

# The Convolutional Visual Network for Identification of NOvA Events.

*An implementation of Convolutional Neural networks and its applications on neutrino interaction events.*

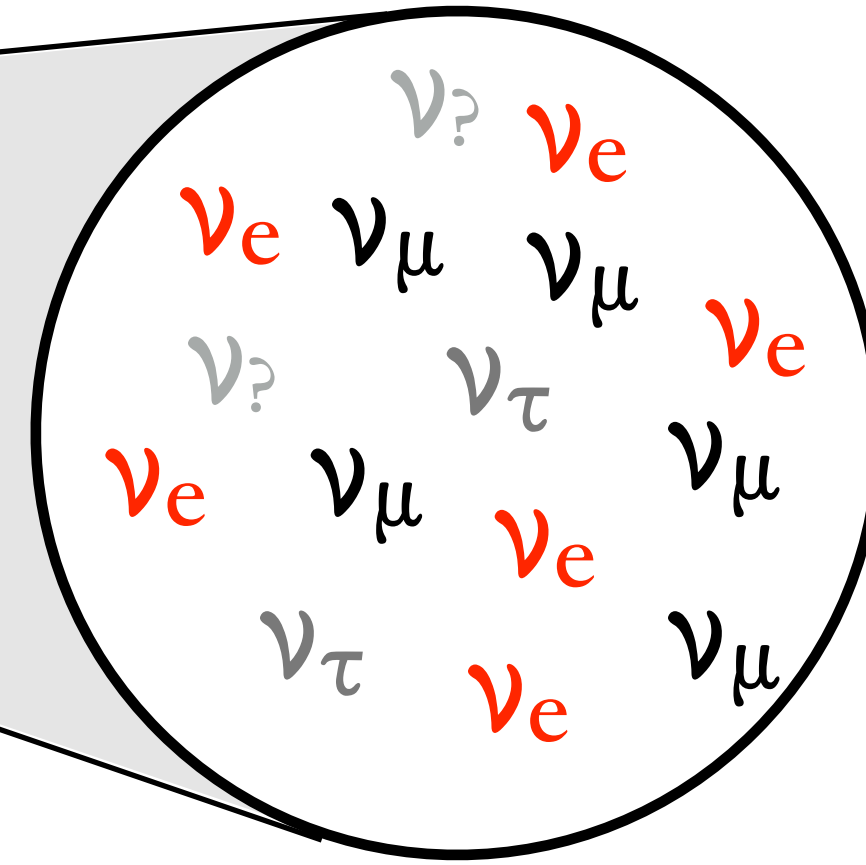
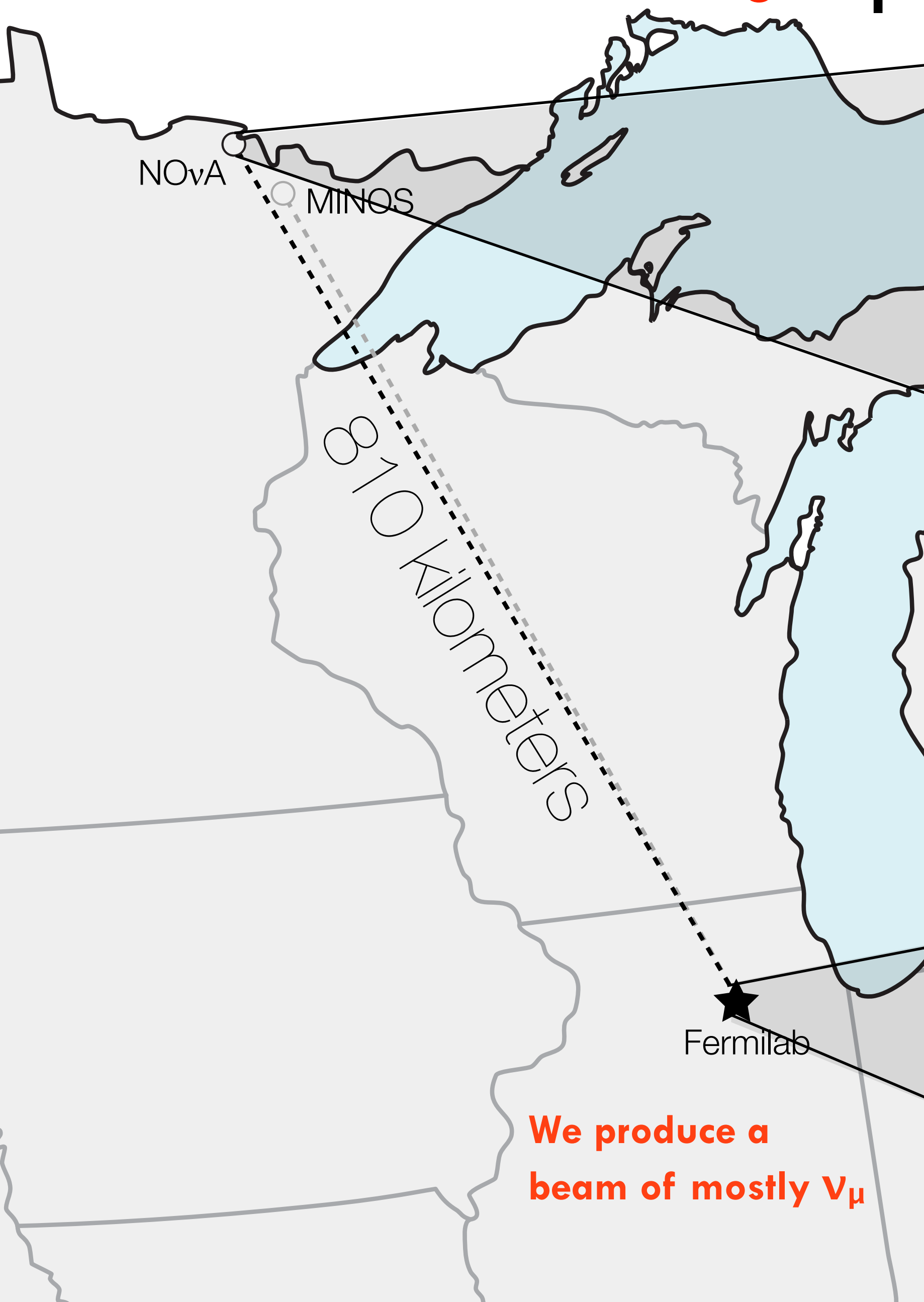
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# NuMI Off-axis $\nu_e$ Appearance Experiment

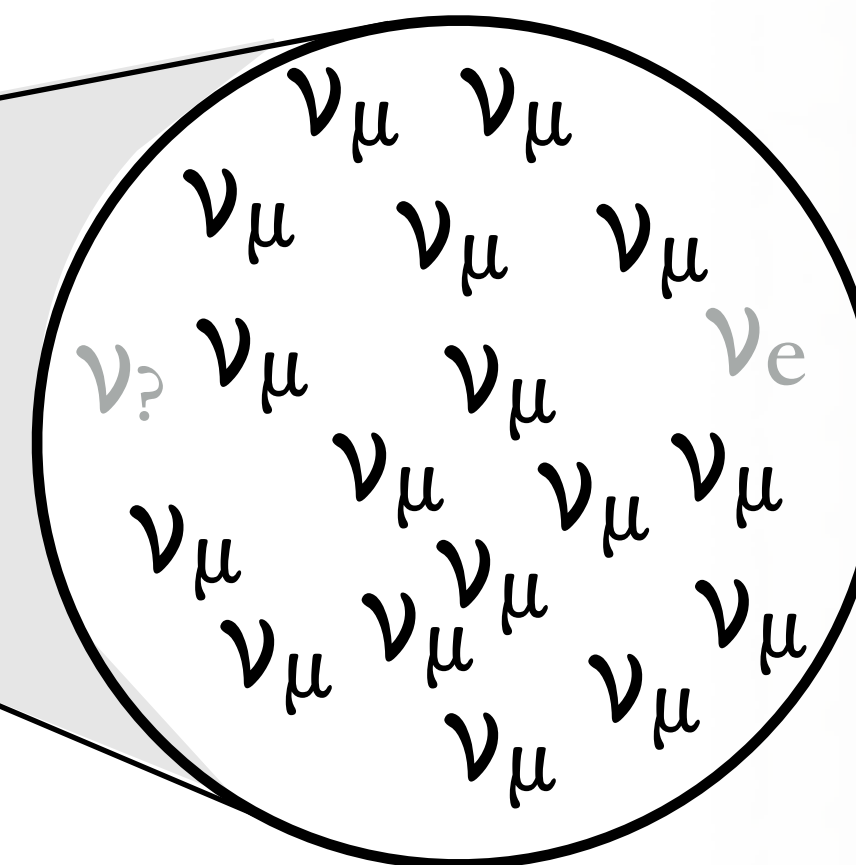
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The neutrino flavor eigenstates undergo oscillations as they propagate.

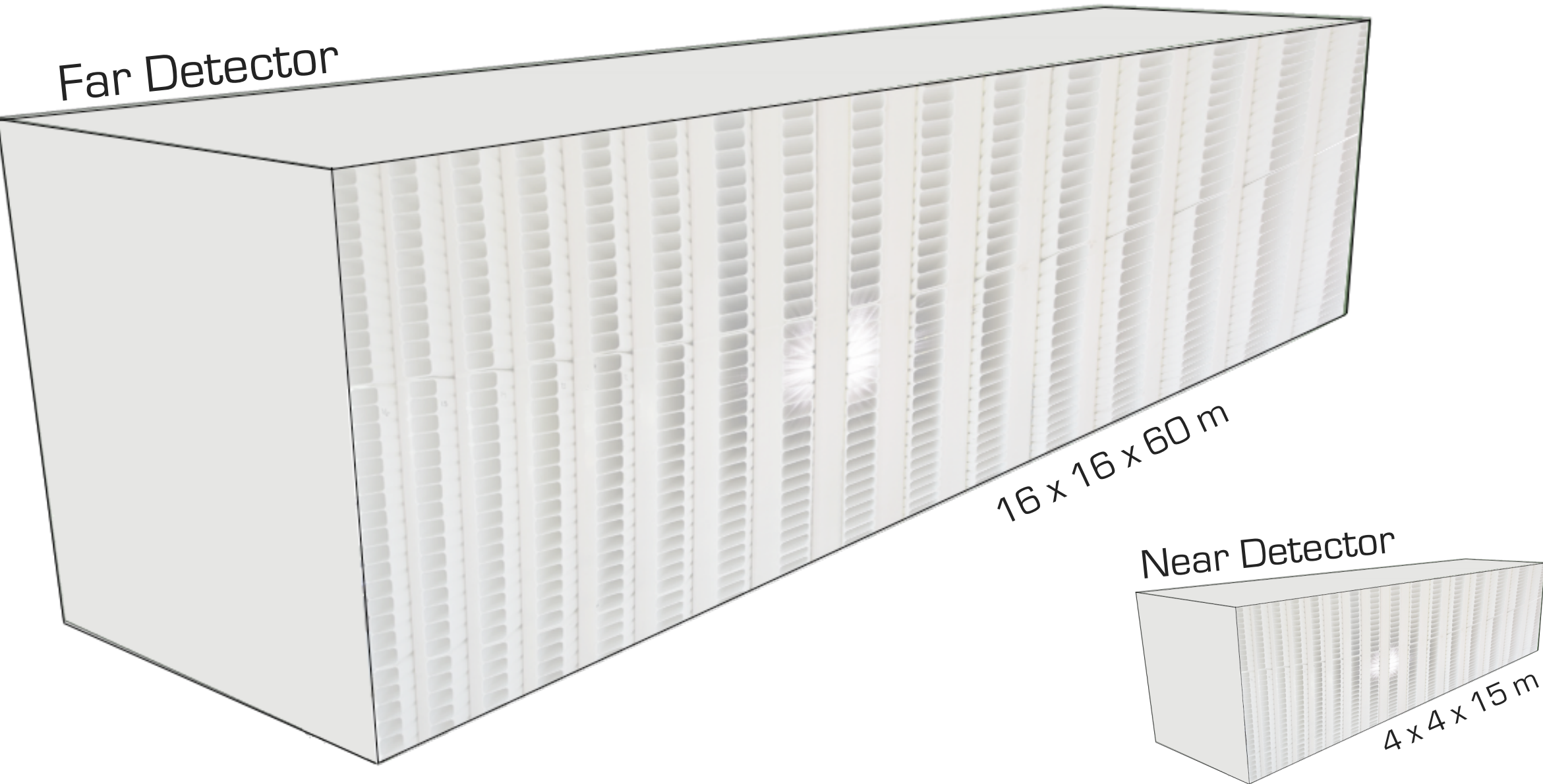
**Oscillations measurements rely on flavor identification.**

Given the small cross sections of neutrinos, they are statistics limited by nature i.e. 33 signal events in two years of data.

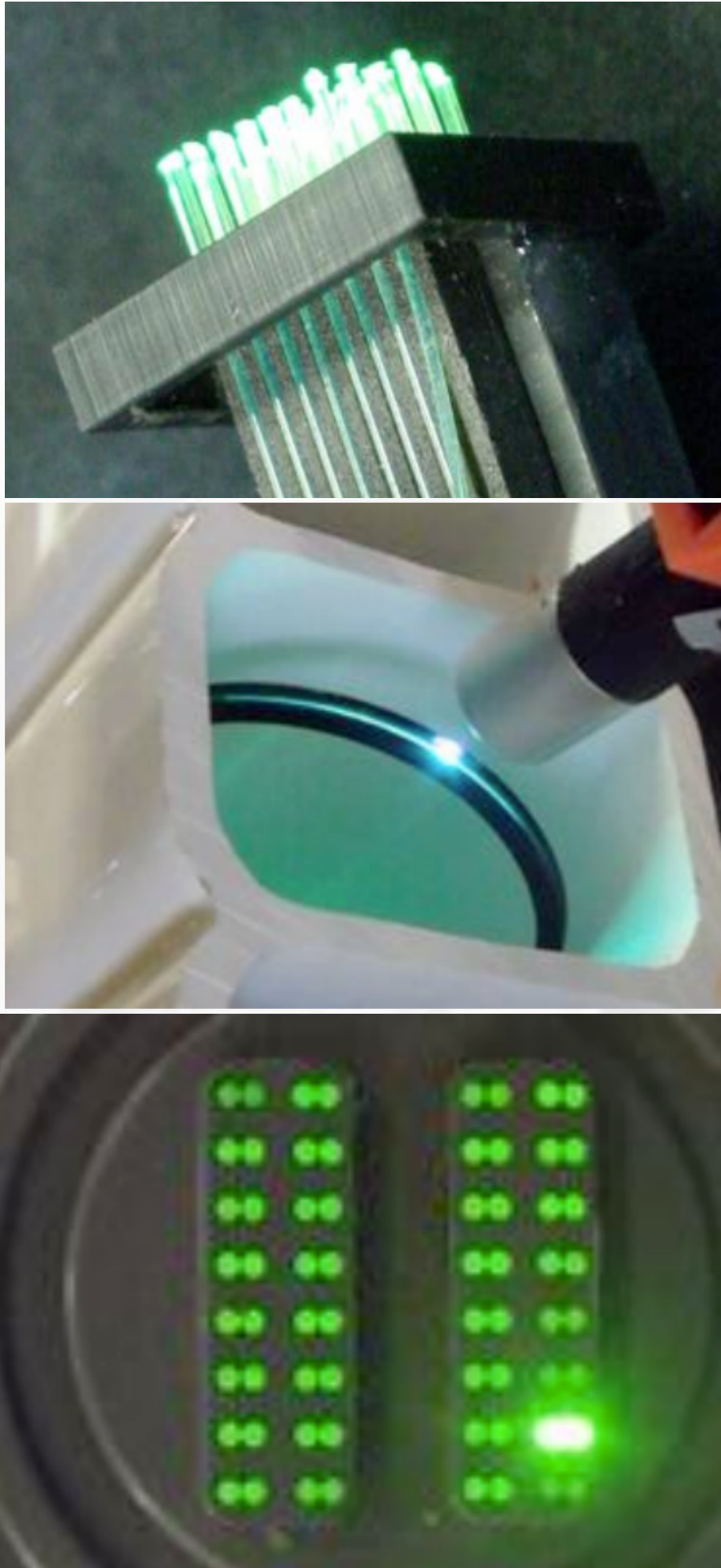
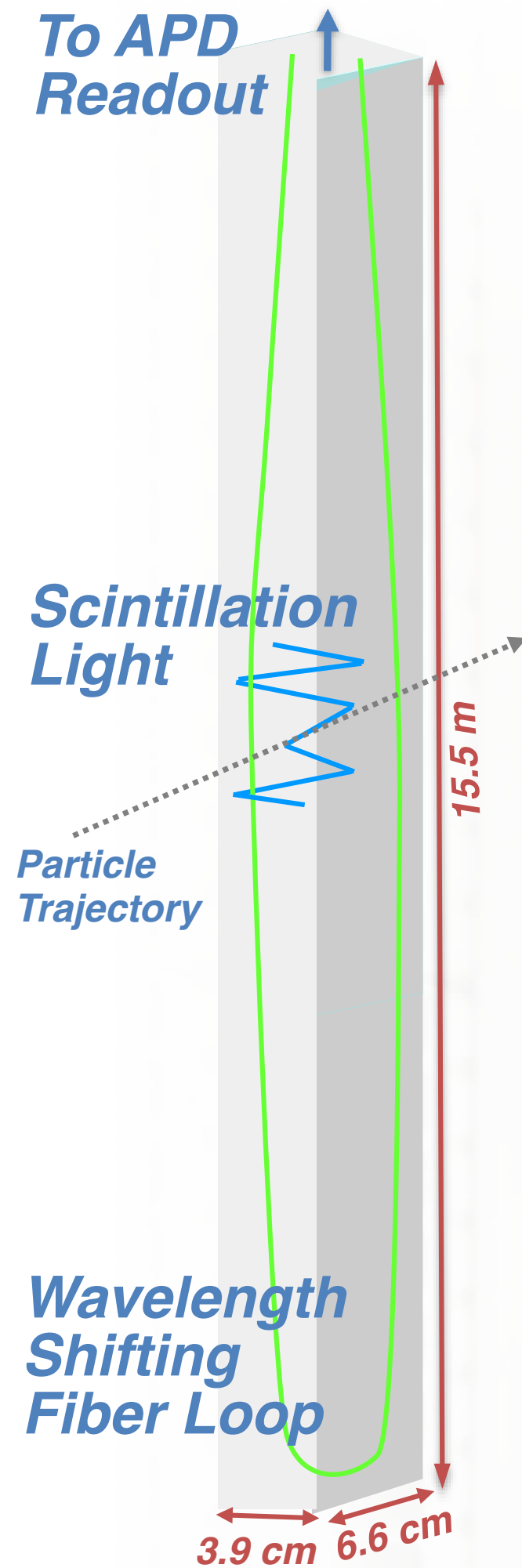
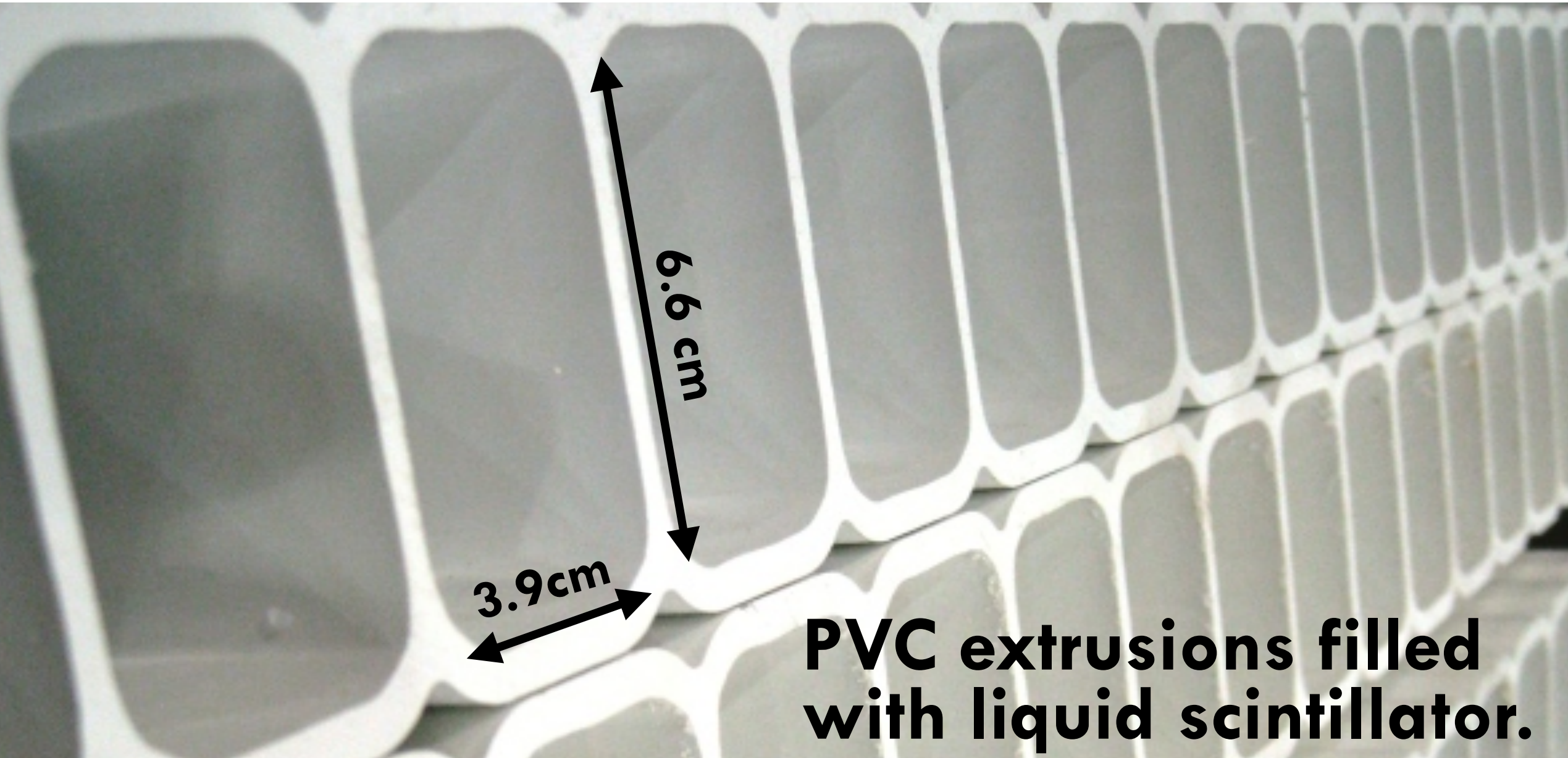




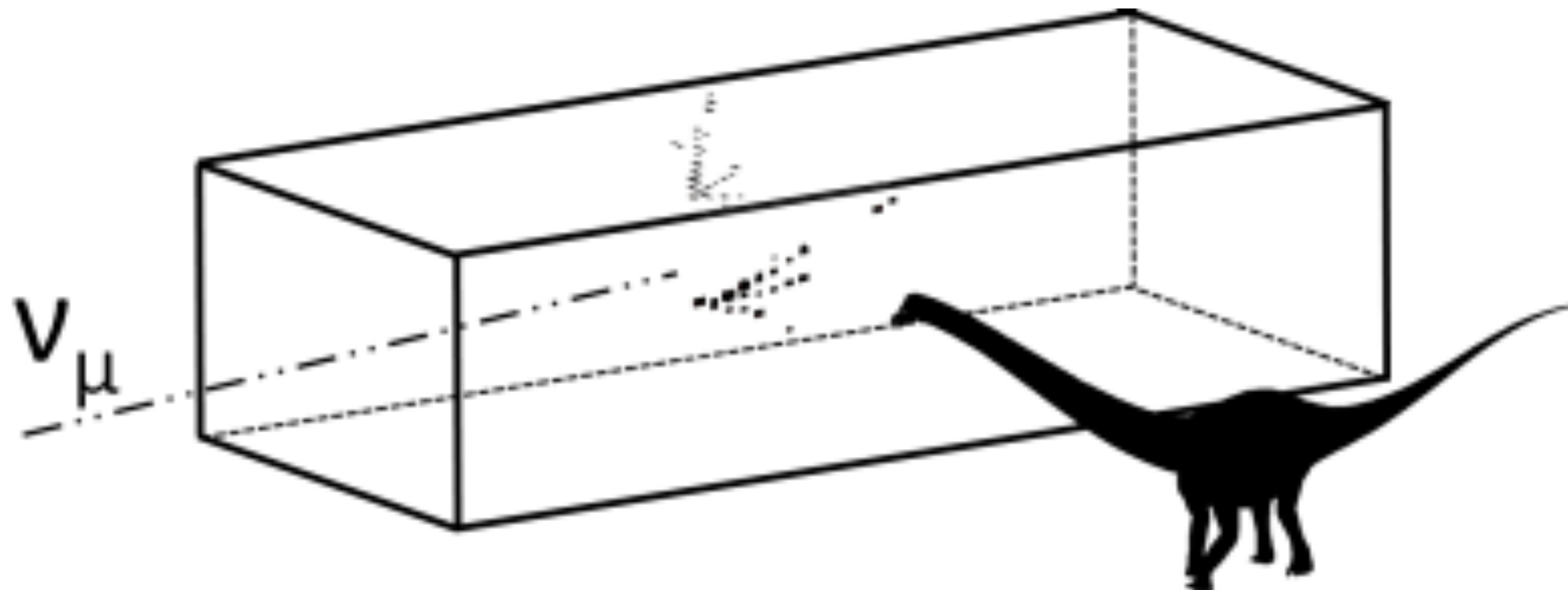
# The NOVA Detectors



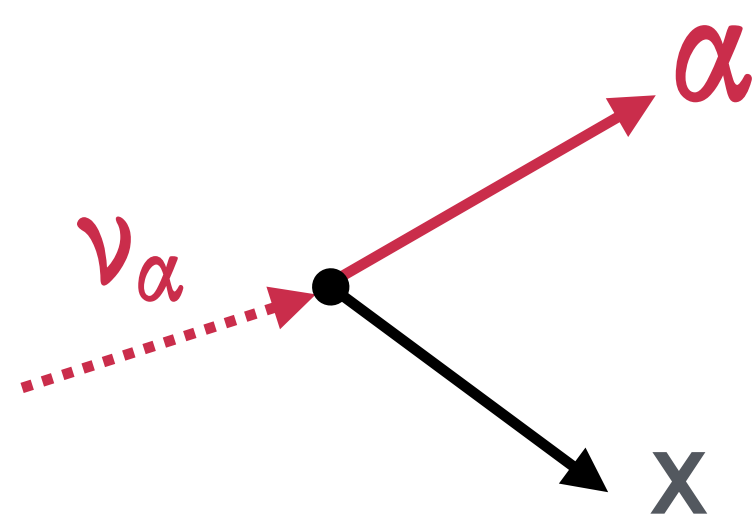
Charged particles are detected though the scintillation light produced in each cell.



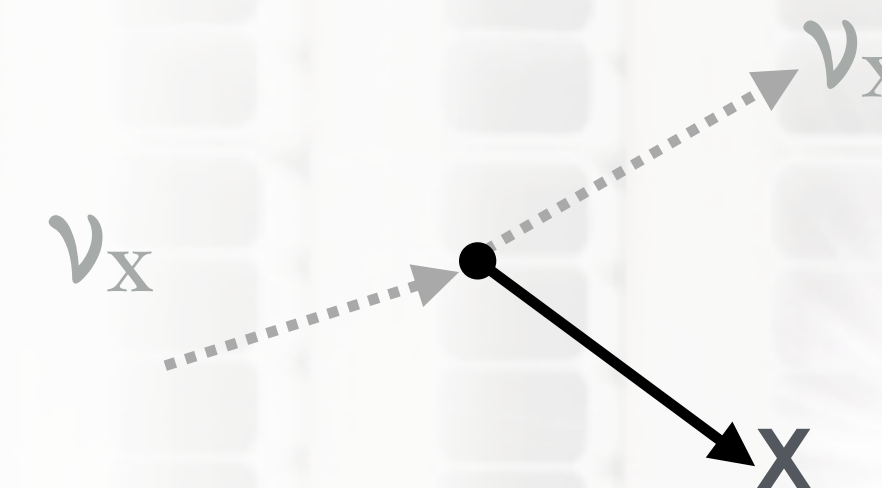
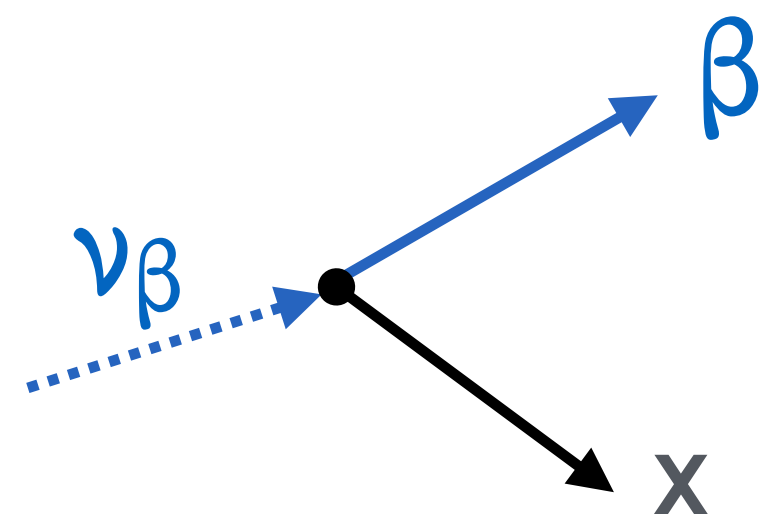




Neutrino interactions are **flavor conserving**, thus, they can be identified from the outgoing particles.

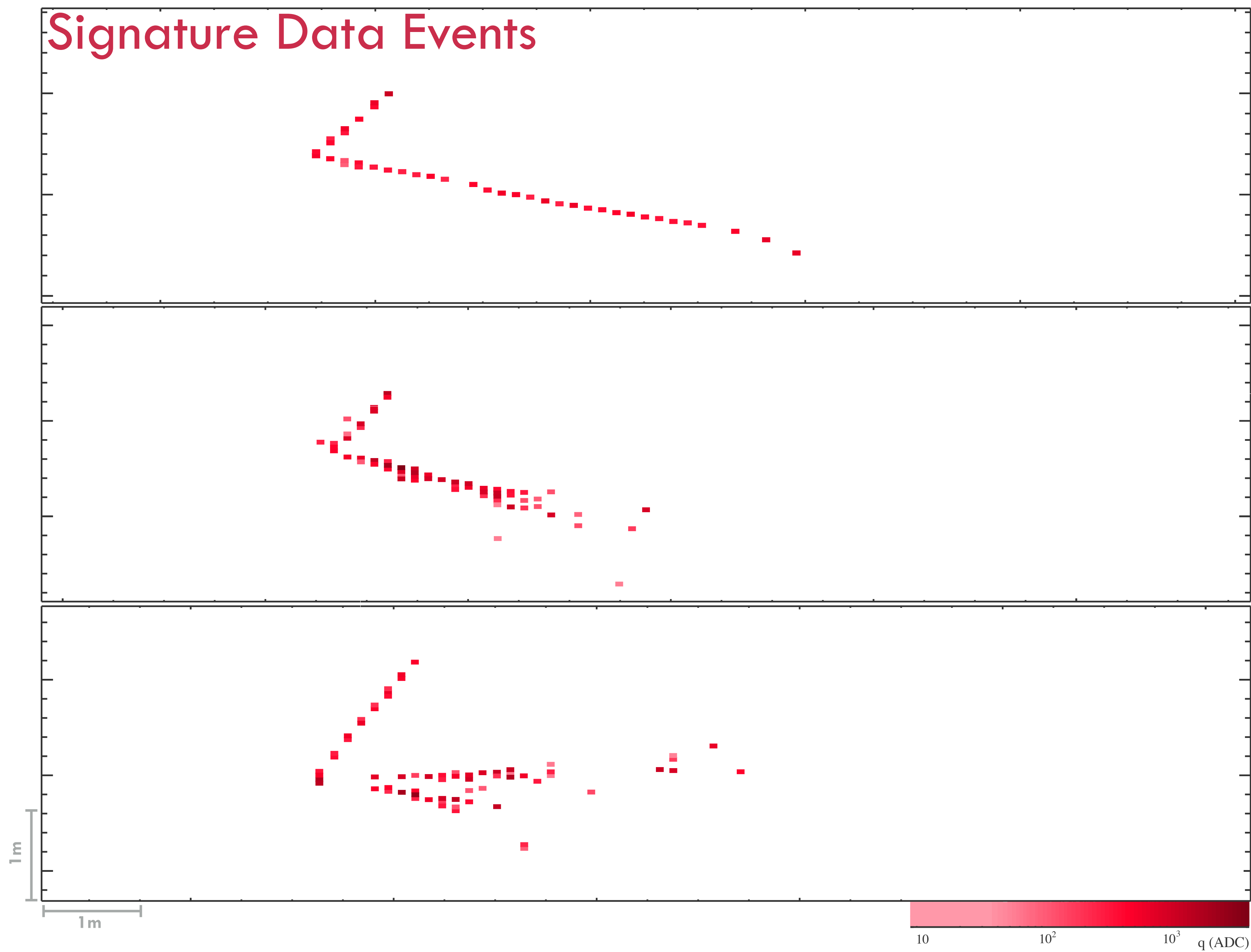


**Charged Current** Interactions



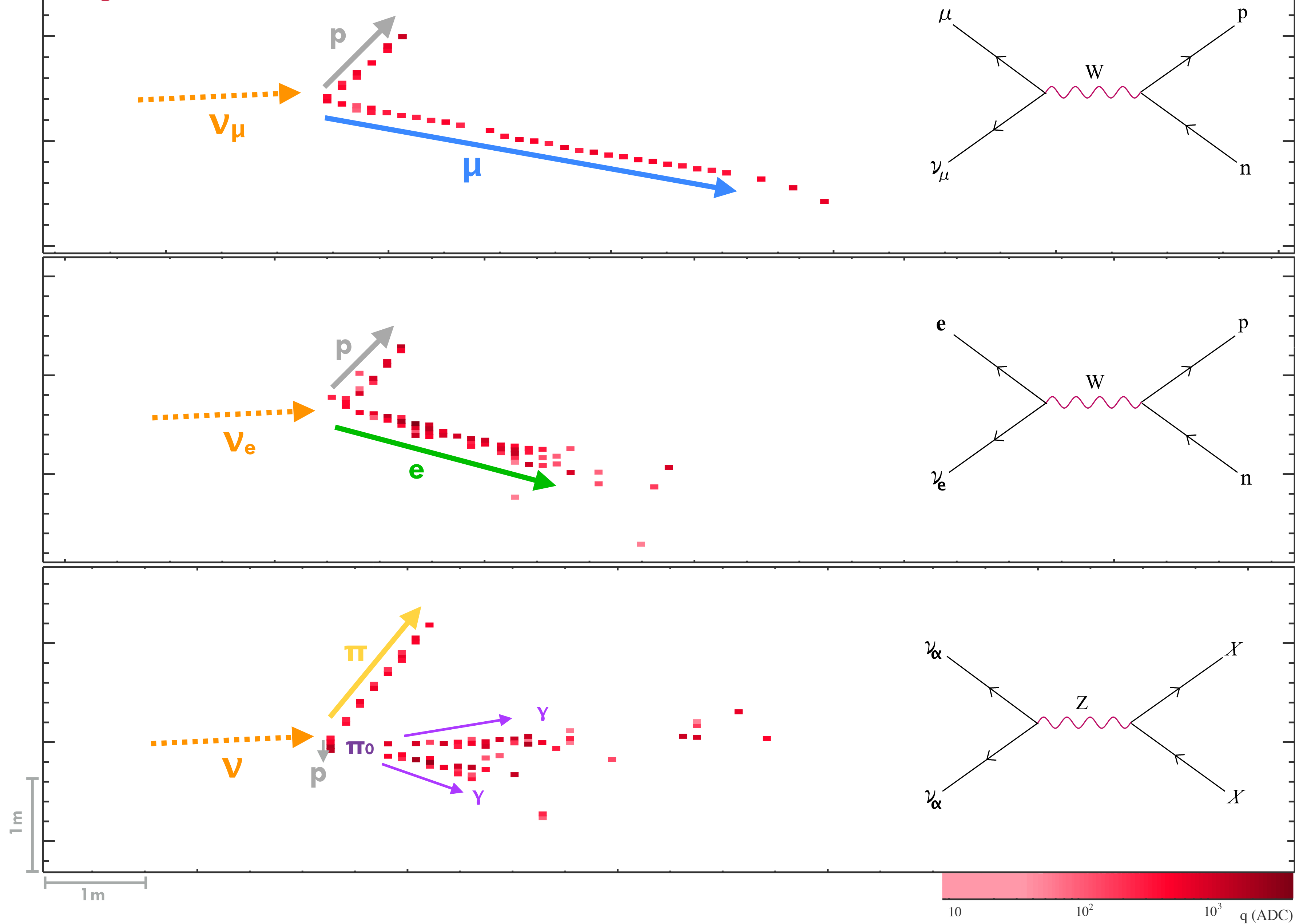
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# Signature Data Events



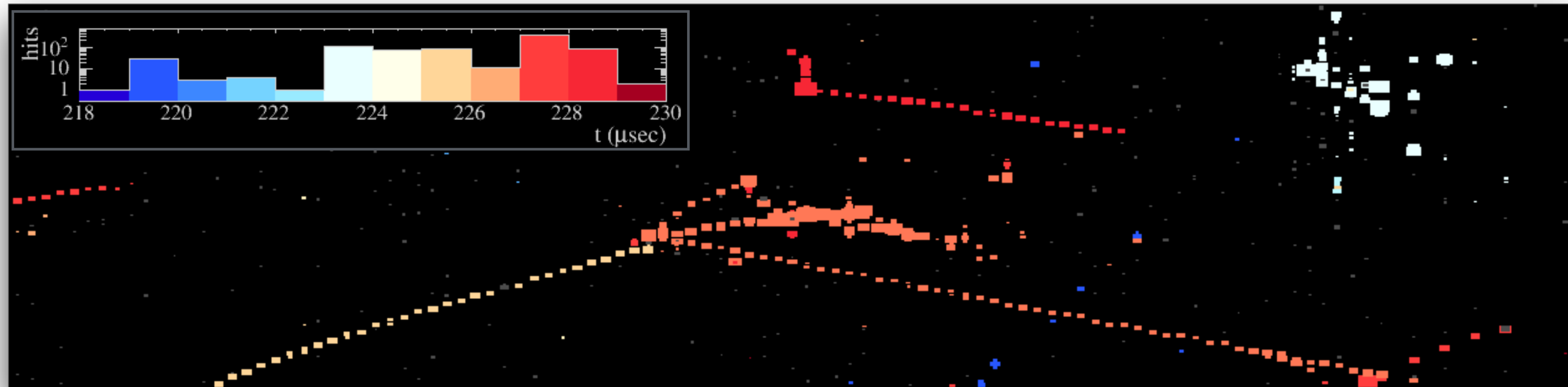


# Traditional Reconstruction

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Use the topology and magnitude of the energy depositions.

Takes advantage of the granularity and time resolution of our detectors.

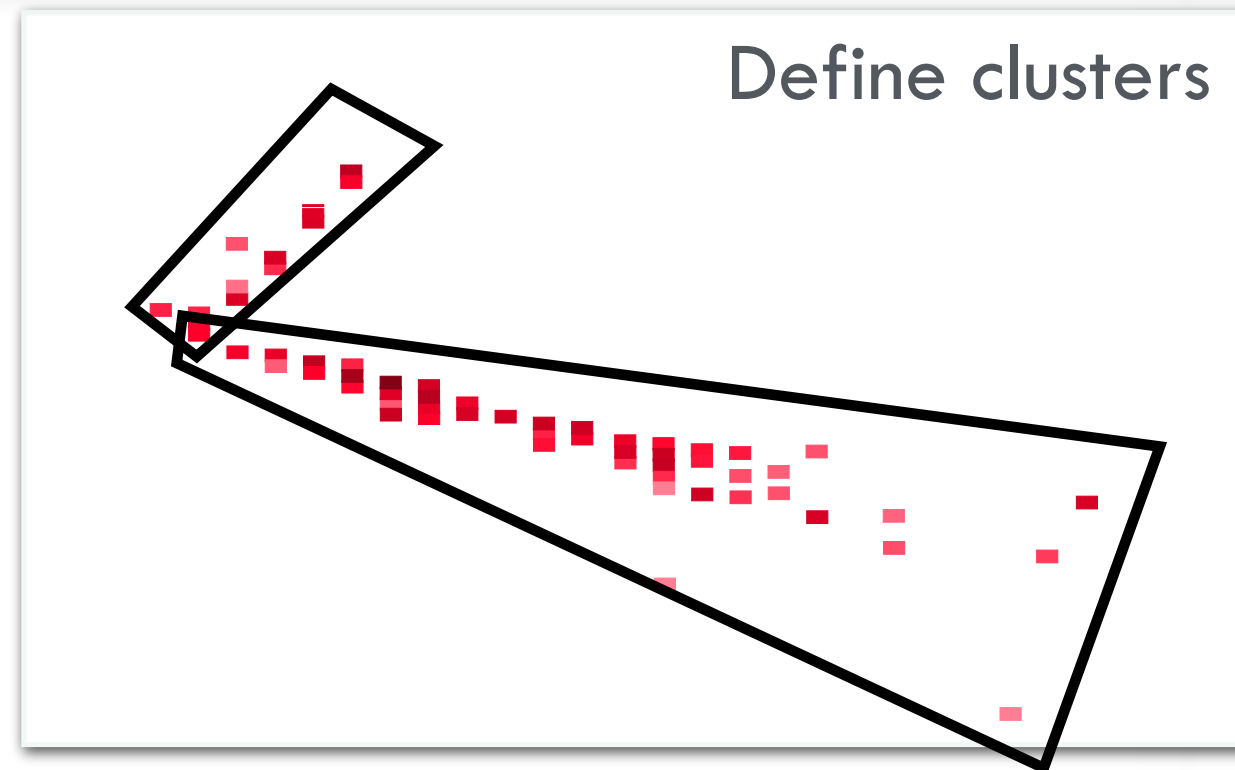


Isolate the event



We isolate individual interactions using time and space correlation of the hits.

Define clusters



Groups of hits can be clustered as following the path of same particle starting at the interaction point.

Fit trajectory



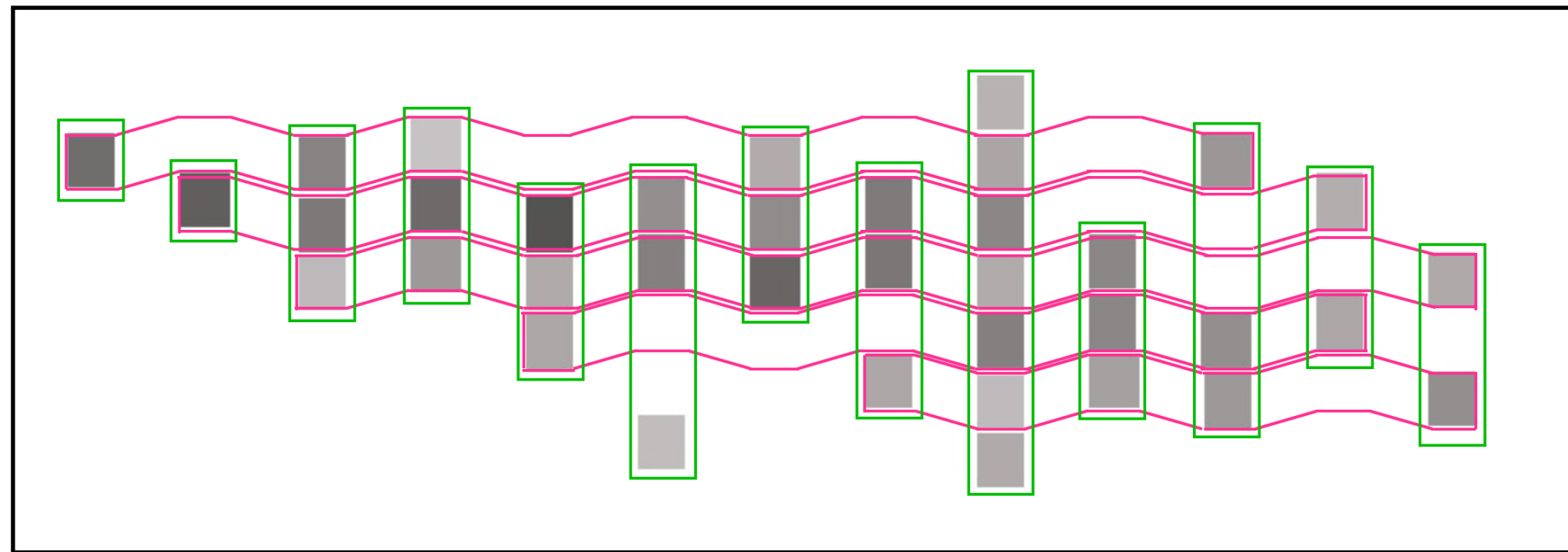
When necessary we can fit an assumed trajectory for each cluster of hits.



# Traditional ID Methods

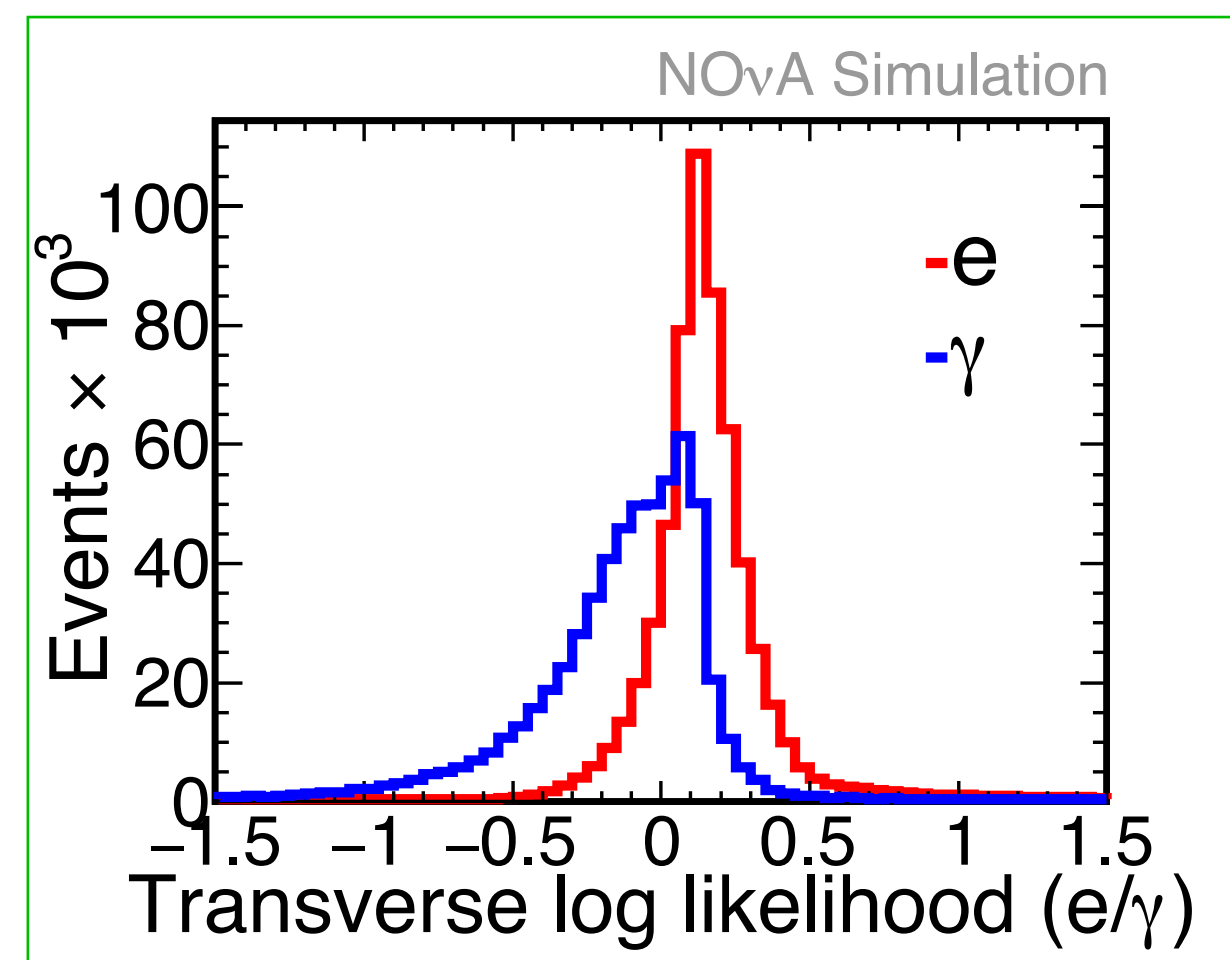
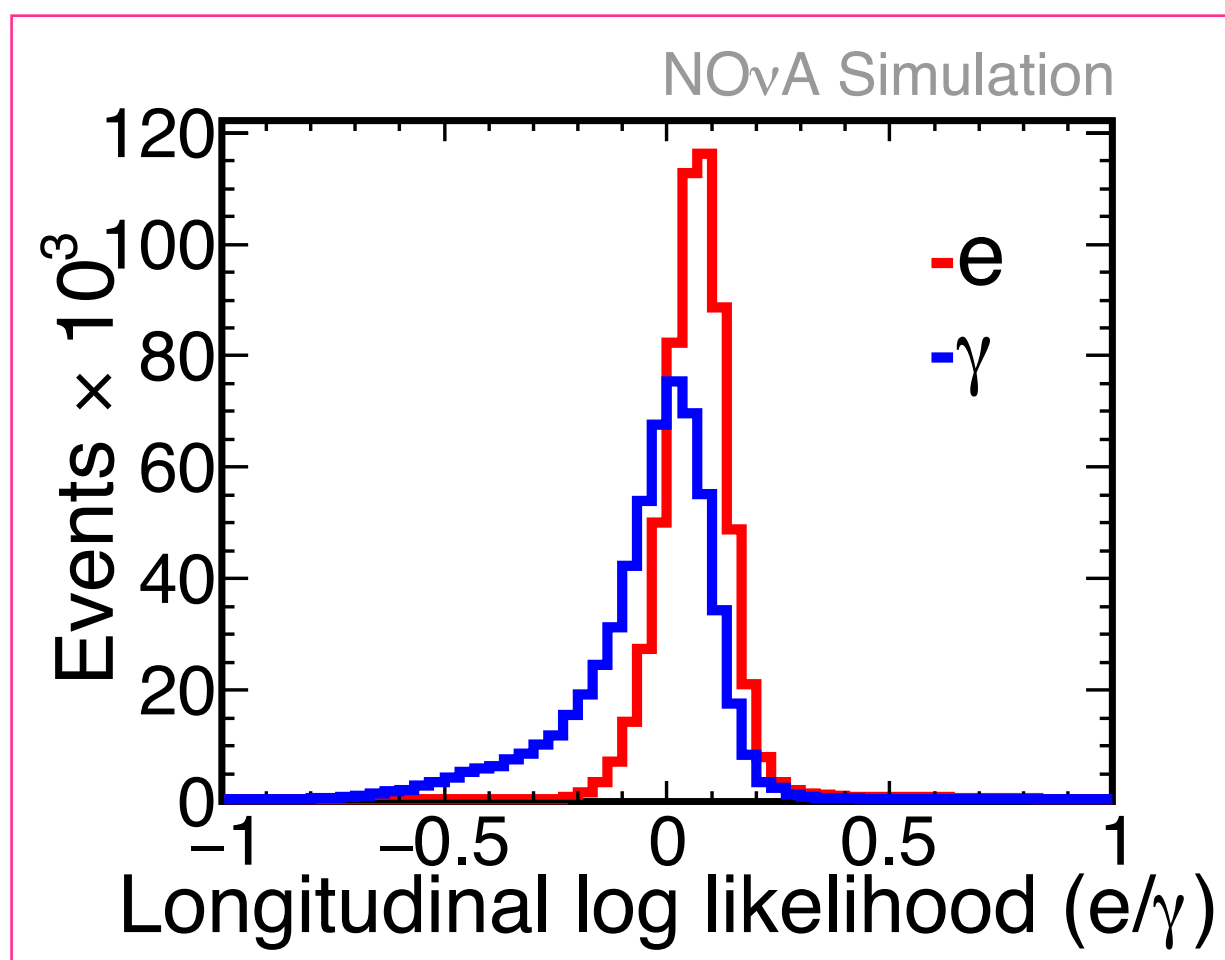
Mostly focused on identifying the lepton in the event. Extracted features (i.e. track length and scattering for muons, topology of energy depositions for electromagnetic showers)

- ★ **Require Previous reconstruction.**
- ★ **Features are pre-defined, based on MC or test data.**



## Example: The Likelihood ID method

- ★ Reconstruct electron shower.
- ★ Find likelihoods from its  $dE/dx$  profiles compared to particle hypotheses.



*Likelihoods* → *Traditional Neural Network*



# ID with Convolutional Neural Networks

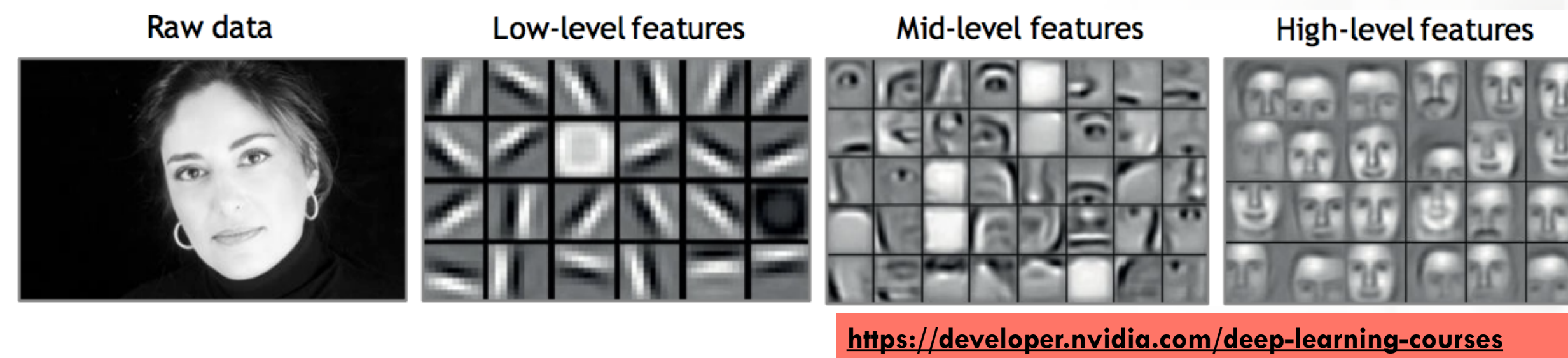
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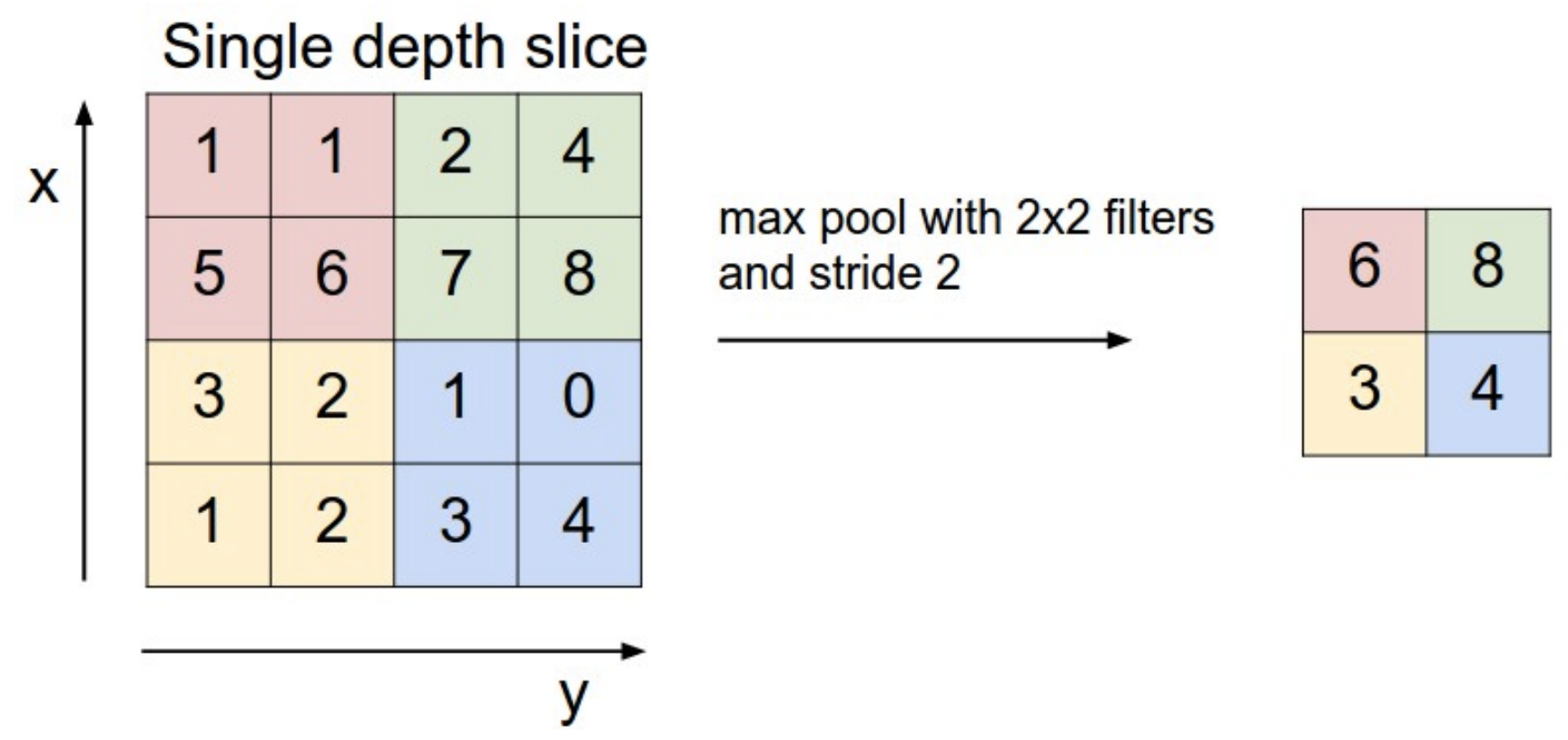
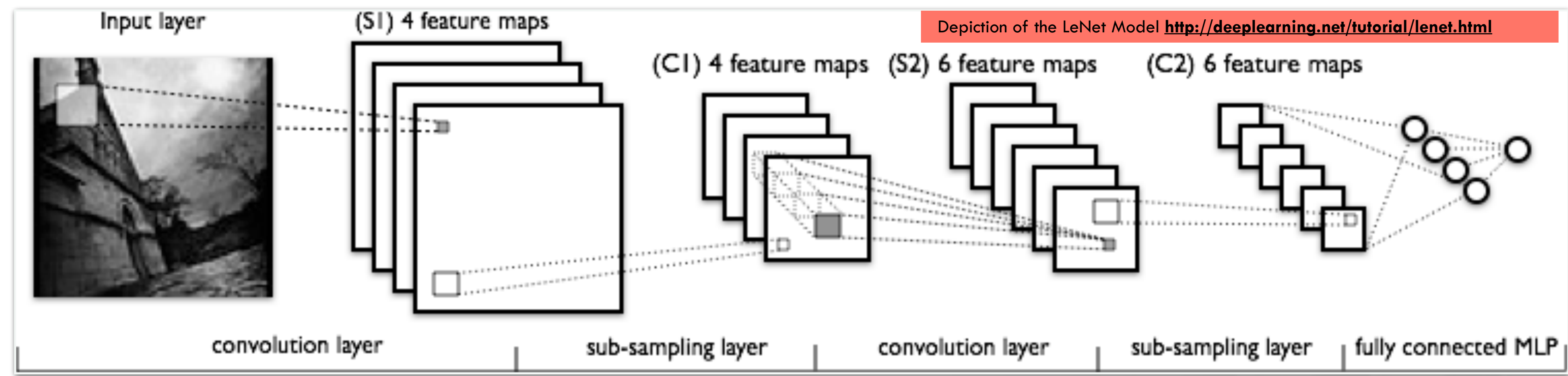


In absence of test data, these methods **rely on the simulations\***

Known features of trained networks like over-training and saturating loss functions.



The simplest form of a CNN includes convolutional layers, max pooling layers and MLP layers.

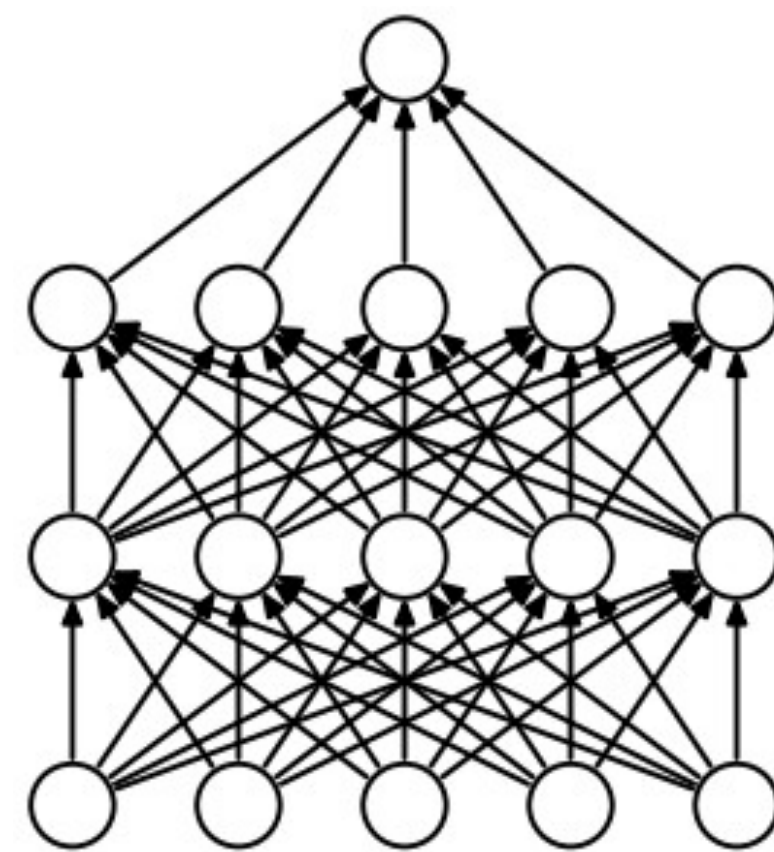
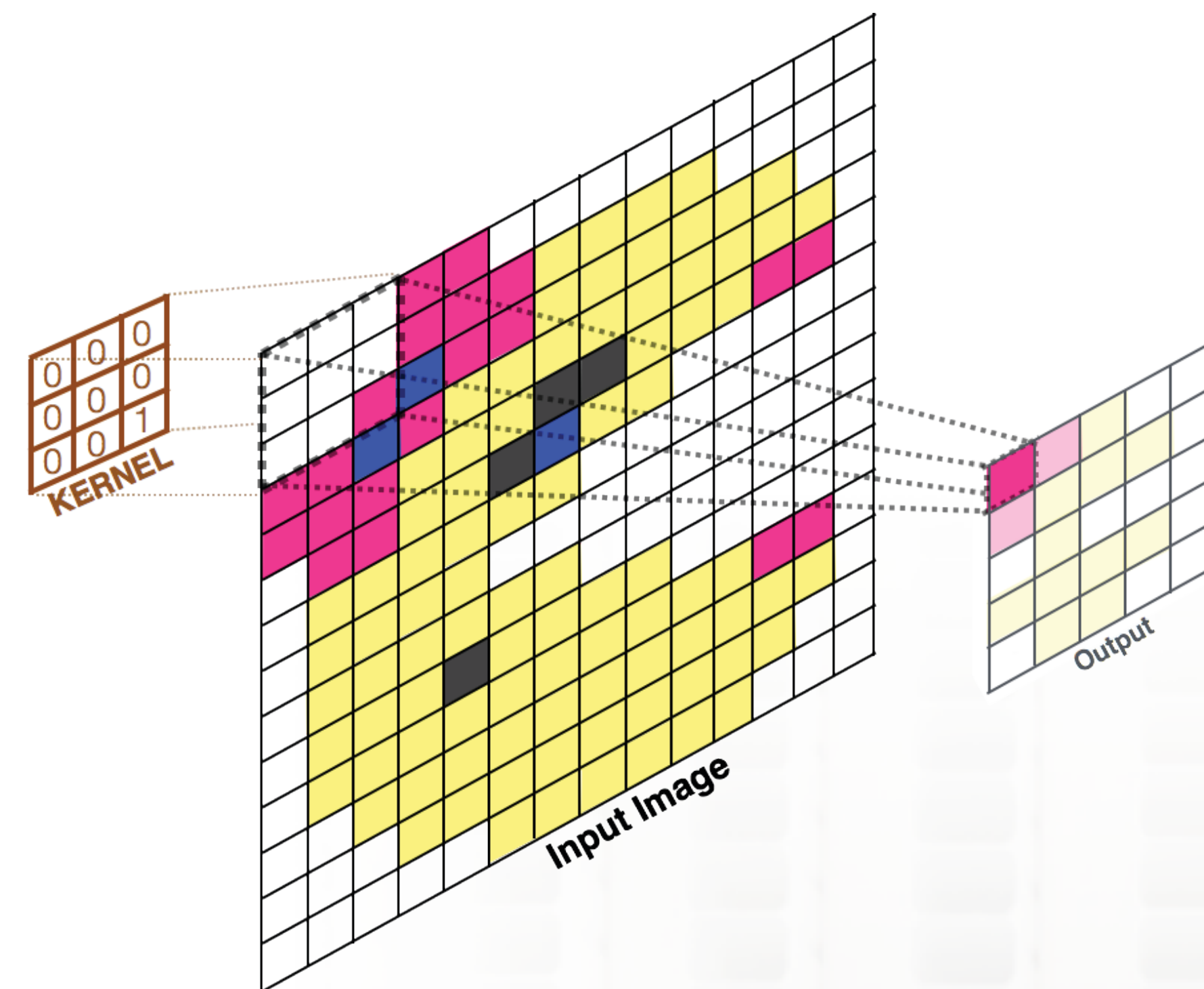


**Pooling Layers:**

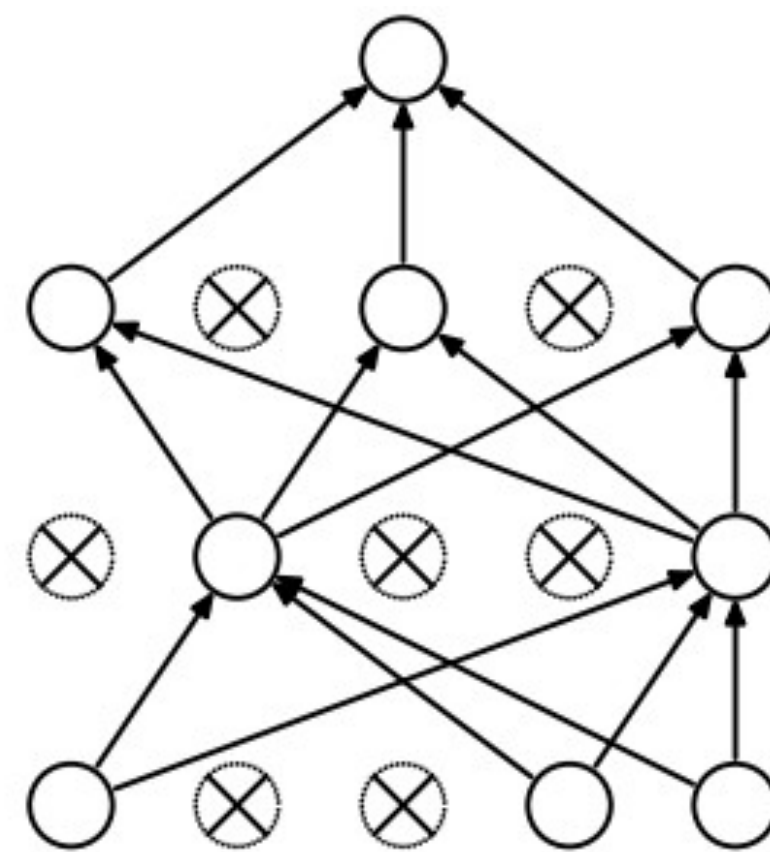
Down-sampling is done by performing operations (average, max, etc) on the feature maps while still preserving the information.

## Kernel Renormalization:

Kernels evolve as the training progresses through renormalization. This process uses non saturating functions.



(a) Standard Neural Net



(b) After applying dropout.

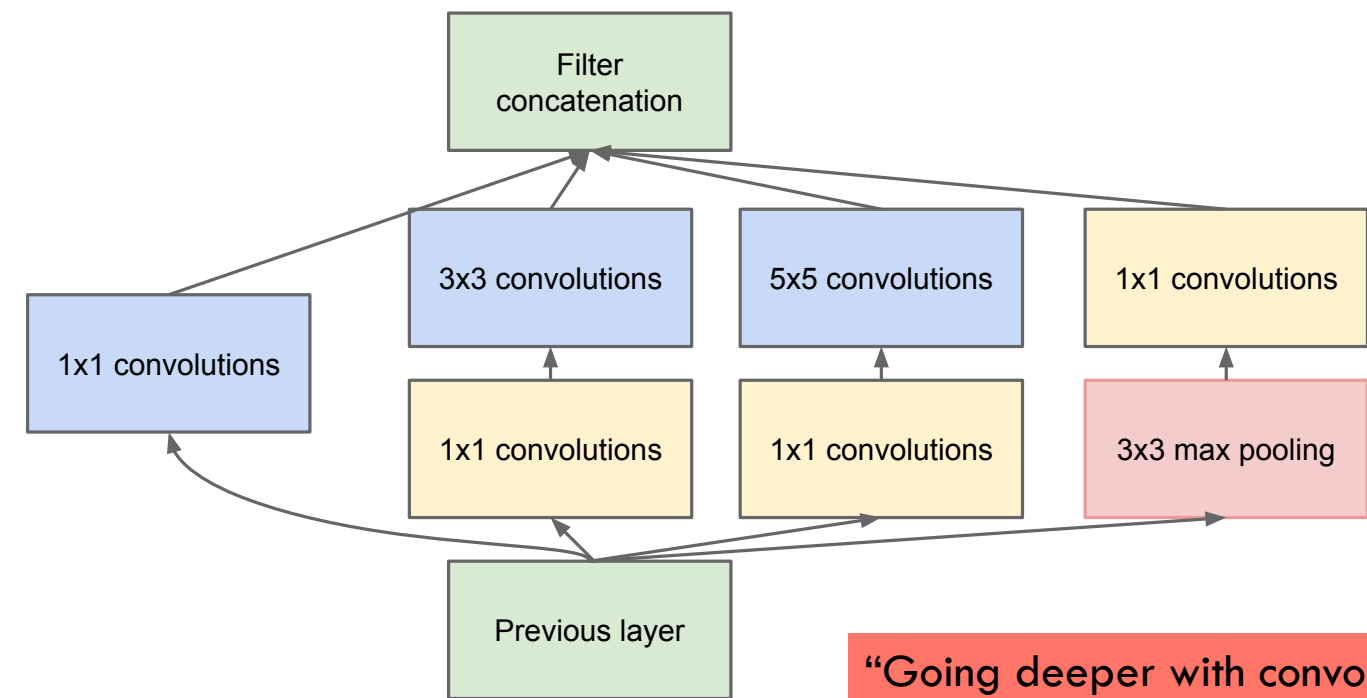
## Dropout:

Randomly reset weights, effectively removing whole nodes at each step.

**Encourages complex dependence**  
and discourages overtraining



## Neutrino Event CVN: Siamese network architecture based on GoogLeNet.

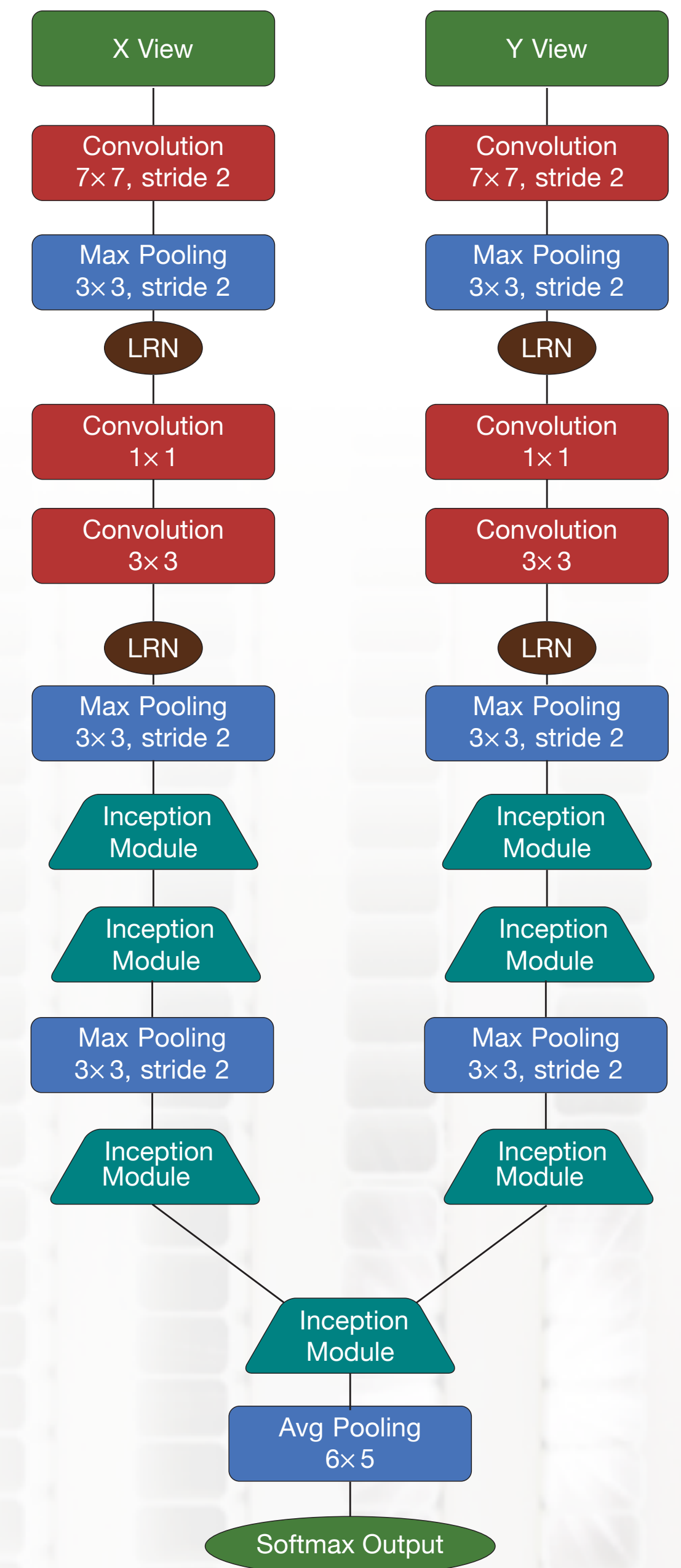


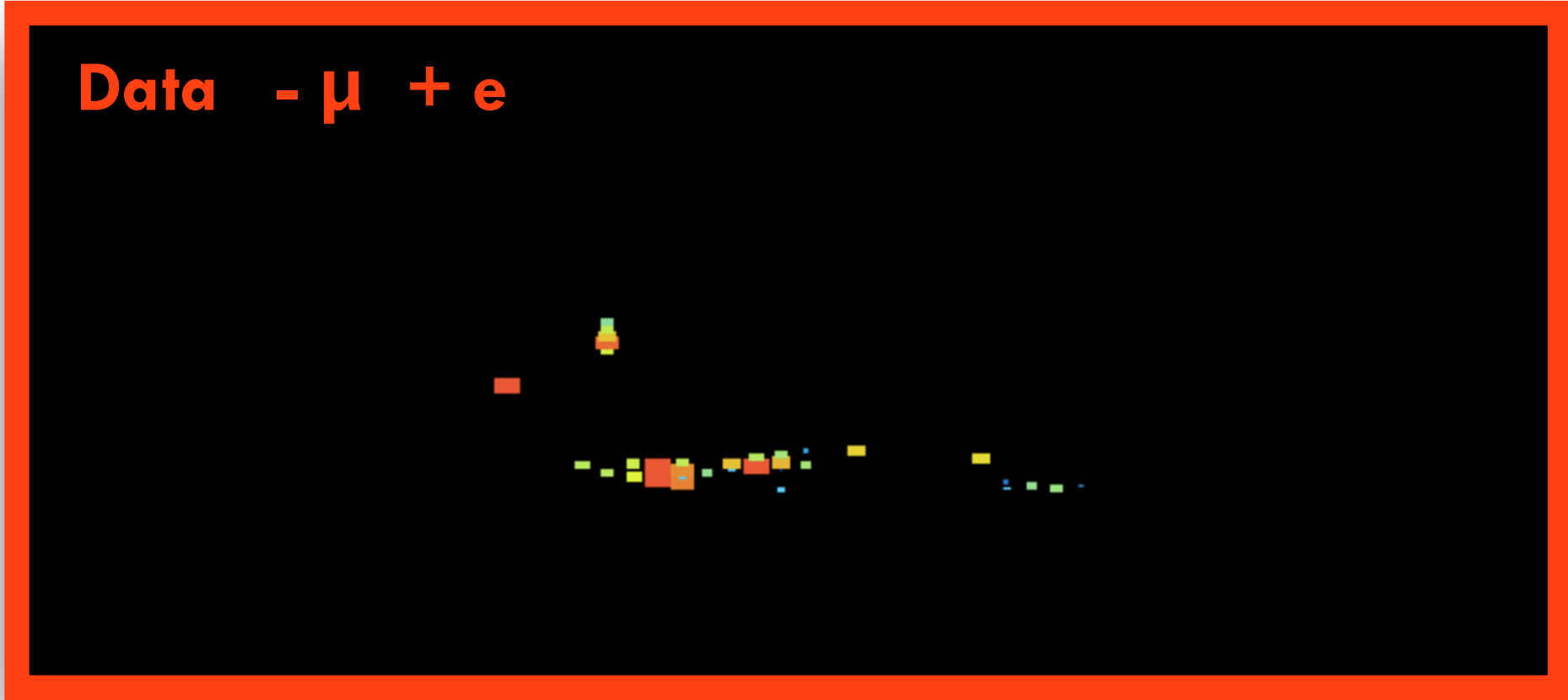
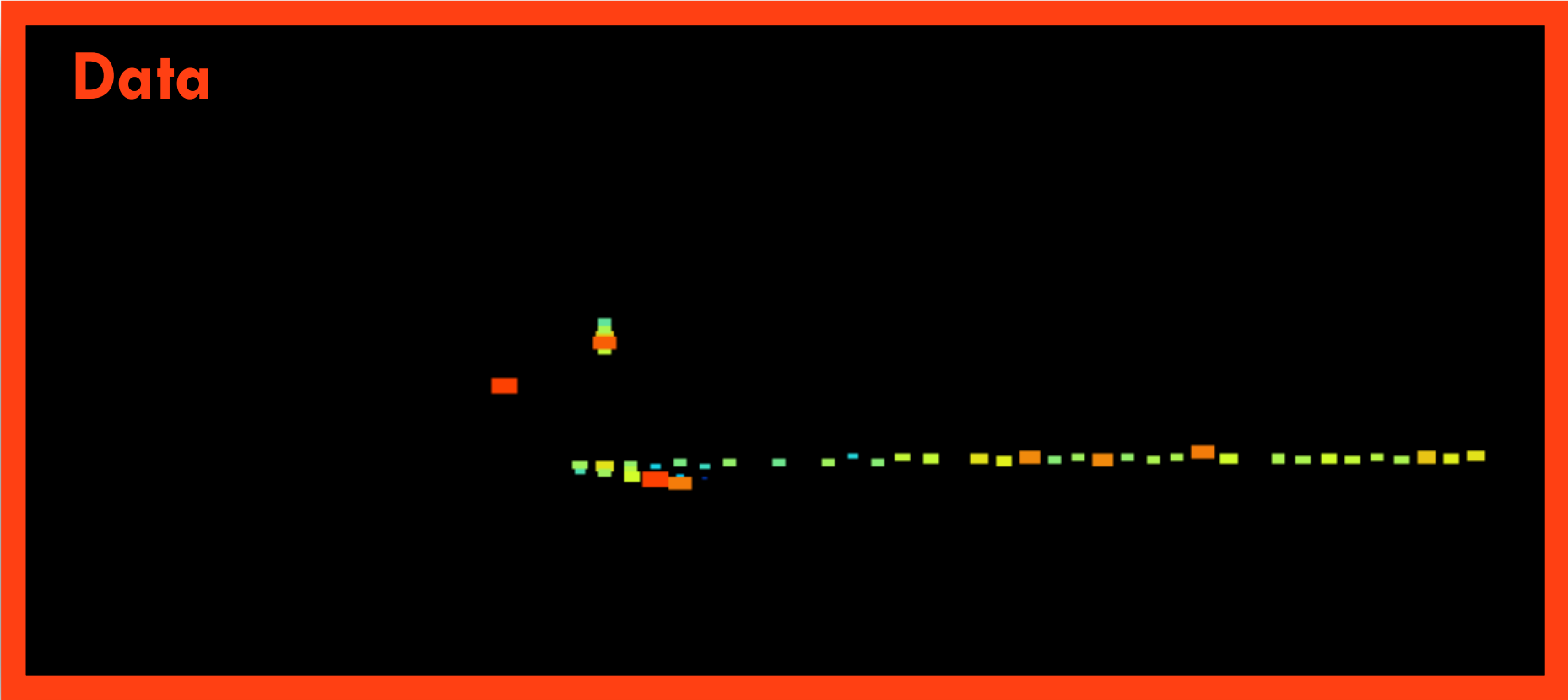
### Inception modules:

Network in network model with kernels of multiple dimensions

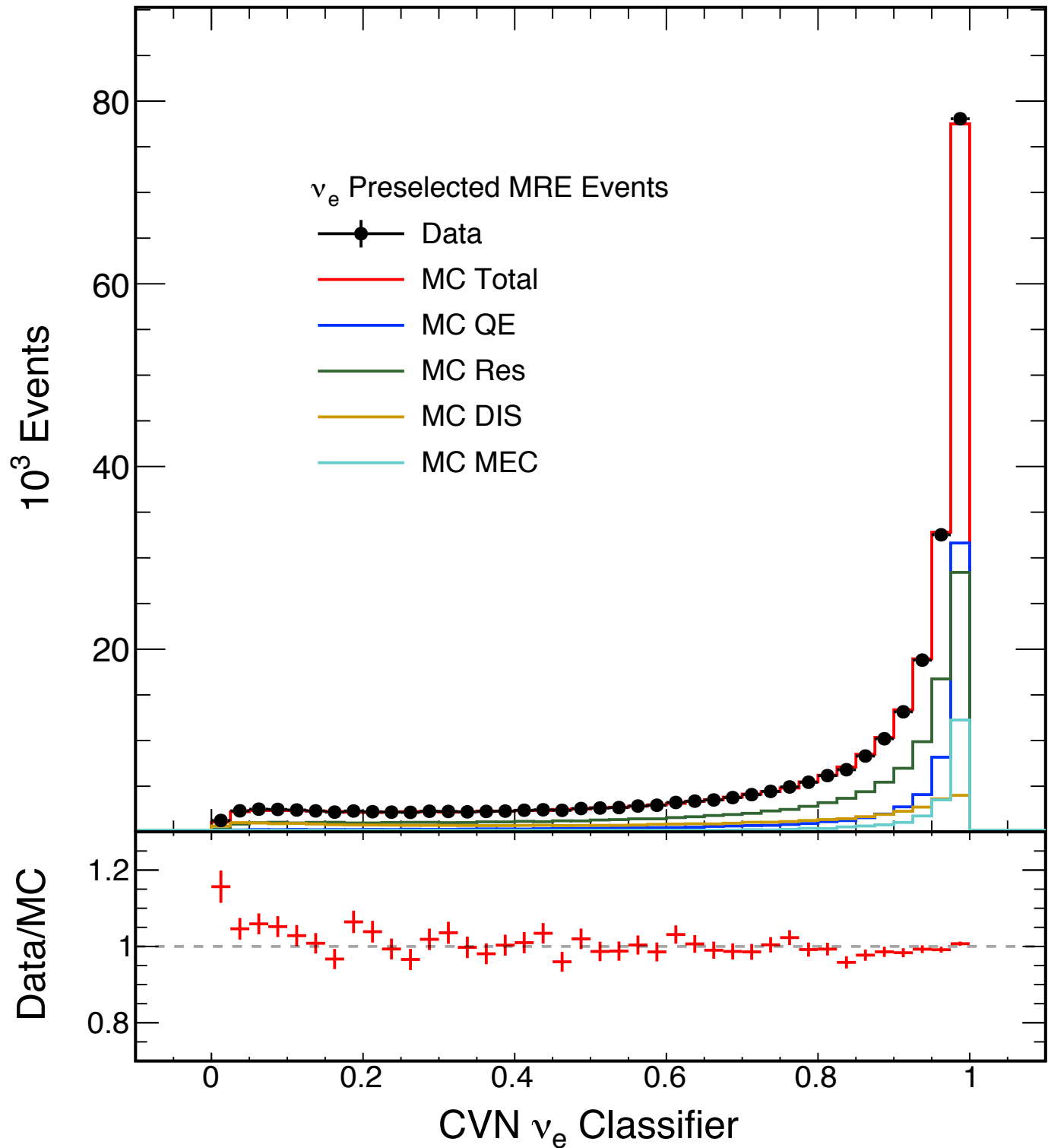
"Going deeper with convolutions" arXiv:1409.4842

- Inspired by siamese architectures to allow the network to learn from features on each 2D view of the event.
- Using the caffe framework <http://caffe.berkeleyvision.org/>
- We train on Fermilab's Wilson cluster GPUs (2 K40s)
- Trained on 4.7 million simulated events of all neutrino interaction types plus cosmic rays





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## MRE (Muon Removed - Electron):

Select a muon neutrino interaction with traditional ID methods.

Remove the muon hits and replace them with a single simulated electron of matching momentum.

Data/MC comparisons show less than 1% difference in efficiency.

PID	Sample	Preselection	PID	Efficiency	Efficiency diff %
CVN	Data	262884	188809	0.718222	-0.36%
	MC	277320	199895	0.720809	



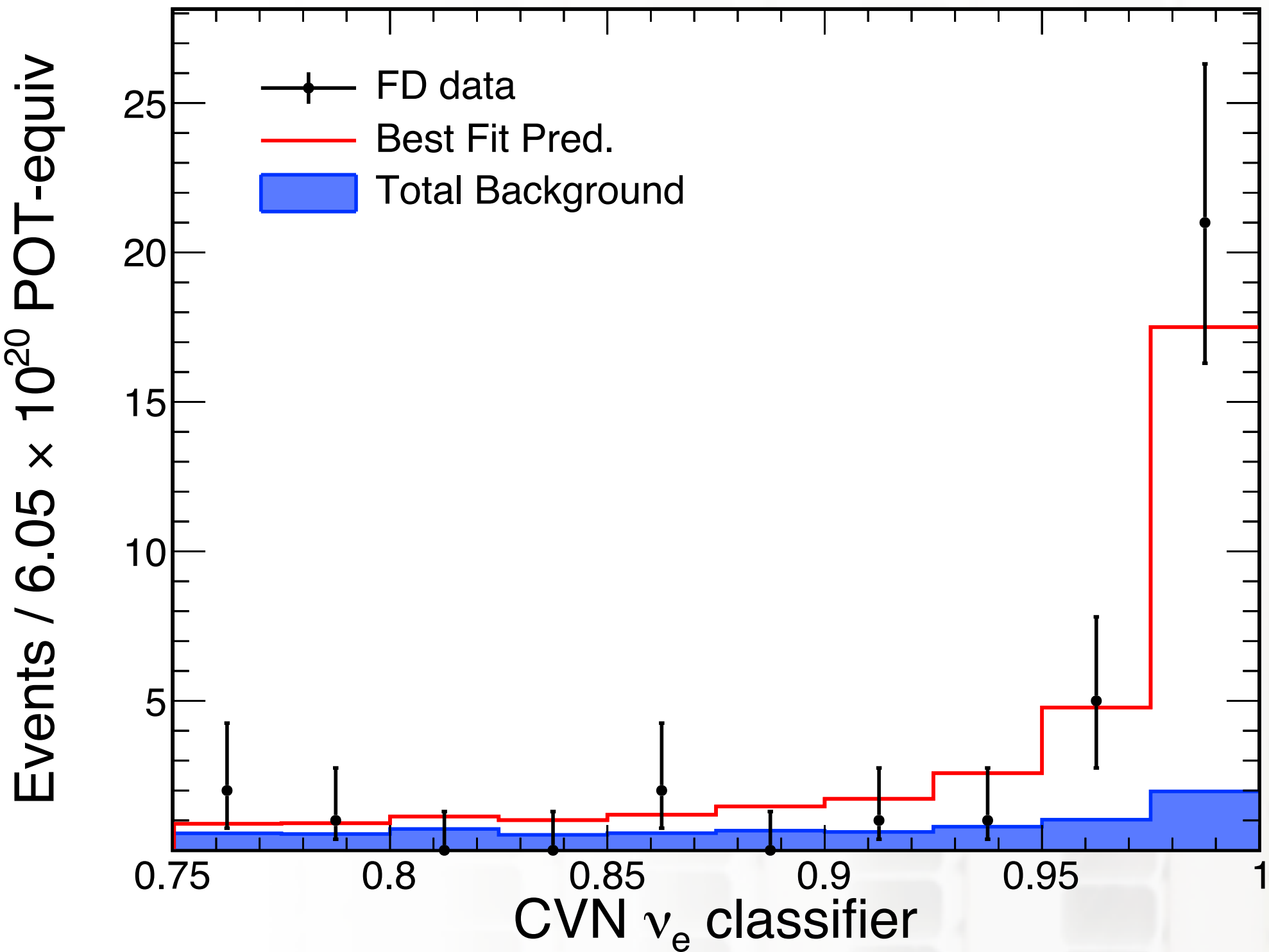
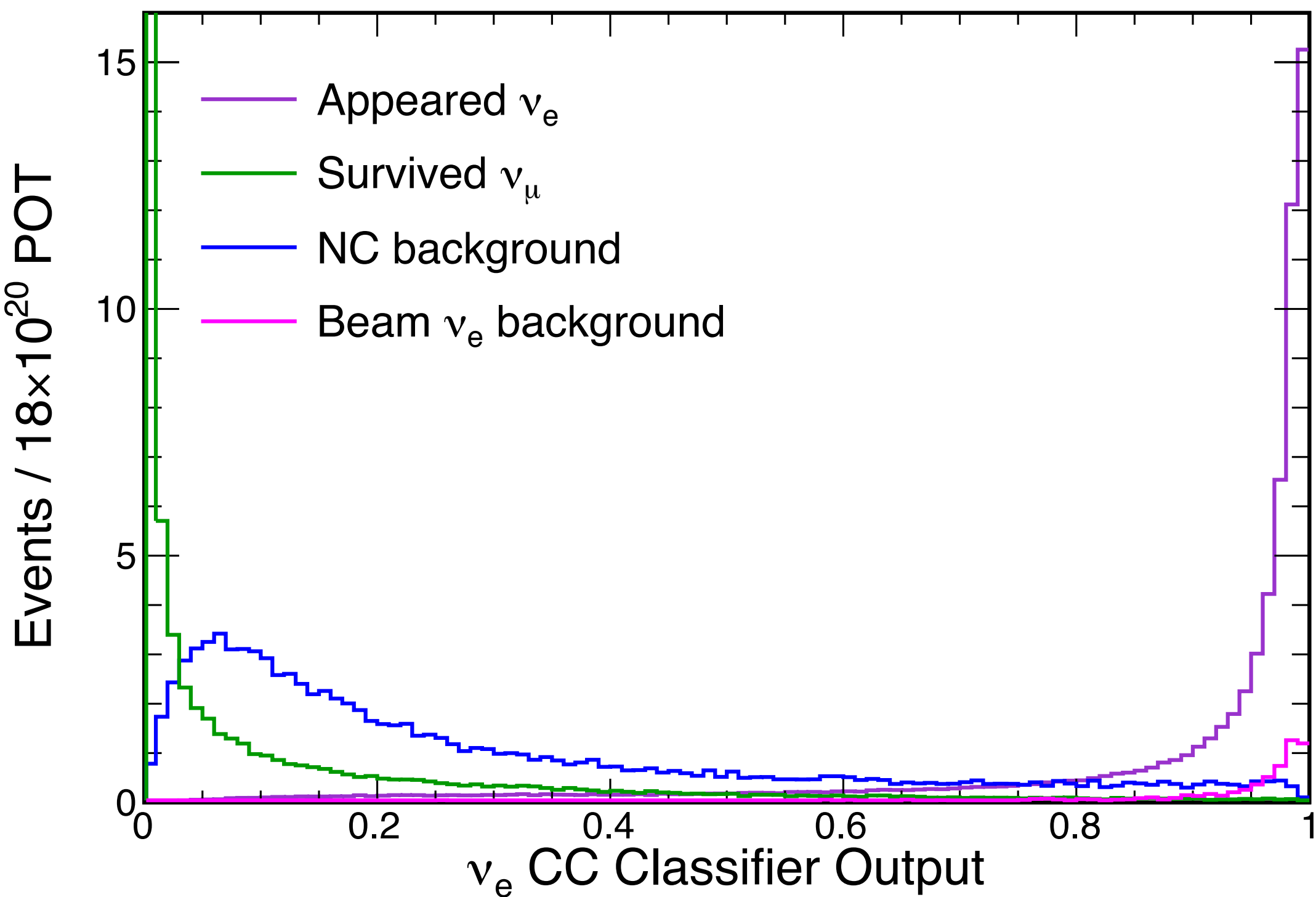
Implemented in NOvA's main analysis for the results shown this summer at Neutrino 2016

Total bkg	NC	Beam $\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau$ CC	Cosmogenic
8.2	3.7	3.1	0.7	0.1	0.5

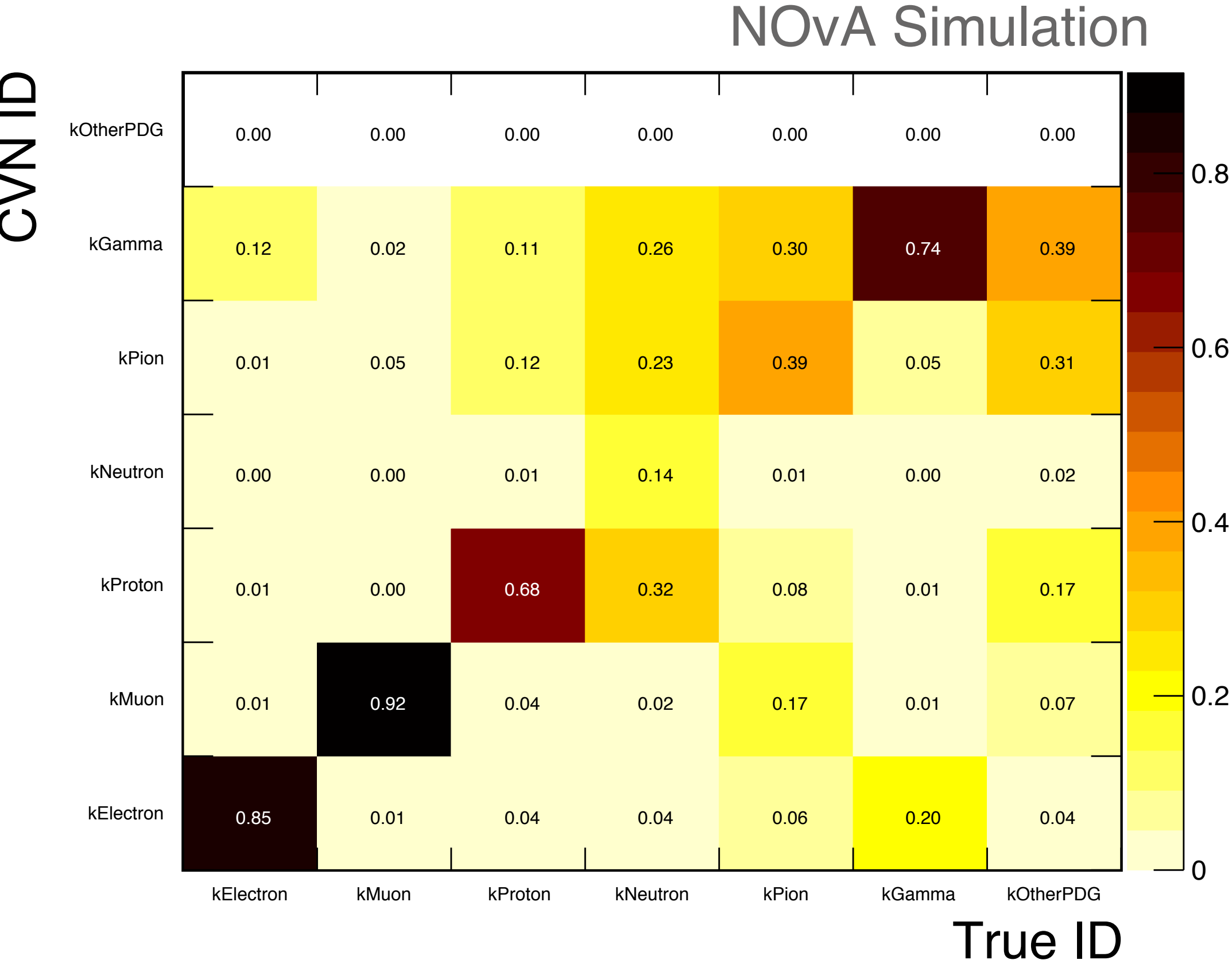
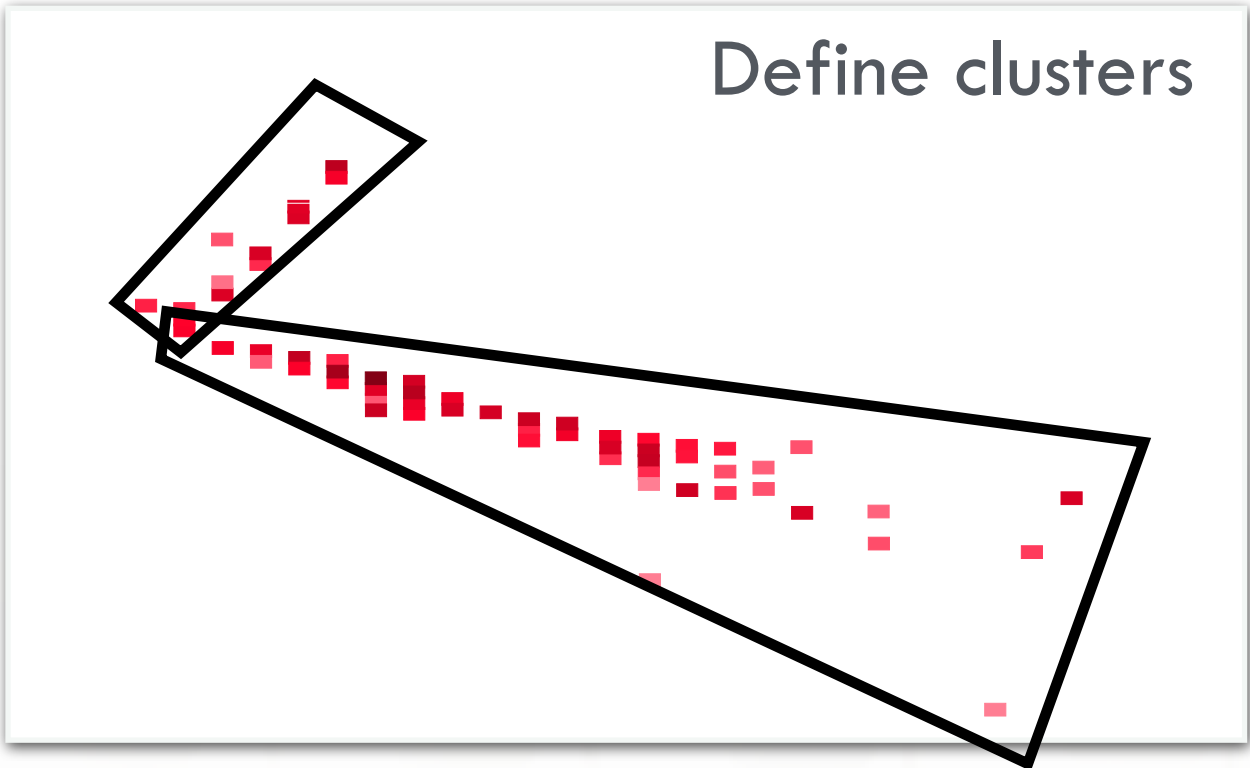
33 events selected with estimates background of ~8

76% Purity, 73% Efficiency and an equivalent increased exposure of 30%

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Using the existing reconstruction.  
Classify clusters by particle ID



Original CVN network modified to take 4 views (event + prong)

Trained on 50% purity prongs from all events no preselection

Room for improvement in classification and network optimization

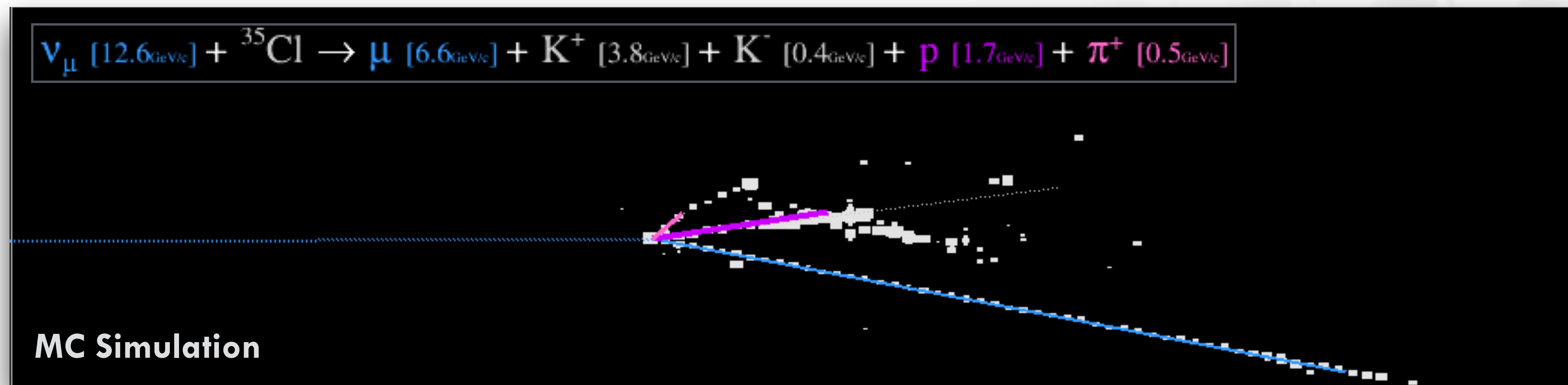
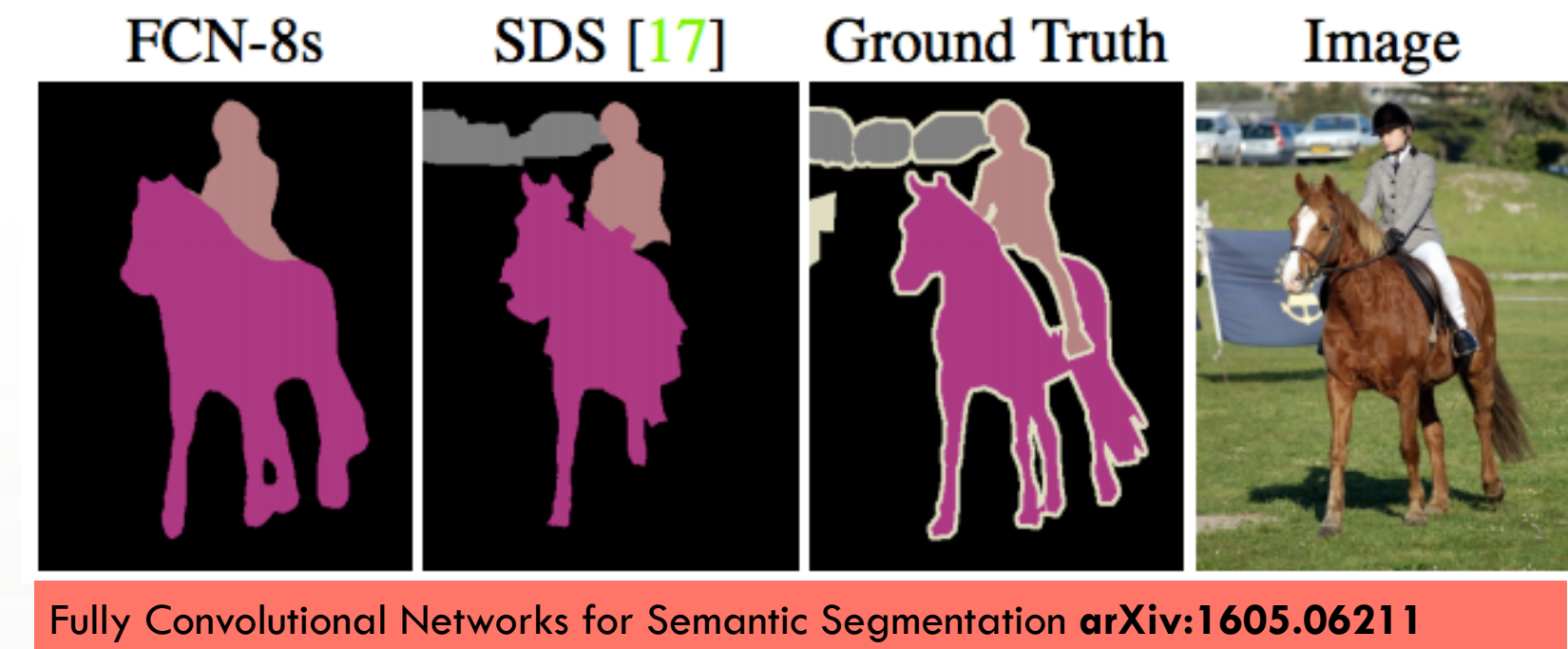


## Contributing to reconstruction.

There are CNN implementations in the literature for pixel by pixel classification using semantic segmentation.

In our events that means classify individual hits by the particle which caused them.

Initial studies are ongoing to compare the performance of SS to traditional clustering and the existing particle CVN identifier.



**CVN is our implementation of CNNs for neutrino event classification.**

- ★ It effectively increases out exposure by 30% compared to traditional ID methods.
- ★ Studies show promise on other analyses, like the muon neutrino disappearance.
- ★ **Currently being used for multiple physics analysis.**
- ★ NOvA's nue appearance analysis is the **first implementation of a CNN in a HEP result.**

*CVN Paper: “A Convolutional Neural Network Neutrino Event Classifier”*

*A. Aurisano et. al. JINST 11 (2016) no.09, P09001*

*NOvA's Latest results: Neutrino 2016 “New Results from NOvA ” [LINK](#)*

An implementation of **CVN** for cluster/particle classification is in testing stages.

There is ongoing work for **hit classification using semantic segmentation.**

Ongoing studies are learning about the interplay between traditional reconstruction and image classification techniques.



# Backup

These are not the  
slides you're looking for





Is NOvA's implementation of Convolutional Neural Networks

## Neutrino Event CVN:

Classifier for events in a sampling calorimeter by neutrino interaction type.

## For the Electron Neutrino analysis:

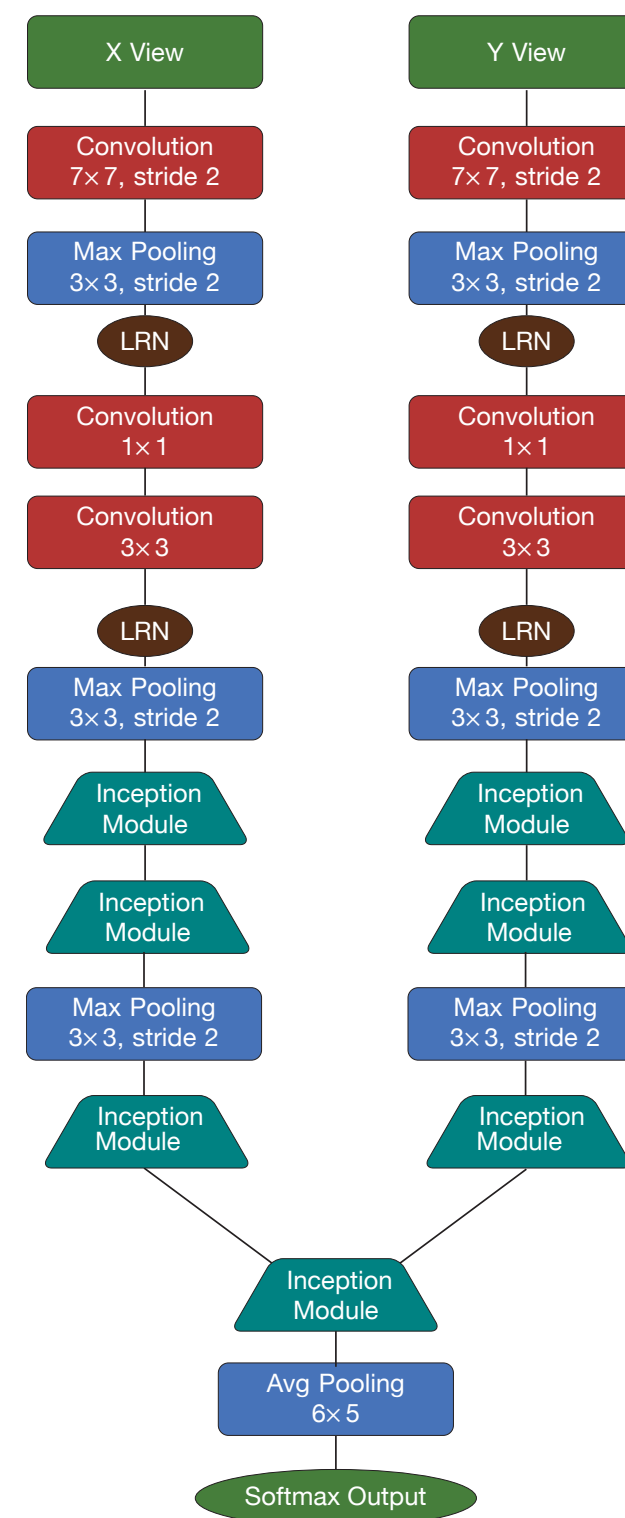
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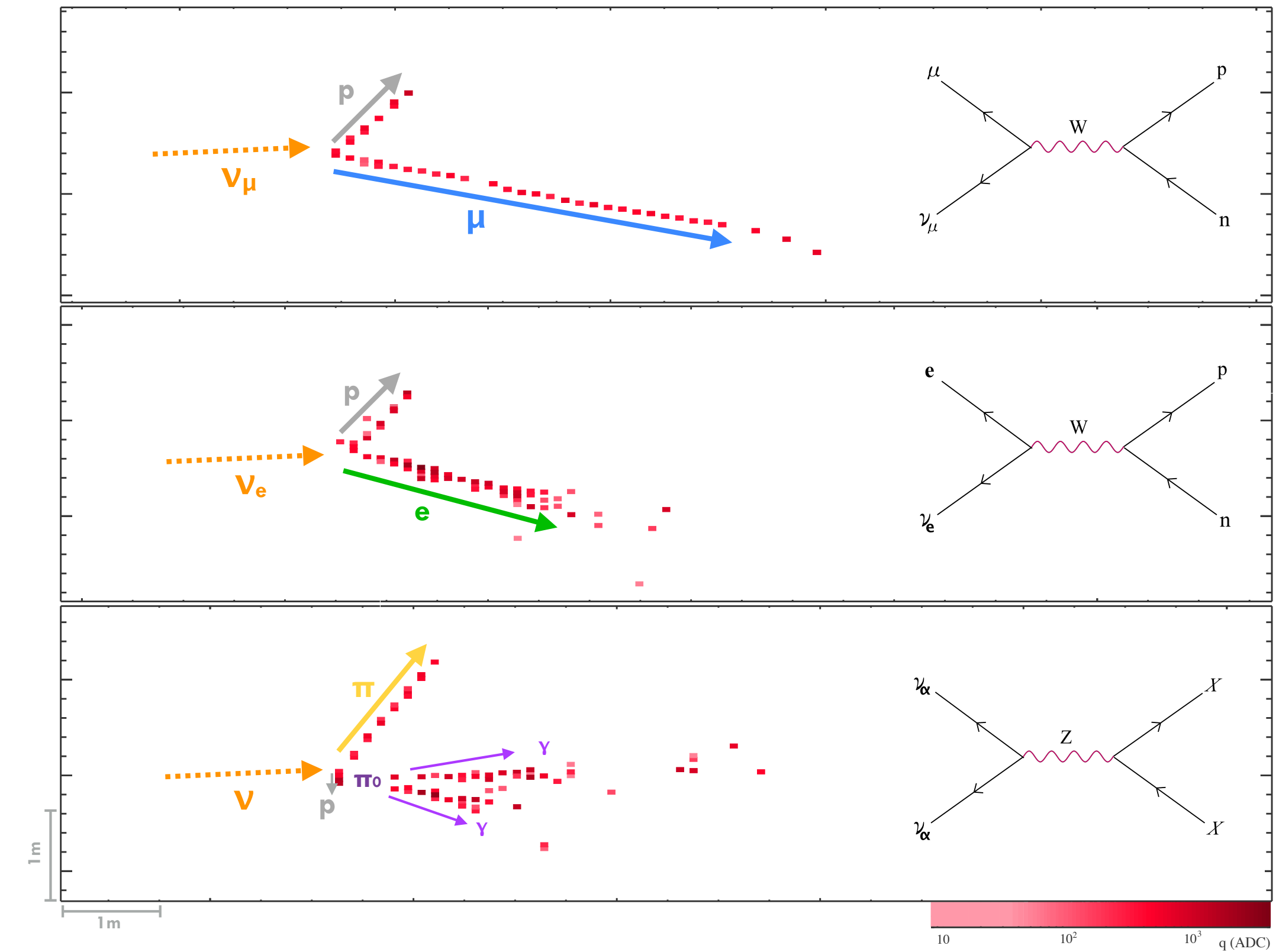
## CVN for Reconstruction:

Ongoing studies to identify hit by hit in an event. This type of identification could influence the existing approaches at reconstruction.



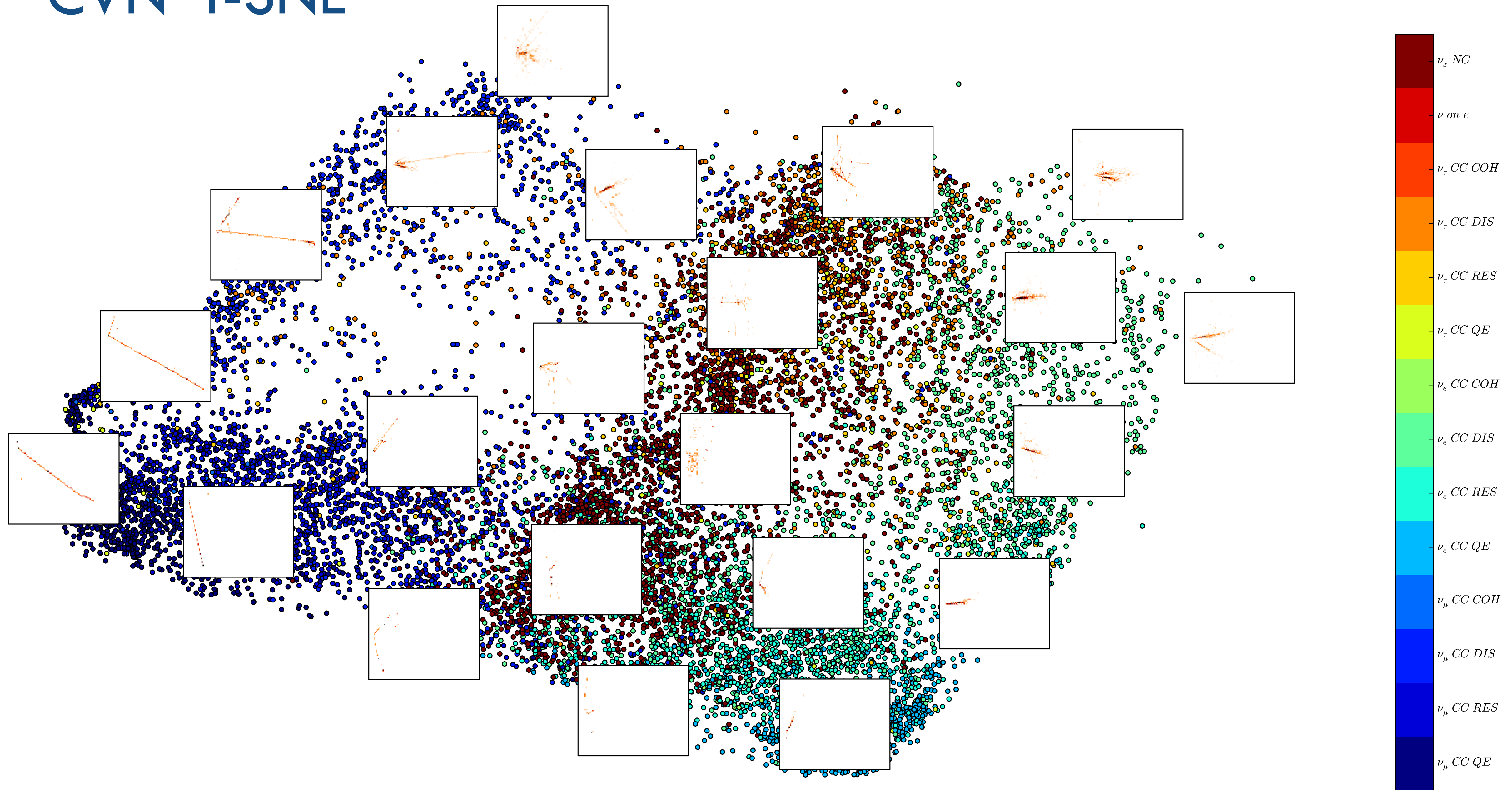
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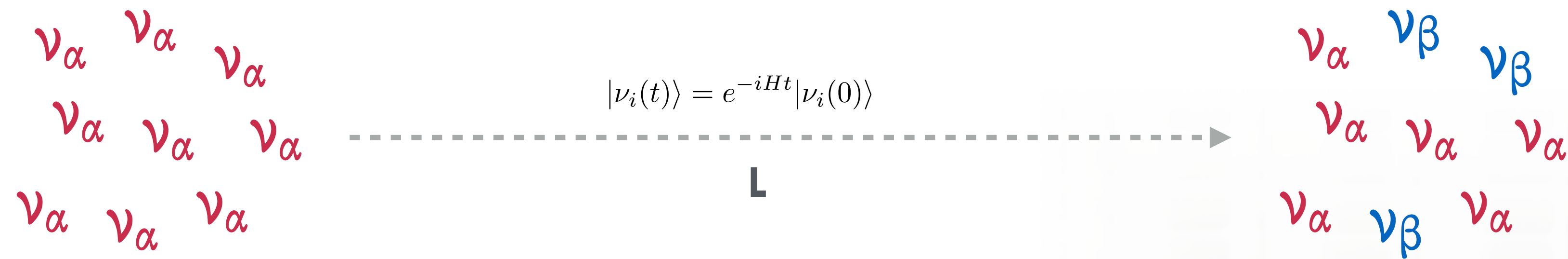


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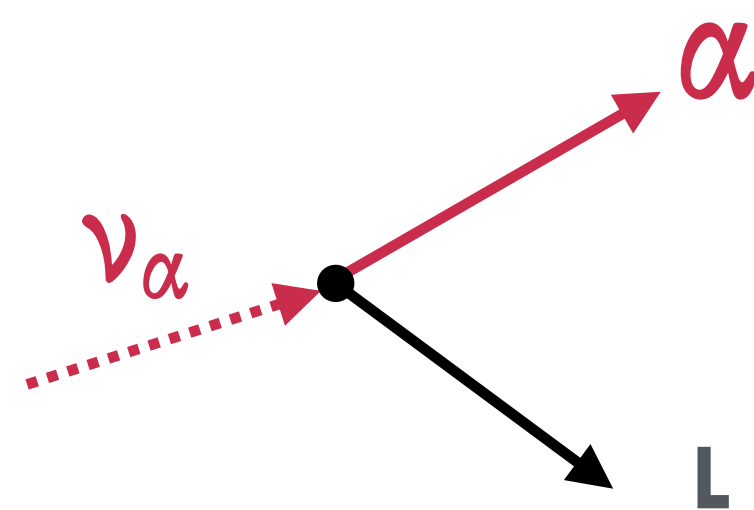




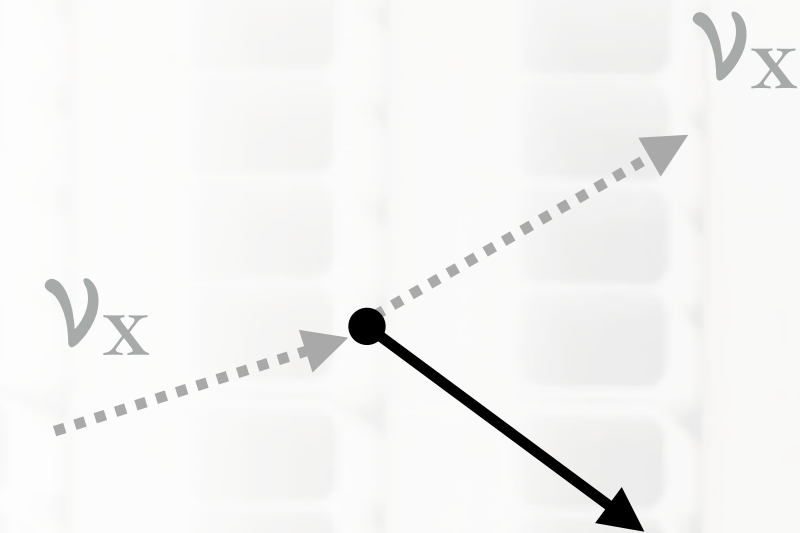
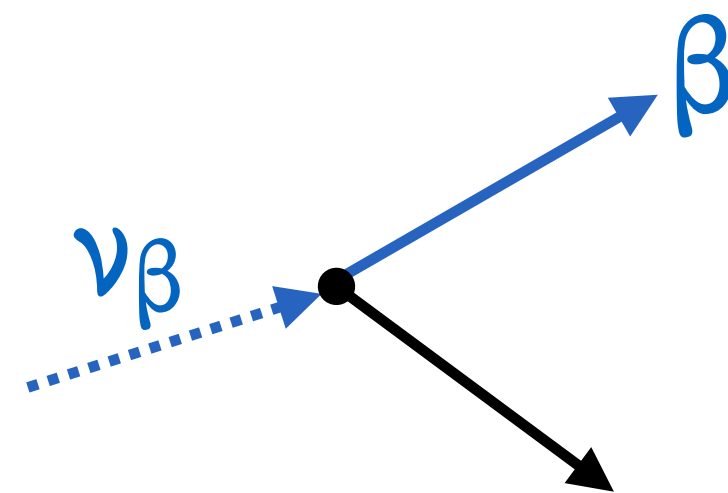
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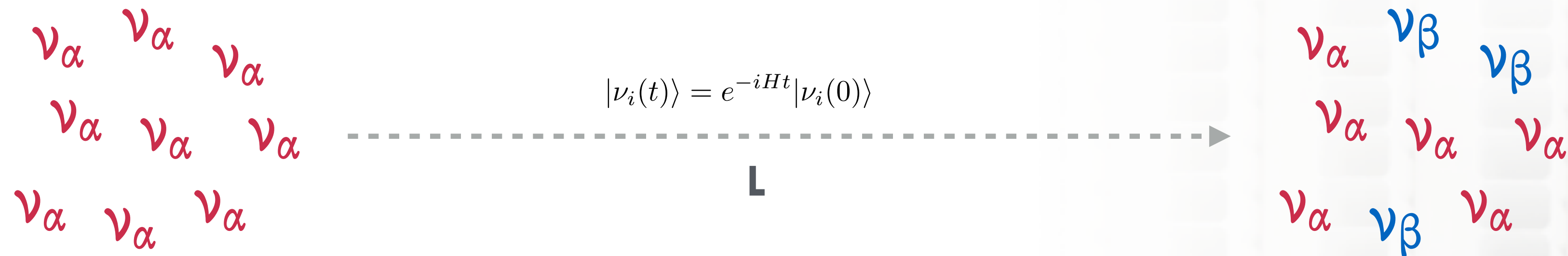
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# Neutrino Oscillations

The neutrino flavor eigenstate oscillations are described by the PMNS matrix.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Flavor} \\ \text{Eigenstates} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{c} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{array} \right\rangle = \begin{array}{c} \text{PMNS Matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1}^* & U_{e2}^* & U_{e3}^* \\ U_{\mu1}^* & U_{\mu2}^* & U_{\mu3}^* \\ U_{\tau1}^* & U_{\tau2}^* & U_{\tau3}^* \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Mass} \\ \text{Eigenstates} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{c} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{array} \right\rangle$$



$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \sum_i U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha i}^* e^{-im_i^2 L/2E} \right|^2$$

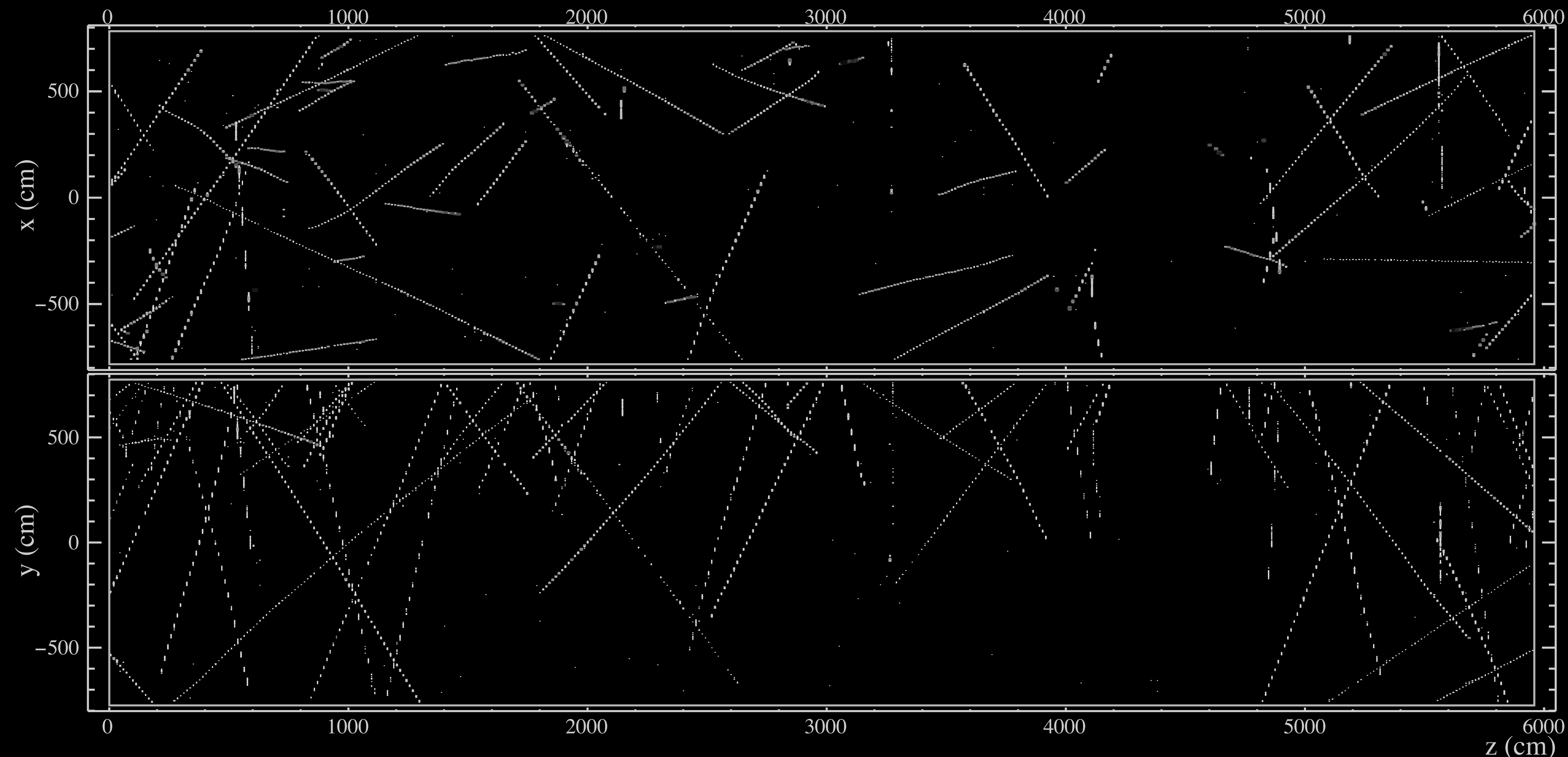
Oscillation probability

The goal of oscillations experiments is to determine the PMNS parameters via oscillation probabilities.

**The measurable in these experiments is a count or energy spectrum.**

# Isolating neutrino interactions

The first step in our reconstruction is dividing an event (550  $\mu$ s of data)



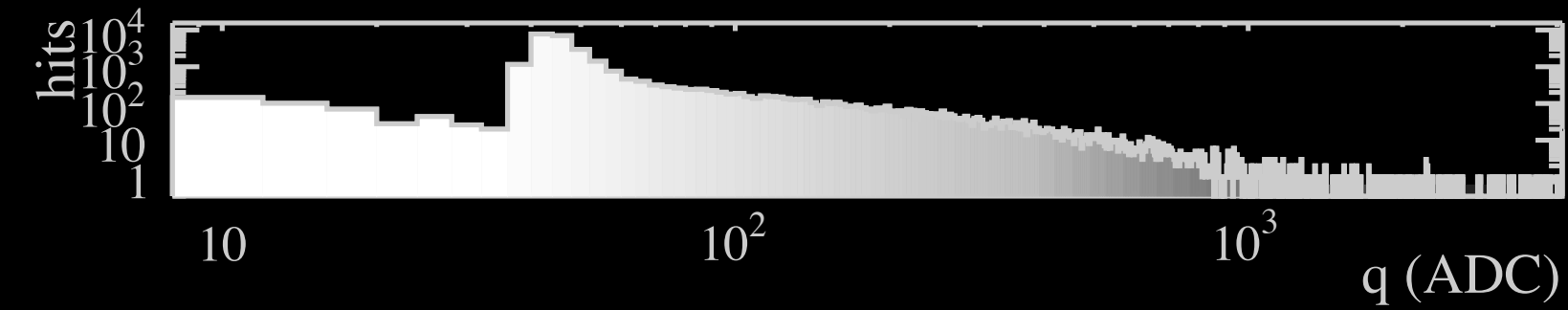
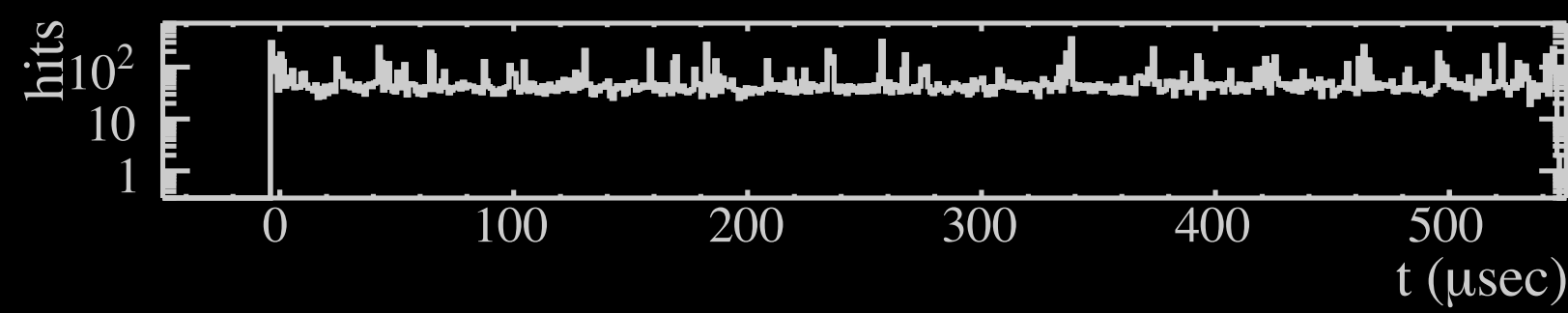
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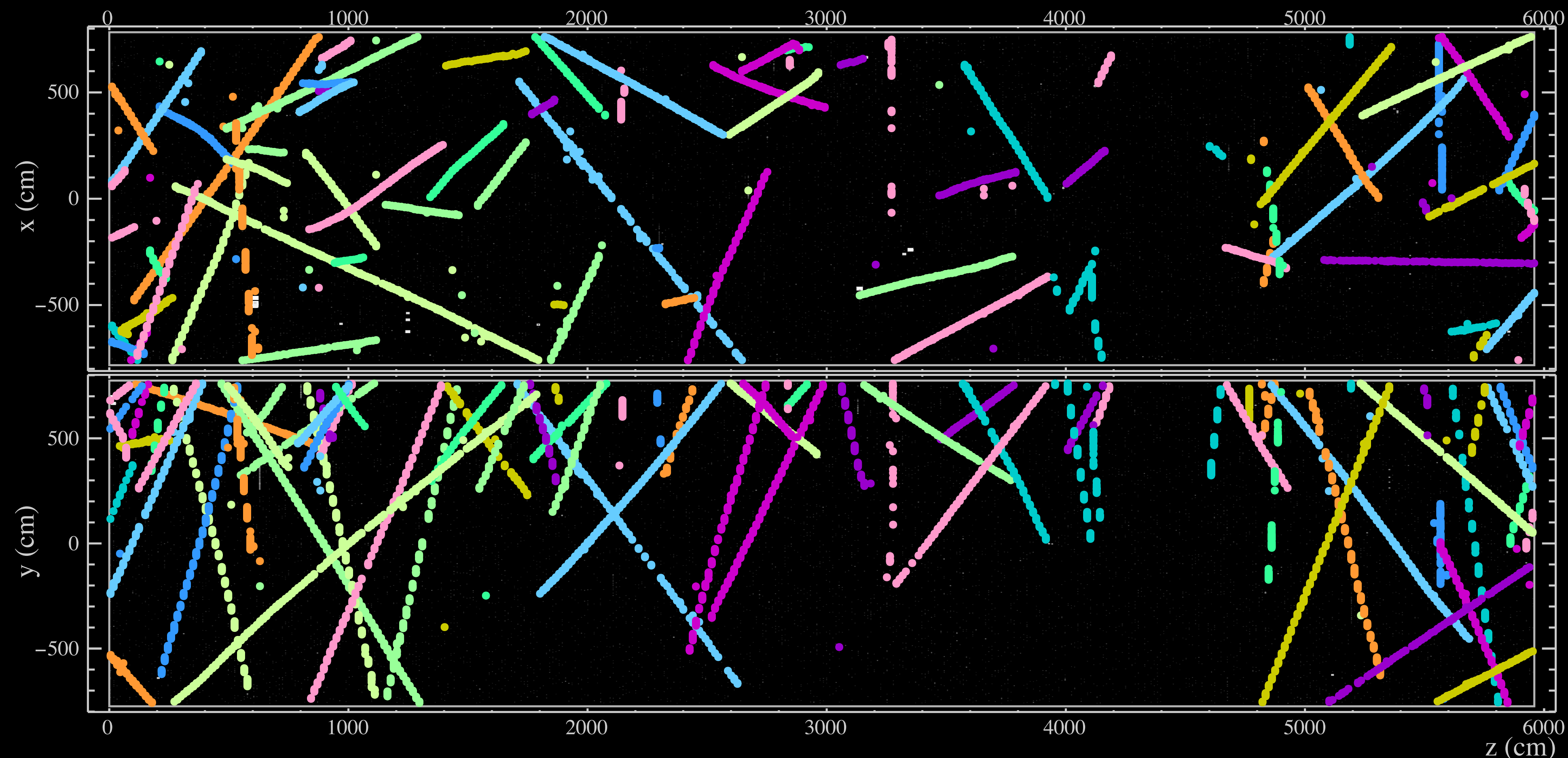
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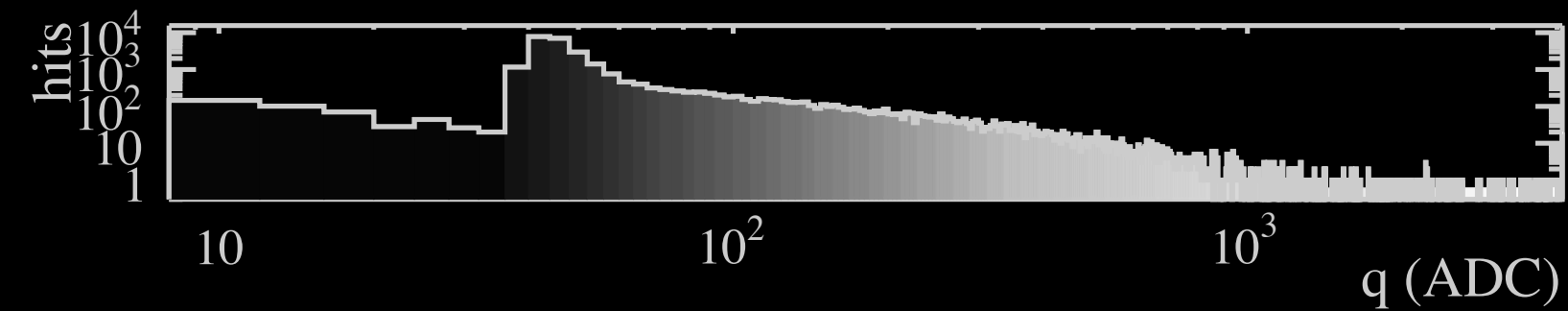
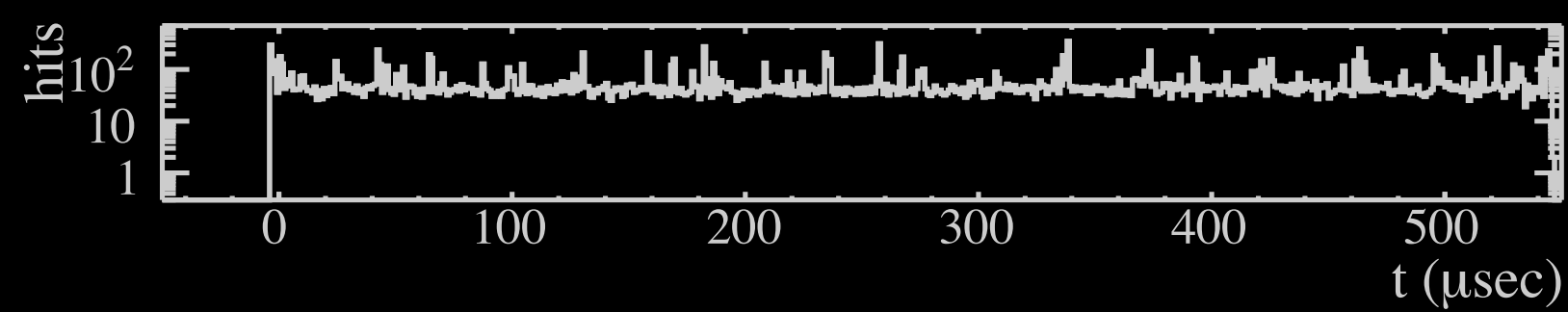
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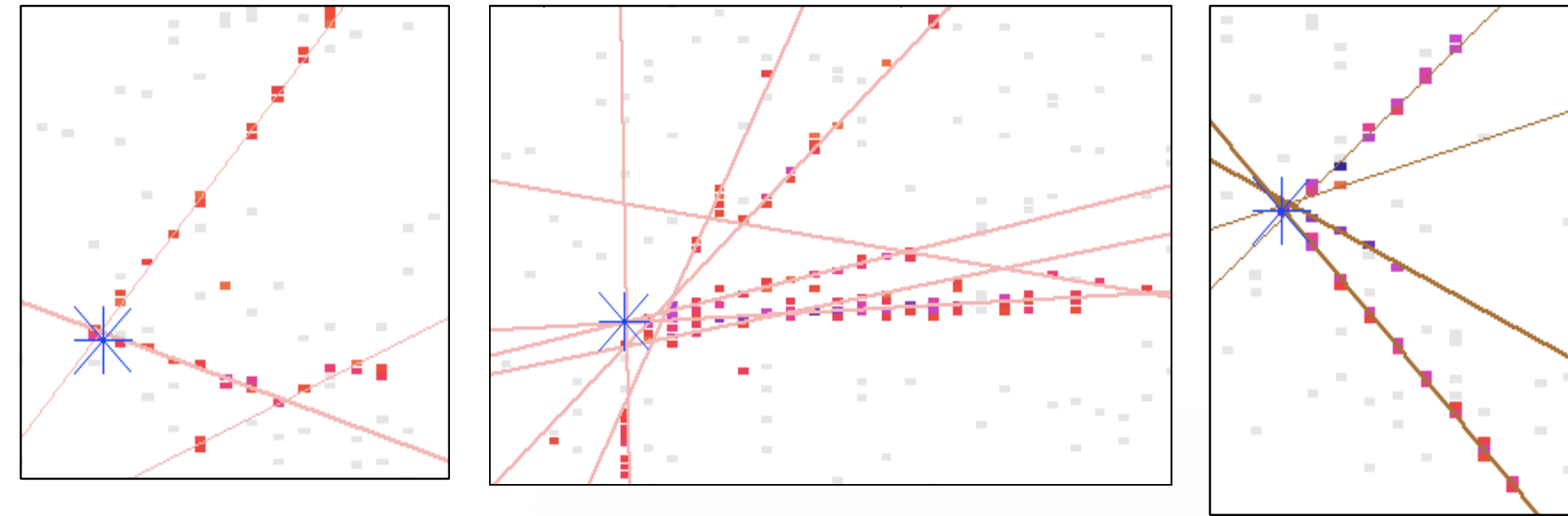
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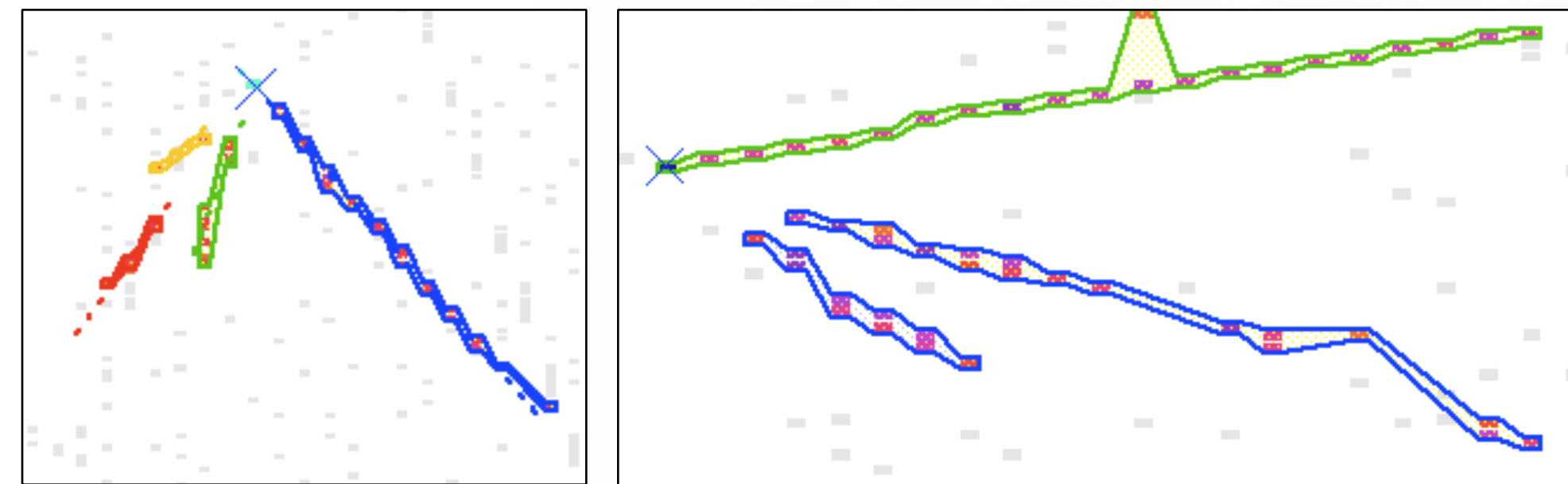
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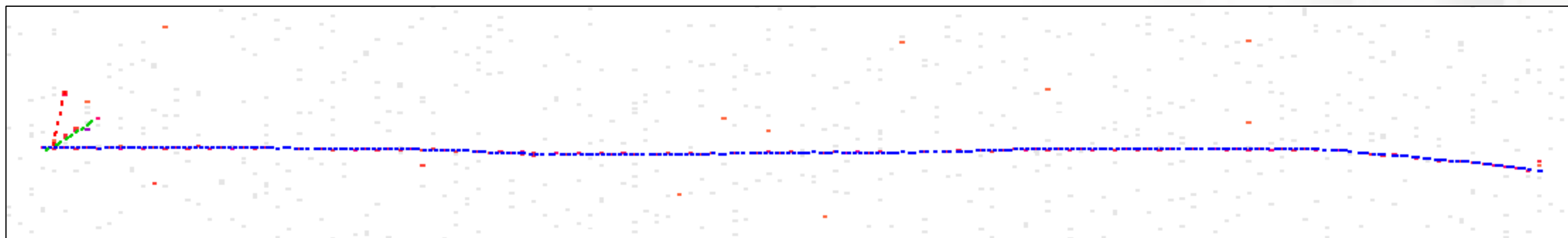
**Vertexing:** use lines of energy deposition formed with hough transforms to find intersections



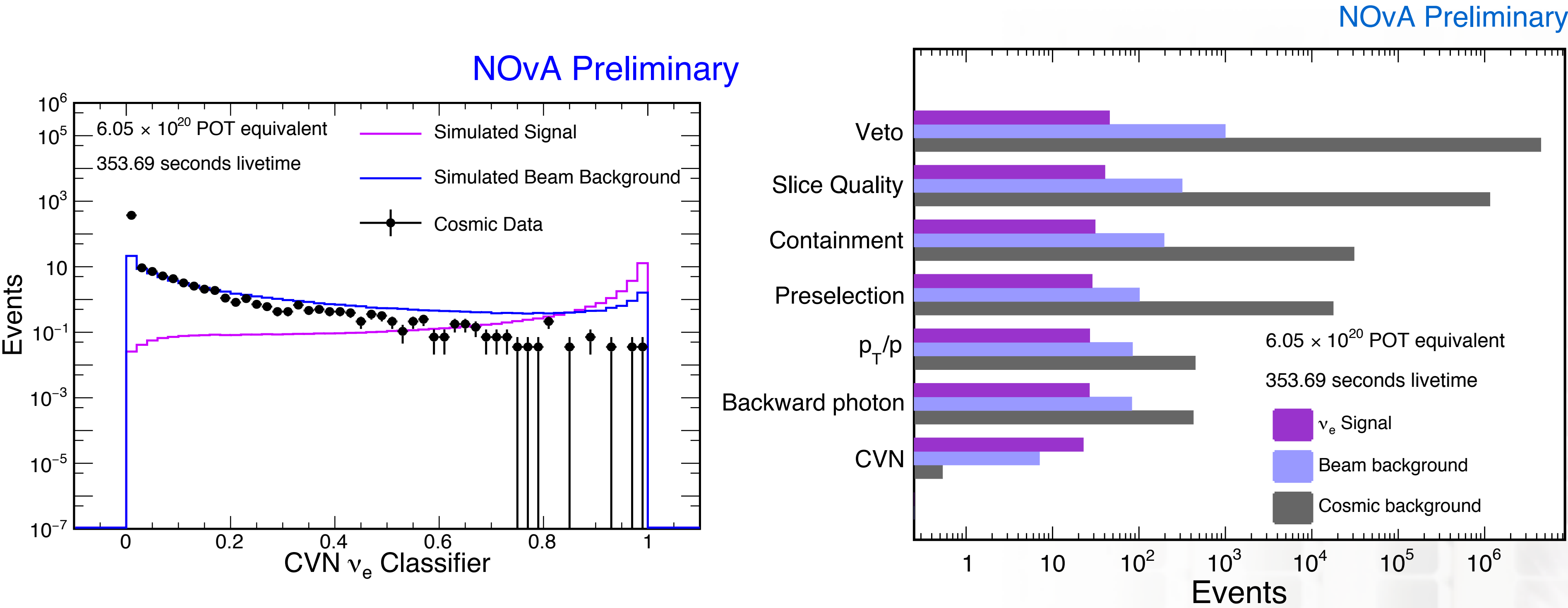
**Clustering:** find clusters in angular space around the vertex and merge views via topology and prong  $dE/dx$



**Tracking:** Trace particle trajectories using a kalman filter, example below

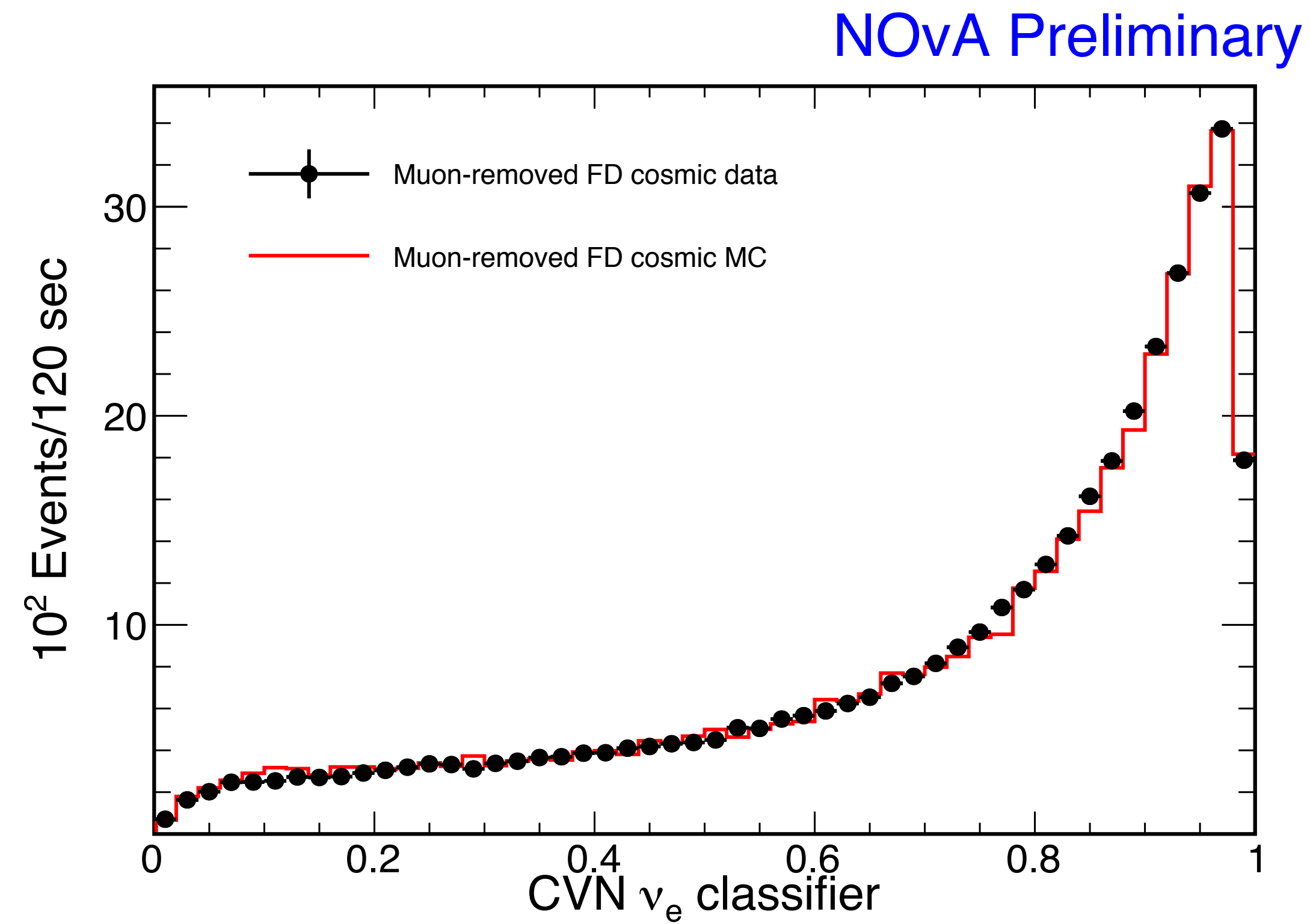


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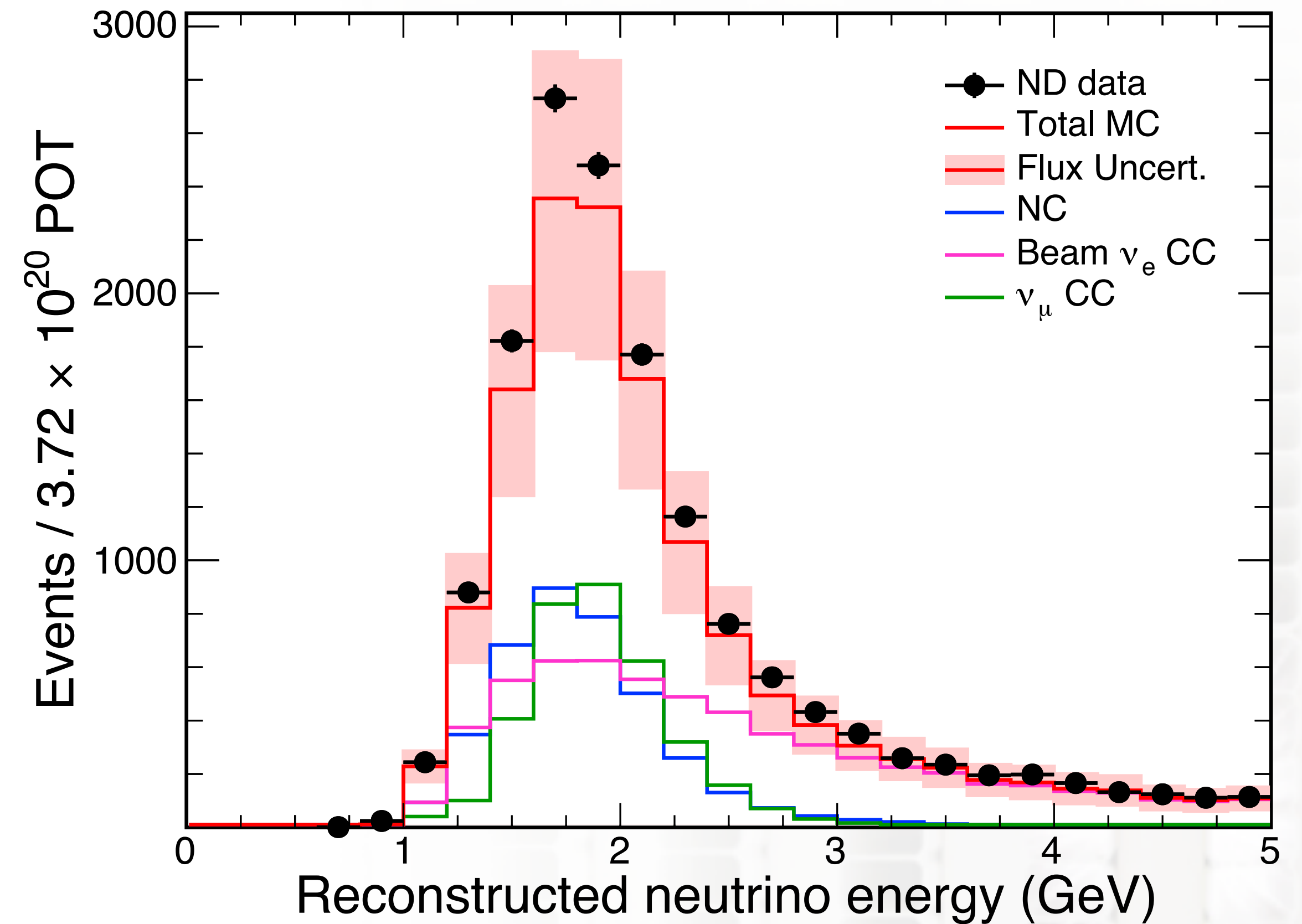
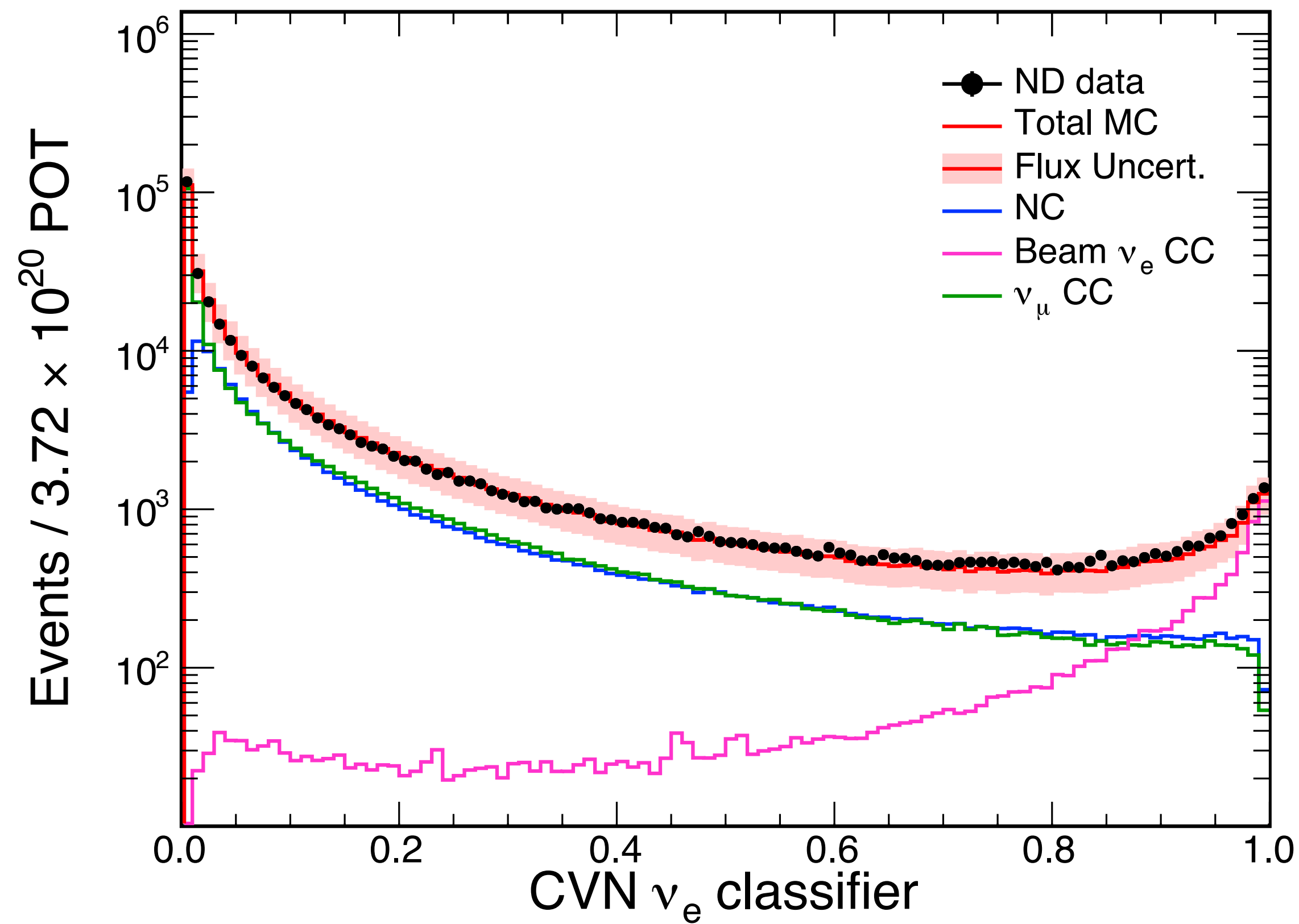


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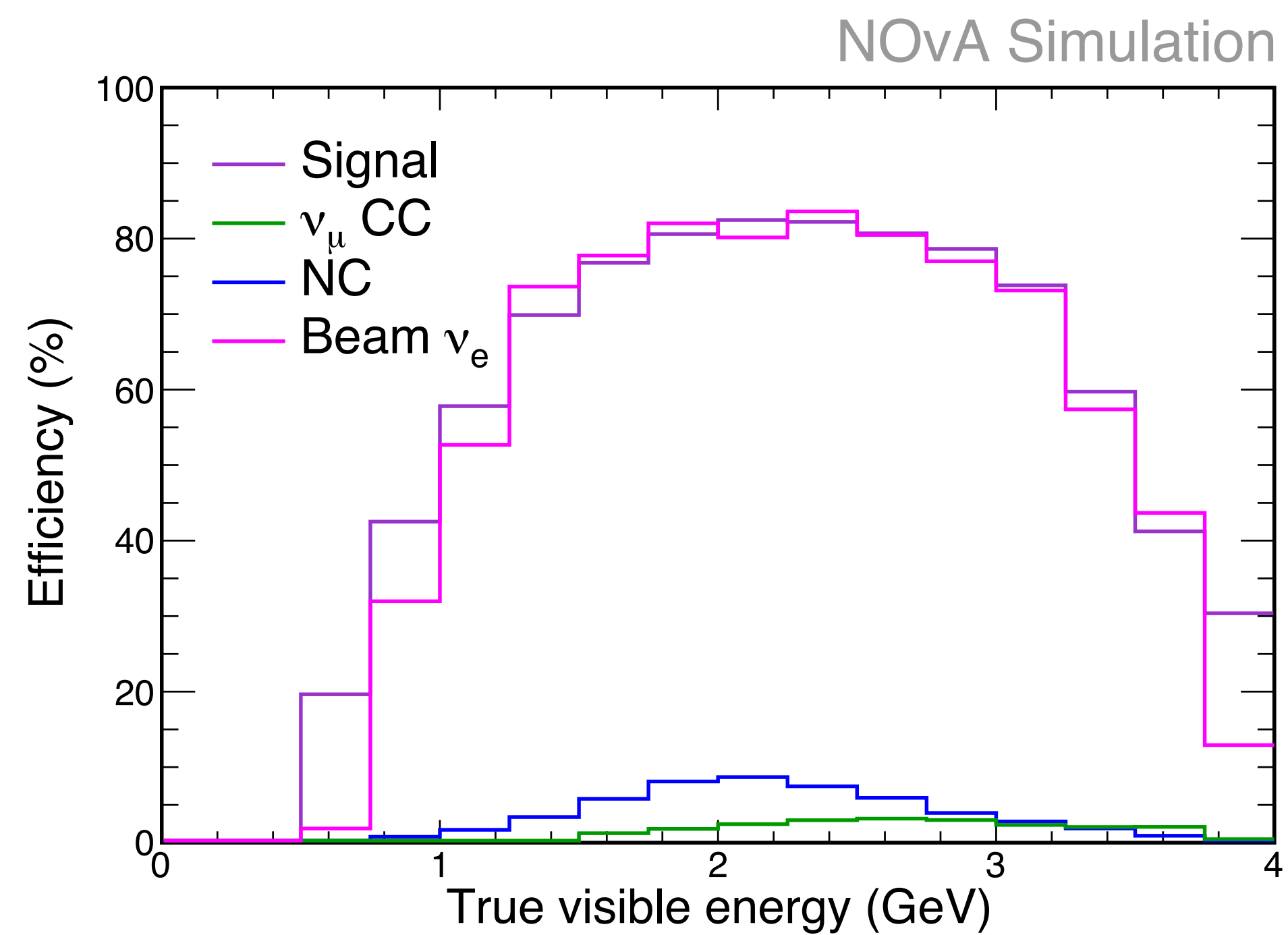
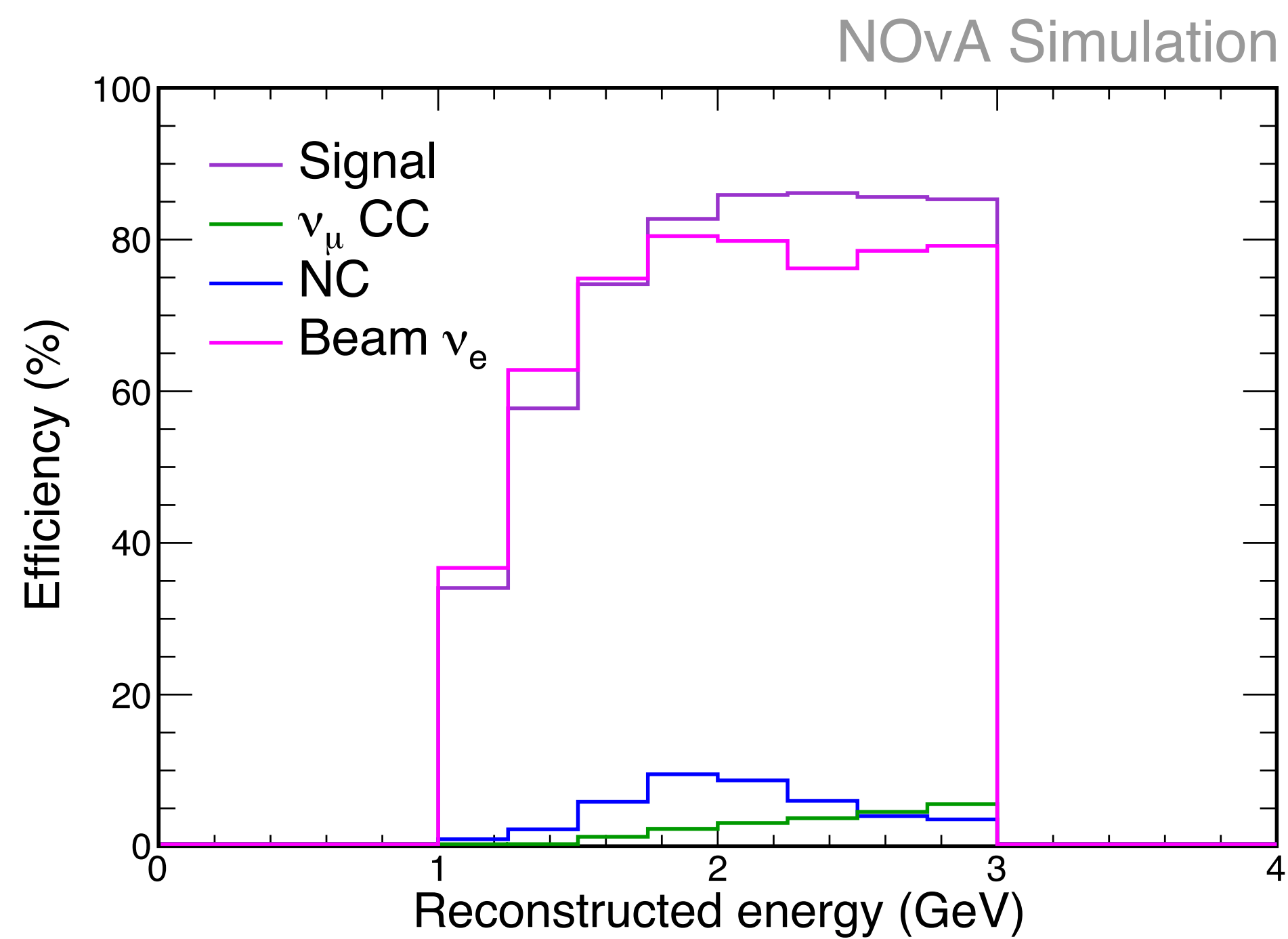


# Performance on NearDet Data

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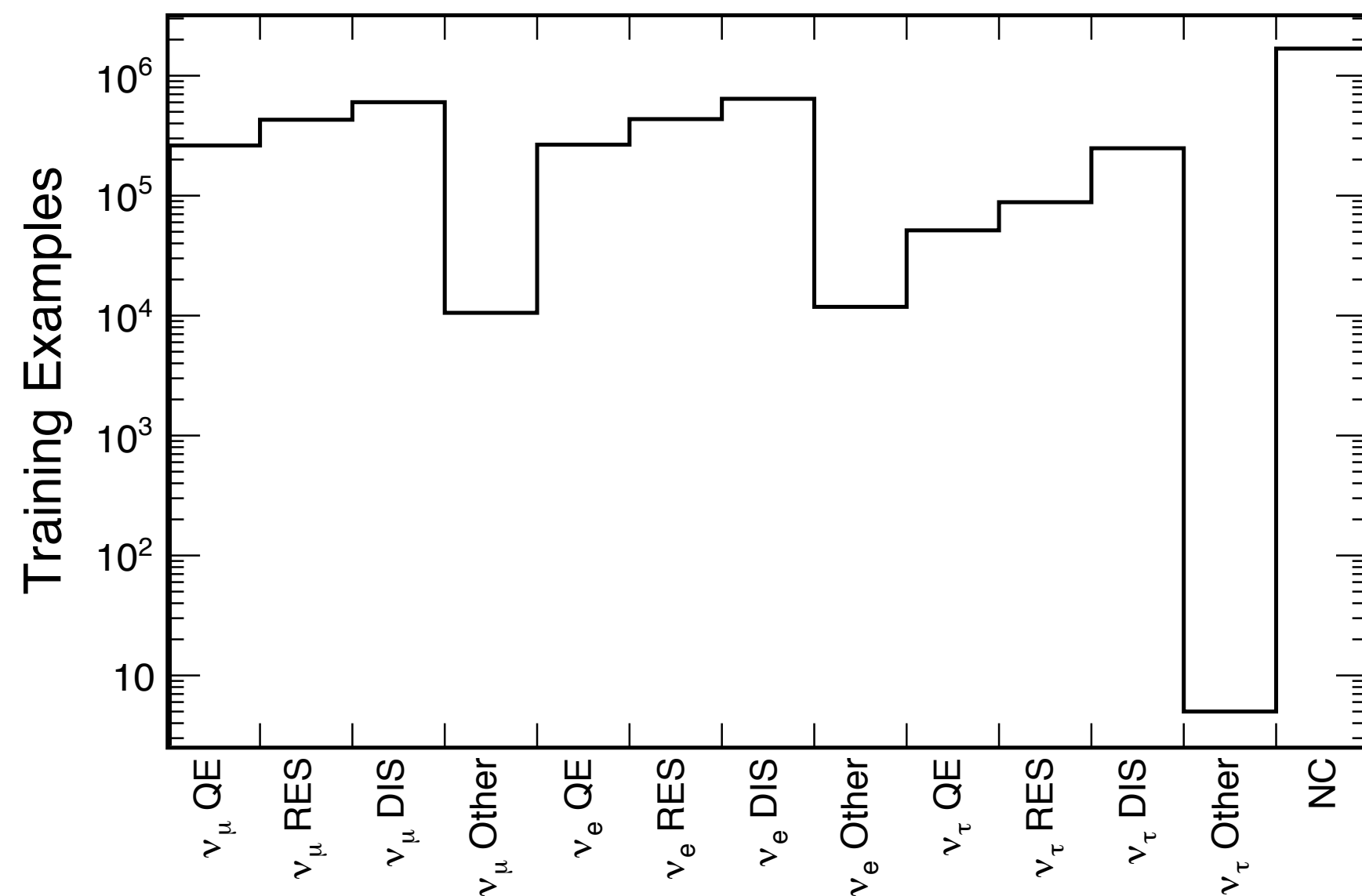


# CVN MC Efficiency



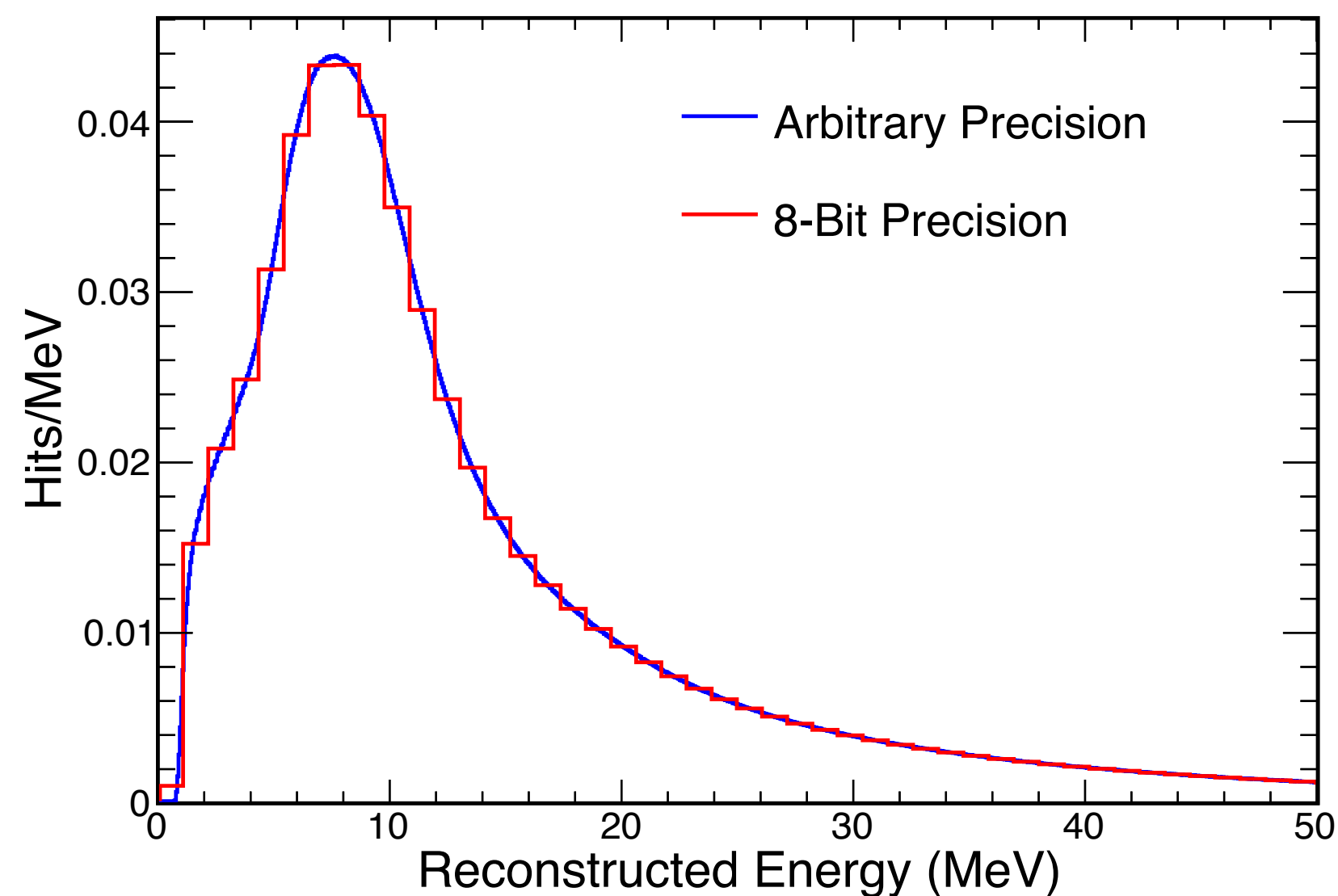


# CVN Classifier



4.7 million, minimally preselected simulated events, pushed into LevelDB databases: 80% for training and 20% for testing.

Rescale calibrated energy depositions to go from 0 to 255 and truncate to chars for dramatically reduced file size at no loss of information



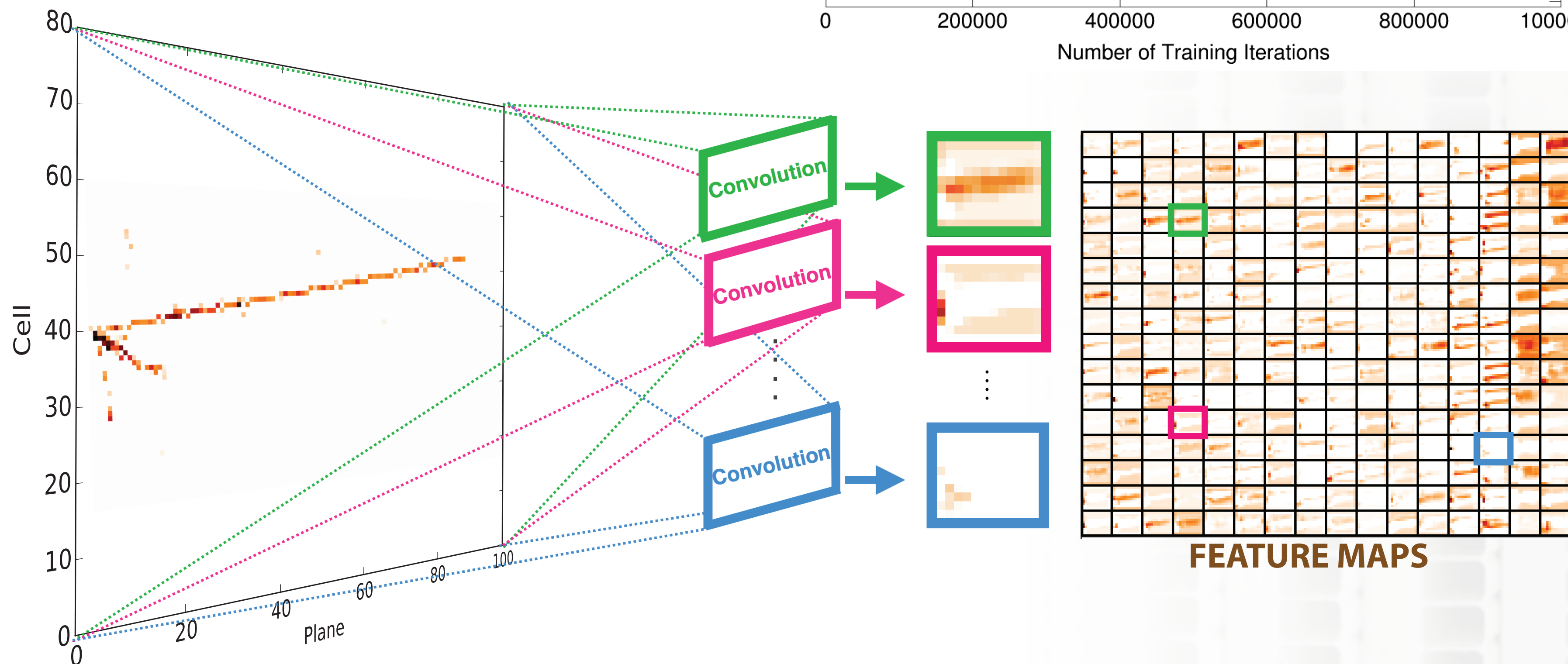
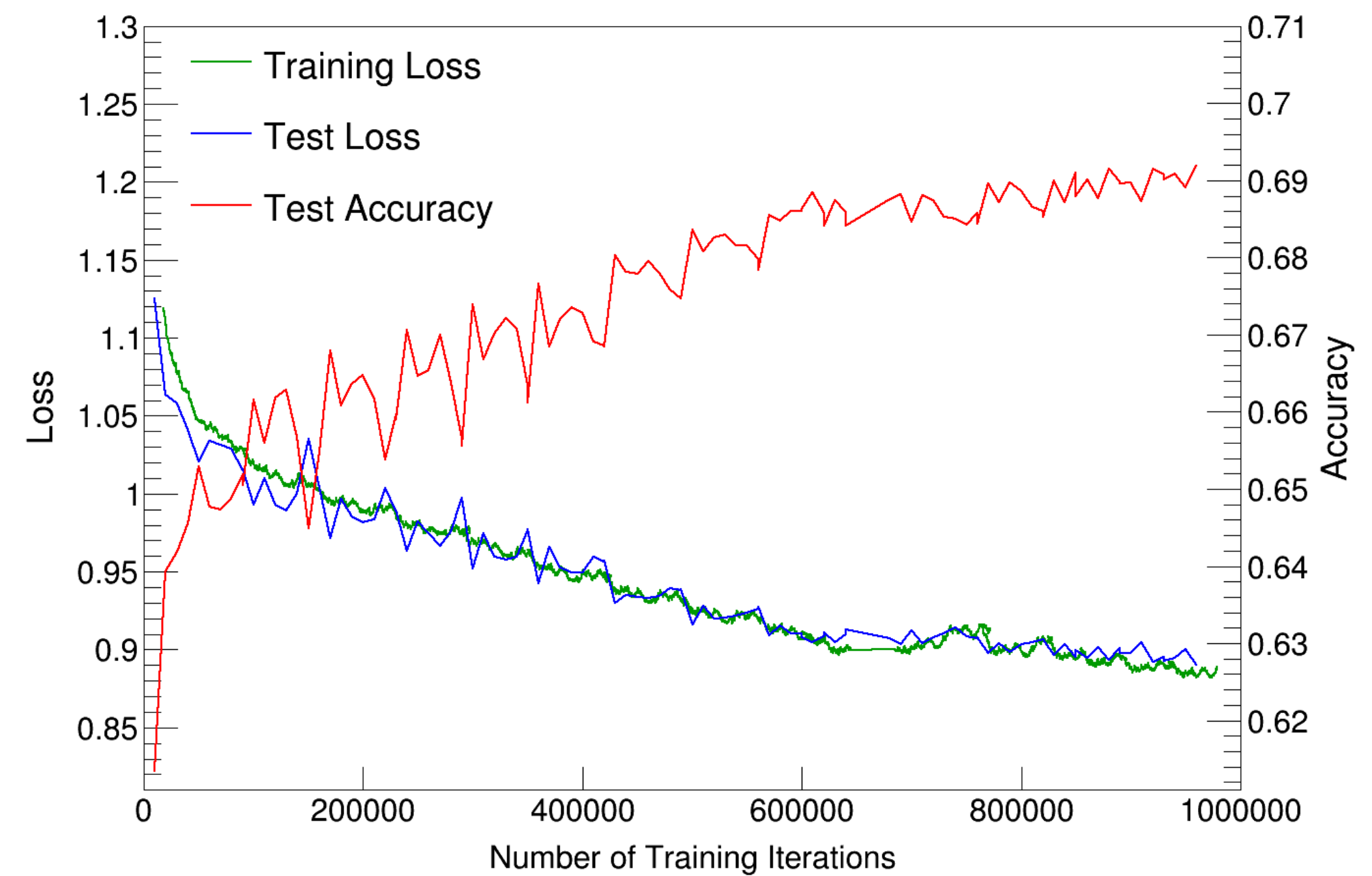
Fine tuned with 5 million cosmic data events taken from an out of beam time minimal bias trigger.

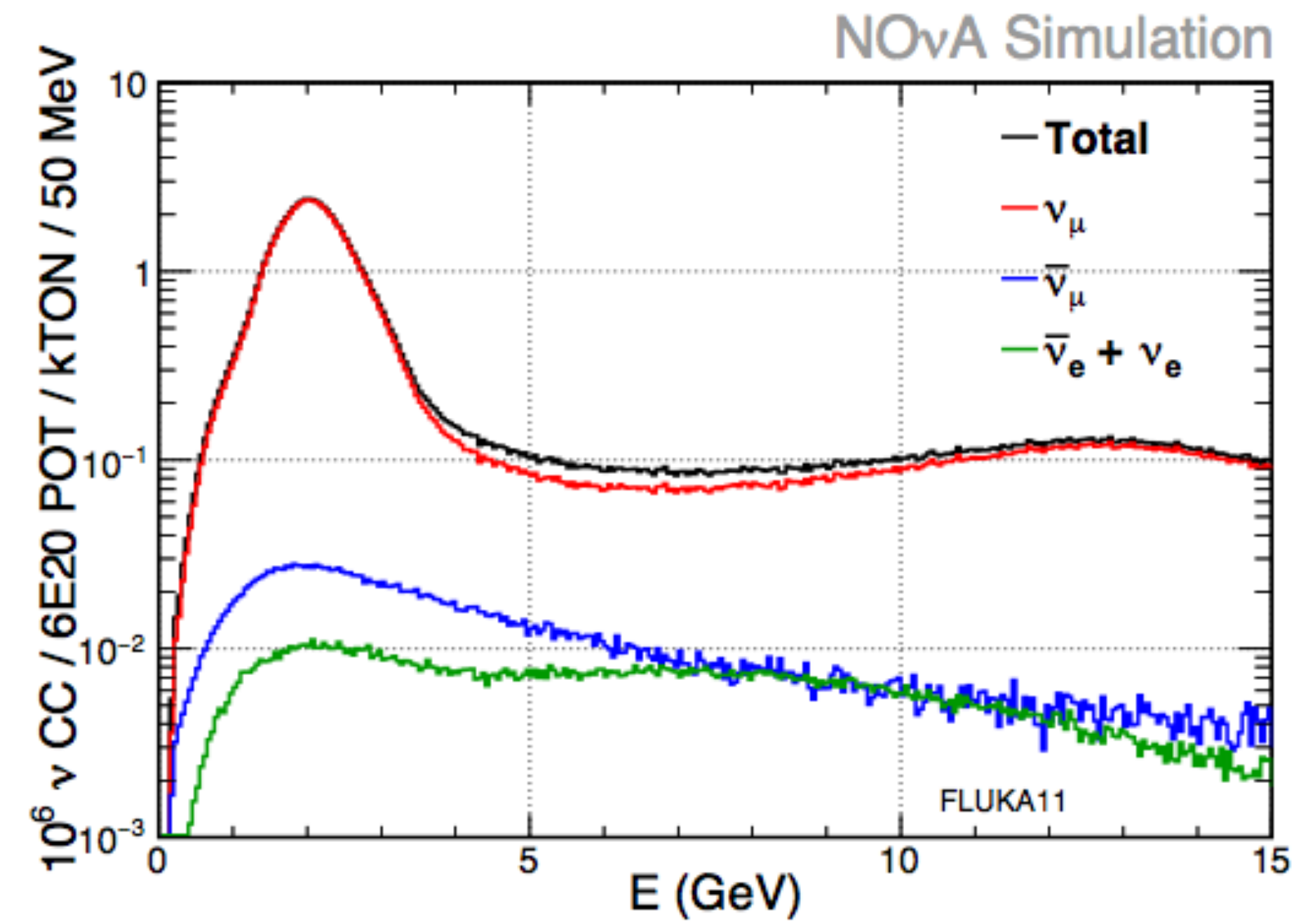
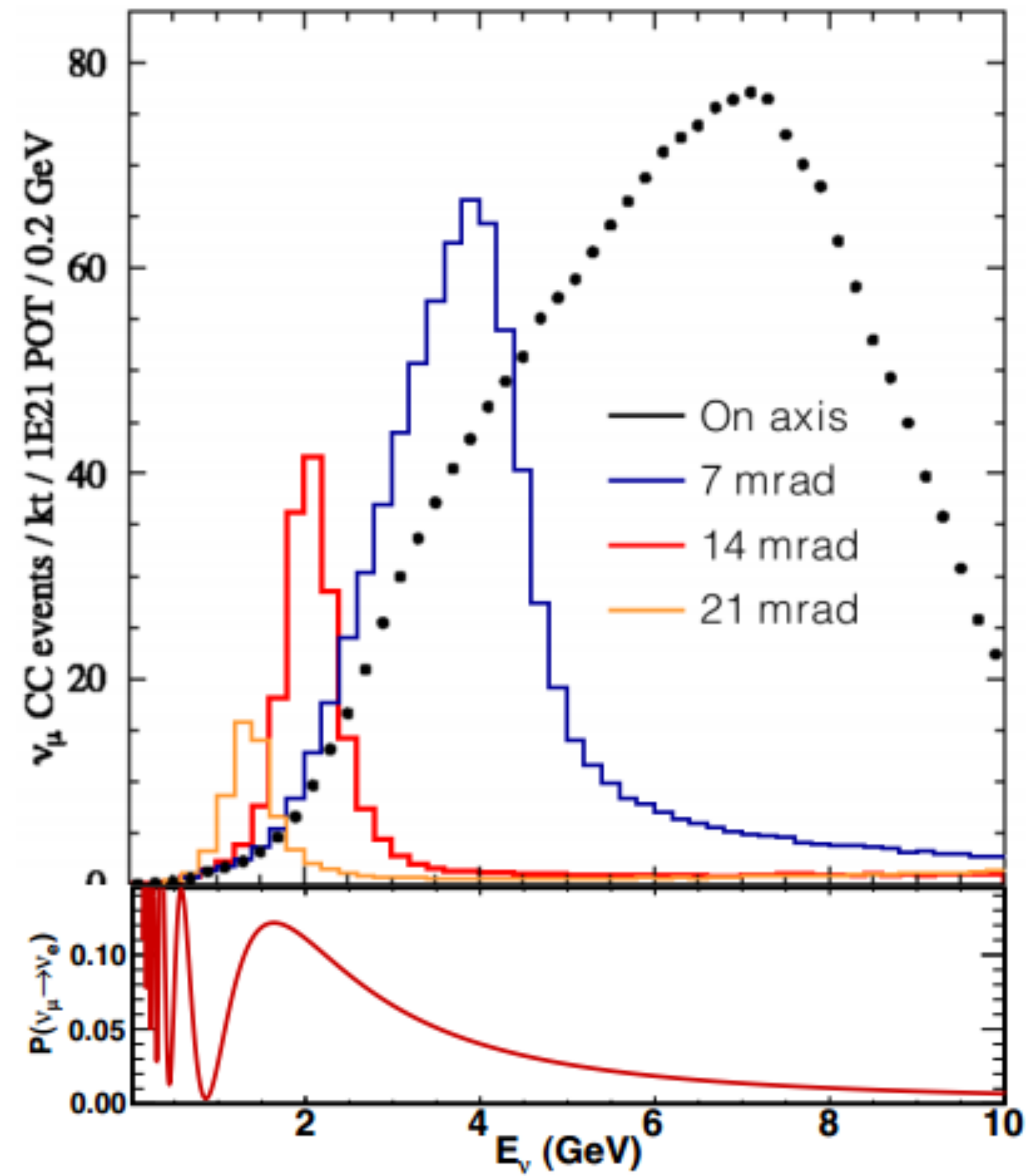
The architecture attempts to categorize events as  $\{\nu_\mu, \nu_e, \nu_\tau\} \times \{QE, RES, DIS\}$ , NC, or Cosmogenic.

# CVN Performance

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- Trained on 4.7 million simulated events of all neutrino interaction types plus cosmic rays.
- training sample has minimal preselection

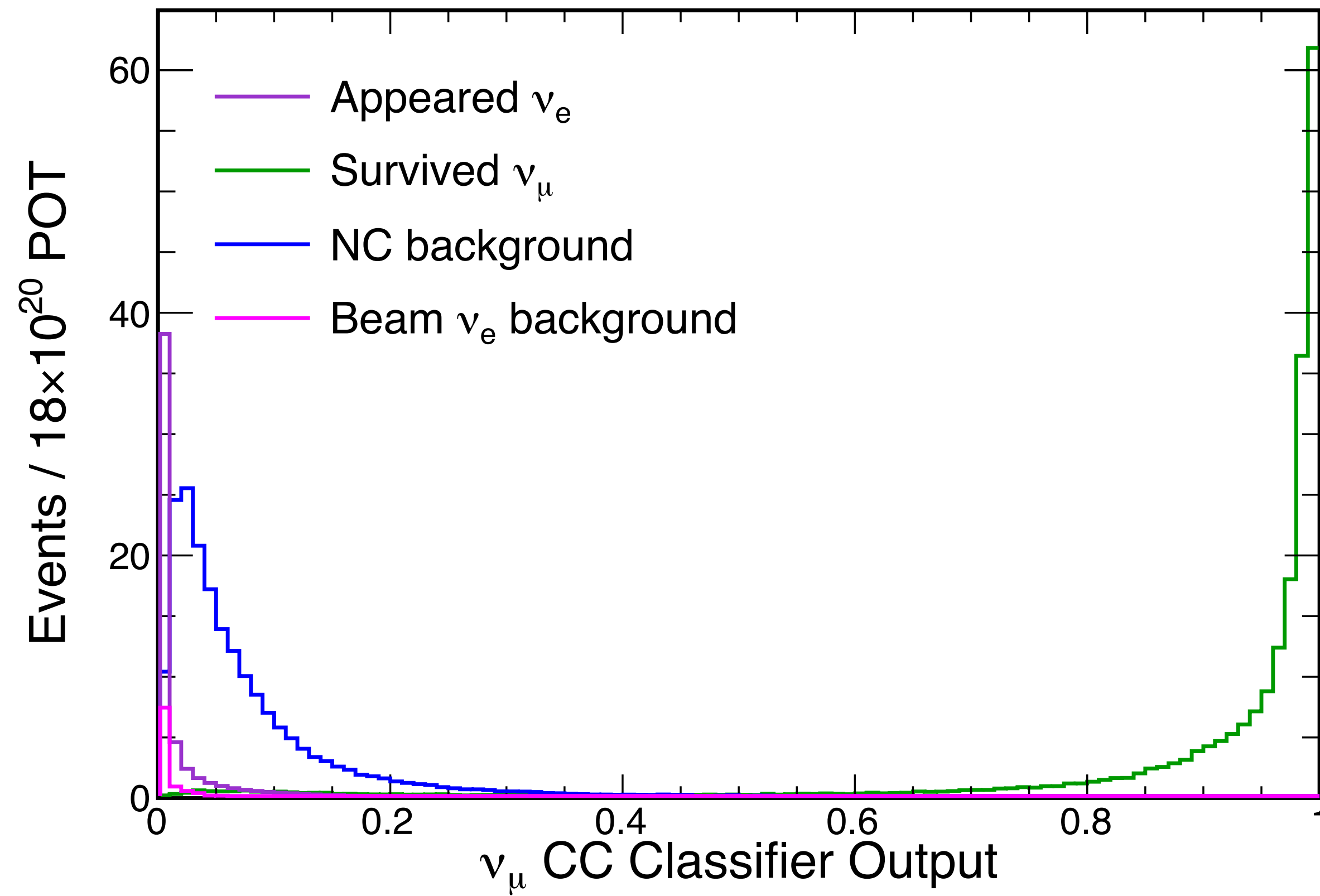






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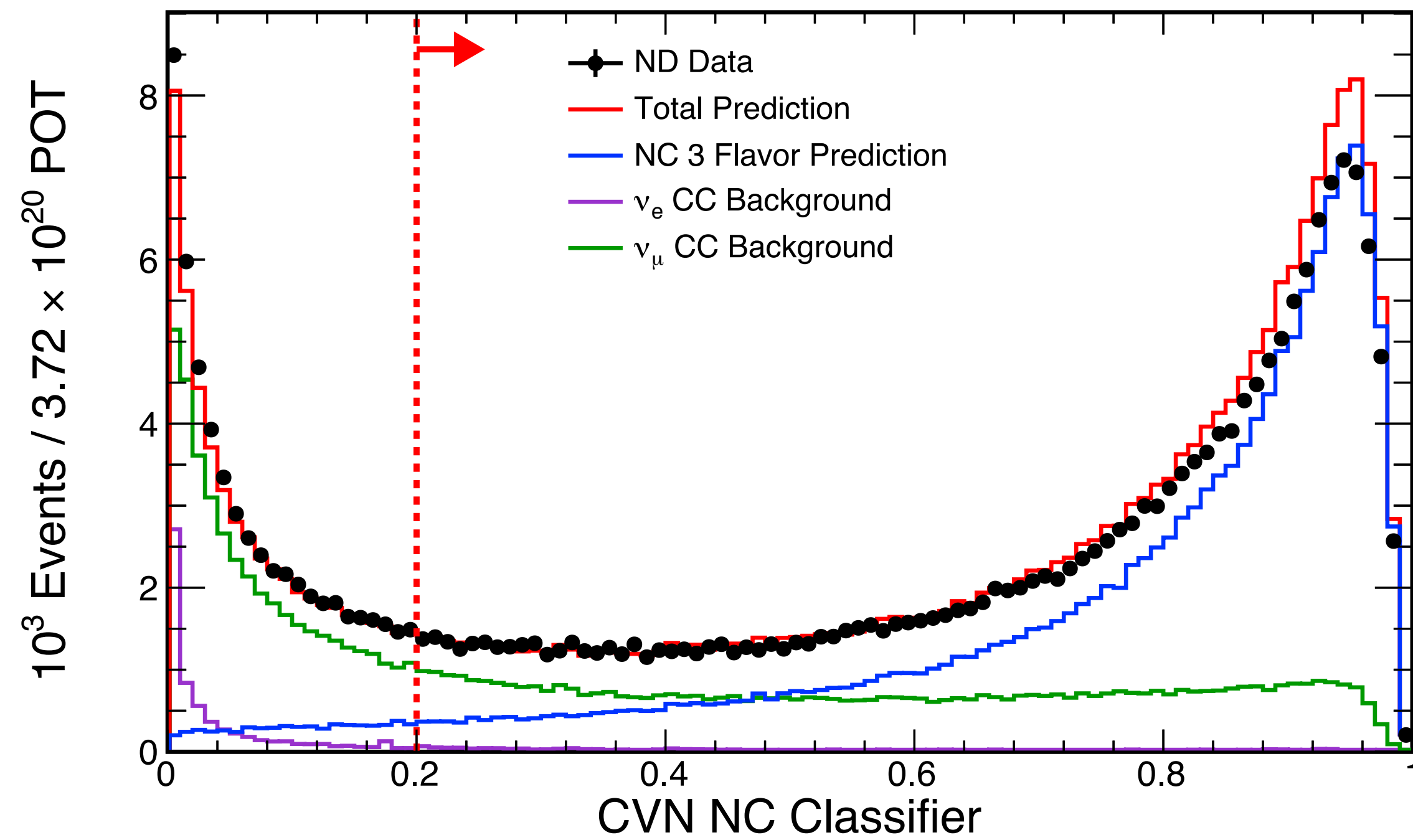
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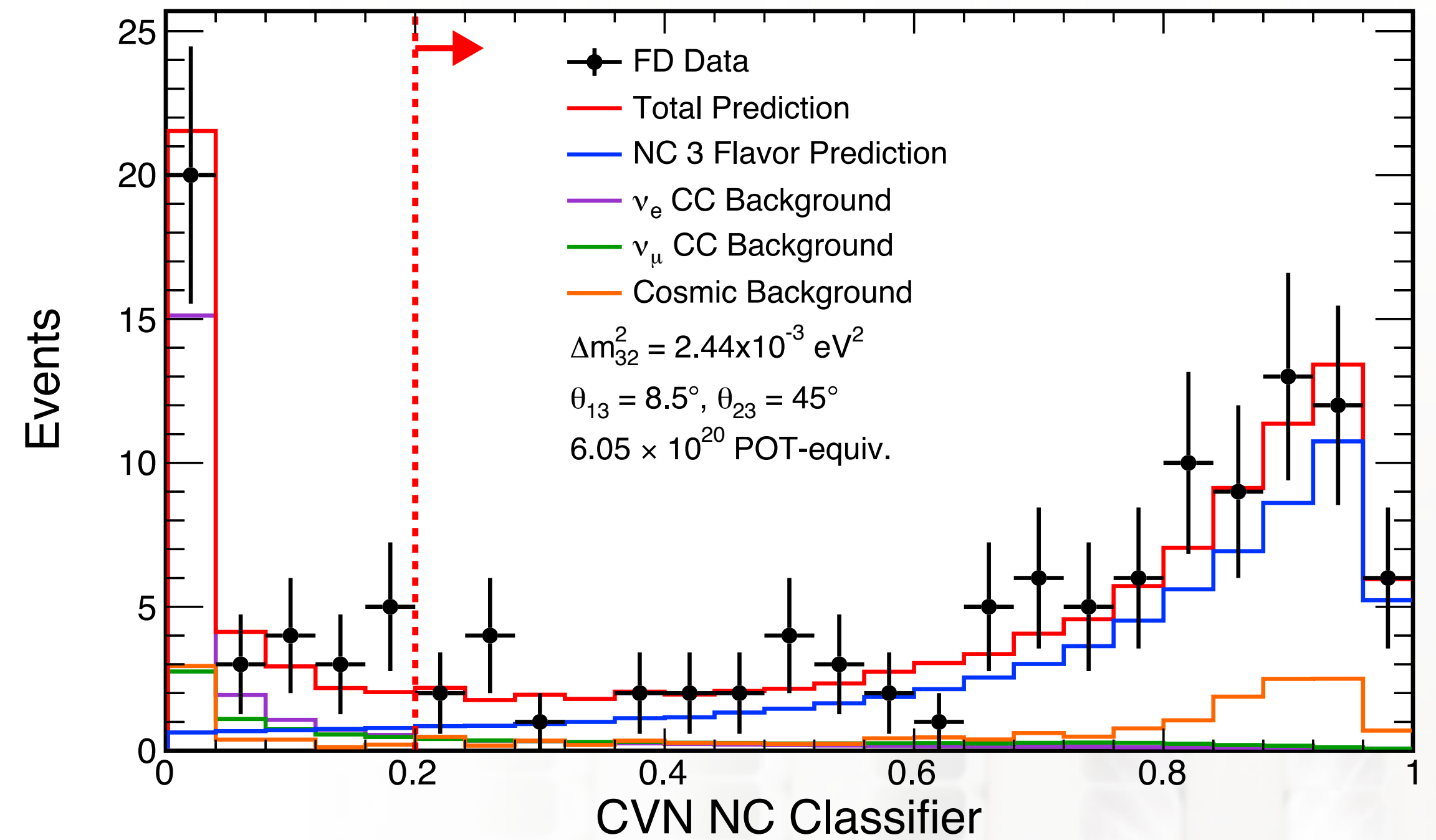
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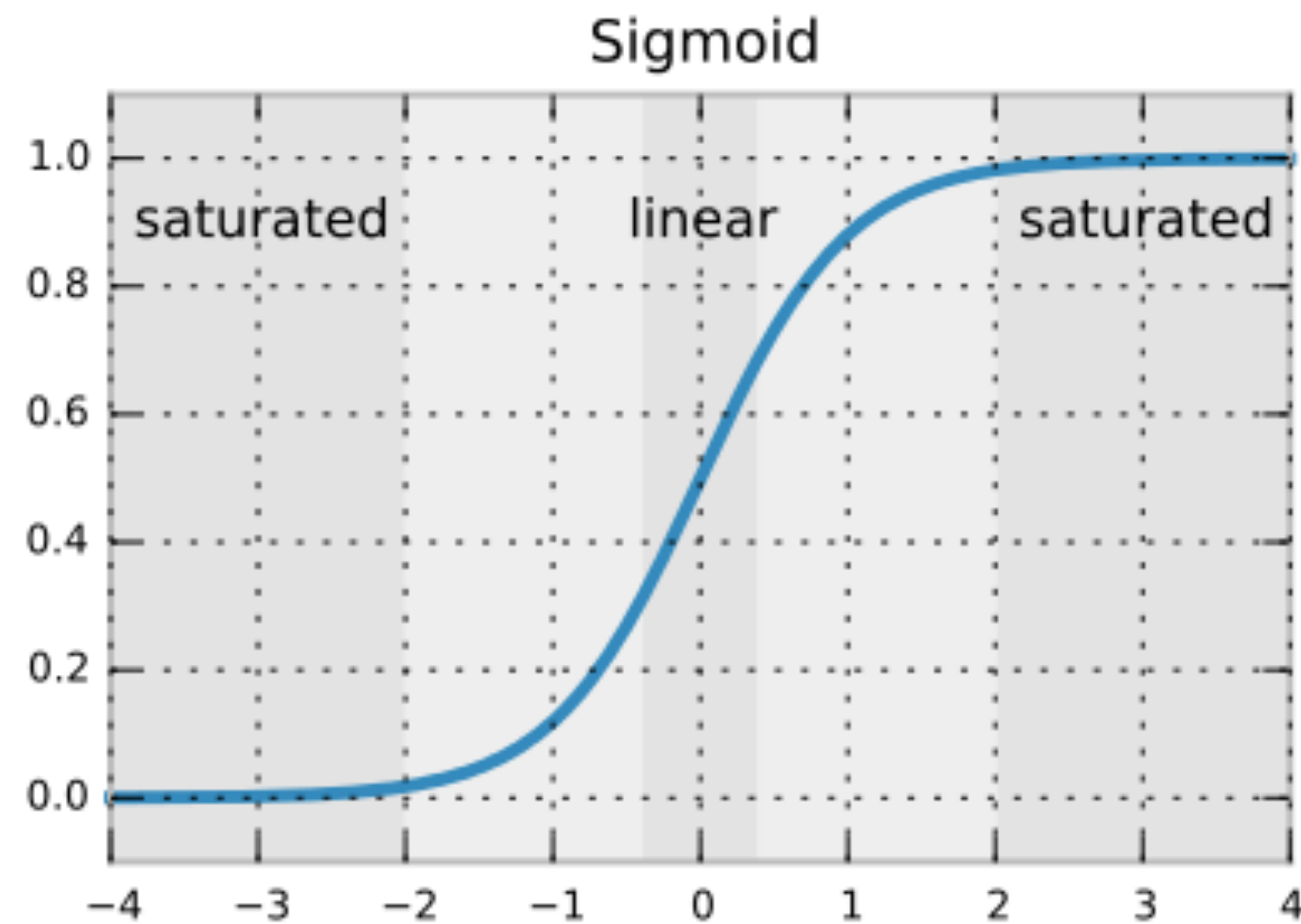


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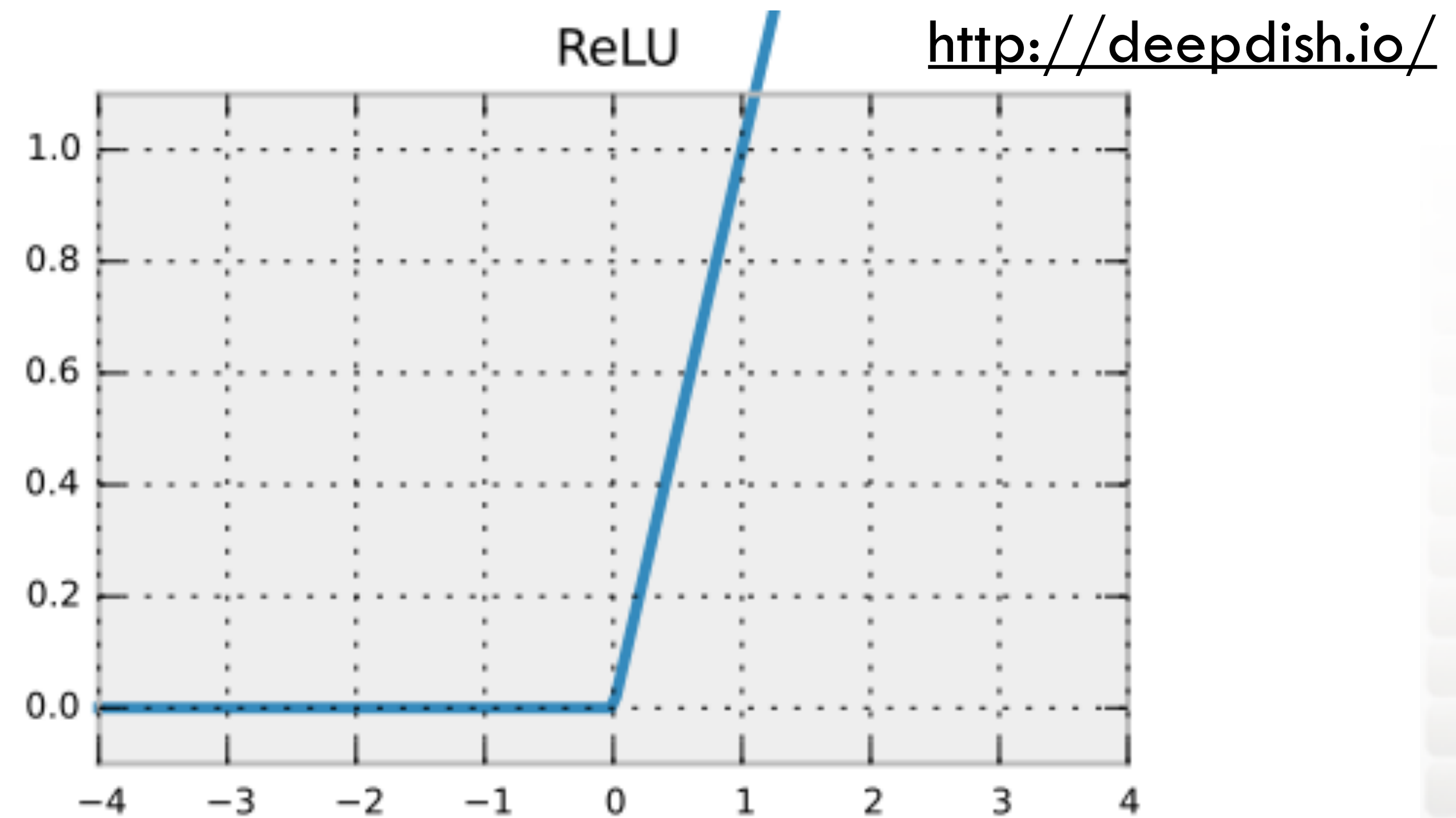


More effective back propagation due to better weight initialization and saturation functions:



$$\frac{\delta \sigma(x)}{\delta x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

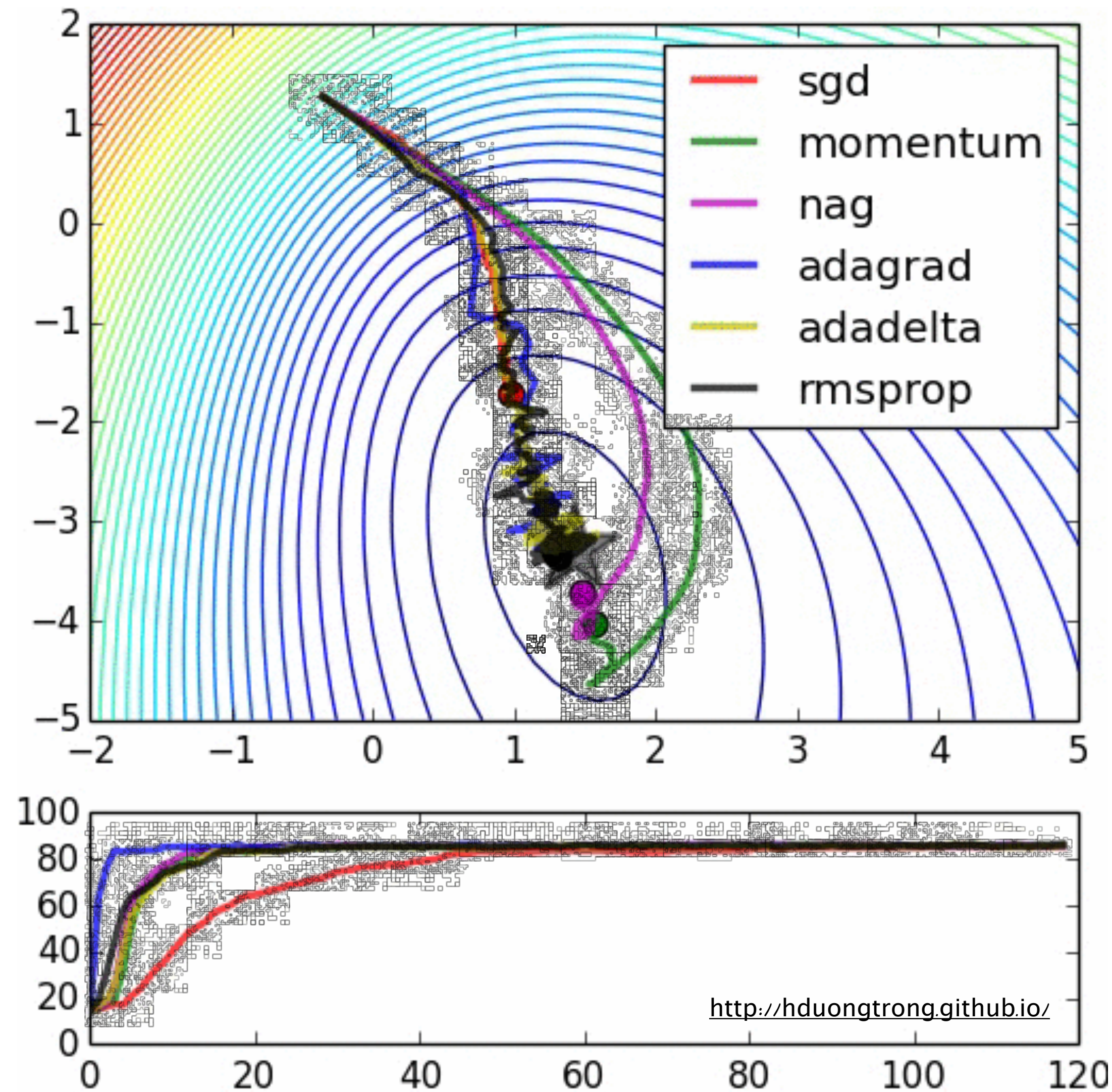
Sigmoid gradient goes to 0 when x is far from 1. Makes back propagation impossible!



$$\frac{\text{ReLU}(x)}{\delta x} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Use ReLU to avoid saturation.





In SGD we avoid some of the cost of gradient descent by **evaluating small batches of events one at a time**.

The performance of conventional gradient descent is approximated as the various noisy sub estimates even out, with the stochastic behavior even allowing for jumping out of local minima.