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# Neutrino Oscillation Analysis with Combined Data from Super-Kamiokande and T2K

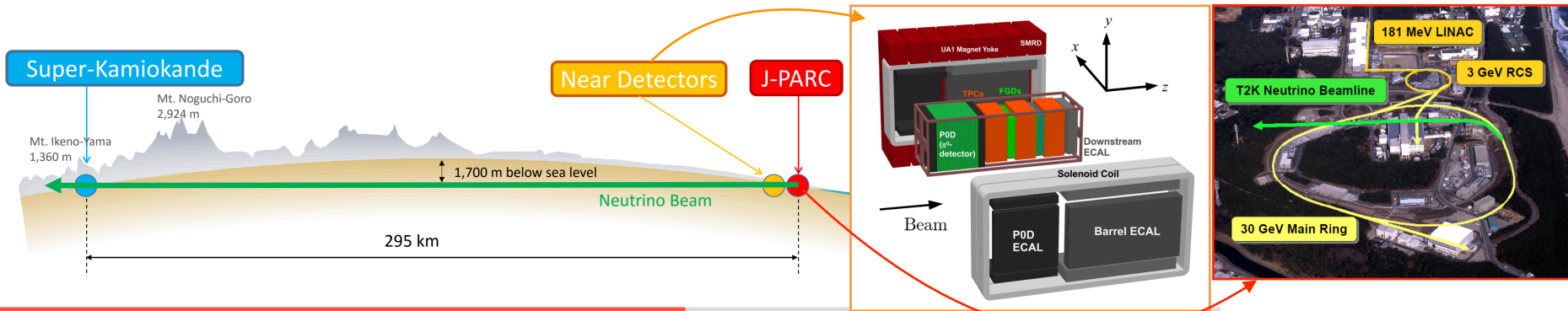
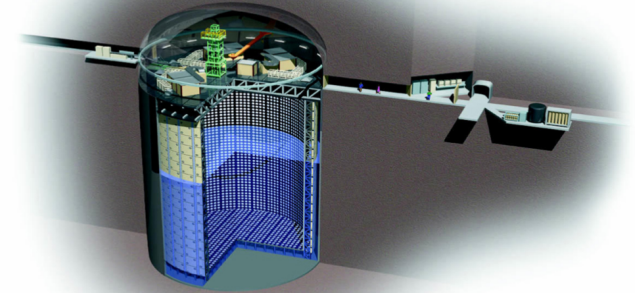
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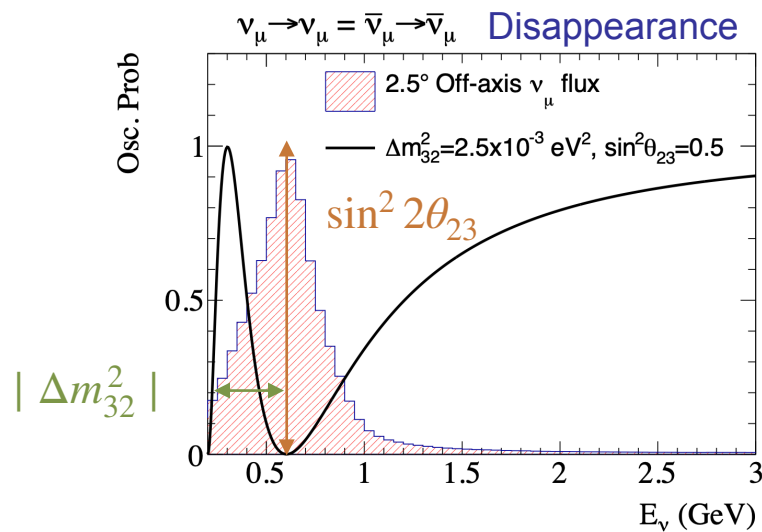
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- ▶ **Super-Kamiokande (SK)** experiment: 50 kton water Cherenkov detector located in Gifu, Japan.
  - ▶ Measure atmospheric neutrinos (wide ranges of  $E_\nu$  and  $L$ ).
  - ▶ Good separation of  $e$  and  $\mu$ .
  - ▶ Cannot separate  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  event-by-event.
- ▶ **Tokai-to-Kamioka (T2K)** experiment: a long baseline ( $L \simeq 295$  km) neutrino oscillation experiment in Japan.
  - ▶ Primary  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  beam ( $E_\nu \simeq 0.6$  GeV) produced at the J-PARC.
  - ▶ Near detector ND280 is used to constrain cross-section and flux models.
  - ▶ **SK** is used as far detector to measure neutrino after oscillation.

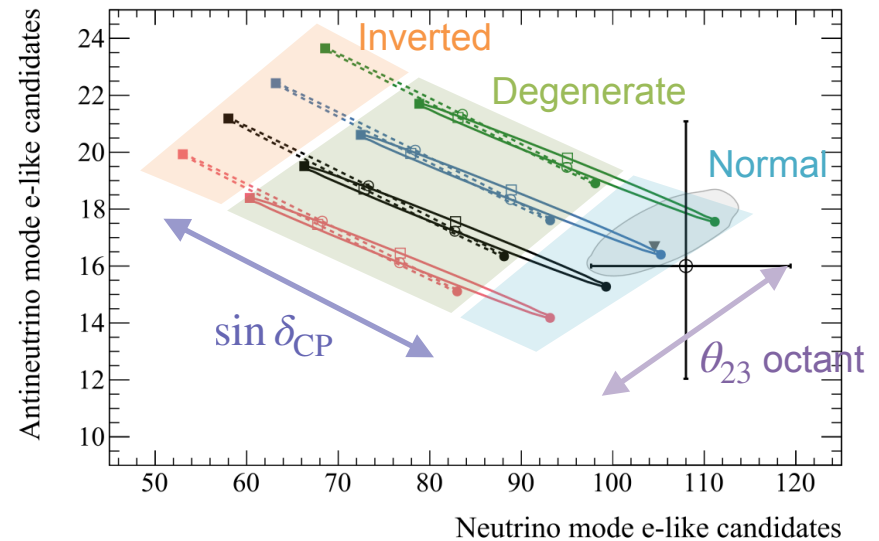


- ▶ **T2K** measures both the appearance  $\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu) \rightarrow \nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e)$  and disappearance  $\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu) \rightarrow \nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu)$  probabilities using almost pure flux.
  - ▶ **Disappearance** channels sensitive to  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ ,  $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$ .
  - ▶ **Appearance** channels sensitive to  $\delta_{CP}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$  octant, and sign of  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  (neutrino mass ordering, MO).
- ▶ Due to weak matter effect,  $\delta_{CP}$  has large area of degenerate phase space with MO.



## Appearance $\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu) \rightarrow \nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e)$

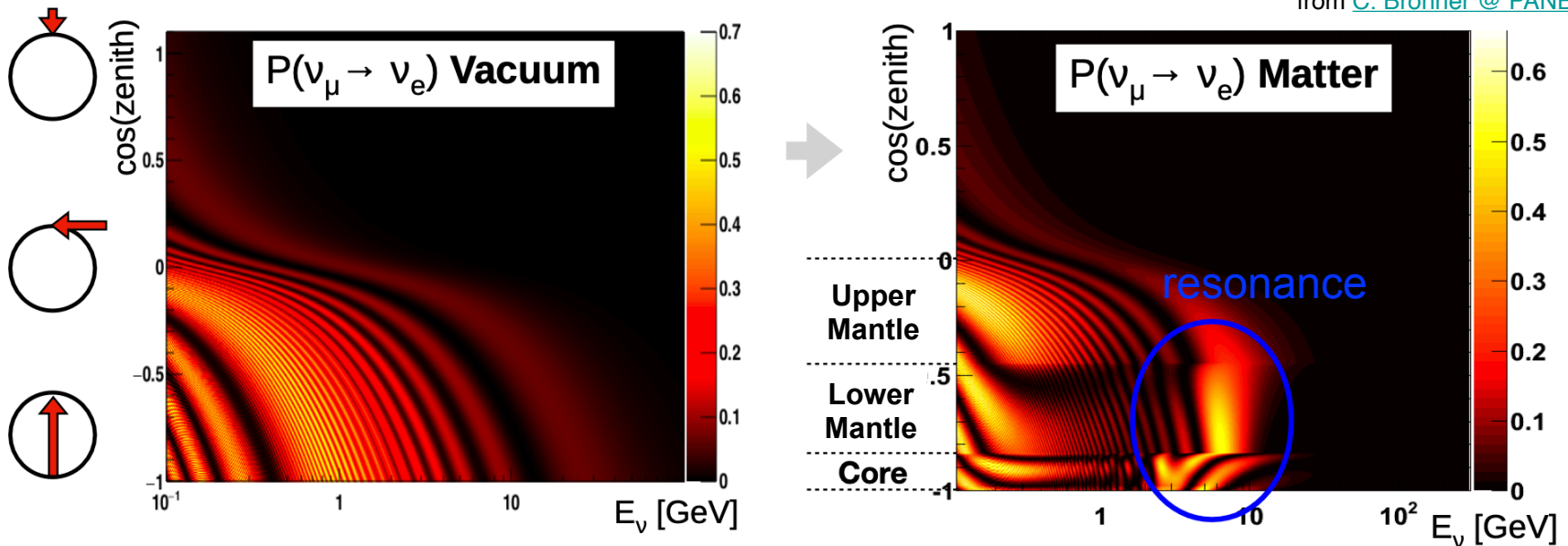
- 68% syst err. at best-fit
- Best-fit
- Data (68% stat err.)
- $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60$
- $\Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  (NO)
- $\Delta m_{31}^2 = -2.46 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  (IO)
- $\delta_{CP} = \pi$
- $\delta_{CP} = +\pi/2$
- $\delta_{CP} = 0$
- $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$



- ▶ SK has stronger discrimination of the mass ordering thanks to the presence of a resonance driven by  $\theta_{13}$ -induced matter effects between 2 and 10 GeV.
  - ▶ Only for  $\nu$  in NH; only for  $\bar{\nu}$  in IH.
  - ▶ Size of the effect depends on  $\sin^2 \theta_{23} \rightarrow$  sensitive to  $\theta_{23}$  octant.
- ▶ Some sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$  from sub-GeV e-like events.

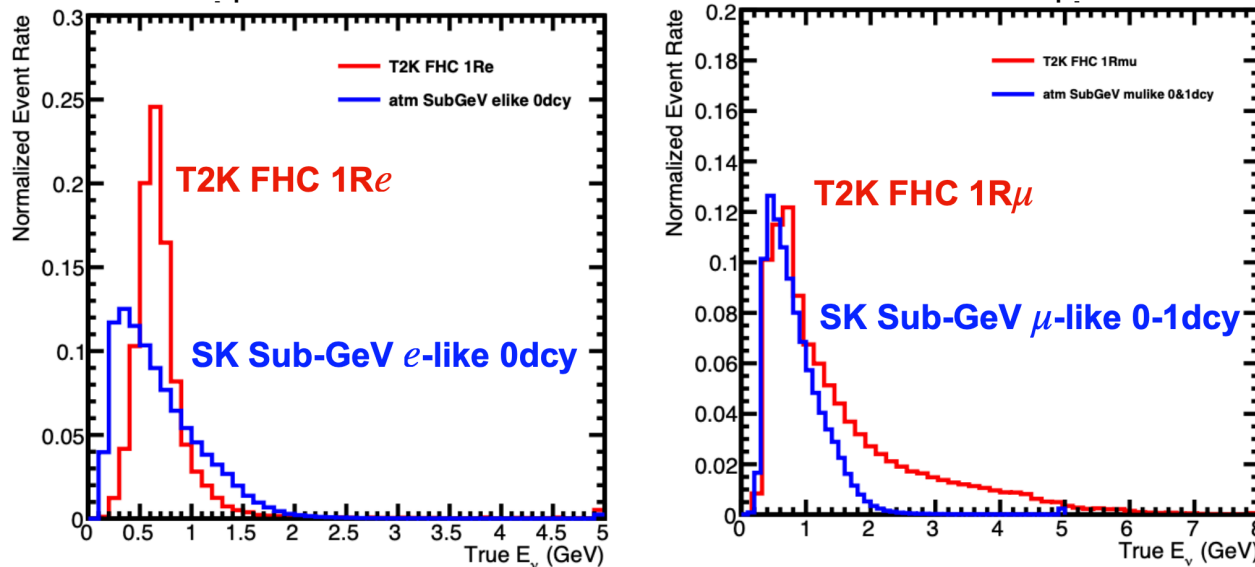
Atmospheric neutrino oscillation probability (normal ordering)

from [C. Bronner @ PANE 2018](#)



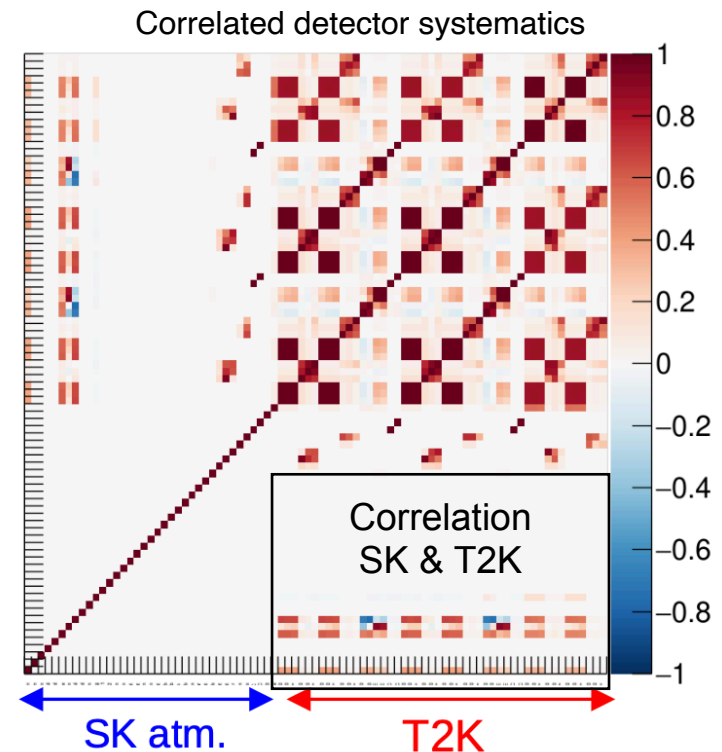
- ▶ Combining these two experiments → expect to get better sensitivity to oscillation parameters and mass ordering with increased statistics.
  - ▶ SK helps to break the **degeneracy between  $\delta_{CP}$  and mass ordering** in T2K.
  - ▶ T2K can constrain  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$  better → improve the mass ordering sensitivity in SK.
- ▶ T2K and SK have samples with similar energy ranges:
  - ▶ T2K near detector can be used to constrain the cross-section uncertainties for the low-energy atmospheric samples.

Comparison of the normalized flux of the selected samples

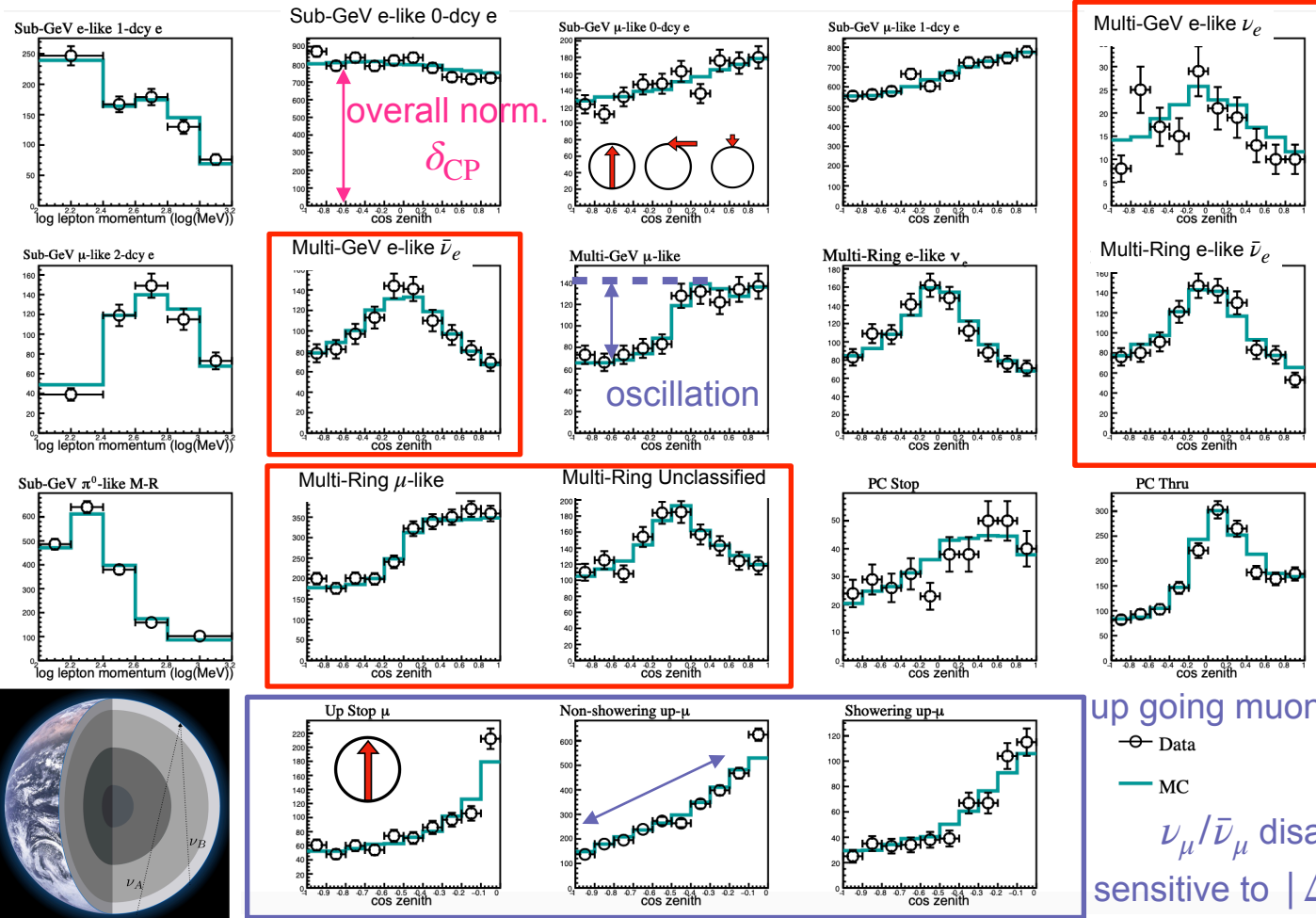


- ▶ Develop unified interaction model for T2K beam and SK low-energy samples.
  - ▶ High energy: modified SK model including additional systematics uncertainties
- ▶ The same detector/simulation software/reconstruction tool is used for the samples of both experiments.
  - ▶ Correlations of detector systematics included.

	Cross section models	
	Low-energy sub-GeV atm + beam	High-energy multi-GeV atm
CCQE	T2K model with ND280 constraint, correlated in low-E/highE (except for high-Q <sup>2</sup> )	
	high-Q <sup>2</sup> params w/ND280 add $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ ratio unc. (CRPA)	high-Q <sup>2</sup> params w/o ND
2p2h	T2K model w/ND280	SK model (100% error) + T2K-style shape
Resonant	T2K model w/ND280 + new pion momentum dial + NC1 $\pi$ 0 uncertainties	SK model for 3 dials common with T2K, use more recent larger T2K priors
DIS	T2K model w/ND280	SK model
$\nu_\tau$	SK model (25% norm on top of other syst) for other systematics checked that we have no numerically unstable values	
FSI	T2K model w/ND280	T2K model w/o ND280 should be mostly same as SK model
SI	T2K model, correlated in low-E/high-E only applied to FC and PC for atm, PN not applied to atm	



- ▶ 18 SK atmospheric samples with 3244.4 days of data taking
- ▶ Described in [[PTEP 2019 \(2019\) 5, 053F01](#)]



Multi-GeV samples: sensitive to mass ordering &  $\theta_{23}$  octant through matter effect

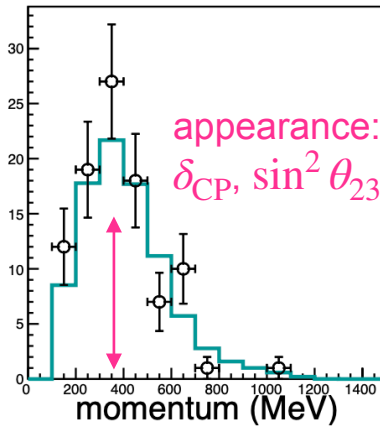
up going muons

$\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance:  
 sensitive to  $|\Delta m^2|$ ,  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$

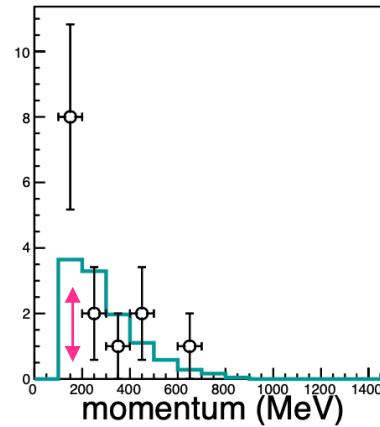
- ▶ 5 T2K beam samples with  $19.7(16.3) \times 10^{20}$  POT in (anti-)neutrino mode
- ▶ Described in [[Eur.Phys.J.C 83 \(2023\) 9, 782](#)]

FHC:  
 $\nu$  mode

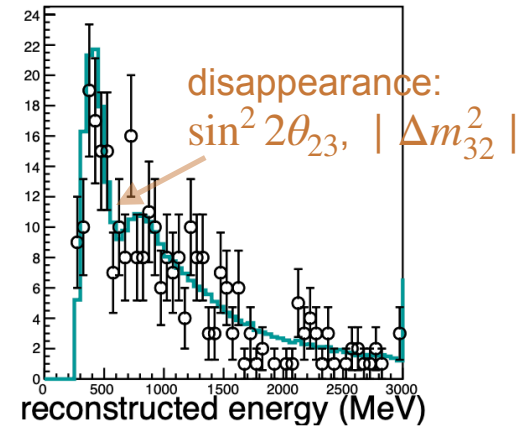
FHC 1R e-like 0 d.e.



FHC 1R e-like 1 d.e.

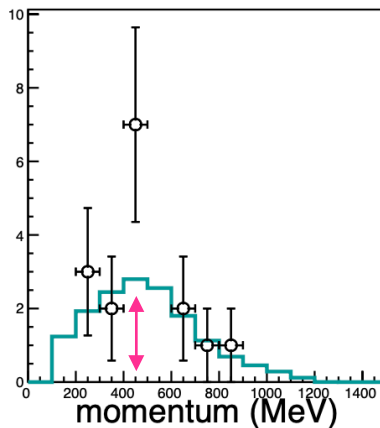


FHC 1R  $\mu$ -like

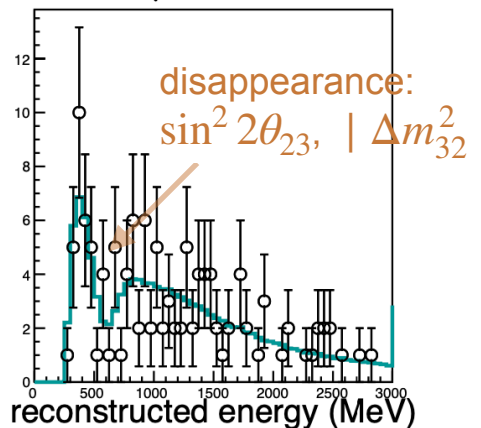


RHC:  
 $\bar{\nu}$  mode

RHC 1R e-like 0 d.e.



RHC 1R  $\mu$ -like



○ Data

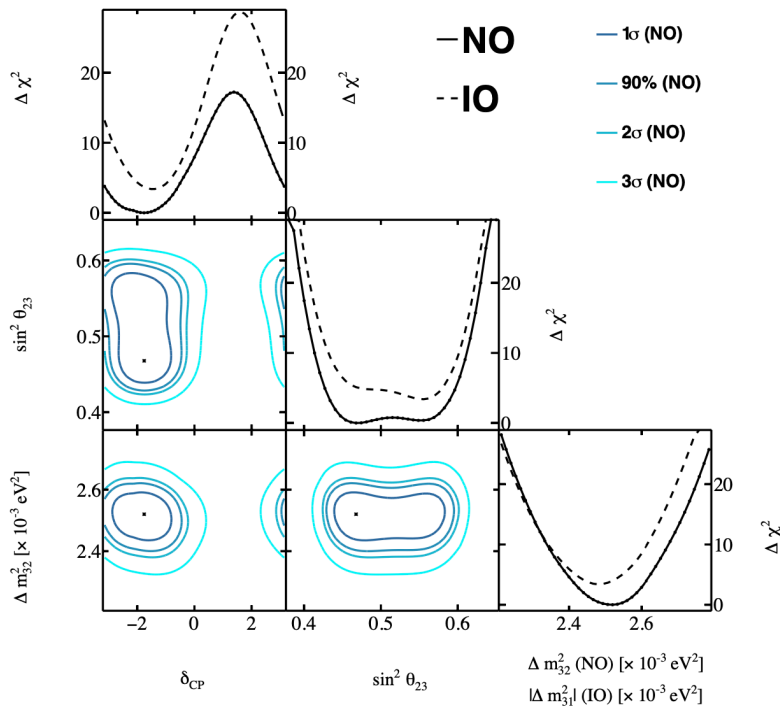
— MC

Good consistency between the atmospheric and beam samples ( $p=0.24$  in Frequentist test).

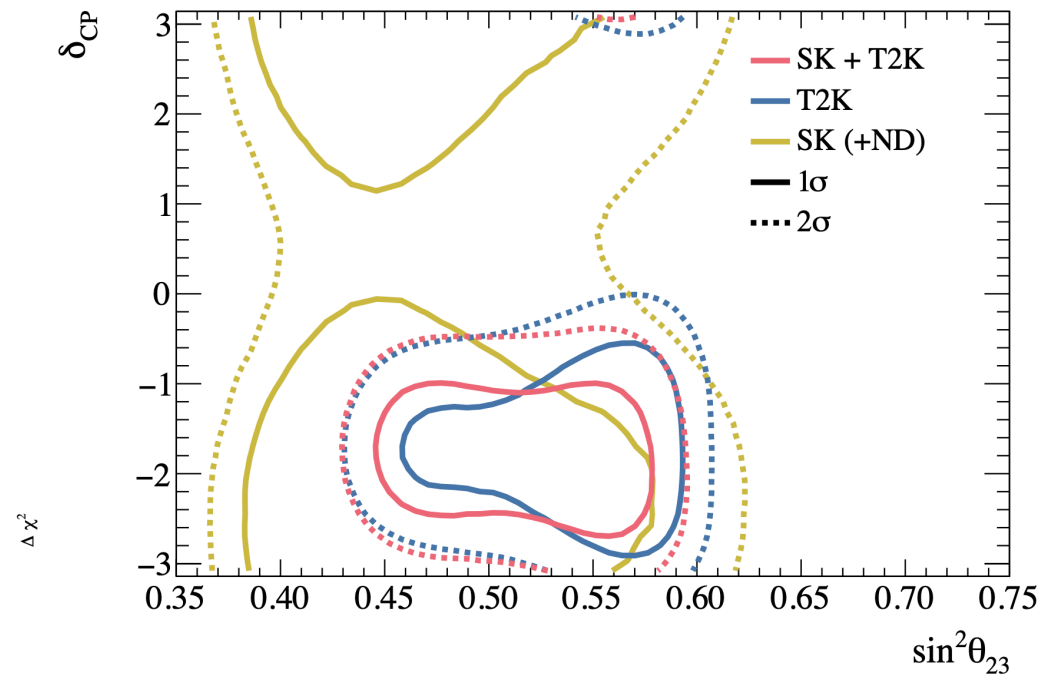


- ▶ **Frequentist**: obtain  $\Delta\chi^2$  distributions profiling the systematic errors.
- ▶ **Bayesian**: constructed Bayesian credible intervals from the posterior probability distributions.
  - ▶ The constraints are largely dominated by T2K but SK also has a significant contribution on the octant and MO (frequentist in [backup](#)).

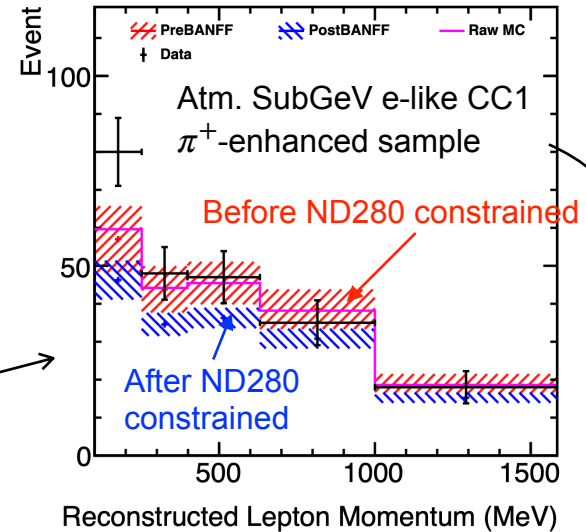
$\Delta\chi^2$  distributions of SK+T2K frequentist analysis



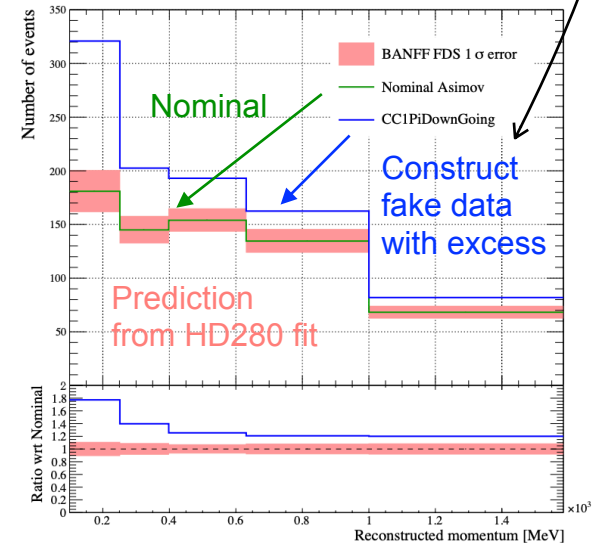
( $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ ) Bayesian credible regions



- ▶ Estimate potential biases from some possible weaknesses of our model.
- ▶ Test 14 alternative models and data-driven effects in simulated data to estimate biases.
  - ▶  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  is smeared by convolving with gaussian representing the biases.
- ▶ Example: Excess observed in down-going atmospheric data aggravated by T2K ND.

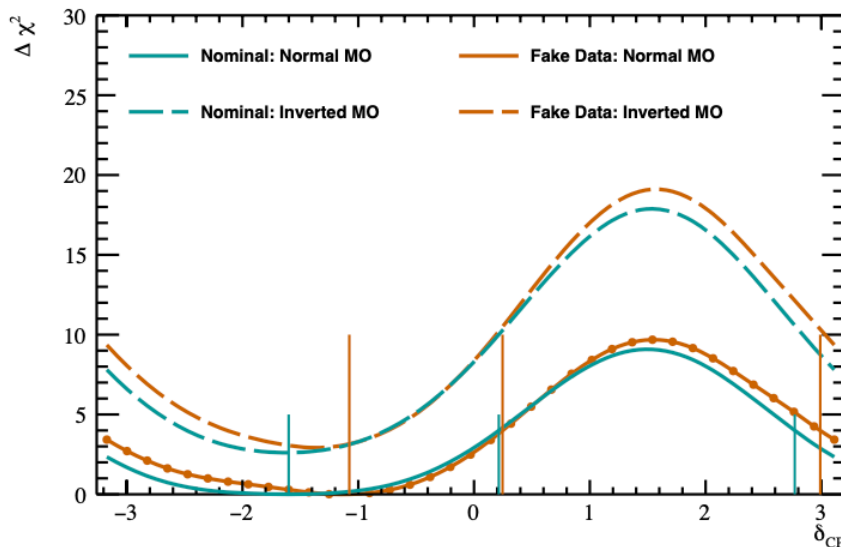


Reconstructed Lepton Momentum (MeV)

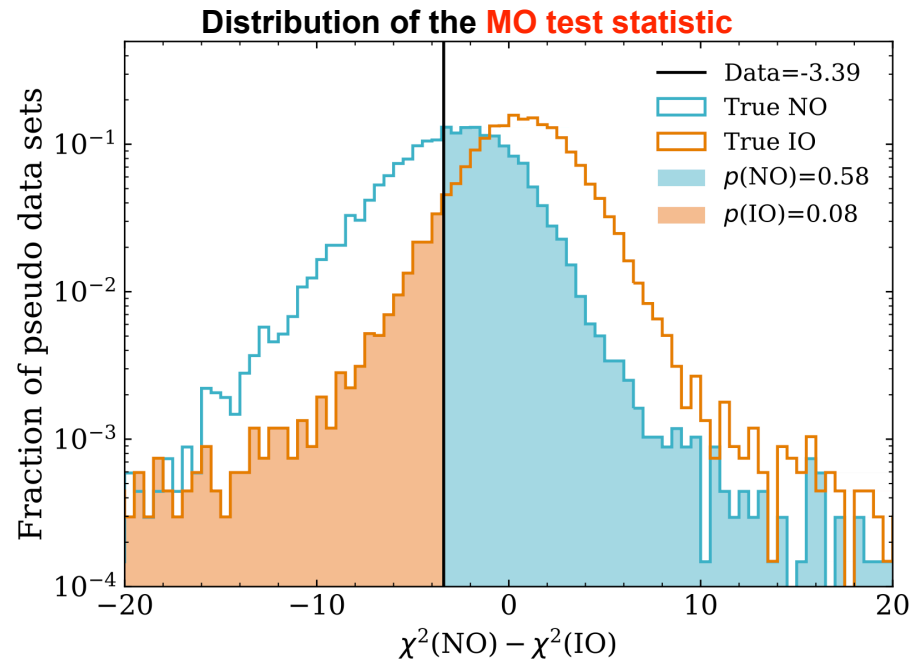
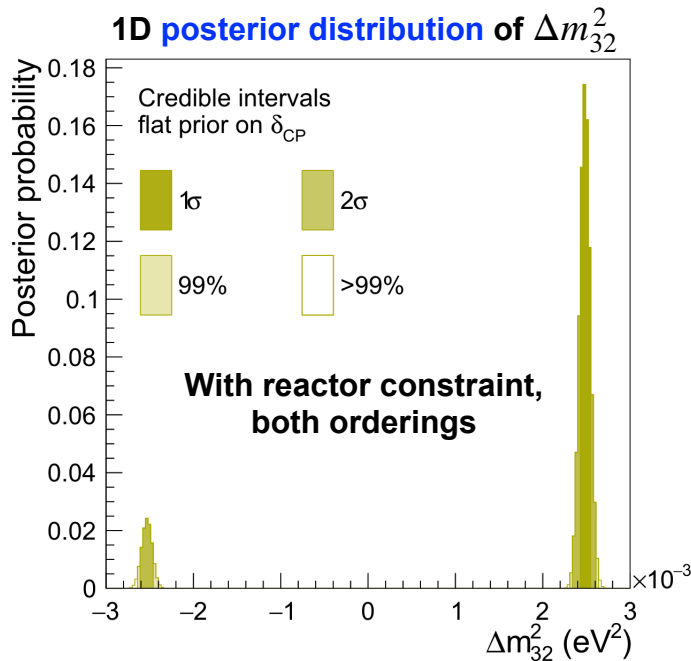


Evaluate the effect using difference between nominal fit and simulated data fit results.

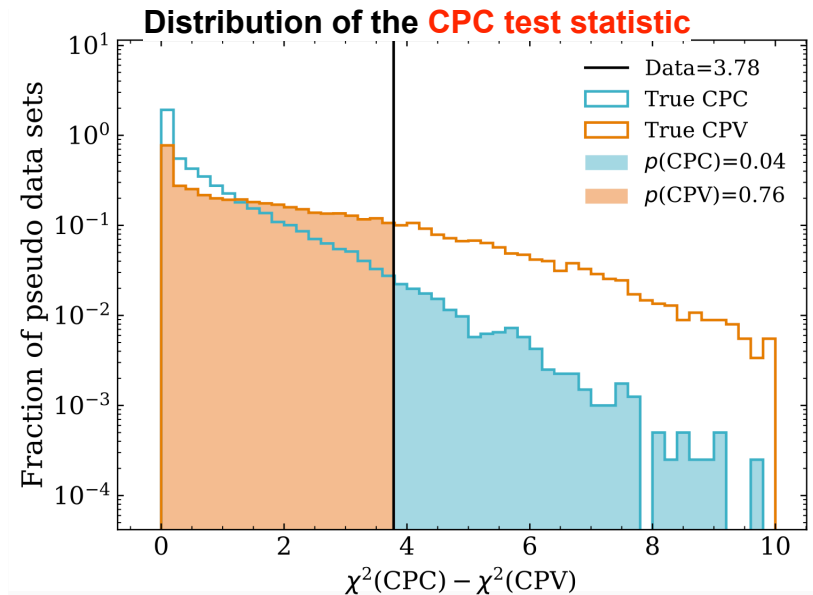
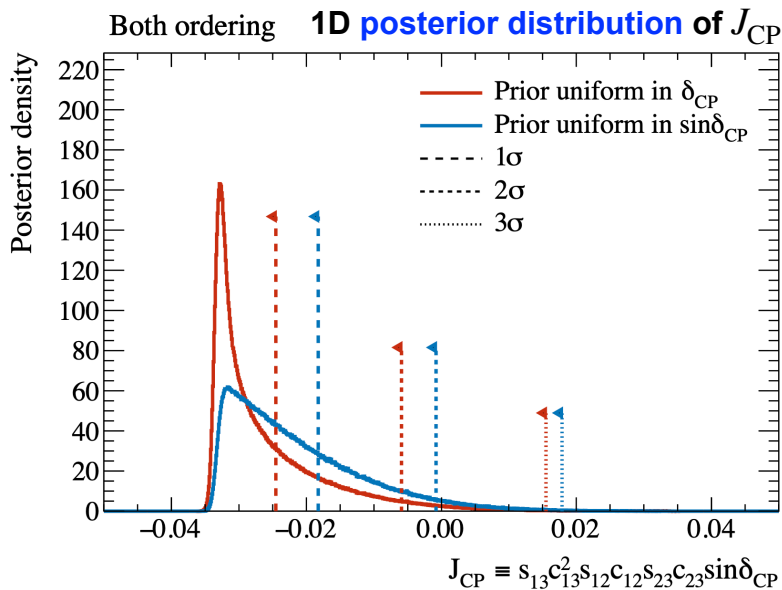
Apply the difference to data results → effect on intervals & p-values.



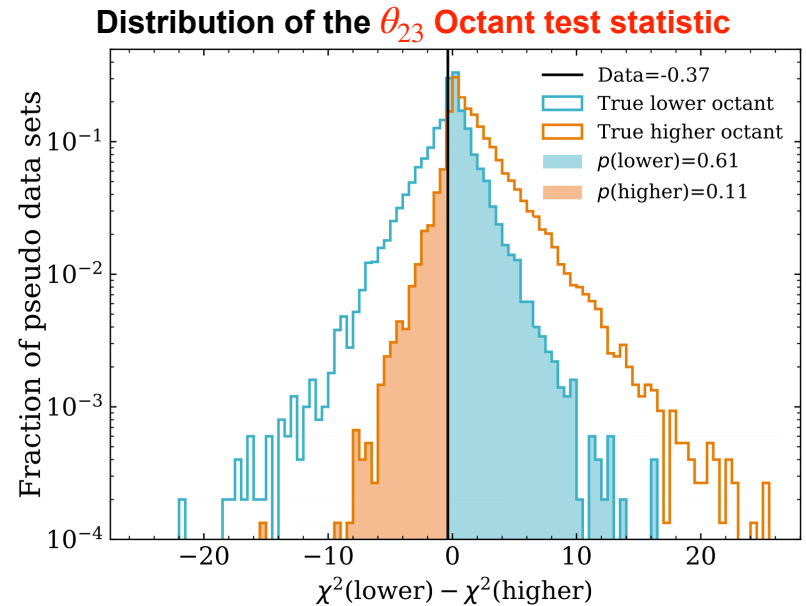
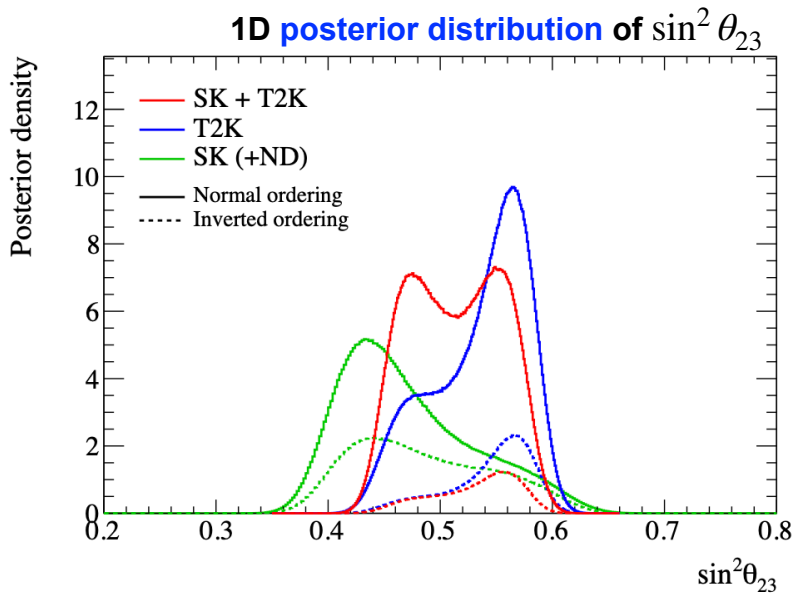
- ▶ **Bayesian**: mass ordering posterior probability for NO is  $\sim 0.9$ , corresponds to the probability of obtaining a  $\sim 1.64\sigma$  deviation assuming IO in a Gaussian assuming equal prior probabilities.
- ▶ **Frequentist**: with ensembles of constructed pseudo-experiments, weak rejection of IO with  $p(\text{IO}) = 0.08$  (CLs =  $p(\text{IO})/(1 - p(\text{NO})) = 0.18$ ).
- ▶ Potential biases in robustness studies are small (0.001 change on  $p(\text{IO})$ ).
- ▶ Conclusion: **a limited preference** ( $\sim 90\%$  C.L.) for **normal ordering**.



- ▶ **Bayesian:** The exclusion of the CP conserving values of Jarlskog invariant  $J_{CP} = 0$  is  $2.2\sigma$  ( $1.9\sigma$ ) for flat  $\delta_{CP}$  ( $\sin \delta_{CP}$ ) prior.
- ▶ **Frequentist:** p-value of CP-conservation ( $\sin \delta_{CP} = 0$ ) is about  $0.04$  ( $2\sigma$  exclusion), but increases to  $0.05$  after considering possible bias from CC1 $\pi$  down-going excess.
- ▶ Good agreement ( $p=0.75$ ) with an alternative hypothesis “Posterior  $\delta_{CP}$ ”.
- ▶ Conclusion: slightly  $< 2\sigma$  exclusion of CP conservation.



- ▶ Different octant preference by each experiment.
- ▶ Combined analysis: Bayesian posterior probability prefers upper octant while  $\Delta\chi^2$  of the best-fit value prefer lower octant.
- ▶ **Bayesian**: upper octant posterior probability is **0.64**  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 0.9\sigma$  deviation of lower octant.
- ▶ **Frequentist**:  $\Delta\chi^2$  is only -0.37, but **p-value (CLs)** for the higher  $\theta_{23}$  octant is **0.11 (0.28)**.
- ▶ **Conclusion: no obvious preference on the octant.**



- ▶ **First** joint oscillation analysis of SK atmospheric + T2K accelerator neutrino has been performed.
- ▶ Both Bayesian and frequentist analyses are performed with additional robustness studies.
  - ▶ A limited **rejection of IO** at **90% C.L.**
  - ▶ **CPC rejected** at **slightly below  $2\sigma$** .
  - ▶ No preference on the  $\theta_{23}$  octant.
- ▶ Potential for more sensitive combined analyses between T2K and SK.
  - ▶ SK4 (3244.4 days) → SK1-5 (6511.3 days);
  - ▶ T2K run1-10 → T2K run 1-11 (9% POT increase on FHC mode);
  - ▶ Move to latest flux and interaction models, potential additional samples.
- ▶ An important step towards the combined beam and atmospheric data analyses planned by next generation neutrino oscillation experiments.
  - ▶ Combined beam and atmospheric data analysis in HyperK.

Results released in arXiv now



[arXiv:2405.12488](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.12488)

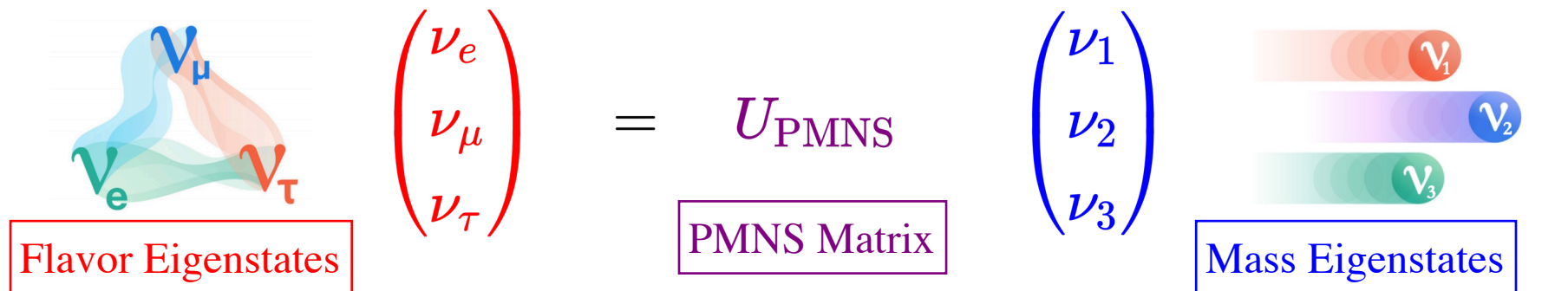


# Back up

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- ▶ Flavor of neutrino ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ) changes periodically as it propagates.
- ▶ Described by mixing angles ( $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}$ ), mass squared differences ( $\Delta M_{32}^2, \Delta M_{21}^2$ ), and CP phase  $\delta_{CP}$ .



$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U_{\text{PMNS}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Flavor Eigenstates
PMNS Matrix
Mass Eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Measurement:  $\theta_{12} \sim 34^\circ$                        $\theta_{13} \sim 8.5^\circ$                        $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$

Precision:  $\sin^2 \theta_{12} \sim 4\%$                        $\sin^2 \theta_{13} \sim 3\%$                        $\sin^2 \theta_{23} \sim 5\%$





► The goal of Long Baseline neutrino experiments:

✓ Remaining problems: CP symmetry, Mass ordering, Octant of  $\theta_{23}$

✓ Precise measurements of  $\theta_{23}, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$  ( $\sim |\Delta m_{32}^2|$ )

◆ **Muon neutrino disappearance ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ ):**

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \approx 1 - (\cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23}) \sin^2 \left( \Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

**Sensitive to:**

$$\theta_{23}, |\Delta m_{31}^2| \left( \sim |\Delta m_{32}^2| \right)$$

◆ **Electron neutrino appearance ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ ):**

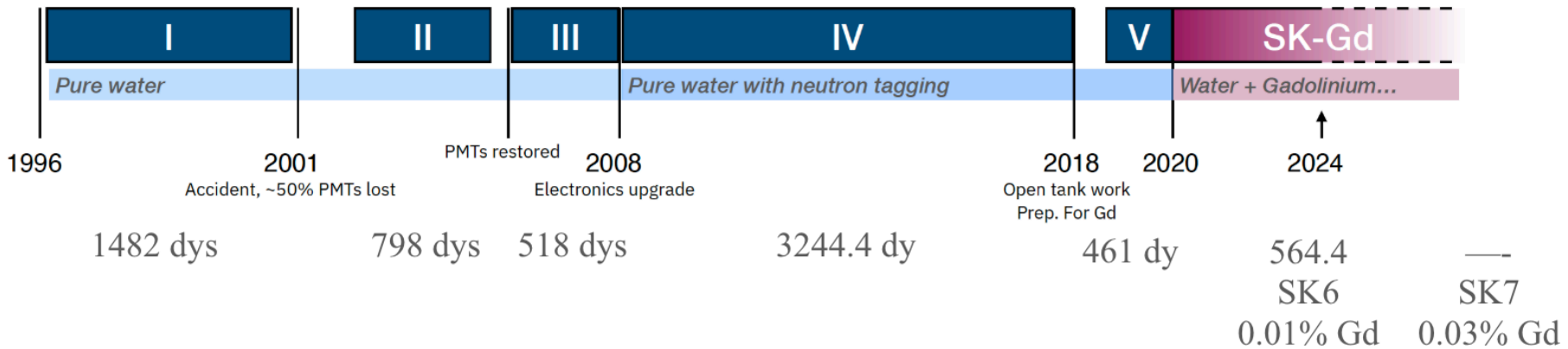
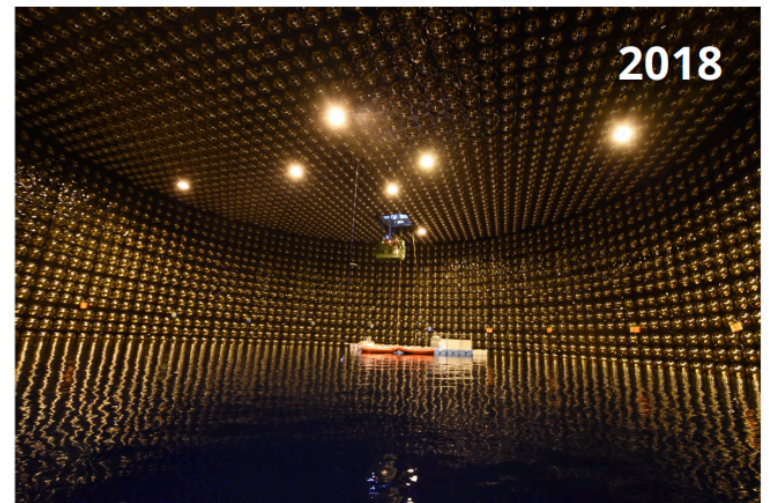
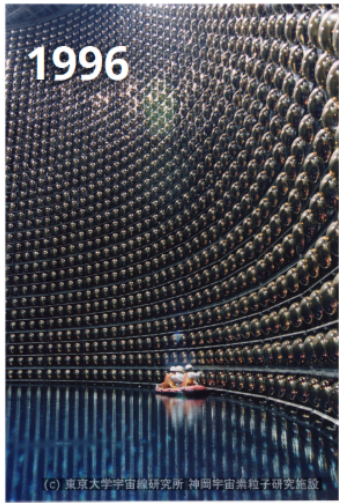
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}) \right) \\ - \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \theta_{13} \sin \delta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

**Sensitive to:**

$\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}, \theta_{23}$ , and

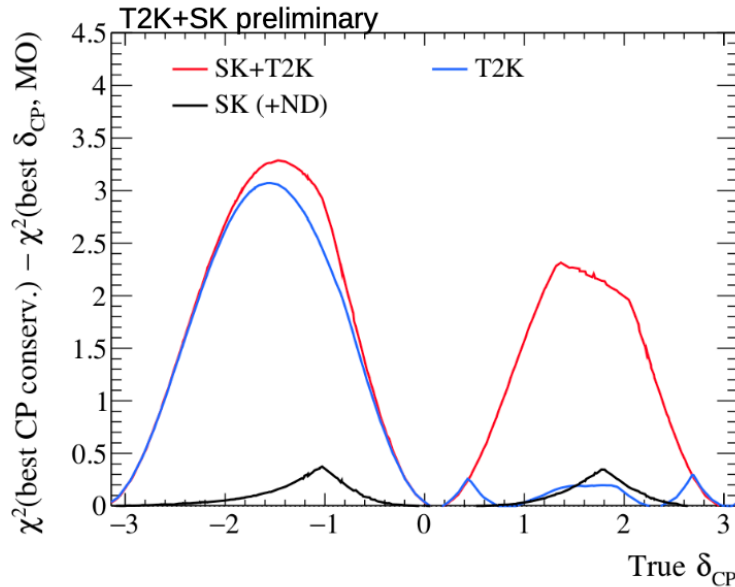
Mass ordering  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

◆  $P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$ :  $\delta$  turns into  $-\delta$  and  $a$  to  $-a$  (“ $a$ ” matter effect term)

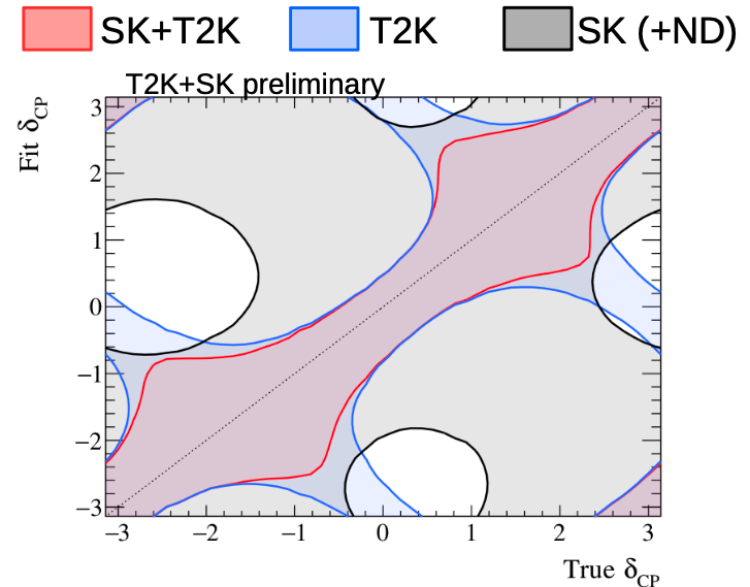


- › Sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$  dominated by T2K
- › Joint fit allows to break degeneracy with  $\cos(\delta_{CP})$  and mass ordering

Ability to exclude CP conservation as a function of true  $\delta_{CP}$  assumed



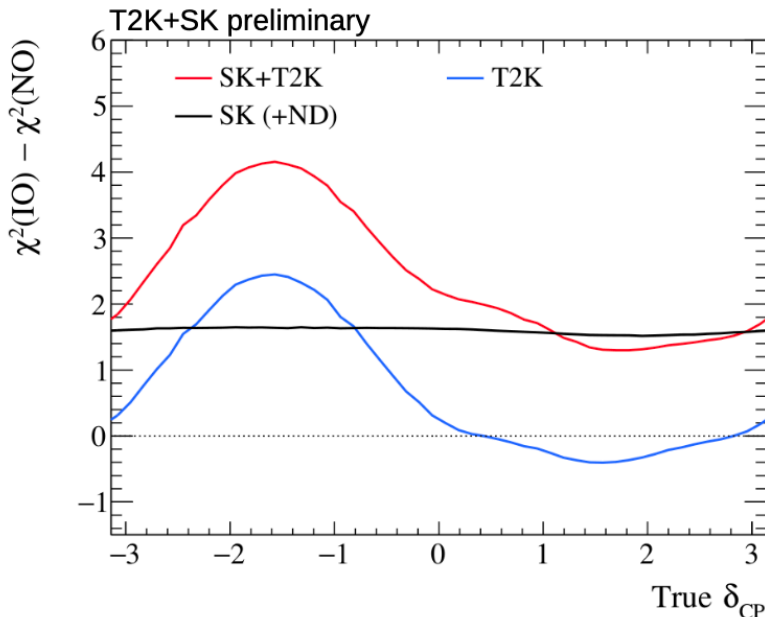
68% CL intervals for  $\delta_{CP}$  as a function of true  $\delta_{CP}$  assumed



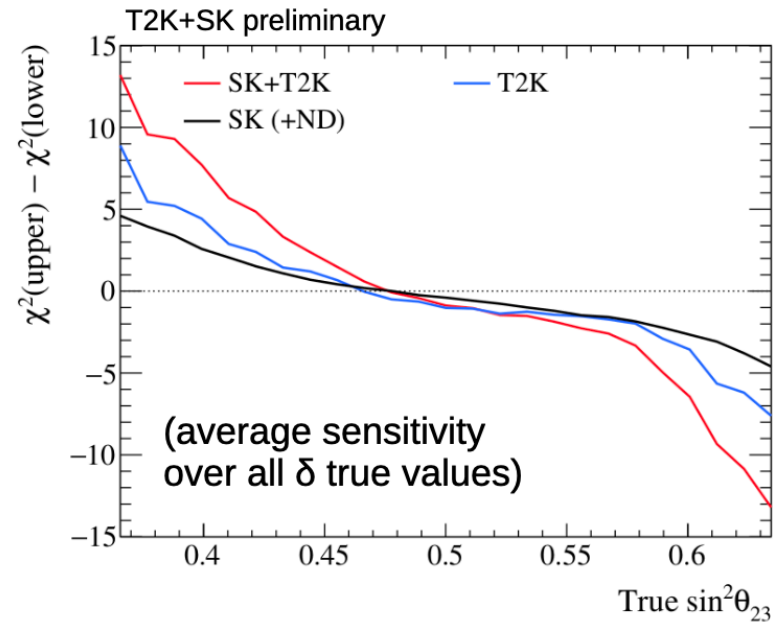
“SK (+ND)”: T2K ND constraint on interaction uncertainties used for low E atmospheric samples  
 True values assumed:  $\sin^2(\theta_{23})=0.528$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}=2.509 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2/c^4$ ,  $\sin^2(\theta_{13})=0.0218$ , NO

- For mass ordering and  $\theta_{23}$  octant, more similar contributions from the two experiments, with different dependence on true values of the parameters
- Joint fit gets an increased sensitivity compared to individual experiments as a result

Ability to reject wrong mass ordering

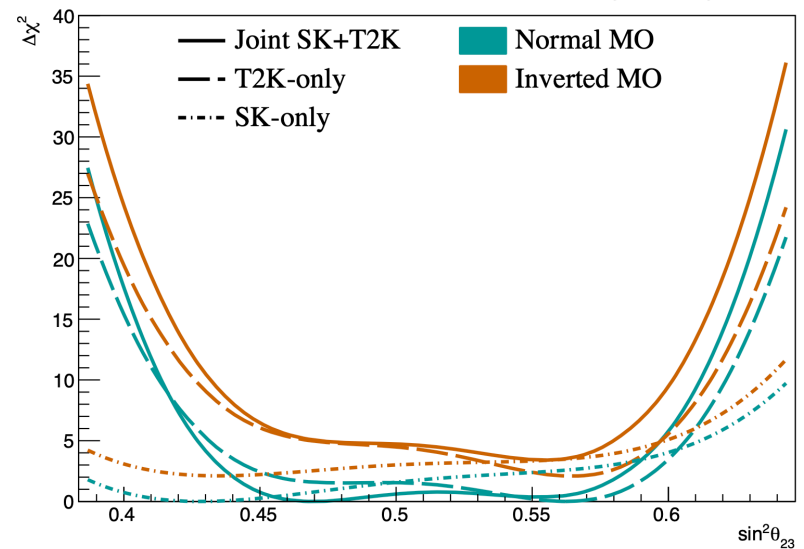
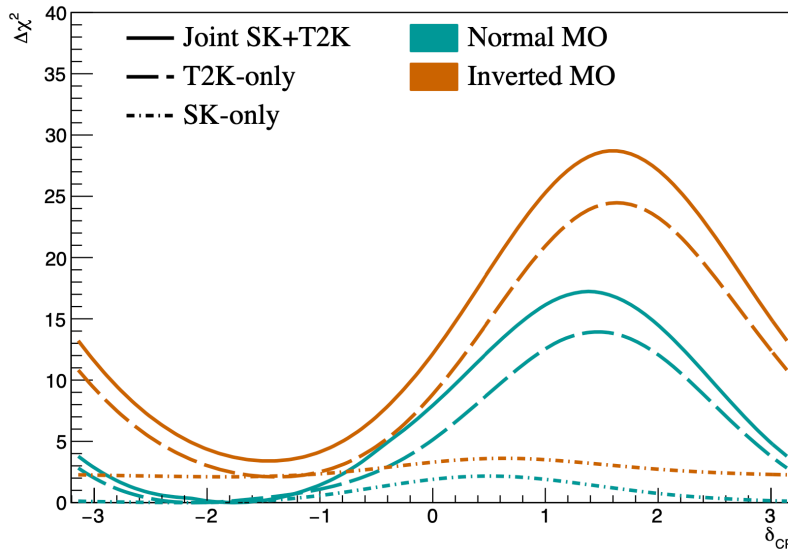
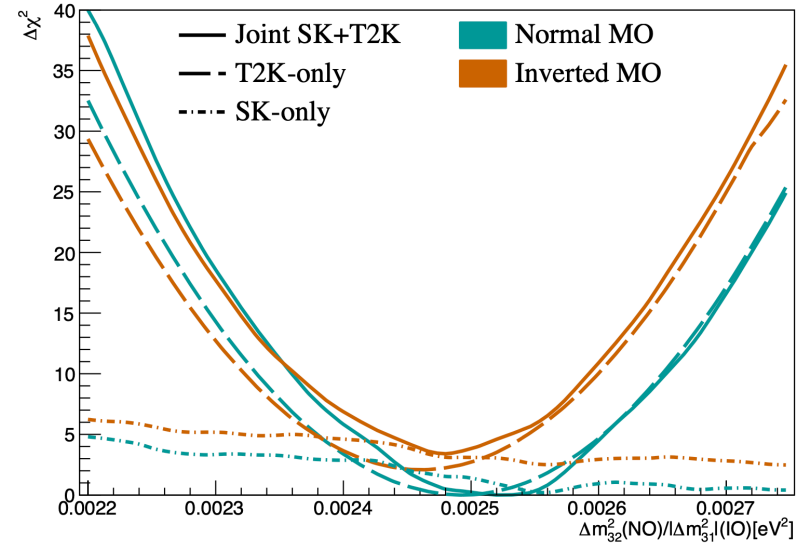


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▶ The first six studies are taken from Appendix B of [Eur.Phys.J.C 83 \(2023\) 9, 782](#).

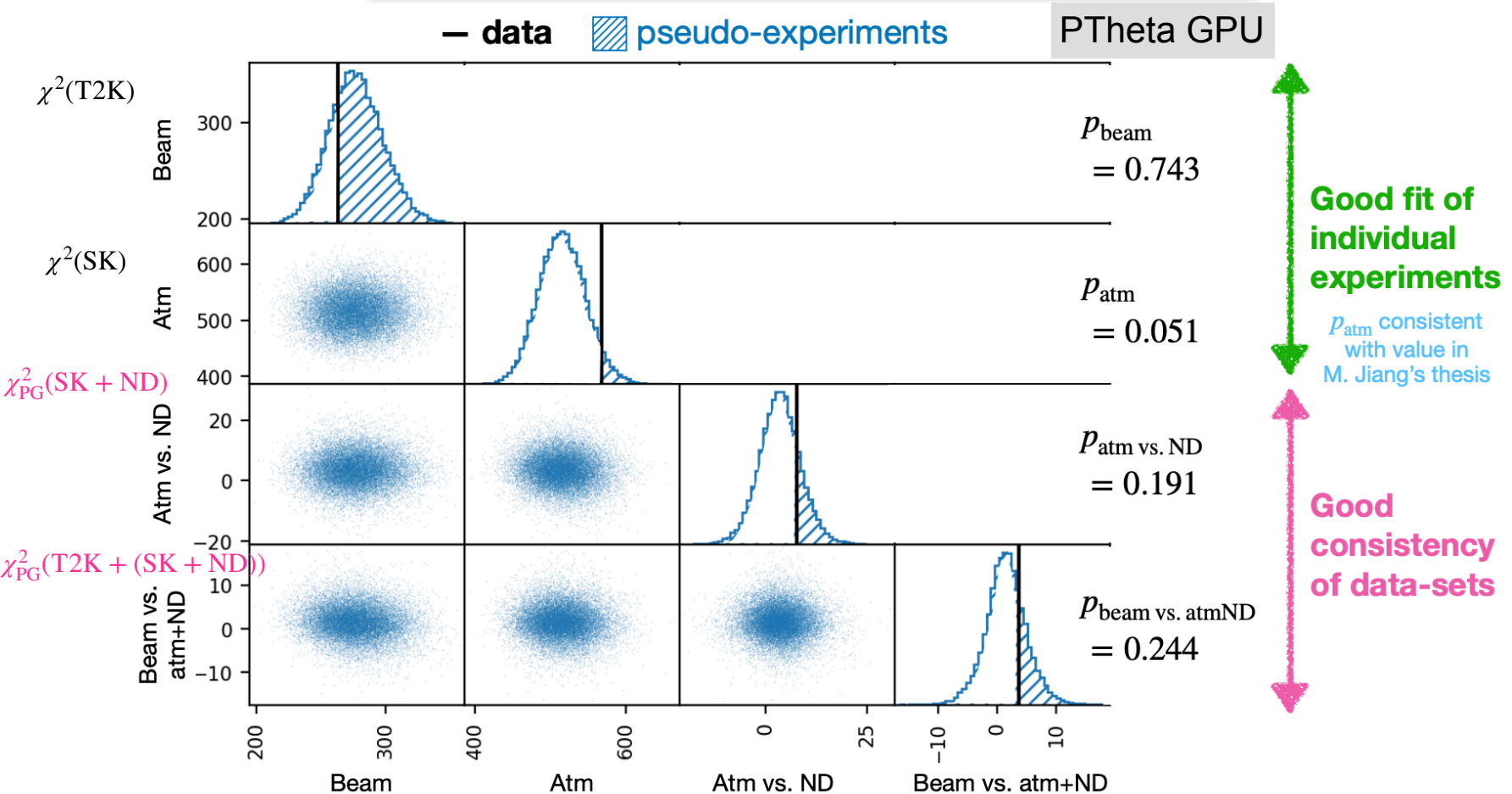
▶ Two alternative nuclear models are tested (our baseline model is SF)

- LFG+RPA [\[ref\]](#)
- HF+CRPA [\[ref\]](#)

SF: Spectral Function  
 LFG: Local Fermi Gas  
 RPA: Random Phase Approximation  
 HF: Hartree-Fock  
 CRPA: Continuum Random Phase Approximation

▶ The last six studies were included to test possible problems that would come with the joint fit.

	Model component
Martini 2p2h	2p2h
ND280 data-driven pion kinematics	CC1 $\pi$
CC0 $\pi$ non-QE alteration	CC0 $\pi$
Removal energy	Nuclear Model
Axial form factors	CCQE
Pion SI bug fix	CC1 $\pi$ , CCn $\pi$
LFG	Nuclear model
CRPA	Nuclear model
Pion multiplicity	CCn $\pi$
Energy-dependent $\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$	$\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$
Xsec-only fit	Fit
Atmospheric down-going CC1 $\pi$	CC1 $\pi$
Atmospheric full-zenith CC1 $\pi$	CC1 $\pi$
No-migration energy scale fit	Fit



$\text{pGOF: } \chi_{\text{PG}}^2(A + B) = \min\{\Delta\chi^2(A + B)\} - \min\{\Delta\chi^2(A)\} - \min\{\Delta\chi^2(B)\}$

- ▶ Good consistency between the values of the systematic parameters favored by T2K ND and atmospheric data ( $p = 0.19$ ) & atmospheric and beam samples ( $p = 0.24$ ).