

Interim Report Outline

1 The T2K Experiment

- Introduction to the experiment
- Main aims of T2K
- Main components and geometry (link into ND280 section)

2 The ND280 Detector

- Purpose of the ND280
- Components of the ND280
- More detail on relevant detectors (FGDs and TPCs)
- Data which can be extracted (mention focus on NCQES here)

3 Theory Behind Neutral Current Interactions

- NC vs CC, mention small coupling ratio \Rightarrow rare interaction
- Quasi elastic, resonant and deep inelastic scatterings
- More detail on NC elastic scattering
- Expected properties of outgoing protons - link to next section

4 How to Isolate Desired Interactions

- Breakdown of data available from simulations (true data and reconstructed)
- Potential problems with noise due to other reactions, expected causes of noise
- Introduction to cuts to help improve signal/noise ratio
- List of cuts which it may be useful to make and why

5 Progress So Far and Next Steps

- Have learned to use software, and ND280 libraries
- At a stage to start applying cuts
- Possibly apply selected cuts to actual data