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# MiniBooNE Neutrino Oscillation Analyses

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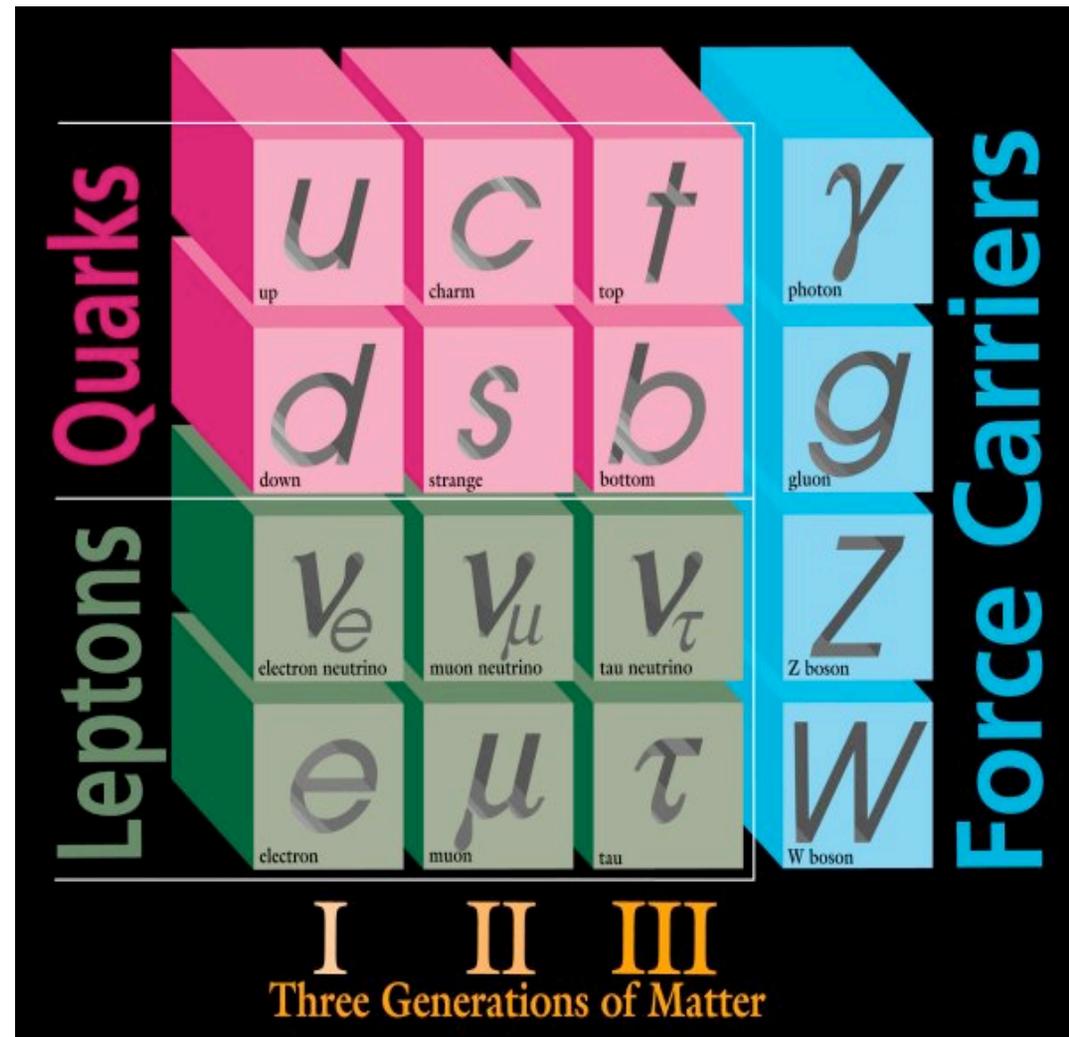
# Outline

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- Introduction to neutrinos
- LSND and the great oscillation mystery
- MiniBooNE
  - Neutrino oscillation review
  - **Combined oscillation analysis**
  - **World's data joint analysis**

# Standard Model of Physics

- Three flavors of neutrinos associated with weak interactions
- Massless
- Only LH neutrinos (no RH partners)



# Neutrino Oscillations

$\Delta m^2$  is the difference of the squared masses of the two neutrino states

Distance from point of creation of neutrino beam to detection point

$$P_{\text{osc}} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[ \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right]$$

$\theta$  is the mixing angle

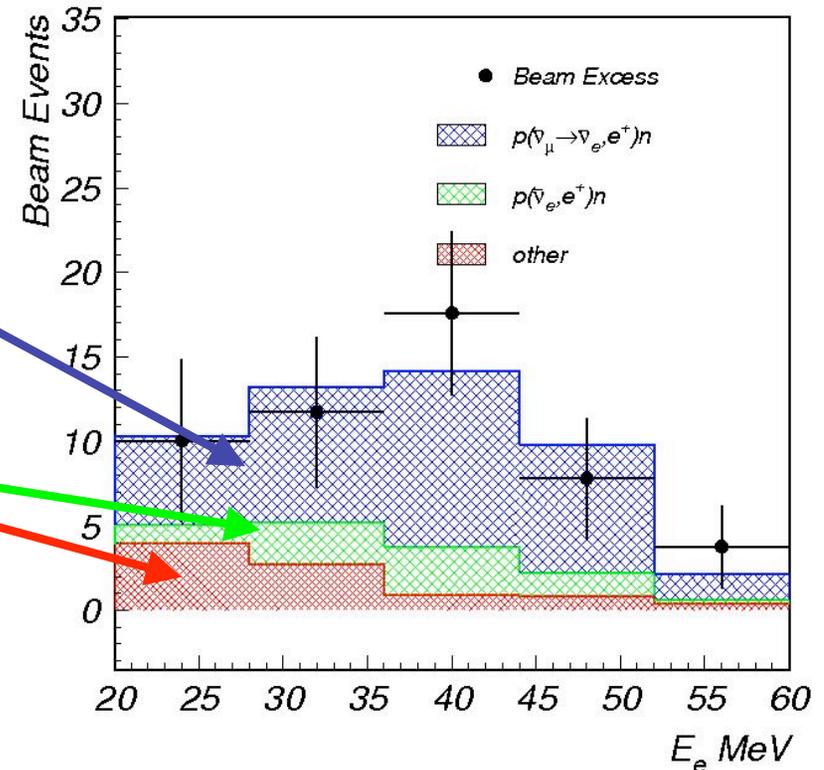
$E$  is the energy of the neutrino beam

# LSND

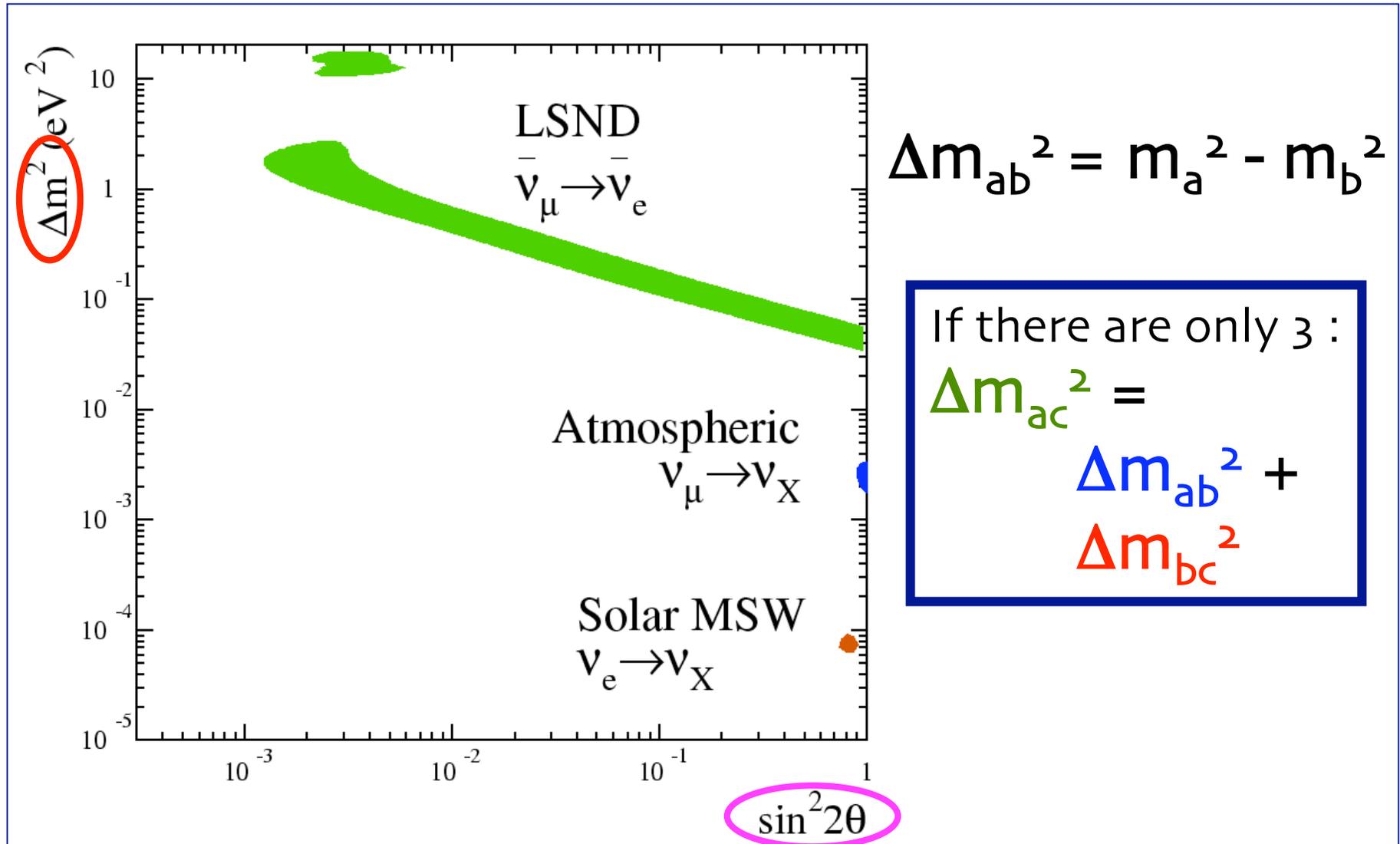
Fit to oscillation hypothesis

Backgrounds

- Significant excess of events best fit by a 2-neutrino oscillation hypothesis
- Different from other oscillation signals
  - Higher  $\Delta m^2$ , smaller mixing angle, much smaller probability ( $\sim 0.3\%$ )



# Current Oscillation Status

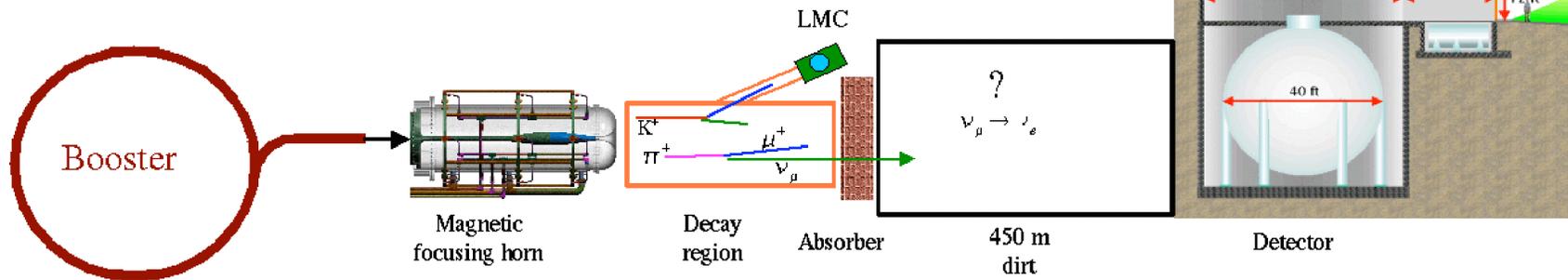


# MiniBooNE



# MiniBooNE Beam

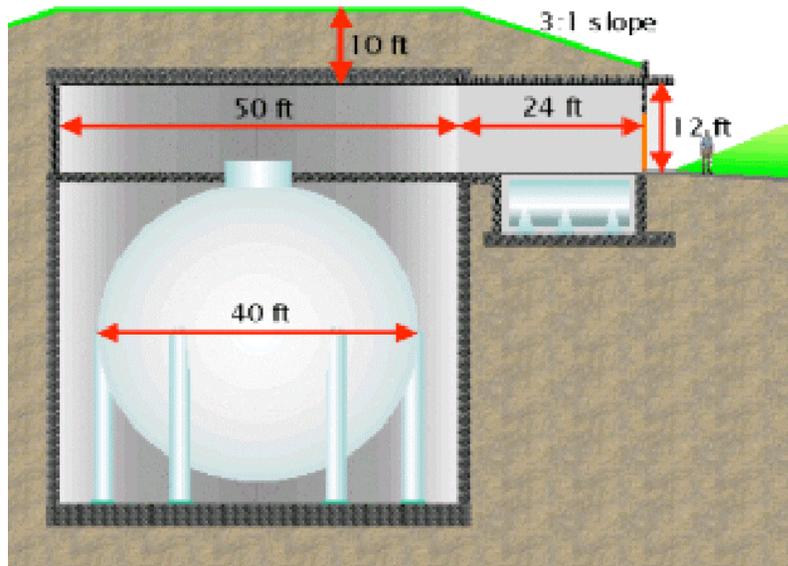
## Accelerator based Decay in Flight (DIF)



- Beam of protons + a target material (Be)
  - mesons ( $\pi$ , K)
- Looking for  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$  : appearance analysis
- Mesons decay into the neutrino beam sampled by a detector
  - $K^+ / \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_{\mu}$ 
    - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \text{anti-}\nu_{\mu} + \nu_e$

Flux paper arXiv:0806.1449

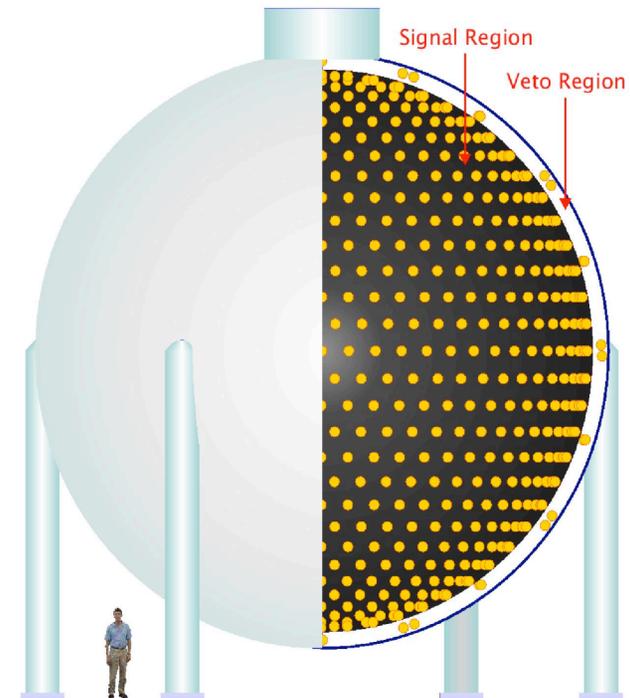
# MiniBooNE Detector



Detector

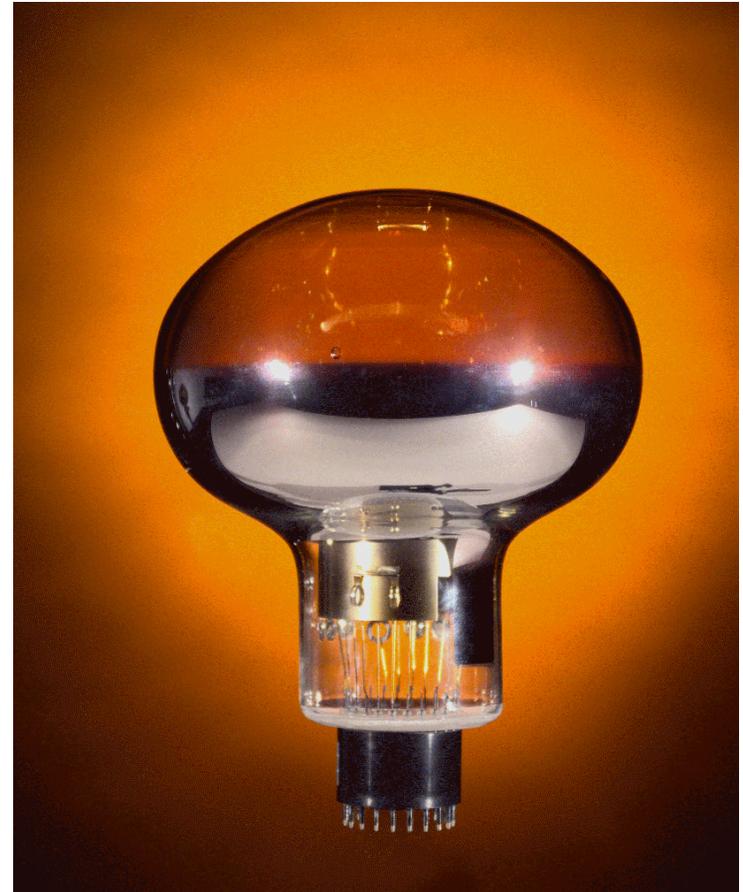
- 12.2 meter diameter sphere
- **Pure** mineral oil
- 2 regions
  - Inner light-tight region, 1280 PMTs (10% coverage)
  - Optically isolated outer veto-region, 240 PMTs

MiniBooNE Detector



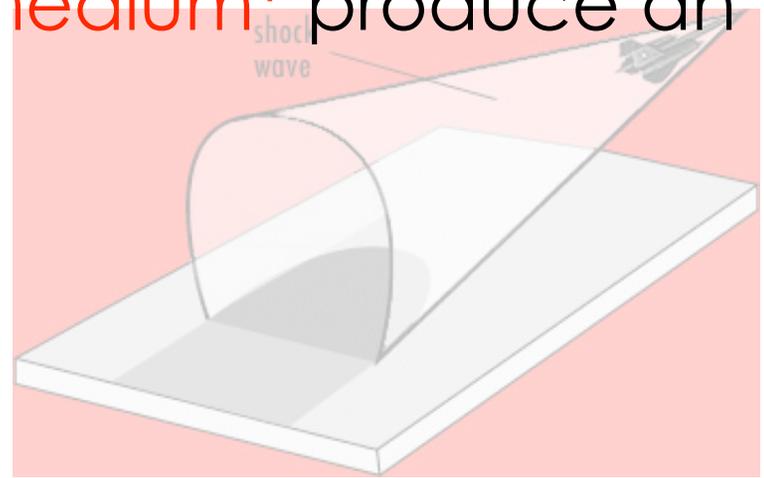
# Observing $\nu$ Interactions

- Passage of particles through matter leaves a distinct mark
  - Cerenkov radiation / light
  - Scintillation light

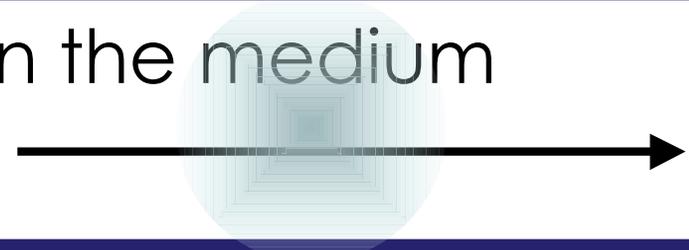


# Cerenkov and Scintillation Light

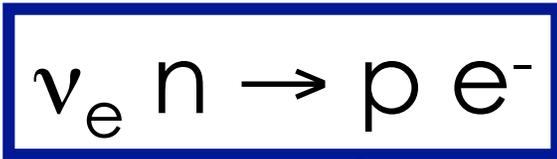
- Particles with a velocity greater than the speed of light \* in the medium\* produce an E-M shock wave
  - $v > c/n$
  - Similar to a sonic boom
- Prompt light signature



- Particles deposit energy in the medium
- Isotropic, delayed



# Neutrino Interactions



Elastic Scattering

Quasi-Elastic Scattering

Single Pion Production

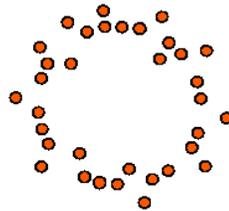
Deep Inelastic Scattering

MeV

GeV

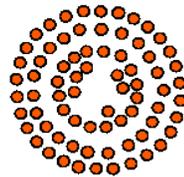
# Event Signature

electrons:  
short track,  
mult. scat.,  
brems.



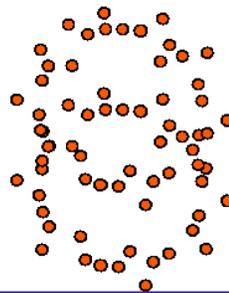
Fuzzy  
Ring

muons:  
long track,  
slows down

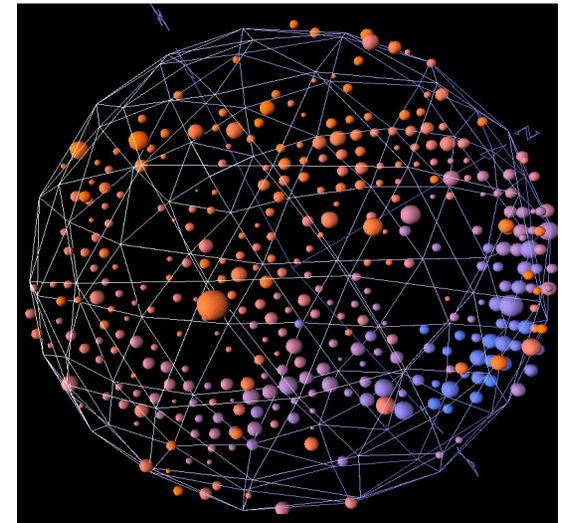


Sharp Outer  
Ring with  
Fuzzy  
Inner  
Region

neutral pions:  
2 electron-like  
tracks

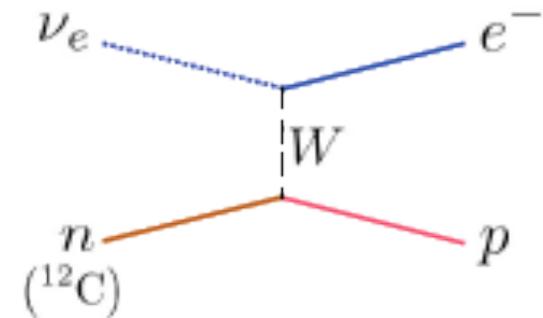


Two  
Fuzzy  
Rings



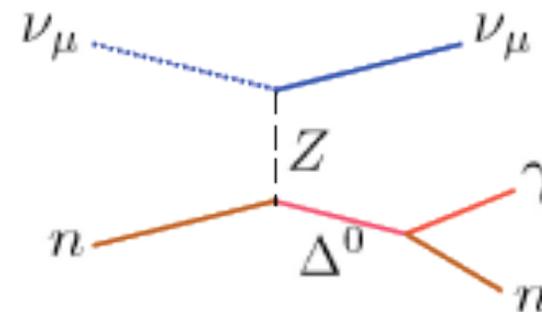
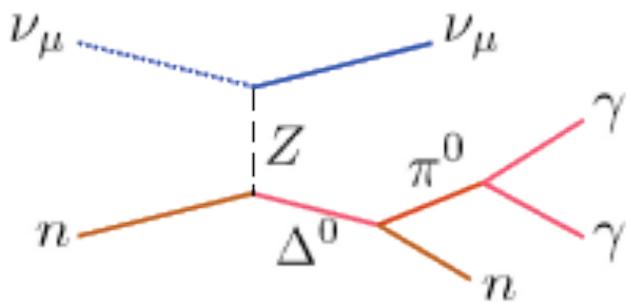
# $\nu_e$ Event Selection

- Looking for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations
- Use charged current interaction to identify  $\nu_e$  events



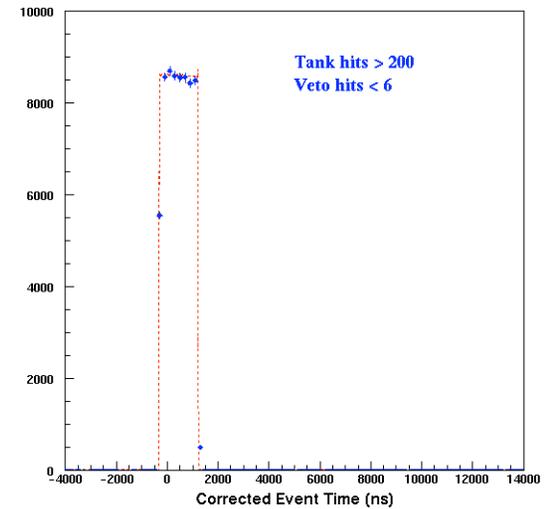
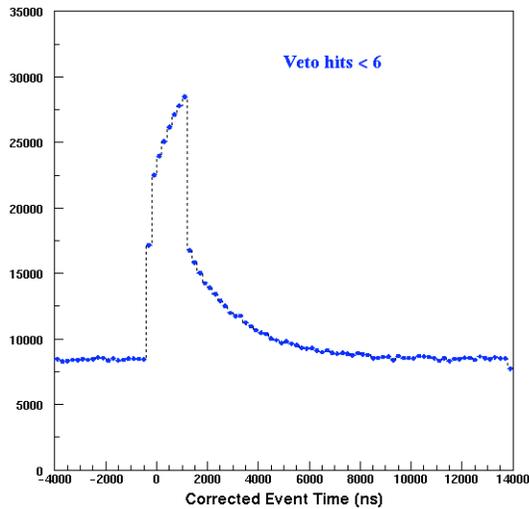
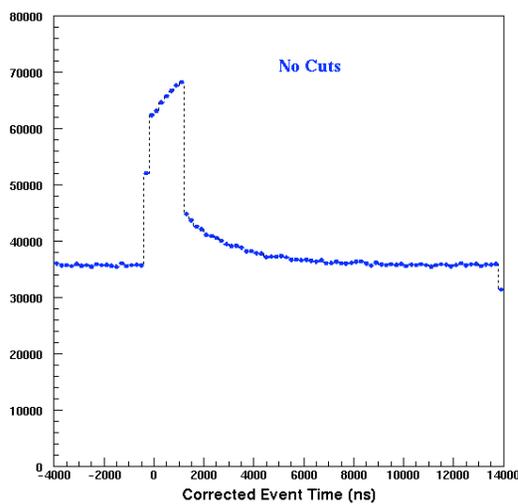
## Two backgrounds to the Oscillation search

- Real  $\nu_e$  inherent in beam
- Mis-identified “electron-like” events
  - NC  $\pi^0$ , Radiative Delta decays, etc.



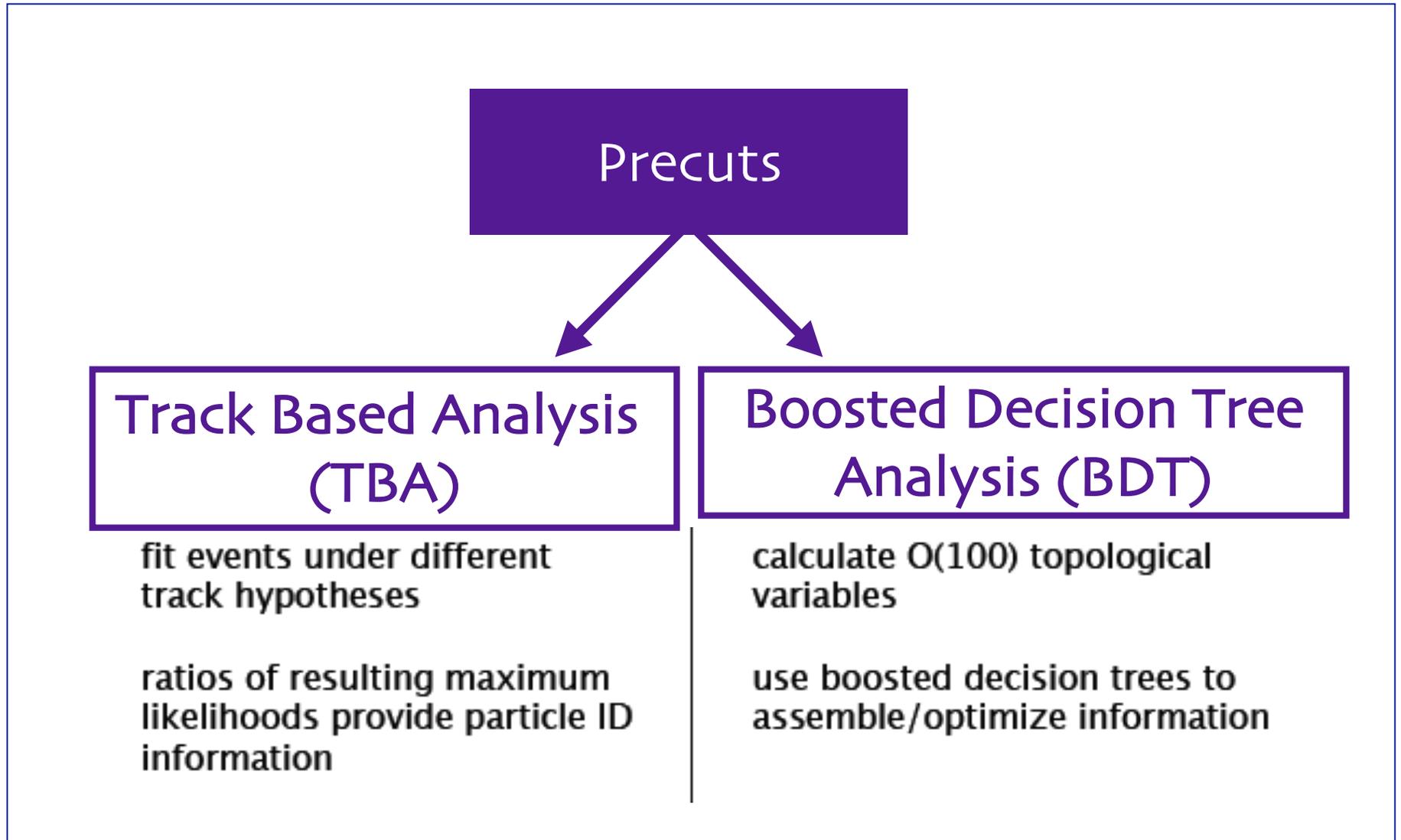
# $\nu_e$ Event Selection

## Precuts

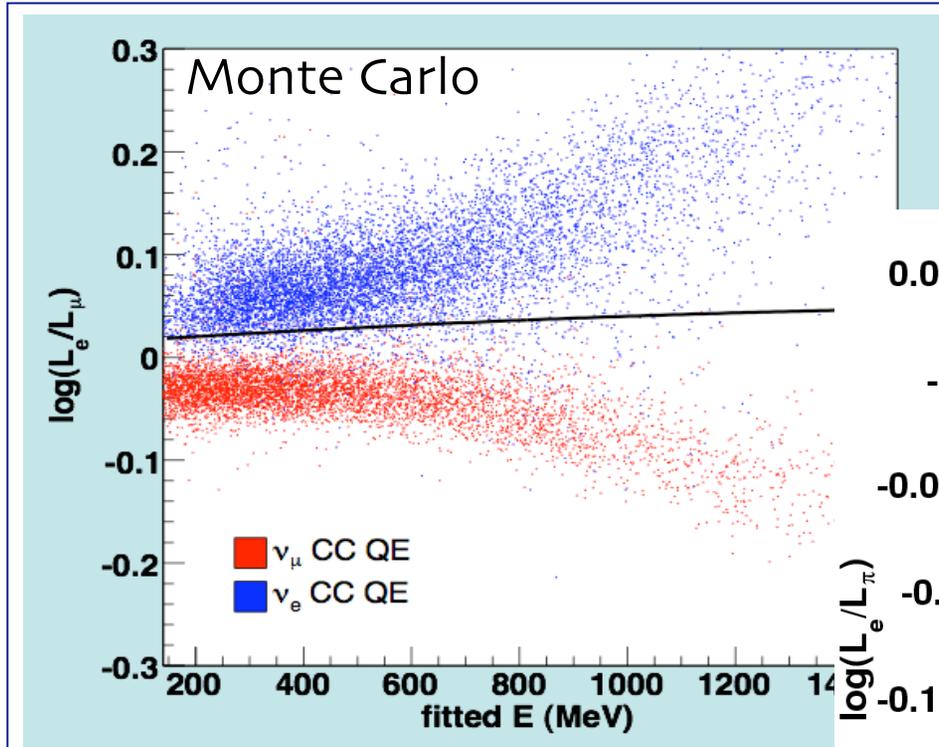


- 1 contained cluster of tank hits in beam time window
  - Reconstructed interaction vertex within fiducial volume of detector
- # Veto Hits < 6, # Tank Hits > 200
  - Removes cosmic rays, removes low E electrons from muon decays

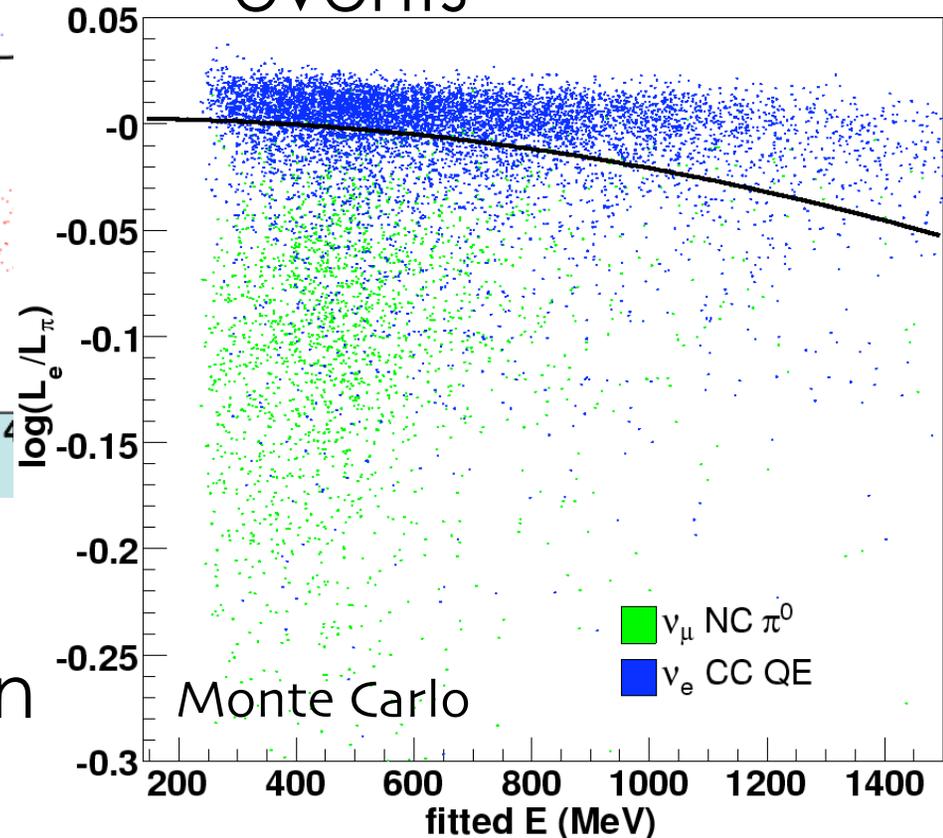
# $\nu_e$ Event Selection



# Track Based Analysis



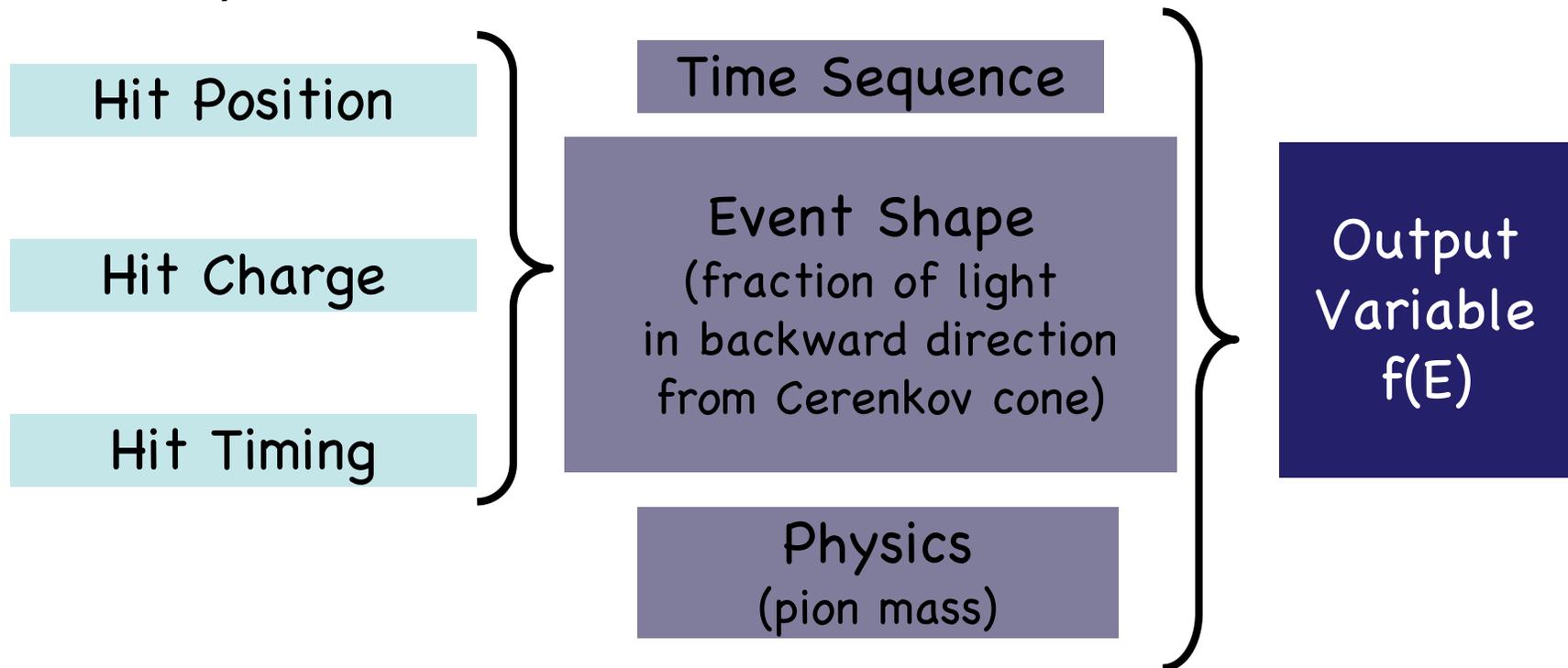
- Separate pion events from electron events



- Separate muon events from electron events

# Boosted Decision Trees

- Use bin-level analysis basis (hit timing, charge, position, etc.) in information, is used in a cascade) to create analysis variables

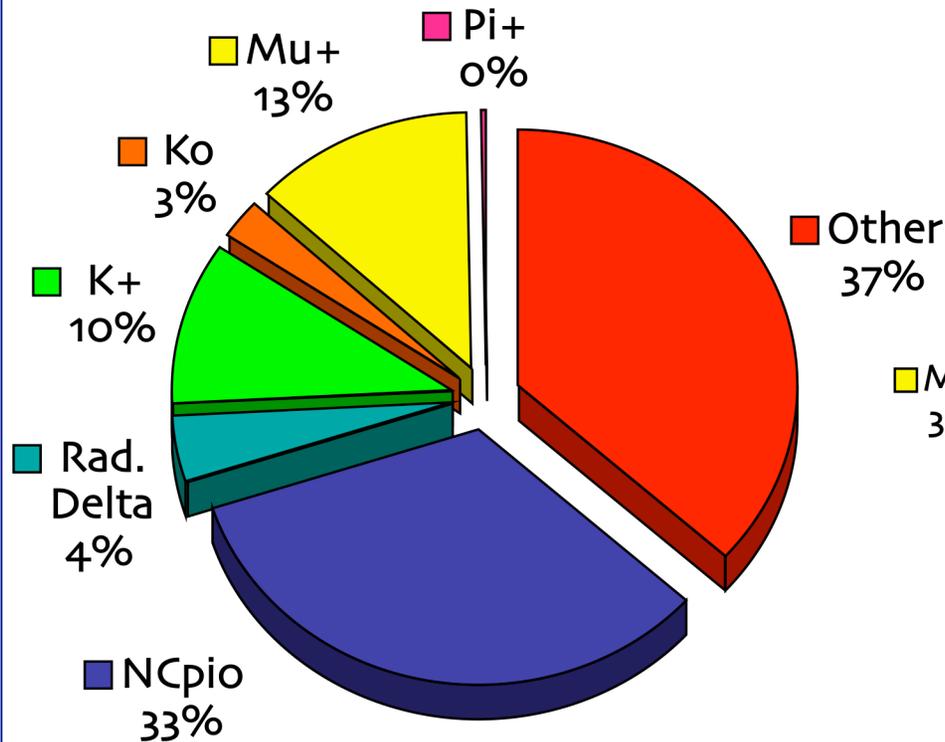


*B.P. Roe, et. al : physics/0408124, NIM A543 (2005) 577-584*

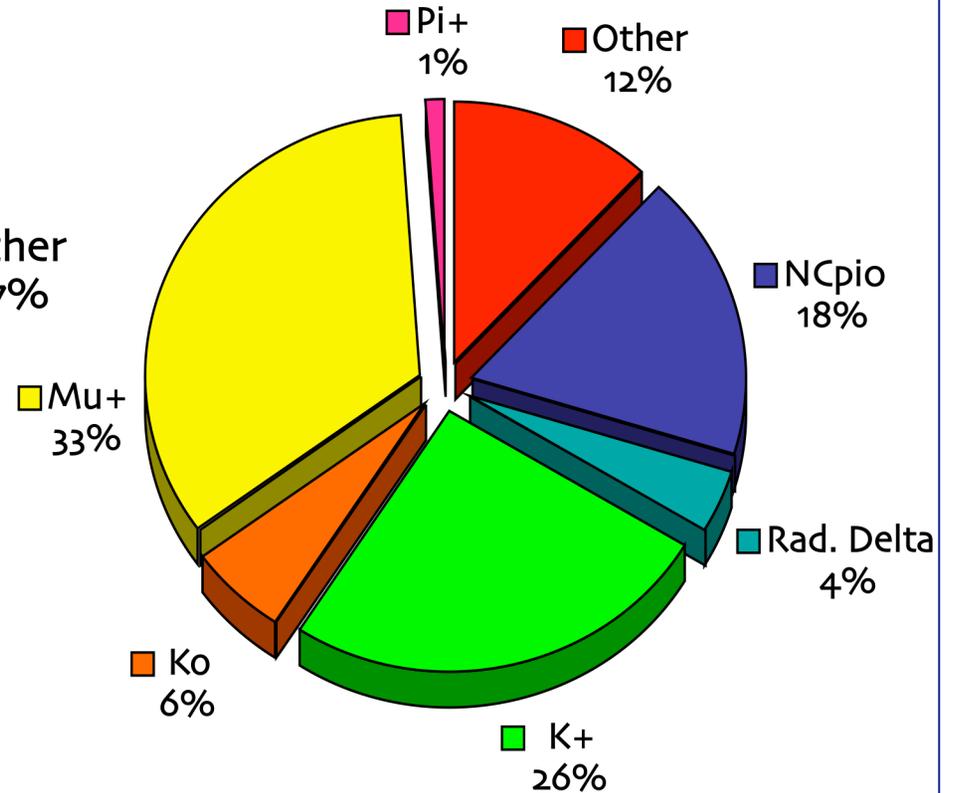
# Final Event Composition

intrinsic  $\nu_e$       
 $\nu_\mu$  mis-id

## Boosting Analysis



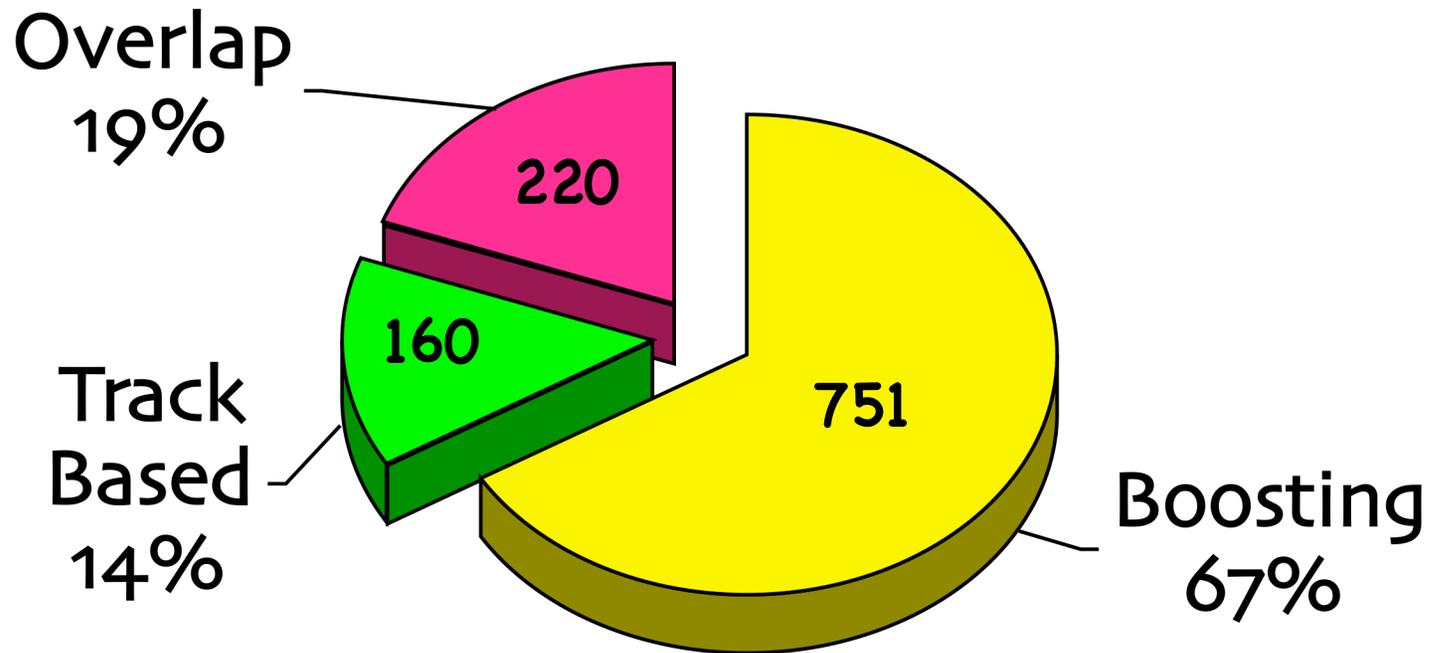
## Track Based Analysis



# Overlap of Events

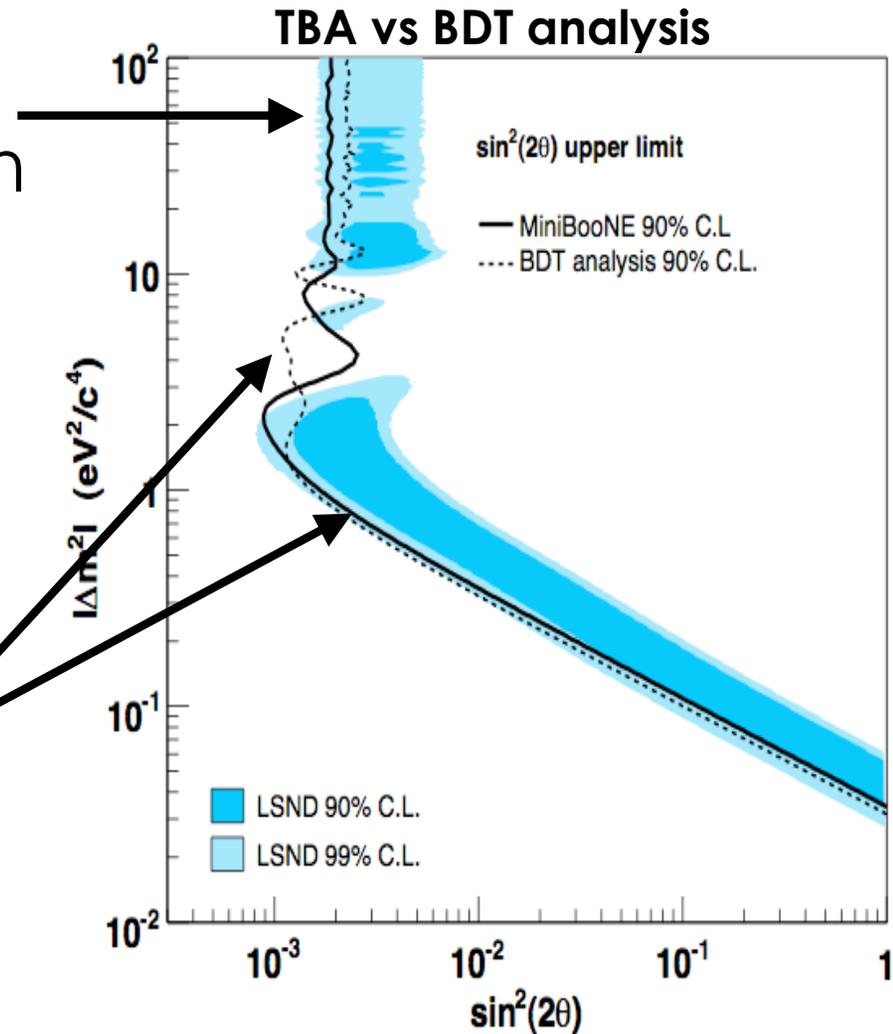
Track Based :  $475 \text{ MeV} < E_{\nu}^{\text{QE}} < 1.250 \text{ GeV}$

Boosting :  $300 \text{ MeV} < E_{\nu}^{\text{QE}} < 1.60 \text{ GeV}$



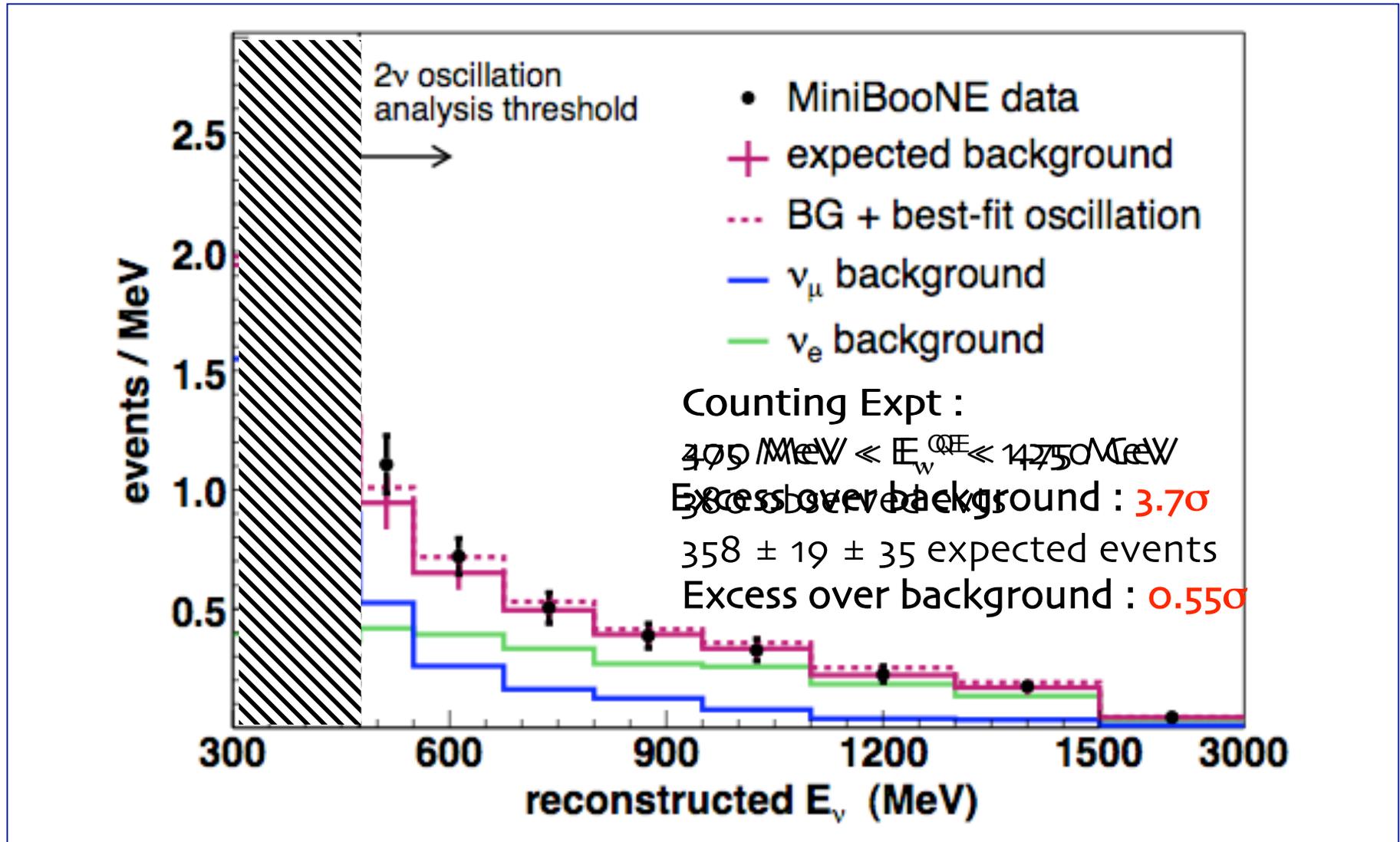
# Final Exclusion Curves

- Track Based Analysis more sensitive at high  $\Delta m^2$
- Boosted Decision Tree slightly more sensitive at low  $\Delta m^2$



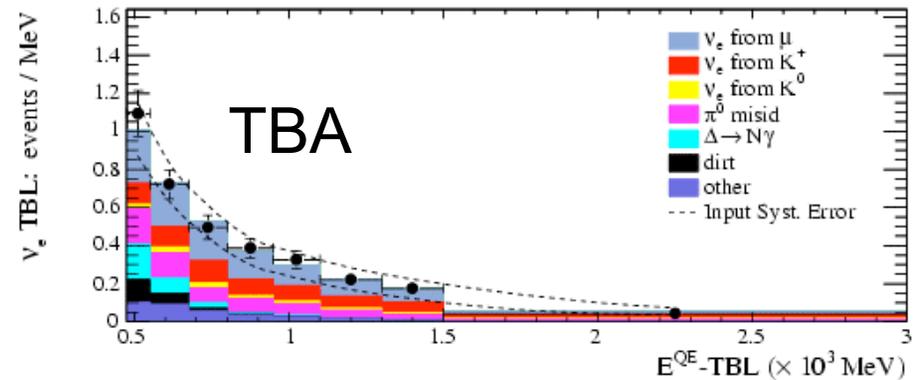
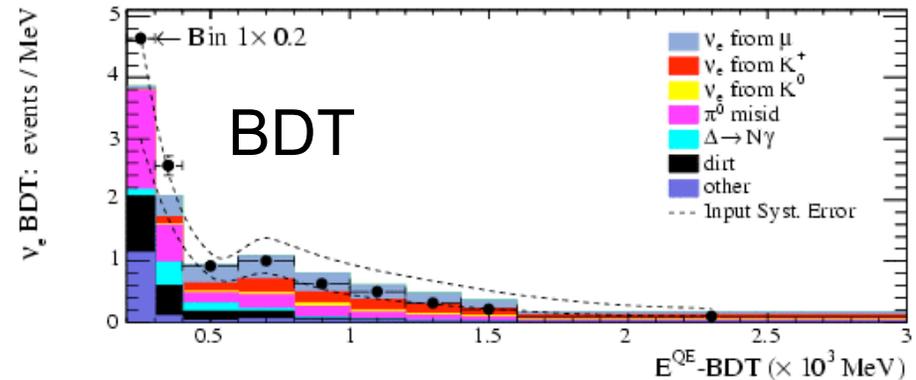
Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 231801 (2007)

# Observed Event Distribution



# Joint Analysis

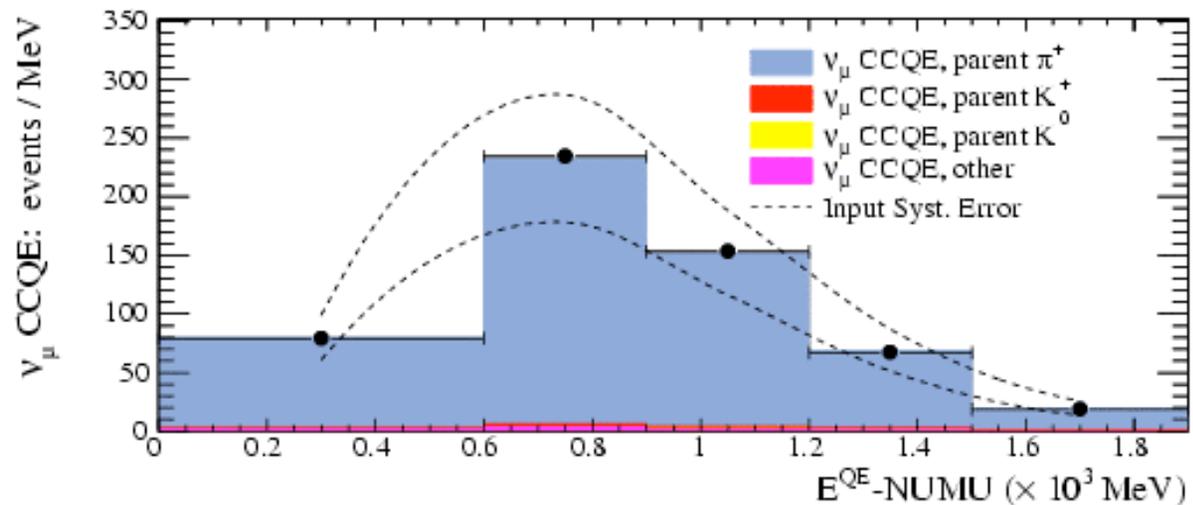
- Combine data from 2 oscillation analyses to produce a more sensitive result in the region below  $\sim 2 \text{ eV}^2$  in  $\Delta m^2$ 
  - Does not include low E excess
- Two different event reconstruction algorithms
  - Different reconstructed neutrino energy, even for events common to both samples



# Joint Analysis

- Each analysis used  $\nu_\mu$  CCQE to constraint intrinsic  $\nu_e$  backgrounds
  - Different reconstruction = different samples!
- Use same  $\nu_\mu$  CCQE sample for both analyses

Use CCQE sample  
from xsec pub.  
PRL 100, 032301  
(2008)



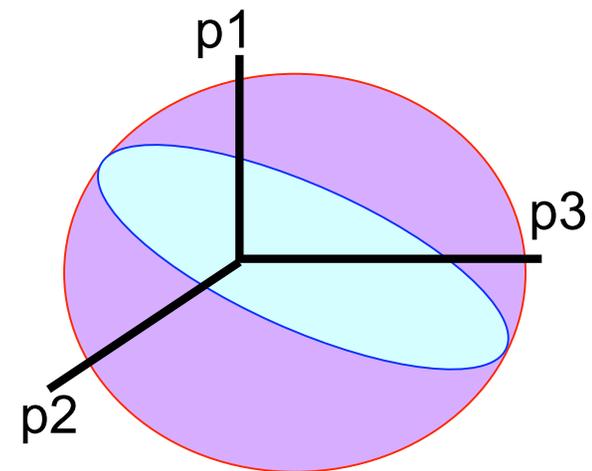
# Joint Analysis

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- In general, can reweight central MC to calculate systematic errors
  - Don't need to generate multiple million evt samples!
- Can't do that for the optical response of detector!

# Joint Analysis

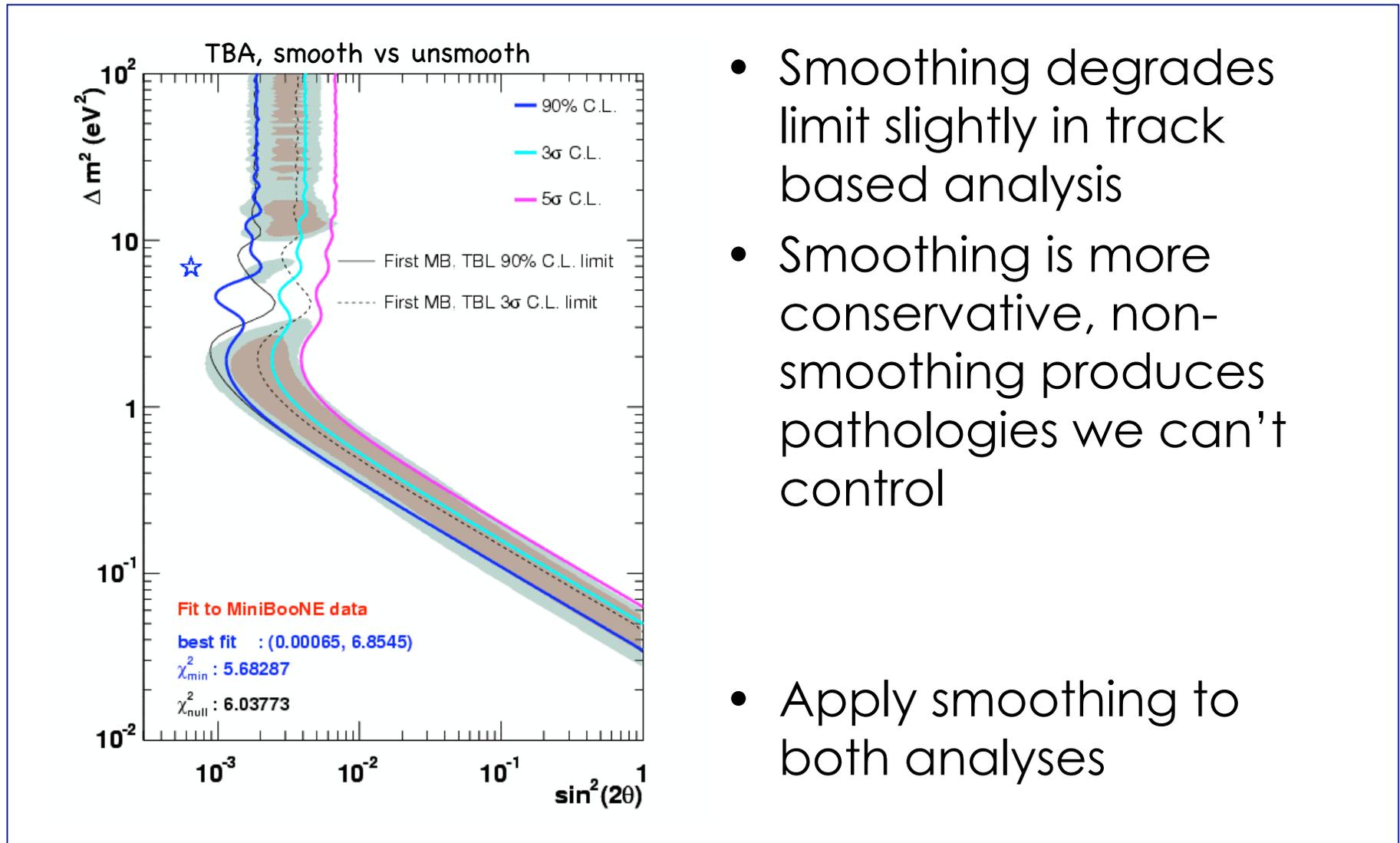
- Simultaneously vary all parameters within errors = 1 multisim
- Create 66 multisims
- Computing power = only produce data sized samples (vs central MC/other syst)



# Joint Analysis

- Data sized stat error built in to OM systematic
- Can use that as the stat error, or remove & explicitly add in data stat error
- TBA does the former
- BDT : former causes pathologies in output variable
  - Fit 5<sup>th</sup> order poly to (multi/mc) before calculating error matrix
  - *Smoothing*, removes jitter associated with statistical fluctuations
  - Causes *slight* overestimate of systematic

# Joint Analysis



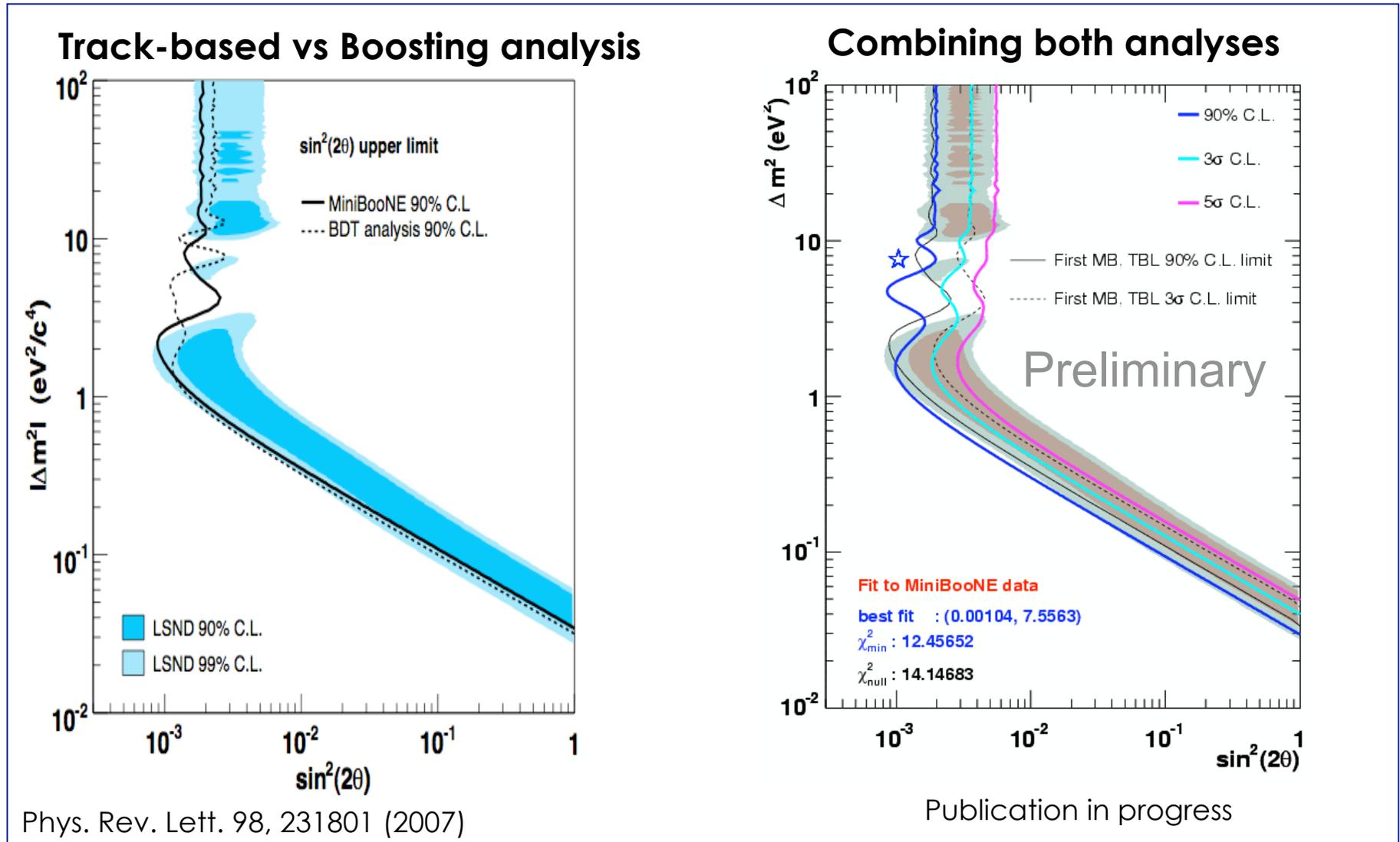
- Smoothing degrades limit slightly in track based analysis
- Smoothing is more conservative, non-smoothing produces pathologies we can't control
- Apply smoothing to both analyses

# Joint Analysis

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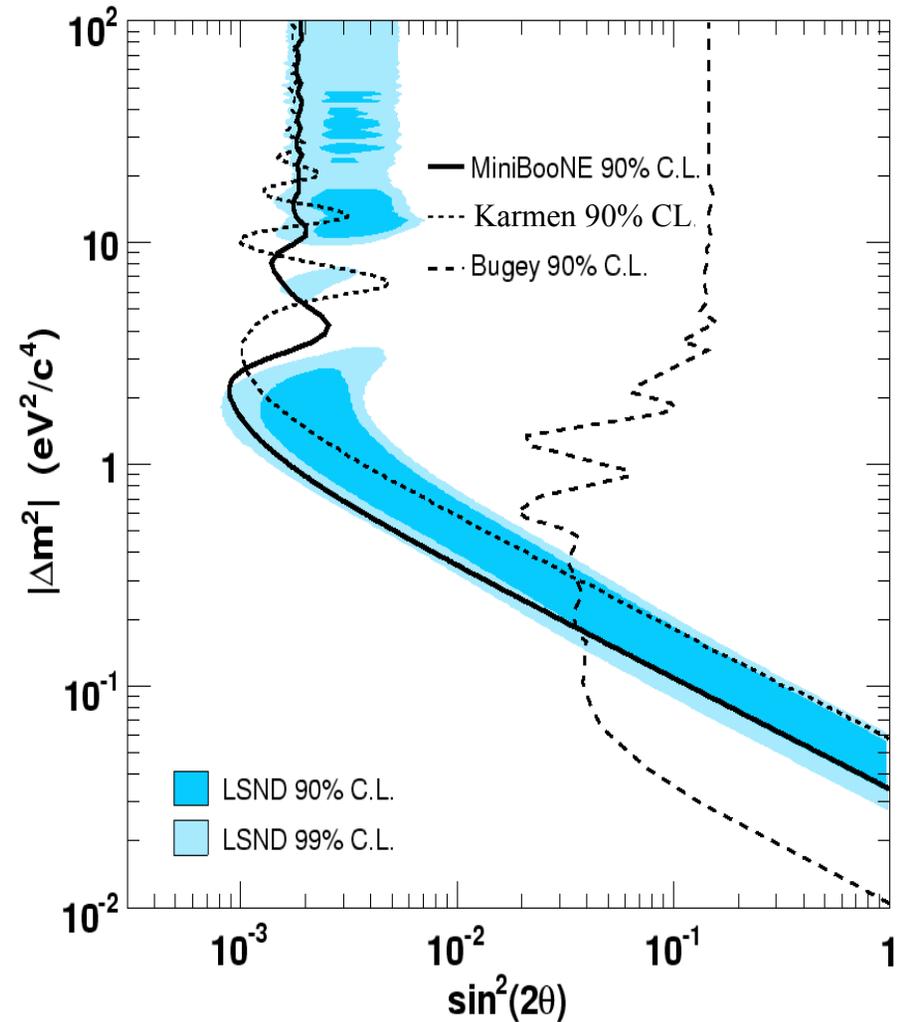
- Some events common to both analyses
- Need to consider correlations in statistical error matrix!

# Joint Analysis



# Global Data Analysis

- Determine if LSND excess is result of 2- $\nu$  osc, considering 3 null expts
- Combine data from Bugey, KARMEN2, LSND, MiniBooNE
  - *MB track-based analysis > 475 MeV only!*

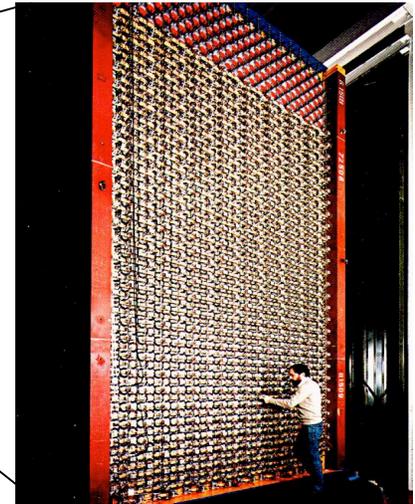
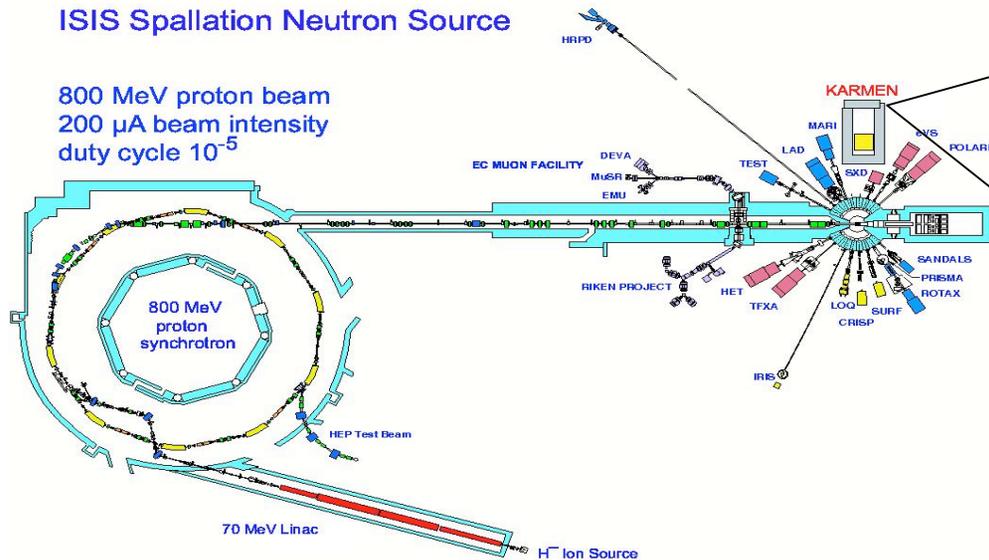


arXiv:0805.1764, accepted by PRD

# KARMEN(2)

## ISIS Spallation Neutron Source

800 MeV proton beam  
200  $\mu$ A beam intensity  
duty cycle  $10^{-5}$

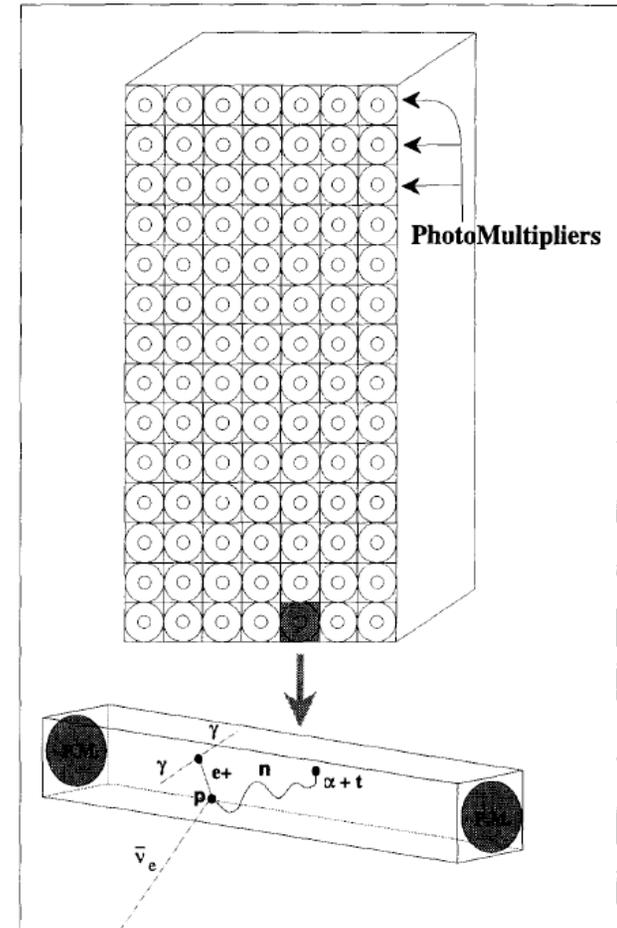


- Located at ISIS neutron spallation source, Oxford
  - 800 MeV p + tantalum/heavy H<sub>2</sub>O
- July, 1990 to March, 2001
- Large volume segmented liquid scintillator detector, lined with PMTs
- Surrounded by shielding interspersed with scintillating veto counters

# Bugey



- Located at Bugey nuclear power plant
- Ran through mid 1990's
- Modules of scintillating liquid, read out by PMTs
- Performed oscillation searches at 15m, 40m, 95m from reactor



# Global Data Analysis

- **Compatibility**
  - How probable is it that all experimental results come from the same underlying 2- $\nu$  oscillation hypothesis?
- **Allowed regions**
  - Indicate where oscillation parameters would lie, at a given CL, assuming all expt. results can arise in a framework of 2- $\nu$  osc.
  - The compatibility is the metric for the validity of this assumption.

# Global Data Analysis

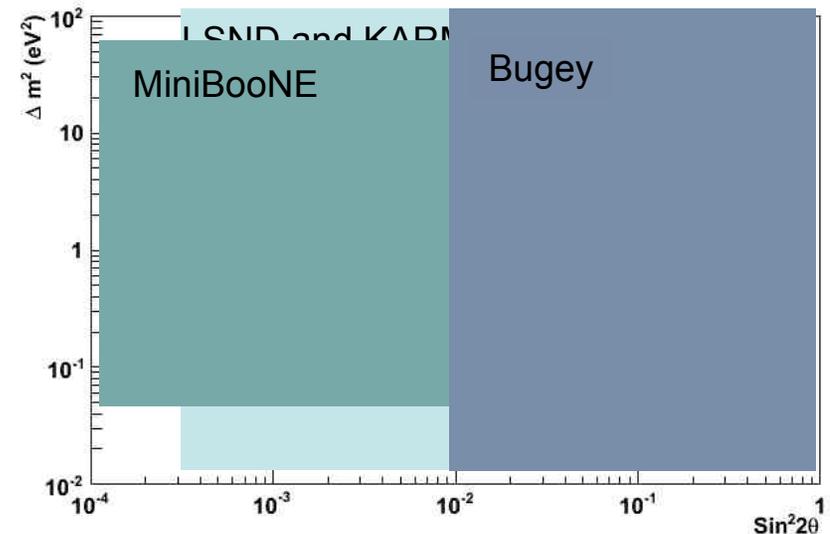
- Data provided as points on  $\Delta m^2 - \sin^2 2\theta$  grid
- Each pt = agreement between data & 2- $\nu$  hypothesis at that point
- Data in  $\ln(L)$ ,  $\Delta \ln(L)$ ,  $\chi^2$  grids
- *Not able to obtain absolute  $\chi^2$  (goodness of fit) from all experiments!*
- Must use  $\Delta \chi^2$  grids in this analysis

# Two $\Delta\chi^2$ Analyses

- 2-D grid uses global best fit point to calculate the  $\Delta\chi^2$  at each point
  - Prob to observe all expt results if nature has 2- $\nu$  osc in this entire  $\Delta m^2$  region
- 1-D (Raster Scan) uses local best fit point at each  $\Delta m^2$  to produce  $\Delta\chi^2$ 
  - Compatibility at each  $\Delta m^2$ , if nature truly had 2- $\nu$  osc at that specific  $\Delta m^2$

# Input Data

- LSND
  - DIF and DAR data
- MiniBooNE
  - Most restrictive  $\Delta m^2$  range
  - upper  $\sin^2 2\theta$  limit
  - most coarse binning
    - Used to set default grid
- KARMEN2
- Bugey
  - Acero, Giunti, Laveder, hep-ph/0711.4222
  - Data spans large region not covered by MB
    - Convert into delta grid before put into MiniBooNE grid format to avoid bias



Same binning, range of  $\Delta m^2 - \sin^2 2\theta$  common to all expts used

# Compatibility Calculation

- Construct a  $\Delta\chi^2$  grid for each expt.
  - each pt = local value - best fit value
- Sum individual  $\Delta\chi^2$  grids
- Compatibility =  $\chi^2$  prob. of minimum of summed grid, using a reduced NDF
  - $\Sigma(\text{indep. } \alpha) - (\# \text{ indep } \alpha \text{ estimated from data})$
  - ex : 2-D MB + LSND = 4 - 2 = 2 NDF

Maltoni and Schwetz, Phys. Rev. D. 68, 033020 (2003)

# Allowed Region

- Each expt's  $\Delta x^2$  grid converted into  $\Delta x^2$  prob grid using standard NDF (2, 1)
- Multiply prob grids together, produce pdf x

$$P(x) = x \sum_{J=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{J!} |\ln^J(x)|$$

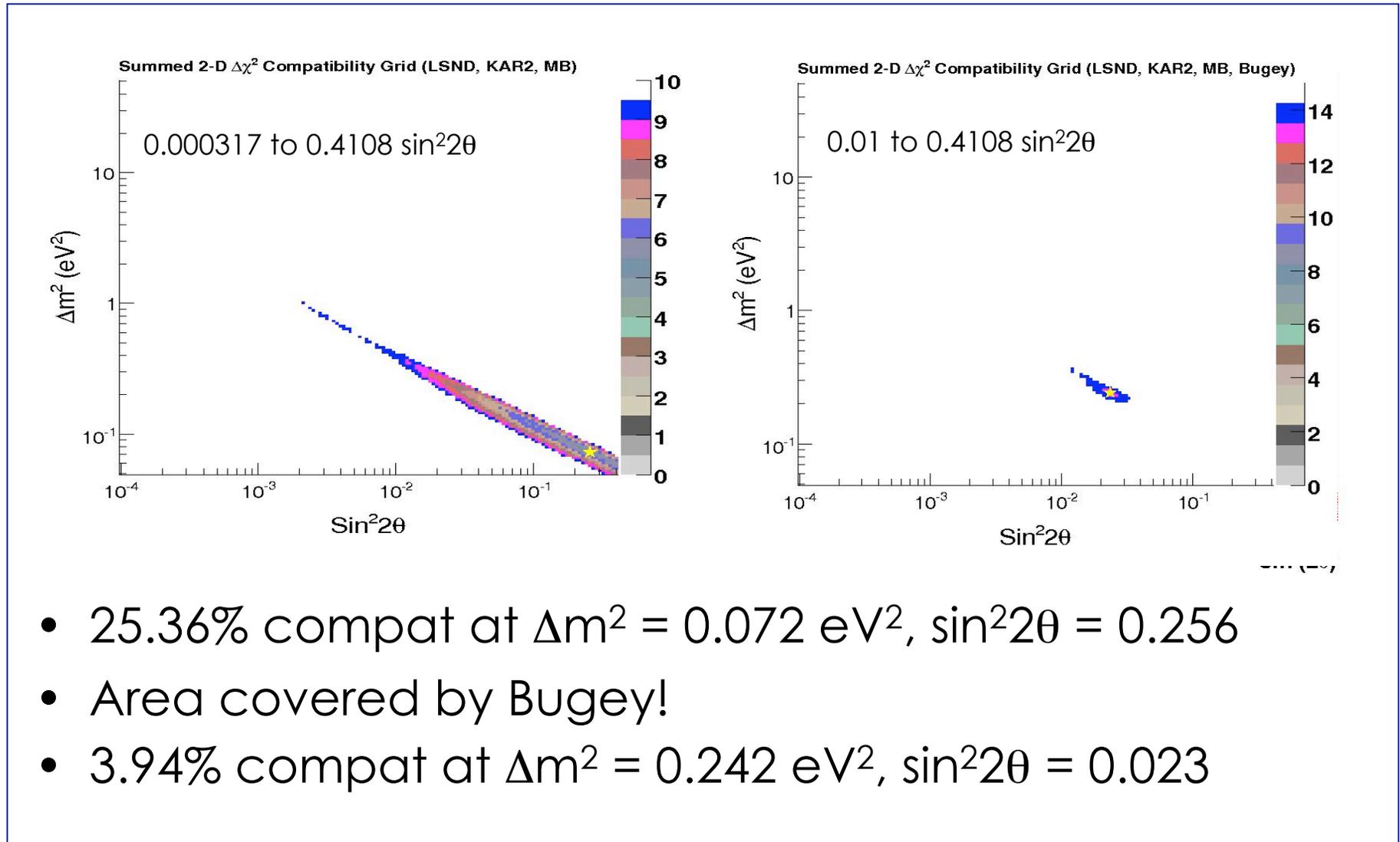
- Allowed regions = closed contours in space
- Exclusion bands = non-closed contours
  - Values to R are excluded at a given CL

Roe, Probability and Statistics in Experimental Physics, (2001)

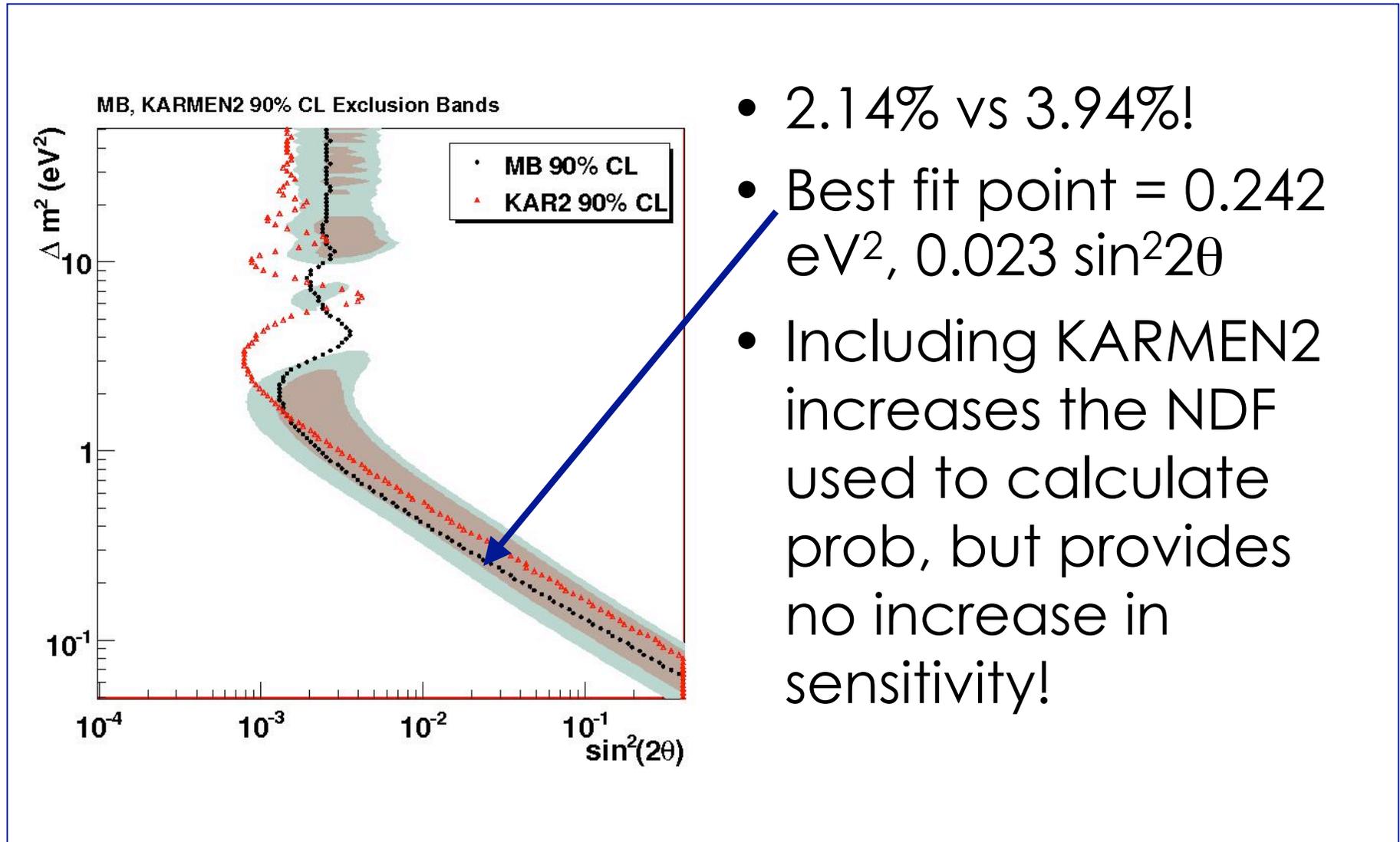
# 2-D Results

LSND	KARMEN2	MB	Bugey	Max Compat (%)	$\Delta m^2$	$\sin^2 2\theta$
X	X	X		25.36	0.072	0.256
X	X	X	X	3.94	0.242	0.023
	X	X		73.44	0.052	0.147
	X	X	X	27.37	0.221	0.012
X		X		16.00	0.072	0.256
X		X	X	2.14	0.253	0.023
X	X			32.21	0.066	0.4

# LSND, MB, KAR2, $\pm$ Bugey



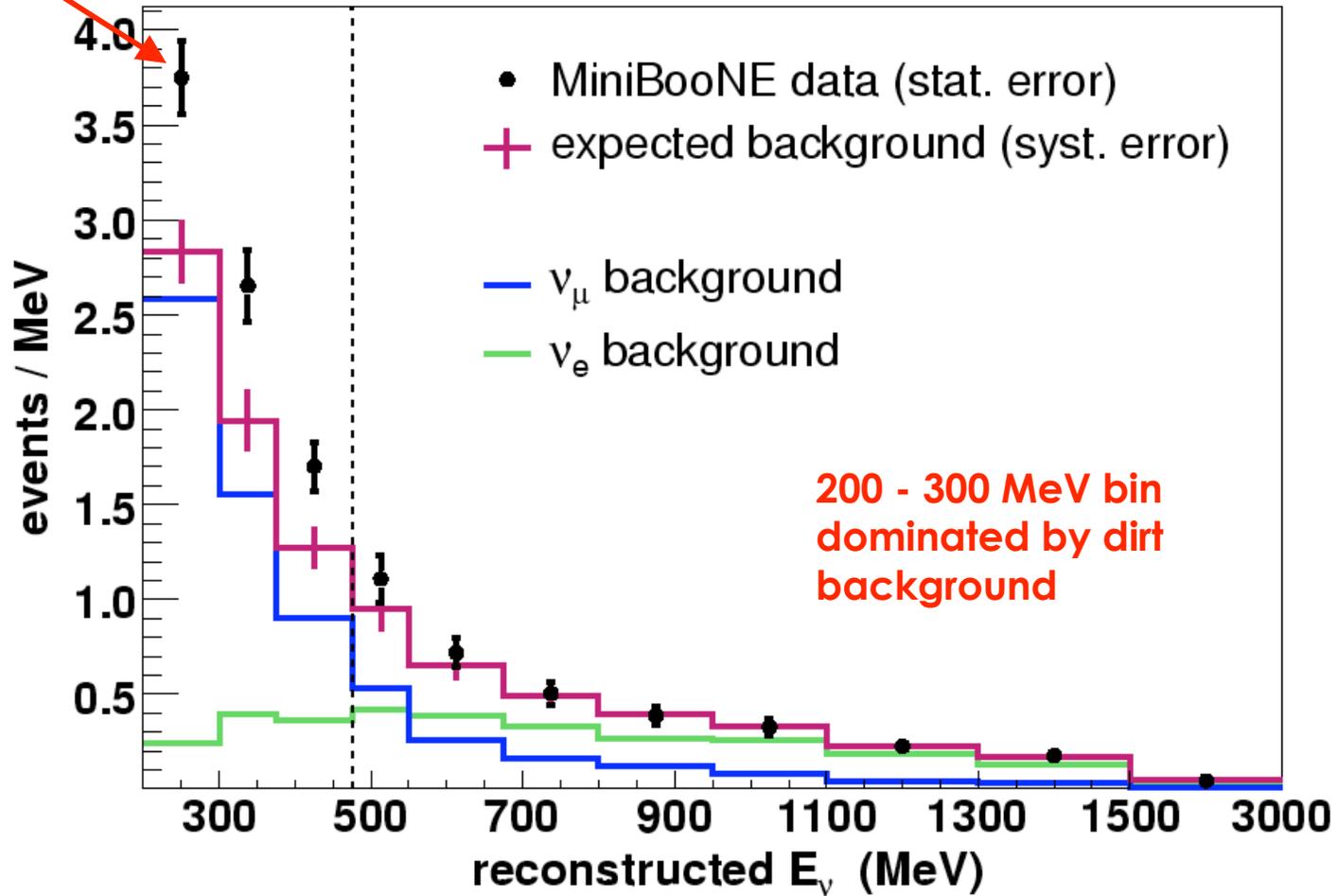
# LSND, MB, Bugey, $\pm$ KAR2



THE FOLLOWING **PREVIEW** HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR  
**ALL AUDIENCES**  
BY THE **MINIBOONE COLLABORATION**

# Low-Energy Excess

Included 200 - 300 MeV bin



# Understanding the Excess

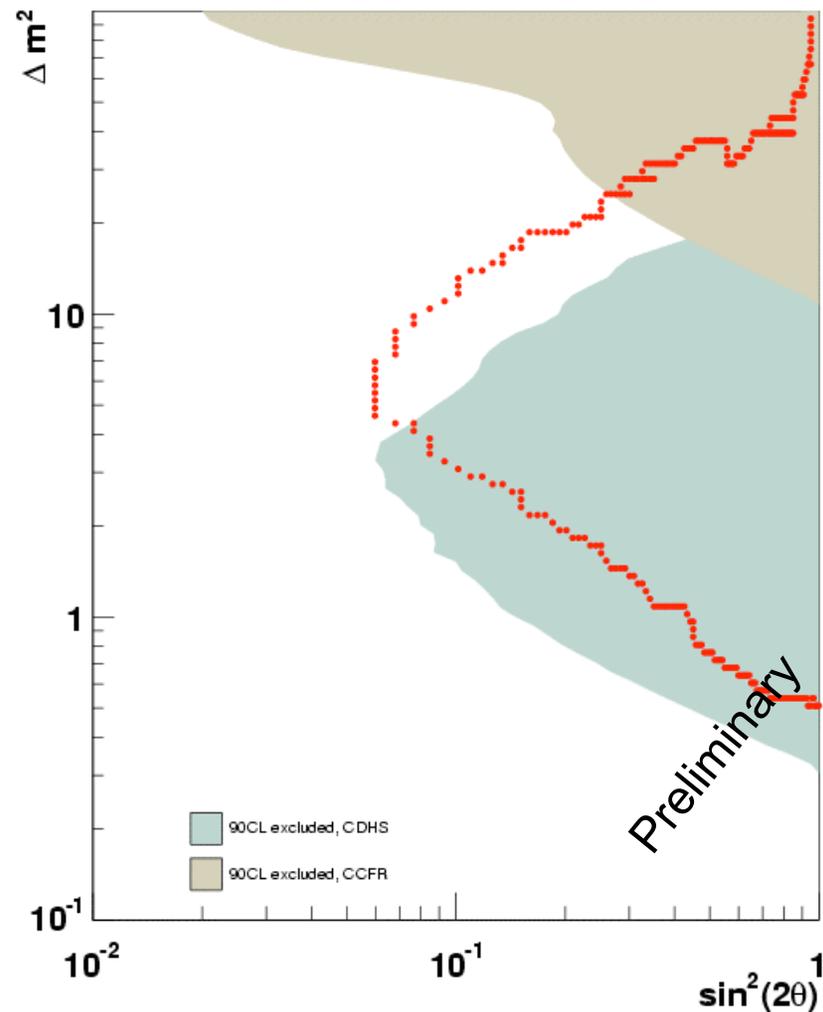
- Excess is electron-like, seen by both analyses
- Backgrounds to the osc. analysis are mainly  $\nu_\mu$  induced at low E : NC $\pi^0$ , radiative  $\Delta$ , dirt
- Double/triple checked various backgrounds
  - Dirt or radiative  $\Delta$  decays NO
  - Pion or muon mis-id (including muon bremsstrahlung) NO
    - arXiv:0710.3897
- Refine hadronic model
  - Added  $\pi^-$  radiative capture, photonuclear absorption

# The Low-E Excess

- Work in progress, expect W&C this summer
- Great interest in the community!
  - Lorentz Violation
    - Katori, Kostelecky, Tayloe, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 105009
  - Anomaly-mediated photon production
    - Harvey, Hill, and Hill, hep-ph0708.1281
  - 3+2 + CP violation : MB excess + LSND, Karmen2, Nomad, appearance only data
    - Maltoni and Schwetz, Phys. Rev. D76 (2007) 093005
  - Sterile neutrino short-cuts in extra dimensions
    - Päs, Pakvasa, Weiler, Phys.Rev. D72 095017, 2005
  - $\nu_e$  disappearance, deficit in Ga expts
    - Giunti and Laveder, hep-ph 0707.4593
  - New light gauge boson
    - A. Nelson and J. Walsh, hep-ph/0711.1363

# $\nu_\mu$ Disappearance Sensitivity

- Work in progress, expect W&C this summer
- MiniBooNE data 90% CL sensitivity (NOT limit from data)
- CDHS CCFR 90% CL
- Combined analysis with SciBooNE data will significantly improve this sensitivity



# Summary

- Combination of TBA, BDT results in a more restrictive exclusion band at low  $\Delta m^2$ 
  - TBA 475 MeV and up data set
- Joint analysis finds 3 null result experiments (KARMEN2, Bugey, MB) and LSND only 4% compatible with having come from 2 neutrino oscillations
  - TBA 475 MeV and up data set only

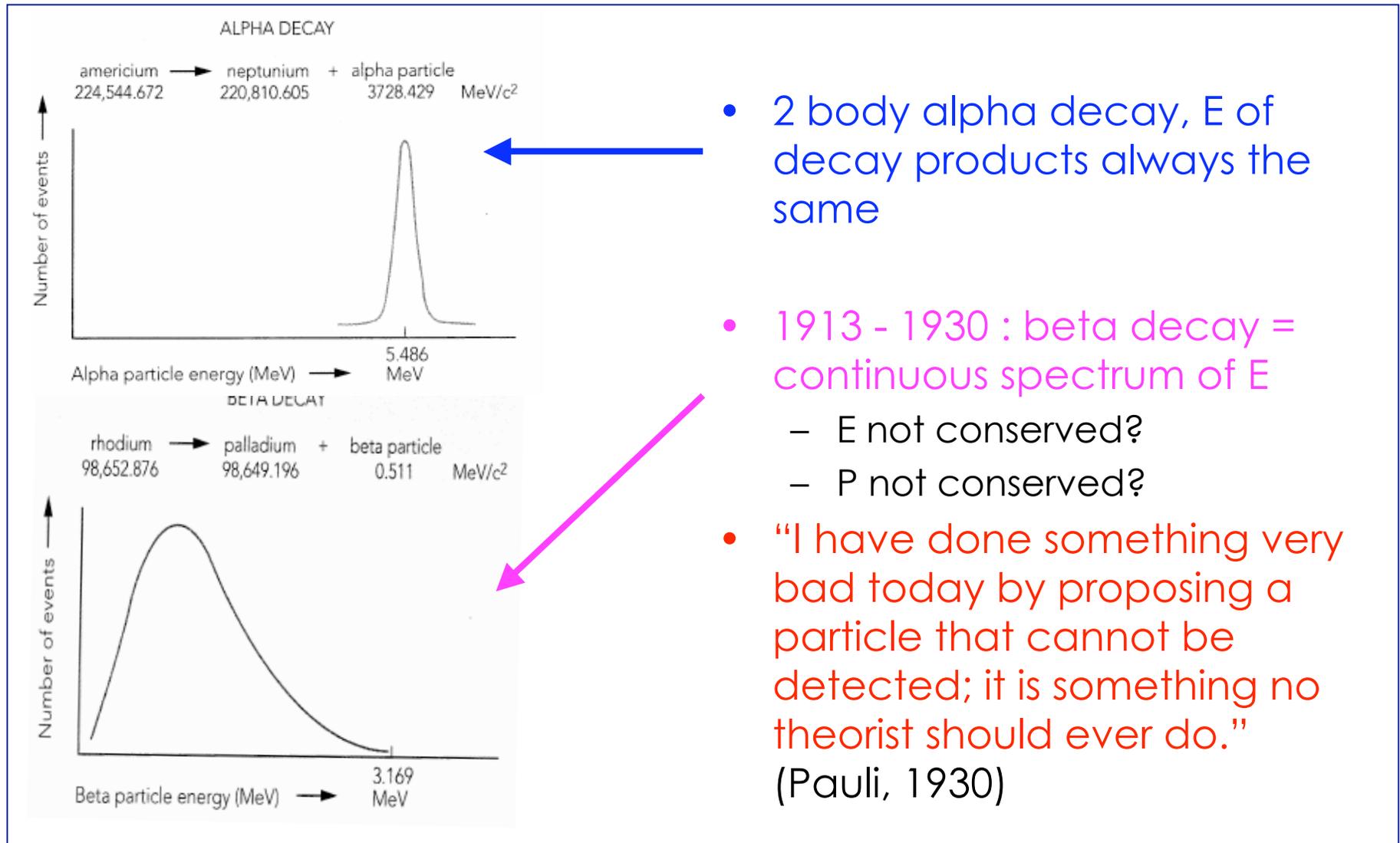
# MiniBooNE Future

- Focus today on  $\nu$  mode oscillation analyses
- Many more papers/analyses just released & in the pipeline!
  - $\nu_\mu$  disappearance in  $\nu$  mode
  - $\nu$  mode xsec measurements : NCE, CC $\pi^+$ , CCQE (PRL 100, 032301 (2008)), NC $\pi^0$  (arXiv:0803.3423, Phys. Lett. B. 664, 41 (2008))
  - Anti- $\nu$  mode xsec measurements : CC $\pi^+$ , CCQE, NC $\pi^0$
- Complete low-energy check in next few months
- Anti- $\nu$  oscillation analysis coming soon!

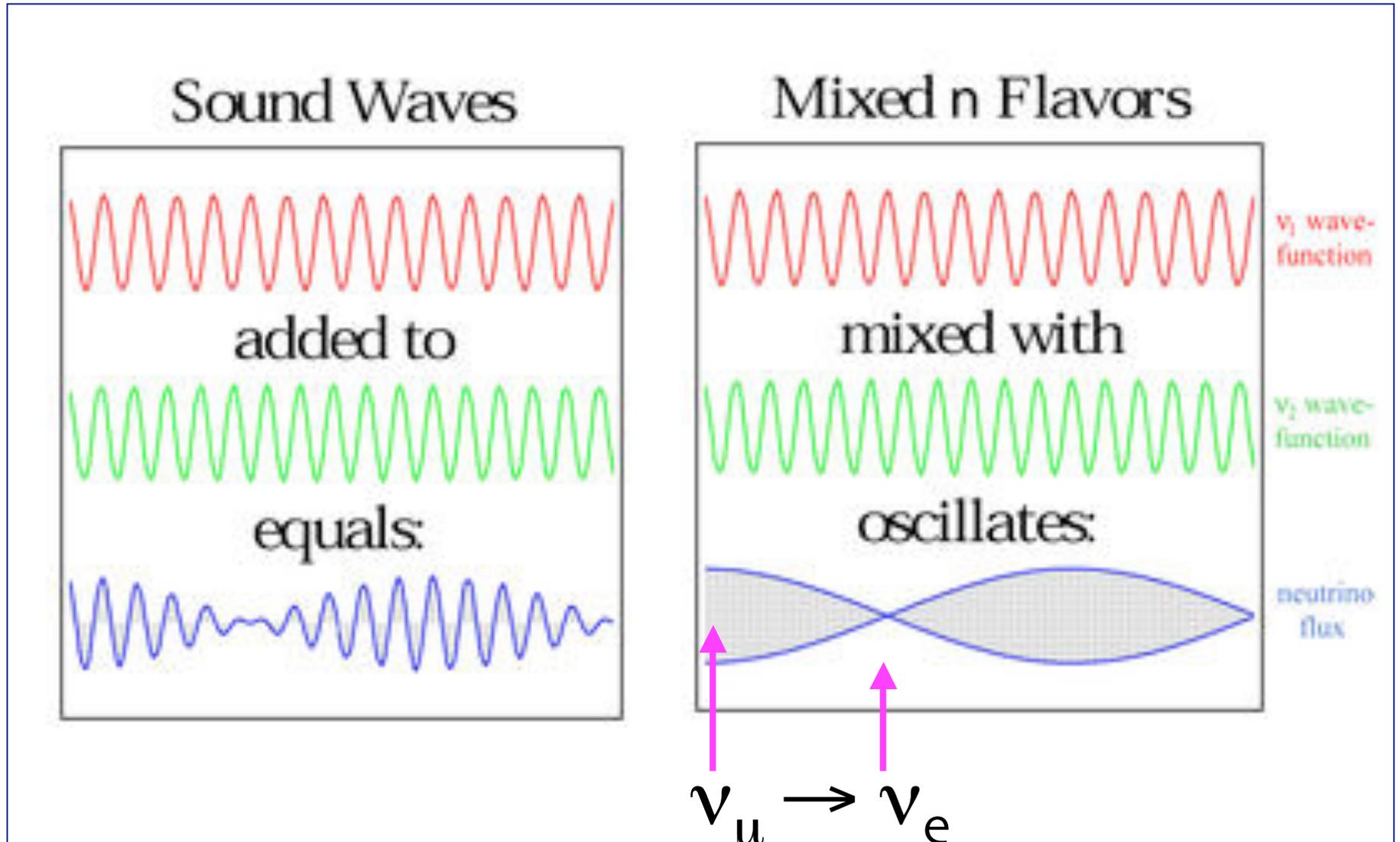
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# Backup Slides

# Proposing the Neutrino



# Superposition of Masses



# Neutrino Oscillations

Weak state

Mass state

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\nu_\mu(0)\rangle = -\sin \theta |\nu_1\rangle + \cos \theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

# Neutrino Oscillations

Weak state

Mass state

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\nu_\mu(t)\rangle = -\sin \theta |\nu_1\rangle + \cos \theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

$\uparrow$   $e^{-iE_1t}$                        $\uparrow$   $e^{-iE_2t}$

# Neutrino Oscillations

$$P_{\text{osc}} = |\langle \nu_e | \nu_\mu(t) \rangle|^2$$

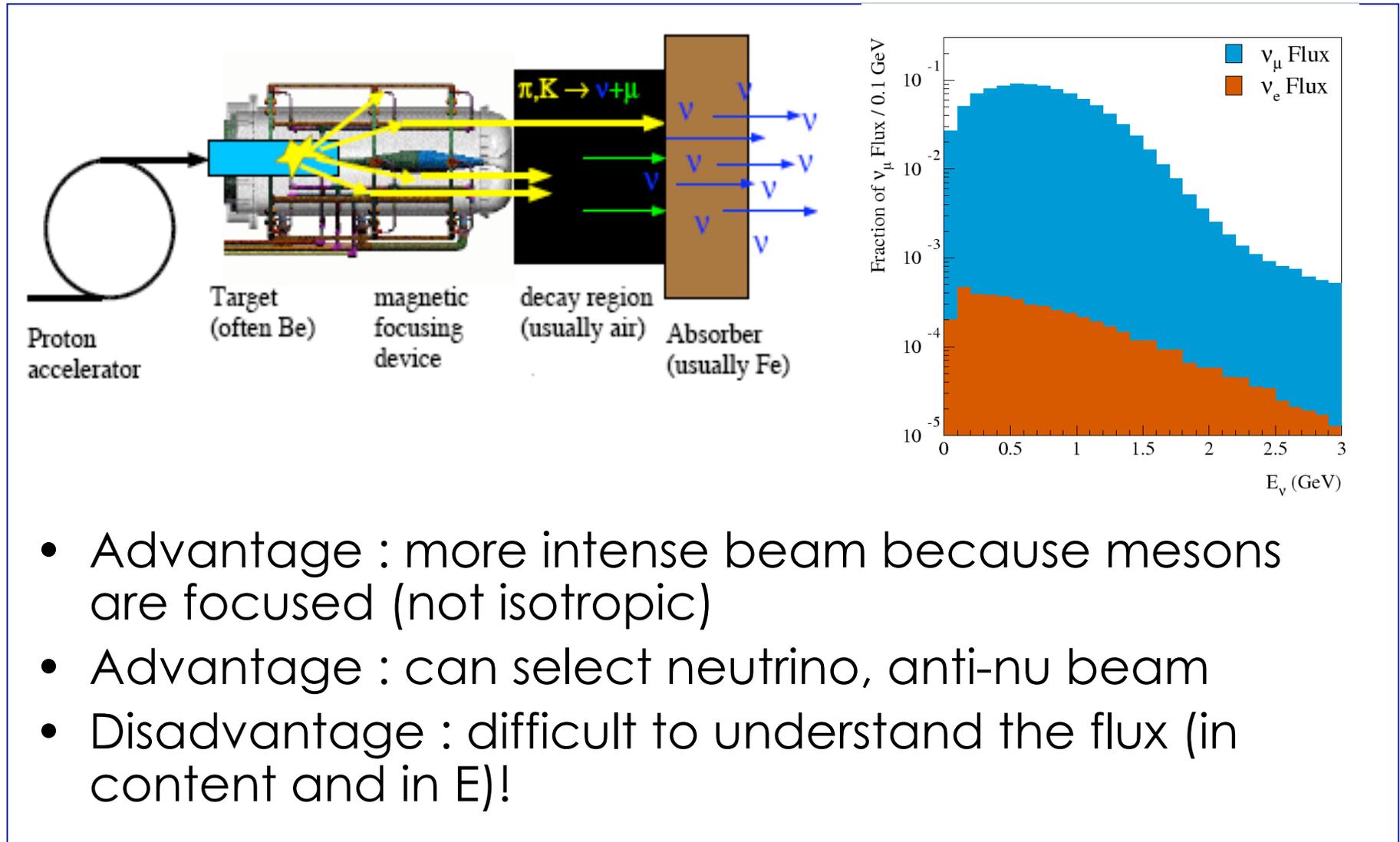
$$P_{\text{osc}} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[ \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E} \right]$$

# Neutrino Masses

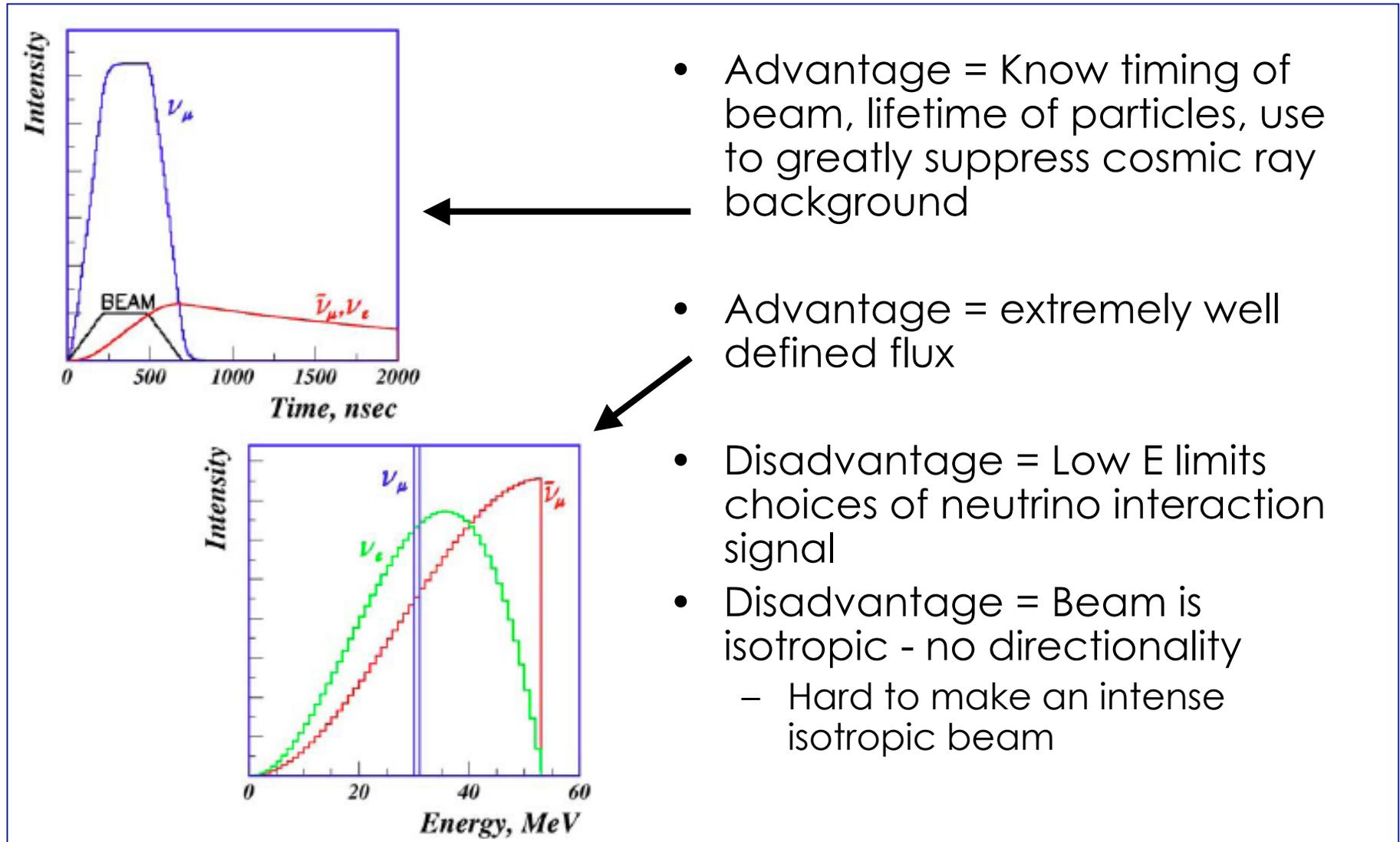
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- Electron neutrino  $< \sim 2 \text{ eV}$ 
  - Tritium beta decay experiments
- Muon neutrino  $< \text{few MeV}$
- Tau neutrino  $< \text{few MeV}$

# Decay In Flight

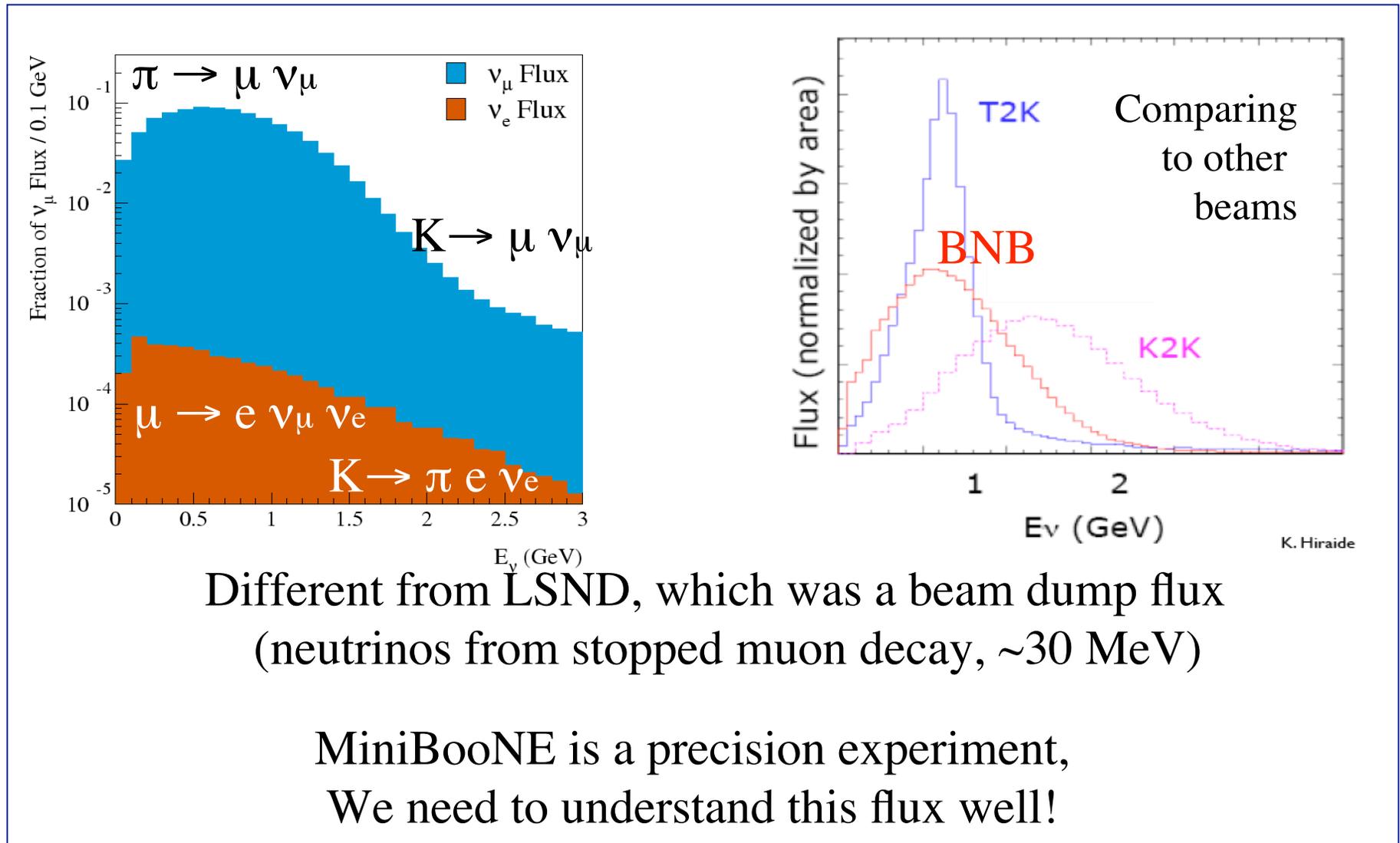


# Decay At Rest

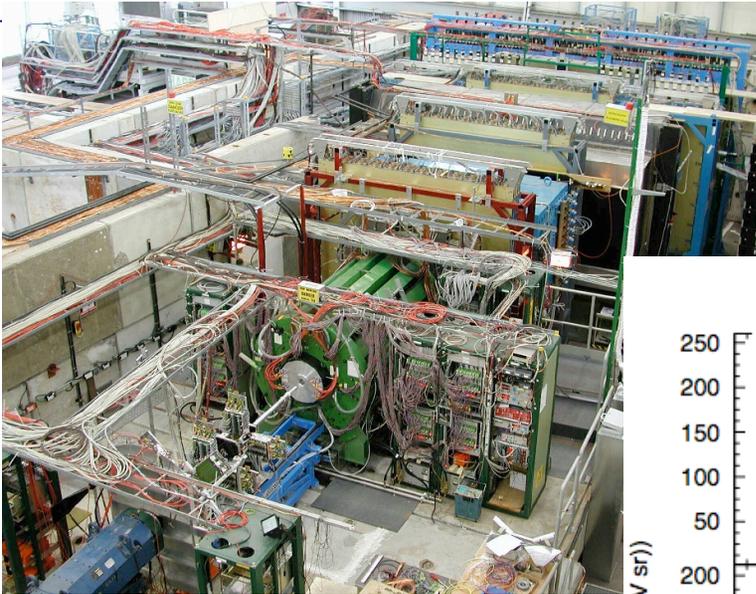


- Advantage = Know timing of beam, lifetime of particles, use to greatly suppress cosmic ray background
- Advantage = extremely well defined flux
- Disadvantage = Low E limits choices of neutrino interaction signal
- Disadvantage = Beam is isotropic - no directionality
  - Hard to make an intense isotropic beam

## The resulting $\nu$ flux



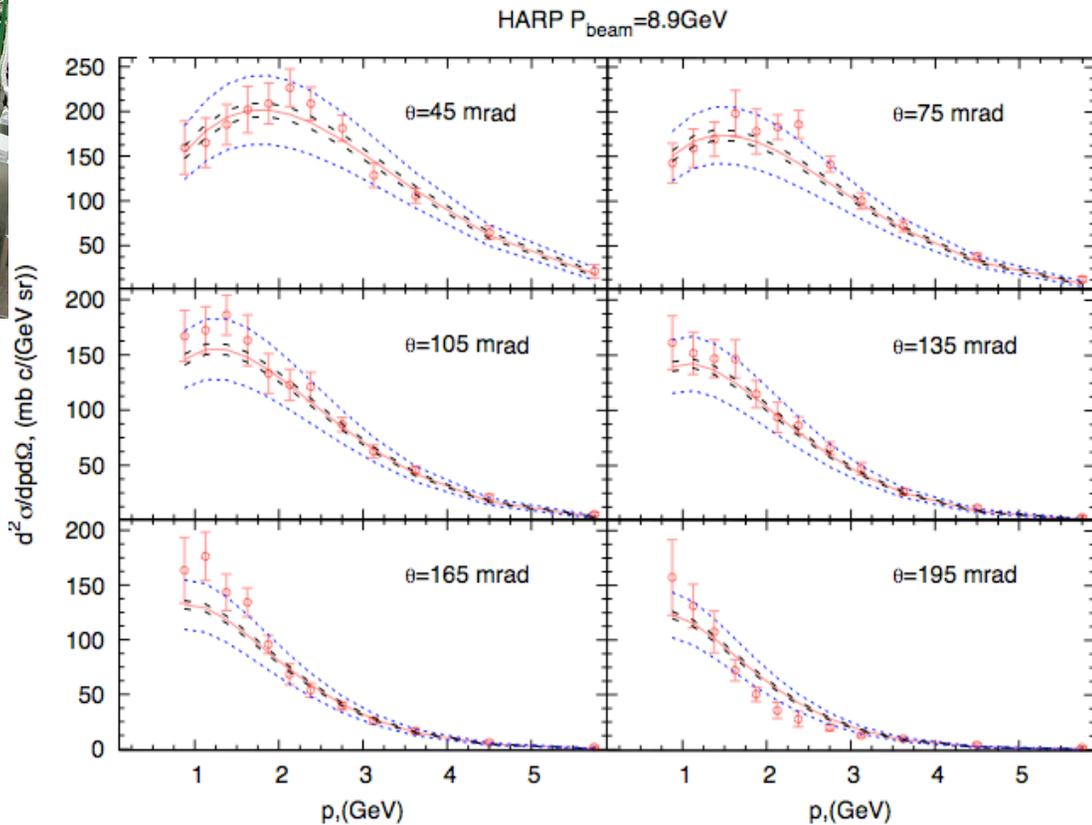
# How to know your flux: Part I



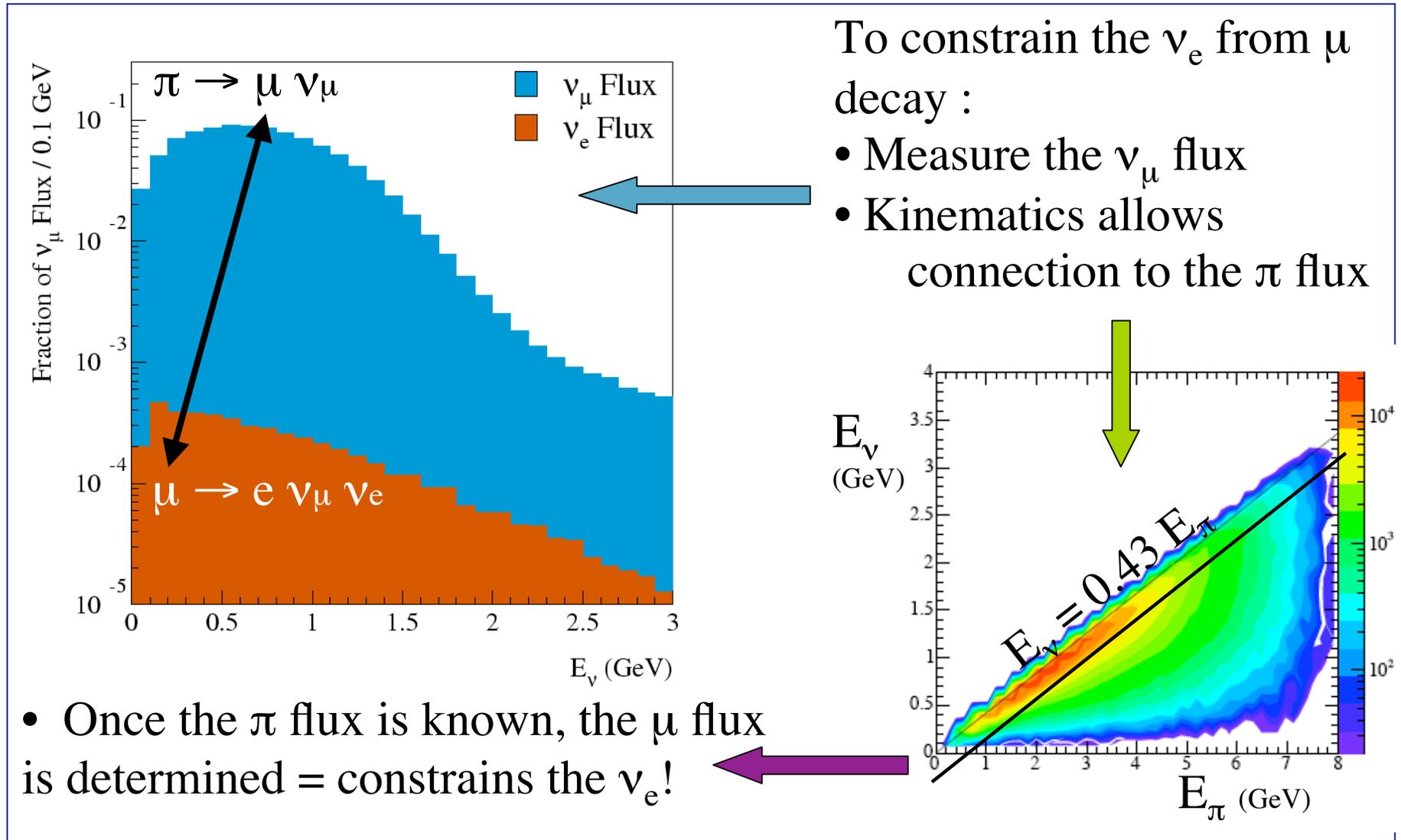
- e.g. HARP (CERN)
- Data taken with MiniBooNE target slugs
  - 8 GeV beam

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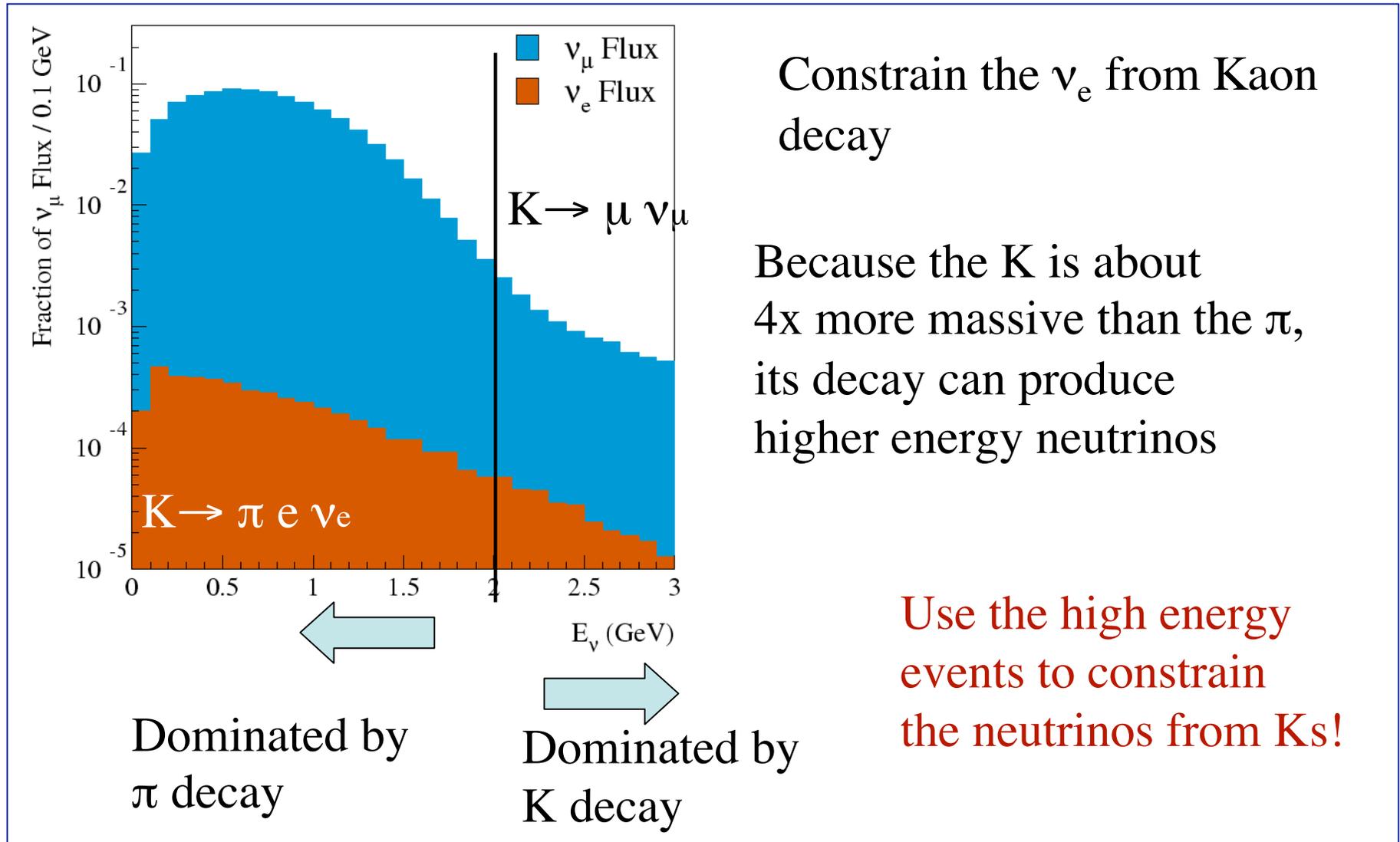
Incorporate fits to external data  
for production cross sections  
in the Monte Carlo



## How to know your flux: Part II



## How to know your flux: Part III

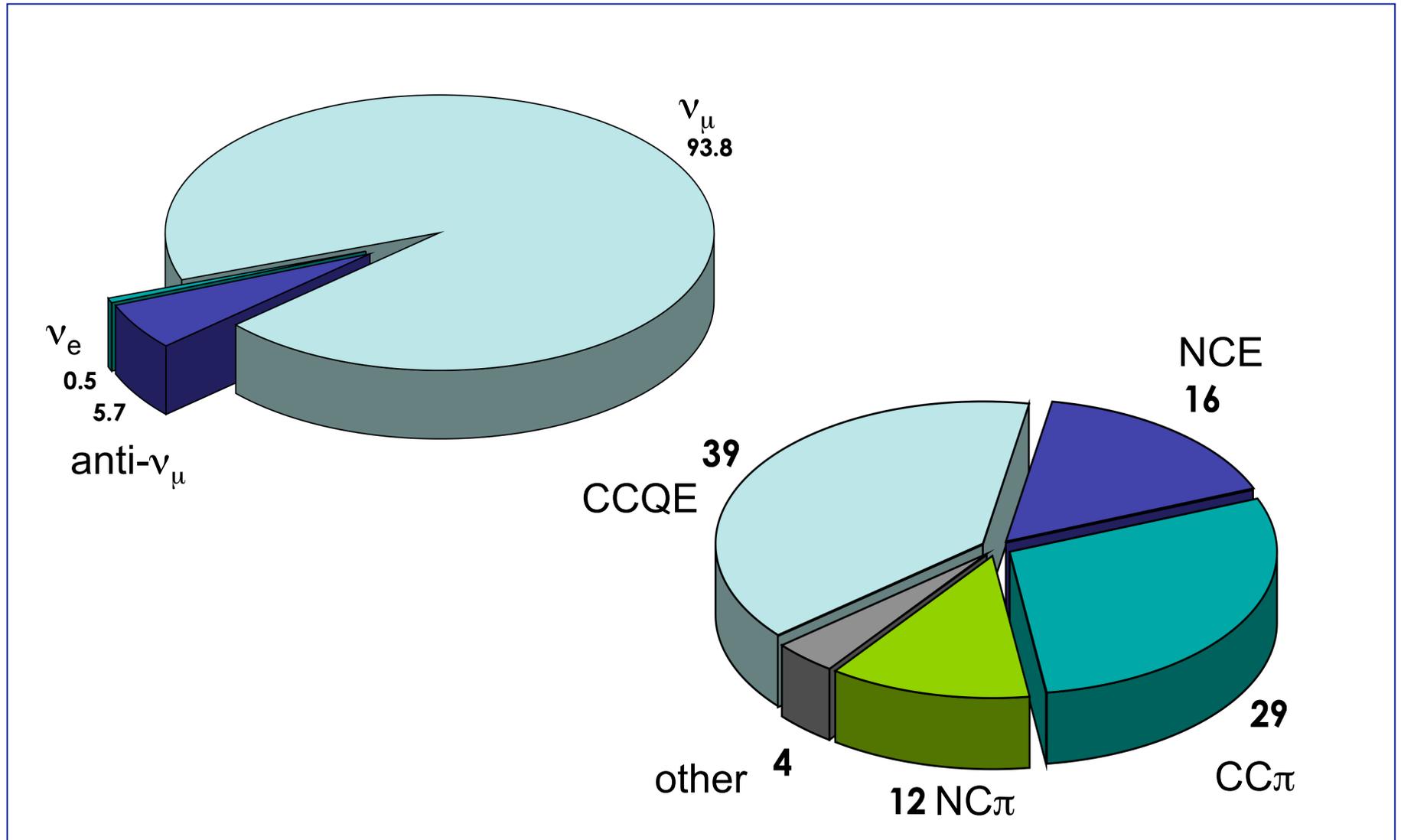


Constrain the  $\nu_e$  from Kaon decay

Because the K is about 4x more massive than the  $\pi$ , its decay can produce higher energy neutrinos

Use the high energy events to constrain the neutrinos from Ks!

# Predicted Flux



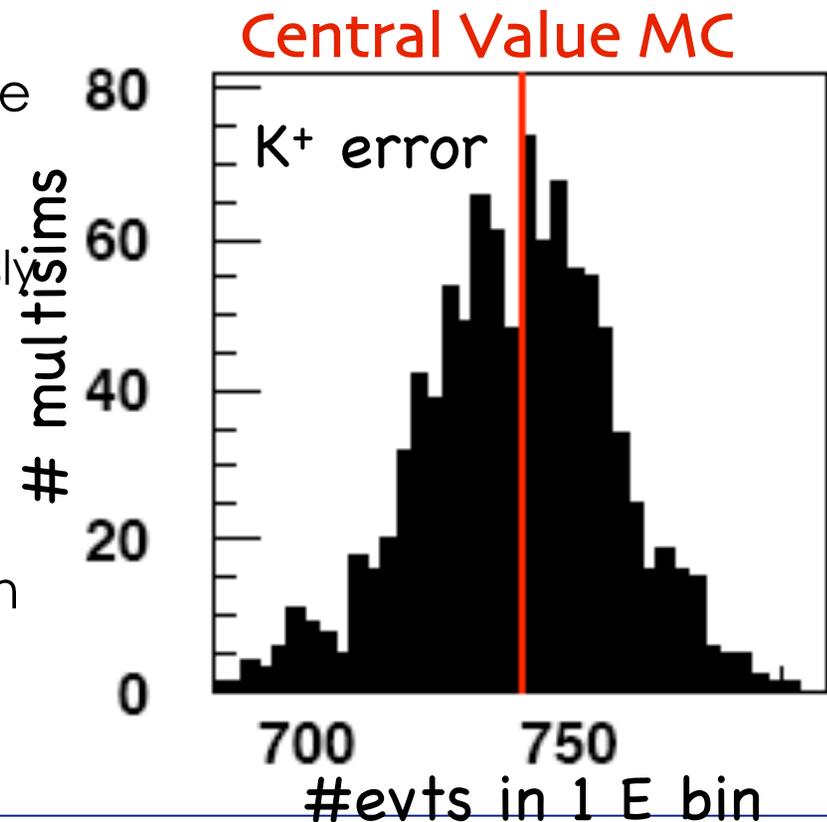
# Sources of Errors

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- Data collection
- Proton beam + Be target models
- Pion and kaon production
  - $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $K^0$
- Neutrino cross sections / interaction rates
  - Dirt, NC $\pi^0$ , neutrino cross sections
- Detector response to these interactions
  - OM

# Systematic Errors

- Use Multisims to calculate systematic errors
- In each MC event vary all parameters at once, according to a full covariance matrix
  - Ex : Feynman scaling of  $K^+$  varies 8 params simultaneously
- Vary full set of parameters many times per event
- OM = 70 multisims. All other errors = 1000
- Use this information to form an error matrix



# Systematic Errors

Error	Track vs Boosting (%)	Checked or Constrained by data
DAQ	7.5 / 10.8	☺
Target/Horn	2.8 / 1.3	☺
$\pi^+$ Flux	6.2 / 4.3	☺
$K^+$ Flux	3.3 / 1.0	☺
$K^0$ Flux	1.5 / 0.4	☺
Dirt	0.8 / 3.4	☺
NC $\pi^0$ yield	1.8 / 1.5	☺
Neutrino Xsec	12.3 / 10.5	☺
OM	6.1 / 10.5	☺

## Systematic Errors

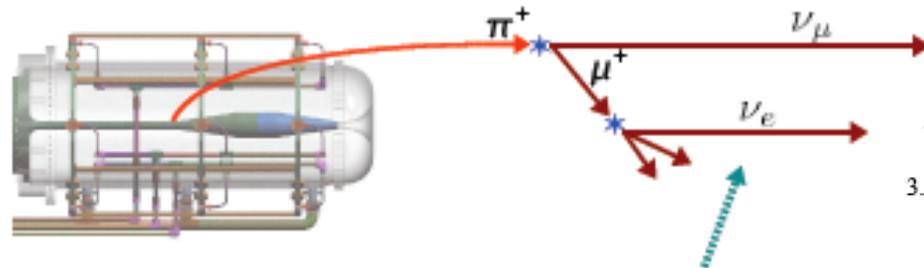
source of uncertainty on $\nu_e$ background	TBL syst. error (%)	constrained by MB data?	Further reduced by relating $\nu_e$ to $\nu_\mu$
Flux from $\pi^+ / \mu^+$ decay	6.2	Y	Y
Flux from $K^+$ decay	3.3	Y	
Flux from $K^0$ decay	1.5	Y	
Target/Beam model	2.8	Y	Y
$\nu$ cross section	12.3	Y	Y
NC $\pi^0$ yield	1.8	Y	
Out of tank events	0.8	Y	
Optical Model	6.1	Y	Y
DAQ electronics model	7.5	Y	

# Internal Constraints

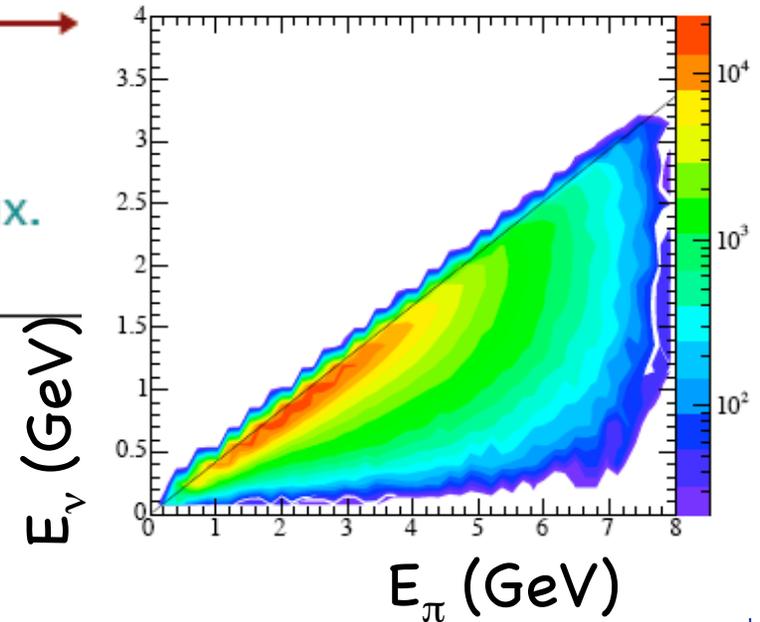
- $\text{NC}\pi^0$  data
  - Constrains  $\text{NC}\pi^0$  and Radiative Delta xsections
- $\nu_\mu$  CCQE
  - Constrains flux of  $\nu_e$  flux from  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$
  - Constrains CC mis-id backgrounds
  - Constrains xsec errors
- High E events
  - Constrains  $\nu_e$  flux from Kaons
- High R events
  - Constrains dirt backgrounds / xsections

# $\nu_\mu$ CCQE Constraint on $\nu_e$

A measure of the  $\nu_\mu E_\nu$  spectrum...  
... is a measure of the  $\pi^+$  spectrum...

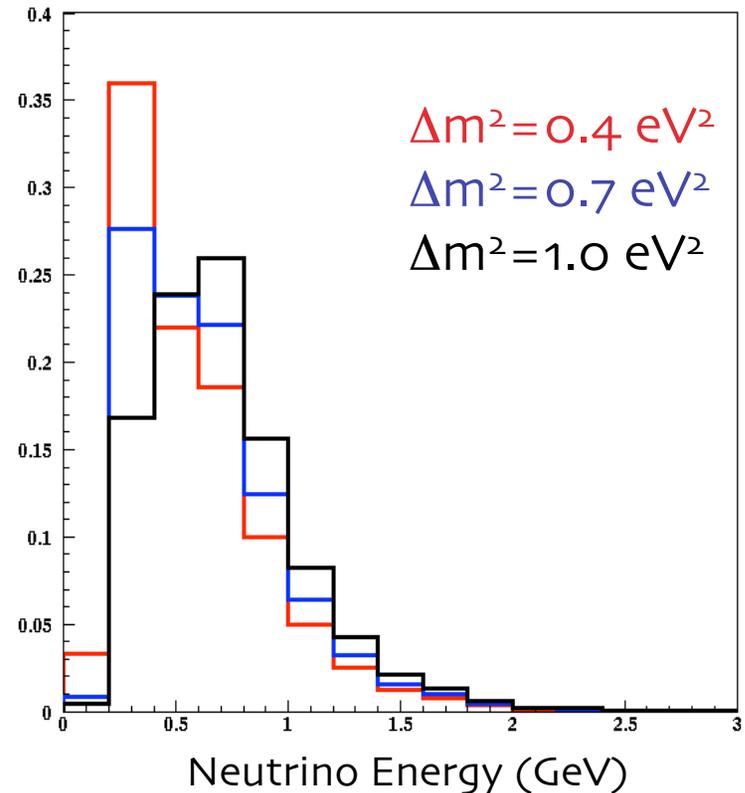
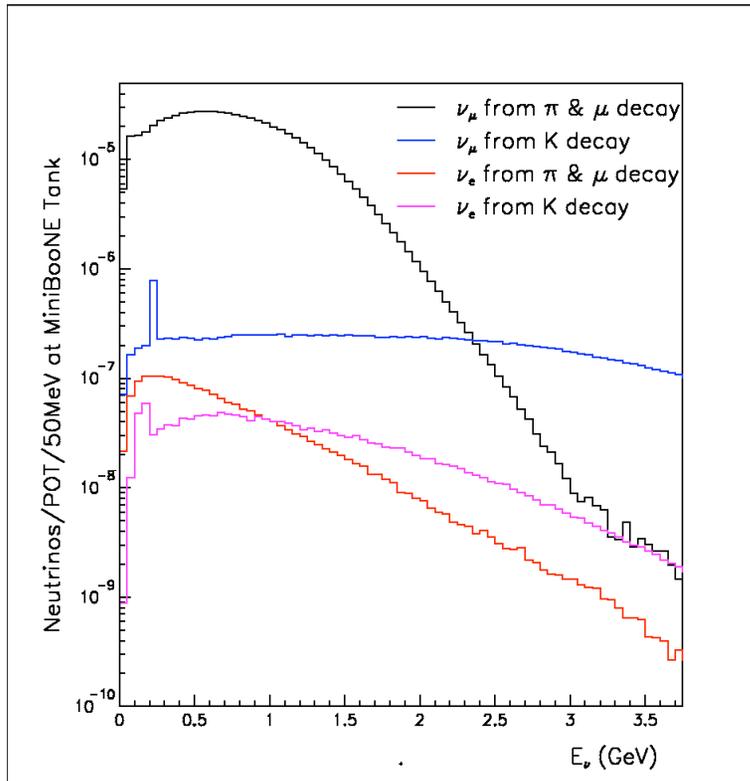


... which provides the  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \rightarrow \nu_e$  flux.



Kinematic correlation allows  
tight constraint on  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

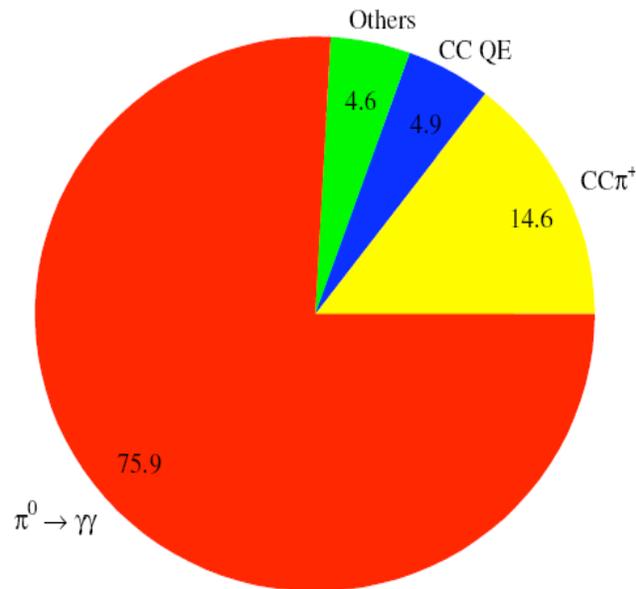
# High Energy Constraint



- Predicted range for signal = 300 MeV to 1.5 GeV
- At high  $E$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  - like events due to K decay
- Both analyses use high-E evts to constrain  $\nu_e$  bgd

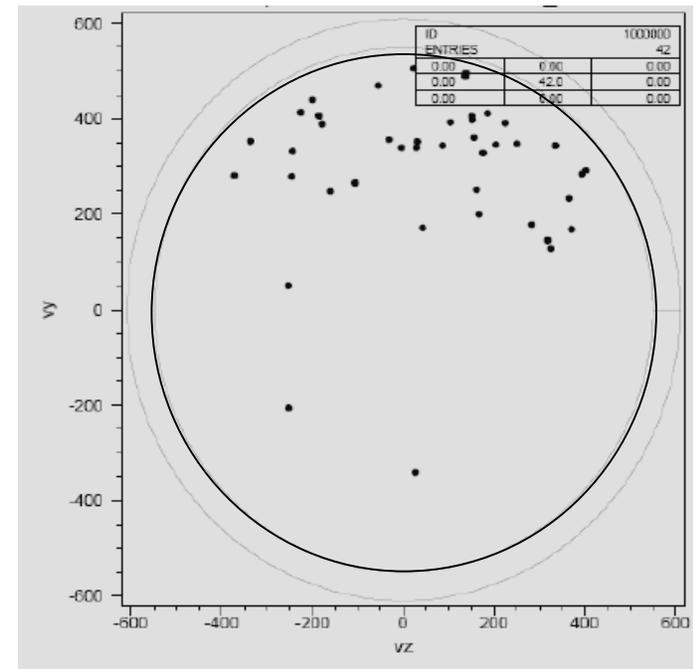
# External Events

Event Type of Dirt Events

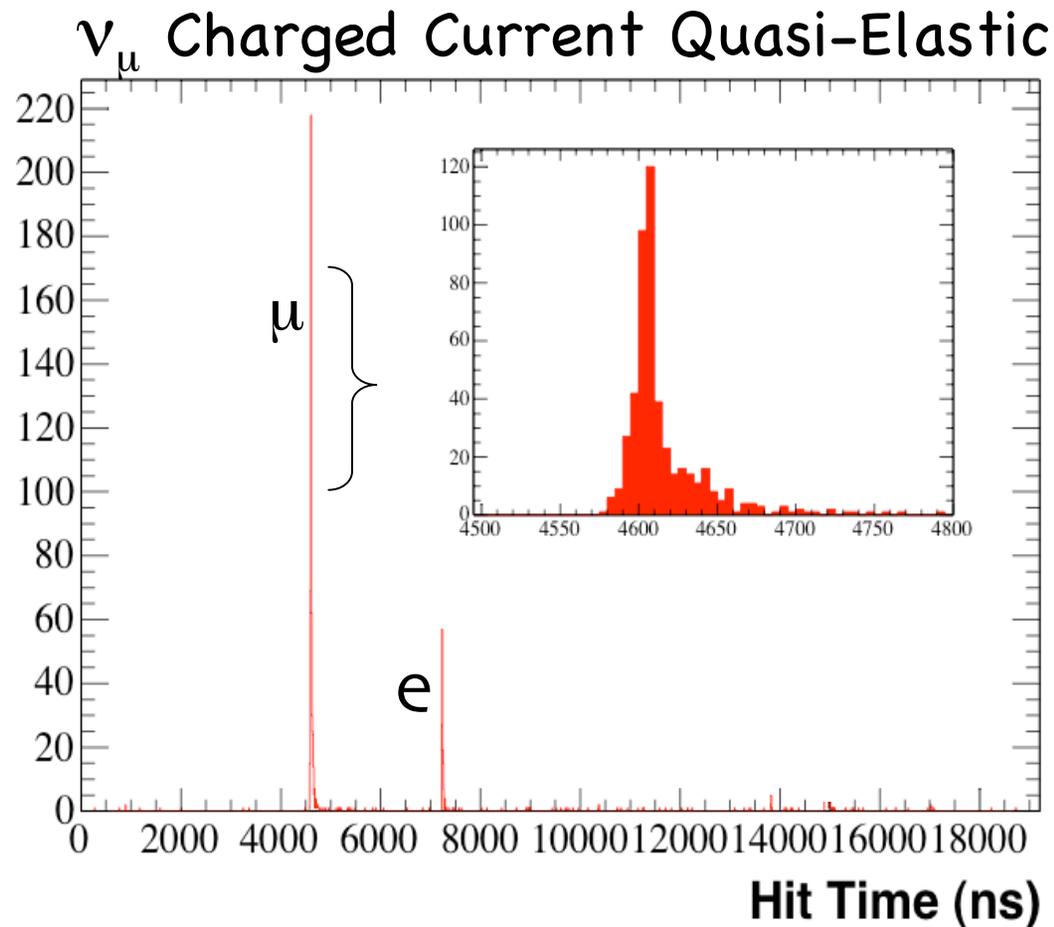


- Cosmic ray events measured with beam-off data
- 2 events expected in oscillation analysis

- $\nu$  interactions outside of the detector
- Measured using high R events

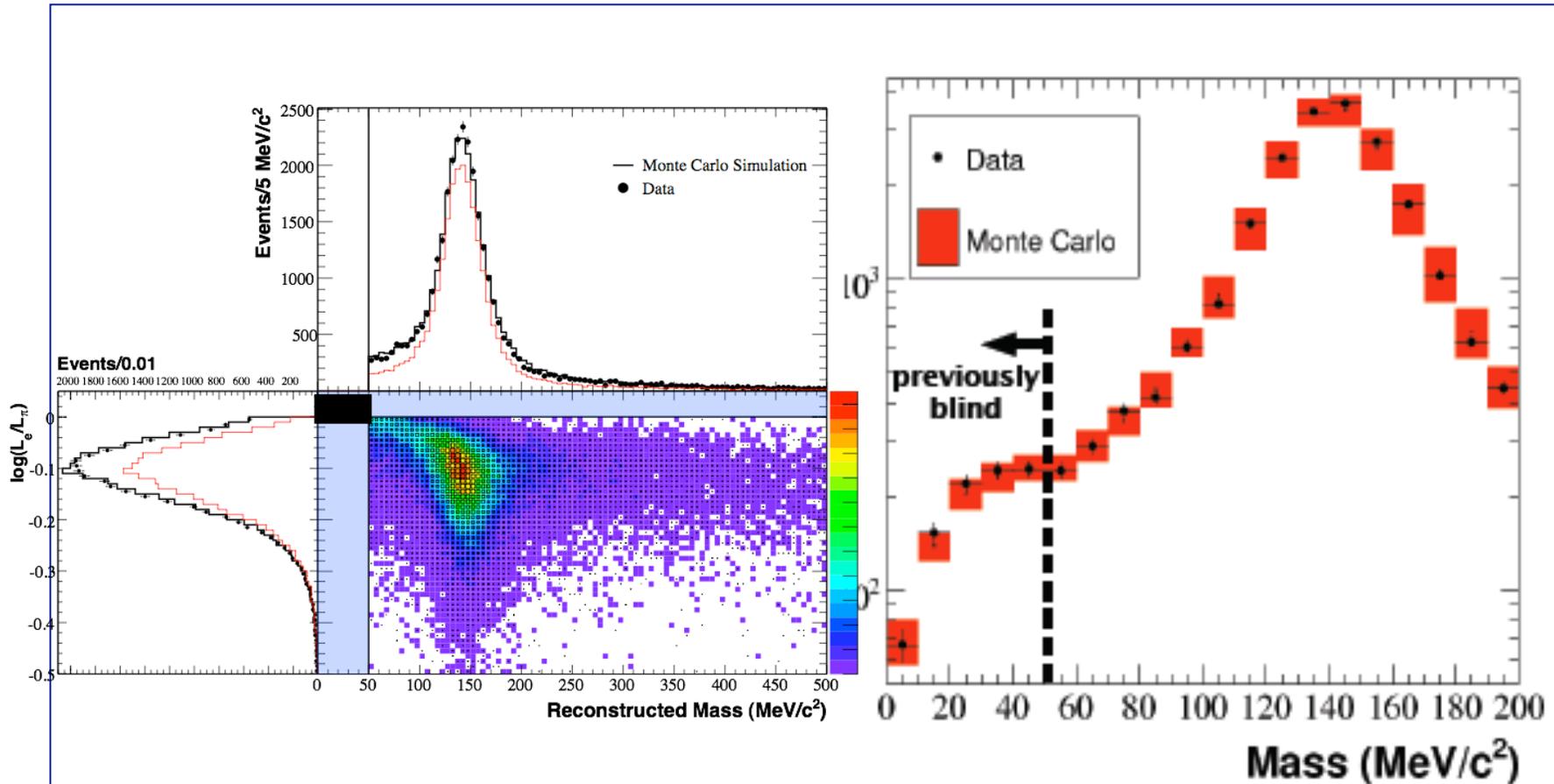


# $\nu_e$ Event Selection



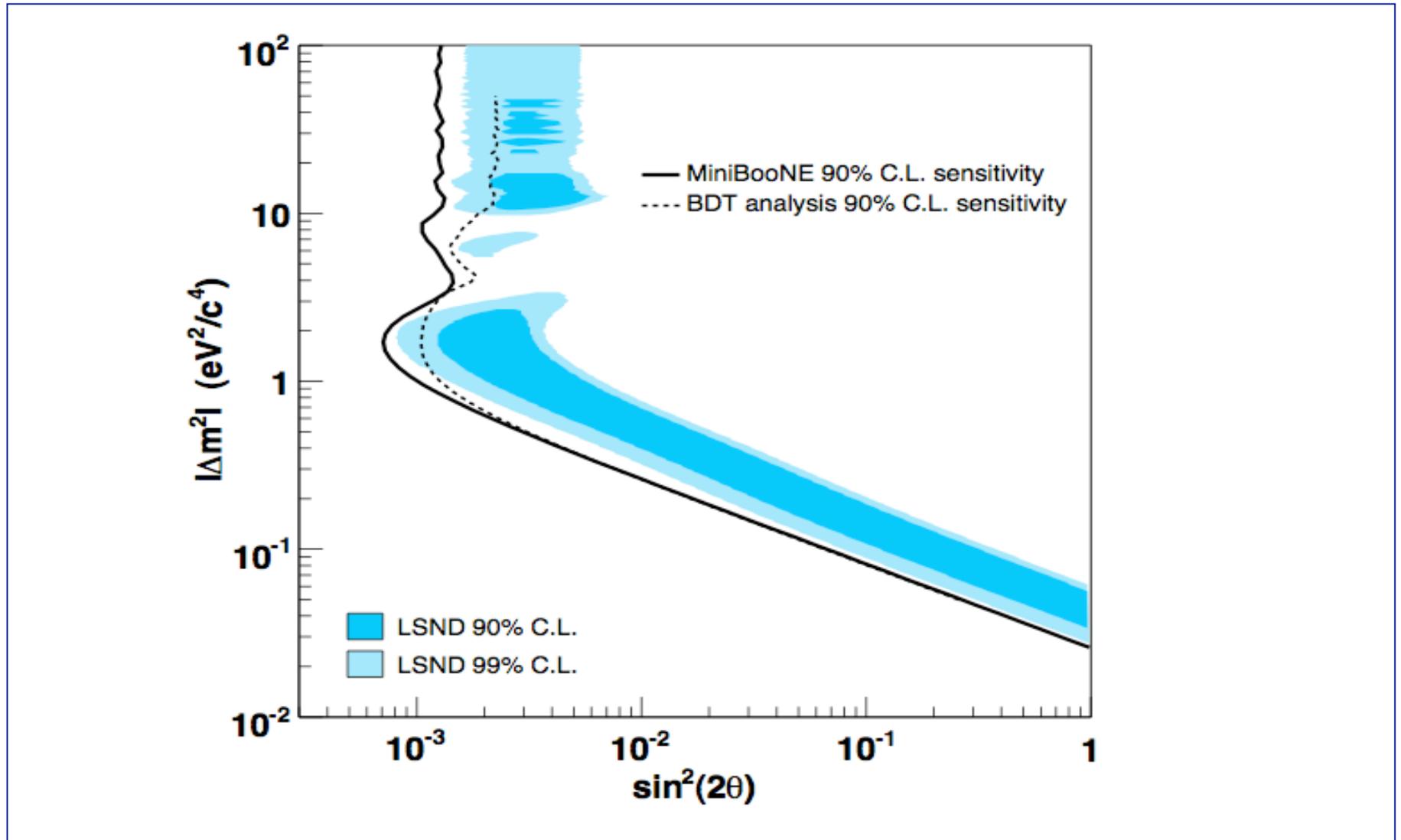
- A  $19.2 \mu\text{s}$  beam trigger window encompasses the  $1.6 \mu\text{s}$  spill
- Multiple hits within a  $\sim 100 \text{ ns}$  window form “subevents”

# Sideband Regions

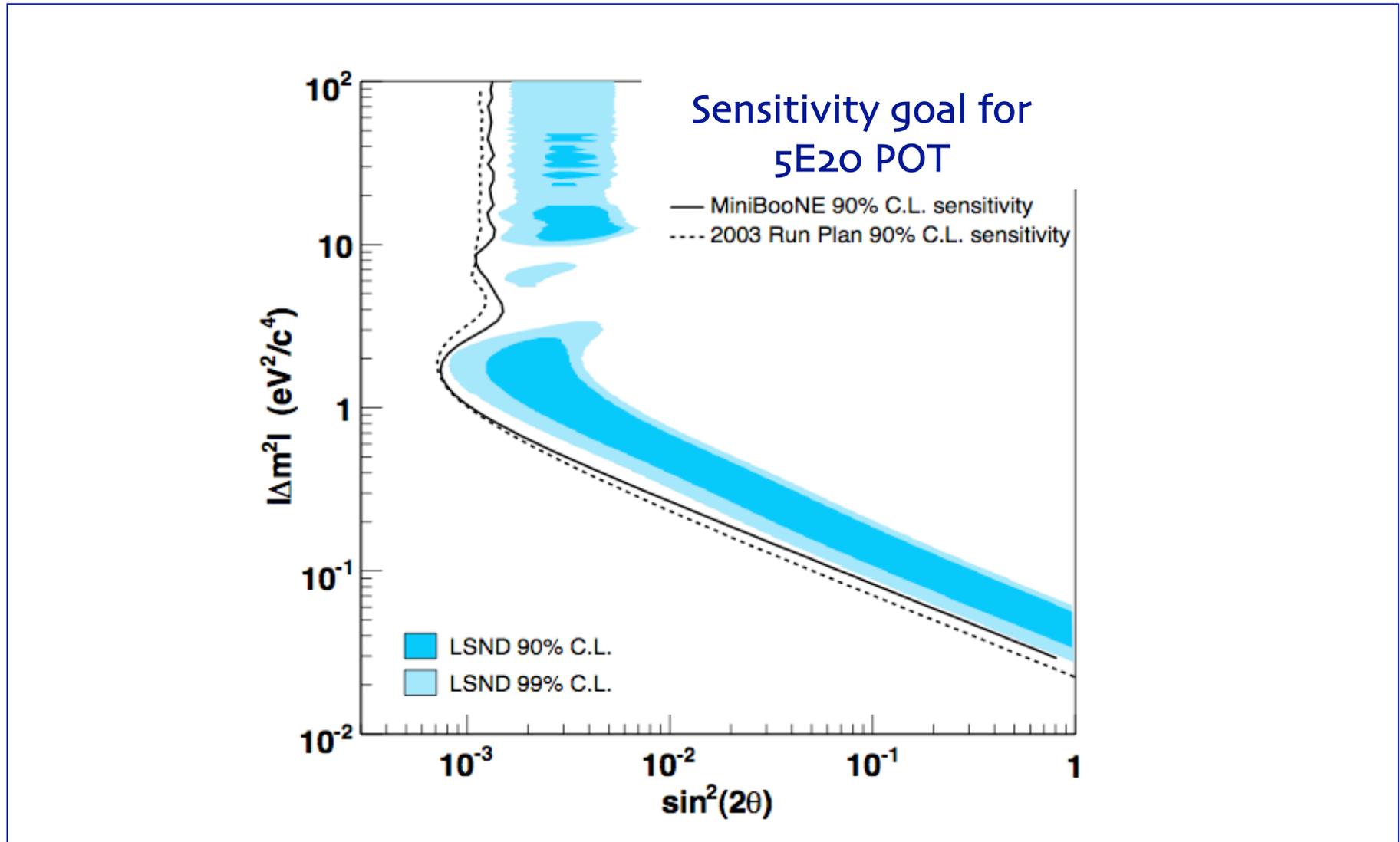


- Look at full mass range for electron-like events
  - Signal-like in mass, background like in L ratio

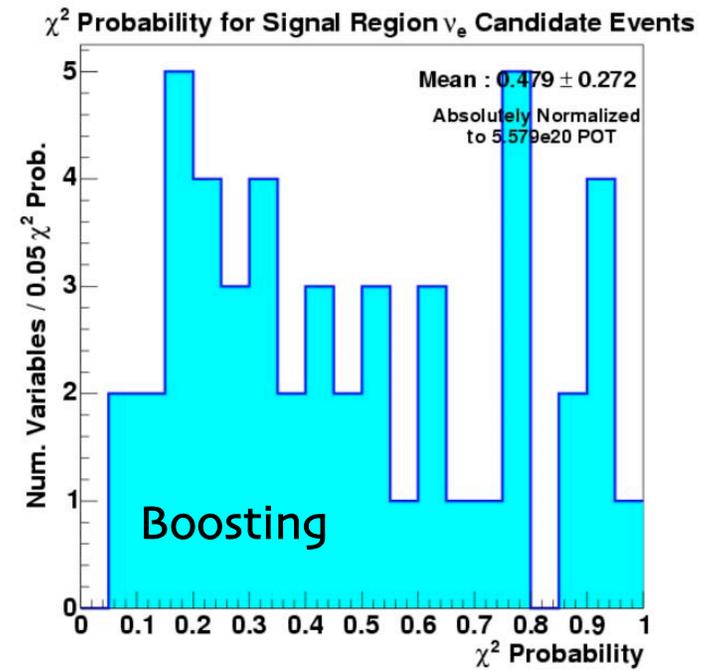
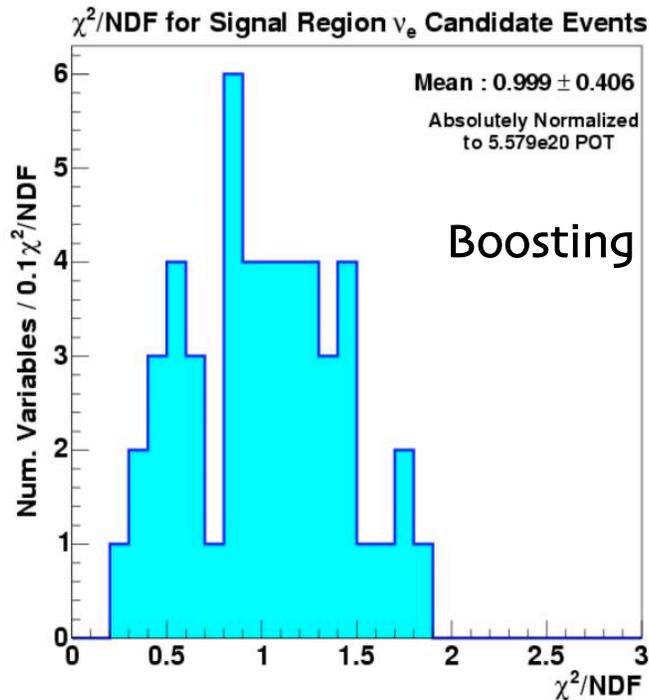
# Choosing the Default Analysis



# Final Results vs Design Goal



# Step 1



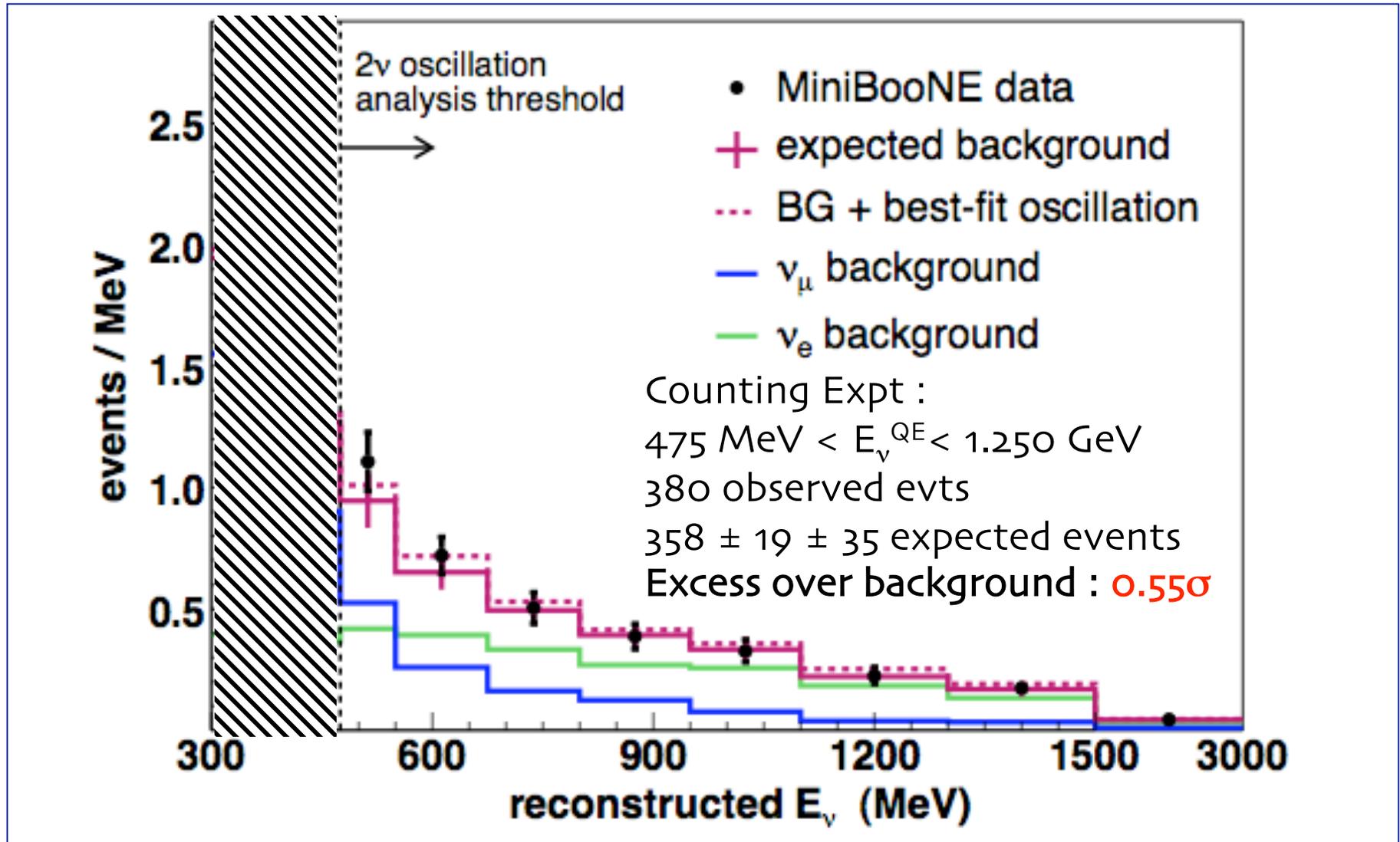
- Perform fit from 300 MeV to 3 GeV, for both analyses
- Found Track Based visible E had a  $\chi^2$  Probability= 1%
- Stopped the unblinding process
- \*\* still fully blind \*\*

# Step 1

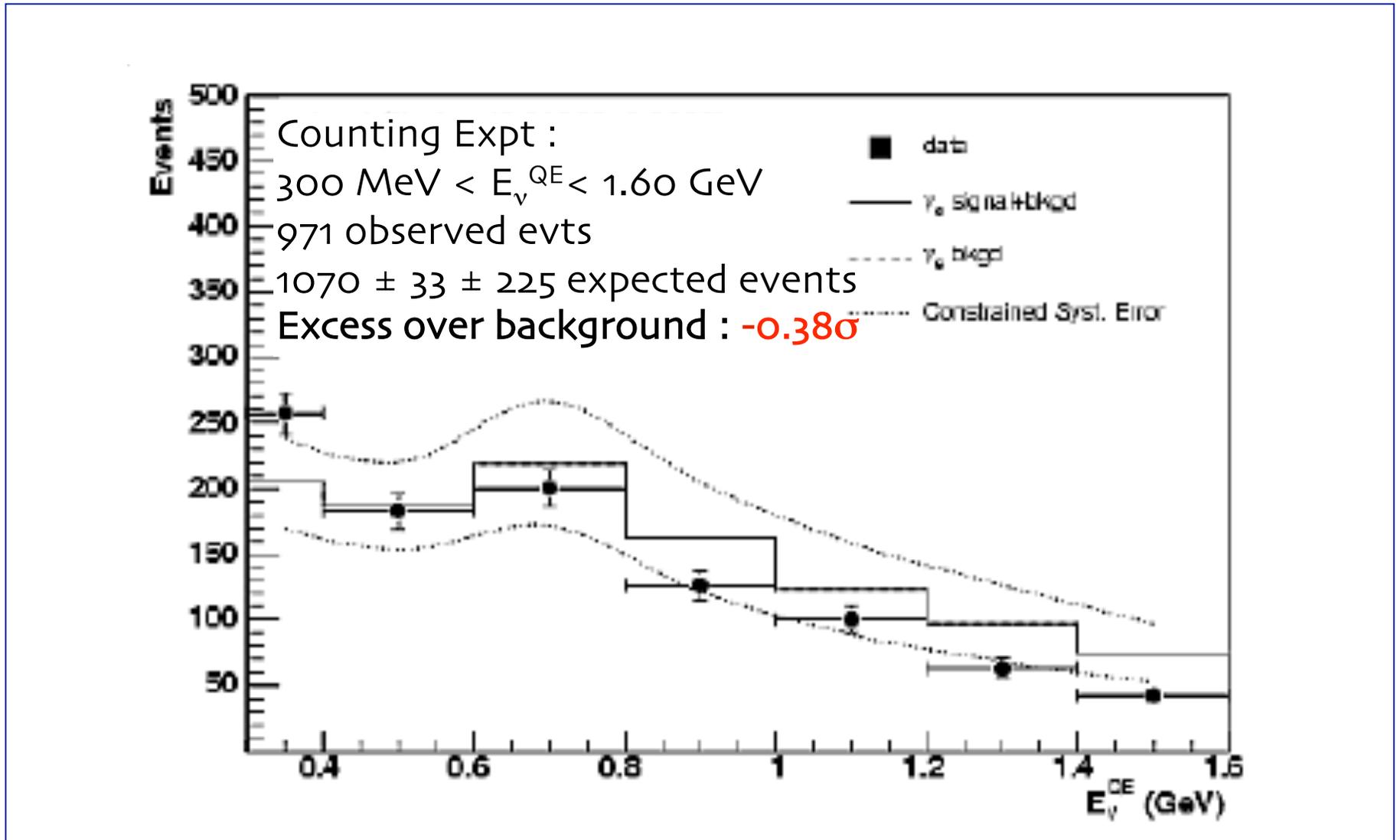
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- We felt that we had checked everything to our full ability, and to our best knowledge could not further constrain processes
- MC studies of potential LSND oscillation signals indicated we could tighten the E requirement with a negligible loss in sensitivity
- Prior to unblinding, we agreed to also examine events with  $E_{\nu}^{QE} > 300$  MeV in the Track Based analysis

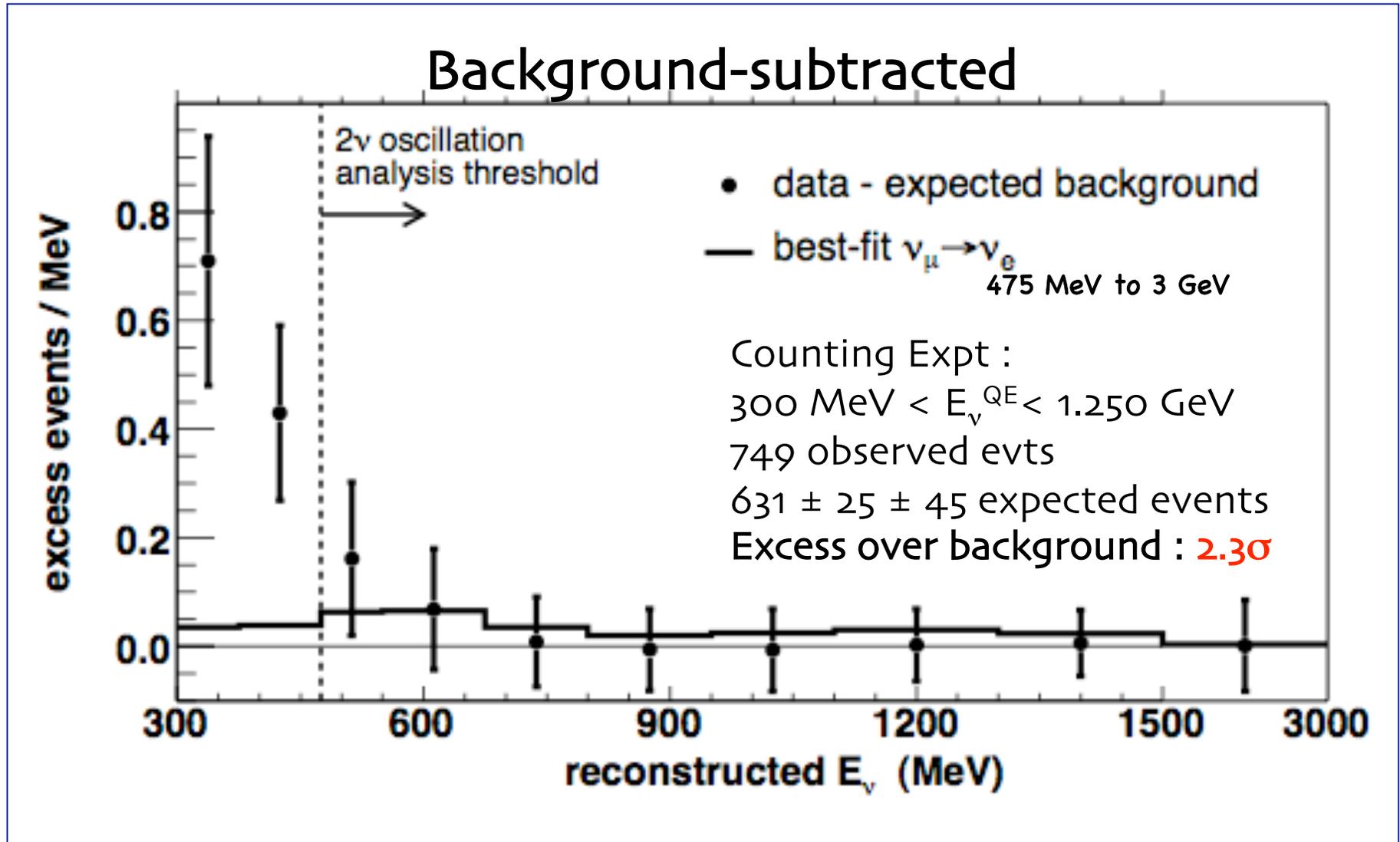
# Observed Event Distribution



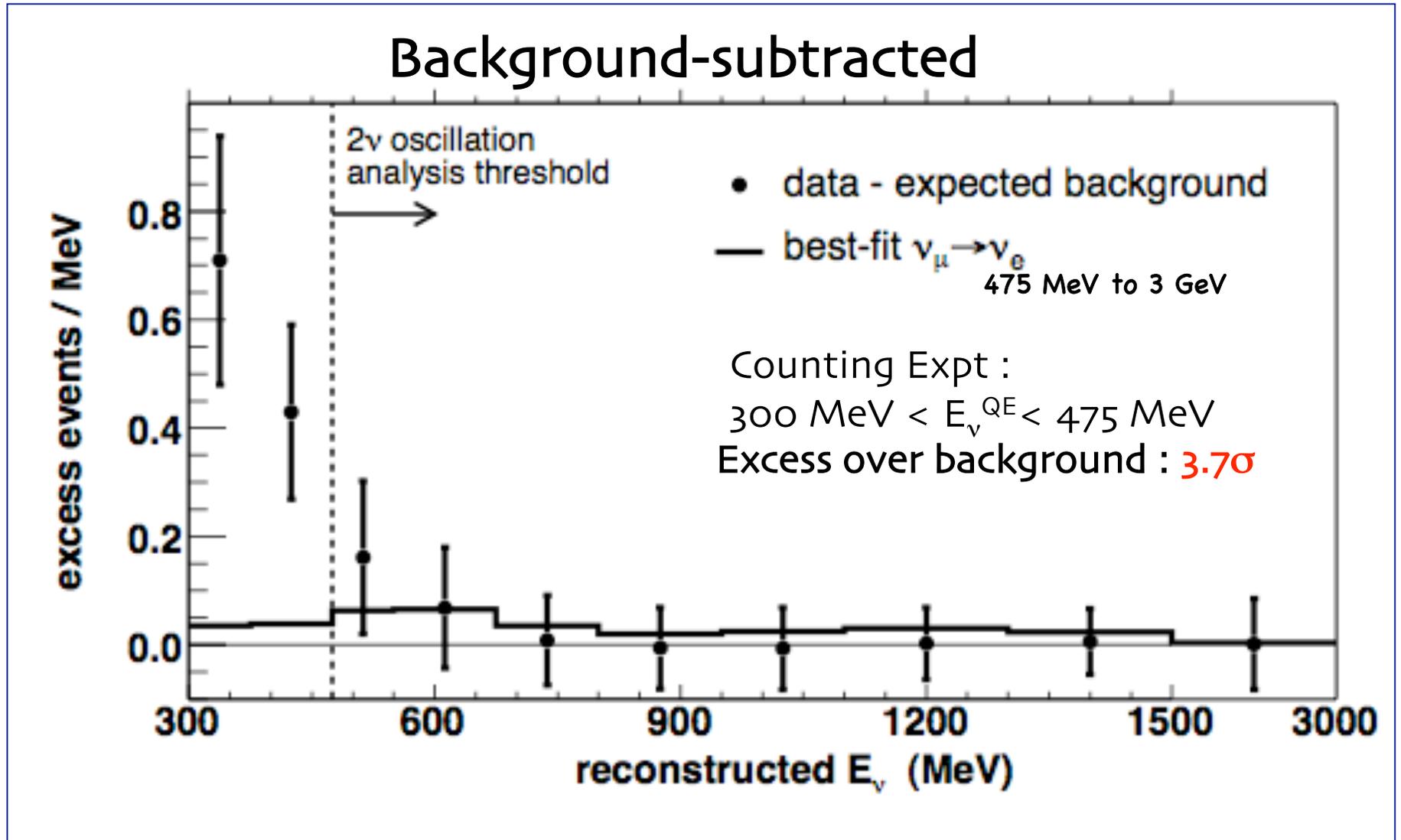
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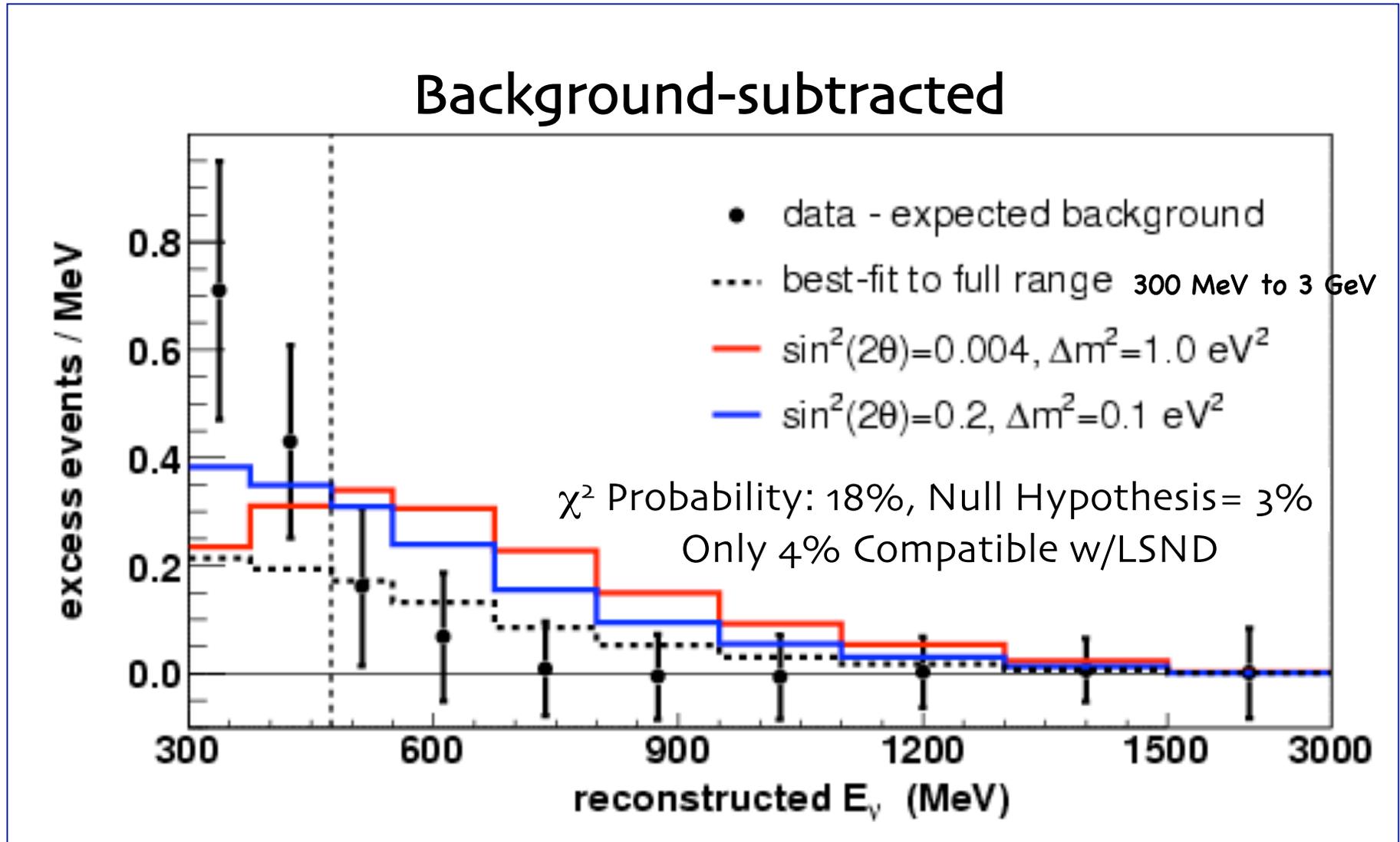
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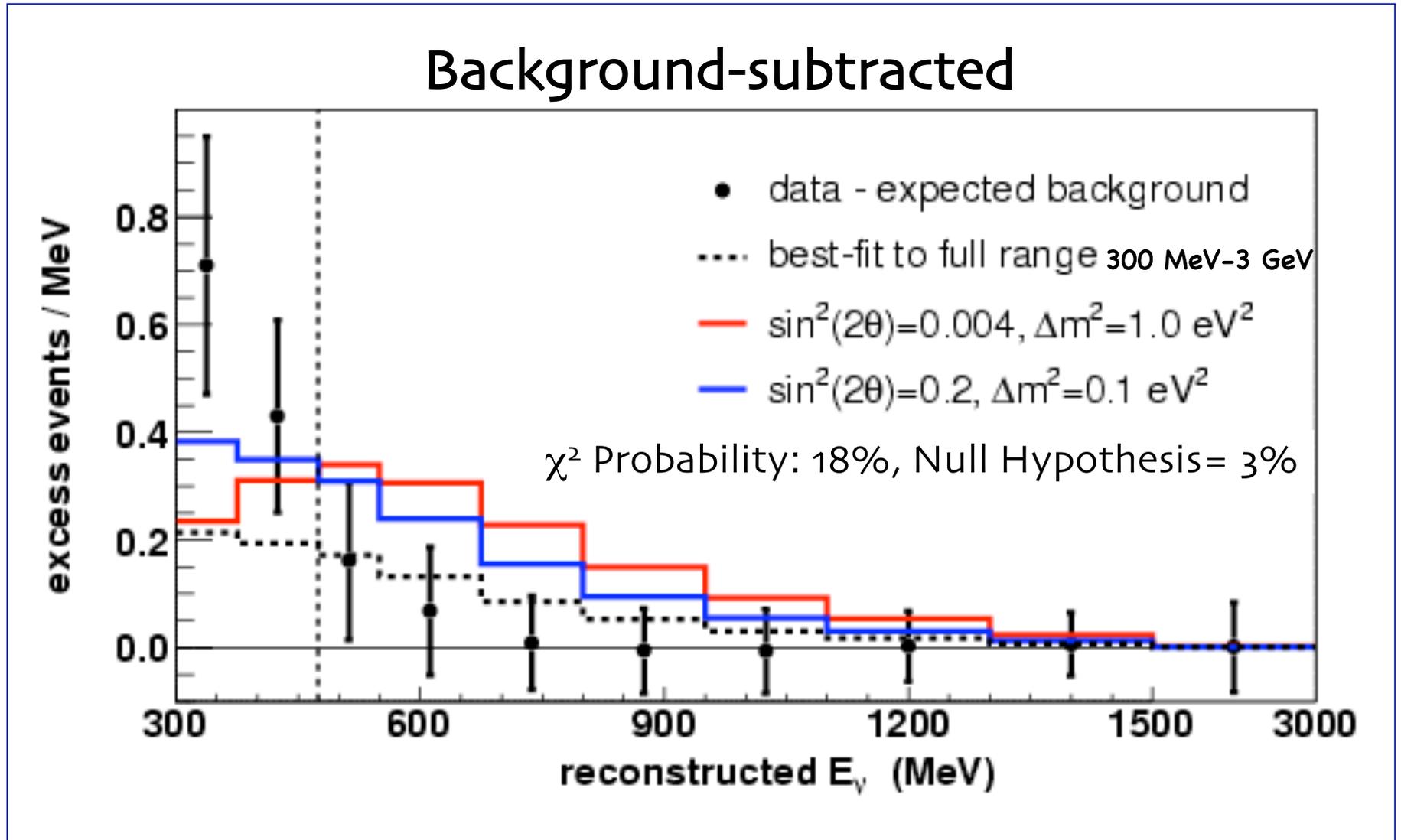
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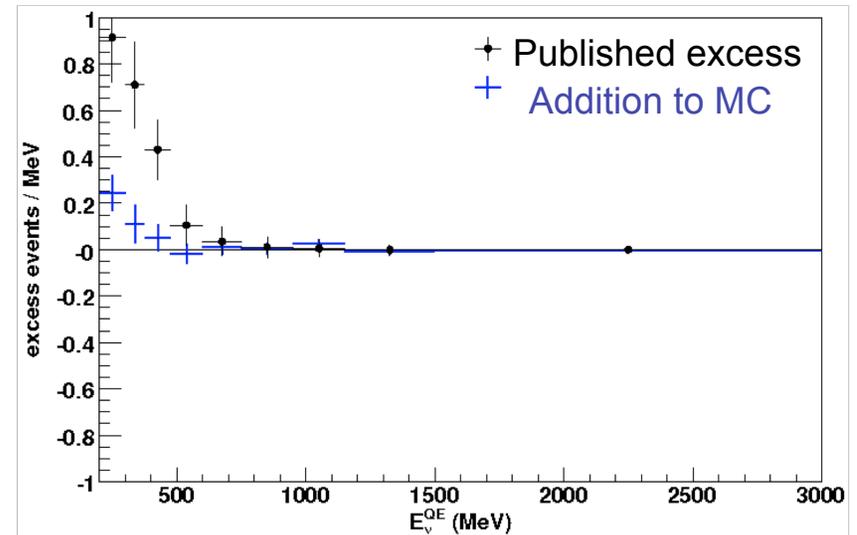
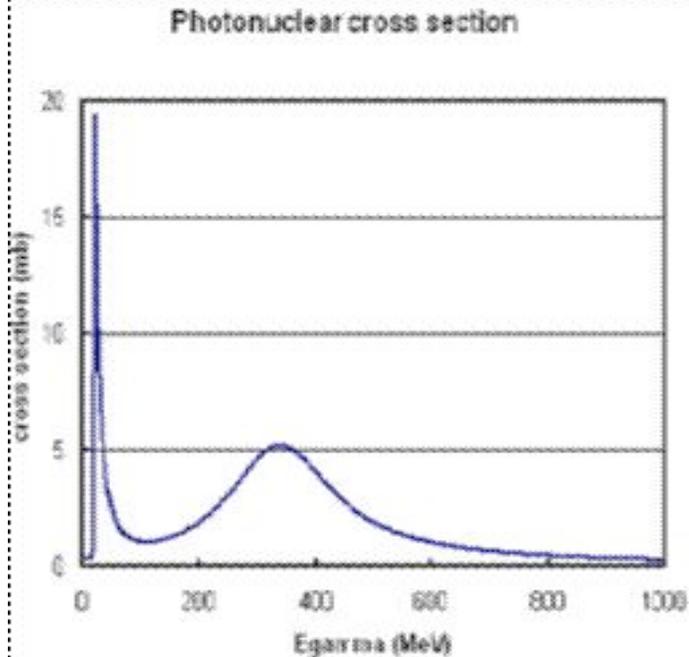
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# Photonuclear Background



- SM effect = absorption of  $\gamma$ s through photonuclear interaction
- Not included in Geant3, has small effect on low E excess

# Global Data Analysis

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- All analyses use  $\Delta m^2$  0.0488 to 51.13 eV<sup>2</sup>
- No Bugey : 0.000317 to 0.4108 sin<sup>2</sup>2 $\theta$
- With Bugey : 0.01 to 0.4108 sin<sup>2</sup>2 $\theta$

# LSND Input Data

- DIF and DAR data
- 0.0098 to 101.16 eV<sup>2</sup>, 0.000313 to 1.01 sin<sup>2</sup>2θ
- Best fit point : 0.0025 sin<sup>2</sup>2θ, 1.226 eV<sup>2</sup>
- Arbitrary offset to all points to force maximum value to 25 units
- Published 2-D global scan

# KARMEN2 Input Data

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- 0.01 to 100 eV<sup>2</sup>, 0.000316 to 1 sin<sup>2</sup>2θ
- Published 2-D global scan
- Provided as  $\Delta\ln(L)$ , not given absolute value of global best fit point

# Bugey Input Data

- Collaborators refused multiple requests for data
- Carlo Giunti provided us with the grid
  - Hep-ph/0711.4222
- 0.01 to 100 eV<sup>2</sup>, 0.01 to 1 sin<sup>2</sup>2θ
- Convert into delta grid before put into MiniBooNE grid format to avoid bias
  - Data spans large region not covered by MB
- Published 1-D Raster scan

# MiniBooNE Input Data

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- 0.0488 to 51.13 eV<sup>2</sup>, 0.0001 to 0.4108 sin<sup>2</sup>2θ
- Most restrictive Δm<sup>2</sup> range, upper sin<sup>2</sup>2θ limit, most coarse binning
  - Used to set the default grid/binning
- Published 1-D Raster scan

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# Track Based Analysis

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- Advanced track reconstruction fitting algorithm
- Each event is characterized by 7 track parameters
  - vertex  $(x,y,z)$ , time, energy, and direction  $(\theta,\varphi) \Leftrightarrow (U_x, U_y, U_z)$
- Use ratio of likelihood variables to identify particles/event type