

# CP-Violation search at T2K

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# The T2K Experiment

The Tokai to Kamioka experiment



Goals of the T2K experiment:

1. Measure the mixing angles  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\theta_{13}$
2. Measure and determine its sign of  $\Delta m_{32}^2$
3. Constrain  $\delta_{CP}$
4. Measure neutrino interaction cross-sections

International collaboration of  
~500 Members  
From 78 Institutes  
In 12 Countries





# Neutrino Oscillations



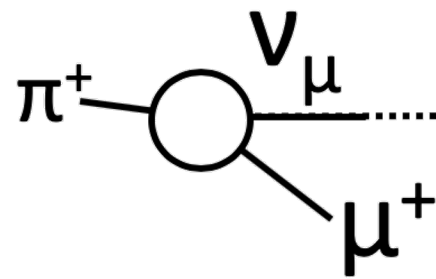
In the 3-Flavor PMNS model:

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

$$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$$

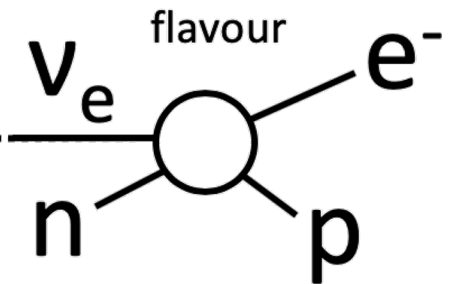
Pure weak state  
is a combination  
of mass states



Mass states evolve and interfere as they travel

$$U_{\mu 1} \nu_1 e^{-ip_1 x} + U_{\mu 2} \nu_2 e^{-ip_2 x} + U_{\mu 3} \nu_3 e^{-ip_3 x}$$

No longer a pure  
weak state, the neutrino  
may interact as a different  
flavour



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# CPV searches in LBL experiments



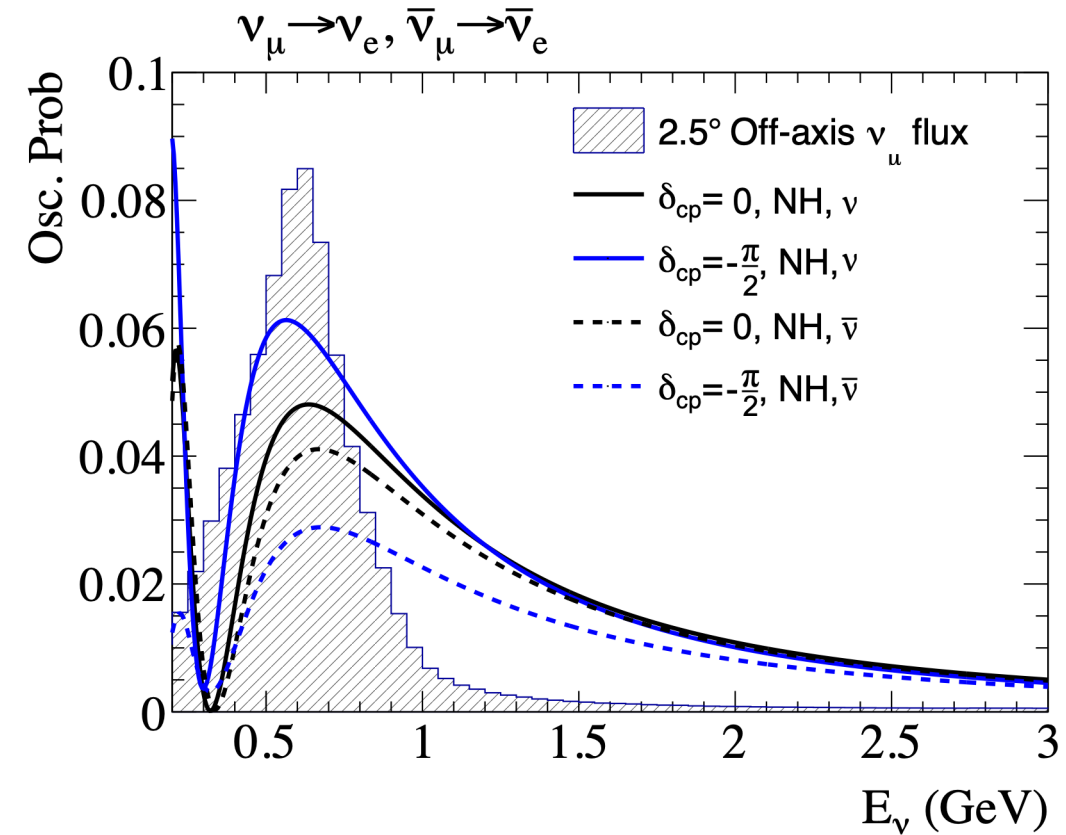
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu}\right) \mp 1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu} 8J_{CP} \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{E_\nu}\right)$$

Sign flips for antineutrino

Jarlskog Invariant:

$$J_{CP} = \sin \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{23} \cos \theta_{23} \sin \delta_{CP}$$

CP-Violation is indicated by the combined enhancement and suppression of opposite sign  $\nu_e / \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance signals

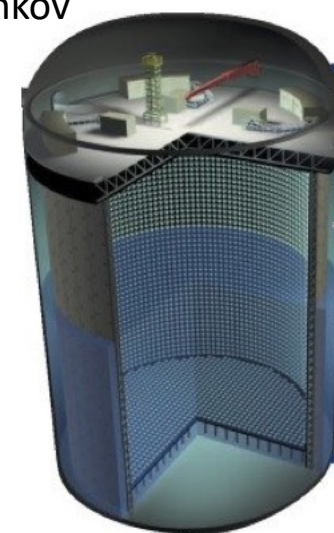




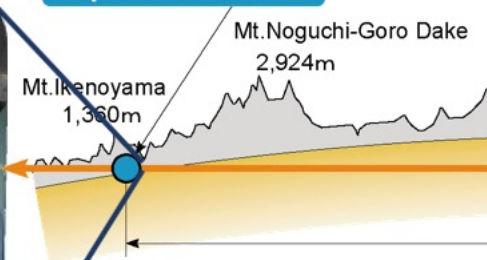
# Overview of T2K



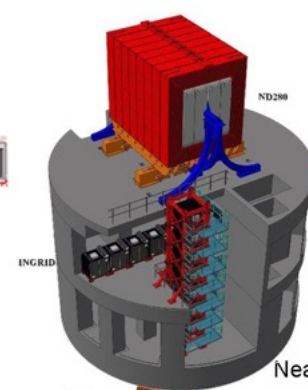
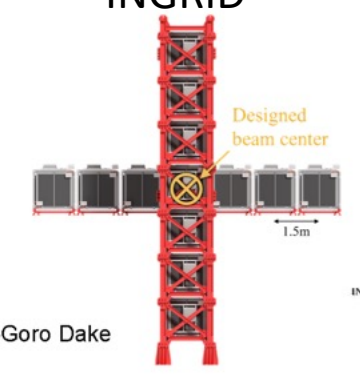
Super-K is a 50 kton water Cherenkov detector



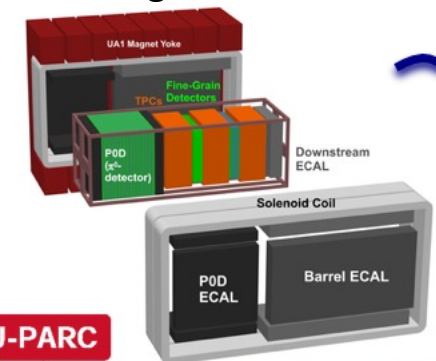
Super-Kamiokande



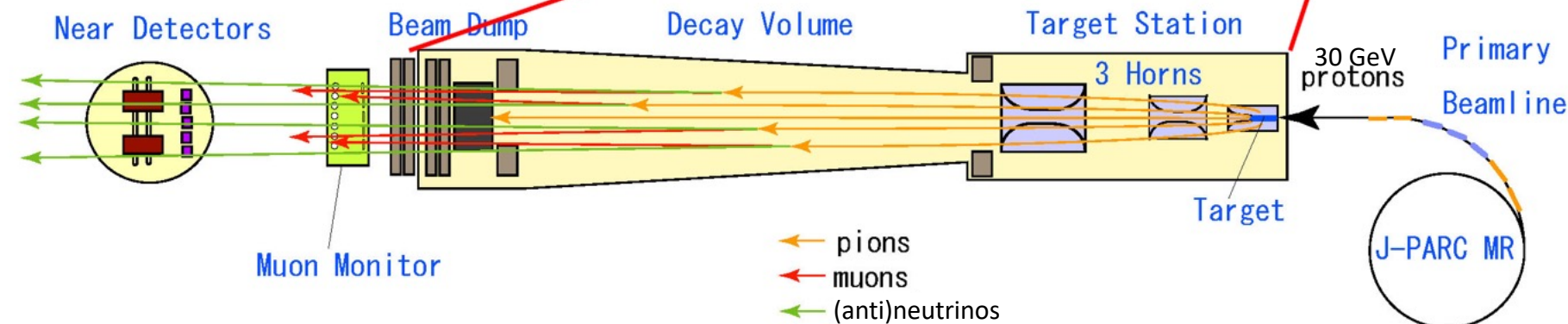
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ND280 is a magnetized tracking detector



J-PARC

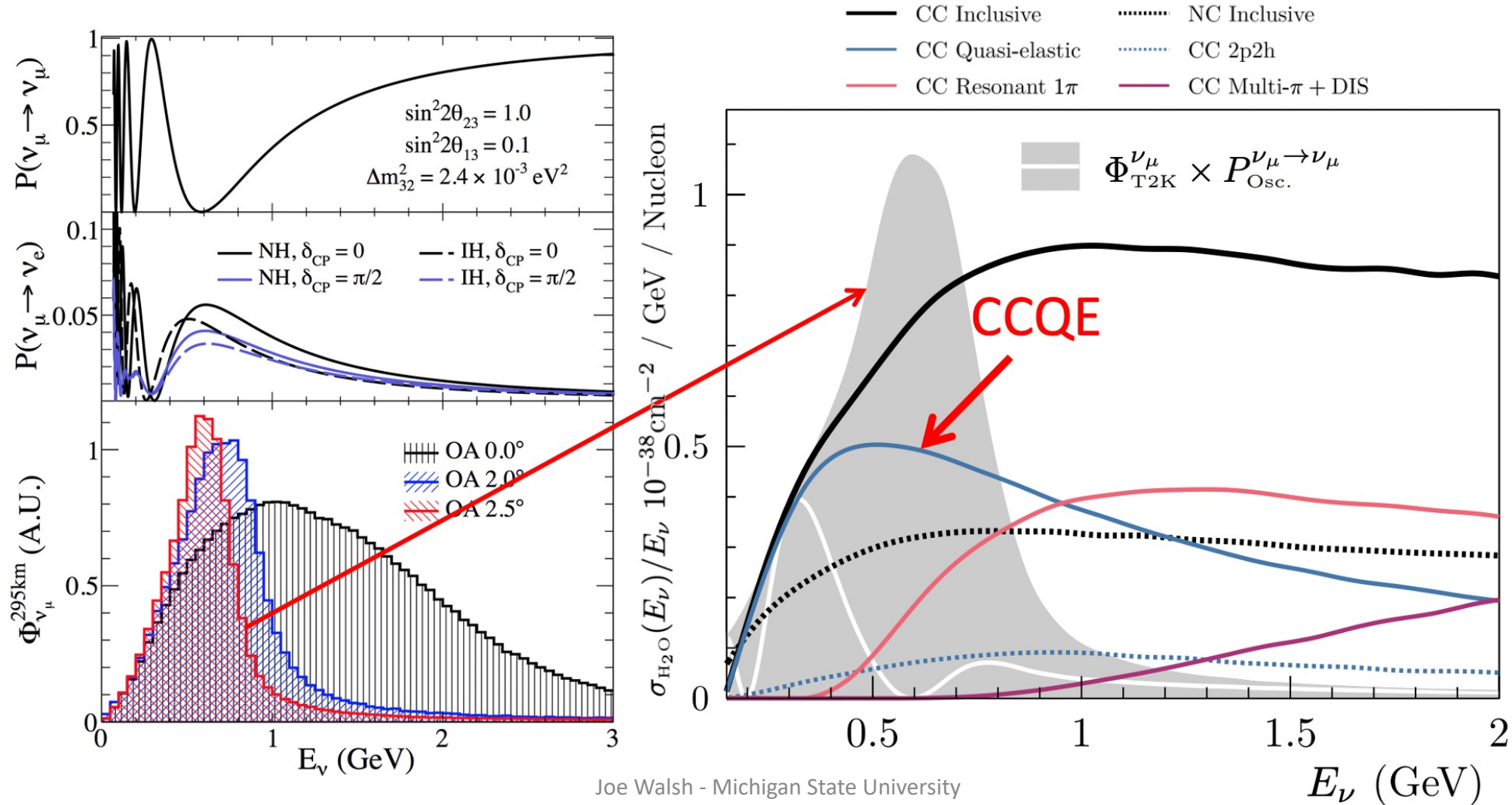


Magnetic horns select for  $\pi^+$  or  $\pi^-$  which decay producing  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$

# Off-axis angle



Enhances flux at 600 MeV maximizing oscillation probability for a baseline of 295 km

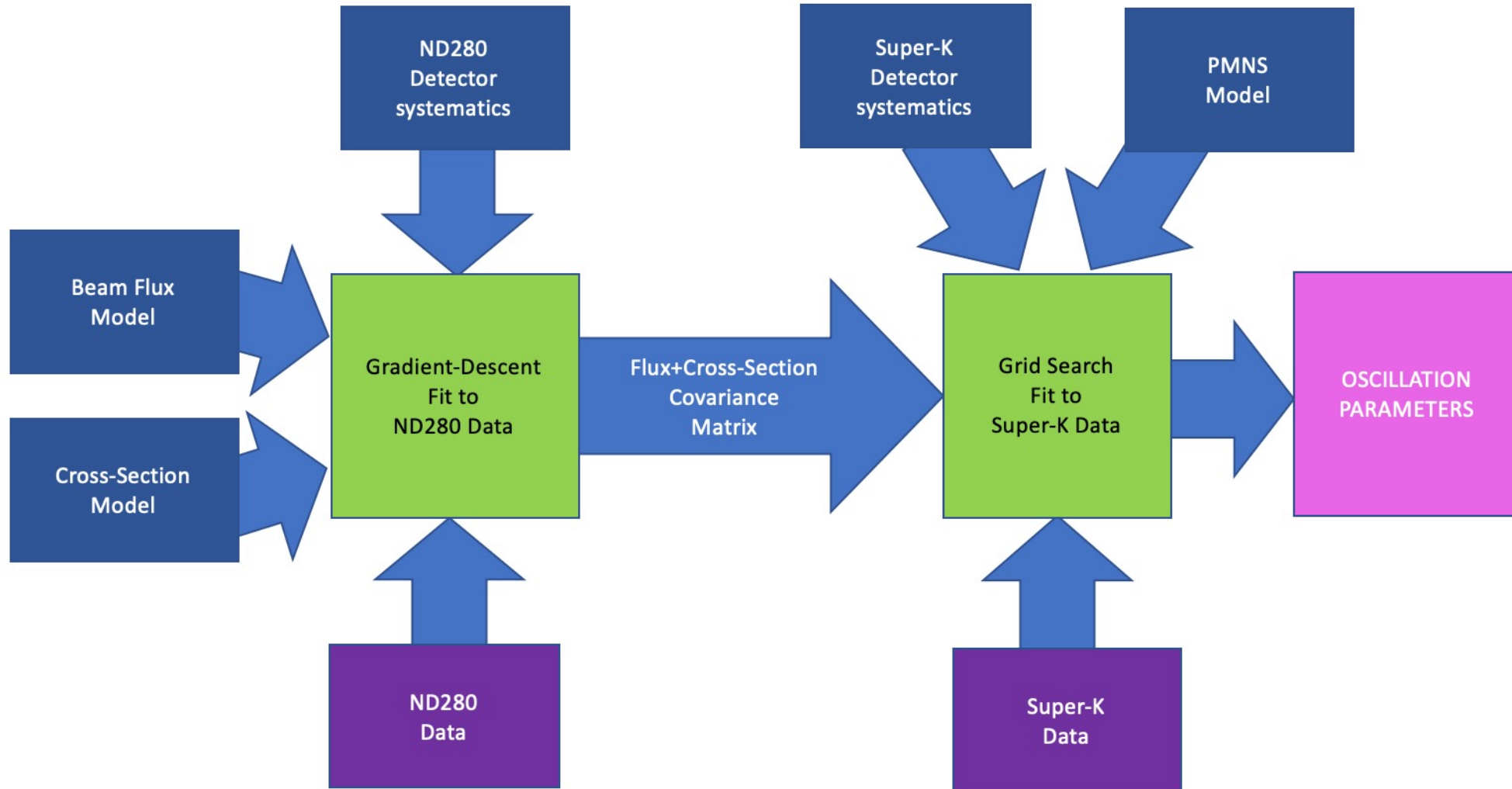




# The T2K Analysis



Sequential (Frequentist)

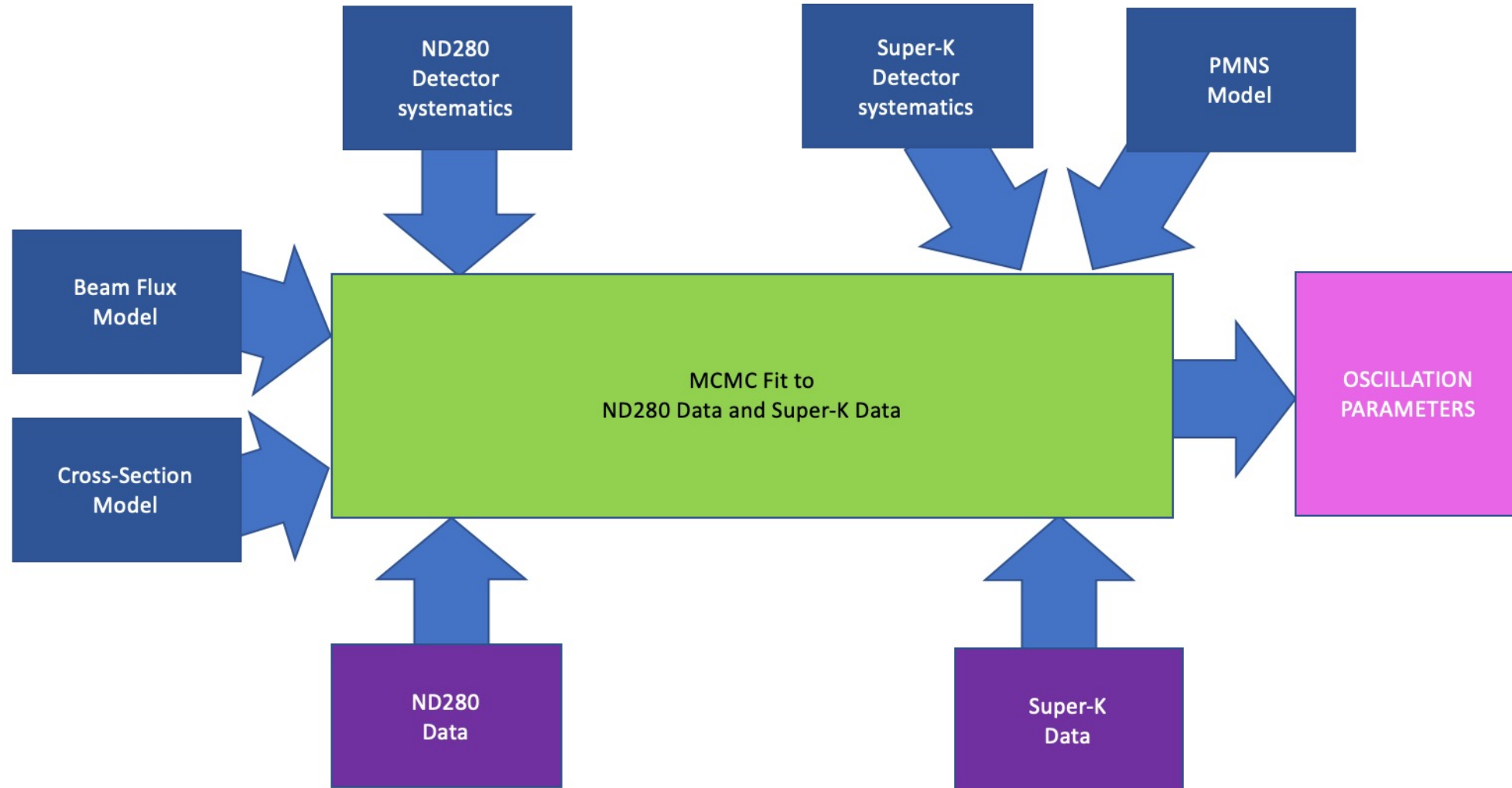




# The T2K Analysis



Simultaneous (Bayesian)



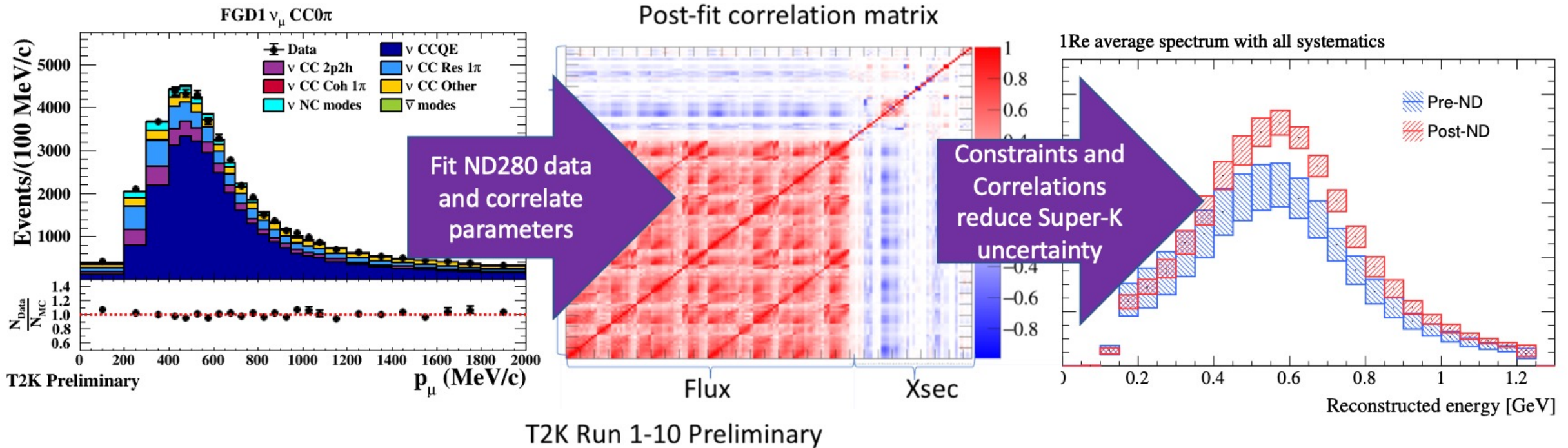




# ND280 Constraint



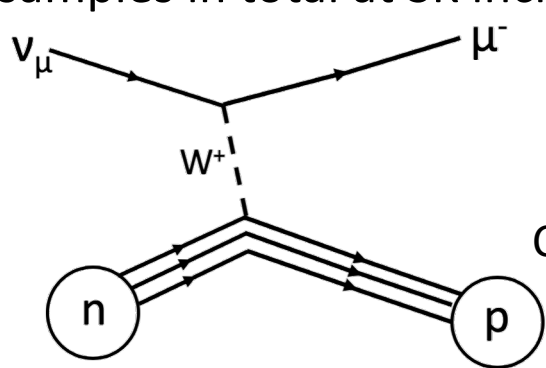
Better predict SK spectra by fitting flux and xsec to ND280 spectra  
Constrain wrong-sign background ( $\nu$  in  $\bar{\nu}$ -beam or  $\bar{\nu}$  in  $\nu$ -beam)



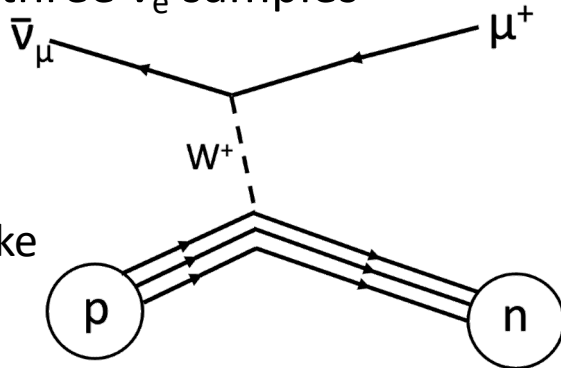


# Super-K $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$ data

5 samples in total at SK including three  $\nu_e$  samples

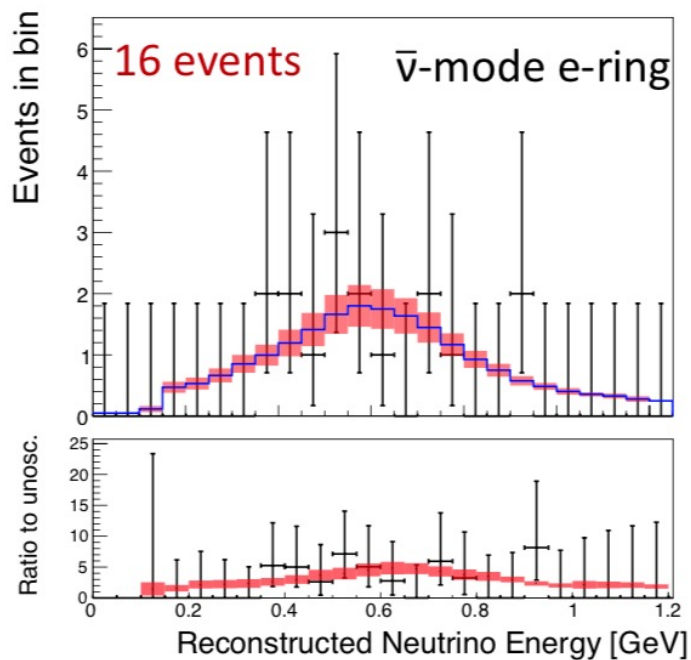
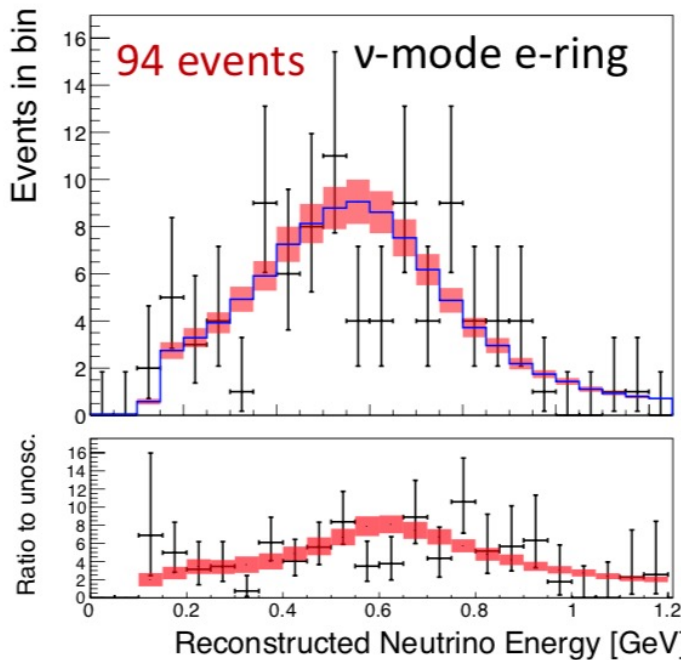


CCQE-like



T2K Run 1-10 Preliminary

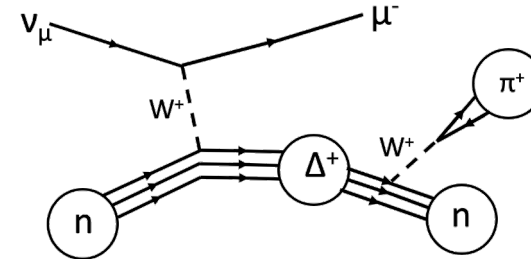
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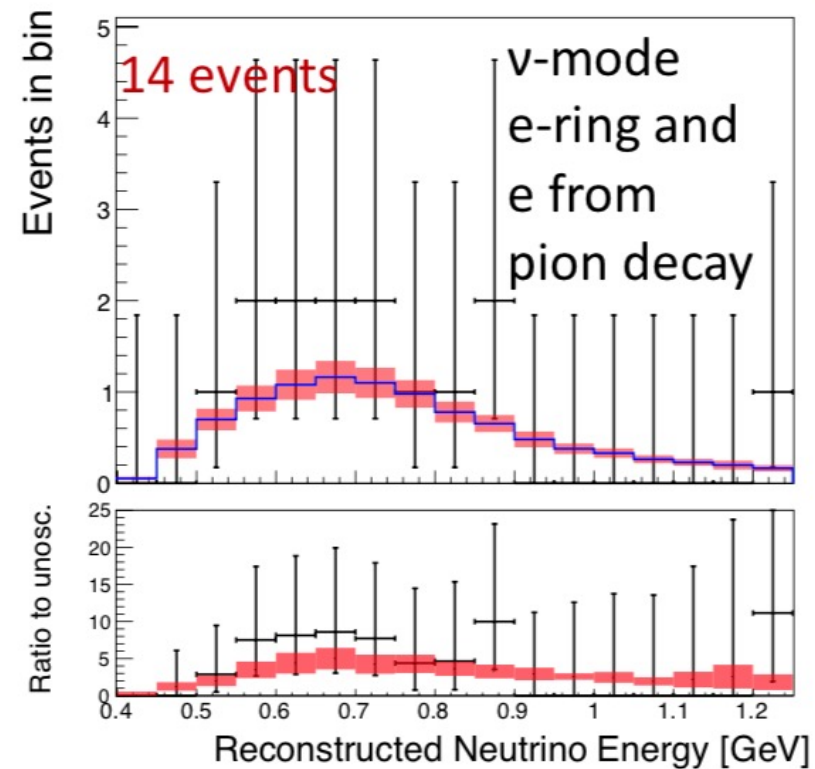
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CC-Resonant-like



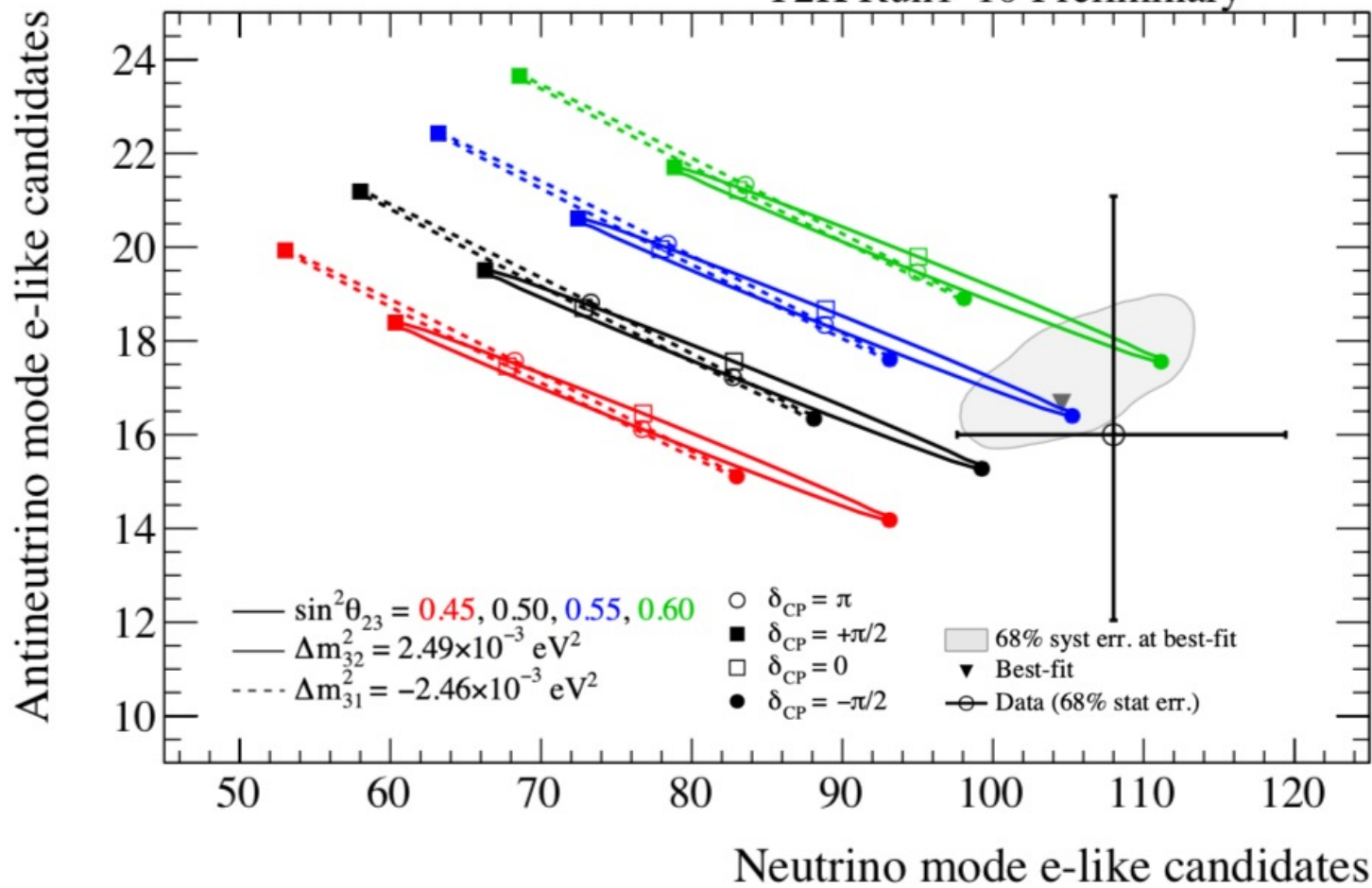
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# PMNS comparison

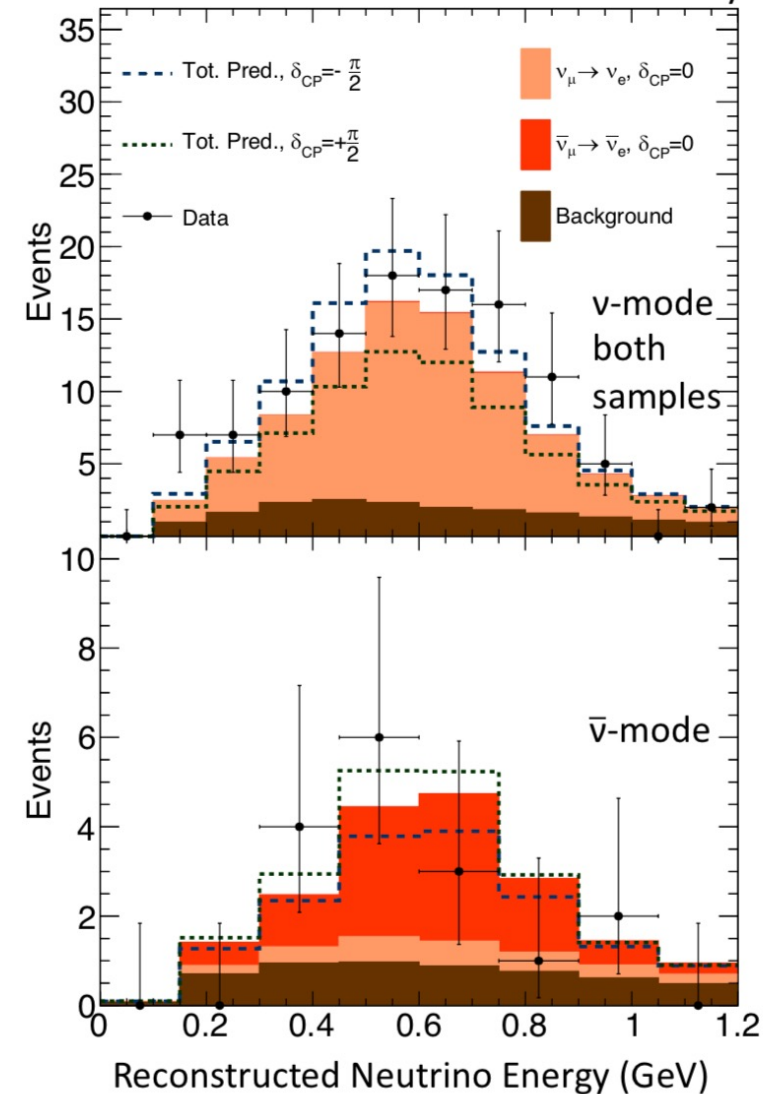
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$\nu_e / \bar{\nu}_e$  data most consistent with  $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$ ,  
 upper octant  $\theta_{23}$  and normal ordered masses



T2K Run 1-10 Preliminary

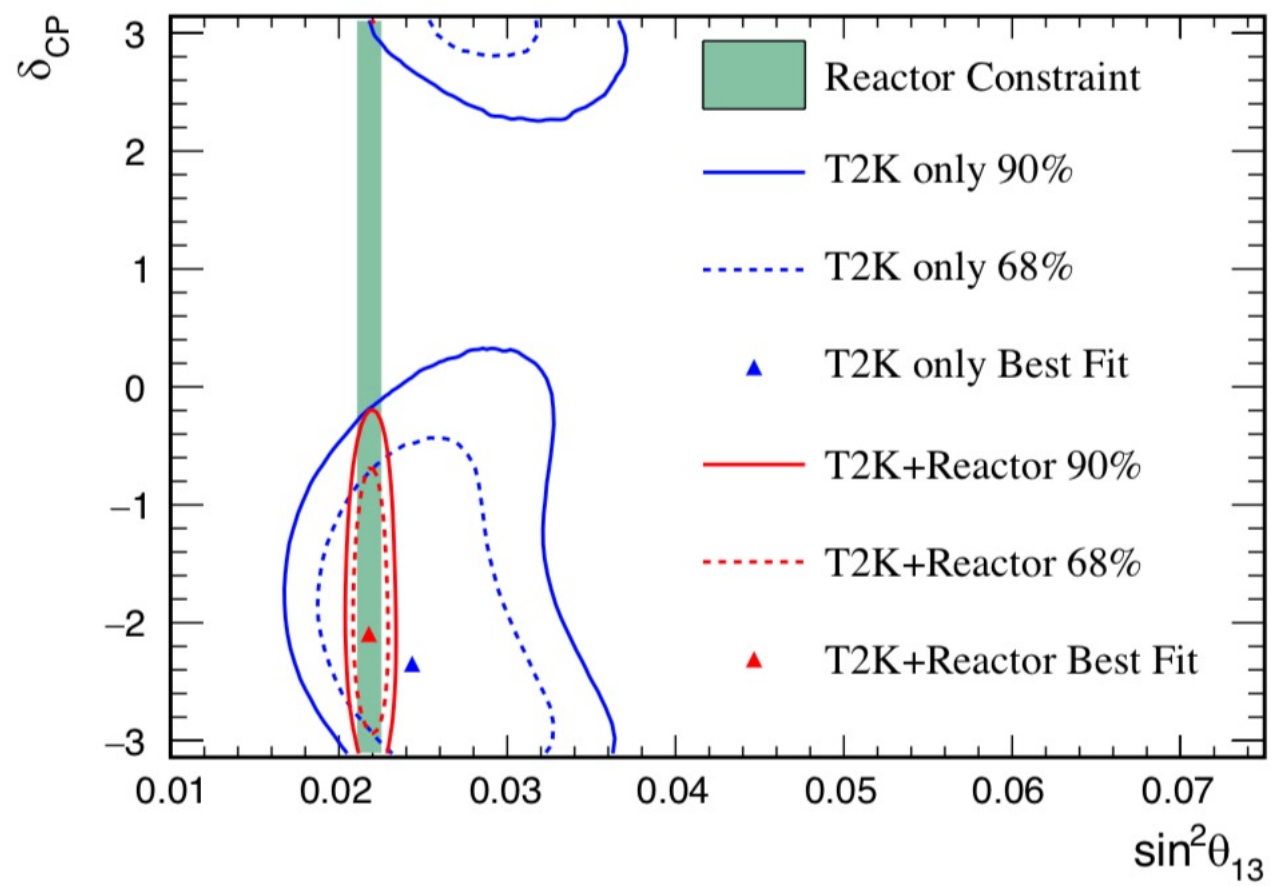




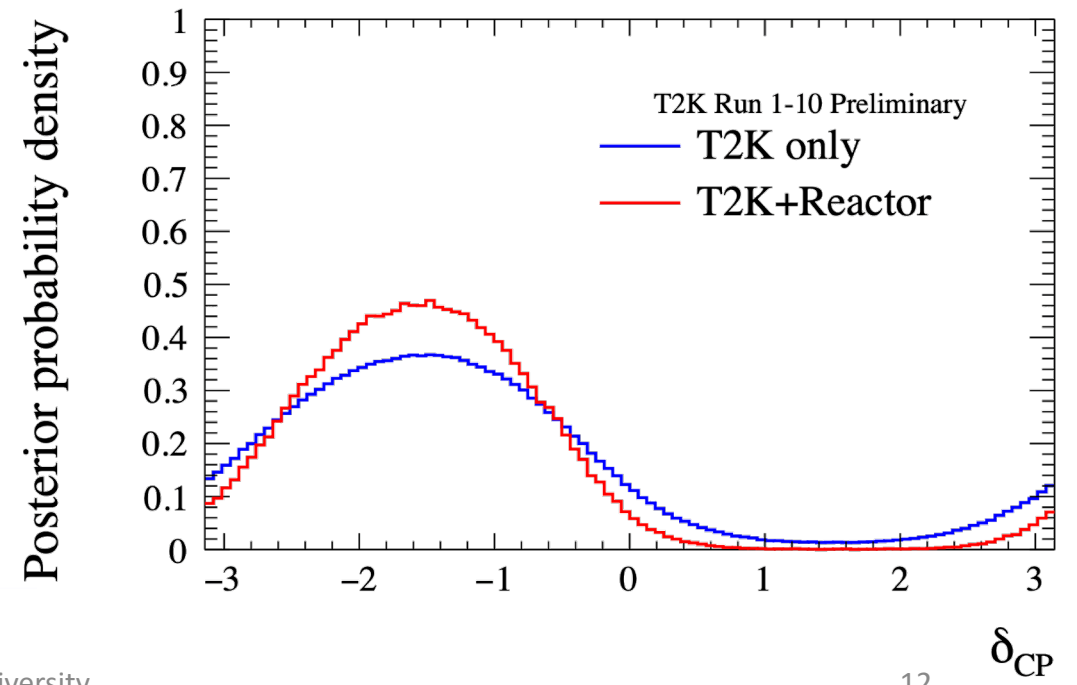
# Reactor experiments constraint on $\theta_{13}$



Simultaneous Bayesian T2K Run 1-10 Preliminary



Using the PDG 2019 global average of the reactor neutrino experiment measurements of  $\theta_{13}$ , we can get a better constraint on  $\delta_{CP}$





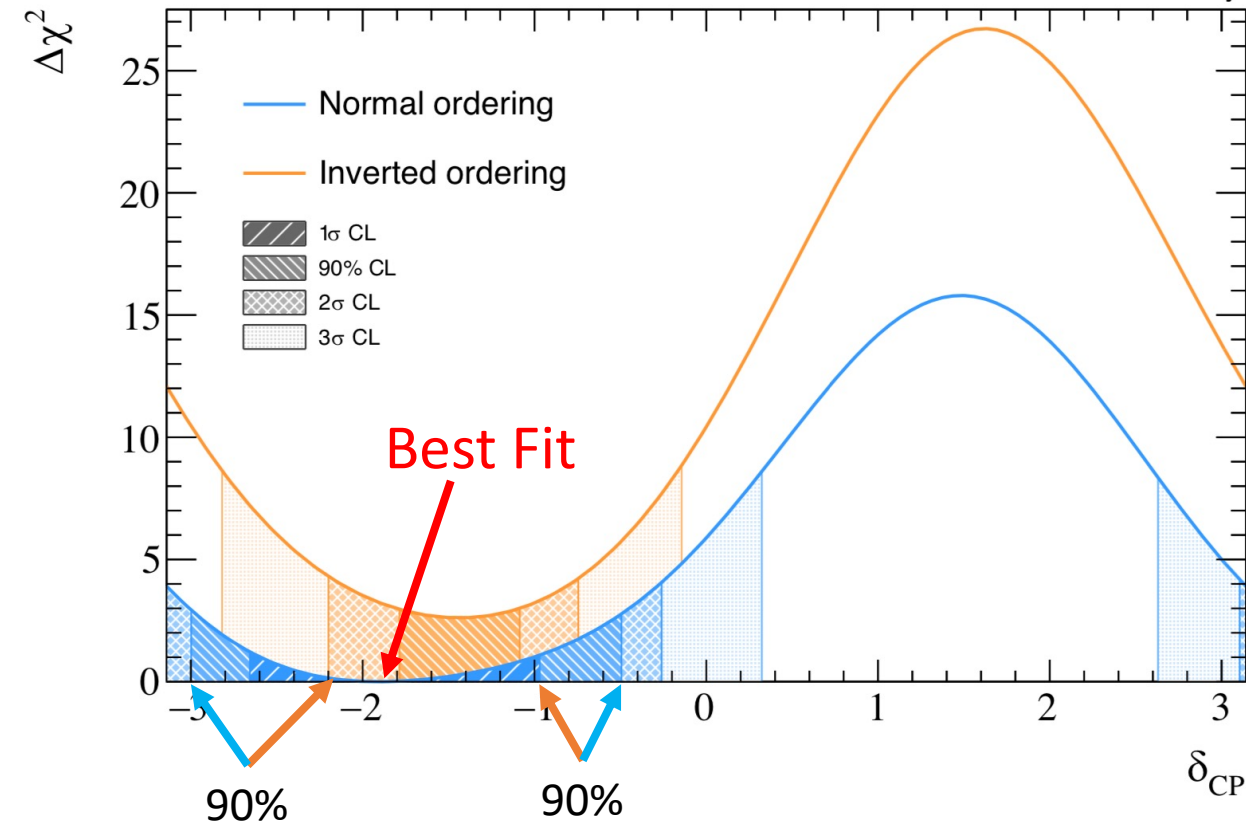
# $\delta_{CP}$ constraint



Exclude CP-conserving values at the 90% CL across both mass orderings

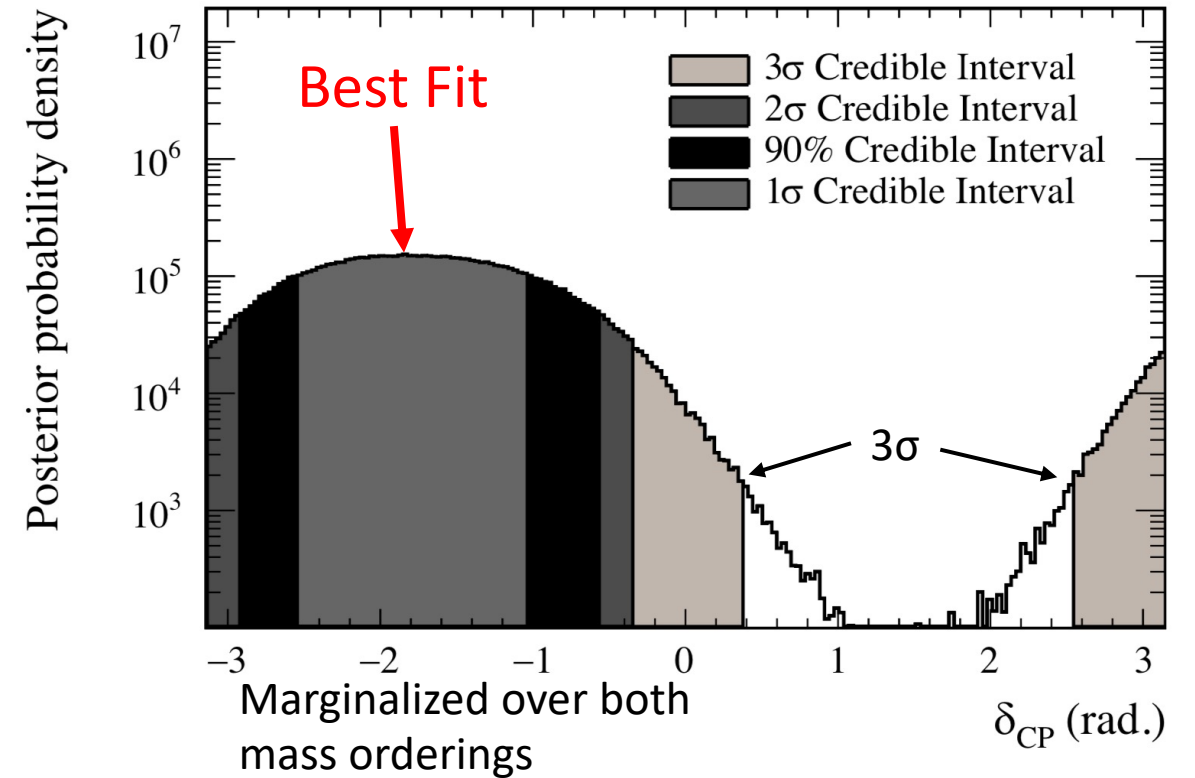
## Sequential (Frequentist)

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## Simultaneous (Bayesian)

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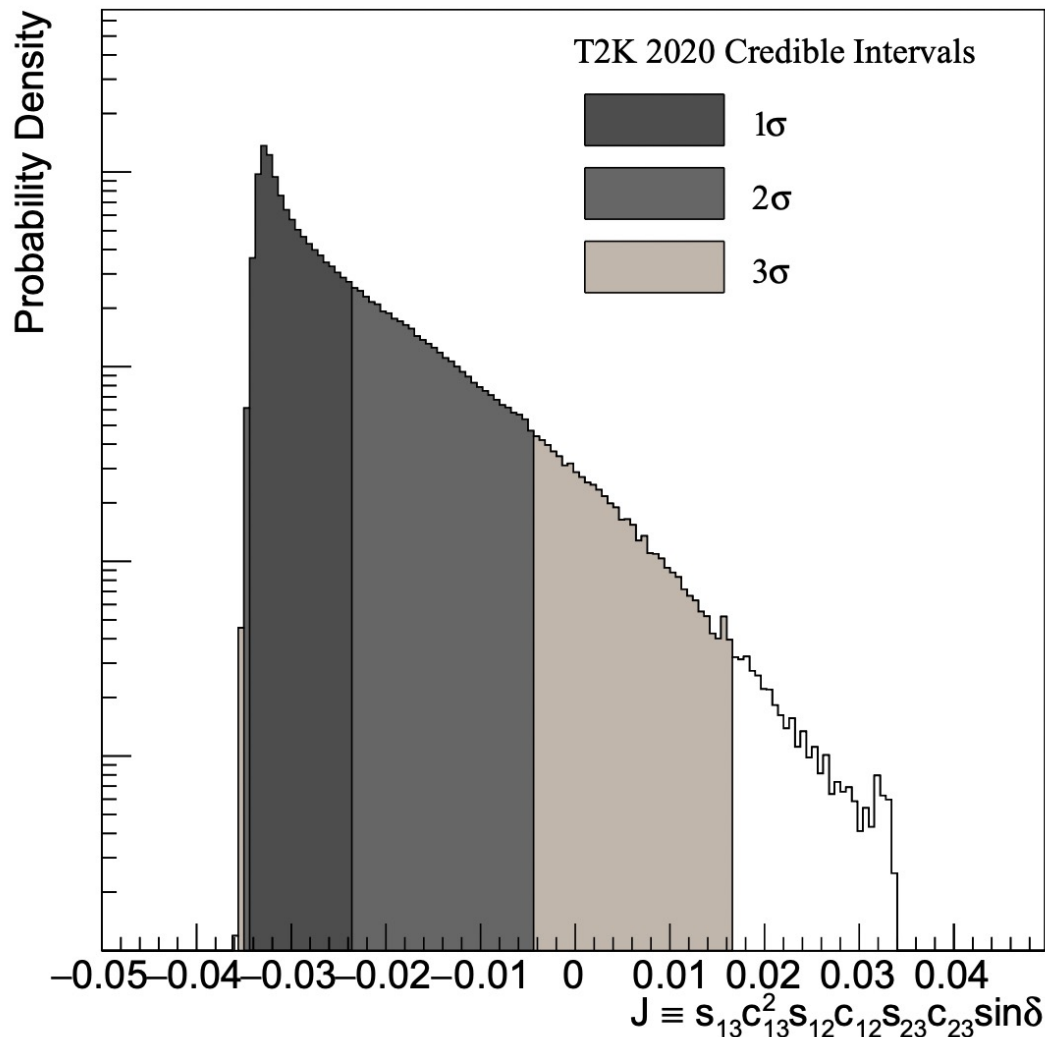
Exclude 35% around  $+\pi/2$  to  $3\sigma$



# Jarlskog Invariant



Jarlskog Invariant, Both Hierarchies



$$J_{CP} = \sin \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{23} \cos \theta_{23} \sin \delta_{CP}$$

T2K is exploring parameterization of neutrino mixing other than 3-flavour PMNS

$J_{CP}$  is a Parameterization independent quantity which indicates the size of CP-violation

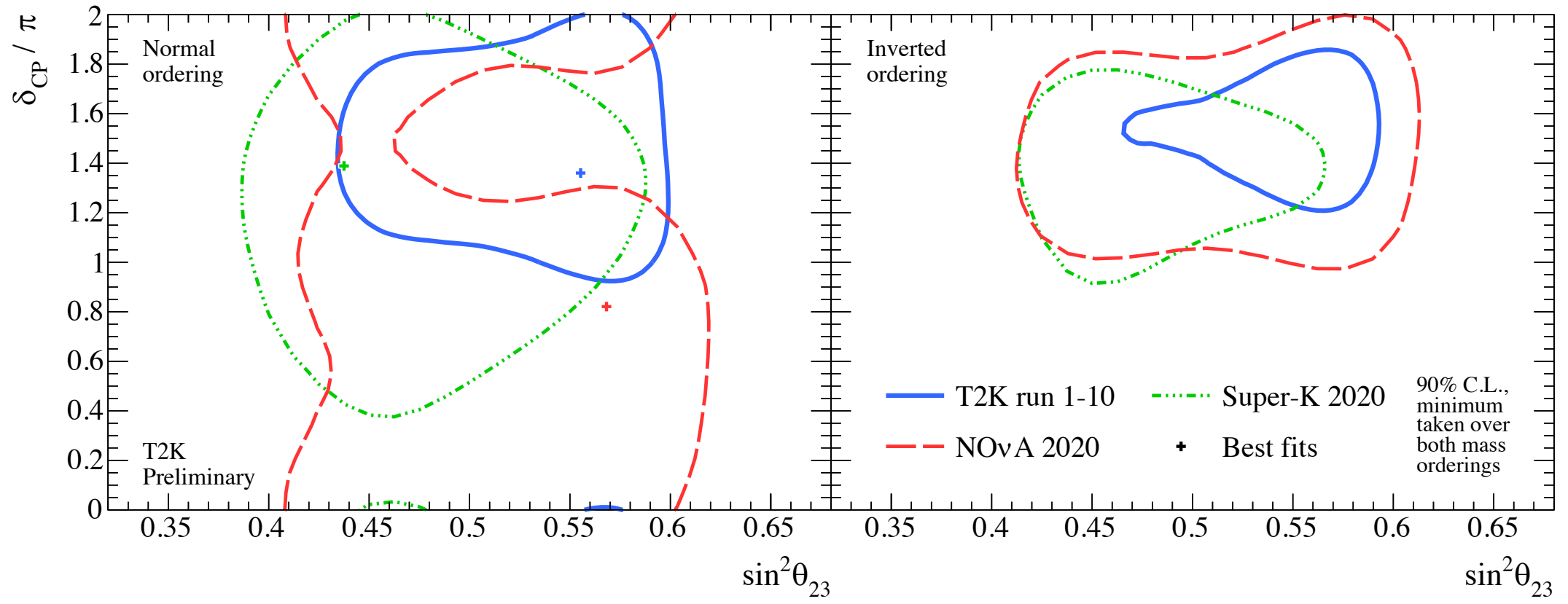


# Comparison to NOvA and Super-K



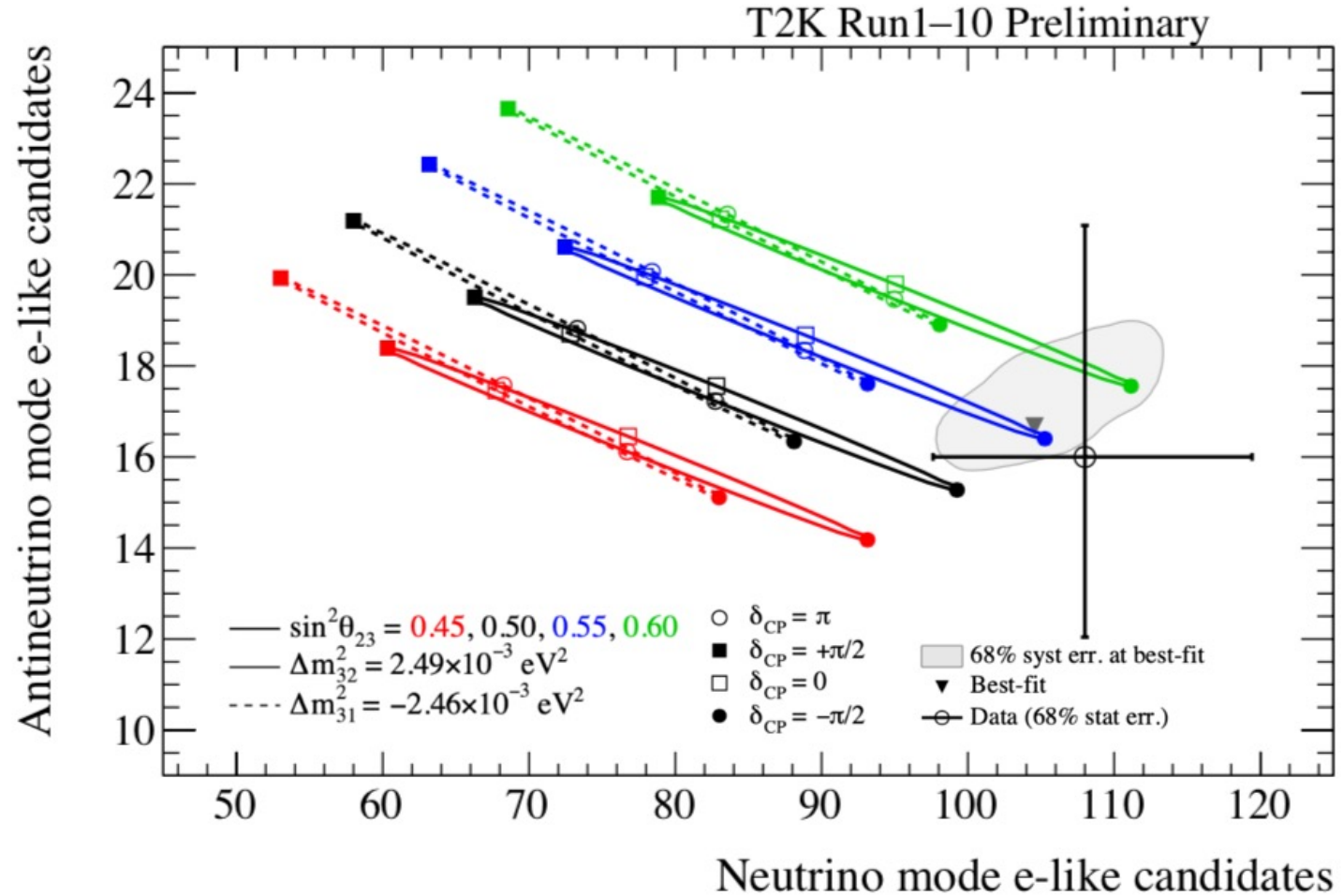
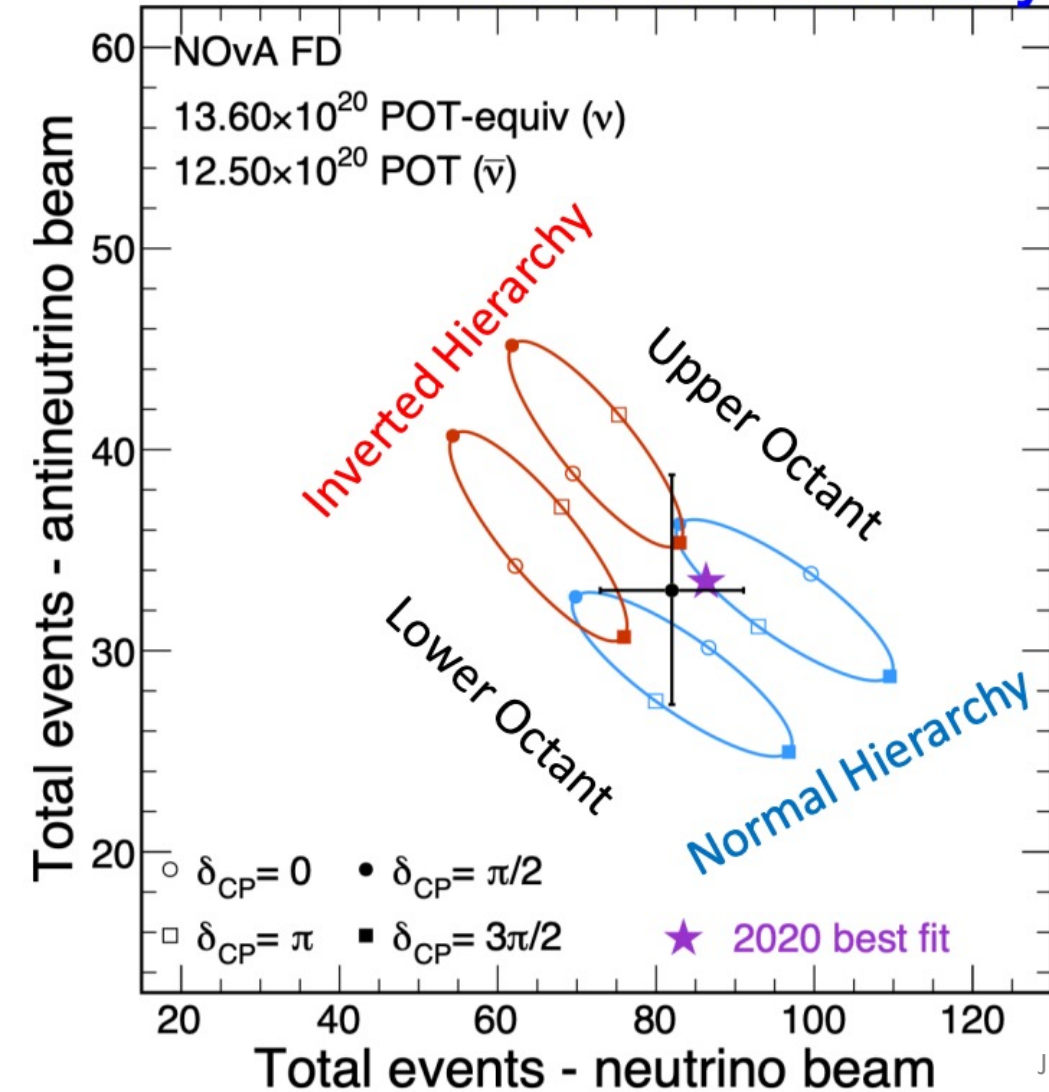
T2K and NOvA 90% contours overlap with best fit  $\delta_{CP}$ -  $\theta_{23}$  points just outside of 90% contours and similar  $\theta_{23}$  best fit values

Consistent  $\delta_{CP}$  with Super-K, but prefer different  $\theta_{23}$  octant



Sensitivity of each experiment may help break degeneracies for the other in a joint fit

## NOvA Preliminary

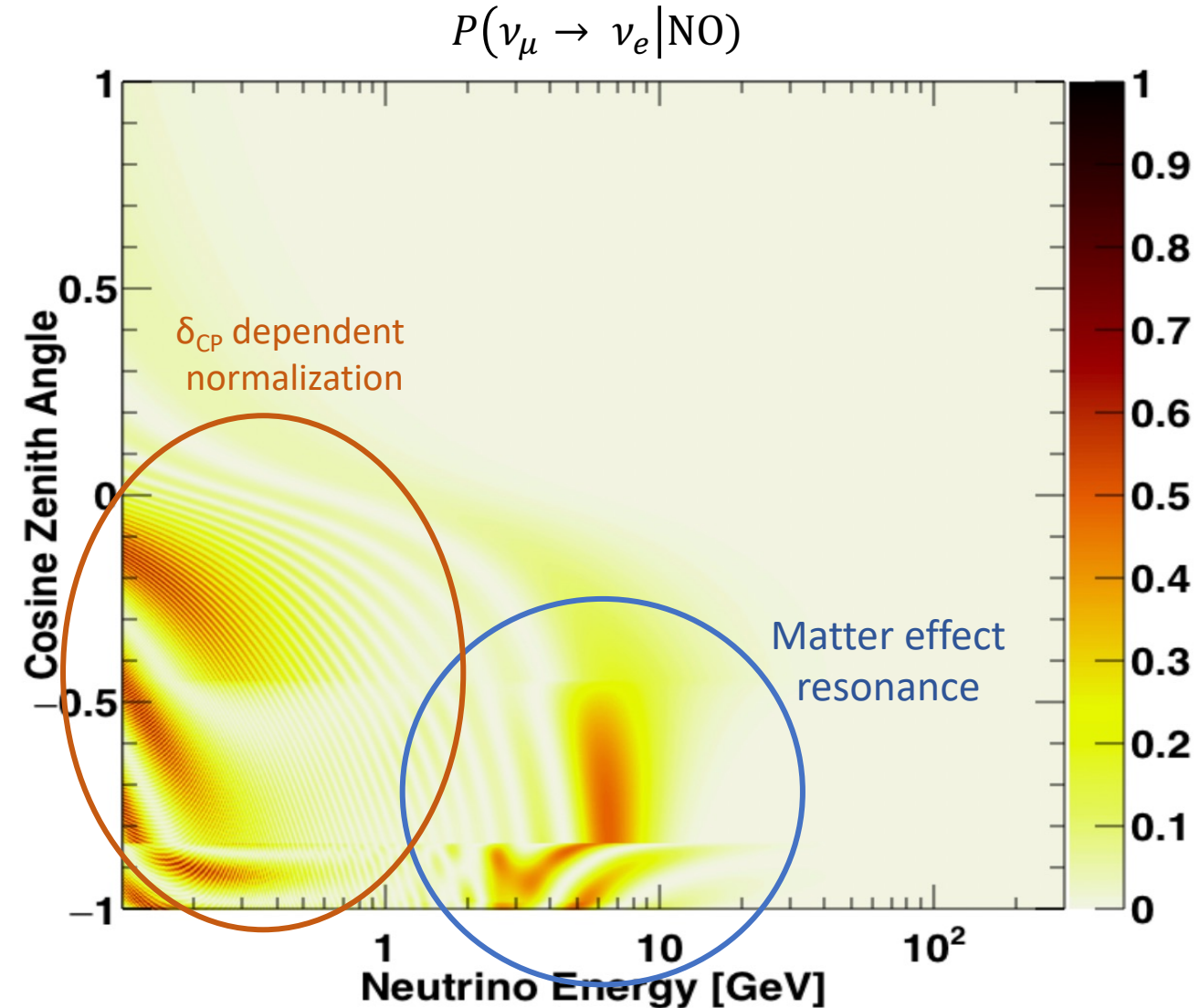




Strong mass ordering dependent matter effects for upward going atmospheric  $\nu_e$

Strength is dependent on  $\theta_{23}$  which T2K can provide and extra constraint on

$\delta_{CP}$  dependent normalization of low  $E_\nu \nu_e$





# Future T2K analyses...



New samples and new models

ND280:

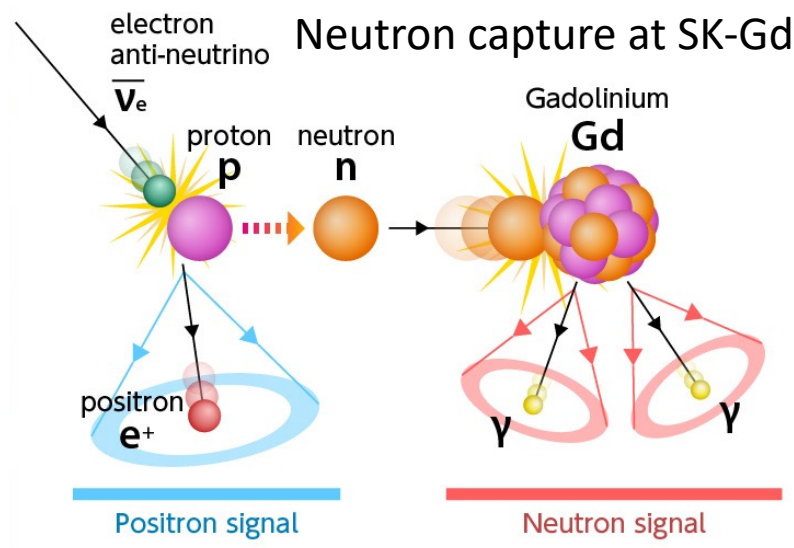
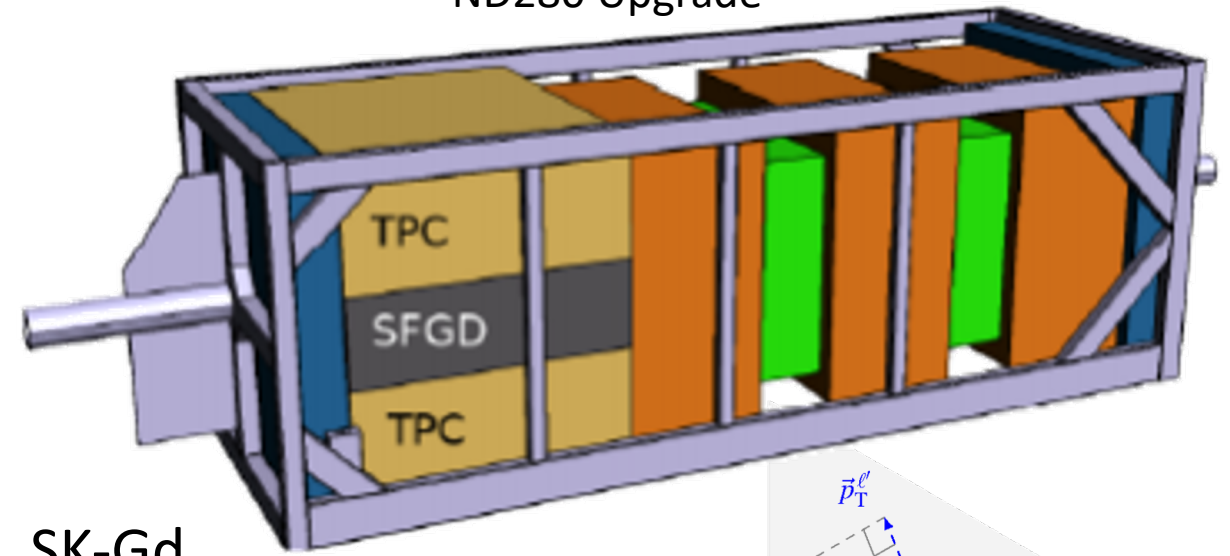
- Proton and photon tagging

Super-K:

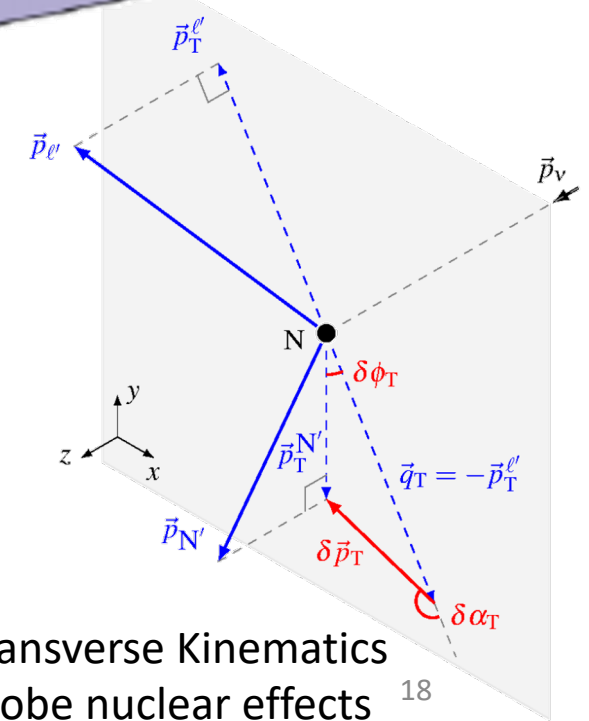
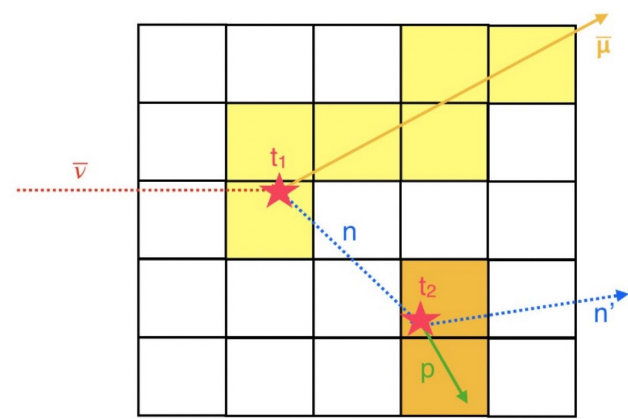
- Multiring  $\nu_\mu$  -like samples

Beam upgrade, New ND280 subdetectors, SK-Gd

ND280 Upgrade



Neutron tagging at ND280 SFGD



Transverse Kinematics  
Probe nuclear effects

T2K's  $\delta_{CP}$  best fit is near  $-\pi/2$  and excludes 35% of values around  $+\pi/2$

CP-conserving values (0 and  $\pi$ ) are excluded to 90% CL and CI

T2K-NOvA and T2K-SK joint fits may be able to lift some of the degeneracies in neutrino mixing ( $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m_{32}^2$ )

New T2K detectors allowing new physics which will improve constraint

Please see Ali Ajmi's talk next on "Precision measurements of the PMNS parameters at T2K"



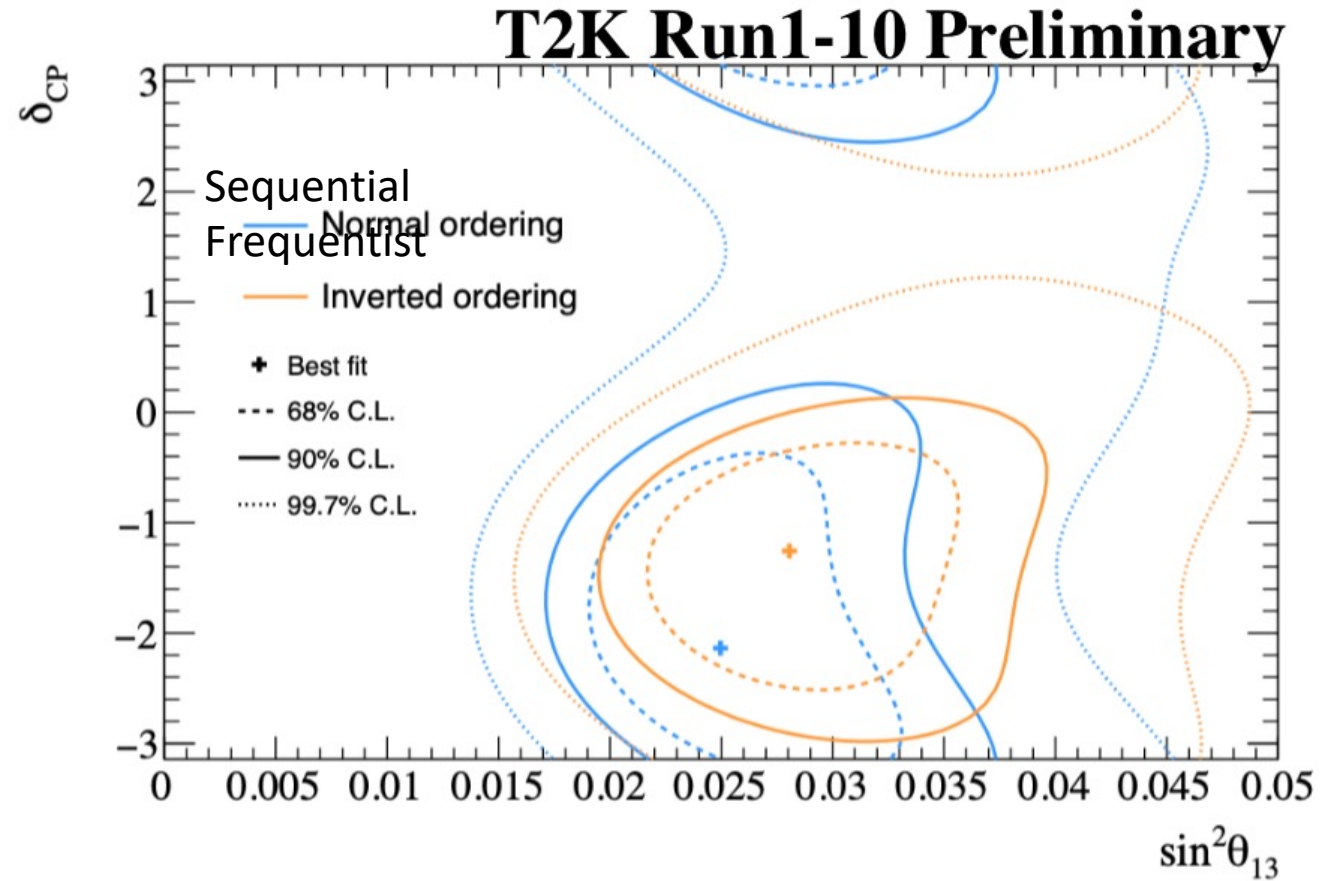
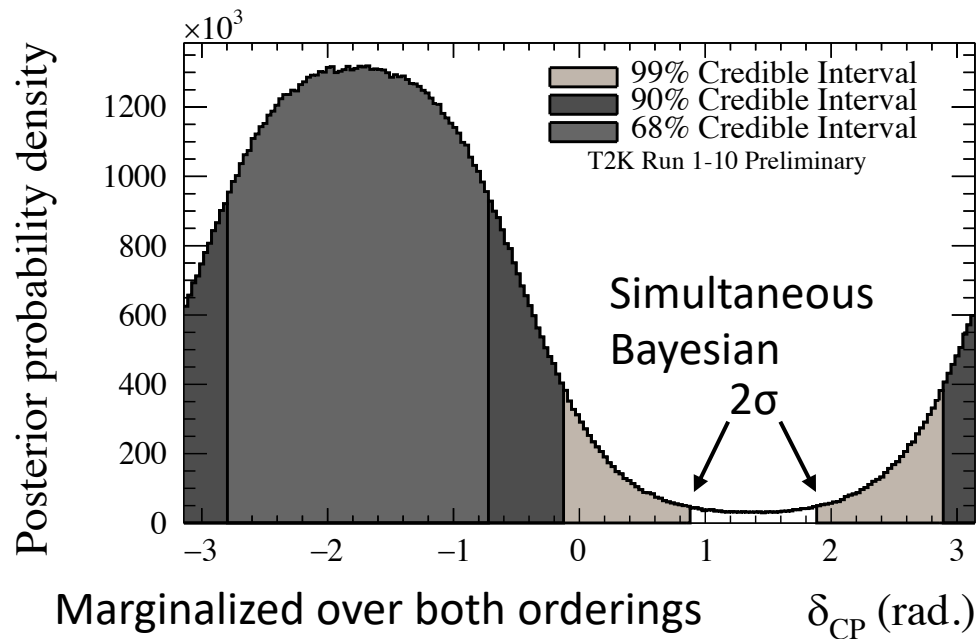
Photo from recent split J-PARC and  
CERN collaboration meeting

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# BACKUP

T2K can exclude regions of  $\delta_{CP}$  close to  $+\pi/2$  to a confidence level of 90% across both mass orderings and over  $2\sigma$  in the inverted ordering

Best fit values for  $\delta_{CP}$  are negative for both mass orderings

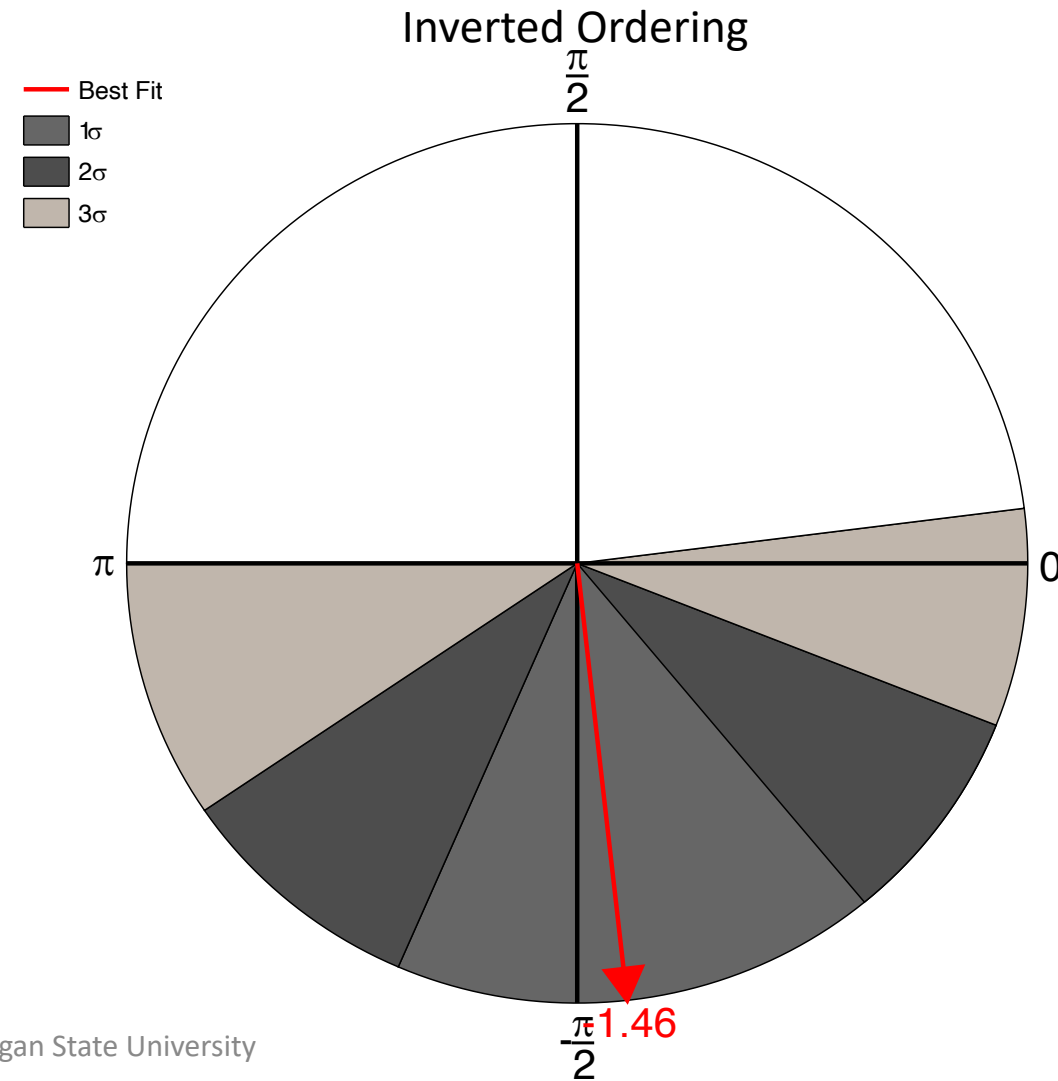
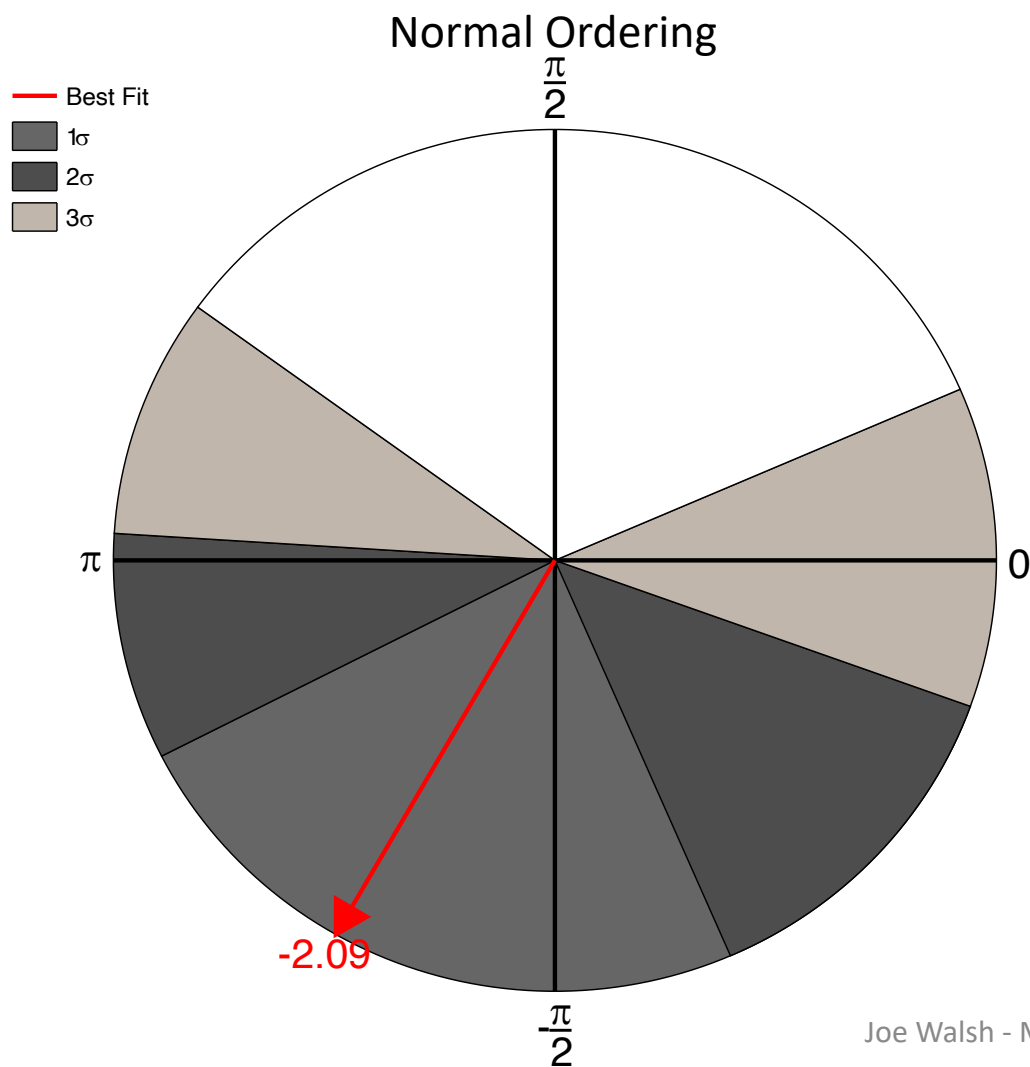




# $\delta_{CP}$ for each mass ordering



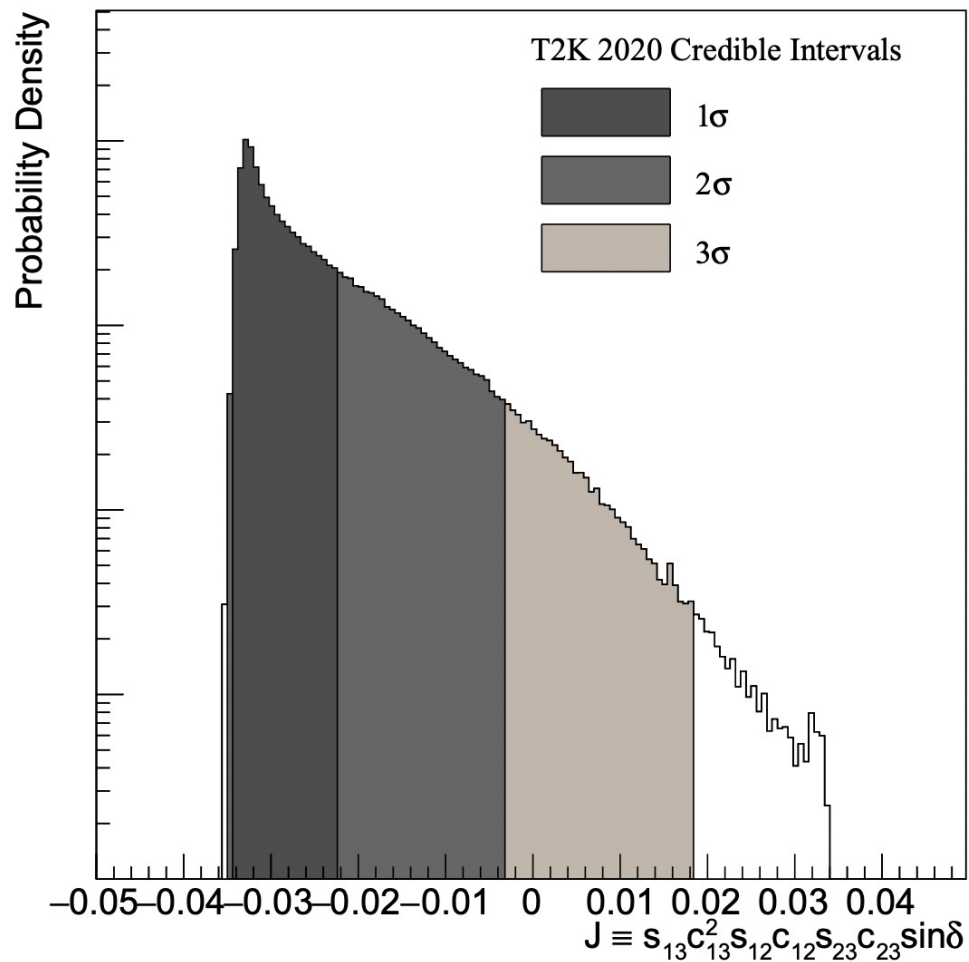
With reactor constraint



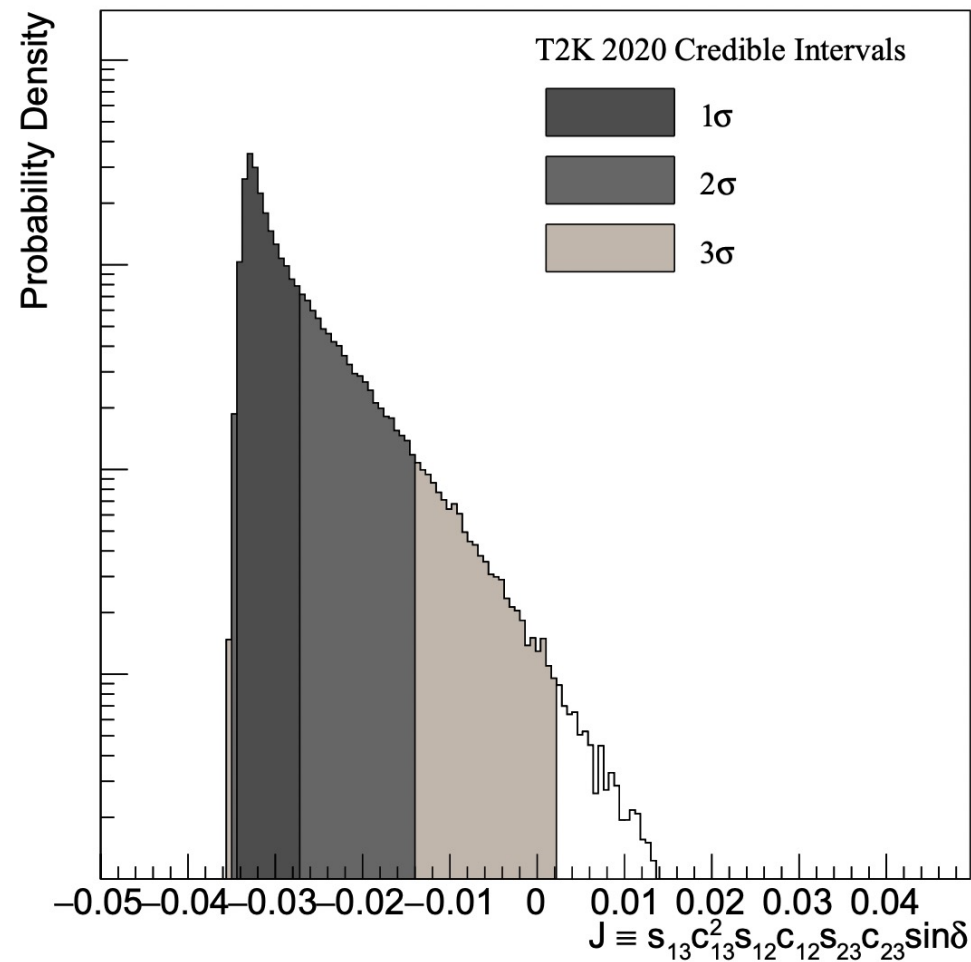


# Jarlskog Invariant for each mass ordering **T2K**

With reactor constraint  
Jarlskog Invariant, Normal Hierarchy



Jarlskog Invariant, Inverted Hierarchy







# $\delta_{CP}$ Confidence Levels



With reactor constraint

Confidence level	Interval (NH)	Interval (IH)
$1\sigma$	$[-2.66, -0.97]$	
90%	$[-3.00, -0.49]$	$[-1.79, -1.09]$
$2\sigma$	$[-\pi, -0.26] \cup [3.11, \pi]$	$[-2.20, -0.75]$
$3\sigma$	$[-\pi, 0.32] \cup [2.63, \pi]$	$[-2.82, -0.14]$

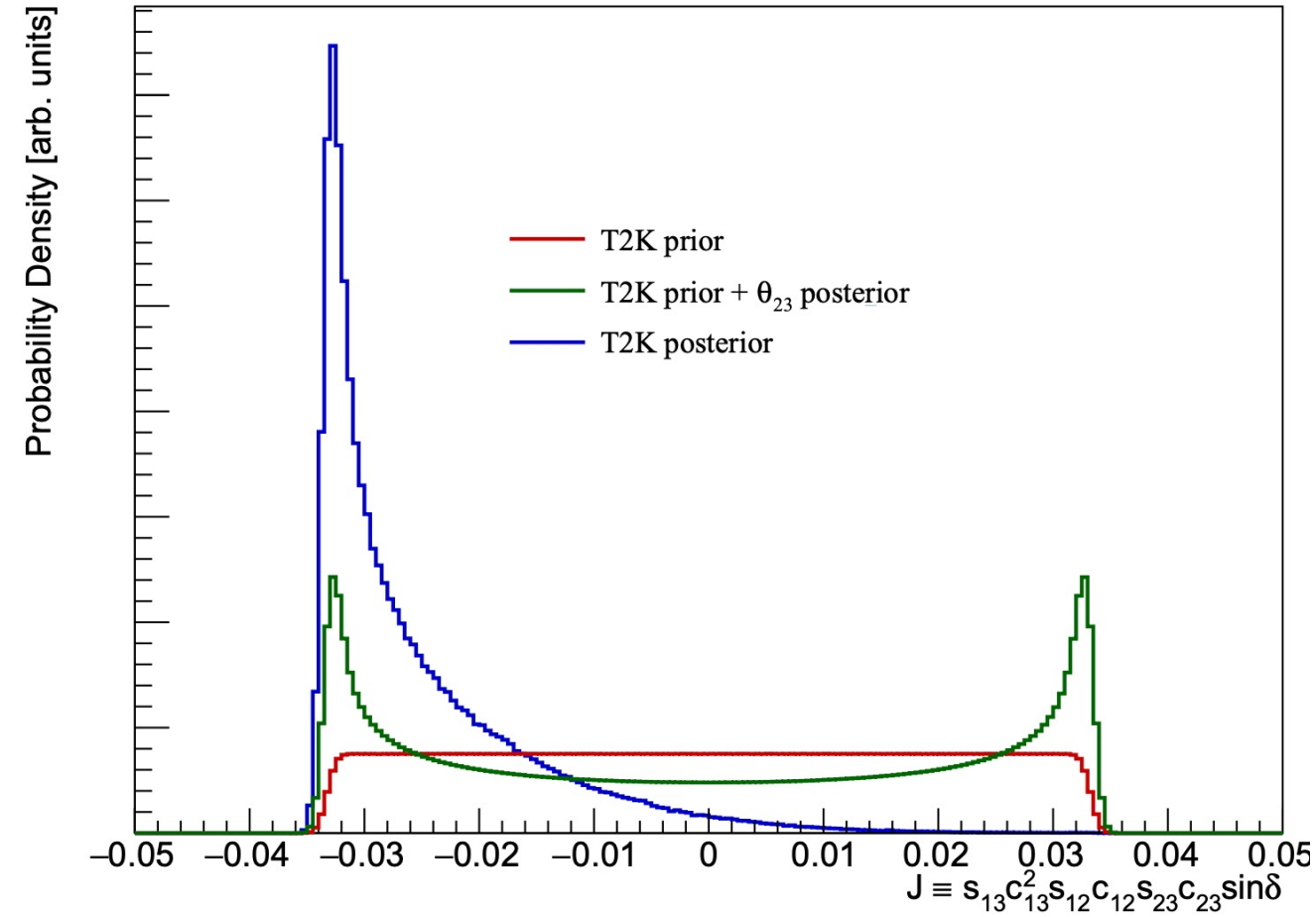
Feldman Cousins-corrected confidence level intervals marginalized over both mass orderings/hierarchies

# The Jarlskog Invariant

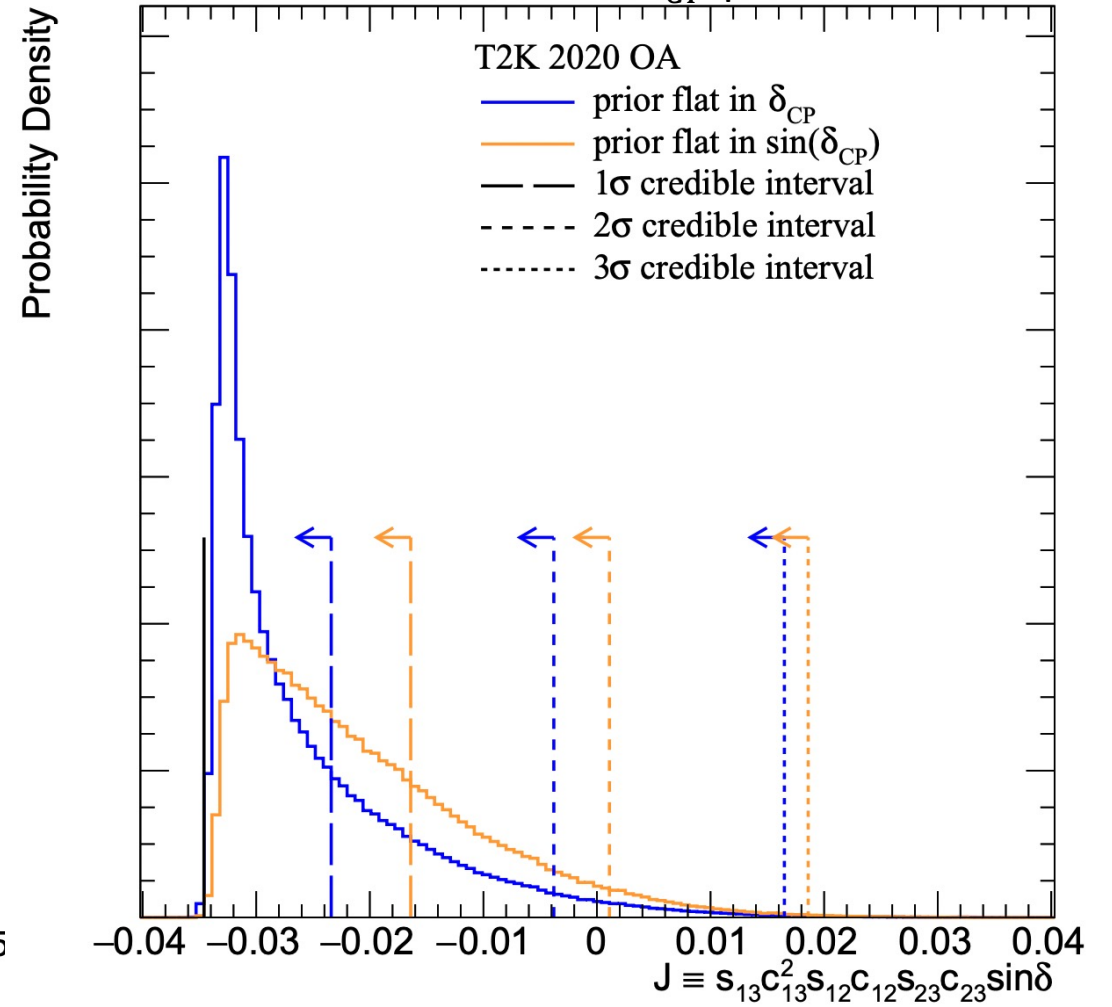


With reactor constraint

T2K prior in the Jarlskog Invariant



Jarlskog Invariant, Both Hierarchies  
Posterior for different  $\delta_{CP}$  prior choices

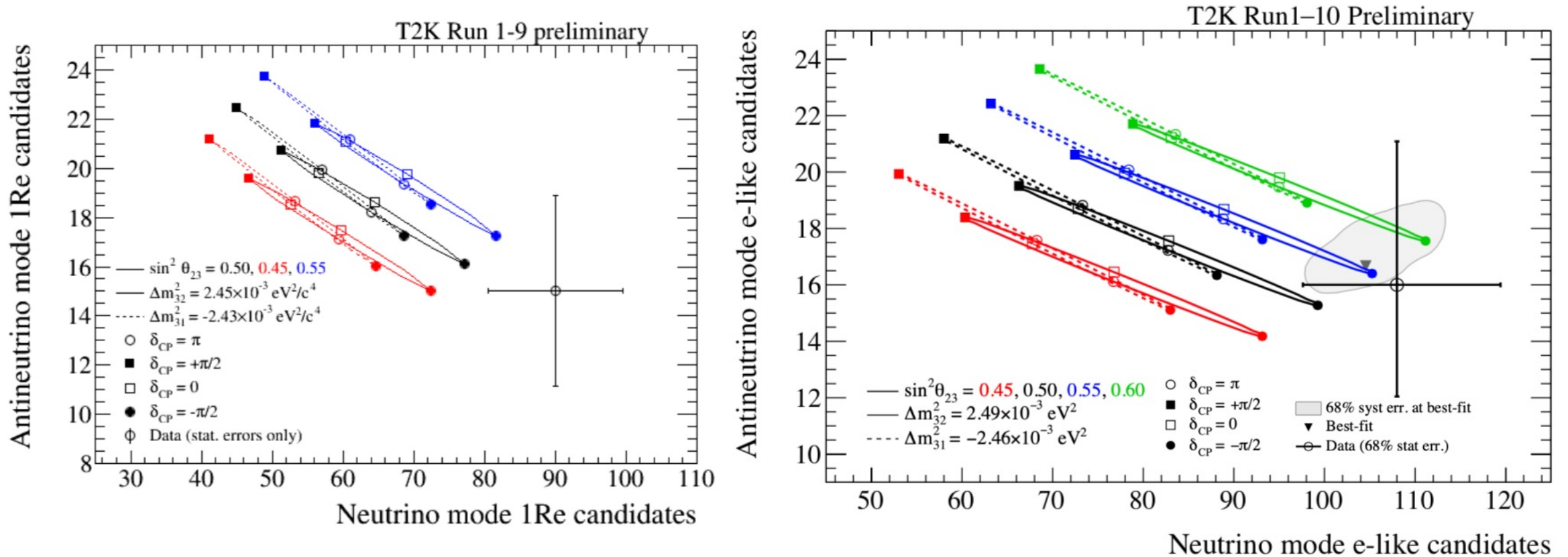




# Comparison to previous result



With reactor constraint



Data is now more PMNS-like as statistical fluctuation in CC1 $\pi$  (1Re+1d.e.) sample has reverted to the mean  
Significant analysis update but much of change was due to additional  $\nu$ -mode data in Run 10

# Comparison to previous result

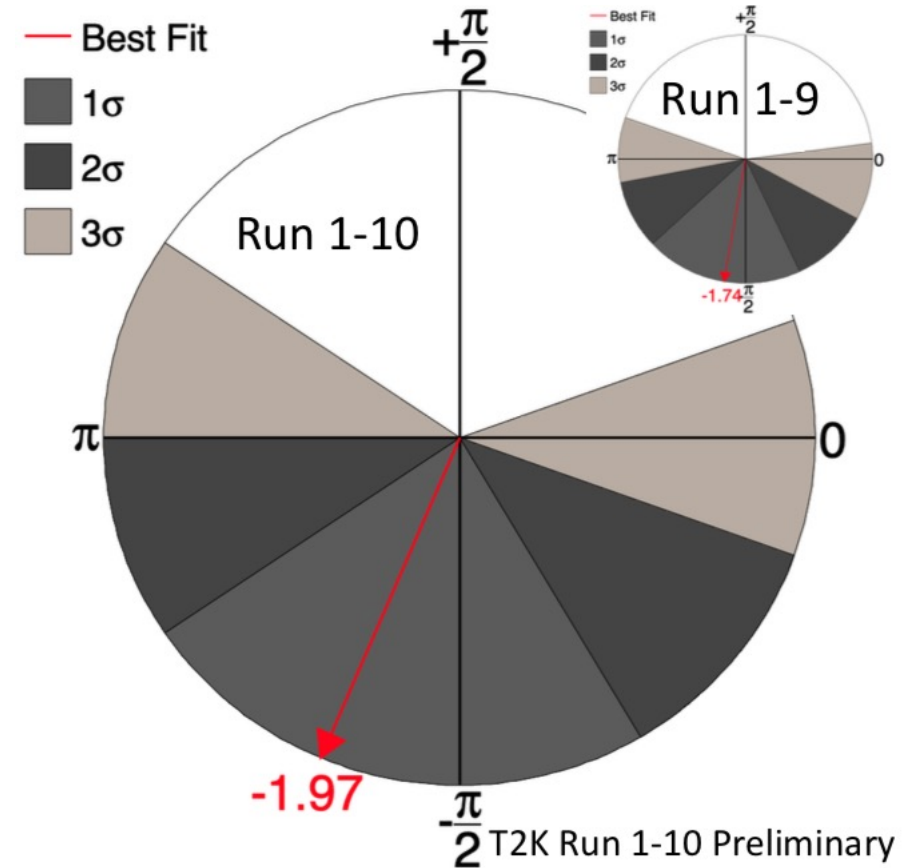


With reactor constraint

Inclusion of new data saw a decrease in a statistical fluctuation in  $\nu$ -CC1 $\pi$  which previously put T2K's exclusion above its sensitivity

Shift in best fit away from maximally CPV value and broadening of  $2\sigma$  contours leads to  $2\sigma$  boundary sitting close to  $\pi$

Robustness studies show small changes in boundary positions, but these do not impact 90% exclusion of CP-conservation

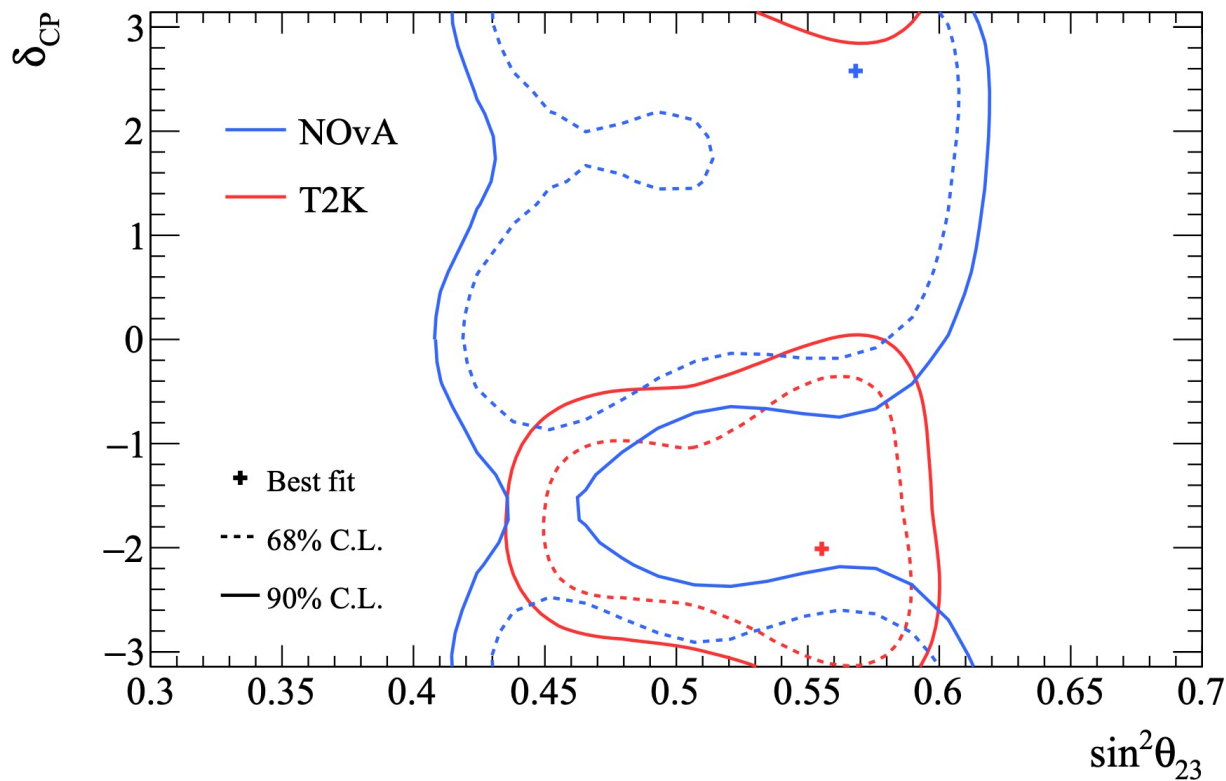




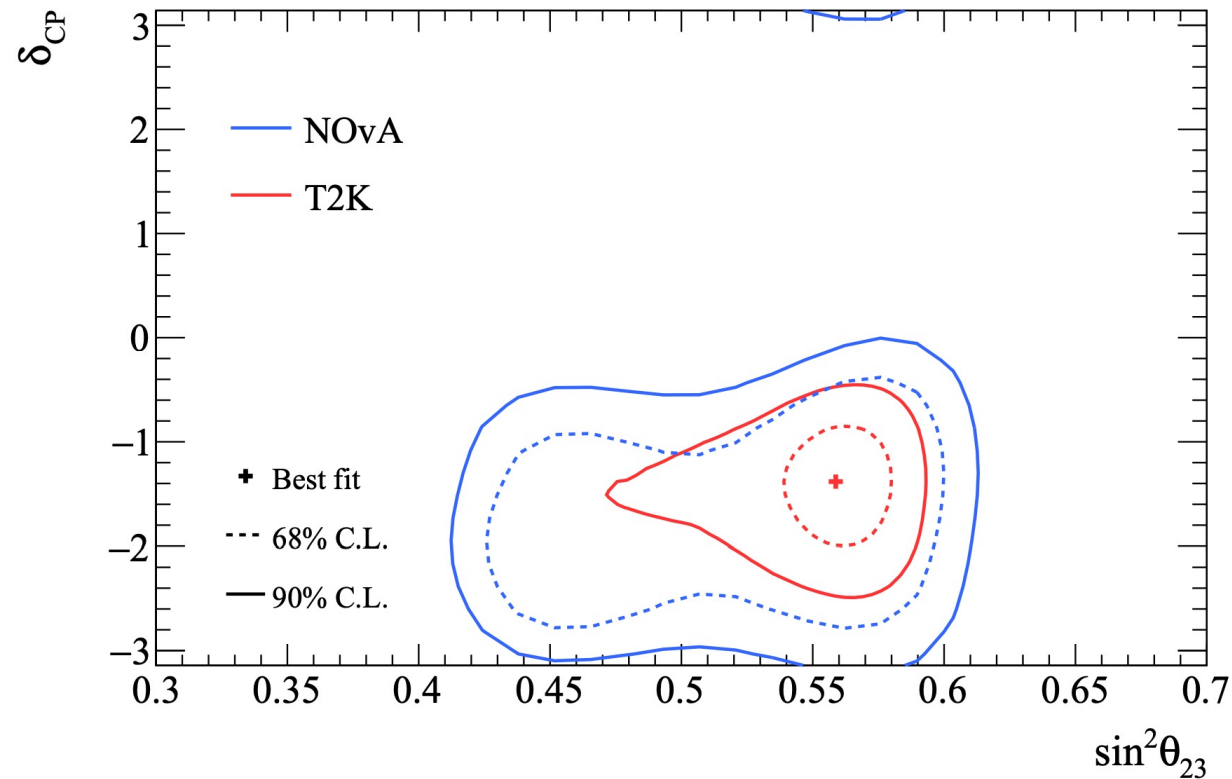
# T2K and NOvA $\delta_{CP}$ - $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ constraints



Normal ordering



Inverted ordering



With reactor constraint

Parameter Data Hierarchy	Best fit			
	T2K only		T2K + reactor	
	Normal	Inverted	Normal	Inverted
$\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$	0.109	0.120	0.0855	0.0860
$\sin^2(\theta_{13})$	$28.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$31.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$21.9 \times 10^{-3}$	$22.0 \times 10^{-3}$
$\delta_{CP}$	-2.22	-1.29	-1.97	-1.44
$\Delta m_{32}^2$ (NH)/ $ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ (IH) [ $\text{eV}^2/c^4$ ]	$2.495 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.463 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.494 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.463 \times 10^{-3}$
$\sin^2(\theta_{23})$	0.467	0.466	0.561	0.563
$-2 \ln L$	597.72	598.56	598.05	600.49

PMNS values and  $-2\ln L$  ( $\Delta\chi^2$ ) values for the T2K Global best fit point



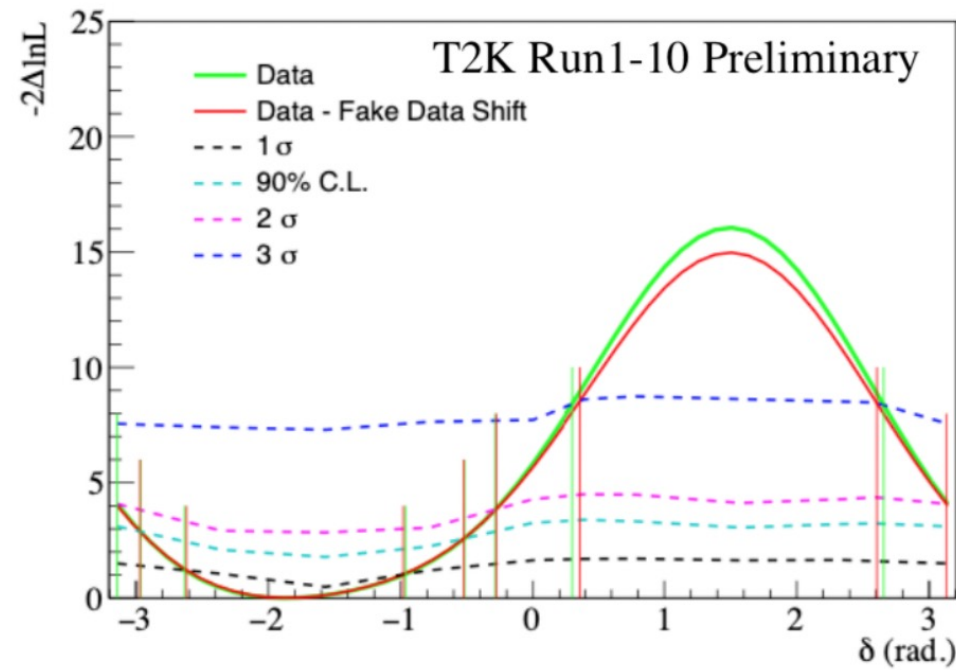
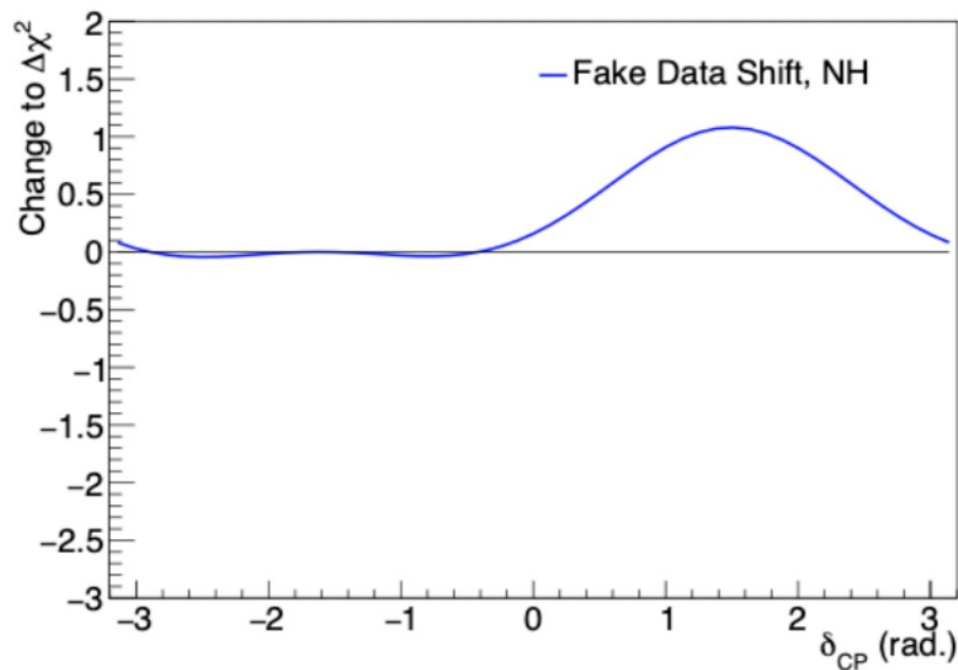
# Robustness studies



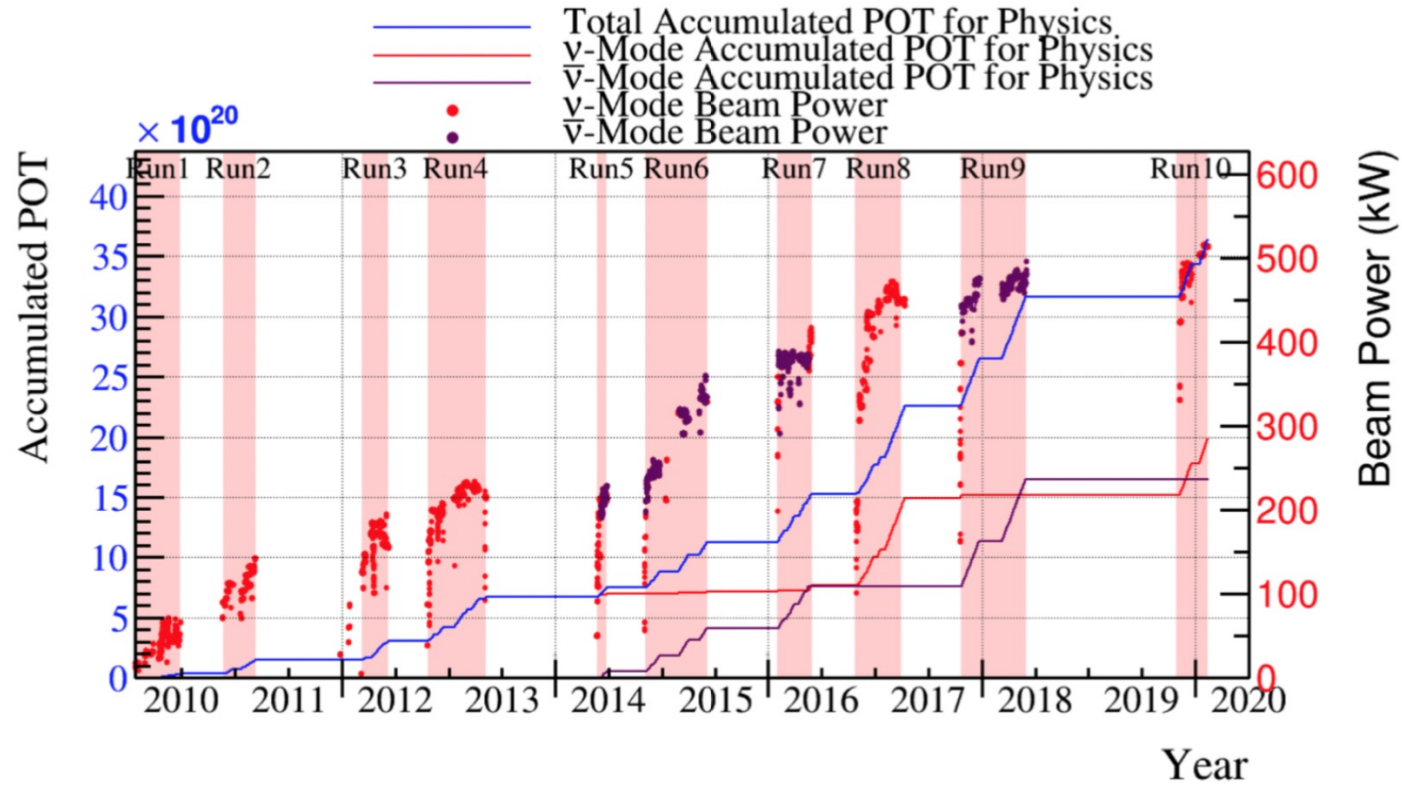
We test our model uncertainty by fitting alternative models.

For  $\delta_{CP}$  we assess the impact on  $\Delta\chi^2$  and subtract it.

See how this change affects contours/intervals



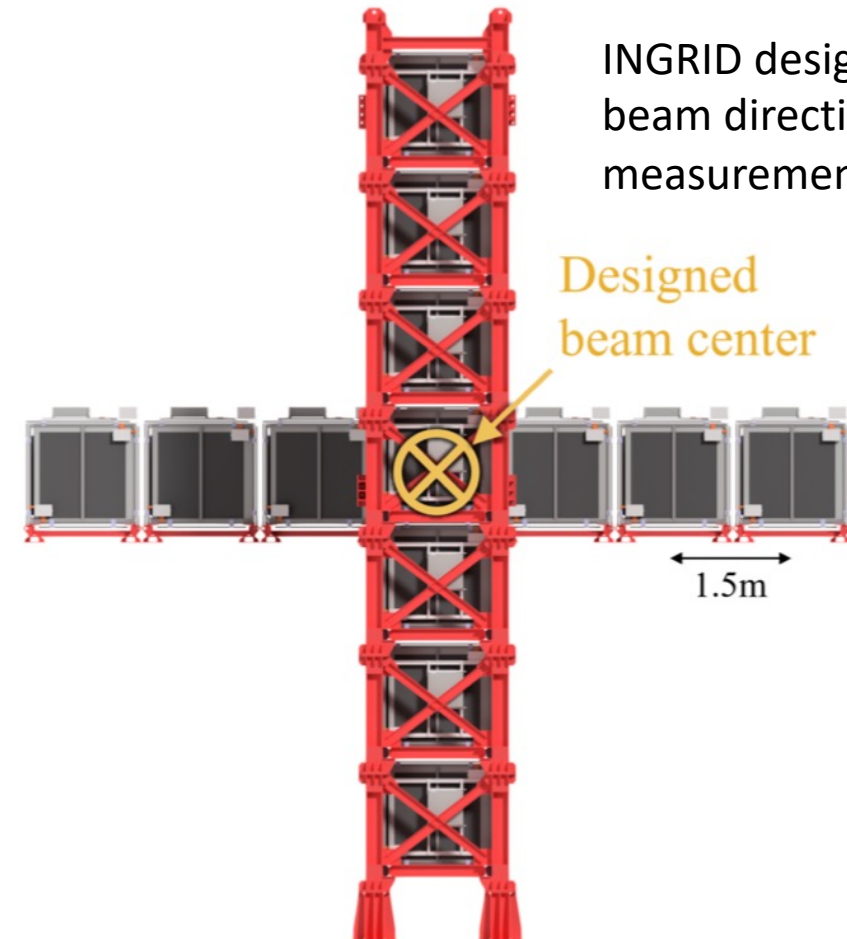
# Increase in data since previous result



\*POT = Protons On Target

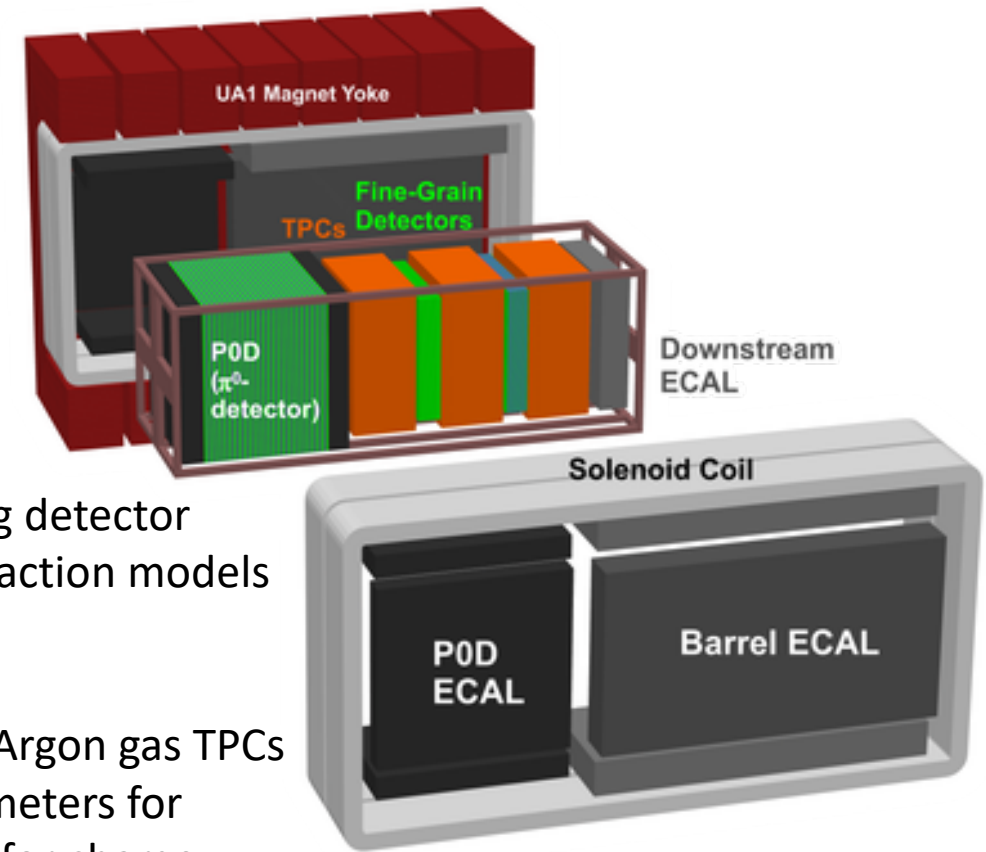
33% increase in  $\nu$ -mode POT at Super-K and double the POT at ND280  
 $\nu$ -mode POT of  $1.97 \times 10^{21}$  and  $\bar{\nu}$ -mode POT of  $1.63 \times 10^{21}$ .



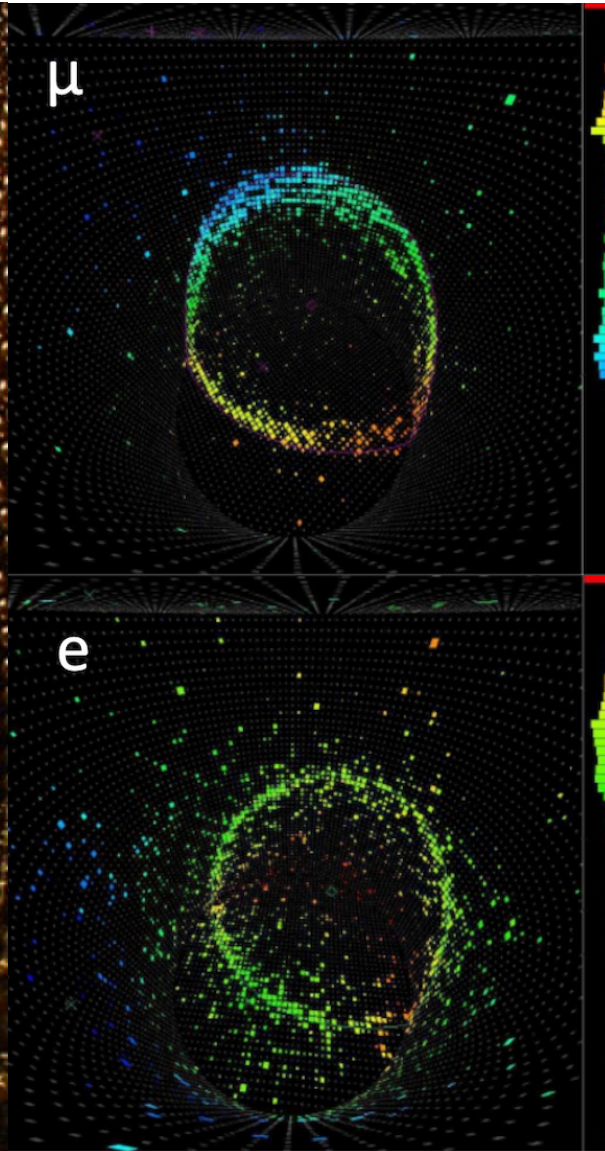
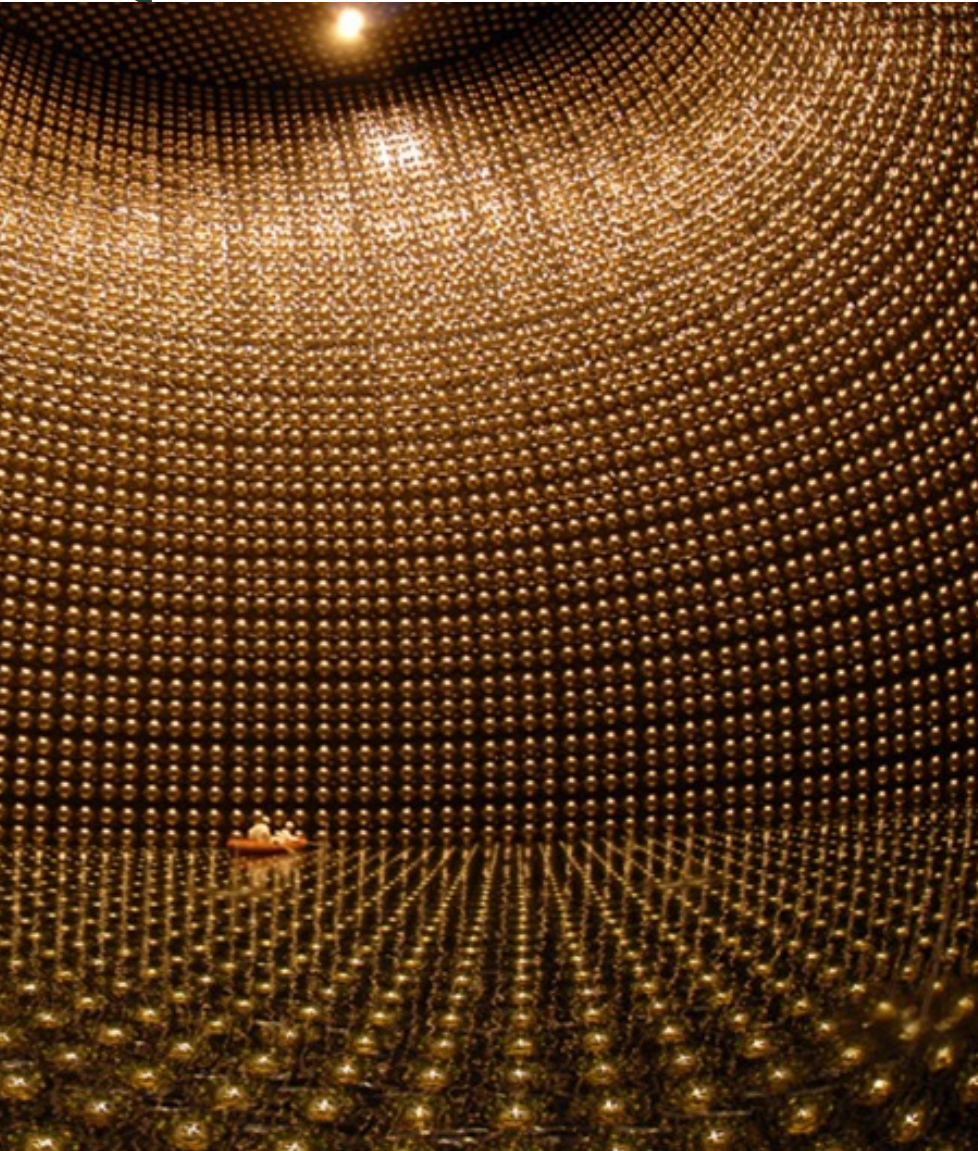


ND280 is a magnetized tracking detector which constrains flux and interaction models at the off-axis angle as SK

CH and H<sub>2</sub>O targets as well as Argon gas TPCs and lead-scintillator EM calorimeters for MIP/EM distinction. 0.2 T field for charge discrimination and dE/dx measurement



# The Super-Kamiokande Detector



50 kiloton water Cherenkov detector

Parent neutrino flavor inferred from shape of charged lepton ring

Muons are MIP-like and so  $\nu_\mu$  interactions leave clear and defined rings

Electrons scatter more and so  $\nu_e$  interactions leave fuzzy and diffuse rings

For single ring CCQE-like events:

$$E_\nu^{\text{rec}} = \frac{m_p^2 - (m_n - E_b)^2 - m_l^2 + 2(m_n - E_b)E_l}{2(m_n - E_b - E_l + p_l \cos \theta_l)}$$

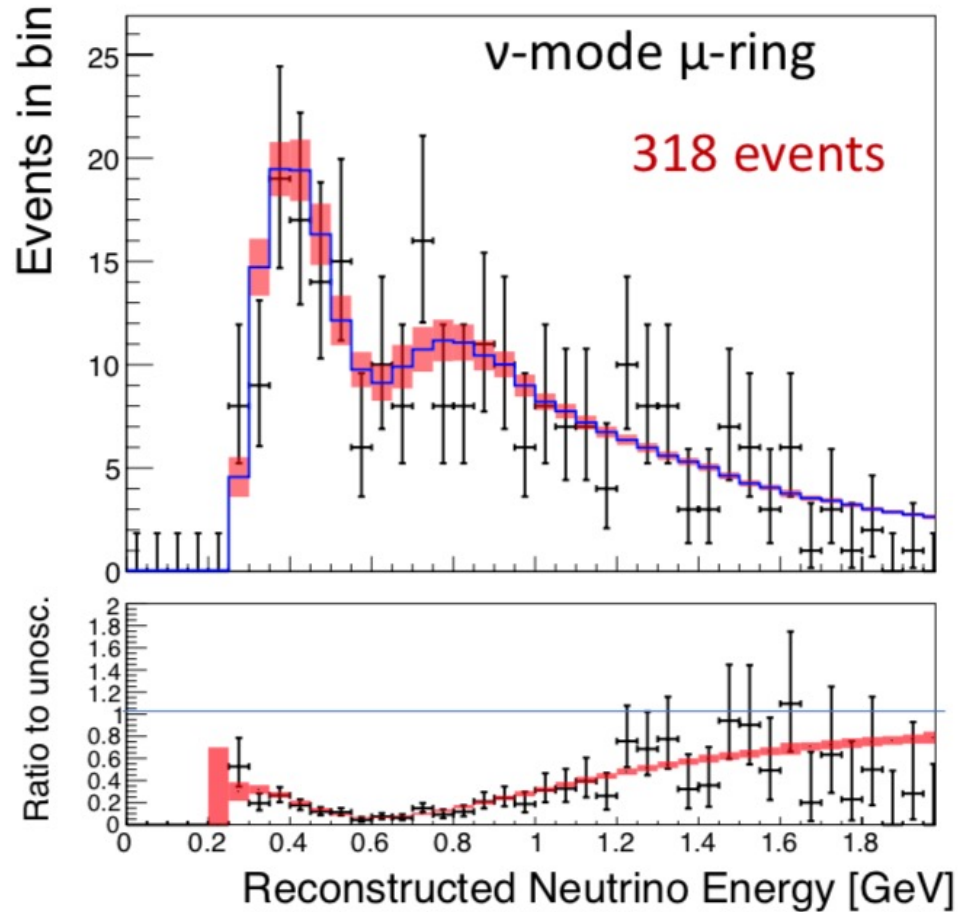
$m_p$  and  $m_n$  are swapped for antineutrinos  
 $E_b$  is a nuclear binding energy related term

# Super-K $\nu_\mu$ data

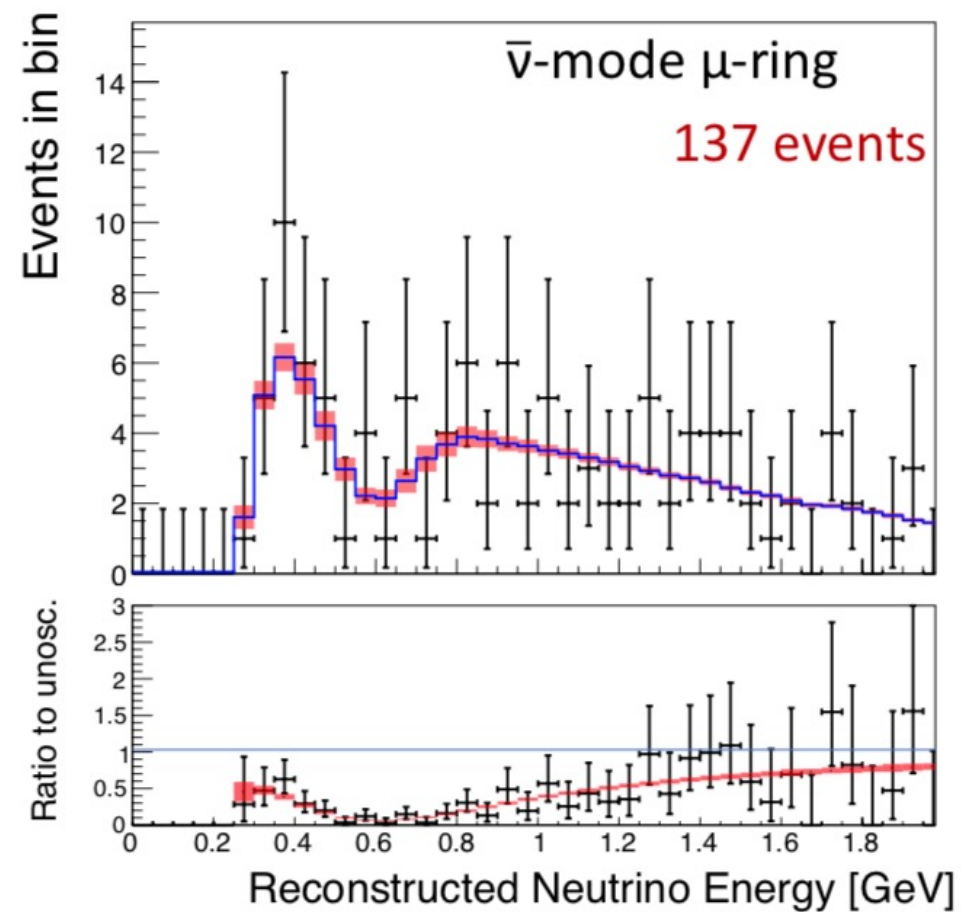


Two  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ -like appearance samples at Super-K  
Single muon-like rings (both  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$ )

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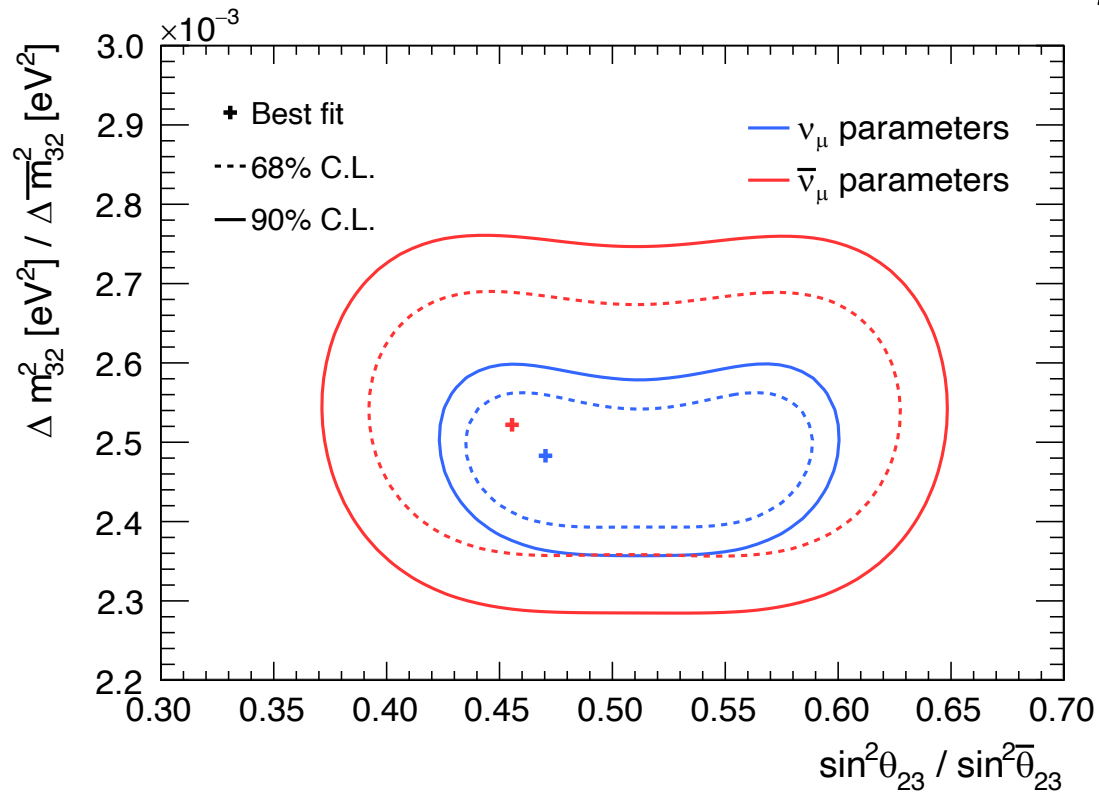


T2K Run 1-10 Preliminary





# Unitarity test with $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ data



Comparison of independent  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance channel only mixing parameters.

Should be No PMNS-like CPV in  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$  channel

Difference in  $\sin \theta_{23}$  and  $\sin \bar{\theta}_{23}$  would require a non-unitary mixing matrix

$\theta_{23}$  and  $\bar{\theta}_{23}$  are found to be consistent with each other in T2K run1-10 data

Currently no indication of non-unitarity at T2K

	$\nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$
$\Delta m_{32}^{2(-)}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	$2.53 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}^{(-)}$	0.468	0.449

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