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New modeling of accelerator neutrino flux correlations between multiple detector locations towards model-independent measurements of ν -nucleus X -section

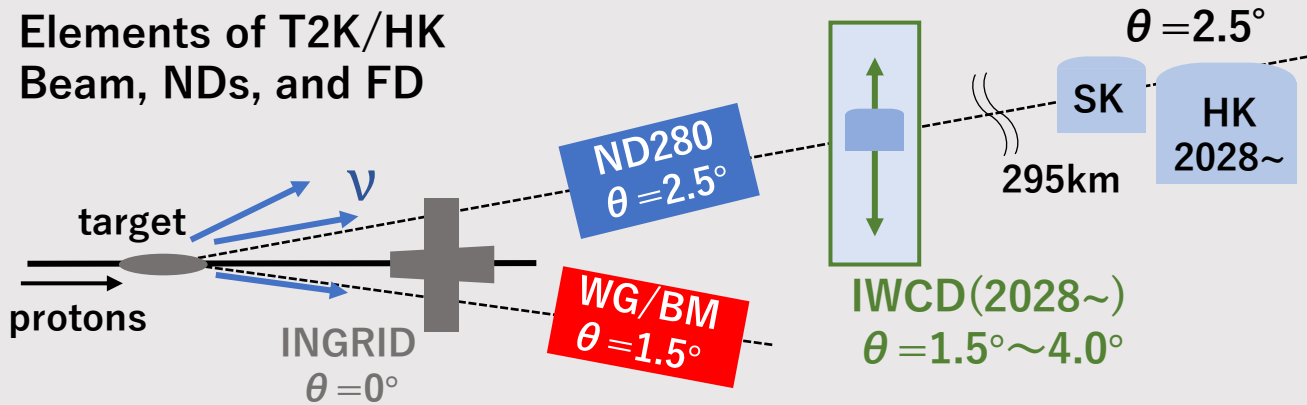
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T2K and HK Collaboration

T2K experiment and Hyper-Kamiokande experiment

Elements of T2K/HK
Beam, NDs, and FD



SK \rightarrow HK ($\times 8$ volume) + Beam enhance
 \rightarrow Huge enhance of statistics

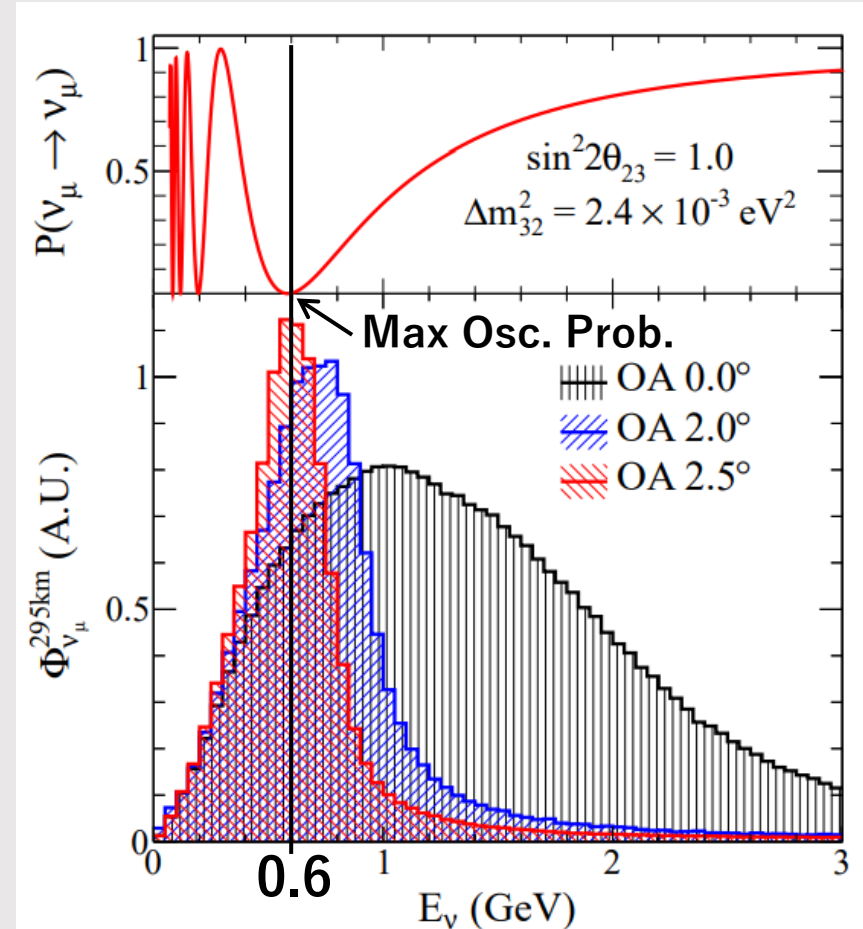
ν -nucleus X-sec will be crucial uncertainty

Need to know energy dependence of X-sec

\rightarrow use ND280, WAGASCI/BabyMIND (WG/BM)

Construct **IWCD** for HK experiment

Use **Off-Axis** neutrinos and
measure oscillation efficiently



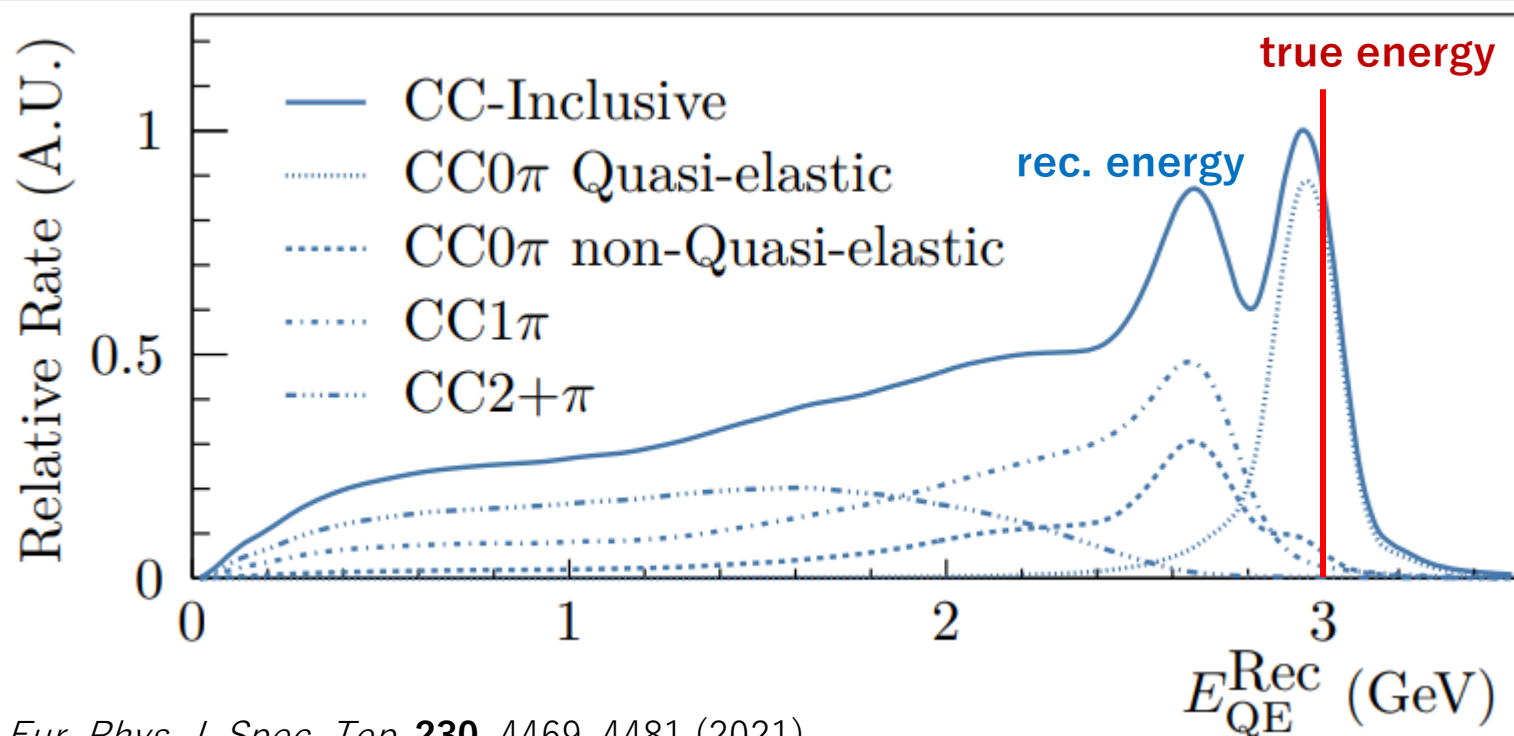
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Energy Reconstruction and X-sec of Neutrinos

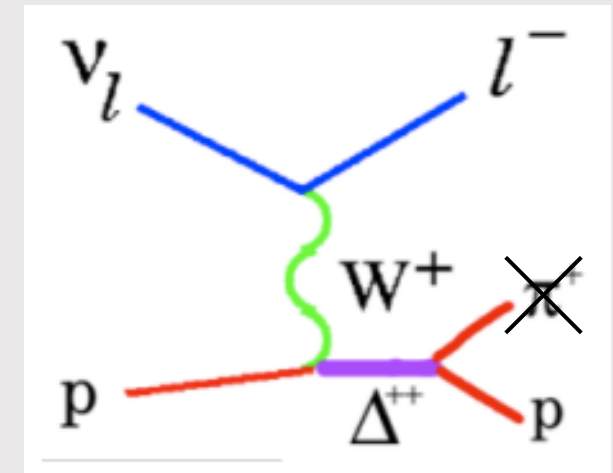
~~$P(E_\nu) \propto \Phi(E_\nu) \times \sigma(E_\nu)$~~ ← Not so easy in real measurement...

$$P(E_\nu^{\text{Rec}}) \propto \int \Phi(E_\nu^{\text{True}}) \times \sigma(E_\nu^{\text{True}} \rightarrow E_\nu^{\text{Rec}}) dE_\nu^{\text{True}}$$

Need to know **X-sec as 2D function of $E_\nu^{\text{True}}, E_\nu^{\text{Rec}}$**



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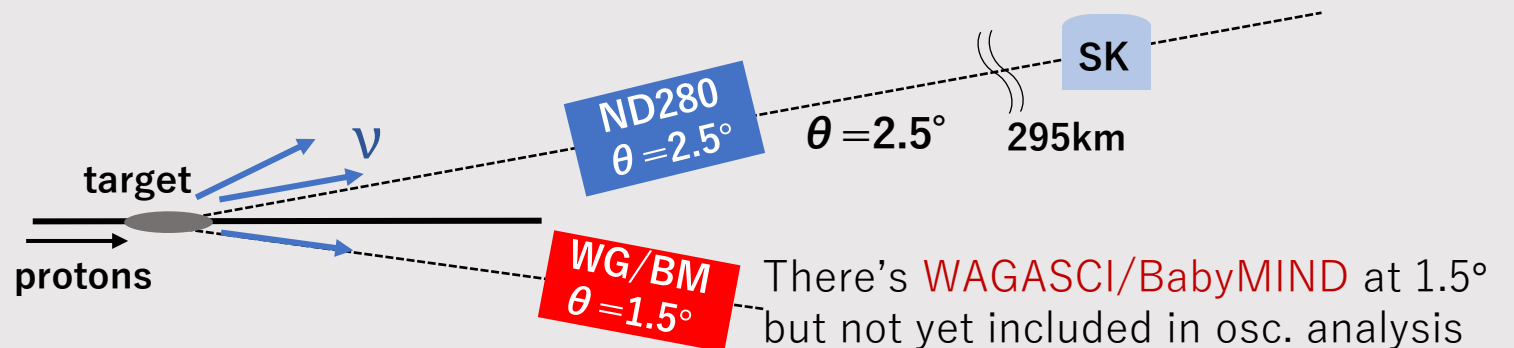
Cannot detect π in $\text{CC1}\pi$?
→ Reconstructed as CCQE

Cross-section measurement in T2K

Measured by ND280

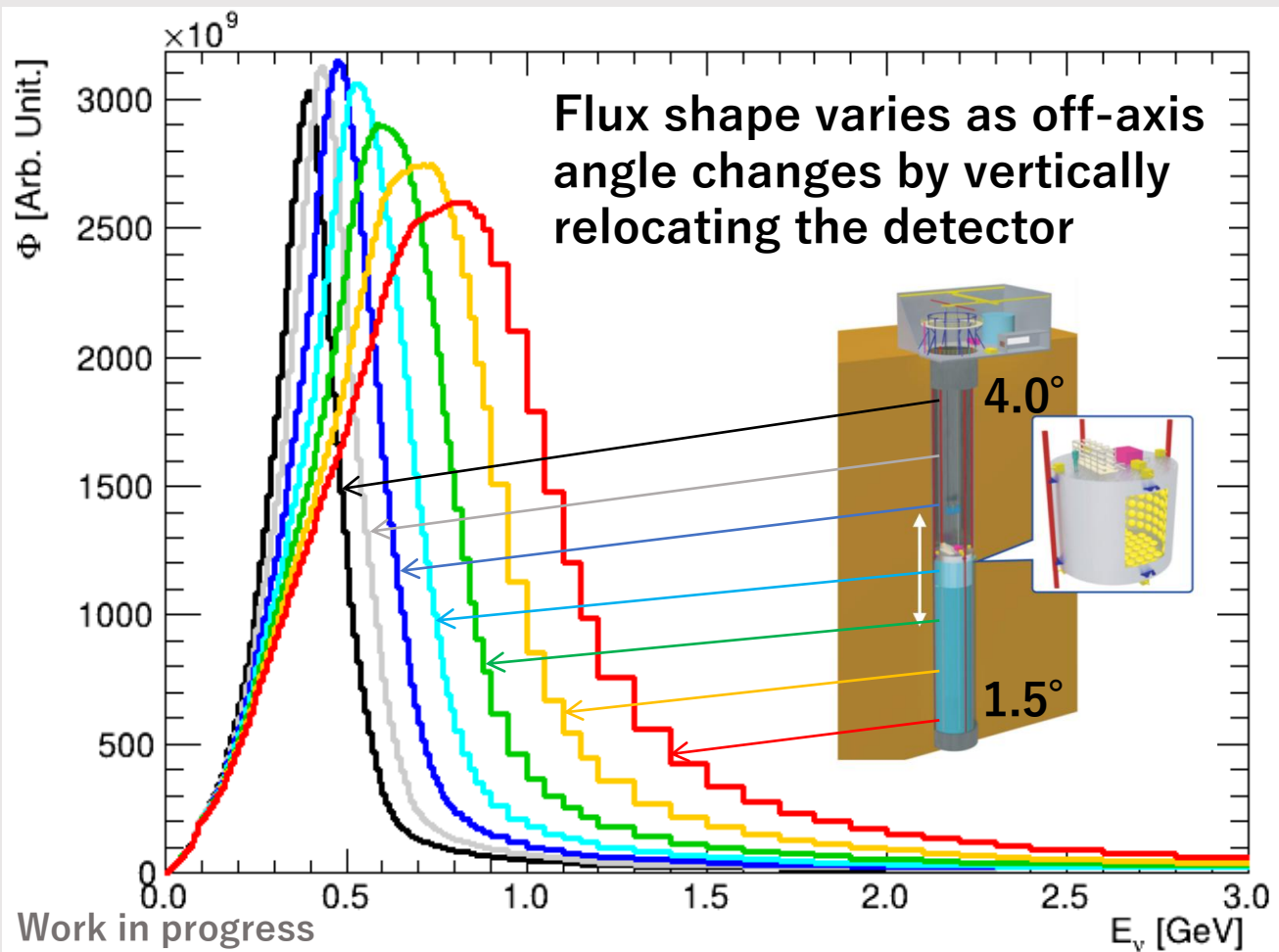
$$\text{Event Rate } (p_l, \theta_l) \propto \int \Phi_{\text{ND280}}(E_\nu^{\text{True}}) \times \sigma(E_\nu^{\text{True}} \rightarrow (p_l, \theta_l)) dE_\nu^{\text{True}}$$

Not enough to solve degeneracy of $(E_\nu^{\text{True}}, E_\nu^{\text{Rec}})$ 2D function
→ Rely on model to solve it



Cross-section measurement in Hyper-K

Addition of Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD)



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int \Phi_{1.5^\circ}(E_\nu^{\text{True}}) \times \sigma(E_\nu^{\text{True}} \rightarrow E_\nu^{\text{Rec}}) dE_\nu^{\text{True}} \\ \int \Phi_{2.0^\circ}(E_\nu^{\text{True}}) \times \sigma(E_\nu^{\text{True}} \rightarrow E_\nu^{\text{Rec}}) dE_\nu^{\text{True}} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

→ Measurements with various flux conditions enables model-independent measurements of X-sec

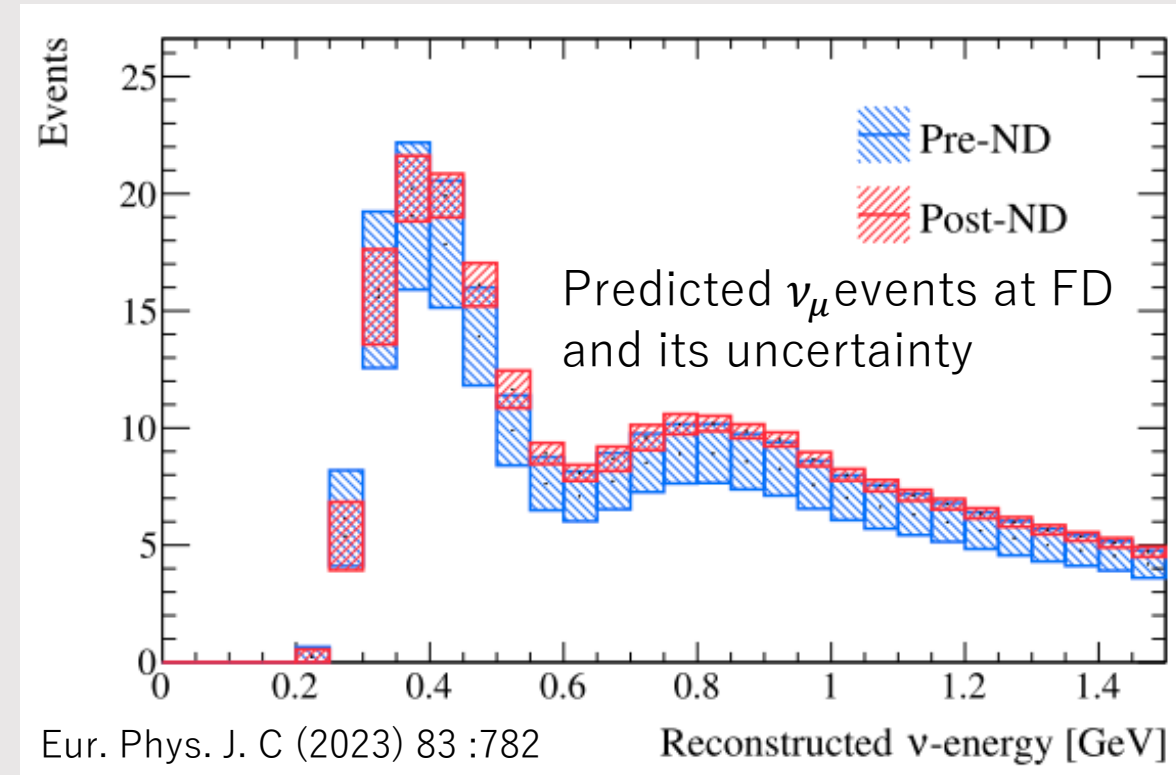
Covariance Matrix for fit on syst. err. by Near Detectors

NDs constrain main syst. error:

Flux and Neutrino Interaction

→ Flux and Interaction parameters are fitting parameters

→ Their uncertainty before and after the fitting is necessary

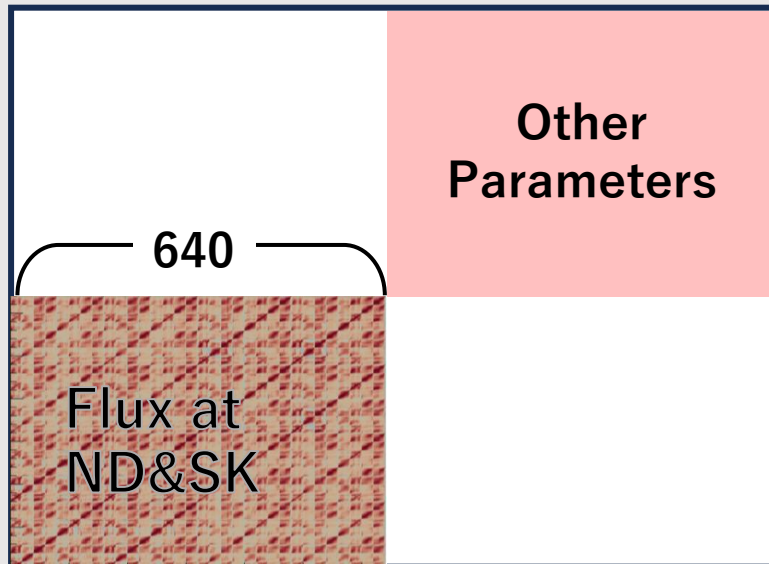


$$\sigma(f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))^2 \approx \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 \sigma_x^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 \sigma_y^2 + 2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \times \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) \underline{\sigma_{xy}}$$

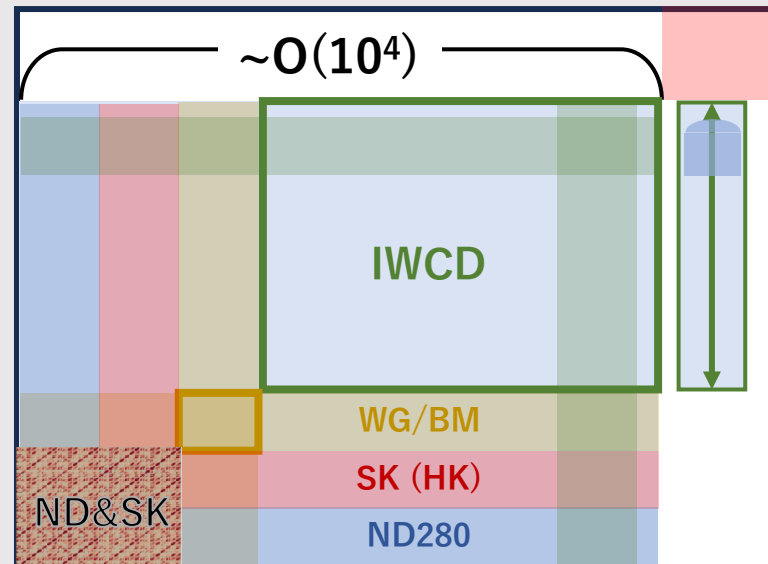
Expressed as **Covariance Matrix** or **Correlation Matrix**

Severe Computational Cost in Hyper-K Experiment

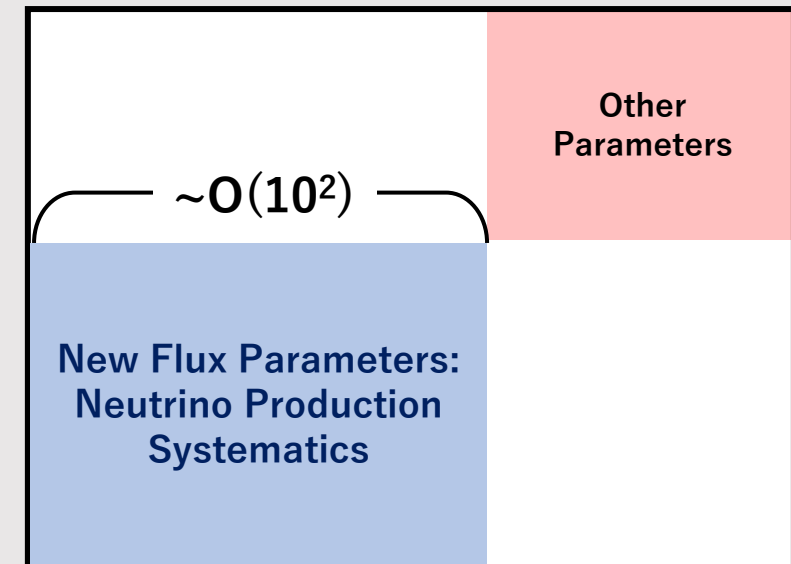
Number of fit parameters will significantly increase due to **IWCD**
Reduce the number of parameters by **using systematic source parameters of neutrino production system**, instead of using neutrino flux intensity at each detection point



Current Matrix



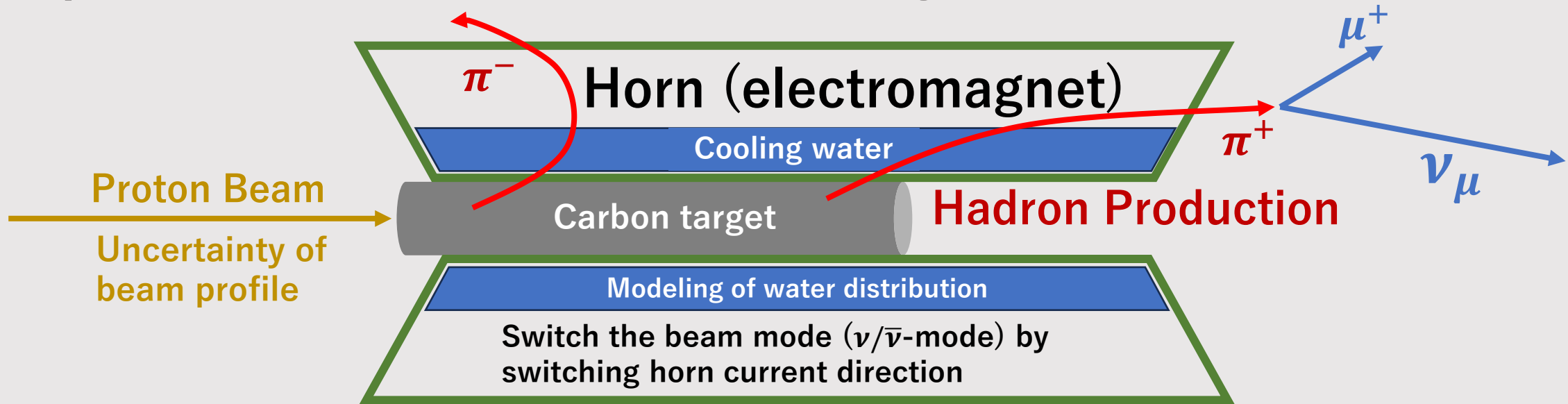
Matrix in HK era
but too large...



This work

Systematic Uncertainties of Neutrino Production System

30GeV protons strike a carbon target, which results in production of hadrons which decay into neutrinos

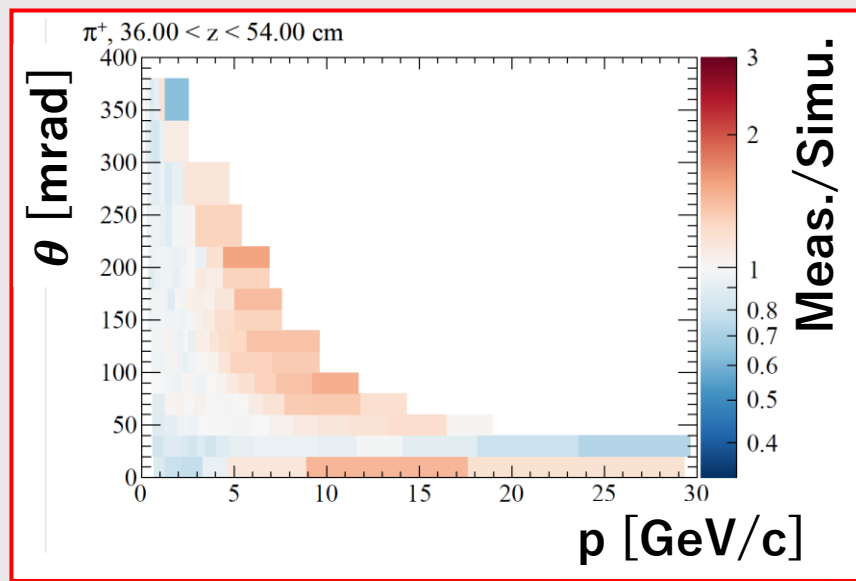


These parameters are independent from detection points

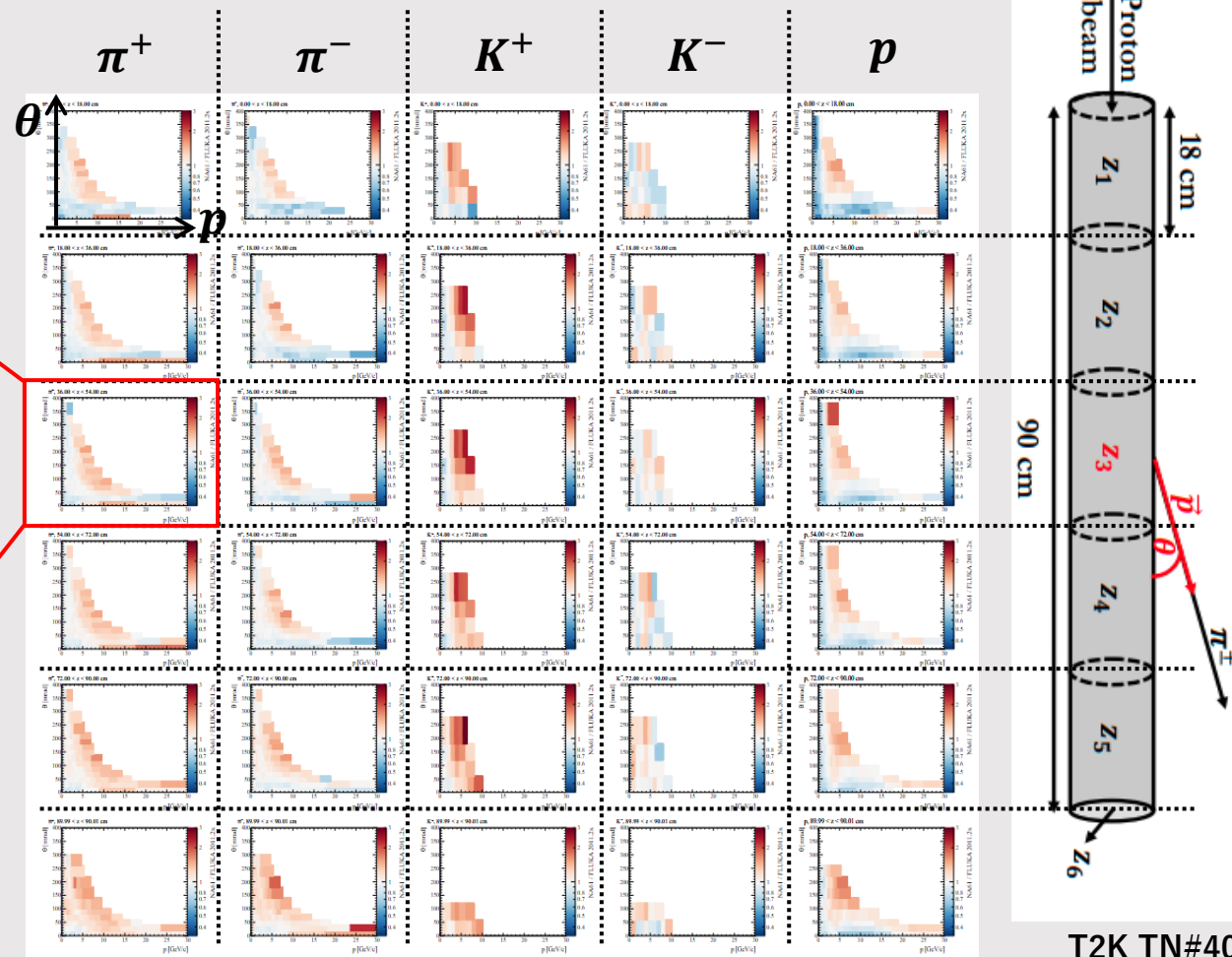
However, **hadron interactions** are described based on experimental data, which requires many parameters

NA61/SHINE experiment

Measurement of hadron production from T2K “Replica” target

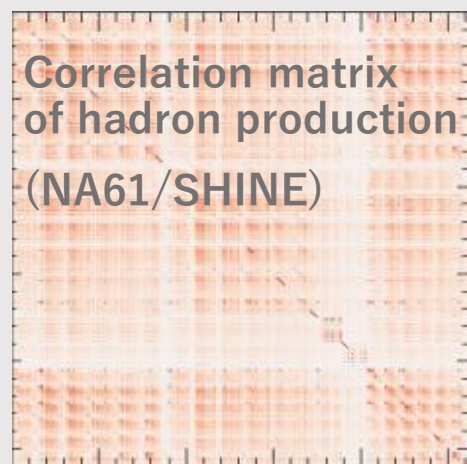


Ratio of production rate of model and real
 → “Tune” MC samples by this

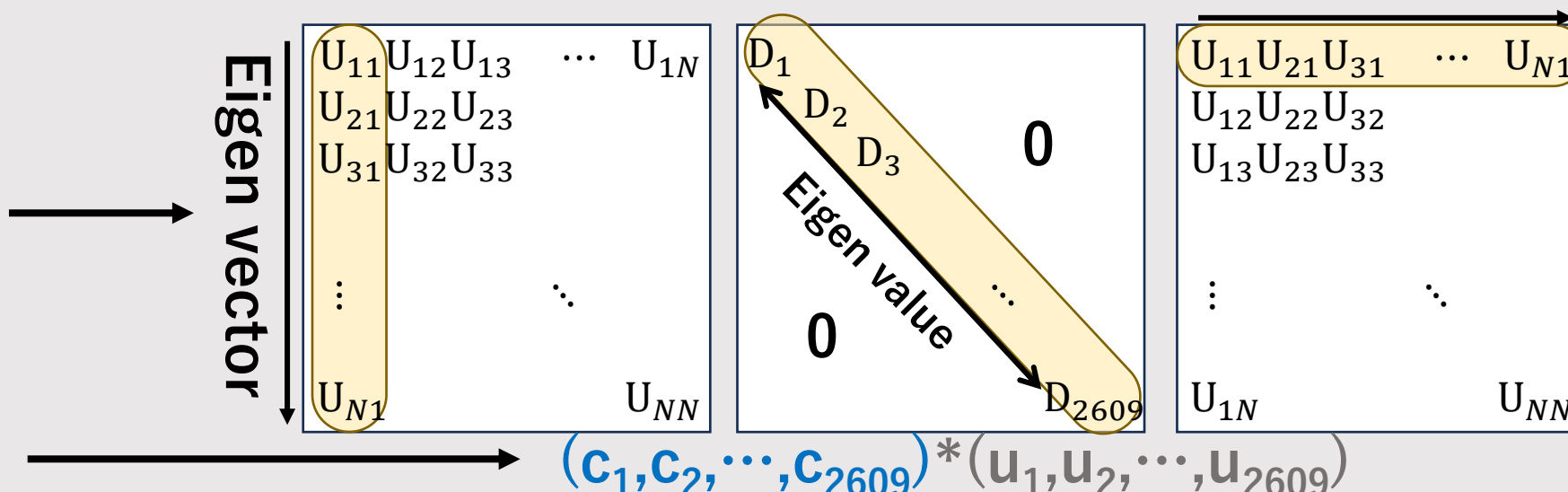


↑ All of 2609 data points will be new parameters → Too many parameters

How to reduce number of NA61 replica parameters?



$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2609})$



Take out important vectors

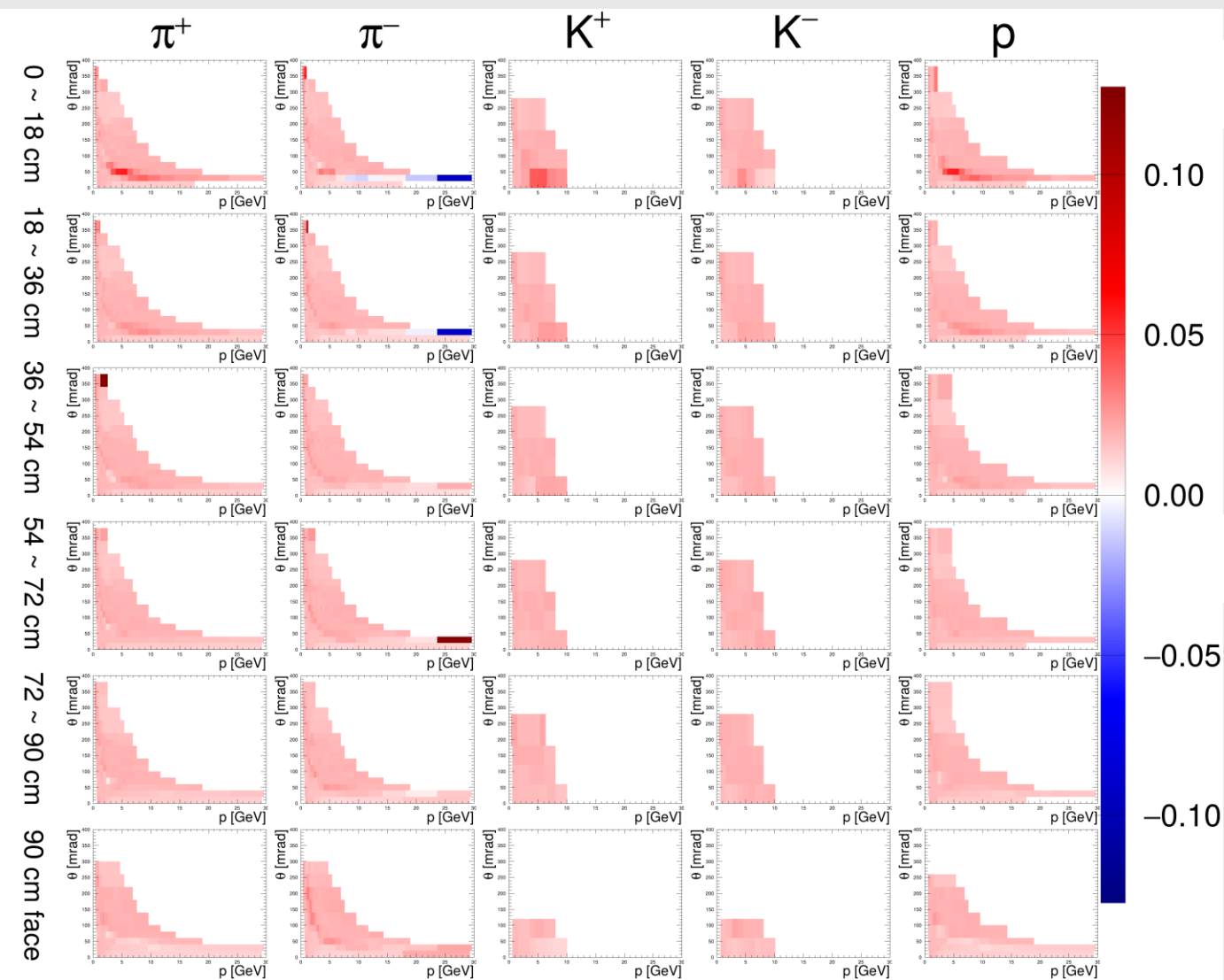
$$(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{10}) * (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{10})$$



Reduced parameters and eig vecs are used in analyses

Create new **uncorrelated variables** by eigen decomposition and take out important vectors

Response of hadron phase space of eig vec #0



Hadron yields shift almost uniformly ($\sim 2\%$ in 1σ)

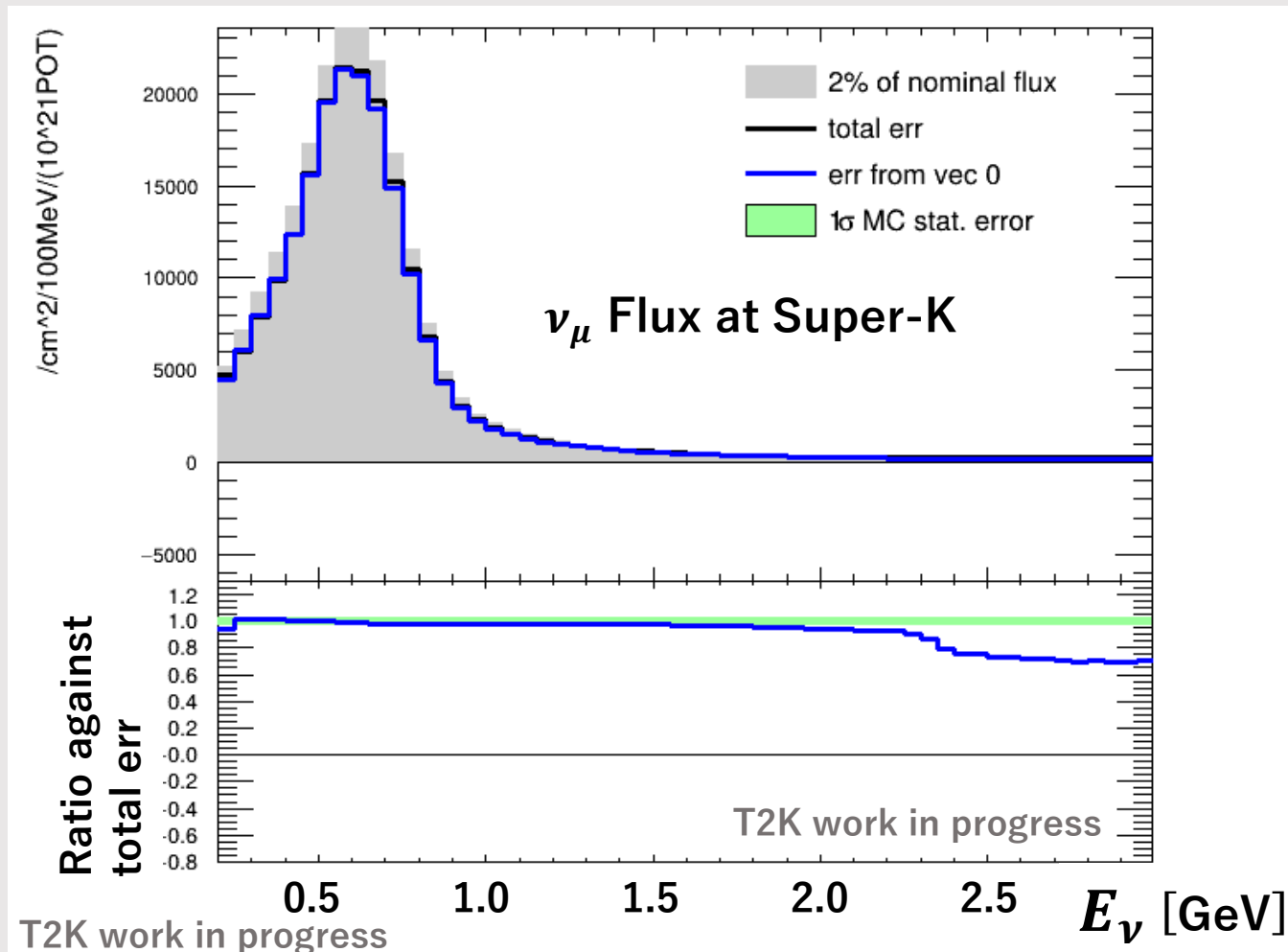
Corresponds to reconstruction bias in NA61/SHINE (2% over all the phase space)

Can expect that neutrino flux intensity also shift uniformly

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Response of neutrino flux on new parameter: eig vec #0

Change in neutrino flux intensity when eig. vec. shifted 1σ
Dominant error source for peak region



Gray: Flux intensity (scaled to 2%)
To show the scale of uncertainty

Black: Total Error from NA61 Replica
Evaluated by MC simulation

Blue: Response of flux (top)
Ratio against total error (bottom)

Green: Range to reach
 1σ range of total error due to MC
statistical error

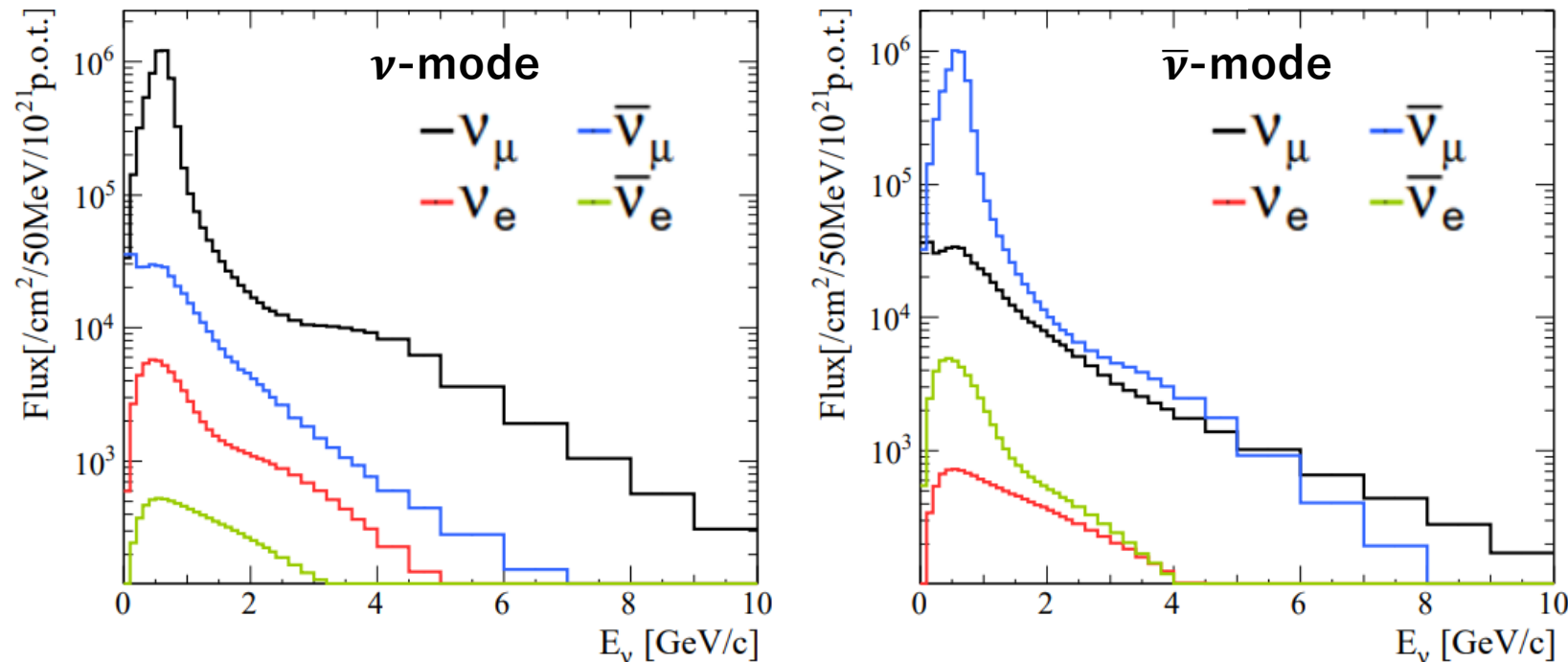
Flux intensity of each neutrino flavor

ν_μ is the largest intensity at ν -mode, but the other flavors are produced from high momentum π^- , etc.

The orders of intensity are different against each flavor

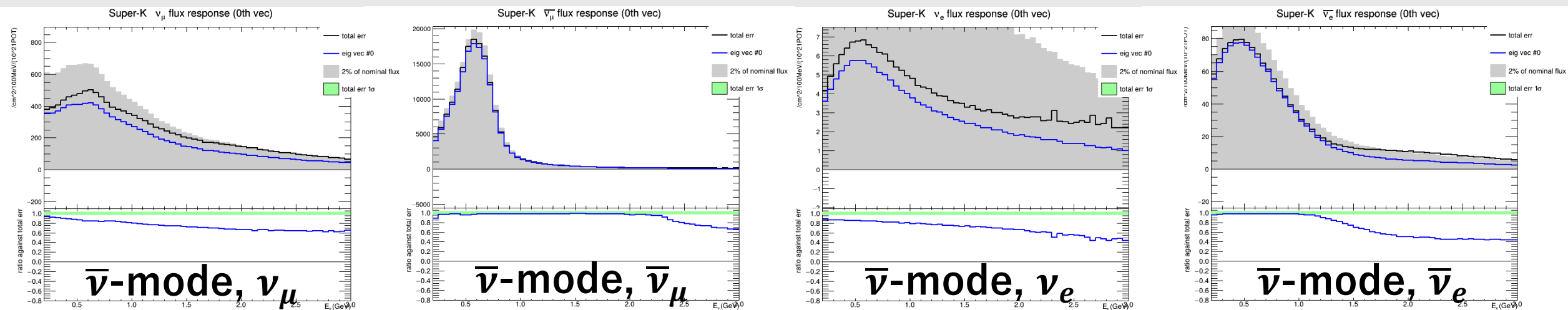
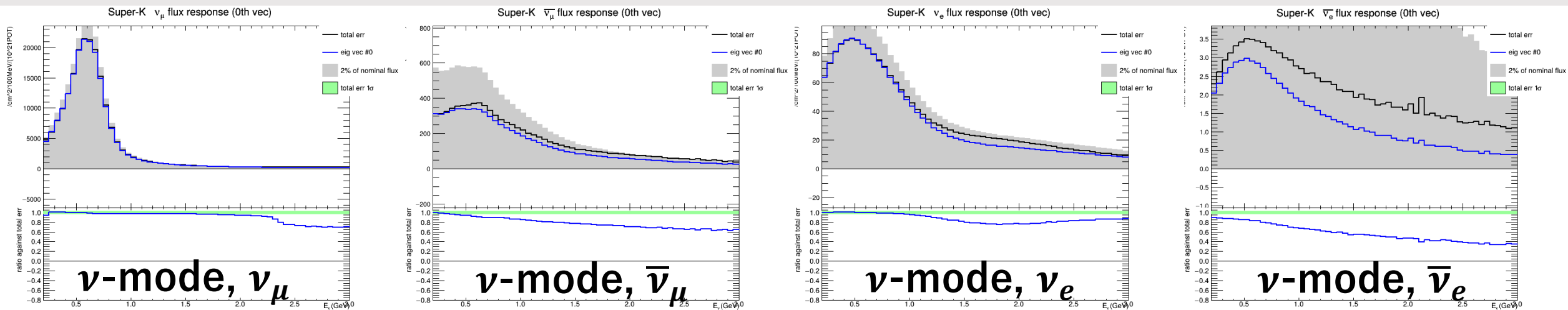
Same for $\bar{\nu}$ -mode, thus need to consider 8 patterns of flux

Comparison of flux intensity of each flavor at Super-K



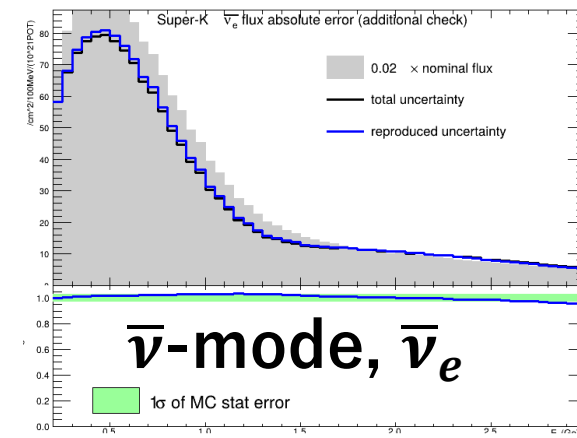
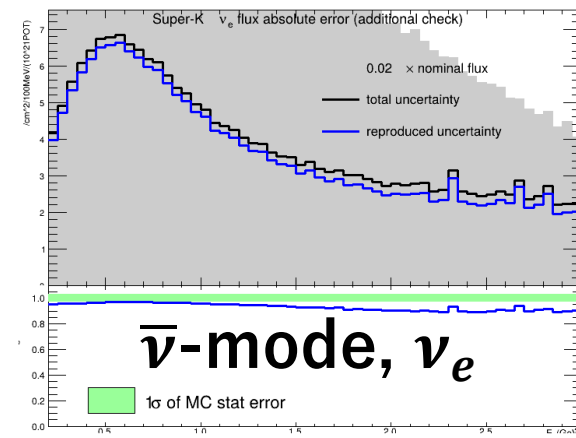
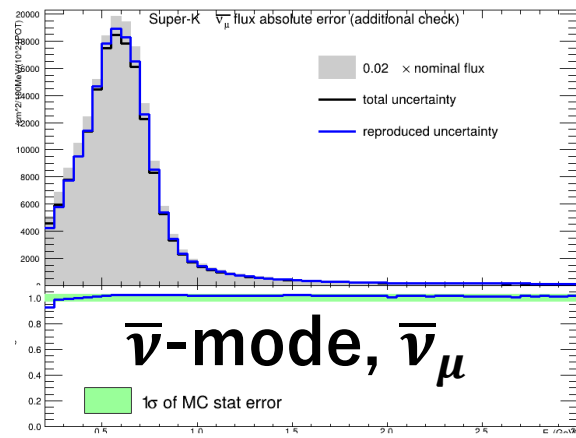
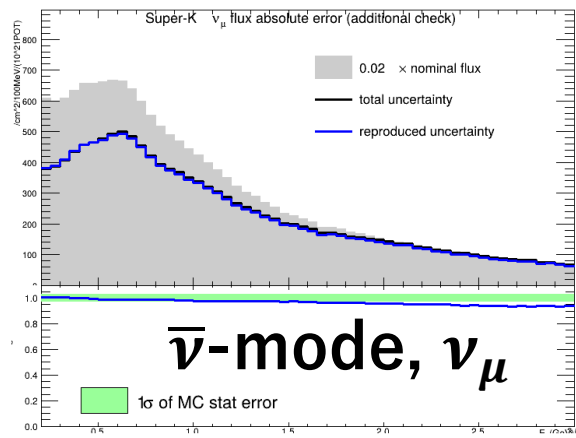
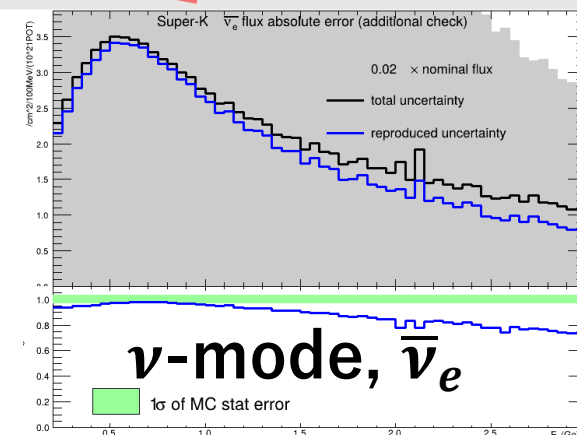
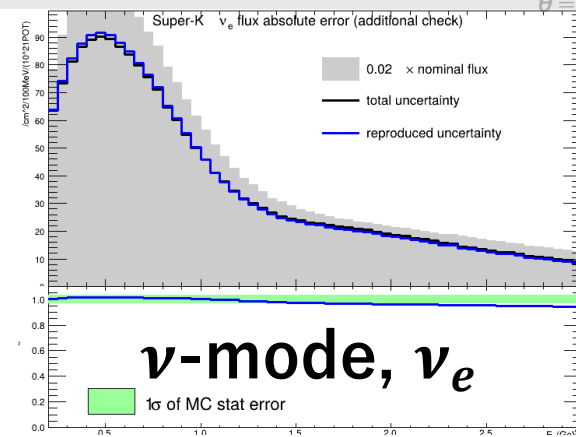
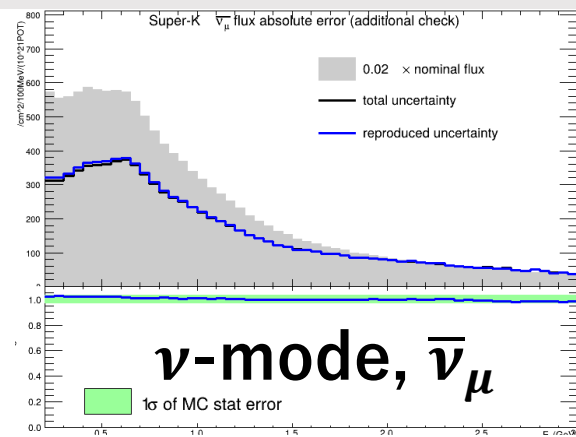
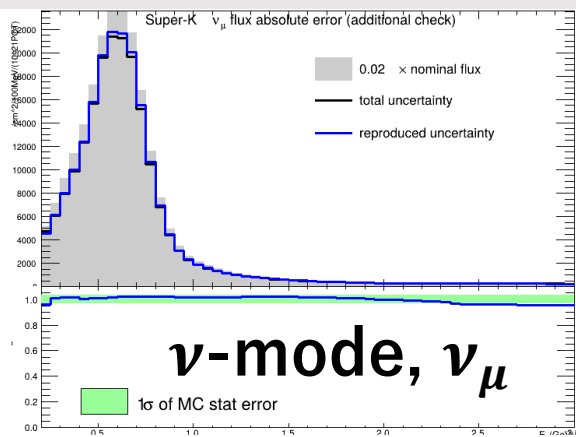
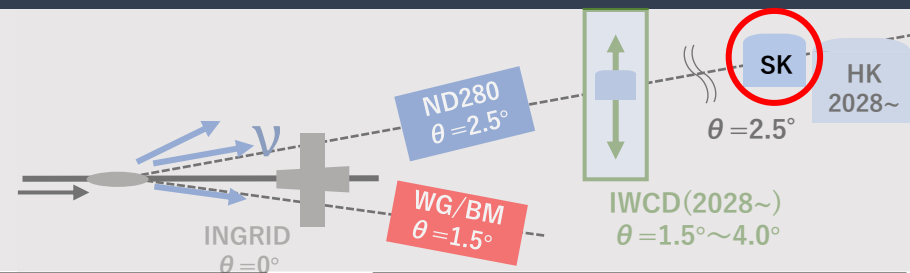
Response of neutrino flux on new parameter: eig vec #0

Response on large part of flux



Reproduction of flux uncertainty at Super-Kamiokande

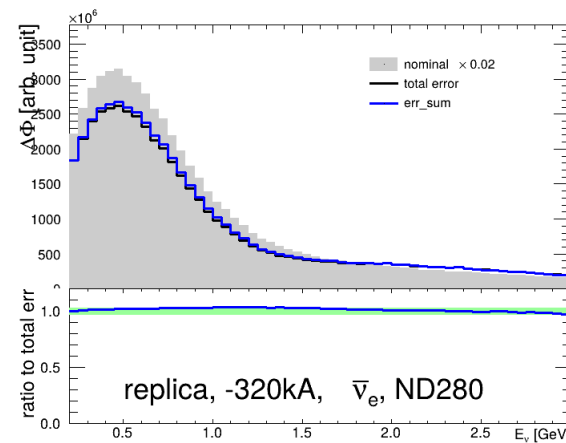
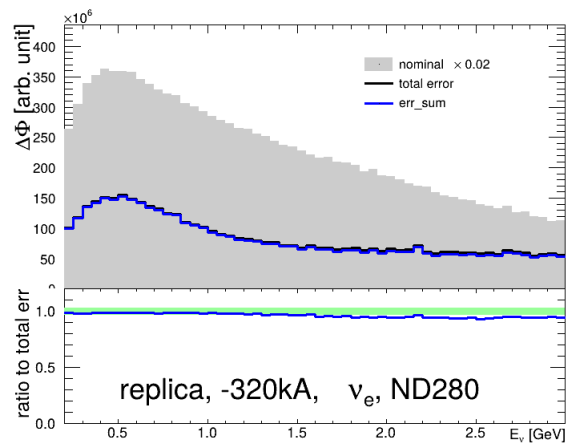
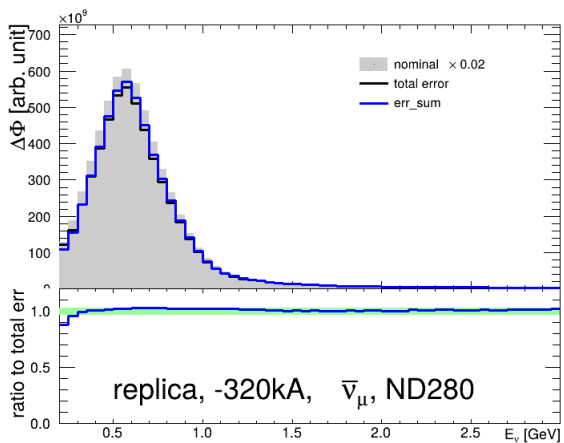
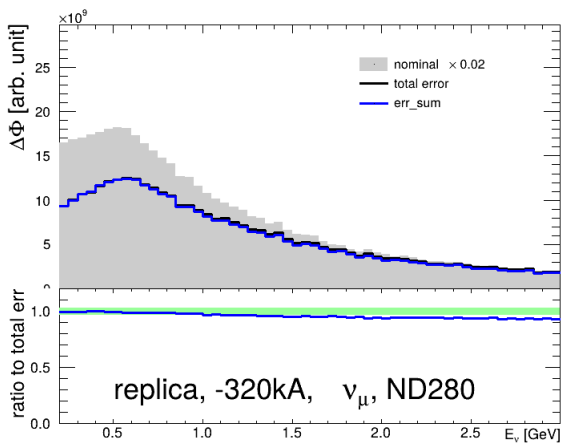
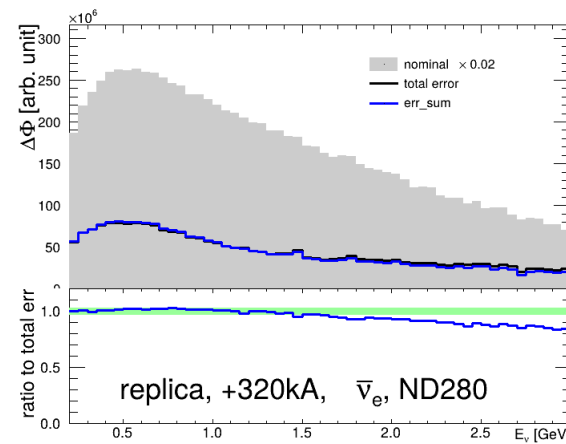
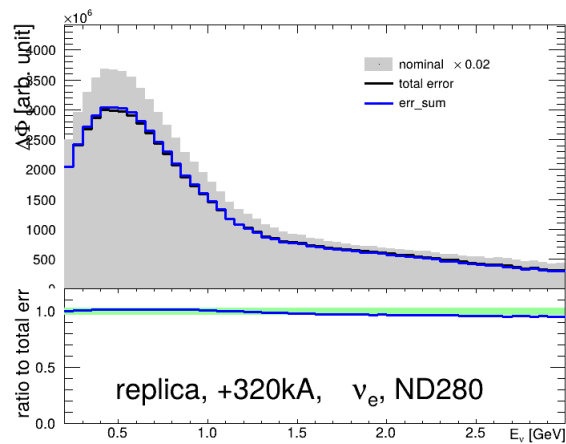
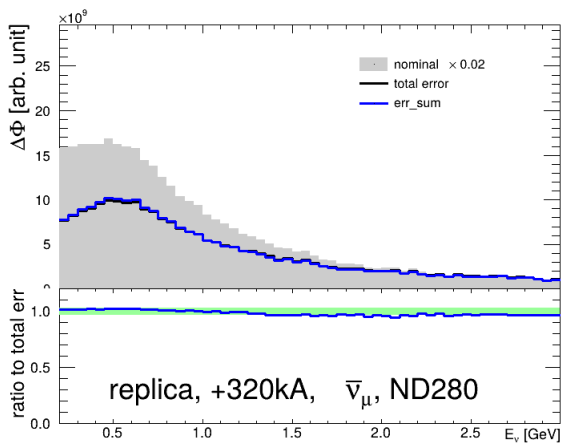
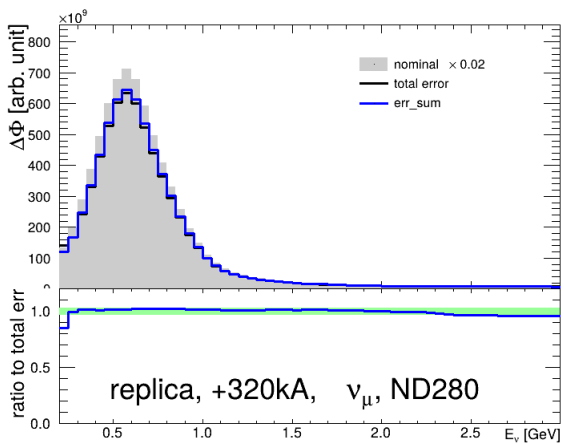
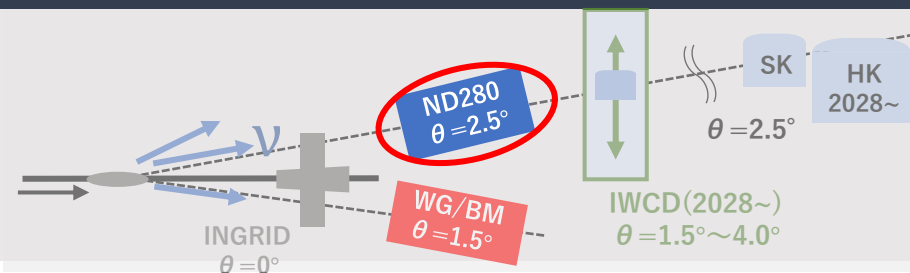
By using 11 parameters instead of 2609, uncertainties are reproduced



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Reproduction of flux uncertainty at ND280

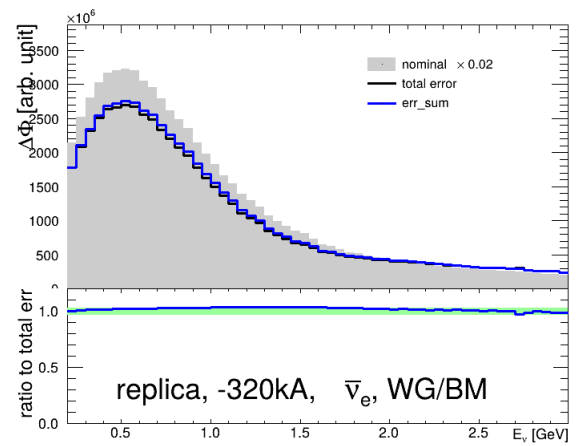
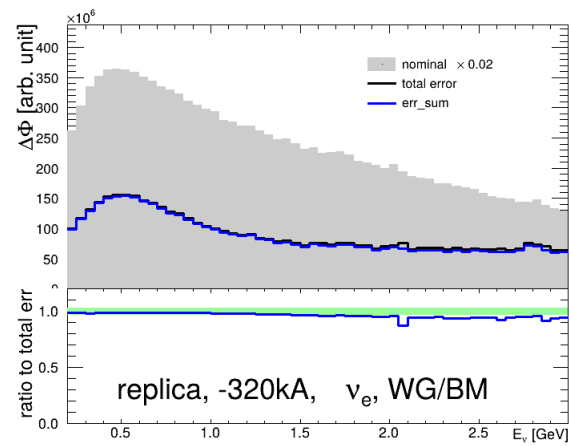
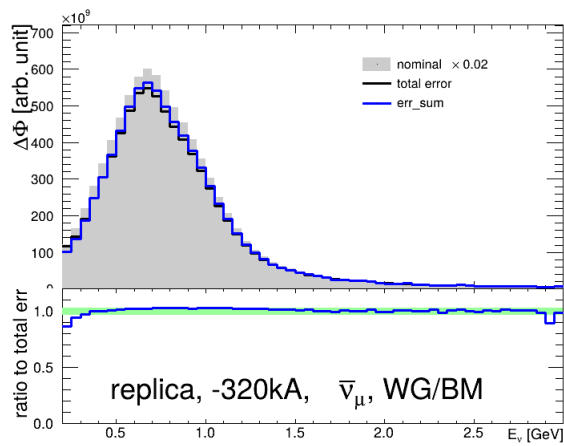
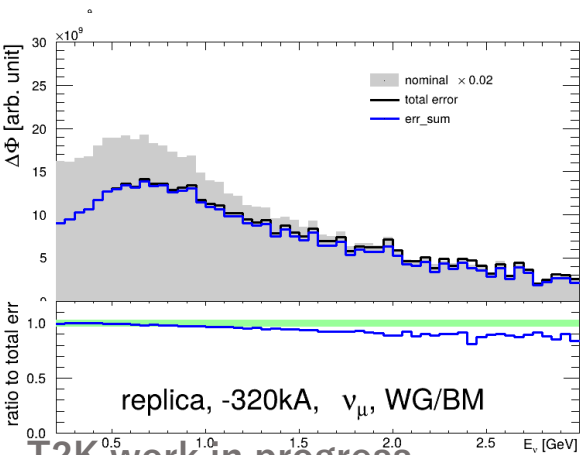
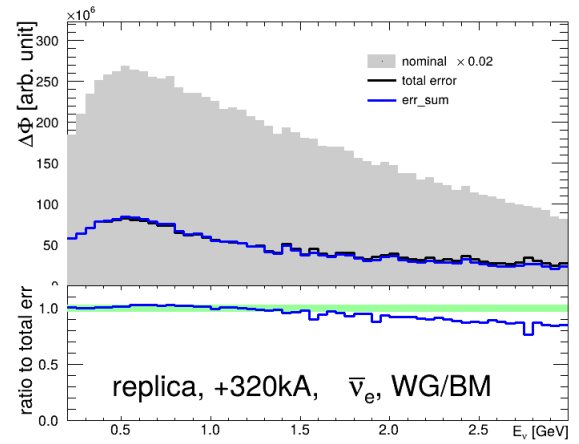
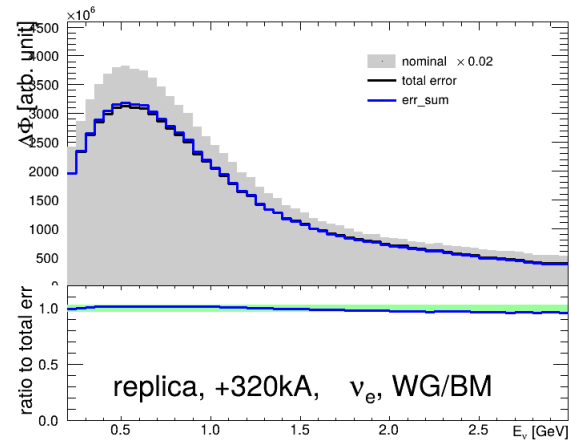
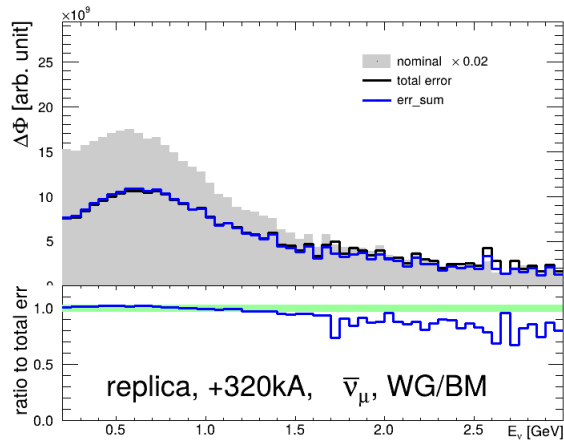
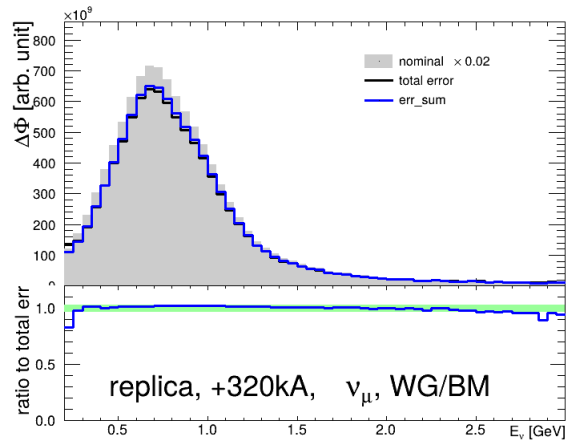
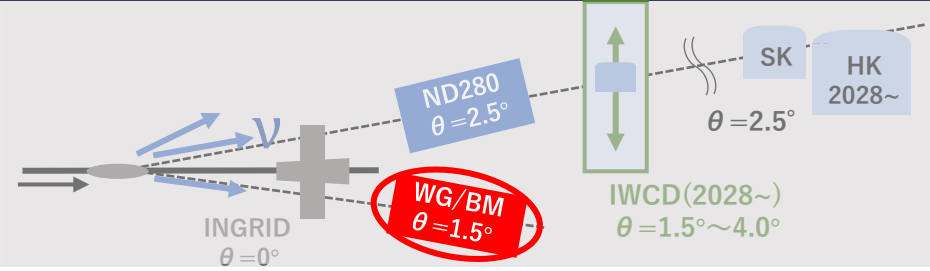
Same parameter set are used
 ND280 is same Off-Axis angle with SK



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Reproduction of flux uncertainty at WAGASCI/BabyMIND

WG/BM is located at different angle,
But reproduced with same parameters

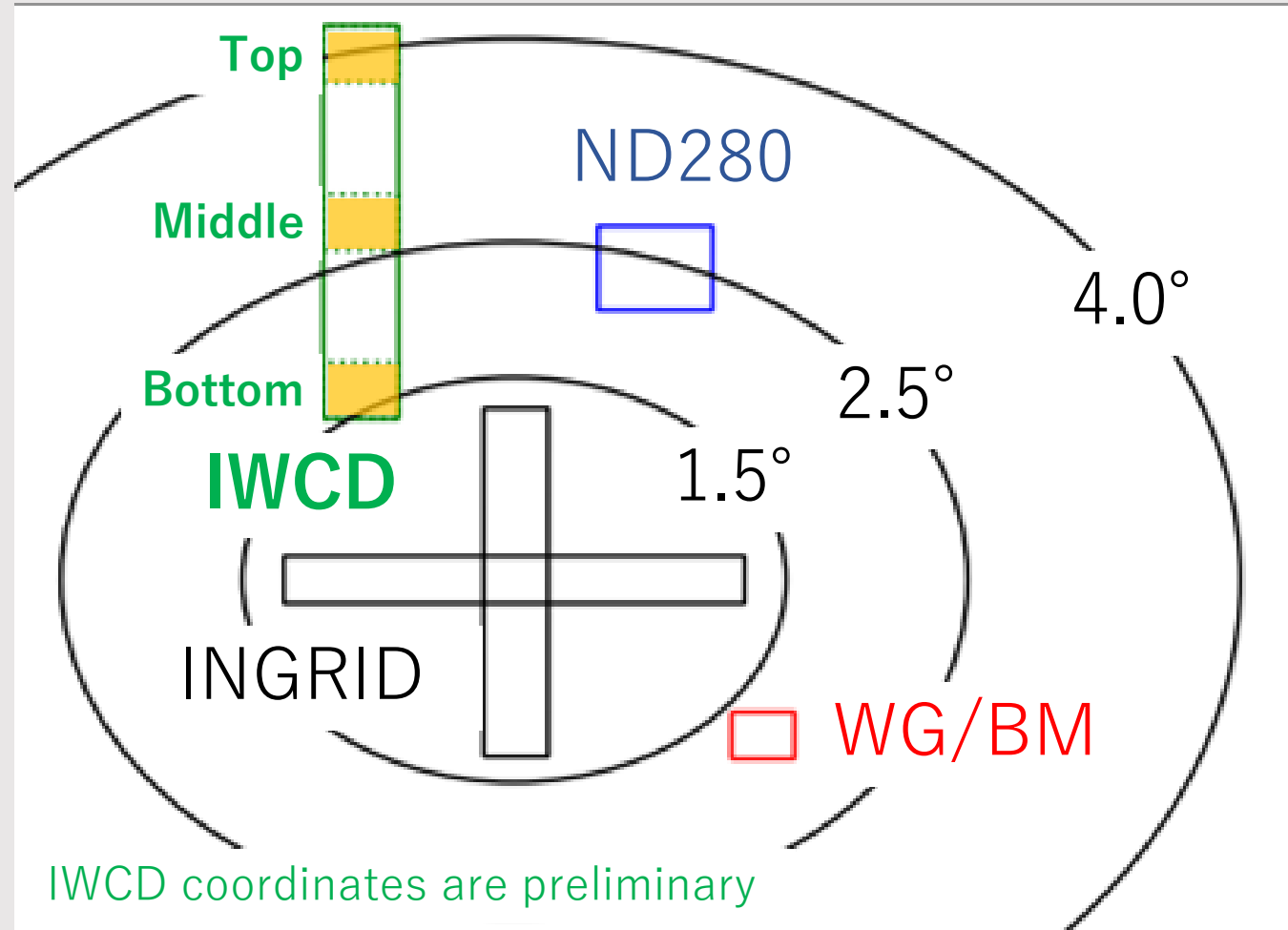
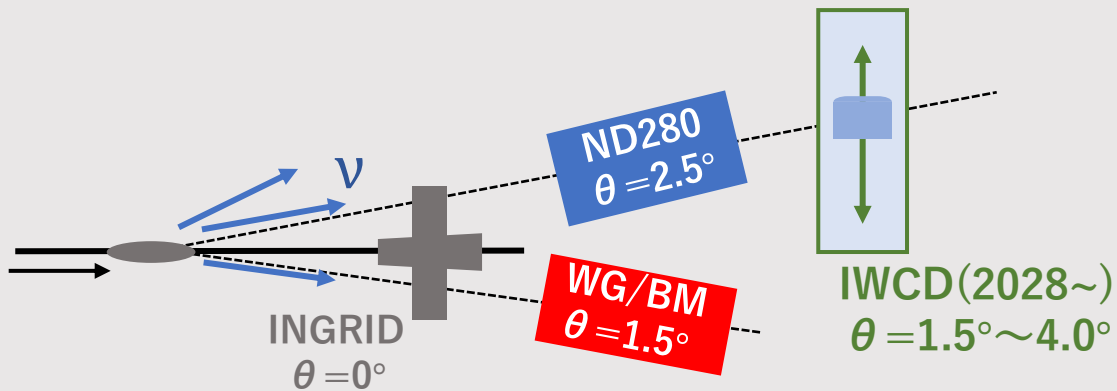


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Tests for IWCD

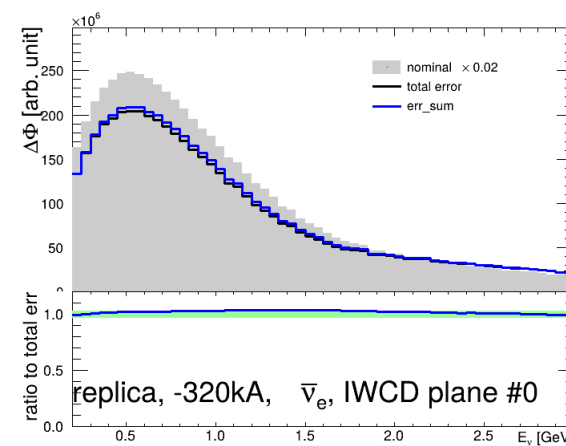
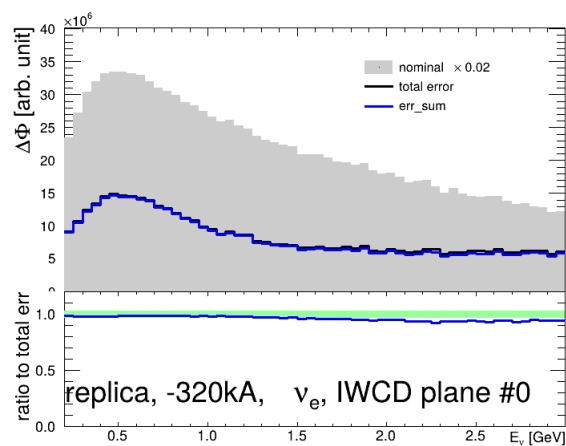
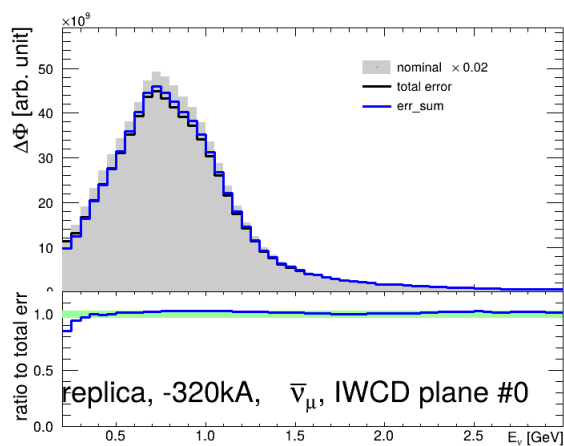
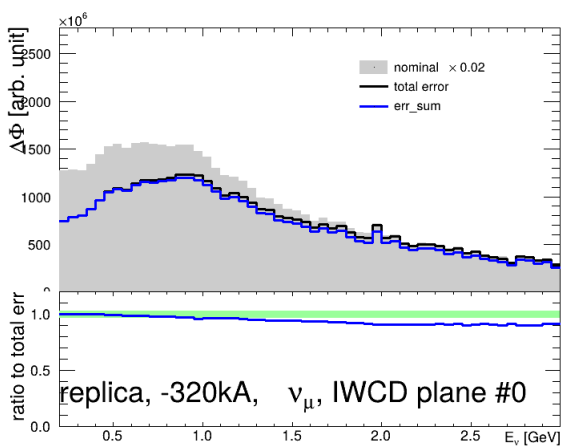
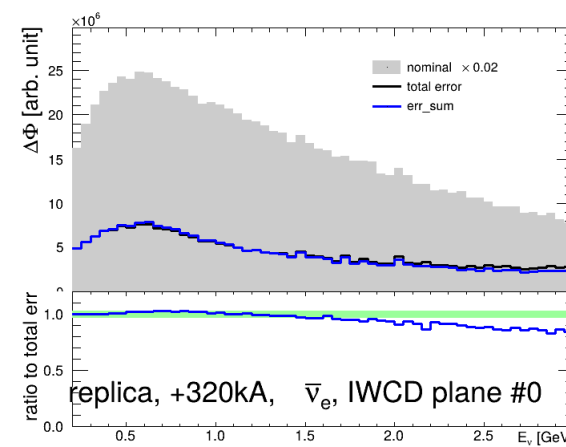
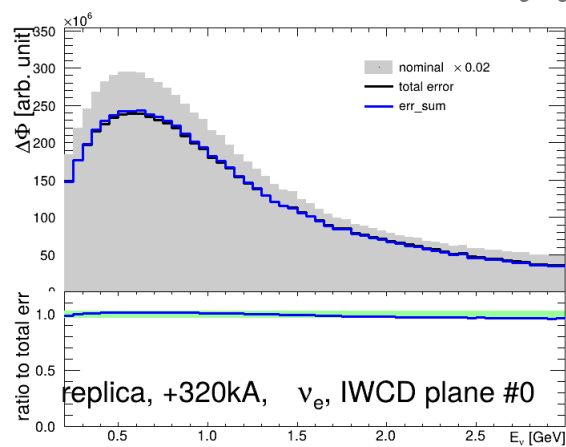
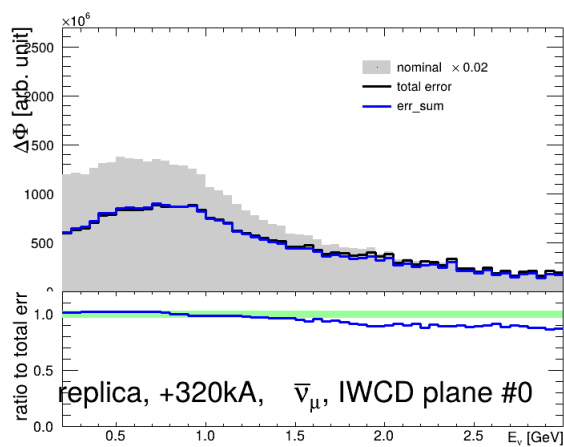
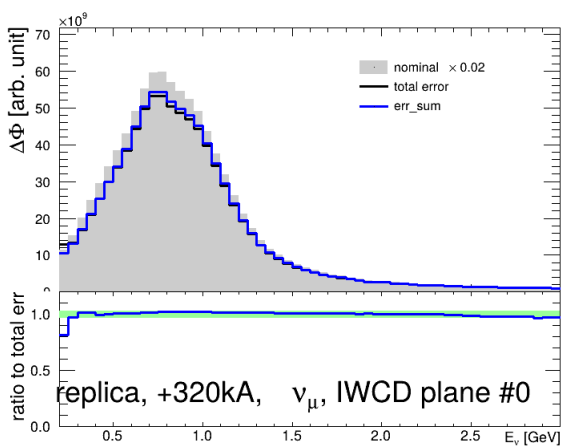
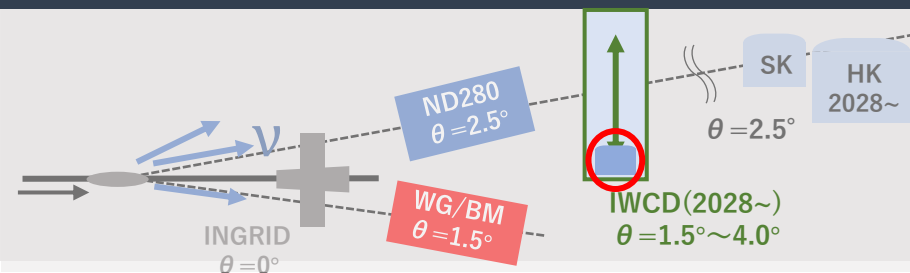
Detector locations as Off-Axis Angle

Will show results on 3 sample positions of IWCD



IWCD at bottom (1.5° Off-Axis)

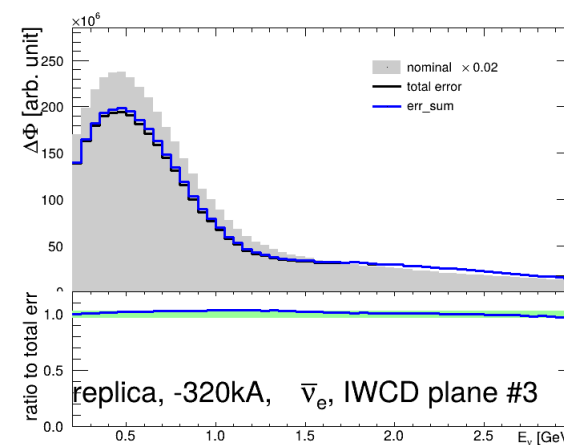
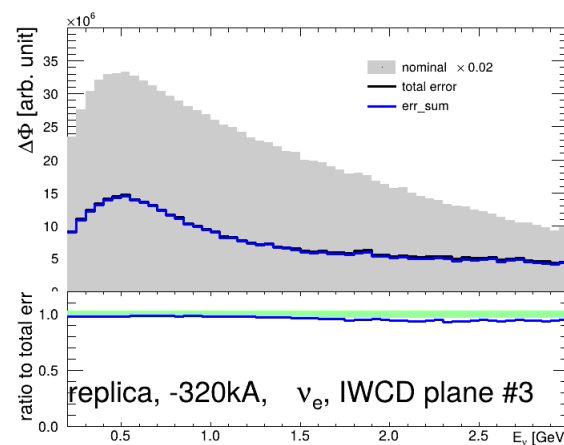
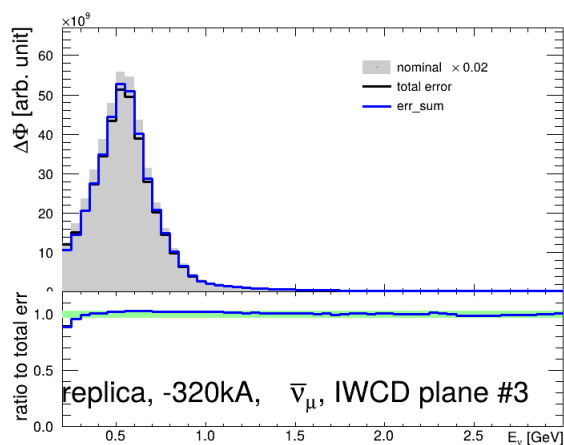
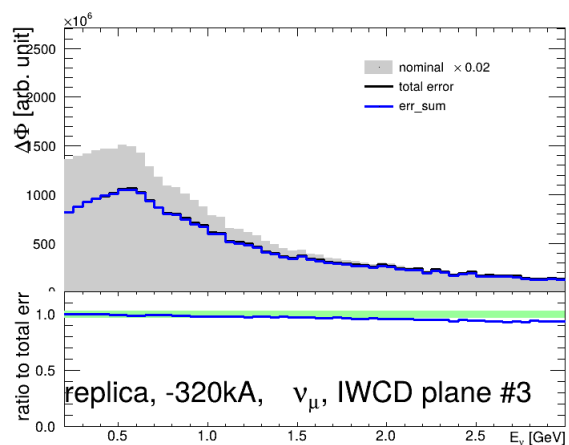
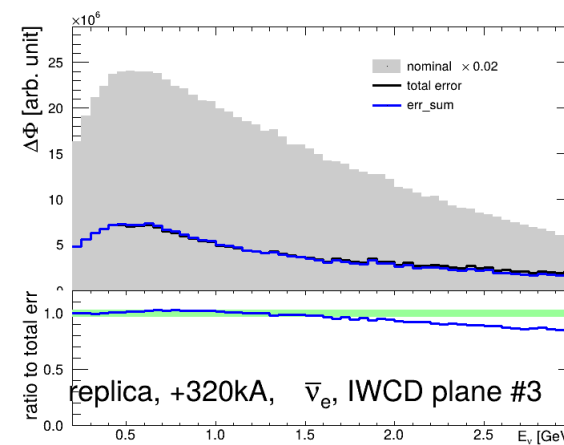
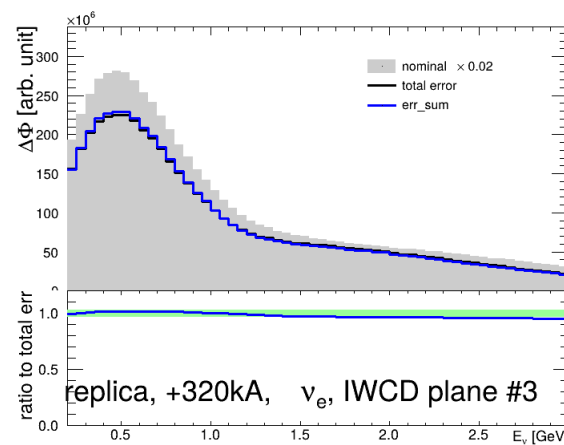
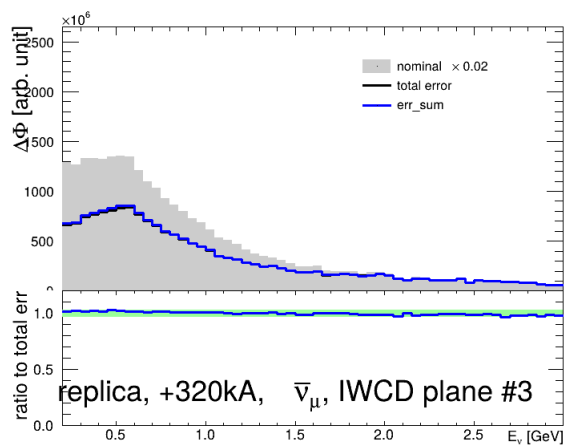
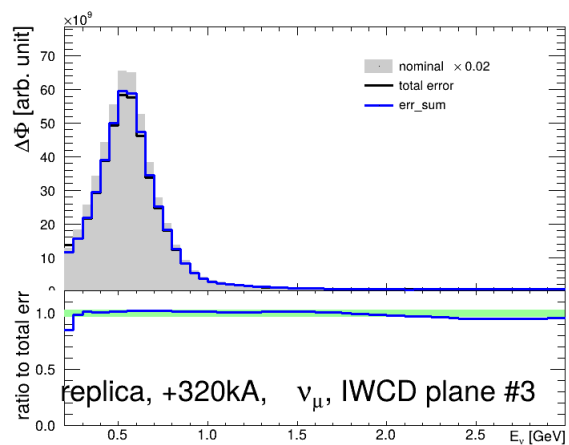
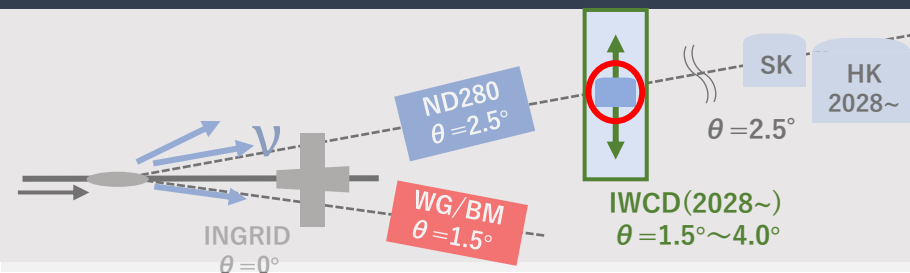
Reproduced with same parameter set



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IWCD at middle (2.7° Off-Axis)

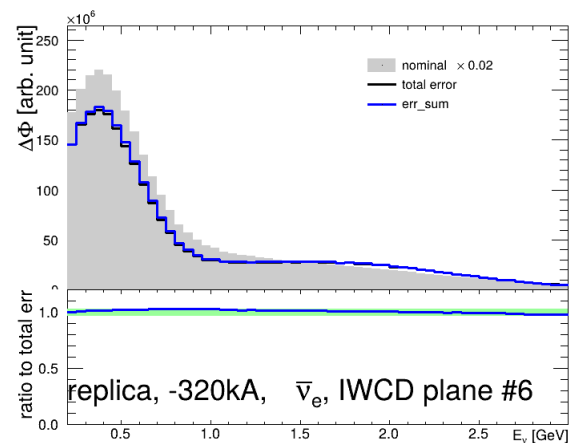
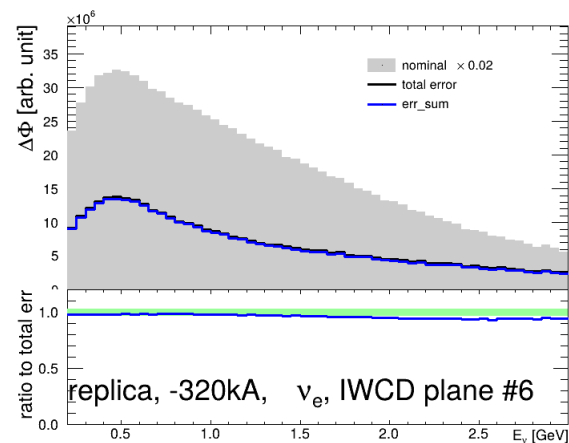
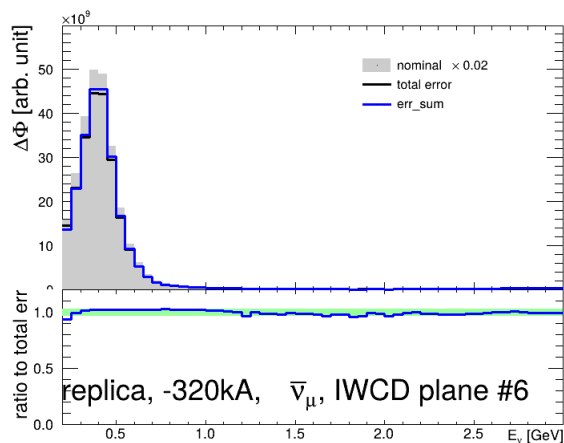
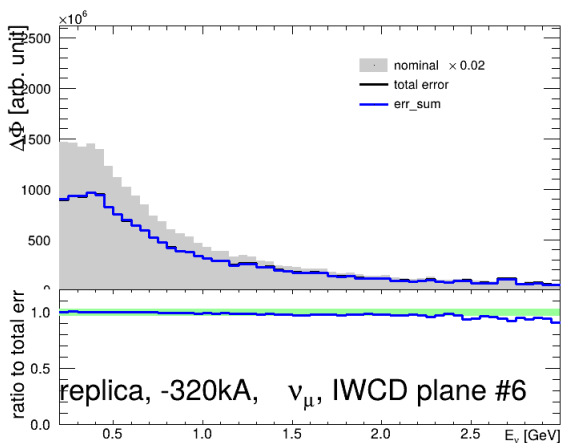
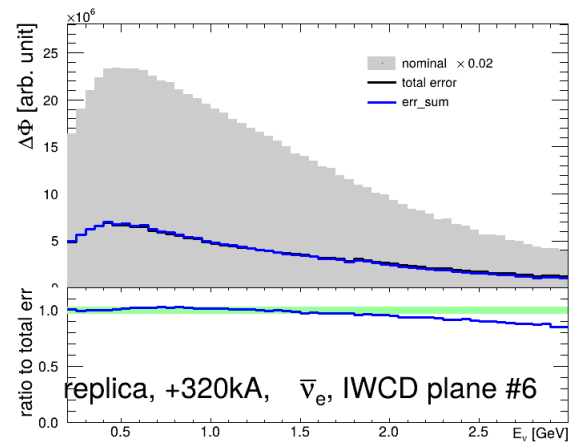
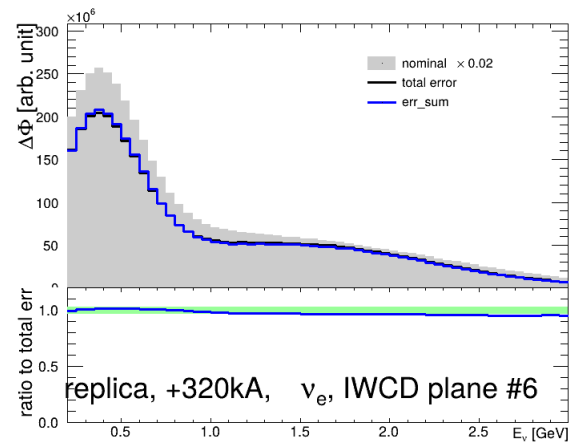
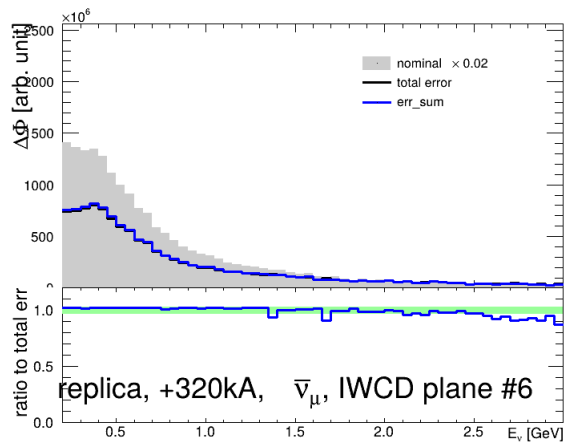
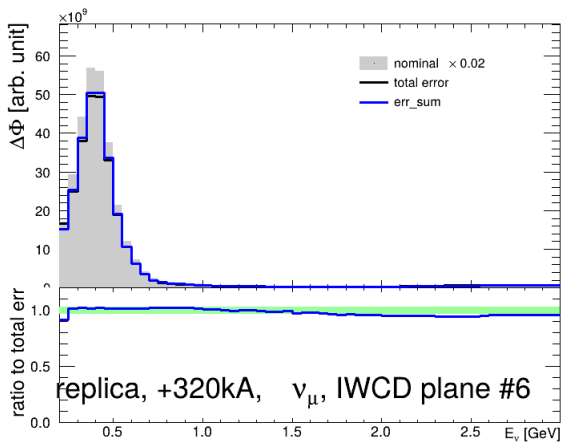
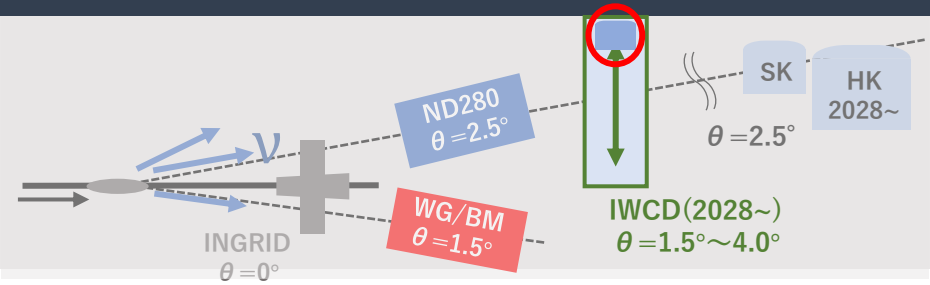
Reproduced with same parameter set



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IWCD at top (4.0° Off-Axis)

Reproduced with same parameter set



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Summary and plans

- We need a new method to handle flux correlations between multiple detection points with reduced number of parameters
- Energy bin-based flux parameters → Original systematic parameters
But the number of parameters for hadron interaction is large
- Reduced parameters of NA61 Replica parameters (2609→11)
- Flux error of all detectors are reproduced with same parameter set
→ Important elements don't change with small difference of OA angle

Plans:

- Off-Axis Angle interpolation for IWCD