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Viewpoint: The Plot Thickens for a Fourth Neutrino

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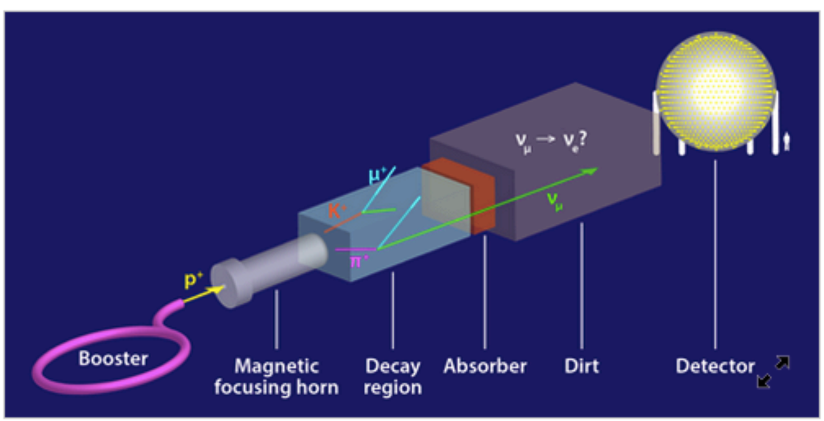
Confirming previous controversial results, the MiniBooNE experiment detects a signal that is incompatible with neutrino oscillations involving just the three known flavors of neutrinos.



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New results confirm old anomaly in neutrino data

The collaboration of a neutrino experiment called MiniBooNe just published their new result

> **Observation of a Significant Excess of Electron-Like Events in the MiniBooNE Short-Baseline Neutrino Experiment**
> MiniBooNE Collaboration
> arXiv:1805.12028 [hep-ex]

It's a rather unassuming paper, but it deserves a signal boost because for once we have an anomaly that did not vanish with further examination. Indeed, it actually increased in significance, now standing at a whopping 6.1σ.

Quanta magazine

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Evidence Found for a New Fundamental Particle

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An experiment at the Fermi National Accelerator Chicago has detected far more electron neutrino a possible harbinger of a revolutionary new elem called the sterile neutrino, though many physicis

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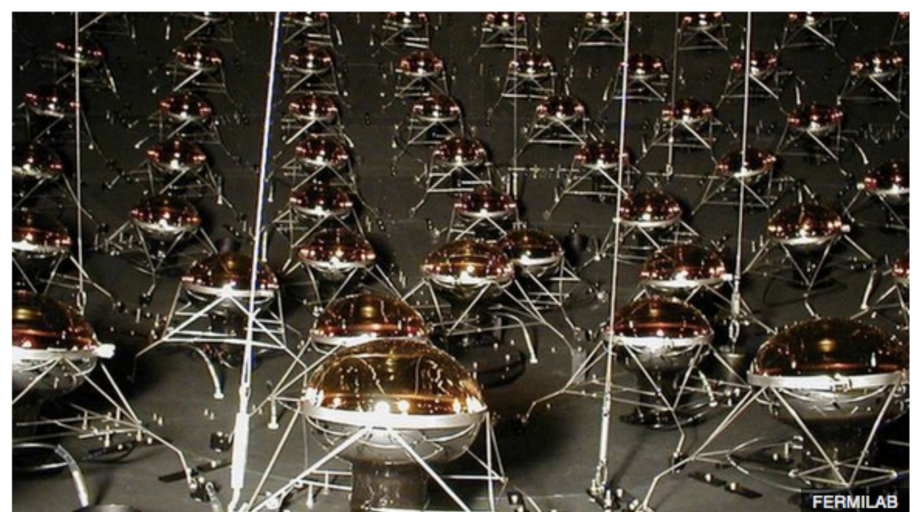

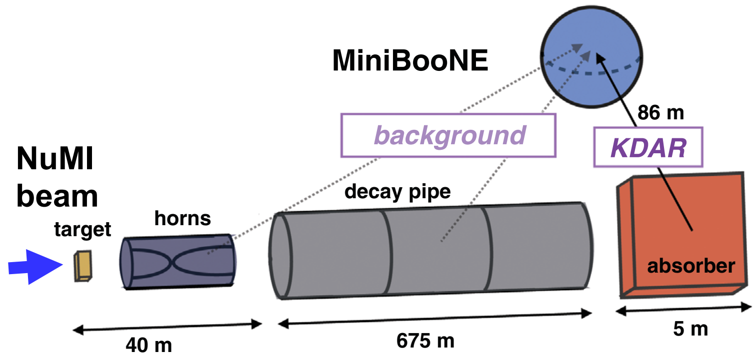

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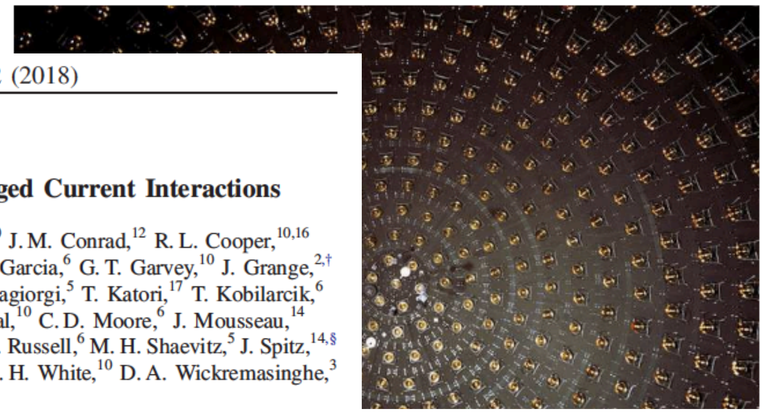
Blast from the past—First measurement of mono-energetic neutrinos

June 5, 2018 by Savannah Mitchem, Argonne National Laboratory



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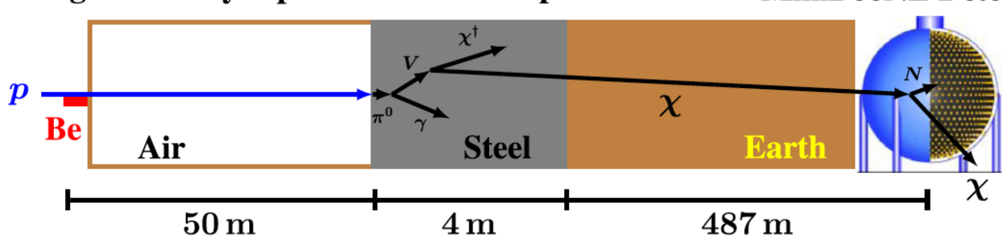

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The MiniBooNE search for dark matter

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MiniBooNE-DM Collaboration

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MiniBooNE keep providing high impact results!

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1. LSND experiment

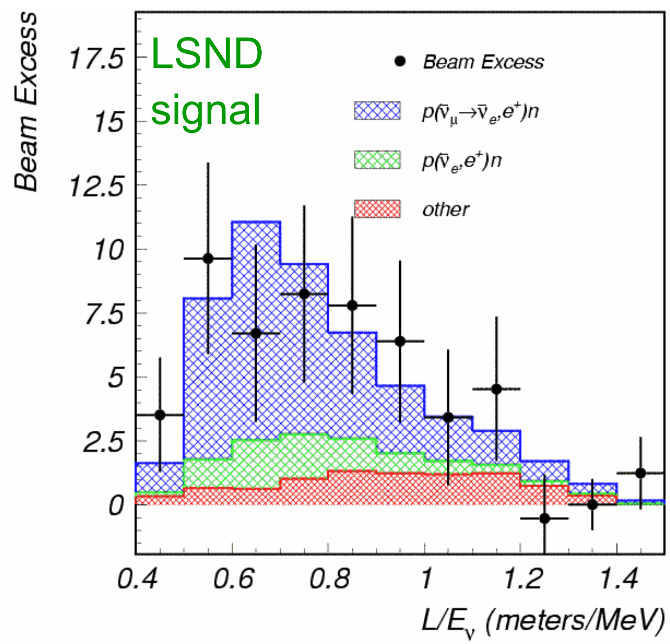
$$P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2\left(1.27\Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E}\right)$$

LSND experiment at Los Alamos observed excess of anti-electron neutrino events in the anti-muon neutrino beam.

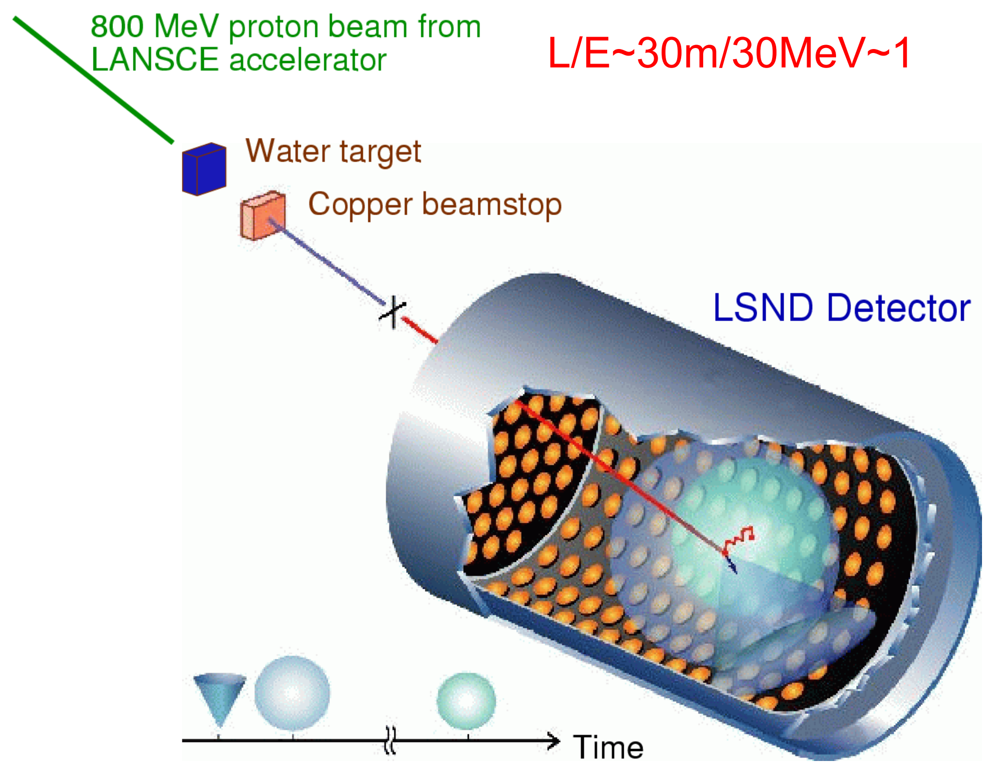
$$\bar{\nu}_\mu \xrightarrow{oscillation} \bar{\nu}_e + p \to e^+ + n$$

$$n + p \to d + \gamma$$

87.9 ± 22.4 ± 6.0 (3.8.σ)



L/E~30m/30MeV~1



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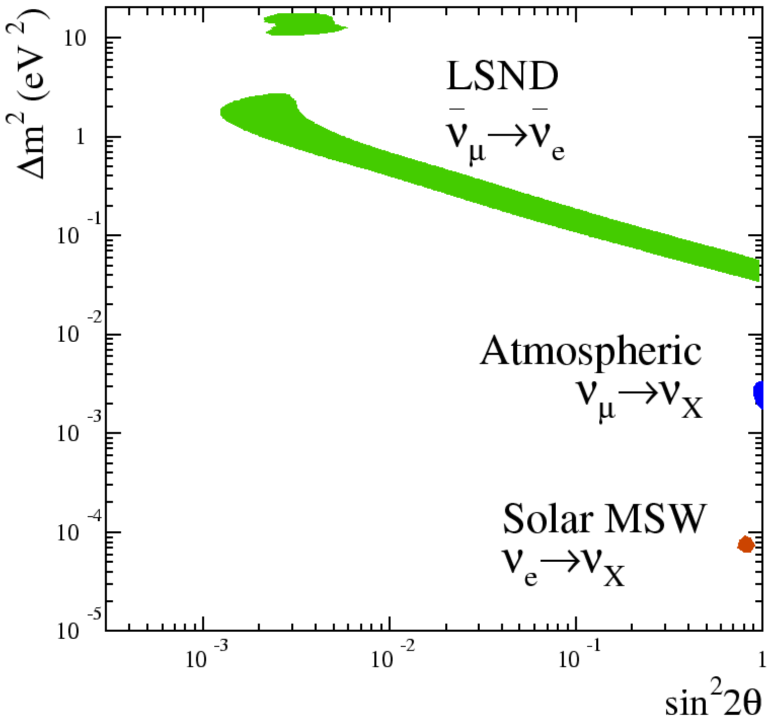
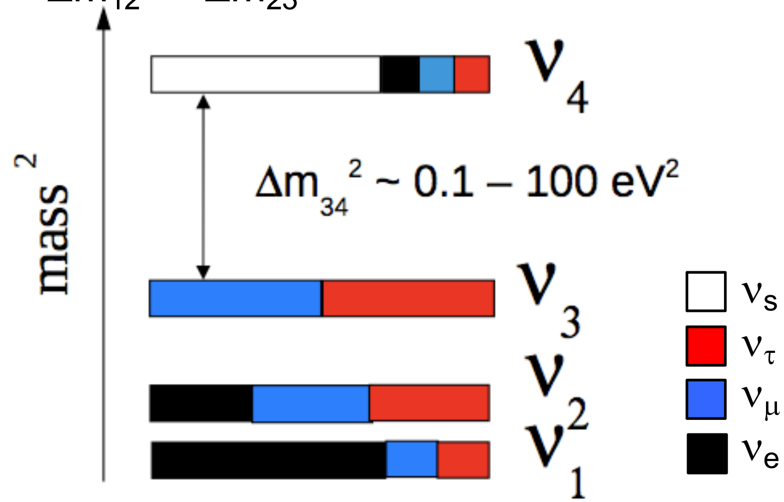


3 types of neutrino oscillations are found:

LSND neutrino oscillation: $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 eV^2$
Atmospheric neutrino oscillation: $\Delta m^2 \sim 10\text{-}3 eV^2$
Solar neutrino oscillation : $\Delta m^2 \sim 10\text{-}5 eV^2$

But we cannot have so many Δm2!

$\Delta m_{13}^2 \neq \Delta m_{12}^2 + \Delta m_{23}^2$



LSND signal indicates 4th generation neutrino, but we know there is no additional flavour from Z-boson decay, so it must be sterile neutrino
MiniBooNE is designed to have same L/E~500m/500MeV~1 to test LSND $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 eV^2$

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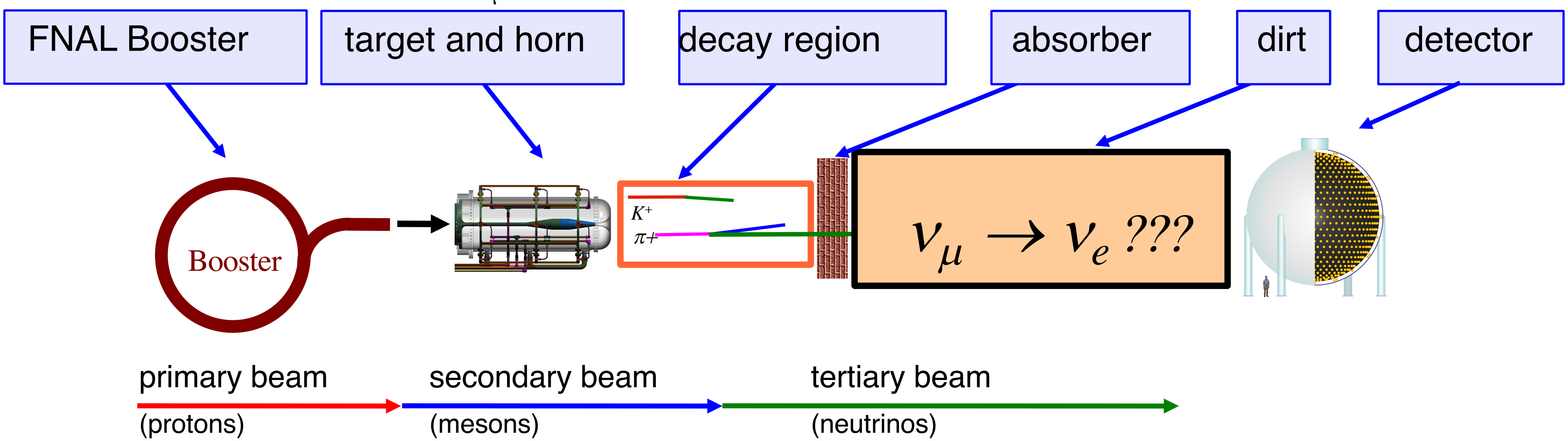
1. MiniBooNE experiment $P(\nu_\mu \longrightarrow \nu_e) = sin^2 2\theta sin^2 \left(1.27\Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E}\right)$

Keep L/E same with LSND, while changing systematics, energy & event signature;

MiniBooNE is looking for the single isolated electron like events, which is the signature of ν_e events

$$\nu_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{oscillation}} \nu_e + n \rightarrow p + \boxed{e^-}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{oscillation}} \bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + \boxed{e^+}$$

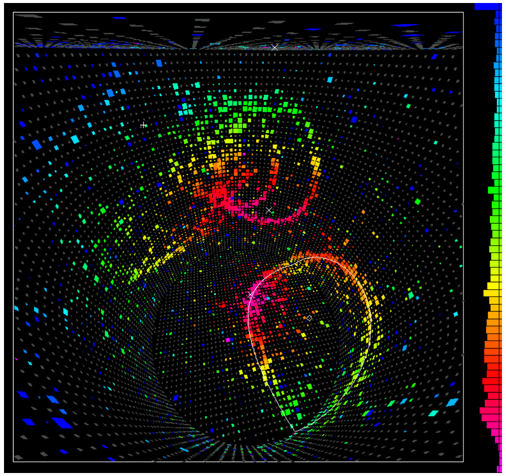


MiniBooNE has;
- higher energy (~500 MeV) than LSND (~30 MeV)
- longer baseline (~500 m) than LSND (~30 m)

1. MiniBooNE is extremely influential! – Tools

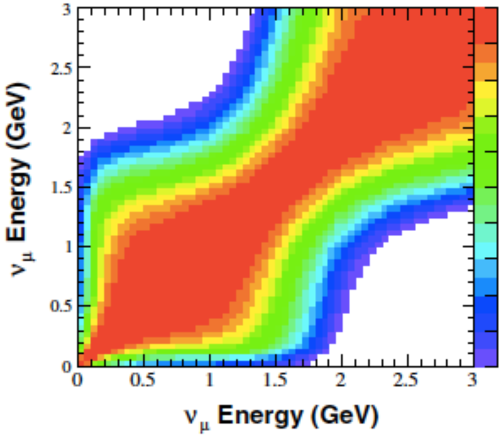
fitQun: MiniBooNE: NIMA608(2009)206

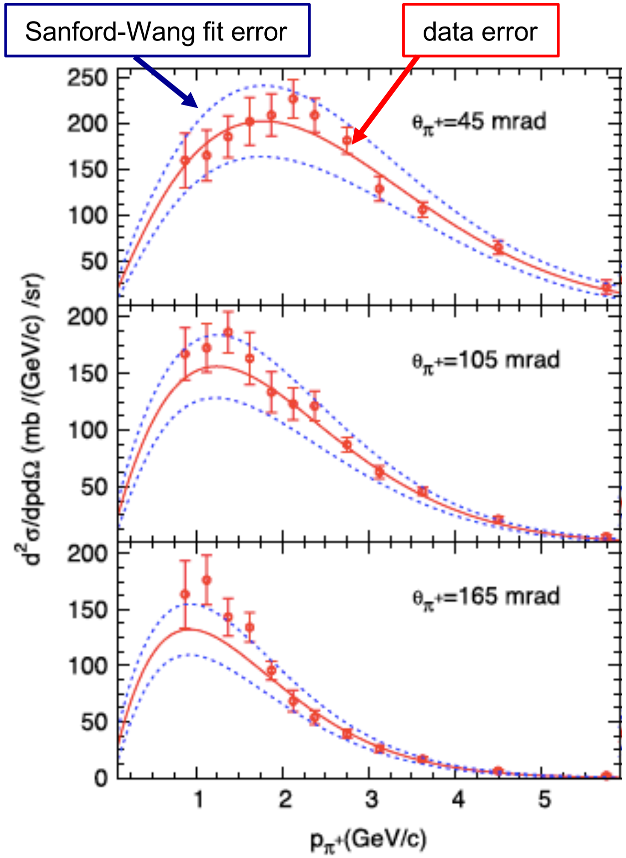
Likelihood-based Cherenkov ring fitter, the main reconstruction used by Super-Kamiokande (LSND→MiniBooNE→SuperK).



Flux systematic error: MiniBooNE: PRD79(2009)072002

- Errors are derived directly from hadron production data (spline fit), not any flux model.
- Event weighted with multiverse simulation to make a smooth covariance matrix with taking account all correlations correctly.





Online remote shift:

- <1 event per minute
- Even ACNET became web interface after this!
- Almost all neutrino experiments at Fermilab adapted online remote shift, including NOvA, MicroBooNE, MINERvA, etc

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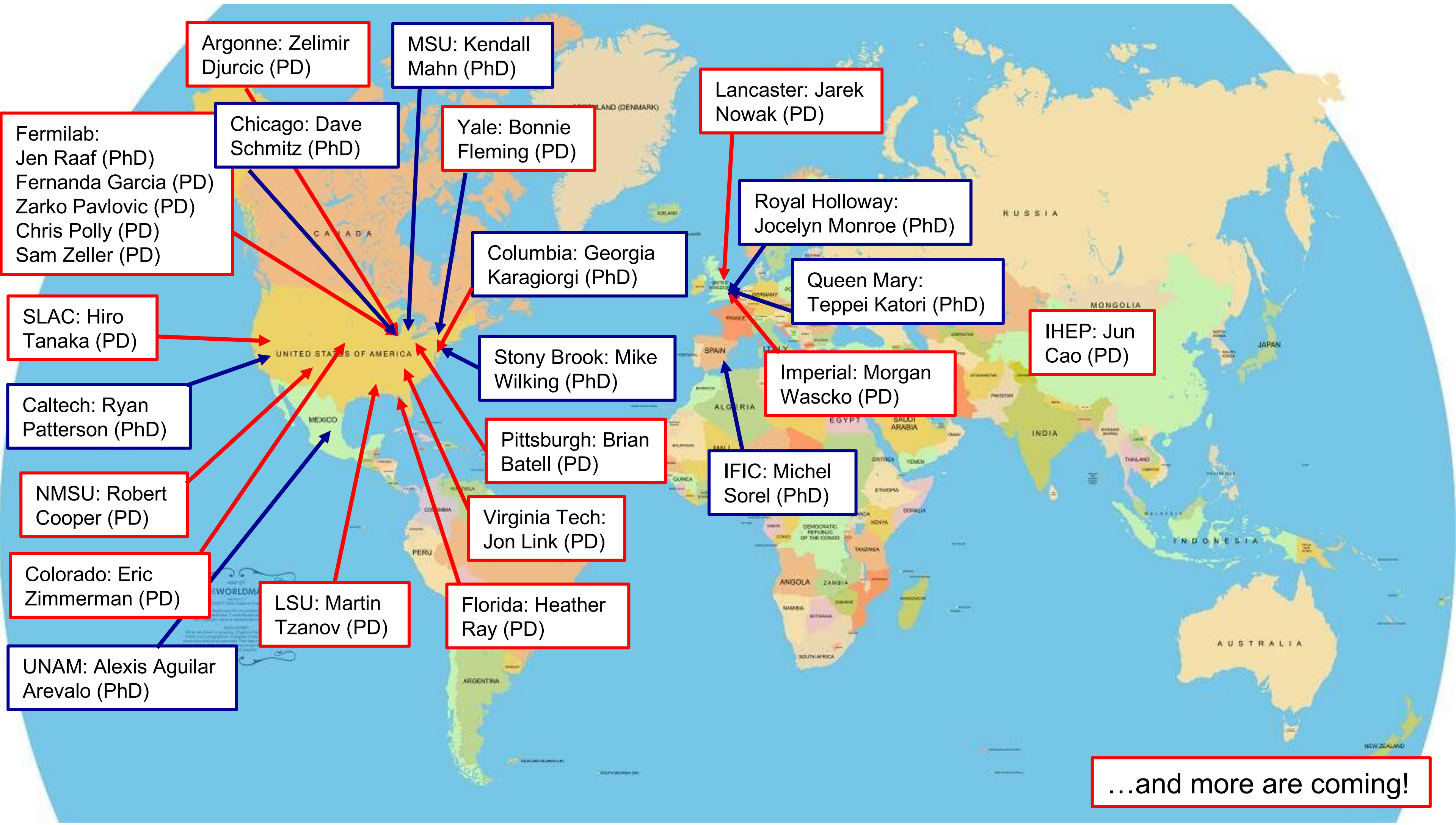
1. MiniBooNE is extremely influential! – Offspring



MiniBooNE: PRD81(2010)092005
Martini et al,PRC80(2009)065501

1. MiniBooNE is extremely influential! – Cross Sections

Flux-integrated differential cross section:

A new concept to measure, and report neutrino cross section data, now the standard of the community.

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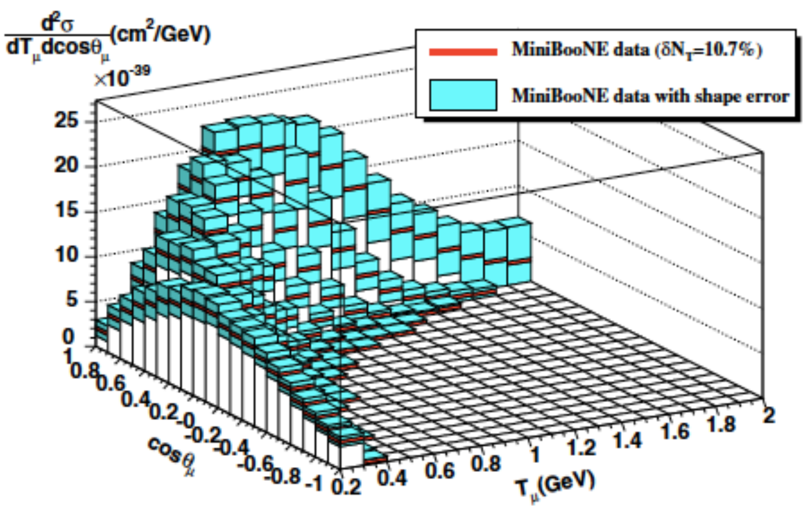
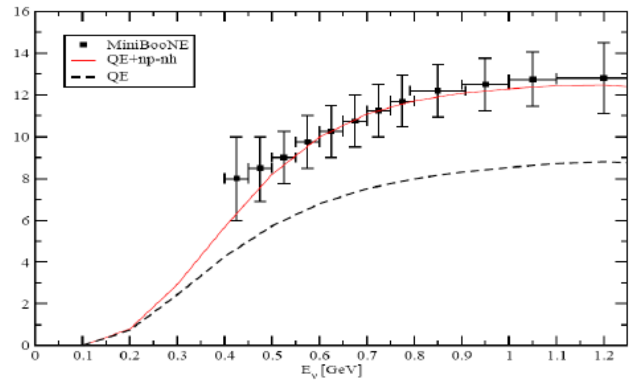
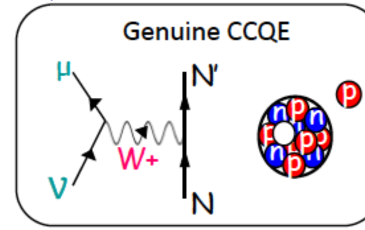


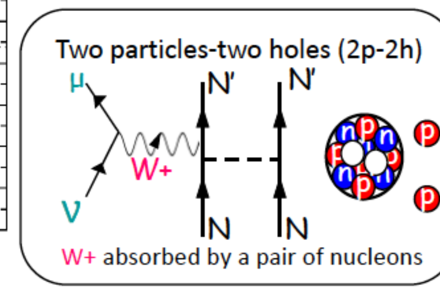
An explanation of this puzzle

(Slide from Marco Martini)

Inclusion of the multinucleon emission channel (np-nh)







Discovery of nucleon correlation in neutrino scattering:

- Significant enhancement of cross section (10-30%)
- modify lepton kinematics and final state hadrons
- the hottest topic for T2K, MINERvA, MicroBooNE, etc

Particle Data Group

- Section 42, “Monte Carlo Neutrino Generators” (Hugh Gallagher, Yoshinari Hayato)
- Section 50, “Neutrino Cross-Section Measurements” (Sam Zeller)

On going effort from MiniBooE initiative!

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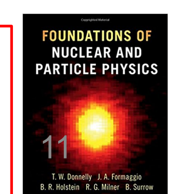
The first textbook of neutrino interaction physics!
“Foundation of Nuclear and Particle Physics”
- Cambridge University Press (2017), ISBN:0521765110
- Authors: Donnelly, Formaggio, Holstein, Milner, Surrow



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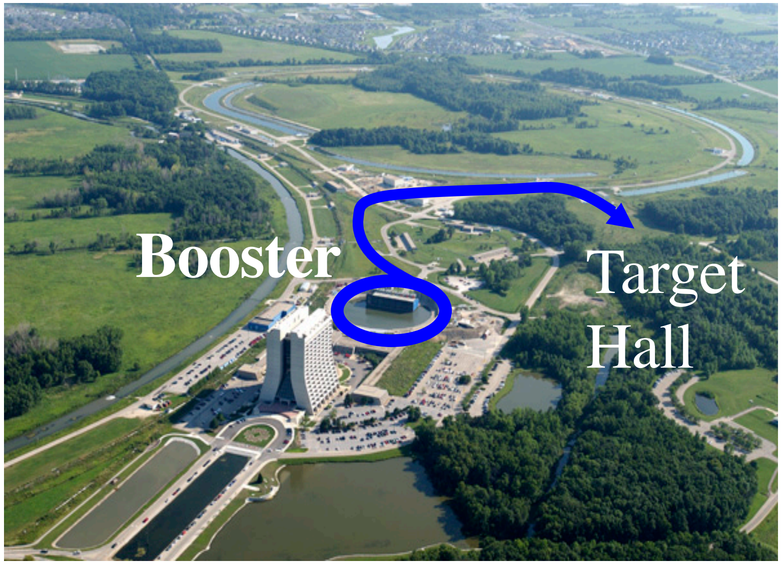

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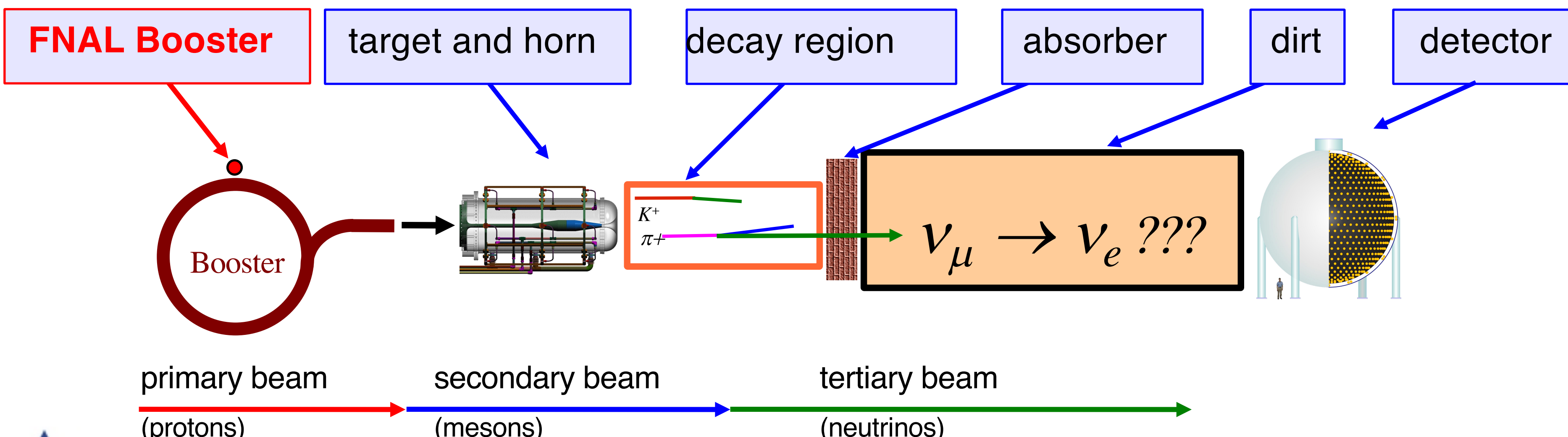

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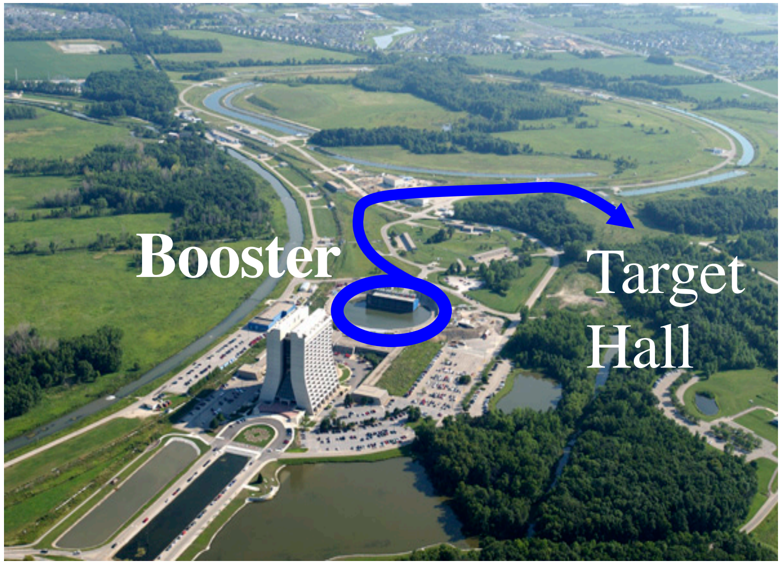

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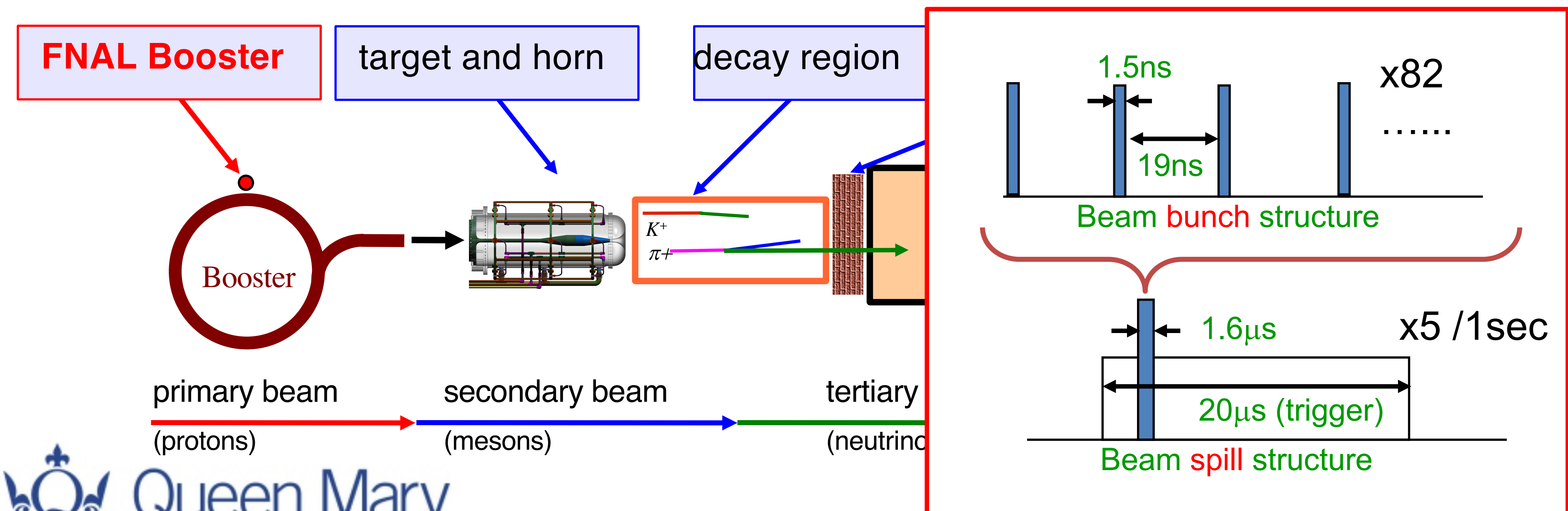

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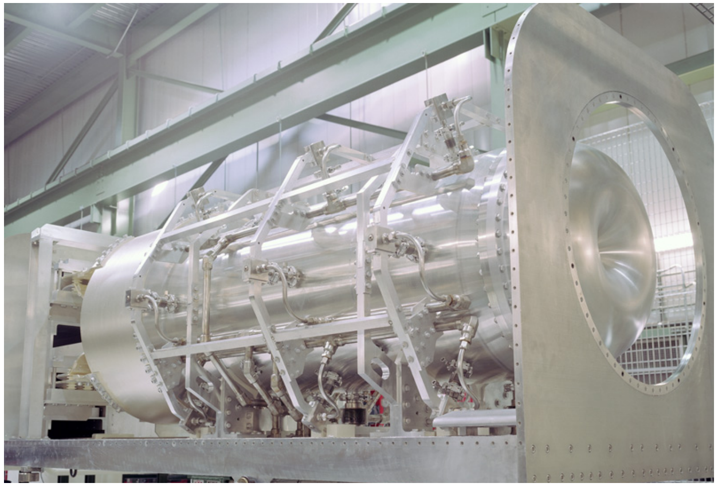
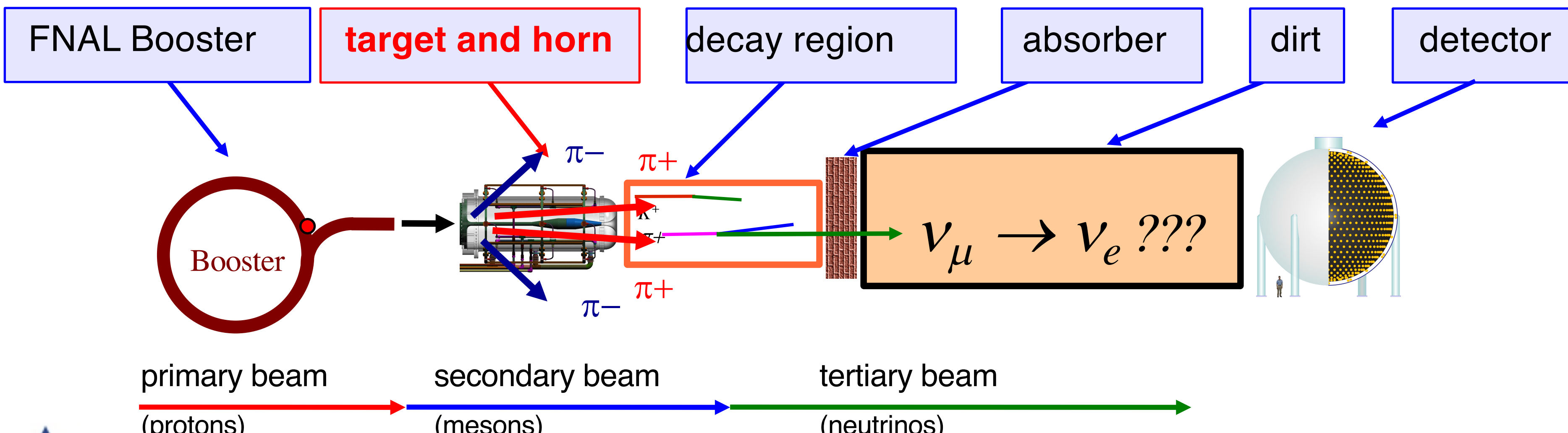
Magnetic focusing horn



8GeV protons are delivered to a 1.7 λ Be target

within a magnetic horn (2.5 kV, 174 kA) that increases the flux by $\times$ 6

By switching the current direction, the horn can focus either positive (neutrino mode) or negative (antineutrino mode) mesons.



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MiniBooNE, PRD79(2009)072002
HARP, Eur.Phys.J.C52(2007)29

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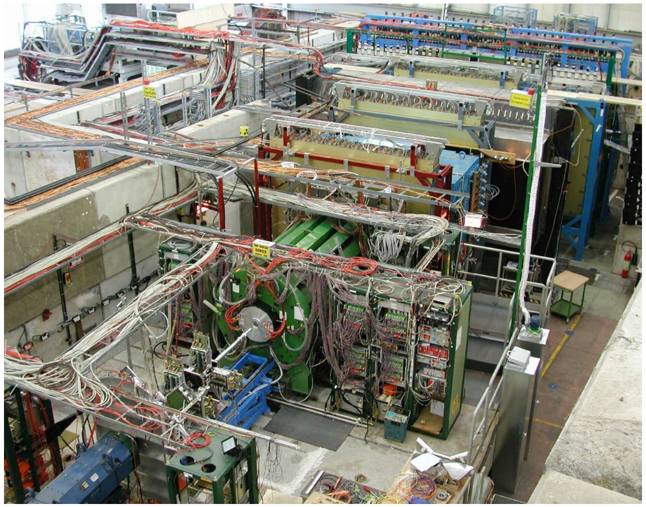

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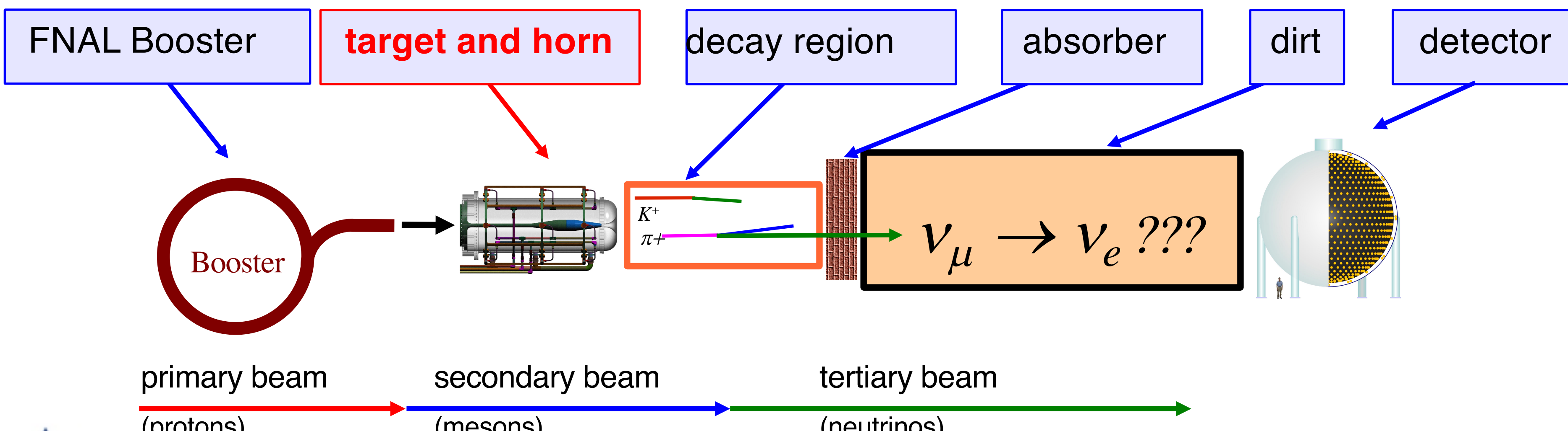

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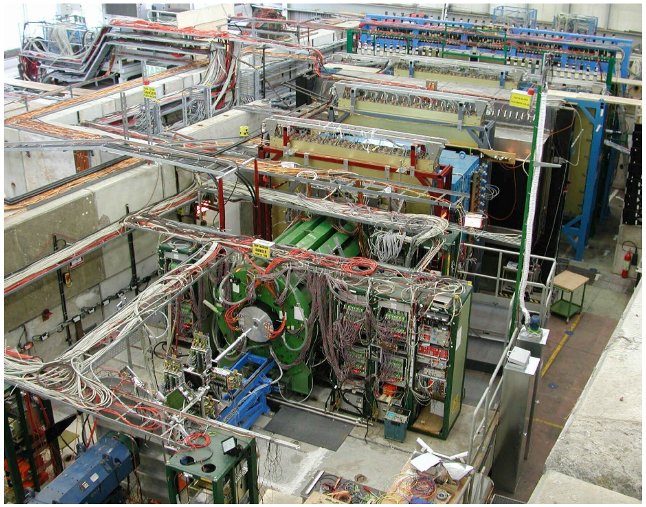

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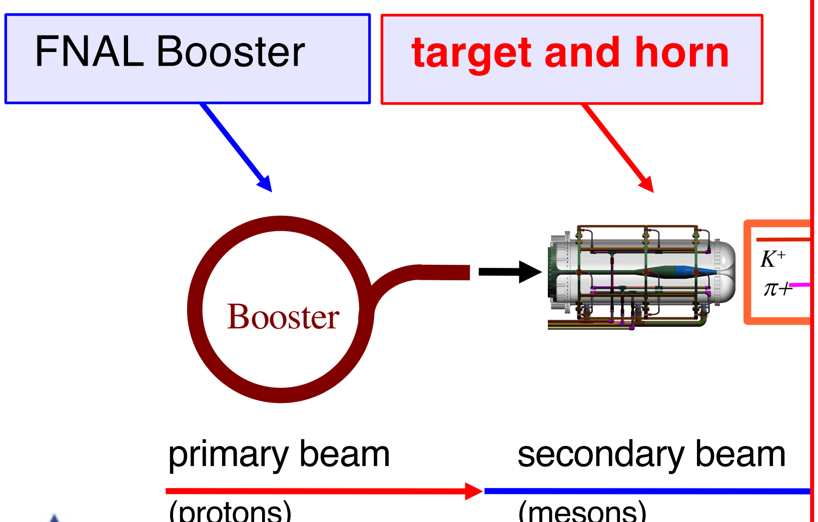

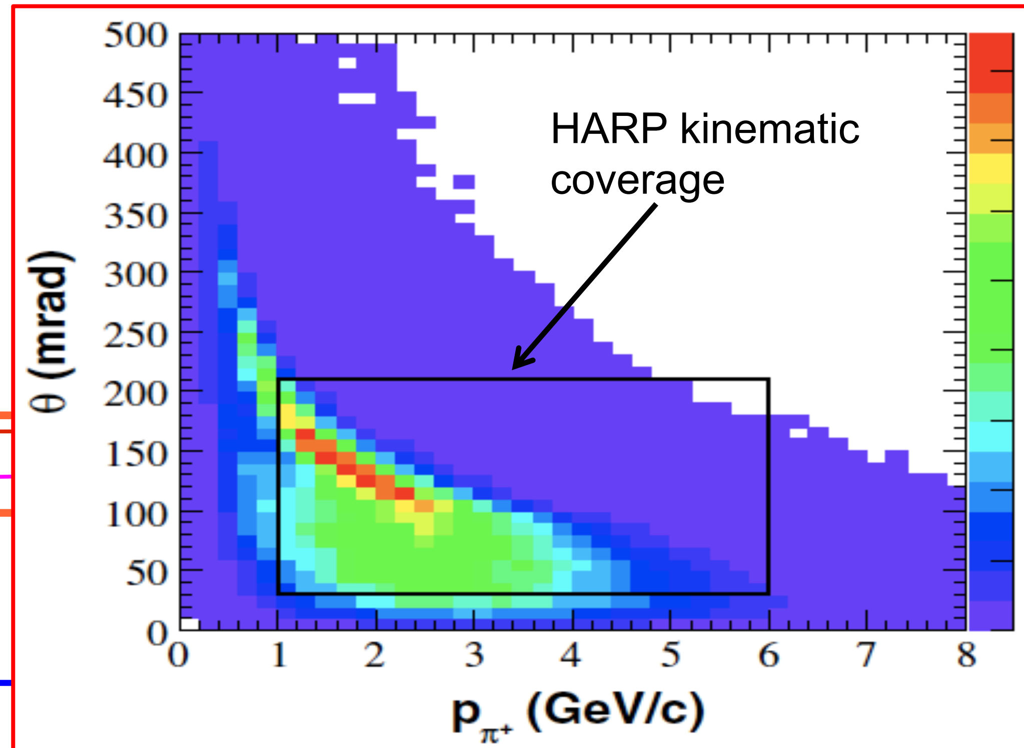

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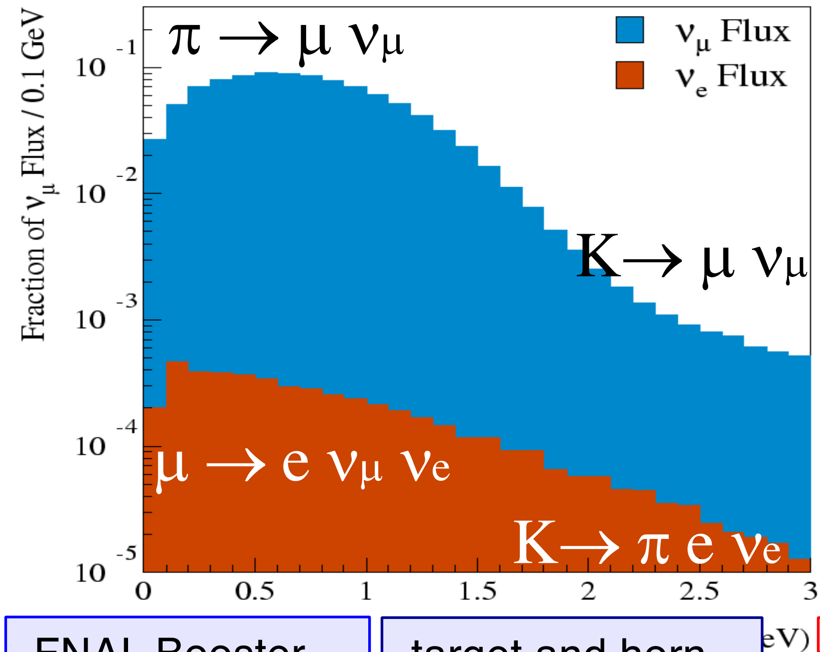
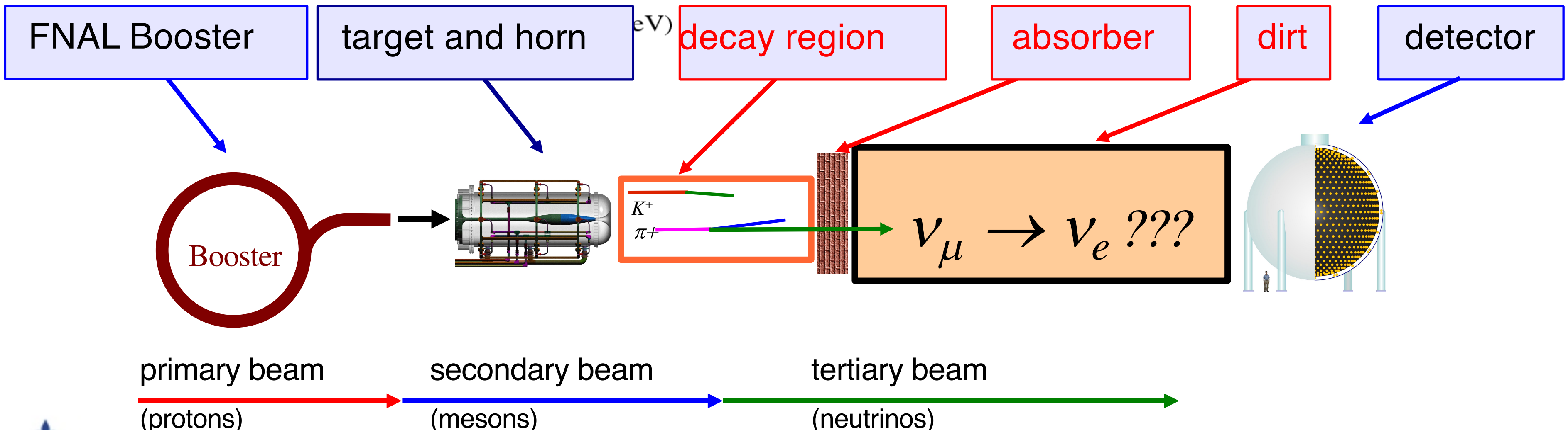


Neutrino flux from simulation by GEANT4

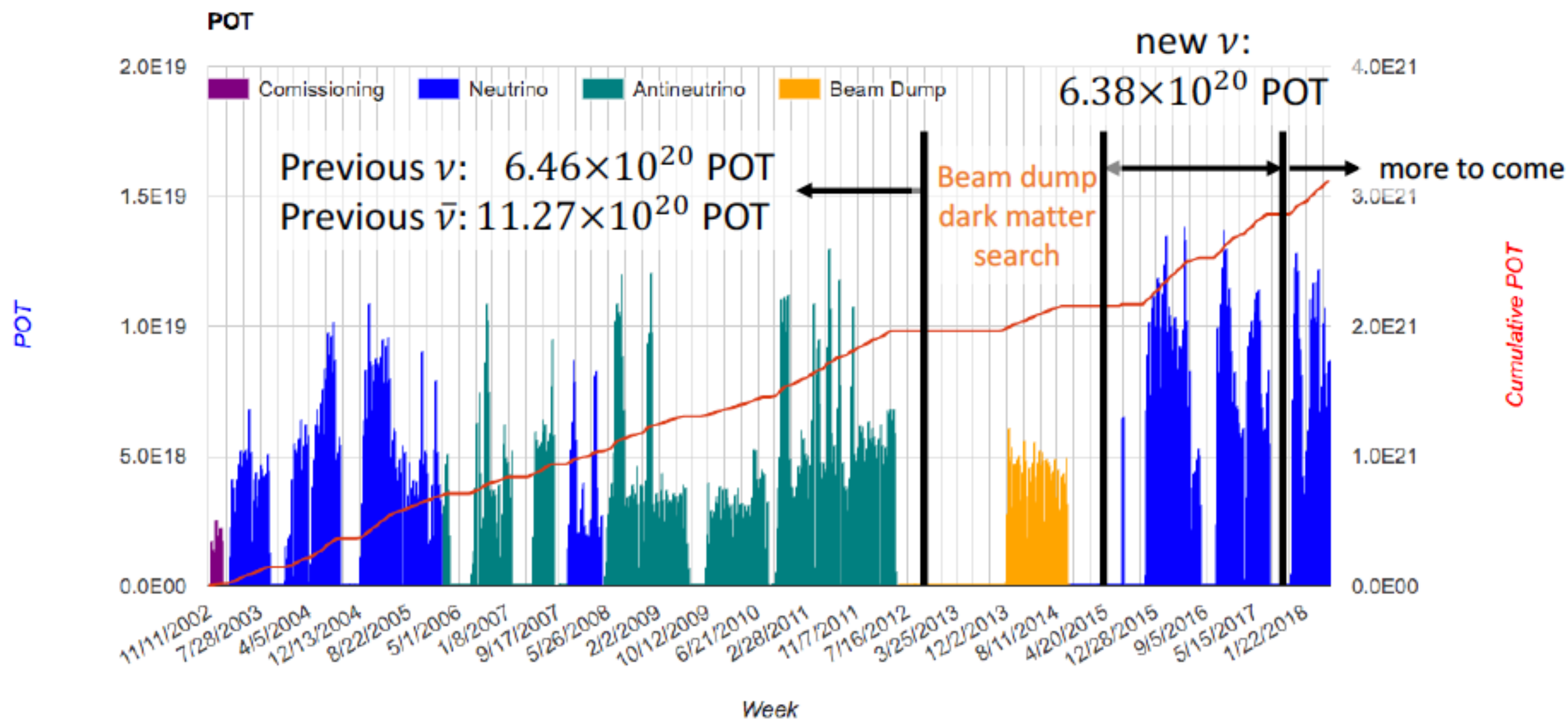
MiniBooNE is the ν_e (anti ν_e) appearance oscillation experiment, so we need to know the distribution of beam origin ν_e and anti ν_e (intrinsic ν_e)

	neutrino mode	antineutrino mode
intrinsic ν_e contamination	0.6%	0.6%
intrinsic ν_e from μ decay	49%	55%
intrinsic ν_e from K decay	47%	41%
others	4%	4%
wrong sign fraction	6%	16%



3. Data taking

- 15+ years of running in neutrino, antineutrino, and beam dump mode. More than 30×10^{20} POT to date.
- Result of a combined 12.84×10^{20} POT in ν mode + 11.27×10^{20} POT in $\bar{\nu}$ mode is presented in this talk



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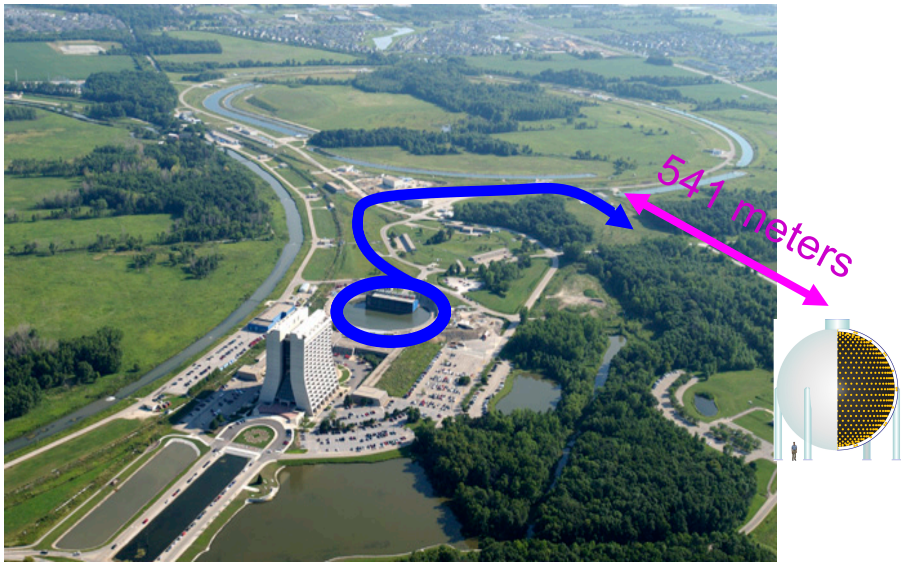

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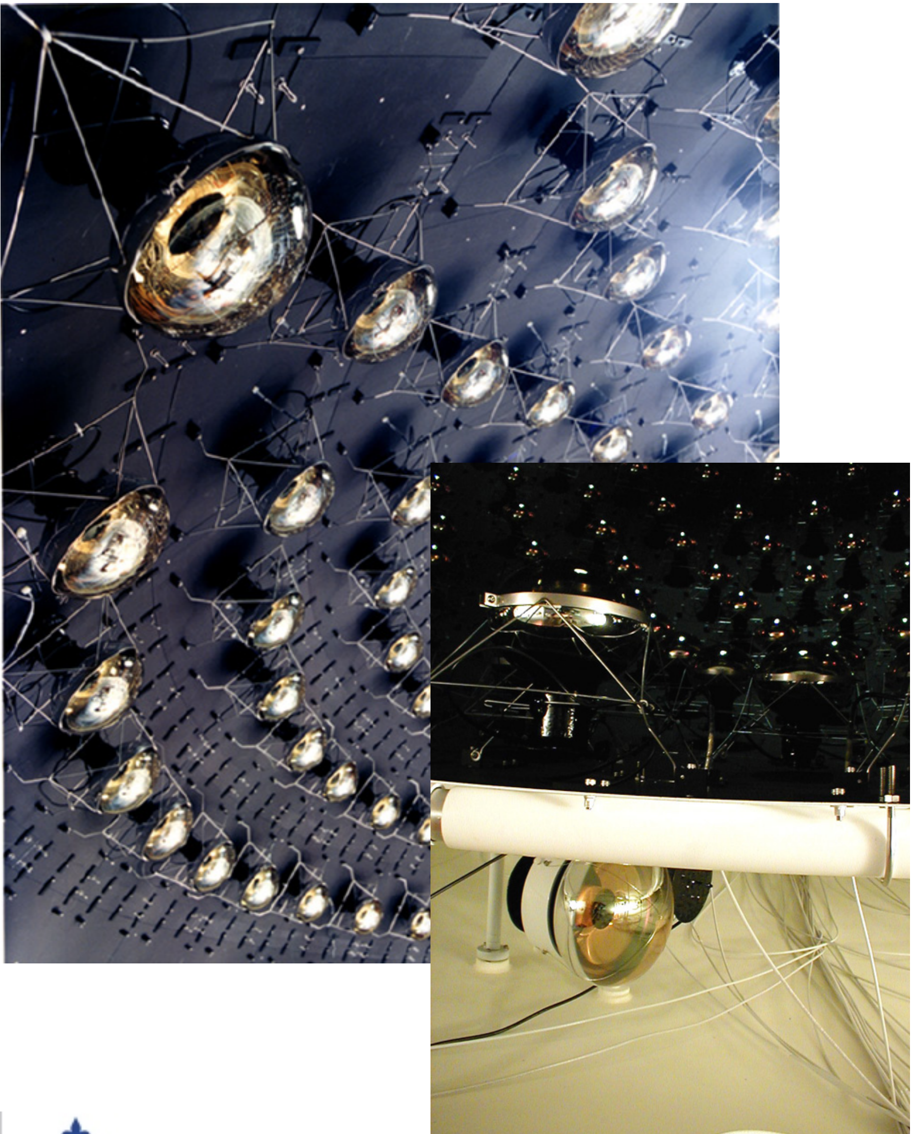

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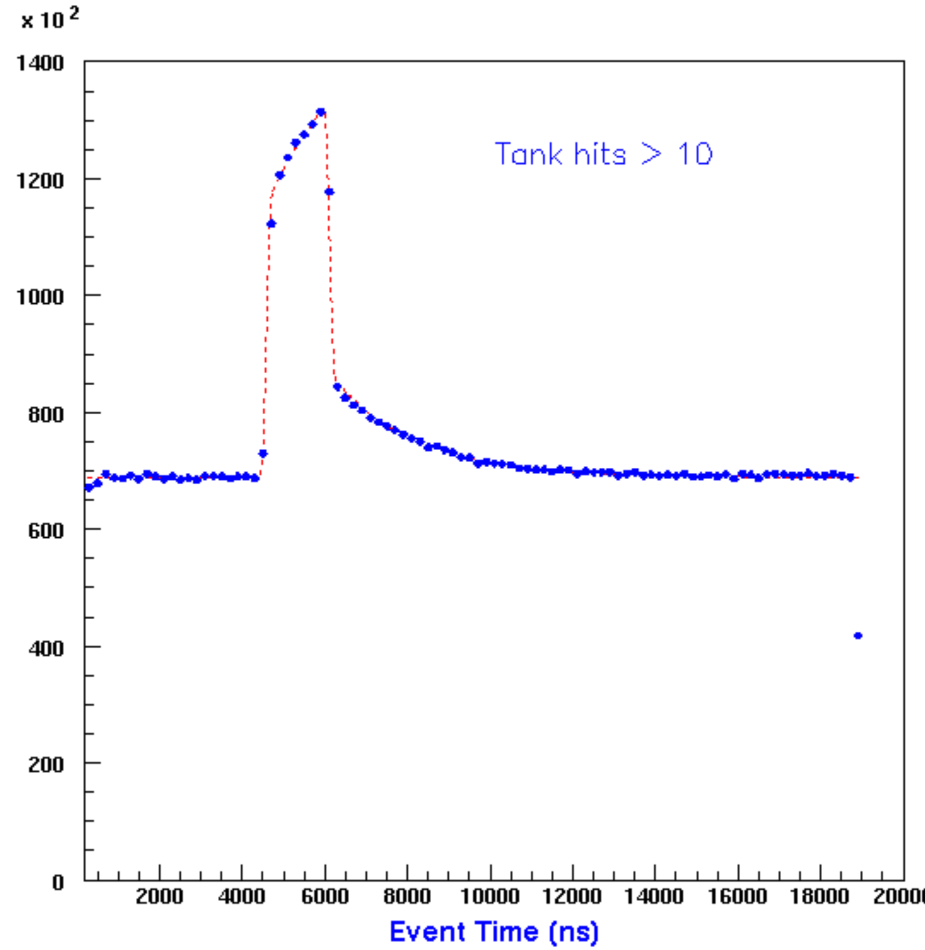
- >200 tank PMT hits
  - Gets rid of Michels
- Only neutrinos are left!

Beam and Cosmic BG



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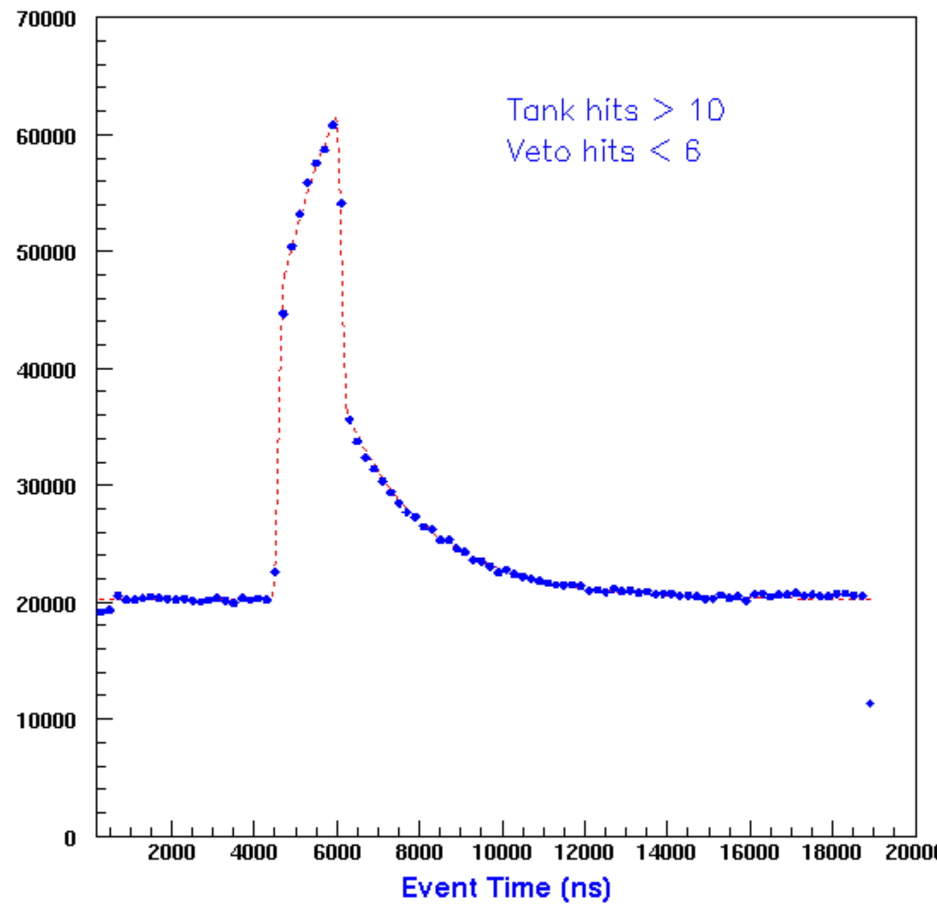

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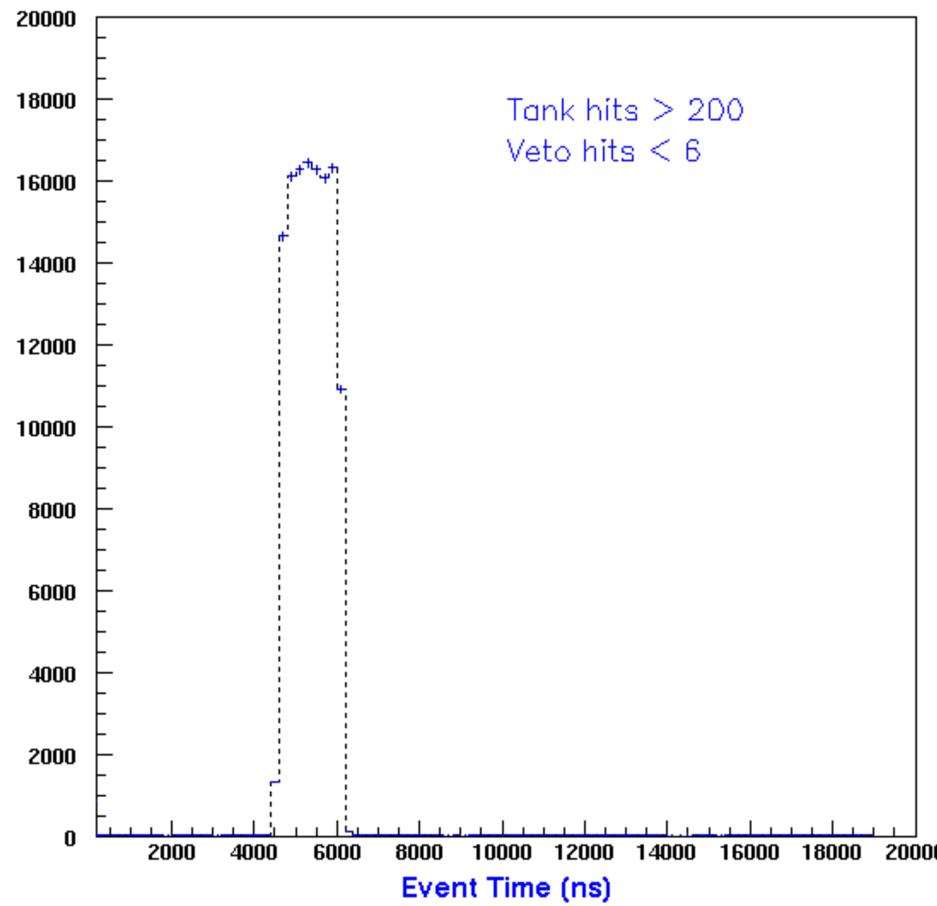
Beam Only



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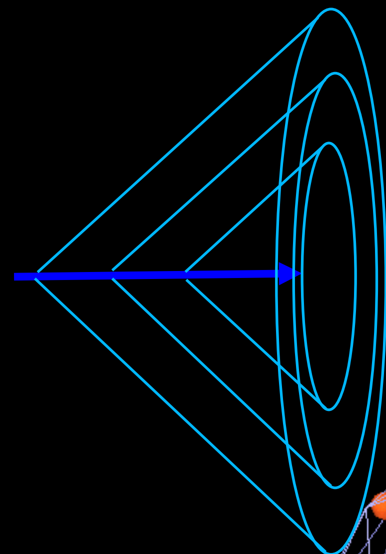

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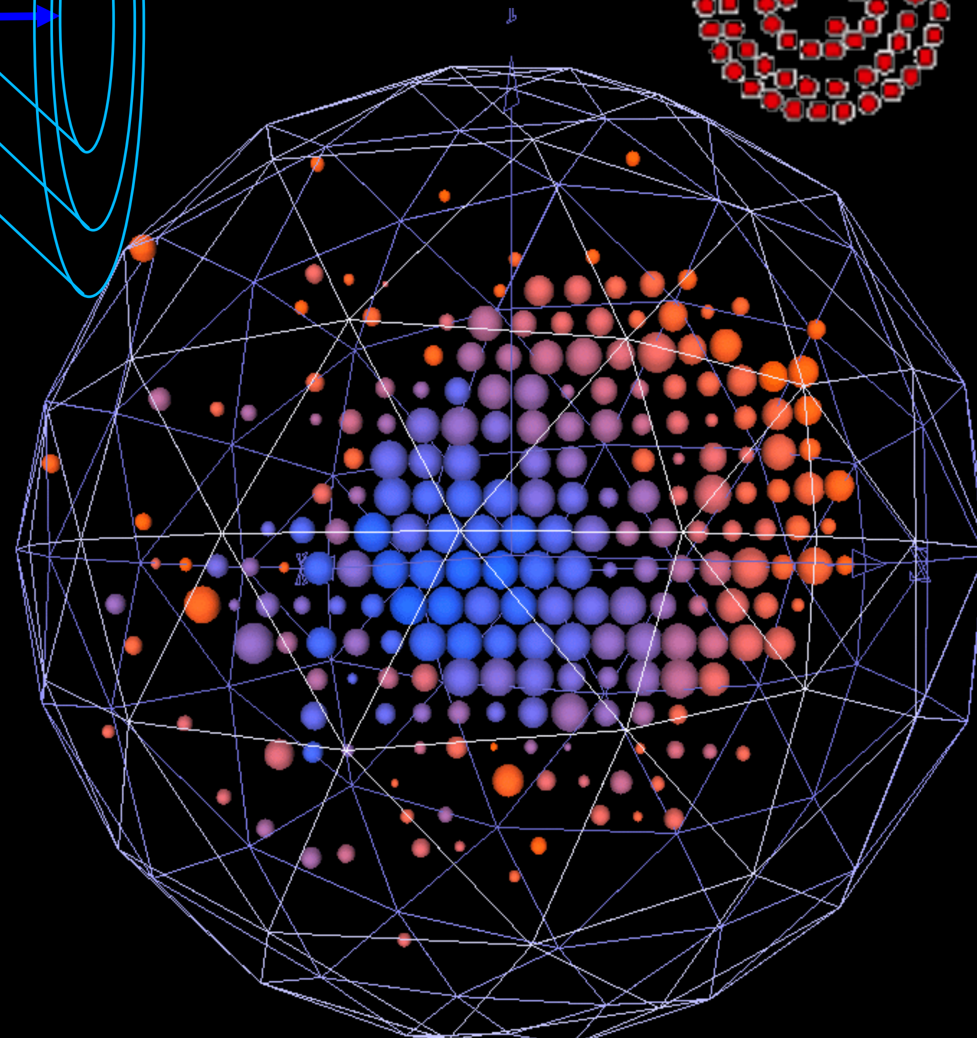

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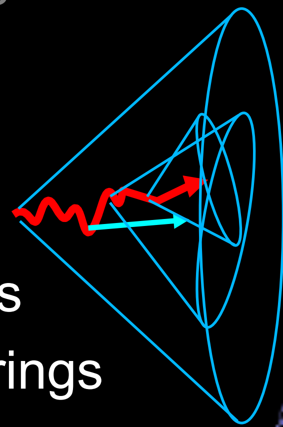

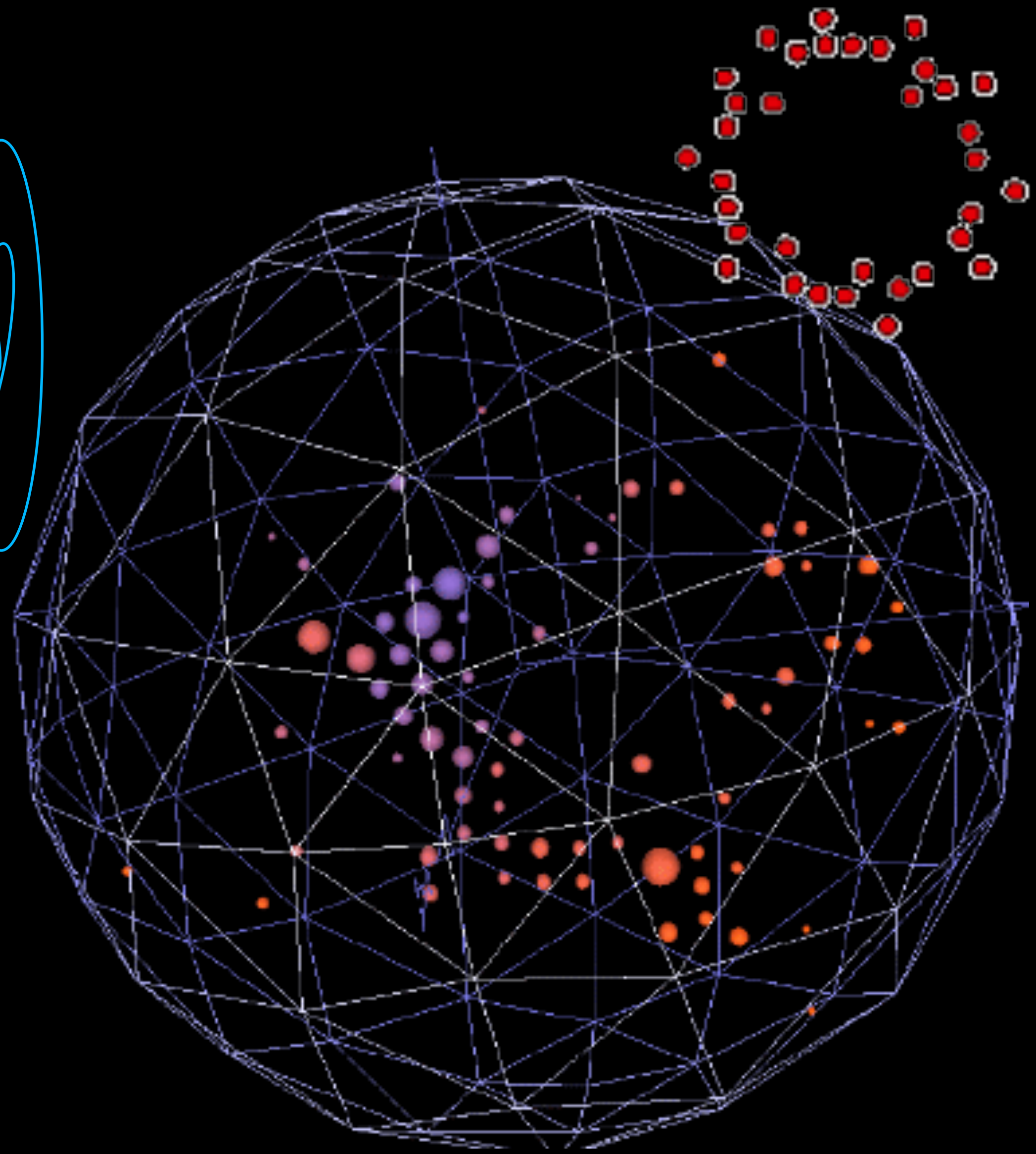

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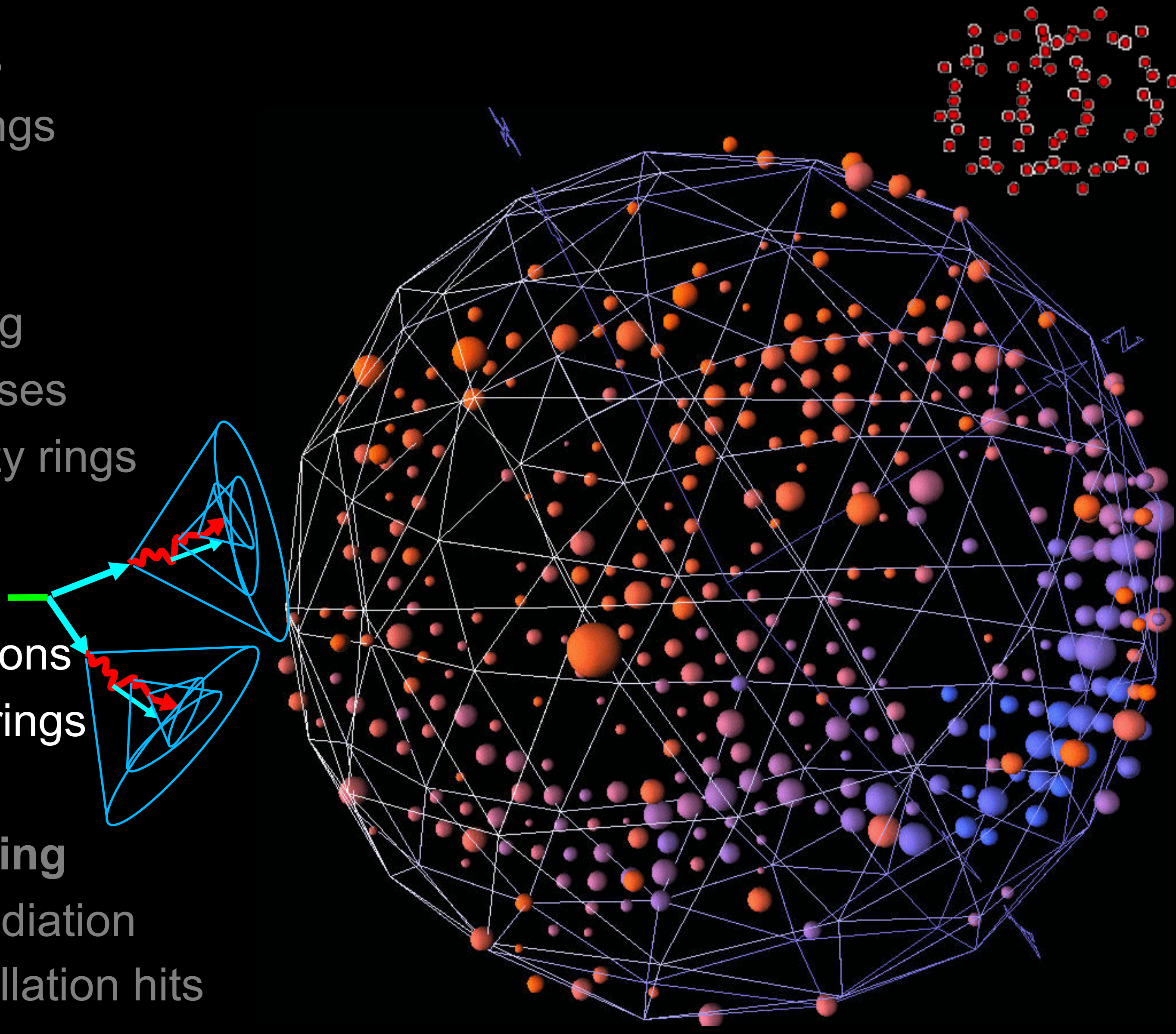

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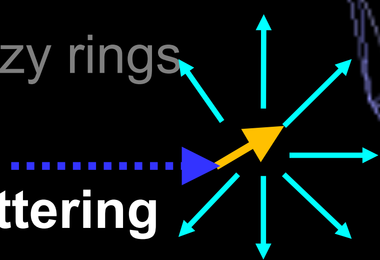

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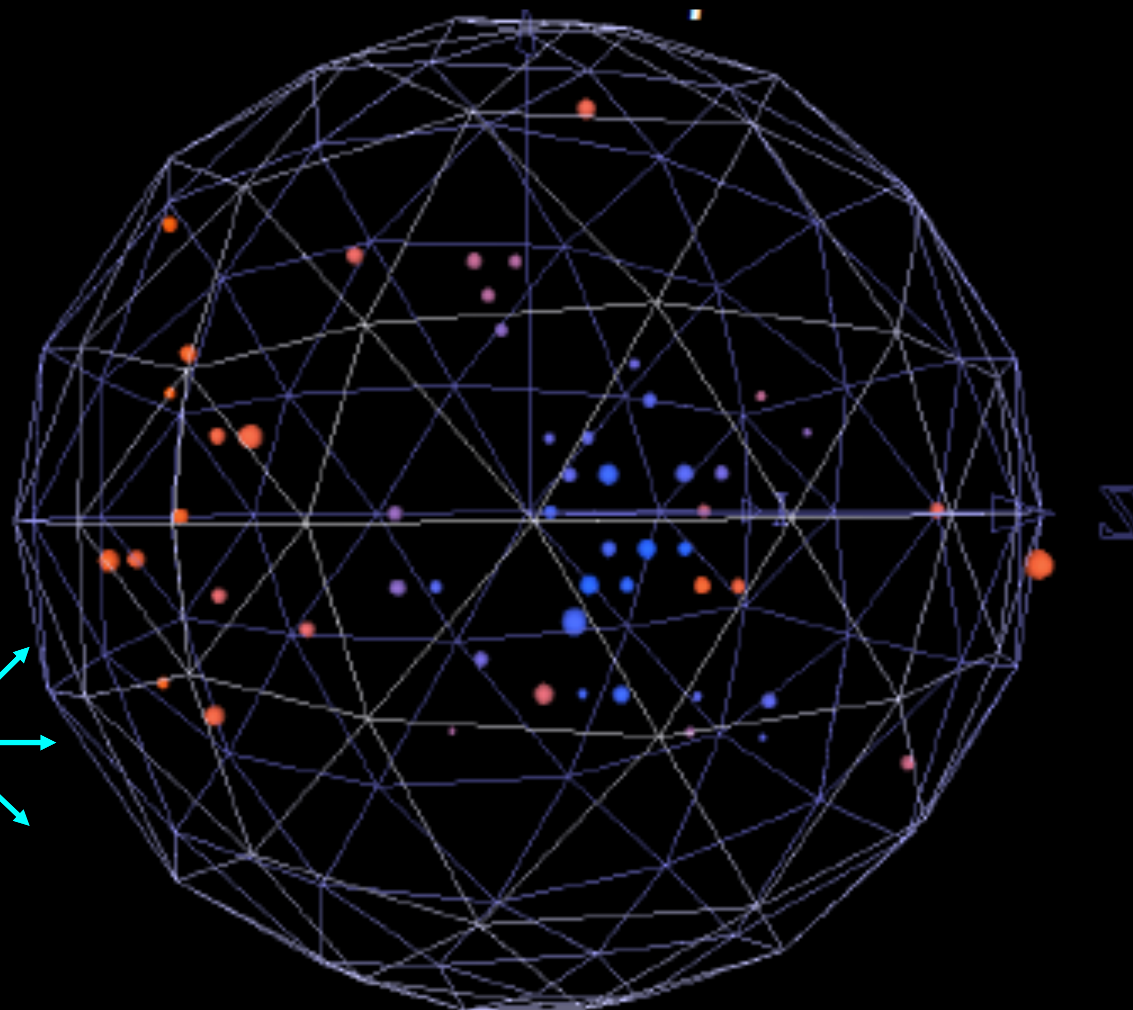


3. QE kinematics based energy reconstruction

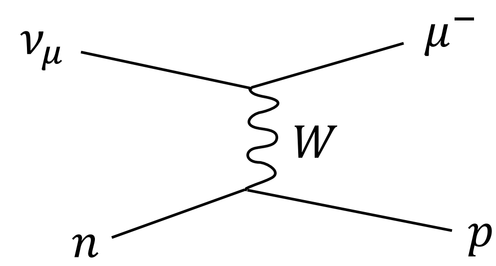
Event reconstruction from Cherenkov ring profile for PID

- scattering angle θ and kinetic energy of charged lepton T are estimated

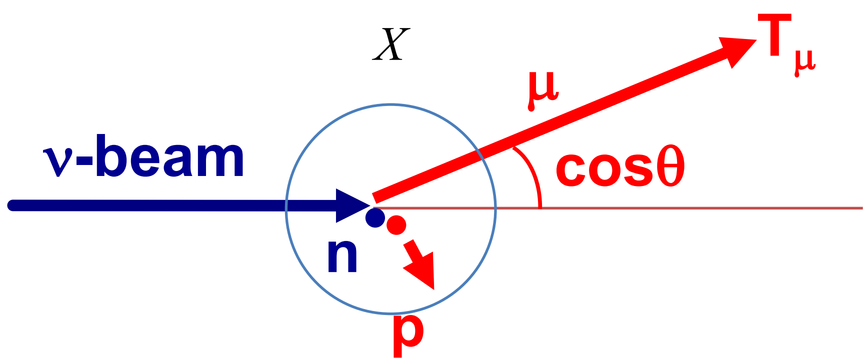
Charged Current Quasi-Elastic (CCQE) interaction

The simplest and the most abundant interaction around ~1 GeV. Neutrino energy is reconstructed from the observed lepton kinematics “QE assumption”

1. assuming neutron at rest
2. assuming interaction is CCQE



$$\nu_\mu + n \longrightarrow p + \mu^- \; (\nu_\mu + X \longrightarrow X' + \mu^-)$$



$$E_\nu^{QE} = \frac{ME_\mu - 0.5m_\mu^2}{M - E_\mu + p_\mu cos\theta}$$

CCQE is the most important channel of neutrino oscillation physics for MiniBooNE, T2K, microBoonE, SBND, etc (also important for NOvA, Hyper-Kamiokande, DUNE, etc)

3. Detector stability

Event rate look consistent from expectations
- Antineutrino mode (factor 5 lower event rate)
  - factor ~2 lower flux
  - factor ~2-3 lower cross section
- Dark matter mode (factor 50 lower event rate)
  - factor ~40 lower flux

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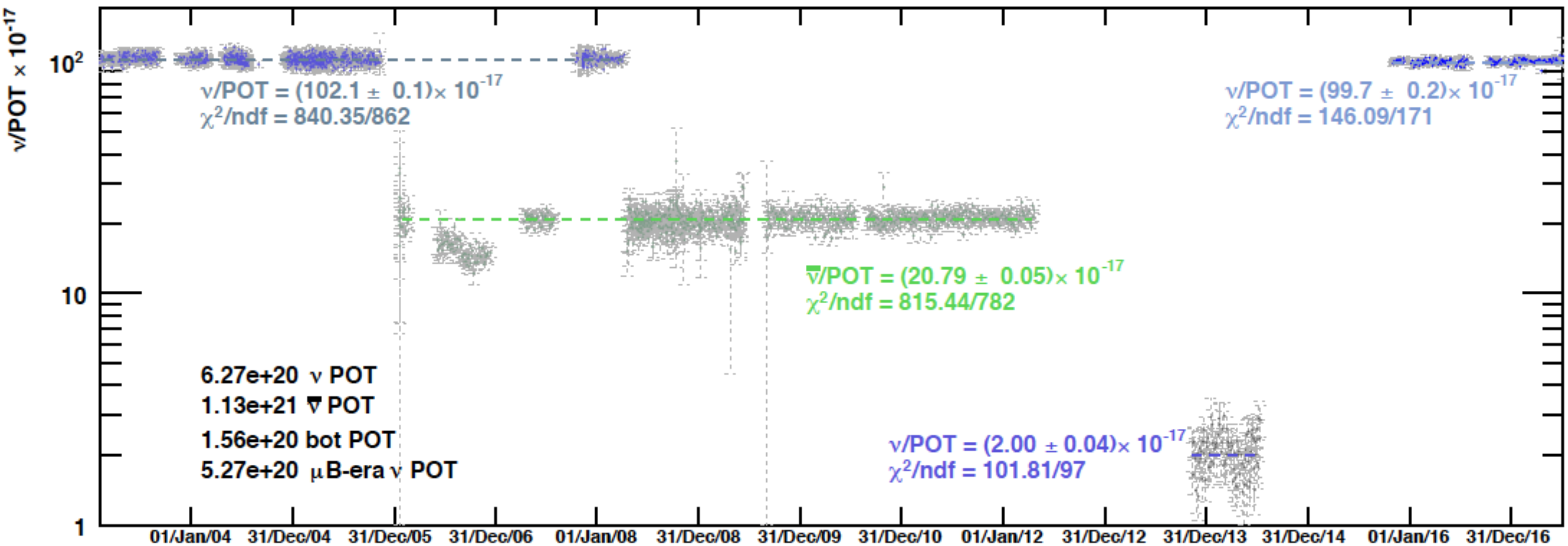

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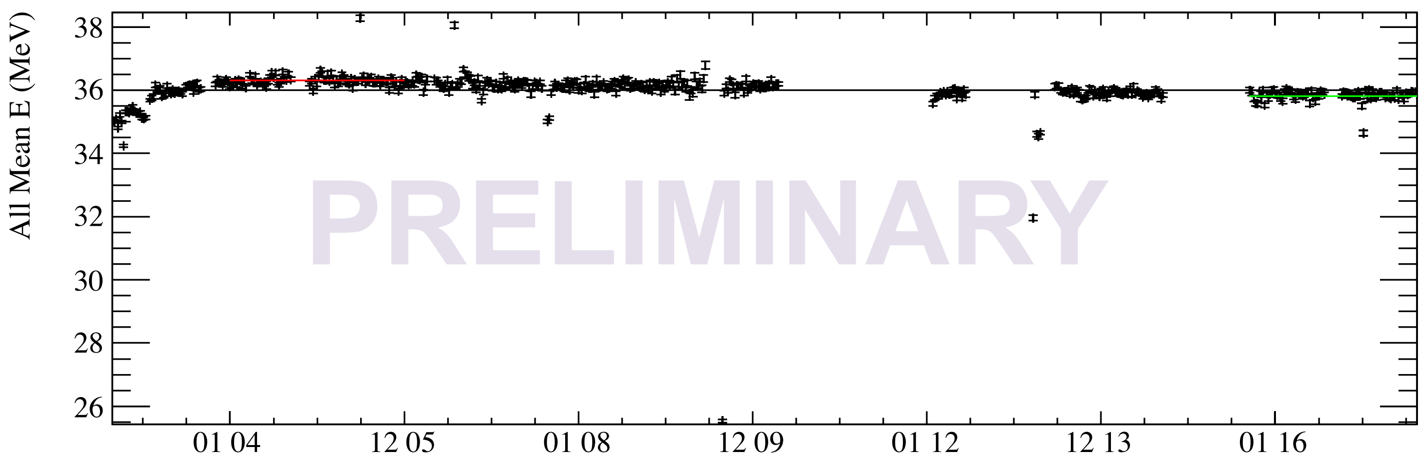

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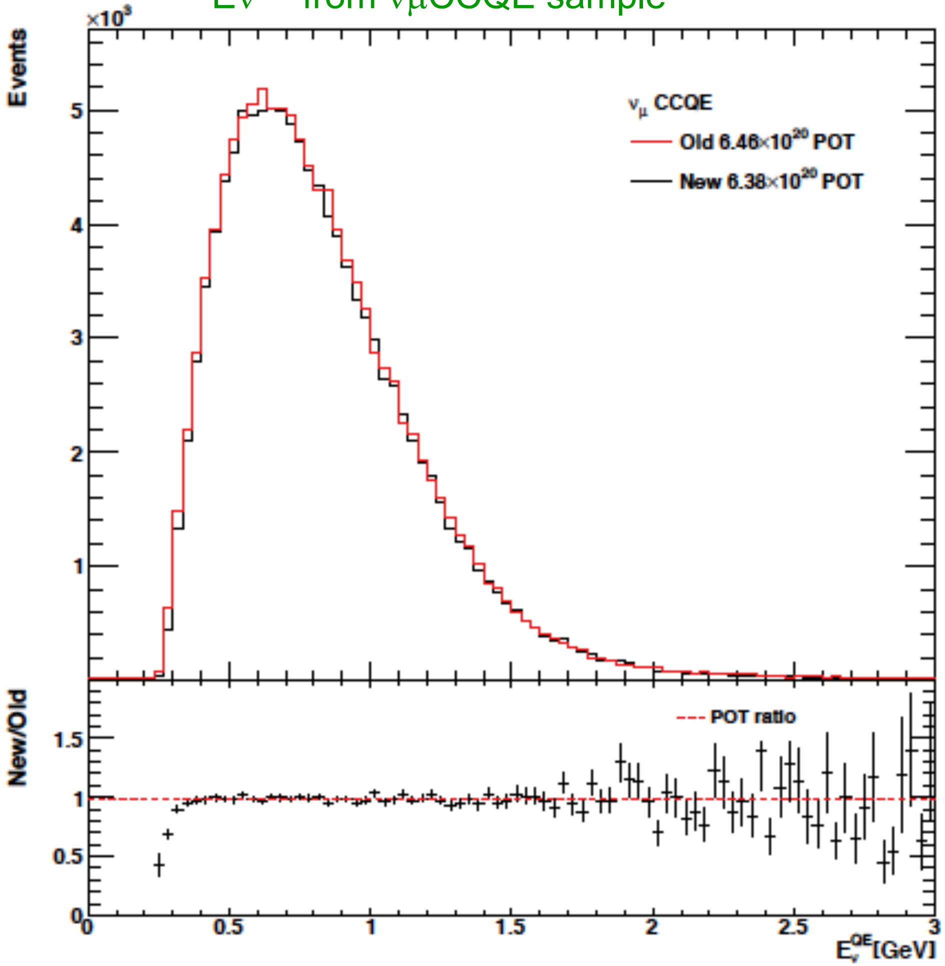

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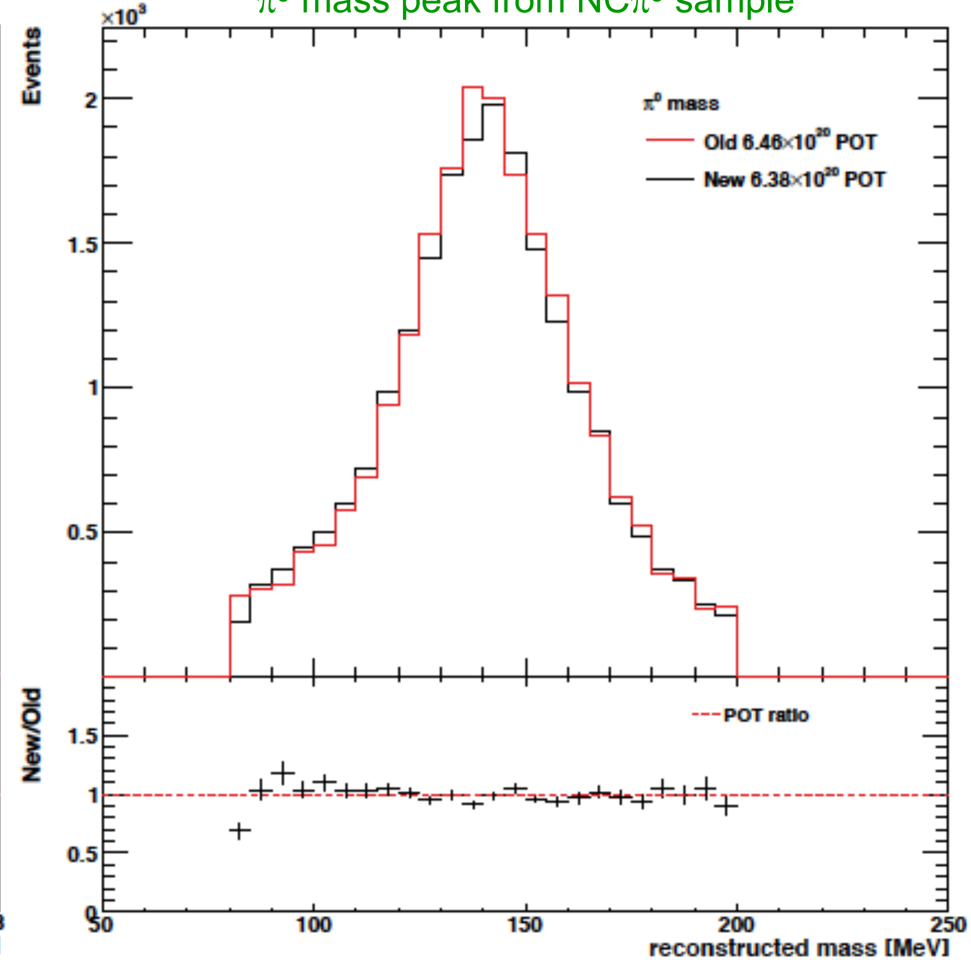

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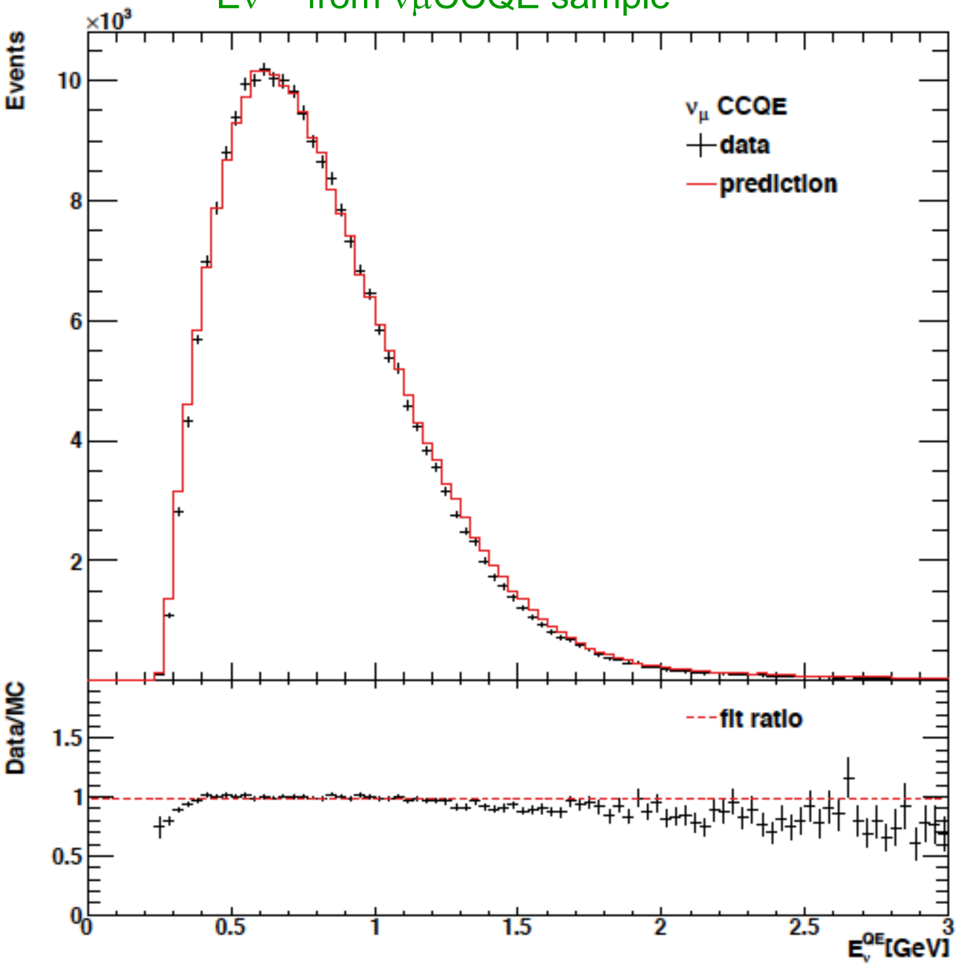

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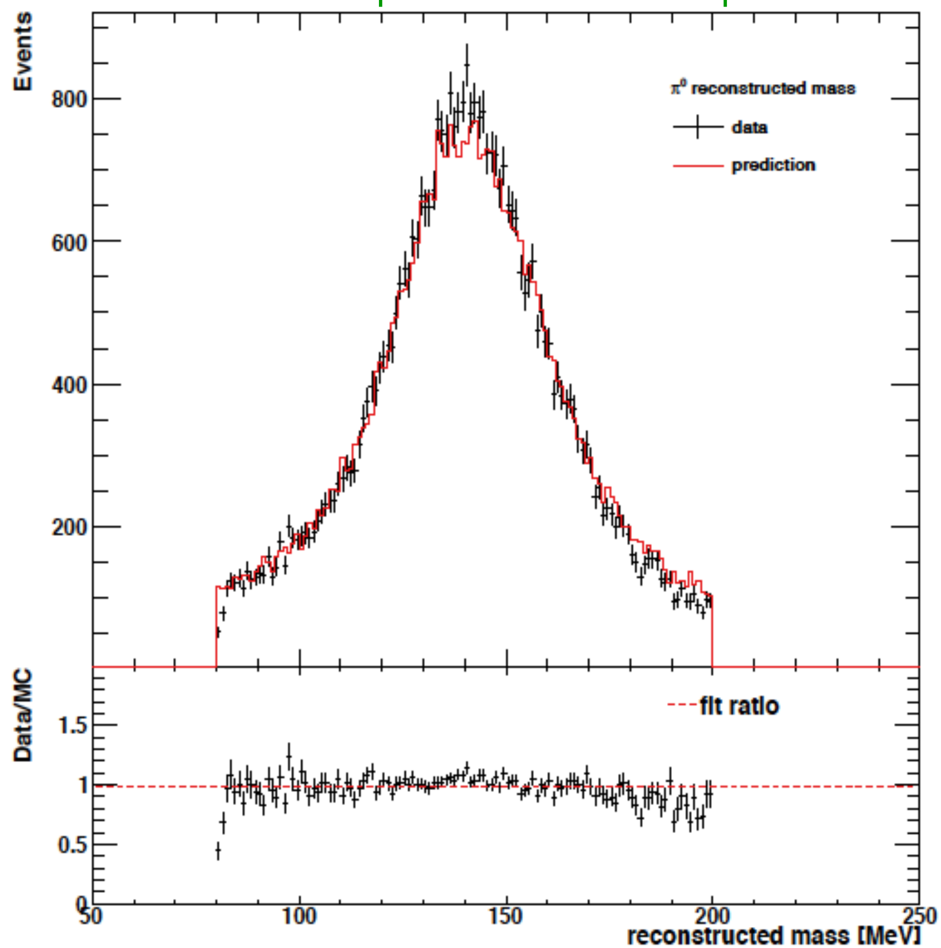

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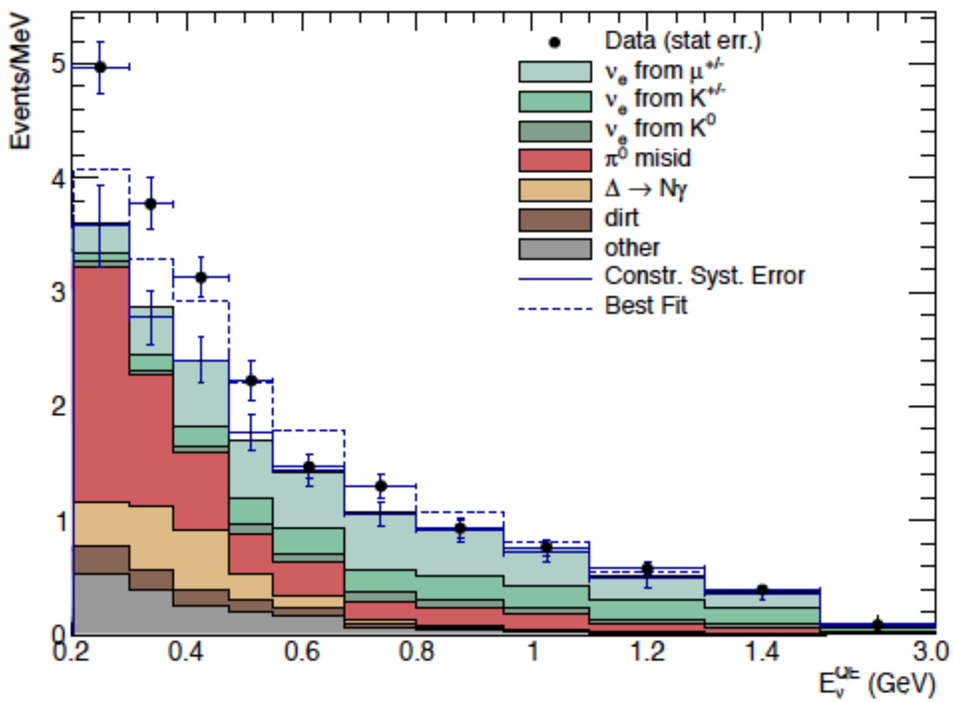

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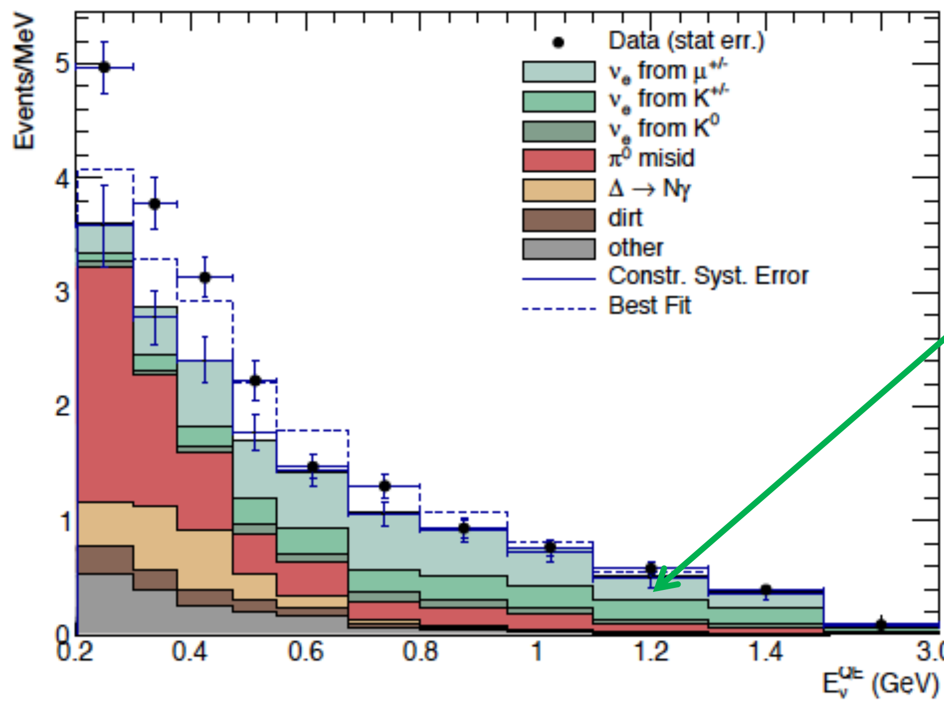

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measured

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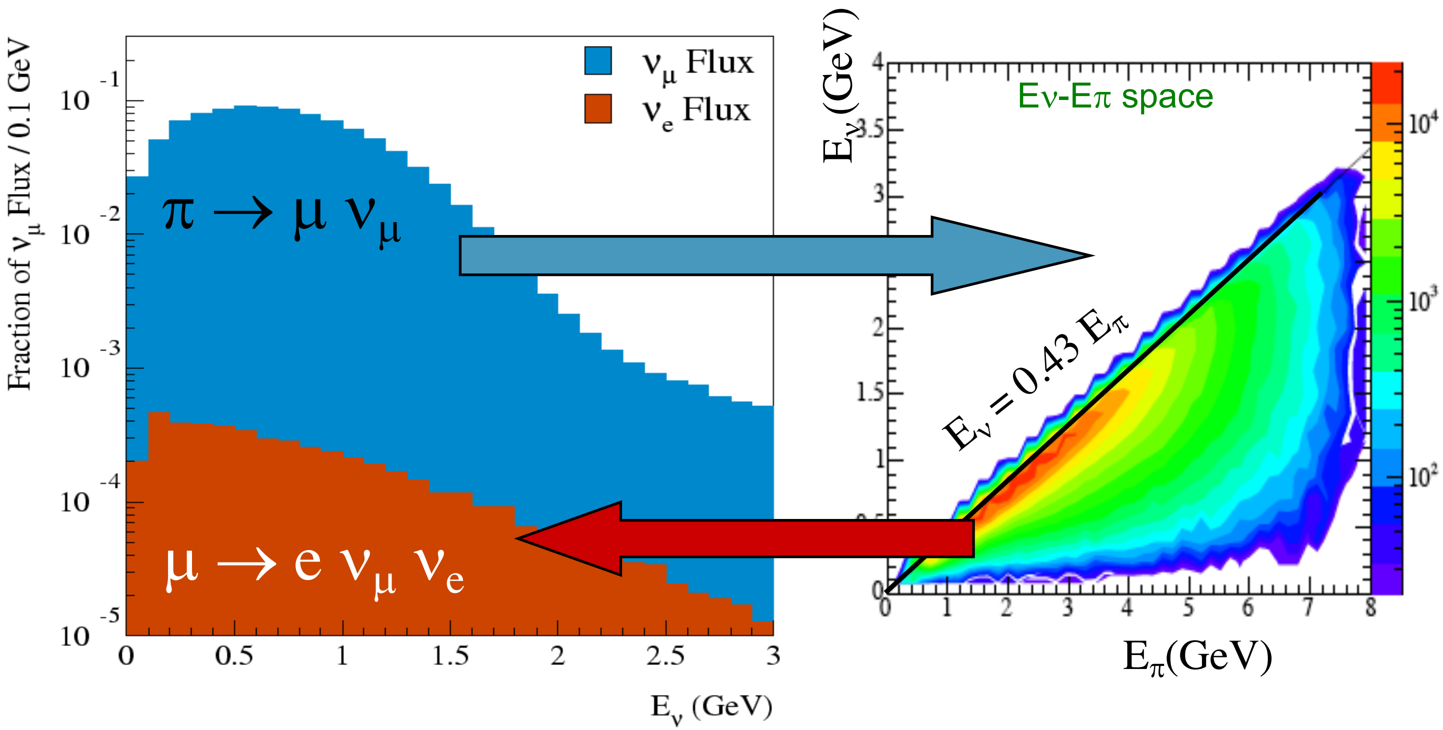

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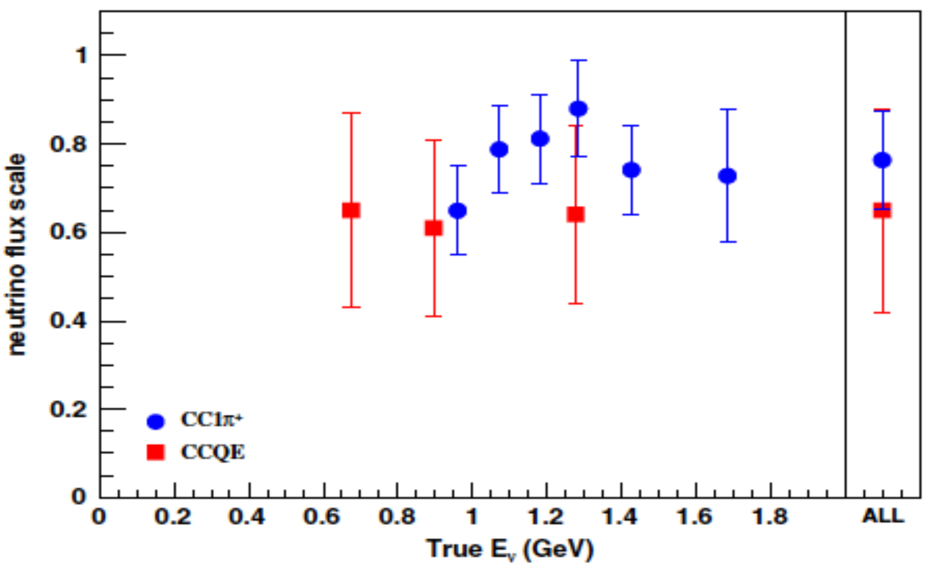
$\bar{\nu}_e \& \bar{\nu}_\mu$ flux are harder to predict due to larger wrong sign ($\nu_e \& \nu_\mu$) background, and measured lepton kinematics and π^+ production are used to tune flux → they consistently suggest we overestimate antineutrino flux around 20%



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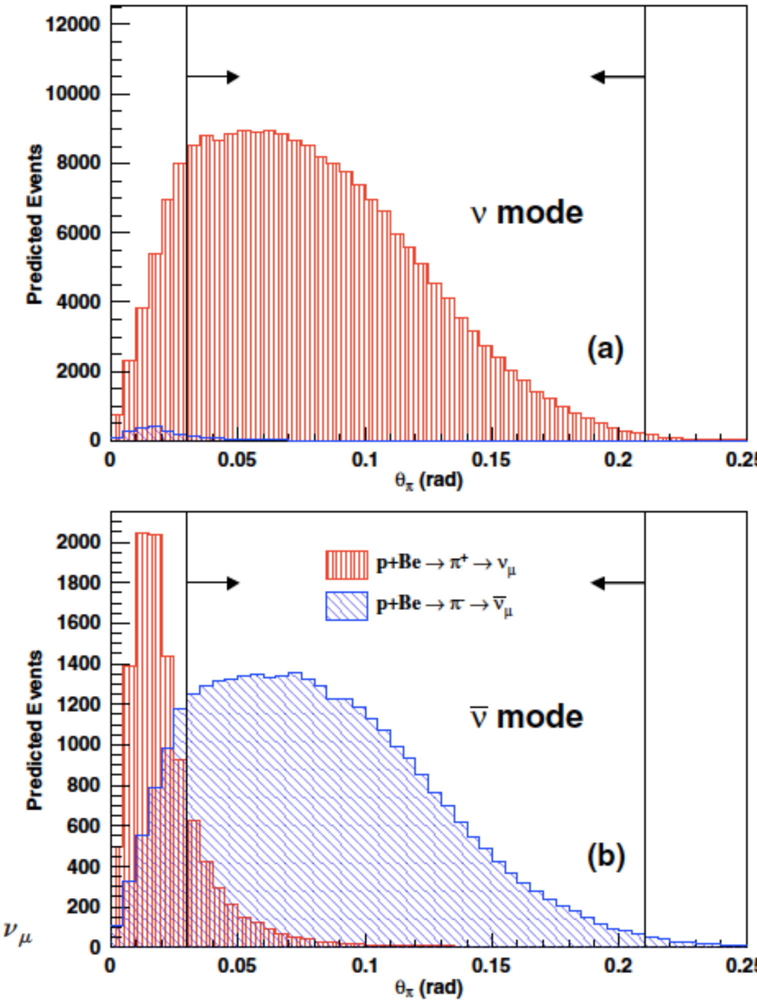

Michel electron counting is sensitive to ν_μ contamination in $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beam

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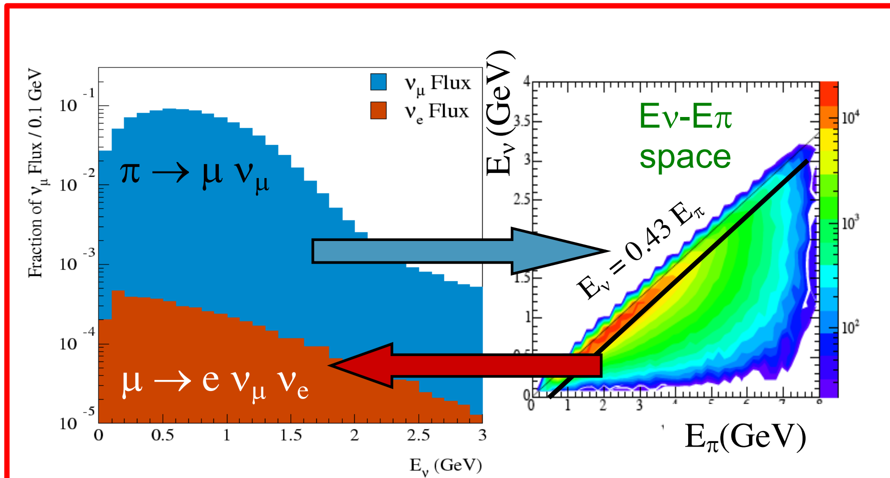

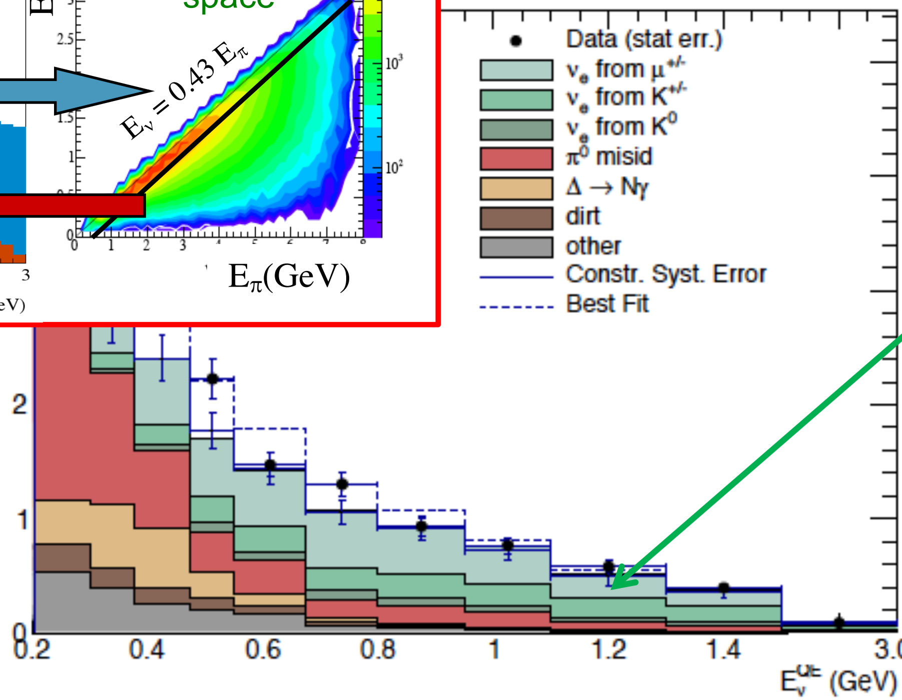

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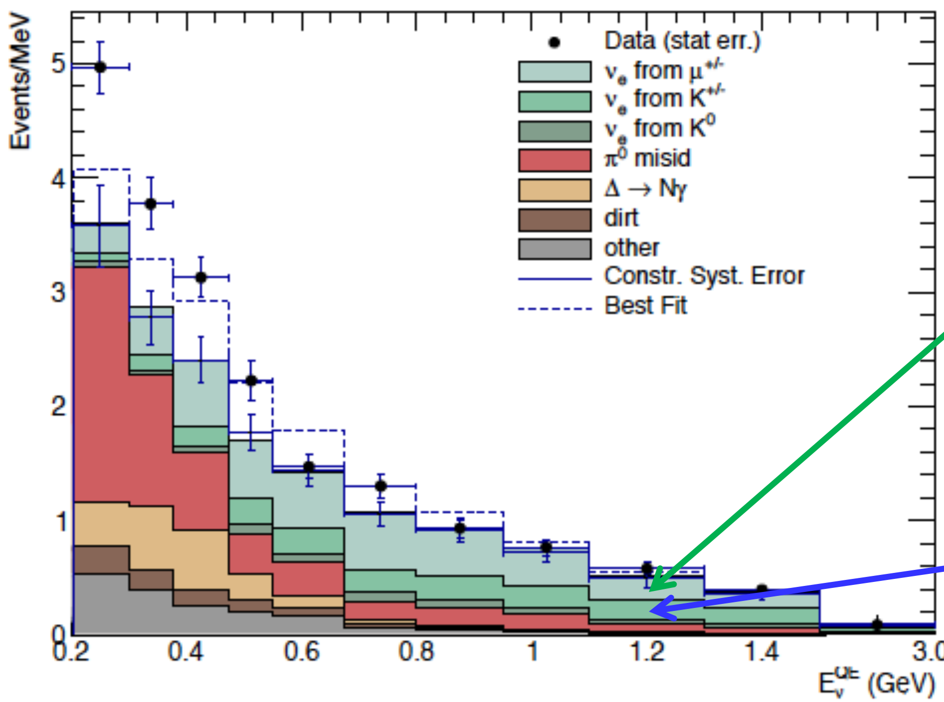

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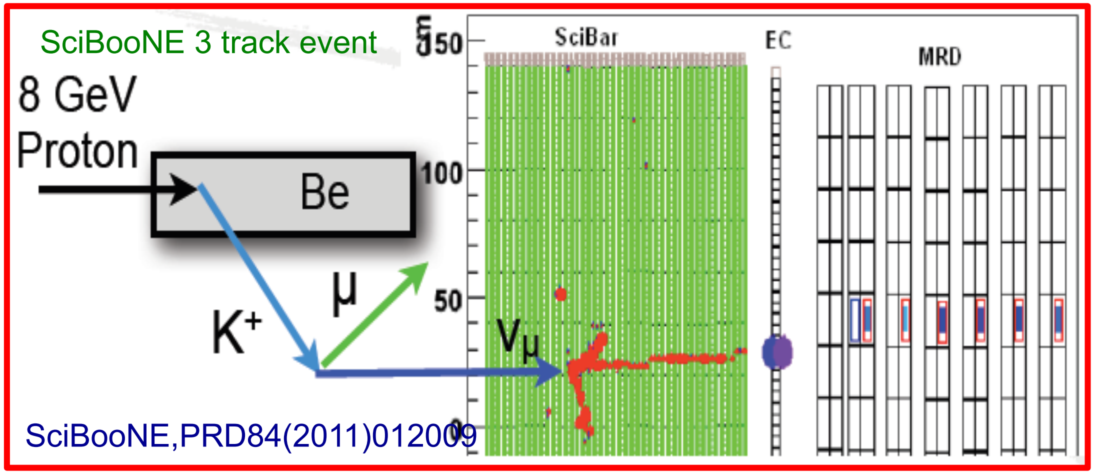

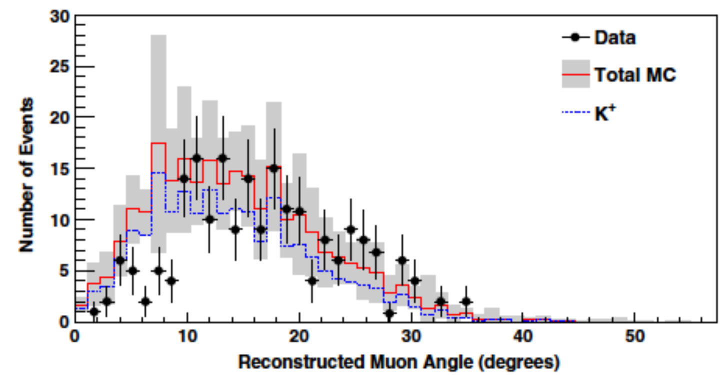

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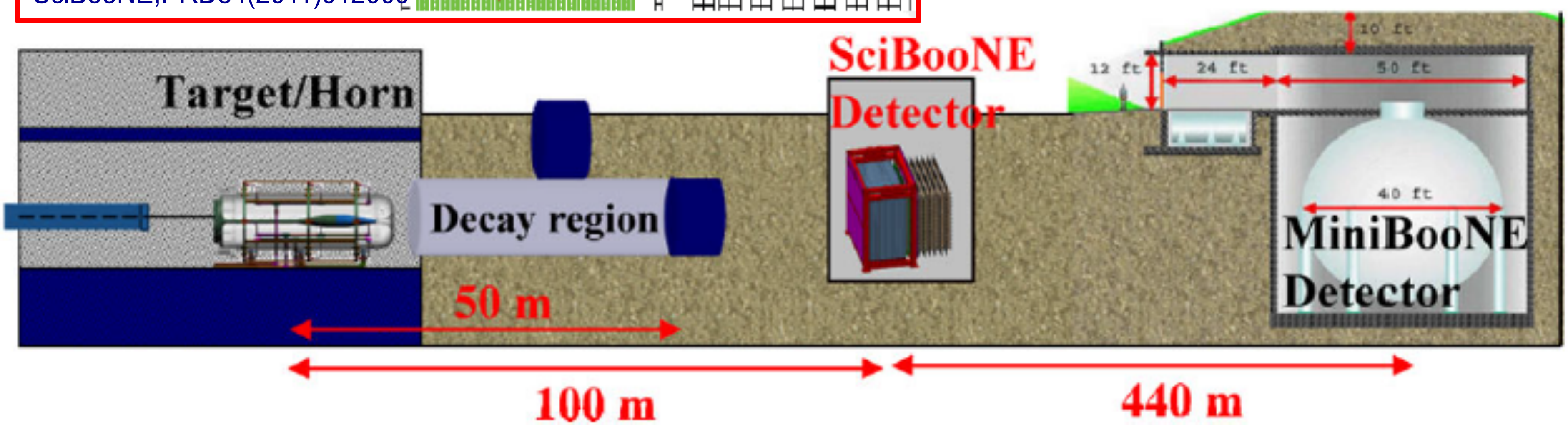

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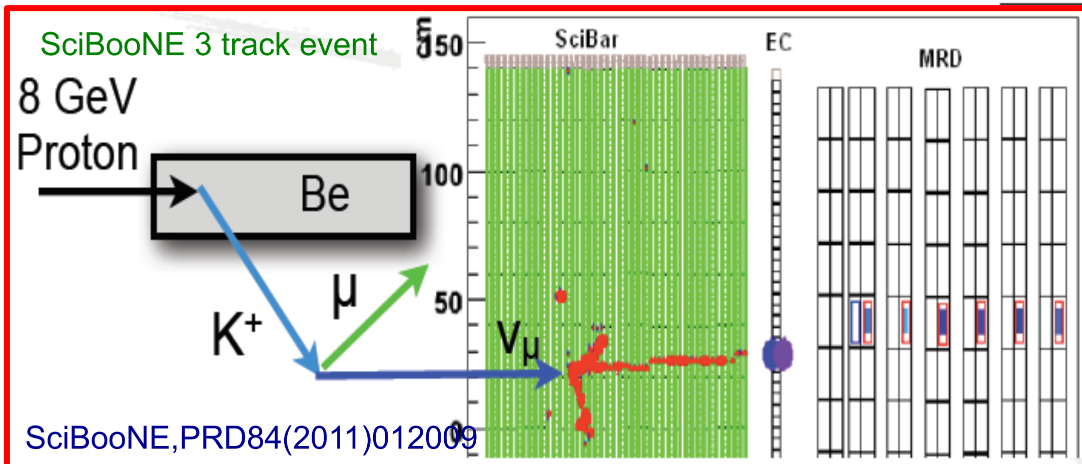

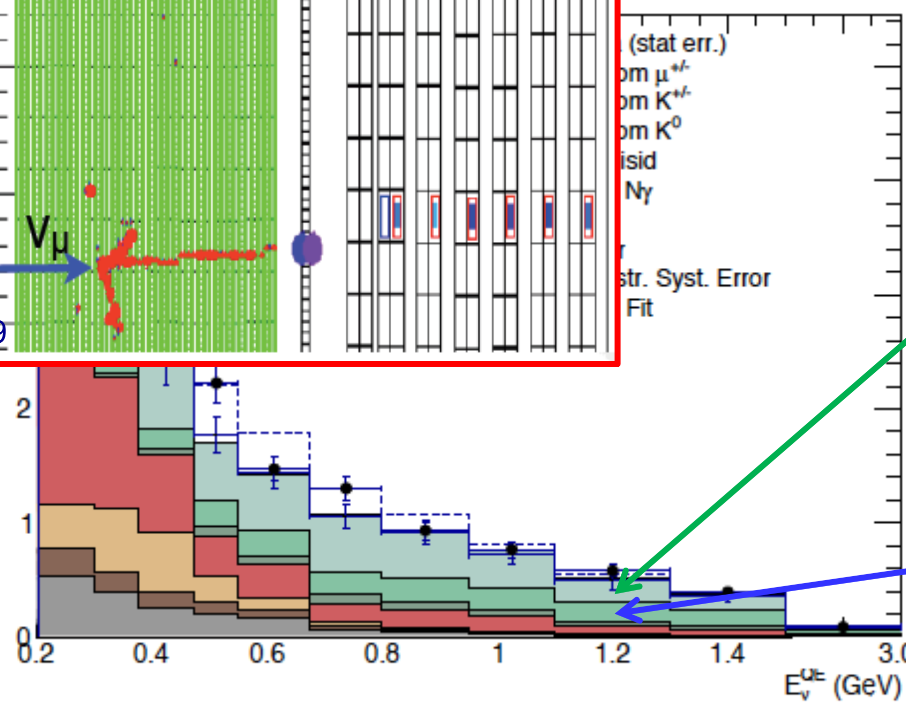

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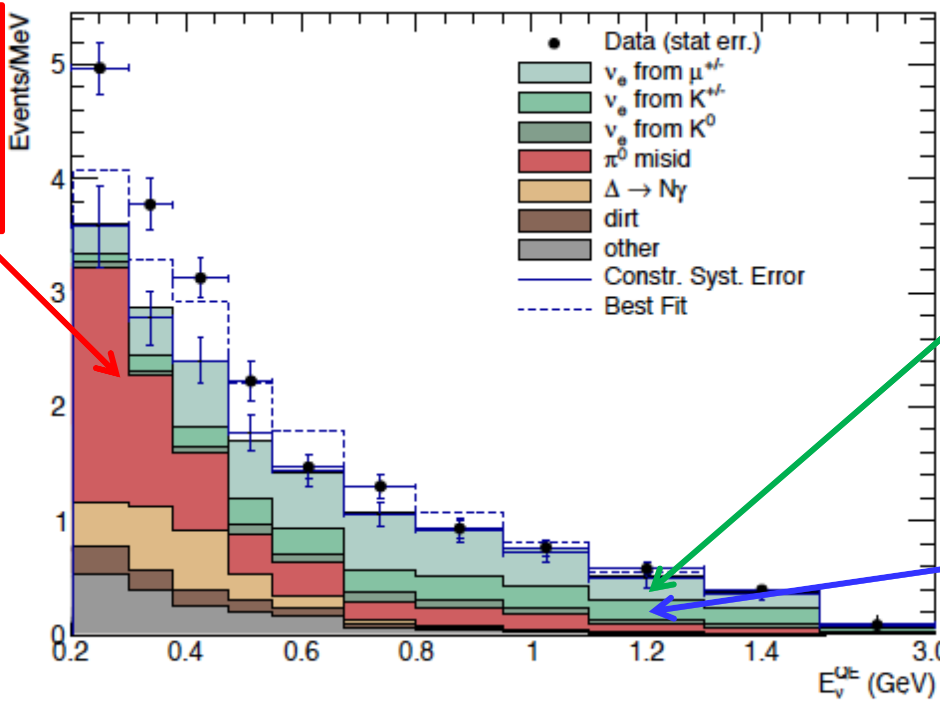

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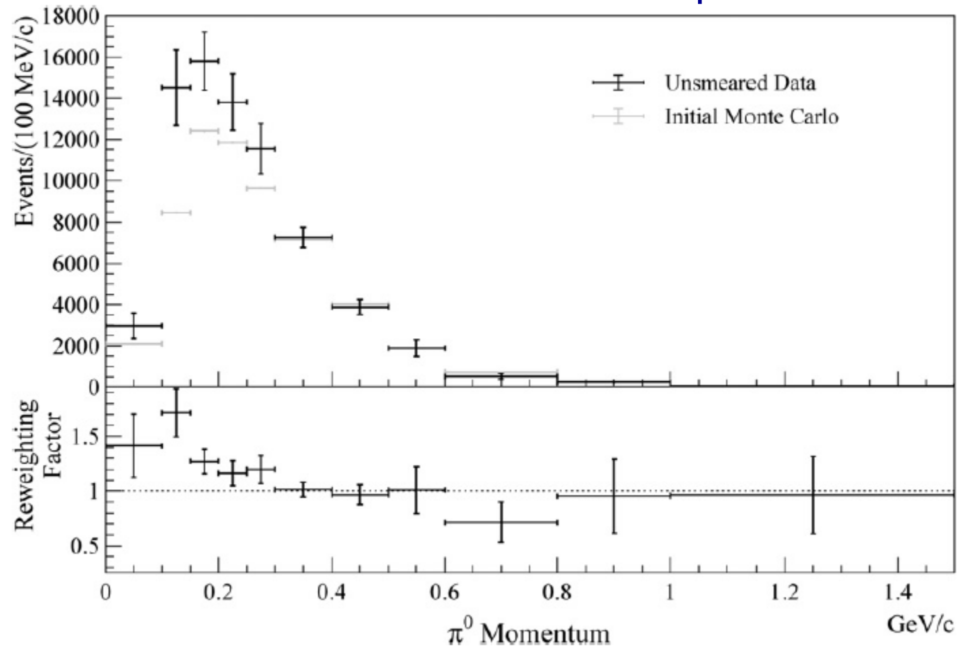

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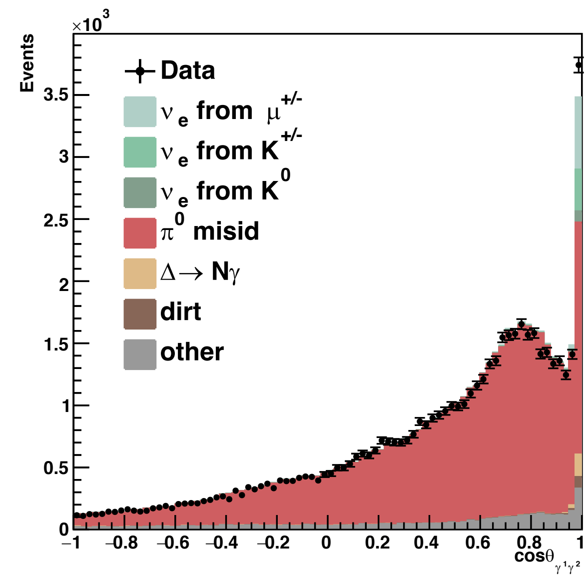

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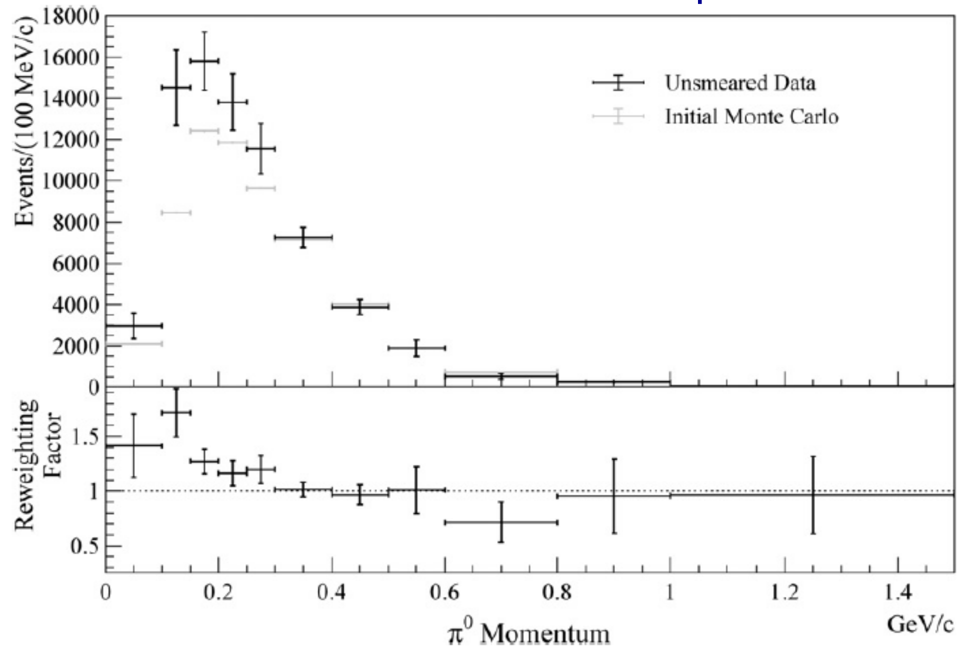

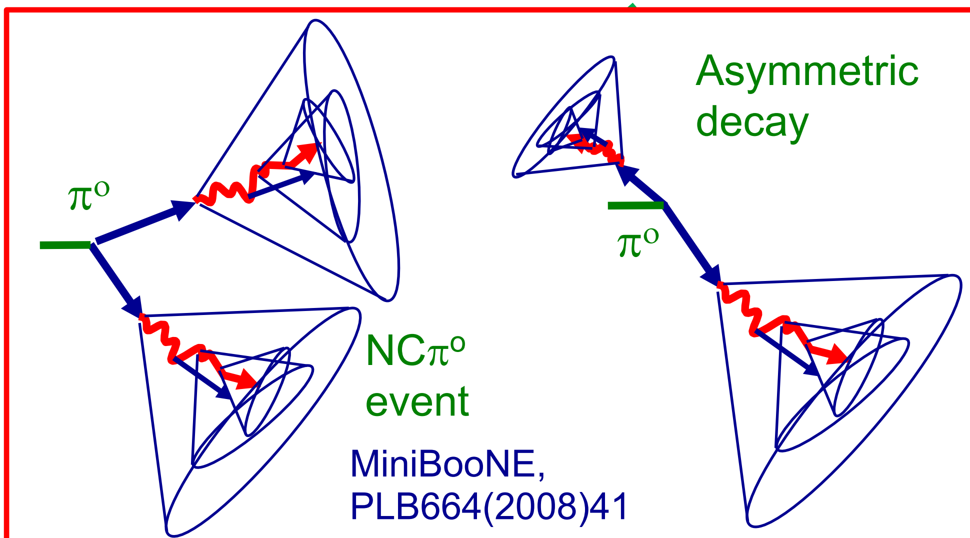

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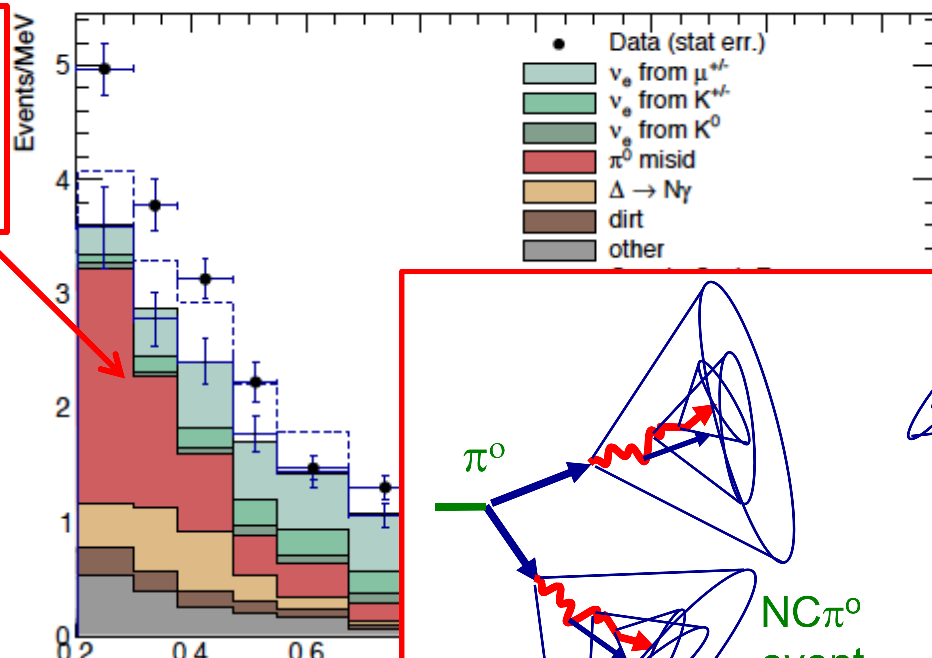

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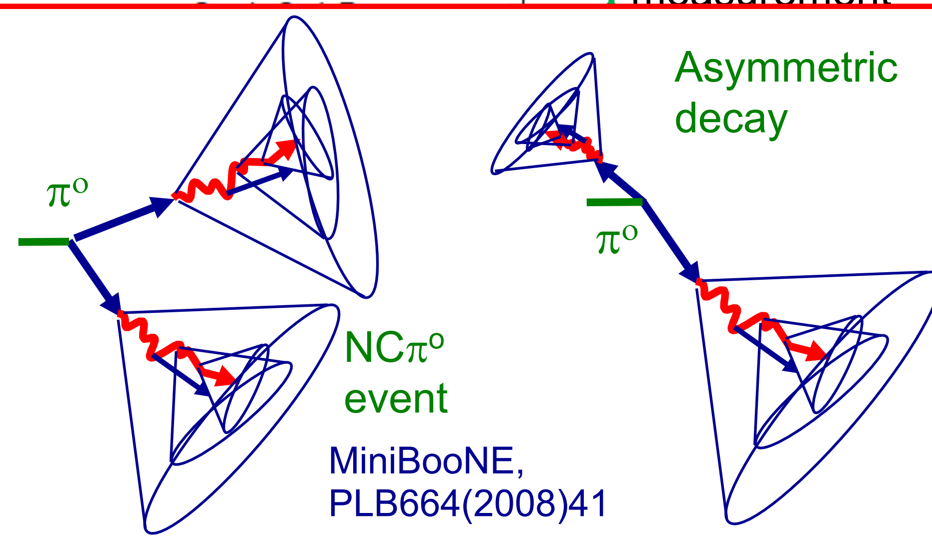

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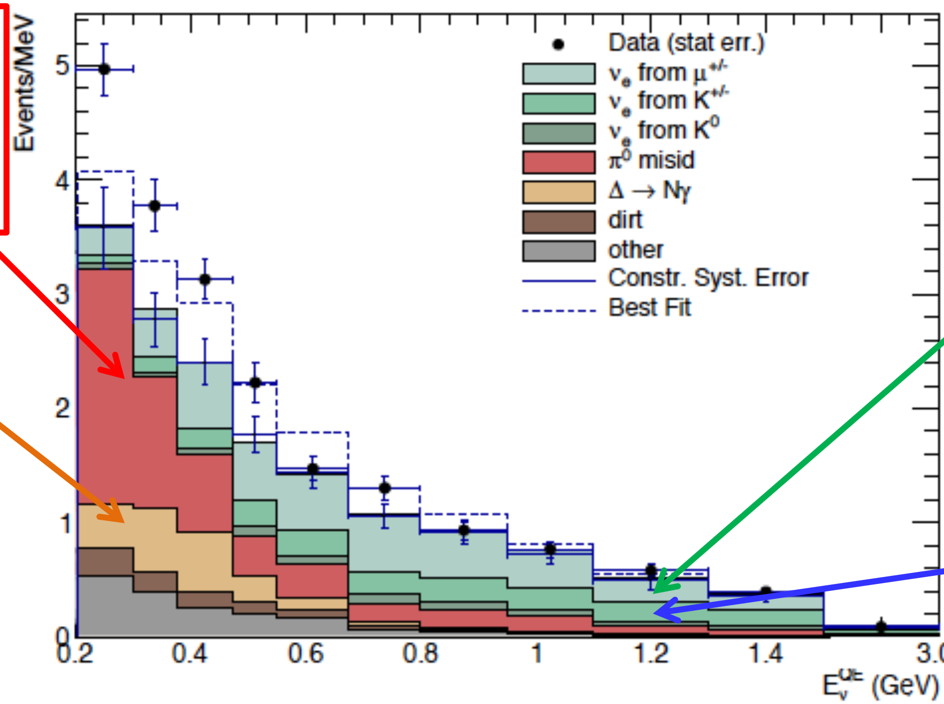

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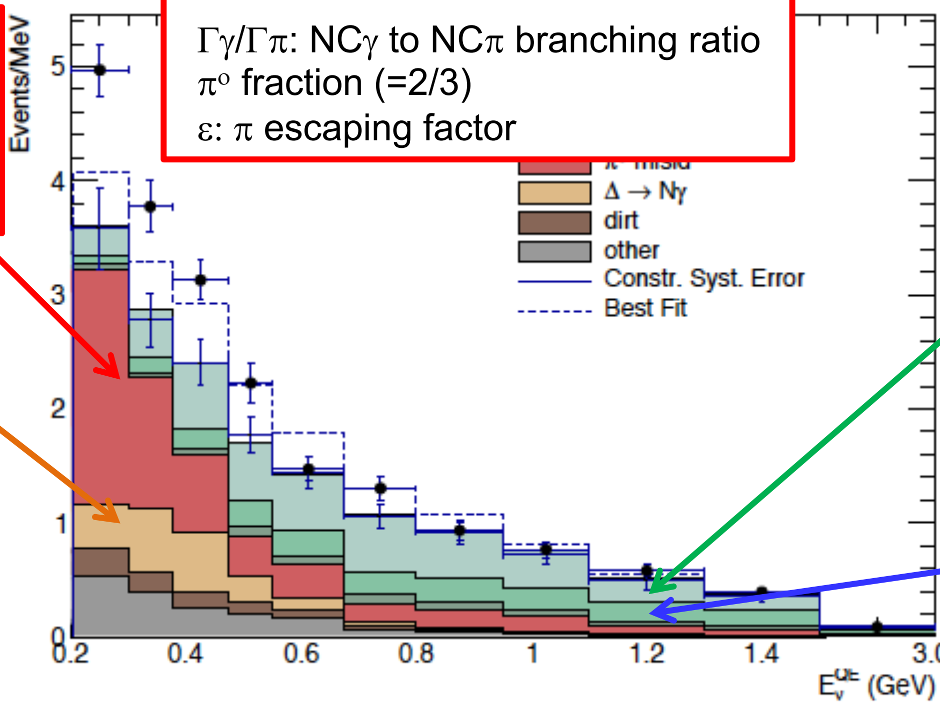

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4. Neutrino NC single gamma production

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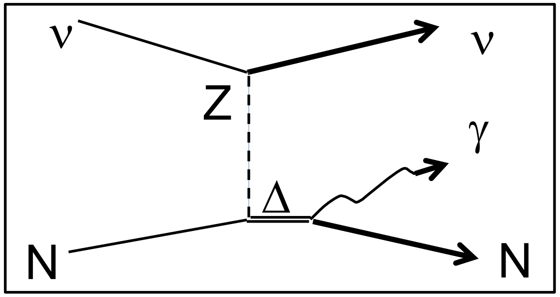

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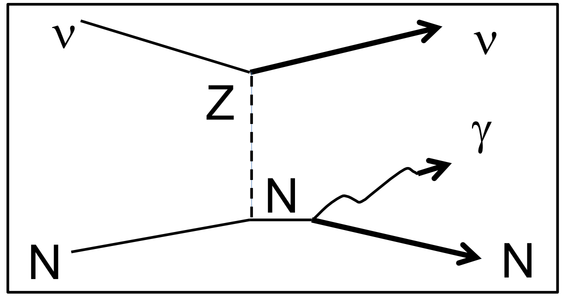

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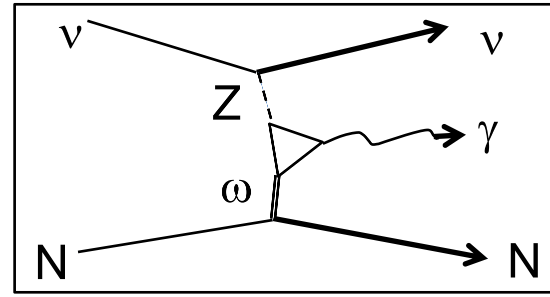

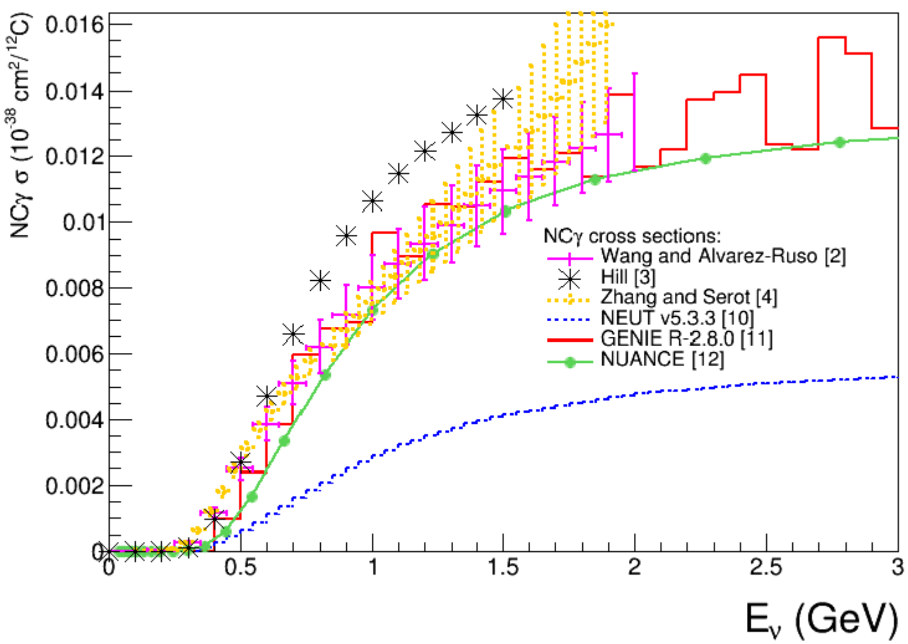

A lot of new calculations

- all theoretical models and generators more or less agree. NEUT has been fixed.
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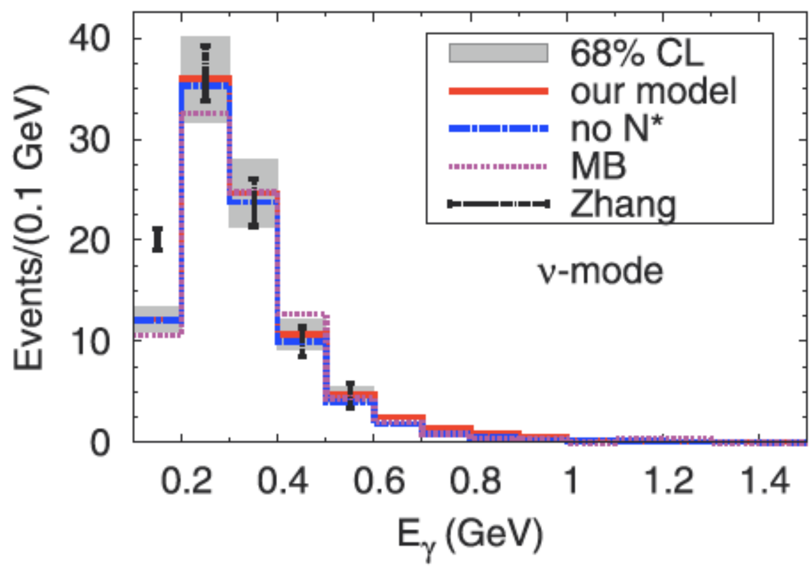

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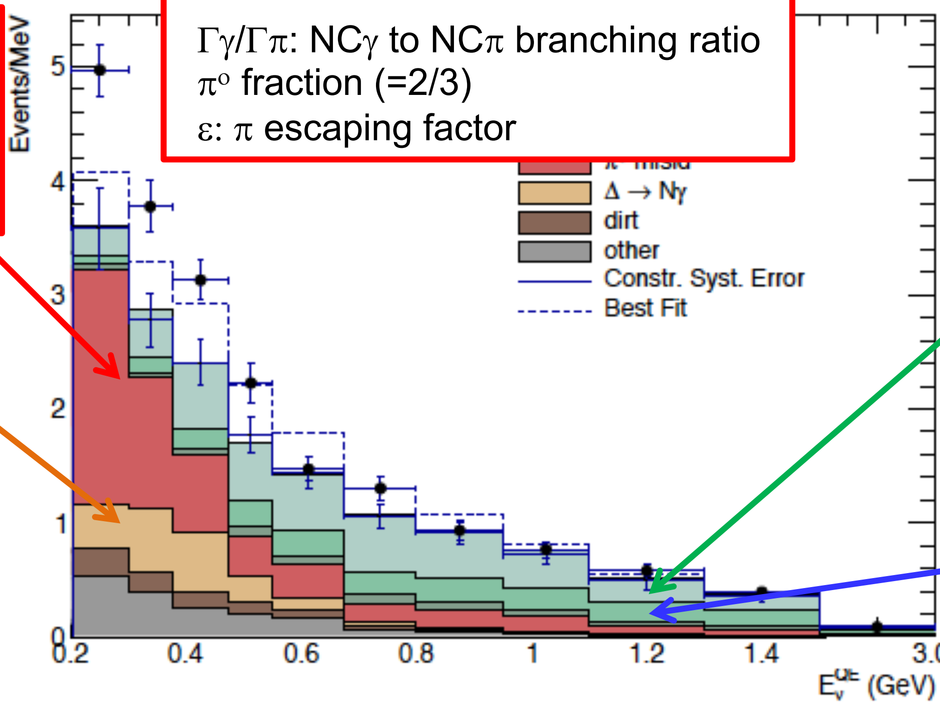

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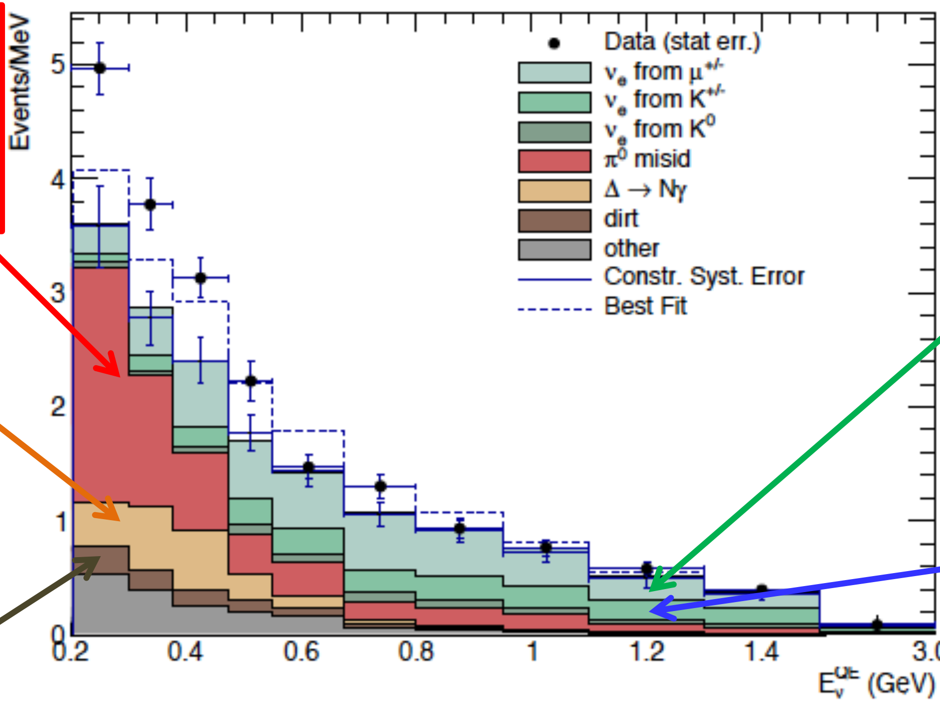

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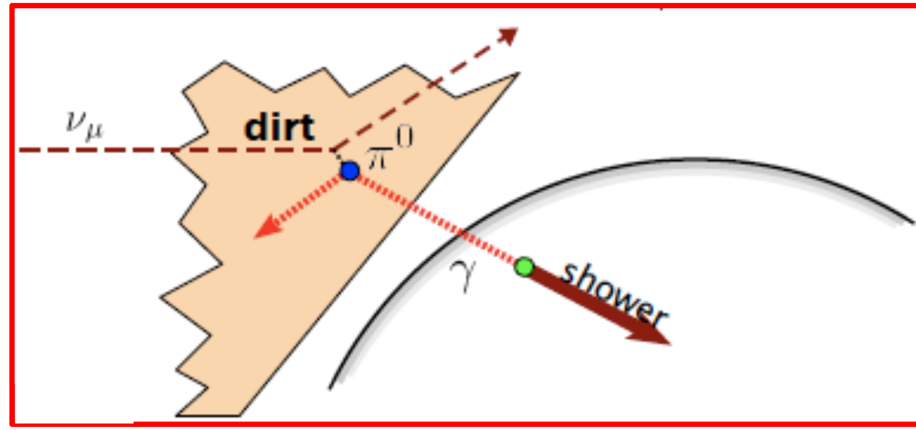
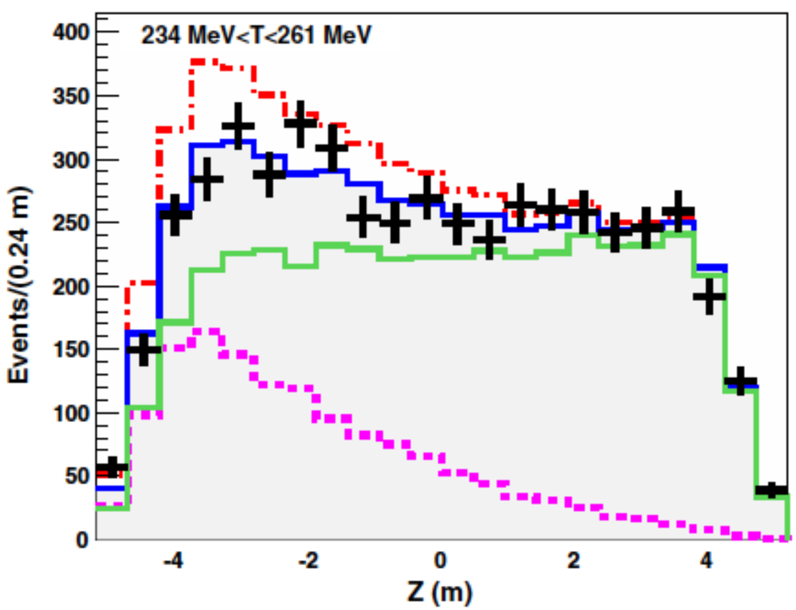
MiniBooNE detector has a simple geometry
- Spherical Cherenkov detector
- Homogeneous, large active veto

We have number of internal measurement to understand distributions of external events.



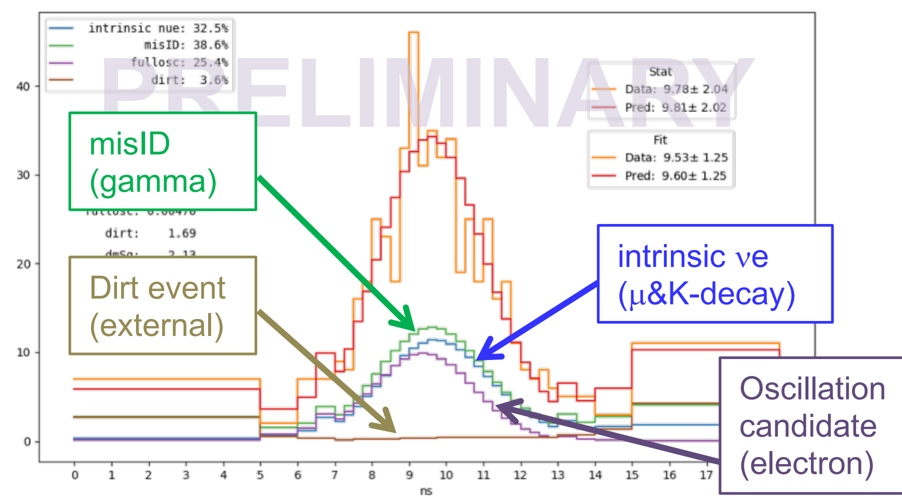
e.g.) NC elastic candidates with function of Z

Mis-modelling of external background is visible



e.g.) Time of Flight

Dirt related events is consistent with ToF data including oscillation hypothesis



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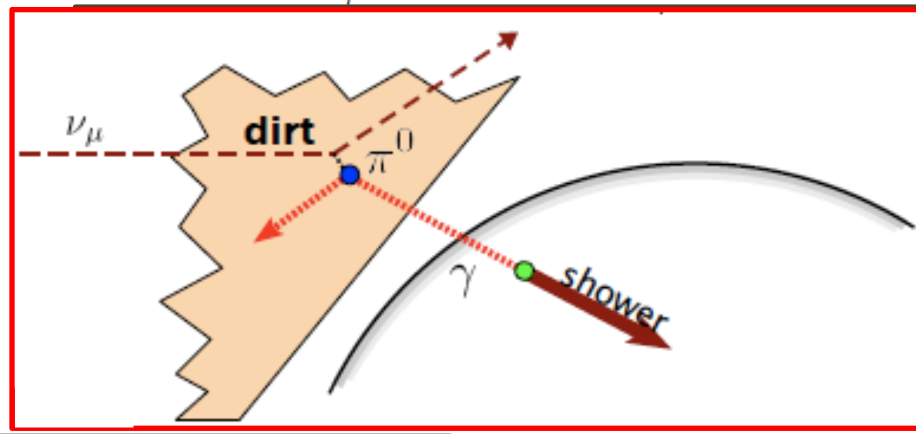

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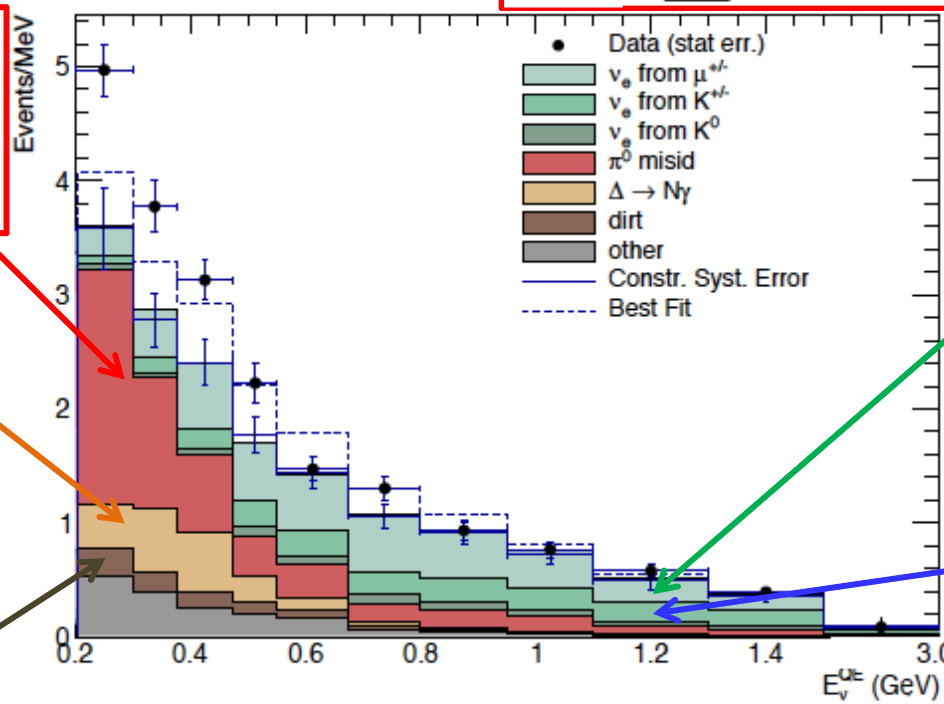

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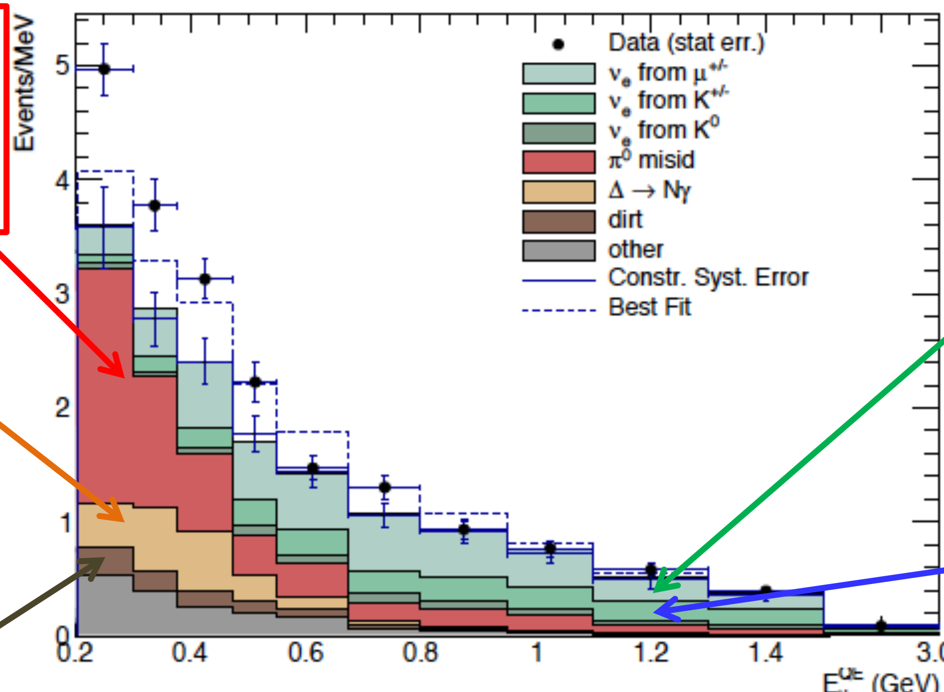

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Major backgrounds are all measured in other data sample and their errors are constrained!

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2. Booster Neutrino Beamline (BNB)

3. MiniBooNE detector

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5. Discussion

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- neutrino mode: Data = 1956 events

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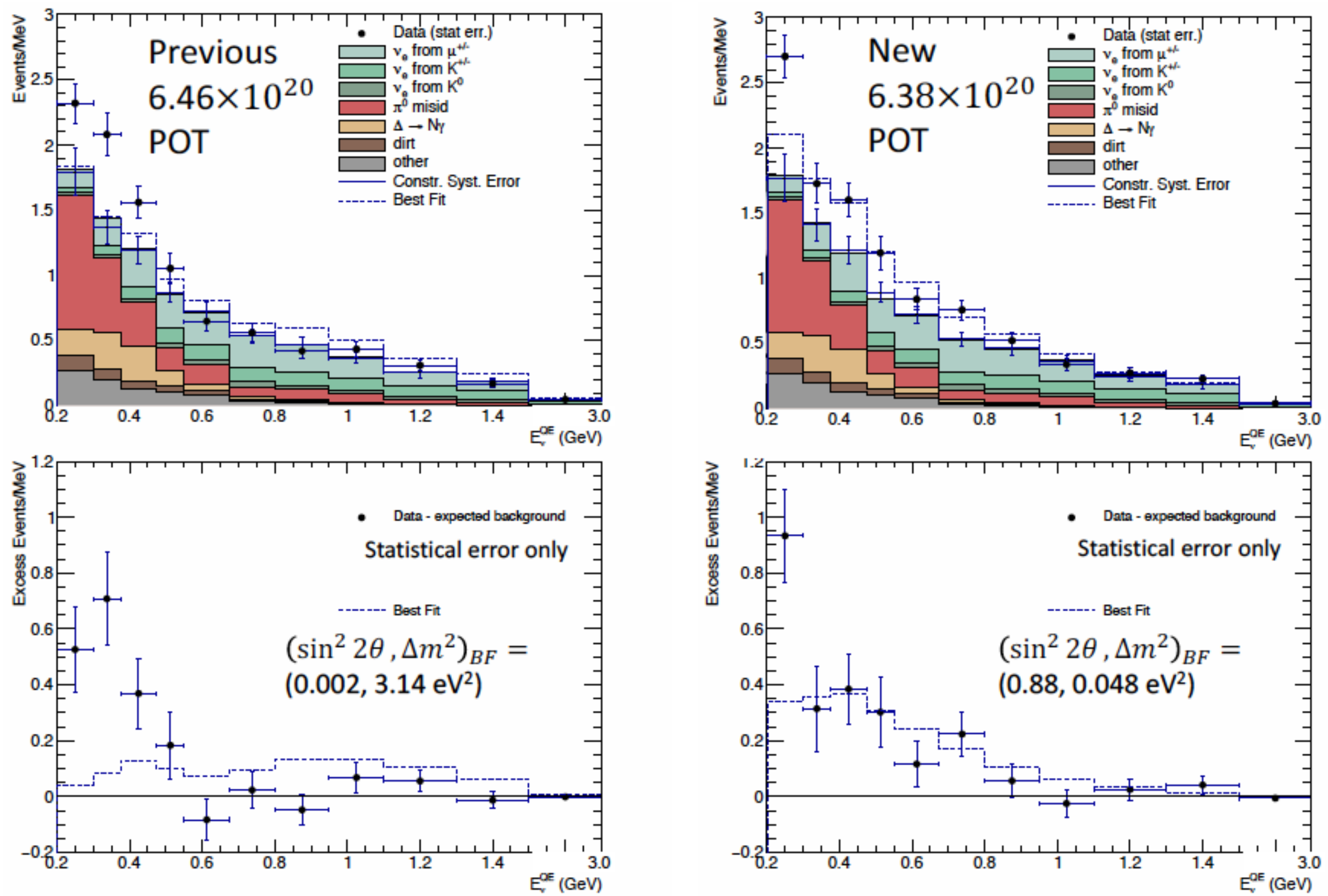
Old data (50.3%)
162.0 event excess

New data (49.7%)
219.2 event excess

KS test suggests they are compatible
P(KS)=76%



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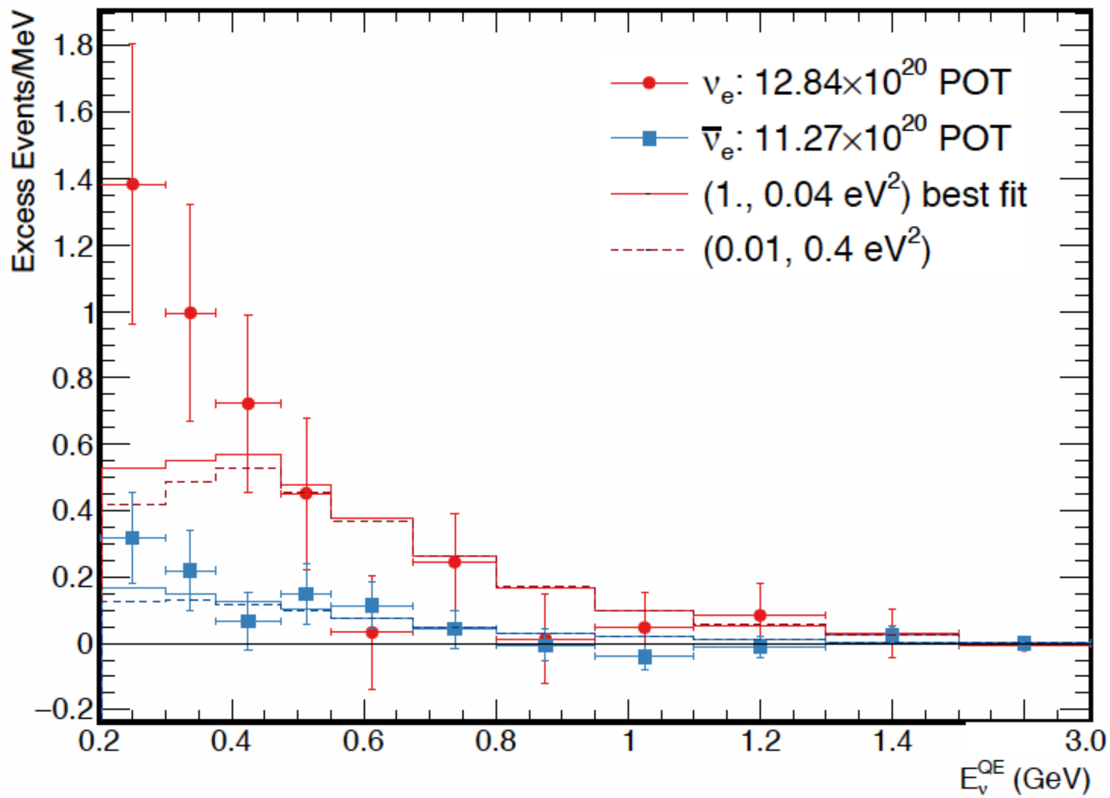

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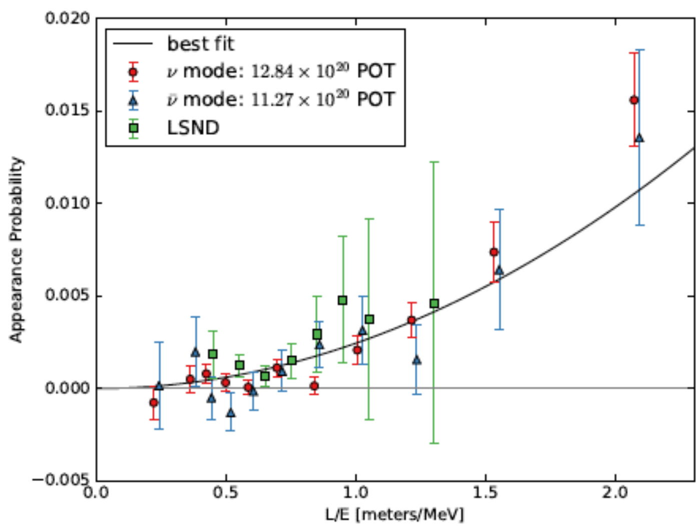

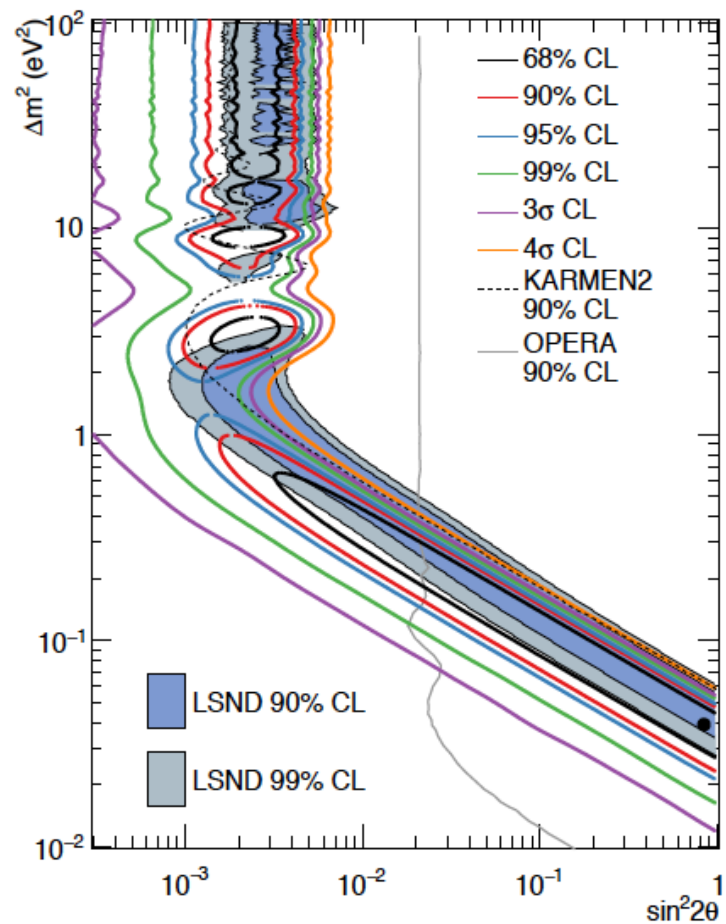

However, appearance and disappearance data have a strong tension (Maltoni, Neutrino 2018)

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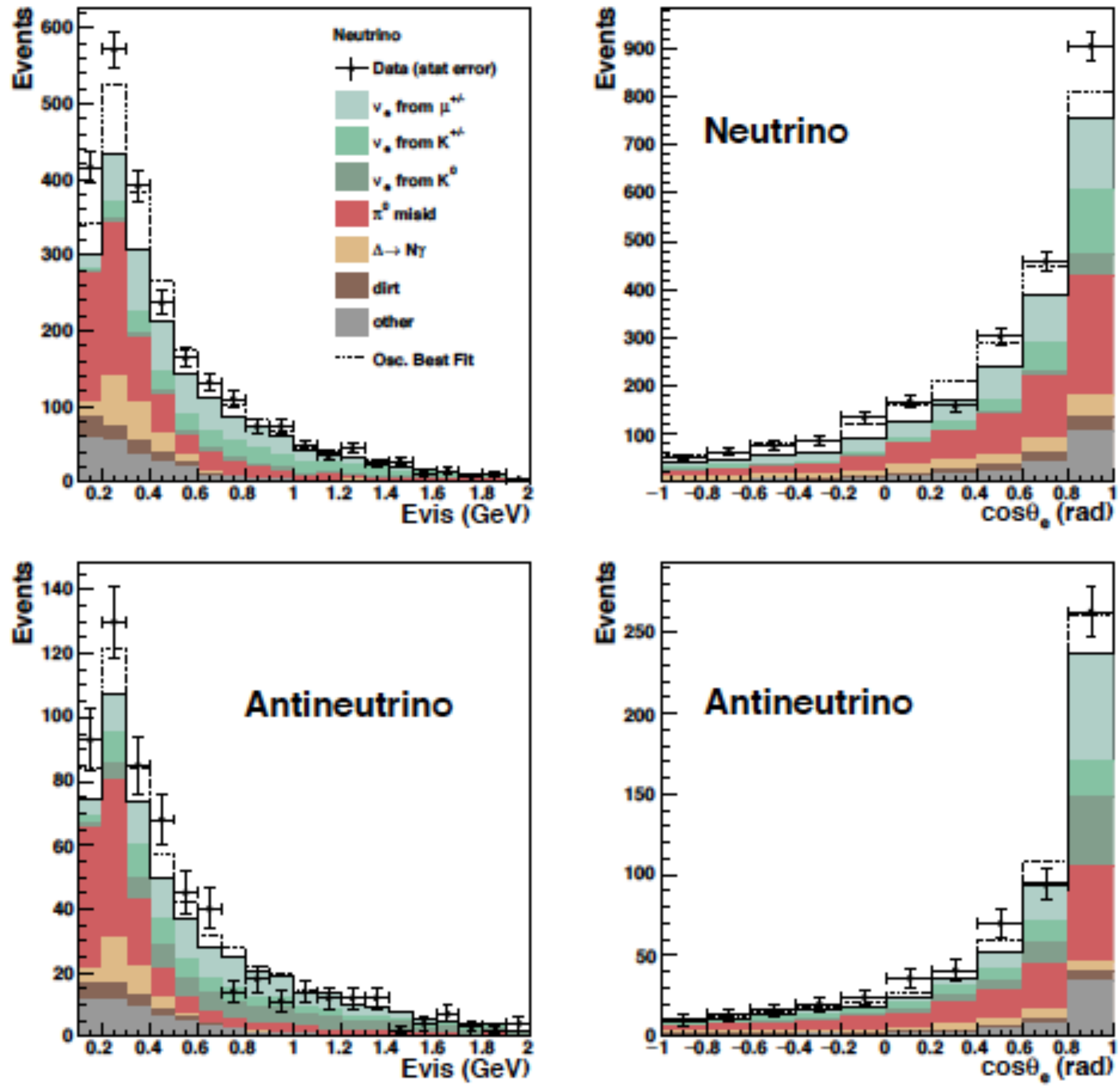
5. Alternative photon production models?

Excess look like more photons (misID) than electrons
- peaked forward direction
- shape match with π^o spectrum

Any misID background missing?
- Internal π^o?
- external π^o?
- New NCγ process?

or BSM physics?
- BSM γ production process?
- BSM e-scattering process?
- BSM oscillation physics?



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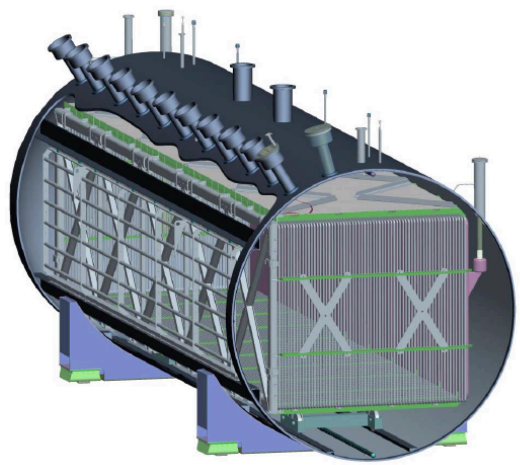
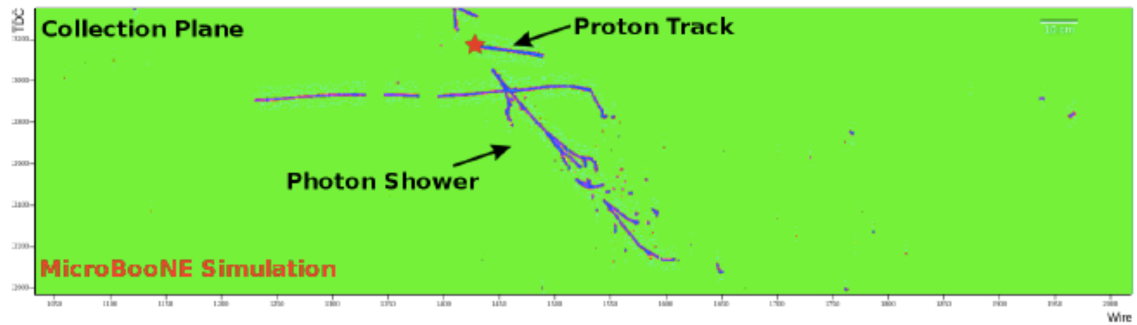
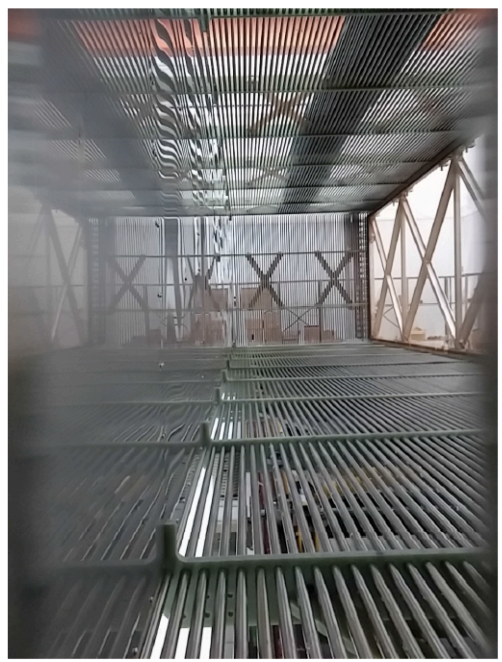
Murrells, PhD thesis (2018)

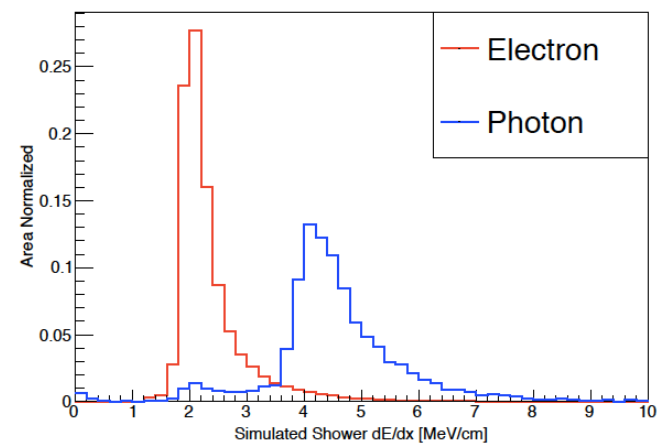
5. Liquid argon time projection chamber γ production

High resolution detector with e/γ separation
- Original motivation of US LArTPC program







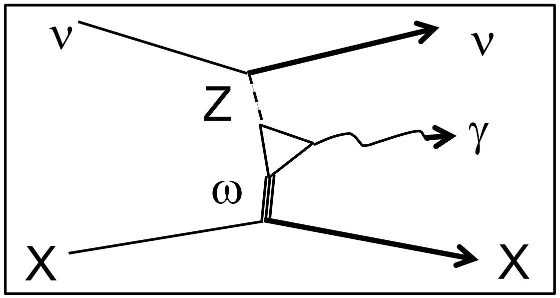


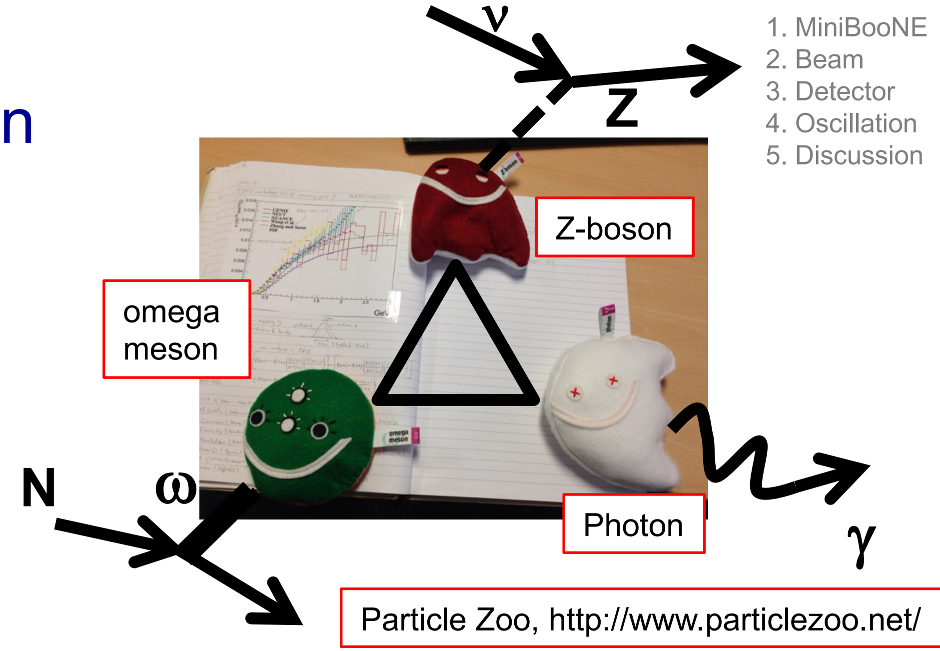
dE/dx of first 4cm track (simulation)

Harvey,Hill,Hill, PRL99(2007)261601

5. Anomaly mediated γ production

A process within SM, but not considered.





Later study found the contribution is small.

Hill, PRD84(2011)017501
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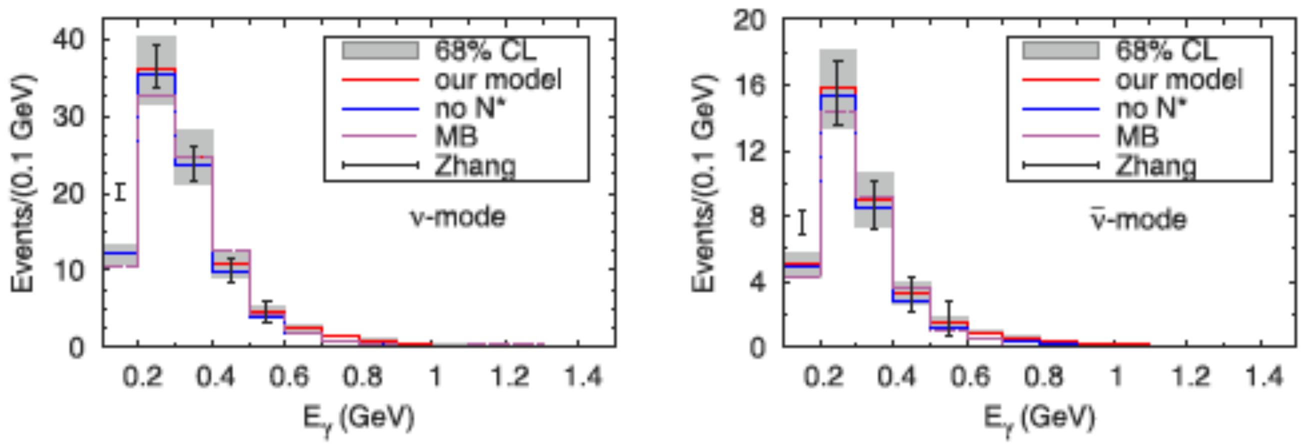

It looks it's easy to forget any processes with $\sigma \sim 10^{-41}$ cm^2
(e.g., diffractive π^o production $\sigma \sim 10^{-41}$ cm^2 was identified very recently by MINERvA)

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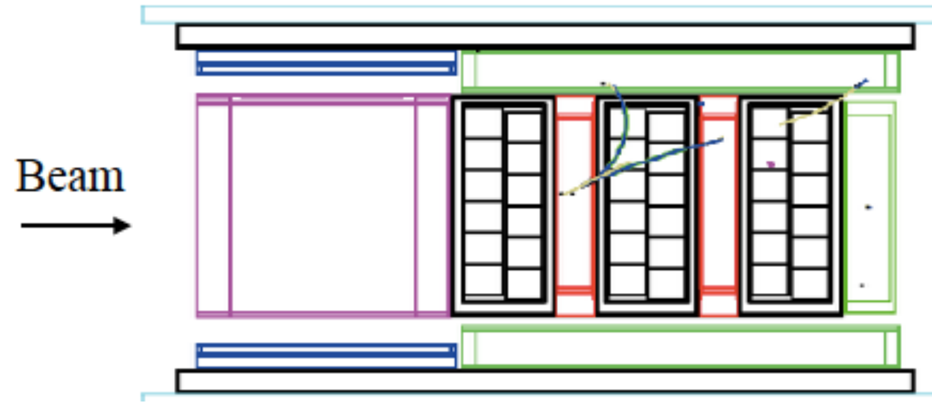
MINERvA, PRL117(2016)111801

T2K, to be published (2018)
MicroBooNE, public note 1041 (2018)

5. NC single photon search in T2K

ND280 FGD photon event display



T2K near detector measurement

- 95% pure photon sample (M_{inv}<50 MeV)
- Large external photon background and internal π^o production background. T2K can only set a limit.

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MicroBooNE

- First large LArTPC in USA
- Good e/γ PID
- Large active veto region
- Good internal π^o measurement

→ Good chance to measure the first positive signal of this channel.

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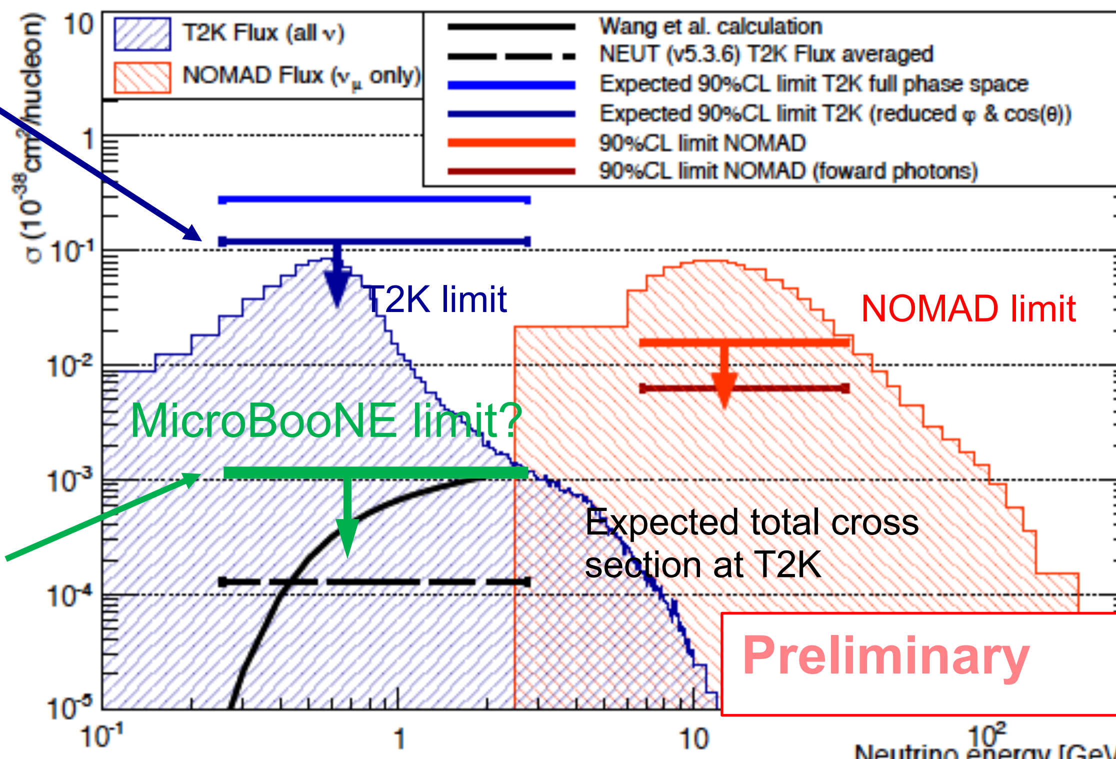

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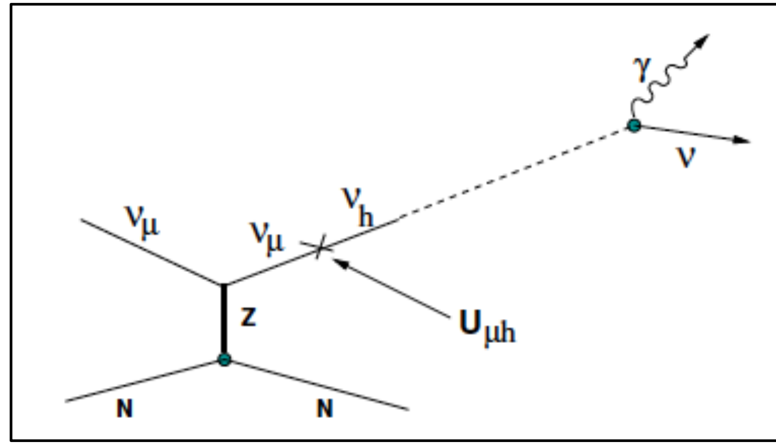
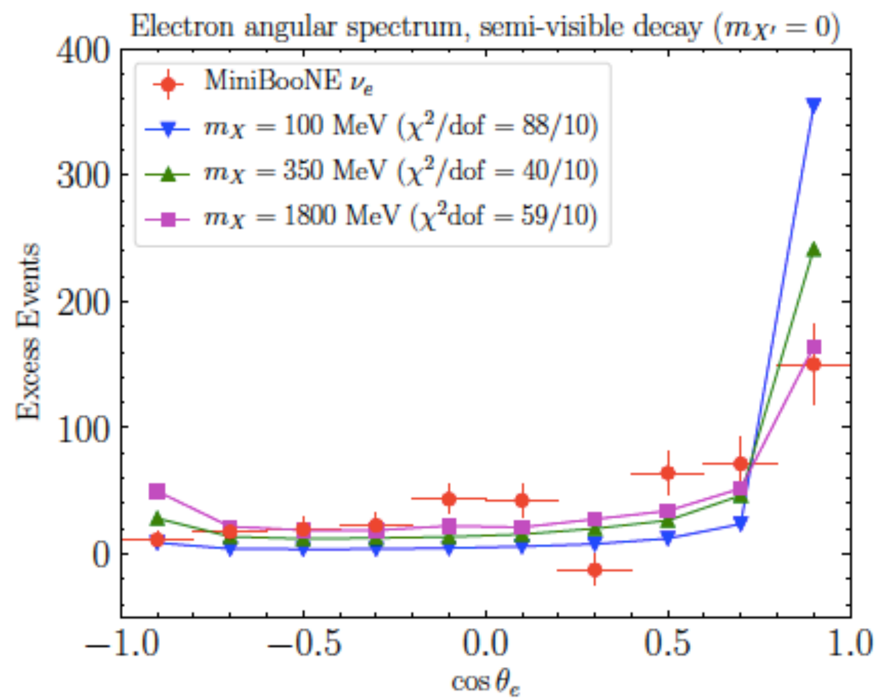


Heavy neutrino decay γ production

Carefully designed to avoid Karmen constraint.

- The model works, but there are many "tricks" to avoid existing constraints, making the model bit artificial.

All of these models have problems because they cannot reproduce the angular distribution of oscillation candidates.



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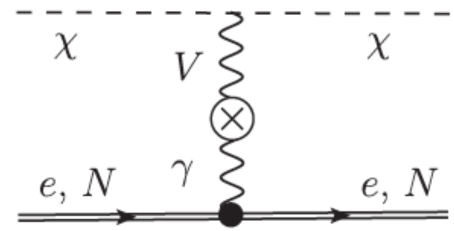
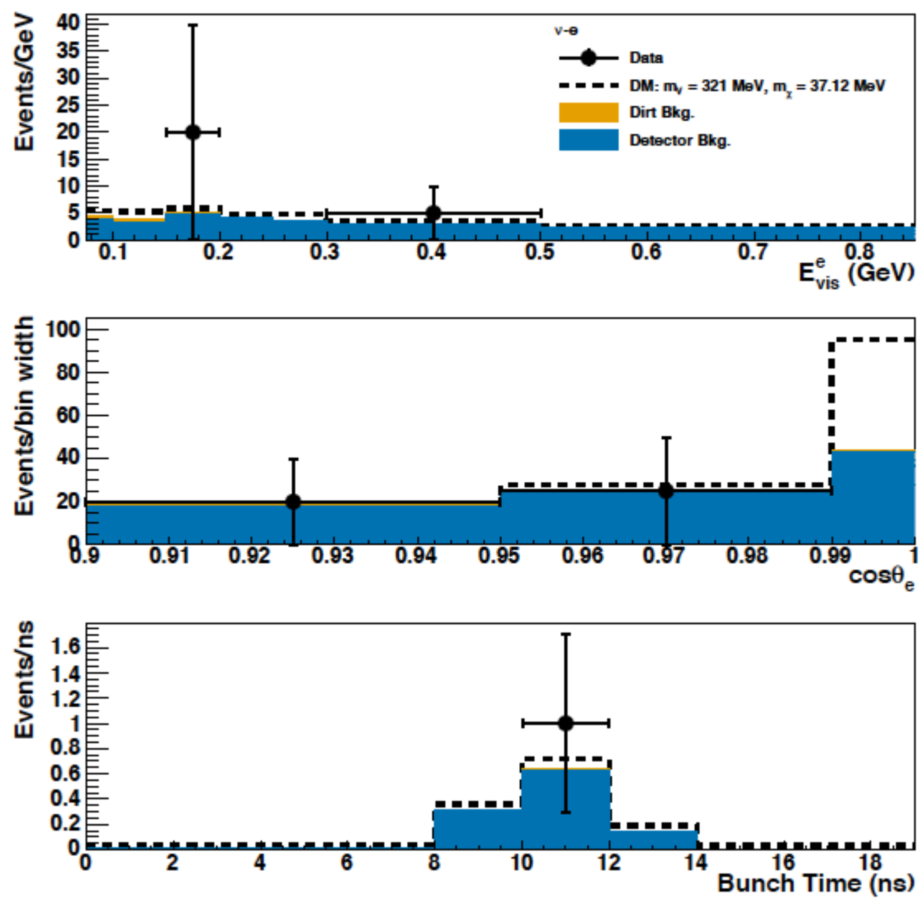
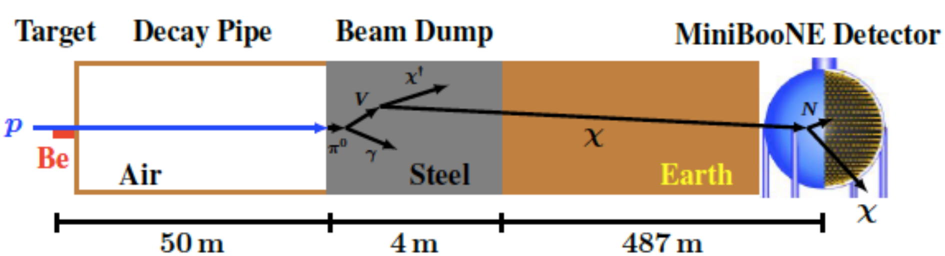


Dark matter particle - electron scattering

New particles created in the beam dump can scatter electrons in the detector.

However, MiniBooNE beam dump mode data shows no excess.





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TK,Kostelecky,Tayloe,PRD74(2006)105009
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5. Lorentz violating neutrino oscillation

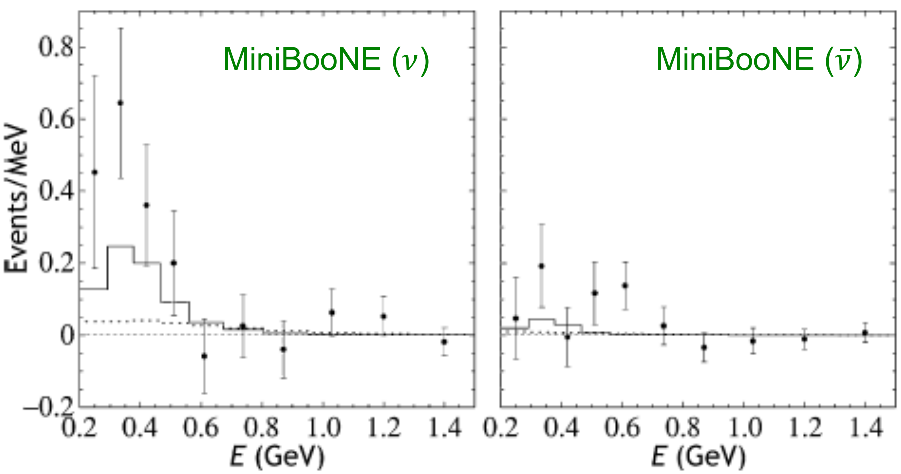
Alternative oscillation explanation of LSND signal

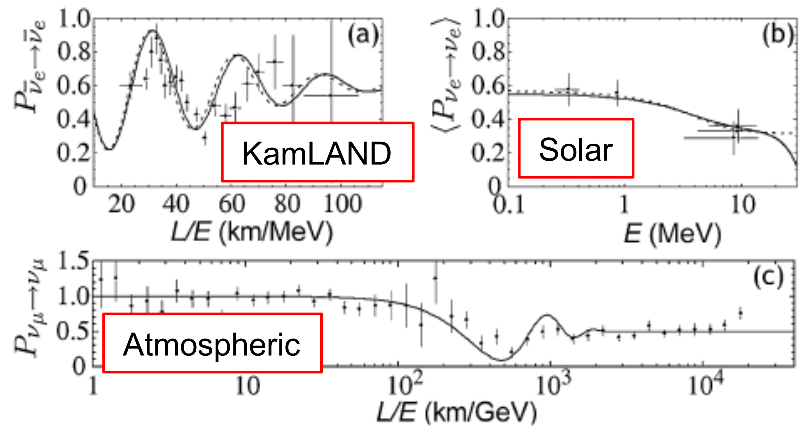
Making a new texture in Hamiltonian to control oscillations.
- LV-motivated model reproduce all data and LSND
→ not really reproduce details (no ν_e appearance).

puma model effective Hamiltonian

$$h_{\text{eff}}^{\nu} = A\begin{pmatrix}1&1&1\\1&1&1\\1&1&1\end{pmatrix} + B\begin{pmatrix}1&1&1\\1&0&0\\1&0&0\end{pmatrix} + C\begin{pmatrix}1&0&0\\0&0&0\\0&0&0\end{pmatrix},$$

where $A(E) = m^2/2E$, $B(E) = \mathring{a}E^2$, and $C(E) = \mathring{c}E^5$





Alternative oscillation models were popular in the beginning of oscillation physics time, but after Super-K's L/E oscillatory shape measurement (2004), possible phenomenological models are extremely limited and all survived models have lots of "tricks" to avoid all constraints.

Super-Kamiokande, PRL(2004)101801

TK, MPLA27(2012)1230024
IceCube, Nature Physics 14 (2018) 961

5. Lorentz violating neutrino oscillation

Search of Lorentz violation using neutrinos

Almost all neutrino experiments publish results of search of Lorentz violation.

The latest IceCube atmospheric neutrino Lorentz violation search set one of the strongest limits on anomalous space-time effect, from table top experiment to cosmology.
- highest energy (~20 TeV)
- longest baseline (~12700 km)

Neutrinos are one of the most sensitive tools to study space-time properties!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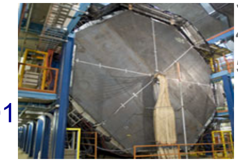
PRL101(2008)151601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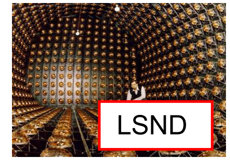
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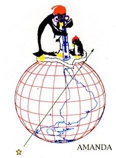

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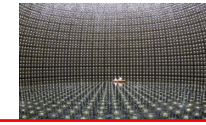
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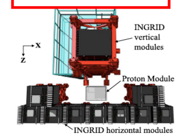

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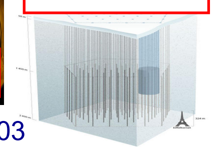
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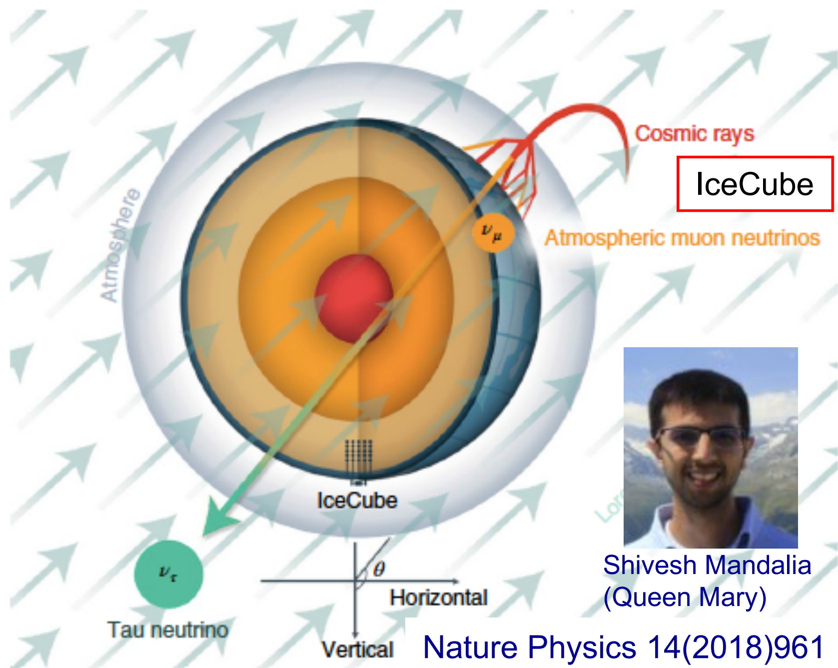

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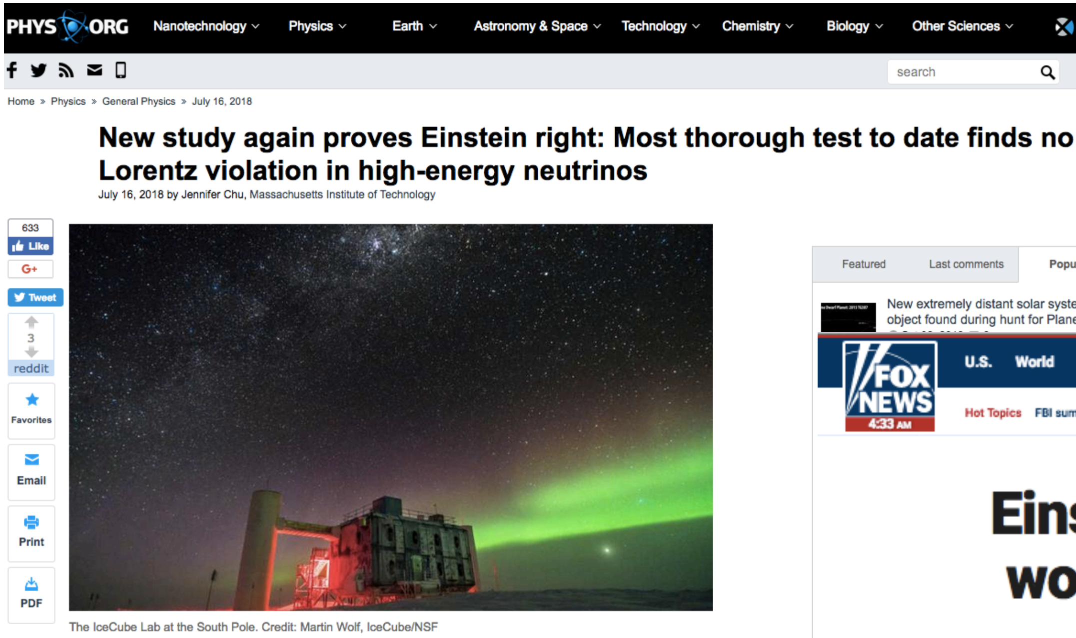

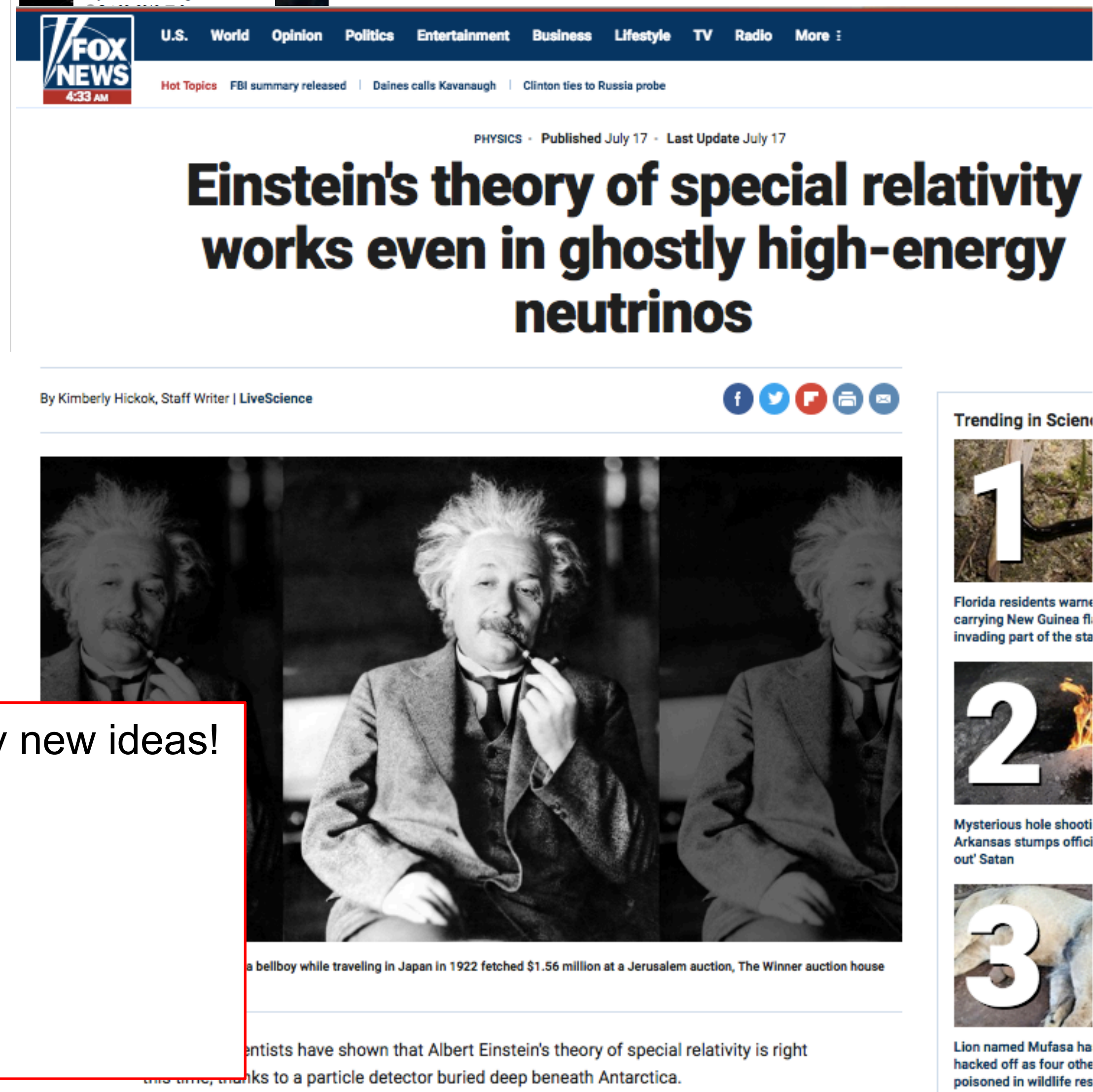

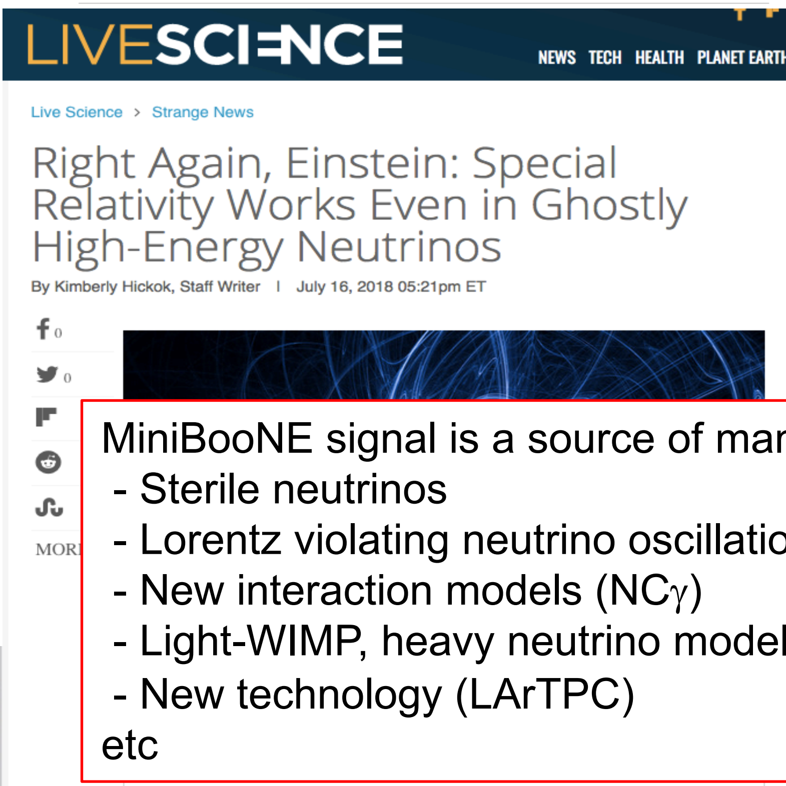

MiniBooNE signal is a source of many new ideas!
- Sterile neutrinos
- Lorentz violating neutrino oscillation
- New interaction models (NCγ)
- Light-WIMP, heavy neutrino models
- New technology (LArTPC)

etc

Conclusion

MiniBooNE is the short-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments

After 15 years of running
- neutrino mode: 381.2 $\pm$ 85.2 excess (4.5σ)
- antineutrino mode: 79.3 $\pm$ 28.6 excess (2.8σ)

MiniBooNE has many legacies in this community
- Many useful tools
- Many useful people
- Many new topics - Neutrino cross section measurements
  - Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos
  - Production&detection Dark Matter search with neutrino detector

MiniBooNE, PRL118(2017)221803

But the biggest legacy is the short-baseline anomaly

Thank you for your attention!

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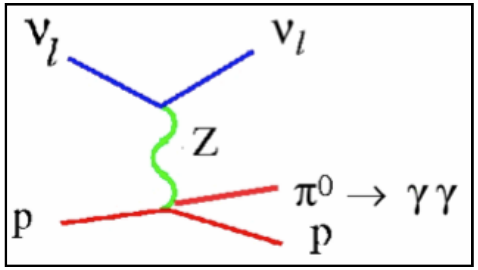
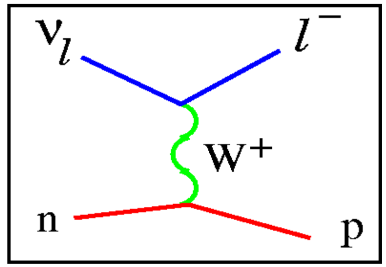
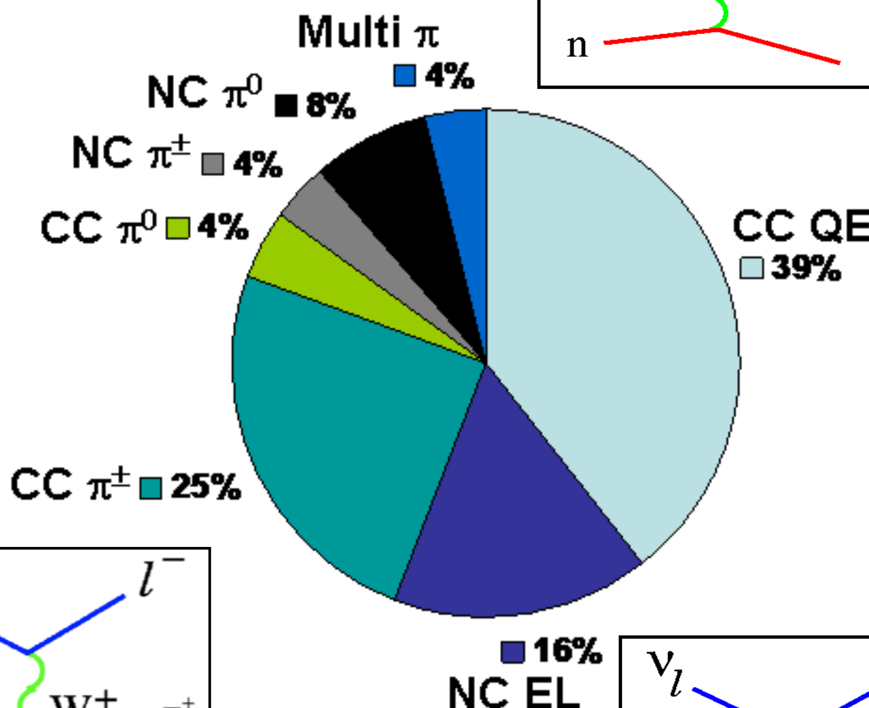
1. Cross section model

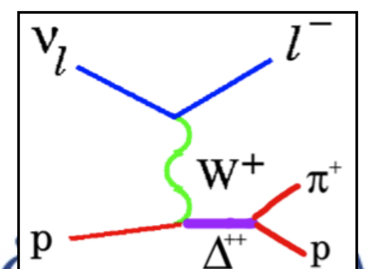
Predicted event rates before cuts (NUANCE Monte Carlo)

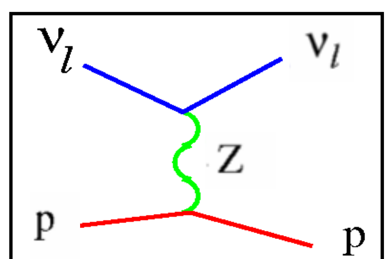
Casper, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl.112(2002)161

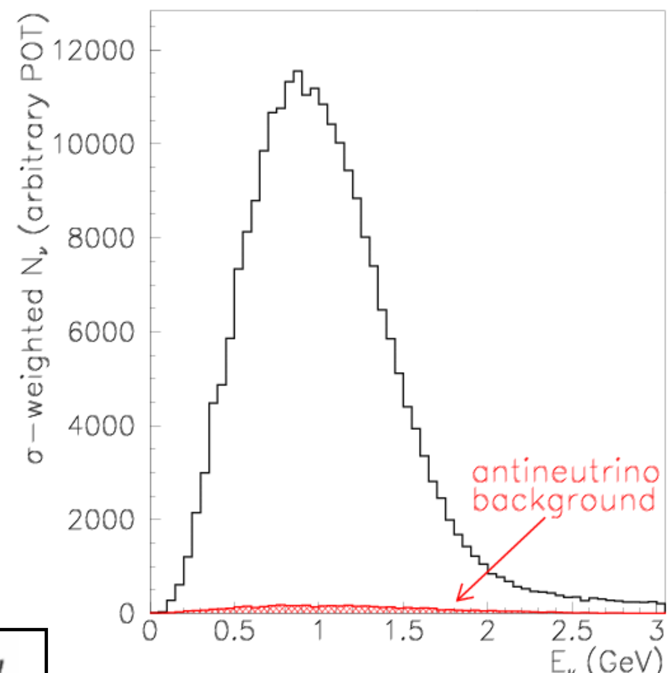












Event neutrino energy (GeV)

4. PID cuts Oscillation candidate events

4 PID cuts
(a) Before PID cuts
(b) After L(e/mu) cut
(c) After L(e/π^o) cut
(d) After $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut

Old and new data agree within 2% over 8 years separation.