

Neutrino Oscillation Results from T2K

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Neutrino oscillation physics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{PMNS}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{U}_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +c_{23} & +s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & +c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} +c_{13} & 0 & +s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & +c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} +c_{12} & +s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & +c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij})$

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

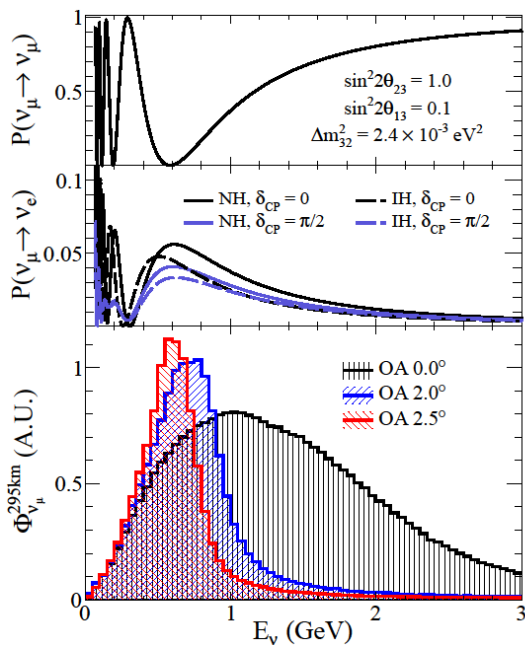
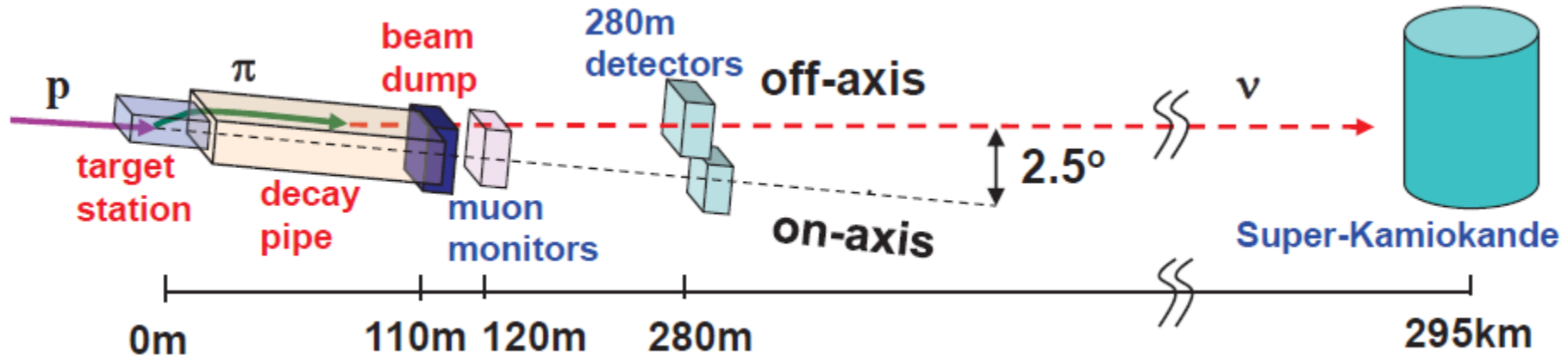
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 \theta_{23} \cdot \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cdot \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

+ *CPV* ($\propto \sin \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{23} \sin \delta_{CP}$)

+ *MatterTerm*

- **Open questions**
 - **Mass Hierarchy**
 - **CP Violating Phase δ**
 - **Mixing Angles θ_{13}, θ_{23}**
 - **Absolute Mass Scale**
 - **Dirac or Majorana**

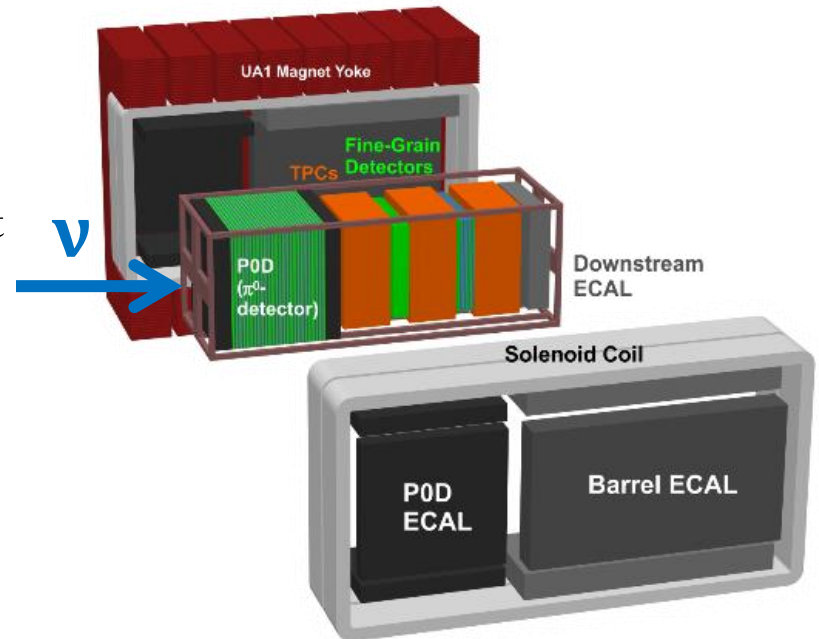
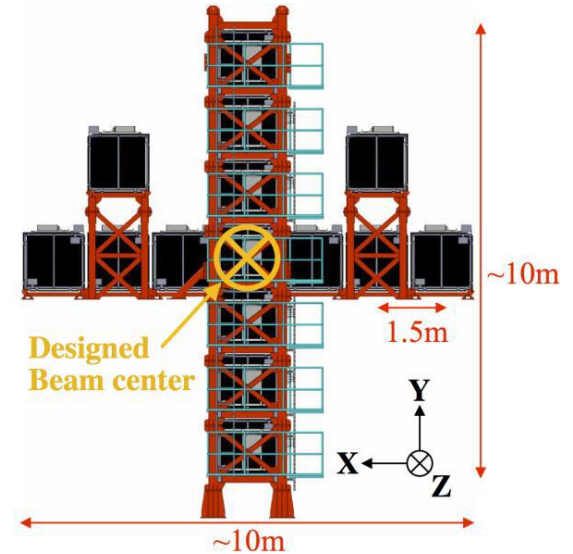
T2K long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment in Japan



- Off-axis narrow band ν_μ beam to far detector and near detector
 - Enhanced signal at oscillation maximum
 - Reduce high-energy tail background
 - Measure ν_e appearance and ν_μ disappearance

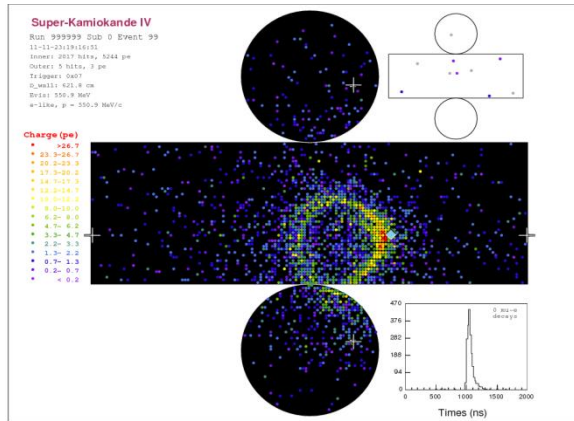
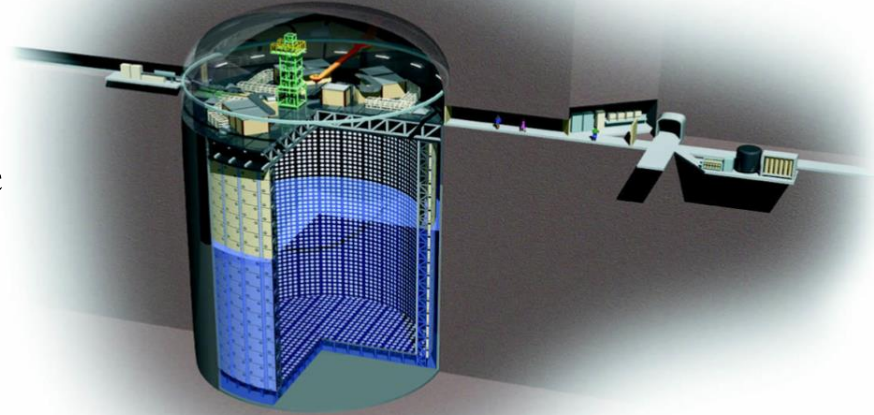
Near detectors

- **INGRID**
 - **On-axis** to measure beam profile, position and stability
 - Carbon and iron targets
- **ND280**
 - **2.5° off-axis** to measure neutrino interactions and estimate the background contaminations
 - Refurbished UA1 magnet - 0.2T field
 - Front optimized to measure π^0 interactions (P0D)
 - Rear optimized to measure charged-current interactions
 - 2 Fine-Grained Detectors (FGD)
 - Carbon and Water targets
 - 3 Time Projection Chambers (TPC)
 - Tracking, dE/dx
 - Surrounded by the electromagnetic calorimeter and muon detector

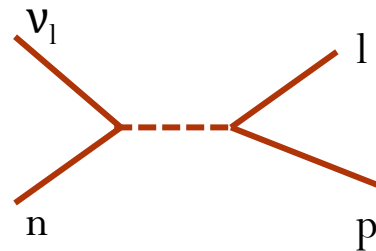


Far detector

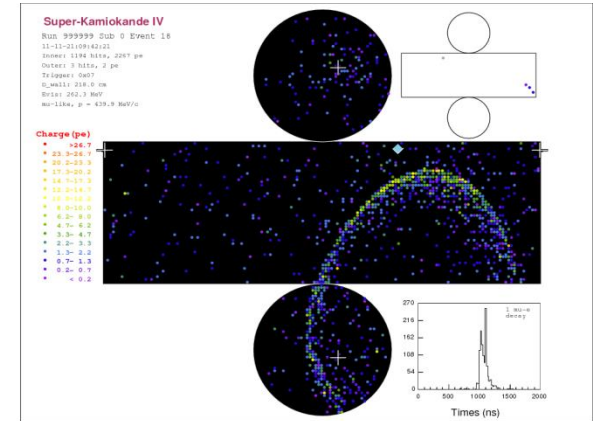
- **Super-Kamiokande**
 - 295 km from beam source and 2.5° off-axis
 - 50 kton water Cherenkov detector
 - 22.5 kton fiducial mass
 - Excellent e/μ separation



MC e^-



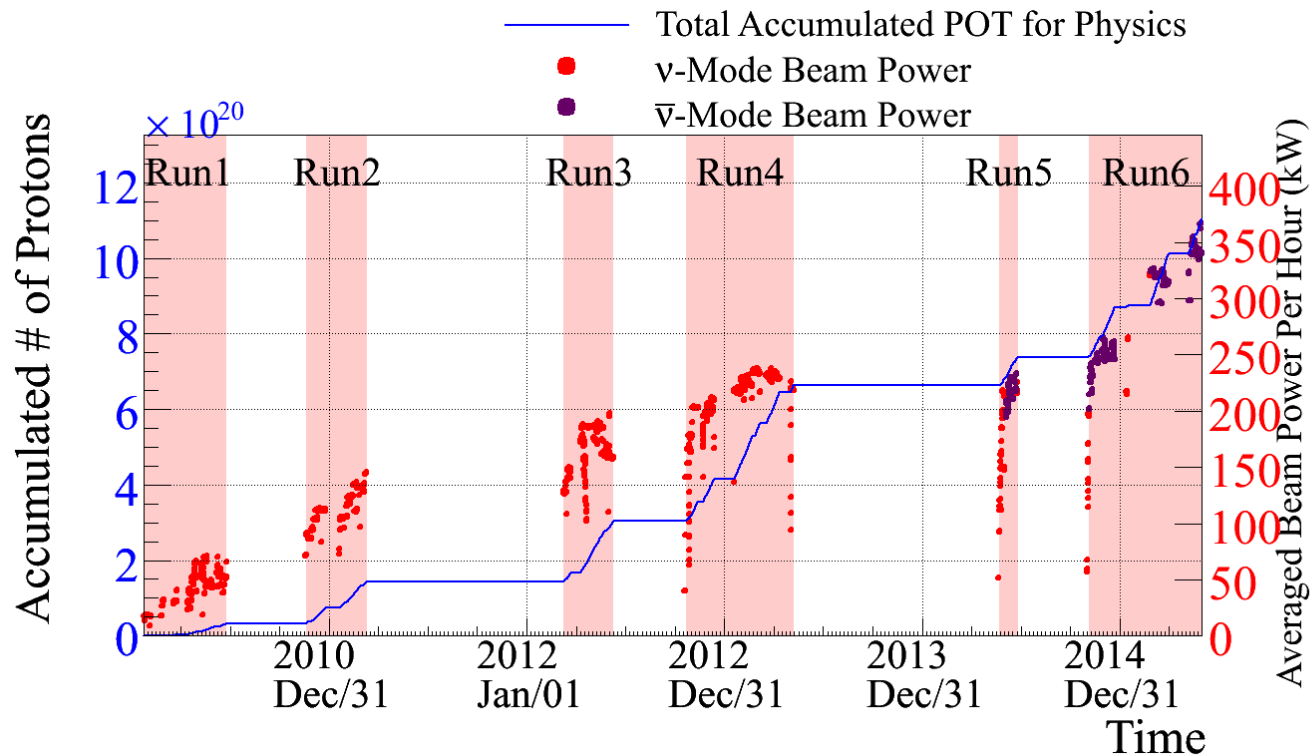
Charge Current quasi elastic (CC-QEL)



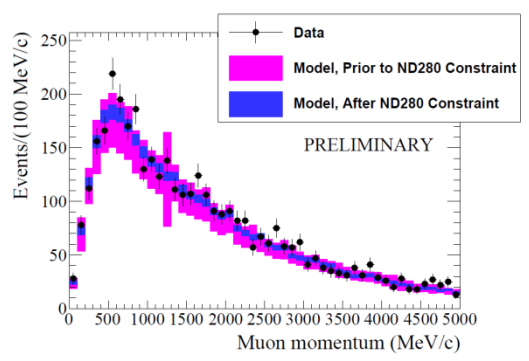
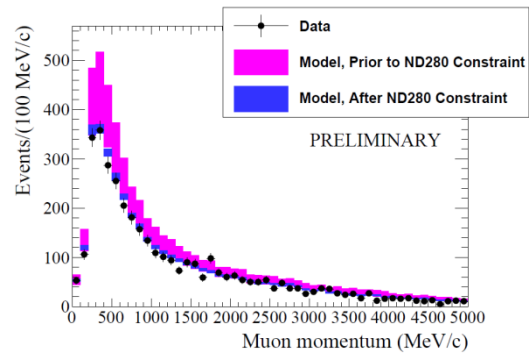
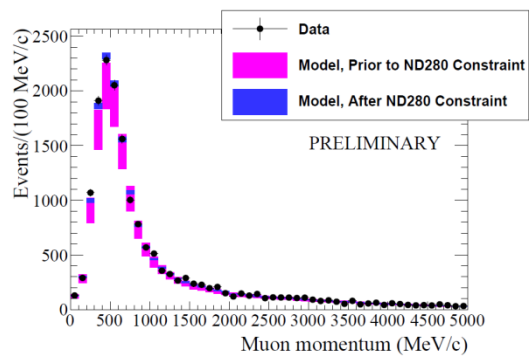
MC μ^-

Protons on target (POT) accumulated

- Maximum beam power achieved is 371 kW
 - As of the end of Run6
- Accumulated 7.09×10^{20} POT for ν -mode and 4.04×10^{20} POT for $\bar{\nu}$ -mode



Constraining flux and cross-section systematics with ND280

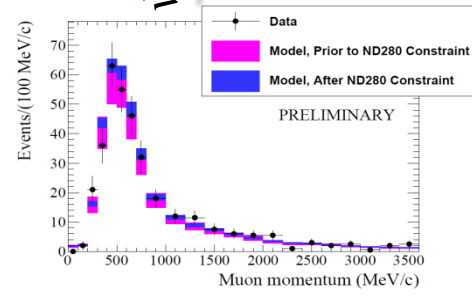


ν_{μ} CC0 π

ν_{μ} CC1 π

ν_{μ} CC Other

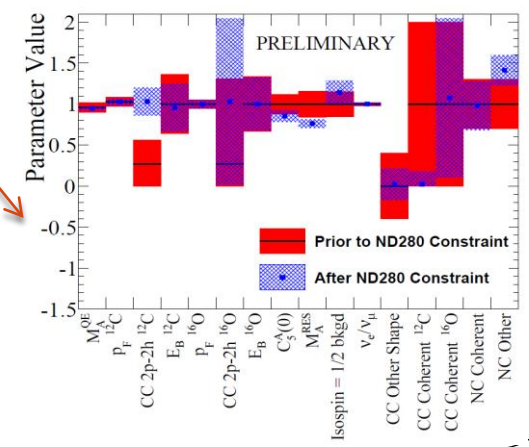
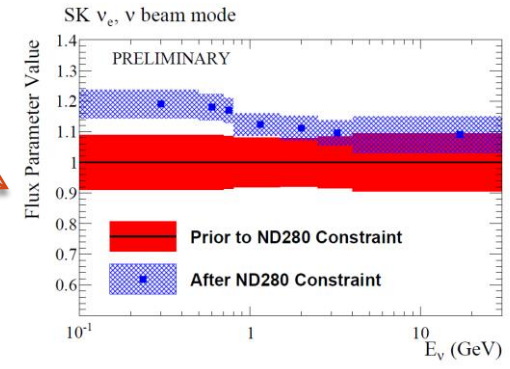
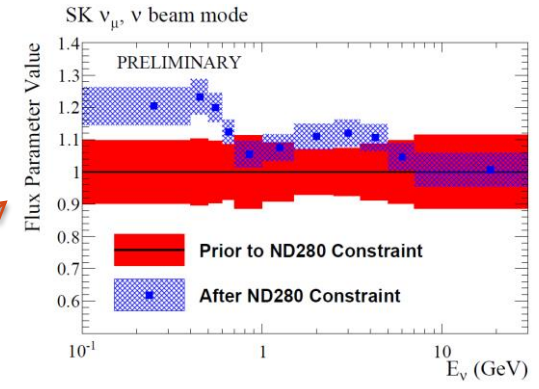
ν_{μ} CC 1 Track



ND280 Fit

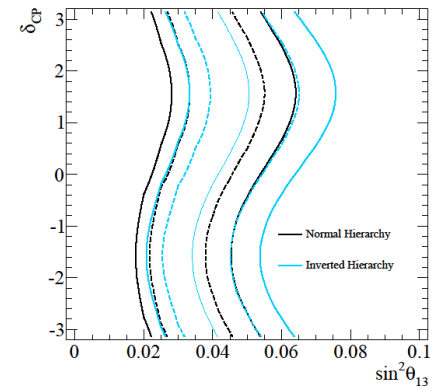
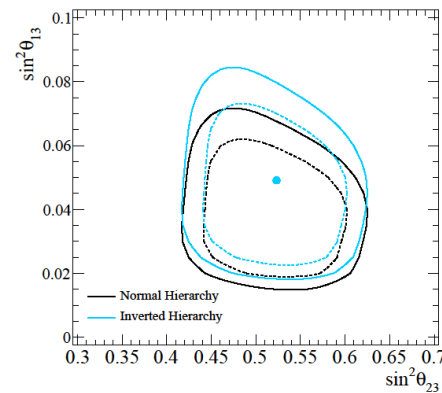
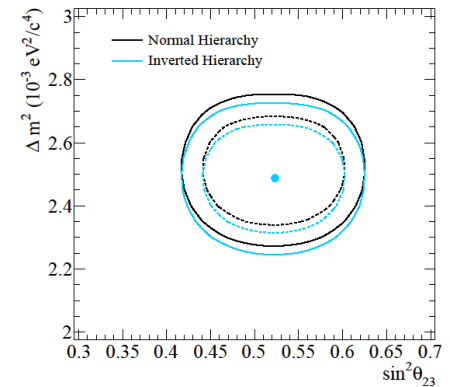
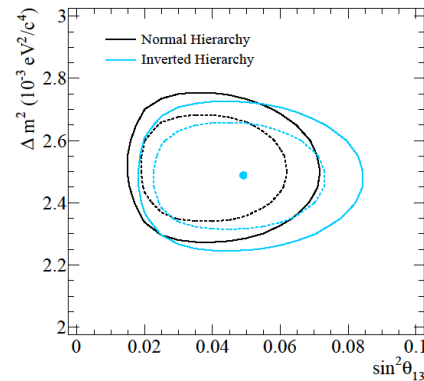
Flux

Cross Sections



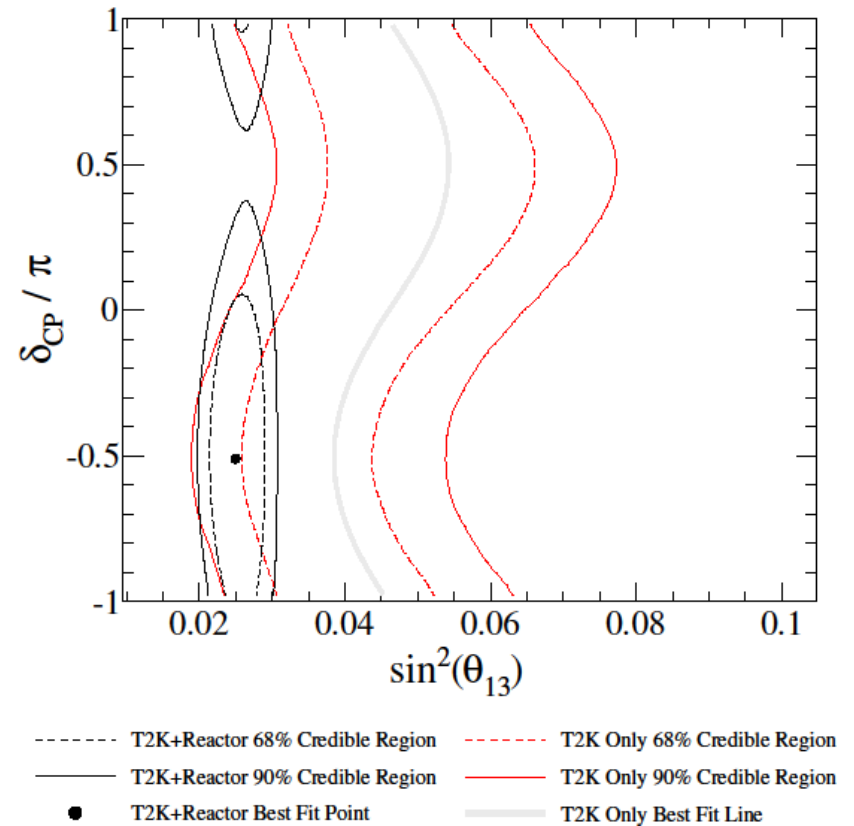
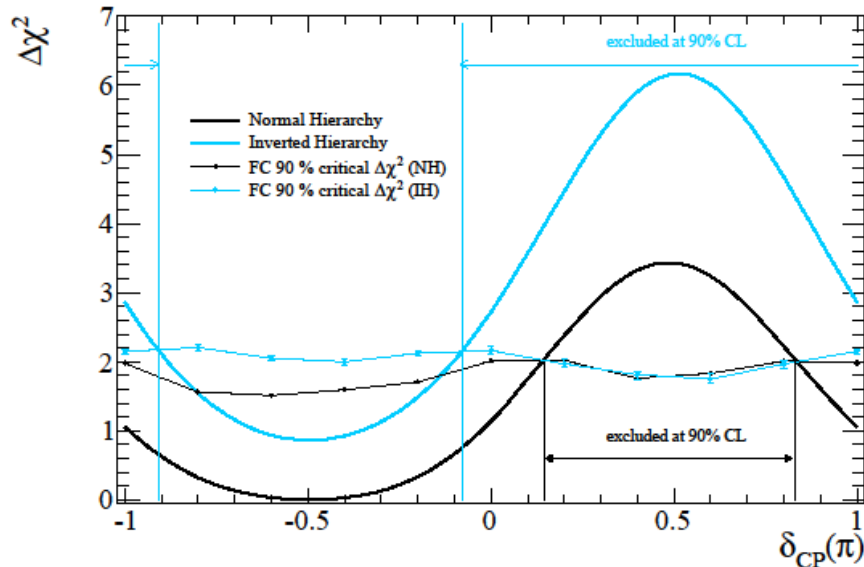
T2K three flavour fit

- **Phys. Rev. D 91, 072010, 2015**
- Joint fit to $|\Delta m^2|$, $\sin^2\theta_{23}$, $\sin^2\theta_{13}$, δ_{CP}
- NH best fit results
 - $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.524^{+0.057}_{-0.059}$
 - $\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0.042^{+0.013}_{-0.021}$
 - $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.51^{+0.11}_{-0.12} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/c^4$



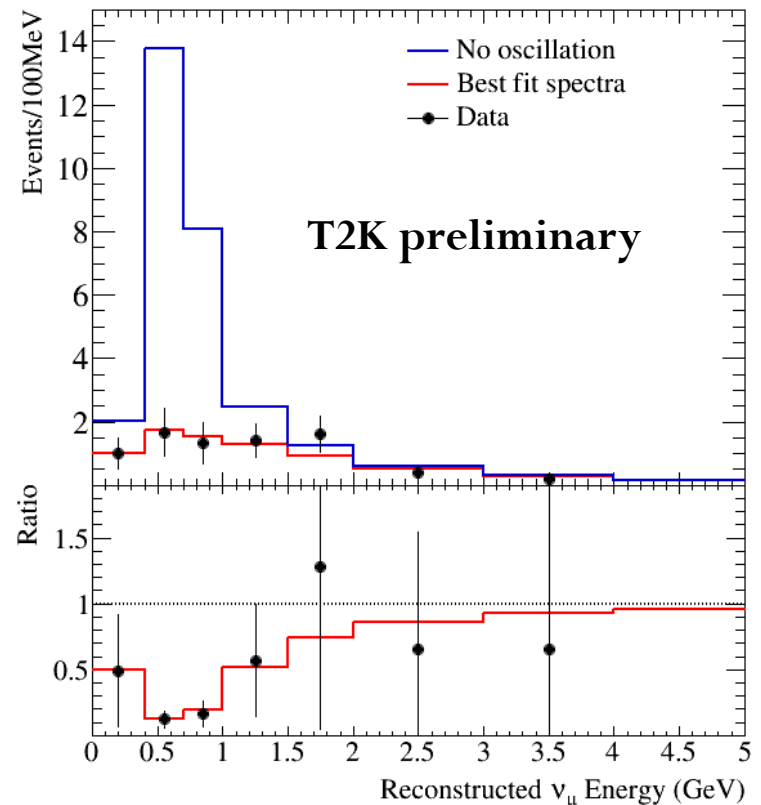
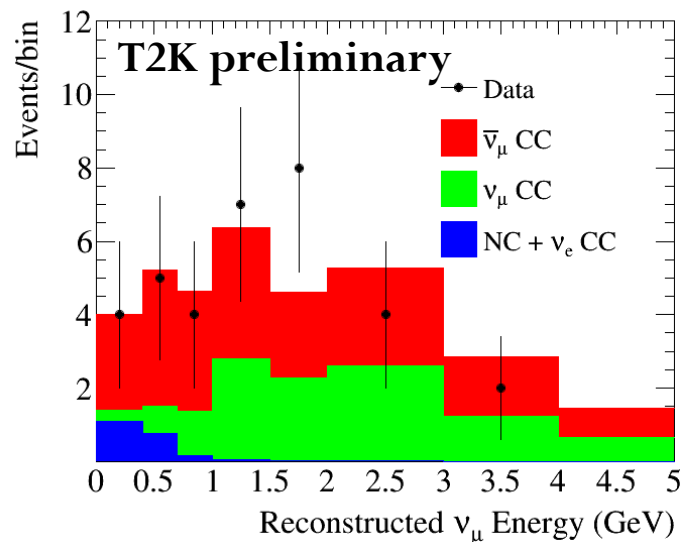
T2K three flavour fit with reactor constraint

- External constraints from reactor neutrino experiments
 - $\sin^2\theta_{13\text{reactor}} = 0.0243 \pm 0.026$
- Start constraining δ_{CP} in the lepton sector



$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance

- 34 candidates selected
- Clear oscillation dip observed
- Use different parameters for ν and $\bar{\nu}$ for θ_{23} and Δm^2_{23}
- Maximum likelihood fit including shape, normalization and systematic effects



$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance results

- **arXiv:1512.02495**

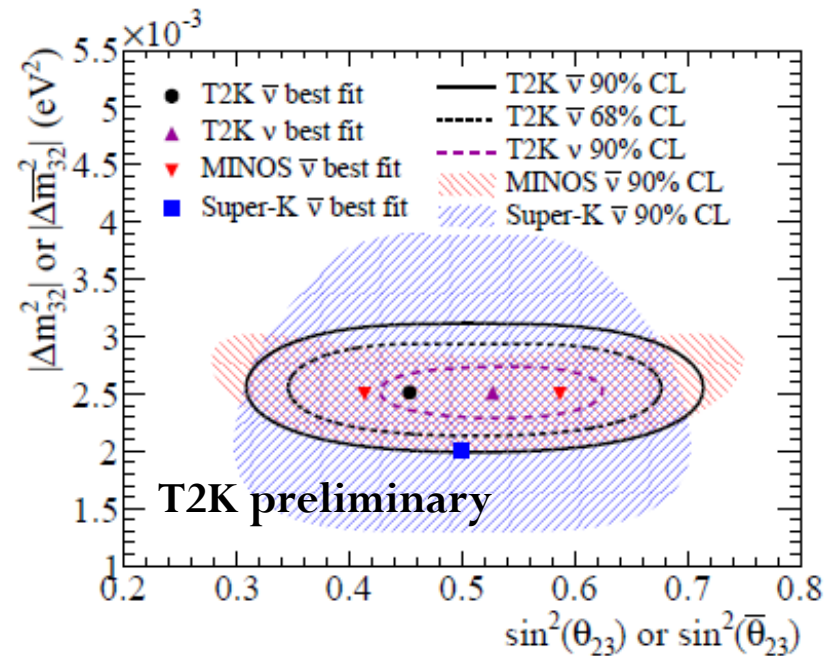
- Best fit results

- $\sin^2 \bar{\theta}_{23} = 0.45^{+0.19}_{-0.07}$

- $\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.51^{+0.29}_{-0.25} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/\text{c}^4$

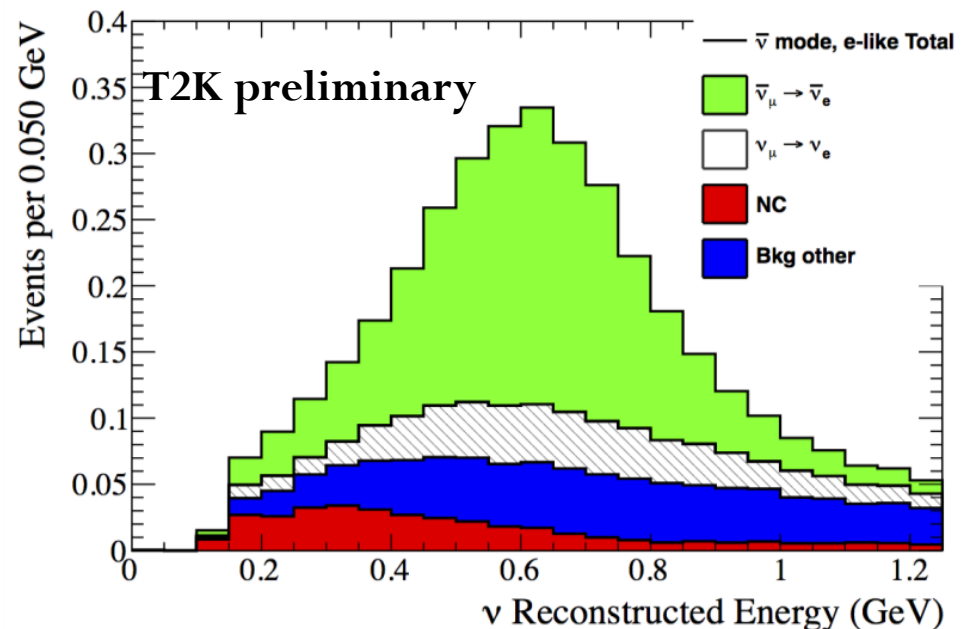
- T2K results compared to Super-K and MINOS results

Systematic uncertainty	Error (%)
ND280 unconstrained cross section	10
Flux and ND280 constrained cross section	3.4
Super-Kamiokande detector	3.8
Pion FSI and re-interactions	2.1
Total	11.6



$\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance

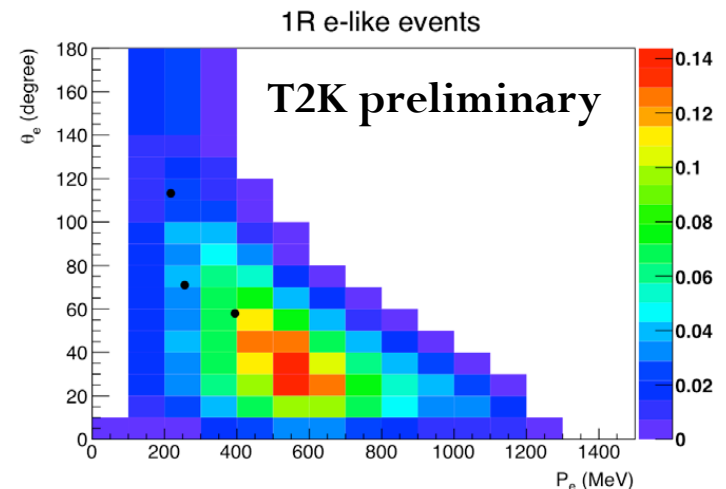
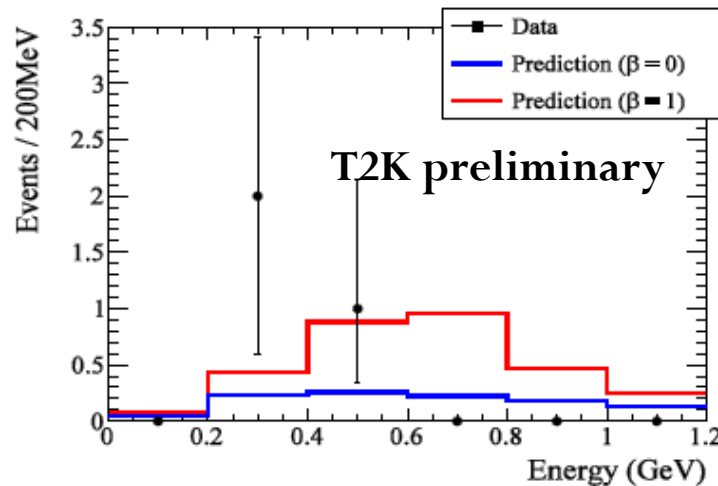
- 3 $\bar{\nu}_e$ candidates
 - ~ 3.7 expected w/ oscillation
 - 1.96 signal
 - 1.77 background
 - ~ 1.3 expected w/o oscillation
 - Weak hint for $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance
- Introduce discrete parameter β
- $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \beta \times P_{\text{PMNS}}(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$
 - $\beta = 0$ no neutrino oscillation
 - $\beta = 1$ nominal oscillation



$\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance results

- Two independent methods developed to fit the data
 - Reconstructed neutrino energy (E_{rec})
 - Electron p - θ
- Test statistics $-2[\ln L(\beta=1) - \ln L(\beta=0)]$
 - p -value(p - θ) = 0.34
 - P -value(E_{rec}) = 0.16
- No clear discrimination between the two β hypotheses

	$\delta_{\text{CP}} = -90^\circ$	$\delta_{\text{CP}} = 0^\circ$	$\delta_{\text{CP}} = 90^\circ$
NH	3.73	4.32	4.85
IH	4.18	4.85	5.45



Conclusions and future prospects

- Collect more anti-neutrino data in 2016
 - Improved measurements of the anti-neutrino oscillations
- Joint $\nu - \bar{\nu}$ fit
 - Better constraint on δ_{CP}
- Further constraints from ND280
 - FGD2 (contains water) measurements
 - More cross section channels
 - See talk from E. Scantamburlo for more

BACK UP

The T2K Collaboration



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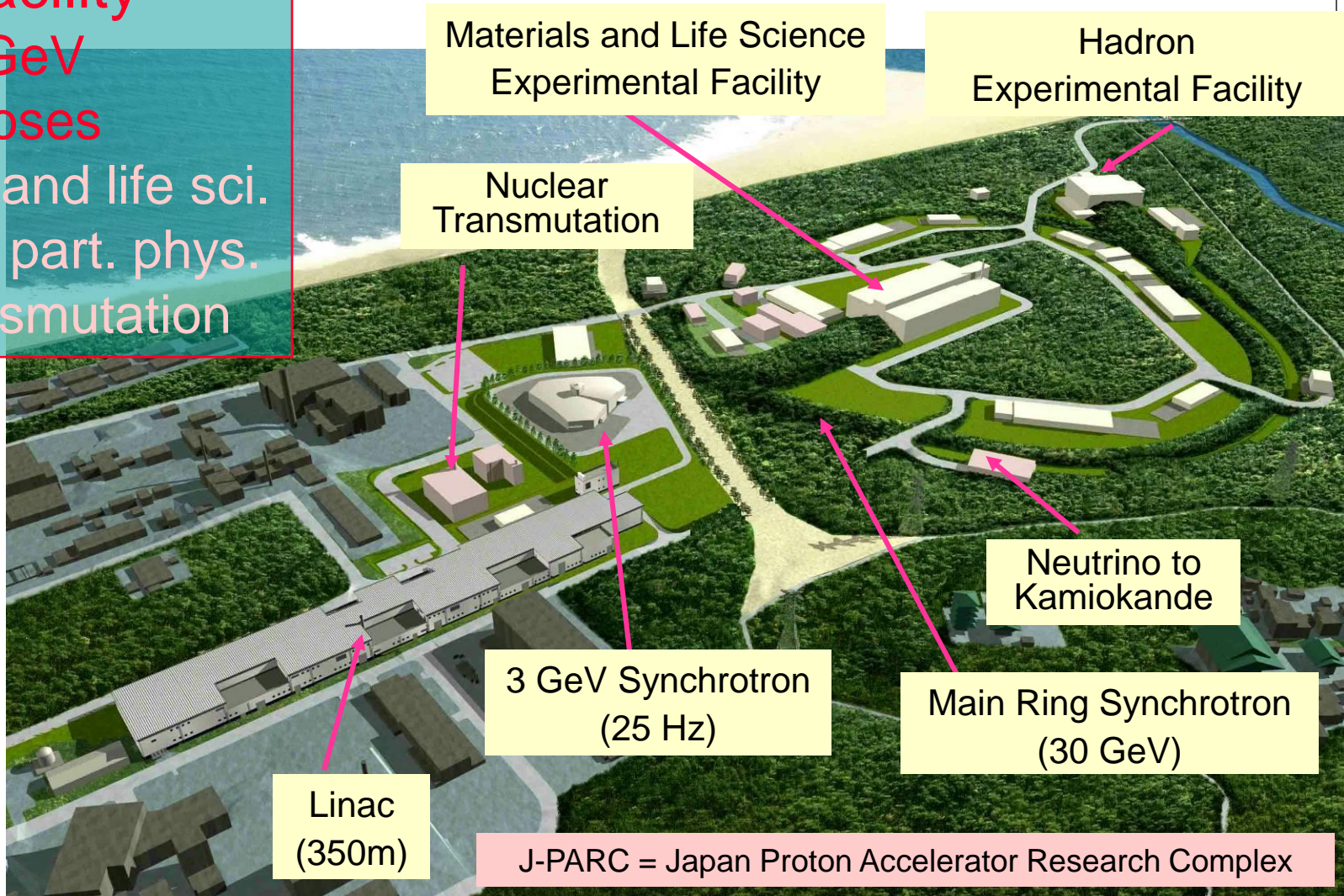
MW Proton Facility : J-PARC

Unique facility

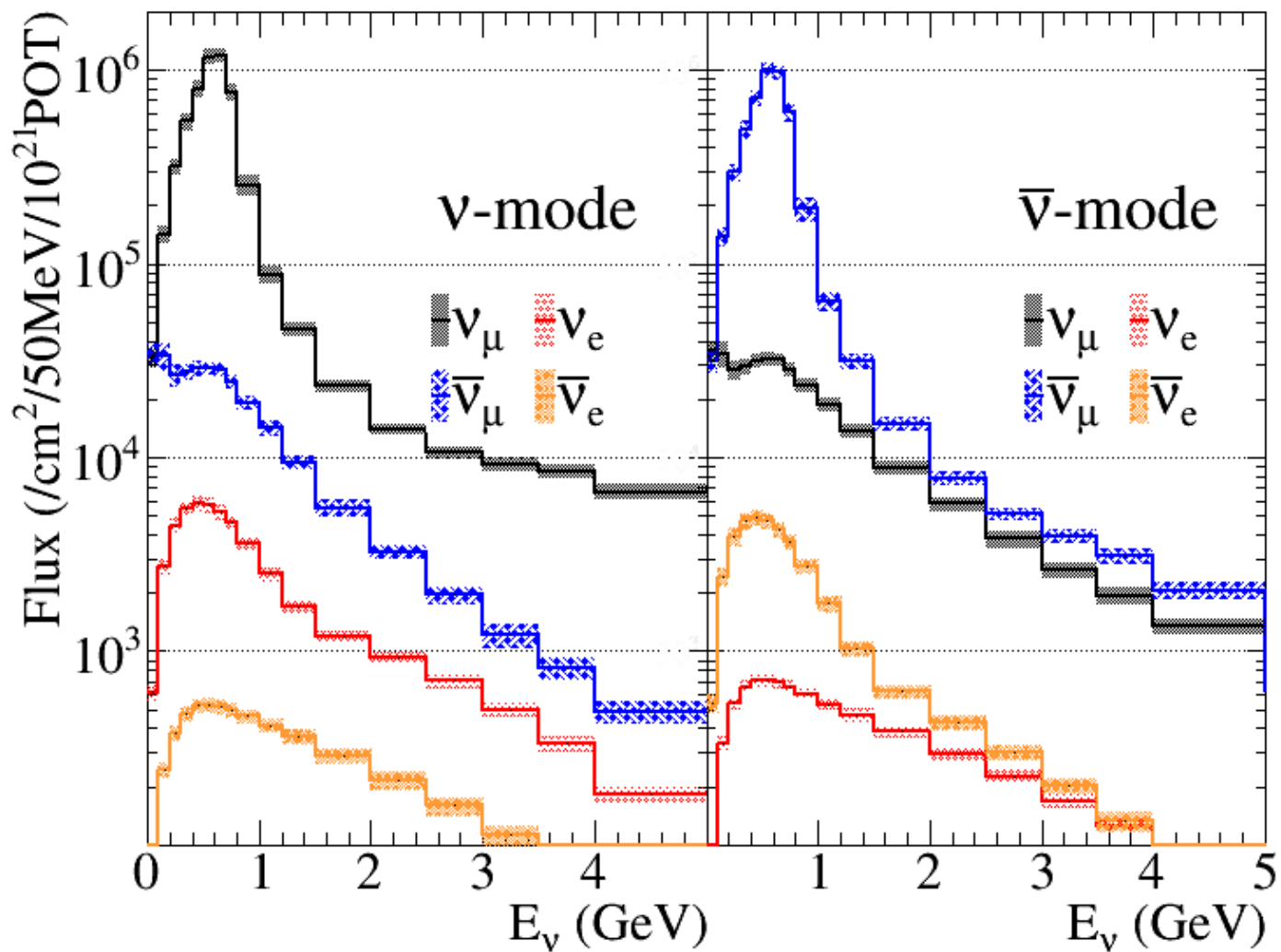
3GeV+30GeV

Multi-purposes

- Materials and life sci.
- Nucl. and part. phys.
- Nucl. transmutation



Neutrino flux



Neutrino phenomenology: from flavor eigenstates to oscillations

- Flavor eigenstates are superpositions of mass eigenstates

$$|\nu_i\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n U_{ij} |\nu_j\rangle$$

- If the unitary mixing matrix U is non-diagonal, then get flavor eigenstates as neutrinos propagate

$$|\nu(t)\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n U_{ij} e^{-iE_j t} |\nu_j\rangle \sim e^{im_j^2 L/2p} |\nu_j\rangle$$

- Probability of selecting flavor b , at a distance L

$$P(\nu_a \rightarrow \nu_b) = \delta_{ab} - 4 \sum_{i>k} \text{Re}(U_{ak}^* U_{bi} U_{ai} U_{bk}^*) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right) \\ \pm 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im}(U_{ak}^* U_{bi} U_{ai} U_{bk}^*) \sin \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

ν_e appearance results

- 28 ν_e candidates selected (**Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 061802, 2014**)

- 4.92 ± 0.55 expected background

- 7.3σ significance

- Best fit result

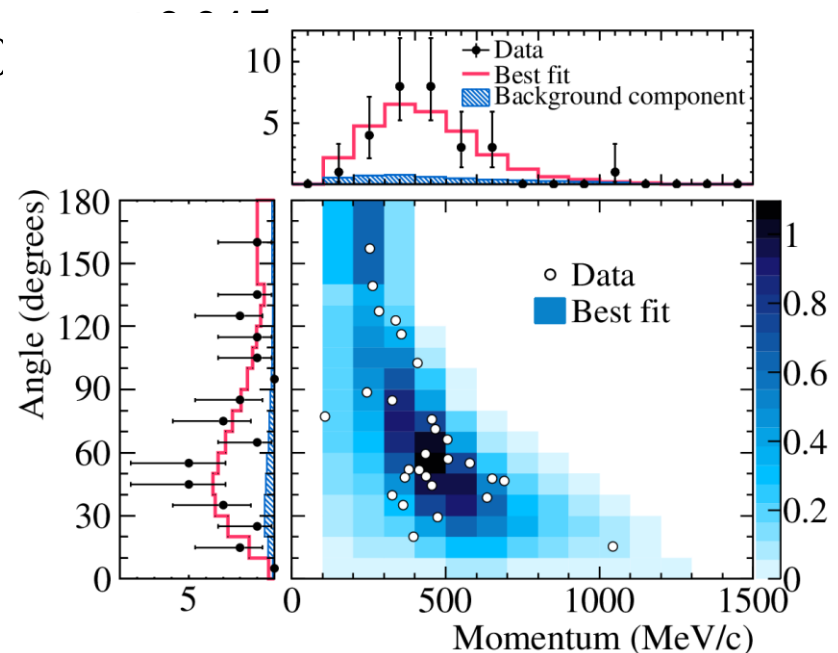
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.140^{+0.038}_{-0.032}$ (C)

assuming

- $|\Delta m^2_{32}| = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 / \text{c}^4$

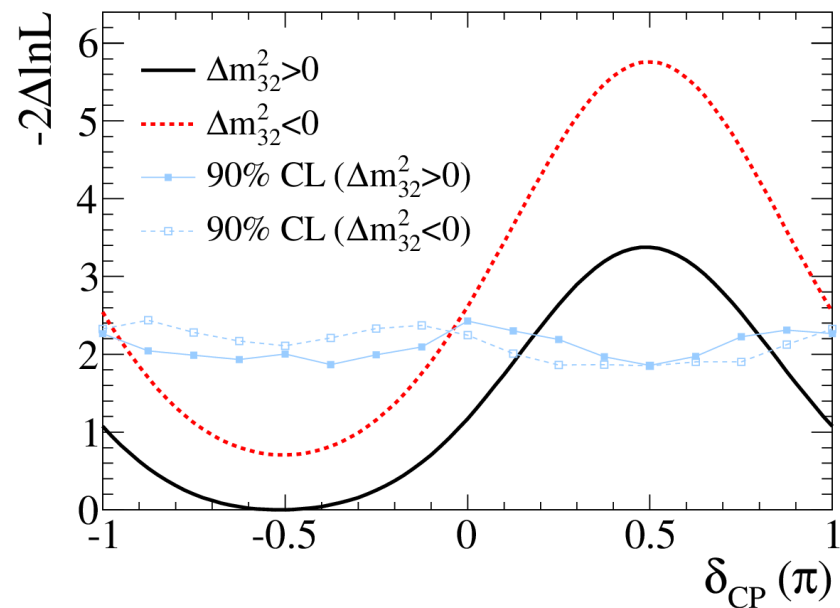
- $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$

- $\delta_{\text{CP}} = 0$



Constraints on δ_{CP}

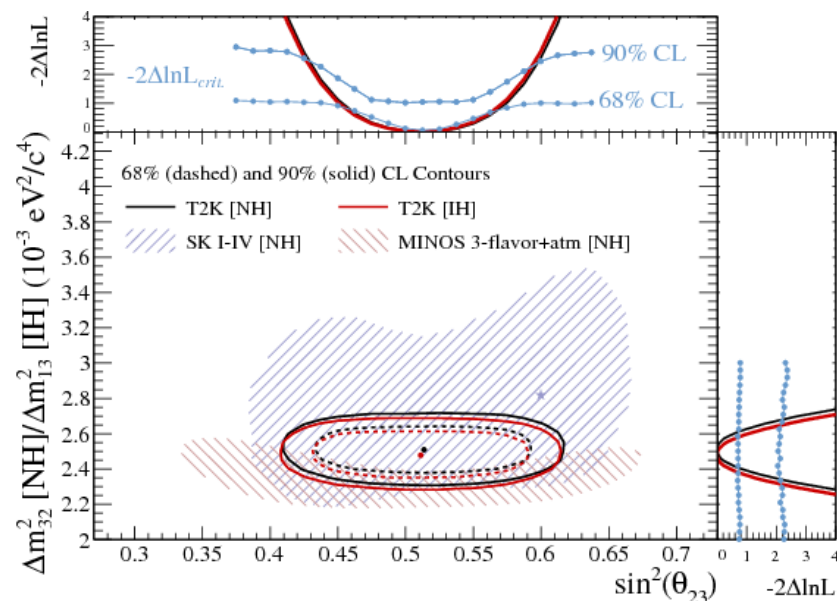
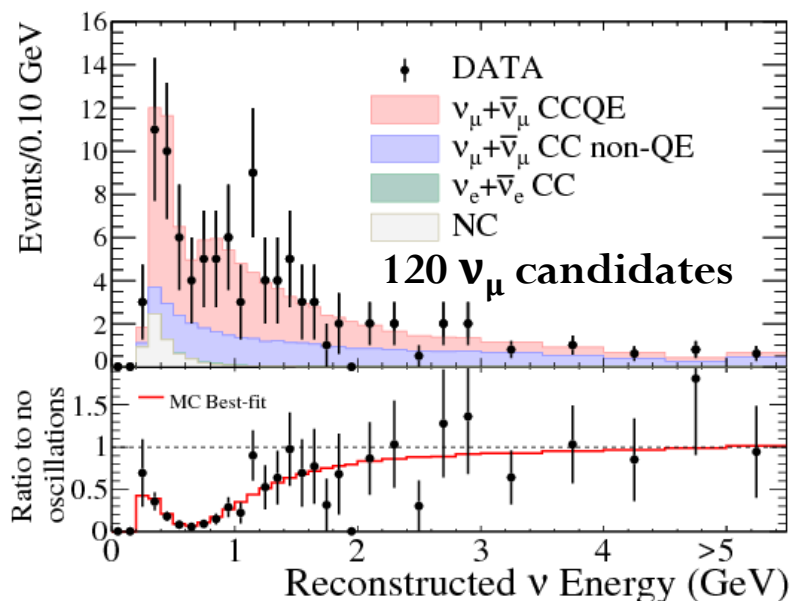
- Combine T2K and reactor neutrino data to constrain δ_{CP}
 - **Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 061802, 2014**
 - For NH (IH), excludes δ_{CP} $[0.19, 0.80]\pi$ ($[-0.08, 1.09]\pi$) at 90% CL



ν_μ disappearance results

Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 181801,
2014

World leading θ_{23}
measurement



$$\text{Best fit } \sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.514^{+0.055}_{-0.056} \quad (0.511 \pm 0.055)$$

$$\Delta m^2_{23} = (2.51 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/c^4 \quad (\Delta m^2_{13} = (2.48 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/c^4) \text{ for}$$

NH (IH)

Future sensitivity for $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance

- Currently T2K has selected 3 $\bar{\nu}_e$ candidates for 4.01×10^{20} POT
- p-value < 0.02 for 9.0×10^{20} POT
 - No statistical uncertainty and PMNS prediction exactly correct

