

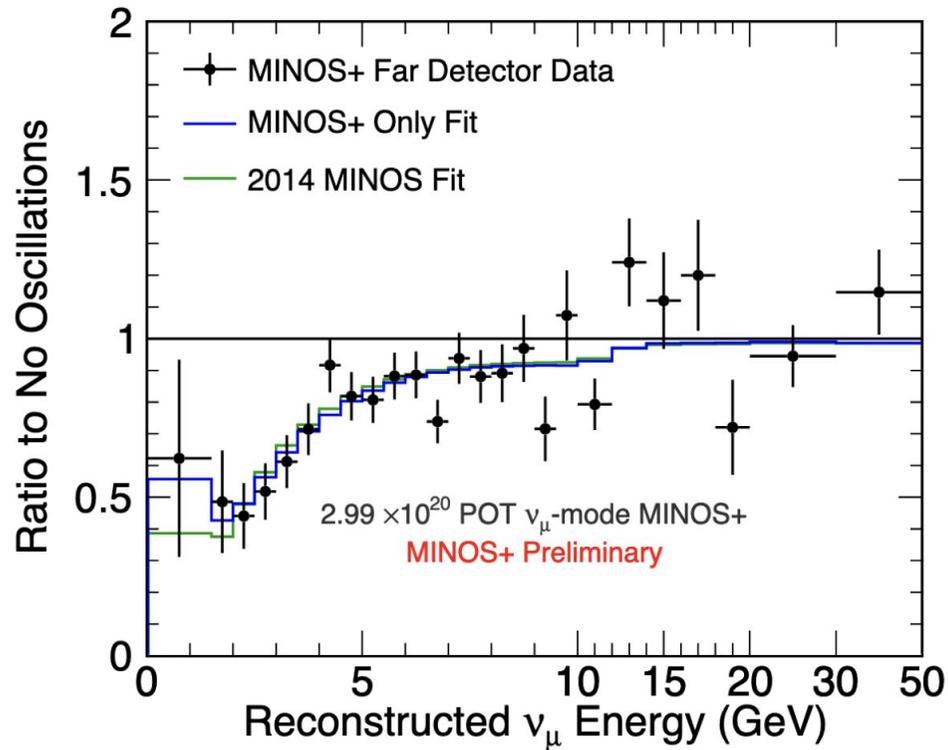
# First Results from MicroBooNE's Low Energy Excess Search

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# Neutrino Oscillations

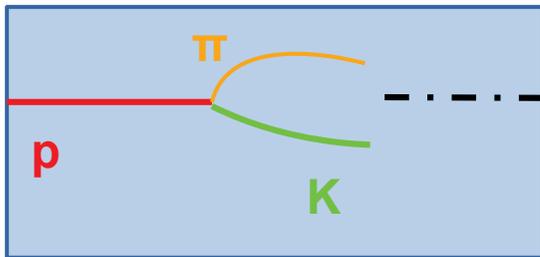


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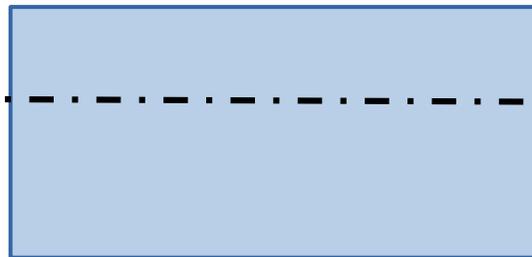
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sets amplitude of oscillation.  
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neutrino source



near detector



"control sample"

far detector



oscillated flux

# Short-Baseline Neutrino Anomalies

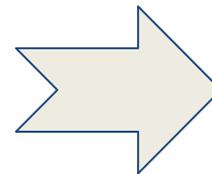
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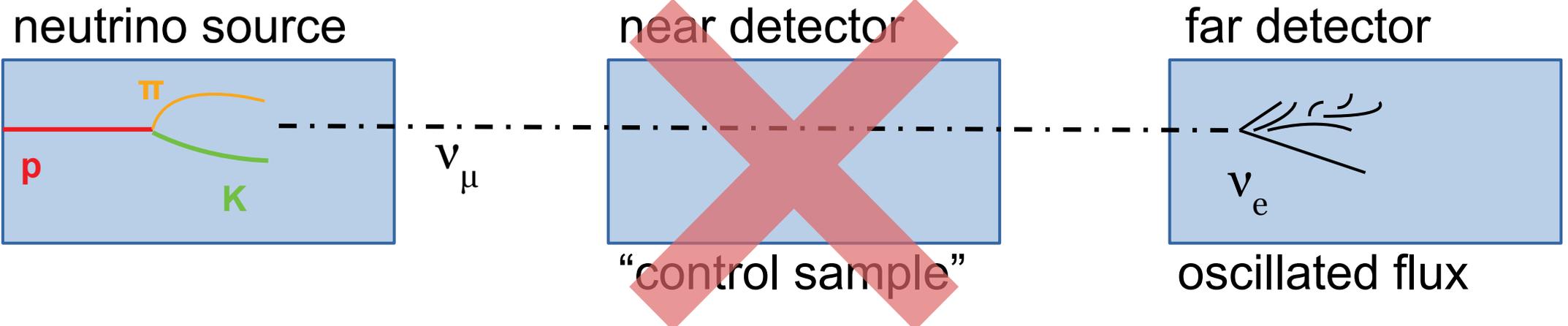
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Lack of "near detector"  $\rightarrow$  larger uncertainty on predicted neutrino rate

- flux uncertainties
- $\nu$  cross-section systematics

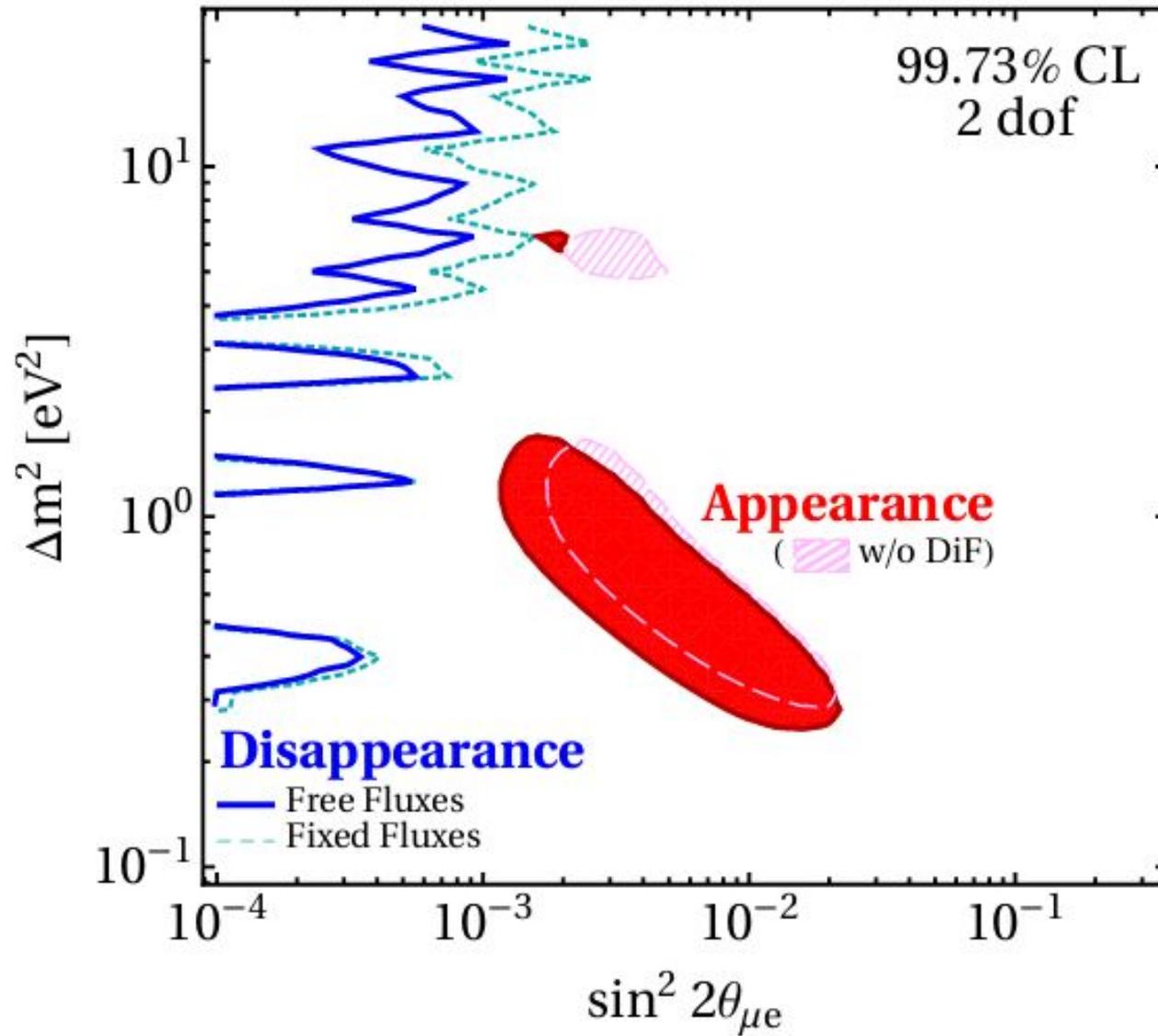


both boil down to  
nuclear physics



# eV Sterile Neutrinos?

Dentler M, et al. *JHEP* 08:010 (2018)



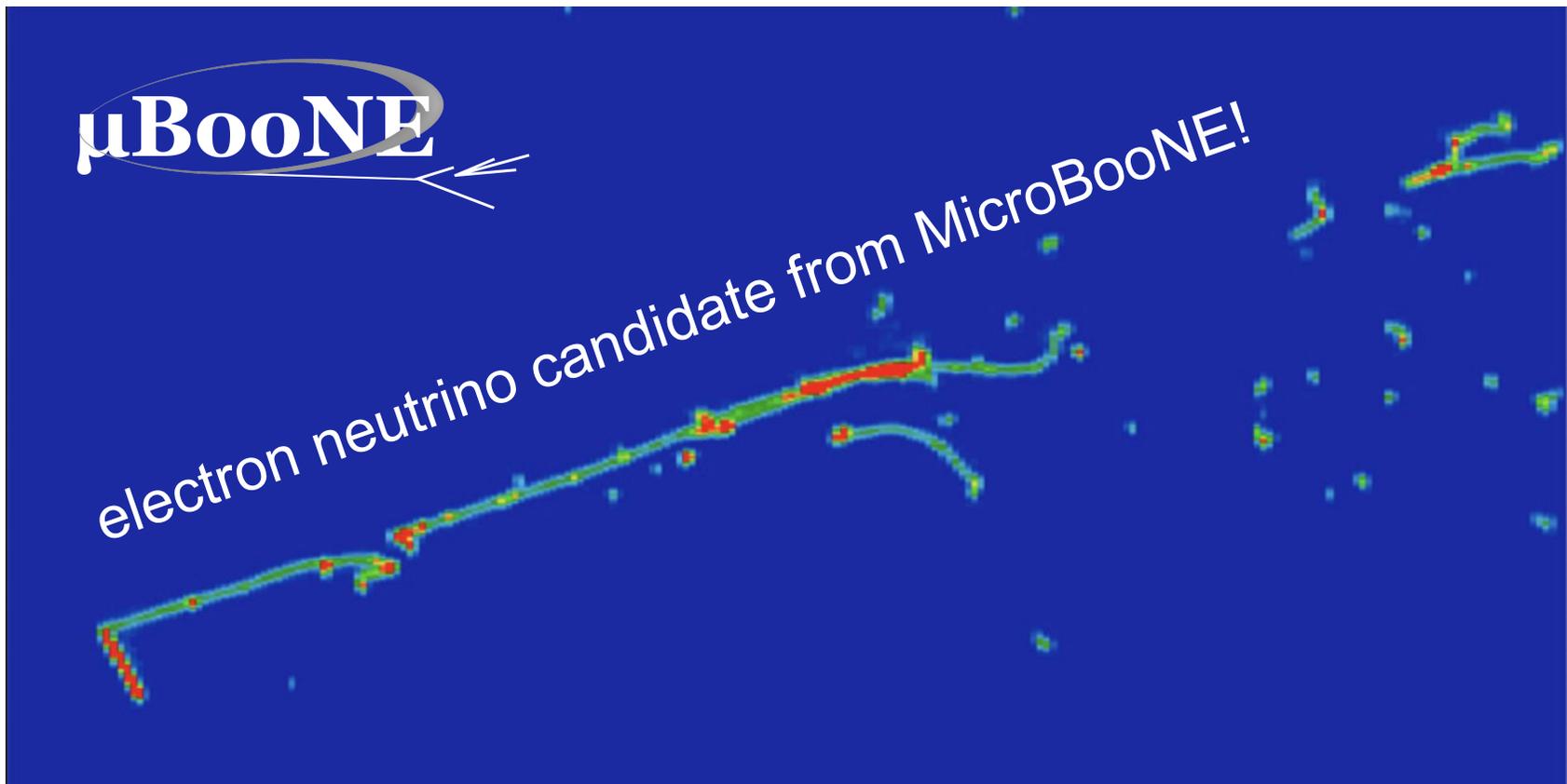
eV sterile neutrinos: an unclear picture...

# New Results from MicroBooNE

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Many recent results which directly tie to this question.

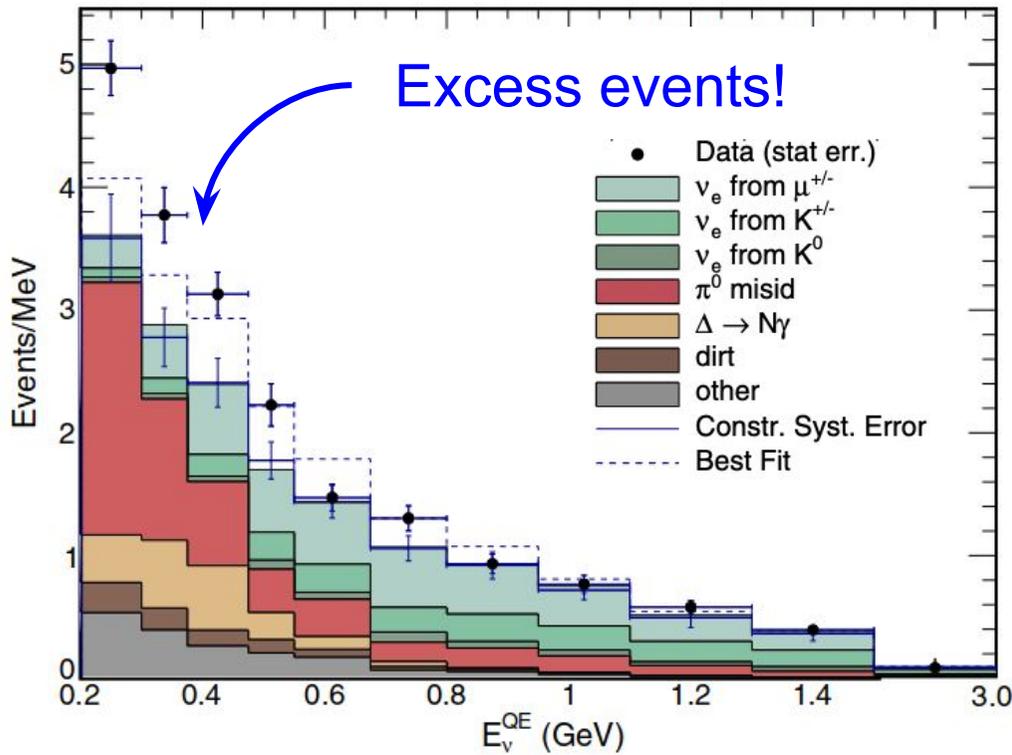
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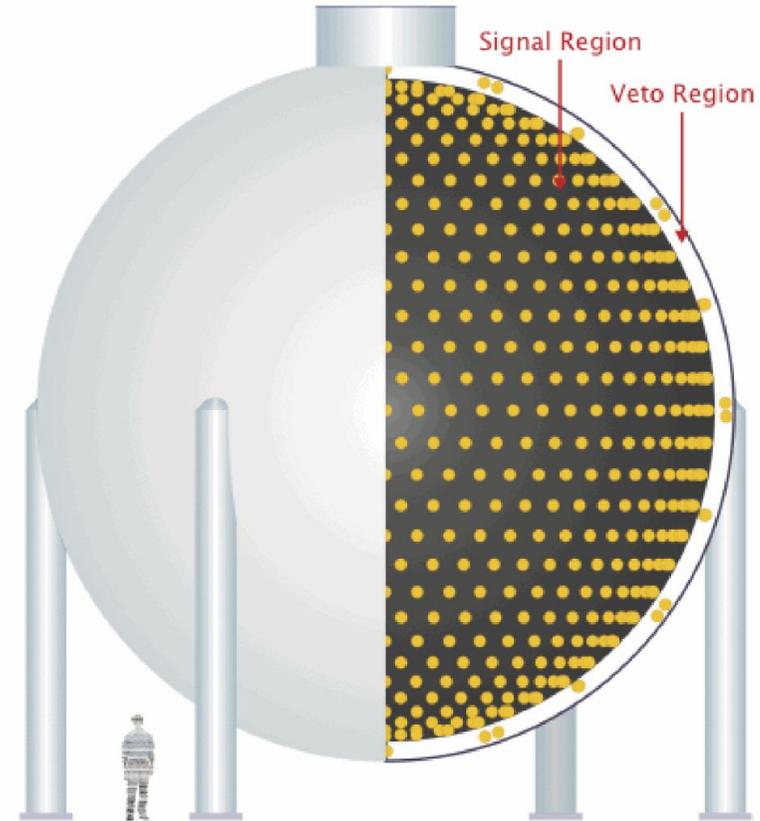
eV sterile neutrinos: a **changing** landscape...

# Neutrino Anomalies: MiniBooNE

MiniBooNE, PRL **121**, 221801 (2018)



Excess events!

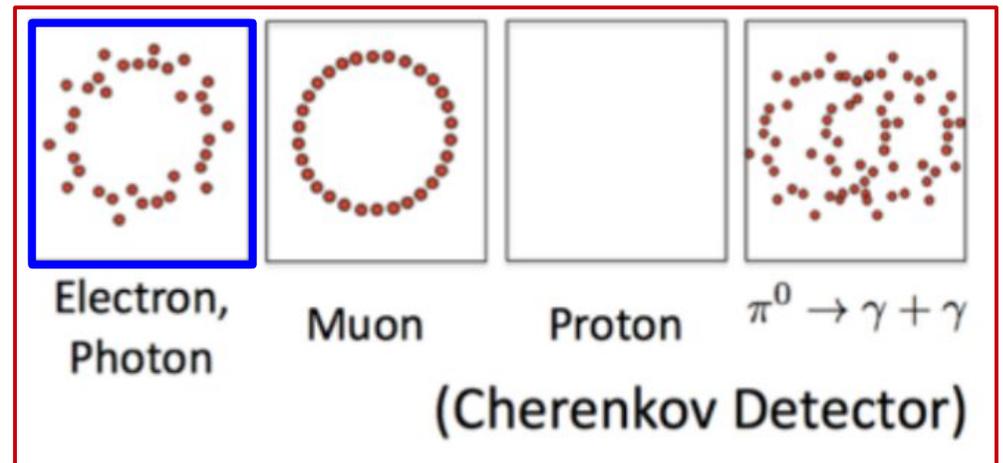


$O(100s)$  MeV

“Low-Energy-Excess” EM activity in detector.

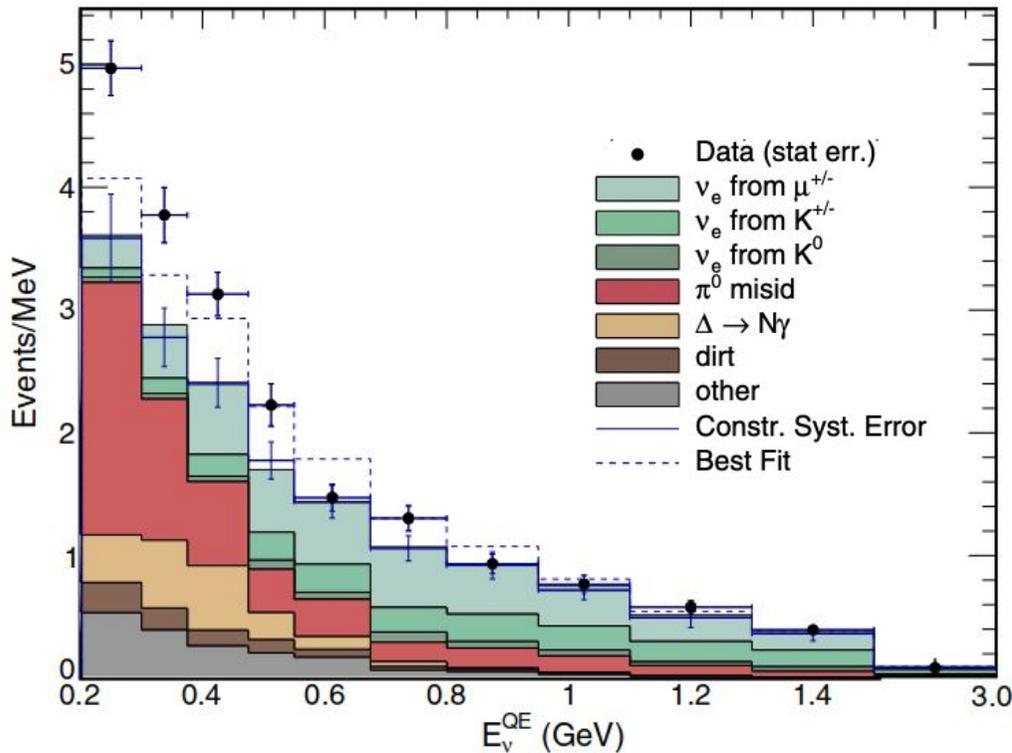
4.5 $\sigma$  significance.

Cannot distinguish electrons from photons.



# MiniBooNE as eV-scale Sterile Neutrinos

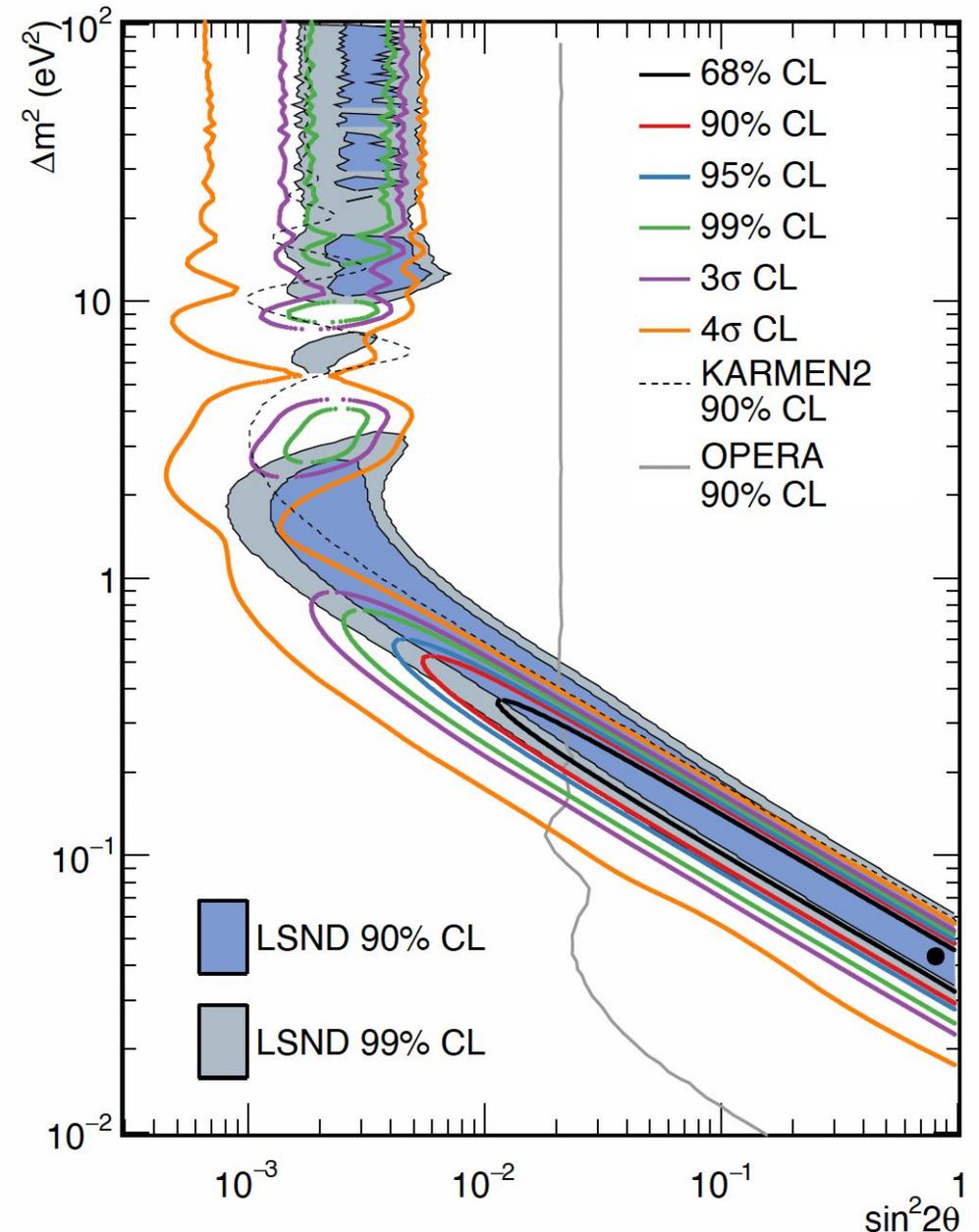
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MiniBooNE's result a key motivation for eV-scale sterile neutrino searches.

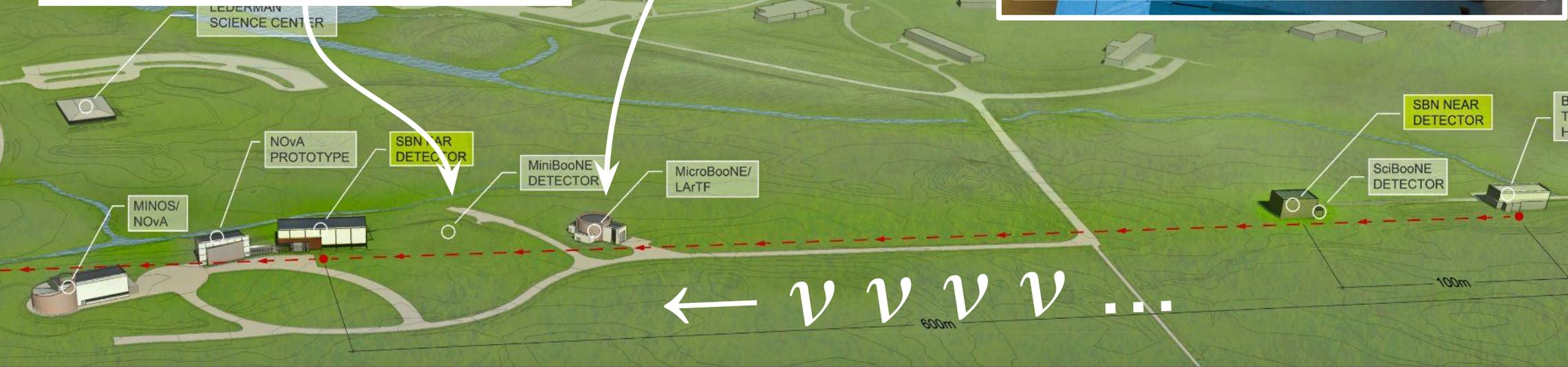
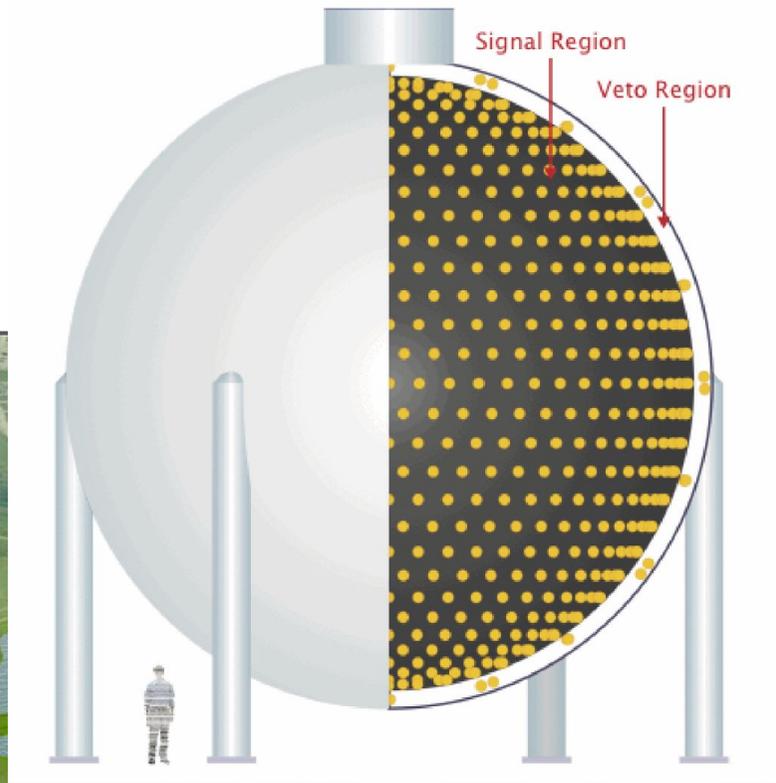
Motivation arises from interpretation of excess as "extra" oscillated electron neutrinos.

MiniBooNE, Phys. Rev. D 103, 052002 (2021)

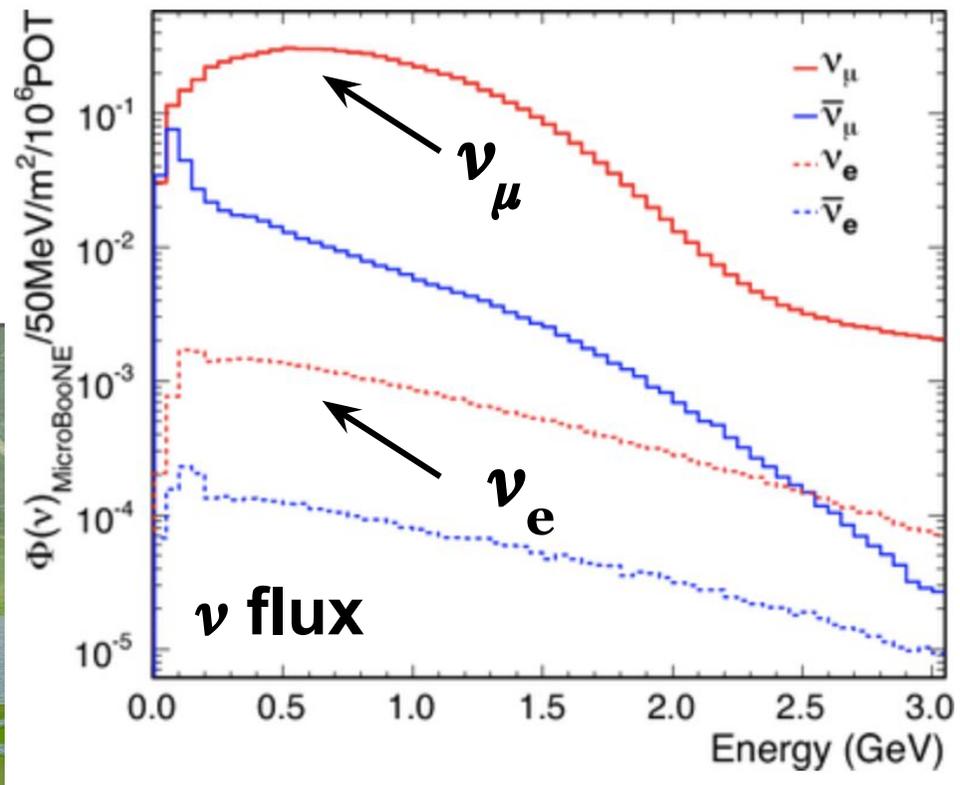


active neutrinos are down here....

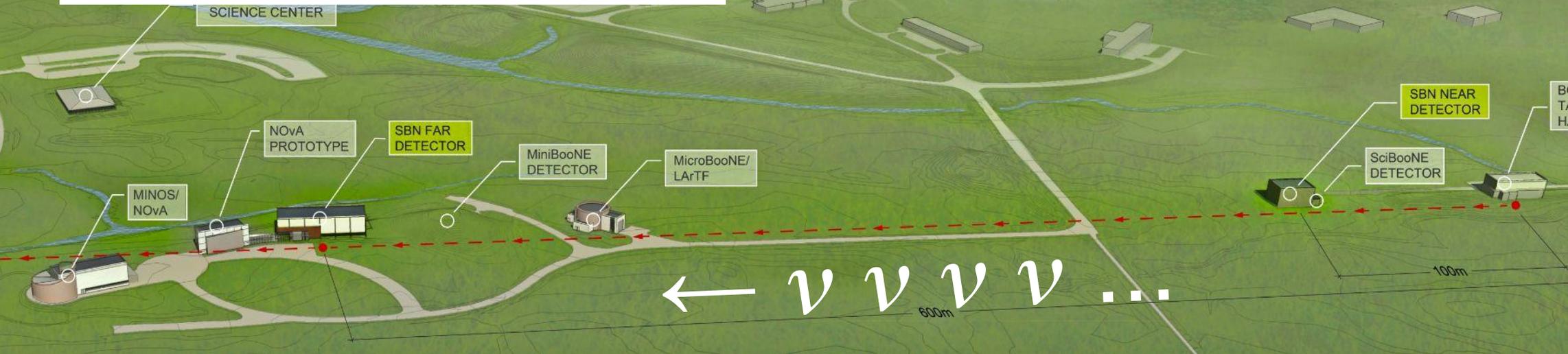
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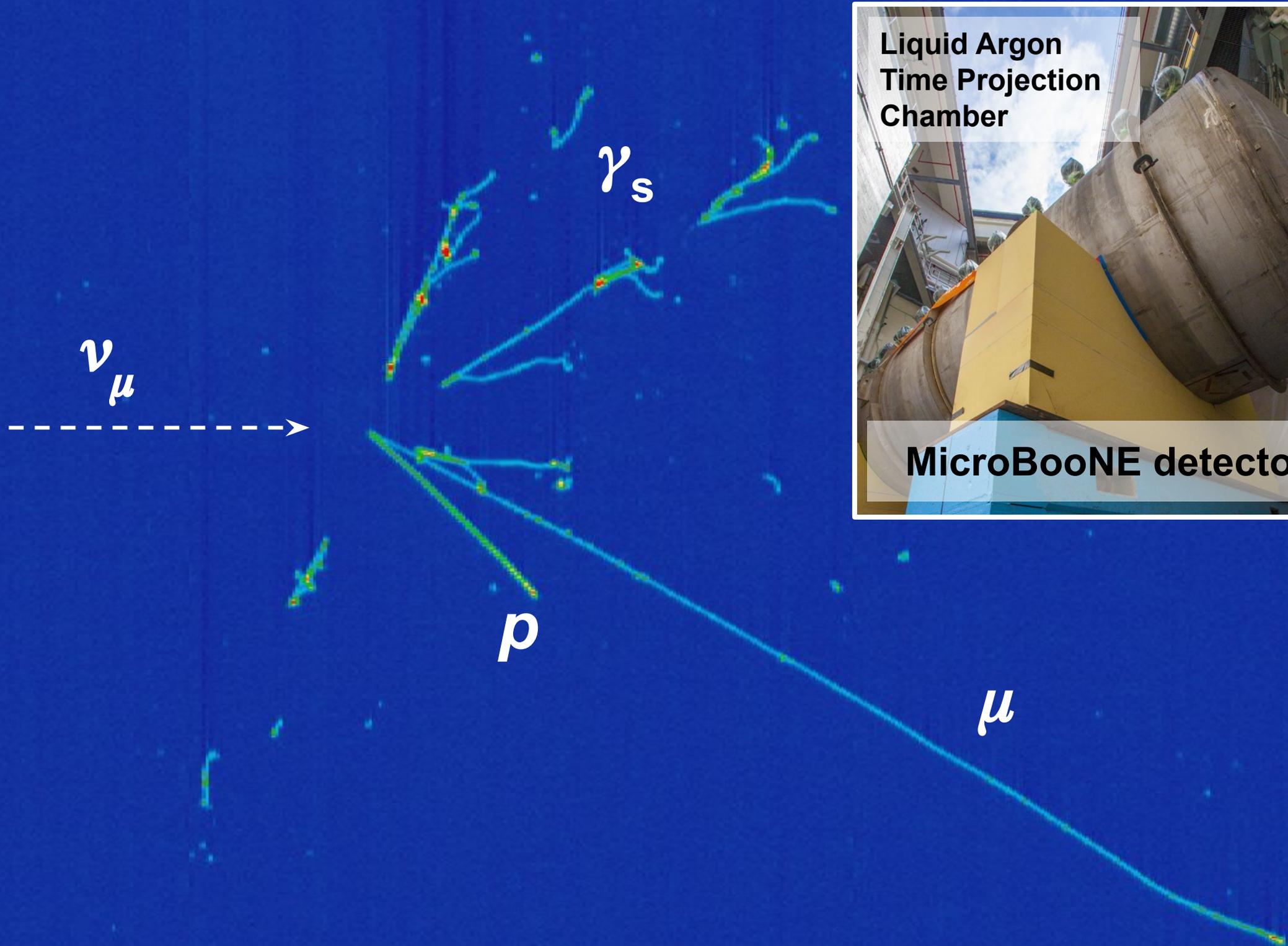
# The Booster Neutrino Beamline @ Fermilab



- 99%  $\nu_{\mu}$  / 1%  $\nu_e$  beam composition
- O(1) GeV neutrino energy
- ~400 meter baseline
- one neutrino interaction per minute @  $\mu\text{B}$



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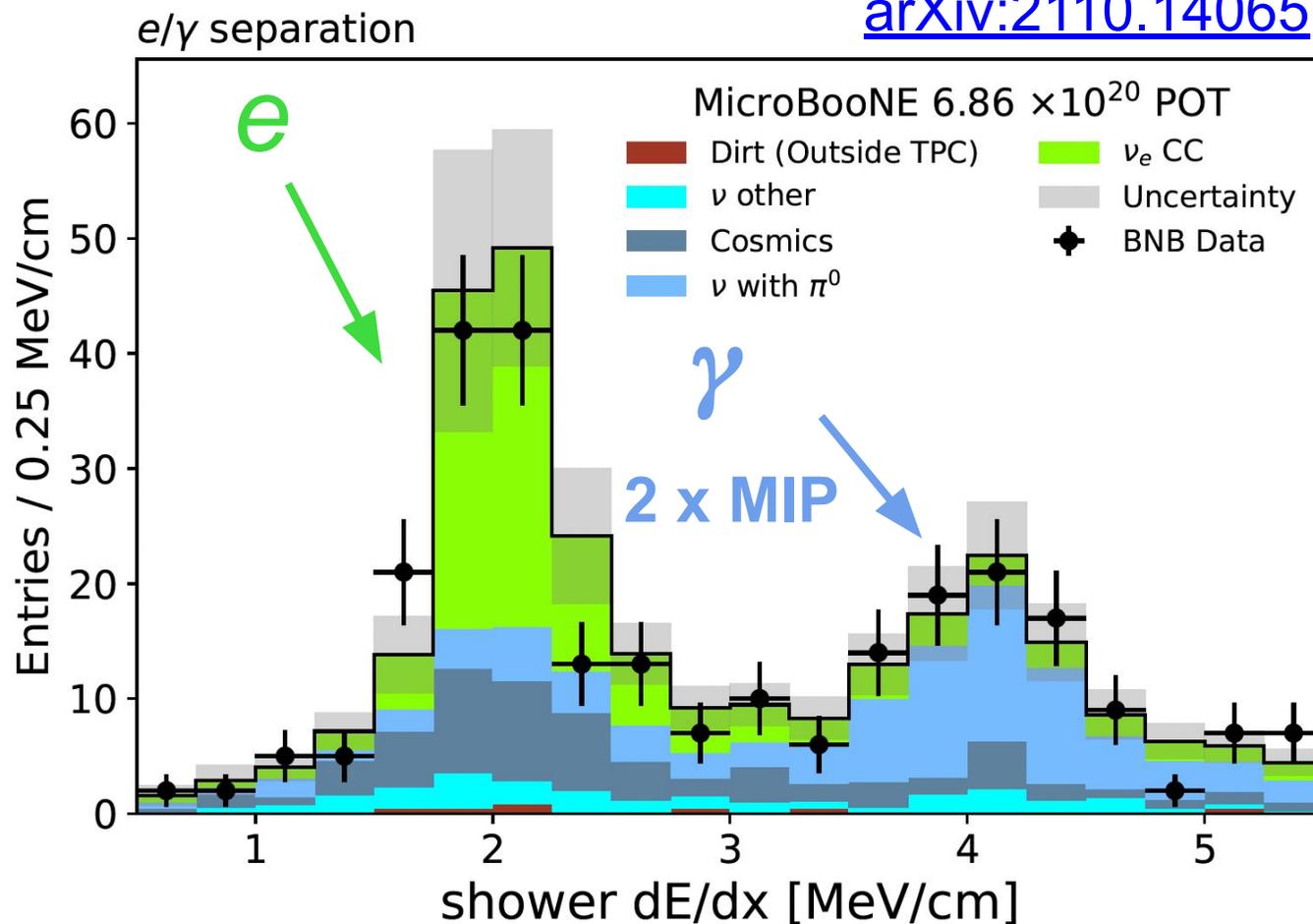
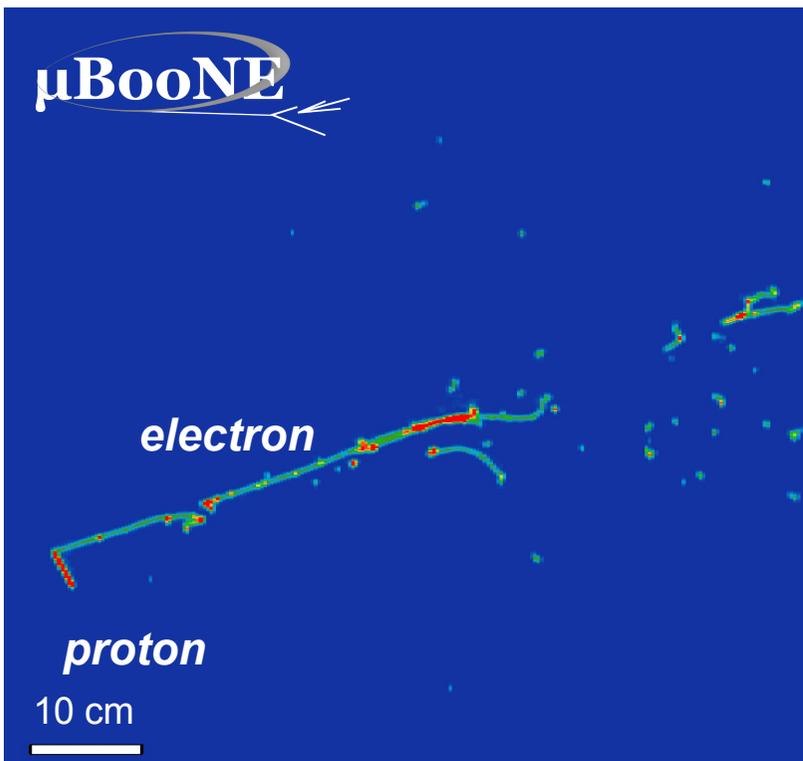
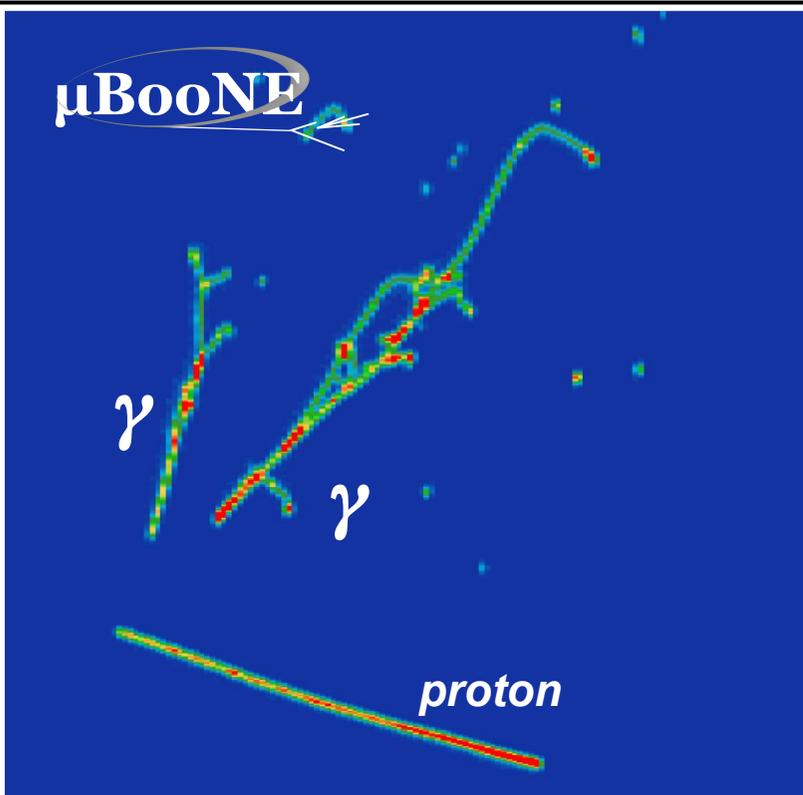


Liquid Argon  
Time Projection  
Chamber

MicroBooNE detector

# e/ $\gamma$ separation

[arXiv:2110.14065](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14065)

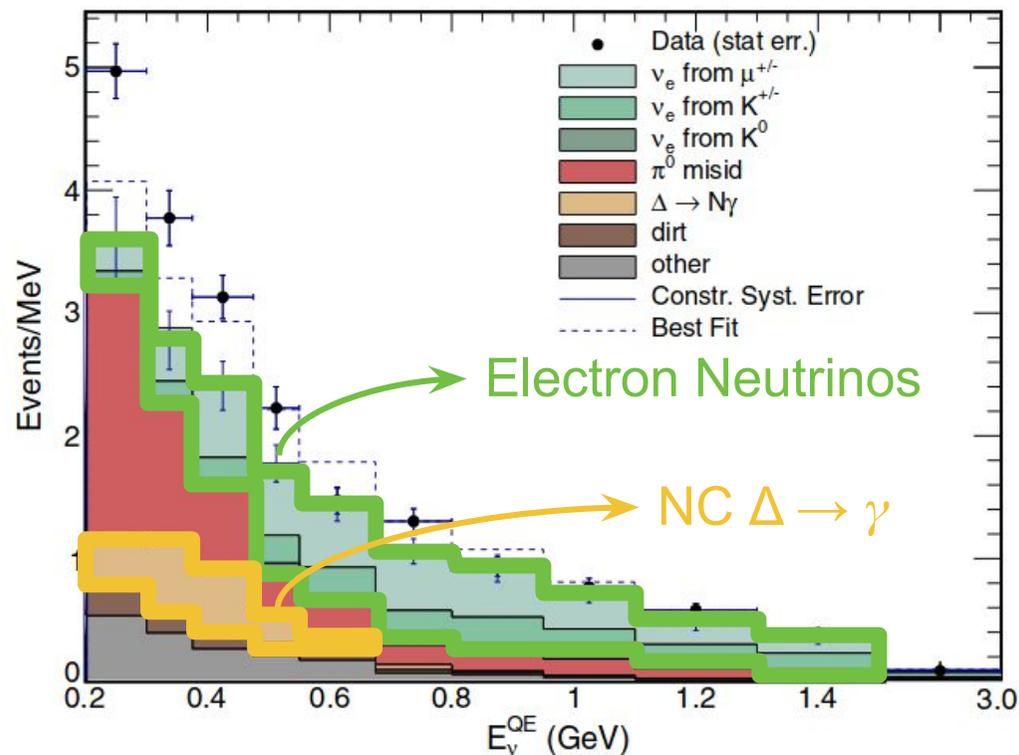


Can separate **electron** and **photon** showers

→ address the nature of MiniBooNE's excess

# MicroBooNE Low-Energy-Excess Search

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Investigated two key hypotheses for MiniBooNE excess:

$NC \Delta \rightarrow \gamma$   
SM background

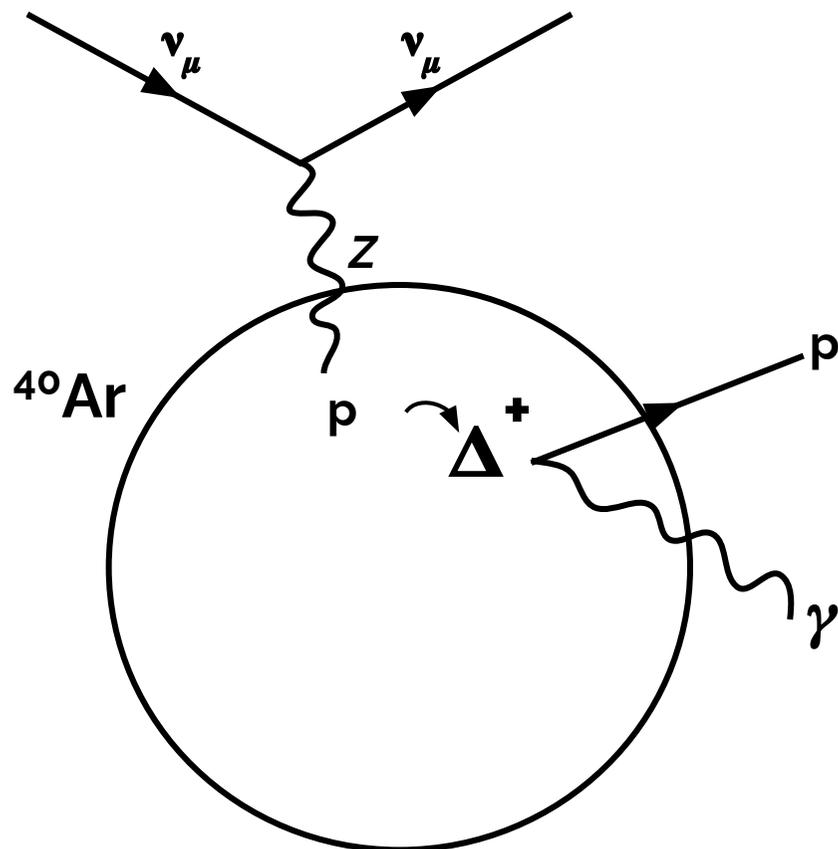
Electron Neutrinos  
eV steriles?

Both leading hypotheses for source of anomaly.

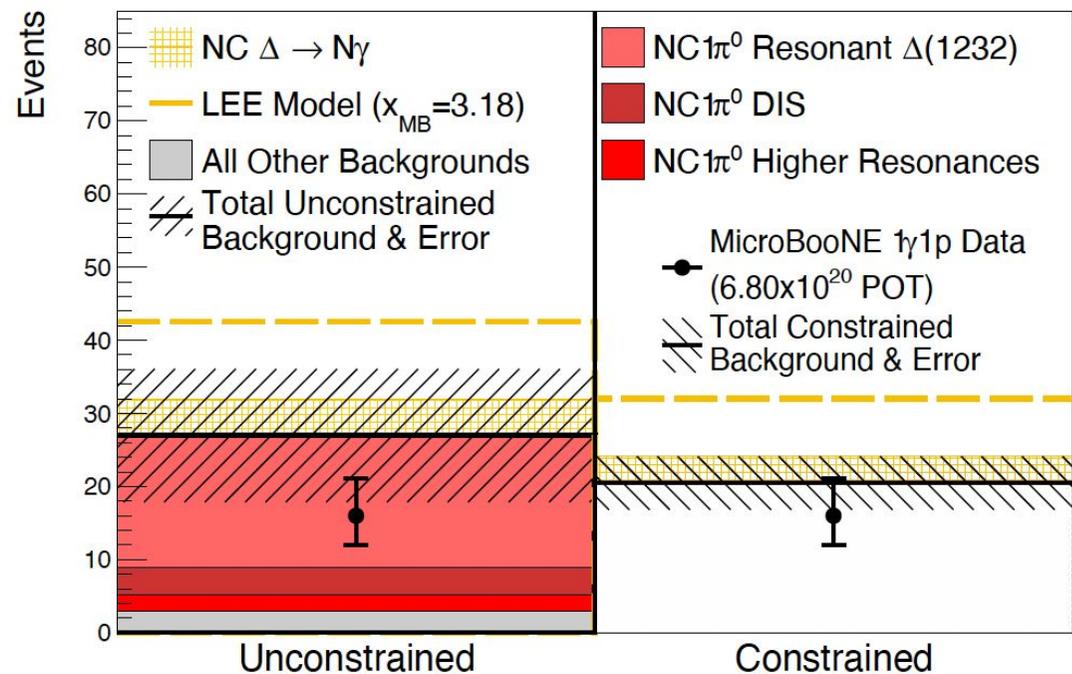
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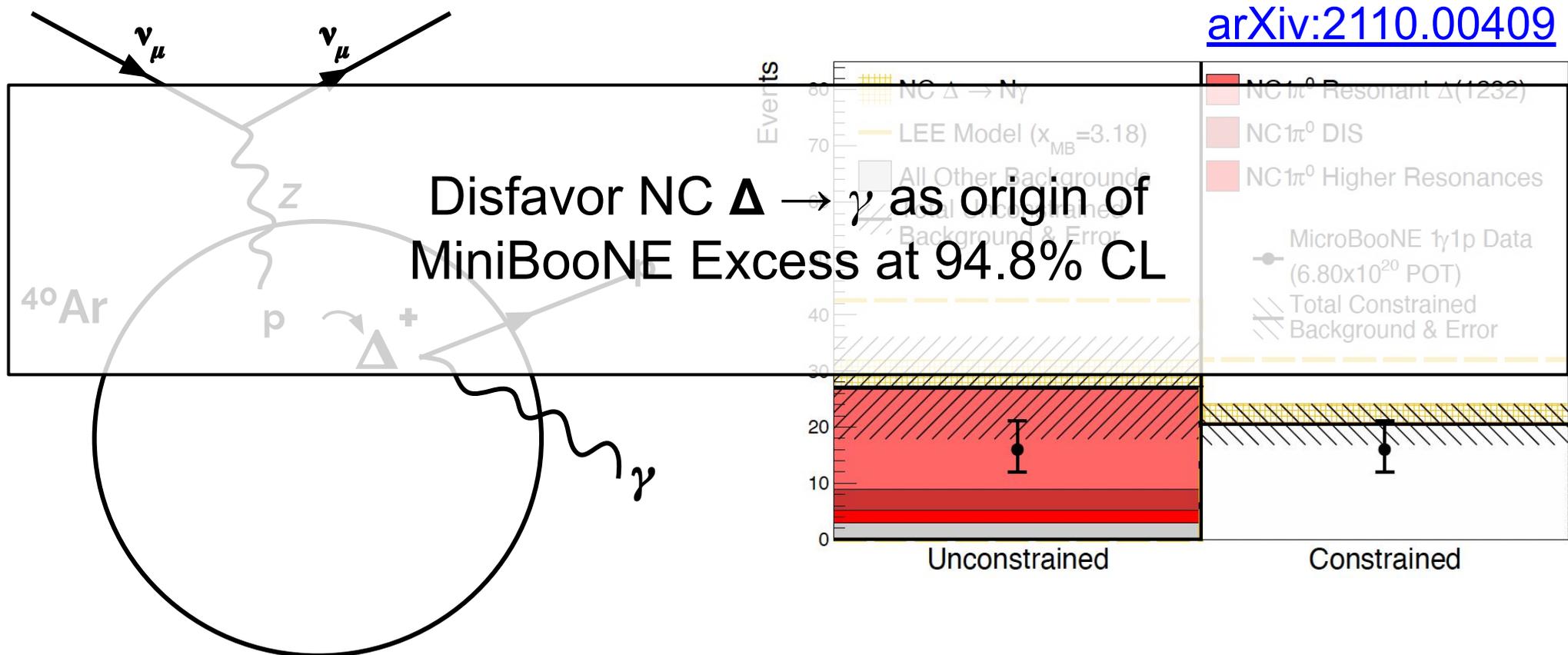
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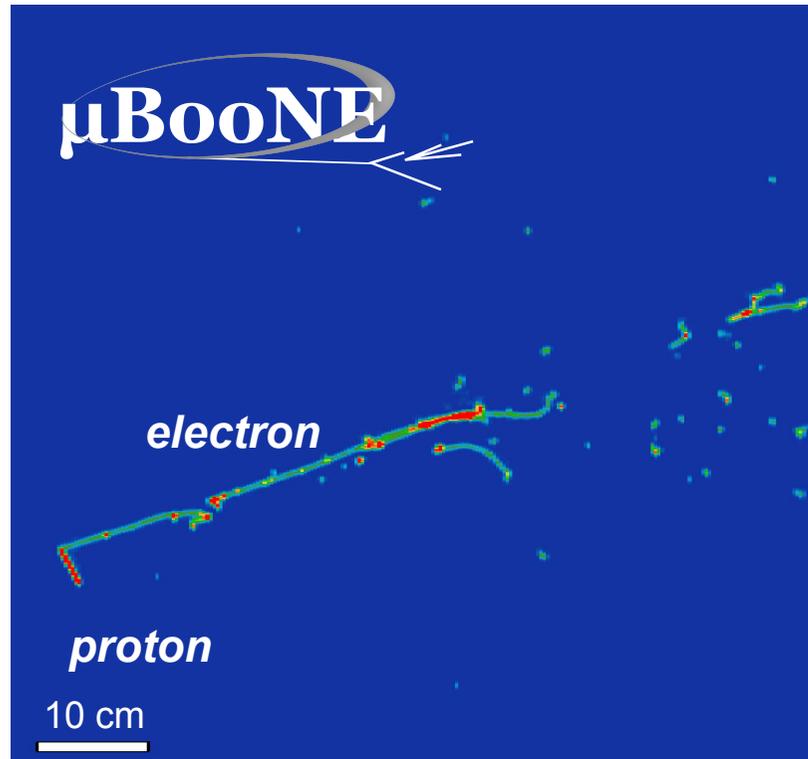
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# $\nu_e$ Analyses

MiniBooNE conceived to search for eV sterile neutrinos as follow-up to LSND.

Electron-like nature of excess would support hypothesis that MiniBooNE saw appearance of electron neutrinos in a muon neutrino beam.

MicroBooNE can test the electron-neutrino hypothesis for the MiniBooNE excess.



[arXiv:2110.13978](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13978)

**$\nu_e$  inclusive PRD**

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**$\nu_e$  pionless PRD**

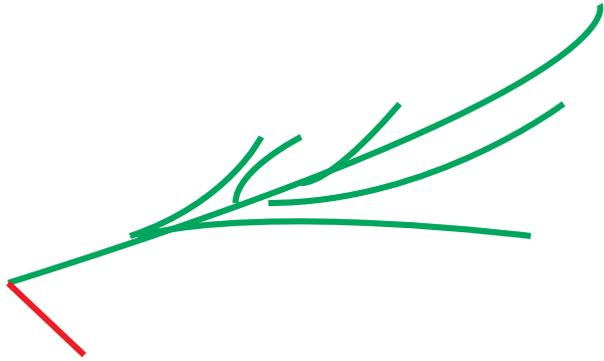
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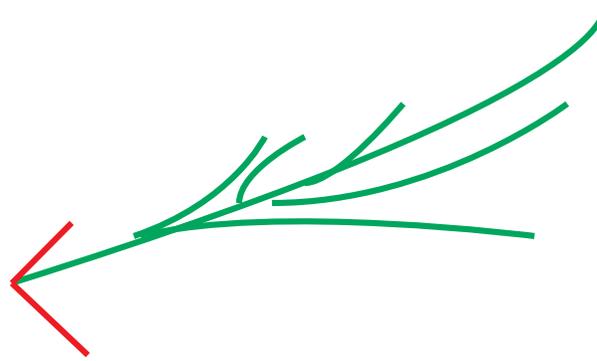
# $\nu_e$ Analyses

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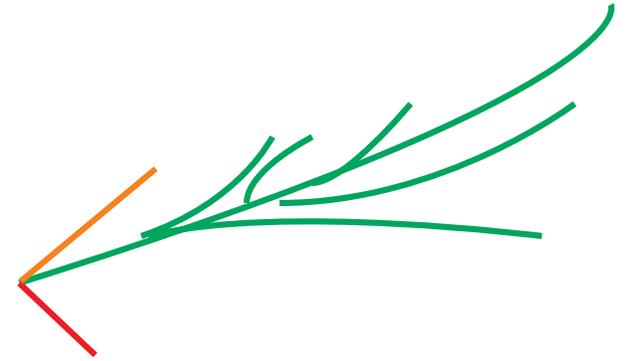
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$1eX$  : inclusive

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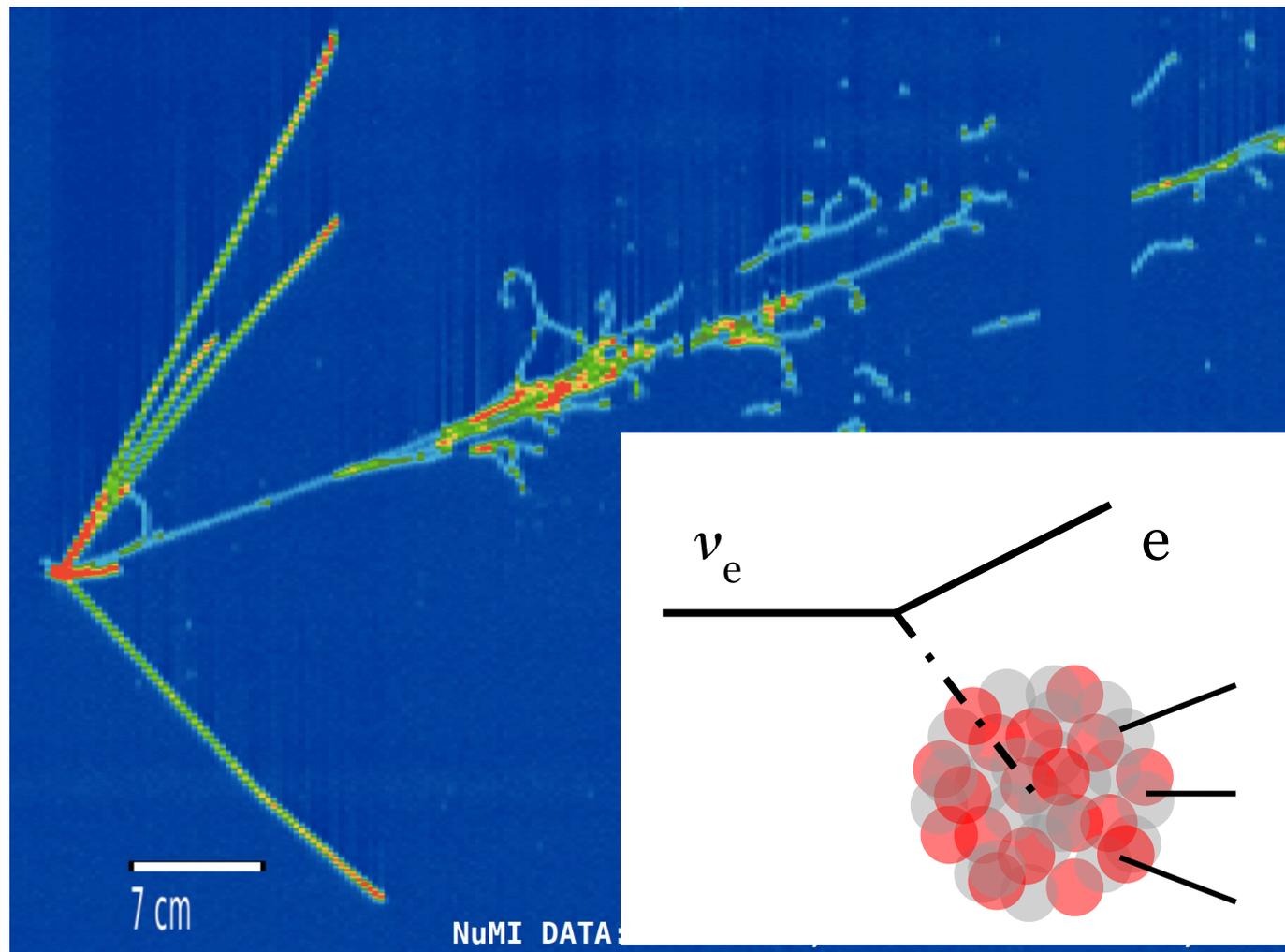
## Three independent & blind analyses:

1. Different reconstruction techniques  
→ LArTPC technology
2. Different final-states  
→ different interaction modes & FSI  
→ new physics may lurk in different channels.

# Neutrino Interactions

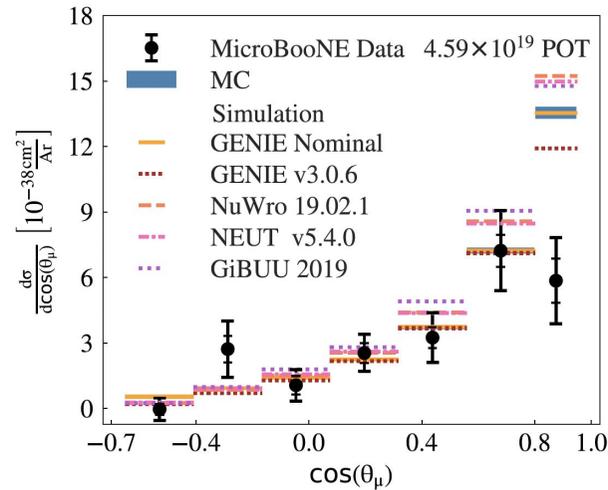
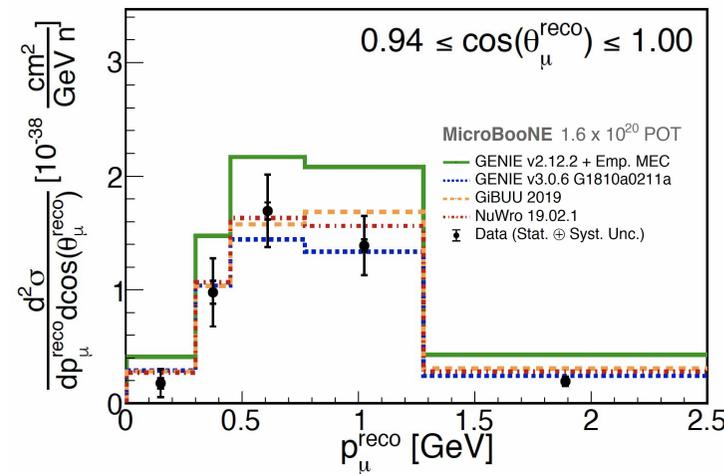
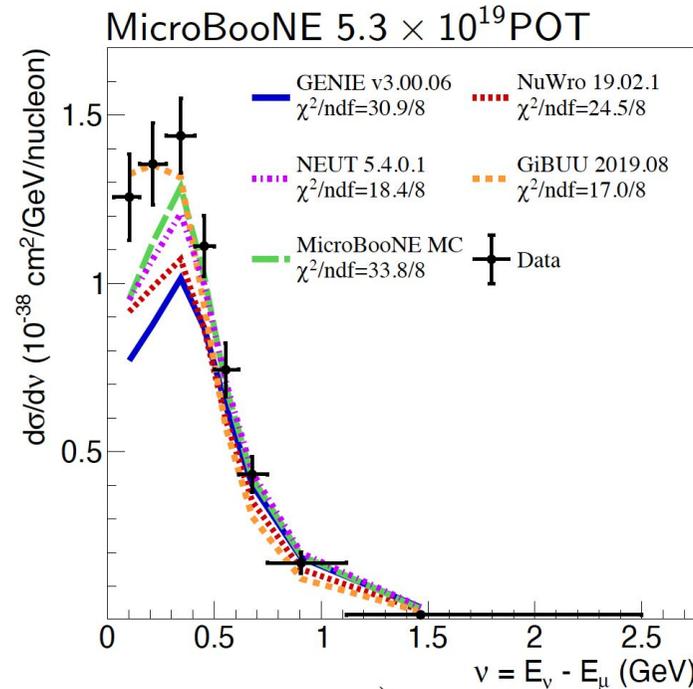
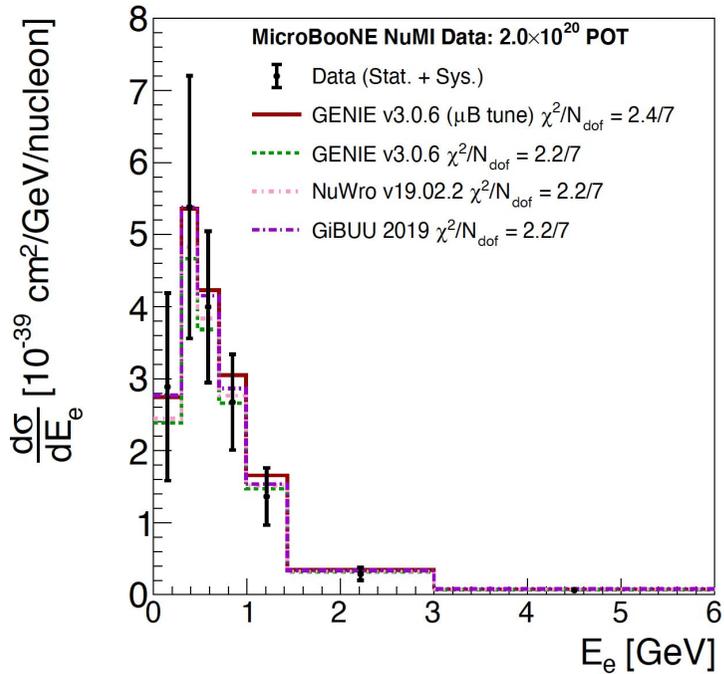
Neutrino interactions on argon target lead to complex final-states.

Rate and final-state observables need to be modeled accurately to carry out this analysis.



high energy electron neutrino interaction candidate with large track multiplicity

# MicroBooNE's Cross-Section Program



MicroBooNE xsec measurements:

$\nu$  CC  $\text{Np}0\pi$  [1D differential]  
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$\nu$  CCQE-like [1D differential]  
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$\nu$  CC inclusive [2D differential]  
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$\nu$  CC  $\pi^0$  [integrated]  
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$\nu_e$  CC [inclusive]  
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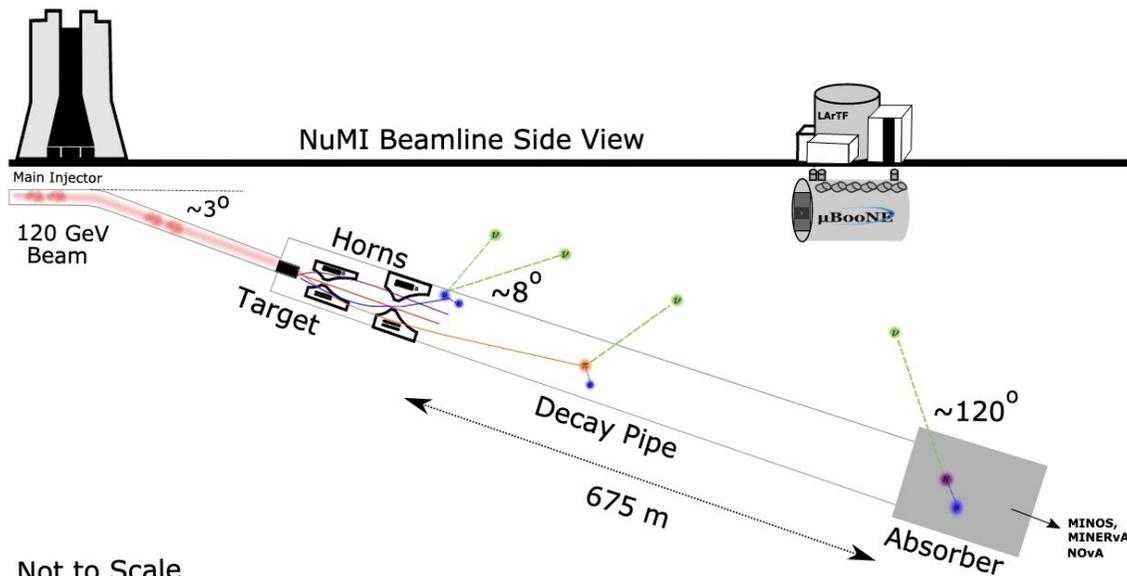
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... and many more in the pipeline

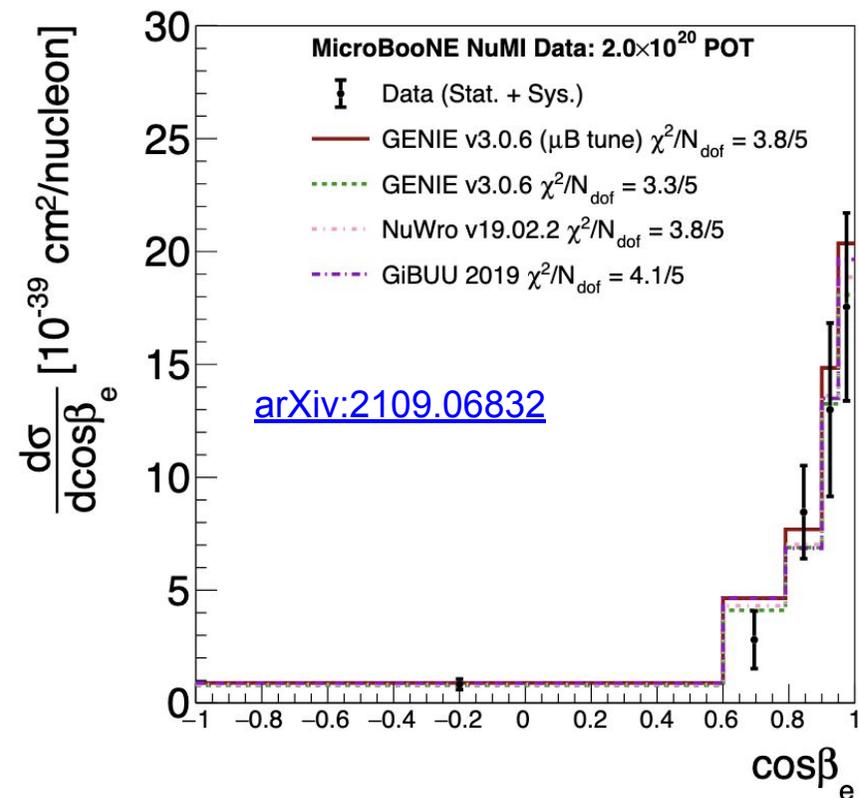
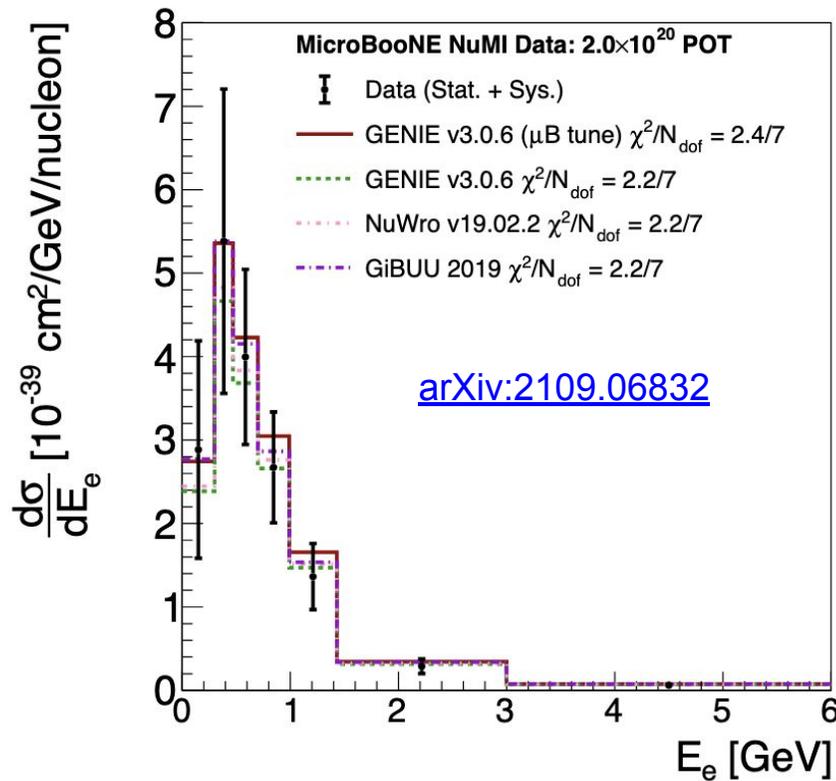
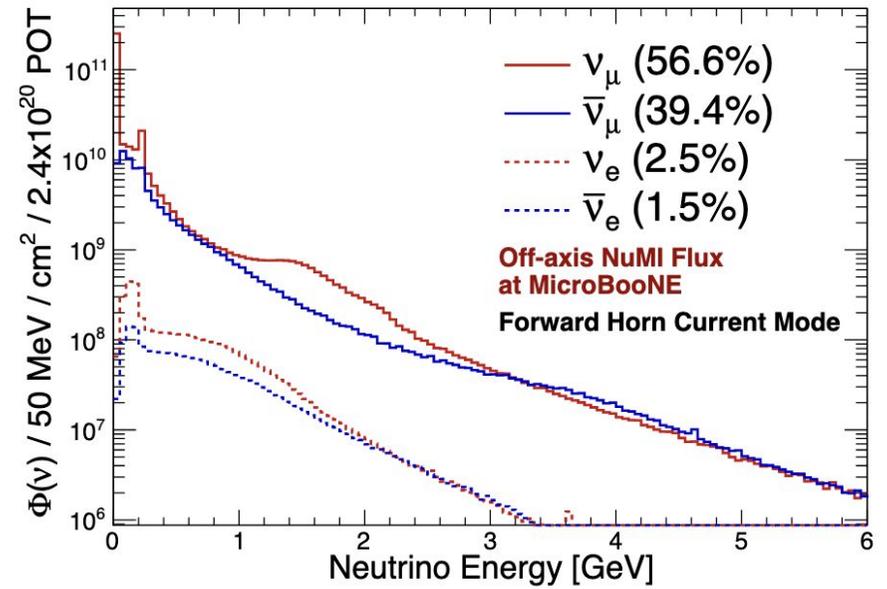
Extensive xsec program performing high-statistics measurements of neutrino interactions on argon for the first time.

Help improve our understanding and modeling of  $\nu$ -Ar interactions for our own physics program and for the broader neutrino community.

# Electron Neutrino Cross-Sections with NuMI



Not to Scale



# Neutrino Interaction Model and Tune

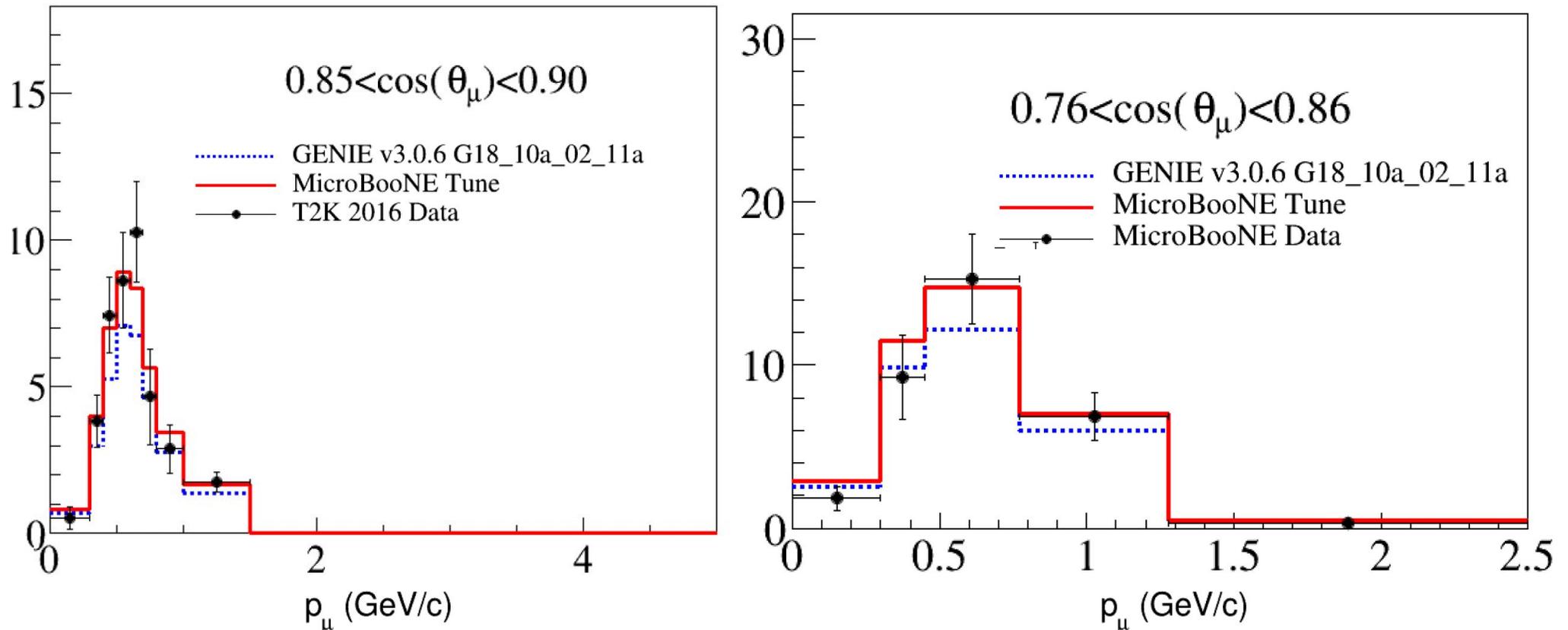
Utilize the GENIE neutrino interaction generator.

GENIE v3 for choice of model.

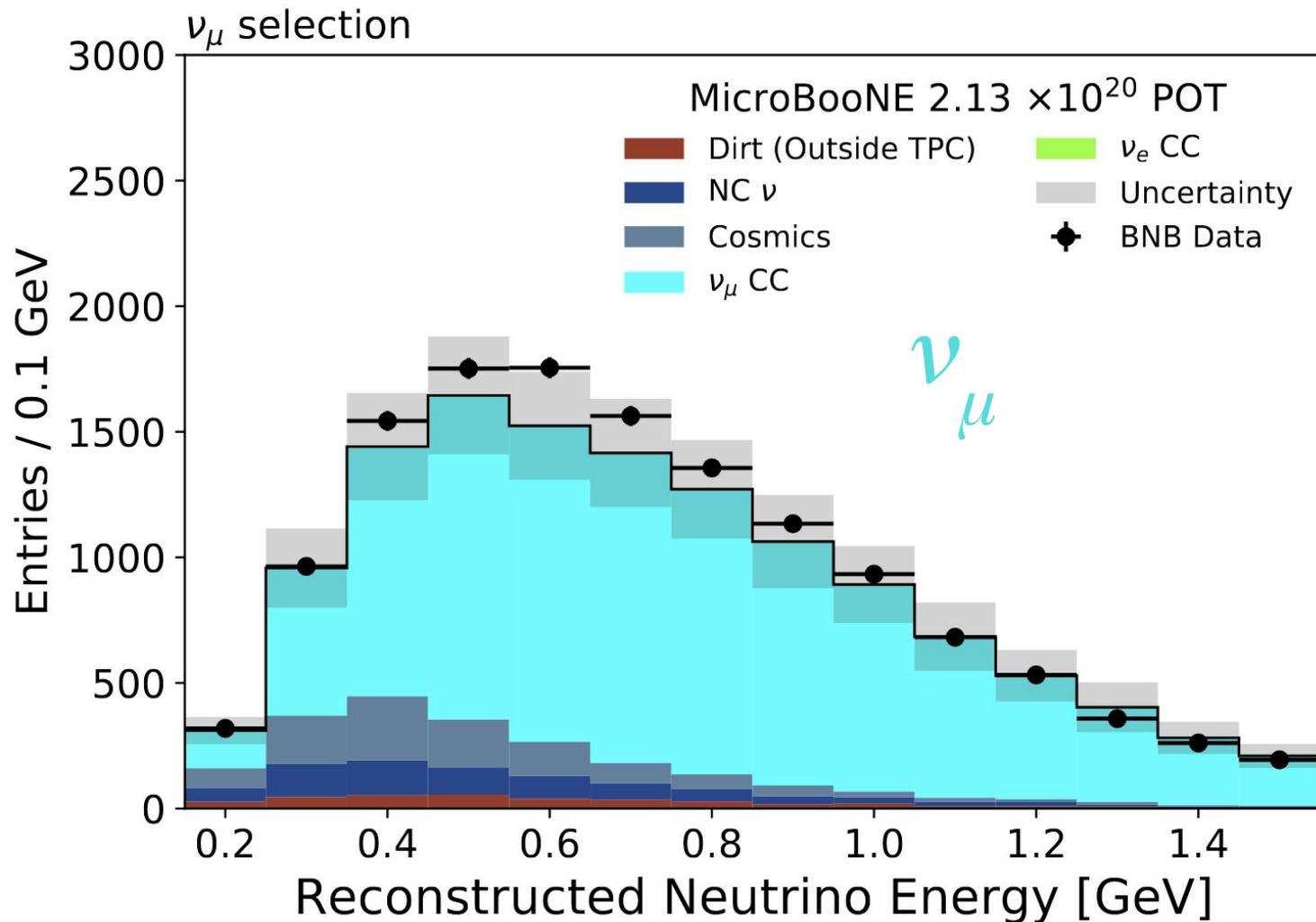
Tuned to external data: T2K CC0 $\pi$  cross-section data.

- O(GeV) energy beam, similar flux as BNB

4-parameter fit for CCQE and MEC processes



# In-Situ Data-Driven Constraint

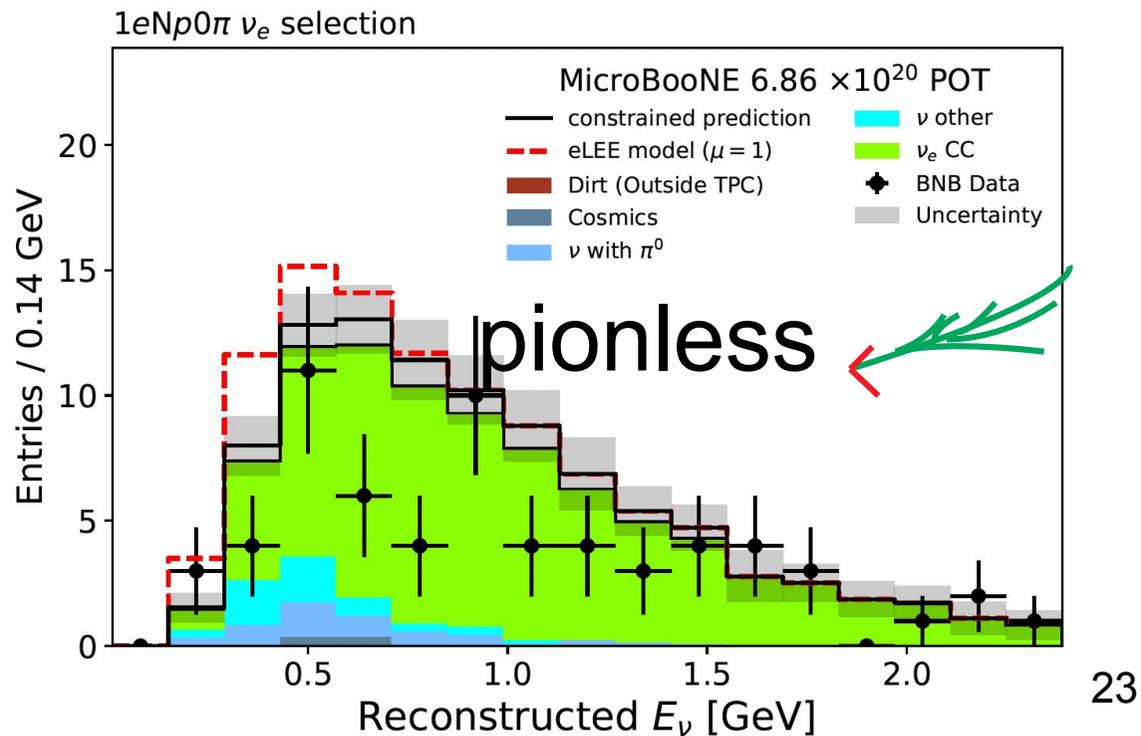
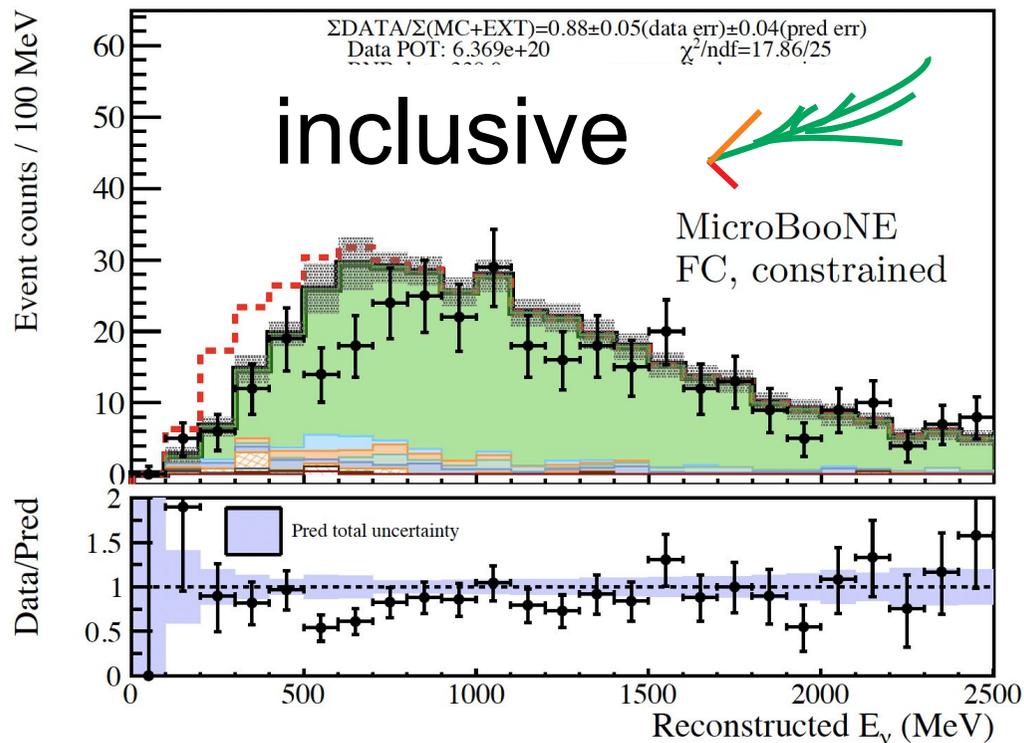
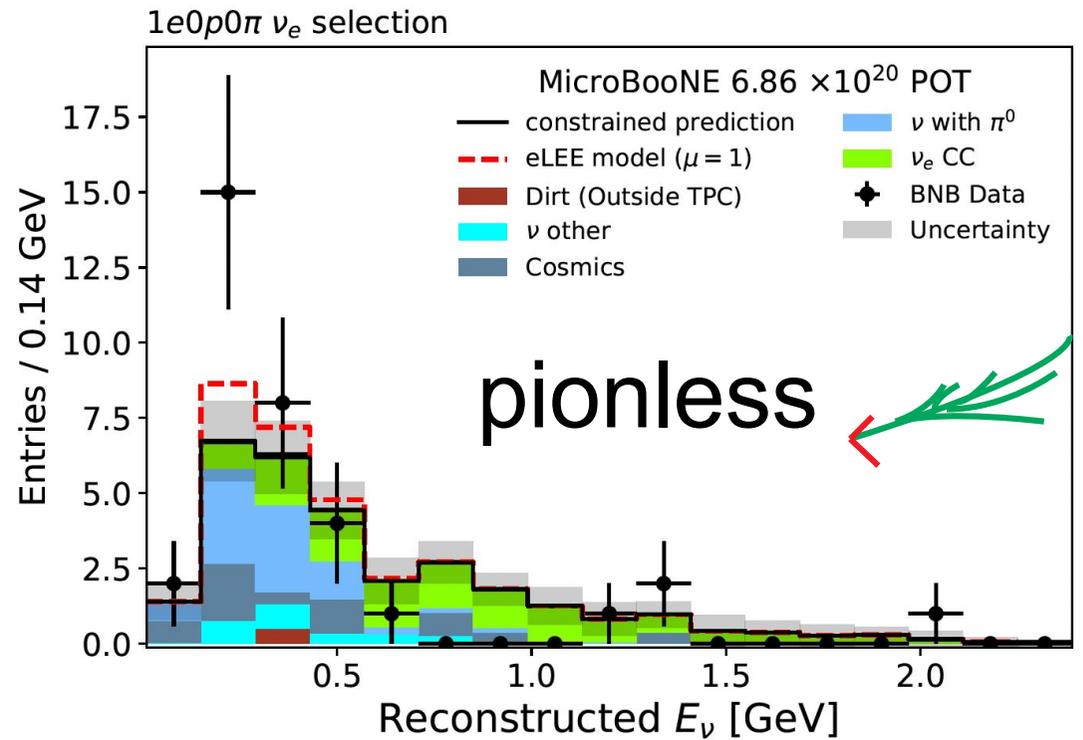
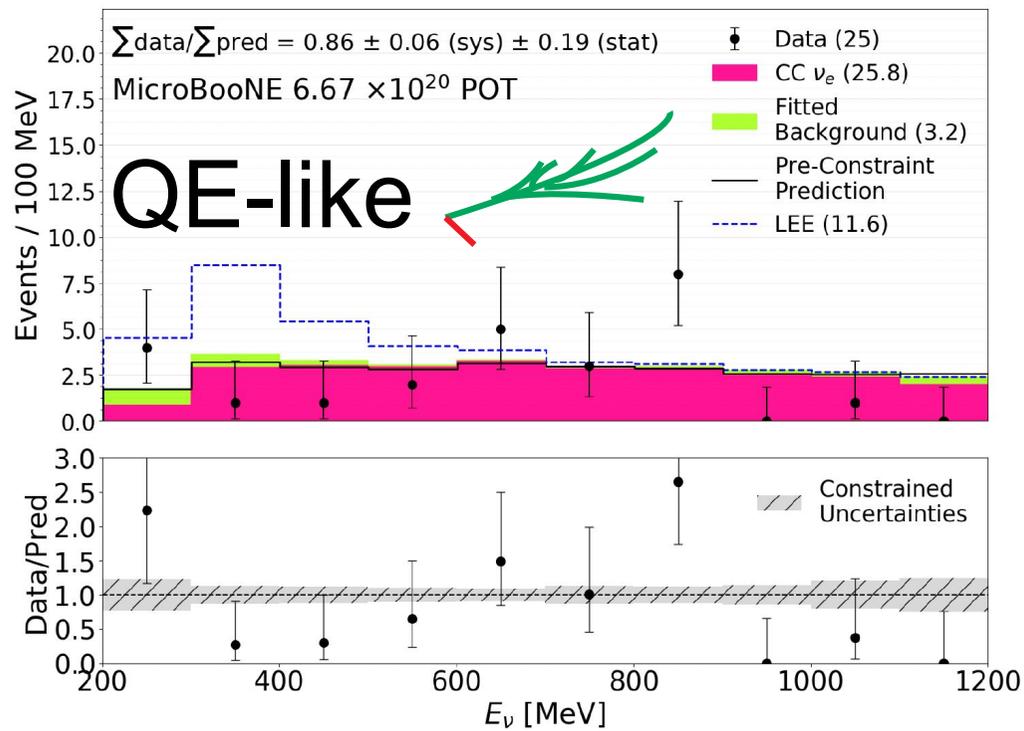


$\nu_\mu$  CC constraint sample for electron analysis

High statistics  $\nu_\mu$ : same flux and xsec model as backgrounds and  $\nu_e$ .

- (1) Validate neutrino rate modeling.
- (2) Constrain uncertainties on prediction  $\rightarrow$  reduction of  $1/2$ .

# Electron Neutrino Energy Spectra



# $\nu_e$ Results Summary

Results indicate no electron neutrino excess in data

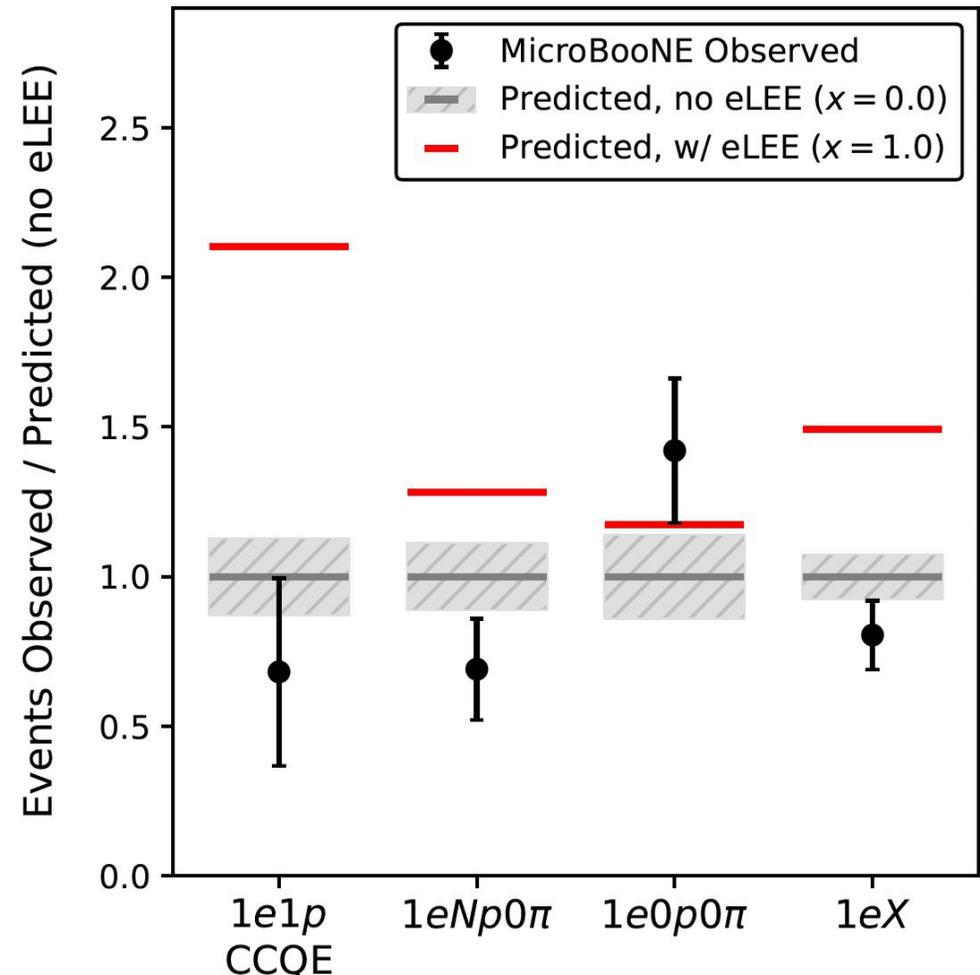
- Consistent across analyses
- CL varies from 97% to  $>3\sigma$

Overall observe slight deficit of electron neutrinos relative to prediction in  $\nu_e$  dominated selections.

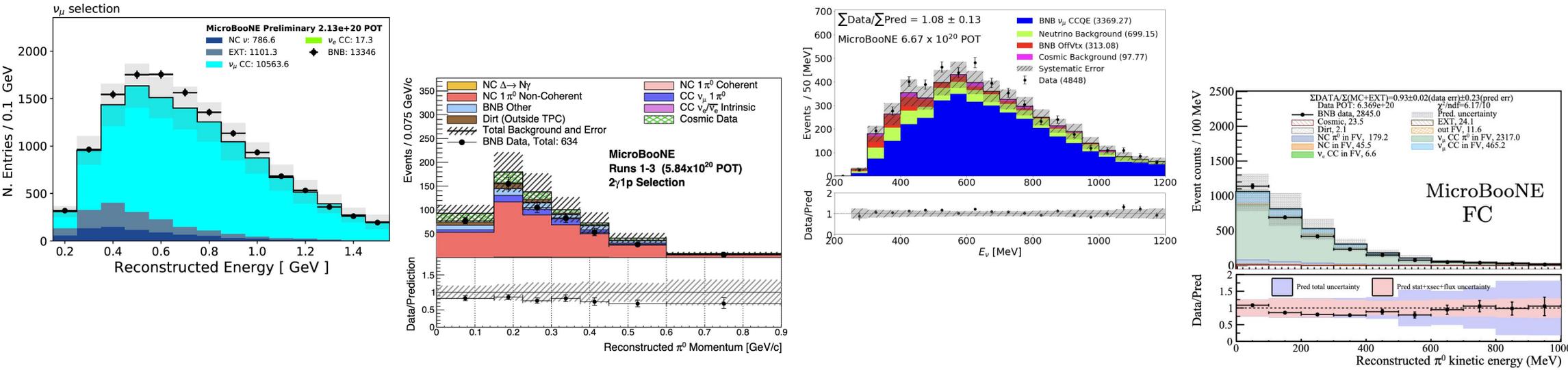
1e0p0 $\pi$  channel has slight excess.

- Low sensitivity, consistent with prediction
- Single shower measurement,  $\gamma$  dominated prediction.

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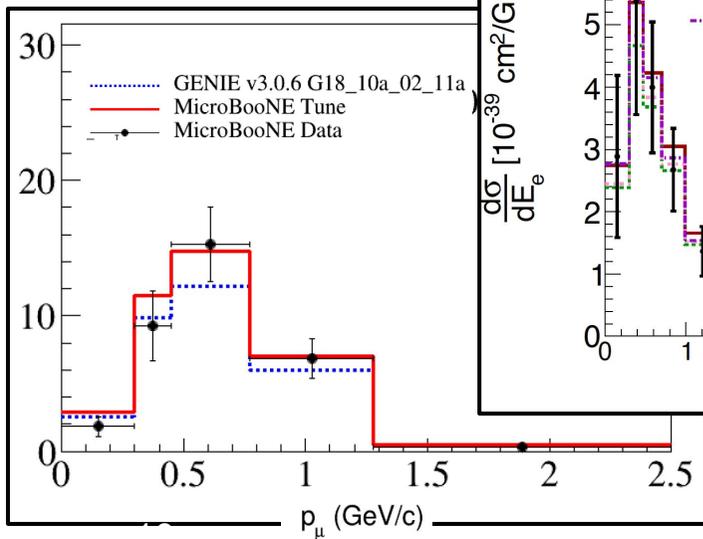


# A Milestone Beyond the Analysis Results...

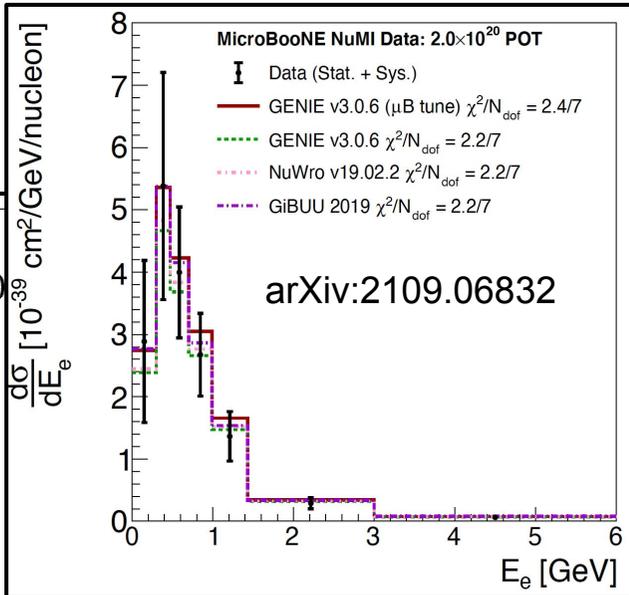


data-driven background constraints throughout these analyses

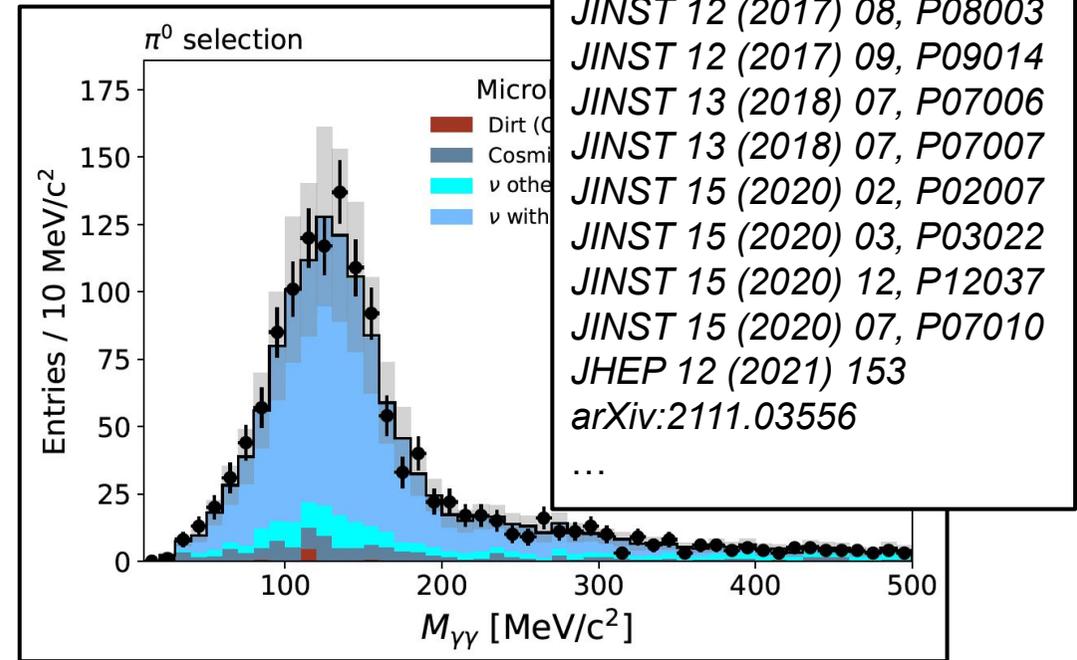
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multiple rounds of XSEC measurements

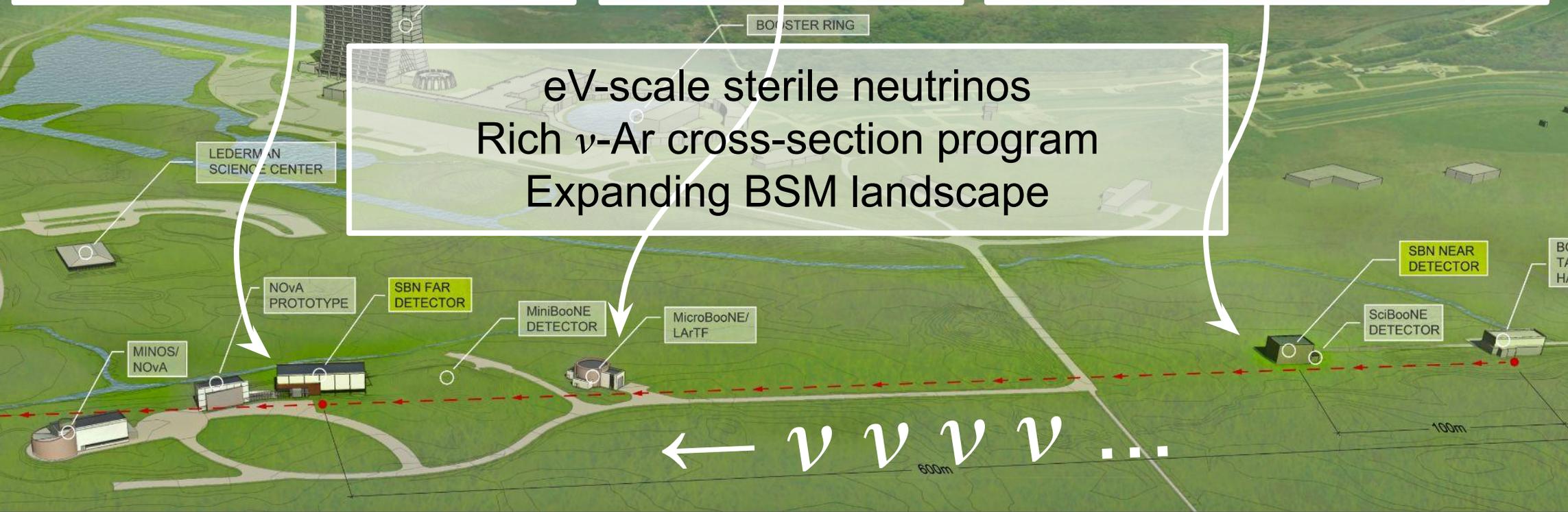
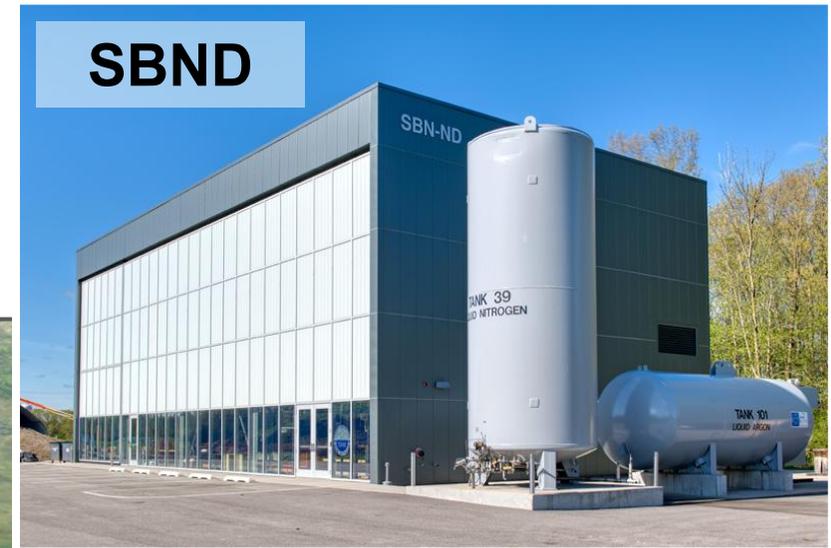
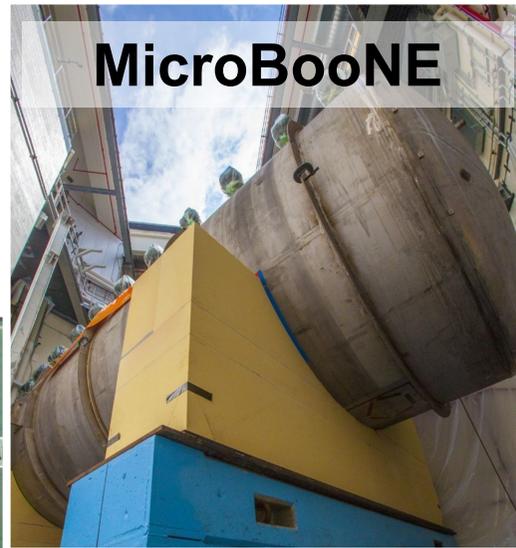


years of LArTPC analysis development...

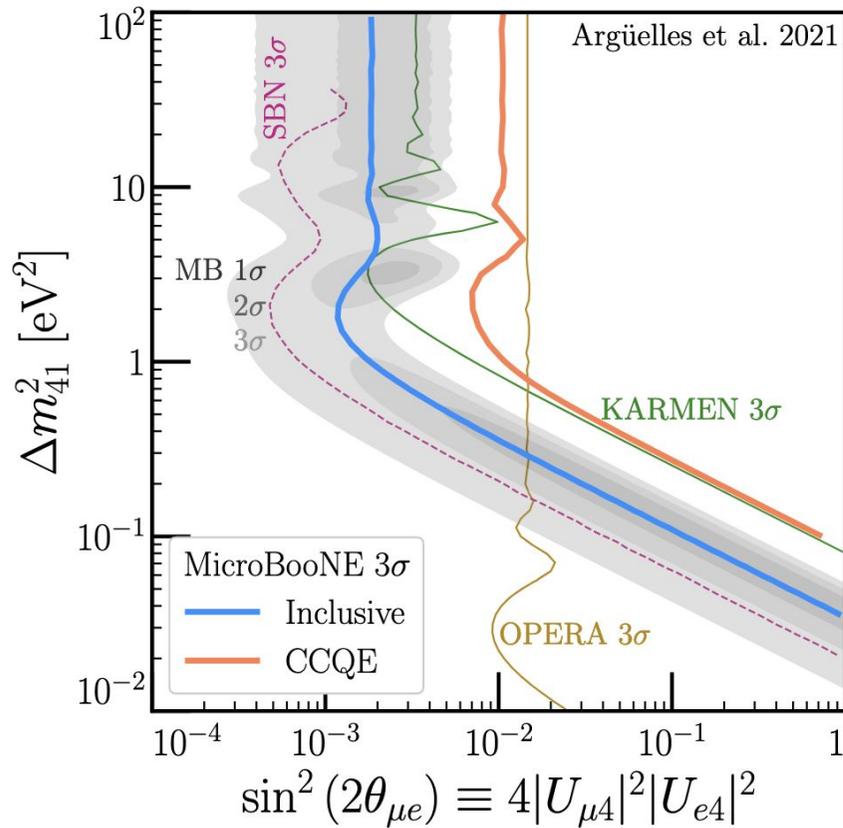


## The Road Ahead

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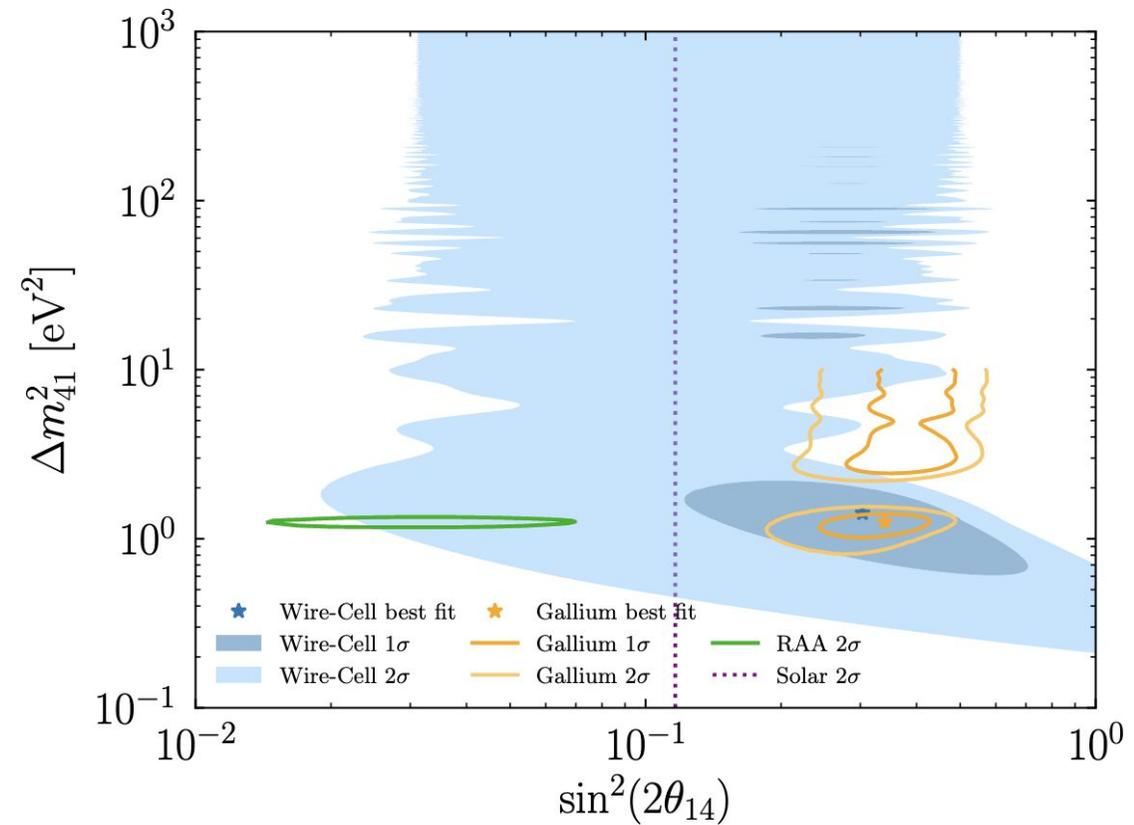


# MicroBooNE's Result Under 3+1 Hypothesis



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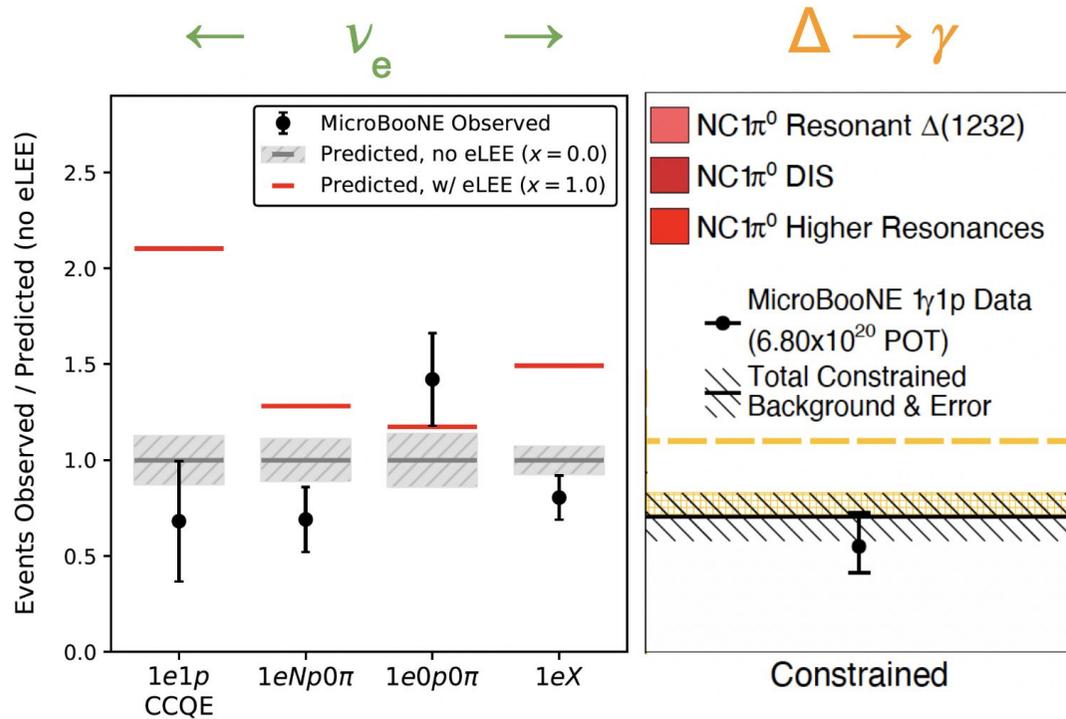
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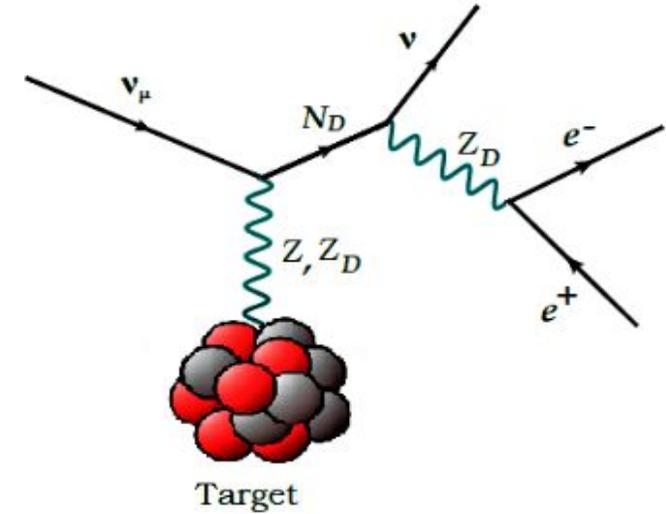
What does MicroBooNE's result say about eV-scale Sterile Neutrino models in 3+1 scenario?

Active interest from theory community. We are catching up...

# MicroBooNE's BSM Program



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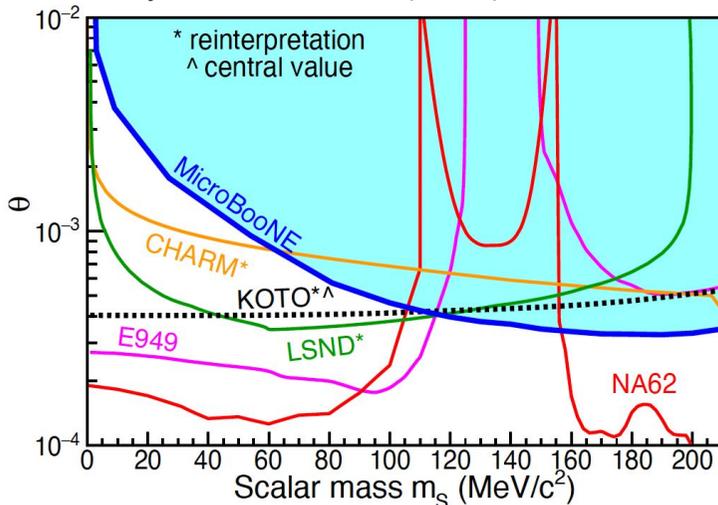


$e^+e^-$  / Inclusive  $\gamma$  search

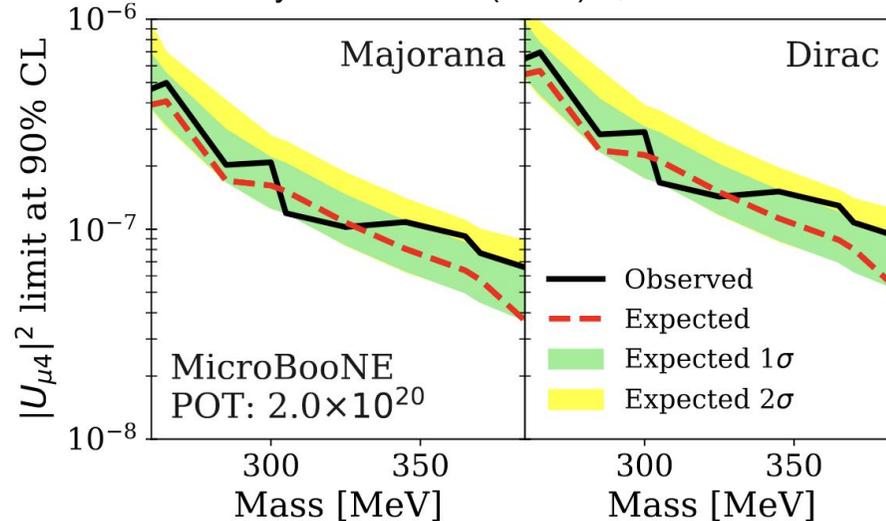
*Current Results...*

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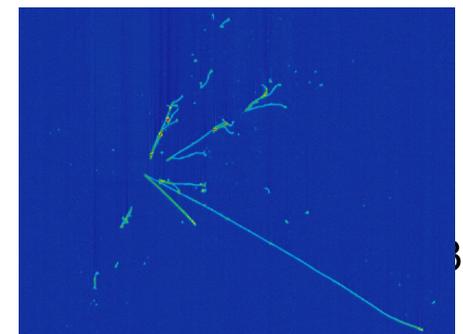
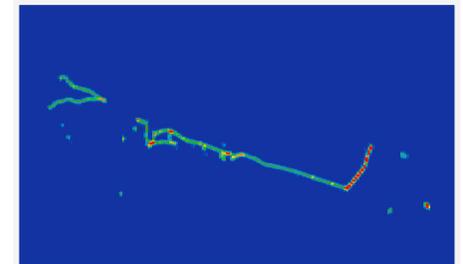
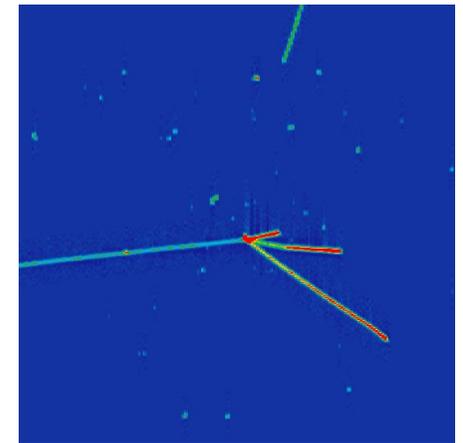
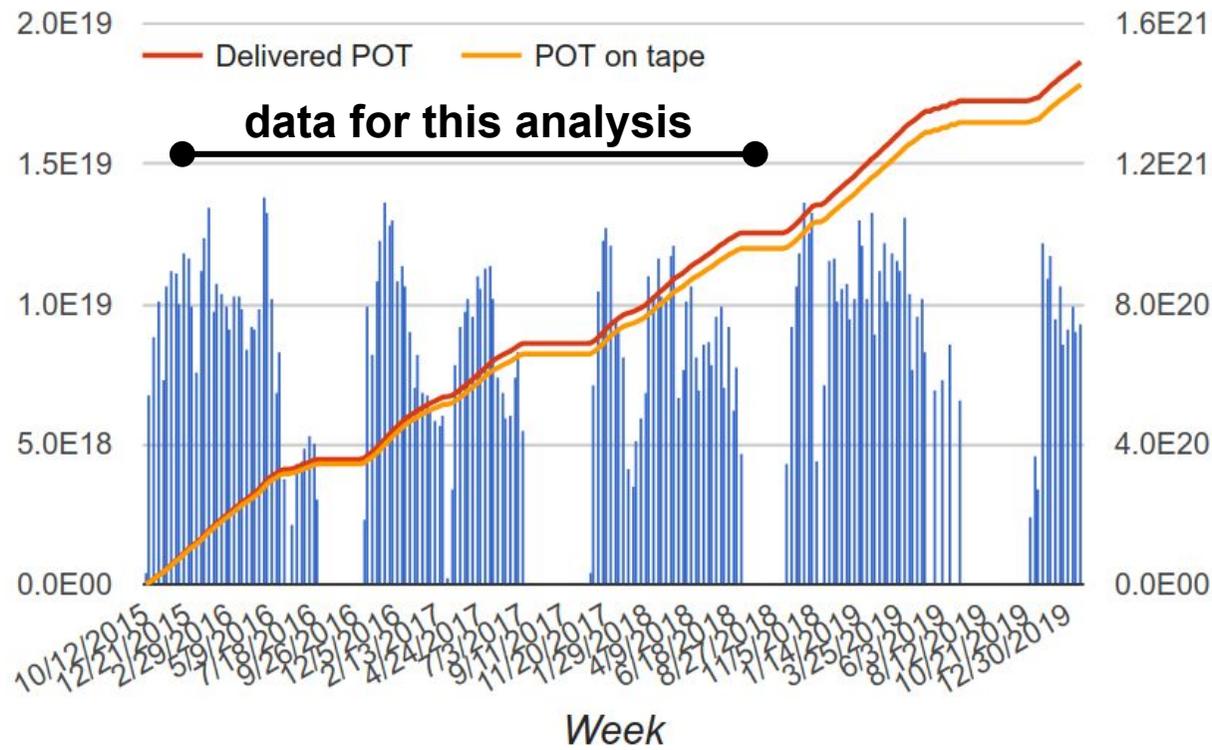
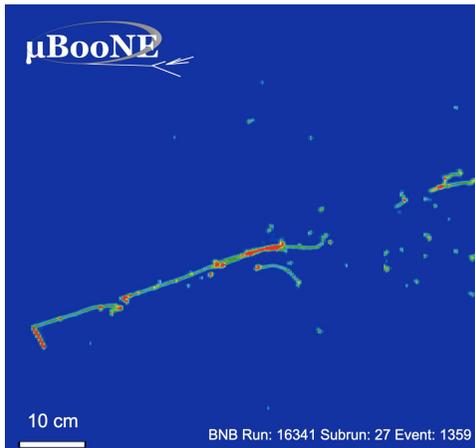
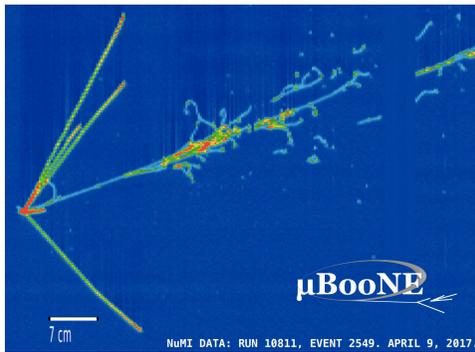
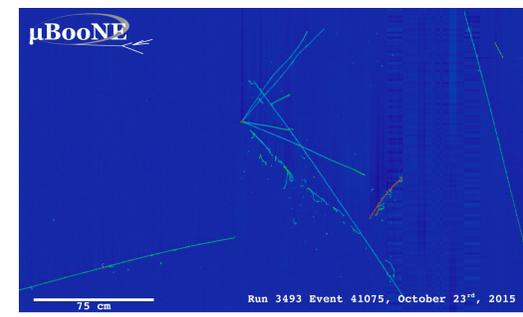
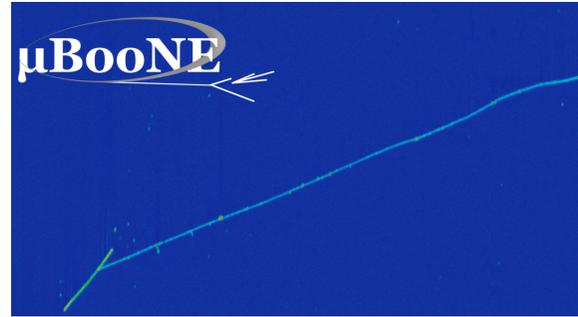
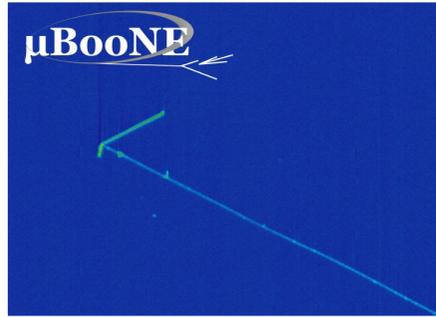
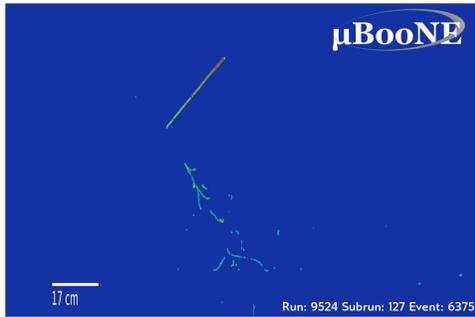


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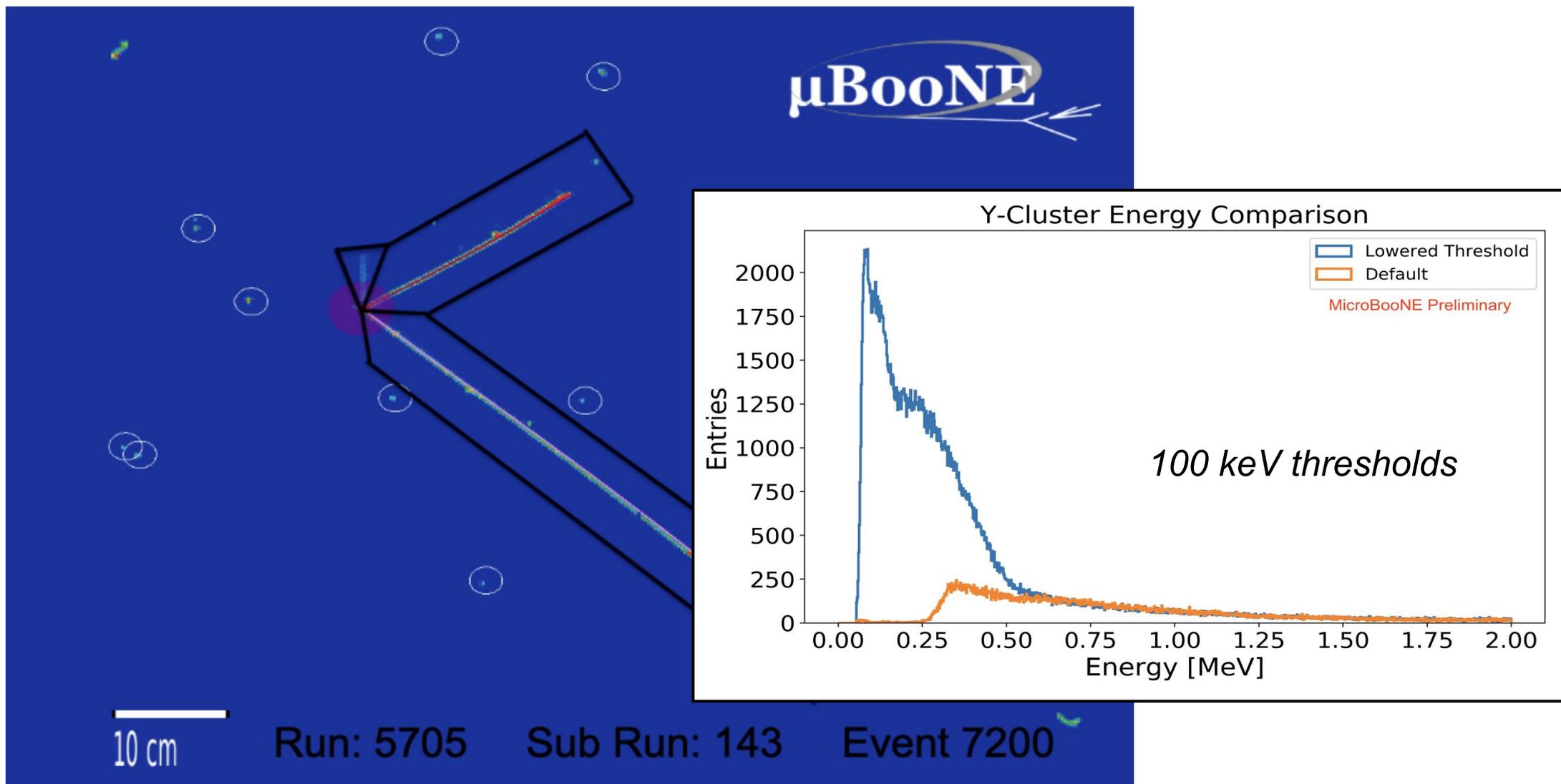
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# MicroBooNE Data Set



- Longest running large-scale LArTPC to date.
- Dataset of 500k  $\nu$  - Ar interactions!

# MeV-scale Physics @ MicroBooNE



Reconstruction and Potential for MeV-Scale Physics in MicroBooNE

sub-MeV thresholds and meter-scale volumes

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# Summary

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MicroBooNE has followed-up on one of the most intriguing puzzles in neutrino physics.

- see no excess of  $\text{NC } \Delta \rightarrow \gamma$  or **Electron Neutrinos** in Booster Neutrino Beamline.

Demonstrated power of LArTPC technology for precision measurements.

- Foundational for the broader LArTPC program

Exciting new chapter ahead!

- double the data from MicroBooNE, new measurements actively being pursued.
- Expanded reach with SBN program.