

# LArTPC physics and reconstruction

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# Neutrino Oscillation

Summary of interactions between certain particles described by the Standard Model

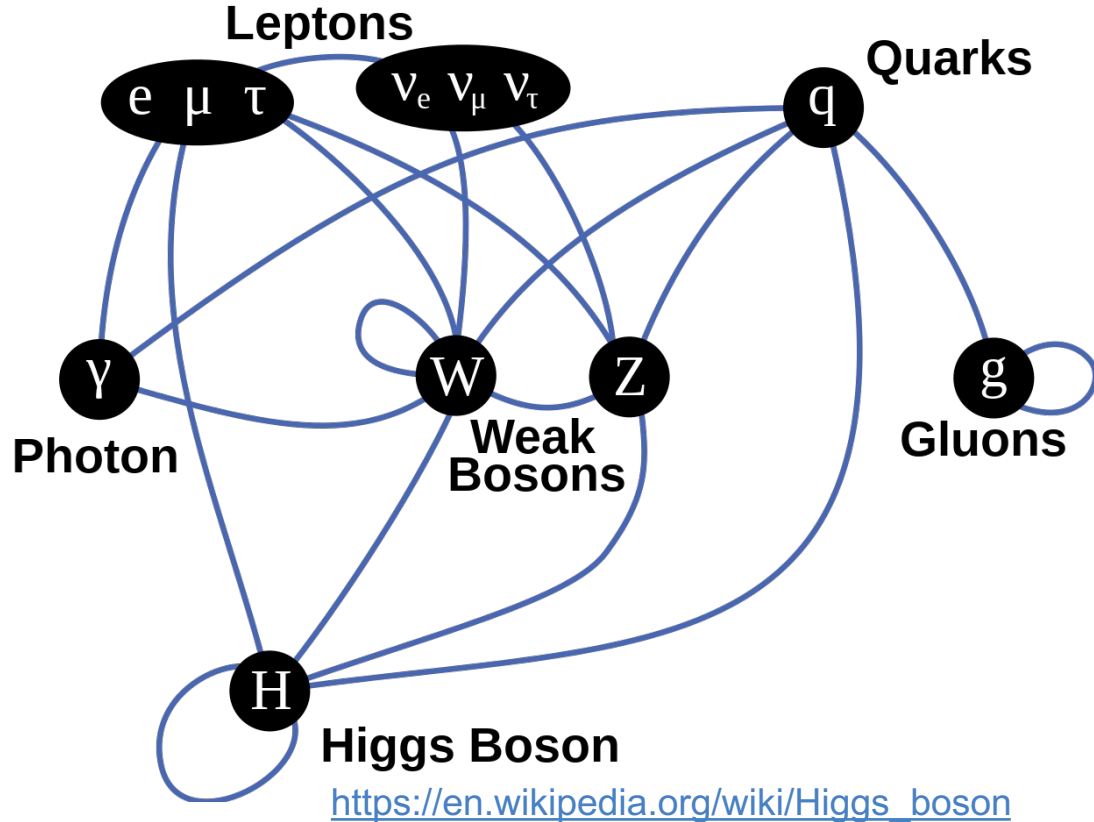
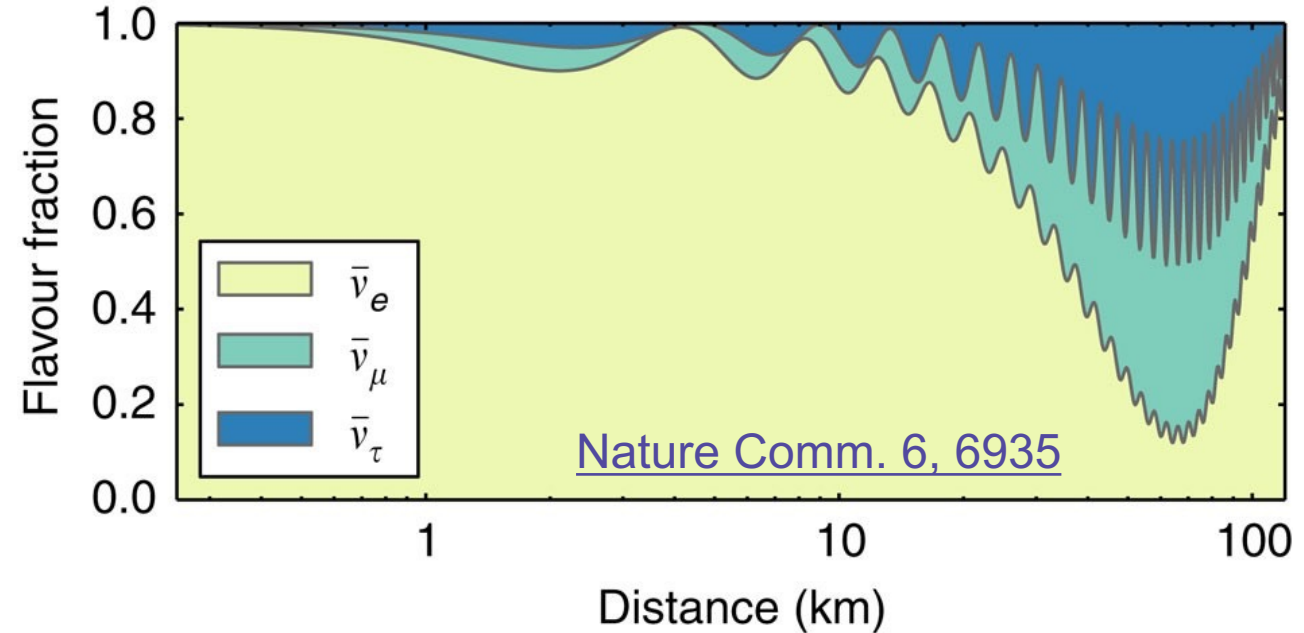
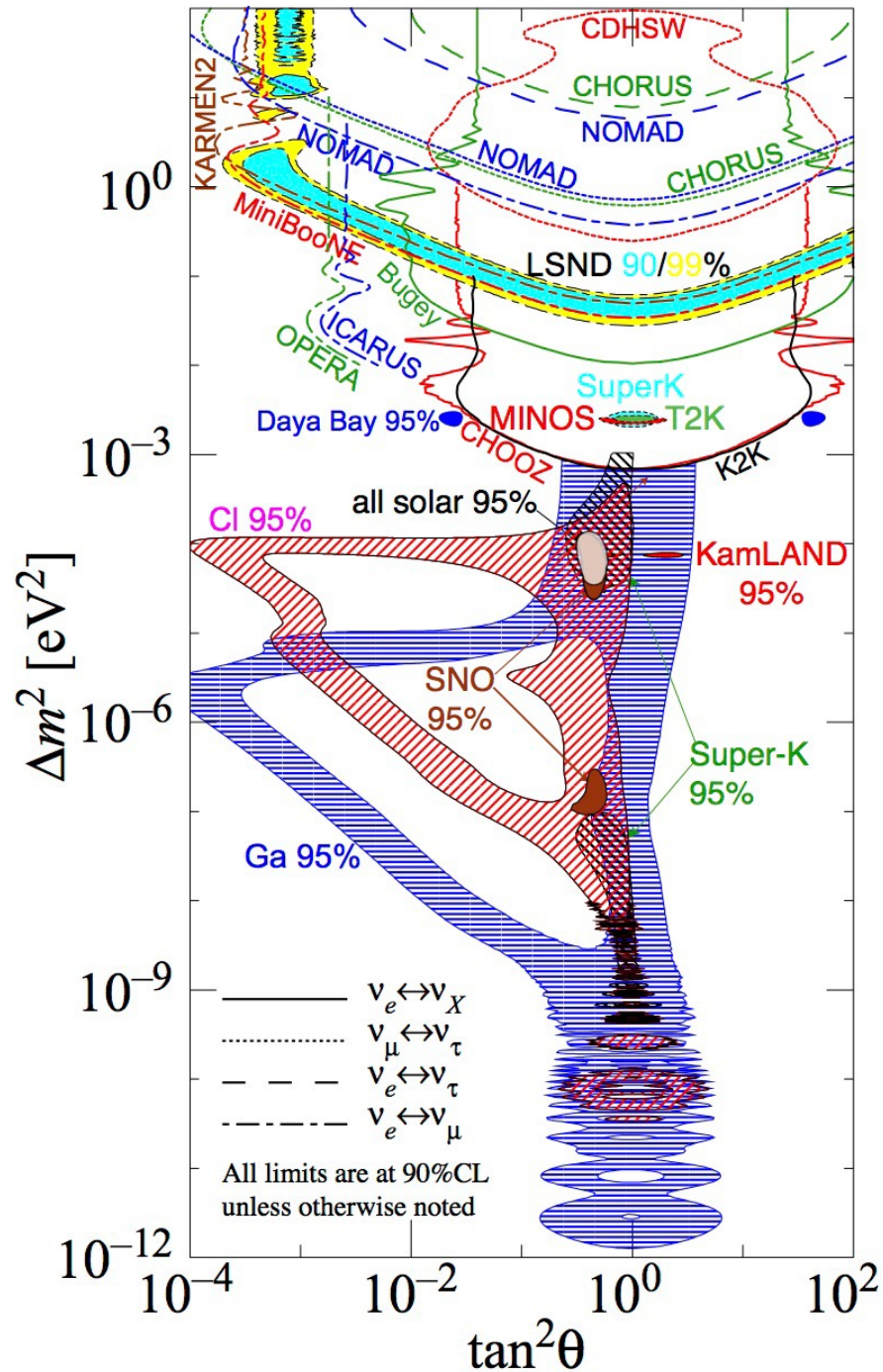


Illustration of neutrino oscillations



Neutrino oscillation experiments have provided the first evidence for physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics

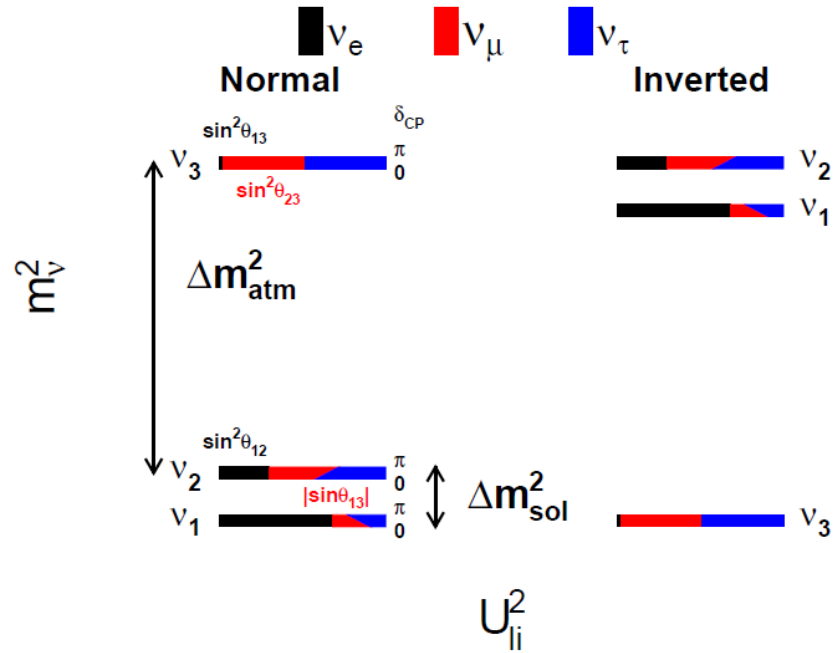
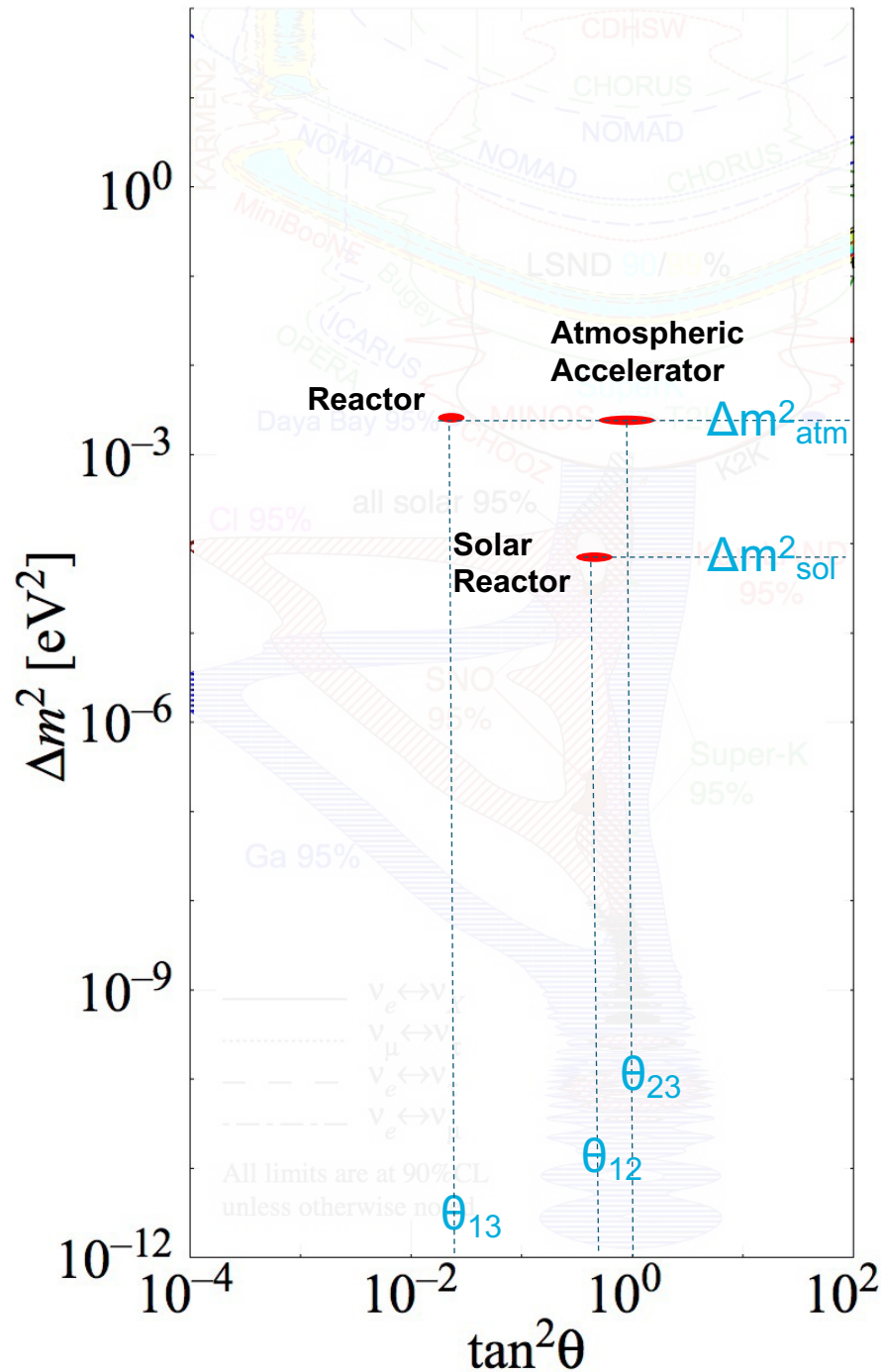
# Neutrino Oscillation Experiments



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

Courtesy: Hitoshi Murayama  
<http://hitoshi.berkeley.edu/neutrino/>

# Three-ν Paradigm



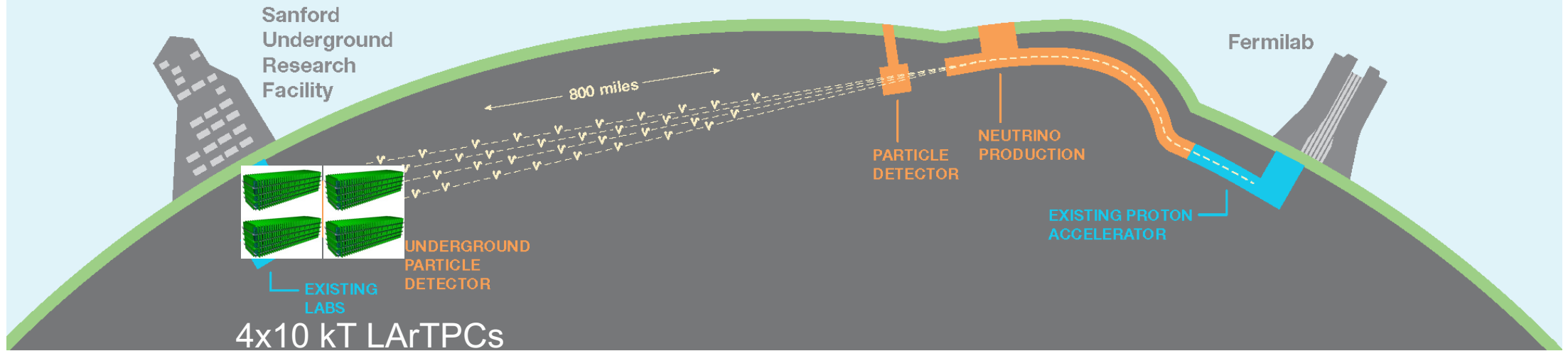
Unknowns: CP phase, normal or inverted mass ordering?



2015 Nobel Prize  
Takaaki Kajita &  
Arthur B.  
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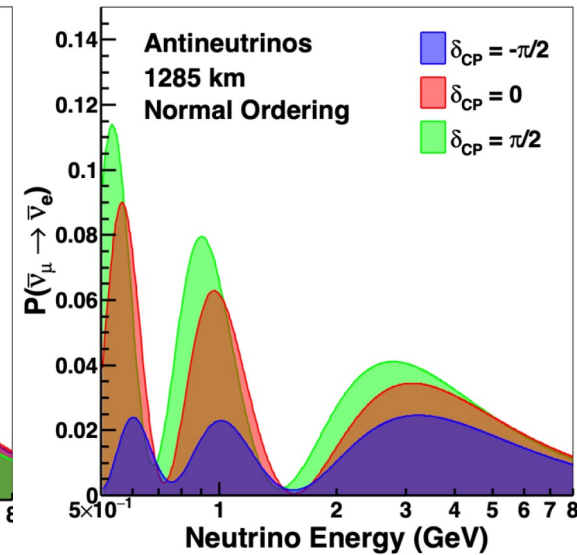
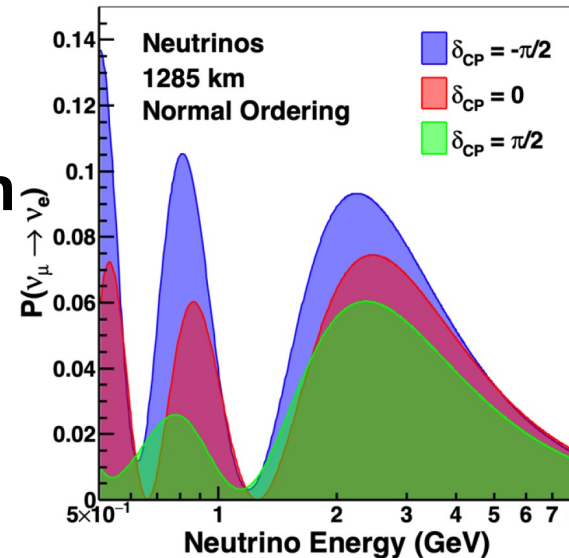
# Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)



- Search for new CP violation and determine the mass ordering through precision measurement of **(anti) $\nu_\mu \rightarrow$ (anti) $\nu_e$  oscillation**

- Also search for proton decay and detection of supernova neutrinos

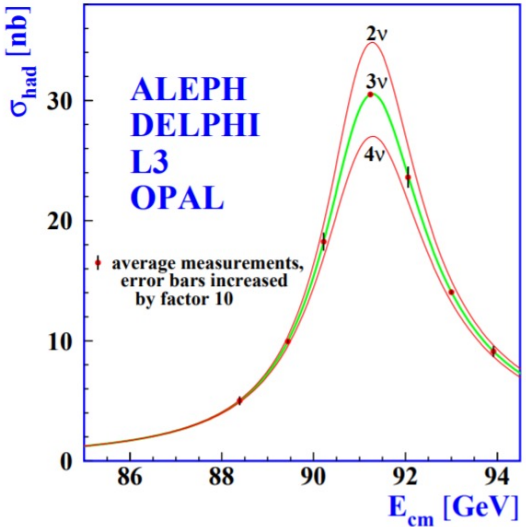
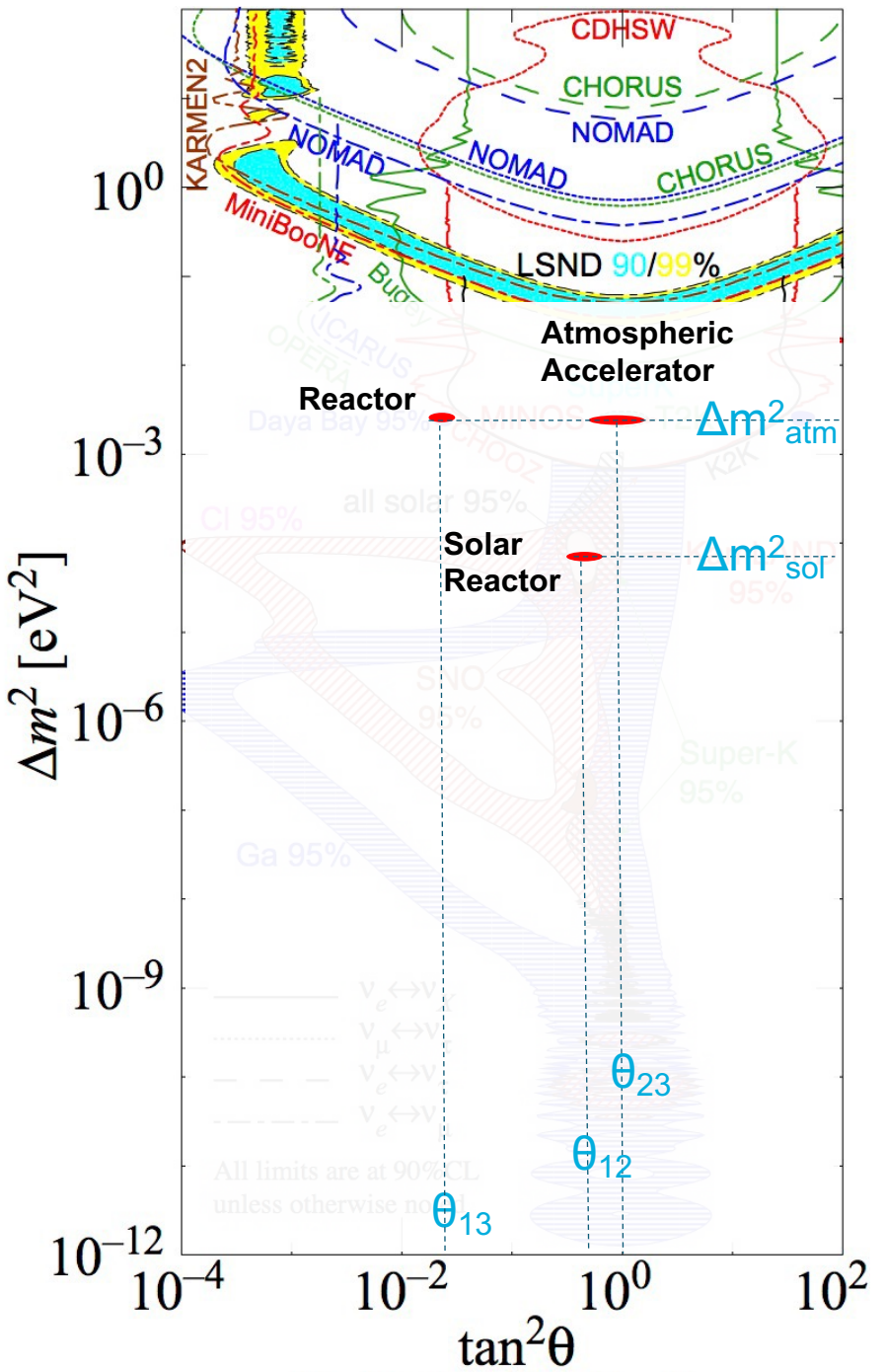
- Four 10 kT LArTPC detectors (each 20 x 20 x 70 m<sup>3</sup>)



# 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?)



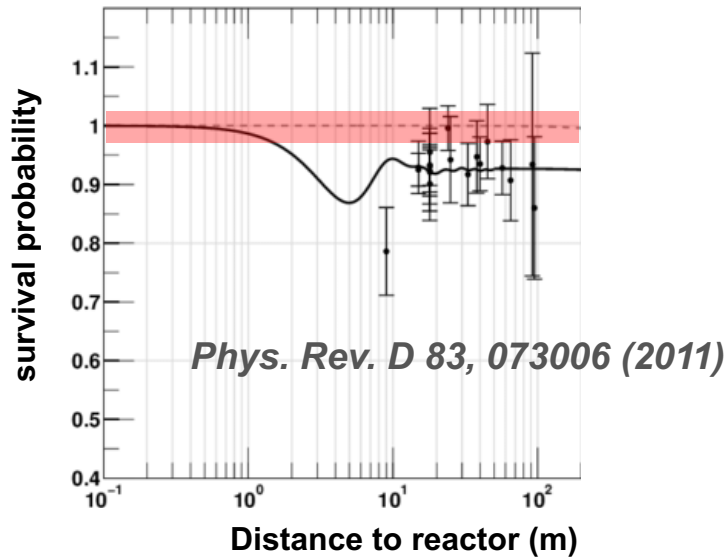
*Phys. Rept. 427, 257 (2006)*

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

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



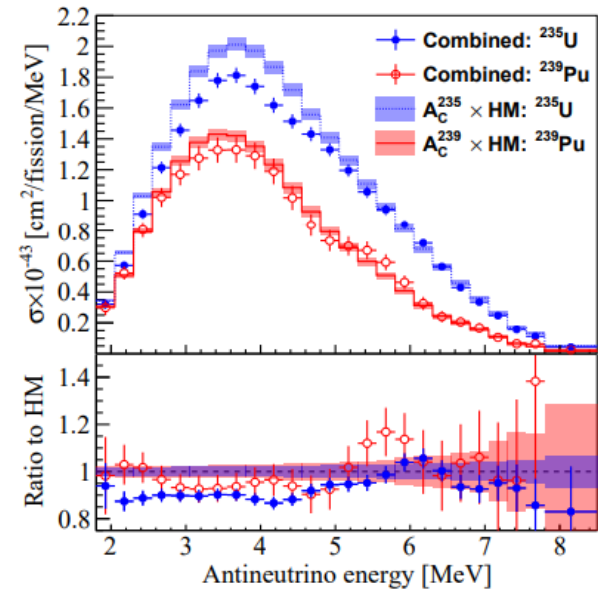
# Reactor Antineutrino "Anomaly"



## Anomaly in Neutrino Physics

Mistake?

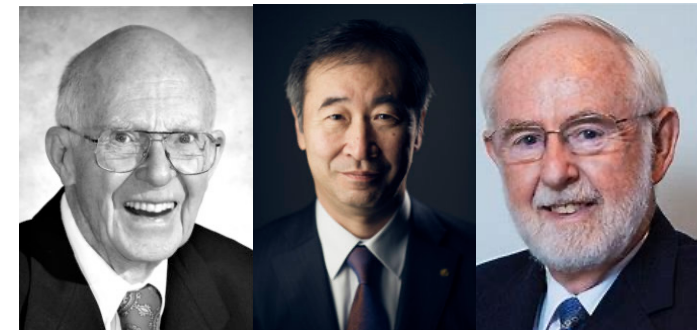
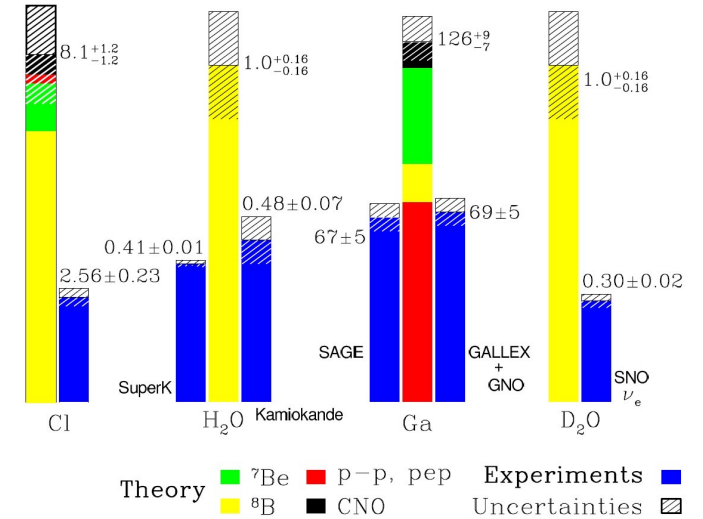
Discovery?



Daya Bay + PROSPECT  
[arXiv:2106.12251](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.12251) (2021)

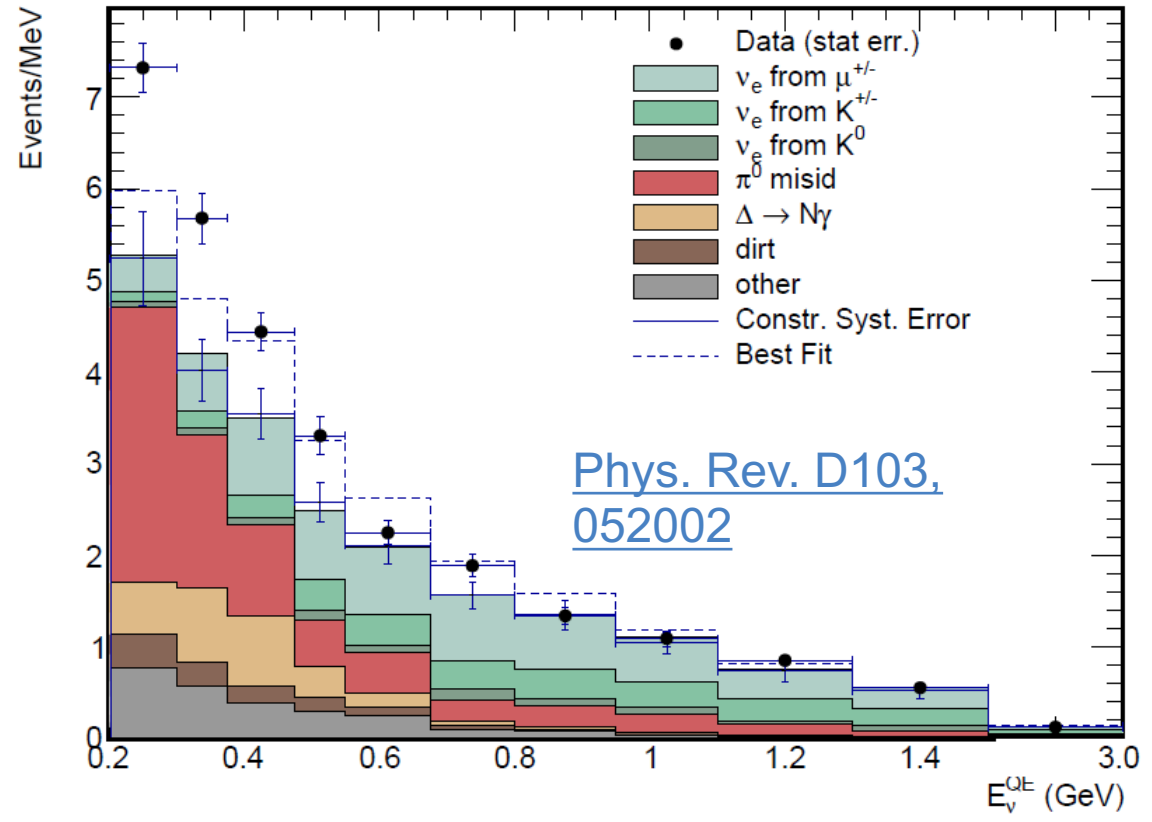
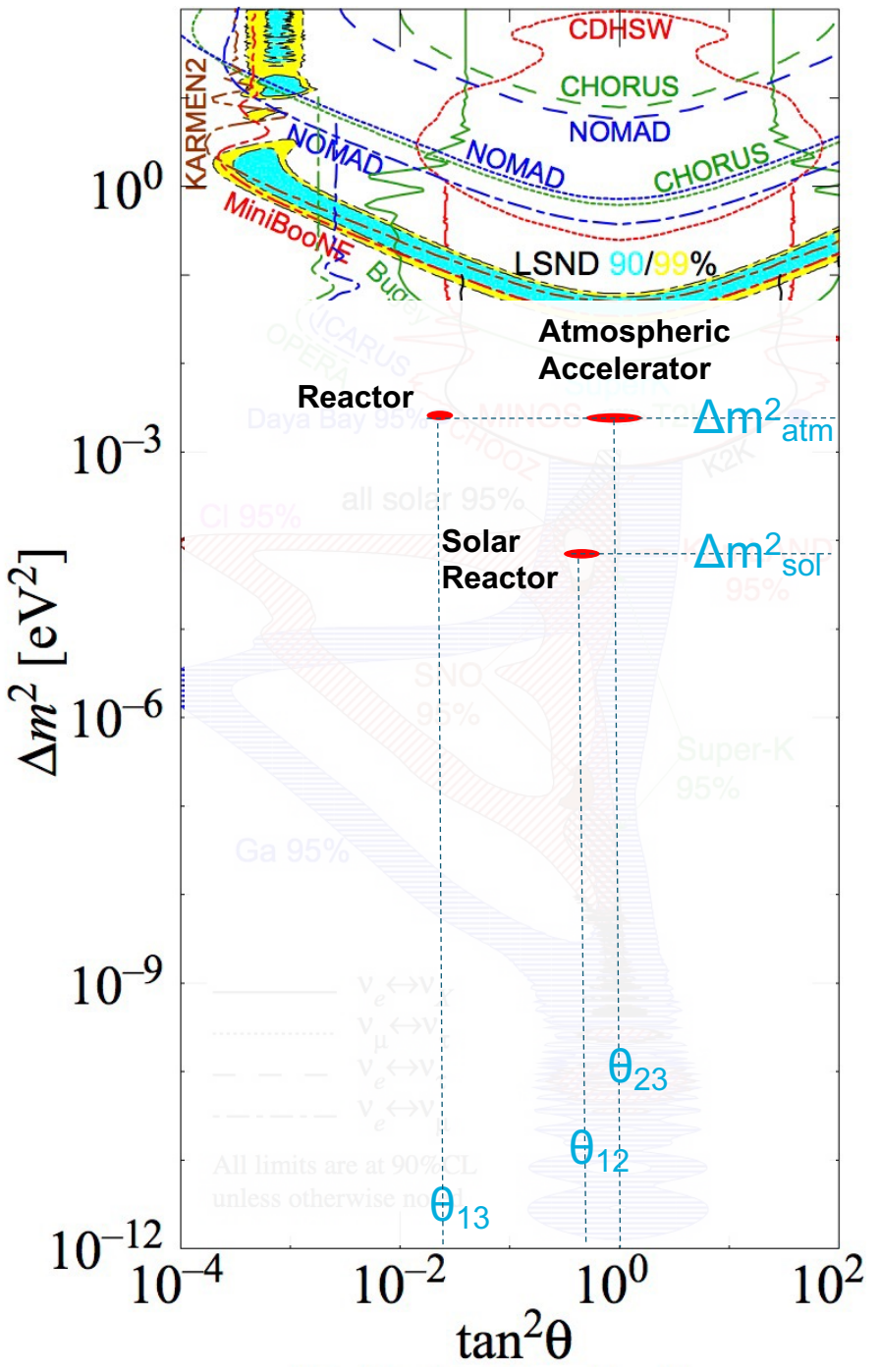
mistake in experiment?  
 mistake in theory?

# Solar Neutrino "Anomaly"



R. Davis      T. Kajita      A. McDonald

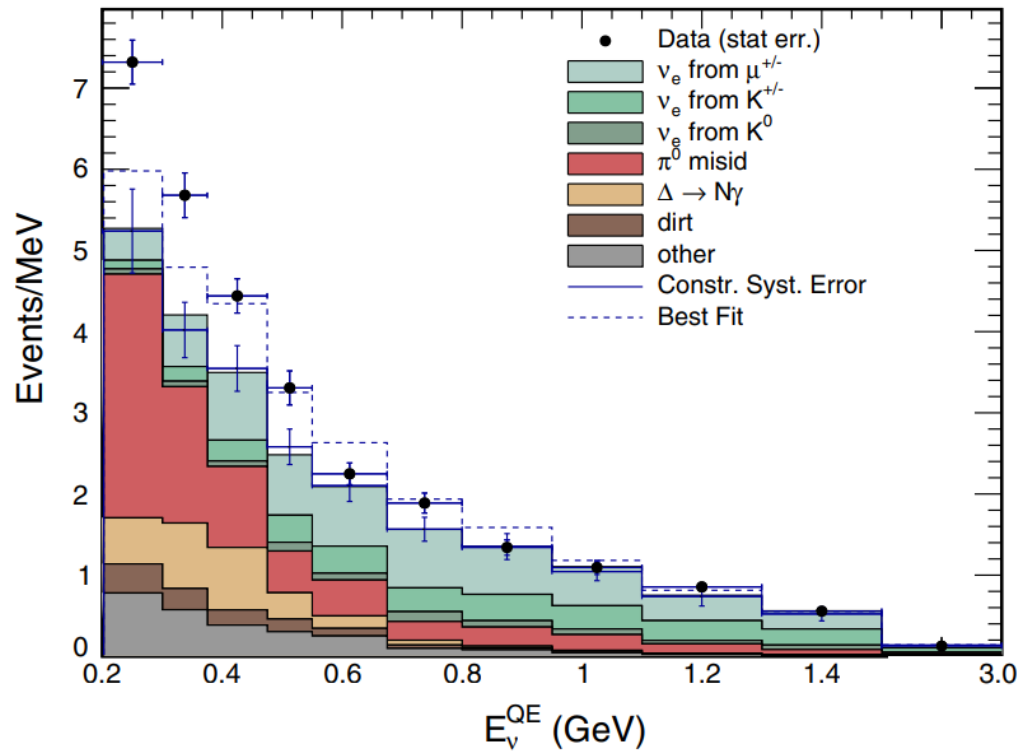
# MiniBooNE Anomaly



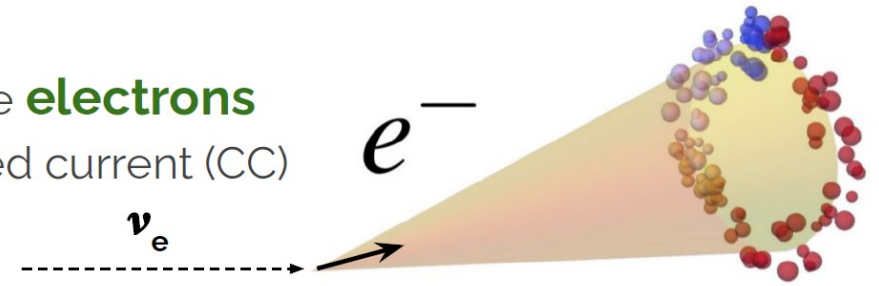
- MiniBooNE (2002-2019) observed low-energy excess (LEE) with  $4.8\sigma$  (systematics limited) significance
- If LEE is interpreted as  $\nu_e$  appearance in the primarily  $\nu_\mu$  beam, would suggest 4<sup>th</sup> (sterile) neutrino



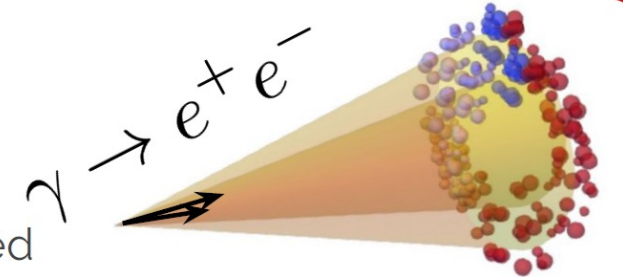
# MiniBooNE: A Cherenkov Detector



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



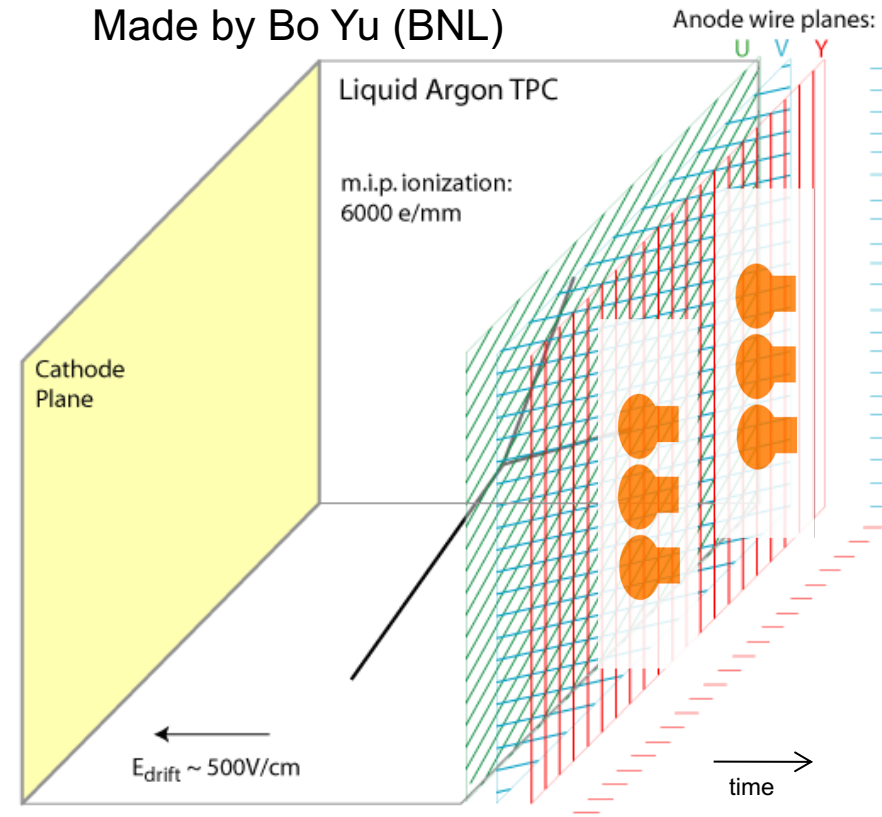
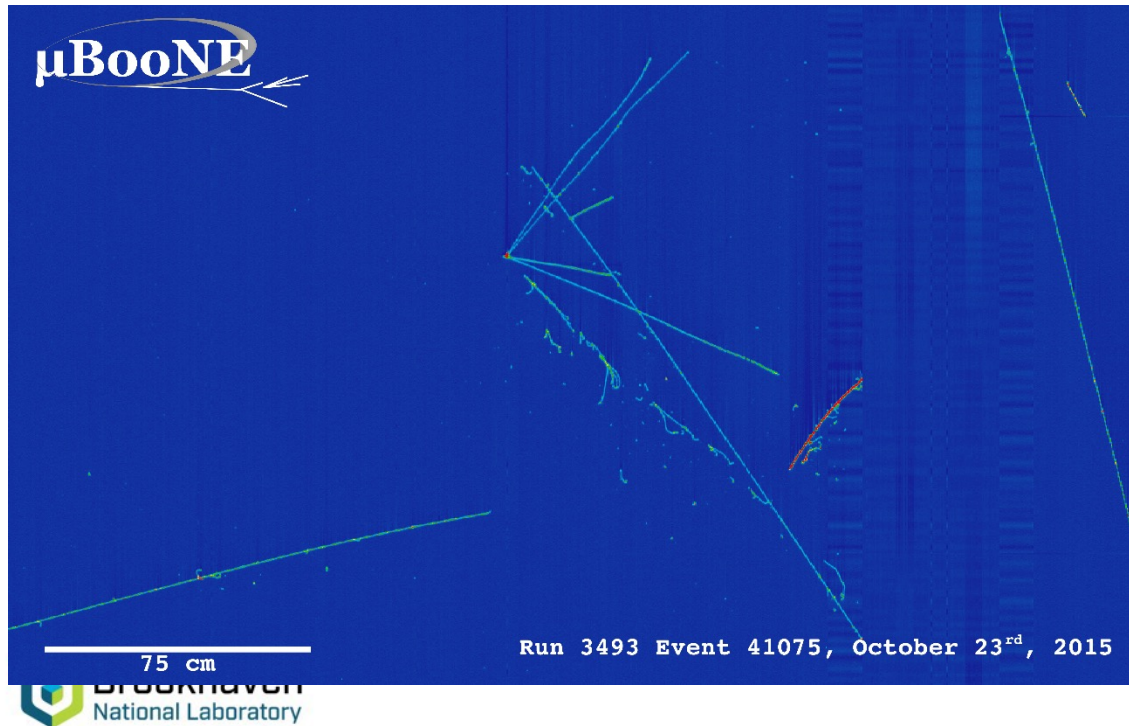
However, **photons**, that pair produce extremely collimated electron/positron pairs produced an identical Cherenkov ring



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

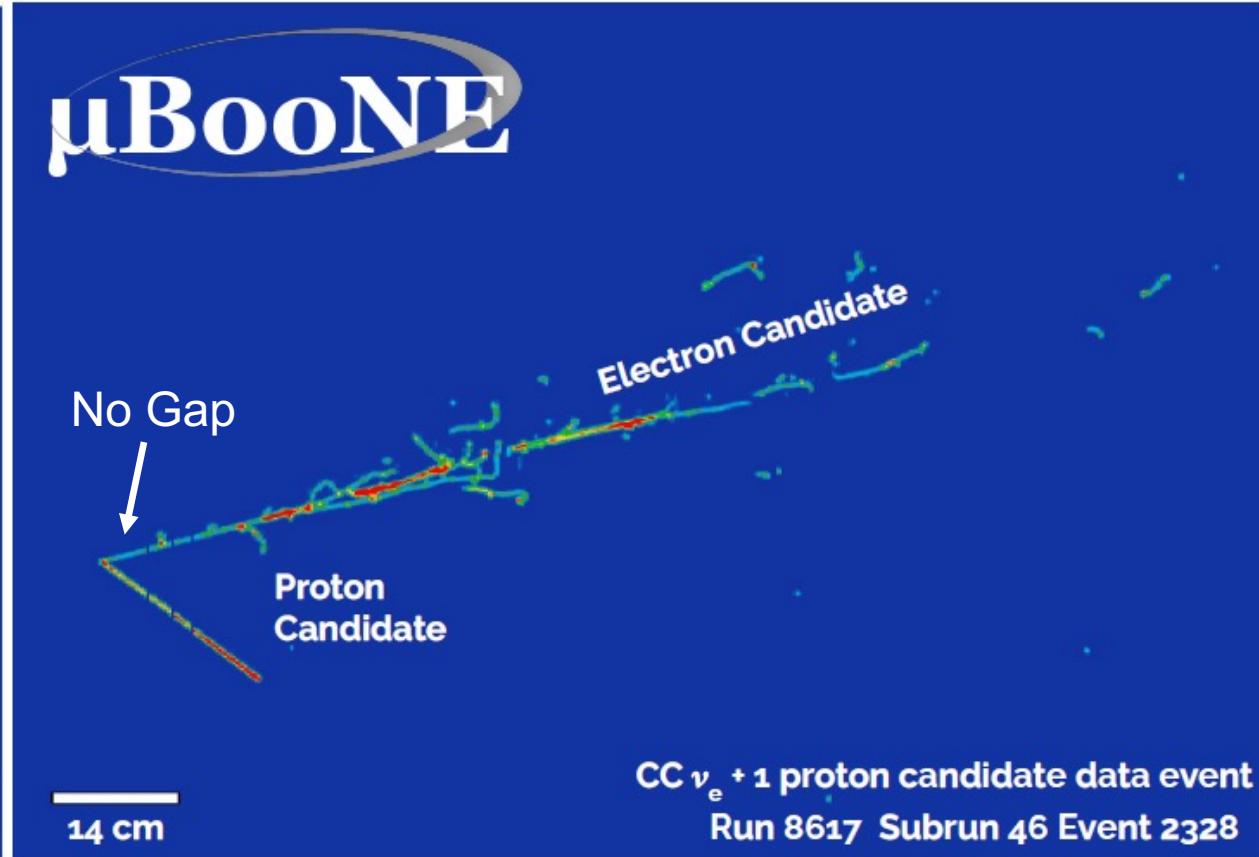
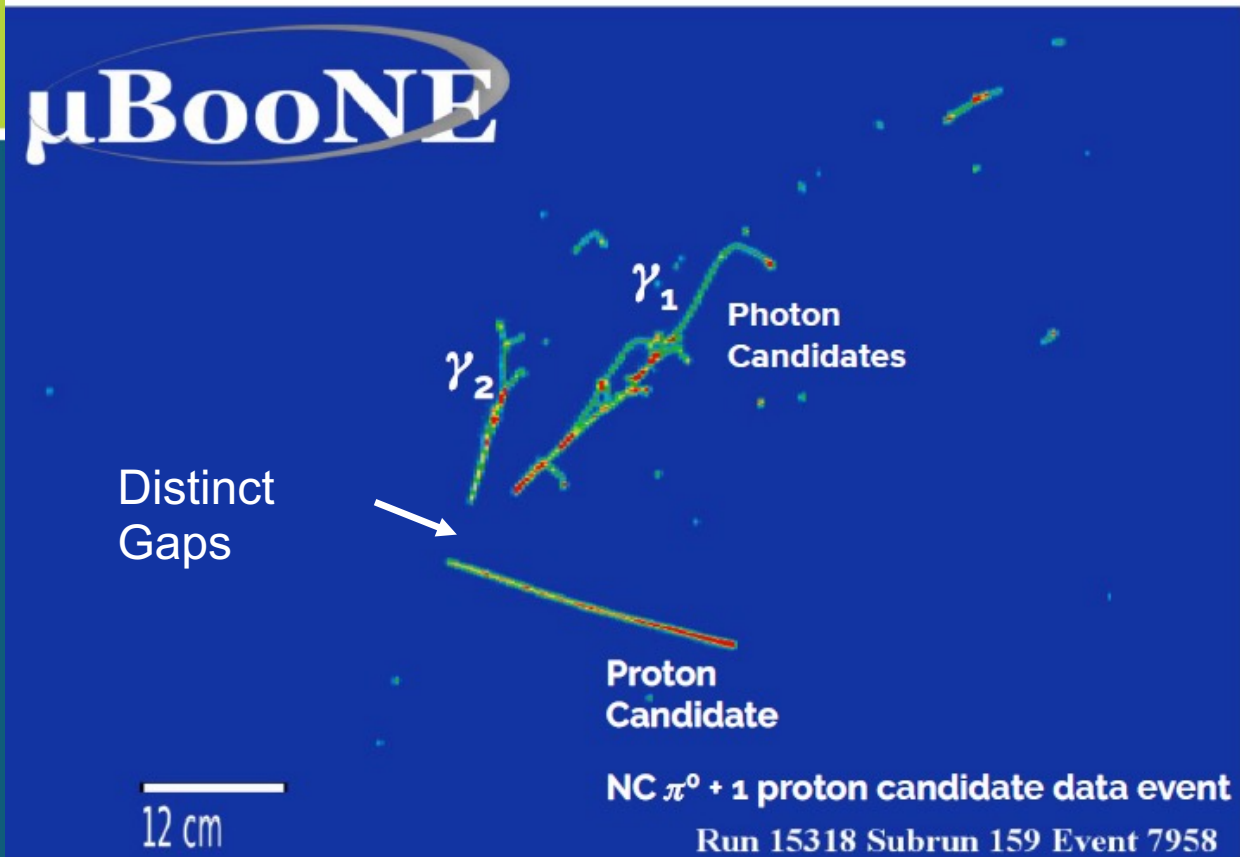
# Principle of Single-Phase Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)

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



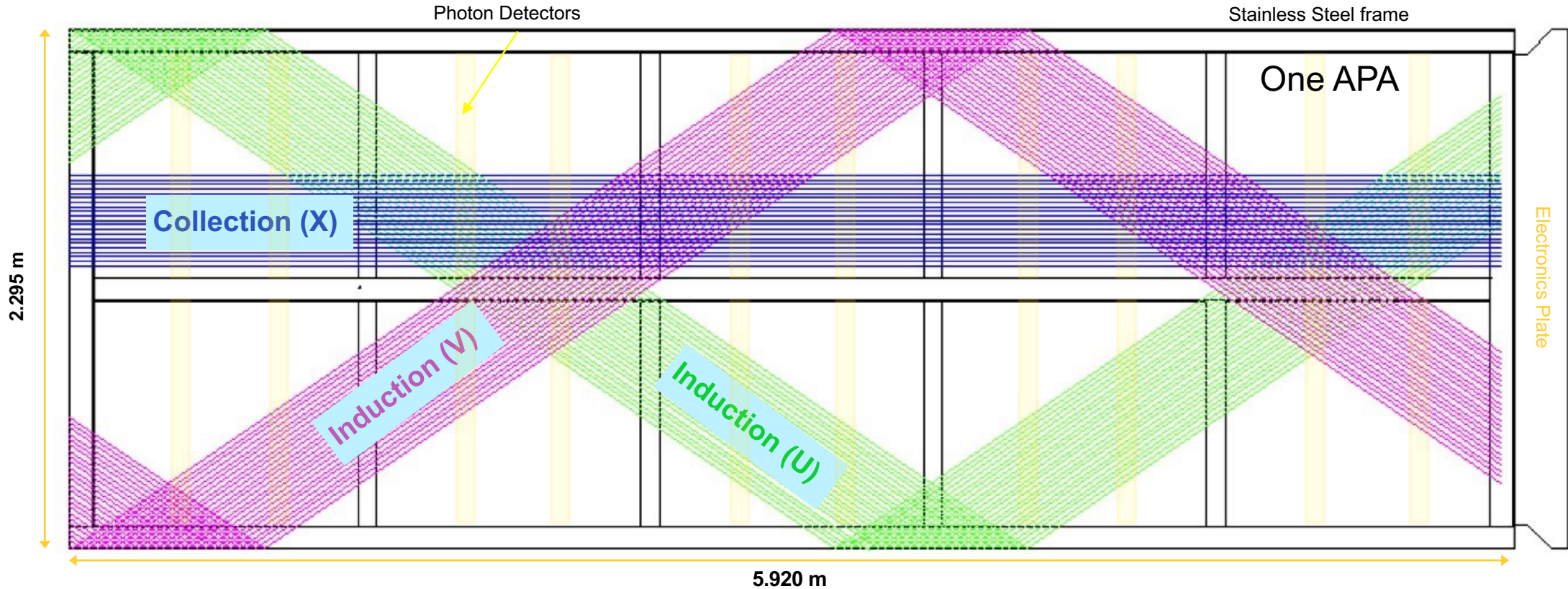
Drift velocity 1.6 km/s → several ms drift time

# Why high res?



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

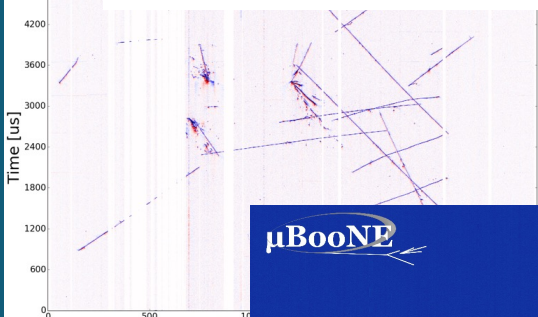
# Why Wire?



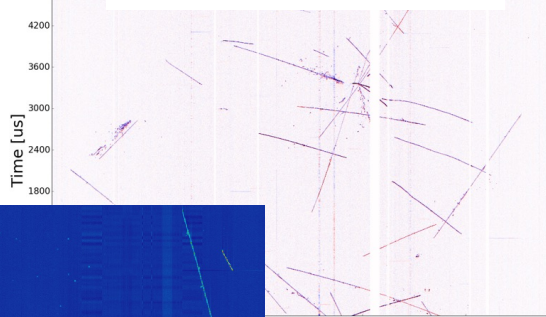
- ❑ Modular design for transportation and underground installation
- ❑ Three (1D) wire planes with ~ **2560** readout channels. In comparison, would require **half million** channels for a 2D pixel readout with similar resolution (~ 5 mm pitch)
  - Considerations of cost and power consumption of electronics inside LAr

# Challenge in Automated Event Reconstruction

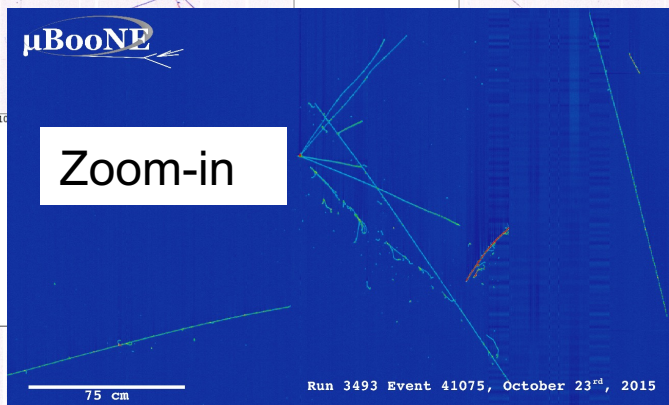
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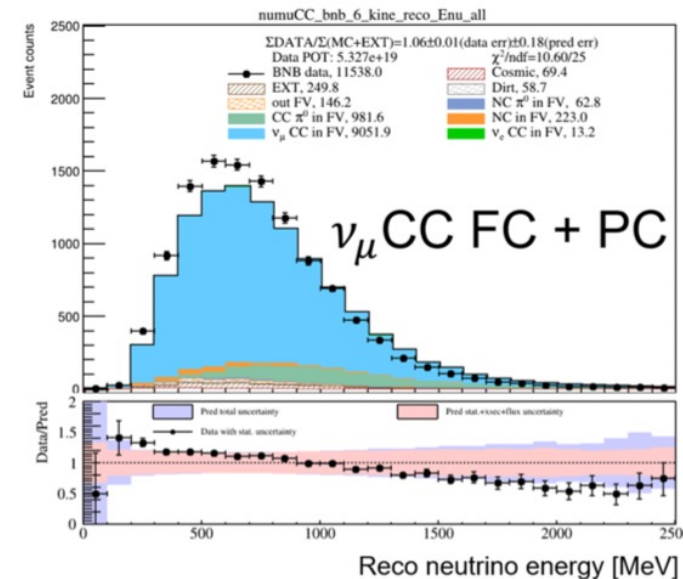
V-Induction View



Zoom-in



W-Collection View



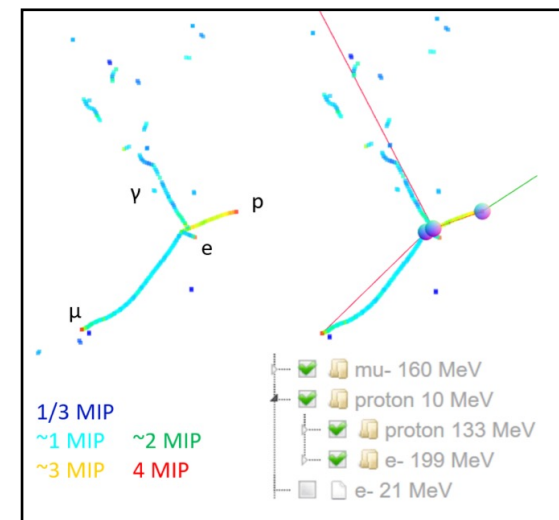
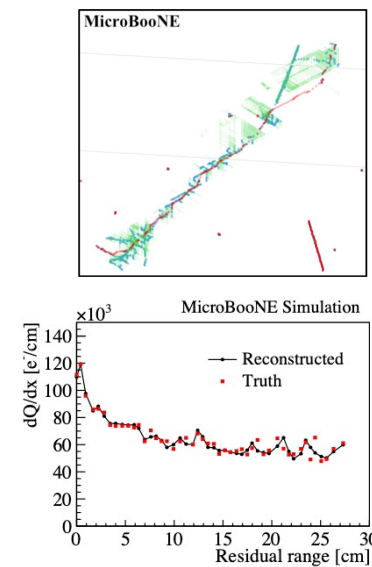
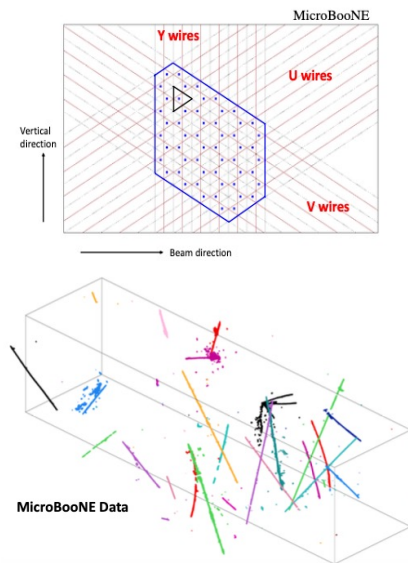
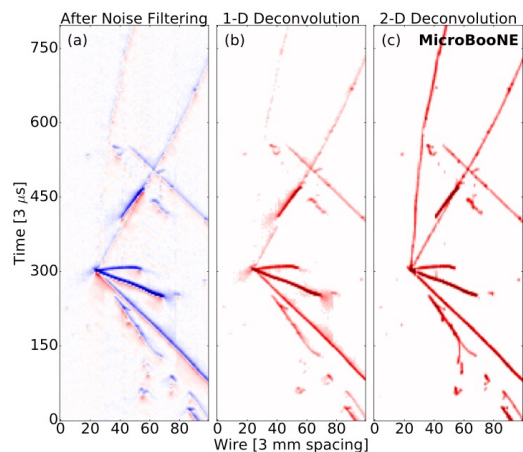
- How to convert the excellent resolution and calorimetry in these pictures to rigorous physics analyses?
  - Massive amount of information with tiny signal to background ratio → a big challenge for automated event reconstruction

TPC simulation  
noise filtering  
signal processing

3D imaging  
clustering  
charge-light matching

3D trajectory & dQ/dx fitting  
cosmic muon tagger

multi-track fitting  
DL-3D vertexing  
particle identification



[JINST 12 P08003 \(2017\)](#)  
[JINST 13 P07006 \(2018\)](#)  
[JINST 13 P07007 \(2018\)](#)  
[JINST 16 P01036 \(2020\)](#)

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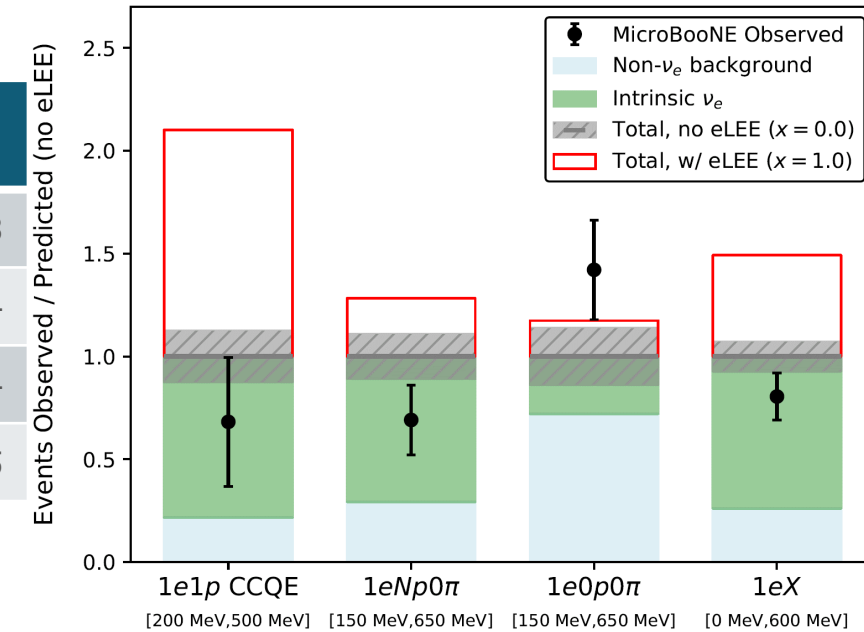
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# Search for Low-Energy Excess in $\nu_e$ CC

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	Efficiency	Selected Events	References
CCQE 1e1p	Deep Learning	75%	6.6%	25	PRD <b>105</b> , 112003
1e0p0 $\pi$	Pandora	43%	9%	34	PRD <b>105</b> , 112004
1eNp0 $\pi$	Pandora	80%	15%	64	PRD <b>105</b> , 112004
<b>Inclusive 1eX</b>	<b>Wire-Cell</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>606</b>	PRD <b>105</b> , 112005

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



[Phys. Rev. Lett. \*\*128\*\*, 241801 \(2022\)](#)

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

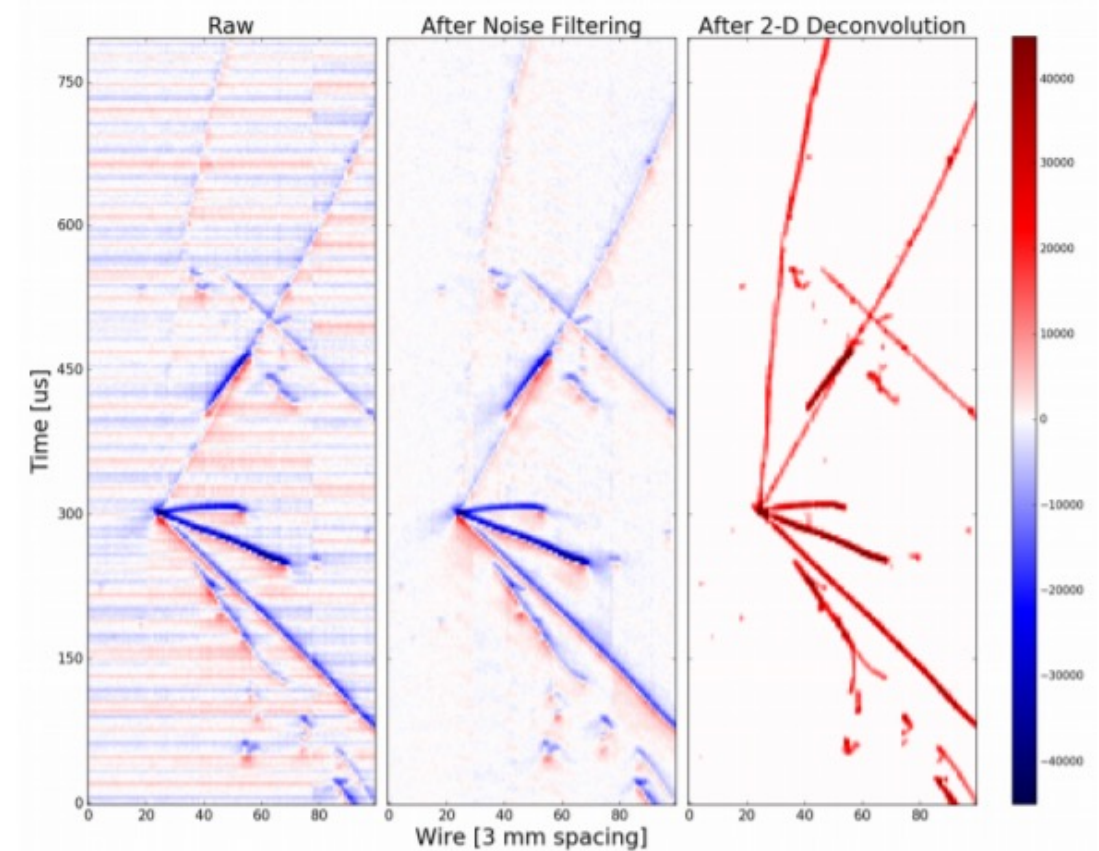
# Wire-Cell Low Level Signal Processing

- ❑ Noise filtering
  - Coherent noise – channel-by-channel correlated
- ❑ Signal processing
  - Reverse the “field response” and “electronic response”

$$M(x', t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-x_0}^{x_0} R(x - x', t - t') S(x, t) dx dt$$

Online display:

<http://lar.bnl.gov/magnify/>





# Impulse response

Room  
acoustic  
response

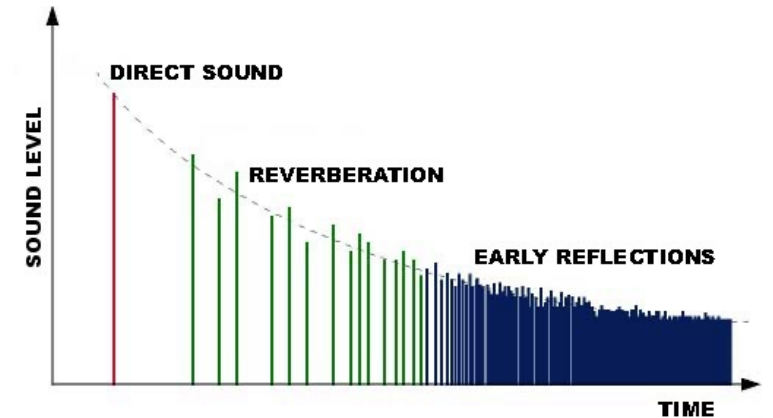
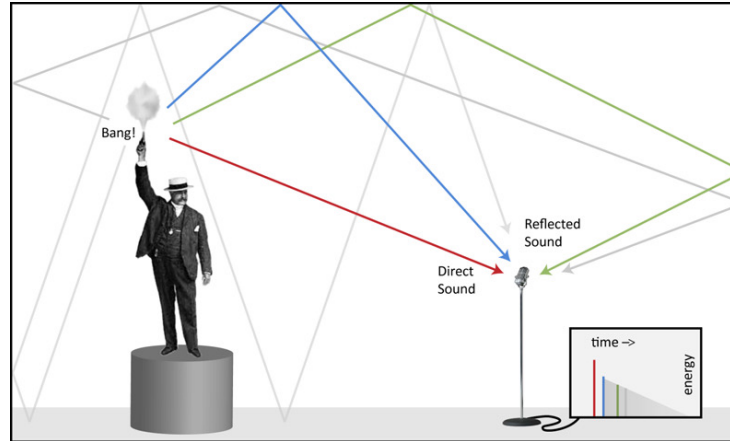
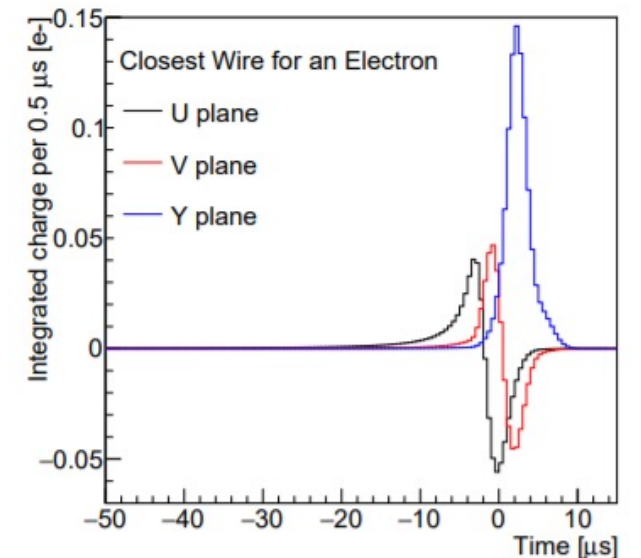
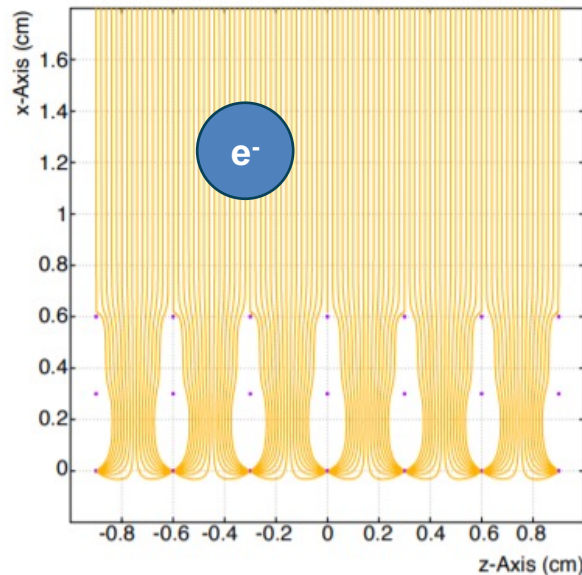


Image credit: [www.prosoundweb.com](http://www.prosoundweb.com)

$$h(t)$$

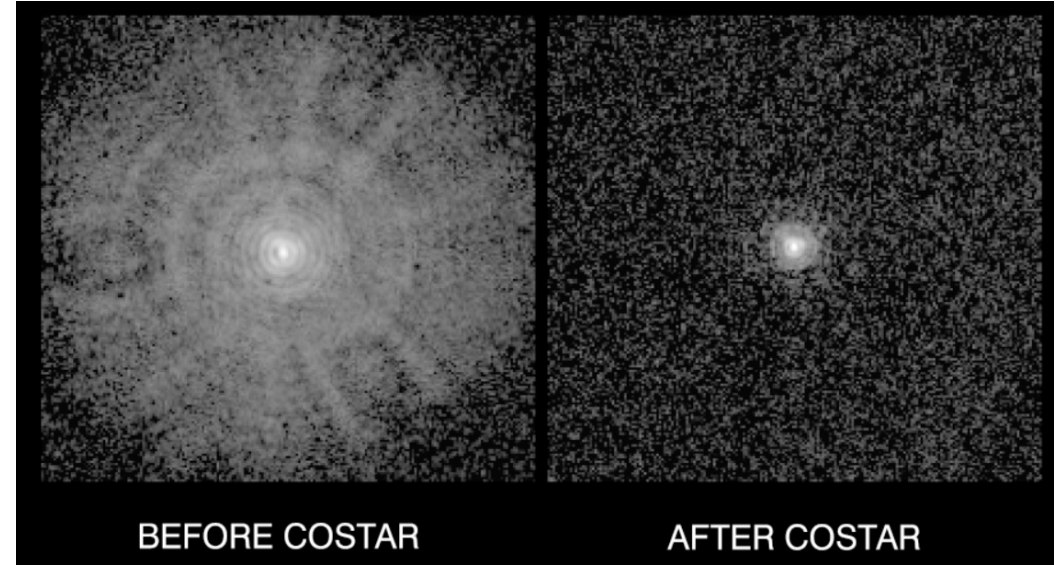
LArTPC  
field + electronic  
response



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# 2D Impulse response

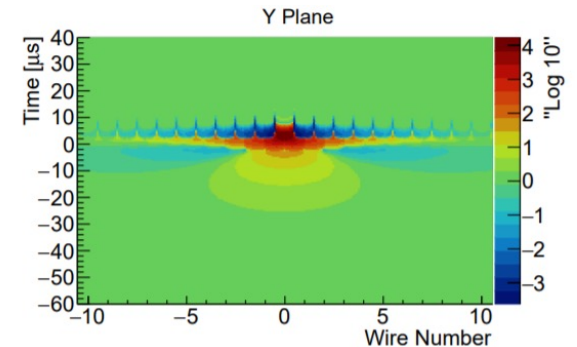
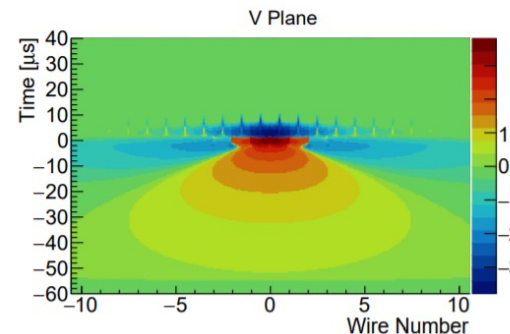
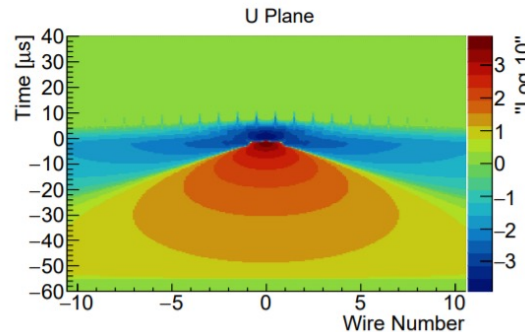
Camera  
optical  
response



Hubble telescope impulse response (Image credit: <http://web.mit.edu>)

$$h(x, y)$$

LArTPC 2D response:  
y:  $t * \text{drift velocity}$   
x:  $\text{wire number} * \text{pitch}$



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# 2-D Deconvolution

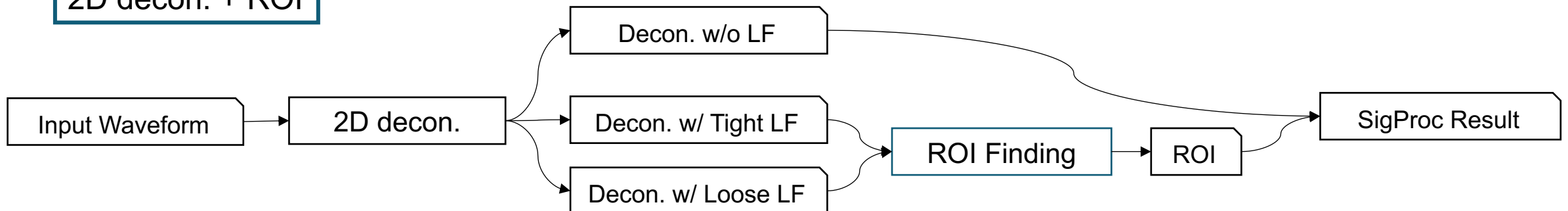
## 2D measurement formation

$$M(t', x') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(t, t', x, x') \cdot S(t, x) dt dx + N(t', x')$$

## 2D deconvolution

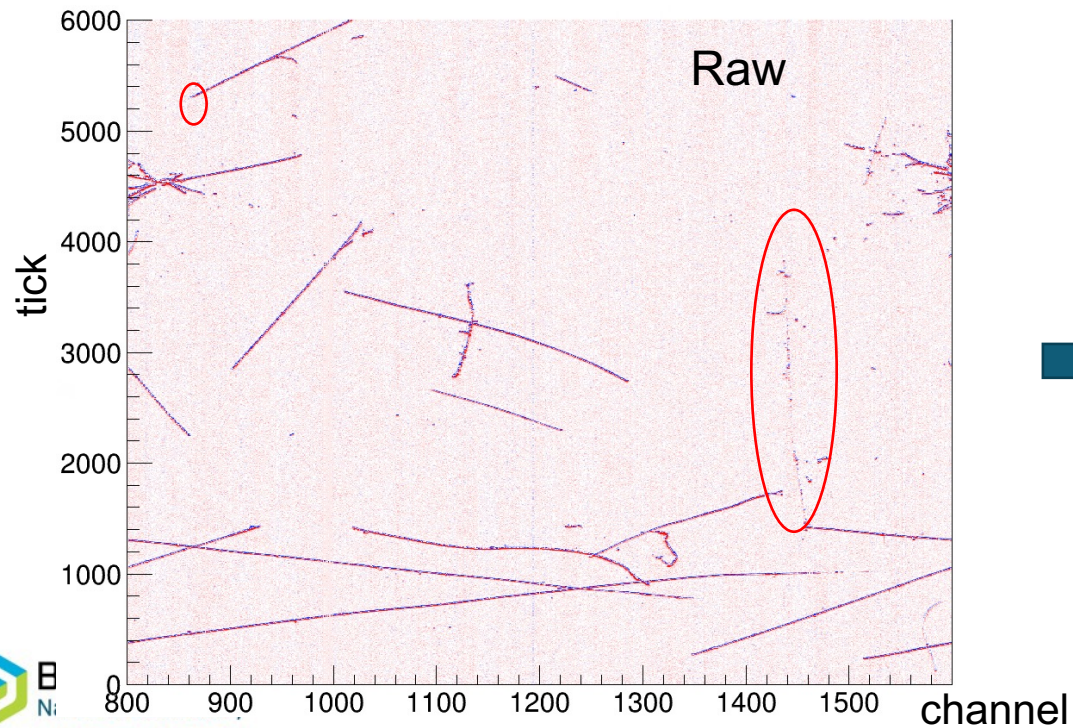
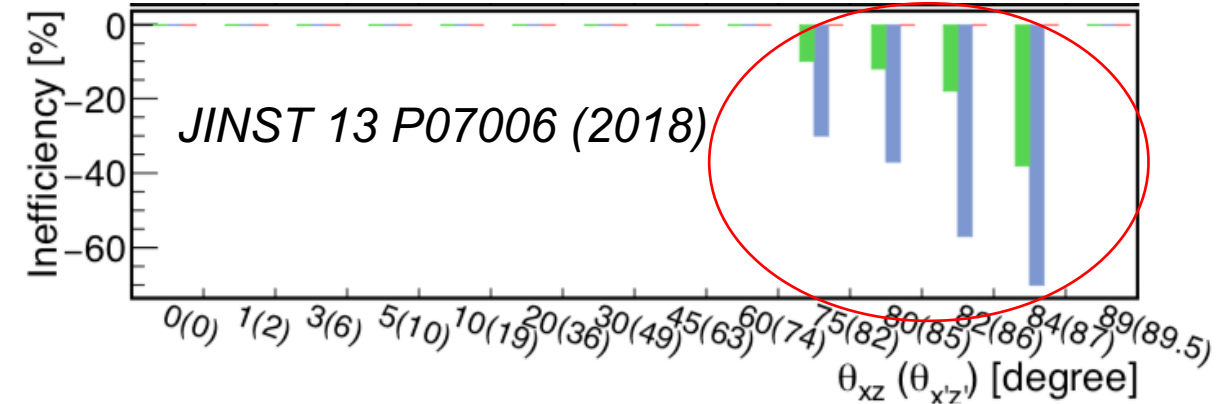
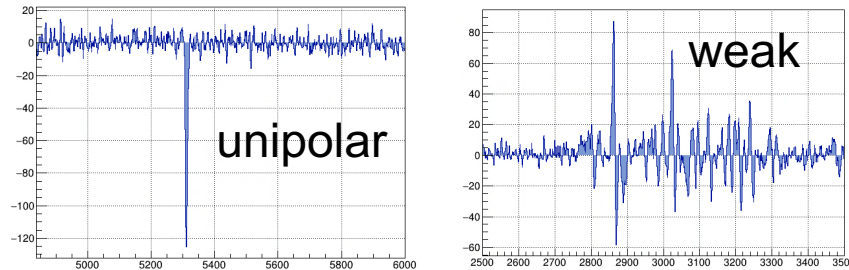
$$S(\omega_t, \omega_x) \sim \frac{F(\omega_t, \omega_x) \cdot M(\omega_t, \omega_x)}{R(\omega_t, \omega_x)} \xrightarrow{IFT} S(t, x)$$

## 2D decon. + ROI

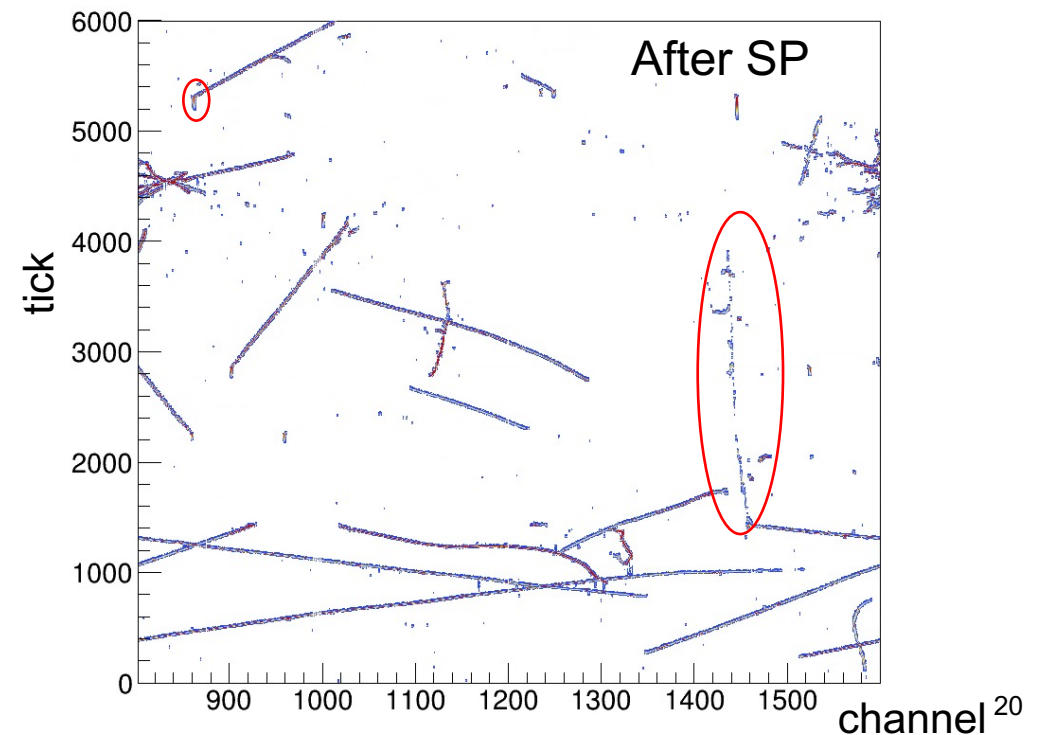


# Further improvement of LArTPC Signal Processing

- “Prolonged Track” – weak signal
- “Tear Drop” - distorted waveform
- Noisy dots - noise



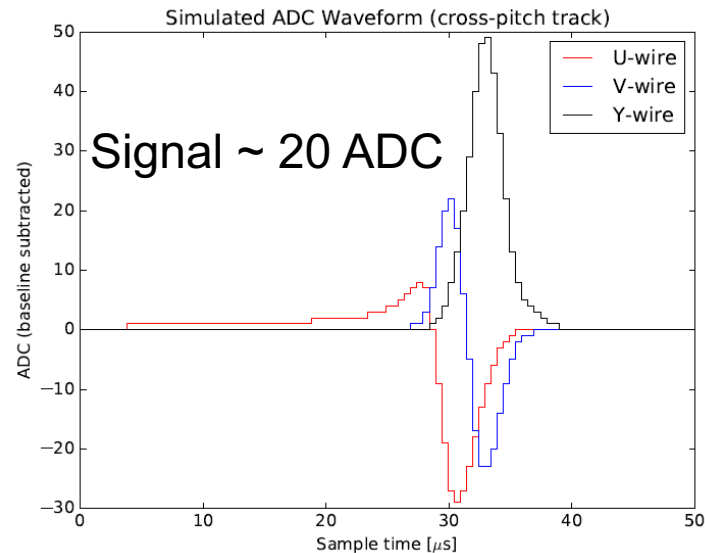
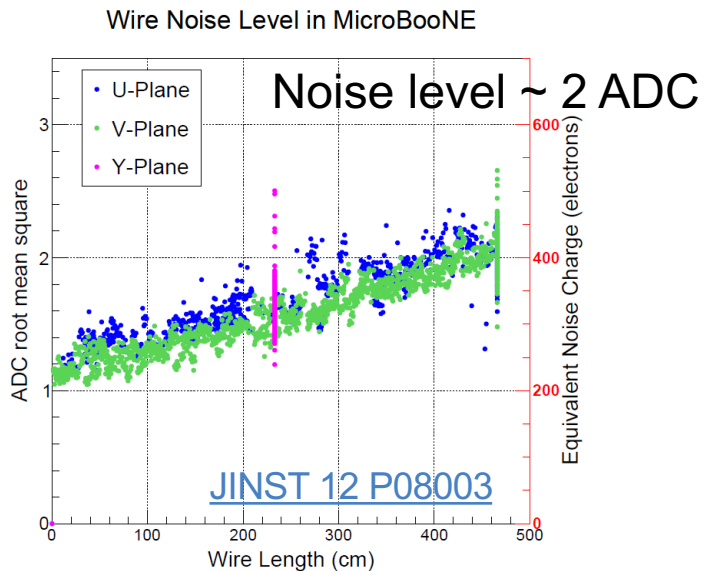
SP →



# Cold Electronics

Placing the preamplifier inside LAr significantly reduced the electronics noise

- 5-6 times compared to past warm electronics → **60:1** MIP peak-to-noise ratio in the collection
- Significantly improve the performance of induction wire plane → **An enabling technology**



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

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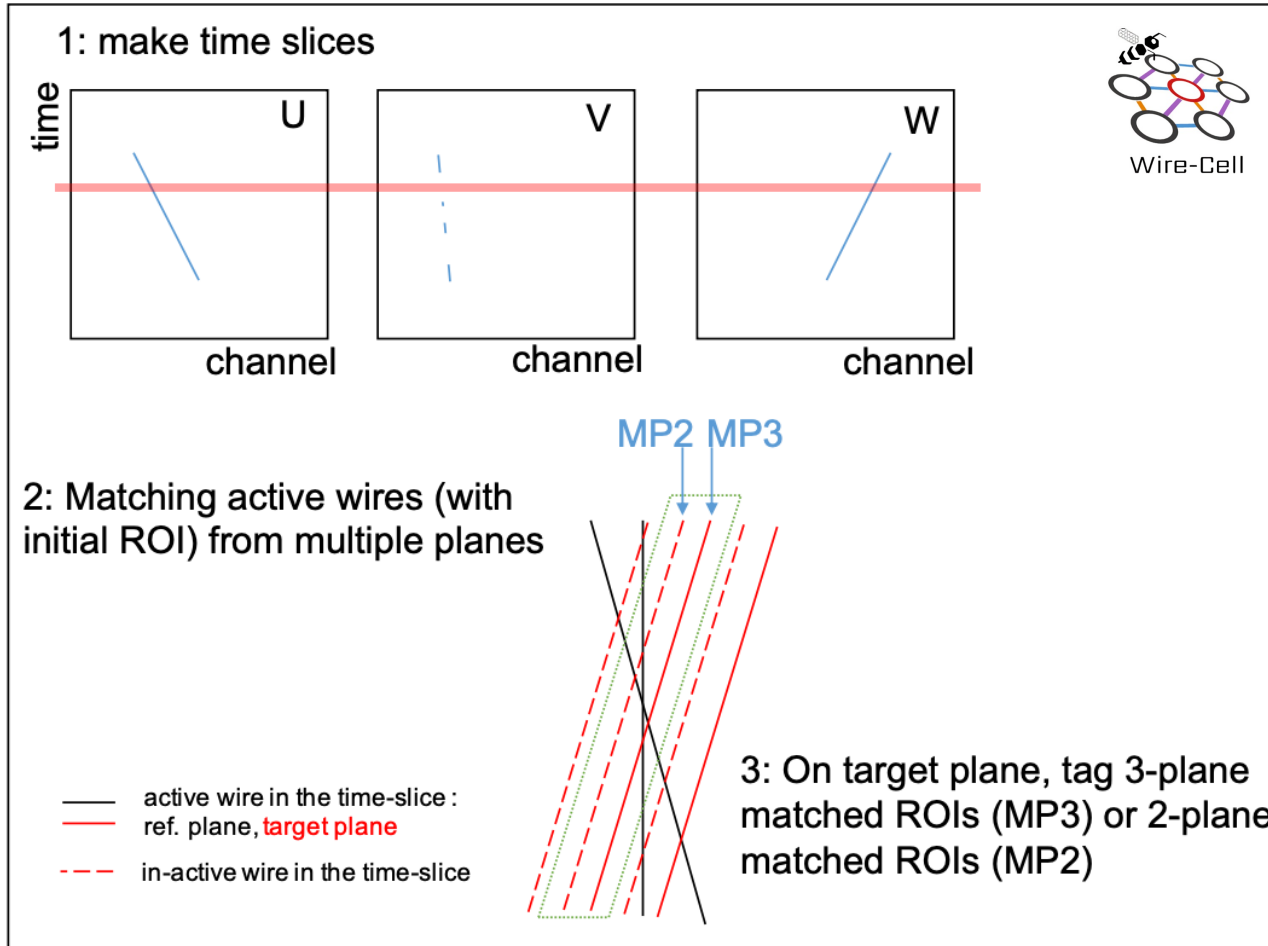
**Abstract.** The choice between cold and warm electronics (inside or outside the cryostat) in very large LAr TPCs (>5-10 ktons) is not an electronics issue, but it is rather a major cryostat design issue. This is because the location of the signal processing electronics has a direct and far reaching 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)

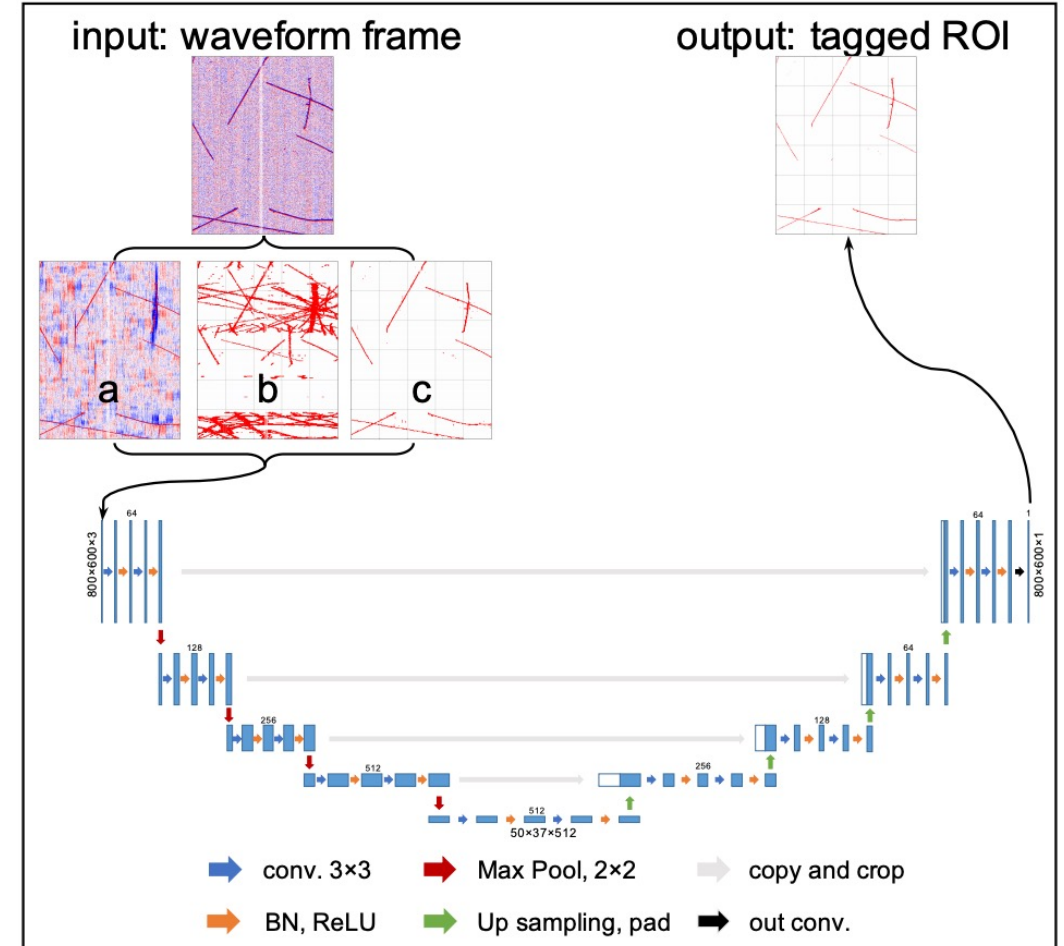
# DNN ROI finding with multi-plane information

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## Multi-plane information in Signal Processing

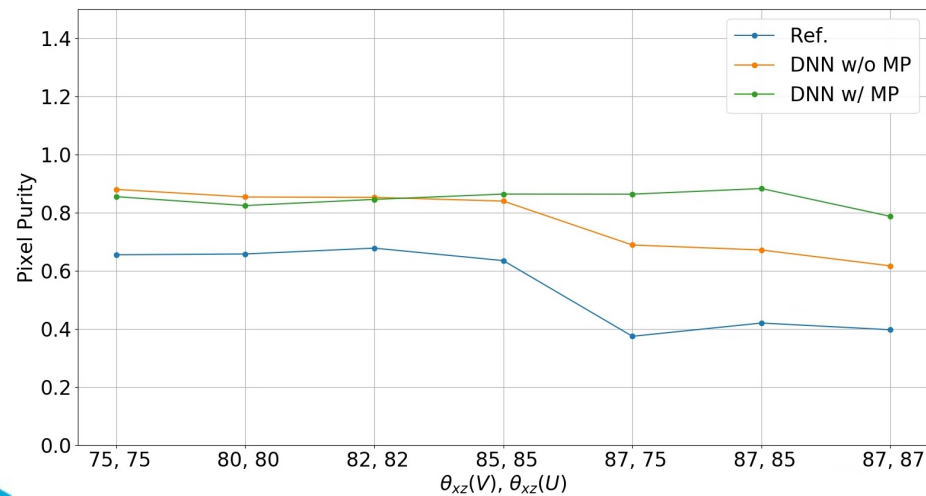
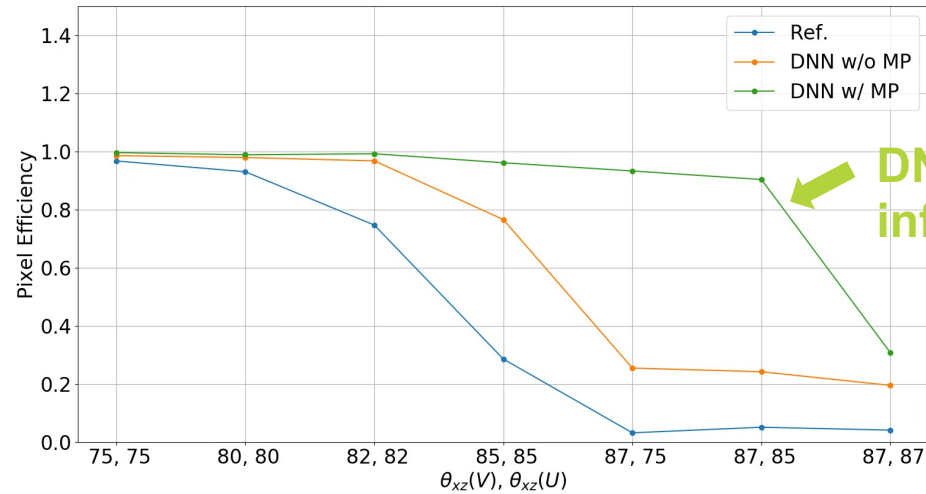


## DNN ROI finding with multiple input channel

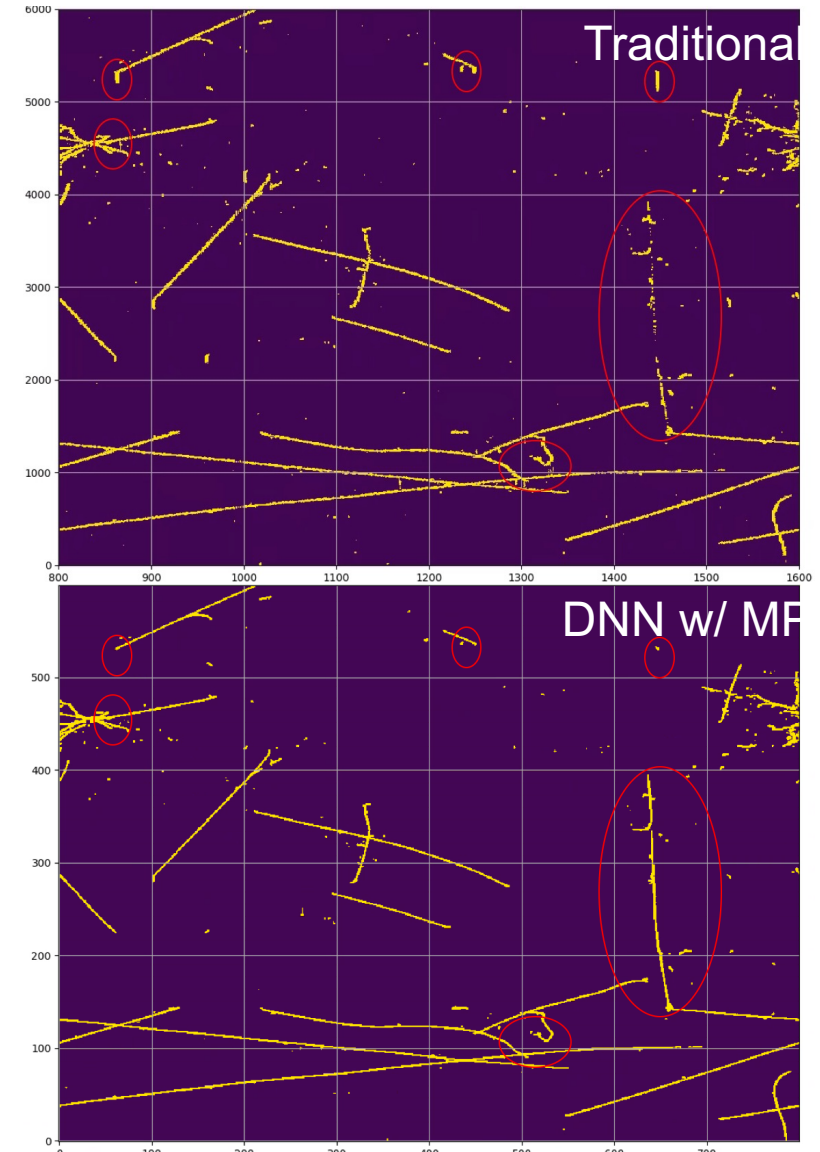


# DNN ROI finding with multi-plane information

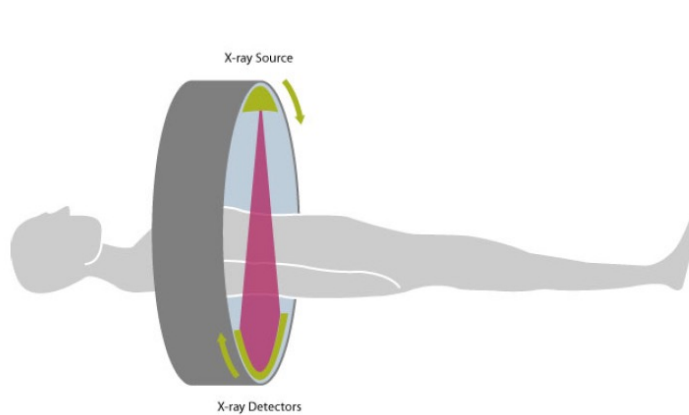
ProtoDUNE simulation  
ROI finding on V plane (2<sup>nd</sup> induction)



tested on ProtoDUNE data

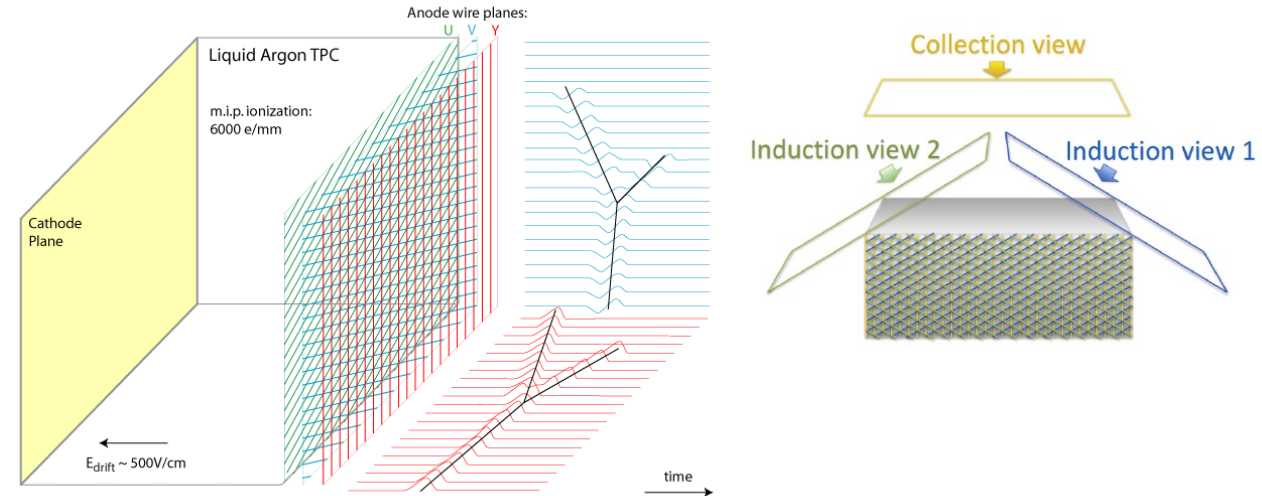


# Wire-cell Tomographic Reconstruction



## □ CAT Scan

- Detector (x-ray generator/receiver) moves across the object (body)
- Axial projections ( $\sim 180$ ) by detector rotation
- Cross section can be reconstructed at each position along detector movement



## □ LArTPC

- Objects (ionizing electrons) move across detectors (wire planes)
- Axial projections ( $\sim 3$ ) by wire orientation
- Cross section can be reconstructed at each time slice along electron drift



# Wire-Cell 3D Imaging Principle

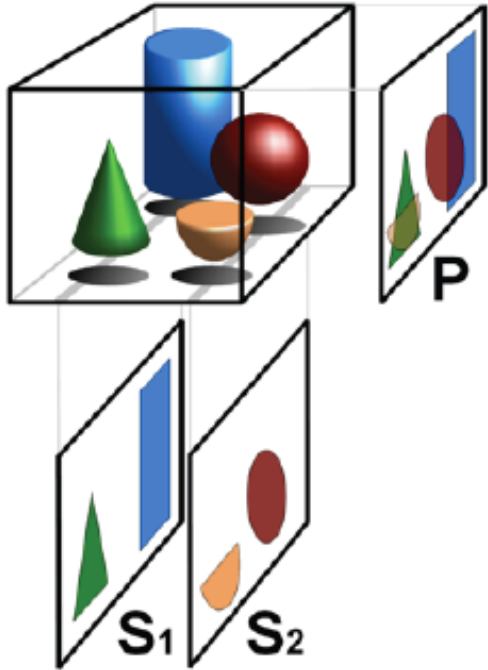
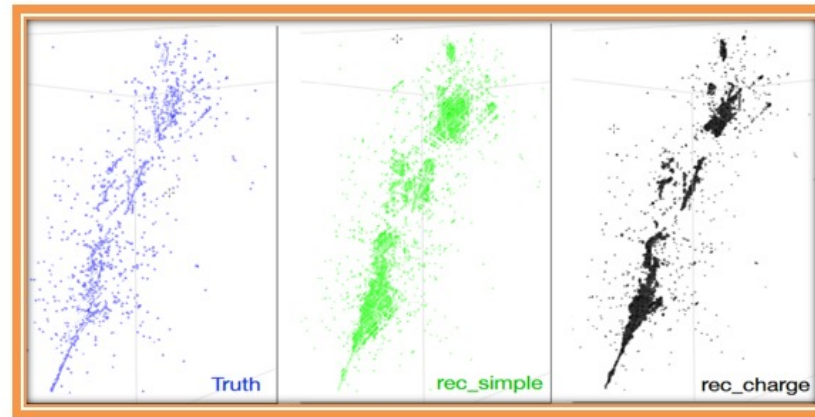
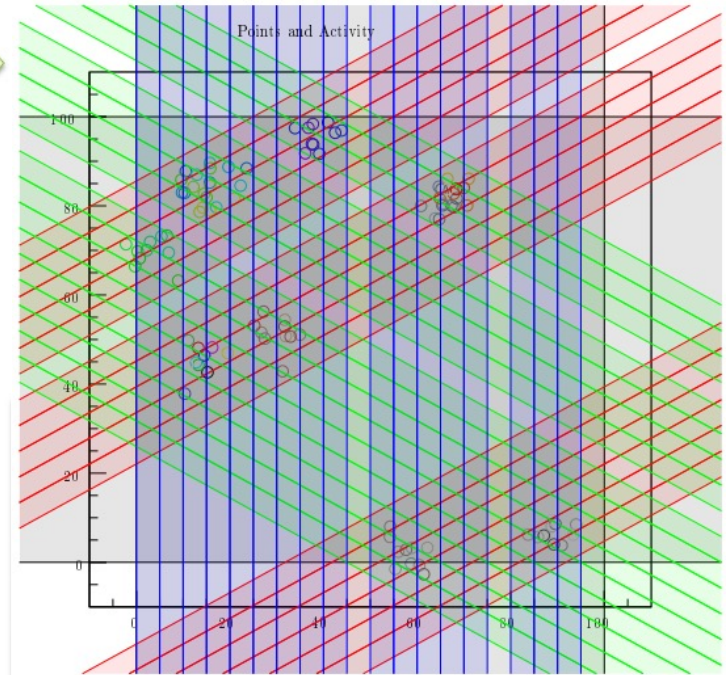
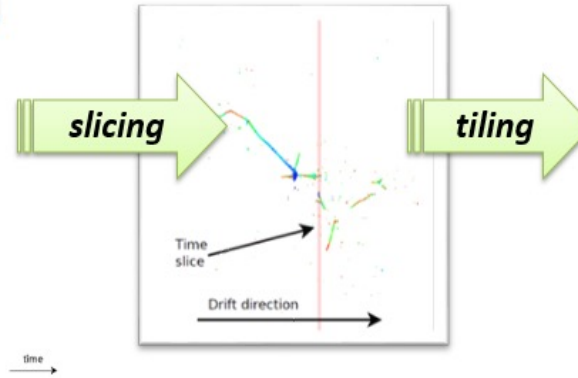
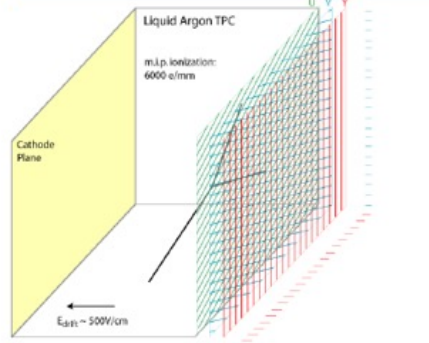


Fig.1: Basic principle of **tomography**: superposition free tomographic cross sections S1 and S2 compared with the projected image P

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

## LArTPC Signal Formation



**solving**

“Three-dimensional Imaging for Large LArTPCs”,  
[JINST 13, P05032 \(2018\)](#)

cluster

Size



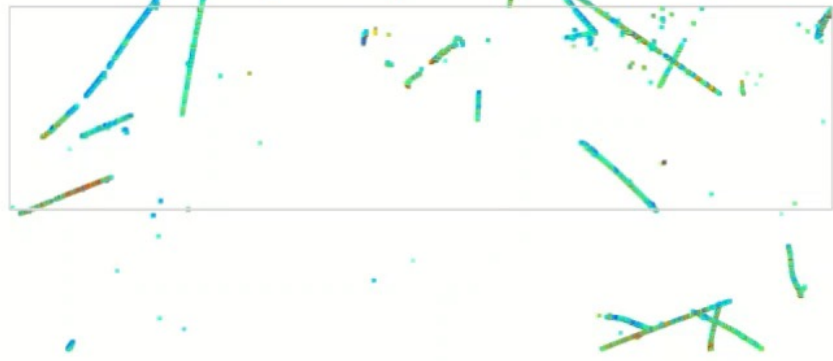
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Opacity



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Plain Color



- General
- Helper
- Monte Carlo
- Optical Flash
- 3-D Imaging
- Box of Interest
- Time Slice
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  - position  84
- Camera
  - Ortho Camera
  - Multi-view
  - 2D View
  - Reset Camera
  - Fullscreen
  - Voice Control

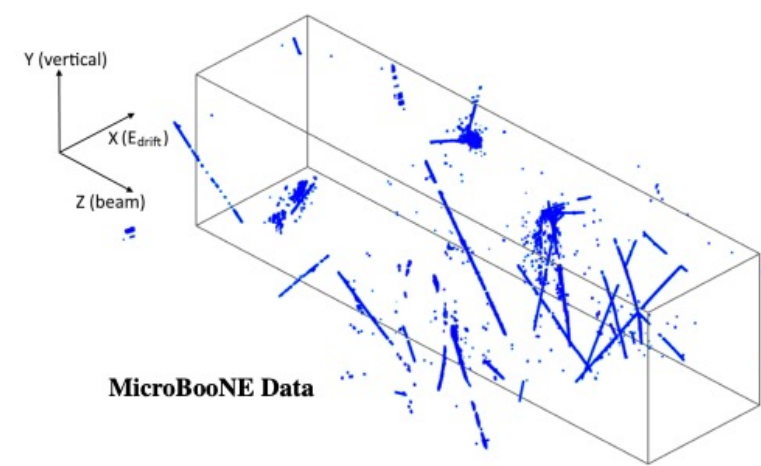
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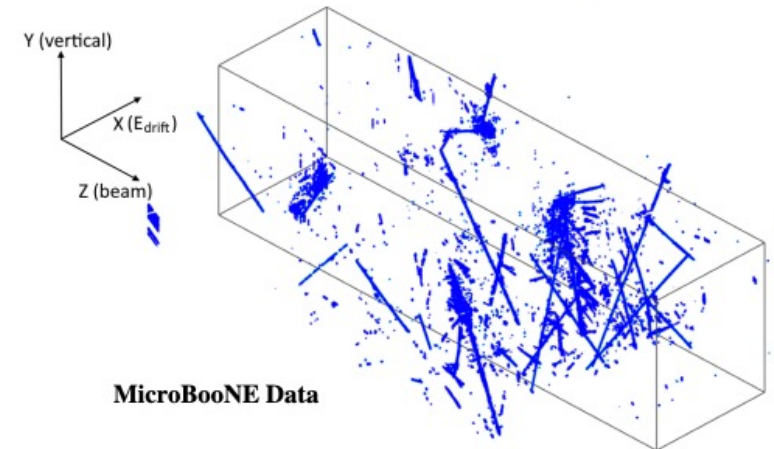
slice #: 35 | slice x: 212.5

# de-ghosting

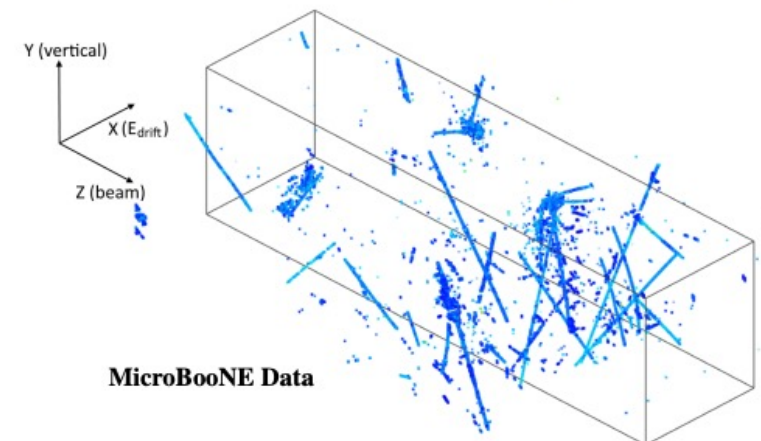
- ❑ Solving alone cannot eliminate all ghosts
- ❑ In MicroBooNE, the situation is worse when 2-view blobs are allowed
  - 10% dead channels → 3view only is not acceptable
  - **2view tiling is needed → more ghosts**
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.01375>
- ❑ de-ghosting: larger, connected blobs tends to be true
  - future AI/ML opportunity



MicroBooNE Data

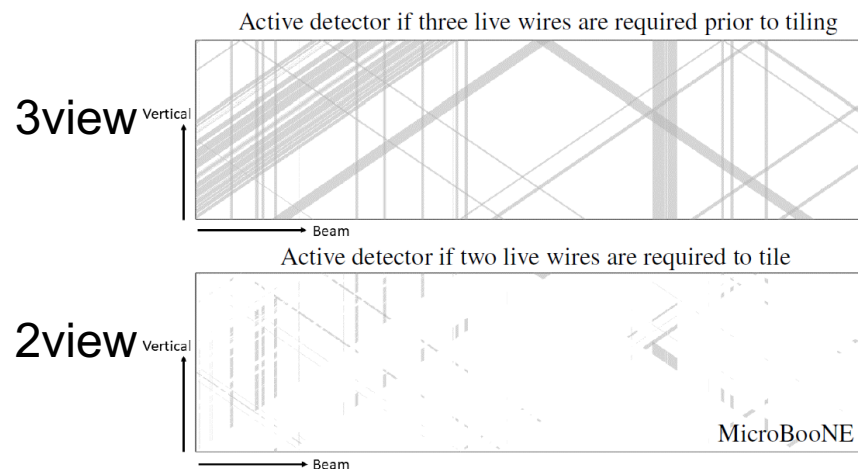


MicroBooNE Data



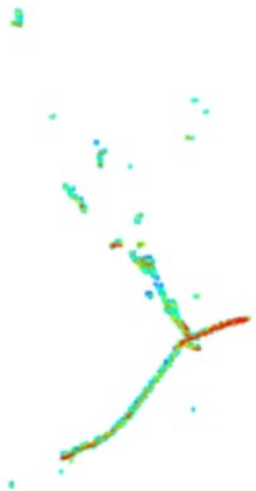
MicroBooNE Data

dead regions

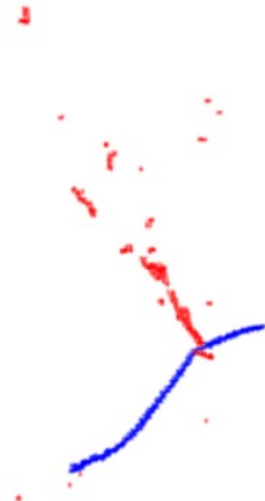


# 3D Pattern Recognition

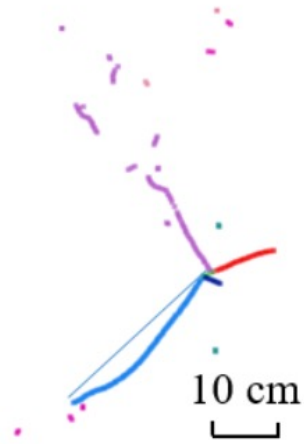
(a) Selected neutrino activity



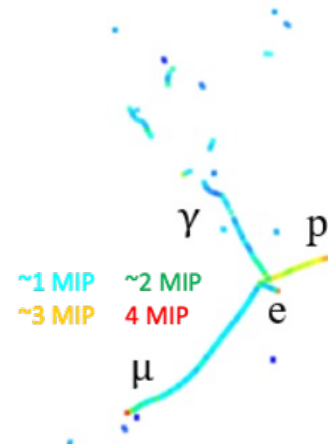
(b) Track/Shower separation



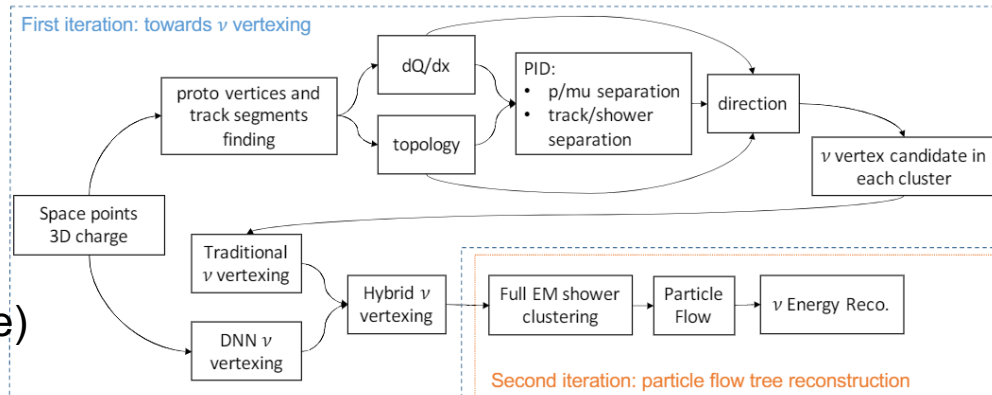
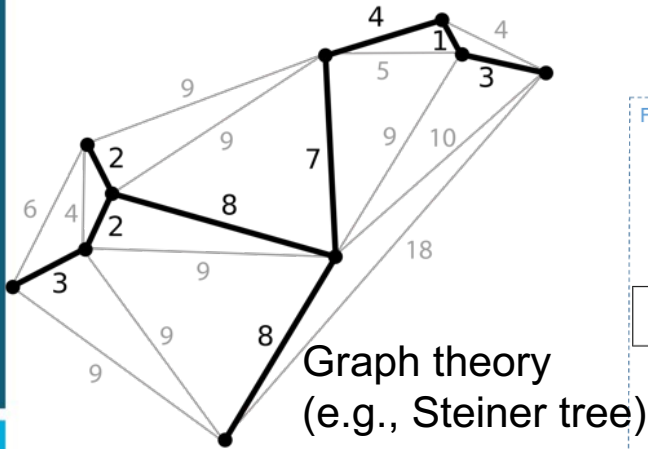
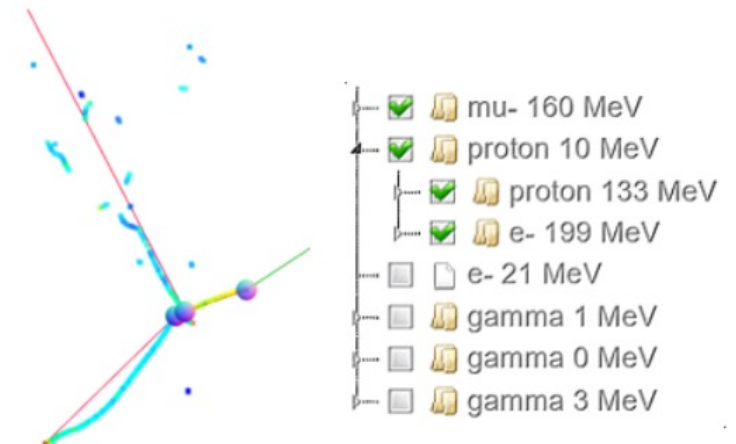
(c) Particle-level sub-clustering



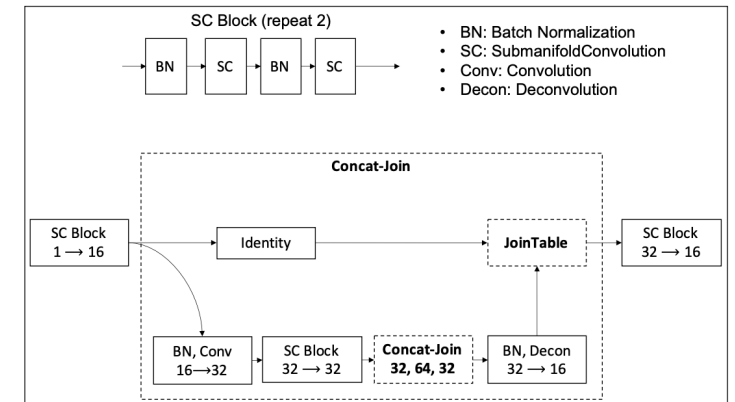
(d) 3D dQ/dx displayed with PID capability



(e) Particle flow starting from neutrino vertex



## Sparse Regression U-Net

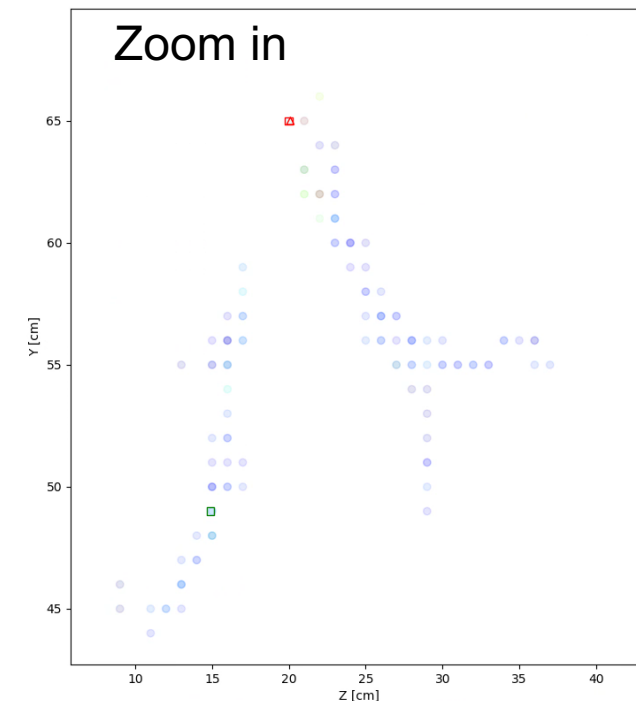
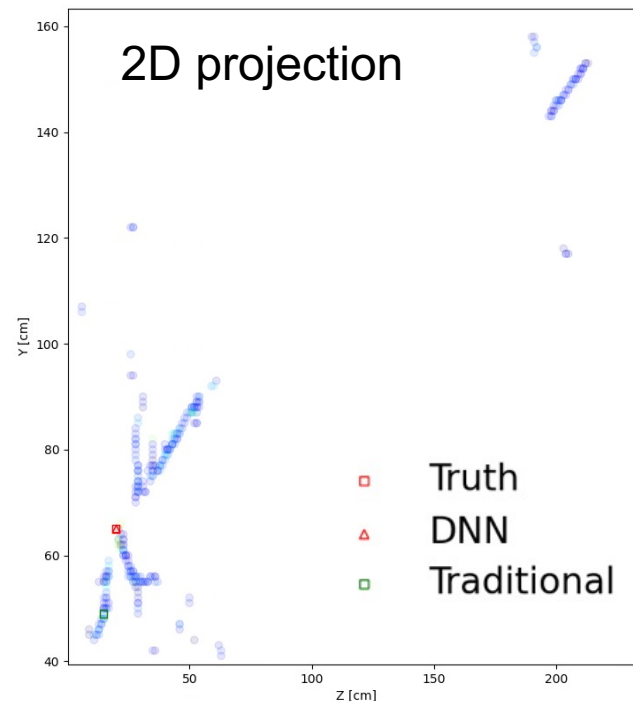
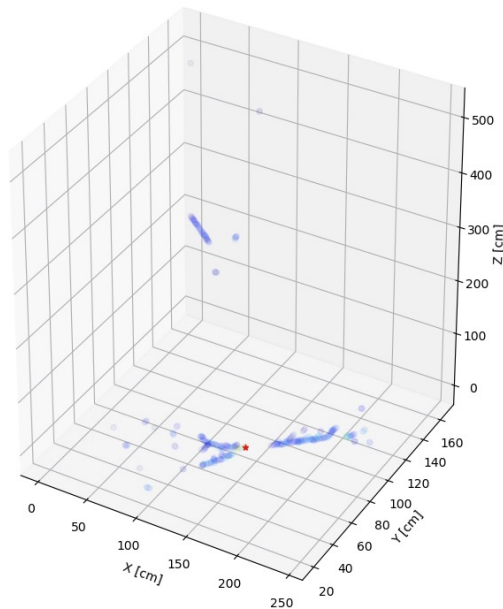


# Deep Learning based Neutrino Interaction Vertex Finding

## Regression segmentation with a sparse U-Net

- U-Net: efficiently use geometry info which is critical
  - compared to graph networks
- Regressional loss on distance based “confidence map” to use a region of points instead of only one
  - otherwise, data is highly imbalanced (Z. Cao etc, arXiv:1812.08008)
- Sparse: boosted computing efficiency with our sparse 3D data
  - Submanifold Sparse Convolutional Networks (B. Graham etc, arXiv:1706.01307)

3D points from Wire-Cell



# Regression segmentation

Initially we used Cross Entropy loss

- effectively only use the vertex information for one space point
- doesn't care about the distance between the prediction and the target.
  - while our main metric is this distance.

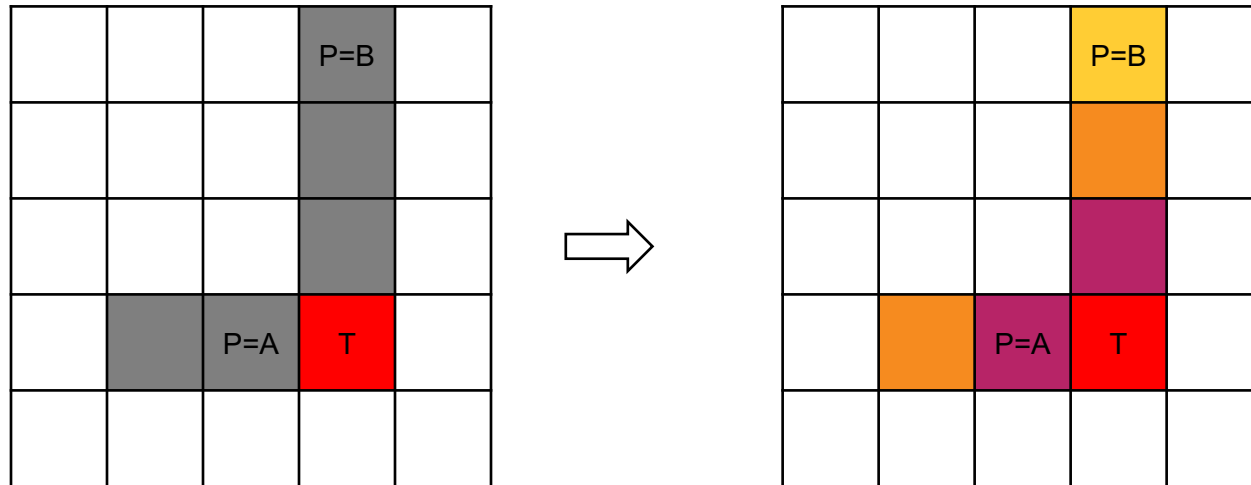
→ encode the distance information for a region of points

- predicting the full “confidence map” instead of only one point

- current mapping:  $\text{Conf}_{\text{truth}} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{v}_{\text{truth}}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

OpenPose:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.08008.pdf>



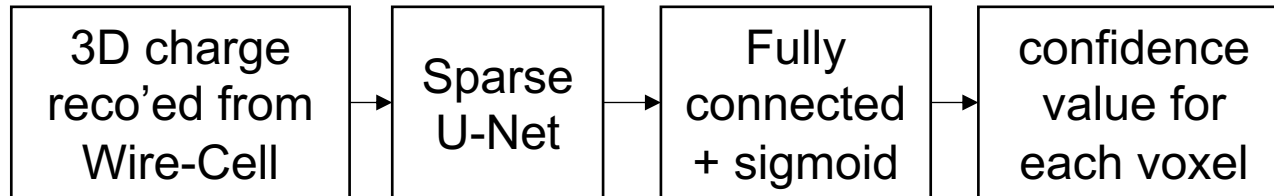
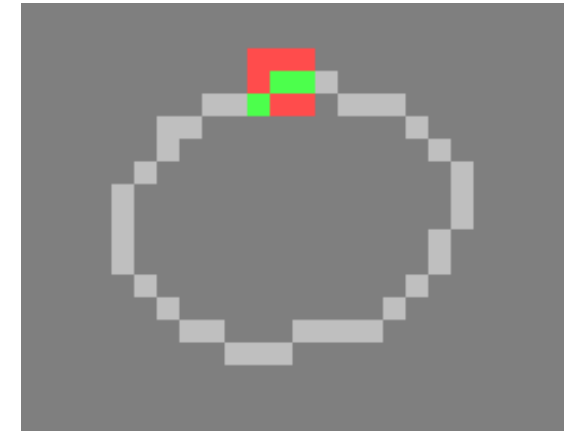
# Network structure and data format

Used *SparseConvNet* to realized 3D sparse conv. DNN

<https://github.com/facebookresearch/SparseConvNet>

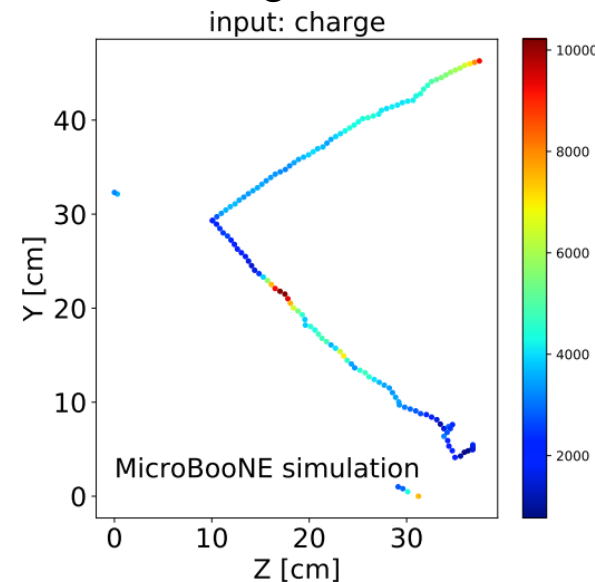
This work: <https://github.com/HaiwangYu/uboone-dl-vtx>

[SparseConvNet](#)

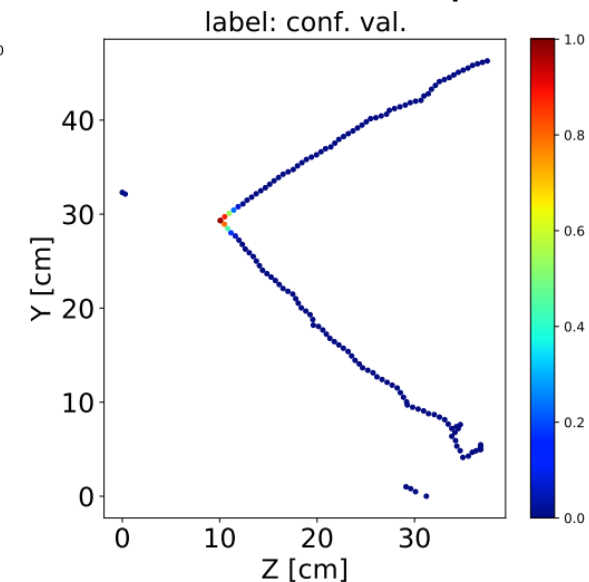


coordinates			features		label
x	y	z	q	...	conf.
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input: color is charge



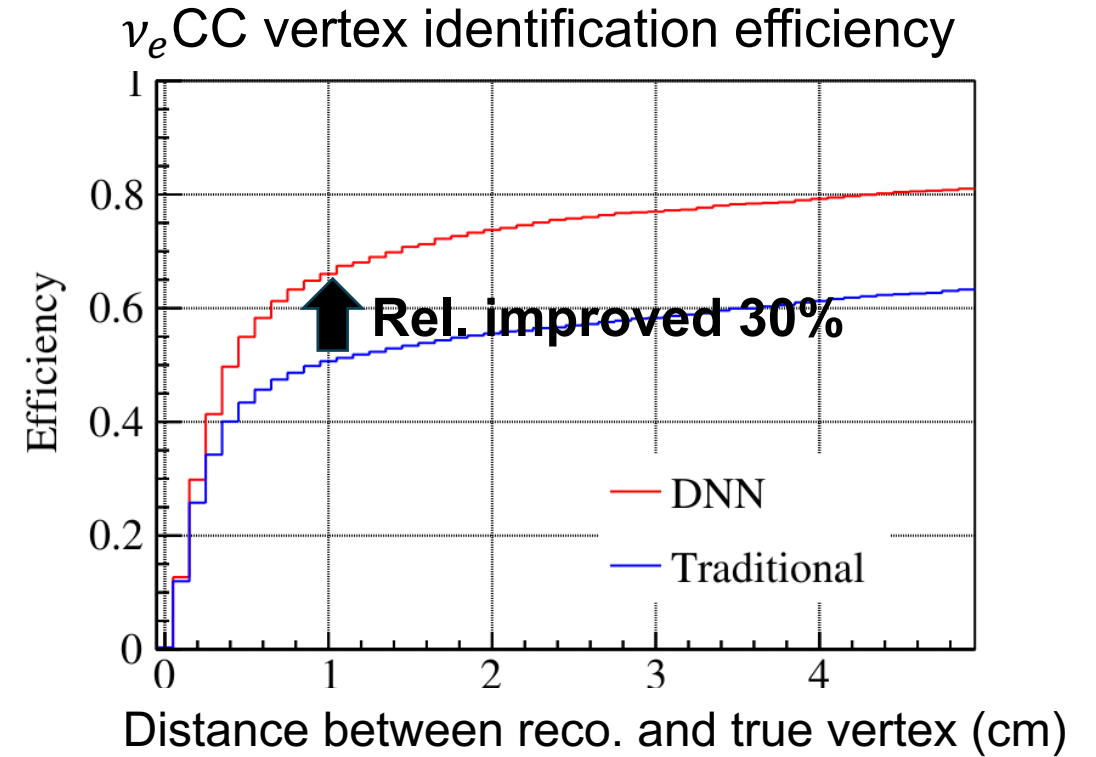
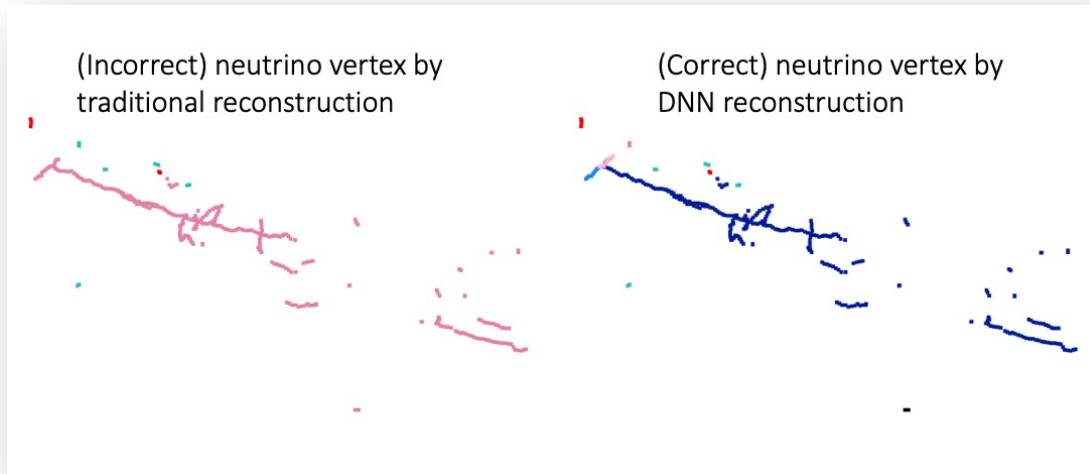
label: color is truth confidence map



# Deep Learning based Neutrino Interaction Vertex Finding

[JINST 17 P01037 \(2022\)](#)

Illustration of impact of vertex ID on the full event reconstruction





# Summary

- ❑ LArTPC technology provides unique opportunities for new physics
- ❑ Successful of LArTPC based experiment requires efforts made to both hardware and software
  - Software can not solve everything
  - AI/ML fits many tasks in LArTPC reconstruction
    - Human understanding of LArTPC is also important

**backup**

# Demo

- ❑ Prerequisites: Linux OS (bare metal or VM)
- ❑ <https://github.com/HaiwangYu/wct-demo>
- ❑ Tools used in the demo:
  - git, Linux commands, singularity container, bash script, editor
  - wire-cell-toolkit (C++, jsonnet)
    - gen/src/DepoTransform.cxx
    - sigproc/src/OmnibusSigProc.cxx
  - ROOT

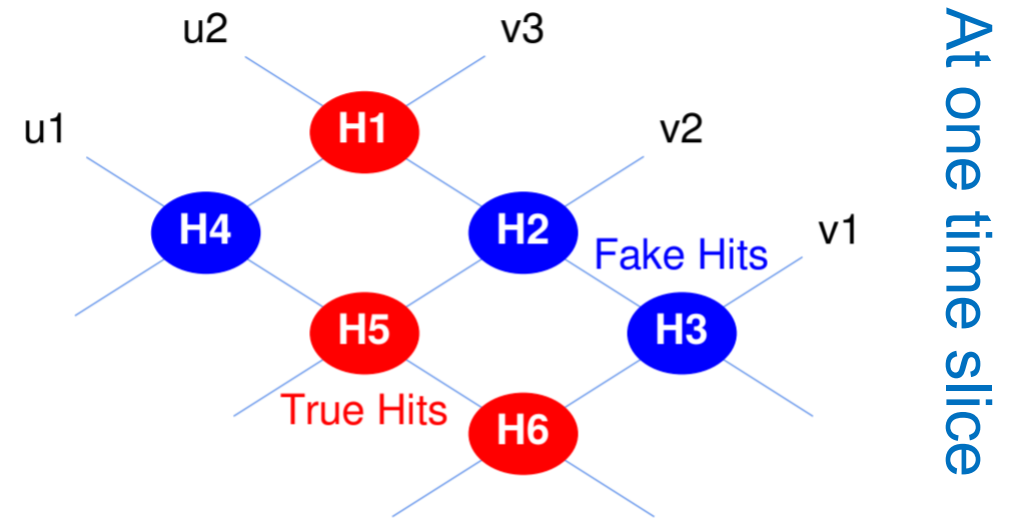
# Construct Linear Equations



$$y = Ax$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u1 \\ u2 \\ v1 \\ v2 \\ v3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} H1 \\ H2 \\ H3 \\ H4 \\ H5 \\ H6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use two planes as an illustration



$y$ : measured charge signal on each **wire**

$x$ : the (unknown) true charge deposition in each possible **cell**

$A$ : bi-adjacency matrix connecting wires and cells (determined solely by wire geometry)

Desired Solution  $x = \begin{pmatrix} H1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ H5 \\ H6 \end{pmatrix}$

# Solve underdetermined linear problem: regularization

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= (y - Ax)^T \cdot V^{-1} \cdot (y - Ax) \\ &\equiv \|y' - A'x\|_2^2,\end{aligned}$$

- ❑ Previous example has 6 unknowns, 5 equations: under-determined system

$$x = \boxed{(A^T V^{-1} A)^{-1}} A^T V^{-1} \cdot y$$

↓  
non-invertible, 2 zero-eigenvalues out of 6.

- ❑ Adding constraints: find the **sparsest** solution (applies to most physics events): **L0-regularization**

minimize  $\|x\|_0$ , subject to:  $y = Ax$

(L0-norm: number non-zero elements)

**NP-hard!**

[https://web.stanford.edu/~yye/lpmin\\_v14.pdf](https://web.stanford.edu/~yye/lpmin_v14.pdf)

## Procedure

- ❑ Remove unknowns until equations can be solved, then find the best solution with the minimum  $\chi^2$
- ❑ a combinatorial problem
  - 2 out of 6: 15 combinations
  - 10 out of 40: 0.8 billion combinations

# Compressed Sensing (L1-regularization)

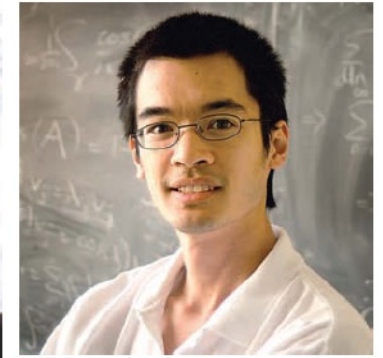
- Breakthrough: mathematical proof that L0 problem can be well approximated by the L1 problem (**Compressed Sensing, Candes, Romberg, and Tao, 2005.**)



Emmanuel Candes. (Photo courtesy of Emmanuel Candes.)



Justin Romberg. (Photo courtesy of Justin Romberg.)



Terence Tao. (Photo courtesy of Reed Hutchinson/UCLA.)

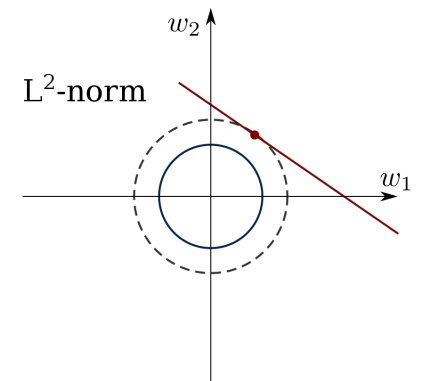
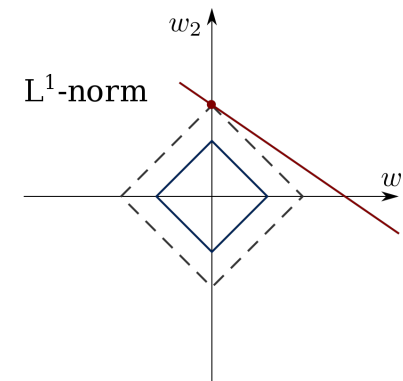
<https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0503066>

minimize  $\|x\|_1$ , subject to:  $y = Ax$

(L1-norm: sum of absolute values of the elements)

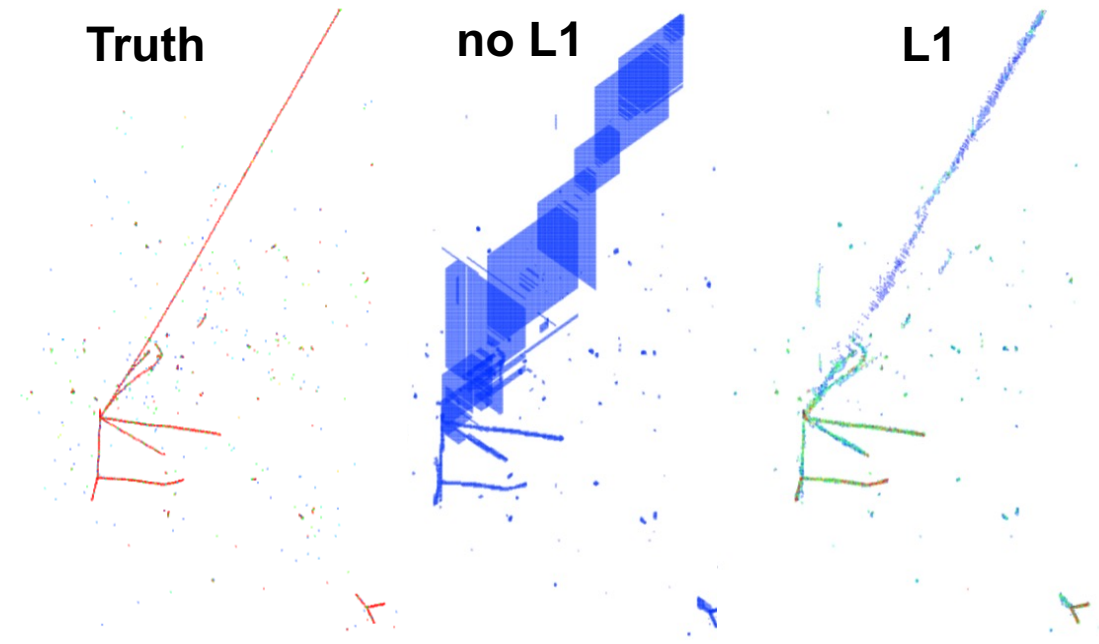
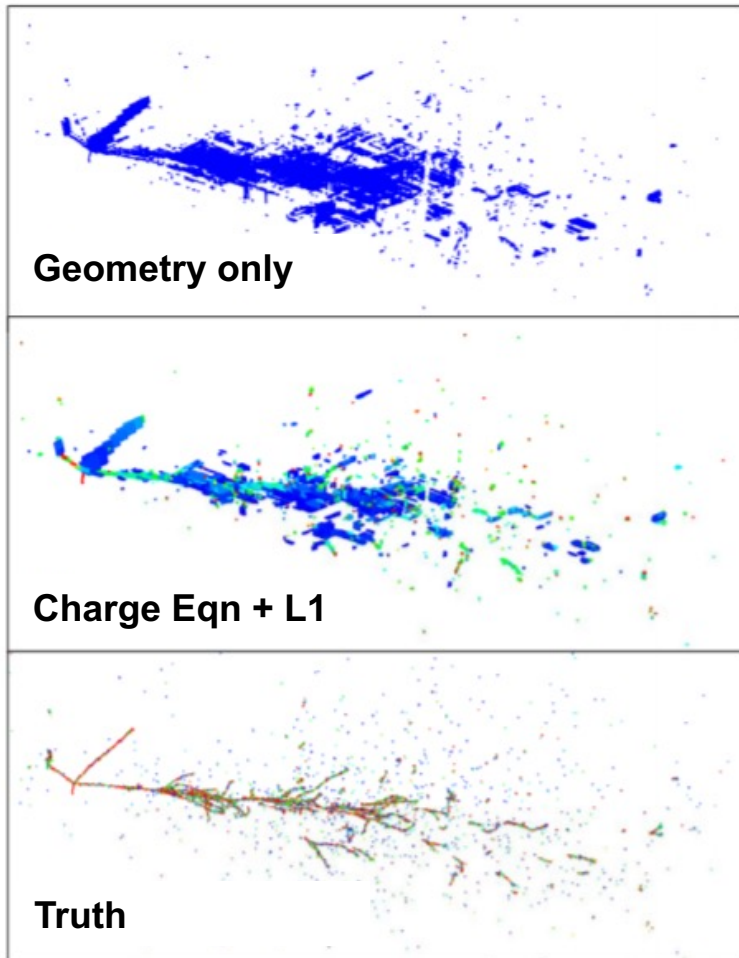
Or, equivalently, minimize

$$\chi^2 = (y - Ax)^T \cdot V^{-1} \cdot (y - Ax) + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

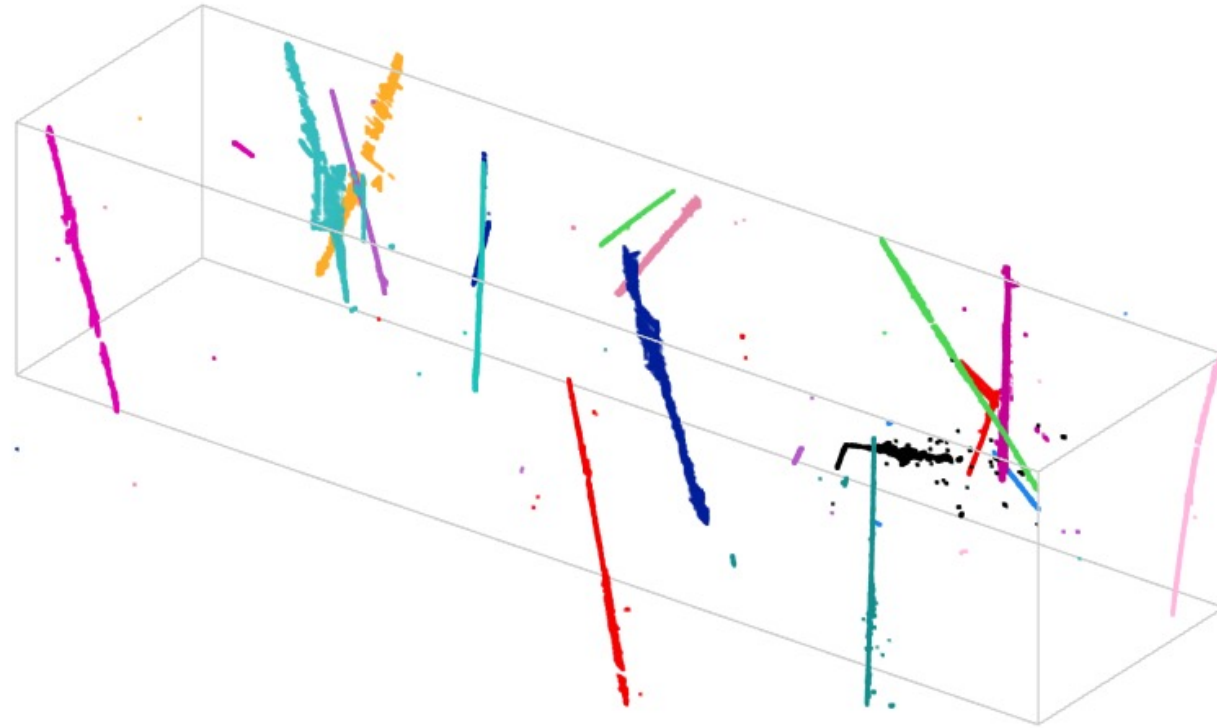


[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lasso\\_\(statistics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lasso_(statistics))

# Performance in Wire-Cell



- Typically, **~tens of seconds** to reconstruct the whole 3D image (originally a few hours)

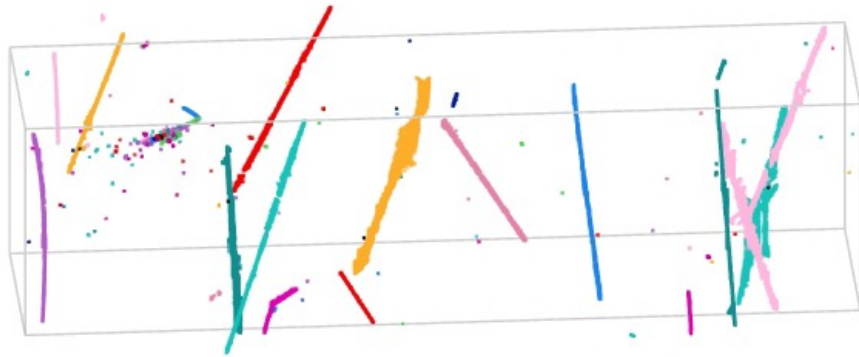


An example MicroBooNE event after 3D reconstruction

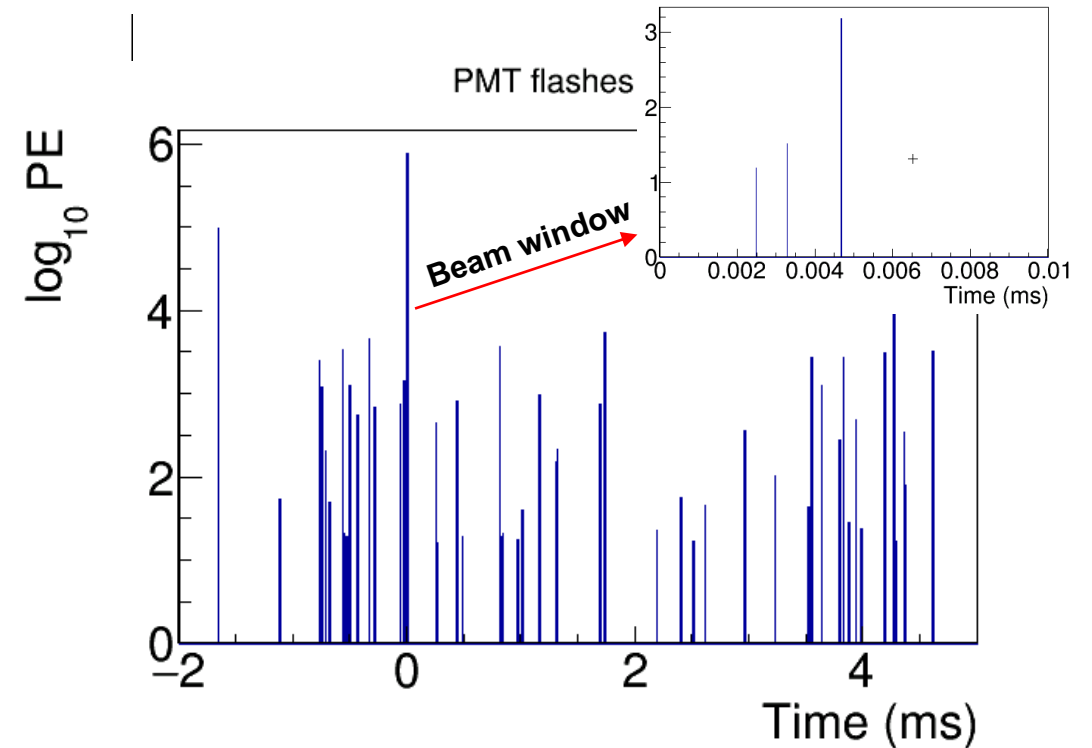


# Finding Neutrino Interaction

4.8 ms drift window



20-30 TPC activities



40-50 PMT activities

- ❑ 3D Cluster based on proximity (kd-tree)
- ❑ associate the light flash to the corresponding TPC cluster based on light pattern

- ❑ BEST, Baksan Experiment on Sterile Transitions, nue source
- ❑ [C. Zhang, Neutrino Mass Hierarchy](#)