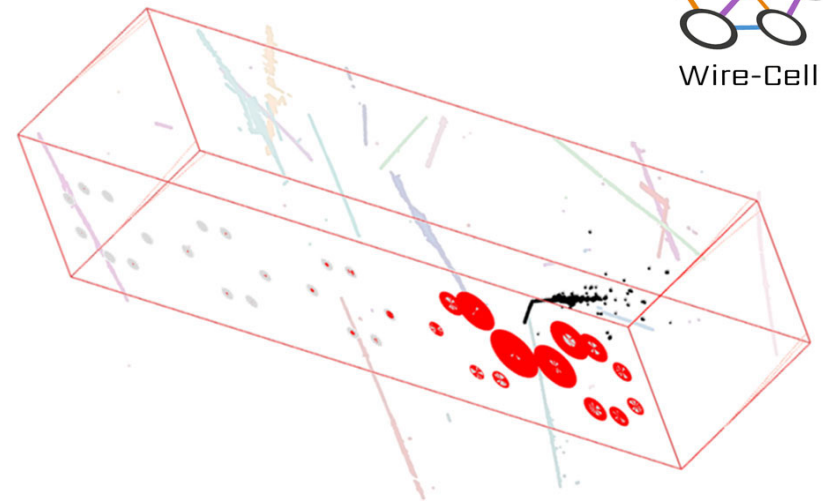
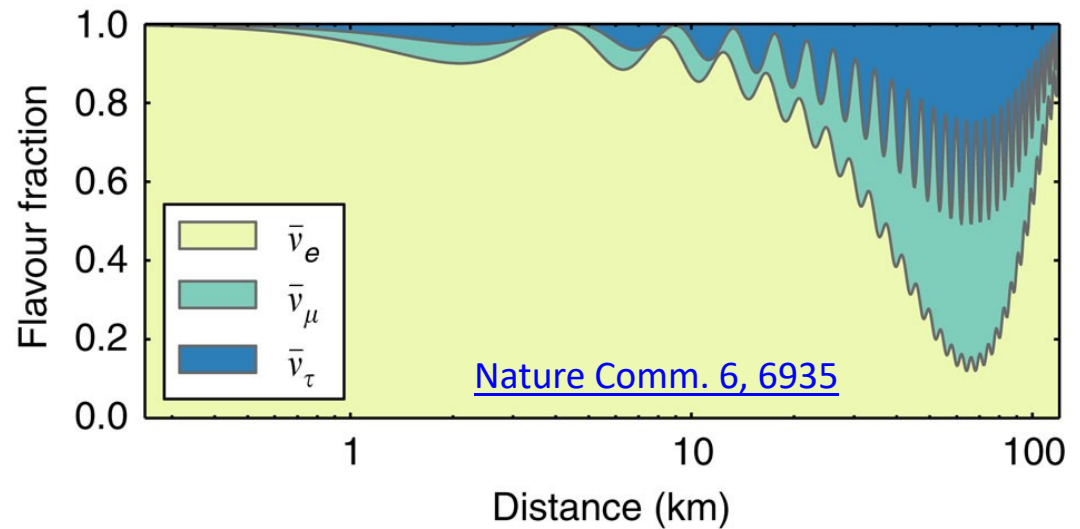
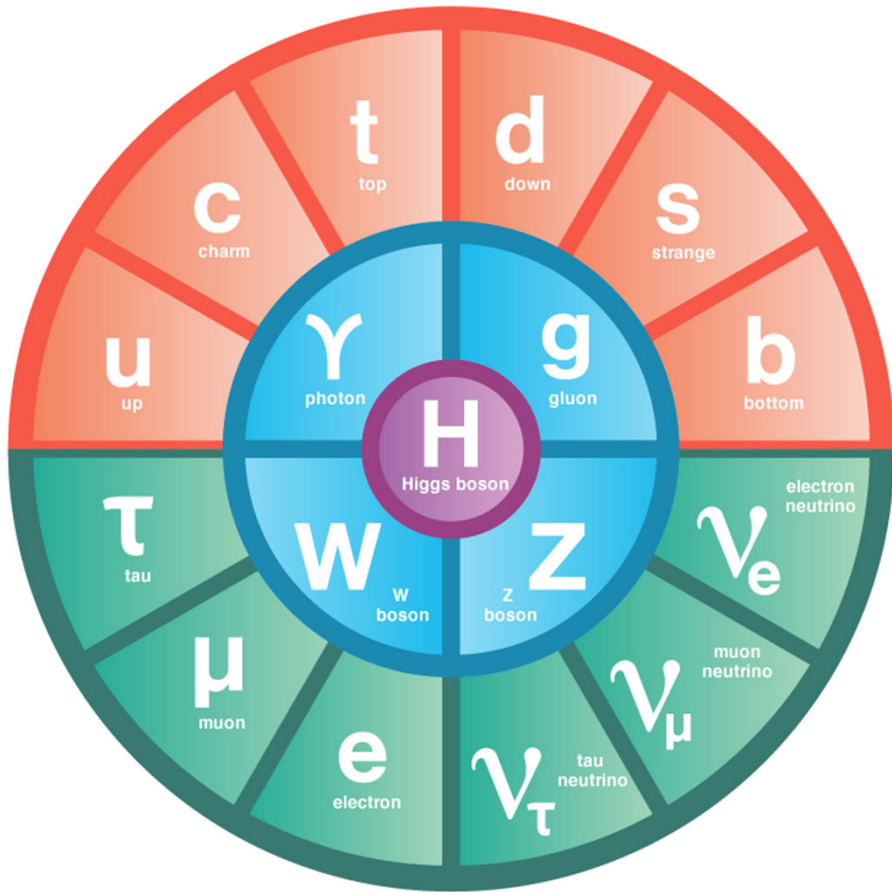


# Development of Wire-Cell Event Reconstruction for LArTPCs in Neutrino Physics

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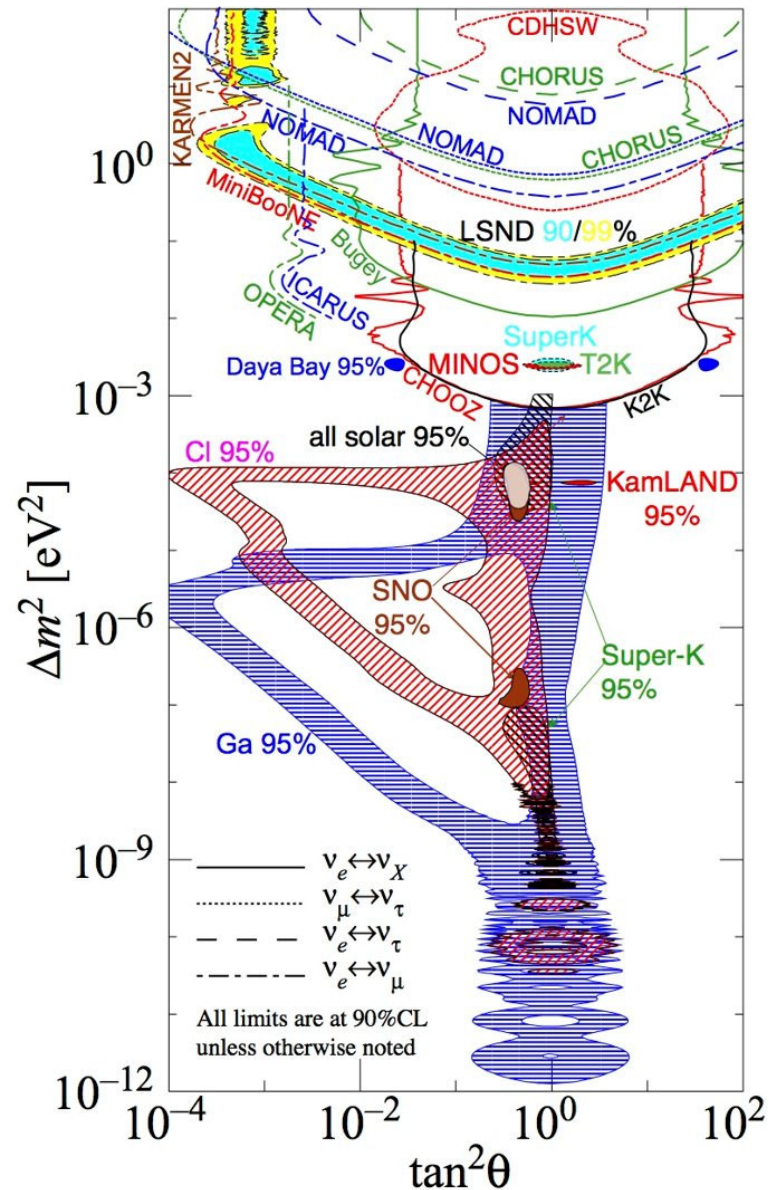
# Neutrino Oscillation



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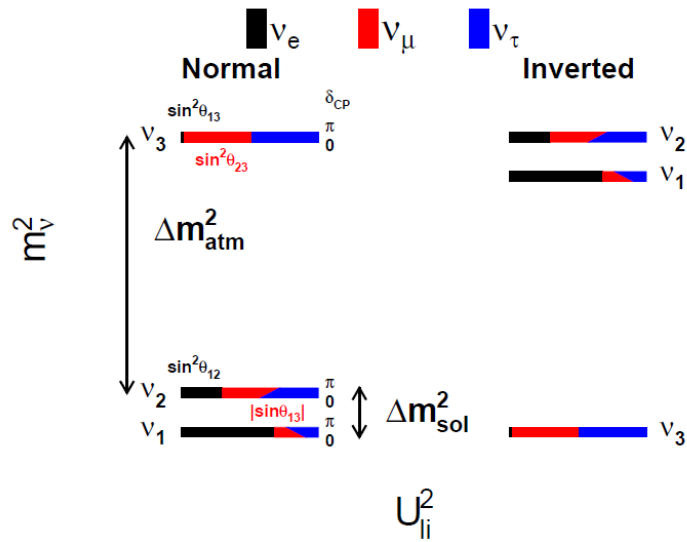
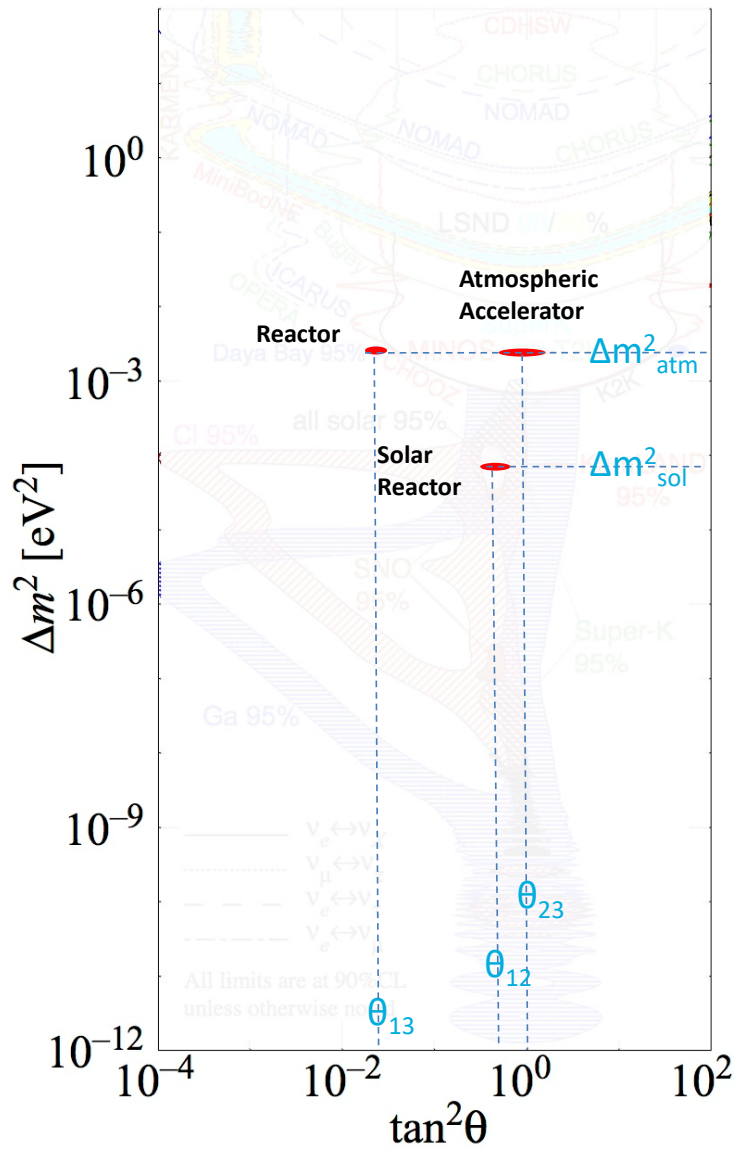
# Neutrino Oscillation Experiments

- > 50 years
- > 30 experiments
- > Phase space over tens of orders of magnitude



Courtesy: Hitoshi Murayama

# Three-ν Paradigm



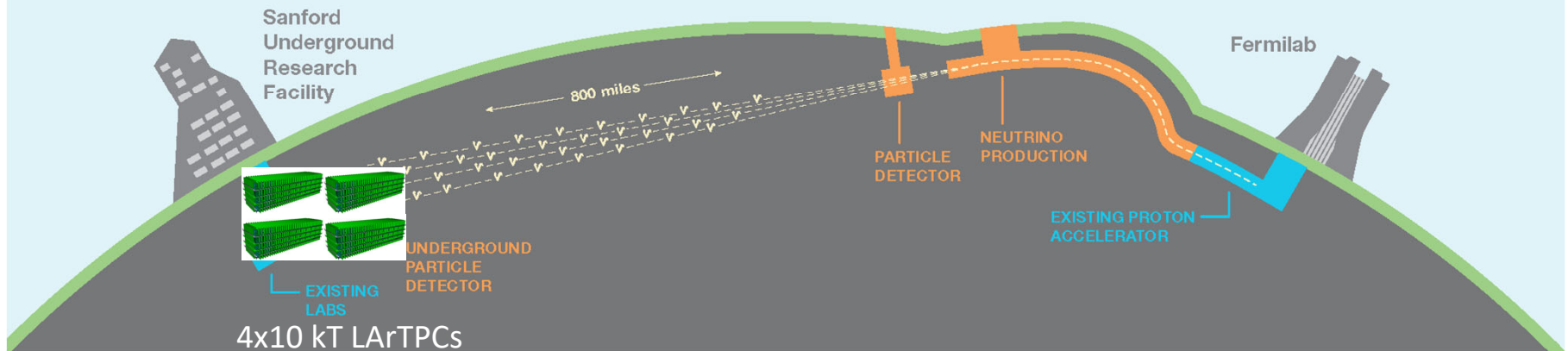
Unknowns: CP phase, normal or inverted mass ordering?



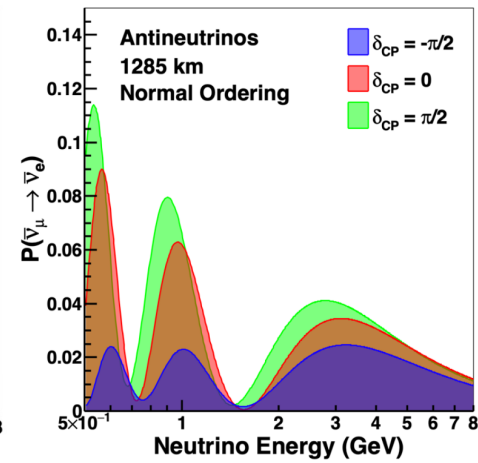
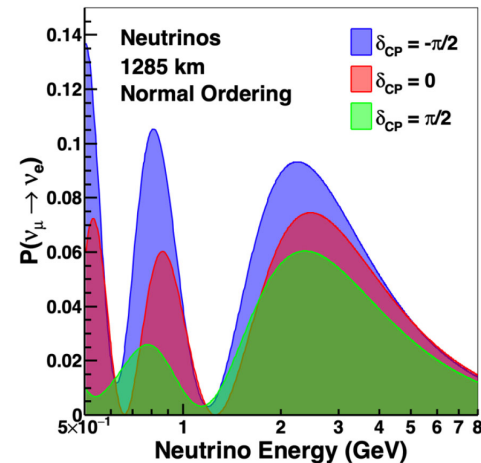
2015 Nobel Prize  
Takaaki Kajita & Arthur B. McDonald



# Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)



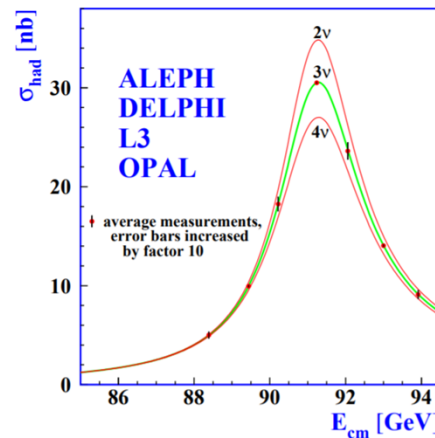
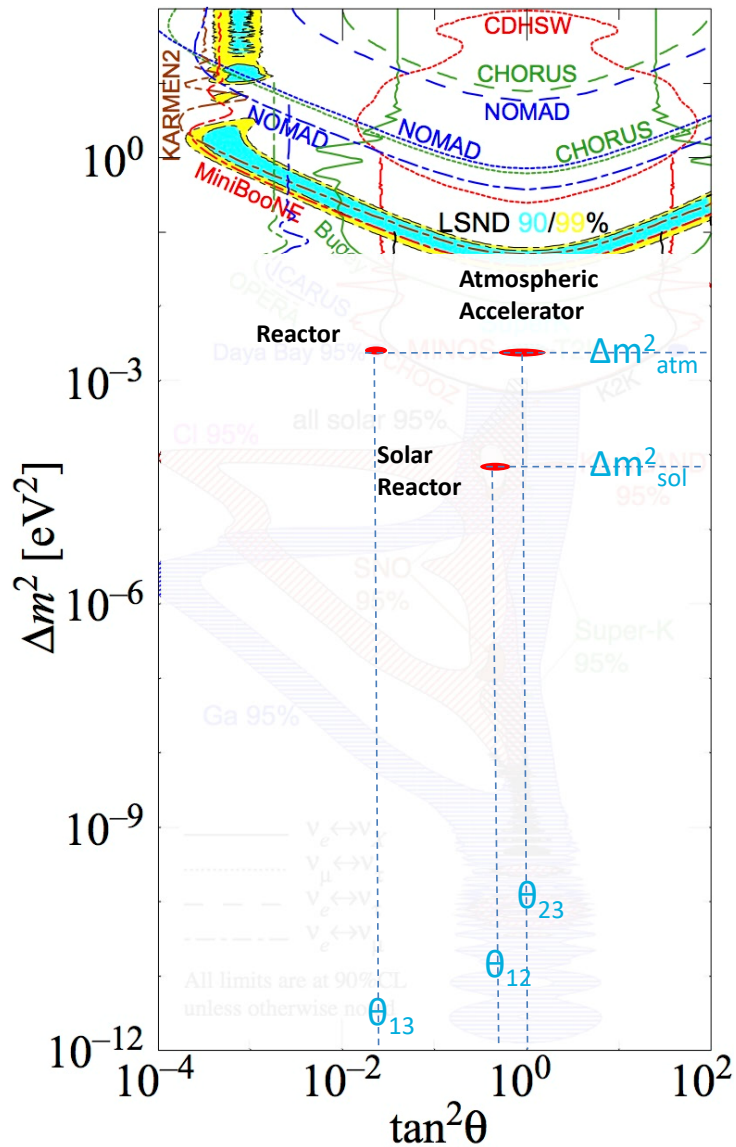
- Search for new CP violation and determine the mass ordering through precision measurement of  $(\text{anti})\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow (\text{anti})\nu_{e}$  oscillation
  - Also search for proton decay and detection of supernova neutrinos
- Four 10 kT LArTPC detectors (each  $20 \times 20 \times 70 \text{ m}^3$ )



[EPJC 80, 978](#)

# Experimental Anomalies

- There are a series of experimental anomalies hinting towards eV scale sterile neutrino(s)
  - Reactor anomaly (missing anti- $\nu_e$ ?)
  - Gallium anomaly/BEST (missing  $\nu_e$ ?)
  - Neutrino-4 (anti- $\nu_e$  oscillation?)
  - LSND and MiniBooNE (anti- $\nu_e$  &  $\nu_e$  appearance?)

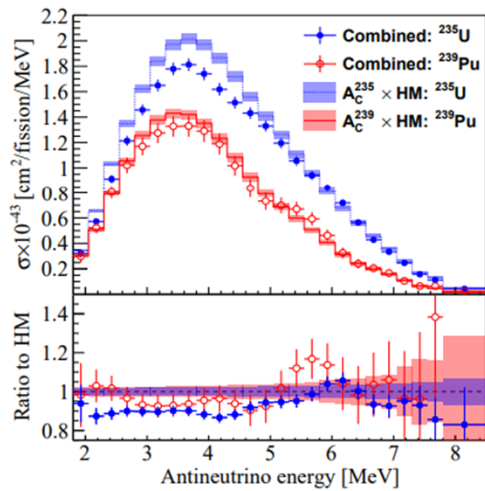
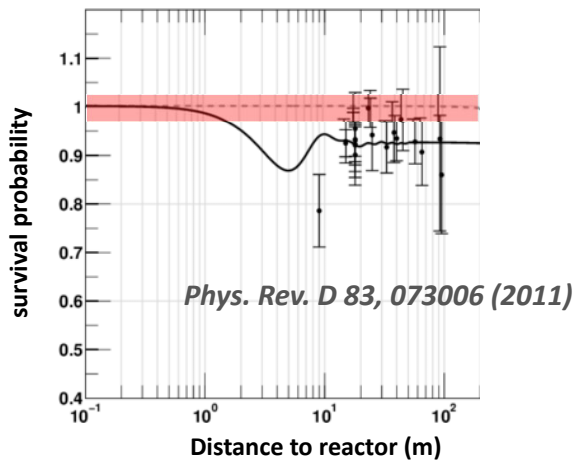


*Phys. Rept. 427, 257 (2006)*

$$N_\nu = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$$

If there are additional neutrinos beyond three, they just don't participate in weak interactions (i.e., "sterile")

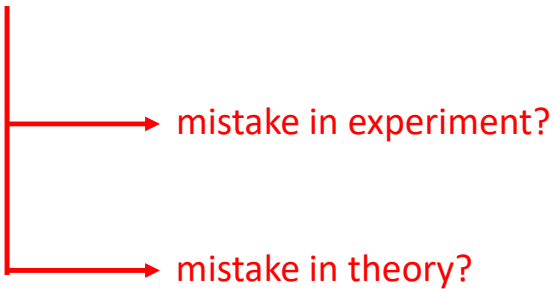
## Reactor Antineutrino "Anomaly"



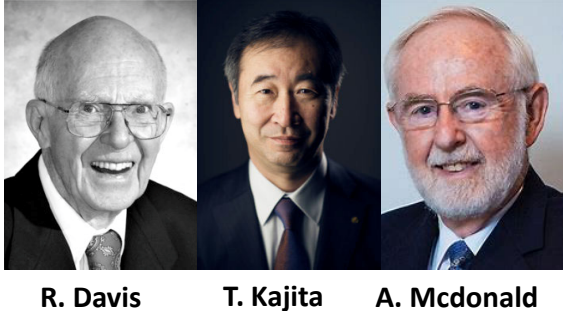
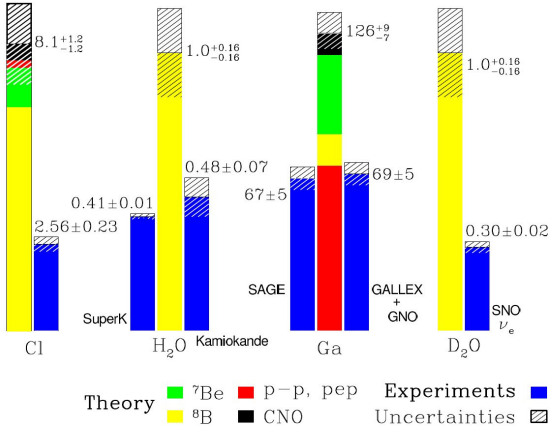
## Anomaly in Neutrino Physics

Mistake?

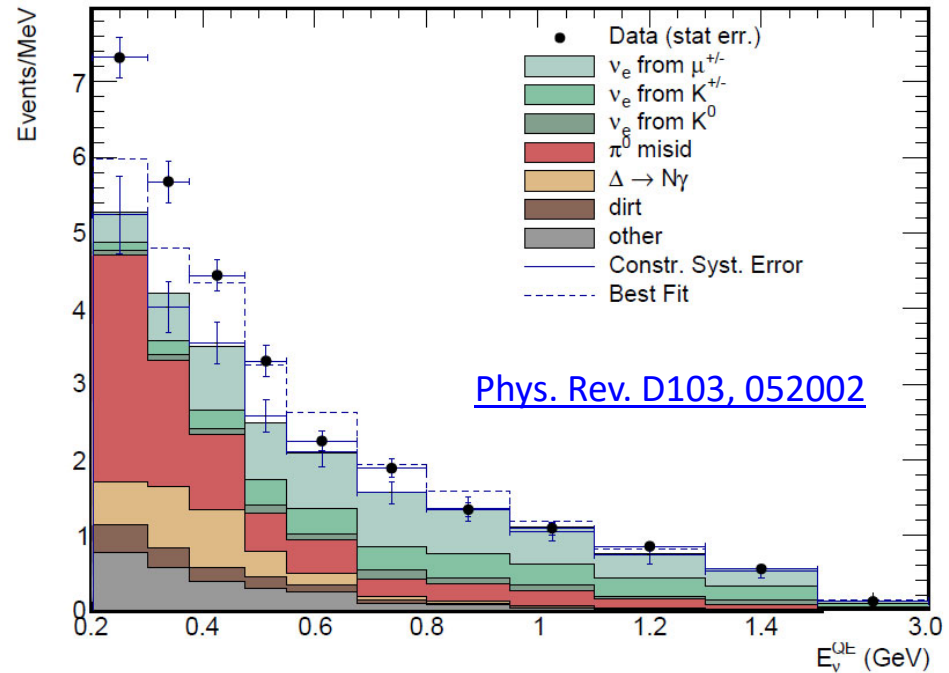
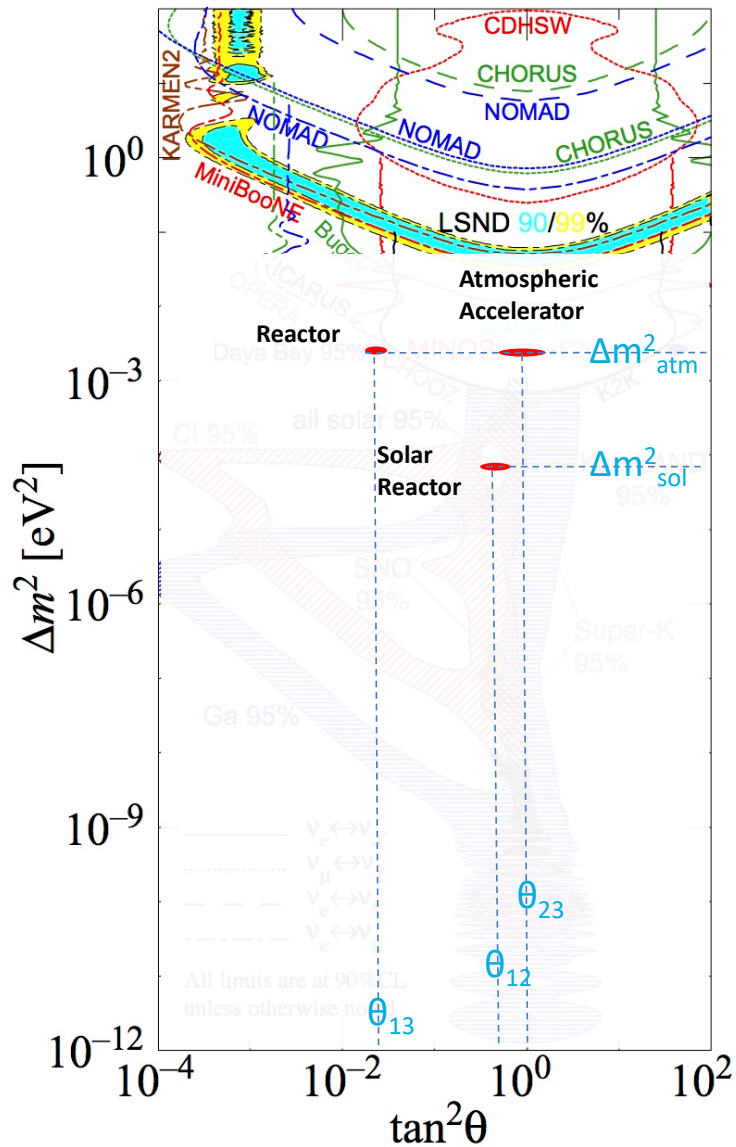
Discovery?



## Solar Neutrino "Anomaly"



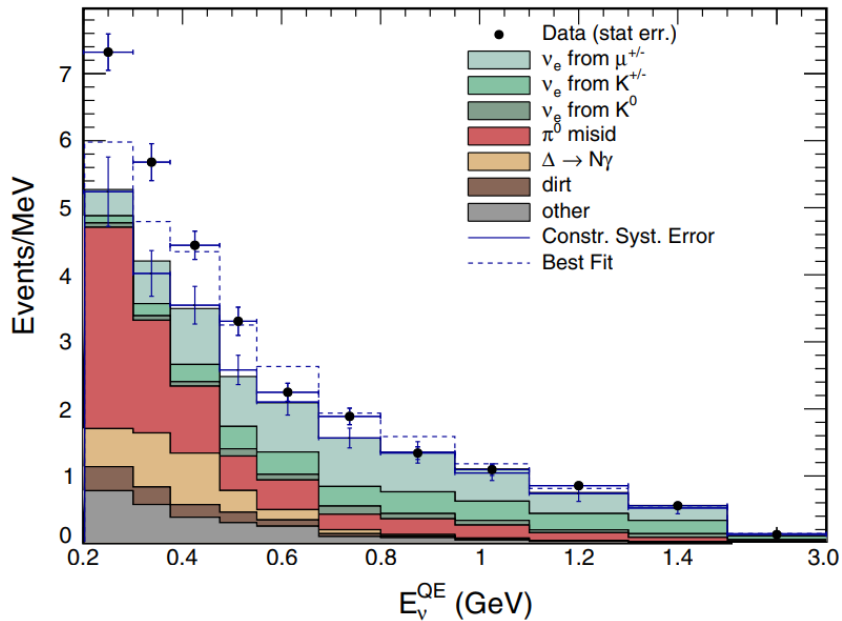
# MiniBooNE Anomaly



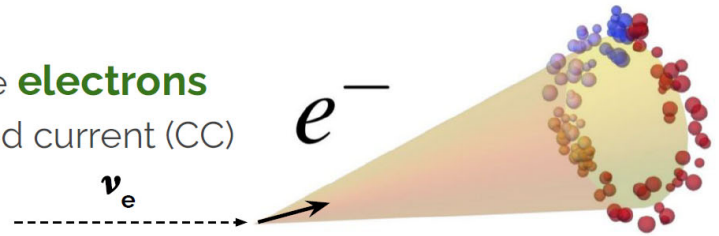
- MiniBooNE (2002-2019) observed low-energy excess (LEE) with  $4.8\sigma$  (systematics limited) significance
- If LEE is interpreted as  $\nu_e$  appearance in the primarily  $\nu_\mu$  beam, would suggest 4<sup>th</sup> (sterile) neutrino



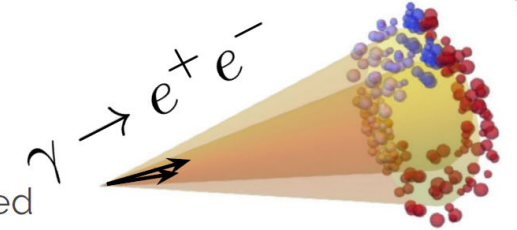
# MiniBooNE: A Cherenkov Detector



It detected  $\nu_e$  by the **electrons** produced in charged current (CC) interactions.



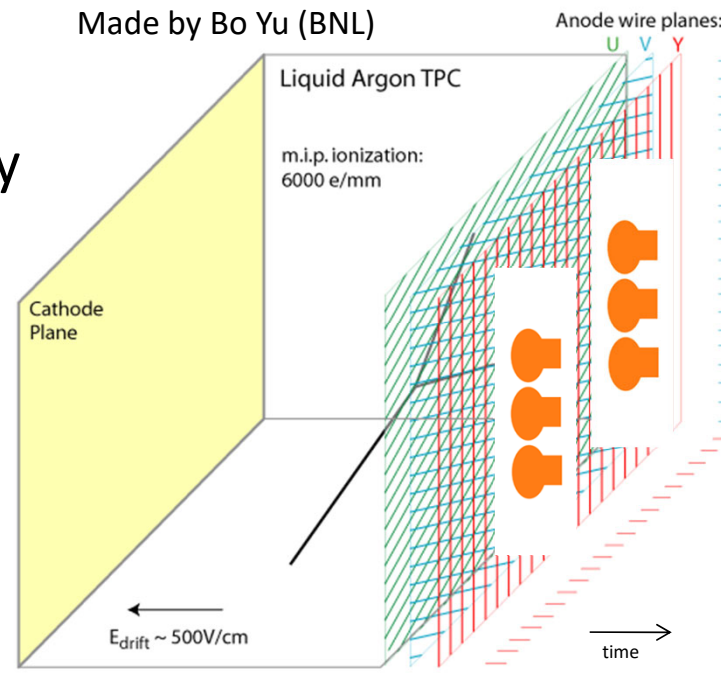
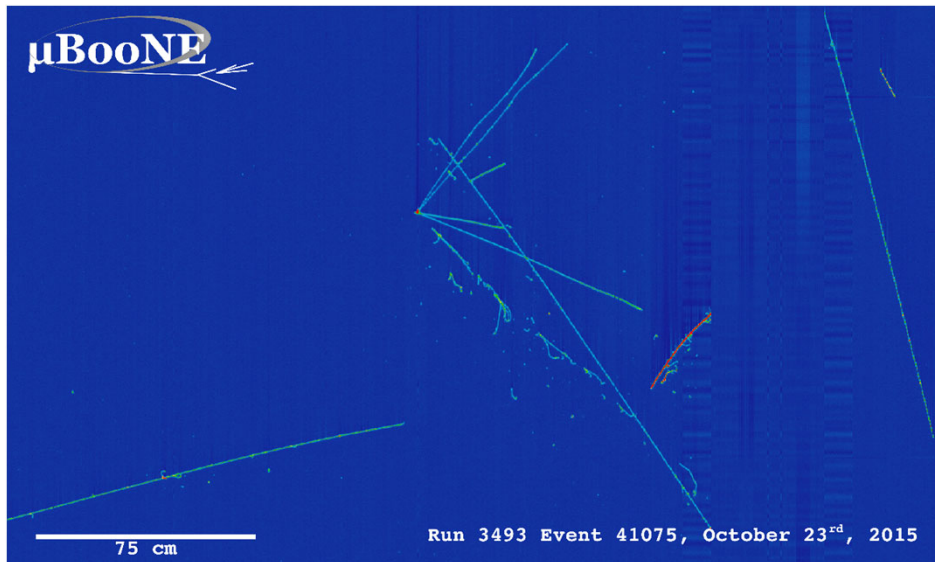
However, **photons**, that pair produce extremely collimated electron/positron pairs produced an identical Cherenkov ring



An excellent  $e/\gamma$  separation can be achieved with the Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC) technology → MicroBooNE is built to understand the nature of MiniBooNE LEE ( $e?$   $\gamma?$  or what?)

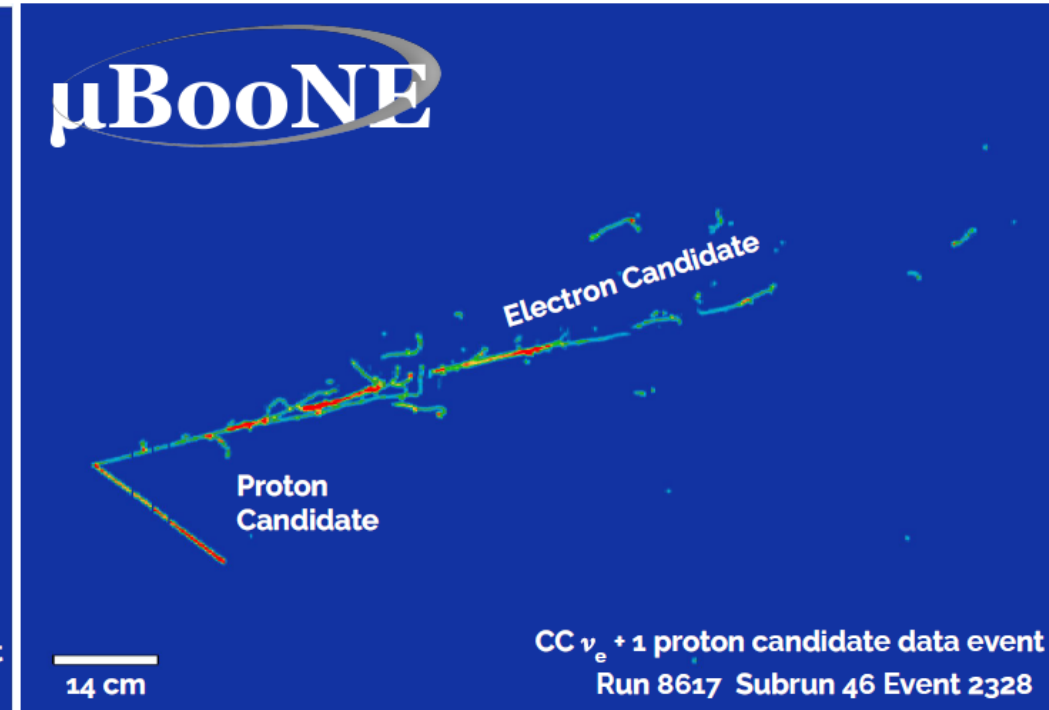
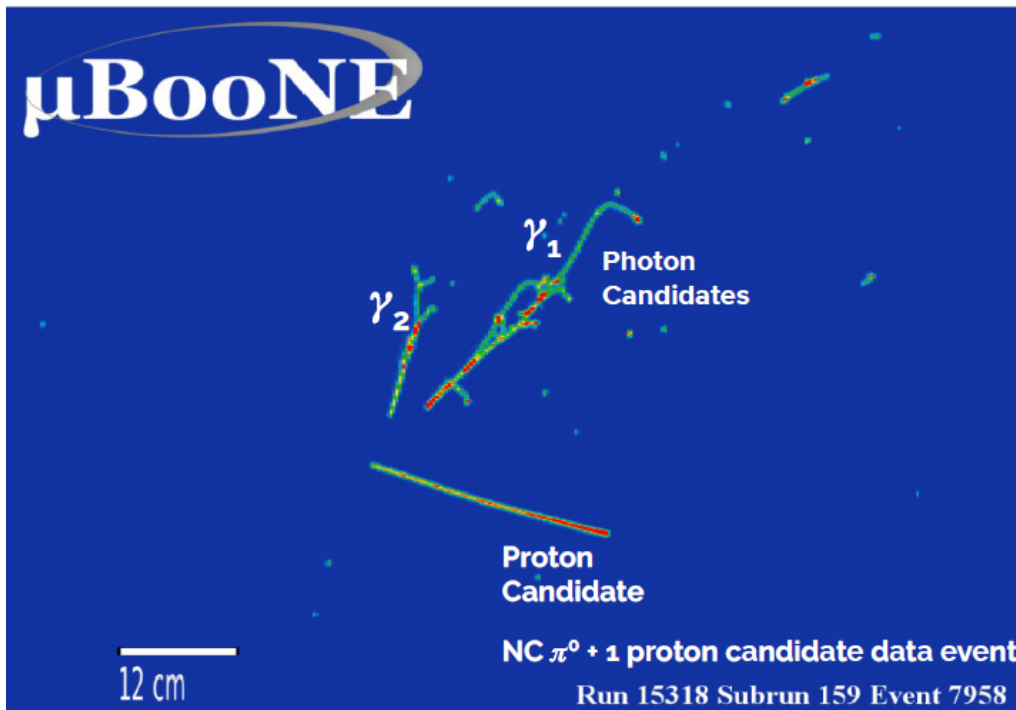
# Principle of Single-Phase Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)

- ~mm scale position resolution with multiple 1D wire readouts
- Particle identification (PID) with energy depositions and topologies



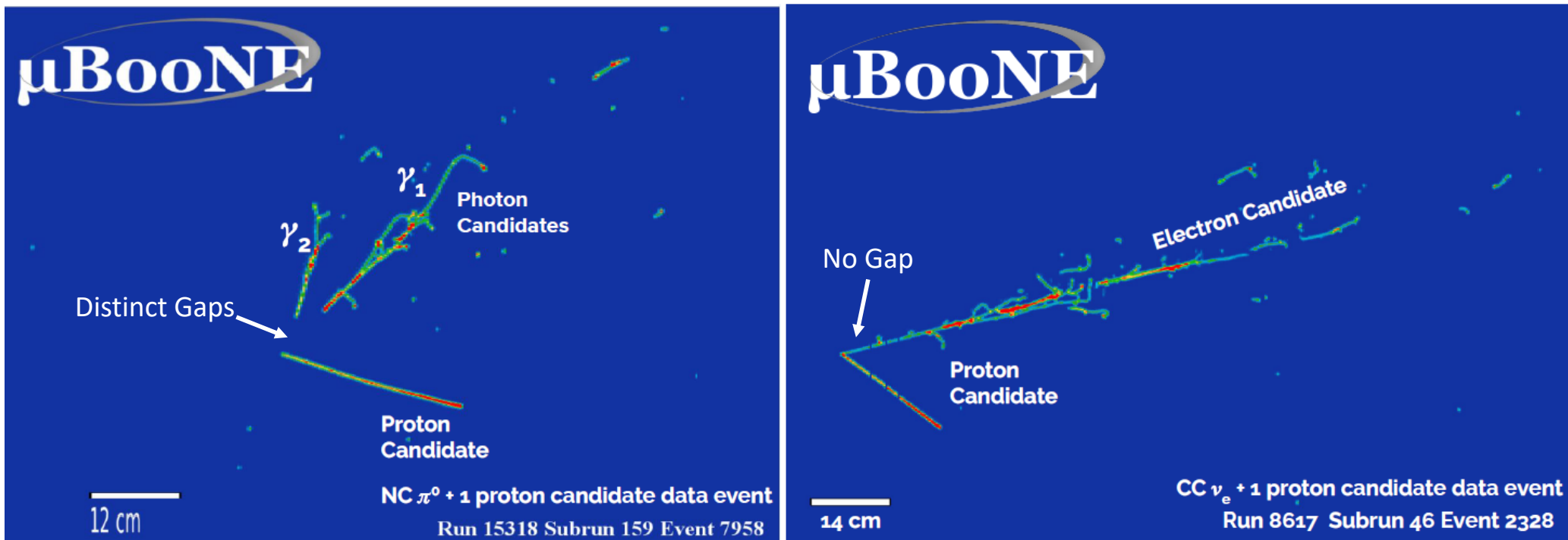
Drift velocity 1.6 km/s → several ms drift time

# Separation of e and $\gamma$ in LArTPC



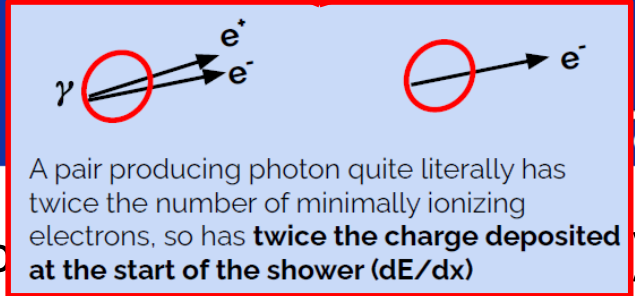
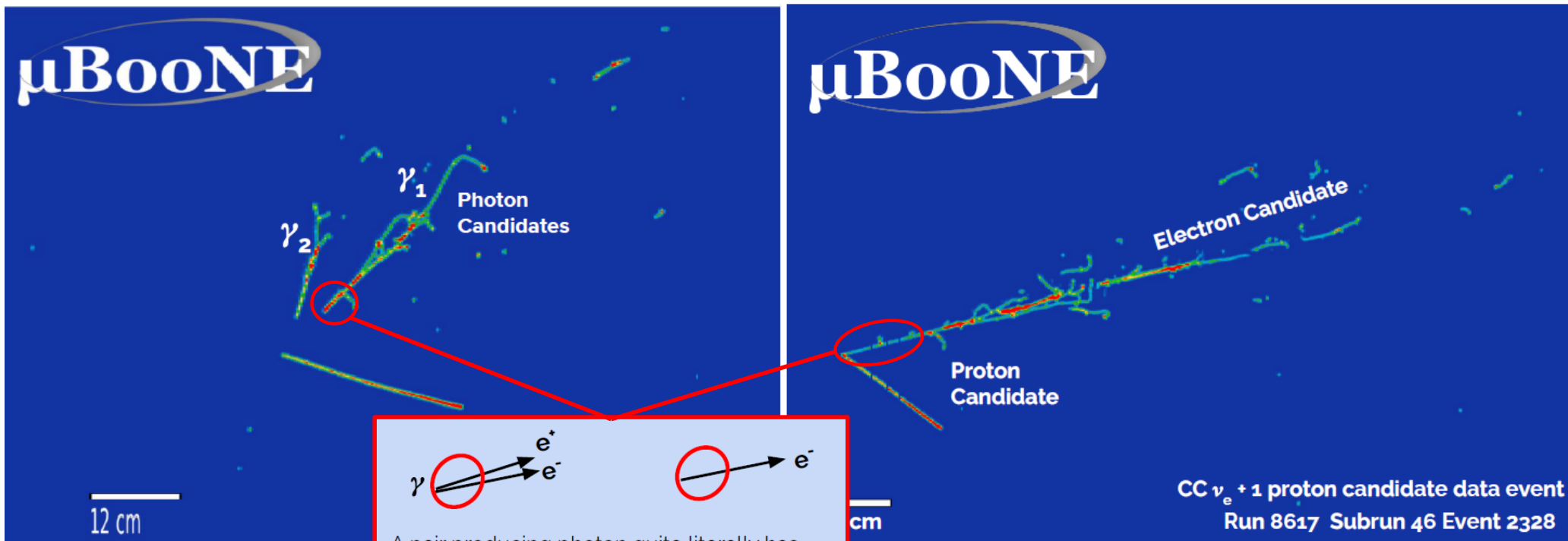
- Event topology to separate EM showers (e/ $\gamma$ ) from tracks (proton, muon)

# Separation of e and $\gamma$ in LArTPC



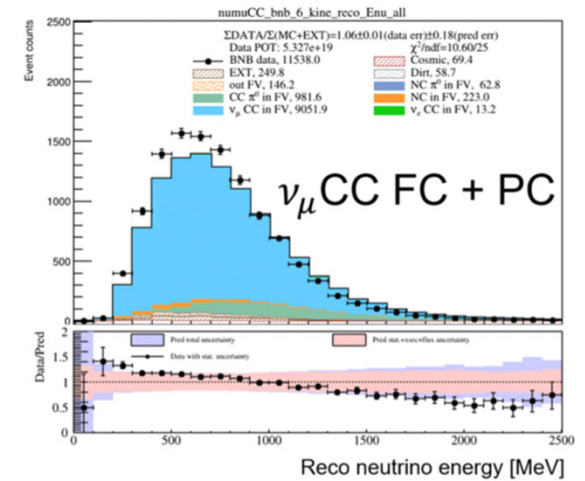
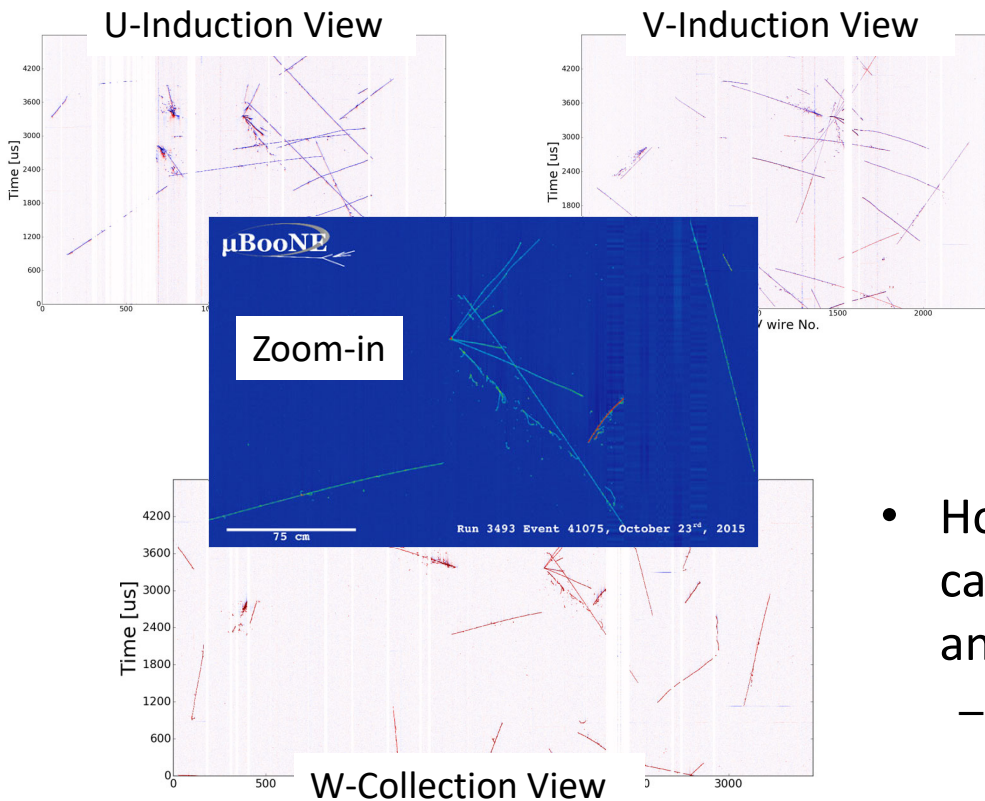
- Event topology to separate EM showers (e/ $\gamma$ ) from tracks (proton, muon)
- Separation of e and  $\gamma$  : Gap Identification

# Separation of e and $\gamma$ in LArTPC



- Event topology to ( ) from tracks (proton, muon)
- Separation of e and  $\gamma$  : Gap Identification + dE/dx
- Unique capability to identify  $\nu_e$  charge-current (CC) interactions in LArTPC

# Challenge in Automated Event Reconstruction



- How to convert the excellent resolution and calorimetry in these pictures to rigorous physics analyses?
  - Massive amount of information with tiny signal to background ratio  $\rightarrow$  a big challenge for automated event reconstruction

# Pandora Pattern Recognition

- The most general pattern recognition algorithm with the longest history
  - [Eur. Phys. J. C78, 82 \(2018\)](#)

## MicroBooNE Publications Using Pandora

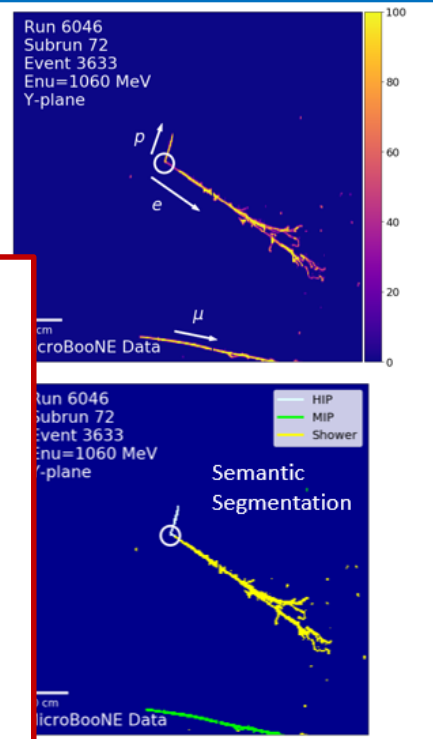
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# Deep-Learning (DL) Based Event Reconstruction

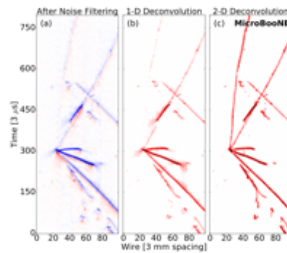
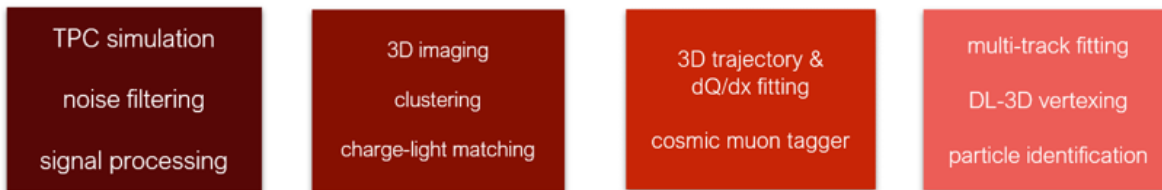
- Currently a hybrid approach of **Deep-Learning** and **traditional**



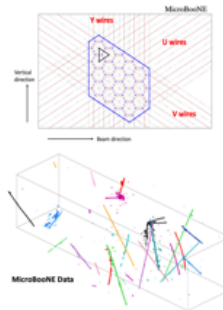
Semantic Segmentation  
Using SparseSSNet (pixel-based)



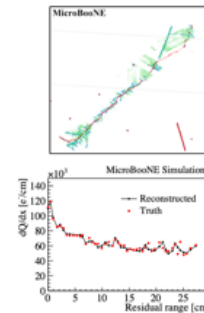
## Wire-Cell Event Reconstruction



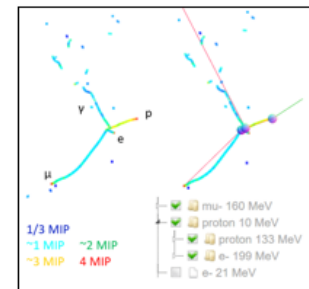
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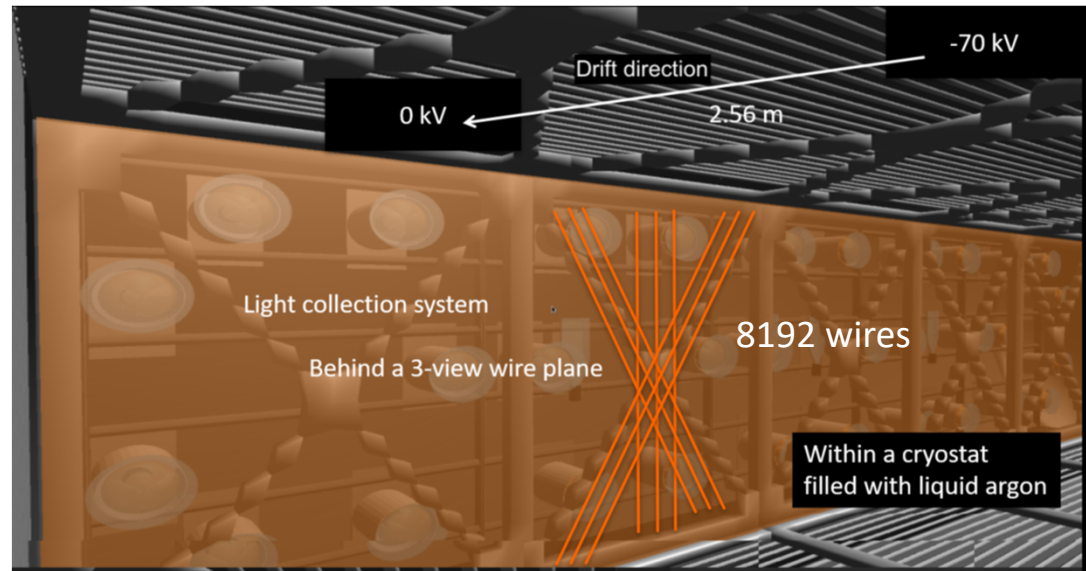
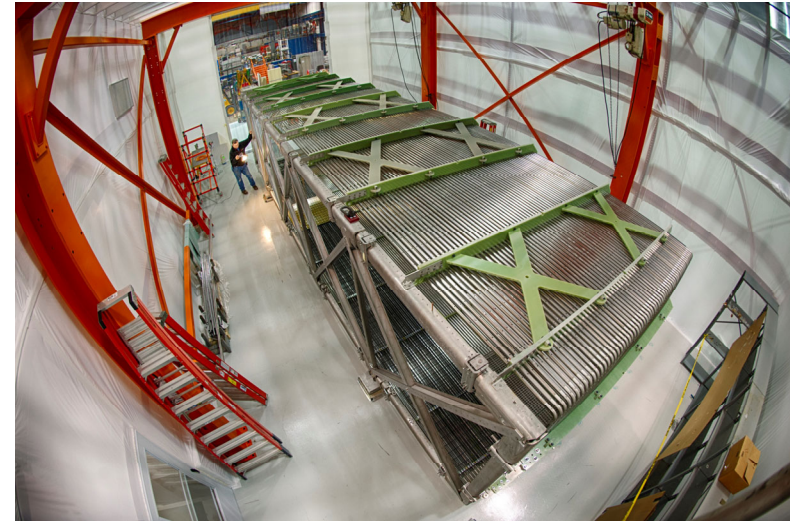
201 collaborators, 36 institutions, 5 countries



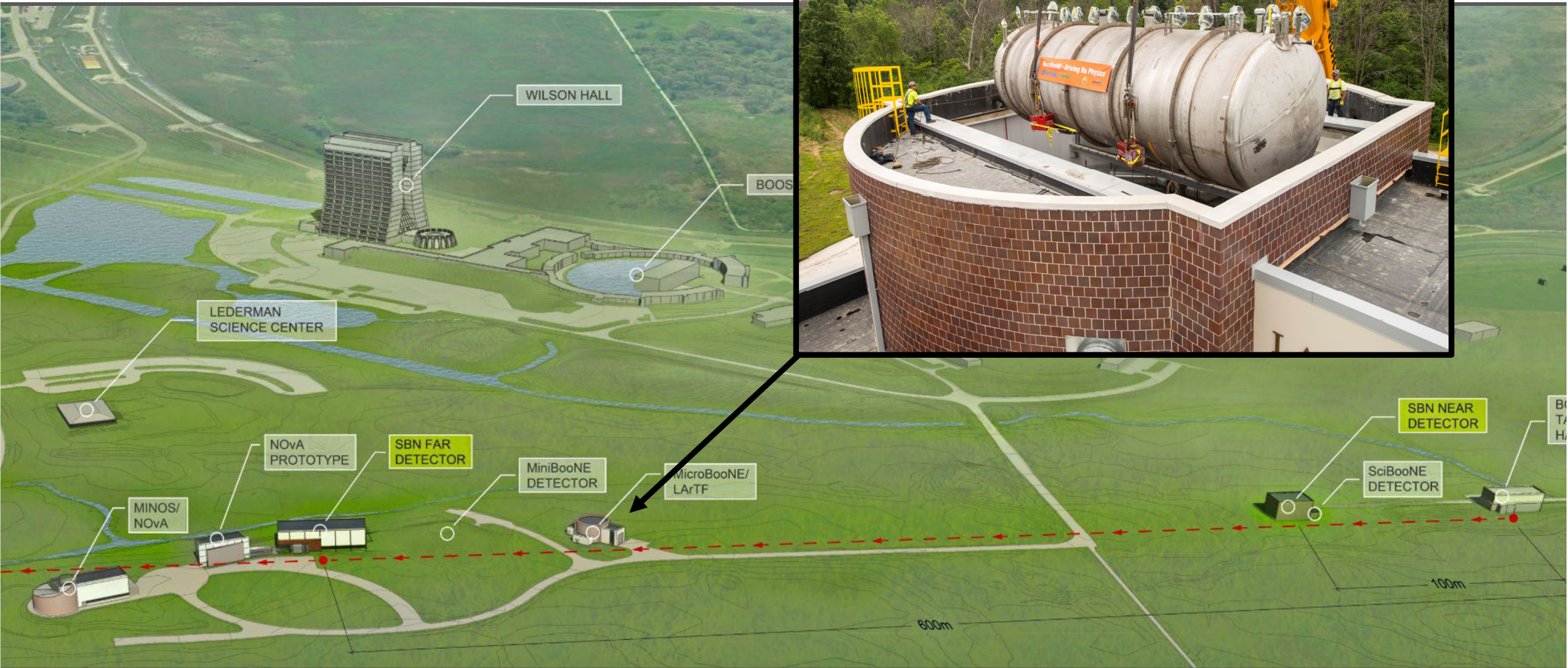
MicroBooNE collaboration @ 2016



# MicroBooNE Detector: An 85-ton LArTPC

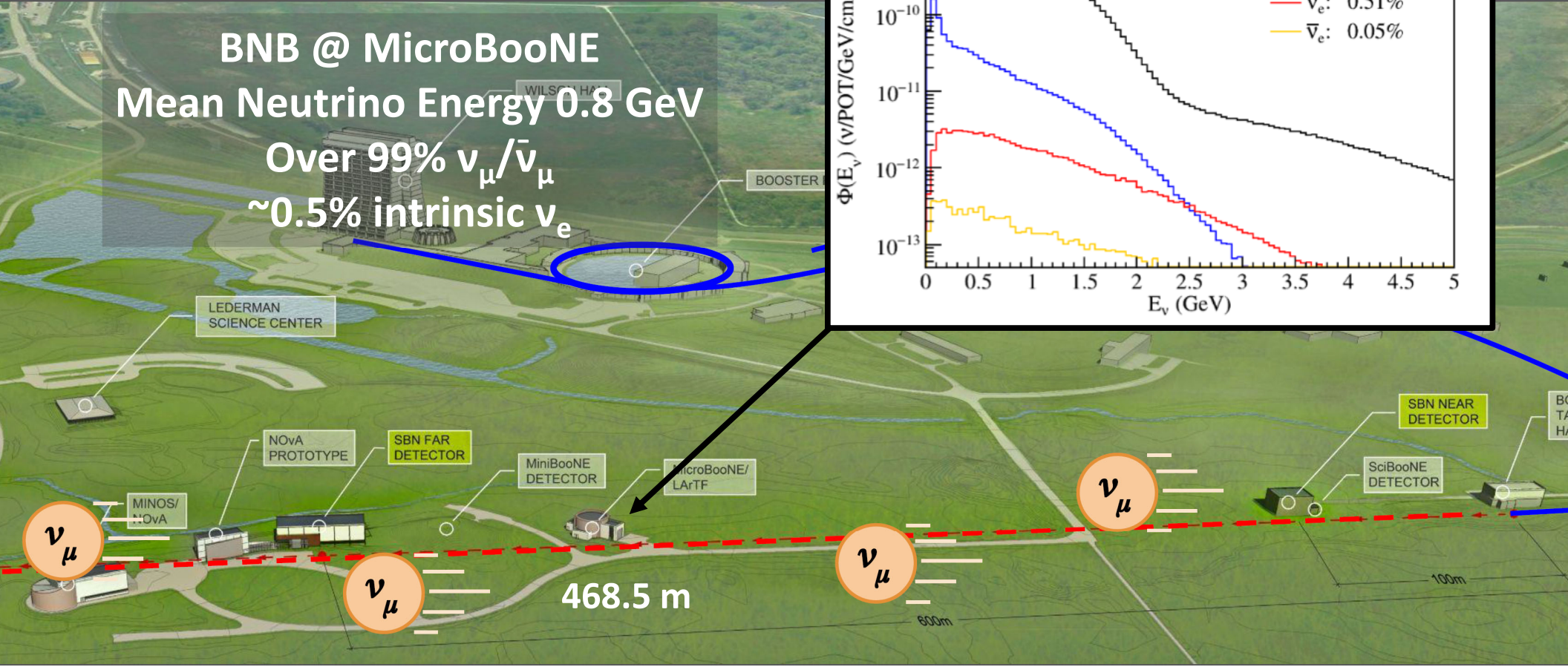
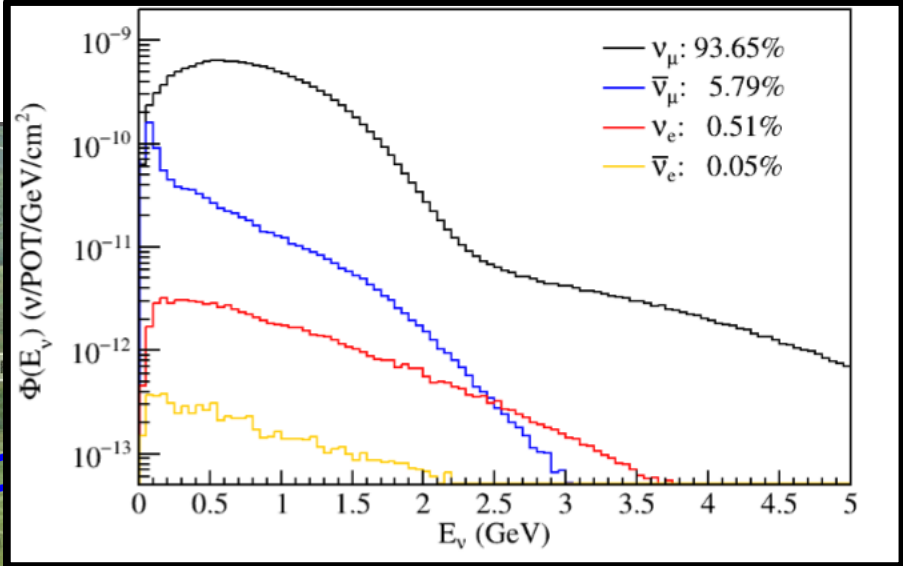


# Fermilab



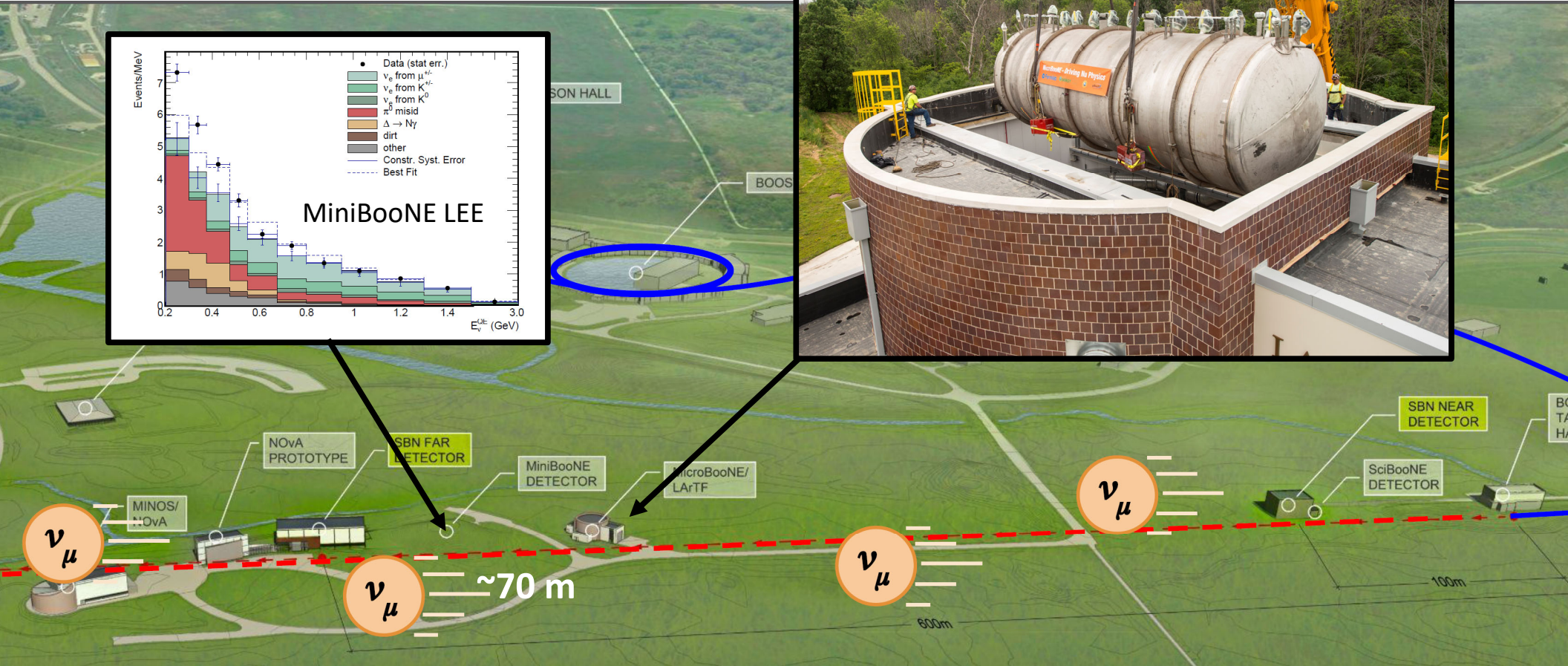
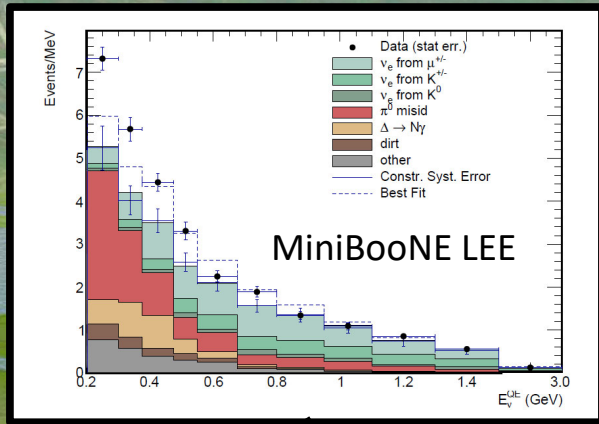
# Booster Neutrino Beamline

**BNB @ MicroBooNE**  
 Mean Neutrino Energy 0.8 GeV  
 Over 99%  $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$   
 ~0.5% intrinsic  $\nu_e$

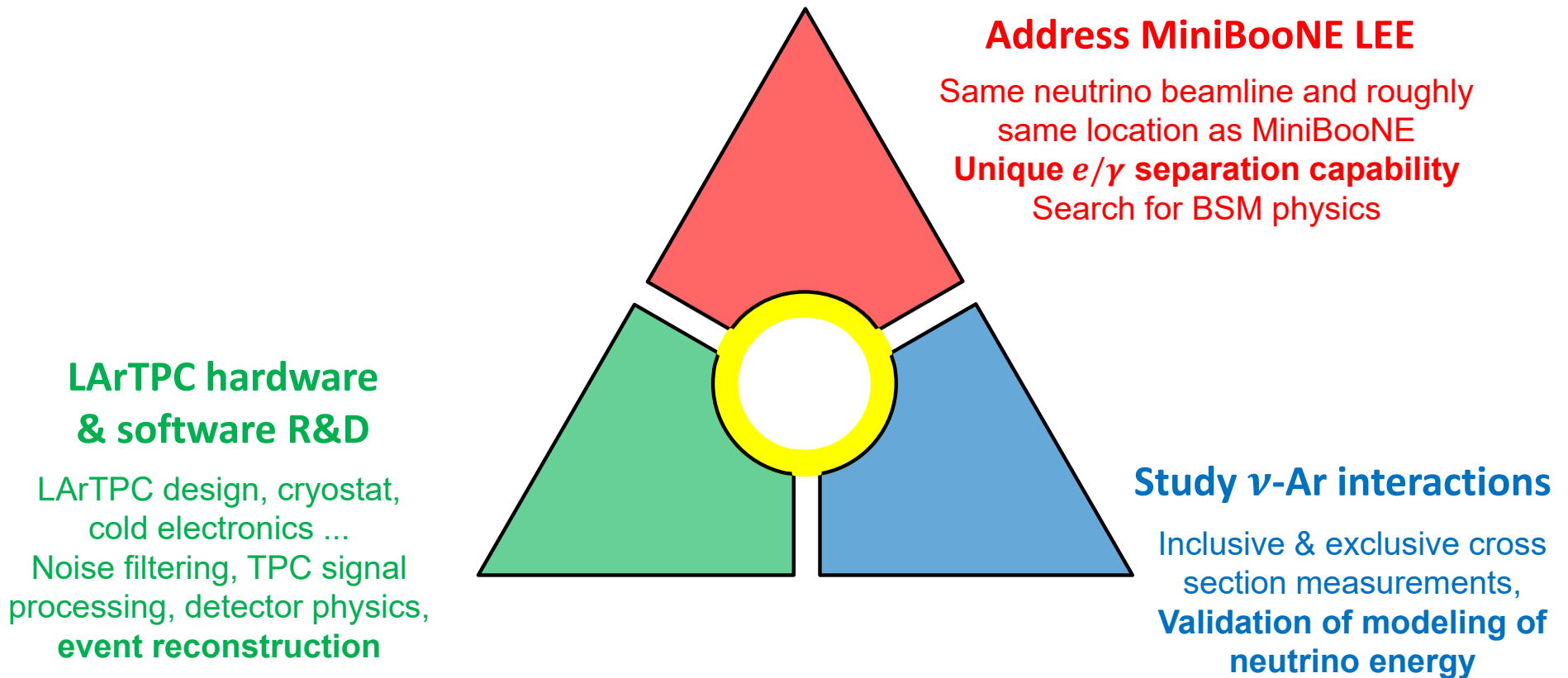


# Booster Neutrino Beamline

MicroBooNE detector being lowered into LArTF



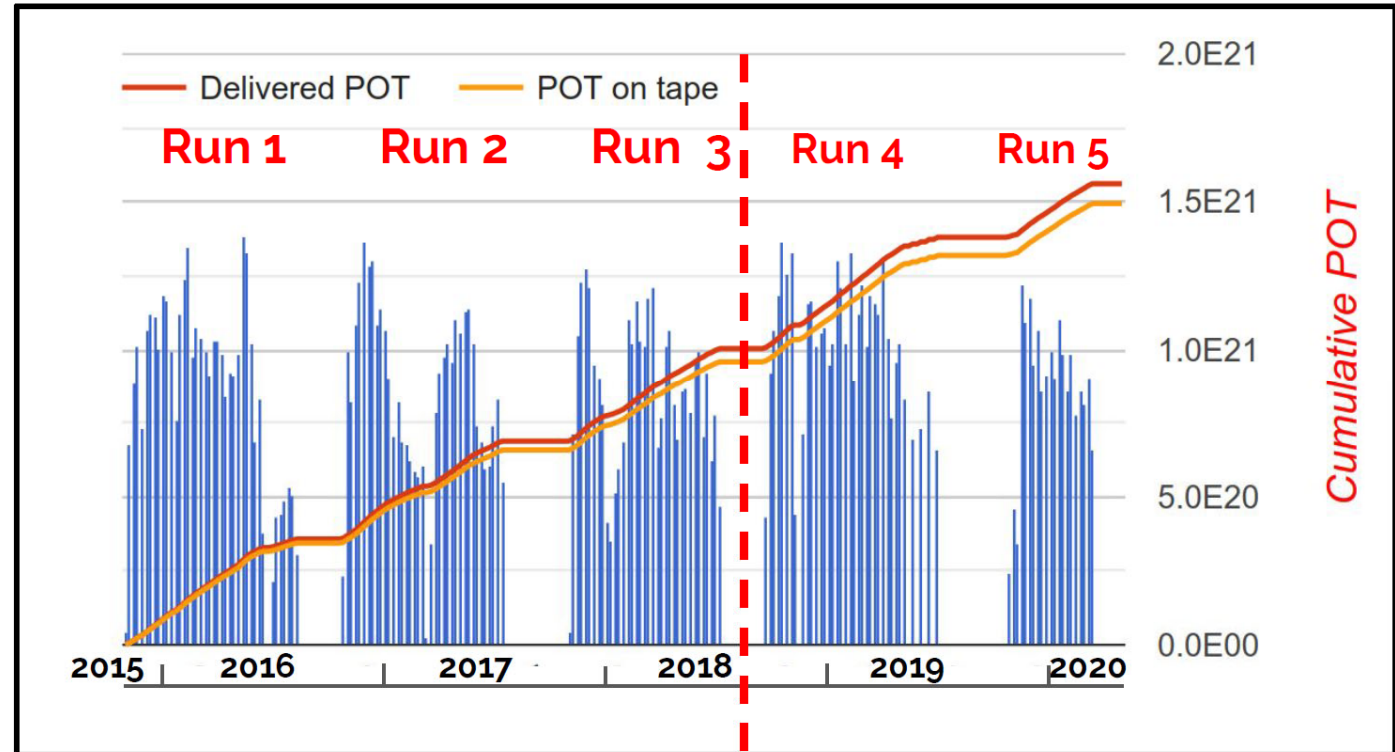
# MicroBooNE Science Goals (Physics + R&D)



# Largest Sample of neutrino interactions on argon in the world



2015-10-15 first beam



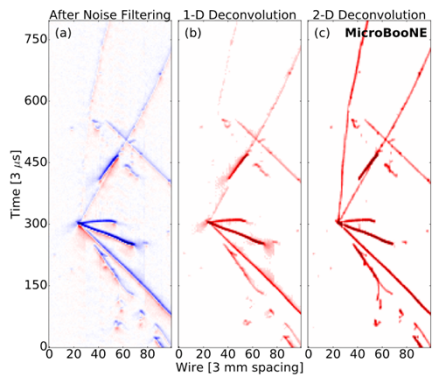
Recent physics results are based on  $\sim 7e20$  protons-on-target from run 1 - 3

TPC simulation  
noise filtering  
signal processing

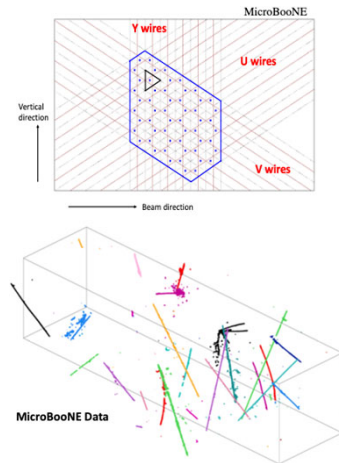
3D imaging  
clustering  
charge-light matching

3D trajectory & dQ/dx fitting  
cosmic muon tagger

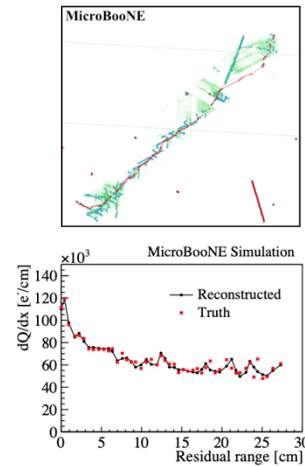
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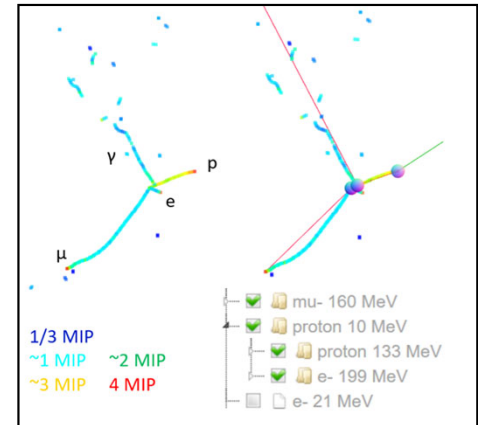
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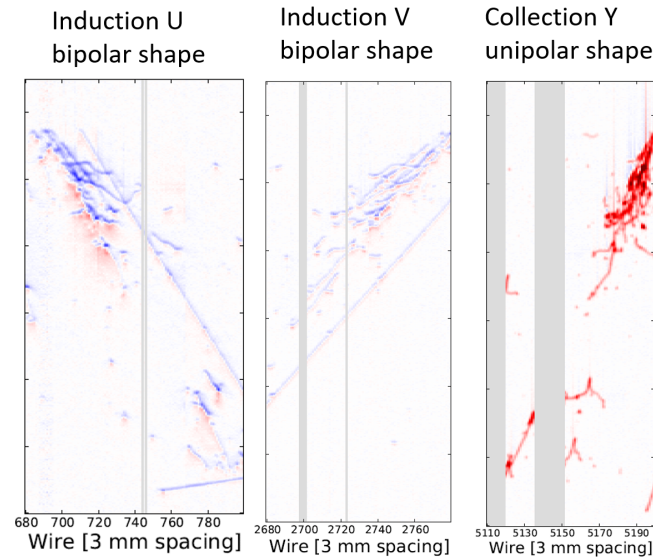
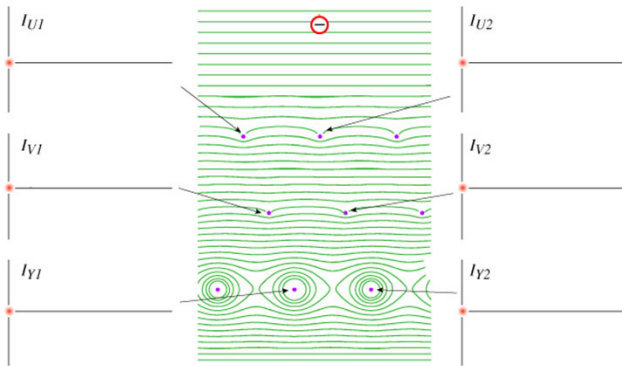


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# Complex TPC Charge Signal



- An enabling technology: cold electronics
  - Placing the preamplifier inside LAr significantly reduced the electronics noise

## Cold electronics for “Giant” Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers

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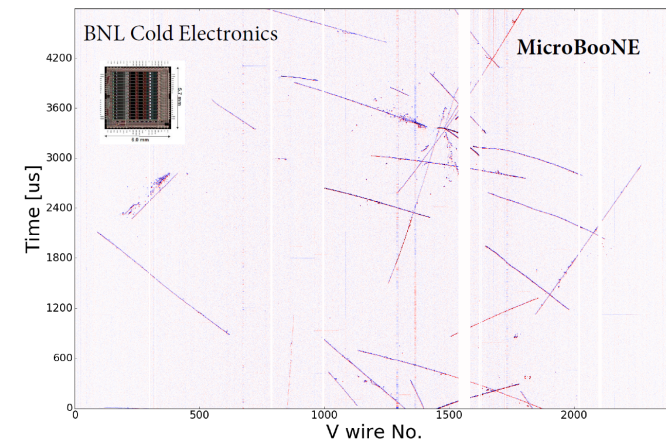
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**Abstract.** The choice between cold and warm electronics (inside or outside the cryostat) in very large LAr TPCs (>5-10 ktons) is not an electronics issue, but it is rather a major cryostat design issue. This is because the location of the signal processing electronics has a direct and far reaching effect on the cryostat design, an indirect effect on the TPC electrode design (sense wire spacing, wire length and drift distance), and a significant effect on the TPC performance. All these factors weigh so overwhelmingly in favor of the cold electronics that it remains an optimal solution for very large TPCs. In this paper signal and noise considerations are summarized, the concept of the readout chain is described, and the guidelines for design of CMOS circuits for operation in liquid argon (at ~89 K) are discussed.

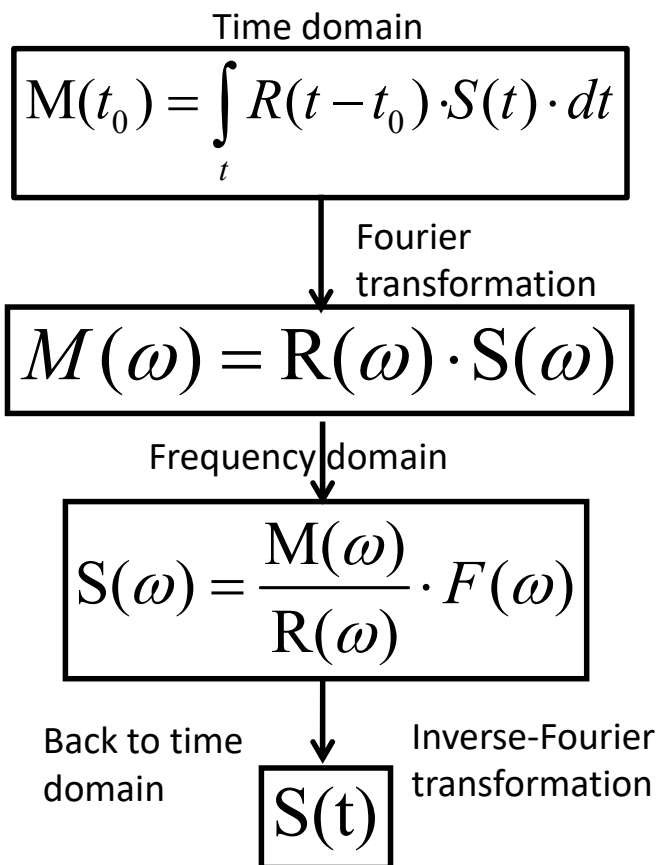
1st International Workshop towards the Giant Liquid Argon Charge Imaging Experiment (2011)

[JINST 12 P08003](#)





# TPC Signal Processing → Recover (or Unfold) Ionization Electrons



- Signal processing is based on deconvolution technique
  - $O(N^3)$  matrix inversion is achieved through a  $O(N \log N)$  fast Fourier transformation
    - Top 10 algorithms in 20<sup>th</sup> century
- 1-D deconvolution described in B. Baller “Liquid Argon TPC Signal Formation, Signal Processing, and reconstruction techniques”, [JINST 12, P07010](#)

# 2-D Deconvolution

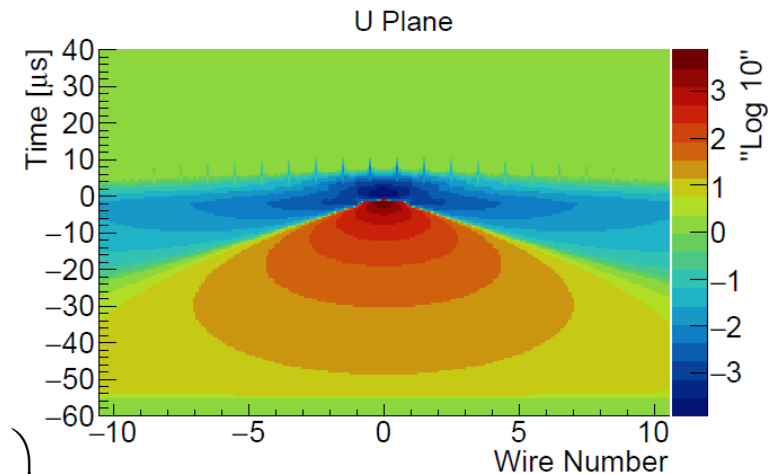
$$M_i(t_0) = \int_t (R_0(t-t_0) \cdot S_i(t) + R_1(t-t_0) \cdot S_{i+1}(t) + \dots) \cdot dt$$

$$M_i(\omega) = R_0(\omega) \cdot S_i(\omega) + R_1(\omega) \cdot S_{i+1}(\omega) + \dots$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_1(\omega) \\ M_2(\omega) \\ \dots \\ M_{n-1}(\omega) \\ M_n(\omega) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_0(\omega) & R_1(\omega) & \dots & R_{n-2}(\omega) & R_{n-1}(\omega) \\ R_1(\omega) & R_0(\omega) & \dots & R_{n-3}(\omega) & R_{n-2}(\omega) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ R_{n-2}(\omega) & R_{n-3}(\omega) & \dots & R_0(\omega) & R_1(\omega) \\ R_{n-1}(\omega) & R_{n-2}(\omega) & \dots & R_1(\omega) & R_0(\omega) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} S_1(\omega) \\ S_2(\omega) \\ \dots \\ S_{n-1}(\omega) \\ S_n(\omega) \end{pmatrix}$$

**The inversion of matrix R can again be done with deconvolution through 2-D Fast Fourier Transformation**

Also, Region of Interest (ROI) is essential to deal with the induction wire plane signal



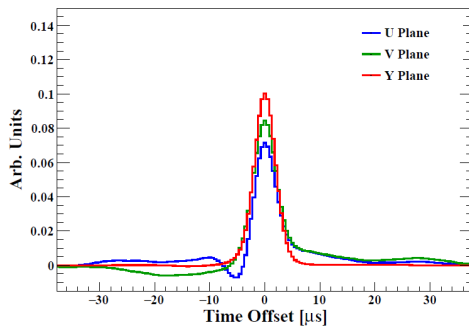
Position-dependent responses

- With induced signals, the signal is still linear summation
  - $R_1$  represents the induced signal from  $i+1$ th wire signal to  $i$ th wire
  - $S_i$  and  $S_{i+1}$  are not directly related

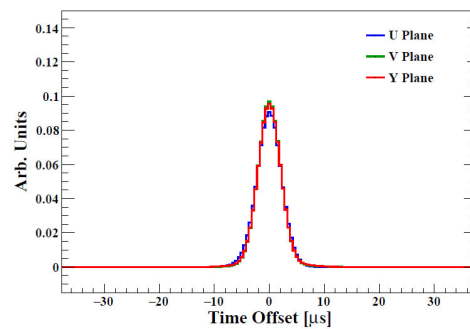
# Improved TPC Signal Processing



1D deconvolution

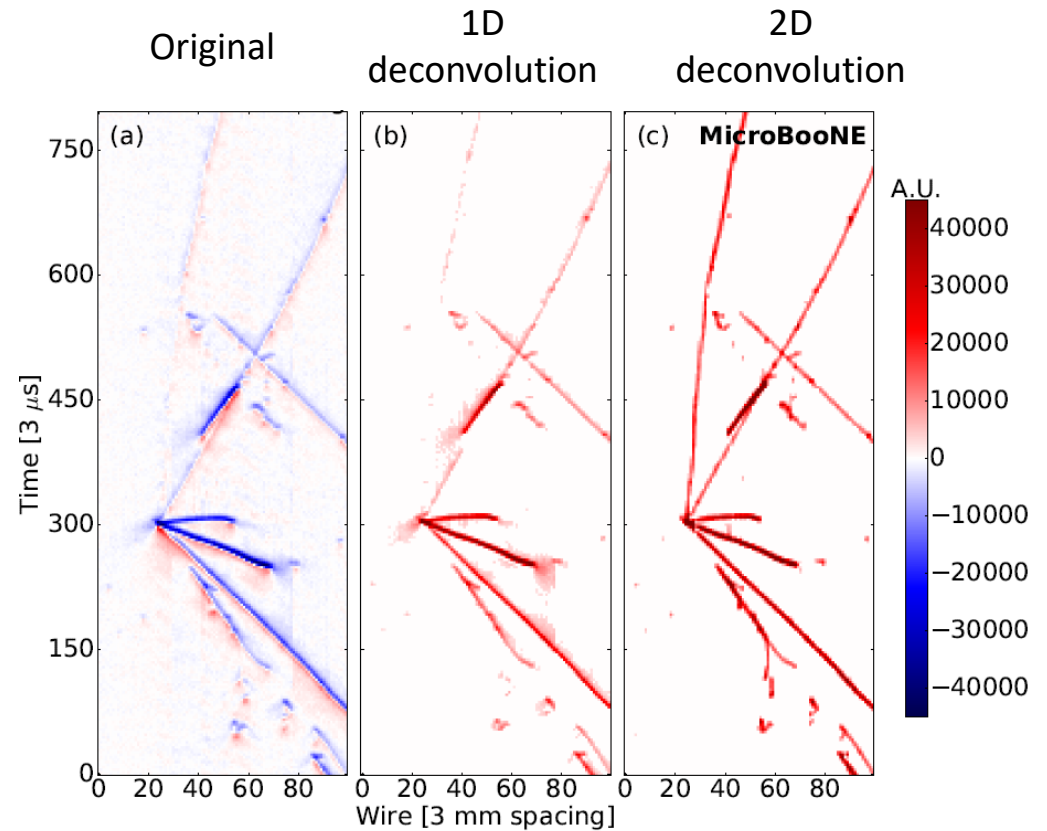


2D deconvolution



The 2D deconvolution algorithm in Wire-Cell allows to accurately recover the ionization electrons from recorded original signals

Same number of electrons are reconstructed from each projection wire plane



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# Wire-Cell Tomographic Event Reconstruction

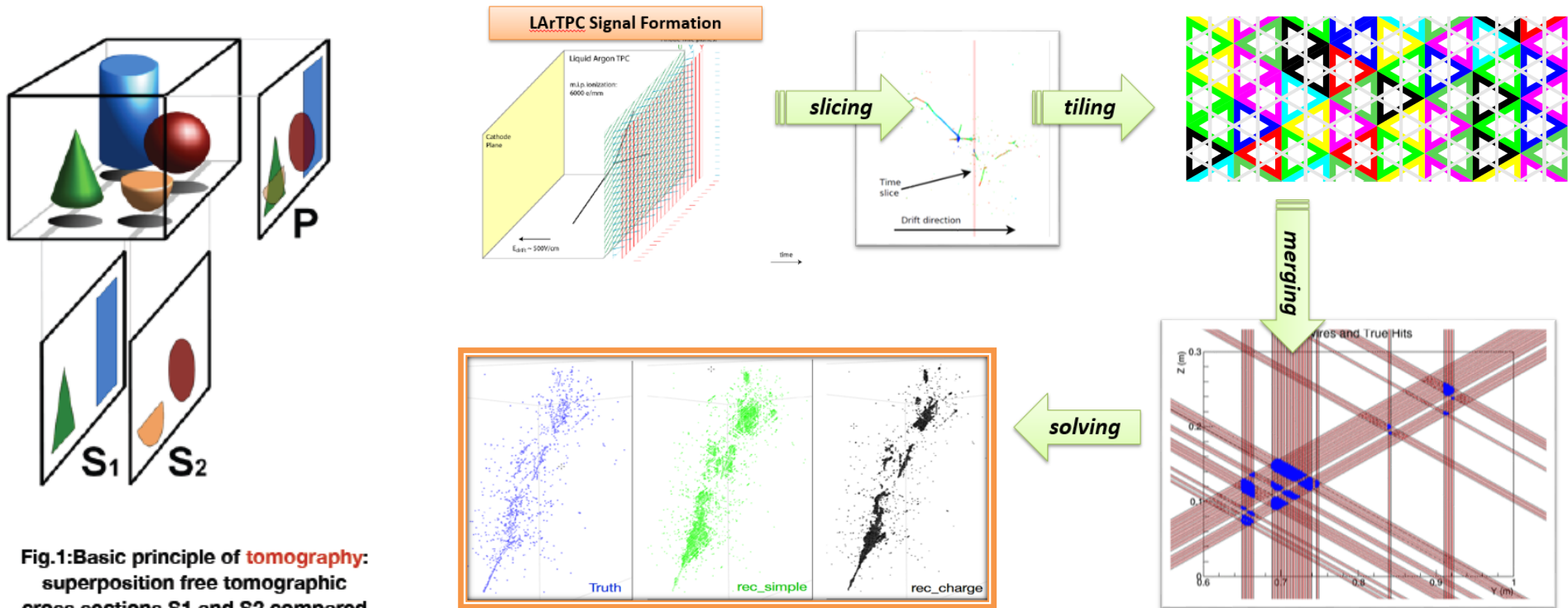
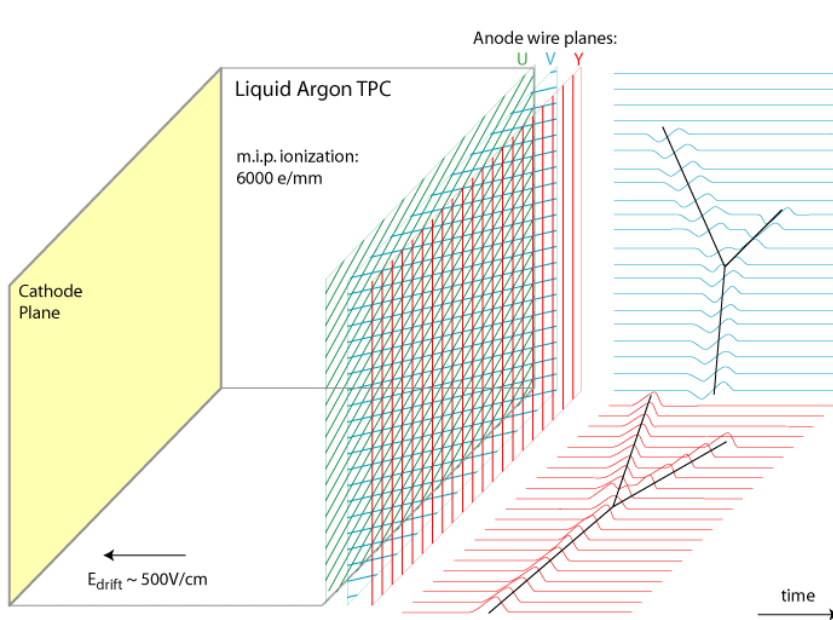


Fig.1: Basic principle of **tomography**: superposition free tomographic cross sections S1 and S2 compared with the projected image P

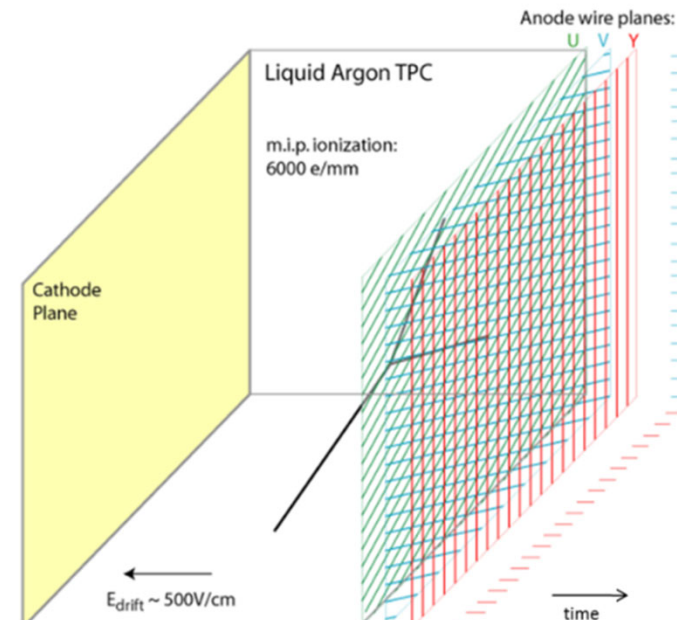
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomography>

“Three-dimensional Imaging for Large LArTPCs”, XQ, C. Zhang, B. Viren, M. Diwan, [JINST 13, P05032 \(2018\)](#)

# Traditional Reconstruction Approach: 2D matching $\rightarrow$ 3D



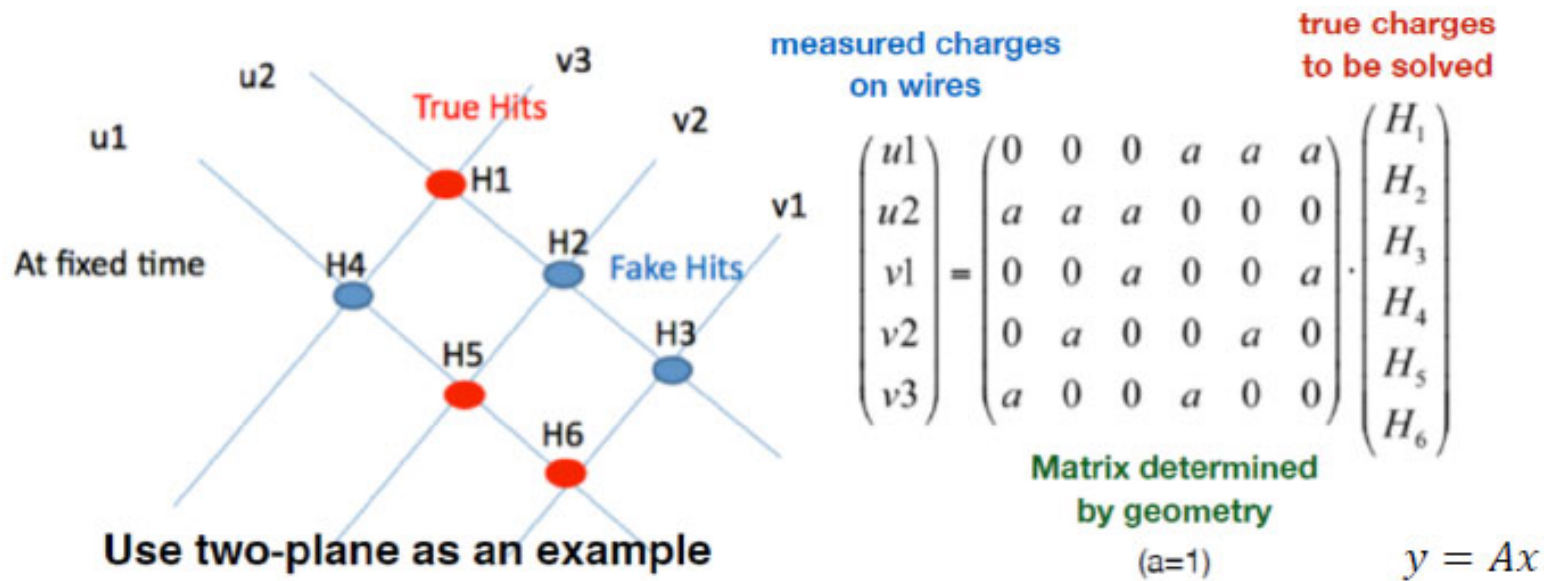
2D pattern recognition



Matching to 3D objects

Error made in pattern recognition will propagate to the later reconstruction steps

# Solving: usage of Charge, Sparsity, Positivity, Connectivity



- The goal is to differentiate the true hits from fake ones by using the charge information
  - $\sim$  large charge  $\rightarrow$  true hits
  - $\sim$  zero charge  $\rightarrow$  fake hits
- Sparsity, positivity, and connectivity information are added through compressed sensing (L1 regularization)

L1 reg.  $O(N!) \rightarrow O(m \times N)$

$$\chi^2 = (y - A \cdot x)^2 + \lambda \cdot \sum |x_i|$$

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arXiv-math/0503066

cluster

Size



Opacity



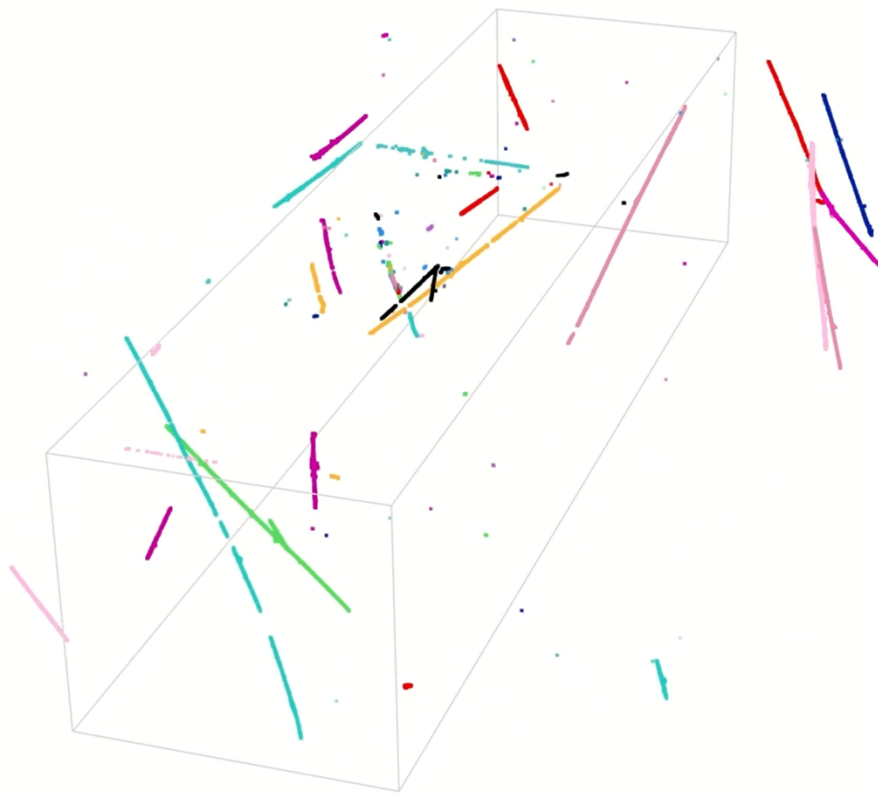
Plain Color



- General
- Helper
- Monte Carlo
- Optical Flash
- 3-D Imaging
- Box of Interest
- Time Slice
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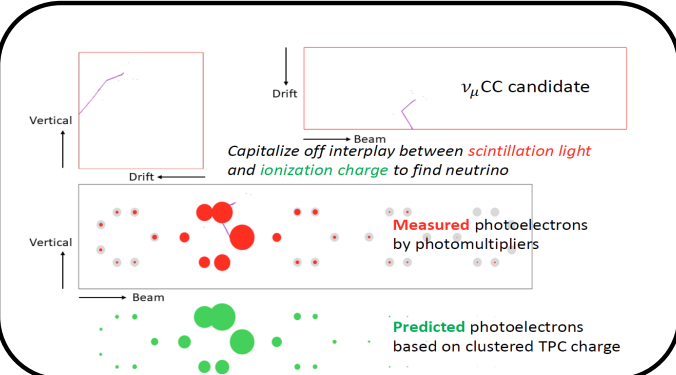
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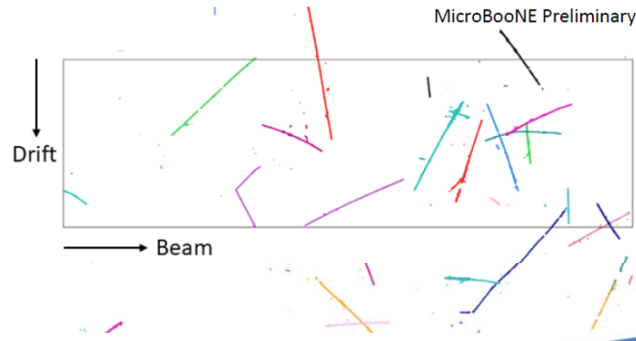




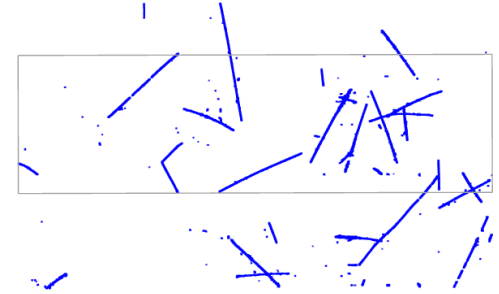
# Matching Principle



Recognized clusters with different colors



4.8 ms drift window

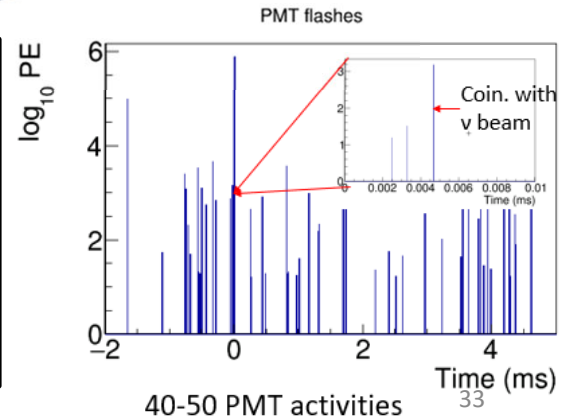


20-30 TPC activities



- **Light signal proportional to (reconstructed 3D) charge**
- Known light acceptance given position
- **Predicted** vs. **Measured** light pattern with Compressed Sensing

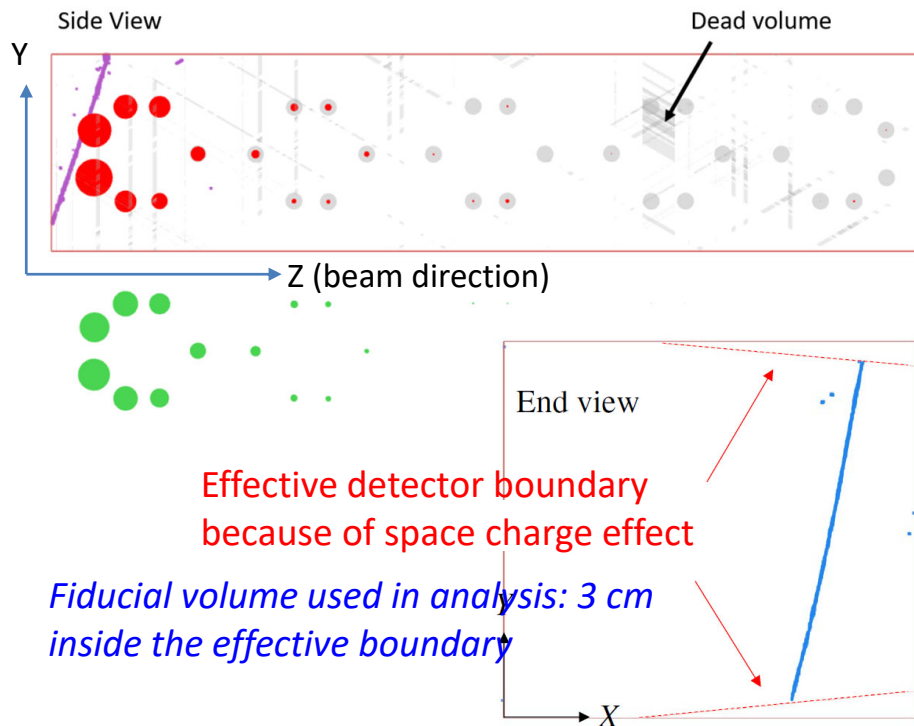
- All possible hypotheses
- One flash → many or zero TPC clusters within corresponding active volume (activities in inactive volume)
  - One cluster → at most one flash (inefficiency in the light system)



40-50 PMT activities

# Rejecting Through-Going Muons (TGM)

- Only event with flash(light) time matching the neutrino beam spill window is a neutrino candidate

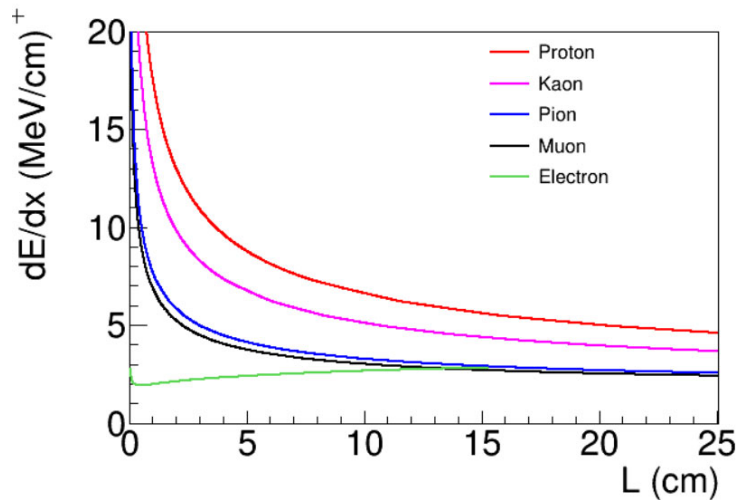
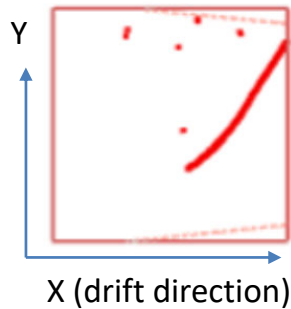


- TGM: cosmic-ray muons go all way through the active TPC volume

- Identification: the two endpoints of TPC cluster at/outside the effective detector boundary

	Neutrino:Cosmic-ray	
Charge-light matching	1 : 6.4	Improved by factor of 6
TGM rejection	1 : 0.9	

# Rejecting Stopping Muons

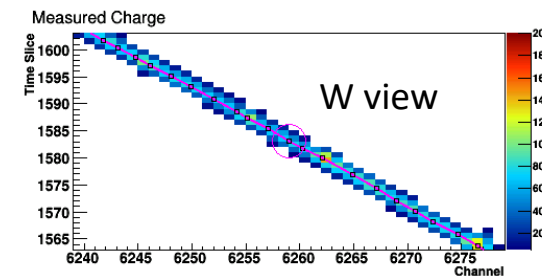
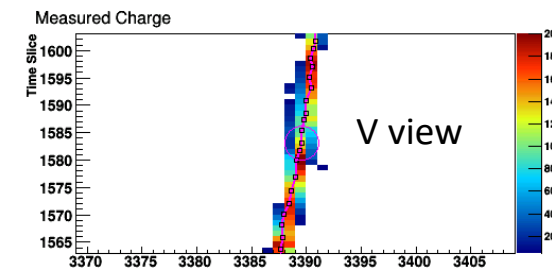
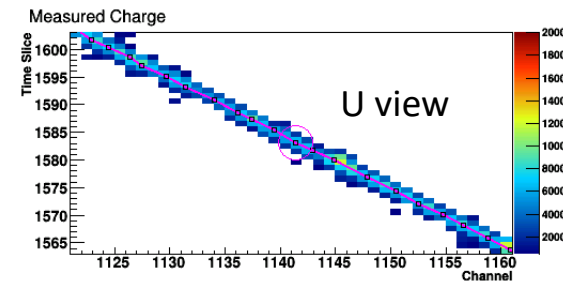
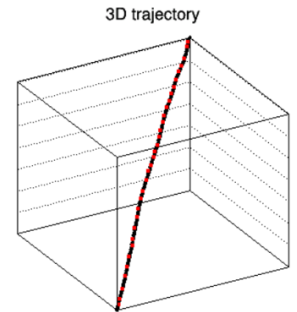


- STM: cosmic-ray muons enter and stop inside the active volume

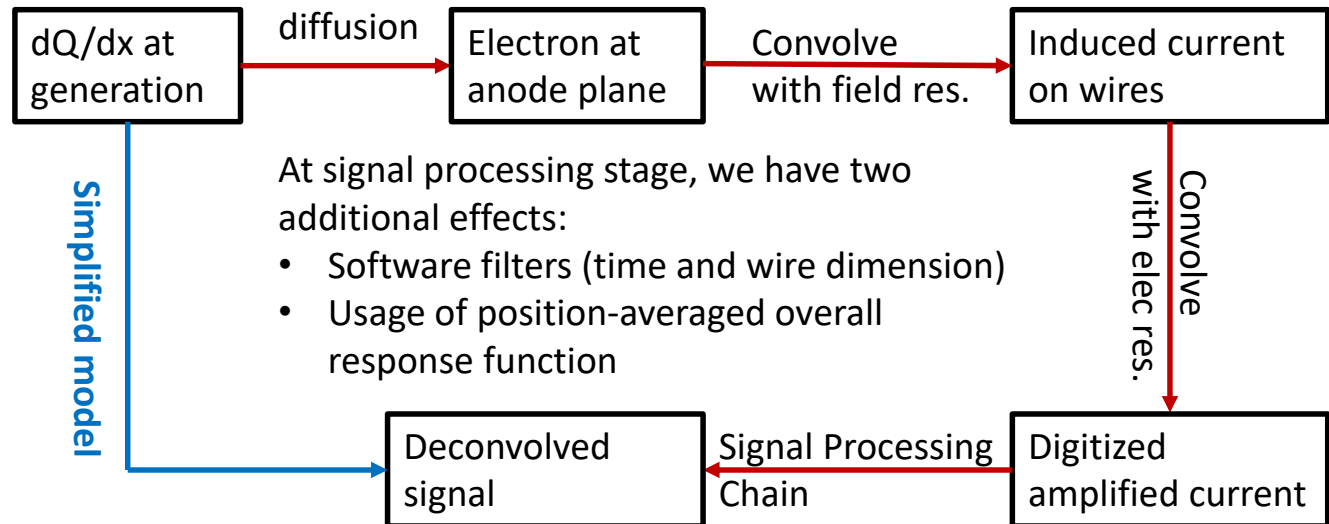
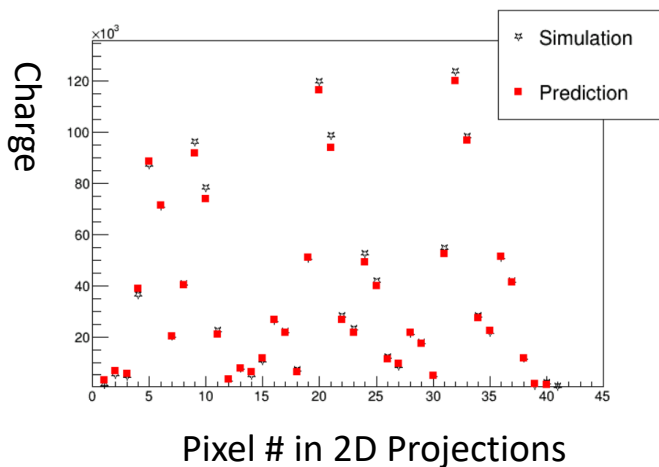
- Identified by directionality: from outside to inside
  - Tracks from neutrino activities will go out of detector from inside
  - Tracks from background will enter the detector from outside
- Trajectory and  $dQ/dx$  fitting  $\rightarrow$  Bragg peak  $\rightarrow$  directionality
- $dQ/dx$  vs. residual range is also important for the particle identification for tracks

# Principle of the Fit

- Come up with a 3D track hypothesis (3D trajectory points and  $dQ/dx$ )
- Predict the deconvolved signals on all projection views
- Minimize the difference between the observation and prediction



# Simplified Prediction of the Deconvolved Signal



- Full process of signal formation and signal processing is complex → significant burden in computation
- A simplified model was developed

# Trajectory and dQ/dx Fitting

## Overall Test Statistics

$$T(x_j, y_j, z_j, Q_j) = T_U + T_V + T_W + T_{reg}$$

$$T_{U|V|W} = \sum_j \sum_i \frac{q_i^2}{\delta q_i^2} \cdot dis(U|V|W)_{ij}^2$$

**Unknowns**  
**Measurements**

$i$  : pixel in 2D projection     $j$  : 3D trajectory point

$$dis(U)_{ij}^2 = \Delta U^2 \cdot (U_i - U_j(x_j, y_j, z_j))^2 + \Delta x^2 \cdot (t_i - t_j(x_j, y_j, z_j))^2$$

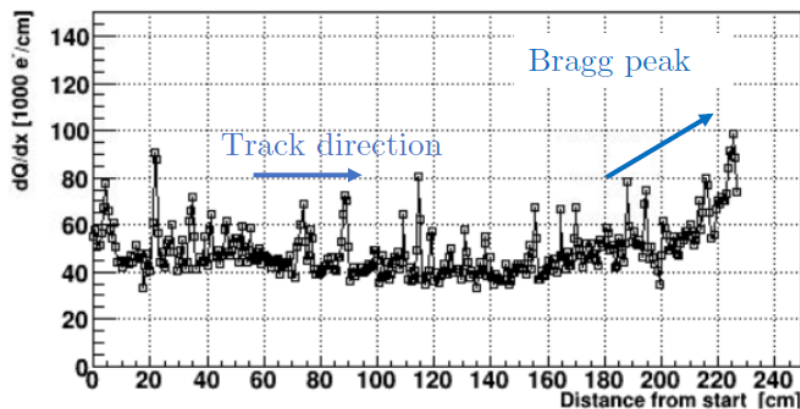
$\Delta U$ : bin size in U view,     $\Delta x$ : bin size in drift time t

## Overall Test Statistics

$$T(x_j, y_j, z_j, Q_j) = T_U + T_V + T_W + T_{reg}$$

$$T_U = \sum_{i=U,T} \frac{\left( q_i - \sum_j R_{Uij} Q_j \right)^2}{\delta q_i^2},$$

$R_{Uij}$  : smearing coefficients

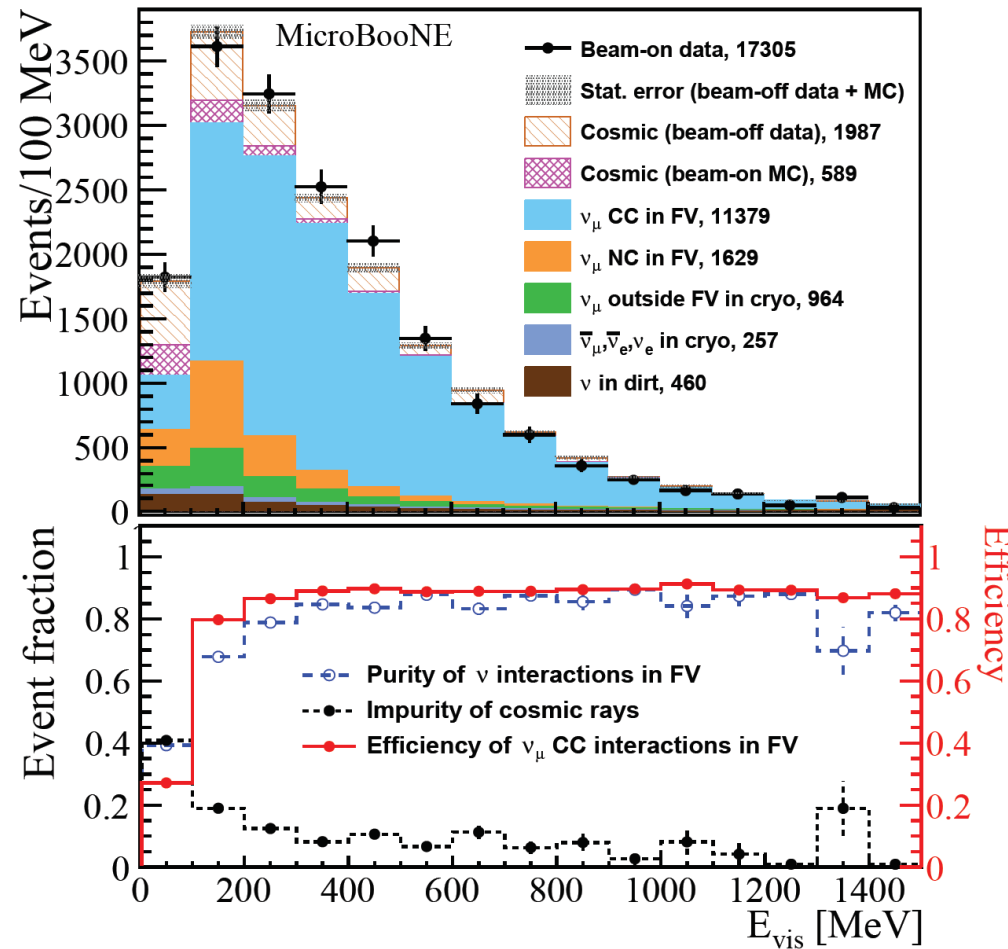


## Neutrino:Cosmic-ray

Charge-light matching	1 : 6.4	Improved by factor of >6
TGM rejection	1 : 0.91	Improved by factor of ~3
STM rejection	1 : 0.36	
Additional Cuts	1 : 0.20	

# Preselection

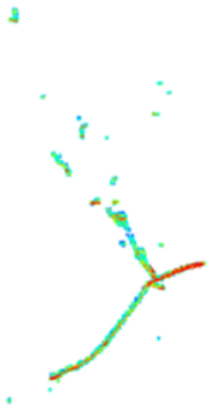
- Generic neutrino detection powered by many-to-many charge light matching and additional cosmic taggers to reject in-time coincidence cosmic-ray muons
  - 99.999% cosmic-ray muon background rejected
    - Start with 1:20,000 neutrinos to cosmics
    - End with 5.2:1 neutrinos to cosmics
  - 90% efficiency for  $\nu_e$ CC and 80% efficiency for  $\nu_\mu$ CC
  - $\nu_e$ CC purity  $\sim 0.4\%$  at this stage



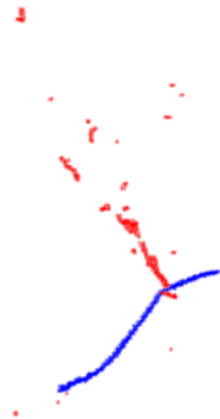
[Phys. Rev. Applied 15, 064071](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.07234)

# 3D Pattern Recognition

(a) Selected neutrino activity



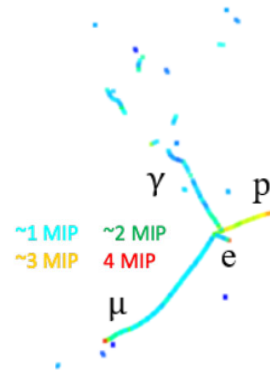
(b) Track/Shower separation



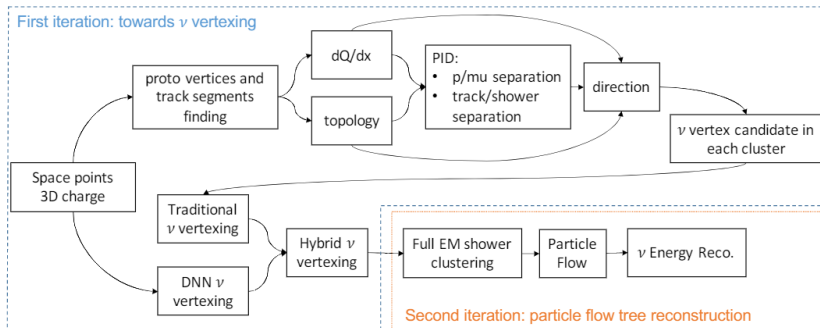
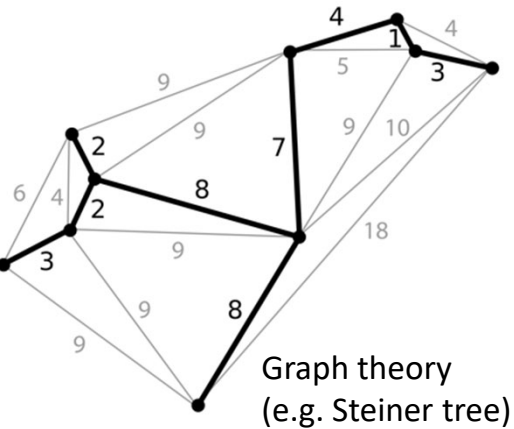
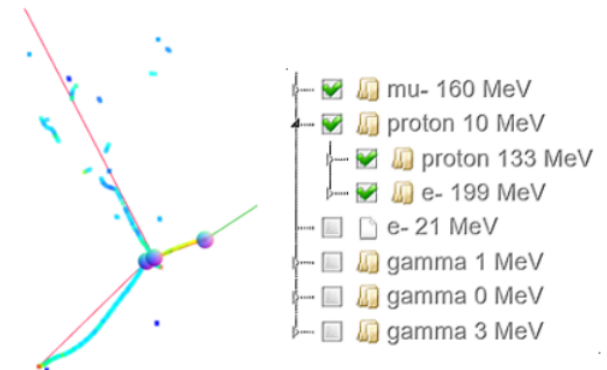
(c) Particle-level sub-clustering



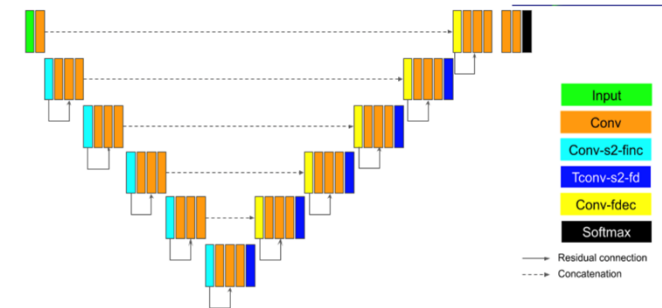
(d) 3D dQ/dx displayed with PID capability



(e) Particle flow starting from neutrino vertex



Deep-learning neural network

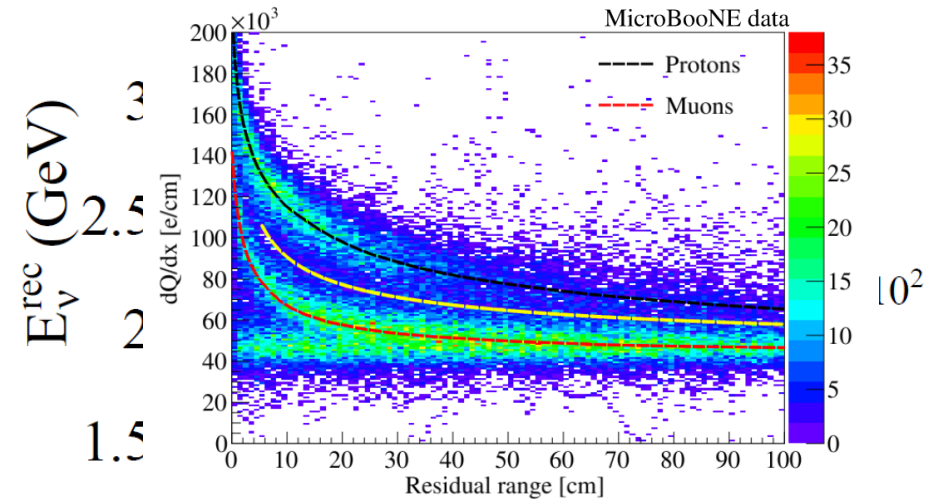




# Neutrino Energy Reconstruction

- Calorimetry energy reconstruction with particle mass and binding energy included if PID can be done

- Track: Range,  $dQ/dx \rightarrow dE/dx$  correction
  - Calibrated by stopped muons/protons
- EM shower: scaling of charge
  - Calibrated by  $\pi^0$  invariance mass

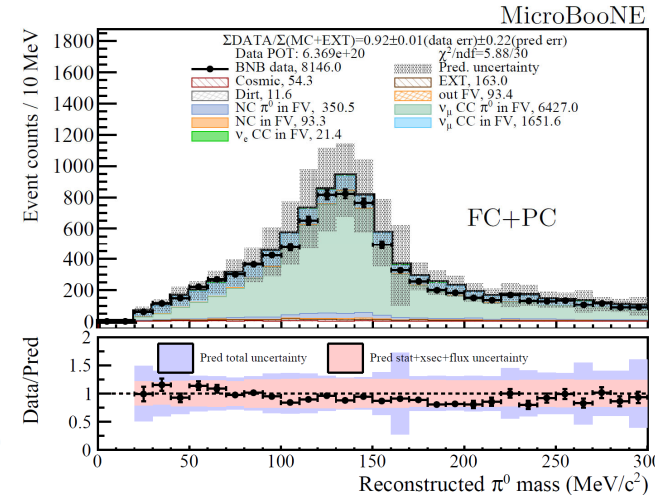
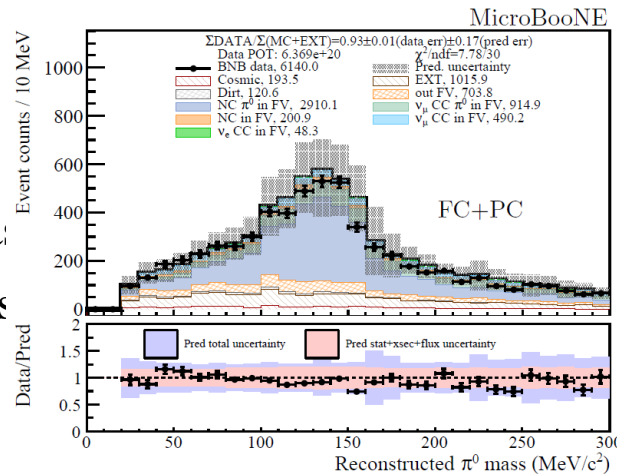


- Fully contained events

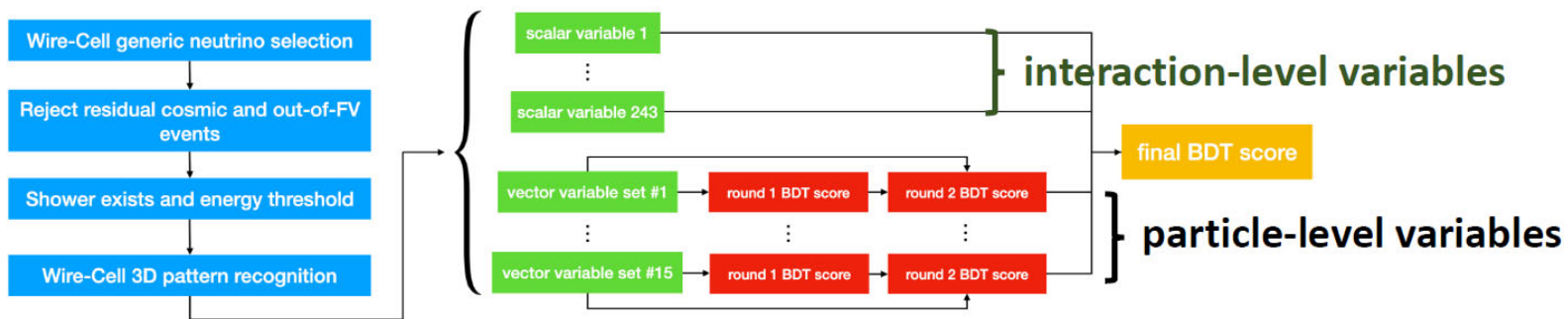
$\nu_e CC$  10-15% resolution  $\sim 7\%$  bias

$\nu_\mu CC$  15-20% resolution  $\sim 10\%$  bias

[arXiv:2110.13961](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13961)



# Neutrino Selection through Machine Learning



Human feature engineering

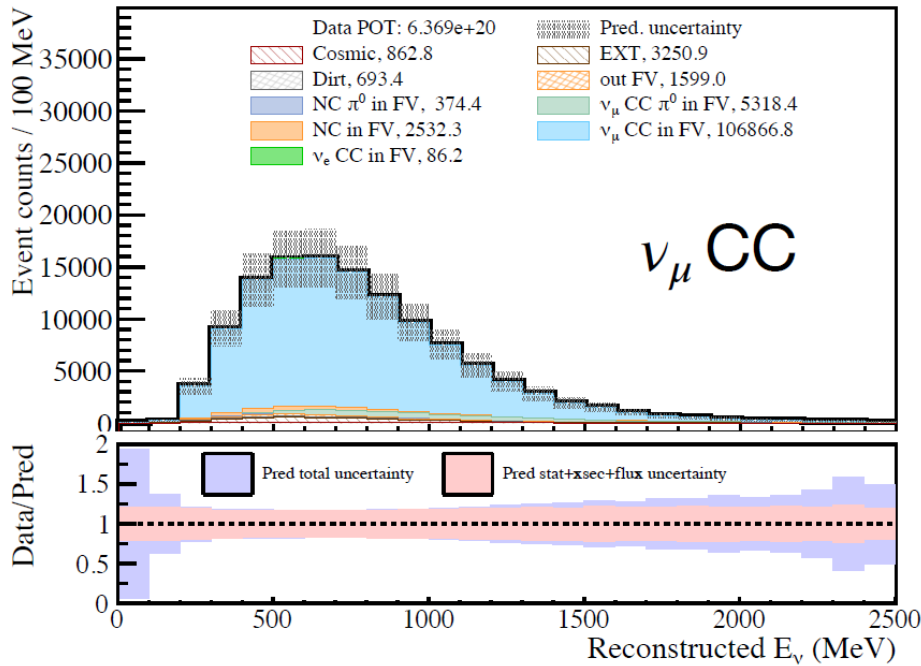
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Machine learning algorithm:

XGBOOST: extreme Gradient Boosting

# $\nu_\mu$ CC and $\nu_e$ CC Event Selection

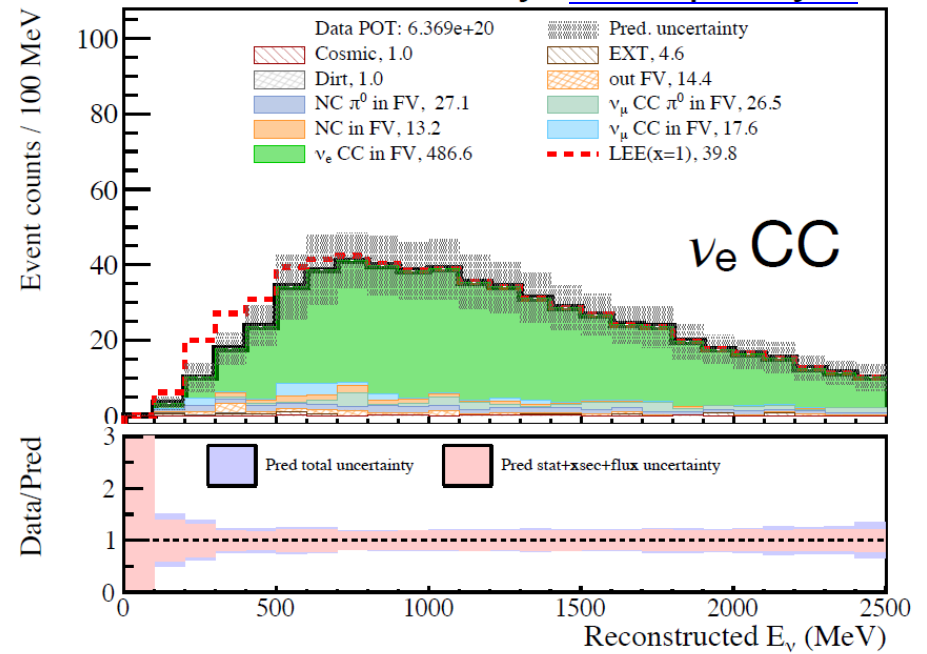
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Efficiency: 68%

w.r.t to all  $\nu_\mu$  CC w. vertex in fiducial volume

Purity: 92% (>5 improvement in S/B)



Efficiency: 46%

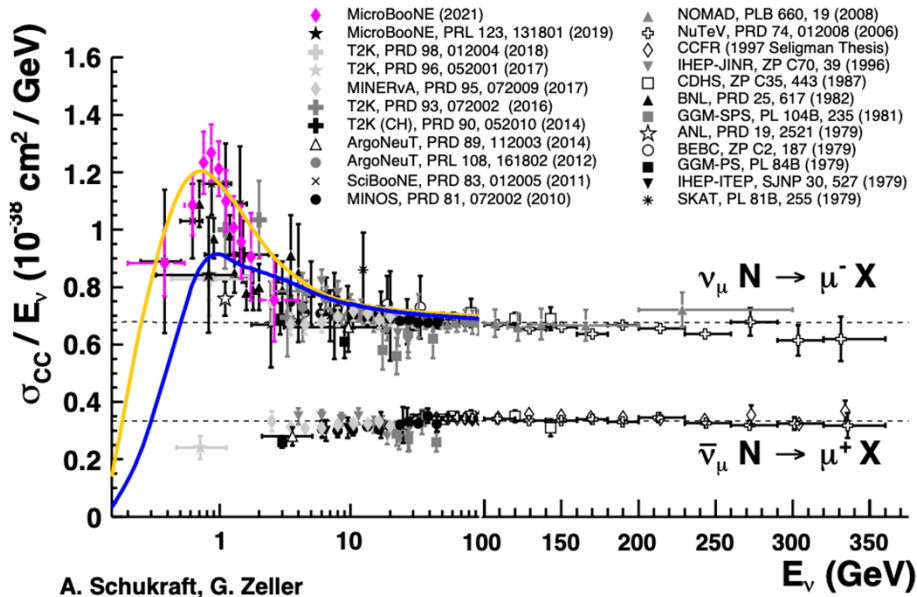
w.r.t to all  $\nu_e$  CC w. vertex in fiducial volume

Purity: 82% (>800 improvement in S/B)

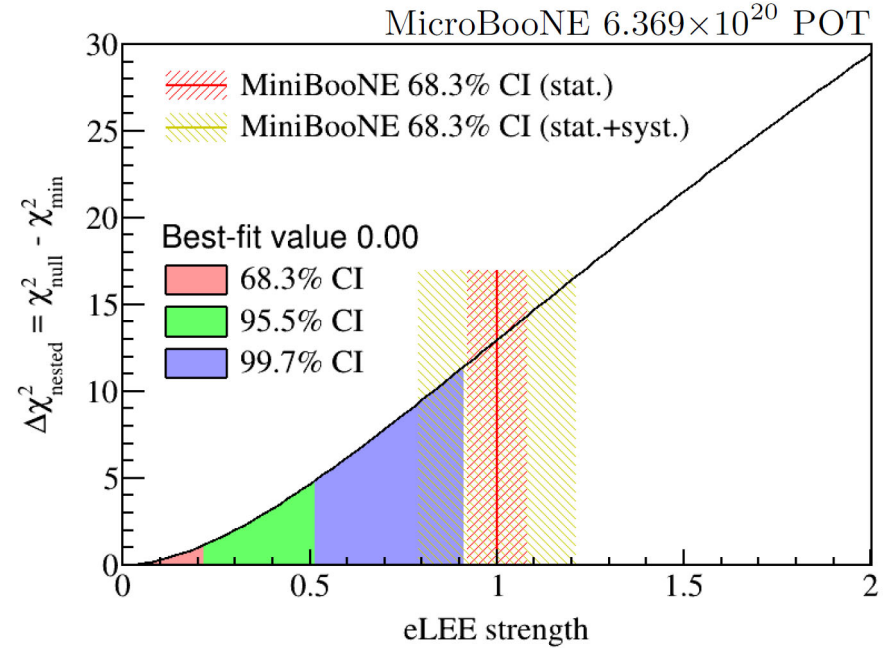
We are ready to do physics!

# Application of Wire-Cell in Physics Analyses

## Energy-dependent Cross Section



## Search for $\nu_e$ Low Energy Excess



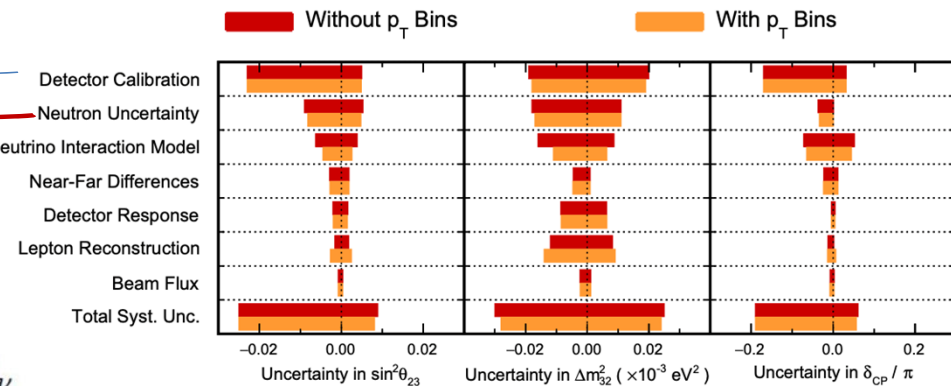
# Systematic budget of Accelerator Neutrino Oscillation Measurements

- Cross section uncertainty is the dominant for accelerator oscillation experiments

$$N^{far}(E_{reco}) = \int \Phi(E_\nu, L) \times \sigma(E_\nu) \times \epsilon(E_\nu) \times \mathbf{D}(E_\nu \rightarrow E_{reco}) dE_\nu$$


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$$N^{near}(E_{reco}) = \int \Phi(E_\nu, 0) \times \sigma(E_\nu) \times \epsilon(E_\nu) \times \mathbf{D}(E_\nu \rightarrow E_{reco}) dE_\nu$$



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- It's important to understand
  - Energy dependence of the inclusive cross section:  $\sigma(E_\nu)$
  - Mapping:  $\mathbf{D}(E_\nu \rightarrow E_{reco})$

# Evolved cross section extraction method

- Forward-folding

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dp_\mu}\right)_i = \frac{N_i - B_i}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i \cdot N_{\text{target}} \cdot \Phi_{\nu_\mu} \cdot (\Delta p_\mu)_i}$$

$N_i$  ( $B_i$ ): # of candidate (bkgd) in reco bin  $i$

$N_{\text{target}}$ : # of argon nuclei

$\Phi_{\nu_\mu}$ : integrated neutrino flux

$(\Delta p_\mu)_i$ : width for reco bin  $i$

$\tilde{\epsilon}_i$ : effective efficiency for reco bin  $i$

- (Wiener-SVD) unfolding

$$N_i = \sum_j R_{ij} \cdot S_j + B_i$$

$N_i$  ( $B_i$ ): # of candidate (bkgd) in reco bin  $i$

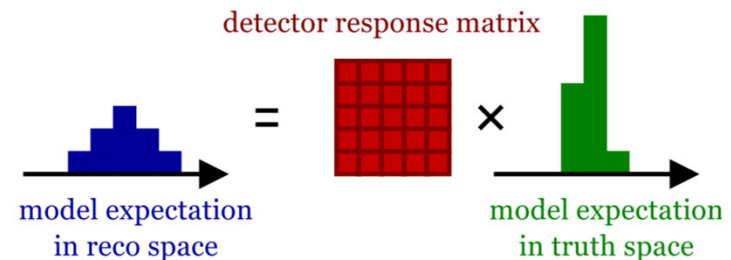
$R_{ij}$ : response (smearing) matrix

$S_j$ : cross section to be extracted in **true bin  $j$**

→ Flux shape uncertainty properly treated ‡

Wiener-SVD: JINST 12 (2017) 10, P10002

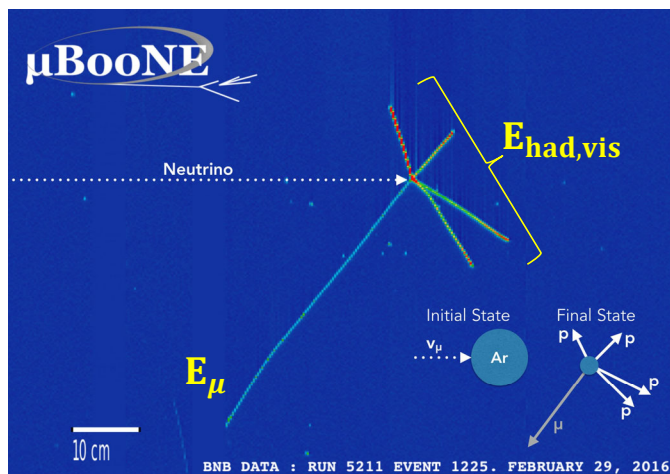
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# Evolved inclusive $\nu_\mu$ CC measurement

- Enhanced event selection efficiency (**57%→68%**) and **purity (50%→92%)**
- Extracted neutrino energy-dependent inclusive  $\nu_\mu$  CC cross section
- **Challenge:** how to verify the modeling of the undetected **missing hadronic energy?**

→ Mapping of  $E_\nu \rightarrow E_\nu^{\text{rec}}$



True energy components:

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{\text{had,vis}} + E_{\text{had,missing}}$$

Calorimetric energy reconstruction:

$$E_\nu^{\text{rec}} = E_\mu^{\text{rec}} + E_{\text{had,vis}}^{\text{rec}}$$

# Conditional constraining procedure

- Overcome the challenge by leveraging LArTPC's simultaneous measurements of **lepton energy** and **visible hadronic energy**

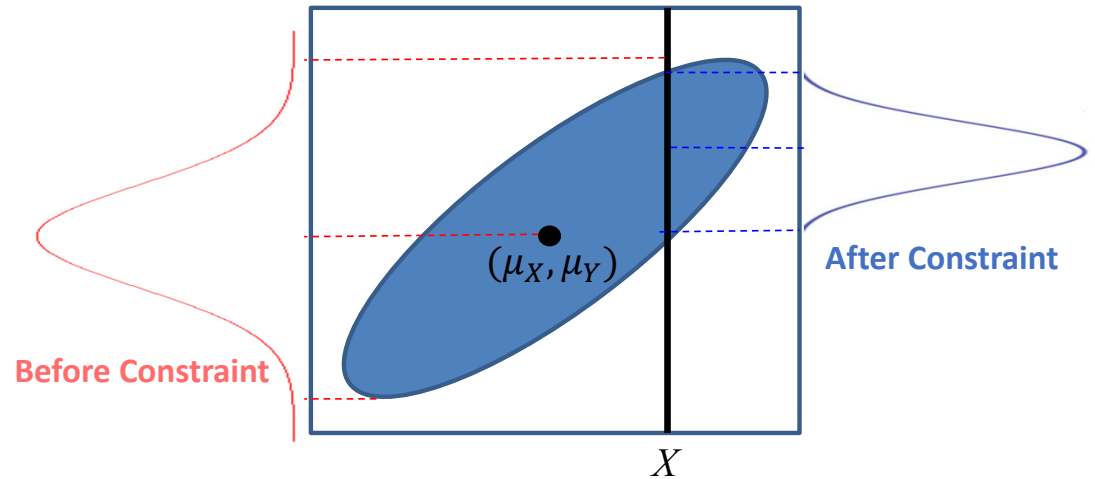
## Conditional expectation & covariance

$$\mu_{X,Y} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{X,Y} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mu_{Y|X} = \mu_Y + \Sigma_{YX}\Sigma_{XX}^{-1}(X - \mu_X)$$

$$\Sigma_{Y|X} = \Sigma_{YY} - \Sigma_{YX}\Sigma_{XX}^{-1}\Sigma_{XY}$$

\* A variant of Gaussian Process regression



\* Estimate correlated statistical uncertainty with bootstrapping (sampling w/ replacement)

$$\begin{matrix} \mu(E_{had}^{rec}) \\ \Sigma(E_{had}^{rec}) \end{matrix} + M(E_{\mu}^{rec}) = \begin{matrix} \mu(E_{had}^{rec} | E_{\mu}^{rec}, E_{\nu}) \\ \Sigma(E_{had}^{rec} | E_{\mu}^{rec}, E_{\nu}) \end{matrix}$$

Prior model

Sideband

Posterior model

$$E_{\nu} = E_{\mu} + E_{had,vis} + E_{had,missing}$$



# Model Validation: $M(\mathbf{E}_{had}^{rec})$ vs. $\mu(\mathbf{E}_{had}^{rec} | \mathbf{E}_\nu, \mathbf{E}_\mu^{rec})$

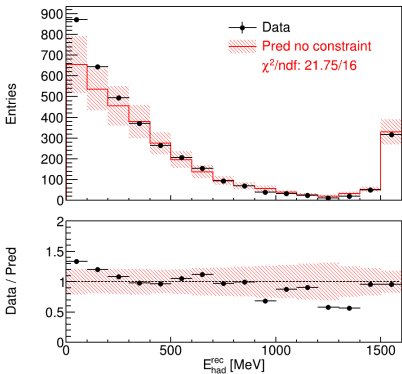
- New method to validate modeling of neutrino energy reconstruction given separated lepton and hadronic energy measurements in LArTPC

Neutrino flux modeling

Measurement of muon kinematics

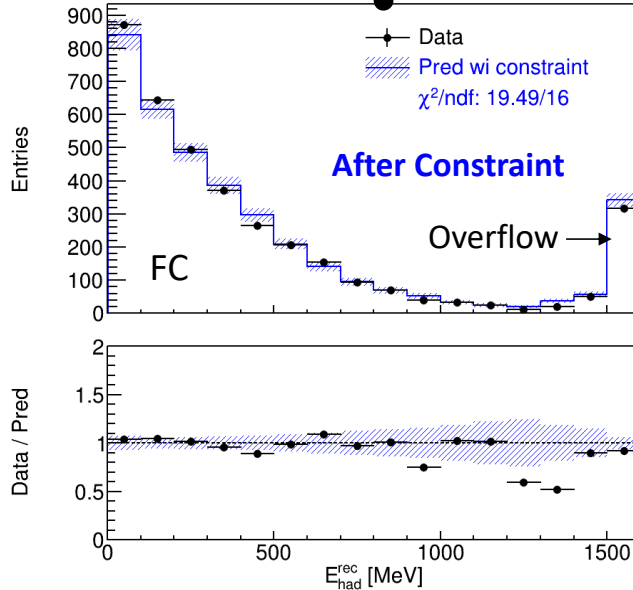
$$\mathbf{E}_\nu = \mathbf{E}_\mu + \mathbf{E}_{had,vis} + \mathbf{E}_{had,missing}$$

Before Constraint



Excess at low hadronic energy indicates mis-modeling of missing energy?

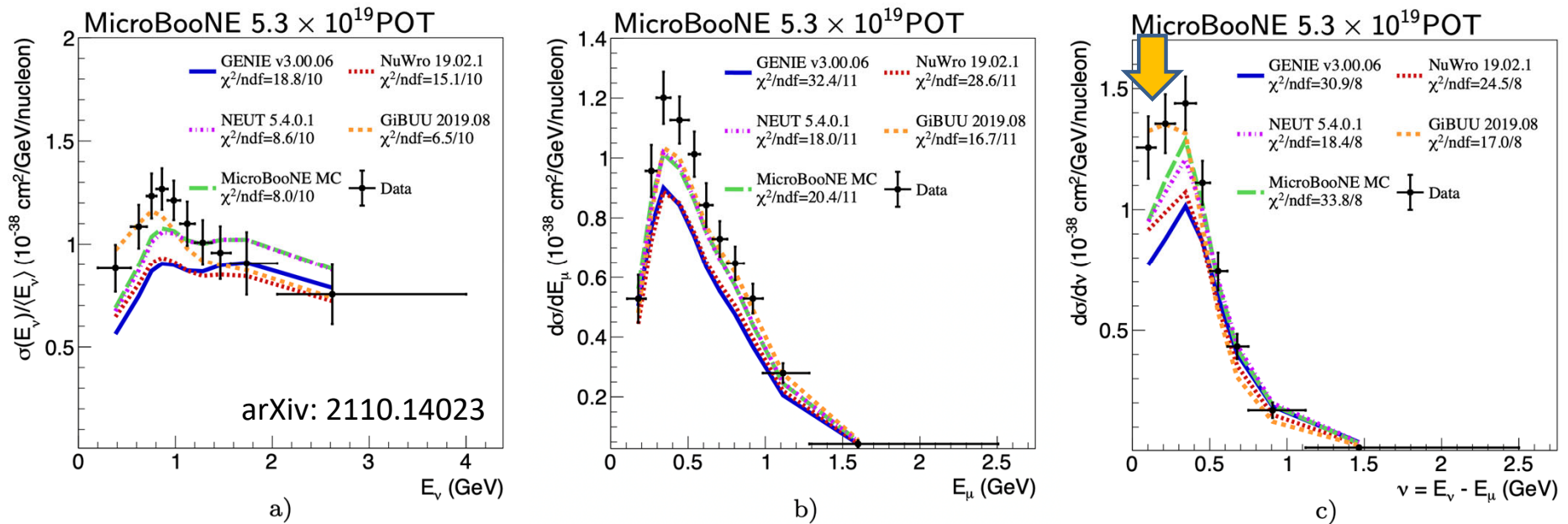
After Constraint



Measured muon kinematics are used to constrain the overall model (flux, cross section, etc.) for hadronic energy

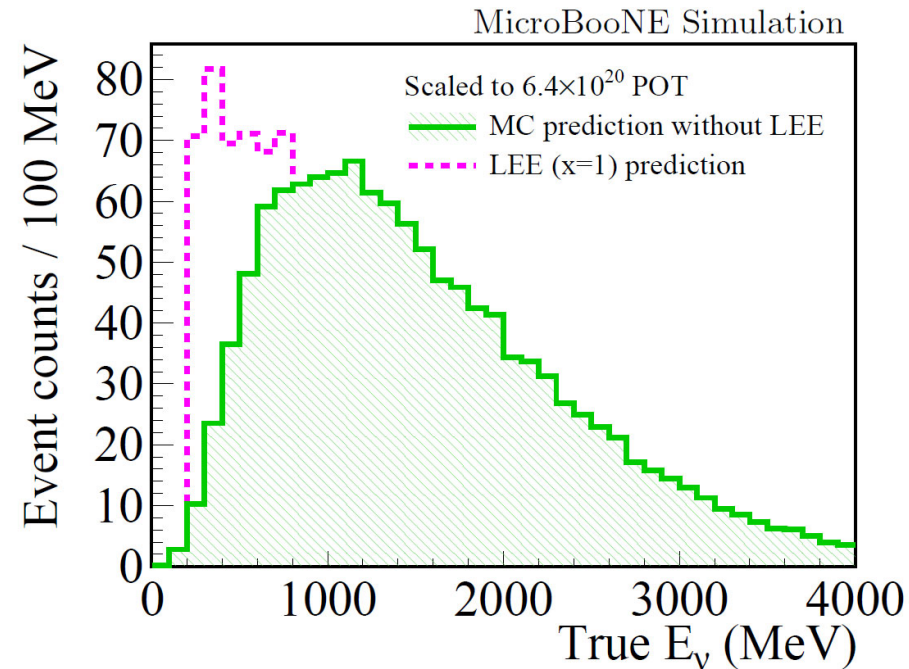
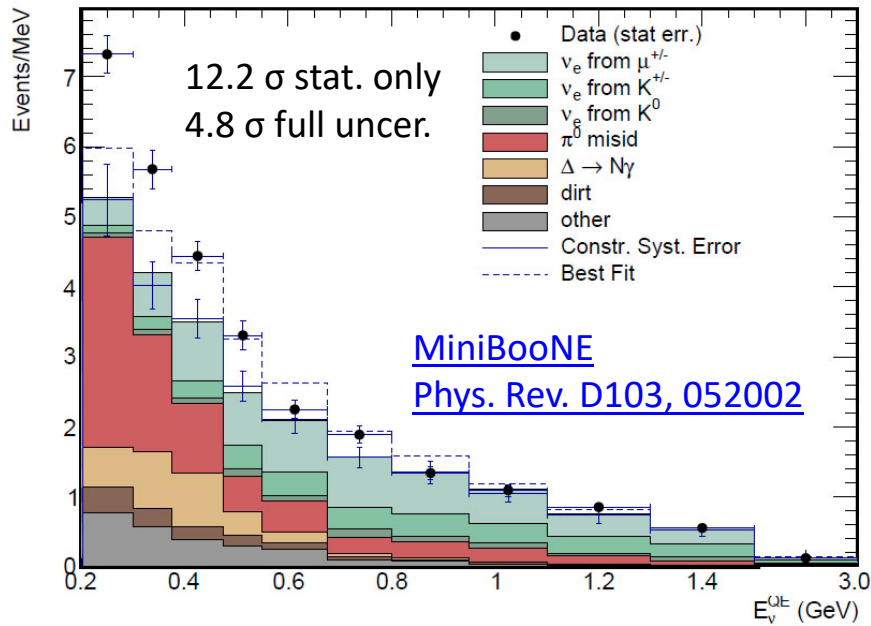
- Systematic uncertainties 20%  $\rightarrow$  5% in performing model validation
- No more excess at low hadronic energy with constraints from muon
- No sign of mis-modeling of the **missing hadronic energy**

# Cross-section results and model comparison



- Good separation power of model predictions from different generators
- GiBUU's central prediction gives best agreement at low energy transfer for Ar  $\Rightarrow$  more contribution of 2p2h

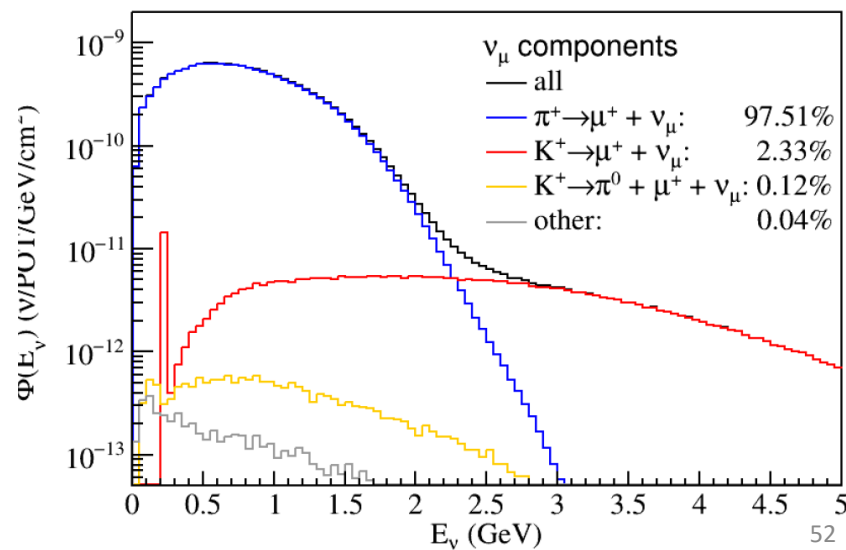
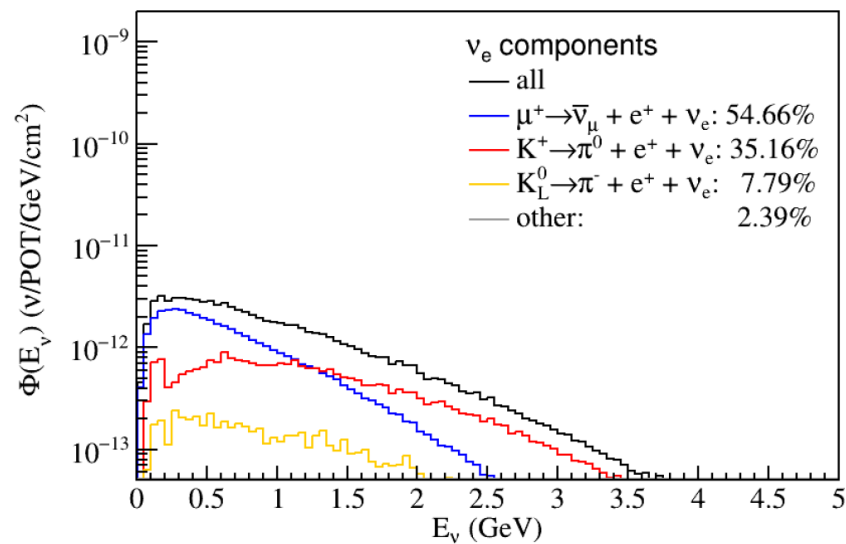
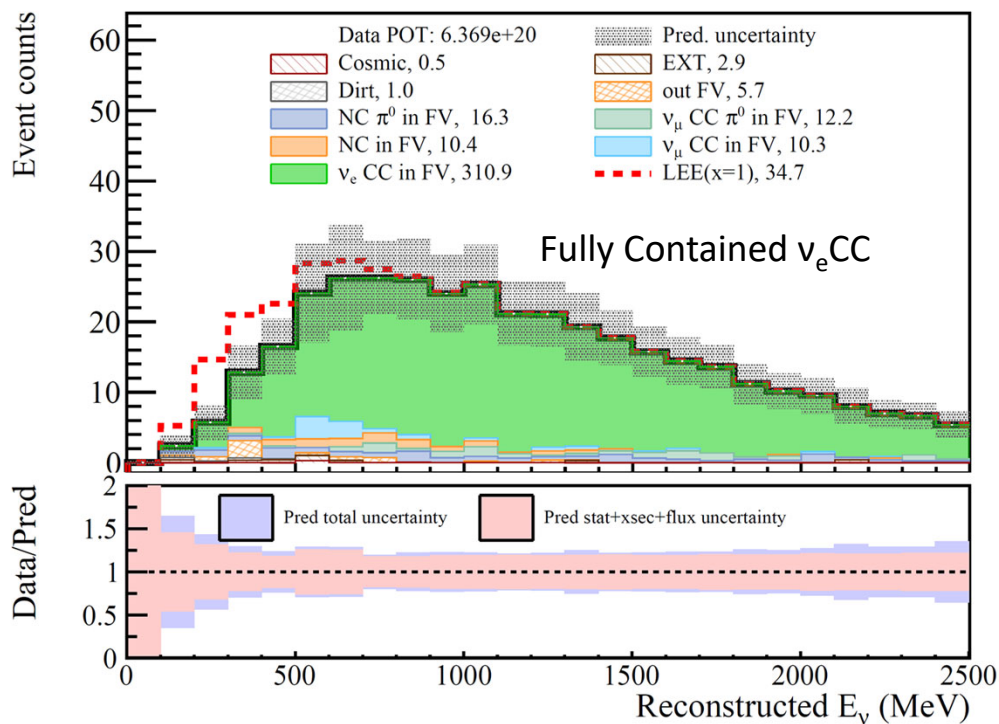
# Model of eLEE for the Search in MicroBooNE



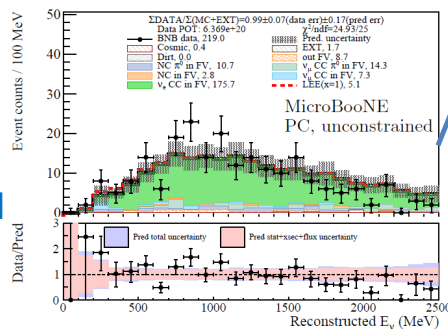
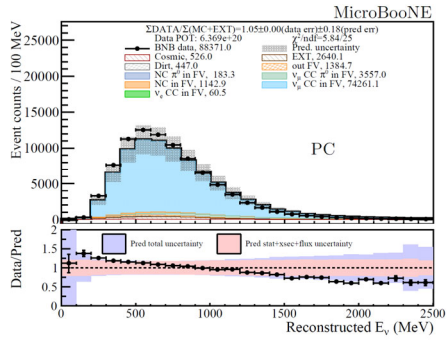
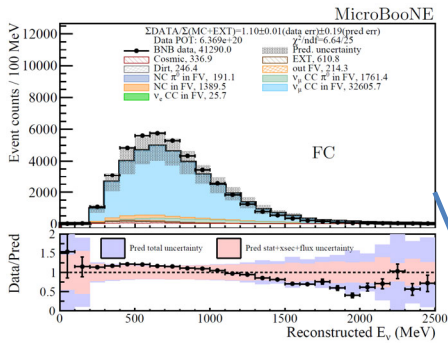
- eLEE is built upon the intrinsic  $\nu_e$  as a function of neutrino energy
  - Unfolded from MiniBooNE observation and applied to MicroBooNE
- One normalization parameter 'x' built in the model

$\text{MiniBooNE } x = \begin{cases} 1 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat.)} \\ 1 \pm 0.21 \text{ (full)} \end{cases}$
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# General Analysis Strategy



## Signal Constraints



Reco neutrino energy

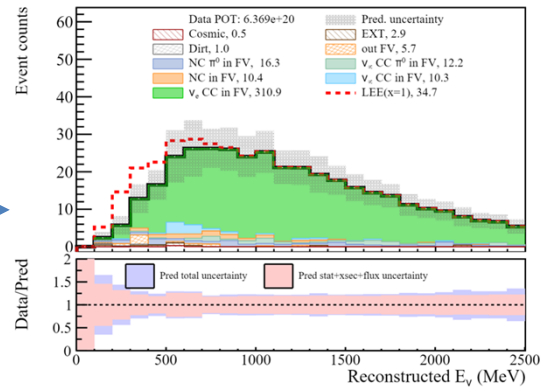
$\nu_\mu$  CC  
 Full  
 Contained

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 Contained

$\nu_e$  CC  
 Partially  
 Contained

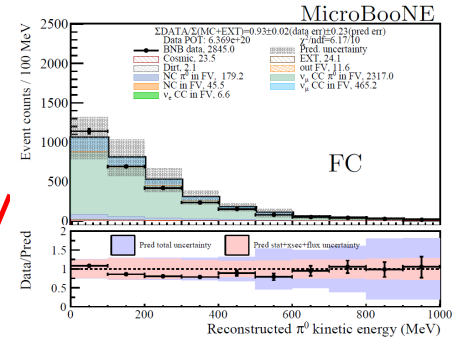
# Seven-channel fit

$\nu_e$  CC Fully Contained

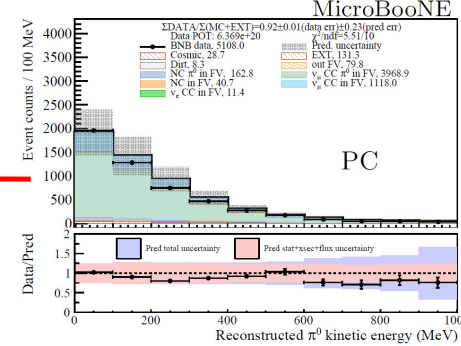


Reco neutrino energy

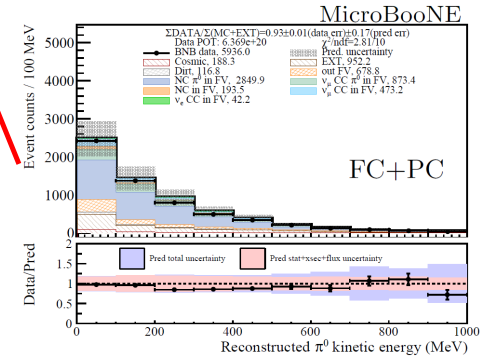
## Background Constraints



$CC\pi^0$   
 Fully  
 Contained



$CC\pi^0$   
 partially  
 Contained

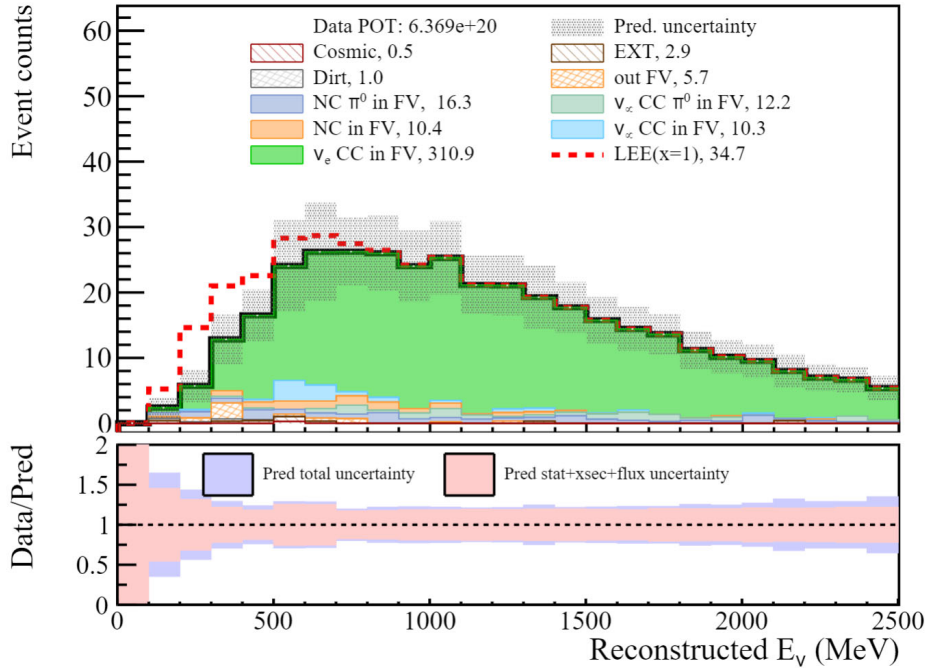


$NC\pi^0$

Reco. pi0 energy

# Impact of Signal and Background Constraints

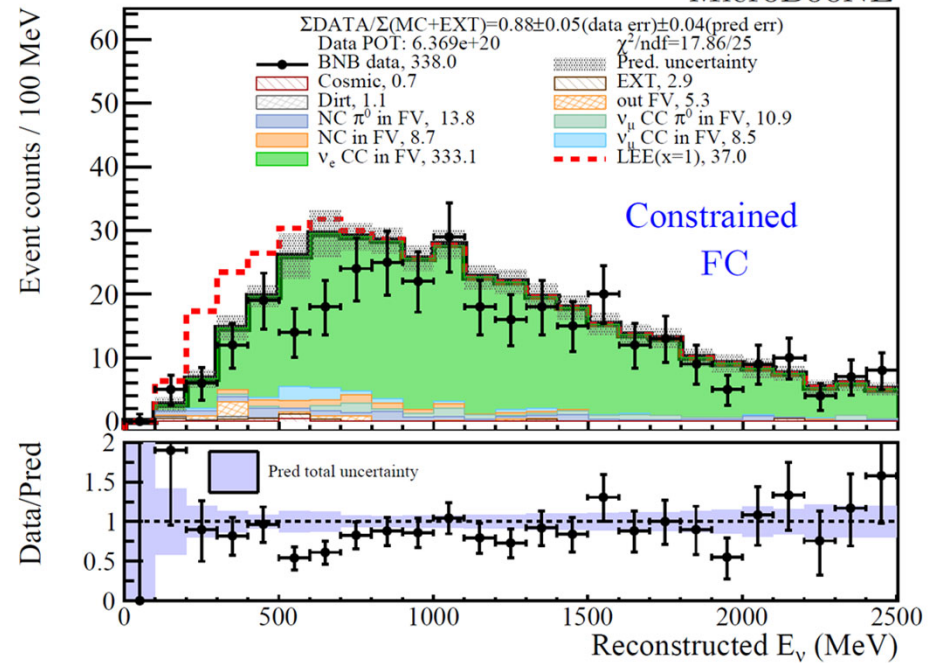
Before



systematics reduced by more than a factor of 3

After Constraints and Unblinding

MicroBooNE

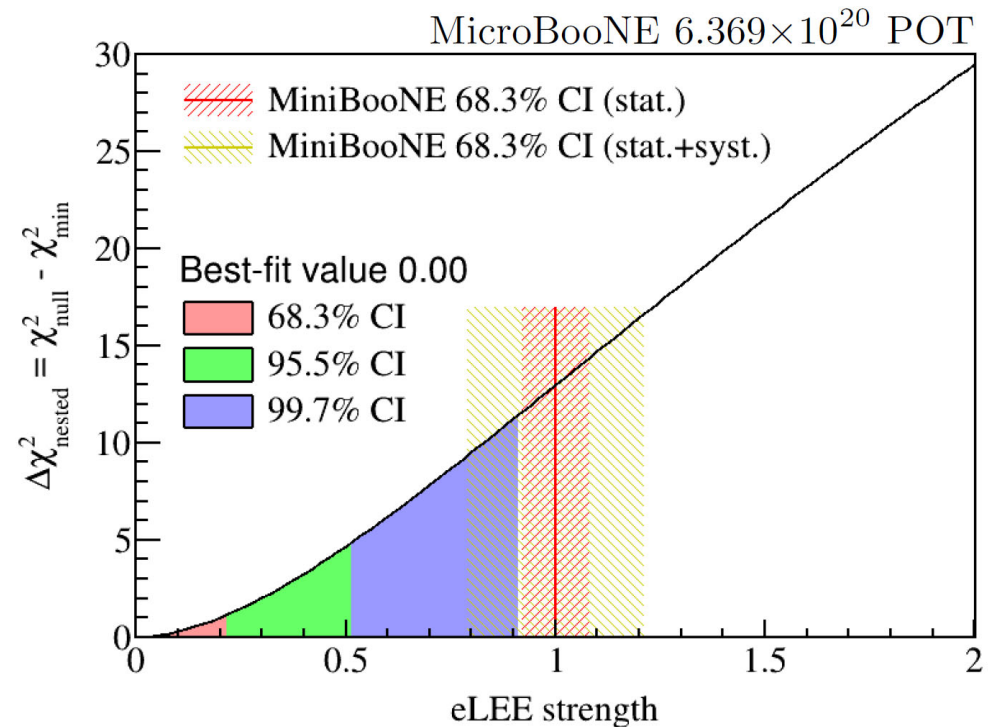


No excess of low-energy  $\nu_e$  candidates!

# Nested Hypothesis Test with free floating LEE strength

- Best-fit LEE strength at zero, given a slight deficit is observed in the signal region
- 68% stat-only uncer. MiniBooNE CI is disfavored at over  $3\sigma$
- 68% full uncer. MiniBooNE CI is disfavored at over  $2.6\sigma$

[arXiv:2110.13978](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13978)

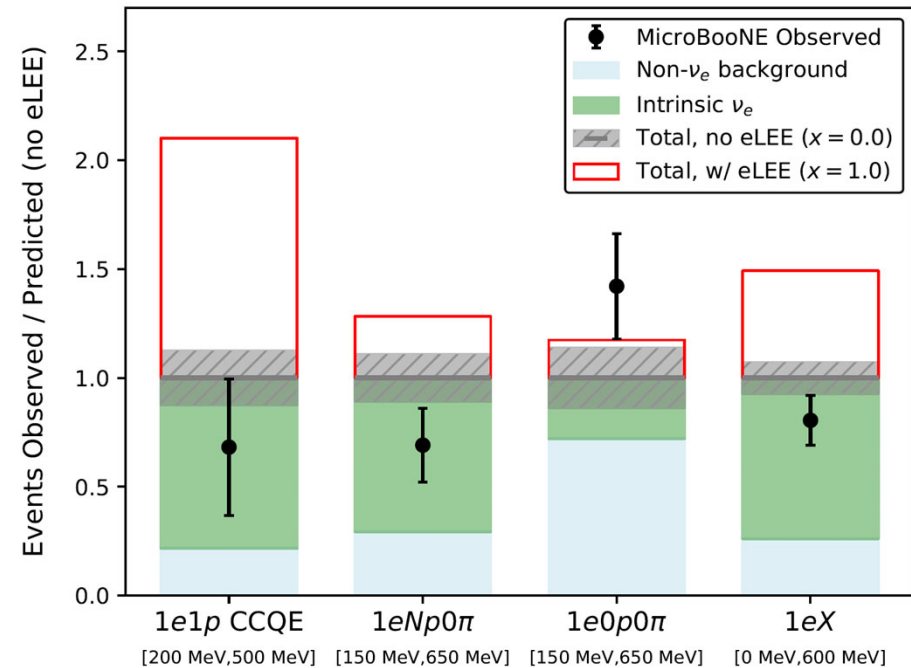


**$\nu_e$  cannot be the sole explanation of MiniBooNE LEE!**

# Search for Low-Energy Excess in $\nu_e$ CC

- Comprehensive search for (examination of) the MiniBooNE low-energy excess in  $\nu_e$ CC with multiple final-state topologies with different reconstruction paradigms

Channels	Reconstruction	Purity	Data Events	References
CCQE 1e1p	Deep Learning	75%	25	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14080">2110.14080</a>
1e0p0 $\pi$	Pandora	43%	34	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14065">2110.14065</a>
1eNp0 $\pi$	Pandora	80%	64	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14065">2110.14065</a>
Inclusive 1eX	<b>Wire-Cell</b>	82%	606	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13978">2110.13978</a>



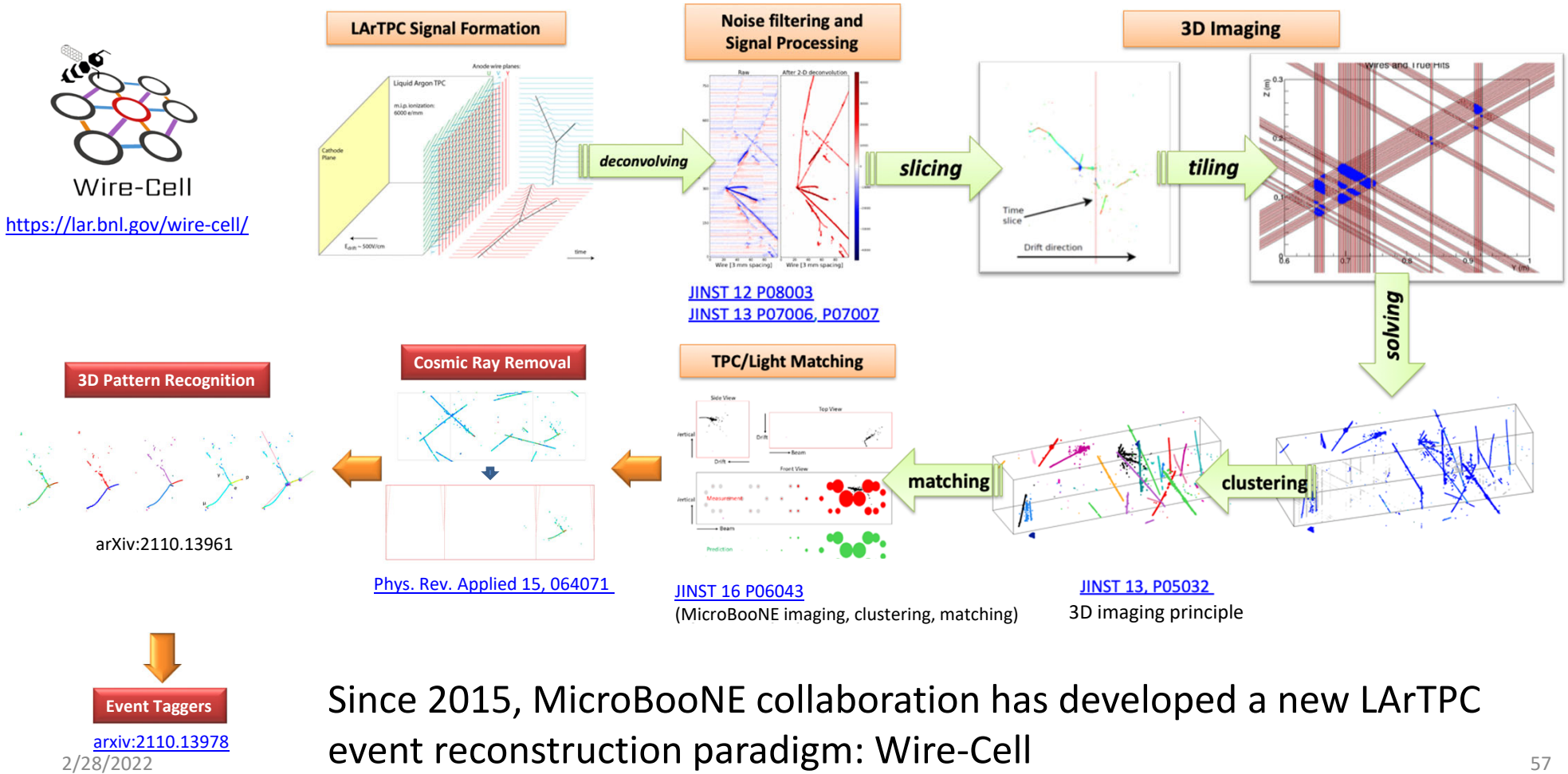
Wire-Cell based inclusive  $\nu_e$ CC analysis (46% efficiency) currently leads sensitivity in searching for the LEE

[arXiv:2110.14054](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14054)

No excess of low-energy  $\nu_e$  candidates!

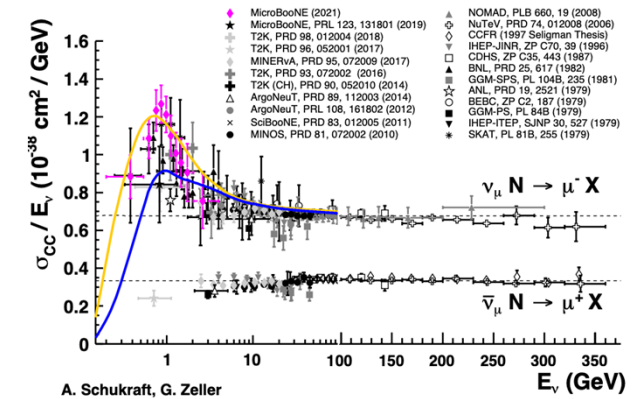
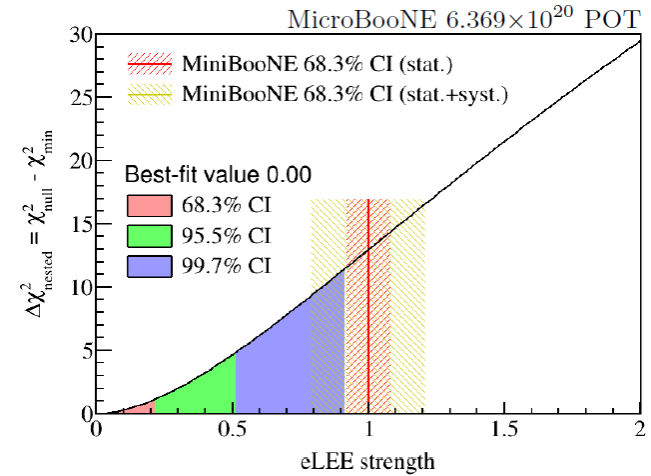


# Summary (I): Wire-Cell Event Reconstruction Chain



# Summary (II)

- The development of Wire-Cell has paid off in the MicroBooNE experiment
- The LArTPC technology advancements made by MicroBooNE is building a solid foundation for next discoveries in neutrino physics (SBN & DUNE)



$$\sigma(E_\nu)$$

