New Oscillation Results from MiniBooNE

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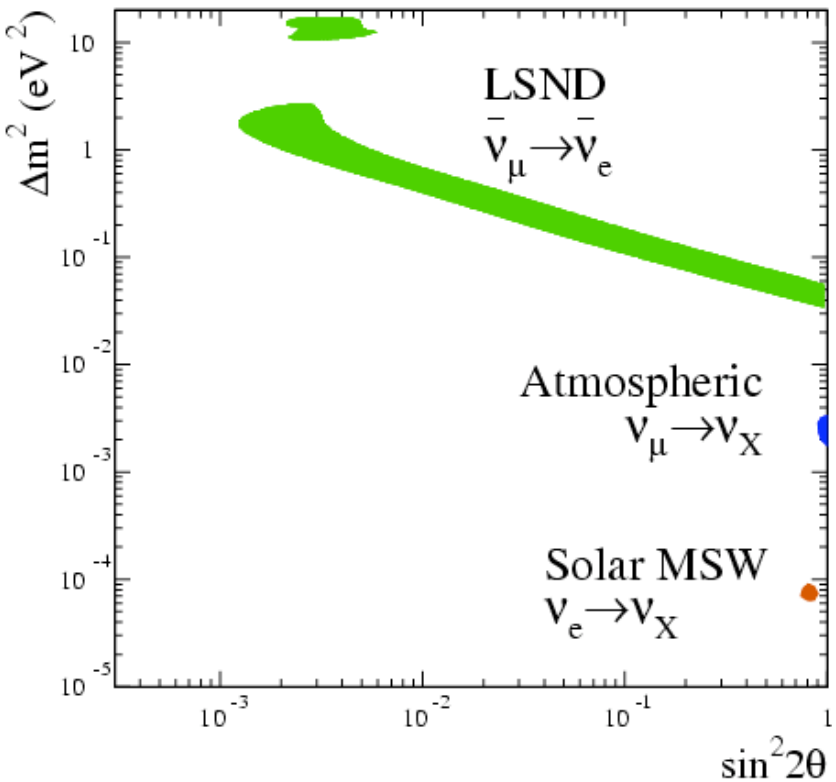

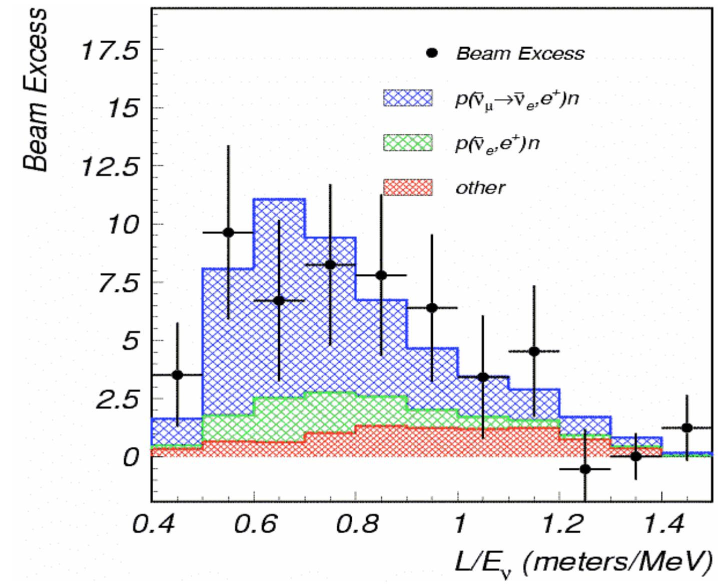

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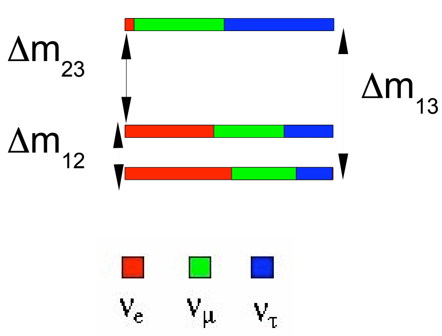

- Three distinct neutrino oscillation signals, with $\Delta m^2_{solar} + \Delta m^2_{atm} \neq \Delta m^2_{LSND}$
- For three neutrinos, expect $\Delta m^2_{21} + \Delta m^2_{32} = \Delta m^2_{31}$

The three oscillation signals cannot be reconciled without introducing Beyond Standard Model Physics

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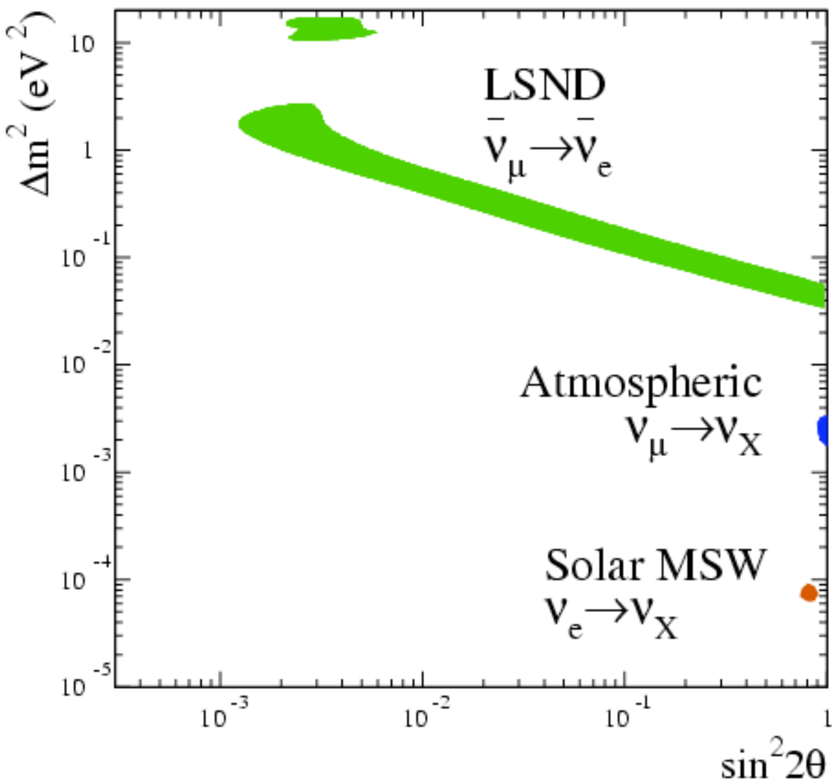

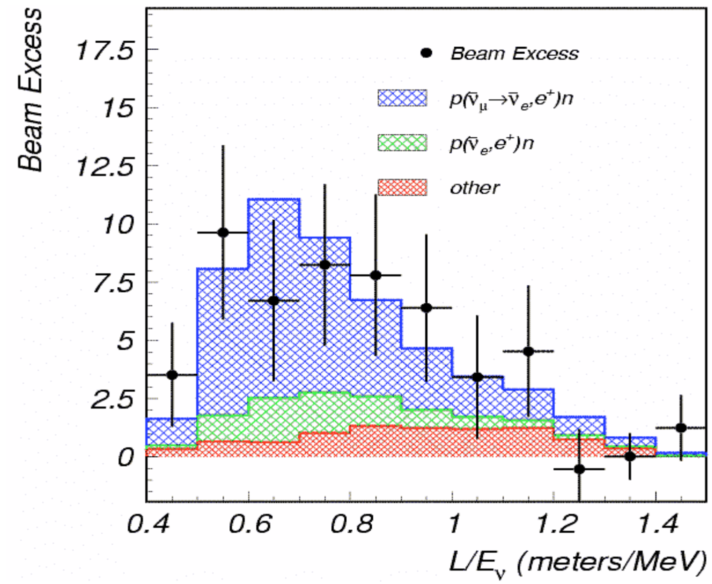

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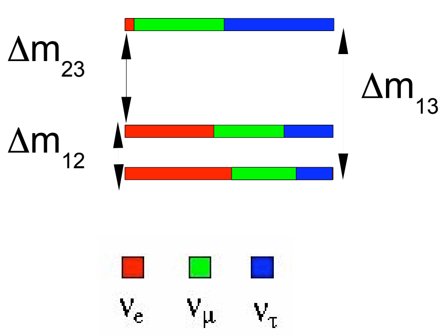
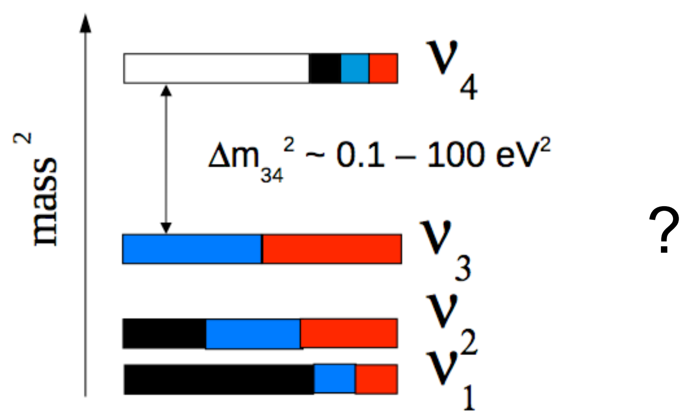
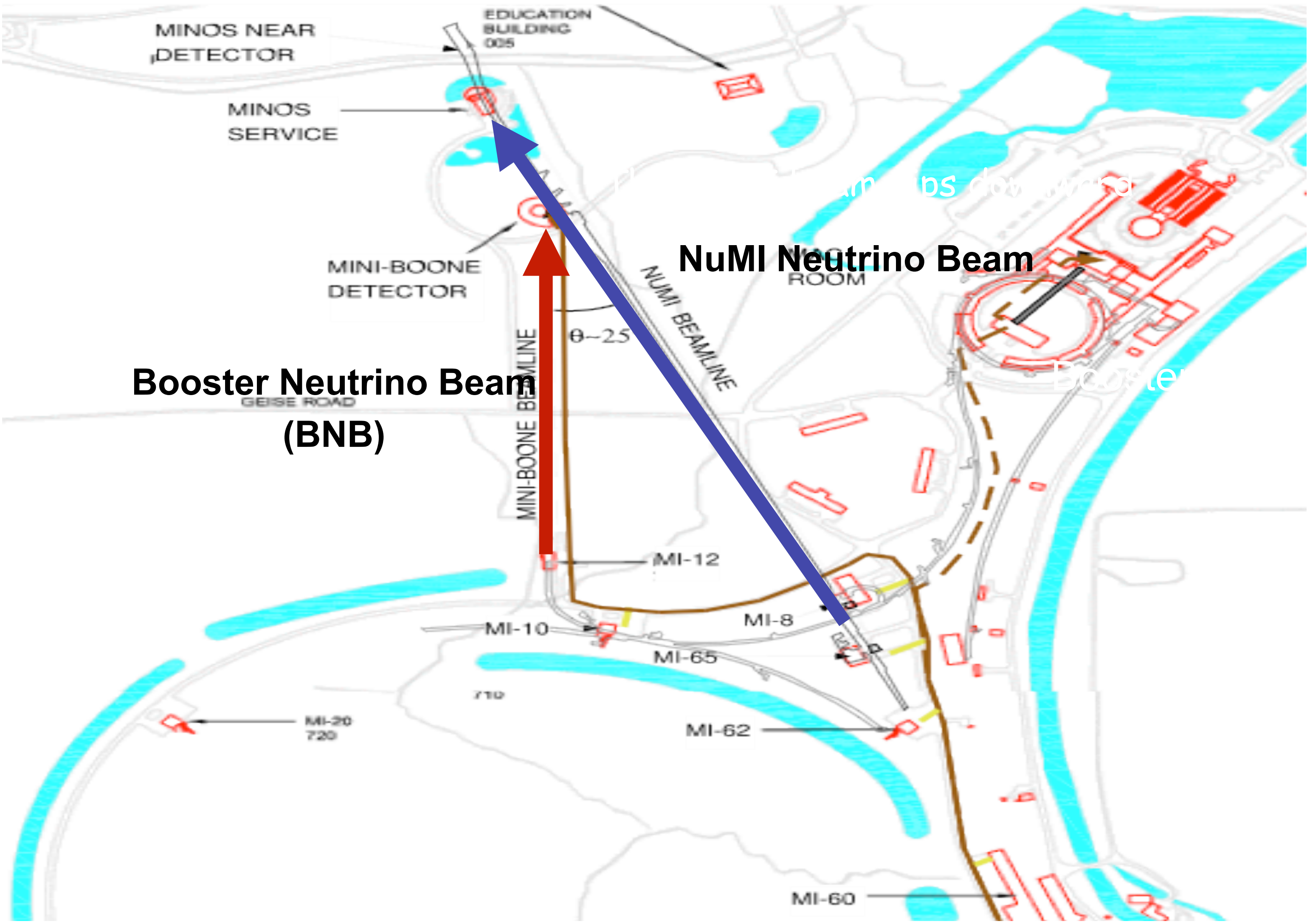




It was important to check LSND what was left to MiniBooNE

(Booster Neutrino Experiment)

Fermilab Neutrino Beams

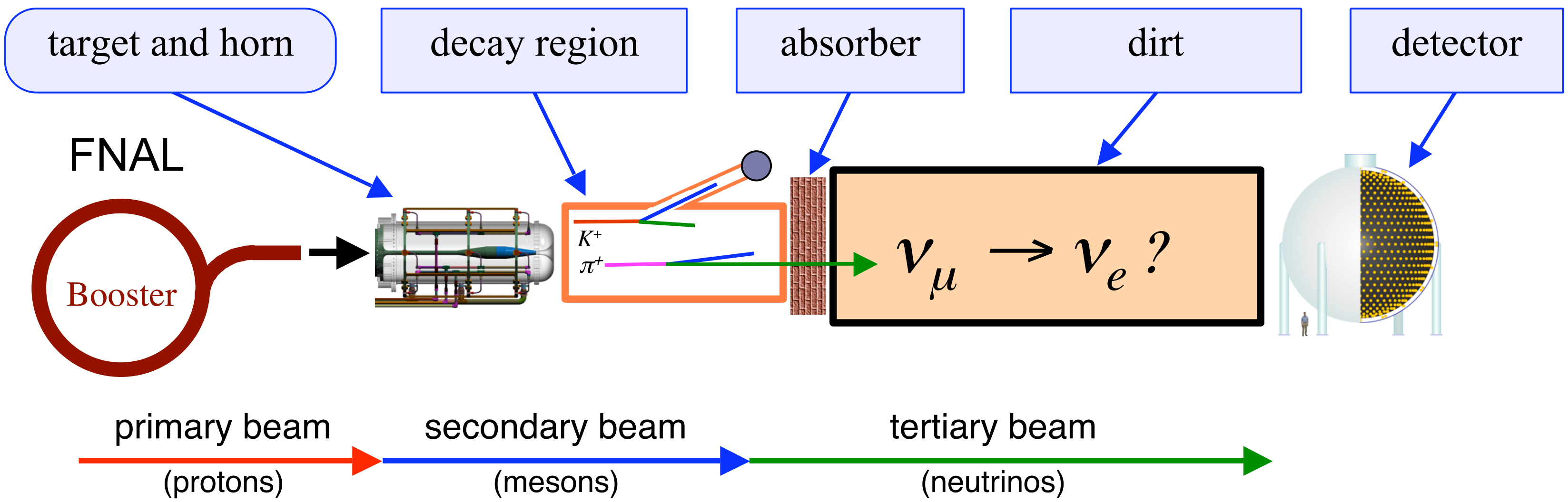


MiniBooNE Setup

Keep L/E same as LSND while changing systematics, energy & event signature

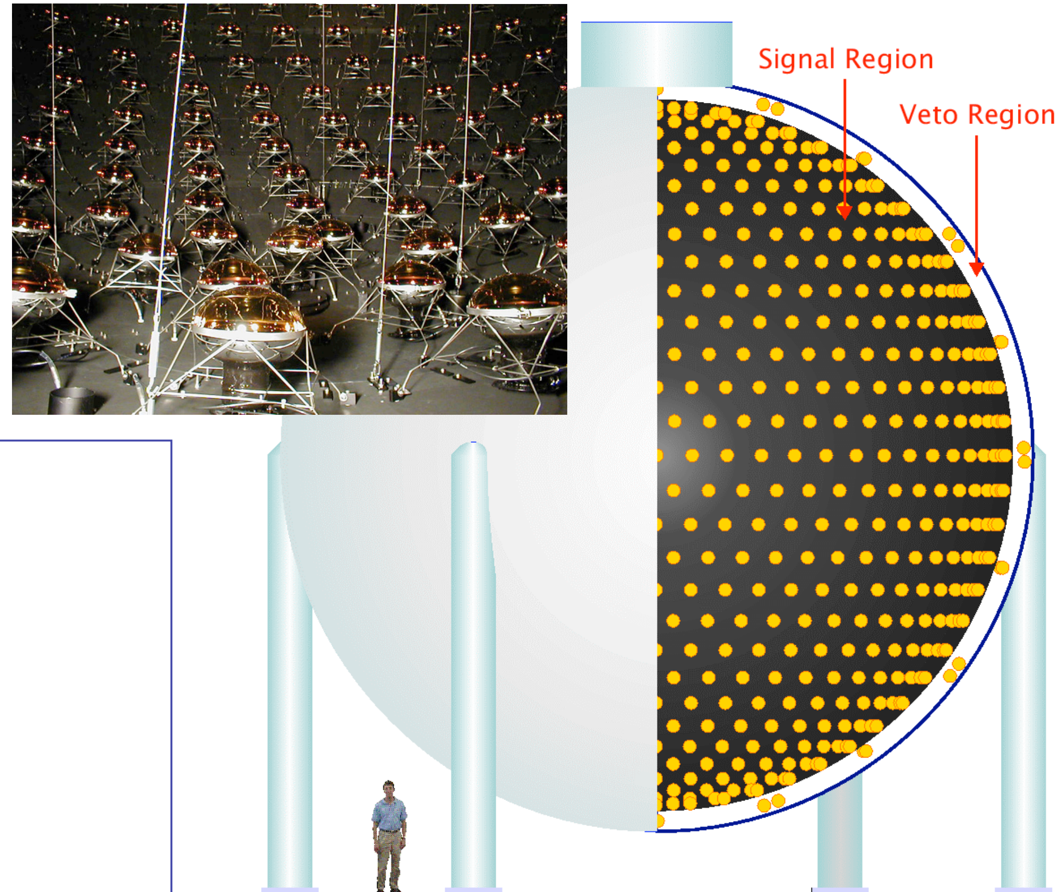
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \, \sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2 L/E)$$ ➔ Two neutrino fits

LSND:	E ~30 MeV	L ~30 m	L/E ~1
MiniBooNE:	E ~500 MeV	L ~500 m	L/E ~1



Neutrino mode: search for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance with 6.5E20 POT → assumes CP/CPT conservation
Antineutrino mode: search for $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ appearance with 5.66E20 POT → direct test of LSND

MiniBooNE Detector



MiniBooNE Detector:

-12m diameter sphere

-950000 liters of oil(CH_2)

-1280 inner PMTs

-240 veto PMTs

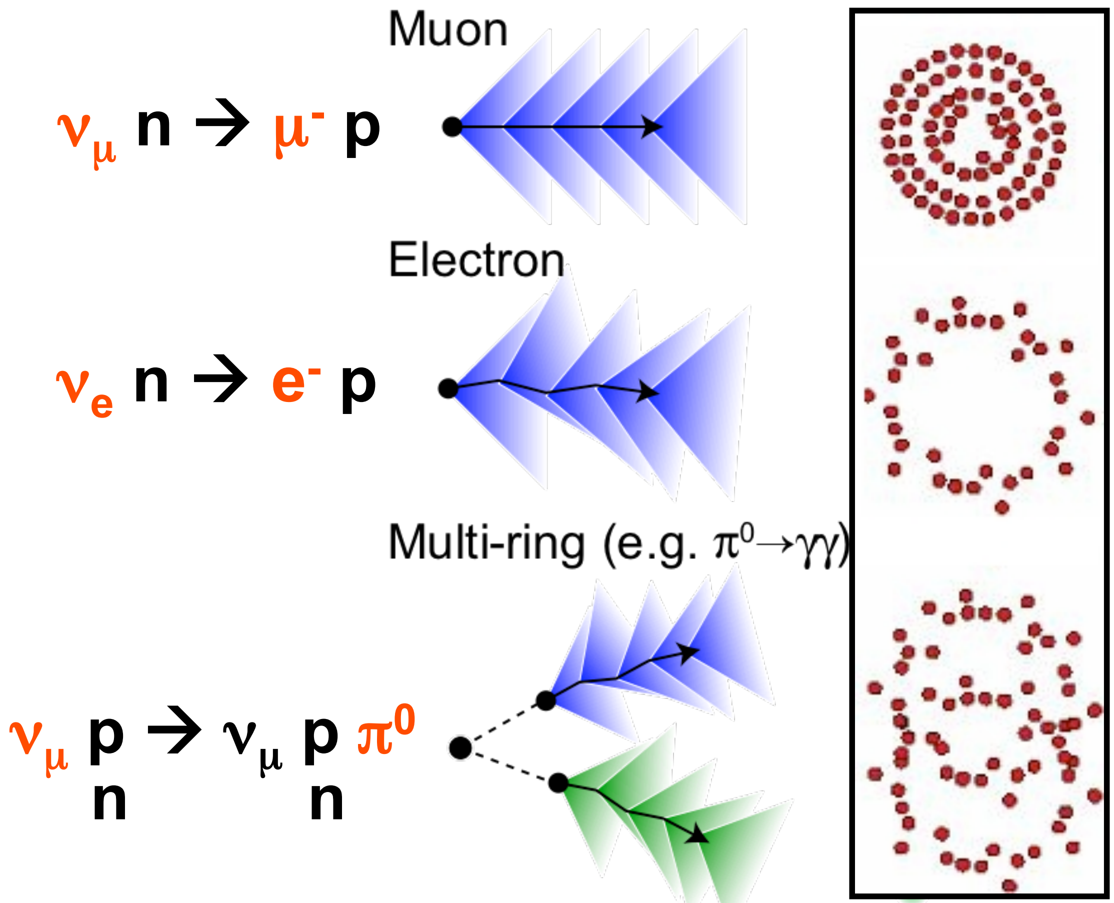
Detector Requirements:

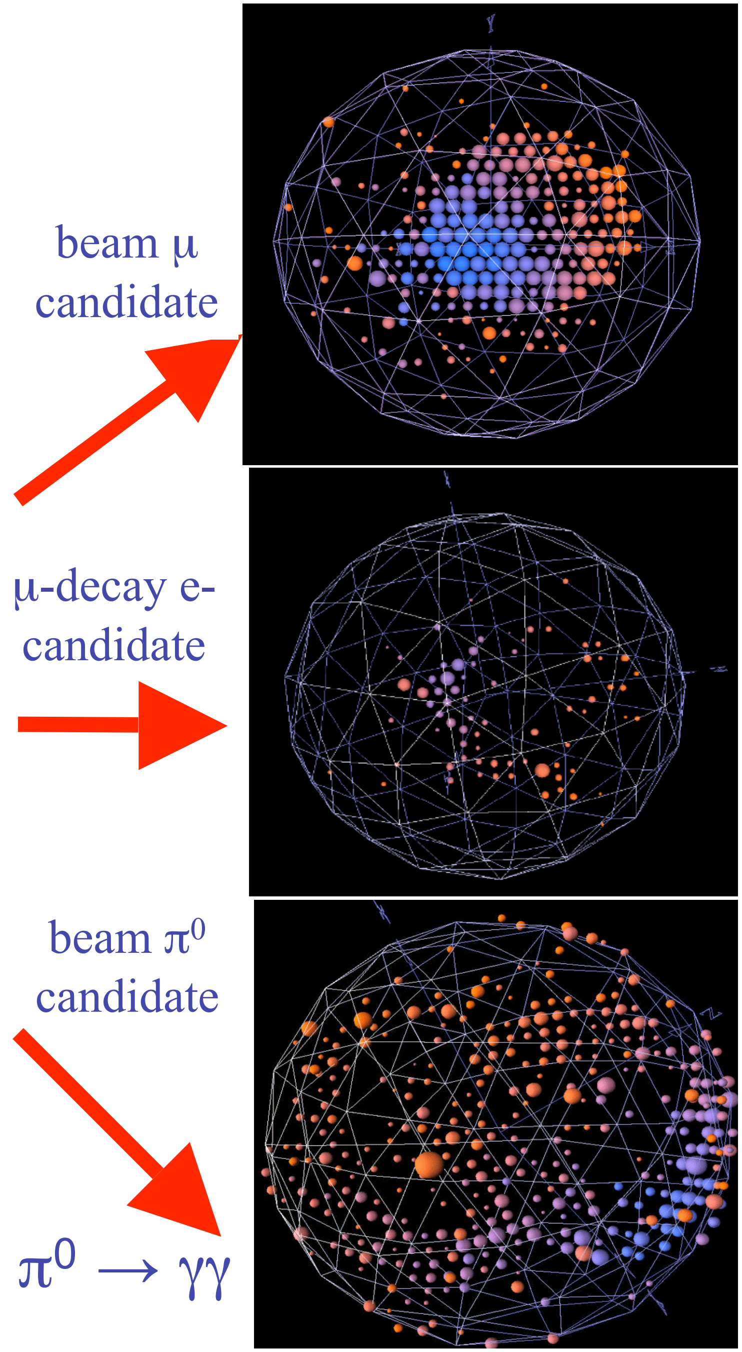
-Detect and Measure Events: Vertex, E_ν

-Separate ν_μ events from ν_e events.

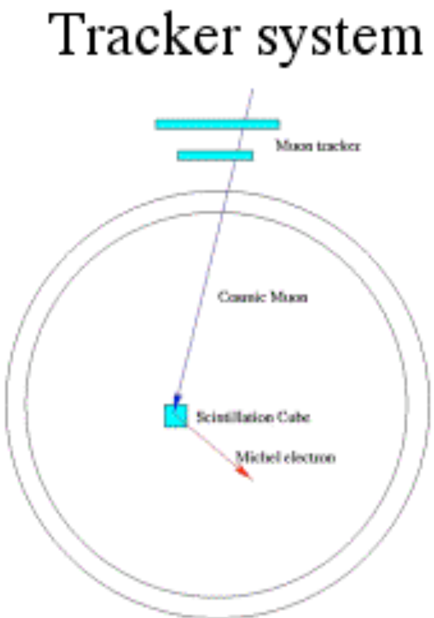
Particle Identification

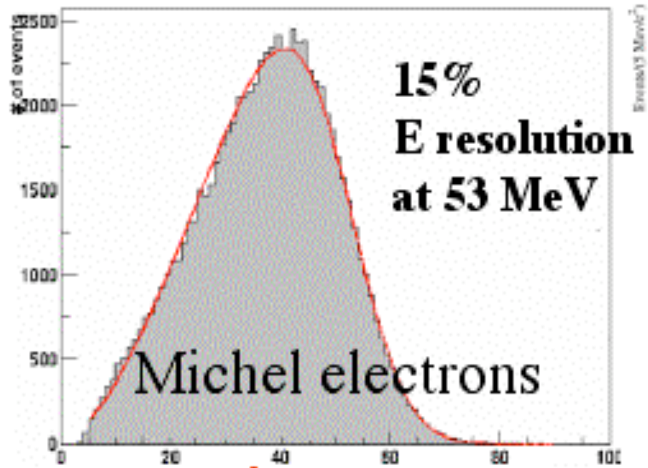
Čerenkov rings provide primary means of identifying products of ν interactions in the detector

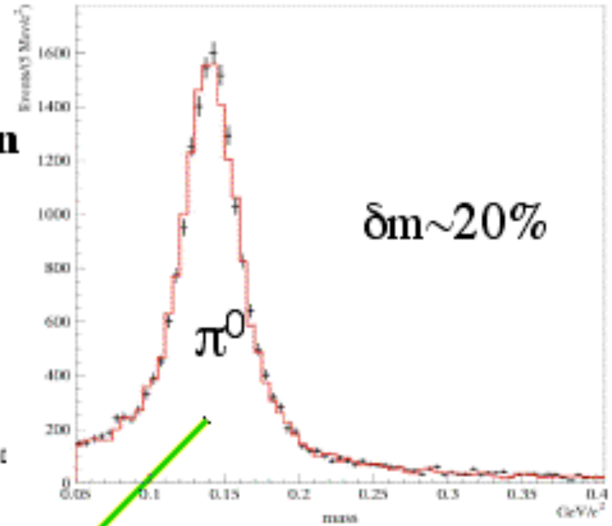


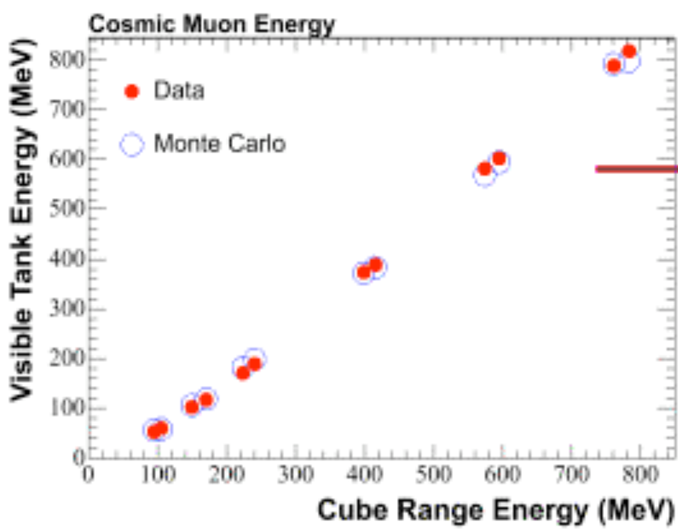


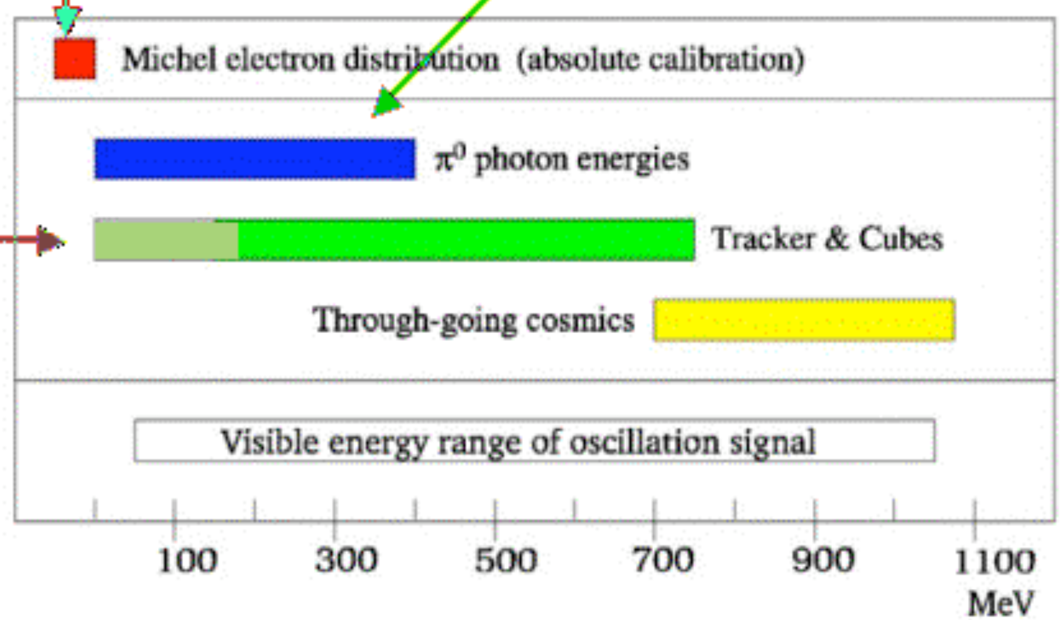
Energy Calibration





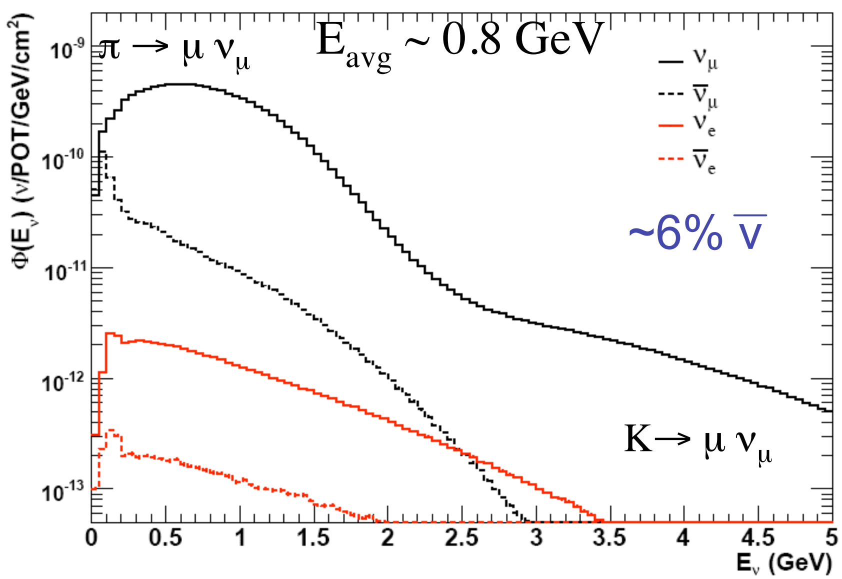




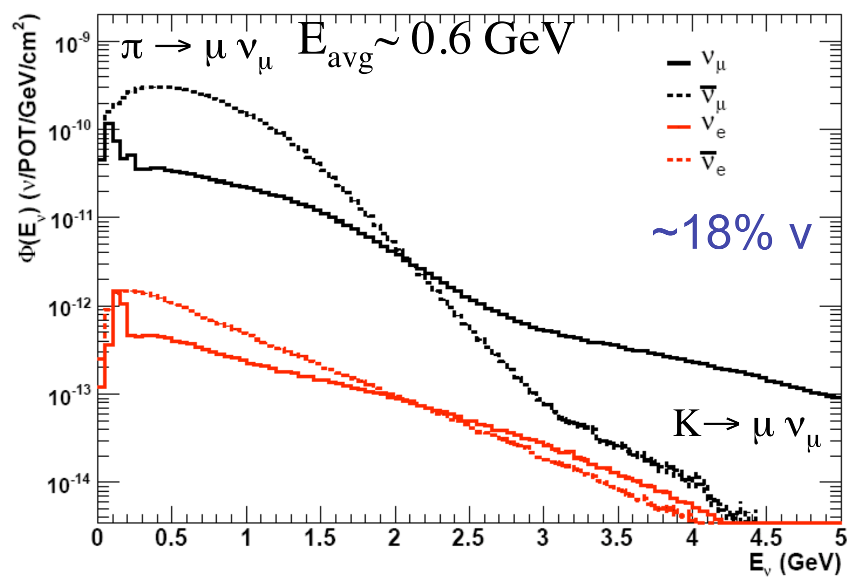


Booster Flux at MiniBooNE

Neutrino-Mode Flux



Antineutrino-Mode Flux



Subsequent decay of the μ^+ (μ^-) produces $\bar{\nu}_e$ (ν_e) intrinsics ~0.5%

neutrino mode: $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ oscillation search

antineutrino mode: $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ oscillation search

Appearance experiment: it looks for an excess of electron neutrino events in a predominantly muon neutrino beam

ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ Event Rate Predictions

Events Rate = Flux x Cross-sections x Detector response

External measurements (HARP, etc)
ν_μ rate constrained by neutrino data

External and MiniBooNE Measurements
π^0, $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$, dirt, and intrinsic ν_e constrained from data.

Detailed detector simulation and PID
Checked with neutrino data and calibration sources.

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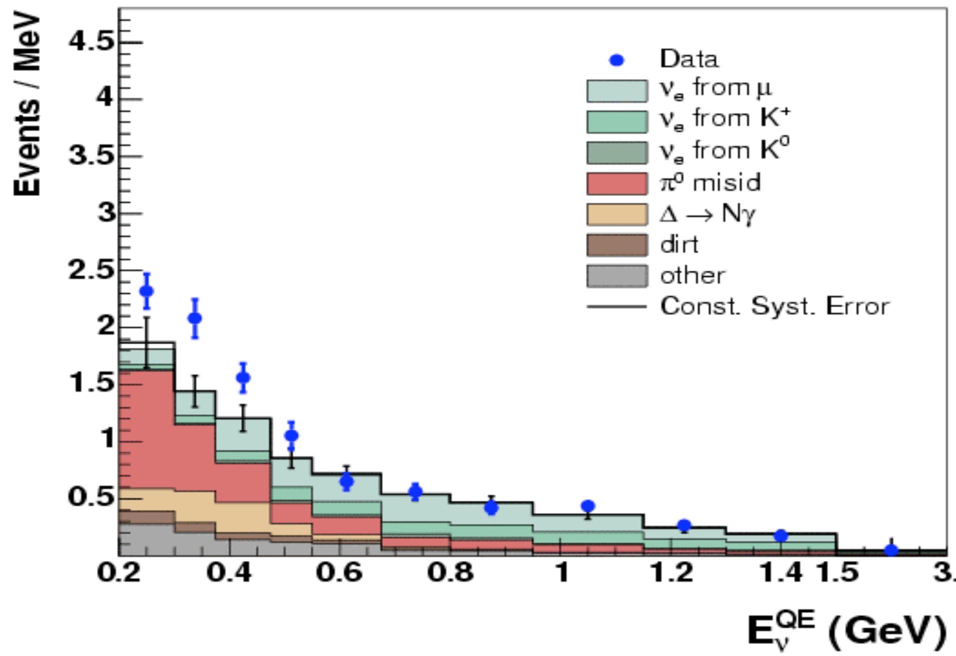
Neutrino Mode MiniBooNE Results (2009)

- **6.5E20 POT** collected in neutrino mode
- E > 475 MeV data in good agreement with background prediction

  -Energy region has reduced backgrounds and maintains high sensitivity to LSND oscillations.

  -A two neutrino fit rules out LSND at the 90% CL assuming CP conservation.
- E < 475 MeV, statistically large (6σ) excess

  -Reduced to 3σ after systematics, shape inconsistent with two neutrino oscillation interpretation of LSND. Excess of 129 +/- 43 (stat+sys) events is consistent with magnitude of LSND oscillations.



E_ν [MeV]	200-300	300-475	475-1250
total background	186.8±26	228.3±24.5	385.9±35.7
ν_e intrinsic	18.8	61.7	248.9
ν_μ induced	168	166.6	137
NC π^0	103.5	77.8	71.2
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	19.5	47.5	19.4
Dirt	11.5	12.3	11.5
other	33.5	29	34.9
Data	232	312	408
Data-MC	45.2±26	83.7±24.5	22.1±35.7
Significance	1.7σ	3.4σ	0.6σ

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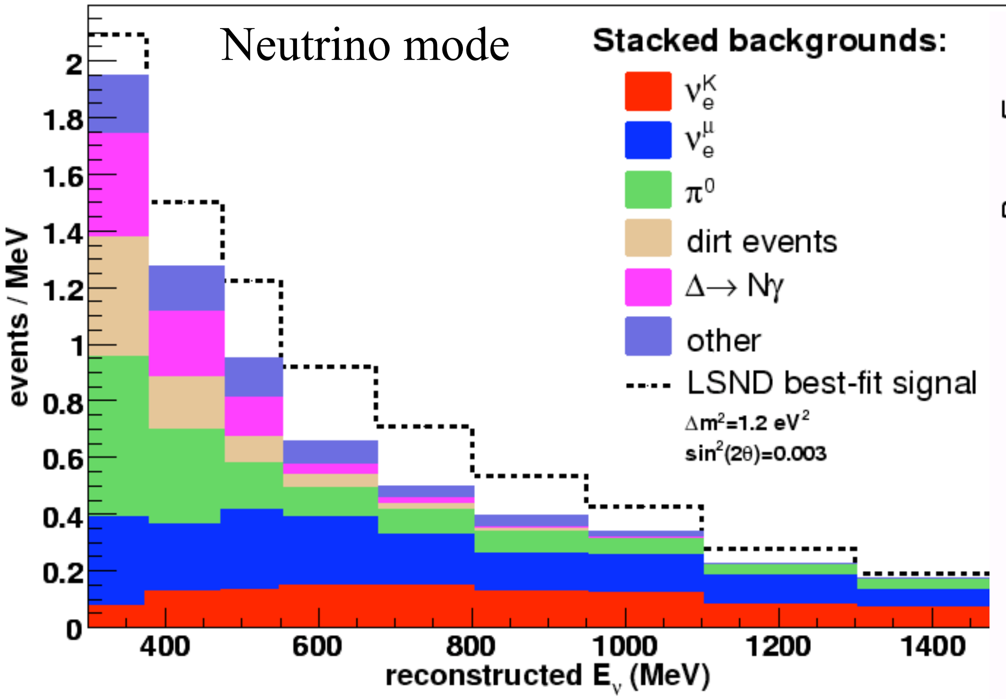
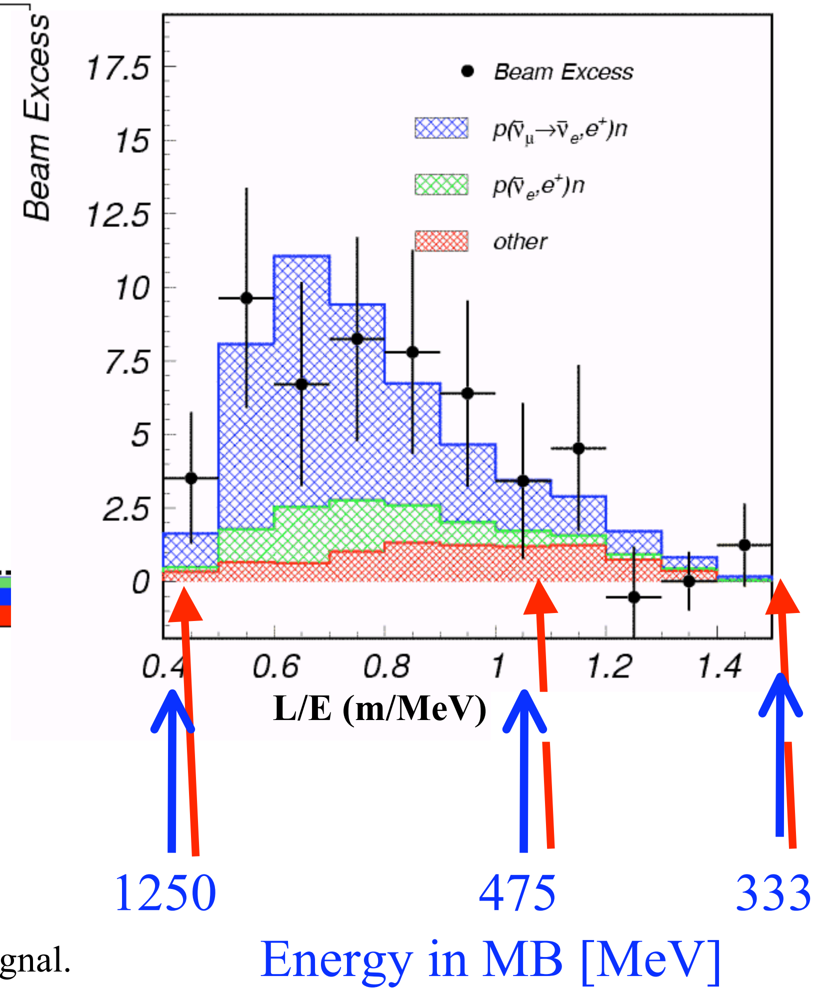
Reminder of Some Pre-unblinding Choices

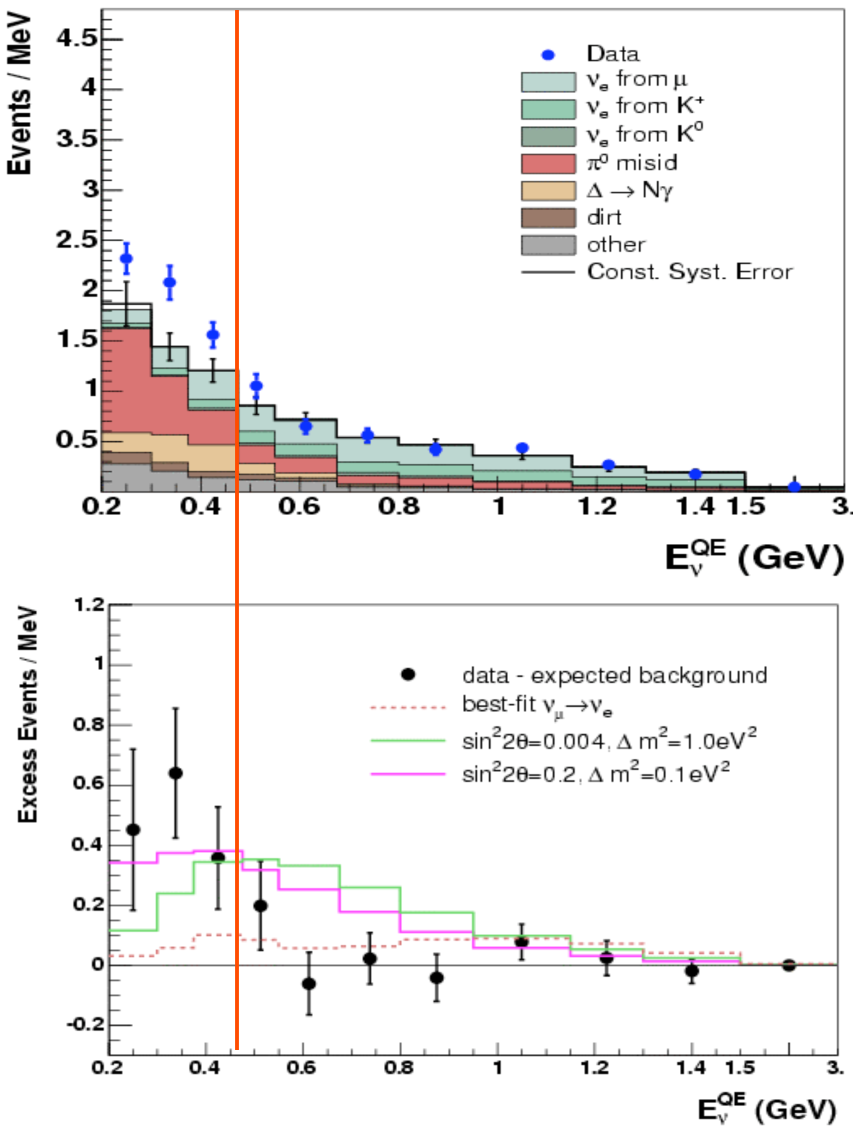
We are using energy range E_ν > 475 MeV in oscillation analysis

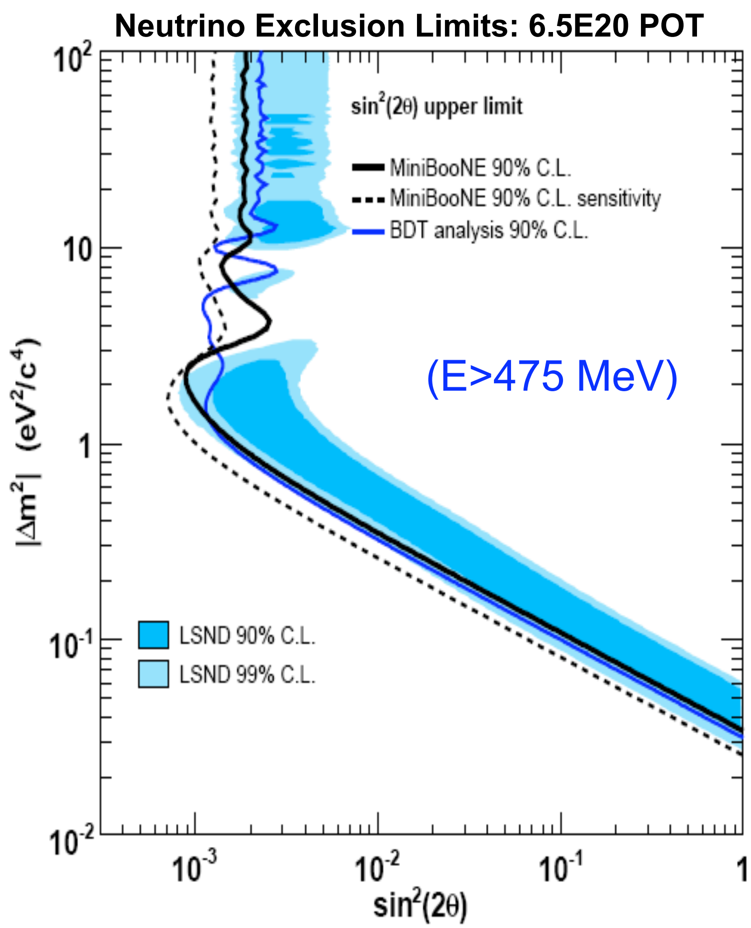




- Why is the 200-475 MeV region unimportant for oscillation search?
  - -Large backgrounds from mis-ids reduce S/B.
  - -Many systematics grow at lower energies, especially on signal.
  - -Most importantly, not a region of L/E where LSND observed a significant signal

Neutrino Mode MiniBooNE Results (2009): Limit

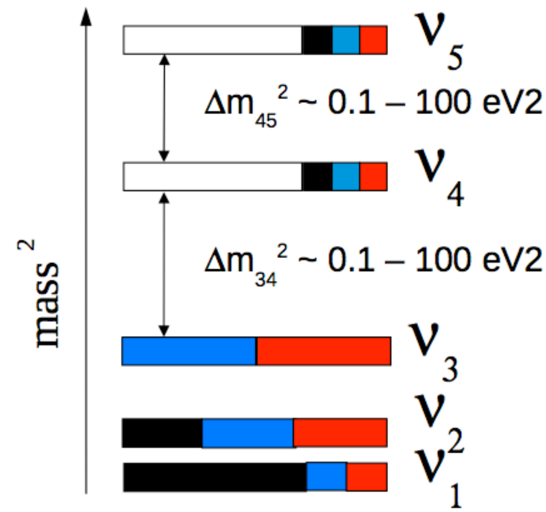




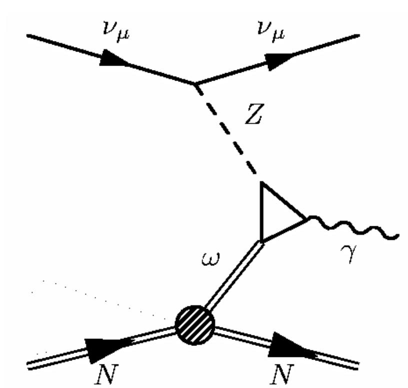
Range of possible explanations for observed excess

Several possible explanations have been put forth by the physics community, attempting to reconcile the MiniBooNE neutrino mode result with LSND and other appearance experiments…

- 3+2 with CP violation
  [Maltoni and Schwetz, hep-ph0705.0107 ; G. K., NuFACT 07 conference]
- Anomaly mediated photon production
  [Harvey, Hill, and Hill, hep-ph0708.1281]
- New light gauge boson
  [Nelson, Walsh, Phys. Rev. D 77, 033001 (2008)]
- Neutrino decay
  [hep-ph/0602083]
- Extra dimensions
  [hep-ph/0504096]
- CPT/Lorentz violation
  [PRD(2006)105009]
- …



$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e \neq \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$?



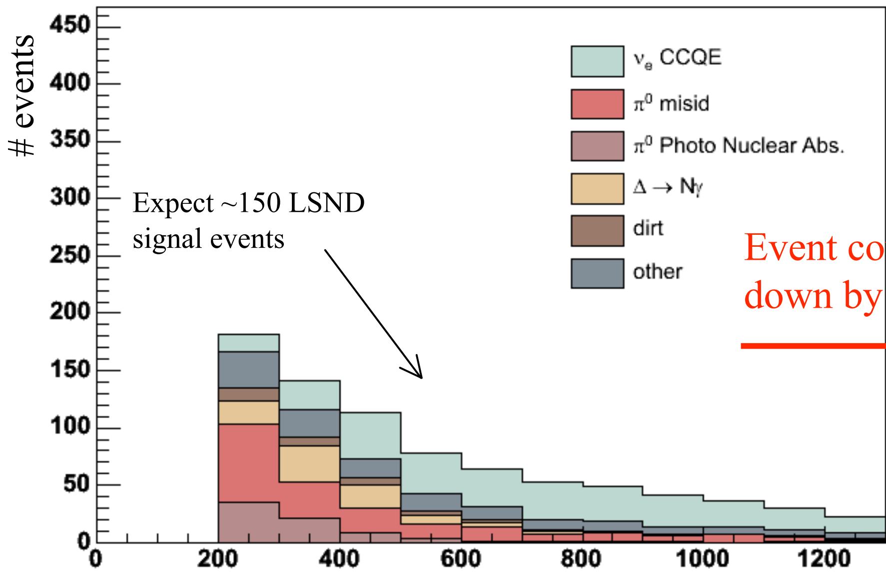
$\bar{\nu}_e$ Event Rate Predictions in Appearance Analysis

We have collected about ~1/5 the number of interactions as in neutrino mode

- Similar number of protons on target so far in two modes
- The flux per proton on target is lower (~×1.5) in $\bar{\nu}$ mode
- The cross section is lower (~×3) in $\bar{\nu}$ mode
- Background types and relative rates are similar for neutrino and antineutrino mode.
  - -except inclusion of 15.9% wrong-sign neutrino flux component in antineutrino mode
- Fit analysis and errors are similar.

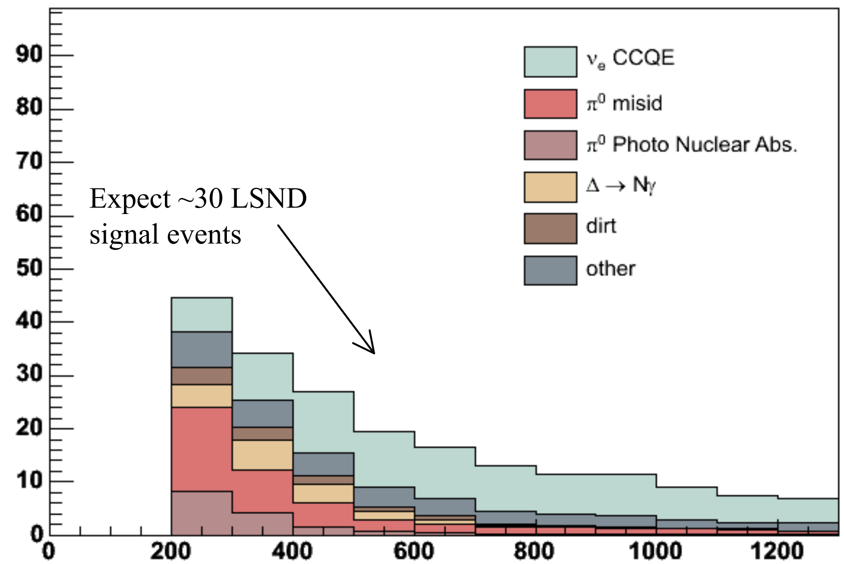
ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ Background Predictions After Reconstruction and Selection

Neutrino 6.5×10^{20} POT



Event count down by x5

AntiNeutrino 5.66×10^{20} POT

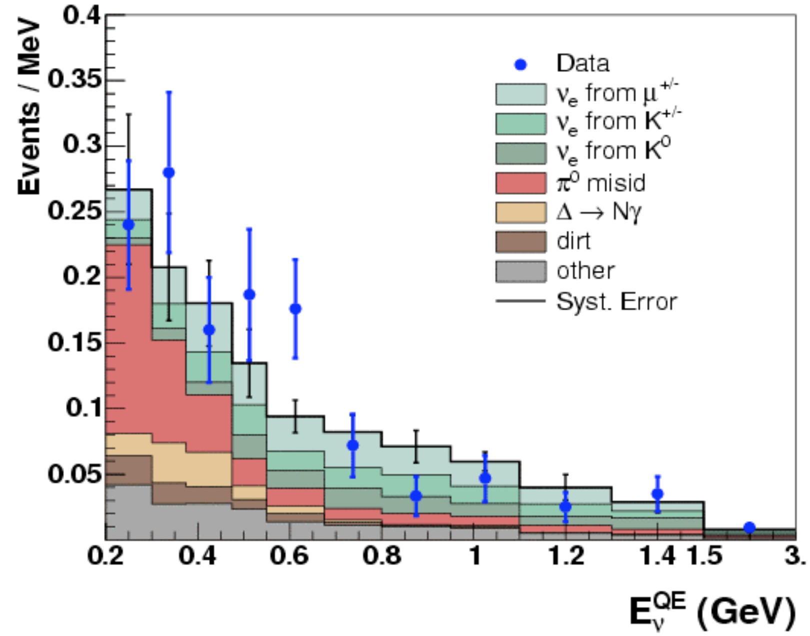


(MeV)

E_ν^{QE} = Reconstructed neutrino energy

Reminder of the First Anti-neutrino Mode Results (2009): 3.4E20 POT

- 3.4E20 POT collected in anti-neutrino mode
- From 200-3000 MeV excess is 4.8 +/- 17.6 (stat+sys) events.
- Statistically small excess in 475-1250 MeV region
  - -Only antineutrino's allowed to oscillate in fit
  - -Limit from two neutrino fit excludes less area than sensitivity due to fit adding a LSND-like signal to account for wiggle
  - -Stat error too large to distinguish LSND-like from null
- No significant excess E < 475 MeV.



E_ν [MeV]	200-475	475-1250
total background	60.29	57.78
ν_e intrinsic	17.74	43.23
ν_μ induced	42.54	14.55
NC π^0	24.60	7.17
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	6.58	2.02
Dirt	4.69	1.92
CCQE	2.86	1.24
other	3.82	2.20
LSND best fit	4.33	12.63

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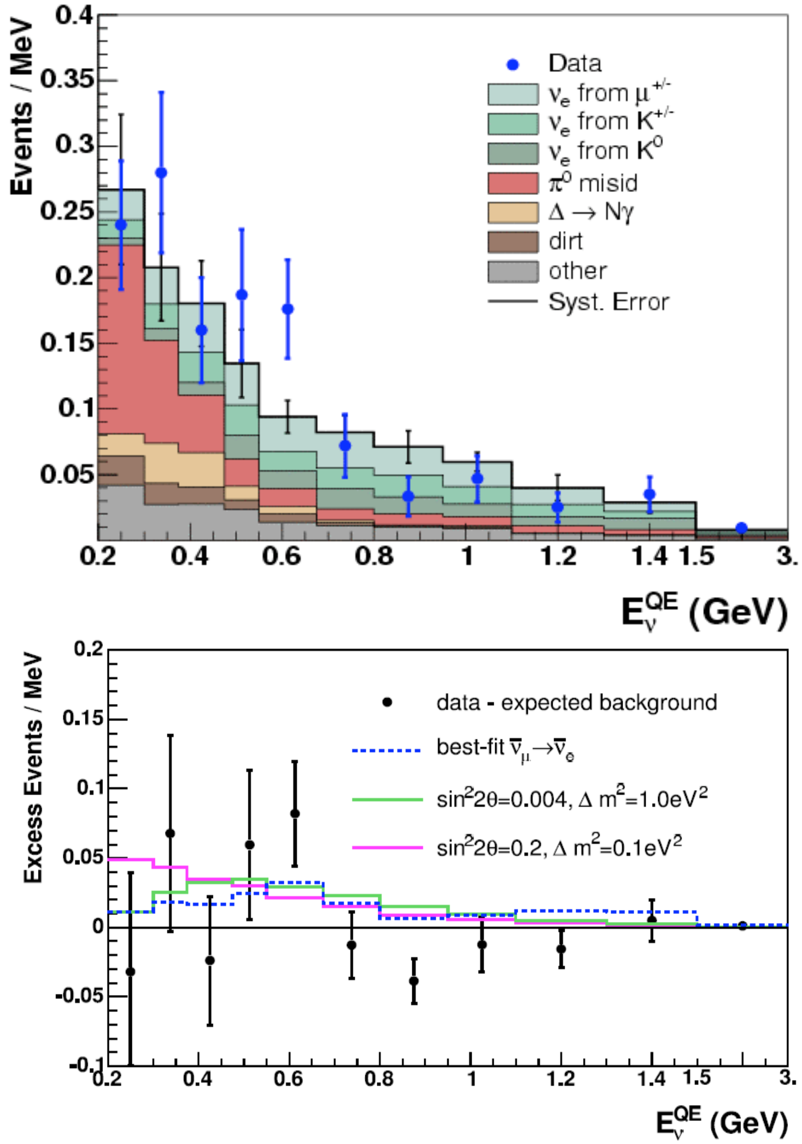
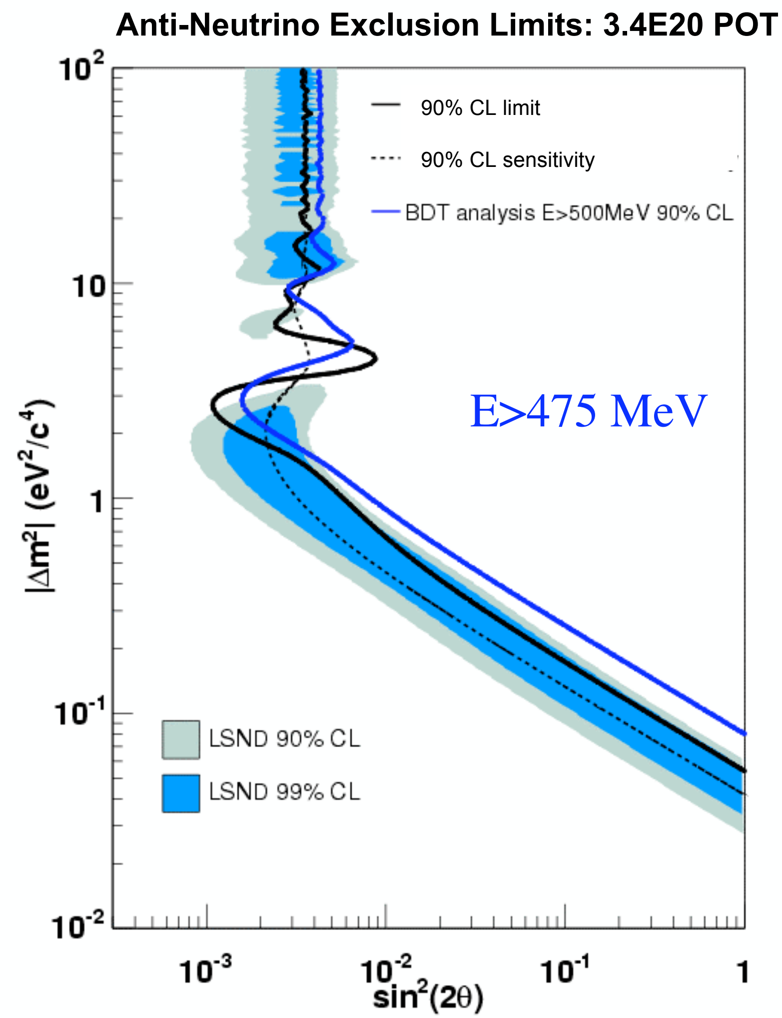




New Anti-neutrino mode results: 5.66E20 POT
(70% more data)

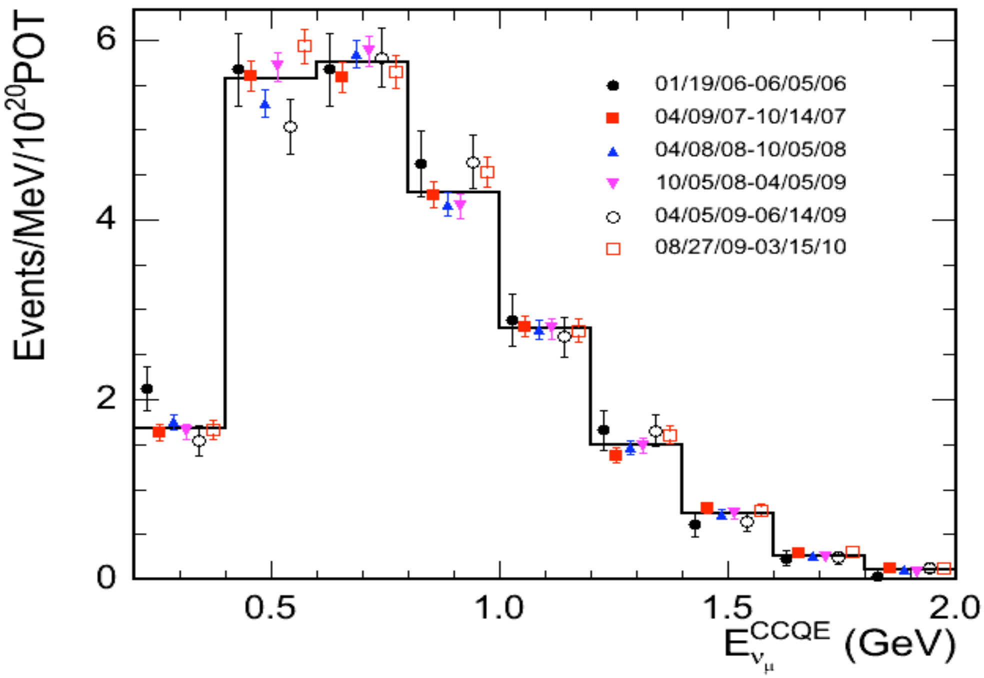
Data Checks

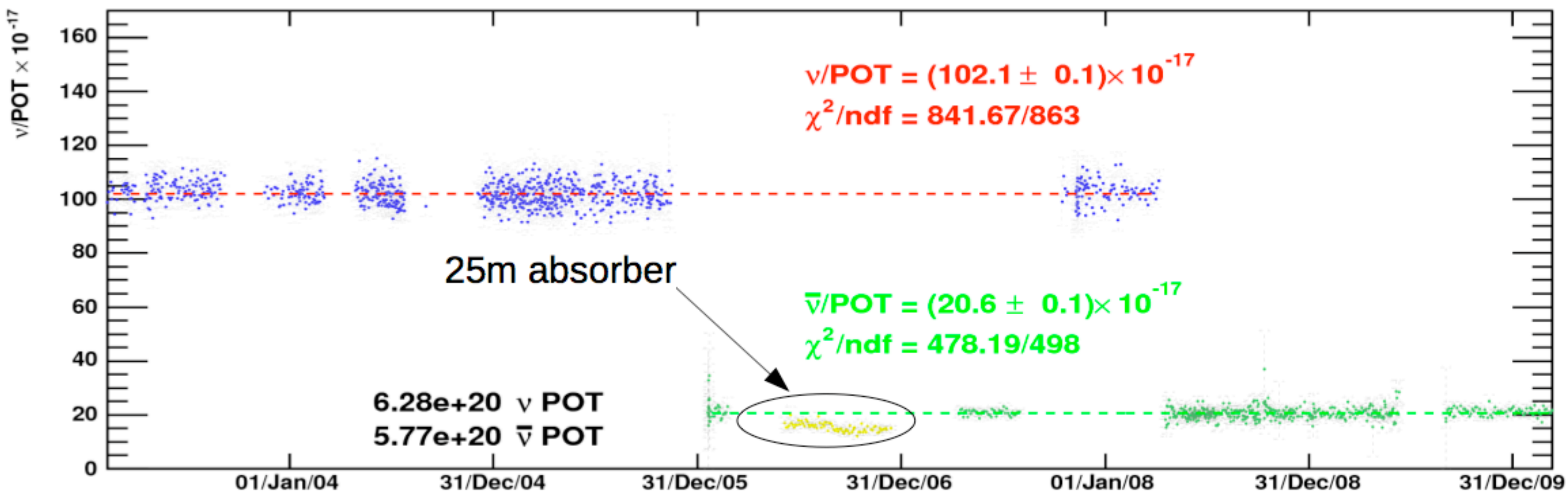
- Beam and Detector low level stability checks; beam stable to 2%, and detector energy response to 1%.
- $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ rates and energy stable over entire antineutrino run.
- Independent measurement of π^0 rate for antineutrino mode.
- Measured dirt rates are similar in neutrino and antineutrino mode.
- Measured ν wrong sign component stable over time and energy.
- Checked off axis rates from NuMI beam.
- Above 475 MeV, about two thirds of the electron (anti)neutrino intrinsic rate is constrained by simultaneous fit to $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ data.
- New SciBooNE neutrino mode K^+ weight = $0.75 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.30(\text{sys})$.
- One third of electron neutrino intrinsic rate come from K^0, where we use external measurements and apply 30% error.

  -Would require >3σ increase in K^0 normalization, but shape does not match well the excess.

Beam and Data Stability

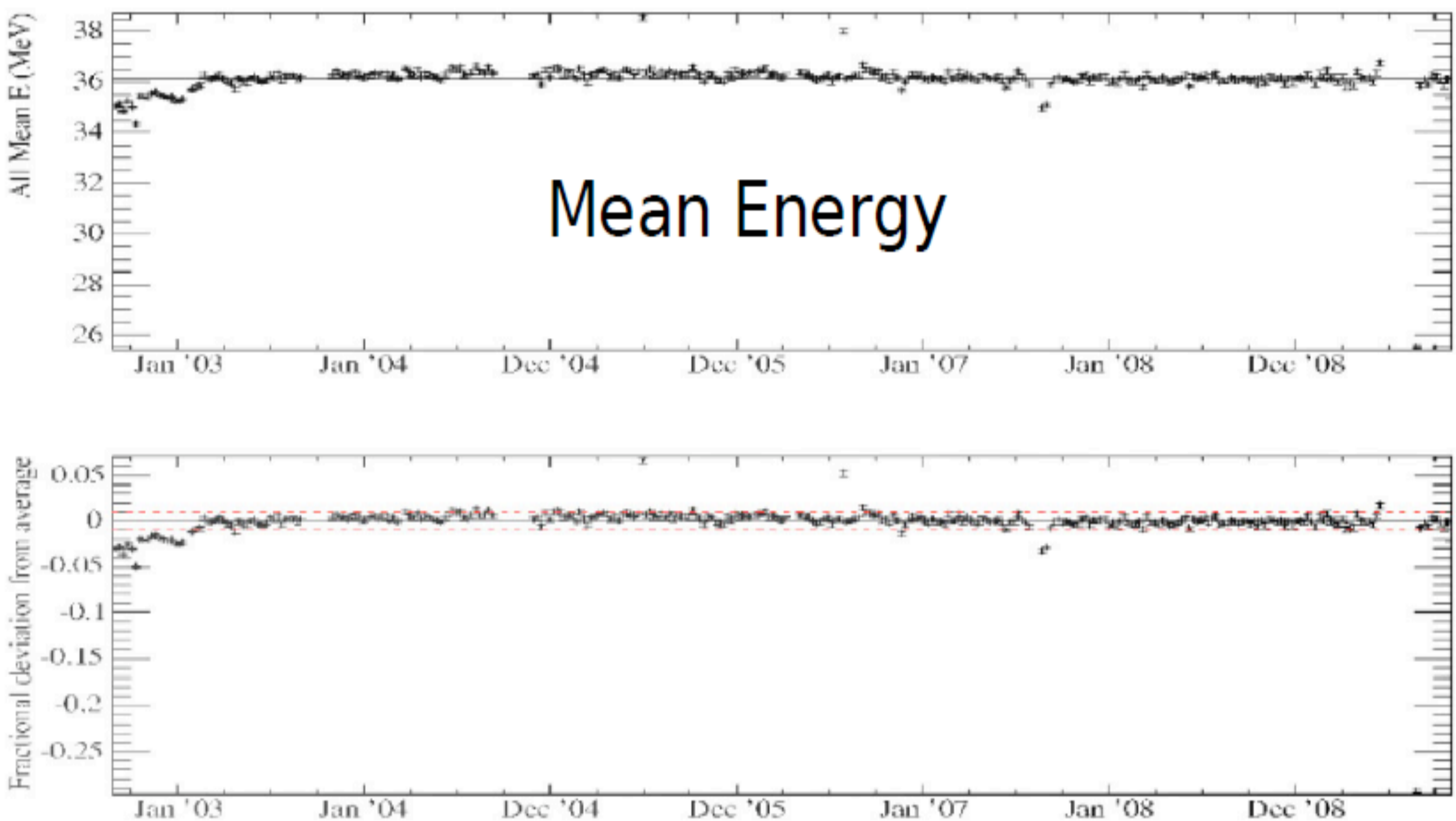
Very stable throughout the run.





Energy Scale Stability

Michel electron mean energy is within 1% since the start of data taking.



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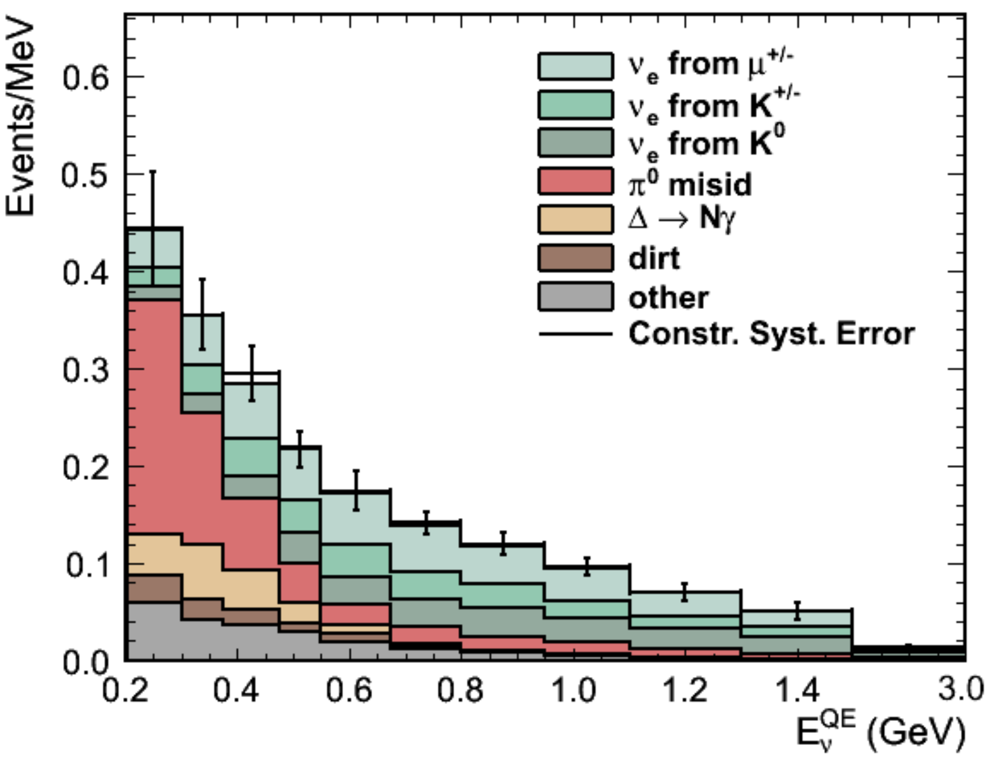

	200-475	475-1250	
$\mu^{\pm}$	13.45	31.39	
$K^{\pm}$	8.15	18.61	Intrinsic ν_e
K^0	5.13	21.2	
Other ν_e	1.26	2.05	
NC π^0	41.58	12.57	
$\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	12.39	3.37	
dirt	6.16	2.63	Mis-ID
ν_μ CCQE	4.3	2.04	
Other ν_μ	7.03	4.22	
Total	99.45	98.08	

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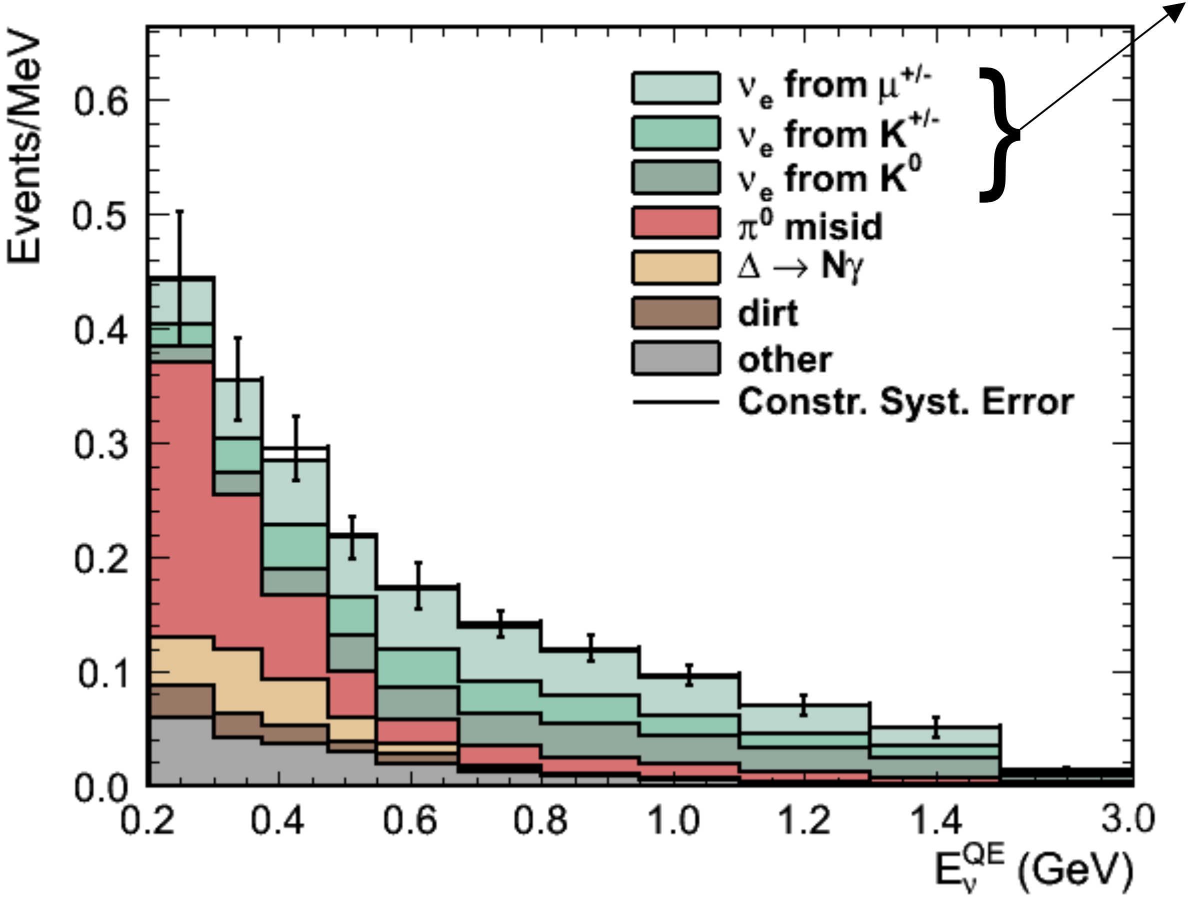
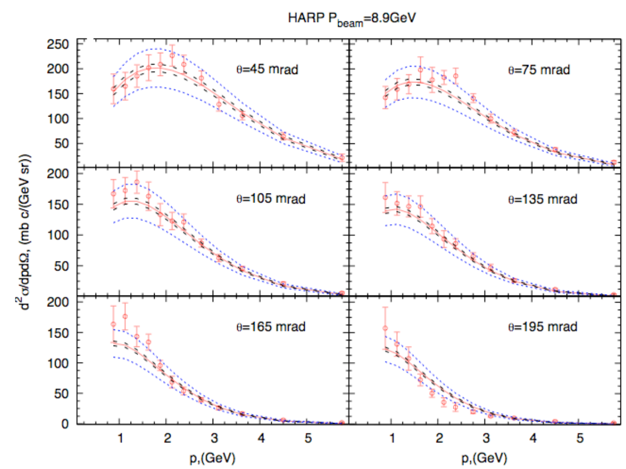


- Intrinsic ν_e

External measurements

-HARP p+Be for $\pi^\pm$



-Sanford-Wang fits to world K^+/K^0 data

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MiniBooNE data constrained

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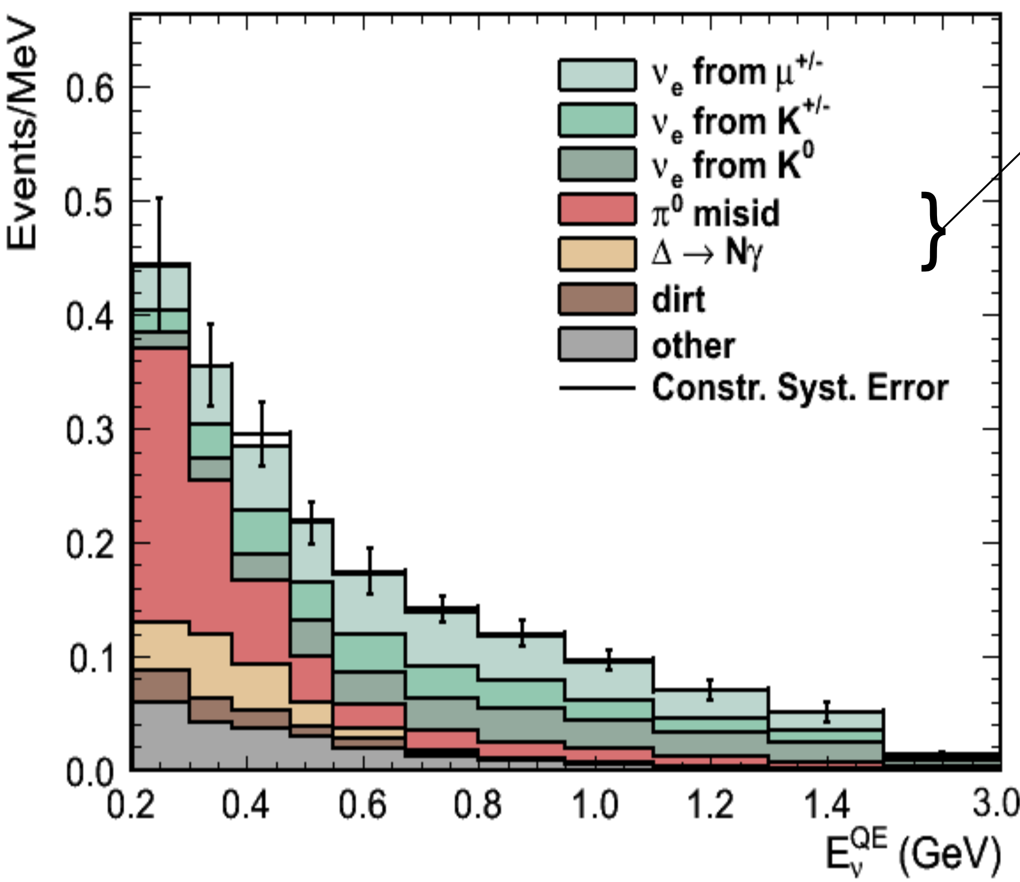
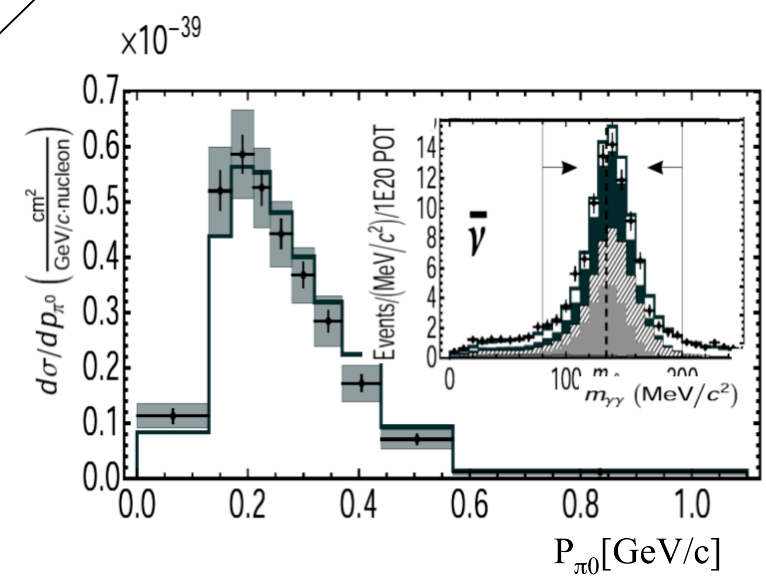


Neutral Current π^0

MiniBooNE NC π^0 measurement



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Constrains radiative

Δ decays as well

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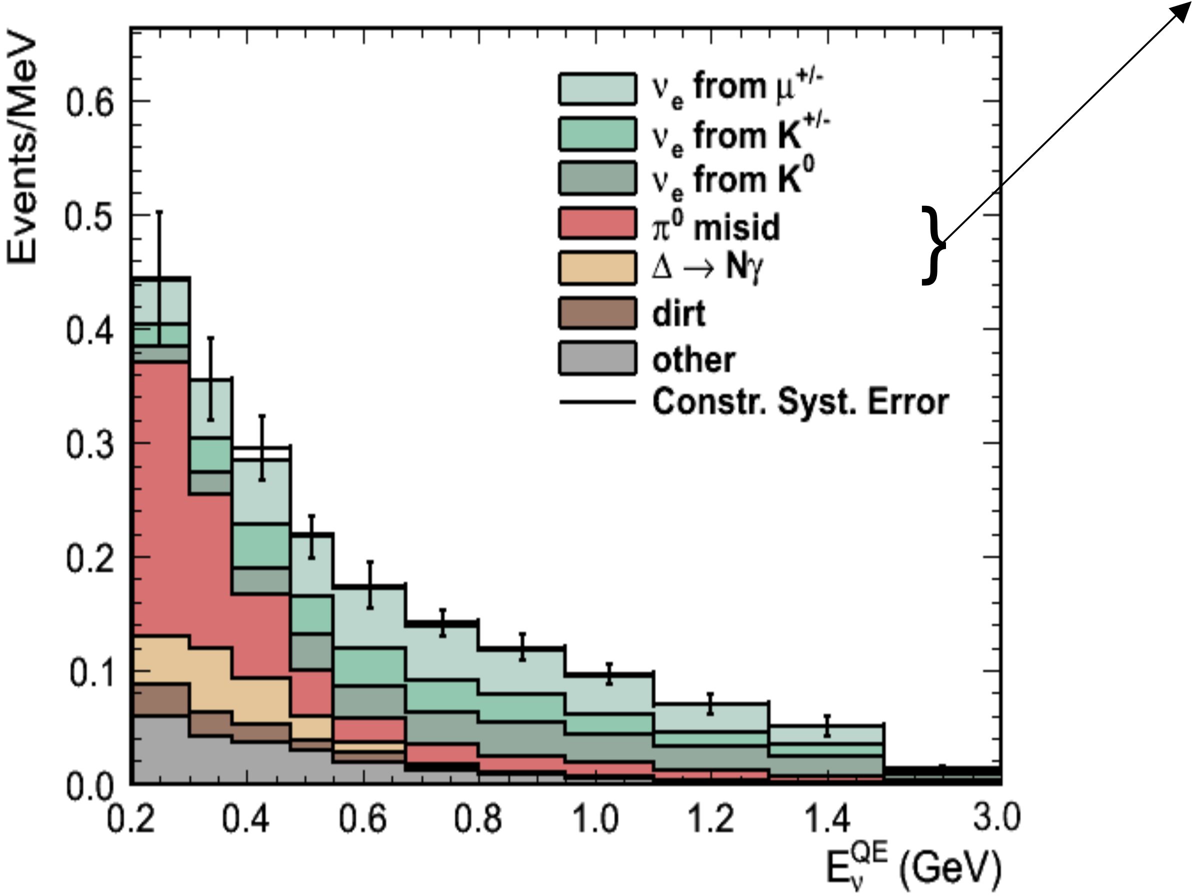

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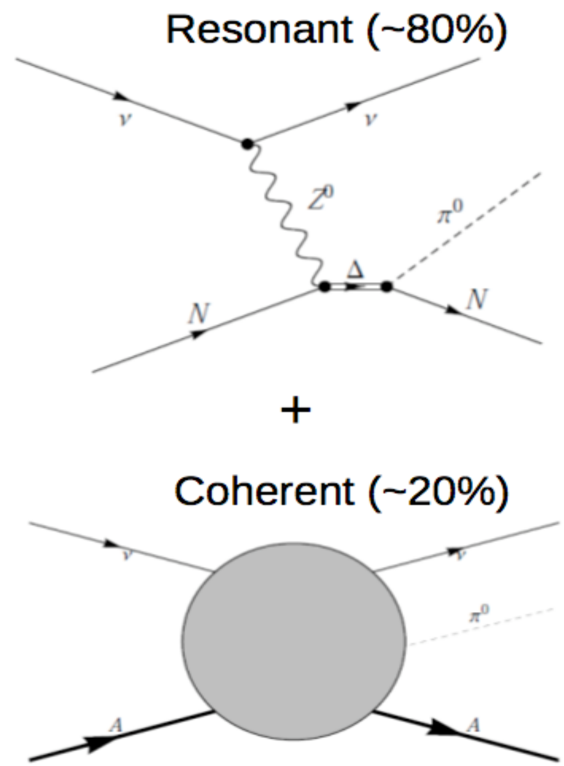

Measured Coherent/
Resonant Ratio

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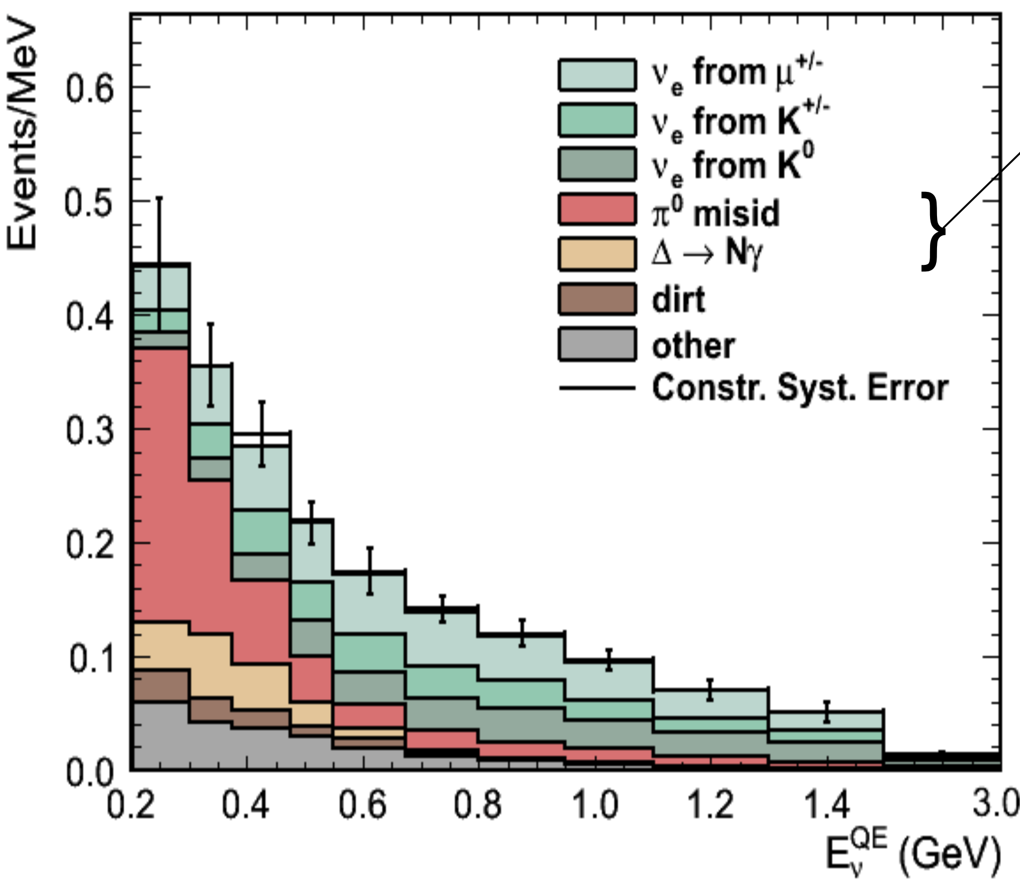

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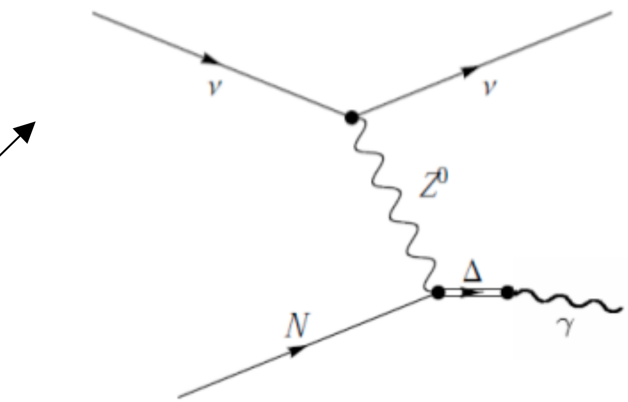
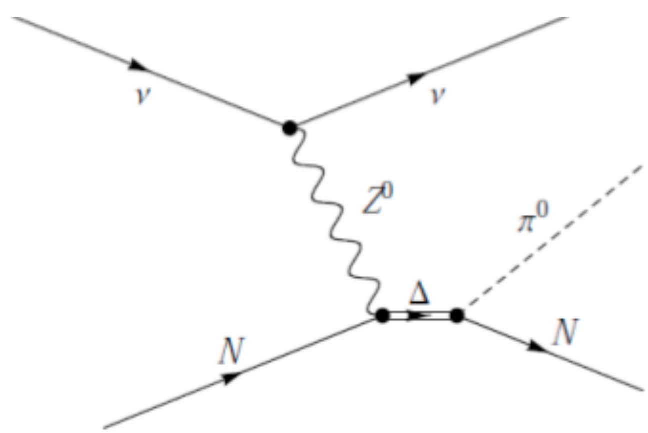


Use MiniBooNE NC π^0 measurement to constrain



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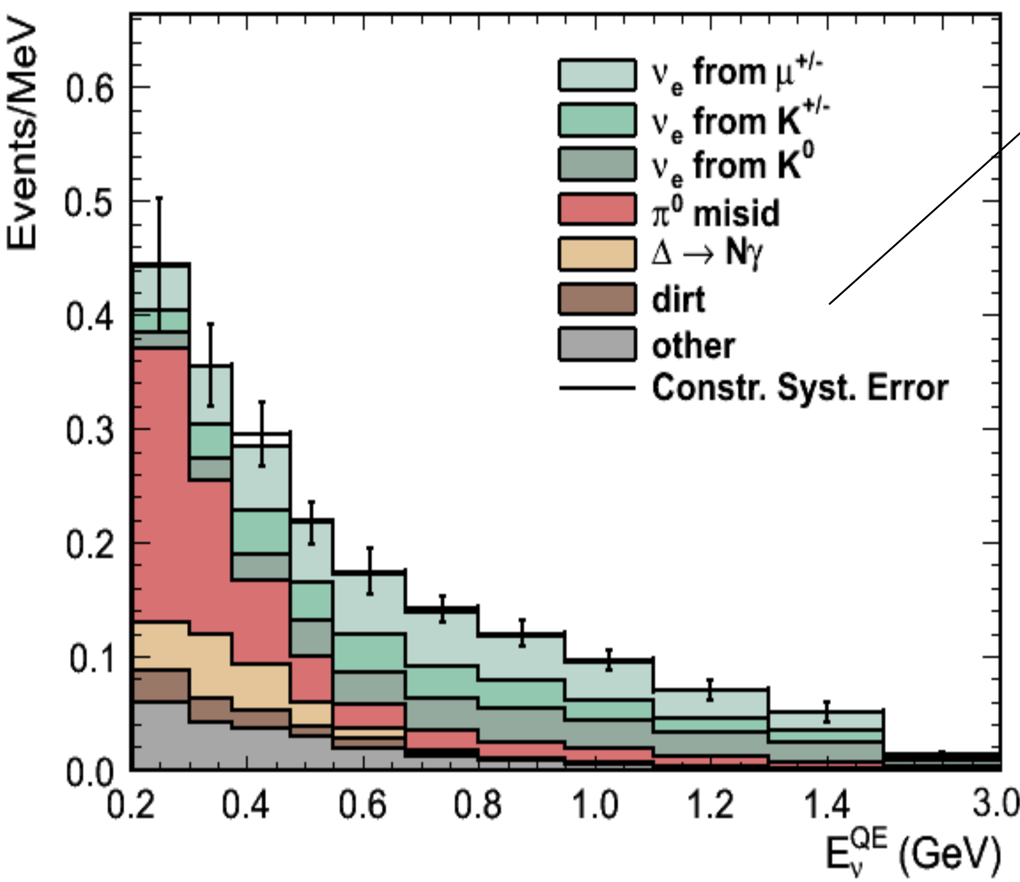
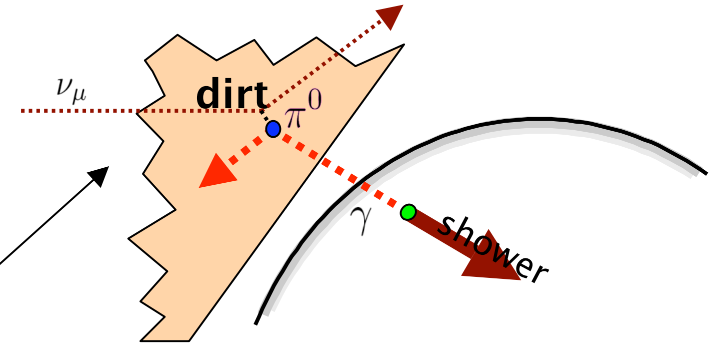


Dirt Events



-Events at high radius
pointing toward center
-low energy depositions

MiniBooNE measurement

Background Uncertainties

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Target and beam models	1.7	3
Cross sections	6.5	13
NC pi0 yield	1.5	1.3
Hadronic interactions	0.4	0.2
Dirt	1.6	0.7
Electronics & DAQ model	7	2
OM	8	3.7
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-Unconstrained ν_e background uncertainties

-Propagate input uncertainties from either MiniBooNE measurement or external data

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-Uncertainty determined by varying underlying cross section model parameters (M_A, Pauli blocking, …)

-Many of these parameters measured in MiniBooNE

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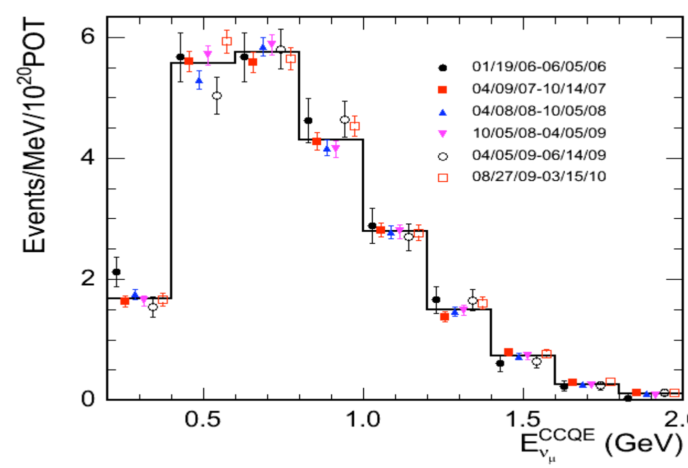
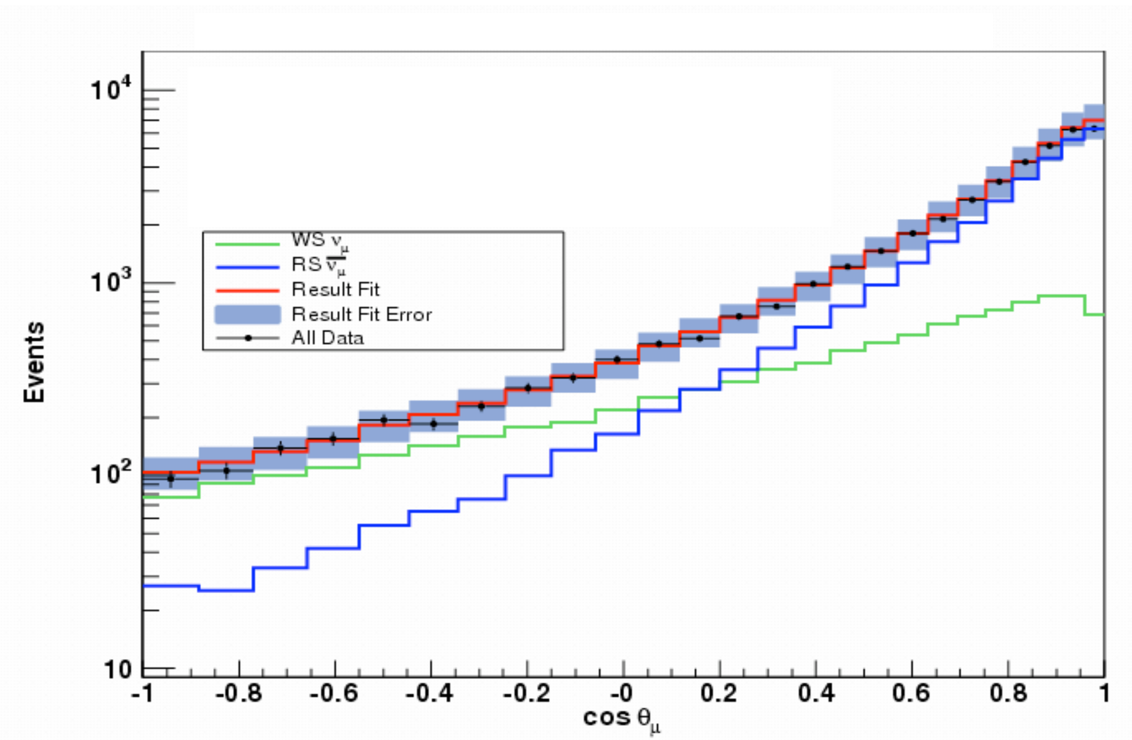
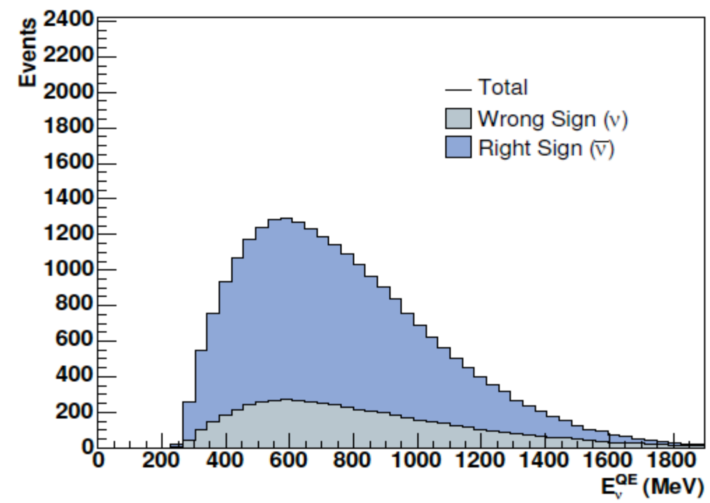
-Uncertainty in light creation, propagation and detection in the detector

Signal Prediction

- Assuming only right sign oscillates ($\bar{\nu}_\mu$)
- Need to know wrong sign vs right sign
- We measure it
- $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CCQE gives more forward peaked muon





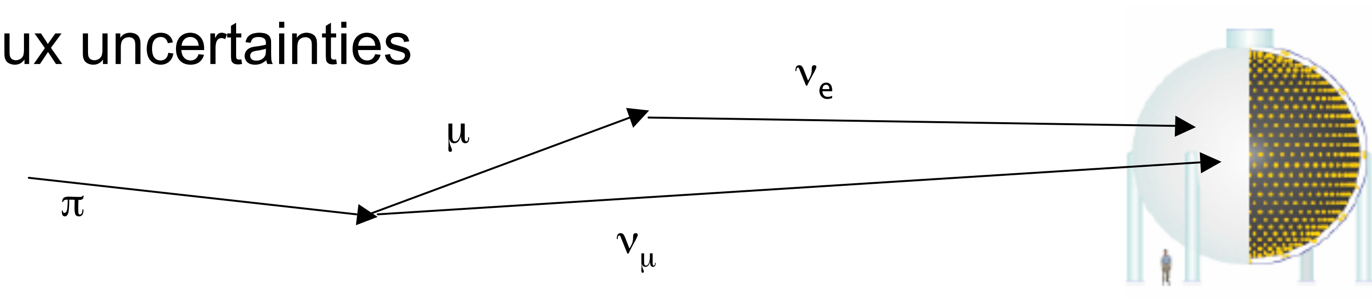


Oscillation Fit Method

- Maximum likelihood fit:

$$-2\ln(L) = (x_1 - \mu_1, ...x_n - \mu_n)M^{-1}(x_1 - \mu_1, ...x_n - \mu_n)^T + \ln(|M|)$$

- Simultaneously fit
  - ν_e CCQE sample
  - High statistics ν_μ CCQE sample
- ν_μ CCQE sample constrains many of the uncertainties:
  - Flux uncertainties

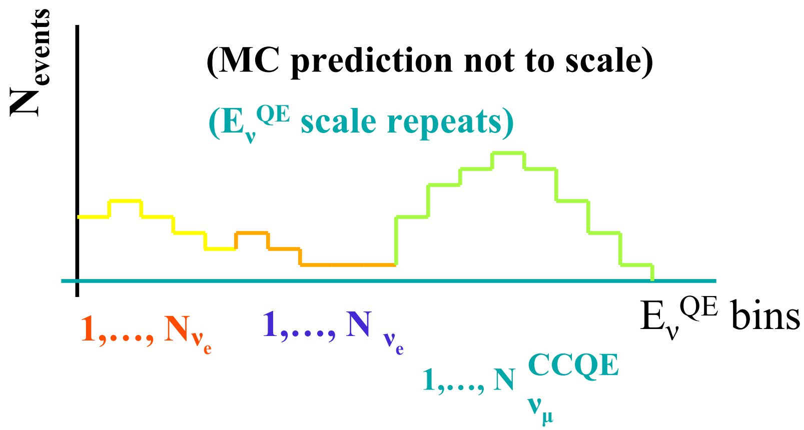


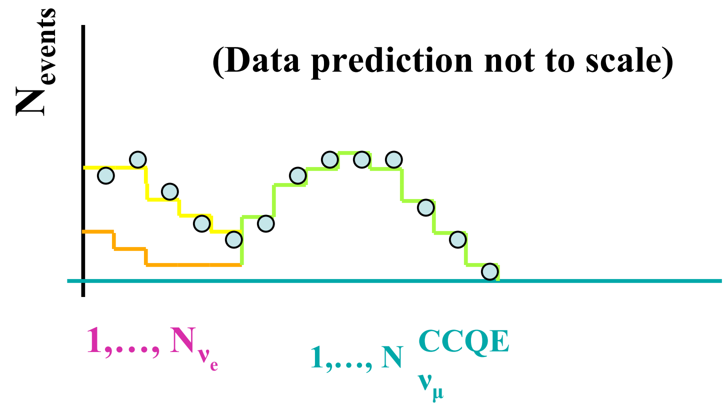
  - Cross section uncertainties (CCQE process)

Constrained Fit

The following three distinct samples are used in the oscillation fits:

1. Background to ν_e oscillations
2. ν_e Signal prediction (dependent on Δm^2, $\sin^2 2\theta$)
3. ν_μ CCQE sample, used to constrain ν_e prediction (signal+background)





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M_{ij} = full syst+stat covariance matrix at best fit prediction

logL calculated using both datasets (ν_e and ν_μ CCQE), and corresponding covariance matrix

New Anti-neutrino mode results: 5.66E20 POT

	200-475 MeV	475-1250 MeV	200-3000 MeV
Data	119	120	277
MC (stat+sys)	100.5 ± 14.3	99.1 ± 13.9	233.8 ± 22.5
Excess (stat)	18.5 ± 10.0(1.9σ)	20.9 ± 10.0(2.1σ)	43.2 ±15.3 (2.8σ)
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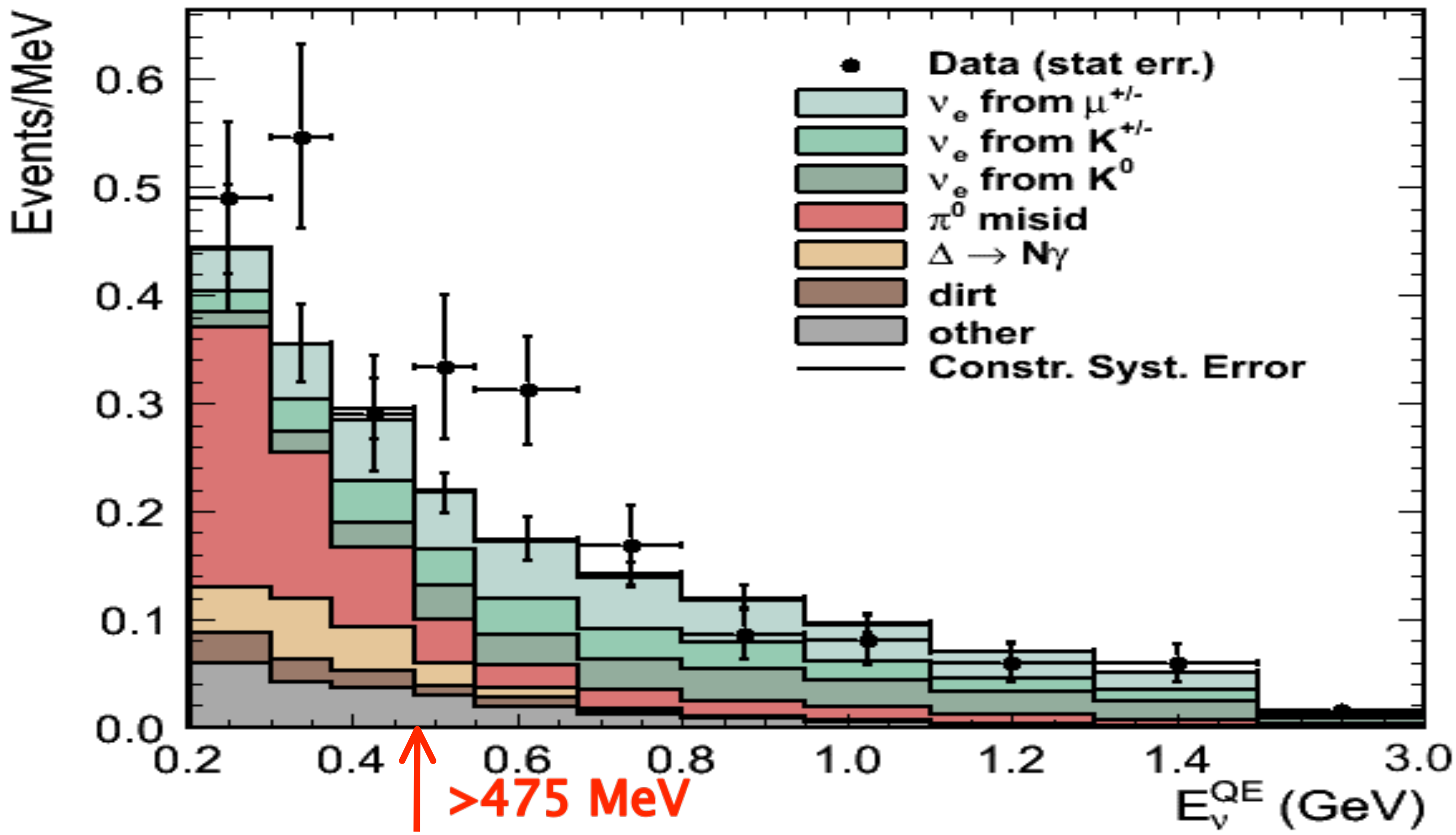
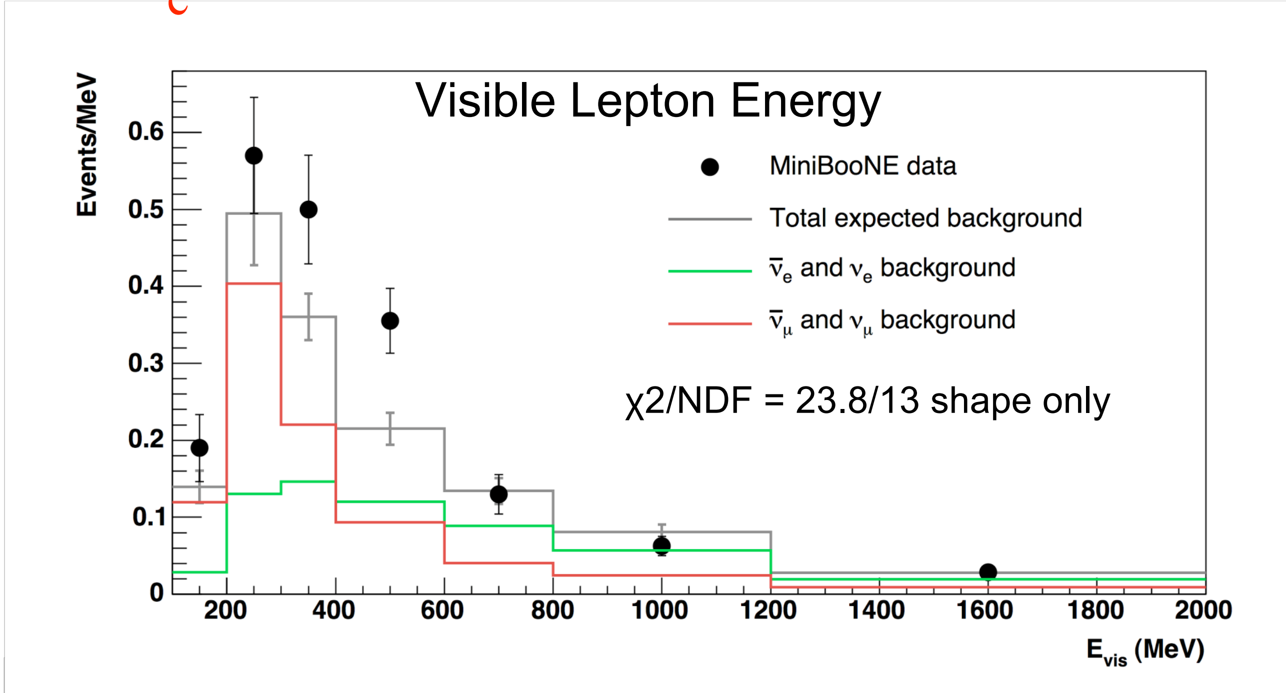
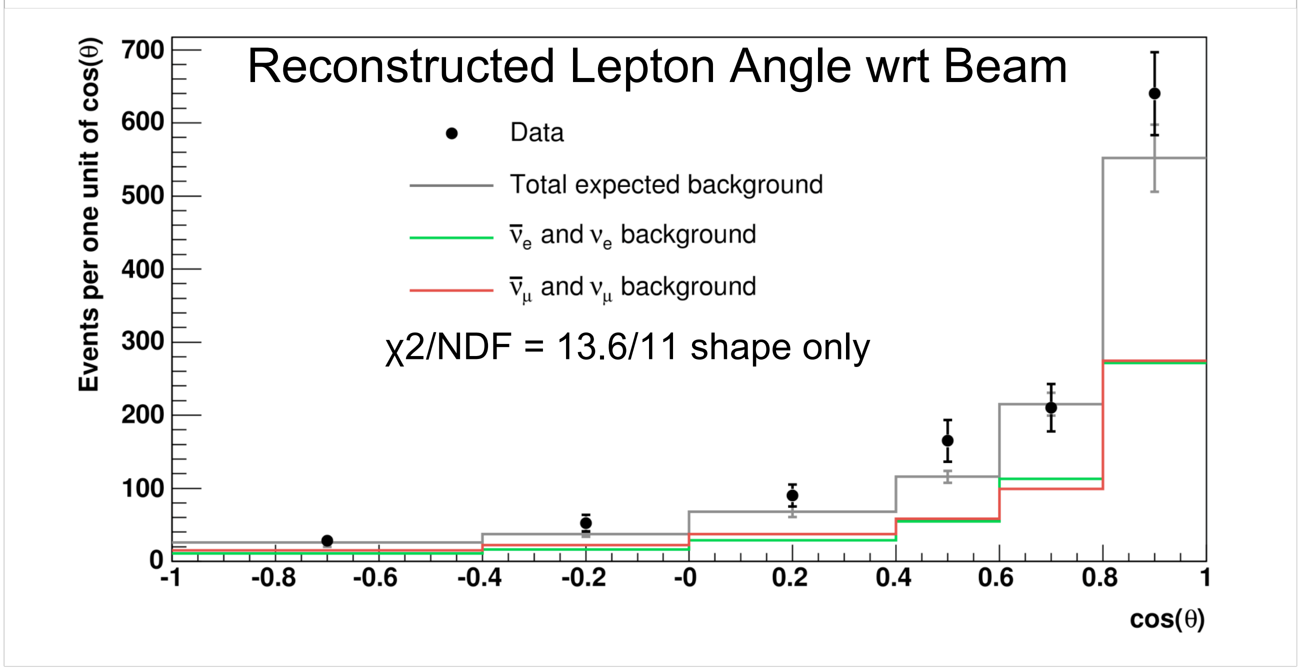


Other $\bar{\nu}_e$ kinematic distributions for 5.66E20 POT

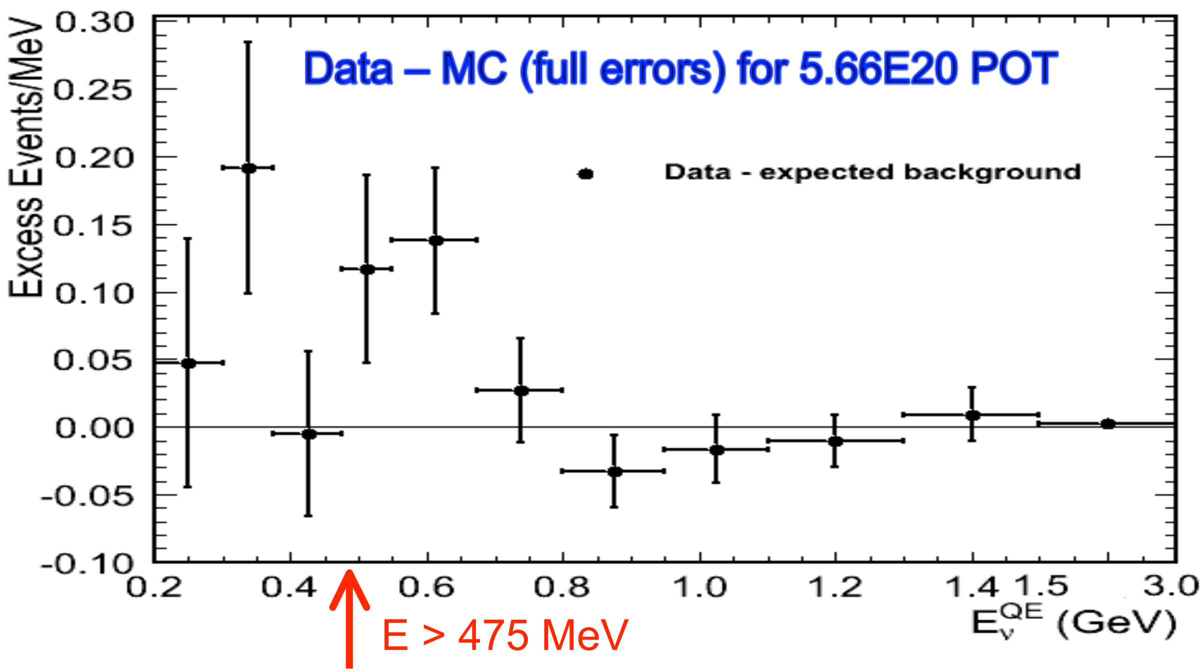




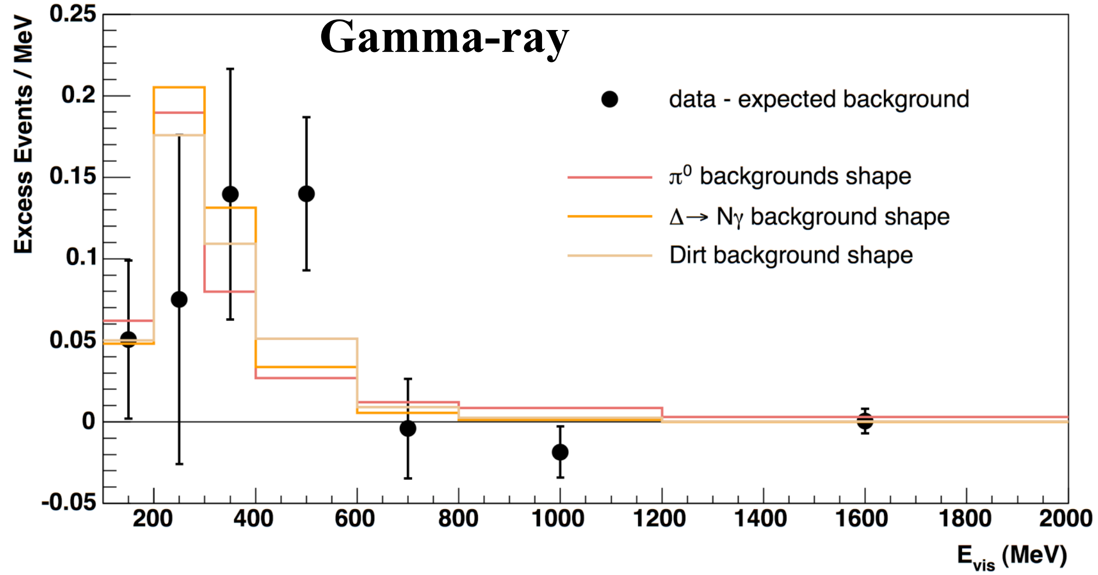
Testing the Null Hypothesis

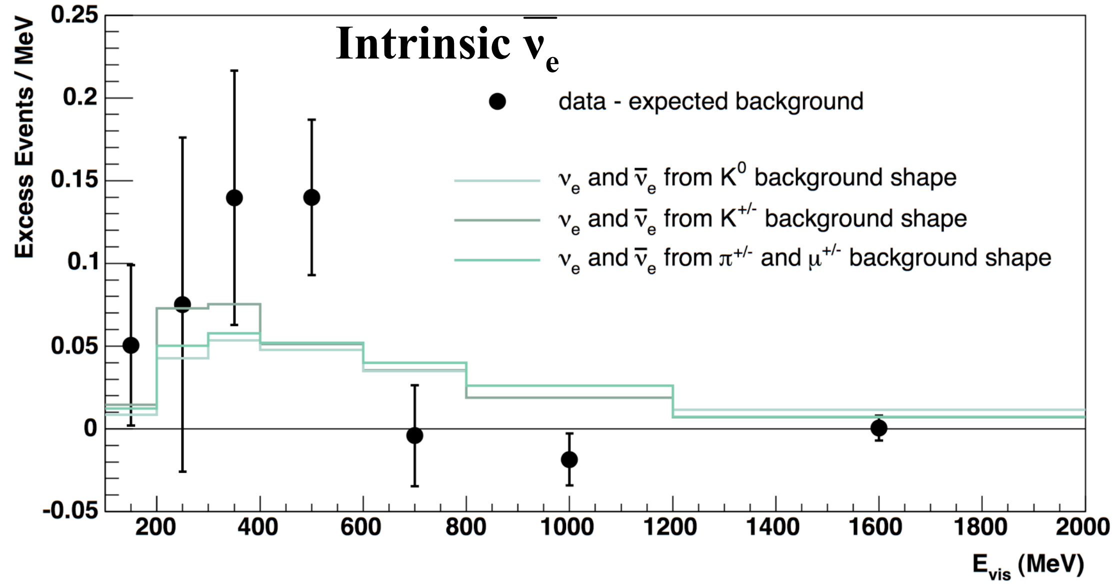
- Model independent.
- At null look at the χ^2 distribution of fake experiments (thrown from null error matrix).

	chi2/NDF	probability
E>475MeV	26.8/14.9	3.0%
E>200MeV	33.2/18.0	1.6%



Background $\bar{\nu}_e$ Evis distributions for 5.66E20 POT





MiniBooNE's goal was to check LSND:
How does new result compare to LSND result?

Sensitivity

-MiniBooNE uses $E_\nu > 475$ MeV region for oscillation fits.

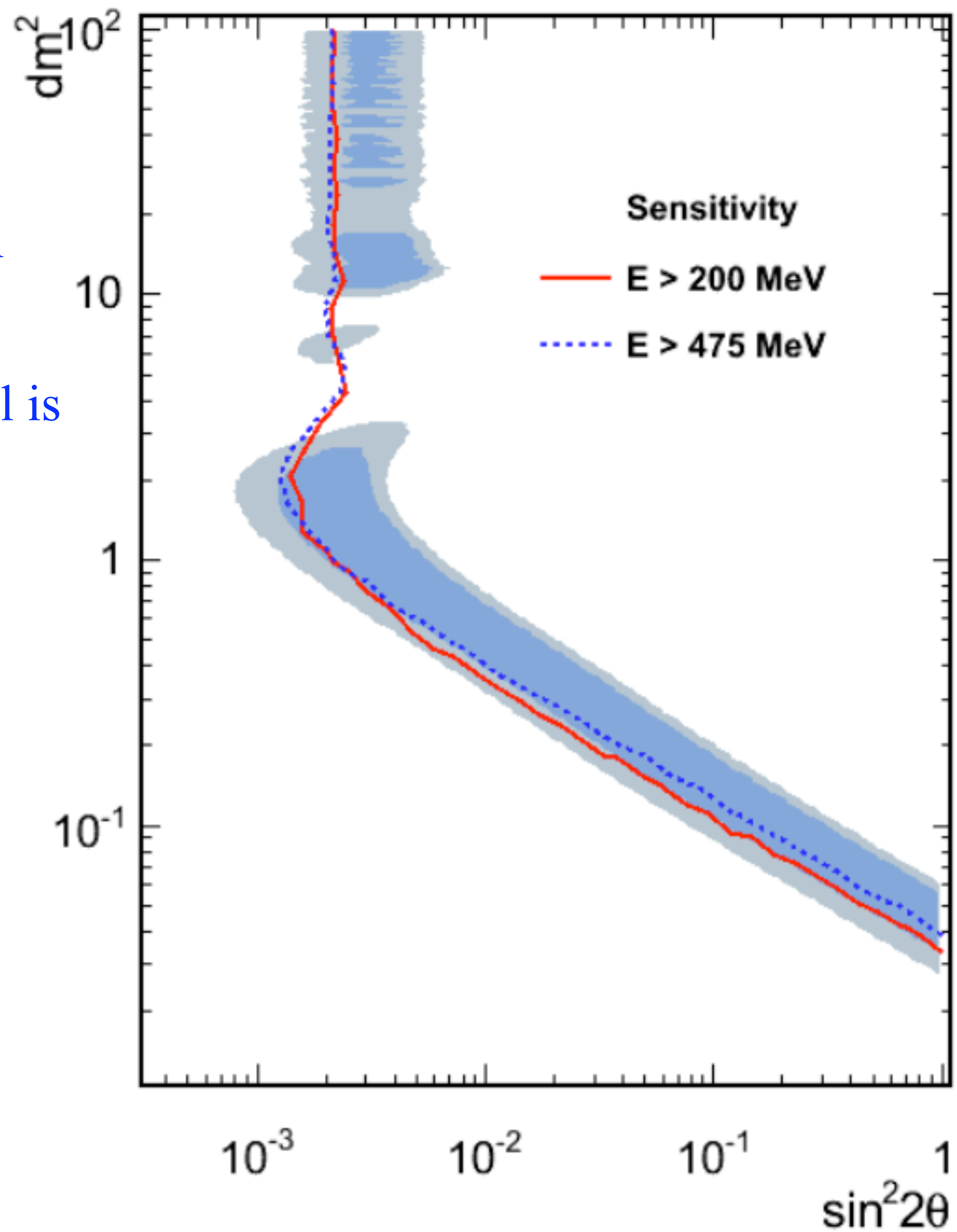
-Energy region where LSND-type signal is expected.

-If $E_\nu < 475$ MeV:

-Large backgrounds

-Big systematics

-Not sensitive to LSND oscillation signal



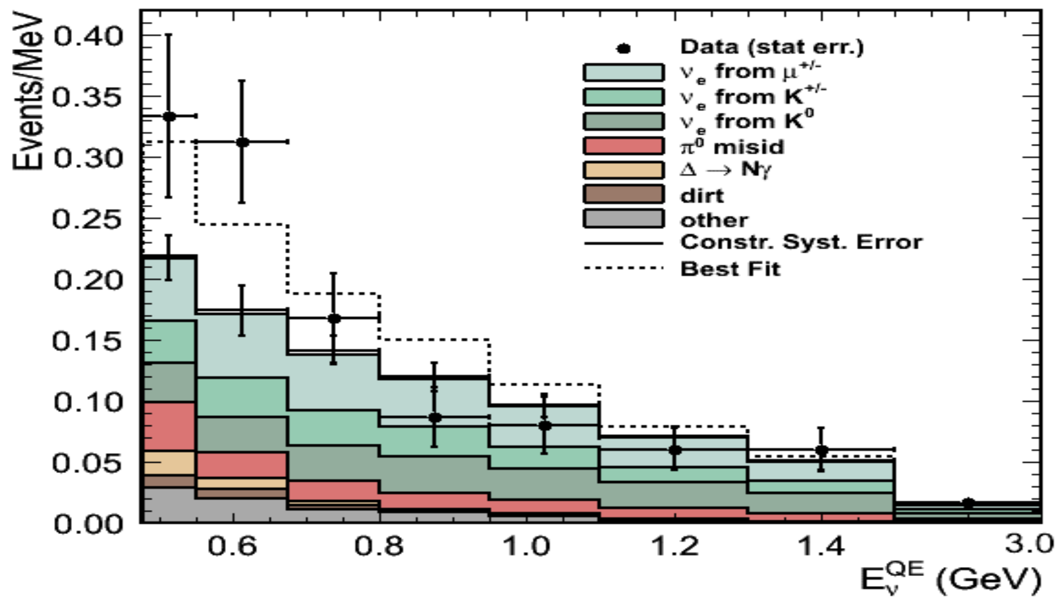
Comparison to LSND

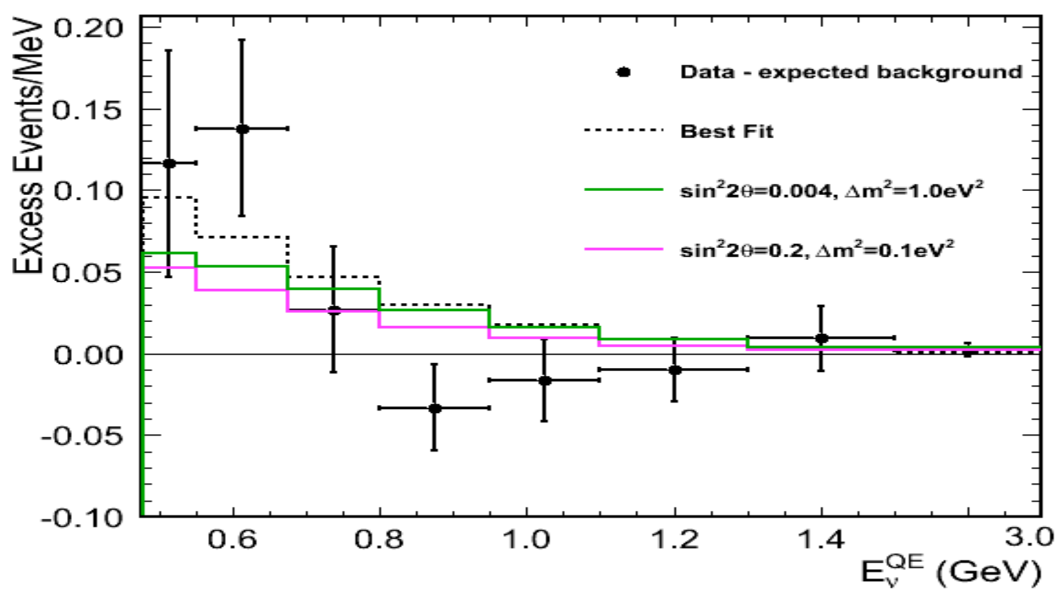
	E_ν(QE) [MeV]		
	200-475	475-1250	1250-3000
MC Background	100.5	99.1	34.2
Data	119	120	38
Excess	18.5 ± 14.3	20.9 ± 13.9	3.8 ± 5.8
LSND Best Fit	7.6	22.0	3.5
Expectation from ν low-E excess	11.6	0	0
LSND + Low-E	19.2	22.0	3.5

- Errors quoted here are stat+sys.
- Excess consistent with the expectation from LSND and adding the low energy excess scaled for neutrinos (wrong-sign).
- Expected 67 events at low energy (200-475 MeV) if neutrino low E excess is due to a Standard Model NC gamma-ray mechanism, e.g. Axial Anomaly.

Oscillation Fit

- Results for 5.66E20 POT
- Maximum likelihood fit.
- Only antineutrinos allowed to oscillate.
- E > 475 MeV region is free of effects of low energy neutrino excess. This is the same official oscillation region as in neutrino mode.
- Results to be published.





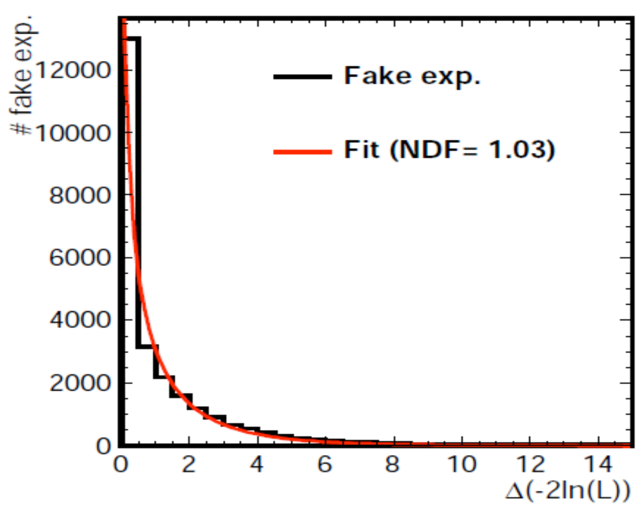
Drawing Contours

-Use frequentist approach.

-Generate fake data experiments on grid of ($\sin^2 2\theta$, Δm^2) points.

-At each point find the cut on likelihood ratio for X% confidence level such that X% of experiments below cut

-Fitting two parameters, so naively expect χ^2 distribution with 2 degrees of freedom, in reality at null it looks more like 1 degree of freedom.



Oscillation Fit

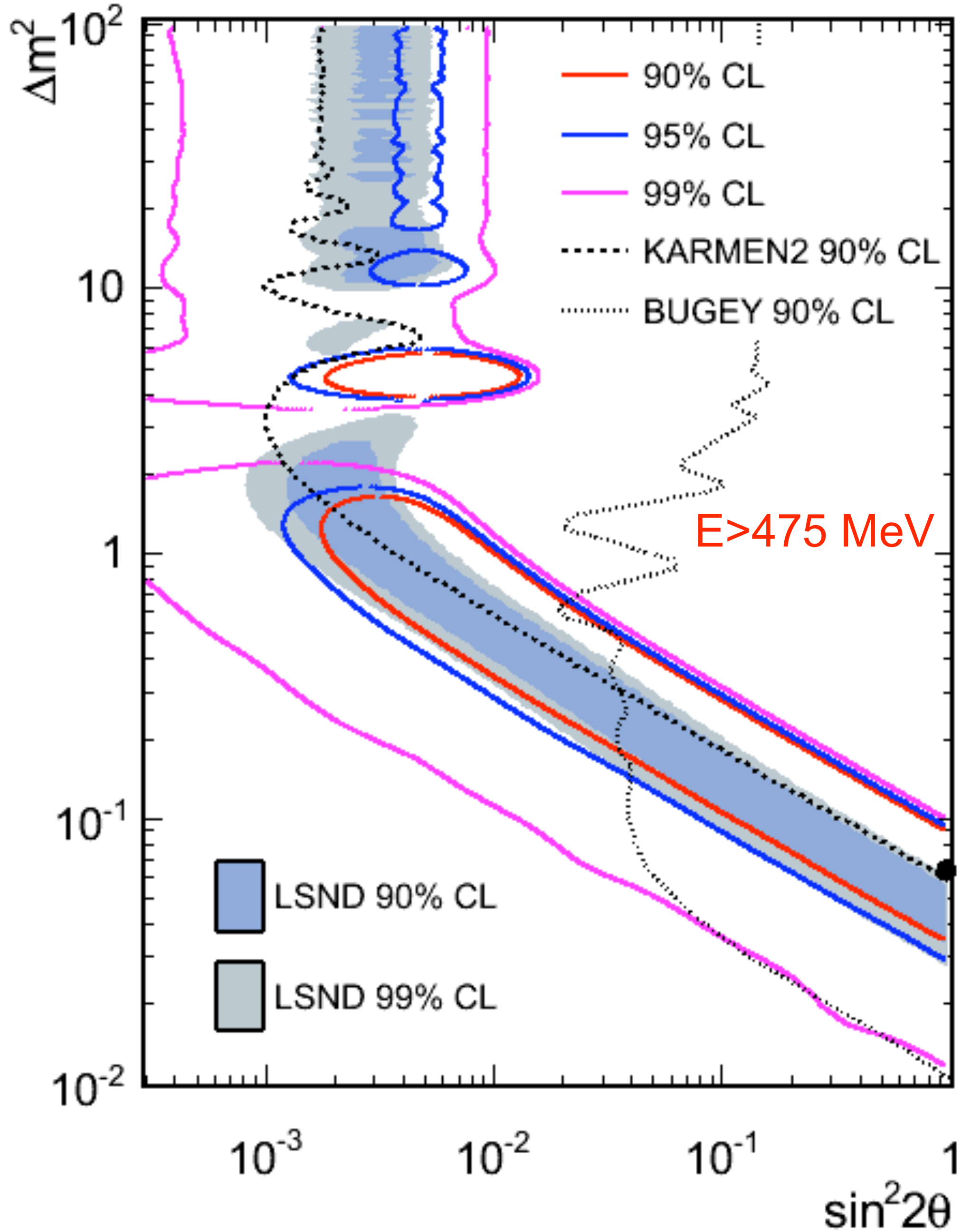
- Results for 5.66E20 POT
- Maximum likelihood fit.
- Null excluded at 99.4% with respect to the two neutrino oscillation fit.
- Best Fit Point

  $(\Delta m^2, \sin^2 2\theta)$ =

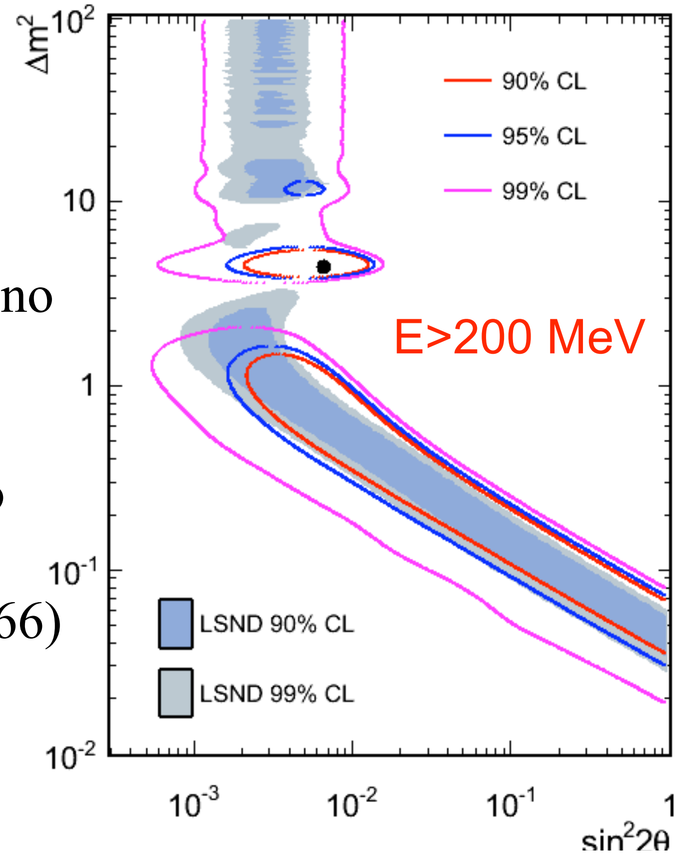
  (0.064 eV^2, 0.96)

  χ^2/NDF= 16.4/12.6

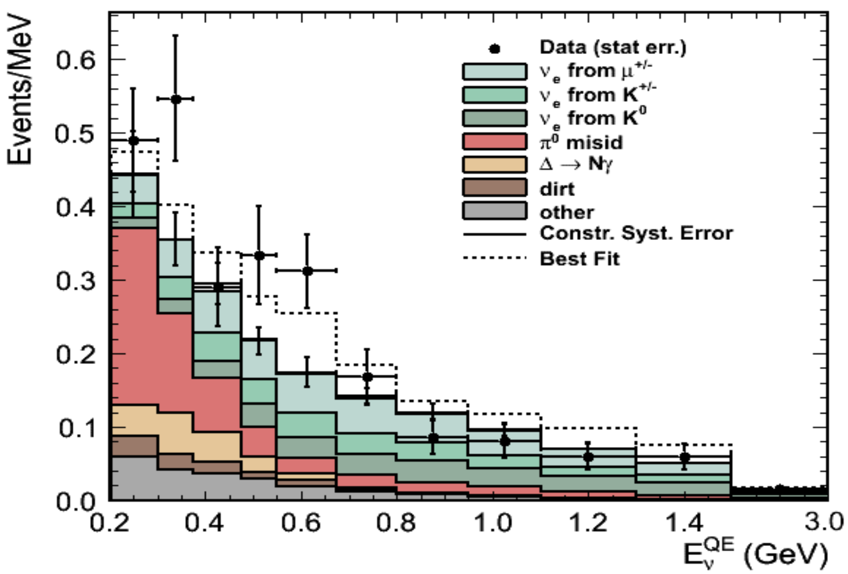
  $P(\chi^2)$= 20.5%

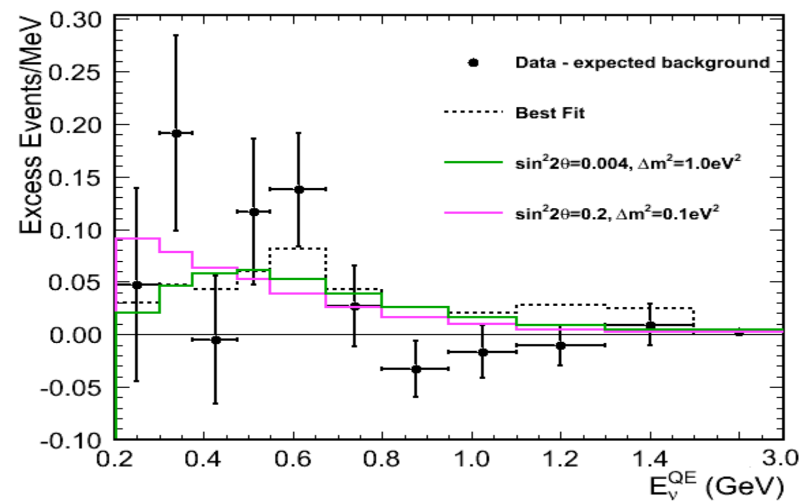


Oscillation Fit with E_ν > 200 MeV



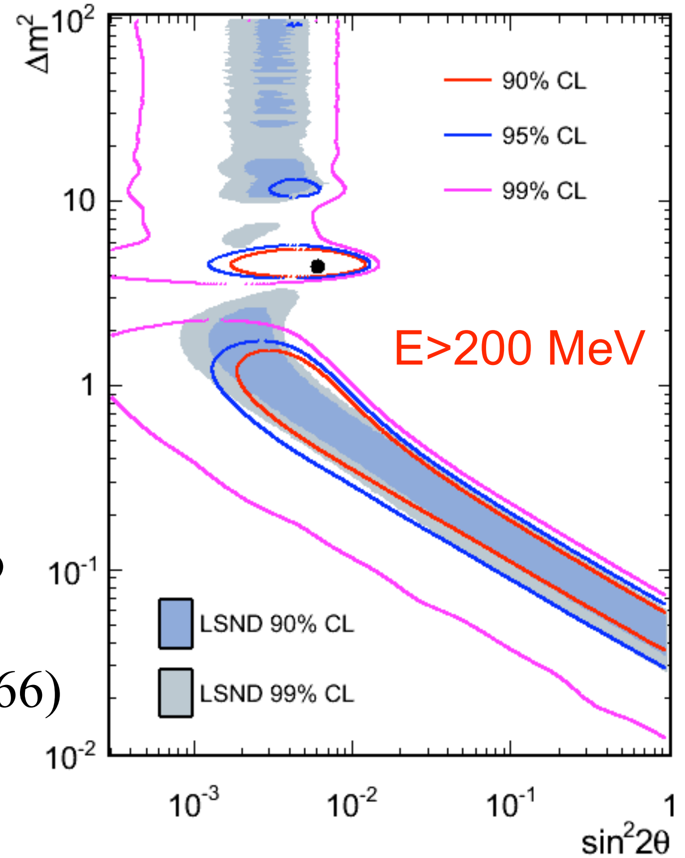
- Results for 5.66e20 POT.
- Does not include effects (subtraction) of neutrino low energy excess.
- Maximum likelihood fit method.
- Null excluded at 99.6% with respect to the two neutrino oscillation fit (model dependent).
- Best Fit Point (Δm^2, $\sin^2 2\theta$) = (4.42 eV^2, 0.0066)
  χ^2/NDF= 20.4/15.3, P(χ^2)= 17.1%

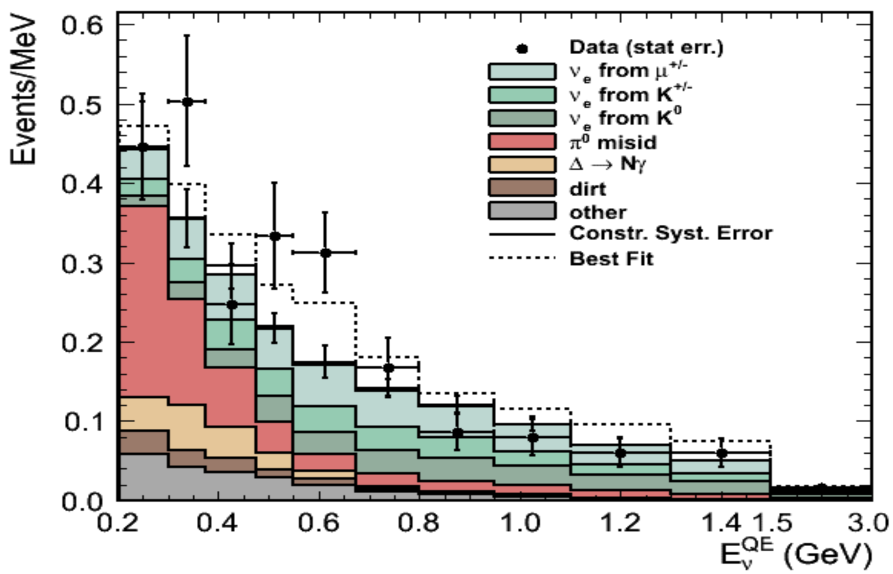


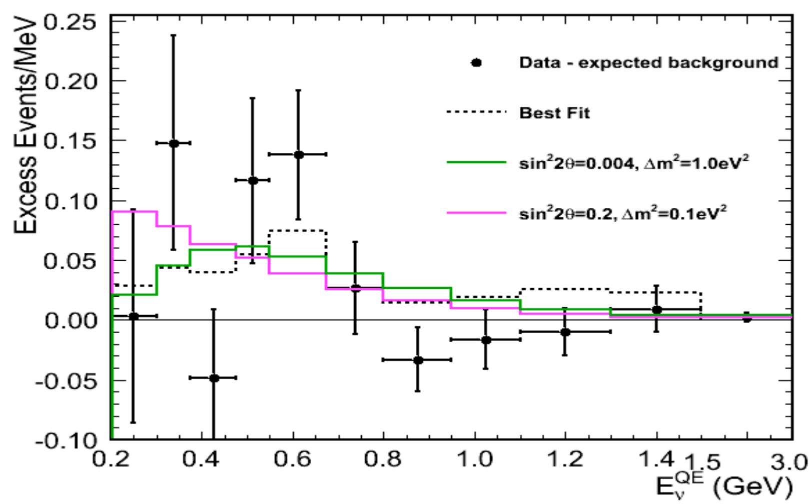


Oscillation Fit with E_ν > 200 MeV (include low E_ν ν-mode effects)

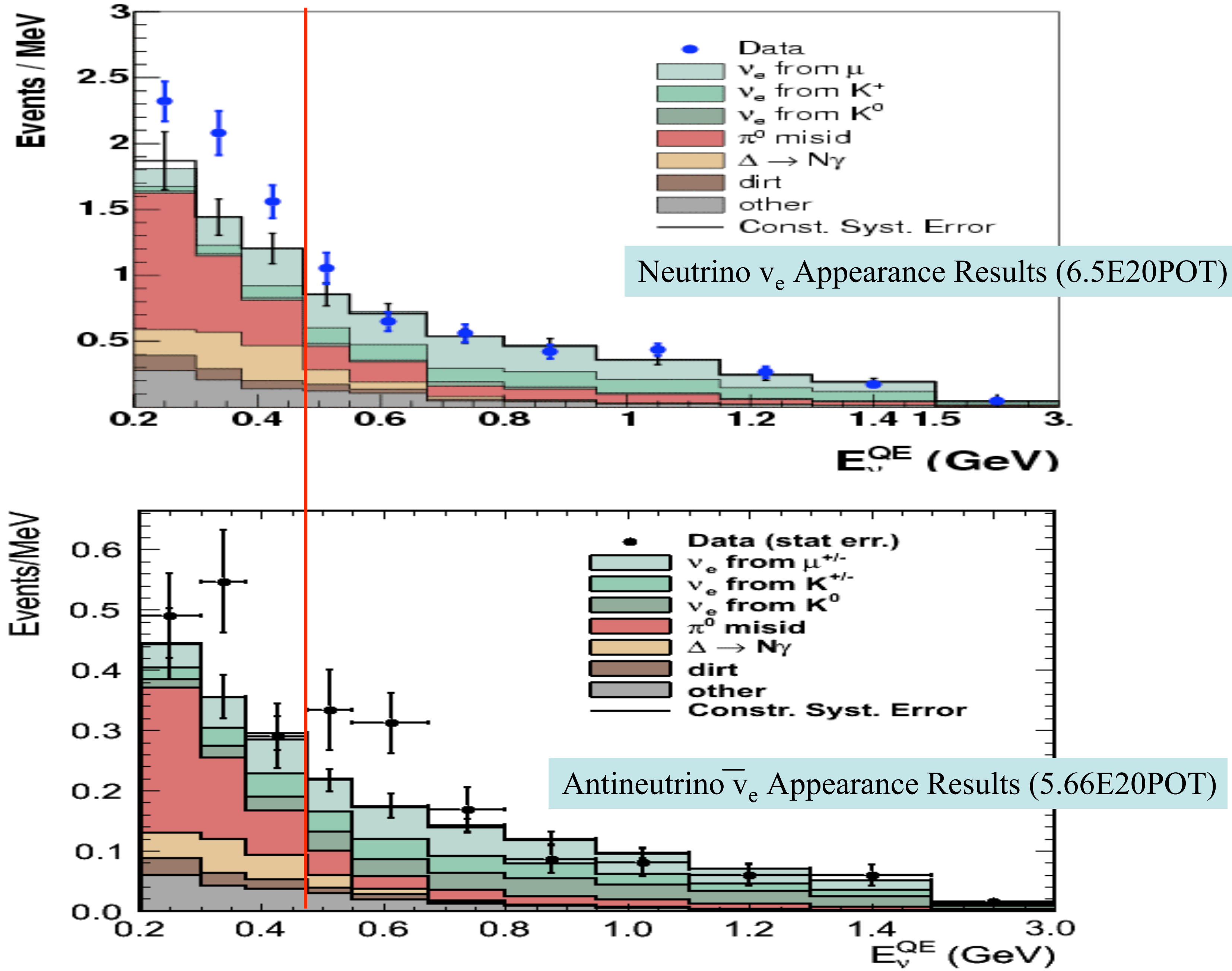
- Results for 5.66e20 POT.
- Assume simple scaling of neutrino low energy excess; subtract 11.6 events from low energy region (200-475 MeV).
- Maximum likelihood fit method.
- Null excluded at 99.6% with respect to the two neutrino oscillation fit (model dependent).
- Best Fit Point (Δm^2, $\sin^2 2\theta$) = (4.42 eV^2, 0.0066) χ^2/NDF= 21.6/15.3, P(χ2)= 13.7%.







Comparison of ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ Appearance Results



Summary of Results

- The MiniBooNE ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance picture starting to emerge is the following:
  1) Neutrino Mode:
     a) E < 475 MeV: An unexplained 3σ electron-like excess.
     b) E > 475 MeV: A two neutrino fit rules out LSND at the 98% CL.
  2) Anti-neutrino Mode:
     a) E < 475 MeV: A small 1.3σ electron-like excess.
     b) E > 475 MeV: An excess that is 3.0% consistent with null. Two neutrino oscillation fits consistent with LSND at 99.4% CL relative to null.

Future Prospects

- Need more statistics
  - MiniBooNE is running to double antineutrino data set for a total of $\sim 10\times10^{20}$ POT.
  - If signal continues at current rate, statistical error will be $\sim 4\sigma$ and two neutrino best fit will be $>3\sigma$.
- There are follow on experiments at FNAL
  - μBoone has CD-1 approval.
  - BooNE (LOI). A MB-like near detector at 200 m.

Thank you!