

Observation of a Significant Excess of Electron-Like Events in the MiniBooNE Short-Baseline Neutrino Experiment

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outline

1. MiniBooNE neutrino experiment
2. Oscillation candidate search
3. Discussion

This talk is a shorter version of my CERN seminar, longer version is here
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New results confirm old anomaly in neutrino data

The collaboration of a neutrino experiment called MiniBooNE just published their new results.

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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 .

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Evidence Found for a New Fundamental Particle

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An experiment at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Chicago has detected far more electron neutrinos than expected, a possible harbinger of a revolutionary new element called the sterile neutrino, though many physicists

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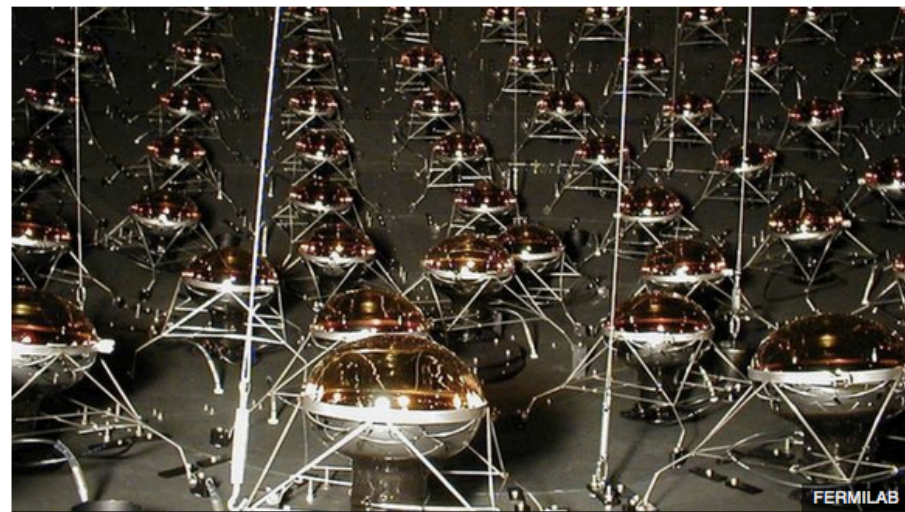
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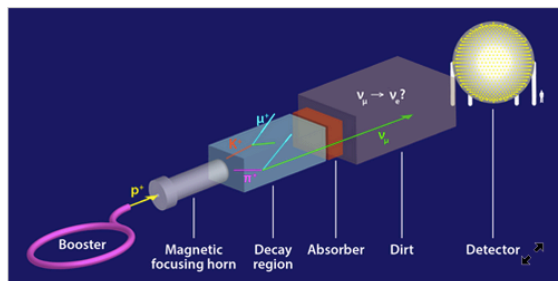
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Viewpoint: The Plot Thickens for a Fourth Neutrino

Joachim Kopp, Theoretical Physics Department, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, and PRISMA Cluster of Excellence, Mainz, Germany

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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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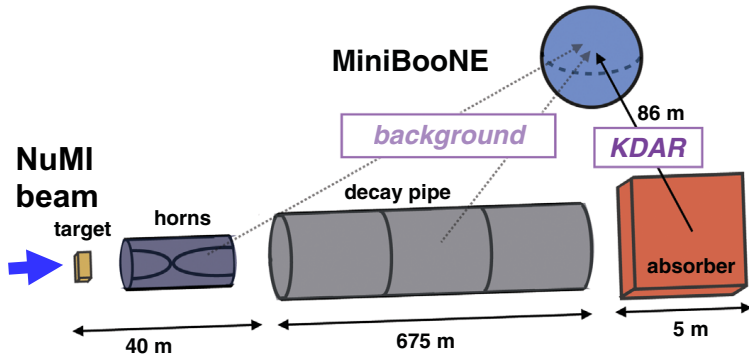
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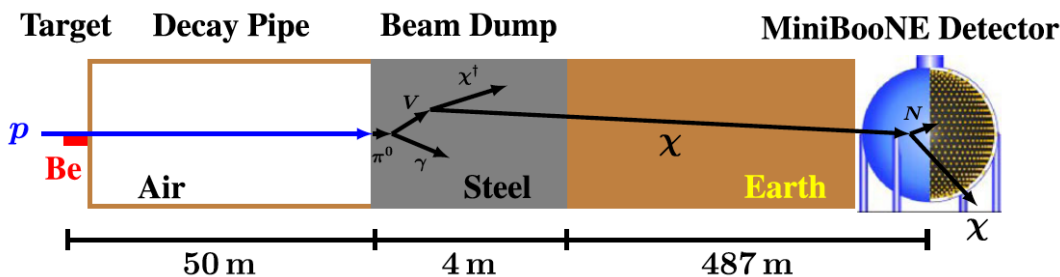
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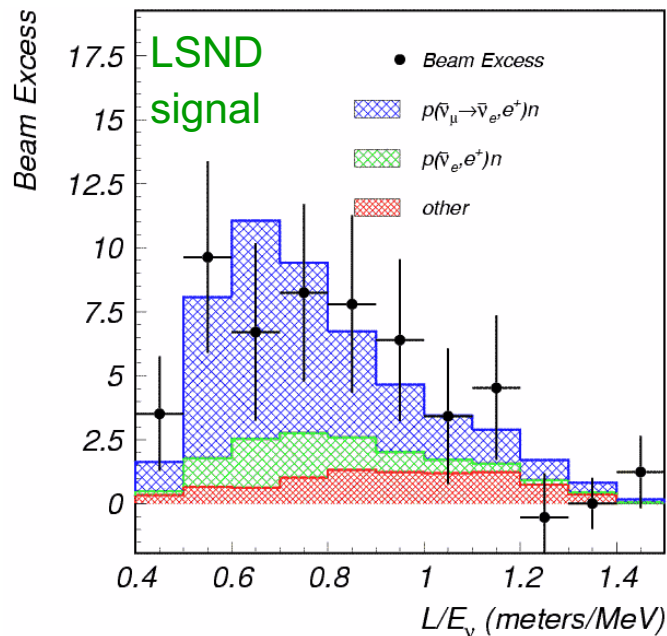
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1. LSND experiment

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

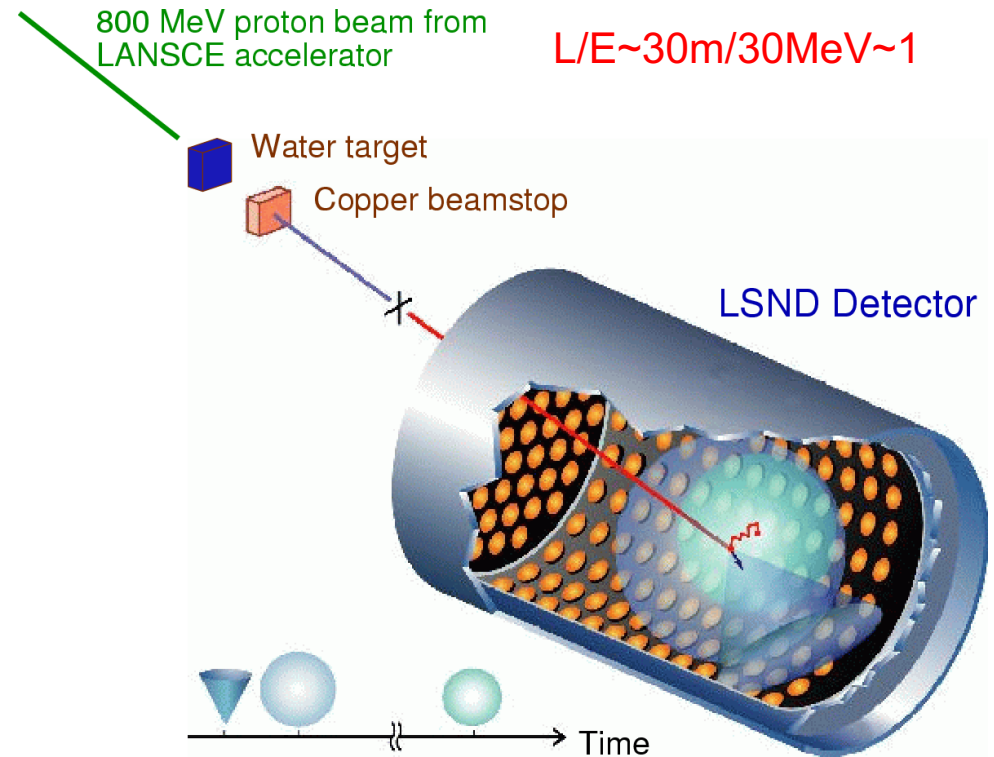
$$87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0 \text{ (3.8}\sigma\text{)}$$



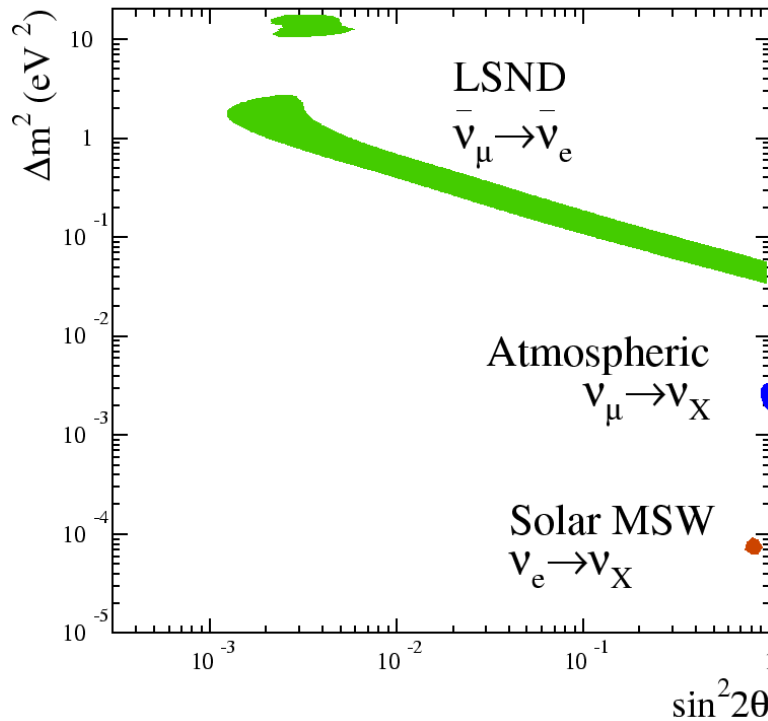
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(1.27 \Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E} \right)$$

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

$$n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$$



1. LSND experiment

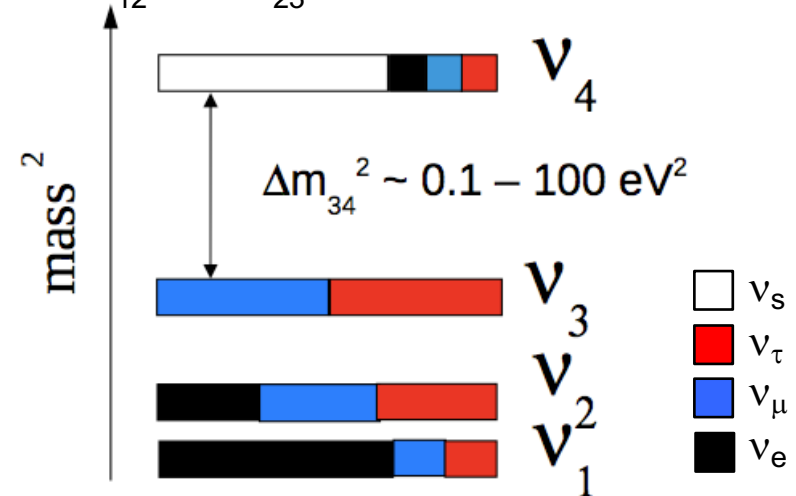


3 types of neutrino oscillations are found:

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

But we cannot have so many Δm^2 !

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



LSND signal indicates 4th generation neutrino, but we know there is no additional flavour from Z-boson decay, so it must be **sterile neutrino**

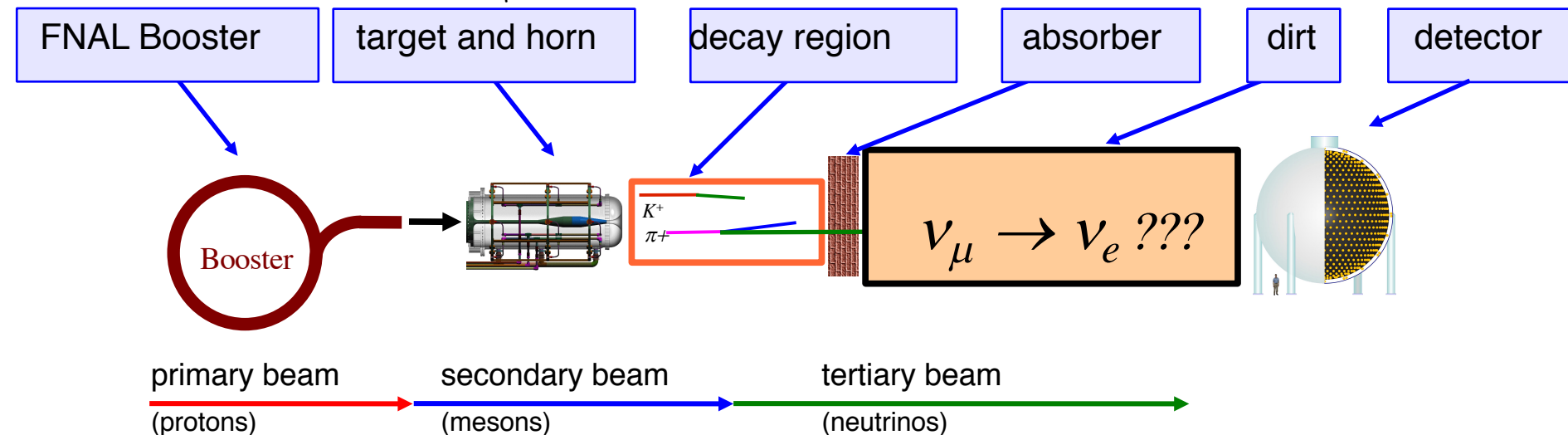
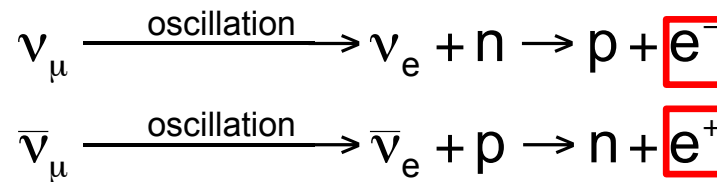
MiniBooNE is designed to have same $L/E \sim 500 \text{ m}/500 \text{ MeV} \sim 1$ to test LSND $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$

1. MiniBooNE experiment

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

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



MiniBooNE has;

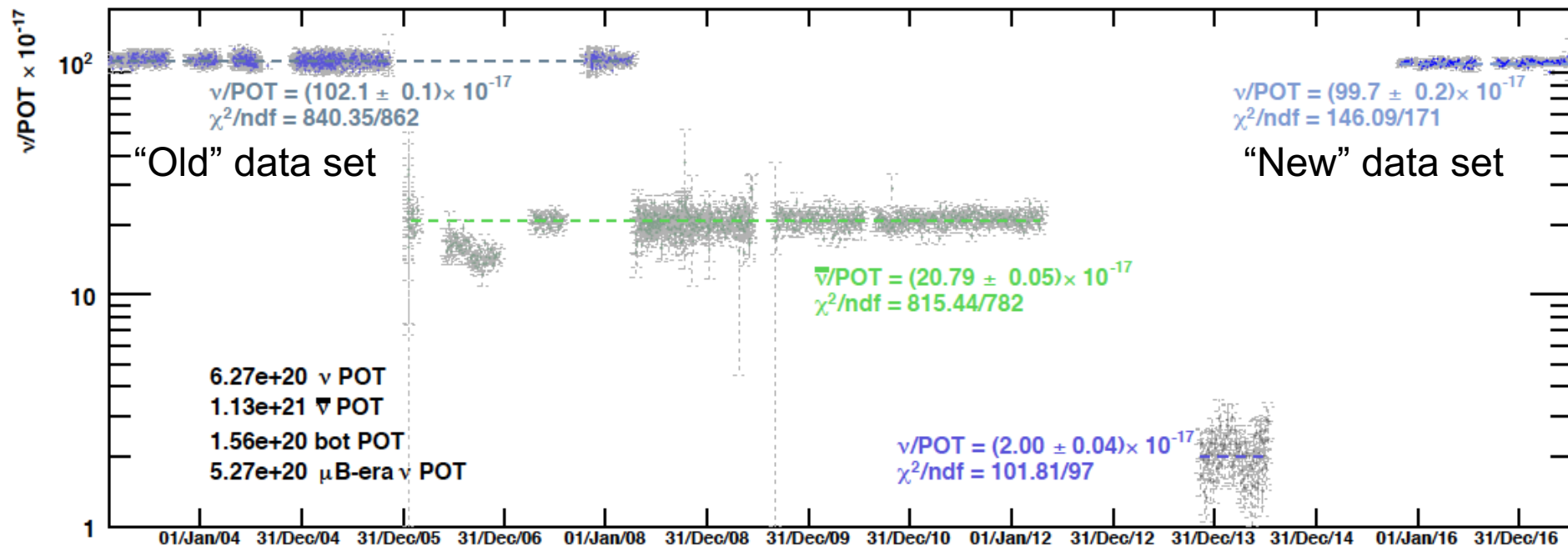
- higher energy (~500 MeV) than LSND (~30 MeV)
- longer baseline (~500 m) than LSND (~30 m)

1. Detector stability

Event rate look consistent from expectations

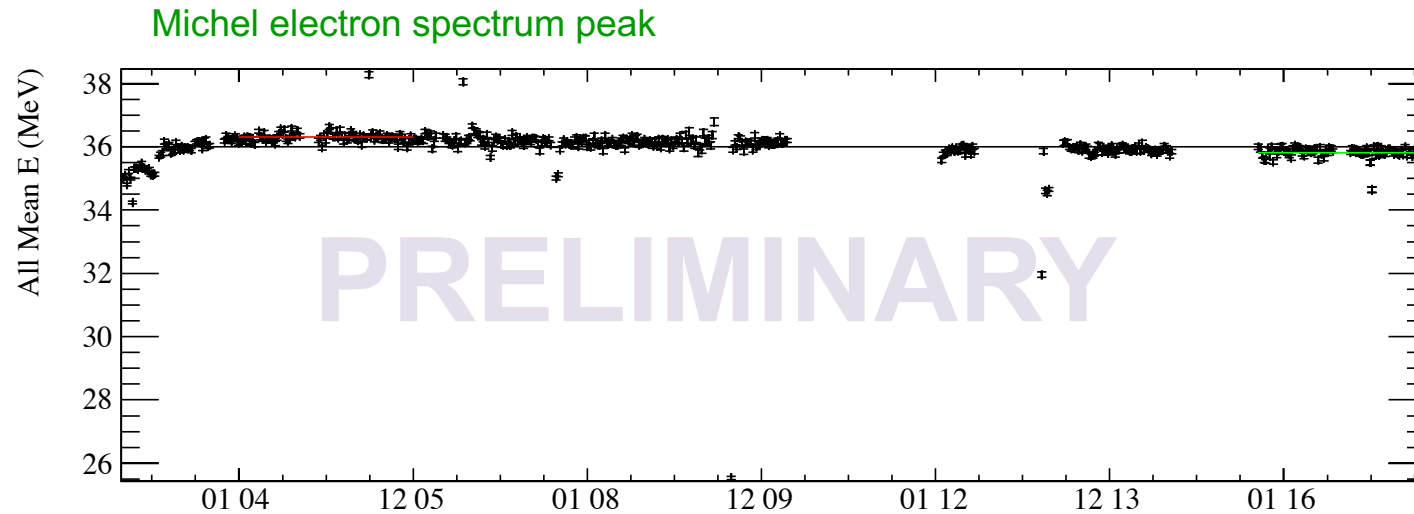
- Antineutrino mode (factor 5 lower event rate)
 - factor ~2 lower flux
 - factor ~2-3 lower cross section
- Dark matter mode (factor 50 lower event rate)
 - factor ~40 lower flux

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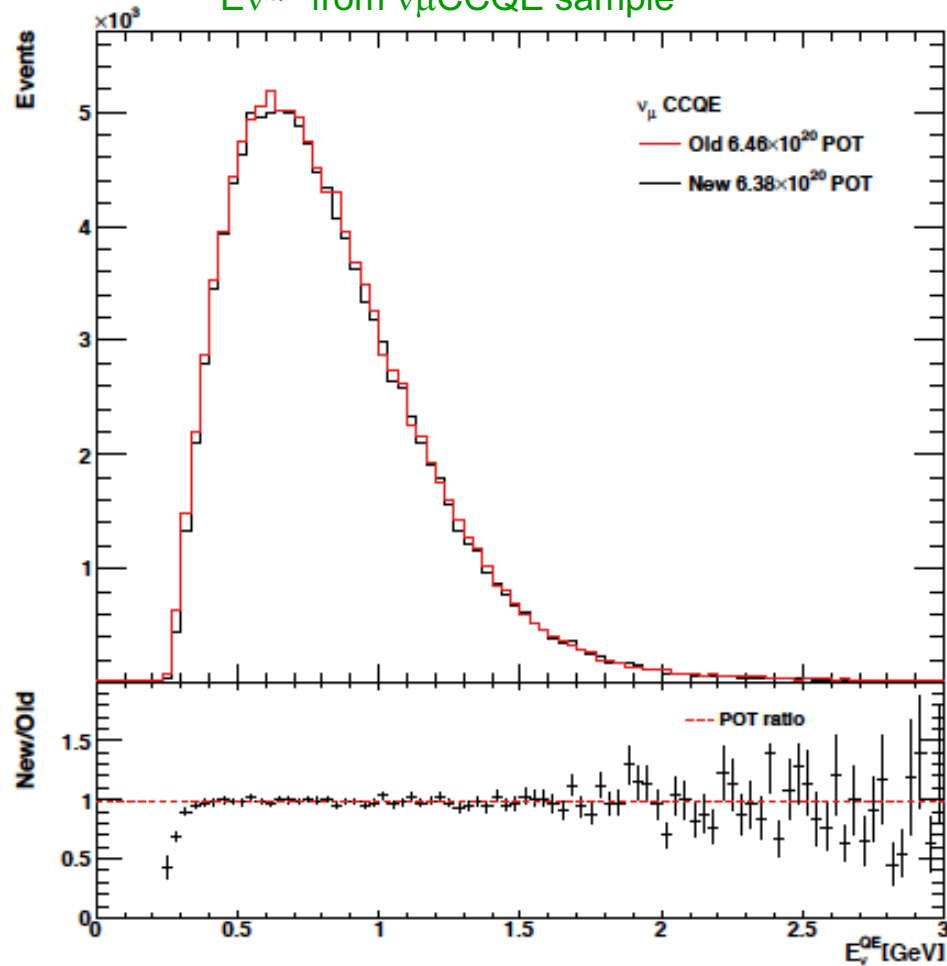
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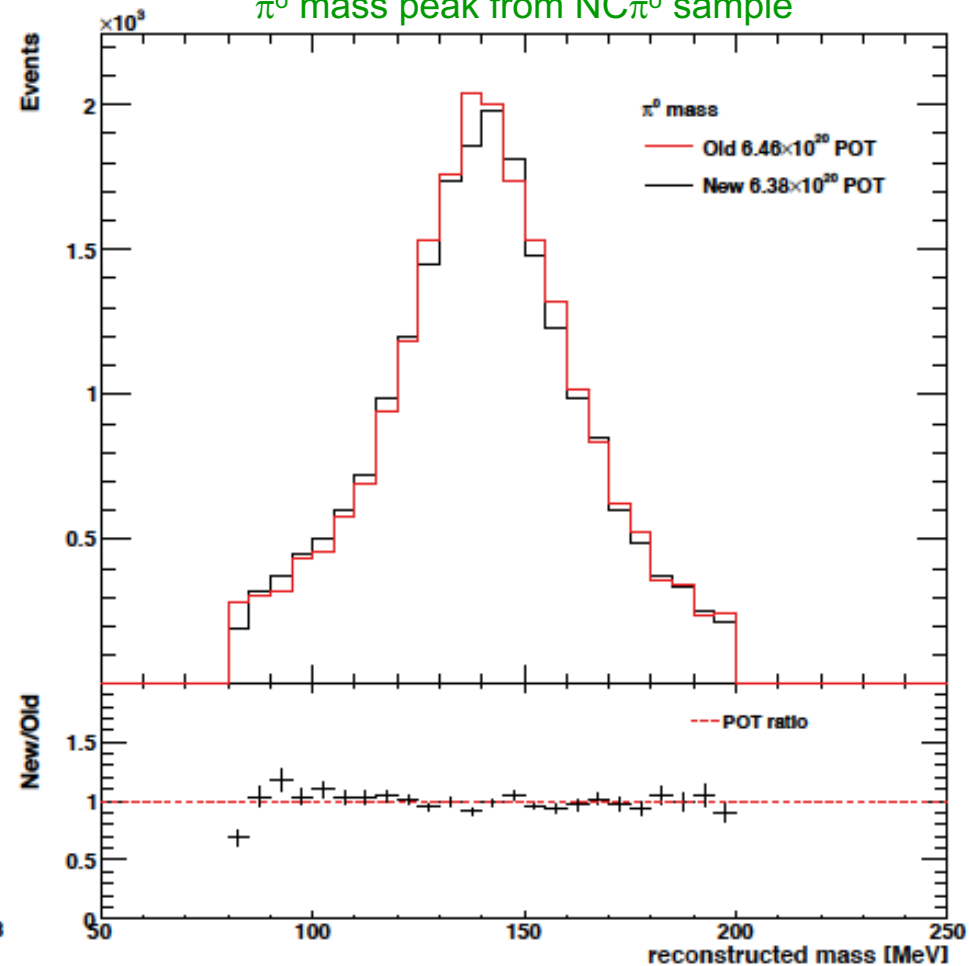
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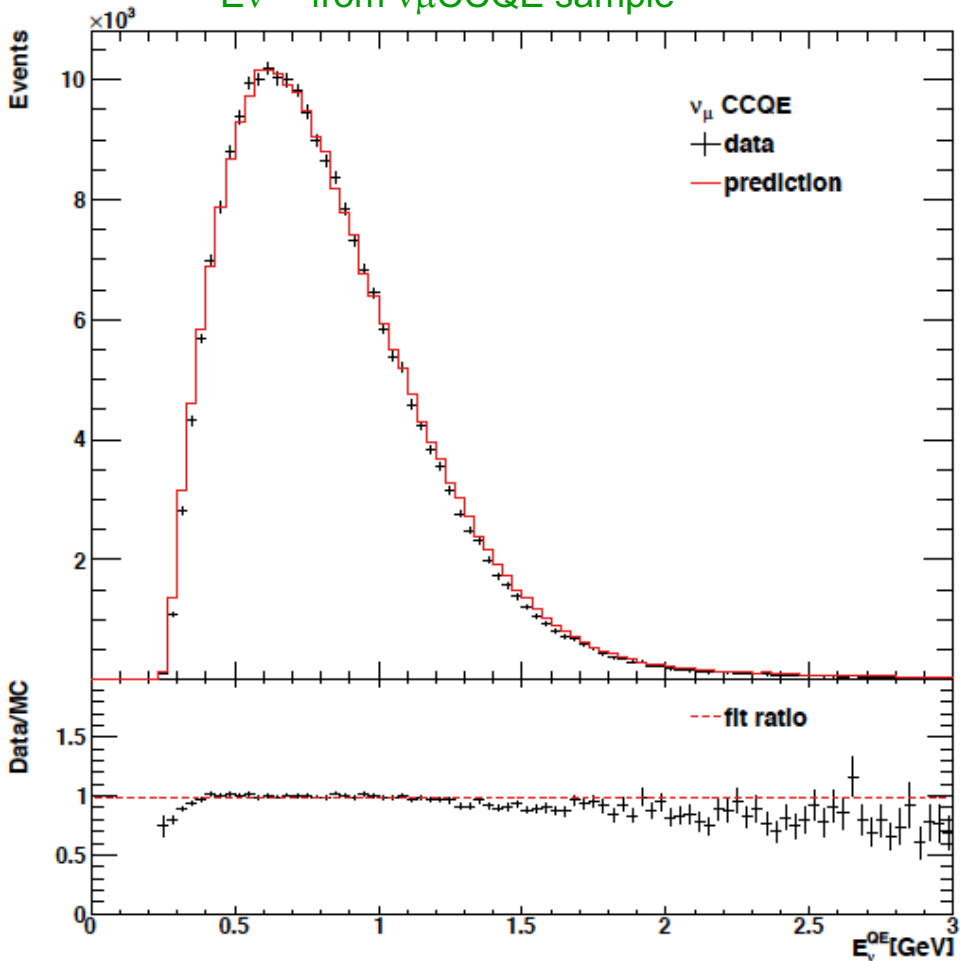


1. Data-Simulation comparison

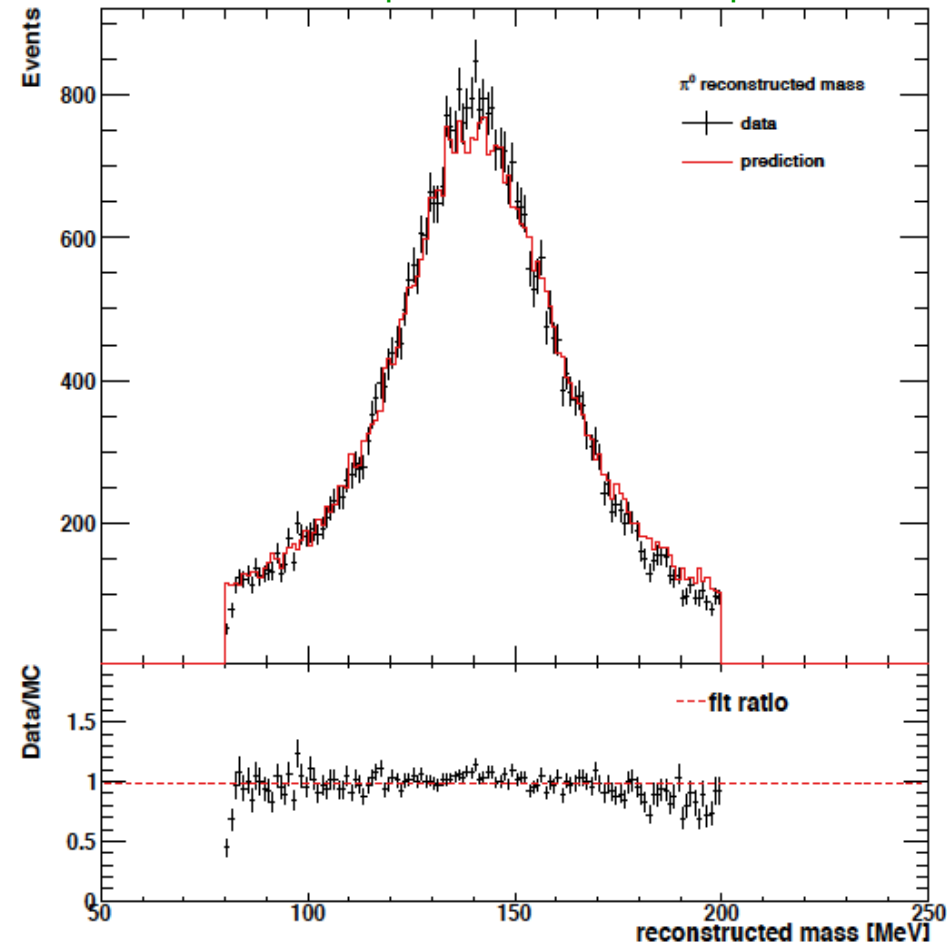
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- Excellent agreements with MC.

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2. Oscillation candidate search

3. Discussion

2. Internal background constraints

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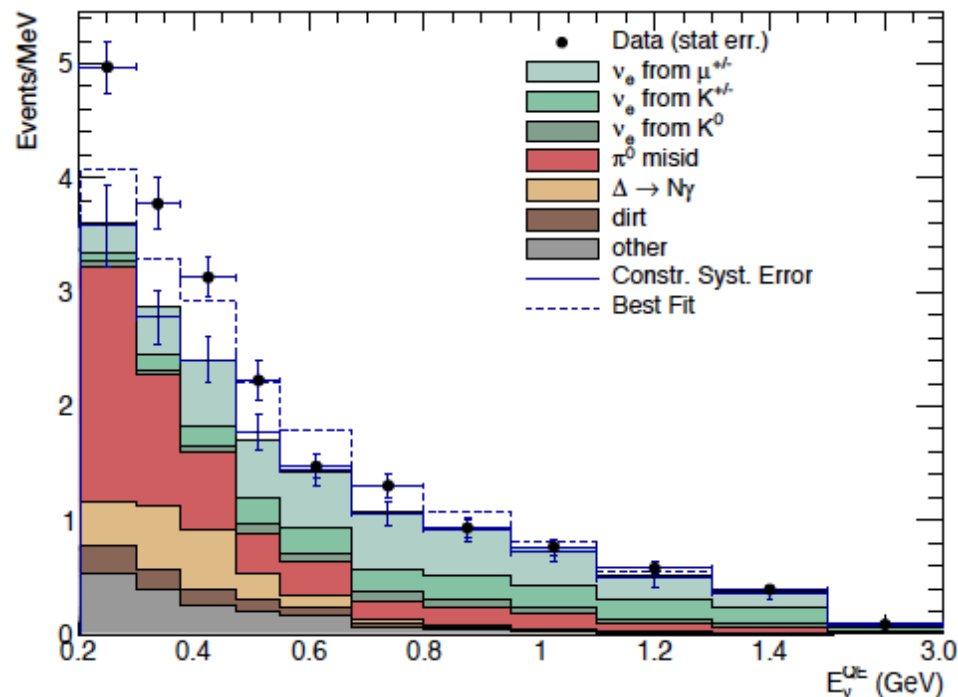
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misID

intrinsic

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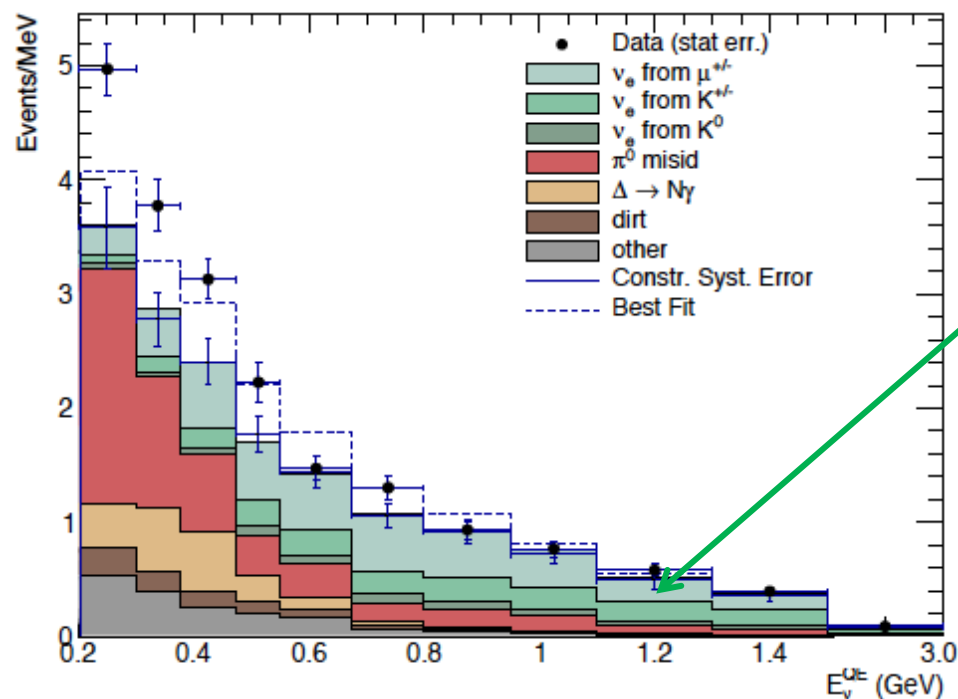
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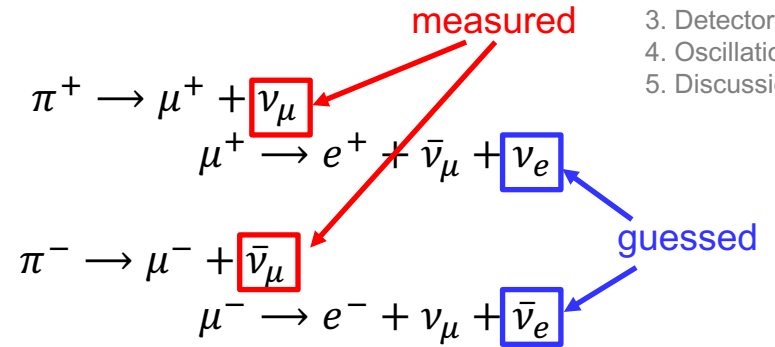
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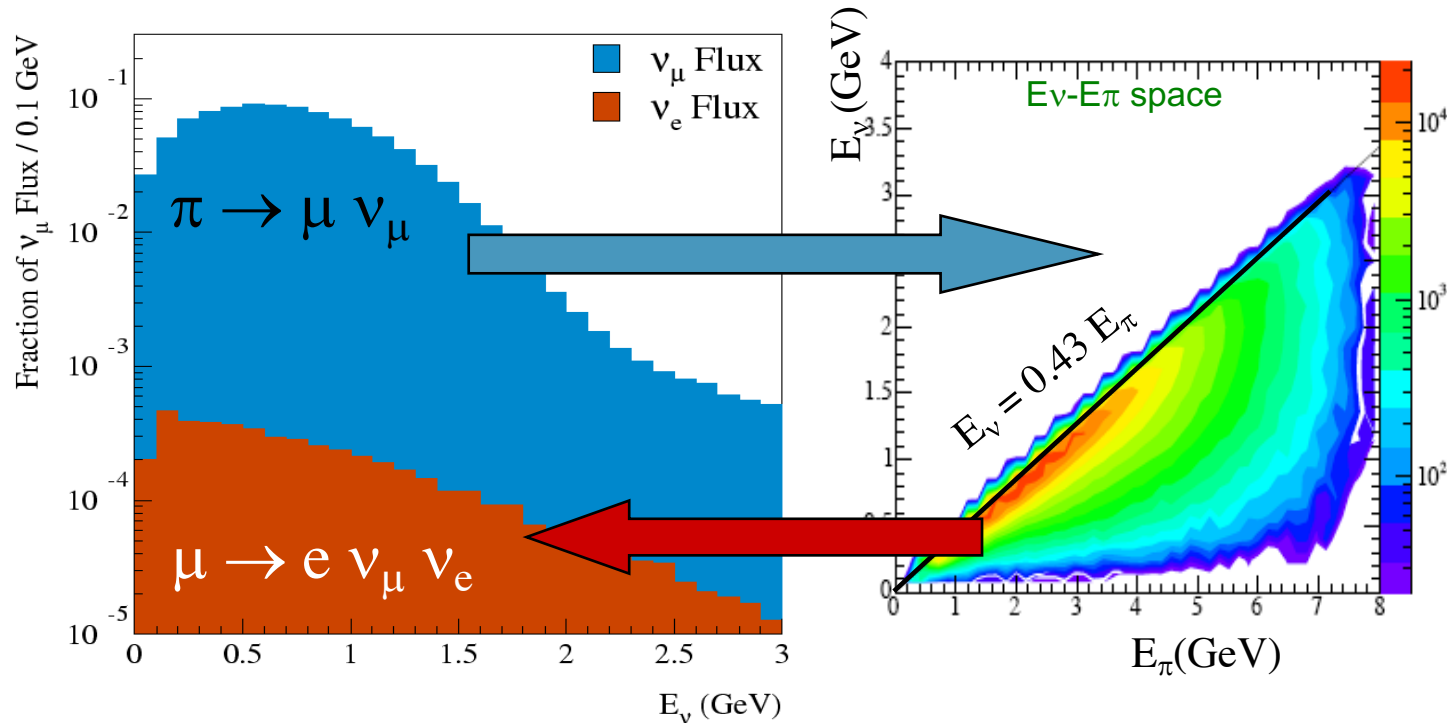
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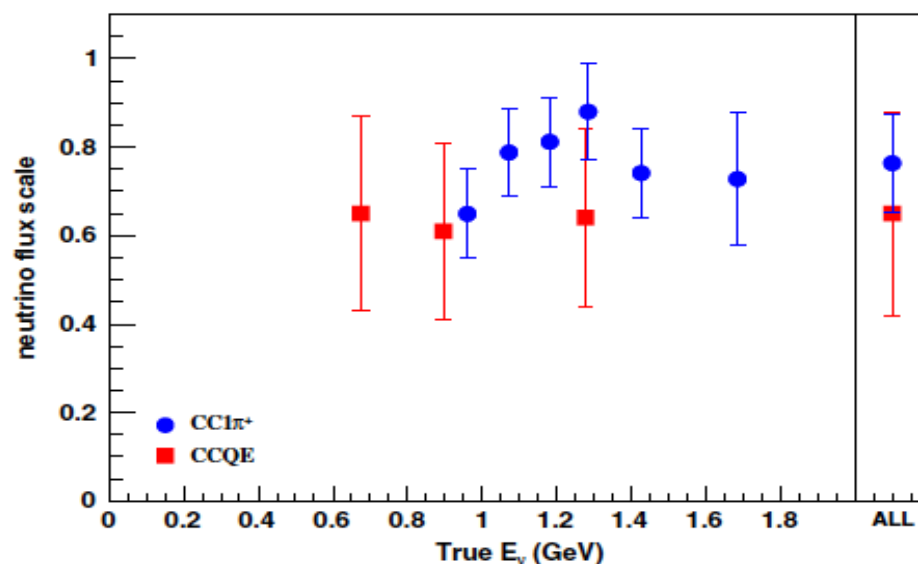


They are large background, but we have a good control of ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$ background by joint ν_e & ν_μ ($\bar{\nu}_e$ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$) fit for oscillation search.



2. Anti-neutrino mode flux tuning

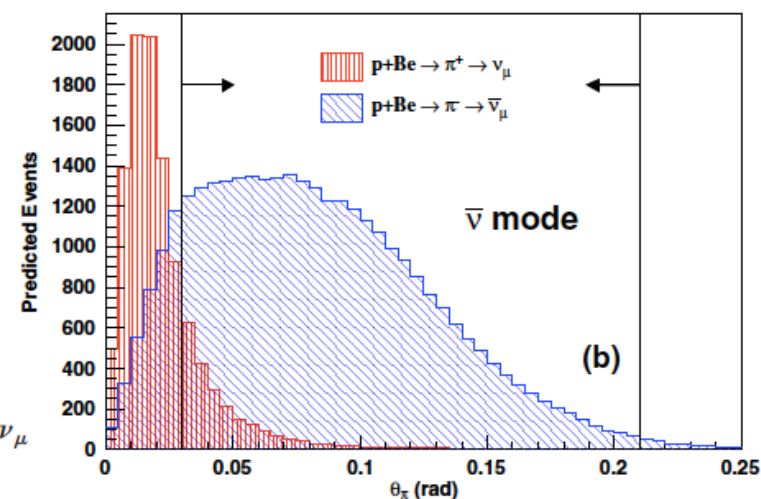
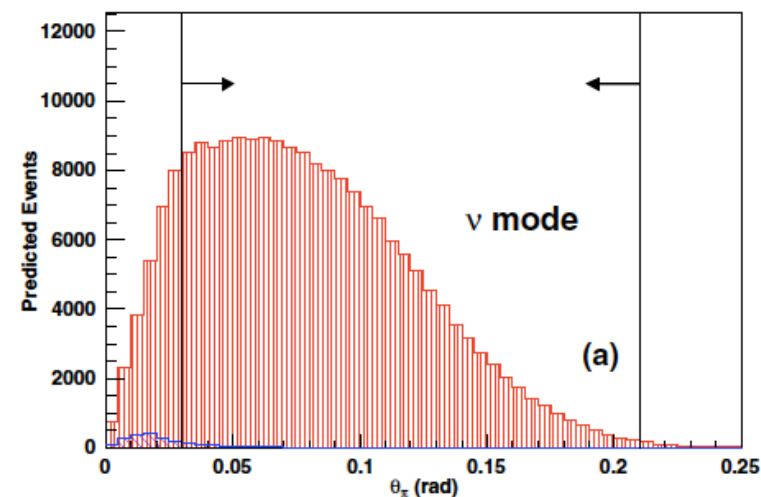
$\bar{\nu}_e$ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ flux are harder to predict due to larger wrong sign (ν_e & ν_μ) background, and measured lepton kinematics and π^+ production are used to tune flux
 \rightarrow they consistently suggest we overestimate antineutrino flux around 20%



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

- 1: $\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \mu^- + p(n) + \pi^+ \hookrightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$
- 2: $\hookrightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$
- 3: $\hookrightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$

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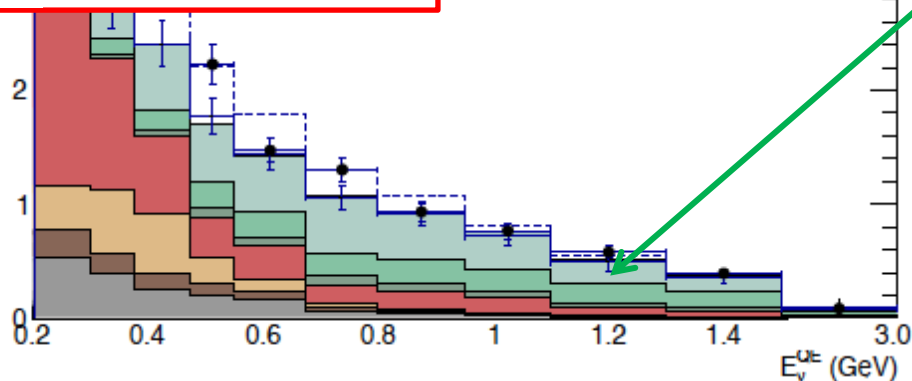
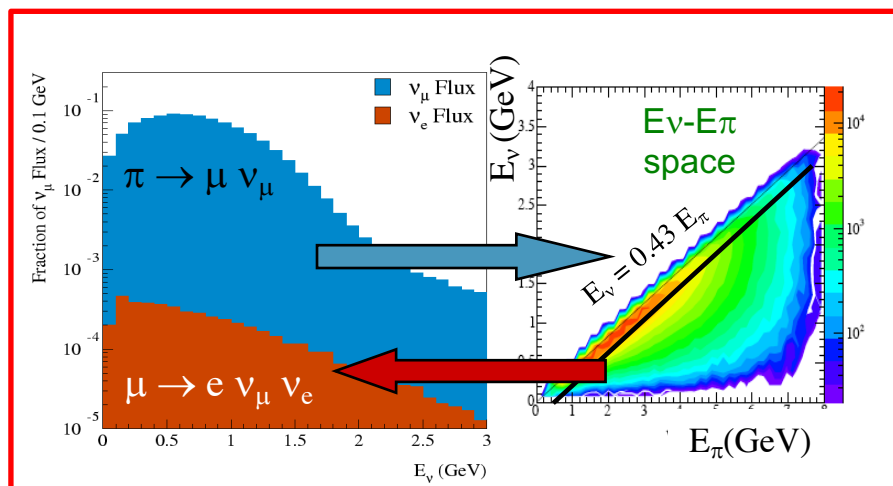


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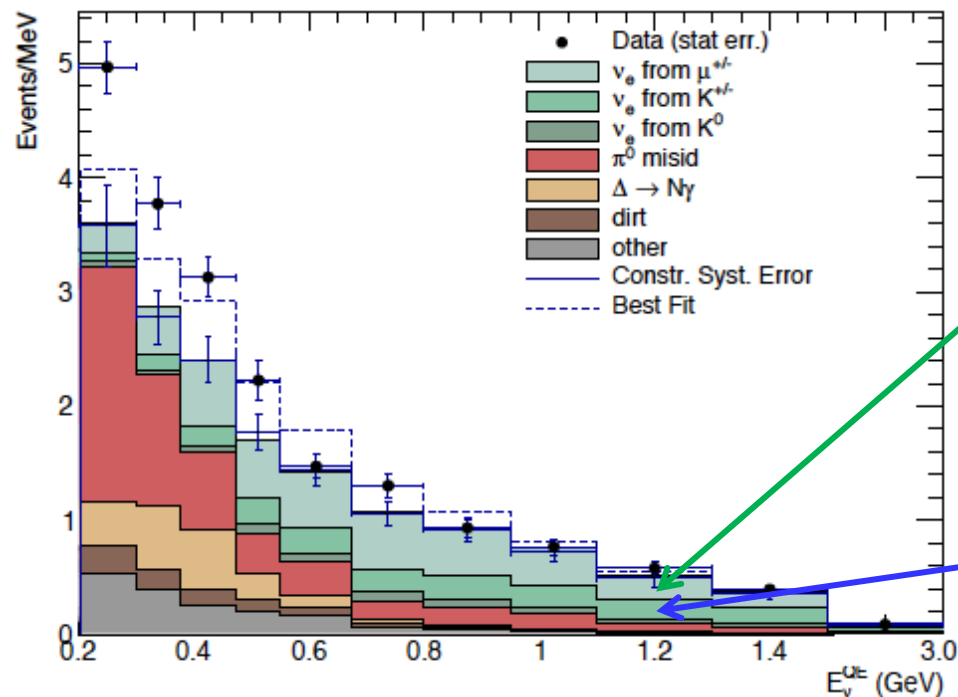
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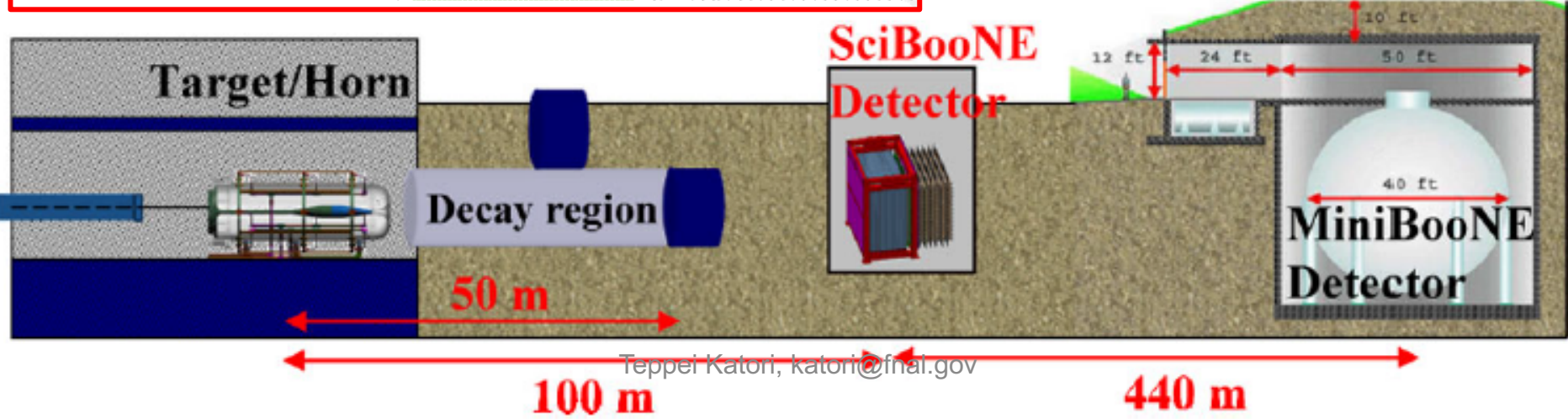
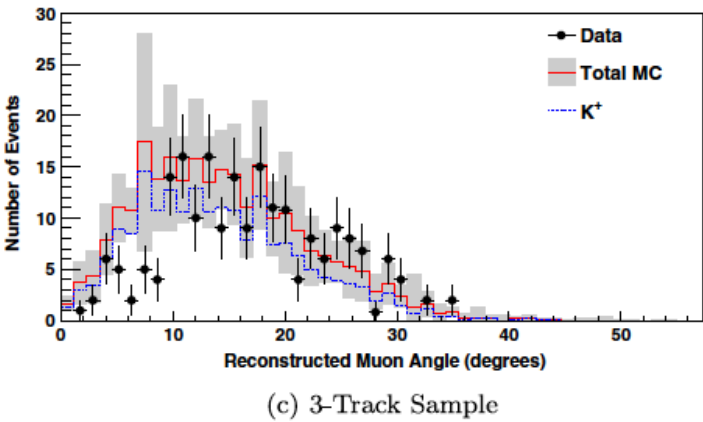
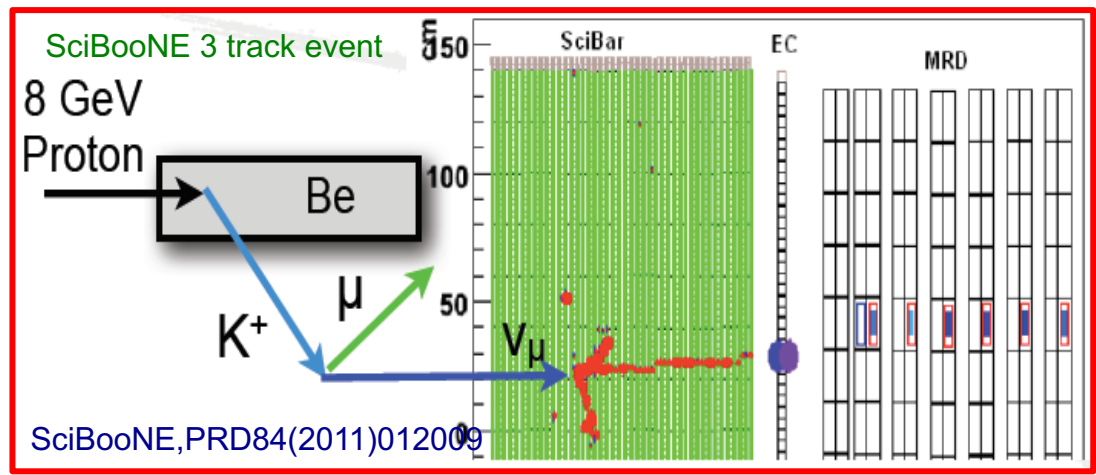


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ν_e from K decay is
constrained from
SciBooNE high
energy ν_μ event
measurement

2. ν_e from K^+ -decay constraint

- SciBooNE is a scintillator tracker located on BNB (detector hall is used by ANNIE now)
- neutrinos from kaon decay tend to be higher energy, and tend to make 3 tracks
 - from 3 track analysis, kaon decay neutrinos are constrained (0.85 ± 0.11 , prior is 40% error)



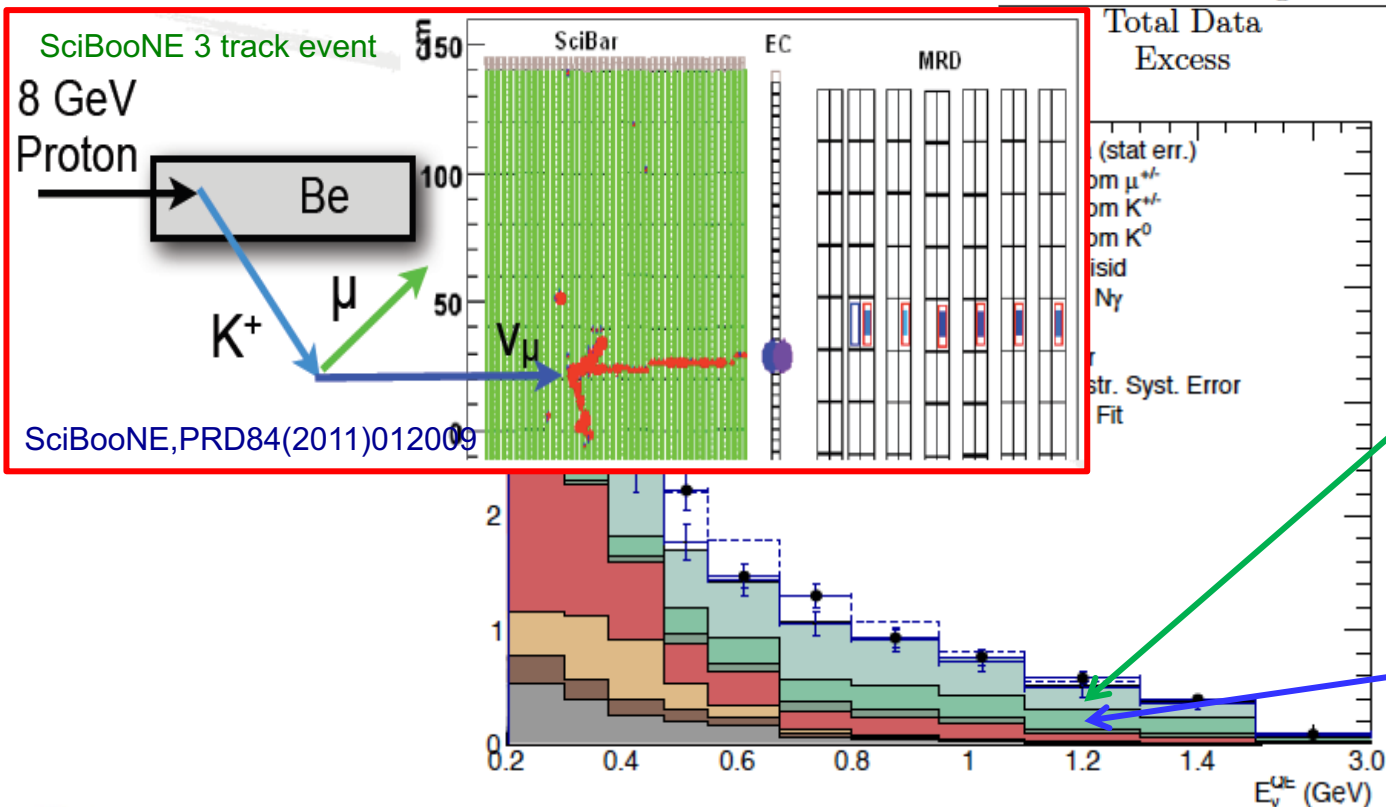
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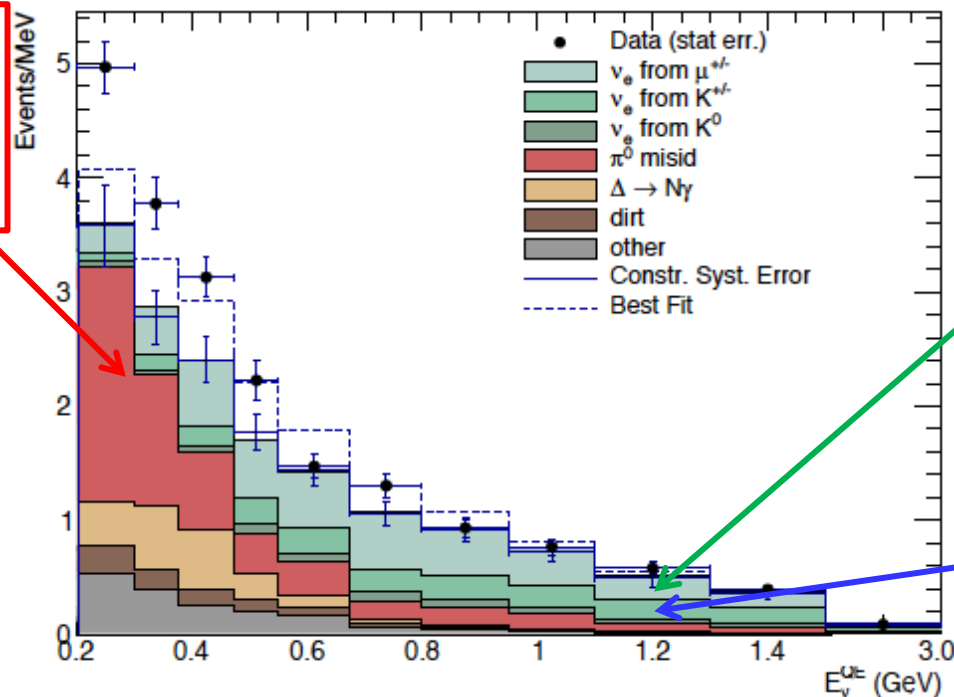
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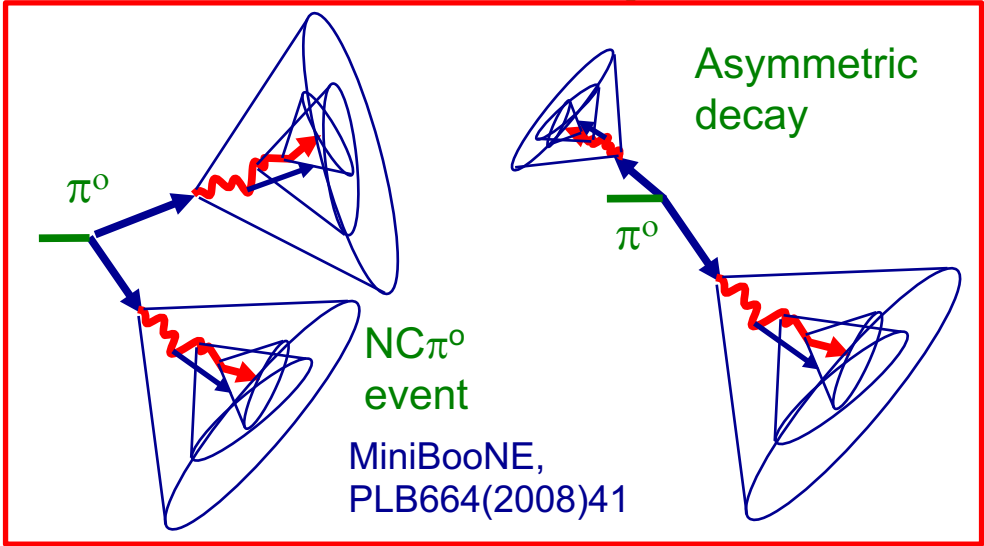
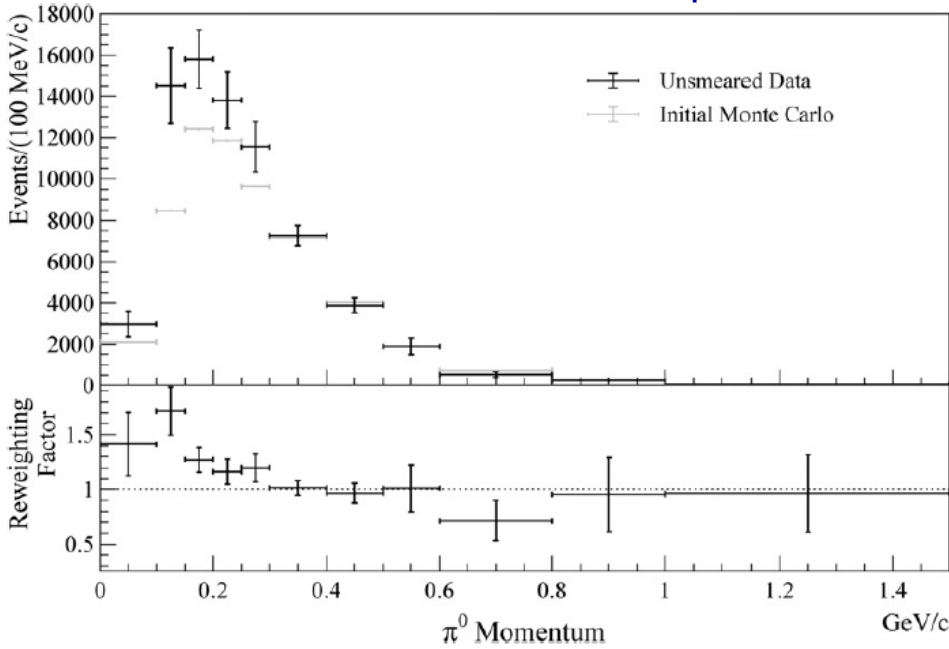
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We measure π^0 production rate, and correct simulation with function of π^0 momentum

π^0 momentum data-MC comparison



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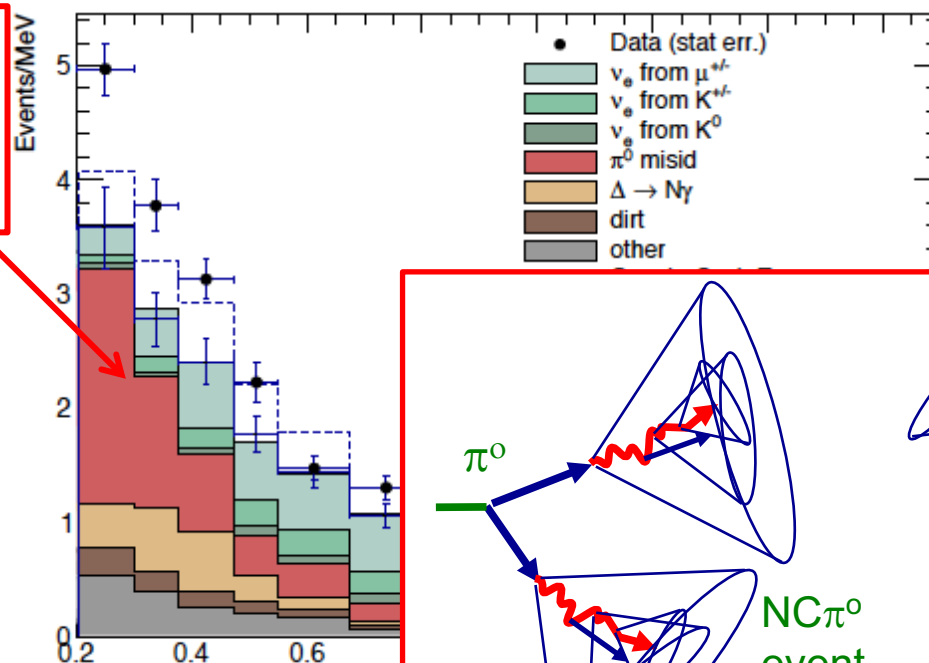
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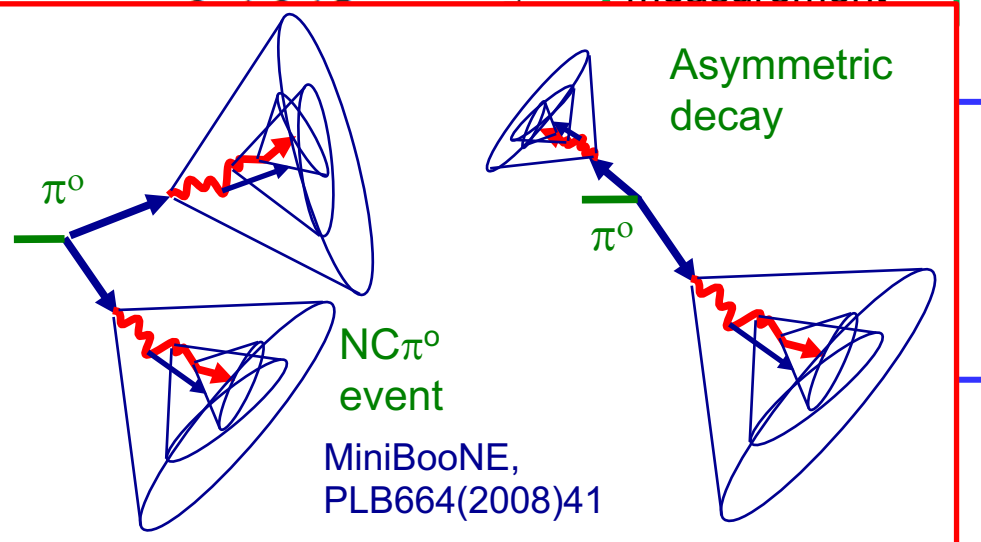
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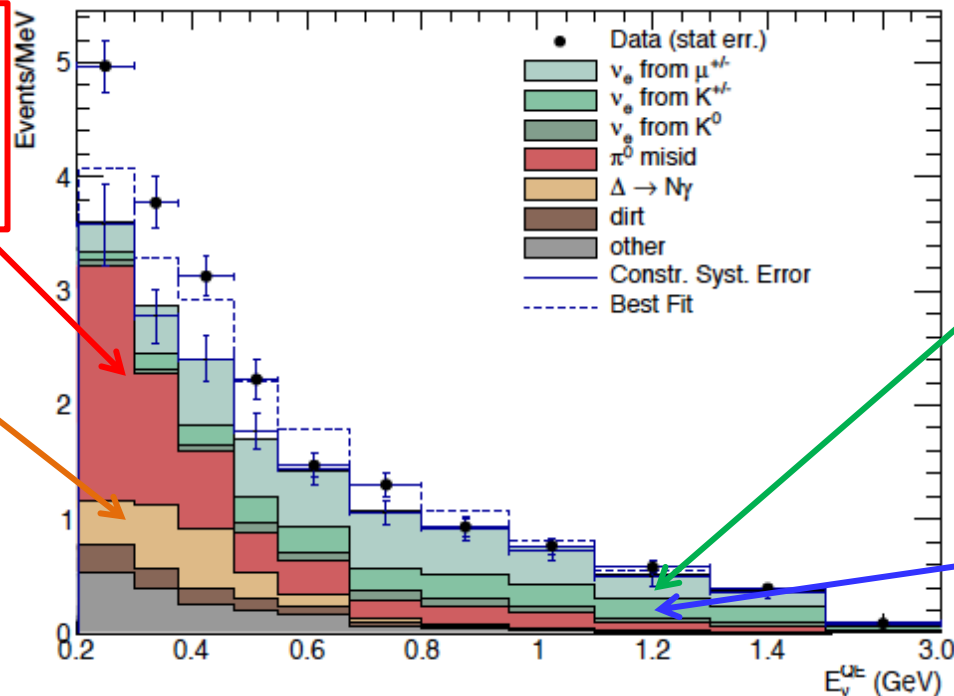
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$$\frac{N(\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma)}{N(\Delta \rightarrow N\pi^0)} = \frac{3\Gamma_\gamma}{2\Gamma_{\pi^0}\varepsilon}$$

Γ_γ/Γ_π : NC γ to NC π branching ratio
 π^0 fraction (=2/3)
 ε : π escaping factor

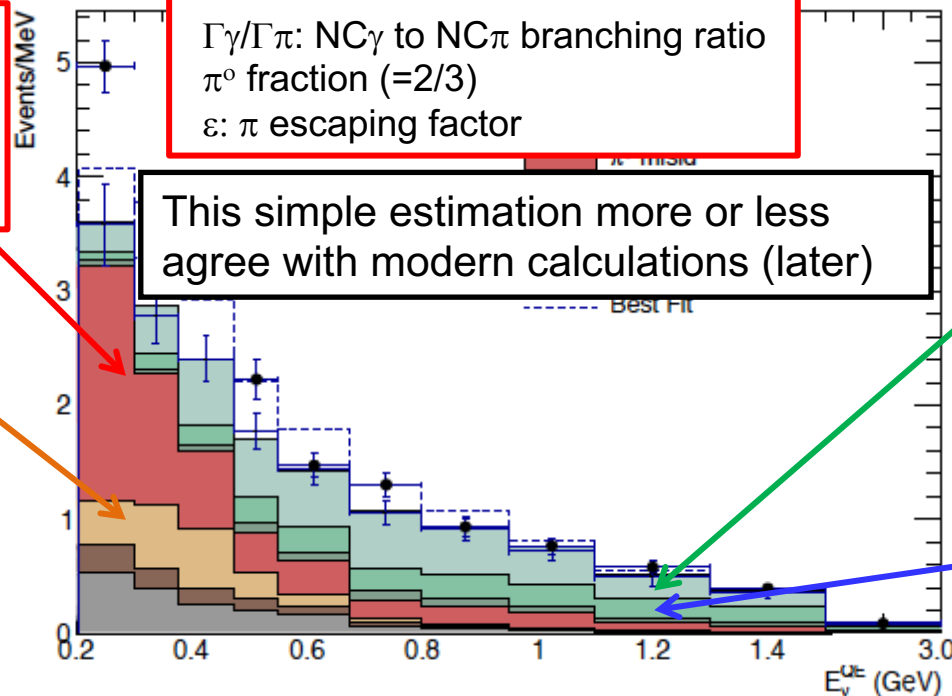
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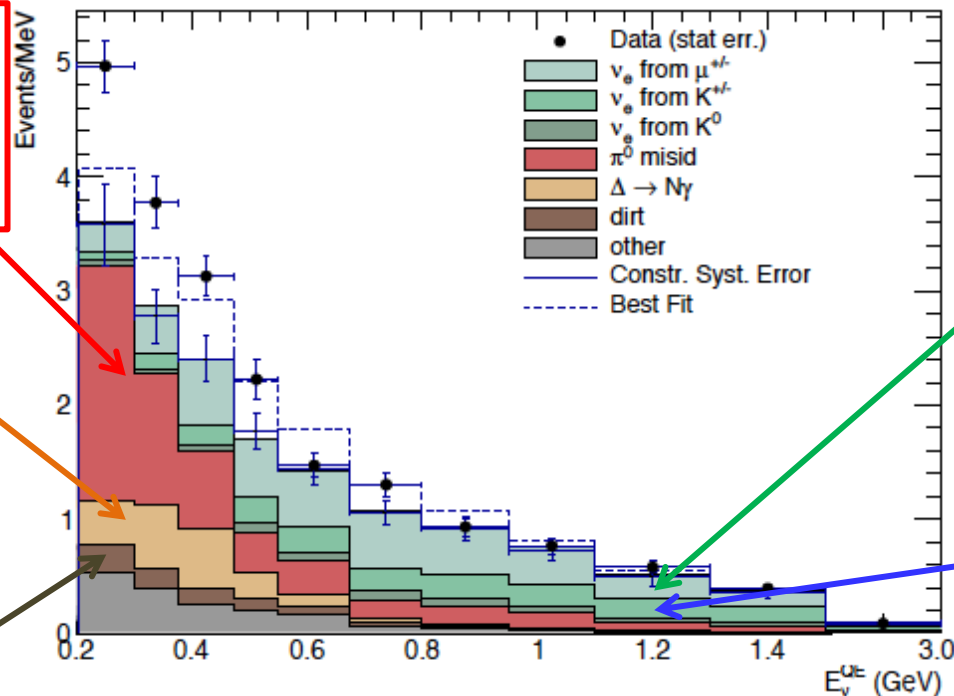
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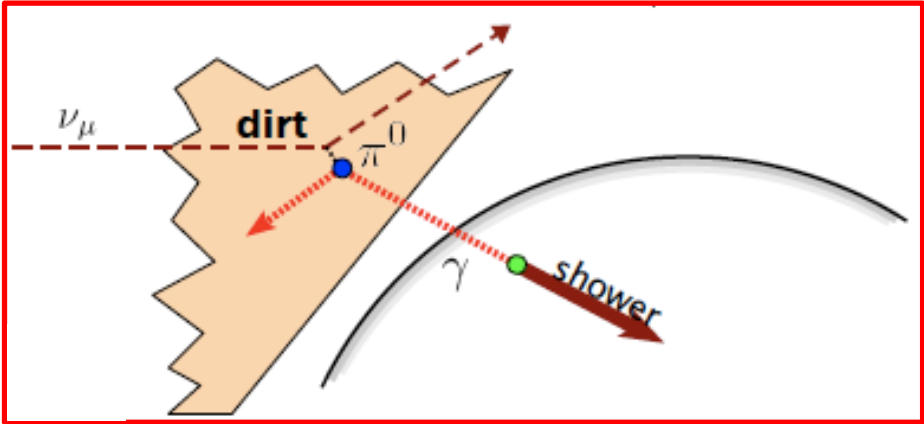
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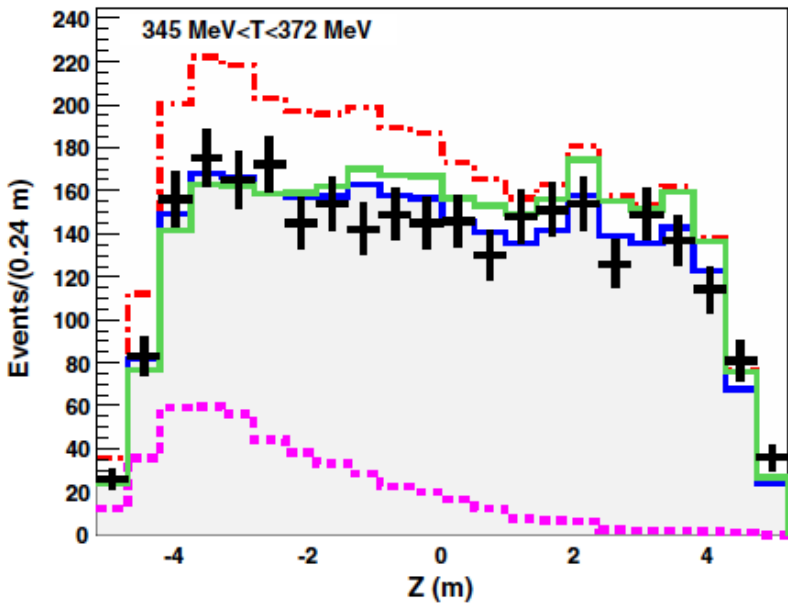
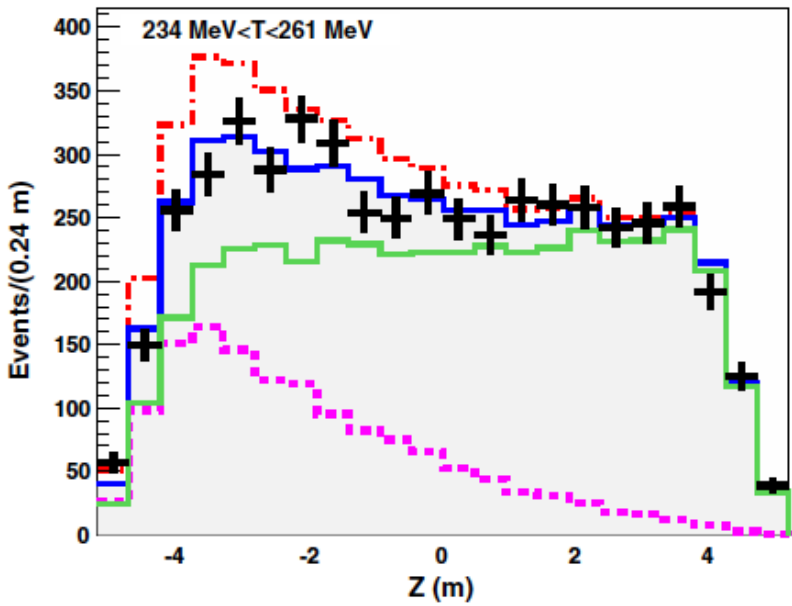
MiniBooNE detector has a simple geometry

- 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



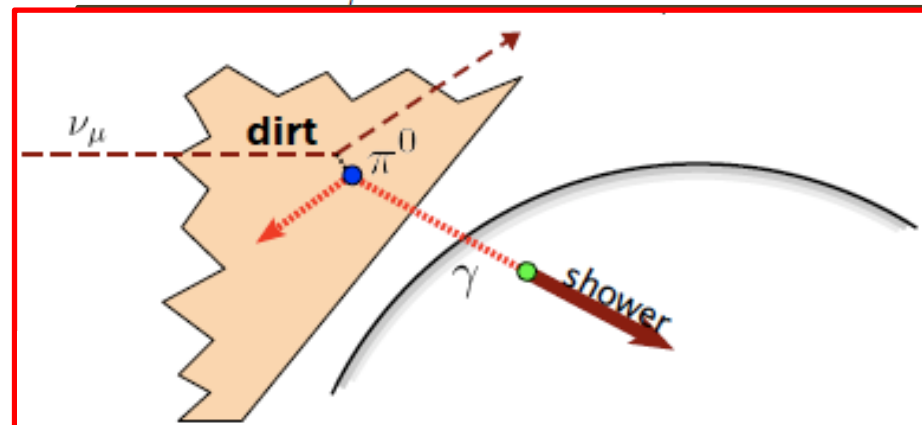
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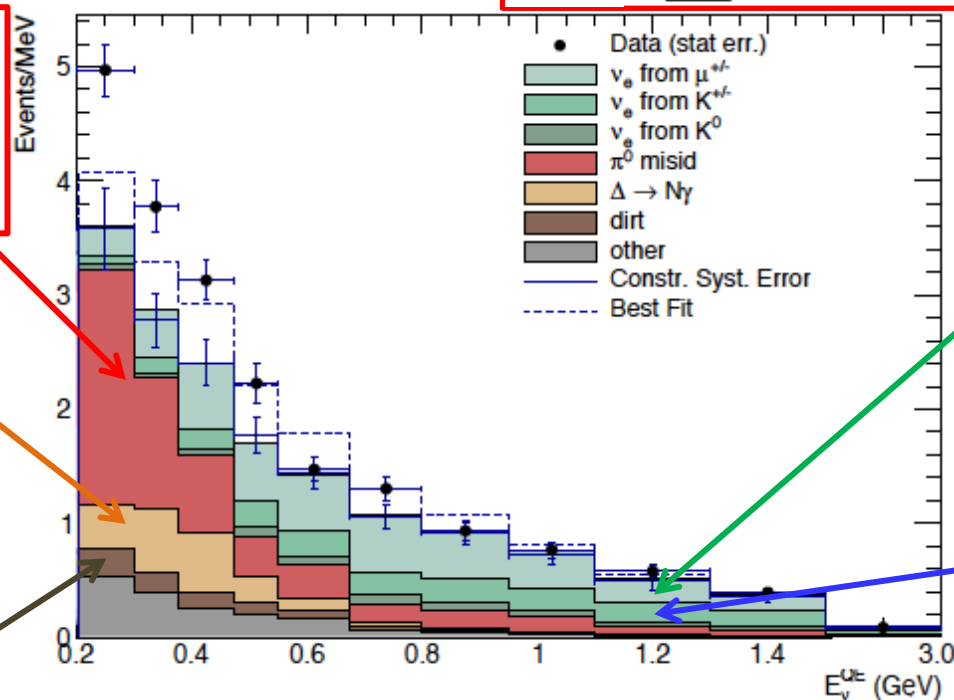
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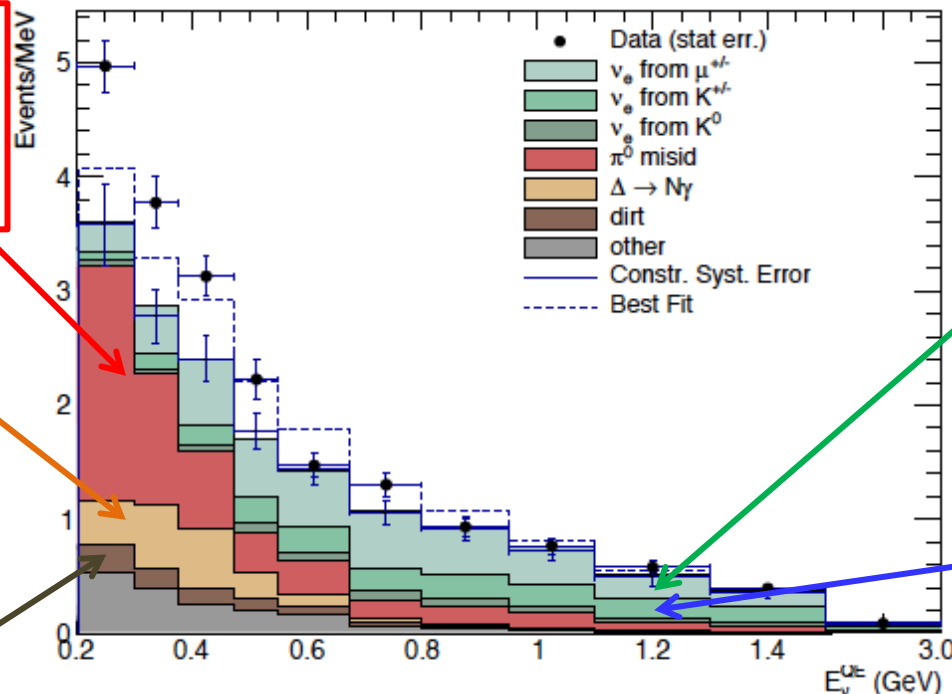
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Major backgrounds are all measured in other data sample and their errors are constrained!

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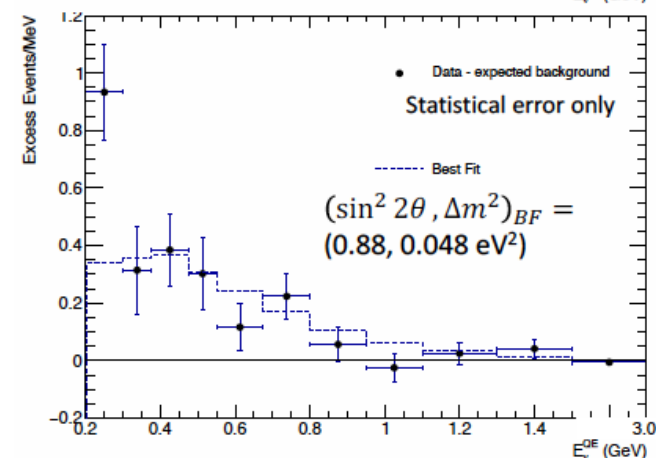
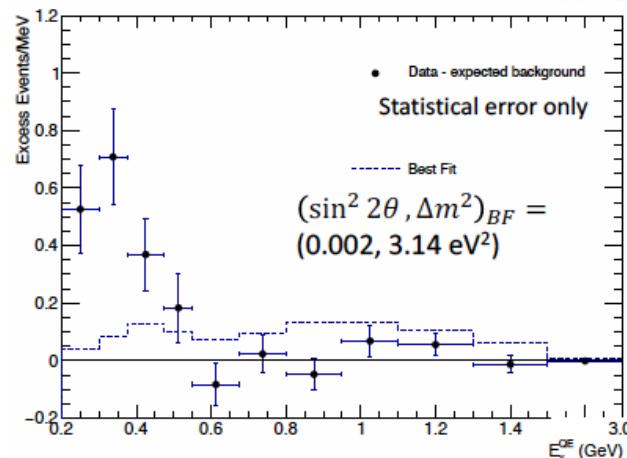
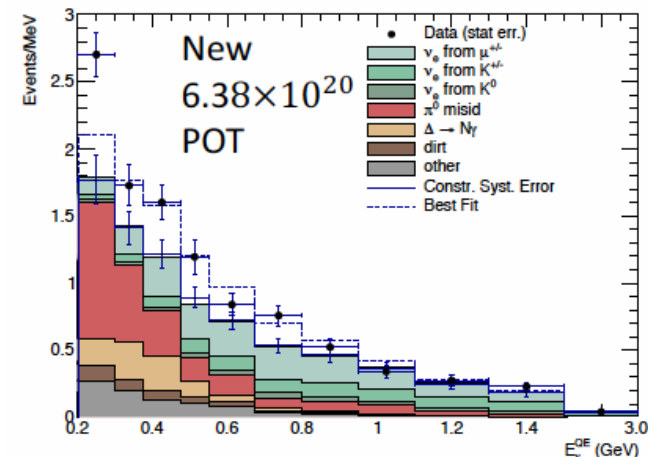
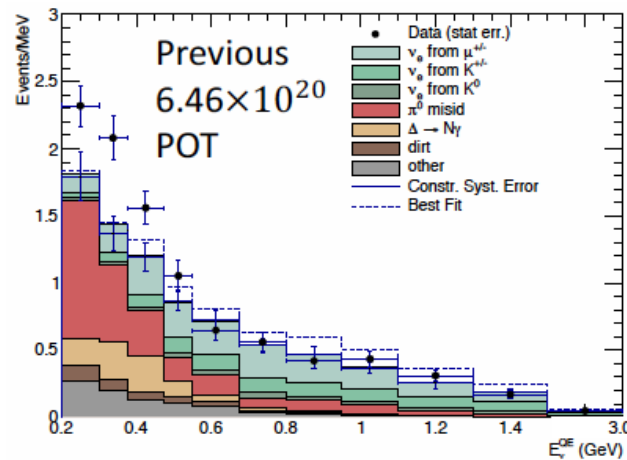
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Old data (50.3%)
162.0 event excess

New data (49.7%)
219.2 event excess

KS test suggests
they are compatible
 $P(\text{KS})=76\%$



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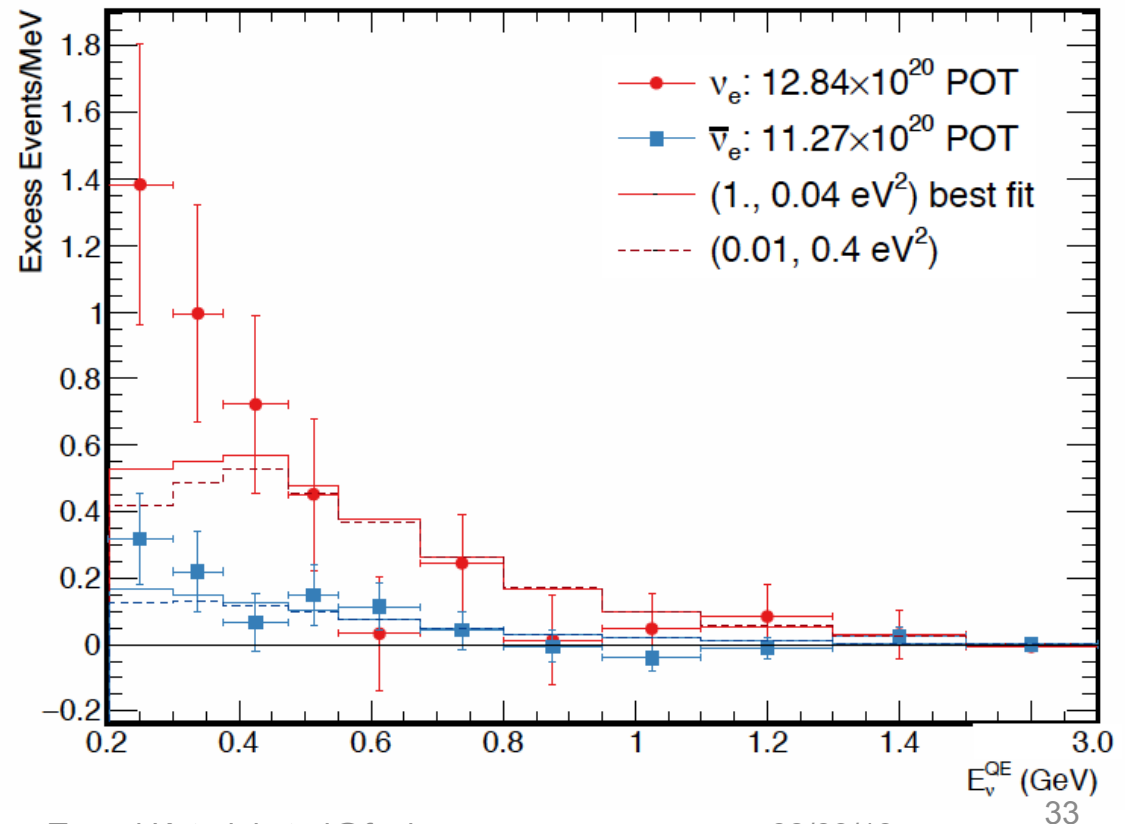
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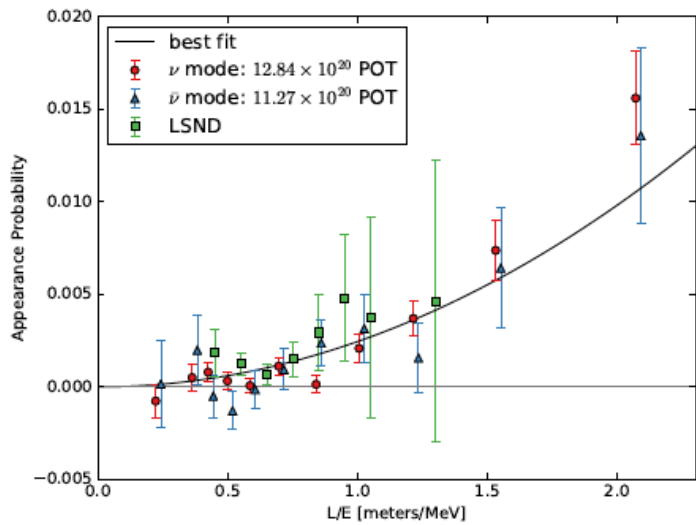
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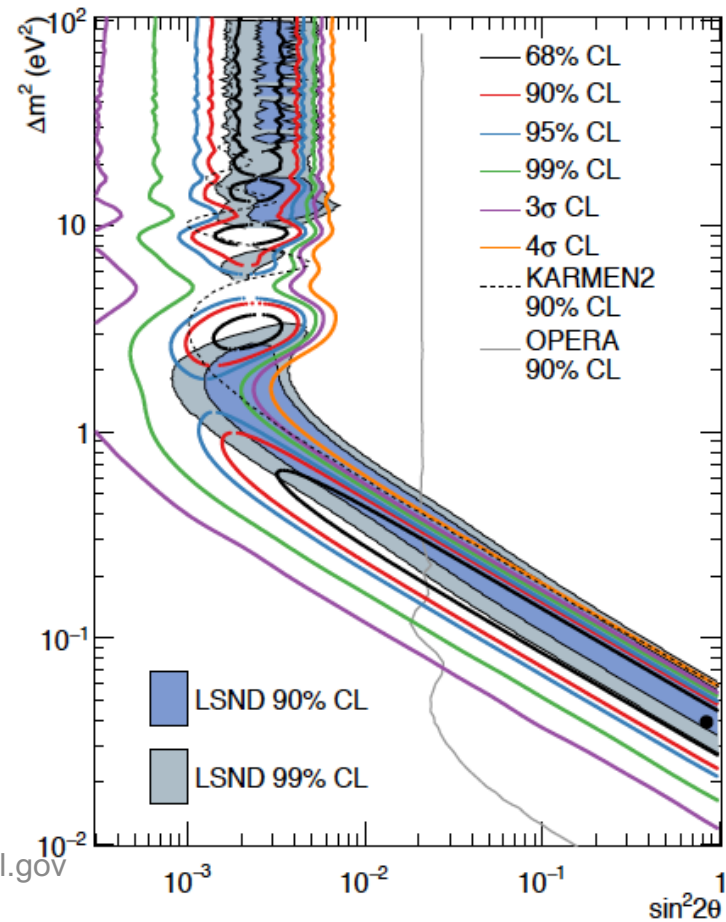
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Compatible with LSND excess within 2-neutrino oscillation hypothesis



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



3. Alternative photon production models?

Excess look like more photons
(misID) than electrons

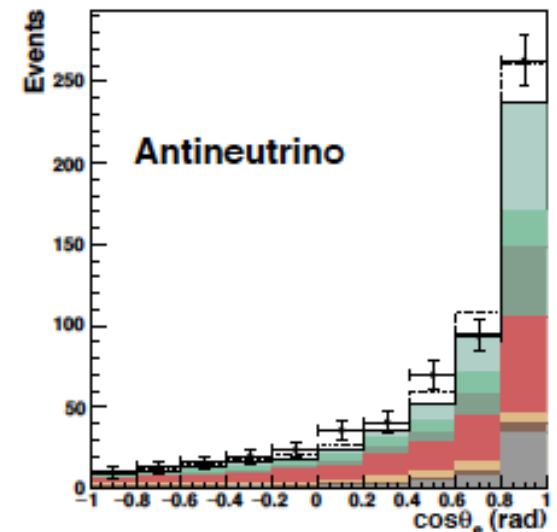
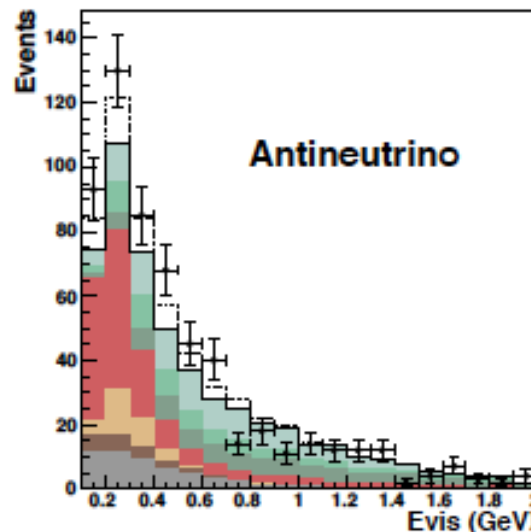
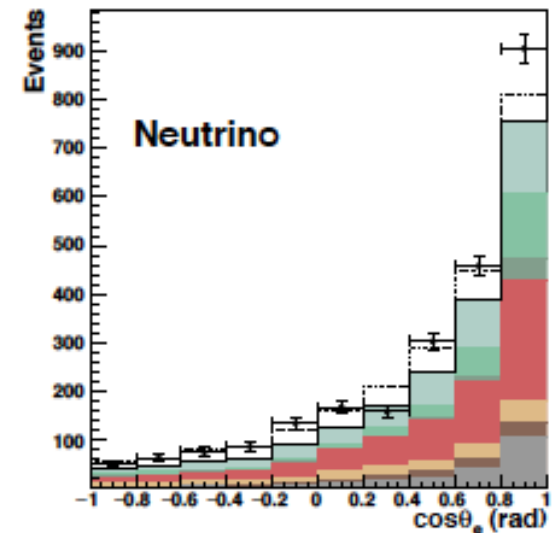
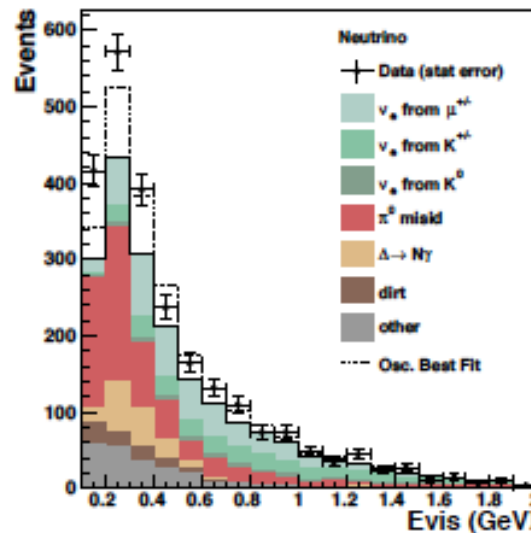
- peaked forward direction
- shape match with π^0 spectrum

Any misID background missing?

- New NC γ process?
- New NC π^0 process?

or BSM physics?

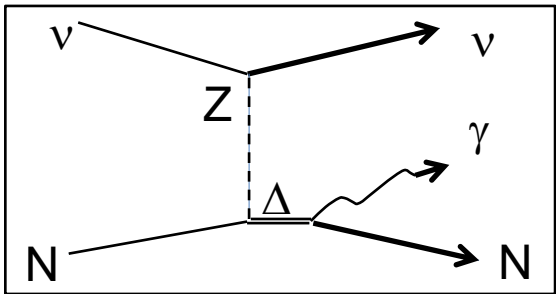
- BSM γ production process?
- BSM e-scattering process?
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3. Neutrino NC single photon production

A lot of new calculations

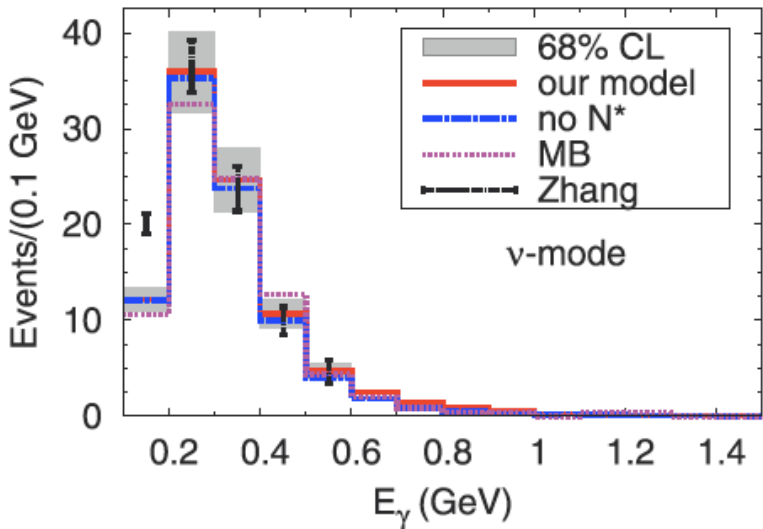
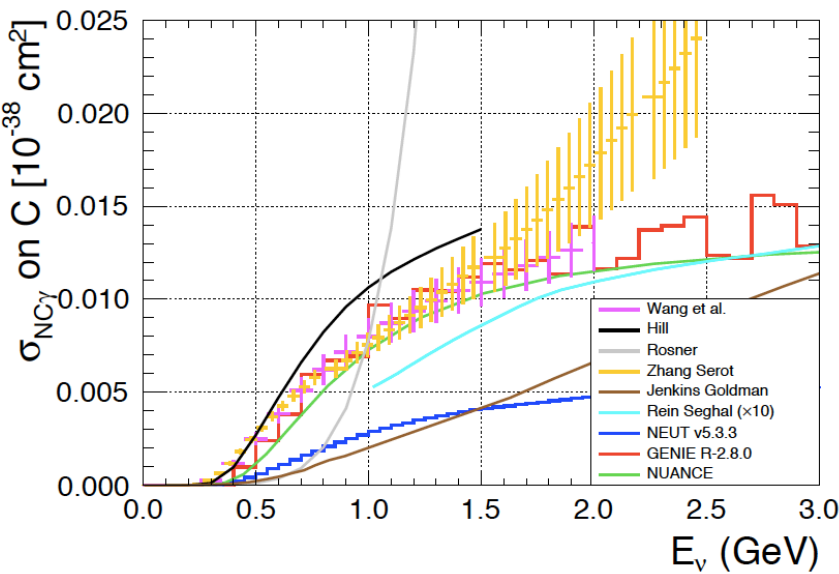
- Δ -radiative decay with nuclear corrections.
- all theoretical models and generators more or less agree in MiniBooNE energy region.



NC γ production prediction for MiniBooNE

- MiniBooNE provides efficiency tables to convert theory \rightarrow experimental distribution
- New models are more or less consistent with MiniBooNE NC γ model

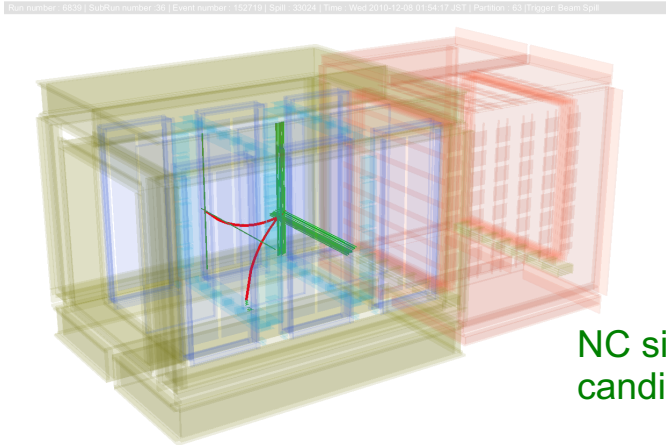
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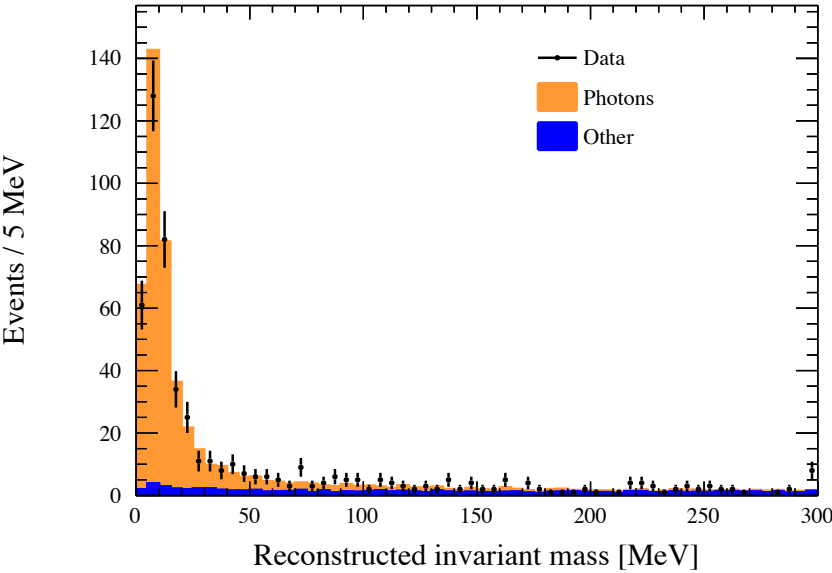
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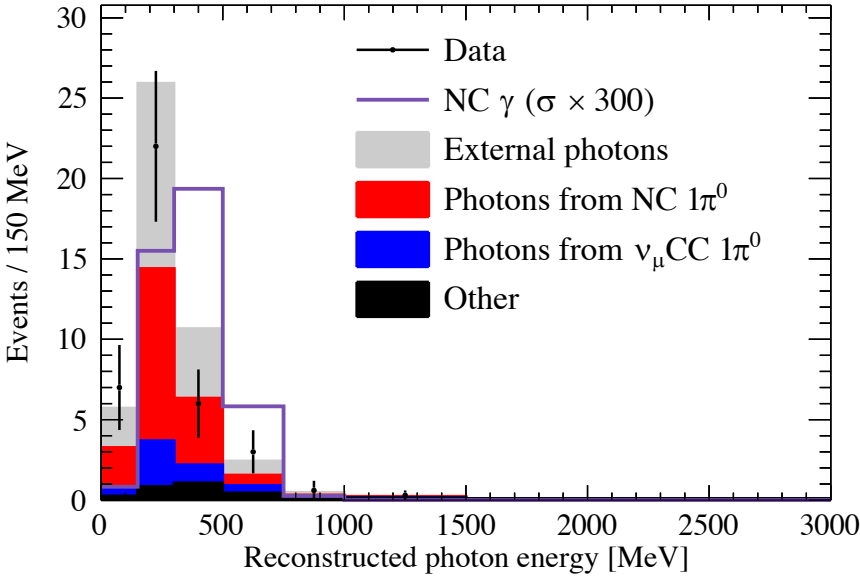


NC single gamma candidate event

Photon sample



NC single gamma sample

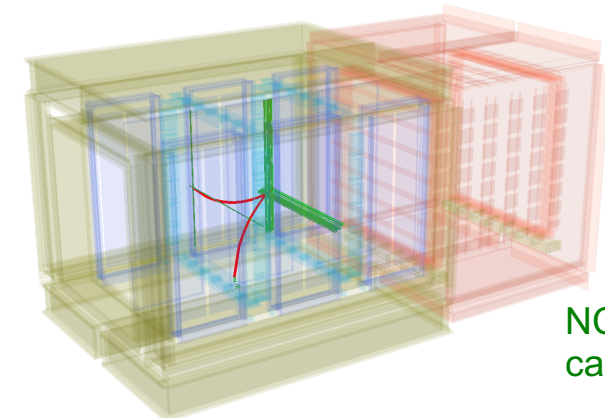


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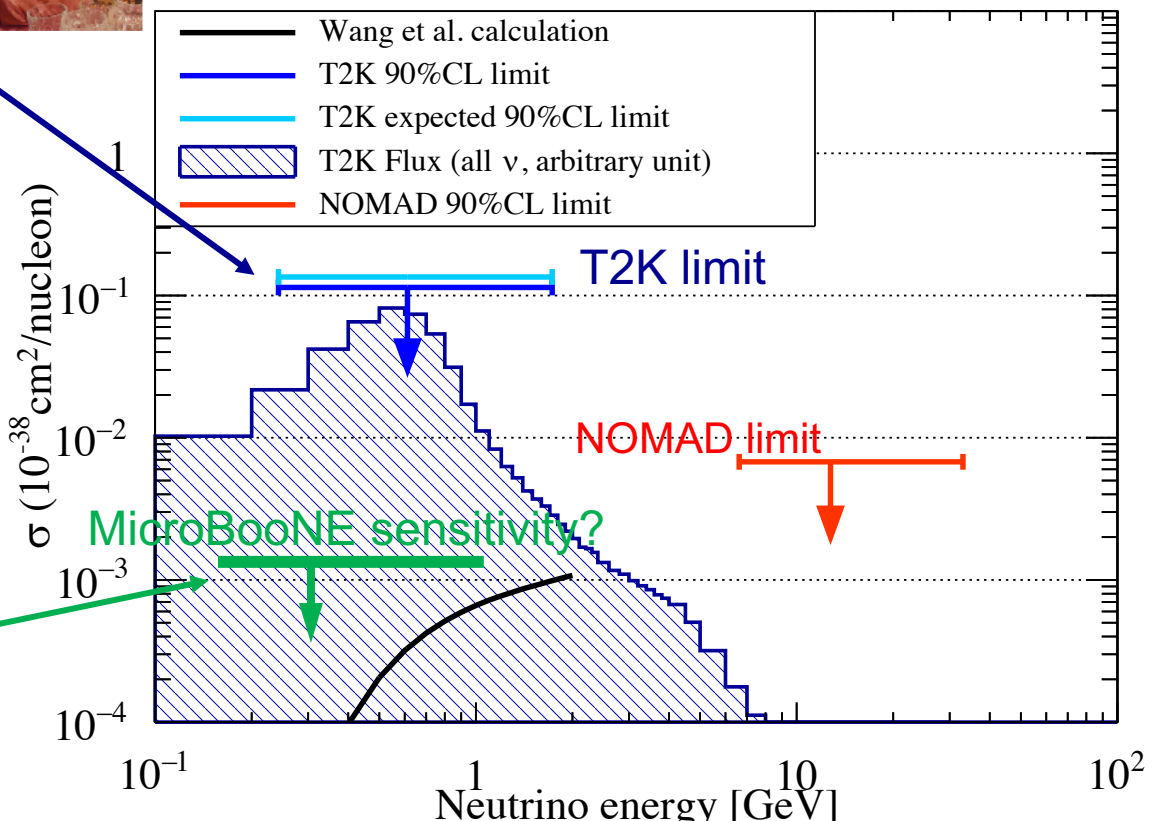
Pierre Lasorak
Queen Mary (T2K)
→ Sussex (DUNE)



MicroBooNE

- First large ν -LArTPC in USA
- Good e/γ PID
- Large active veto region
- Good internal π^0 measurement
→ Good chance to measure the first positive signal of this channel.

Bobby Murrell
Manchester
(MicroBooNE)

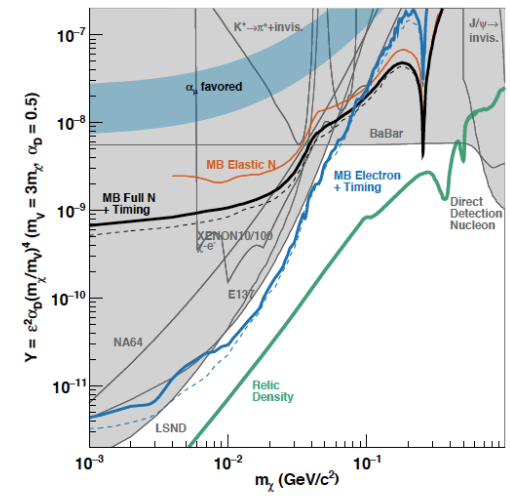
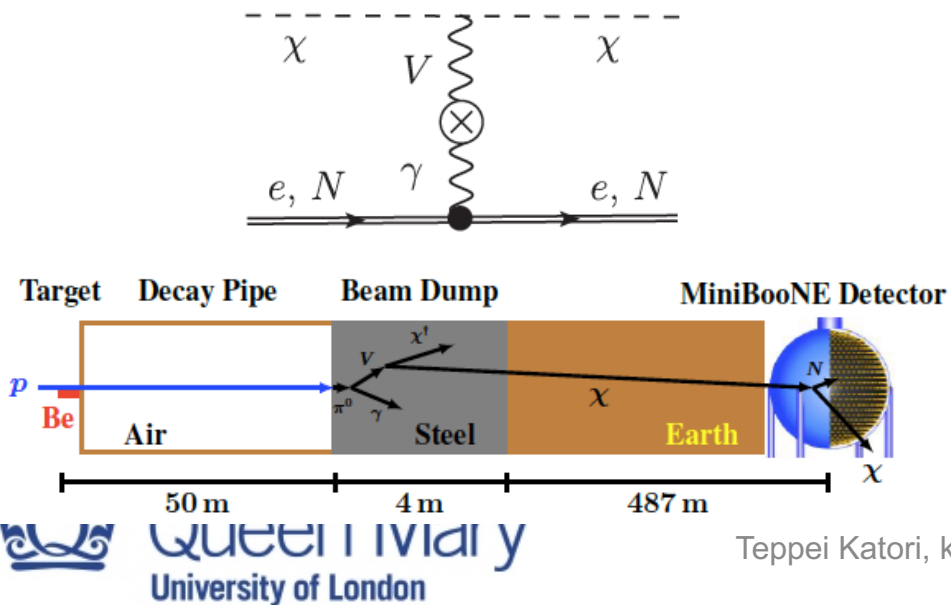


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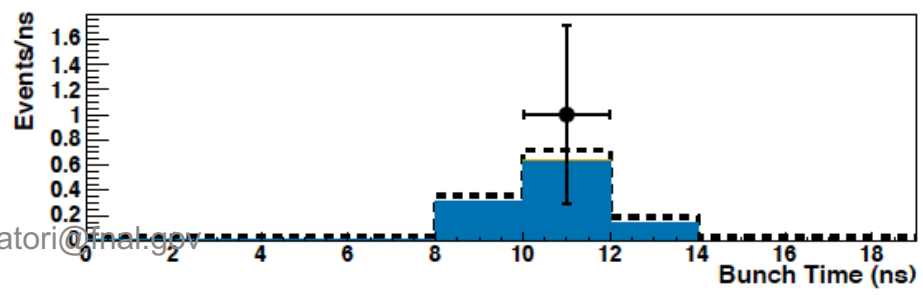
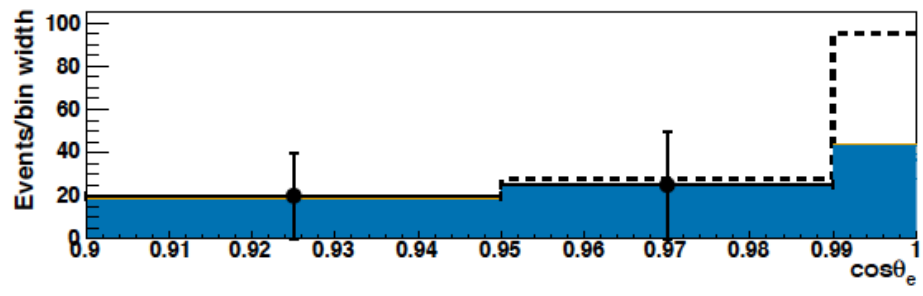
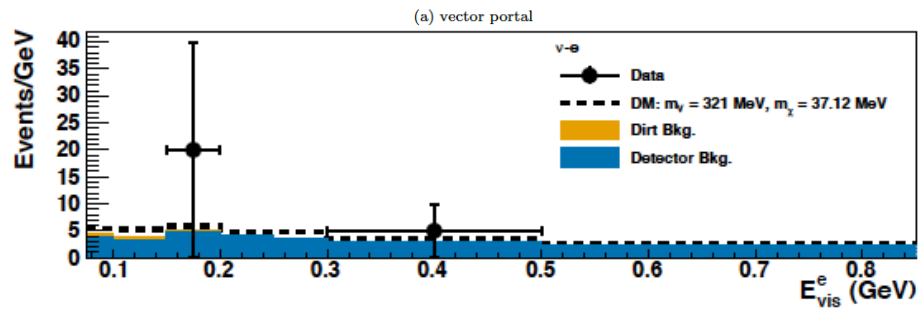
Dark matter particle - electron scattering
New particles created in the beam dump can scatter electrons in the detector.

However, MiniBooNE beam dump mode data shows no excess.

This result set limits on beam dump produced new particle – electron scattering interpretation.



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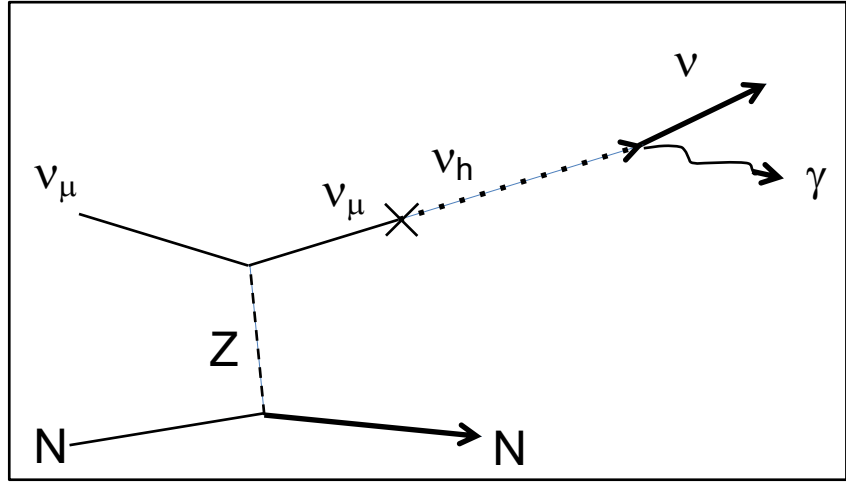
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Heavy neutrino decay γ production

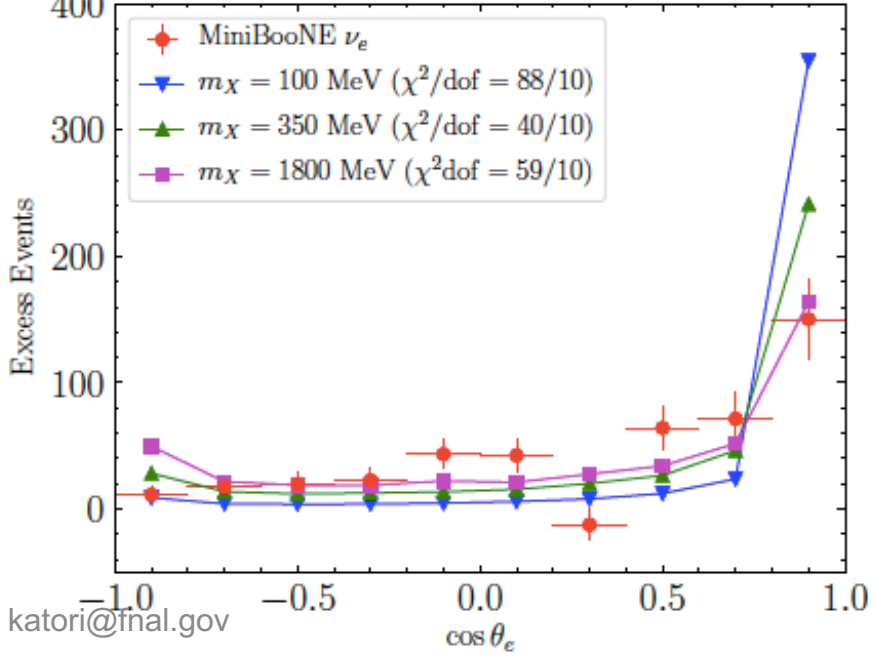
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heavy neutrino decay



Electron angular spectrum, semi-visible decay ($m_{X'} = 0$)



3. BSM e+e- production

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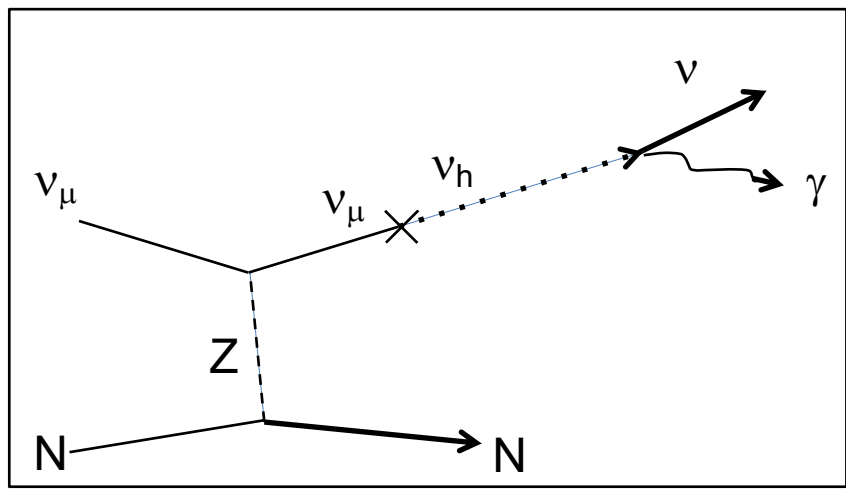
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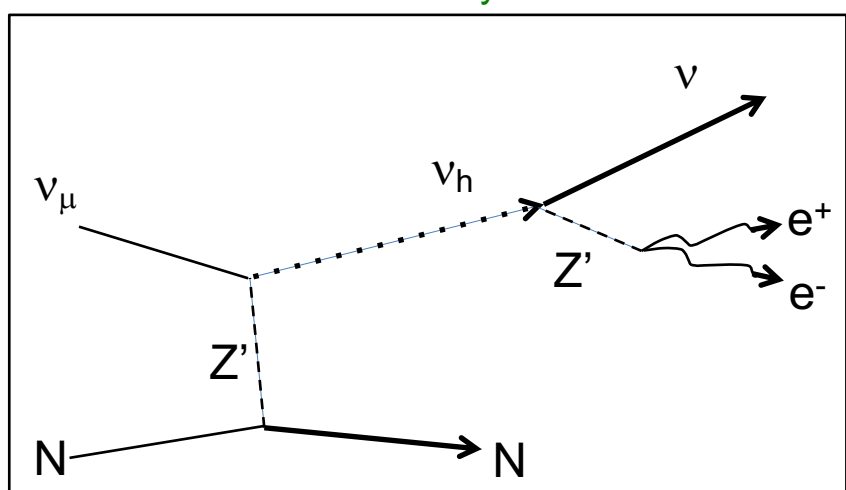
Z' decay model

A new class of models predict a heavy neutrino and a neutral heavy boson decaying to e+e-. These models explain both energy and angular distributions of MiniBooNE oscillation candidate data.

heavy neutrino decay



Z' decay



3. BSM neutrino oscillation model

- 1. MiniBooNE
- 2. Beam
- 3. Detector
- 4. Oscillation
- 5. Discussion

- Lorentz violation as alternative neutrino oscillation model
- Making a new texture in Hamiltonian to control oscillations.
 - Could explain all signals, including LSND and MiniBooNE.
 - This moment, no LV-motivated models can explain all signals.

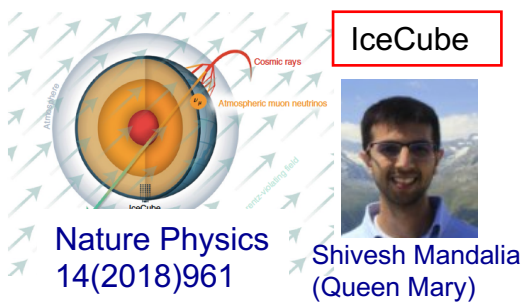
LV-motivated effective Hamiltonian

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

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

It is extremely difficult to make a neutrino oscillation model without neutrino mass, but consistent with all high-precision data.

- Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos
- Almost all neutrino experiments look for Lorentz violation.
 - Current best limits of Lorentz violation by neutrinos;
 - CPT-odd (dimension-3) $< 2.0 \times 10^{-24}$ GeV
 - CPT-even (dimension-4) $< 2.8 \times 10^{-28}$



It turns out neutrino experiments are one of the highest-precision tests of space-time effects!

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New study again proves Einstein right: Most thorough test to date finds no Lorentz violation in high-energy neutrinos

July 16, 2018 by Jennifer Chu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The IceCube Lab at the South Pole. Credit: Martin Wolf, IceCube/NSF

The universe should be a predictably symmetrical place, according to a cornerstone of Einstein's

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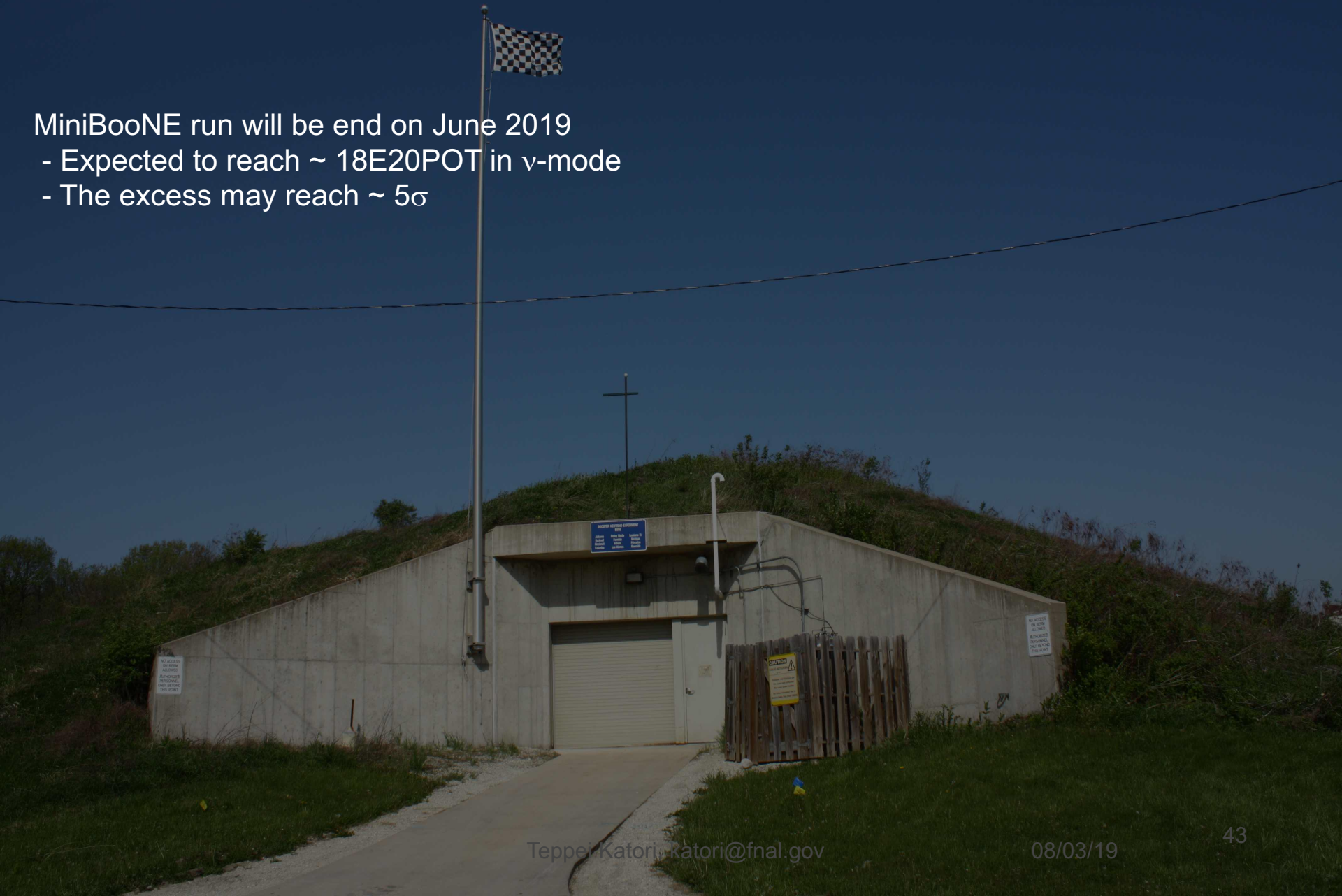
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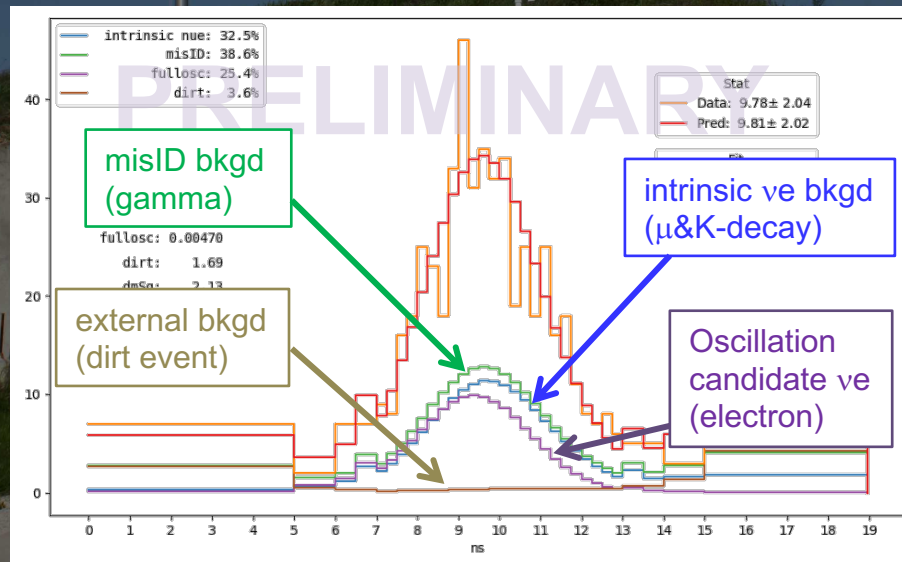
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Next oscillation analysis: timing background rejection

- It is possible to reject both intrinsic and misID backgrounds by timing (ongoing)

Bunch structure, data-MC comparison

- intrinsic bkgd: μ -decay ν_e , K-decay $\nu_e \rightarrow$ slow
- misID bkgd: photon conversion \rightarrow slow



Conclusion

MiniBooNE is a short-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment

After 15 years of running

- neutrino mode: 381.2 ± 85.2 excess (4.5σ)
- antineutrino mode: 79.3 ± 28.6 excess (2.8σ)

MiniBooNE has many legacies in this community

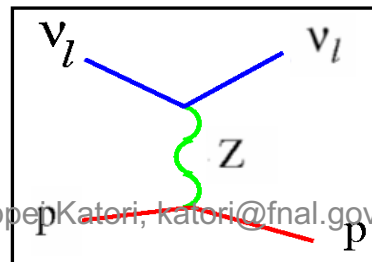
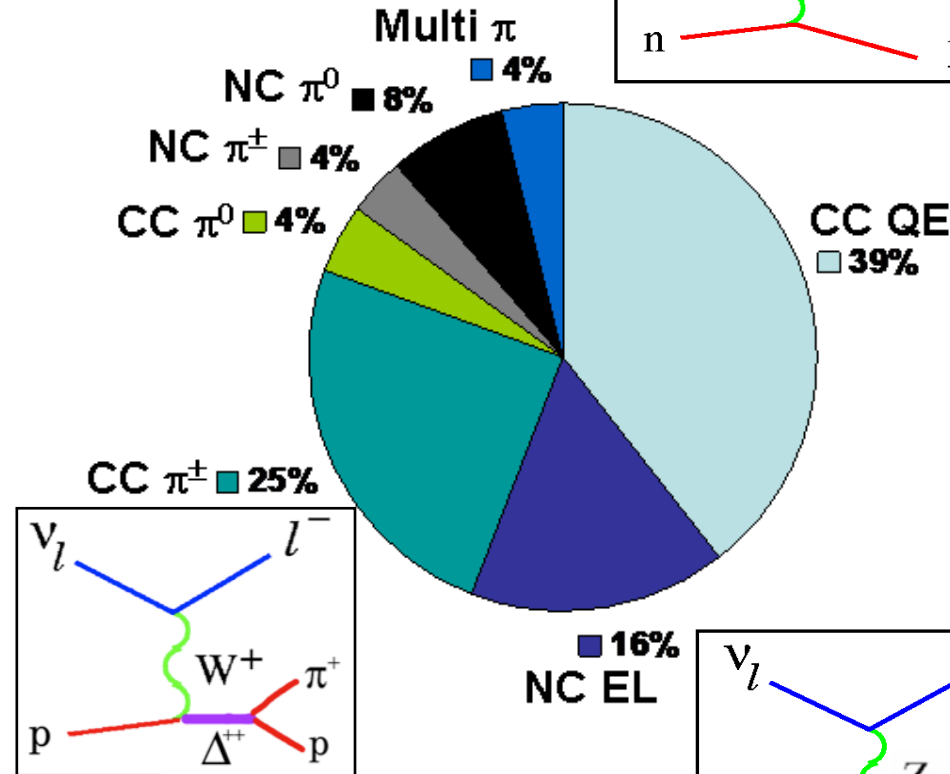
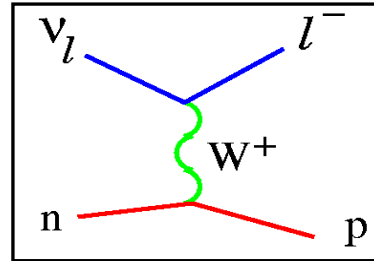
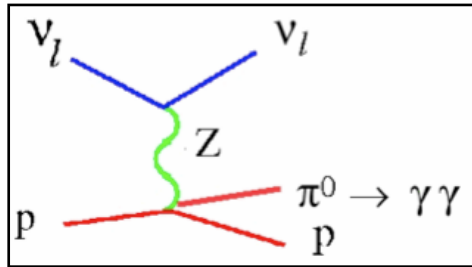
- Many useful tools
- Many useful people
- Many new topics
 - Neutrino cross section measurements
 - Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos
 - Direct production & detection Dark Matter search with ν -detector
 - etc.

But the biggest legacy is the **short-baseline anomaly**

Thank you for your attention!

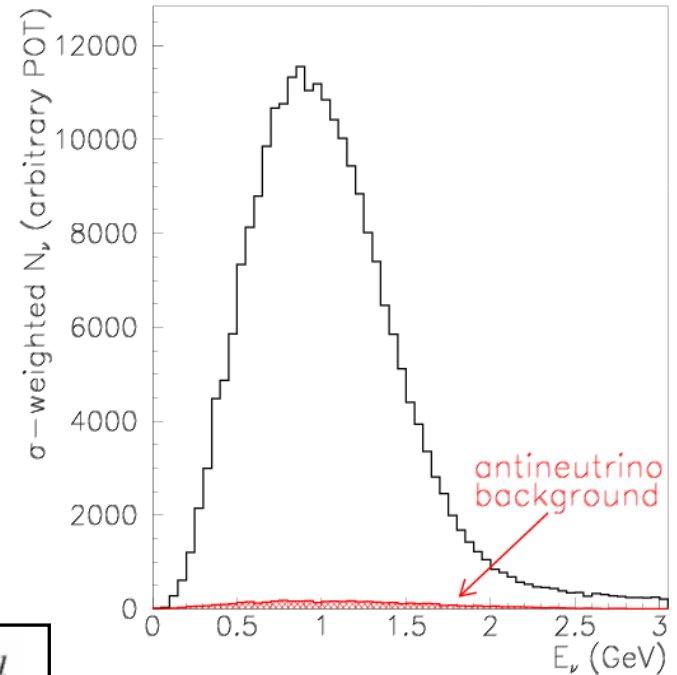
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3. Cross section model



Predicted event rates before cuts
(NUANCE Monte Carlo)

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



Event neutrino energy (GeV)