

# Tokai-to-Kamioka Experiment

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# $\nu$ -oscillation

( interaction ) ( propagation )  
 For neutrinos flavor basis  $\neq$  Hamiltonian basis.  
 $\rightarrow$  Flavor ( $\nu_e | \nu_\mu | \nu_\tau$ ) oscillates over  $L \times \Delta m^2 / E$ ,  
 amplitude controlled by (PMNS) mixing matrix  $U$ :

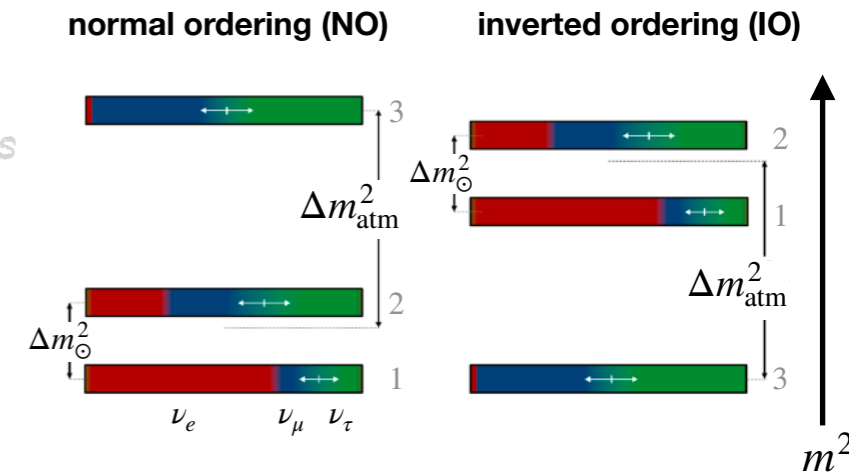
$$U = \begin{matrix} \text{atmospheric} & \text{reactor} & \text{solar} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij} \end{matrix}$$

Open questions:

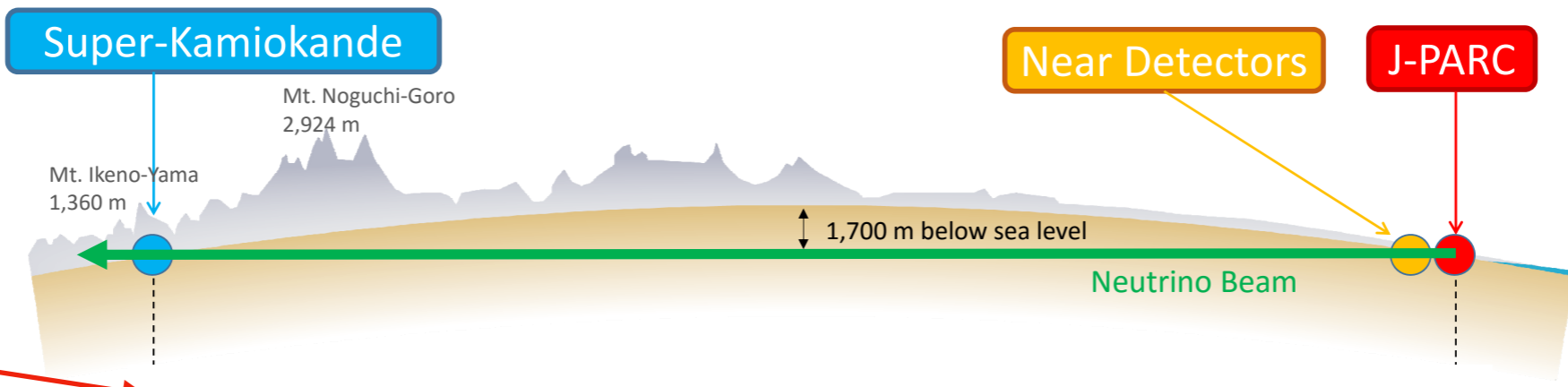
- value of  $\delta_{CP}$   $\rightarrow$  if  $\sin \delta_{CP} \neq 0$ , CP violation
- sign of  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  (mass ordering)
- is  $\theta_{23}$  maximal? octant? (i.e.  $\theta_{23} < \frac{\pi}{4}$  or  $\theta_{23} > \frac{\pi}{4}$ )

*important params for cosmology (leptogenesis...) and  $0\nu 2\beta$  searches*

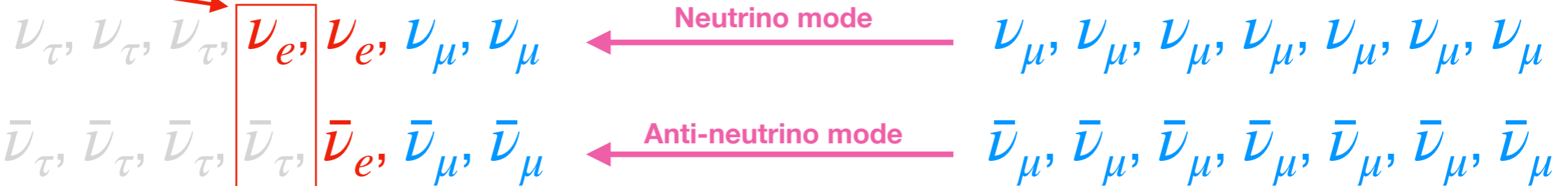
*flavor symmetries?*



For  $\delta_{CP}$ , MO look for  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  difference of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance



note: wrong-sign  $\nu_\mu$  and intrinsic  $\nu_e$  backgrounds neglected for illustration



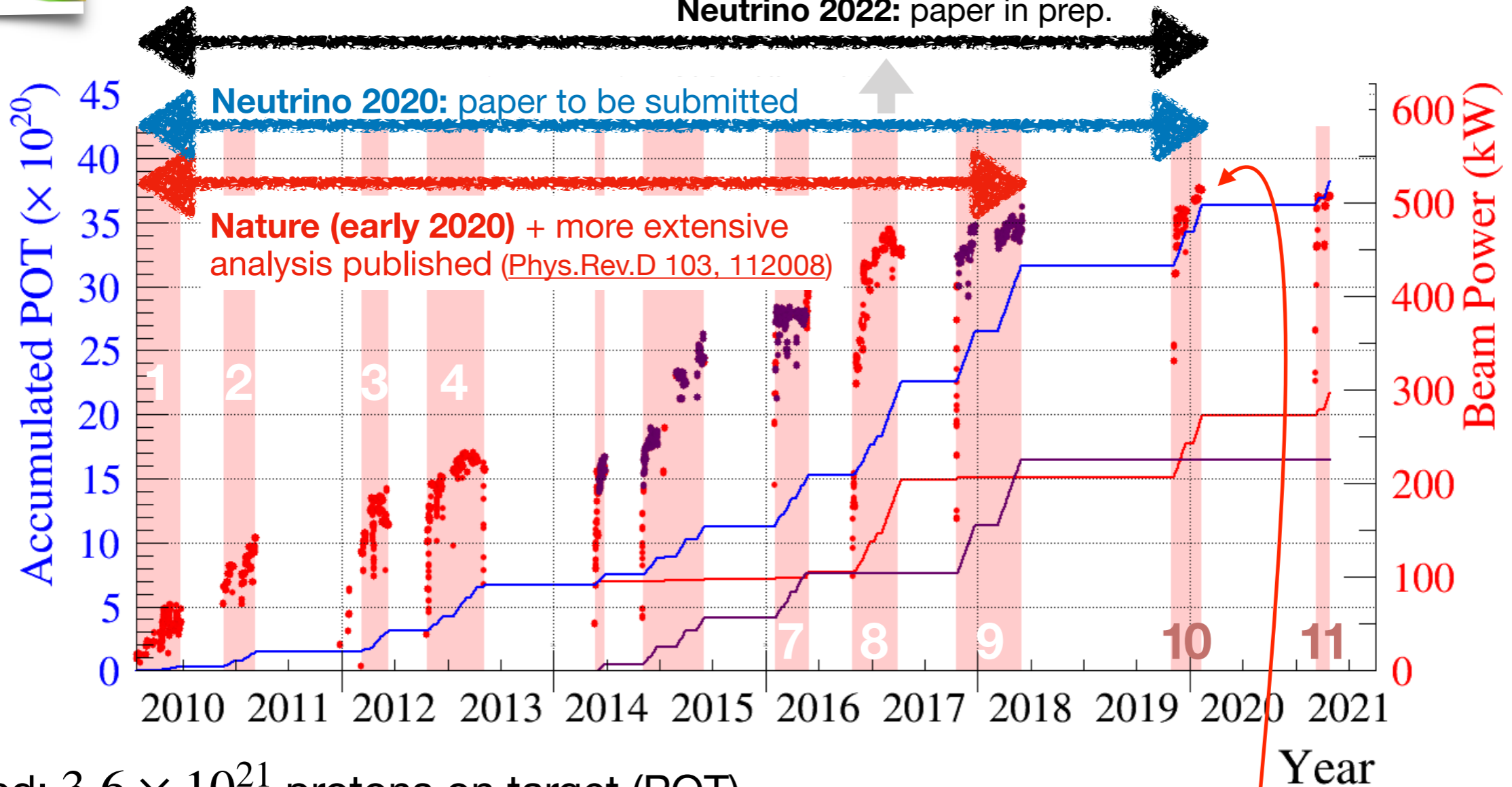




# Dataset

same data,  
many analysis  
improvements!

This talk  
Neutrino 2022: paper in prep.



Analyzed:  $3.6 \times 10^{21}$  protons on target (POT)

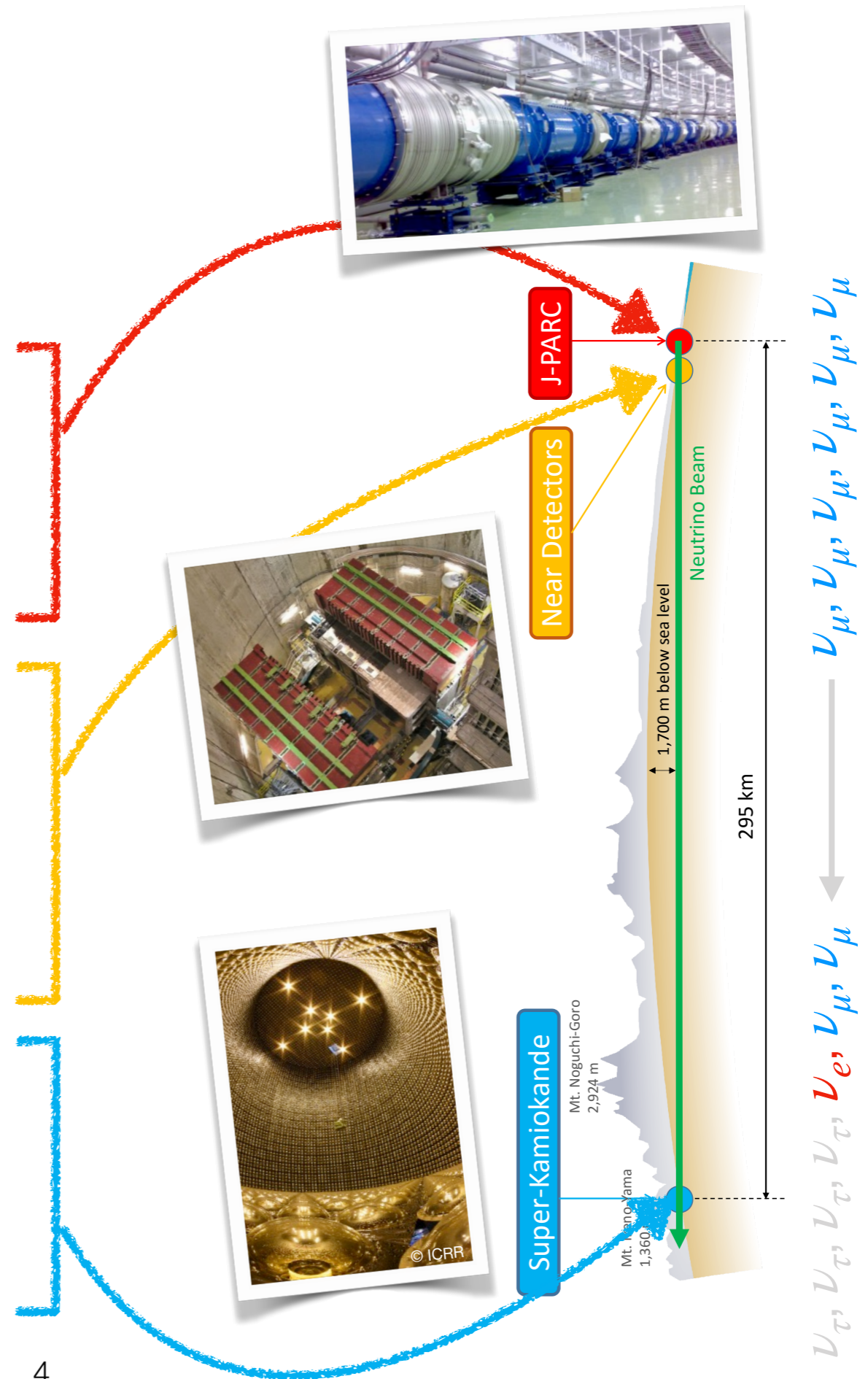
$\nu$ -mode :  $\bar{\nu}$ -mode  $\sim 6 : 5$

- Total Accumulated POT for Physics
- $\nu$ -Mode Accumulated POT for Physics
- $\bar{\nu}$ -Mode Accumulated POT for Physics
- $\nu$ -Mode Beam Power
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Additional run 11 data taken early 2021  
(with Gd at SK), not used in this analysis

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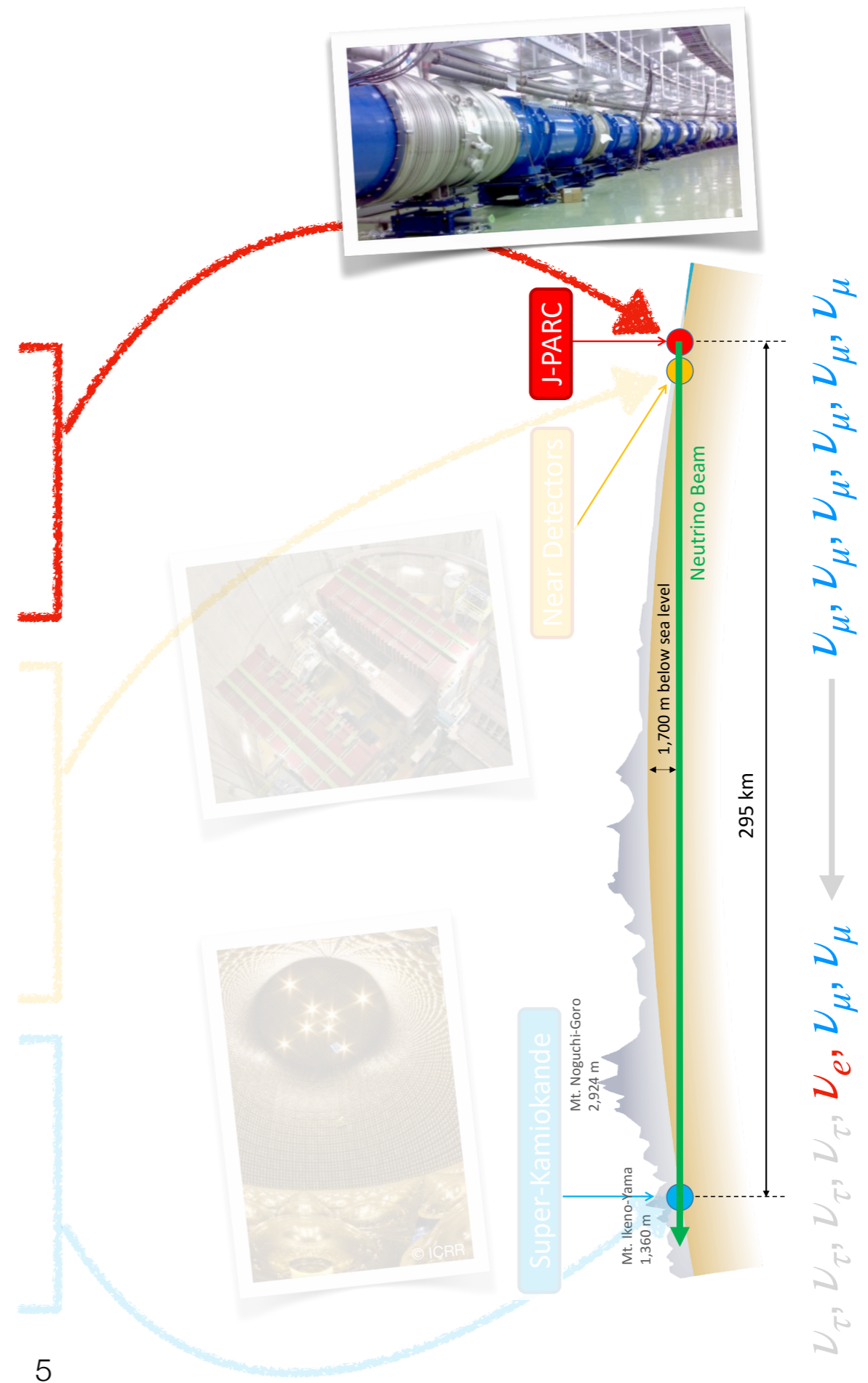
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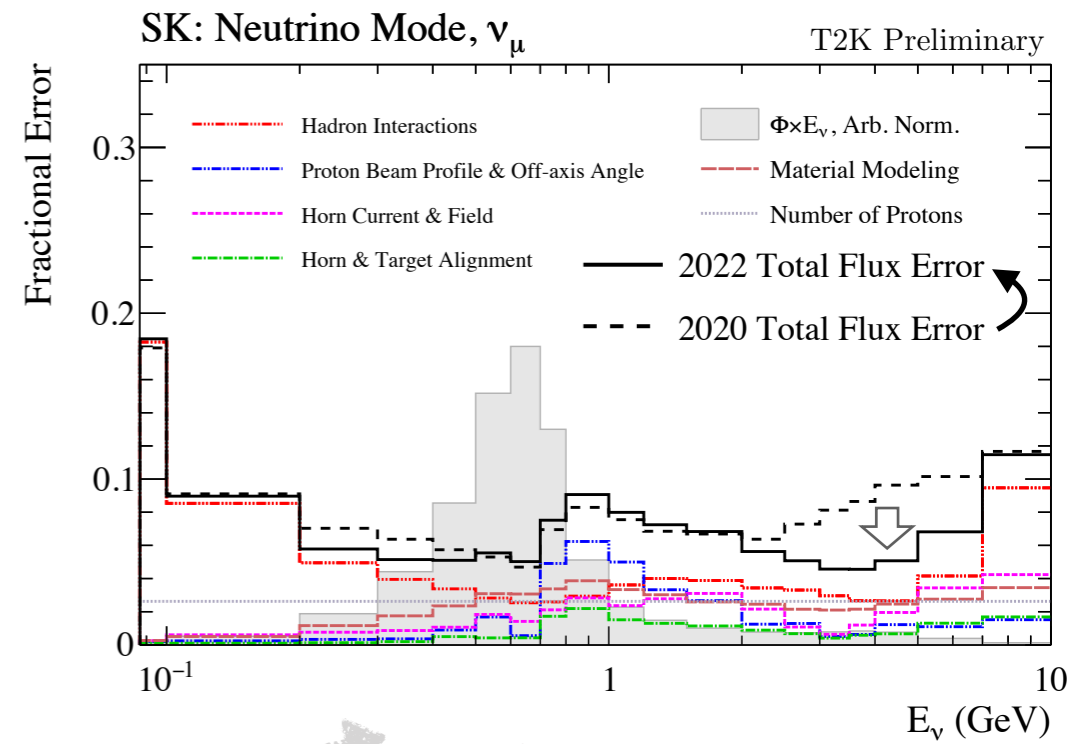
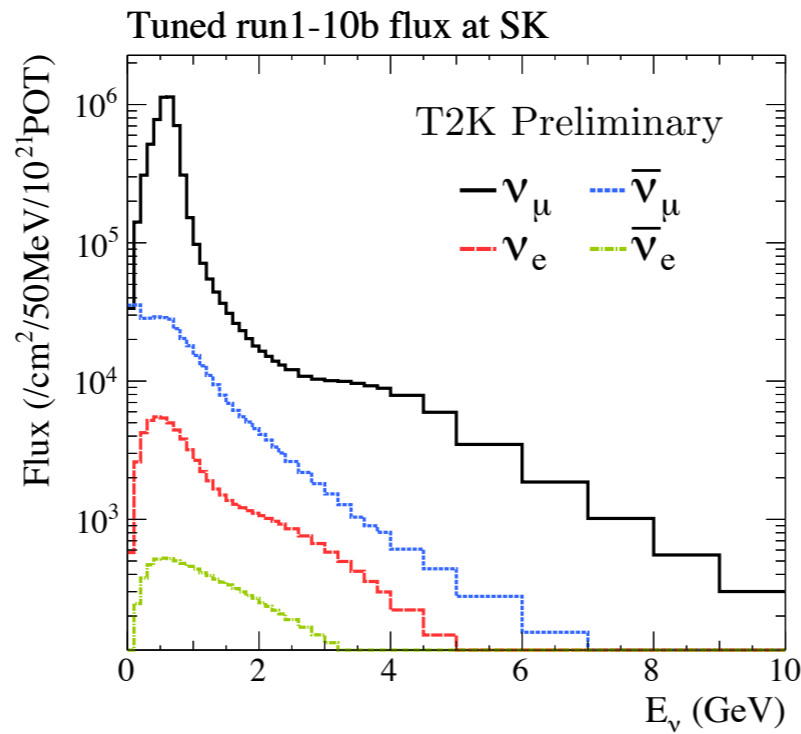
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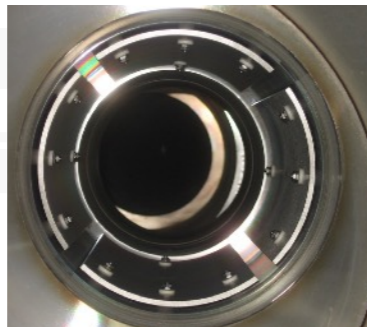
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- Beam monitoring  
production  $\epsilon$   
 $\rightarrow$  neutrino



- ND280 m...  
+ interaction  
+ external  
 $\rightarrow$  unosc

## Beam line modeling

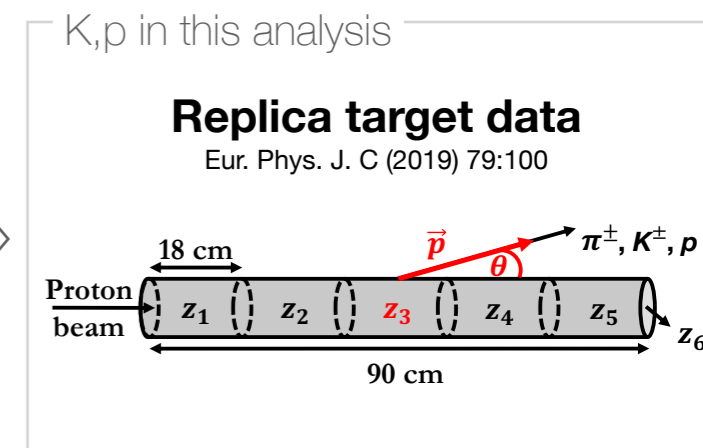
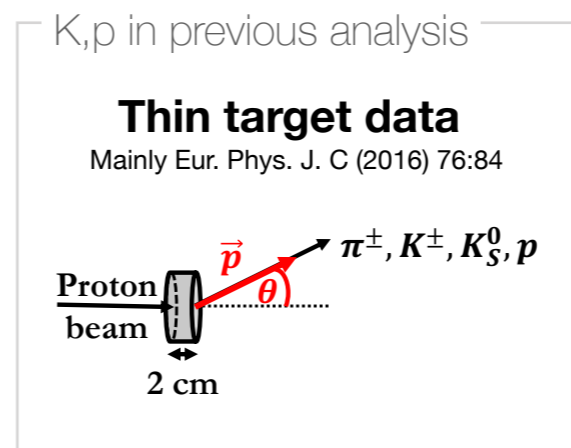


←  
Beam  
monitors

More realistic modeling  
of cooling water in horns  
slightly increased  
uncertainty at flux peak

## Hadron production experiments

Hadron interaction uncertainty at high-E reduced  
thanks to higher-statistics **NA61** measurement that  
includes **kaon** yields from **replica** of T2K target.



- 6 samples  $\nu_\mu$  disap  
 $\nu_e$  appe



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New **NA61/SHINE measurements**, and experiments to understand **horn cooling water** distributions are being performed for **further reduction** of systematics

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+ external  
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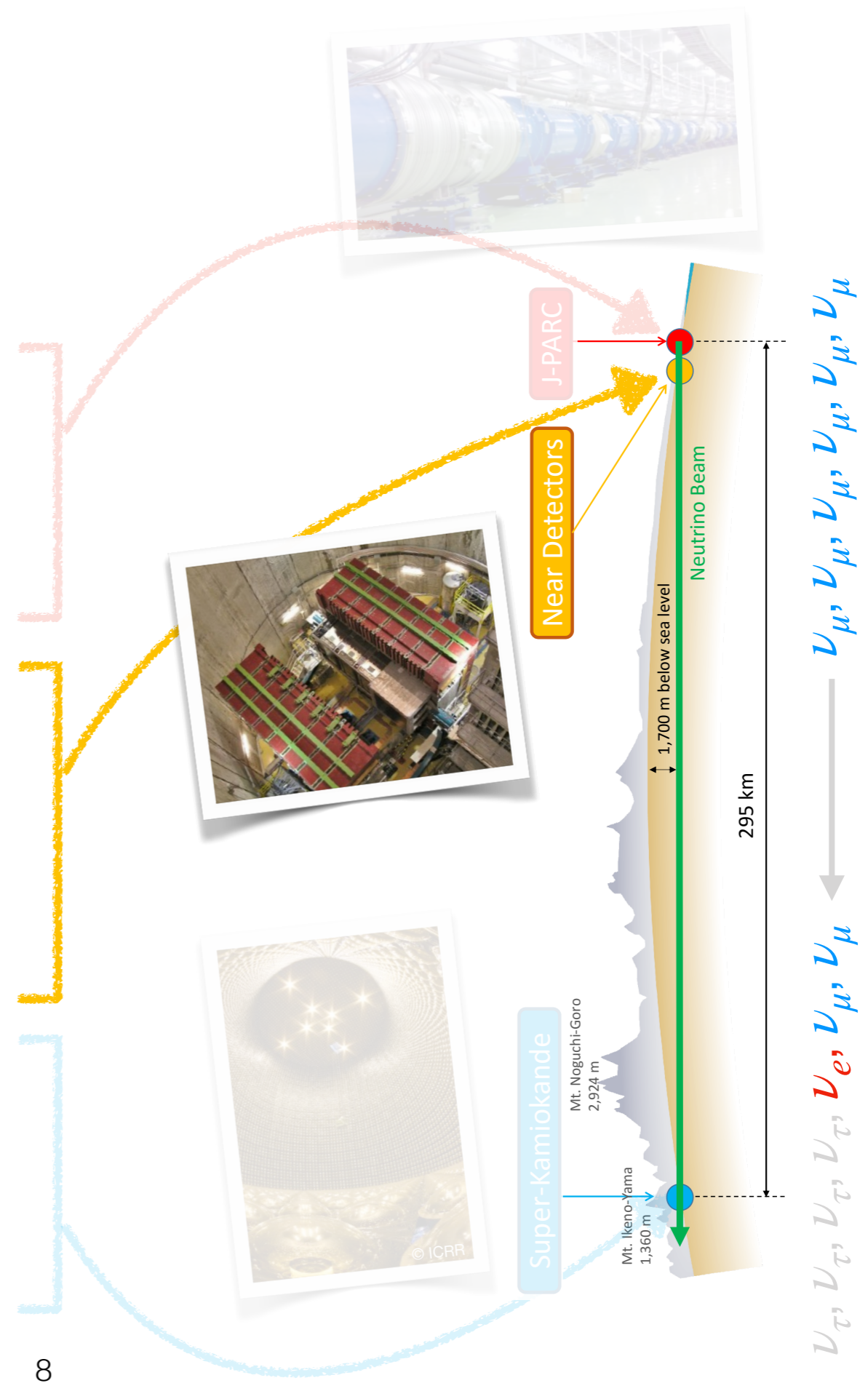
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Photo from summer 2022  
(by Eric D. Zimmerman, NA61/SHINE)

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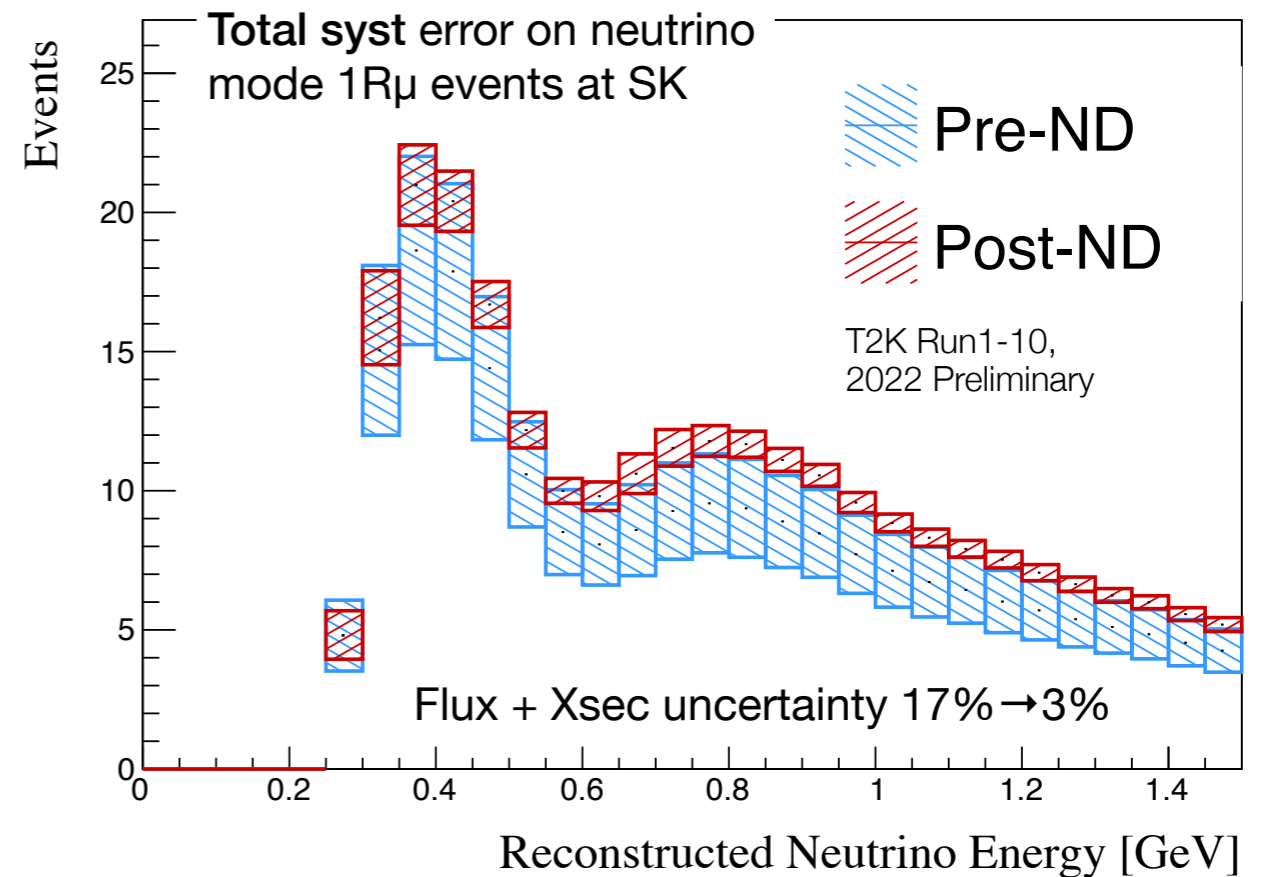
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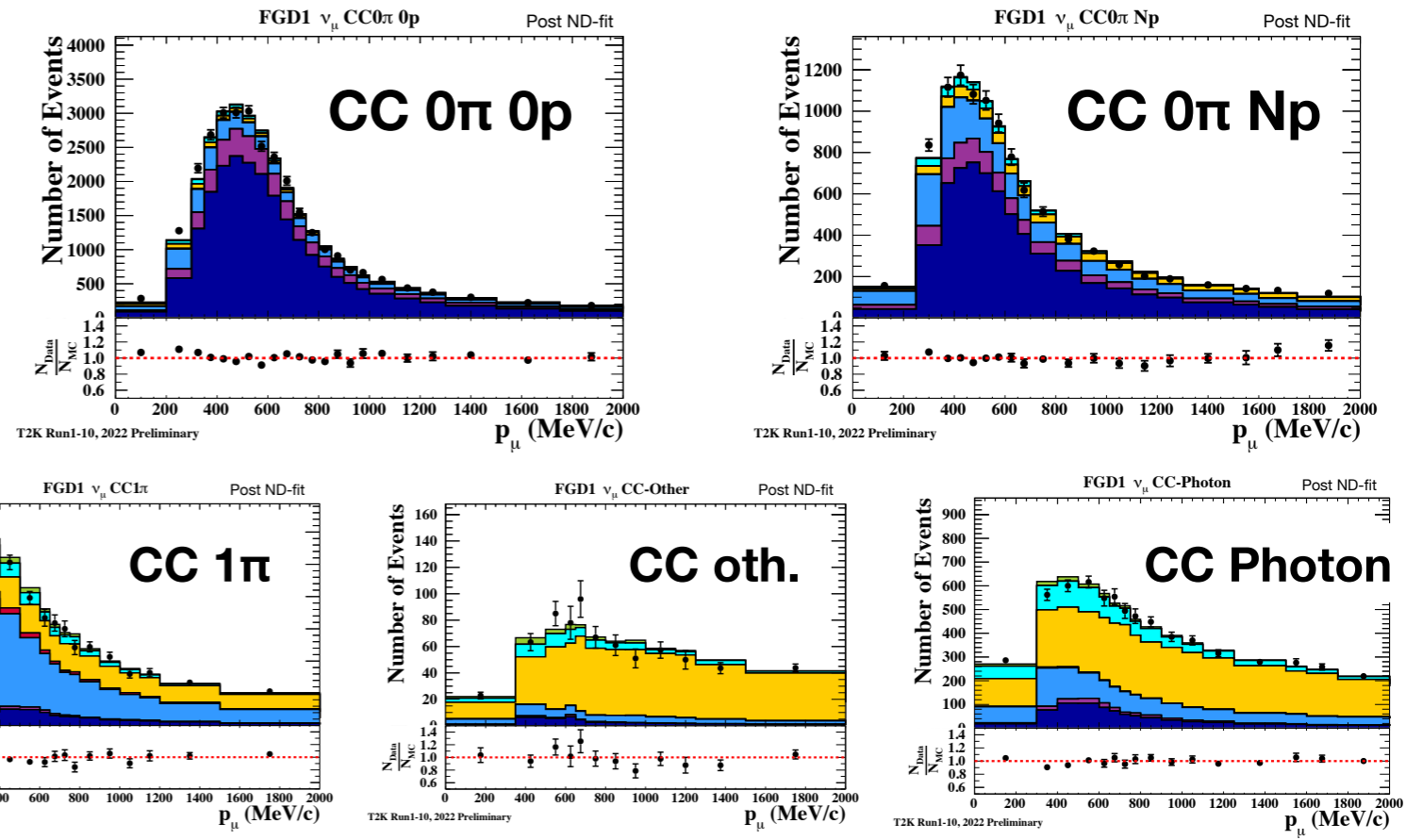
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1.  $\pi, \rho, \gamma$  multiplicity  
→ interaction mode
2. lepton charge  
→ wrong-sign bkg  
(in antineutrino mode)
3. C / C+O target  
→  $\nu+O$  xsec

ND fit p-value: **10.9%** (> 5% threshold)

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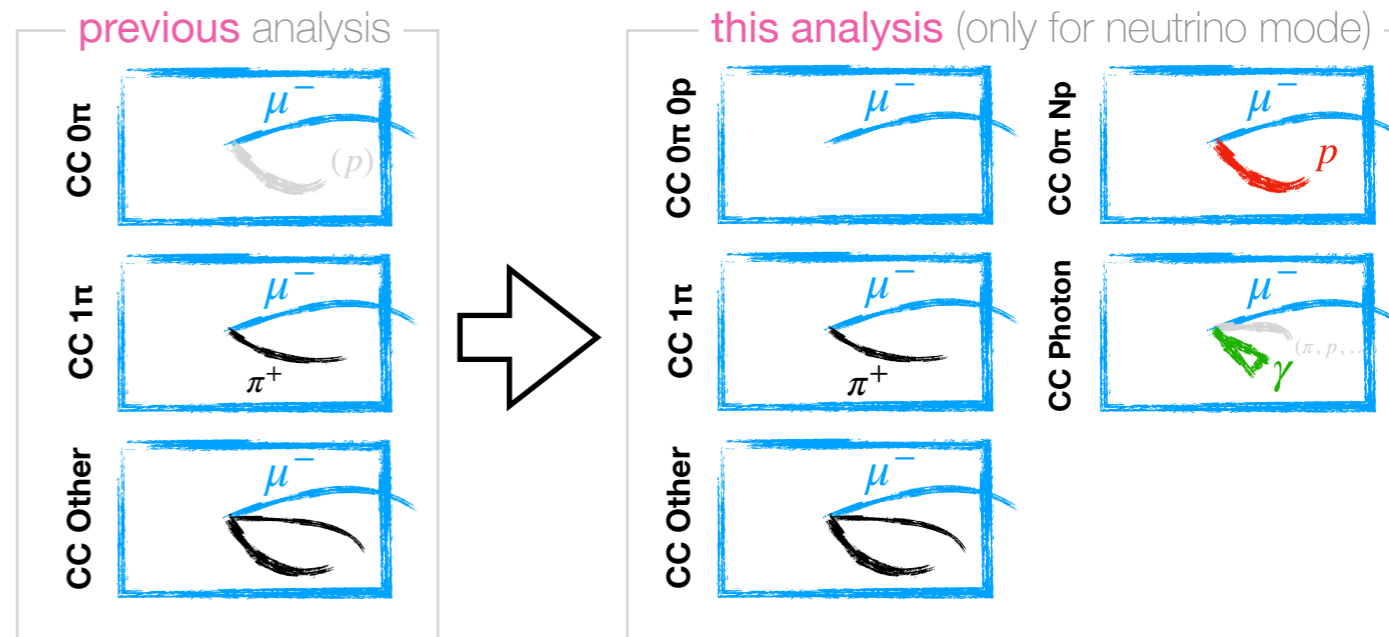
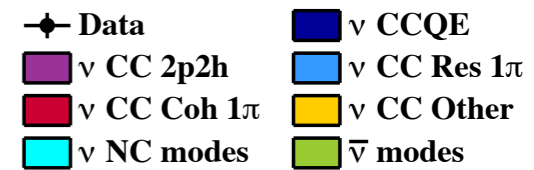
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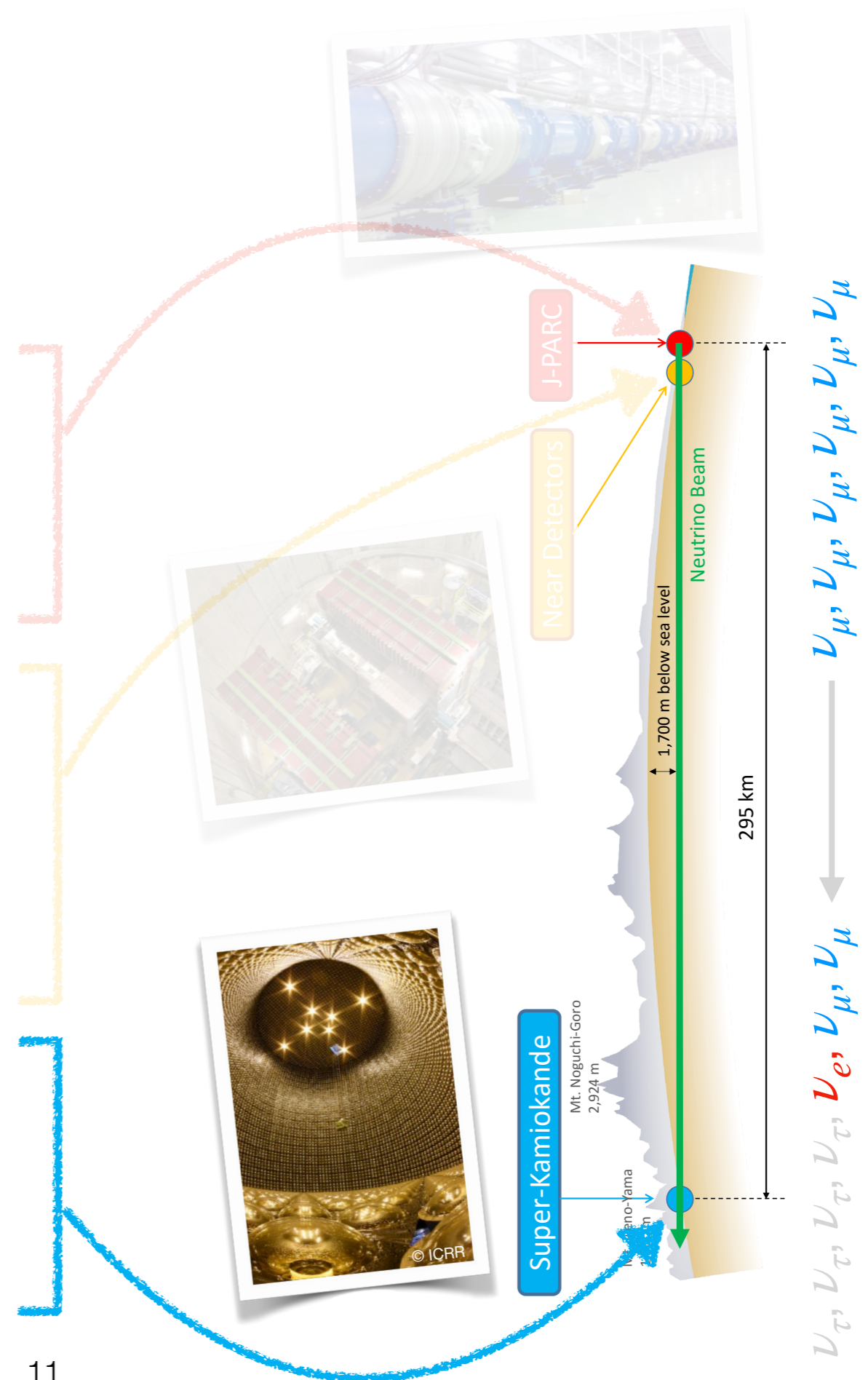
*Finer sample separation in this analysis*





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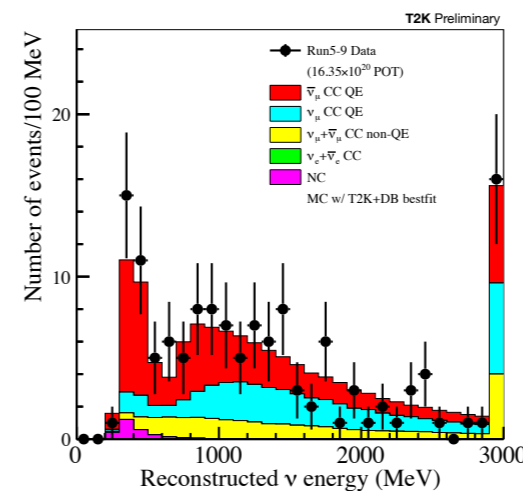
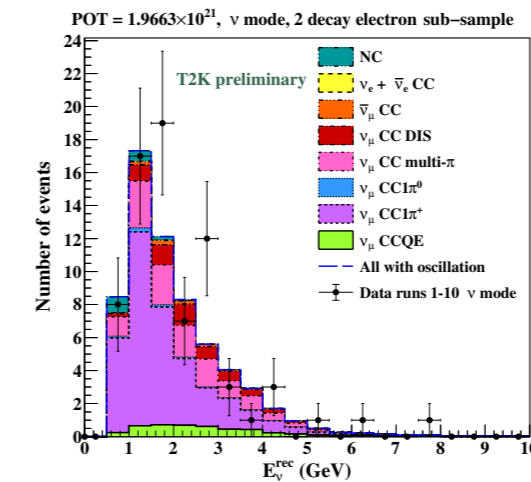
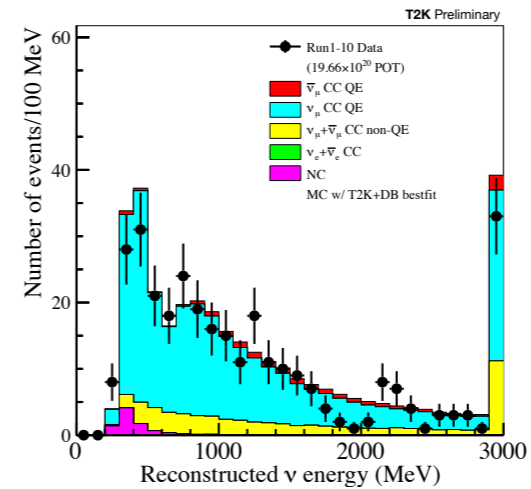
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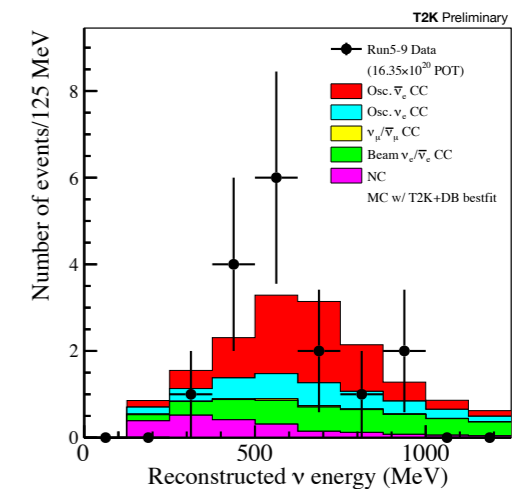
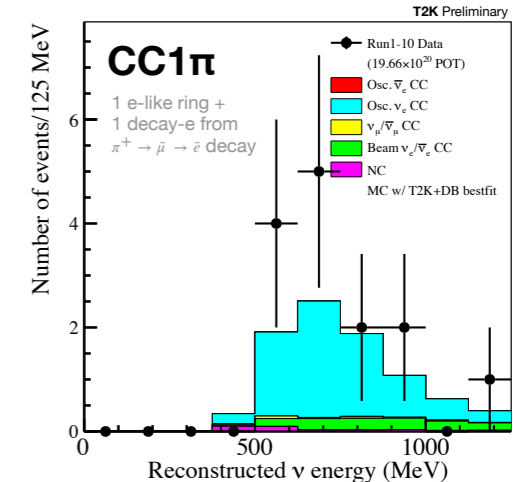
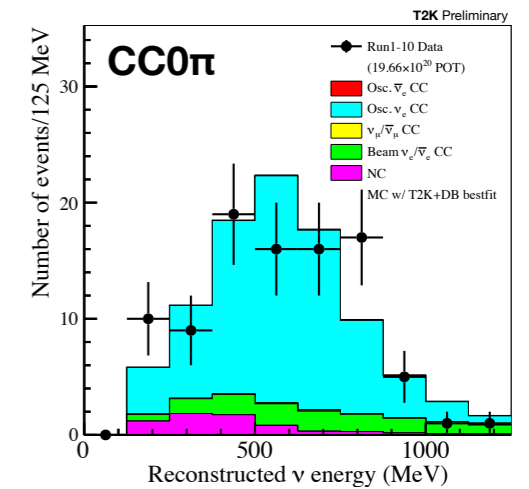
Neutrino mode

Anti-neutrino mode

$\mu$ -like ring



e-like ring

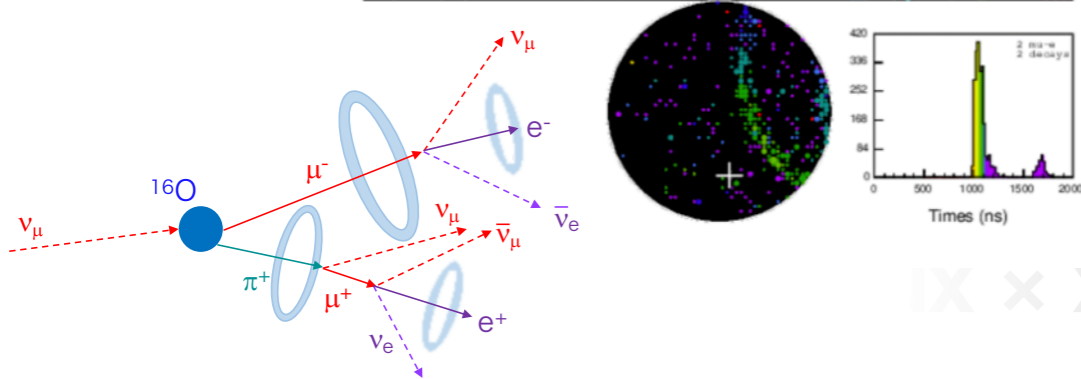
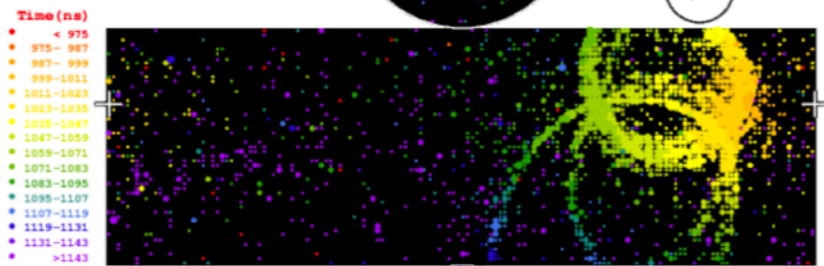


Multi-ring sample added for the first time

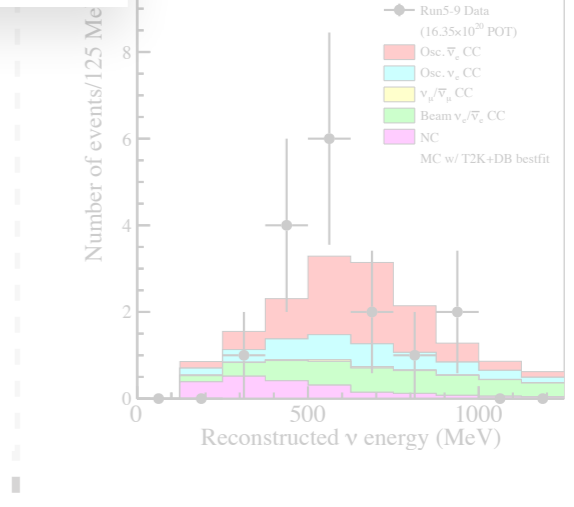
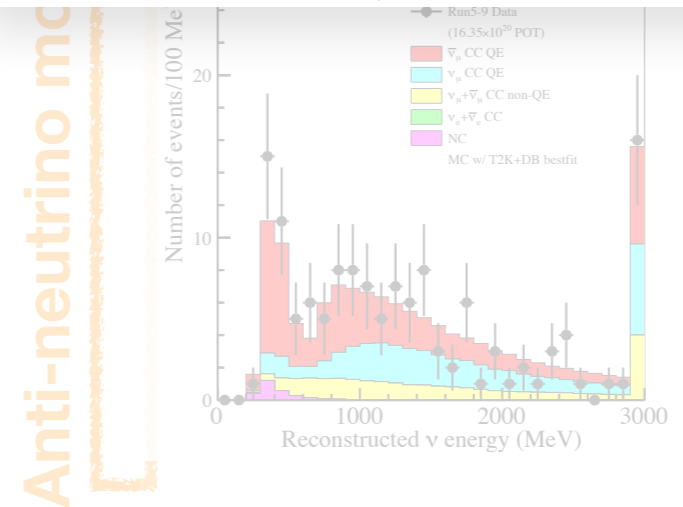
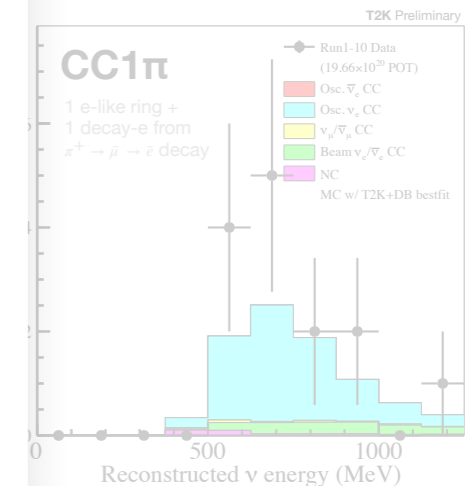
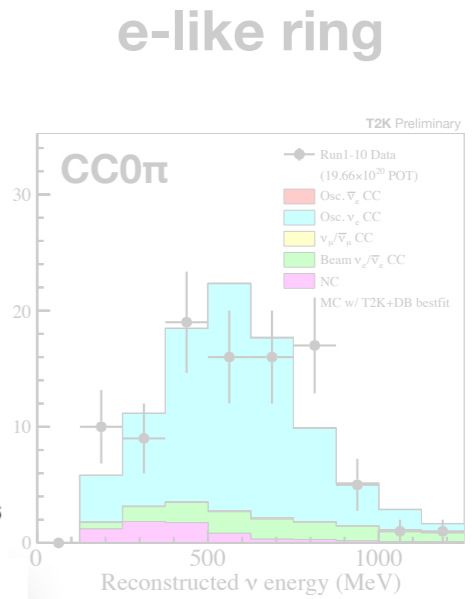
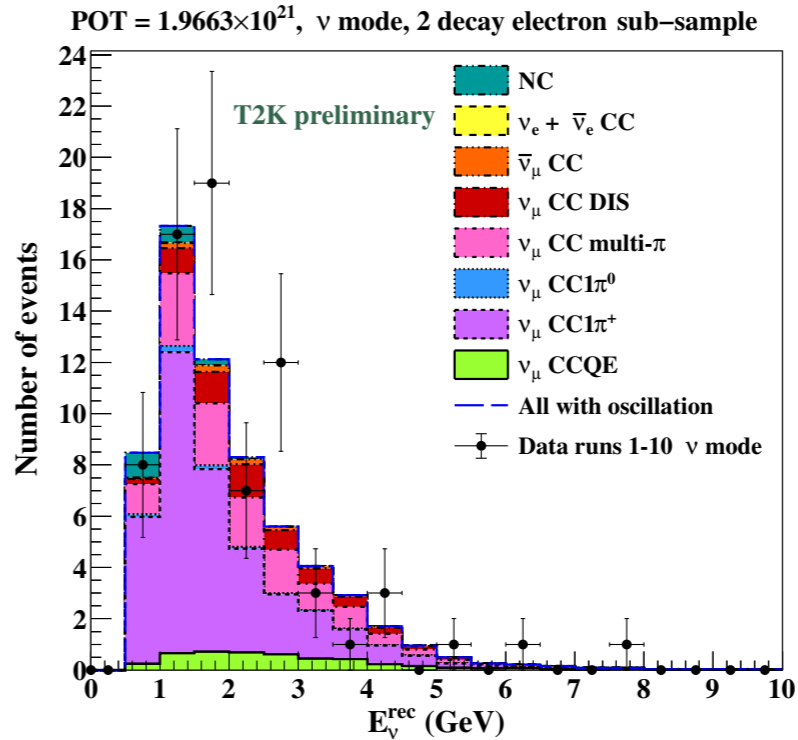
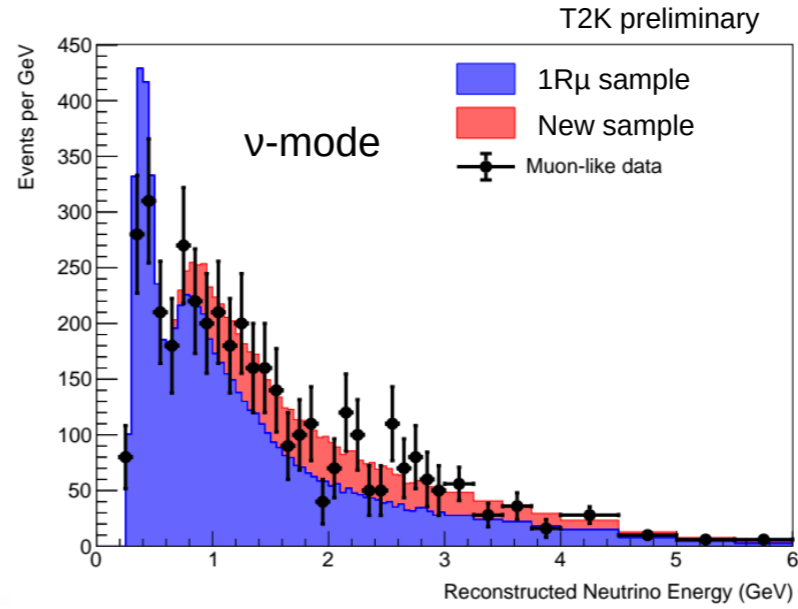


# Analysis strategy

Super-Kamiokande IV  
Run 999999 Sub 990 Event 281  
19-12-16:10:34:34  
Inner: 2473 hits, 7363 pe  
Outer: 3 hits, 3 pe  
**T2K Work in Progress**  
L. Mohan, WIN 2021



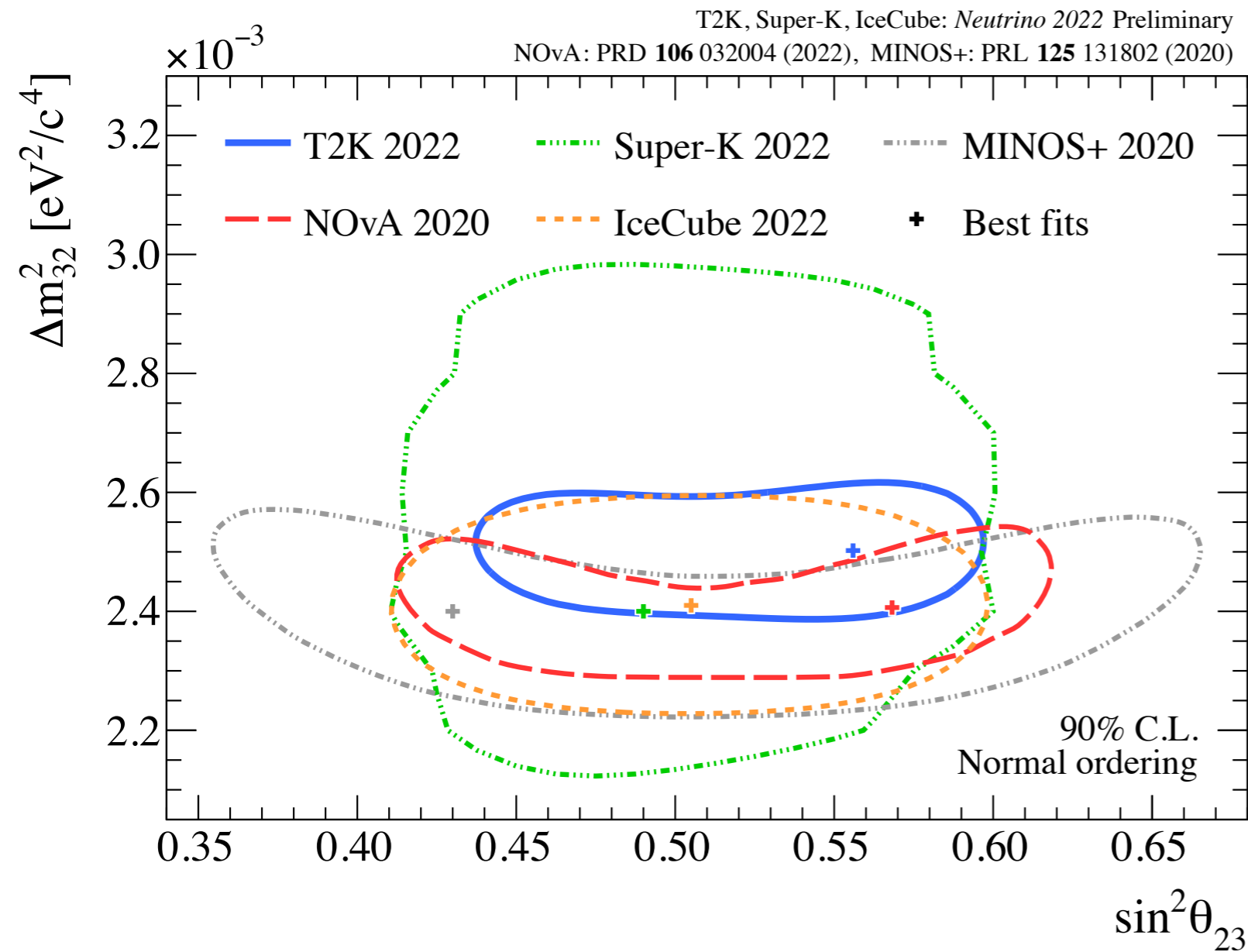
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$$\Delta m_{32}^2 \text{ vs. } \theta_{23}$$

# Atmospheric mixing parameters



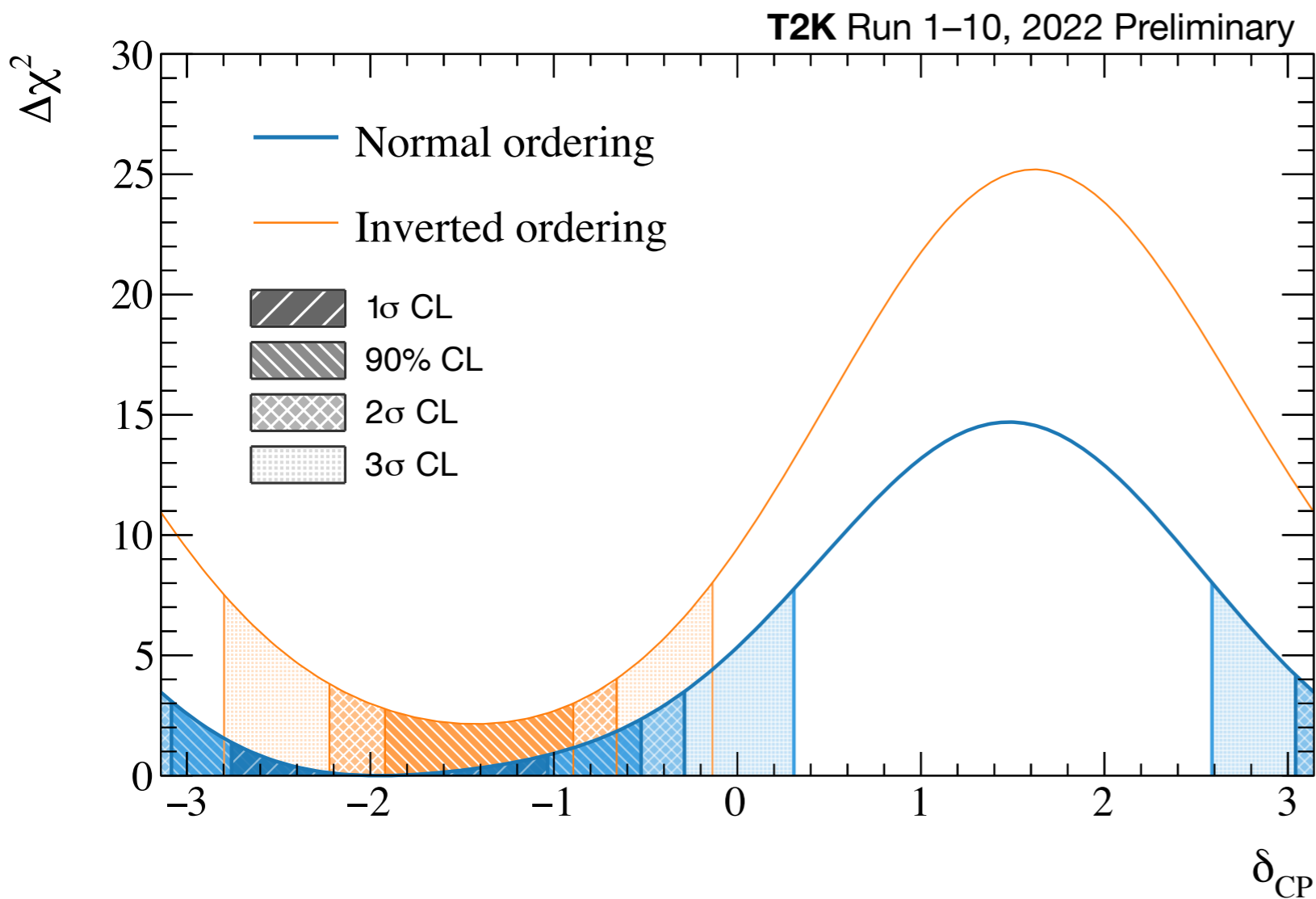
World-leading measurement of atmospheric params, still compatible with both  $\theta_{23}$  octants

**New** interaction model and ND samples cause largest change compared to **2020**

**Multi-ring**  $\nu_{\mu}$  CC1 $\pi$  sample only gives small contribution due to being above oscillation maximum



# Constraints on $\delta_{\text{CP}}$ and mass ordering



Large region **excluded at 3 $\sigma$**

CP-conservation  $\{0, \pi\}$   
**excluded at 90%**,  
 $\pi$  is within 2 $\sigma$

Weak preference of  
**normal ordering**

Slightly weaker compared to 2020  
analysis, mainly due to updated  
model with new ND samples

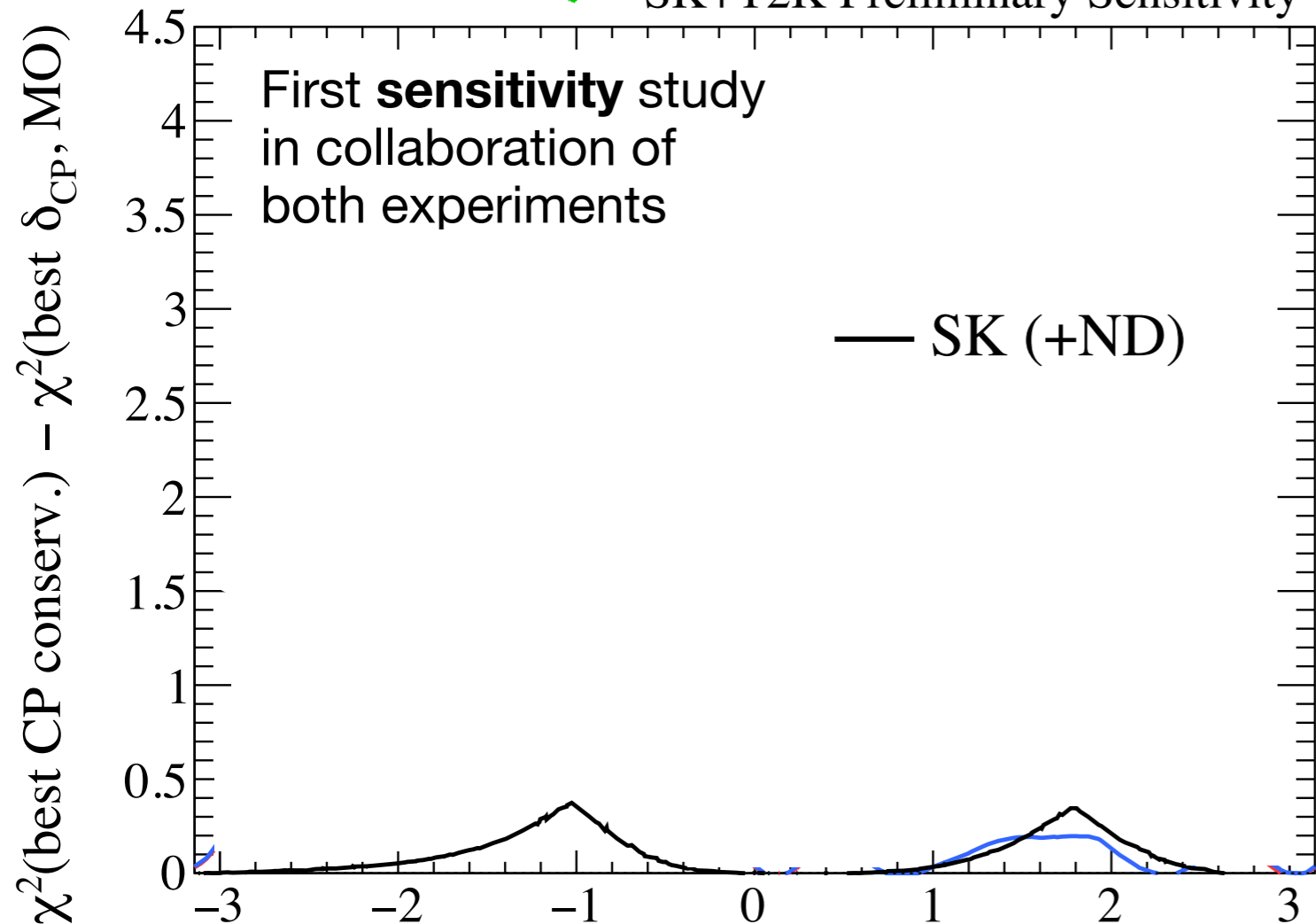
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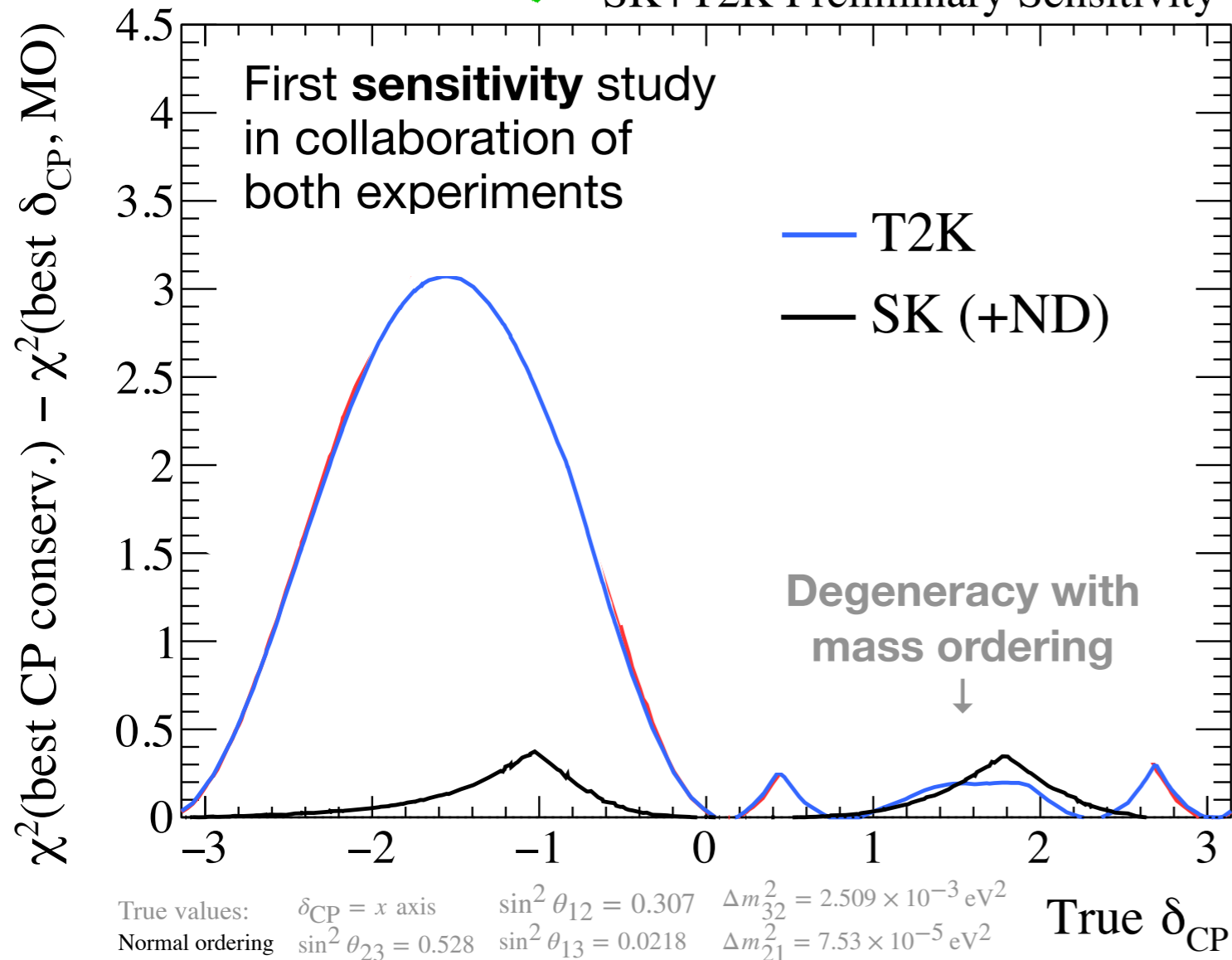
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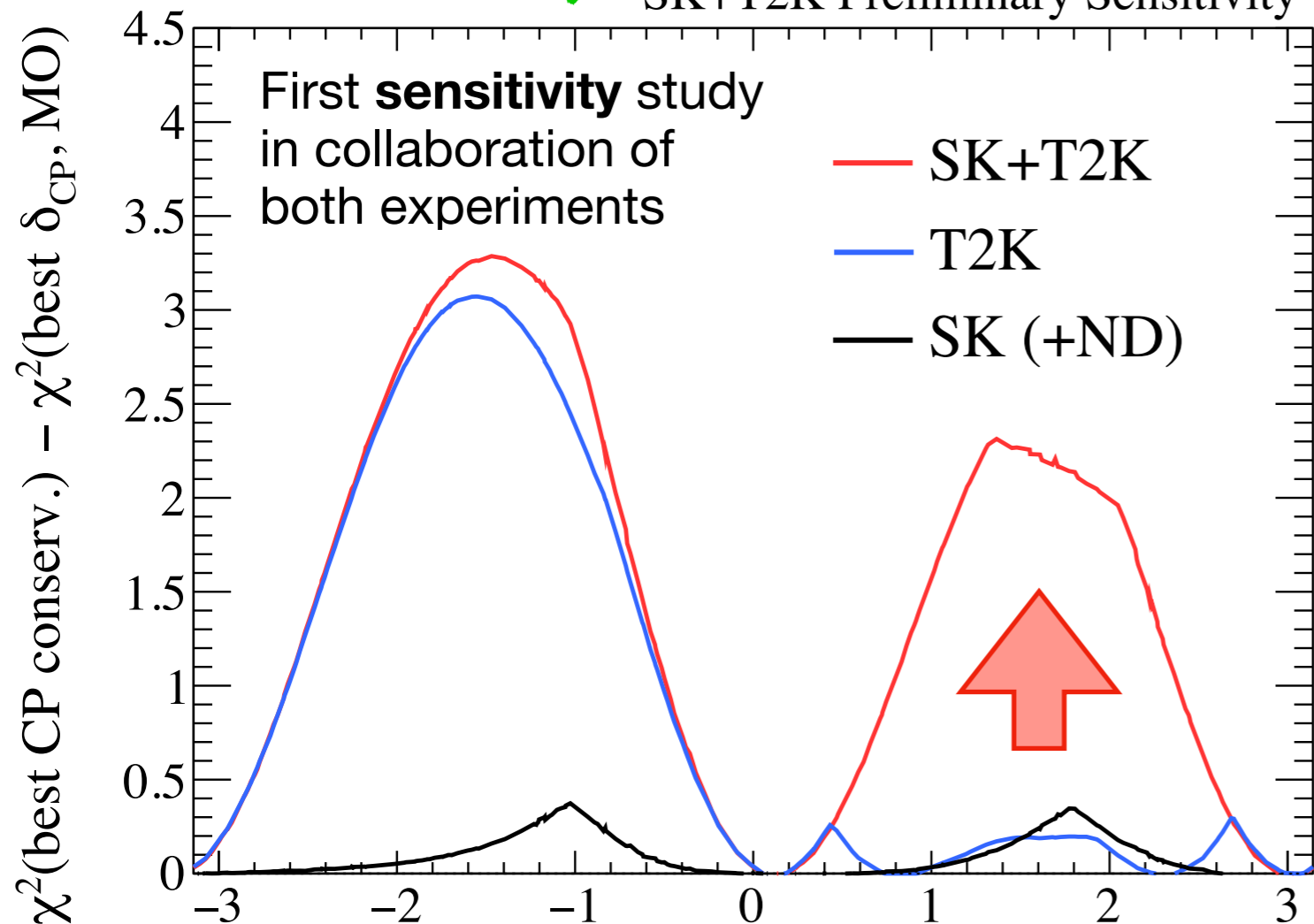
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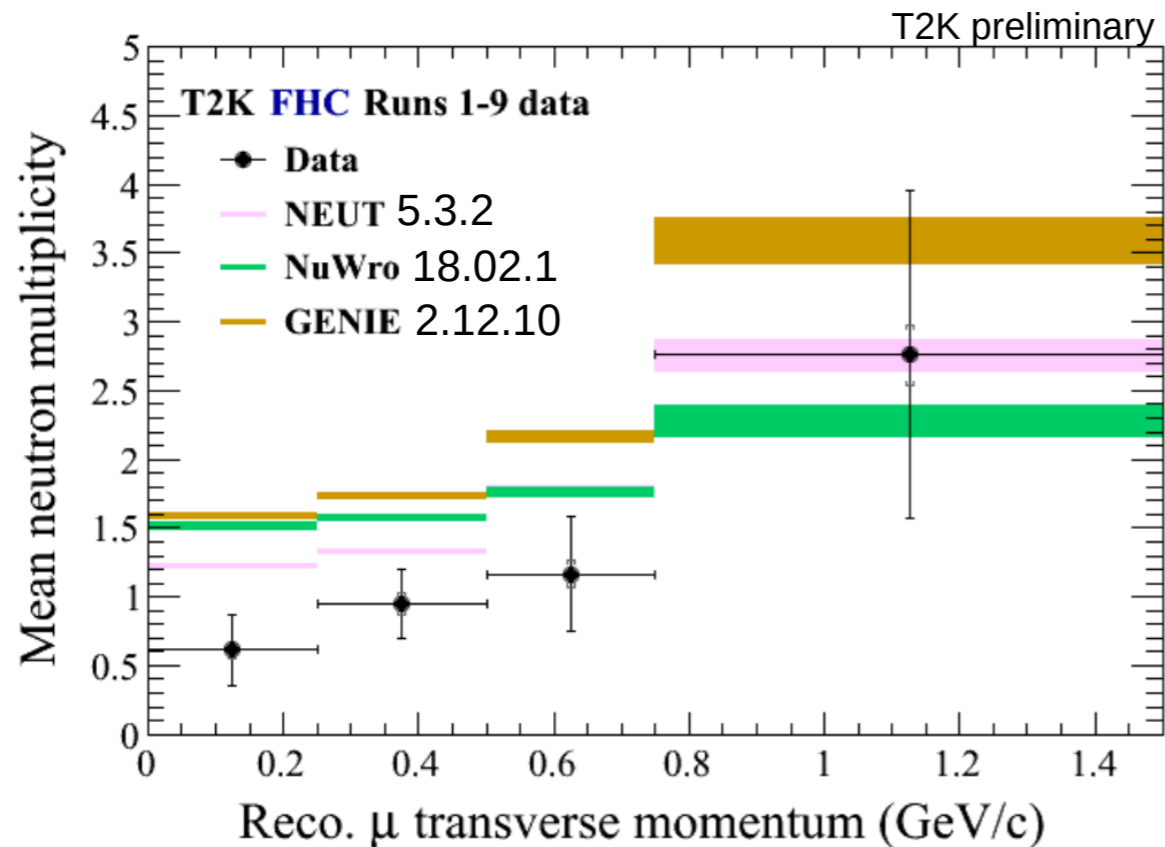
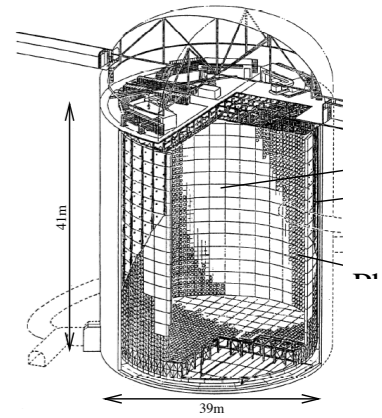


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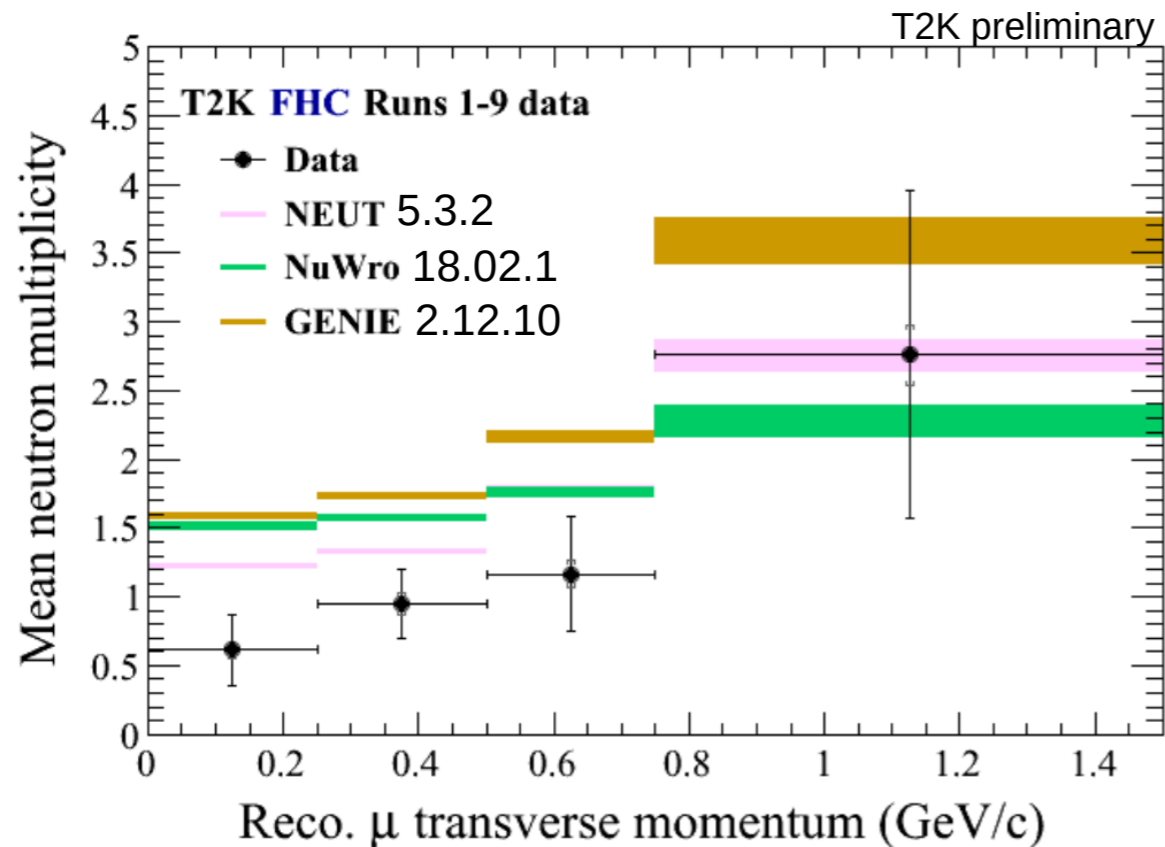
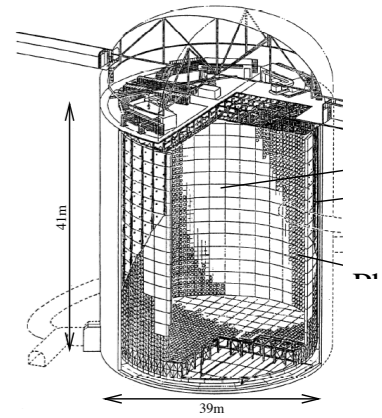
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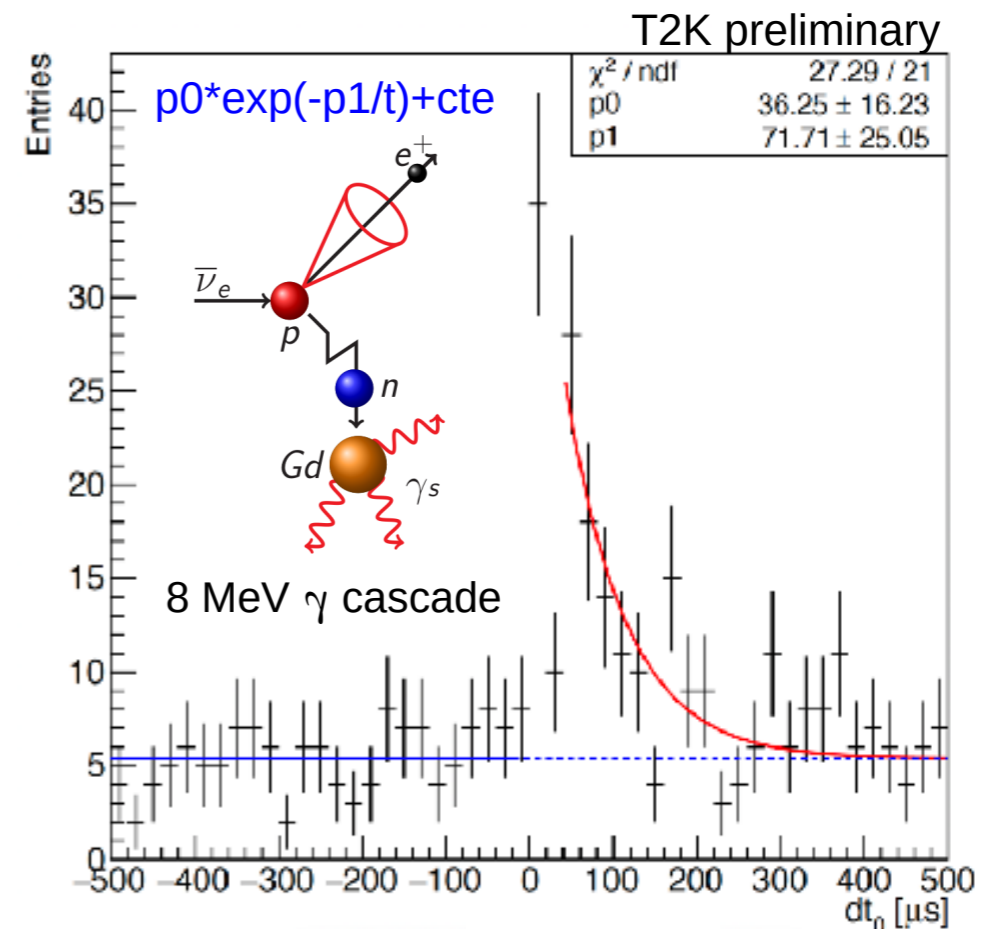


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## After addition of Gadolinium...

Exponential decrease of #events *after* beam timing consistent with Gd capture time constant (115  $\mu s$ )

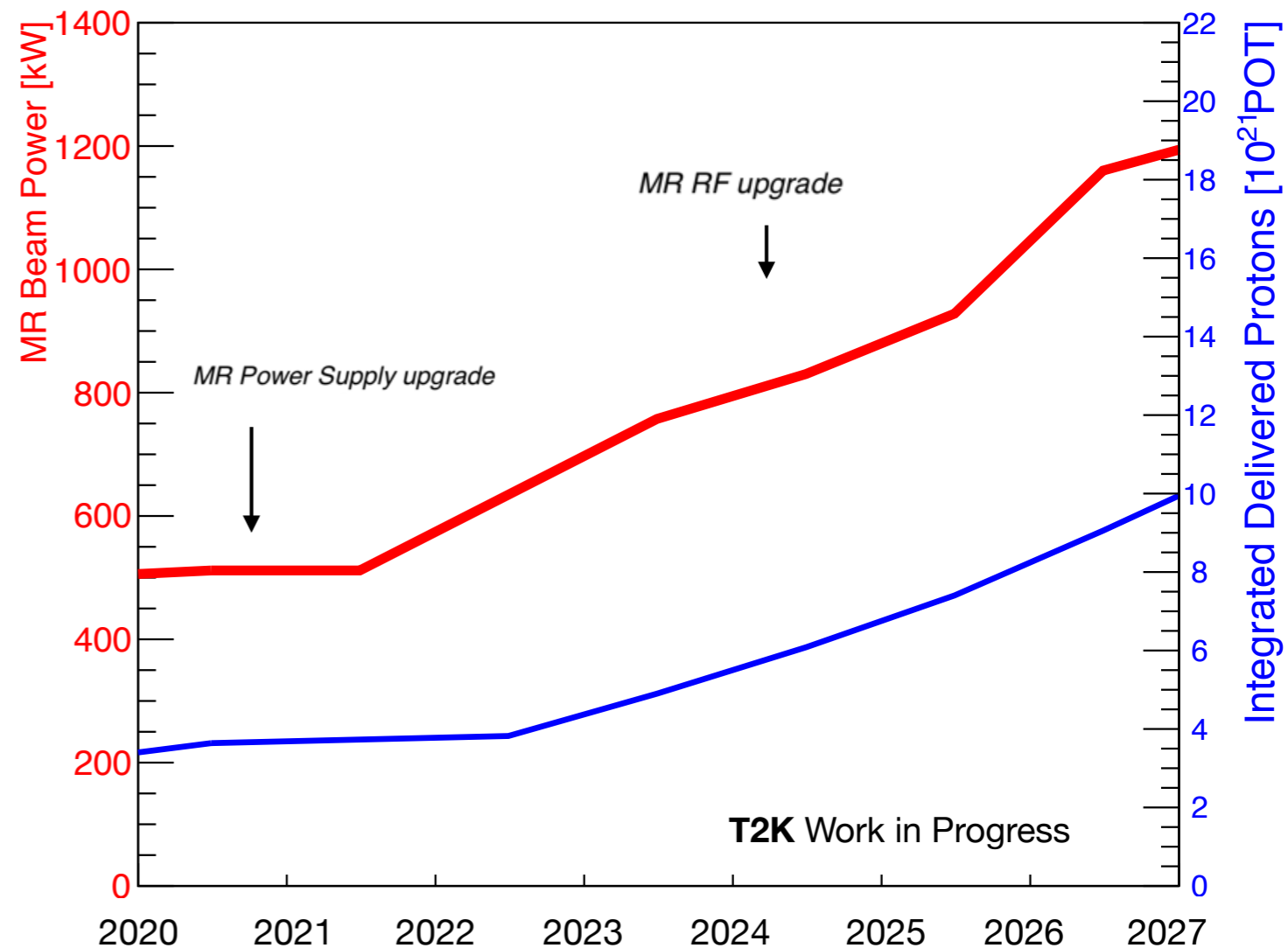
Aim to measure neutron multiplicity on Gadolinium in future



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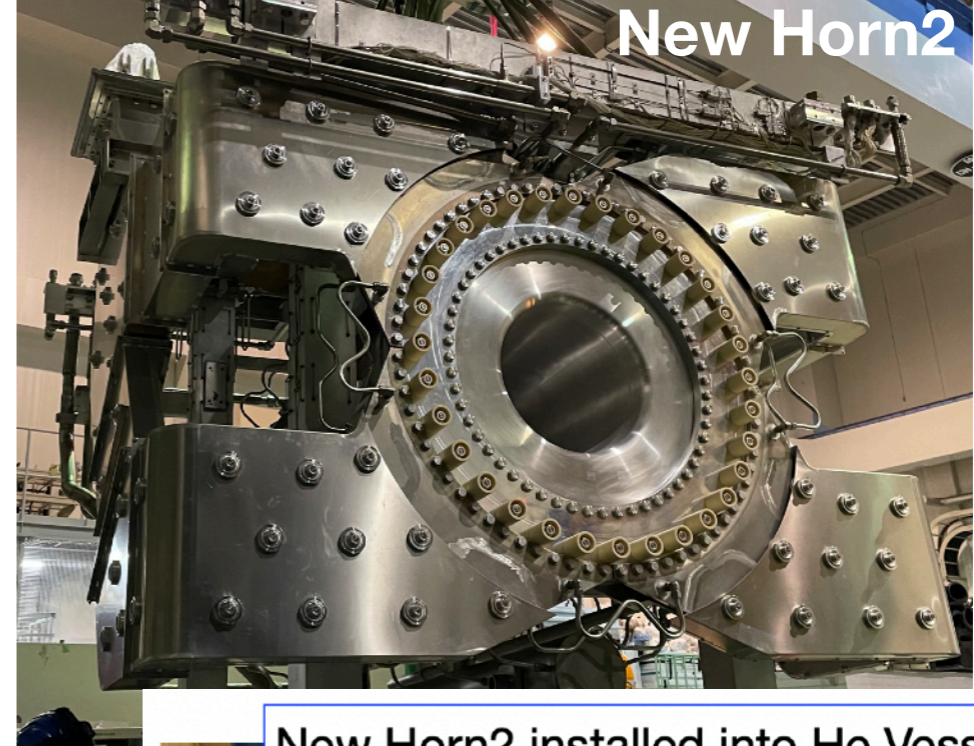
T2K Projected POT (Protons-On-Target)



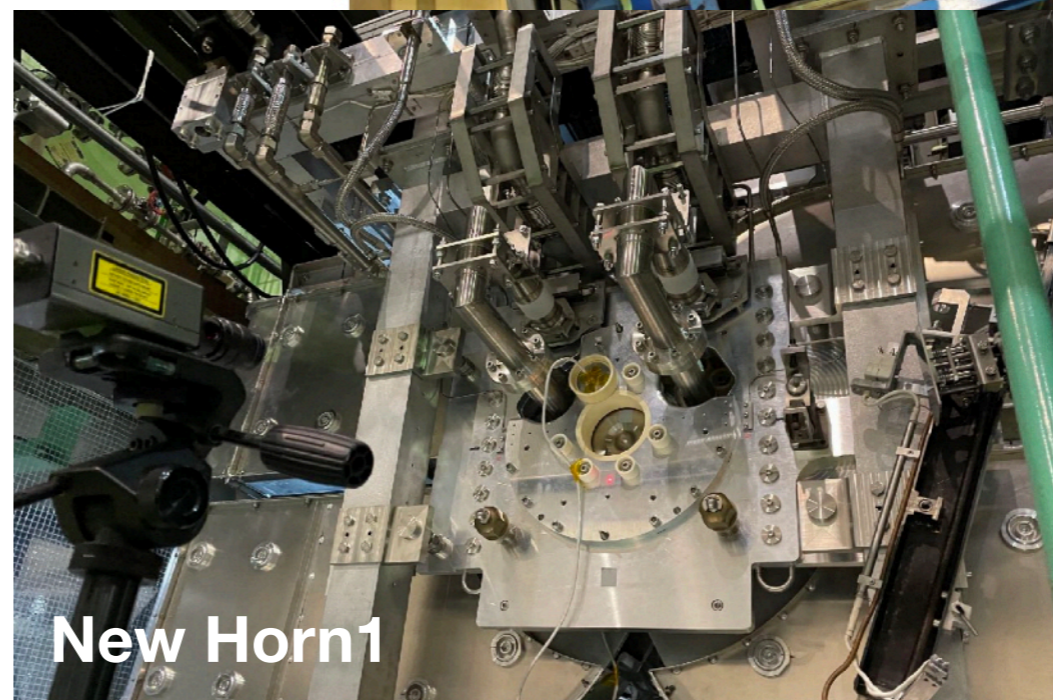
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**Aiming for 320 kA operation in next run (end of April)!**

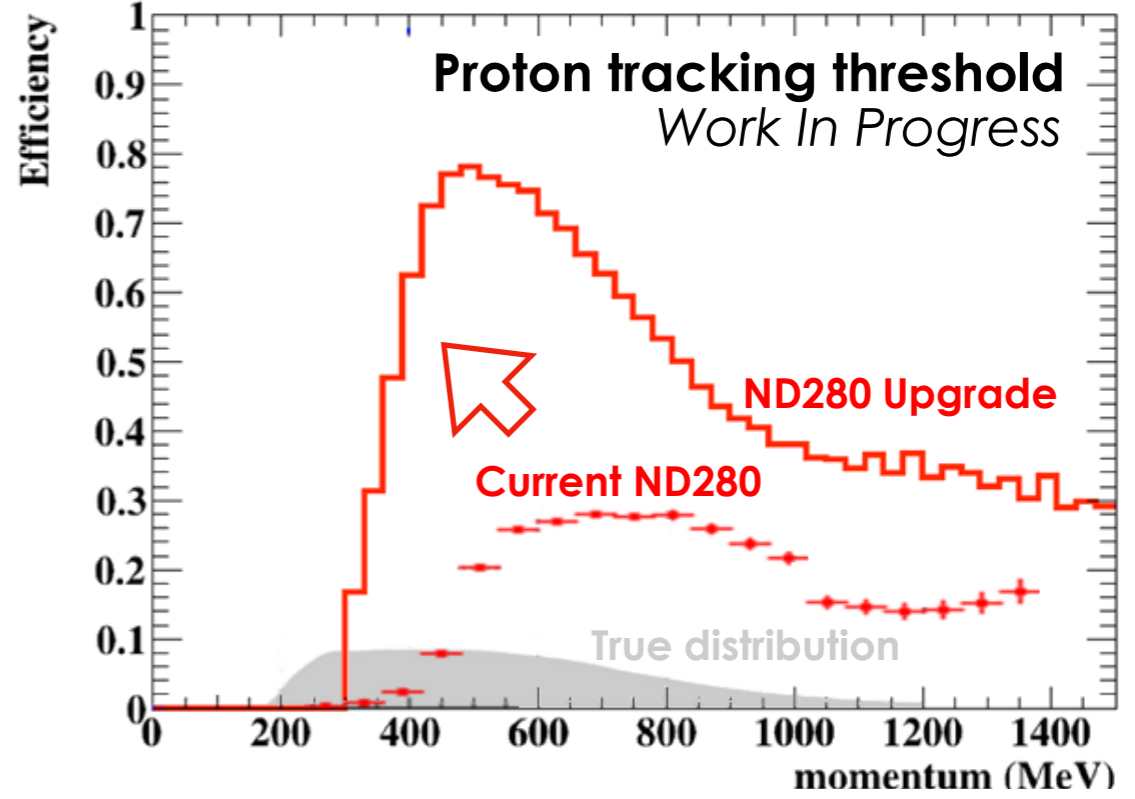
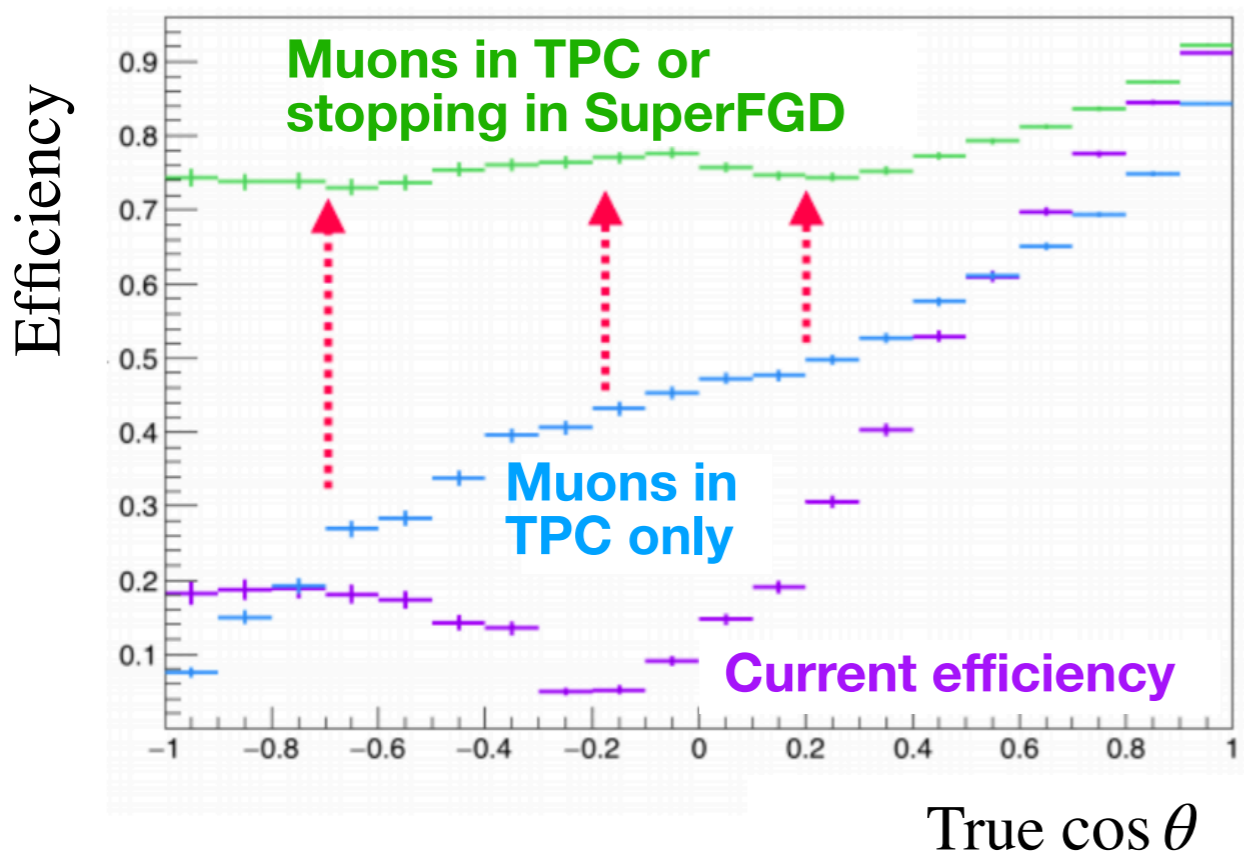


New Horn2 installed into He Vessel



New Horn1



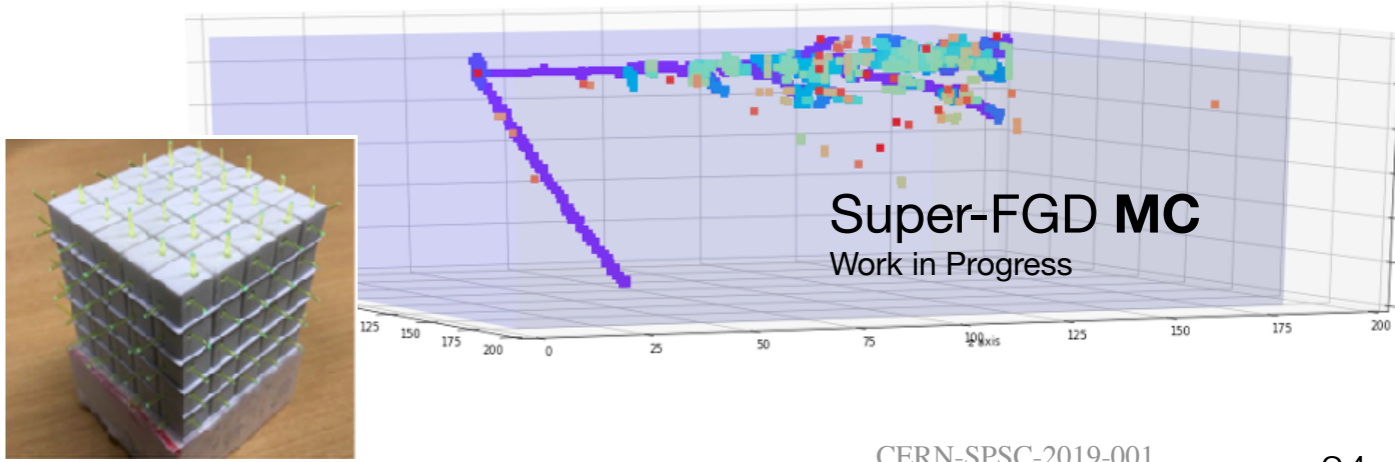
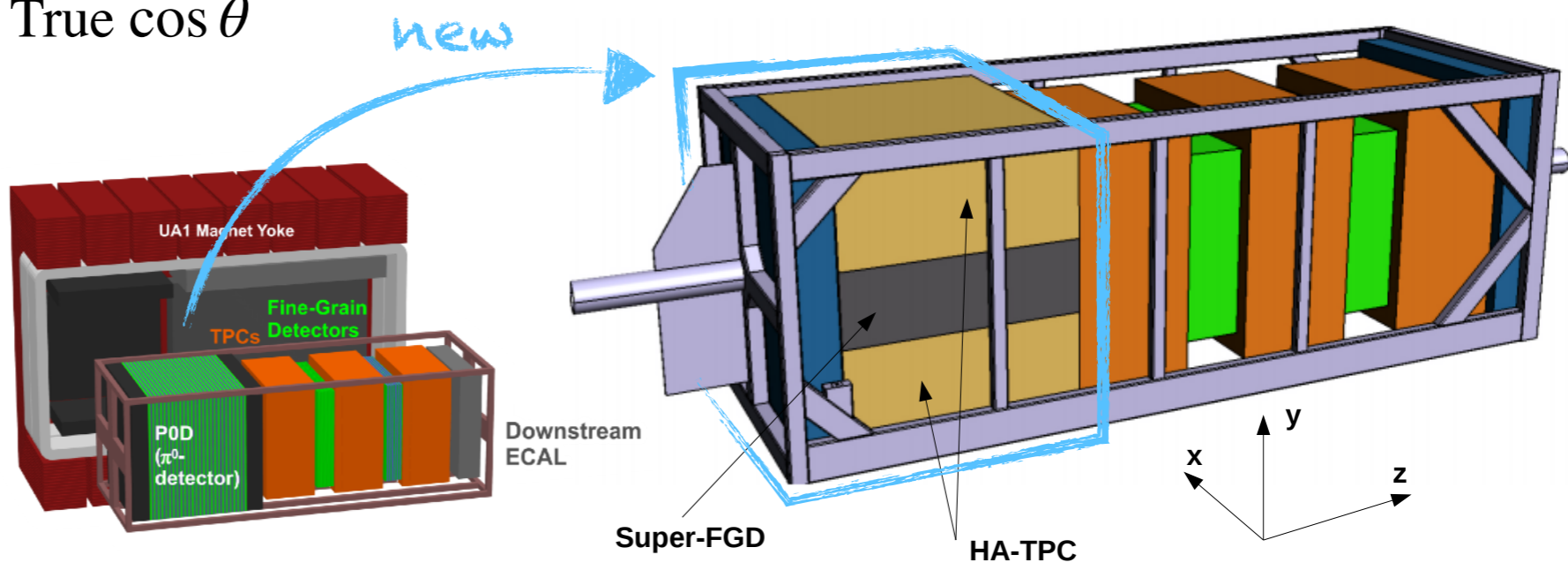


# ND280 upgrade

Replace **POD** with 3D scintillation detector + **high-angle TPCs** + **TOF enclosure**

- 4π acceptance like SK
- lower (proton) mom. threshold
- ~2x larger target mass

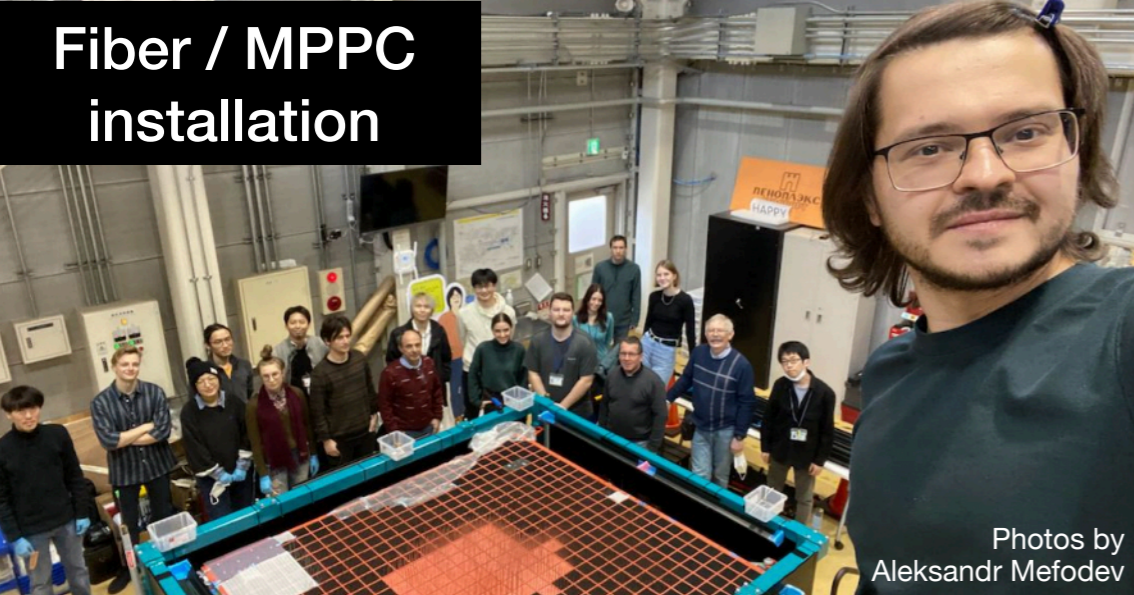
Reduce **xsec systematics** and better understanding of nuclear effects.





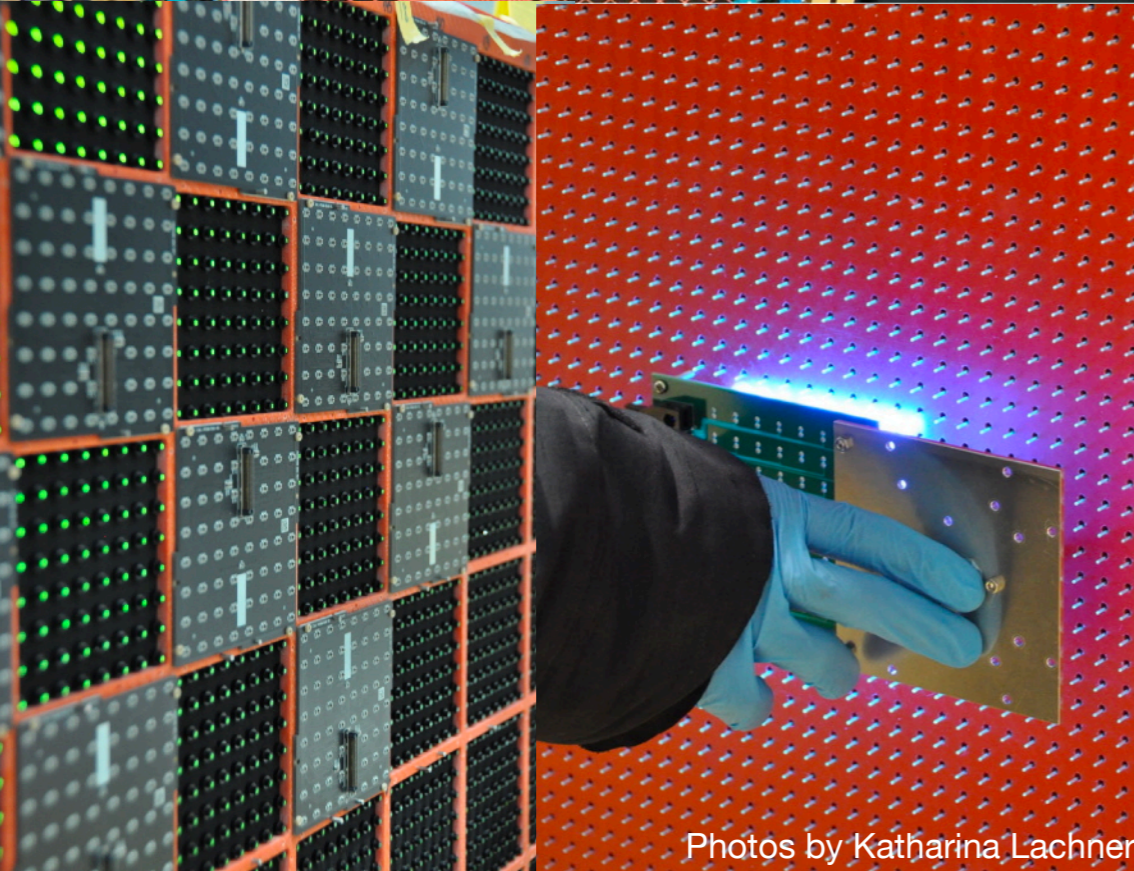


Cubes assembly



Fiber / MPPC installation

Photos by Aleksandr Mefodev



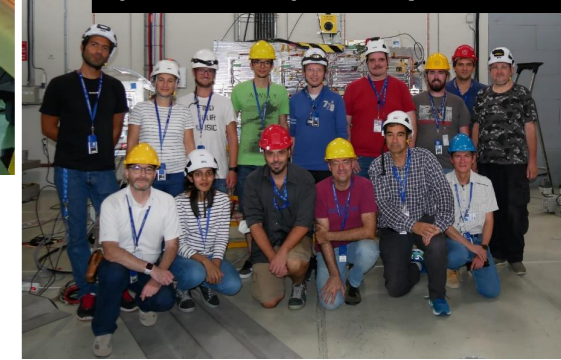
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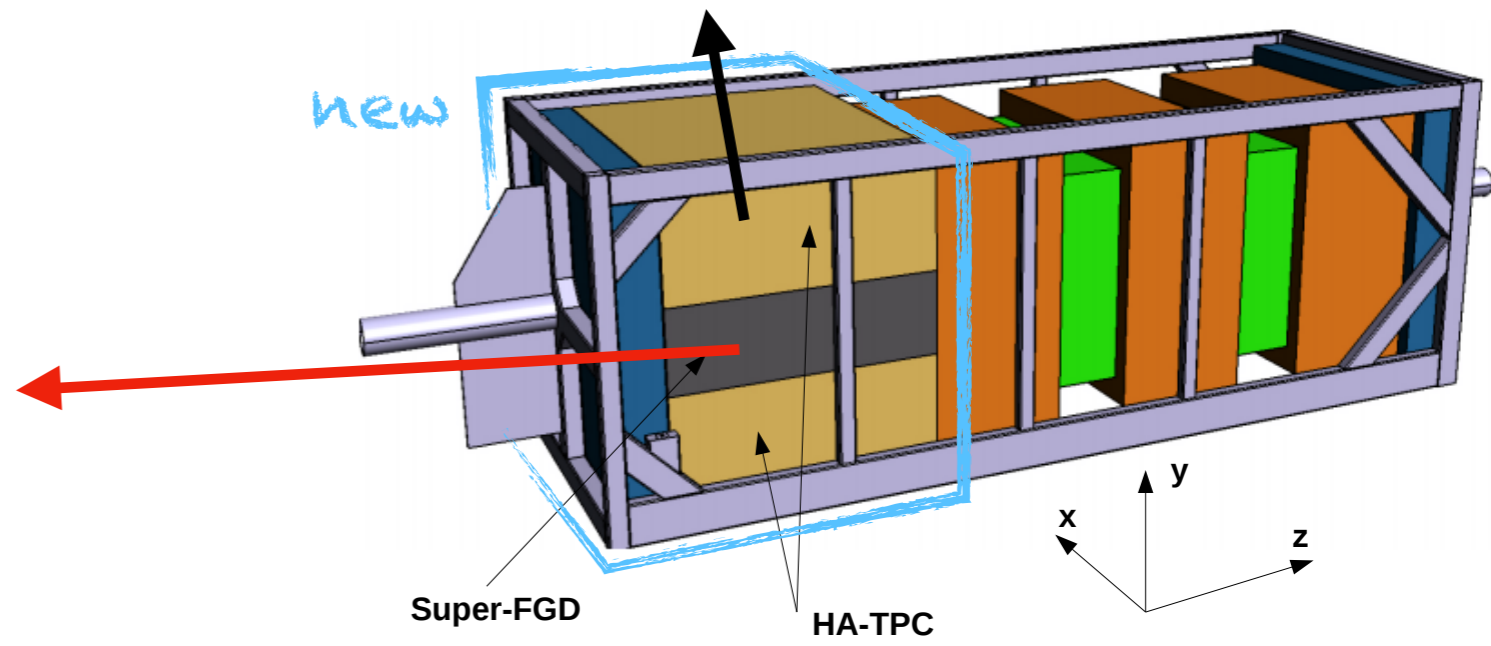
HA-TPC Production



Successful beam test (CERN T9) in Sept 2022



F. Sanchez, J-PARC PAC, Jan 2023



Problems leading to non-uniformity in High Angle TPCs understood and fixed → production progressing

Super-FGD construction at J-PARC well on track

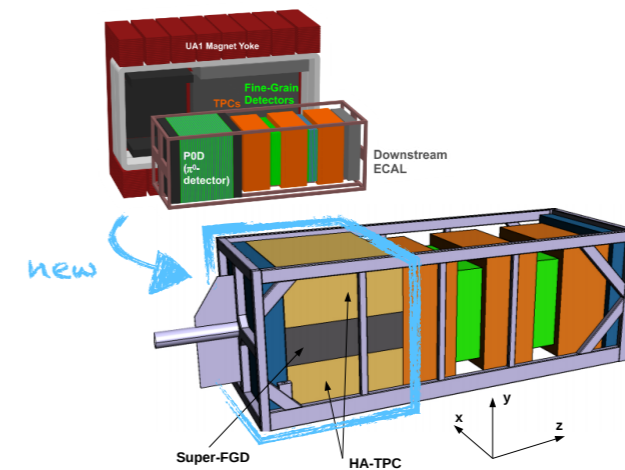
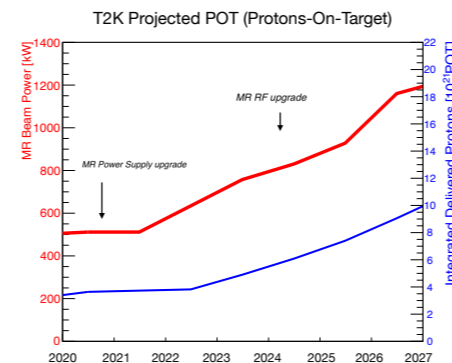
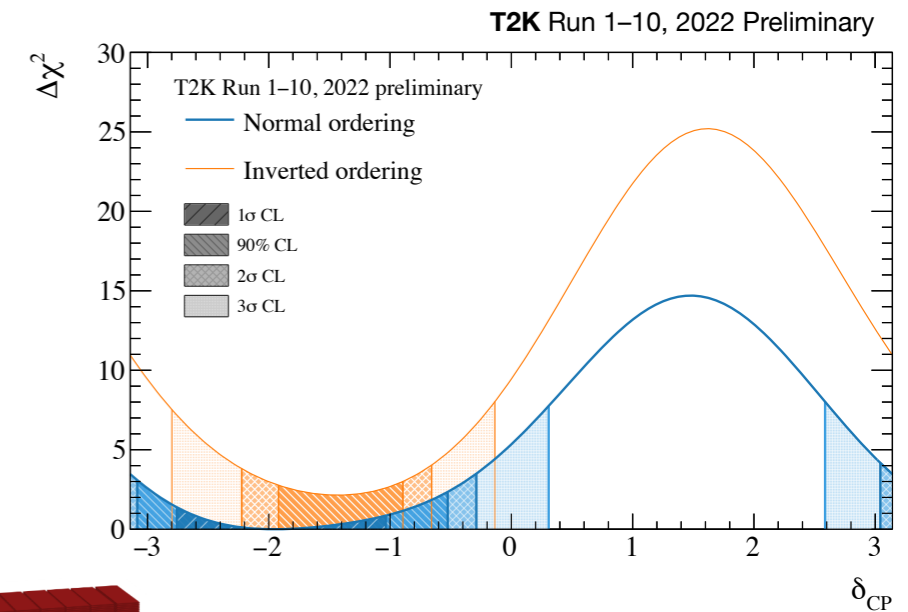
**Aiming for commissioning / installation of most components in autumn to be ready for beam**



# Summary

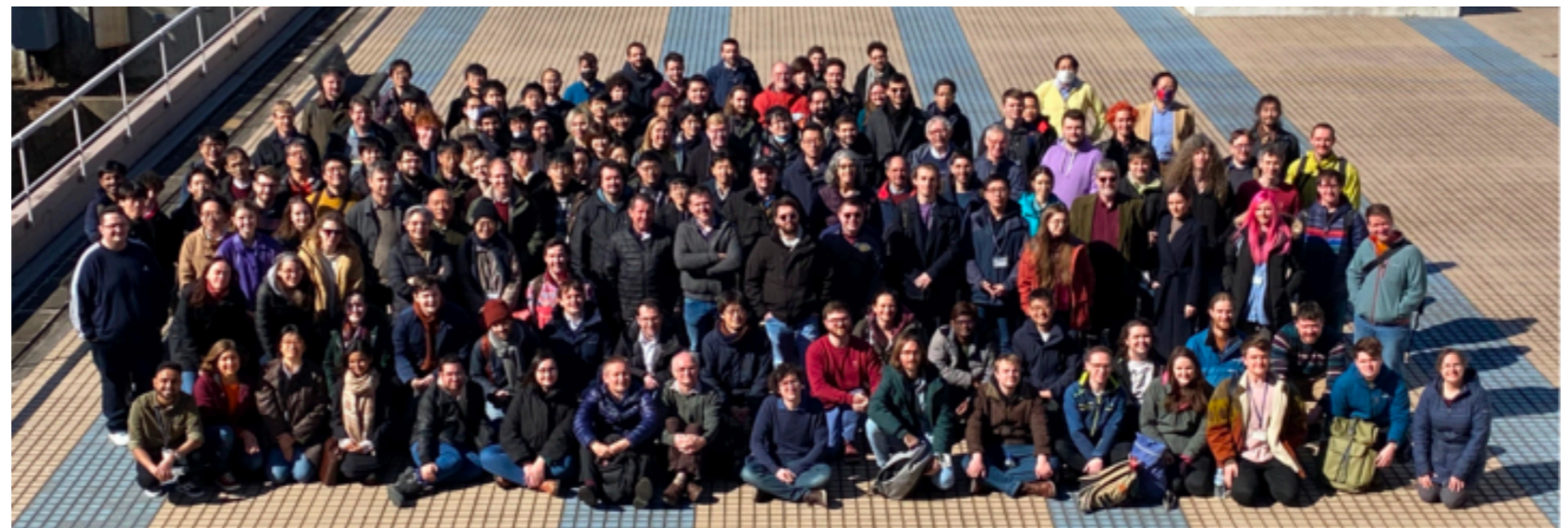
- Latest **T2K** neutrino oscillation results using  $3.6 \times 10^{21}$  protons on target, with **many improvements** at each level of analysis.
- **CP** conserving values of  $\delta_{CP}$  excluded at 90%, **large range excluded** at  $3\sigma$ .
- Many **ongoing upgrades** to the experiment
  - new near detectors
  - stronger beam, horns
- **Exciting physics ahead** coming with beam starting in April and NDup ready\* for data in autumn  
\* full detector at end of year

↳ stay tuned!



Approved budget:  
100,000 JPY for travels

Thank you for continued support

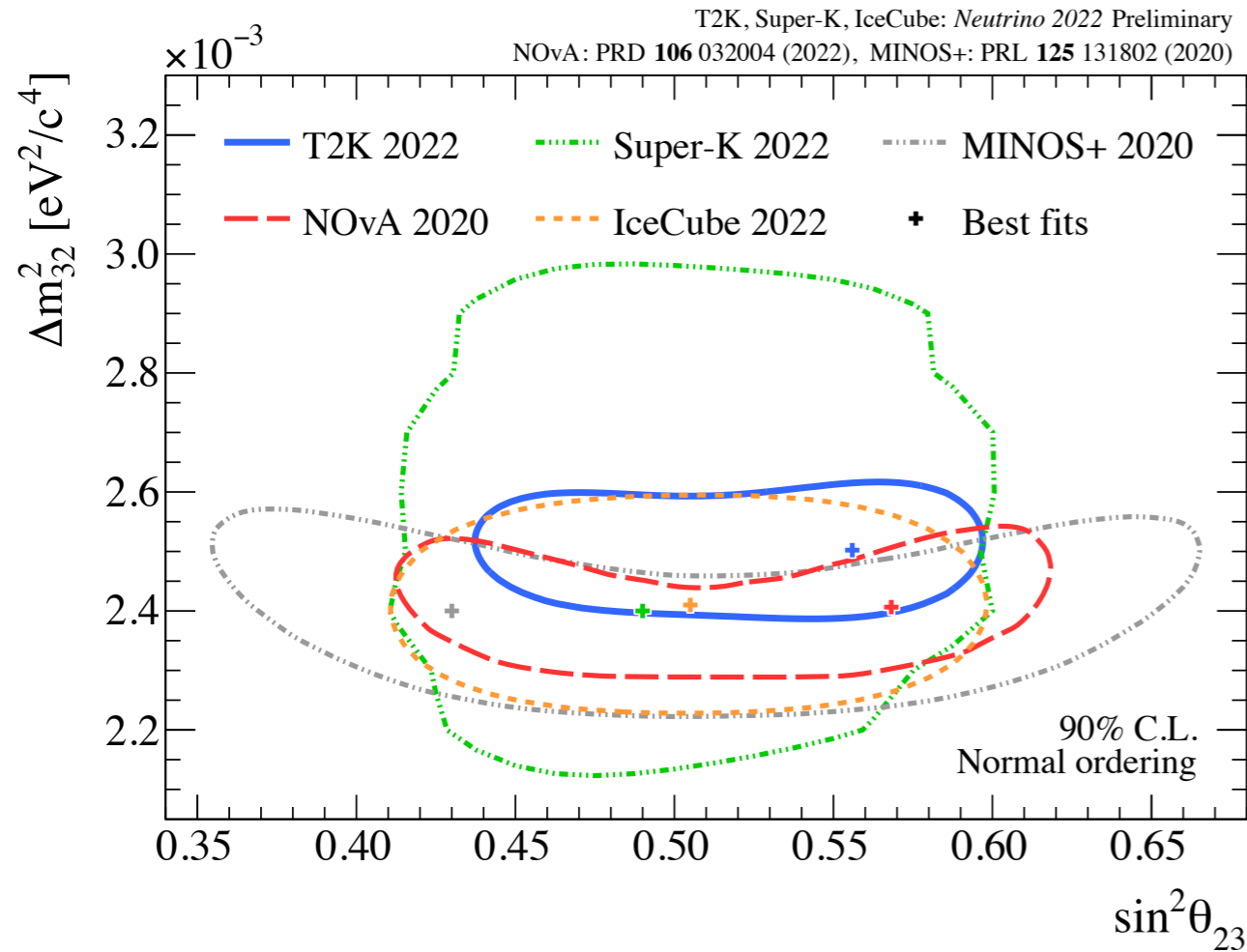


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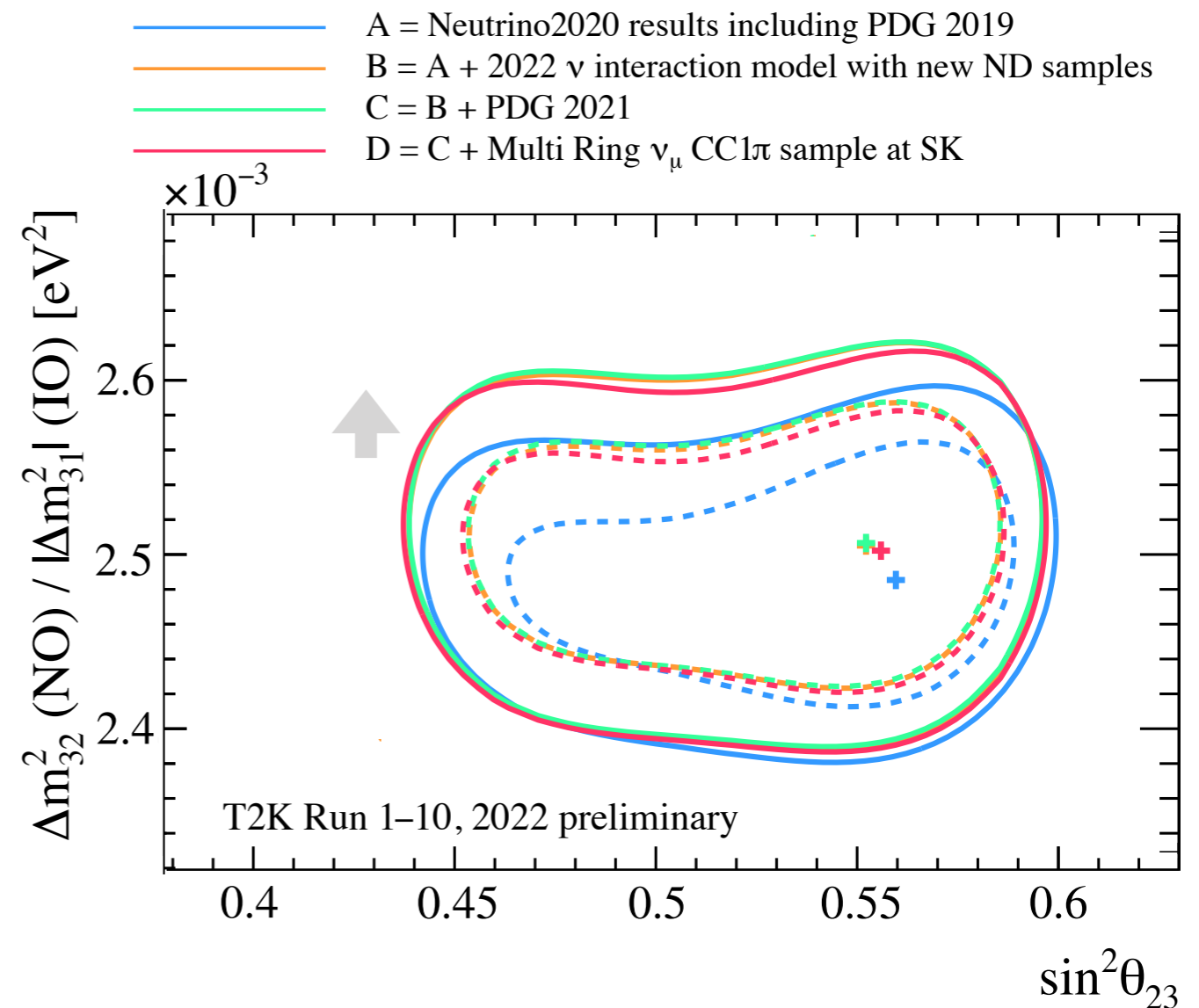


$$\Delta m_{32}^2 \text{ vs. } \theta_{23}$$

# Atmospheric mixing parameters

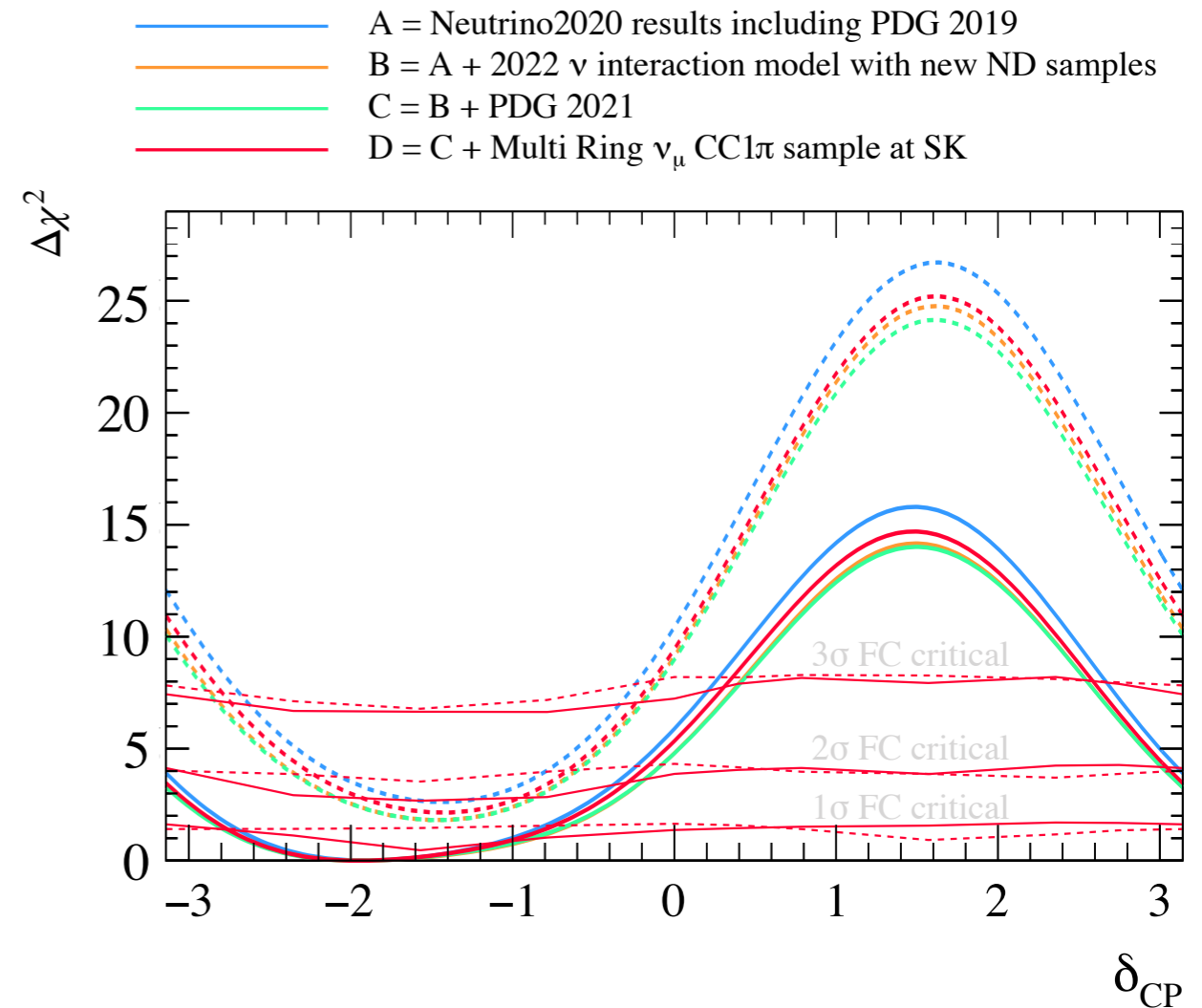
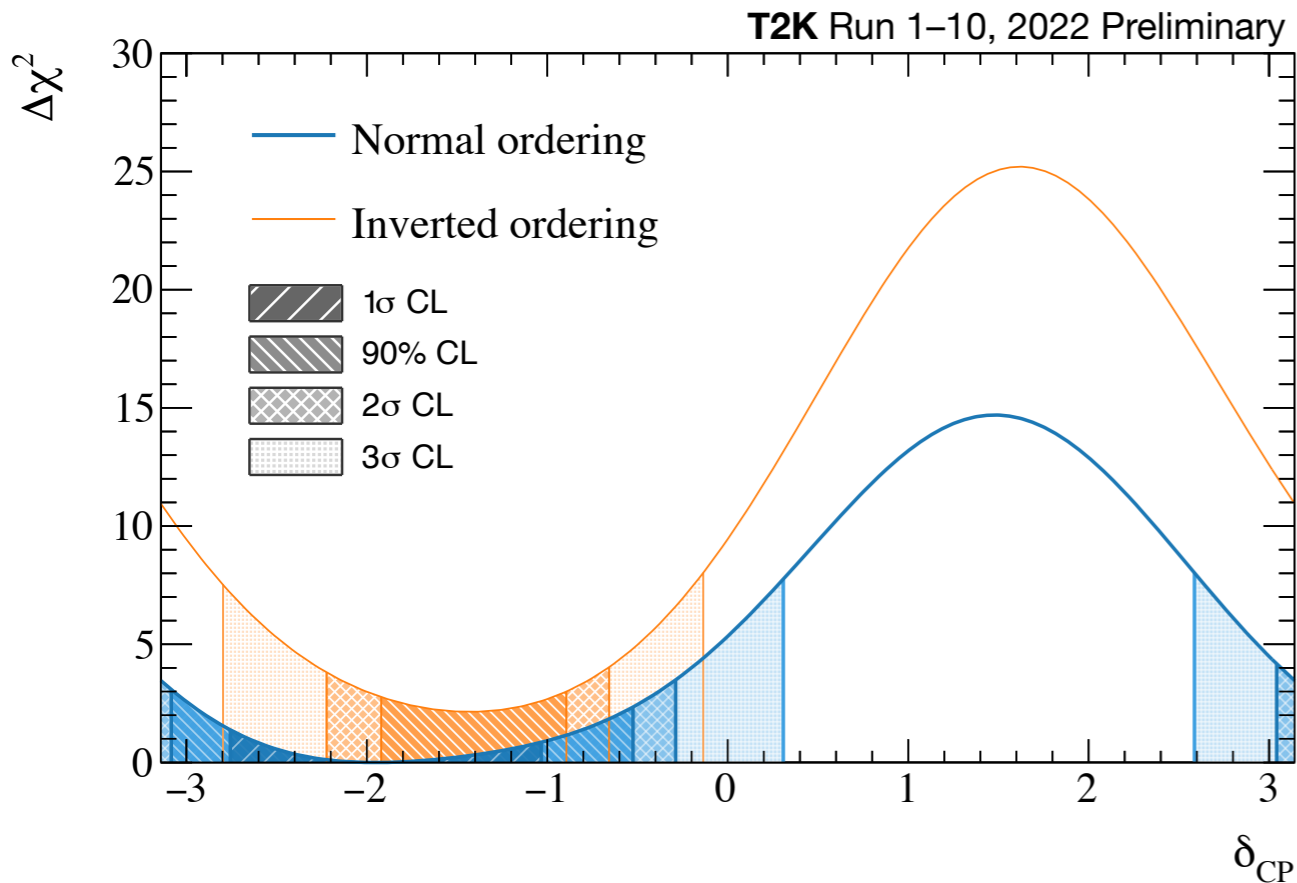


World-leading measurement of atmospheric params still compatible with both octants, very weakly preferring upper



- **New** interaction model and ND samples cause largest change compared to **2020**
- **Multi-ring**  $\nu_\mu$  CC1 $\pi$  sample only gives small contribution due to being above oscillation maximum

# Constraints on $\delta_{\text{CP}}$ and mass ordering



- Large region **excluded at 3σ**
- CP-conservation  $\{0, \pi\}$  **excluded at 90%**,  $\pi$  is within 2σ
- In checks for biases caused by xsec model choices, left (right) 90% CI edge moves at most by 0.06 (0.05)
- Weak preference of **normal ordering**
- Slightly weaker constraint compared to 2020 analysis, mainly due to updated model with new ND samples



# NOvA + T2K

810 km / 295 km

## Ongoing joint fits

# SK + T2K

atmospheric + accelerator

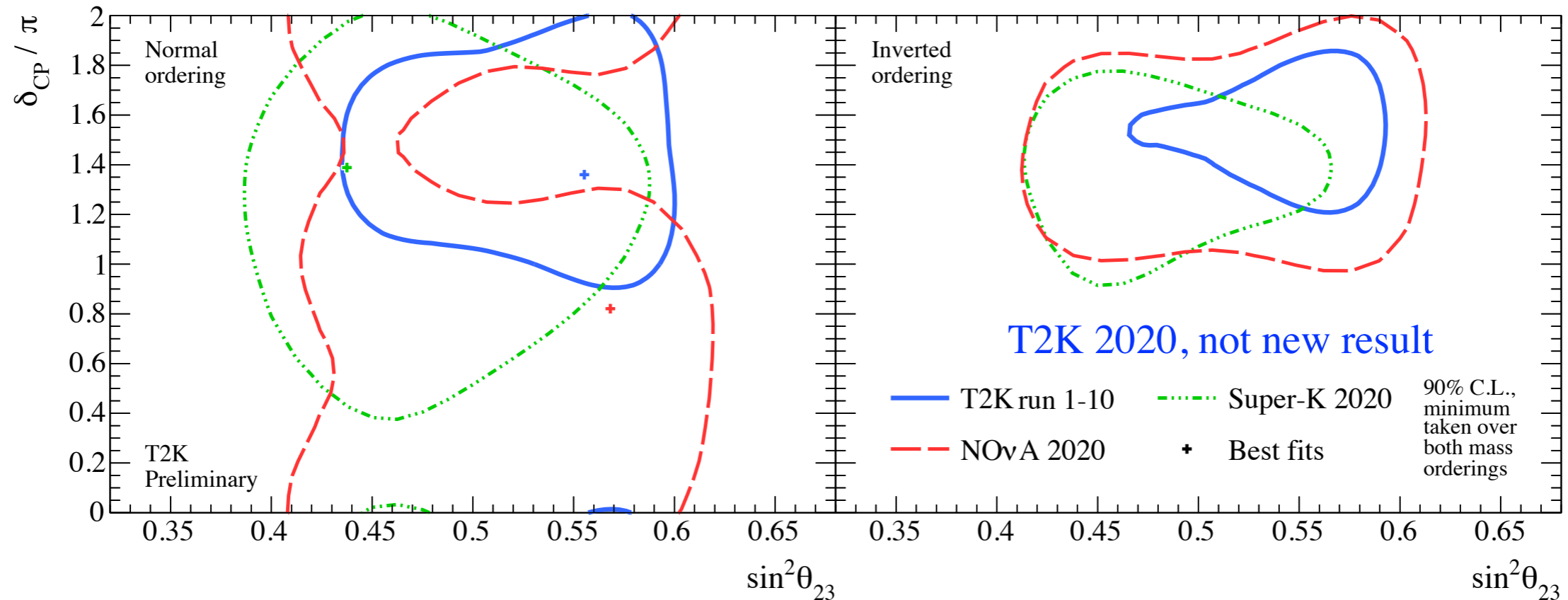


### Comparison of released contours (not joint fit)

NOvA results: [A. Himmel \(2020\) Zenodo](#), (preliminary)

SK results: [Y. Nakajima \(2020\) Zenodo](#), (preliminary)

NOvA and T2K use Feldman-Cousins, SK use fixed  $\Delta\chi^2$

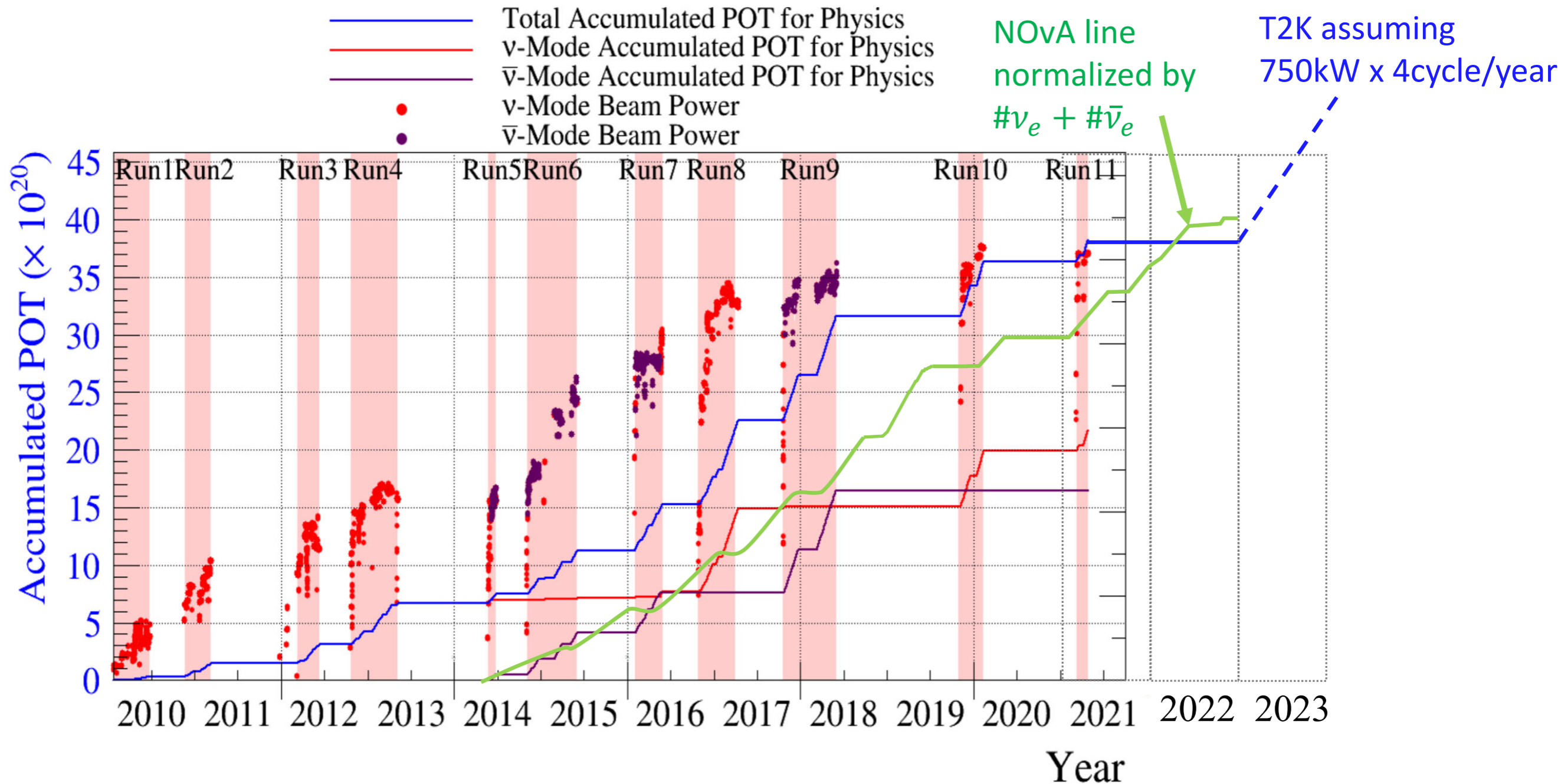


- Joint fits between experiments with different oscillation **baselines/energies** and **detector** technologies
- expect increased **sensitivity** in  $\delta_{CP}$ , mass ordering,  $\theta_{23}$  octant **beyond stats increase** from resolved degeneracies and syst constraints
- important to understand potentially non-trivial **syst. correlations** between experiments

First results expected soon!



# Competition with NoVA



23 Jan 2010 – 27 Apr 2021  
 POT Total:  $3.82 \times 10^{21}$   
 (maximum power 522.6 kW)

ν-mode:  $2.17 \times 10^{21}$  (56.8%)  
 ν̄-mode:  $1.65 \times 10^{21}$  (43.2%)