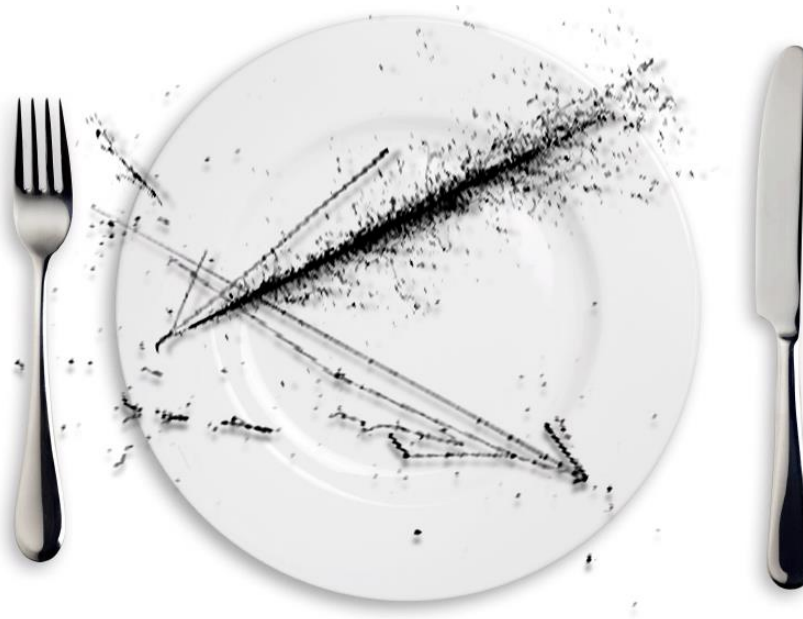


Machine Learning approach to neutrino experiment track reconstruction

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Aim of the talk

- Very briefly about physics itself
- A bit more on neutrino detectors and what needs to be reconstructed:
very different from collider experiments
- Overview ML applications:
 - main application here: **neutrino events**
 - main technology here: **LArTPC**
 - even this is a huge field... I will often limit to the case of the ν_e charge current interaction and its main background, but other examples are here as well
 - the key is *imaging* nature of presented detectors
 - there is non-neutrino physics as well.

Outline

- Physics goals
- Neutrino „imaging” detection technologies
 - Scintillators (NOvA)
 - Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (DUNE, MicroBooNE, LArIAT, ...)
 - Events as they are seen by detectors, not only neutrinos
- Event reconstruction
 - standard, algorithmic approaches
 - ML: reconstruction, event classification, future challenges
- Summary

Physics goals

- NOvA, MicroBooNE (+ SBN programme) and DUNE are targetting many similar, neutrino-based physics goals.
 - Exploration of *neutrino oscillations*:
 - send the beam of one ν flavor over some distance
 - look for that or another ν flavors appearing in the detector
- flavor identification is the key issue
- the other one is the ν energy: oscillations as $f(E)$ is important

NOvA far detector in Ash River



image source: www-nova.fnal.gov

MicroBooNE detector at Fermilab



image source: vms.fnal.gov

DUNE prototype at CERN

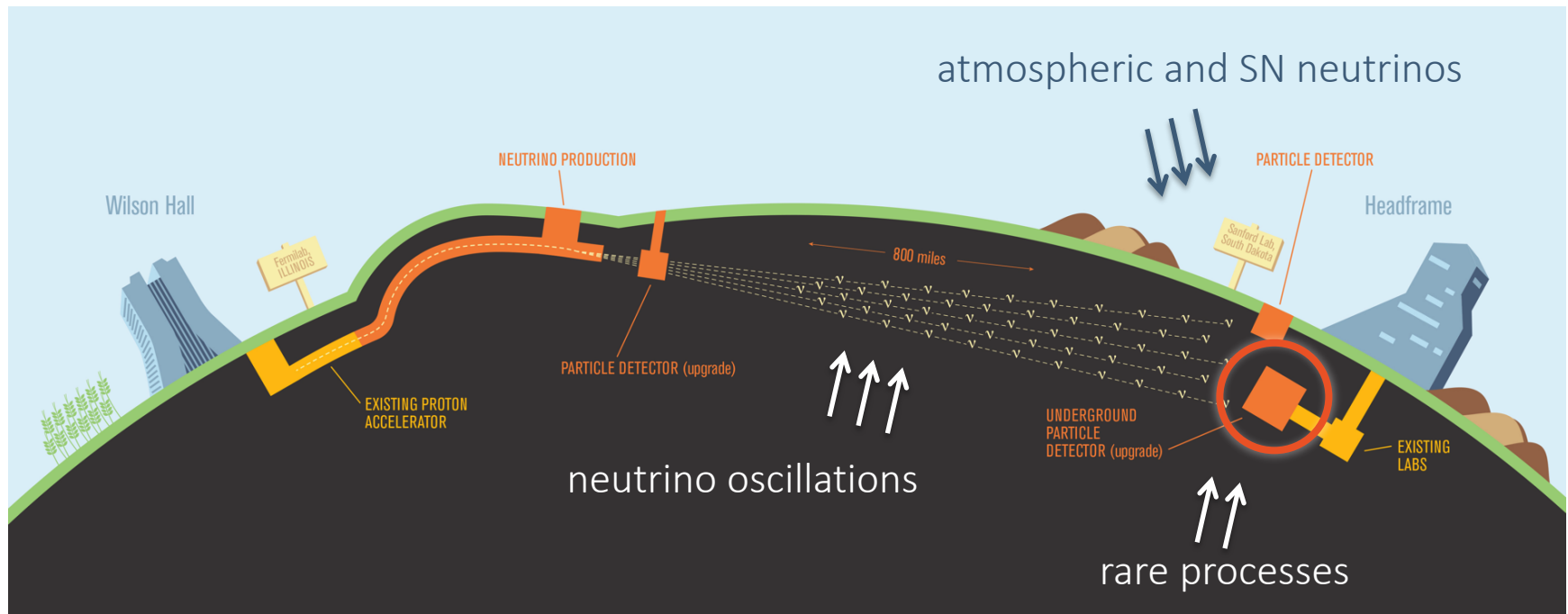


image source: Neutrino Platform

Physics goals (not only neutrinos)

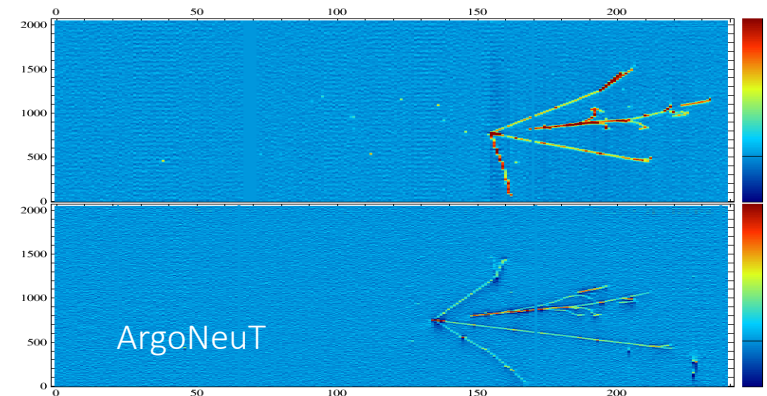
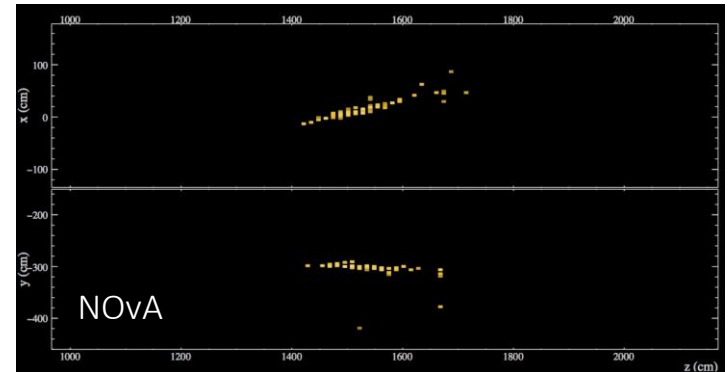
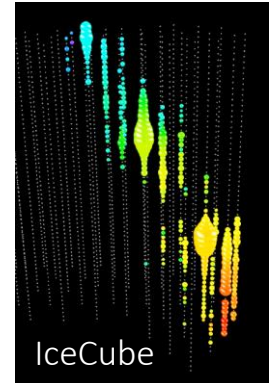
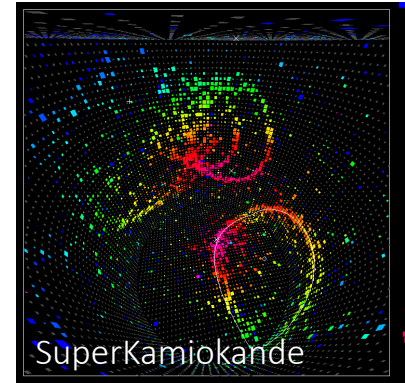
DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment)

- Leptonic CP violation
- Neutrino mass hierarchy
- Supernova detection
- Nucleon decay
- Octant of ϑ_{23}
- Neutrino interaction physics
- Atmospheric and solar neutrinos
- WIMPs, monopoles...



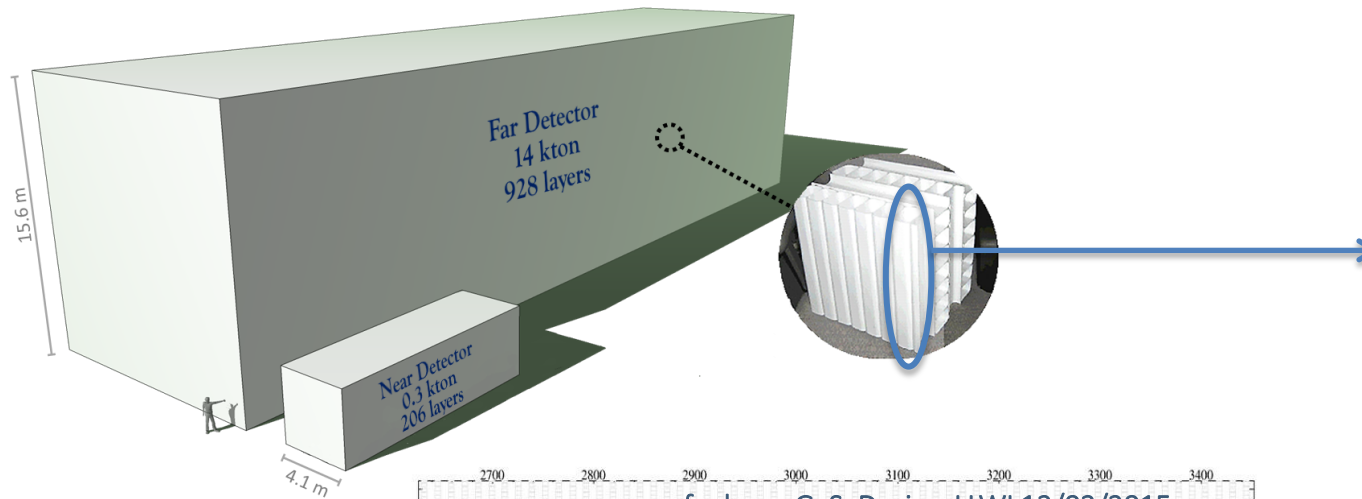
Imaging neutrinos

- Cherenkov (only for completeness)
 - not detailed particle tracks
 - threshold on cherenkov light production
 - but active mass really huge, 50kt, 420Mt
- NOvA Scintillators
 - $O(10\text{ cm})$ vertex resolution, 2x 2D projections
 - **absolute t_0 value** for each energy deposition
 - 14kt active mass
 - ν_e selection: 76% purity / 73% efficiency
[arxiv:1604.01444]
- LAr Time Projection Chambers
 - $O(\text{mm})$ resolution, 2x or 3x 2D projections
 - $\sim 20\text{-}50\text{ MeV}/c$ proton reconstructable
 - e.g. DUNE target:
 - 40kt active mass (4x 10kt modules)
 - ν_e selection $O(95\% \text{ purity} / 90\% \text{ efficiency})$



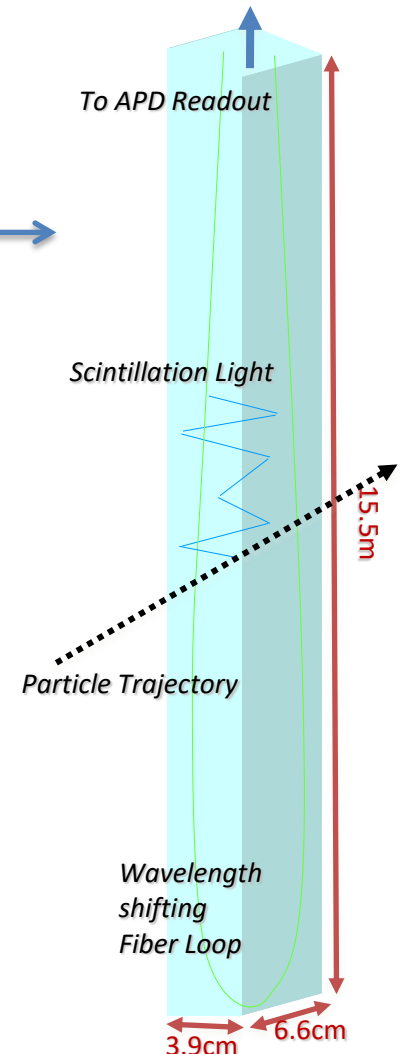
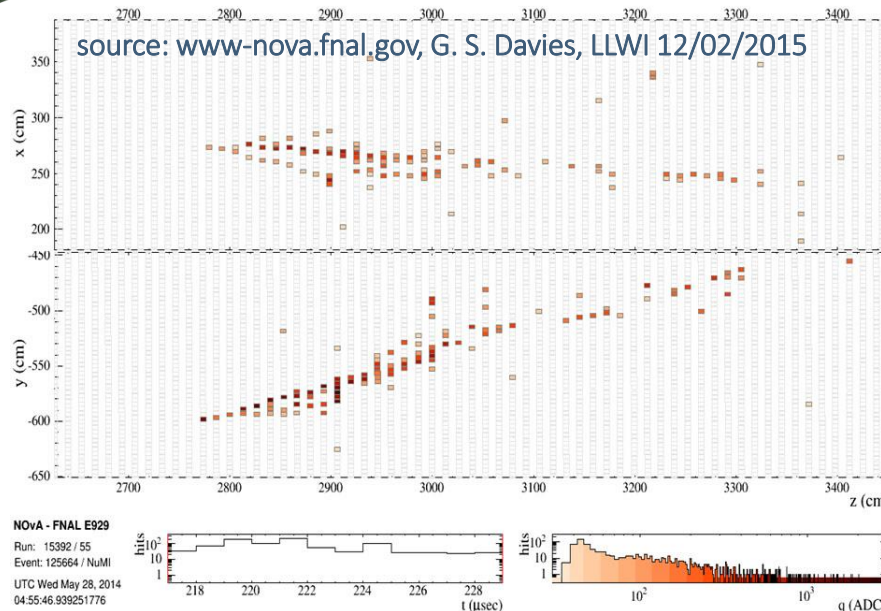
Imaging neutrinos: NOvA

source: www-nova.fnal.gov, J. A. Sepulveda-Quiroz, APS 11/04/2015 Meeting

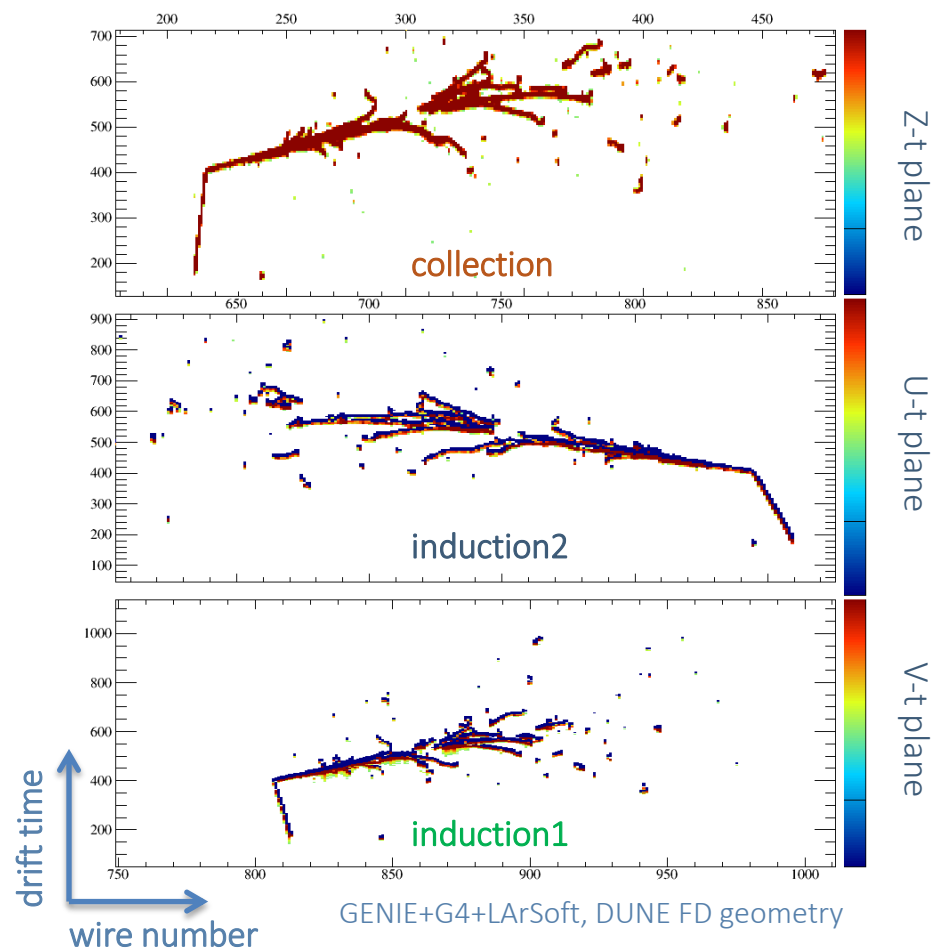
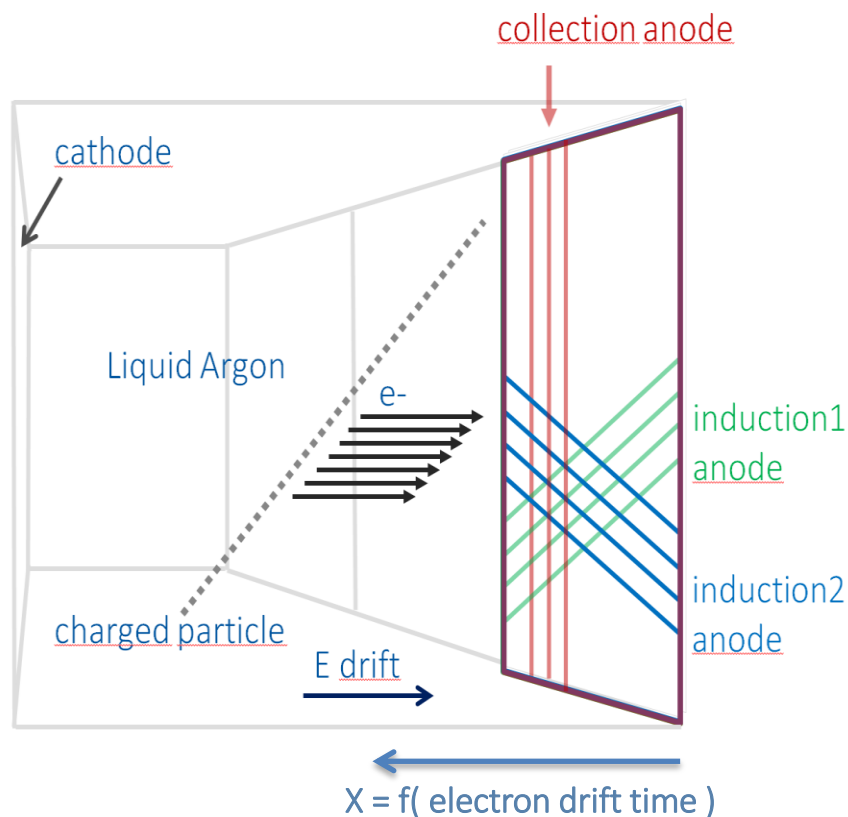


XZ-view

YZ-view



Imaging neutrinos: LArTPC



- multiple **2D views** show event as projected along readout wires/strips directions
- absolute t_0 value by scintillation light (association to events in pileup can be hard)

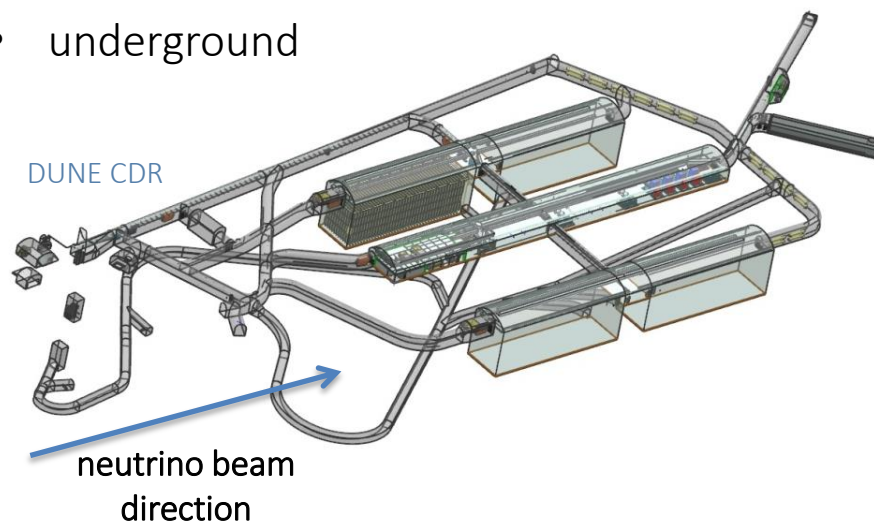
Imaging neutrinos: DUNE

Prototypes at CERN: 2x 700t LArTPC

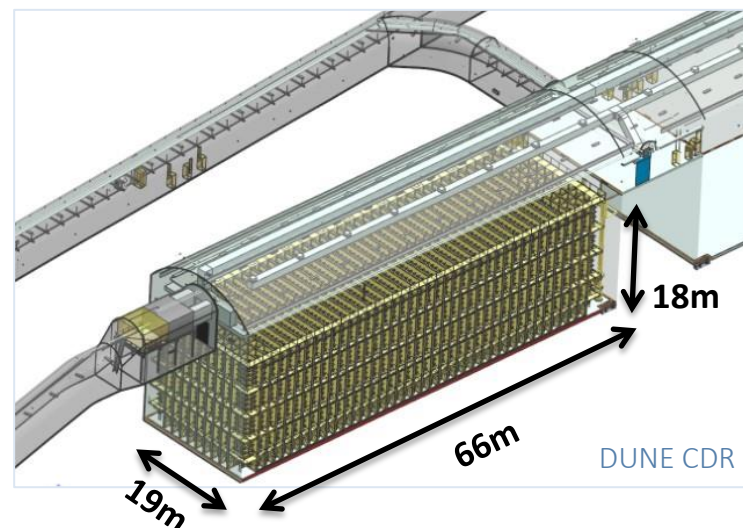
- two technologies: single- and double-phase
- actual components of far detector modules
- test beam of charged particles
- on surface: lots of cosmic rays

Far Detector at SURF (US): 4x 10kt LArTPC

- each 10kt module is 20x prototype
- single- and double-phase
- underground

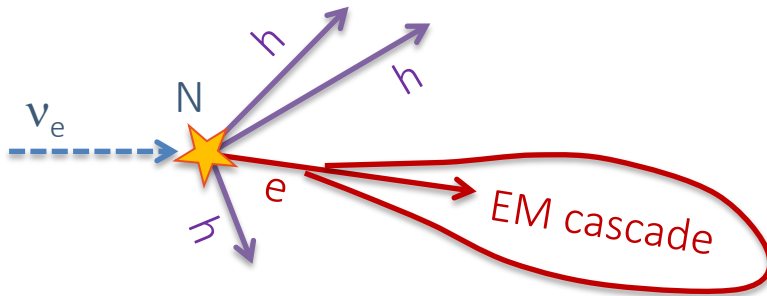


courtesy Neutrino Platform, CERN



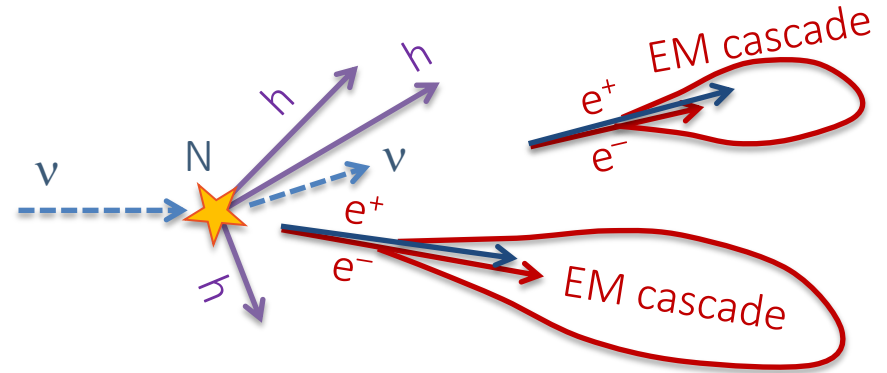
ν_e events vs background events

ν_e Charge Current

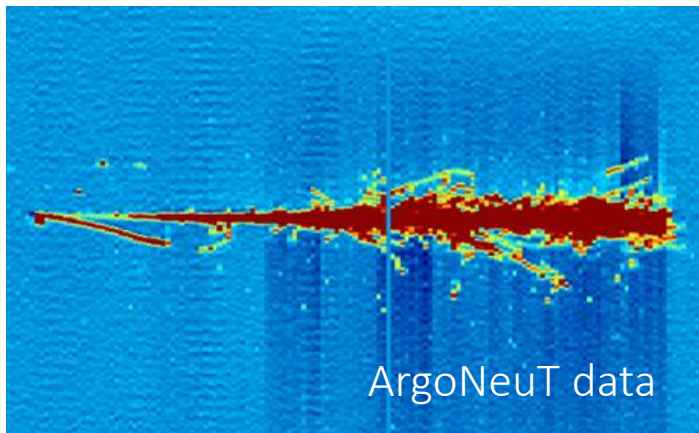


- single e (1 m.i.p.) track, then EM cascade
- e track directly from the interaction vertex

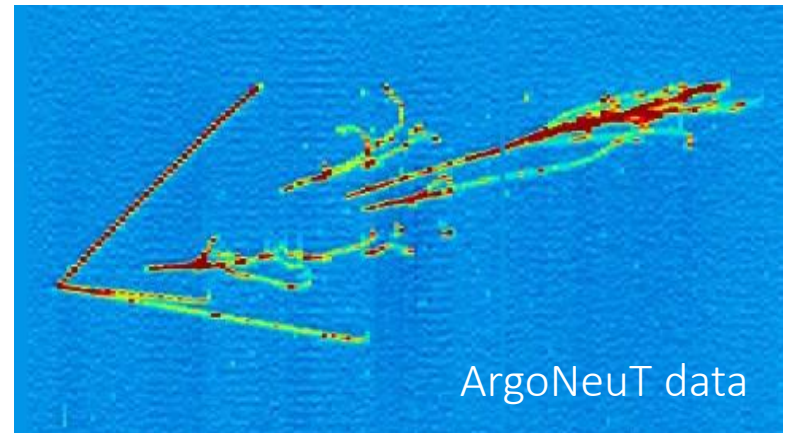
ν Neutral Current



- e^+e^- pair (2 m.i.p.), then EM cascade
- e^+e^- pairs displaced from the vertex
- different also profile/shape of EM cascade

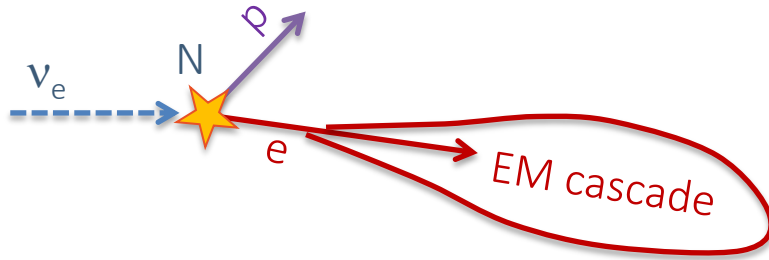


ArgoNeuT data

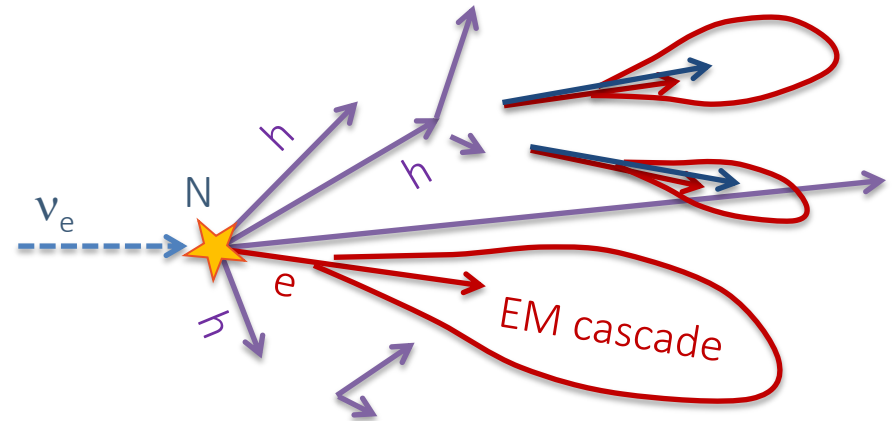


ArgoNeuT data

ν energy



- quasi-elastic events: simple topology
- electron cascade and stopping proton
- energy from full kinematics reconstruction

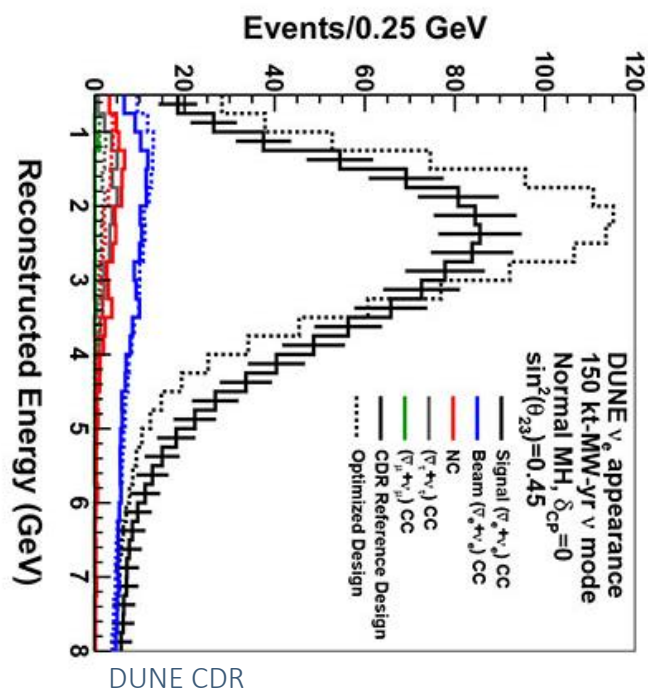


- high-E: crowded and complex events
- PID + kinematics impossible for each track
- energy from calorimetric reconstruction

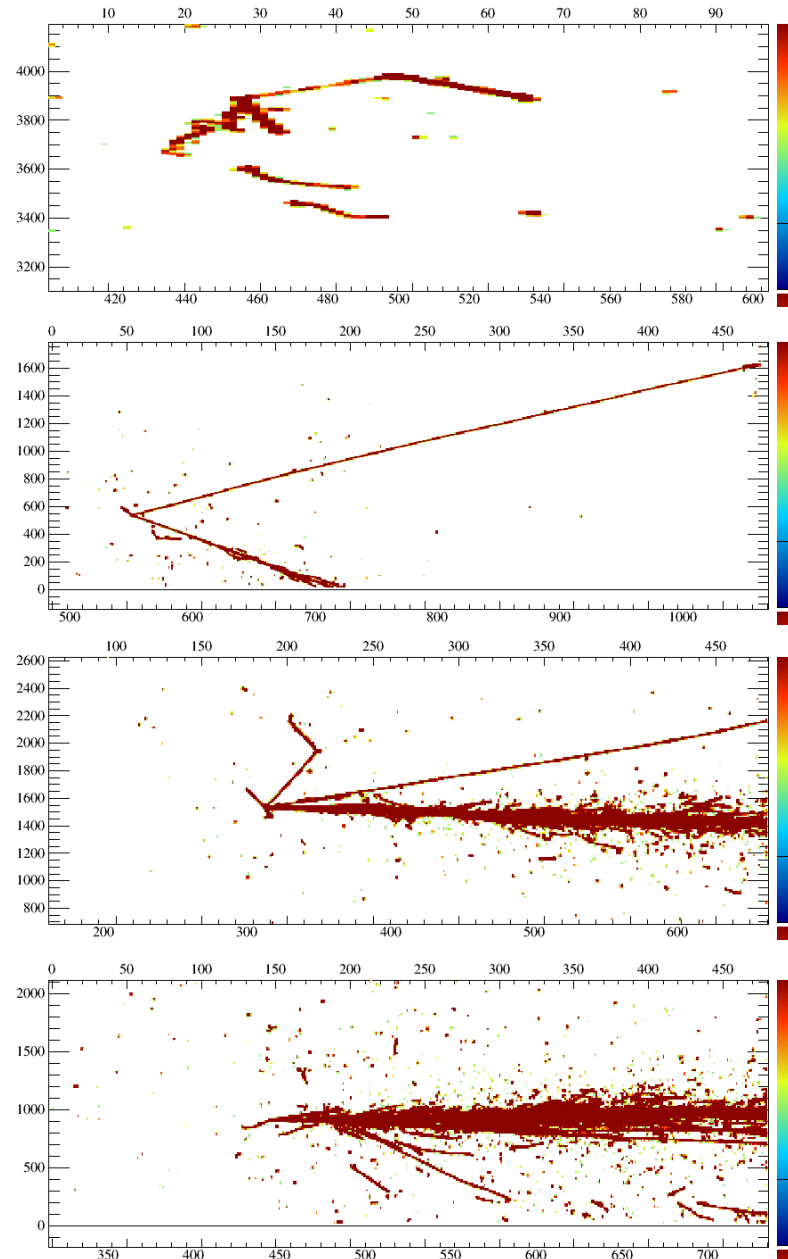
not only vertex region details matter, **large-scale features** needed as well

- PID, initial direction and trajectories for particles momenta reconstruction
- EM and hadronic components separation for calorimetry

DUNE energy range

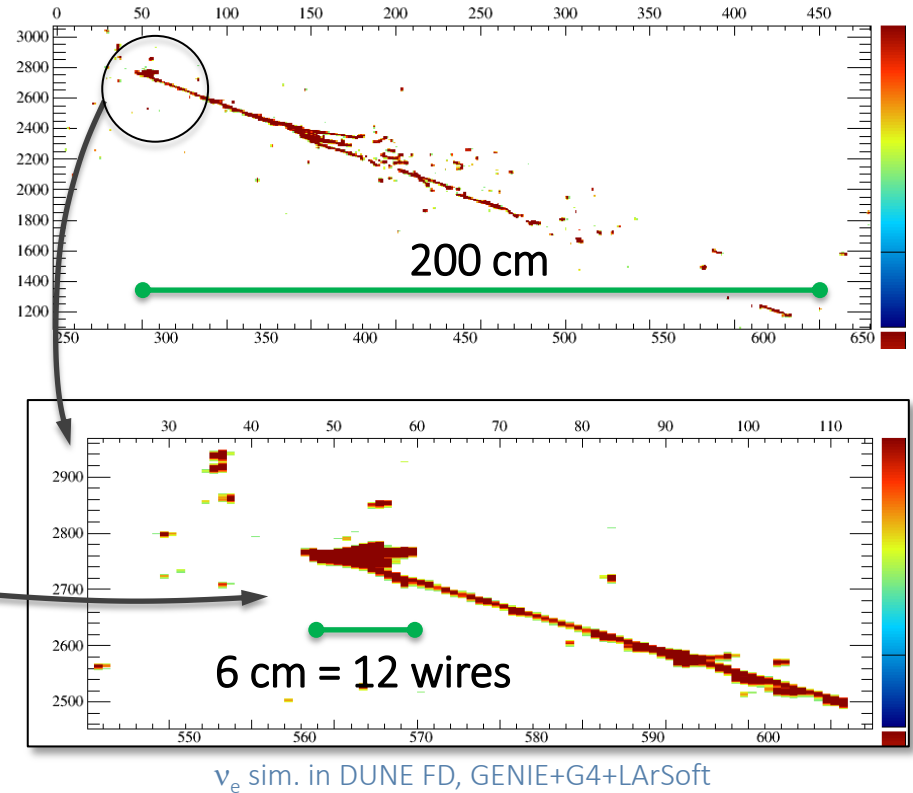
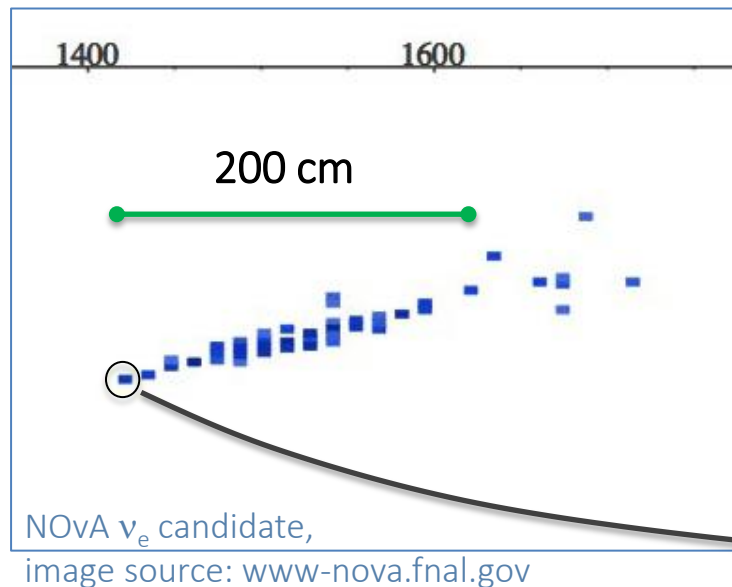


- Low energy
→ chaotic, sparse event fragments
- High energy
→ crowded vertex, overlapping fragments



GENIE+G4+LArSoft, DUNE FD geometry

ν_e events vs background events



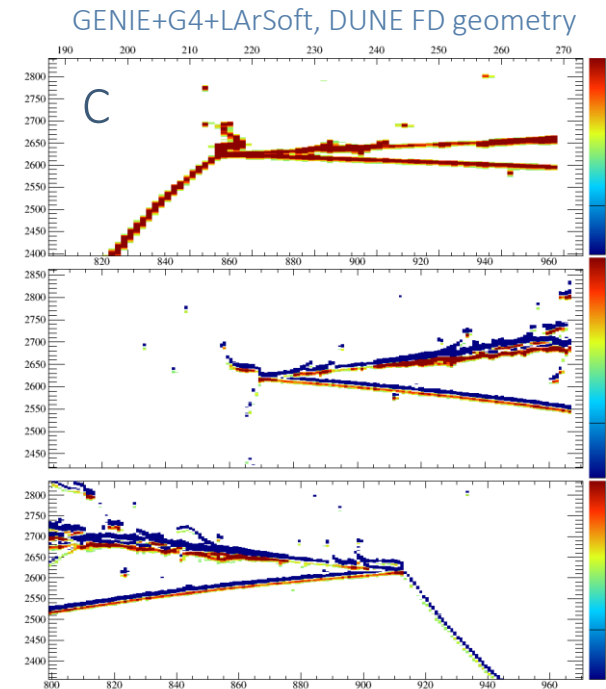
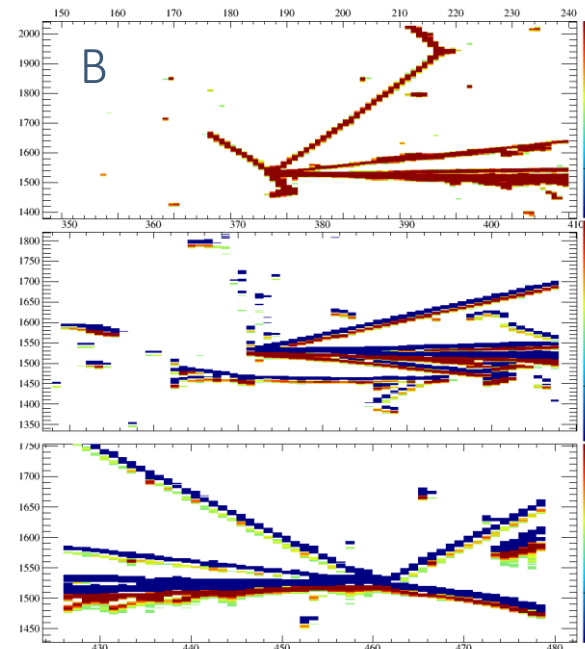
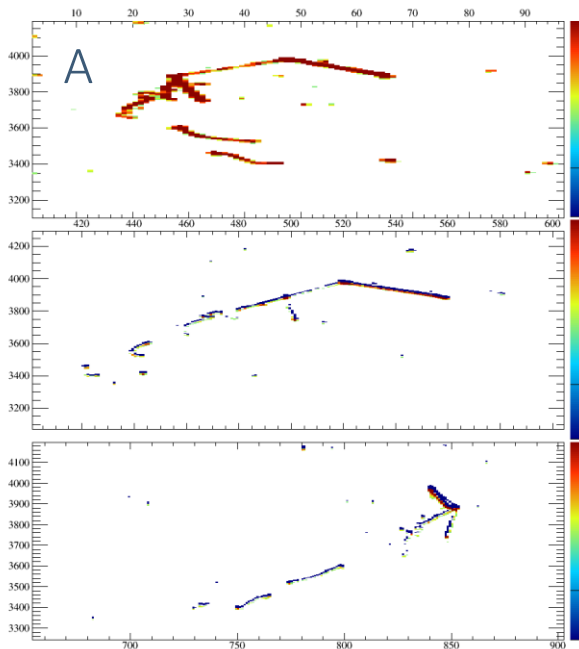
- LArTPC can look at the most discriminative features of the vertex region
- we need this to achieve maximum physics sensitivity
- but such enormous amount of information is not easy to digest
- LArTPC is famous for being hard for reconstruction

Many corner cases

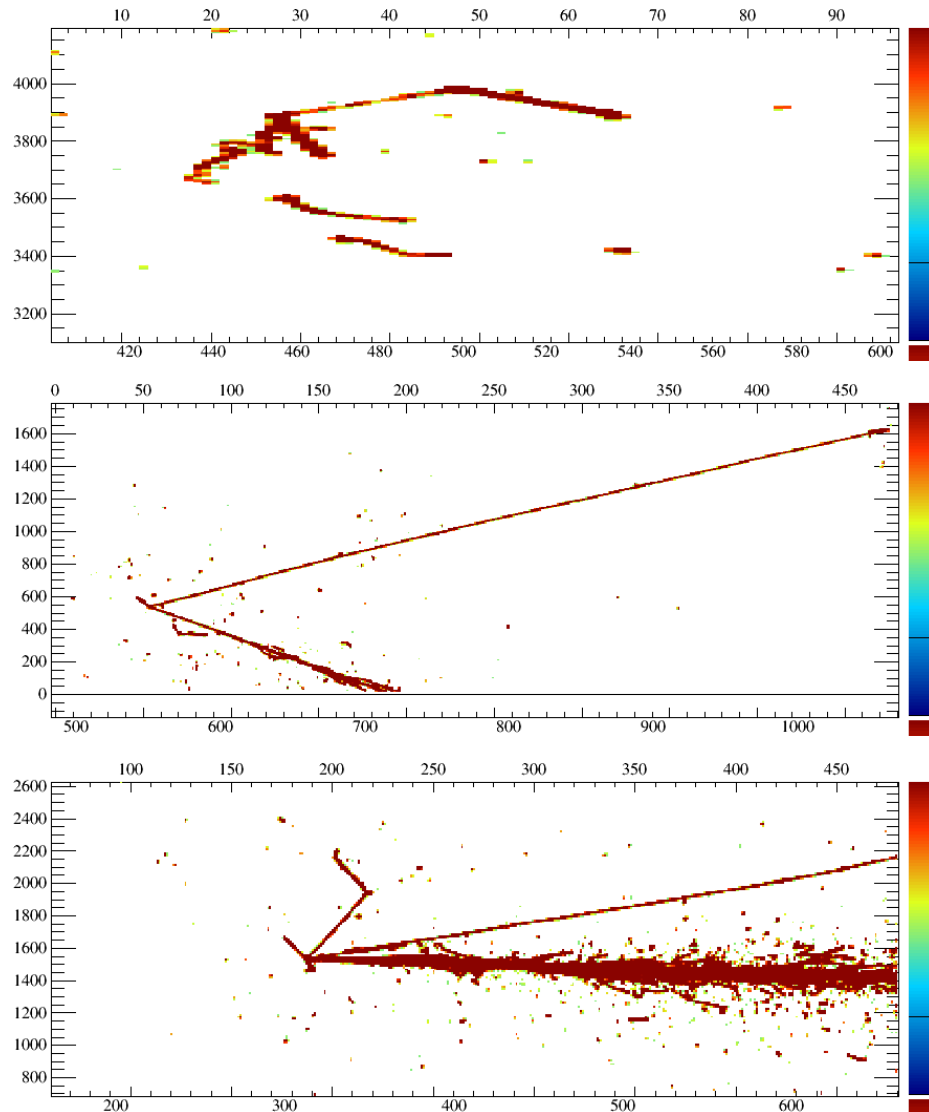
→ makes the difference when looking for ~95% purity / ~90% efficiency selection

→ ...and per cent level systematics

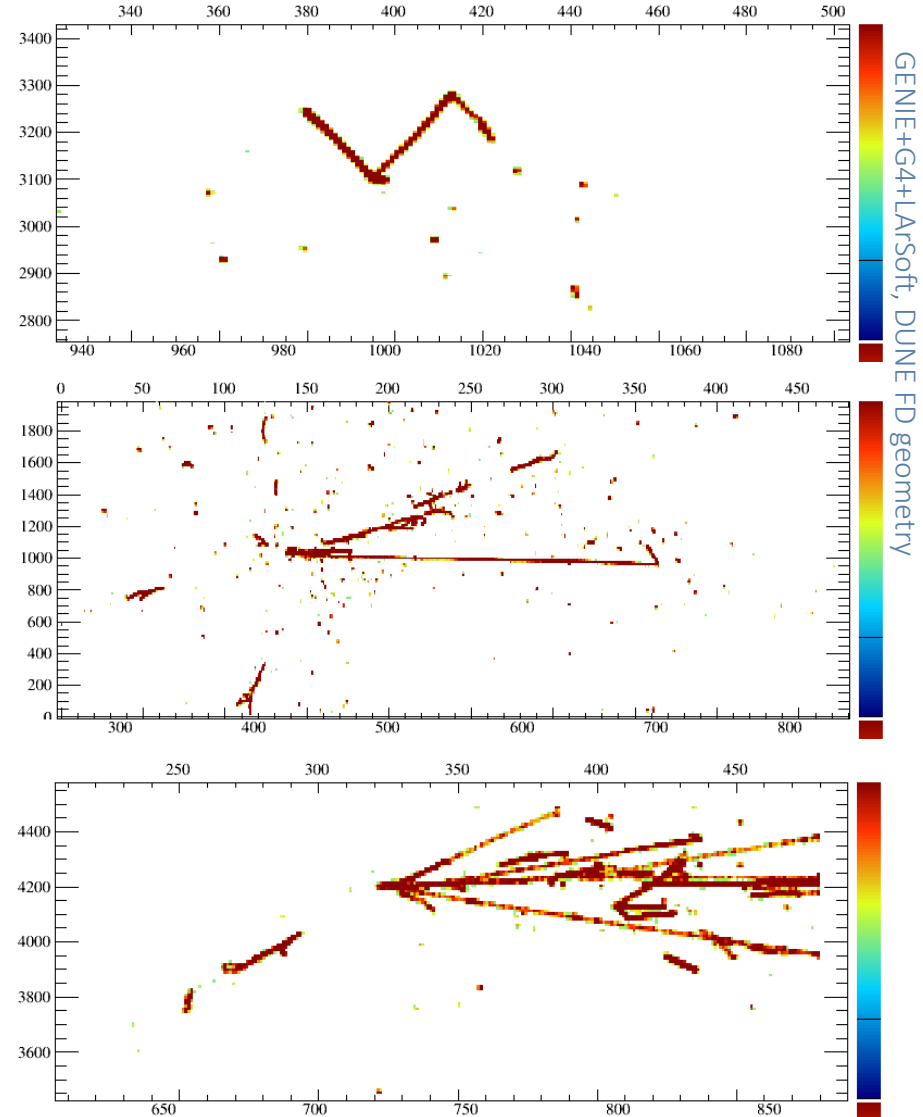
- low energy electron (A)
- electron + π^0 induced cascades
- electron overlapped with other tracks (B)
- 2 electrons (C)
- ...and other configurations



ν_e CC signal

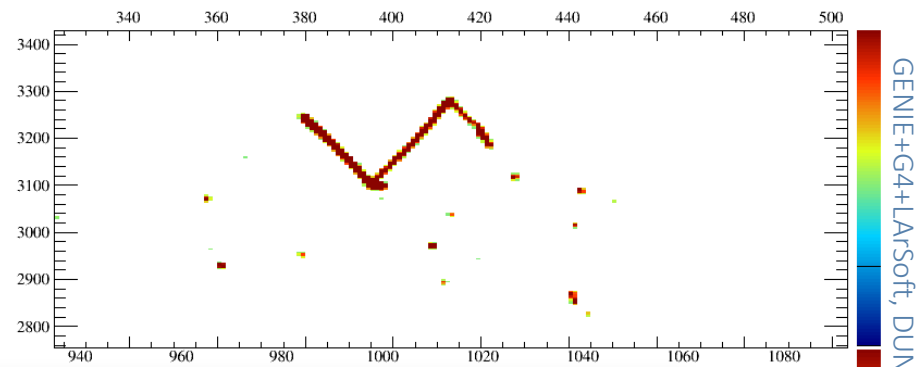
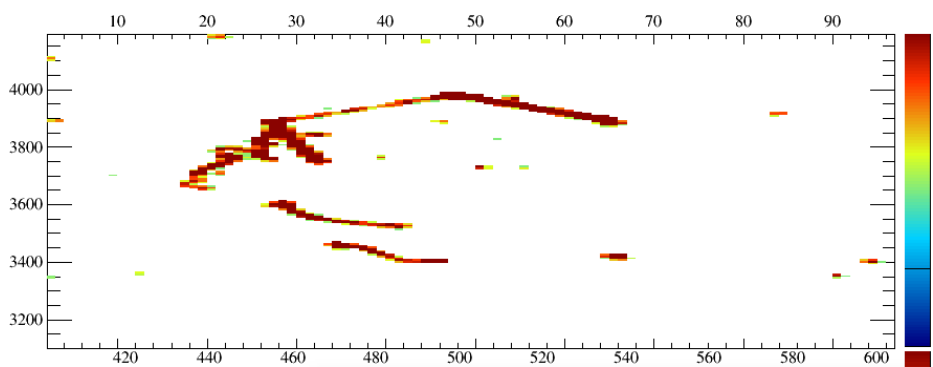


ν NC background



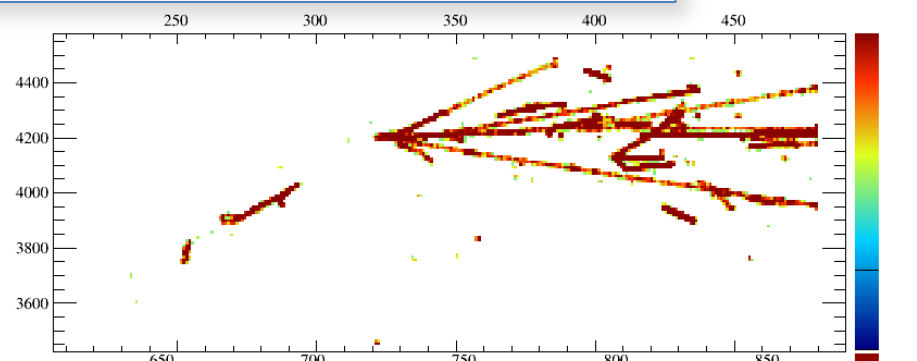
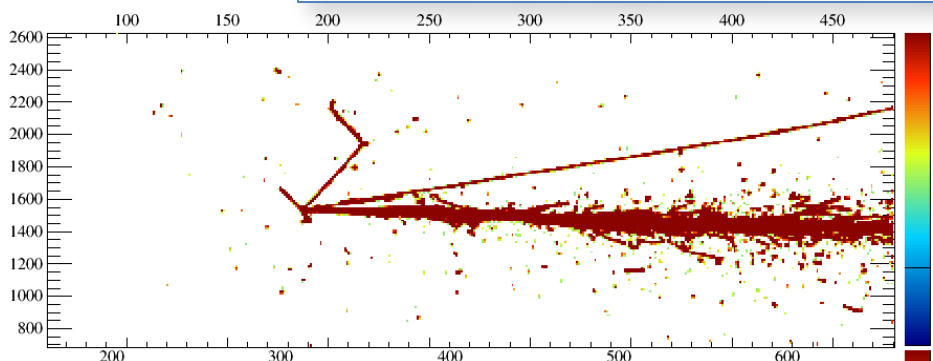
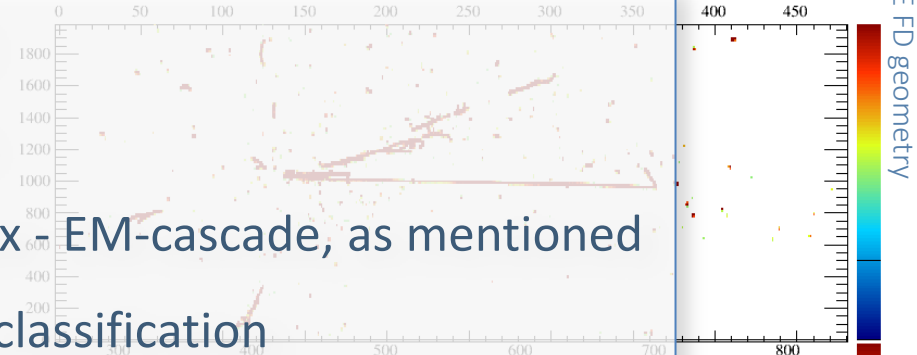
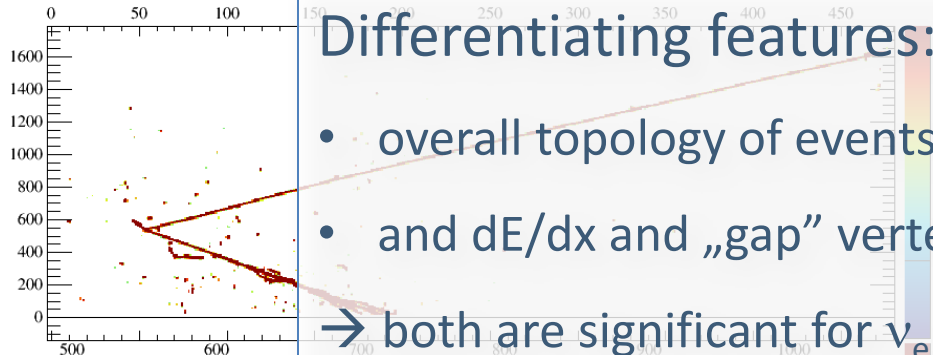
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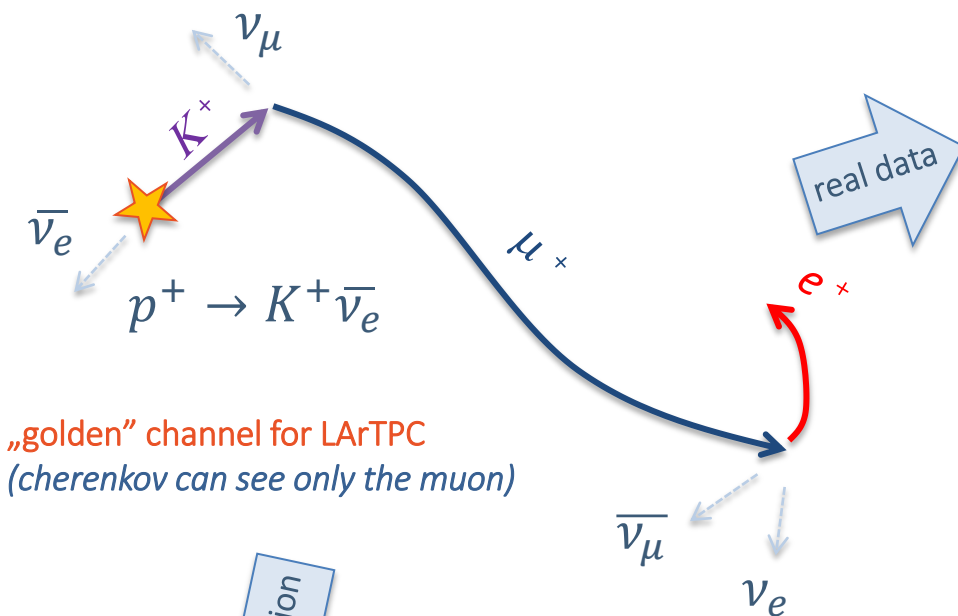


Differentiating features:

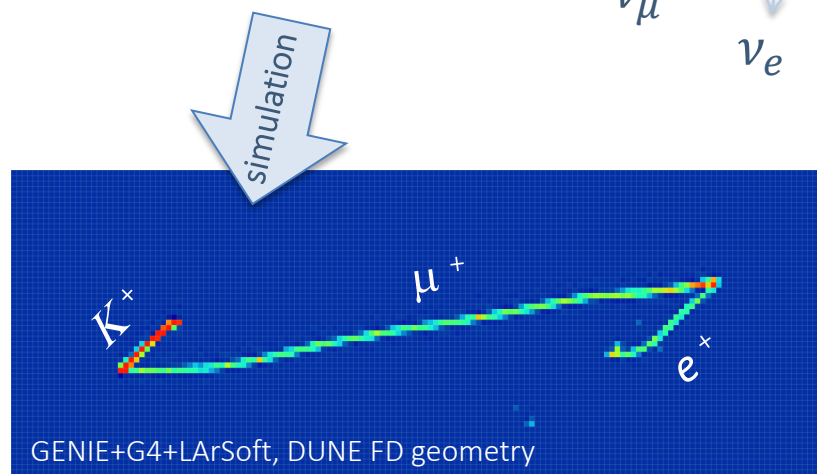
- overall topology of events
 - and dE/dx and „gap” vertex - EM-cascade, as mentioned
- both are significant for ν_e classification



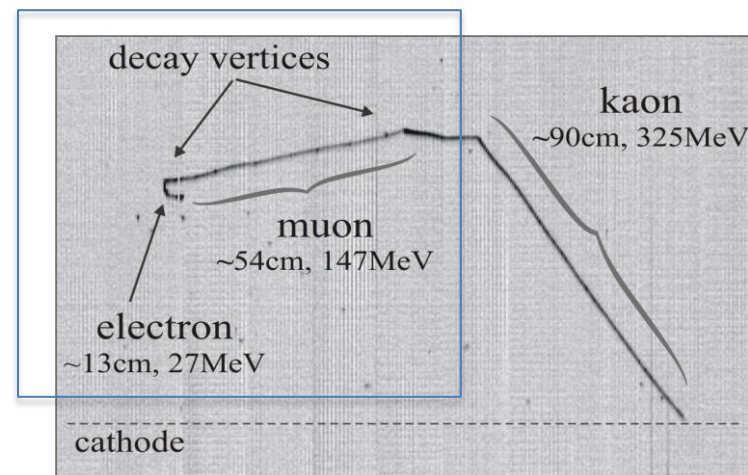
Proton decay



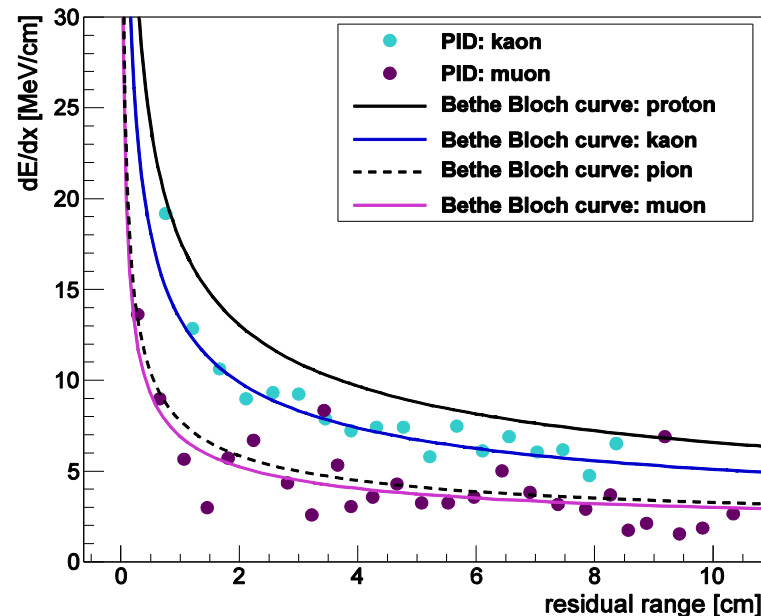
„golden” channel for LArTPC
(*cherenkov can see only the muon*)



- characteristic topology features: dE/dx , decays
- even simple geometrical rotation can make it hard



Kaon candidate decay in CNGS beam data
source: AHEP, article ID 260820



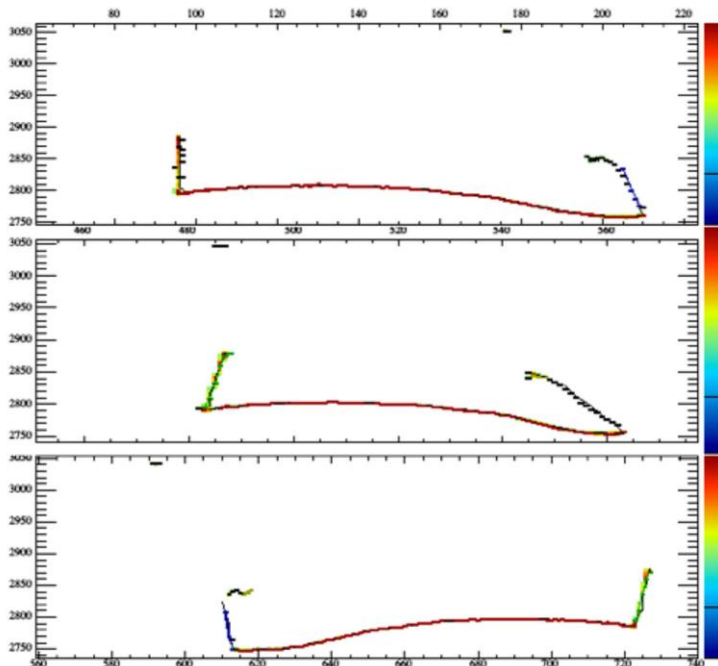
Proton decay

„Golden” channel for LArTPC:

$$p^+ \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}_e$$

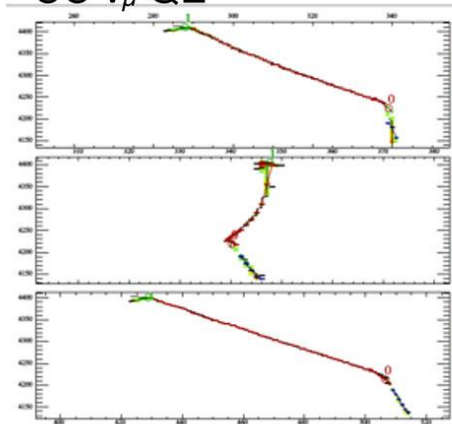
$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

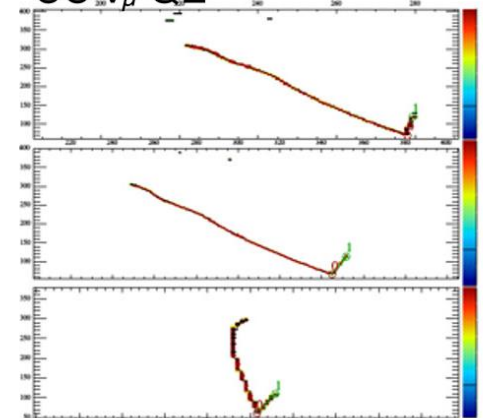


Atmospheric neutrino interactions:

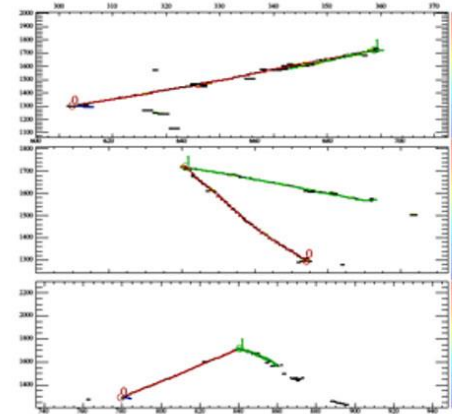
CC ν_μ QE



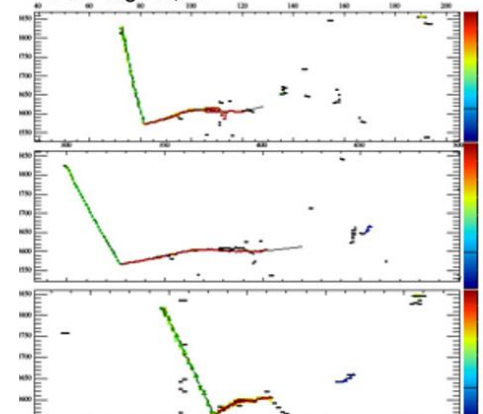
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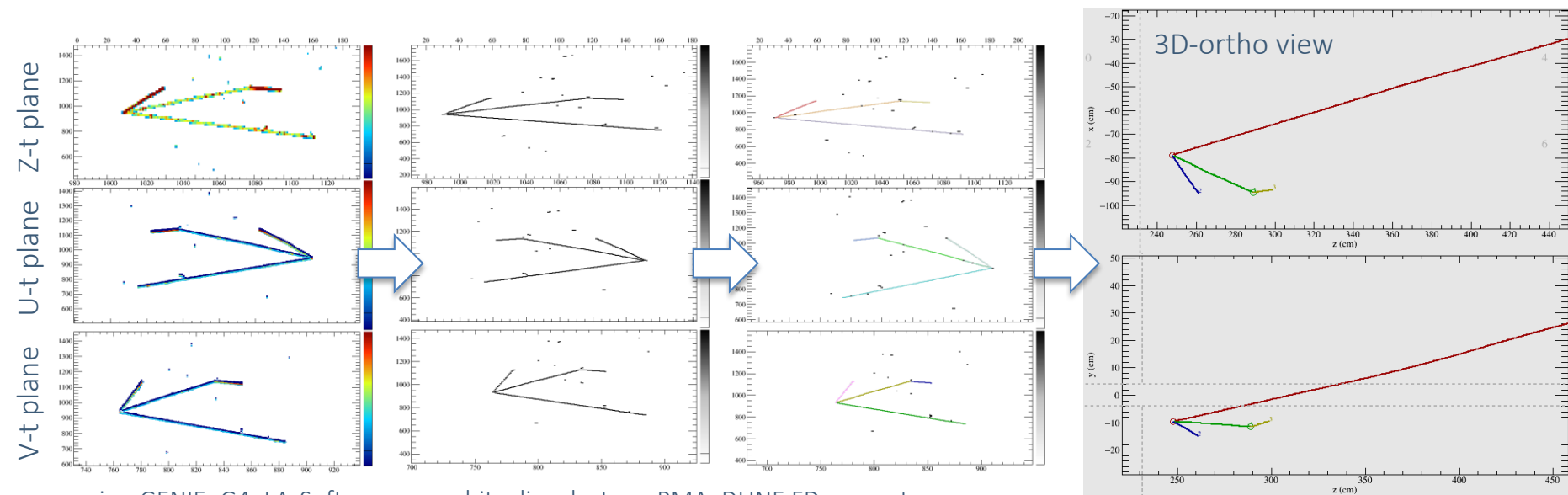
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sim: GENIE+G4+LArSoft, reco: TrajCluster + PMA, DUNE FD geometry courtesy A. Higuera

Event reconstruction: *standard* algorithmic approach

2D ADC \rightarrow 2D hits \rightarrow 2D objects \rightarrow 3D structures \rightarrow PID & energy

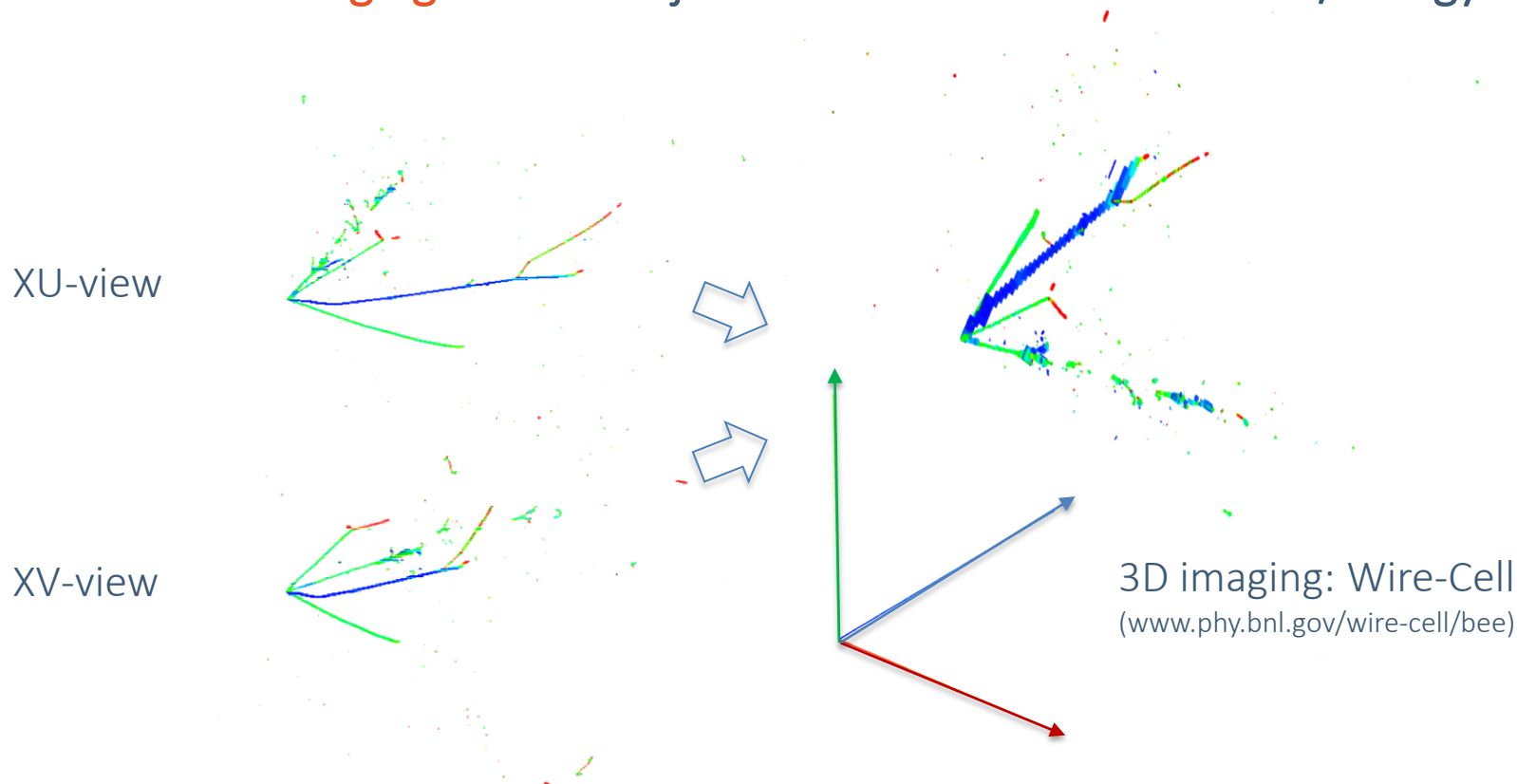


Here: trivial topology for illustration, all tracks/vertices correct, but LArTPC can be hard!

- dense medium – multiple scattering, secondary interactions
- **unlike colliders:** no fixed interaction location, no hits ordering, no event direction in non-beam physics
- „special” orientations in LArTPC: isochronous, along drift, along readout wire
- difficult pattern recognition of low energy and/or multiple EM cascades
- long chain of pattern reco / 3D reco algorithms prone to inefficiency accumulation

Event reconstruction: *standard* algorithmic approach

2D ADC → 3D imaging → 3D objects → 3D structures → PID/energy



Pattern recognition in this case starts from 3D points – less ambiguous than 2D projections

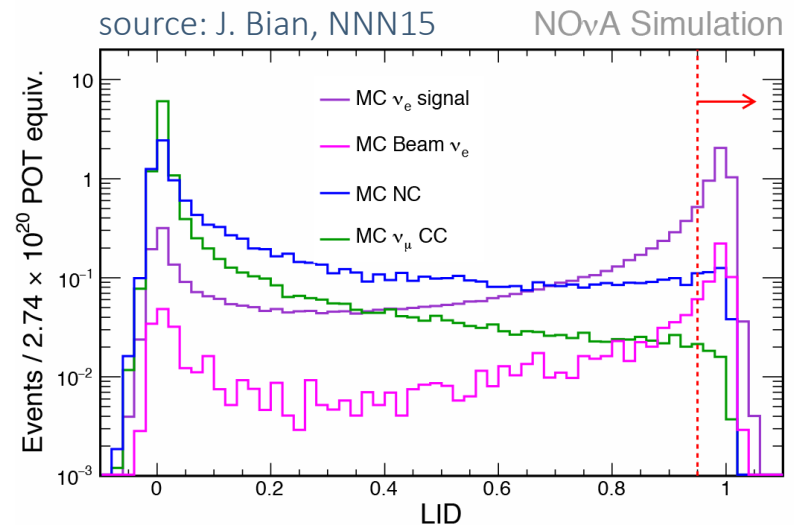
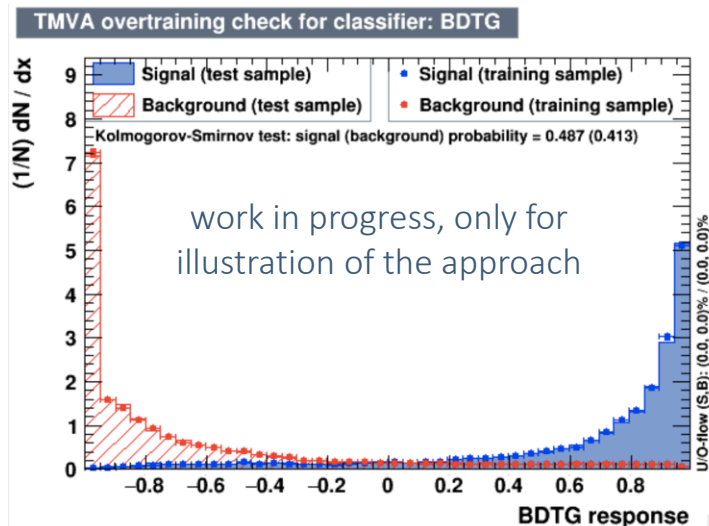
- however, difficulties of angular dependencies of LArTPC still apply
- also in this case: chain of pattern recognition, tracking and vertexing algorithms to be applied

MVA on *reconstructed* events

Examples: BDT for ν_e selection in DUNE FD, LID in NOvA

Input: *high level* features of reconstructed objects: vertices, tracks, showers, calorimetry.

- DUNE's BDT (Boosted Decision Trees):
 - 30 input variables in total in DUNE selections
 - captures features of an overall event topology and calorimetry
 - still can miss significantly discriminative features of the interaction vertex
- NOvA's LID (Likelihood IDentification):
 - ANN applied to the reconstructed topology features

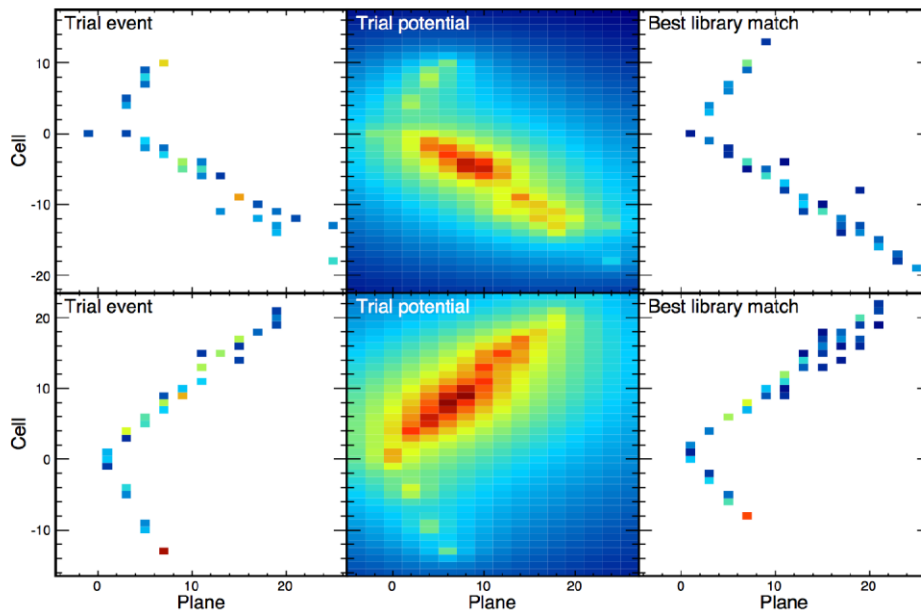


Step towards raw data

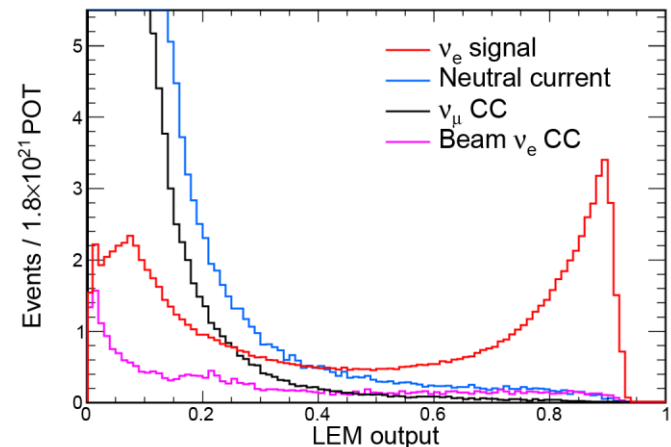
Library Event Matching (LEM) for ν_e selection in NOvA

Input: map of energy deposits, no higher level reconstruction variables.

- Trial potential constructed from an event energy deposits
- 77M simulated events in the library to compare to
- 1k best matches from the library \rightarrow 5 *low level* features + tested event calorimetry \rightarrow input to decision tree for the final classification



source: NIM A778 (2015) 31-39



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ML using *raw* 2D projections

- ROI: localization of a particle or interesting interaction
 - on-surface detectors need such a *helper* functionality
- classification of an interaction visible within the image
 - all-at-once, no intermediate reconstructions between *raw* and *goal*
- classification of an individual particle in the image
 - more informed decision about event ID, need some pre-reconstruction
- pixel-level event feature labeling
 - guide simple high-level reconstruction or use for target feature detection
- and next challenges: full objects segmentation in 2D / 3D, ...

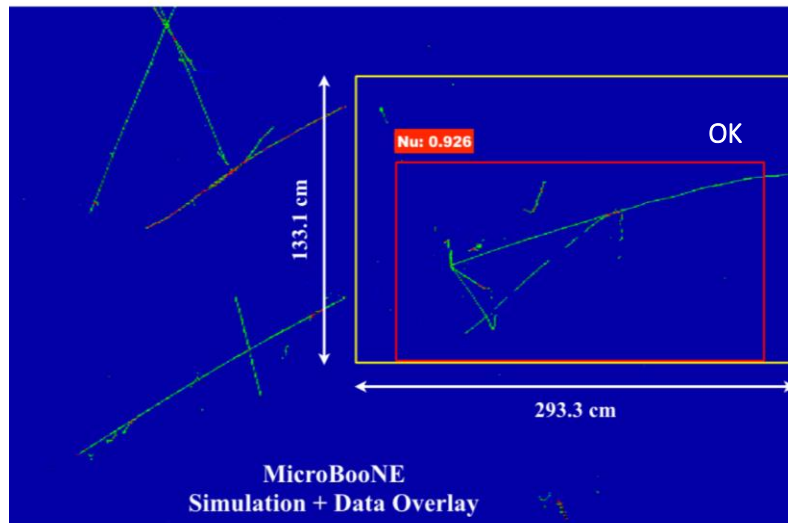
Localization of particles or interactions

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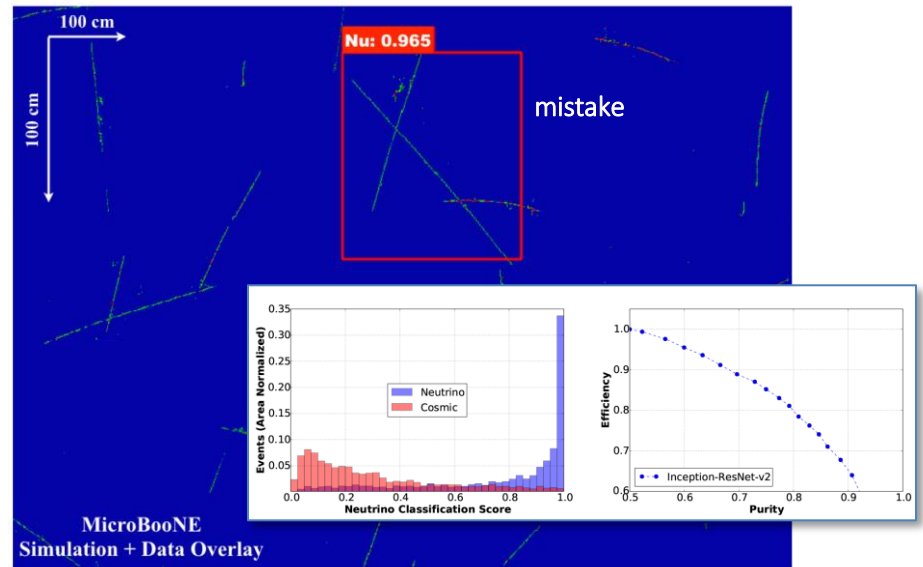
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on-surface LArTPC detectors suffer from cosmic muons pileup: drift time \sim ms / event

- identify events with the ν interaction among cosmic muon tracks
- select region of the ν interaction



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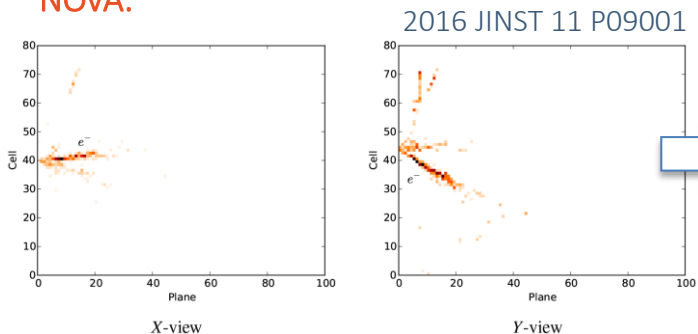
N.B: 2D shows *some* **topology** features, while **dE/dx** is only available in 3D domain,
valid on this and following slides

Interaction classification

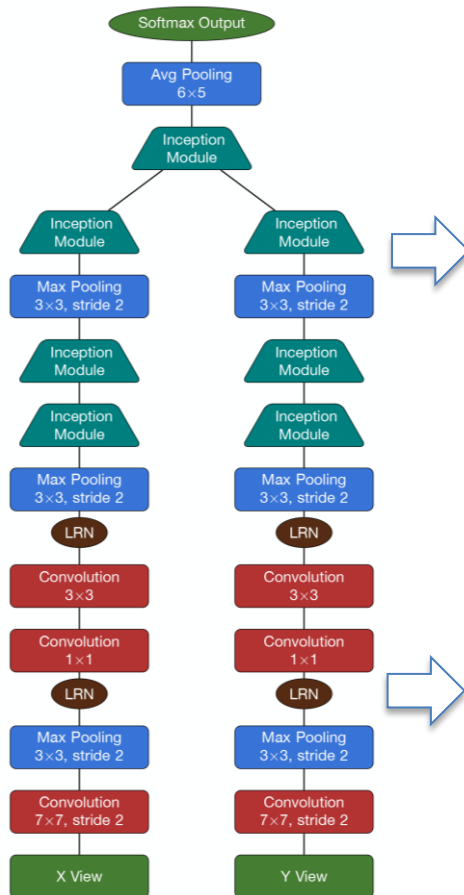
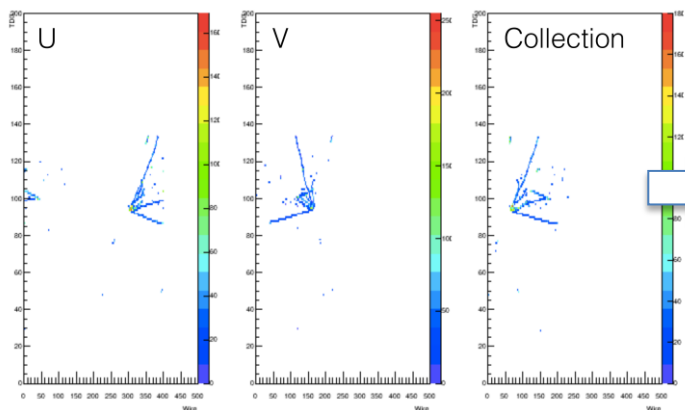
Examples: CVN in **NOvA**, and the same tool used now in **DUNE** for ν_e selection

Input: image-like raw charge in 2D projections (NOvA), ADC at 2D hit positions (DUNE)

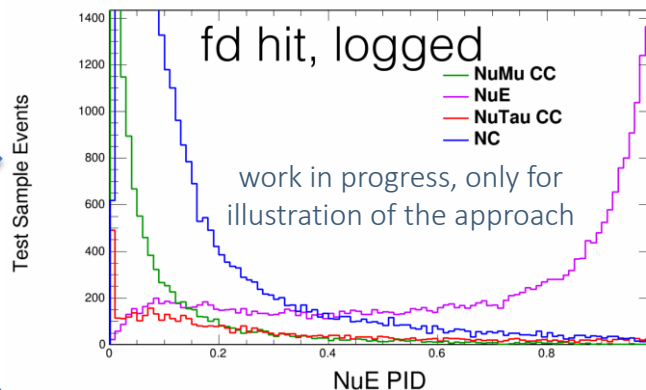
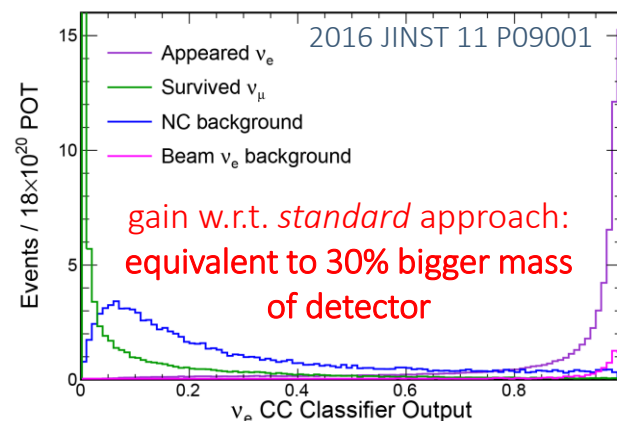
NOvA:



DUNE:



reconfigured GoogLeNet, Caffe toolkit
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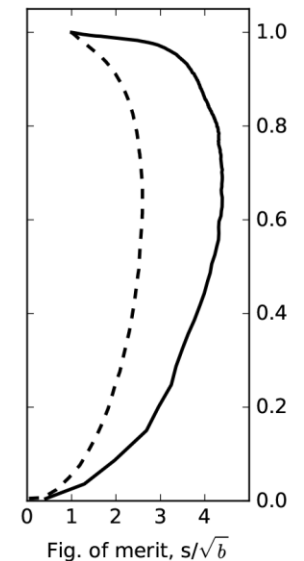
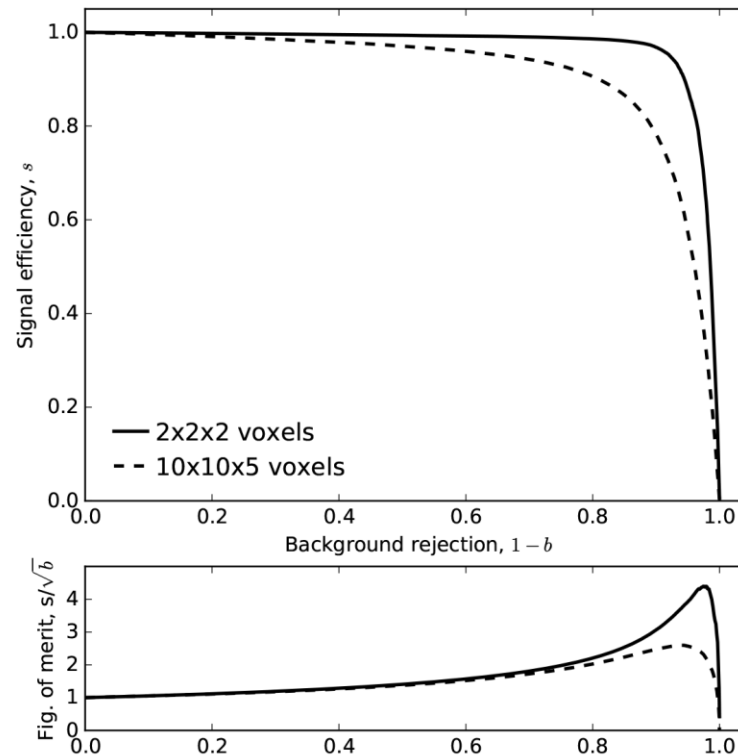
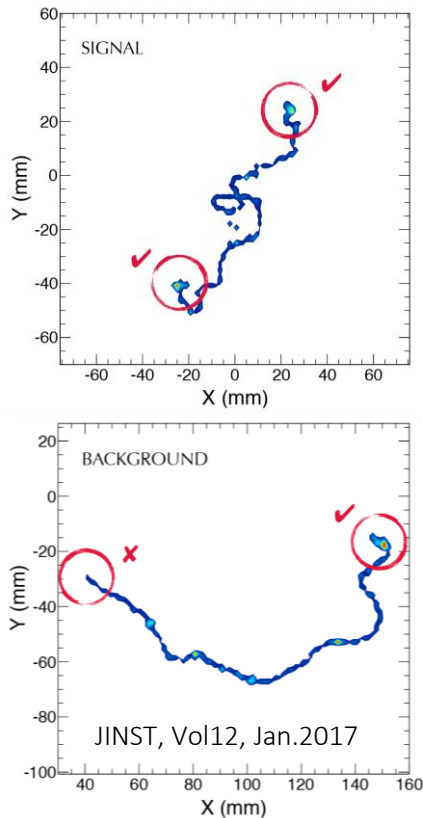


Interaction classification

Example: NEXT, neutrino-less double beta decay selection [JINST, Vol12, Jan.2017]

Input: 2D projections (NEXT is also TPC, but high pressure Xe gas instead of LAr)

- NEXT aims for **3D readout** (xy array of SiPM and time for z), here projected to 2D images
- GoogLeNet used, 1.2-1.6 improvement in bkg. rejection over standard approach



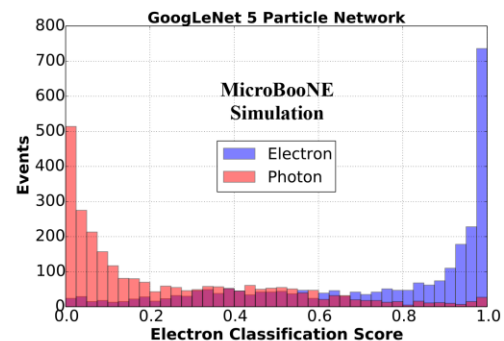
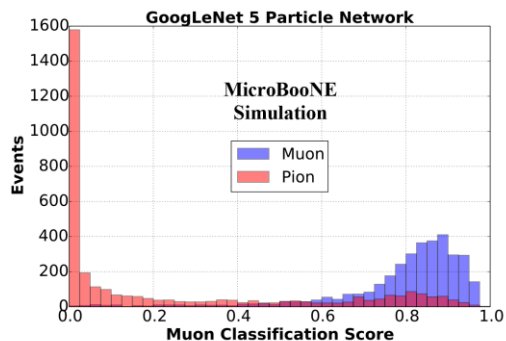
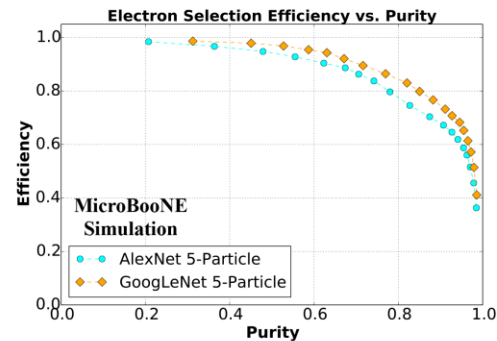
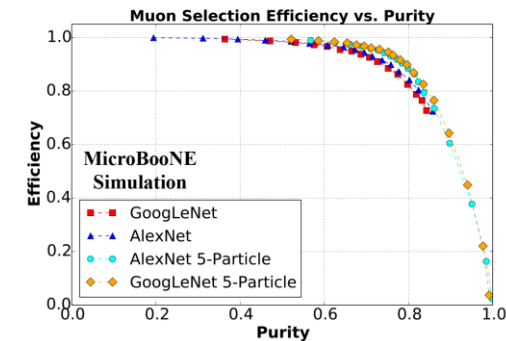
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Classification of single particles

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can be step forward better understanding the whole event classification decision

- single μ^- vs single π^-
 - single e^- vs photon conversion
- similar track features, pions interact, muons stop
- EM cascades starting with 1m.i.p. (e) or 2m.i.p. (γ)

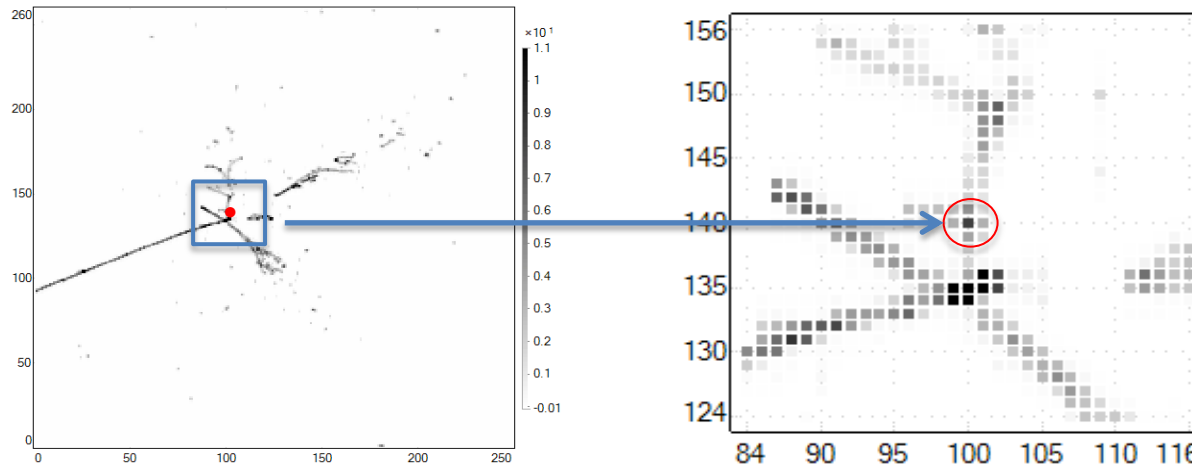


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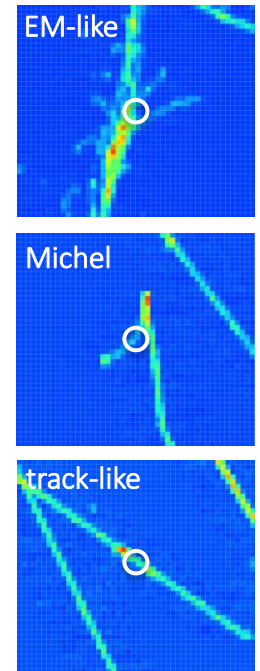
Event feature labeling (DUNE/ProtoDUNE)

Try to solve inefficiencies where they appear: in the low level pattern recognition.

- labeling on the level of individual pixels



Example input patches:



LArSoft, ProtoDUNE

- context provided to CNN large enough to classify the point
- ...and small enough to be relatively independent from the event type
- can combine high/low resolution patches, or use of multiple views if points associated

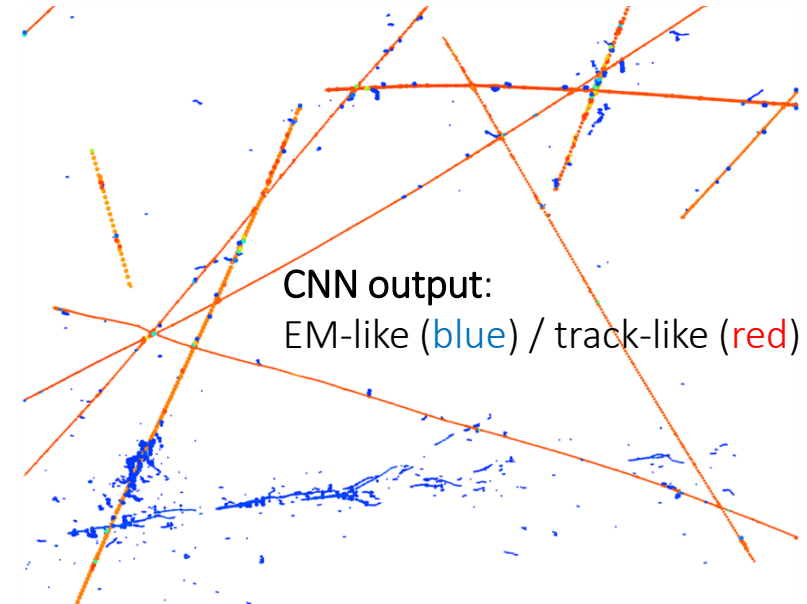
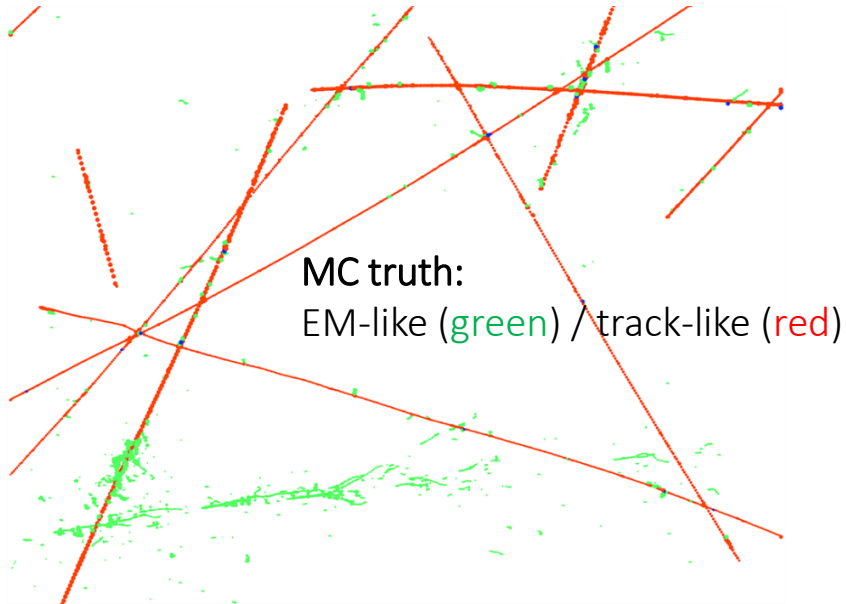
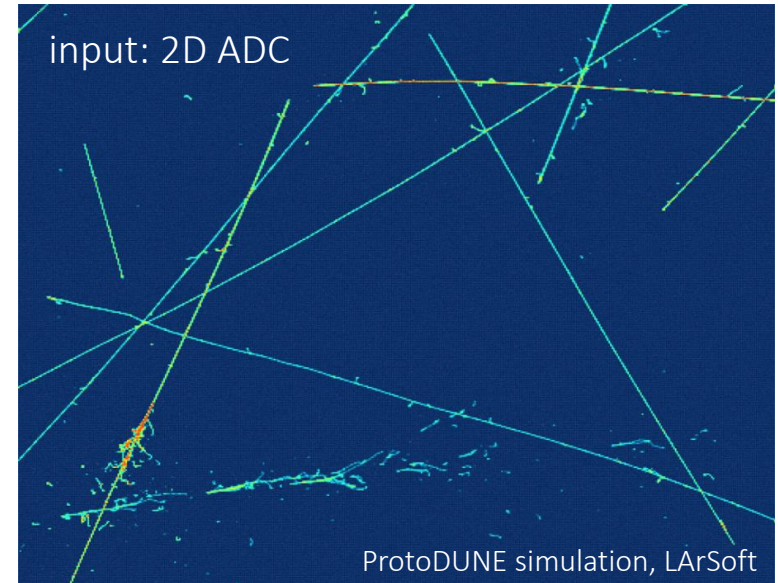
Event feature labeling (DUNE/ProtoDUNE)

- simple logic applied to per-pixel-output in multiple views
 - obtain segmentation
 - select interaction points
- easily combined with existing algorithmic approaches
 - e.g. clustering adds reliable information on long-range objects
- less coupled to the correctness of the full event simulation
 - little effect if MC is wrong about e.g. particle multiplicity
- models more simple, data volumes lower than for entire event processing
- but still looking at 2D only (today...)

Event feature labeling

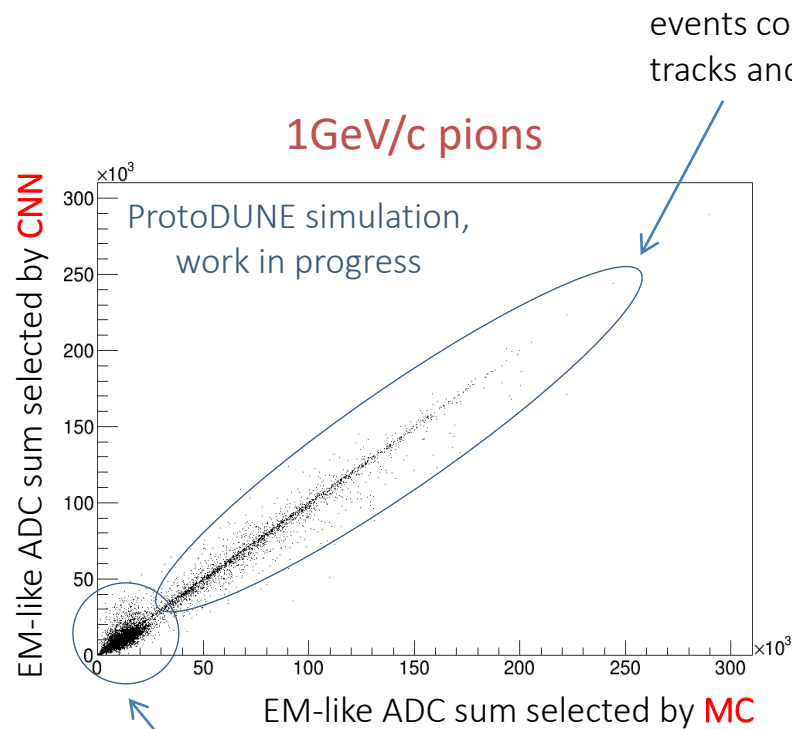
EM-like vs track-like activity separation

- prerequisite for most LArTPC reconstruction tasks
- one of problems proven hard to deal with algorithmic approaches:
 - easy for an eye looking at raw image, but not for an algorithm looking at hits.
- already *in use*

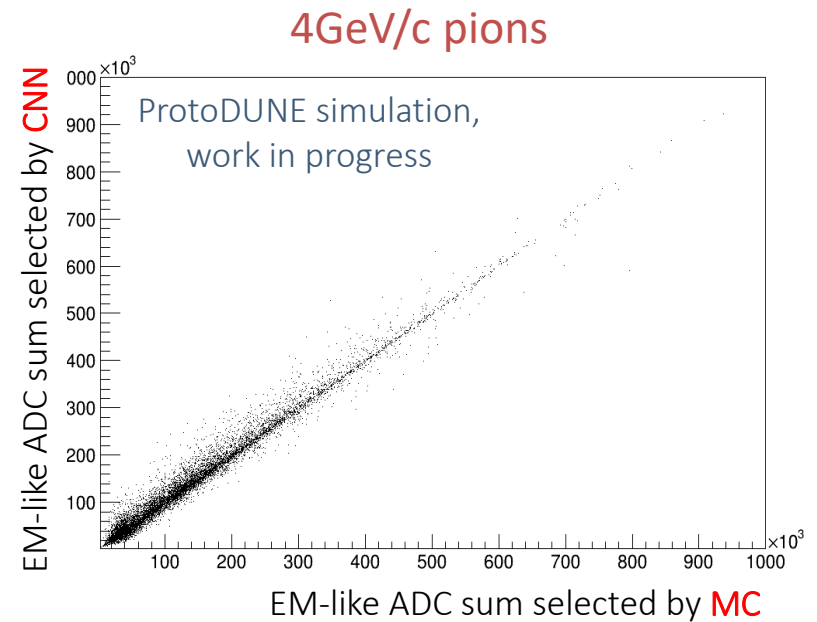


Event feature labeling

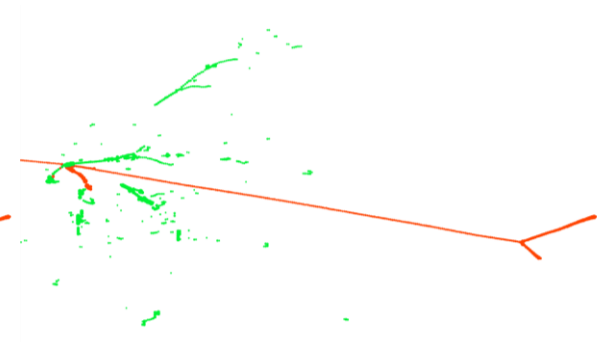
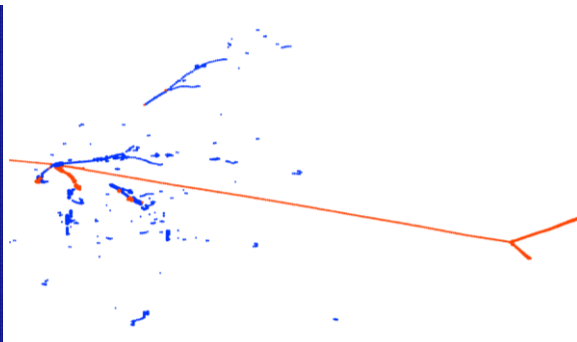
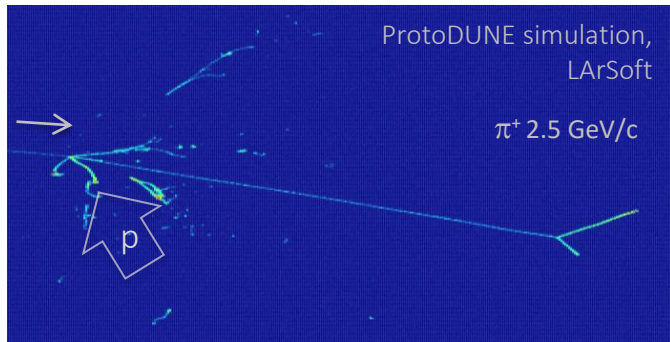
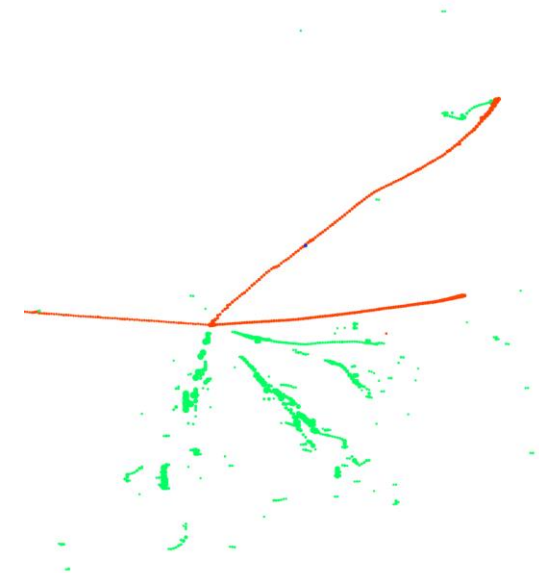
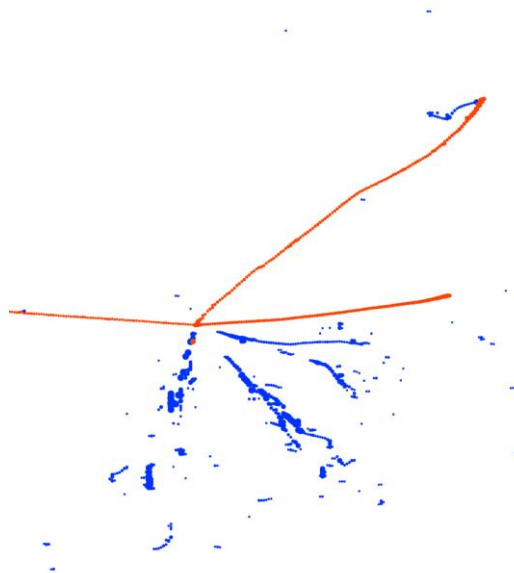
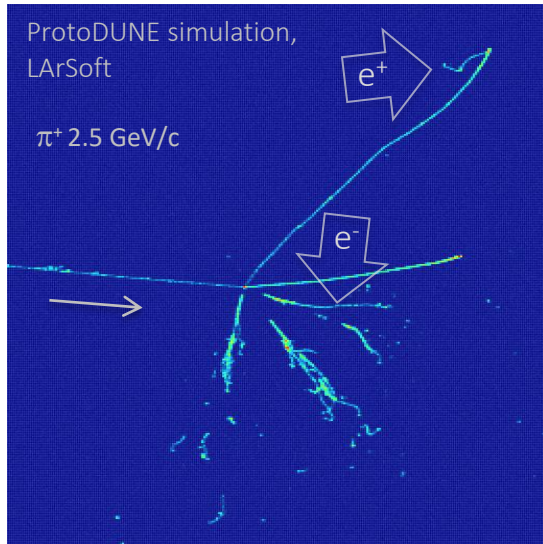
Test beam events in ProtoDUNE, selection of EM component in the hadronic showers from π^+ :



events composed of hadron tracks (small fraction of EM-like deposits are delta electrons)



Event feature labeling



input: 2D ADC

CNN output:
EM-like (blue) / track-like (red)

MC truth:
EM-like (green) / track-like (red)

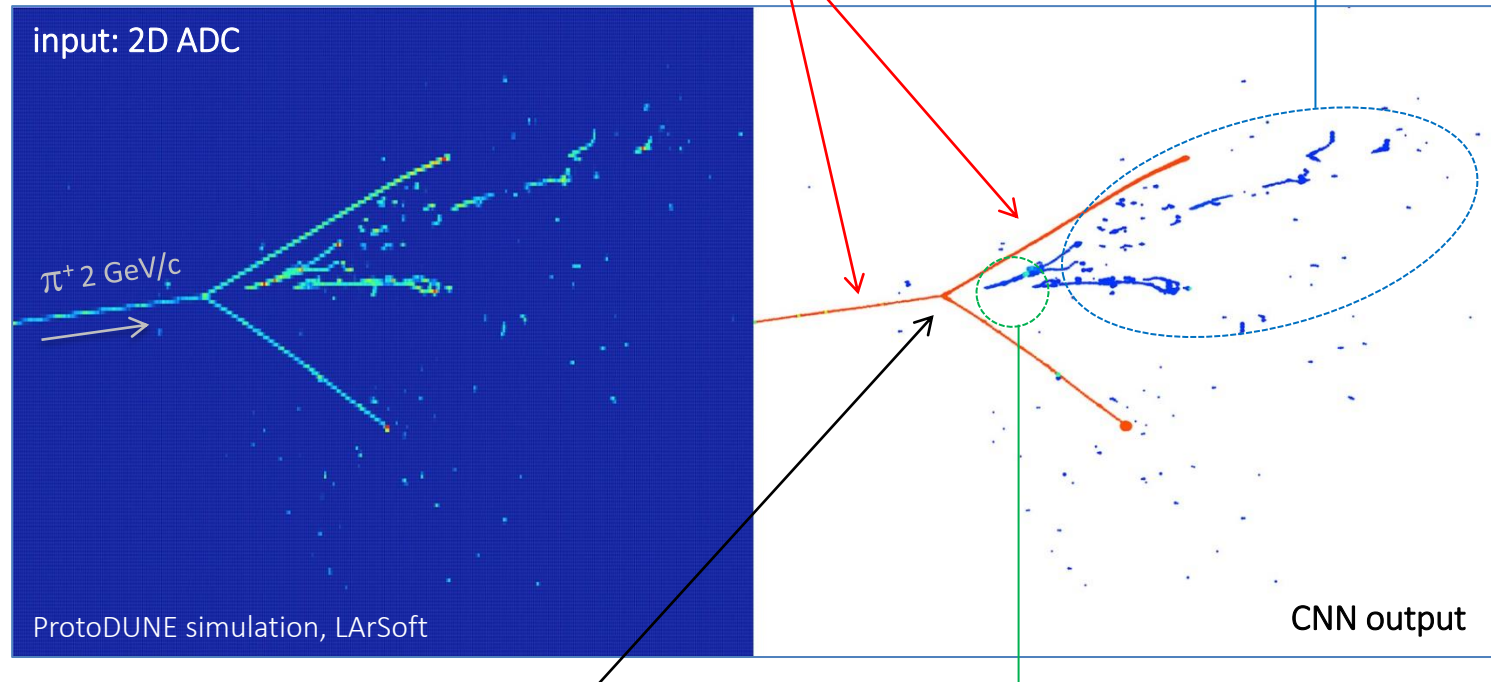
Event feature labeling

2. hadron tracks reconstruction:

→ once EM separated, efficient standard algorithms

1. EM selection: quite done

→ labeled with CNN



3. interaction vertex:

→ reconstructed with standard tracking
→ or „todo”: labeled with CNN

4. „todo”: EM cascade start finding

→ most significant for e/γ separation and ν_e selection

- EM shower displacement from the vertex
- 1m.i.p. vs 2m.i.p. dE/dx in the initial part

Event feature labeling

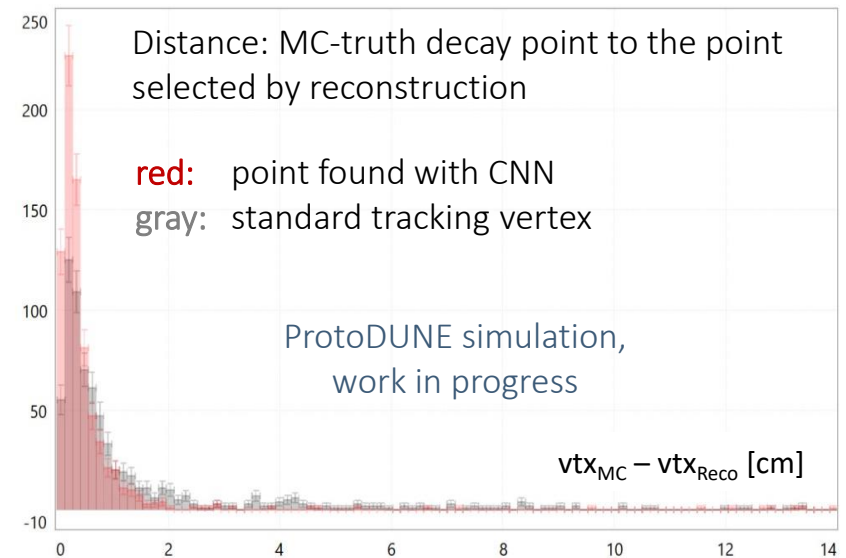
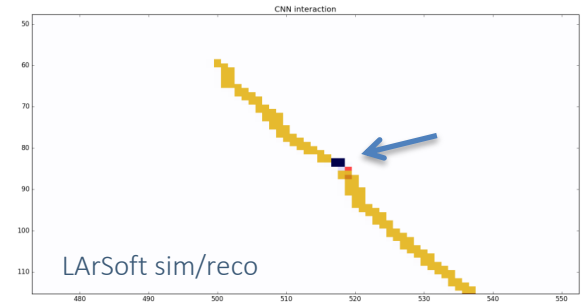
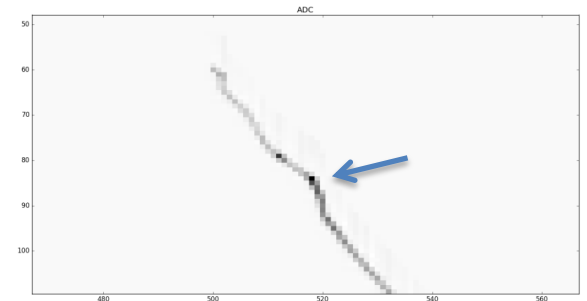
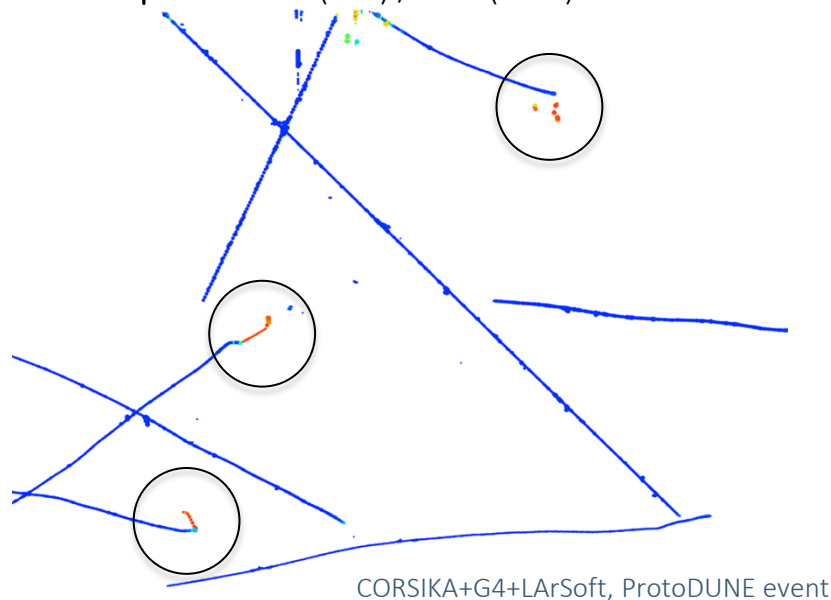
Decay point location and classification

- can deal with non-trivial topologies
- decay point location is a key for PID and calibration

Michel electron activity selection

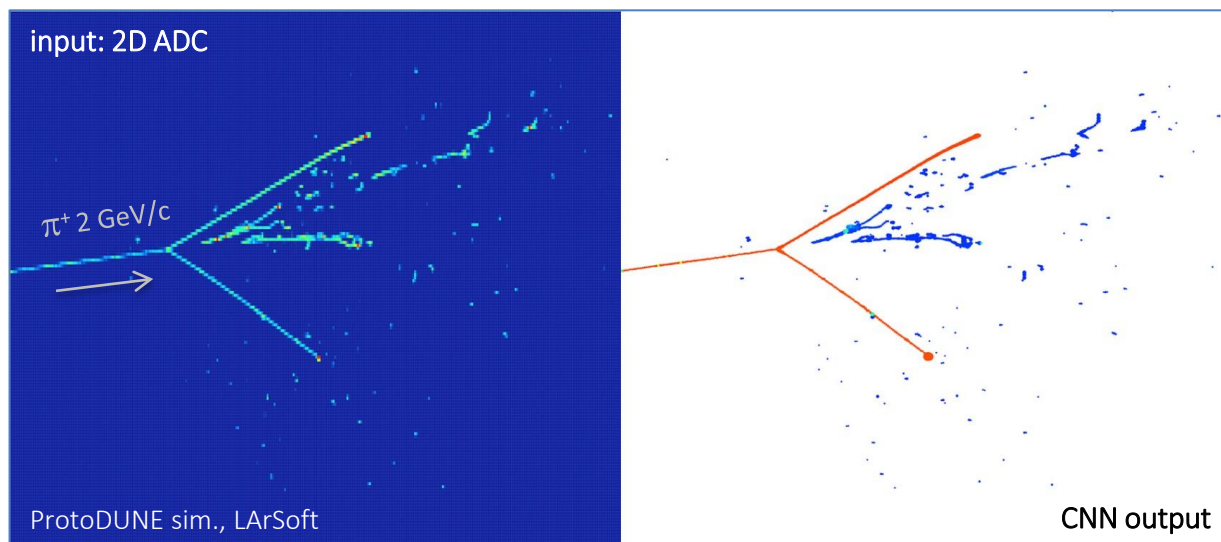
- important for detector calibration
- and for neutrino/anti-neutrino tagging

CNN output: Michel (red) / else (blue)

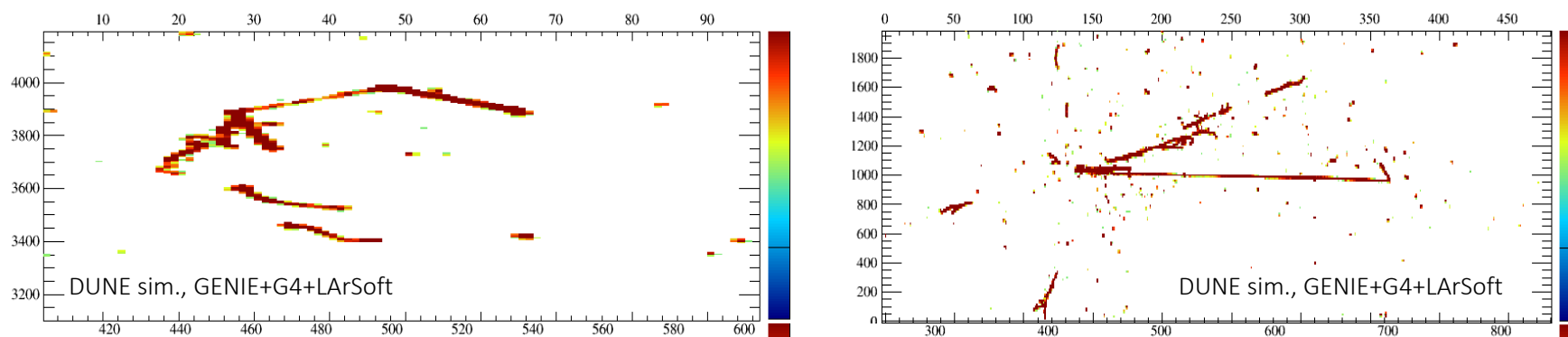


Next challenges: objects segmentation

2 photons converted here (I know this from MC), but try to collect these fragments in 2 EM cascades:



And the same problem here: collect EM cascade fragments, but also decide how many are they!



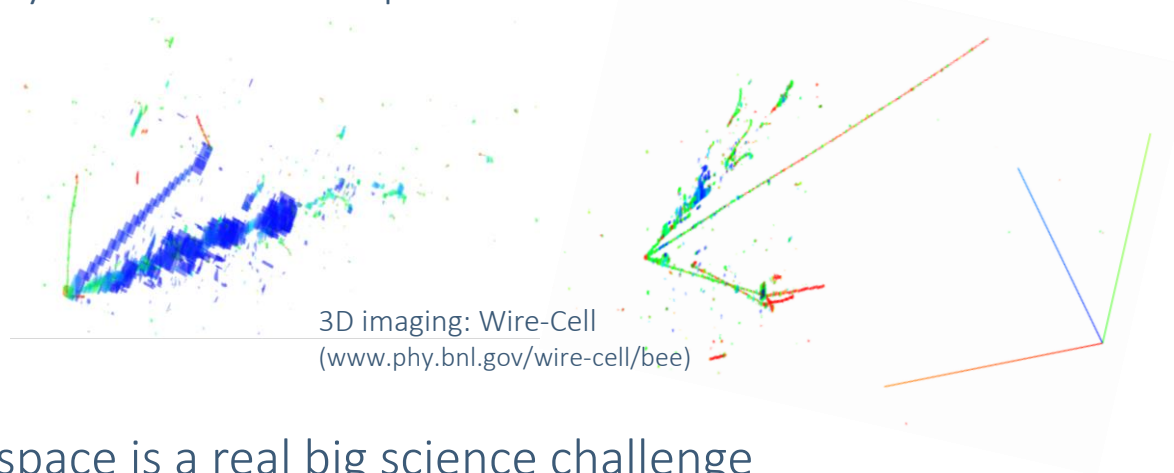
Next challenges: need to use 3D

3D pixels instead of 2D projections can solve many ambiguities

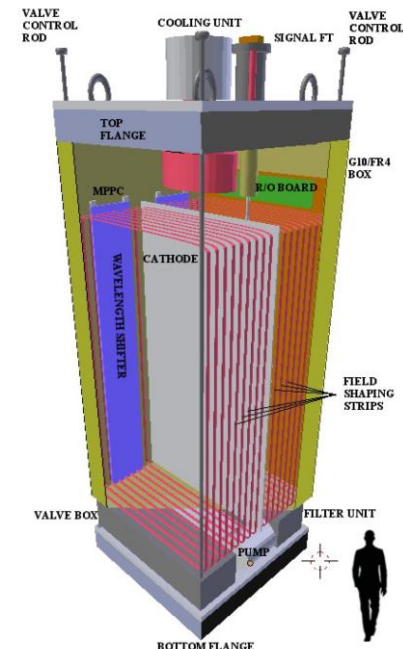
- ArgonCube prototype, 3D readout of the LArTPC volume:

Present/constructed detector readouts are however 2D...

- 3D imaging (e.g. mentioned Wire-Cell): use as a **3D re-processed raw** or as a way of association of points in raw 2D



ArgonCube module



In any case 3D space is a real big science challenge

Summary

- LArTPC are really perfectly suited for image-based ML
- LArTPC based (neutrino) experiments are many, all are trying ML
 - ~year ago ideas were there, now: first production implementations
- Still, explorations just touched the surface
 - lots to be learned on real data: robustness, systematics
 - applications now using mostly 2D-topology, but there is 3D waiting:
 - needs association of 2D features, trajectory tracking, ...
 - exploitation of full information provided *only* with 3D
 - objects segmentation, and many obvious applications are still awaiting
- LArTPC reconstruction was hard for decades, this may end

Thank you!

ML using *raw* 2D projections

Typical DUNE ν event image: 3x $\sim 2000 \times 1000$ „pixels”

- ν energy spectrum higher than in NOvA: variety of event topologies
- statistics needed for good generalization: $O(10^{6-7})$ events
- ν events simulation $O(10\text{TB})$; training data sets $O(100\text{GB})$; using GPU's $O(10\text{GB})$
 - manageable volumes, however needs care with the selection of network architecture, usually downsampling is applied in drift coordinate
 - acceptable training time $O(10\text{h})$ per model
 - inference mode not very CPU/memory demanding
- 3D readout (ArgonCube) or 3D imaging (Wire-Cell) volumes still challenging for today's CPU/GPU memory...