

T2K and T2K+SK Joint Fit

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Neutrino Oscillations

Oscillations characterised by Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Atmospherics and LBL

$$\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$$

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

Reactors and LBL

$$\theta_{13} \sim 10^\circ$$

$$\delta_{CP} \text{ unknown}$$

Solar and Reactors

$$\theta_{12} \sim 35^\circ$$

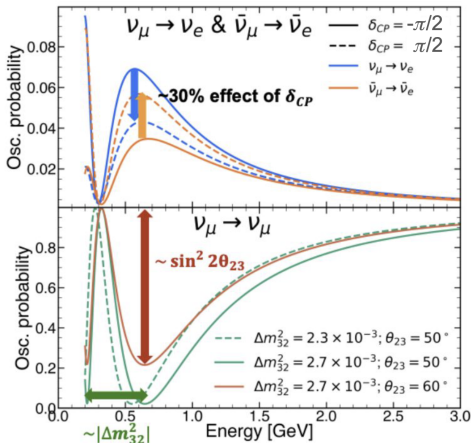
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \sim 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

Long baseline (LBL) experiments:

→ Provide the most precise measurements of θ_{23} and $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$

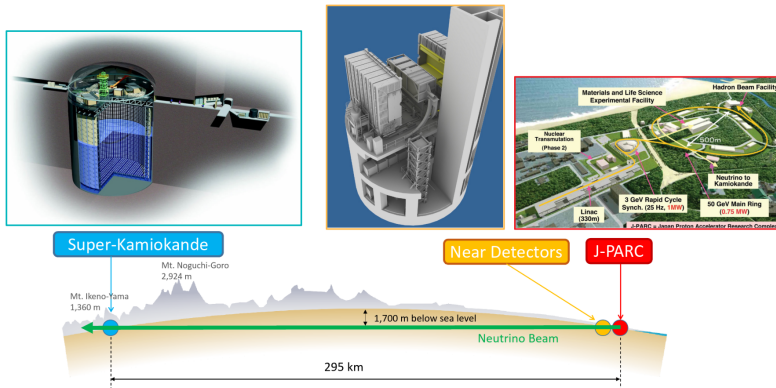
→ δ_{CP} and the sign of Δm_{32}^2 are unknown but accessible to LBL

Accelerator Neutrino Oscillations



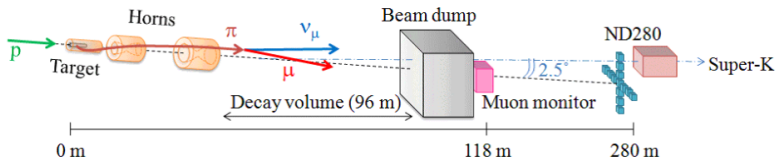
- δ_{CP} modifies neutrino/antineutrino appearance ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$) probability:
 - Circular modulation over 2π period
 - Asymmetric effect
- Disappearance probability ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$):
 - $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ modulates amplitude
 - Frequency of oscillation $\sim |\Delta m_{23}^2|$

The T2K Experiment

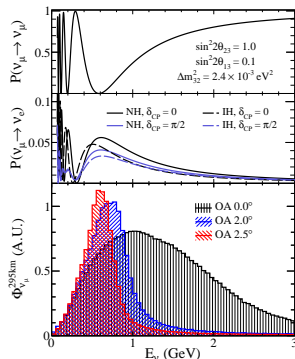


- ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance \rightarrow determine θ_{13} and δ_{CP}
- ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance \rightarrow precise measurement of θ_{23} and $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$
- Neutrino cross-section measurements \rightarrow [see talk by Laura Munteanu](#)

T2K Beam

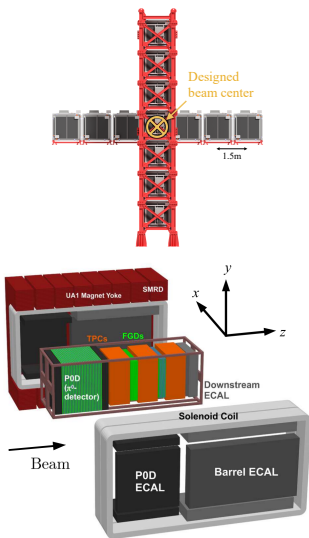


- 30 GeV proton beam extracted from J-PARC main ring onto graphite target
 - Produces hadrons: mostly pions and kaons
- Hadrons are charge-selected and focused by three magnetic horns
 - Select positive hadrons to produce predominantly ν_μ beam
 - Select negative hadrons to produce predominantly $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beam
- Beam directed 2.5° away from SK



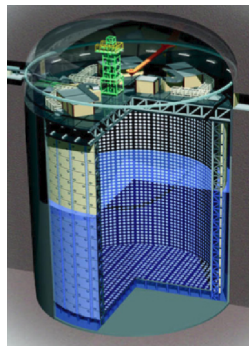
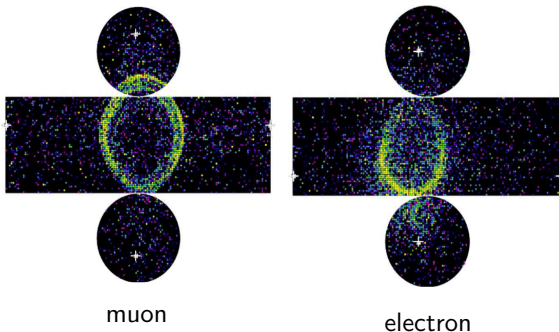
Near Detectors

- 280 m downstream of beam target
- INGRID: on-axis detector
 - Monitor beam intensity, direction & stability
 - Constrain flux systematics
- ND280: off-axis detector
 - Same 2.5° off-axis angle as SK
 - Consists of several sub-detectors in a 0.2 T magnetic field
 - Measure neutrino interactions, intrinsic ν_e contribution and wrong-sign background
 - Constrain flux and cross-section uncertainties



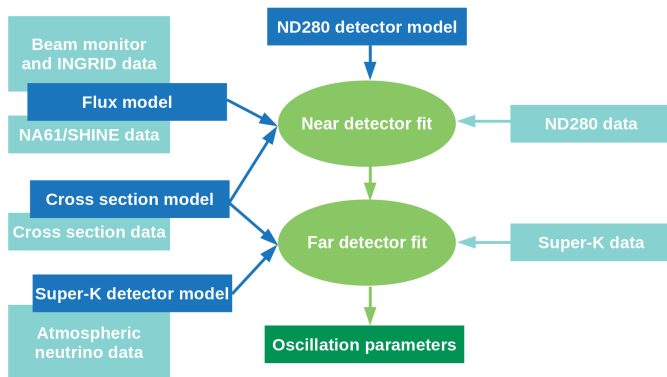
Super-Kamiokande

- 2.5° off-axis
- 50 kton water Cherenkov detector
- Doped with 0.03% $\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ in 2022 to improve neutron tagging efficiency



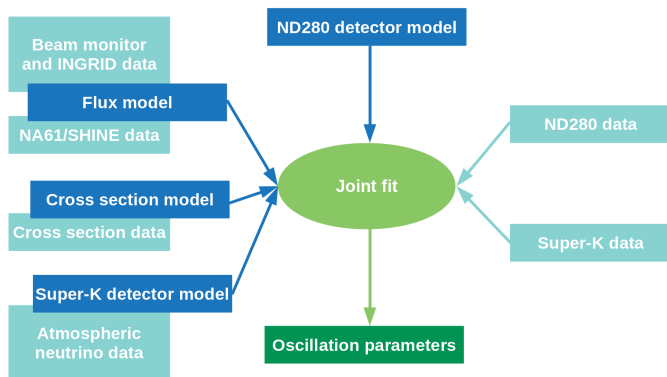
- Excellent particle identification capability
- $< 1\%$ μ misidentified as e
- μ produce sharp rings
- e produce fuzzy rings

Oscillation Analysis Strategy



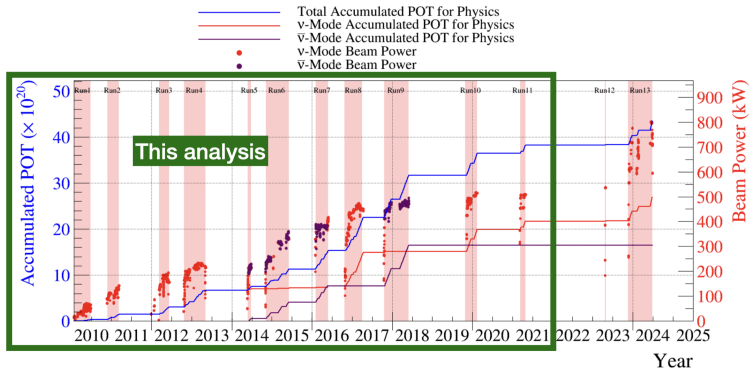
- Sequential analysis: first fit near detector data, then fit SK data
- Both fitting approaches produce consistent results

Oscillation Analysis Strategy



- Joint analysis: simultaneous fit to near and far detector data
- Both fitting approaches produce consistent results

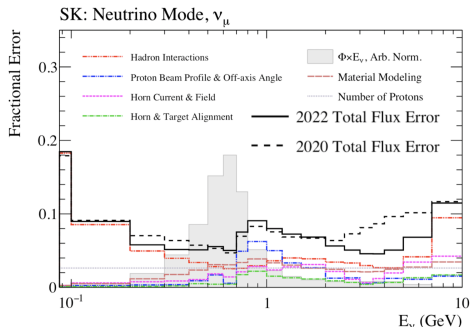
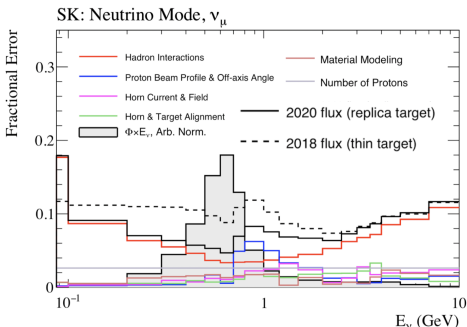
Latest T2K Oscillation Analysis



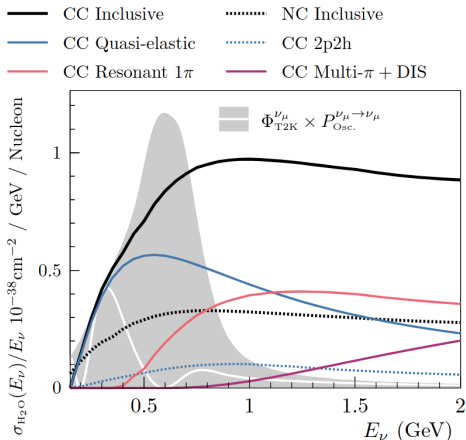
- Updates since [2022 analysis](#):
 - 10% more data in neutrino mode
 - Improved SK detector systematics treatment
 - Added selection cuts to distinguish decay electrons and neutrons at SK
- [See talk by Ed Atkin](#)

Flux Model

- Use NA61/SHINE hadron production data with replica T2K target to inform flux model
 - [Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 617 \(2016\)](#), [Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 84 \(2016\)](#)
 - Reduces flux uncertainty from $\sim 10\%$ to $\sim 5\%$ around flux peak
 - Increases nominal ν_μ and ν_e fluxes
 - Reduce uncertainties at higher energies



Cross-section Model

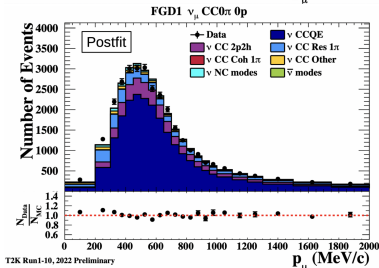
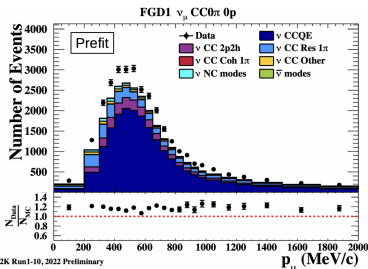
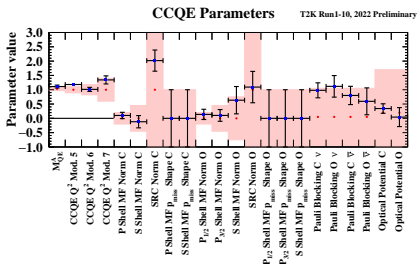


- Dominated by CCQE interactions at T2K energies
 - Spectral Function model from Behnar et al.
 - [Paper on parameterisation](#)
- Significant contributions from 2p2h and resonant interactions
 - Valencia model for 2p2h
 - Rein-Sehgal with lepton mass corrections for single pion production

- Mismodelling can lead to biases in neutrino energy reconstruction
 - Constrain cross-section model with near detector data

Near Detector Fit

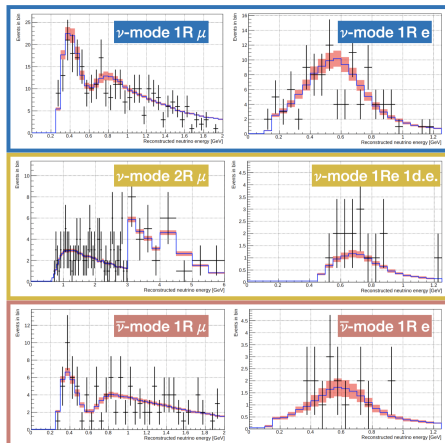
- 22 samples separated by:
 - Beam configuration
 - Lepton candidate charge
 - Target (CH/H₂O)
 - Number of pions, protons and photons
- See talk by Ewan Miller



SK Samples

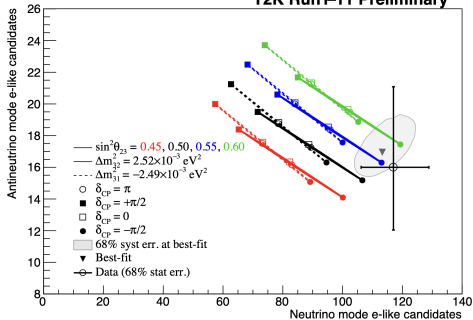
- 2 samples 1R μ -like/e-like in ν -mode \rightarrow CCQE enhanced
- 2 samples CC1 π enhanced (2 rings or additional decay electron)
- 2 samples 1R μ -like/e-like in $\bar{\nu}$ -mode \rightarrow CCQE enhanced
- New detector covariance matrix at SK
 - \rightarrow Significantly reduces systematics in 1Re1d.e. sample
 - \rightarrow See talk by Michael Reh

Sample	Last Analysis	This Analysis
ν -mode 1R μ	3.4%	3.2%
ν -mode 1R e	5.2%	4.9%
ν -mode 2R μ	4.9%	3.9%
ν -mode 1Re1d.e.	14.3%	6.3%
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode 1R μ	3.9%	5.0%
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode 1R e	5.8%	6.7%

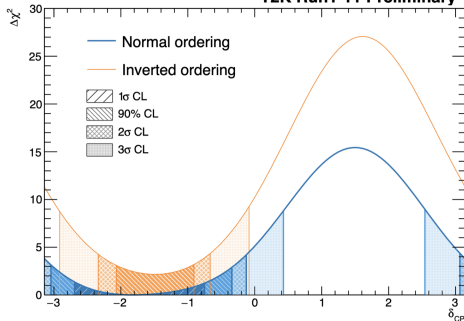


T2K Oscillation Analysis Results

T2K Run1-11 Preliminary

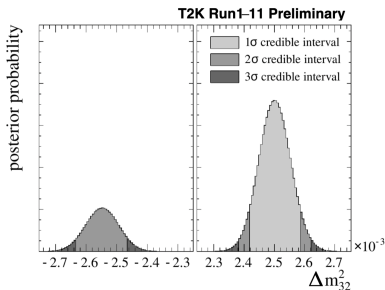
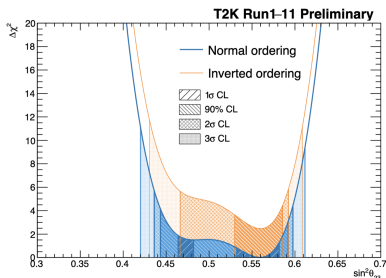


T2K Run1-11 Preliminary



- Best-fit δ_{CP} value $\sim -\pi/2$
- CP-conserving values are within 2σ interval

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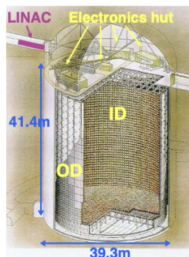
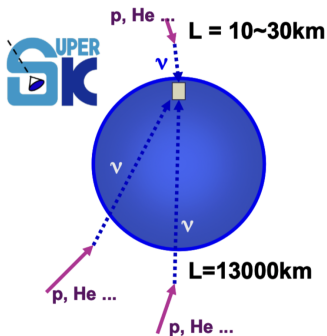


	$\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.5$	$\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.5$	Sum
NO ($\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$)	0.23	0.54	0.77
IO ($\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$)	0.05	0.18	0.23
Sum	0.28	0.72	1.00

- Bayes Factor $B(\text{NO}/\text{IO}) = 3.3$
- Bayes Factor $B(\theta_{23} > 0.5/\theta_{23} < 0.5) = 2.6$
- Weak preference for normal ordering and upper octant

Joint Analyses

- Two joint analyses released in 2023
- T2K (beam) + NO ν A (beam)
 - See [next talk](#) for details
- T2K (beam) + SK (atmospherics) - [Arxiv 2405.12488](#)
 - T2K data (5 samples) POT: 3.6×10^{21} - [Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 782](#)
 - SK-IV data (18 samples) 3244 days - [PTEP 2019 5, 054F01](#)



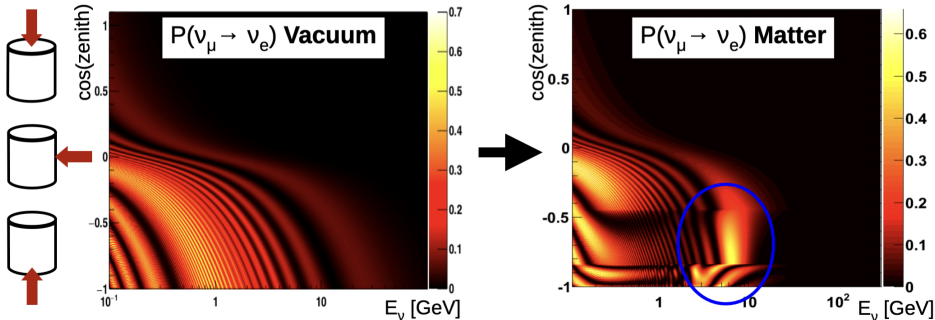
atmospheric
+ accelerator



Atmospheric Oscillations in SK

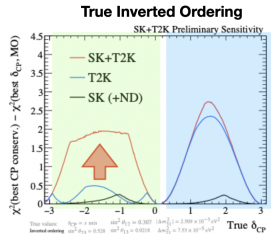
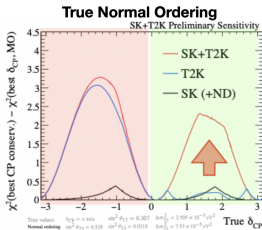
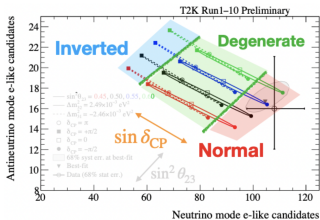
- Resonant-induced matter effects between 2 and 10 GeV in up-going neutrinos
 - Enhancement of ν in NO; enhancement of $\bar{\nu}$ in IO
 - Sensitivity to θ_{23} octant
 - Effect not degenerate with δ_{CP}

Atmospheric neutrino oscillation probability (normal ordering)



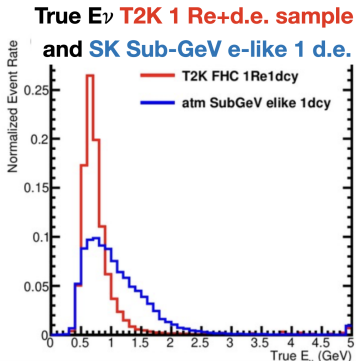
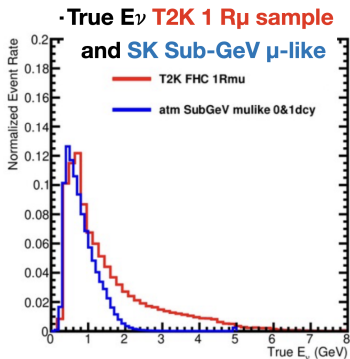
T2K+SK Joint Analysis

- T2K has good sensitivity to δ_{CP} but mild sensitivity to mass ordering
- SK has better sensitivity to mass ordering than δ_{CP}
- Joint analysis breaks degeneracies between δ_{CP} and mass ordering



T2K+SK Systematics Model

- Energy spectra of T2K samples and low energy SK samples overlap
 - Correlated systematics: T2K near detector can be used to constrain cross-section uncertainties for low energy atmospheric samples

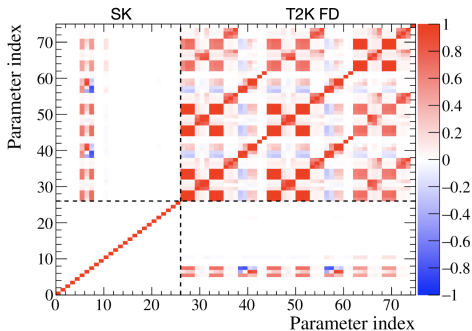


T2K+SK Systematics Model

Interaction Model Summary

	"Low-energy" samples SK FC sub-GeV and T2K	"High-energy" samples SK FC multi-GeV, PC, Upmu
Charged Current Quasi-Elastic (CCQE)	T2K model with ND280 constraint, correlated in low-E/highE (except for high-Q ² parameters)	T2K model with ND280 constraint, correlated in low-E/highE (except for high-Q ² parameters)
Two particles two holes (CC2p2h)	high-Q ² params w/ND280 + extra ω/ω_x xsec diff. error	high-Q ² params w/o ND
Resonant Interactions	T2K model w/ND280 + new p _s shape uncertainty + extra NC1 π^0 uncertainties	SK model (100% error) + T2K-style shape error
Deep inelastic	T2K model w/ND280	SK model for 3 dials also in T2K model, use more recent, larger T2K priors
Tau neutrino interactions	SK model (25% normalization error) correlated in low-E/highE	SK model
Final State Interactions	T2K model w/ND280	T2K model w/o ND280 (mostly same as SK model)
Secondary Interactions	T2K model, correlated in low-E/high-E not applied to SK Upmu samples	

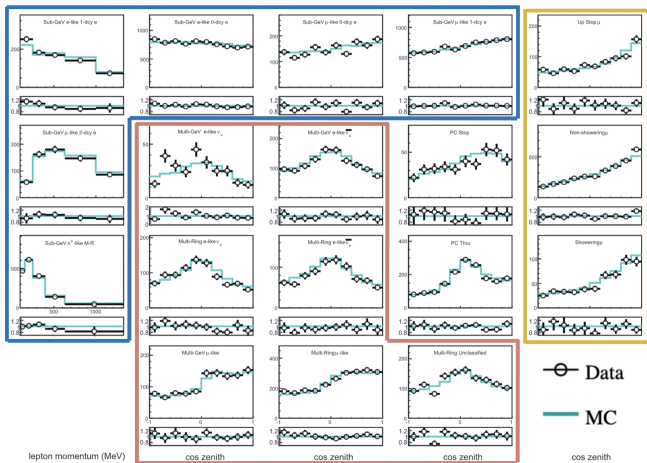
Detector Model



High energy mostly based on SK

- Same detector simulation and reconstruction used in both experiments
→ Correlated detector systematics included in joint analysis

SK Atmospheric Samples



Multi-GeV samples

→ Sensitive to mass ordering and θ_{23} octant

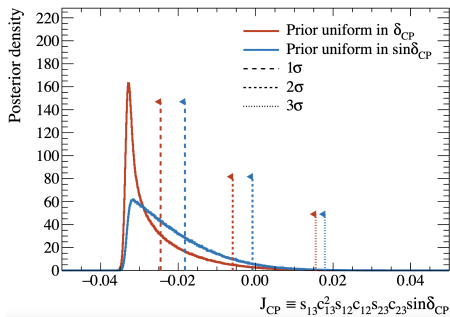
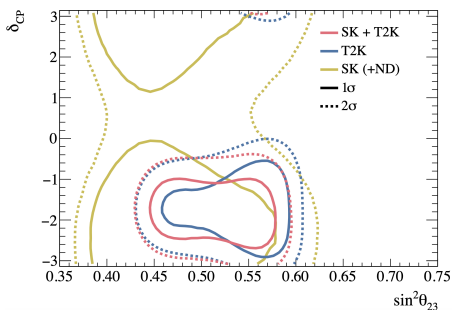
Sub-GeV samples

→ Sensitive to δ_{CP}

Upward-going muons

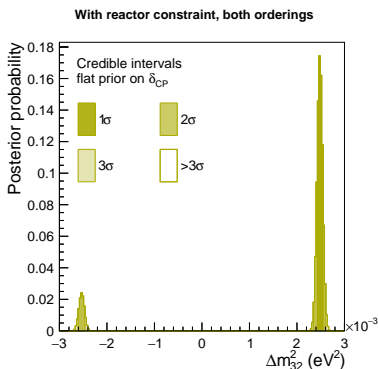
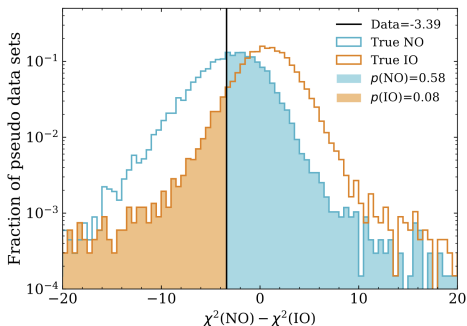
→ Sensitive to $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$ and $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ octant

T2K+SK Oscillation Analysis Results: θ_{23} and δ_{CP}



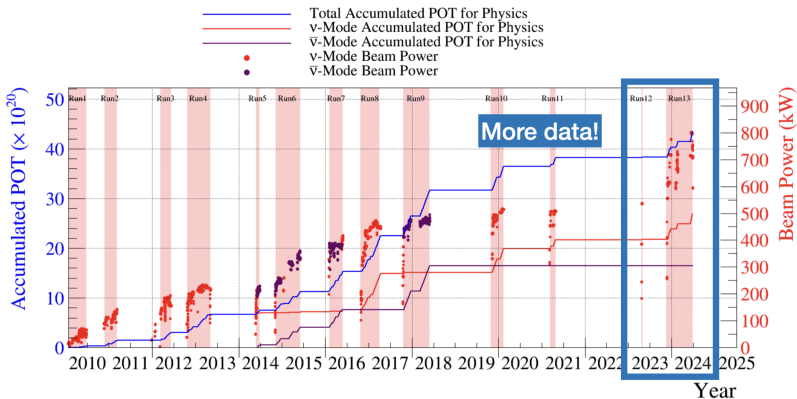
- T2K and SK prefer different octants for θ_{23}
 - Joint analysis has weaker constraint than individual experiments and higher probability of maximal mixing
- The CP-conserving value of the Jarlskog invariant ($J_{CP} = 0$) is excluded with a significance varying between 1.9σ and 2.0σ
- Frequentist analyses find a p -value of 0.050 for a CP conservation hypothesis defined as $J_{CP} = 0$

T2K+SK Oscillation Analysis Results: mass ordering



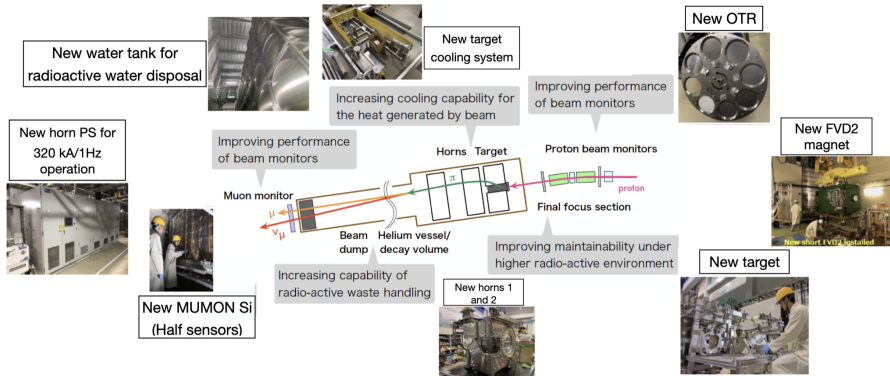
- Slight preference for normal ordering
- Frequentist p -values = 0.58 for NO, 0.08 for IO
 - Corresponds to 1.64σ deviation assuming equal prior probabilities
- Bayesian analysis gives Bayes factor $B(\text{NO}/\text{IO}) = 8.98$
 - c.f. T2K analysis $B(\text{NO}/\text{IO}) = 3.3$

Future Plans for T2K



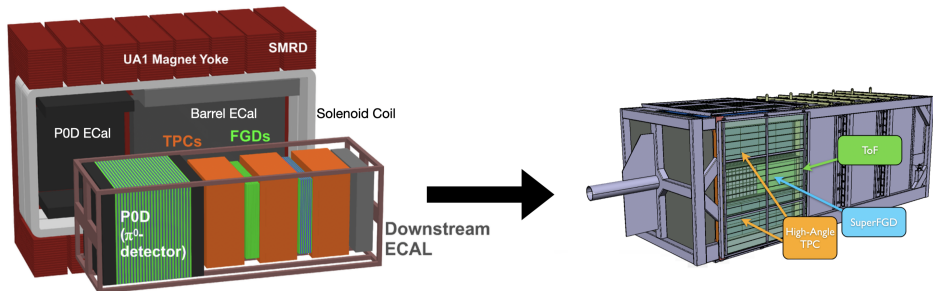
- More data taken in 2023/2024
- Beamline upgrades \rightarrow 750 kW achieved in December 2023
- ND280 upgrade installed and took first data

Beamline Upgrades



- Replacement of Main Ring power supplies to allow for higher repetition rate from 2.48 s to 1.36 s
- Horn being operated at 320 kA instead of 250 kA
→ 10% increase in neutrino flux
- Beam power increased to 800 kW in June 2024

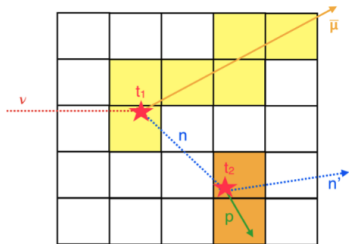
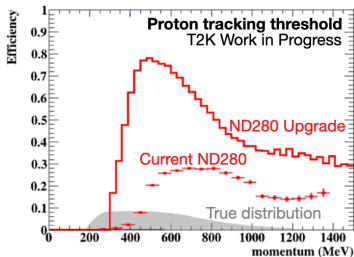
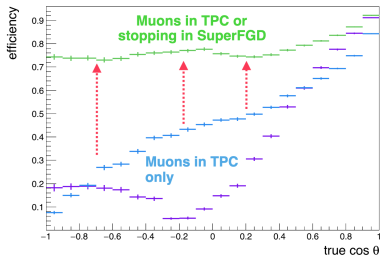
ND280 Upgrade



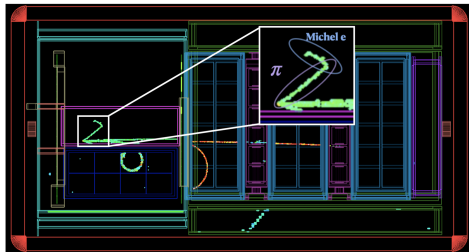
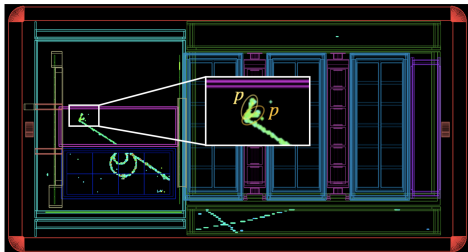
- To address limitations of ND280, replace PØD with three new subdetectors:
 - SuperFGD: highly segmented target material with excellent tracking capability → [see my talk later today](#)
 - High Angle TPCs: measure momentum, charge and particle ID with better angular acceptance → [see talk by Samira Hassani](#)
 - Time-of-Flight: precise timing information to reject backgrounds and improve reconstruction

ND280 Upgrade Physics Benefits

- Higher efficiency for backwards and high-angle muons
- Lower proton reconstruction threshold
- Reconstruct neutron kinematics event by event for the first time



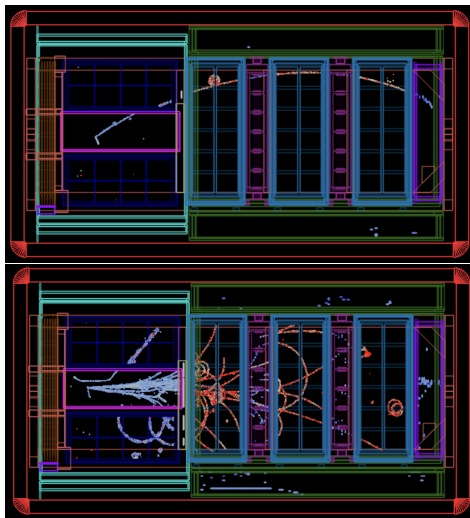
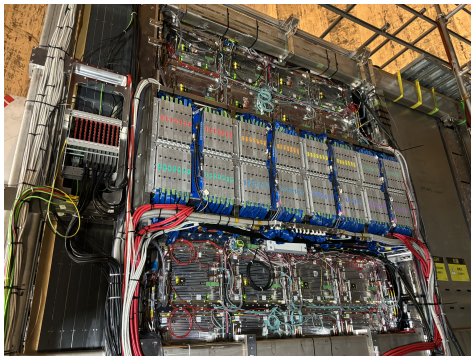
First Neutrino Interactions in ND280 Upgrade



- First beam data taken in November/December 2023 and February 2024 with SFGD, bottom HAT and four TOF panels

ND280 Upgrade Complete

- Upgrade installation complete and first data with fully upgraded ND280 in June 2024



Summary

- T2K is a long baseline experiment aiming to make precise measurements of θ_{23} and Δm_{32}^2 , looking to distinguish the neutrino mass ordering, and searching for CP violation
- New T2K oscillation analysis includes 10% more data in neutrino mode and improved detector systematics
 - CP conservation excluded at 90% CL
 - Weak preference for normal ordering and upper octant
- Presented joint analysis with SK
 - The CP-conserving value of the Jarlskog invariant is excluded with a significance varying between 1.9σ and 2.0σ
- See next talk for T2K+NO ν A results
- Lots of exciting developments coming for T2K with beamline and detector upgrades

BACKUP

Beam Composition

ν -mode

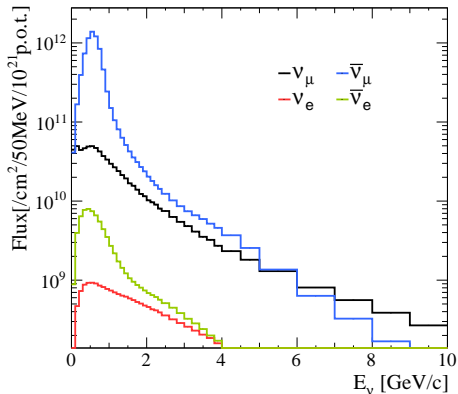
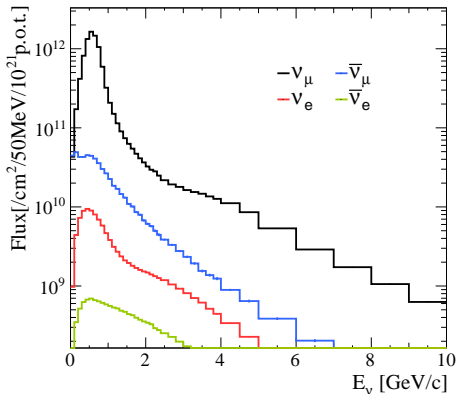
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode

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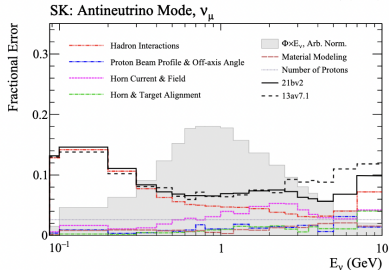
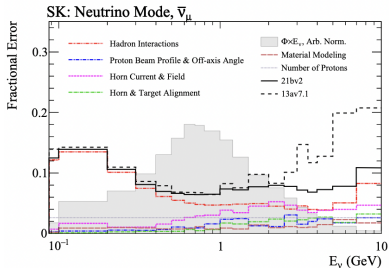
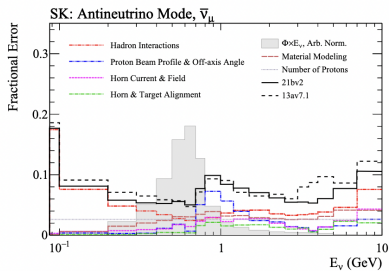
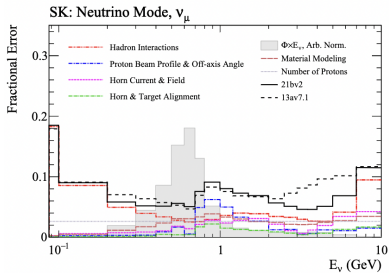
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Tuned run5c-9d flux at ND280

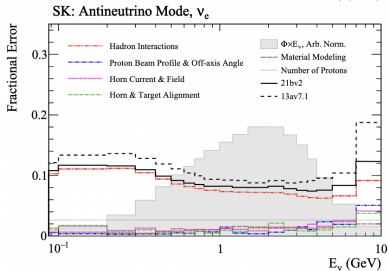
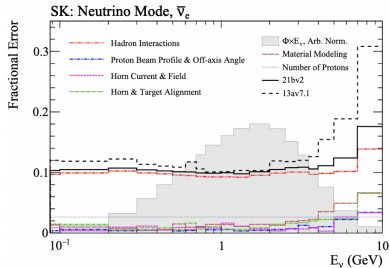
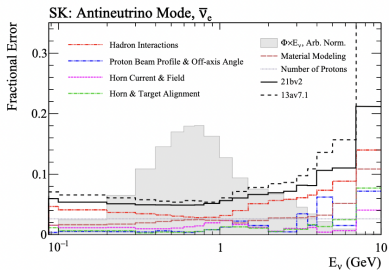
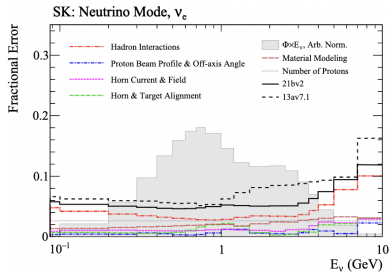
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Flux Systematics: ν_μ

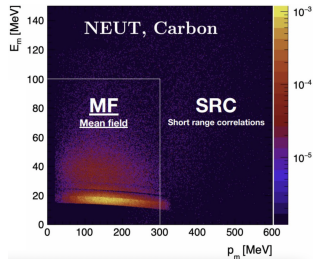
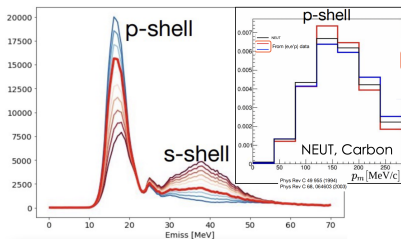


Flux Systematics: ν_e



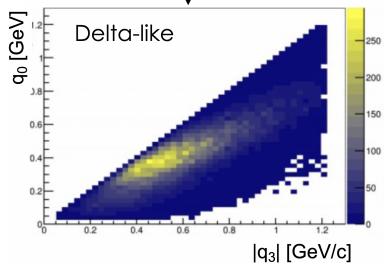
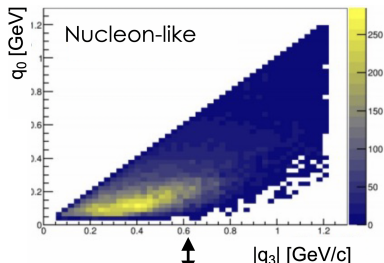
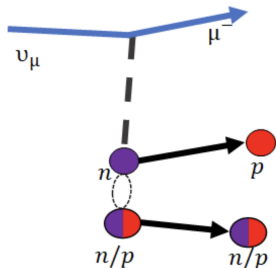
Cross-Section Model: CCQE

- Spectral Function model by Benhar et al. for nuclear structure
- 22 parameters for modifying lepton and nucleon kinematics
 - Separated by C vs O and ν vs $\bar{\nu}$ where appropriate
- Change relative occupancy and shape of momentum distributions within nuclear shells
- Removal energy (E_{rmv}) treatment developed using scattering data
- Normalisation of the Short Range Correlation (SRC) contribution
- Inclusion of Pauli Blocking and optical potential



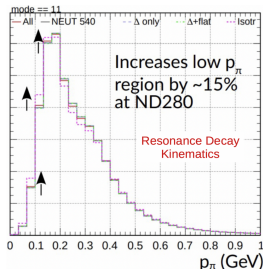
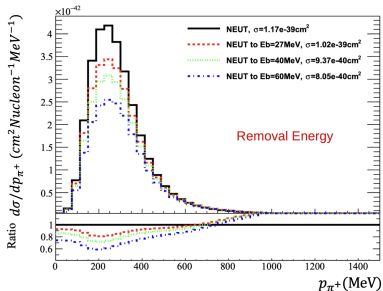
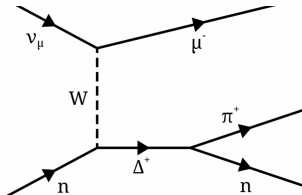
Cross-Section Model: 2p2h

- Base model: Valencia 2p2h
- Parameters to control:
 - Normalisation
 - Shape
 - Pair contributions - PN vs NN (NP vs PP in $\bar{\nu}$ mode)
 - Energy dependence



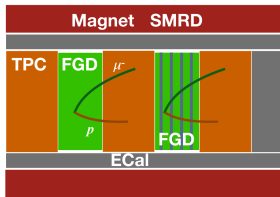
Cross-Section Model: Single Pion Production

- Base model: Rein-Sehgal with lepton mass corrections
- Parameters to control:
 - Form factors - M_A^{RES} and C_A^5
 - Non-resonant background
 - Channel normalisations
 - Removal energy
 - Resonance decay kinematics

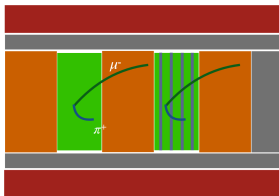


Near Detector Oscillation Samples: Previous Analysis

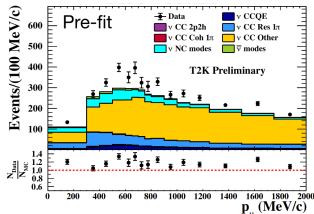
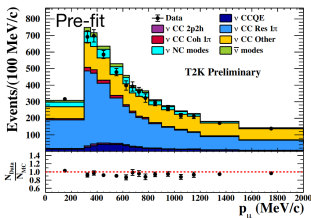
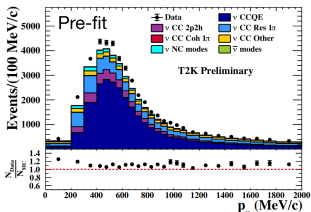
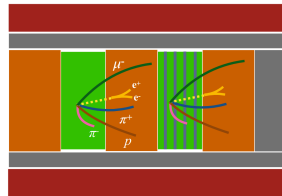
CC0 π



CC1 π^+



CC-Other

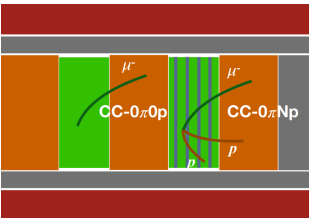


- Have equivalent selections in antineutrino mode, where wrong-sign background (ν_μ) is also selected

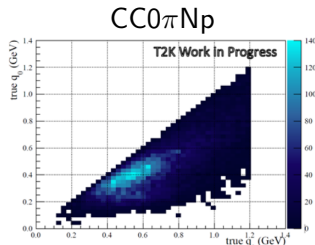
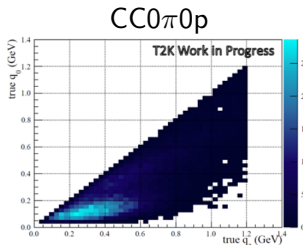
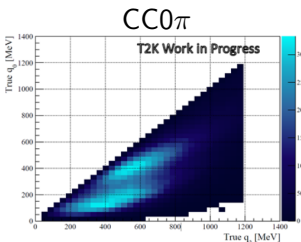
→ 3 topologies \times 2 FGDs \times 3 neutrino flavour-mode combinations = 18 samples in total

Near Detector Oscillation Samples: Latest Analysis

New samples in neutrino mode:

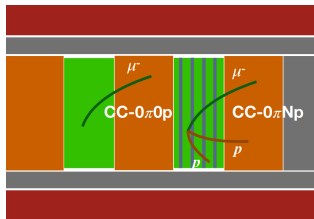


- Split $CC0\pi$ sample based on presence or absence of **protons**
- Different sensitivity to nuclear effects:
 - Separates (q_0, q_3) peaks in Valencia 2p2h model

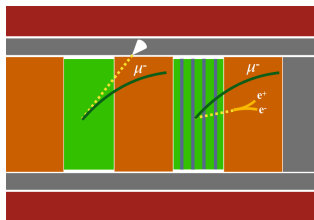


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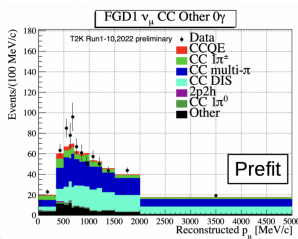
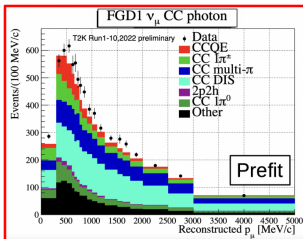
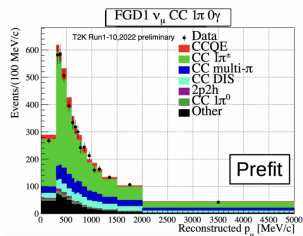
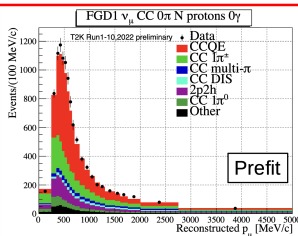
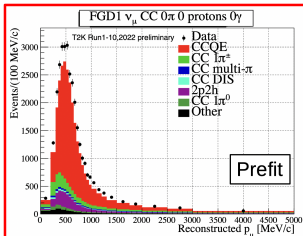


- Split CC0 π sample based on presence or absence of **protons**
- Different sensitivity to nuclear effects:
 - Separates (q_0, q_3) peaks in Valencia 2p2h model



- Isolate CC π^0 interactions by looking for **photons** in the ECals and TPCs
- Contributions from DIS (30%), multi-pion production (20%) and resonant π^0 production (24%)
- Improves purities of other ND samples

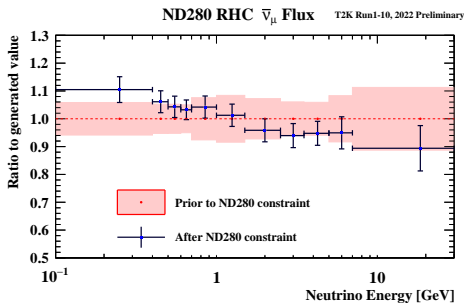
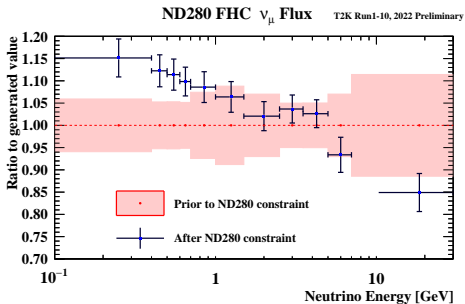
Near Detector Oscillation Samples: Latest Analysis



- 5 samples per FGD in neutrino mode
- Antineutrino mode selection unchanged
- 22 samples in total

Postfit Constraints on Flux Parameters

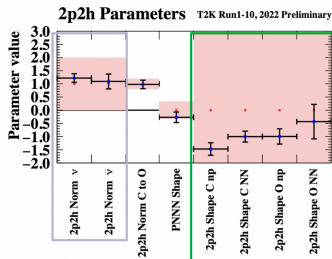
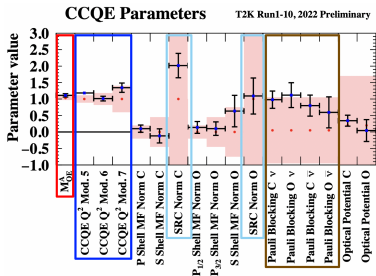
- Significant increases at low energy for both ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_mu$
- At flux peak (0.6 GeV) increase ν_μ by $\sim 10\%$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ by $\sim 7\%$
- Flux prediction at SK constrained through correlation with ND280 flux parameters



Although shifts seem large, incur a χ^2 penalty of ~ 60 for 100 flux parameters

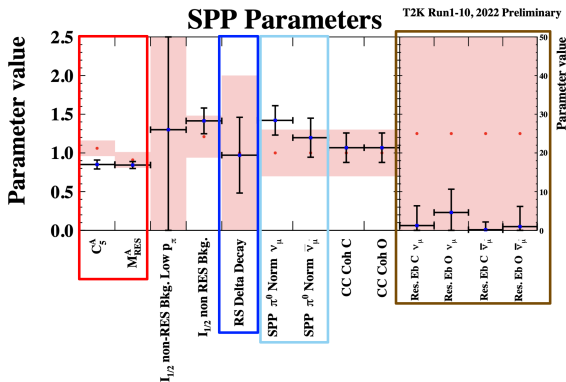
Postfit Constraints on CCQE and 2p2h Parameters

- M_A^{QE} increased above prior, CCQE high Q^2 cross section increased, Short Range Correlations (SRC) normalisation increased
- Pauli Blocking increased
 - Changes low Q^2 region of $CC0\pi0p$ with little impact on $CC0\pi Np$
- 2p2h normalisation increased by $\sim 20\%$ for ν and $\sim 5\%$ for $\bar{\nu}$
 - Less than previous analysis due to correlations with SRC
- 2p2h shape parameters pulled towards non- Δ region
 - Shift 2p2h towards low q_0



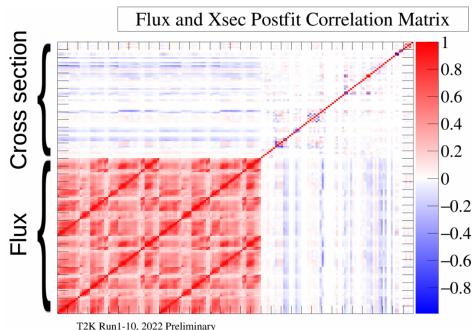
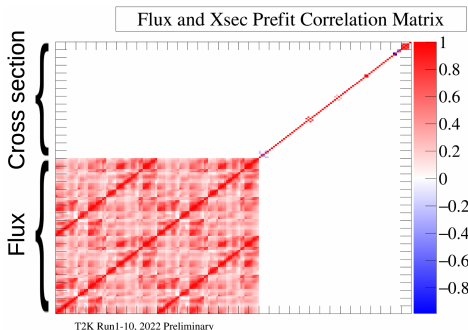
Postfit Constraints on SPP Parameters

- Form factors M_A^{RES} and C_A^5 pulled below prior value
- RS delta decay remains at prior favouring Δ -like decay
- π^0 normalisations increased above prior values, more for ν_μ than $\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Removal energy parameters pulled almost to 0



Parameter Correlations

- Strongest correlations between degenerate parameters
- Anticorrelations introduced between flux and cross-section parameters due to strong constraints on event rate
- ND detector systematic parameters not propagated to SK

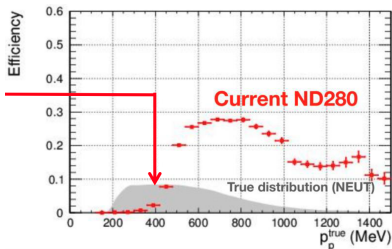
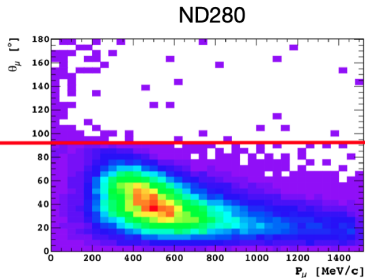
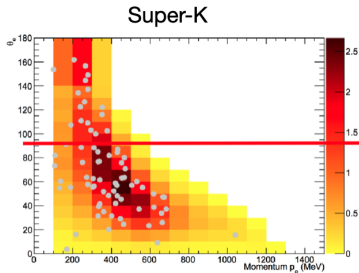


Systematic Uncertainties at the Near Detector

- Before ND fit, cross-section uncertainties are largest
- After fit, cross-section and flux are similar at 2.5-3.5%
- Detector uncertainties remain smallest: 2-5% before and 1-2% after

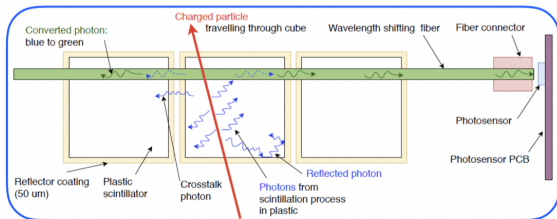
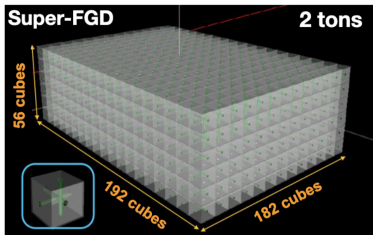
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	Flux		Xsec		ND280	
	pri.	post.	pri.	post.	pri.	post.
FGD1 FHC CC0 π -0p-0 γ	5.0	2.7	11.8	2.8	1.8	1.2
FGD1 FHC CC0 π -Np-0 γ	5.5	2.8	11.7	3.2	3.5	2.2
FGD1 FHC CC1 π -0 γ	5.2	2.7	9.1	2.7	3.0	1.4
FGD1 FHC CC-Other-0 γ	5.4	2.8	8.0	2.8	5.2	2.3
FGD1 FHC CC-Photon	5.5	2.8	8.5	2.8	2.8	1.8
FGD1 RHC CC0 π	4.9	3.2	11.3	3.2	1.9	1.2
FGD1 RHC CC1 π	4.6	3.1	10.3	3.0	4.2	2.6
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ND280 Limitations



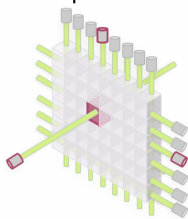
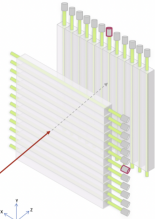
- Limited angular acceptance
- High proton reconstruction threshold

SuperFGD



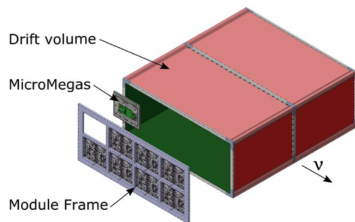
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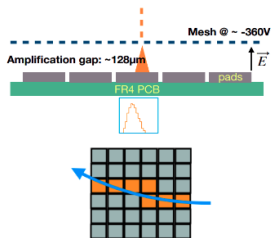
- 2 million optically isolated 1 cm^3 plastic scintillator cubes
- 56,000 wavelength shifting fibers
 - Three orthogonal fibers per cube
 - Each coupled to an MPPC

HAT

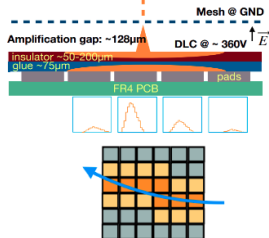


- Employs Encapsulated Resistive Anode MicroMegas (ERAMs)
- Charge spread over several pads improves spatial resolution

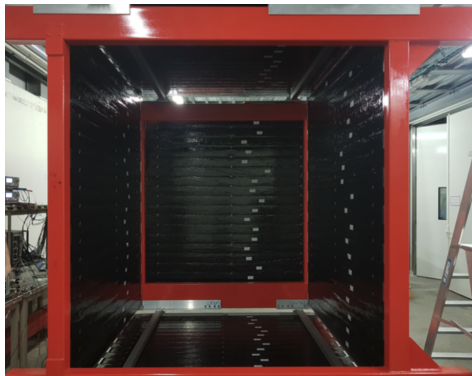
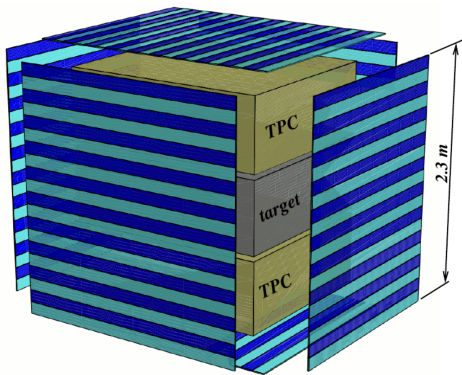
Existing vertical TPCs:
Bulk MicroMegas



New horizontal TPCs:
Resistive Anode MicroMegas

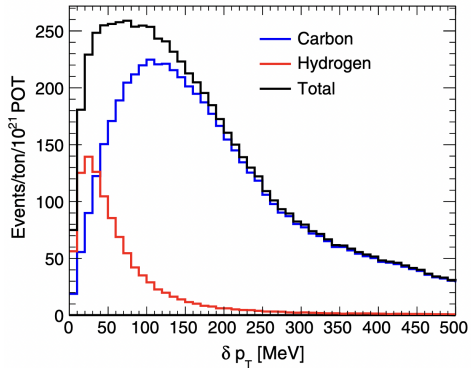
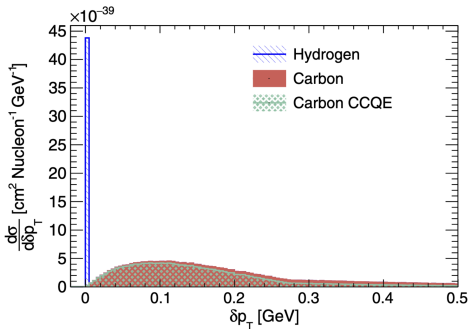


TOF



- Six plastic scintillator panels surrounding SFGD + HATs
- Double-ended readout of scintillator bars

Interactions on Hydrogen



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