

# New results from T2K

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# Neutrino oscillation

# Neutrino Mixing

Flavor States

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

Mass States

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

“Atmospheric  $\nu$ ”  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.95$  (90% C.L.)

“Reactor/Acc.  $\nu$ ”  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.098 \pm 0.013$

“Solar/reactor  $\nu$ ”  
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.857 \pm 0.024$

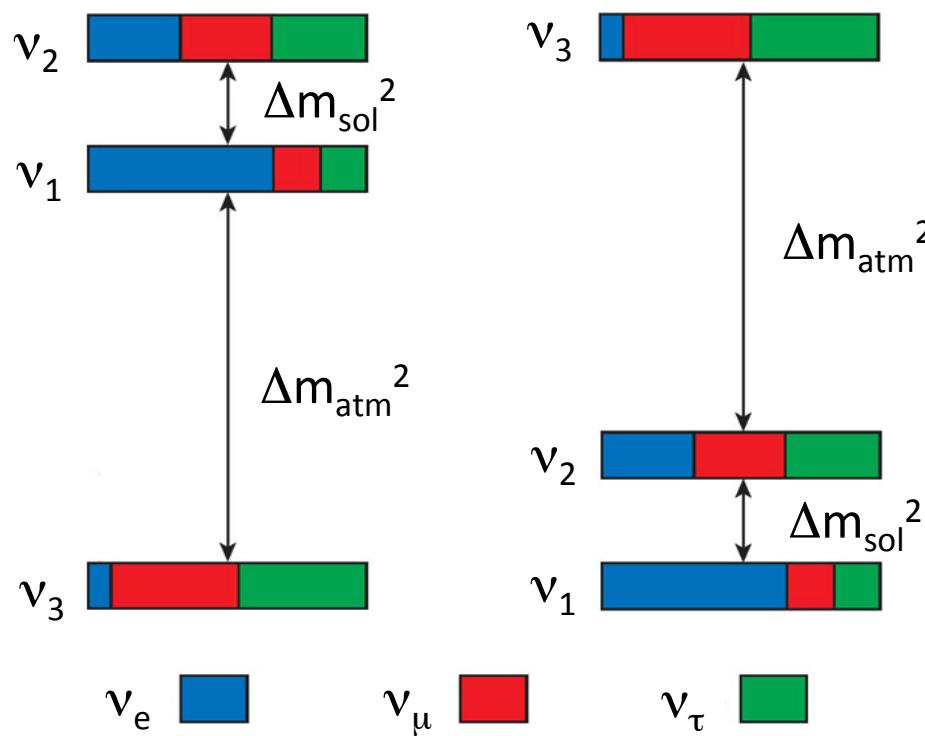
Majorana phases;  
Not yet observed

- $\theta_{13}$  is now precisely known, and relatively large
- Long-baseline experiments (T2K & NOvA) can constrain  $\delta_{CP}$
- However, the large uncertainty on  $\theta_{23}$  is limiting the information that can be extracted from  $\nu_e$  appearance measurements
- Precise measurements of all the mixing angles will be needed to maximize sensitivity to CP violation

# Unknown sign of $\Delta m_{32}^2$

- Can be determined from matter effects, as is our knowledge that  $\Delta m_{21}^2 > 0$  from solar neutrinos

[IH] Inverted hierarchy [NH] Normal hierarchy



# $\nu_\mu$ disappearance

- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance probability

T2K:  $L = 295$  km,  $E_\nu$  peaks at  $\sim 0.6$  GeV  $\rightarrow \sin^2 \Delta_{\text{solar}} \sim 0$ ,  $\sin 2 \Delta_{\text{atm}} \sim 0$

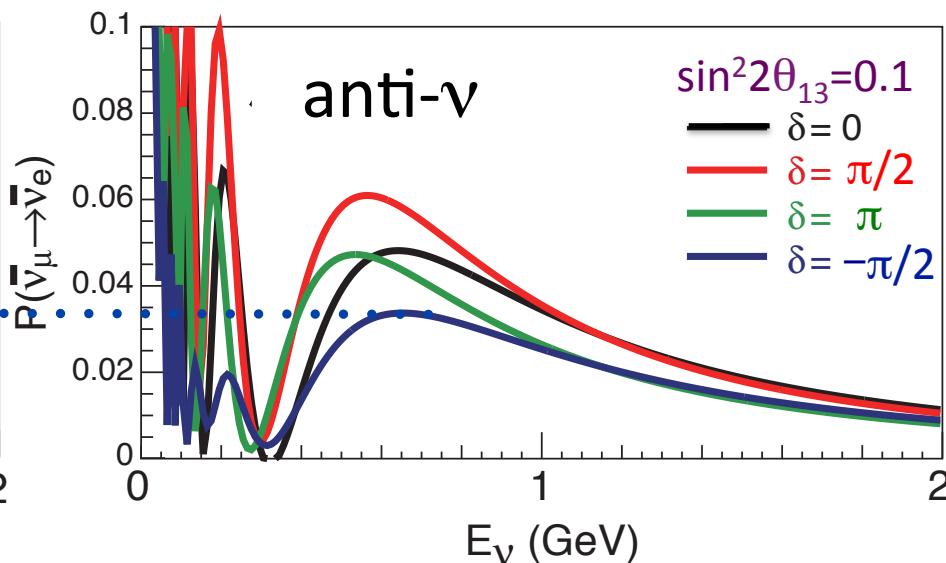
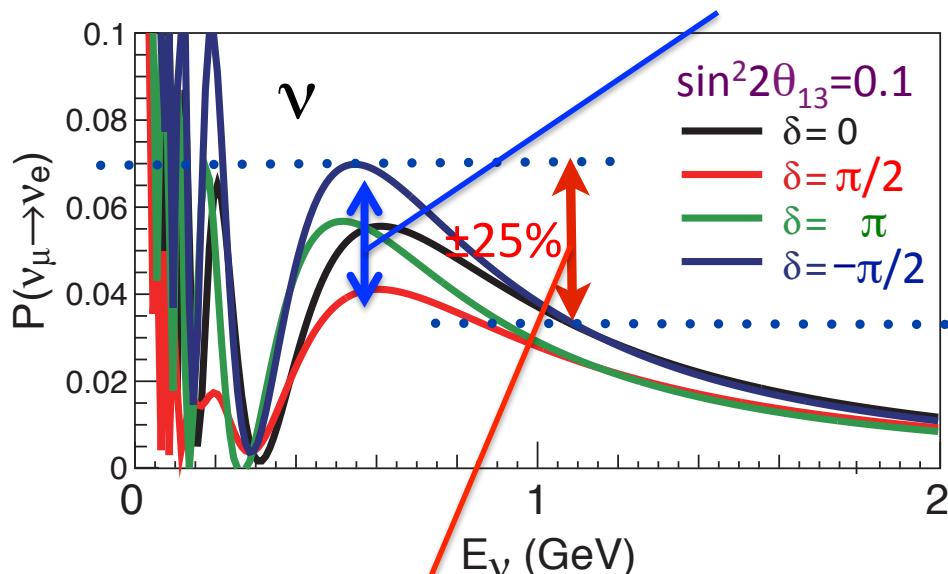
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \sim 1 - \left( \underbrace{\cos^4 \theta_{13} \cdot \sin^2 2\theta_{23}}_{\text{Leading-term}} + \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cdot \sin^2 \theta_{23}}_{\text{Next-to-leading}} \right) \cdot \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 \cdot L}{4E}$$

Probability depends on  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cdot \sin^2 \theta_{23}$  to second order  
 $\rightarrow$  Therefore now fit for  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$   
 $\rightarrow$  Can be used to resolve the  $\theta_{23}$  octant with known  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

# $\nu_e$ appearance

- $\nu_e$  appearance probability

$\delta_{CP}$  can be determined only from only  $\nu$  run if  $\theta_{13}$  is known from the reactor experiments.



Comparison of ν/anti-ν run enhances sensitivity to  $\delta$ .  
(T2K will have anti-ν test run in early 2014.)

- $\overline{\nu}_e$  disappearance probability (Reactor exp.: Baseline ~1km,  $E_\nu \sim 3$ MeV)

$$P[\overline{\nu}_e \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e] \cong 1 - \boxed{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

Simple 2 flavor oscillation formula is valid at L~1km w/ no matter effect

# The T2K experiment

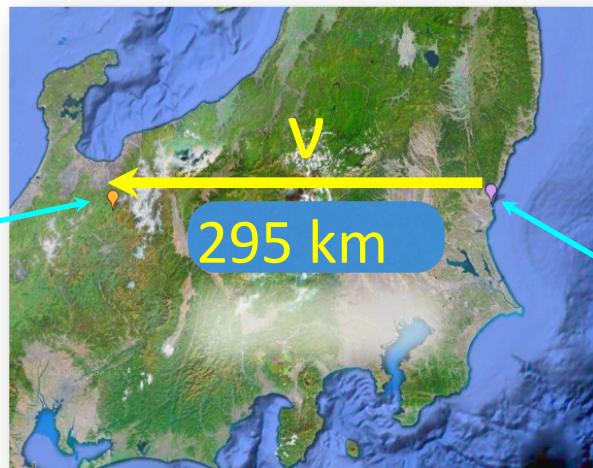
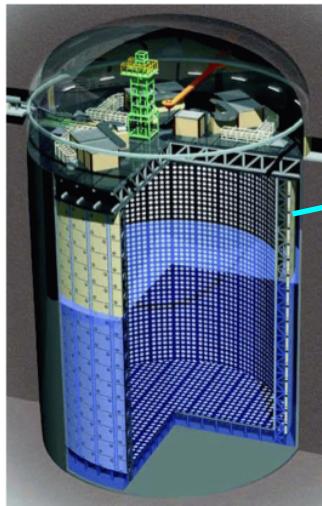
# The T2K Collaboration



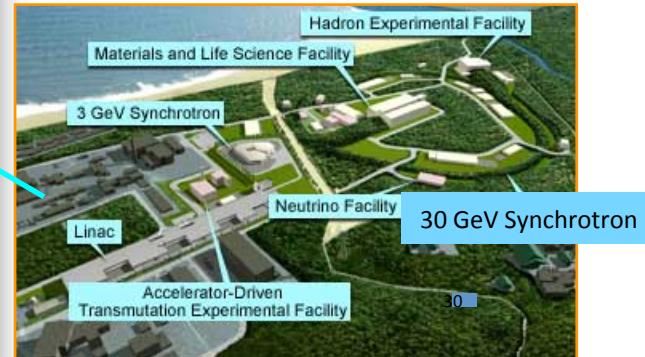
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# The T2K Experiment

Super-K Detector

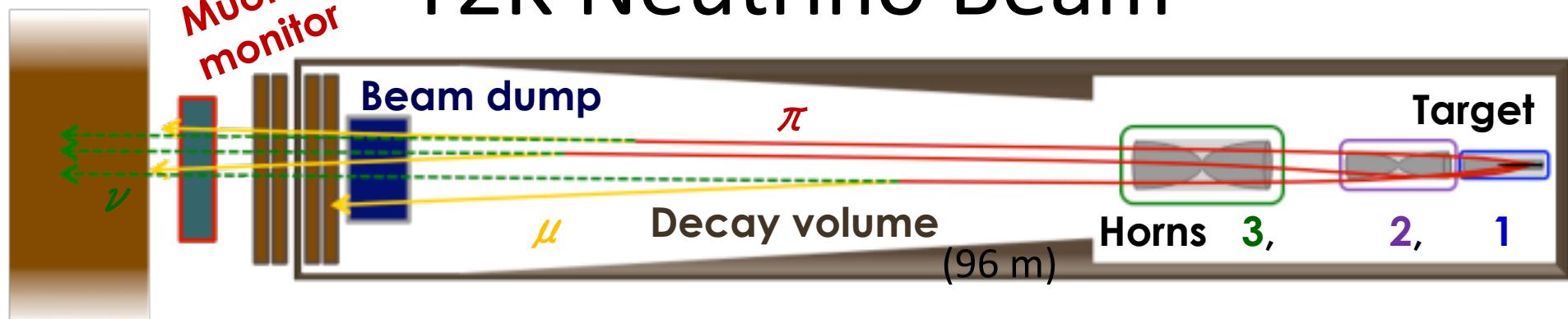


J-PARC Accelerator

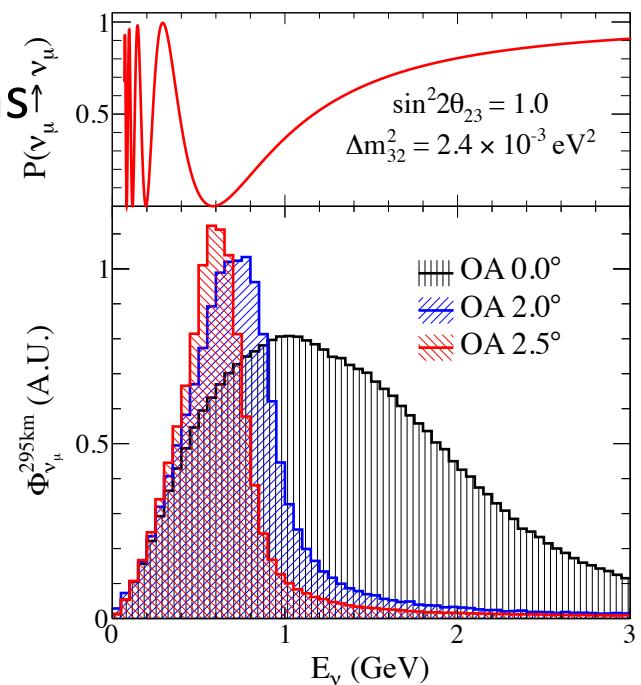


- Searches for neutrino oscillations in a **high purity  $\nu_\mu$  beam**
  - Intrinsic beam  $\nu_e$  from  $\mu$ , K decays  $\sim 1\%$
- The neutrinos travel 295 km to the Super-K detector
  - $\nu_e$  appearance (sensitive to  $\theta_{13}$  &  $\delta_{CP}$ )
  - $\nu_\mu$  disappearance (sensitive to  $\theta_{23}$  &  $\Delta m^2_{32}$ )

# T2K Neutrino Beam



- 30 GeV protons hit 90 cm graphite target
  - Profile/Intensity from SSEMs<sup>\*1</sup>+OTR<sup>\*2</sup>/CTs<sup>\*3</sup>
- Three magnetic horns focus positive hadrons<sup>↑</sup>
  - $\nu_\mu$  from  $\pi^+$  decay
  - (small)  $\nu_e$  contamination from  $\mu$  and K decay
- 2.5 degree off-axis beam
  - Intense, low energy narrow-band beam
  - Peak  $E_\nu$  tuned for oscillation max. ( $\sim 0.6$  GeV)
  - Reduce BG from high energy tail
  - First application to LBL experiment



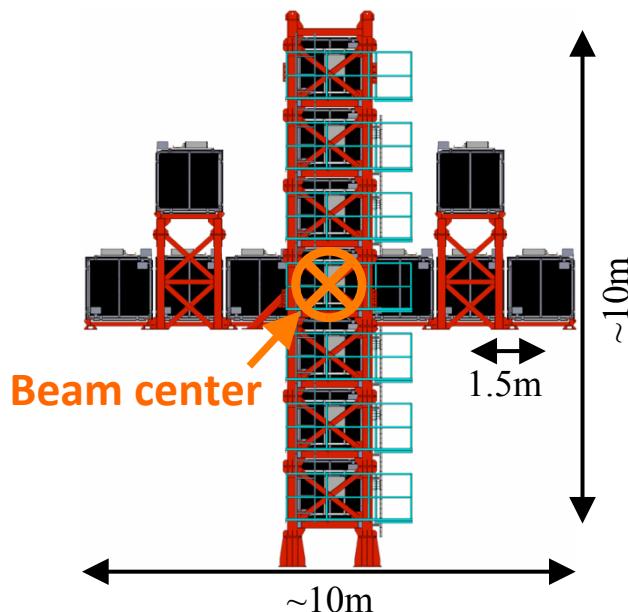
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\*2 OTR: Optical Transition Radiation monitor \*3 CT: Current Transformer

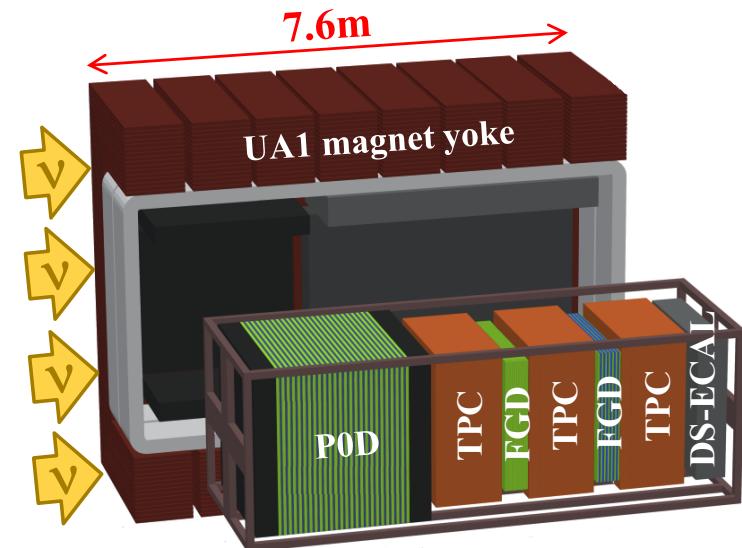
# Near Detectors

- Located 280 m downstream of the target
- Measure unoscillated neutrinos

INGRID @ on-axis ( $0^\circ$ )



ND280 @  $2.5^\circ$  off-axis

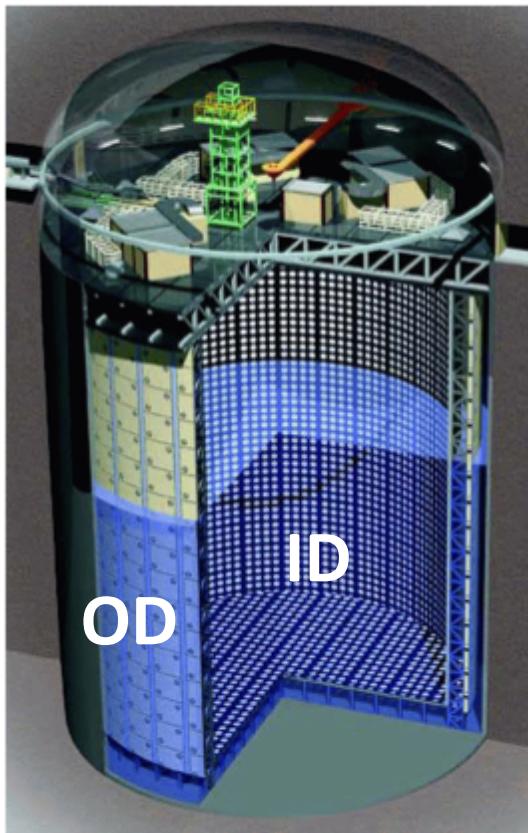


- 16 identical modules (14 in cross)
- Iron/scintillator layers
- Monitor  $\nu$  beam profile/rate

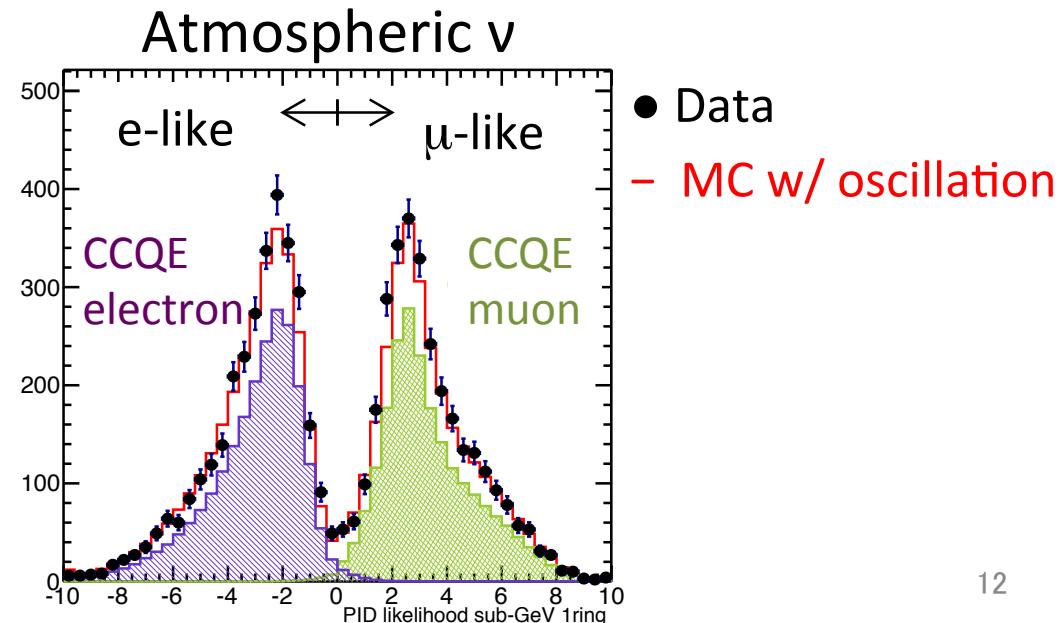
- Tracker (FGDs<sup>\*1</sup> + TPCs<sup>\*2</sup>) in a 0.2 T magnet
- Principal  $\nu$  target is plastic scinti. in FGDs
- Measures  $\nu$  flux/spectrum

\*1 FGD: Fine-Grained Detector, \*2 TPC: Time Projection Chamber 11

# Super-K (Far) Detector

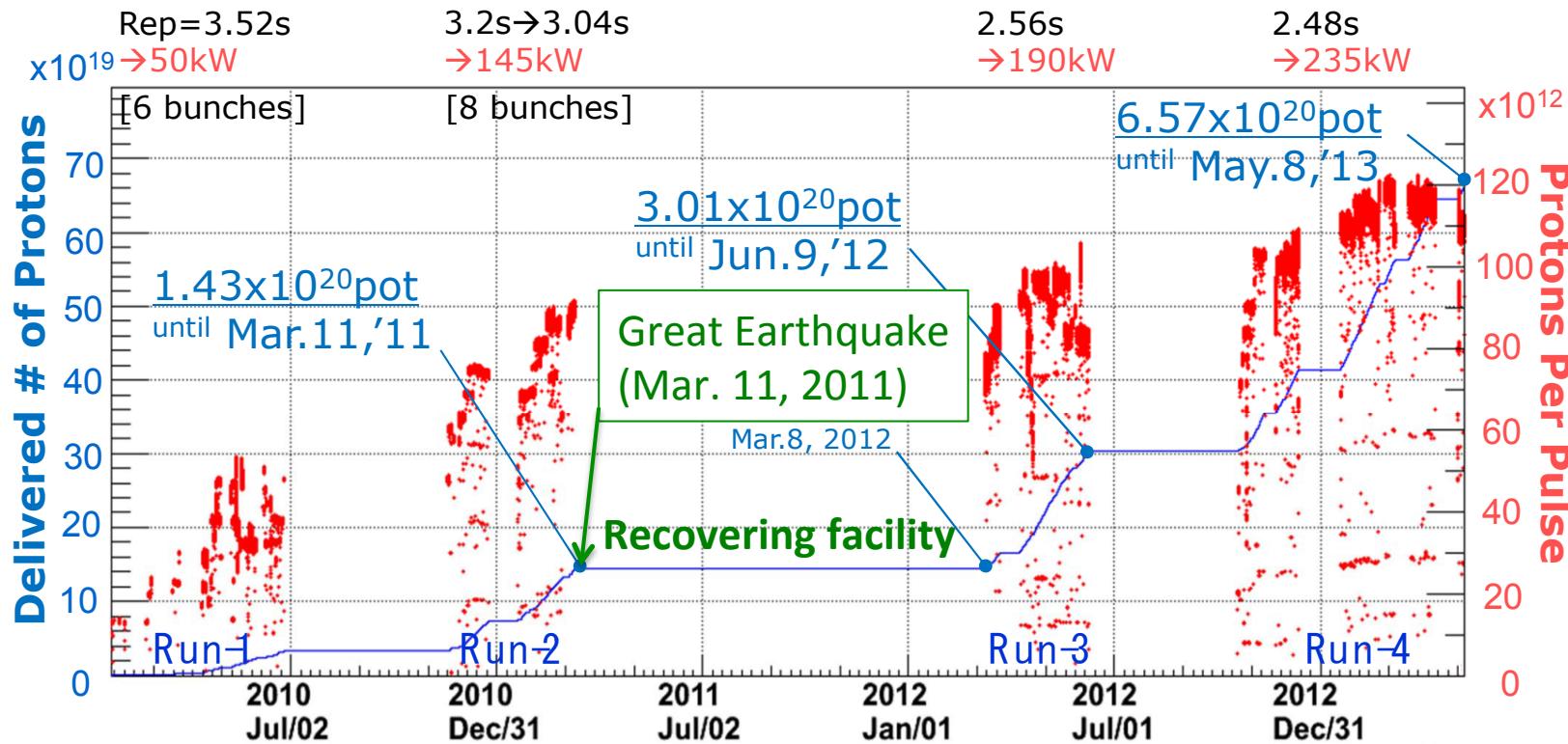


- 50 kton Water Cherenkov detector
  - 22.5 kton Fiducial volume
- Good performance for sub-GeV neutrinos
  - Good e/ $\mu$  separation from ring shape topology
- T2K recorded events
  - All interactions in  $\pm 500\mu\text{sec}$  around  $\nu$  arrival time



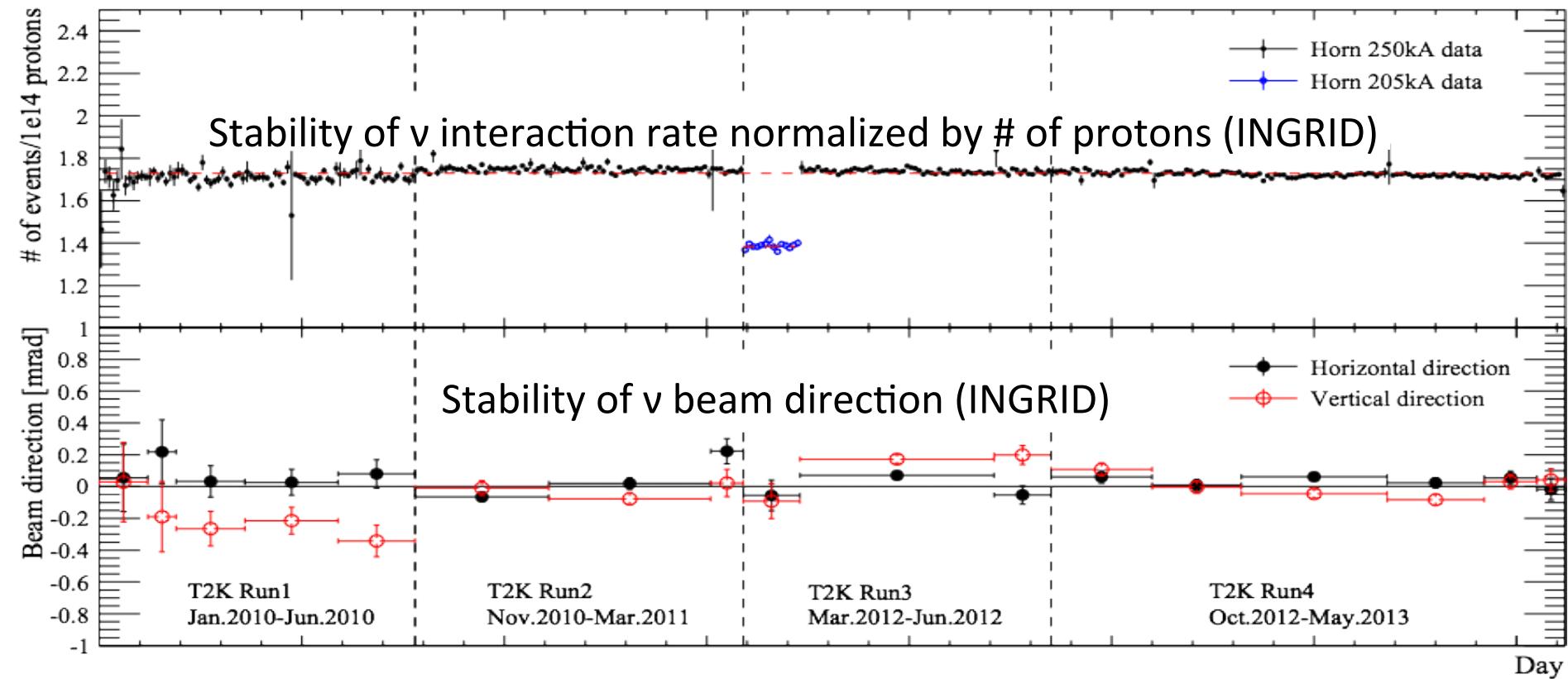
# T2K measurement

# T2K Data Set (until May 8, 2013)



- Total delivered beam:  $6.57 \times 10^{20}$  Proton on Target (POT)
  - ~8% of T2K goal
- Dead time fraction in T2K Run-4 due to T2K beam line failure ~ 3%
- Super-K running efficiency > 99% over run period

# Beam stability



- Neutrino rate per POT is stable to 0.7% over run period
- Neutrino beam direction is stable < 1mrad over run period

Note: Dataset includes  $0.21 \times 10^{20}$  POT with 250  $\rightarrow$  205kA horn operation  
(13% flux reduction at peak)

# What's new?

- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance analysis
  - Results using a data set of  $6.57 \times 10^{20}$  POT
- $\nu_e$  appearance analysis
  - Constraint on the CP violating phase  $\delta_{CP}$  by combining our  $\nu_e$  appearance results with  $\theta_{13}$  measurements by reactor experiments
- T2K future sensitivity study

# Neutrino oscillation analysis

# Neutrino oscillation analysis principle

## $\nu$ flux prediction

- Hadron production (NA61@CERN,...)
- Systematics
  - Hadron production
  - Proton/ $\nu$  beam monitoring

## $\nu$ cross section

- Generator: NEUT
- Systematics
- External data (MiniBooNE,  $\pi$  scattering exp., ...)

## ND280 measurement

- Constrain strongly-correlated systematics between ND280/SK  
(Reduce abs. “flux  $\times$  XSEC” error)

## Super-K performance

- Systematics
  - Atmospheric  $\nu$
  - Cosmic ray  $\mu$

Super-K prediction  
with systematics



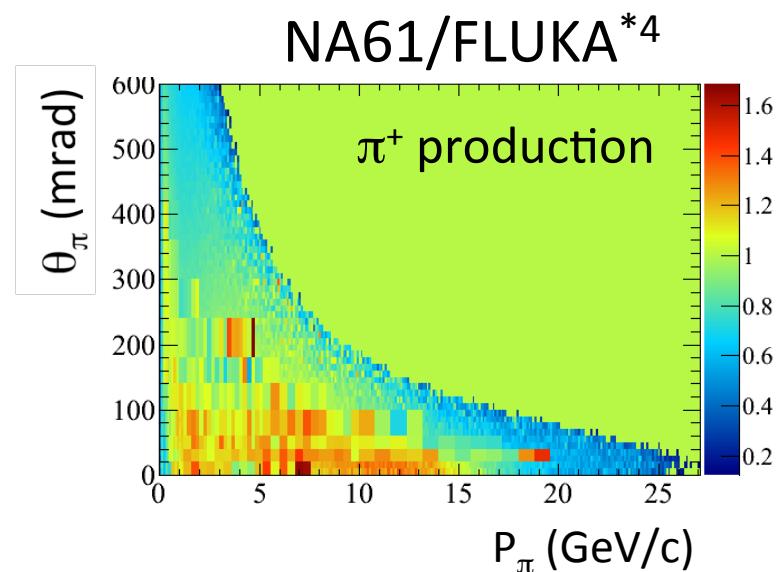
**Compare**

Super-K measurement

# $\nu$ flux prediction

# Flux prediction

- External hadron production measurement
  - CERN-NA61: Same proton beam energy/target material as T2K
- T2K
  - Proton beam monitoring
    - Profile on target from SSEMs<sup>\*1</sup>, OTR<sup>\*2</sup>
    - Intensity from CTs<sup>\*3</sup>
  - Alignment of and current in horns
  - The neutrino beam direction
    - 1 mrad direction shift  
-> ~3% energy shift at peak



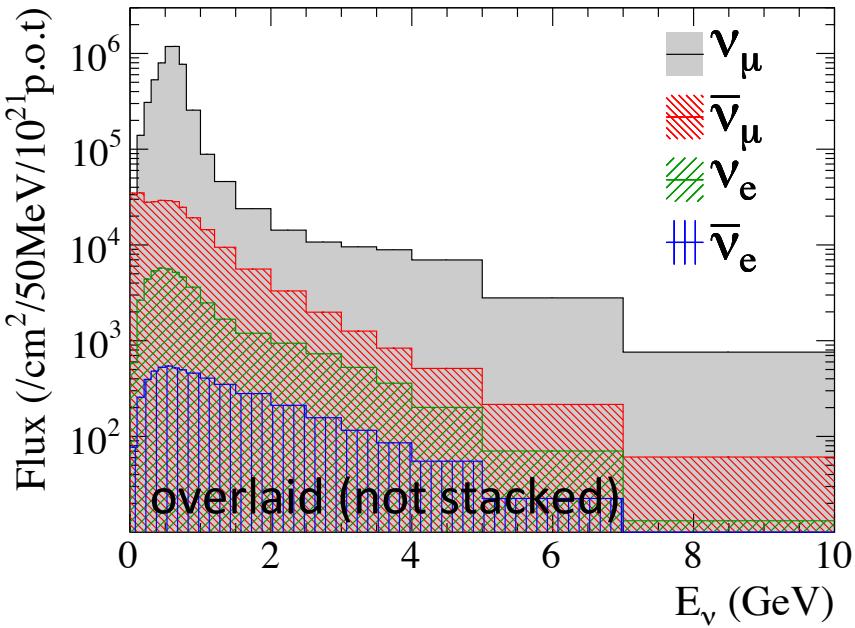
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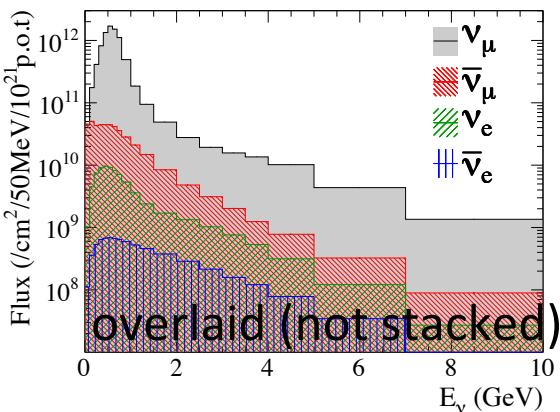
\*3 CT: Current Transformer, \*4 FLUKA: Hadron production simulator

# Flux and Uncertainties

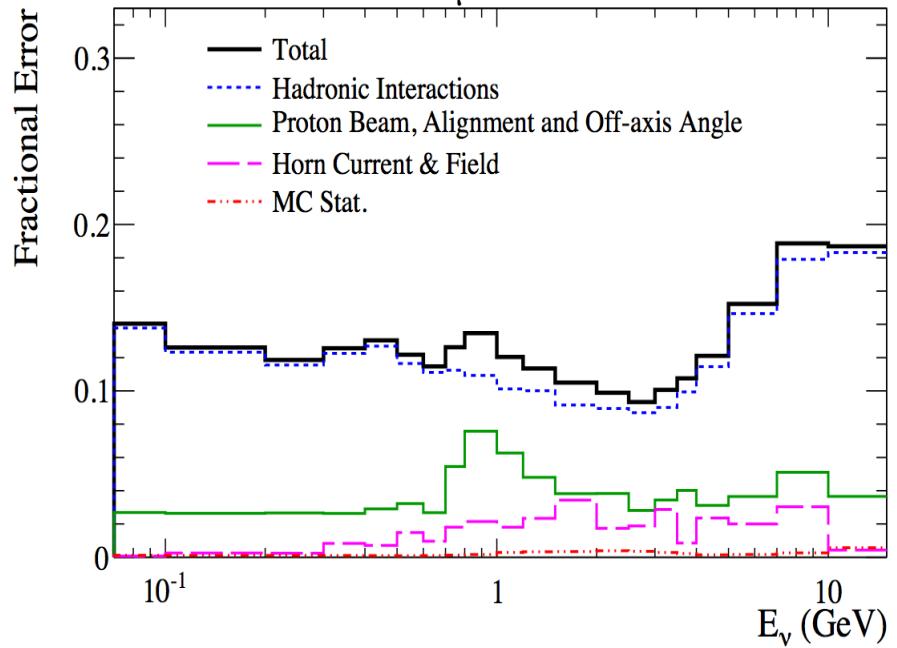
Super-K flux



ND280 flux



Super-K  $\nu_\mu$  uncertainty



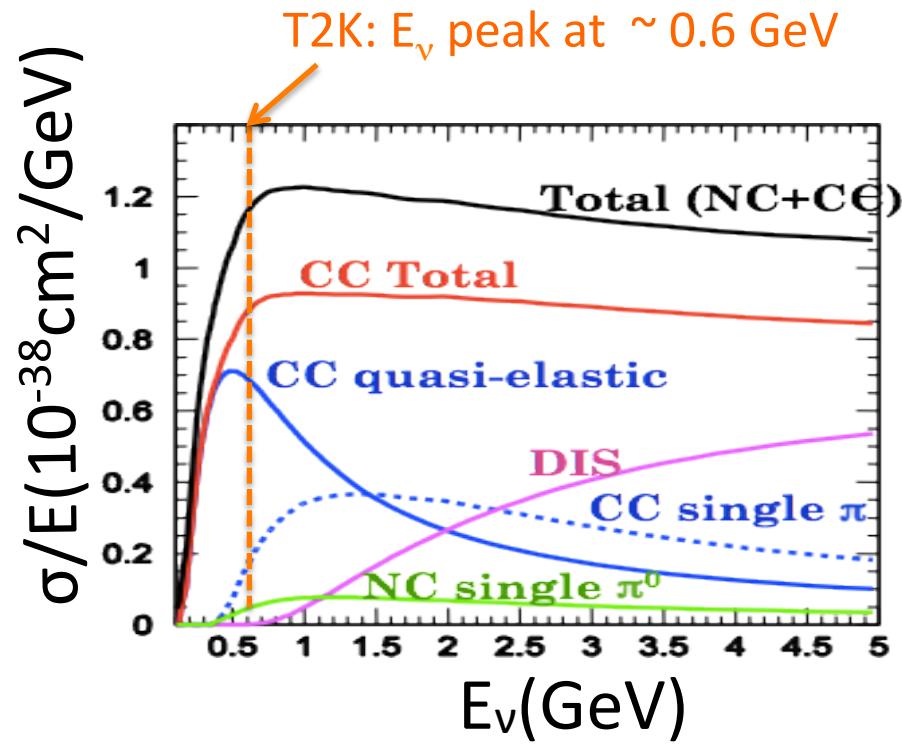
- Super-K flux has 10-15% uncertainties from 0.1 to 5 GeV
- Near (ND280) and Far (Super-K) fluxes are not identical, but highly correlated

$\nu$  cross section  
and its uncertainty

# Neutrino Interactions in T2K

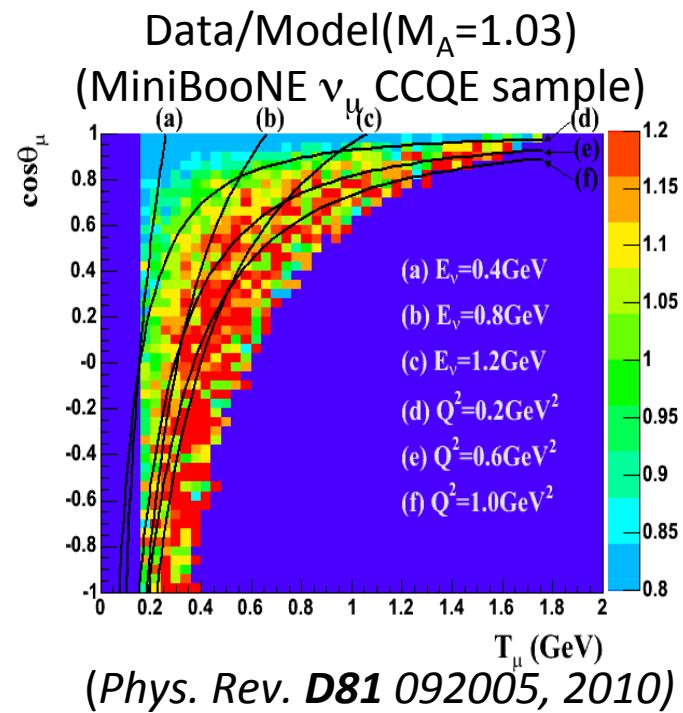
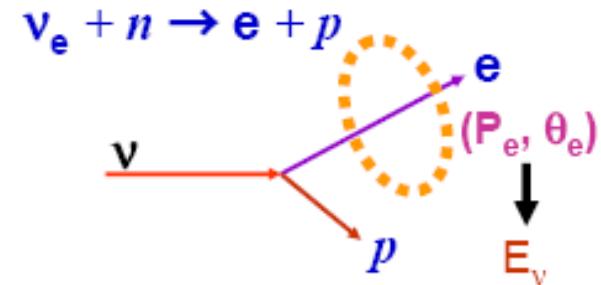
- CC(Charged-Current) quasi elastic (CCQE)
  - $\nu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$
- CC (resonance) single  $\pi$  (CC-1 $\pi$ )
  - $\nu + n(p) \rightarrow \mu^- + \pi^+ + n(p)$
- DIS(Deep Inelastic Scattering)
  - $\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + m\pi^{+-/0} + N'$
- CC coherent  $\pi$ 
  - $\nu + A \rightarrow \mu^- + \pi^+ + A$
- NC (Neutral-Current)
  - copious process (NC-1 $\pi^0$ , ...)
- + Nuclear Effects

a main BG for  $\nu_e$  appearance analysis



# Cross-section Model: CCQE

- Signal reaction for T2K energies
  - Elastic kinematics allow us to measure neutrino energy from  $e/\mu$
- T2K is currently using a very simple model
  - Nucleon form factors from  $e^-$  scattering and  $\nu D$  scattering
  - Model of nucleus is Fermi gas
- ~20% diff. between Data/Model
  - Approach: add effective parameters ( $M_A$ , normalization) with uncertainties based on external data sets (MiniBooNE,...)

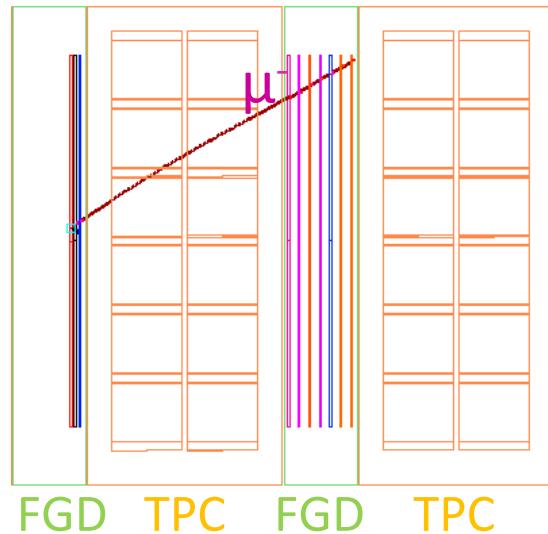


# ND280 measurement/fit

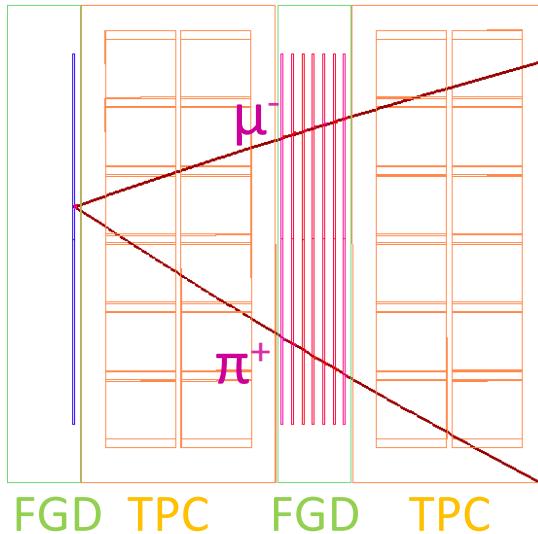
# ND280 Event Categories

- Exclusive samples based on # of final state charged  $\pi$ s

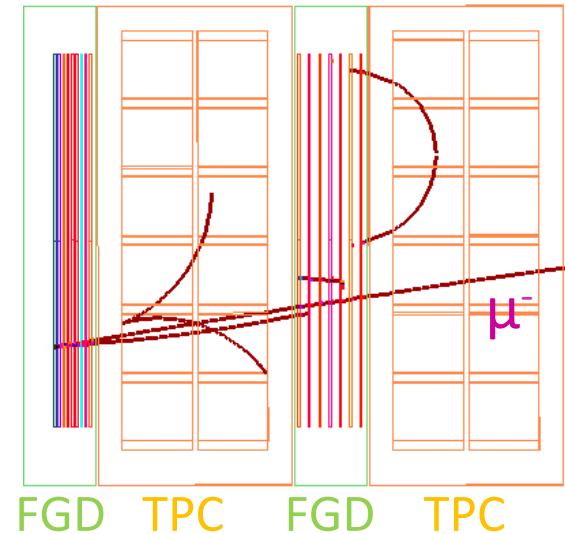
Charged current (CC)  $0\pi$   
(CCQE 64%)



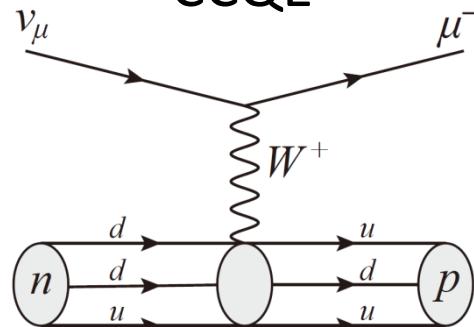
CC  $1\pi^+$   
(CCRES 40%)



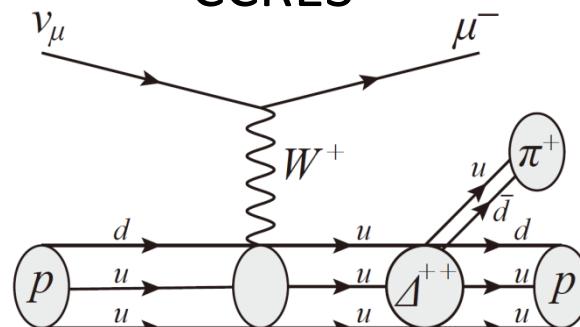
CC Other  
(CCDIS 68%)



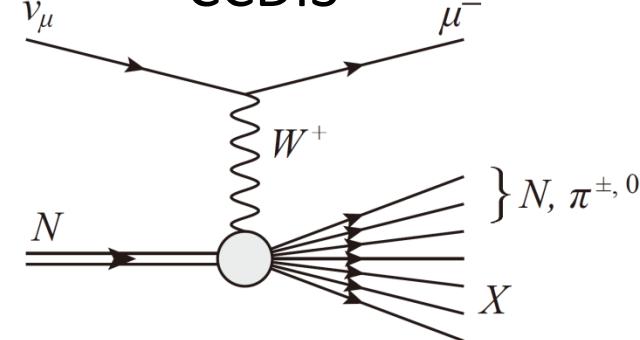
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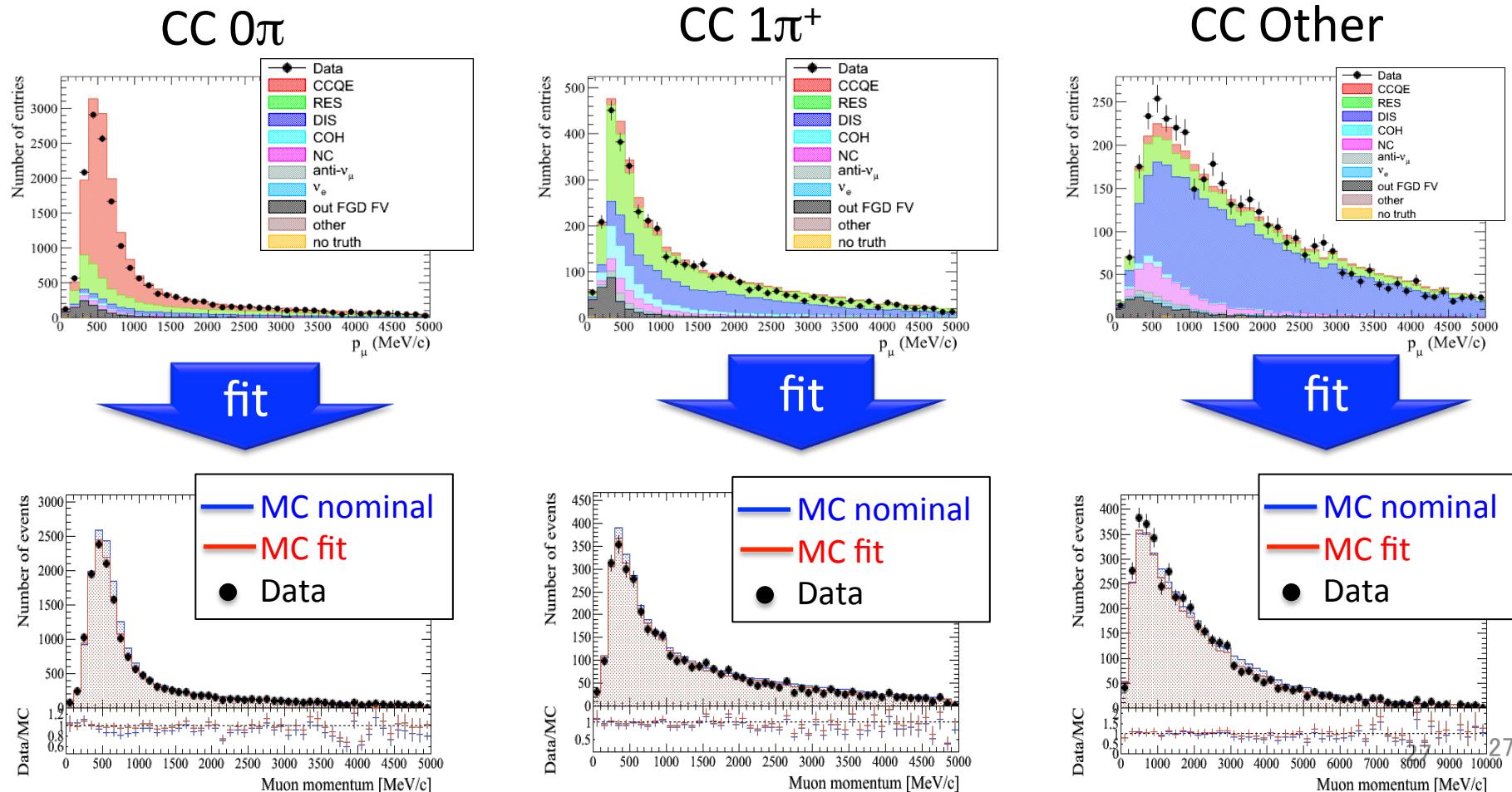


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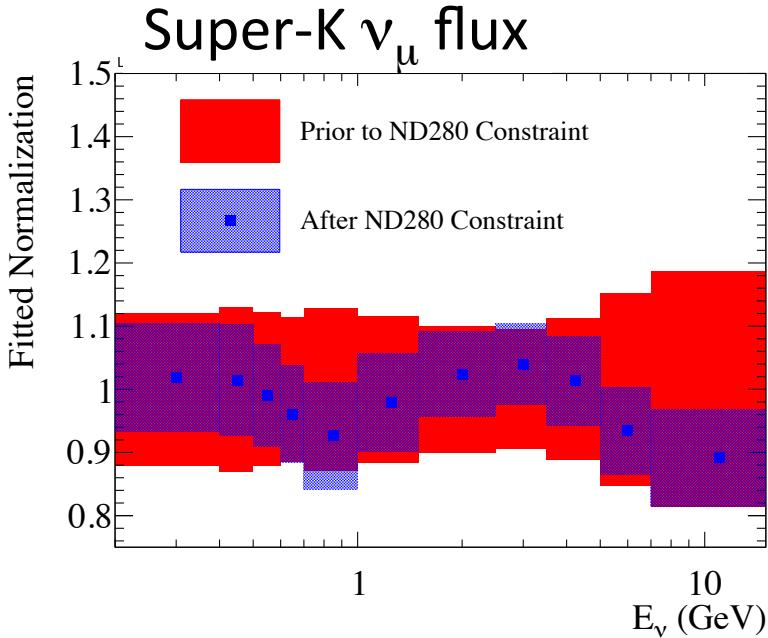


# ND280 measurement/fit

- Fit  $p_\mu \text{-} \cos\theta_\mu$  distributions
- Constrain strongly-correlated syst. between ND280/SK



# Flux/Cross-Section uncertainties after ND280 constraint



Cross-section parameters

Parameter	Prior to ND280 Constraint	After ND280 Constraint
$M_A^{\text{QE}}$ (GeV)	$1.21 \pm 0.45$	$1.223 \pm 0.072$
$M_A^{\text{RES}}$ (GeV)	$1.41 \pm 0.22$	$0.963 \pm 0.063$
CCQE Norm.*	$1.00 \pm 0.11$	$0.961 \pm 0.076$
CC1 $\pi$ Norm.**	$1.15 \pm 0.32$	$1.22 \pm 0.16$
NC1 $\pi^0$ Norm.	$0.96 \pm 0.33$	$1.10 \pm 0.25$

\*For  $E_\nu < 1.5$  GeV

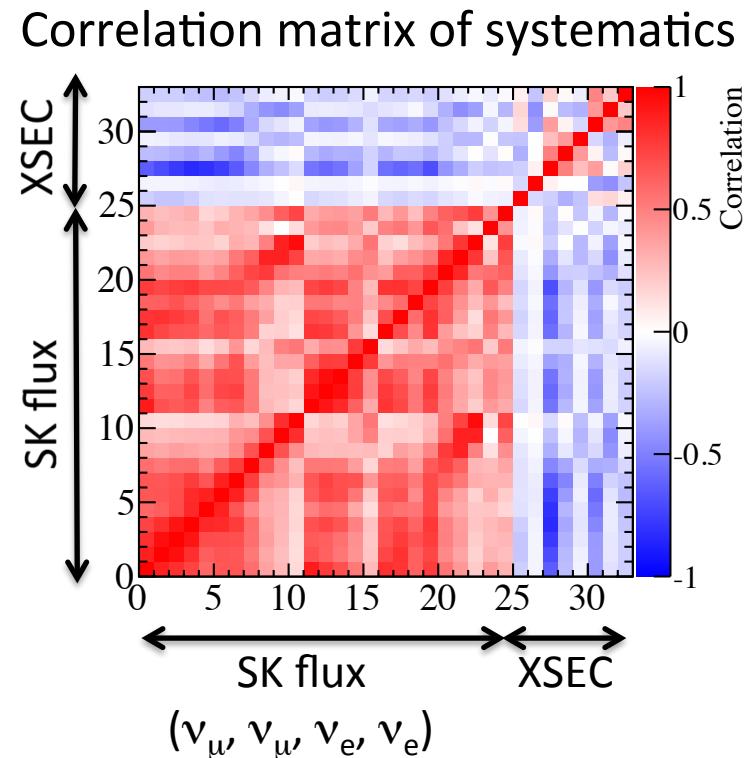
\*\*For  $E_\nu < 2.5$  GeV

- ND280 constraint reduces both flux and cross-section model uncertainties individually

# Uncertainty of # of SK $\nu_e$ events before/after ND280 constraint

Systematic uncertainties on  
# of  $\nu_e$  candidate events

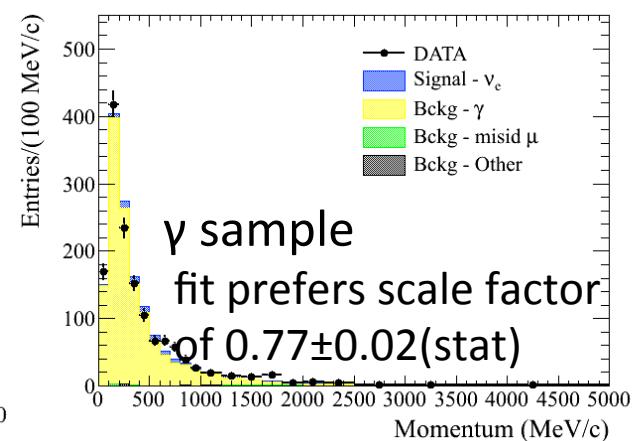
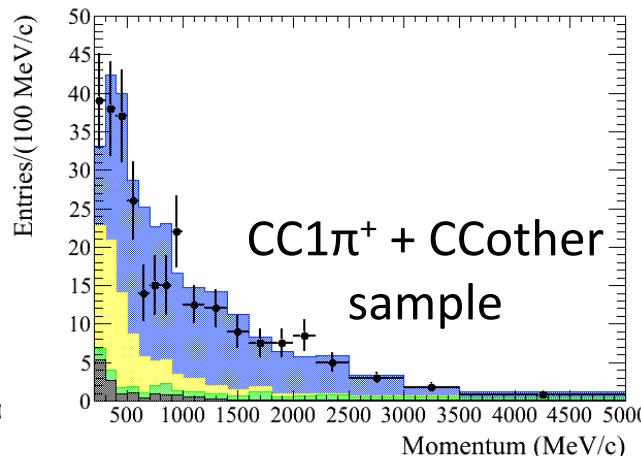
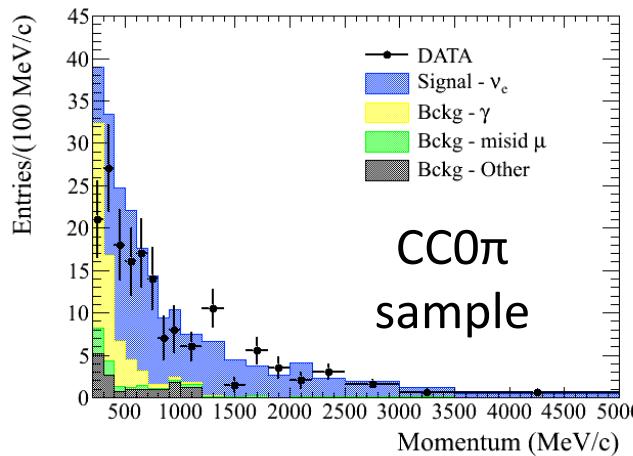
	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$	
	w/o ND280 constraint	w/ ND280 constraint
Flux/XSEC (ND280 constraint)	25.9%	2.9% 
Other XSEC	7.5%	7.5%
Super-K +FSI	3.5%	3.5%
Total	27.2%	8.8% 



- Flux and cross-section parameters are anti-correlated after ND280 constraint because ND280 constrains only the observable event rate

# ND280 $\nu_e$ Measurement

- Interactions in FGD and particle ID in TPC
- Major background: photons from  $\pi^0$  decays
- Fit CC0 $\pi$ , CC1 $\pi$ +CCother and  $\gamma$  sideband



$$\frac{\text{measured } \nu_e \text{ flux}}{\text{predicted } \nu_e \text{ flux}} = 1.06 \pm 0.06(\text{stat}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst})$$

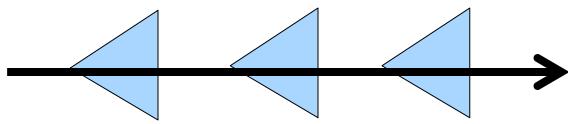
Intrinsic beam  $\nu_e$  background prediction is validated!

$\nu_\mu$  disappearance analysis

# Particle Identification at SK

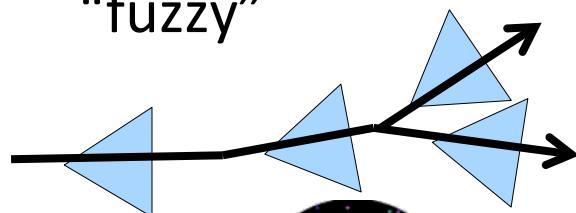
$\mu$

- scattering is minimal
- Rings with sharp edges



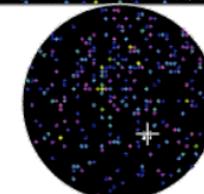
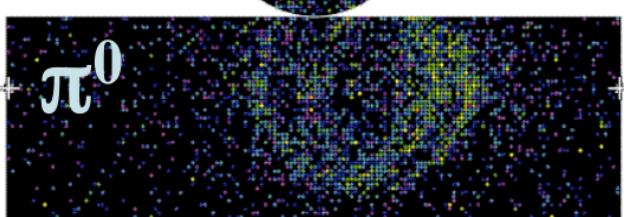
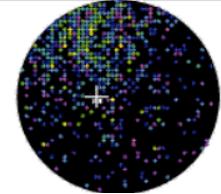
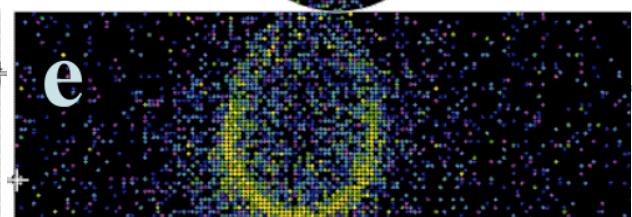
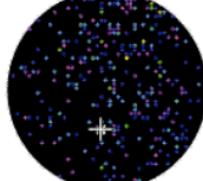
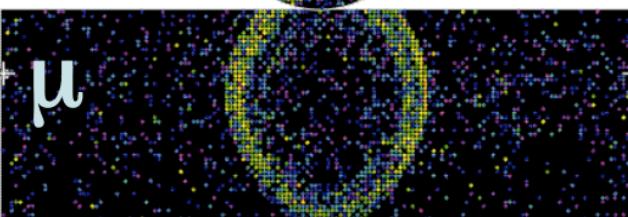
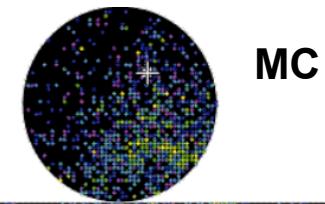
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- Electromagnetic shower
- Rings are “fuzzy”



$\pi^0$

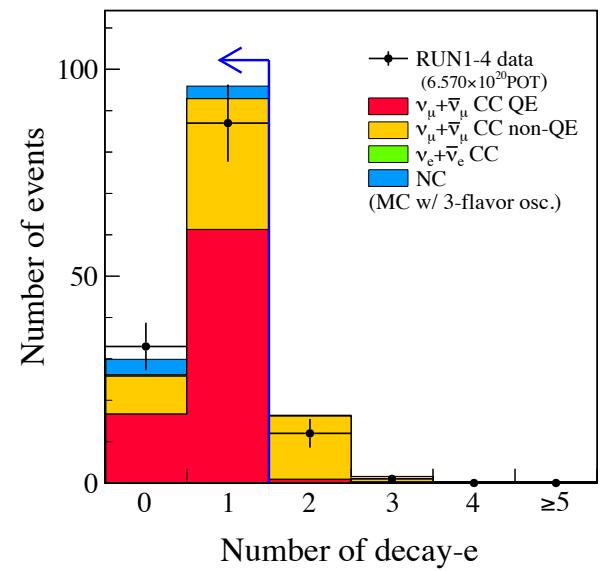
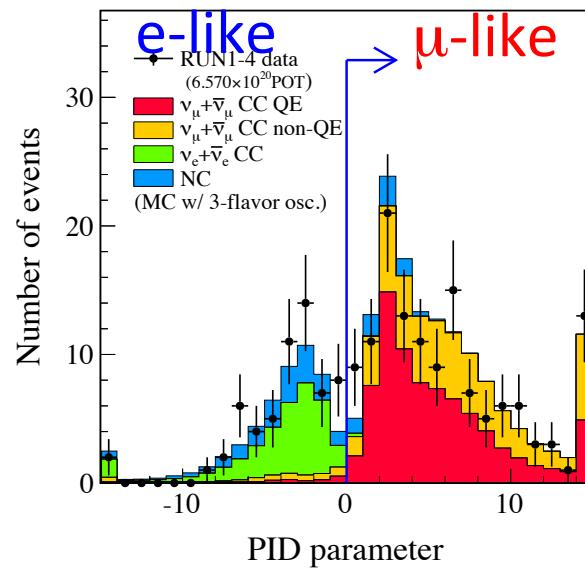
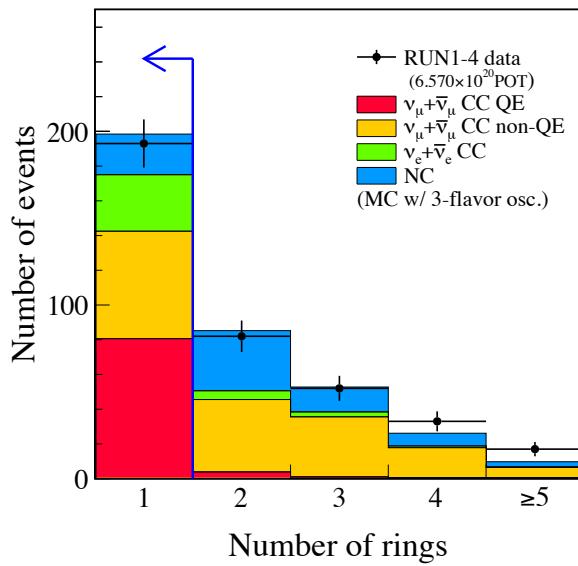
- $\gamma$  from  $\pi^0$  decays
- shower and look like electrons
- Multiple fuzzy rings



# $\nu_\mu$ event selection

- Fully-contained fiducial volume (FCFV) event
- Single-ring  $\mu$ -like event
- Reconstructed momentum  $> 200$  MeV/c
- # of decay electron  $\leq 1$

120 events  
in  $6.57 \times 10^{20}$  POT



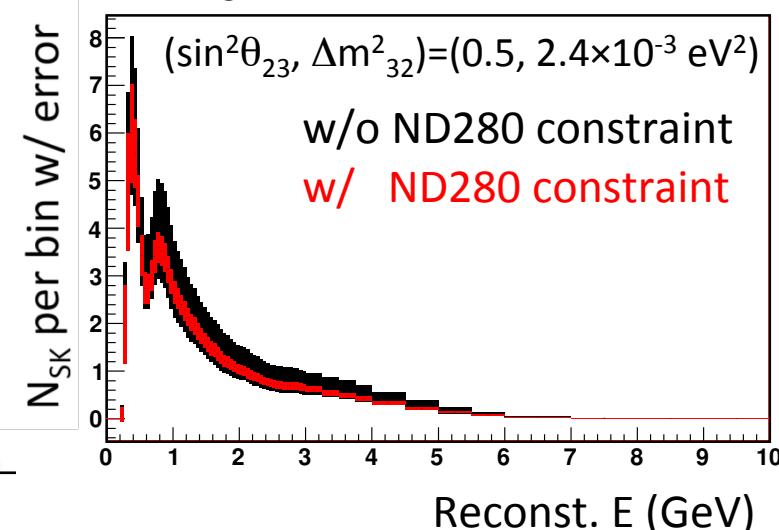
# Predicted # of events & syst. errors

## Predicted # of events

$(\sin^2\theta_{23}, \Delta m^2_{32}) = (0.5, 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$

Event category	# of events
$\nu_\mu$ CCQE	77.93
$\nu_\mu$ CCnonQE	40.78
$\nu_e$ CC	0.35
NC All	6.78
Total	125.85

## $N_{SK}$ per bin w/ error



## Systematic uncertainties of # of events\*

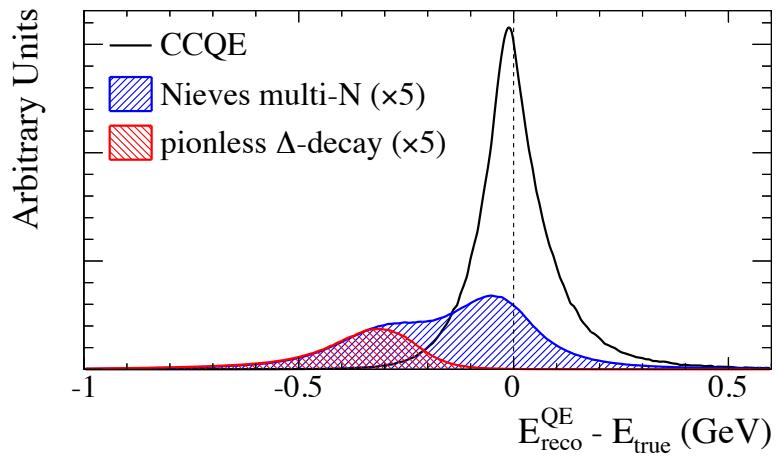
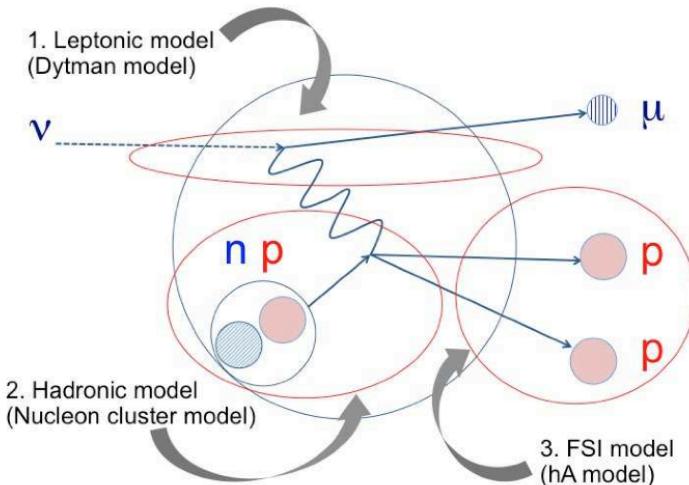
$(\sin^2\theta_{23}, \Delta m^2_{32}) = (0.5, 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$

Systematics	Uncertainties
Flux/XSEC (ND280 constraint)	2.7%
Other XSEC	4.9%
Super-K +FSI	5.6%
Total	8.1%

\* Binding energy/SK energy scale are some of the dominant uncertainties affecting T2K  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  precision, but they don't appear in the left table of # of events since they don't affect overall normalization.

# Multi-Nucleon Systematic Uncertainty

- Lively discussion motivated by CCQE cross section inconsistency between MiniBooNE/other experiment
- Not incorporated directly into analysis
  - But we have a large systematic uncertainty (100%) on decays of  $\Delta$  resonances w/ prompt  $\pi$  absorption (“ $\pi$ -less  $\Delta$ -decay”). It has similar impact on neutrino energy reconstruction as a 100% uncertainty in the multi-nucleon interaction model (Nieves model)
  - Dedicated MC study shows the impact on oscillation analysis is small relative to our current statistical error.



# Oscillation Likelihood Fits

- Search for Oscillation parameters which maximize L
  - Observables: # of events,  $E_\nu^{\text{rec}}$  distribution

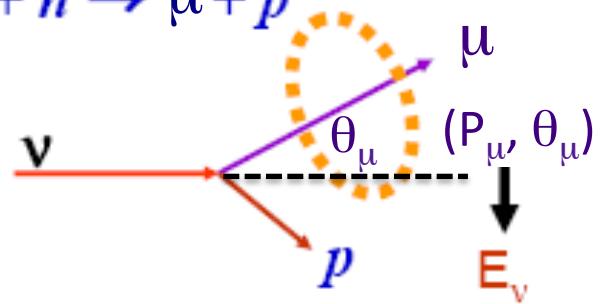
$$L = L_{\text{norm}} \times L_{\text{shape}} \times L_{\text{syst}} \times L_{\text{osci}}$$

# of events       $E_\nu^{\text{rec}}$  dist.      Syst.      Osci. param.

Neutrino energy from elastic kinematics

$$E_{\text{reco}} = \frac{m_p^2 - (m_n - E_b)^2 - m_\mu^2 + 2(m_n - E_b)E_\mu}{2(m_n - E_b - E_\mu + p_\mu \cos \theta_\mu)}$$

$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu + p$



\*  $E_b$  is mean binding energy.

Note:  $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{21}$  are constrained by PDG2012.  $\delta_{CP}$  is unconstrained.

# Results of $\nu_\mu$ disappearance analysis

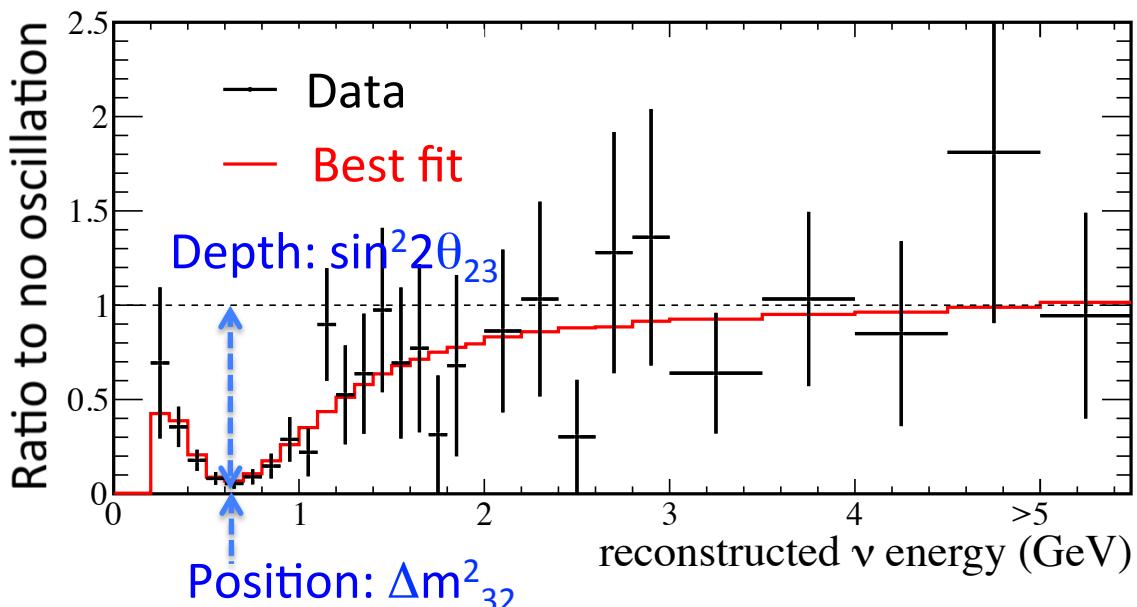
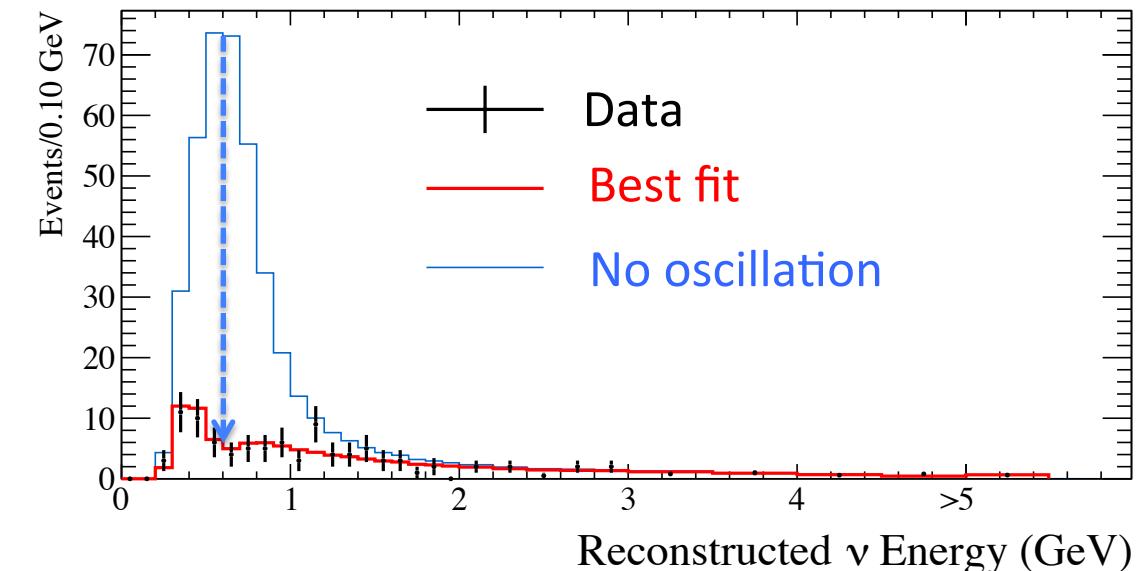
Best fit

$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ [NH] ([IH])	0.514 (0.511)
$\Delta m^2_{32}$ [NH] ( $\Delta m^2_{13}$ [IH])	$2.51 \times 10^{-3}$ (2.48)
$N_{\text{exp}}$ [NH] ([IH])	121.41 (121.39)

Note:  $N_{\text{obs}} = 120$  events

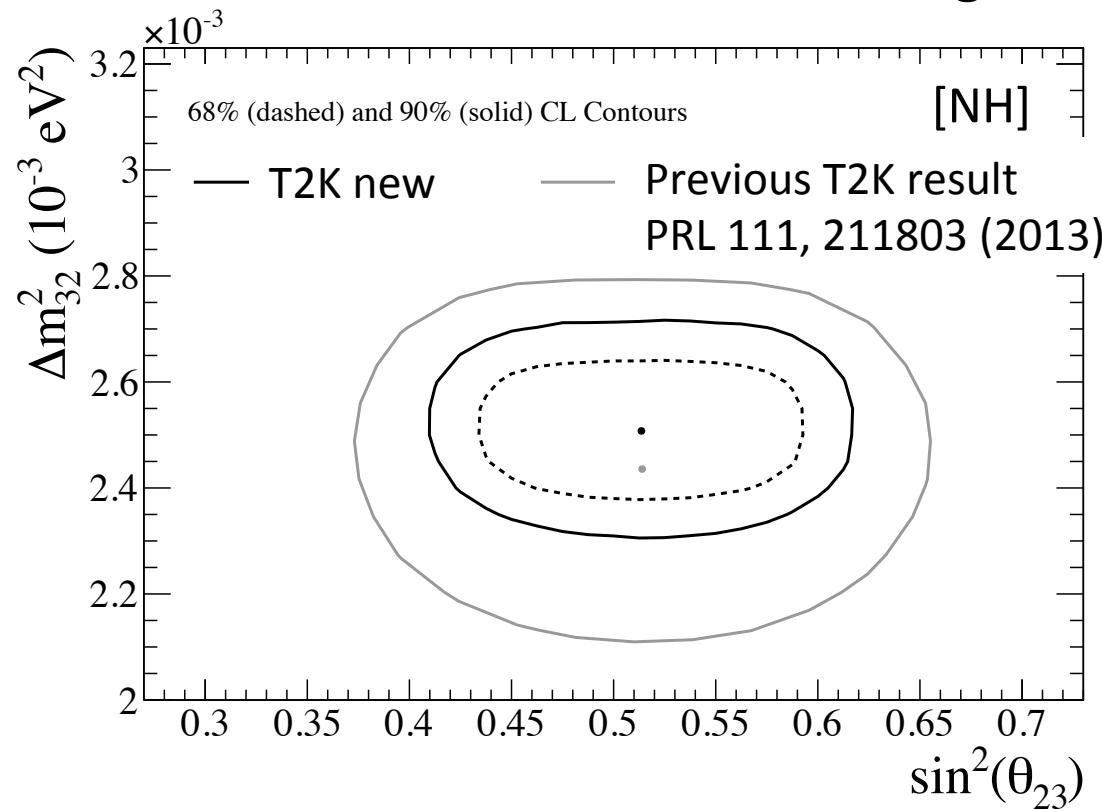
2 flavor approximation

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



# Results of $\nu_\mu$ disappearance analysis

Feldman-Cousins 2D confidence regions



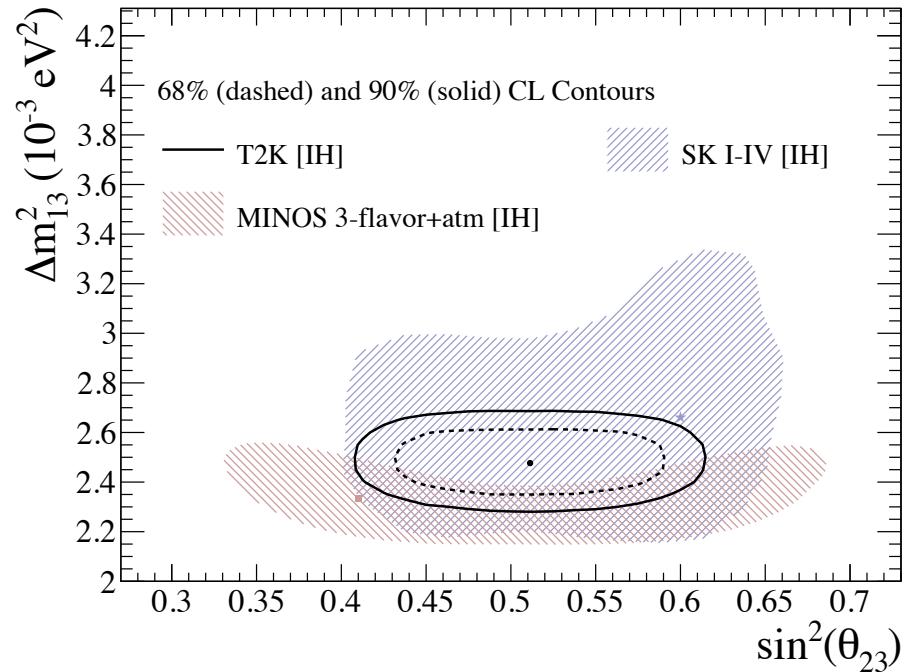
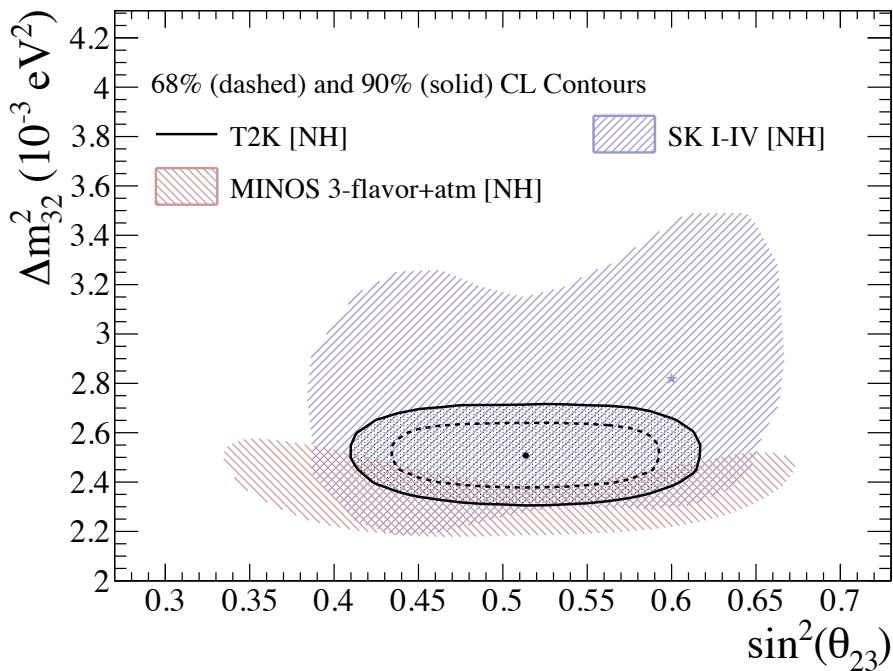
F&C 1D intervals

	68% CL	90% CL
$\sin^2(\theta_{23})$ [NH]	[0.458,0.568]	[0.428,0.598]
$\Delta m^2_{32} (x 10^{-3})$ [NH]	[2.41,2.61]	[2.34,2.68]
$\sin^2(\theta_{23})$ [IH]	[0.456,0.566]	[0.427,0.596]
$\Delta m^2_{13} (x 10^{-3})$ [IH]	[2.38,2.58]	[2.31,2.64]
$\theta_{23}$ [NH]	[42.6°, 48.9°]	[40.9°, 50.7°]
$\theta_{23}$ [IH]	[42.5°, 48.8°]	[40.8°, 50.5°]

Great improvement from the previous T2K result!  
T2K favors maximal mixing

# Results of $\nu_\mu$ disappearance analysis

## Comparison w/ other experiments



T2K measures  $\theta_{23}$  with the world-leading precision!

# $\nu_e$ appearance analysis

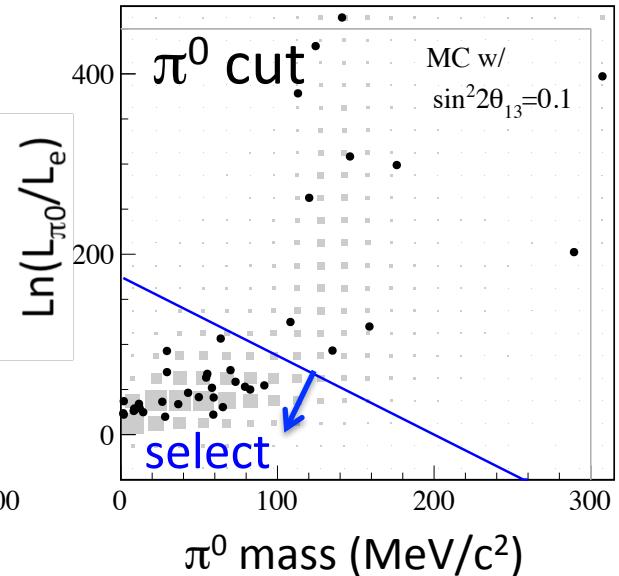
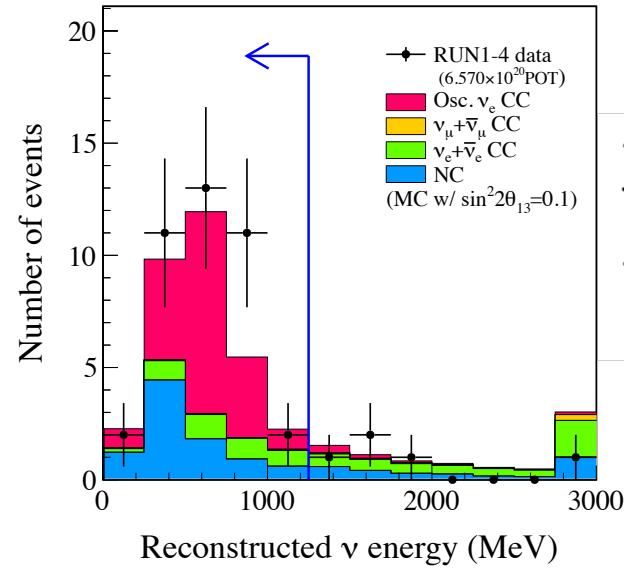
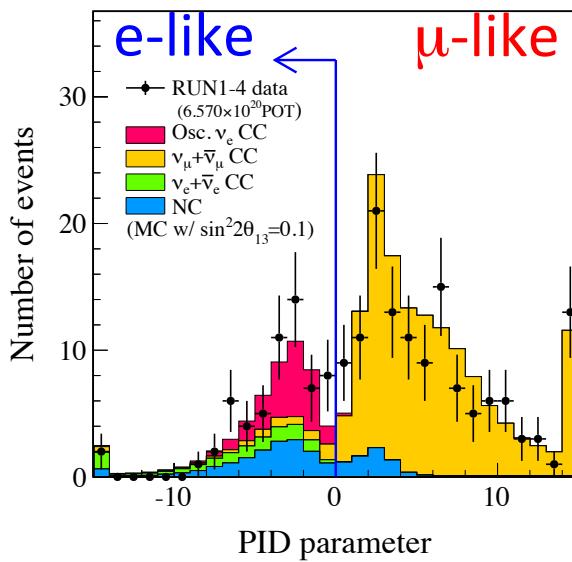
T2K collaboration, PRL 112, 061802 (2014)

# $\nu_e$ event selection

- Fully-contained fiducial volume (FCFV) event
- Single-ring e-like event
- $E_{\text{visible}} > 100 \text{ MeV}$
- # of decay electron = 0
- $0 < E_{\nu}^{\text{rec}} < 1250 \text{ MeV}$
- $\pi^0$  cut

}

**28 events**  
in  $6.57 \times 10^{20}$  POT

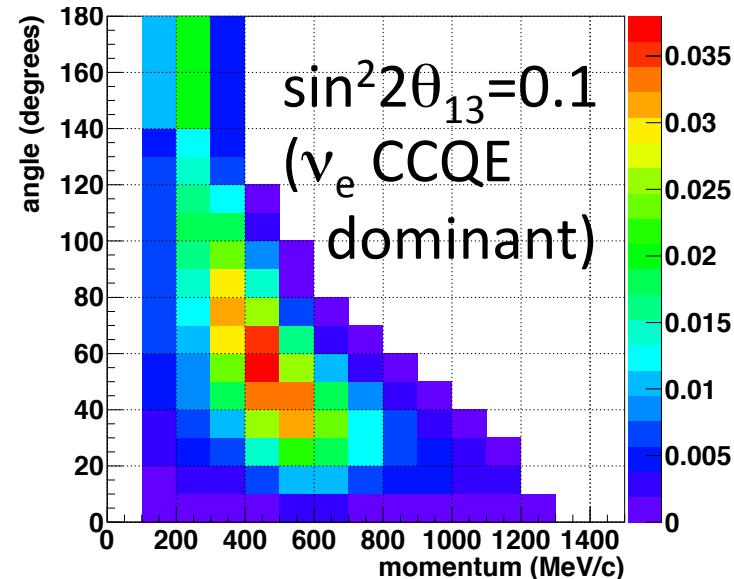
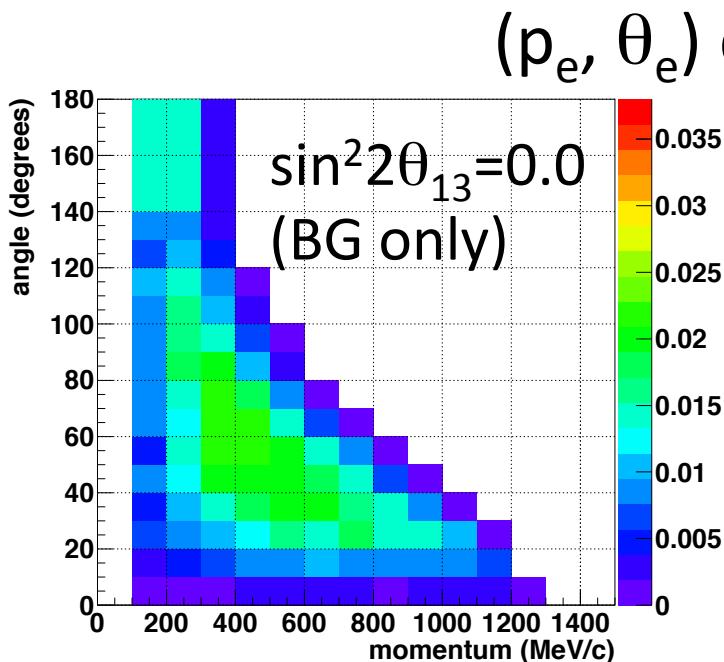


# Oscillation Likelihood Fits

- Search for Oscillation parameters which maximize L
  - Observables: # of events,  $(p_e, \theta_e)$  distribution

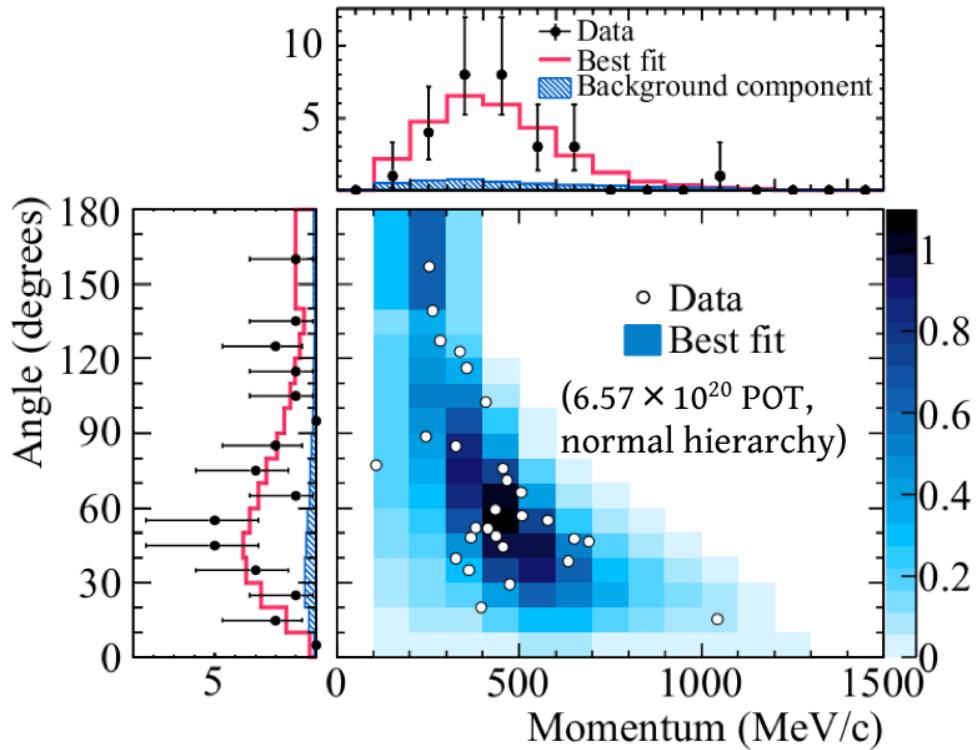
$$L = L_{\text{norm}} \times L_{\text{shape}} \times L_{\text{syst}} \times L_{\text{osci}}$$

# of events     $(p_e, \theta_e)$  dist.    Syst.    Osci. param.



# Results of $\nu_e$ appearance analysis

## Electron p-θ distribution



Best fit for [NH] ([IH])  
(Assuming  $\delta_{CP}=0$ )

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.136^{+0.044}_{-0.033}$$

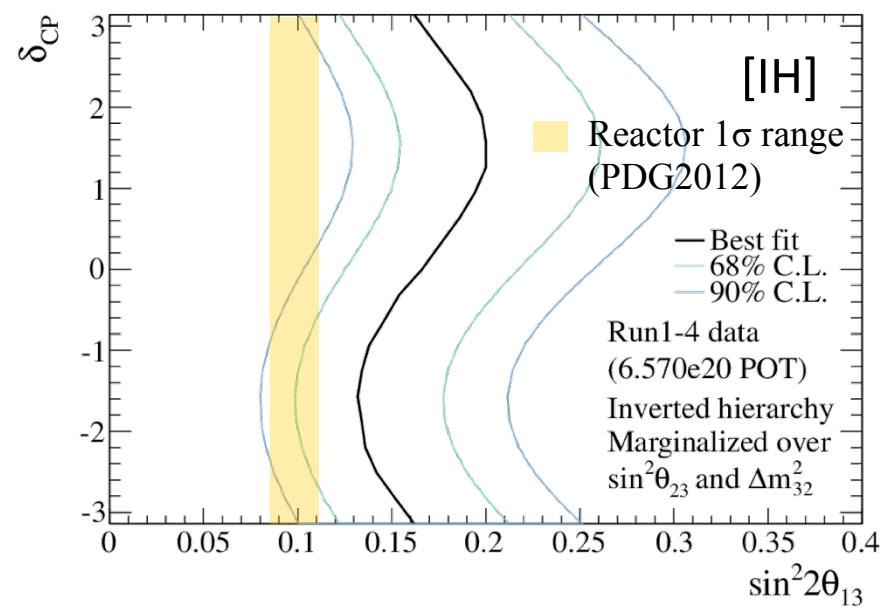
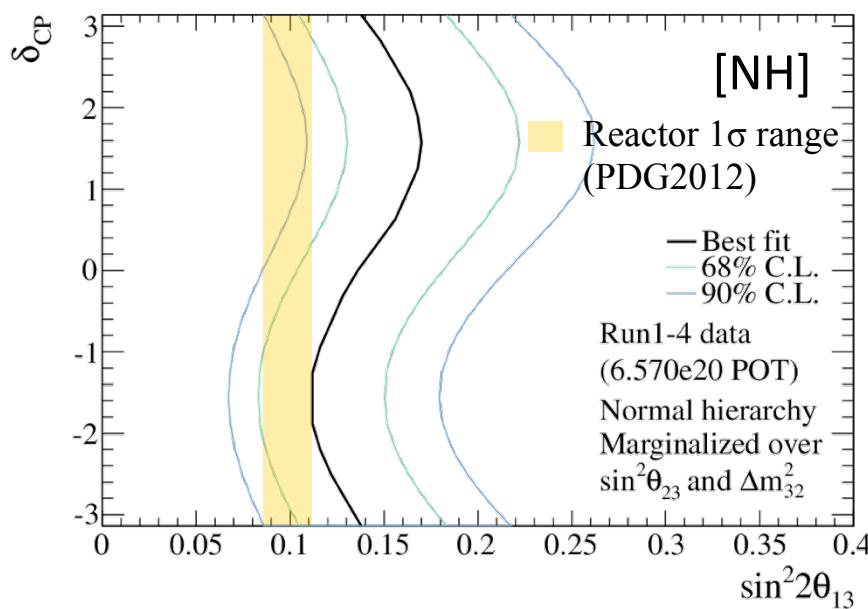
$$(0.166^{+0.051}_{-0.042})$$

Significance of non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  yields  $7.3\sigma$   
Discovery of  $\nu_e$  appearance!

Note:  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  are constrained by previous T2KRun 1-3  $\nu_\mu$  result (PRL 111, 211803 (2013))

# Results of $\nu_e$ appearance analysis

Allowed region of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  for each value of  $\delta_{CP}$

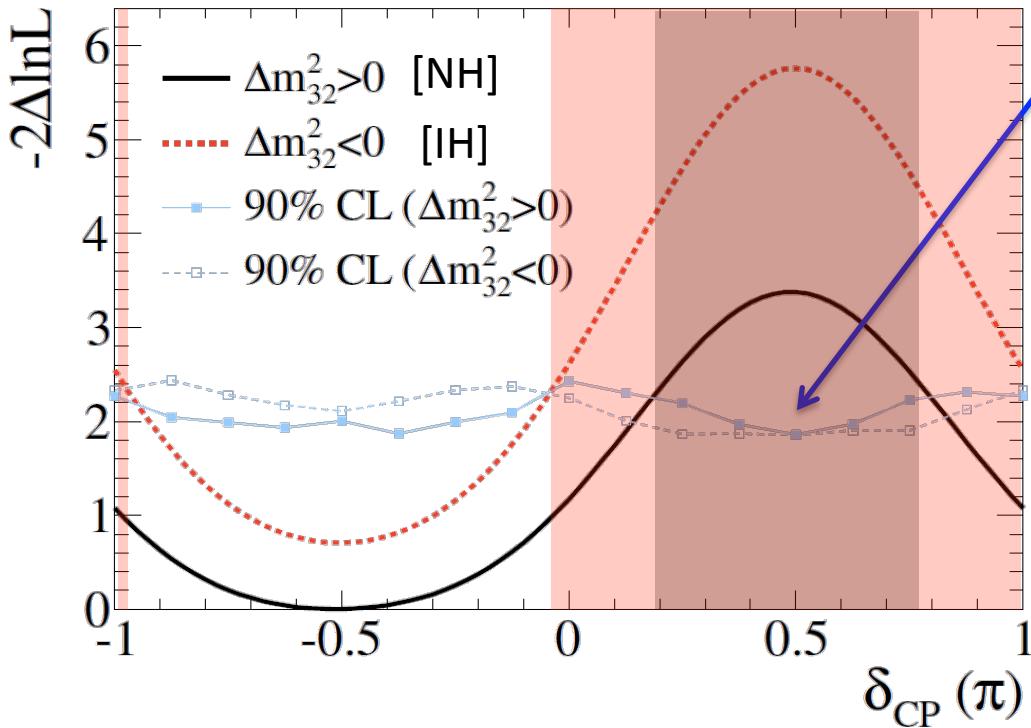


Note

- These are 1D contours for values of  $\delta_{CP}$ , not 2D contours in  $\delta_{CP}$ - $\theta_{13}$  space

# Results of $\nu_e$ appearance analysis

Combination of T2K + Reactor ( $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.098 \pm 0.013$  from PDG2012)



90% C.L. limits by Feldman-Cousins

**90% C.L. excluded region**

[NH]:  $0.19\pi \sim 0.80\pi$

[IH]:  $-0.04\pi \sim 1.03\pi$

- Best fit is found at very interesting point,  $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$ .
- If it is true, severe competition w/ NOνA.  
Very important to increase statistics ASAP.

## Viewpoint: Neutrino Experiments Come Closer to Seeing *CP* Violation

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The T2K experiment has measured the largest number of events associated with muon neutrinos oscillating into electron neutrinos, an important step toward seeing *CP* violation in neutrino interactions.

Charge-parity (*CP*) violation—evidence that the laws of physics are different for particles and antiparticles—is often invoked as a “must” to explain why we observe more matter than antimatter in the universe. But the *CP* violation observed in interactions involving quarks is insufficient to explain this asymmetry. As a result, many theorists are looking toward leptons—and, specifically, neutrinos—for additional sources of *CP* violation. Researchers running the Tokai to Kamioka (T2K) experiment—a particle physics experiment at the Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC)—have now made an important contribution toward the search for *CP* violation in neutrinos. Writing in *Physical Review Letters*, the T2K collaboration reports the strongest evidence to date for the appearance of electron neutrinos from a pure muon neutrino beam [1]. Their measurement allows them to determine a fundamental parameter of the standard model of particle physics, called  $\theta_{13}$ , which can in turn be used to make an early estimate of *CP* violation in neutrinos. Although this estimate has a large uncertainty, it will serve as a guide to future, more definitive neutrino experiments that are directly sensitive to *CP* violation.

Observation of Electron Neutrino Appearance in a Muon Neutrino Beam

K. Abe *et al.* (T2K Collaboration)  
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Our paper on the  $\nu_e$  appearance analyses (PRL 112, 061802 (2014)) was selected for a “Viewpoint in Physics” of APS.

# Future sensitivity study

- $\nu_e$  appearance and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance combined fit
- Realistic (shape-dependent) systematic errors
  - Errors are assumed to be fully correlated between  $\nu$ /anti- $\nu$

## Mid-term plan of MR

**FX:** We adopt the high repetition rate scheme to achieve the design beam intensity, 750 kW.  
 Rep. rate will be increased from ~ 0.4 Hz to ~1 Hz by replacing magnet PS's and RF cavities.

JFY	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
			<b>Li. upgrade</b>				
<b>FX power [kW]</b> SX power :User op. (study) [kW]	150 3 (10)	200 10 (20)	240 ~ (300) 25 (30)	~ 400 50 (100)			750 100
<b>Cycle time of main magnet PS</b> <b>New magnet PS for high rep.</b>	3.04 s	2.56 s	2.4 s		Manufacture installation/test		1.3 s
<b>Present RF system</b> <b>New high gradient rf system</b>	Install. #7,8	Install. #9	R&D		Manufacture installation/test		
<b>Ring collimators</b>	Additional shields	Add.collimators and shields (2kW)	Add.collimators (3.5kW)				
<b>Injection system</b> <b>FX system</b>	New injection kicker		Kicker PS improvement, Septum 2 manufacture /test		LF septum, PS for HF septa manufacture /test		

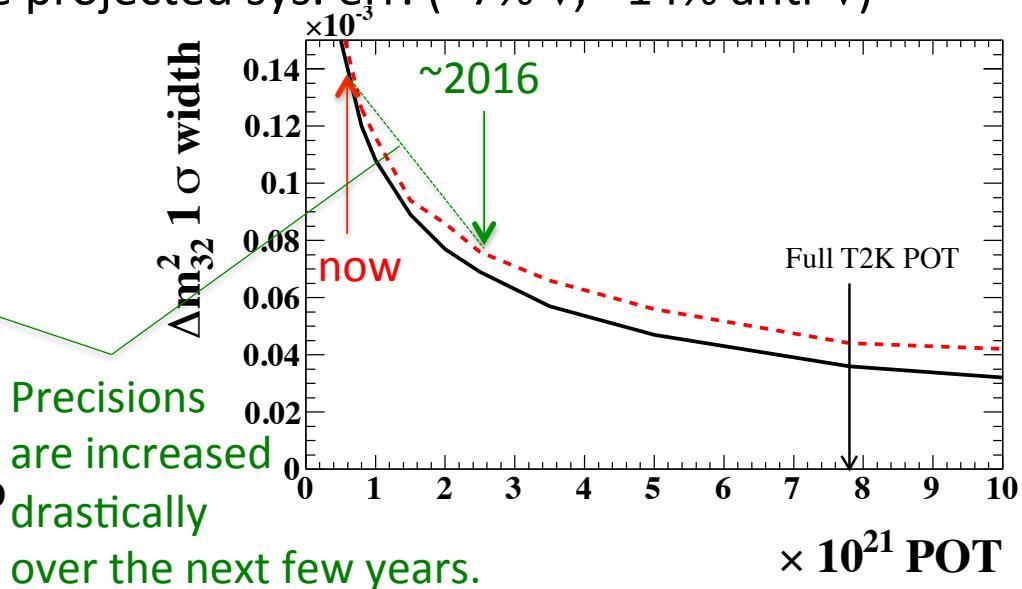
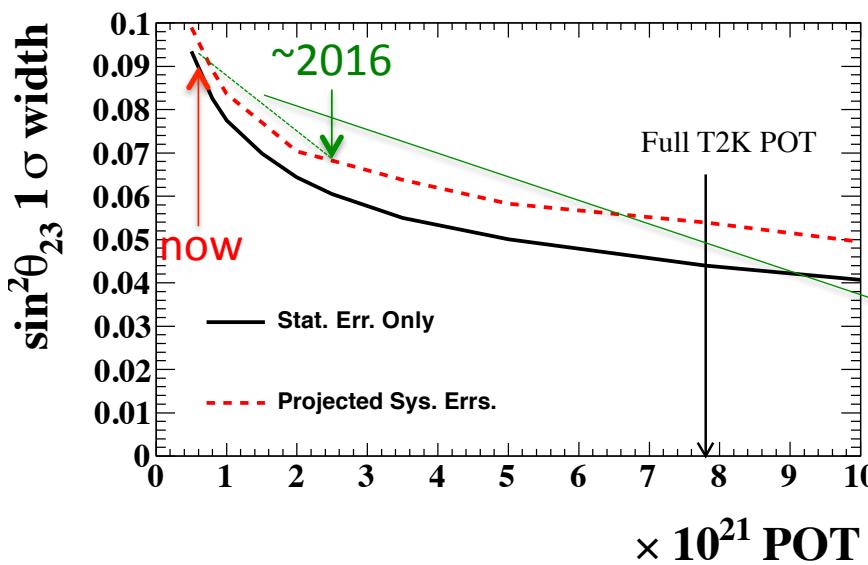
Expected POT is estimated based on the information.

# $\sin^2\theta_{23}/\Delta m^2_{32}$ $1\sigma$ Precision vs. POT

50% POT ν + 50% POT anti-ν

Solid Lines: no sys. err.

Red Dashed: with conservative projected sys. err. (~7% ν, ~14% anti-ν)



Precisions  
are increased  
drastically  
over the next few years.

Statistical limit of  $1\sigma$  precision at full POT

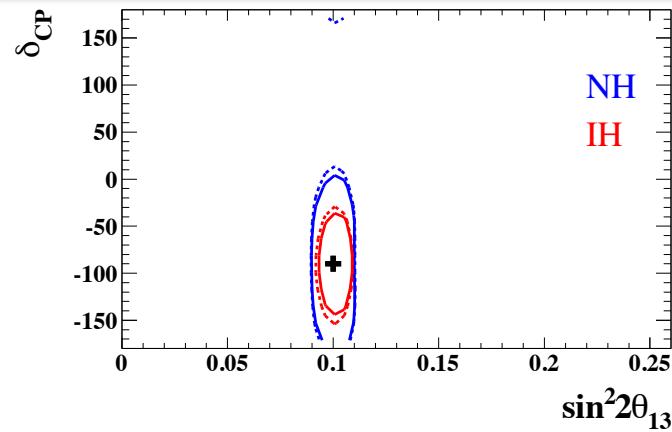
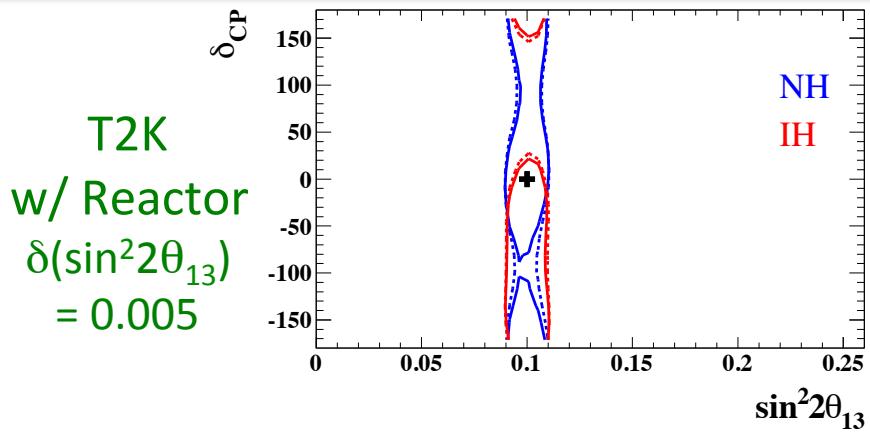
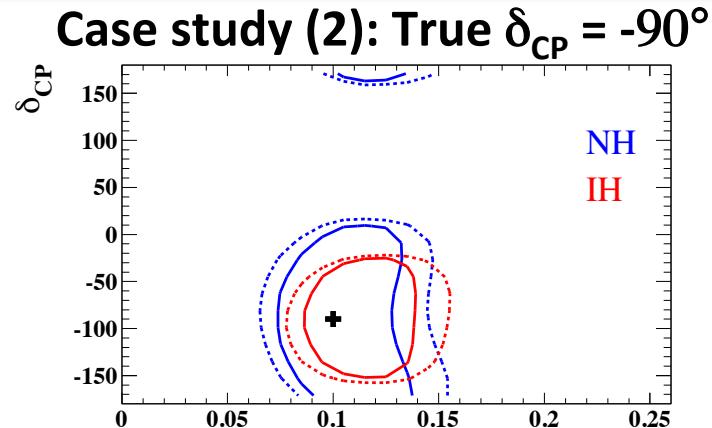
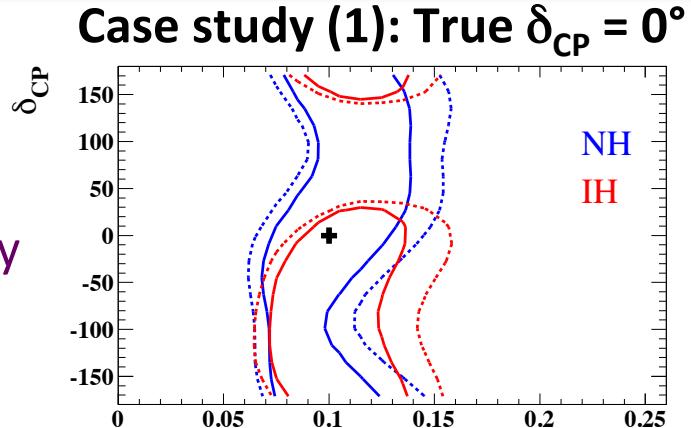
- $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  ( $\theta_{23}$ ):  $\sim 0.045$  ( $\sim 2.6^\circ$ )
- $\Delta m^2_{32}$ :  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-5}$  eV $^2$

Assuming true:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\delta_{CP} = 0^\circ$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.5$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$  eV $^2$ , [NH]  
 $\theta_{13}$  constrained by  $\delta(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}) = 0.005$

# Appearance 90% C.L. Sensitivity

$7.8 \times 10^{21}$  POT (50% POT  $\nu$  + 50% POT anti- $\nu$ )

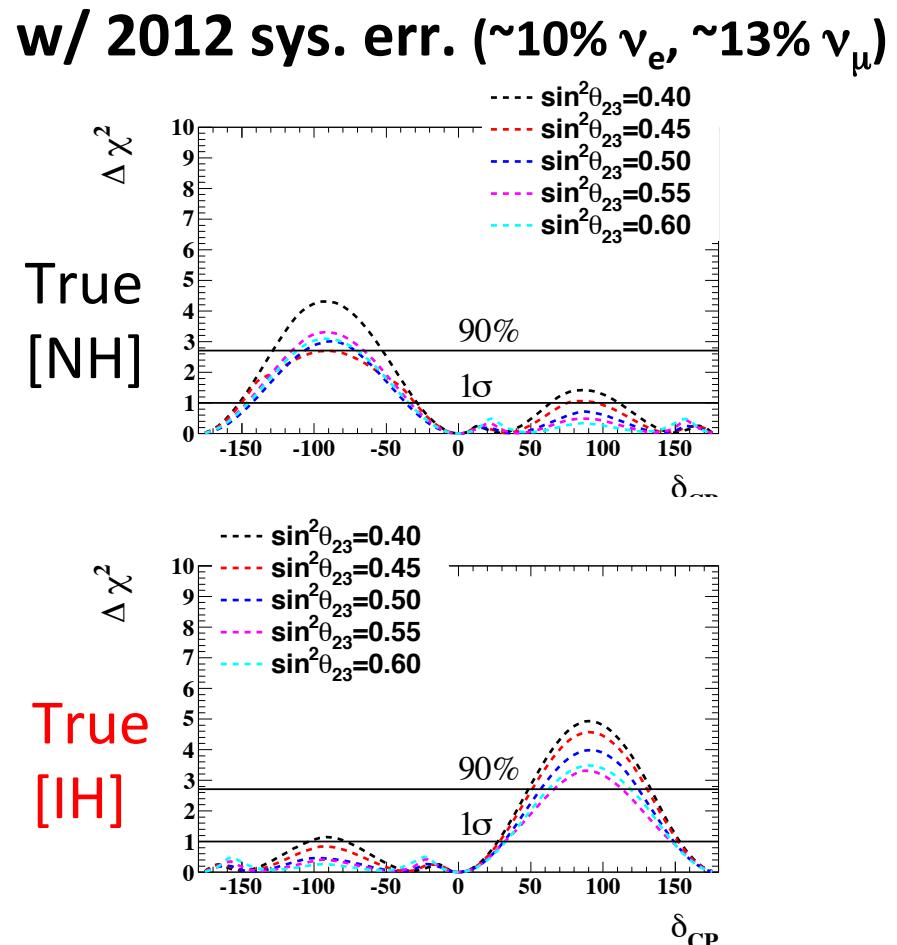
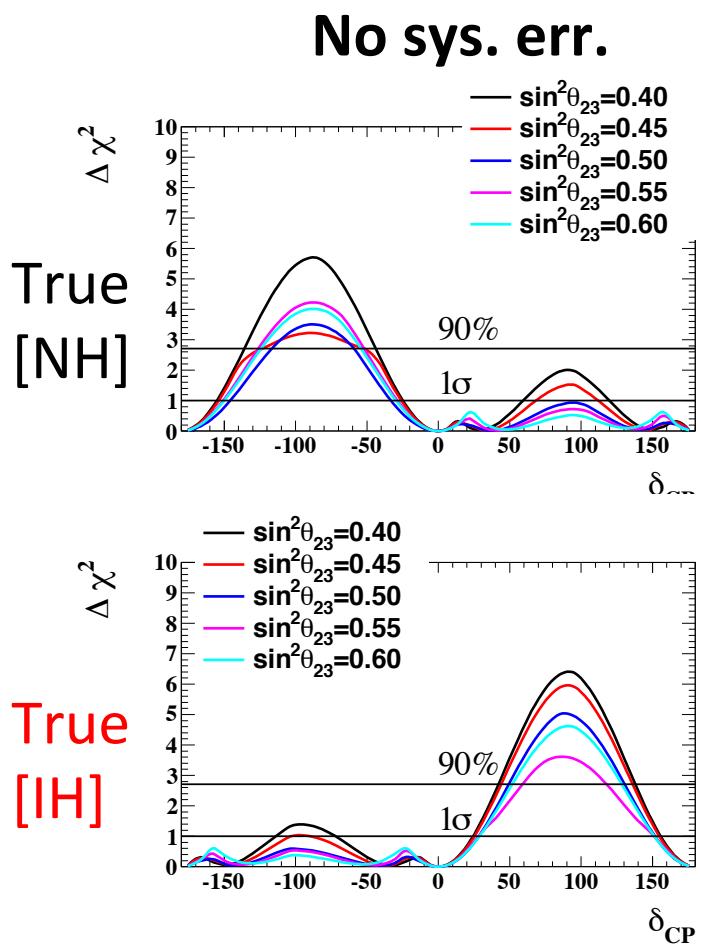
Solid Lines: no sys. err., Dashed: with 2012 sys. err. ( $\sim 10\% \nu_e$ ,  $\sim 13\% \nu_\mu$ )



Assuming true:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$  eV $^2$ , [NH]

# Sensitivity for Resolving $\sin\delta_{CP} \neq 0$

$7.8 \times 10^{21}$  POT (50% POT  $\nu$  + 50% POT anti- $\nu$ )

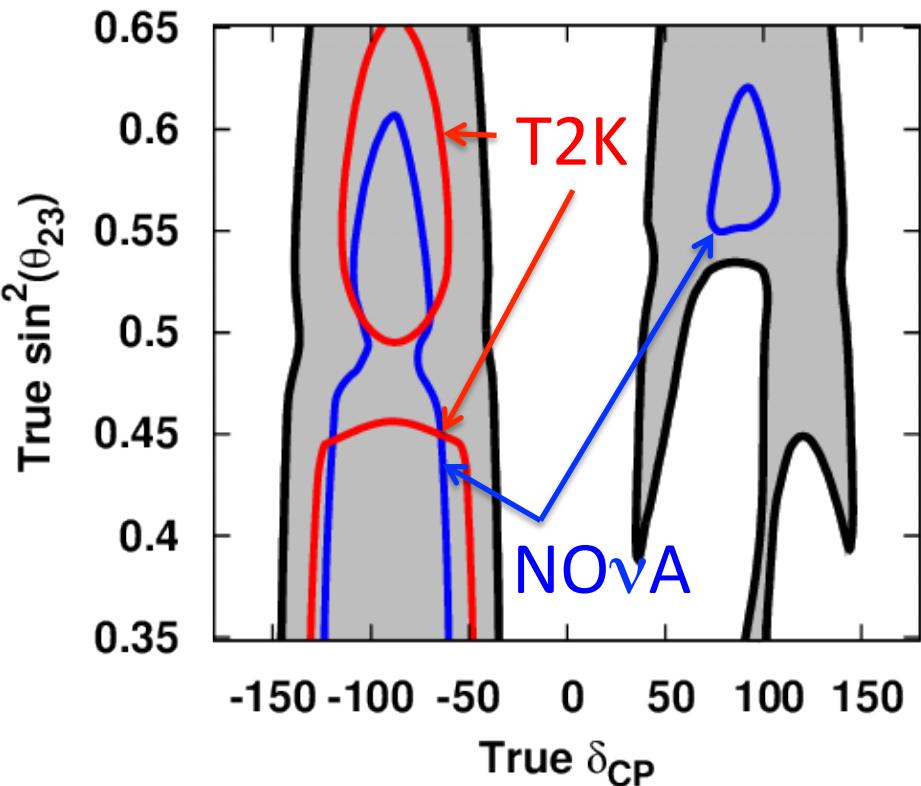


Assuming true:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$  eV $^2$   
 $\theta_{13}$  constrained by  $\delta(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}) = 0.005$

# T2K + NOvA Sensitivity for Resolving $\sin\delta_{CP} \neq 0$

Both T2K/NOvA  $\rightarrow$  full POT (50% POT  $\nu$  + 50% POT anti- $\nu$ )

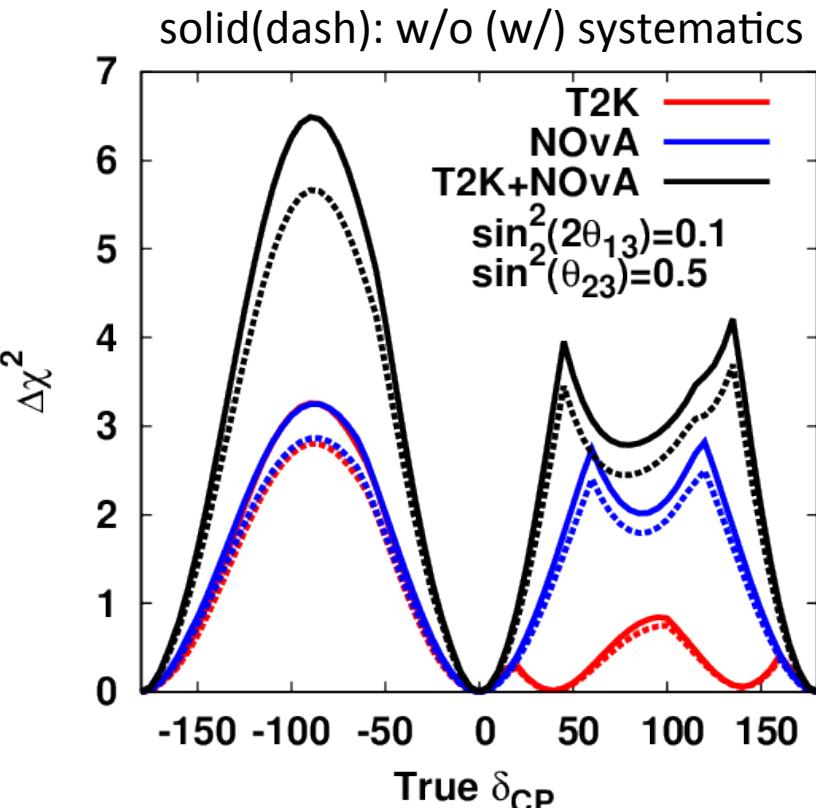
Shown in [NH] case.



Region where  $\sin\delta=0$  can be excluded by 90% C.L.

Assuming 5% (10%) normalization uncertainty on signal (background)

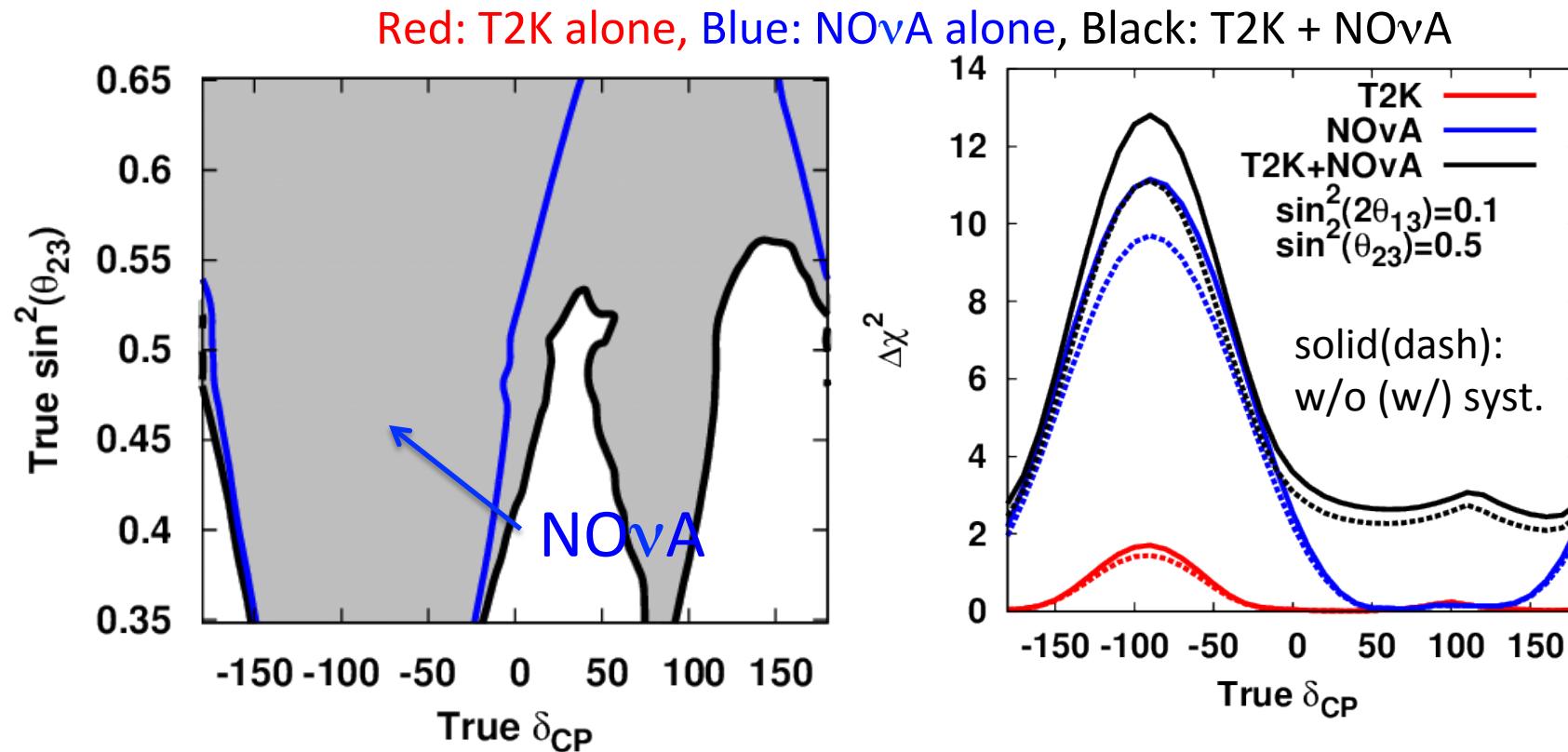
Assuming true:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\theta_{13}$  constrained by  $\delta(\sin^2 2\theta_{13}) = 0.005$



Sensitivity to resolve  $\sin\delta=0$

# T2K + NO $\nu$ A Sensitivity to Mass Hierarchy

Both T2K/NO $\nu$ A  $\rightarrow$  full POT (50% POT  $\nu$  + 50% POT anti- $\nu$ )  
 Shown in [NH] case.



Region where MH can be distinguished by 90% C.L.

Sensitivity to resolve MH

# Summary

- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance results
  - We have measured  $\theta_{23}$  with the world-leading precision
  - New result favors maximal mixing
- $\nu_e$  appearance results
  - We have constrain the CP violating phase  $\delta_{CP}$  by combining our  $\nu_e$  appearance results with the reactor measurements
  - Best fit is found at very interesting point,  $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$ . If it is true, severe competition w/ NO $\nu$ A. Very important to increase statistics ASAP.
- Future sensitivity study
  - T2K can constrain  $\delta_{CP}$
  - Combined analysis w/ NO $\nu$ A enhances the sensitivities to  $\delta_{CP}$  and the mass hierarchy
  - Achievement of 750 kW beam operation is essential