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on behalf of the T2K
Collaboration

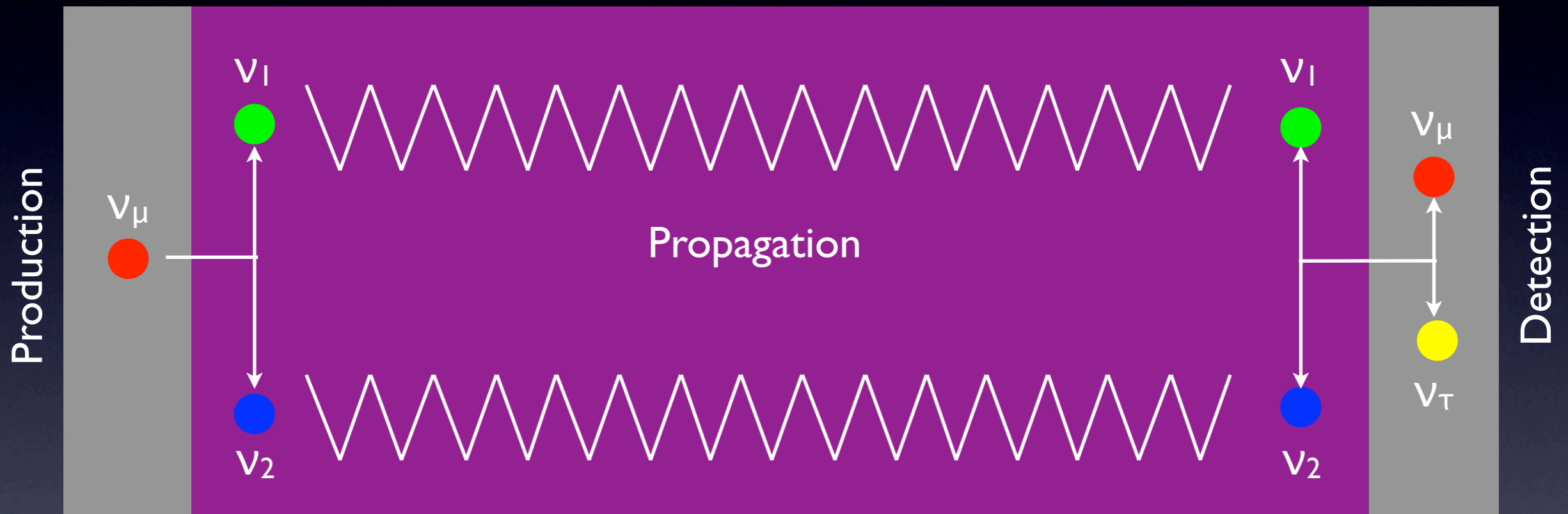
Outline



- Neutrino oscillation and mixing
- How to measure the last mixing angle θ_{13}
- T2K experiment
- First T2K oscillation results
 - ν_{μ} disappearance
 - ν_e appearance
- Physics perspectives

Neutrino oscillation

- Neutrinos are always produced and detected in flavor eigenstate while they propagate as mass eigenstates
- Mass eigenstates are different than flavor eigenstates



- If ν_1 and ν_2 have different mass they will propagate at different speeds \rightarrow interference that will change the proportion of ν_1 and ν_2 at the detection
- New flavor eigenstates might appear when neutrinos are detected
- Neutrino oscillations are, up to now, the only known phenomenon beyond the standard model

Where we were (up to ~May 2011)

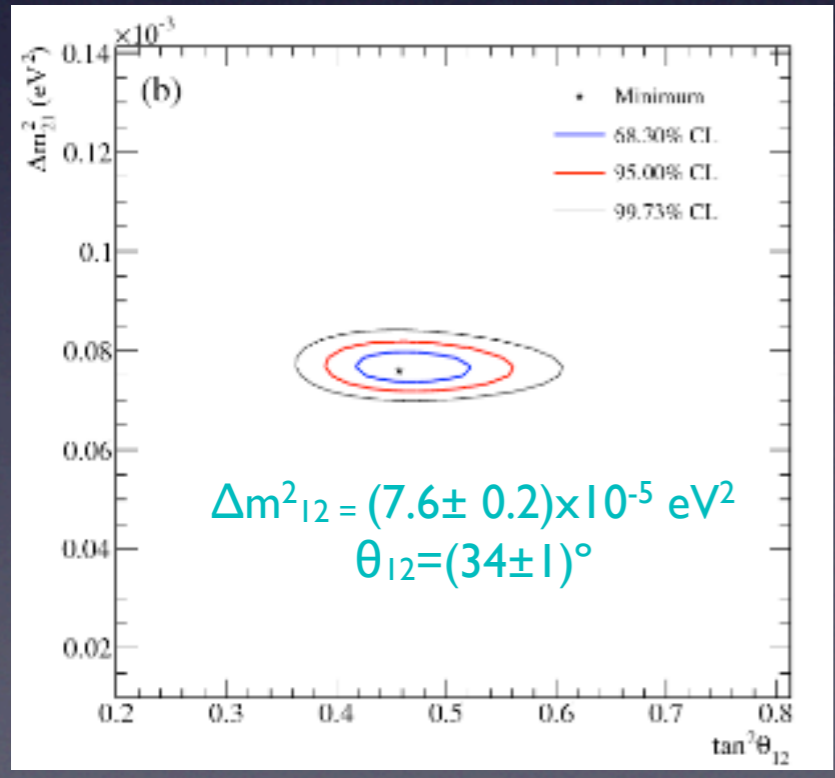
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & \sin\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 &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

Flavor eigenstates

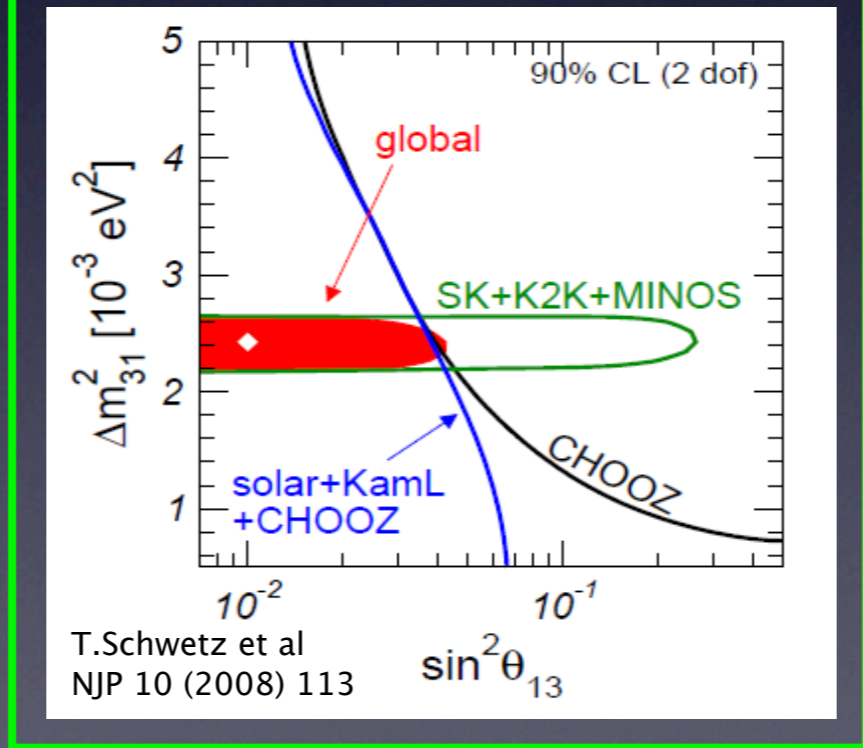
Mass eigenstates

- 3 angles ($\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$)
- 1 CP violation phase $\delta \rightarrow$ only if all 3 mixing angles $\neq 0$
- 2 independent mass differences ($\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$)

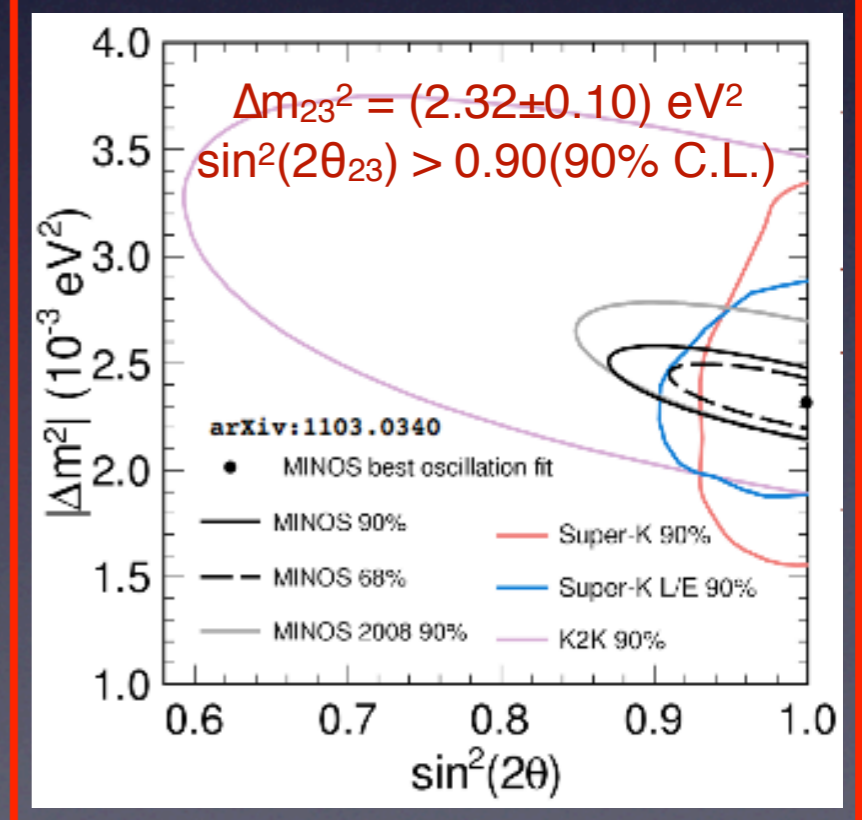
Solar (SNO, KamLand)
 $\rightarrow \theta_{12}, \Delta m_{12}$



Upper limit $\rightarrow \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.13$
 δ completely unknown



Atmospheric (K2K, SK, Minos)
 $\rightarrow \theta_{23}, \Delta m_{23}$



Two different approaches to θ_{13}



Reactors (DChooz, RENO, Daya Bay)

- Disappearance of anti- ν_e $P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$
- anti- ν_e produced in nuclear reactors
- Neutrino energy few MeV
- Distance $L \sim 1$ km
- Experimental signature: disappearance of the ν_e produced in the reactor core
- Only sensible to θ_{13}

Accelerators (T2K, Minos \rightarrow Nova):

- Appearance experiment: $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$
- ν_μ neutrino beam
- Neutrino energy ~ 1 GeV
- Distance $L > \sim 300$ km
- Experimental signature: appearance of ν_e in the ν_μ beam
- Degeneracy of θ_{13} with δ , sign of δm^2

Clean dependence on θ_{13}

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{13} - \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{12}$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \quad \Delta_{21}/\Delta_{31} \sim 1/30$$

Atmospheric baseline

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \times \sin^2 \Delta_{13} + \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \times \sin^2 \Delta_{21} + \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12} \times \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{32} \cos(\Delta_{32} + \delta)$$

Solar baseline

Interference $\rightarrow \delta$

Two different approaches to θ_{13}



Reactors (DChooz, RENO, Daya Bay)

- Sub-leading oscillation $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$
- anti- ν_e produced in nuclear reactors
- Neutrino energy few MeV
- Distance $L \sim 10^3$ km

- Experimental signature: disappearance of ν_e in the ν_e beam
- Only sensitive to θ_{13}

Accelerator based experiments (T2K, NOVA):

- Experimental signature: appearance of ν_e in the ν_μ beam
- Degeneracy of θ_{13} with δ , sign of δm^2

Accelerator based experiments are needed to measure the sign of Δm_{13} and CP violation phase δ

$$\Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \quad \Delta_{21}/\Delta_{31} \sim 1/30$$

Atmospheric baseline

dependence on θ_{13}

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Solar baseline

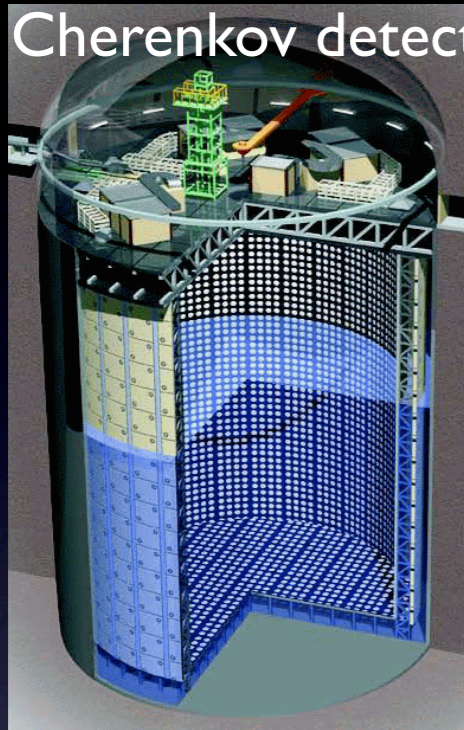
Interference $\rightarrow \delta$

T2K experiment

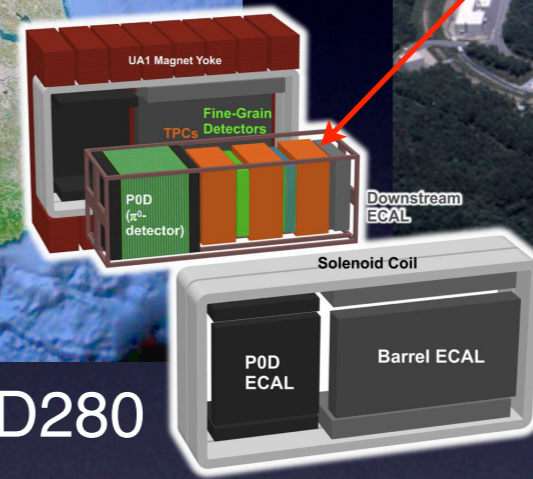
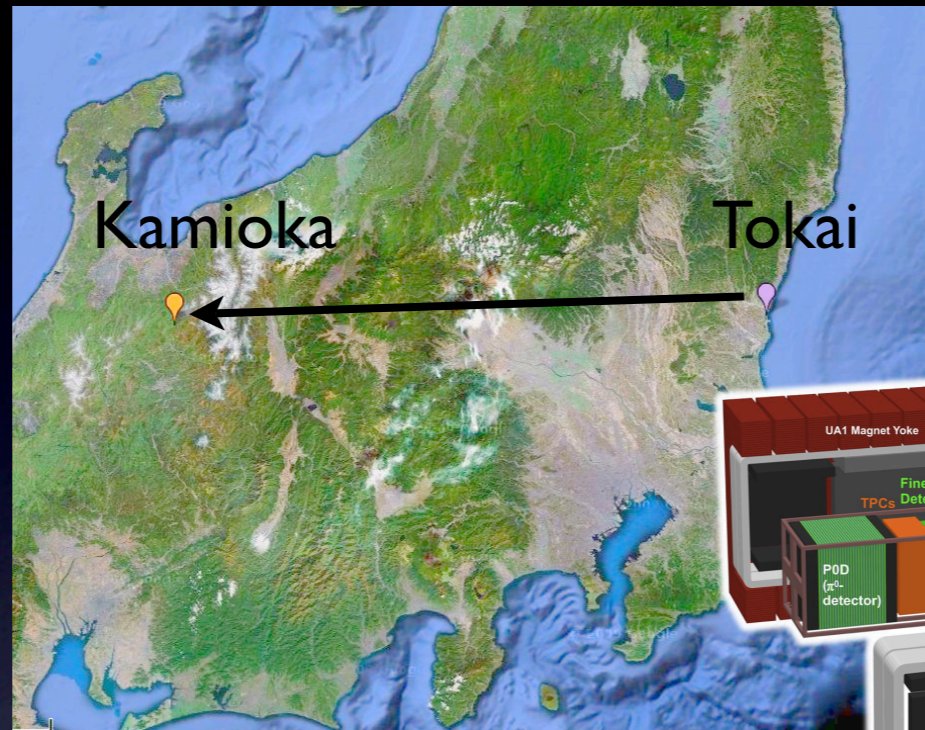
T2K experiment



Super-Kamiokande: 22.5 kt fiducial volume water Cherenkov detector



JPARC accelerator:
Design power: 750 kW



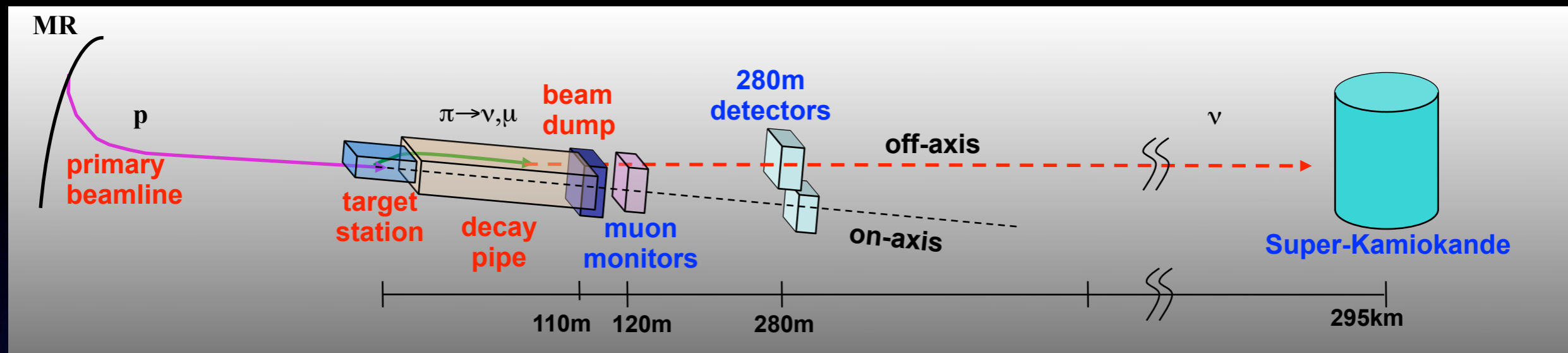
- Long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment
- High intensity ν_μ beam produced at JPARC (Japan)
- Neutrinos detected at the Near Detector (ND280) and at the Far Detector (Super-Kamiokande) at 295 km
- Main physics goals:
 - Discovery of ν_e appearance \rightarrow determine θ_{13} (sensitivity >10 times better Chooz limit)
 - Precise measurement of ν_μ disappearance \rightarrow Goal: $\delta(\sin^2(2\theta_{23})) \sim 0.01, \delta(\Delta m^2_{23}) < 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
- First results released with $\sim 2\%$ of the total expected T2K statistics (1.43×10^{20} p.o.t.)

T2K Collaboration



~500 members, 59 institutes, 12 countries

T2K experimental setup



Beamline:

- 30 GeV proton beam from JPARC Main Ring extracted onto a graphite target
- Pions focused and selected in charge by 3 electromagnetic horns
- ν_μ produced by pions decay $\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu$
- Off-axis beam: center of the beam 2.5° off from SK direction
- Stability and direction monitored in muon monitor (MUMON) and in INGRID (on-axis ND280)

Detectors:

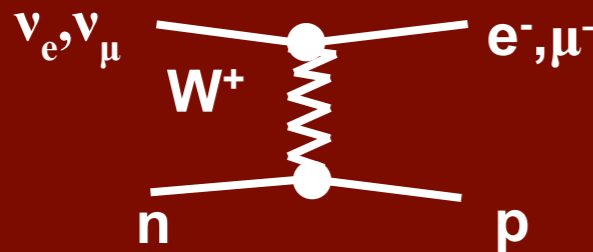
- Off-axis Near Detector (ND280): measure ν interaction rates and flavors before the oscillation
- Off-axis Far Detector (SK): measure ν interaction rates and flavors after the oscillation

Reference: The T2K experiment, NIM A, doi: 10.1016/j.nima.2011.06.067, arxiv 1106.1238

Signals and backgrounds

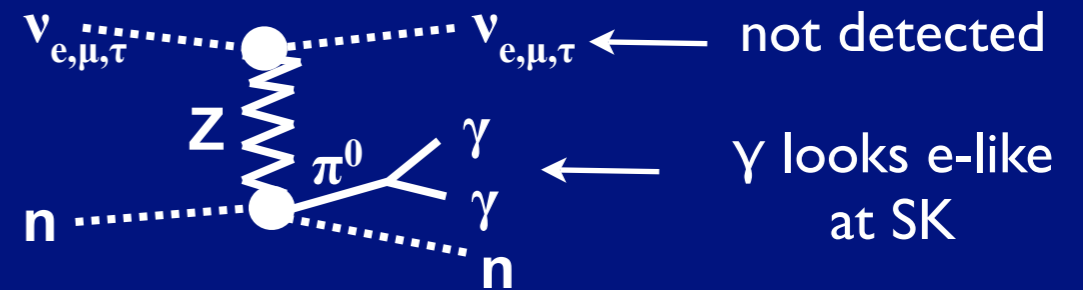


Signal at SK: CCQE interactions
producing μ from ν_μ
or e from ν_e



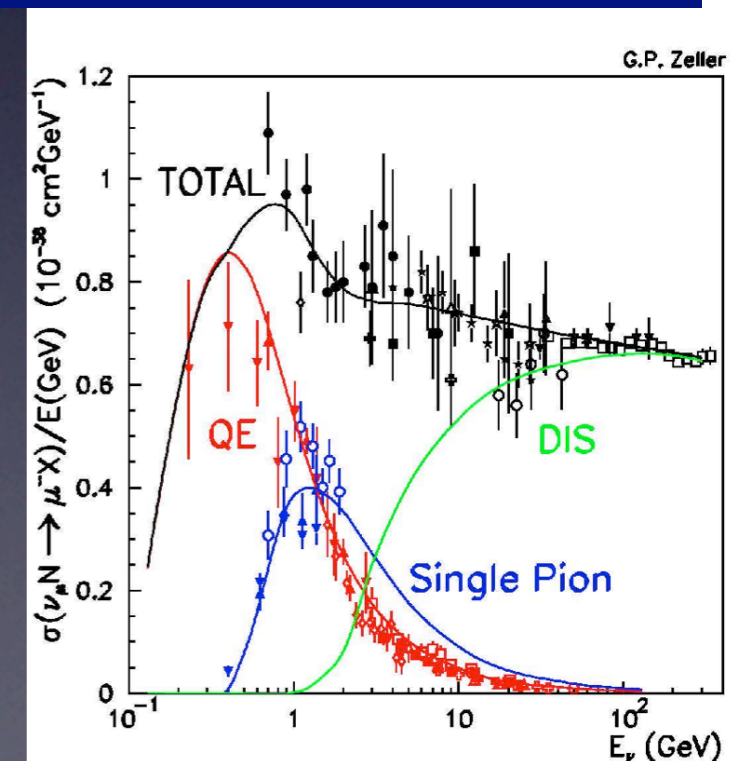
CCQE residual cross-section
uncertainty (assuming complete far-to-
near cancellation) $\sim 7\%$ @ 500 MeV

Backgrounds at SK:
NCI π^+ interactions for ν_μ
NCI π^0 interactions for ν_e



Estimated $\sim 30\%$ error on these
processes with respect to CCQE
cross-section

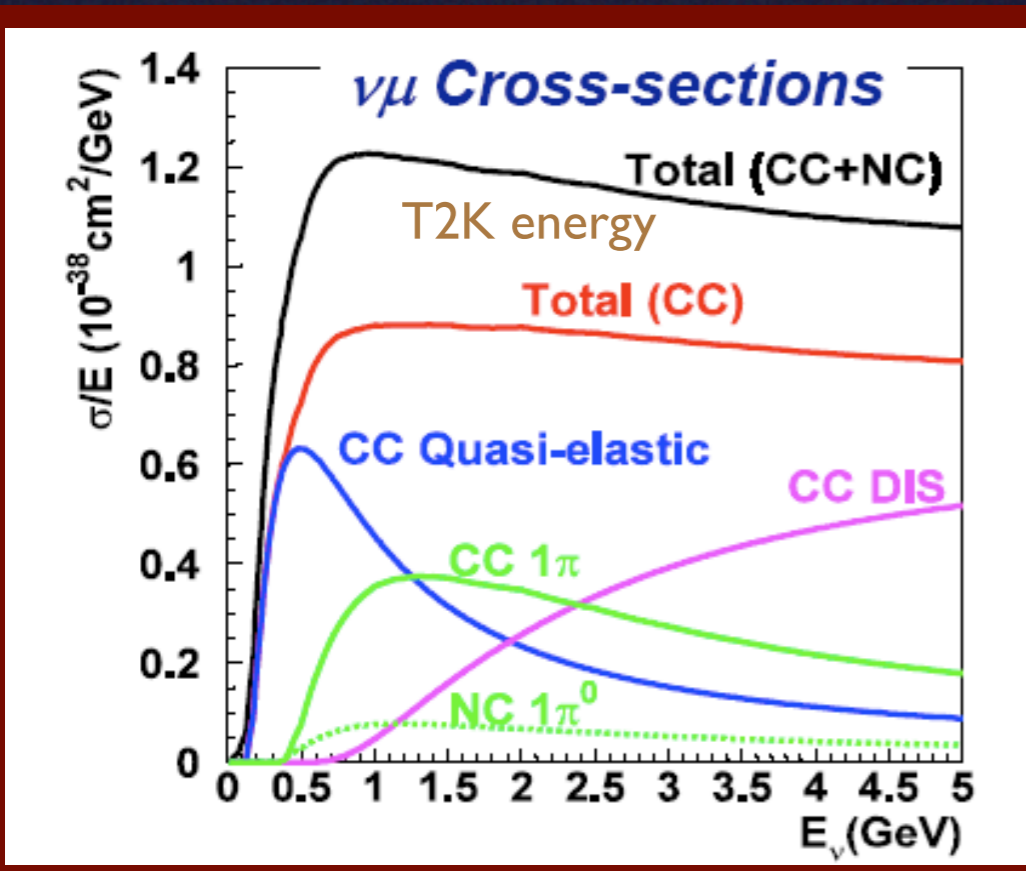
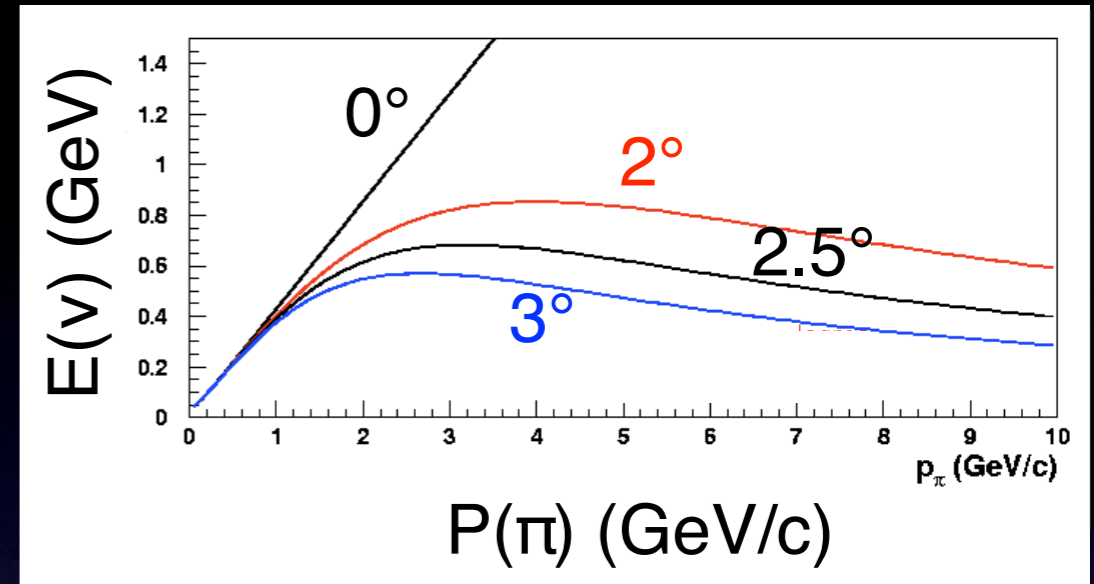
- Few measurements (MiniBooNE, SciBooNE, K2K) and large uncertainties for neutrino interactions in the 1 GeV region
- Contribution to the systematics in T2K oscillation analysis
- One important goal of ND280 is to measure neutrino cross-sections



Off-axis narrow band beam

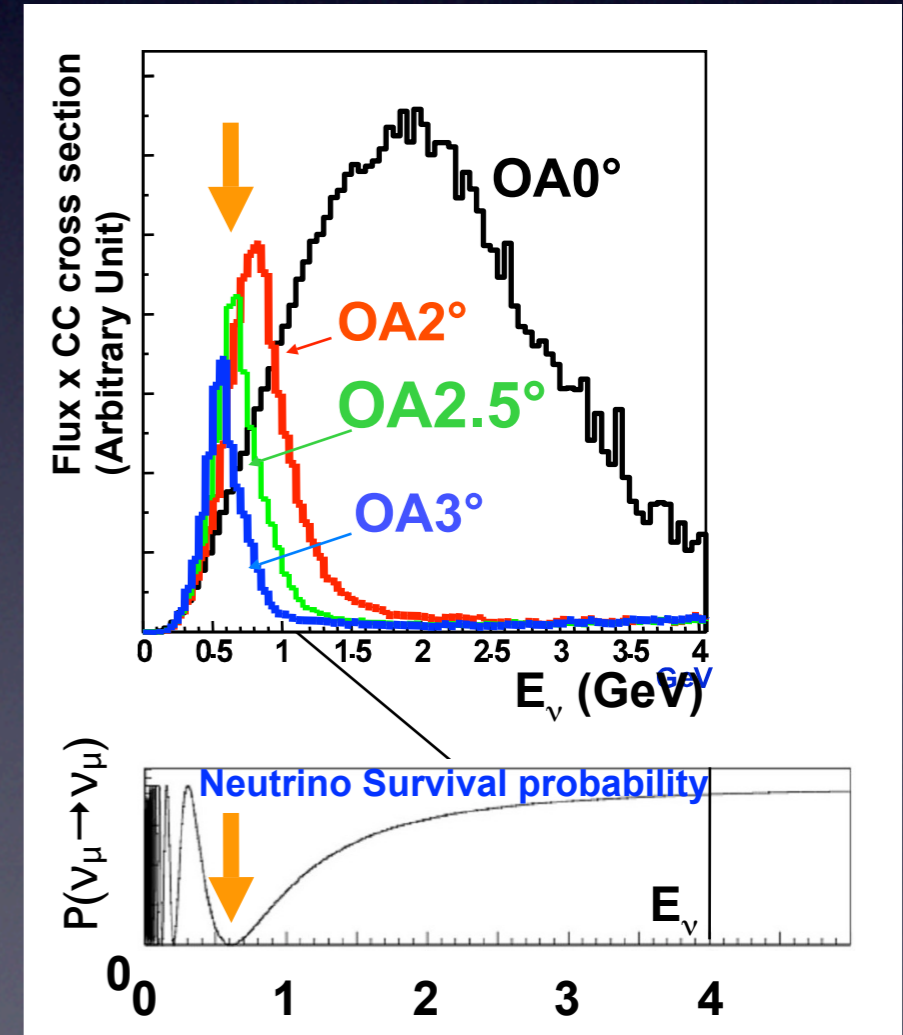


- T2K is the first long baseline experiment using off-axis technique
- Reduced dependence of E_ν from E_π
- Intense beam where the oscillation effect is maximum (~ 0.6 GeV)
- Enhance the CCQE sample, reducing the high energy tails of the beam \rightarrow reduce the backgrounds to oscillation signal



Signal: **CCQE**
 $\nu_{e(\mu)} + n \rightarrow e(\mu) + p$

Main backgrounds:
CC π , NC π , π
 produced in **DIS** \rightarrow
 coming from high energy ν

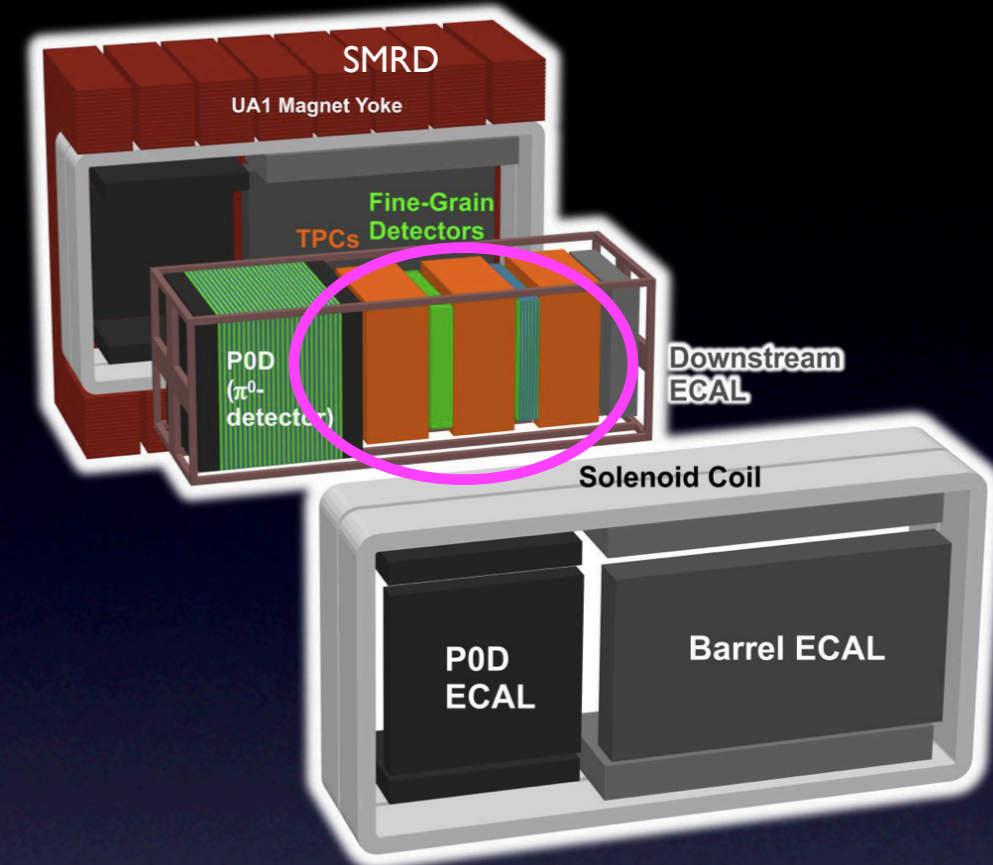




Off-axis ND280

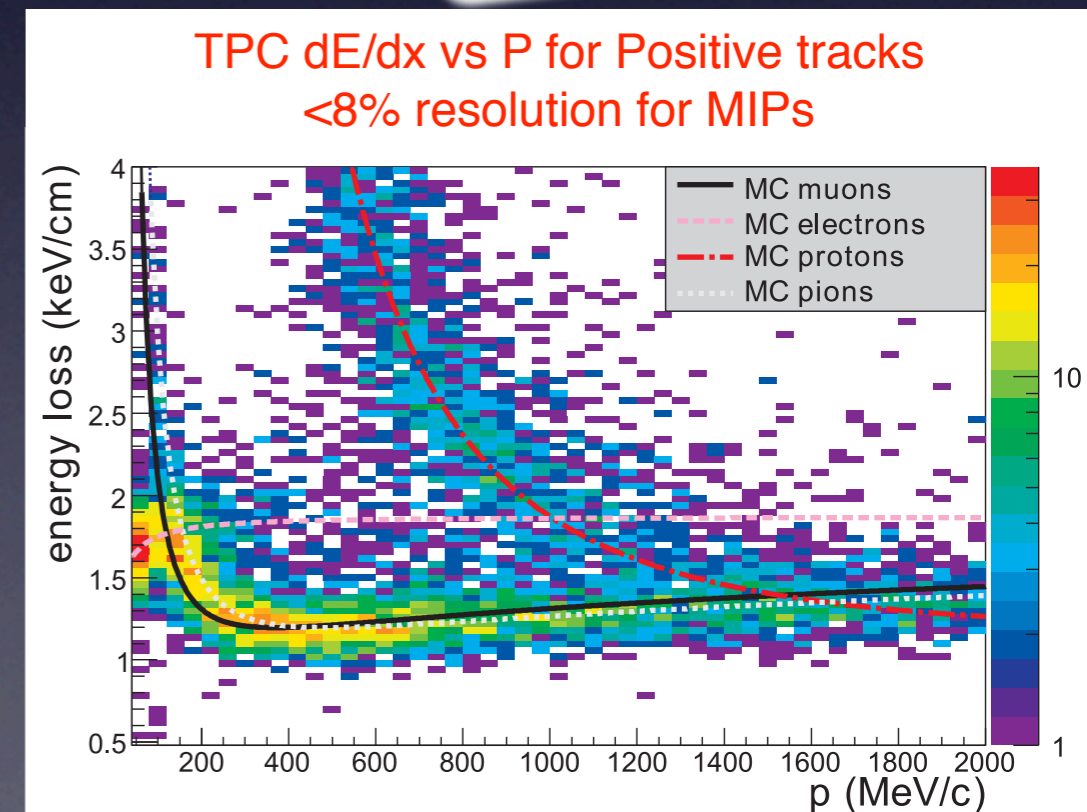


- Set of detector installed inside the ex-UA1/NOMAD magnet (providing a 0.2 T magnetic field)
- Measure ν_μ and ν_e spectra before the oscillation
- Measure cross-sections for backgrounds to oscillation
- Dedicated π^0 detector (POD), EM calorimeter to identify e/γ (ECAL), side muon range detector for high angle μ (SMRD)



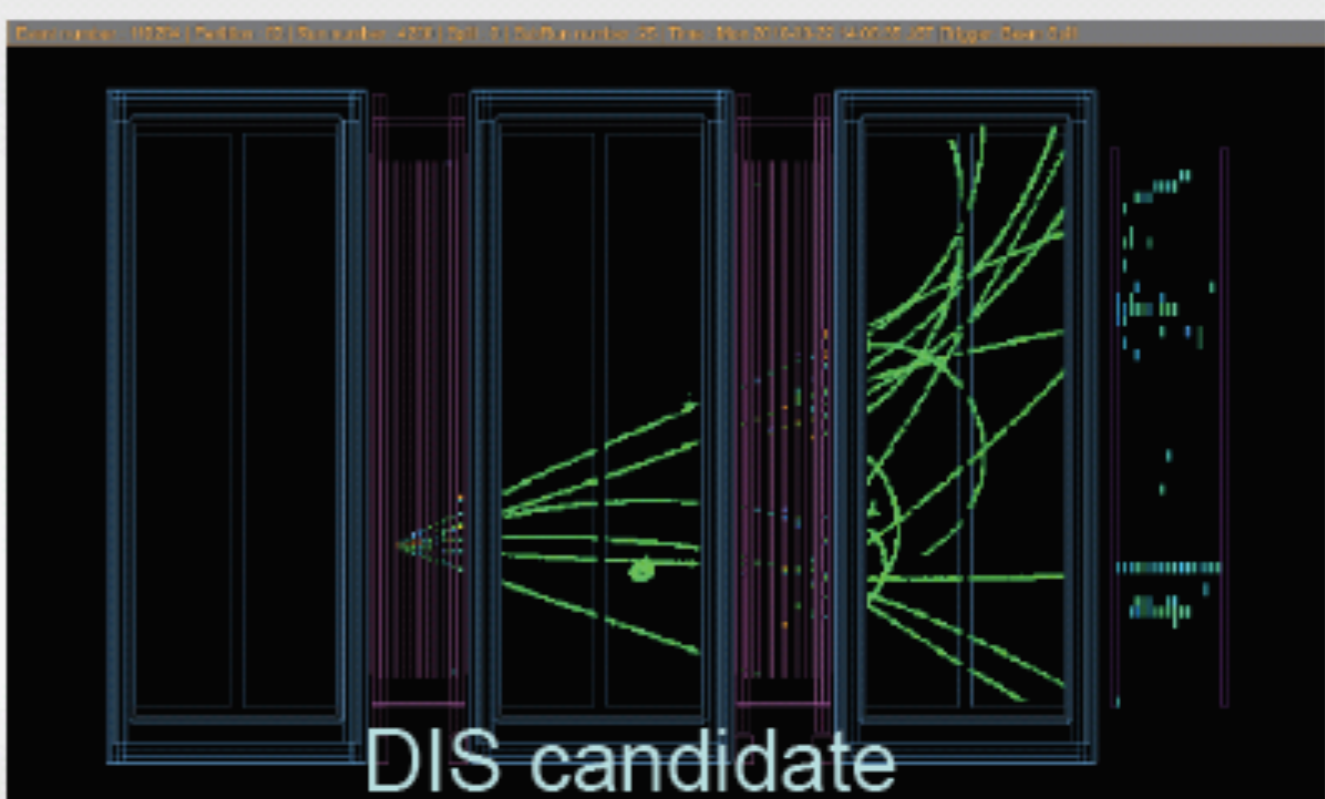
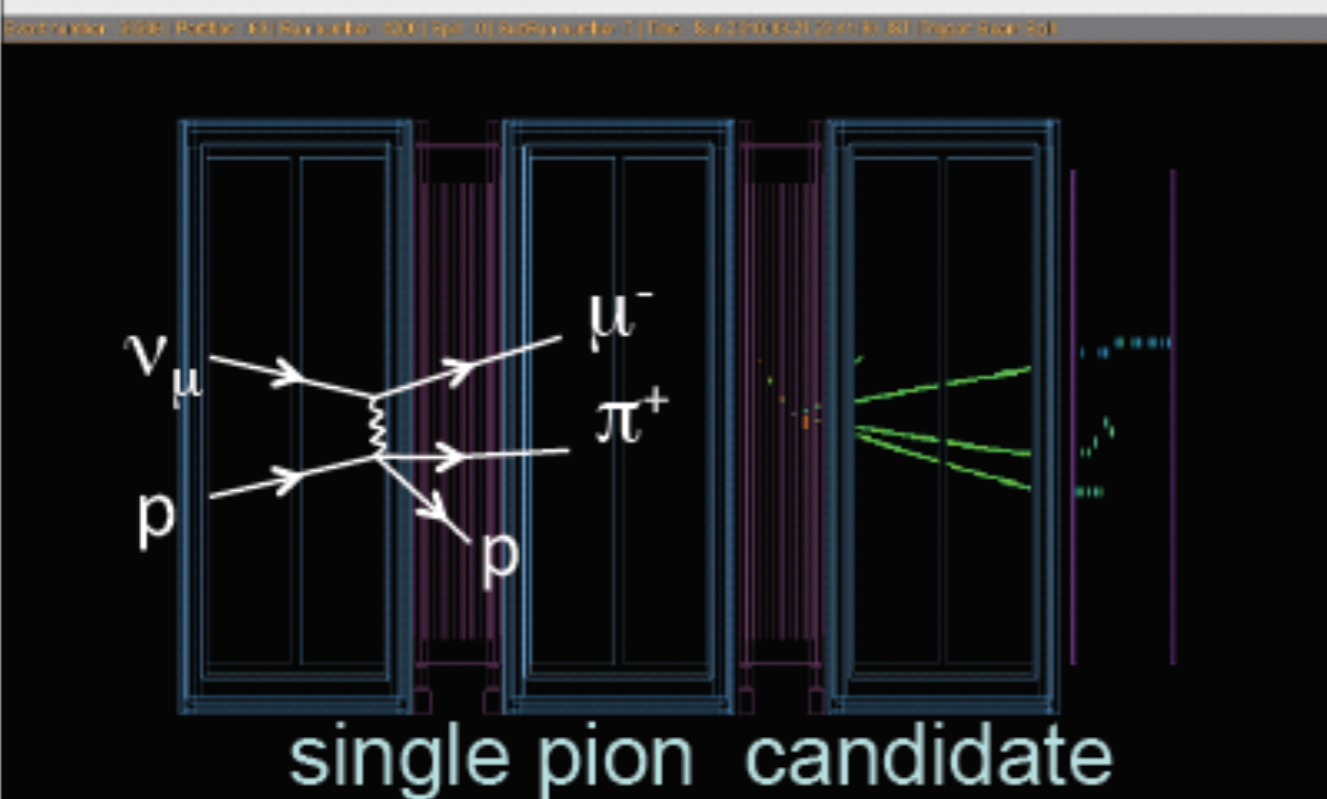
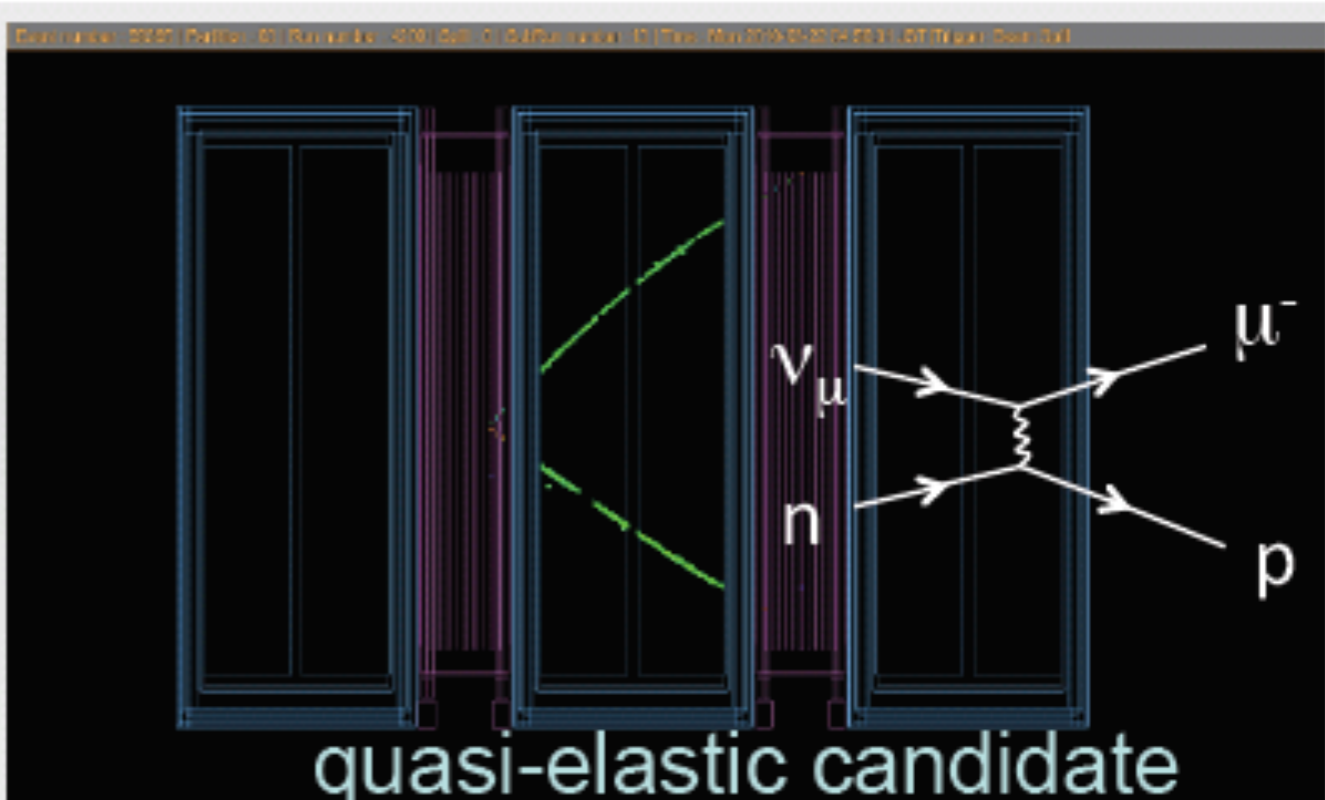
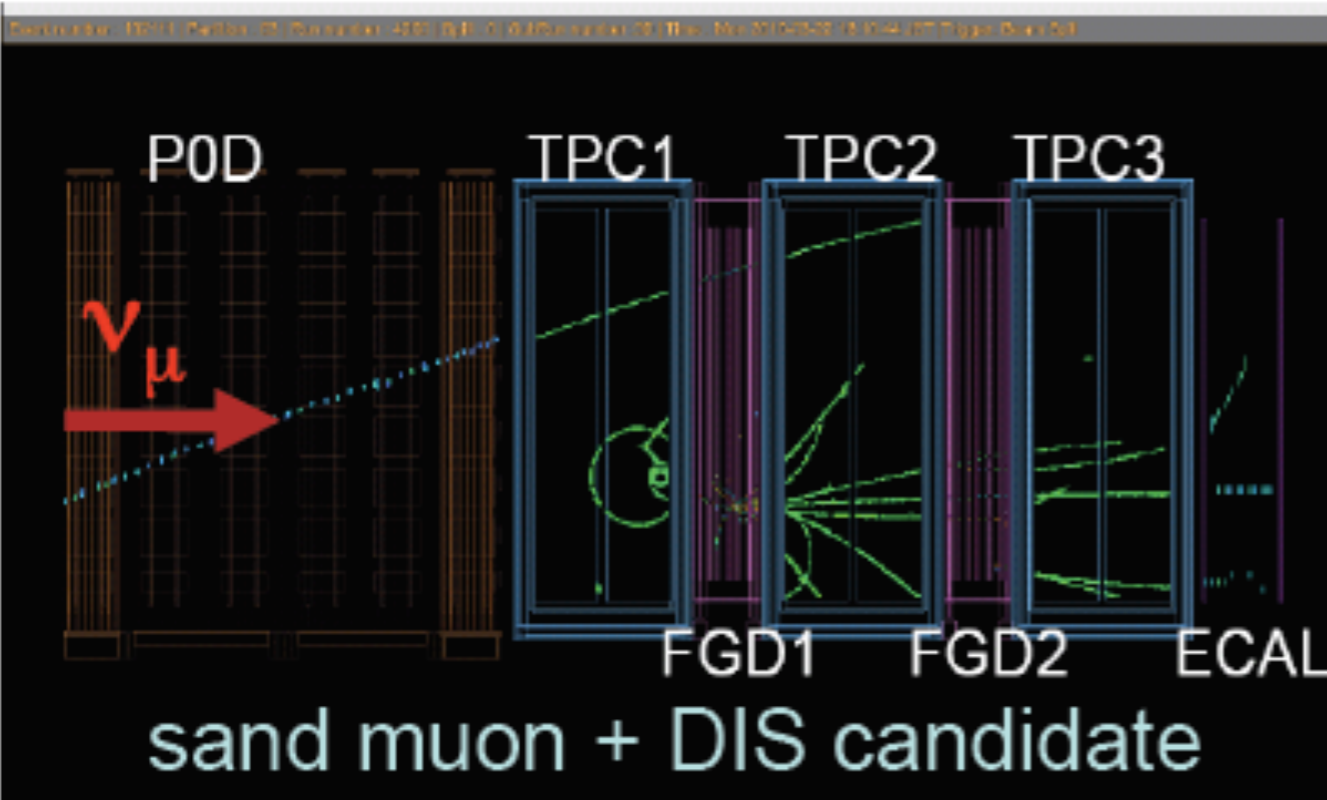
• The present analyses are based on the Tracker:

- 2 fine grained detectors (FGD)
- Active target for neutrino interactions (carbon and water)
- 1.6 ton of Fiducial Volume
- 3 time projection chambers (TPC)*
- Instrumented with MicroMEGAS detectors
- Reconstruct momentum and charge of the particles produced in ν interactions
- PID capabilities measuring dE/dx in the gas



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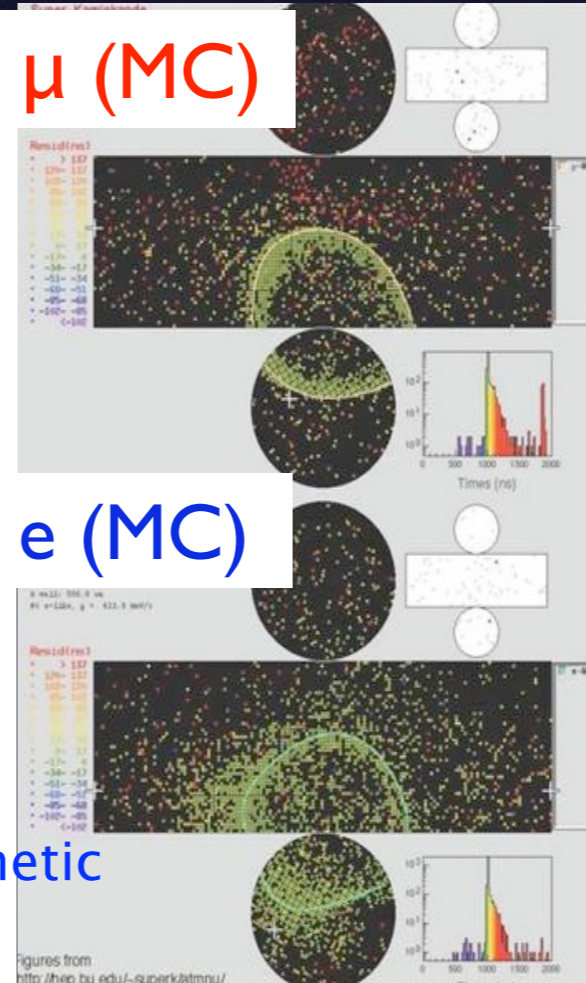
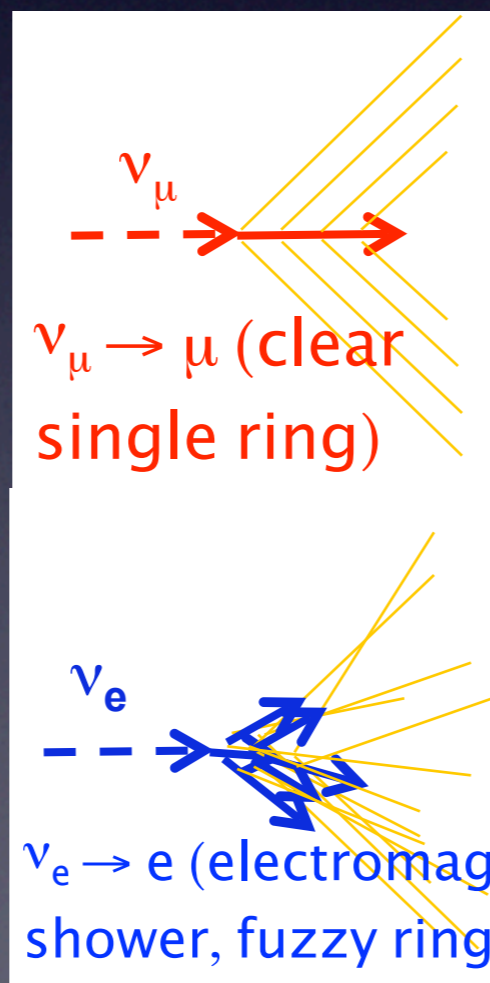
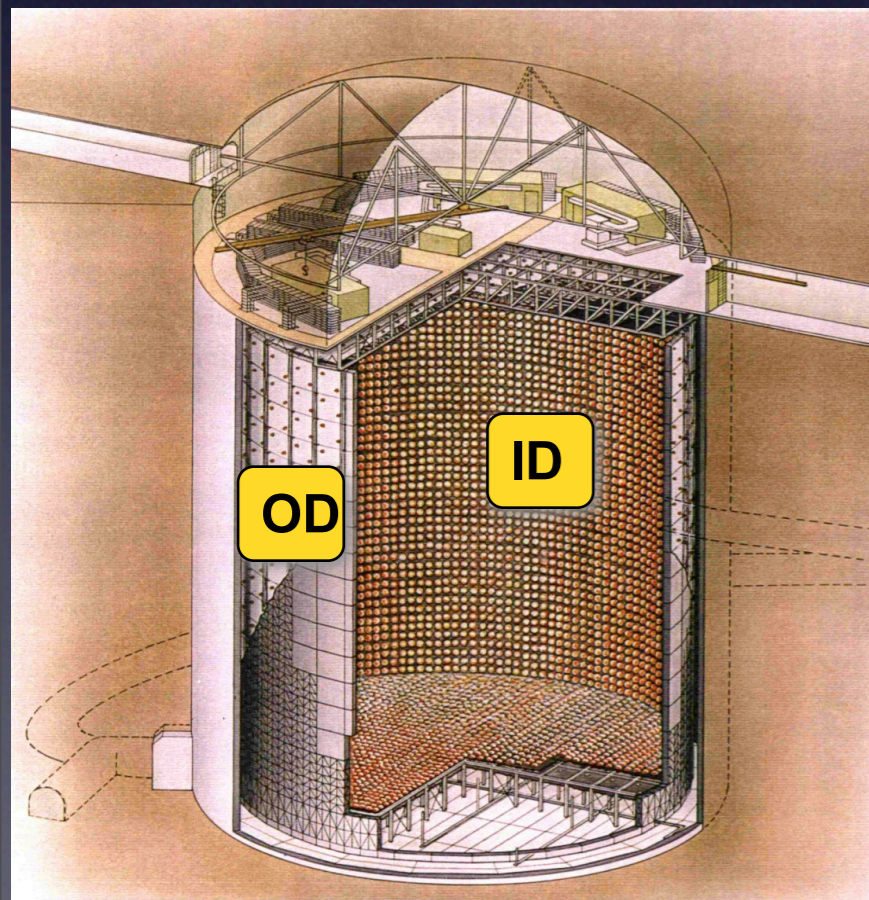
ND280 tracker event gallery



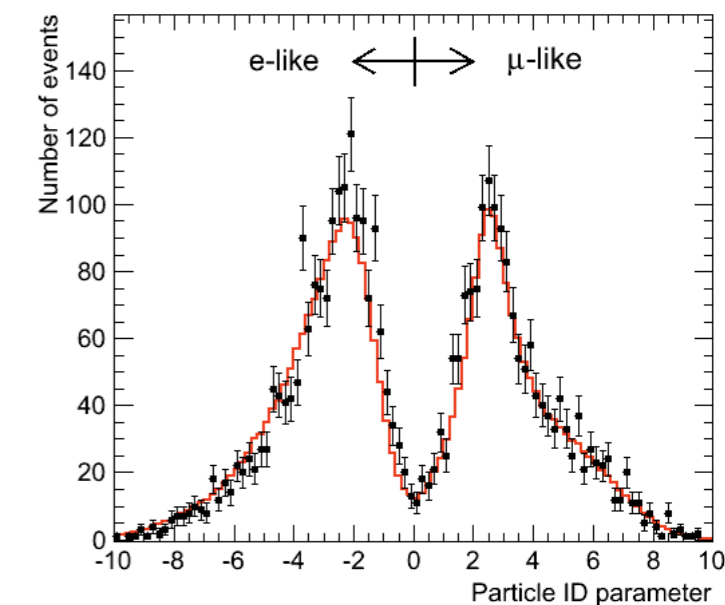
Far Detector: Super-Kamiokande



- 50 kton water Cherenkov detector (22.5 kton Fiducial Volume)
- Optically divided between an inner detector (ID) and an outer detector (OD)
- 1129 20-inch Hamamatsu PMTs for the inner detector
- 1000 meters underground in the Kamioka mine (295 km from JPARC)
- Working since 1996, new readout electronic installed in 2006
- Very good PID capabilities: probability of a muon reconstructed as an electron of 1%

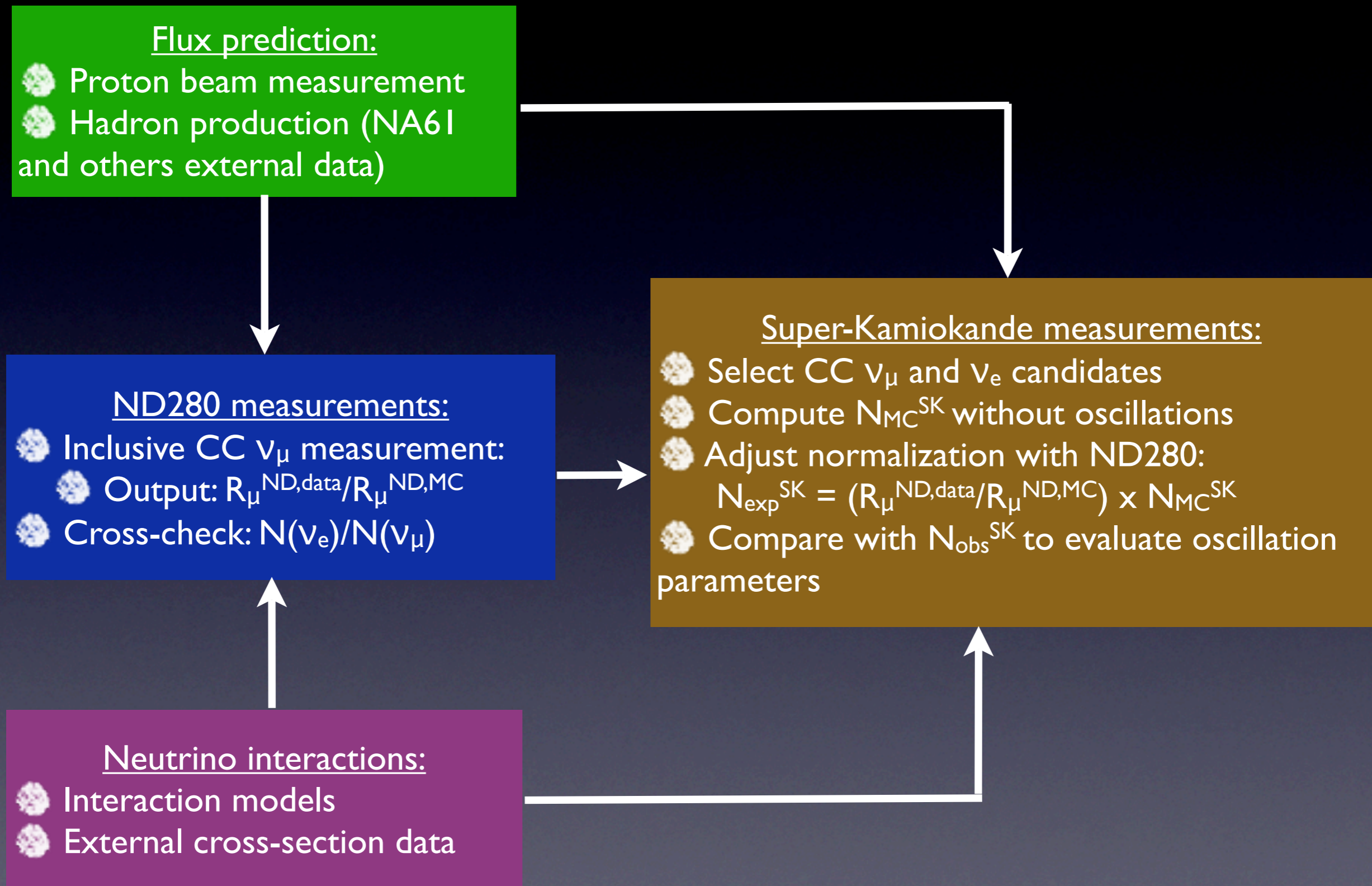


SK PID for atmospheric ν sample

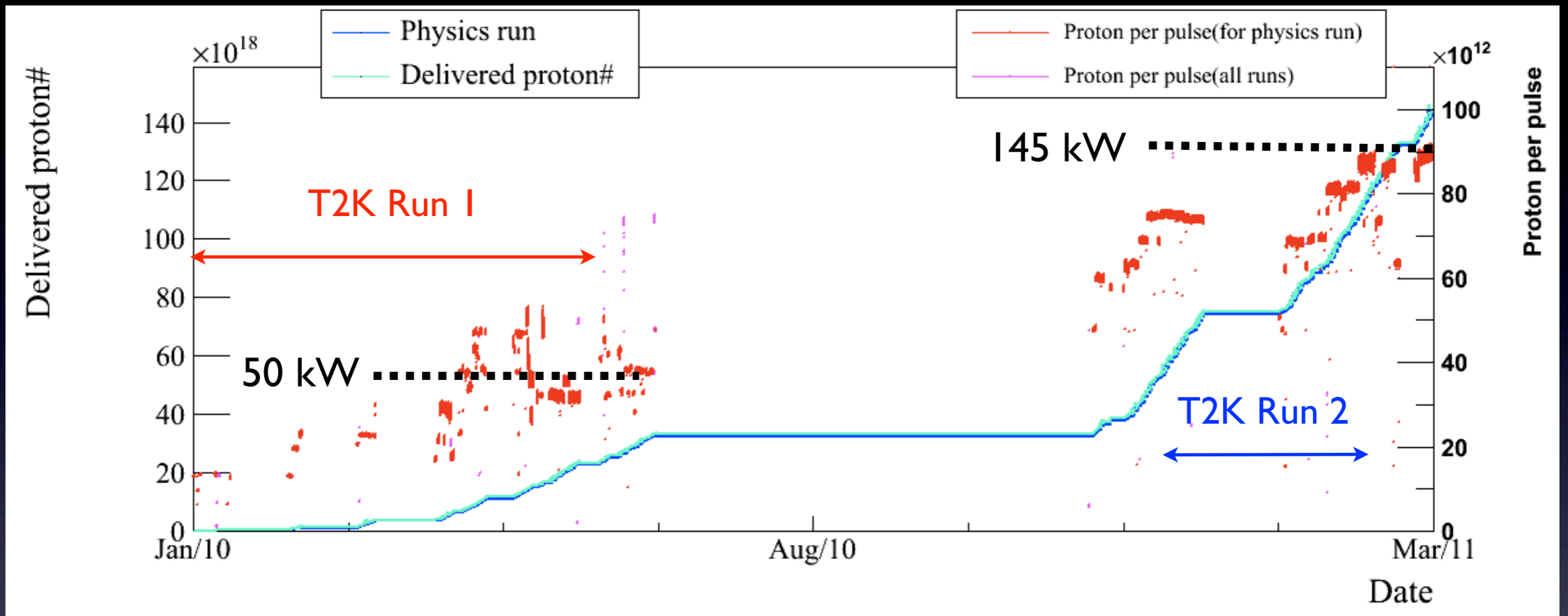


T2K oscillation analysis

T2K Oscillation analysis method



Run I + Run2 data set



Run I (Jan-Jun 2010)
 3.23×10^{19} p.o.t for analysis
50 kW stable beam operation

Run 2 (Nov 2010 - Mar 2011)
 11.08×10^{19} p.o.t for analysis
145 kW stable beam operation

- The total number of protons used for this analysis is 1.43×10^{20} p.o.t \rightarrow 2% of the T2K final physics goal

Neutrino flux prediction

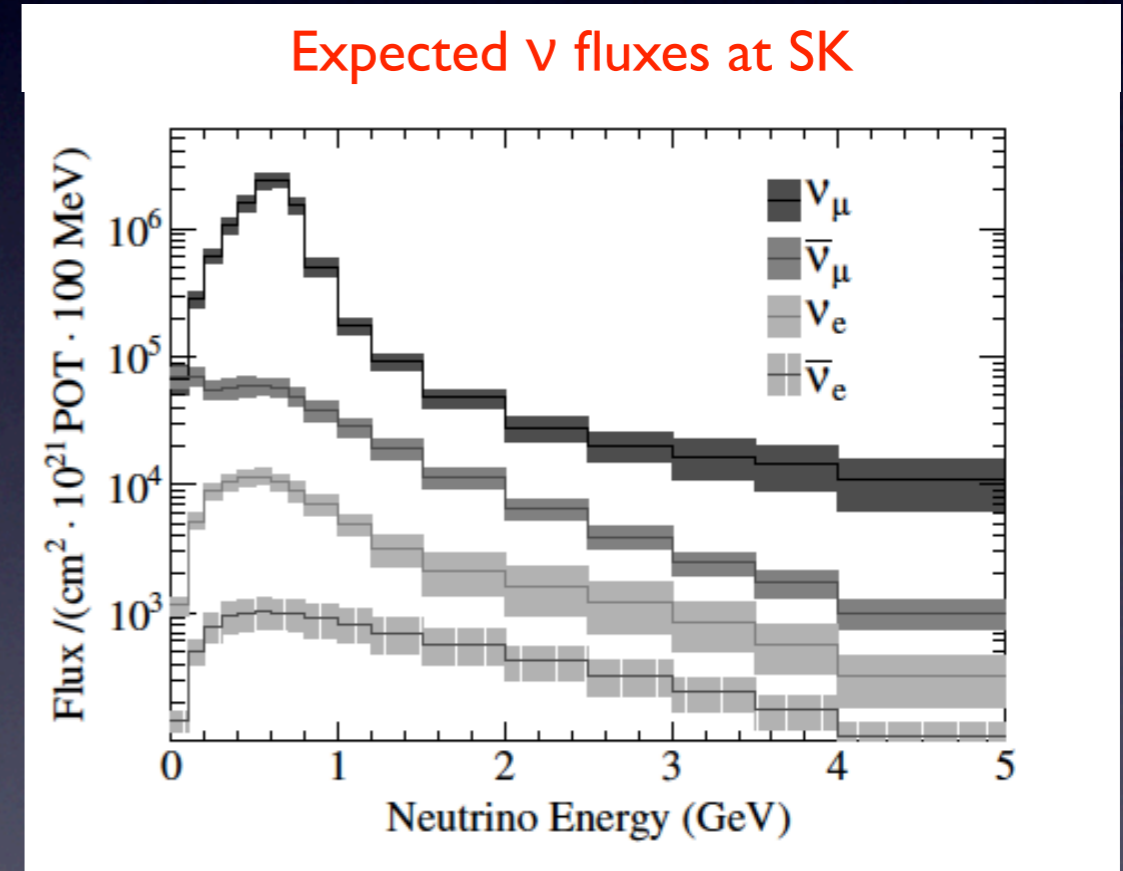
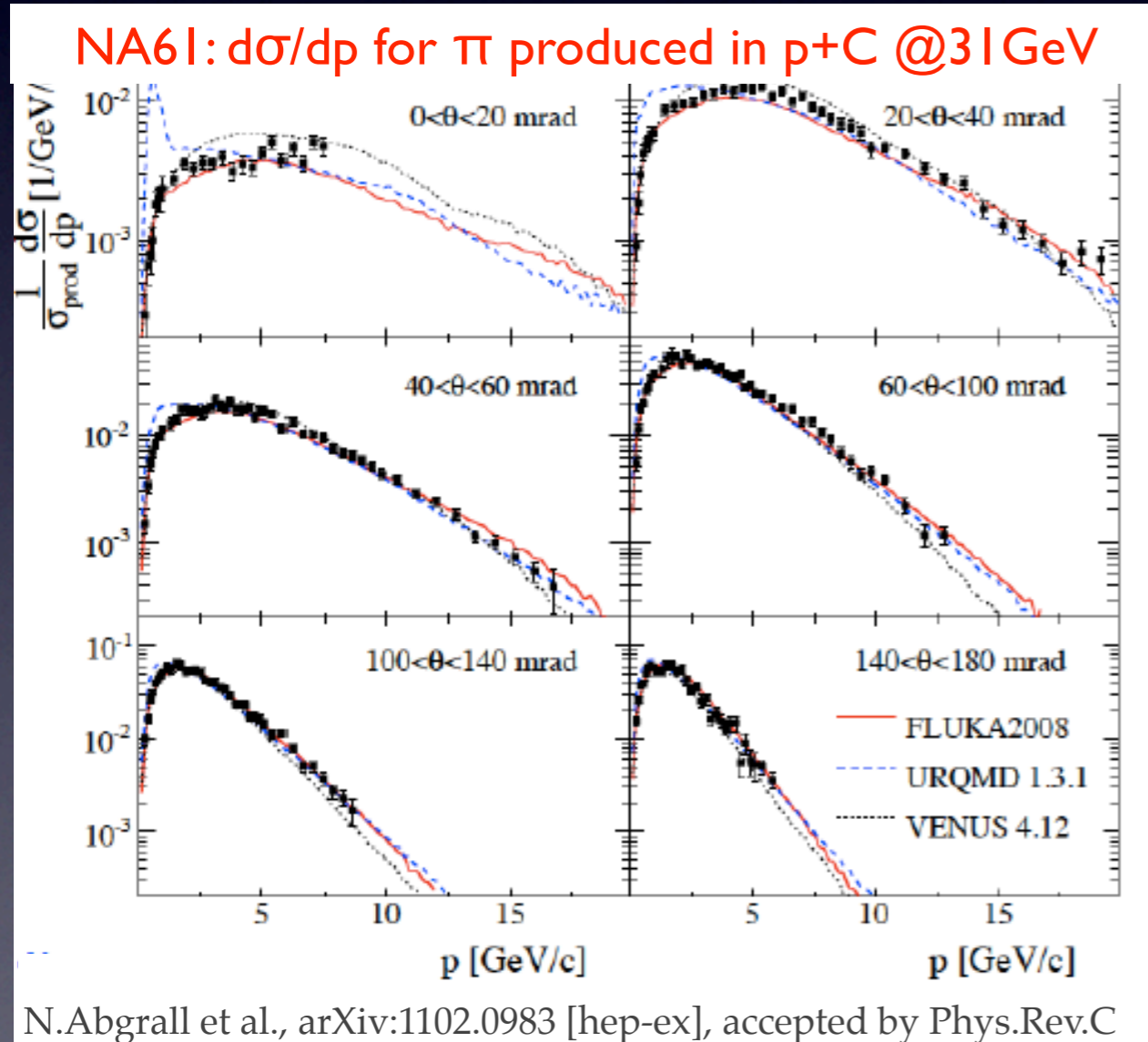
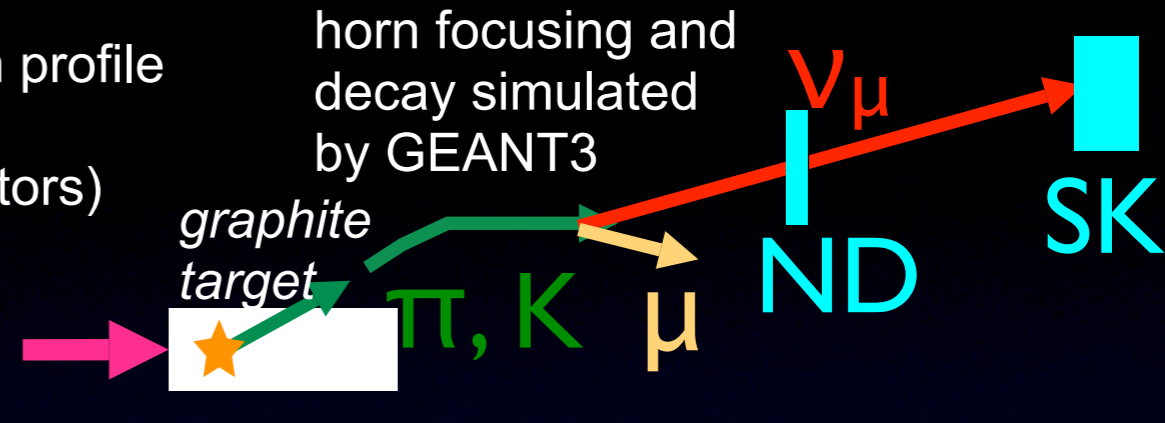


- T2K beam simulation based on hadron production measurements
- NA61 experiment (@CERN) measure pion production in p+C interactions (same energy and target as T2K)

actual beam profile & position (beam monitors)

proton beam

horn focusing and decay simulated by GEANT3

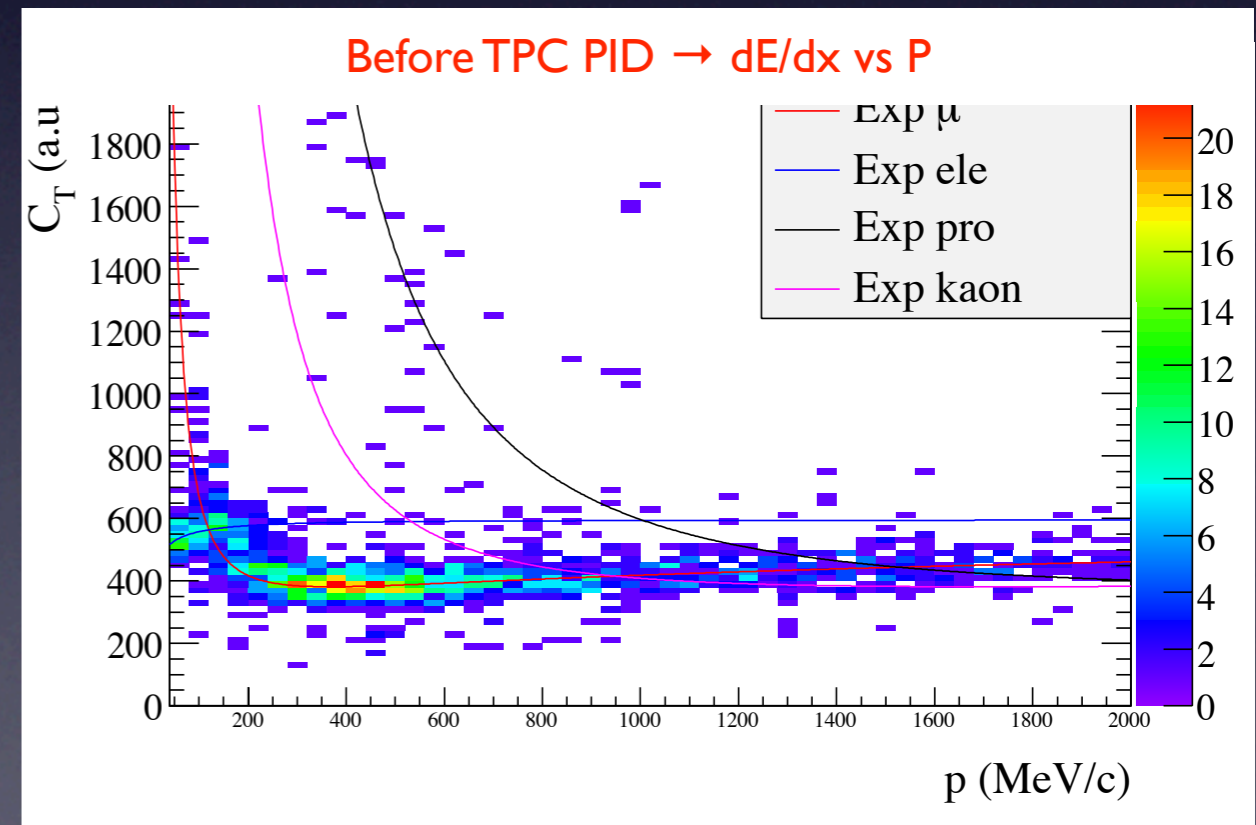
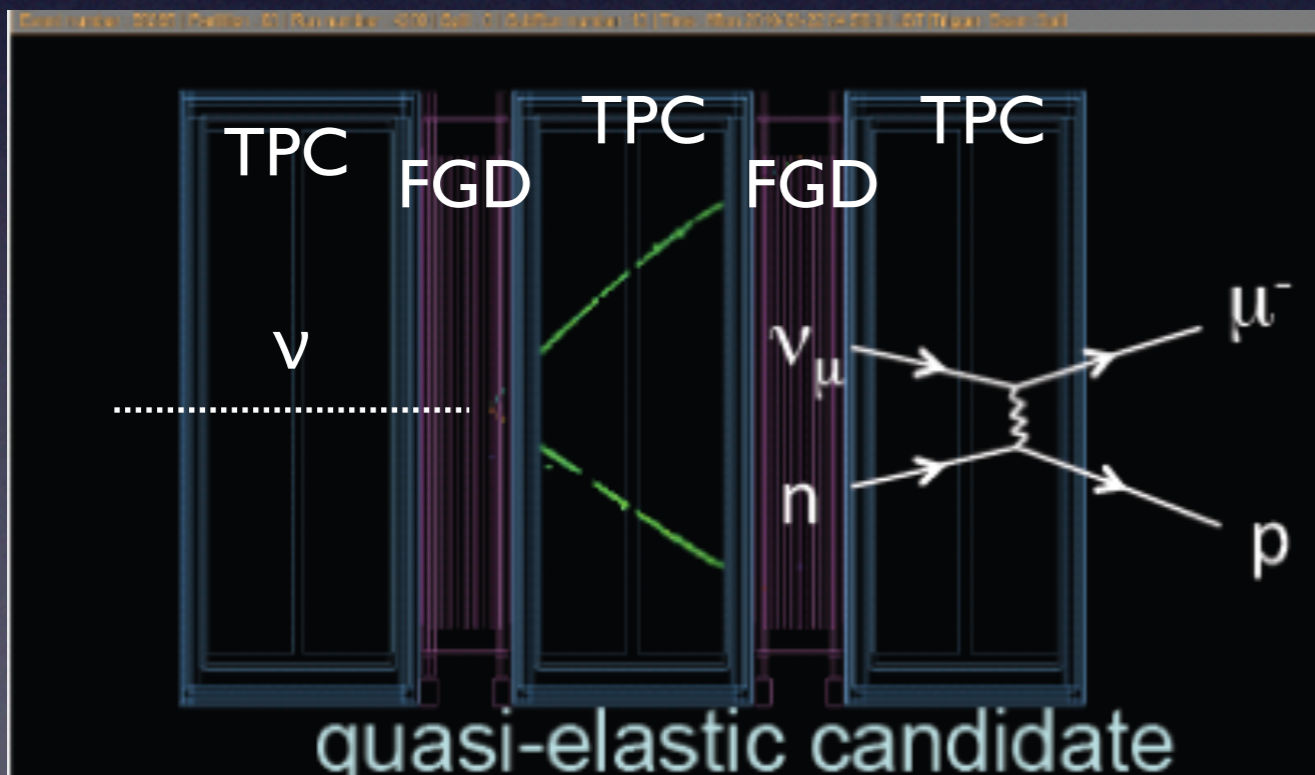


Expected beam ν_e contamination: $\sim 1\%$ of the total flux in the oscillation region

ND280 analyses



- ND280 analyses done on Run I (2.9×10^{19} p.o.t)
- Measure inclusive $CC\nu_\mu$ event rate and ν_e beam component
- Select interactions in the Tracker: starting in the FGD FV producing at least 1 negative track in the downstream TPC \rightarrow lepton candidate
- Measure track's momentum in the TPC
- Use TPC PID to select muons or electrons

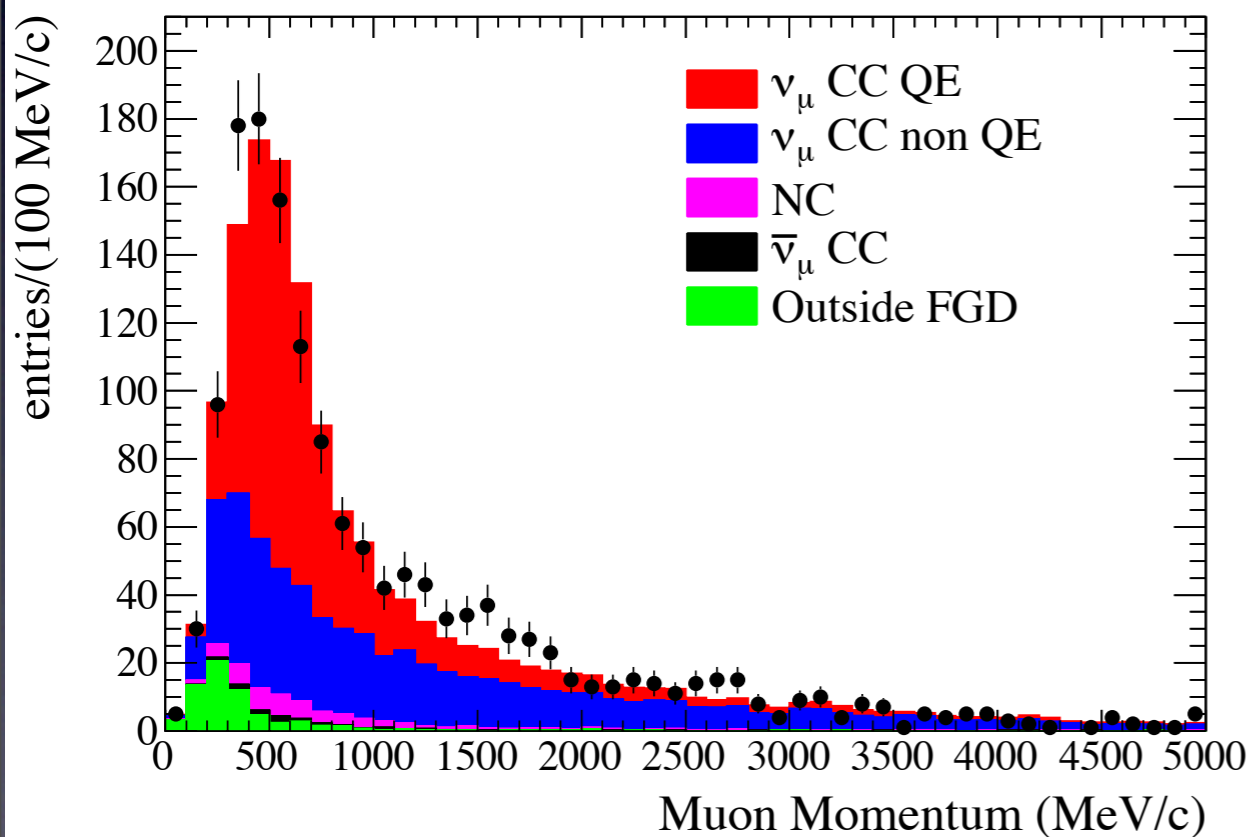


Inclusive CC ν_μ analysis

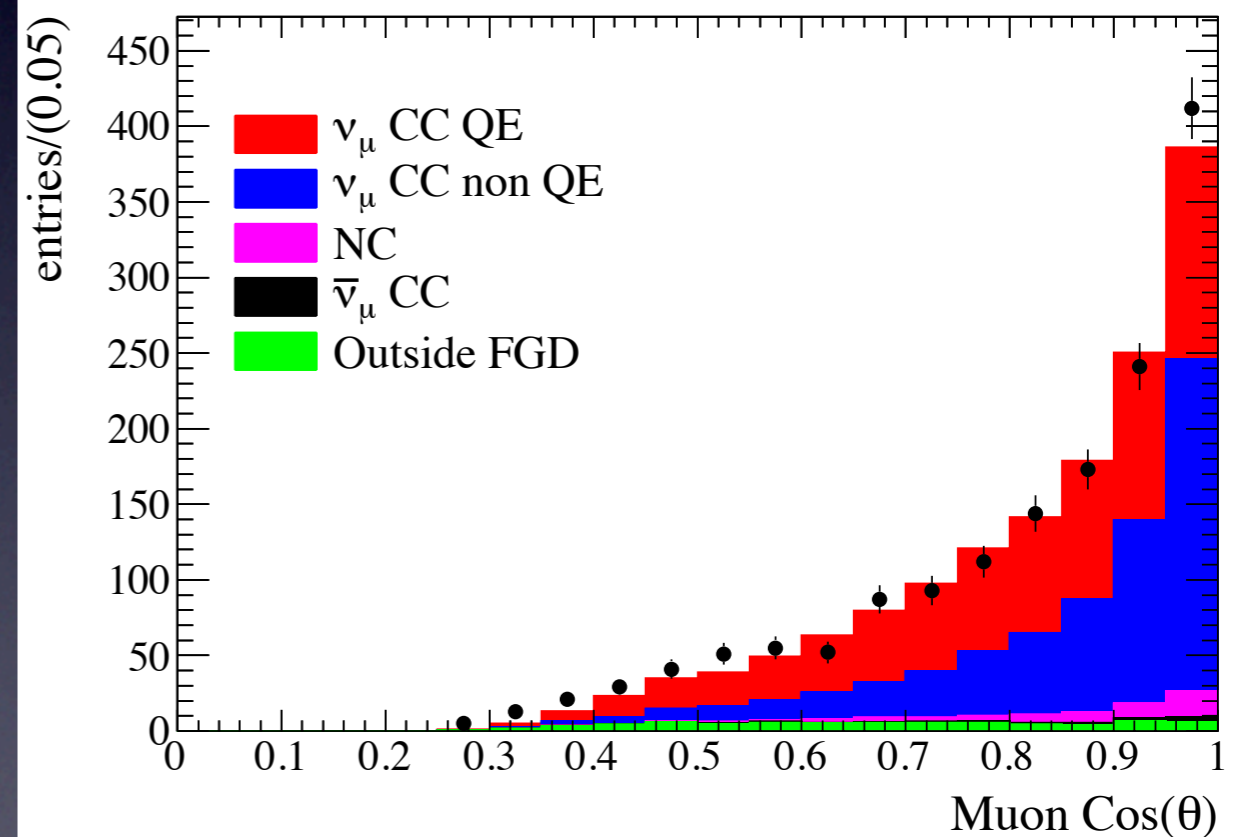


- Selection of μ -like tracks requiring dE/dx in the TPC compatible with muons
- Good agreement between data and MC (NEUT)
- 90% purity and 38% efficiency in CC selection
- Main detector systematics coming from tracking efficiency and TPC PID

Reconstructed μ momentum



Reconstructed θ angle w.r.t. the beam

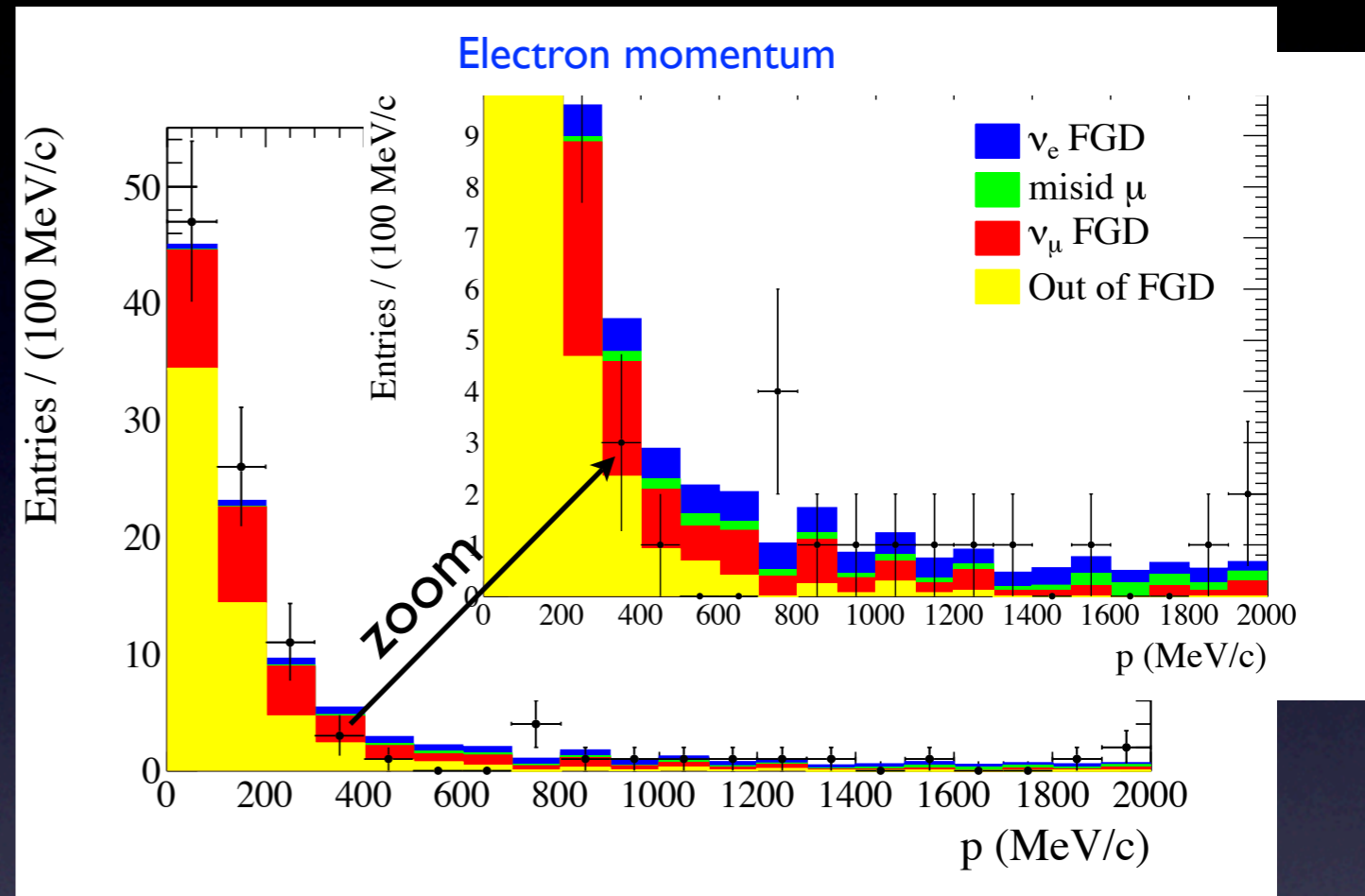


$$R(data/MC) = 1.036 \pm 0.028(stat)_{-0.037}^{+0.044}(det. syst) \pm 0.038(phys. model)$$

ND280 beam ν_e measurement



- Beam ν_e are the main background to $(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ oscillation signal at SK
- We measured them in the ND280 Tracker by selecting electrons via dE/dx in the TPC
- Background from misidentified μ estimated using a sample of sand muons in the data
- MC expectation for backgrounds from γ conversions constrained by control samples based on data
- Likelihood fit on the electron momentum to measure $N(\nu_e)$
- No observed excesses in the beam ν_e component



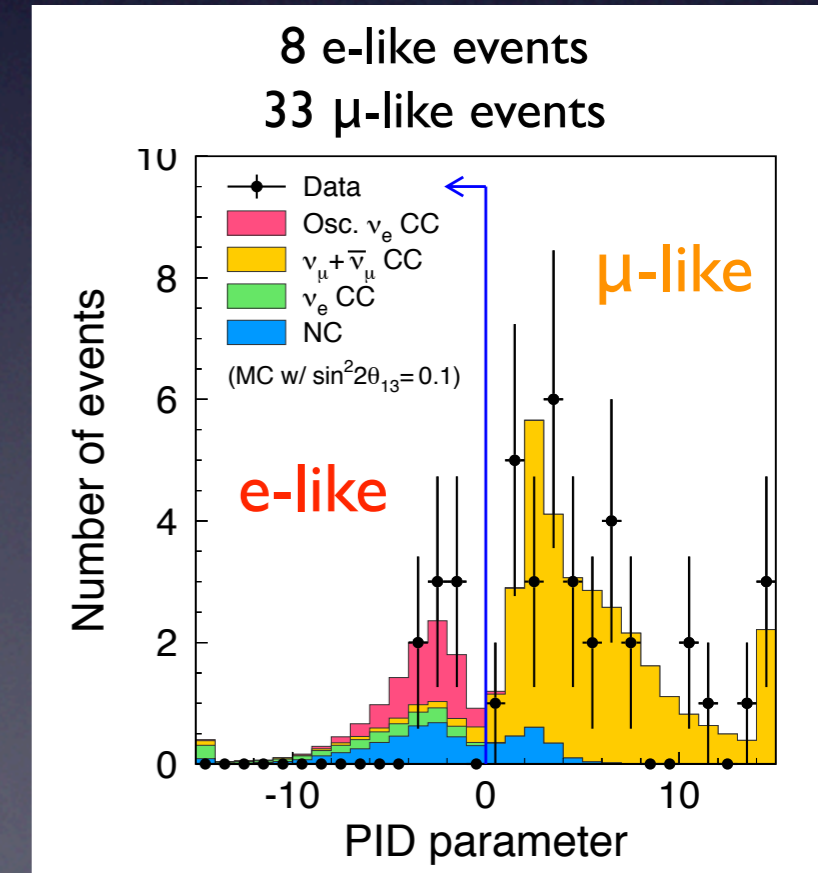
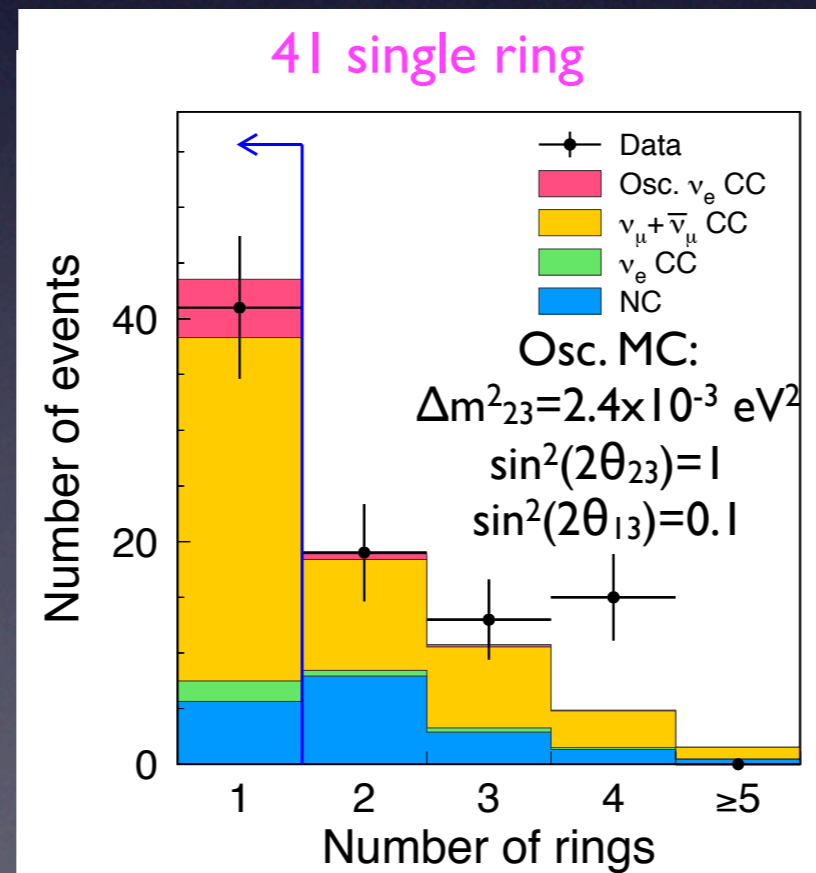
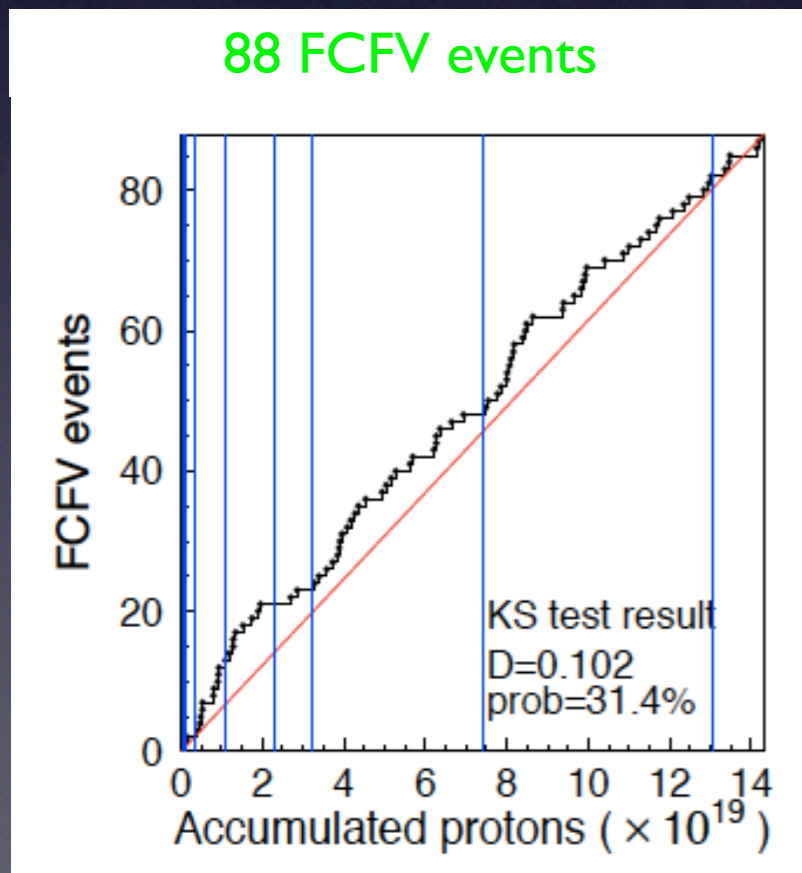
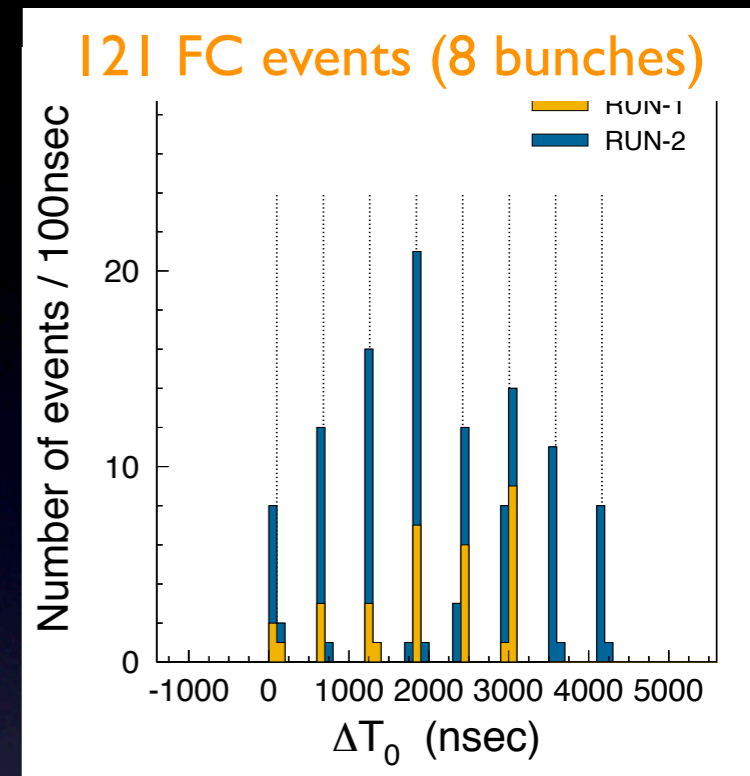
$$R(\nu_e/\nu_\mu) = (1.0 \pm 0.7(stat) \pm 0.3(syst))\% < 2.0\% @ 90\% C.L.$$

$$\frac{N(\nu_e)^{DATA} N(\nu_\mu)^{MC}}{N(\nu_\mu)^{DATA} N(\nu_e)^{MC}} = 0.6 \pm 0.4(stat) \pm 0.2(syst)$$

Super-Kamiokande event selection



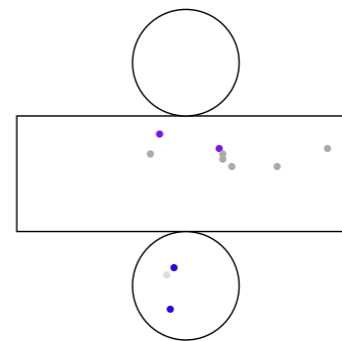
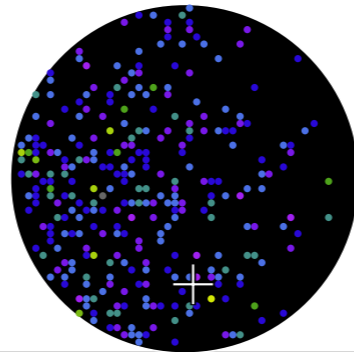
- Predefined event selection for ν_μ and ν_e
- First steps that are common:
 - SK synchronized to beam timing using GPS
 - Fully contained events in the Inner Detector, minimal activity in the Outer Detector
 - Starting in the FV (FCFV)
 - Number of rings = 1
 - PID algorithm to distinguish e-like and μ -like events



ν_μ disappearance results

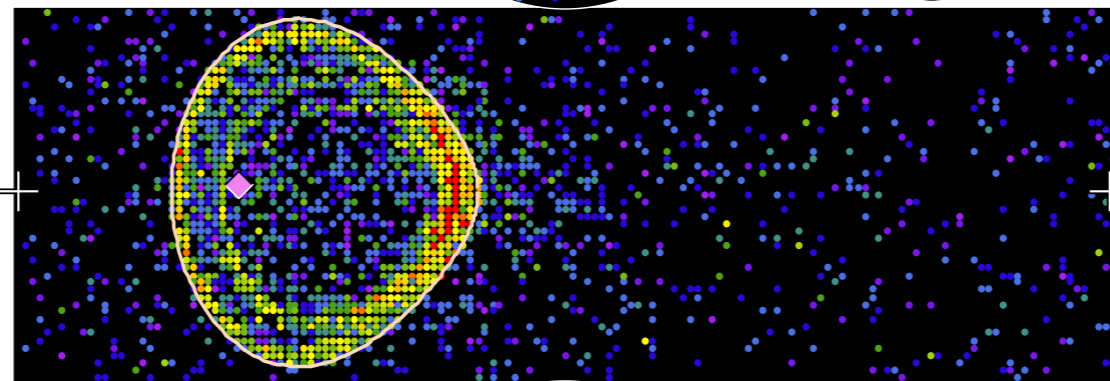
Super-Kamiokande IV

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Run 66719 Sub 196 Event 44482935
10-04-27:00:56:17
T2K beam dt = 3032.3 ns
Inner: 2696 hits, 9164 pe
Outer: 4 hits, 2 pe
Trigger: 0x80000007
D_wall: 666.5 cm
mu-like, p = 1070.7 MeV/c

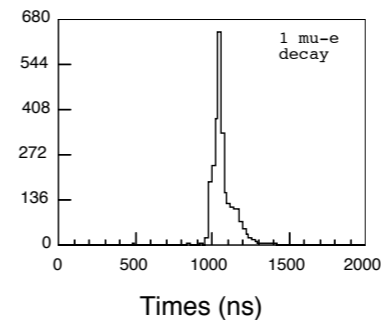
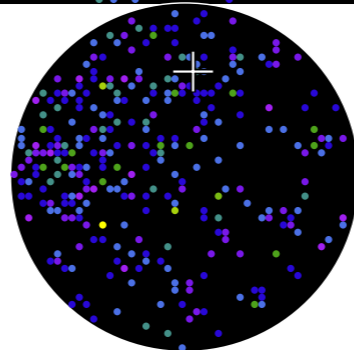


Charge (pe)

- >26.7
- 23.3-26.7
- 20.2-23.3
- 17.3-20.2
- 14.7-17.3
- 12.2-14.7
- 10.0-12.2
- 8.0-10.0
- 6.2- 8.0
- 4.7- 6.2
- 3.3- 4.7
- 2.2- 3.3
- 1.3- 2.2
- 0.7- 1.3
- 0.2- 0.7
- < 0.2



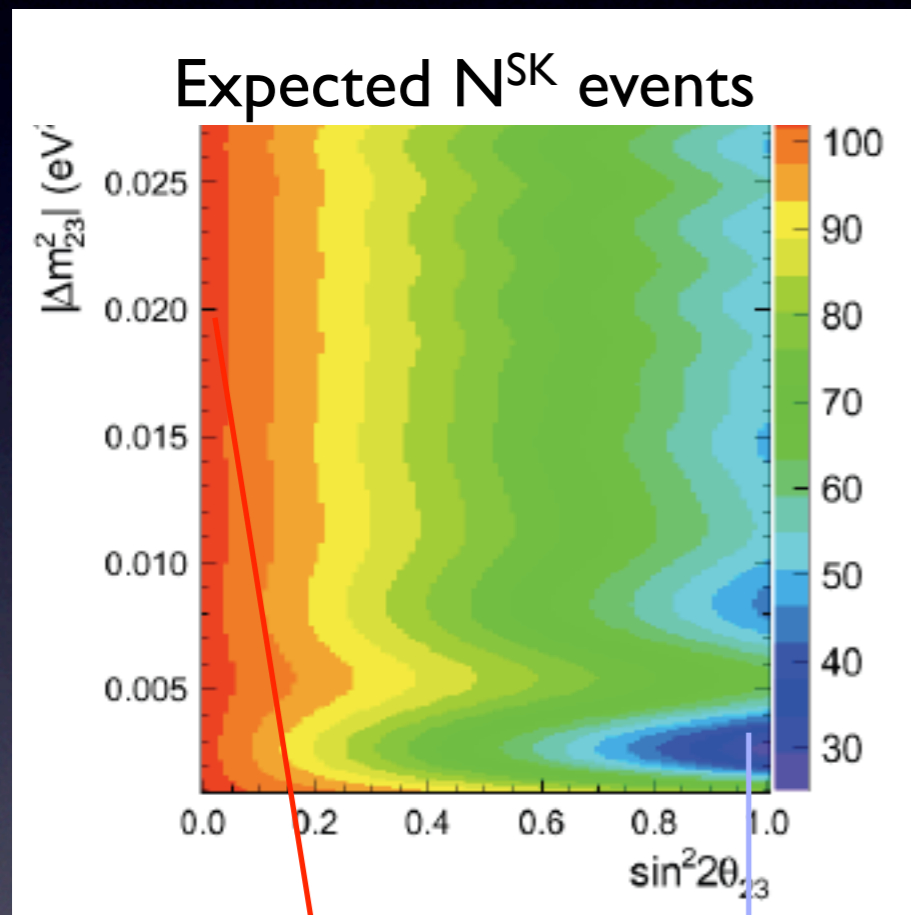
Single ring
 μ -like



Number of events at SK



- 1 single ring μ -like event with less than 2 decay electrons \rightarrow 31 events passing this selection



N_{exp} without oscillation: 103.6

N_{exp} with oscillation: 28.3
 $\sin^2 2\theta = 1, \Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

Systematics for $N_{\text{exp}}^{\text{SK}}$ for different oscillation parameters

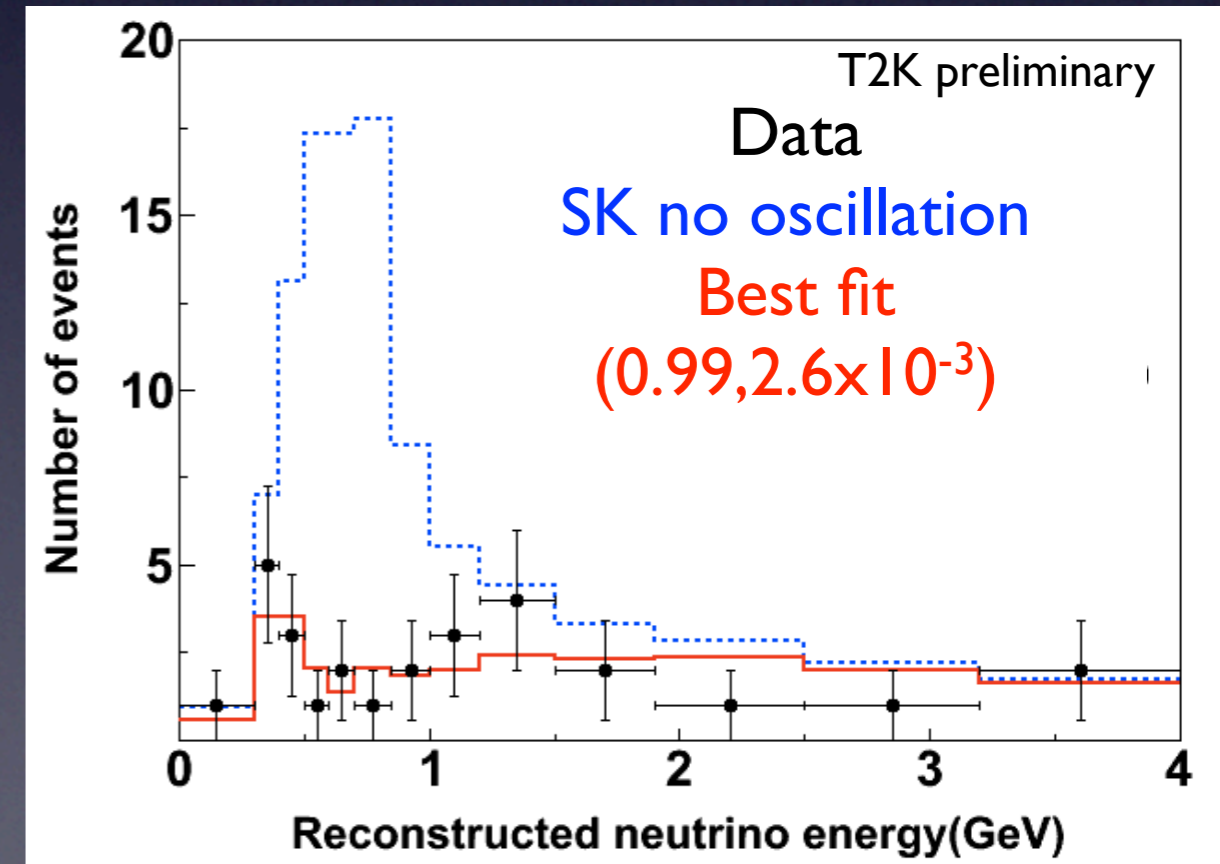
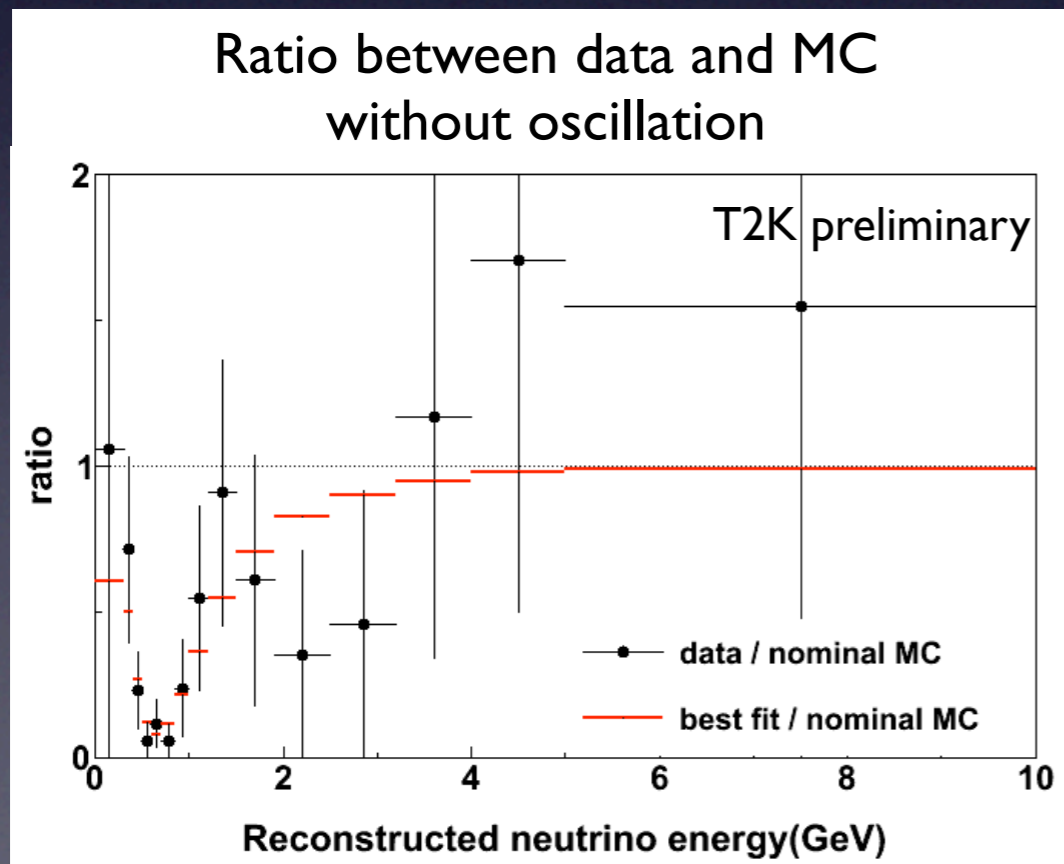
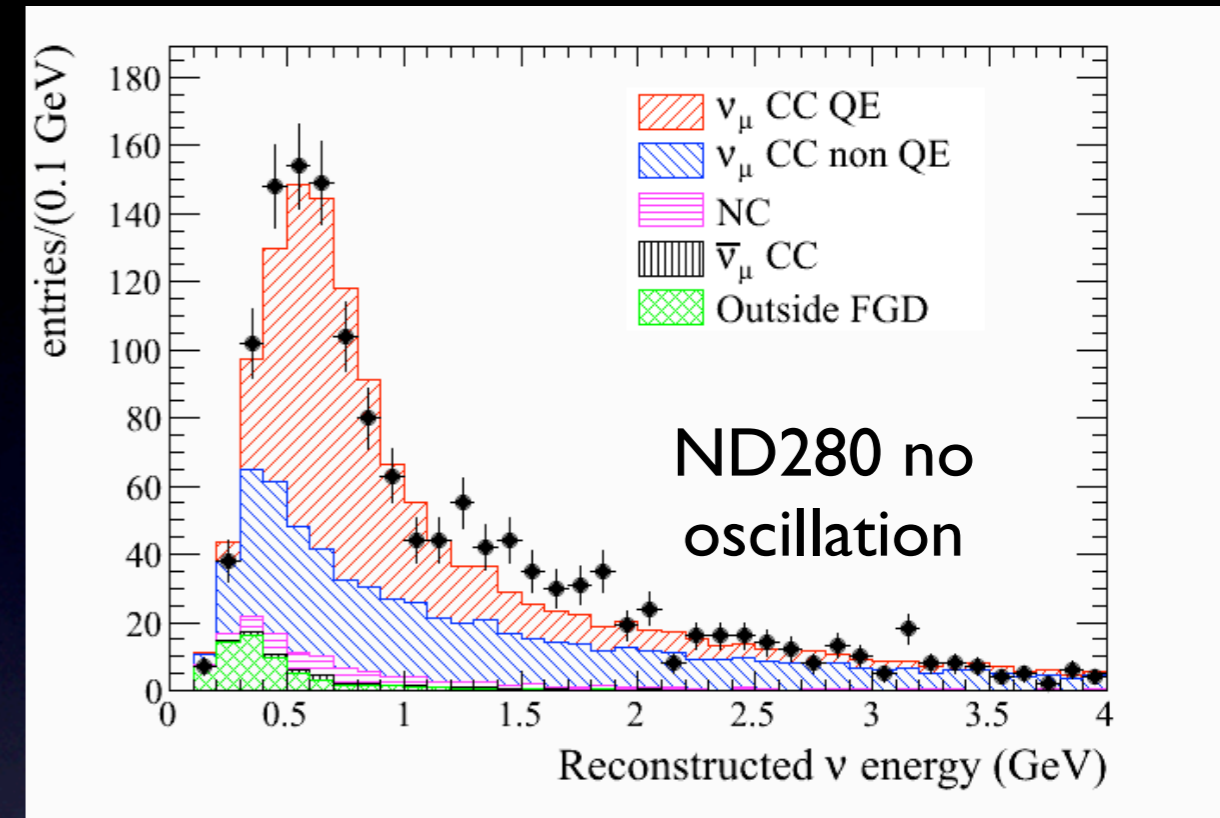
Error source	$\sin^2 2\theta = 1, \Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	No osc
SK Efficiency	+10.3% -10.3%	+5.1% -5.1%
Cross section and FSI	+8.3% -8.1%	+7.8% -7.3%
Beam Flux	+4.8% -4.8%	+6.9% -5.9%
ND Efficiency and Overall Norm.	+6.2% -5.9%	+6.2% -5.9%
Total	+15.4% -15.1%	+13.2% -12.7%

- Null-oscillation hypothesis excluded at 4.5σ (only from N^{obs})

Neutrino energy spectrum



- Observed events at SK satisfying ν_μ disappearance criteria: 31
- Oscillation parameters extracted from an oscillation fit on $E(\nu)^{rec}$
- The oscillation pattern is clearly visible in the reconstructed energy spectrum \rightarrow advantage of using off-axis configuration



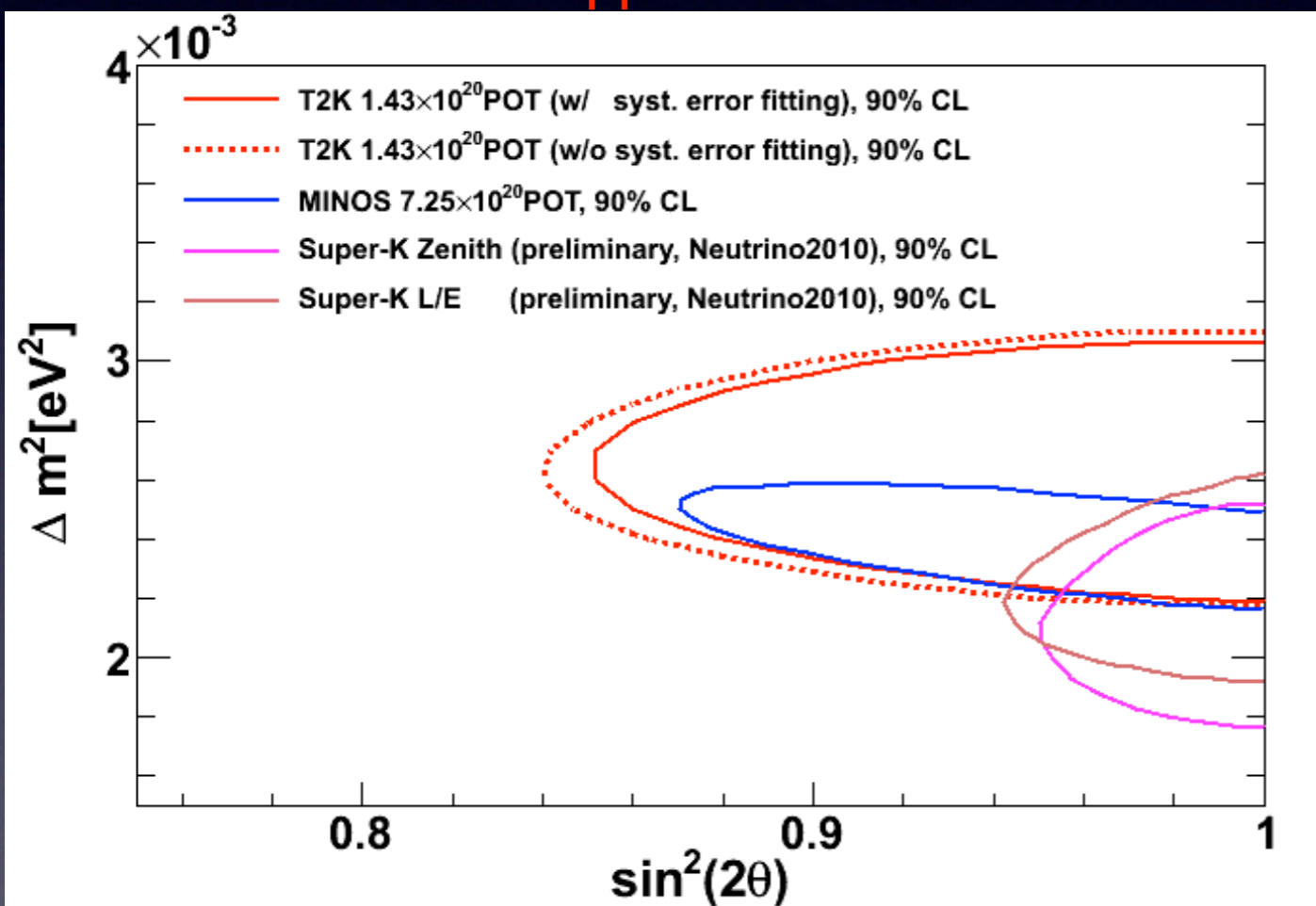
Comparison with SK and MINOS



- T2K results are in good agreement with results from SK and MINOS
- These results have been obtained with only the 2% of the statistics we expect to have at the end of T2K

First T2K disappearance results

T2K
preliminary



T2K results:
Best fit:
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 0.98,$
 $|\Delta m^2_{23}| = 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

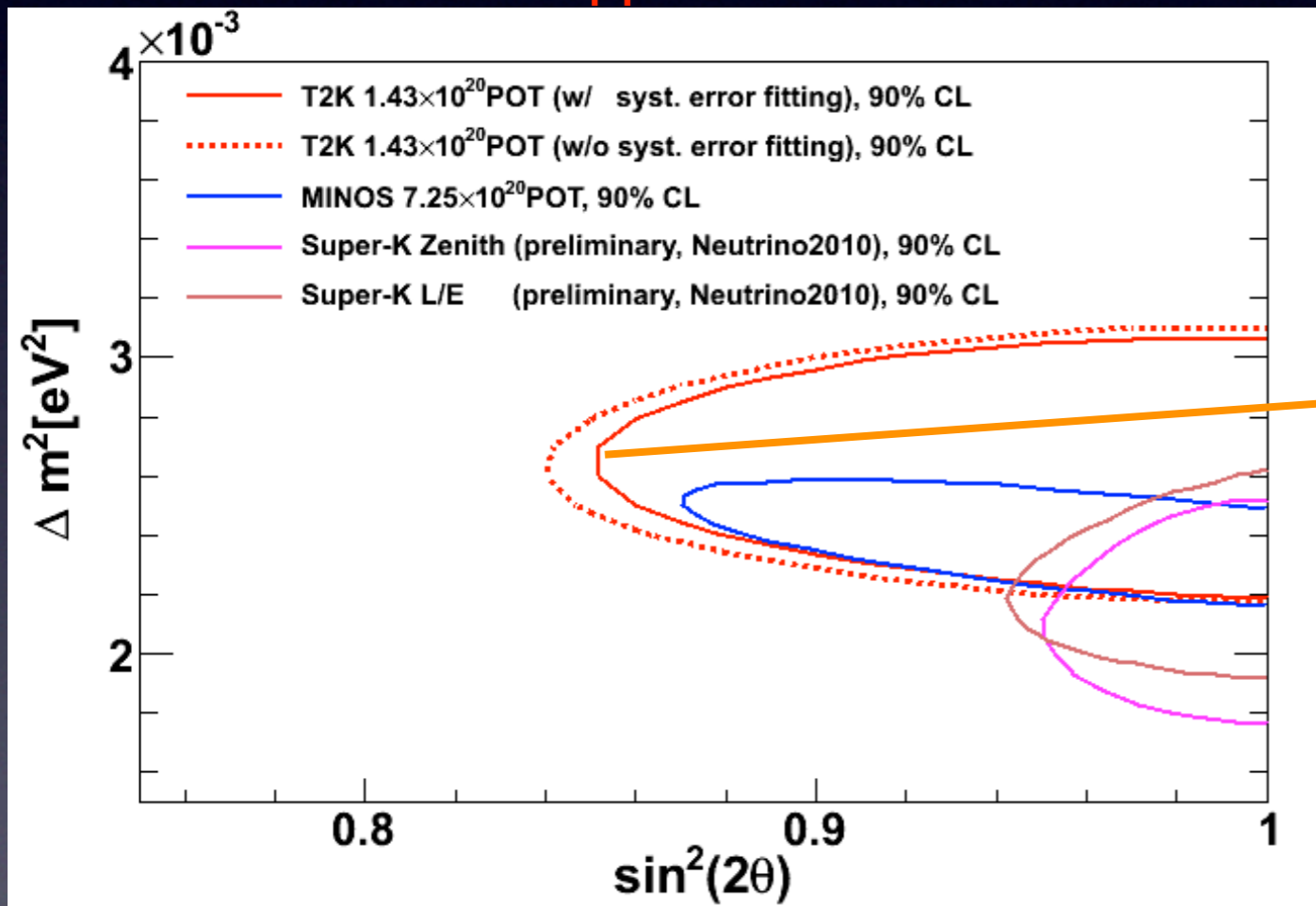
90% C.L.:
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.84$
 $2.1 \times 10^{-3} < \Delta m^2_{23} (\text{eV}^2) < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$

Perspectives for ν_μ disappearance

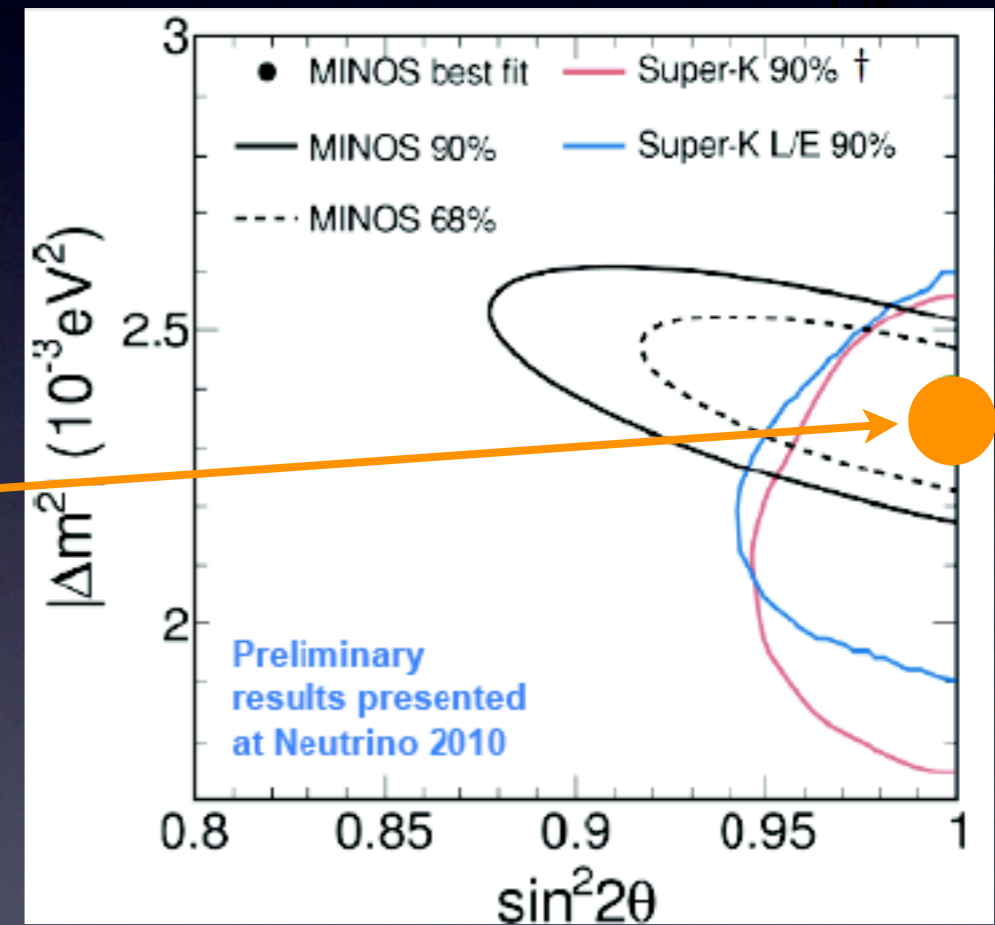


Once all the statistics will be collected

First T2K disappearance results



T2K final goal



Test if θ_{23} is maximal:

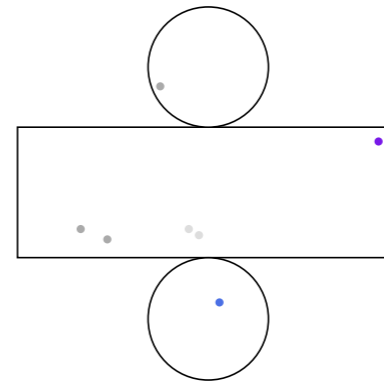
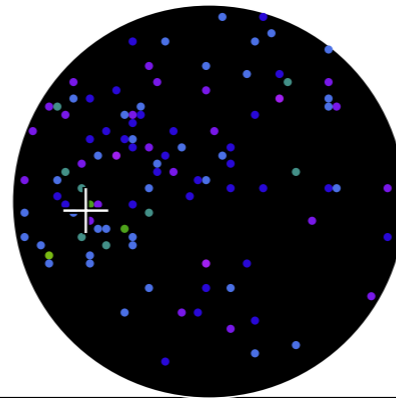
$$\delta(\sin^2(2\theta_{23})) \sim 0.01$$

$$\delta(\Delta m^2_{23}) < 1 \times 10^{-4} eV^2$$

ν_e appearance results

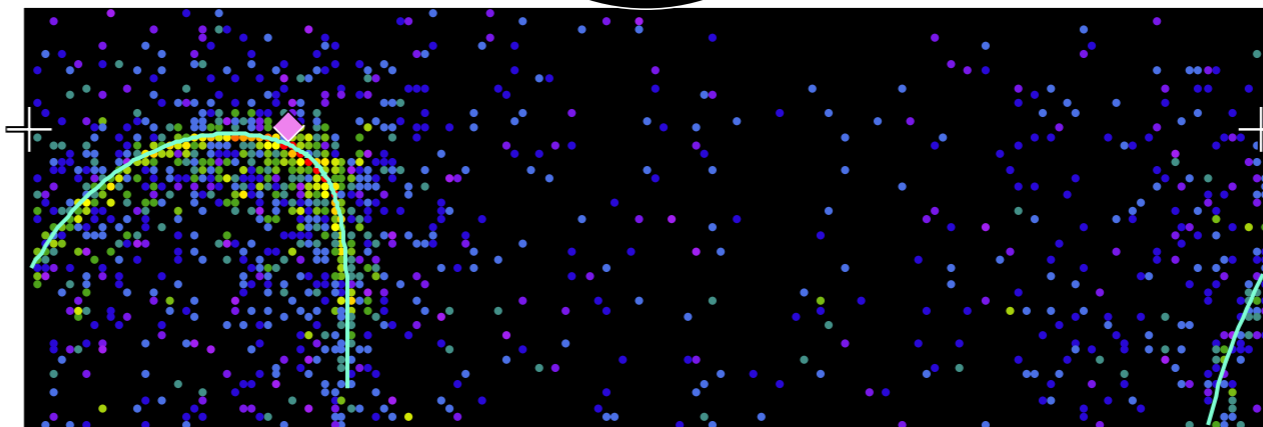
Super-Kamiokande IV

T2K Beam Run 33 Spill 822275
Run 66778 Sub 585 Event 134229437
10-05-12:21:03:22
T2K beam dt = 1902.2 ns
Inner: 1600 hits, 3681 pe
Outer: 2 hits, 2 pe
Trigger: 0x80000007
D_wall: 614.4 cm
e-like, p = 381.8 MeV/c

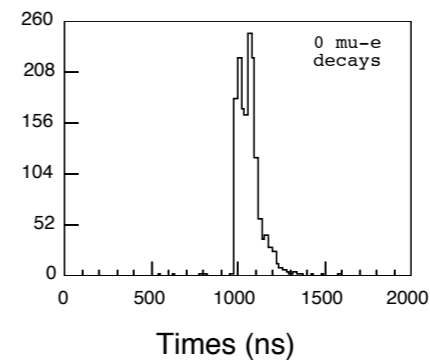
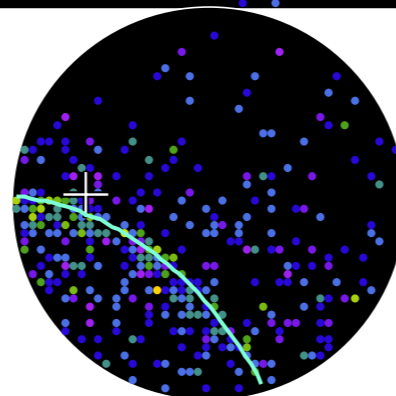


Charge (pe)

- >26.7
- 23.3-26.7
- 20.2-23.3
- 17.3-20.2
- 14.7-17.3
- 12.2-14.7
- 10.0-12.2
- 8.0-10.0
- 6.2- 8.0
- 4.7- 6.2
- 3.3- 4.7
- 2.2- 3.3
- 1.3- 2.2
- 0.7- 1.3
- 0.2- 0.7
- < 0.2



Single ring
e-like



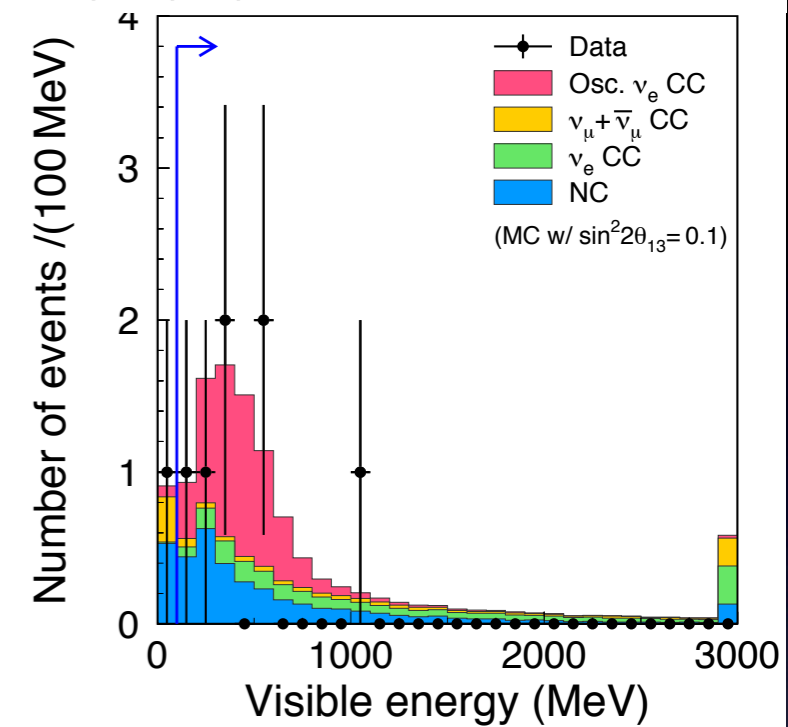
SK ν_e event reduction



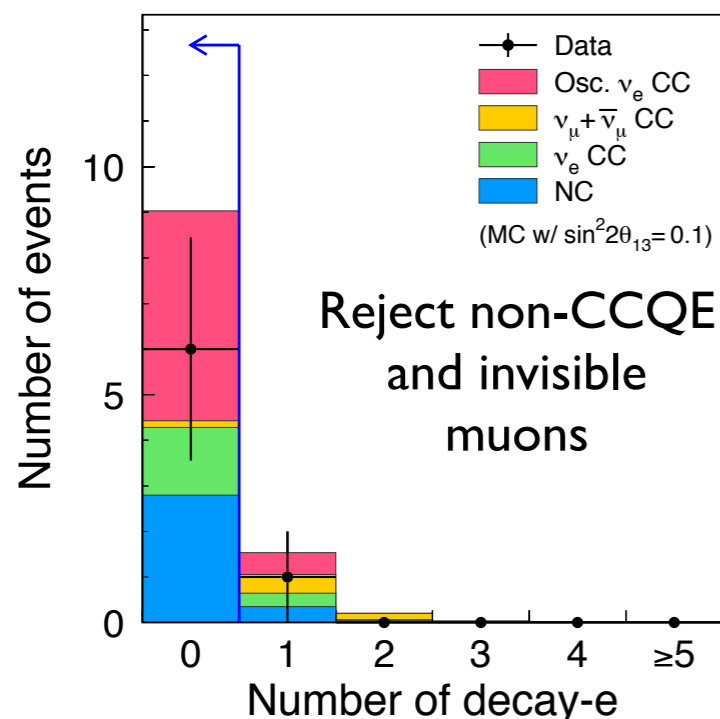
- After ring counting 8 single ring e-like events are selected
- SK “tight” cuts are applied to further reject the background
- 6 events passing all the selection

Signal efficiency: 67%
 Bkg rejection: 99% for NC,
 77% for beam ν_e

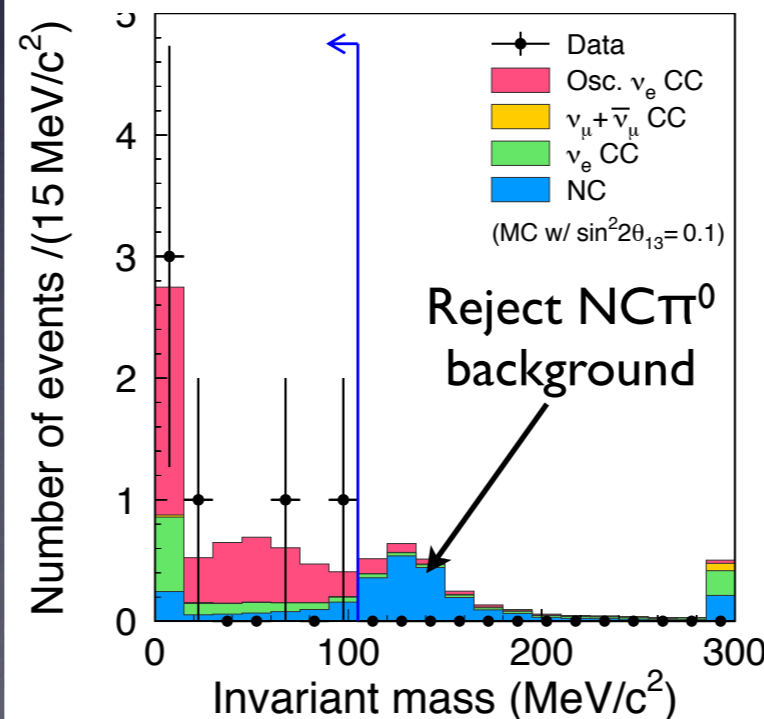
1) $E(\text{vis}) > 100 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow N=7$



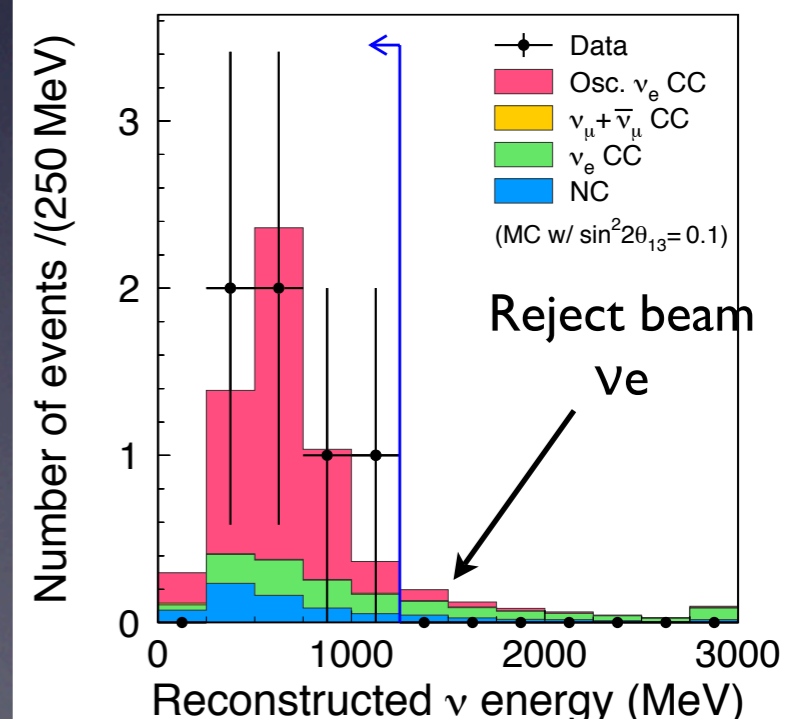
2) No decay electrons $\rightarrow N=6$



3) M_{inv} with forced 2nd ring $< 105 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow N=6$



4) Rec neutrino energy $< 1250 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow N=6$



Number of expected events



- We observed 6 ν_e candidates
- The expected number of events from un-oscillated neutrinos is 1.5
- Main contribution coming from beam $\nu_e \rightarrow$ cross-checked with an analysis at ND280

Source	N_{exp}
Beam ν_e	0.8
ν_μ Neutral Current	0.6
ν_μ Charged Current	0.1
Total	1.5 ± 0.3

Syst for $\theta_{13}=0 \rightarrow N_{exp} = 1.5 \pm 0.3$

error source	syst. error
ν flux	$\pm 8.5\%$
ν int. cross section	$\pm 14.0\%$
Near detector	$+5.6\%$ -5.2%
Far detector	$\pm 14.7\%$
Near det. statistics	$\pm 2.7\%$
Total	$+22.8\%$ -22.7%

Dominated by hadron production

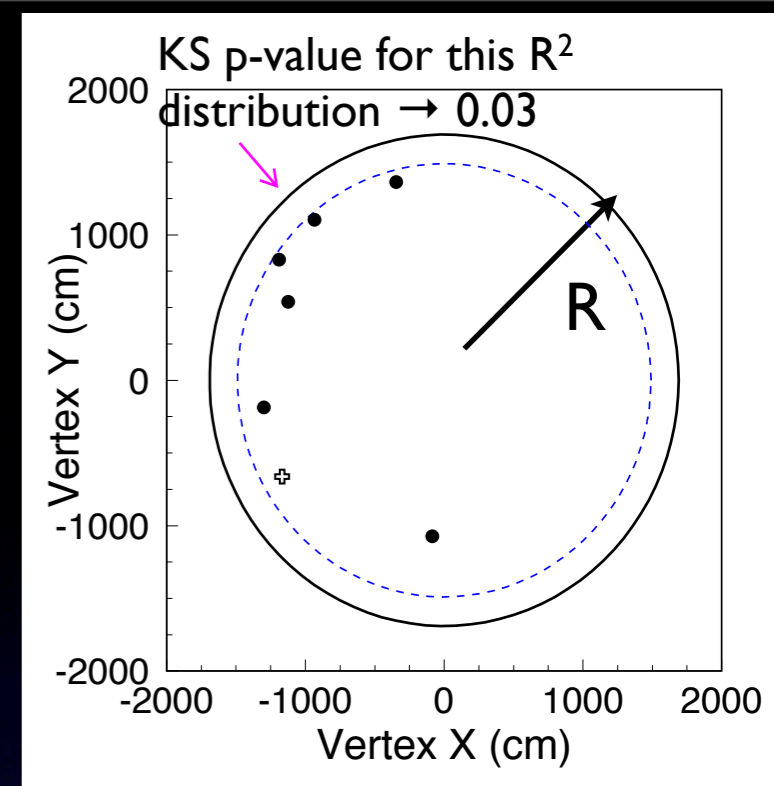
Dominated by FSI and NC π^0 cross-section uncertainties

ND280 dominated by TPC tracking efficiency and ionization in the gas

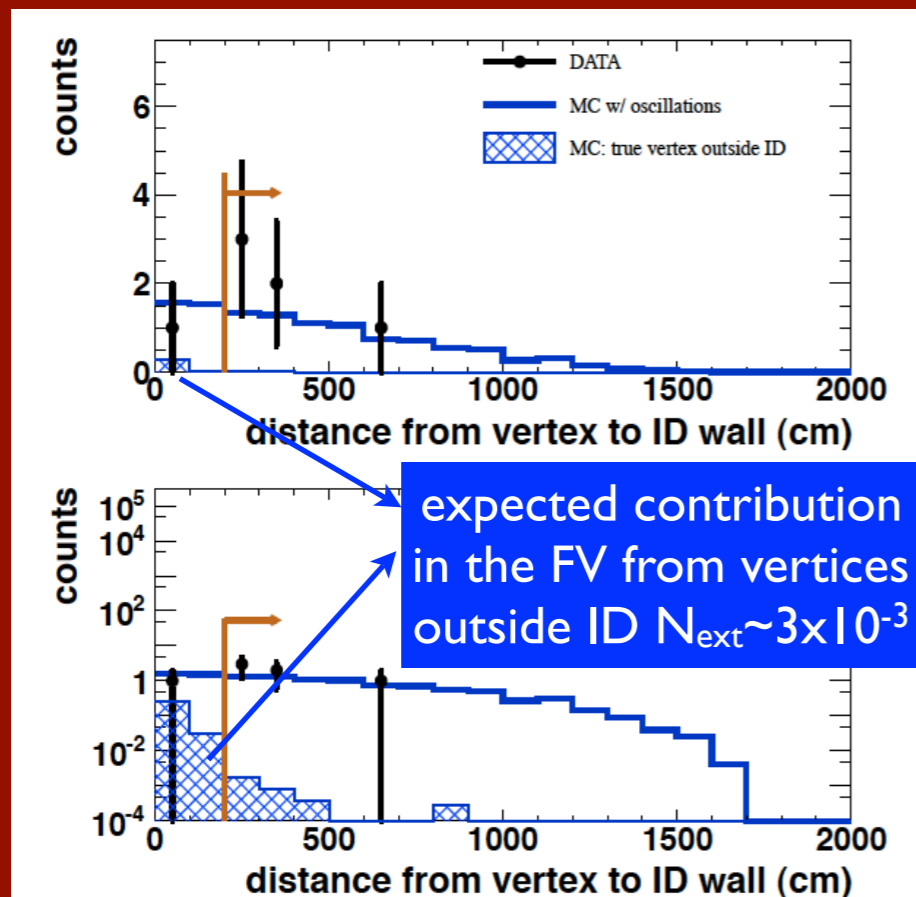
SK dominated by ring counting, PID and π^0 mass systematics

Vertex distribution

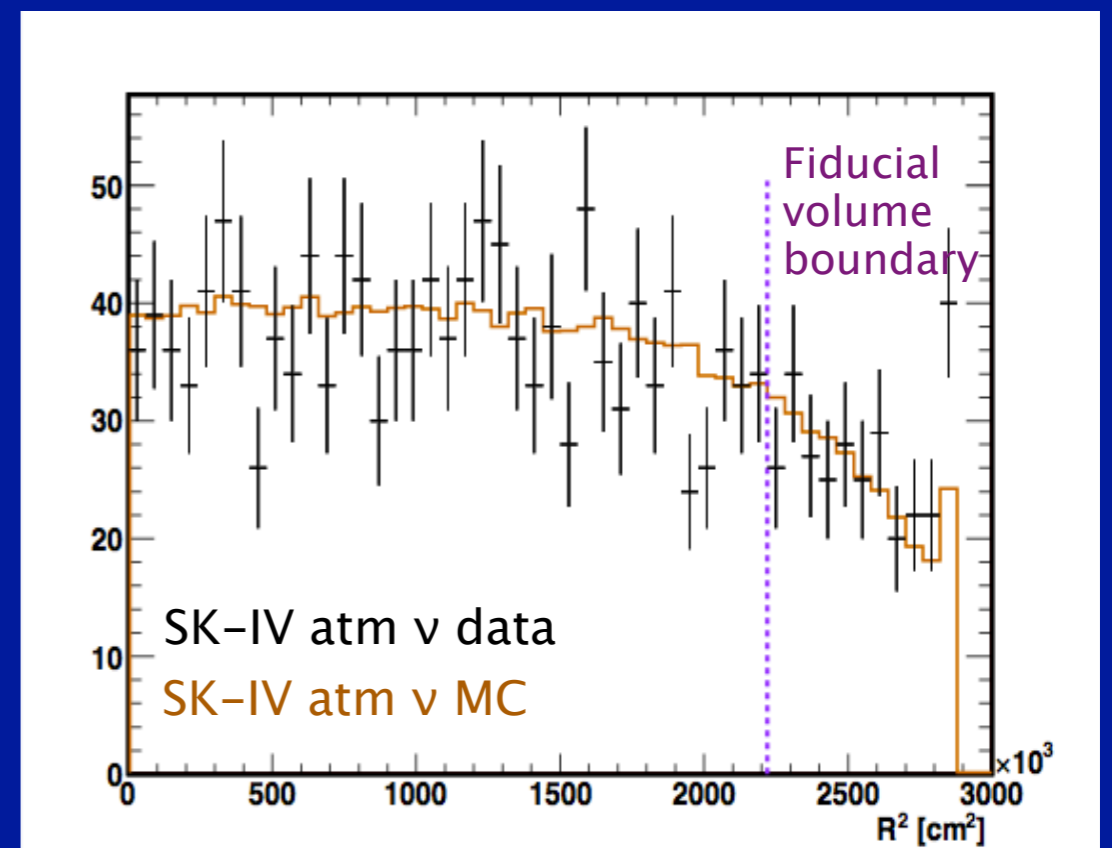
- The 6 observed events tends to cluster to high value of R^2
- Test of vertex distributions give P-values $\sim (0.14-5.8)\%$
- More inclusive samples and atmospheric data show no anomalies near the edge of the Fiducial Volume



Events passing all the ν_e cuts except FV
 \rightarrow no excess outside FV \rightarrow no indication of entering background



SK IV Sub-GeV e-like + T2K cuts \rightarrow good agreement data/MC inside and outside FV \rightarrow no indication of SK reconstruction effects



T2K physics results: ν_e appearance

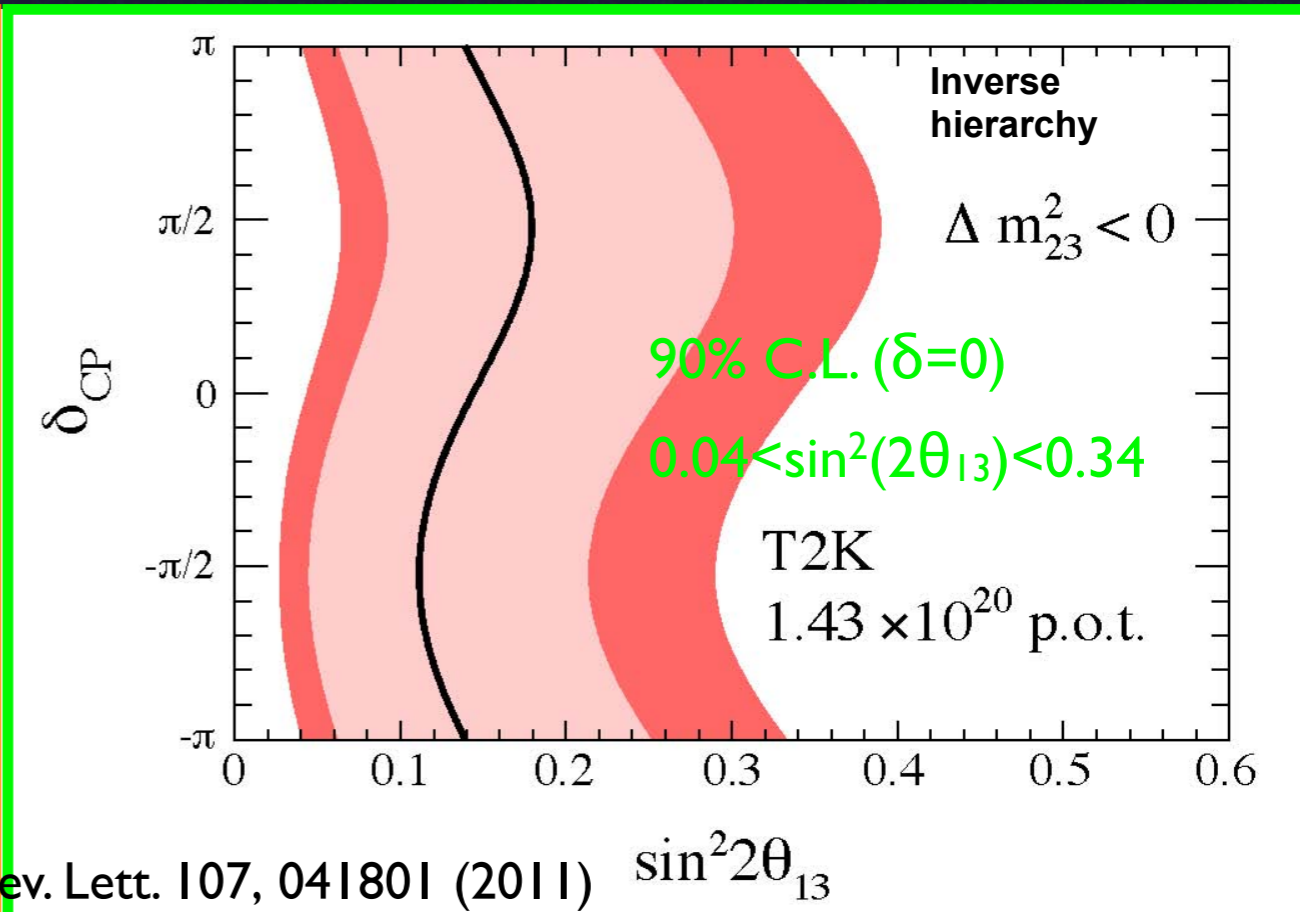
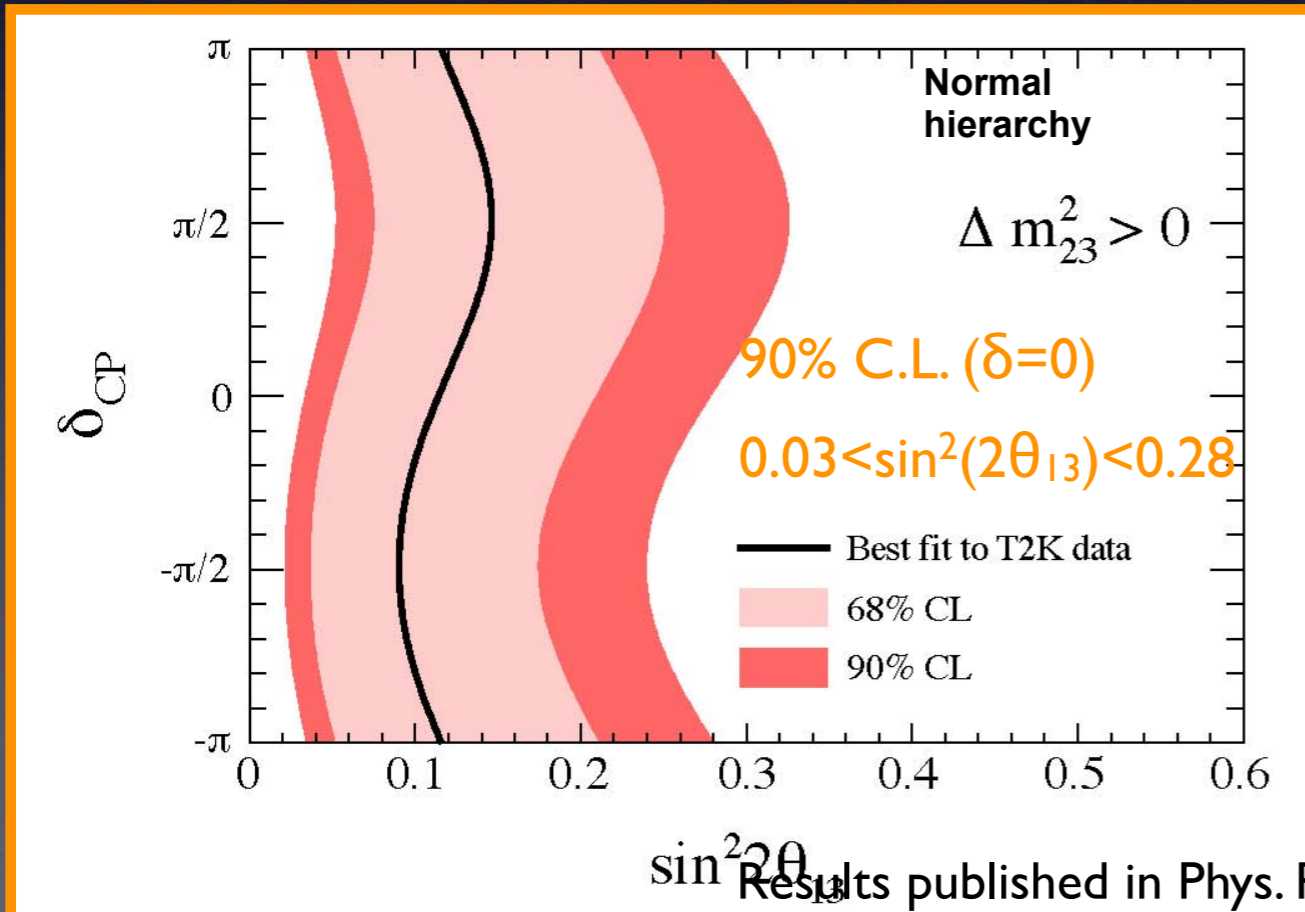
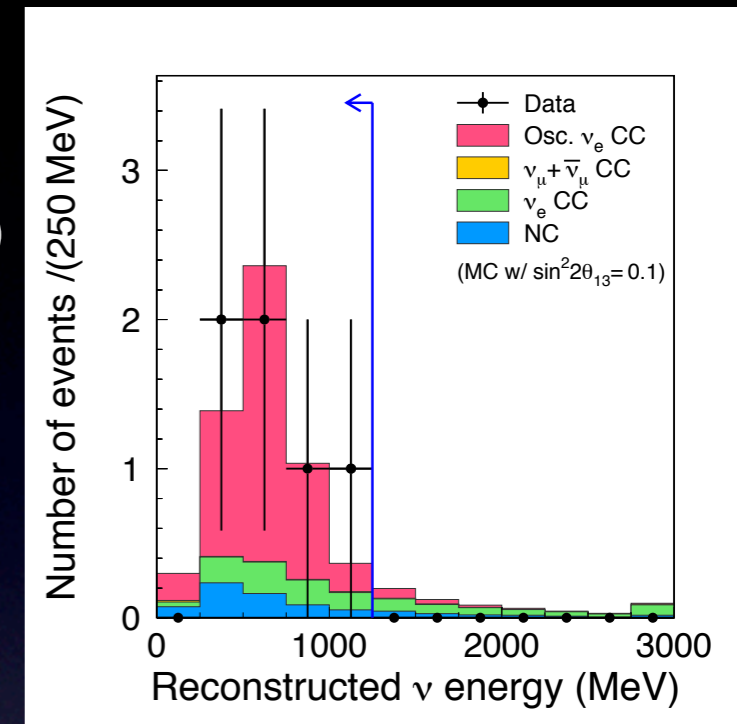


- 6 e-like events compatible with $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillation
- Expected background $\rightarrow 1.5 \pm 0.3$ events (from beam ν_e and π^0)
- Probability of observing $N=6$ if $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0 \rightarrow 0.7\%$ (2.5σ)

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta + \alpha f(\delta_{CP})$$

$$\Delta = 1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E$$

- Indication of ν_e appearance in ν_μ beam! $\alpha = \Delta m_{12}^2 / \Delta m_{23}^2 \sim 1/30$

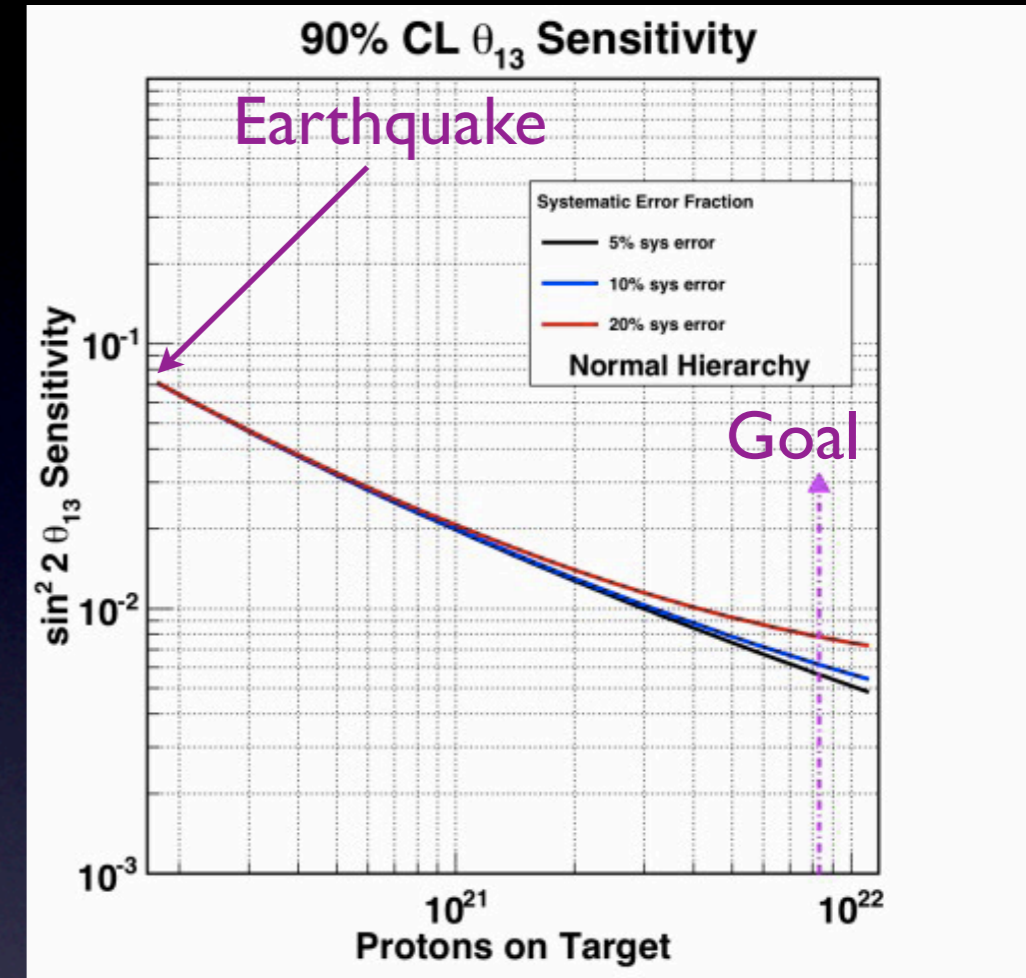
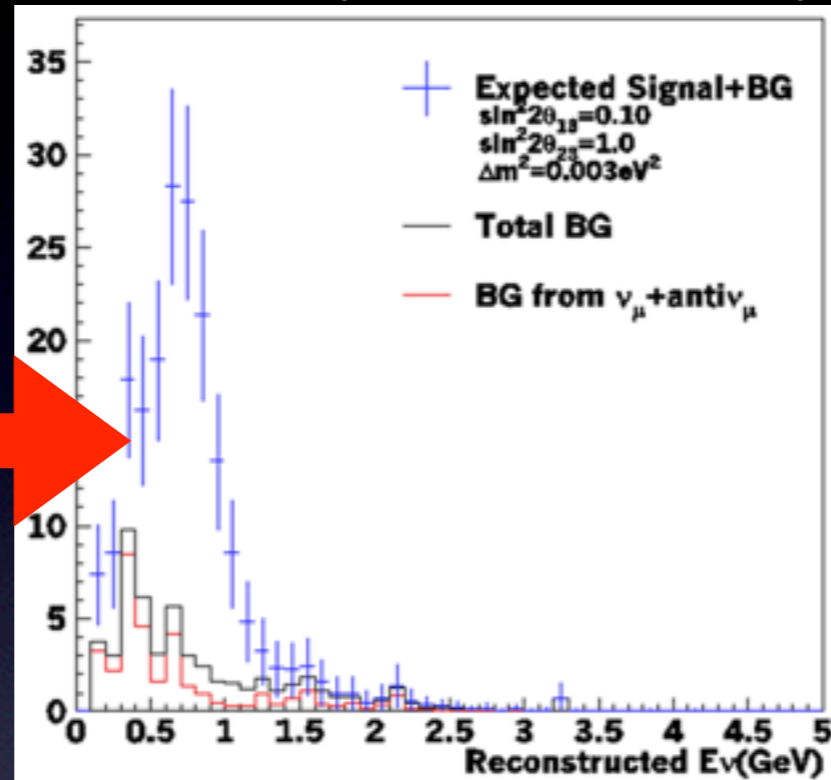
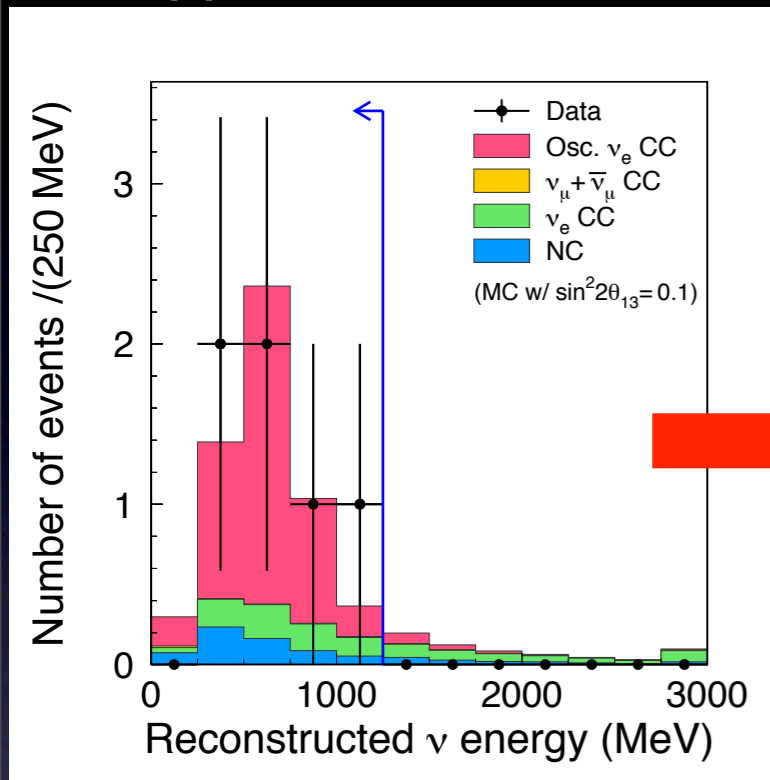


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T2K ν_e appearance perspectives



ν_e appearance: from 6 events to >100 (for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0.1$)



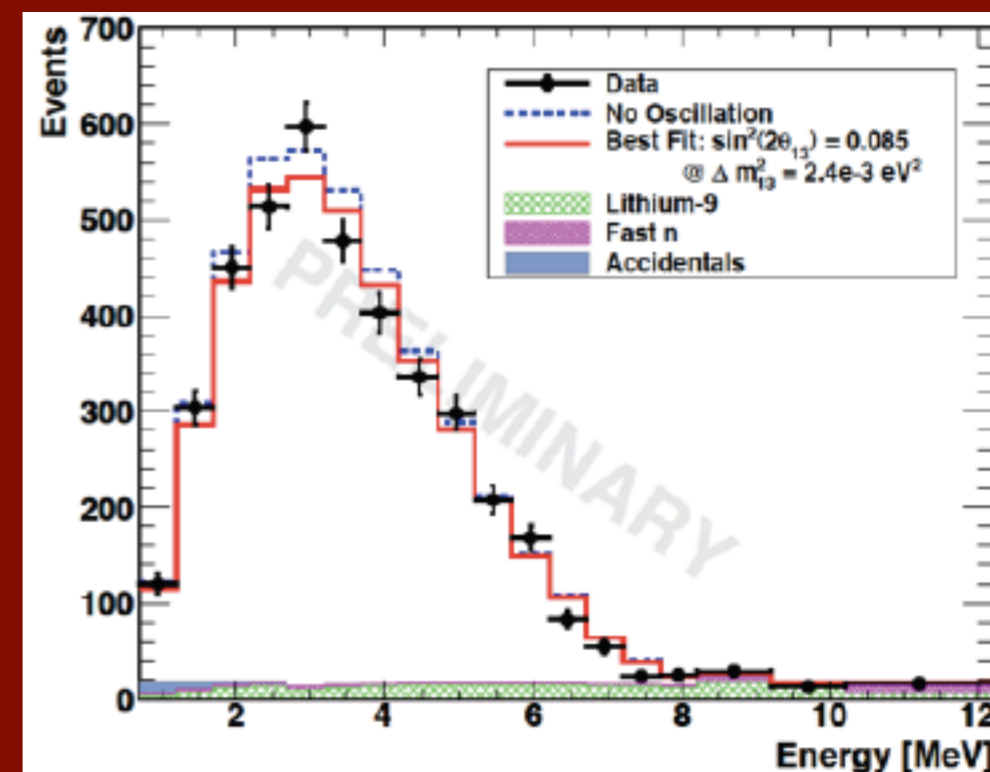
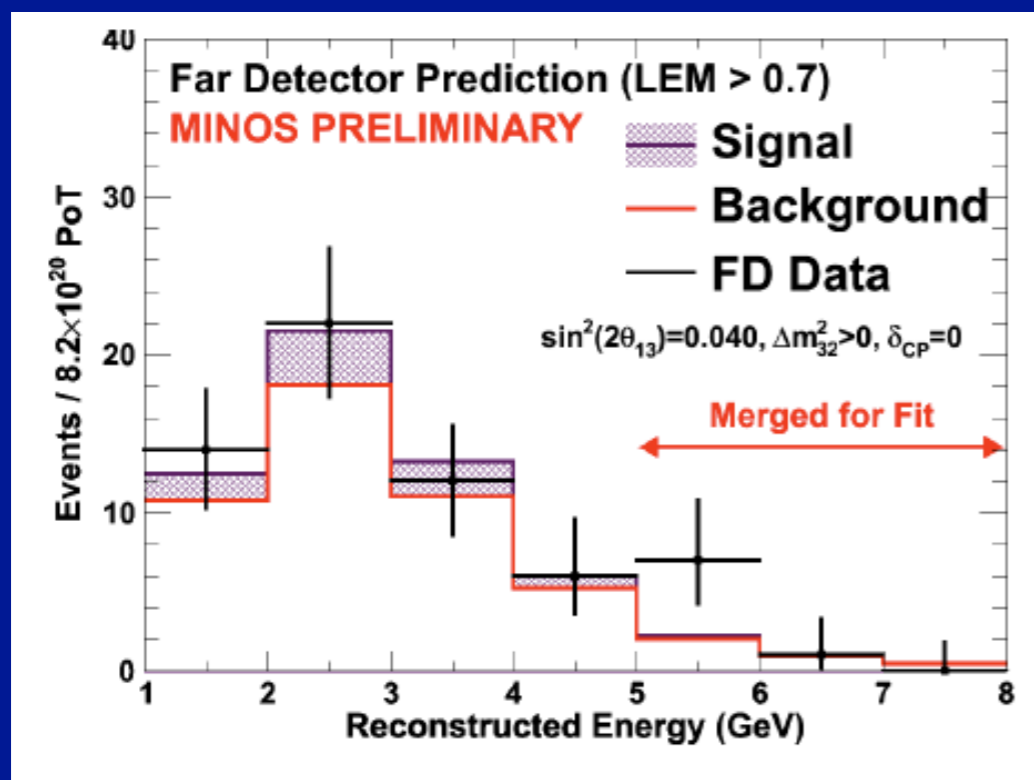
- At the end of the T2K data taking we expect to observe more than 100 events in ν_e appearance (for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}=0.1$)
- This will allow us to make a precise measurement of θ_{13} or to set a limit on $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \leq 0.02$

Minos and Double Chooz



- Minos: accelerator experiment
- Main goal was θ_{23} measurement
- Not optimized to track electrons \rightarrow large NC background
- $N_{\text{obs}} = 62, N_{\text{exp}}(\theta_{13}=0) = 50$
- Best fit: $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.04$ (0.08) for normal (inverted) hierarchy and $\delta=0$
- Exclude $\theta_{13}=0$ @ 89% C.L.

- Semi-Double Chooz (only Far Det)
- Reactor experiment
- ν_e disappearance from reactors
- Rate+Shape analysis
- $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})=0.085\pm 0.029(\text{stat})\pm 0.042(\text{syst})$
- No degeneracies with δ and hierarchy



T2K next physics run



- Our data taking was interrupted after the 11th March Big Earthquake in Japan
- Since then:
 - We released physics analyses based on the available statistics
 - We worked to recover the JPARC facility and the T2K experiment
 - Only beam and ND280 were affected by the earthquake → no problems at SK
- So far all the damages have been repaired
- We will restart the operation of the JPARC accelerators this month
- If the beam re-commissioning goes well we will start the third T2K physics run at the end of January
- We hope to present results with new data set at Neutrino12 conference at Kyoto in June 2012

Conclusions



- The T2K experiment has completed two oscillation analyses based on 1.43×10^{20} p.o.t (2% of T2K's goal)
- **ν_e appearance analysis:**
 - 6 events have been observed (1.5 ± 0.3 expected)
 - The probability of 6 events with $\theta_{13}=0$ is 0.7% (2.5σ significance)
 - This lead to a 90% confidence interval of $0.03(0.04) < \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.28(0.34)$ for normal (**inverted**) hierarchy and $\delta_{CP}=0$
 - Result published in PRL
- **ν_μ disappearance analysis:**
 - No oscillation hypothesis excluded at 4.5σ
 - $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.85$ and $2.1 \times 10^{-3} < \Delta m^2_{23} \text{ (eV}^2\text{)} < 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ @ 90% C.L.
- The experiment is currently recovering from the 11th March earthquake
 - Hope to start the third T2K physics run in January

Back up slides

Superluminal neutrinos & T2K



- Official statement by T2K :
 - Based on our initial assessment of our capability, at the moment T2K cannot make any definitive statement to verify the Opera measurement of the speed of neutrino (Opera Anomaly).
 - We will assess a possibility to improve our experimental sensitivity for a measurement to cross-check the OPERA anomaly in the future. Such a measurement with an improved system, however, could take a while to achieve.

- Time of flight in T2K :
 - Baseline is shorter: 300 km vs 700 km
 - Energy is lower: $E_\nu < 10 \text{ GeV}$ vs $E_\nu > 20 \text{ GeV}$
 - Actual GPS synchronization precision $\sim 100 \text{ ns}$.

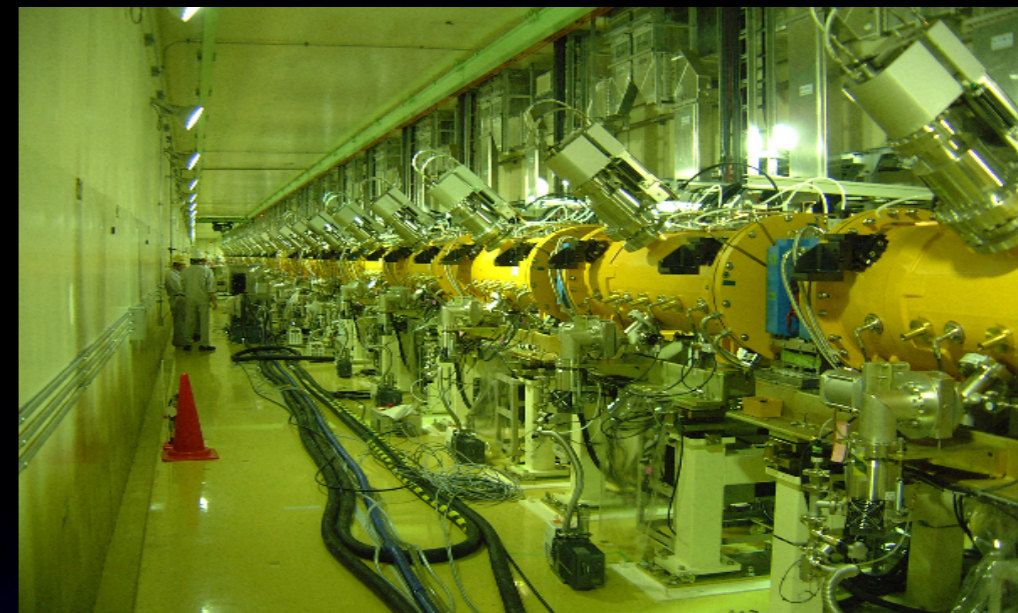
Linac

First stage accelerator, 330m in length.

Design energy is 400MeV.

At present, protons are accelerated to 181MeV.

Upgrade to the design energy is under preparation.



RCS (Rapid Cycling Synchrotron)

Second stage accelerator, Proton Synchrotron of 348m circumference.

The acceleration up to 3GeV is successfully working.



Main Ring

Third (and final) stage accelerator. Proton Synchrotron of 1568m circumference.

The 30 GeV proton beam is extracted to the neutrino beamline. The beam is shared by T2K and the experiments in the hadron hall.

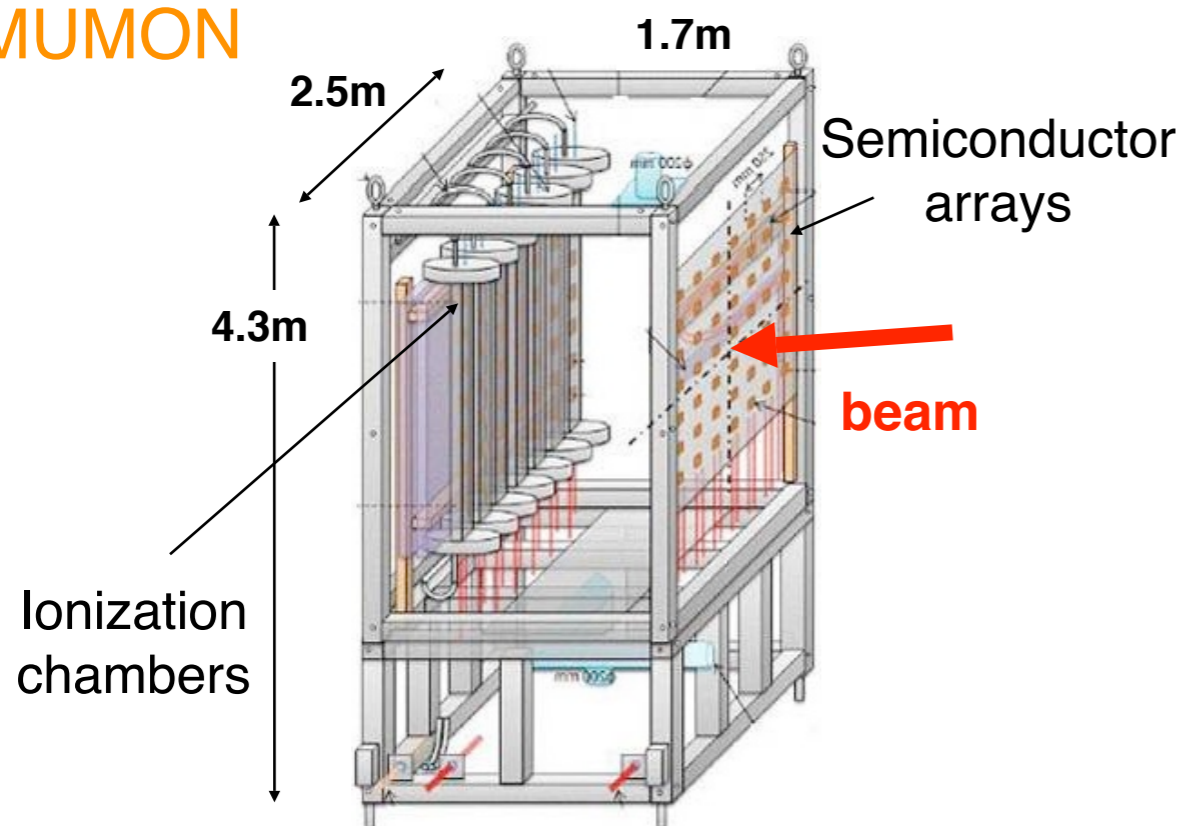


MUMON and INGRID

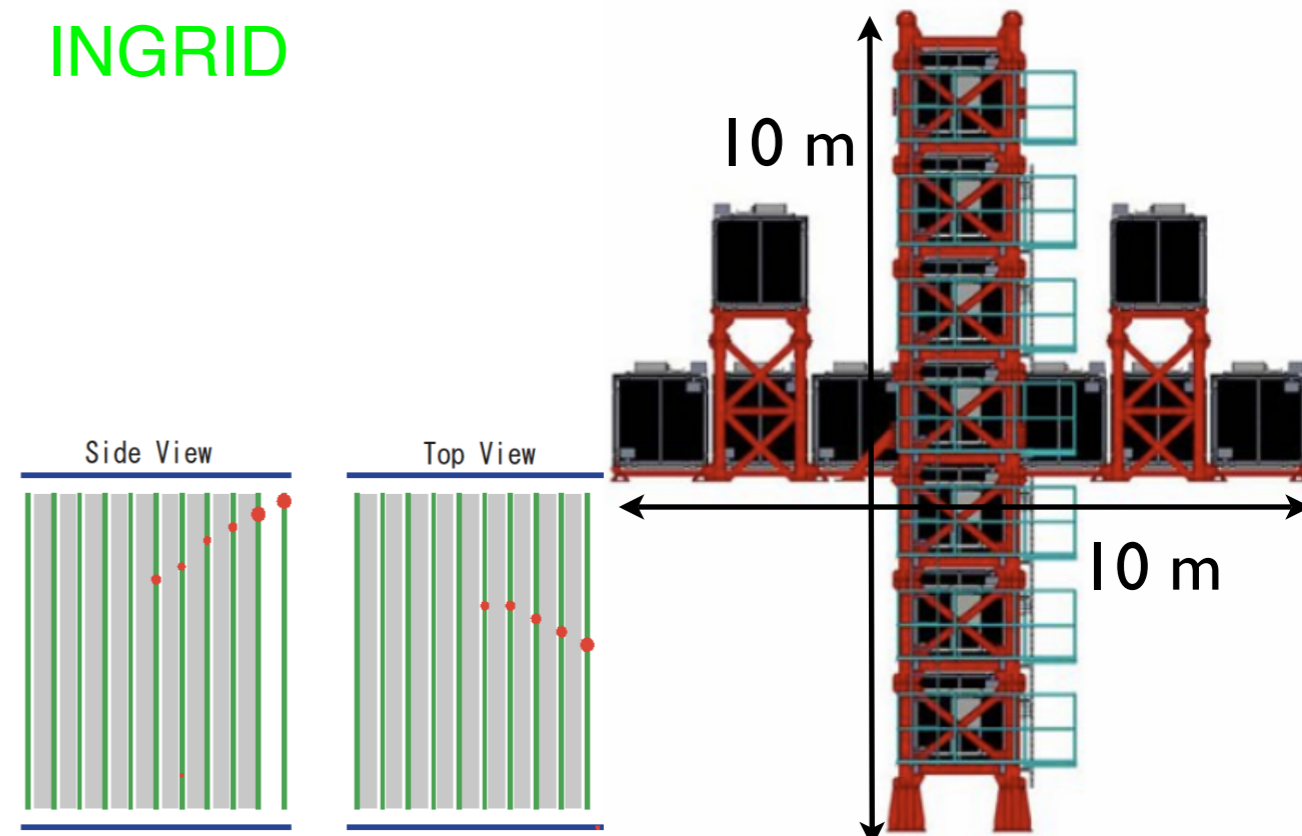


- Muon monitor (**MUMON**): installed after the beam dump
- Monitor the beam on a **spill-by-spill basis** looking at high energy muons
- Composed by ionization chambers and semiconductor arrays
- On-axis Near Detector (**INGRID**): on axis in the Near Detector complex
- Monitor the beam stability on a **day-by-day basis** looking at ν interactions
- 16 cubic modules: 1 module is a sandwich of 10 iron and 11 scintillator layers

MUMON



INGRID

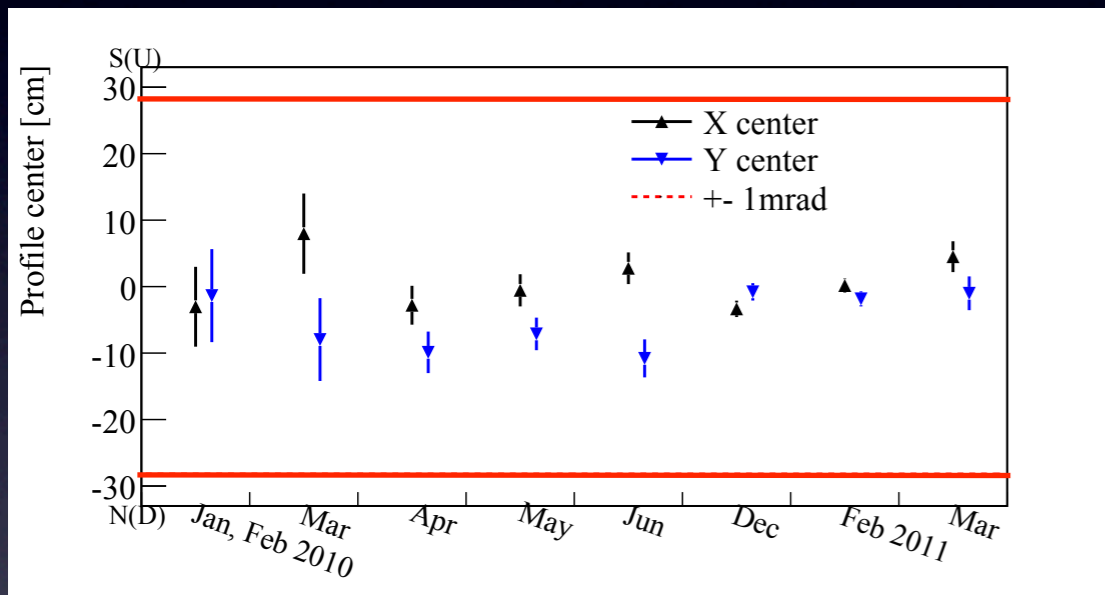


Beam stability

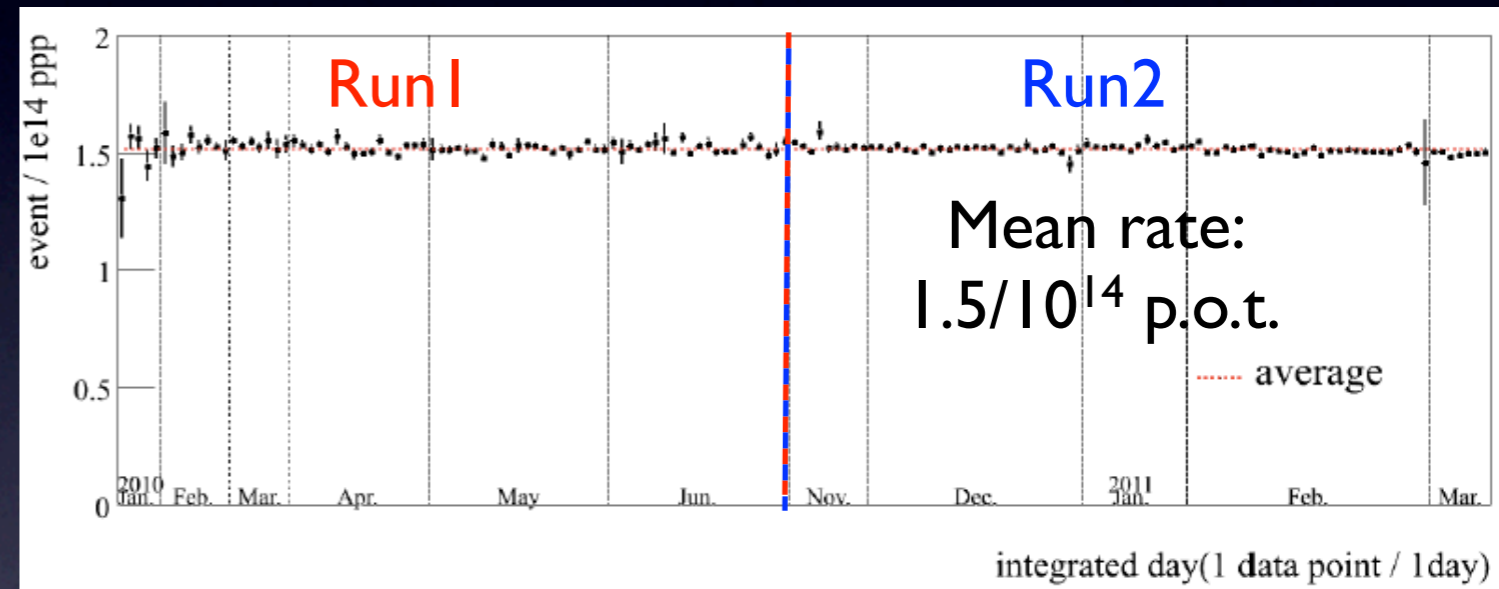


- Necessary to keep the beam direction stable to ensure the stability of the neutrino peak energy: $\delta(\text{dir}) < 1 \text{ mrad} \rightarrow \delta(E)/E < 2\% \text{ @ SK}$

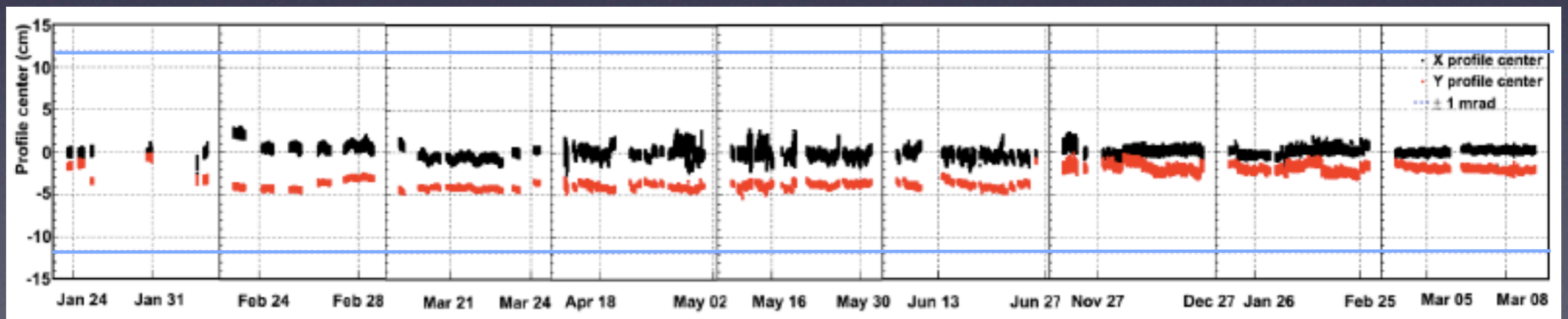
Beam center measured at INGRID
well within 1 mrad



INGRID interaction rate stable for Run1 and Run2



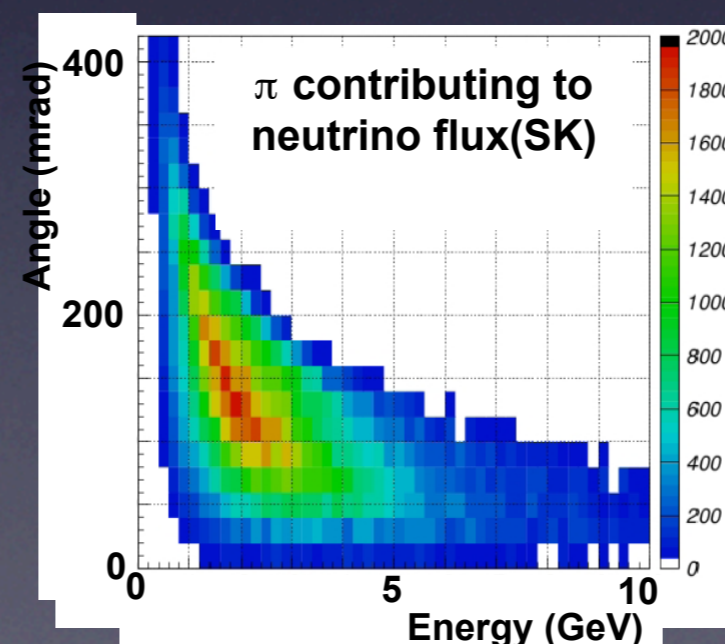
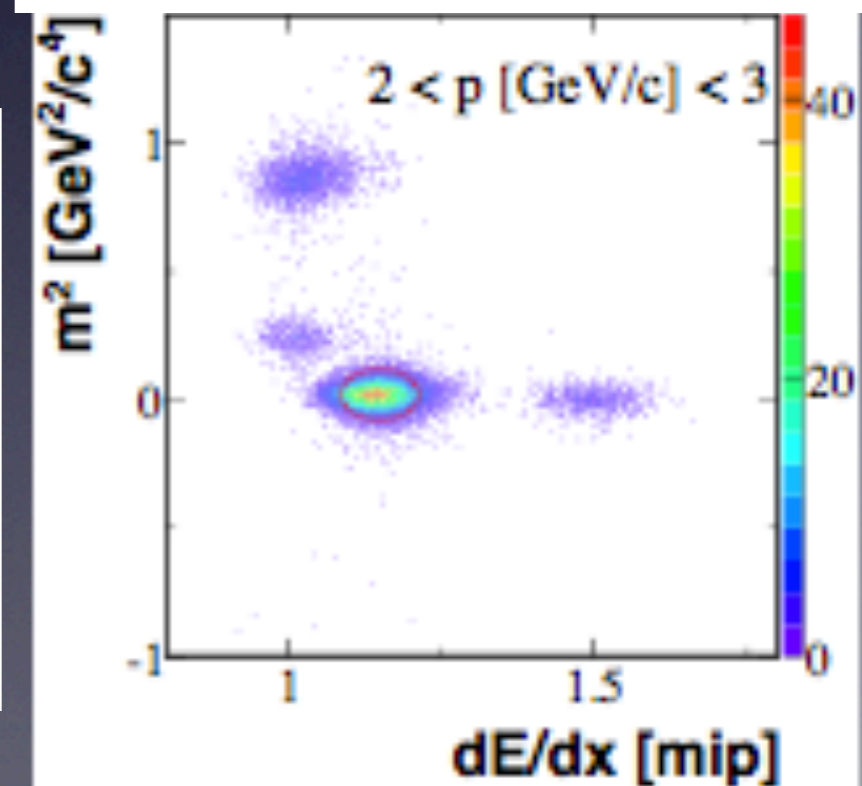
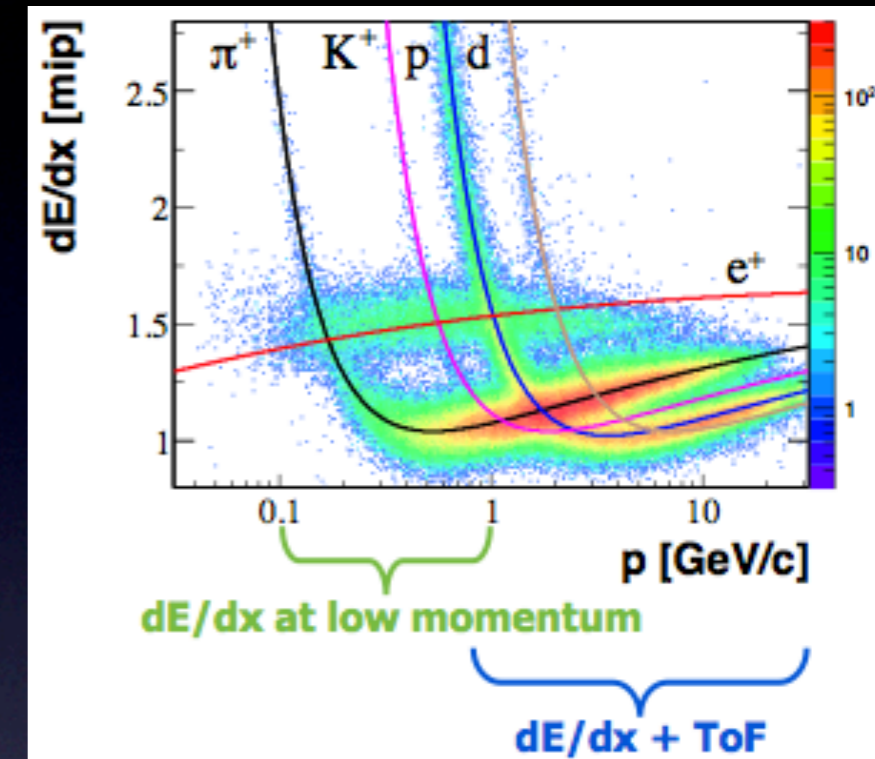
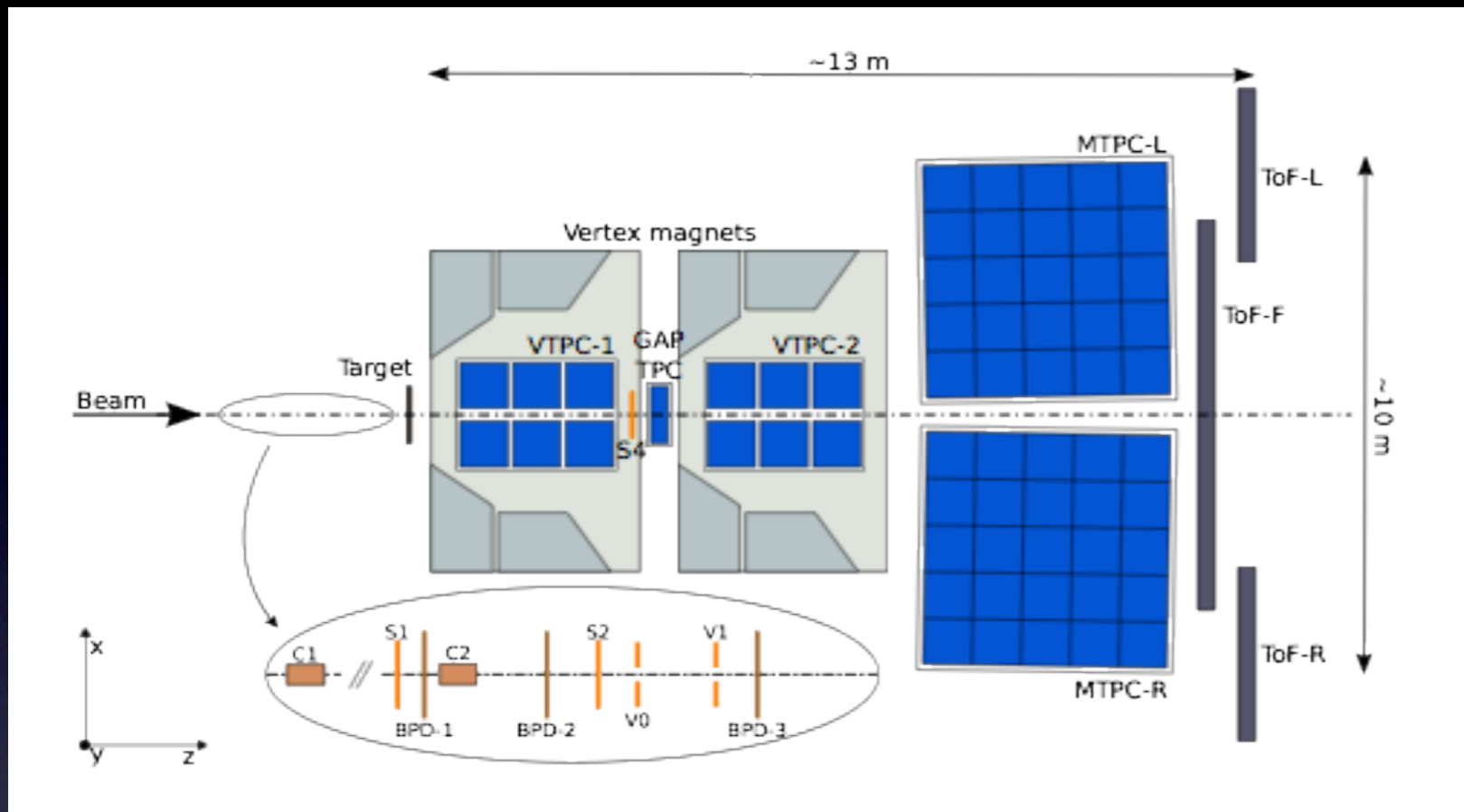
Beam center measured at MUMON well within 1 mrad



CERN NA61/SHINE experiment

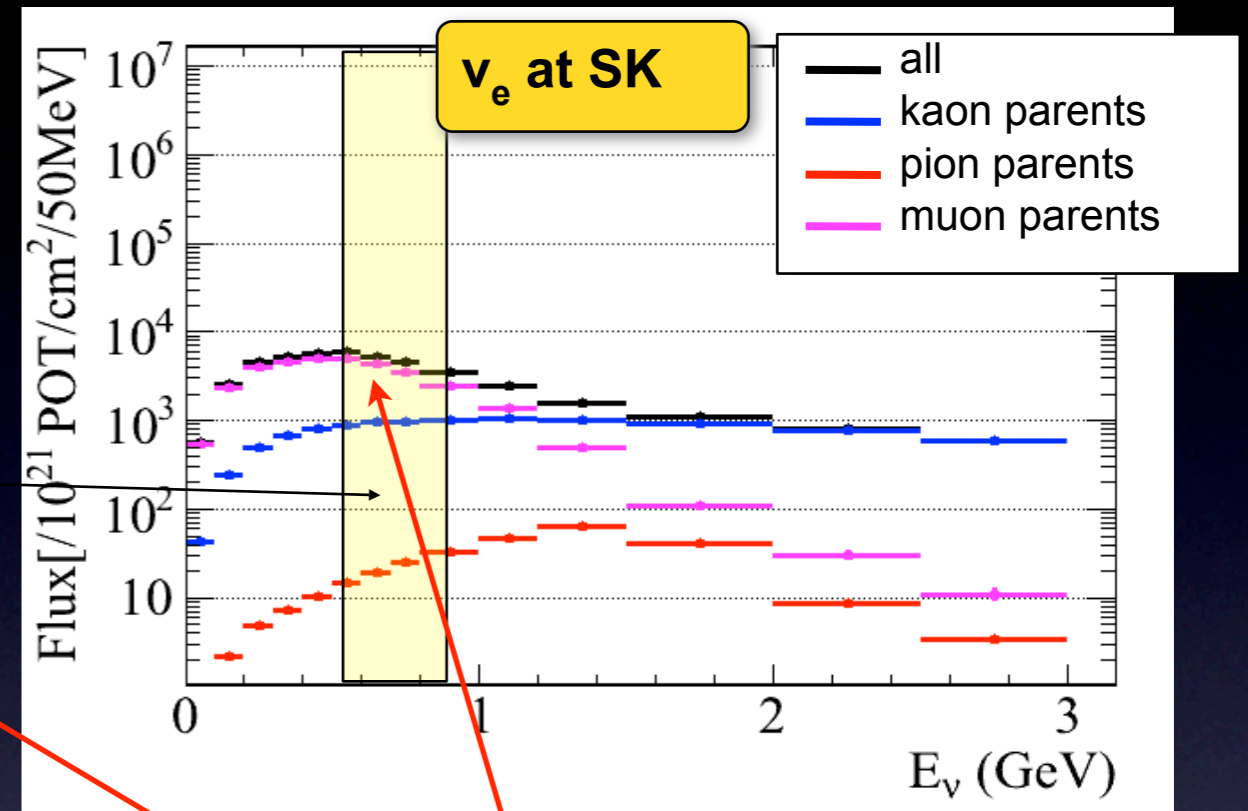
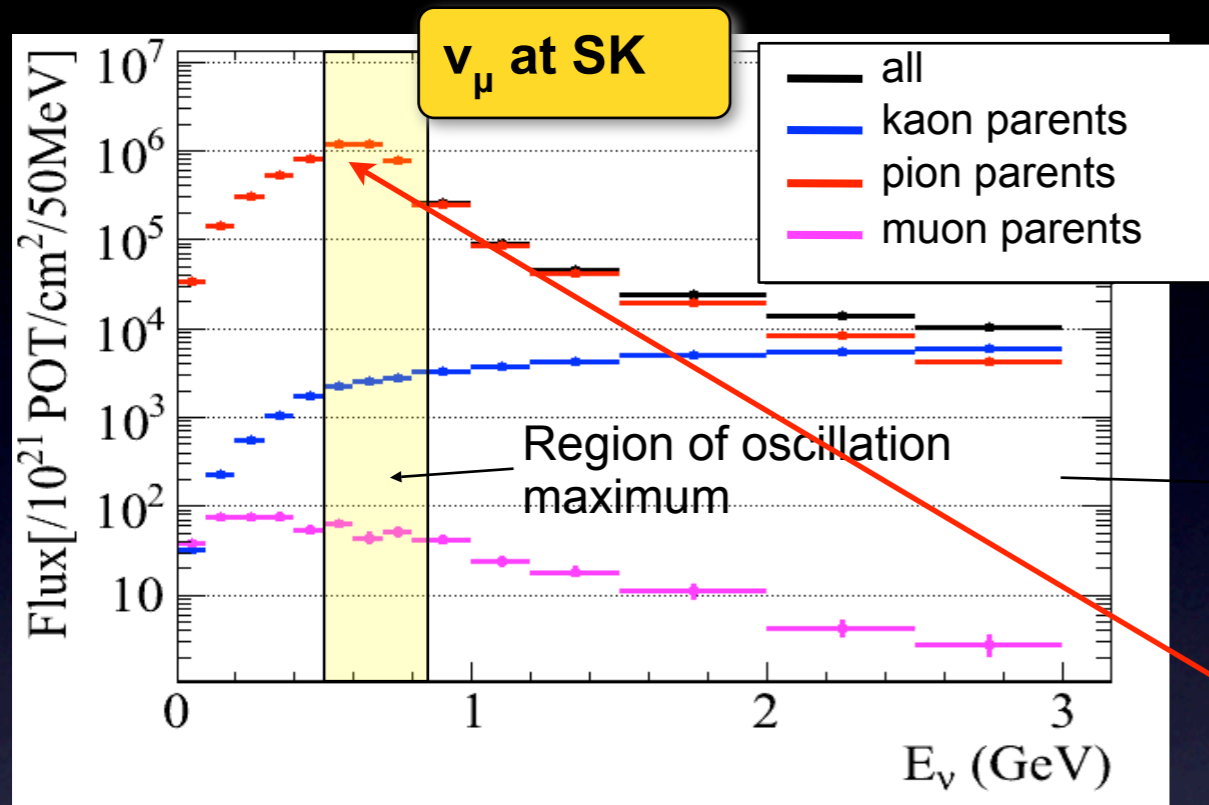


π^+ production: Two analysis for different momentum region



- Measure hadron(π , K) yield distribution in 30 GeV $p + C$ inelastic interaction
- Thin target + T2K replica target

Expected ν fluxes and uncertainties



Systematics for ν_e appearance

Error source	$R_{ND}^{\mu, MC}$	N_{SK}^{MC}	$\frac{N_{SK}^{MC}}{R_{ND}^{\mu, MC}}$
Pion production	5.7%	6.2%	2.5%
Kaon production	10.0%	11.1%	7.6%
Nucleon production	5.9%	6.6%	1.4%
Production x-section	7.7%	6.9%	0.7%
Proton beam position/profile	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%
Beam direction measurement	2.7%	2.0%	0.7%
Target alignment	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Horn alignment	0.6%	0.5%	0.1%
Horn abs. current	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%
Total	15.4%	16.1%	8.5%

Expected beam ν_e contamination: $\sim 1\%$ of the total flux in the oscillation region

The uncertainty on the fluxes is significantly reduced when the expected event rate at the near detector is used

FSI tuning

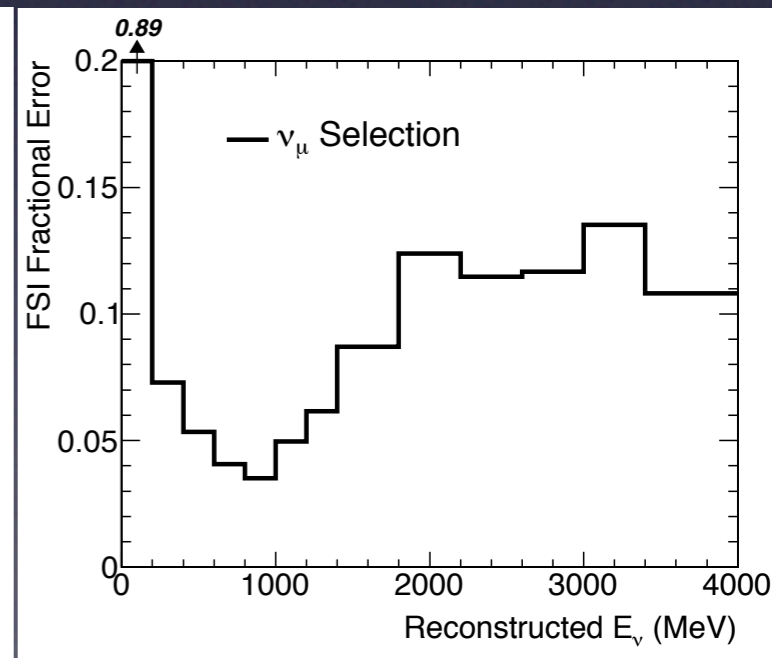
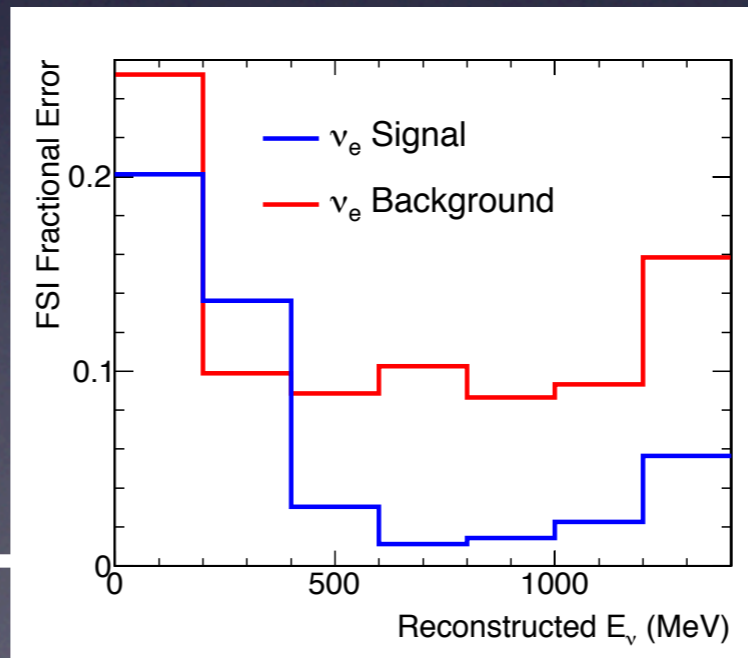
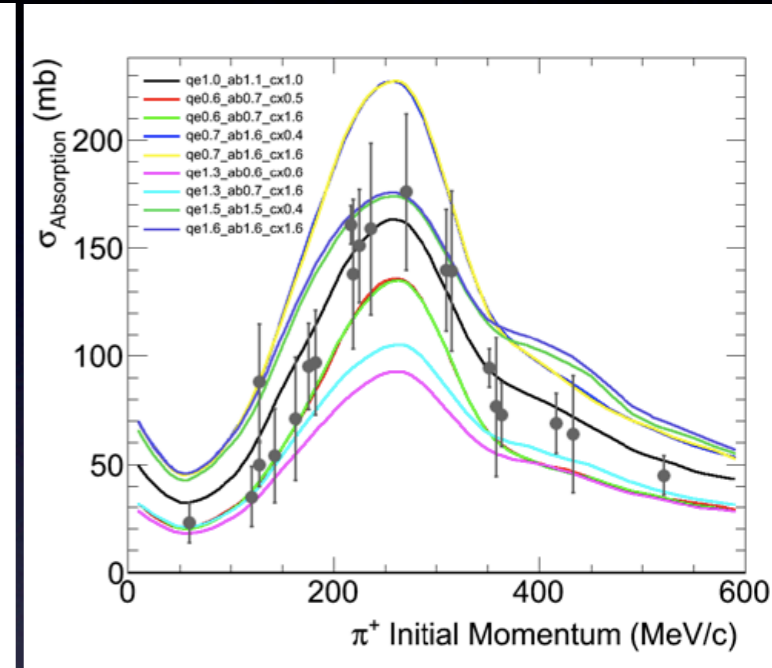
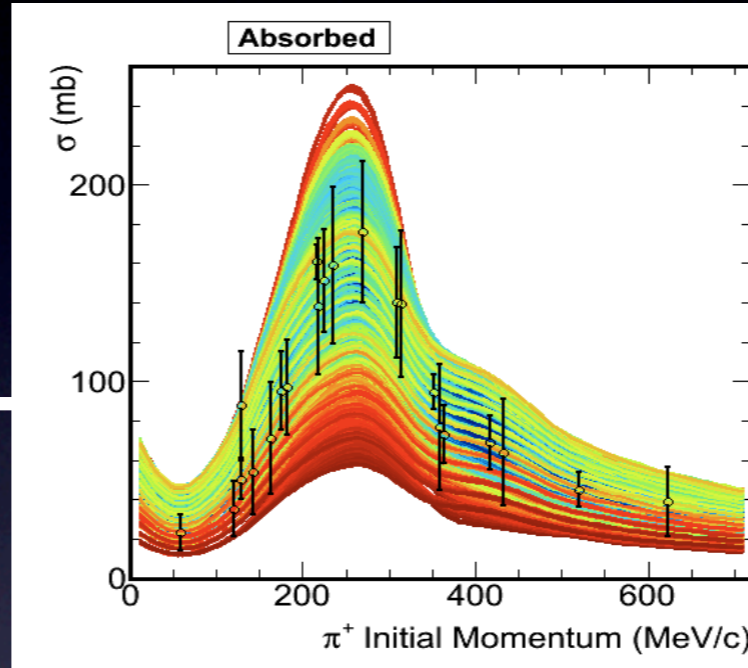


- 14% of the systematic on the background to the ν_e appearance, 8% to the ν_μ disappearance

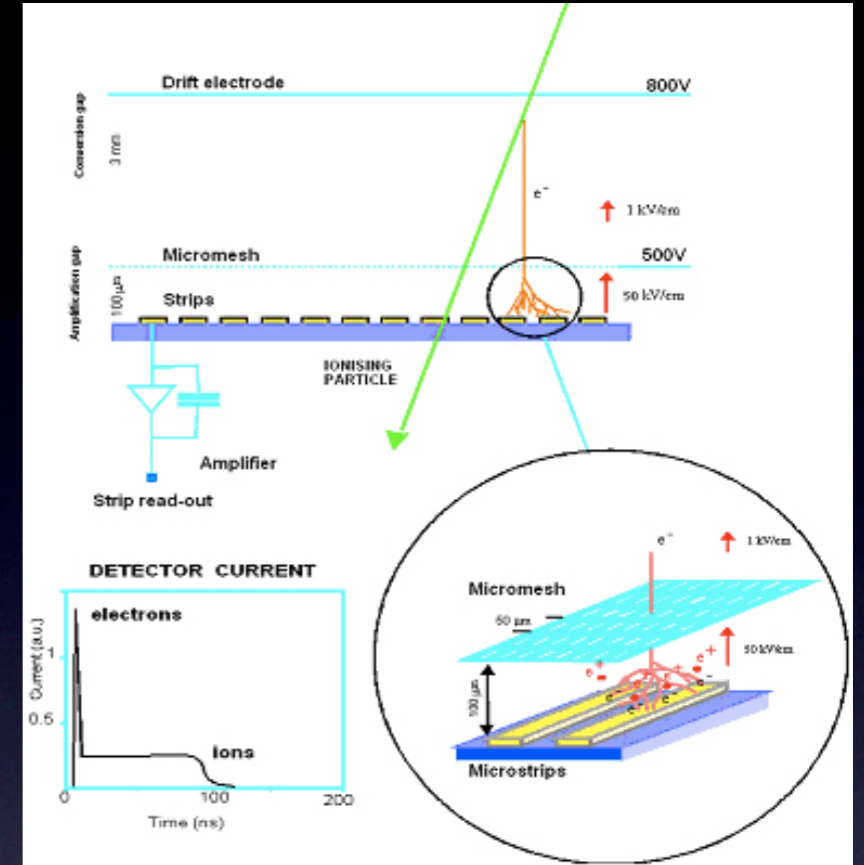
- Principal source of uncertainty: pion final state interaction (FSI)

Studied by adjusting NEUT microscopic pion cross section model and comparing to pion cross section data

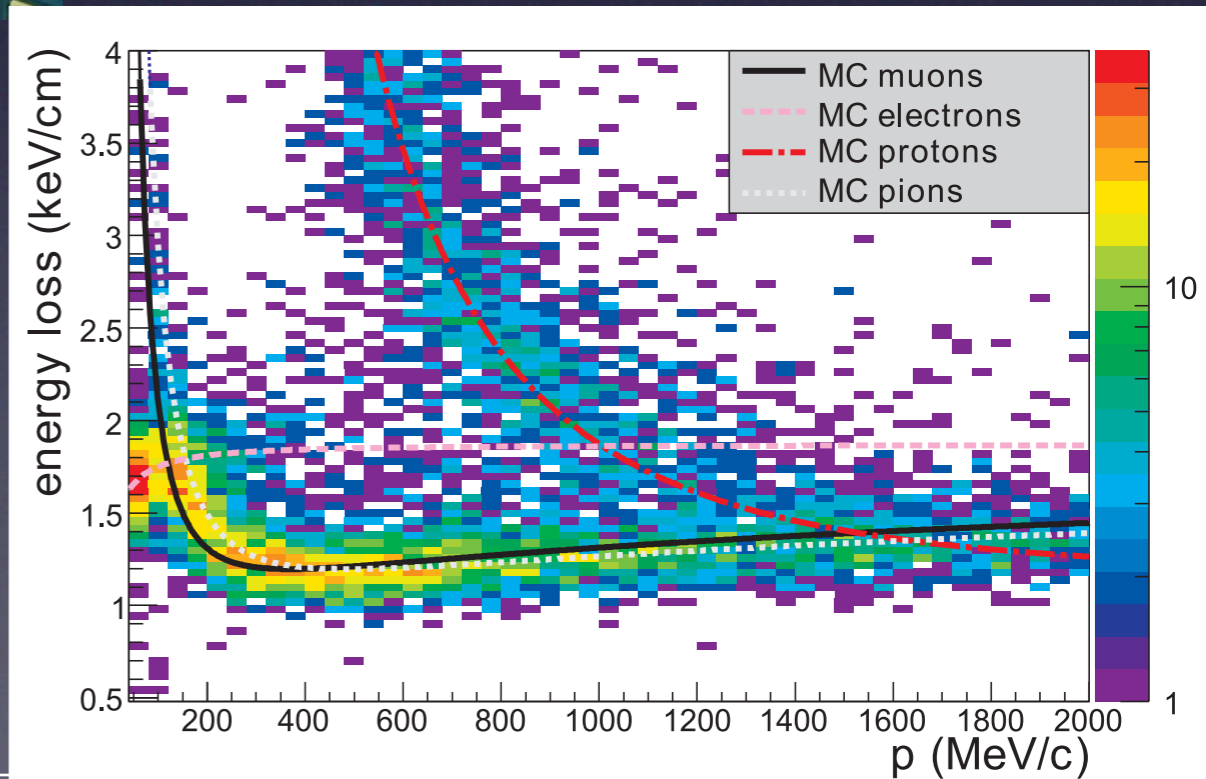
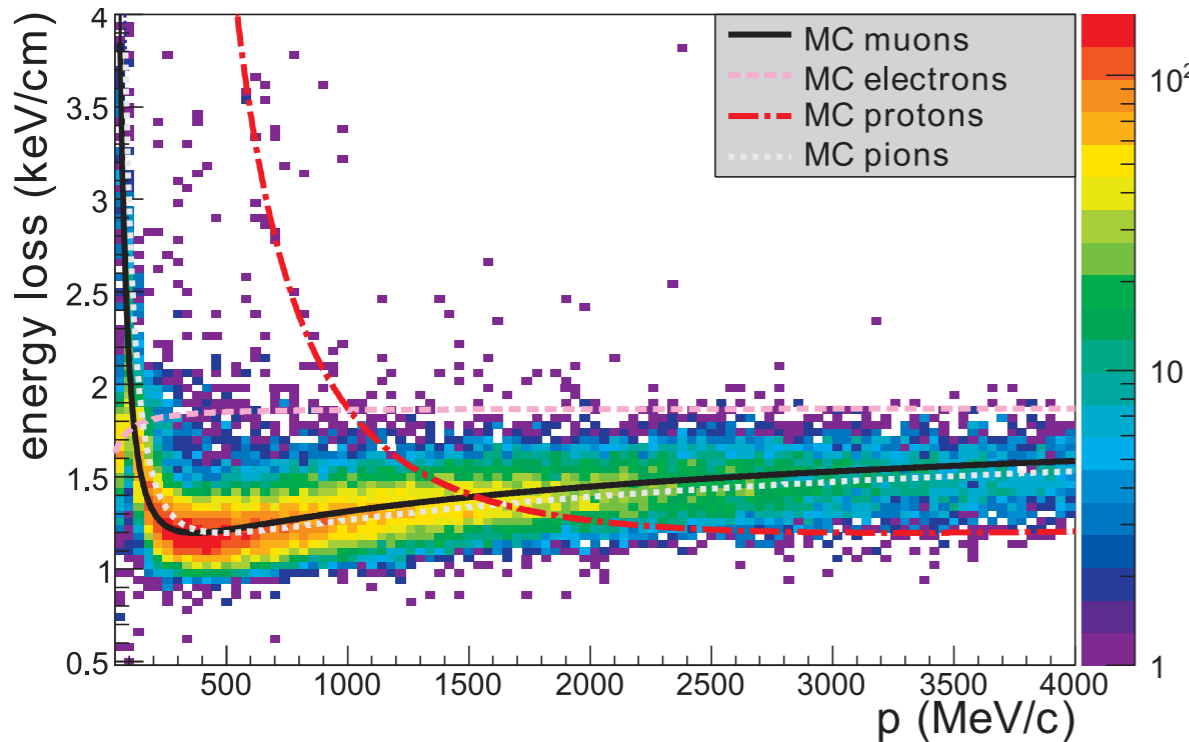
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CC π	2.2%
CC coherent π	3.1%
CC other	4.4%
NC π^0	5.3%
NC coherent	2.3%
NC other	2.3%
$\sigma(\nu_e)$	3.4%
FSI	10.1%
Total	14.0%



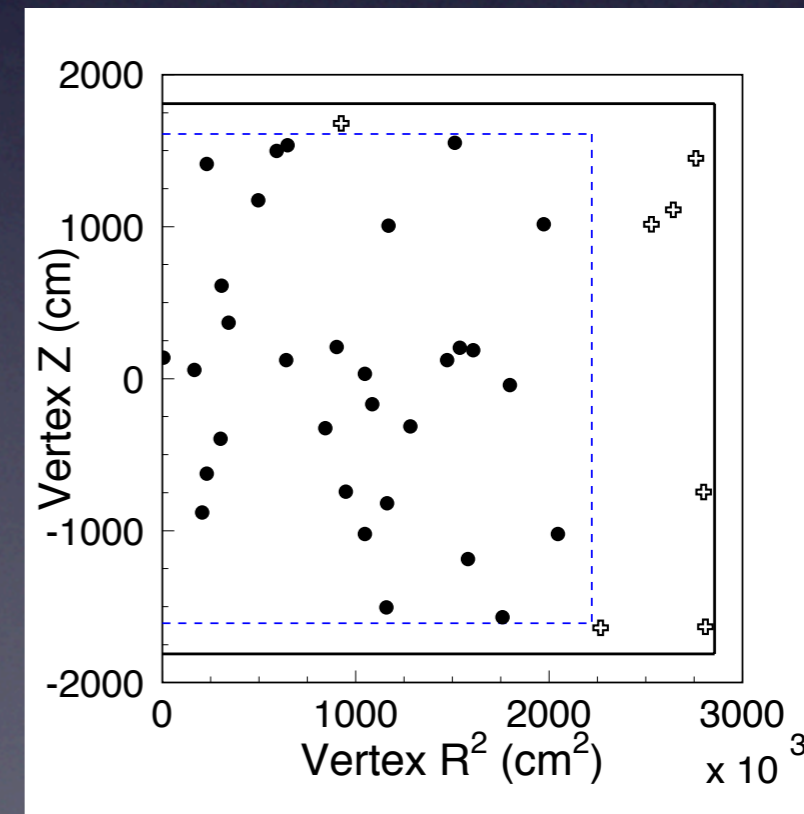
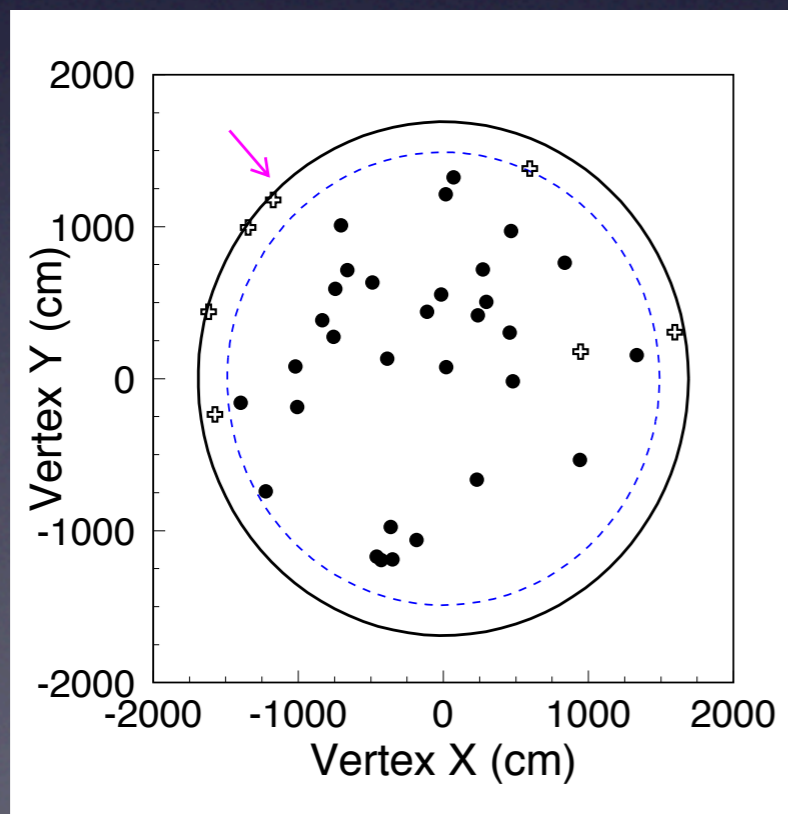
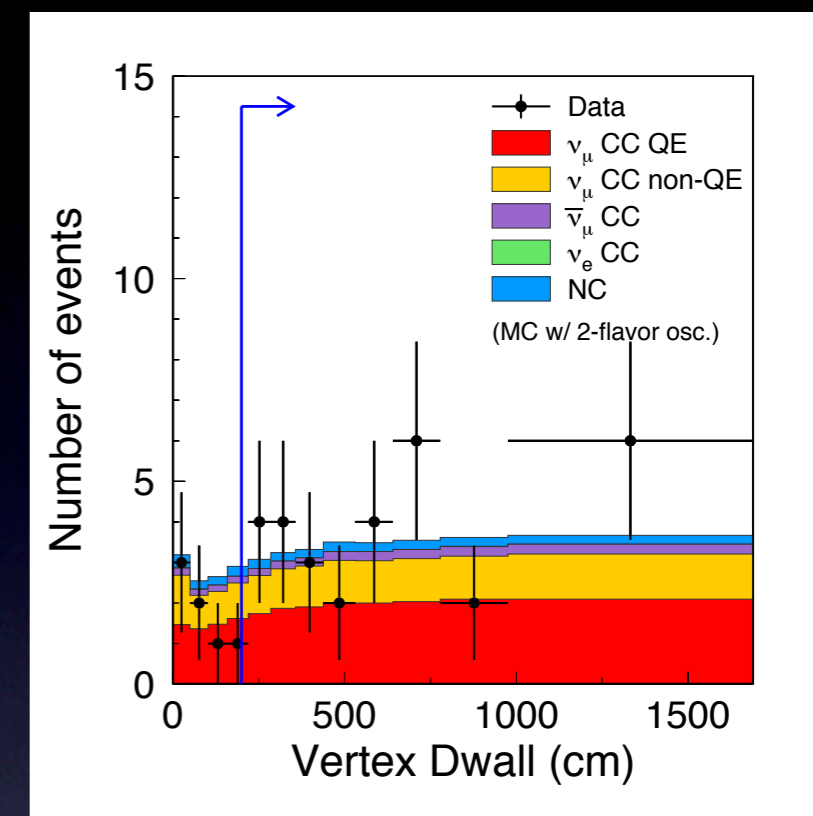
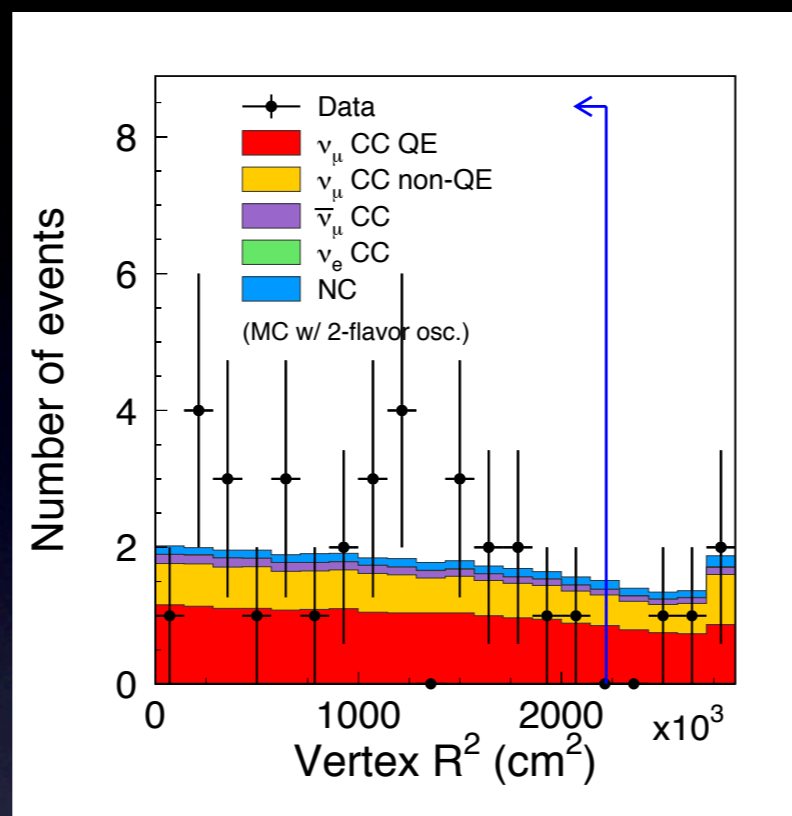
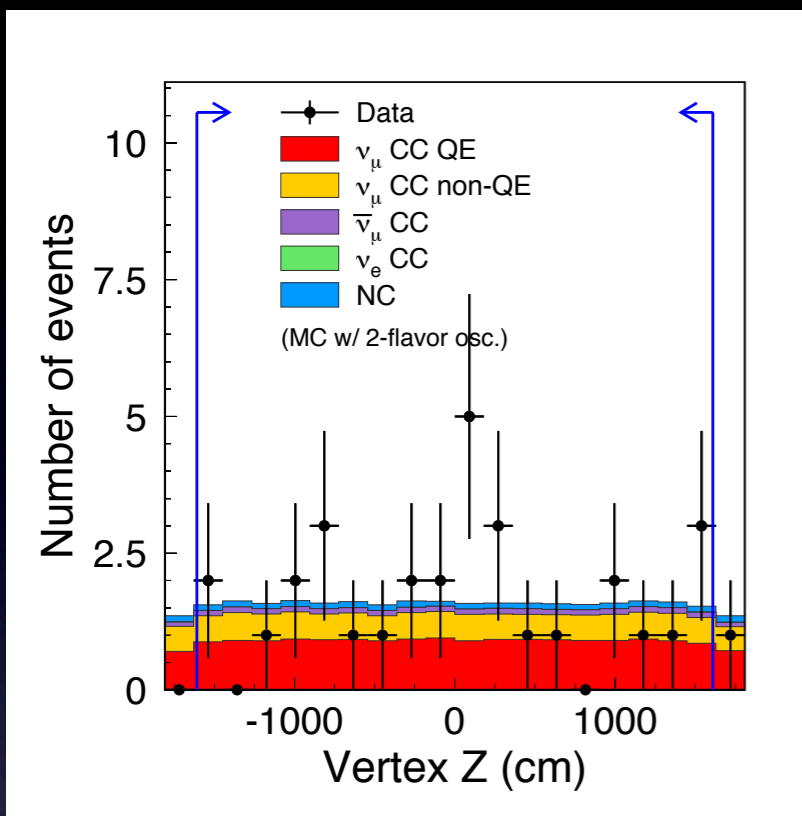
ND280 TPC



dE/dx vs P for Negative tracks



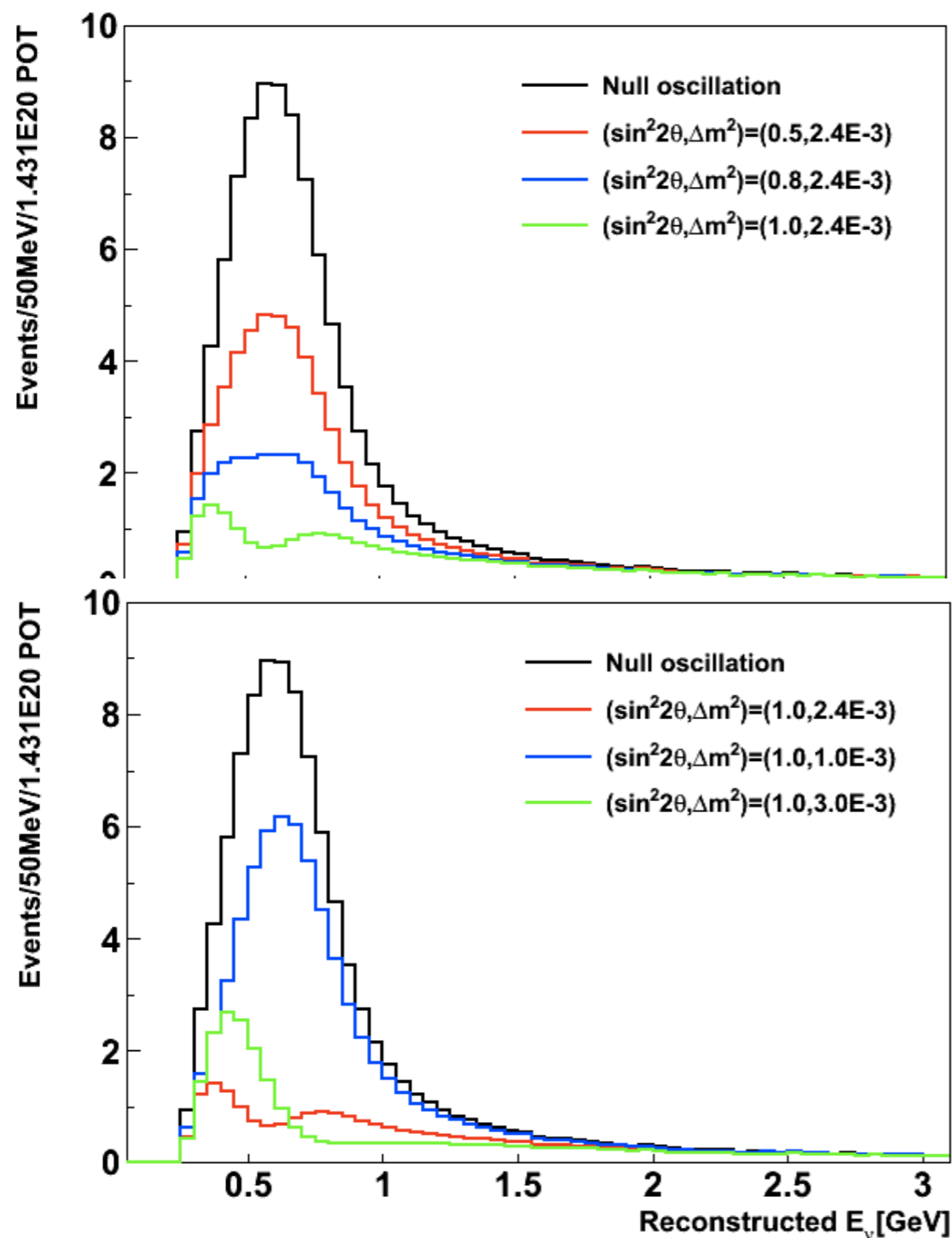
ν_μ disappearance vertex position



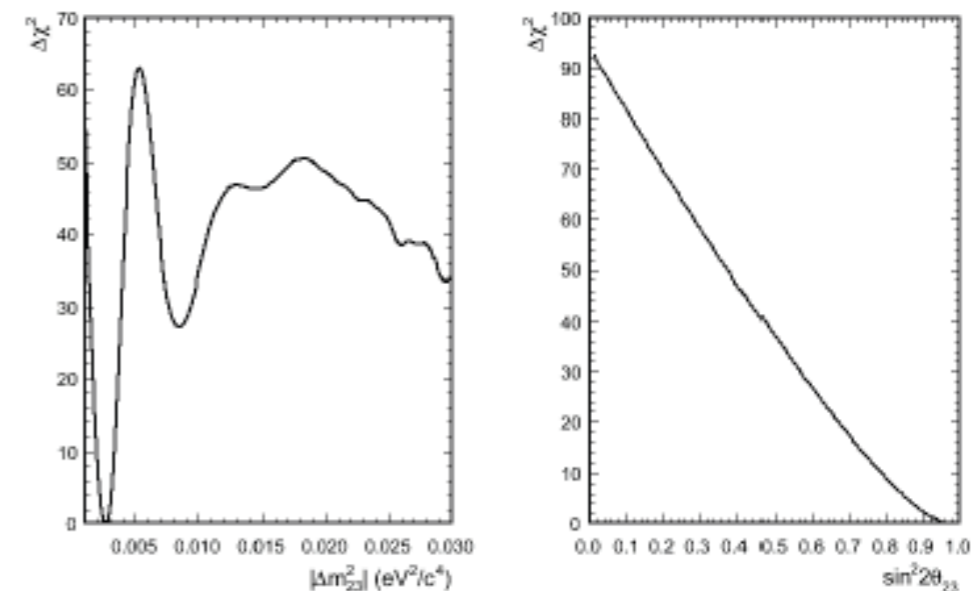
ν_μ disappearance



Expected spectrum

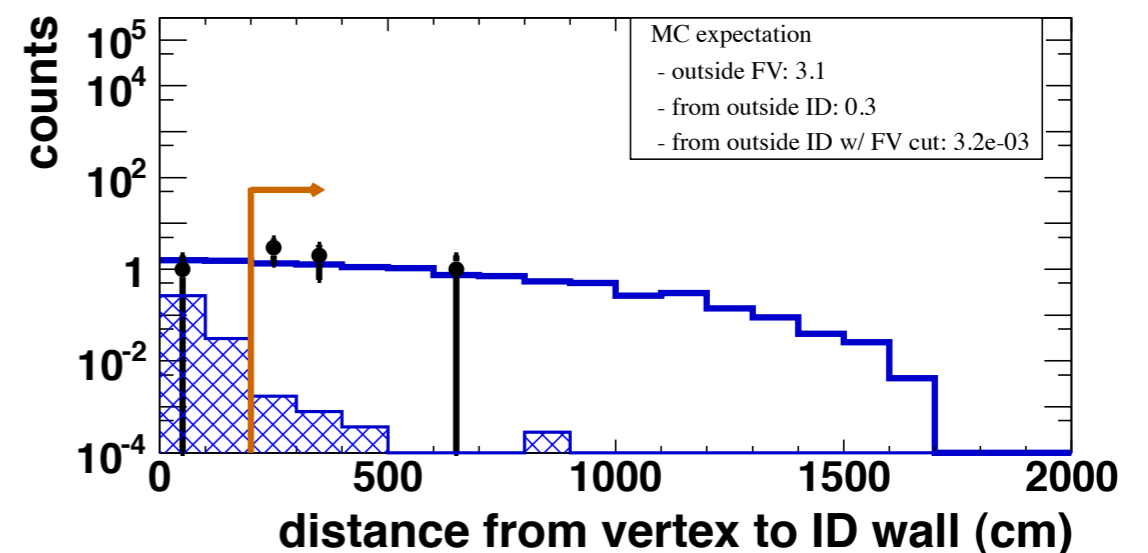
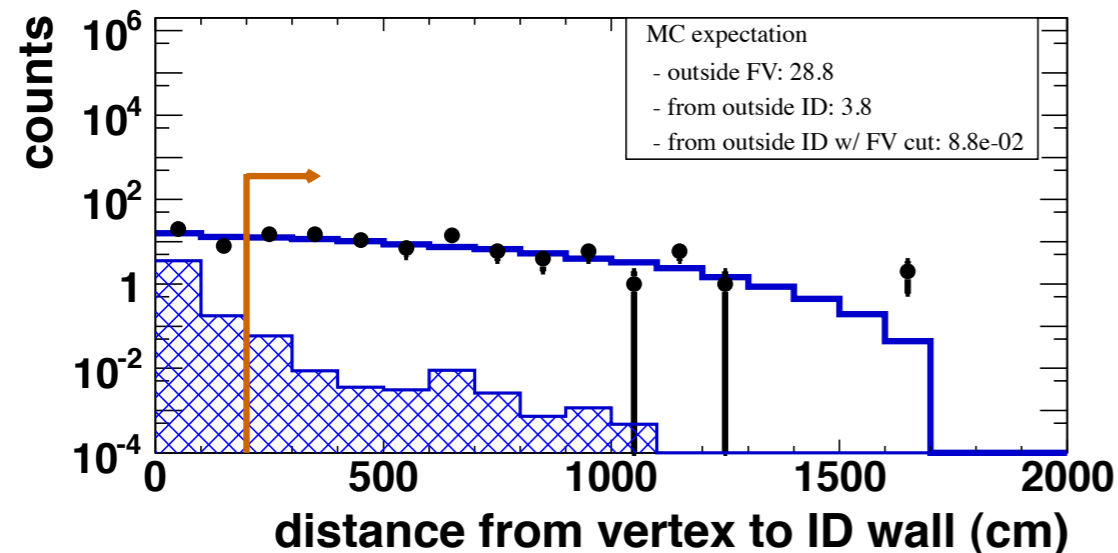
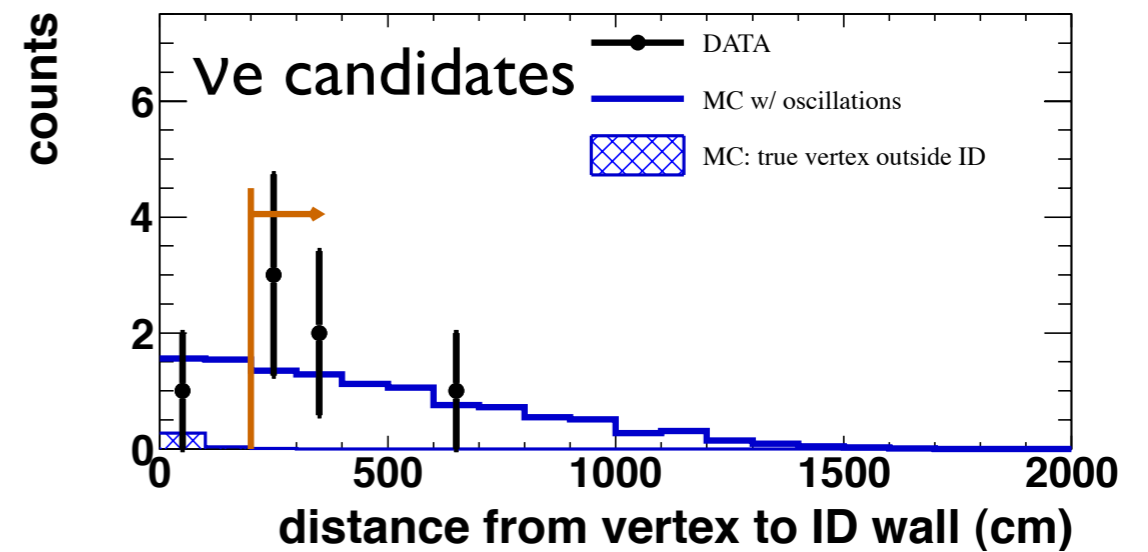
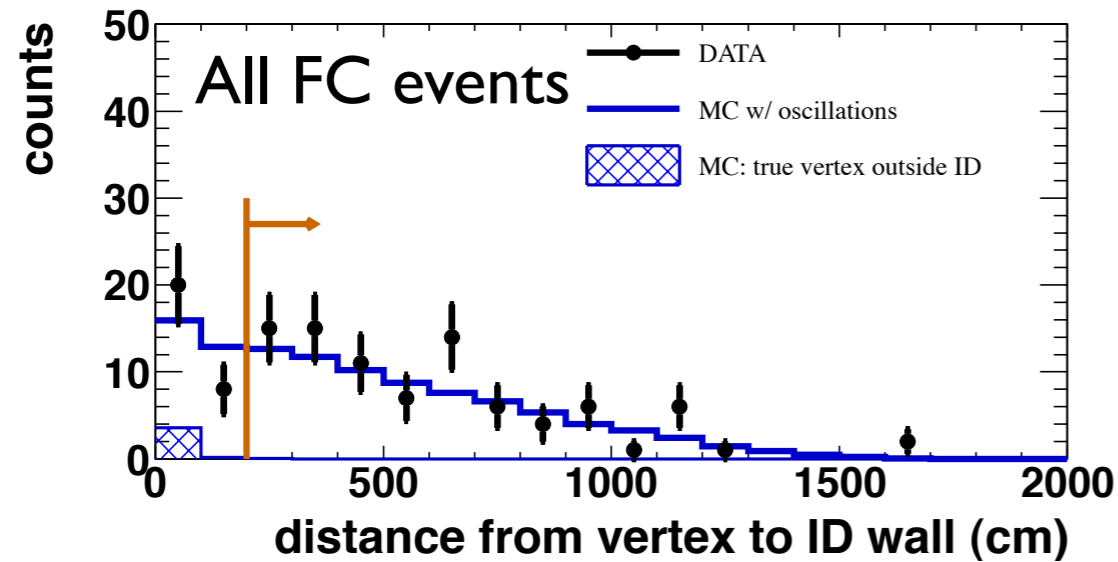
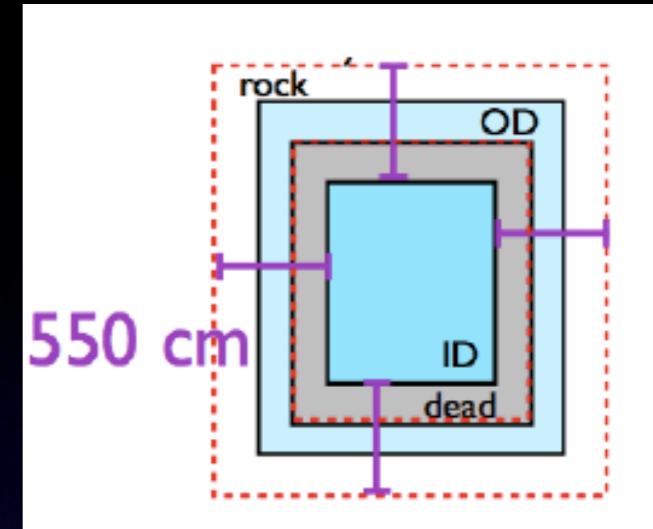


$\Delta\chi^2$ for Δm^2 and $\sin^2 2\theta$

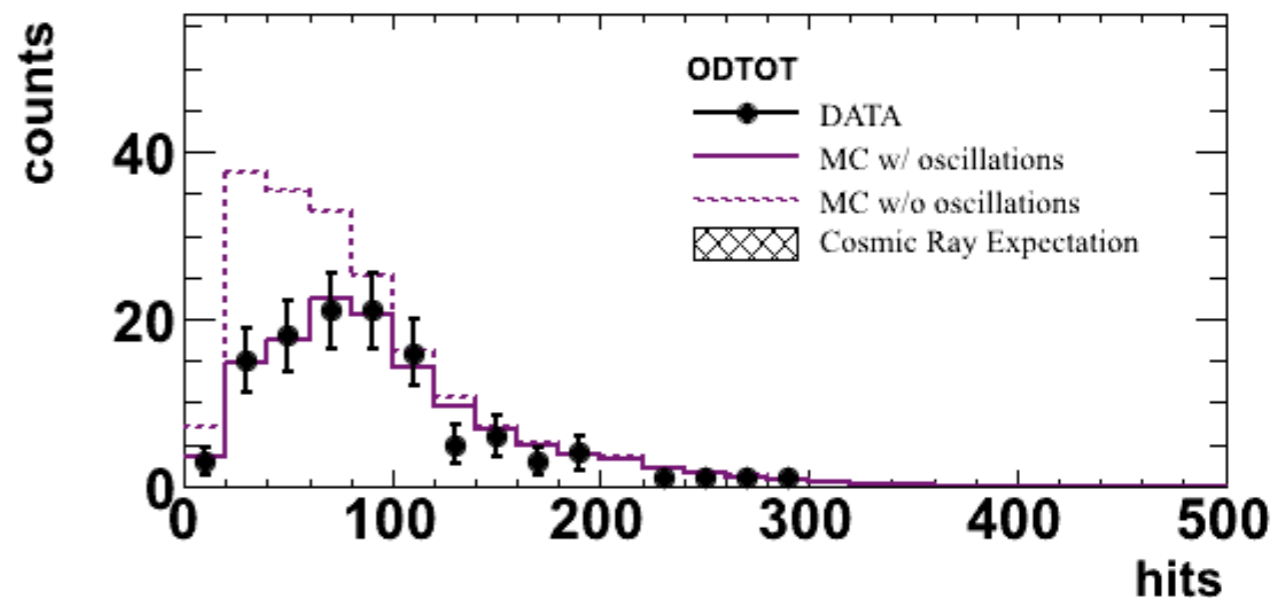
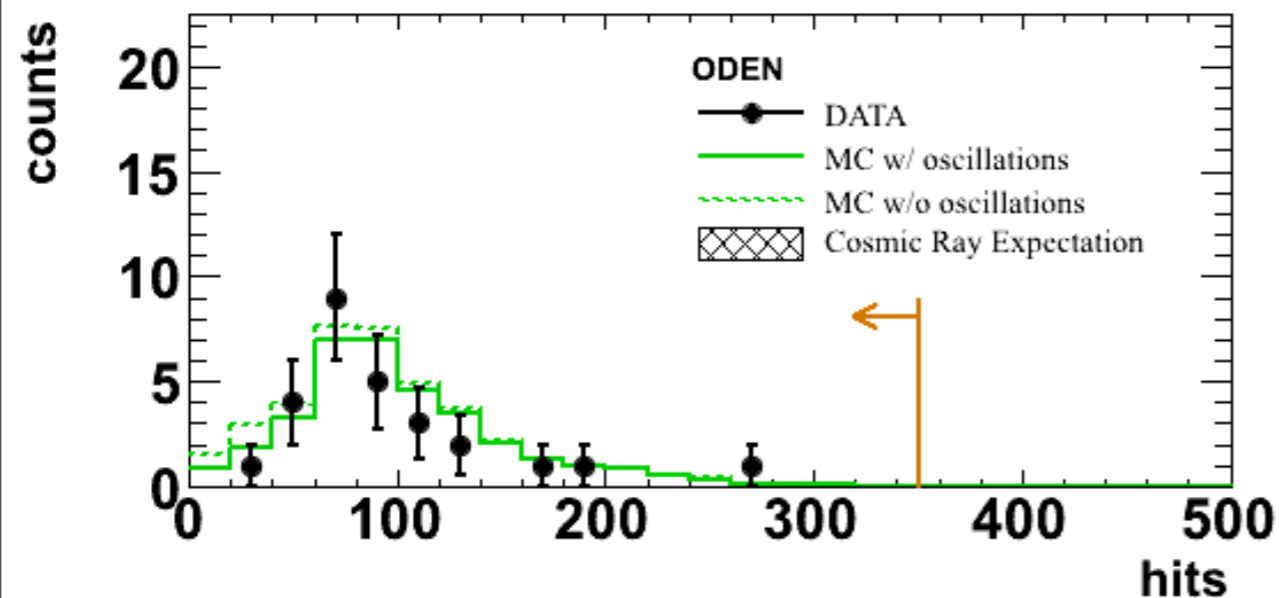
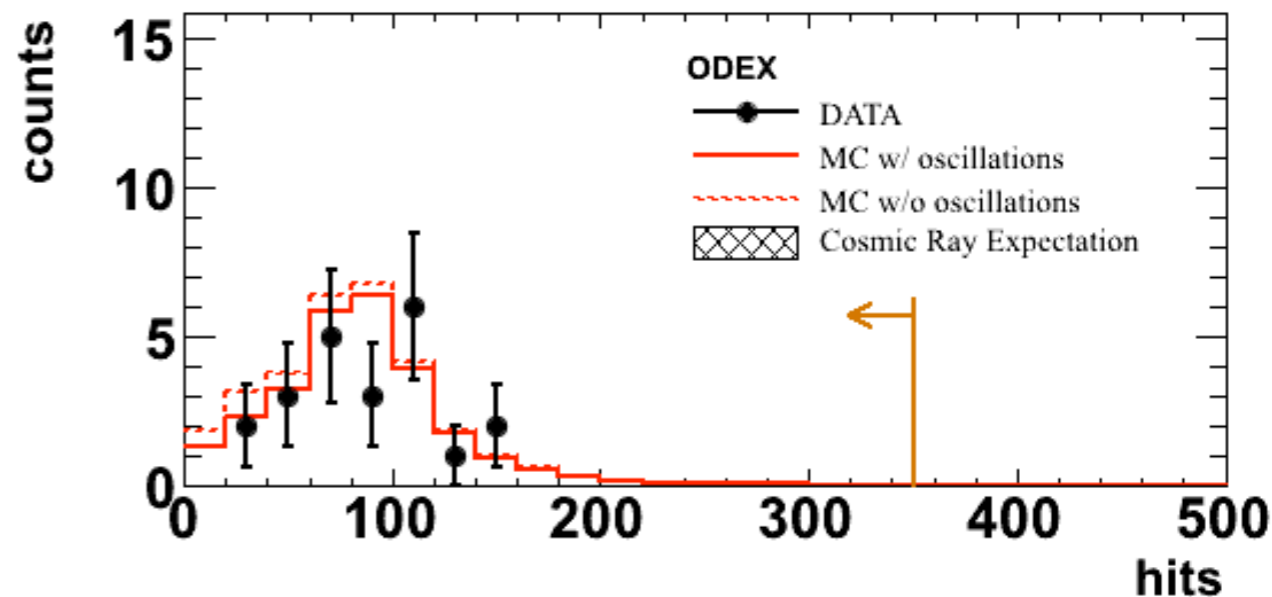
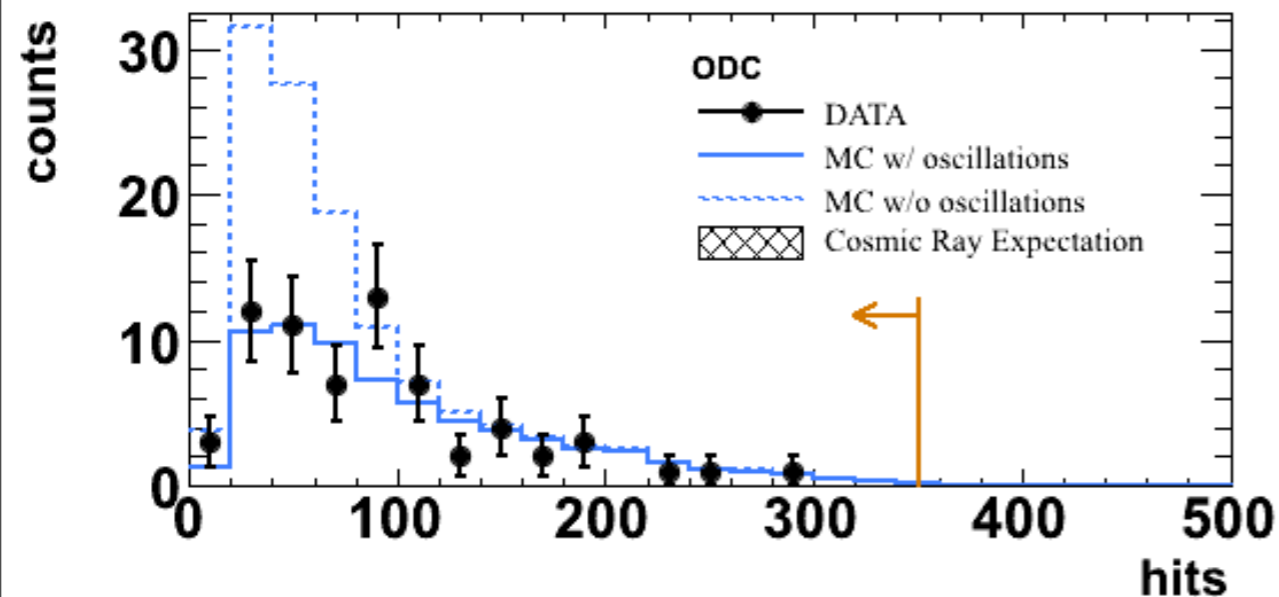


Out of FV contamination

- Number of selected events with the exception of the fiducial volume cut
- Hatched histograms represent the contribution from vertices outside the ID

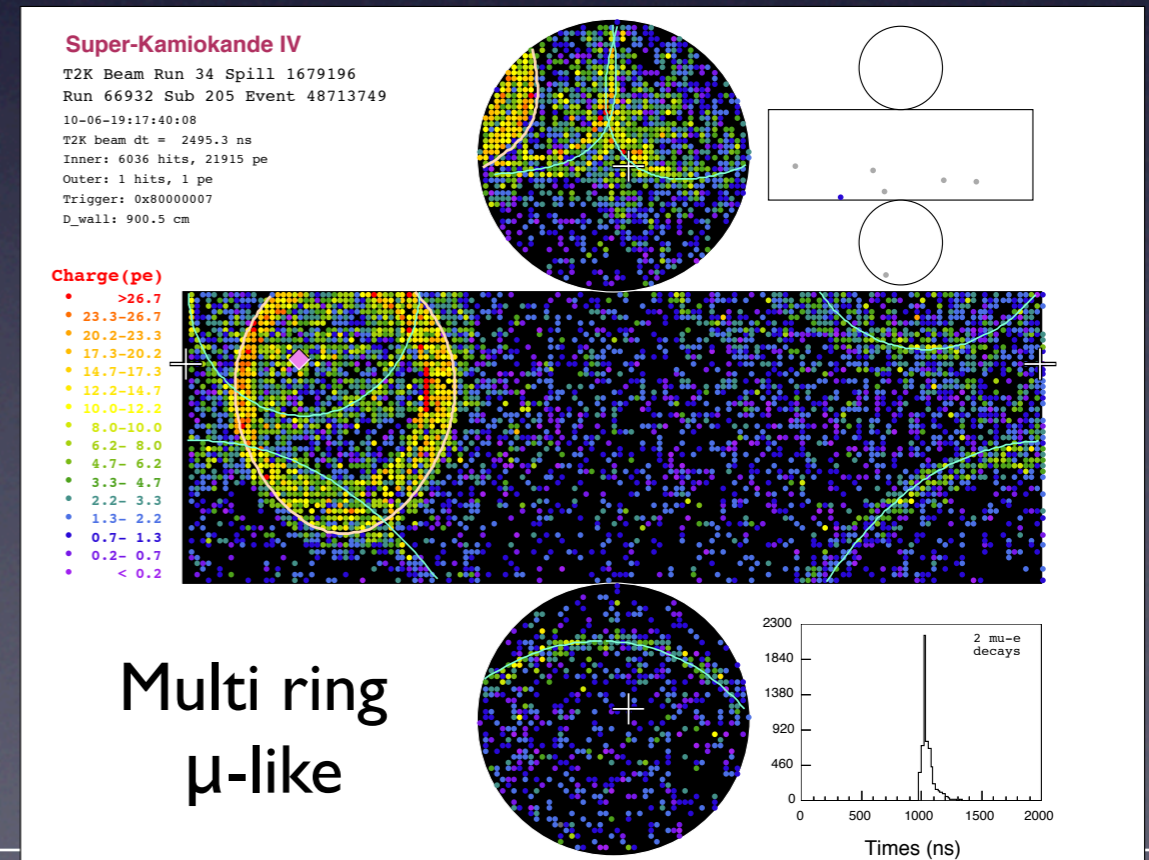
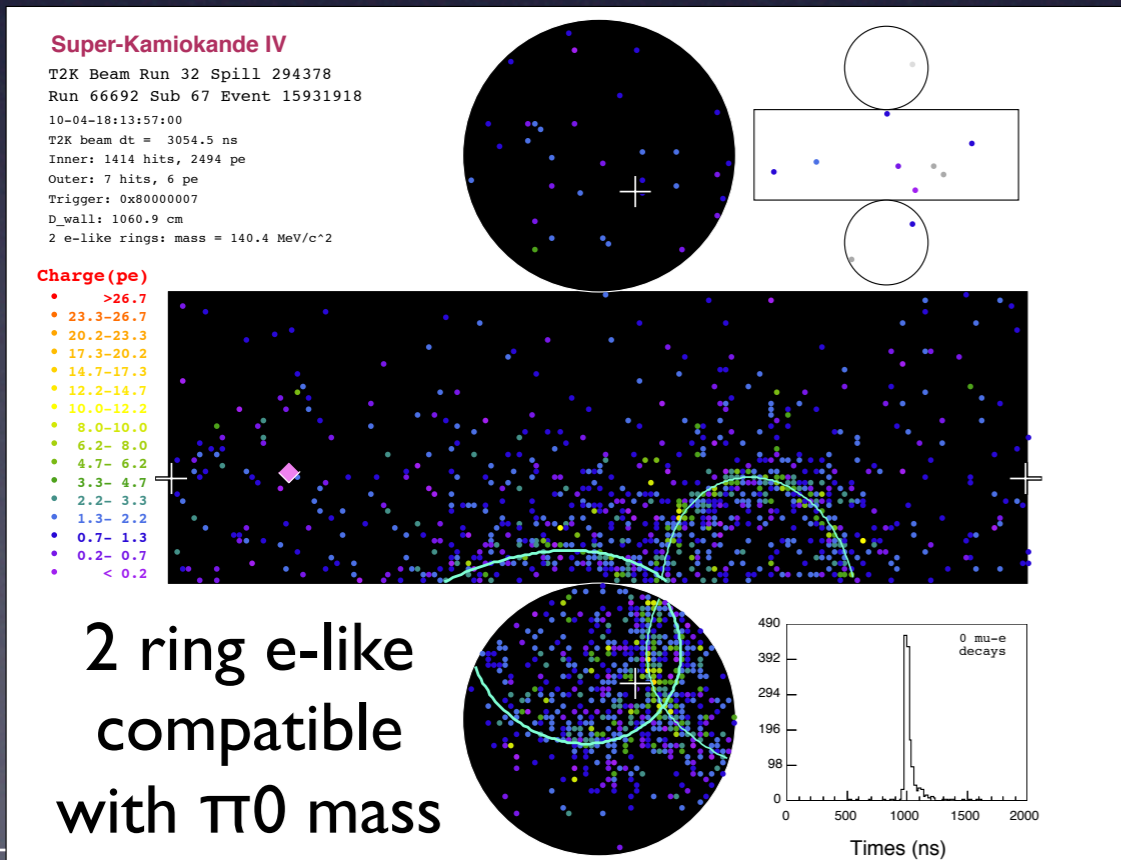
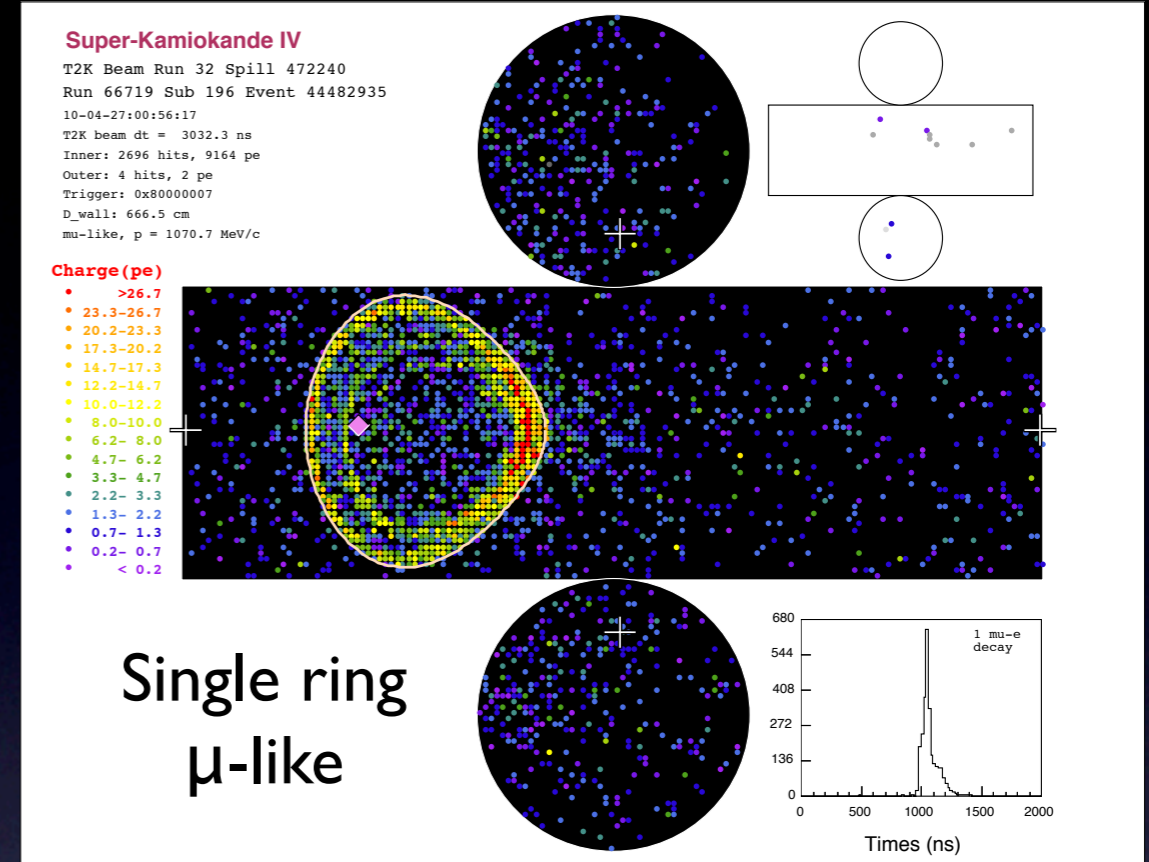
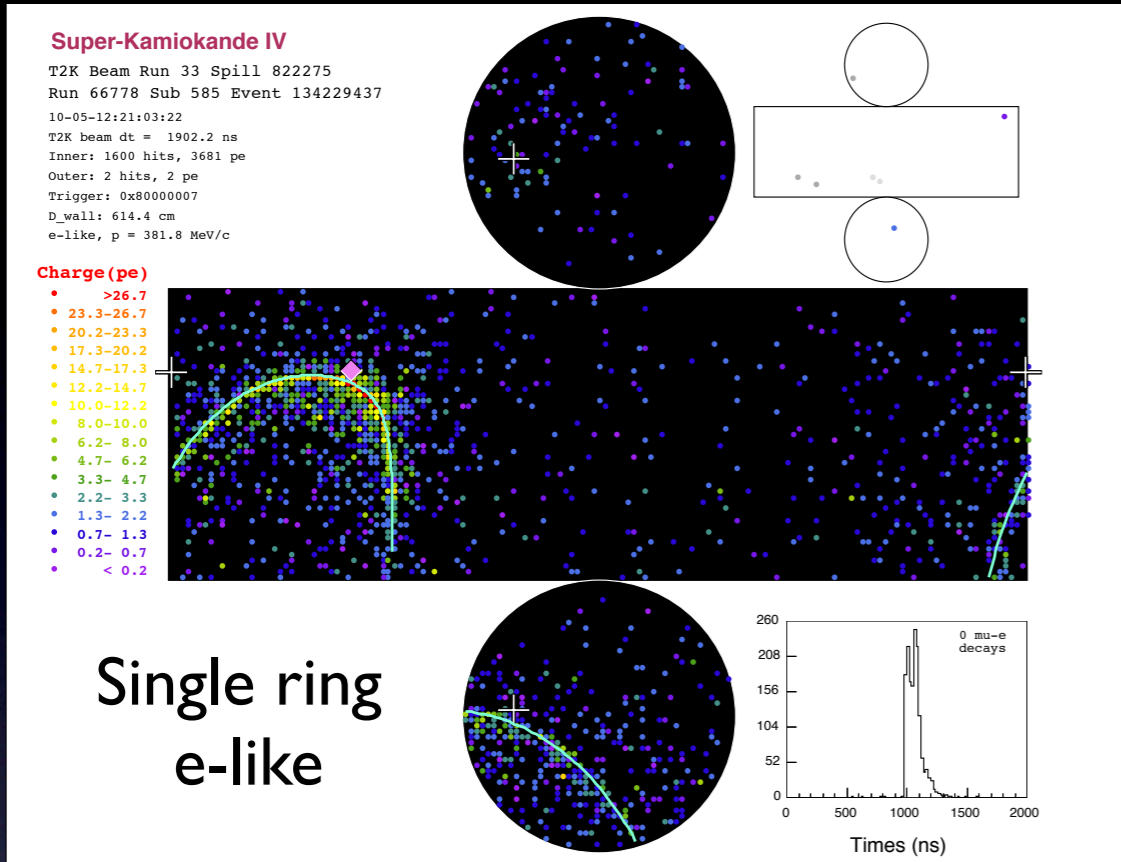


SK Outer Detector analysis

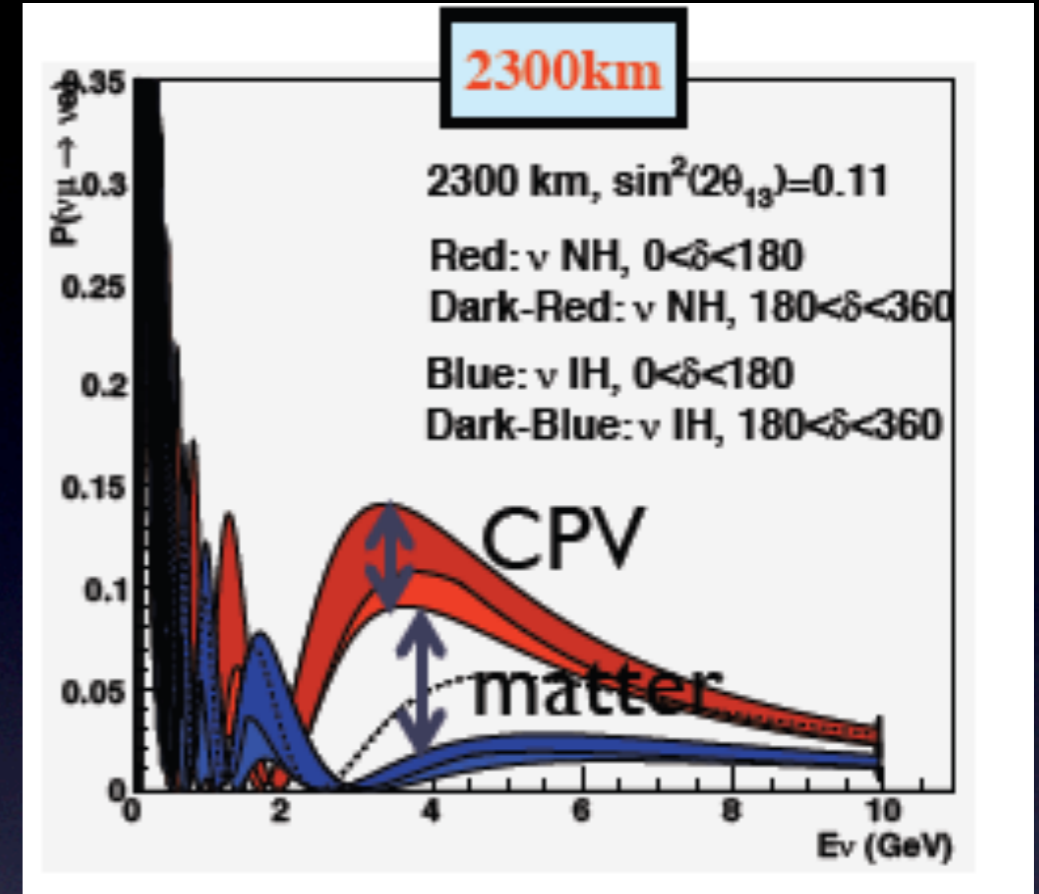
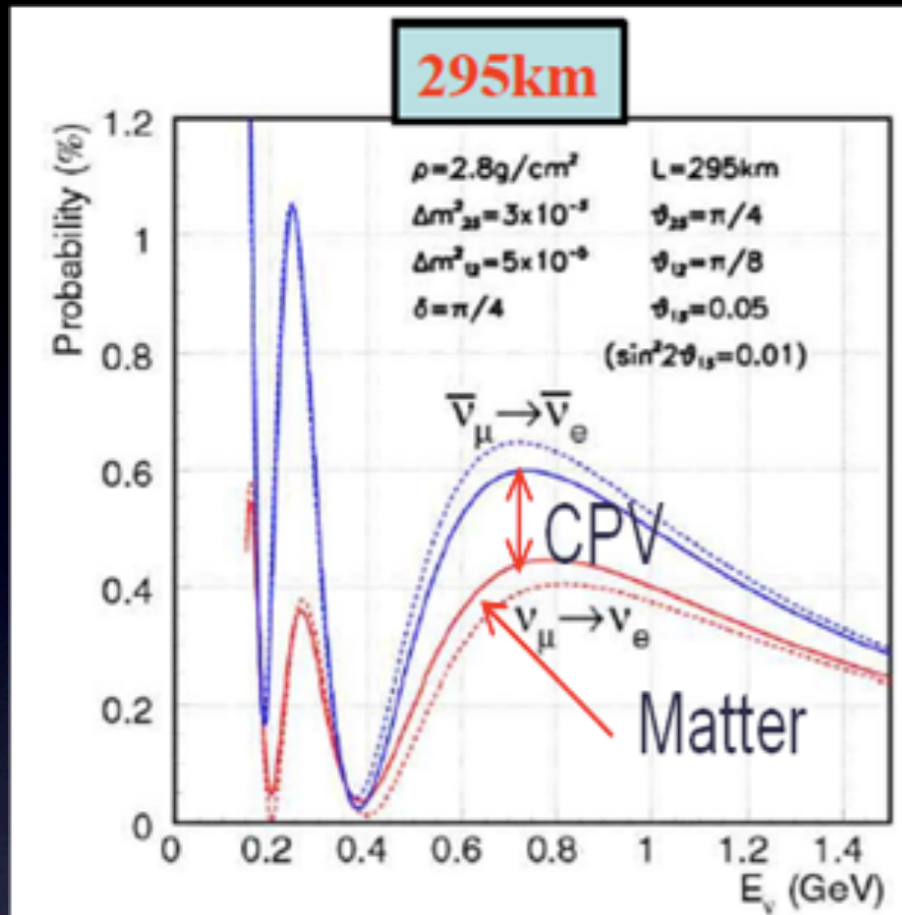


 Number of events observed in the OD compatible with the expected events from oscillations

SK event display

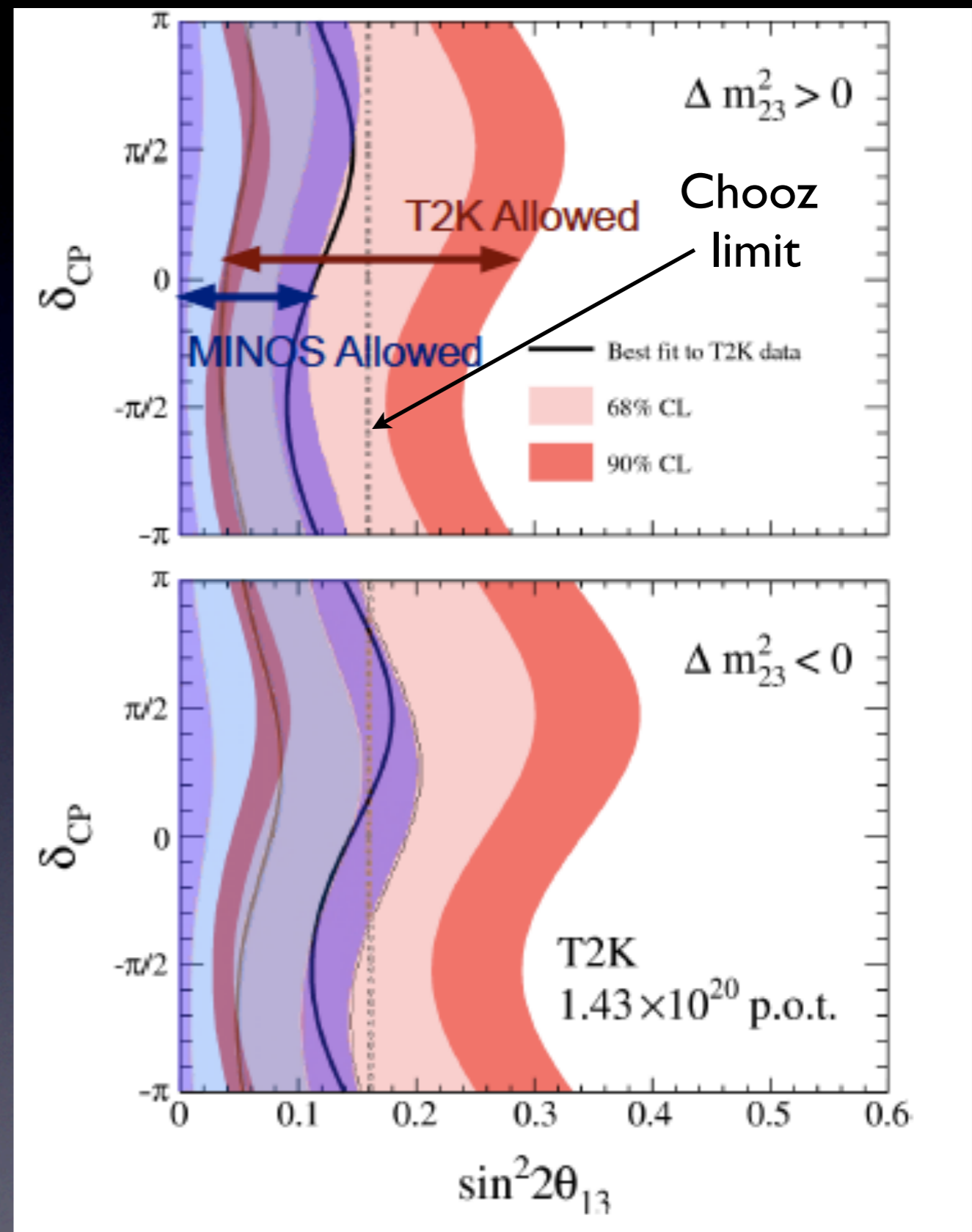
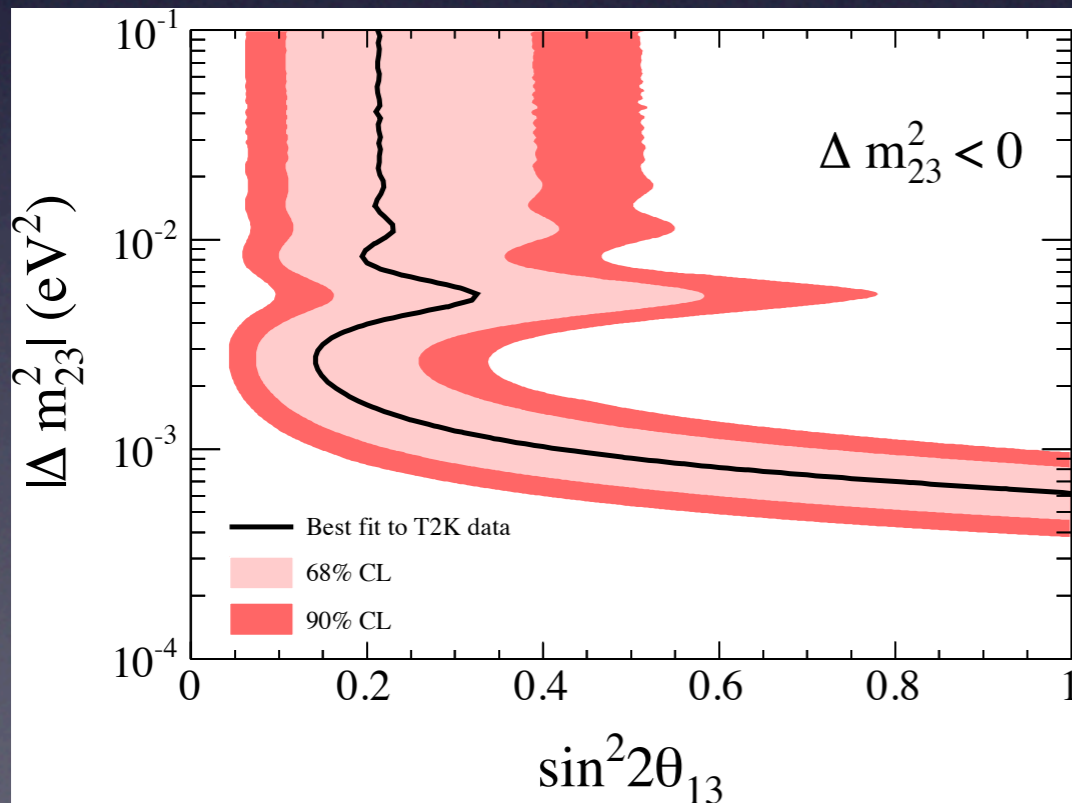
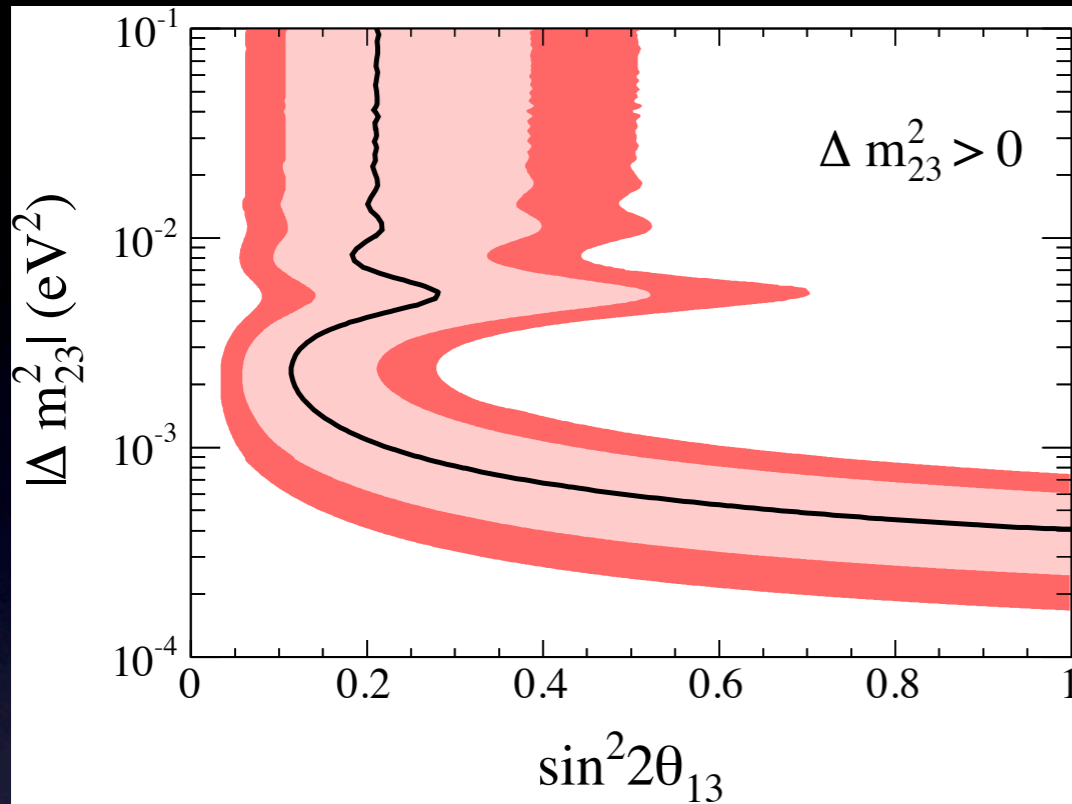


Measuring δ



- ν_e appearance in Wide Band Beam at fixed L
- Look at the first 2 oscillation maximum \rightarrow need very good energy resolution
- Long distances to decouple CP violation and matter effects
- Investigate CP with ν run only
- Difference between ν_e and anti- ν_e appearance
- Also in Narrow Band Beam at relatively short distances \rightarrow small matter effects
- Need a lot of statistics for both, neutrinos and antineutrinos ($\sim 1/6$ or the neutrinos)

ν_e appearance



ν_μ disappearance analysis method



- 2 flavor neutrino oscillation fit: $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23})\sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)$
- We developed 2 independent oscillation analysis to extract the oscillation parameters

Method A:

Maximum likelihood with fitting of the systematics parameters:

$$L(\sin^2 2\theta, \Delta m^2, \vec{f}) = L_{norm}(\sin^2 2\theta, \Delta m^2, \vec{f}) \cdot L_{shape}(\sin^2 2\theta, \Delta m^2, \vec{f}) \cdot L_{syst}(\vec{f})$$

L_{norm} → Poisson distribution of the total number of events

L_{shape} → un-binned spectrum shape

Method B:

Comparison of the observed spectrum with the expected spectrum varying oscillation parameters to minimize:

$$\chi^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[n_i^{obs} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{n_i^{obs}}{n_i^{exp}} \right) + n_i^{exp} - n_i^{obs} \right]$$

i = bin number in SK energy

$n_i^{obs(exp)}$ number of observed (expected) events in the i -th bin

In this method systematic f parameters are not fitted