

# The T2K Near Detector ND280 Upgrade Project



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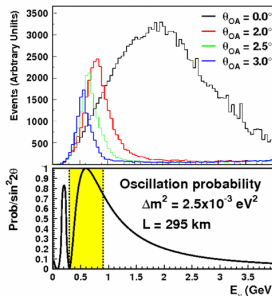
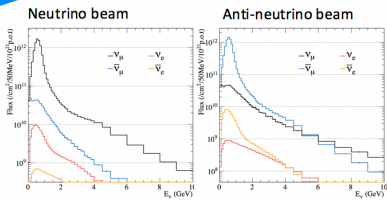
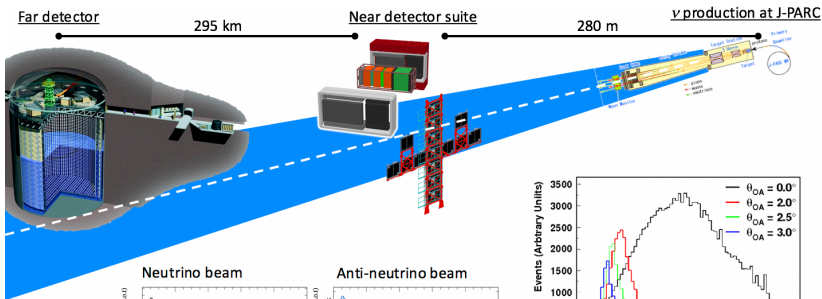
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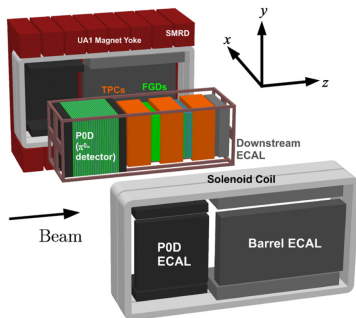
## T2K off-axis beam



## ND280 Detectors

- ▶ "Basket" components:
  - ▶ Tracker: 3 TPCs and 2 FGDs.
  - ▶  $\pi^0$  detector (P0D).
  - ▶ ECAL (Upstream and downstream).
- ▶ Other components:
  - ▶ Barrel ECAL.
  - ▶ Muon detector (SMRD).
- ▶ Design driven by the physics goals of early 2000: measure  $\theta_{13}$

*NIM A 659 (2011) 106-135*



## ND280 Purpose

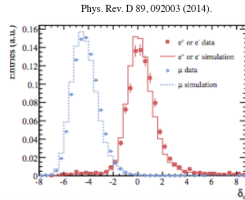
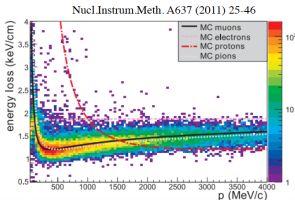
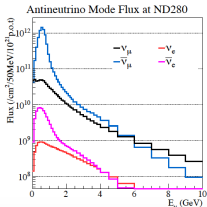
- ▶ Constraining of flux and cross-section measurements for T2K oscillation analyses.
- ▶ Neutrino cross-section measurements  
*PHYSICAL REVIEW D 96, 092006 (2017).*

Systematics for FHC

Source of uncertainty	$\nu_e$ CCQE-like	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_e$ CC1 $\pi^+$
	$\delta N/N$	$\delta N/N$	$\delta N/N$
Flux (w/ ND280 constraint)	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%
Cross section (w/ ND280 constraint)	5.1%	4.0%	4.9%
Flux+cross section (w/o ND280 constraint)	11.3%	10.8%	16.4%
(w/ ND280 constraint)	4.2%	2.9%	5.0%
FSI + SI + PN at SK	2.5%	1.5%	10.5%
SK detector	2.4%	3.9%	9.3%
All (w/o ND280 constraint)	12.7%	12.0%	21.9%
(w/ ND280 constraint)	5.5%	5.1%	14.8%

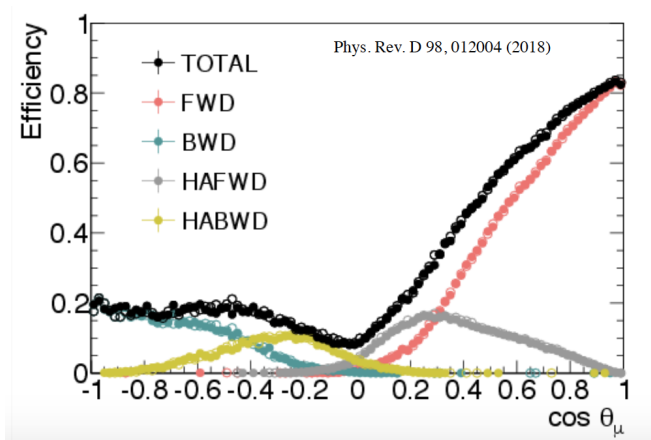
## Current ND280 configuration: advantages

- ▶ Magnetised detector: rejection of wrong sign beam component.
- ▶ Active target.
- ▶ TPCs: 3D reconstruction, charge, momentum and particle ID.
  - ▶ electron and muon separation at  $> 4\sigma$



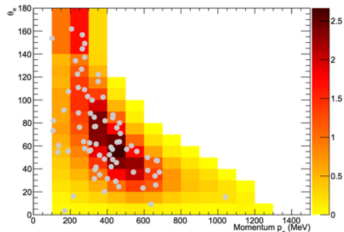
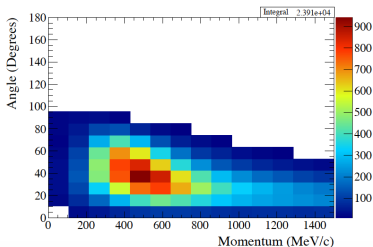
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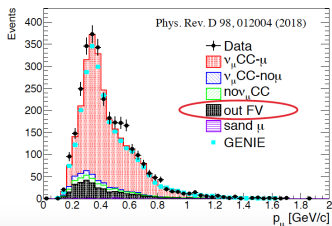
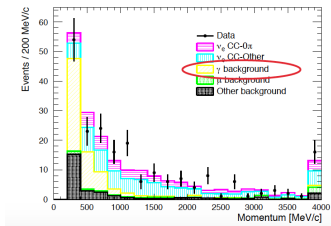
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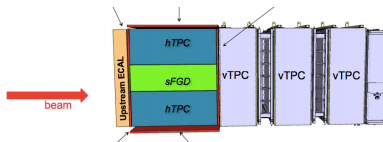
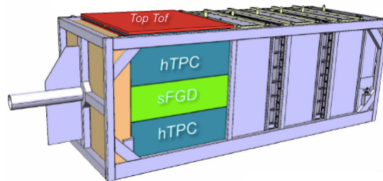
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- ▶ Limited angular acceptance for high-angle and backward tracks.
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- ▶ Poor detection and identification efficiency for  $e < 1$  GeV ( $\gamma$  conversion contamination).
- ▶ No track direction determination: large Out-Of-Fiducial Volume (Out FV) background.



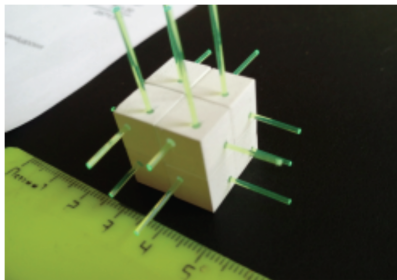
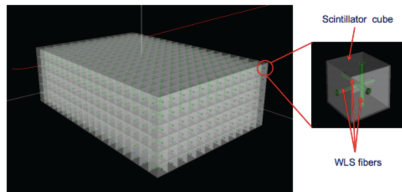
## ND280 upgrade configuration

- ▶ Redesign of upstream part of "Basket" components:
  - ▶ Novel SuperFGD: two tons 3D fine grained plastic scintillator target.
  - ▶ Two new horizontal "high-angle" TPCs (hTPC).
  - ▶ TOF planes all around.
- ▶ Current downstream tracker FGDs + TPCs unchanged
- ▶ Project timeline:
  - ▶ Design and construction 2017-2021.
  - ▶ Installation 2021.
  - ▶ First data taking expected 2022.



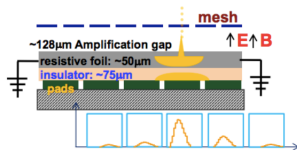
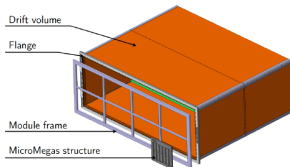
## The SuperFGD

- ▶ Novel design of a 3D fine grained scintillator detector
  - ▶ Active tracking volume from 1 cm-sized plastic scintillator cubes
  - ▶ 2 tons from  $1.92$  (w)  $\times$   $0.56$  (h)  $\times$   $1.92$  (drift)  $\text{m}^3$ .
  - ▶  $2 \times 10^6$  cubes.
  - ▶  $6 \times 10^4$  channels (MPPC readout).
  - ▶ WLS fibers in 3 directions.
- ▶ Detector readout:
  - ▶ 3D view provides detailed 3D reconstruction.
  - ▶  $4\pi$  acceptance.
  - ▶ Tracking for particles entering the TPCs.
  - ▶ Detection of activity around vertex.



## High angle TPCs

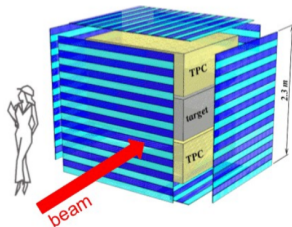
- ▶ Design based on successful operation of T2K TPCs
  - ▶ 2 volumes of  $1.8 (w) \times 0.7 (h) \times 1 (drift) \text{ m}^3$ .
  - ▶ 8 MM per volume.
  - ▶ Same T2K voltage and gas.
  - ▶ 2% material budget.
  - ▶ Momentum resolution of 10% at 1 GeV.
- ▶ Two main changes w.r.t existing TPCs:
  - ▶ **Field cage:** reduced dead space and maximised tracking volume, single wall box for gas containment and electrical insulation.
  - ▶ **Resistive MicroMegas:** charge spread on pads, good detection performance also for short drift distances: similar point resolution with larger pads: fewer electronics channels: protection of FE electronics from sparks no longer needed so more compact electronics maximises acceptance.



$$\Rightarrow \rho(r,t) = \frac{RC}{2t} e^{-\frac{r^2 RC}{4t}}$$

## TOF system

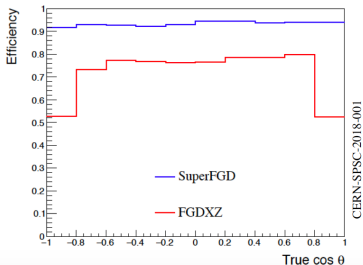
- ▶ TOF planes surround new tracker (sFGD + hTPCs).
- ▶ Purpose: determination of particle direction for better rejection of incoming background.
- ▶ TOF structure.
  - ▶ Panels of cast scintillator bars of  $230 (l) \times 12 (h) \times 1 (w) \text{ cm}^3$ .
  - ▶ Arrays of  $8 \times 6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$  SiPMs.
  - ▶ 2 sides readout.
  - ▶ 150 ps resolution.



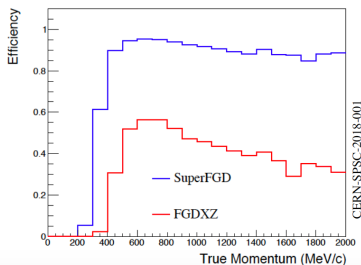
## Upgrade: expected performances from simulations

- ▶ Optimal design defined from simulations: 3D view is key:
  - ▶ sFGD: high reconstruction efficiency in all directions ( $\sim 90\%$  for muons).
  - ▶ sFGD: lower detection thresholds for protons ( $\sim 300$  MeV).

muon reconstruction efficiency

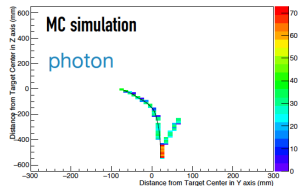
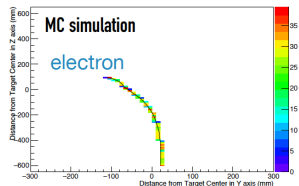
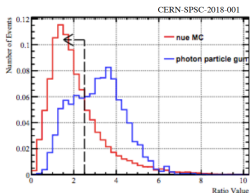


proton detection threshold



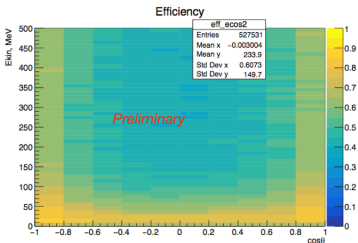
## sFGD pattern recognition

- ▶ sFGD high granularity allows for excellent pattern recognition.
- ▶ Disentangling one/two tracks looking at the light yields in first cubes.
  - ▶ disentangling electrons from photon conversion ( $\nu_e$  background.)



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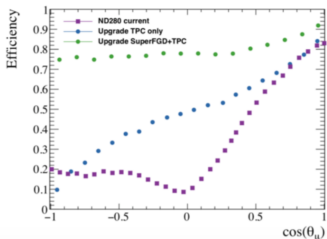
- ▶ Neutron detection would be of great interest for neutrino interaction models studies.
  - ▶ Preliminary studies of SuperFGD detection efficiency look very promising.
  - ▶ Further developments are ongoing (energy/angular resolution, gamma background discrimination).





## Upgrade: expected performances from simulations

- ▶ Larger angular acceptance from new TPCs and TOF.
  - ▶ Reconstruction efficiency expected to drastically improve.
  - ▶ ... especially for high-angle and backward going tracks.
- ▶ Approx.  $\times 2$  more events expected for a given exposure thanks to larger target mass.
- ▶ Further reduction in the OOFV background thanks to the TOF.



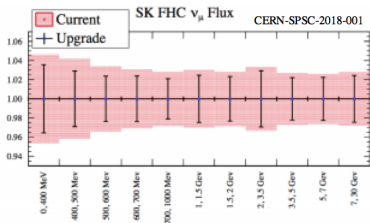
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Selection	Current-like	Upgrade-like
$\nu_\mu$ ( $\nu$ beam)	93,401	194,654
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ( $\bar{\nu}$ beam)	33,437	63,687
$\nu_\mu$ ( $\bar{\nu}$ beam)	17,998	33,773

expected numbers for  $1 \times 10^{21}$  POT

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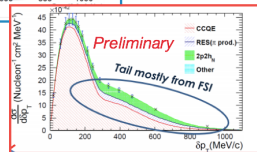
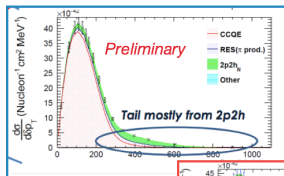
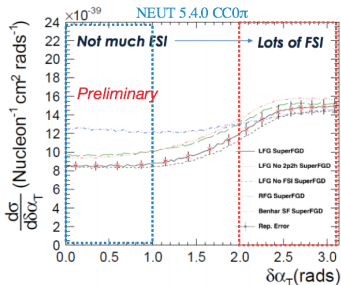
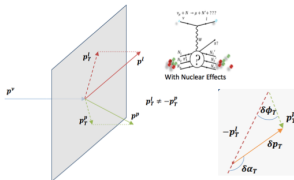
- ▶ ND280 upgrade estimated impact on T2K oscillation analyses.
- ▶ Low momentum thresholds and full angle coverage will contribute better samples to study nuclear effects.
- ▶ Work in progress to demonstrate the capability of the new detector configuration to disentangle possible wrong/incomplete cross-section models.



Parameters	Reduction of the uncertainty
Flux	20 %
$\sigma_\nu$ (CCQE/2p2h)	20% - 40%
FSI	45 %
$\sigma_\nu$ ( $Q^2$ dependent)	25 %

# EXPECTED PERFORMANCES

- ▶ Low momentum threshold and full angle coverage will grant better samples to study nuclear effects
- ▶ Single Transverse Variable analyses with the upgrade geometry seems to be very powerful to disentangle nuclear effects



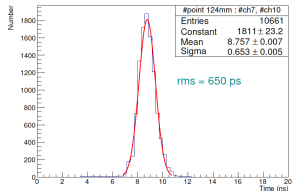
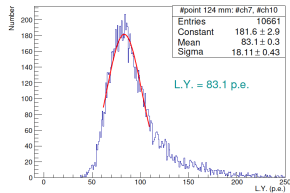
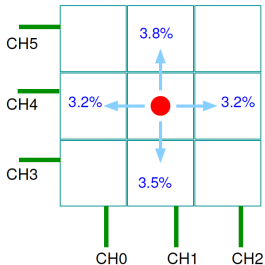
## SuperFGD prototypes

- ▶ Extruded scintillator bars cut to cubes:
  - ▶ Polyesterene based, 1.5 % PTP, 0.01% POPOP.
  - ▶ Reflective coating 30 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  from chemical etching of surface.
  - ▶ ... NIM A469 (2001) 340.
  - ▶ Kuraray WLS fiber (S-type, dia 1.0 mm).
  - ▶ Eljen EJ-500 optical cement.
  - ▶ Custom optical connector.
- ▶  $5 \times 5 \times 5$  proto tested at CERN Oct. 2017
  - ▶ Light yield
  - ▶ Optical crosstalk
  - ▶ Time resolution
- ▶  $48 \times 24 \times 8$  proto tested at CERN summer 2018
  - ▶ Tested in 0.2 T magnet.
  - ▶ Readout electronics optimisation and calibration.
  - ▶ Track and pattern recognition.
  - ▶ Stopping protons.
  - ▶ Photon conversion.

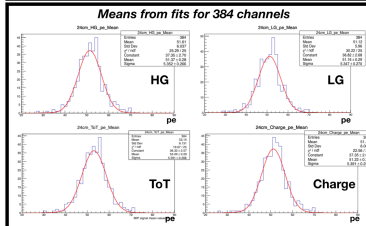
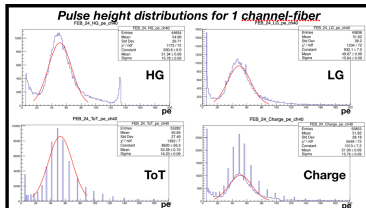
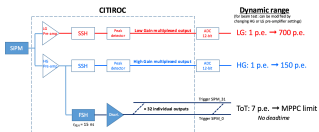
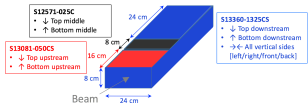


►  $5 \times 5 \times 5$  prototype.

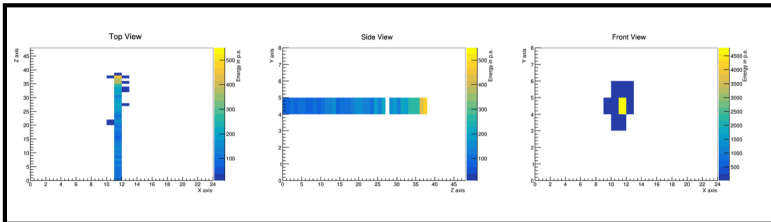
- Charge and time spectra for a single cube, two fibers.
- Time resolution for a cube with two fibers is  $\sigma_t = 0.65 - 0.71$  ns .
- Crosstalk average value is 3.7 % per side of cube.



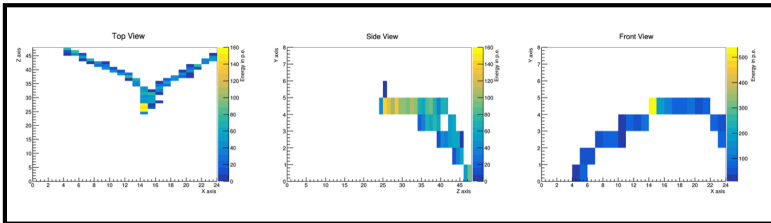
- ▶ 48 × 24 × 8 prototype.
  - ▶ 1728 MPPCs: 3 types.
- ▶ Baby MIND electronics
- ▶ Calibration for beam tests:
  - ▶ Use LED at low p.e.
  - ▶ Use beam particles at higher p.e.

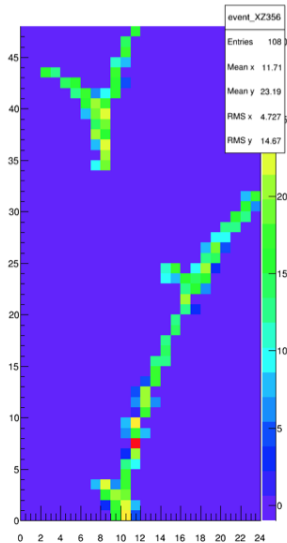


Stopped Proton



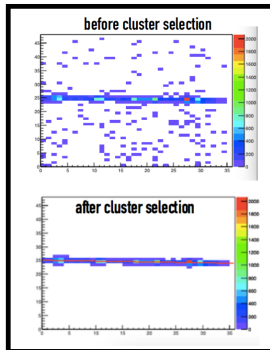
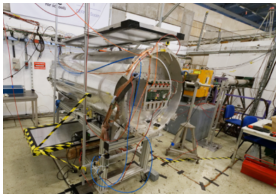
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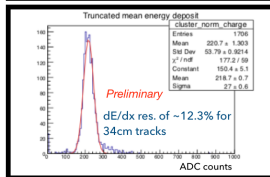




- ▶ TPC test beam at CERN this summer 2018.
- ▶ Using HARP TPC field cage with one resistive MM.
- ▶ Different beam settings, cosmic and radioactive source data collected to study the resistive MM performances.
- ▶ Data being analysed, but preliminary results look promising.



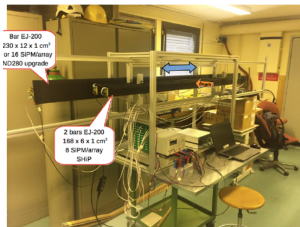
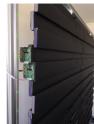
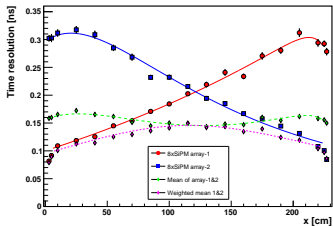
Muon track



Muon dE/dx

► Several tests of TOF prototypes at CERN.

- Autumn 2017:  $\sim 70$  ps time res. for 1.5 m bars.
- Summer 2018: panels prototypes with  $168 \times 6 \times 1 \text{ cm}^3$  bars tested.
- Autumn 2018: beam test with ND280 upgrade bars.



- ▶ The **ND280** detectors play a significant role in the reduction of flux and cross-section systematics in T2K oscillation analyses.
- ▶ Since **2009** they have performed very well. However the current design configuration does have **Limitations**.
- ▶ An **upgrade** of the detector suite is underway to strengthen T2K physics potential.
  - ▶ *Detectors tested this summer at CERN-PS  
... including a novel 3D fine grained scintillator detector*
  - ▶ *Installation of final detectors foreseen at J-PARC for summer 2021.*