

First Pan-African Astro-Particle and Collider Physics Workshop

# The T2K Experiment

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# Neutrino Oscillations

Neutrinos are an exciting area of physics ripe for new discoveries and more Nobel prizes

Neutrino mixing is characterised by the PMNS matrix.

$$\mathbf{U}_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

Can we complete this picture?

- CP Violating Phase  $\delta$
- Mass Ordering.
- Is  $\theta_{23} < \text{or} > 45^\circ$ ? (The Octant)

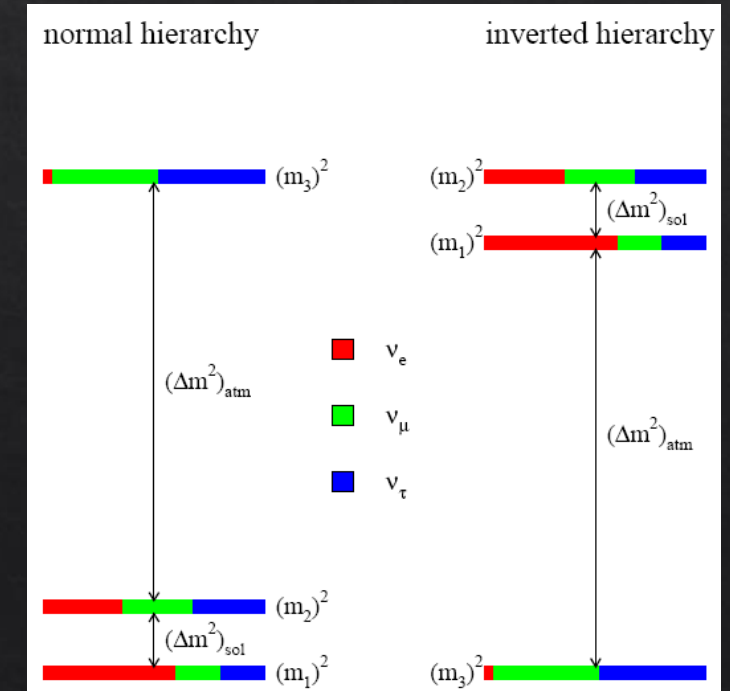
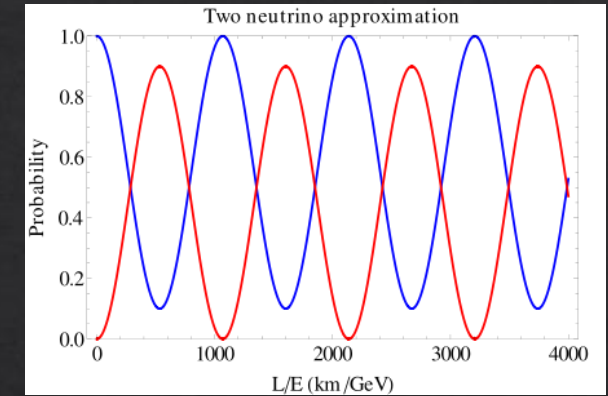
How can we answer these questions with T2K?

- Look for  $\nu_e$  appearance in the  $\nu_\mu$  beam
- How does this differ for neutrino and antineutrino beams?

Can we find CP violation at the  $3\sigma$  level before the next generation?

With 2 flavours:

$$p(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

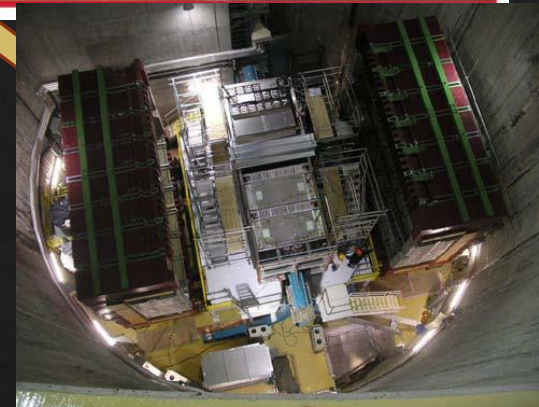




# The T2K Experiment



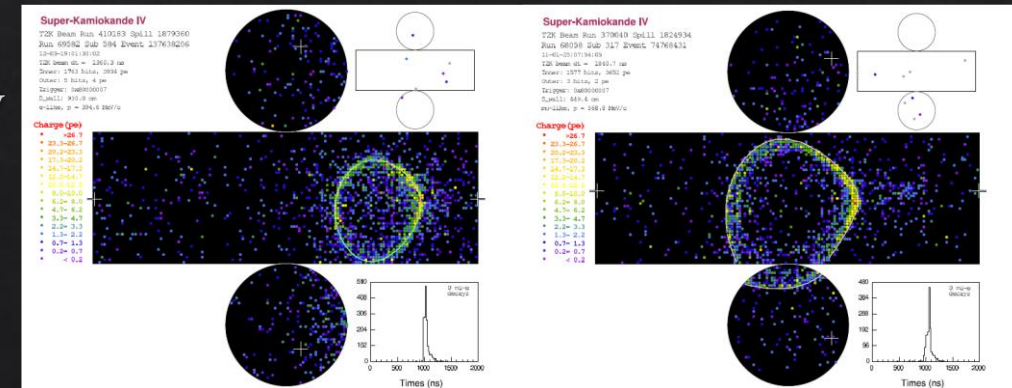
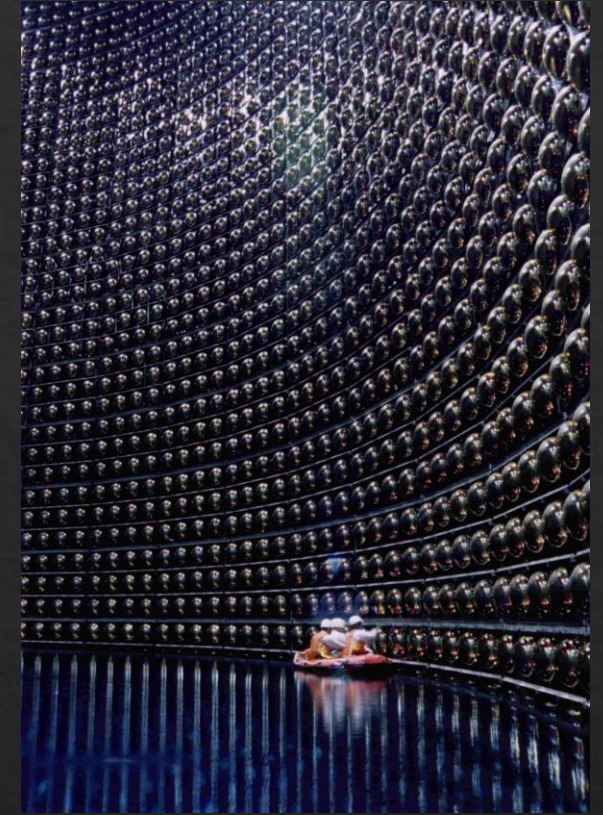
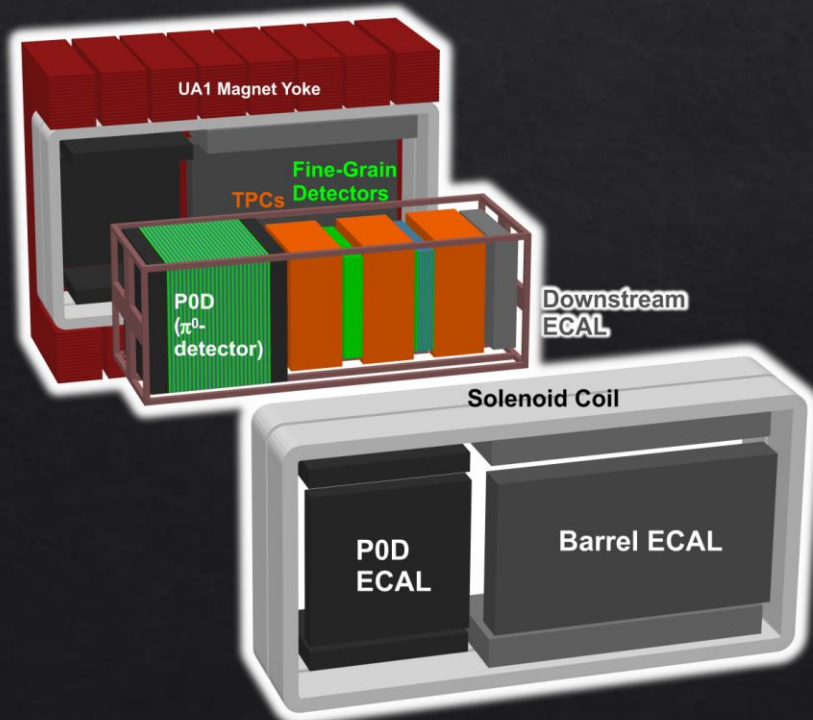
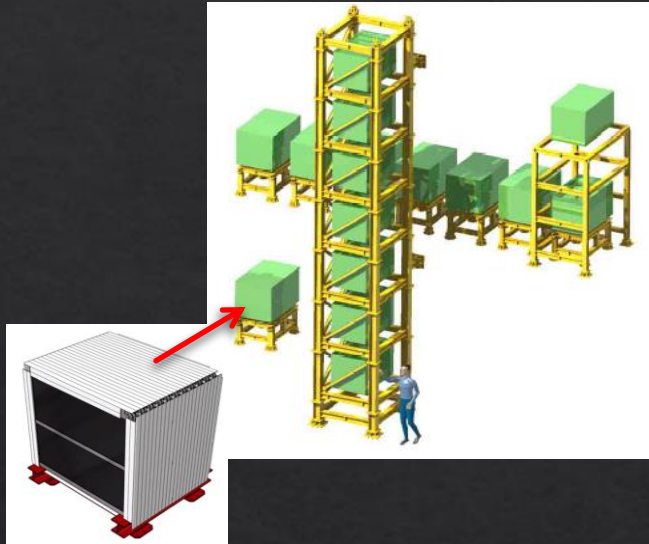
- 295km baseline – matter effect small
- Narrow band neutrino beam  $E_{\text{peak}} \sim 600 \text{ MeV}$
- First measurements using off-axis beam technique
- Near detector complex to measure beam before oscillation





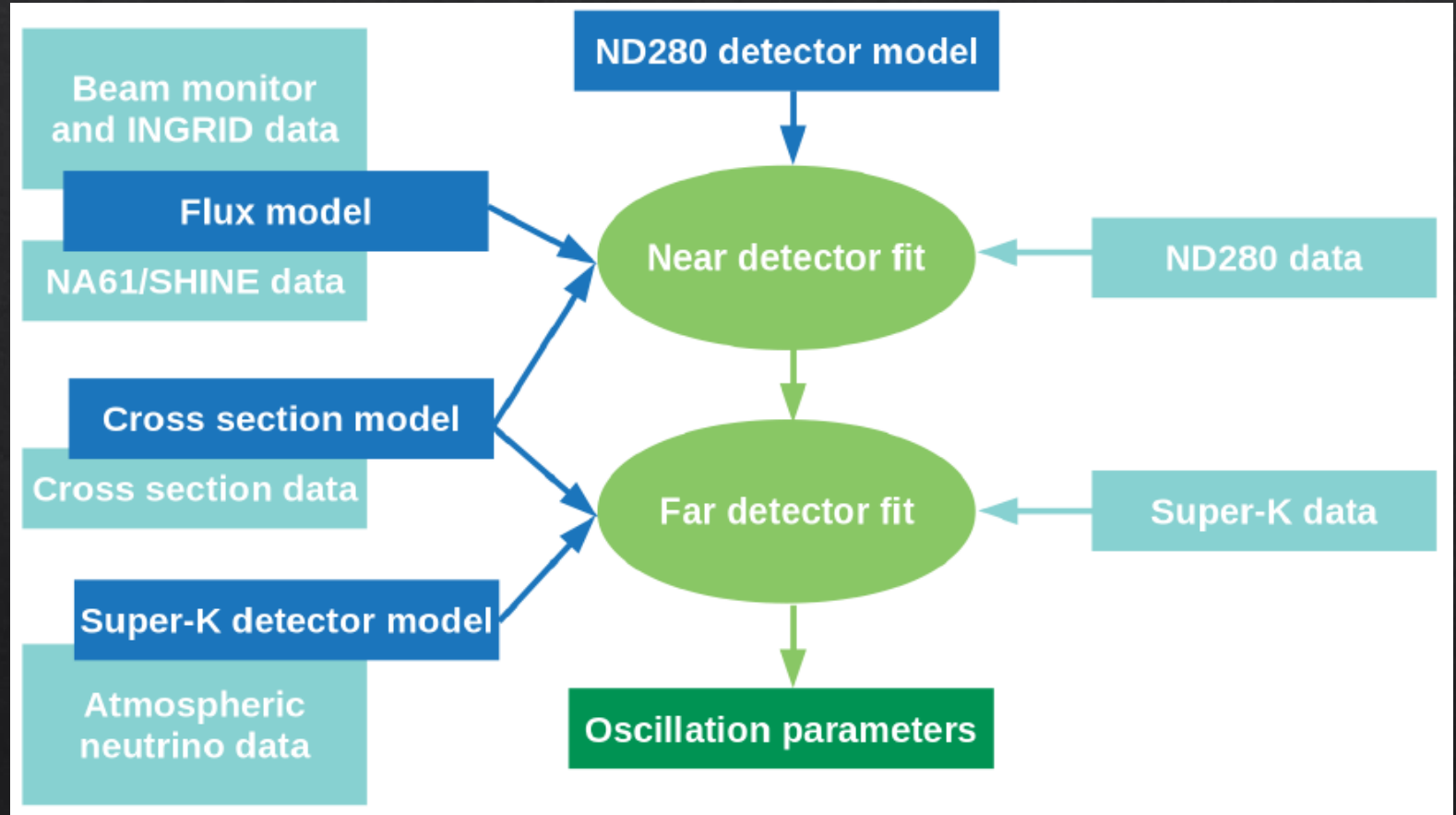
# The Detectors

- ◇ Near detectors
  - ◇ Ingrid
    - ◇ On axis
    - ◇ Neutrino beam monitoring
  - ◇ ND280
    - ◇ Off axis
    - ◇ Flux and cross section measurements
- ◇ SK
  - ◇ 50 kton water Cherenkov
  - ◇ Excellent  $\mu/e$  separation



# Analysis Strategy

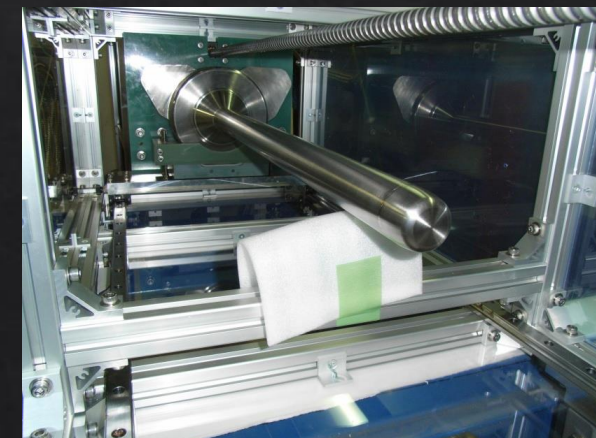
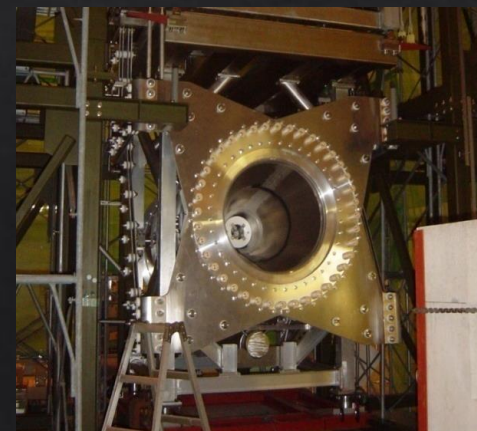
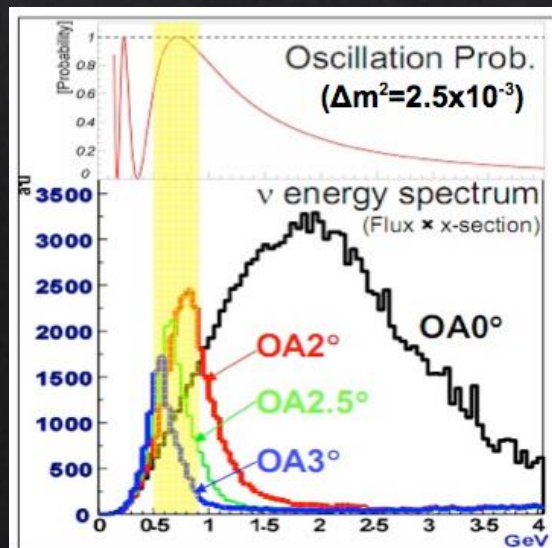
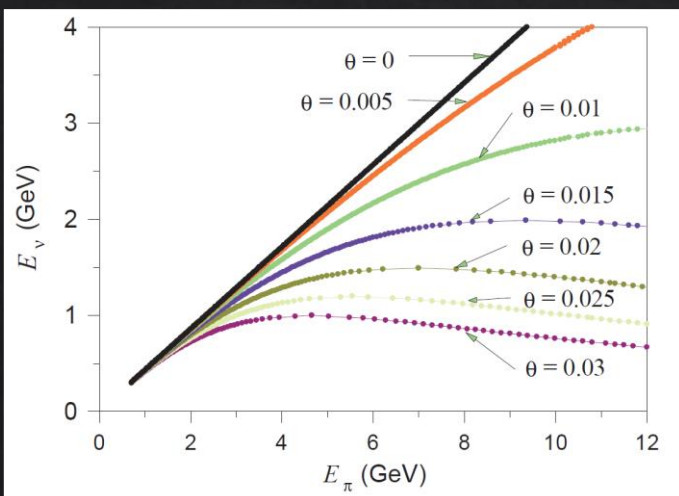
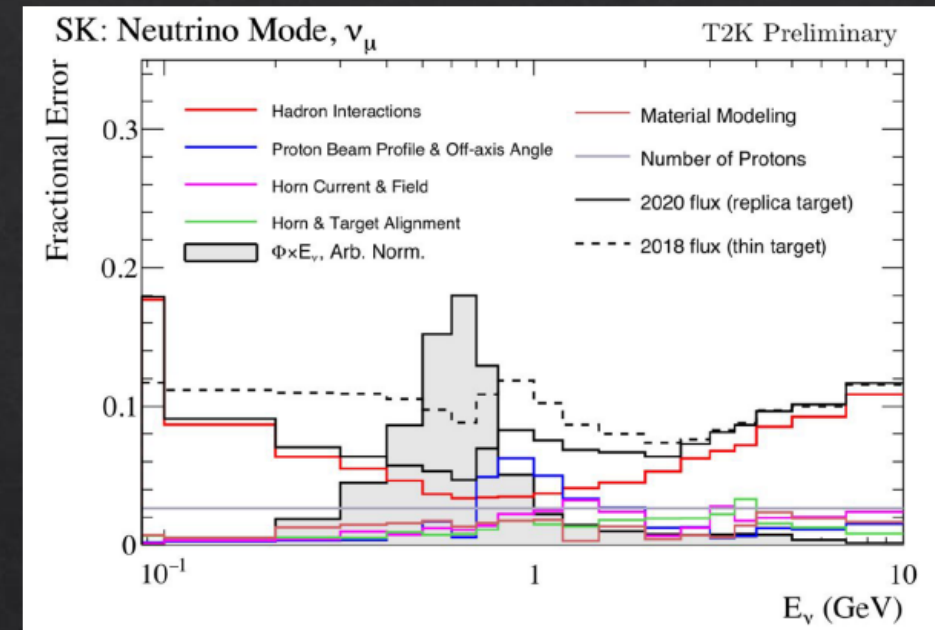
- ◆ Multiple approached producing consistent results
  - ◆ Frequentist and Bayesian
- ◆ Near Detector data
  - ◆ Constrain flux\*cross section
  - ◆ Predicts event rate at far detector
- ◆ Separated and joint fit used in different approaches





# T2K Beam

- ◇ 30 GeV protons on target
  - ◇ Produces pions which are collected by magnetic horns
  - ◇ Change sign of beam by changing horn current direction
- ◇ T2K uses the off-axis beam approach
  - ◇ Narrow band beam
  - ◇ More neutrinos you want and less you don't
- ◇ Neutrino flux from beam simulation
  - ◇ Uncertainties constrained by use of NA61/SHINE T2K replica target data.

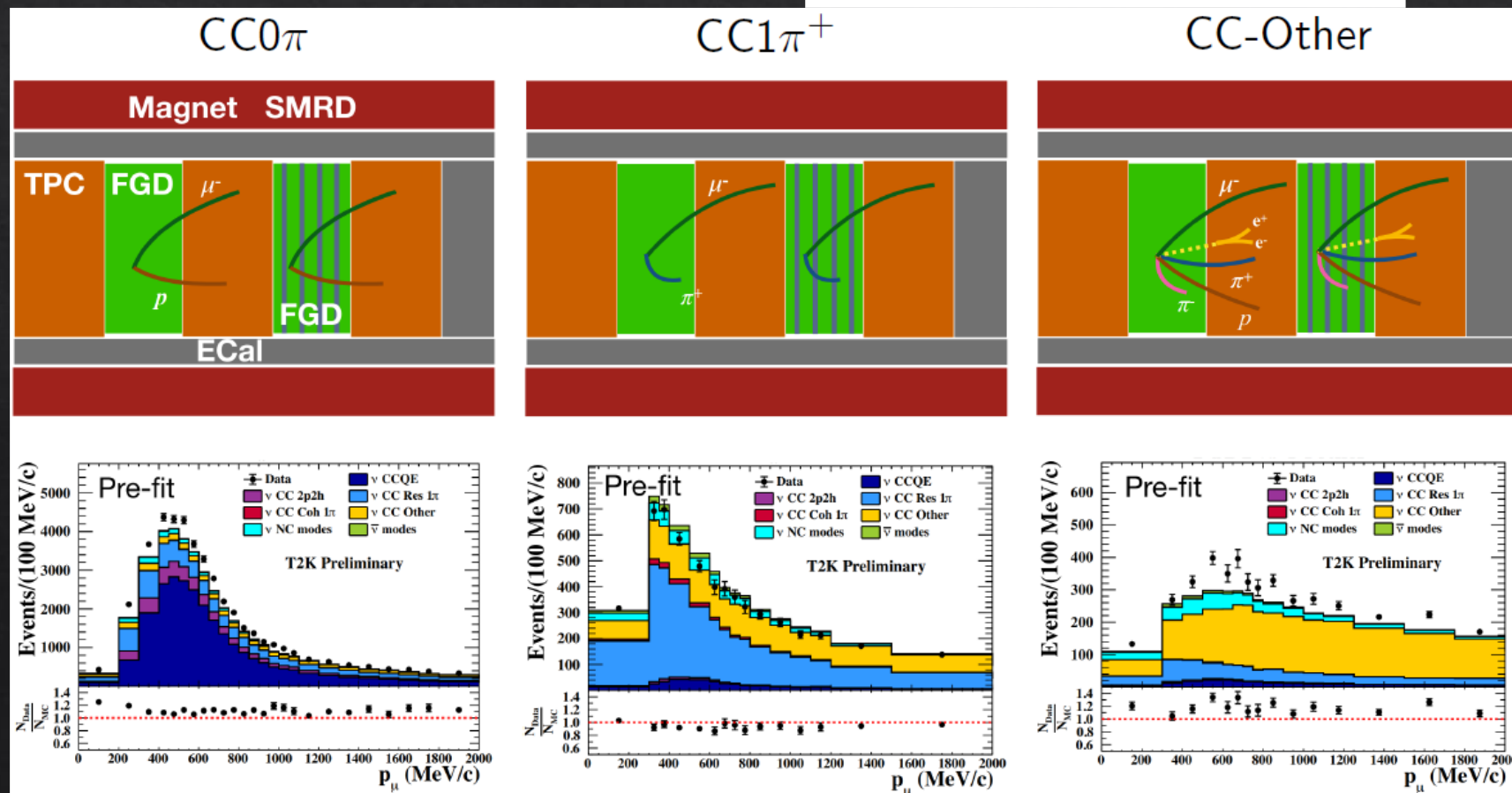
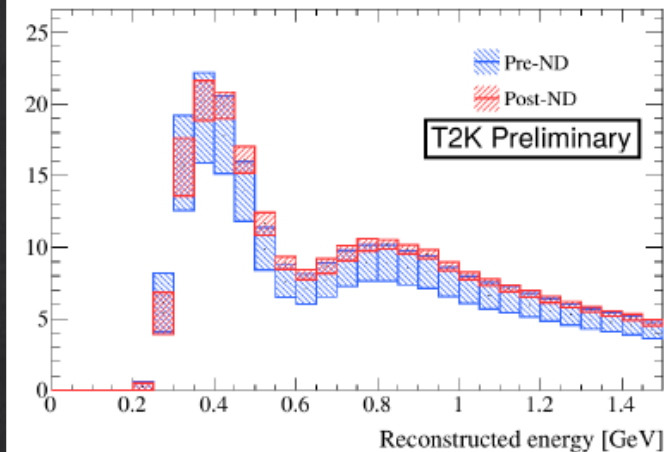


Horns and Target

# Near Detector Results

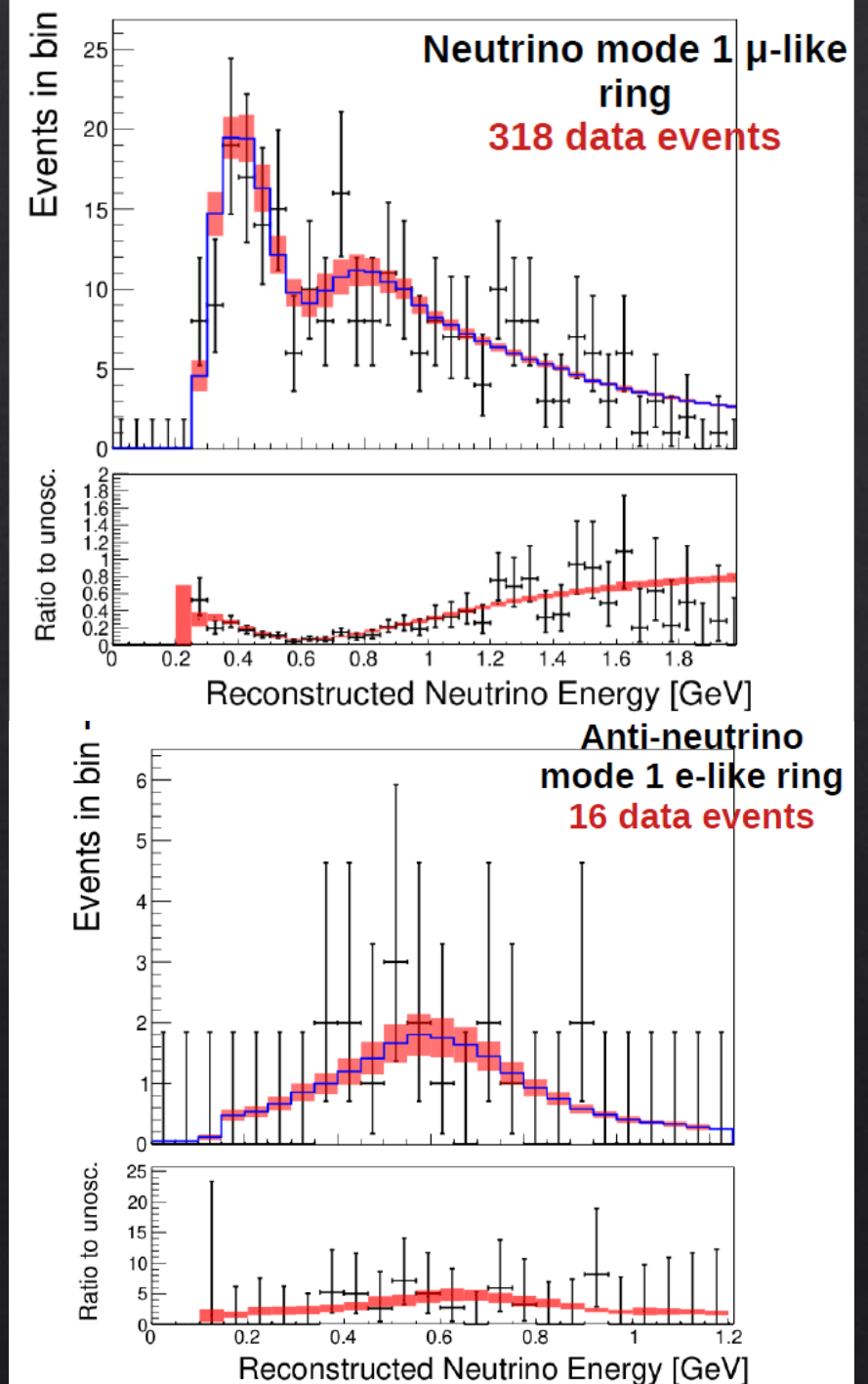
- Fit a set (18) of neutrino and antineutrino samples
- Constrains
  - Flux parameters
  - Cross section model parameters
- Correlation between the two further reduces uncertainty in SK prediction
  - 13%  $\rightarrow$  4.7% uncertainty in 1 ring electron like samples post fit
- New samples to come
  - NC  $\pi^0$
  - Hadron Kinematics
- Neutrino cross section measurements

FHC 1Rμ average spectrum with all systematics



# Super-Kamiokande Data

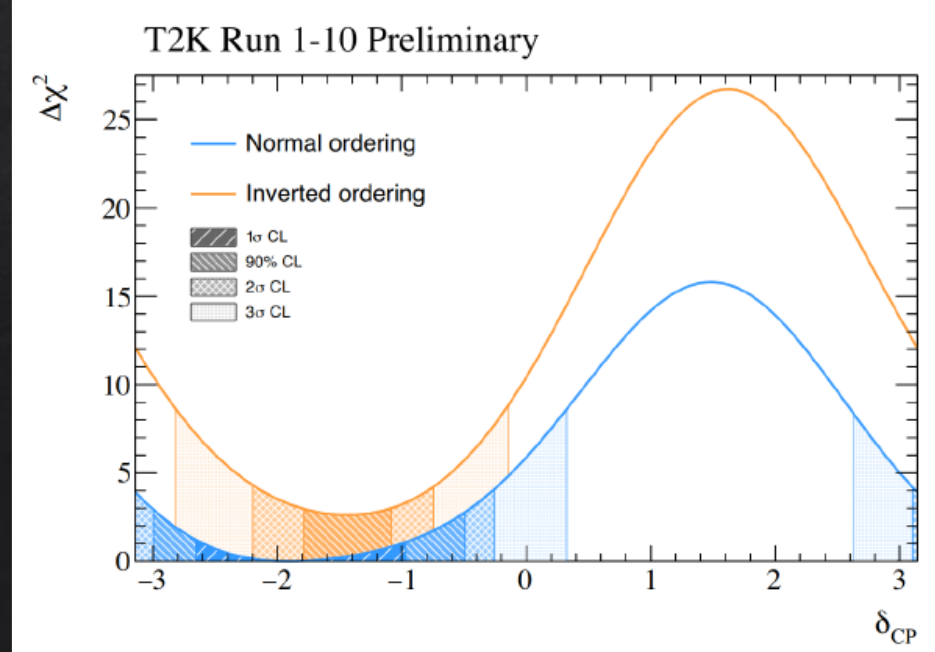
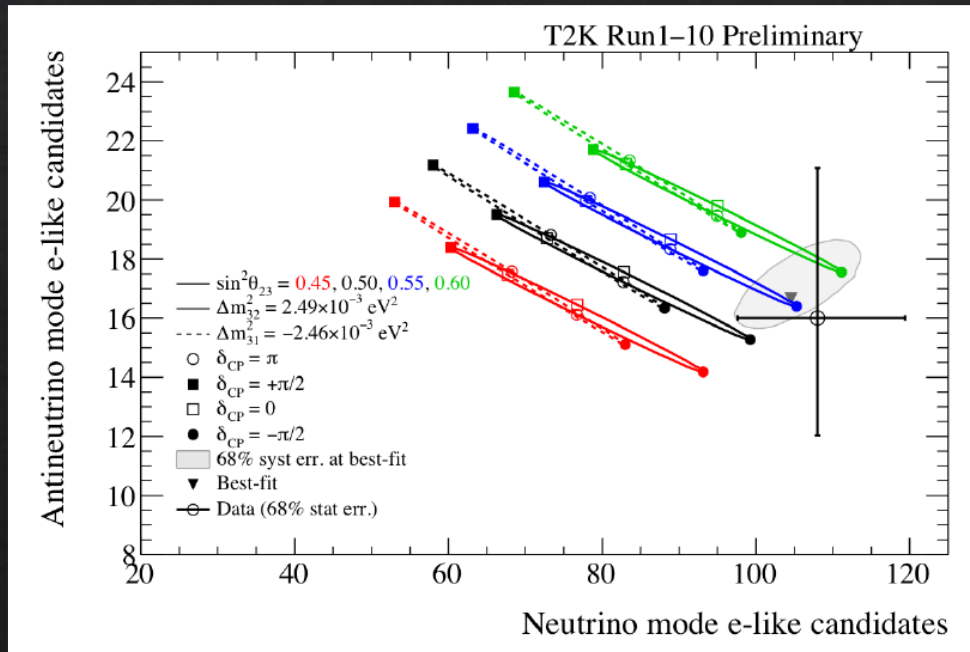
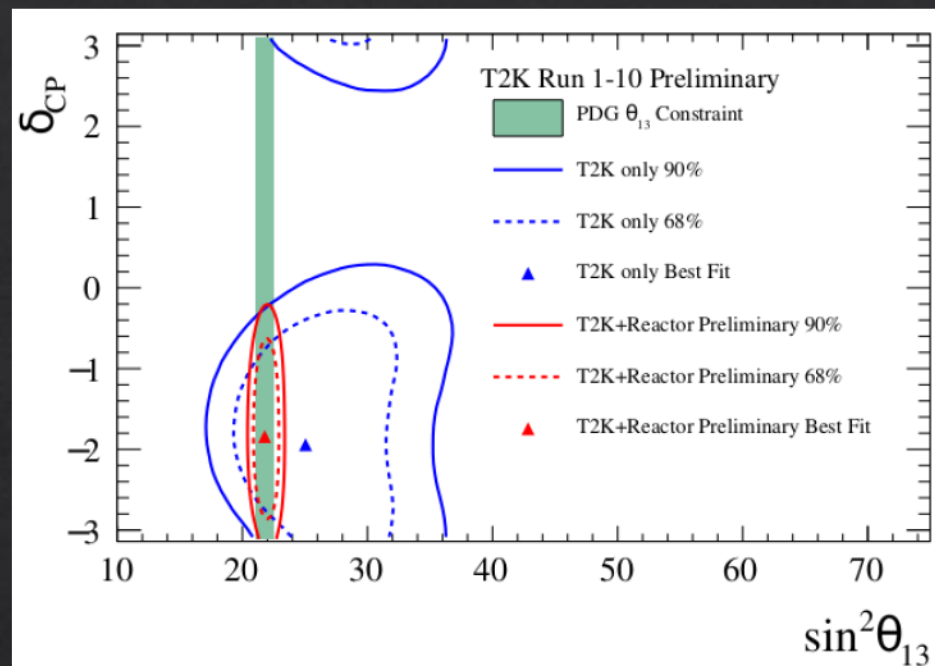
- ◇ 5 data samples
  - ◇ Single Ring mu-like, neutrino and antineutrino mode
  - ◇ Single Ring e-like, neutrino and antineutrino mode
  - ◇ Single Ring e-like + 1 Michel electron, neutrino mode
- ◇ Work underway to add more  $CC\pi$  samples
- ◇ Detector systematics from fit to atmospheric neutrino sample





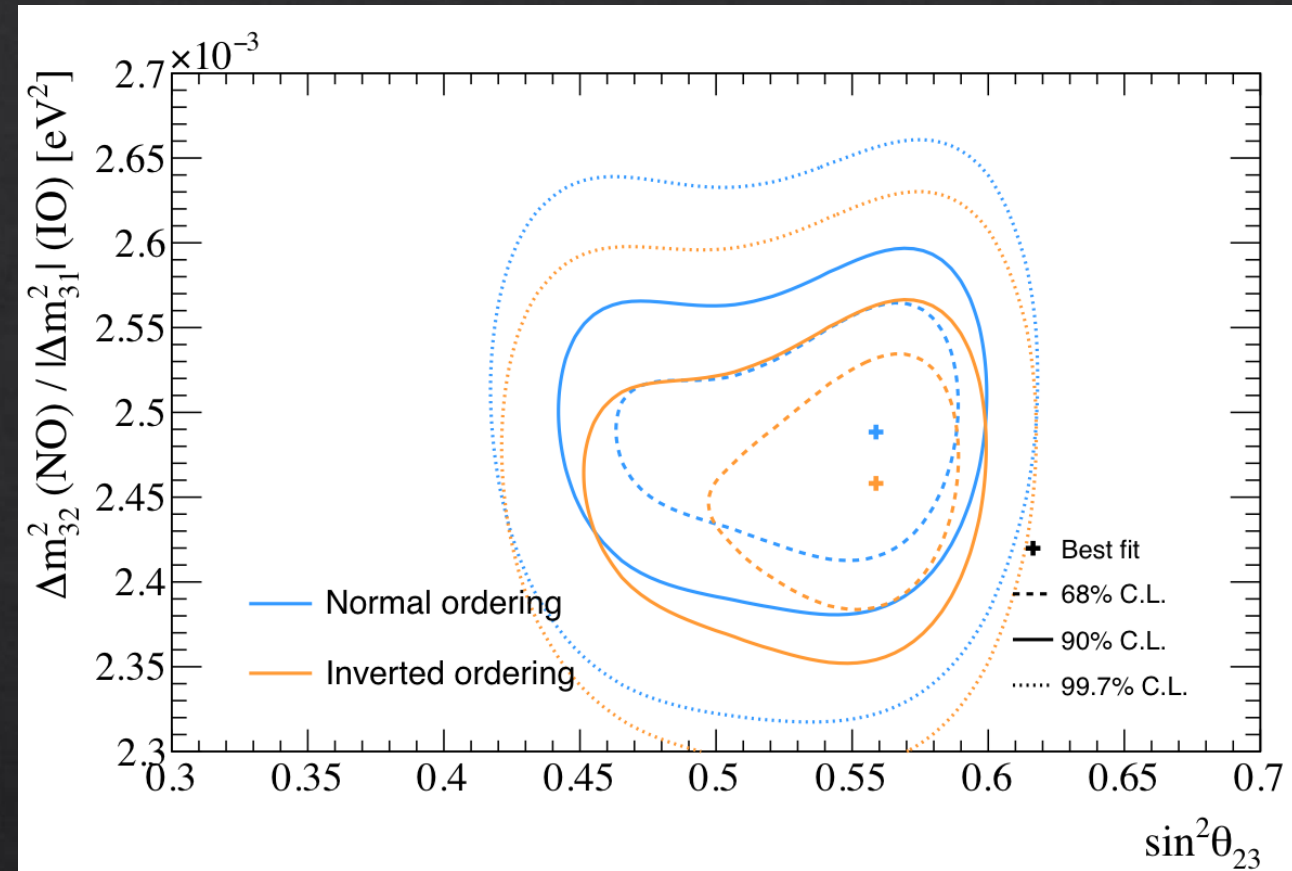
# Limits on CP violation

- ◇ Disfavour CP conserving values at 90% CL
- ◇ 35% of values excluded at  $3\sigma$ 
  - ◇ Marginalised over the mass ordering



# $\theta_{23}$ and $\Delta m^2_{32}$ Results

- ◇ Still consistent with maximal mixing
- ◇ Slight preference for upper octant and normal ordering



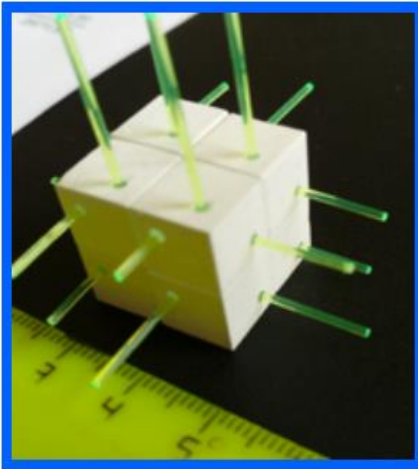
## Bayesian Fit Results

Posterior Probability	$\sin^2 \theta_{23} < 0.5$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23} > 0.5$	Sum
NO ( $\Delta m^2_{32} > 0$ )	0.195	0.613	0.808
IO ( $\Delta m^2_{32} < 0$ )	0.035	0.157	0.192
Sum	0.230	0.770	1.000



# ND280 Upgrade

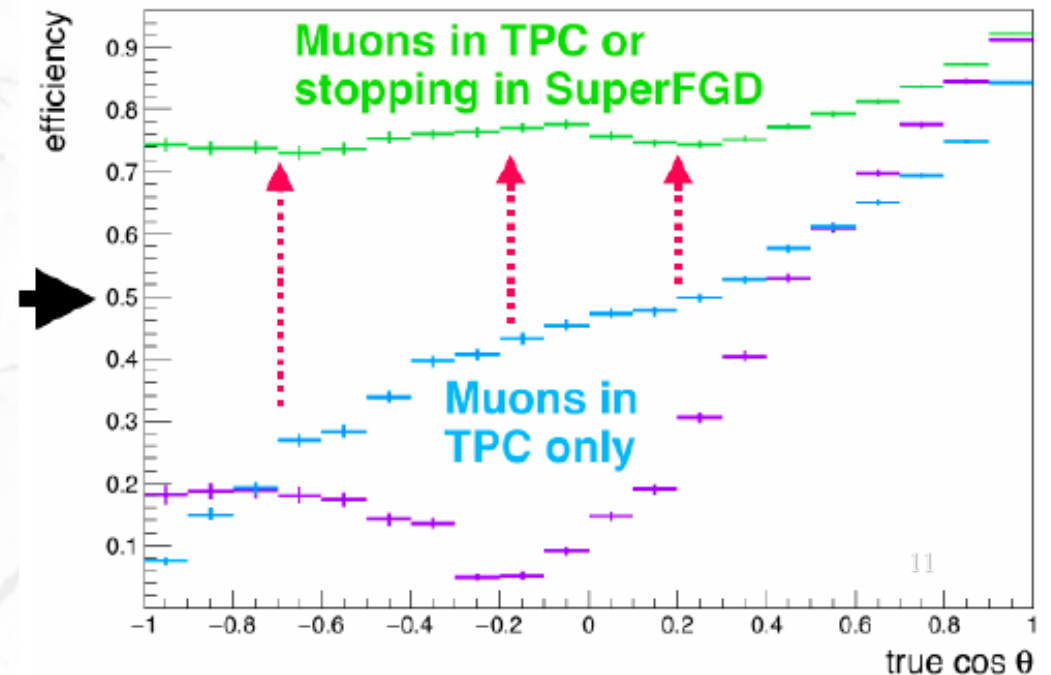
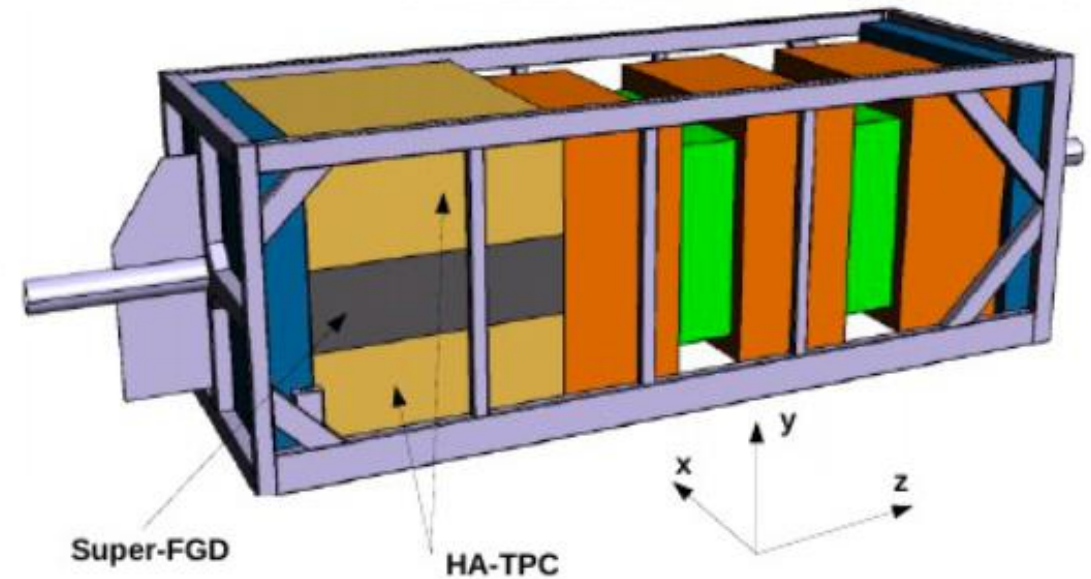
- ◆ Upgrade near detector to improve granularity, high angle and backwards tracking
  - ◆ New technologies and enhanced sensitivity
- ◆ Installation by March 2023
- ◆ Beam power upgrade in progress



1x1x1 cm<sup>3</sup> cubes  
Polystyrene scintillator  
1.5% paraterphenyl  
0.01% POPOP  
Chemical etched reflector  
WLS fiber Kuraray Y11  
2-clad (Ø=1mm)

2018 JINST 13 P02006  
NIM A936 (2019) 136-138

Super FGD



# Future Prospects

- ◆ We expect new exciting data between now and the start of Hyper-Kamiokande
- ◆ ND280 Upgrade
  - ◆ Contribute to reduced systematic uncertainties
  - ◆ Improvements to cross section model
- ◆ Beam power upgrade
  - ◆ More statistics
- ◆ SK-Gd
  - ◆ Neutron sensitivity in far detector from 2020
- ◆ All improvement expected online for next run from 2023
- ◆ T2K is developing joint fits with Nova and Super-Kamiokande
- ◆ Improved reach from combinations
- ◆ Correlated systematics and different analysis techniques requires joint working groups
  - ◆ Joint analyses are up and running
- ◆ First results expected for 2023



# Summary

- ◆ T2K Oscillation Results

- ◆ CP violation
- ◆  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{32}$

- ◆ T2K Upgrades

- ◆ ND280 Upgrade
- ◆ Beam Power Upgrade
- ◆ SK-GD

- ◆ Joint fits

- ◆ Nova
- ◆ Super-Kamiokande

- ◆ All detector elements critical as we push for  $3\sigma$  sensitivity

- ◆ New technologies and techniques

- ◆ Enhanced sensitivity and reach

- ◆ Reach for the ultimately sensitivity of the current generation