

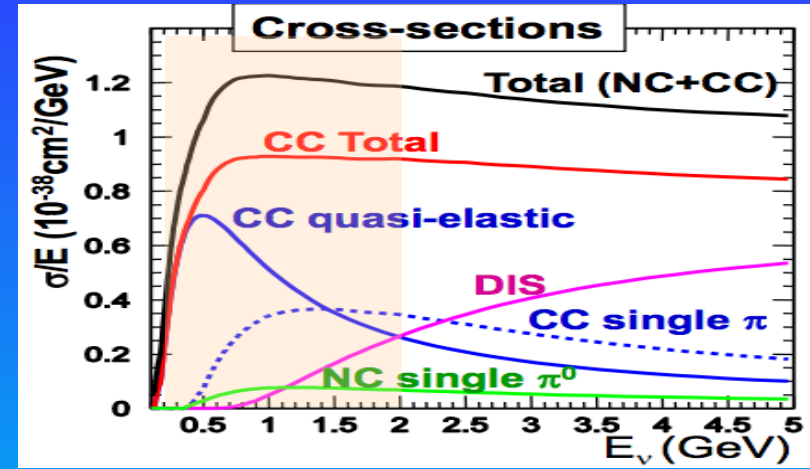
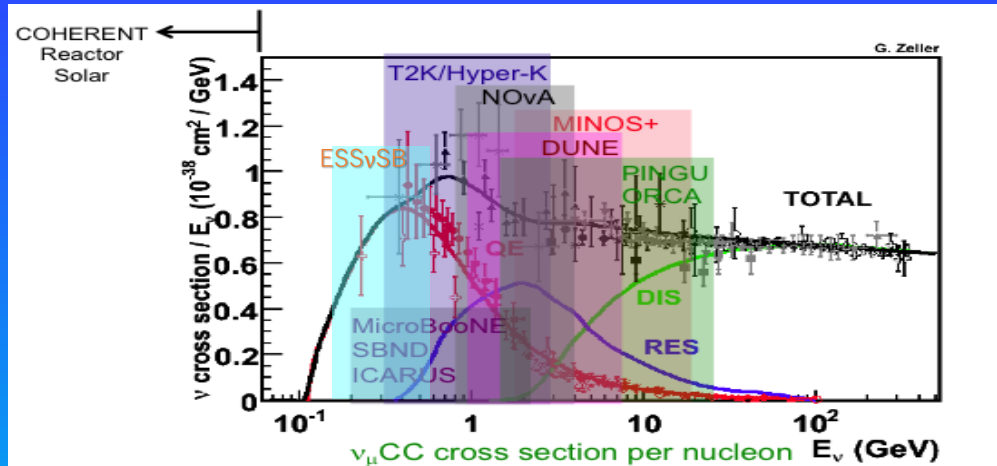


***Precise measurement of  
Neutrino Interactions  
at J-PARC  
in the NINJA experiment***



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# Neutrino physics on sub-multi GeV



Most current and future neutrino oscillation experiments are in this energy region

CCQE-like cross-section

Large discrepancy

anomaly

ν<sub>e</sub> like event excess

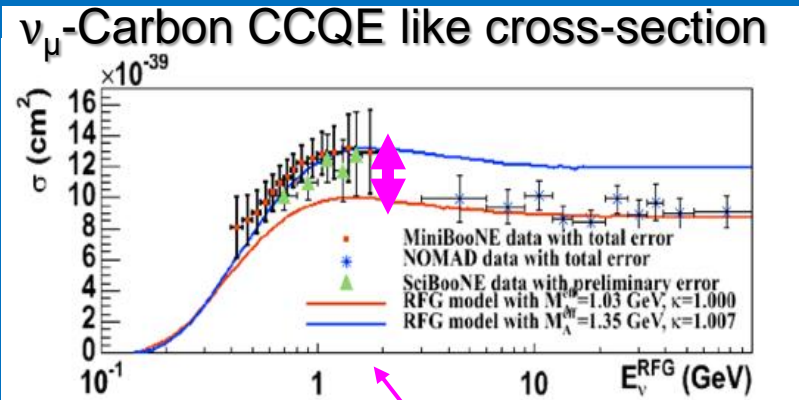
MiniBooNE

ν multi-nucleon (CC2p2h) interaction?

Sterile neutrino ?

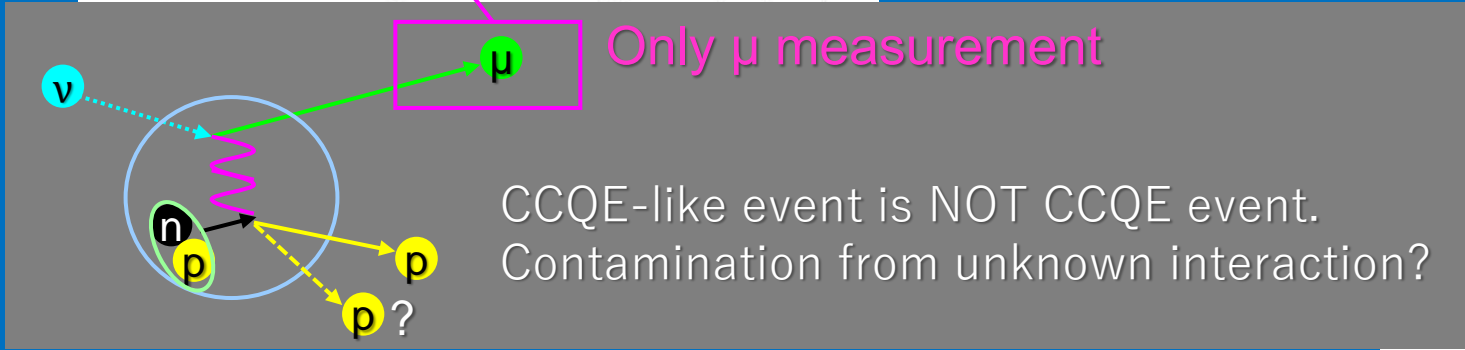
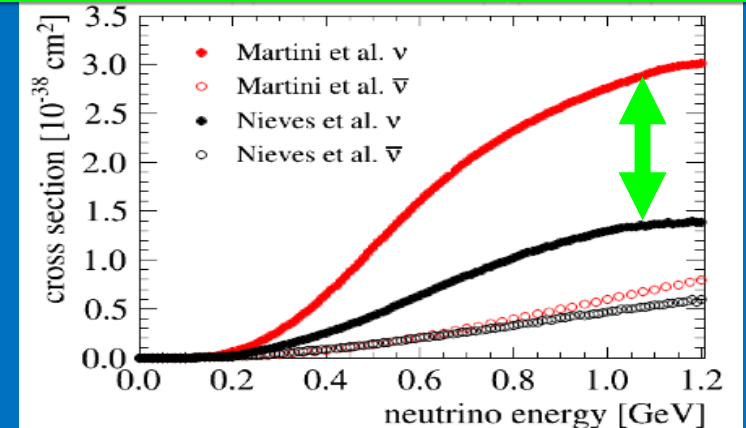
A better understanding of ν-nucleus interactions is important for the precise measurement of ν oscillations.

# Neutrino multi-nucleon interaction



Detected in electron scattering experiment.  
 → in case neutrino scattering?  
 Can explain the excess of CCQE-like event?

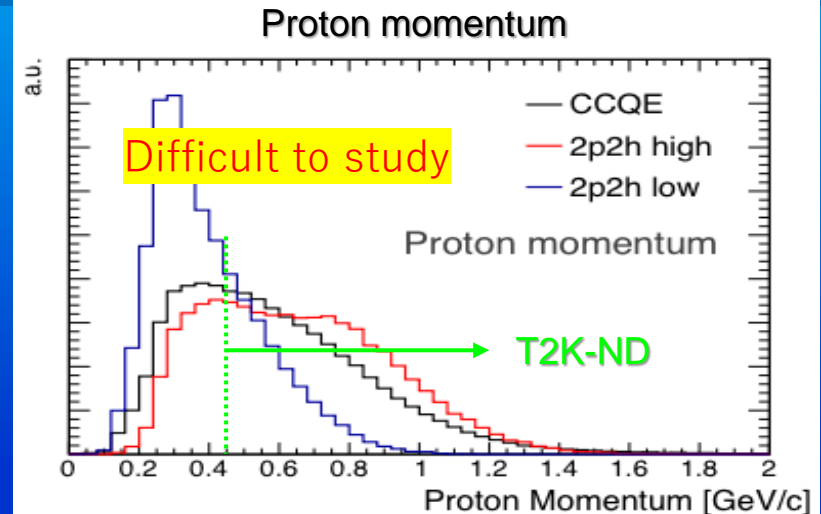
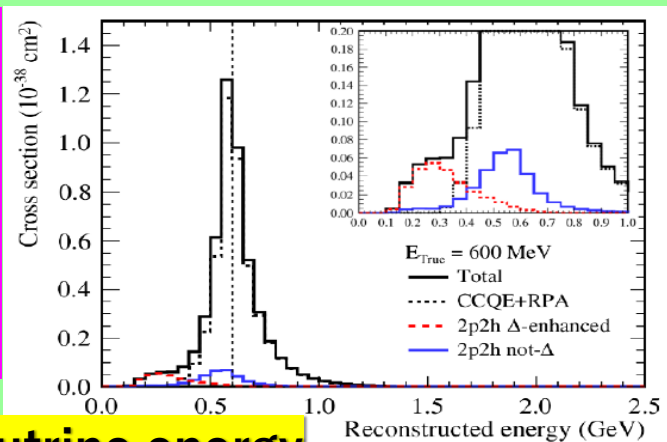
## Theoretical prediction of cross-section of $\nu$ multi-nucleon interaction (2p2h)



CCQE:  $\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$   
 → 2 body reaction

2p2h: **2proton emission**  
 $\nu_\mu + (n, p) \rightarrow \mu^- + p + p$   
 → 3 body reaction

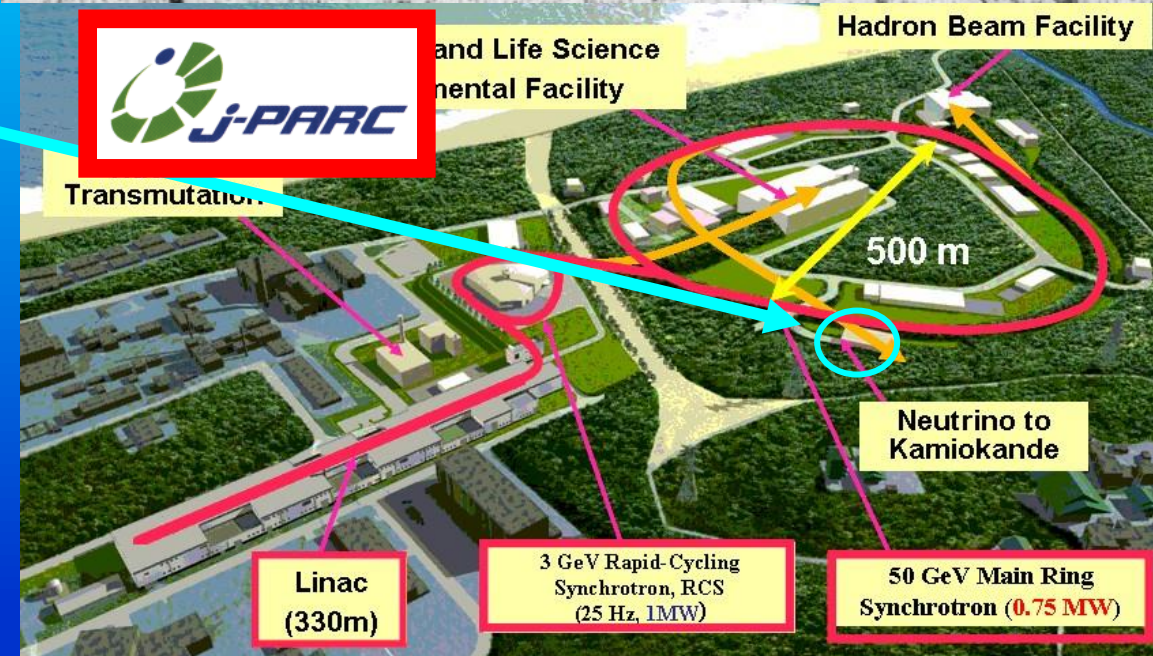
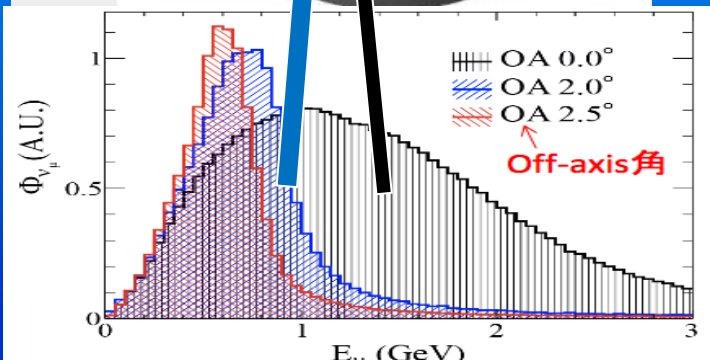
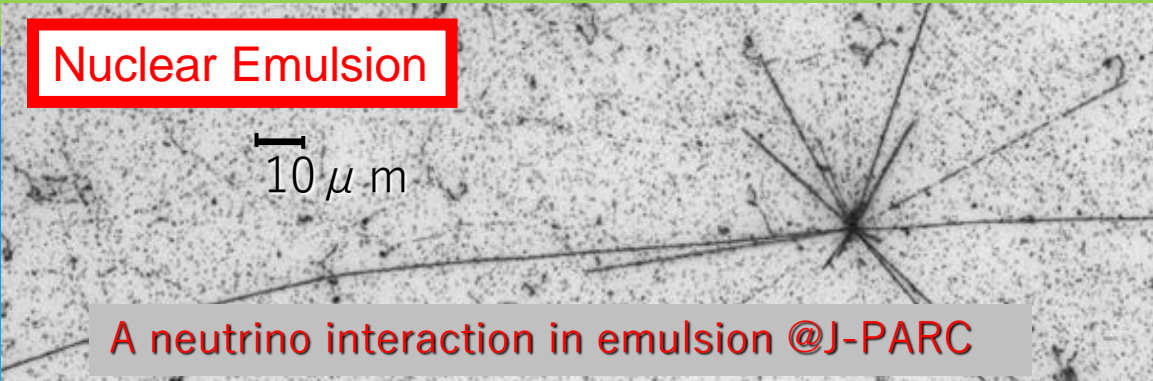
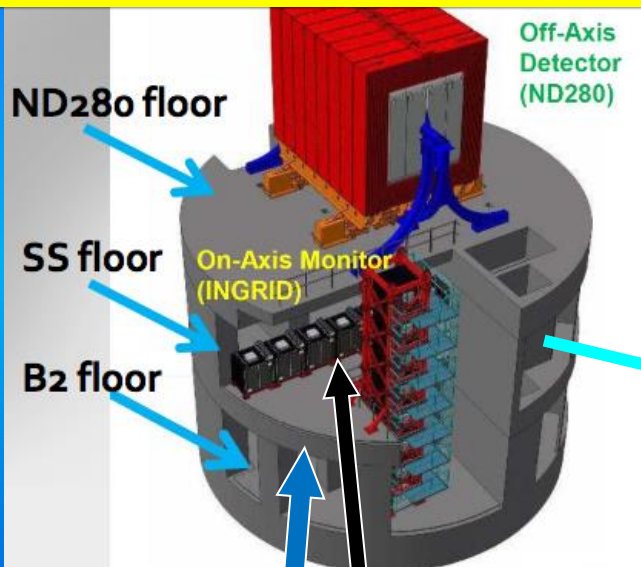
→ wrong reconstruction of neutrino energy



Neutrino Interaction research with Nuclear emulsion and J-PARC Accelerator

- Precise measurement of neutrino-nucleus cross-sections in Sub-Multi GeV neutrinos
- Electron neutrino cross-section measurement
- Sterile neutrino search

### J-PARC Neutrino monitor building



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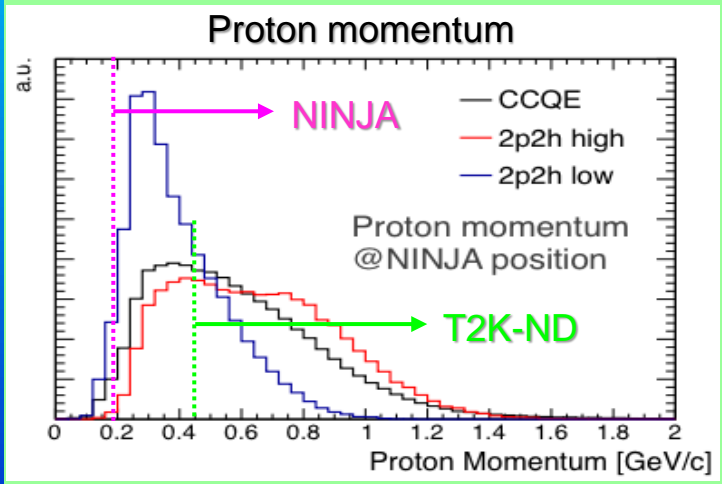
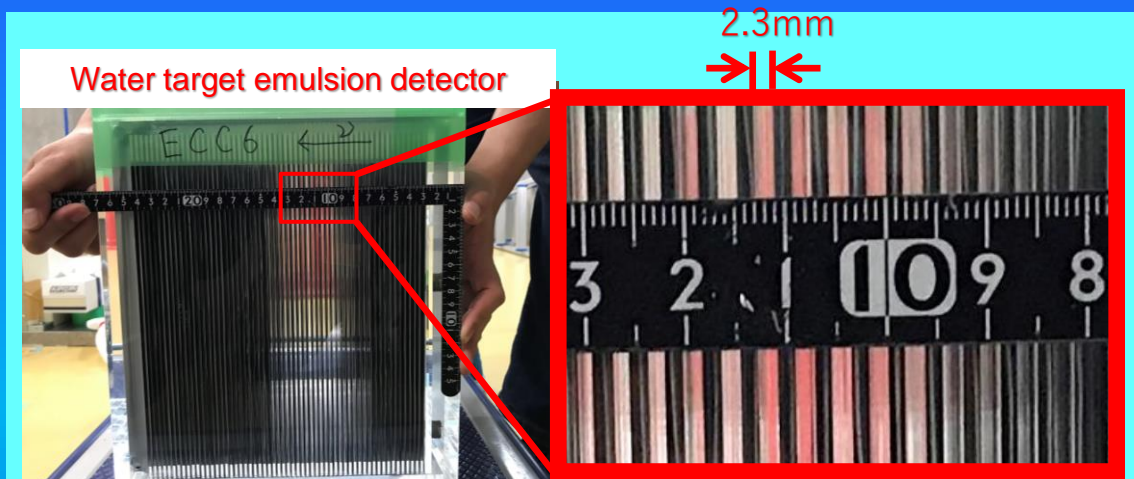
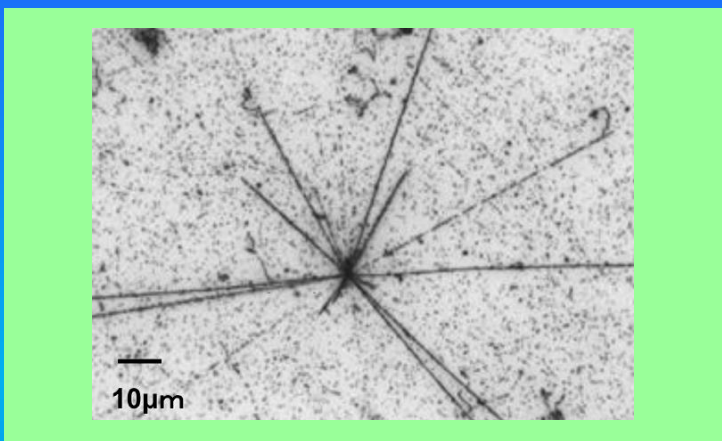


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- Low energy hadron measurement ← difficult to measure so far
- Neutrino-water interactions ← same target as the large water Cherenkov detector
- Low background for  $\nu_e$  measurement ← clear verification of sterile neutrino



### $\gamma$ / electron ID

Microscopic image from the view of the beam axis

$\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$       electron

1µm

### $\nu_e$ CC event in OPERA

electron

2  $\gamma$  showers

2 mm

10 mm

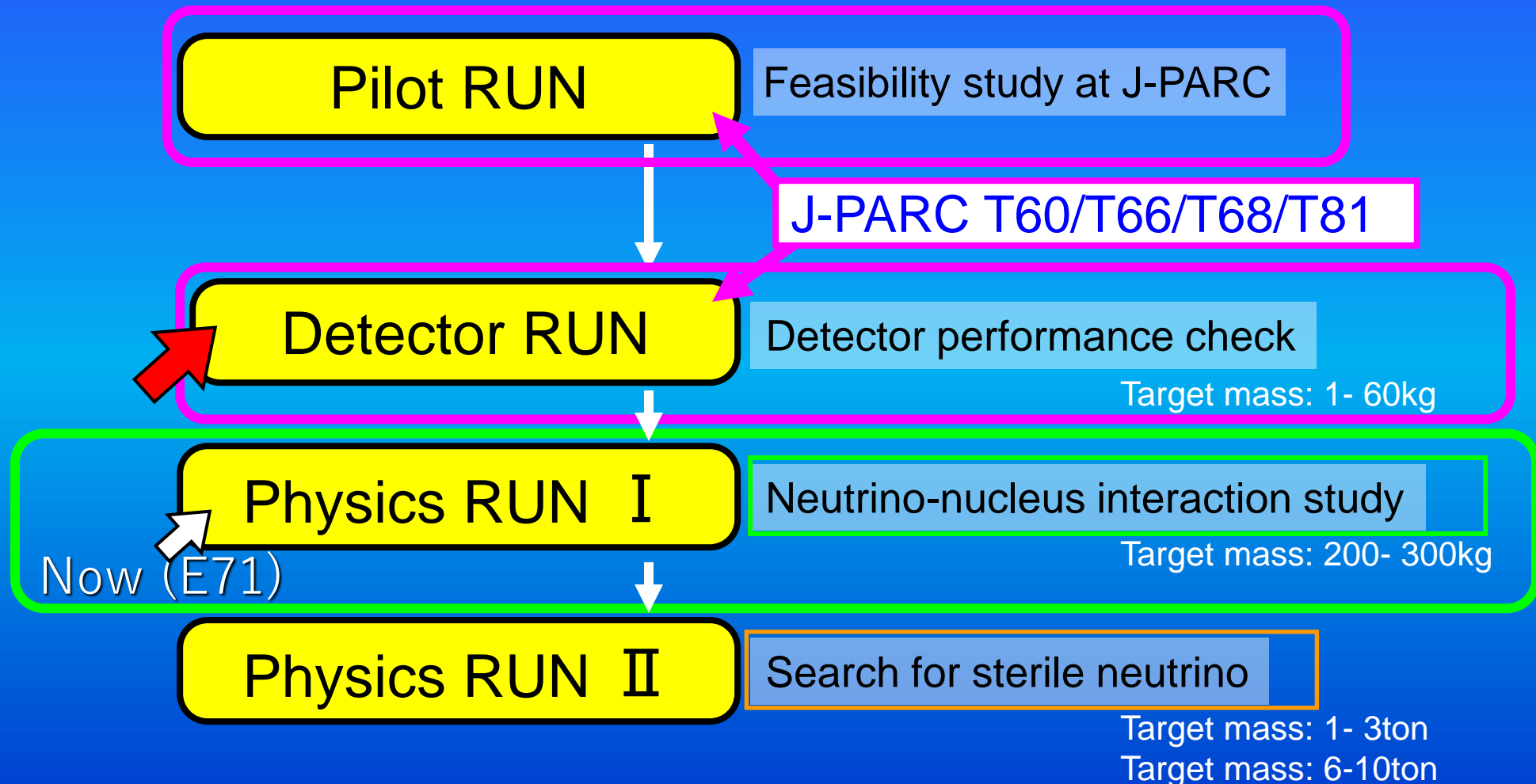
ECC

CS

Low BG from  $\nu_\mu$  NC  $\pi^0$  production

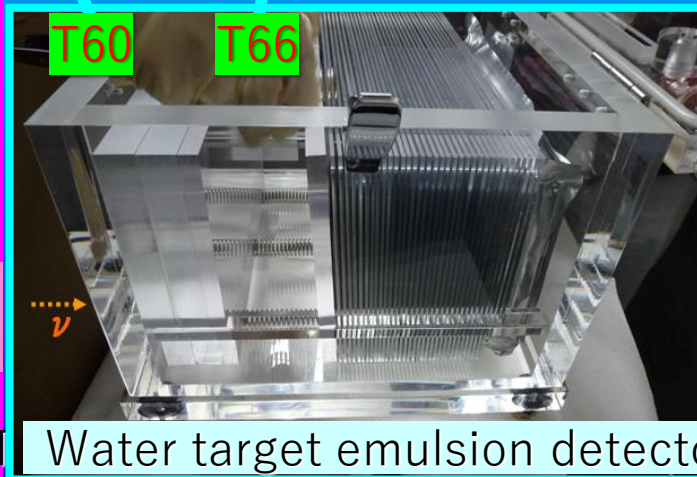
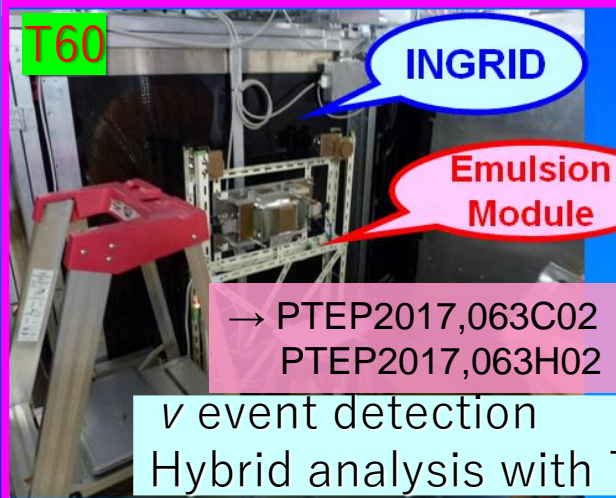
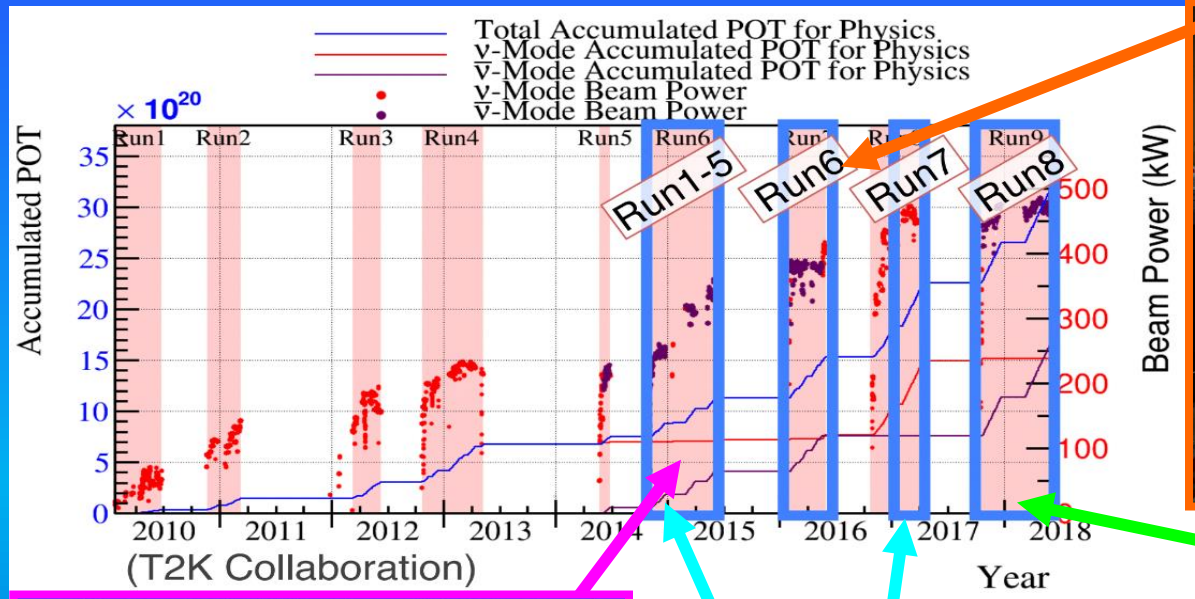
The nuclear emulsion has all the essential elements for low energy neutrino study.

# NINJA Roadmap



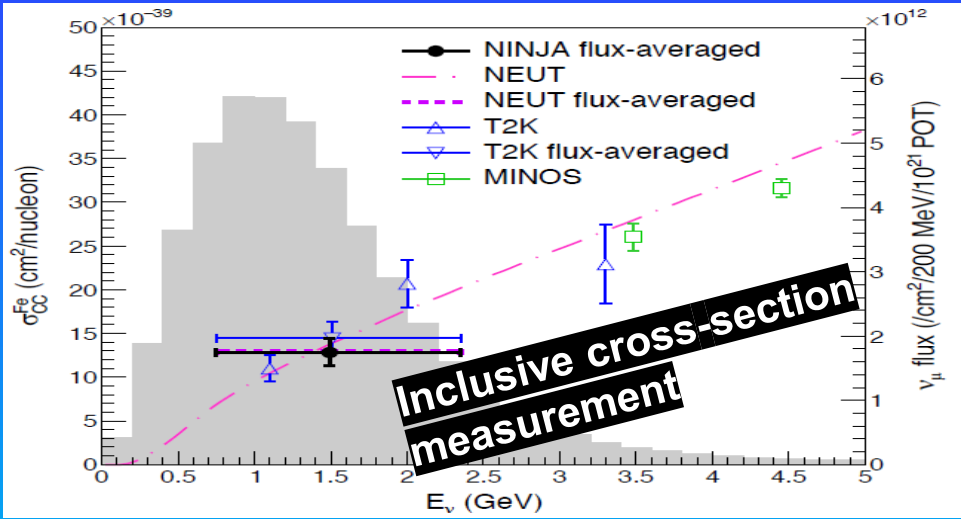
Currently, physics run is underway.

Since the end of 2014, we started test experiments.

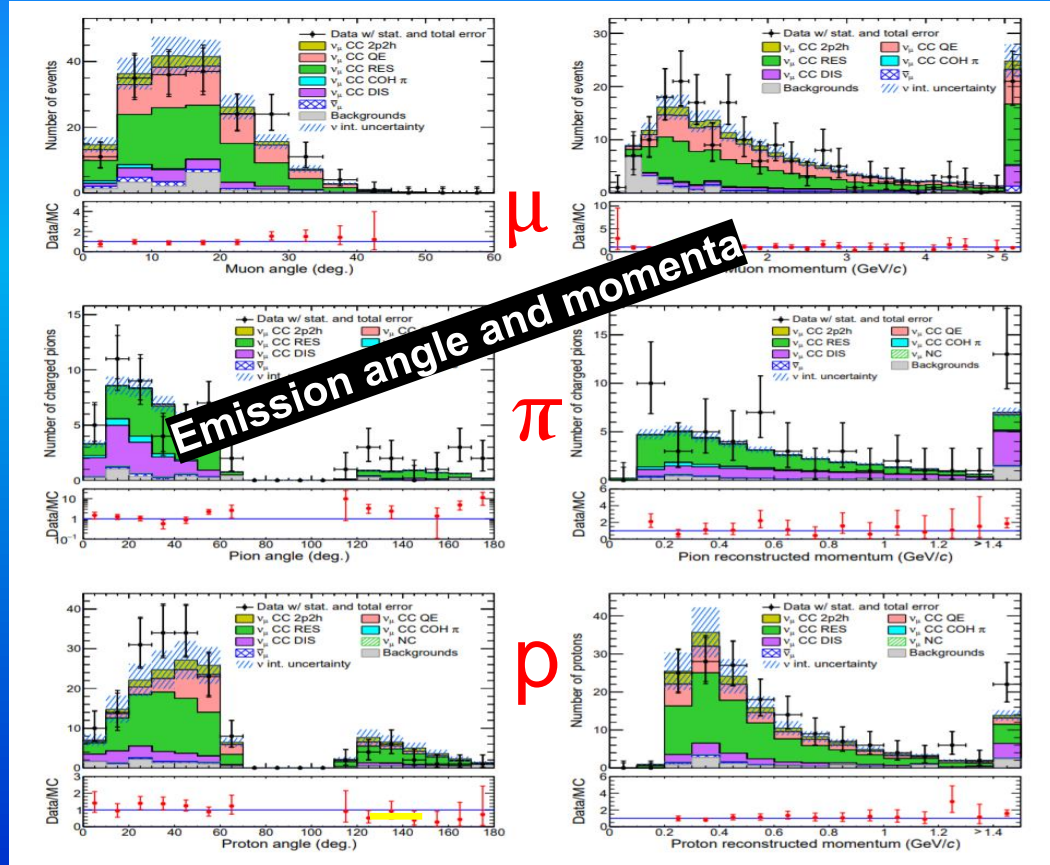
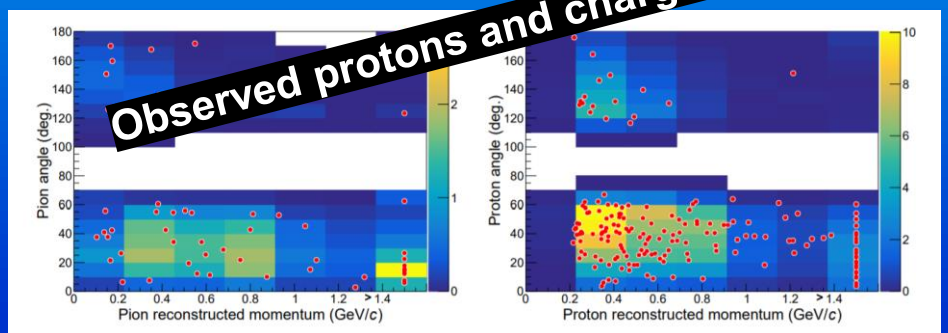
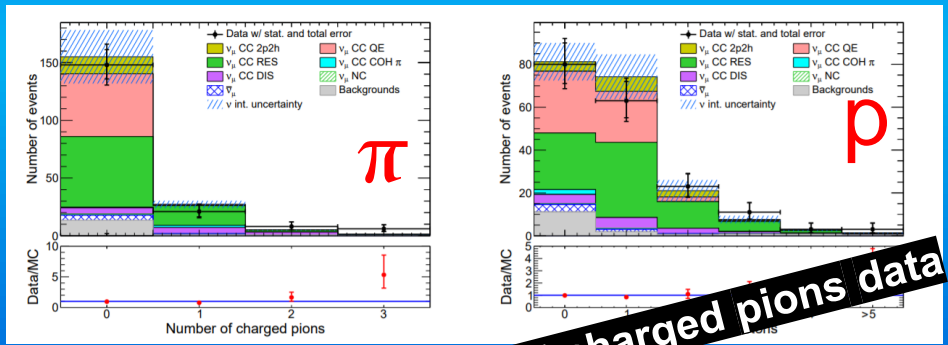




# NINJA Results of Detector Run(1)



- $4.0 \times 10^{19}$  POT @ Detector run
- Target: 65kg iron  $\rightarrow$   $\nu$ -iron int.
- Momentum, emission angle and multiplicity of  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  and p are measured for 183 CC events.



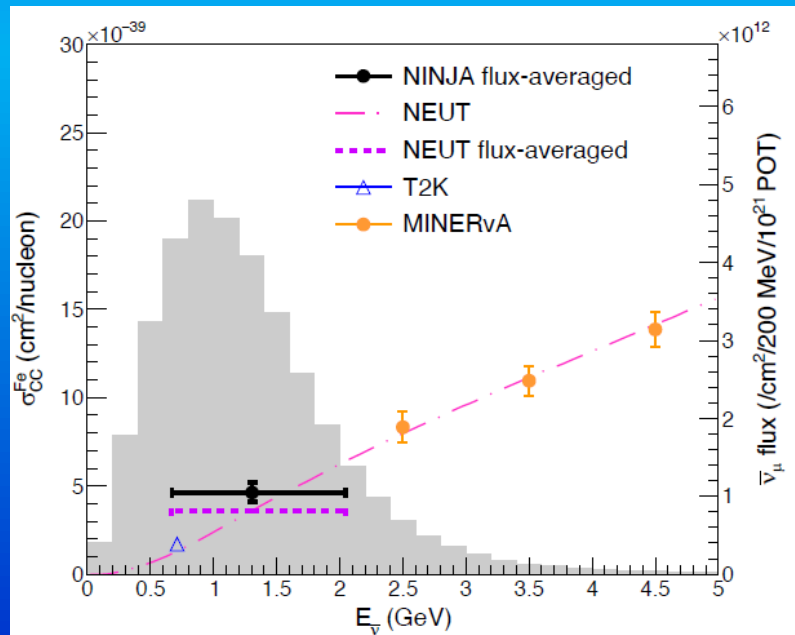
- $3.5 \times 10^{20}$  POT @ Detector run
- Target: 65kg iron  $\rightarrow \bar{\nu}$ -iron int.
- Momentum, emission angle and multiplicity of  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  and p are measured for 770 CC events.

	Result $\times 10^{-39}$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /nucleon)	MC $\times 10^{-38}$
$\sigma_{CC}^{Fe}$	$4.63 \pm 0.23(\text{stat.})_{-0.48}^{+0.53}(\text{syst.})$	3.57
$\sigma_{CC \text{ phase space}}^{Fe}$	$3.85 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.})_{-0.40}^{+0.42}(\text{syst.})$	3.22

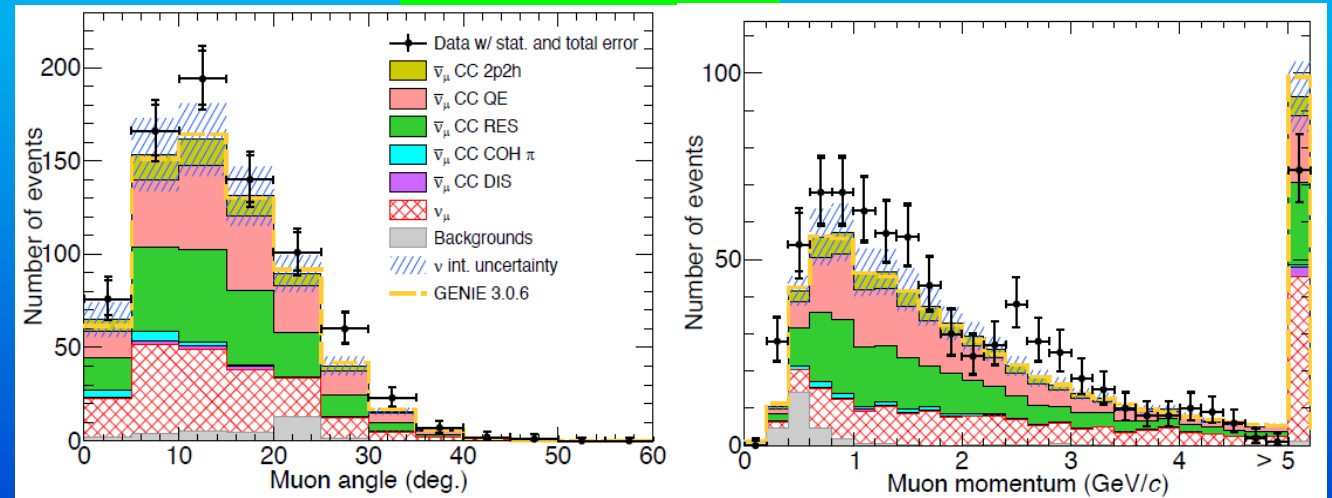
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Phase space:  $\theta_{\mu} < 45^{\circ}, P_{\mu} > 400 \text{ MeV}/c$

## Inclusive Cross-section measurement



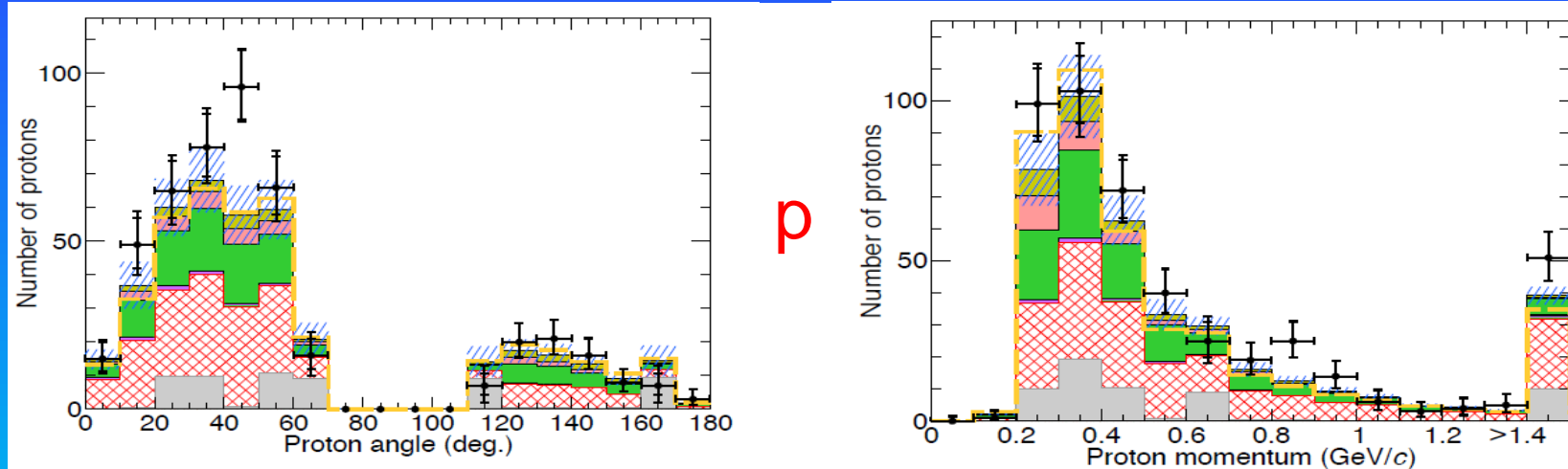
## Muon kinematics



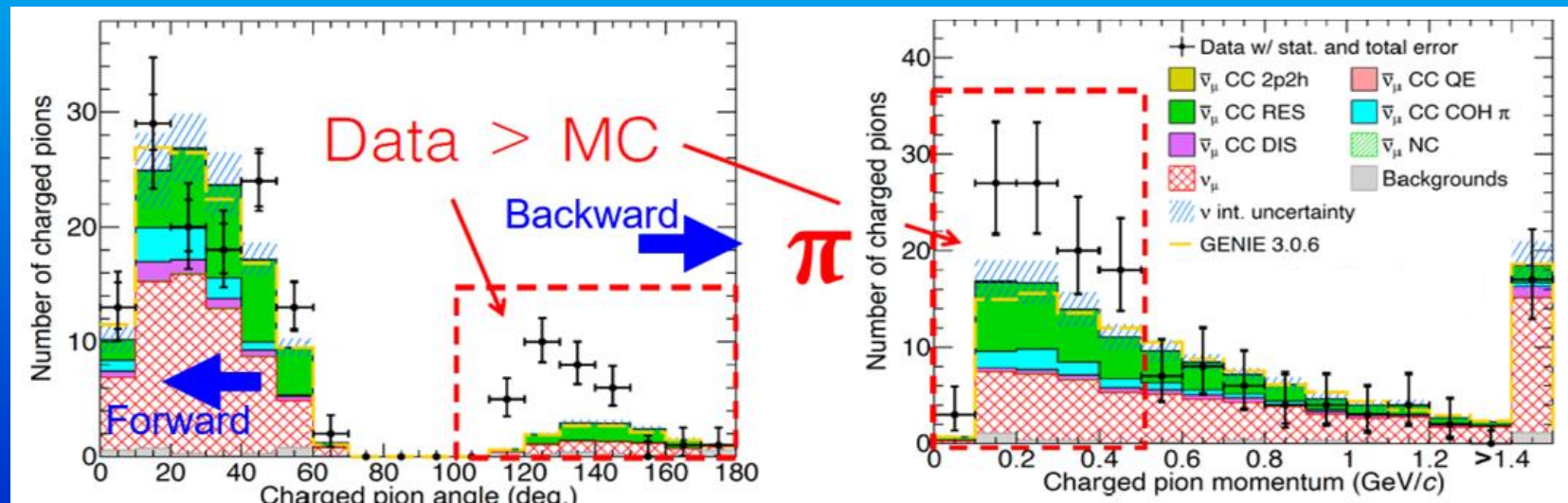
The results agree well with the MC prediction

# Results of Detector Run(2)'

**Proton kinematics** The results agree well with the MC prediction



**Pion kinematics** Data of charged pion production (backward) is larger than the MC prediction.



# Results of Detector Run(2)'

Proton kinematics The results agree well with the MC prediction

We are currently discussing what is causing this discrepancy (neutrino interaction model or generator), in the meeting or the workshop with outside groups and theorists.

- Oct. 24th NuInt workshop
- Dec. 2nd T2K NIWG meeting
- Dec. 22nd NINJA mini workshop

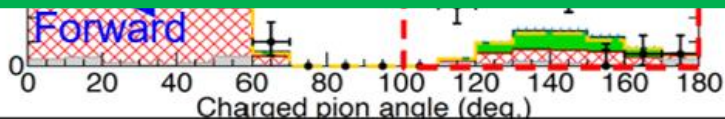
International workshop

with some experts in T2K

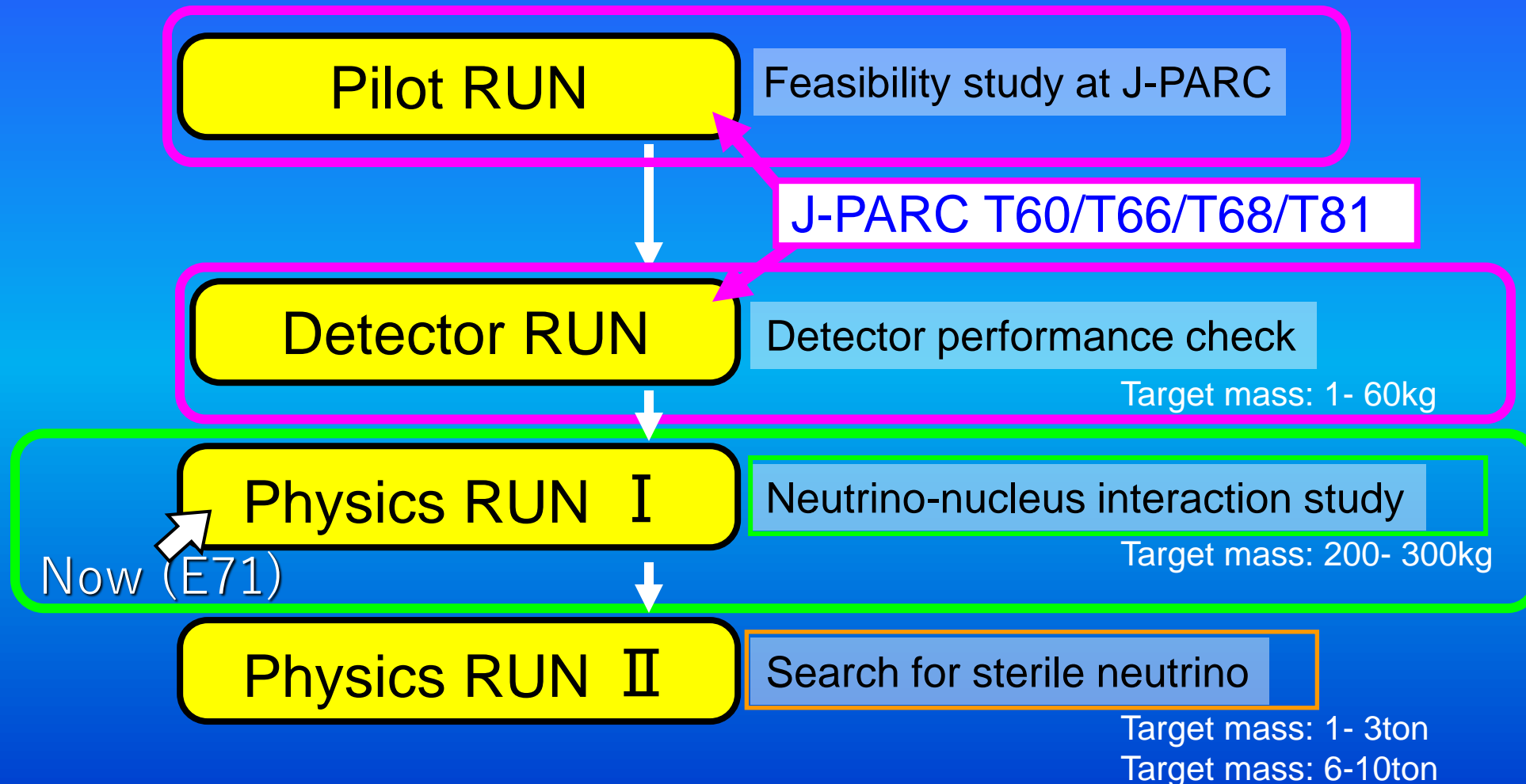
with an invited theorist

prediction.

Such new measurements of low energy hadrons will enhance our understanding of  $\nu$ -nucleus interaction.



# NINJA Roadmap



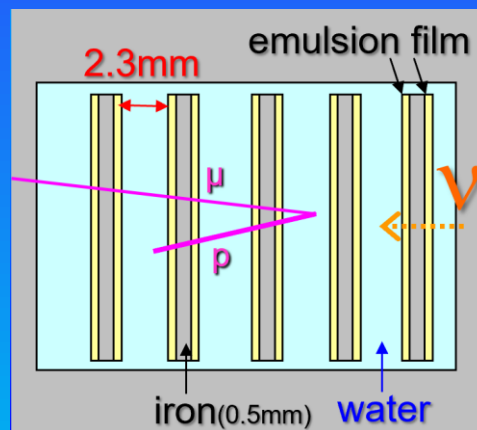
Currently, physics run is underway.

- First measurement of  $\nu$ -multi nucleon interactions
- Exclusive cross-section measurement of  $\nu$ -water interactions

Neutrino beam:  
 Nov. 2019 – Feb. 2020  
 Total POT:  $4.8 \times 10^{20}$

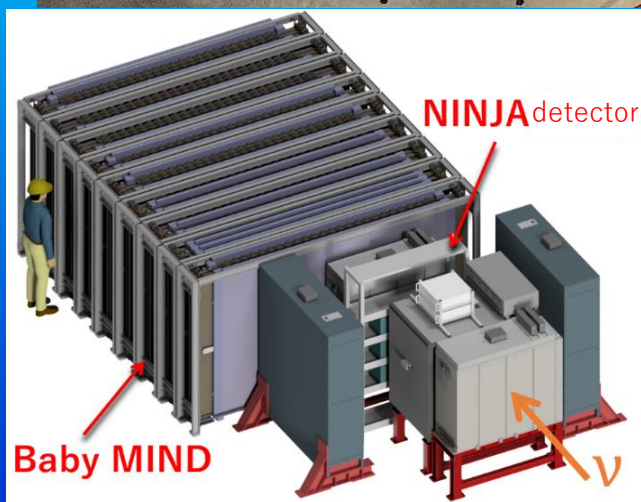


x30 statistics of Detector Run



Sandwich structure of the frame type acrylic spacer and emulsion trackers

Detection of low energy protons from  $\nu$ -water int. at Detector Run (T68)

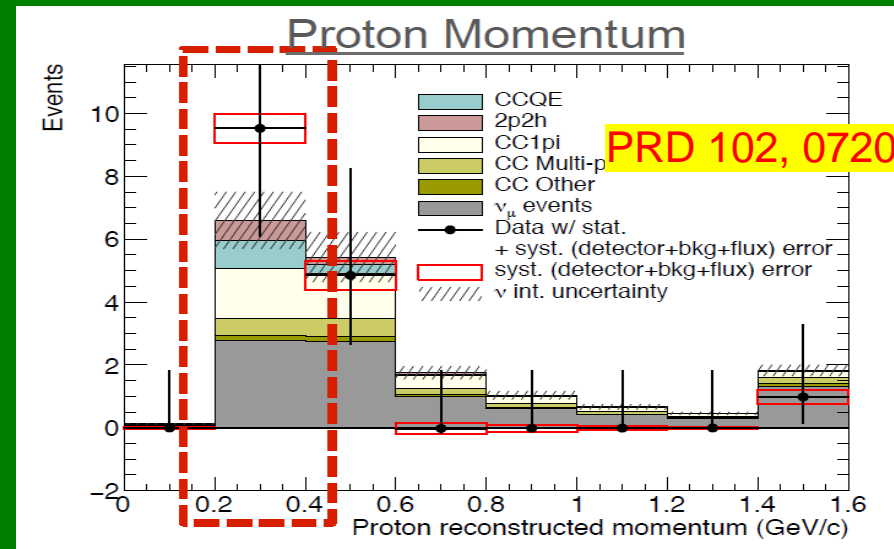


250kg Target

H<sub>2</sub>O: 75kg  
 Fe: 130kg  
 CH: 15kg  
 em : 30kg

Film 130m<sup>2</sup>

5,000 events



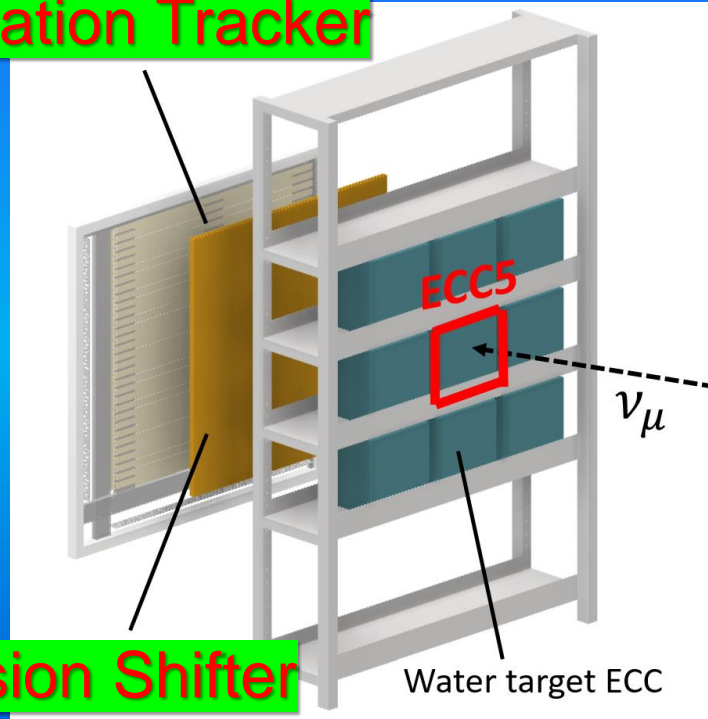
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# NINJA detector (E71a)

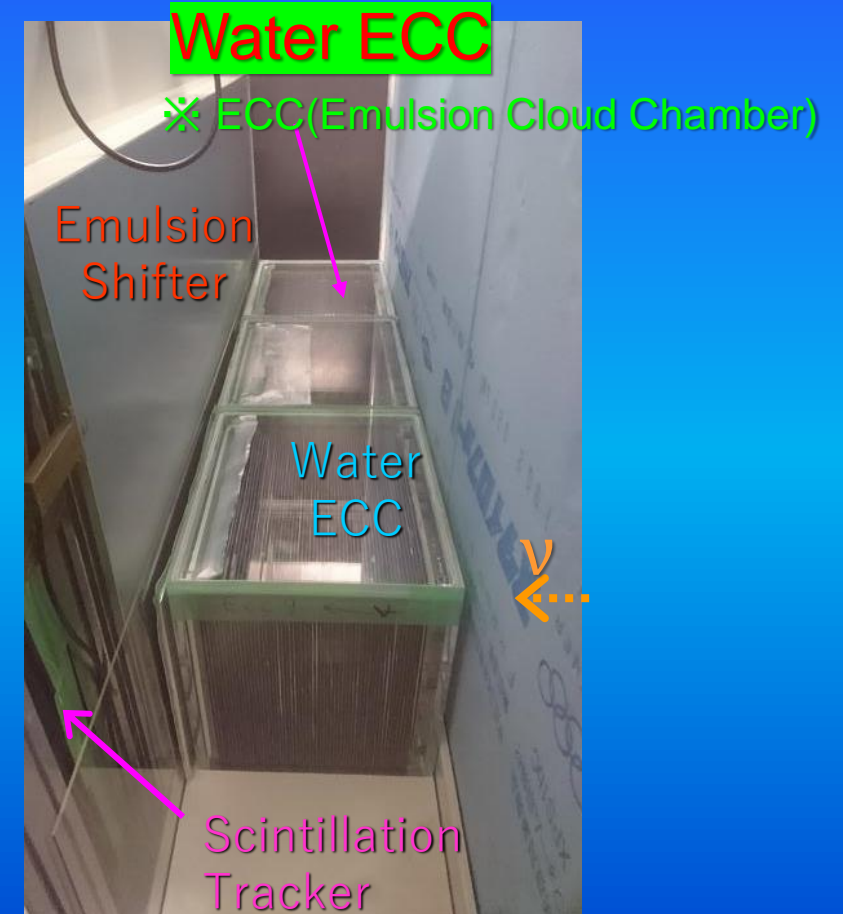
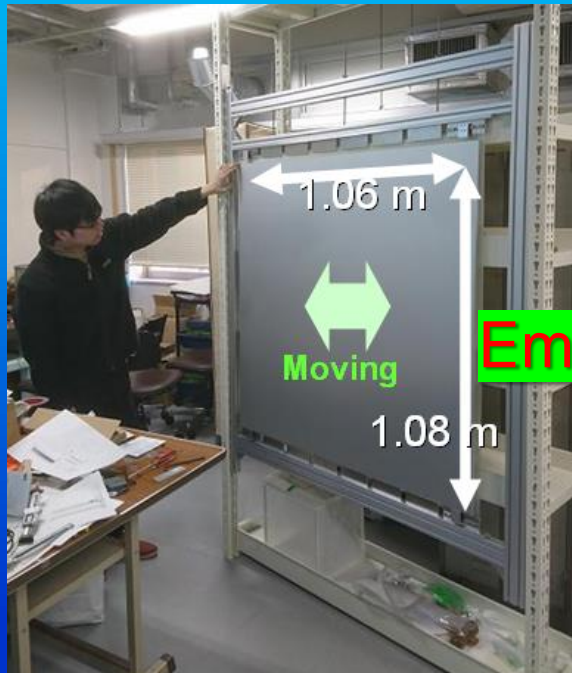
Emulsion Shifter and Scintillation Tracker give time stamps to emulsion track in ECC to identify  $\mu$  with Baby MIND.



Scintillation Tracker

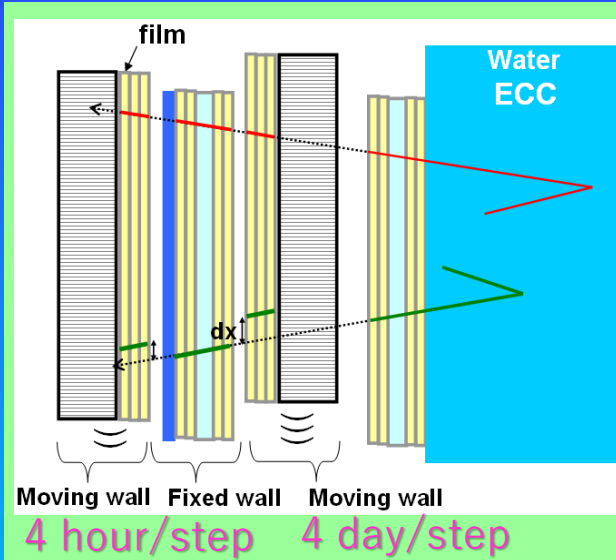


Emulsion Shifter

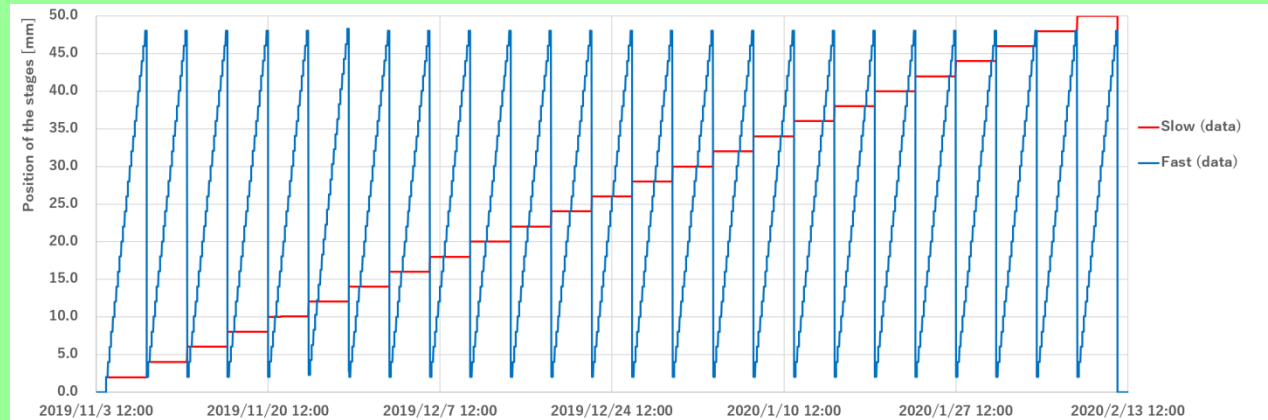


	Scintillation Tracker	Emulsion Shifter	Water ECC
Time resolution	10 nsec level	4 hour	--- (100 day)
Position resolution	2.1 mm	1 $\mu$ m level	1 $\mu$ m level

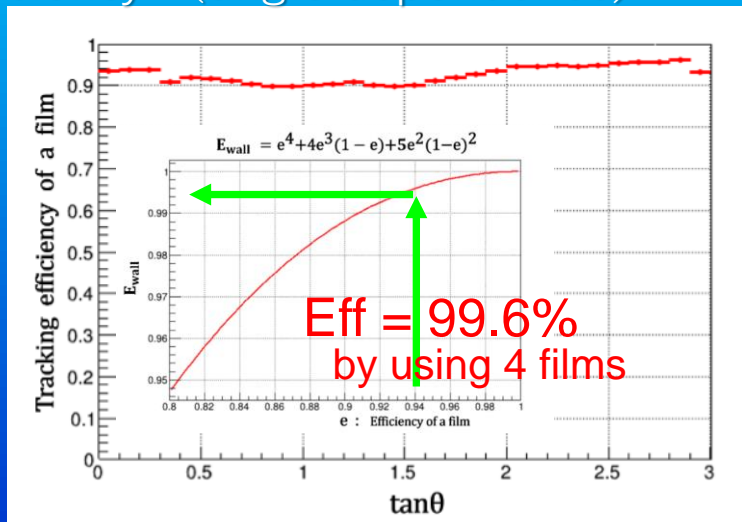
# Emulsion Shifter



## Operation of the Emulsion Shifter → Stable

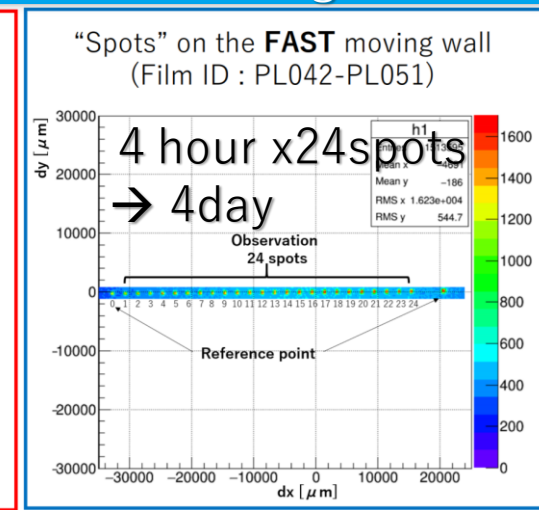
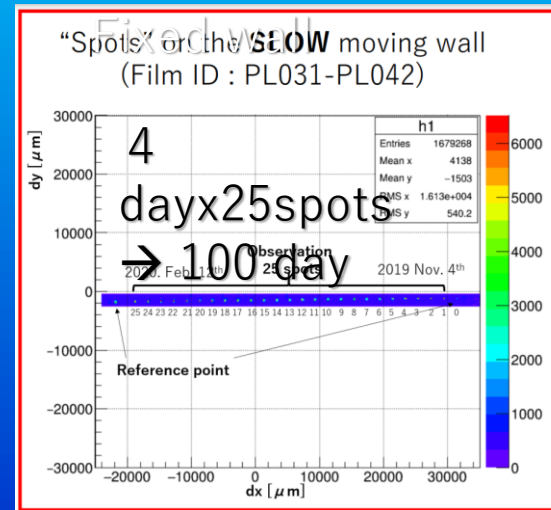


Tracking efficiency (angle dependence) for one film



4 films are used for a wall of emulsion shifter

Position difference between Moving wall and

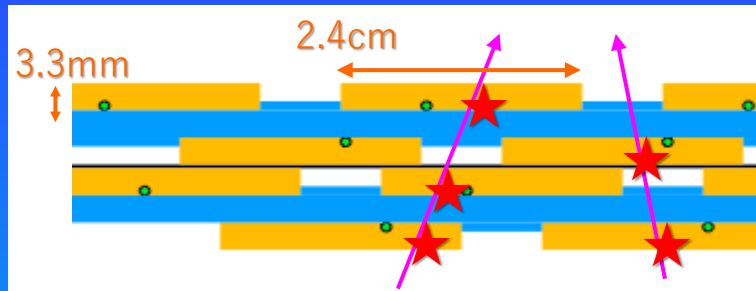


Each spot corresponds to the time information.

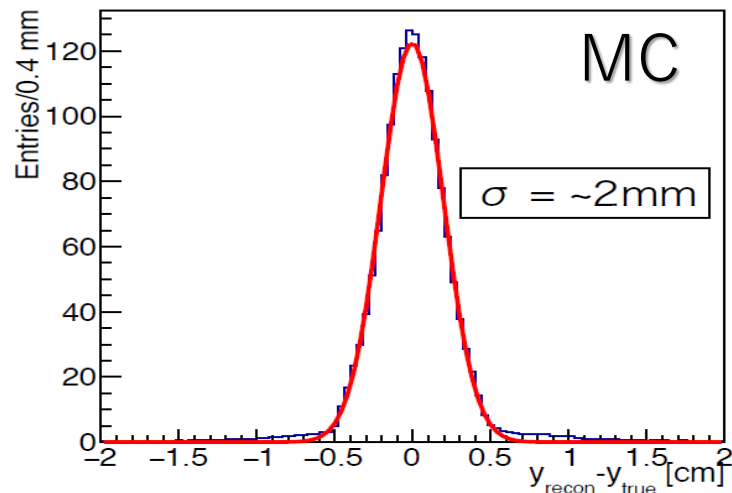


# Scintillation Tracker

## Structure of Scintillation Tracker

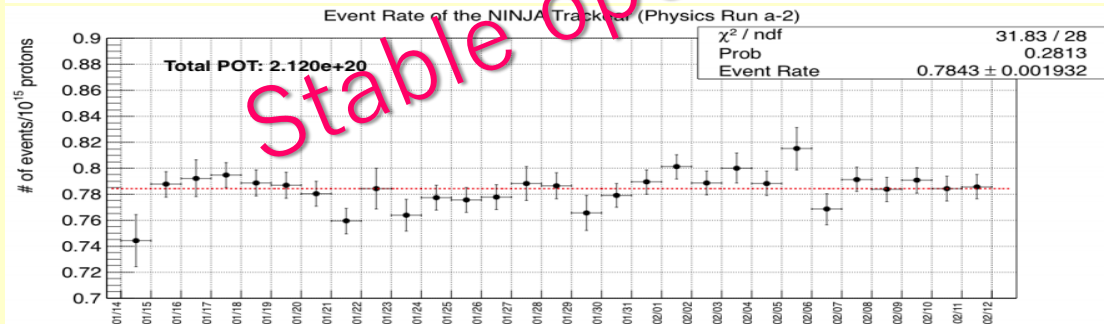
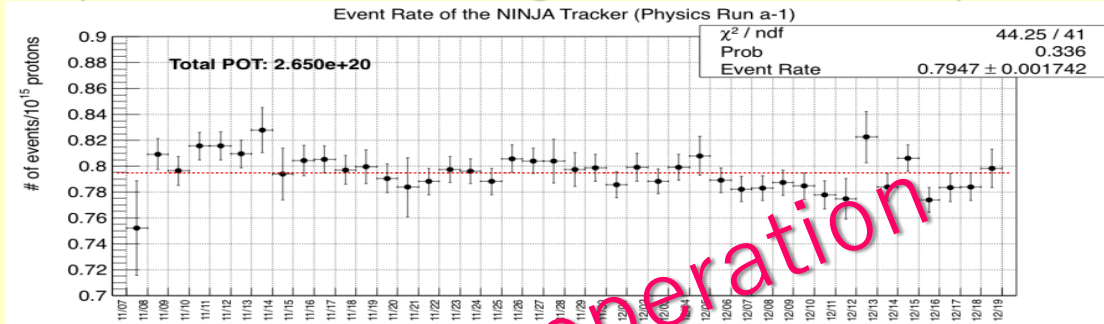


$\Delta y$  Distribution

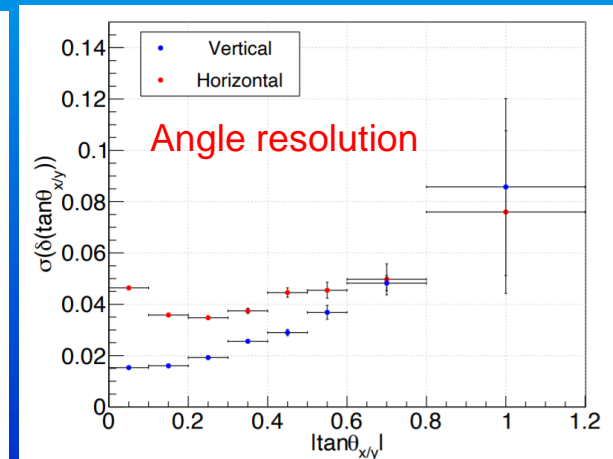
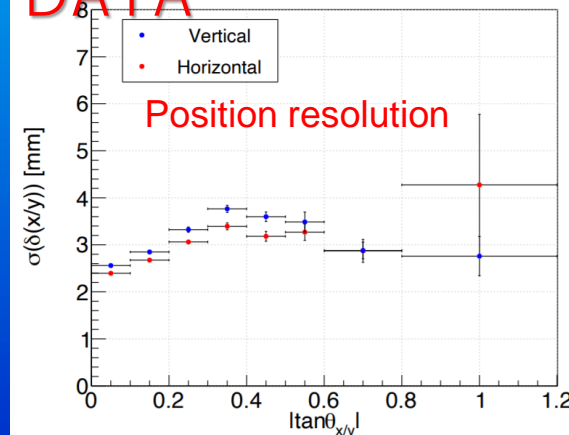


Position resolution of Scintillation Tracker for straight tracks

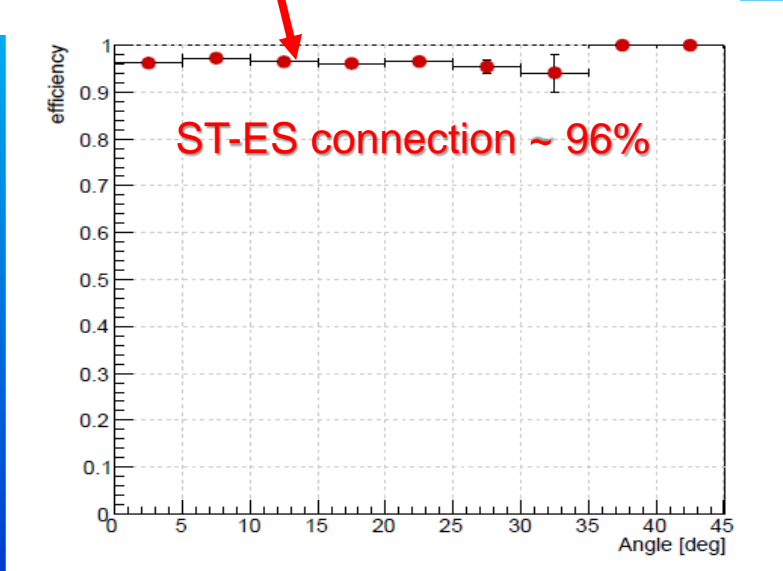
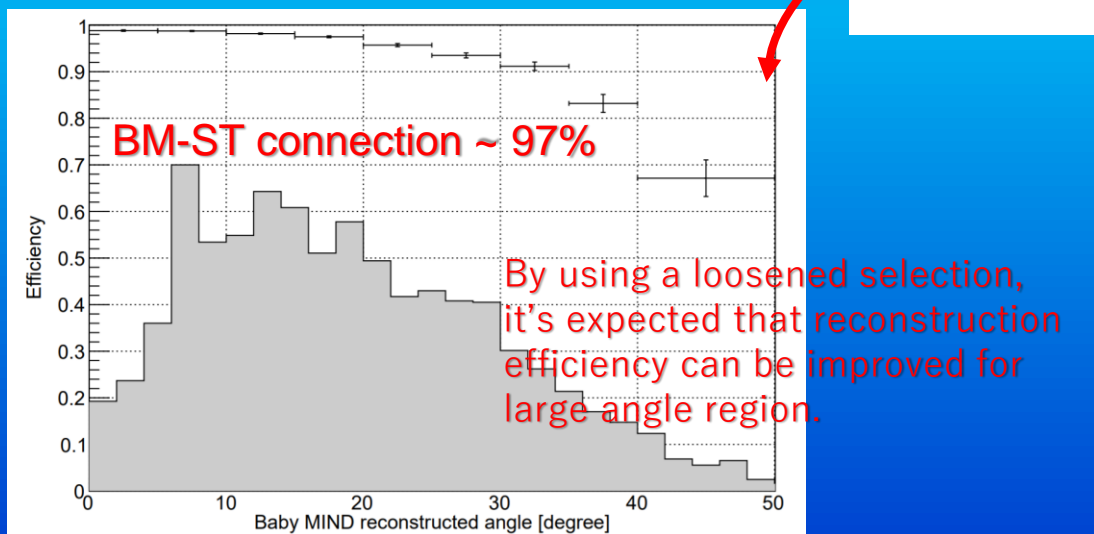
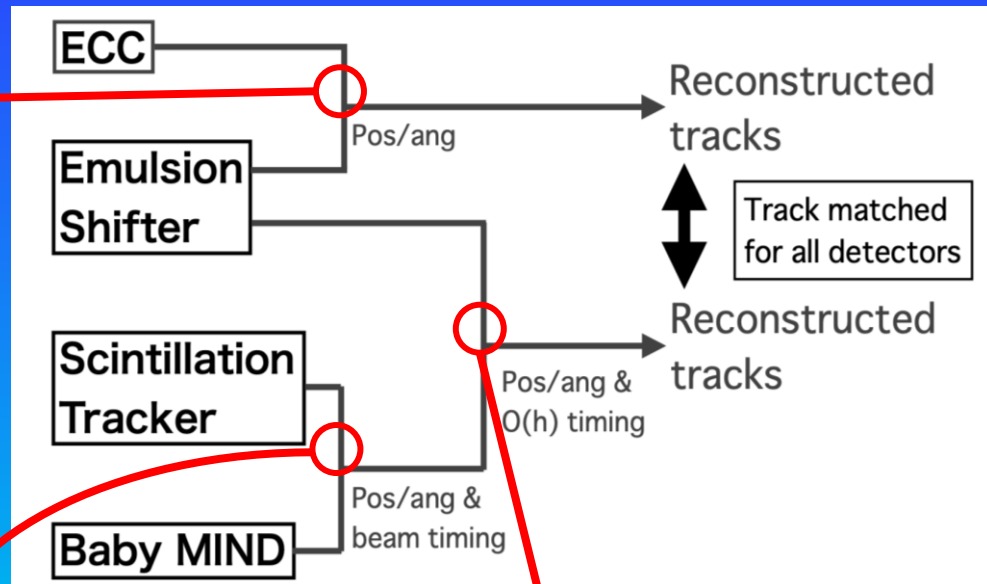
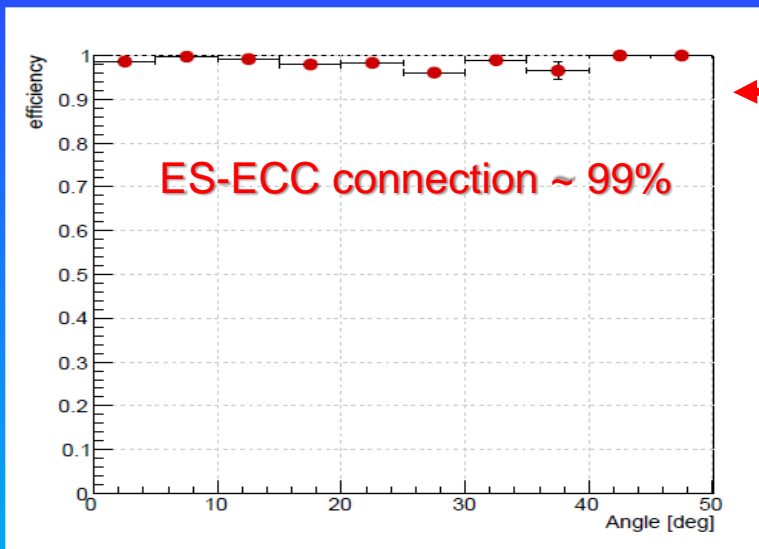
## Operation result during neutrino beam exposure



## DATA

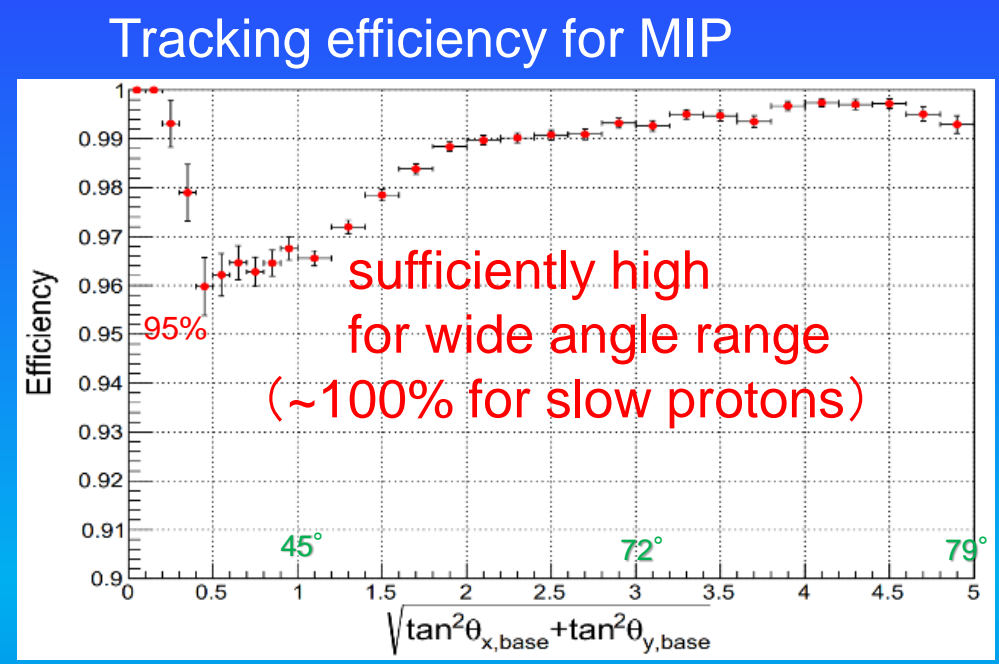
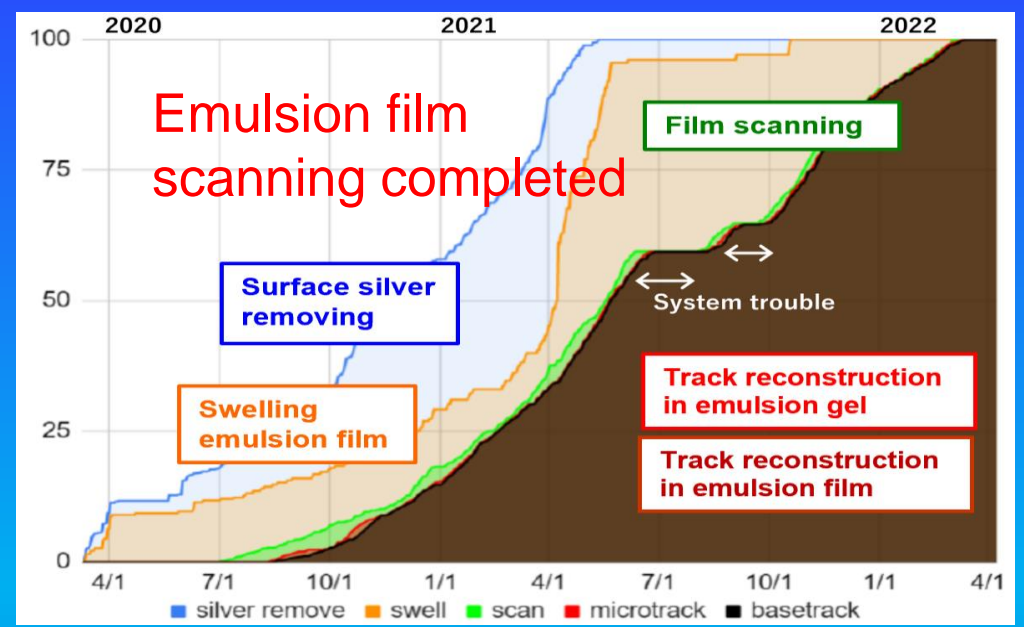


The performance (position and angle resolution) of the Scintillation Tracker was as expected.

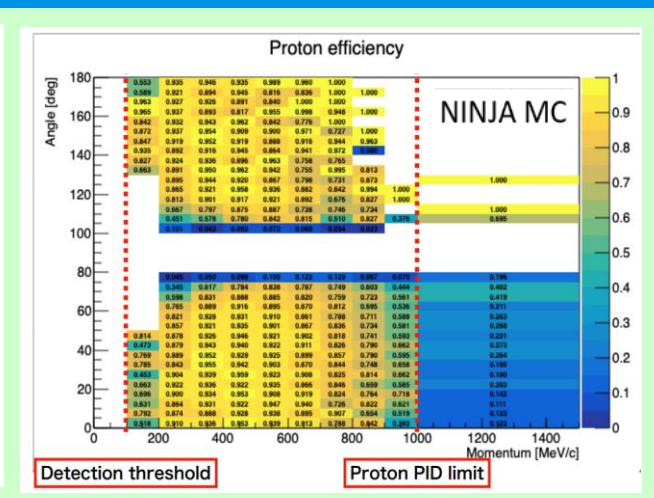
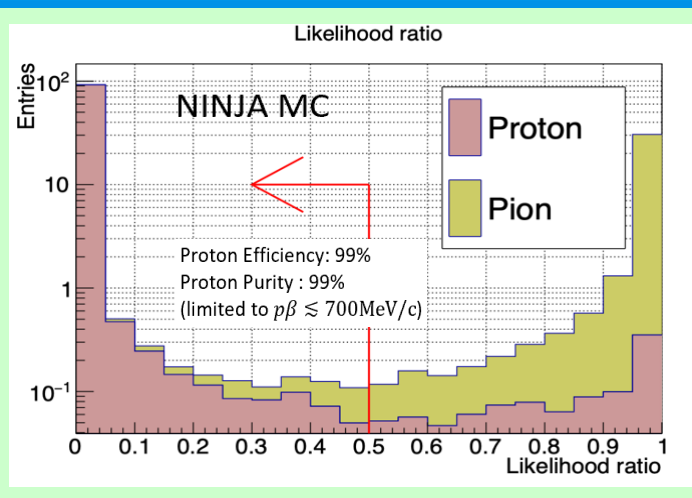
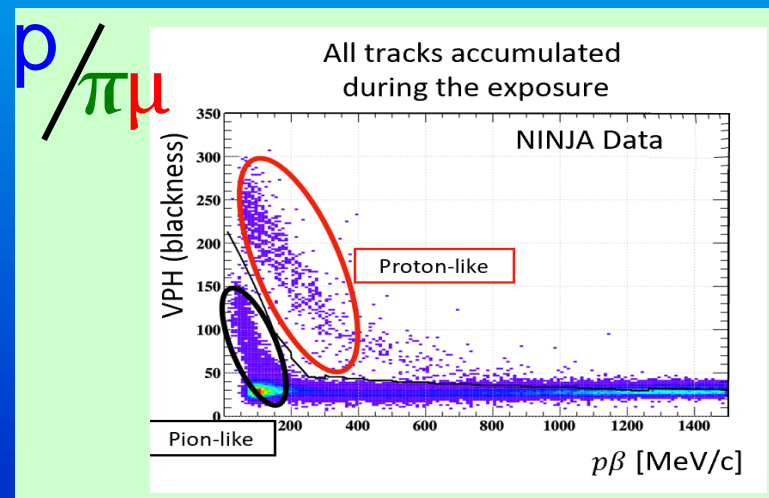


High detection and connection efficiencies have been achieved at each process.

# Emulsion scanning and analysis



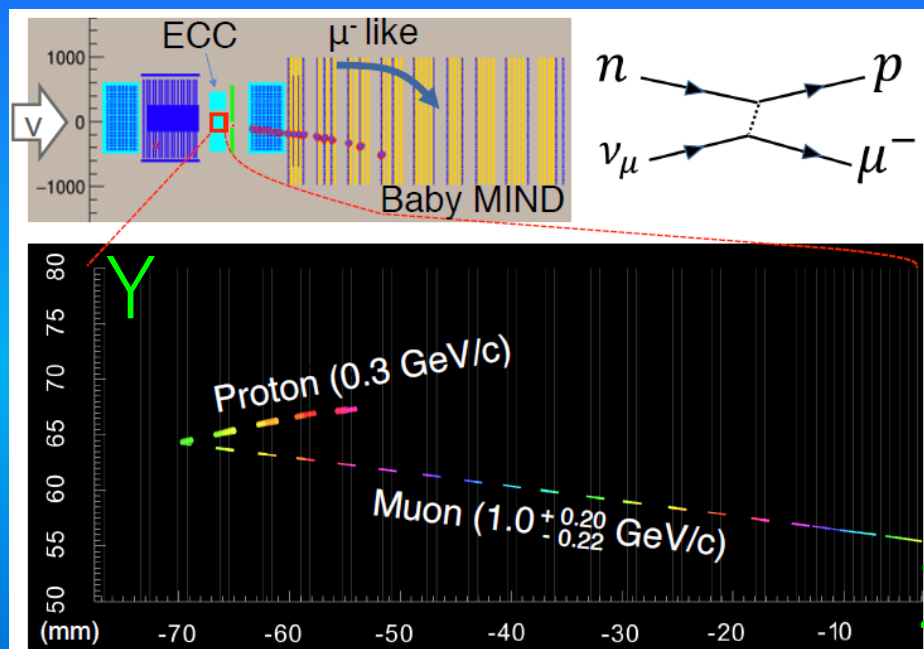
## Particle identification



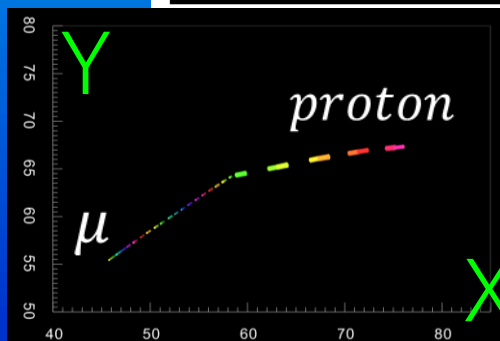
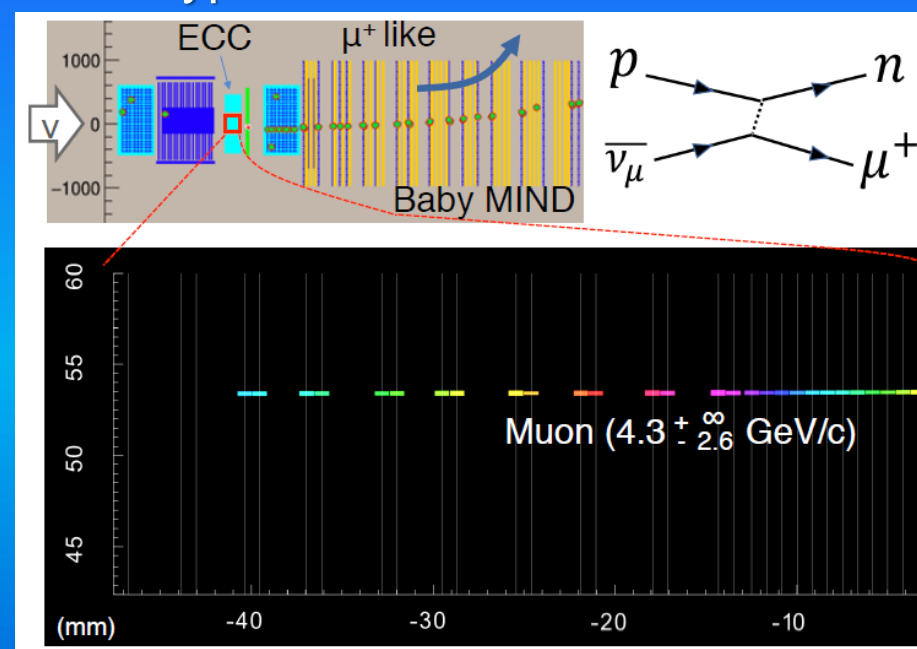
# Detected neutrino events

ECC – Emulsion Shifter – Scintillation Tracker – Baby MIND worked well and succeeded in  $\mu$  ID and measuring their charge.

Typical Neutrino CC event



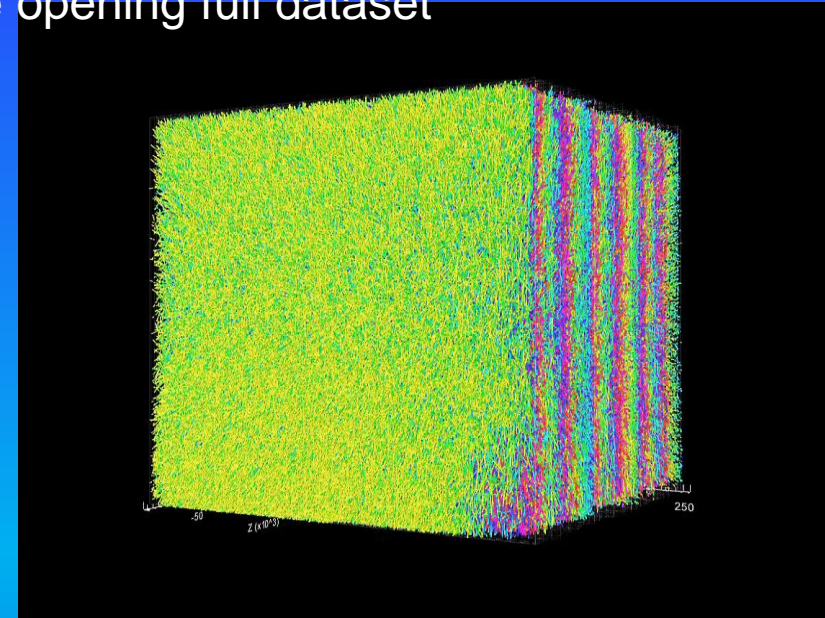
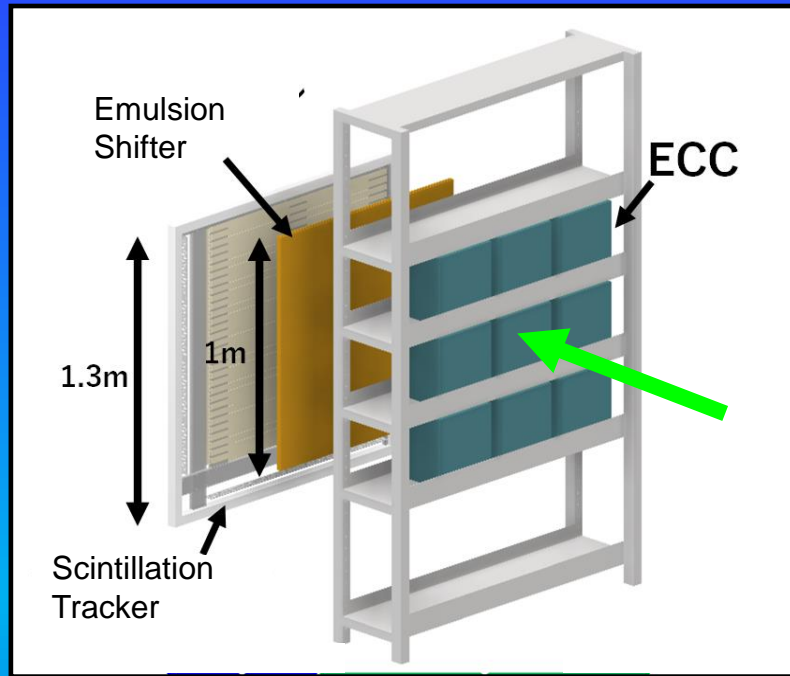
Typical Anti neutrino CC event



- The event pictures (number of protons) in ECC and the  $\mu$  charge measured by Baby MIND are consistent.
- To finalized data set, we are checking the muon connections and analysis in ECC, event by event carefully.

## Analysis status

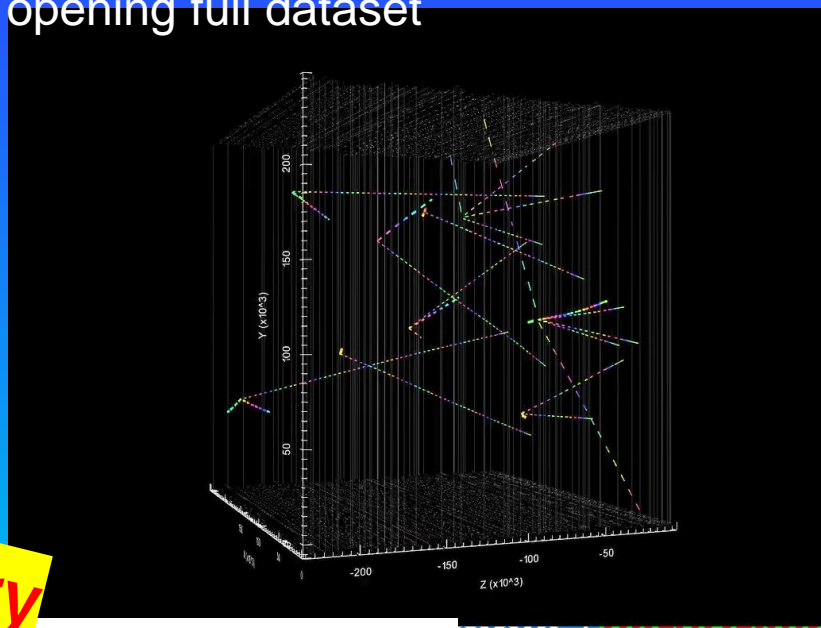
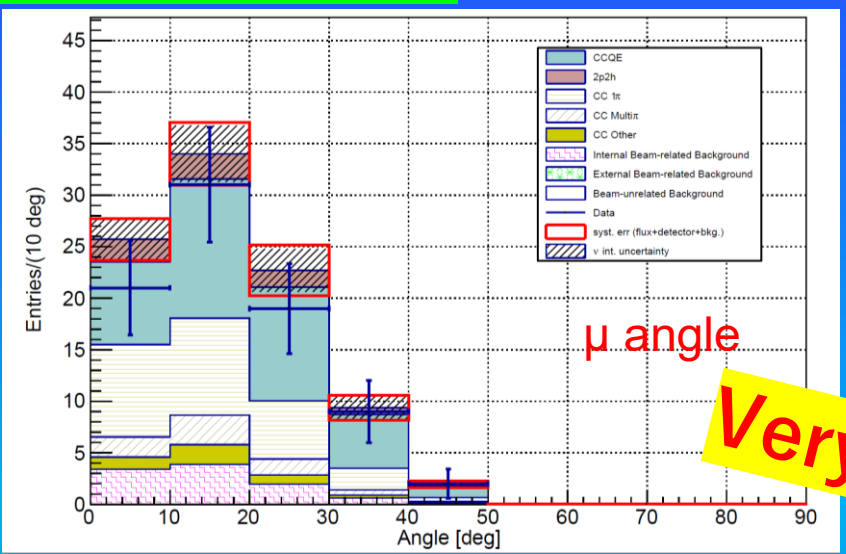
Performance check by sub-data set (the central ECC)  
before opening full dataset



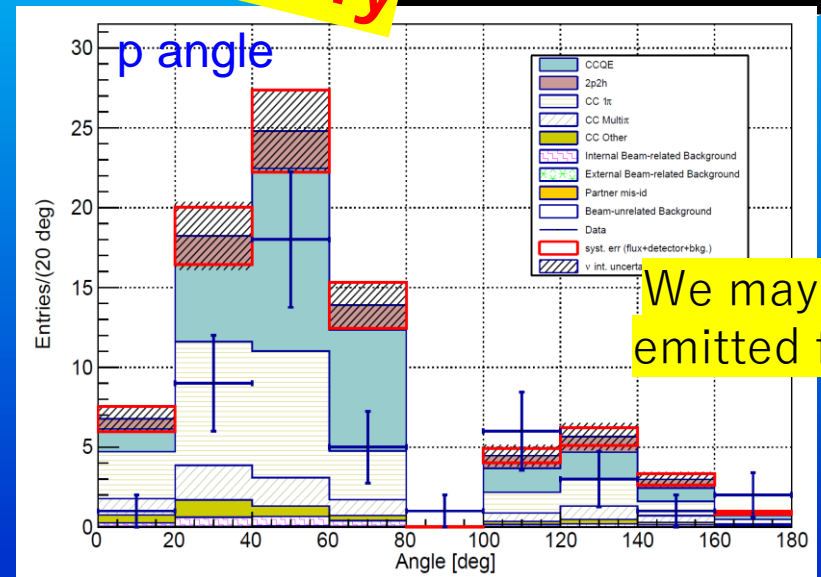
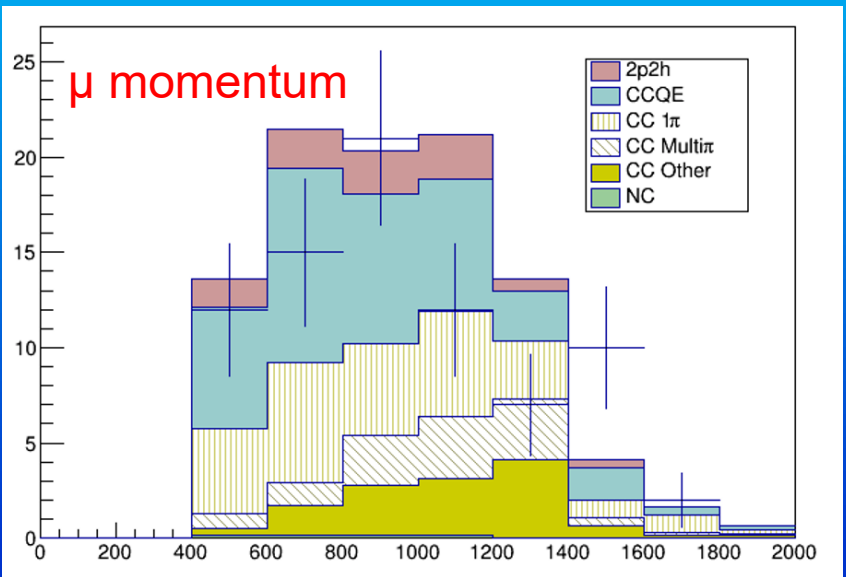
# Analysis status

Detected muons and protons in  $\nu$ -water int. at  $\sim 10\%$  sub-sample

Performance check by sub-data set (the central ECC) before opening full dataset



**Very Preliminary**



We may find that the number of protons emitted forward was less than expected?

$\rightarrow$  Open full dataset near future!

# Future prospect ① : E71b

Next Physics Run

Requested POT	$10 \times 10^{20}$
E71a	$4.8 \times 10^{20}$
E71b	$5.2 \times 10^{20}$

Exposure done → analysis ongoing

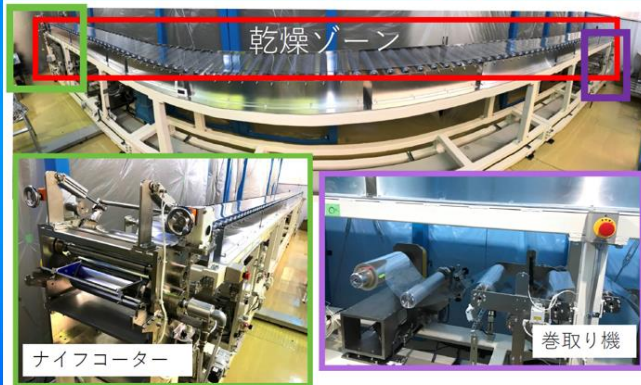
Plan to be implemented after fall 2023.

Preparation is ongoing.

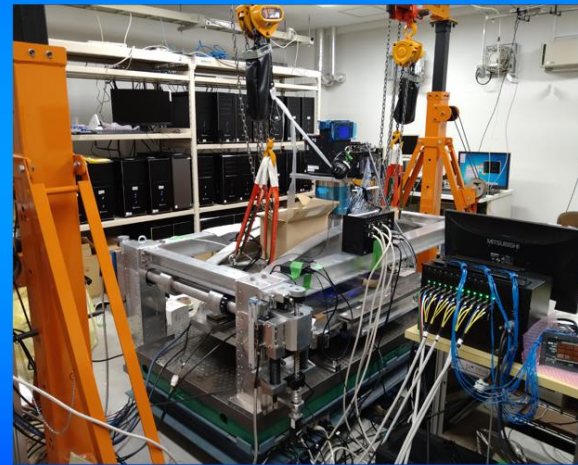
We have developed an automatic emulsion pouring system and a new higher speed emulsion scanning system in Nagoya U.

### New automatic emulsion scanning system

#### Automatic emulsion pouring system



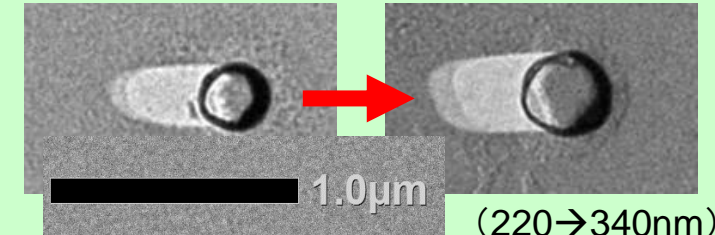
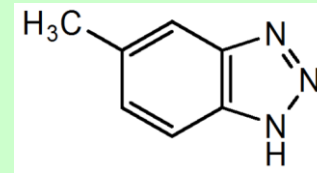
x10 faster than hand made



x5 faster than current system

### New emulsion film

#### Refreshable Large size AgBr crystal Nuclear Emulsion

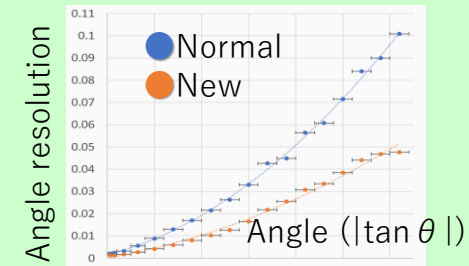
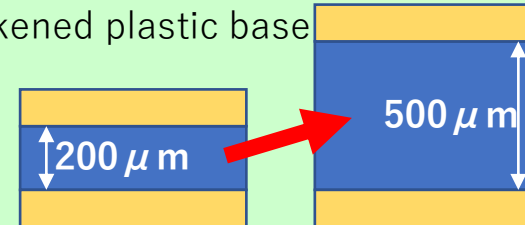


Refreshable  
→ erasing accumulated noise track before beam exposure

Large size crystal  
→ optimized for new high speed scanning system

#### Thicker base Emulsion film → Improve angle resolution

Thickened plastic base



Large scale of emulsion facilities allows us to conduct the high statistics experiment.

## Future prospect ② : D<sub>2</sub>O

There is a discussion to further understand  $\nu$ -nucleus interactions, the study of  $\nu$ -nucleon interactions is important.

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Neutrino Scattering Measurements on Hydrogen and Deuterium: A Snowmass White Paper

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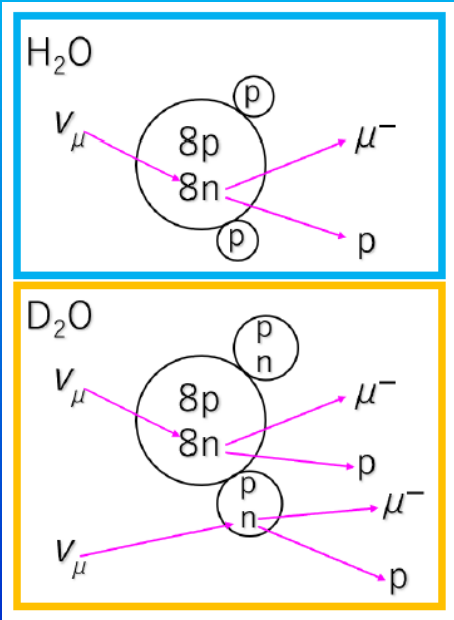
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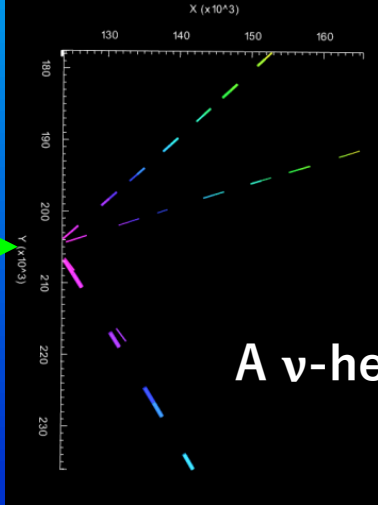
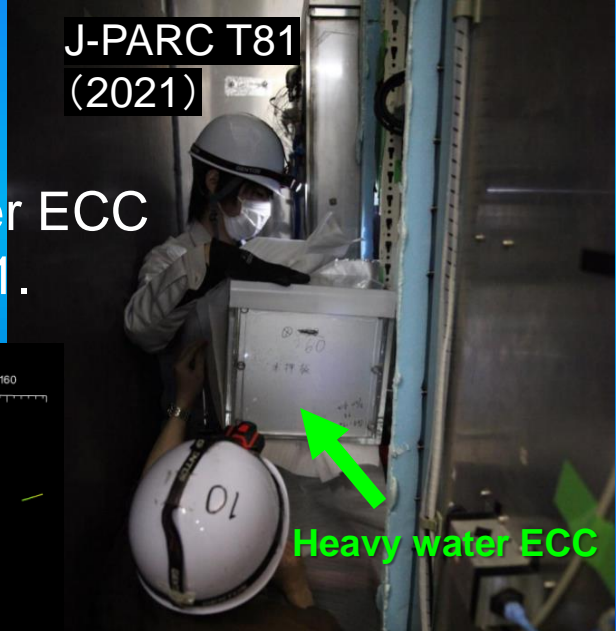
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In NINJA, by introducing a heavy water target, we are developing a method to study  $\nu$ -nucleon interactions by analyzing the subtraction between a heavy water events and a water events.

**Conceptual principle:**  
 $(\nu - D_2O) - (\nu - H_2O) \rightarrow (\nu - n)$




Actually, heavy water ECC was produced in T81.



A  $\nu$ -heavy water interaction

Development of a bubble chamber is being considered in US.





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## Welcome to Snow

The Snowmass Community Planning Exercise (CPE) was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, resumed full-time in 2021. The Snowmass Community Planning Exercise (CPE) is a Community Summer Study Workshop. Individual frontiers can be found on the Snowmass website. You can join the activity by signing up to the registration menu if you haven't already done so.

The Particle Physics Community Plan of Particles and Fields (DPF) of the US provides an opportunity for the community to document a scientific vision for the future of particle physics. Snowmass will define the vision, identify promising opportunities to explore, and prioritize them. Snowmass here "How to Snowmass" Prioritization Panel, will take the s

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- Precise measurement of neutrino-water interactions is important for future neutrino oscillation analysis (especially, CC2p2h and  $\nu_e$ CC) and proton information is key to improving the neutrino-nucleus interaction model.
- NINJA has introduced nuclear emulsion to study low-energy neutrino interactions for this purpose.
- The results of neutrino and anti neutrino-iron interactions were reported. We found a discrepancy between data and MC in backward pion production.
- The analysis of the physics run (E71a) is ongoing and we will open the full data set, corresponding to  $4.8 \times 10^{20}$  POT near future.
- The next physics run (E71b) is scheduled in JFY2023.
- A new experiment using heavy water ECC is being considered.

**New data is being released one after another! We welcome you to join NINJA!**



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