

T2K Research at Warwick

- An introduction and status of T2K
- UK and Warwick contribution to T2K
- Cross section studies at Warwick
- Plans for the future



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T2K



Super-Kamiokande
(ICRR, Univ. Tokyo)



J-PARC Main Ring
(KEK-JAEA, Tokai)



Long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment with the goal to measure θ_{13} and, possibly, CP violation in the lepton sector

Neutrino Oscillations

Flavour states $\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = U_{\text{MNS}} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$ Mass States

$$U_{\text{MNS}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Atm and long baseline
beams

reactor/LBL

Solar/reactor

Knowledge pre-Neutrino 2012

$$|\Delta m_{21}^2| \simeq 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$$

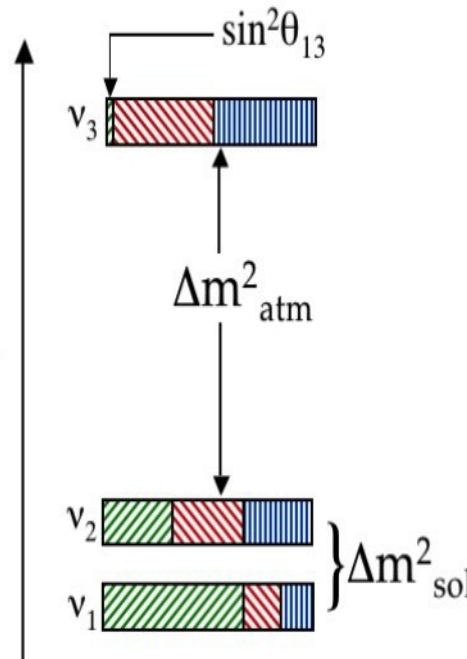
$$|\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

$$\theta_{12} = 34^\circ \pm 3^\circ$$

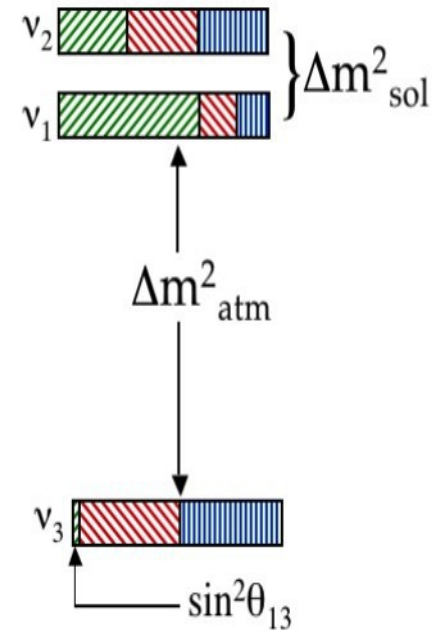
$$\theta_{13} < 0.15 @ 90\% \text{C.L.}$$

$$\theta_{23} = 45^\circ \pm 5^\circ$$

(Mass)²



or



Normal

Inverted

$$\text{Green hatched box } \nu_e [|U_{ei}|^2]$$

$$\text{Red hatched box } \nu_\mu [|U_{\mu i}|^2]$$

$$\text{Blue hatched box } \nu_\tau [|U_{\tau i}|^2]$$

T2K Physics Goals

1. Precise muon neutrino disappearance measurement

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E \right)$$

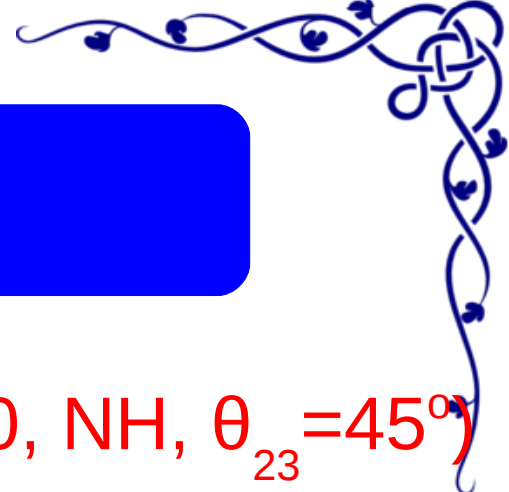
2. Measure parameters governing ν_e appearance

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L/E \right)$$

3. Maybe see a hint of CP violation if θ_{13} large

$$\frac{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) - P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) + P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin \delta_{CP}}{4 E_\nu \sin \theta_{13}}$$

Recent news on θ_{13}



T2K (June 2011) : $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim 0.104^{+0.060}_{-0.045}$ ($\delta_{CP} = 0$, NH, $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$)

Daya Bay (arxiv:1203.1669)

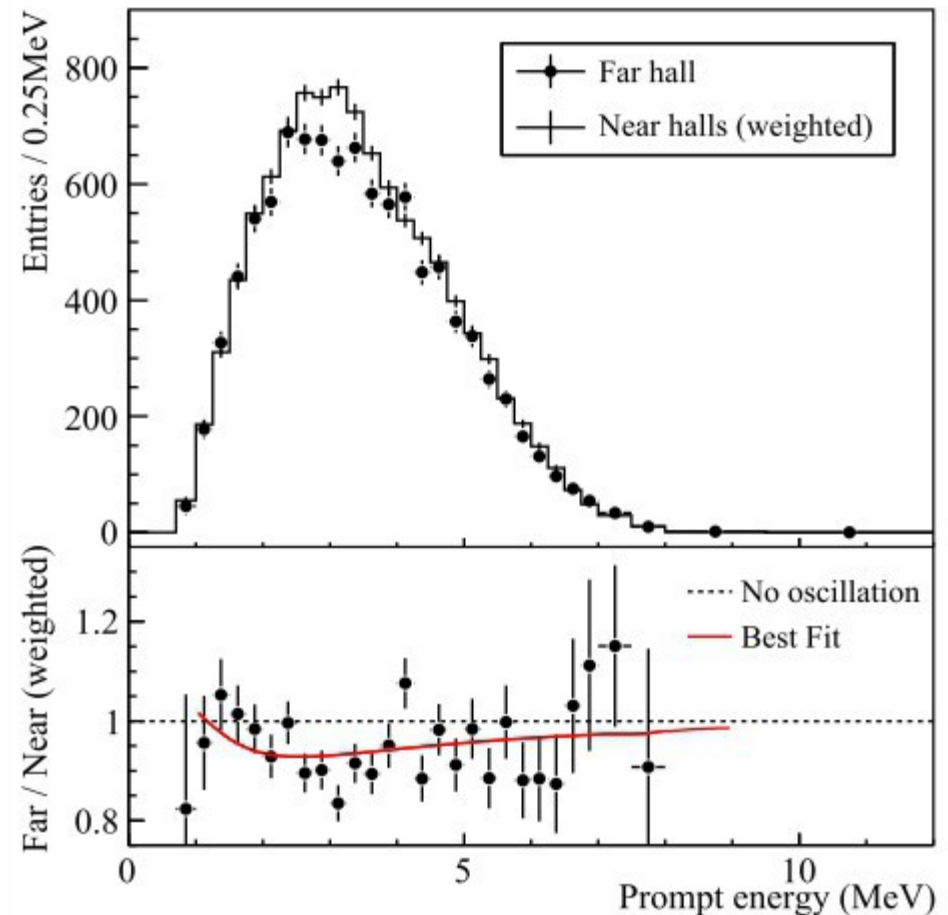
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.01$$

RENO (arxiv:1204.0626)

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.113 \pm 0.016$$

θ_{13} is large! Good!

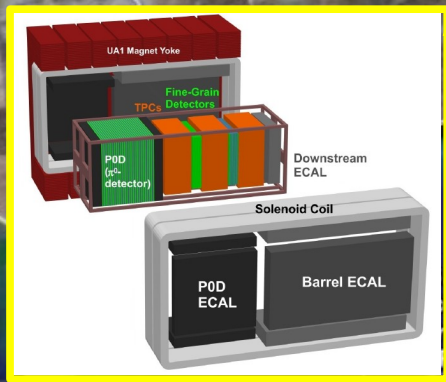
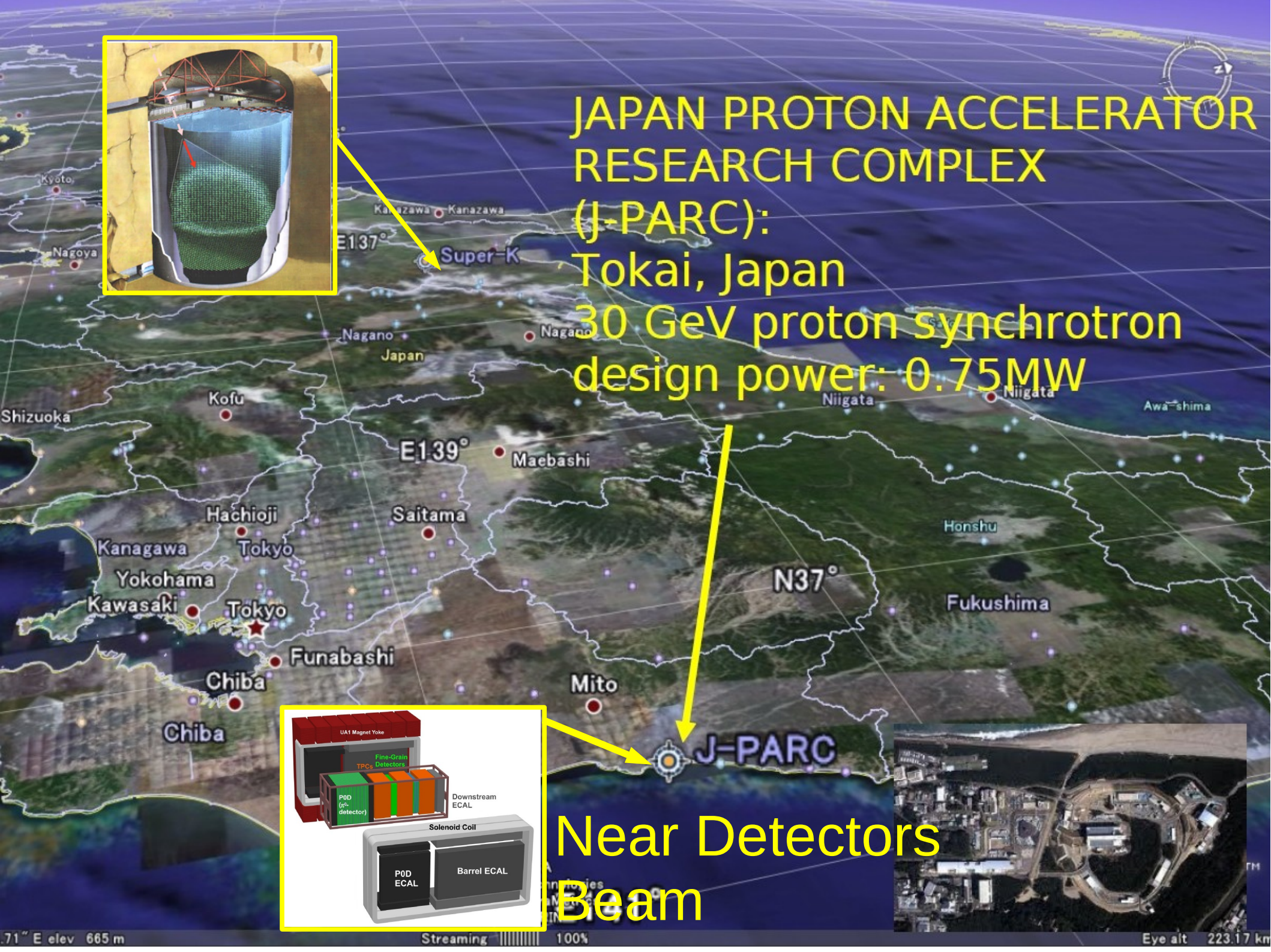
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JAPAN PROTON ACCELERATOR RESEARCH COMPLEX (J-PARC):

Tokai, Japan

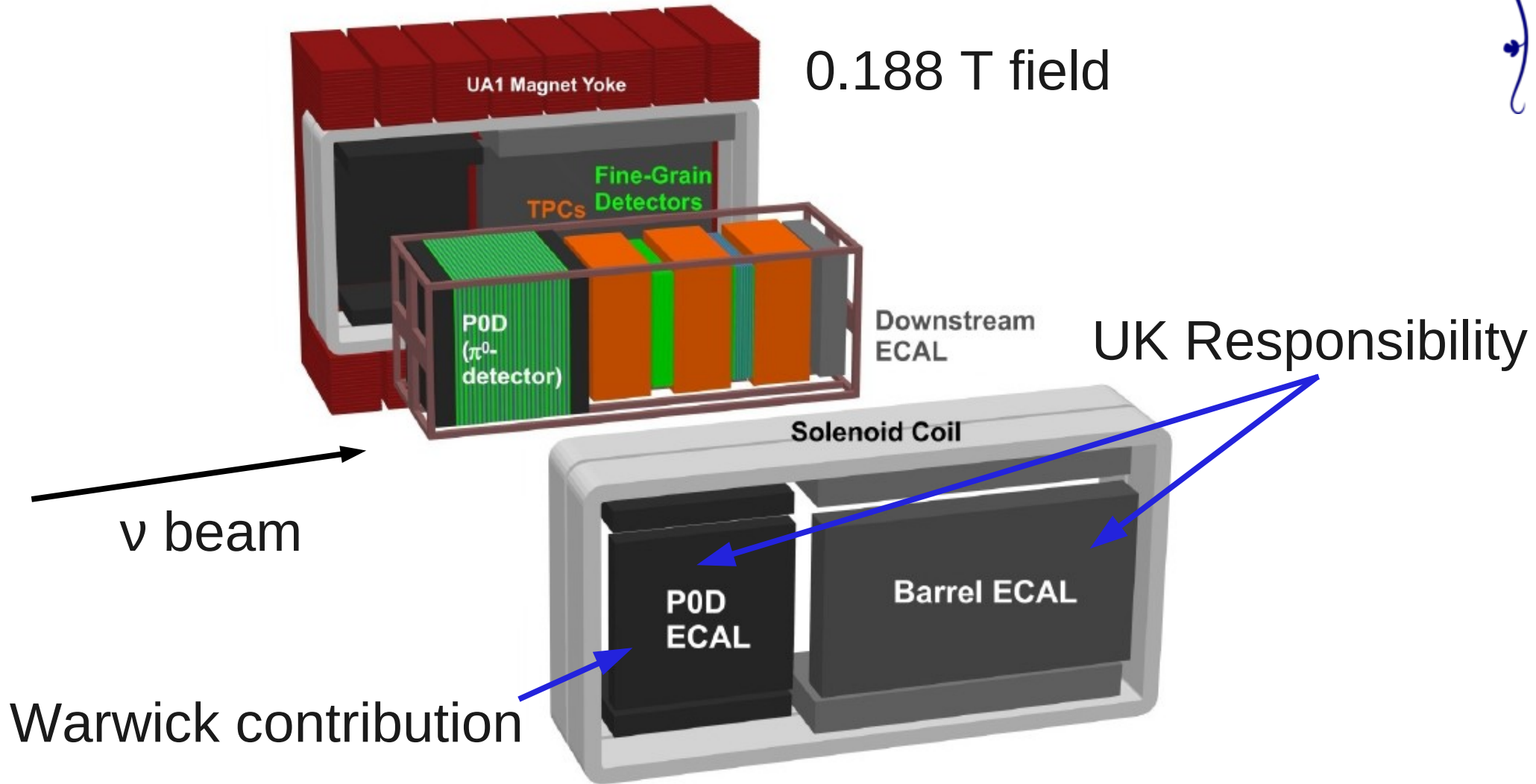
30 GeV proton synchrotron
design power: 0.75MW



Near Detectors Beam



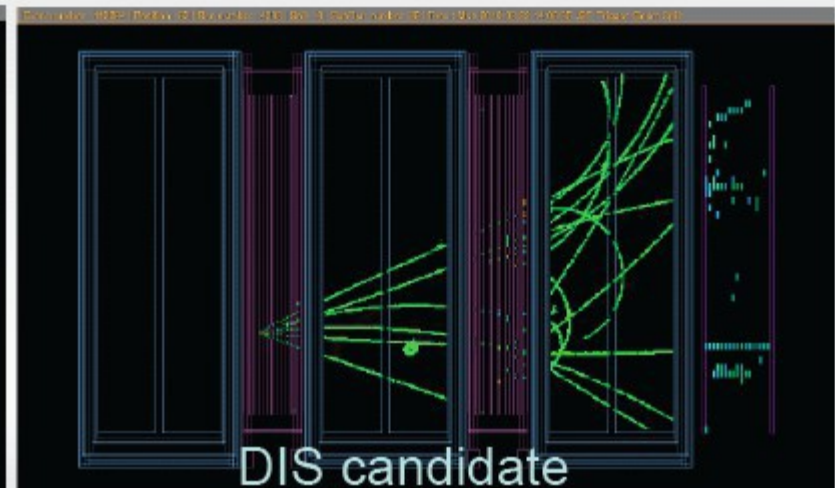
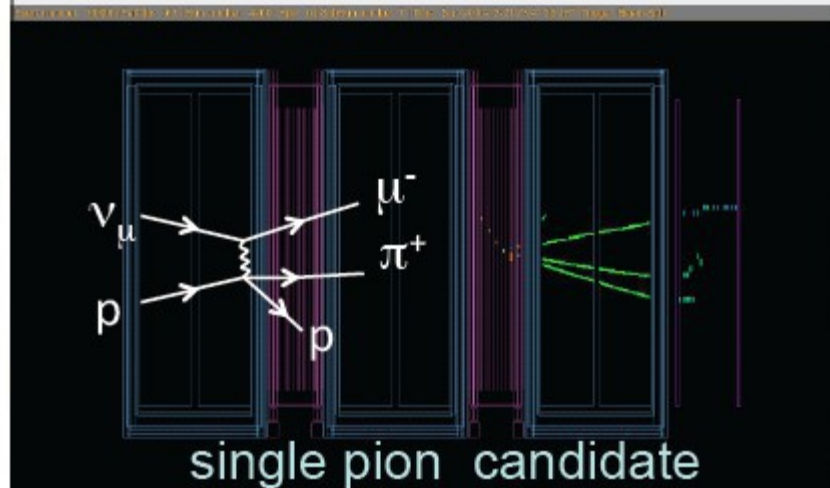
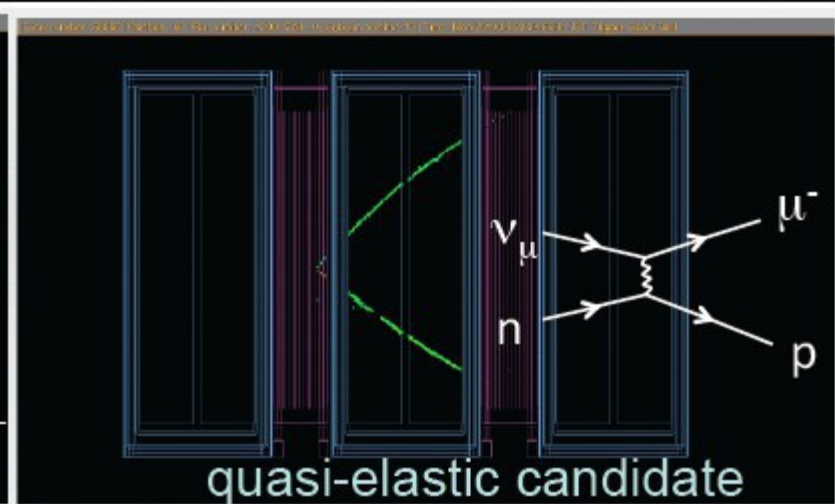
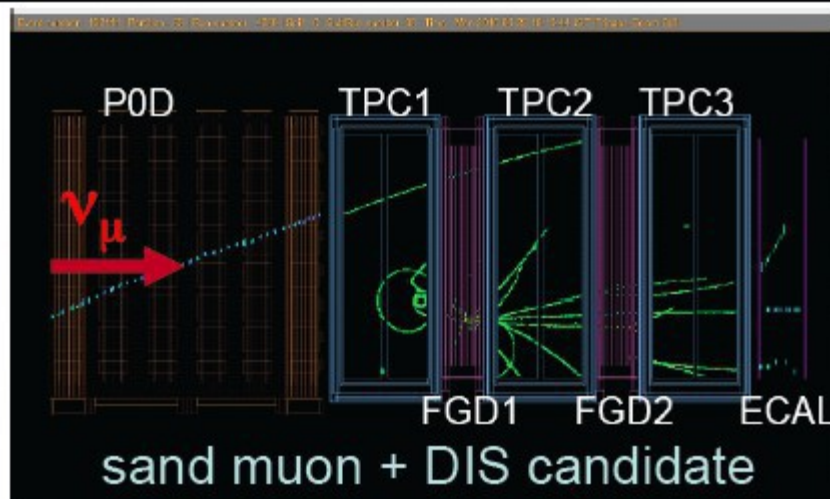
ND280



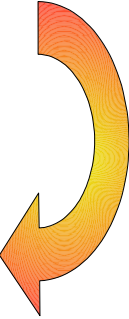
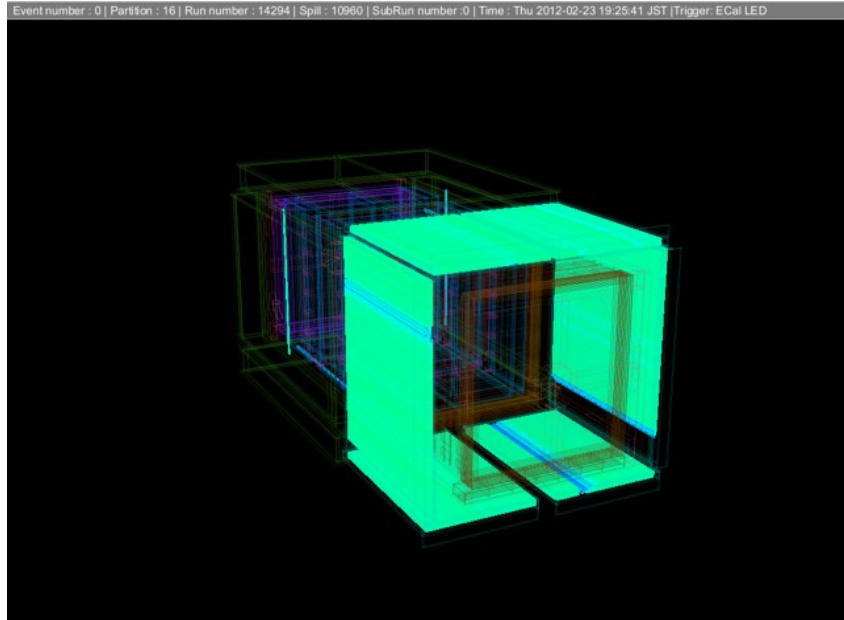
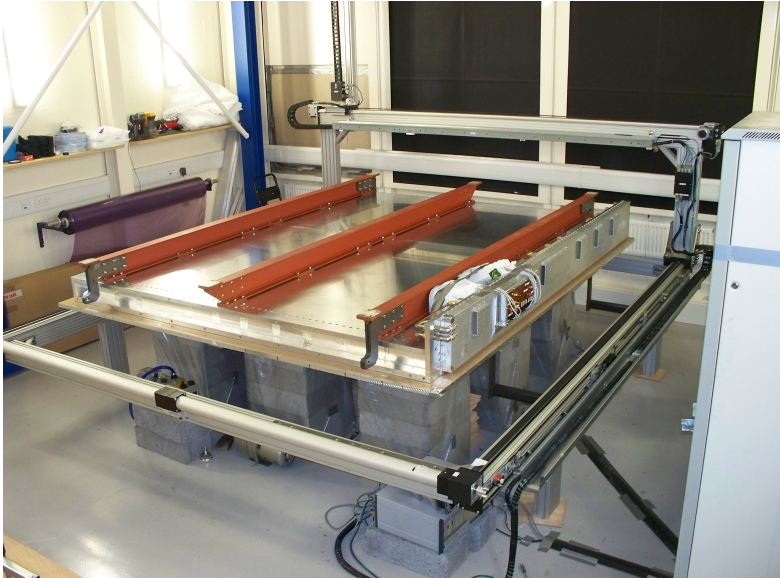
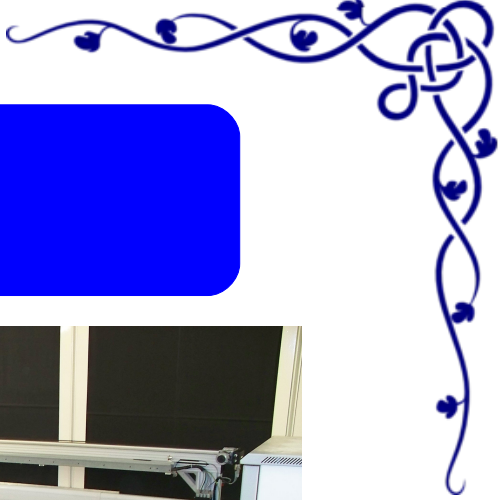
Measure flux and spectrum before neutrinos oscillate

Event Mug-shots

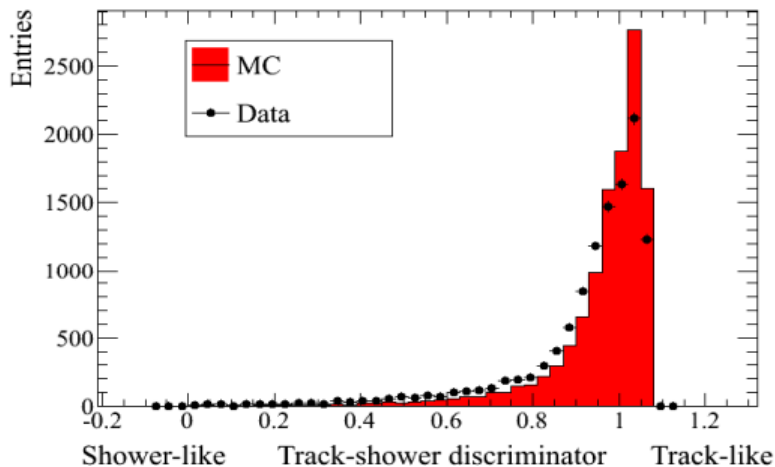
ND280 off-axis event gallery



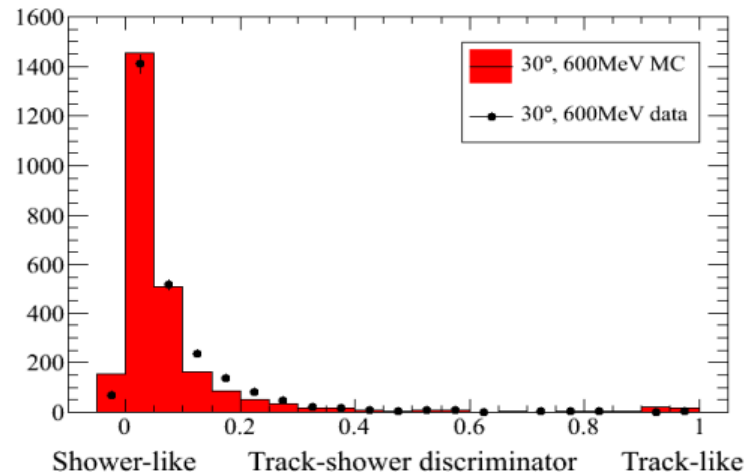
ECAL @ Warwick



Warwick: PID with the ECAL



(a) Through-going muons in the T2K beam.



(b) Electrons in the DS ECAL test beam.

D. Hadley
A. Furmanski
C. Lister

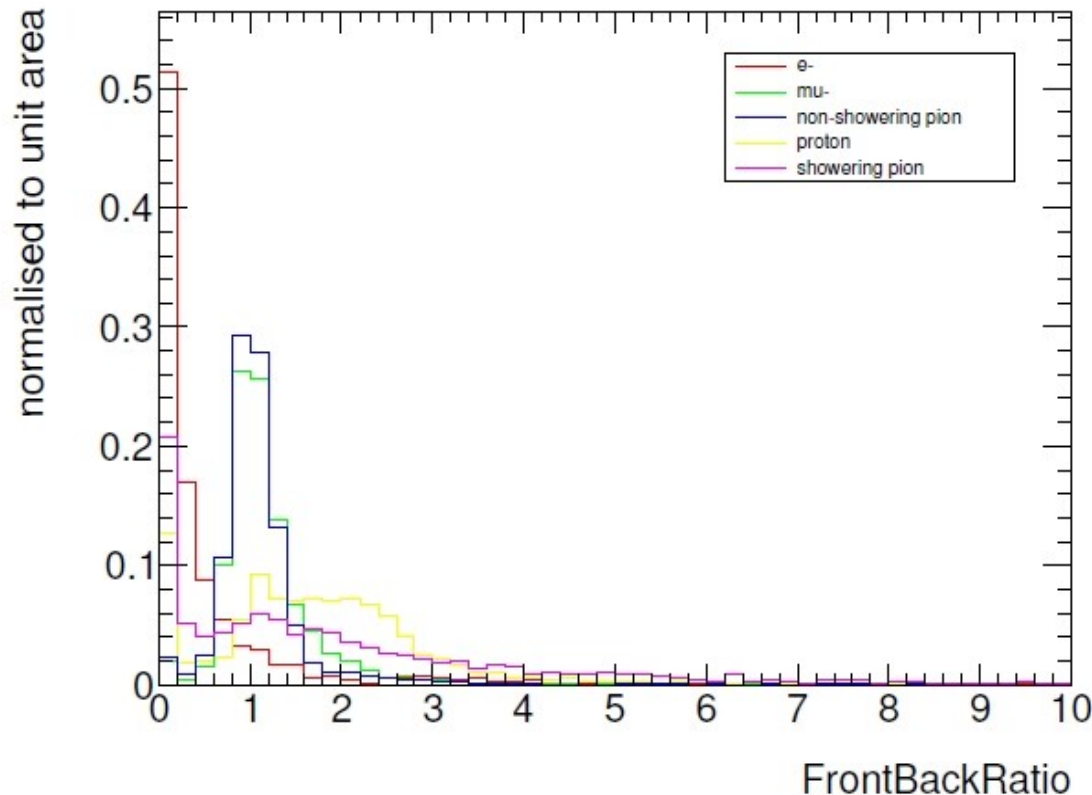
The ECAL has become vital for particle identification in the ND280

Currently a track/shower discriminator

- Disappearance analysis
- θ_{13} measurement
- Antineutrino analysis
- CC inclusive analysis
- All pion channel analyses
- Coherent π^0 analyses

Upcoming work

Simple track-shower has been extremely useful. The ECAL can, however, provide more. Track/Shower is now being replaced with likelihoods to distinguish between different topologies



- Track/Shower
- Muon/Showering pion
- Electron/photon
- EM/Hadronic Shower
- Shower/Highly ionising tracks (protons)

D. Hadley

A. Furmanski



Service Operations

P. Litchfield - stationed in Japan - holds leading roles in T2K

Run Coordinator

Post-earthquake and Safety committee

ECAL Calibration implementation

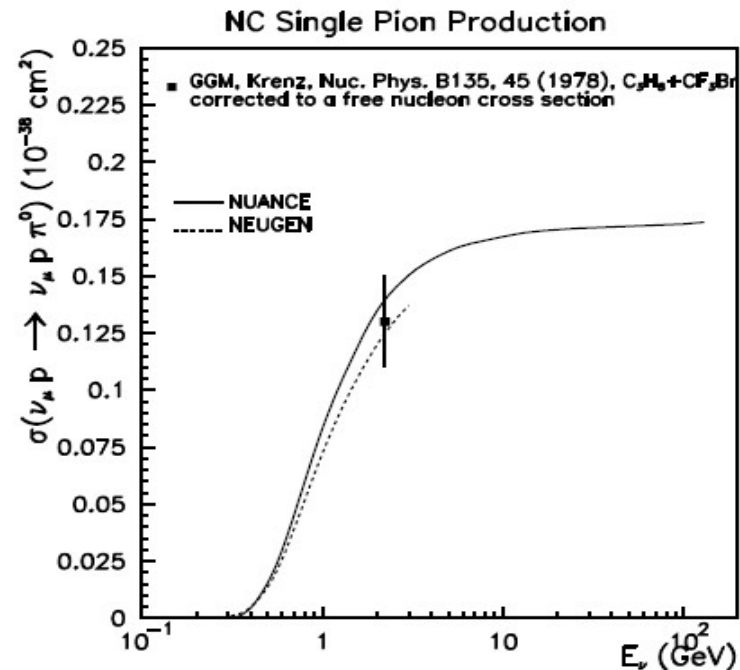
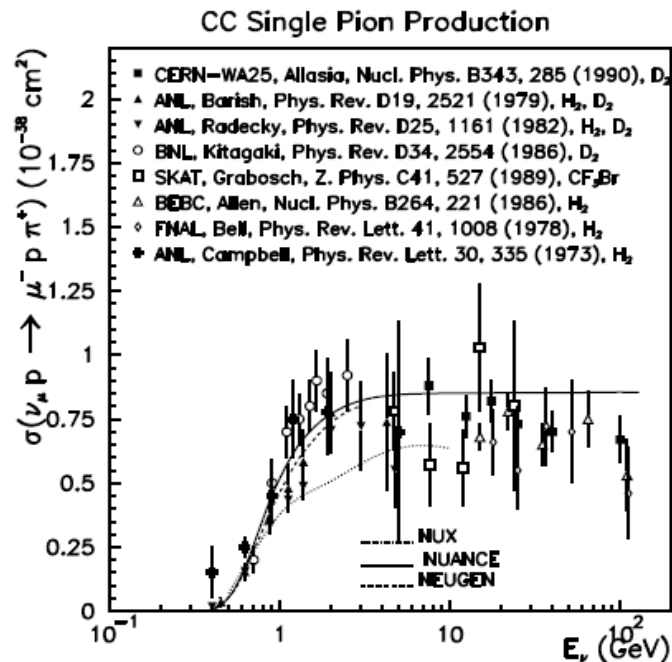
ND280 Software convener

C. Lister, A. Furmanski, D. Hadley leading analysis of ECAL Testbeam which has been crucial to our understanding of ECAL PID (see later)

Cross sections

The ND280 and high beam power is a good opportunity to study neutrino cross sections at 1 GeV or so.

Data in this region is sparse (although getting better) and affected by poorly understood nuclear effects



Cross sections

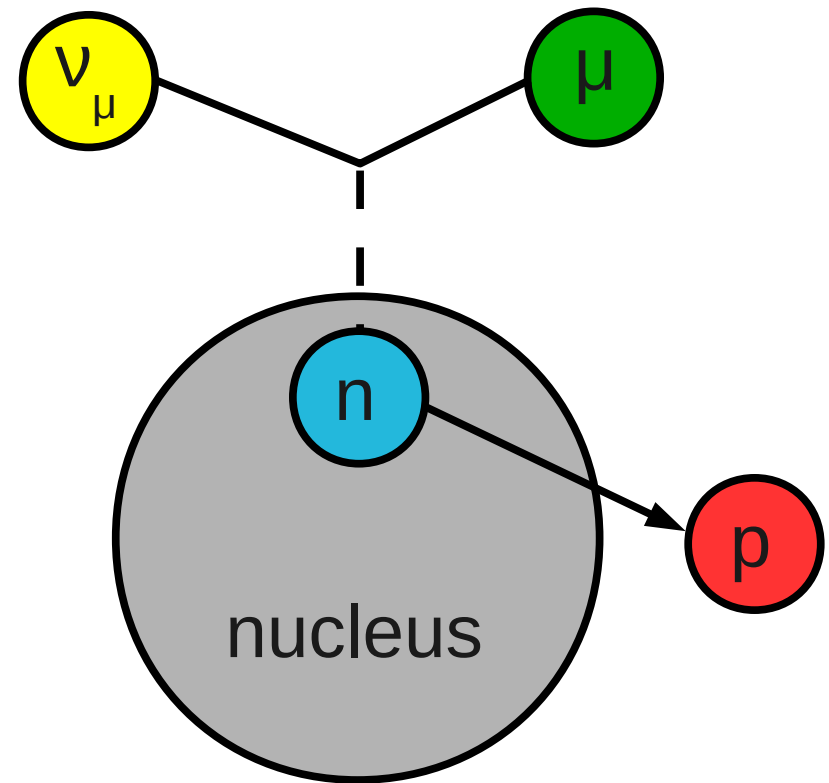
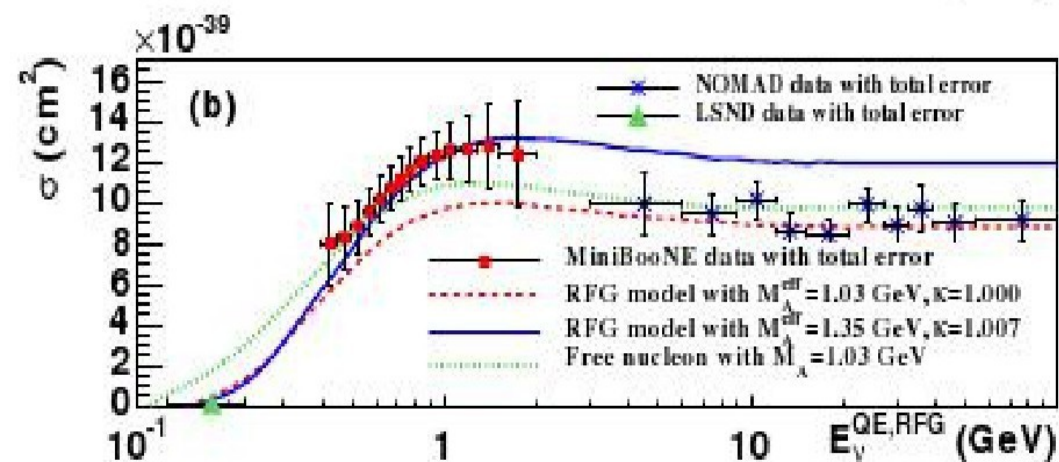
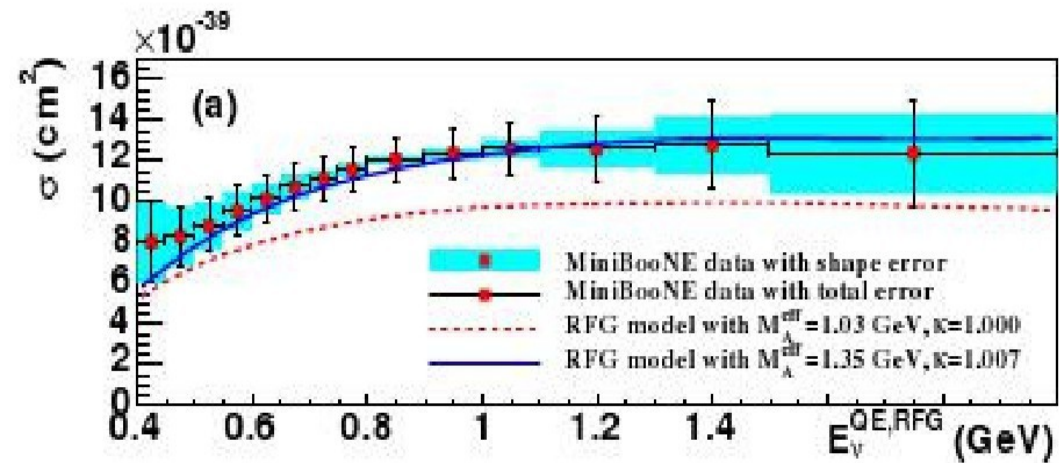
Source	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0$	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$
(1) neutrino flux	$\pm 8.5\%$	$\pm 8.5\%$
(2) near detector	$+5.6\%$ -5.2%	$+5.6\%$ -5.2%
(3) near det. statistics	$\pm 2.7\%$	$\pm 2.7\%$
(4) cross section	$\pm 14.0\%$	$\pm 10.5\%$
(5) far detector	$\pm 14.7\%$	$\pm 9.4\%$
Total $\delta N_{SK}^{exp} / N_{SK}^{exp}$	$+22.8\%$ -22.7%	$+17.6\%$ -17.5%

Channel contributions

Error source	syst. error on N_{SK}^{exp}	
CC QE shape	3.1%	→ D. Hadley
CC 1π	2.2%	
CC Coherent π	3.1%	→ D. Scully
CC Other	4.4%	
NC $1\pi^0$	5.3%	
NC Coherent π	2.3%	
NC Other	2.3%	
$\sigma(\nu_e)$	3.4%	
FSI	10.1%	→ All
Total	14.0%	

Quasi-Elastic Scattering

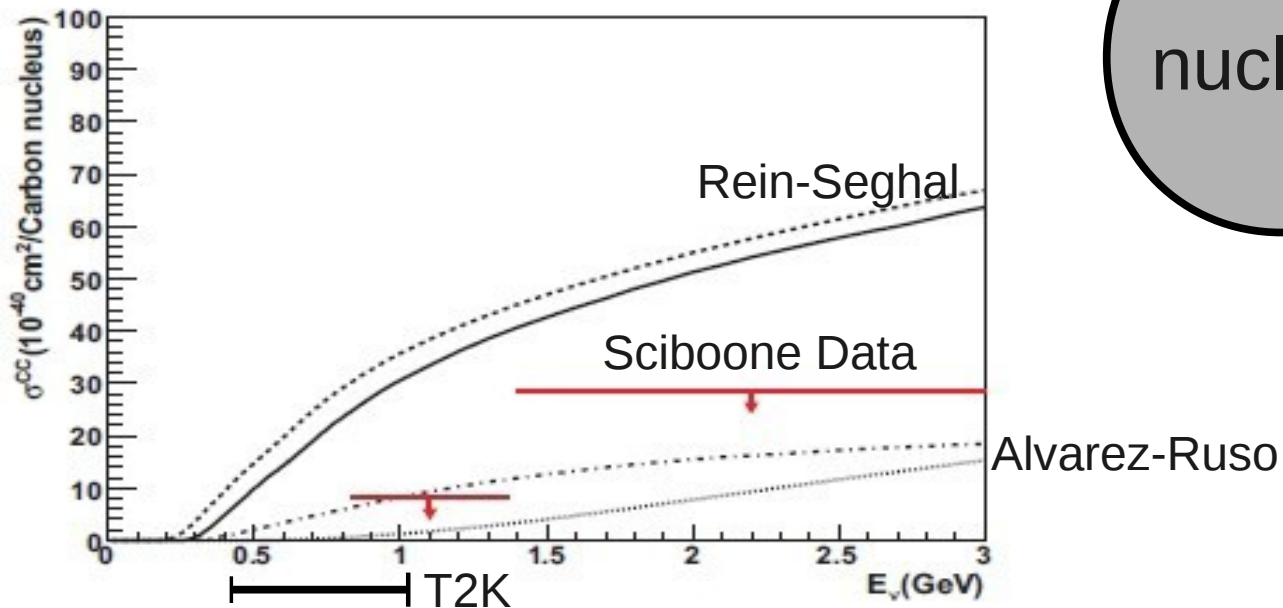
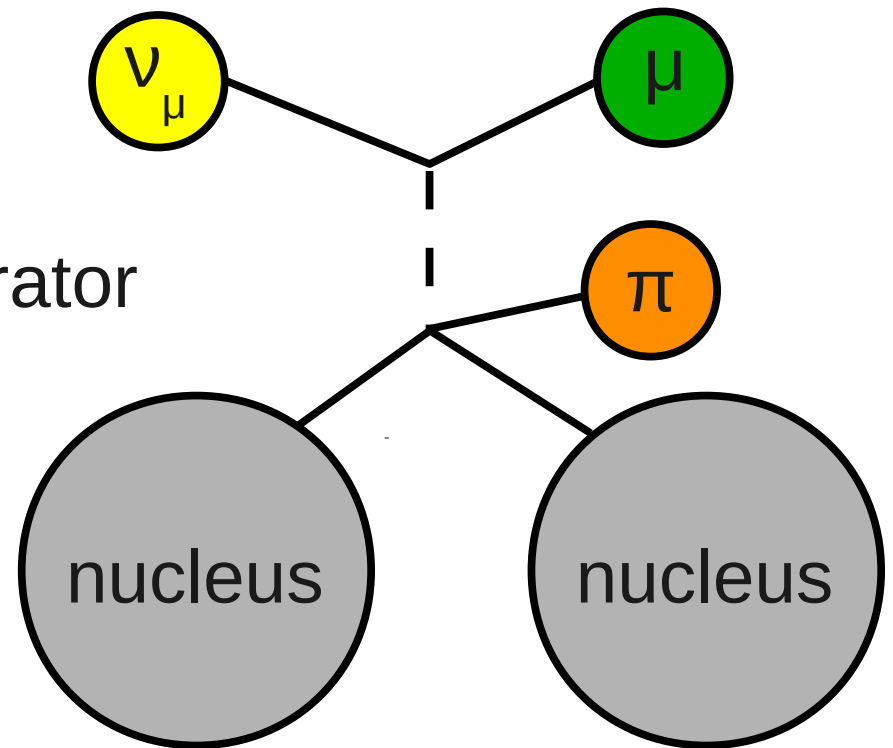
Most important process in T2K. Still there are issues with our understanding. **D. Hadley** is trying to make a measurement of the cross section on carbon



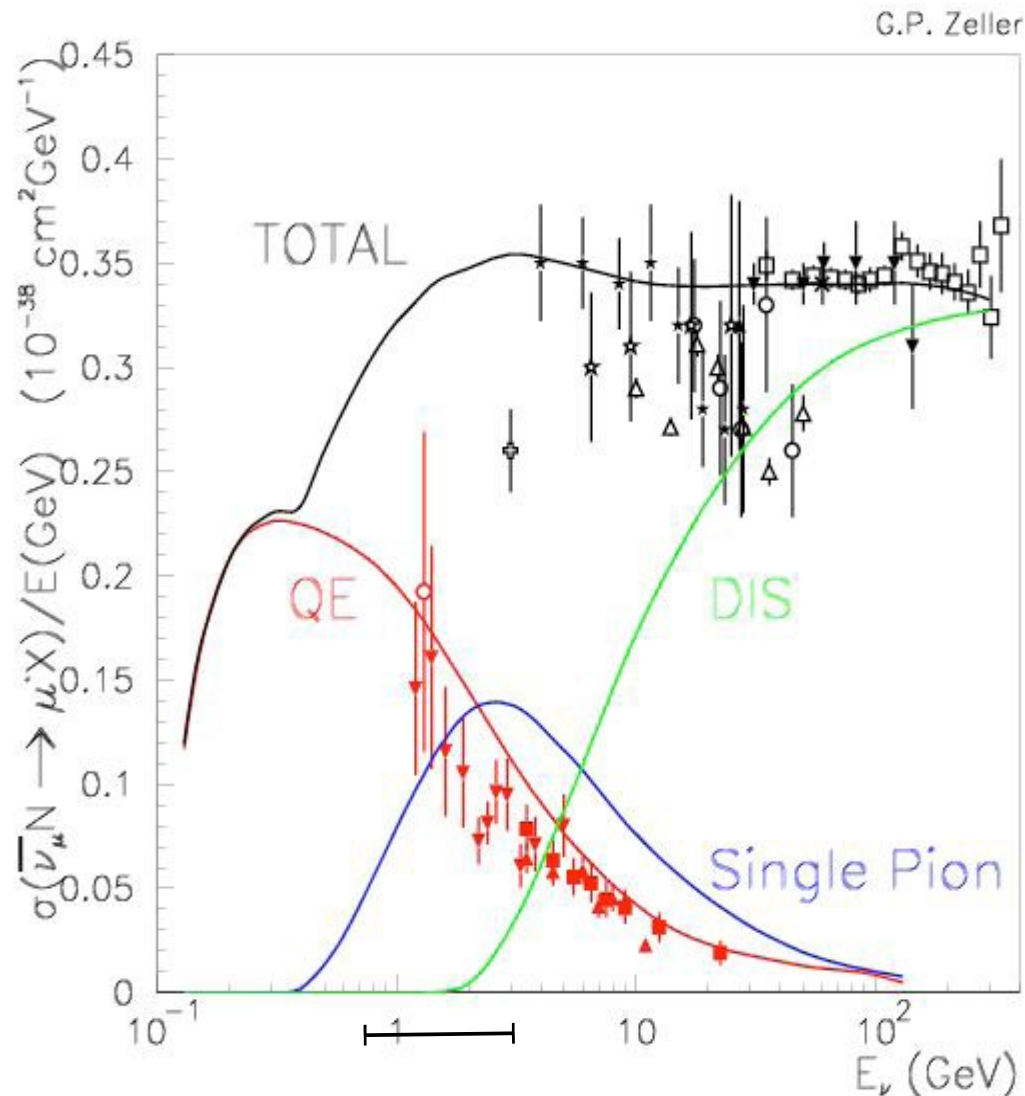
Coherent pion production

Coherent process is not well understood

D. Scully is implementing a new model in GENIE - the event generator commonly used in neutrino experiments



Antineutrino Cross-sections



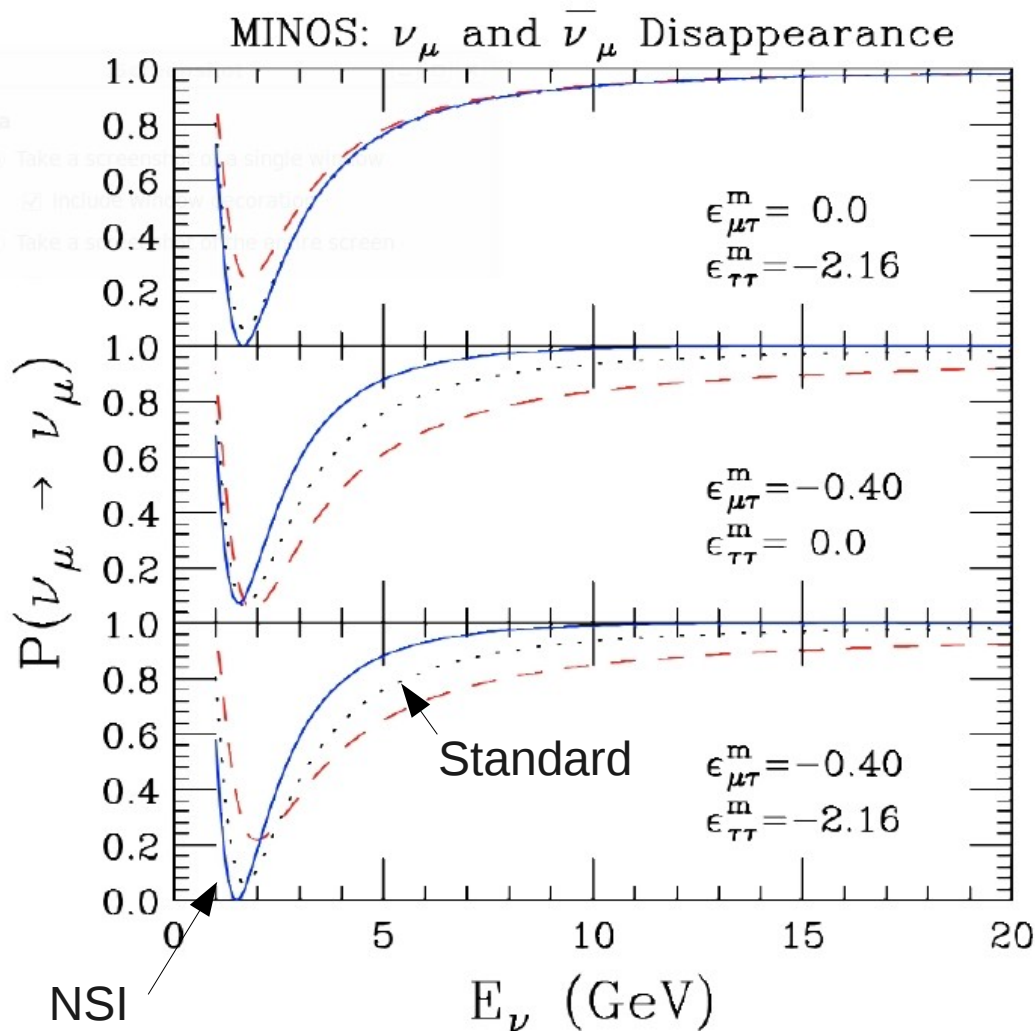
Total antineutrino cross section at a few GeV is very poorly, or even **not**, known

Dominant systematic for conventional long-baseline CP violation measurement

C. Lister looking at $\bar{\nu}$ in the current ν beam in expectation of $\bar{\nu}$ running after 2014

PID is extremely important for this study

Non-Standard Oscillations



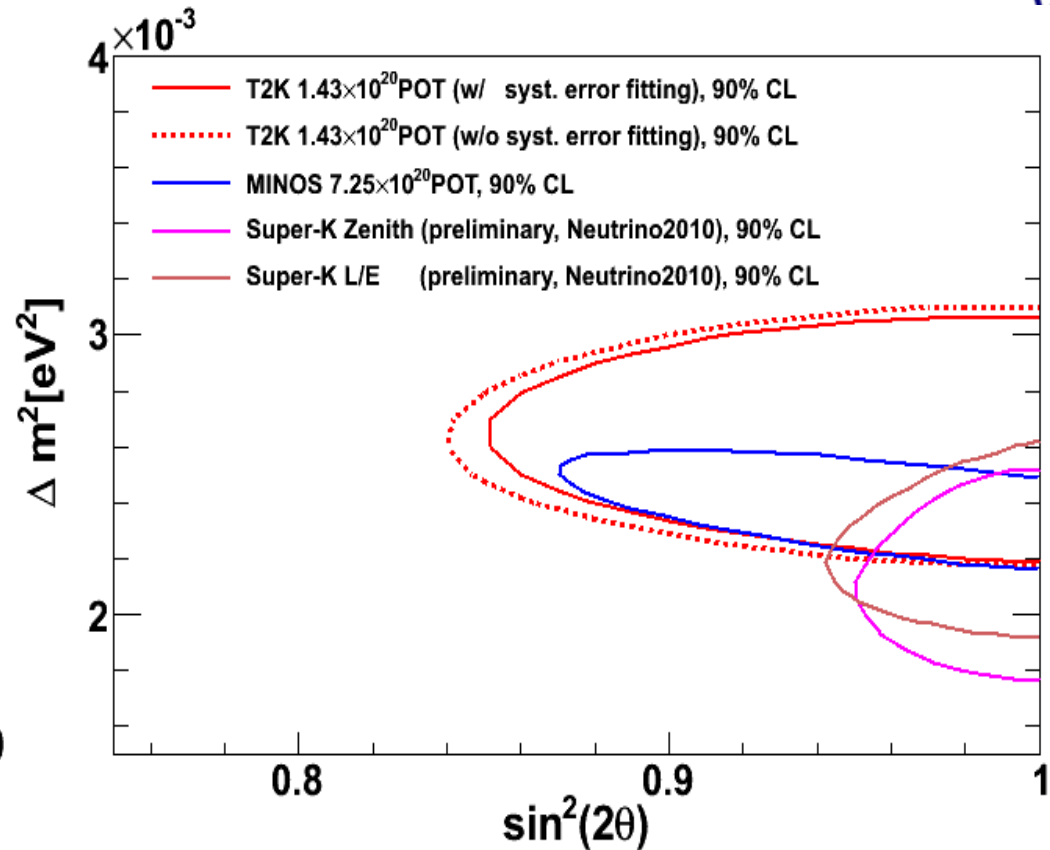
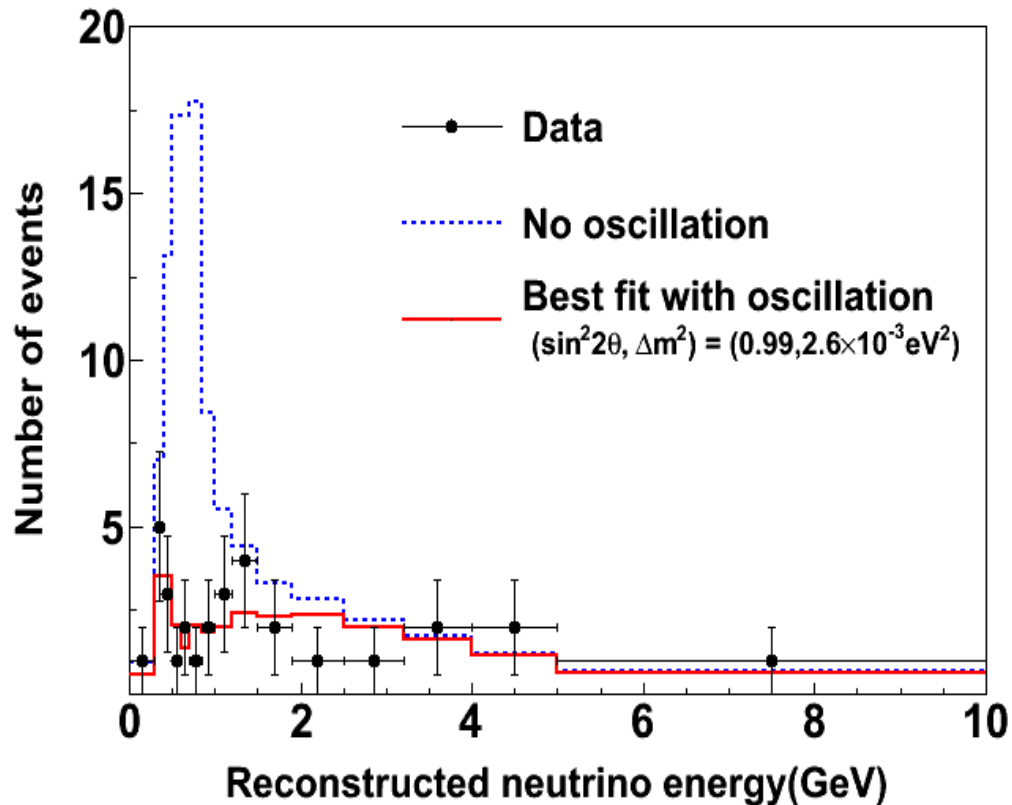
Kopp, Machado and Parke (2010)

Neutrino oscillations are sensitive to non-standard interactions, steriles and extra-dimensions

P. Litchfield studying T2K sensitivity to sterile signals

S. Dennis (Warwick/RAL) looking at Lorentz violation effects.

Disappearance Analysis



Already competitive with 2% of the data. Recent data suggests that the mixing angle is not maximal. Significant improvement in θ_{23} and tests of maximal mixing expected.

P. Litchfield studying measurement of θ_{23} octant



T2K Future

- Verify reactor θ_{13} measurements with neutrinos
- World-leading measurement of disappearance parameters
- World-leading measurement of low energy cross sections
- Onwards to CP violation
- T2K has only taken about 4% of its total data.
- Warwick group taking leading roles in many of the key areas