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NEUTRINO DETECTORS (NNN18)

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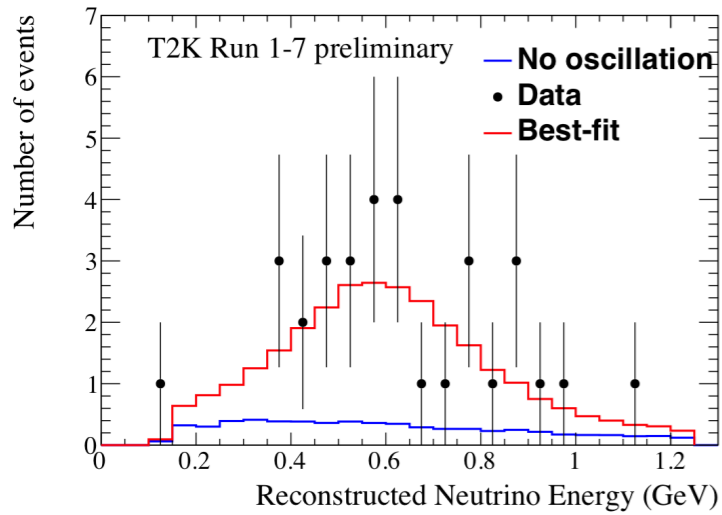
# HYPHER-K NEAR DETECTORS



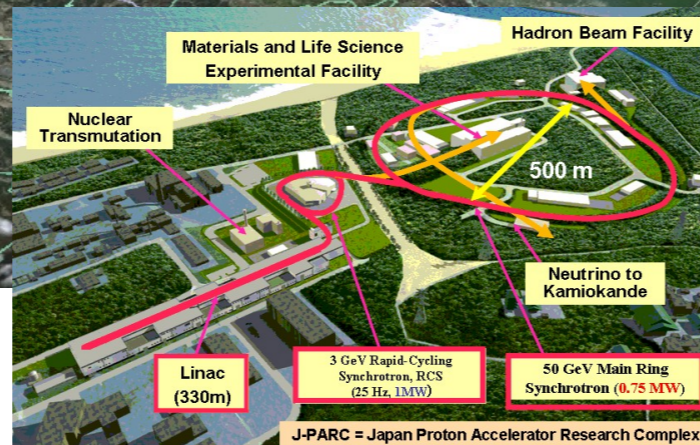
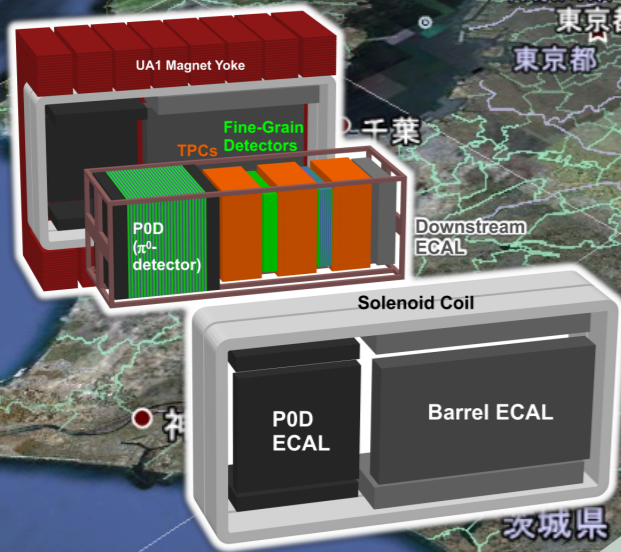
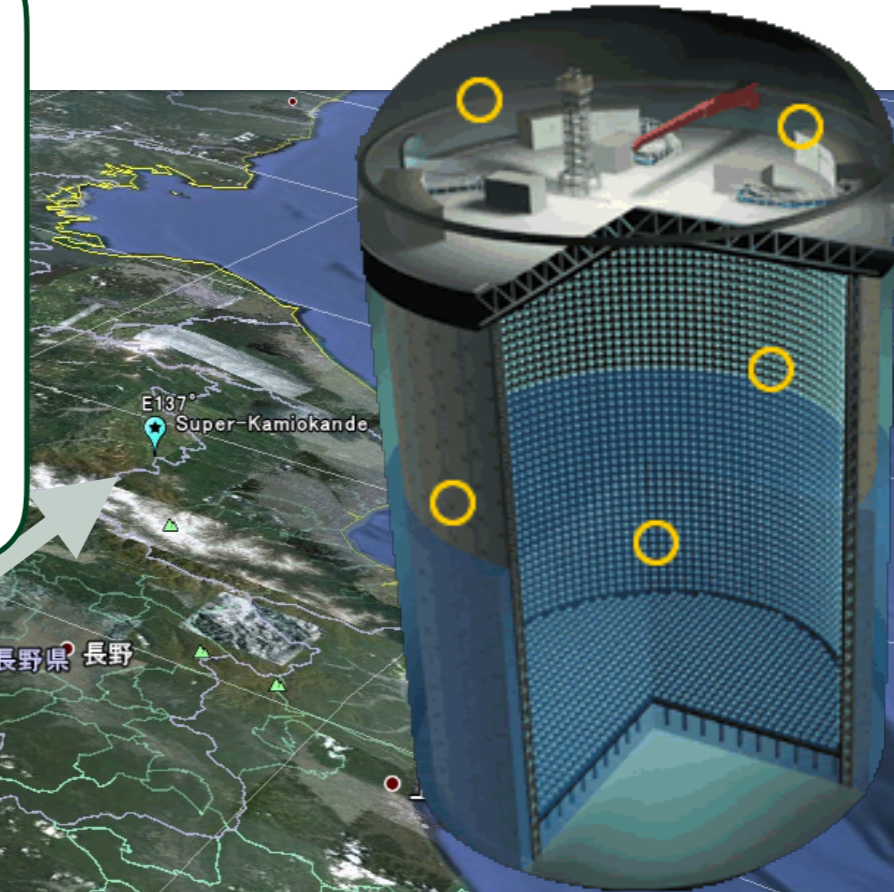
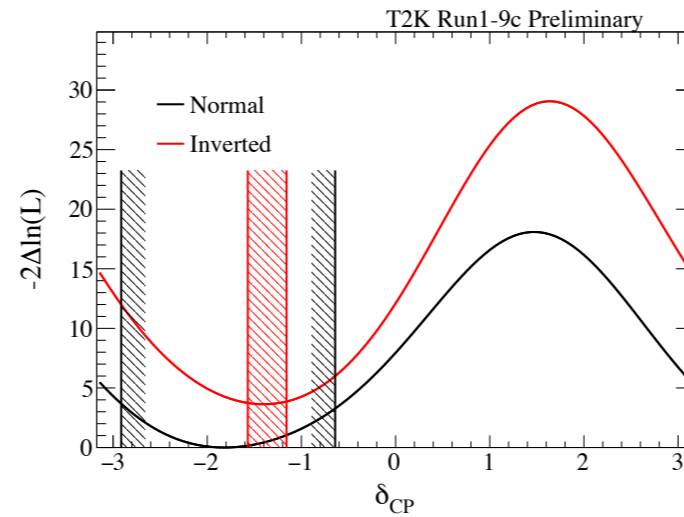
# TOKAI TO KAMIOKA (T2K) EXPERIMENT



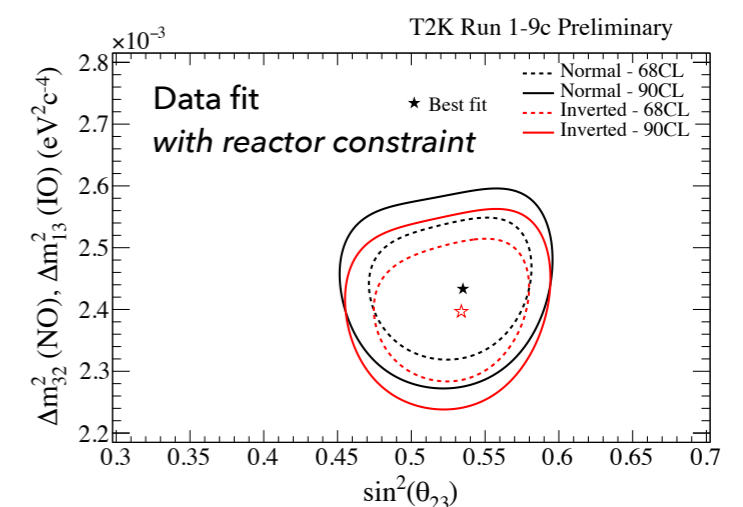
## First observation of $\nu_e$ appearance



## Exclusion of CP conservation in lepton sector at $2\sigma$



## World-leading measurements of $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ and $\Delta m_{32}^2$ .

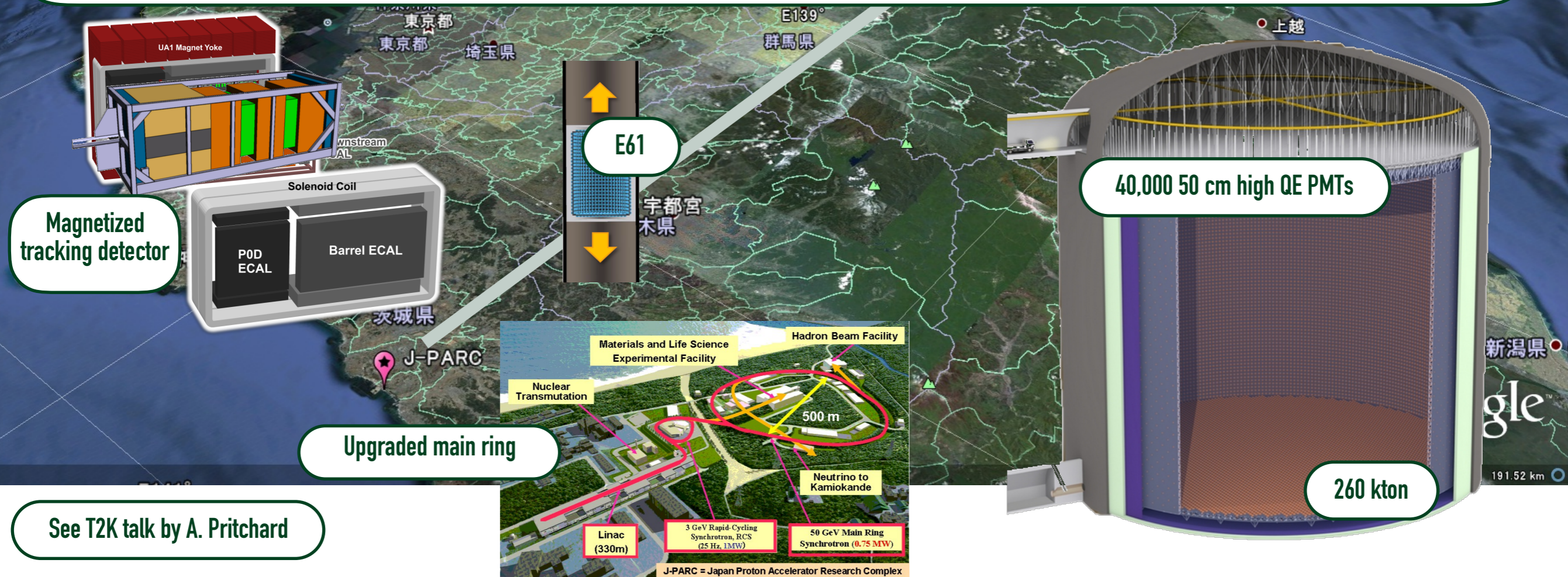
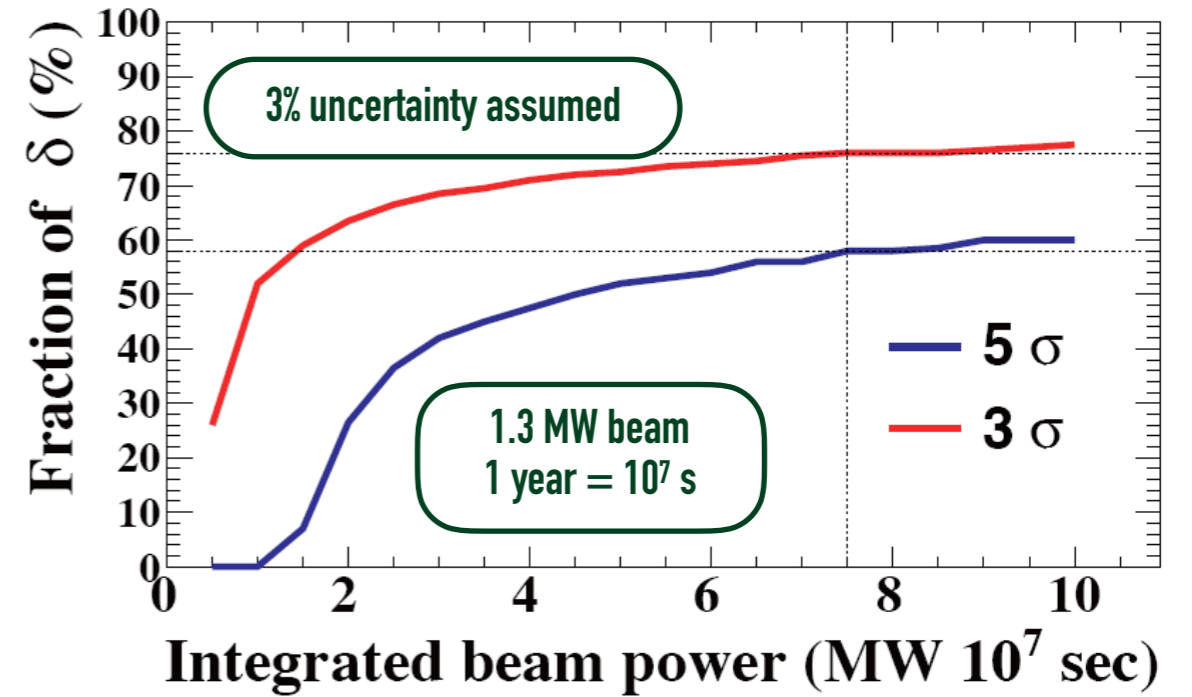


See T2K talk by L. Kormos



# HYPER-KAMIOKANDE PROJECT

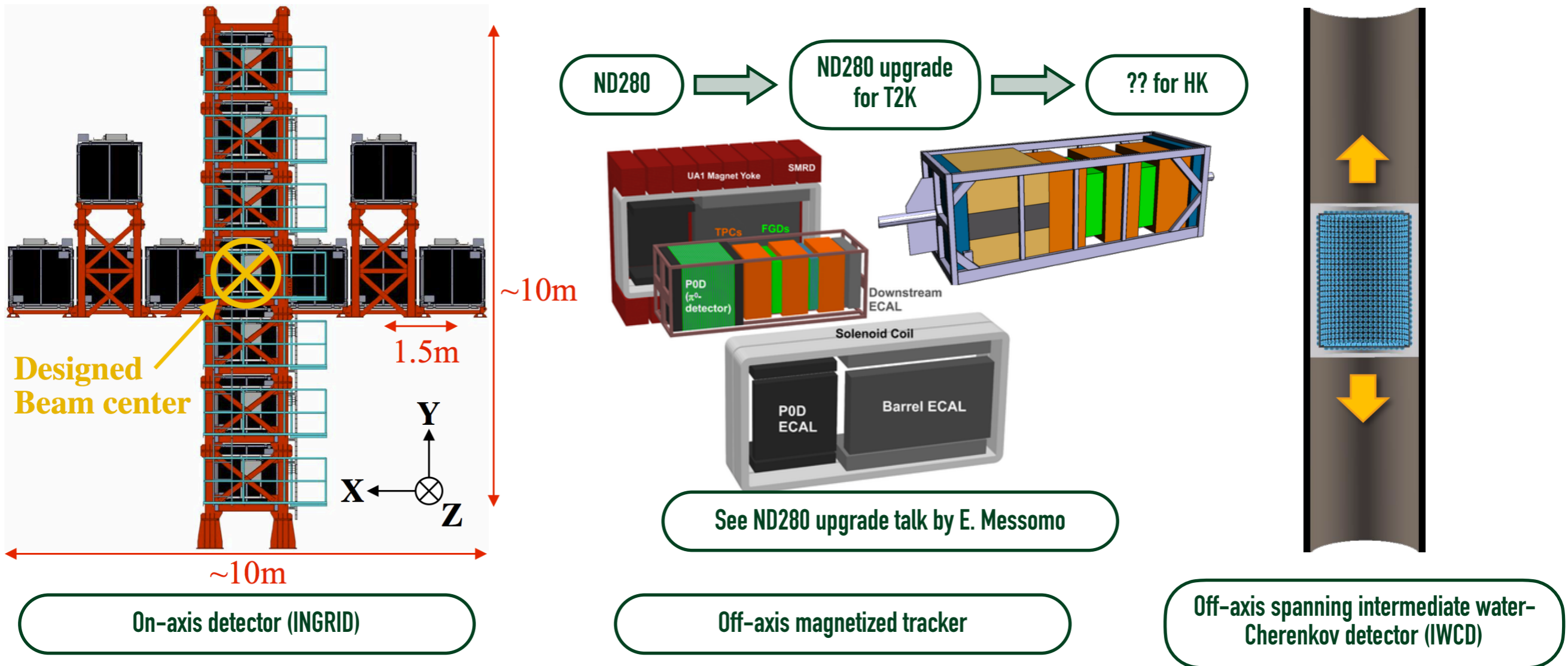
- Next generation water-Cherenkov detector with extensive physics program.
- Hyper-K 1st detector construction funding secured - starts in April 2020!
  - Potential for a second tank in Japan or Korea.
- Sensitive at  $5\sigma$  over a wide range of values of  $\delta_{CP}$ .
  - Limited by systematic rather than statistical uncertainty.
  - Requires reduction in systematic uncertainties.
- Improvements to near detectors integral to mitigating the effect of neutrino interaction uncertainties (ND upgrade and E61).



See T2K talk by A. Pritchard



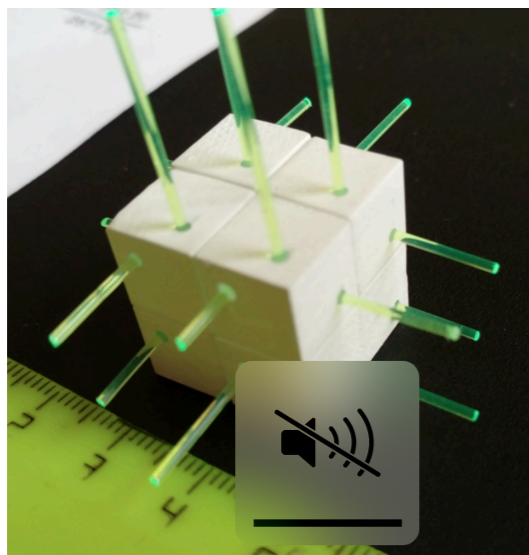
# NEAR/INTERMEDIATE DETECTOR SUITE



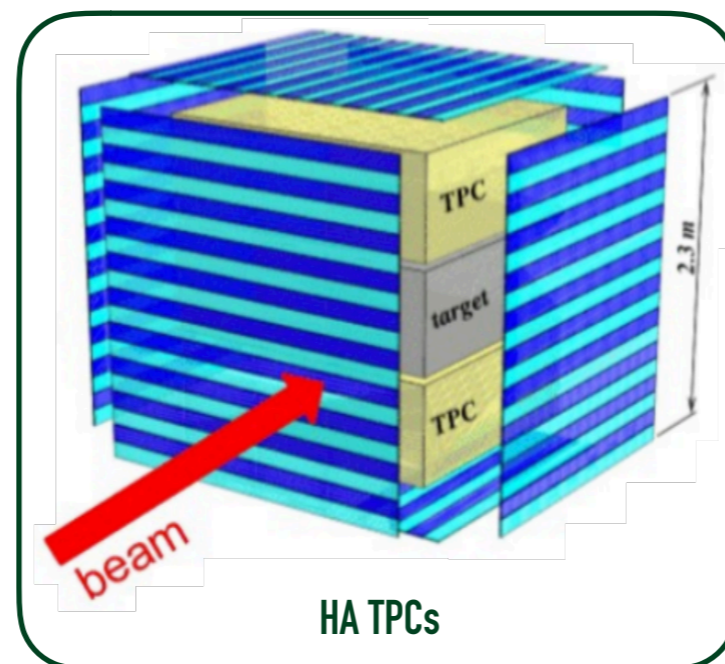
- On-axis detector: monitors beam direction and event rate.
- Off-axis magnetized tracker: charge separation to measure wrong-sign background, flux constraint, and study of recoil system.
- Off-axis angle spanning water-Cherenkov detector: intrinsic backgrounds, electron neutrino cross sections, neutrino energy versus observables, H<sub>2</sub>O target, neutron multiplicity measurement.



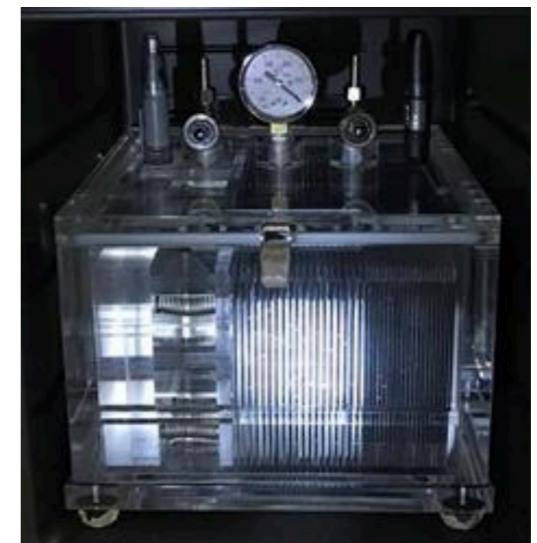
- ND280 upgrade:
  - **Horizontal High Angle TPCs** (HA TPCs) to improve high angle tracking.
  - **SuperFGD**: fine-granularity scintillator detector as an active neutrino target.
  - **Time of flight detector**
    - Precise timing of tracks detected in the TPC determines **particle direction**.
- **NINJA**
  - **Nuclear emulsion** detector measuring neutrino-nucleus interactions.
  - Water target may be installed as a hybrid detector with ND280.
  - Measure  **$\nu_e$  interactions** and **anti- $\nu_e$**  interactions separately.
- **High Pressure TPC** (HP TPC)
  - Improved reconstruction of **low energy hadrons** in the final state recoil system and better reconstruction of **photon conversions**.



SuperFGD



HA TPCs



NINJA

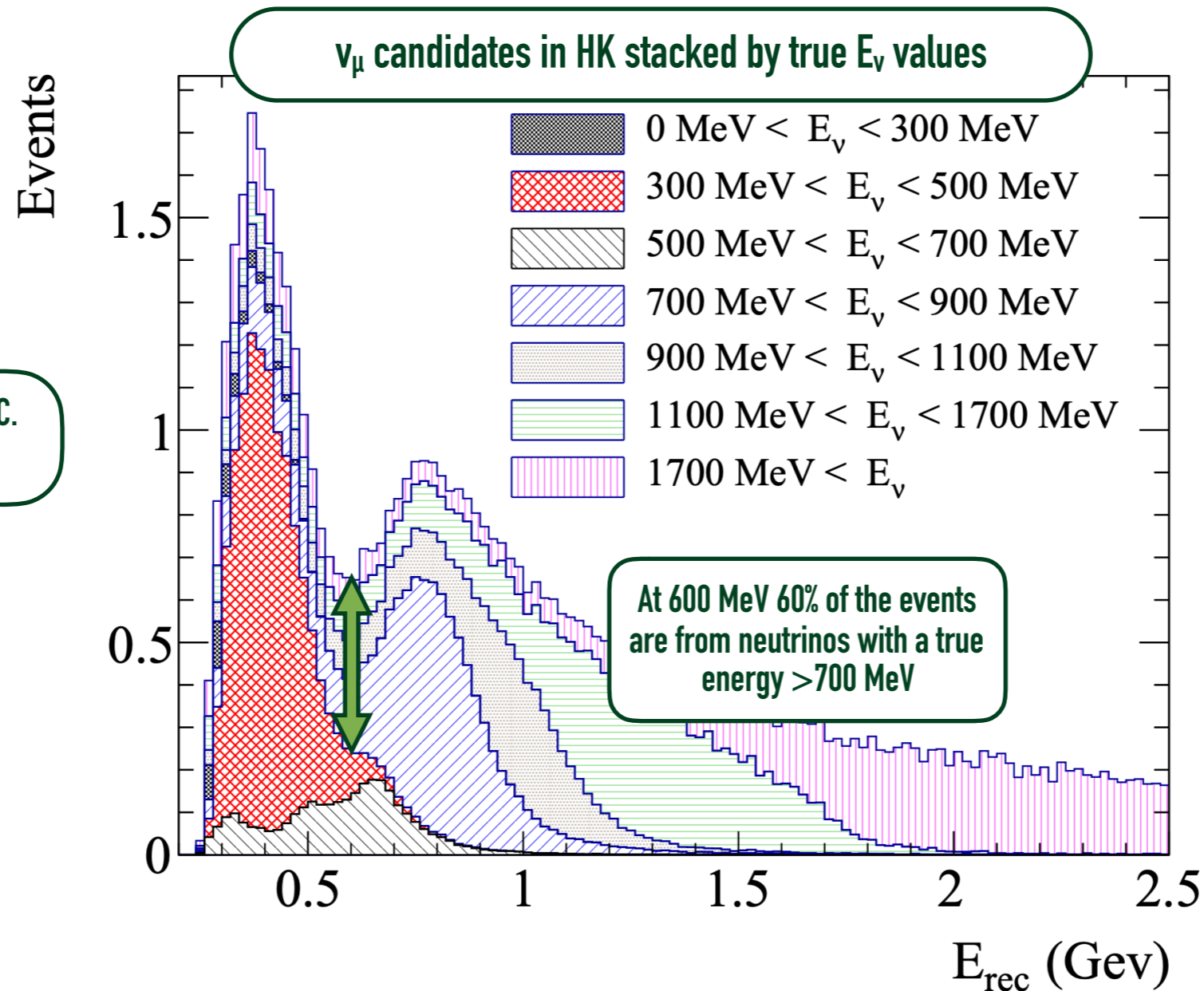


- Sample composition:

	Neutrino Candidates	Antineutrino Candidates
Signal	80%	62%
Wrong-sign Background	1%	11%
Intrinsic electron (anti)neutrino & NC	19%	27%

- Aiming for a 1% systematic error contribution from the wrong-sign and intrinsic electron (anti)neutrino and NC background.
- Wrong-sign background must be measured with 9% accuracy.
  - Can be achieved with a magnetized tracking detector.
- Intrinsic electron (anti)neutrino and NC background must be measured with 3% accuracy.
  - Achieved by intermediate water-Cherenkov detector.





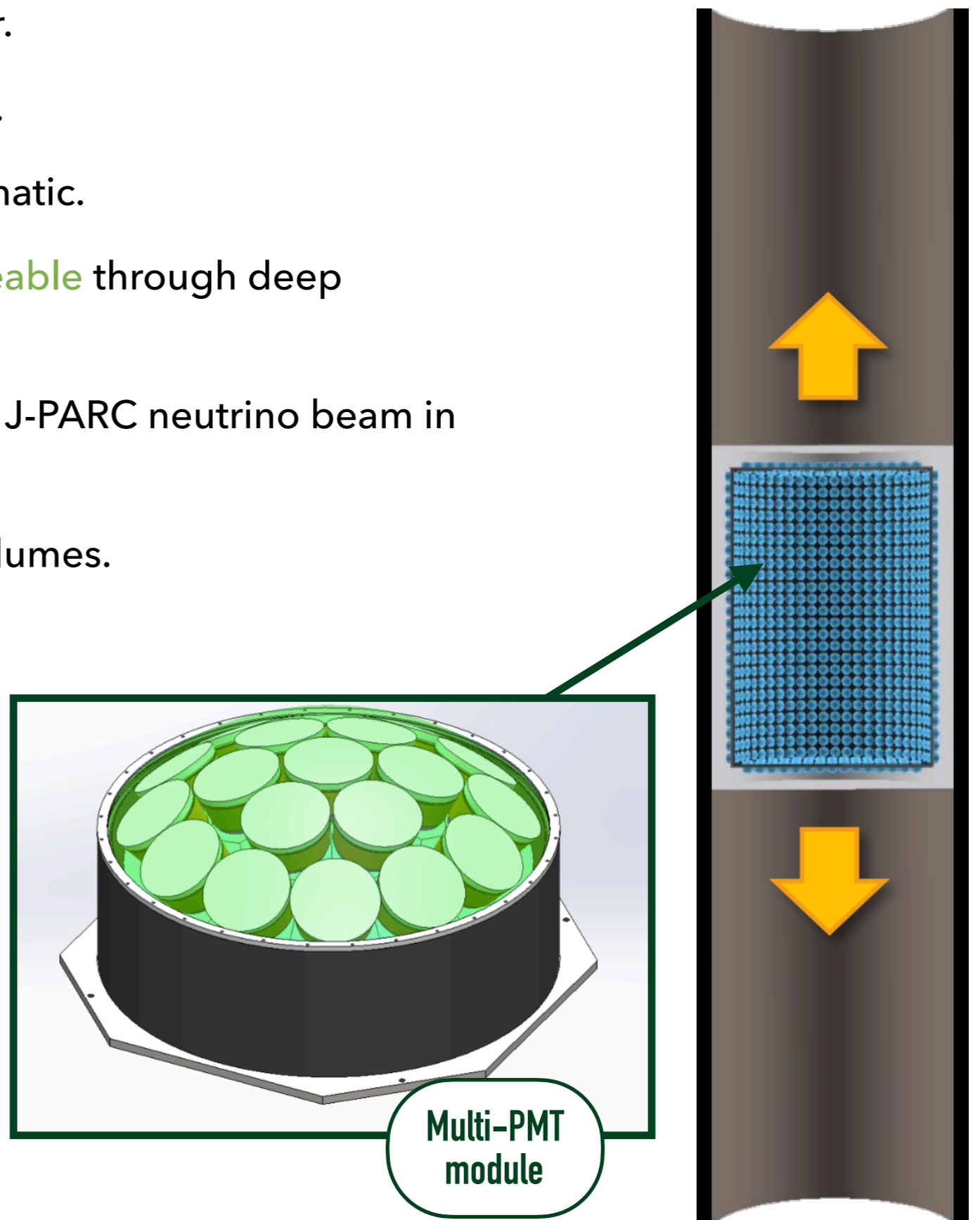
See uncertainties talks by C. Marshall and T. Yoshida

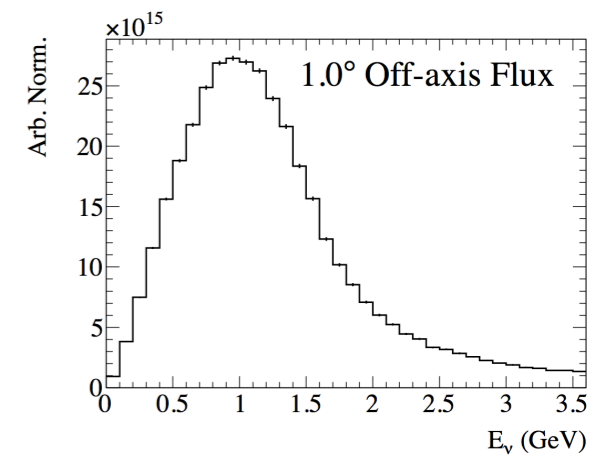
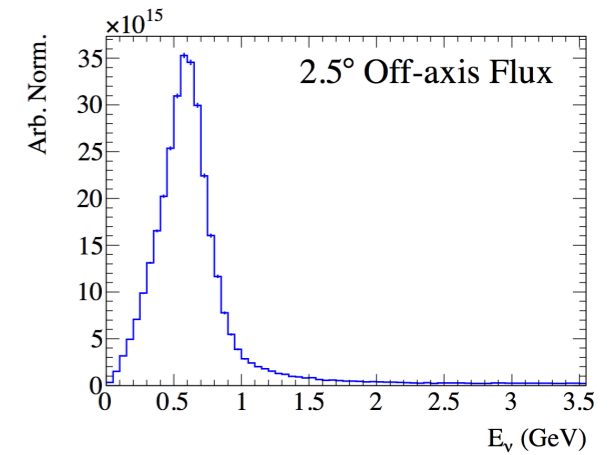
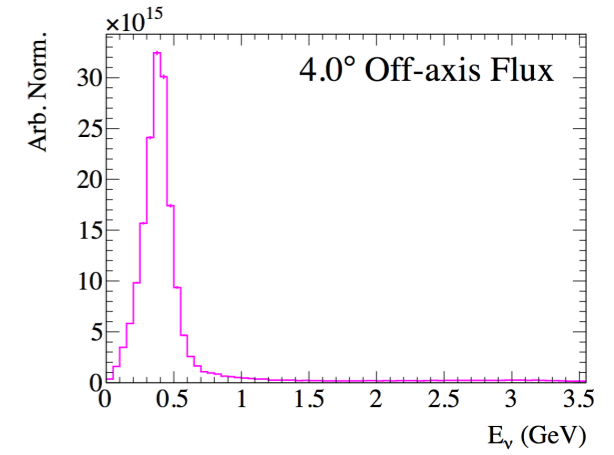
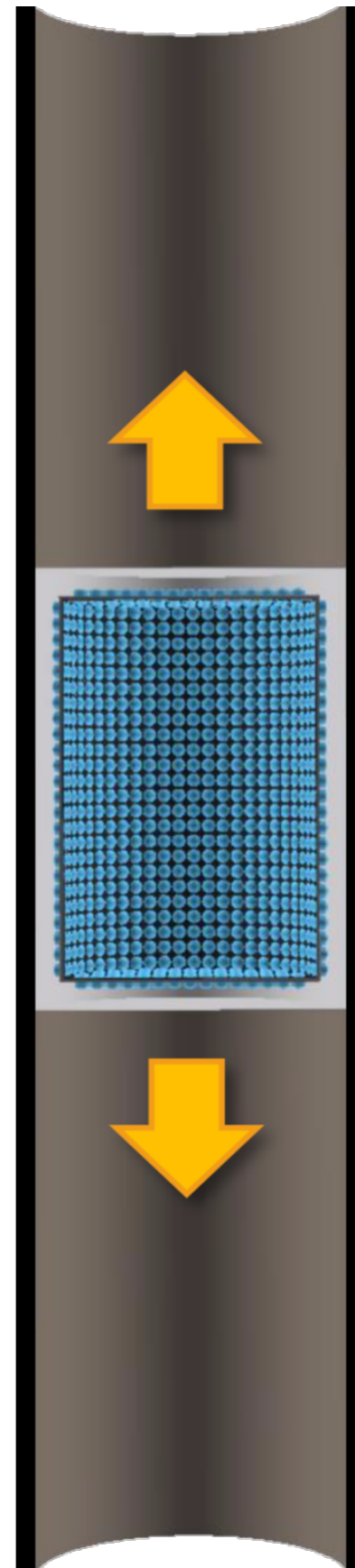
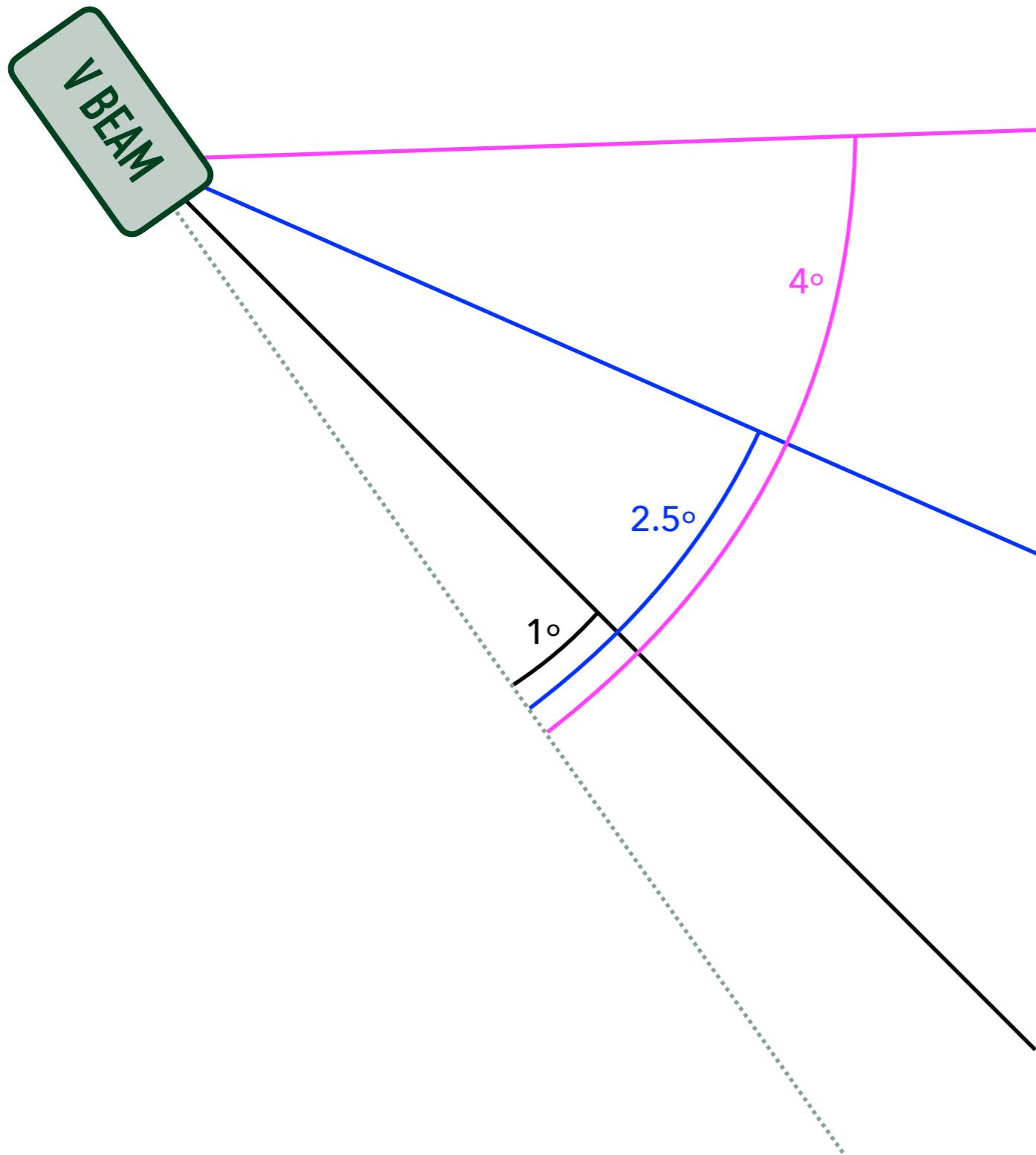
- We rely on a **neutrino interaction model** to reconstruct the neutrino energy from the final state lepton kinematics.
- **Non-CCQE** processes tend to **feed-down** to lower neutrino energies.
  - In the muon neutrino and antineutrino analyses this feed-down fills the region of the oscillation maximum and can **bias the measurement** if not properly modelled.



# THE E61 DETECTOR

- An **intermediate water-Cherenkov** detector.
  - Same nuclear target as the far detector.
  - Smaller near to far extrapolation systematic.
- Instrumented portion of the detector **moveable** through deep cylindrical chamber.
  - Samples neutrino interactions from the J-PARC neutrino beam in the **1-4 degrees off-axis angle** range.
- Has optically separated **inner** and **outer** volumes.
  - Inner detector: 8 m diameter, 6-10 m tall.
  - Outer detector: 10 m diameter, 10-14 m tall.
- Tank is populated with **multi-PMT** (mPMT) modules.
- **Gadolinium** loading to measure **neutron production** in neutrino interactions.



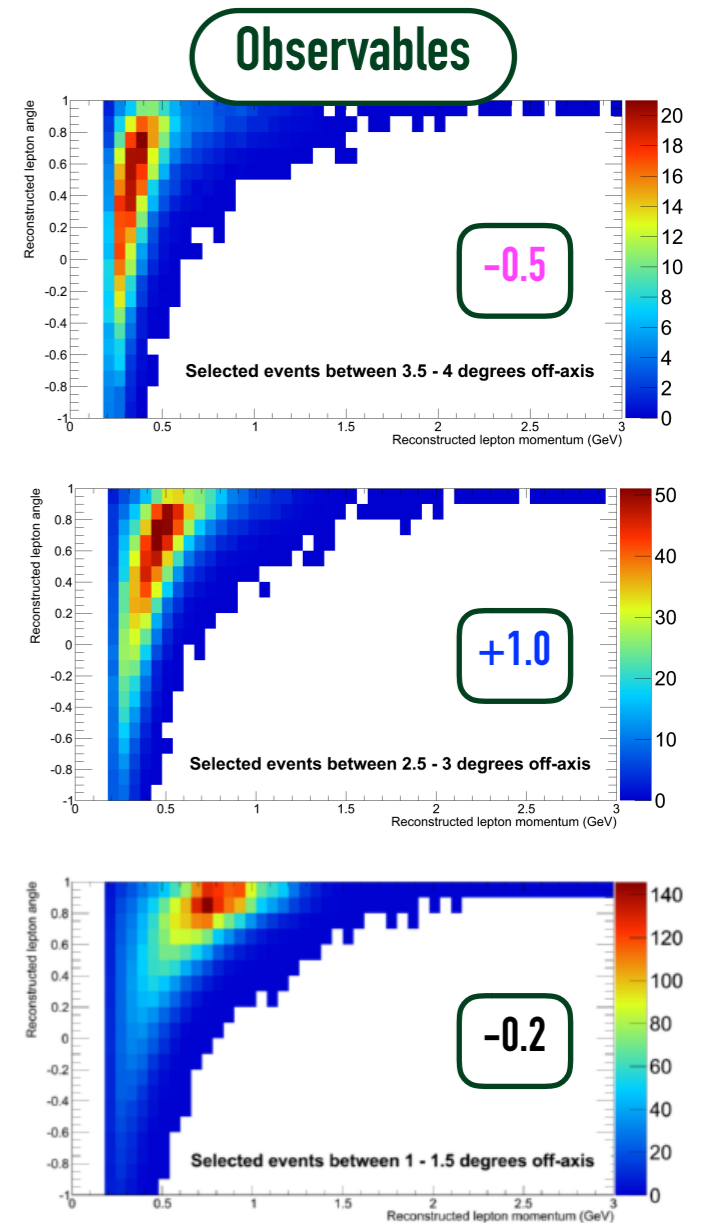
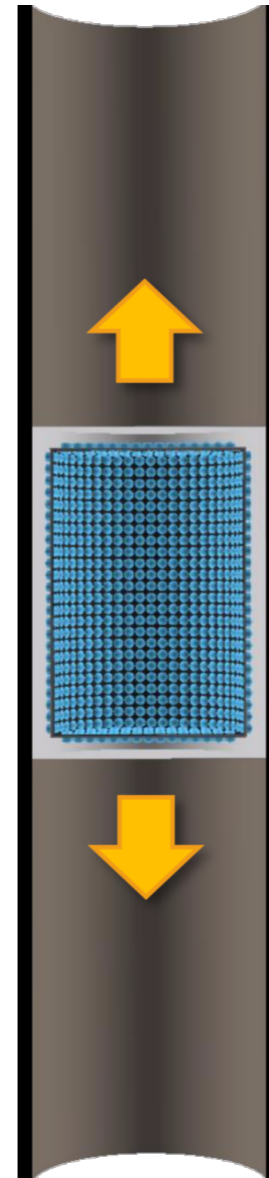
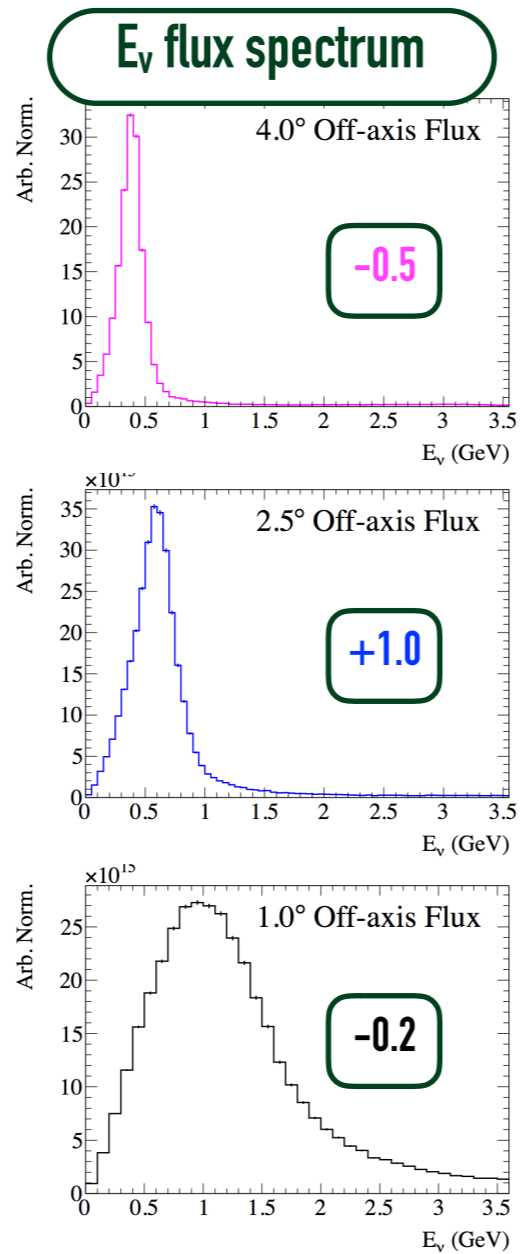




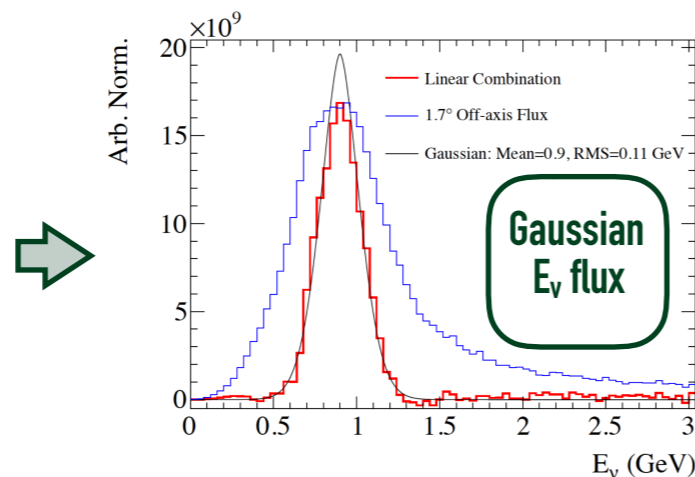
# LINEAR COMBINATION ANALYSIS

Use **off-axis angle dependence** of  $\nu$  flux:

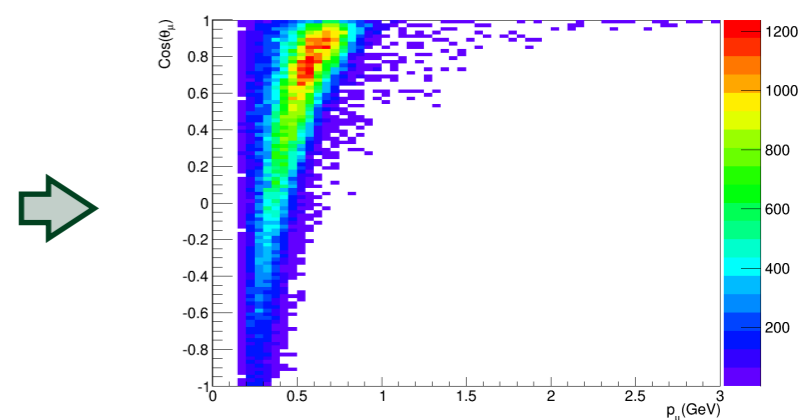
1. Bin  $E_\nu$  flux spectrum into **60 different off-axis angle slices**.
2. Take **linear combinations** of off-axis angle slices to create a neutrino flux of interest e.g. Gaussian.
3. Collect distribution of **observables** for same off-axis angle slices.



Find linear combinations for desired neutrino flux distribution.

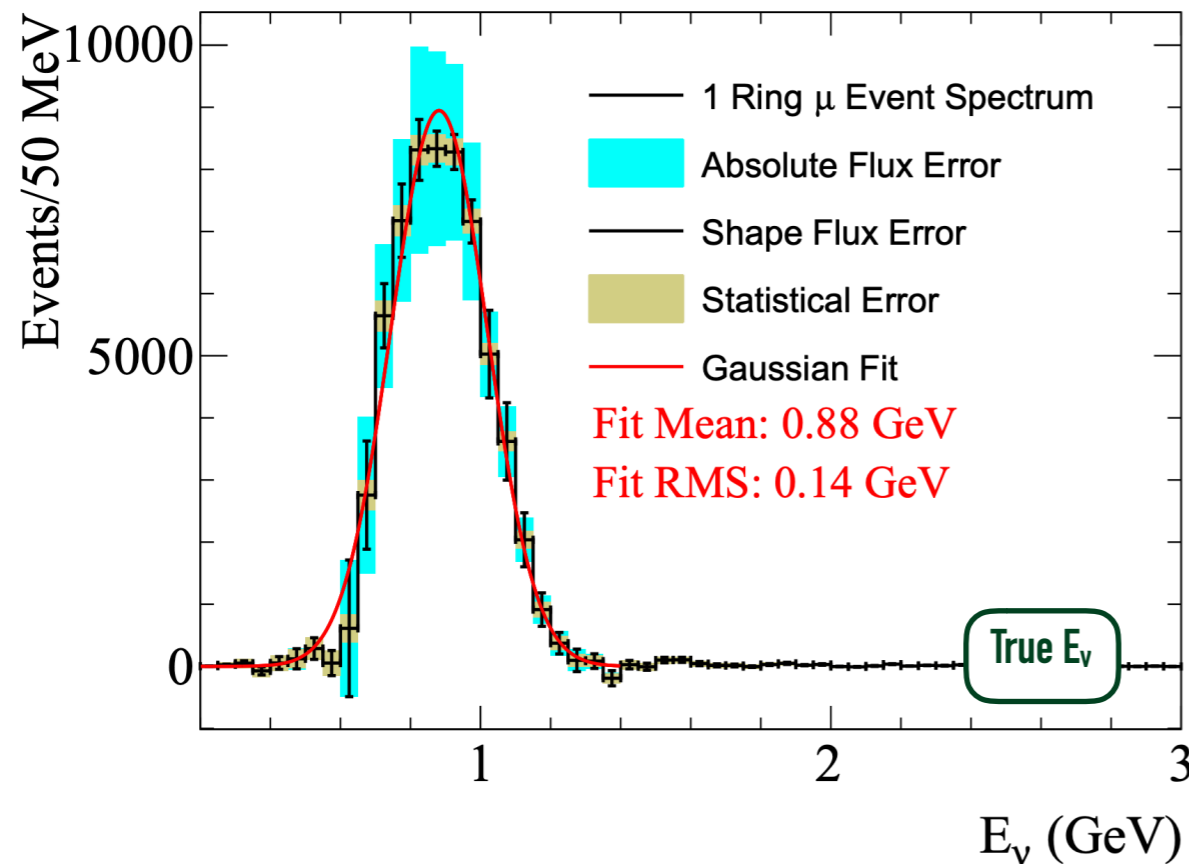


Apply coefficients to distribution of observables.

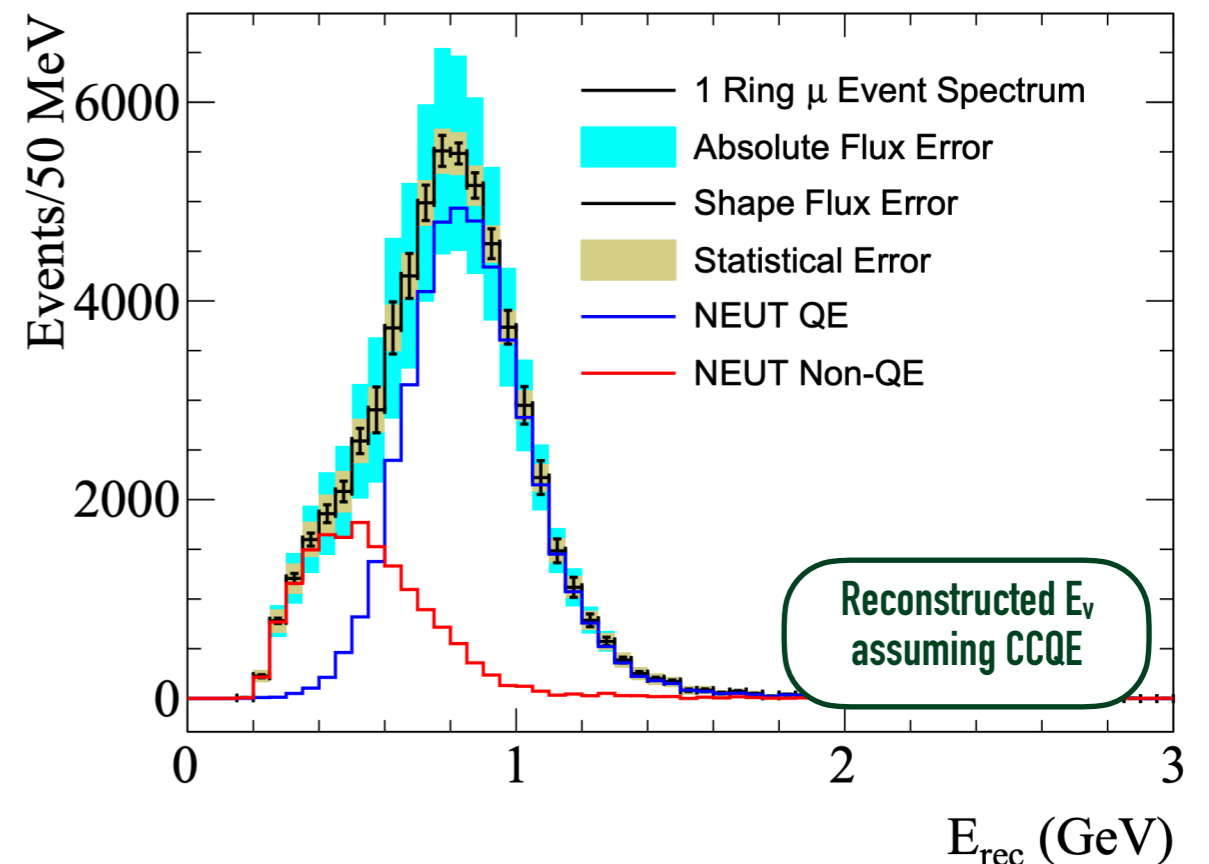


- Energy distribution for single muon candidate events after applying linear coefficients for a **monochromatic beam** centred at 0.9 GeV.

Linear Combination, 0.9 GeV Mean

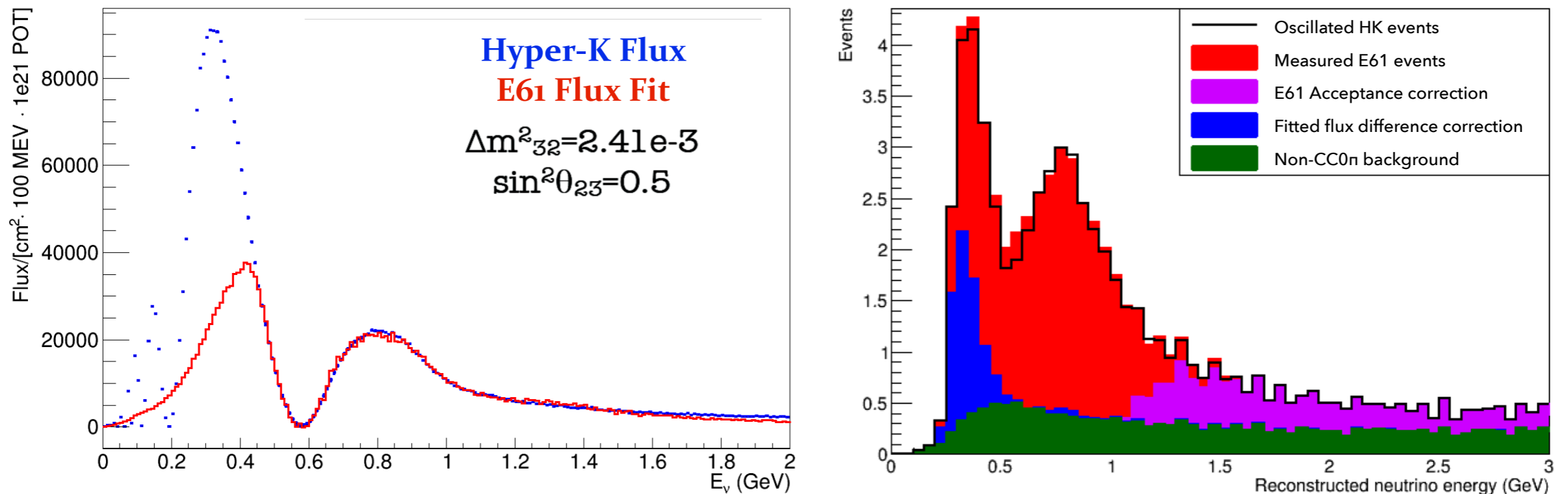


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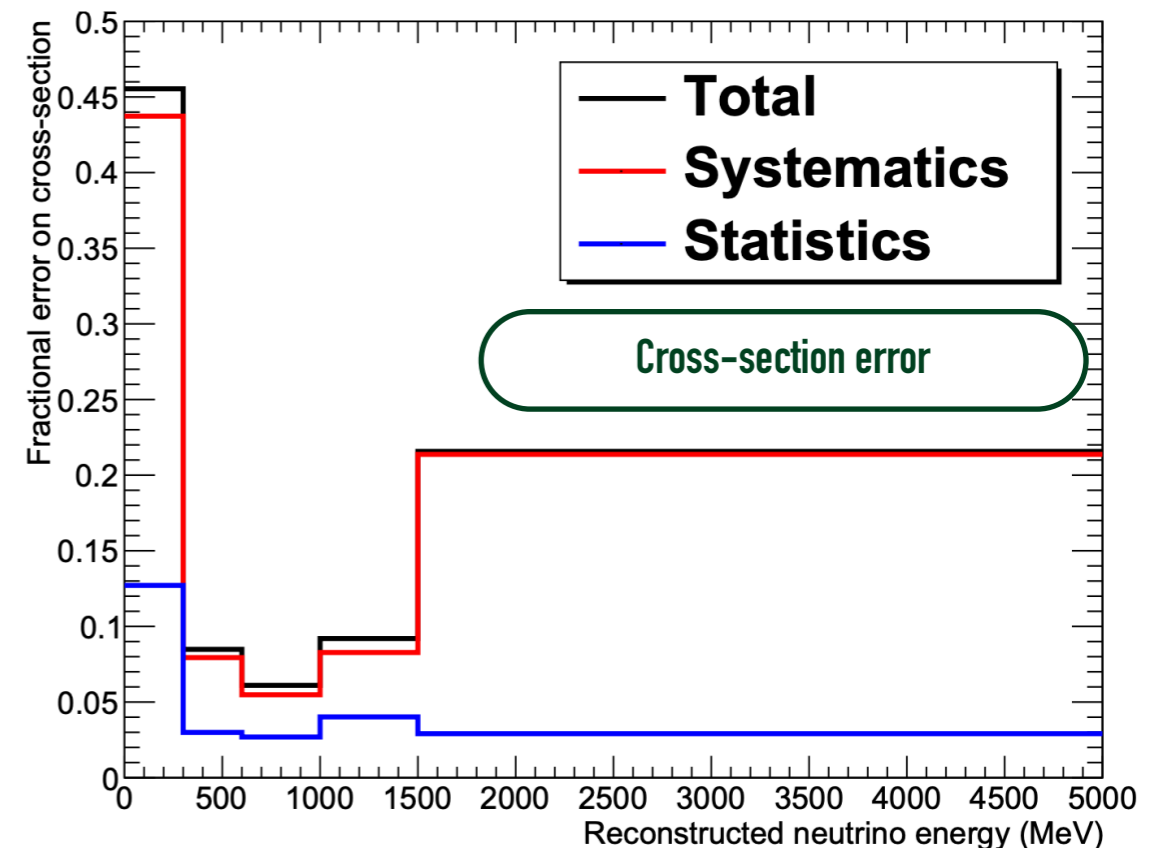
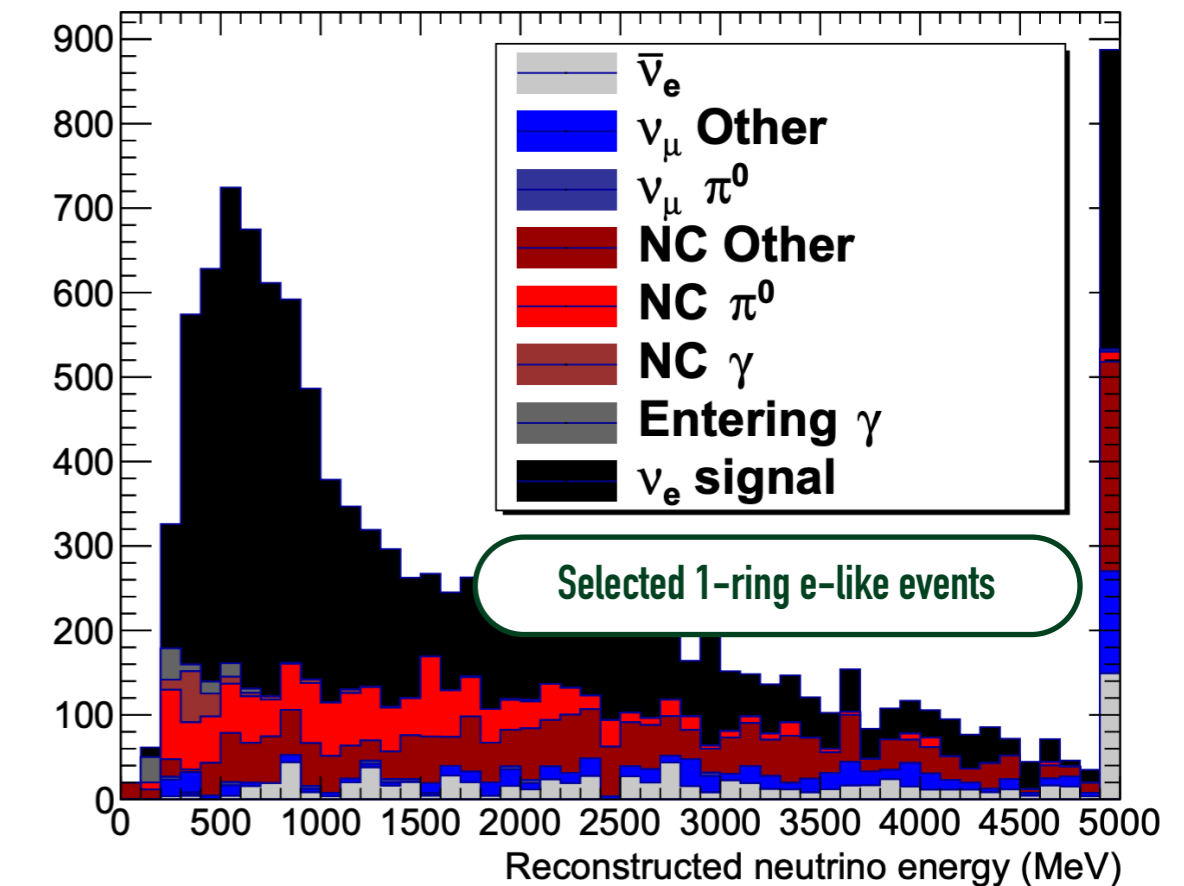
- Can observe the separation of CCQE and non-CCQE (including multi-nucleon) scatters.
  - Directly predict the effect of non-CCQE scatters in oscillation measurements and provide a **unique constraint on nuclear models**.
- Measure cross sections as function of true **neutrino energy**.
- Measure cross sections vs true observables  $Q^2$  and  $\omega$  - variables controlling interaction mode.





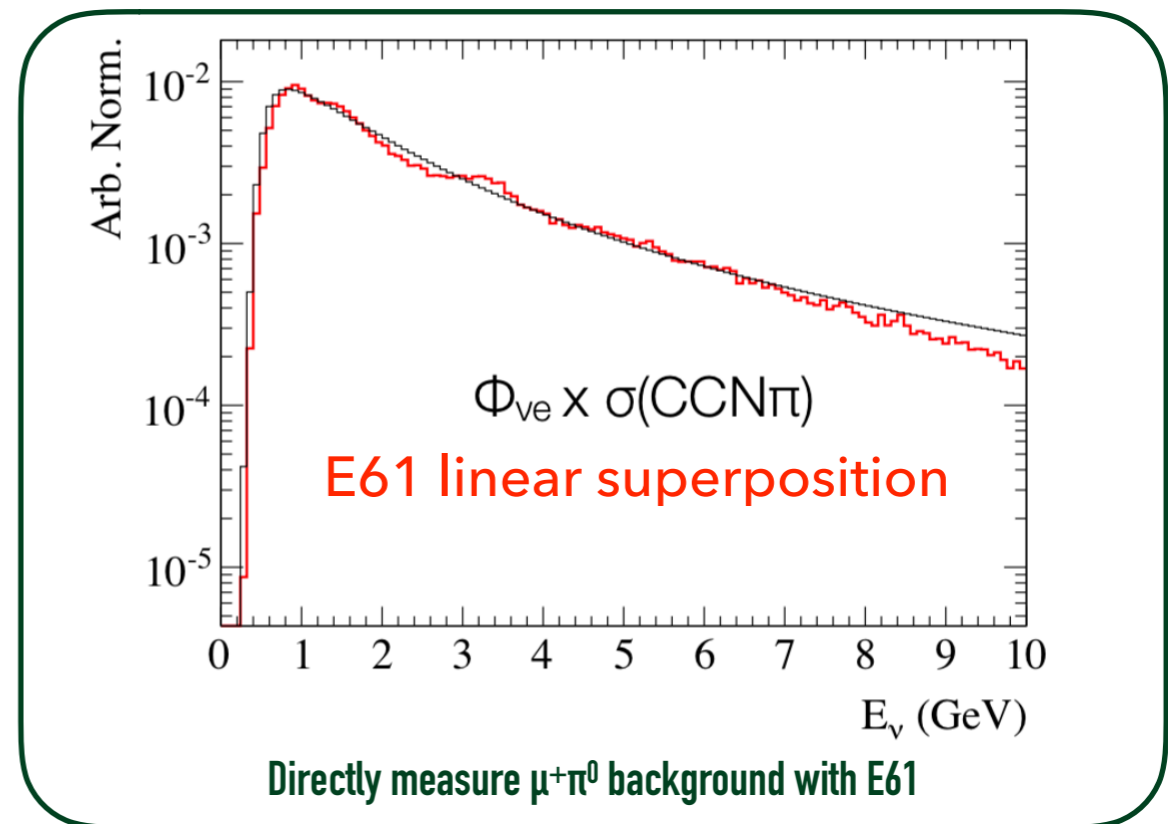
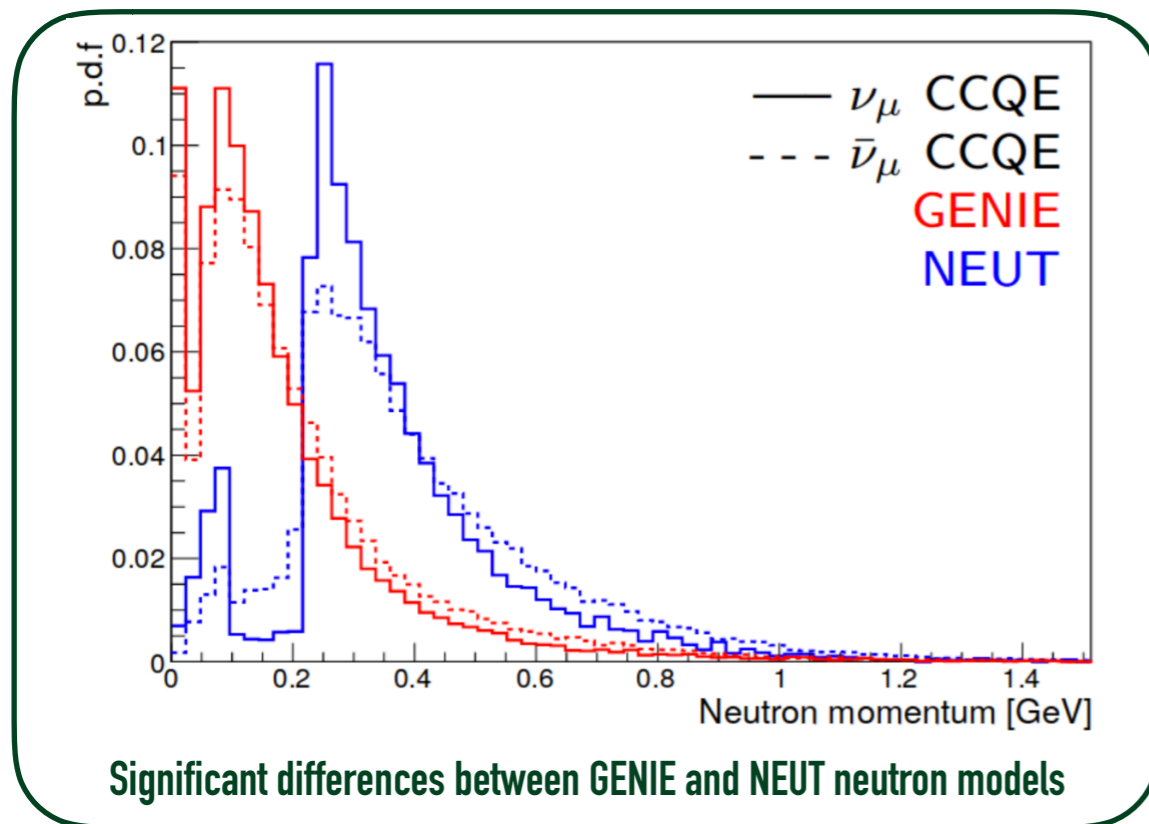
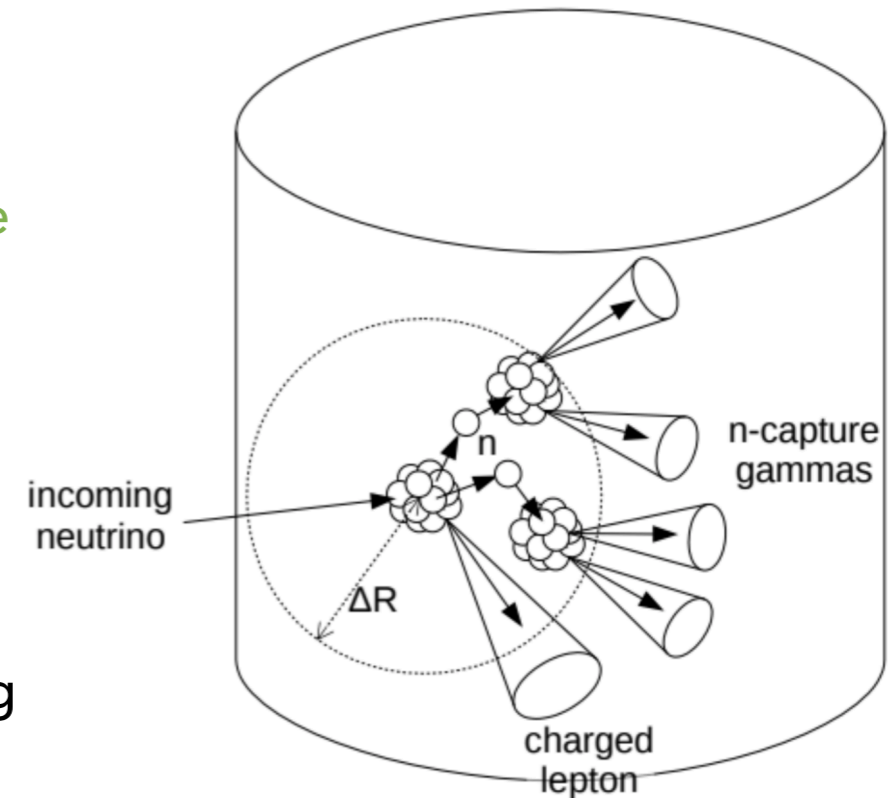
- Use linear combinations to produce the **oscillated far detector neutrino flux** between 400 MeV and 1 GeV.
- Directly compare E61 muon p-theta prediction to observed HK events to obtain oscillation parameters.
- For each oscillation hypothesis to test, we can find a linear combination of the E61 off-axis fluxes to give the oscillated spectrum.
- E61 and HK have the same interaction material - same interaction cross-section.
  - Reduced dependence on the cross-section model and sensitivity to wrong model choice.
- **Background**, **flux**, and **acceptance** corrections are necessary for HK prediction.
  - Significant uncertainty cancellation in background subtraction.

- Uncertainty on  $\nu_\mu$  to  $\nu_e$  cross-section ratio contributes significantly to total error on CP violation measurement.
  - Current uncertainty of 3% is theory motivated. [PRD86 \(2012\) 053003](#)
- Relative  $\nu_e$  flux increases with off-axis angle.
  - Can make a direct measurement of the  $\nu_e$  cross section on water with E61.
- In momenta of interest for HK expect a 3% statistical uncertainty, with total uncertainty of 6%.
- Systematic uncertainties dominated by flux and cross section.
  - Expect reduction in uncertainty from improved external flux measurements and cross-section modelling from E61 mono-energetic beam technique.





- E61 will be loaded with **Gadolinium**.
  - High neutron capture cross section.
  - Captures produce **~8 MeV photon cascade**.
- Measurement of neutron multiplicity in order to **statistical separate  $\nu$ /anti- $\nu$**  interactions.
  - Separate atmospheric neutrino samples.
  - Reduce **wrong-sign background** for beam samples.
- Can measure the  $\mu^+\pi^0$  background from neutrino interactions to improve the  $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$  proton decay search.
  - Simulation including neutron backgrounds shows 75% tagging efficiency with 92% purity can be achieved.

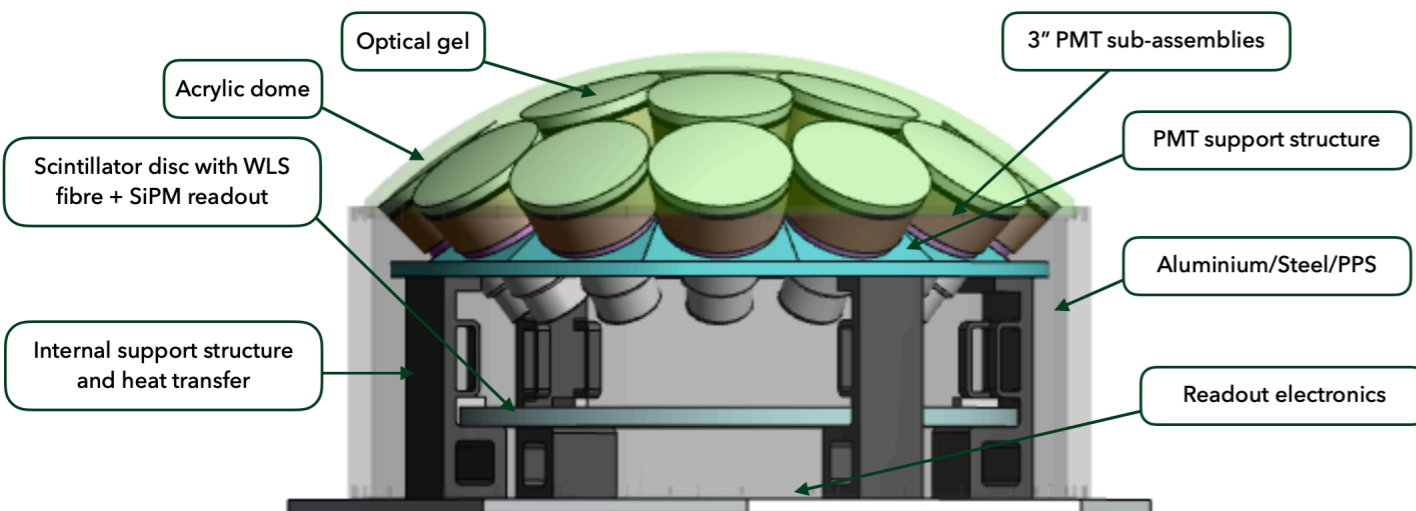
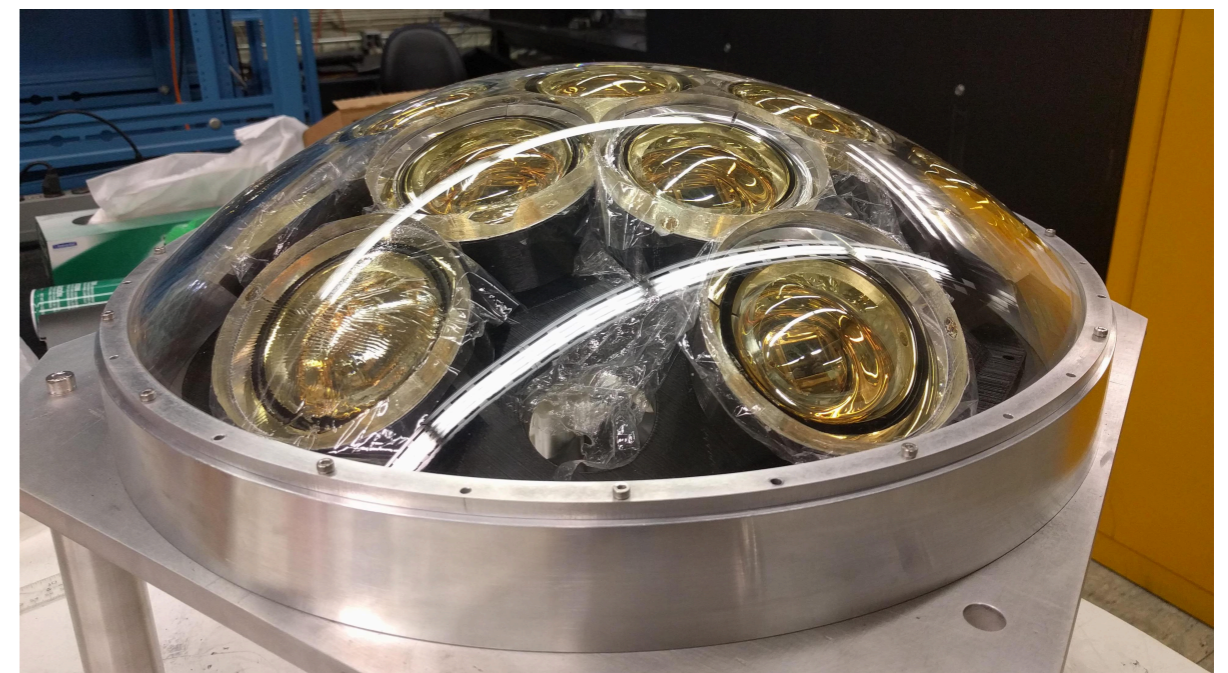
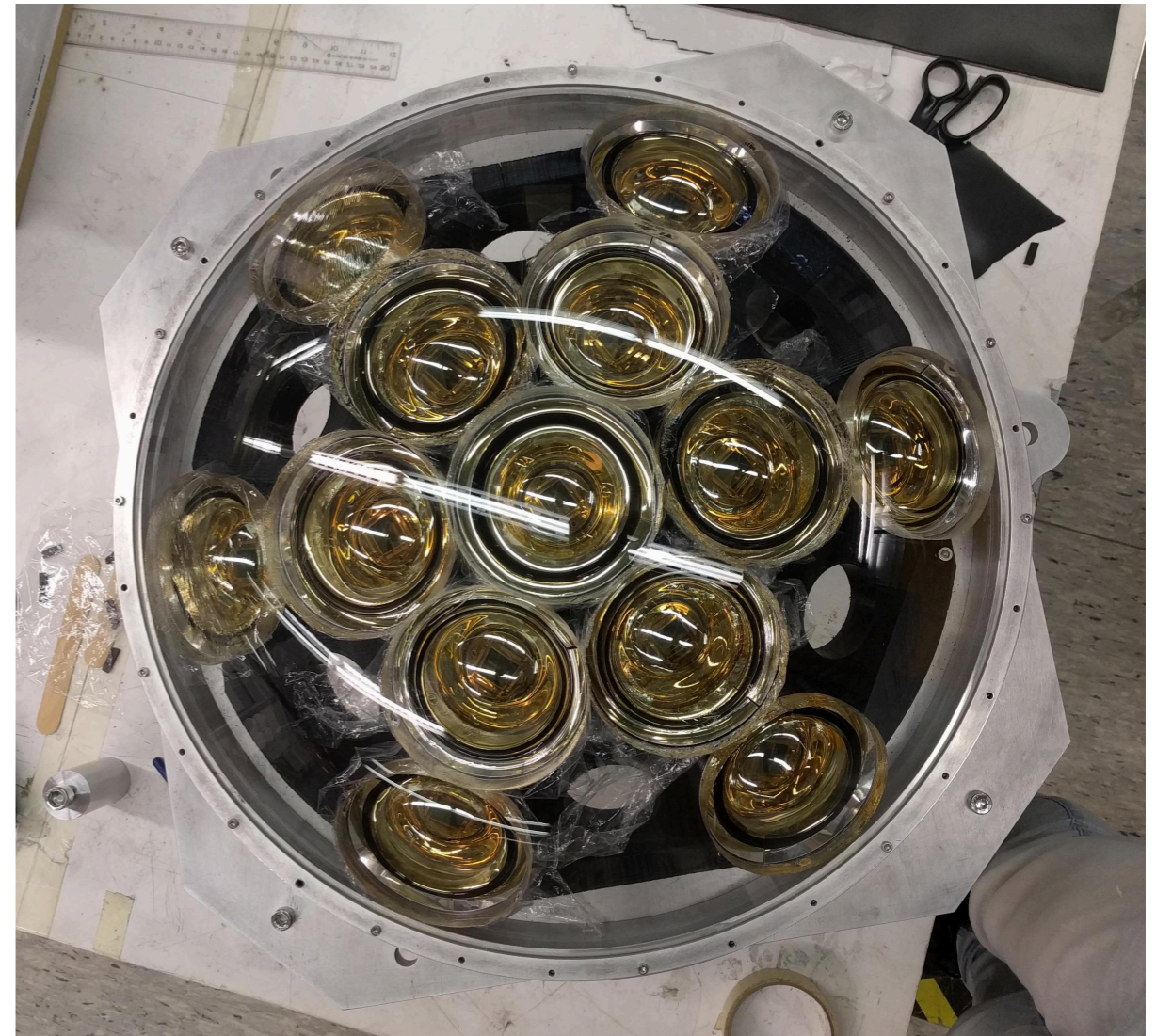




# MULTI-PMT (MPMT) R&D

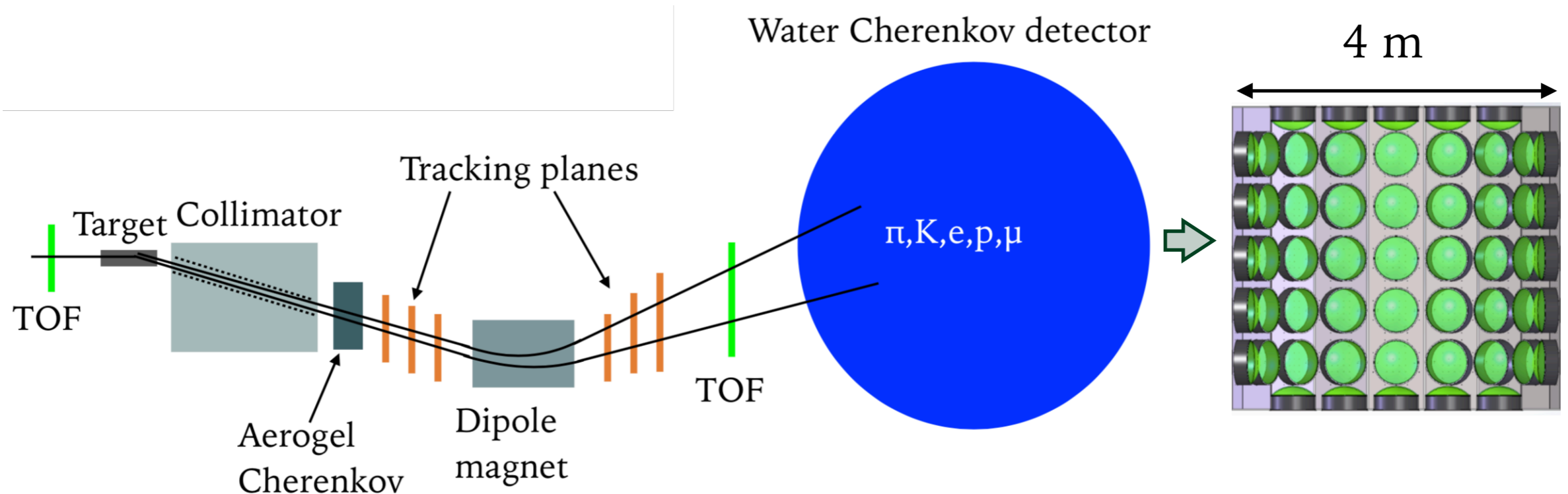
- **Modular** approach to PMT instrumentation.
  - Array of small (~3") PMTs rather than one large one.
    - **Finer granularity** of Cherenkov image.
  - **Directional information** as each PMT images a different part of the tank - improved vertex resolution.
  - Waterproofing, pressure protection, reduced cabling.
  - Readout electronics, monitoring, calibration devices located in vessel.
- Leveraging lessons learned from KM3NeT/ IceCube mPMT design.

KM3NET LOI: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07459>





- Planning for an initial stage **prototype experiment** in a **charged particle test beam**.
  - Known particle type, momentum, track start point.
  - Beam momenta down to  $\sim 140$  MeV/c are the goal.
  - Considering options at Fermilab and CERN.
- Goals:
  - Test critical components for full E61.
  - Prove **bottom-up calibration** of WC detector to 1% level.
  - Measure physics processes, such as **Cherenkov light profile** and **pion scattering**.
- Aim for **data taking in 2021**.



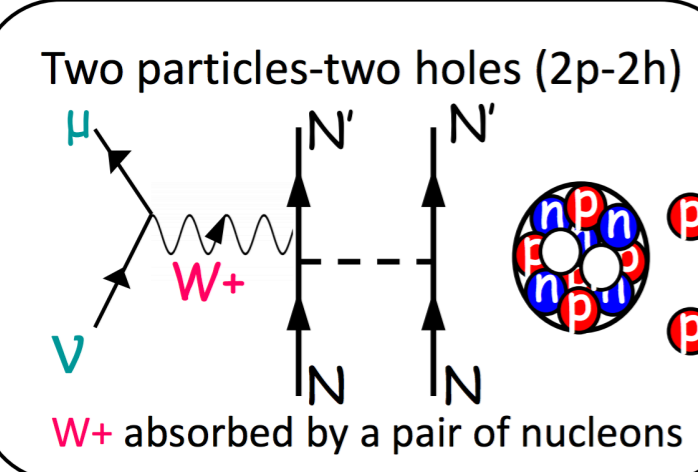
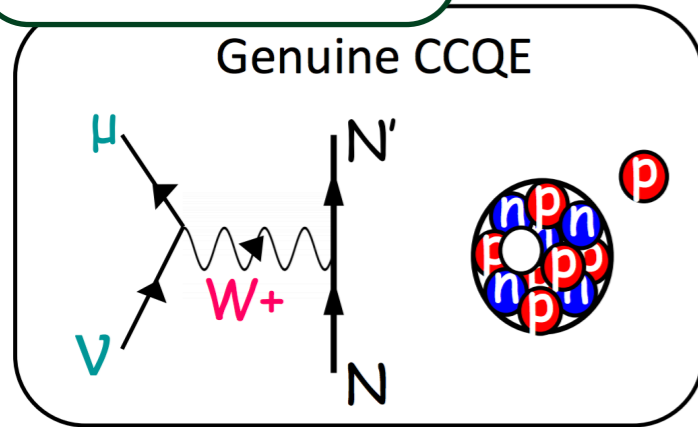
- Future long-baseline oscillation experiments, such as Hyper-K, will be dominated by **systematic rather than statistical uncertainty**.
  - Feed down effects from unobserved interaction products can bias measurements if not accurately modelled.
  - Difficult to constrain with traditional near detectors as they are exposed to a different flux than the far detector.
  - Improvements to the systematic uncertainty from the current levels are required for a  **$5\sigma$  observation of CP violation** by the next generation of experiments.
- Hyper-K has a **suite of near detectors** to constrain flux and interaction model.
- E61 provides a data-driven method of converting  $E_{\text{rec}}$  to  $E_{\text{true}}$  using the off-axis angle **linear combination** technique.
  - This **decouples** the **flux** shape from the **interaction model**.
- Currently building a **multi-PMT prototype** before large scale production for a **test beam** experiment which will characterise the detector response to a known beam of charged particles.





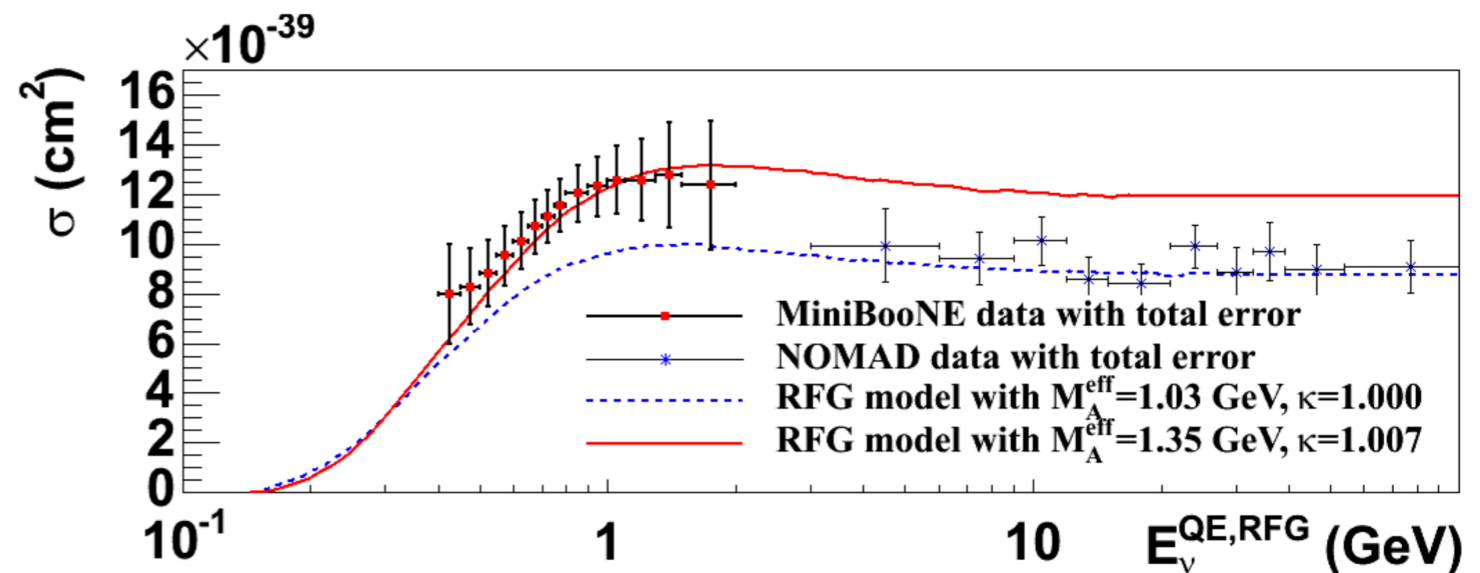
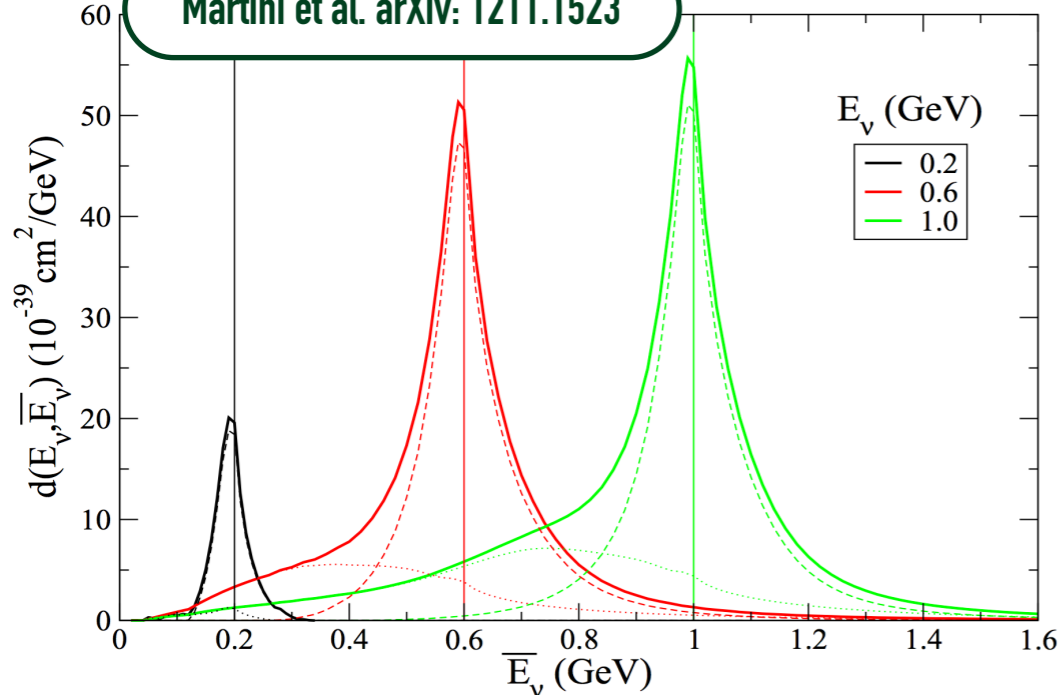
# MEASURING NEUTRINO ENERGY

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- **Model assumptions** play an important role in inferring neutrino energy from detected neutrino-nucleus interaction products.
- In **Hyper-K** charged lepton kinematics will be measured and **CCQE** dynamics assumed.
- Large uncertainties from final state and secondary interaction models.
- **Multi-nucleon** interactions have two protons exiting a pair of nucleons.
- Explains larger axial mass preferred by MiniBooNE over NOMAD.
- Further missing energy from **unseen pions**.
- Calorimetric measurements suffer from similar model dependence.
- For example, through uncertainties in the multiplicity of undetected **neutrons**.

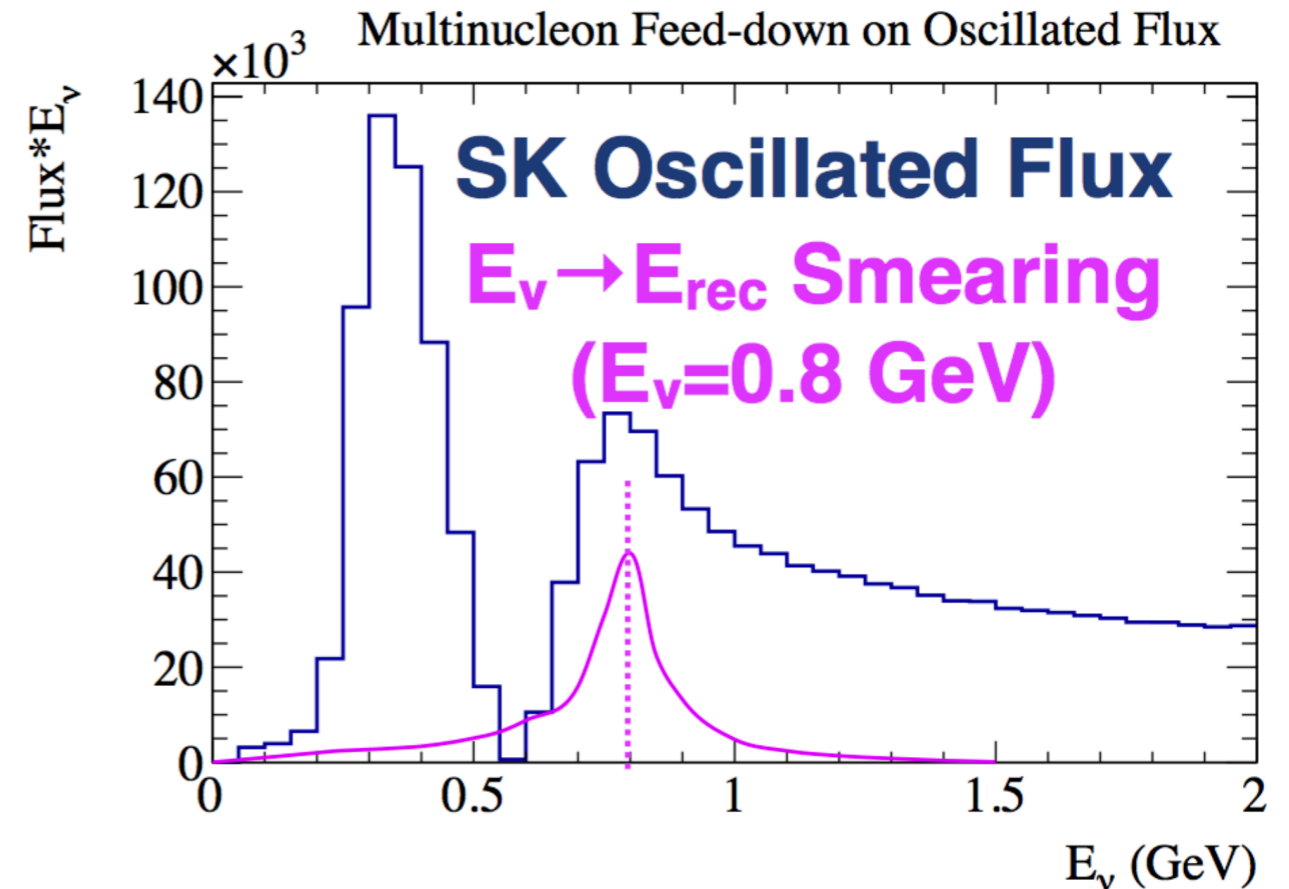
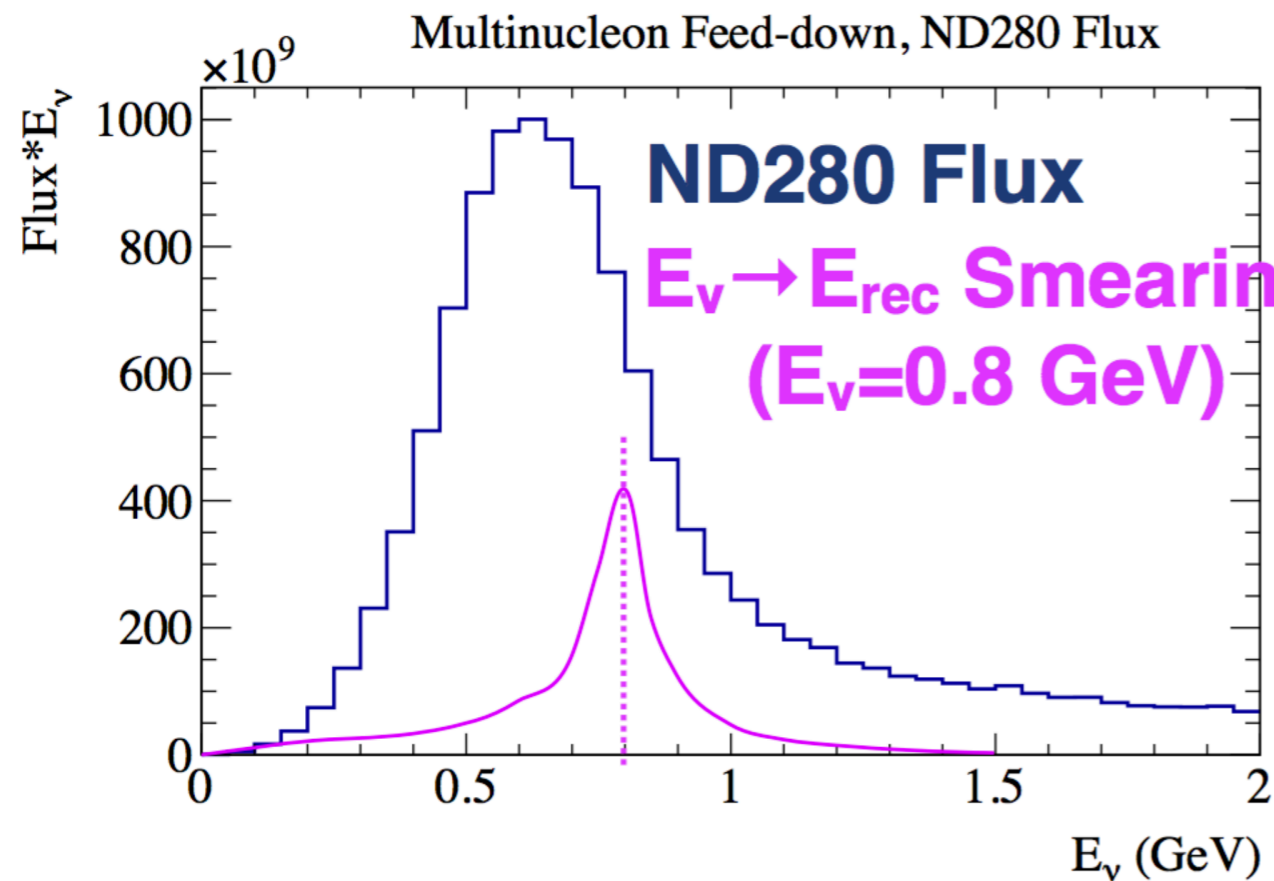
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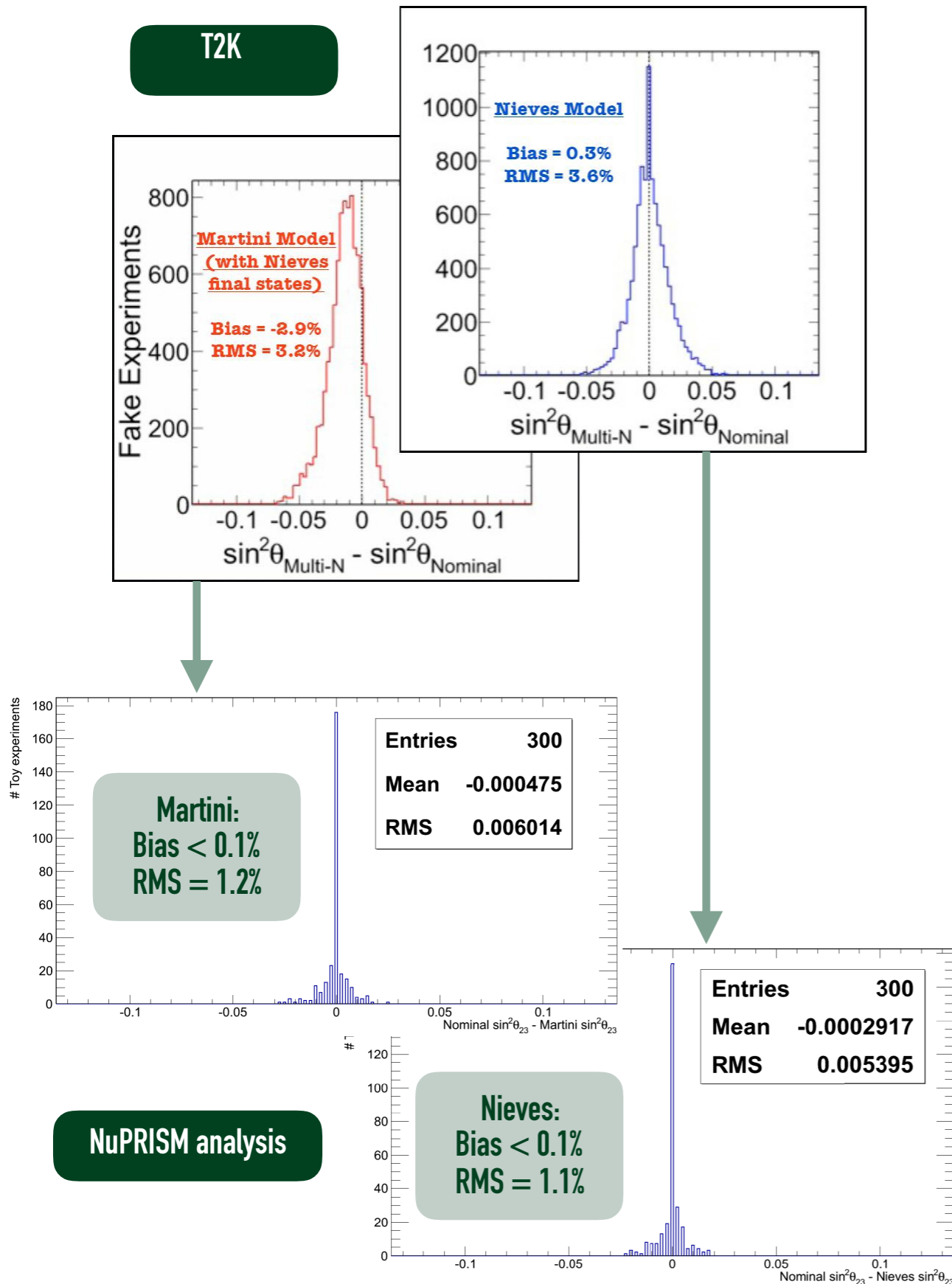
- Construction schedule is driven by multi-PMT module production.
- Aim to run the test beam experiment for two years starting 2021.
- Full-scale detector construction concurrent with test experiment operation.
- Aim for full-scale experiment to be taking neutrino data in 2025, one year before the start of Hyper-K.

- Oscillations result in **different fluxes at the near and far detectors**.
  - Presents an **additional complication** in constraining interaction model that predicts far detector event rates.

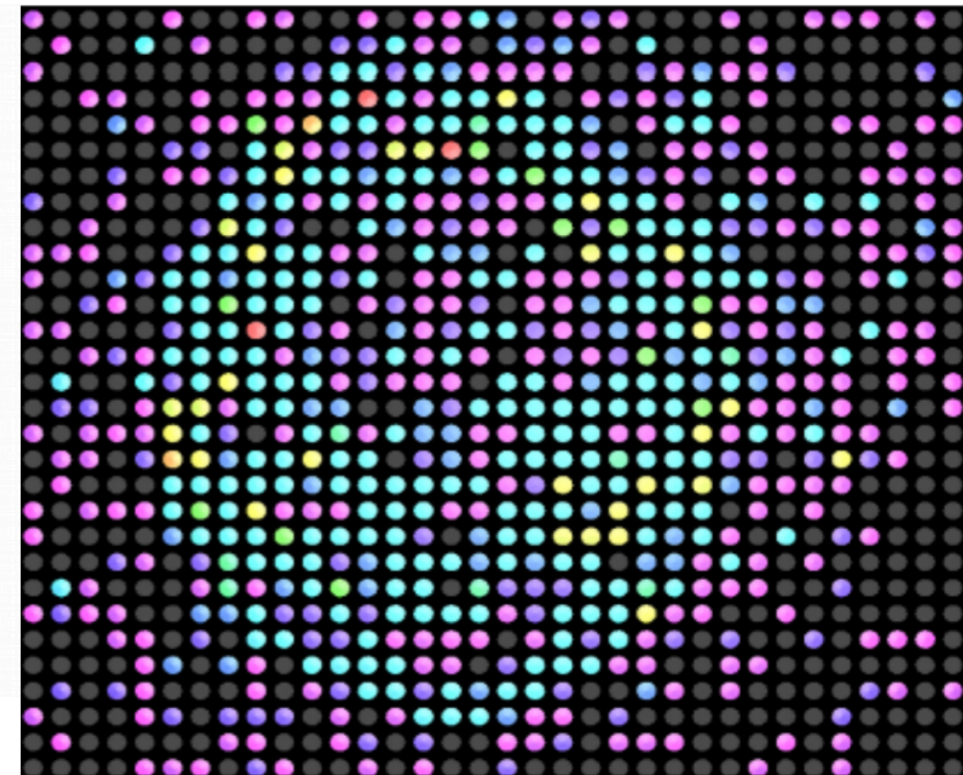
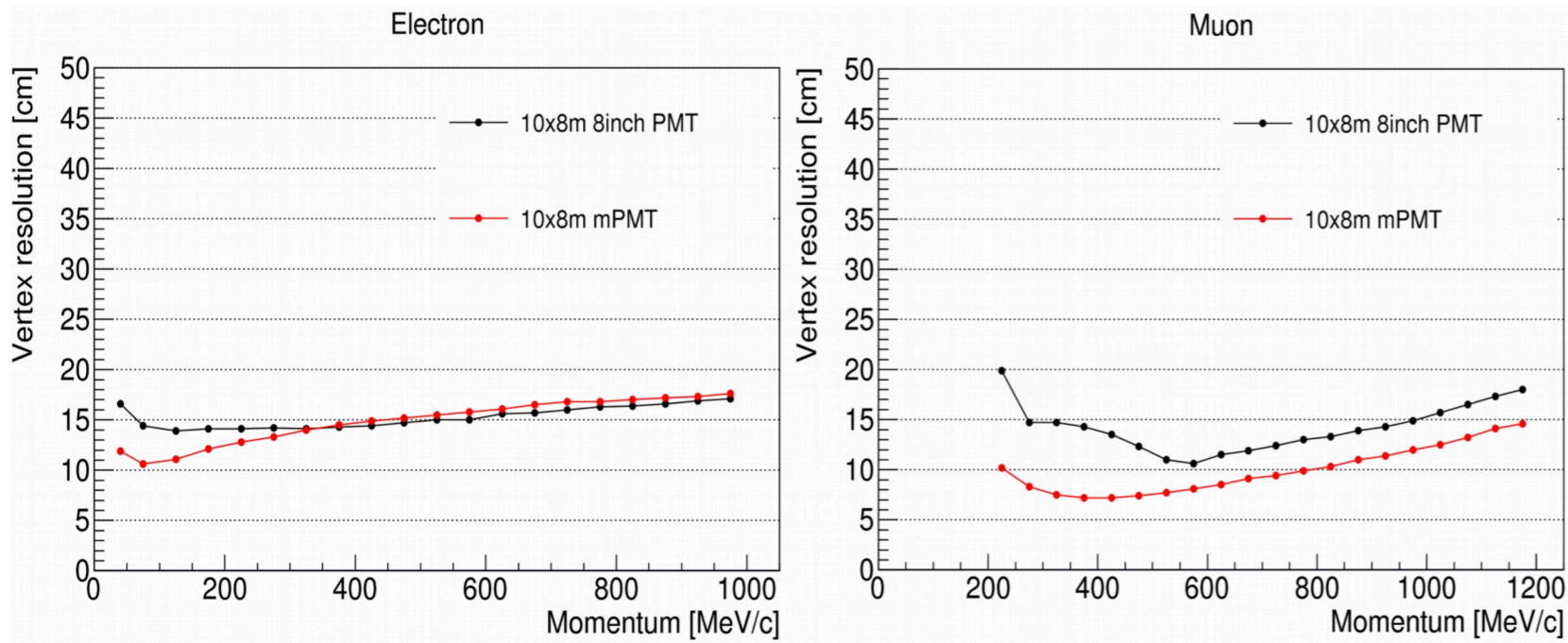


- We can only measure a **convolution of the neutrino flux and cross section**.
  - Hard to constrain uncertainties with a traditional near detector.
- Multi-nucleon effects and other missing interaction products can smear the reconstructed neutrino energy into the **oscillation dip** at the far detector.
  - Results in a **bias** in the measurement.
  - The bias is **obscured by the flux peak** at the near detector.



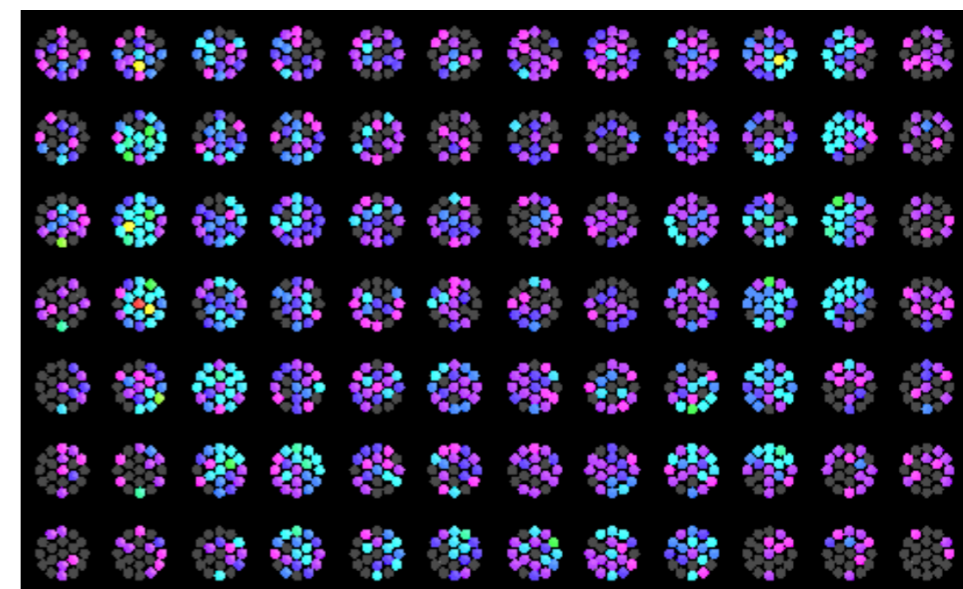


- ▶ T2K study of  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  uncertainty from mis-modelling the 2p-2h part of the cross-section found a significant bias and uncertainty.
- ▶ Same study is carried out using NuPRISM near detector fit.
- ▶ SK event rate is accurately predicted even with additional 2p-2h interactions added to the toy data.
- ▶ The  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  bias and uncertainty are reduced to  $\sim 1\%$  with the NuPRISM measurement.
- ▶ NuPRISM analysis largely independent of cross-section model.



**Better granularity**  
Same event, simulated with 8" PMTs  
(above) and mPMTs (below)

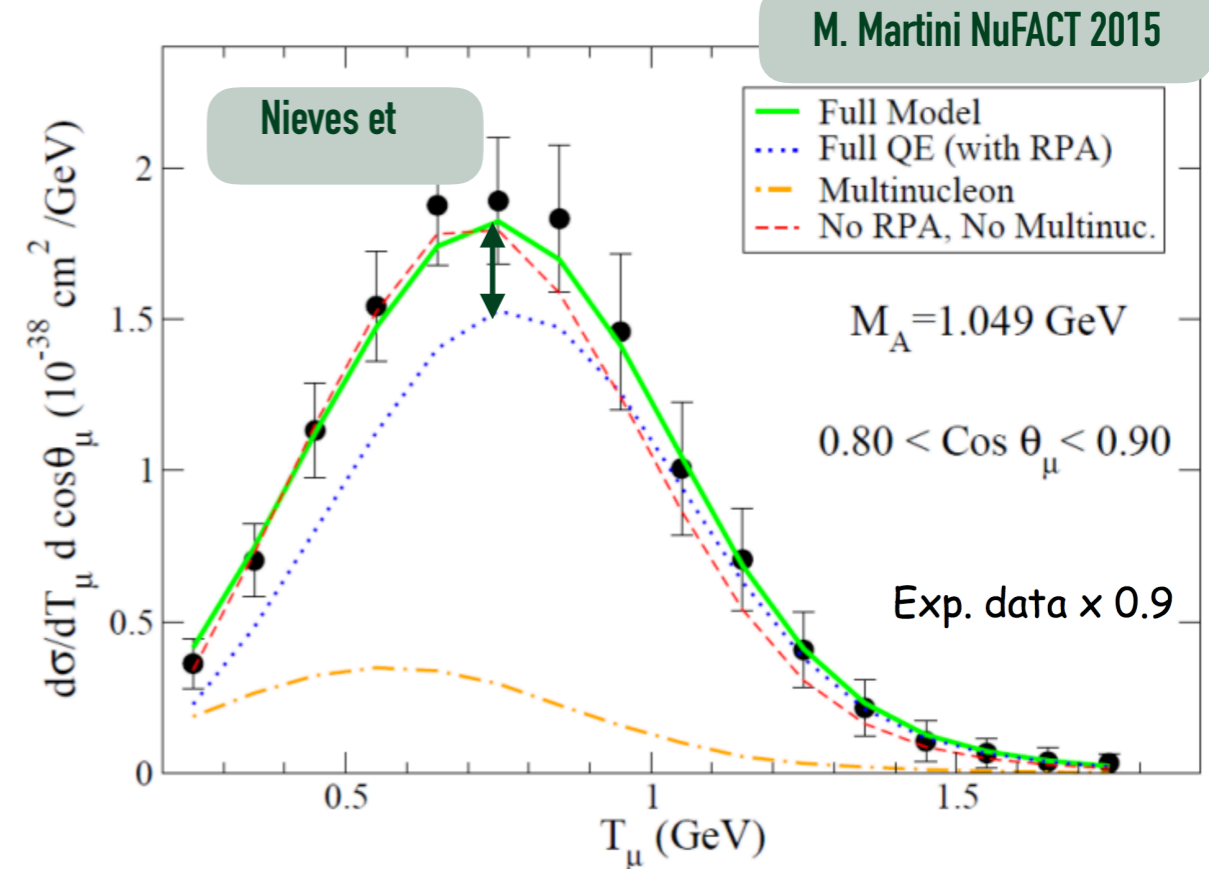
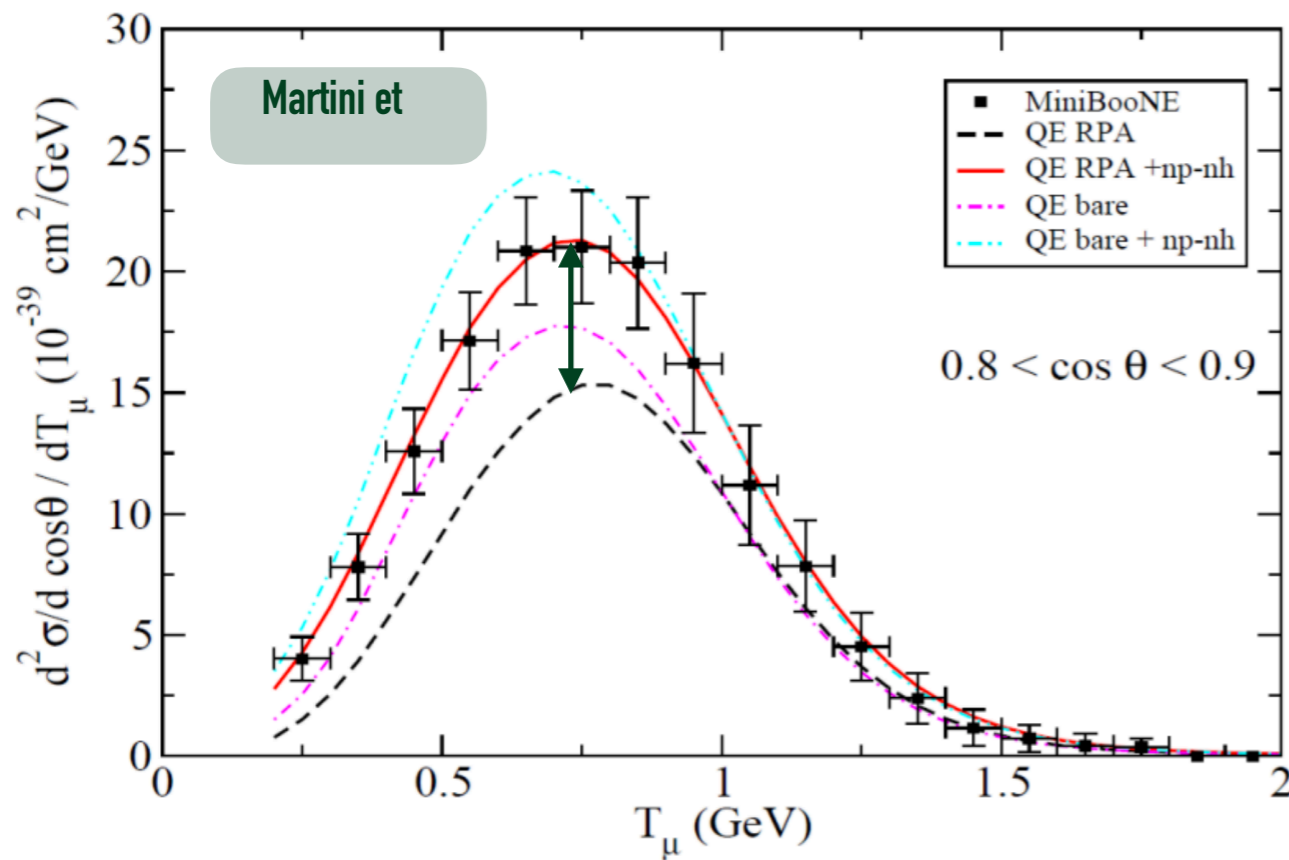
- Full detector **simulation** (Geant4-based WCSim) and **reconstruction** (fiTQun) developed for E61.
- Studies show good particle identification despite small size of inner detector.
- Quantifying reconstruction/PID improvements for mPMTs vs 8" PMTs.
- Ongoing reconstruction improvements:
  - Improve PMT angular response function.
  - Include PMT direction information to scattered and reflected light prediction.







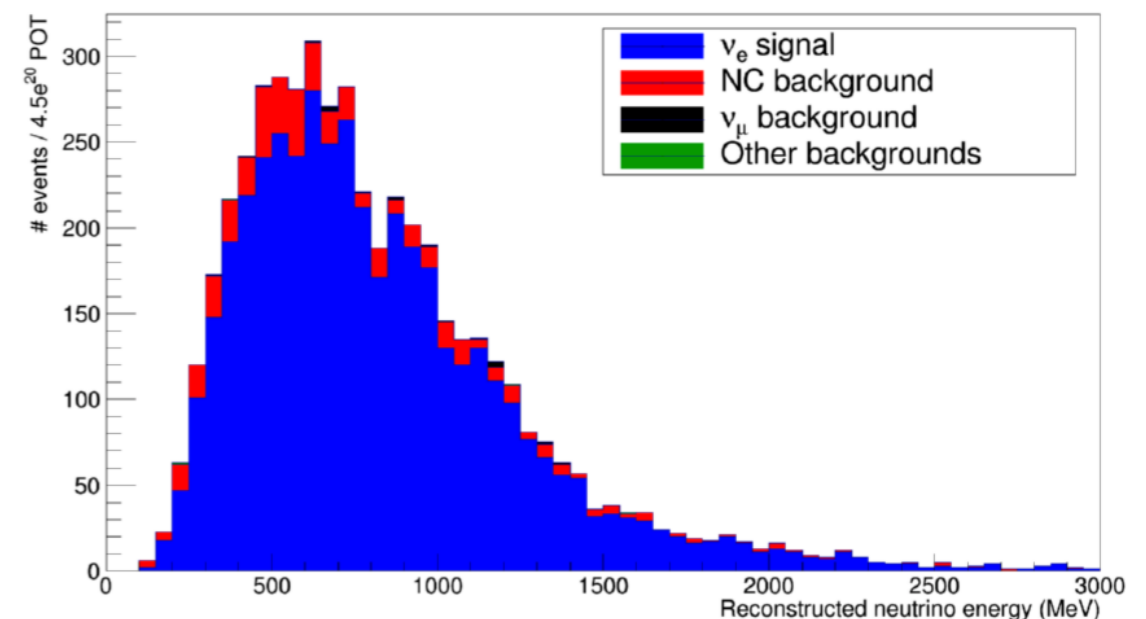
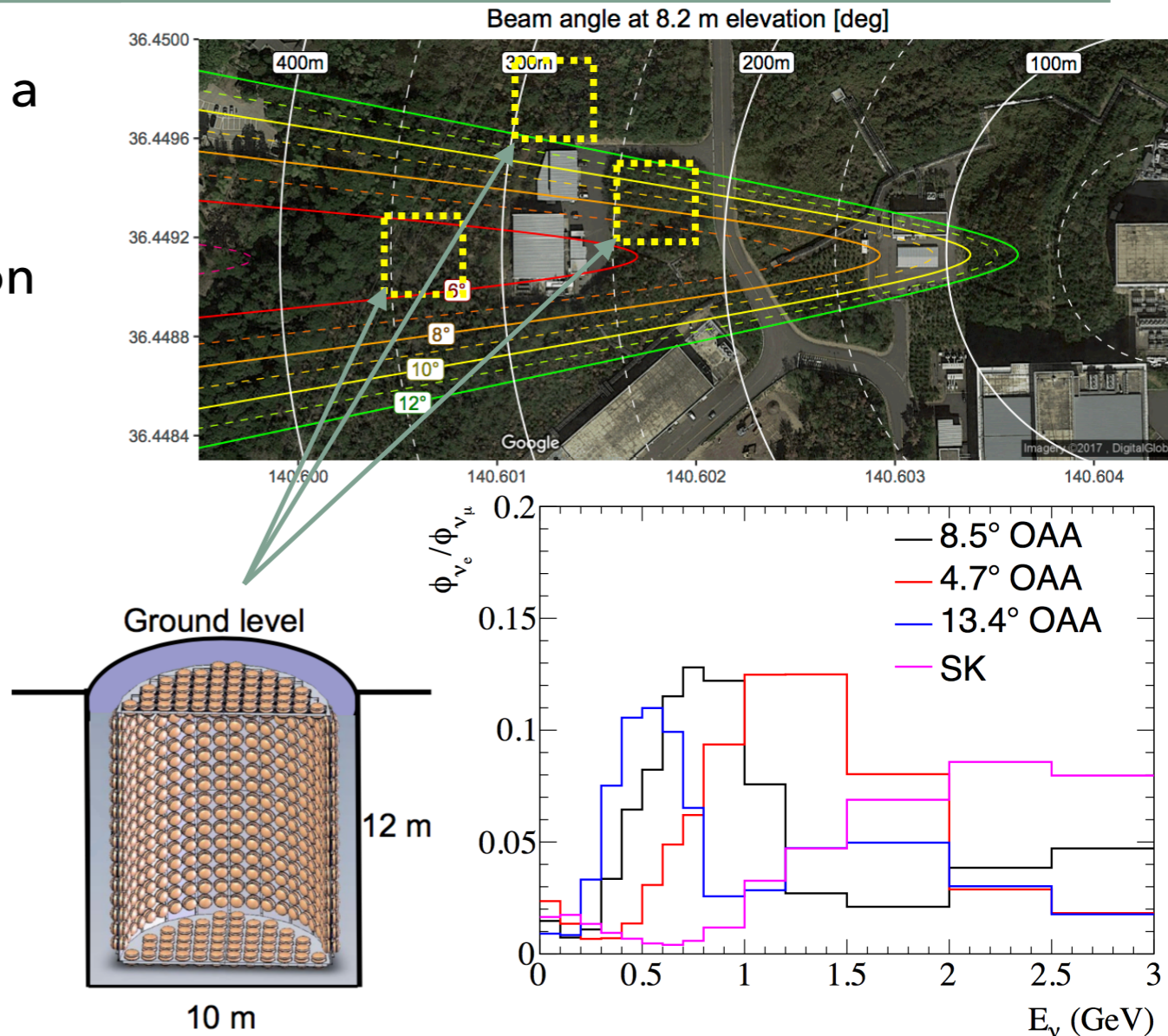




- ▶ Many different theoretical models.
- ▶ Martini et al. and Nieves et al. calculations are both consistent with MiniBooNE data within the MiniBooNE flux uncertainties.
- ▶ The np-nh contributions can differ by a factor of 2 in the region of interest.
- ▶ Predict different rates for neutrinos vs anti-neutrinos.
- ▶ Hard to separate models experimentally.

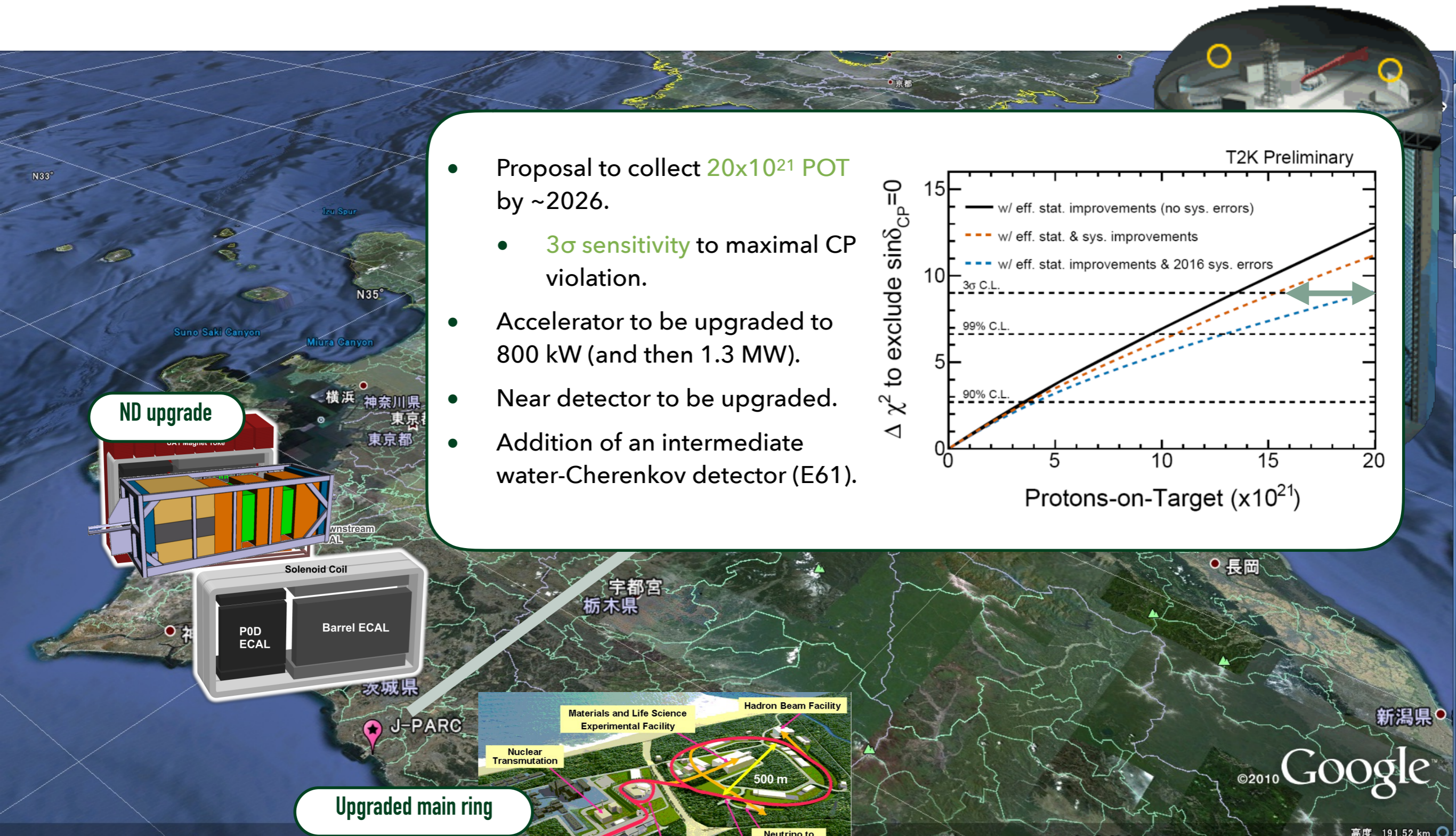
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- ▶ Instrumented portion of phase 1 is placed in a water tank near ND280.
- ▶ Allows us to demonstrate detector/calibration precision.
- ▶ Provides a test detector for Hyper-K R&D.
- ▶ Physics goals:
  - ▶ Measure  $\sigma(\nu_e)/\sigma(\nu_\mu)$  to  $\sim 3\%$  precision.
  - ▶ Expect  $\sim 5500$   $\nu_e$  events below 1 GeV in  $1 \times 10^{21}$  POT with 76% purity.
  - ▶ Gd loading to measure neutron multiplicities in neutrino-nucleus interactions.
- ▶ A range of locations being studied.
  - ▶ Optimise flux uncertainties and flux ratios.
  - ▶ Investigating feasibility of construction.

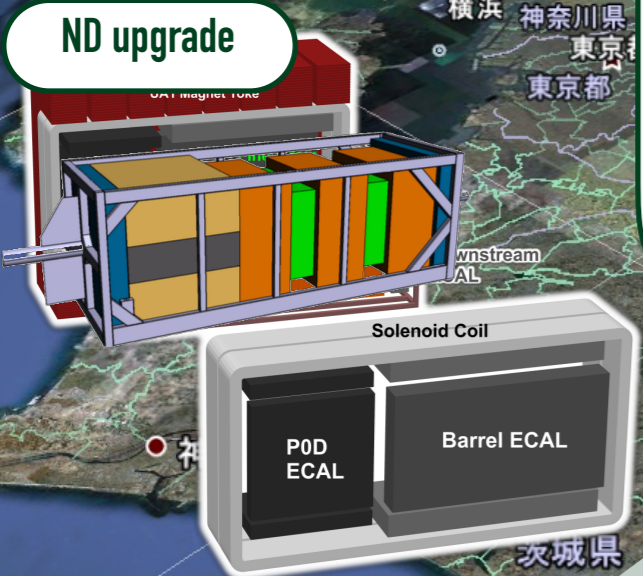




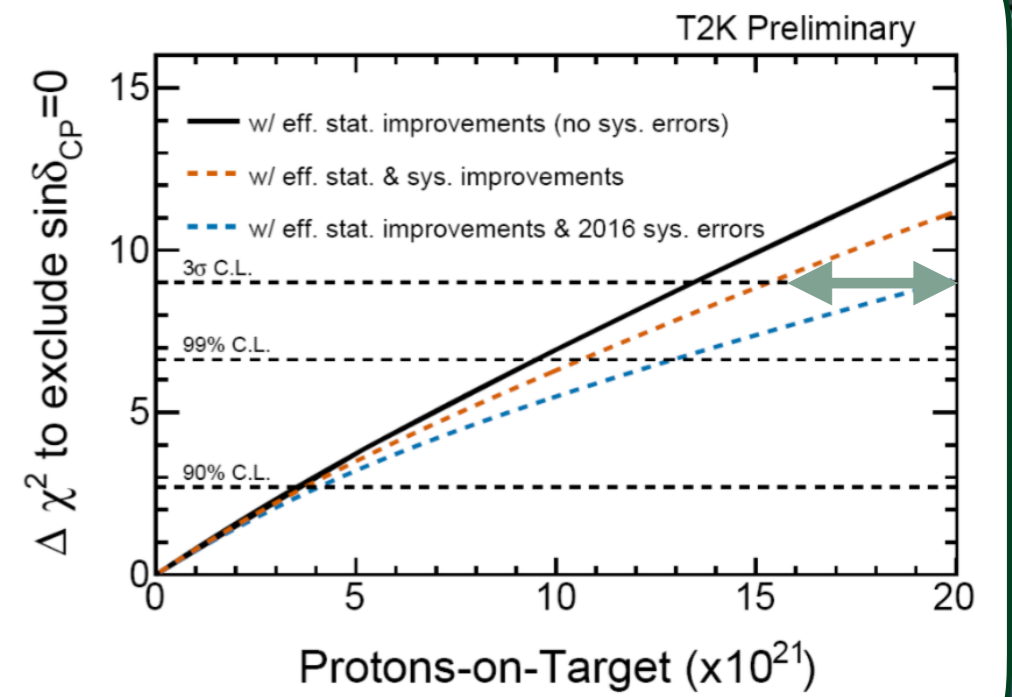
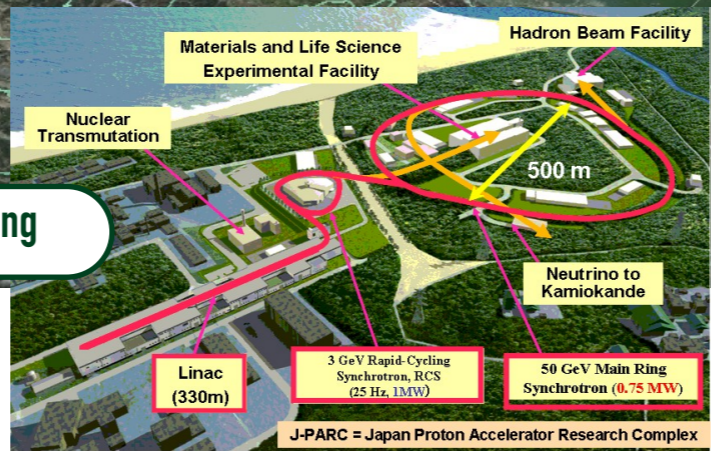
# PROPOSED EXTENDED RUN OF T2K (T2K-II)



- Proposal to collect  $20 \times 10^{21}$  POT by ~2026.
- $3\sigma$  sensitivity to maximal CP violation.
- Accelerator to be upgraded to 800 kW (and then 1.3 MW).
- Near detector to be upgraded.
- Addition of an intermediate water-Cherenkov detector (E61).



Upgraded main ring





- ▶ Systematic uncertainty at the 6% level. Need reduction to ~3% level for Hyper-K.

Source of uncertainty	$\mu$ -like $\delta\left(\frac{\#\nu\text{-mode}}{\#\bar{\nu}\text{-mode}}\right) / \left\langle\frac{\#\nu\text{-mode}}{\#\bar{\nu}\text{-mode}}\right\rangle$	e-like $\delta\left(\frac{\#\nu\text{-mode}}{\#\bar{\nu}\text{-mode}}\right) / \left\langle\frac{\#\nu\text{-mode}}{\#\bar{\nu}\text{-mode}}\right\rangle$
SKDet	0.07%	1.6%
FSI+SI	2.6%	3.6%
Flux	1.8%	1.8%
Flux+XSec (ND280 constrained)	1.9%	2.2%
XSec NC other (uncorr)	0.0%	0.2%
XSec NC $1\gamma$ (uncorr)	0.0%	1.5%
XSec $\nu_e / \nu_\mu$ (uncorr)	0.0%	3.1%
Flux+XSec	1.9%	4.1%
All	3.2%	5.8%

- ▶ CP violation measurement depends on uncertainty of  $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  ratio.
- ▶ Dominant uncertainties:
  - ▶ **Final state interactions (FSI) and secondary interactions (SI)** - nuclear model extrapolated from pion-nucleus scattering experiments.
  - ▶ **Electron/muon neutrino cross-section ratio** - need data in energy range of interest, low statistics and large background for electron samples.
  - ▶ **ND280 flux + cross-section constraint** - affected by nuclear model uncertainties.