

Likelihood and Deep Learning Analysis of the electron neutrino event sample at Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD) of the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment

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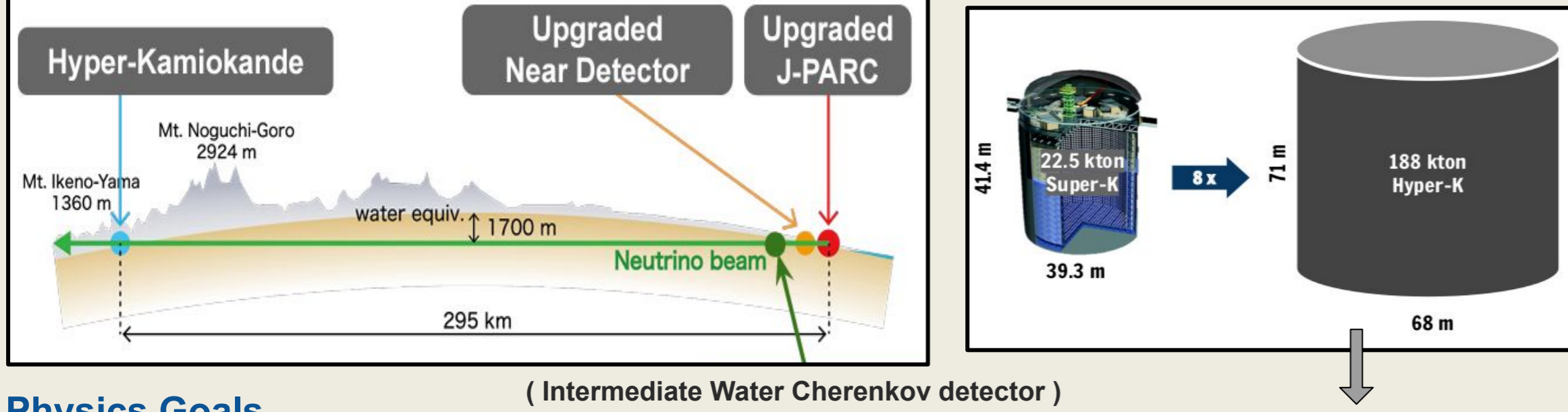
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Introduction

Hyper-Kamiokande Experiment

- Hyper-Kamiokande (HyperK/ HK) [1] is the next generation underground water Cherenkov neutrino experiment, a successor of Super-Kamiokande (SK).
- Far detector -8x SK Fiducial Volume → Higher statistics (20x times the rate of T2K) → Upgrade of neutrino beam (750 kW → 1300 kW).



Physics Goals –

- Measuring matter asymmetry in the universe through measuring CP violation (CPV) in the neutrino sector —

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$$

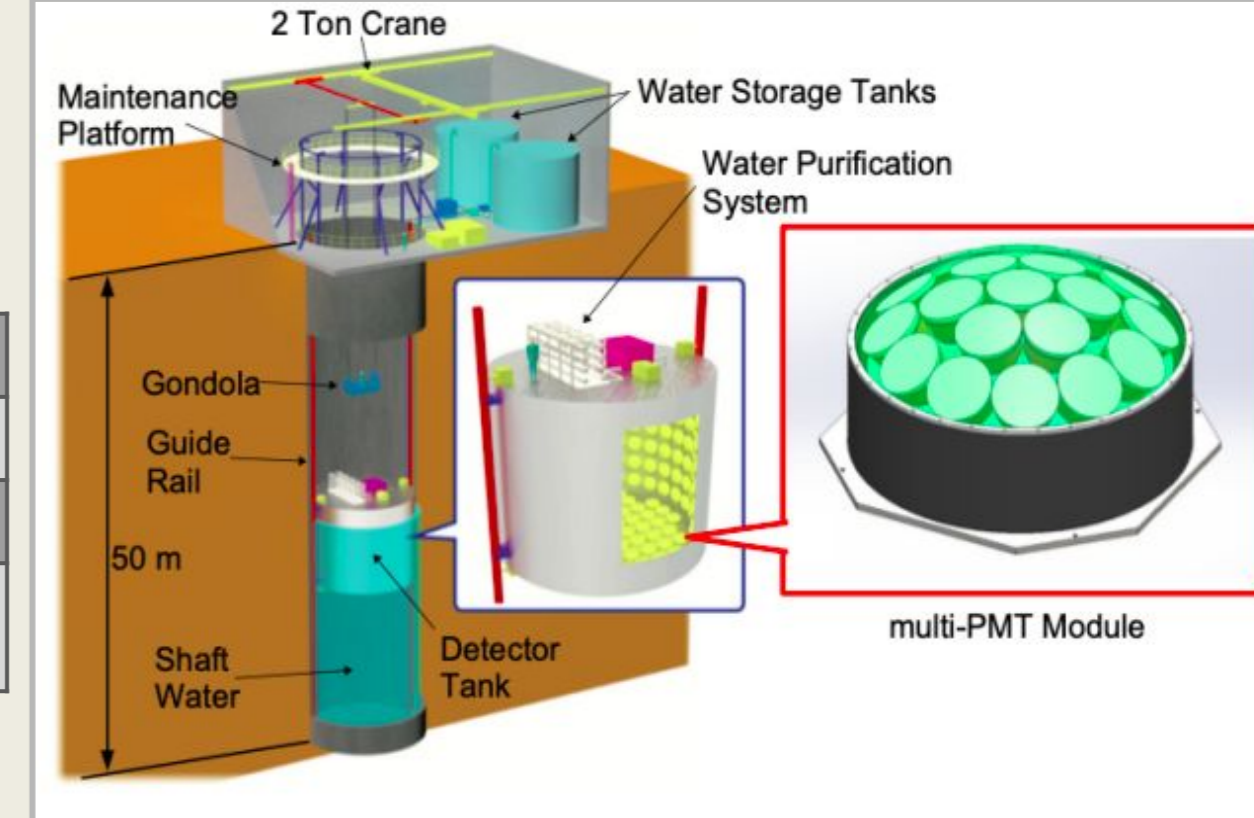
- Study neutrino oscillation - through observing accelerator, atmospheric, solar, supernova and astrophysical neutrinos, nucleon decay searches.



Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector

- An intermediate detector, located ~ 750 m from source.
- Measures of flux and cross-section of mostly un-oscillated beam.
- 600 ton water Cherenkov detector (WCD), moves vertically in ~50 m tall pit.
- Spans range of angles (1°- 4°)^[1] off-axis from ν beam for different ν energy spectra.
- High-resolution multi-PMT photon detectors (~ 500 multi-PMT modules (mPMTs), an array of 19 smaller 8 cm diameter PMTs).

IWCD Detector Geometry	
Inner Detector (ID)	Current geometry
ID Radius	400 cm
ID HalfLength	300 cm
Baseline	~750 m from source



Approved Hyper-K project includes IWCD

Goals –

- Study neutrino interaction rate peaked at different energies, higher precision.
- To determine ~ 1% of anti(neutrino) ν_e components in the beam, to have improved event selection.

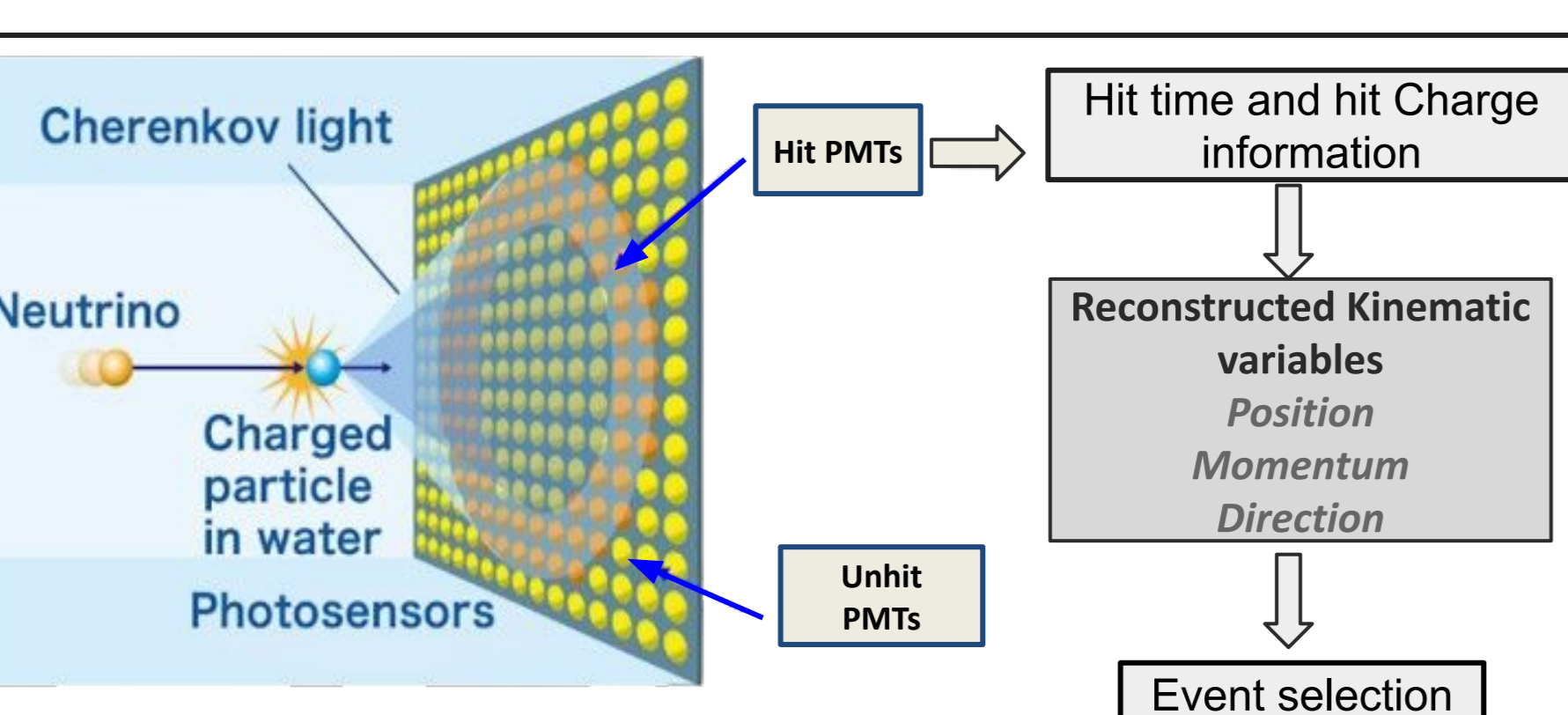
Aim of this work –

- Analysing Particle Identification (PID) performance for IWCD current geometry to study ν_e event samples using fitQun → Improving sensitivity and precision of ν_e cross-section measurements.
- Building up a new Machine Learning (ML) analysis framework for IWCD event selection improving both purity and efficiency of the signal over fitQun.

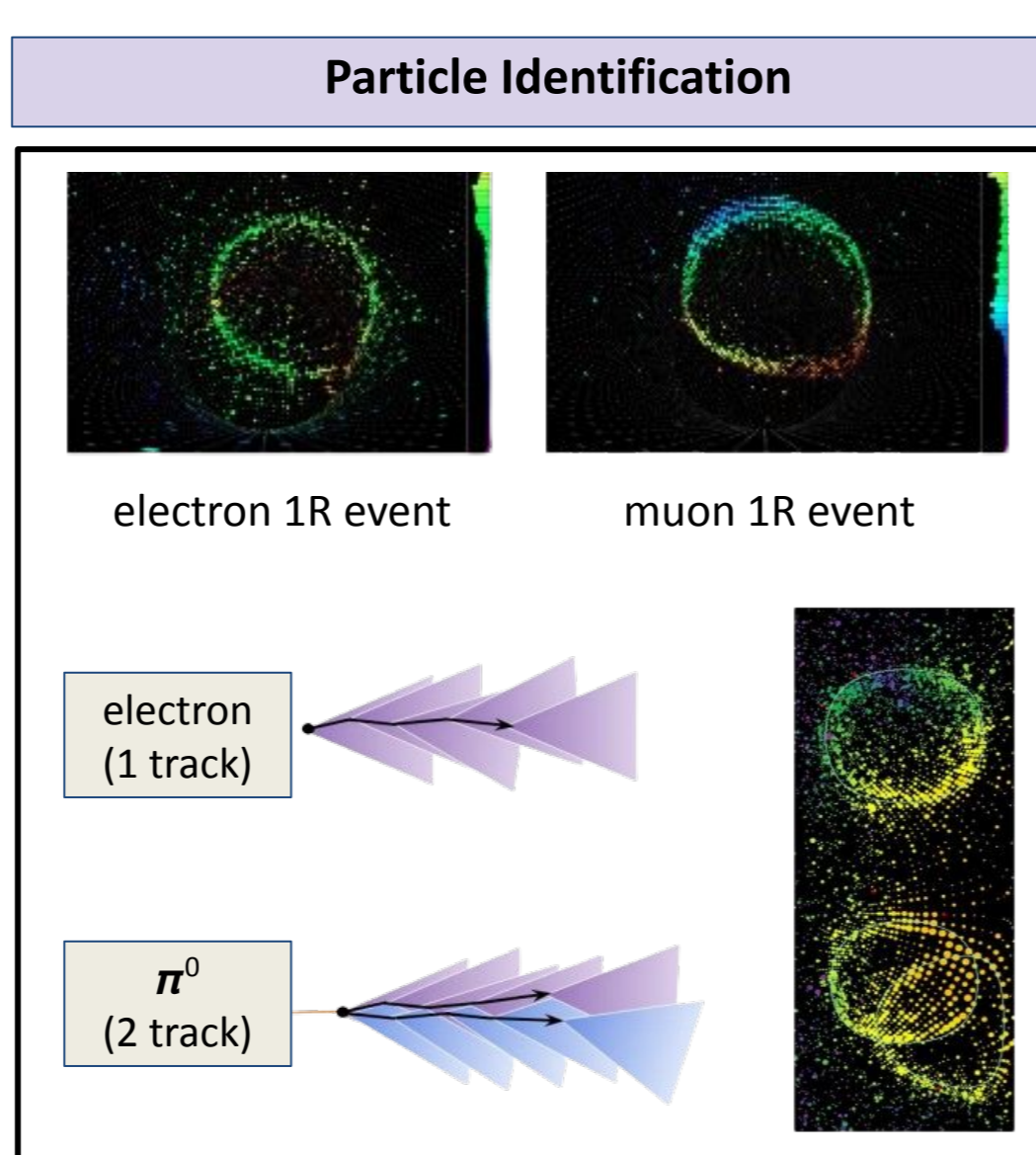
Constraints –

- Conventional neutrino beam contains only 1.5% of ν_e , challenging to measure its cross-section.
- Intrinsic flux of $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$ produce single electron sample, use to constrain $\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\bar{\nu}_e}$, $\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$ → CP violation search

Water Cherenkov Detector and Particle Identification



- Inside WCD, ν 's are detected either through CC or NC interaction.
 - Hyper K far detector aiming to measure ν_μ to ν_e (anti-neutrino).
- Main Signal — ν_e CC 0π ; Backgrounds — NC π^0 , ν_μ CC events, entering γ



IWCD Event Reconstruction with fitQun

fitQun for event reconstruction

- fitQun → Likelihood-based reconstruction software for WCD.
- Above a particular Cherenkov Threshold, a particle can be identified as electron, muon.
- For a given event hypothesis Γ (e^- , μ^- , π^0), Likelihood function L can be maximized varying its kinematic parameter θ —

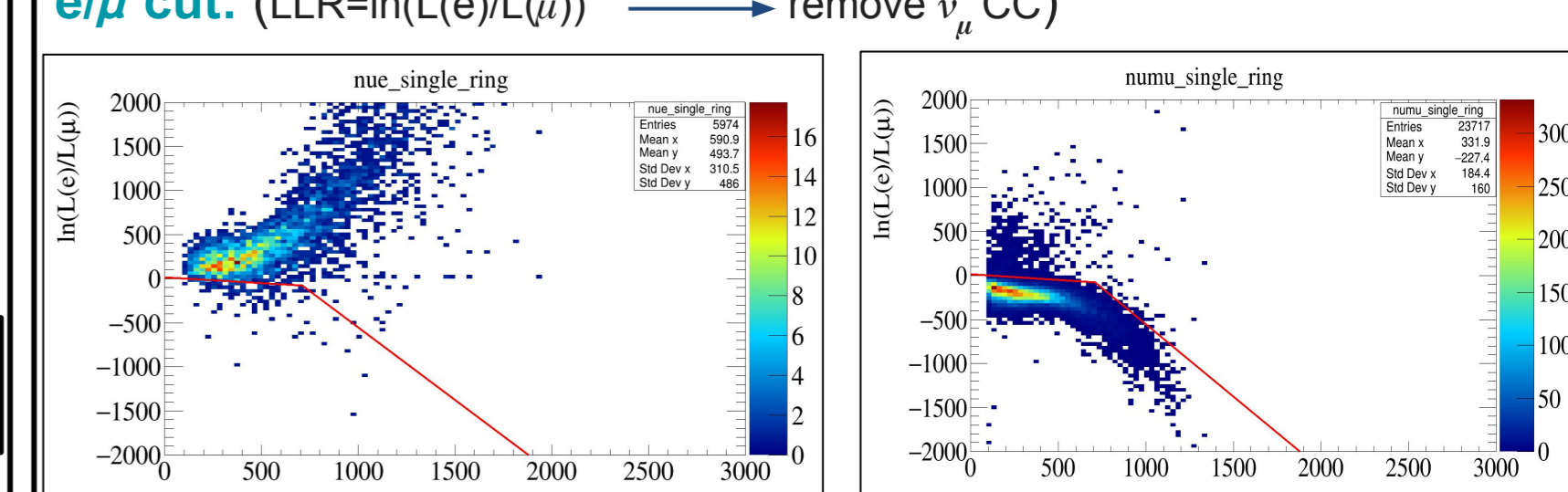
$$L(\Gamma, \theta) = \prod_j P_j(\text{unhit}(\Gamma, \theta)) \prod_i \{1 - P_i(\text{unhit}(\Gamma, \theta))\} \times f_e(q_i|\Gamma, \theta) f_i(t_i|\Gamma, \theta)$$

Event Selection –

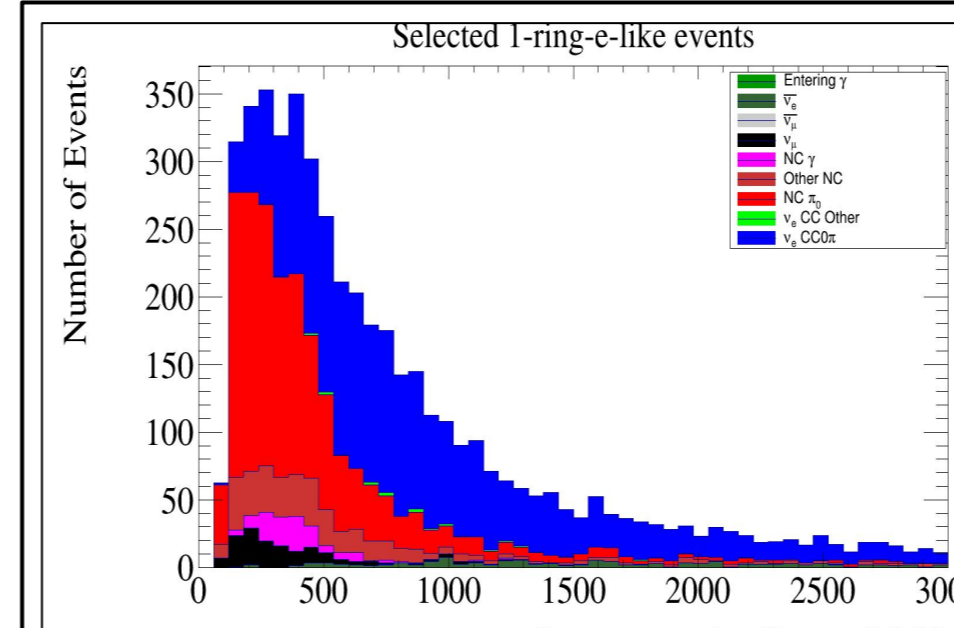
- Samples enriched with ν_e interactions, mostly contained within detector's fiducial volume.
- Detector covers off-axis angle of 2.39°, with exposure of 10¹⁷ Proton on Target (POT) in Forward Horn Current (FHC) mode.

IWCD Cut selection –

Relative Likelihood-Method → To discriminate background muon and pions, and to achieve pure ν_e candidates.



Purity, efficiency of signal & event rates after cut selection



Type of events	fitQun cuts
ν_e CC 0π	2535
ν_e CC other	24
$\bar{\nu}_e$	157
ν_μ CC	144
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	1
Total NC	2100
NC π^0	1544
NC γ	121
Purity	51.09%
Efficiency	69.47%

Limitations of fitQun and importance of Machine Learning in event selection

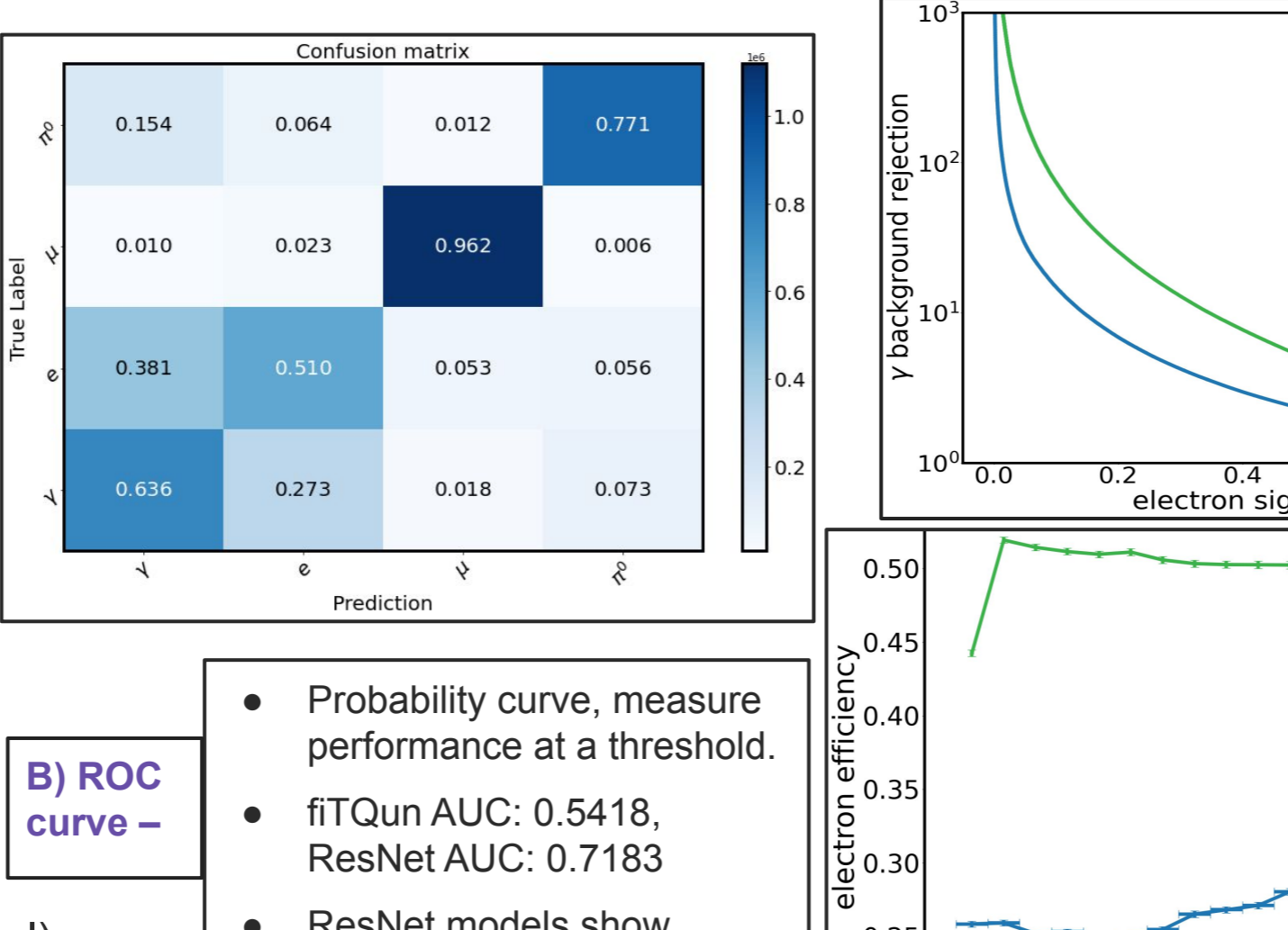
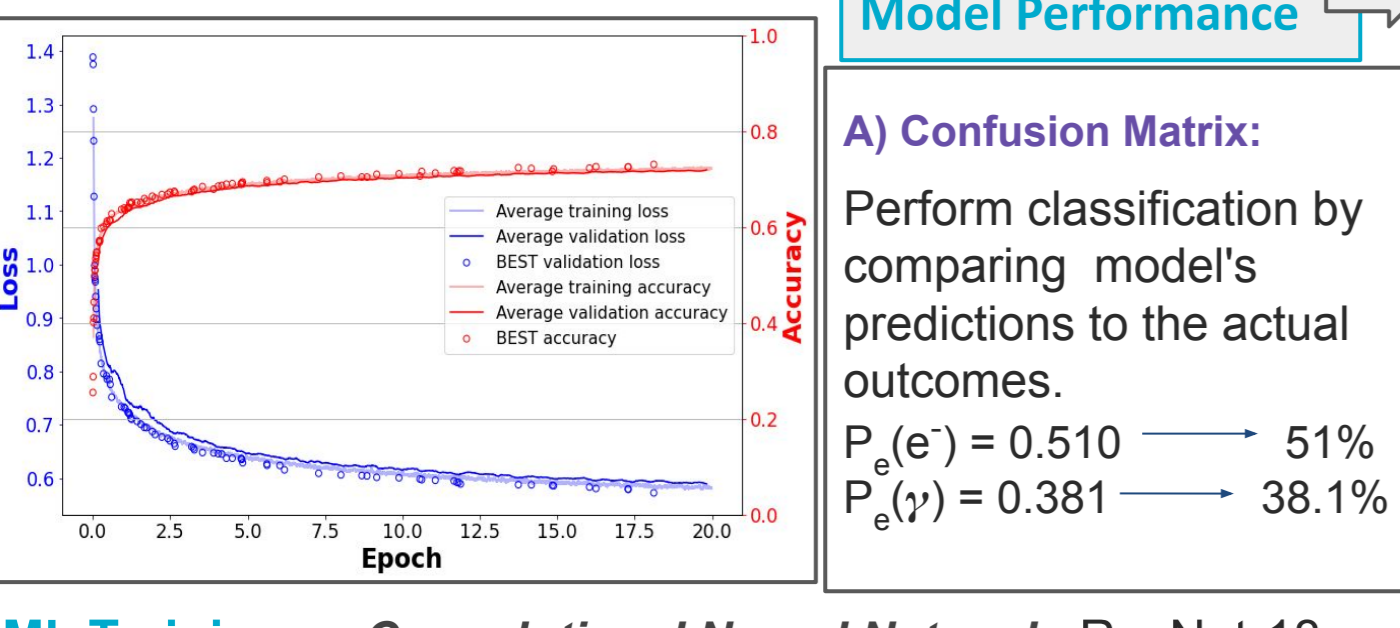
Limitations in discriminative power of likelihood method: γ rays from π^0 can be misidentified as a single e-like ring. ($\gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$) Can not identify any double ring events. More computational time → fitQun (CPU): ~ 1 event per minute.

- ML contribution in reconstruction
- Identification of particle types, and reconstruction of kinematic variables.
- Separating and reconstructing single and multi-ring events, Efficient computational time.

Machine Learning (ML) for Electron Neutrino Event Selection

ML training and application to classify IWCD particle-gun events

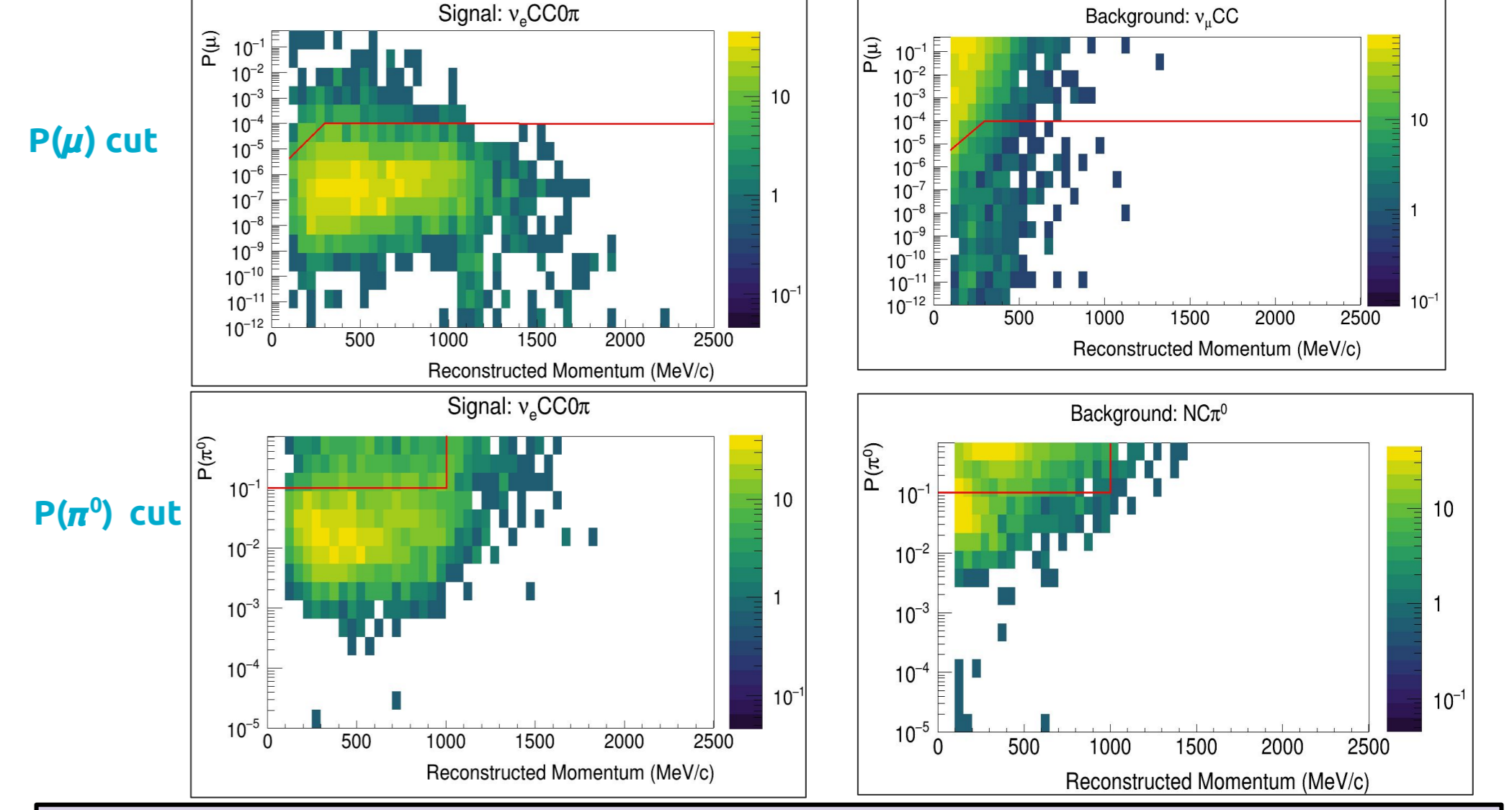
- ML Simulation Dataset —
- 4 classes of particles (e^- , μ^- , γ , π^0), 3 million of each events are generated.
- The kinetic energy is uniformly distributed upto 1 GeV above Cherenkov Threshold.
- Individual event data represents charge and time registered by PMTs in the IWCD detector.



Application of new ML Methodology to select electron neutrino events

Methodology –

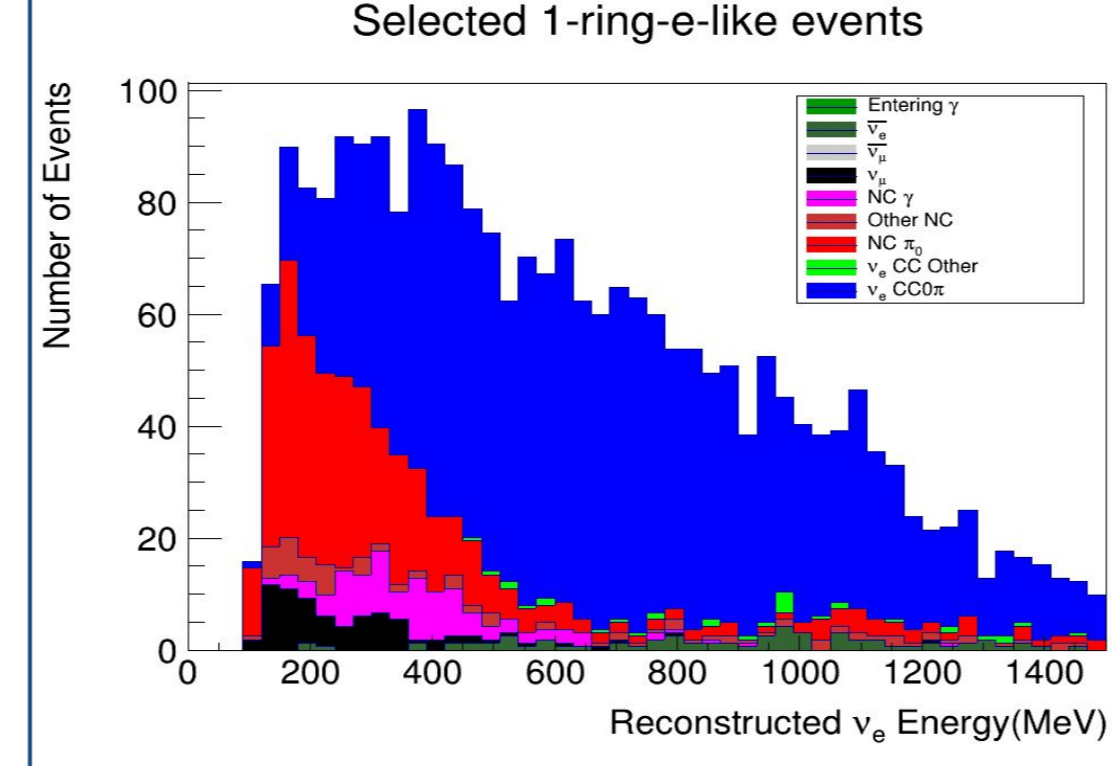
- Perform Model evaluation
- 4 softmax variables as an output — $P(e^-)$, $P(\mu^-)$, $P(\gamma)$, $P(\pi^0)$.
- Determined three suitable discriminator across $P(\mu^-)$, $P(\pi^0)$ and $P(e^-)$ softmax values.
- Compare fitQun with ML.



Event rates before and after ML cuts

Cuts Applied	ν_e CC	ν_μ CC	NC	NC π^0	NC γ	ν_e CC other	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	Purity	Efficiency
Before ML cut	3653	14468	20650	16473	3534	137	345	40	0.09%	—
$P(\mu^-)$ cut	3559	368	19515	16336	133	120	345	3	9.66%	97.42%
$P(\pi^0)$ cut	3222	81	1899	916	95	103	330	3	57.15%	90.56%
$P(e^-)$ cut	2856	77	1342	627	93	79	288	0	61.53%	78.18%

Breakdown of events after ML cuts



Comparison - ML/fitQun –

Ratio	ν_e CC	ν_μ CC	NC	NC π^0	NC γ	ν_e CC other	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$
ML/fitQun	1.13	0.54	0.64	0.41	0.77	3.29	1.83	0

- Purity percentage improved by ~ 20.43% with ML over fitQun.
- Efficiency also improved ~ 12.53% with ML over fitQun.

Conclusions

- fitQun cut variables reduces the background events significantly.
- However, newly developed analysis framework with ML techniques, which improved purity and signal efficiency over fitQun event selection algorithm.
- ML softmax cuts significantly improved signal efficiency and purity over fitQun.

Future Perspectives –

- Apply more complex and automated cuts with ML into our analysis to further improve the purity and signal efficiency.

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