The Short-Baseline Neutrino Program

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Sterile Neutrinos

- Anomalies in a variety of experiments provide hints to the possible existence of sterile neutrinos

- The most significant of these come from LSND

- MiniBooNE followed up with additional anomalous results

LSND

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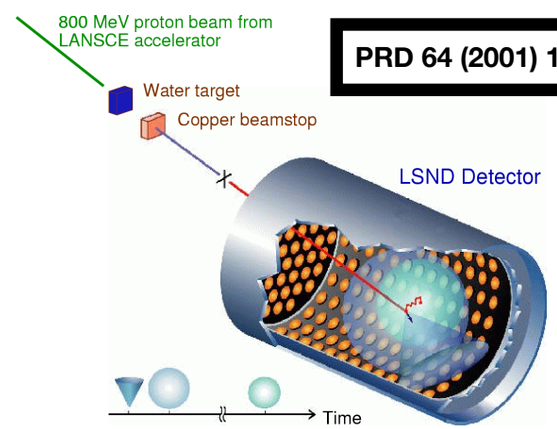

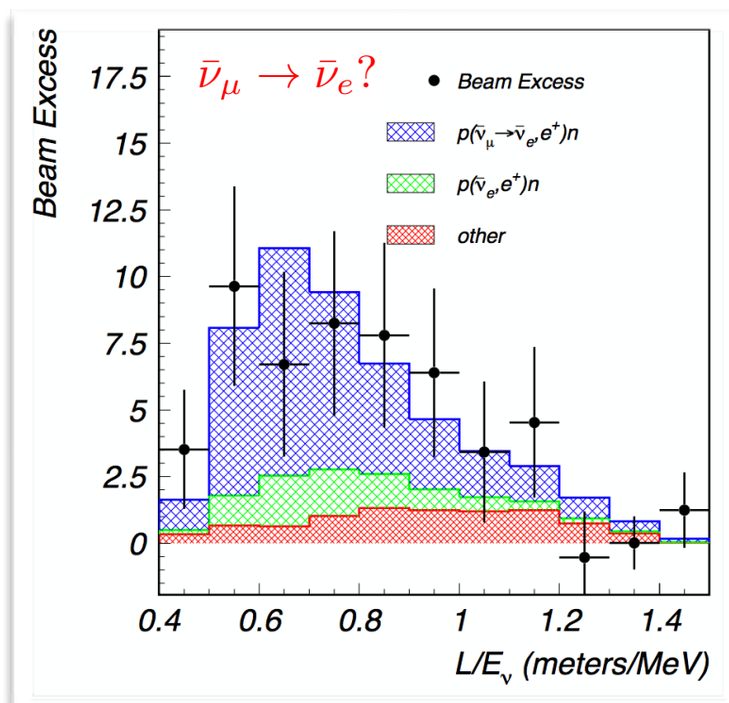

MiniBooNE

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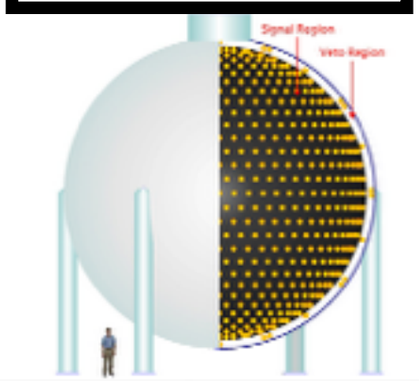
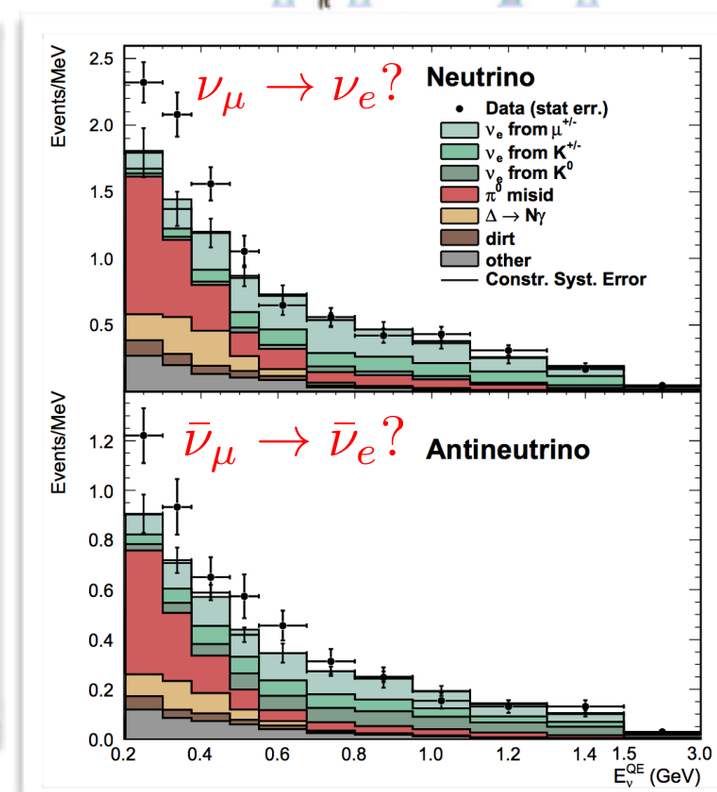


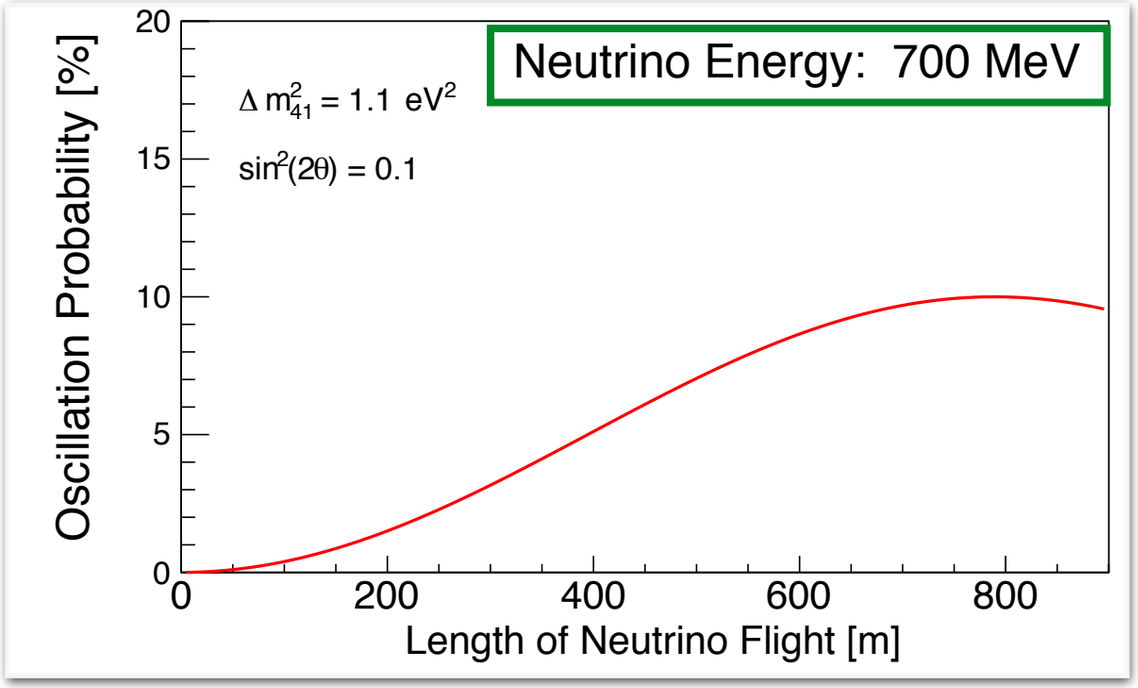


These results can be interpreted as oscillations involving sterile neutrinos with $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 eV^2$ and an $L/E \approx 1$ km/GeV

Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

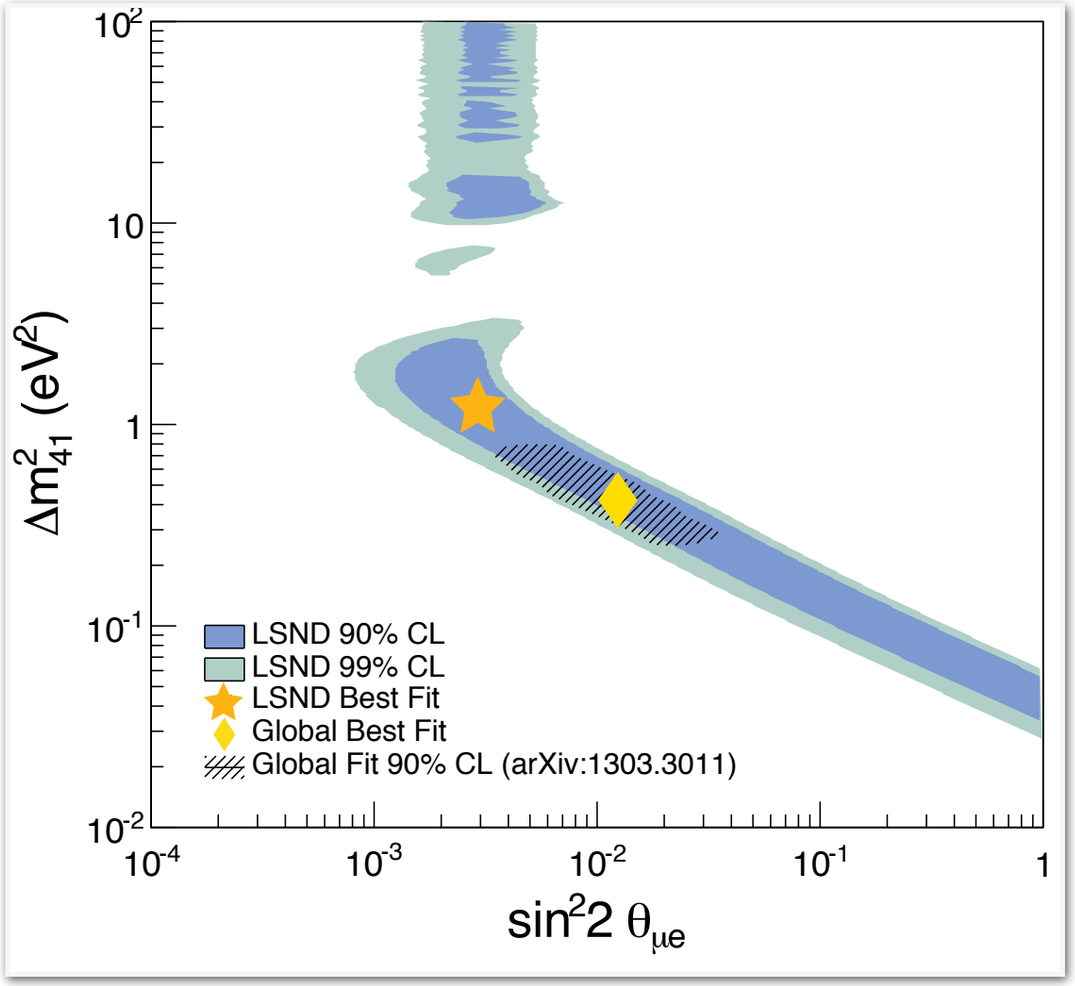
- The large mass splitting means at short-baselines we are effectively decoupled from standard neutrino oscillations

$$P^{3+1}_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2_{41} L}{4E}$$

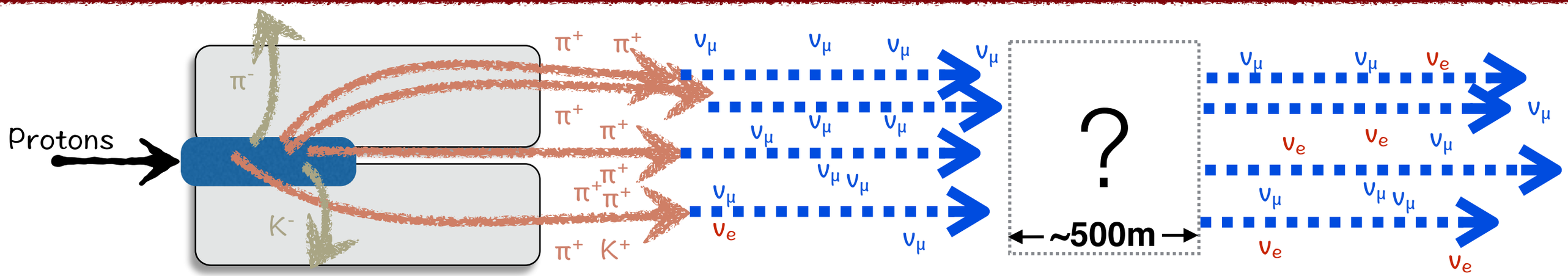


- We search for these oscillations by looking for the transformation of one active neutrino flavor into another

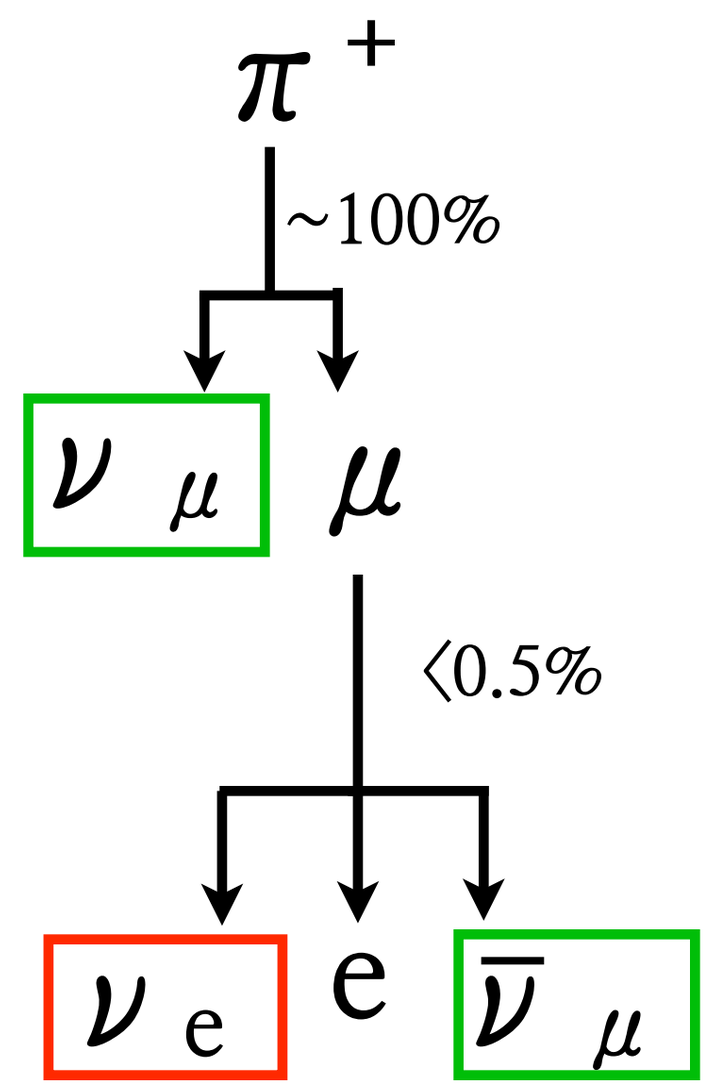
- Resolving these small effects require control of systematic uncertainties



Booster Neutrino Beam



- Booster Neutrino Beam has been stably run for a decade and is well characterized
- 8 GeV Protons from the Booster collide with a beryllium target and the resulting mesons are focused by a magnetic horn
- This results is a beam of mostly muon neutrinos, where we can search for flavor disappearance and appearance



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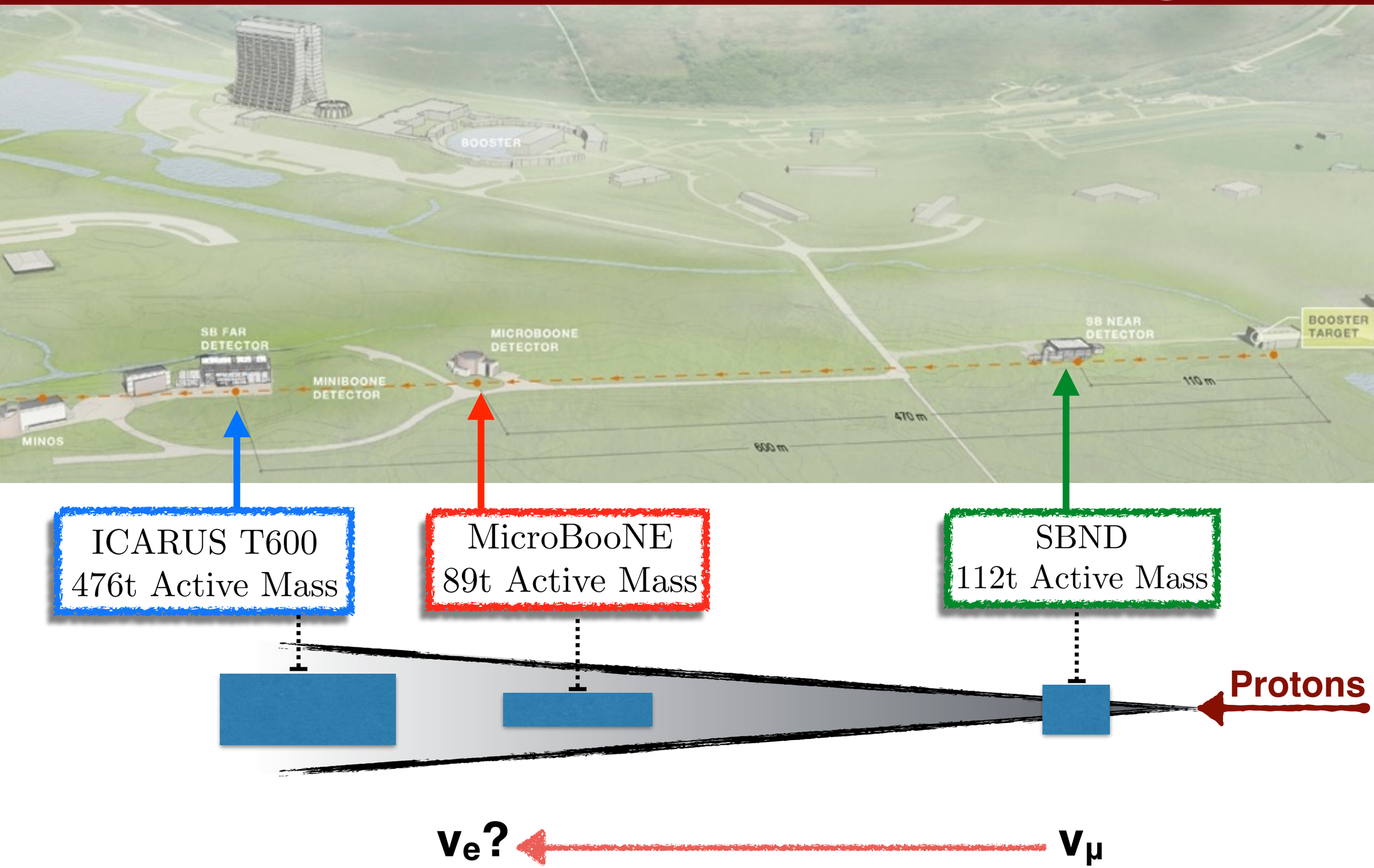

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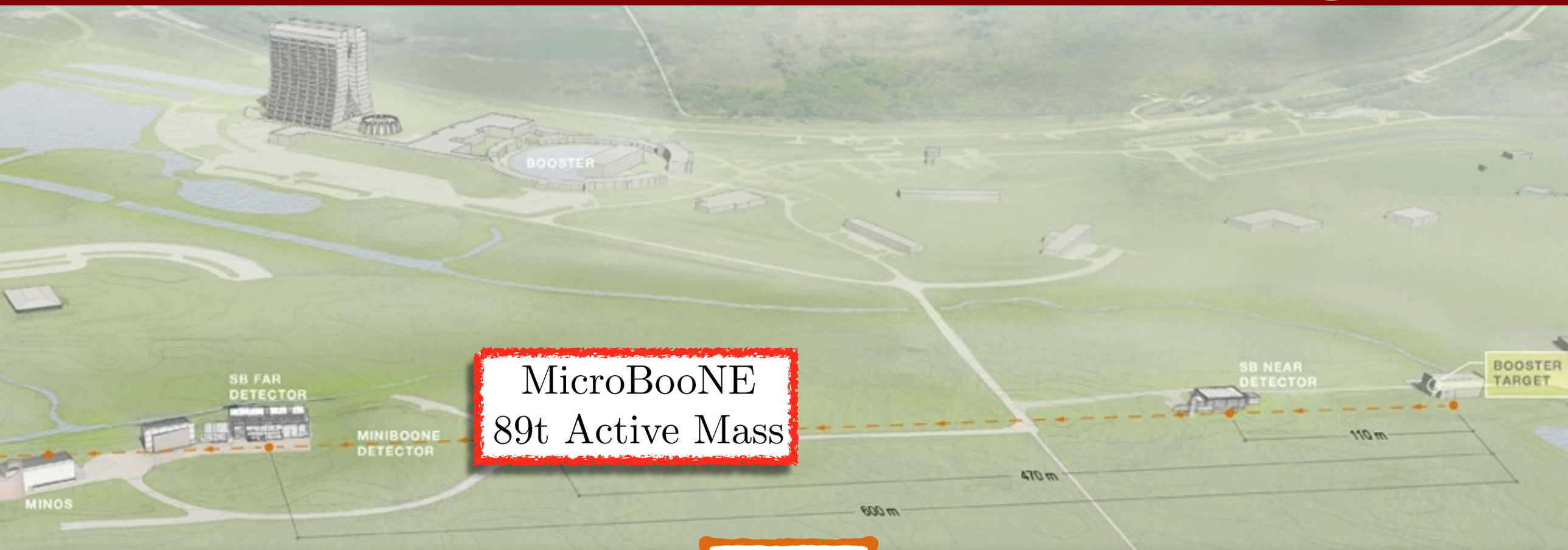

MicroBooNE
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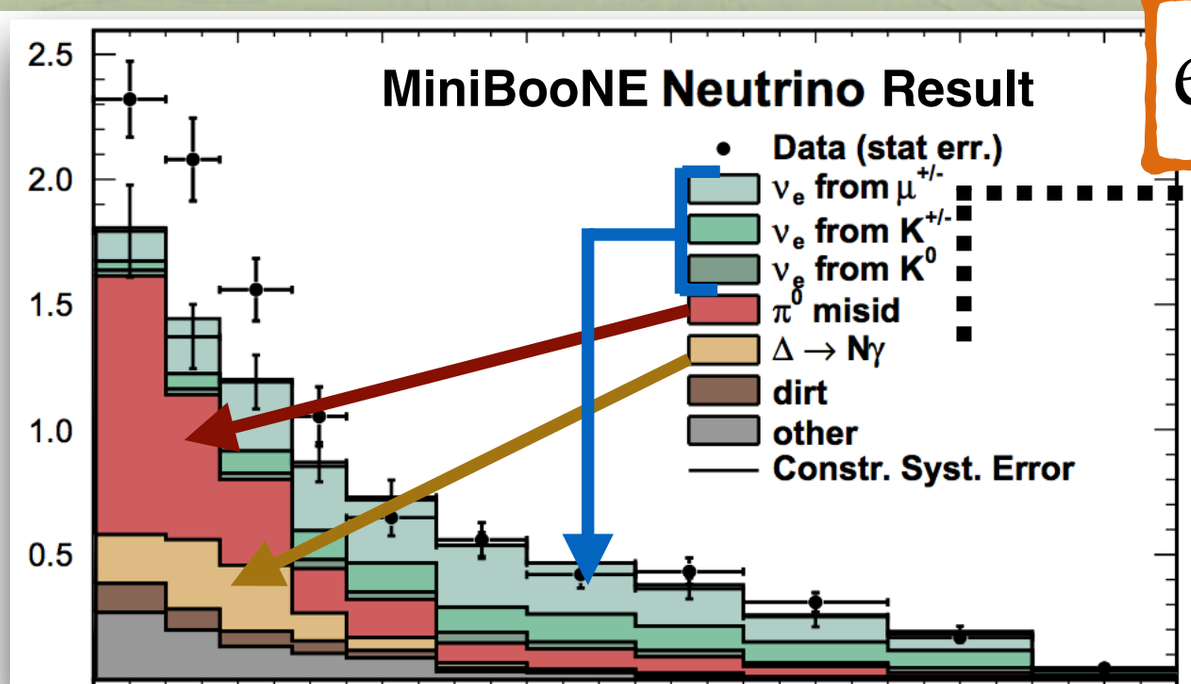

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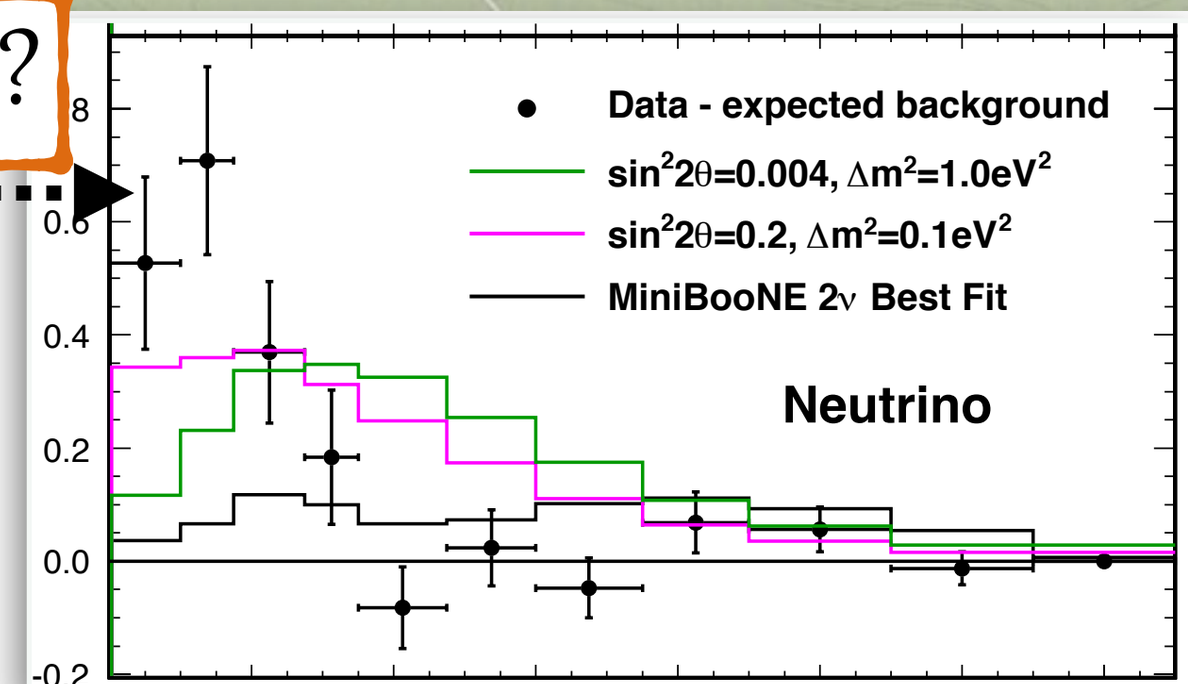

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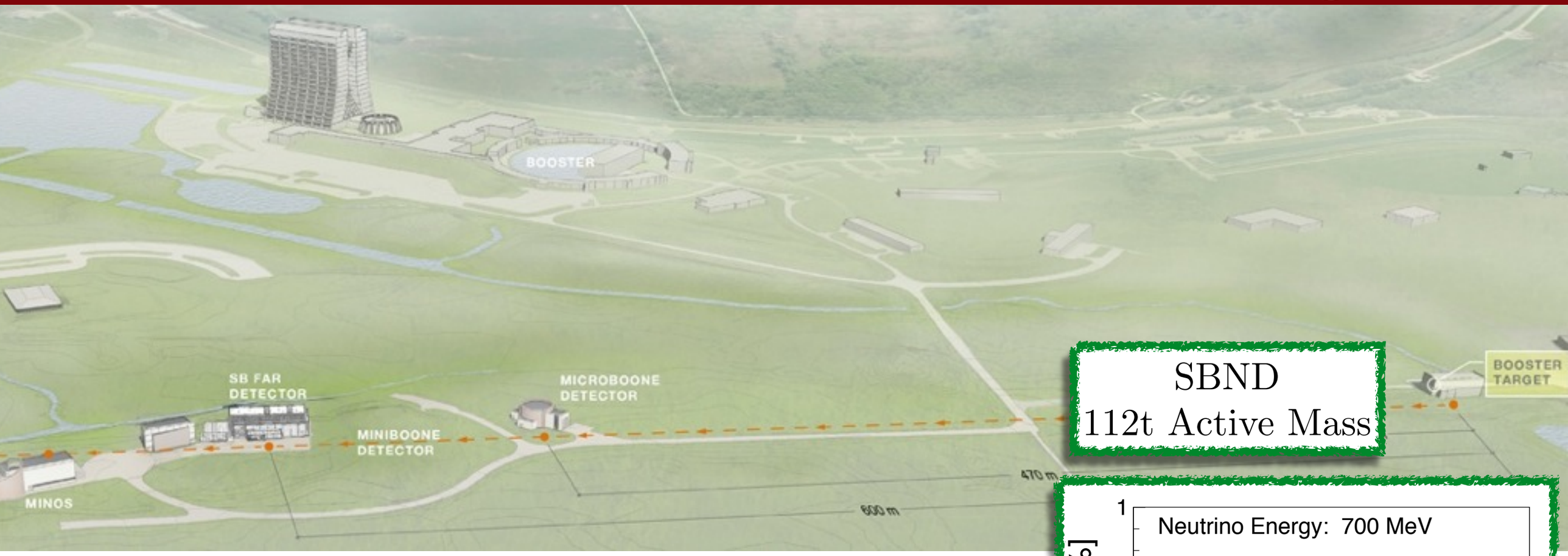

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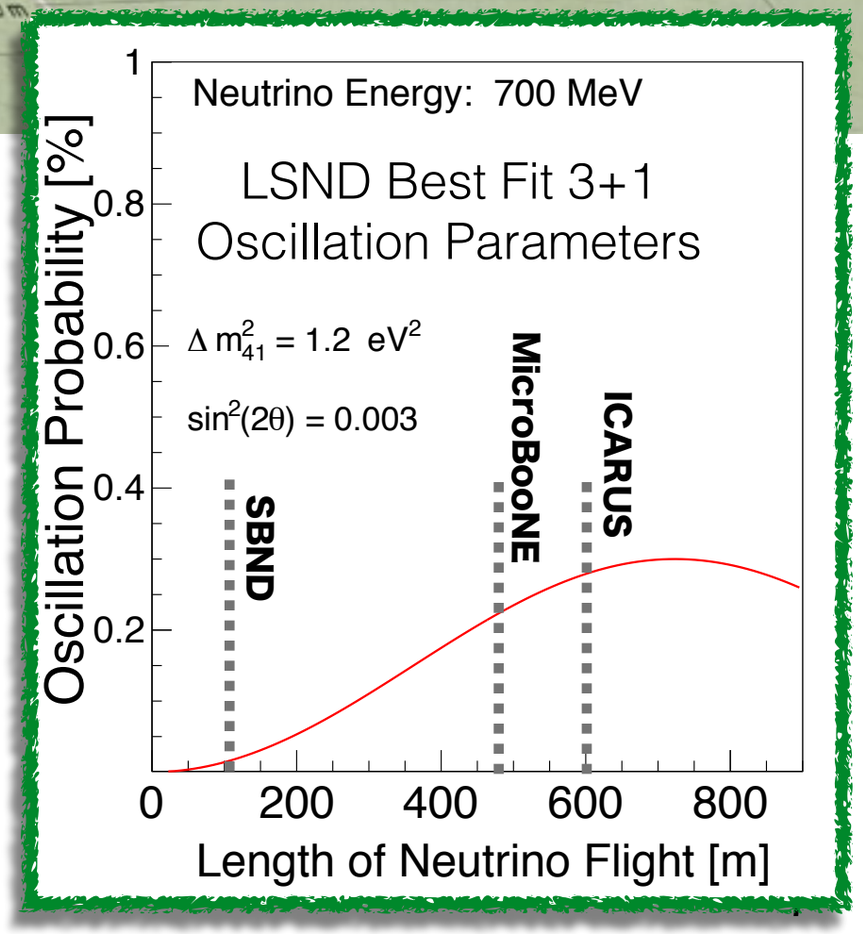
112t Active Mass



- SBND will provide a detailed characterization of the beam before oscillations can occur
- This allows for the cancelation of many of the dominant systematics

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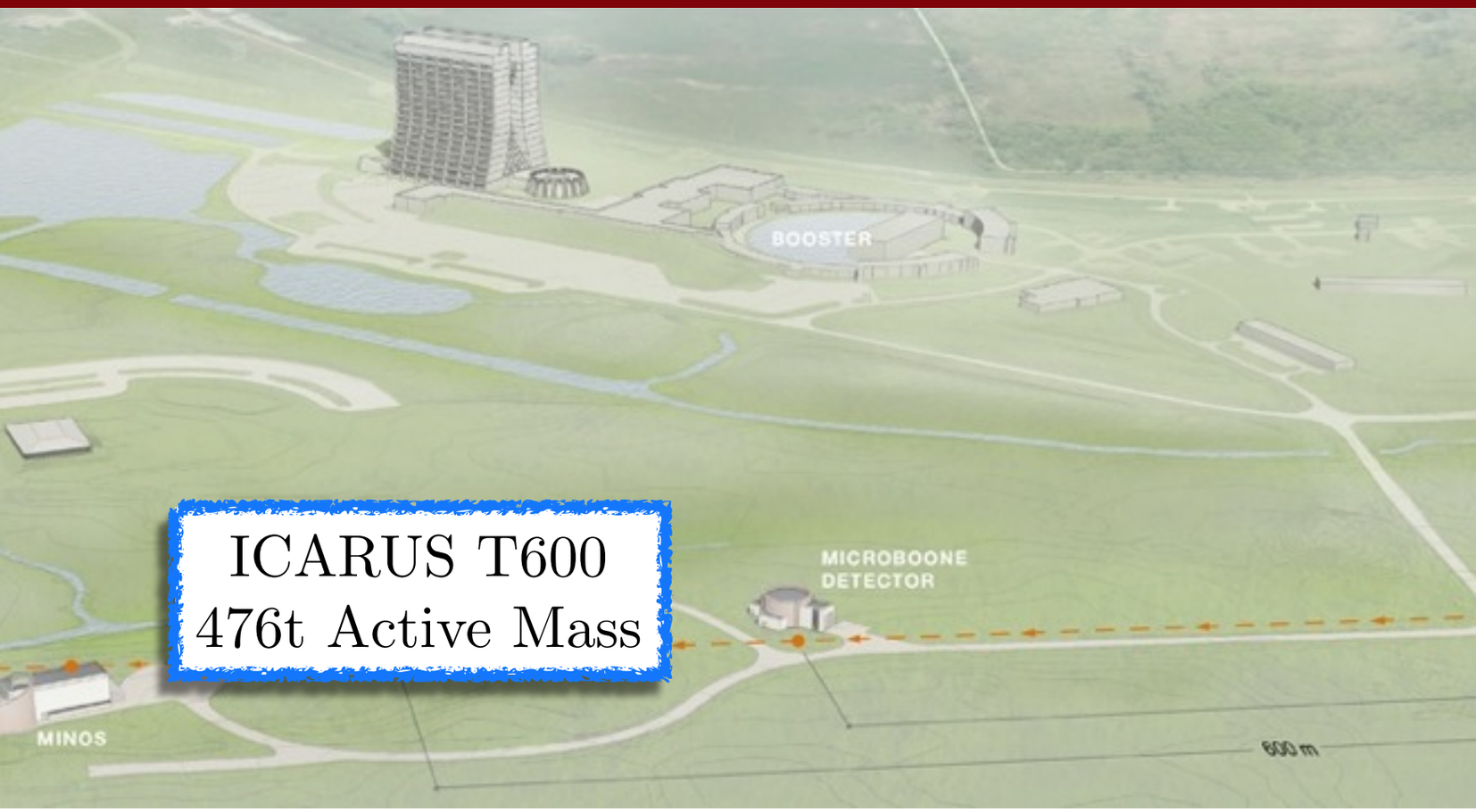


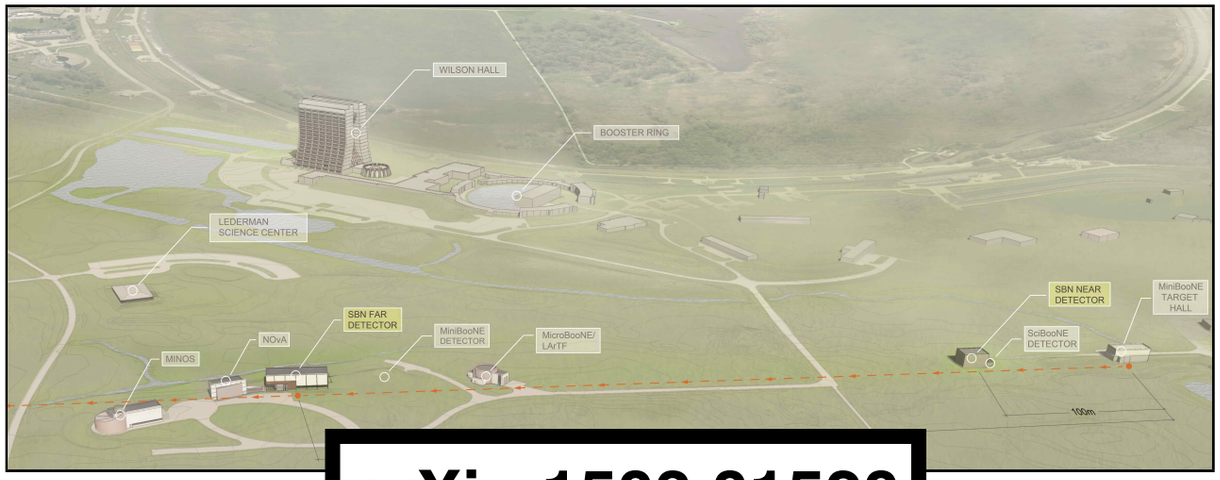
ICARUS T600
476t Active Mass

- The ICARUS T600 is the largest LAr TPC ever built, 7 times larger than MicroBooNE
- This mass provides us with high sensitivity to oscillated neutrinos allowing for a precision search

Short-Baseline Neutrino Program

- The goal of SBN is to perform a definitive search for sterile neutrino oscillations
  - The three collaborations worked together to design such a program
- The resulting proposal contained a careful examination of all known backgrounds and systematic uncertainties

A Proposal for a Three Detector Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Program in the Fermilab Booster Neutrino Beam



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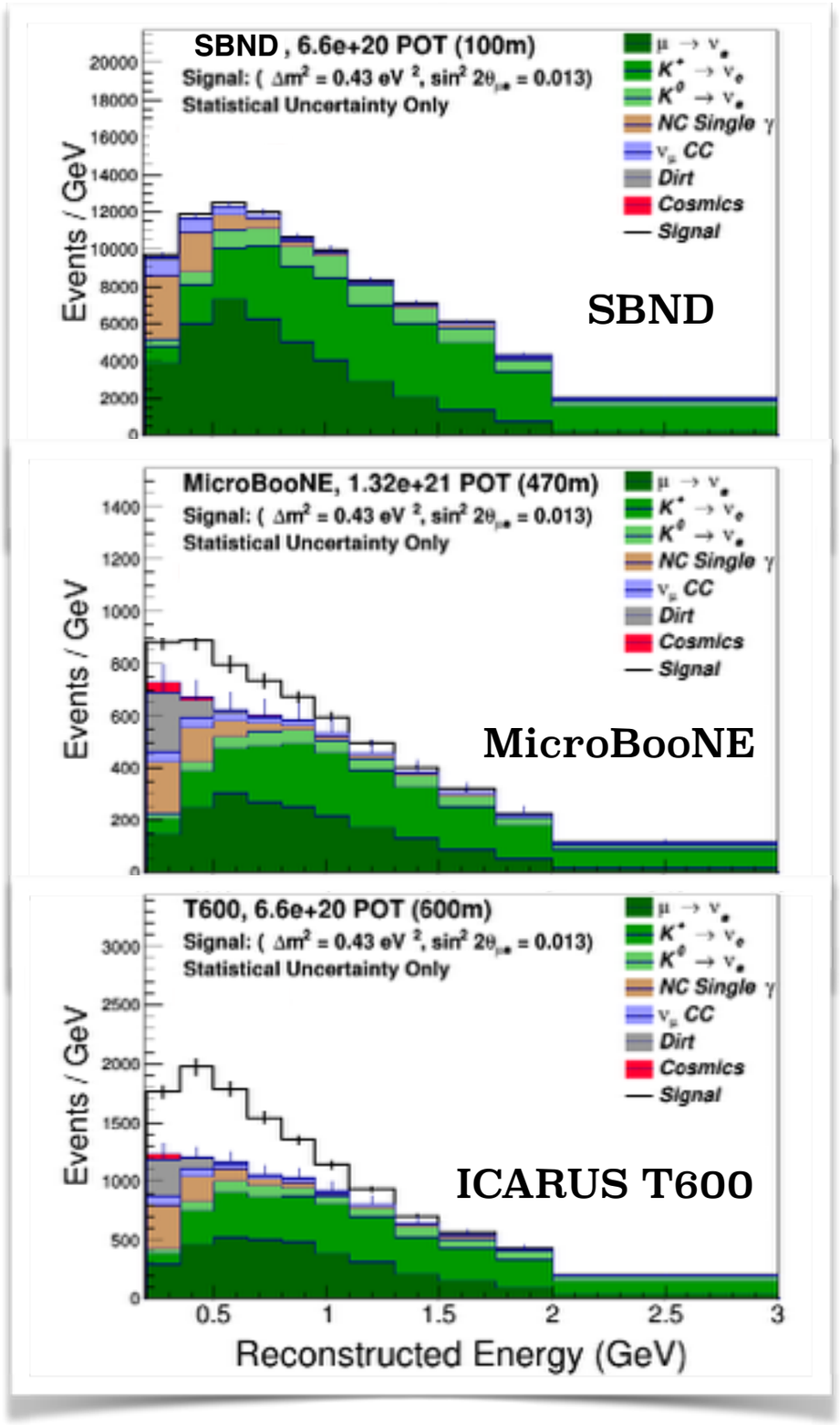
"The Committee recommends Stage 1 approval for the SBN program…"

~Fermilab Physics Advisory Committee, January 2015

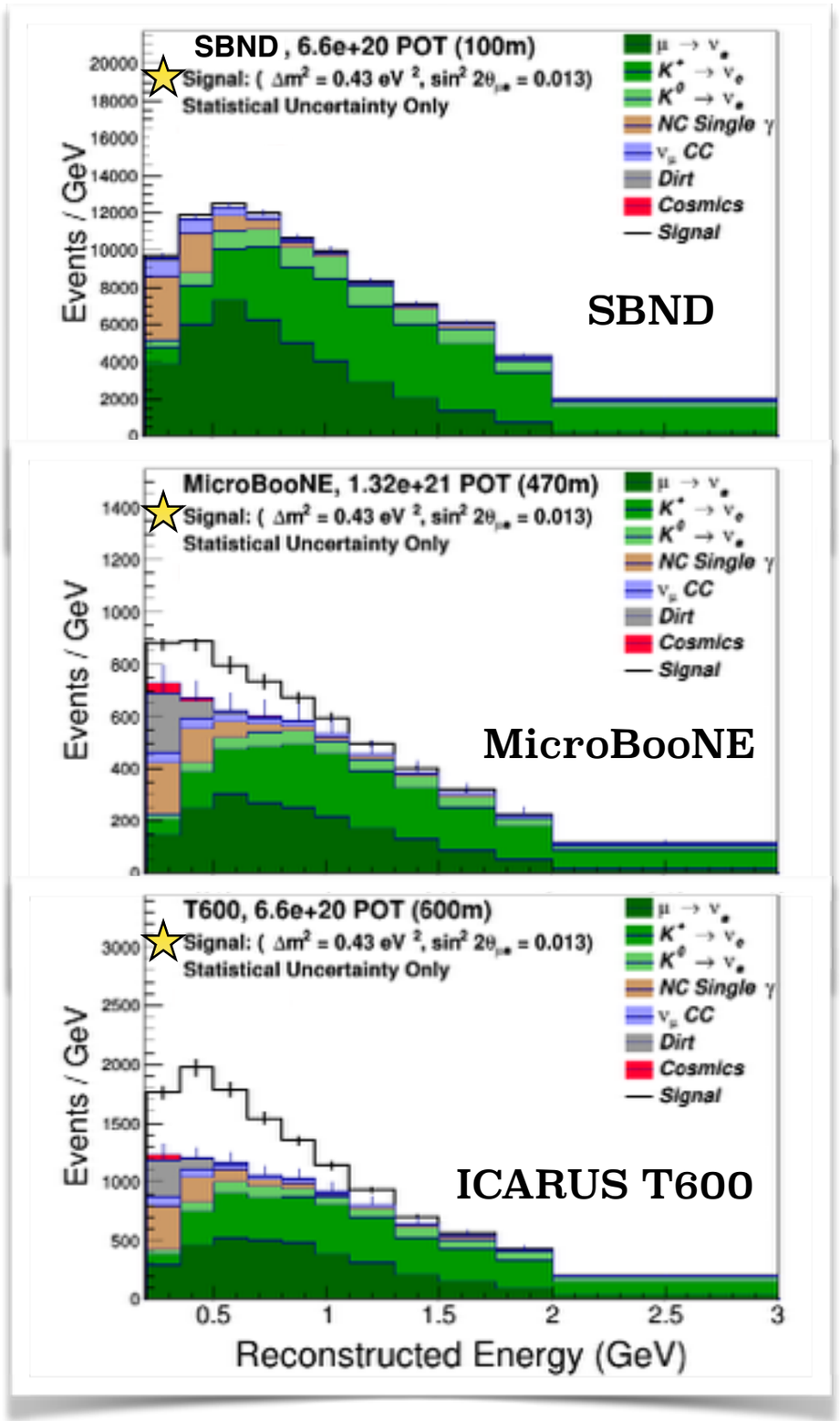
The Directorate has since granted Stage 1 approval!

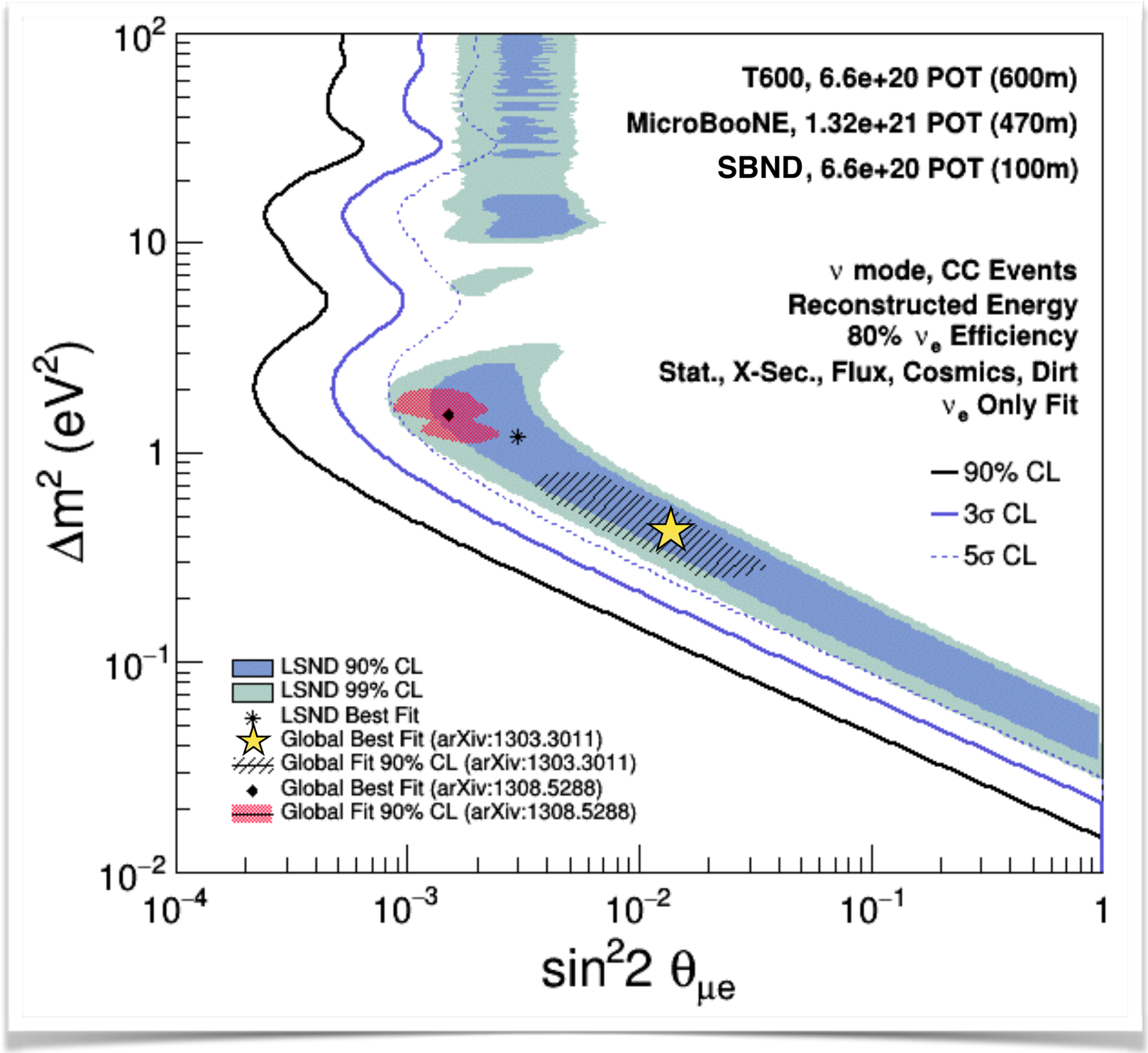
Electron Neutrino Appearance



- The proposal leveraged the expertise gained by MiniBooNE both for the neutrino flux and the uncertainties on that flux
- By using a series of three LAr TPCs we are able to greatly reduce the photon-like backgrounds compared to MiniBooNE
- Given its large mass and far location ICARUS provides exquisite sensitivity to a potential oscillated signal

Sensitivity: Electron Neutrino Appearance





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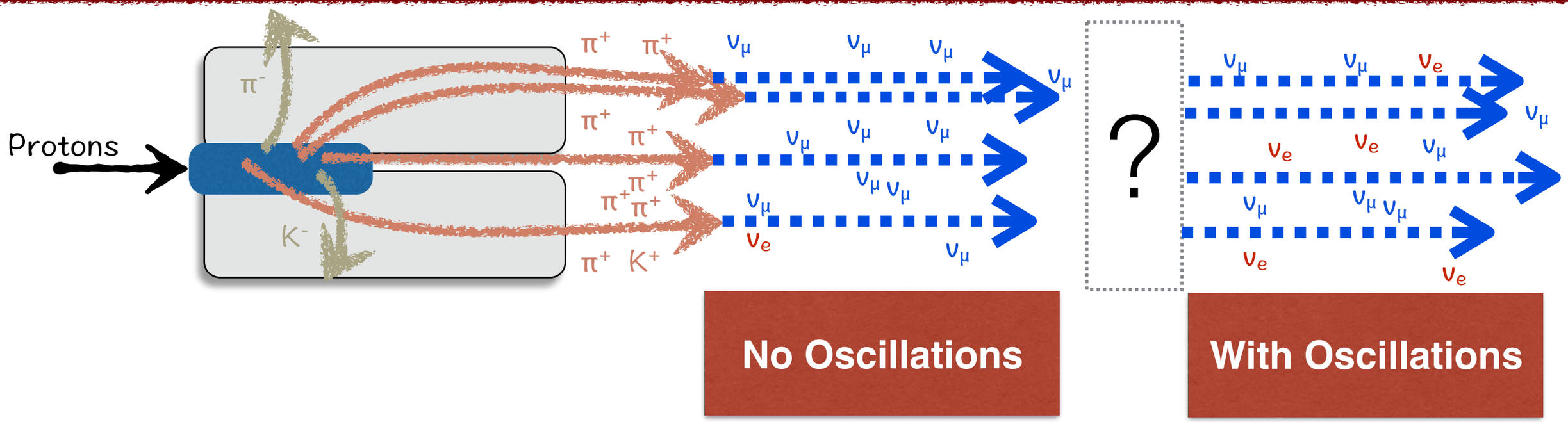
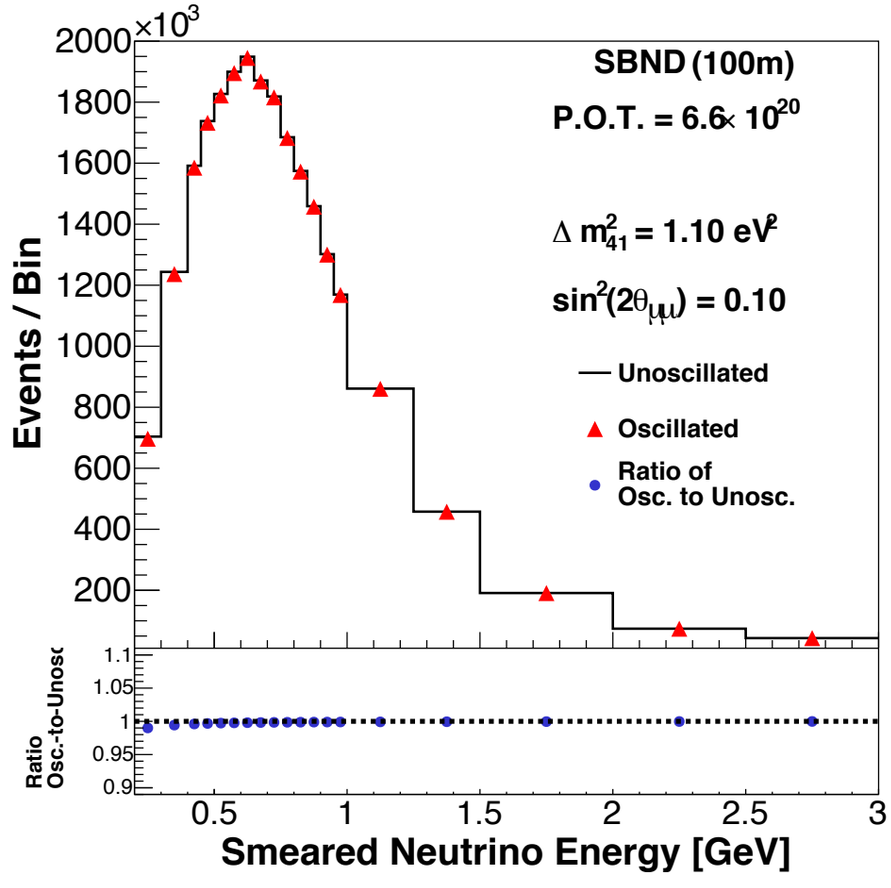
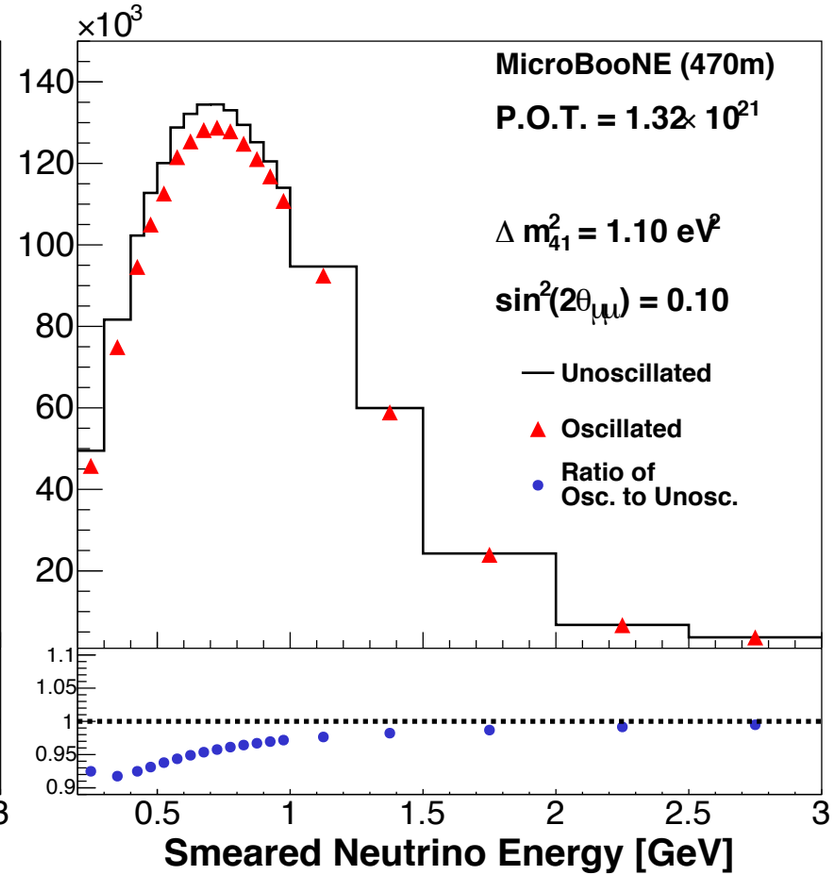
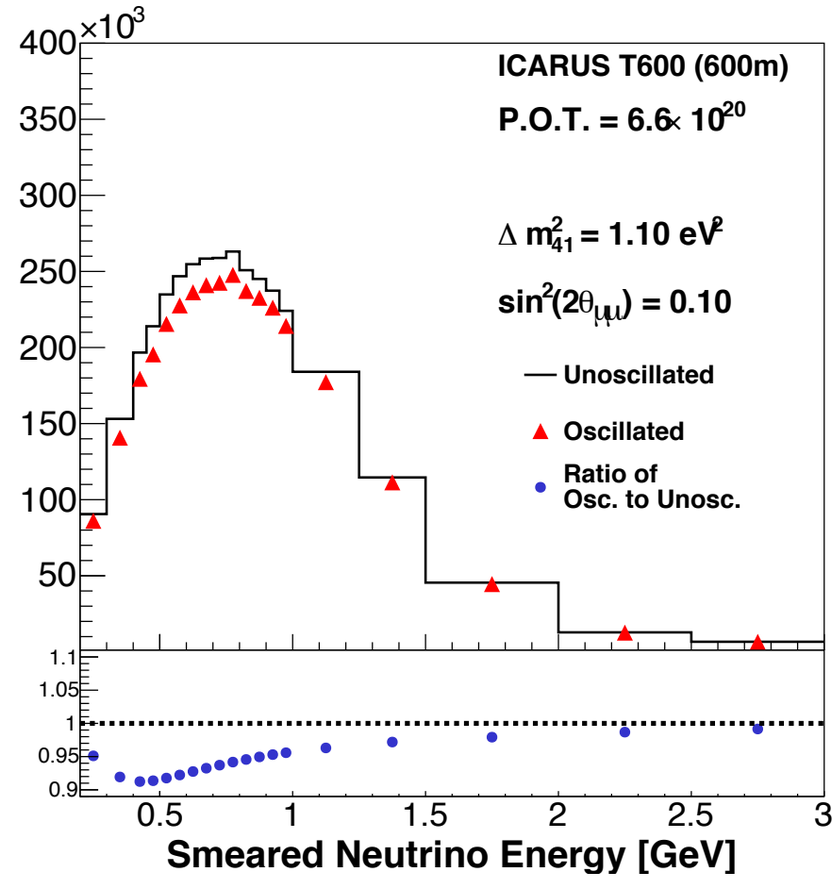
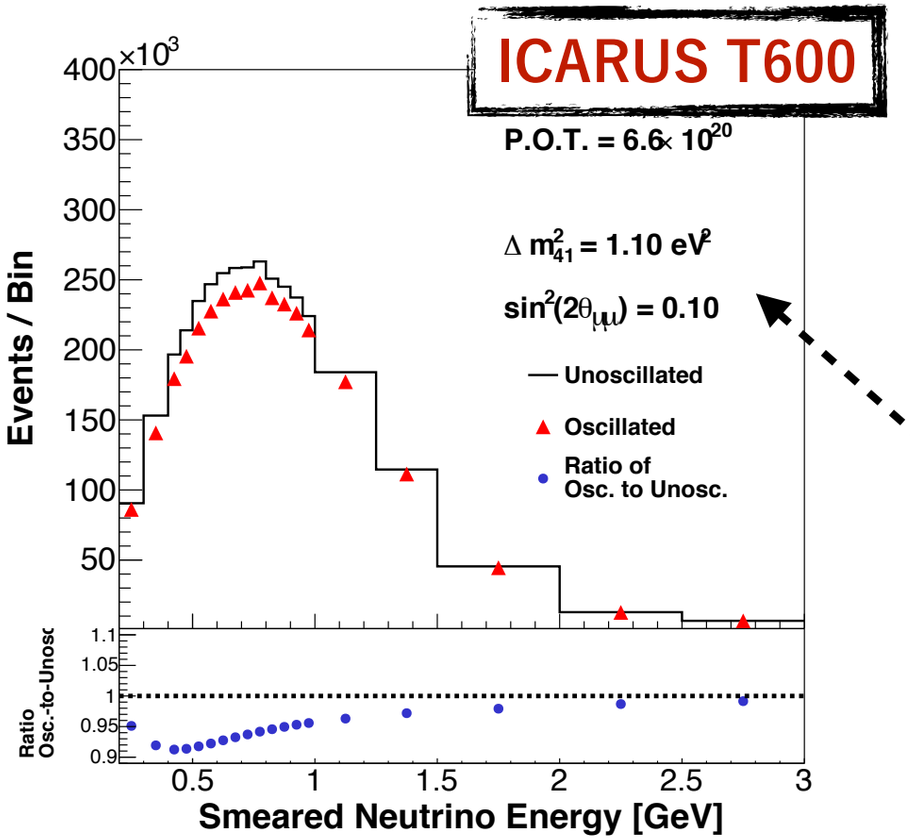


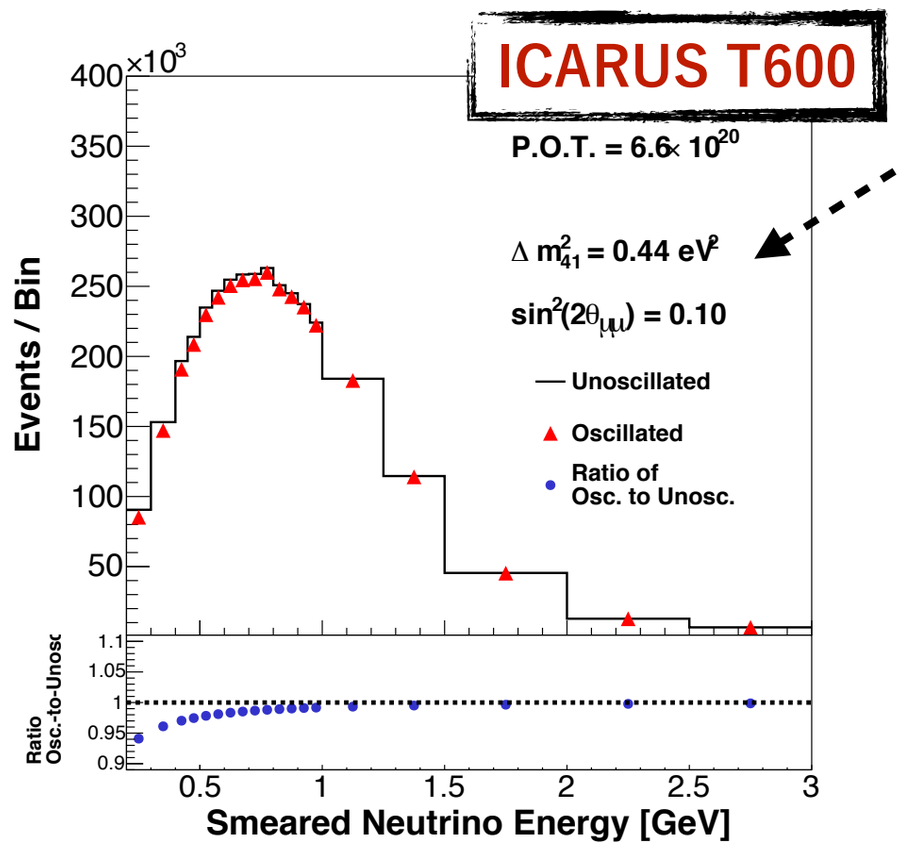


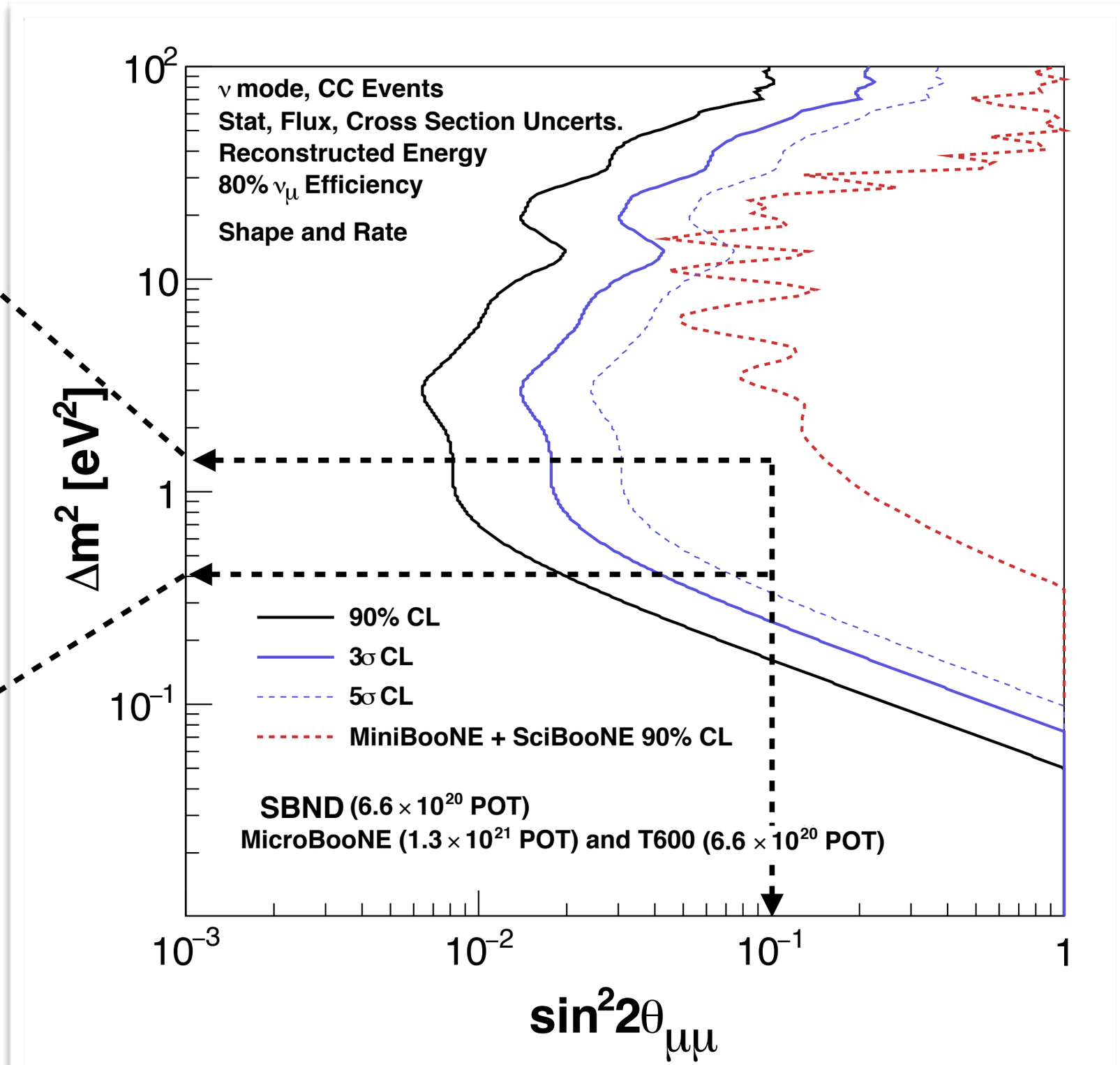




Sensitivity: Muon Neutrino Disappearance

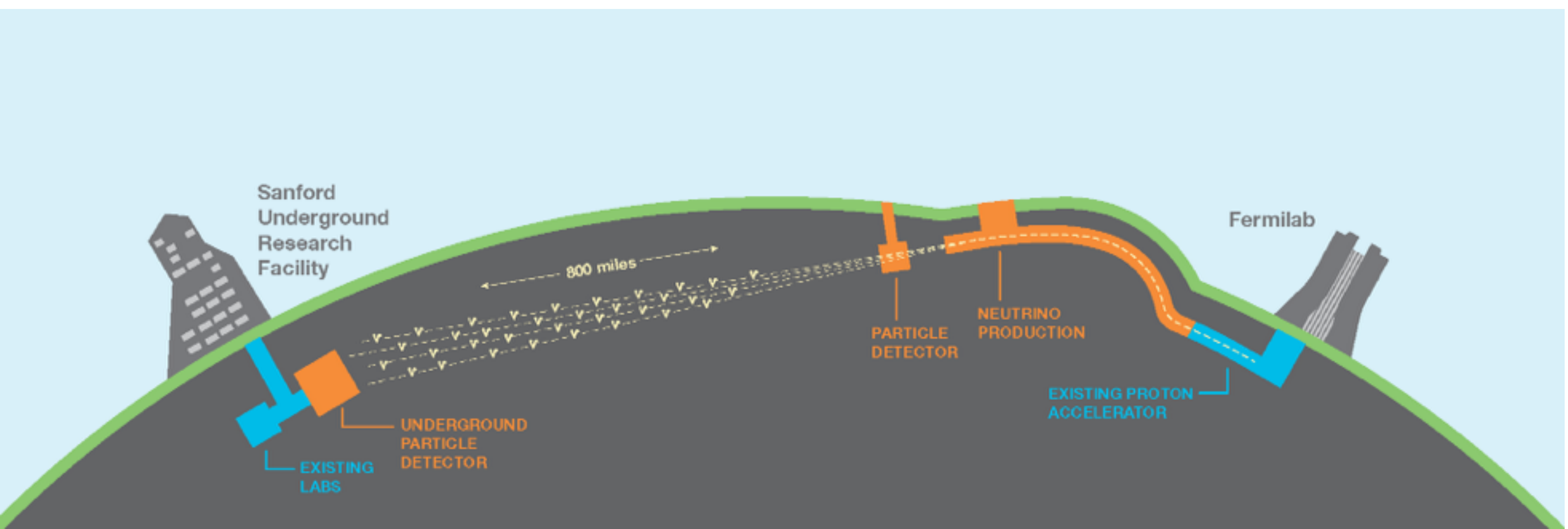






Ties to Long-Baseline Program

- This program is a platform to develop the technical and analysis techniques necessary for DUNE
  - Bringing together the LAr TPC expertise from all over the world to collaborate on mid-scale detector development
  - Designing and validating event reconstruction on a large number of neutrino events and sensitive $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
  - Detailed studies of GeV-scale ν-Ar cross sections

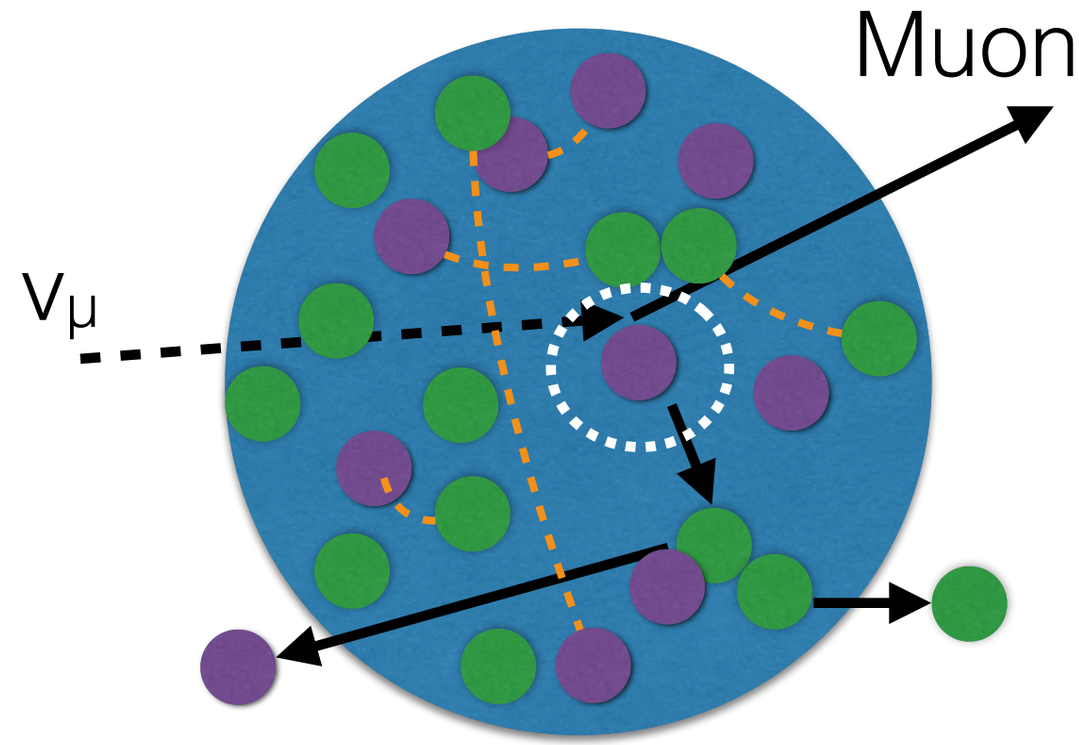


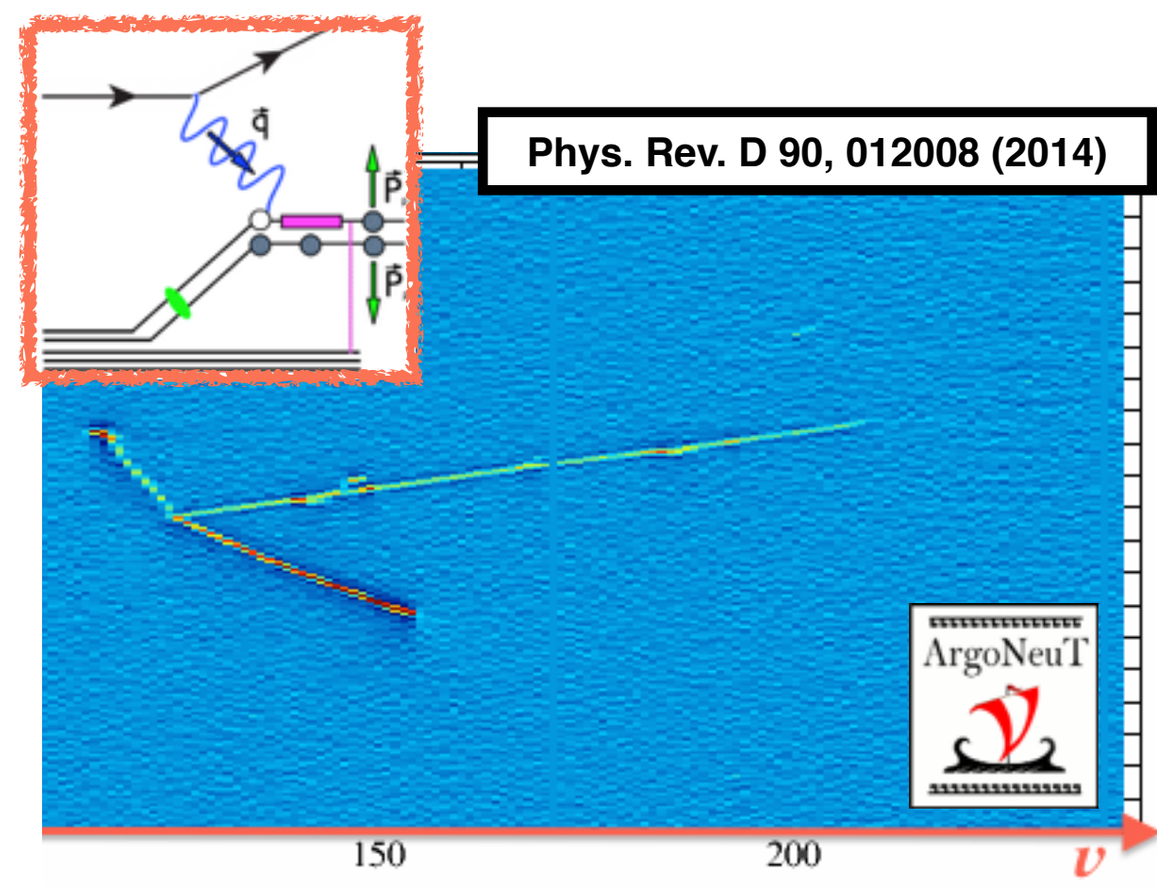
Cross Sections At the SBN

- MicroBooNE will lay the ground work for an intense cross section program to characterize ν-Ar interactions

- Building off this the SBND will record **1.5 million** neutrino interactions **per year** allowing for detailed studies of rarer processes and kinematic variables

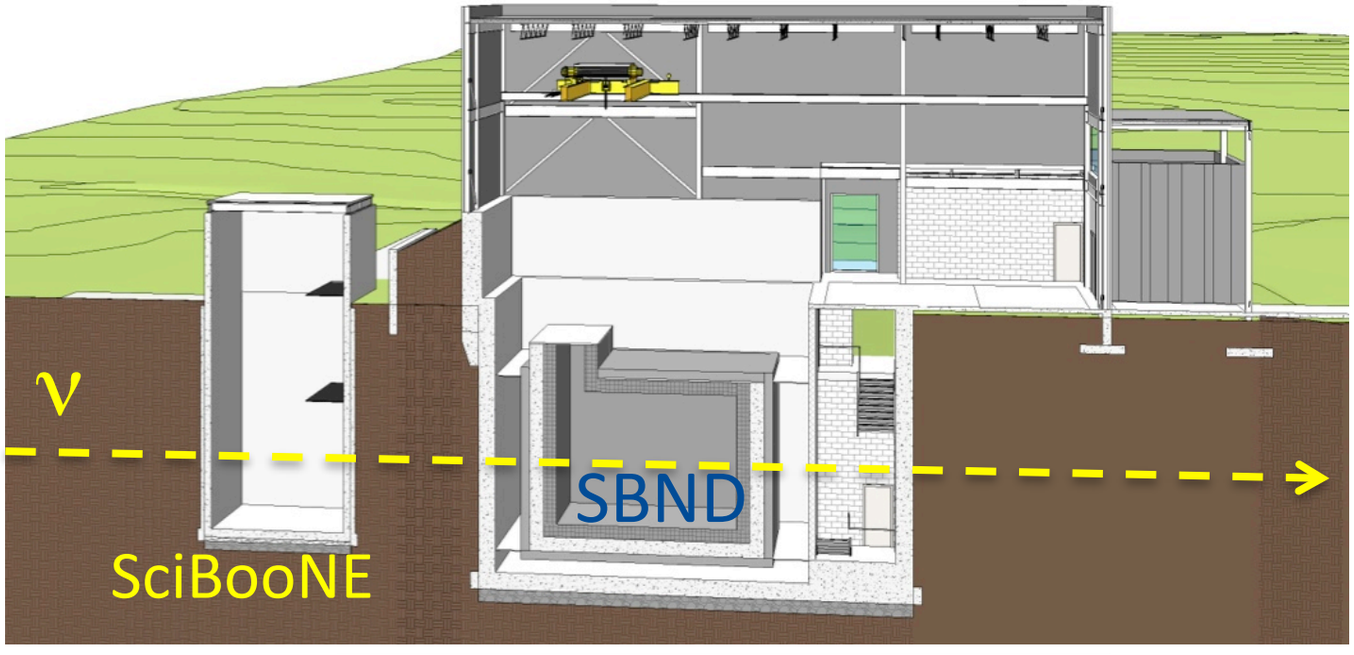
- The T600 sits in the NuMI beam far off-axis, allowing it to record a large statistics sample of higher energy neutrino interactions



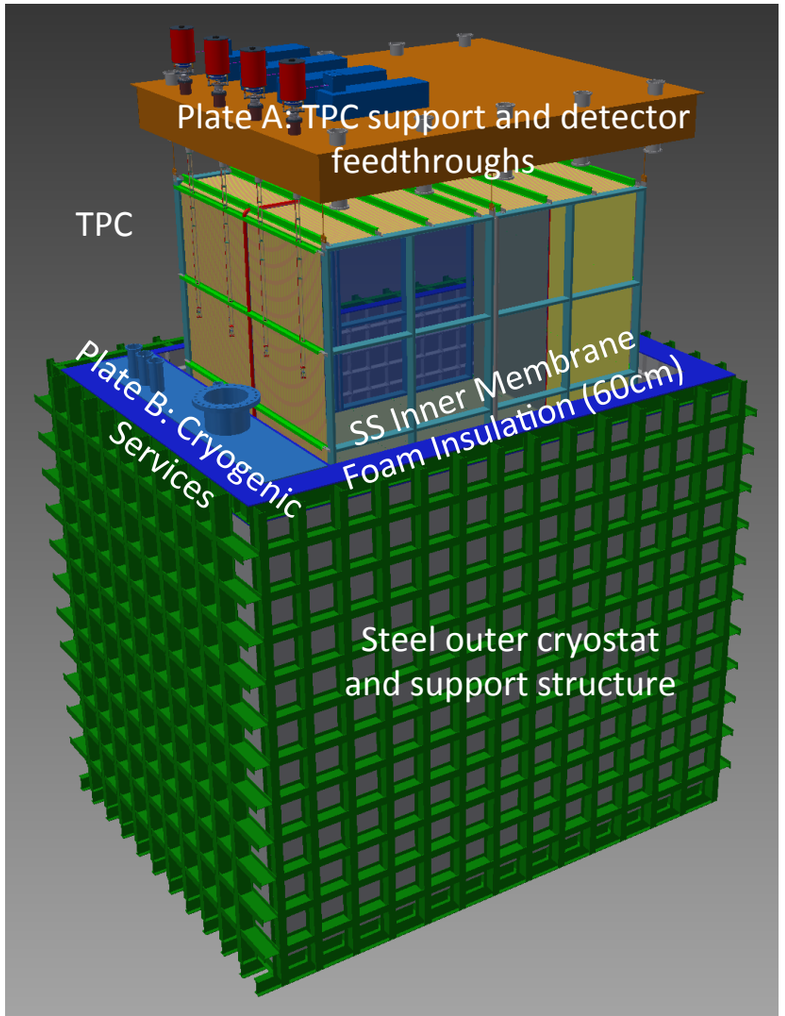


Building the Program: SBND

- The near detector building is finalizing its design with construction scheduled to begin October 2015



- The designs for the cryostat and TPC are maturing quickly with close collaboration between Fermilab, CERN, and many institutions!

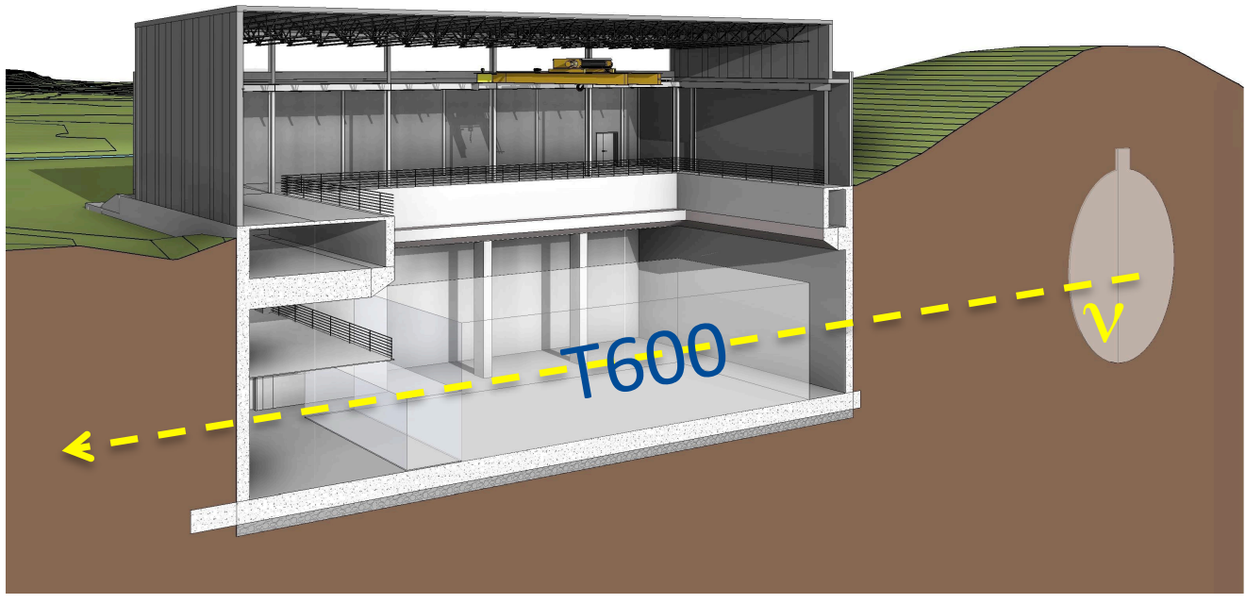


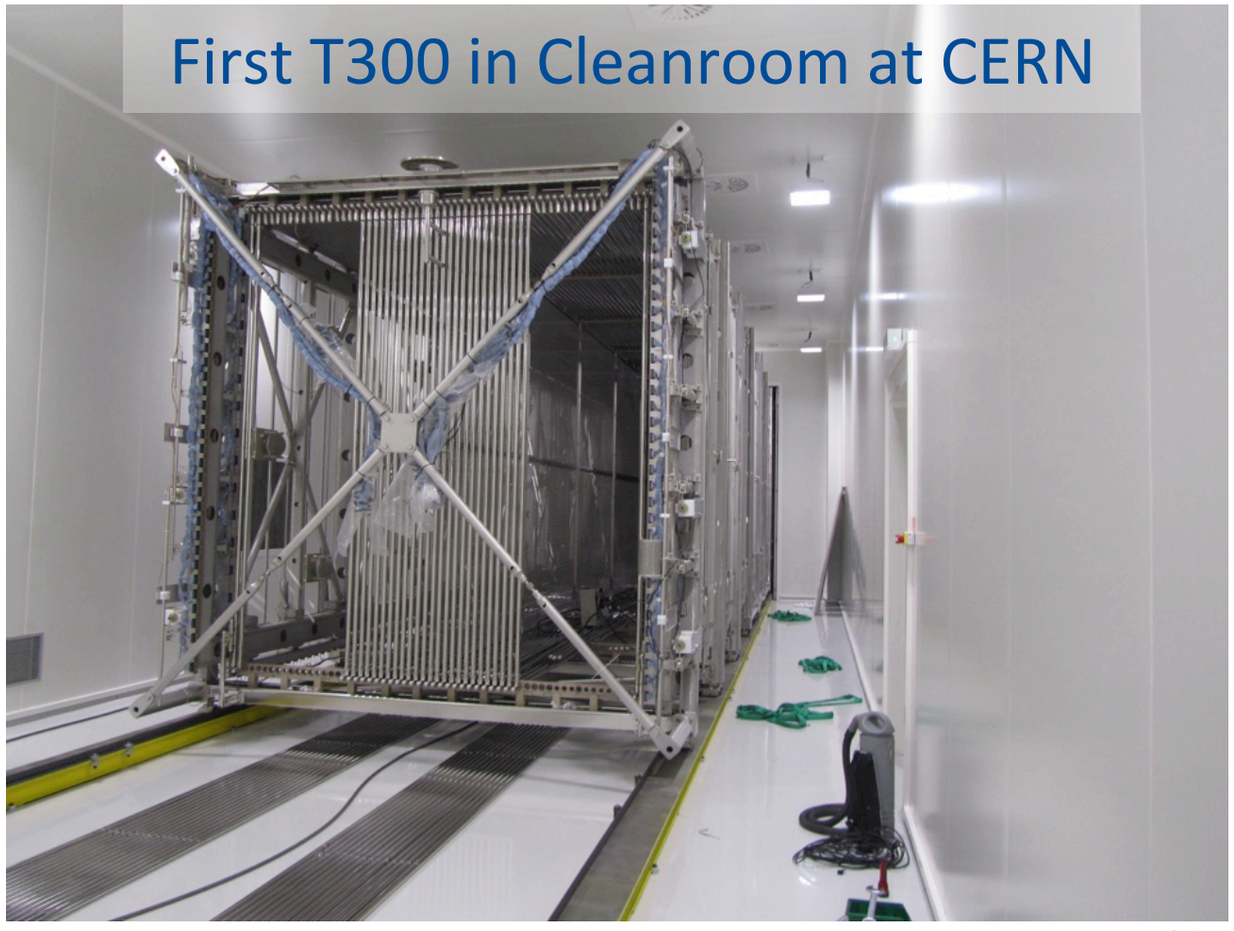
Building the Program: ICARUS T600

- The building which will house the far detector has been finalized with construction starting this July!

- The refurbishment of the T600 has already begun at CERN

- The first of the two T300 modules will be finished by the end of 2015 and the second module by the end of 2016





Moving Forward

- The groundbreaking for the SBN detector buildings will take place this summer
- This starts an exciting period for all three collaborations, where activities range from design, to construction, to commissioning
- MicroBooNE will provide us the first look at what we might be seeing at short-baselines

Finding Sterile Neutrinos Would be Revolutionary!

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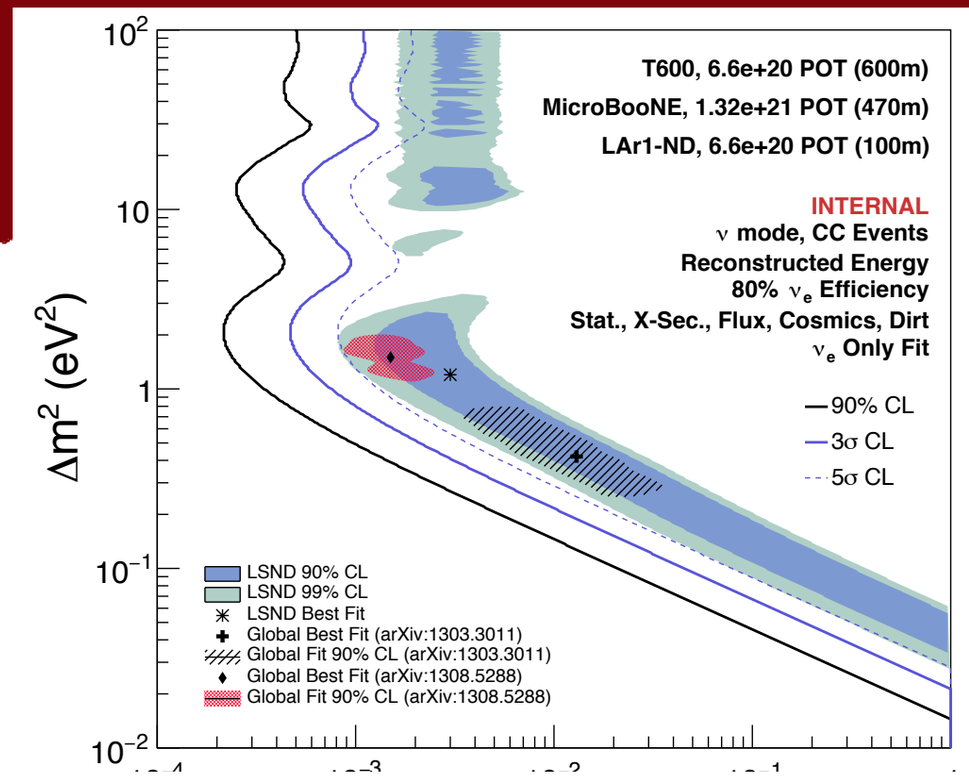

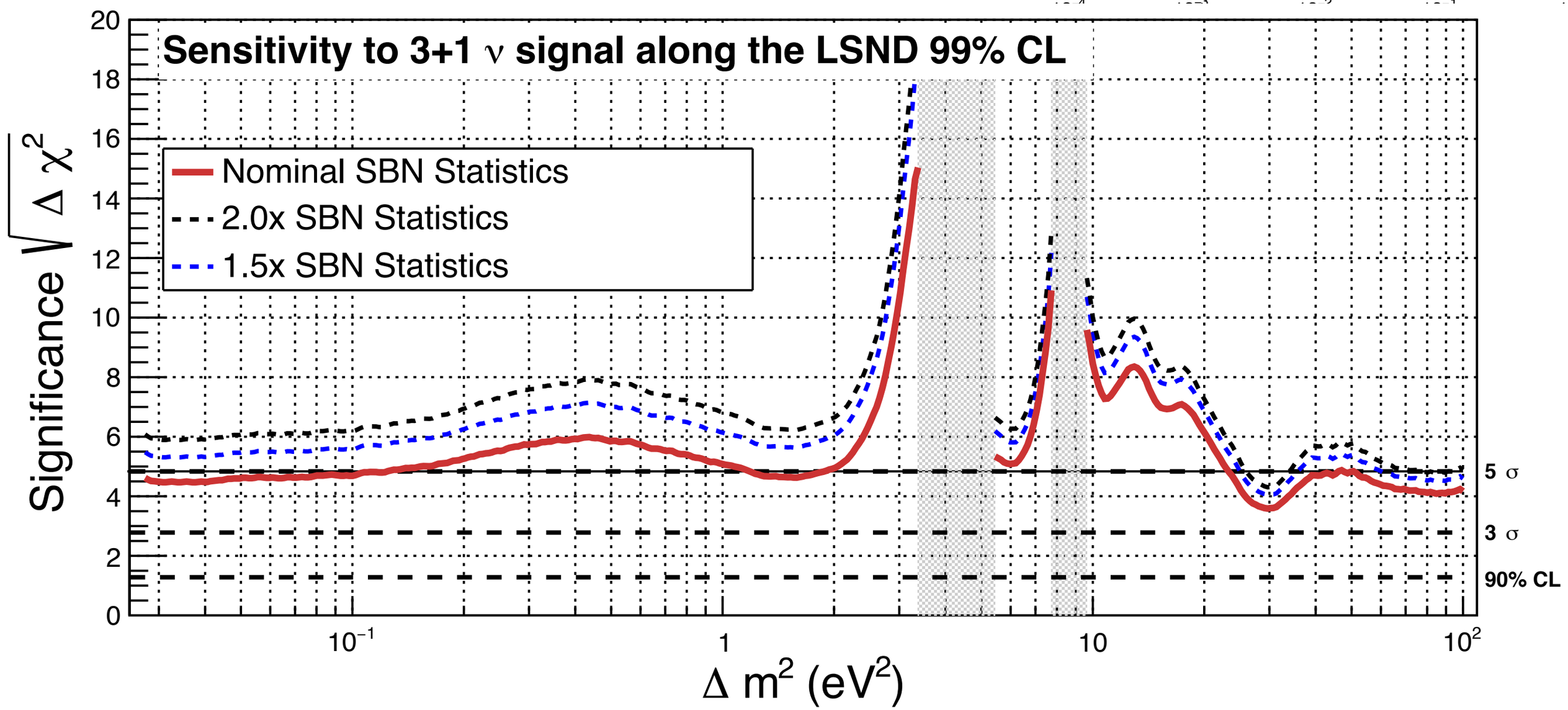

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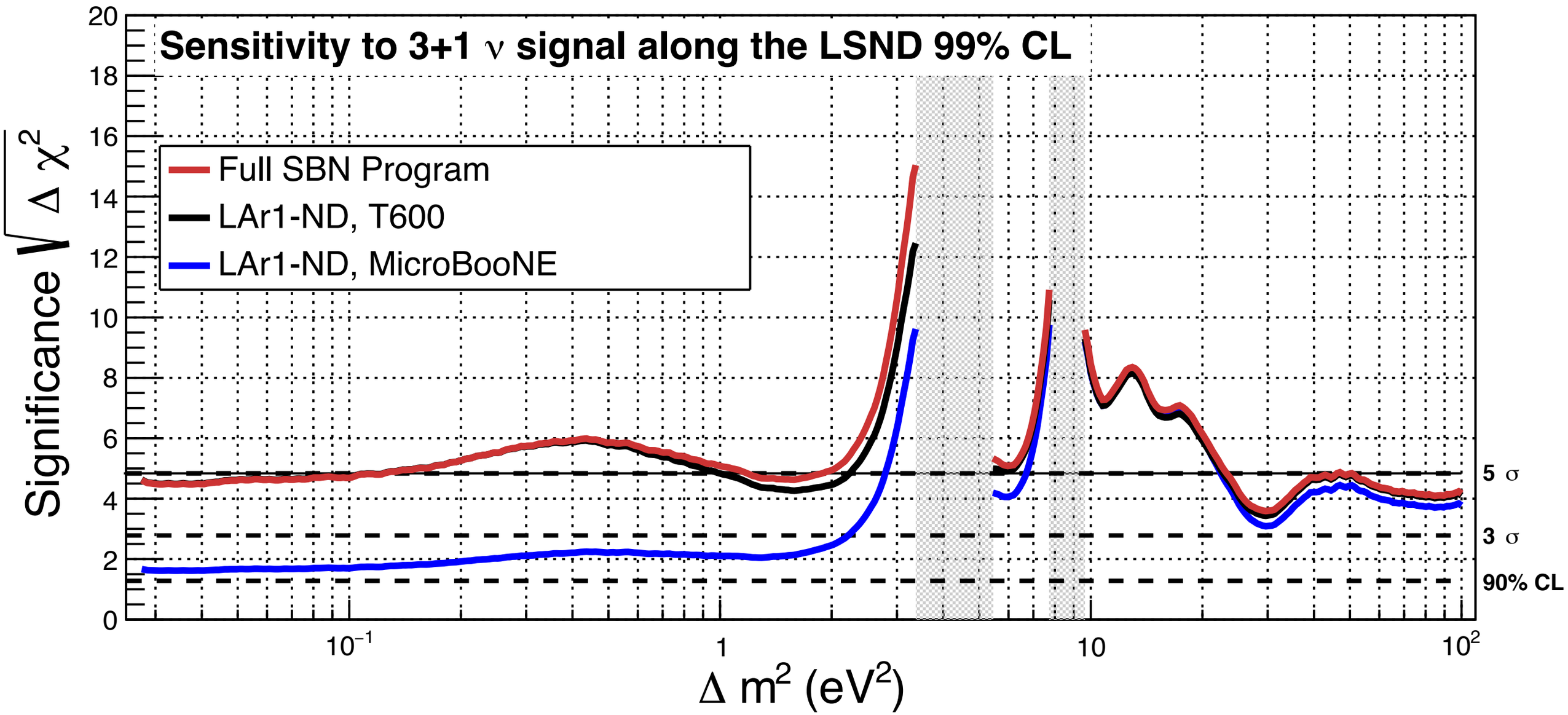

Systematics

Systematic Uncertainties: Neutrino Flux

- Hadron Production
  - Charged Pions
  - Kaons
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  - Current
  - Skin Effects
- Secondary Interactions
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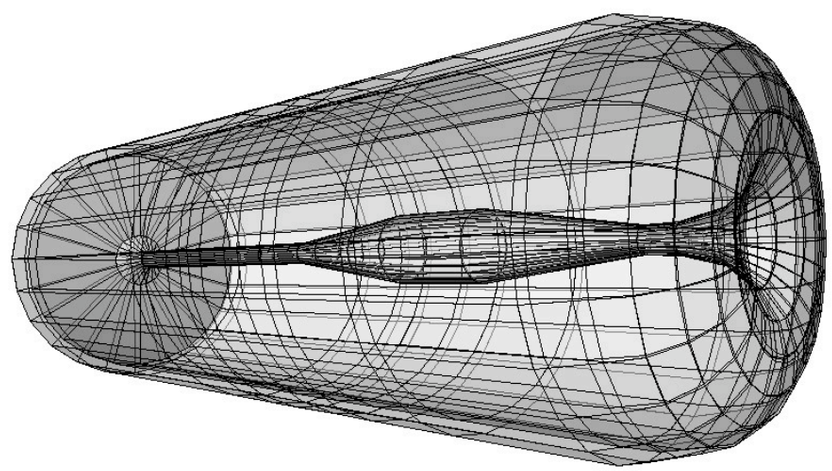

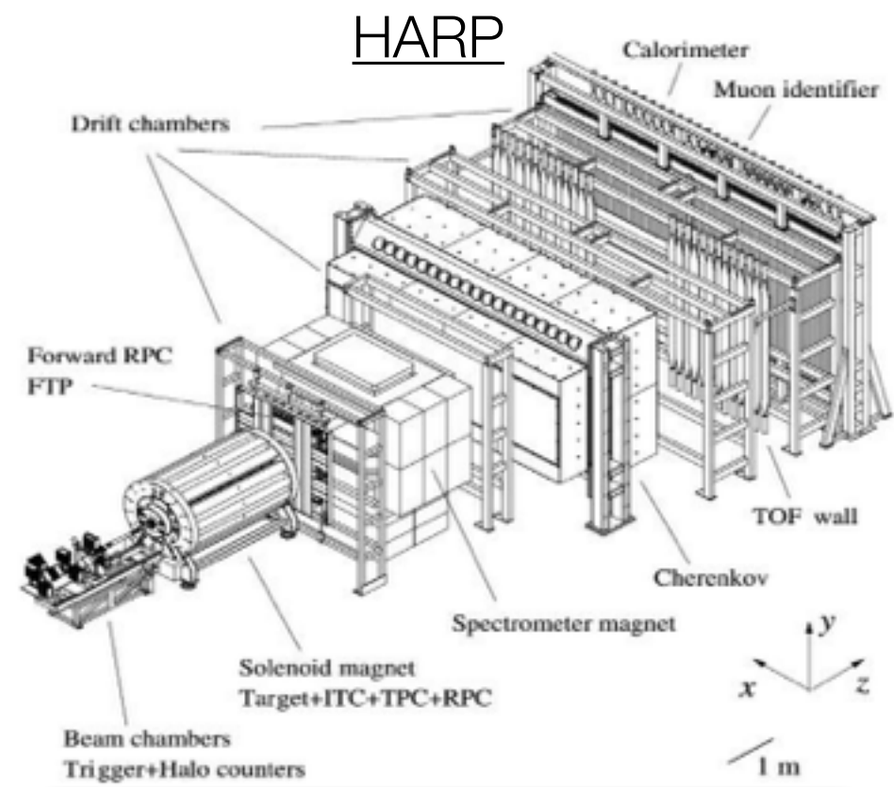

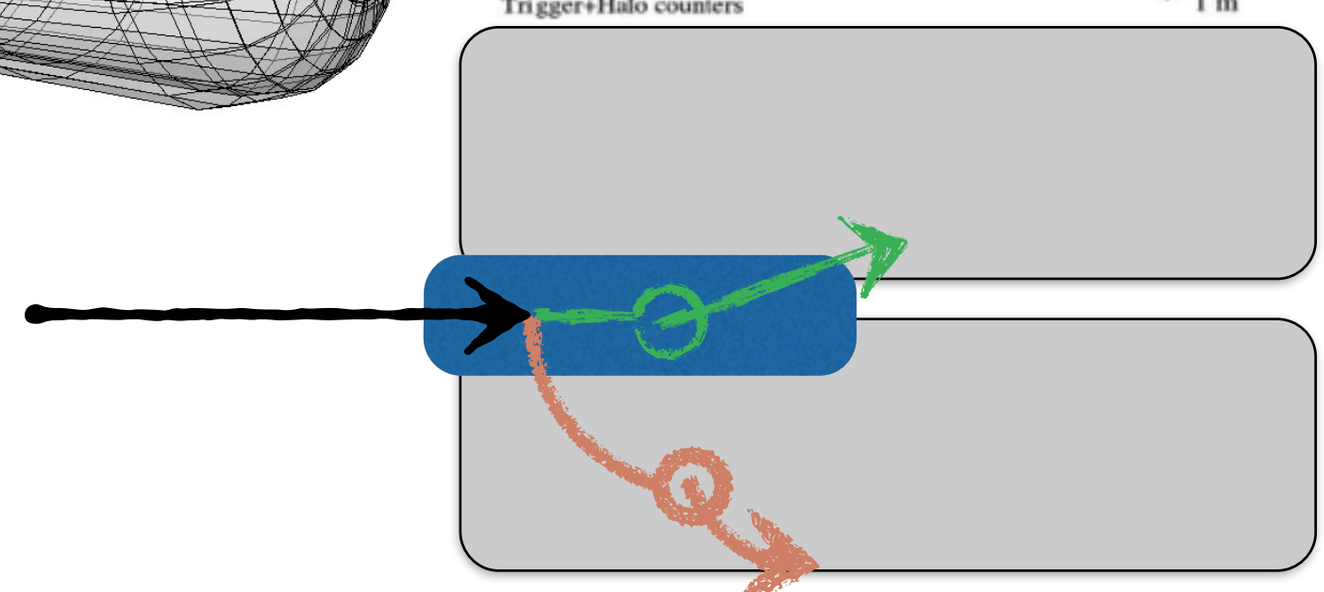

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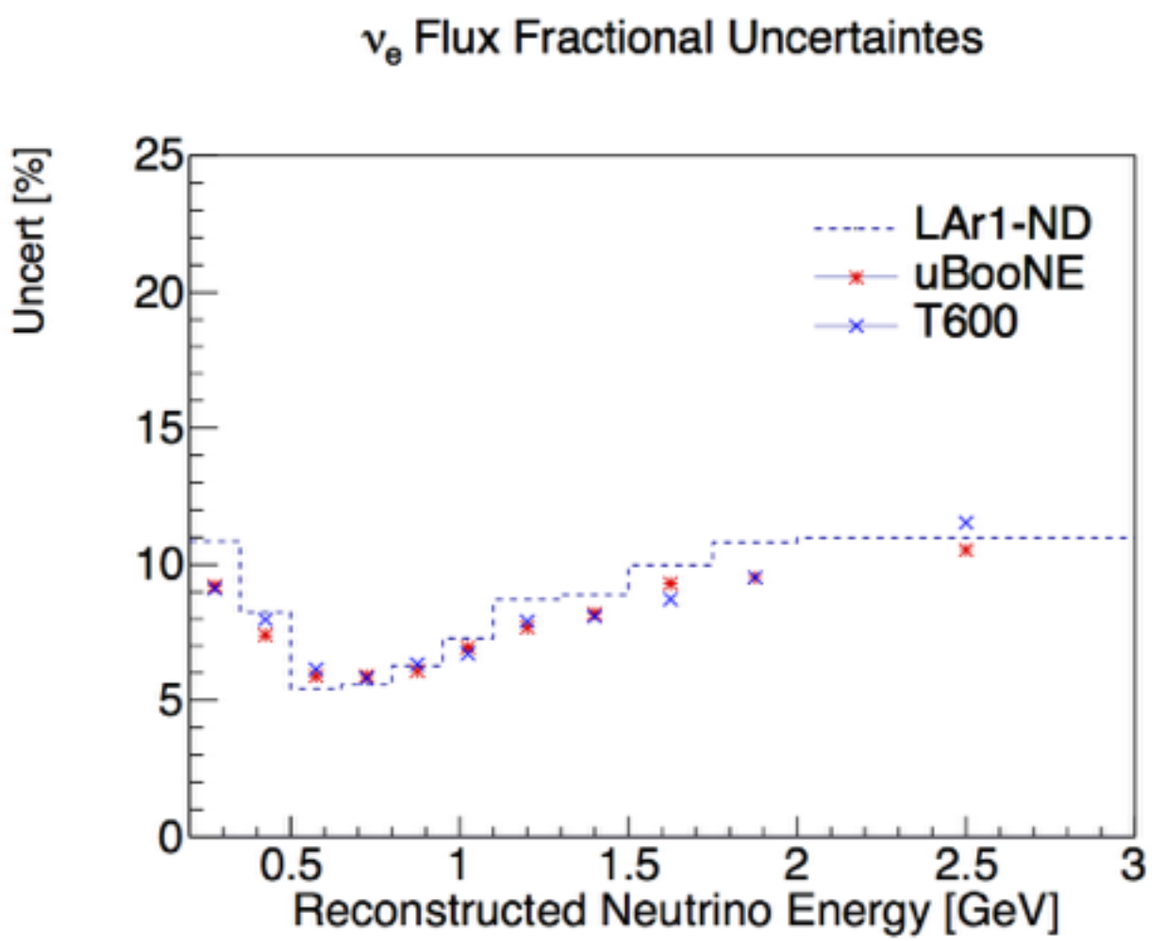

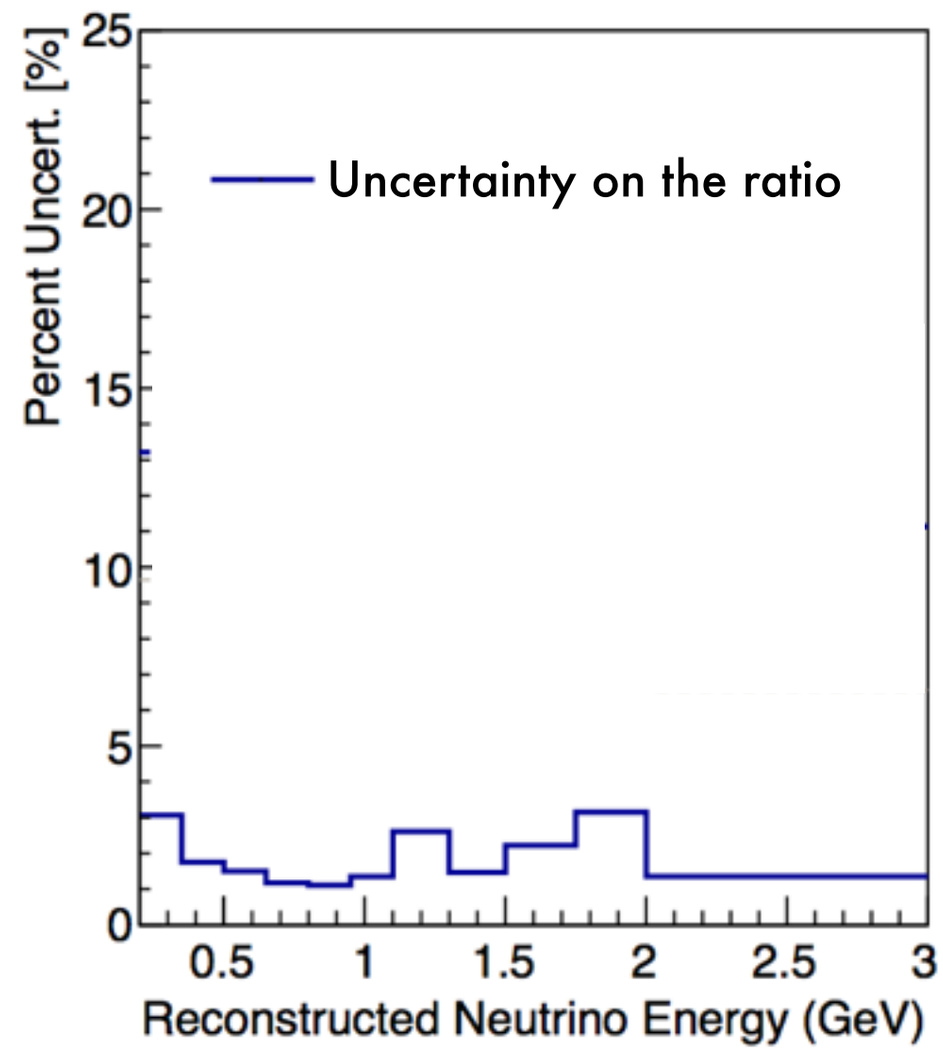

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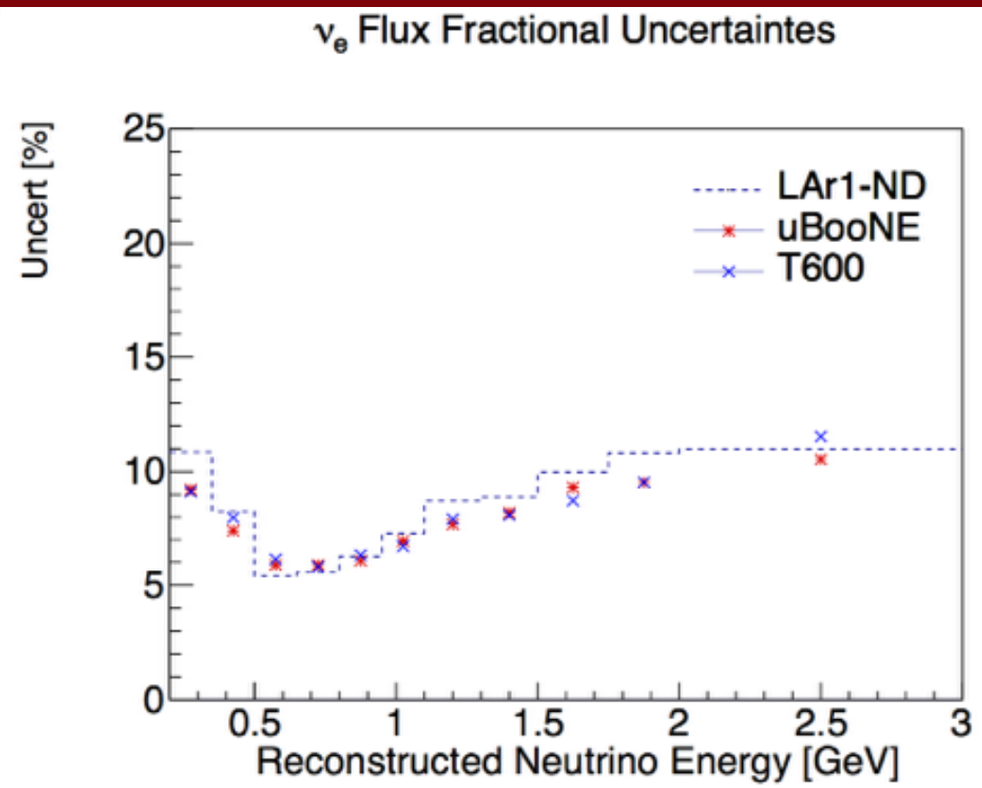

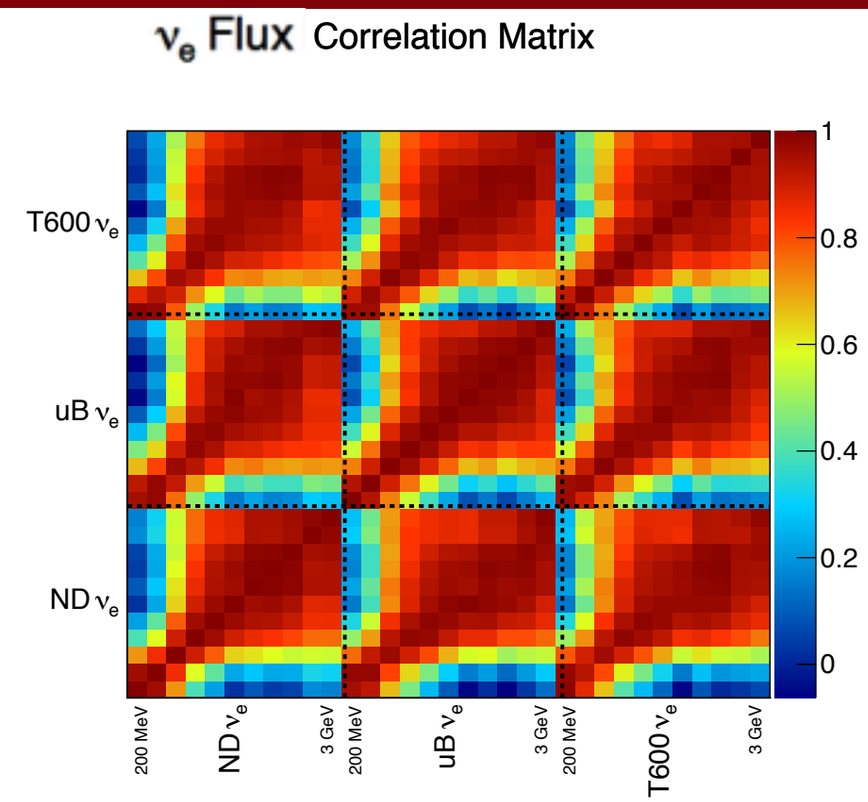

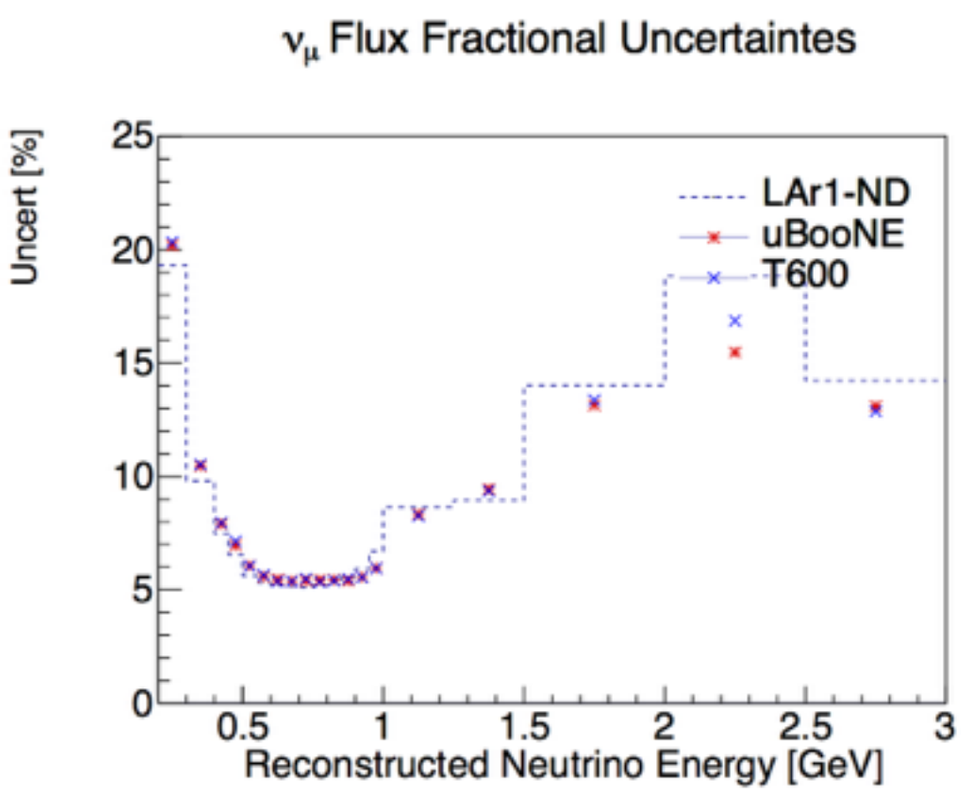

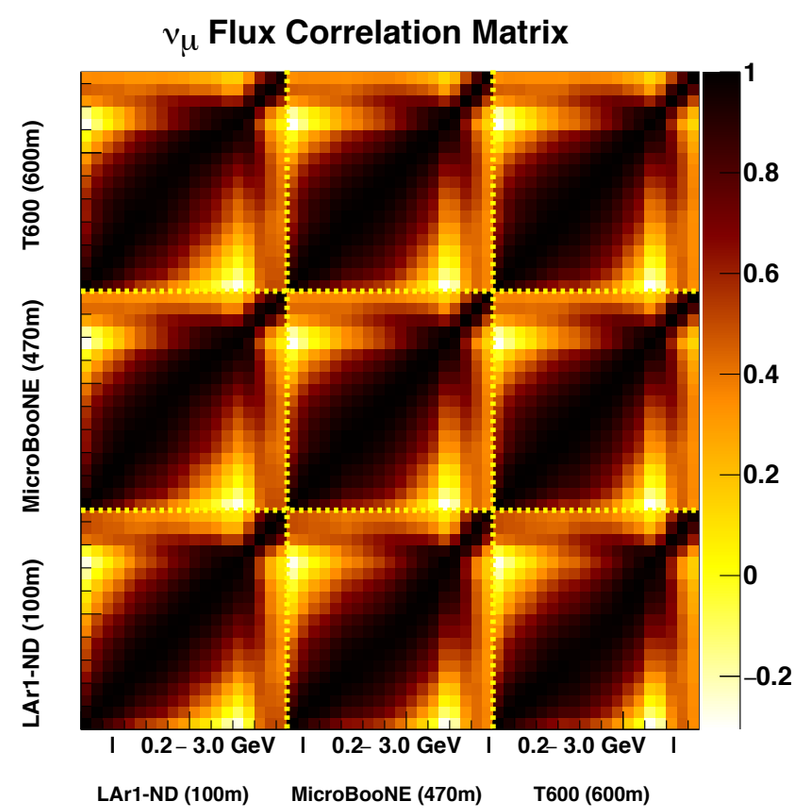

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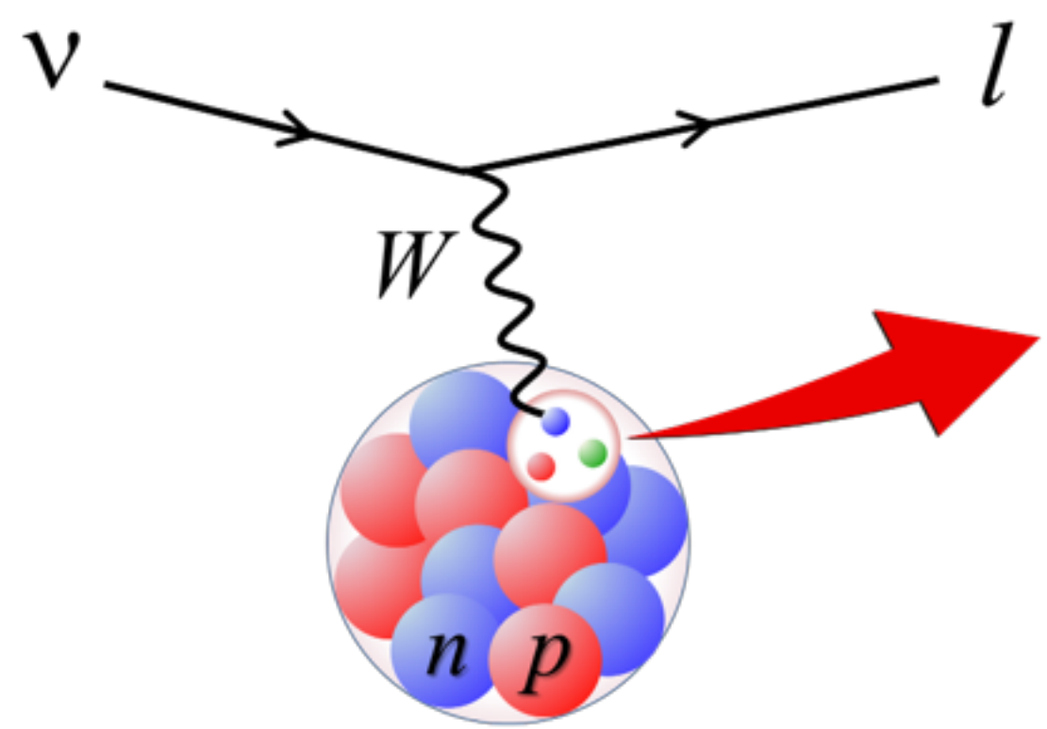
Systematic Uncertainties: ν -Argon Cross Sections

The three detectors use the same target nucleus but differences in the flux, detector acceptances, and other effects can lead to a different composition of event types which can lead to systematic differences between the detectors



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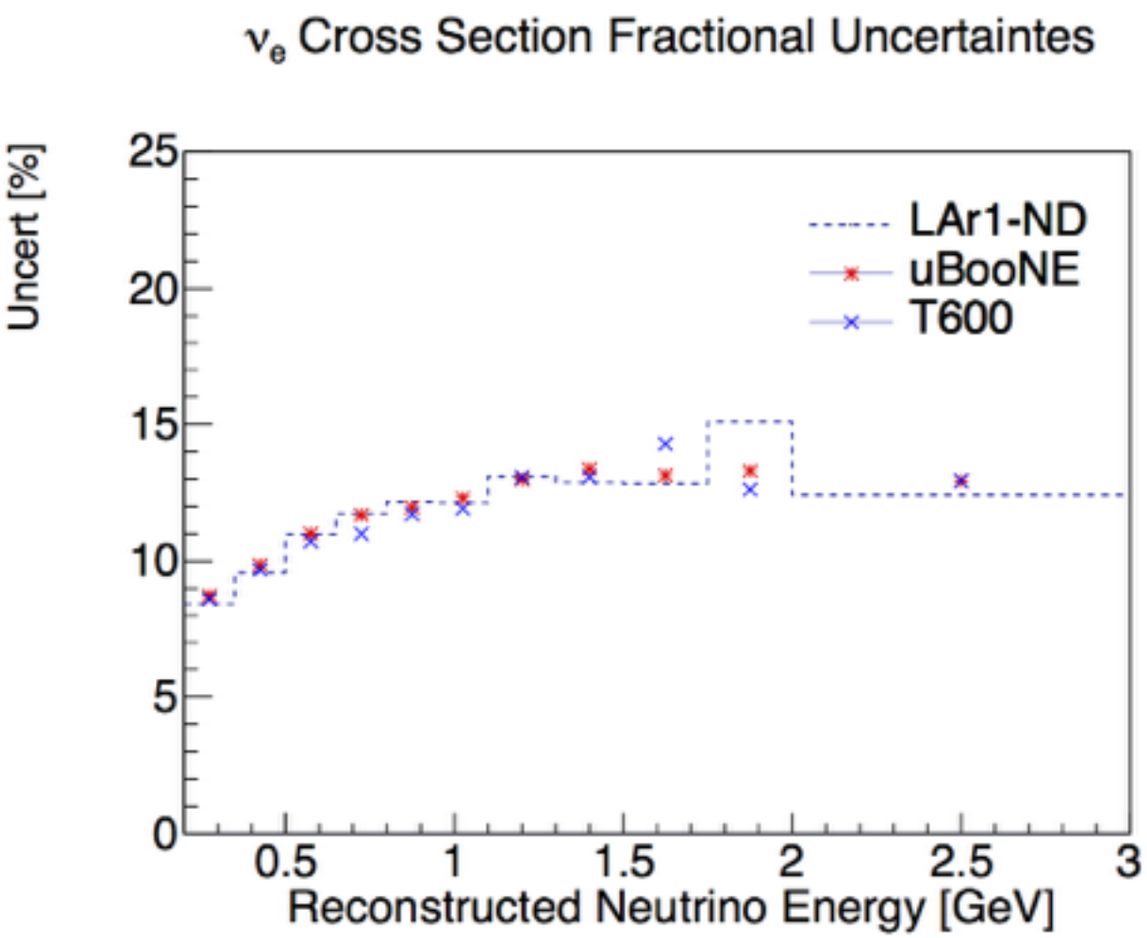

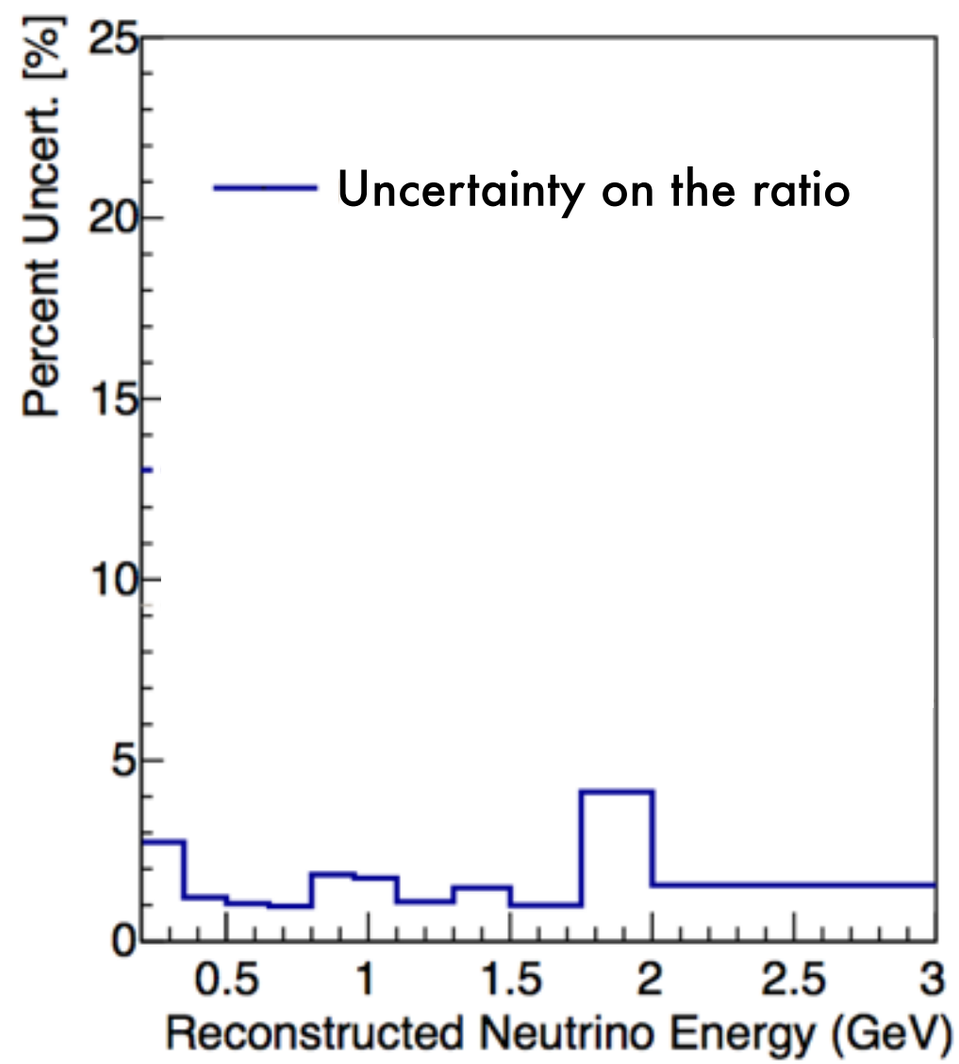

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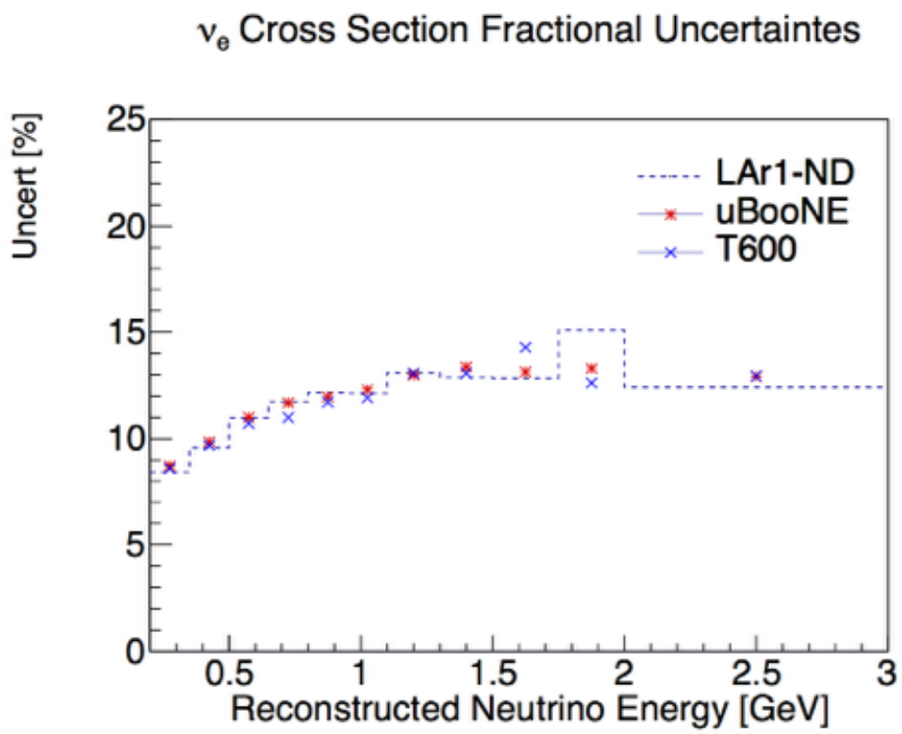

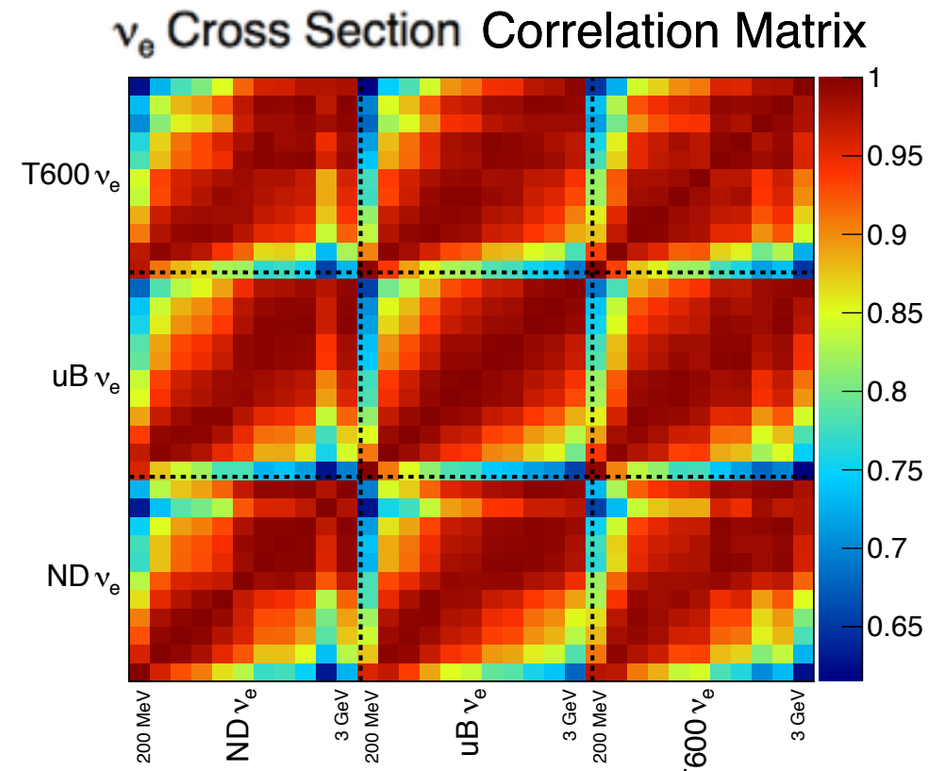

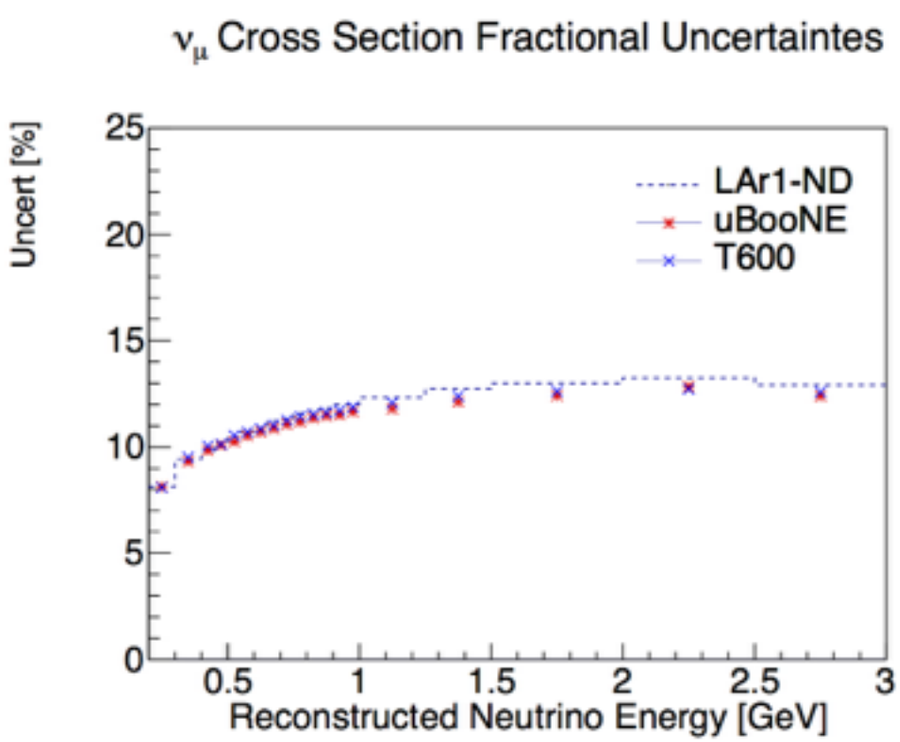

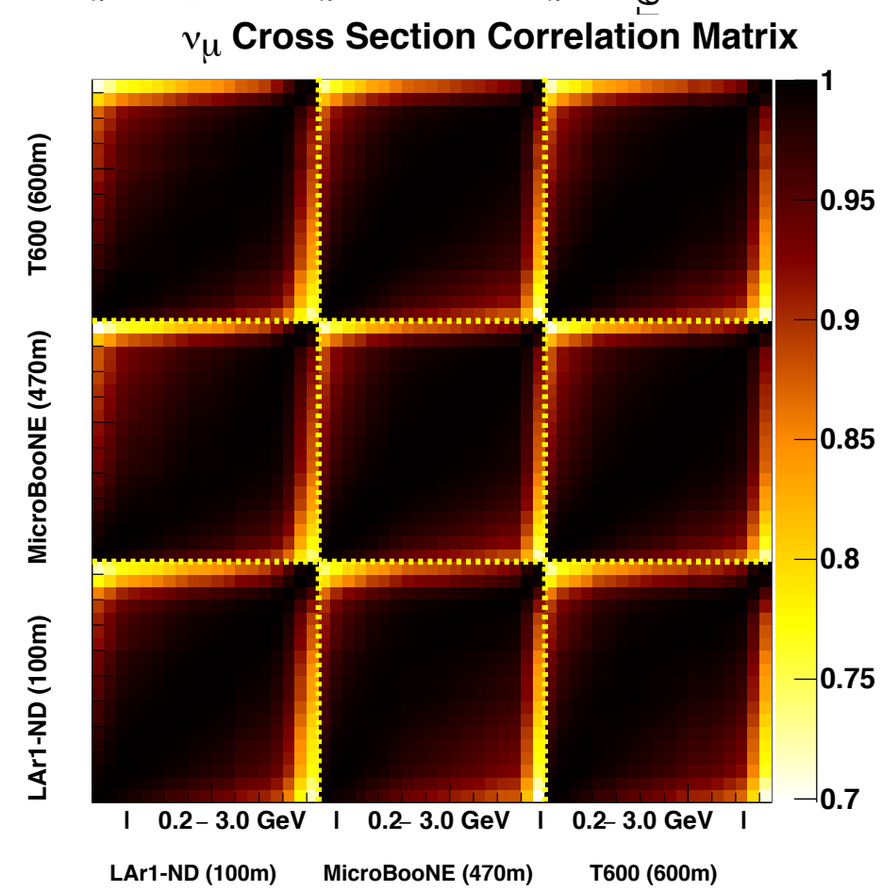

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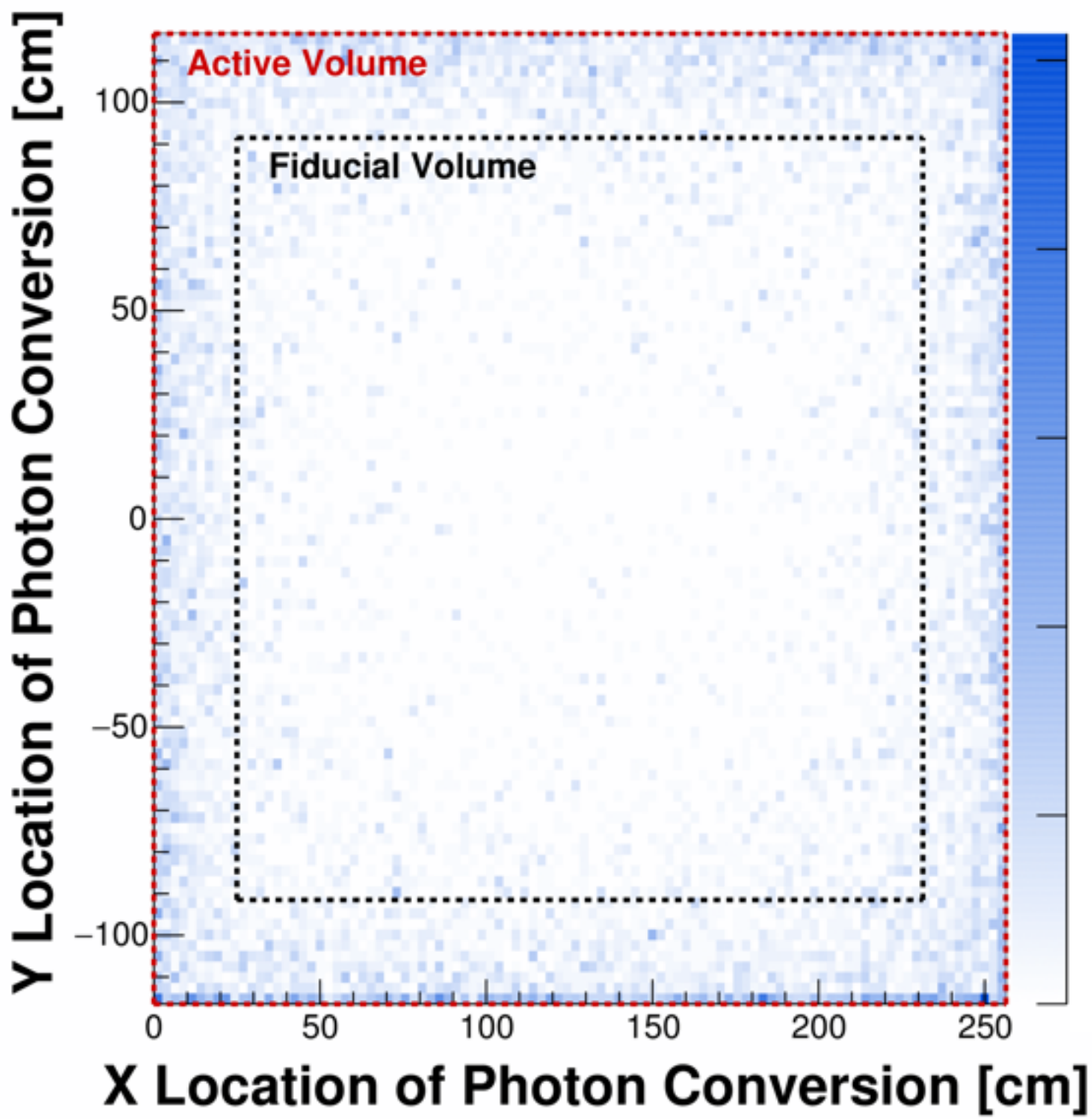
Systematic Uncertainties: "Dirt" Background



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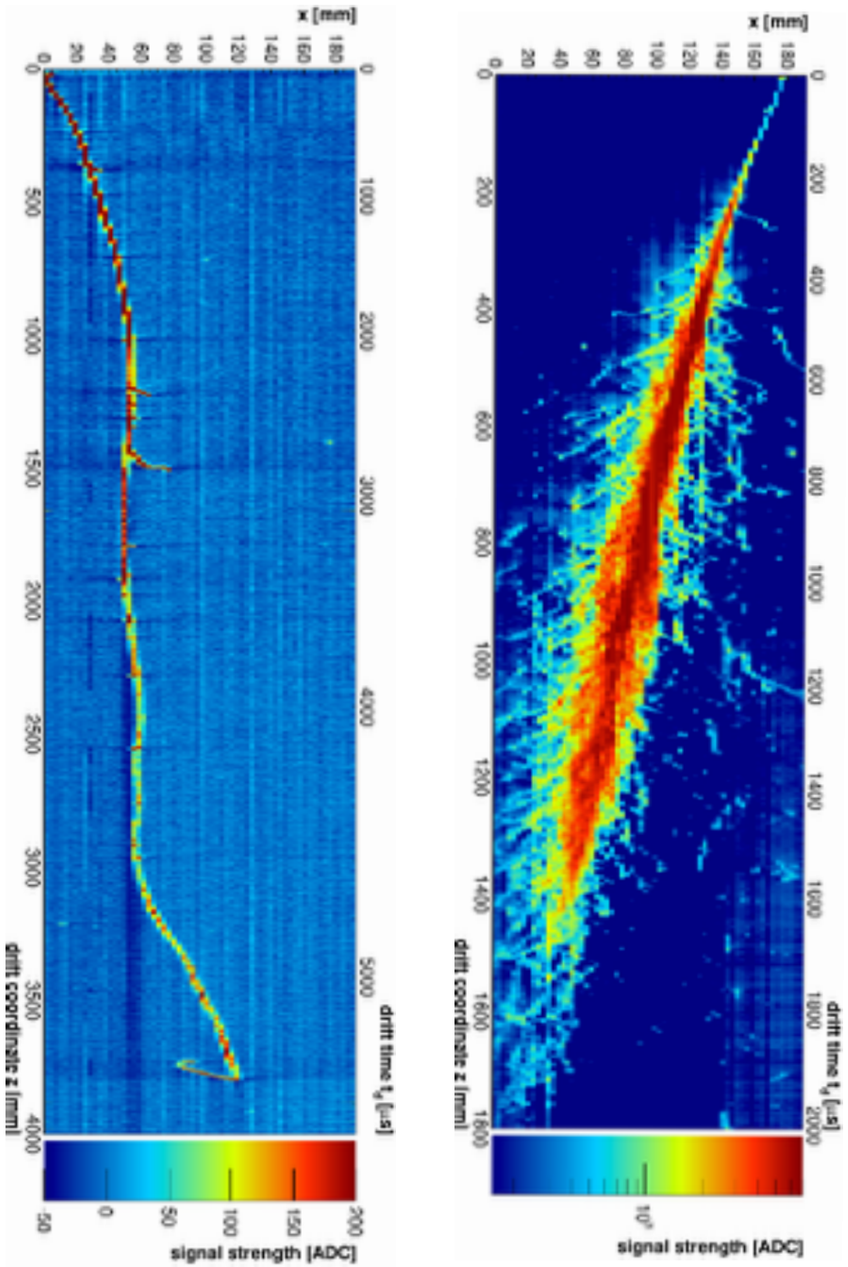
Systematic Uncertainties: Cosmic Ray Background

- One positive aspect of cosmic induced background is that we can measure it directly with arbitrarily high precision
- Using off beam random triggers we will be able to build a large sample of cosmic events
    - The systematic uncertainty on this background becomes the statistical uncertainty of those measurements

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