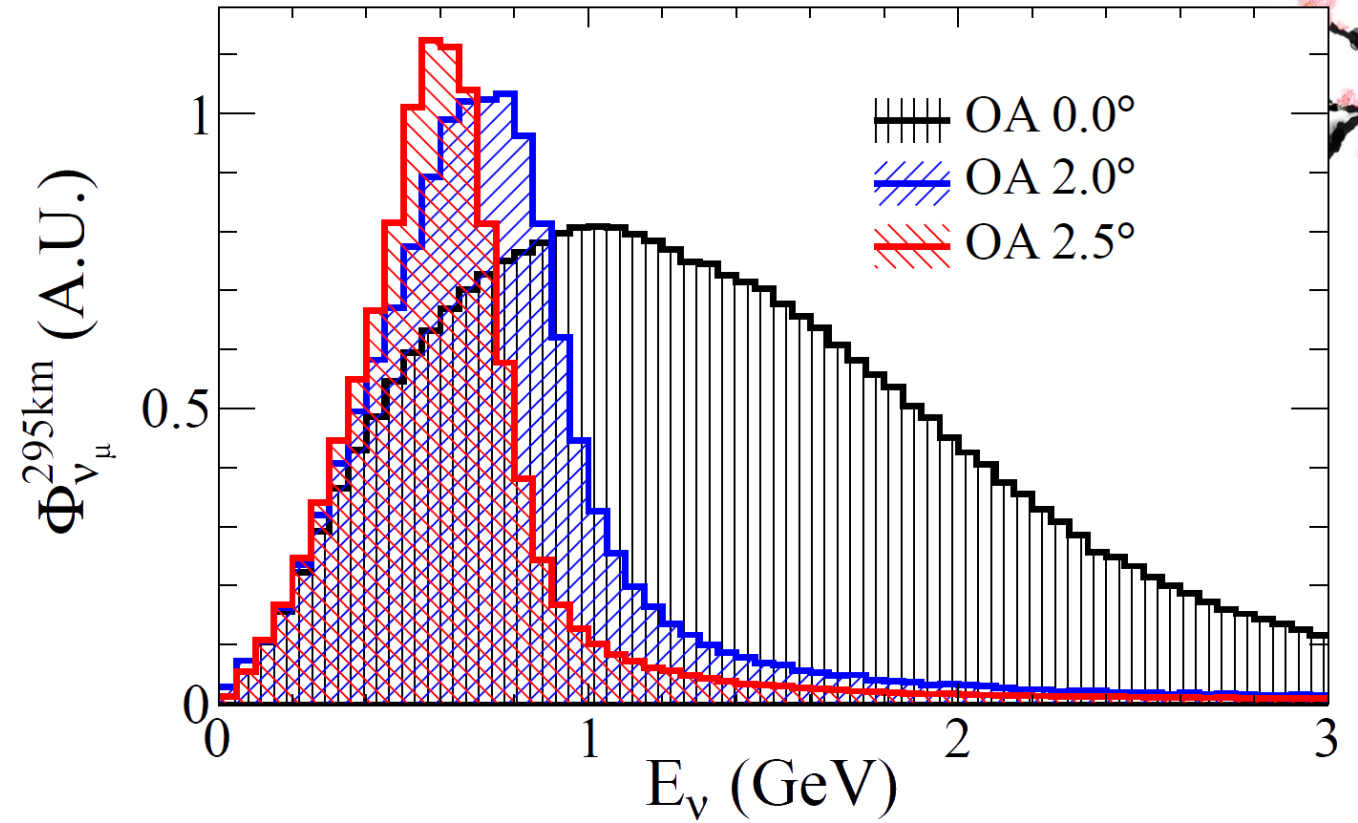
Analyzed:  $3.1 \times 10^{21}$  protons on target (POT)

$\nu$ -mode :  $\bar{\nu}$ -mode ~ 50 : 50

**515 kW operation achieved recently!**  
 33% increase of  $\nu$ -mode data in upcoming analysis.

$$E = \frac{E^*}{\gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$

$E^*$  is neutrino energy in centre of mass frame of the decaying meson.  
 $\gamma$  is the neutrino's Lorentz factor.  
 $\beta$  is the neutrino's Lorentz velocity.  
 $\theta$  is the neutrino's angle in the lab frame.



T2K is the first experiment in which the off-axis concept was implemented. This decreases the amount of neutrinos at high energies (decreasing more complicated interaction types and also tightening flux around osc max).



# ND280 detector suite

- Same off-axis angle as Super-K (2.5 degrees).
- Measures  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  spectrum before the oscillation  $\rightarrow$  TPCs + FGDs
- Measure background processes to oscillation (NC $\pi^0$ , NC1 $\pi$ , CC1 $\pi$ ...)
- Compare Carbon and Oxygen interactions (FGD2 and POD)

SMRD (Side Muon Range Detector): scintillator planes in magnet yokes. Measure high angle muons

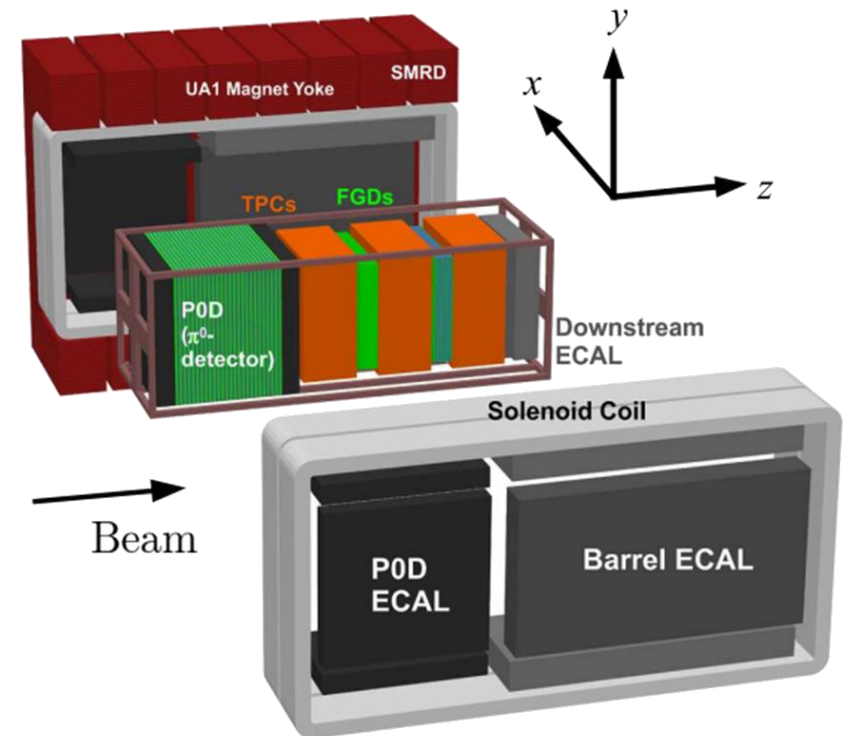
2 FGDs (Fine Grained Detector): active target mass for the tracker, optimized for p/ $\pi$  separation Carbon+Water target in FGD2

POD ( $\pi^0$  detector): scintillator bars interleaved with fillable water target bags and lead and brass sheets. Optimised for  $\gamma$  detection

3 TPCs (Time Projection Chambers): measure momentum and charge of particles from FGD and POD, PID capabilities through dE/dx

POD, Barrel and Downstream ECAL: scintillator planes with radiator to measure EM showers

ND280 installed in ex-UA1 magnet (0.2 T) 3.5x3.6x7.3 m



# Super-Kamiokande

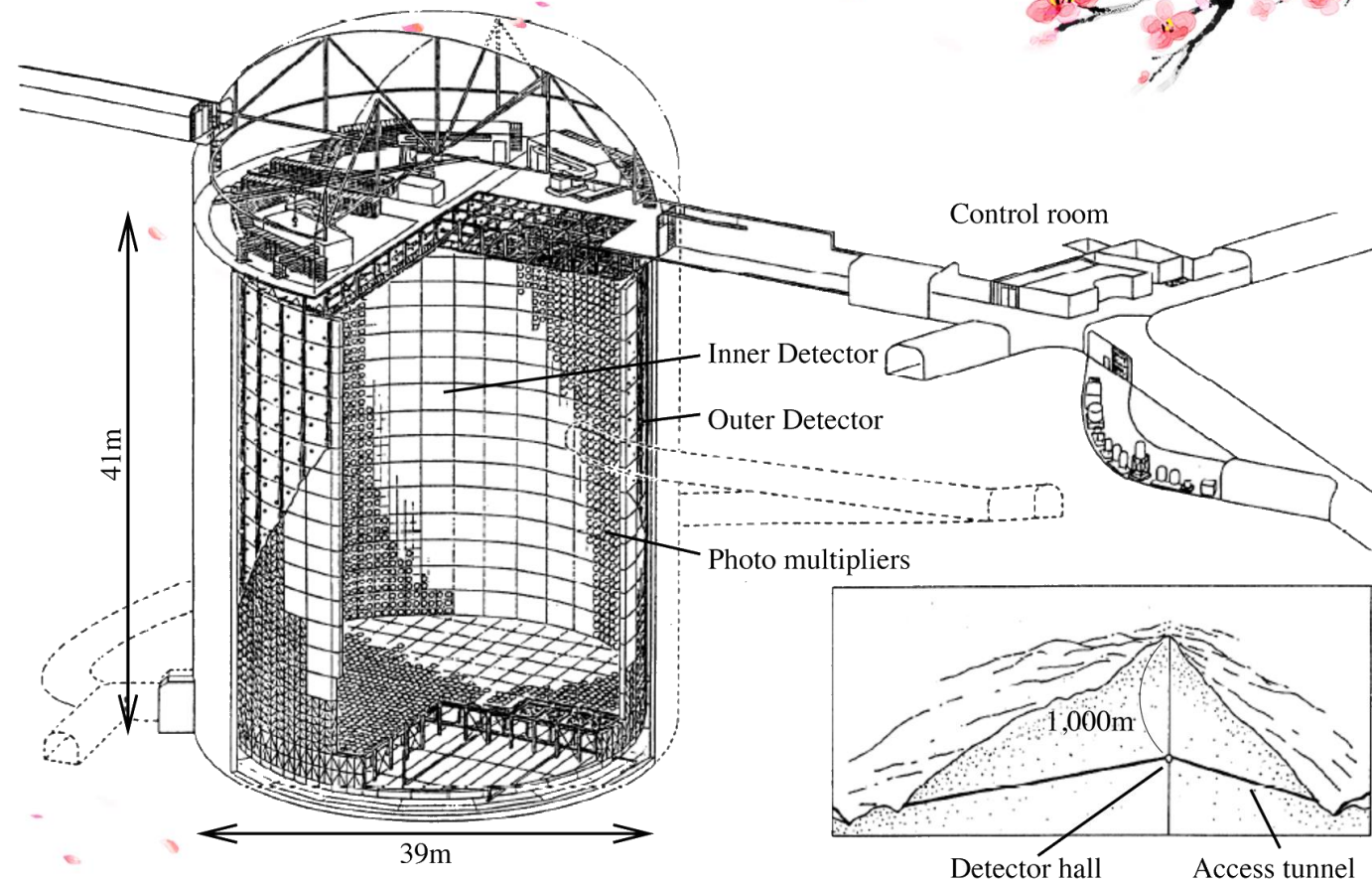
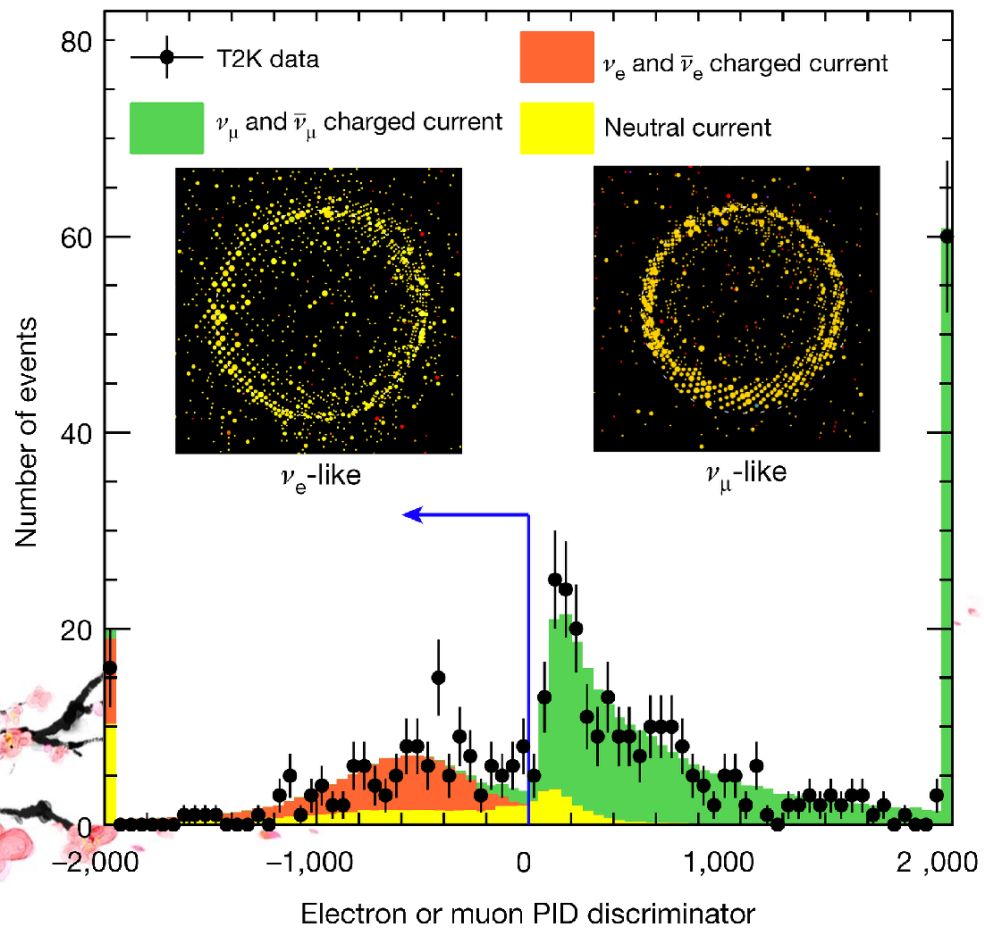
50kton water Cerenkov detector.

~11,000 20" PMTs

Vertex reconstruction

Mis-ID of less than 1%.

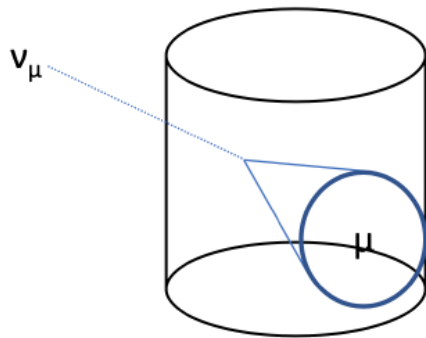
Super-K is located 1,000 m (3,300 ft) underground in the Mozumi Mine in Hida's Kamioka area.



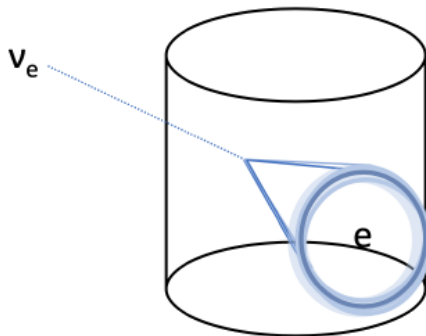
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Disclaimer: Almost all events are cosmic ray muon events.

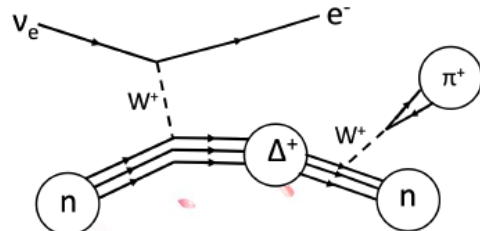
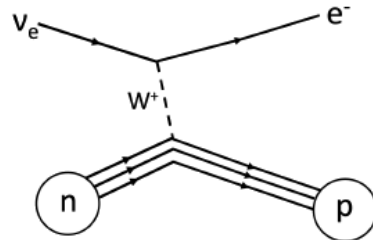
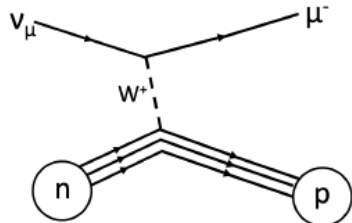
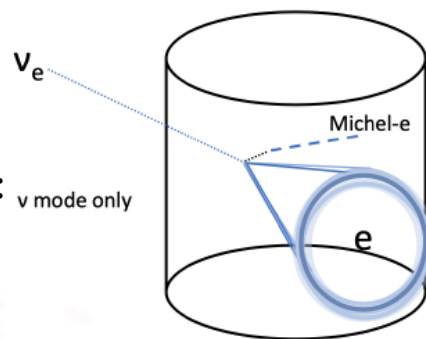
1-Ring  $\nu_\mu$ :



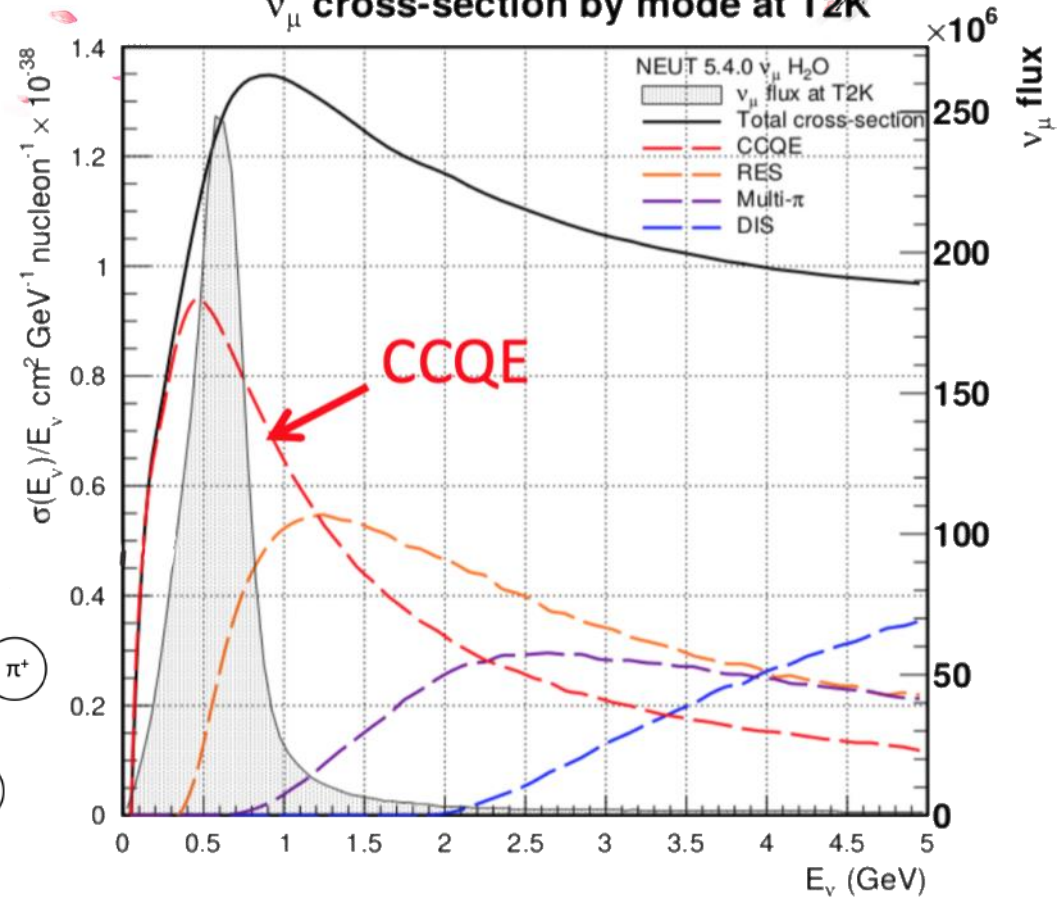
1 Ring  $\nu_e$ :



1 Ring  $\nu_e$  1 decay e:  $\nu$  mode only



$\nu_\mu$  cross-section by mode at T2K

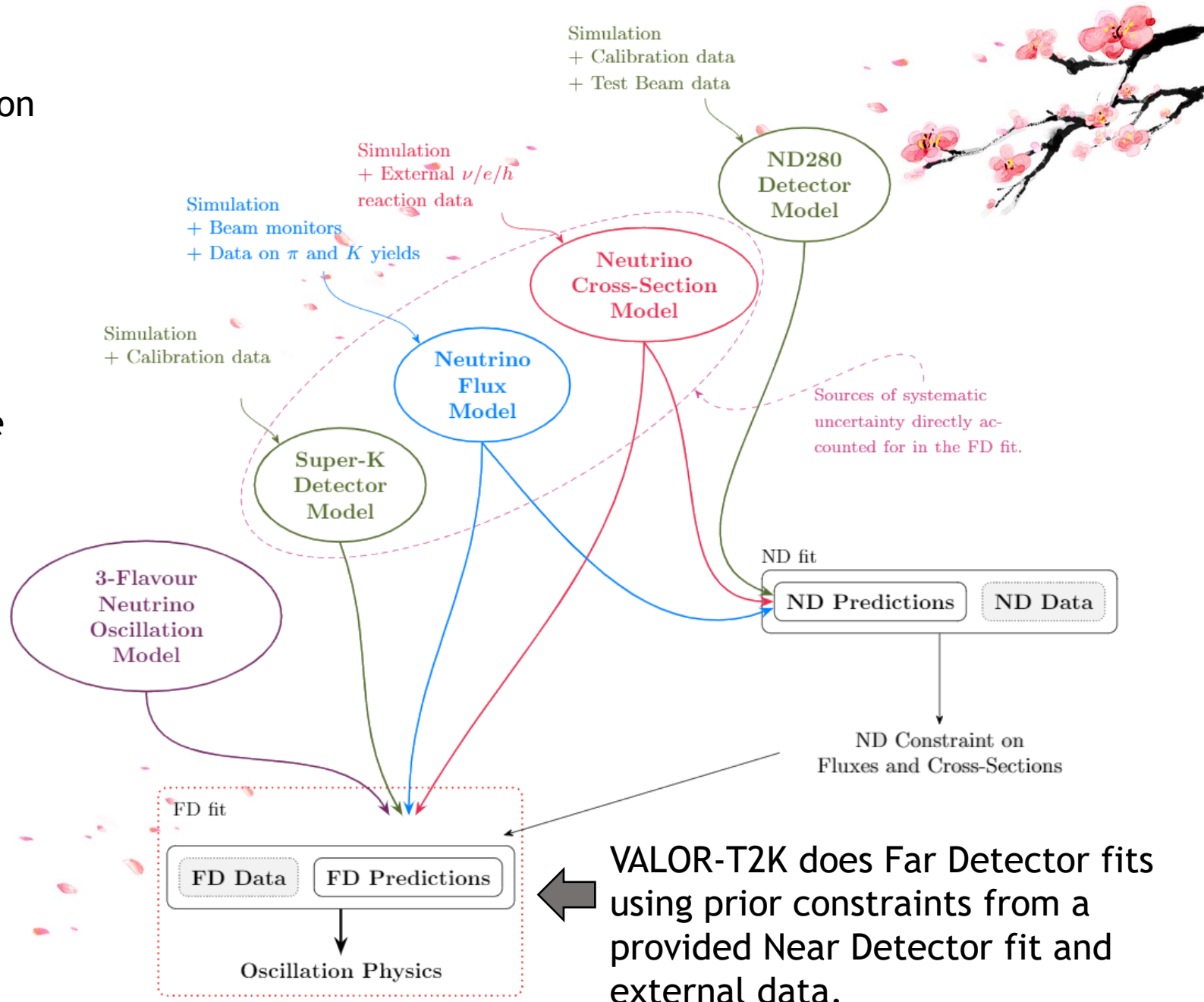


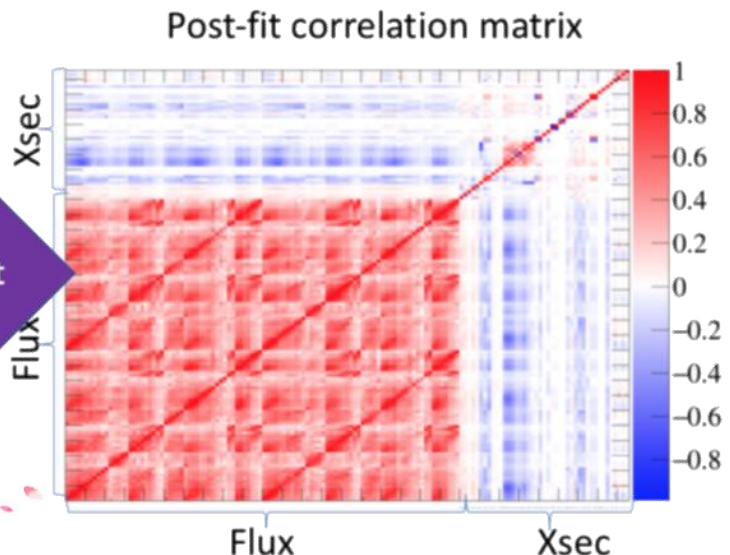
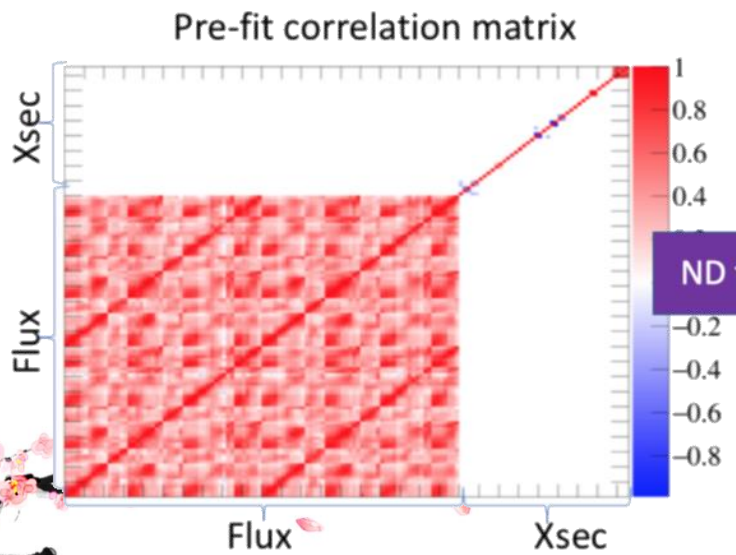
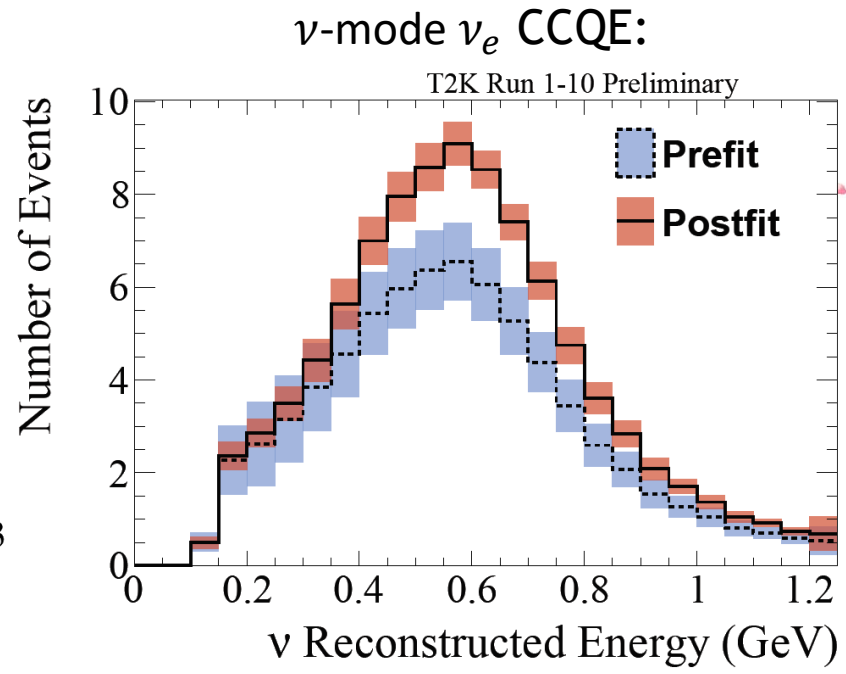
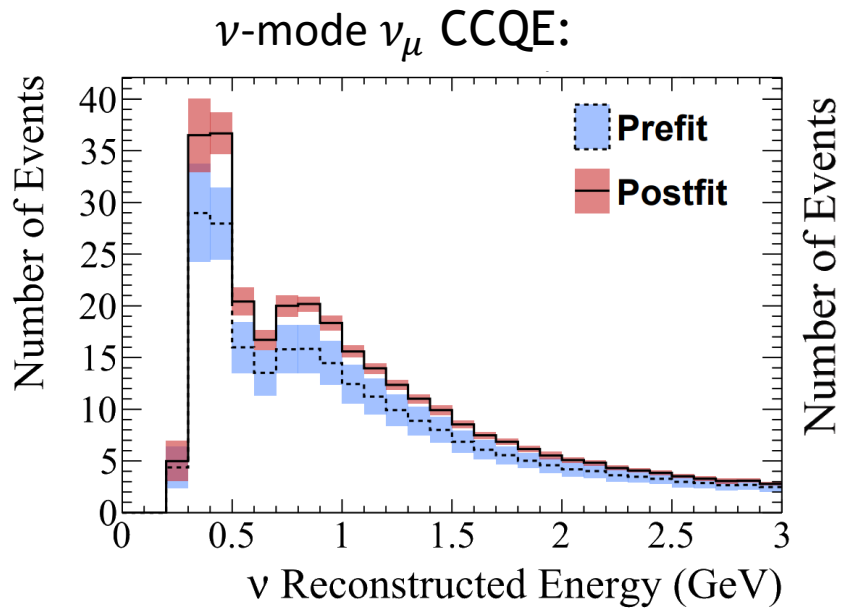
We look to constrain the neutrino oscillation parameters;

- $\theta_{23}$
- $\Delta m_{32}^2$  ( $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$ )
- $\theta_{13}$
- $\delta_{CP}$ , the CP violating phase factor.

We achieve this through analysis of the  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance and  $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance channels.

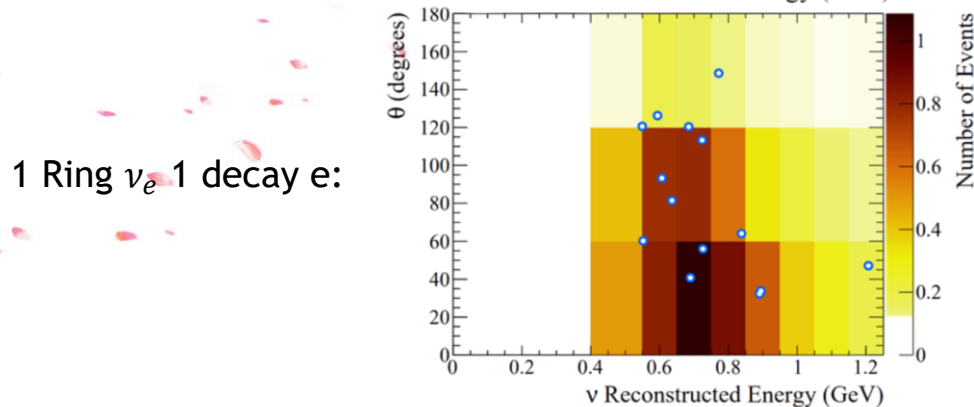
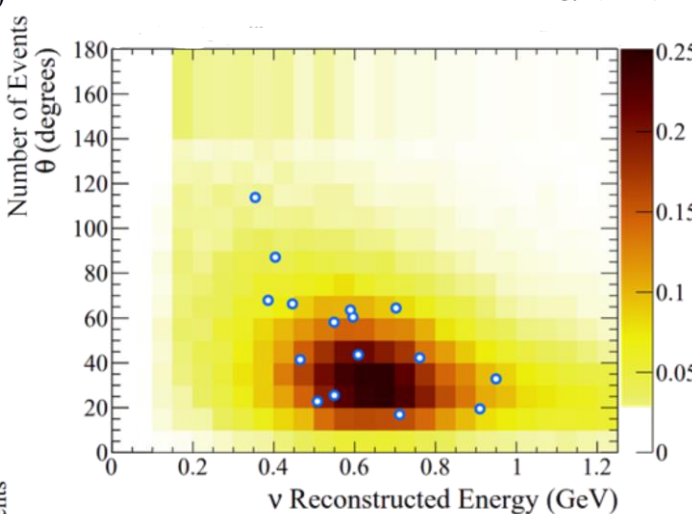
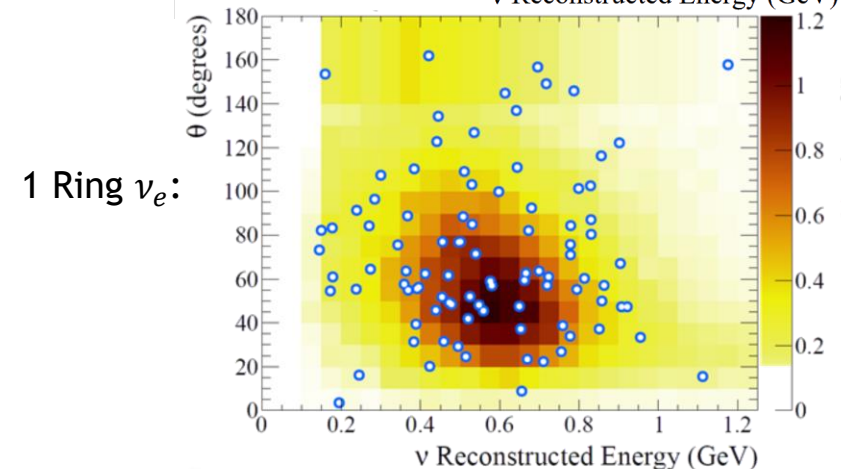
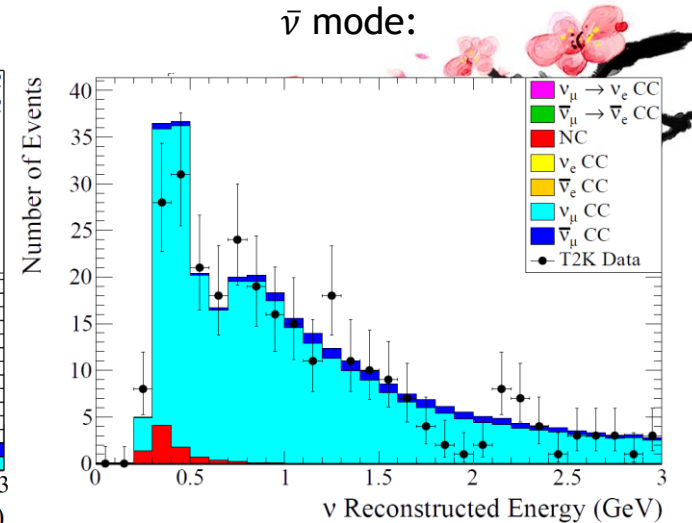
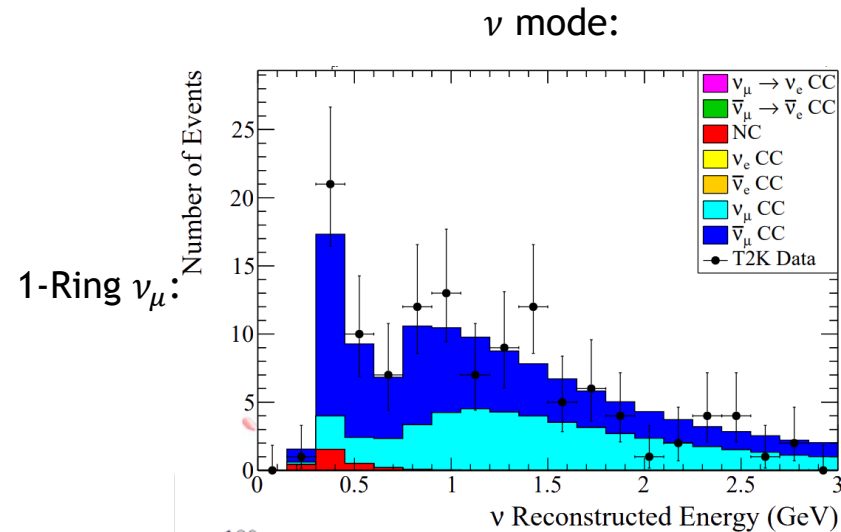
Oscillation analysis requires inputs from many parts of the overall model.





- So that oscillation parameters can be constrained with accuracy, uncertainties need to be understood.
- The Near-Detector provides the Oscillation Analysis with a correlated flux and cross-section model & respective error covariance matrix.
- The Far Detector provides the Oscillation Analysis with a detector error constraint from atmospheric data, and more complex interaction systematics (Secondary interactions and Photonuclear effect).

- To achieve results, our Monte-Carlo model predictions are compared to our observed data.
- Our model is split into 5 samples, seen on the right.
- The latest T2K dataset (Run 1-10) was obtained with a total exposure of  $1.99(1.65) \times 10^{21}$  Protons on Target in  $\nu(\bar{\nu})$  mode.
- 94 1-Ring  $\nu_e$  events were observed.
- Currently  $e$ -like events are binned in 2D,  $E$ - $\theta$ , and  $\mu$ -like in 1D,  $E$ .
- $E$ - $\theta$  (lepton angle) dimensionality provides increased  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  separation (among other benefits).

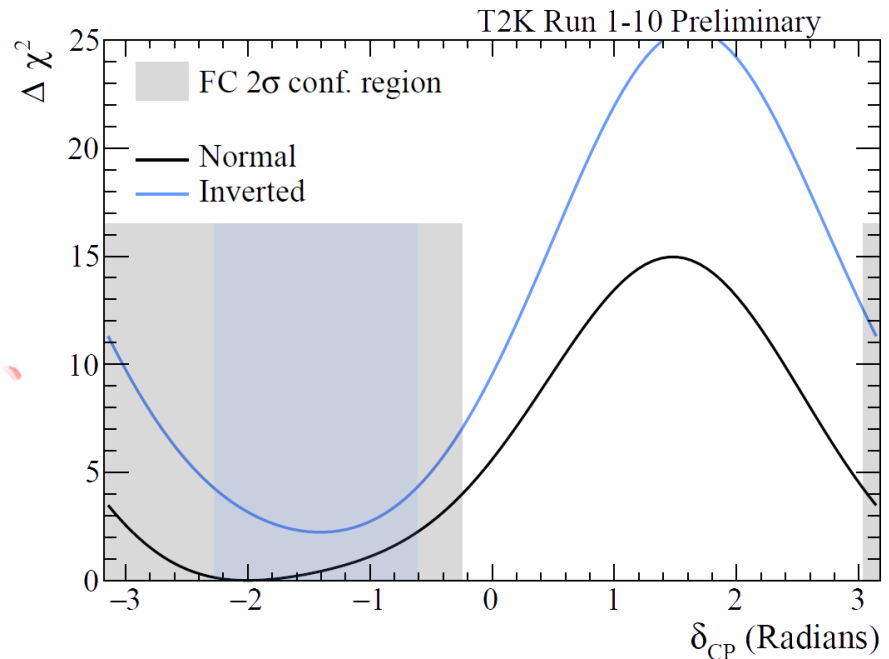
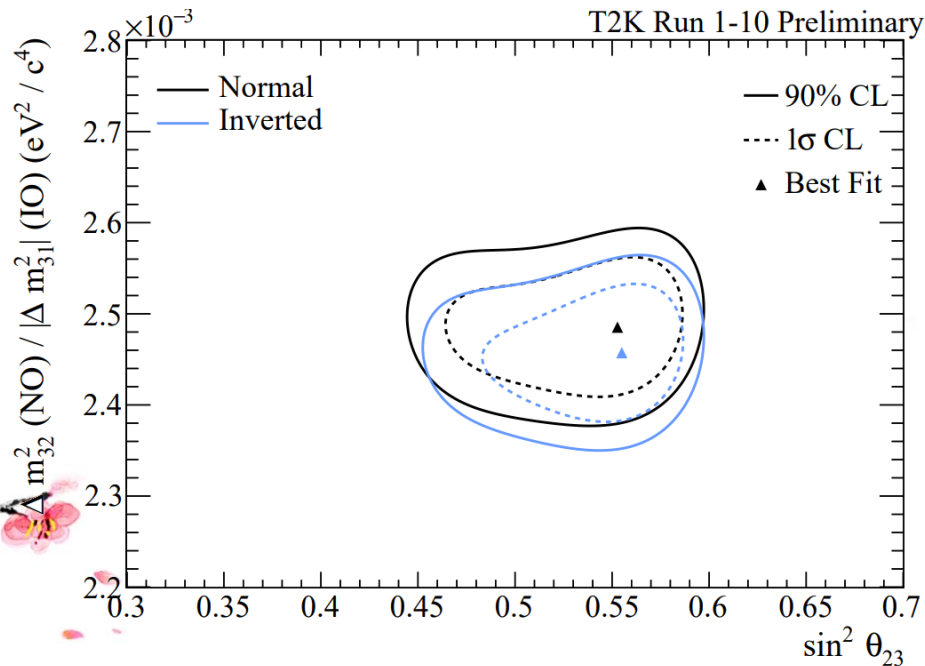


MC generated event distributions overlaid with T2K Run1-10 data.

# Speaking of constraints...

These are official results that mirror those released at Neutrino 2020, and are from our T2K internal tech note.

- Binned log-likelihood method compares predicted and observed event spectra over parameter space.
- Systematics (and nuisance oscillation parameters) are marginalised over using their prior constraints.
- This leaves us with a likelihood dependant only on parameters of interest.
- Confidence intervals are constructed using const.  $\Delta\chi^2$  (left) or Feldman-Cousins (right).

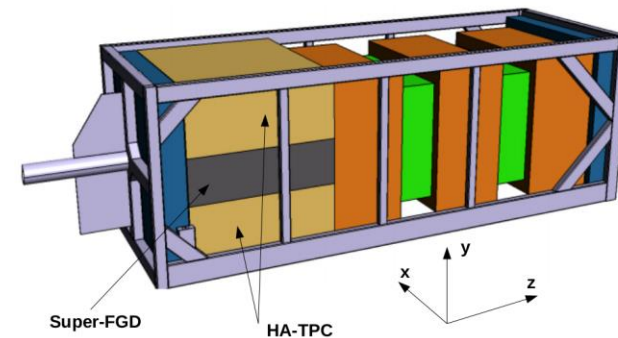
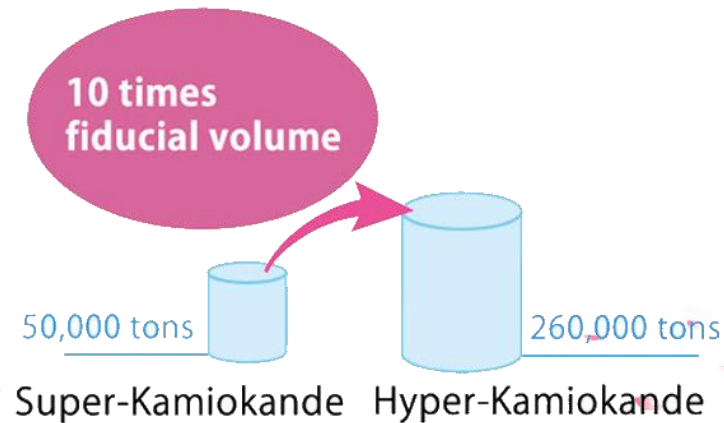


## Analysis next steps:

- Re-analysing the data with model/method updates.
- Analysis of the Run1-11 data, being taken (roughly) now!

## Future of LBL in Japan:

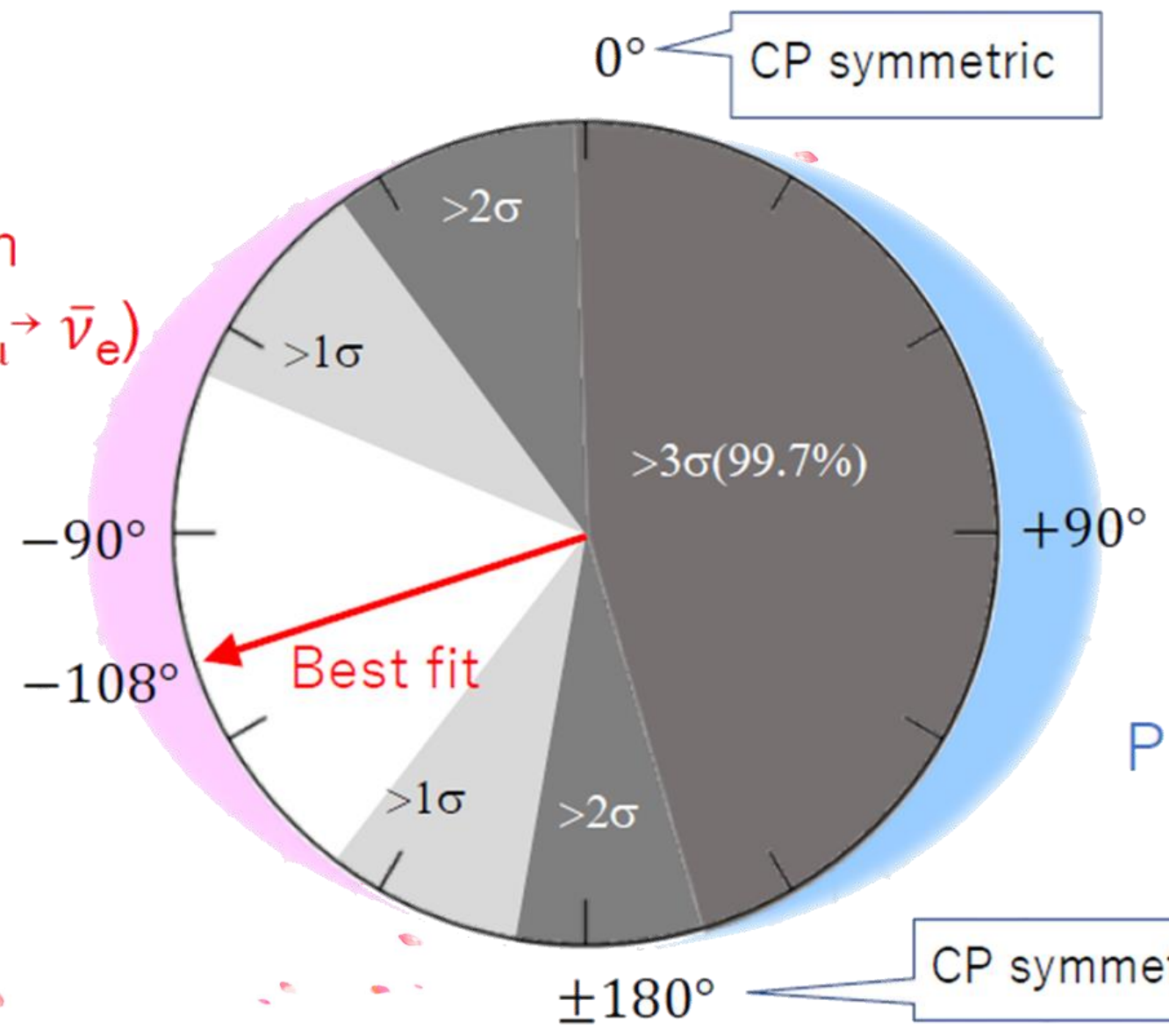
- Upgraded beam power to 750 kW (2022) & 1.3MW (2029). This means more data with each run!
- Near Detector Suite Upgrade with many additional reconstruction benefits.
- The Hyper-Kamiokande experiment (and a separate branch of VALOR).



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CP Violation  
 $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e) > P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$

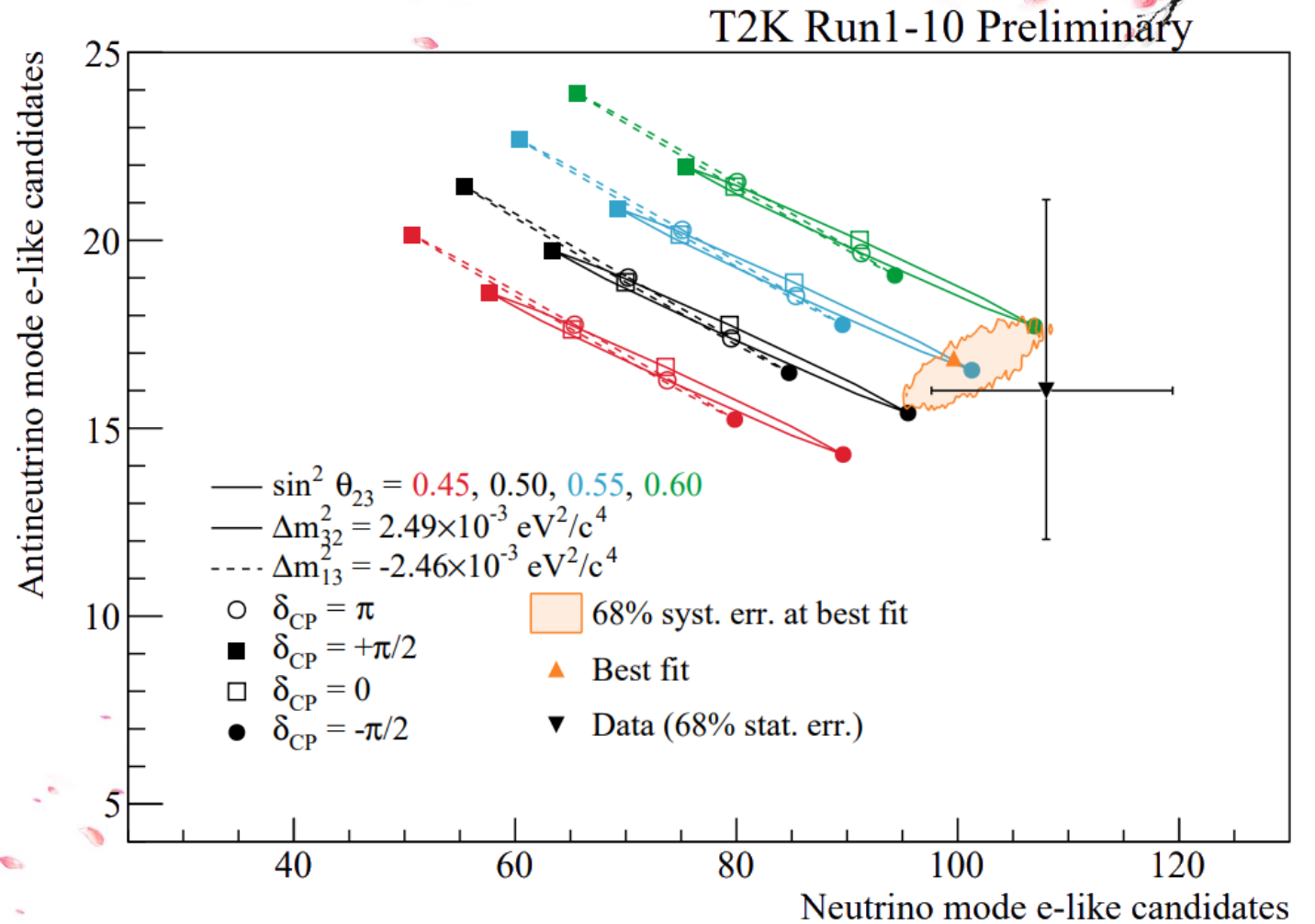


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 $P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) > P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e)$

For sensitivity studies (among other purposes) a fake ‘Asimov’ dataset is generated using different values:

Sample	Predicted Oscillation Hypothesis				Observed
	No osc.	Asimov A	Asimov B	Asimov BF NO	
FHC $\mu$ -like sample	1571.4	345.5	361.8	354.0	318
FHC $e$ -like sample	19.6	93.8	69.8	95.2	94
RHC $\mu$ -like sample	444.5	135.1	138.8	137.9	137
RHC $e$ -like sample	6.3	15.9	16.4	16.9	16
FHC $\nu_e$ CC1 $\pi^+$ -like sample	2.9	8.8	6.8	8.9	14

- A fantastic way of presenting our data is these ‘Bi-Probability’ plots.
- The effects of changes to the oscillation model are easy to visualise.
- We can see from this that  $\delta_{CP} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$  is favoured.



Prior distributions that nuisance oscillation parameters are marginalised over.

Parameter(s)	Prior PDF	Range
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	Uniform	[0.3, 0.7]
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ T2K-only	Uniform	[0, 0.4]
$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ reactors	Gaussian	$0.0853 \pm 0.0027$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{12}$	Gaussian	$0.851 \pm 0.020$
$\Delta m_{32}^2$ (NO) / $ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ (IO)	Uniform	$[2.3, 2.8] \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	Gaussian	$(7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
$\delta_{CP}$	Uniform	$[-\pi, +\pi]$
Mass Ordering	Fixed	NO or IO

Number of points across parameter(s) of interest space where a likelihood is constructed.

Parameter(s) of interest	Number of Points	Range
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	101	[0.3, 0.7]
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ T2K-only	101	[0.007, 0.053]
$ \Delta m_{32}^2 $ (NO) / $ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ (IO)	101	$[2.2, 2.8] \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
$\delta_{CP}$	101	$[-\pi, \pi]$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23},  \Delta m_{32}^2 $ (NO) / $ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ (IO)	$81 \times 51$	$[0.3, 0.7], [2.2, 2.8] \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}$ T2K-only	$81 \times 51$	$[0.007, 0.053], [-\pi, \pi]$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}$ T2K+reactor	$81 \times 51$	$[0.015, 0.036], [-\pi, \pi]$

