



NEW RESULTS FROM MINOS

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Outline

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- Review of neutrino oscillations
- The MINOS experiment and results
 - Muon neutrino disappearance
 - NC event rate
 - Electron neutrino appearance
 - Muon antineutrino disappearance
- The NOvA experiment

Mixing Matrix

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Neutrinos have mass
- $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau \leftrightarrow \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$
 - Flavor states—creation and detection
 - Mass states—propagation
- Neutrinos born as one flavor can later be detected as another flavor
- PMNS matrix relates the two bases

Mixing Matrix

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$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = \left| \sum_j U_{\alpha j}^* e^{-i \frac{m_j^2 L}{2E}} U_{\alpha j} \right|^2$$

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$\times \text{diag}(1, e^{i\alpha}, e^{i\beta})$

α, β — Majorana phases
not observable in
oscillation expts.

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Pontecorvo, Maki,
Nakagawa, Sakata

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- Factorizes—3 terms, 3 experimental regimes
- (1 2) Sector identified with solar mixing
 - ▣ driven by small $\Delta m^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
 - ▣ Reactor+Solar experiments at $L/E \sim 15,000 \text{ km/GeV}$

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- (23) Sector identified with atmospheric mixing
 - ▣ driven by larger $\Delta m^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
 - ▣ Atmospheric neutrinos
 - ▣ accelerator experiments with $L/E \sim 500 \text{ km/GeV}$

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- Factorizes—3 terms, 3 experimental regimes
- (13) Sector mixing not yet observed
 - θ_{13} is small
 - accelerator experiments $L/E \sim 500 \text{ km/GeV}$
 - reactor experiments $L/E \sim 500 \text{ km/GeV}$ (0.5 km/MeV)

Why measure all these angles?

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- Precision measurements provide valuable check that neutrino oscillations are the right solution to neutrino anomalies
- PMNS matrix analogous to CKM matrix governing quark mixing
 - ▣ mixing in lepton sector much larger than mixing in quark sector
 - ▣ θ_{23} maximal? θ_{12} moderately large—why?
 - ▣ θ_{13} small, is it zero?—why?
 - ▣ Is there CP violation in the lepton sector? Is it big enough to account for matter vs. antimatter asymmetry in the Universe?

The MINOS Experiment



- Two detectors mitigate systematic effects
 - beam flux mis-modeling
 - neutrino interaction uncertainties

- Long base-line neutrino oscillation experiment

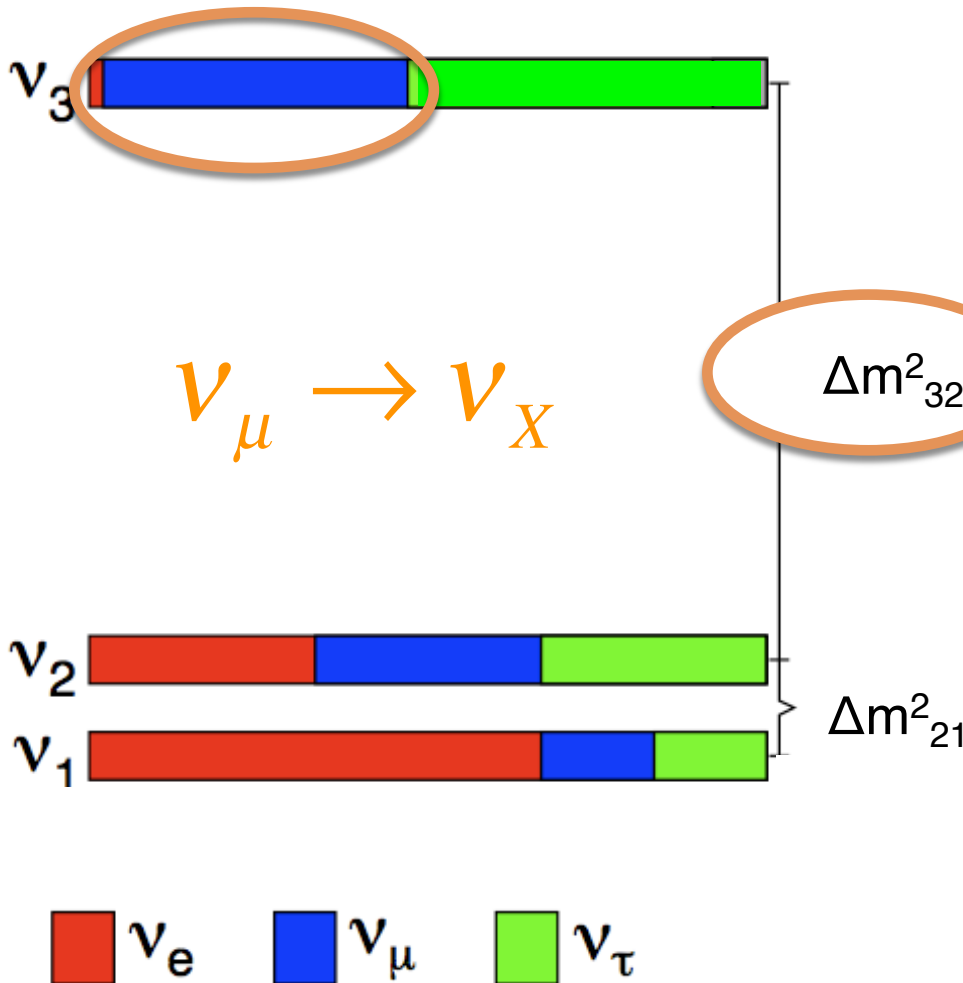
- Neutrinos from NuMI beam line

- $L/E \sim 500 \text{ km/GeV}$
- atmospheric Δm^2



MINOS Physics Goals

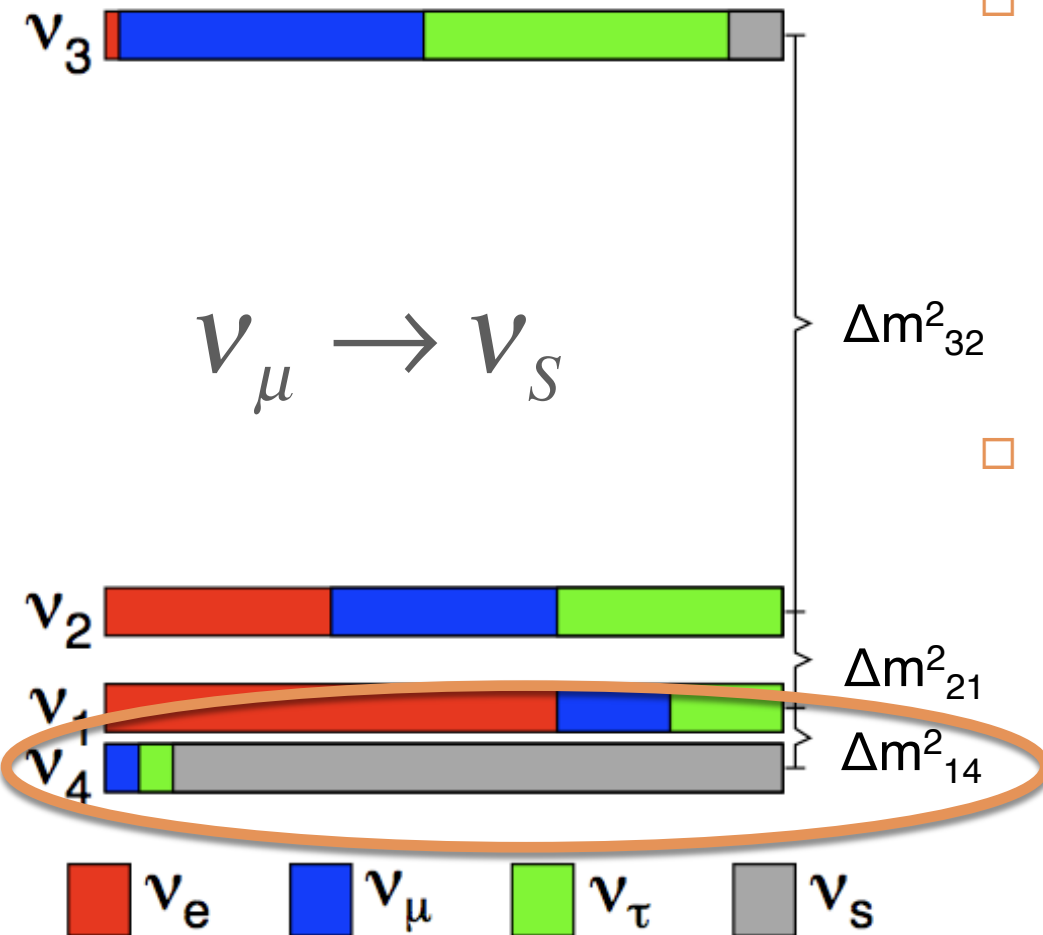
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 - Δm^2_{32} and $\sin^2(2\theta_{23})$
 - test oscillations vs. decay/decoherence

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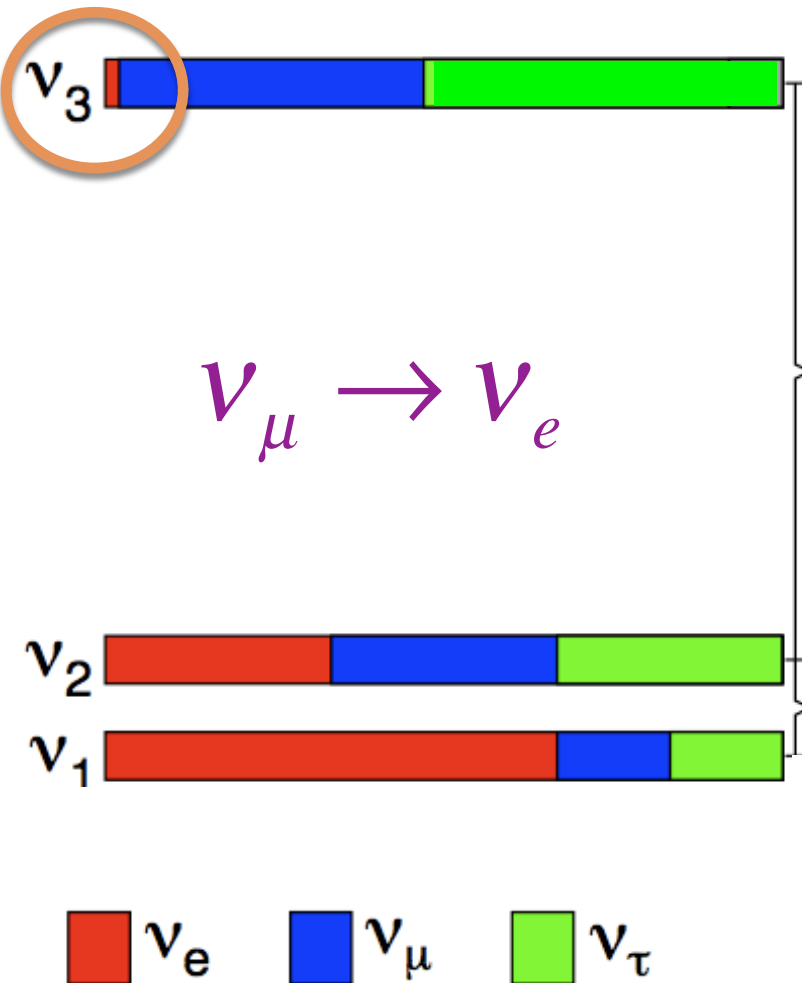
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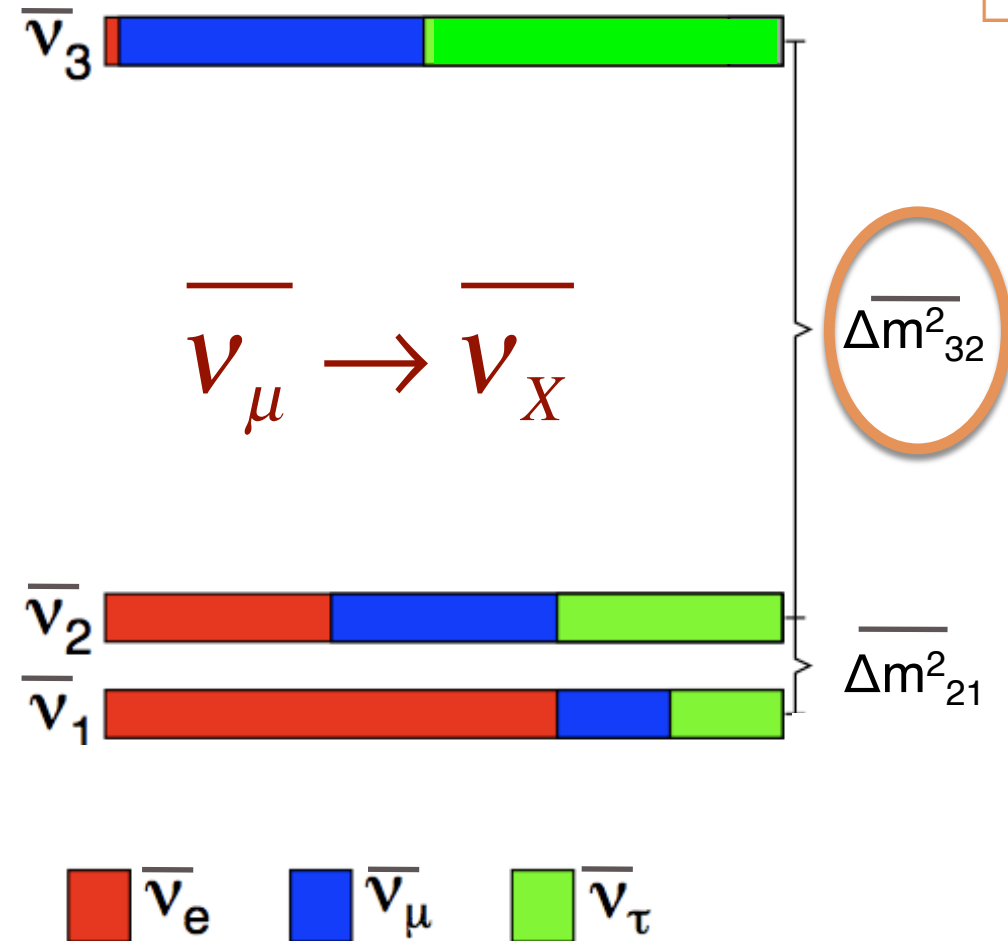


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 - Δm^2_{32} and $\sin^2(2\theta_{23})$
 - test oscillations vs. decay/decoherence
- Mixing to sterile neutrinos?
- **Study $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ mixing**
 - measure θ_{13}

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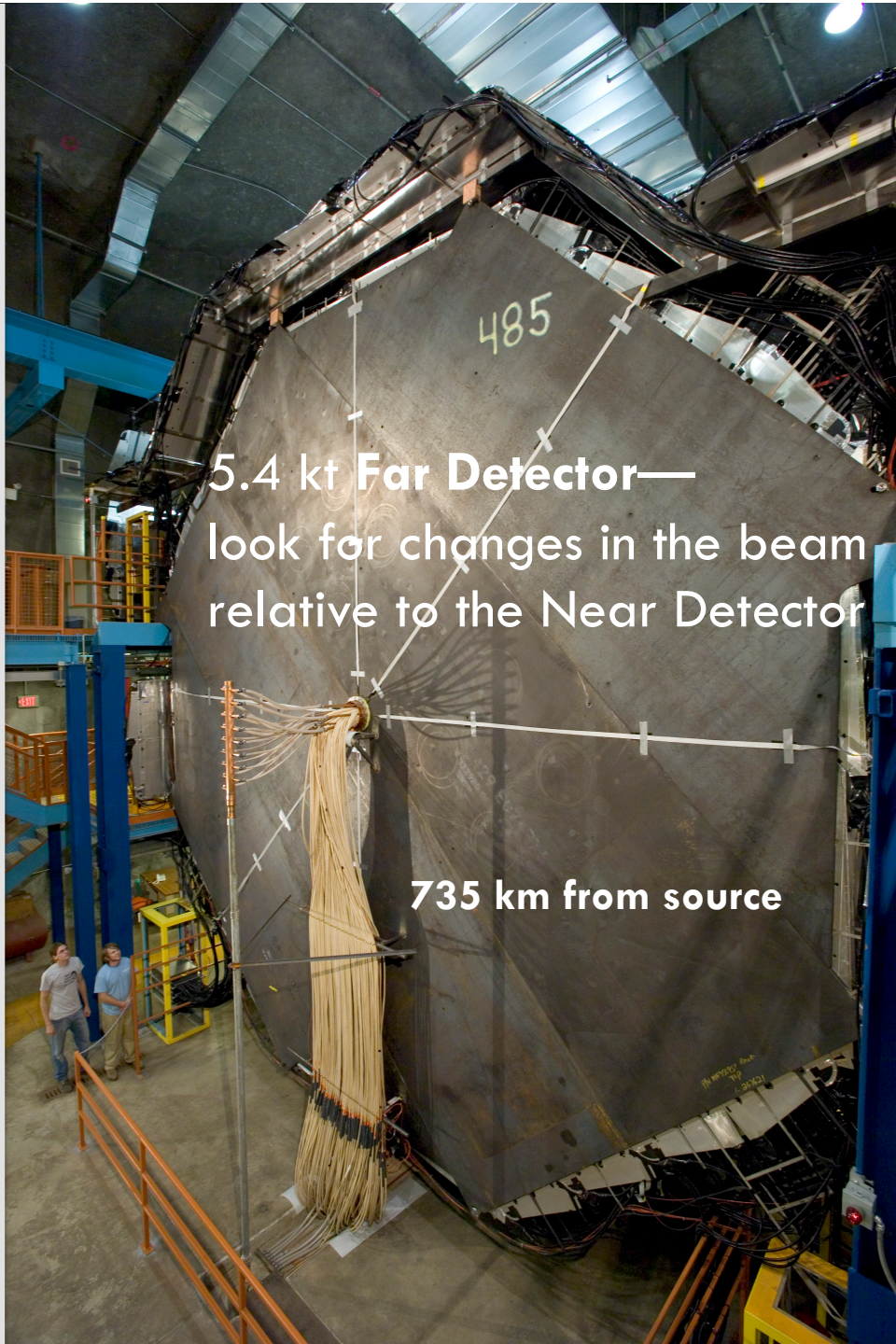
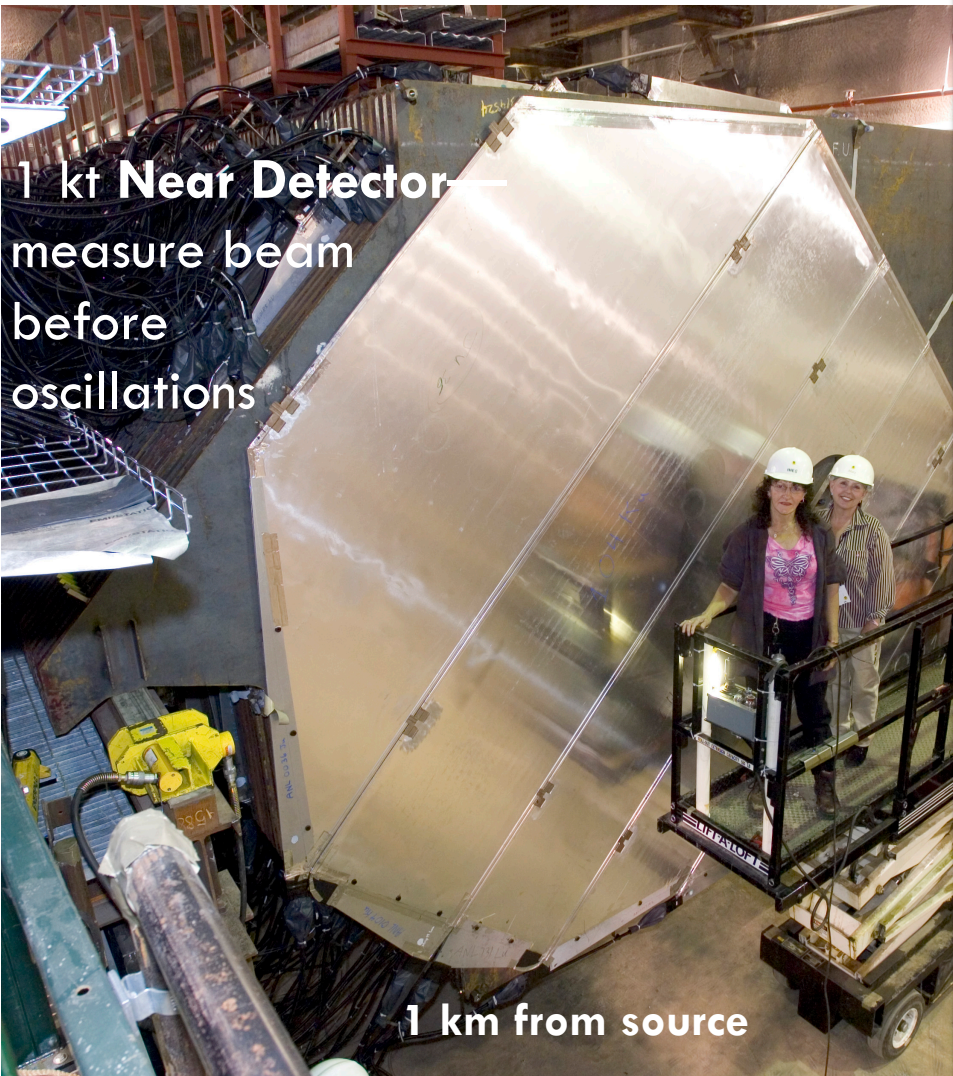
- Measure $\overline{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance as a function of energy
 - $\overline{\Delta m^2}_{32}$ and $\sin^2(2\overline{\theta}_{23})$
 - look for differences between neutrino and anti-neutrinos



The Detectors

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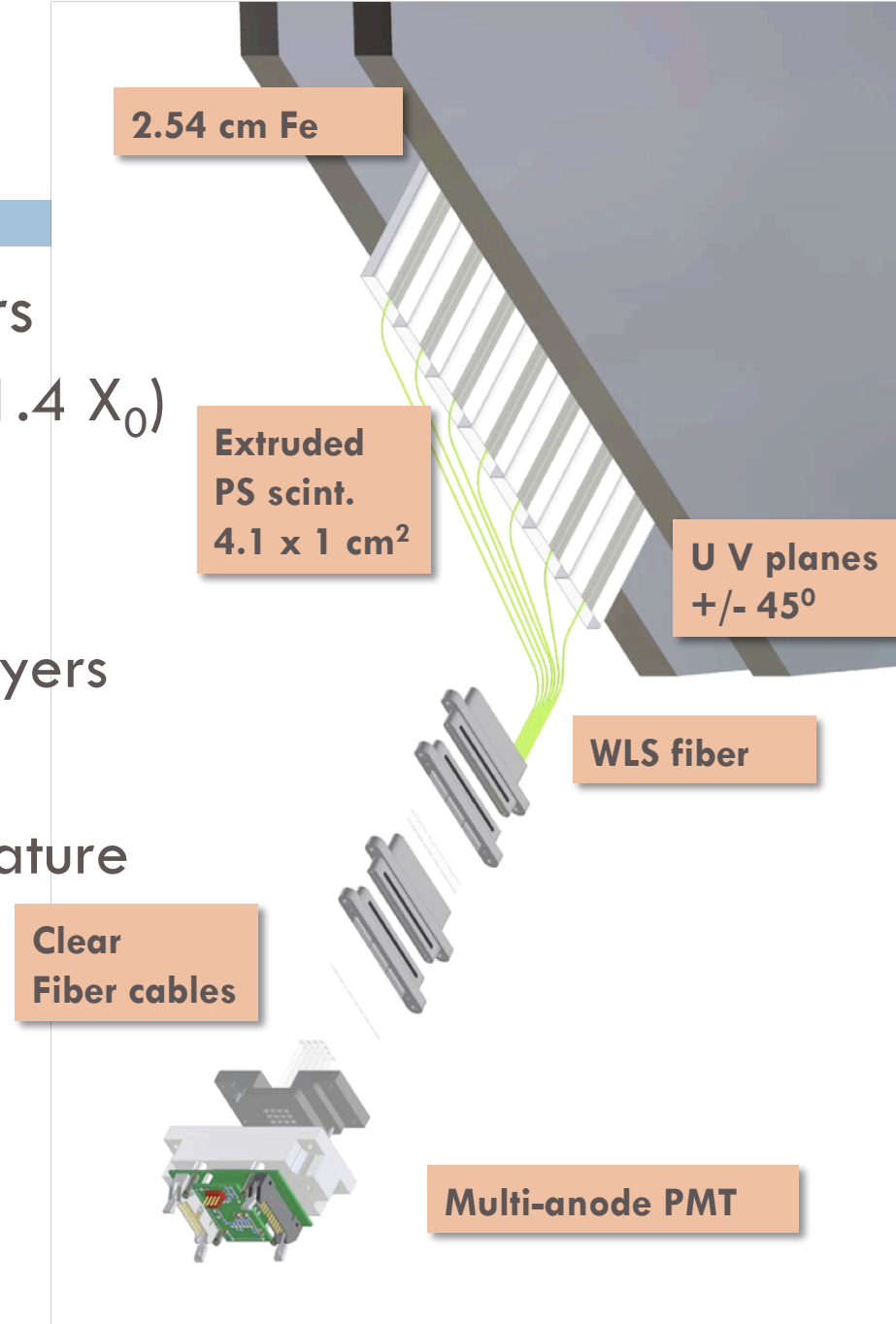
Magnetized, tracking calorimeters



Detector Technology

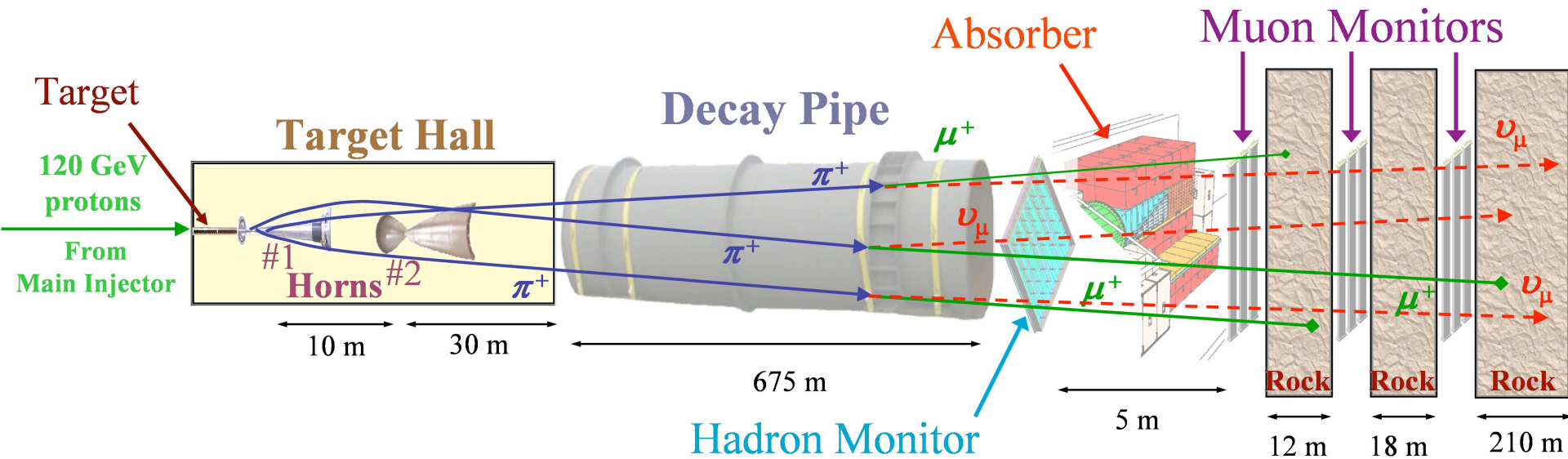
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- Tracking sampling calorimeters
 - steel absorber 2.54 cm thick ($1.4 X_0$)
 - scintillator strips 4.1 cm wide (1.1 Moliere radii)
 - 1 GeV muons penetrate 28 layers
- Magnetized
 - muon energy from range/curvature
 - distinguish μ^+ from μ^-
- Functionally equivalent
 - same segmentation
 - same materials
 - same mean B field (1.3 T)



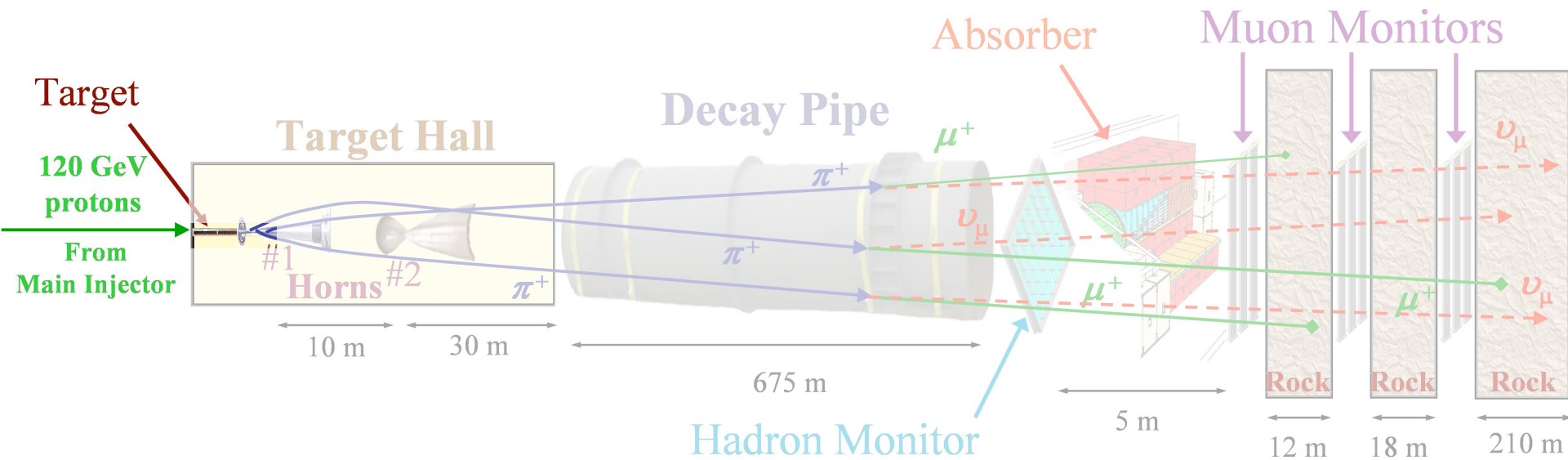
Making a neutrino beam

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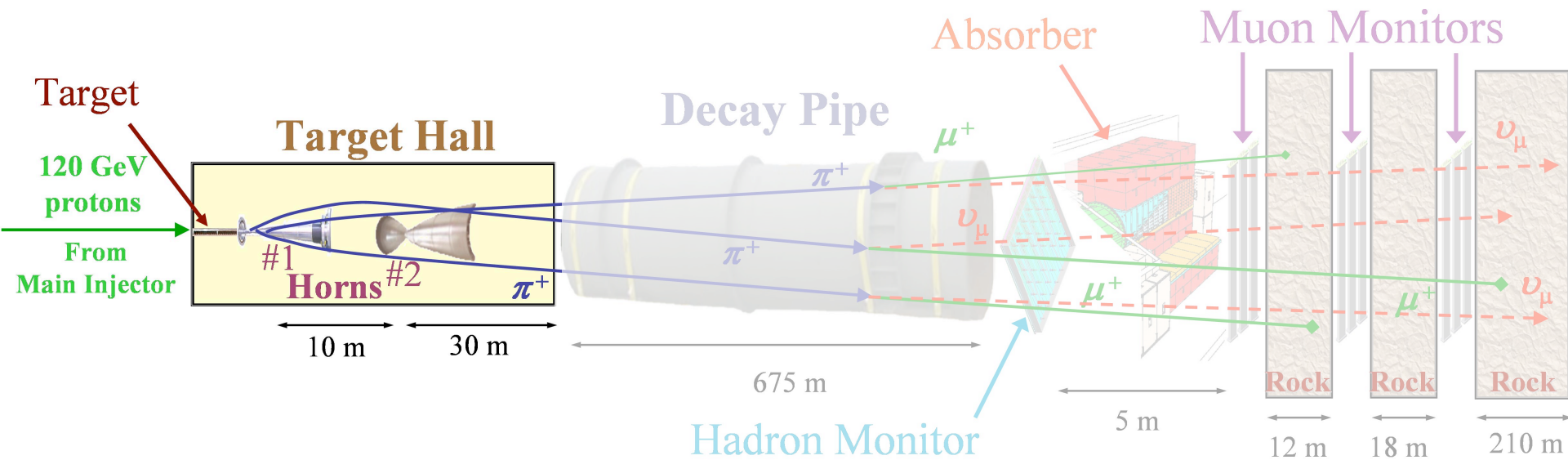


□ Production

- ▣ bombard graphite target with 120 GeV p^+ from Main Injector
 - ▣ 2 interaction lengths
 - ▣ 310 kW typical power
- ▣ produce hadrons, mostly π and K

Making a neutrino beam

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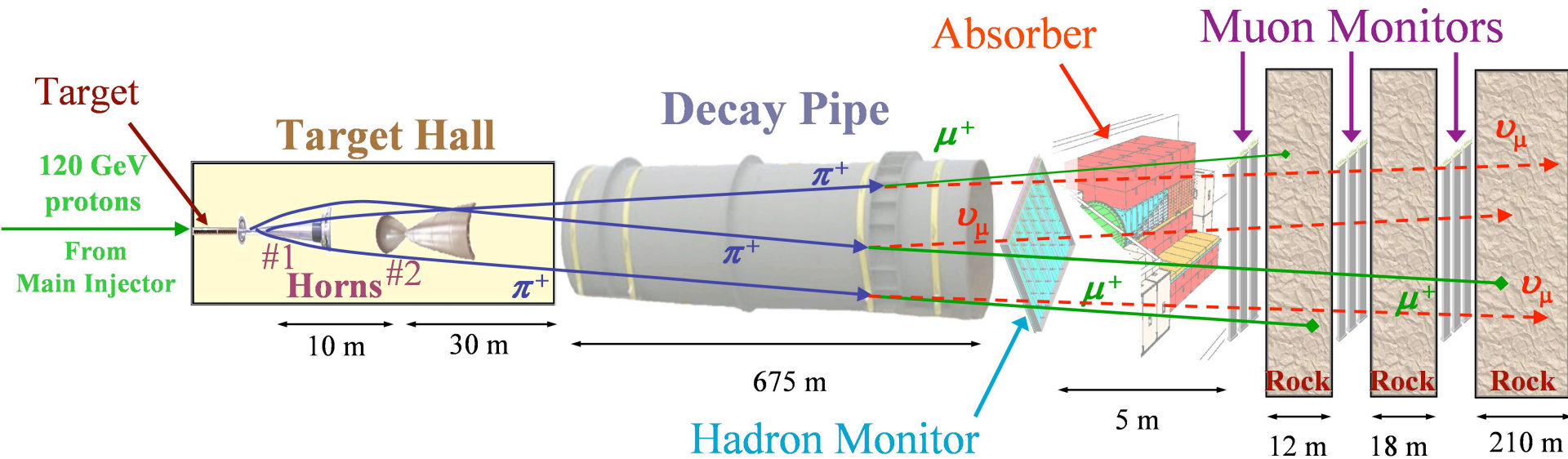


□ Focusing

- hadrons focused by 2 magnetic focusing horns
- energy of focused particles depends on separation between target and horns
- sign selected hadrons
 - forward current, (+) for standard neutrino beam runs
 - reverse current, (-) for anti-neutrino beam

Making a neutrino beam

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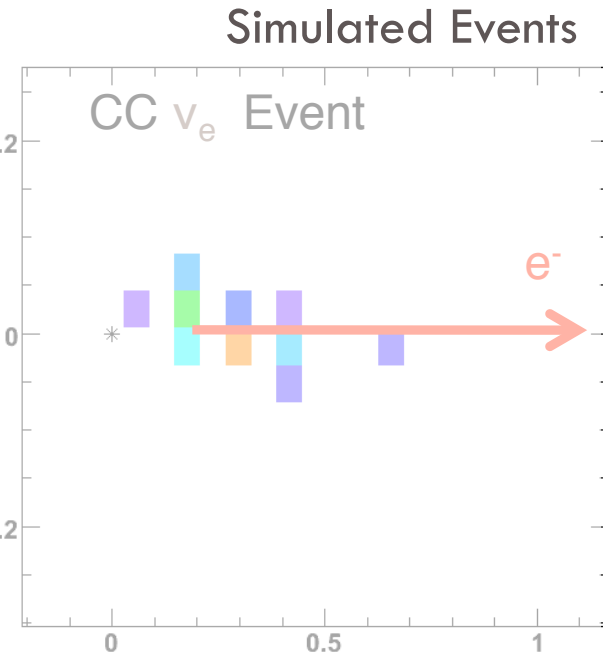
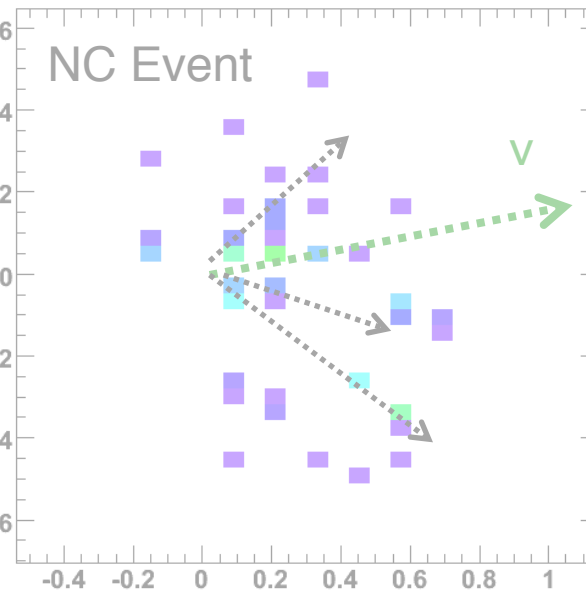
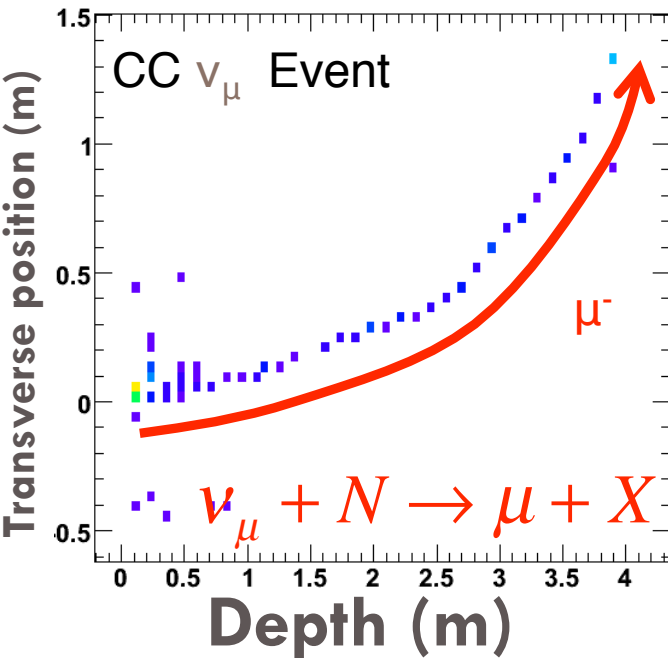


□ Decay

- 2 m diameter decay pipe
- result: wide band neutrino beam
- secondary beam monitored

Events in MINOS

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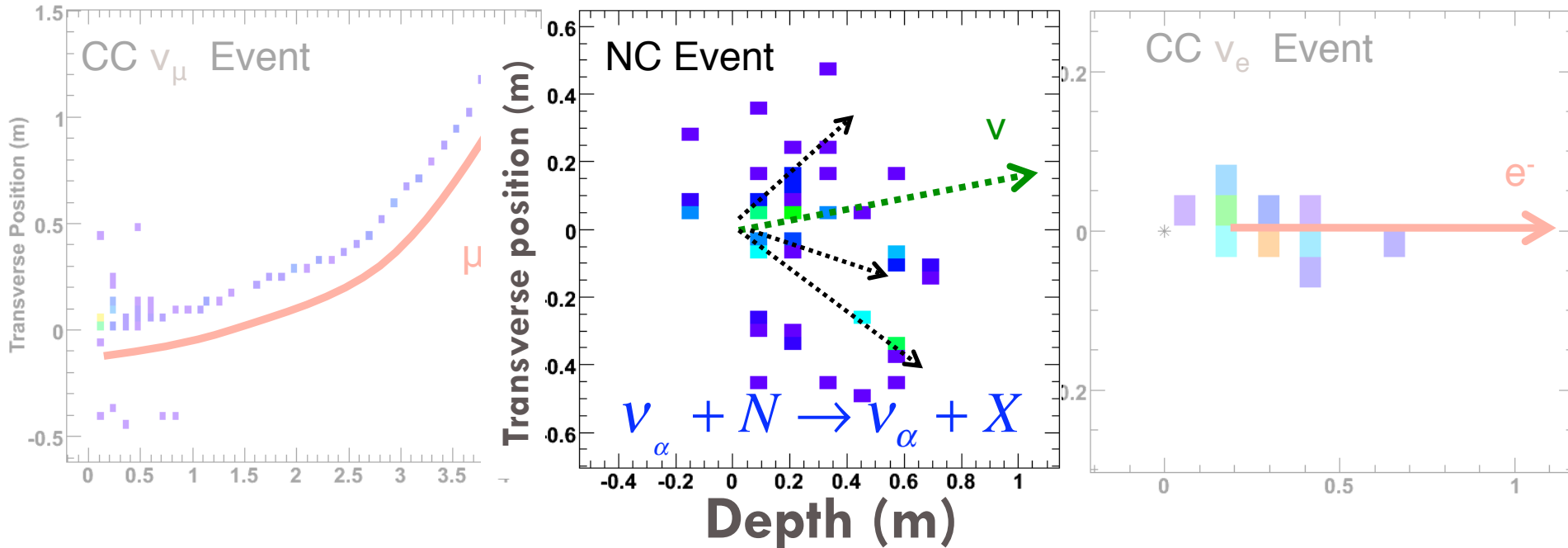


- ν_μ Charged Current events:
 - long μ track, with hadronic activity at vertex
 - neutrino energy from sum of muon energy (range or curvature) and shower energy

Events in MINOS

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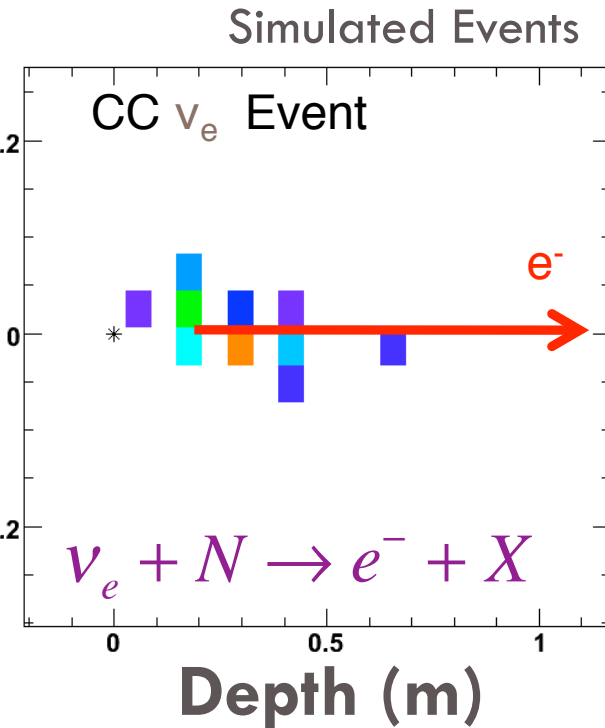
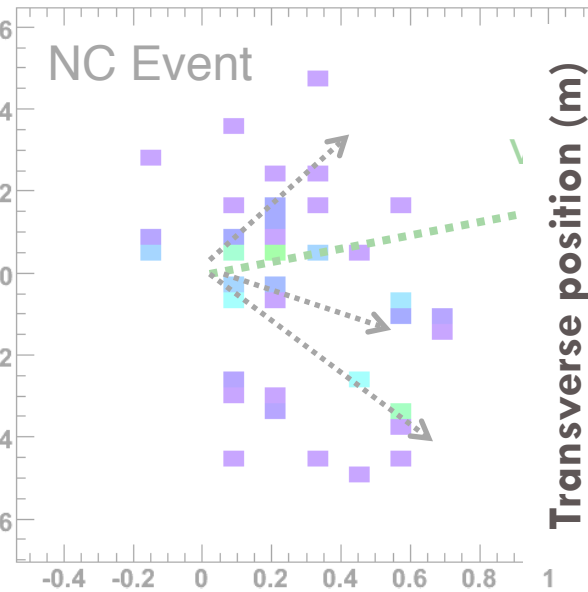
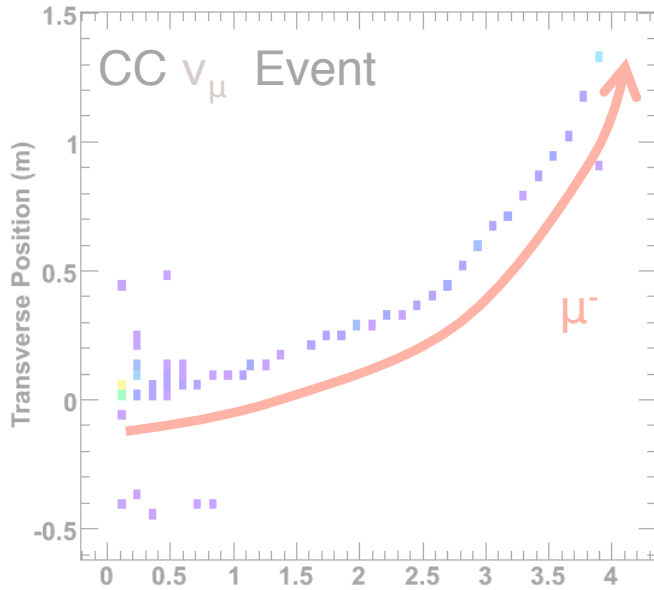
Simulated Events



- Neutral Current events:
 - short, diffuse shower event
 - shower energy from calorimetric response

Events in MINOS

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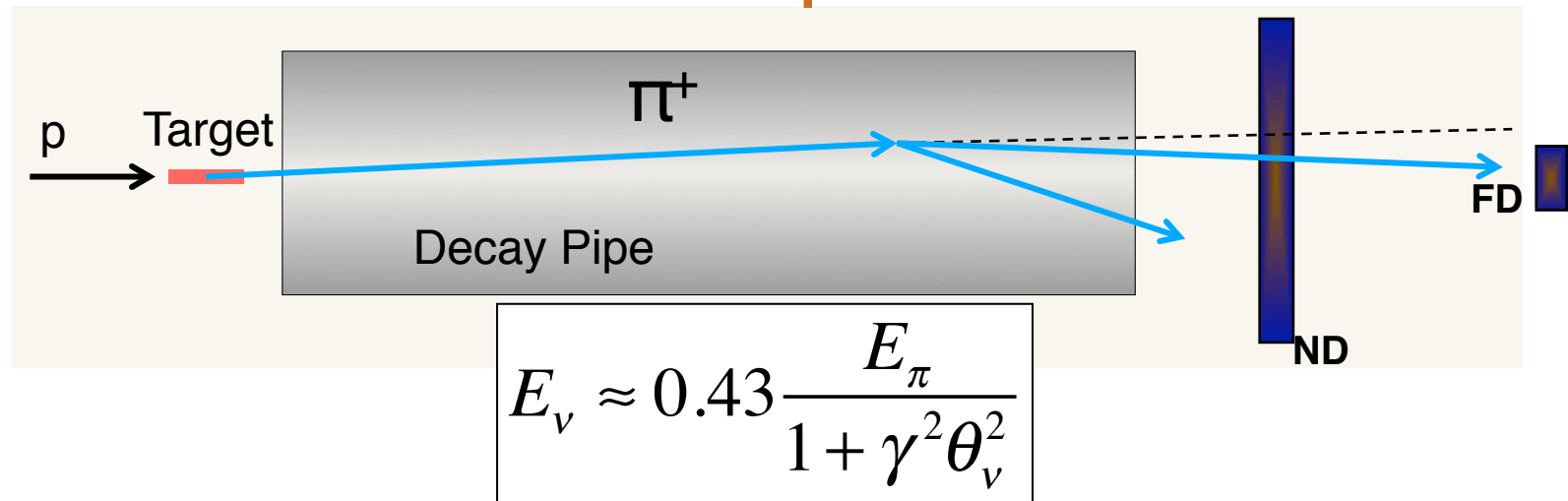


- ν_e Charged Current events:
 - compact shower event with an EM core
 - neutrino energy from calorimetric response

Near to Far

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Far spectrum without oscillations is similar, but not identical to the Near spectrum!

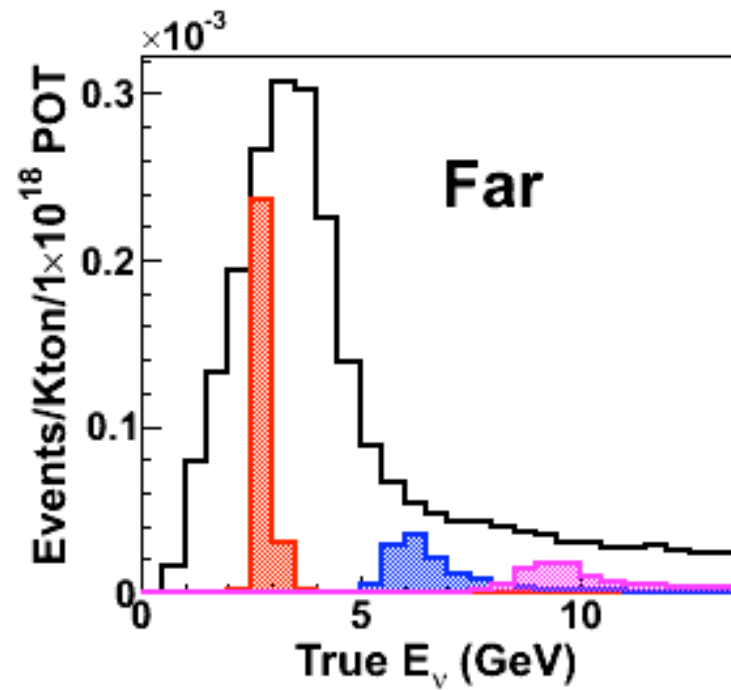
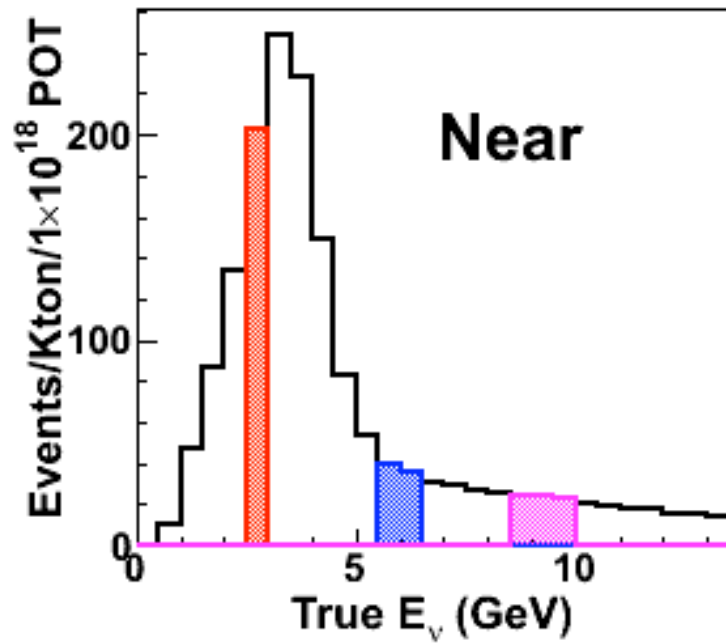


- Neutrino energy depends on angle wrt original pion direction and parent energy
 - ▣ higher energy pions decay further along decay pipe
 - ▣ angular distributions different between Near and Far

Near to Far

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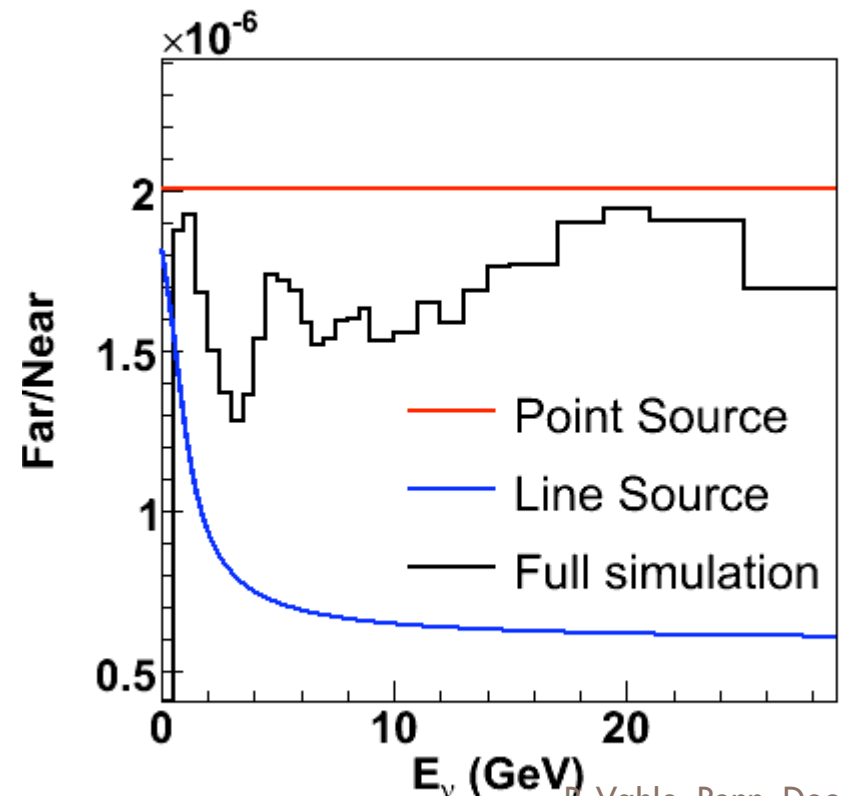
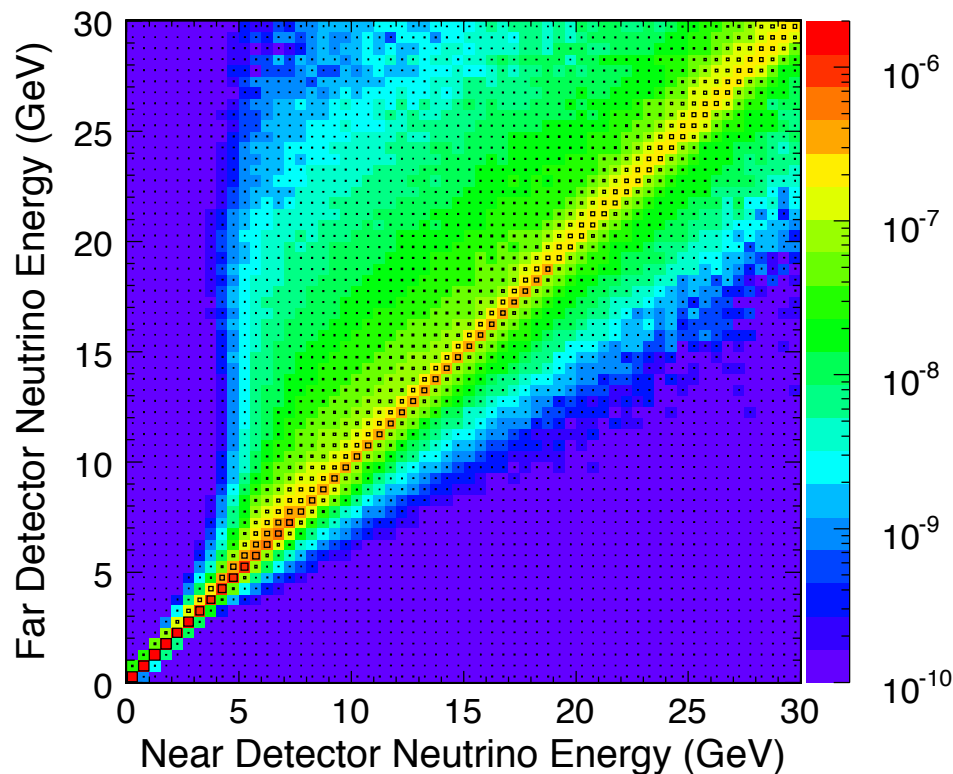
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Extrapolation

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- Muon-neutrino and anti-neutrino analyses: beam matrix for FD prediction of track events
- NC and electron-neutrino analyses: Far to Near spectrum ratio for FD prediction of shower events



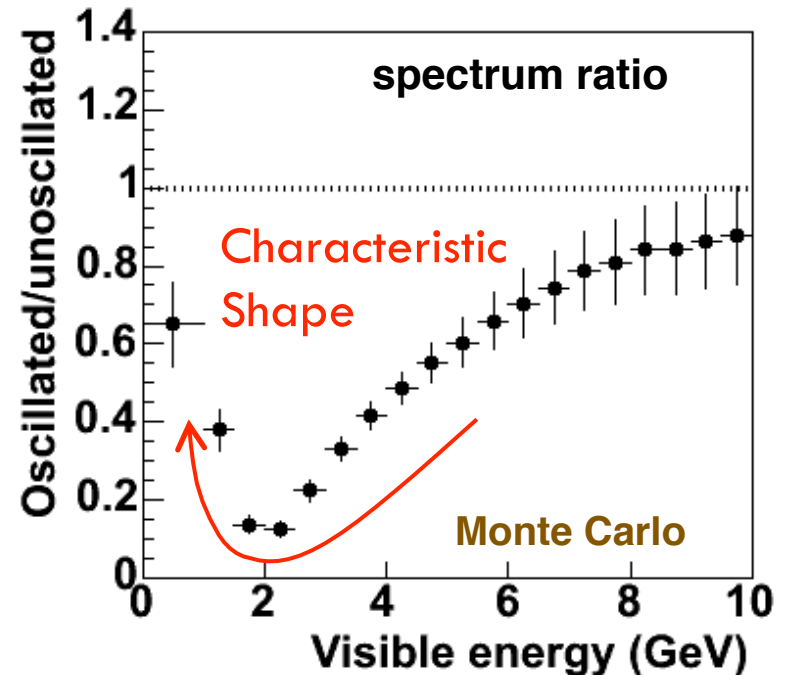
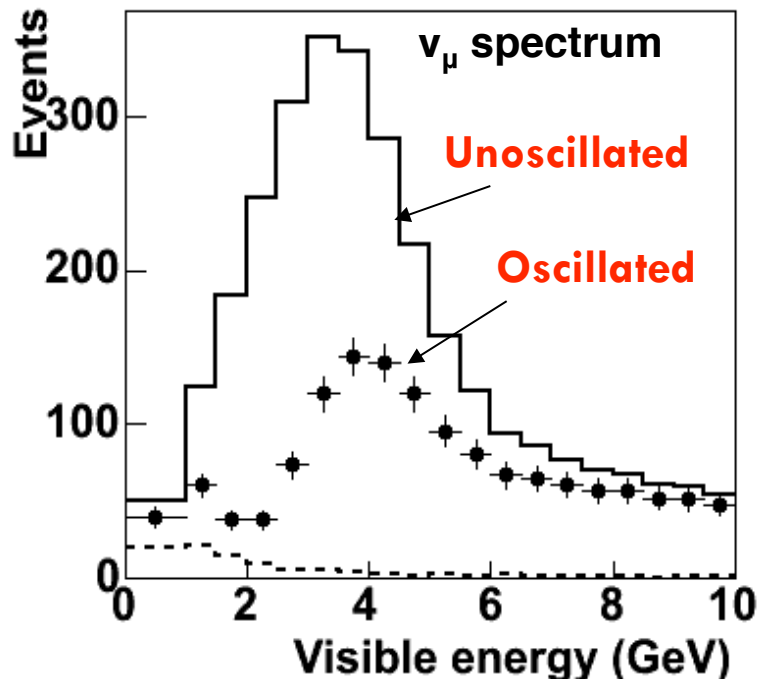
ν_μ Disappearance

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Monte Carlo

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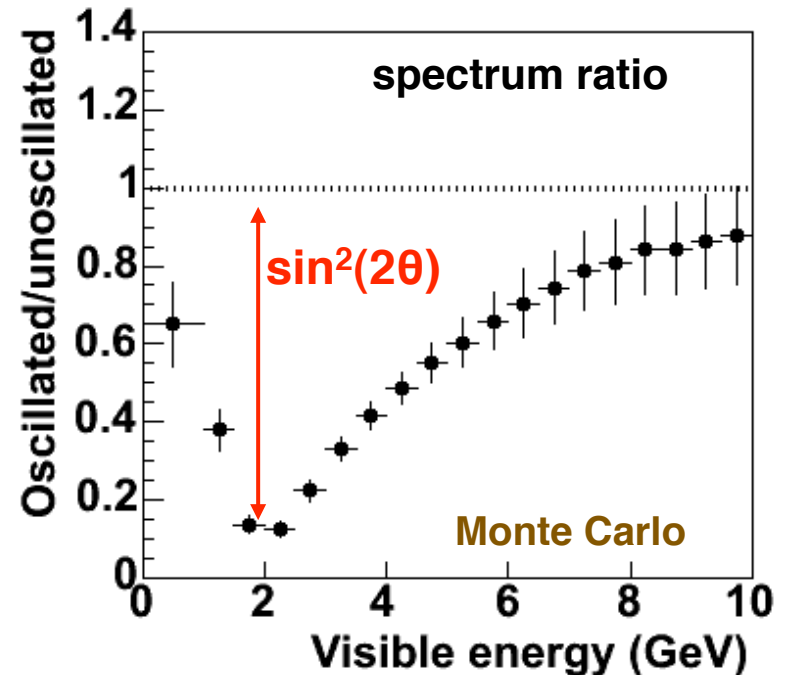
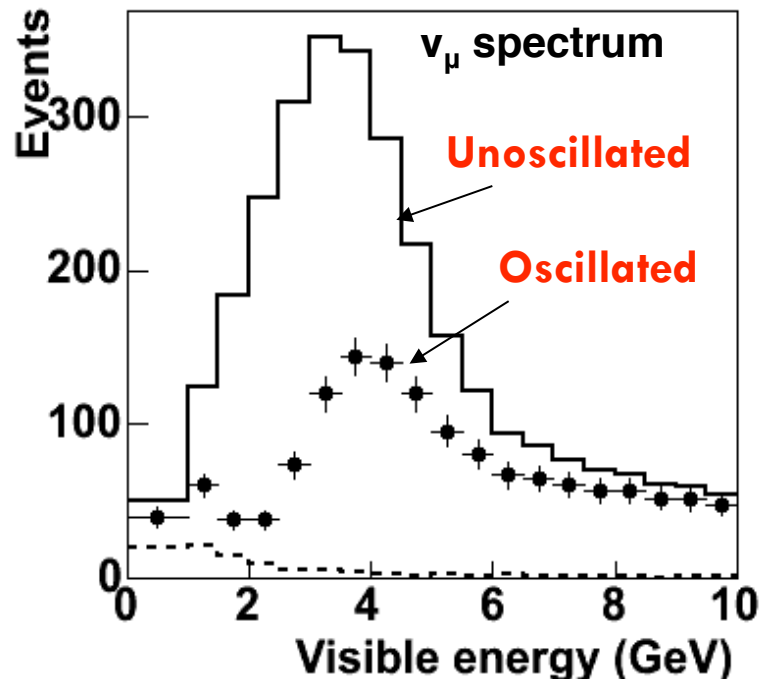
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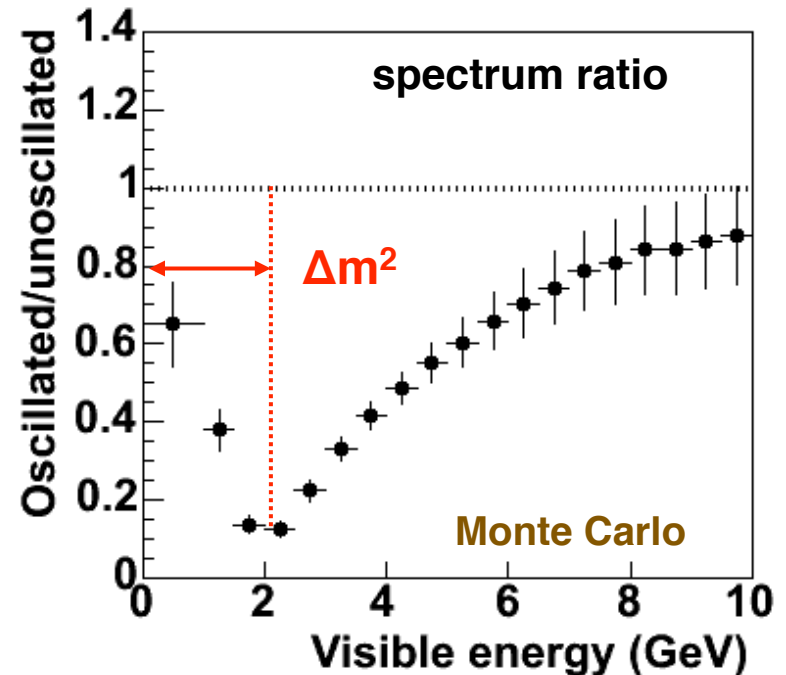
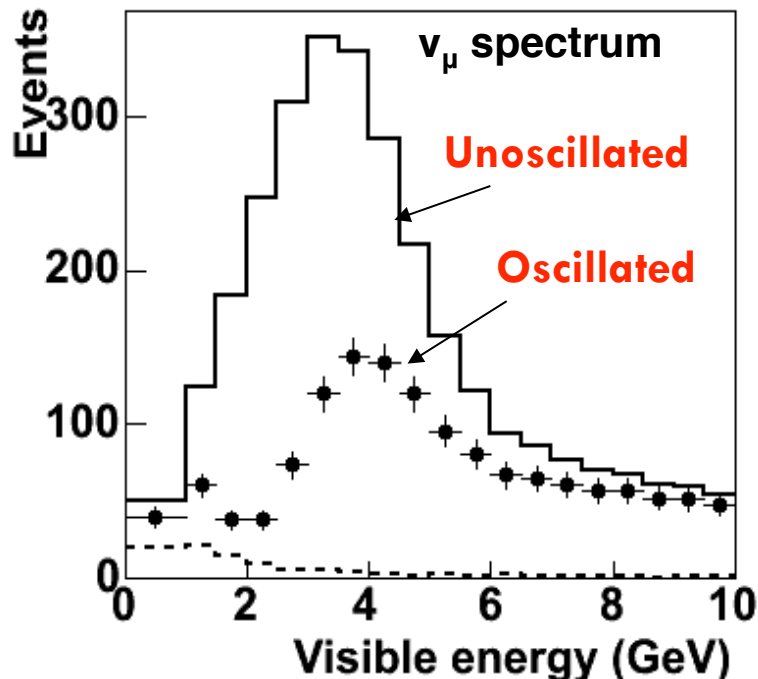
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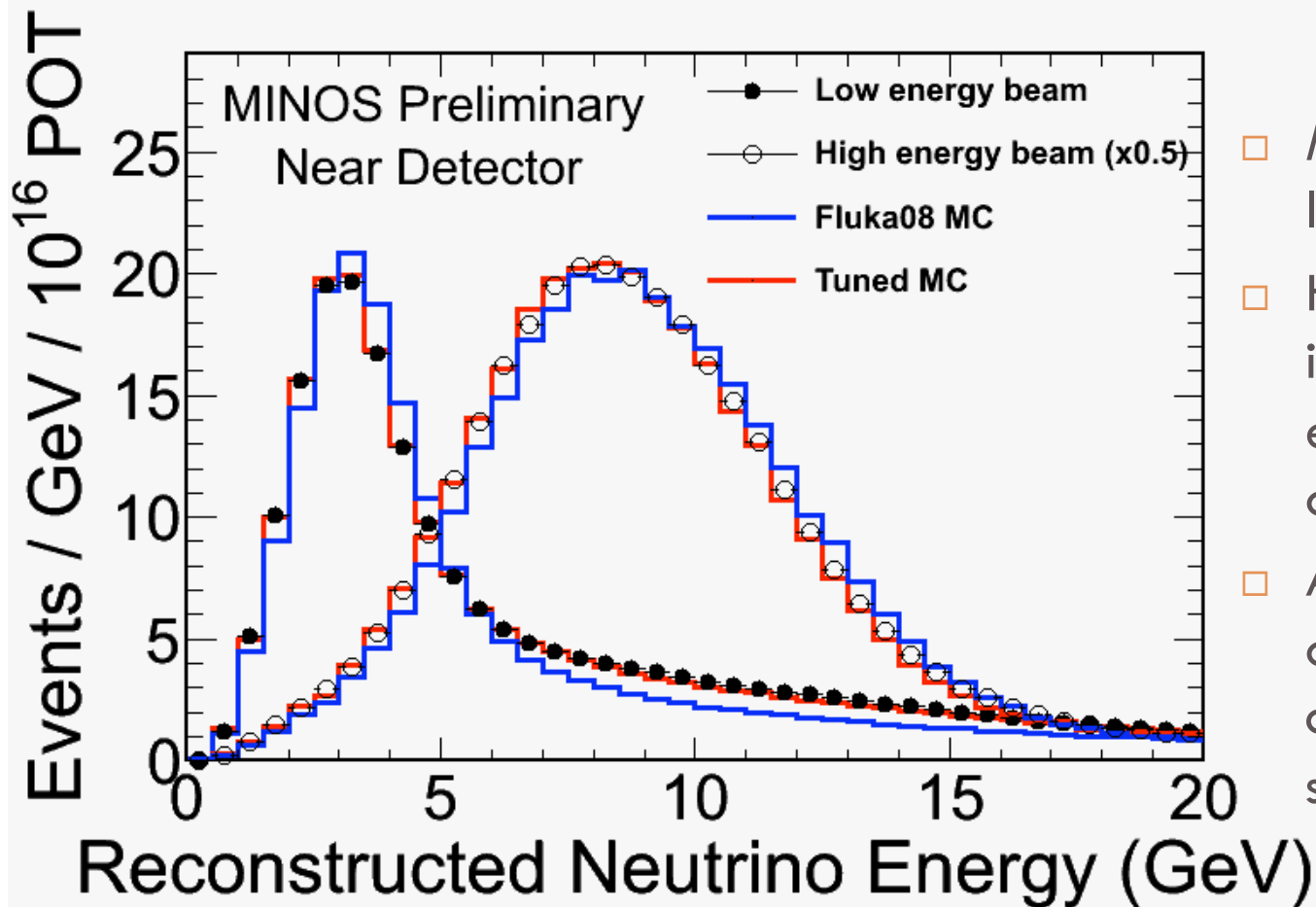
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CC events in the Near Detector

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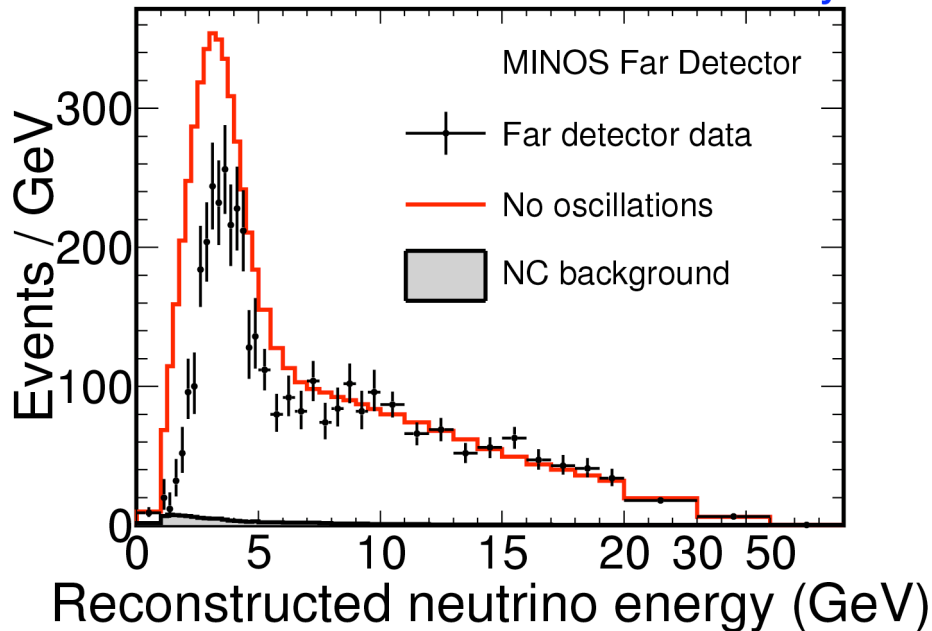


- Majority of data from low energy beam
- High energy beam improves statistics in energy range above oscillation dip
- Additional exposure in other configurations for commissioning and systematics studies

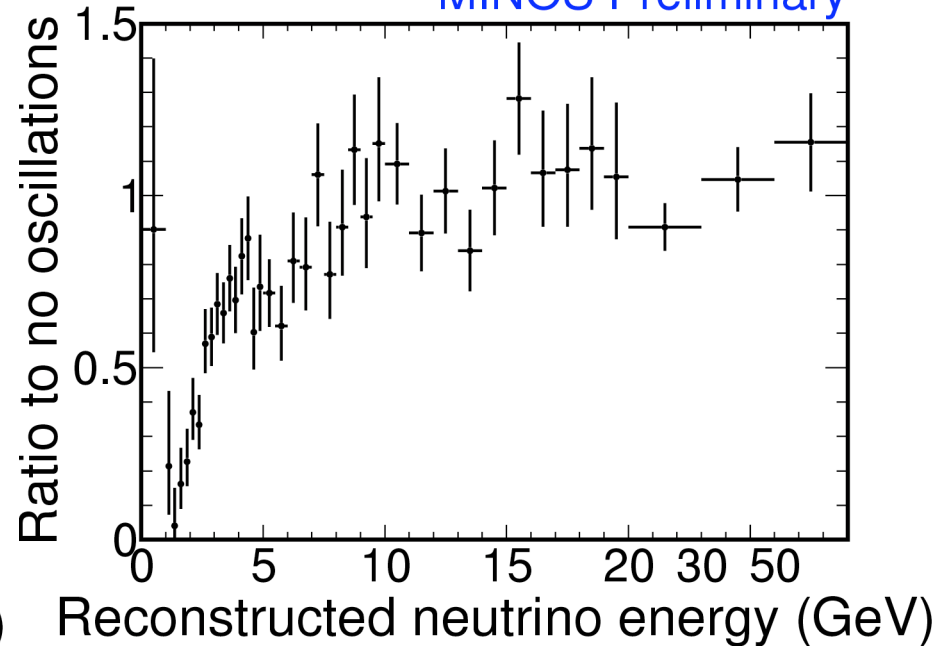
Far Detector Energy Spectrum

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MINOS Preliminary



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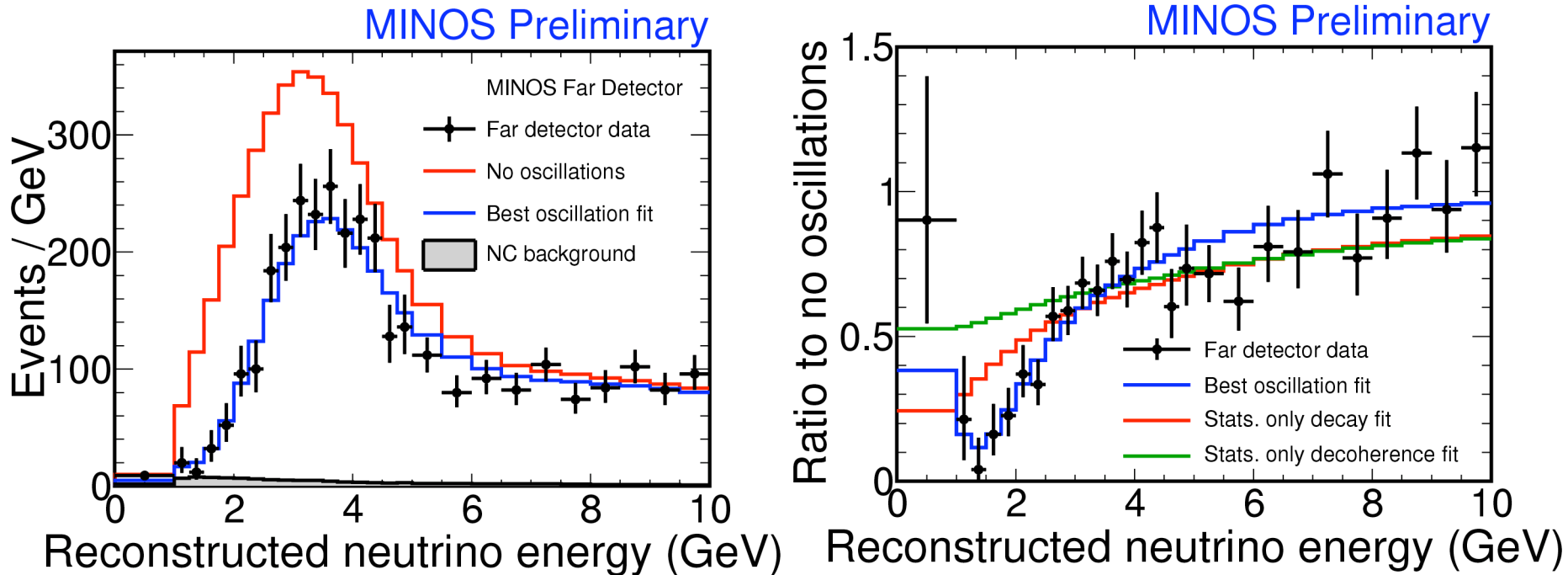


No Oscillations: **2451**

Observation: **1986**

Far Detector Energy Spectrum

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- Oscillations fit the data well, 66% of experiments have worse χ^2
- Pure decoherence[†] disfavored: $> 8\sigma$
- Pure decay[‡] disfavored: $> 6\sigma$
(7.8σ if NC events included)

[†]G.L. Fogli *et al.*, PRD 67:093006 (2003) [‡]V. Barger *et al.*, PRL 82:2640 (1999)

Contours

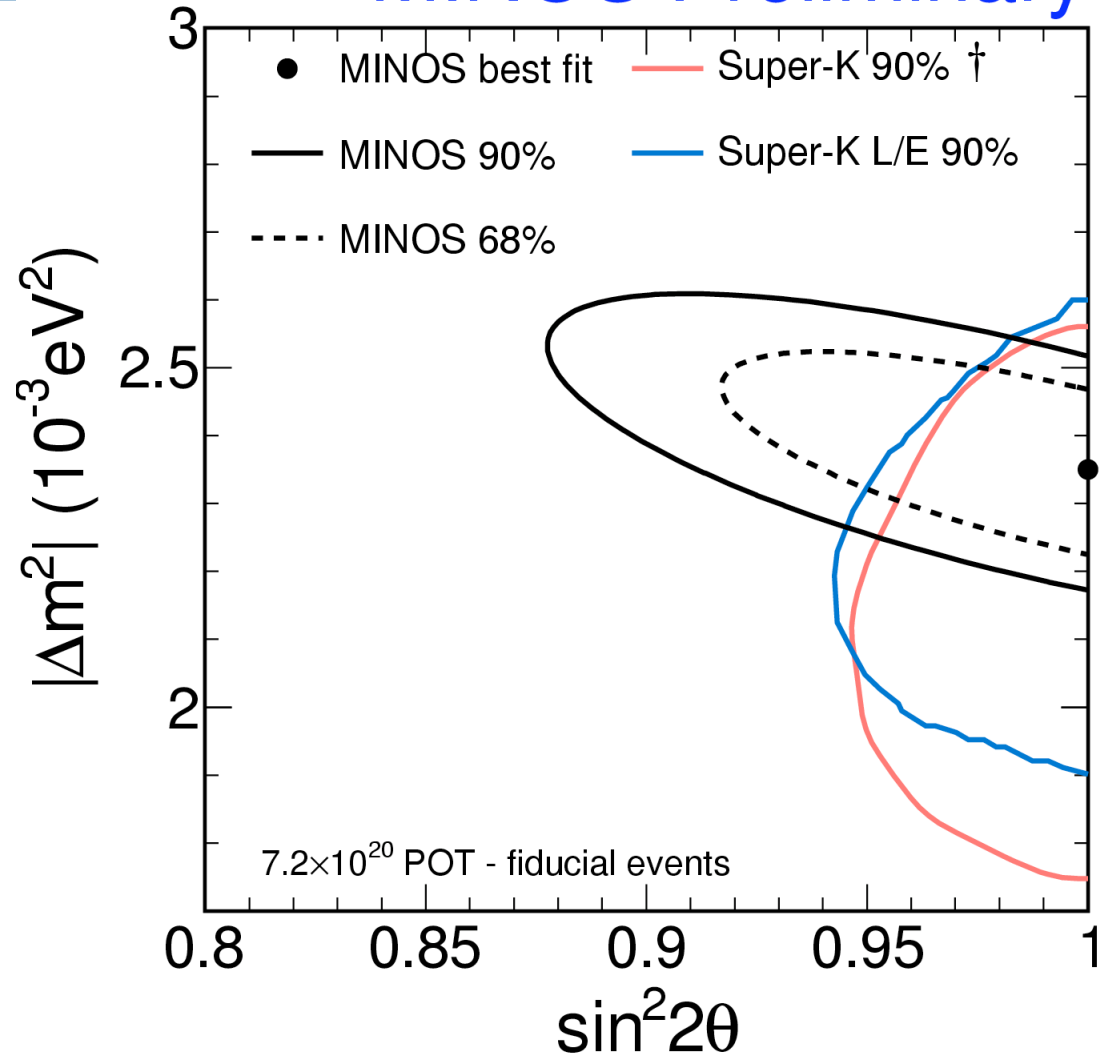
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$$|\Delta m^2| = 2.35^{+0.11}_{-0.08} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$
$$\sin^2(2\theta) > 0.91 \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

□ Contour includes effects of dominant systematic uncertainties

- normalization
- NC background
- shower energy
- track energy

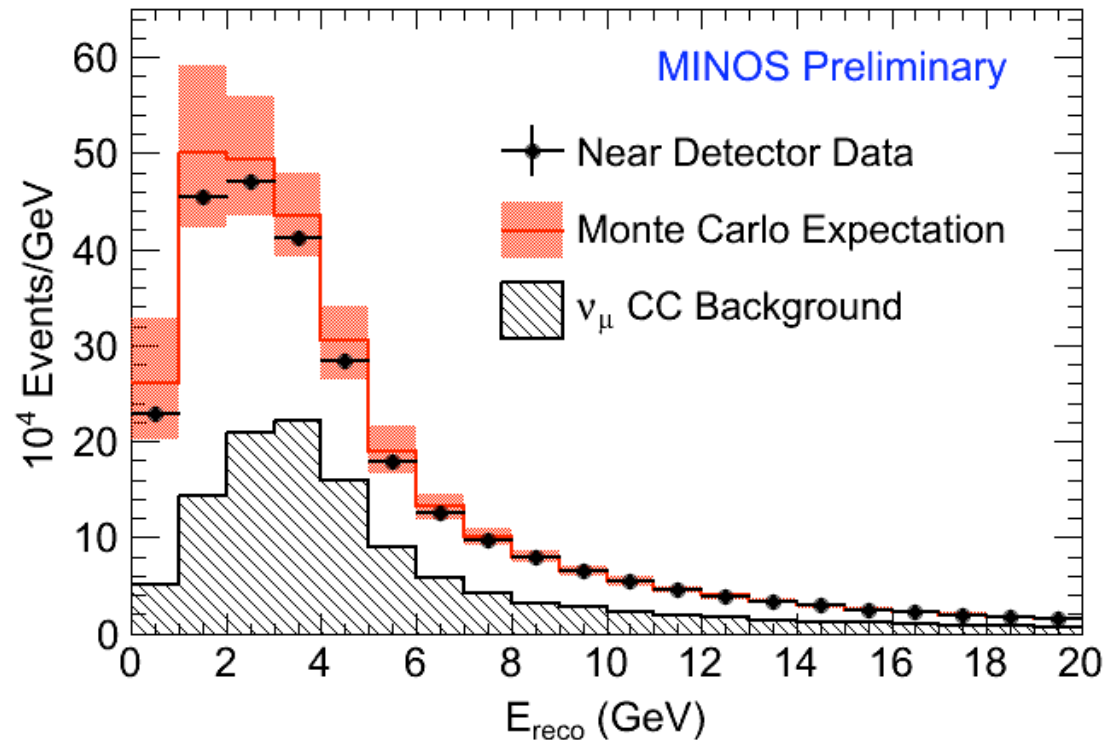
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†Super-Kamiokande Collaboration (preliminary)

Neutral Current Near Event Rates

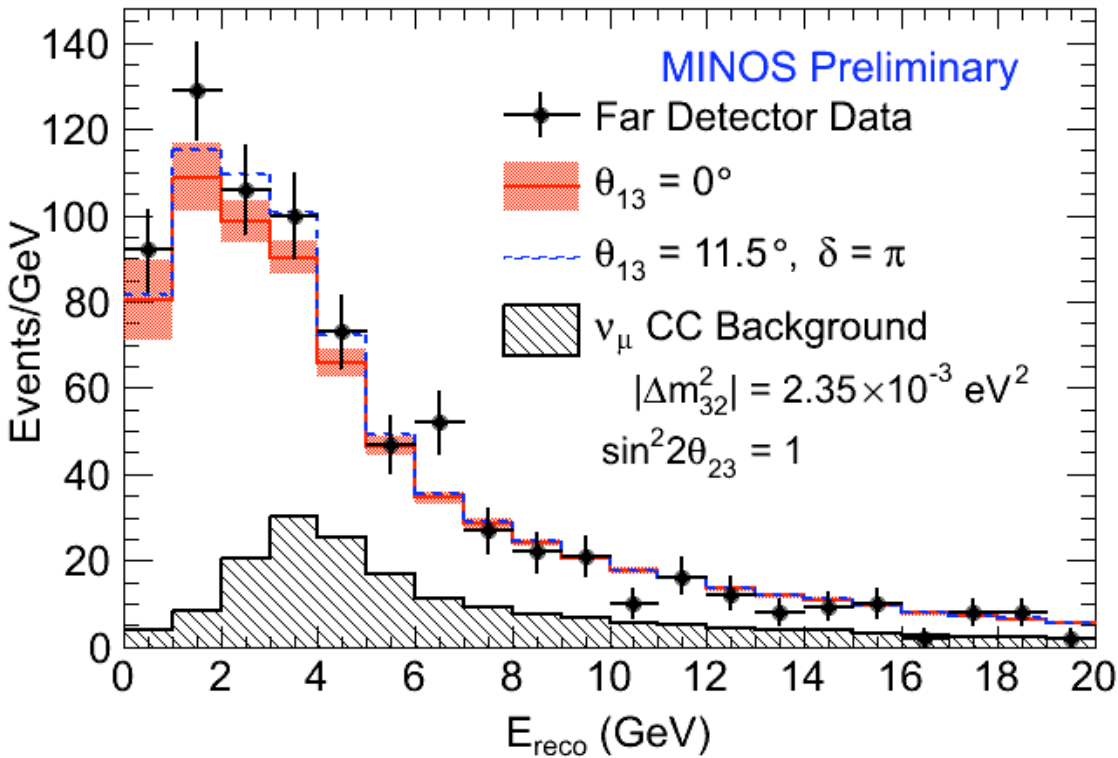
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- Neutral Current event rate should not change in standard 3 flavor oscillations
- A deficit in the Far event rate could indicate mixing to sterile neutrinos
- ν_e CC events would be included in NC sample, results depend on the possibility of ν_e appearance

Neutral Currents in the Far Detector

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- Expect: **757** events
- Observe: **802** events
- No deficit of NC events

$$R = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - BG}{S_{NC}}$$

$$1.09 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (syst.)}$$

(no ν_e appearance)

$$1.01 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (syst.)}$$

(with ν_e appearance)

$$f_s \equiv \frac{P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s}}{1 - P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu}} < 0.22 \text{ (0.40) at 90\% C.L.}$$

no (with) ν_e appearance

ν_e Appearance

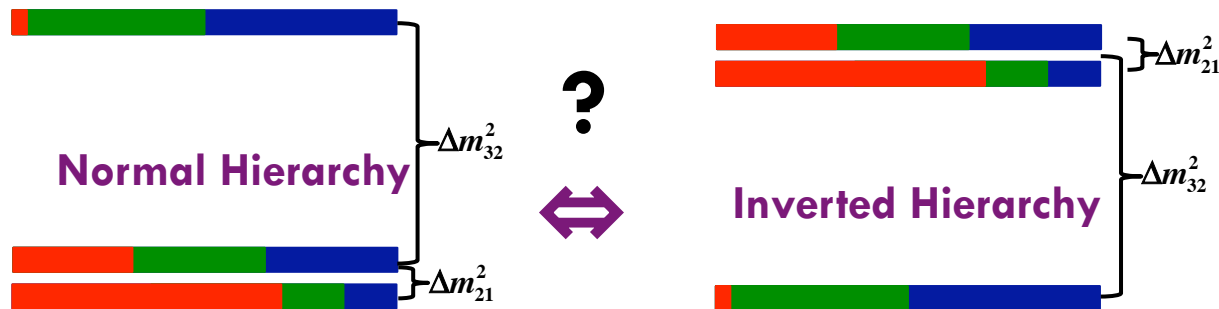
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- A few percent of the missing ν_μ could change into ν_e depending on value of θ_{13}
- Appearance probability additionally depends on δ_{CP} and mass hierarchy

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.27 \Delta m_{31}^2 \frac{L}{E}\right) +$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \cos^2(\theta_{23}) \sin^2\left(1.27 \Delta m_{21}^2 \frac{L}{E}\right) +$$

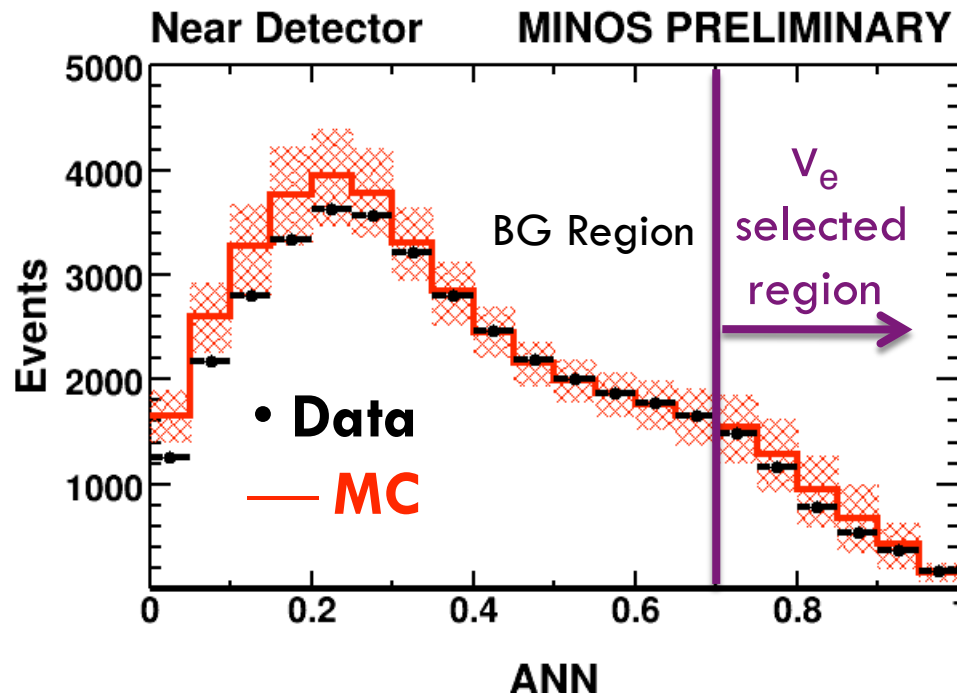
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Looking for electron-neutrinos

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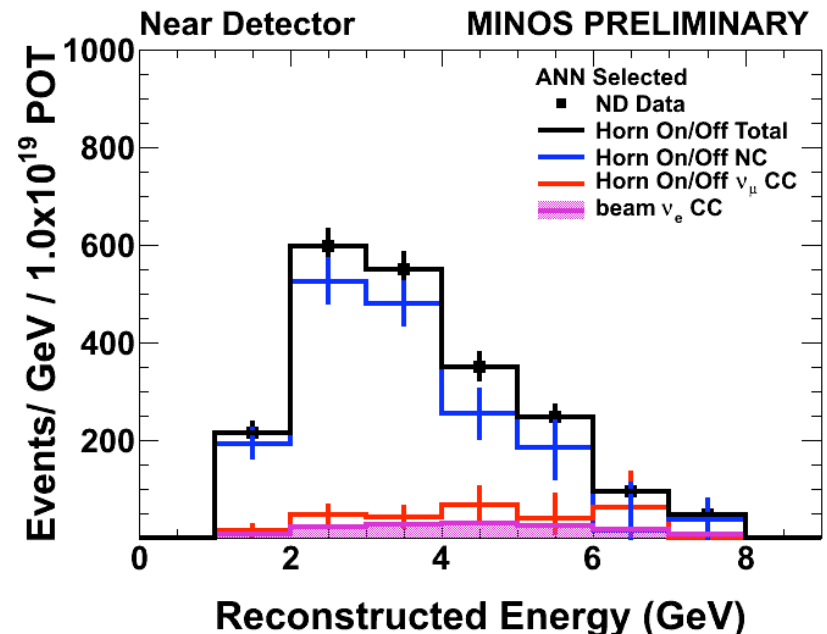
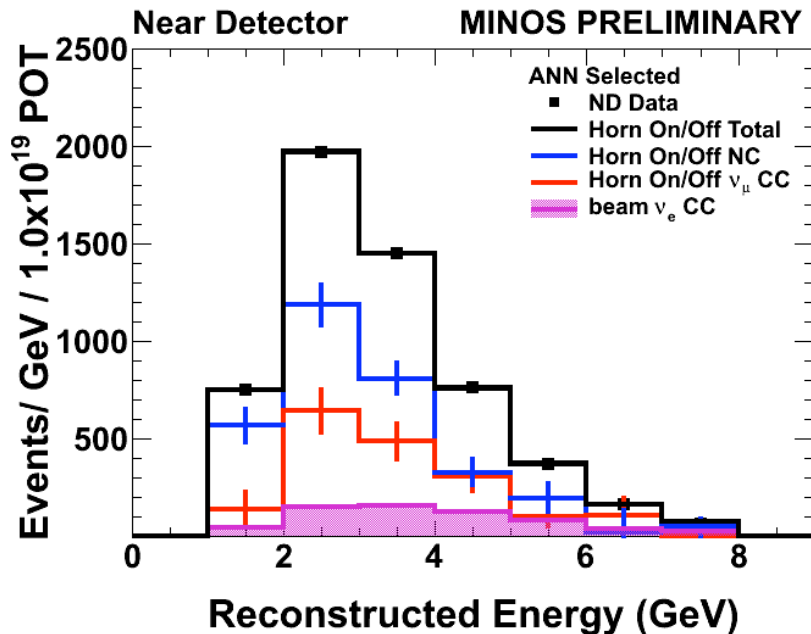
- 11 shape variables in a Neural Net (ANN)
 - ▣ characterize longitudinal and transverse energy deposition
- Apply selection to ND data to predict background level in FD
 - ▣ NC, CC, beam ν_e each extrapolates differently
 - ▣ take advantage of NuMI flexibility to separate background components



Measuring the Background

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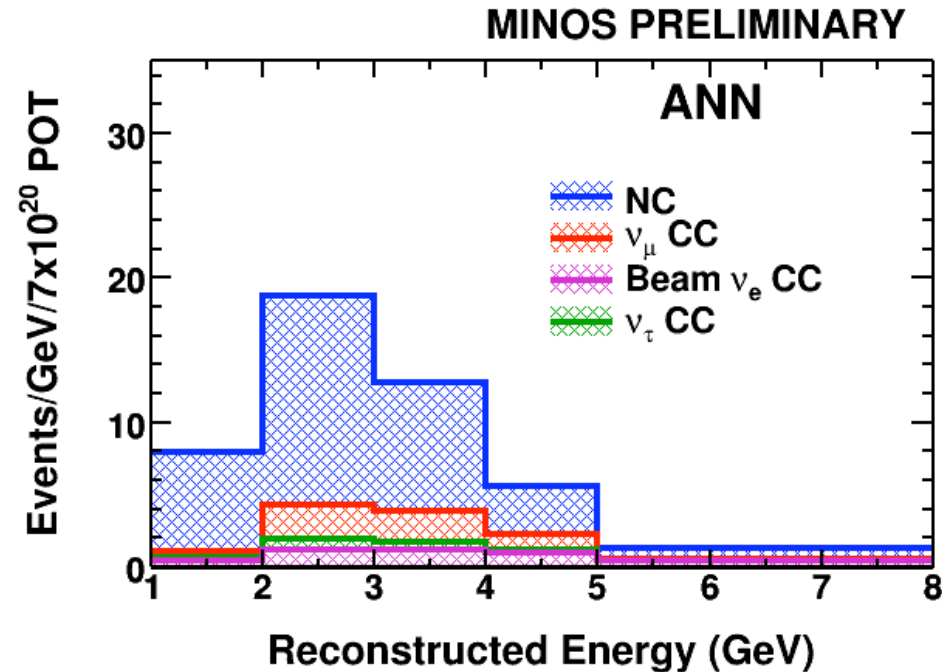
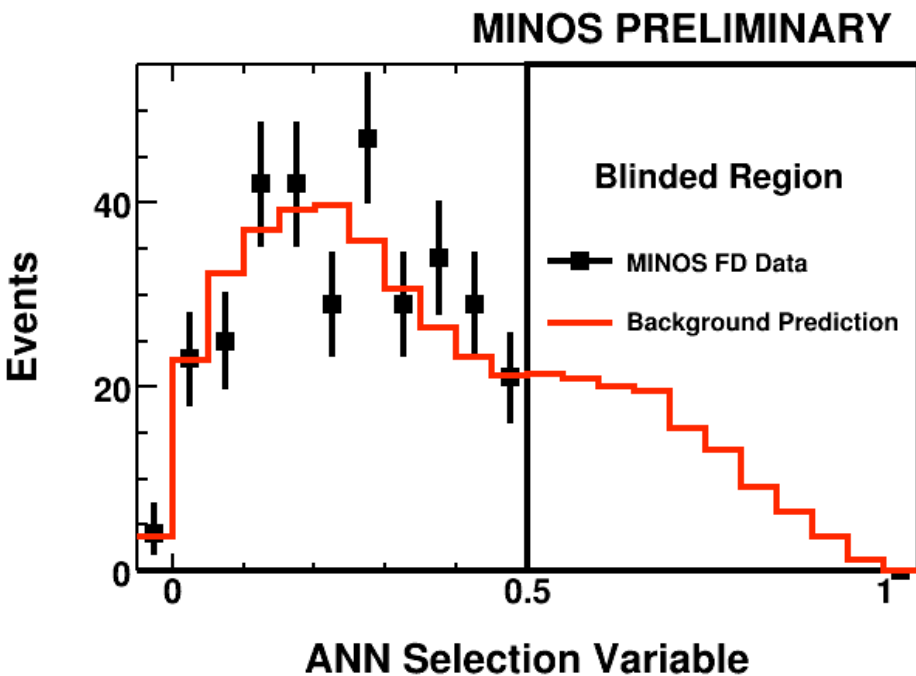
- Turn off the focusing horns—Resulting spectrum is dominated by NC events
- Use ND data in two different configurations to extract relative components of background



ν_e Appearance Results

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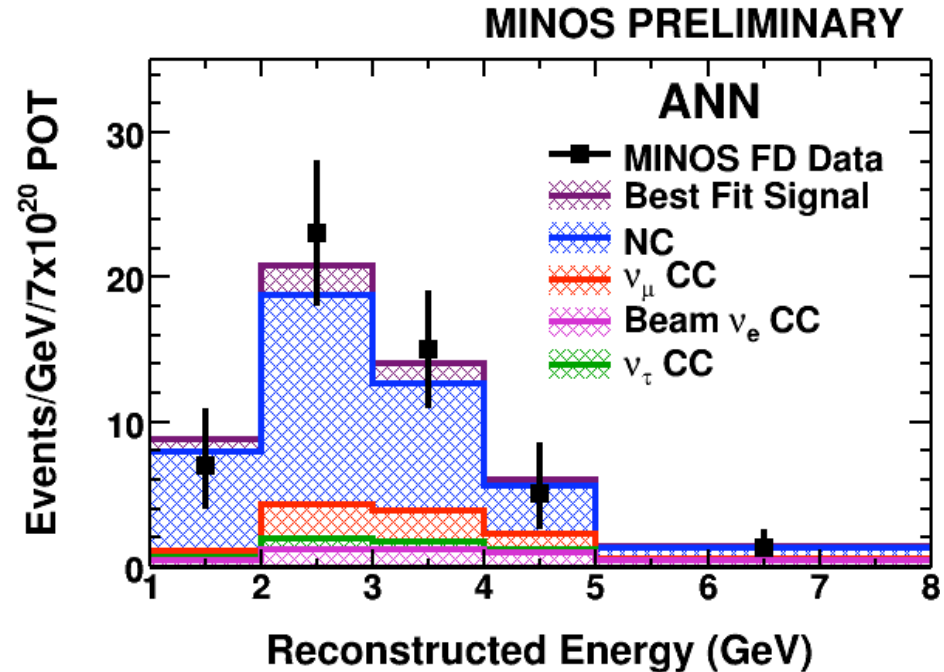
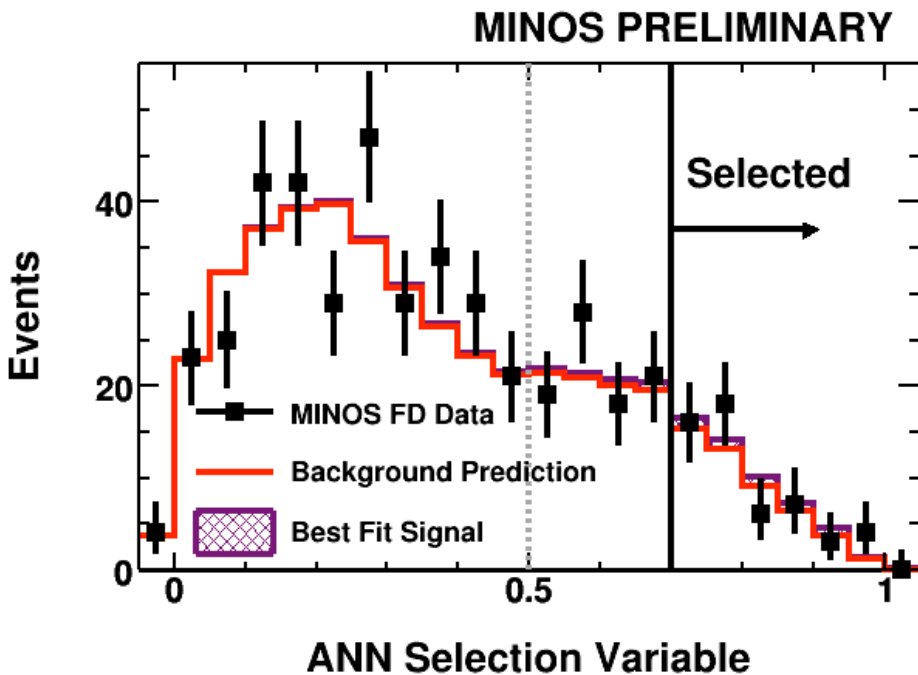
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ν_e Appearance Results

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- Based on ND data, expect: $49.1 \pm 7.0(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.7(\text{syst.})$
- Observe: **54** events in the FD, a 0.7σ excess



ν_e Appearance Results

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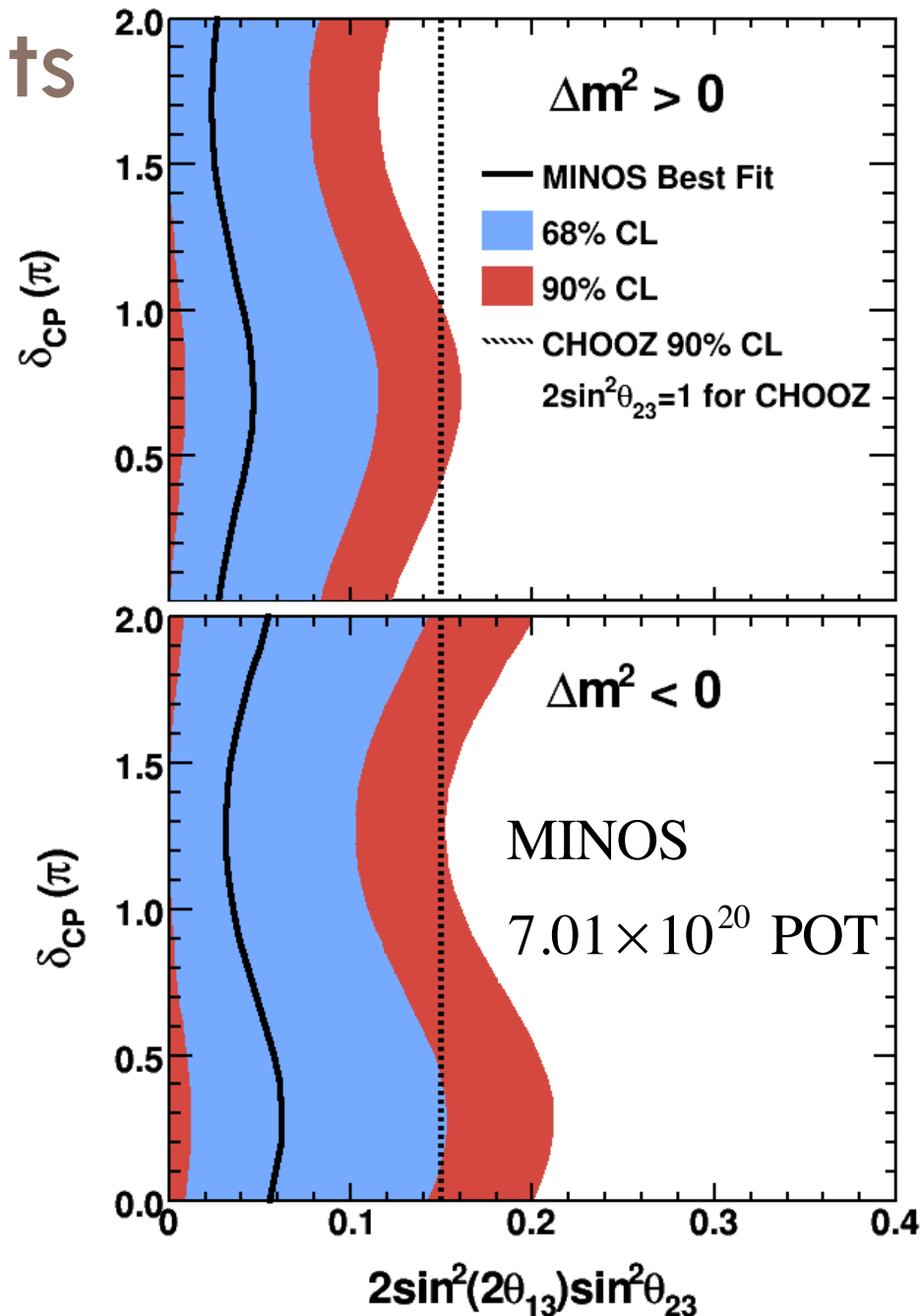
for $\delta_{CP} = 0$, $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1$,

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.43 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.12$ normal hierarchy

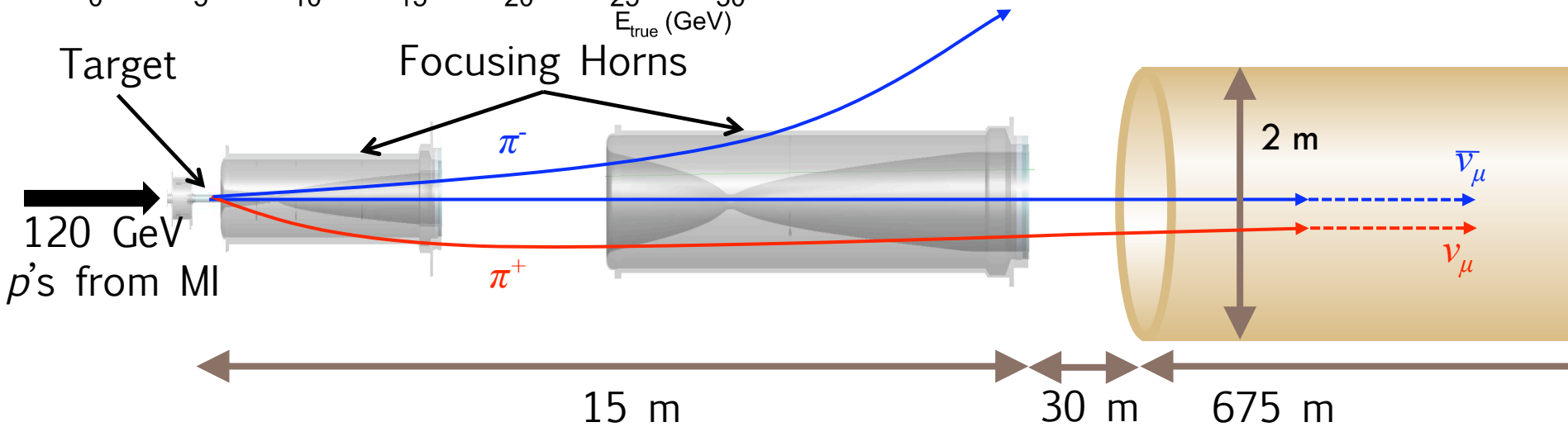
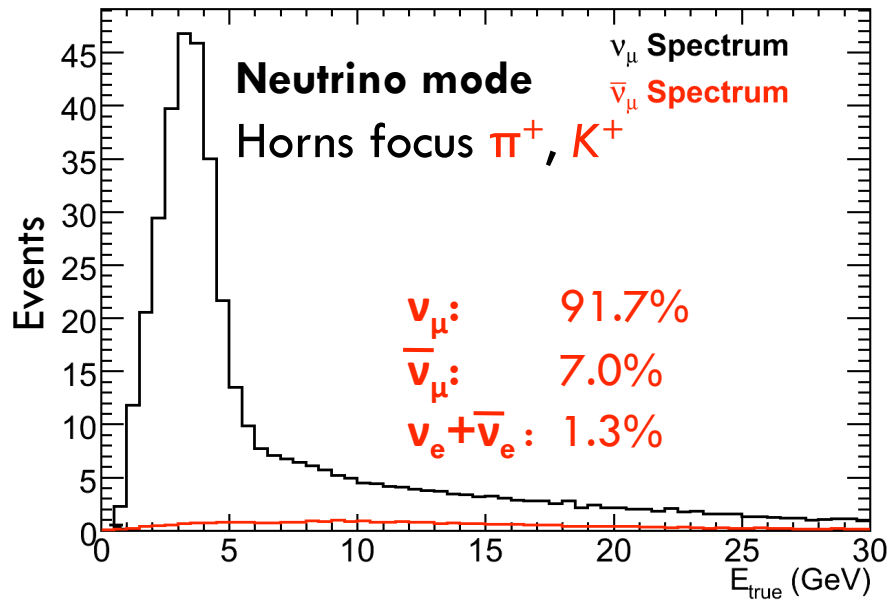
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at 90% C.L.



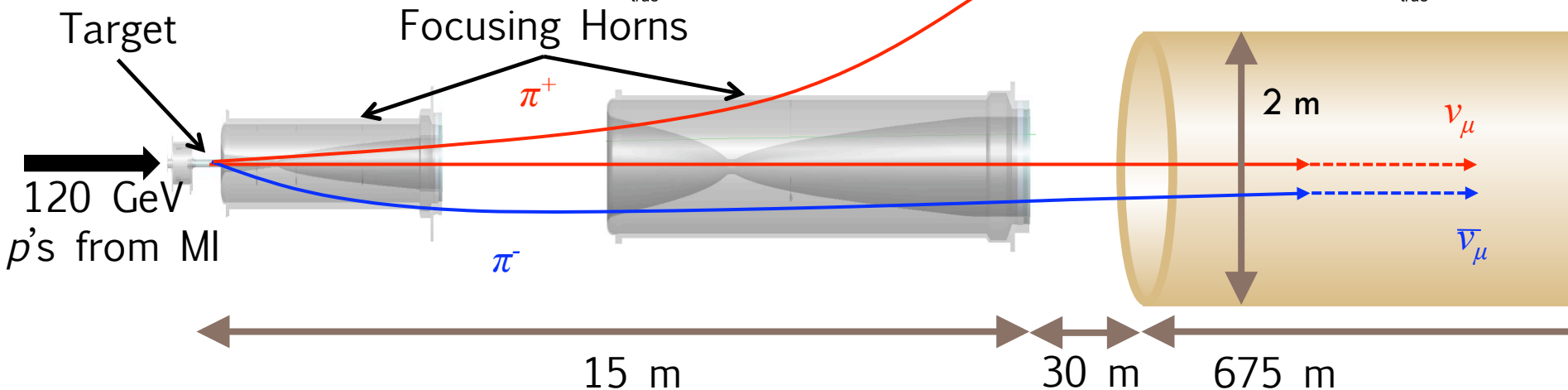
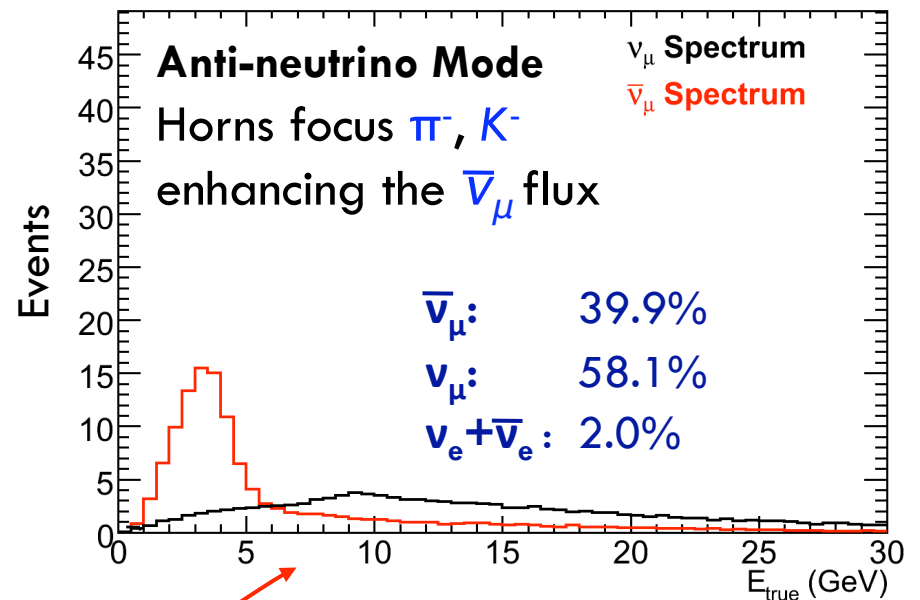
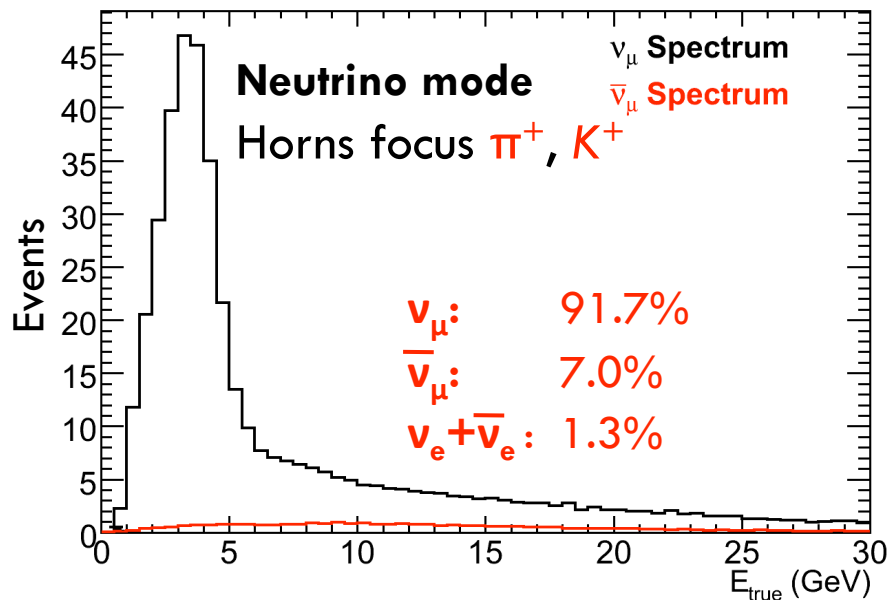
Making an anti-neutrino beam

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Making an anti-neutrino beam

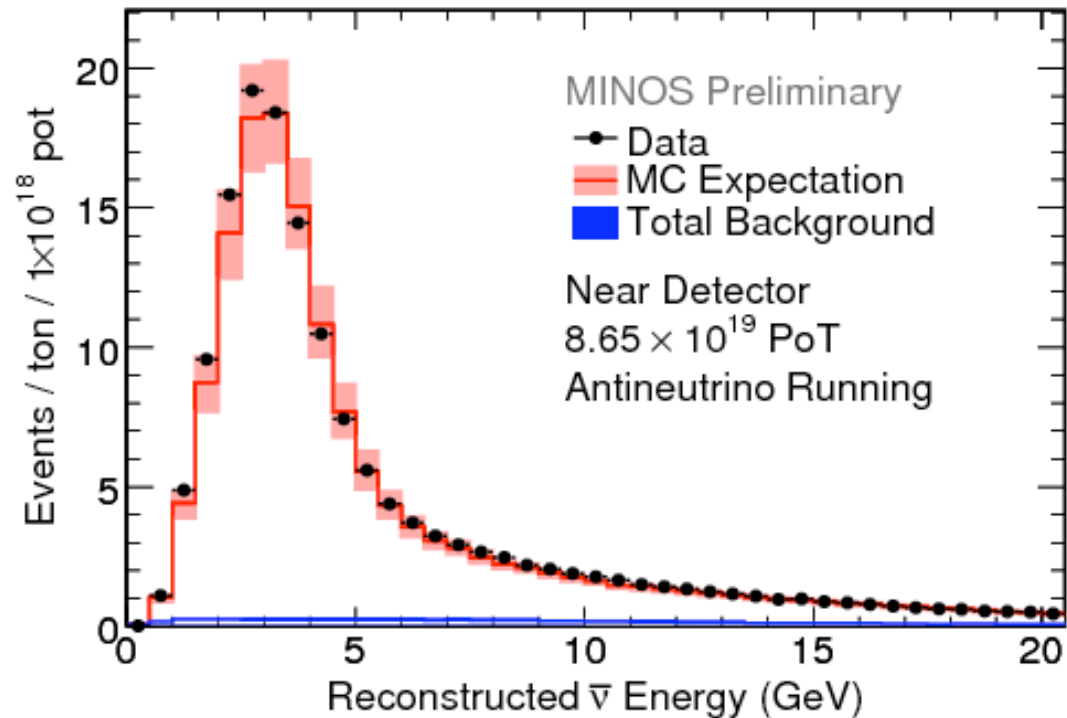
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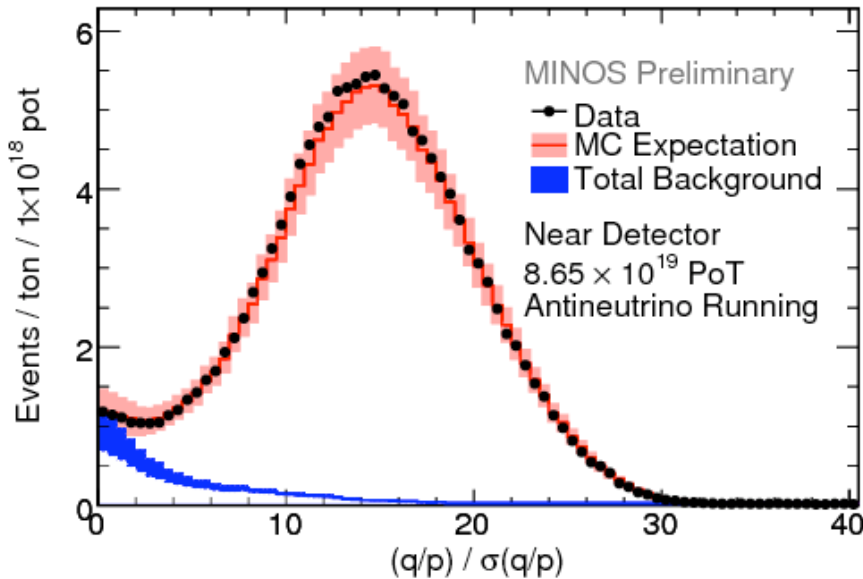
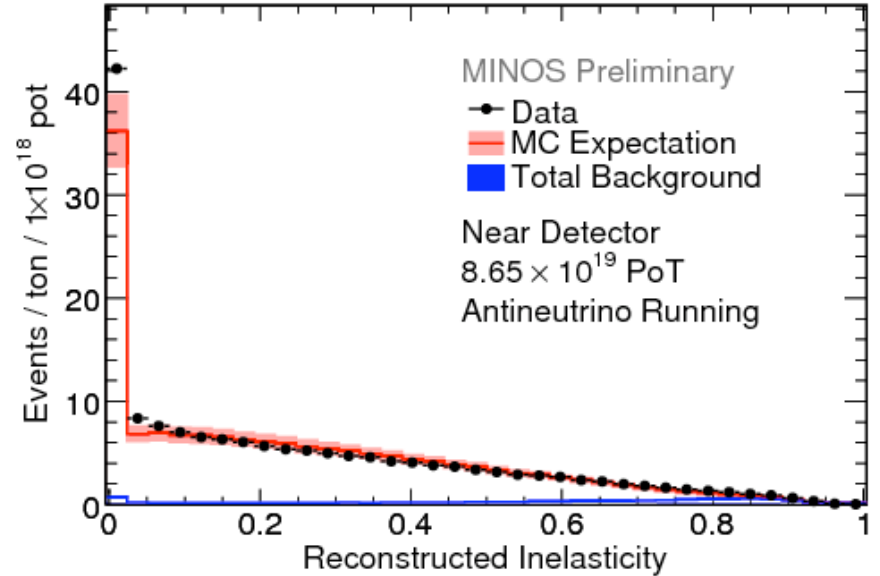
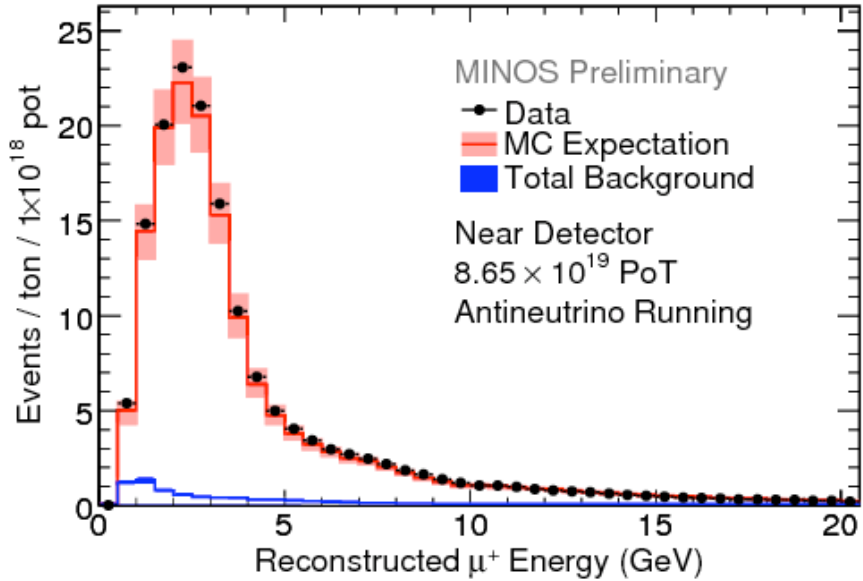
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- Focus and select positive muons
 - purity 94.3% after charge sign cut
 - purity 98% $< 6\text{GeV}$
- Analysis proceeds as (2008) neutrino analysis
- Data/MC agreement comparable to neutrino running
 - different average kinematic distributions
 - more forward muons



ND Data

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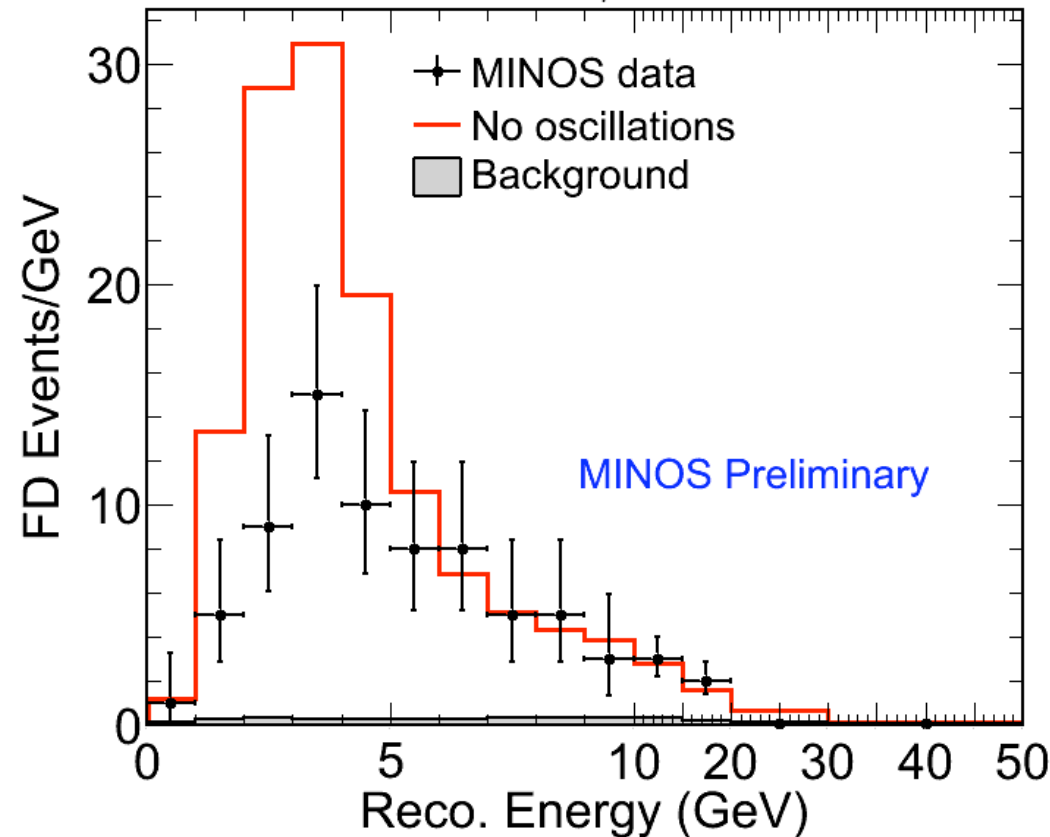


□ Data/MC agreement comparable to neutrino running

FD Data

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1.71×10^{20} POT MINOS $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ running, Far Detector

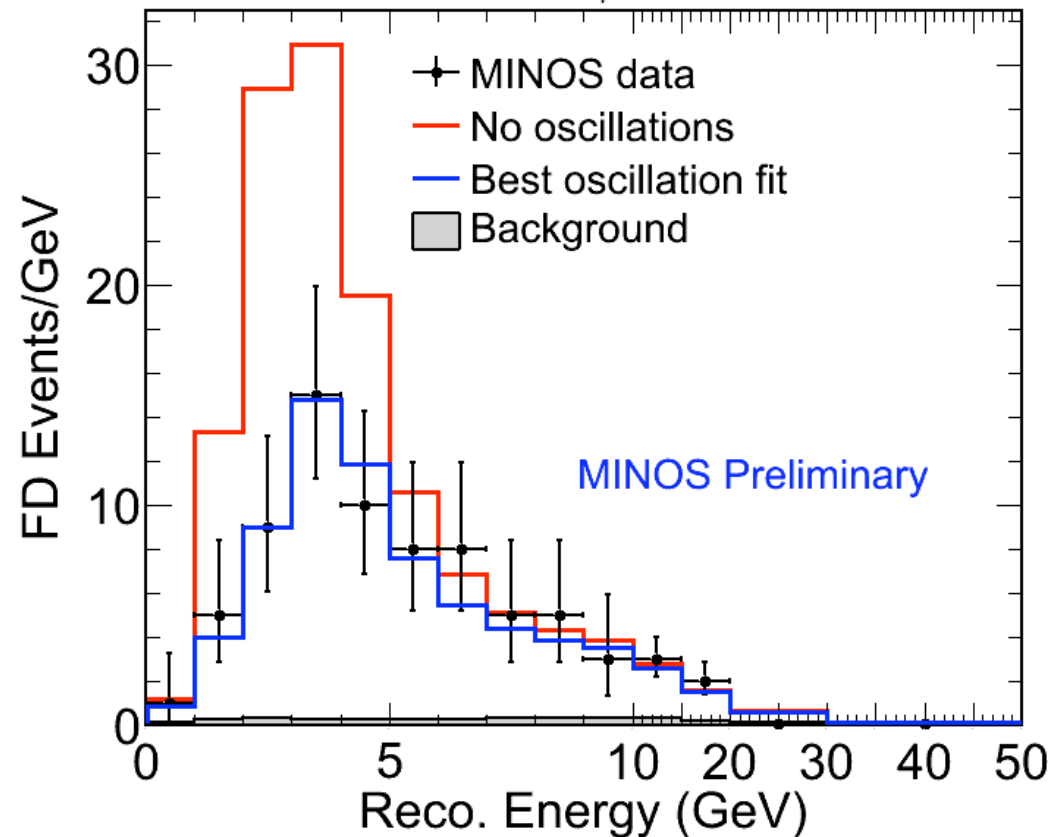


- No oscillation
Prediction: **155**
- Observe: **97**
- No oscillations
disfavored at 6.3σ

FD Data

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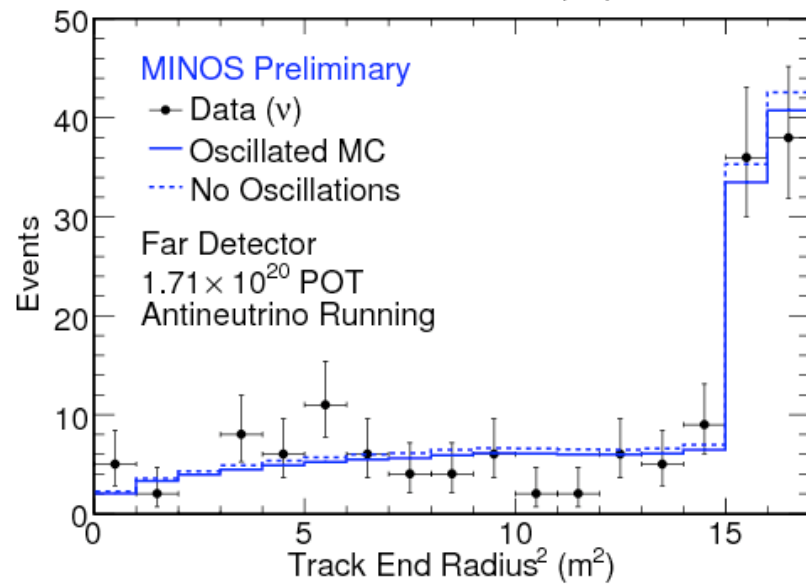
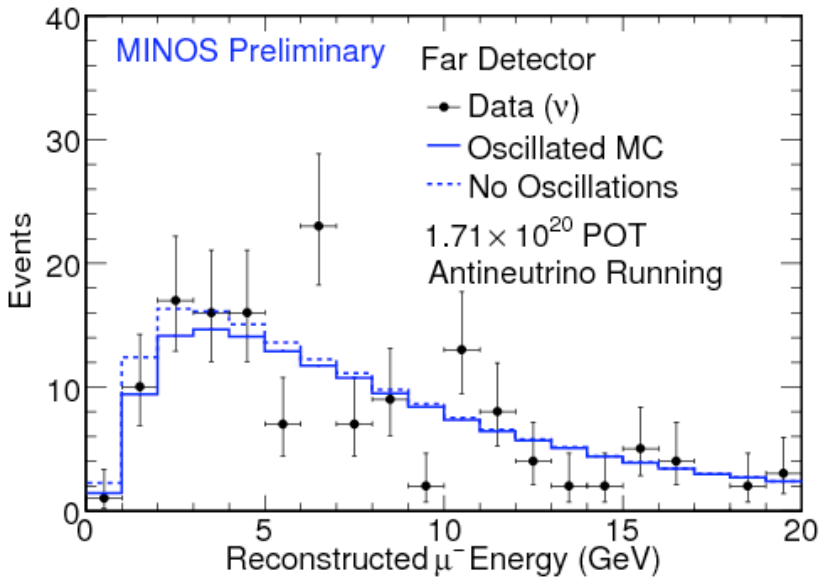
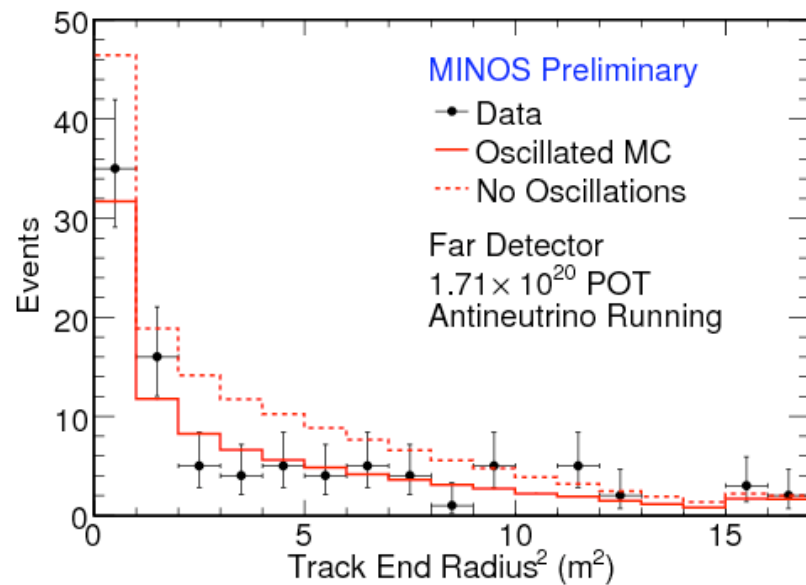
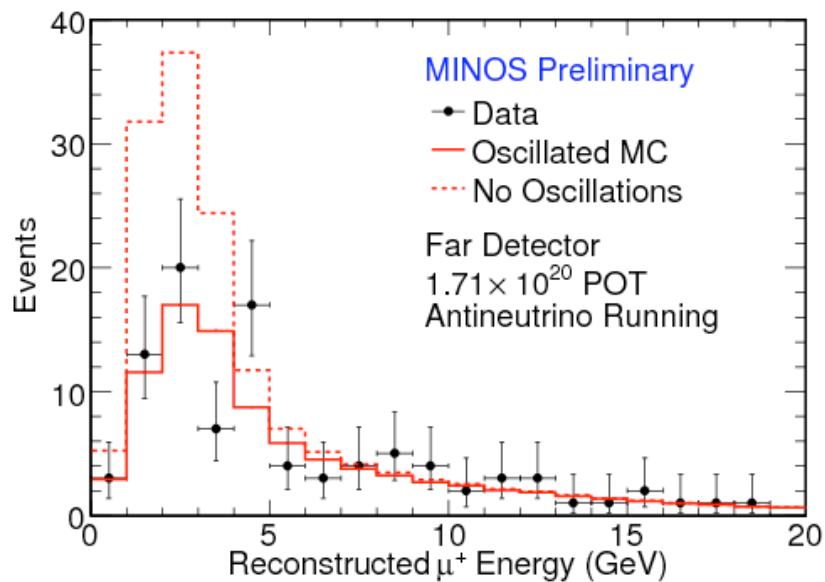
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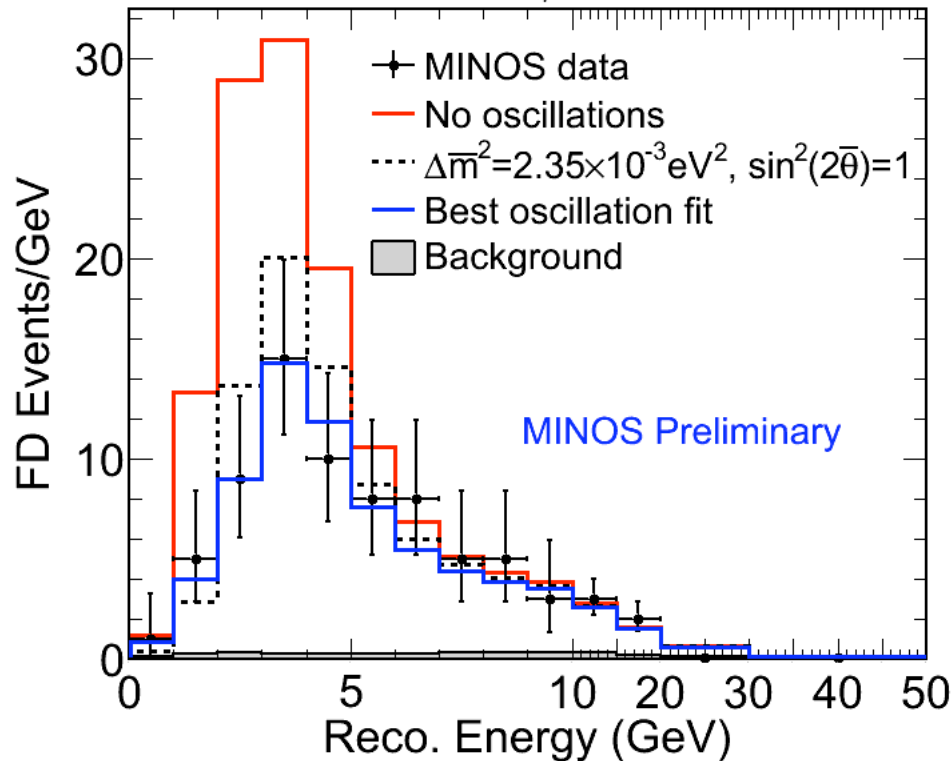
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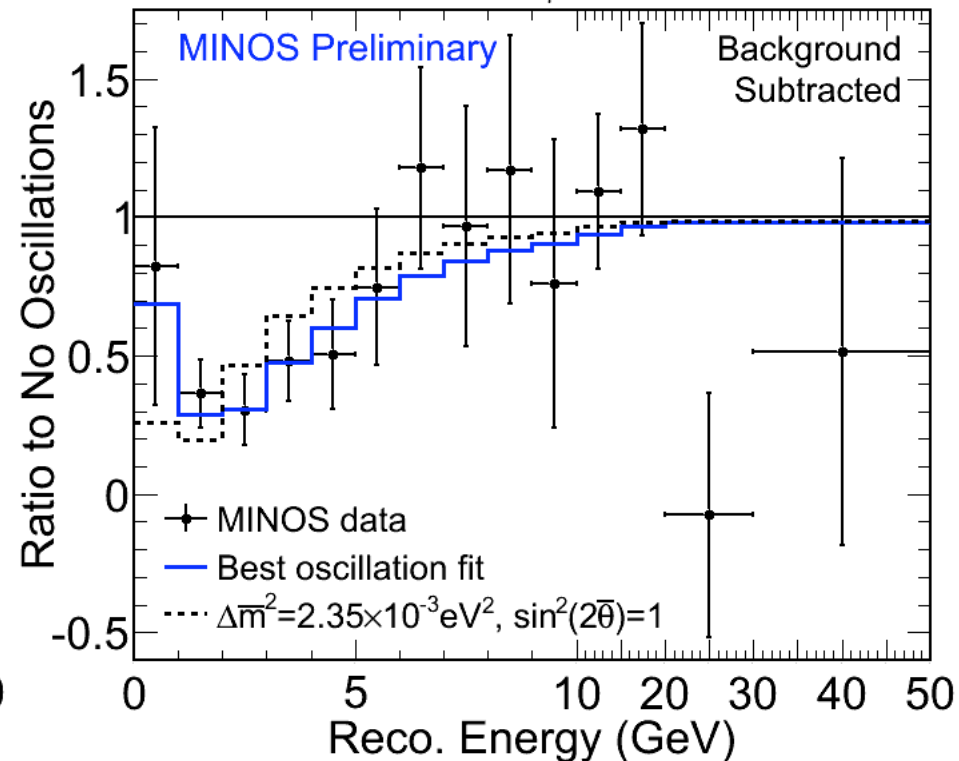
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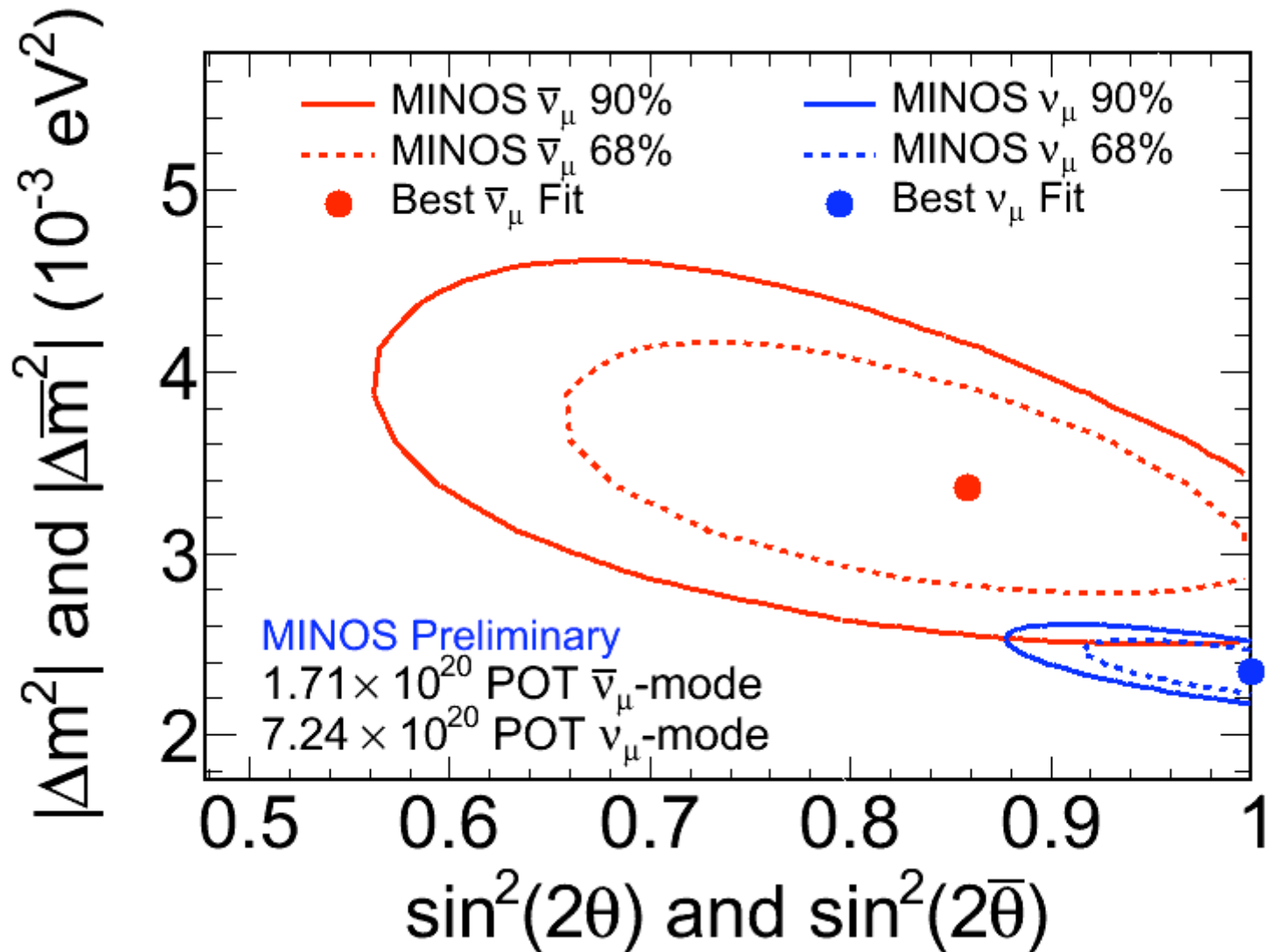


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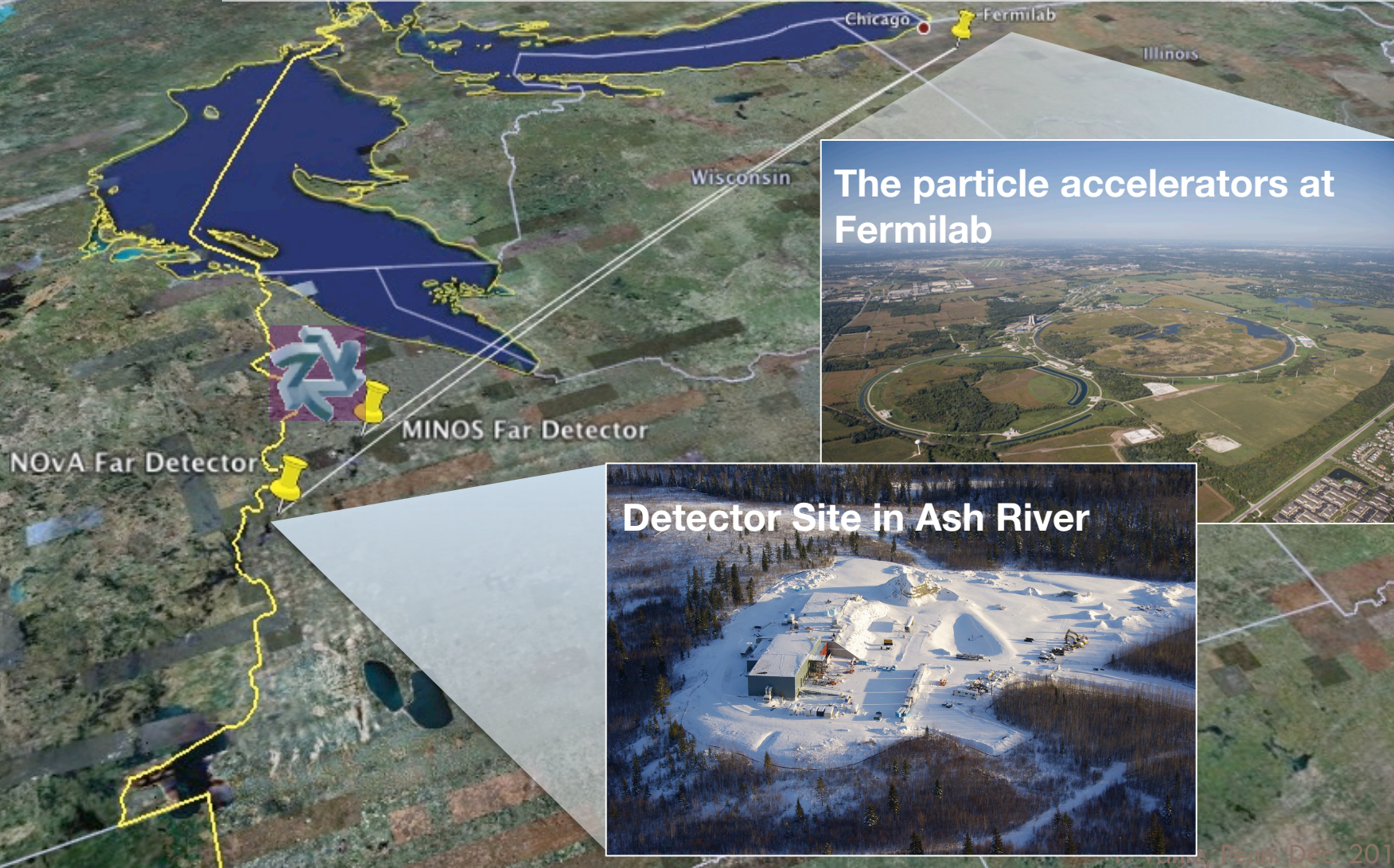
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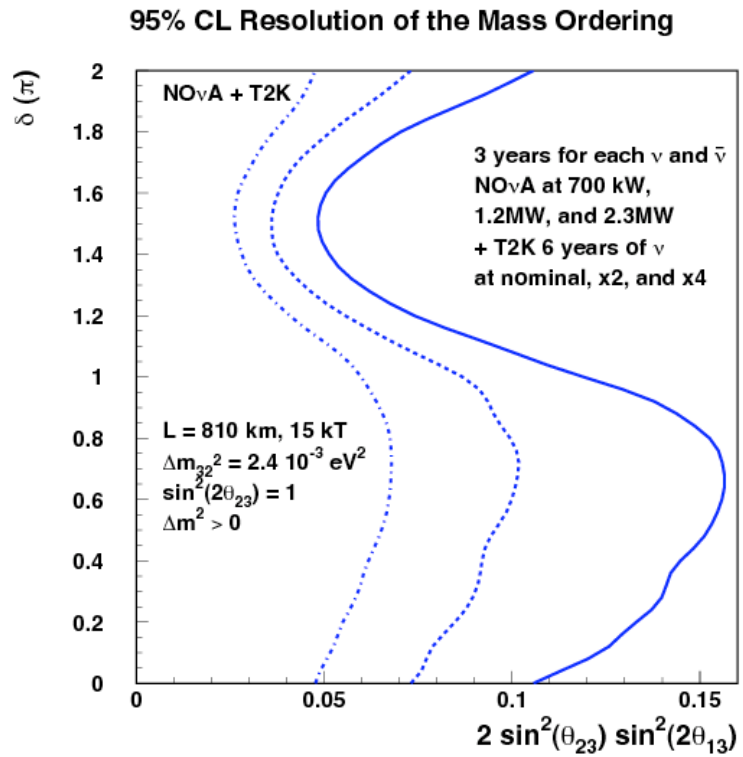
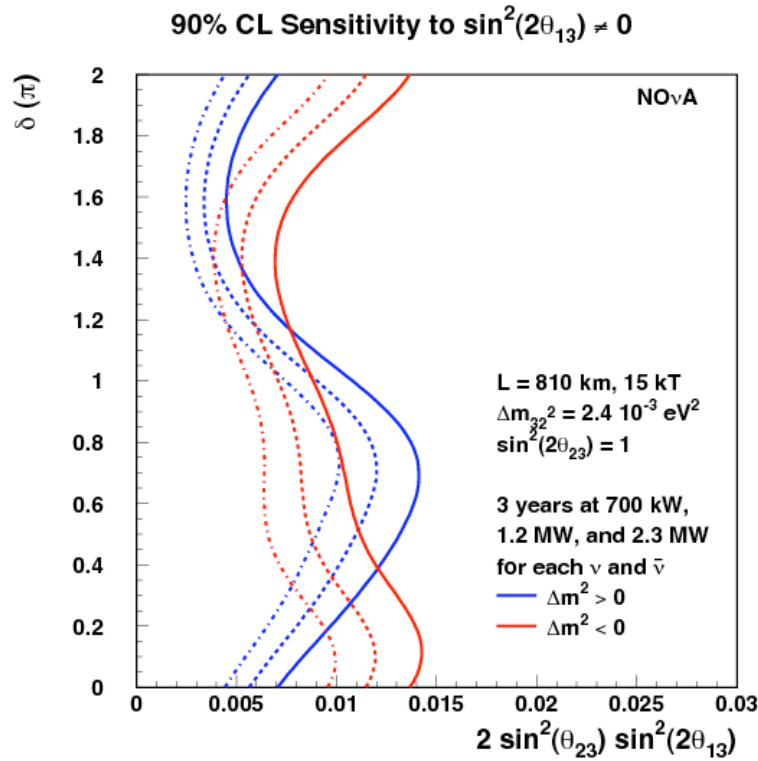
NOvA

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- 2 detector, 810 km baseline off-axis neutrino experiment in upgraded NuMI beam line
- Search for $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillations with an order of magnitude more sensitivity than MINOS

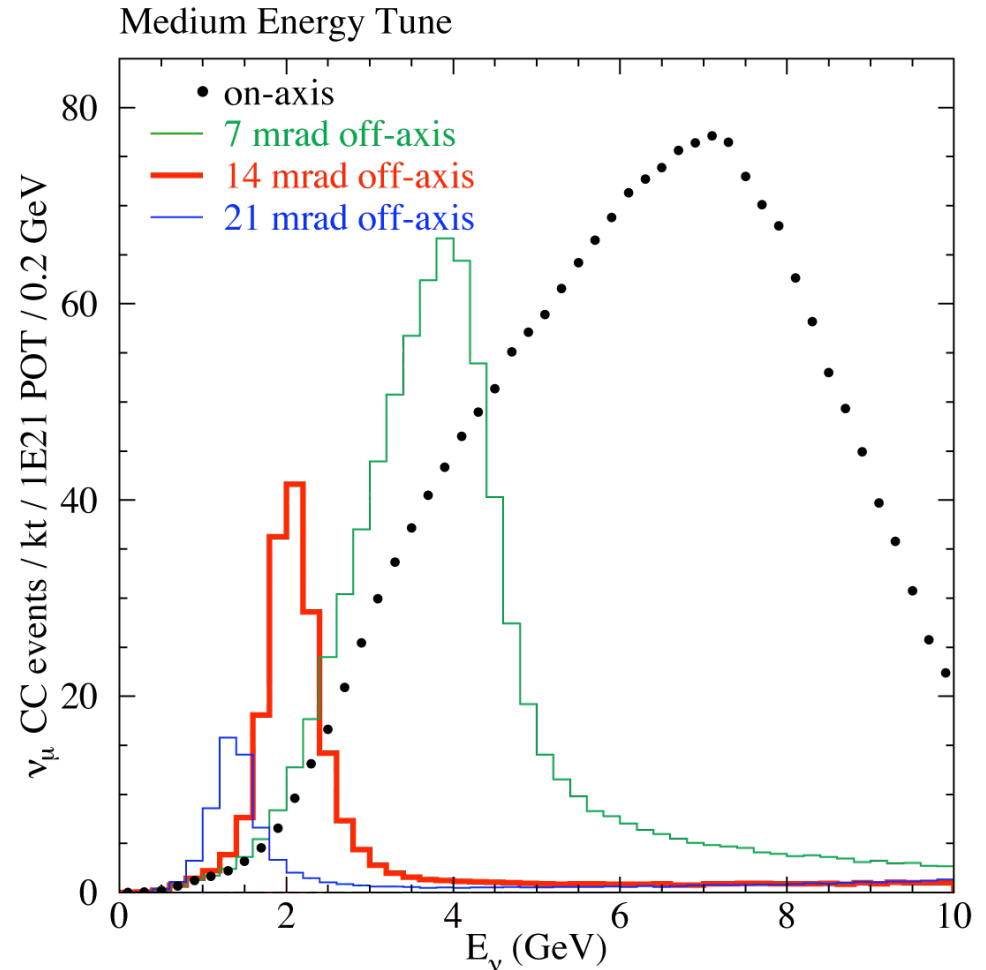


- Physics goals:
 - Measurement of θ_{13}
 - Determining the ordering of mass hierarchy
 - Measure δ_{CP} violating phase



NOvA

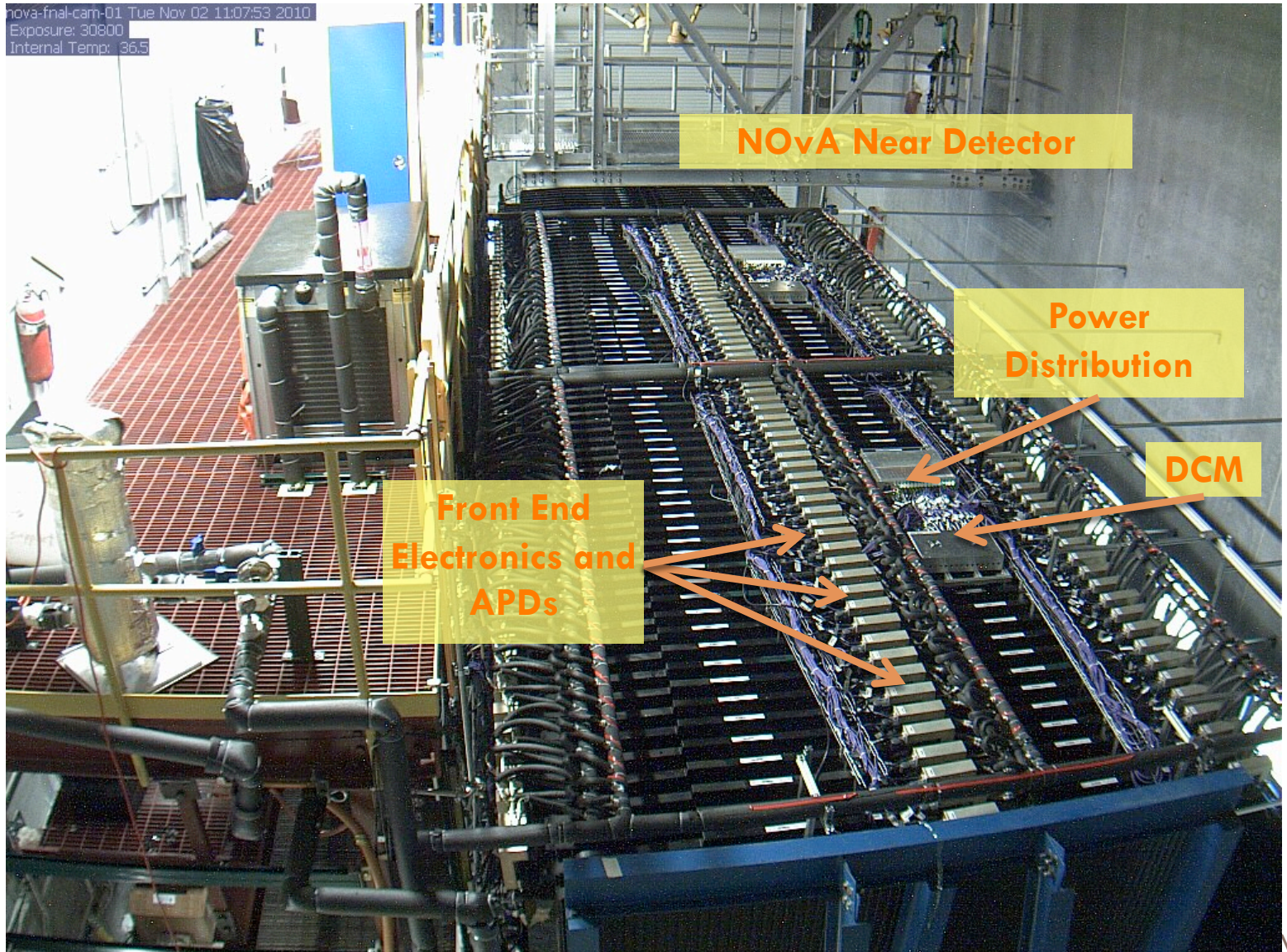
- Big Detector
 - 18 kton
- Higher beam power
- Off Axis design
 - narrow band beam peaked at oscillation max
 - fewer feed down event from high energy NCs
- Improved signal/BG discrimination
- Improved knowledge of cross sections for backgrounds



NOvA Near Detector (on the surface)

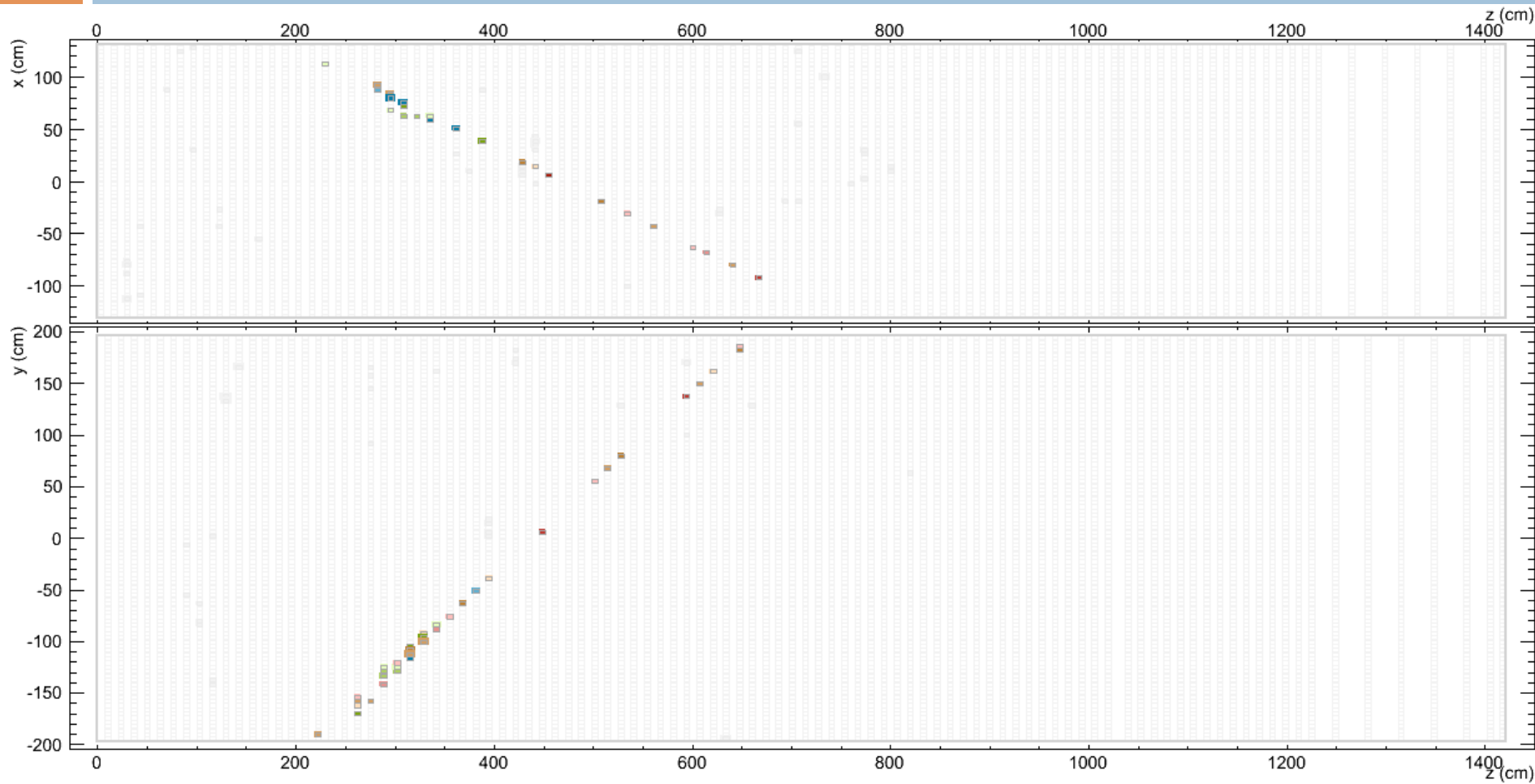
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(real) Cosmics in NOvA

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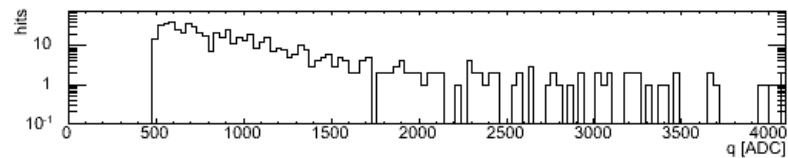
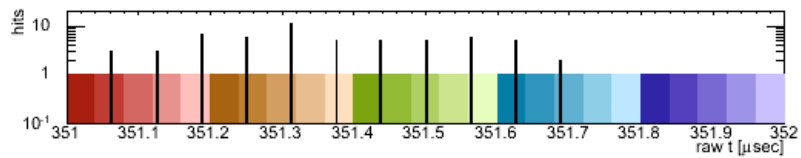
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Event: 1296

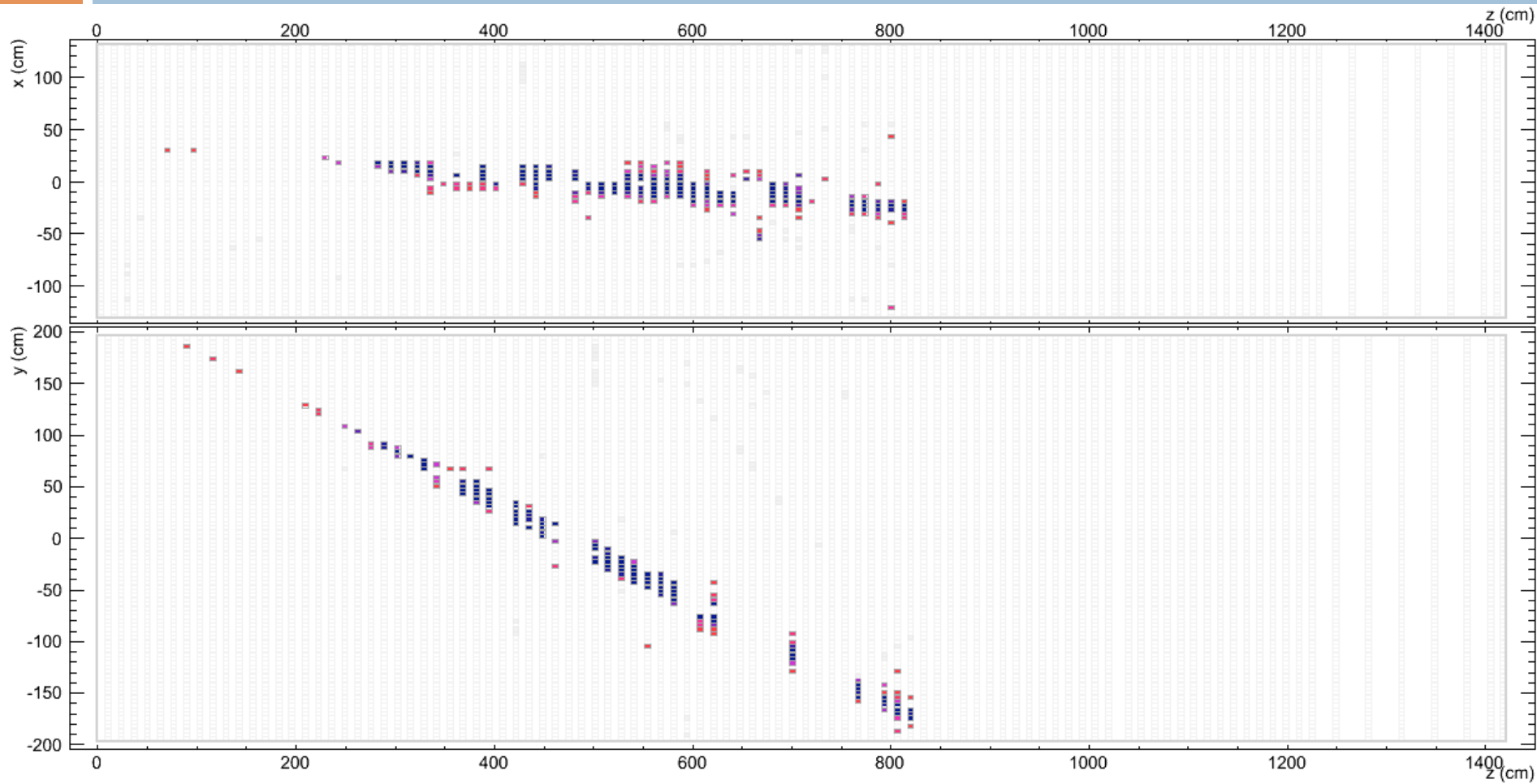
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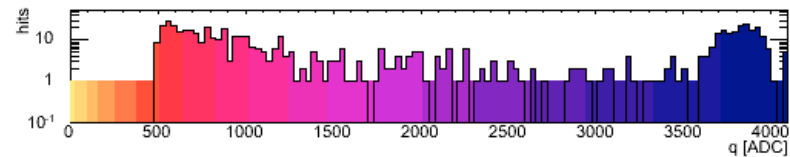
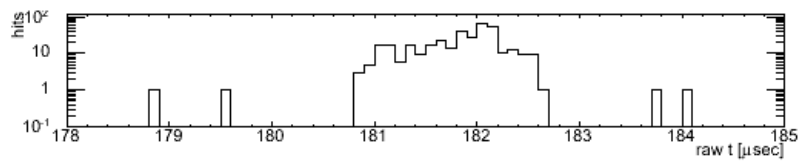
(real) Cosmics in NOvA

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NOvA - FNAL E929

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- Far Detector building under construction
 - Beneficial occupancy, March 2011
 - Half detector ready, Mid 2012
 - Full FD, Fall 2013
- Beam Upgrades, March 2012
 - Recycler/Main Injector upgrades —decrease cycle time, increase intensity 700kW
 - new NuMI horns and target
 - Reconfigure NuMI for ME beam



Summary

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- With 7×10^{20} POT of neutrino beam, MINOS finds

- muon-neutrinos disappear

$$\left| \Delta m^2 \right| = 2.35_{-0.08}^{+0.11} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \\ \sin^2(2\theta) > 0.91 \text{ (90\% C.L.)}$$

- NC event rate is not diminished

$$f_s < 0.22 \text{ (0.40) at 90\% C.L.}$$

- electron-neutrino appearance is limited

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.12 \text{ (0.20) at 90\% C.L.}$$

- With 1.71×10^{20} POT of anti-neutrino beam

- muon anti-neutrinos also disappear with

$$\left| \overline{\Delta m^2} \right| = 3.36_{-0.40}^{+0.45} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \\ \sin^2(2\bar{\theta}) = 0.86 \pm 0.11$$

- we look forward to more anti-neutrino beam!

- NOvA is on the horizon

- Construction of FD underway

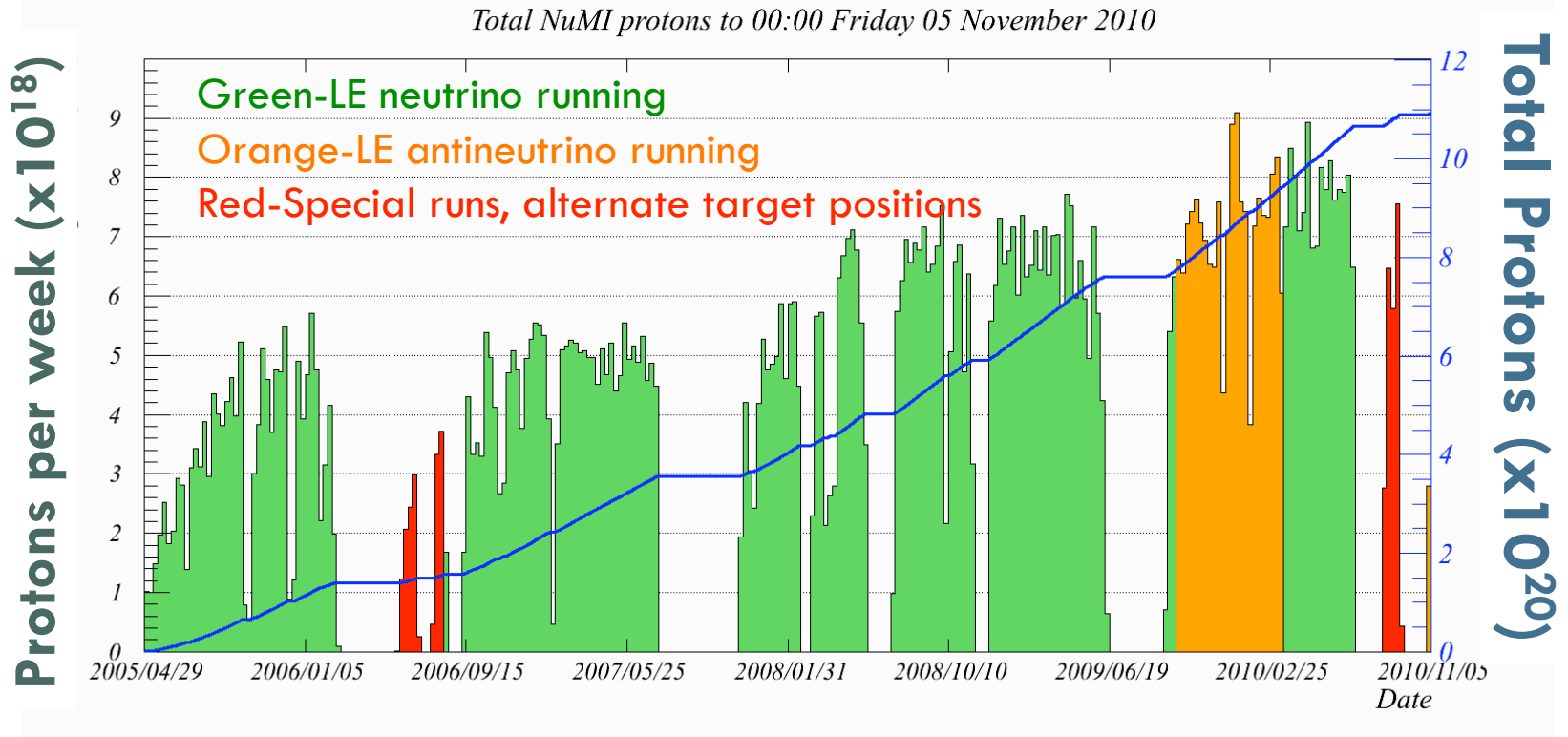
- ND taking data!

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Backup Slides

Beam Performance

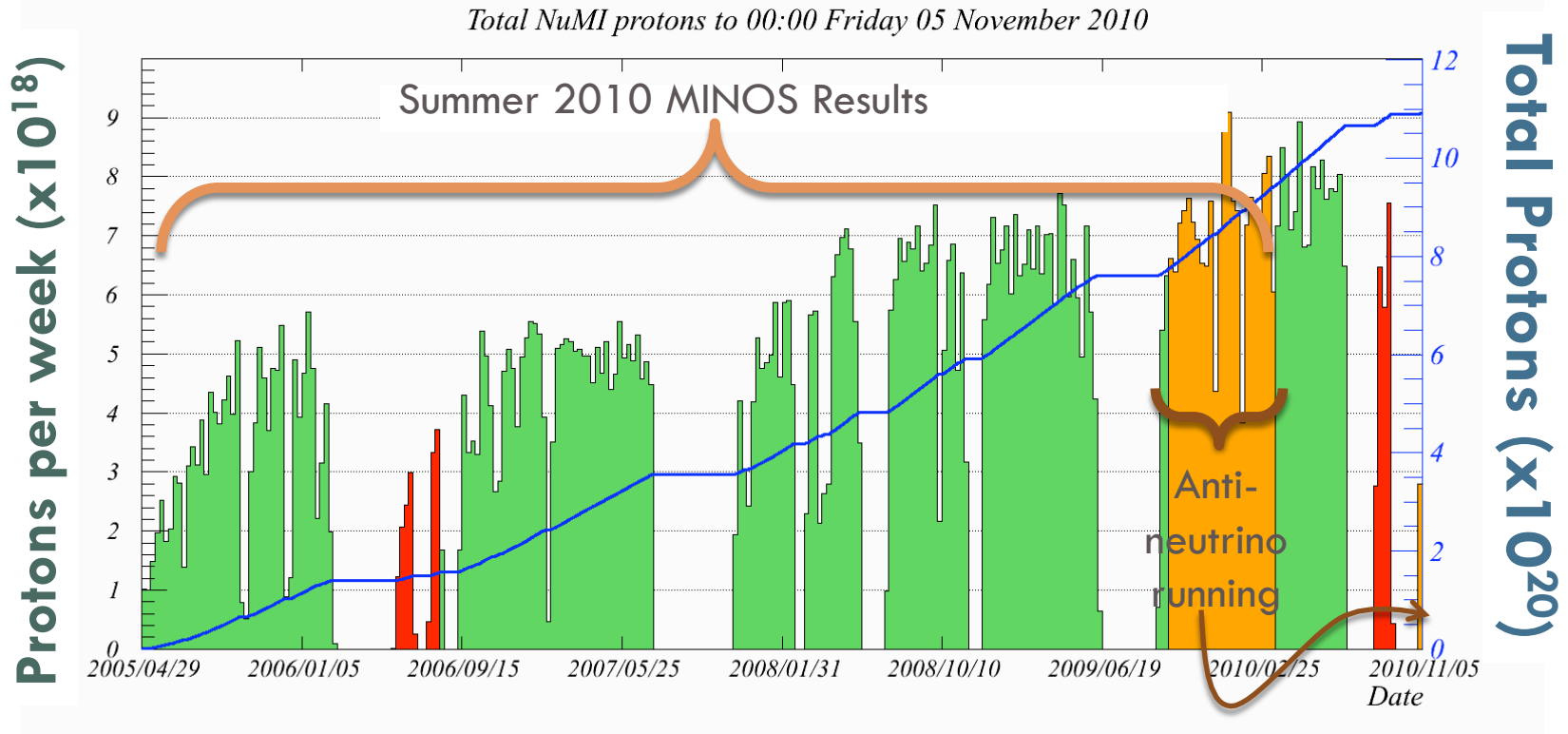
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- Started data taking 2005
- 1×10^{21} POT milestone achieved Summer 2010

Beam Performance

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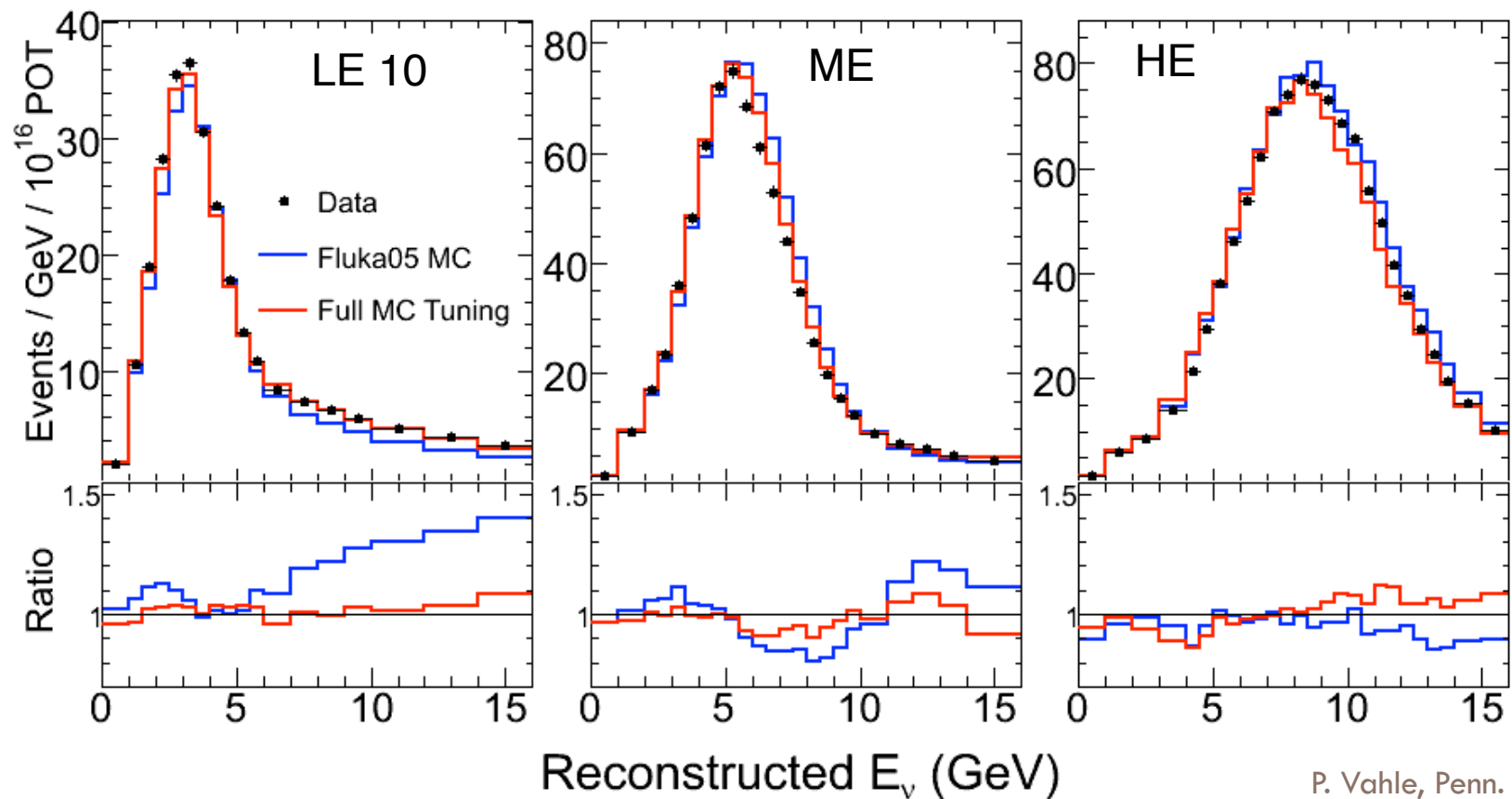


- 7×10^{20} POT low energy neutrino mode
- 1.71×10^{20} POT antineutrino mode

Neutrino Spectrum

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- Use flexibility of beam line to constrain hadron production, reduce uncertainties due to neutrino flux



Far/Near differences

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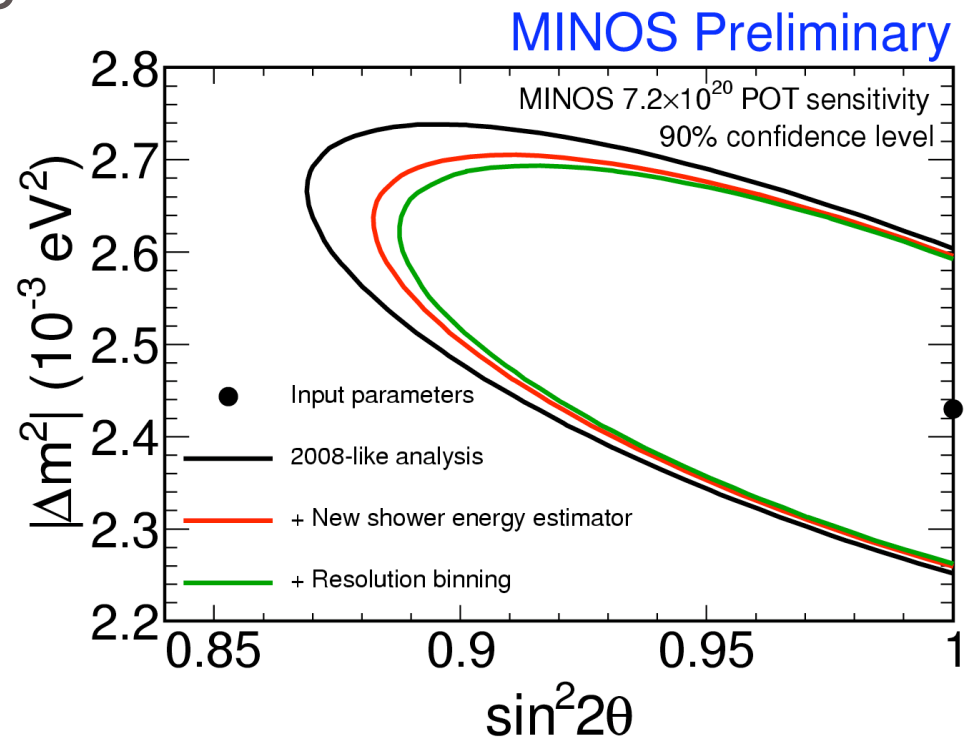
- ν_{μ} CC events oscillate away
- Event topology
 - ▣ Light level differences (differences in fiber lengths)
 - ▣ Multiplexing in Far (8 fibers per PMT pixel)
 - ▣ Single ended readout in Near
- PMTs (M64 in Near Detector, M16 in Far):
 - ▣ Different gains/front end electronics
 - ▣ Different crosstalk patterns
- Neutrino intensity
- Relative energy calibration/energy resolution

Account for these lower order effects using detailed detector simulation

Analysis Improvements

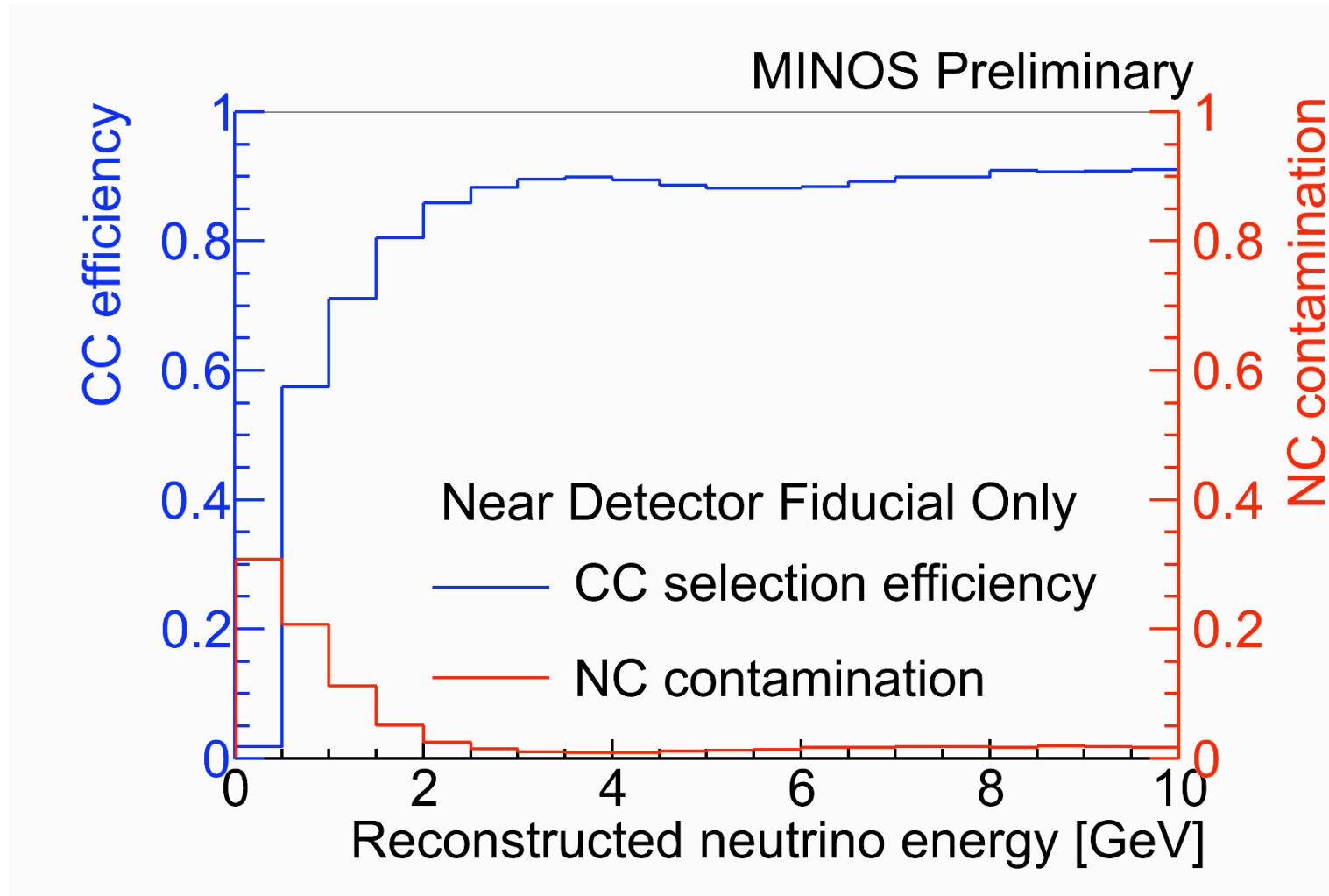
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- Since PRL 101:131802, 2008
- Additional data
 - ▣ $3.4 \times 10^{20} \rightarrow 7.2 \times 10^{20}$ POT
- Analysis improvements
 - ▣ updated reconstruction and simulation
 - ▣ new selection with increased efficiency
 - ▣ no charge sign cut
 - ▣ improved shower energy resolution
 - ▣ separate fits in bins of energy resolution
 - ▣ smaller systematic uncertainties



New Muon-neutrino CC Selection

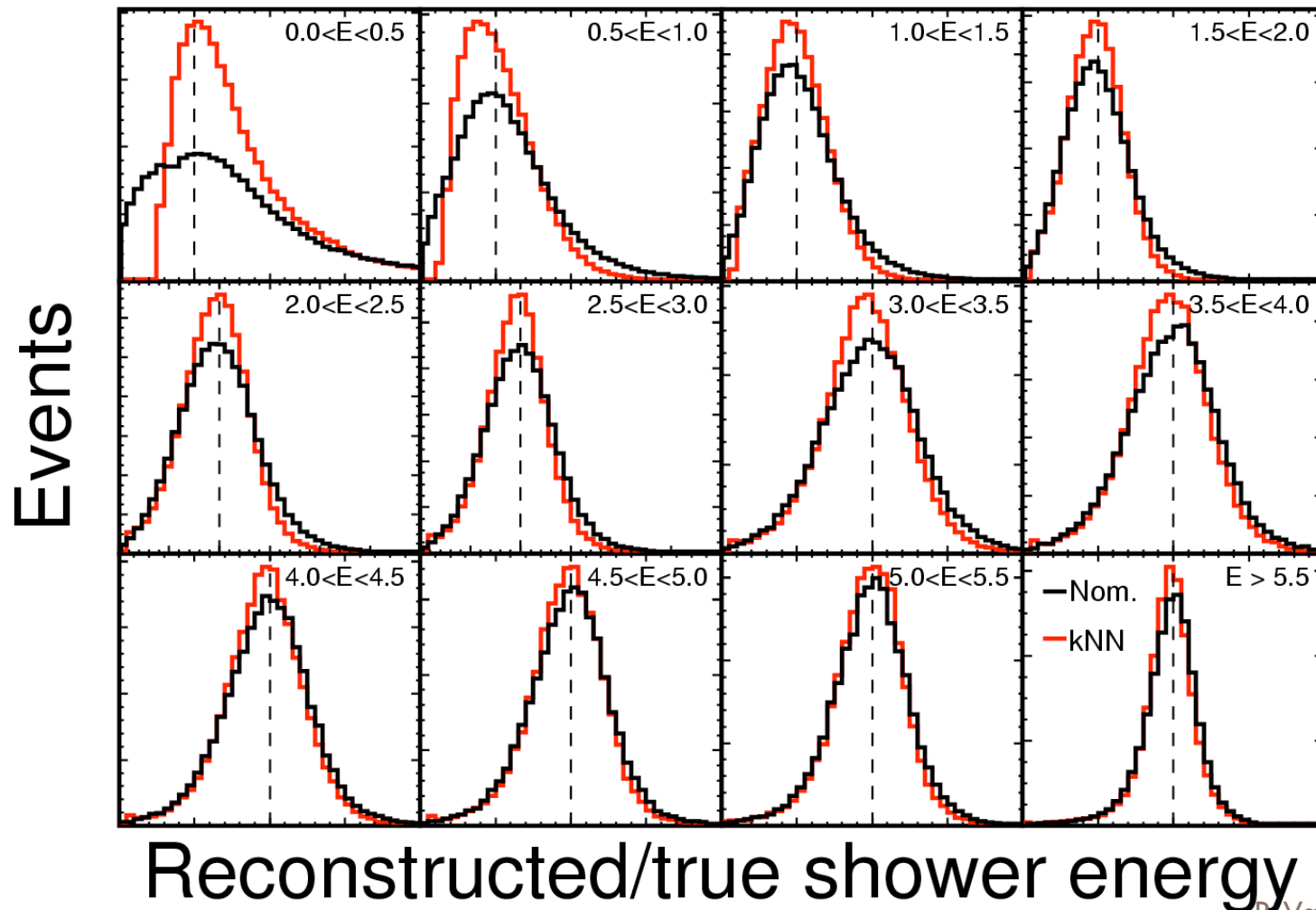
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Shower Energy Resolution

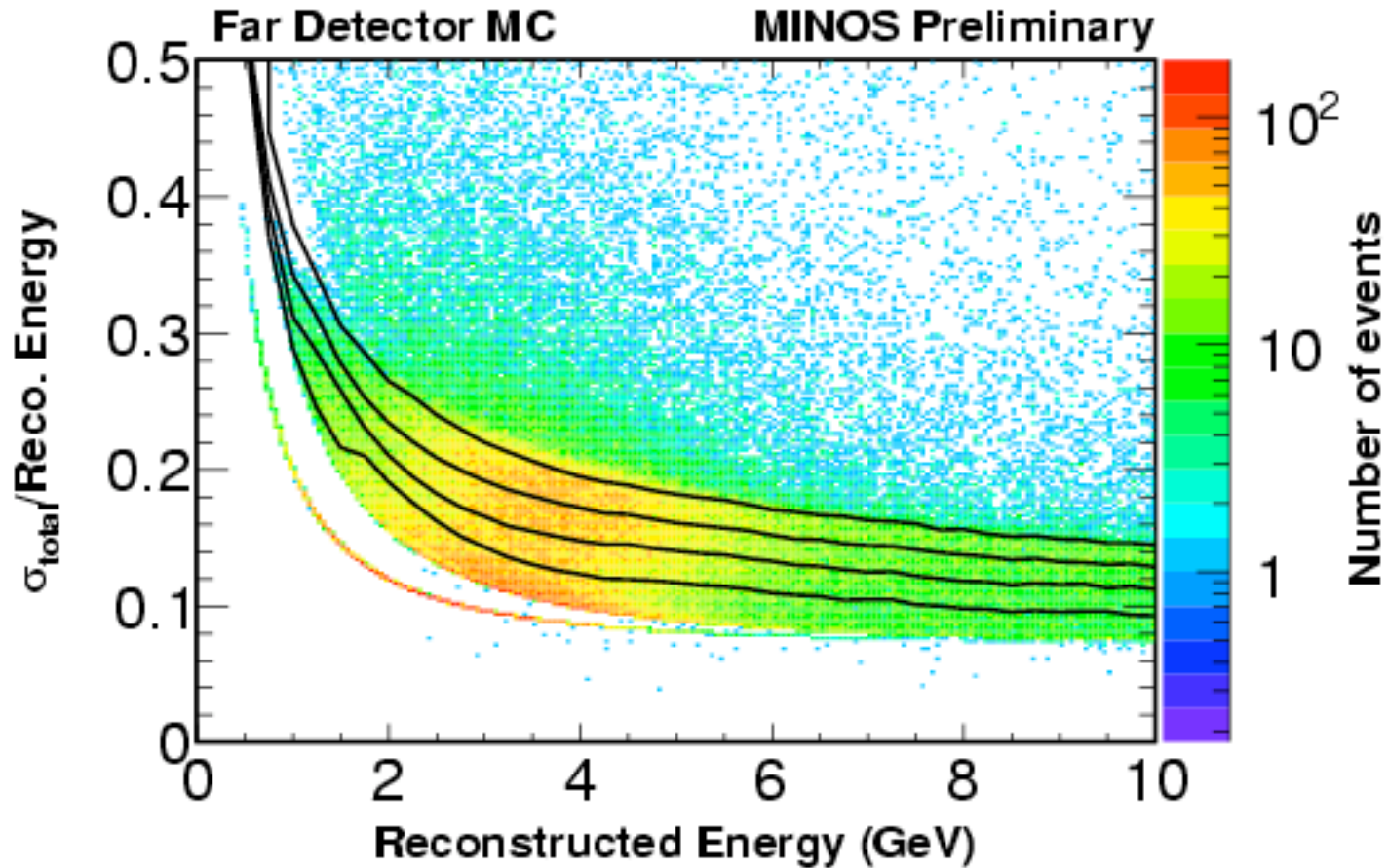
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MINOS Preliminary



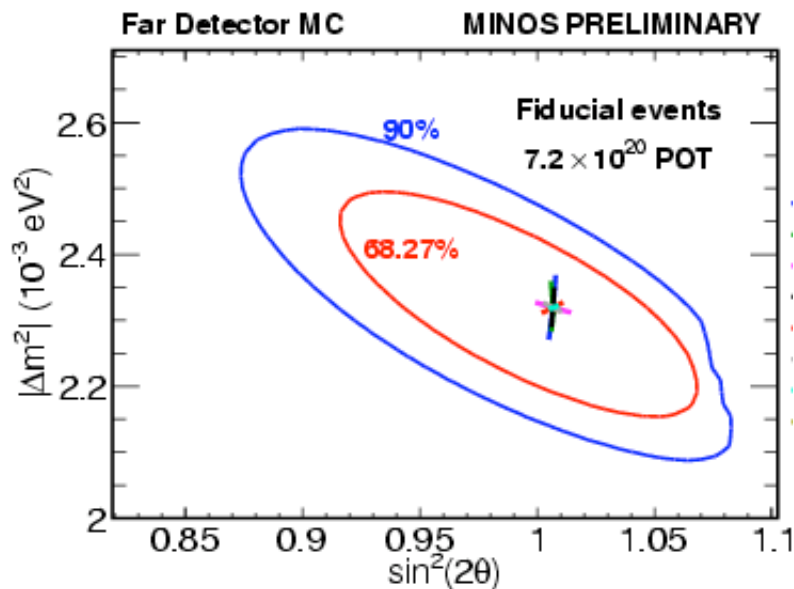
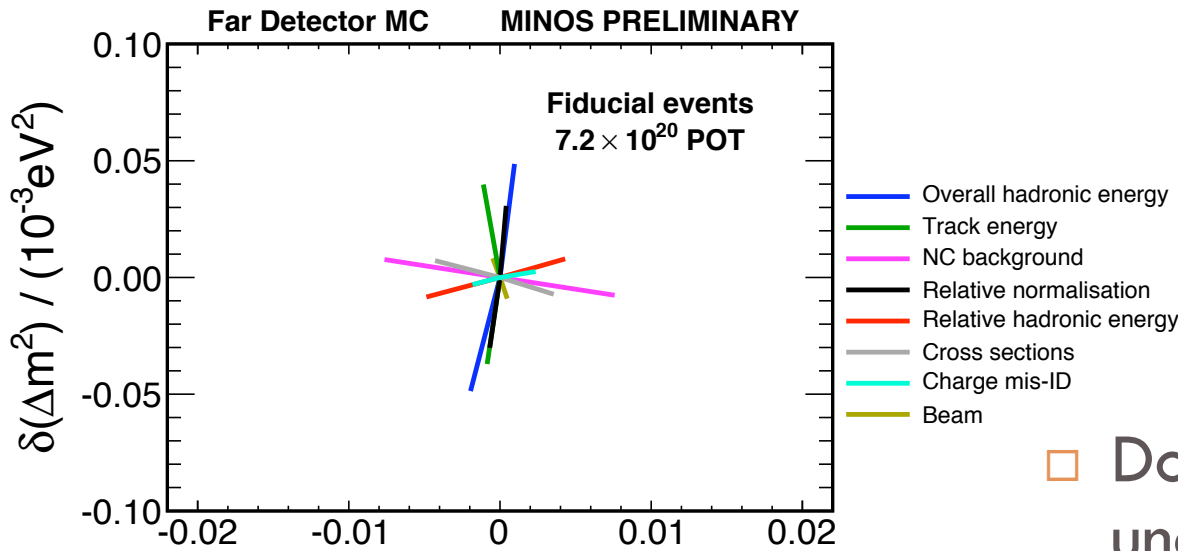
Energy Resolution Binning

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CC Systematic Uncertainties

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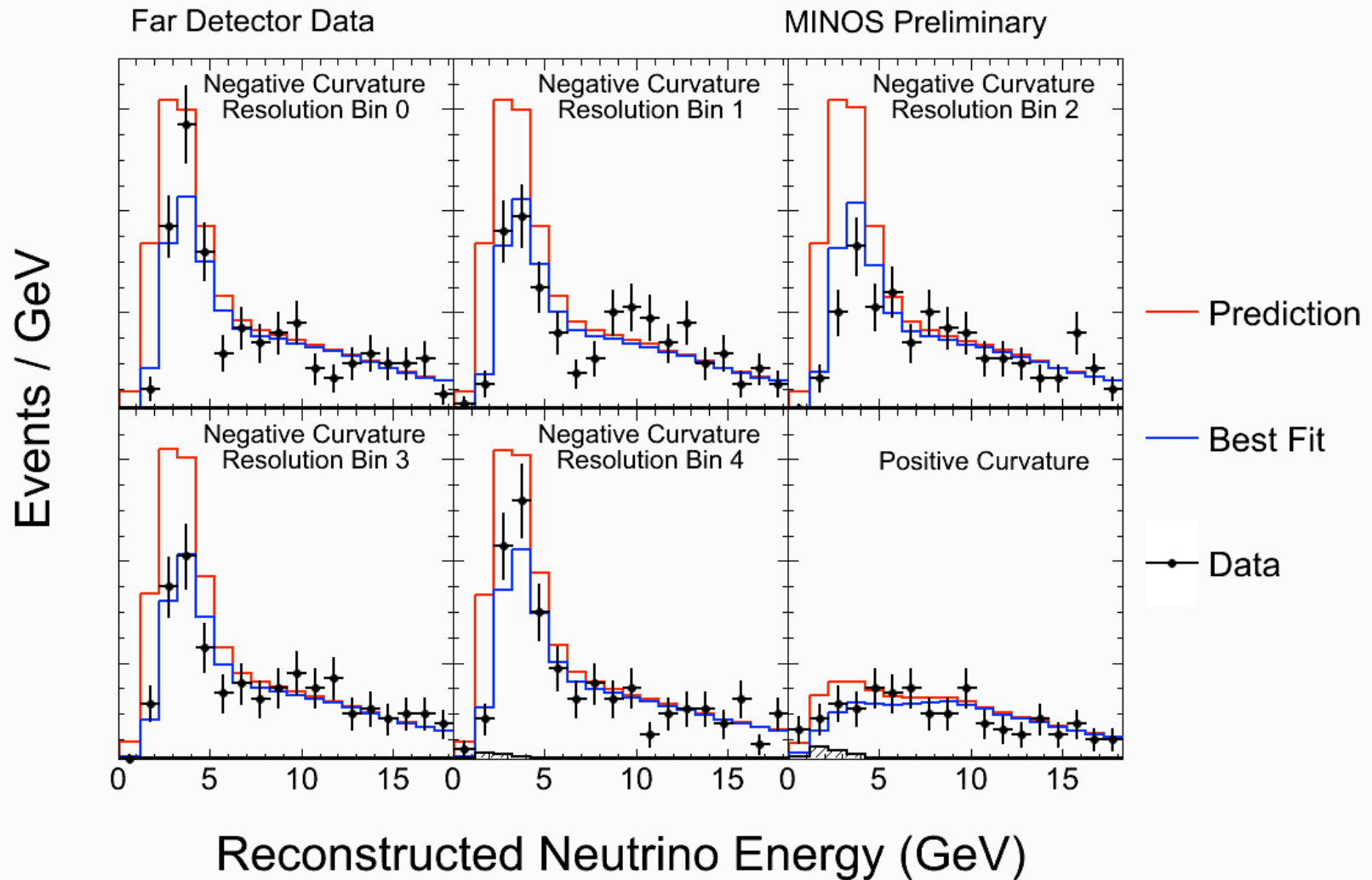


□ Dominant systematic uncertainties:

- hadronic energy calibration
- track energy calibration
- NC background
- relative Near to Far normalization

Resolution Binning

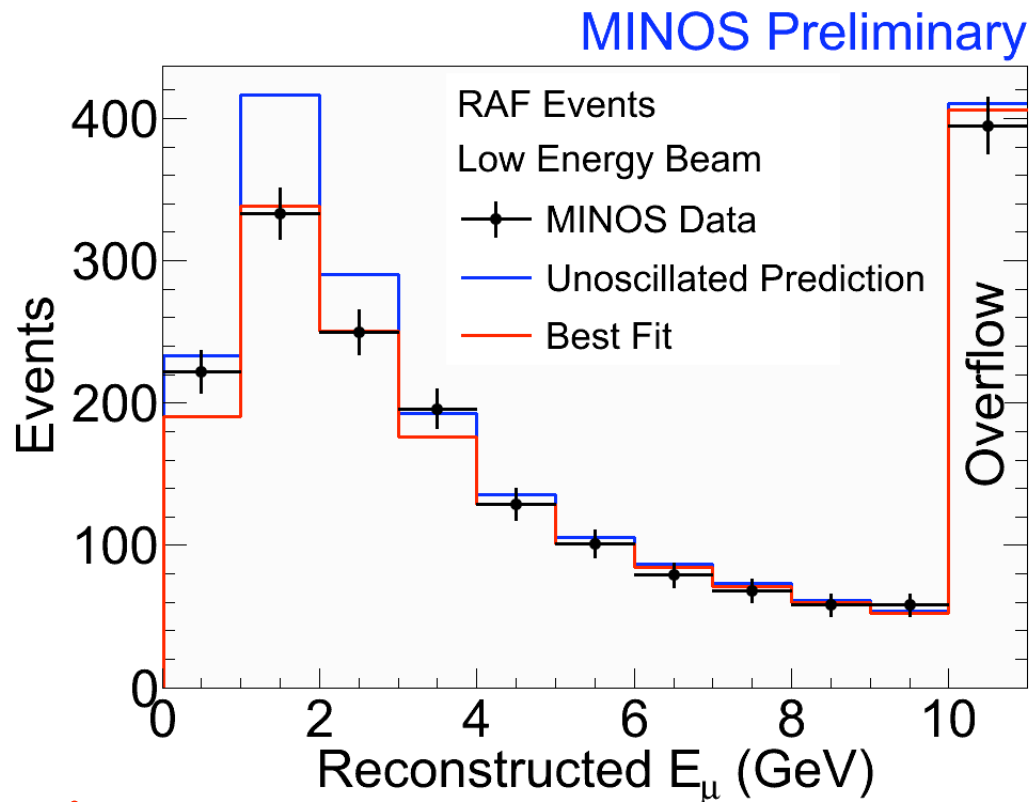
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Rock and Anti-fiducial Events

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- Neutrinos interact in rock around detector and outside of Fiducial Region
- These events double sample size, events have poorer energy resolution



Combined fit coming soon

Contours

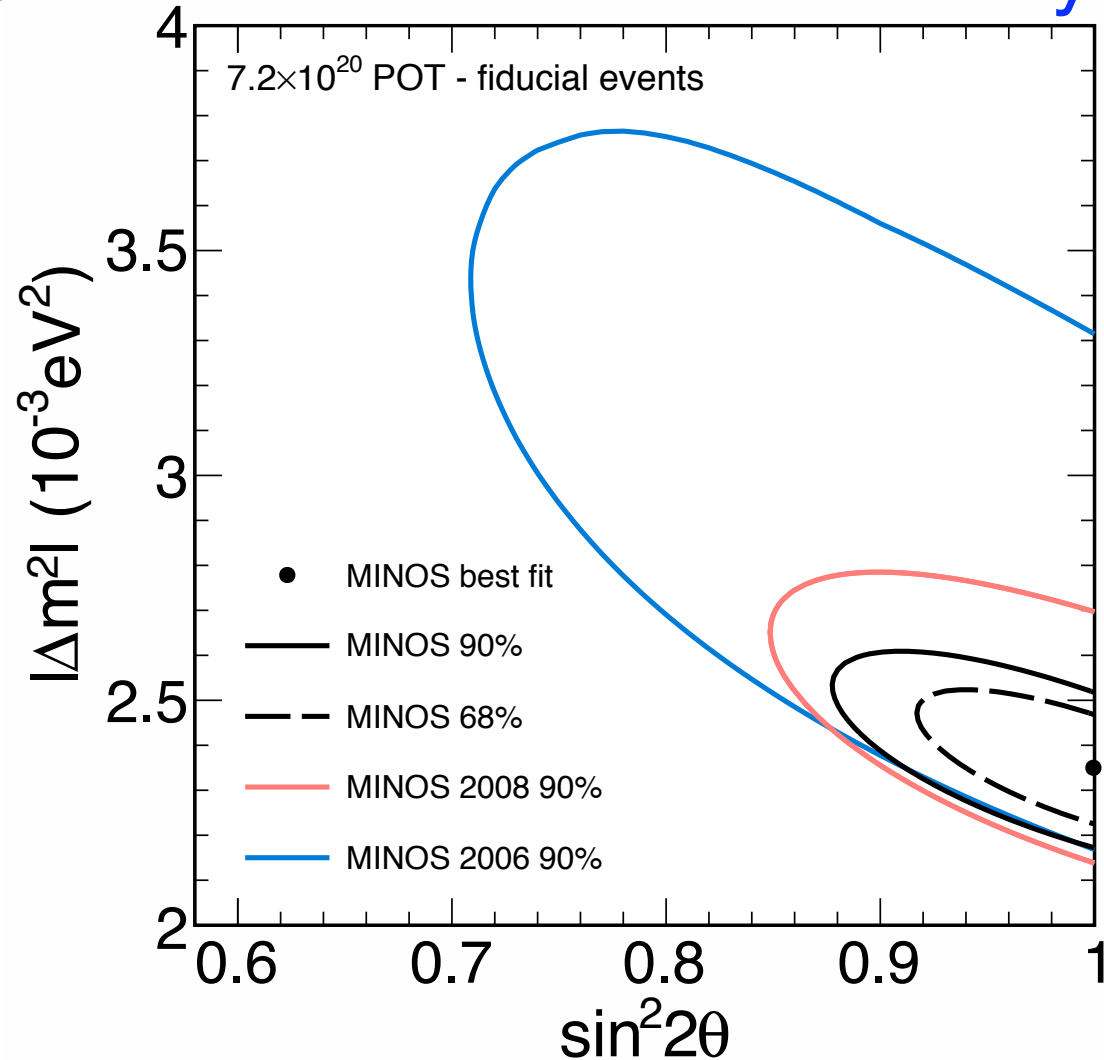
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□ Contour includes effects of dominant systematic uncertainties

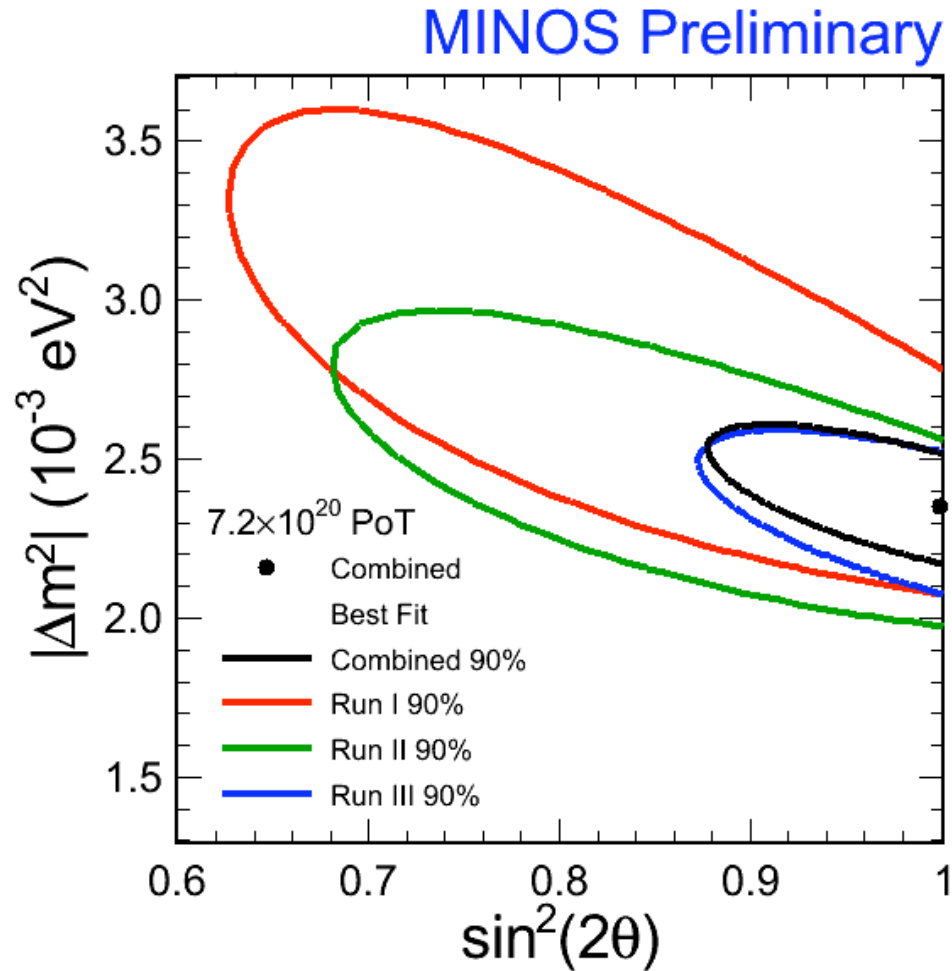
- normalization
- NC background
- shower energy
- track energy

MINOS Preliminary

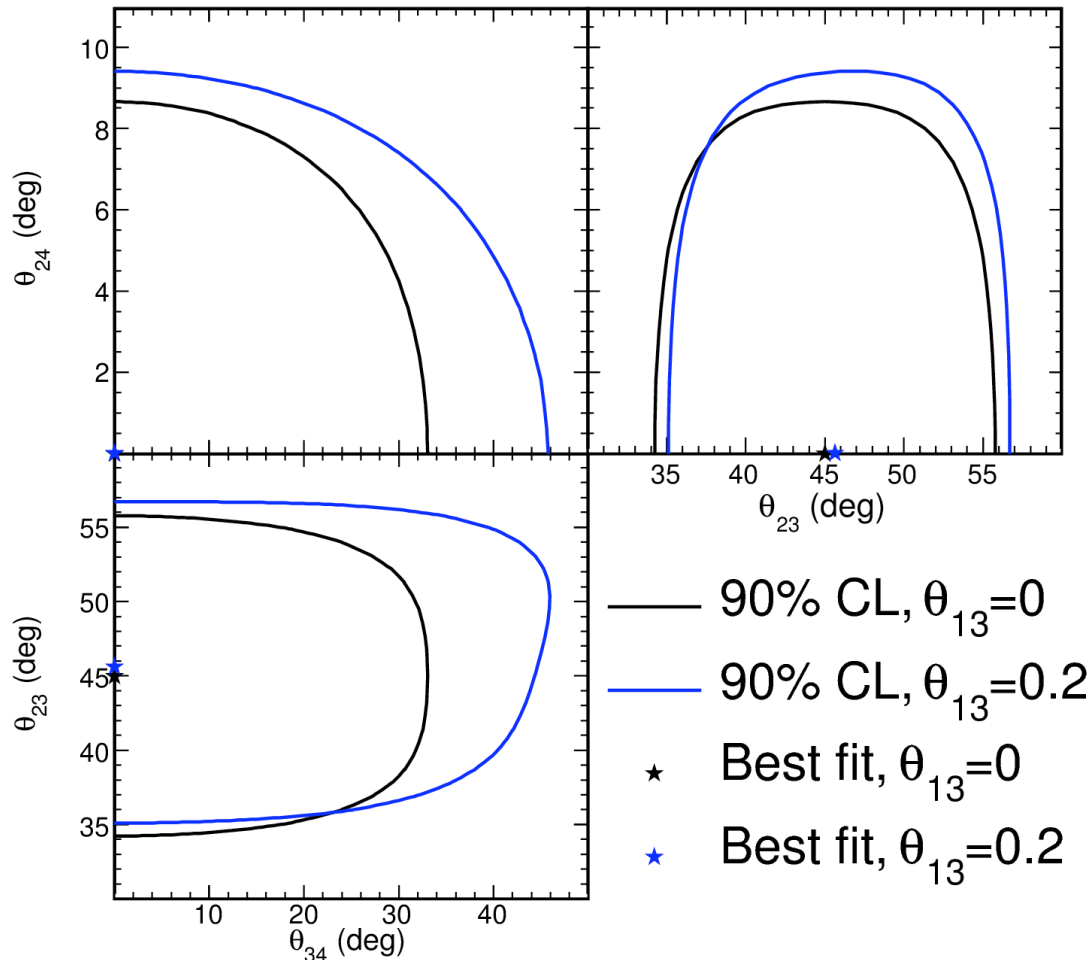


Contours by Run Period

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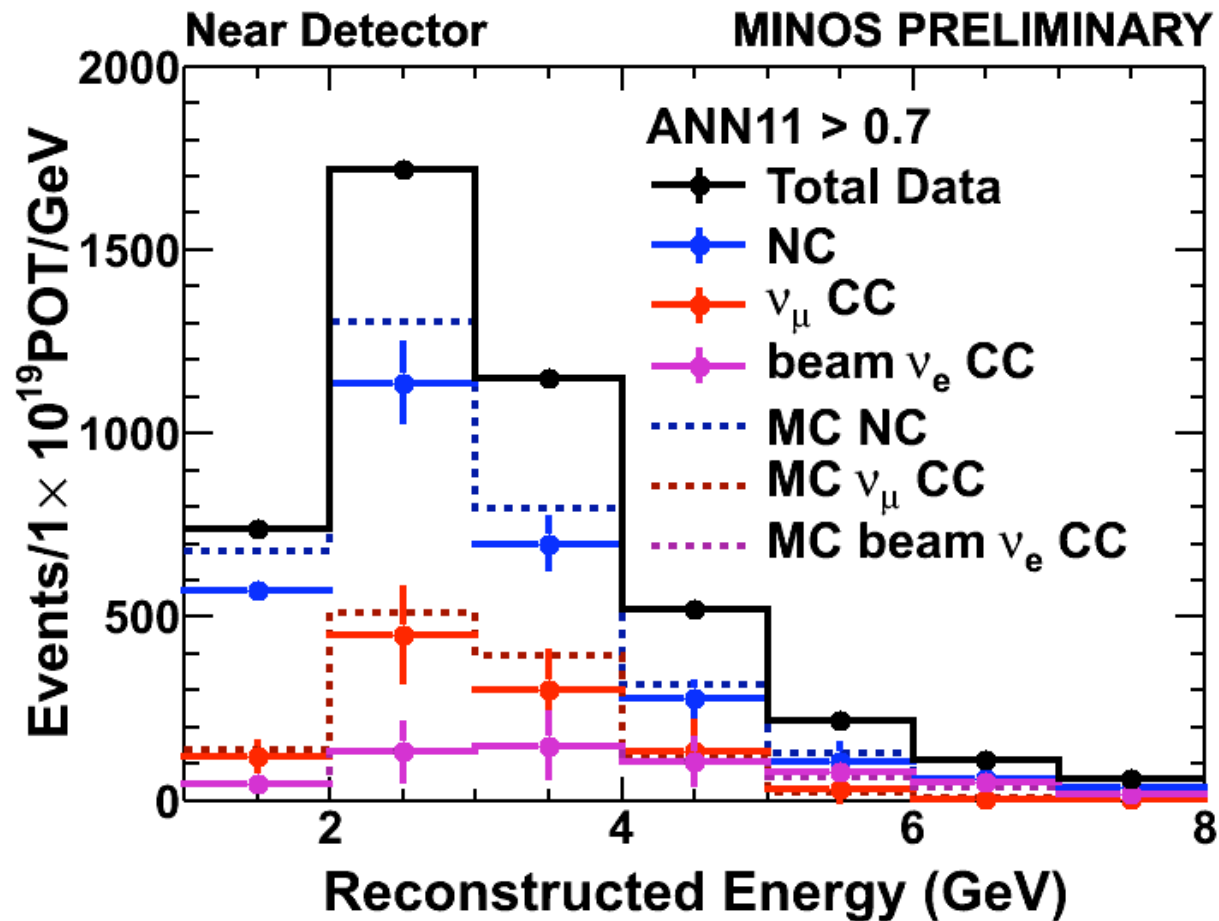


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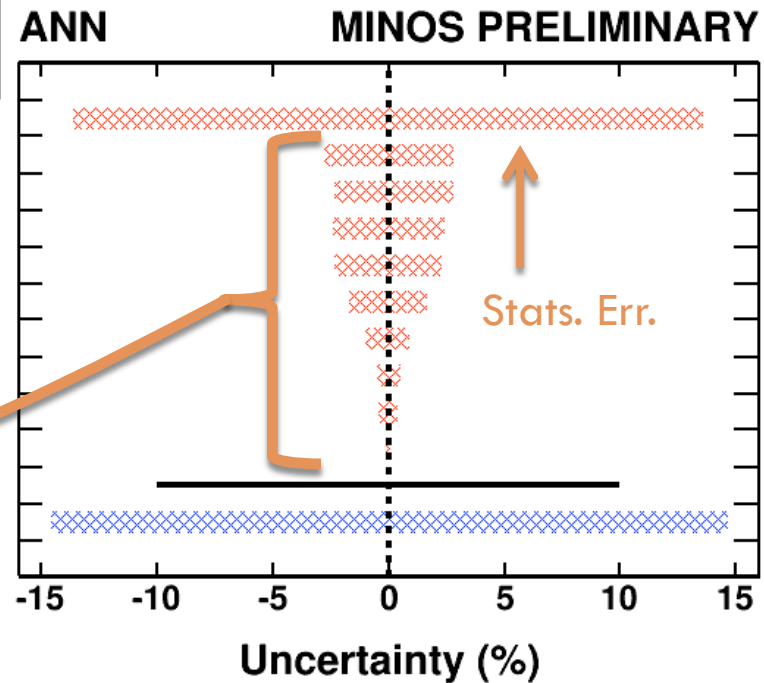
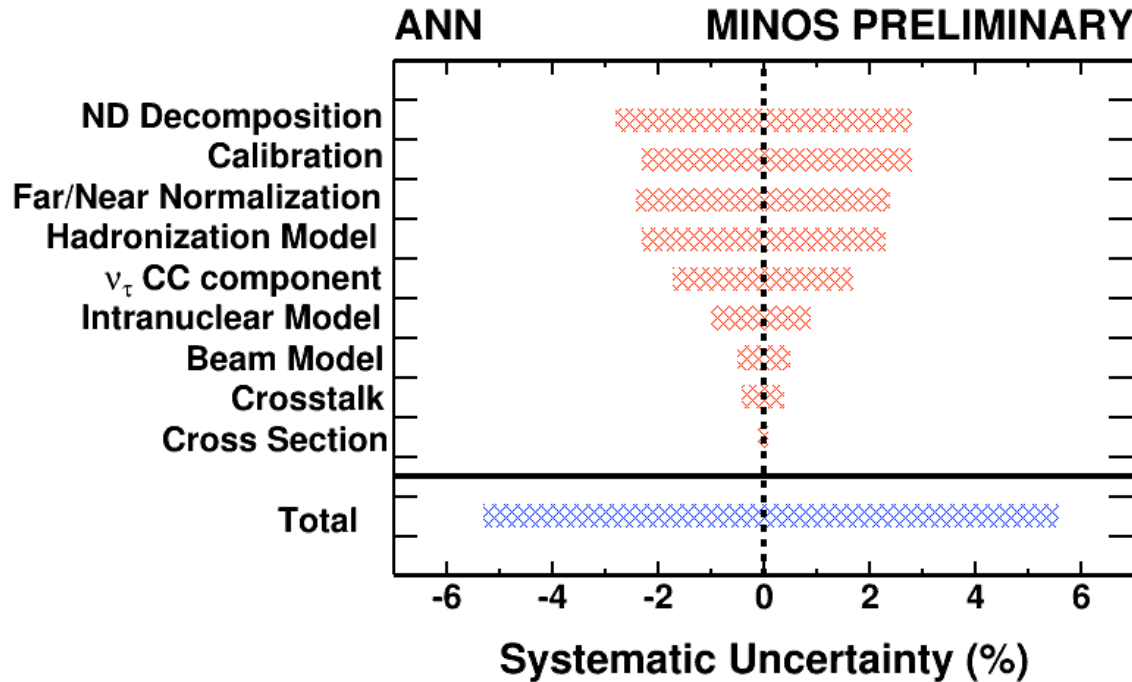
- Fit CC/NC spectra simultaneously with a 4th (sterile) neutrino
- 2 choices for 4th mass eigenvalue
 - $m_4 \gg m_3$
 - $m_4 = m_1$

Electron-neutrino Background Decomposition



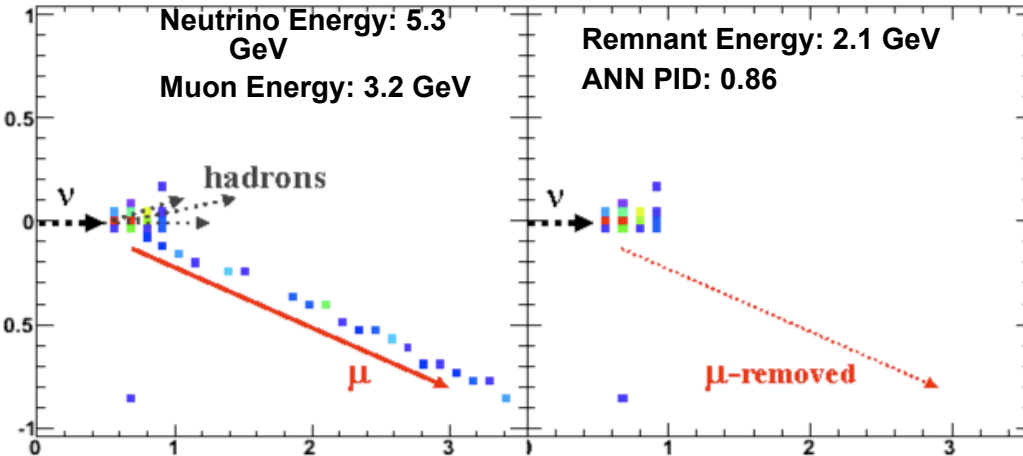
Electron-neutrino Systematics

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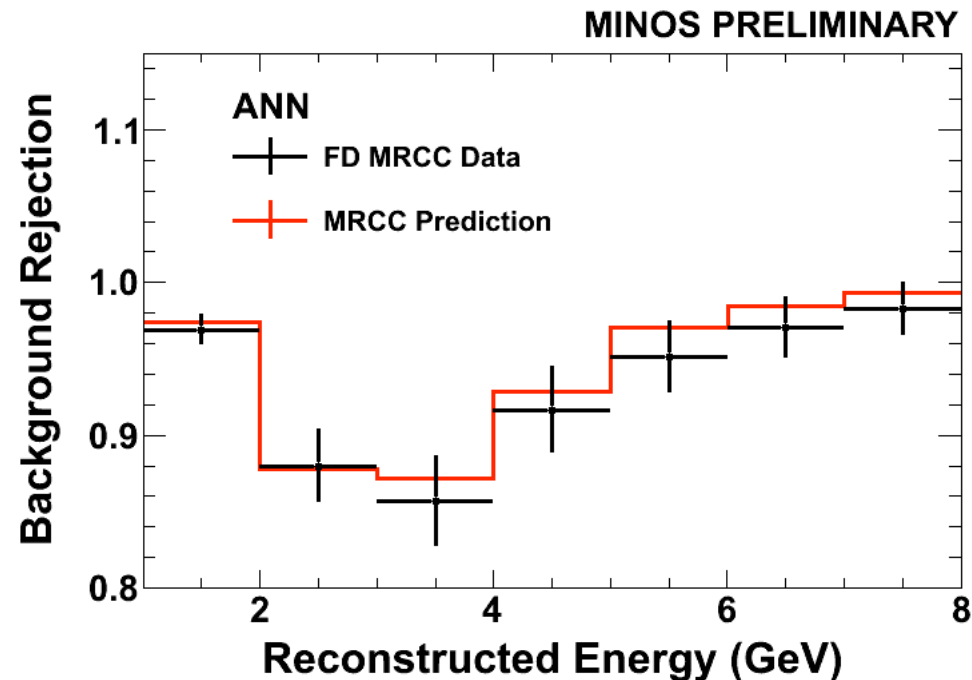
MRCC Background Rejection Check

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Remove muons, test BG rejection on shower remnants

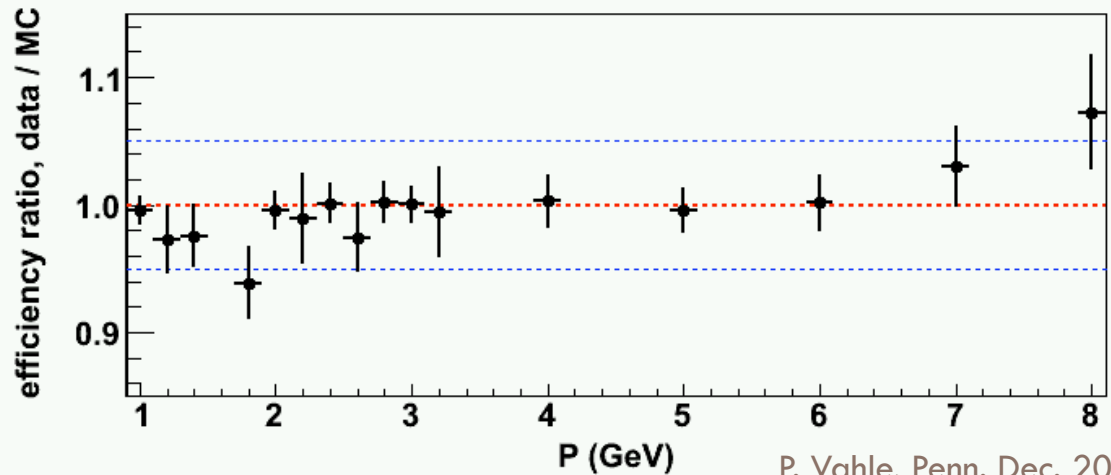
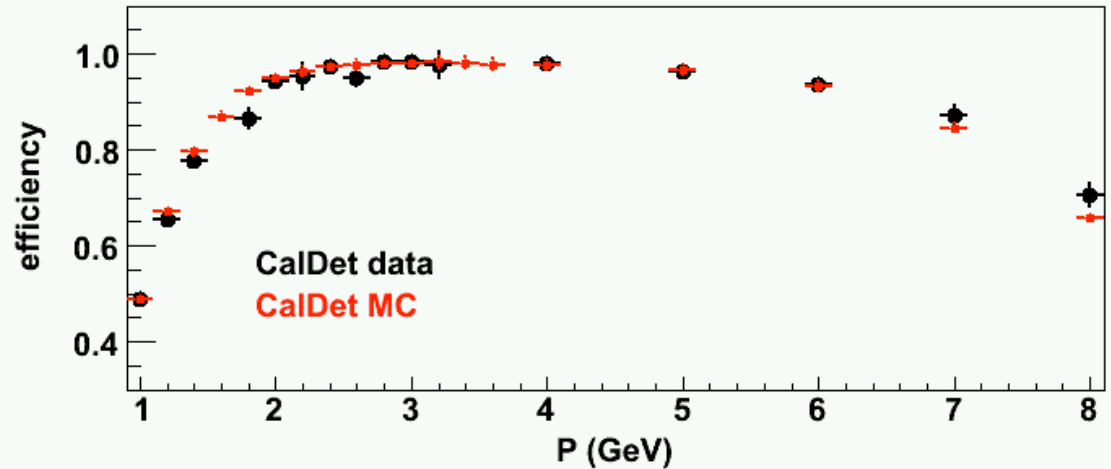
- Mis-id rate:
 - pred (6.42 ± 0.05)%
 - data (7.2 ± 0.9)%
(stats error only)
- Compatible at 0.86σ



Checking Signal Efficiency

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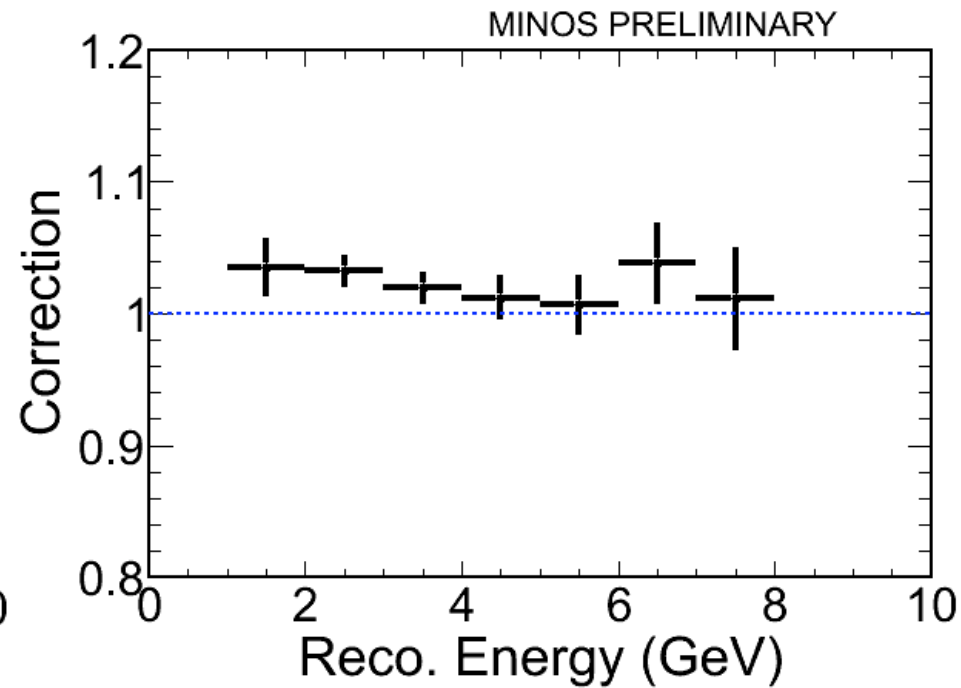
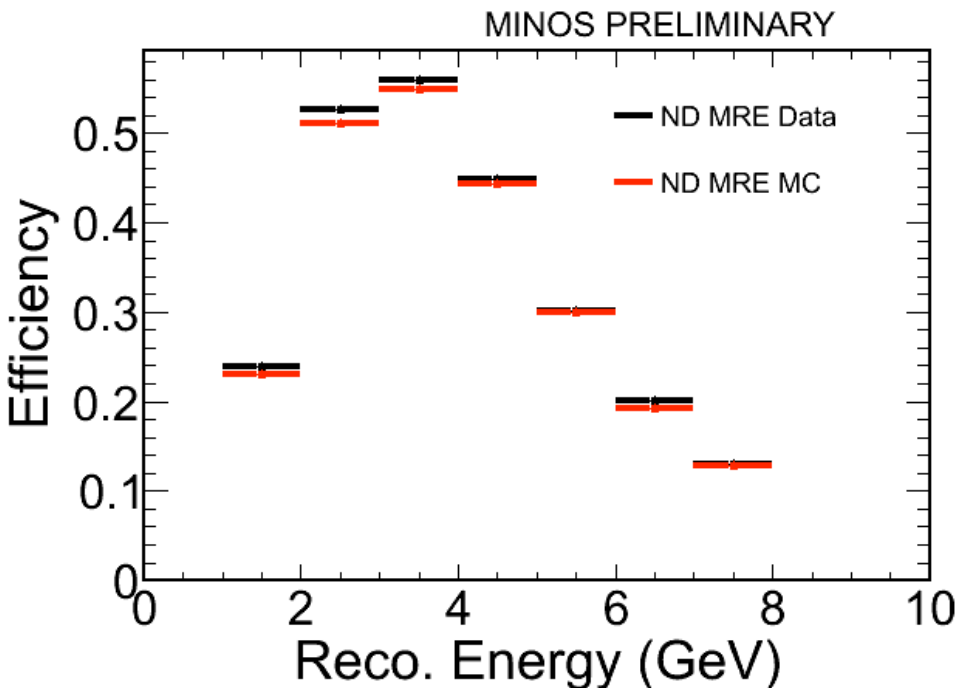
- Test beam measurements demonstrate electrons are well simulated



Checking Signal Efficiency

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- Check electron neutrino selection efficiency by removing muons, add a simulated electron

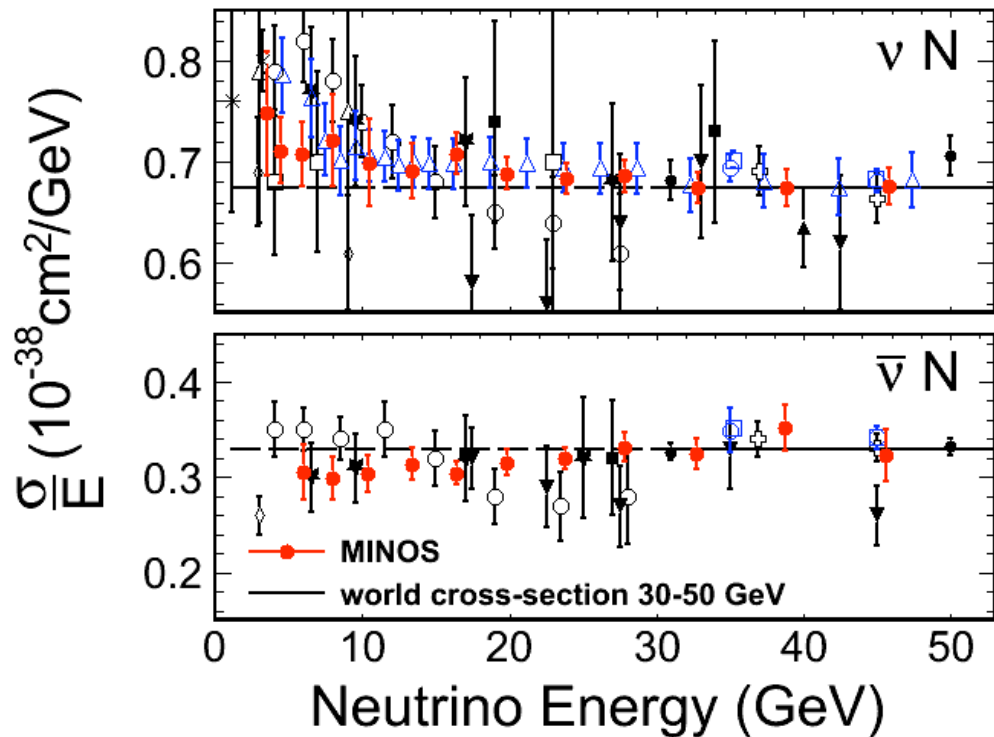
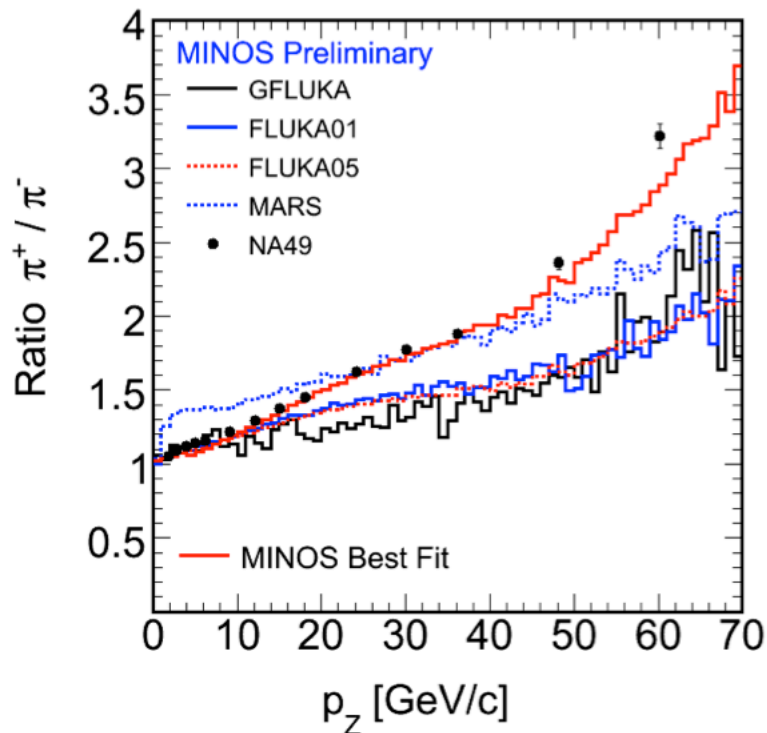


Making an antineutrino beam

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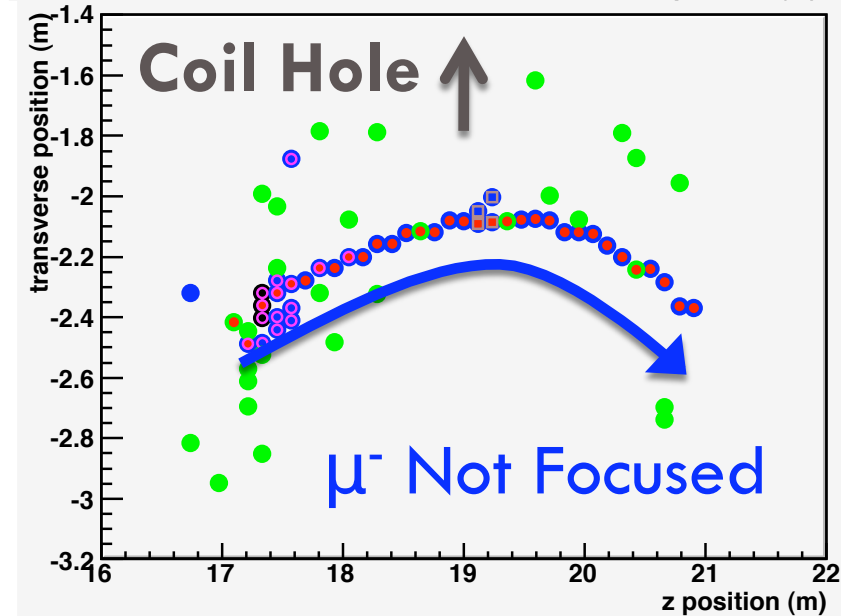
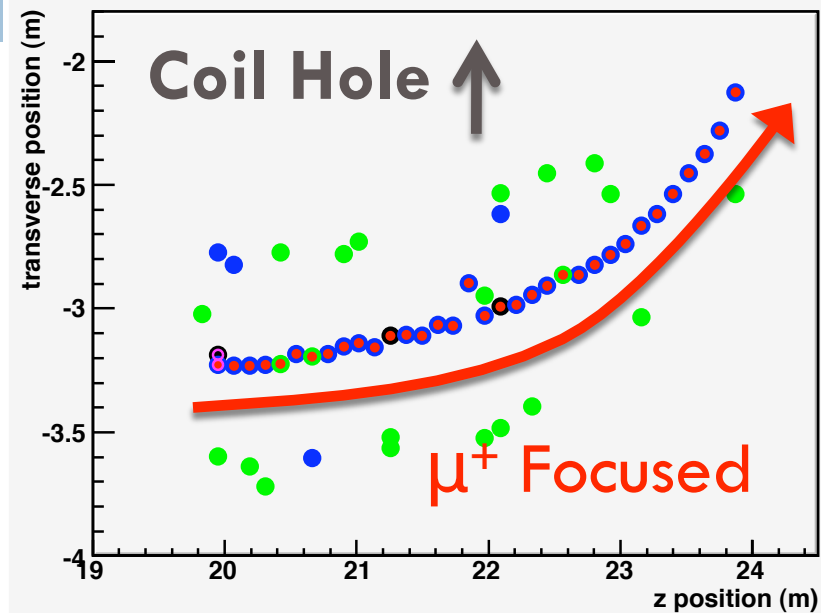
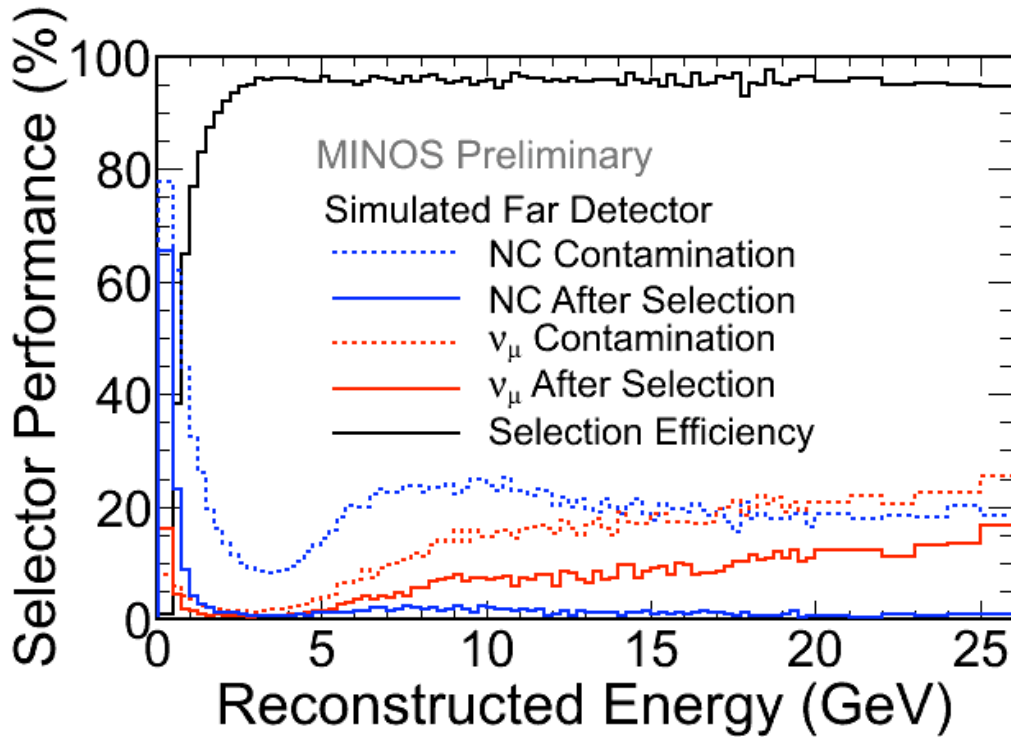
- Hadron production and cross sections conspire to change the shape and normalization of energy spectrum

~3x fewer antineutrinos for the same exposure



Anti-neutrino Selection

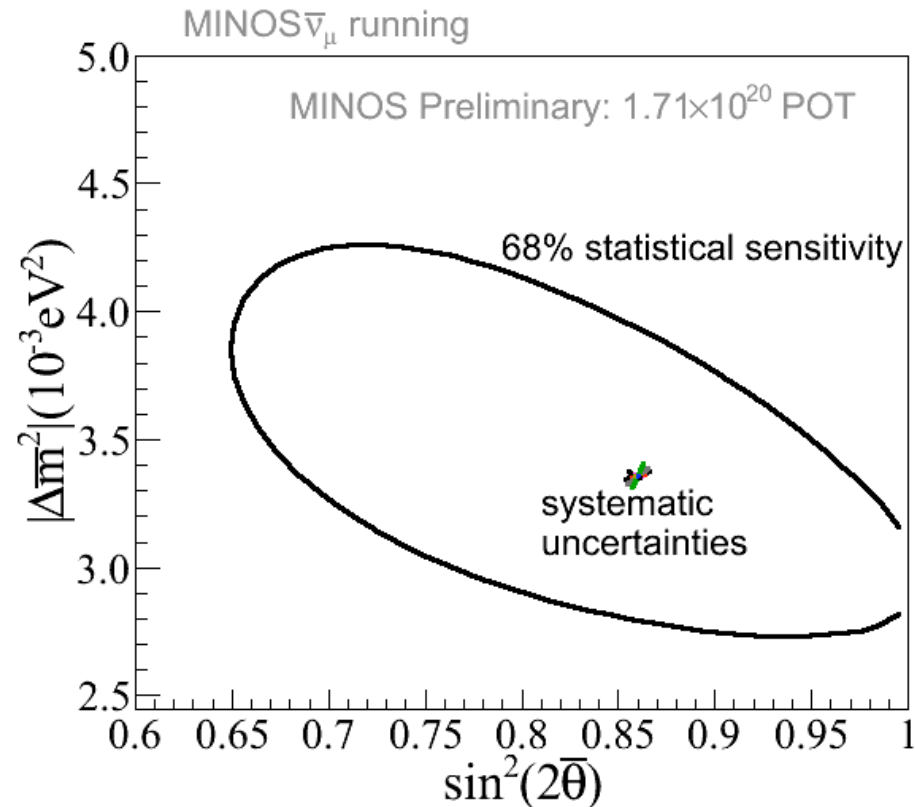
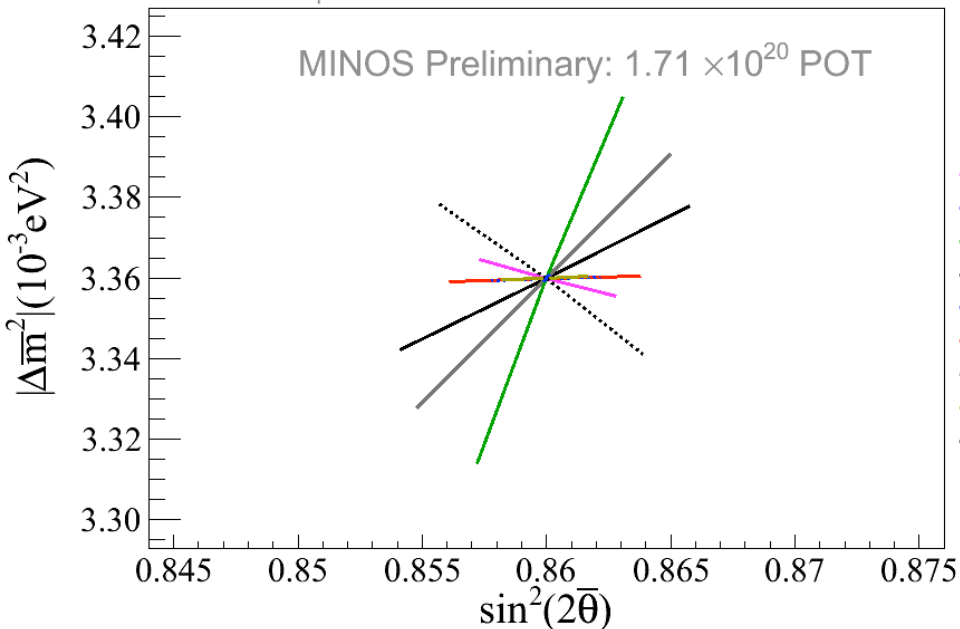
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Anti-neutrino Systematics

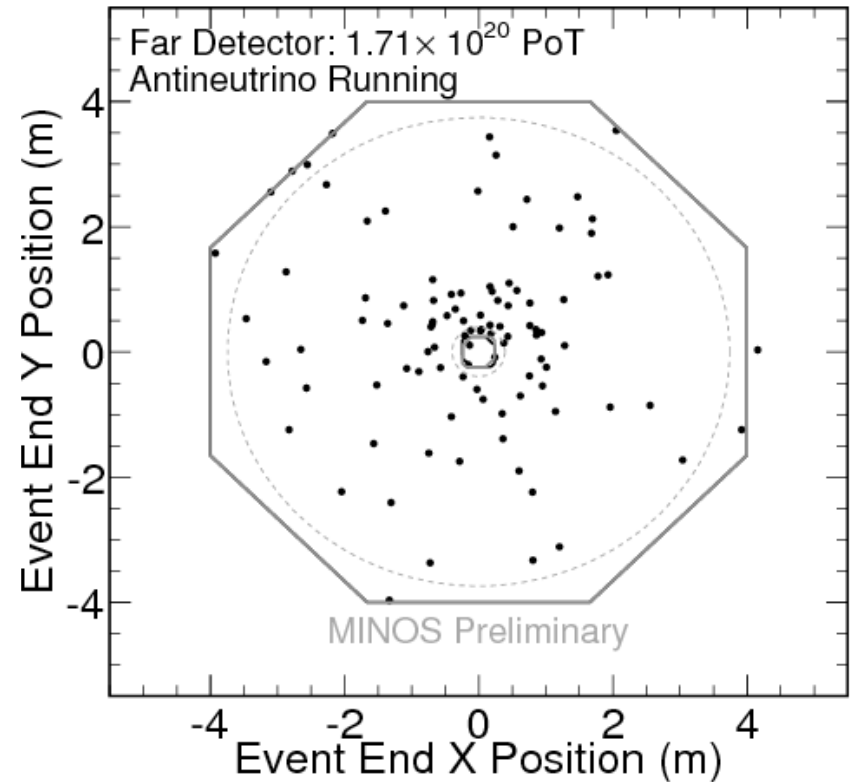
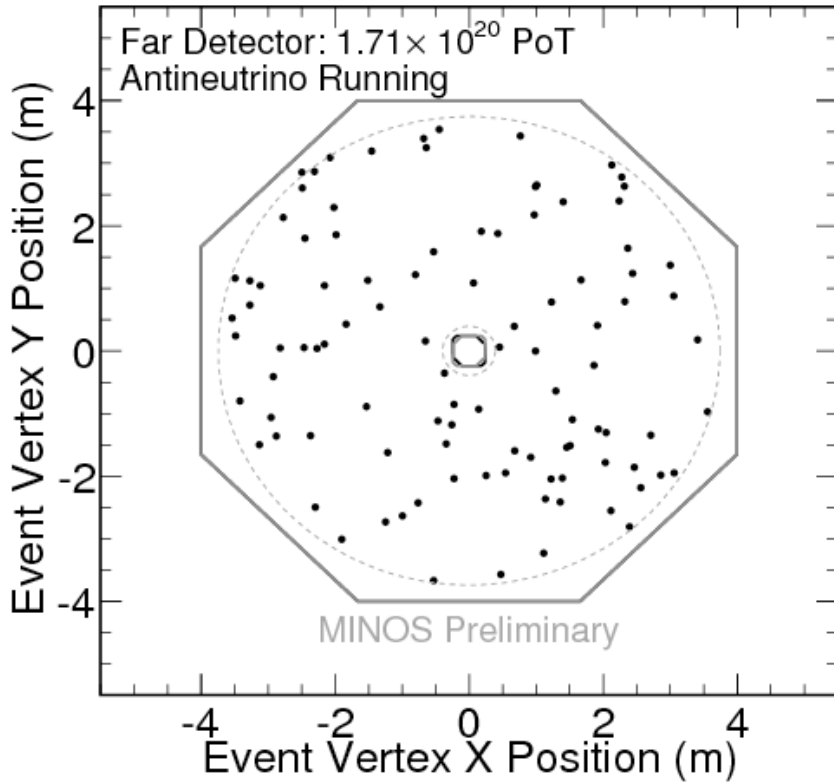
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MINOS $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ running



FD Anti-neutrino Data

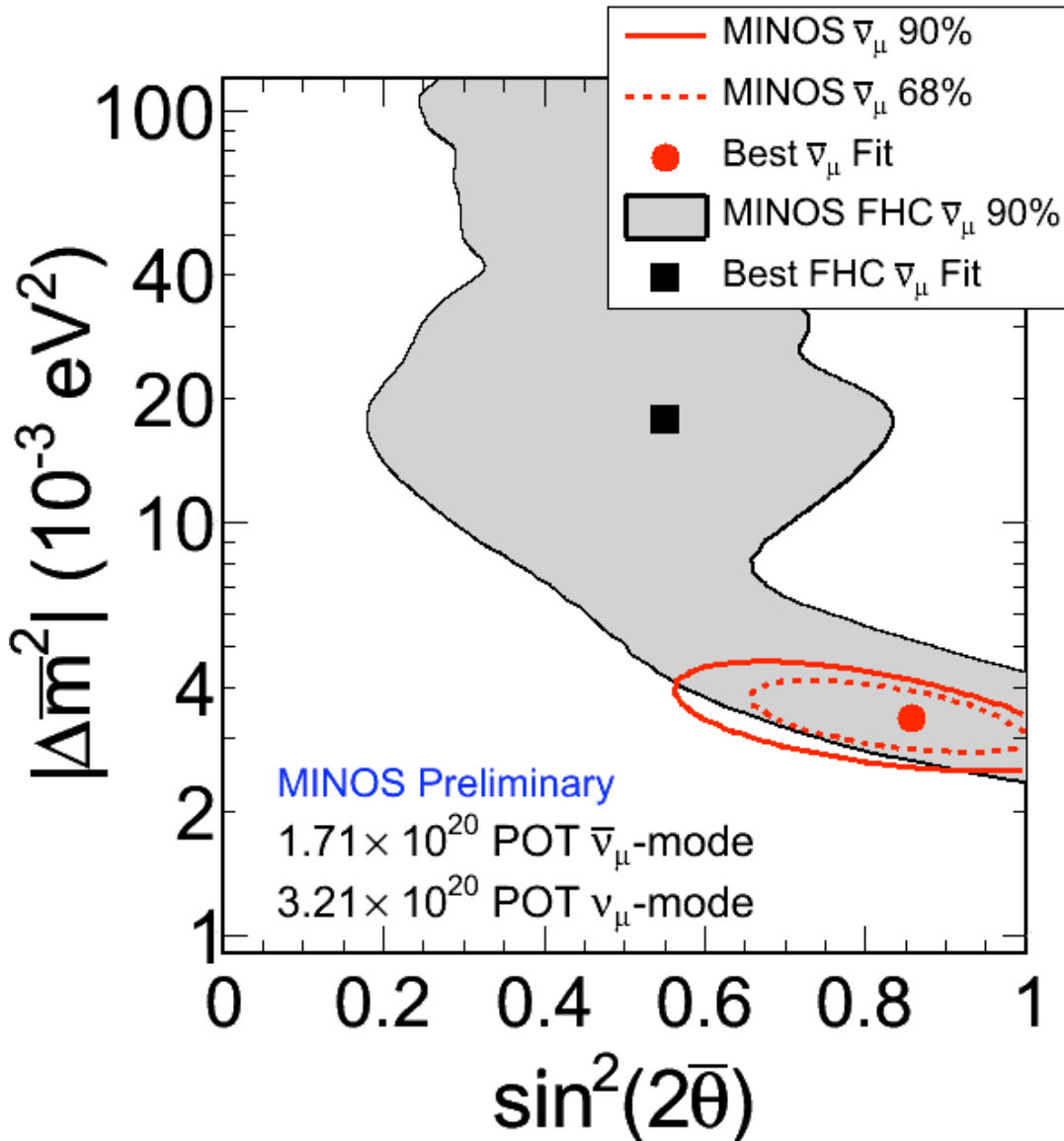
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- Vertices uniformly distributed
- Track ends clustered around coil hole

Previous Anti-neutrino Results

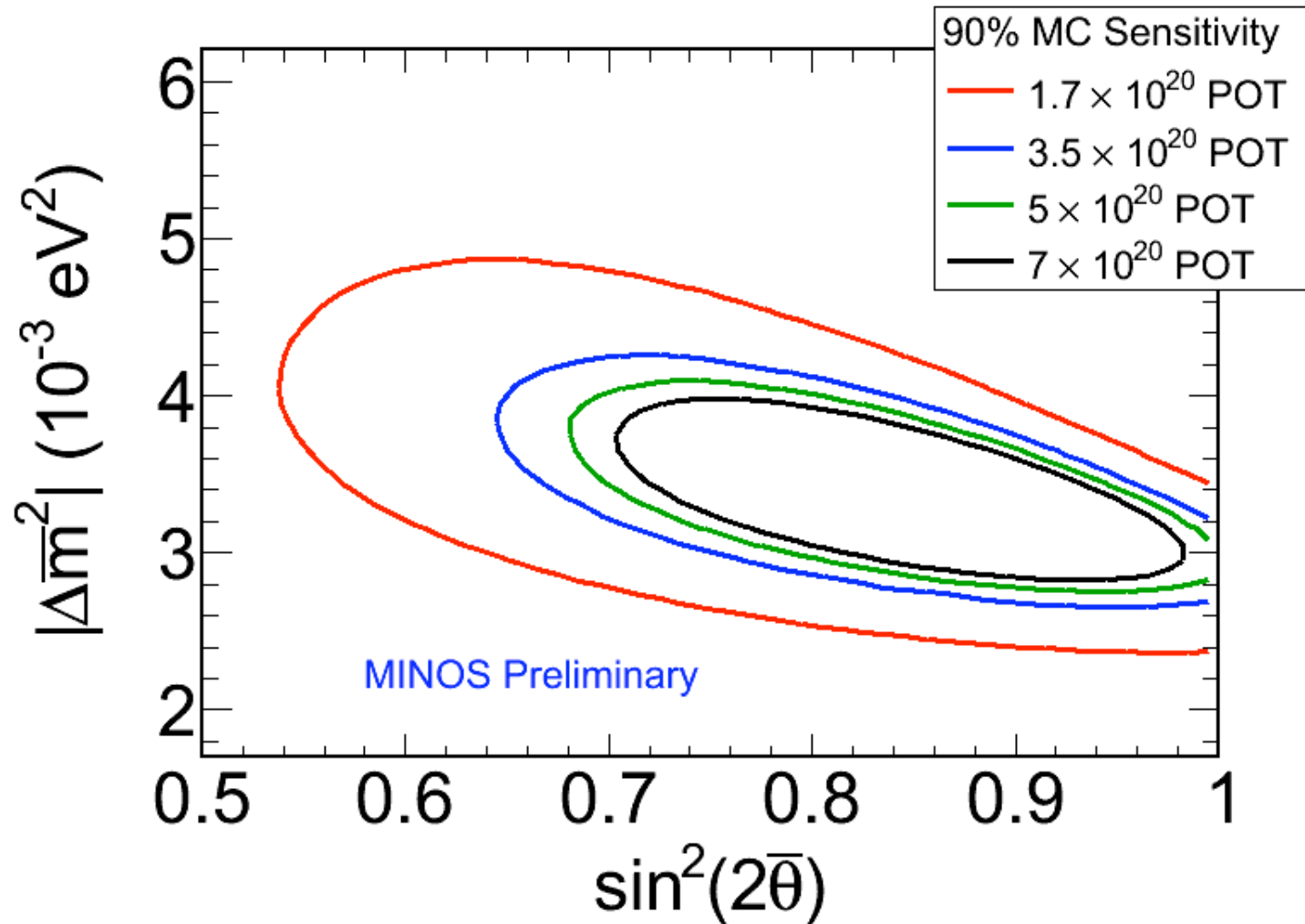
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- Results consistent with (less sensitive) analysis of anti-neutrinos in the neutrino beam
 - anti-neutrinos from unfocused beam component
 - mostly high energy antineutrinos
- Analysis of larger exposure on going

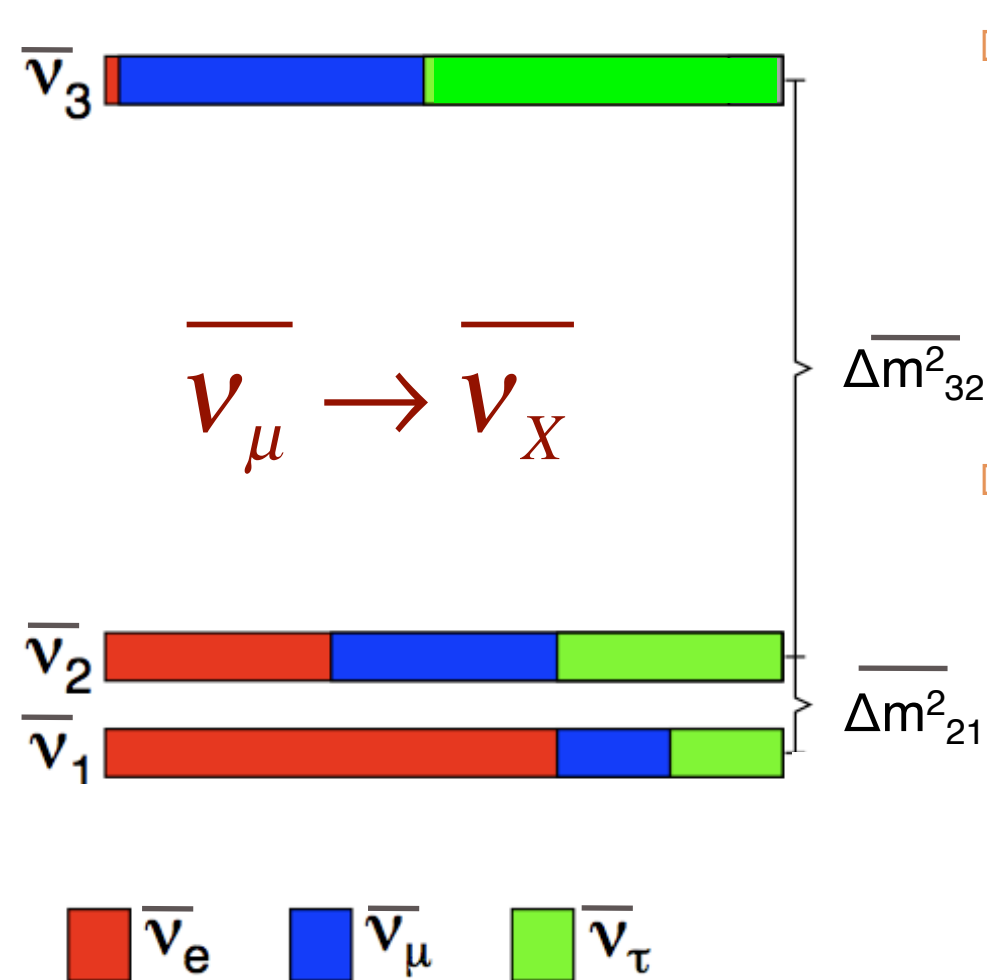
Future Anti-neutrino Sensitivity

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MINOS Physics Goals

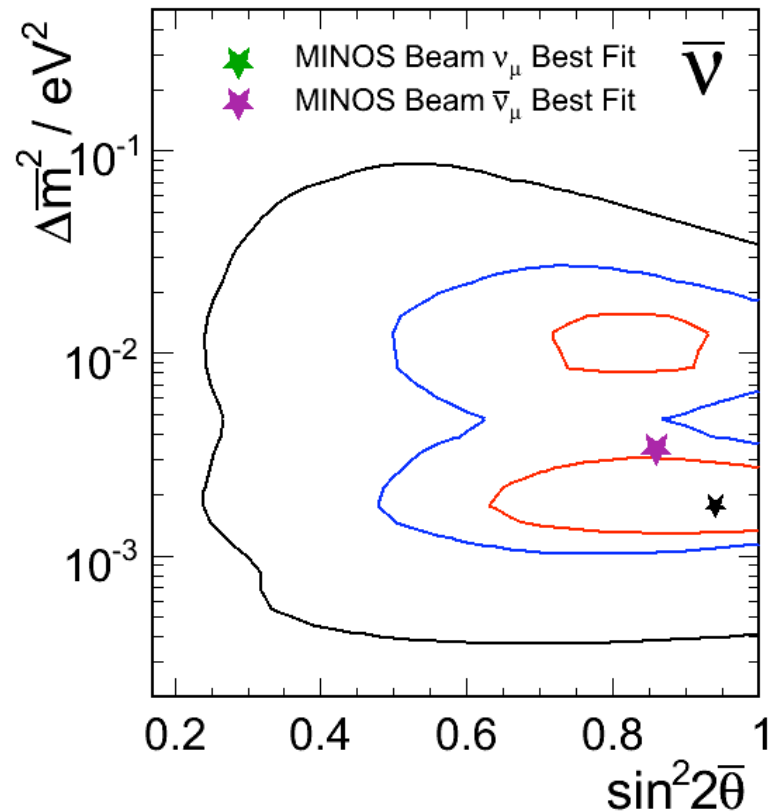
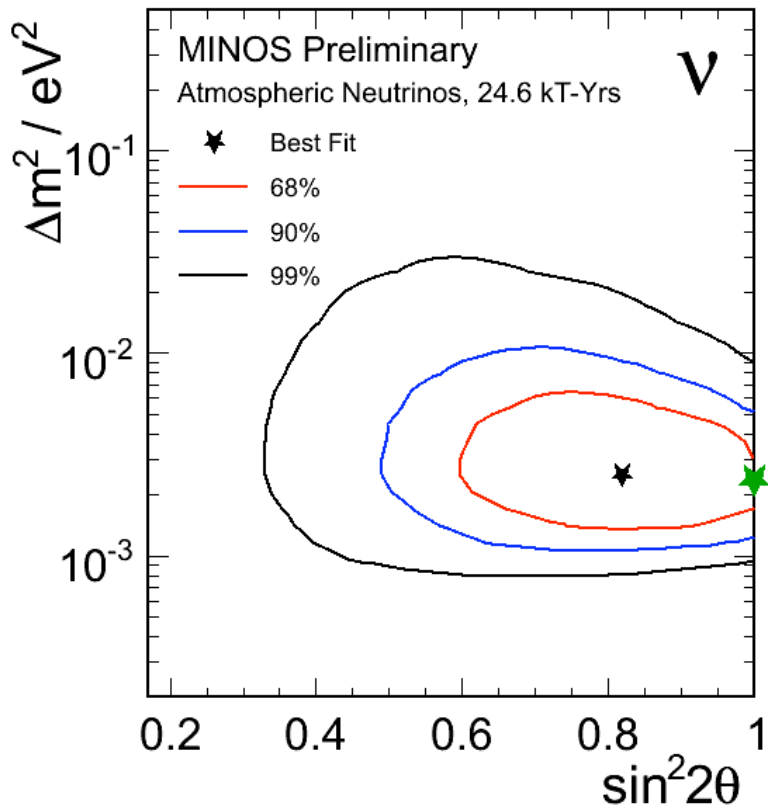
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- **Measure $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ disappearance as a function of energy**
 - Δm^2_{32} and $\sin^2(2\bar{\theta}_{23})$
 - look for differences between neutrino and anti-neutrinos
- **More MINOS analyses:**
 - atmospheric neutrinos
 - cross section measurements
 - Lorentz invariance tests
 - cosmic rays

Atmospheric Neutrinos

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$$R_{\nu/\nu}^{\text{data}} / R_{\nu/\nu}^{\text{MC}} = 1.04_{-0.10}^{+0.11} \pm 0.10$$

$$\left| \Delta m^2 \right| - \left| \overline{\Delta m^2} \right| = 0.4_{-1.2}^{+2.5} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$