



# Wire-Cell in MicroBooNE

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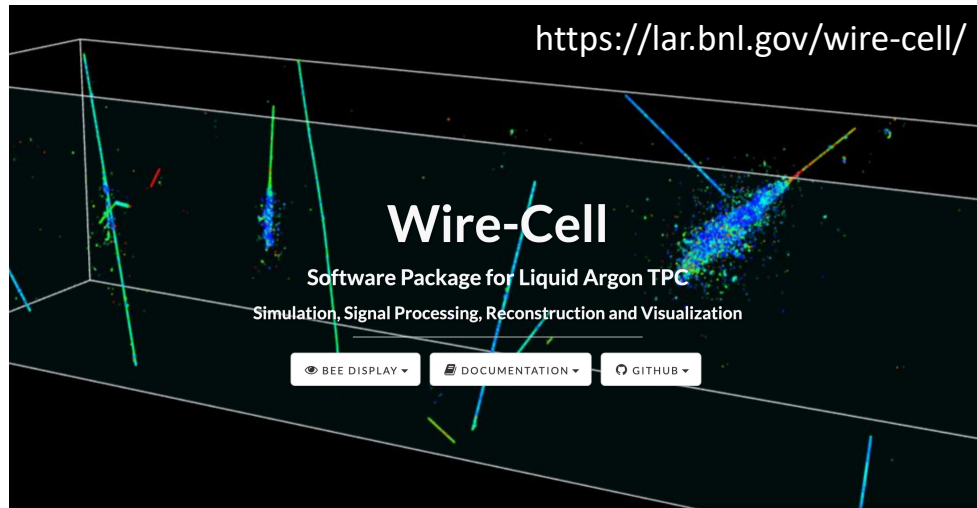
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# What is Wire-Cell?

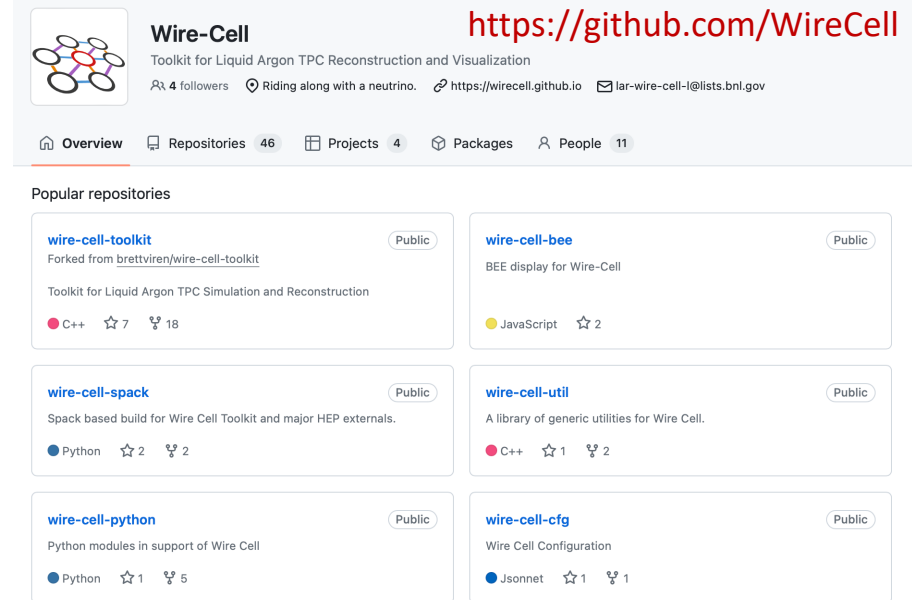
First answer in Google search



A collection of algorithms & software tools for LArTPC

[Chao's talk yesterday](#)

Second answer in Google search



A Github repository created several years ago, containing a variety of codebases -- **wire-cell-toolkit**, etc.

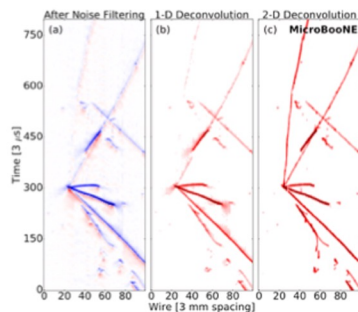
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# A brief history of Wire-Cell development

## Development of Wire-Cell in MicroBooNE (2015-2021)

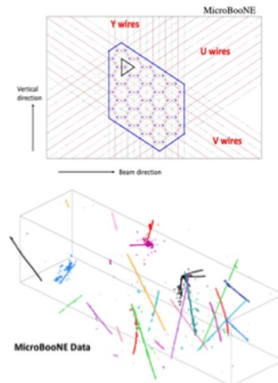
Including a realistic TPC simulation widely used in LArTPC experiments

noise filtering  
signal processing



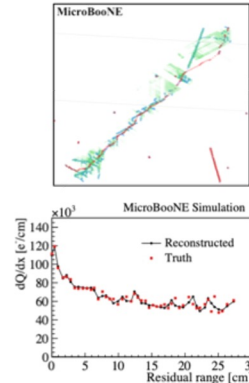
[JINST 12 P08003 \(2017\)](#)  
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3D imaging  
clustering  
charge-light matching



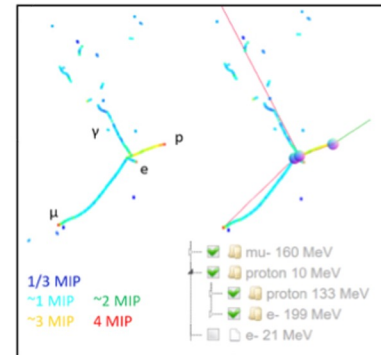
[JINST 13 P05032 \(2018\)](#)  
[JINST 16 P06043 \(2021\)](#)

3D trajectory & dQ/dx fitting  
cosmic muon tagger



[Phys. Rev. Applied 15 064071 \(2021\)](#)  
[arXiv: 2012.07928 \(2020\)](#)

multi-track fitting  
3D vertexing  
particle identification



[JINST 17, P10037](#)

**Wire-Cell is a 3D tomographic event reconstruction for LArTPC. Started from the 3D event image reconstruction, it now covers a wide range of topics from TPC signal processing to 3D pattern recognition**

Starting with 3D imaging proof of principle and 2D deconvolution

Further developed and validated using [MicroBooNE](#) data and utilized in physics analyses in [MicroBooNE](#)

Xin's talk yesterday

# MicroBooNE

Address MiniBooNE low-energy excess origin and search for new physics

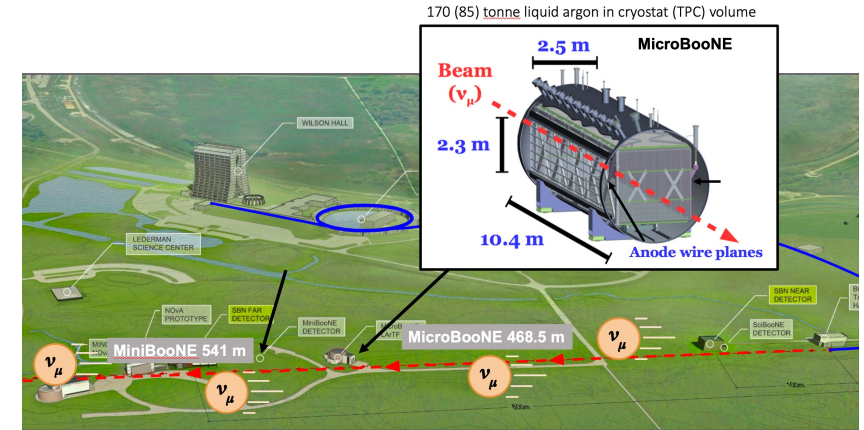
New physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)

Study  $\nu$ -Ar interactions

LArTPC hardware & software R&D

Various exclusive and inclusive cross section measurements

- Large  $\nu - Ar$  data sample
- Leveraging the excellent PID capability of LArTPC

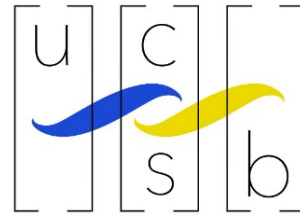


## Pioneering LArTPC detector

- Long-term running cold electronics, high-purity and stable operation
- Cosmic-ray tagger, laser calibration system
- Good understanding of detector response: wire response, space charge effect, etc.
- Multiple novel & auto reconstruction techniques
- Computing challenges
- Post-operation R&D (Rn doping, HV related, etc.)

# Wire-Cell group at MicroBooNE

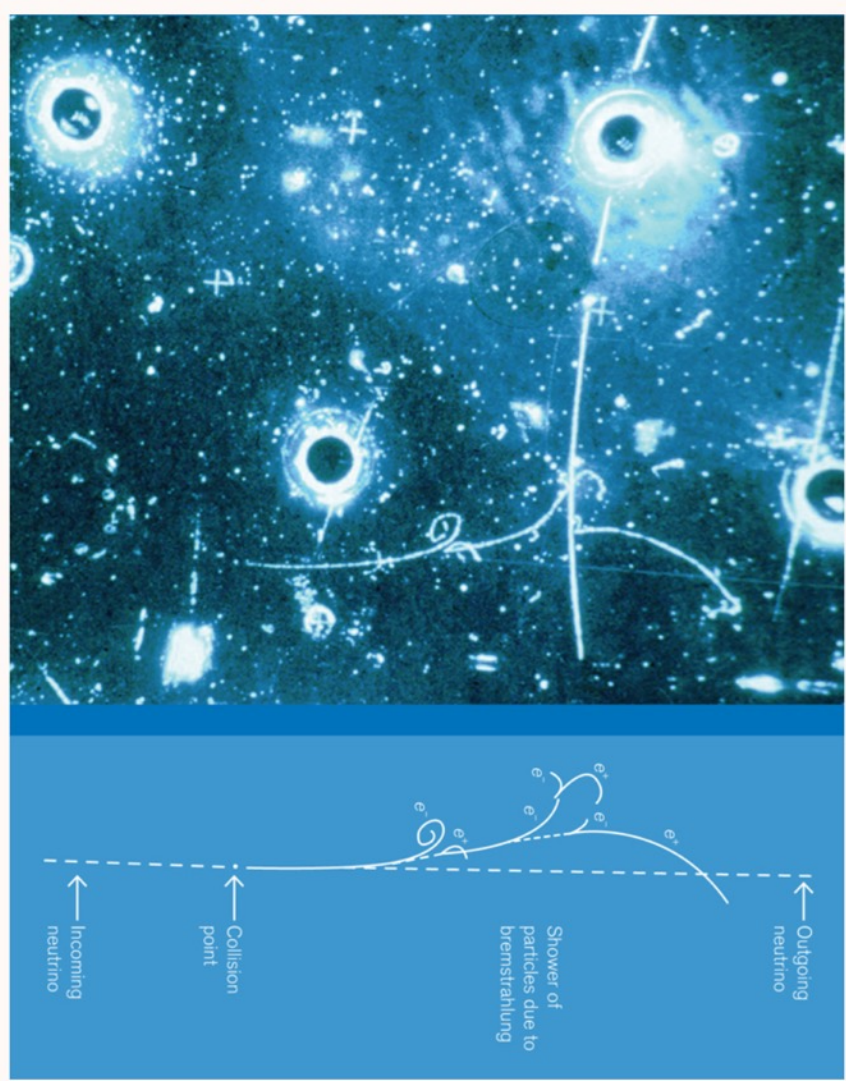
- The team creating and developing Wire-Cell software package
- Essentially the same team + new postdocs/students optimizing & applying Wire-Cell to achieve high-performance physics analyses



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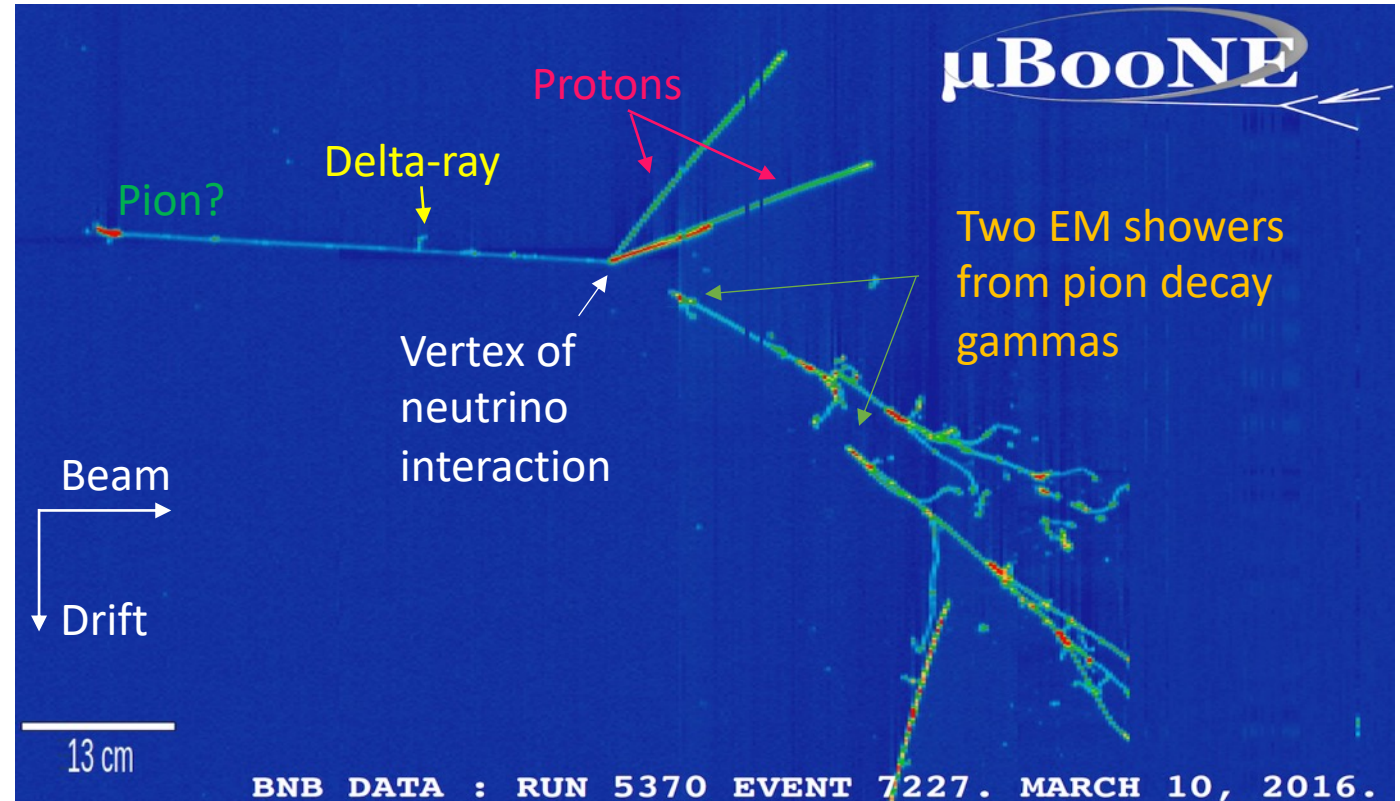
6 institutions, 15-20 members, [faculty](#), [postdocs](#), and [students](#)

# 50 years: from Bubble chamber to LArTPC



Gargamelle (1973): discovery of weak neutral current [ $\nu_\mu e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^-$ ]

## LArTPC: fully active tracking calorimeter

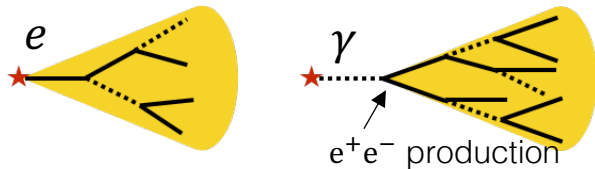


MicroBooNE (2016): a neutral current interaction of  $\nu_\mu$

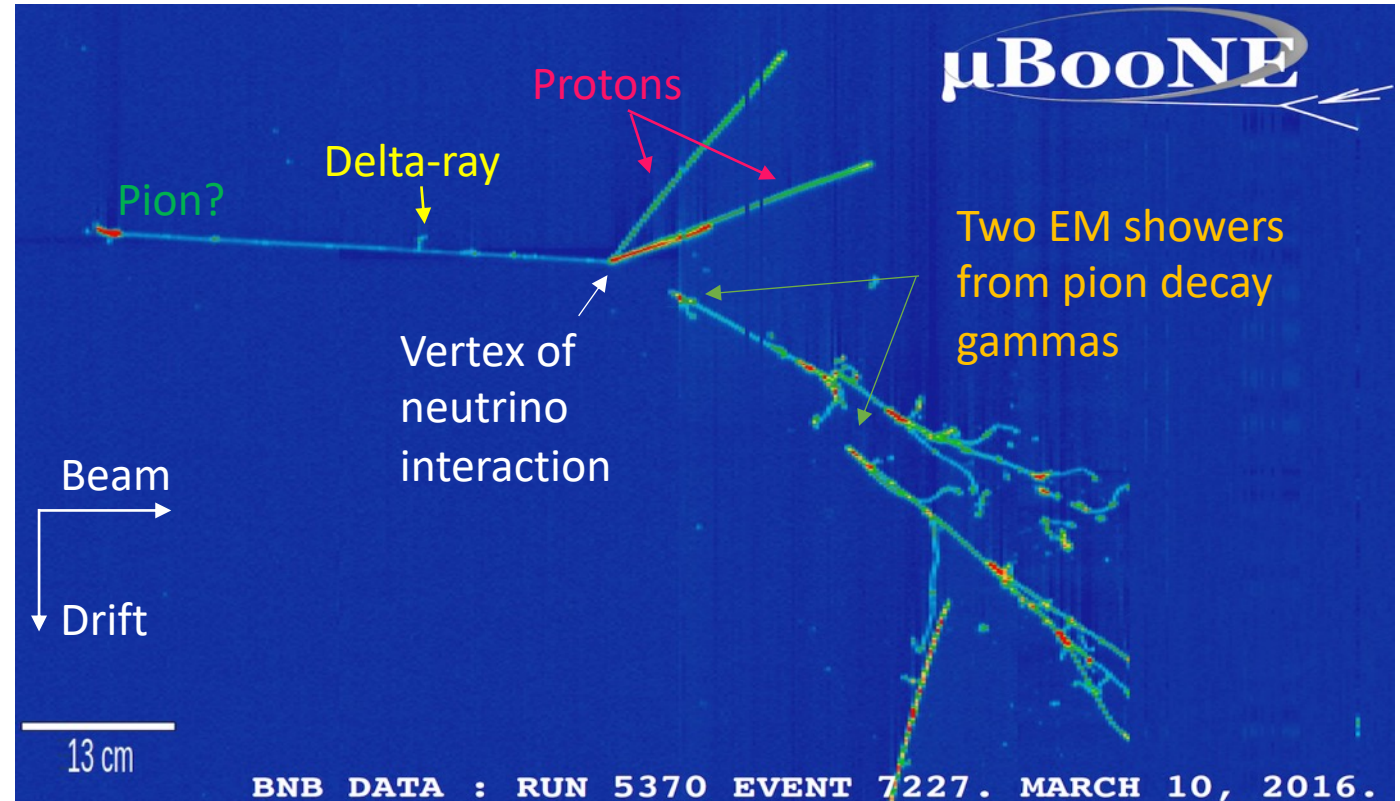
# LArTPC: an enabling detector

Capable of identifying different species of particles and reconstructing 3D images with fine-grained information

- Neutrino vertex
- Particle flow (mother-daughter relationship)
- Track ( $\mu, \pi, p$  etc.) vs shower ( $e, \gamma$  EM cascade)
- **$e$  vs  $\gamma$  ( $e^+e^-$  pair production) separation addressing MiniBooNE anomaly**
  - Gap between shower start point and neutrino vertex?
  - $dE/dx$  in shower stem (1 MIP vs 2 MIPs)
  - Split of  $e^+e^-$  pair (large opening angle)



## LArTPC: fully active tracking calorimeter



MicroBooNE (2016): a neutral current interaction of  $\nu_\mu$

# Event Reconstruction in LArTPC

- In essence, while hardware provides the physical foundation for technology, software enables its functionality and utility.
- Event reconstruction in LArTPC can maximize the scientific capabilities inherent in the LArTPC technology, yielding significant physics outcomes.

*"Hardware eventually fails, software lives forever." - Paul Ginsparg, physicist and creator of the arXiv repository.*



# Event Reconstruction in MicroBooNE

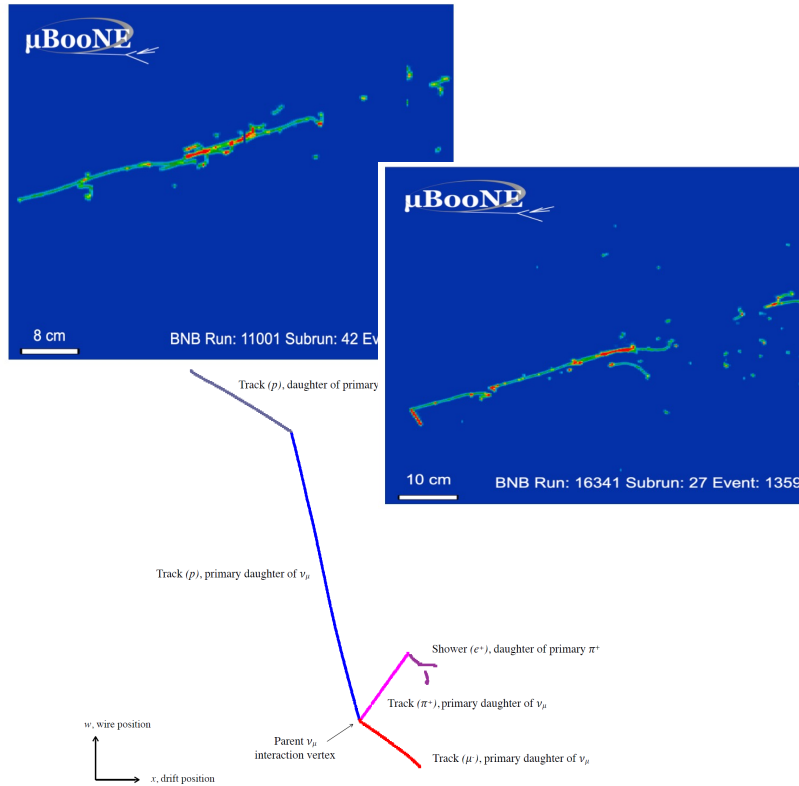
Different novel reconstruction approaches developed in MicroBooNE

## Pandora reconstruction

The most general pattern recognition algorithm with the longest history

[Eur. Phys. J. C78, 82 \(2018\)](#)

(various cross section results and new physics searches)



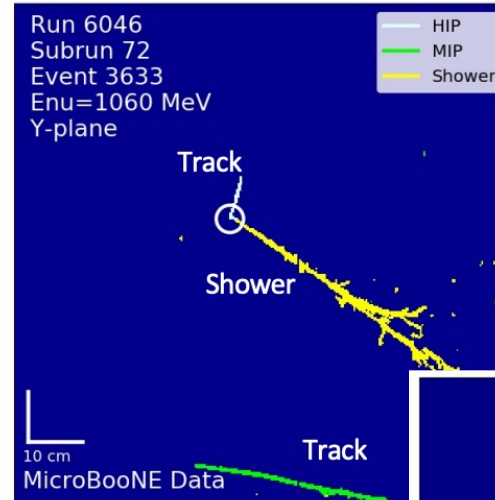
## Deep-learning reconstruction

Built upon the deep learning revolution in the area of computer vision; first of their kind applications in a LArTPC

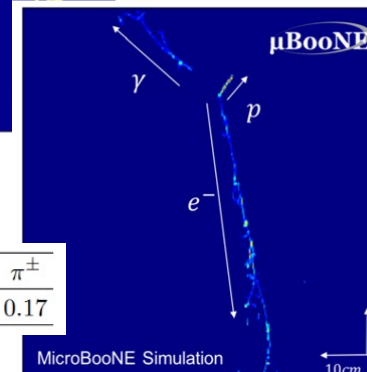
[PRD 103, 052012 \(2021\)](#)

[PRD 103, 092003 \(2021\)](#)

[PRD 99, 092001 \(2019\)](#)



	$p$	$e^-$	$\gamma$	$\mu^-$	$\pi^\pm$
MPID Score	0.89	0.95	0.85	0.06	0.17



## Wire-Cell reconstruction

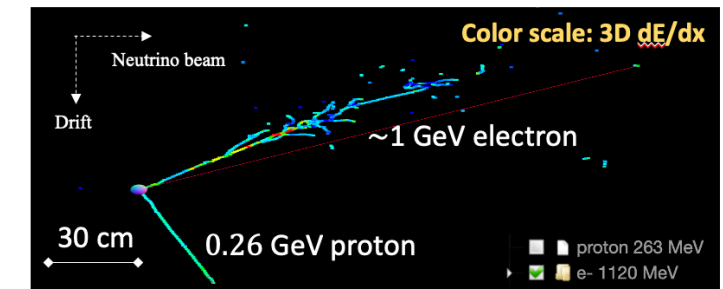
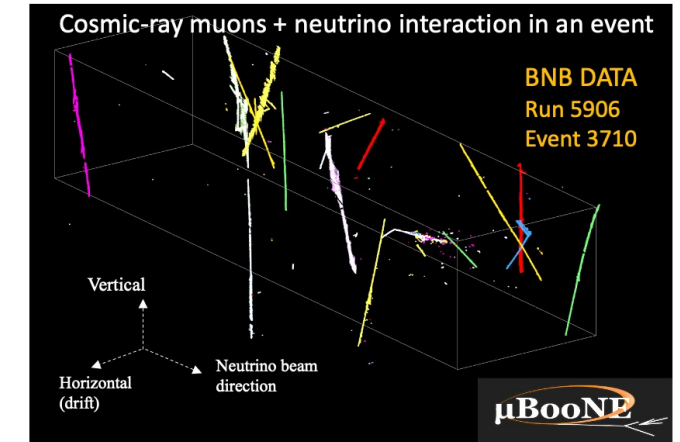
Tomographic 3D imaging/clustering and other 3D-based pattern recognition

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

[PRApplied 15 064071 \(2021\)](#)

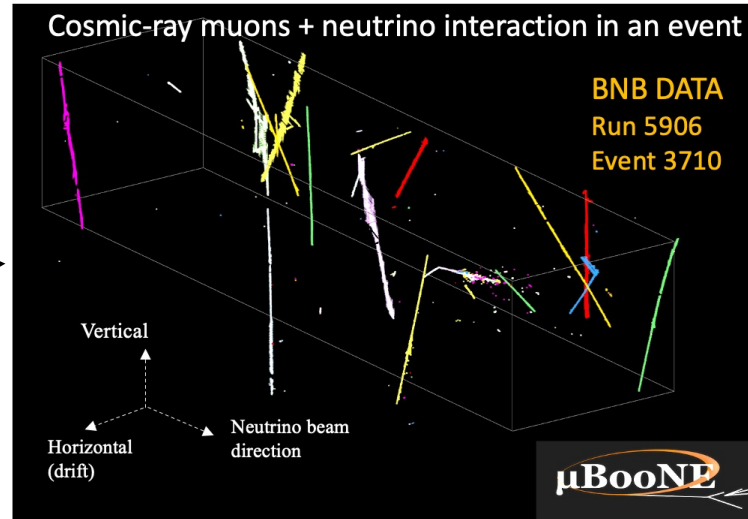
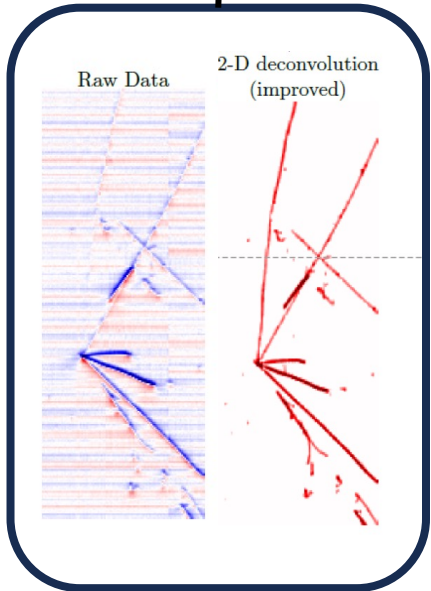
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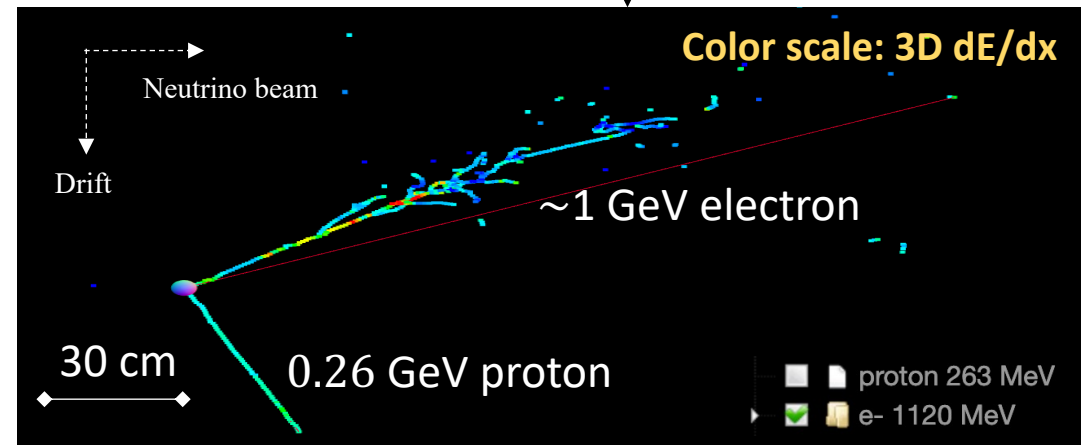
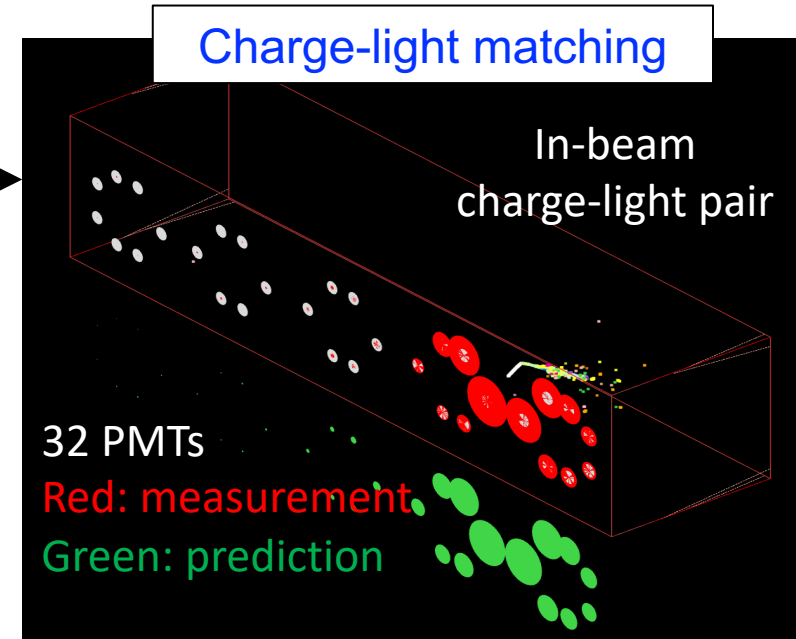
# Wire-Cell Event Reconstruction

functionally identical extraction of charge for three wire planes

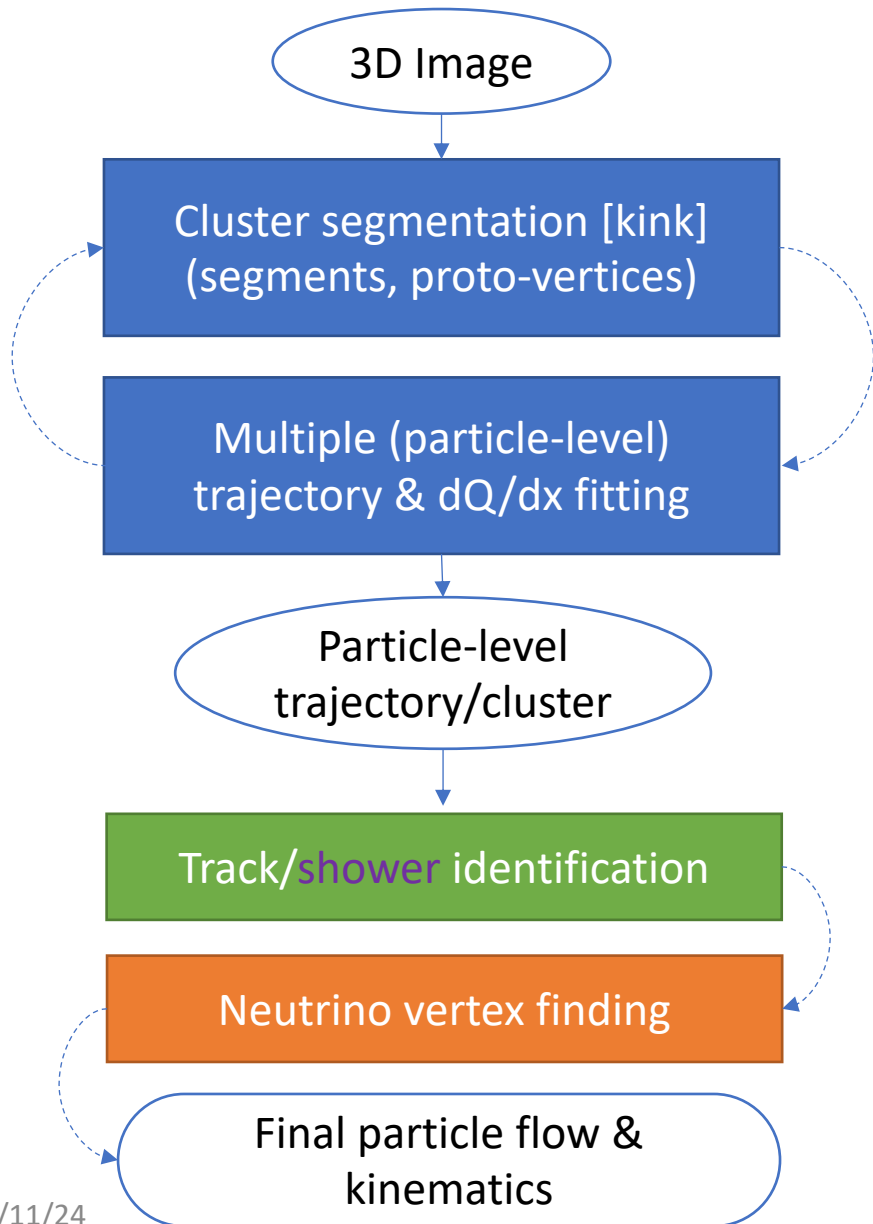


3D imaging, clustering

- 3D pattern recognition
- neutrino vertexing
  - particle identification
  - particle flow
  - kinetic energy



# Development of Wire-Cell 3D pattern recognition in MicroBooNE



## Challenges

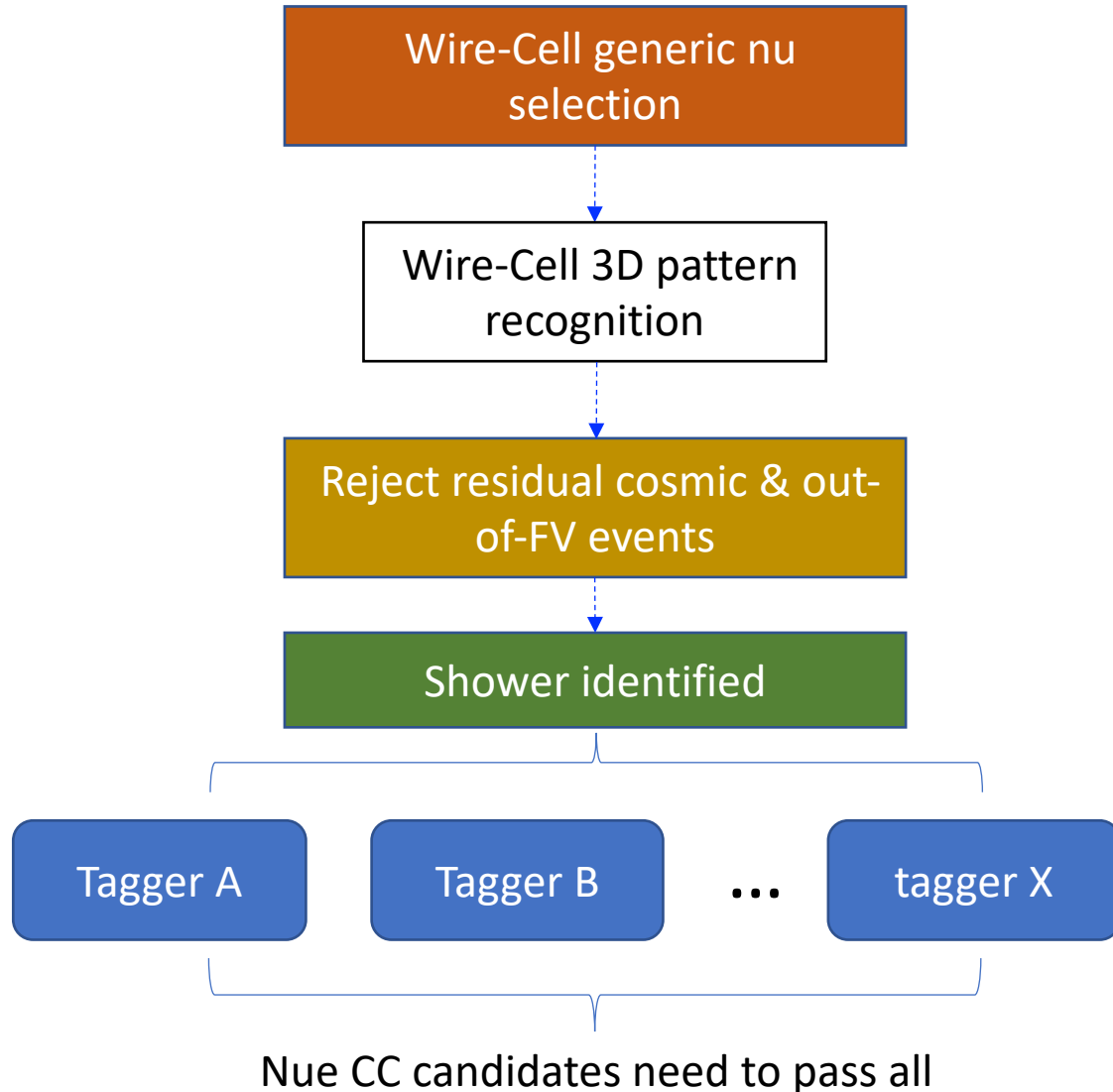
- A huge amount of 3D points
- Wire readout ambiguity, particularly for isochronous track
- Broken tracks (prolonged tracks or non-functional channels)

## Strategy

- ✓ Eye-scan oriented development (traditional approaches in the first iteration)
- ✓ Directly on real data
  - ✓ Complex topology first
  - ✓  $O(1)$  event  $\rightarrow$   $O(10)$  events
- ✓ Validation (optimization) by MC

**The first version ready in April 2020**

# Wire-Cell nue CC tagger (developed in April-August 2020)



Basic strategy of “Gen 1” nue CC tagger:

- Traditional algorithms
- Hand-scan → human feature engineering
  - Various taggers to reject specific types of background
- Iterative optimization

# new CC sub-taggers [24 in total]

Numbers are relative to all rejected events

## Rejection rate of valid (reco showers) BNB nu overlay events

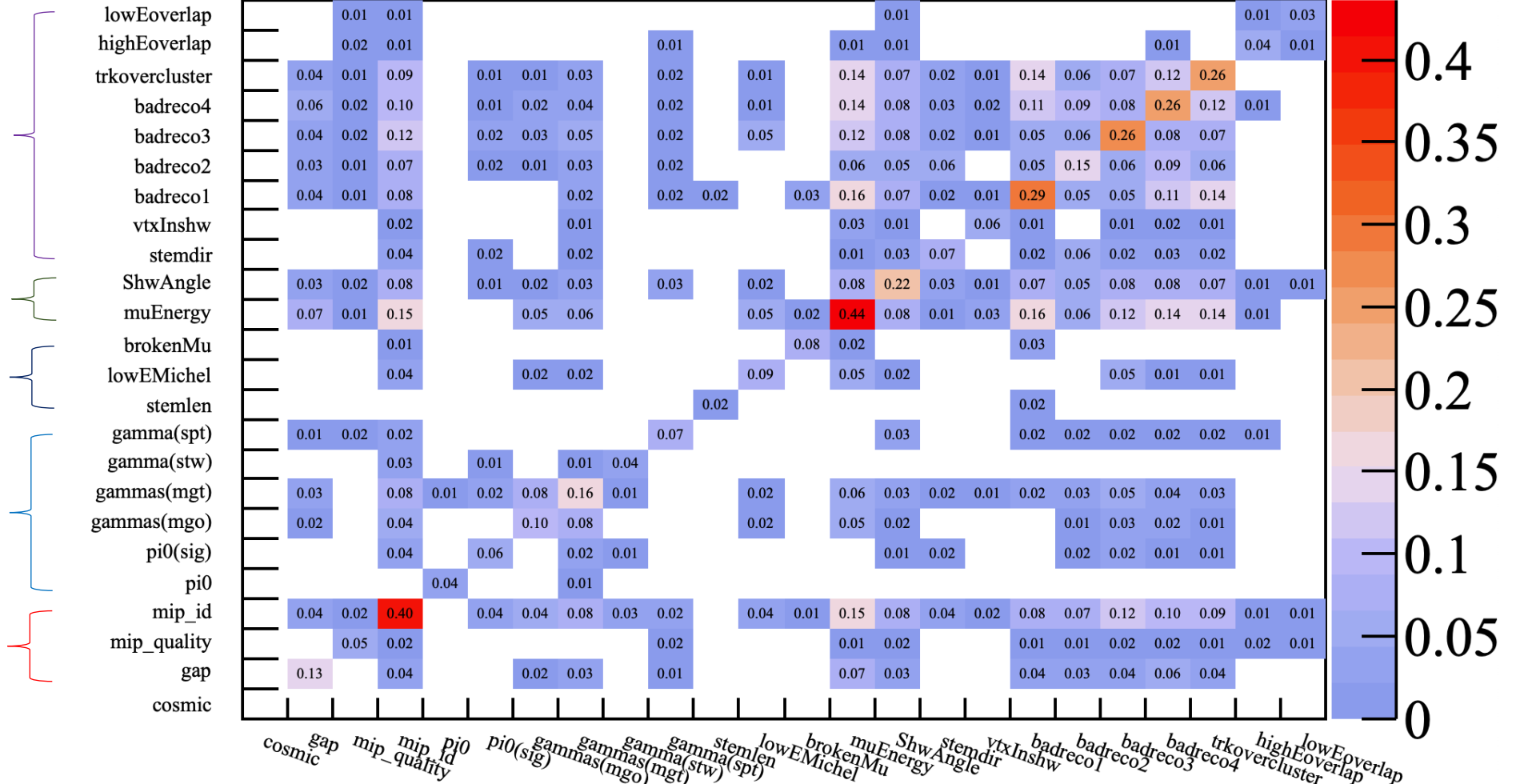
Unreliable pattern recognition

Kinematic

Muon-related misid

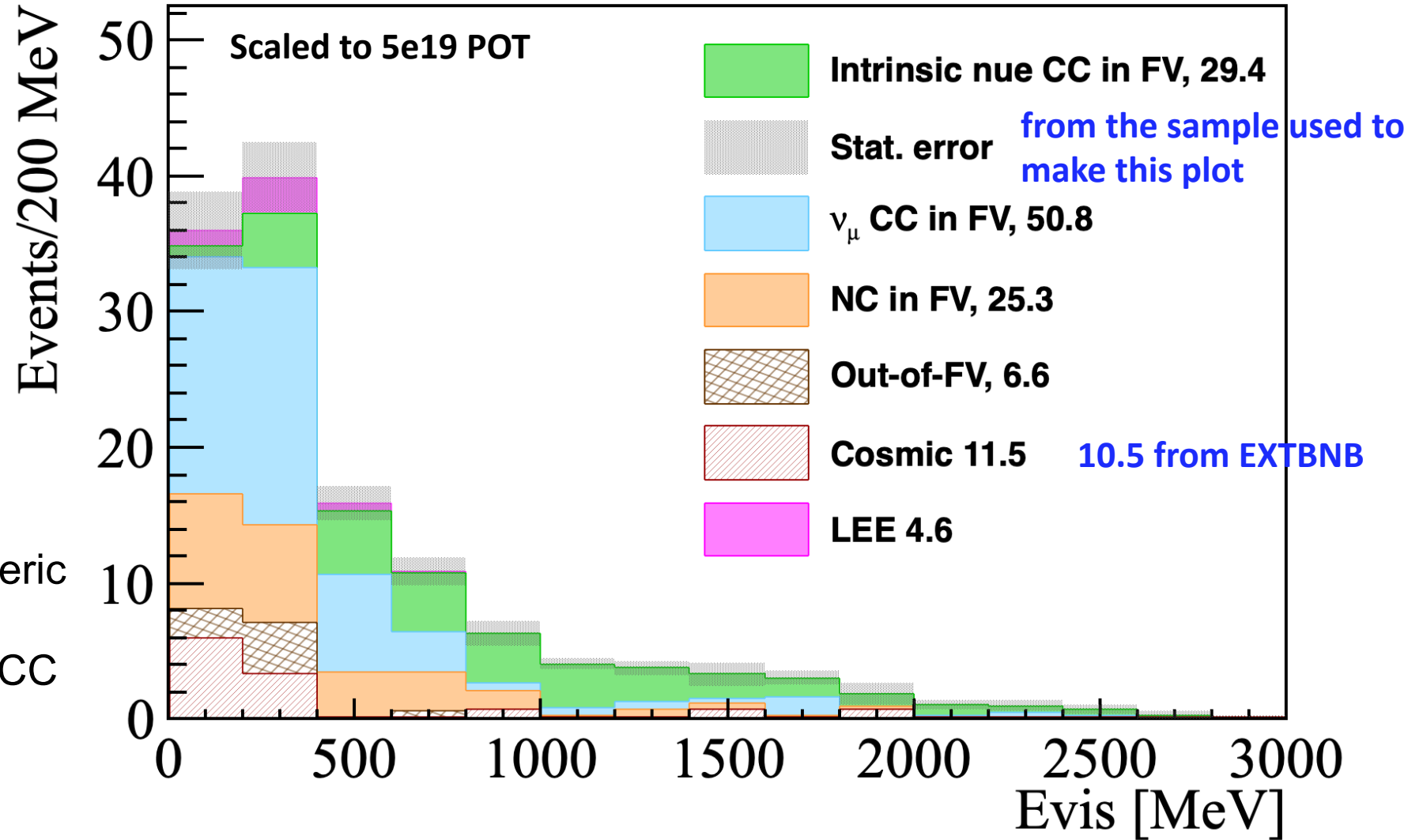
pi0 or gamma

Primary electron id



Ignore <1% elements

# “Gen 1” cut-based nue CC tagger result



- Overall tagging (post generic selection) efficiency
  - 35% for intrinsic nue CC
  - 25% for LEE
- Poor purity in low energy region (LEE interest)

# Issues of the “Gen 1” strategy and Game change

Issues of “Gen 1” nue CC tagger:

- BNB nue CC vs. other nu = 1:200 (NuMI 1:10)
- Capacity of hand-scan
  - <1000 events
  - 1% error rate → 1% x 200 w.r.t. nue CC

Basic strategy of “Gen 2” nue CC tagger:

- Machine learning algorithms
  - Shallow learning e.g. BDT to enhance purity
  - Deep learning to enhance vertexing efficiency
  - High statistic training to cover more “corner cases”

**Slow progress & Unstable**

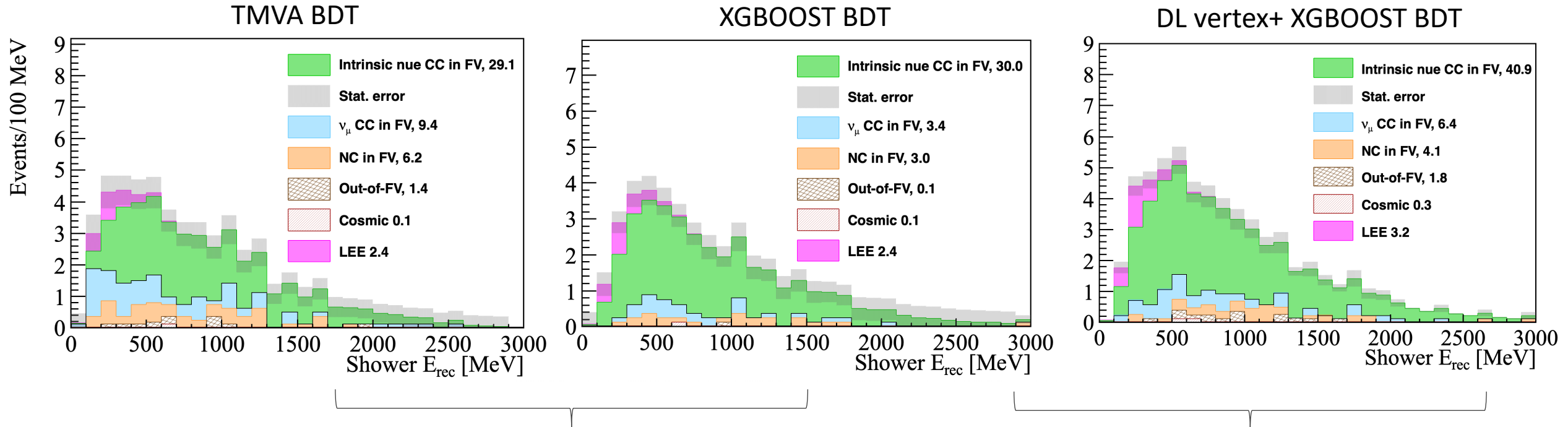
**Rapid & Robust**

Reco products, knowledge and human learned features in previous “Gen 1” development as input is vital to ensuring the performance

# NueCC candidate energy spectra

Run1, scaled to **5e19 POT**  
 Contained + uncontained

Roughly the same overlay MC samples [not used in the training]  
 BNB overlay sample:  $\sim 4.0e20$  POT



Tuned to have similar **efficiency**

**Intrinsic nue purity: 63%  $\rightarrow$  82%**  
**Bin [2, 4] LEE/others:**  
**2.1/9.8 vs. 2.0/5.9**

Tuned to have similar **purity**

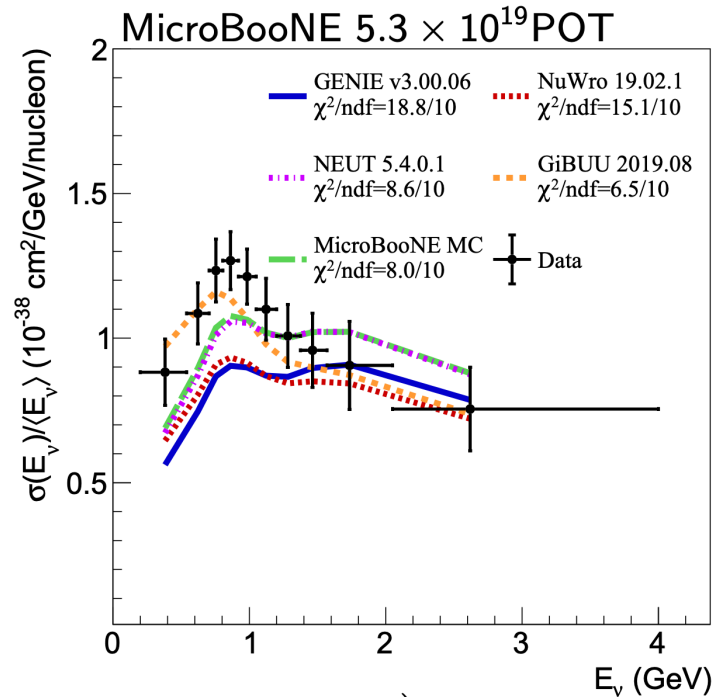
**Intrinsic nue selection eff.: 37%  $\rightarrow$  51%**  
**Bin [2, 4] LEE/others:**  
**2.0/5.9 vs. 2.8/8.2**



# Scientific achievements (not exhaustive list)

Wire-Cell based MicroBooNE flagship physics analyses

Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 151801 (2022)



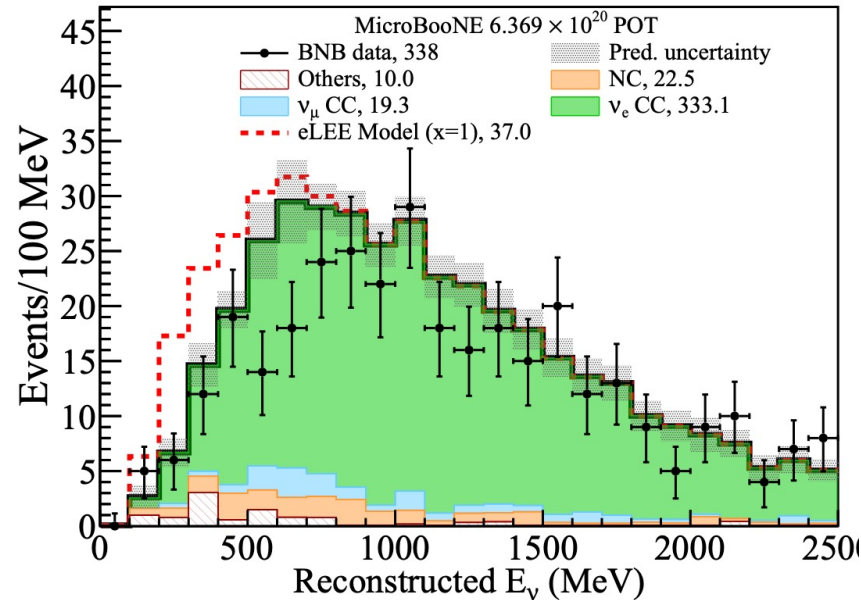
## $\nu_\mu$ CC inclusive xsec

First measurement of energy-dependent  $\nu - Ar$  cross section. High efficiency (64%) & high purity (93%)  $\nu_\mu$  CC selection. Robust energy reconstruction

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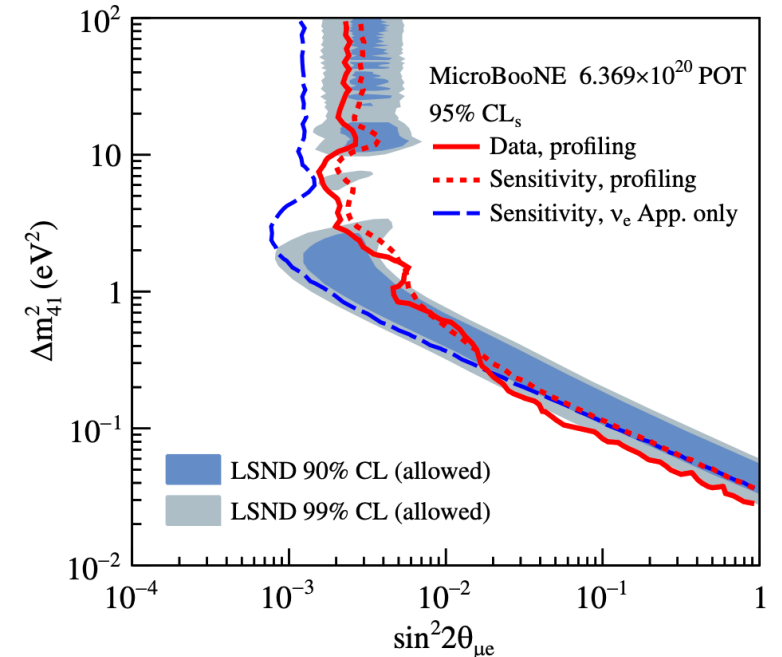
Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 241801 (2022)

Phys. Rev. D 105, 112005 (2022)



**Search for low-energy excess  $\nu_e$**   
 Relatively high efficiency (46%) & high purity (82%)  $\nu_e$  CC selection  
 $>3\sigma$  exclude an empirical model of LEE derived from MiniBooNE

Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 011801(2023)



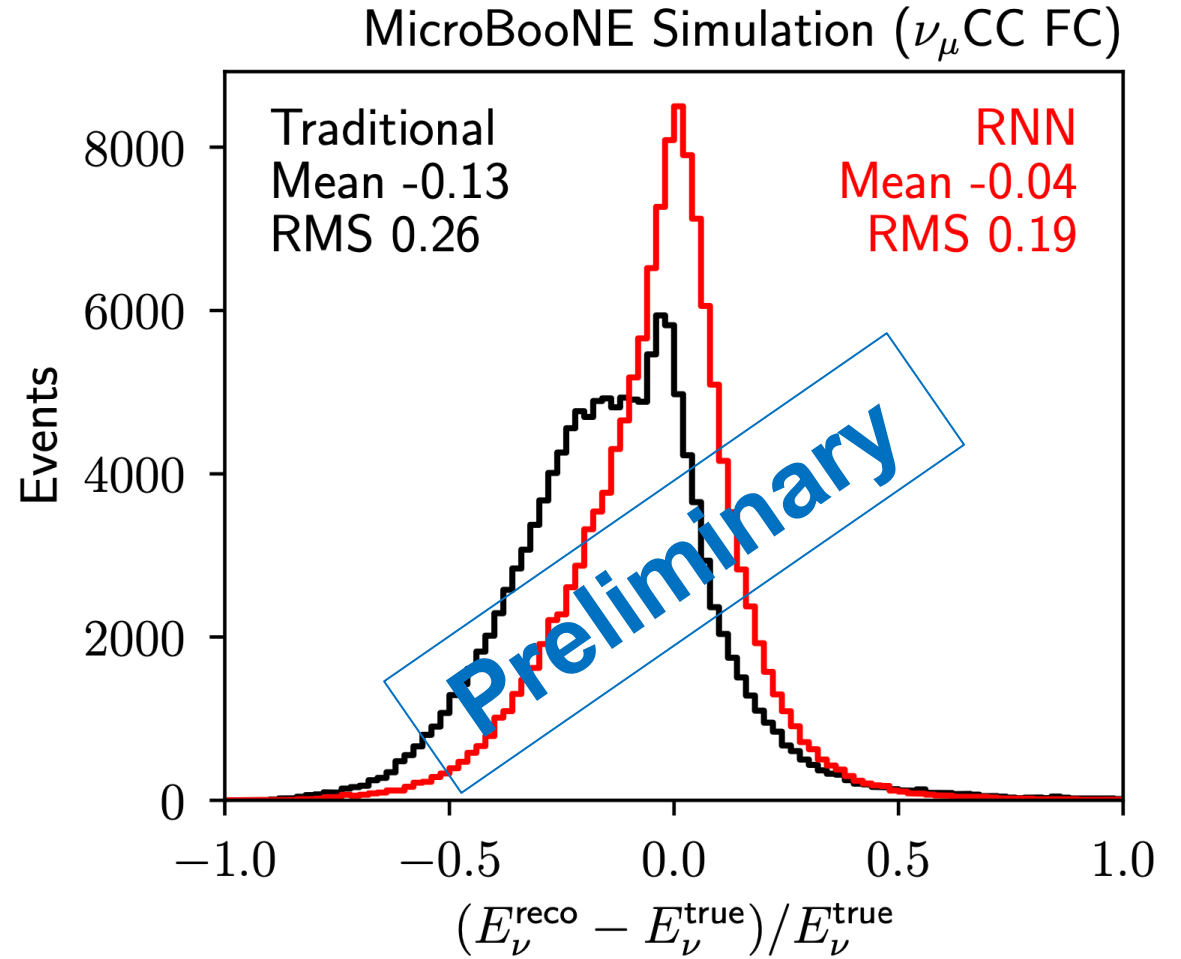
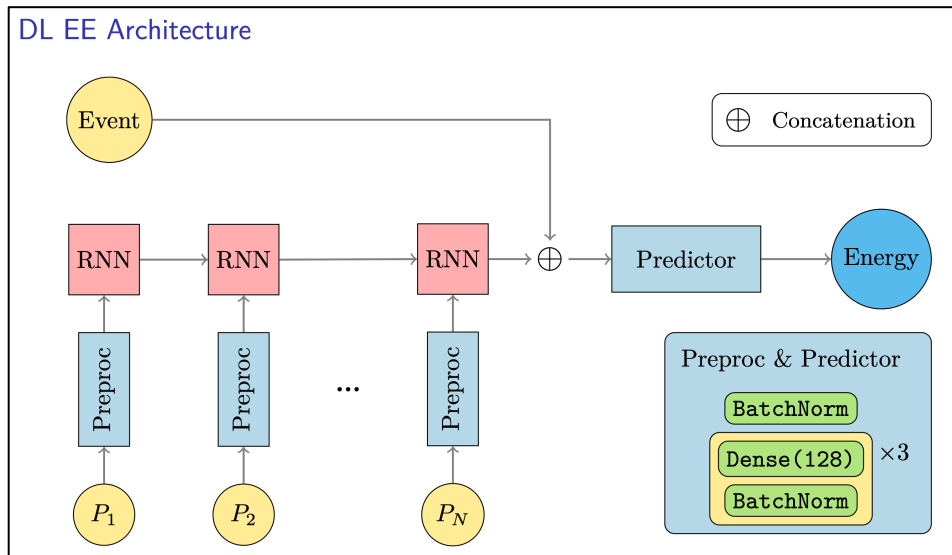
## Sterile neutrino oscillation

First constraint on eV scale sterile neutrino oscillation in SBN program; and first such analysis considering a complete 3+1 (app. + disapp.) model

# Ongoing reconstruction effort - WireCell in MicroBooNE

Neutrino energy reconstruction  
using a recurrent neural network

Wire-Cell PID information as input



# Looking Forward

- Sharing algorithms for other experiments
  - porting from wire-cell-prototype to wire-cell-toolkit
- Sharing knowledge and expertise to other experiments
  - happening now
  - see SBND and ProtoDUNE talks
- Benefit from new developments in other experiments
- Improvement on clustering/pattern recognition for single photon or  $e^+e^-$  pair searches in the context of exotic physics models
- Open-minded to use other reconstruction tools or in synergy with other reconstruction paradigms
  - exchange ideas and knowledge of the detector gained in the development of reconstruction tools -- > well defined problem domain and do better
  - e.g. DL-assisted neutrino vertexing; RNN energy estimator; DNN ROI ...