

# Deep Inelastic Scattering Impact on NOvA

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# Overview

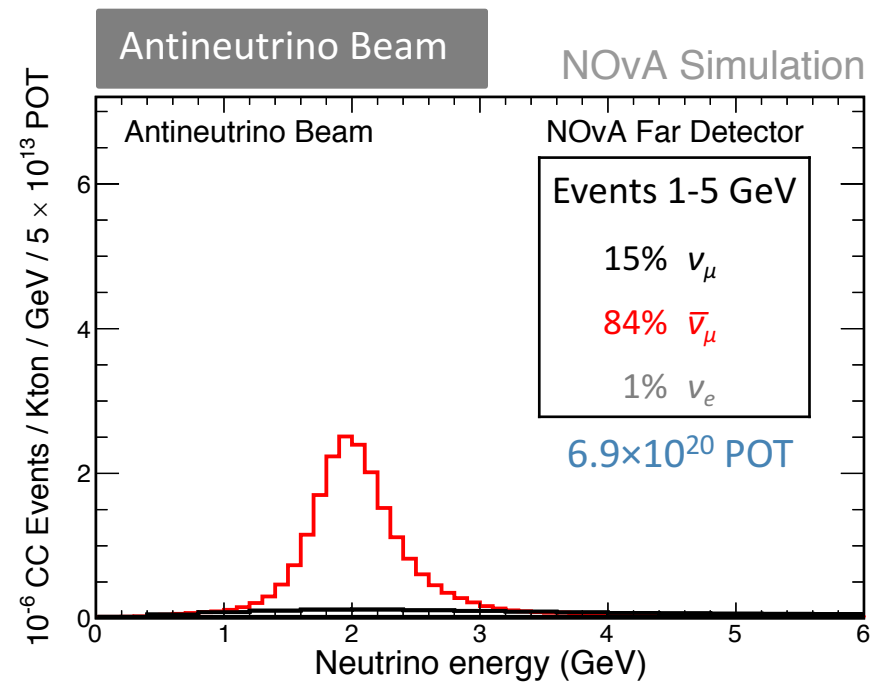
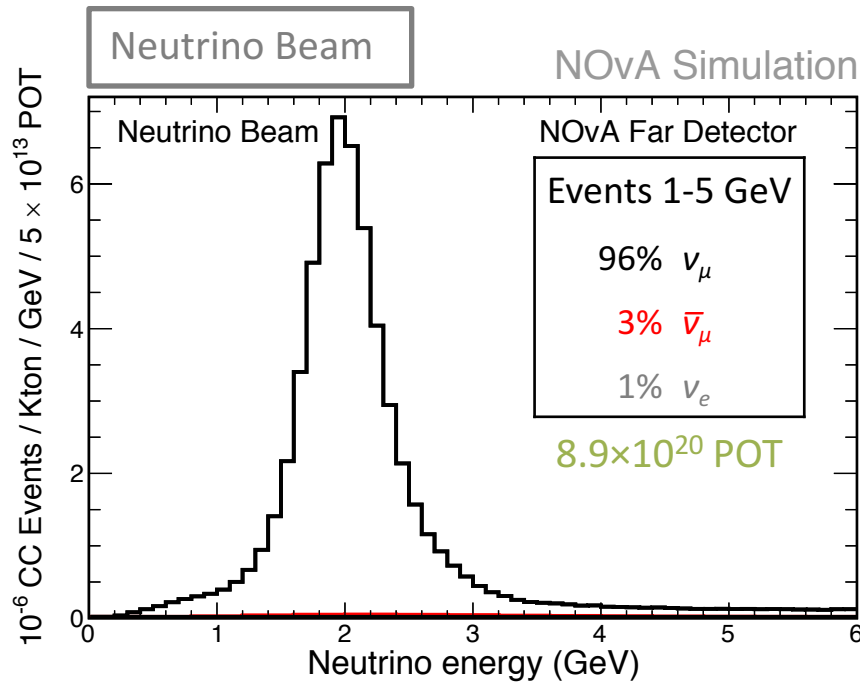
- NOvA Oscillation measurements.
- Focus on Impact of DIS.
  - Jeremy Wolcott will speak more broadly on XS model impacts in at NuInt
- Future efforts in NOvA to explore the DIS region.
  - L. Aliaga and M. Judah will present updates and results from the NOvA XS measurement effort at NuInt.

# The NOvA Experiment



- Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment.
  - NuMI neutrino beam at Fermilab
  - **Near Detector** to measure the beam before oscillations
  - **Far Detector** measures the oscillated spectrum.
- **Primary goal:** measurement of 3-flavor oscillations via:
  - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
  - $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

# CC Interaction Spectrum in NuMI

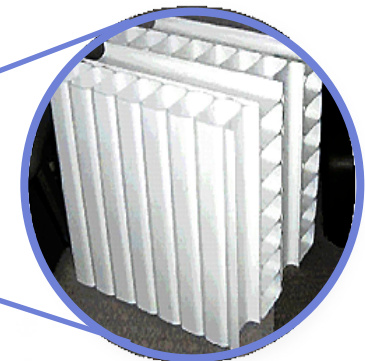


- Production cross section is a little higher for  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  than for  $\pi^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Cross section for antineutrinos is **~2.8 times lower** than for neutrinos.
- Antineutrinos also tend to have more lepton energy and less hadronic energy.

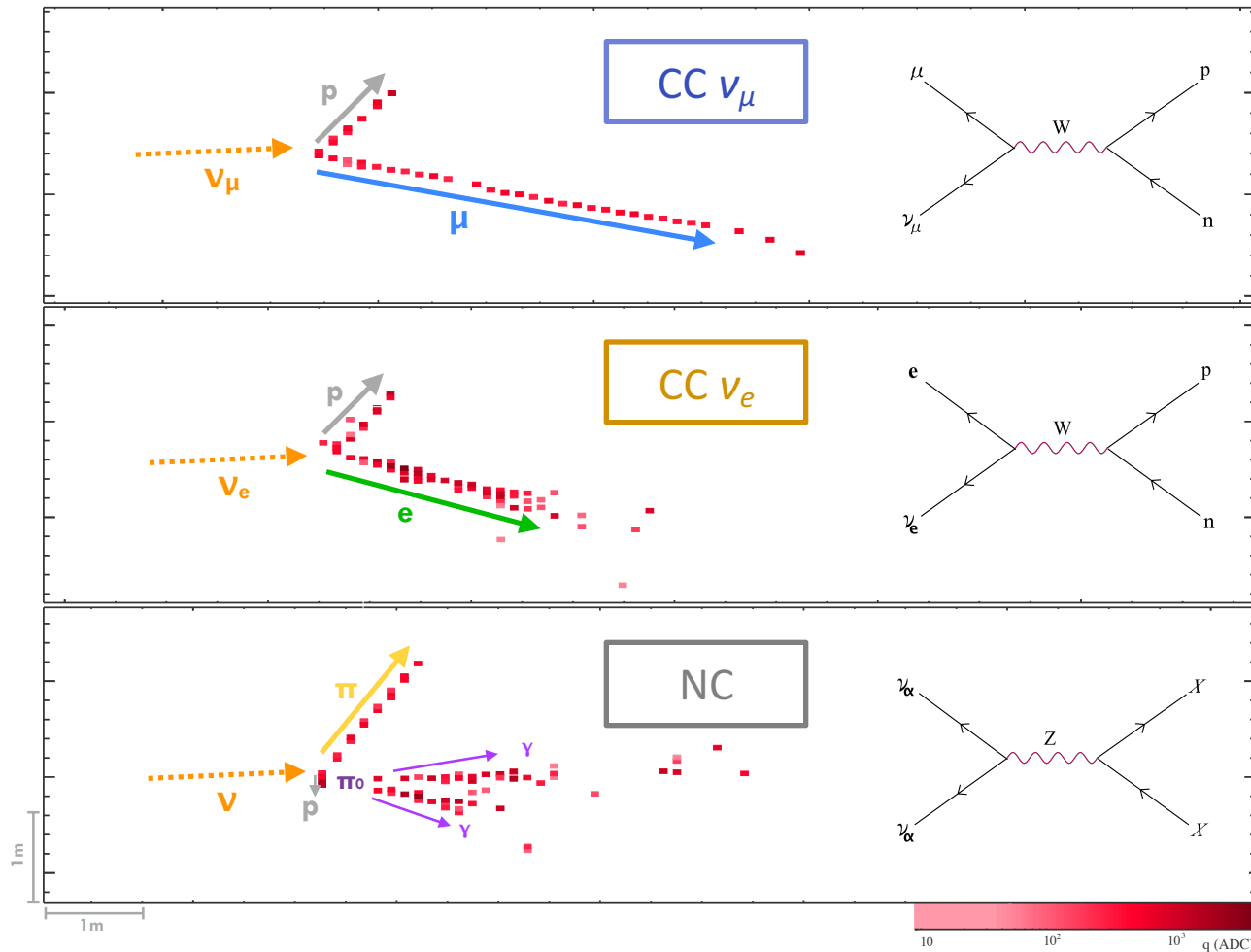
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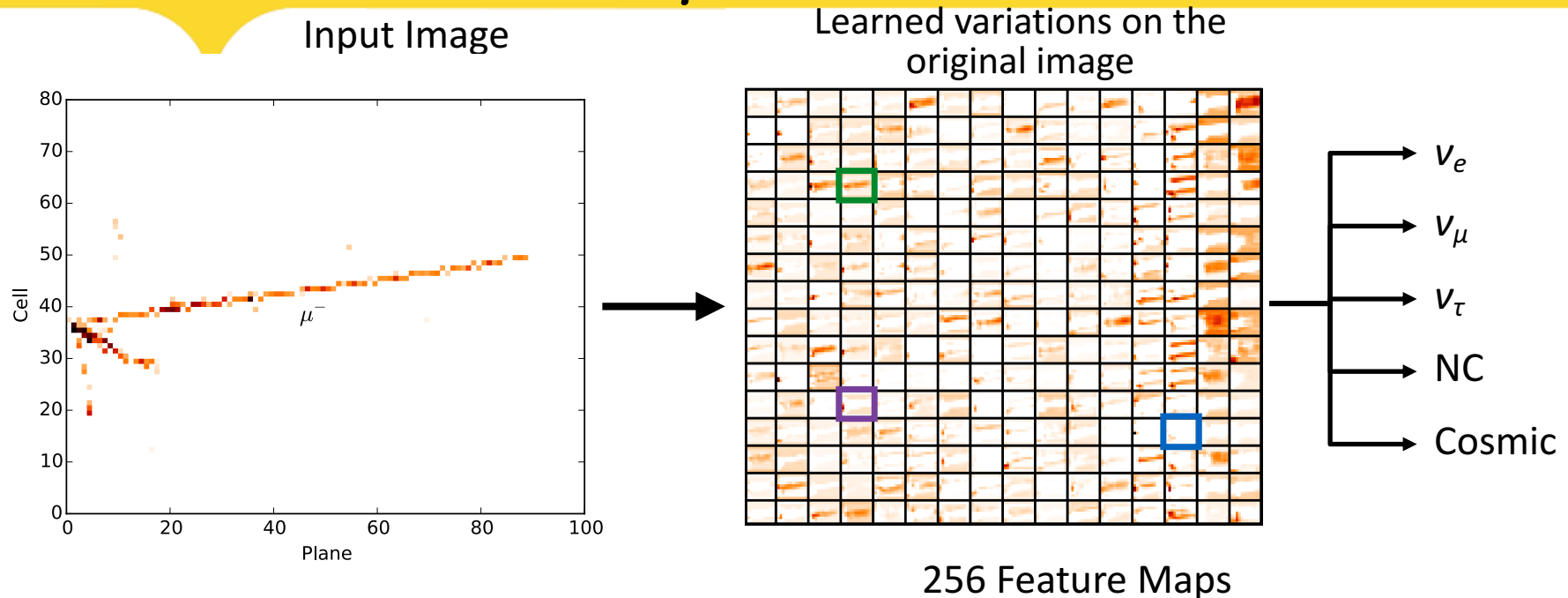
- Far detector is 14 ktons, sits at the surface in Minnesota
- Near detector is 290 tons placed 300 ft underground at Fermilab.
- Functionally identical
  - Consist of plastic cells filled with liquid scintillator
  - Arranged in alternating directions for 3D reconstruction
  - Light collected by WLS Fiber and readout by APD



# Neutrino Candidates from ND Data

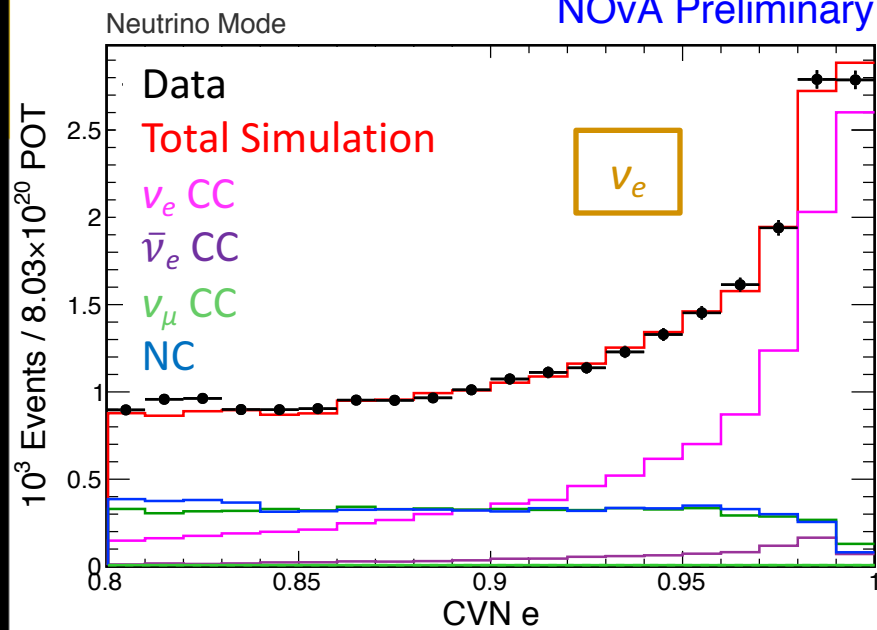


# Selecting $\nu_e$ 's and $\nu_\mu$ 's with Computer Vision

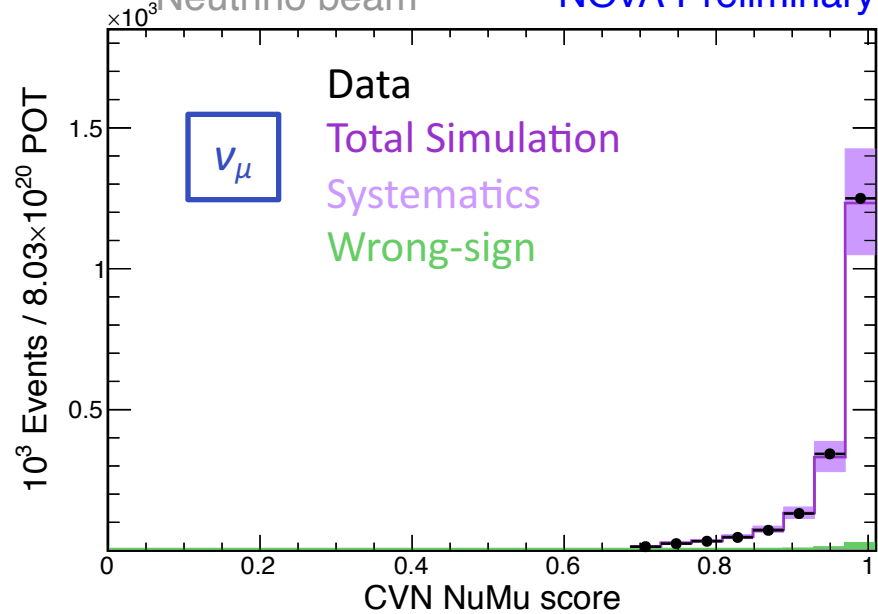


- We use a *convolutional neural network* based on the GoogLeNet.
  - “Feature maps” create variants of the original image which enhance different features.
- Multi-label classifier – the same network used in multiple analyses – based on GENIE final state labels
- Separate training for the neutrino and antineutrino beams.

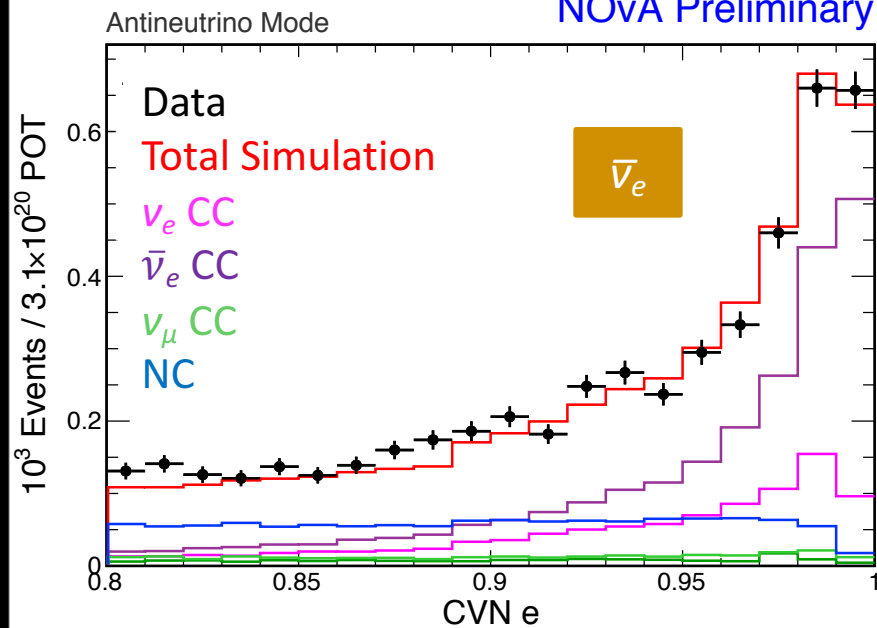
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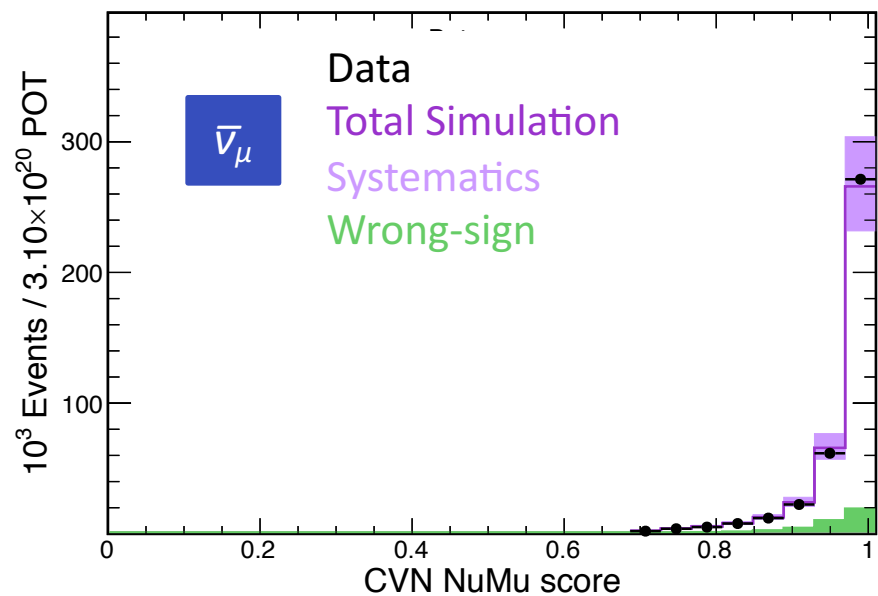
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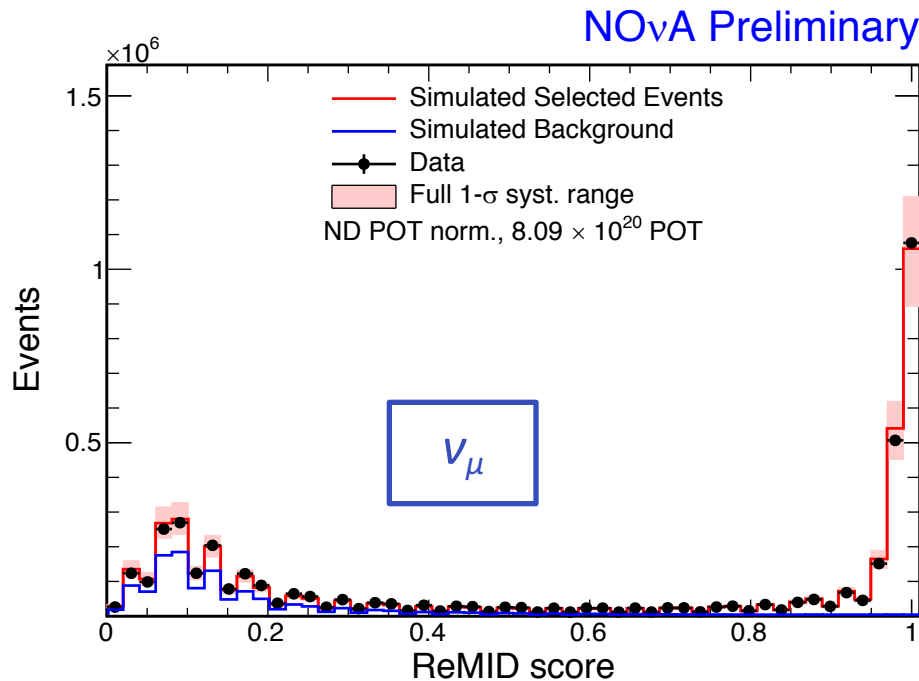
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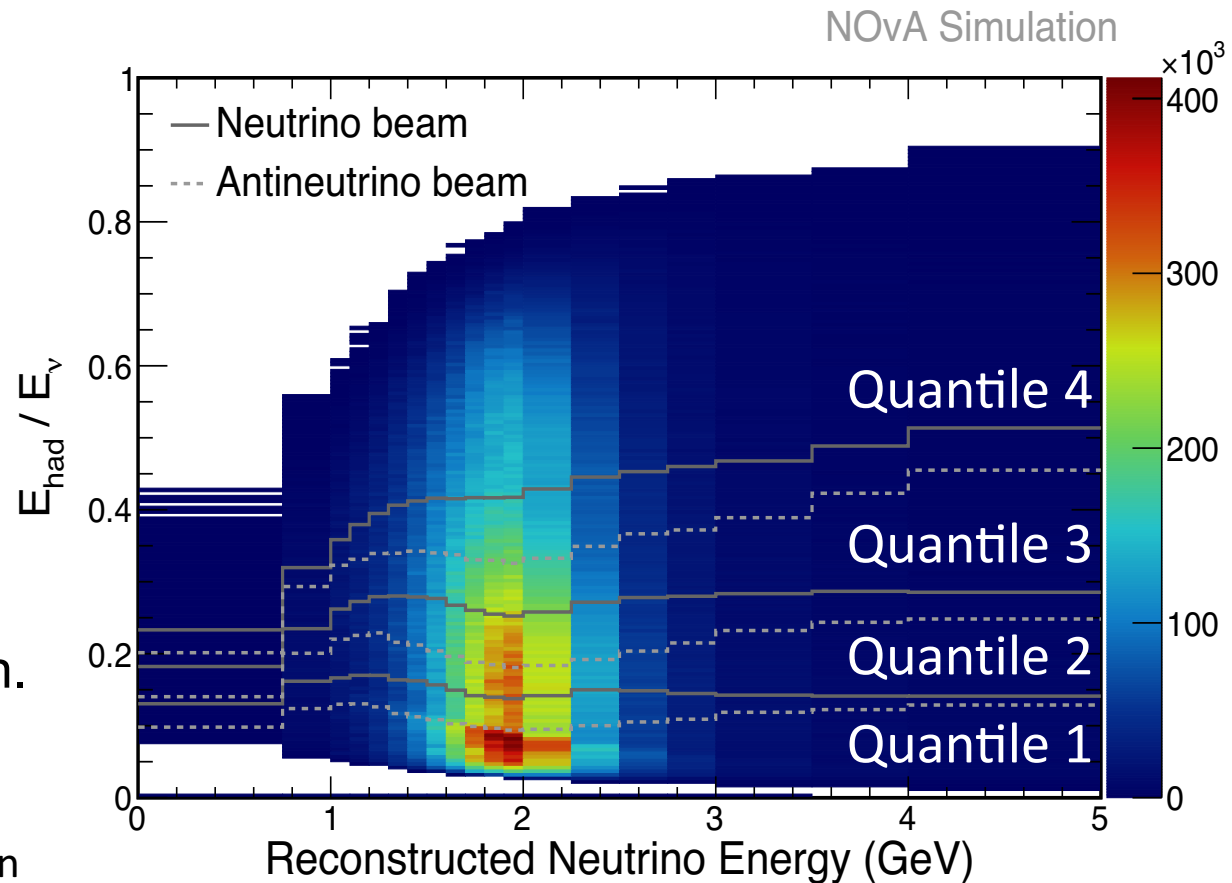
# Additional Selections

- Some basic additional cuts: Contained, fiducial events, well-reconstructed, reasonable energy range, cosmic rejection at FD.
- An additional  $\nu_\mu$  requirement: a track identified as a muon (ReMID>0.7).
  - CVN identifies events with a muon, but it does not identify the muon track.
  - Identify muons in reconstructed tracks using a kNN: Track length, dE/dx, scattering, fraction of track-only planes



# Binning for Sensitivity: $\nu_\mu$ Events

- Oscillation sensitivity depends on spectrum shape.
- Improve sensitivity by separating high-resolution and low-resolution events.
- Split into 4 quantiles by hadronic energy fraction.
  - Muon energy resolution (3%) is much better than hadronic energy resolution (30%).



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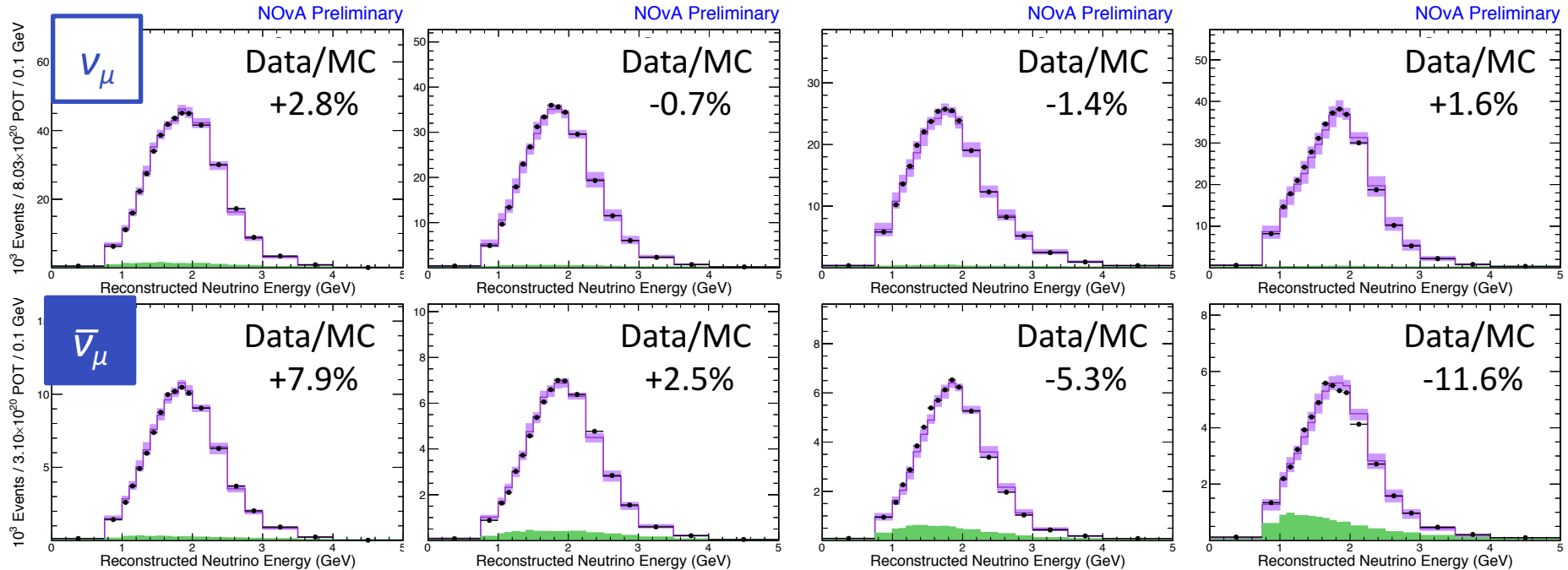
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Area-normalized MC  
Shape-only systematics  
Wrong-sign

Quantile 1

Best Resolution  $\sim 6\%$

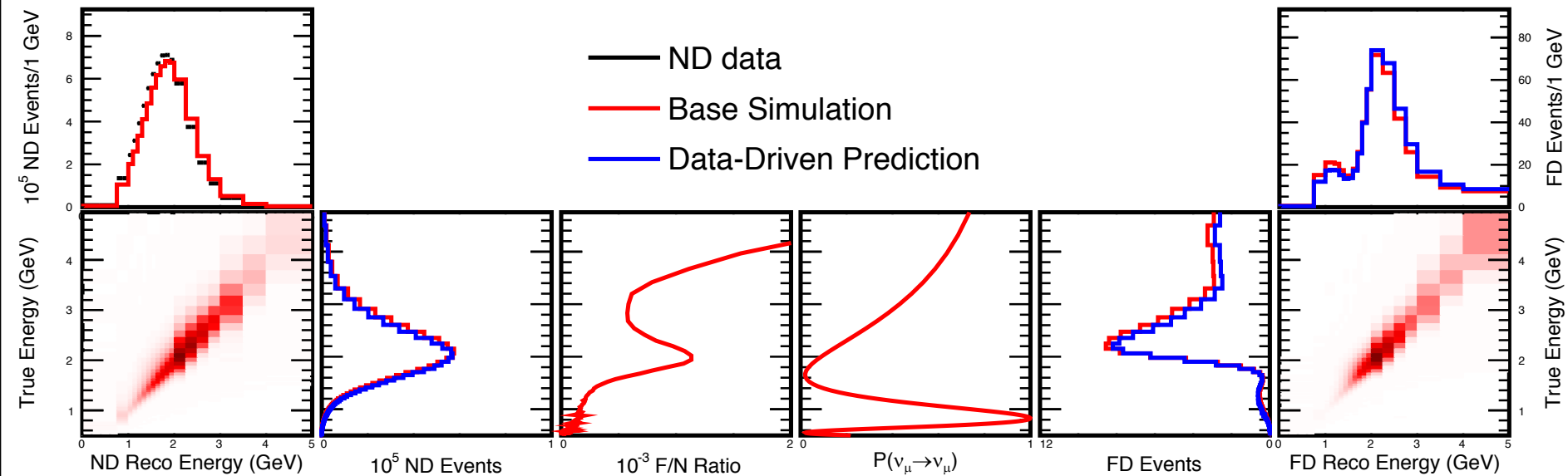
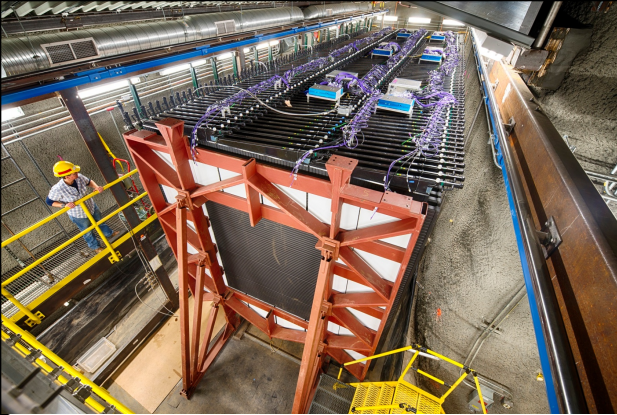
Quantile 4

Worst Resolution  $\sim 12\%$



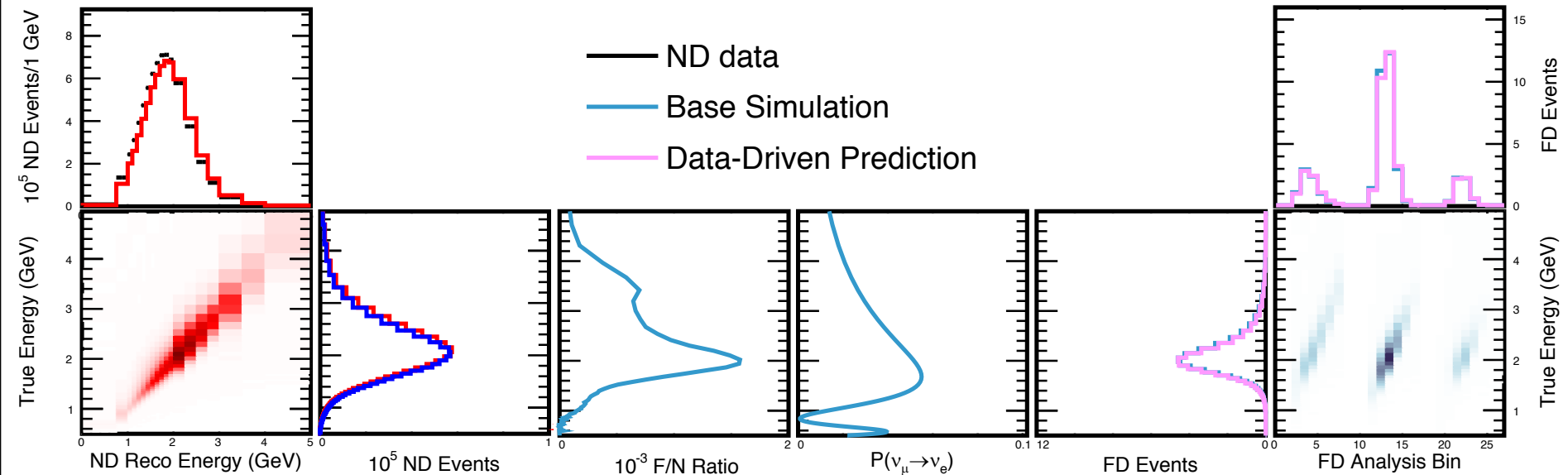
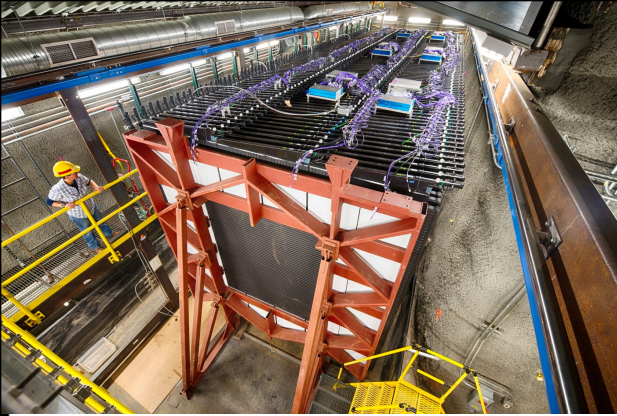
- Data-MC shape agreement good within each quantile.
- Extrapolate each separately.

# Extrapolating from Near to Far



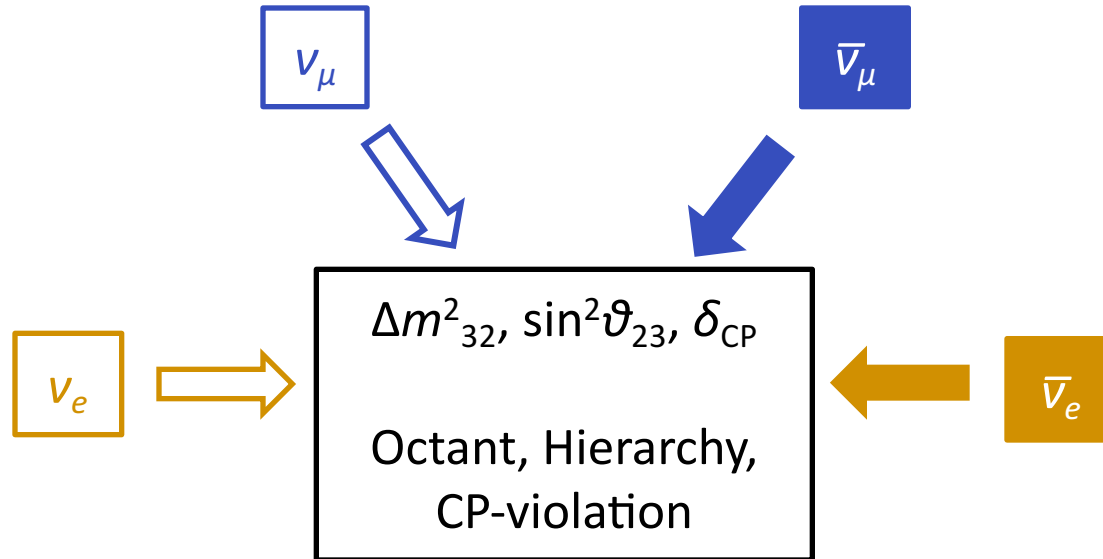
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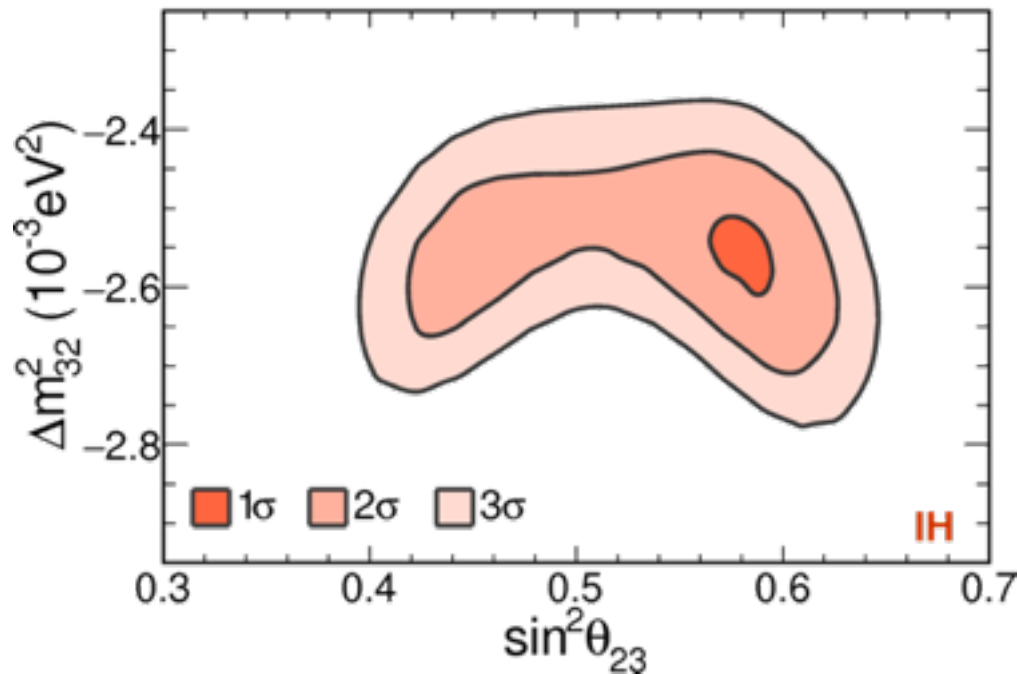
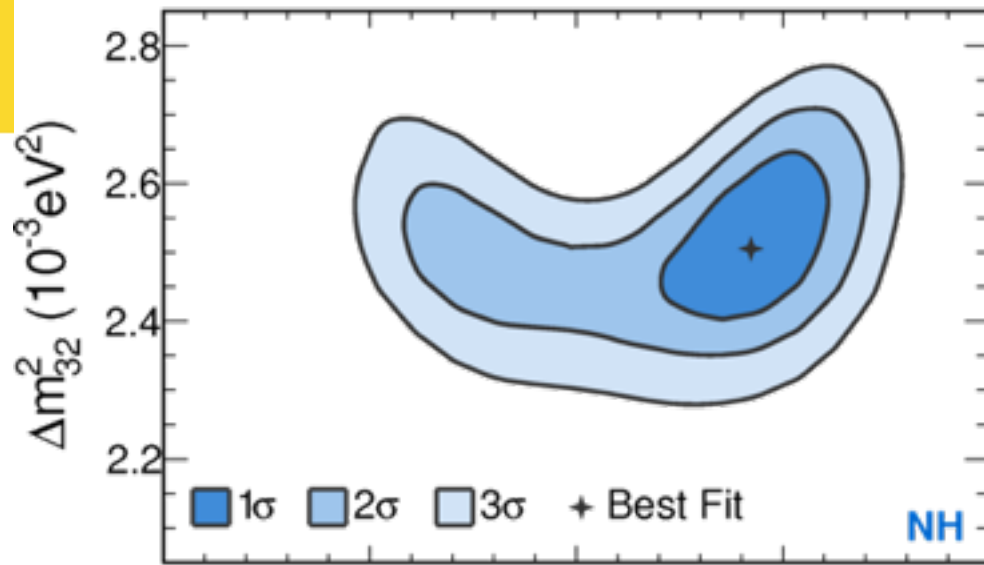


- Use the ND  $\nu_\mu$  sample to predict the FD  $\nu_\mu$  sample.
- Use the ND  $\nu_\mu$  sample to predict the FD  $\nu_e$  signal.
- Use the ND  $\nu_e$ -like sample to predict the FD  $\nu_e$  backgrounds.

# Oscillation Fit



- All results come from a joint fit to neutrinos + antineutrinos,  $\nu_e + \nu_\mu$ 
  - Systematics are treated together, though some affect the samples differently.
- All contours and 1D ranges are Feldman-Cousins corrected.
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.082$  comes from the PDG average.



Best Fit

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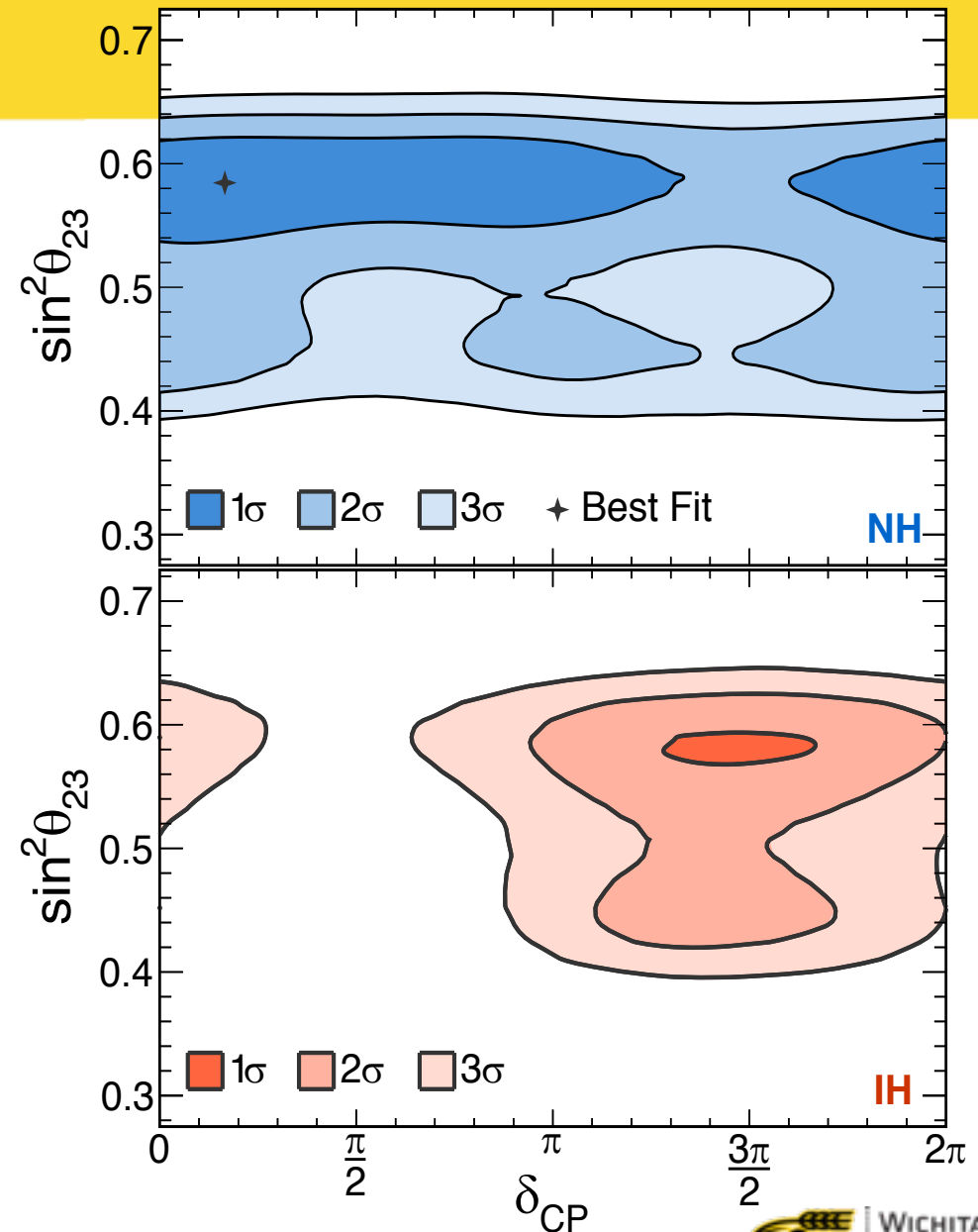
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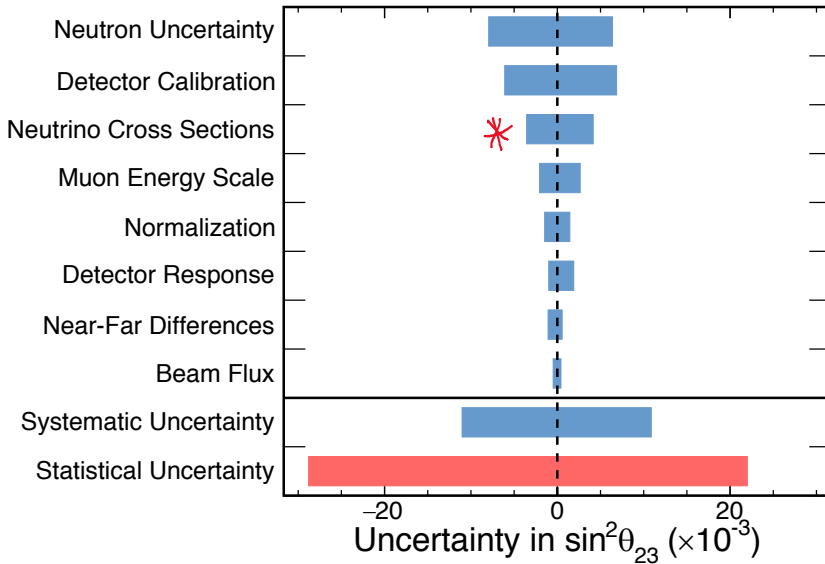
$$\delta = 0.17\pi$$

Exclude IH,  $\delta = \pi/2$  at  $> 3\sigma$ 

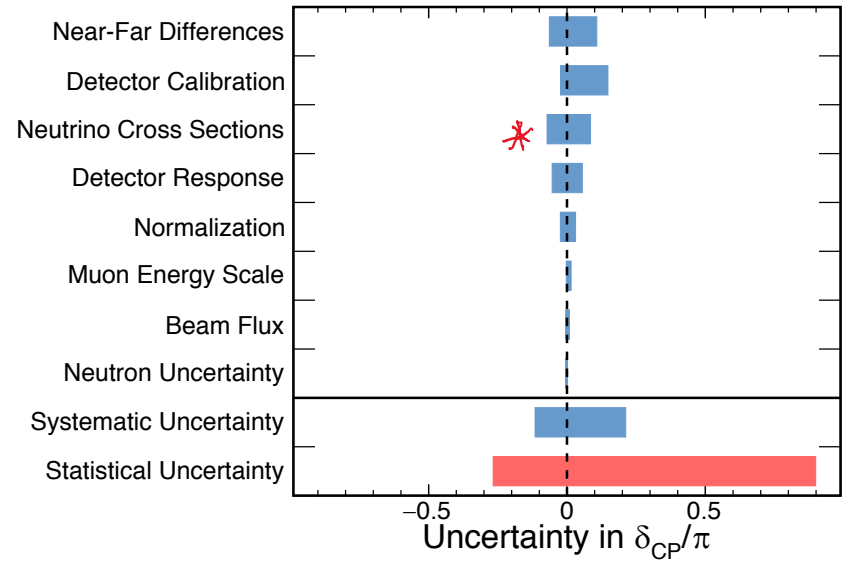


# Systematic Uncertainties

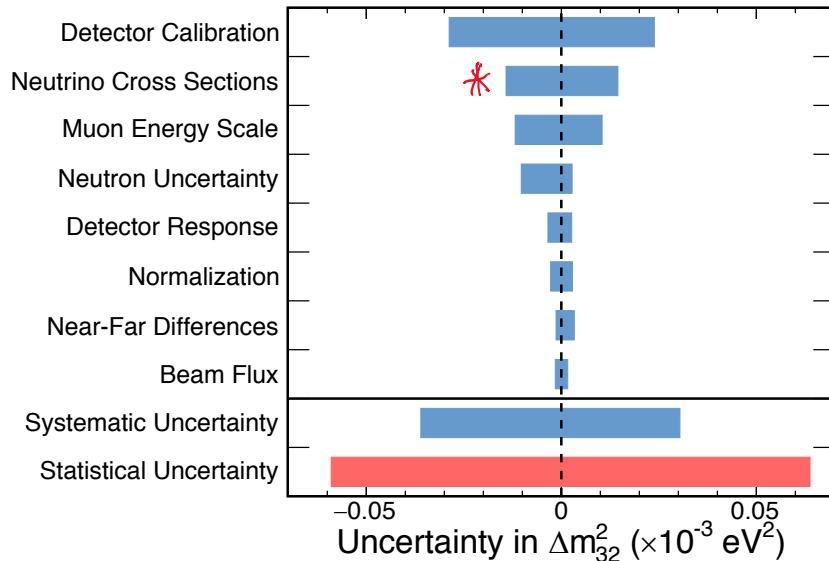
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## Most important systematics:

- Detector Calibration
  - Will be improved by the 2019 test beam program
- Neutrino cross sections \*
- Particularly nuclear effects (RPA, MEC)
- Muon energy scale
- Neutron uncertainty – new with  $\bar{\nu}$ 's

# GENIE Tuning

- NOvA used GENIE v2.12.2 for latest oscillation results.
- We tune our cross-section model primarily to account for **nuclear effects**.
  - We tune using a combination of **external theory** inputs and our own **ND data**.

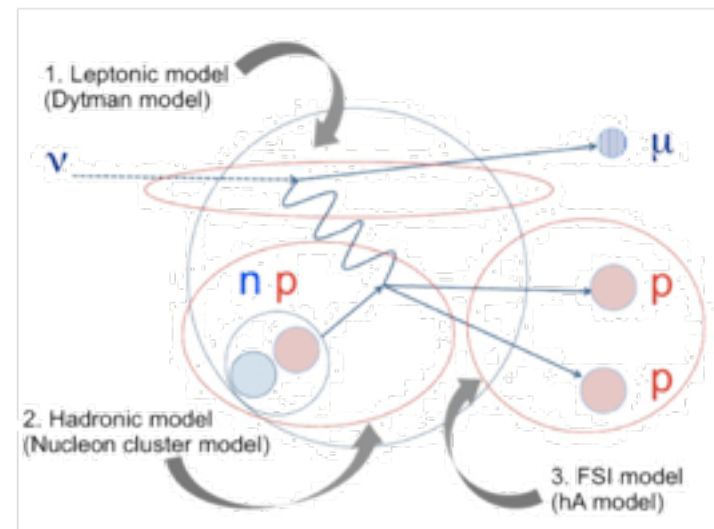
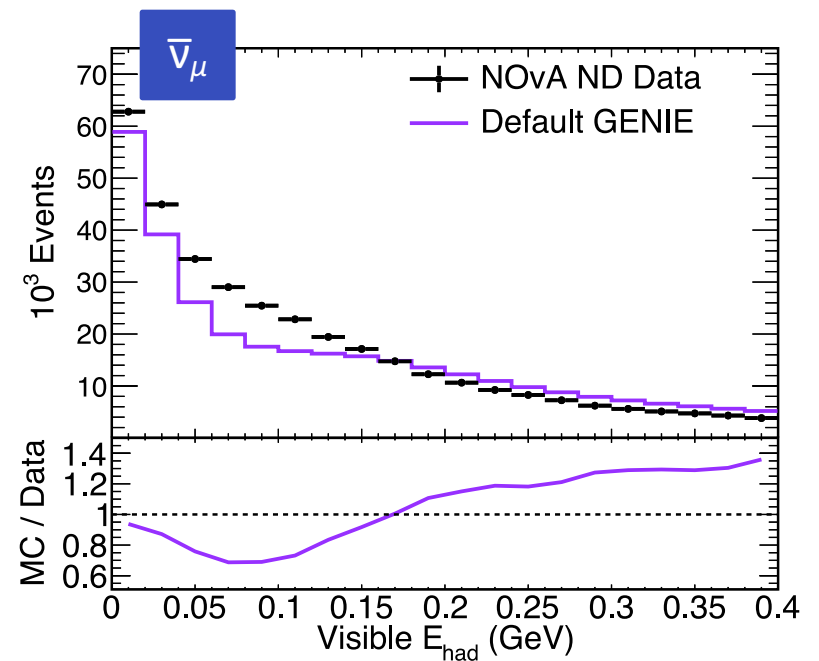
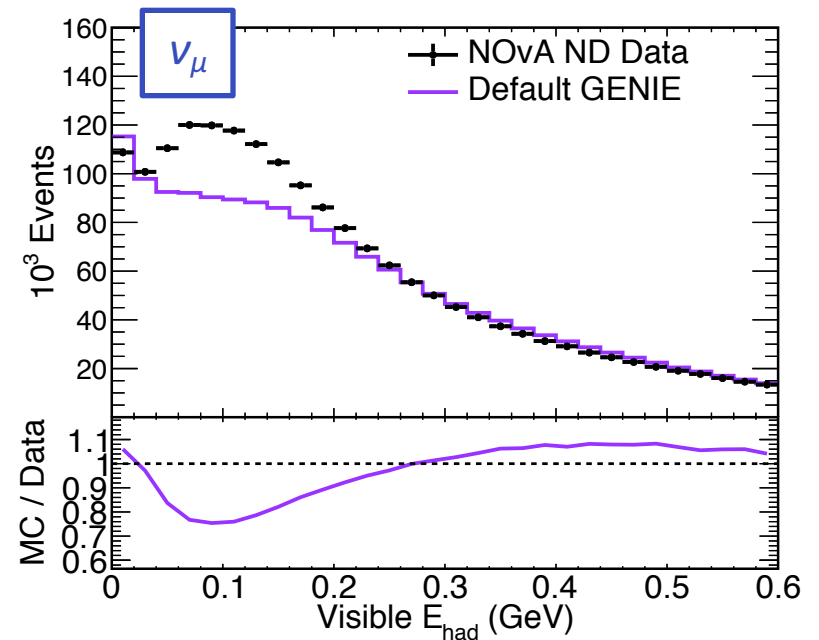


Fig: Teppei Katori, "Meson Exchange Current (MEC) Models in Neutrino Interaction Generators" AIP Conf.Proc. 1663 (2015) 030001

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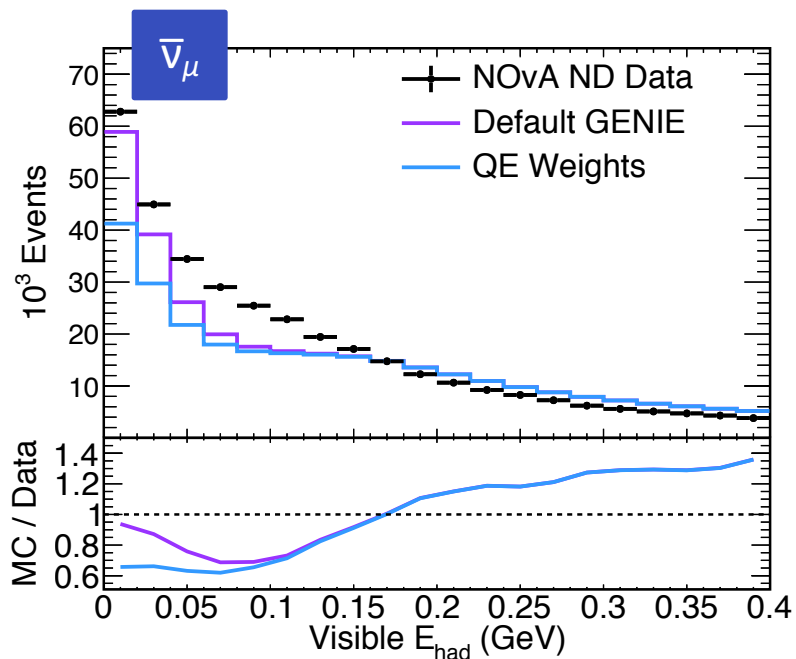
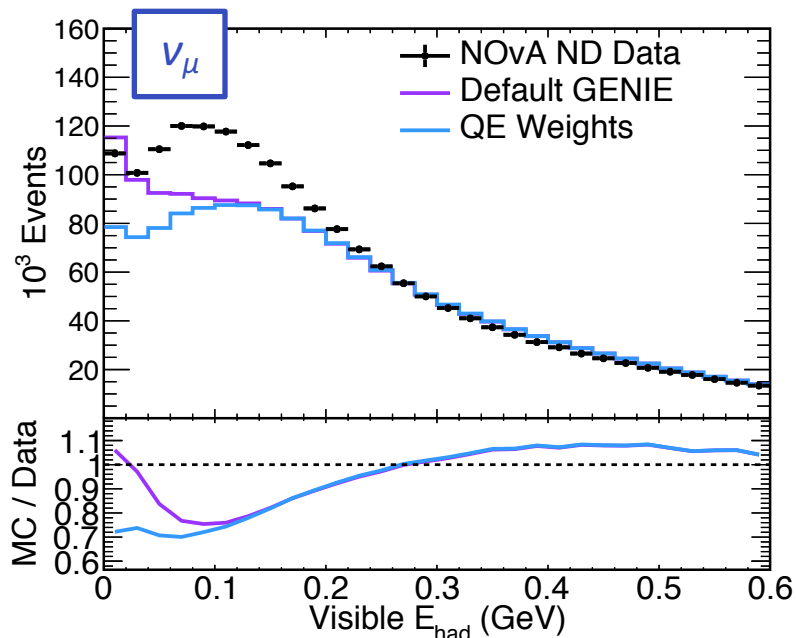


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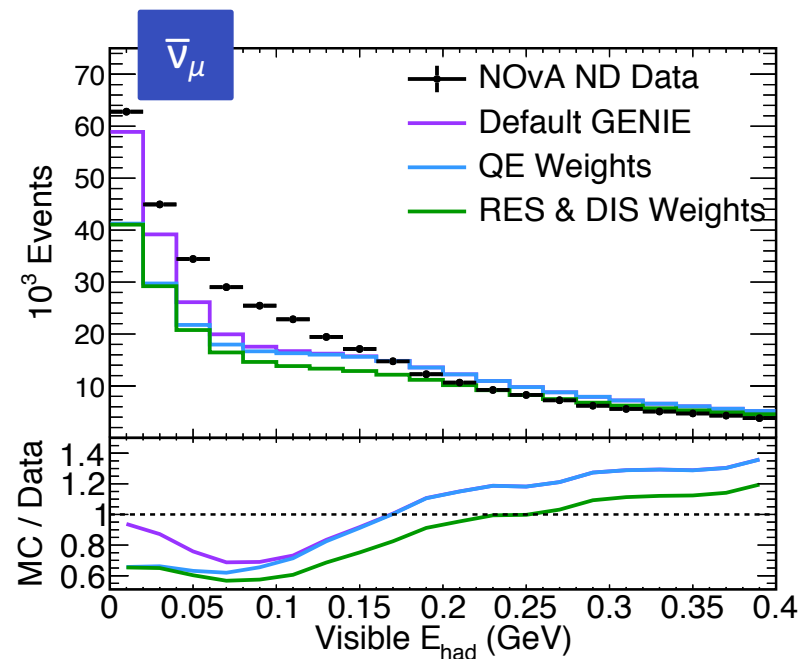
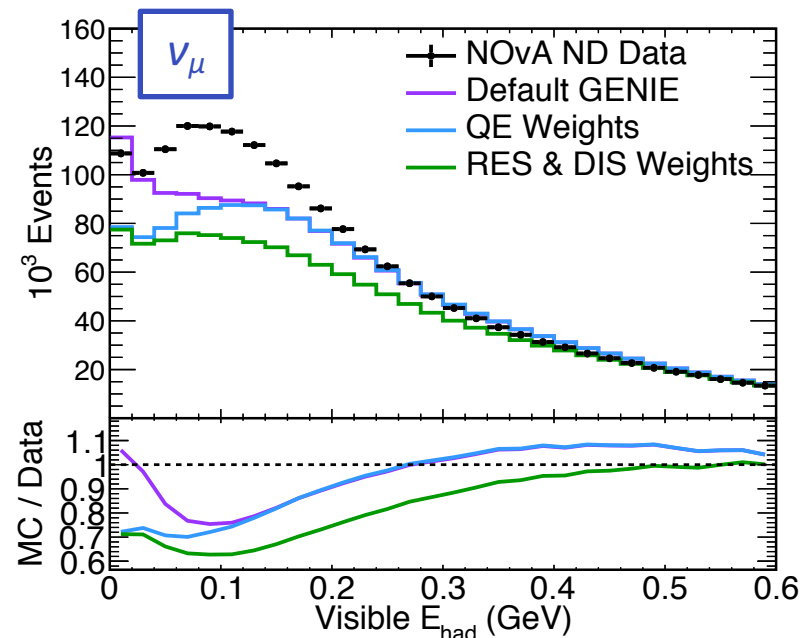
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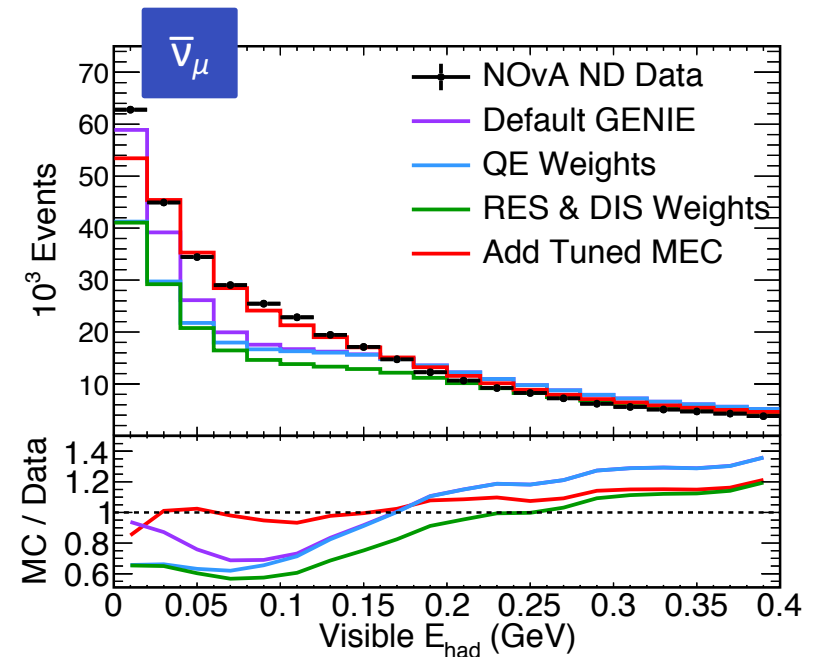
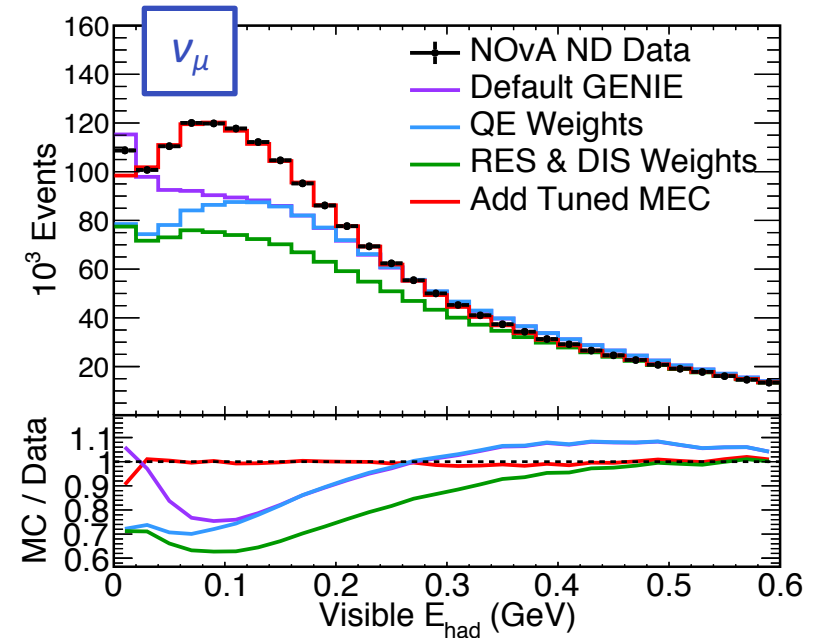
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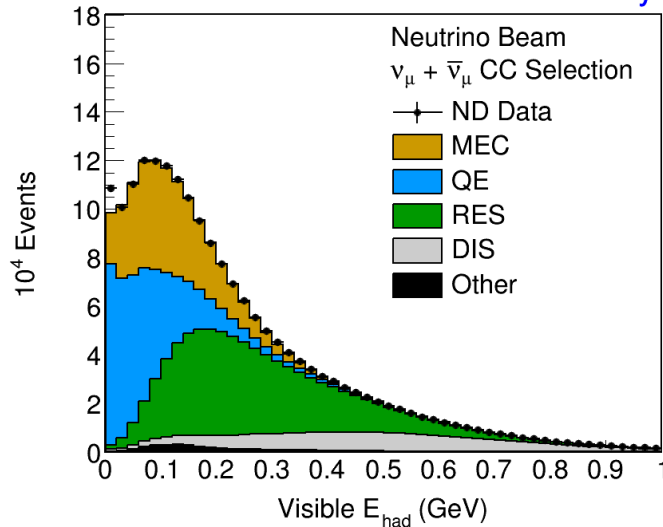
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- Add MEC interactions
  - Start from Empirical MEC\*
  - Retune in  $(q_0, |\mathbf{q}|)$  to match ND data
  - Tune separately for  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$

\* “Meson Exchange Current (MEC) Models in Neutrino Interaction Generators”, Teppei Katori, NuInt12 Proceedings, arXiv:1304.6014



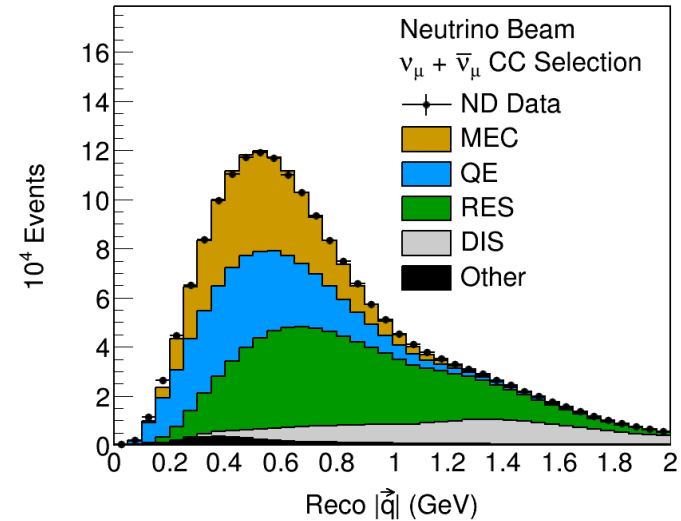
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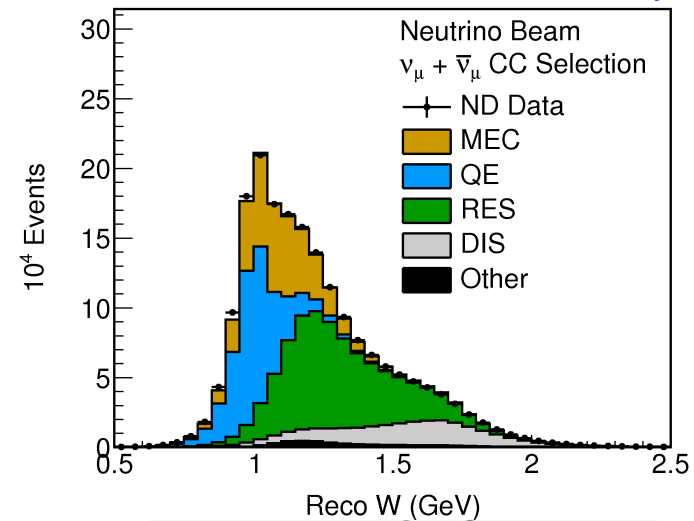


- Good agreement between MC and data in general.
- DIS has significant impact at high visible  $E_{had}$ .
- W distributions do not include the high-W DIS correction.
- Most DIS is in the “transition” regions.

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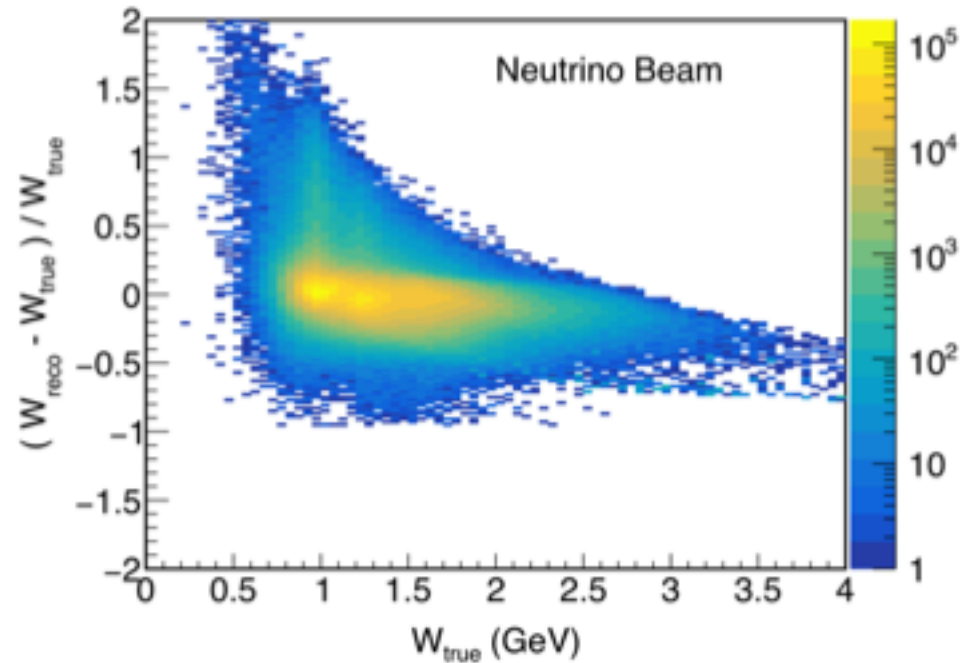
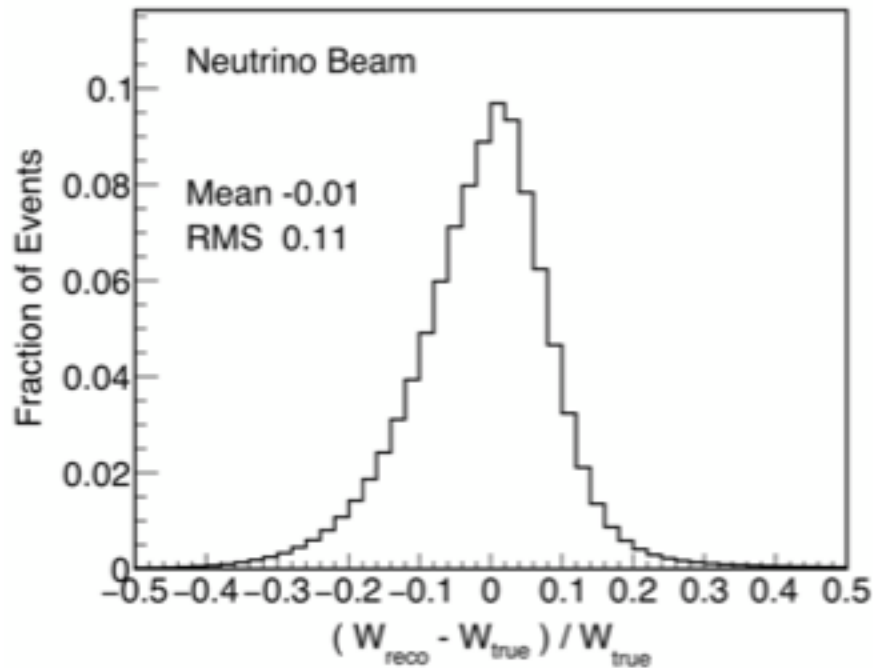


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$$W = (M_p^2 + 2 * M_p * E_{had} - Q^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# FHC W Resolution

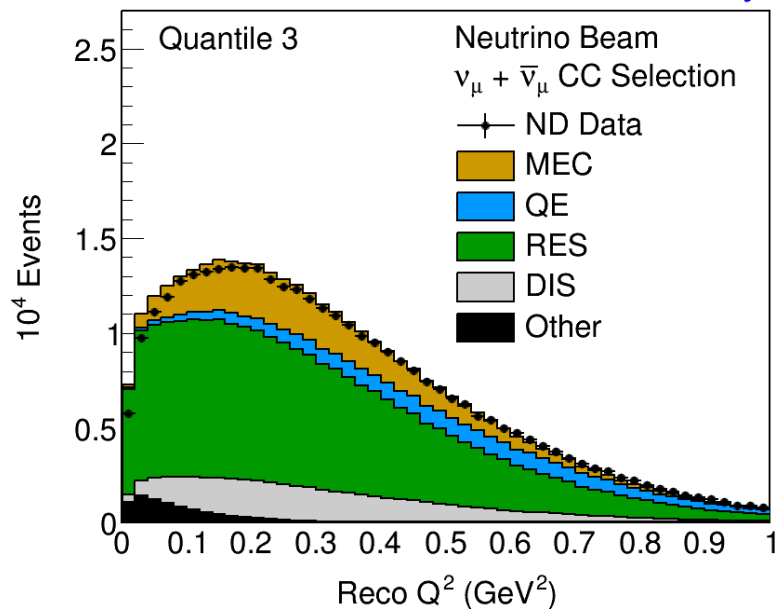


- 10% W Resolution.
- Small bias across W.
- Resolution larger in QE/RES region.

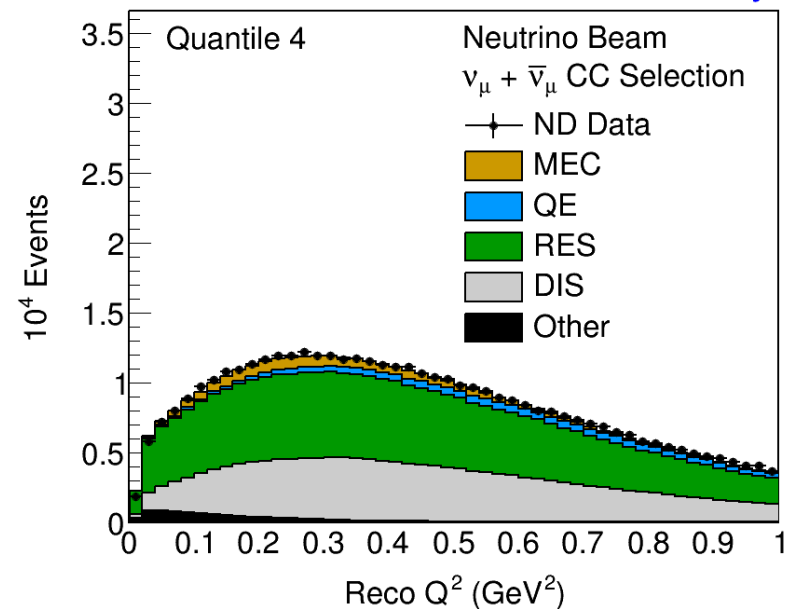


# FHC Tune In DIS Enhanced Quartiles

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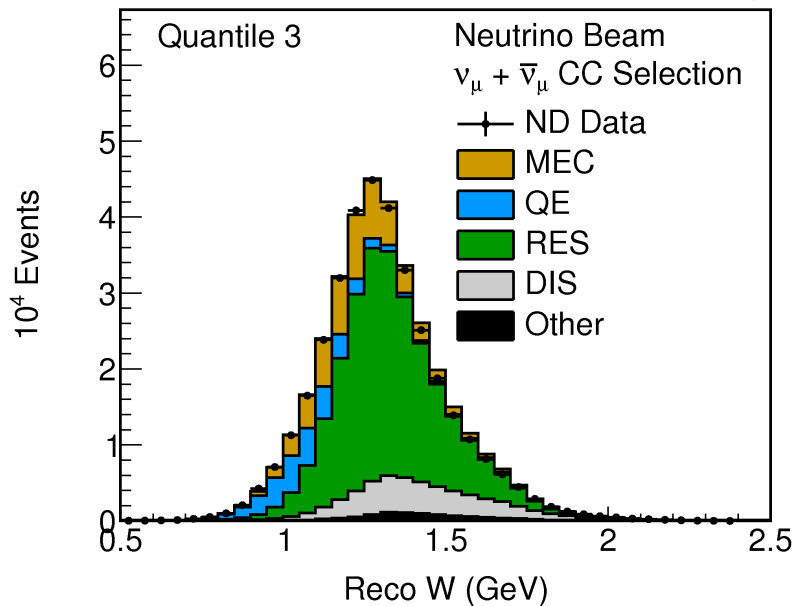


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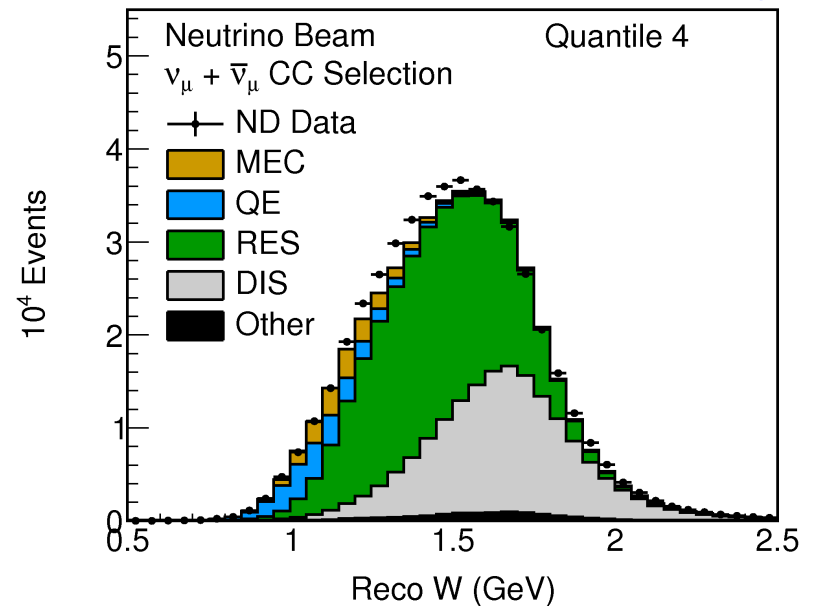


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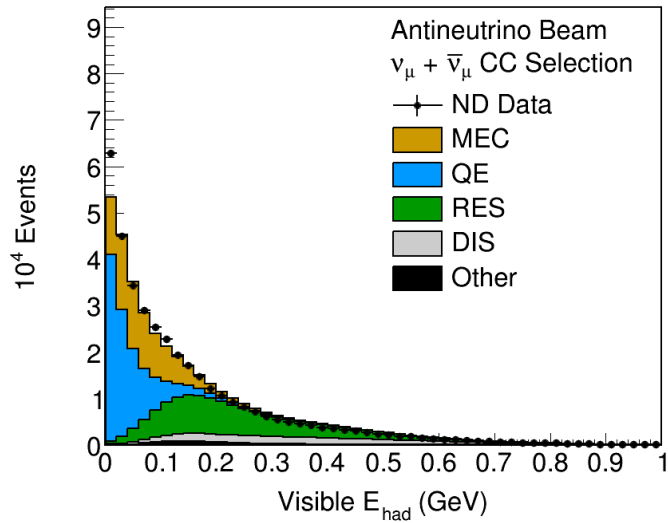
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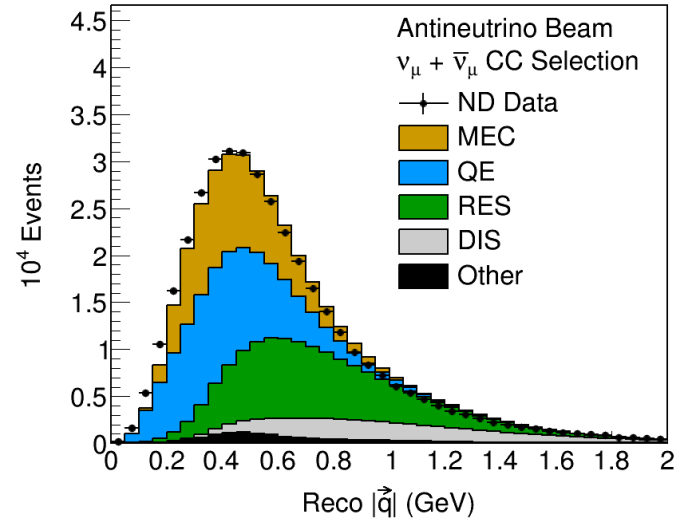
- RES and DIS are fairly muddled together in NOvA

# RHC Tune

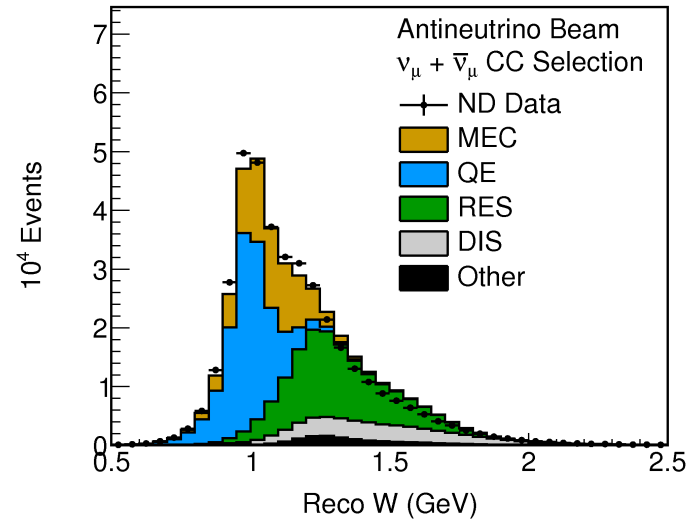
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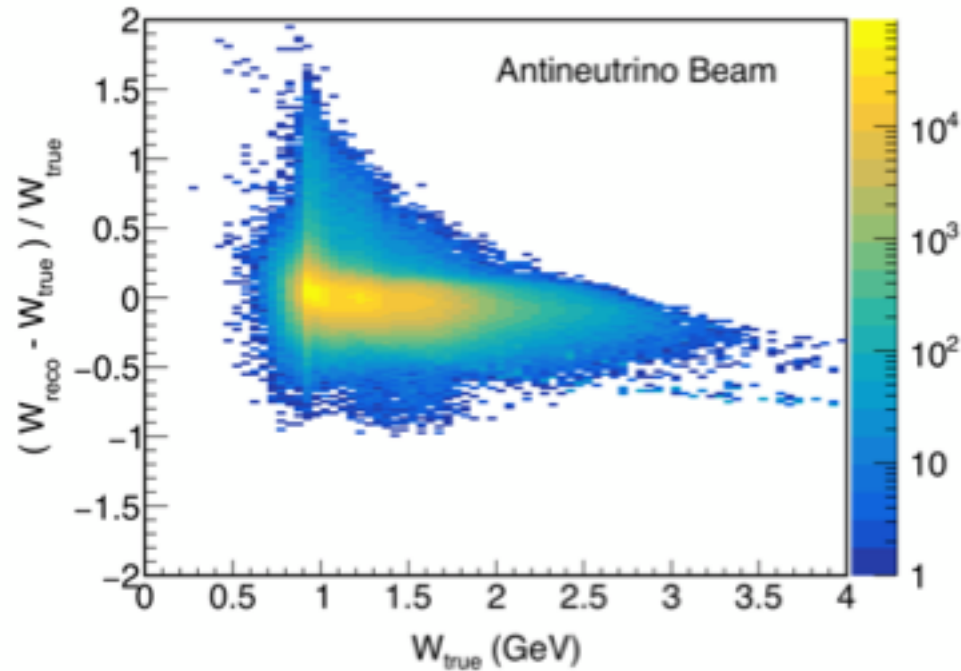
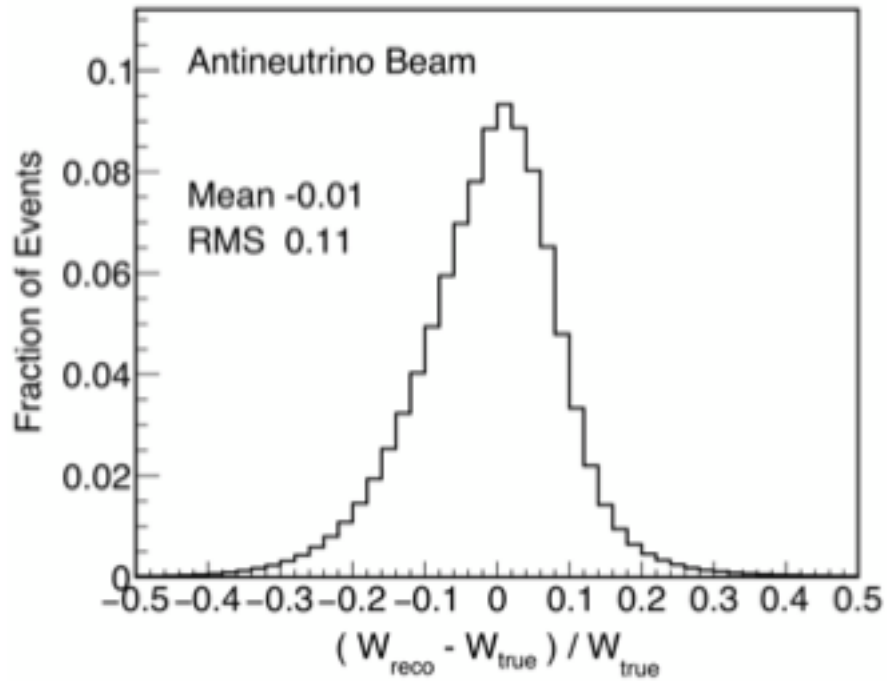
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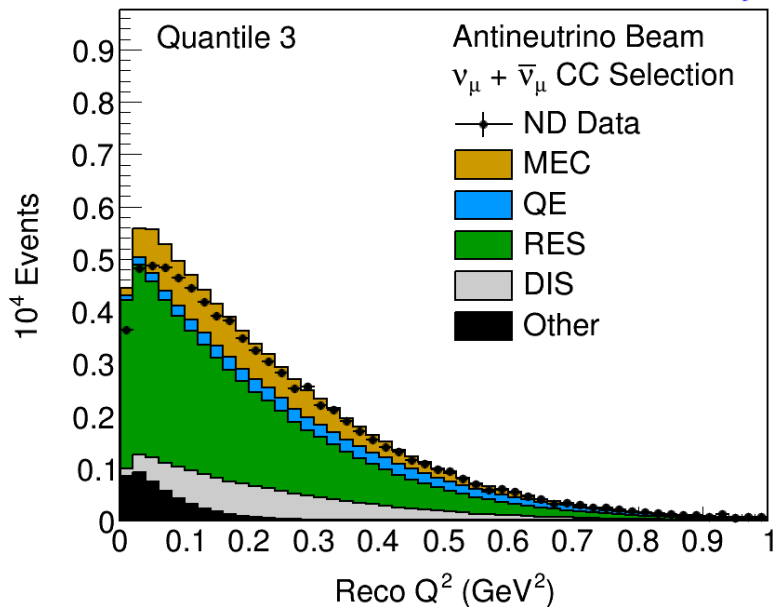
# RHC W Resolution



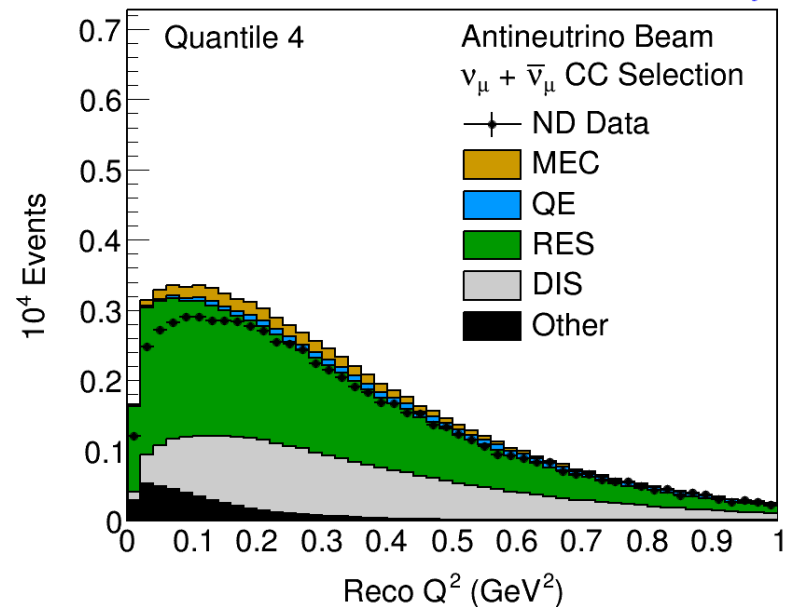
- Similar to FHC.

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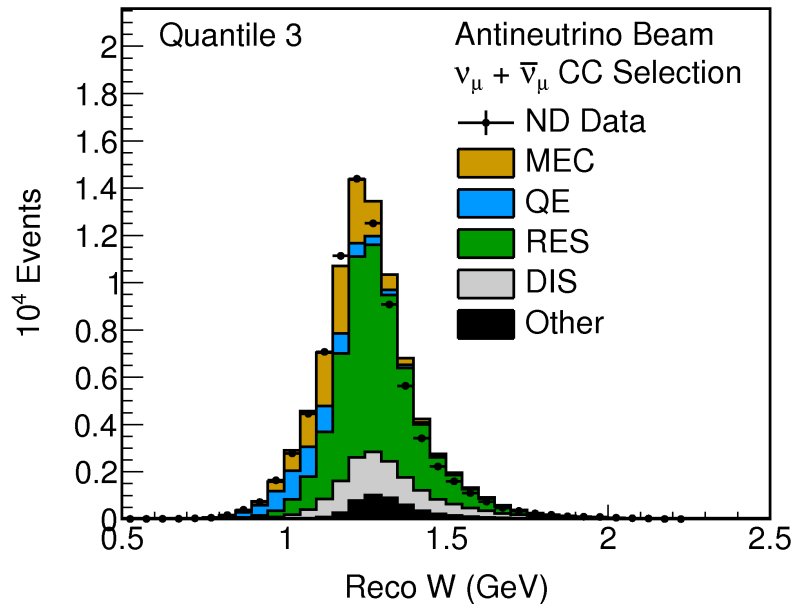


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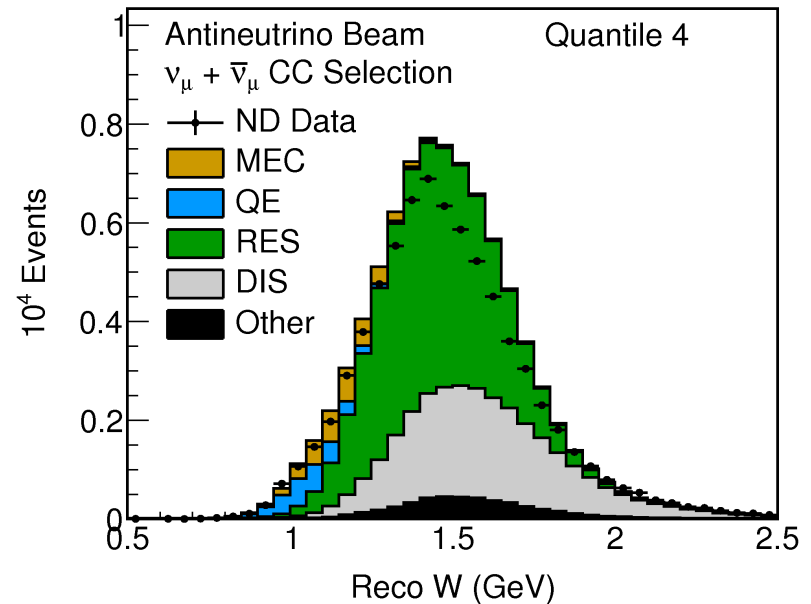


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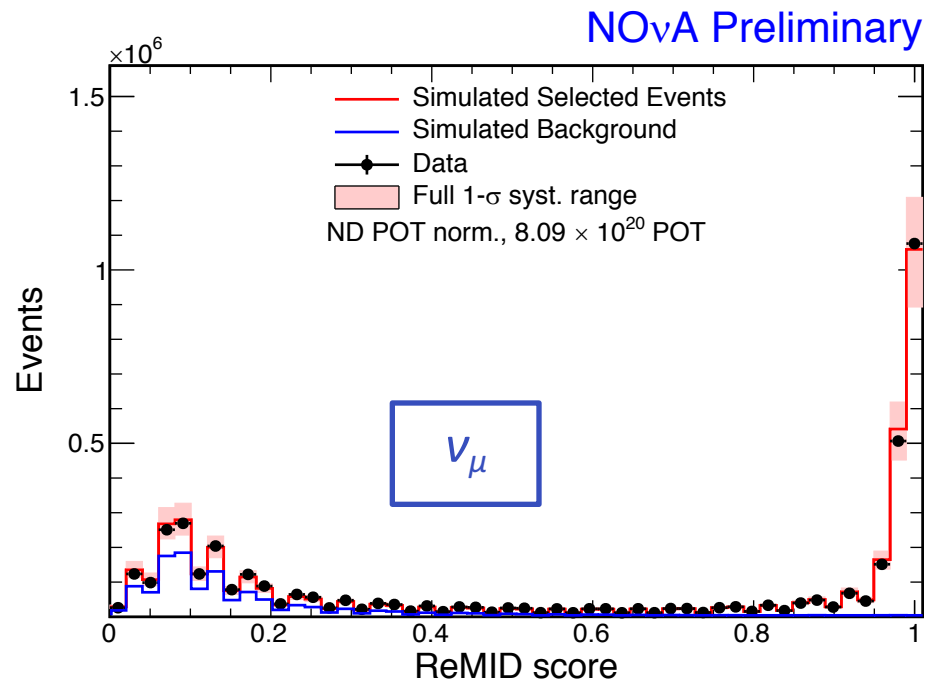


# GENIE DIS Normalization Uncertainties

- GENIE includes DIS normalization systematics of 50% for 1 and 2 pion final states in events with  $W < 1.7$  GeV.
- NOvA expands these to apply to final states with any number of pions.
- We also increased the range of the systematic to apply up to a  $W$  of 3 GeV as the discontinuity of 50%  $< 1.7$  GeV and 0%  $> 1.7$  GeV seems unphysical, even though we know higher energy regions are better constrained.
- We feel in general untrusting of this region in GENIE, hence the large uncertainties, and would greatly appreciate a closer look from the community at the model and the systematics GENIE provides.

# Additional impact of improved DIS Modeling

- NOvA has observed a data/MC discrepancy in the low track-length, high  $\gamma$  region of  $\nu_{\mu}$ -selected ND events.
- CVN recovers many of the low track-length events but due to this discrepancy we continue to apply a muon selection using Remid.
- Resolving this discrepancy and relaxing ReMID requirement would boost available analysis statistics.

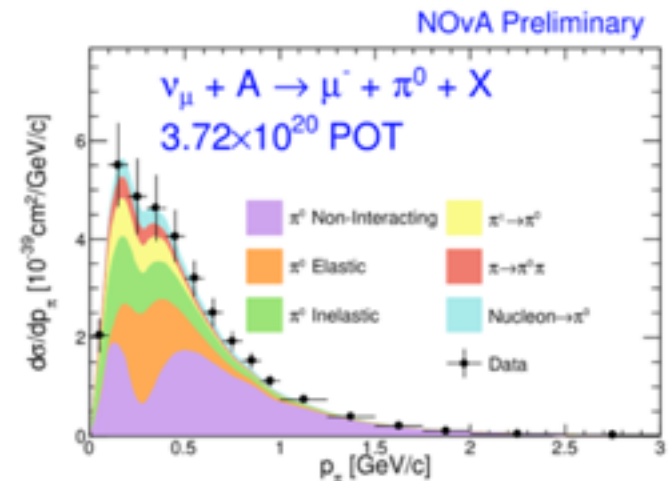




# NOvA Cross-section measurement

- NOvA is currently working on a set of cross-section measurements which may help better understand DIS. **Results and updates on Wednesday.**

- $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  inclusive CC measurements.
- Charged and neutral pion production measurements.



CC Neutral Pion Production

# Conclusion

- The transition DIS region is important to NOvA oscillation results.
  - Improved CVN based PIDs continue to increase selection efficiency for  $\nu_\mu$  CC. Many of the new events are DIS and gaining confidence in including these in the NOvA sample requires continued effort on the DIS model.
  - For the existing analysis the DIS component is small but couples with RES (a major source of XS uncertainty.)
  - NOvA is continuing to fine tune our GENIE implementation to improve agreement in additional variable like W.
  - DIS uncertainties are not a standard GENIE implementation. Input from the community is welcome.

Thank you!

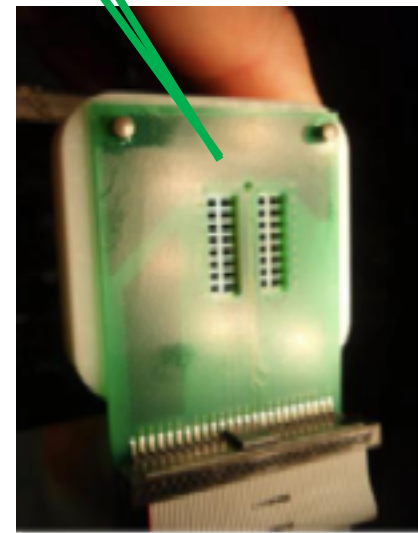
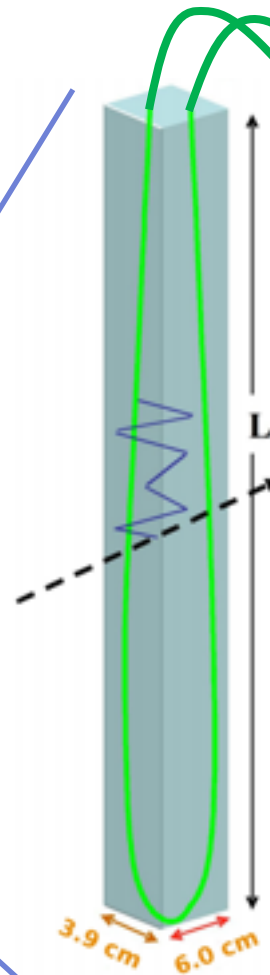
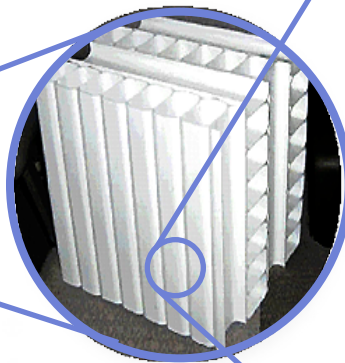
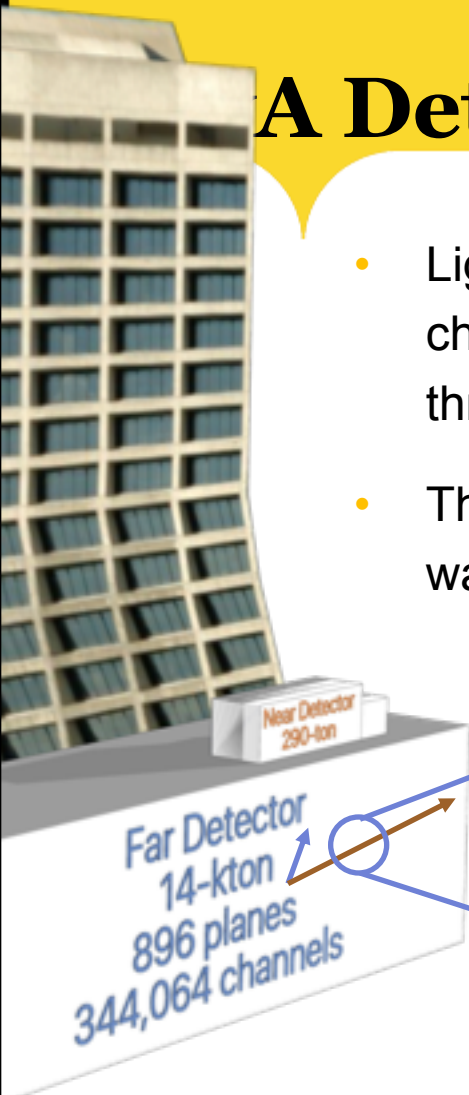


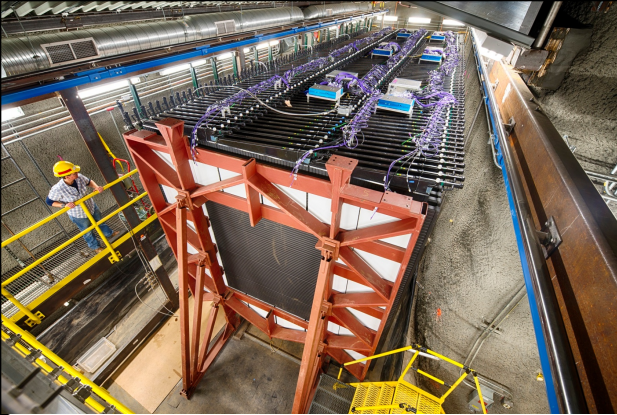
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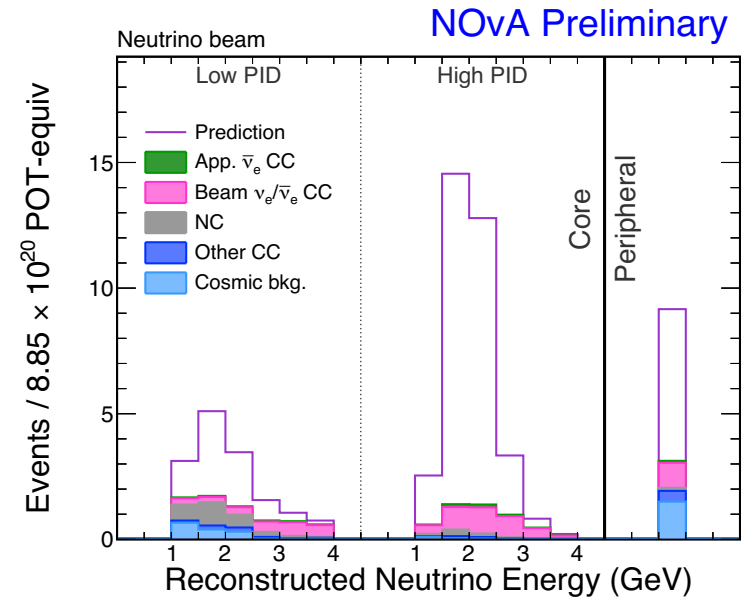
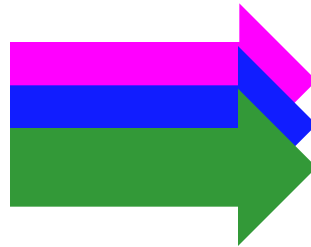
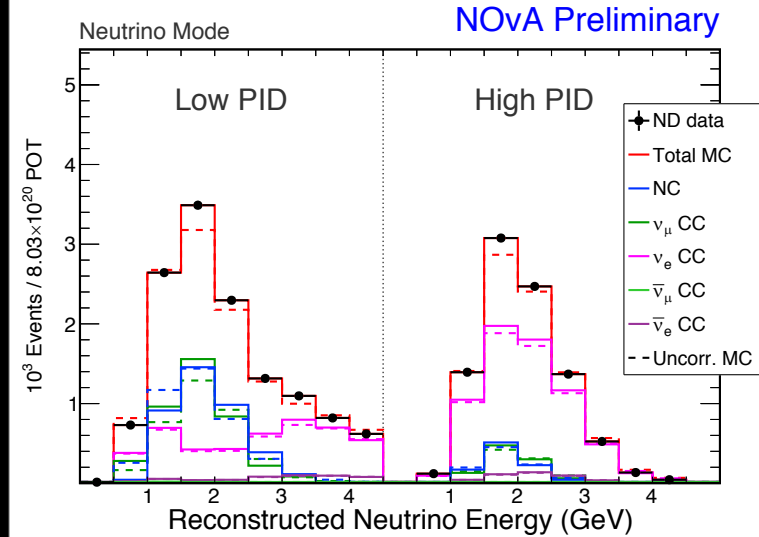
- Light is produced when charged particles pass through the cells.
- The light is picked up by a wavelength shifting fiber.

It is then transported to an **Avalanche PhotoDiode** where the light is collected and amplified.

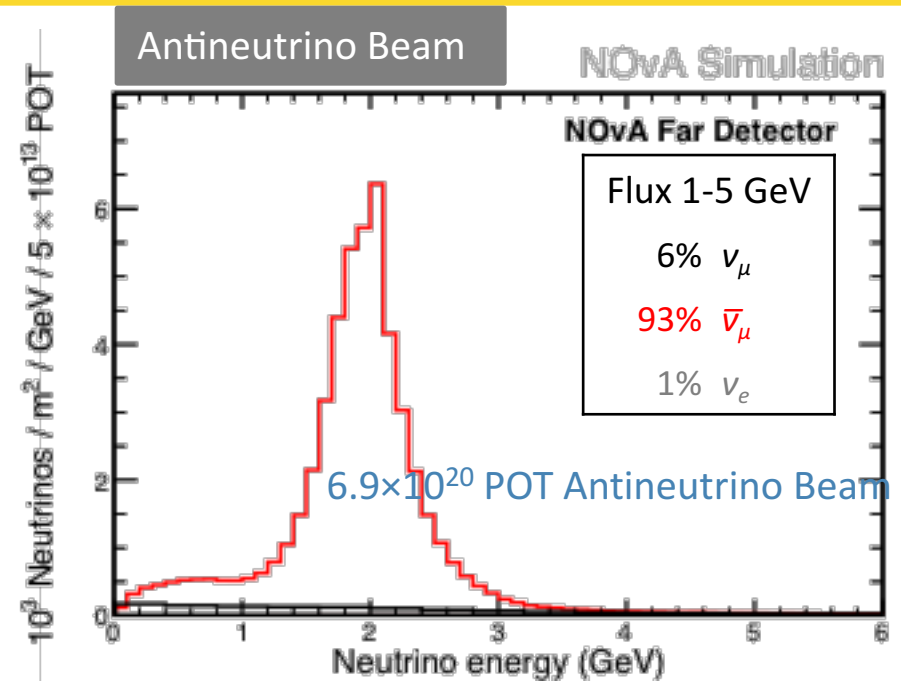
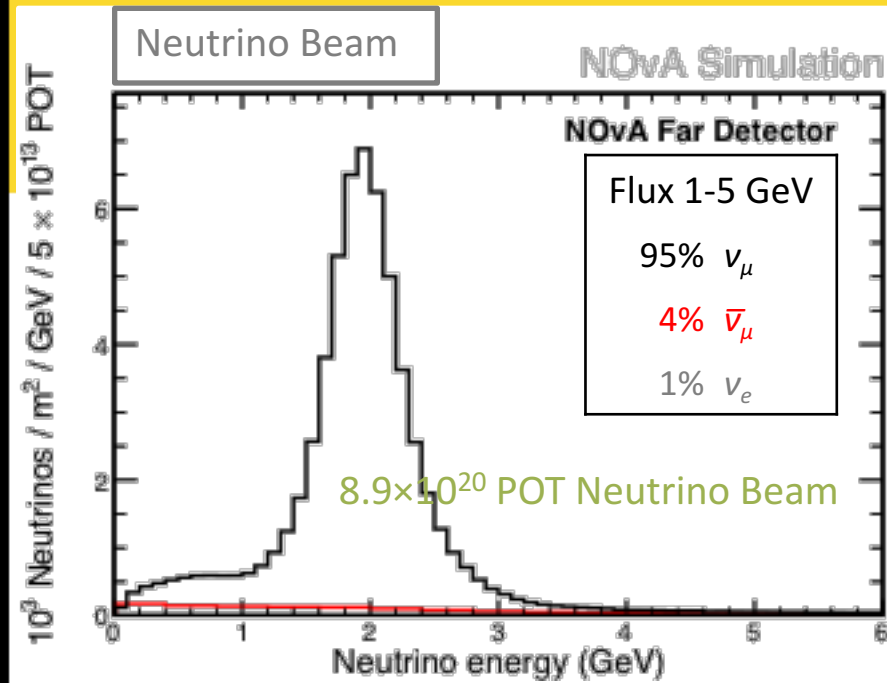




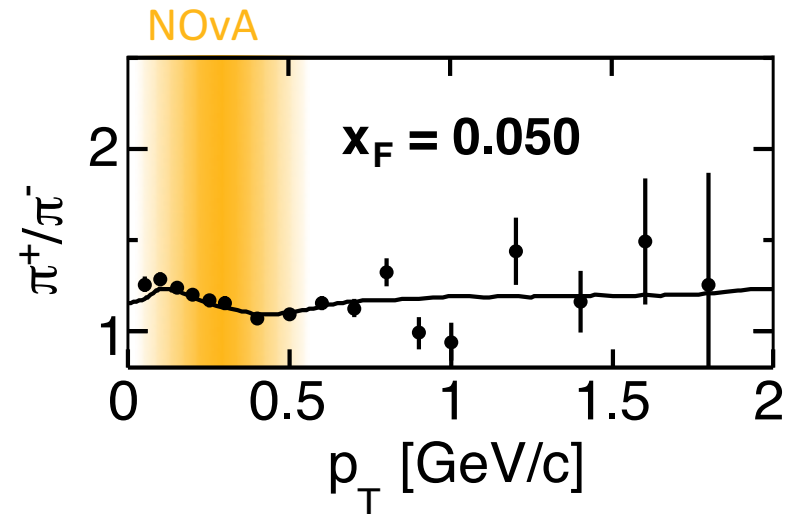
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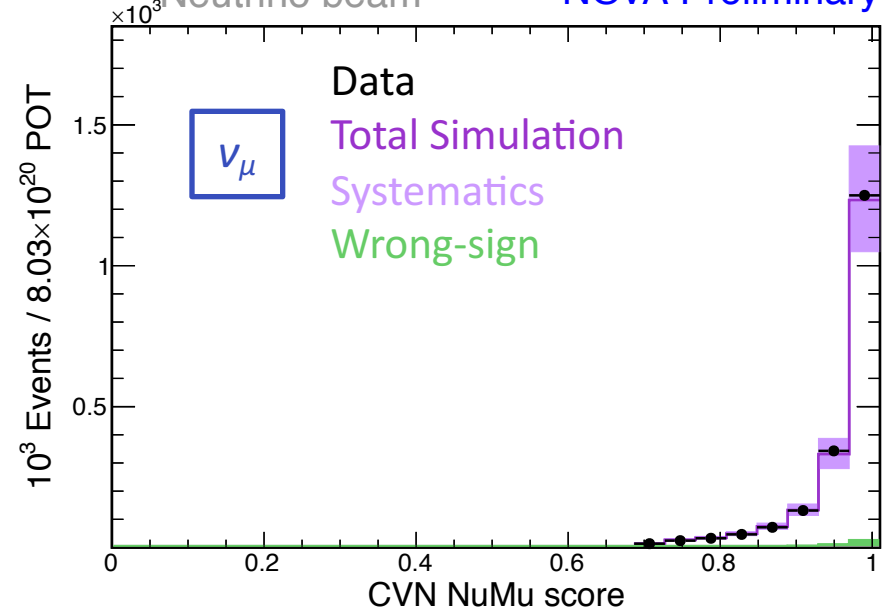
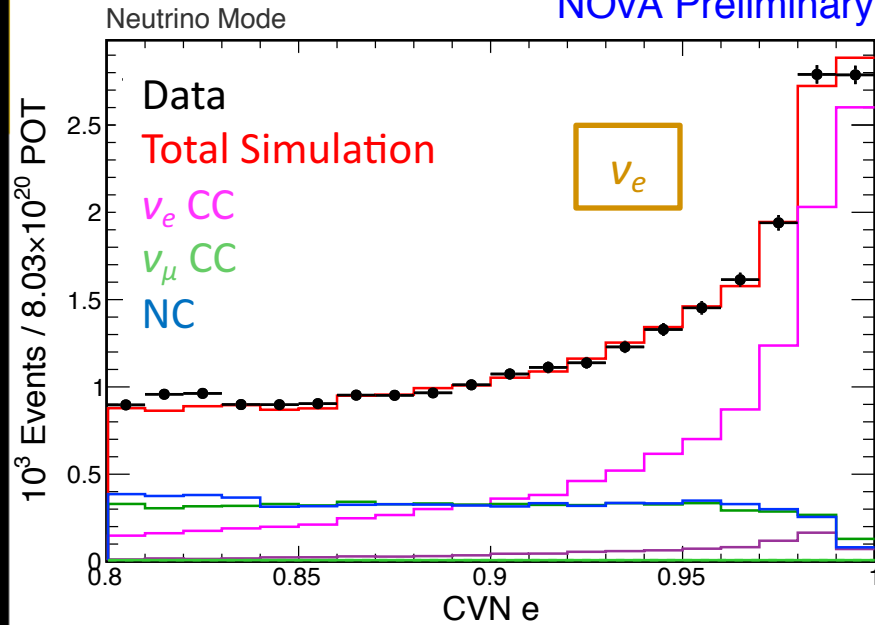
- Use the ND  $\nu_\mu$  sample to predict the FD  $\nu_\mu$  sample.
- Use the ND  $\nu_\mu$  sample to predict the FD  $\nu_e$  signal.
- Use the ND  $\nu_e$ -like sample to predict the FD  $\nu_e$  backgrounds.



- Production cross section is a little higher for  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  than for  $\pi^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$ 
  - $p^+$  colliding with  $p^+$  and  $n^0$  in the target
- *Wrong-sign*:  $\nu$  in the  $\bar{\nu}$  beam (or vice versa).
- Off-axis beam reduces the wrong-sign.
  - WS primarily comes from the unfocused high-energy tail.



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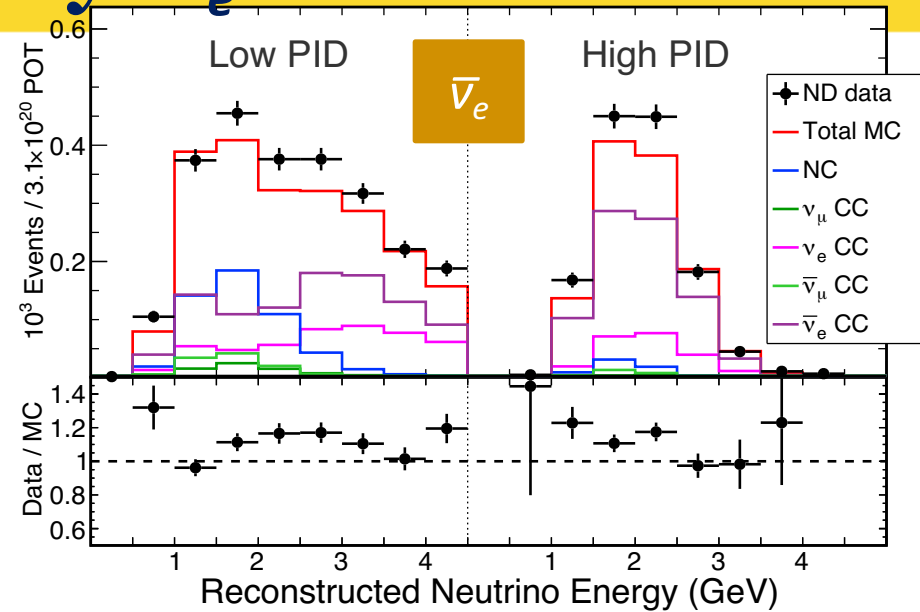
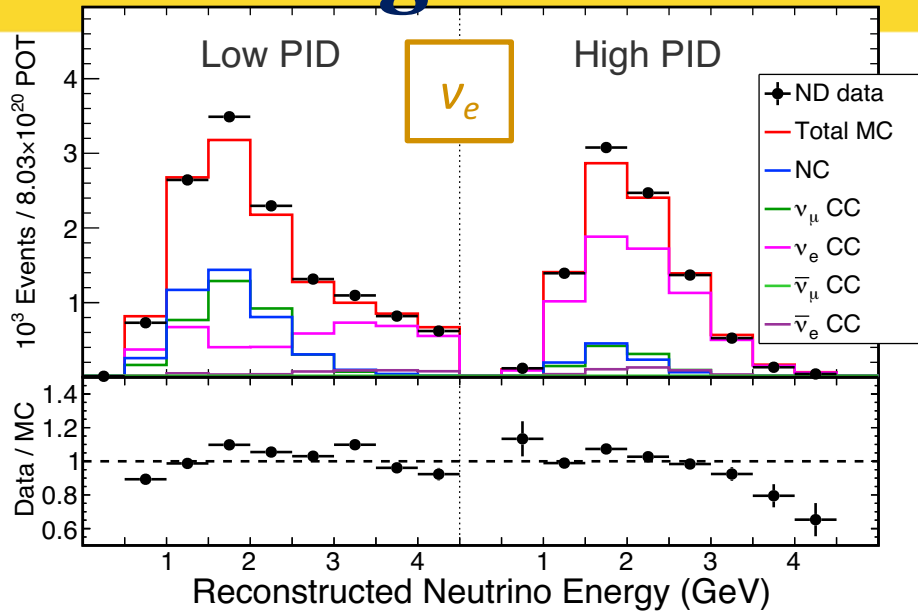
For our latest analysis:

- A shorter, simpler architecture trained on updated simulation.
- Replaced Genie truth labels with final state labels.
  - Exploring using final states with protons to constrain WS backgrounds.
- Separate training for the neutrino and antineutrino beams.
  - Wrong-sign treated as signal in training.
  - 14% better efficiency for  $\bar{\nu}_e$  with a dedicated network.



# Binning for Sensitivity: $\nu_e$ Events

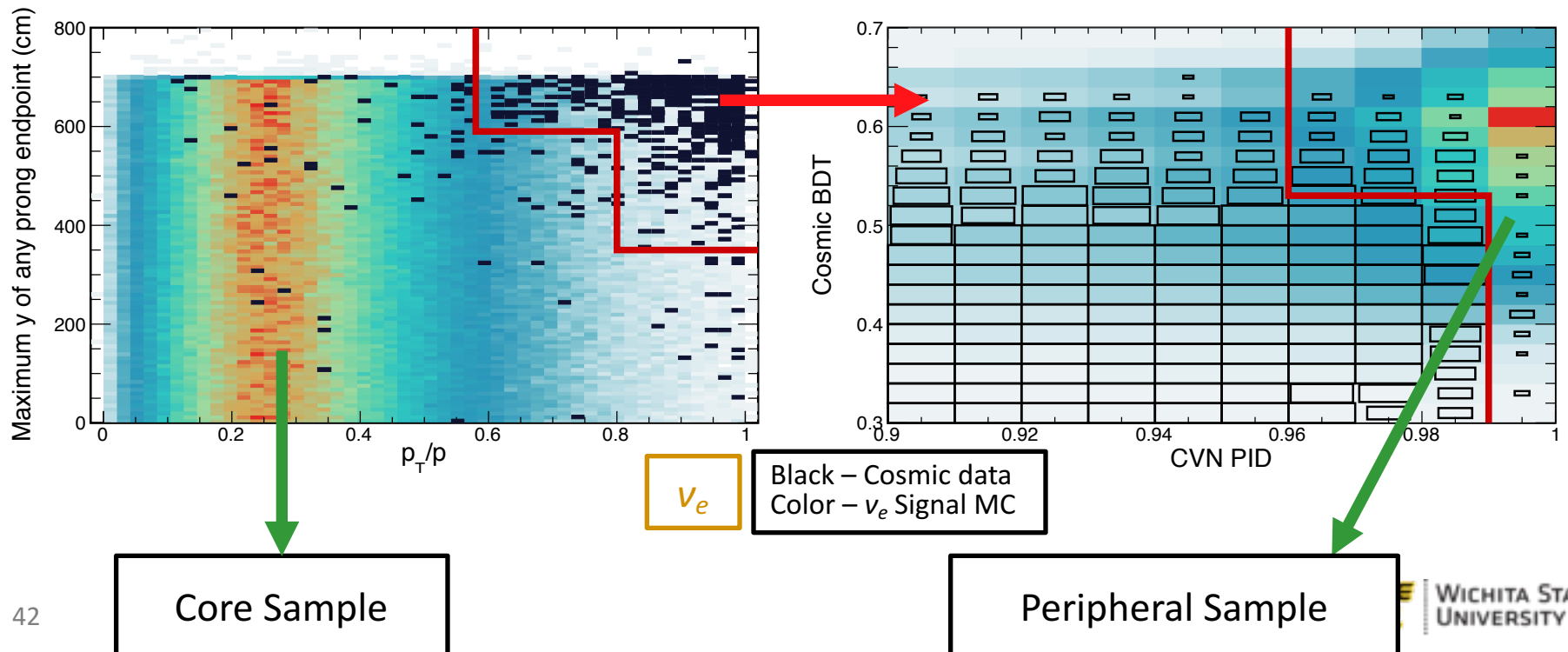
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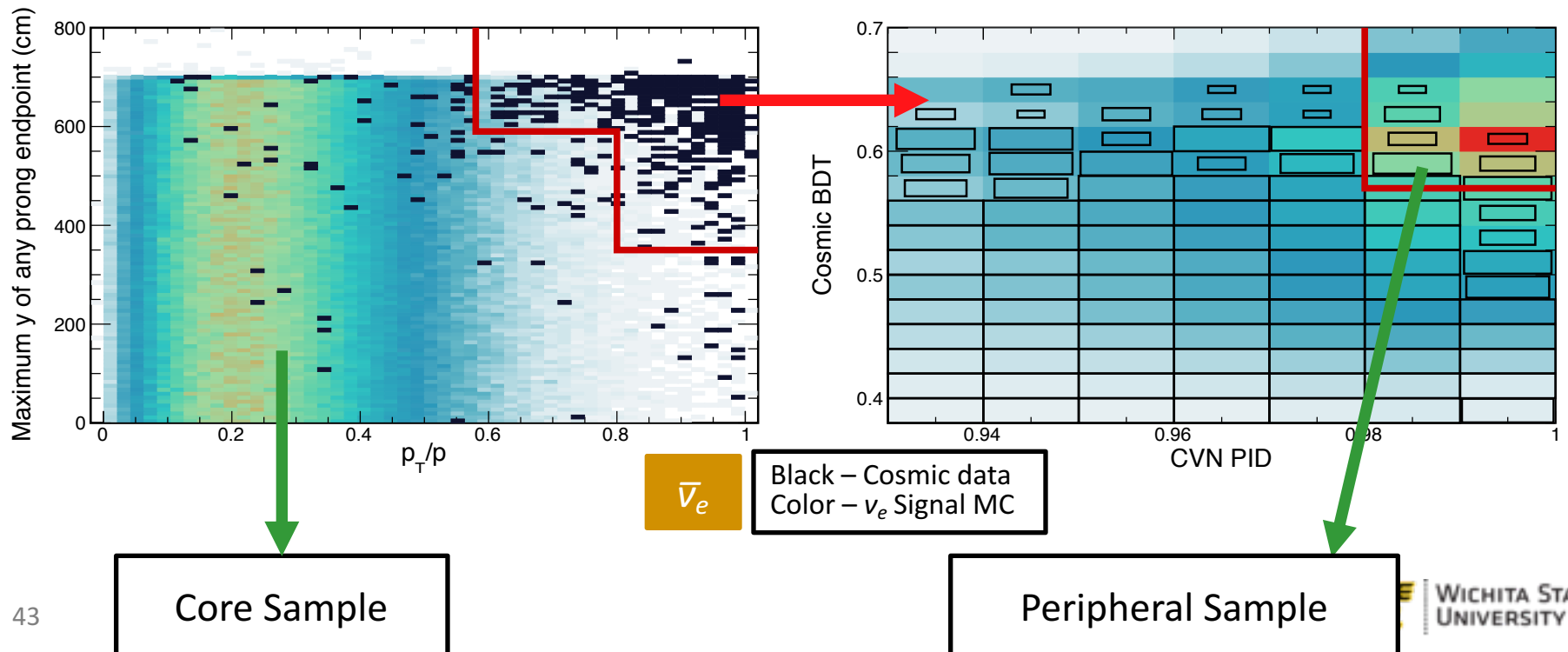
- The ND  $\nu_e$ -like sample has no  $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance – all background.
- For the neutrino beam we use two data-driven techniques to constraint the background composition.
- For the antineutrino beam scale all components proportionally for now.

	Neutrino	Antineutrino
Beam $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$	55%	76%
NC	24%	17%
CC $\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$	21%	7%

- Additional cosmic rejection needed at the Far Detector.
  - 11 billion cosmic rays/day in the Far Detector on the surface.
  - $10^7$  rejection power required *after* timing cuts are applied.
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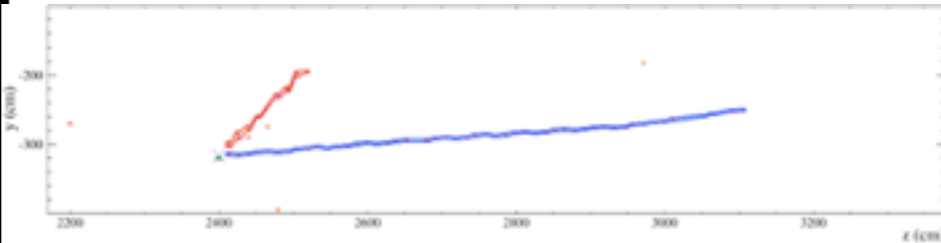


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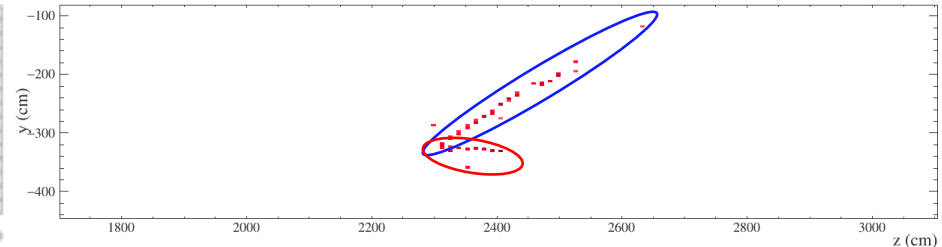
# Measuring Neutrino Energy

## $\nu_\mu$ Events



- Neutrino energy is the sum of **muon** and **hadronic** energy.
- Muon energy is a function of track length.
- **Hadronic energy reconstructed calorimetrically.**
  - Includes activity overlapping the muon track.

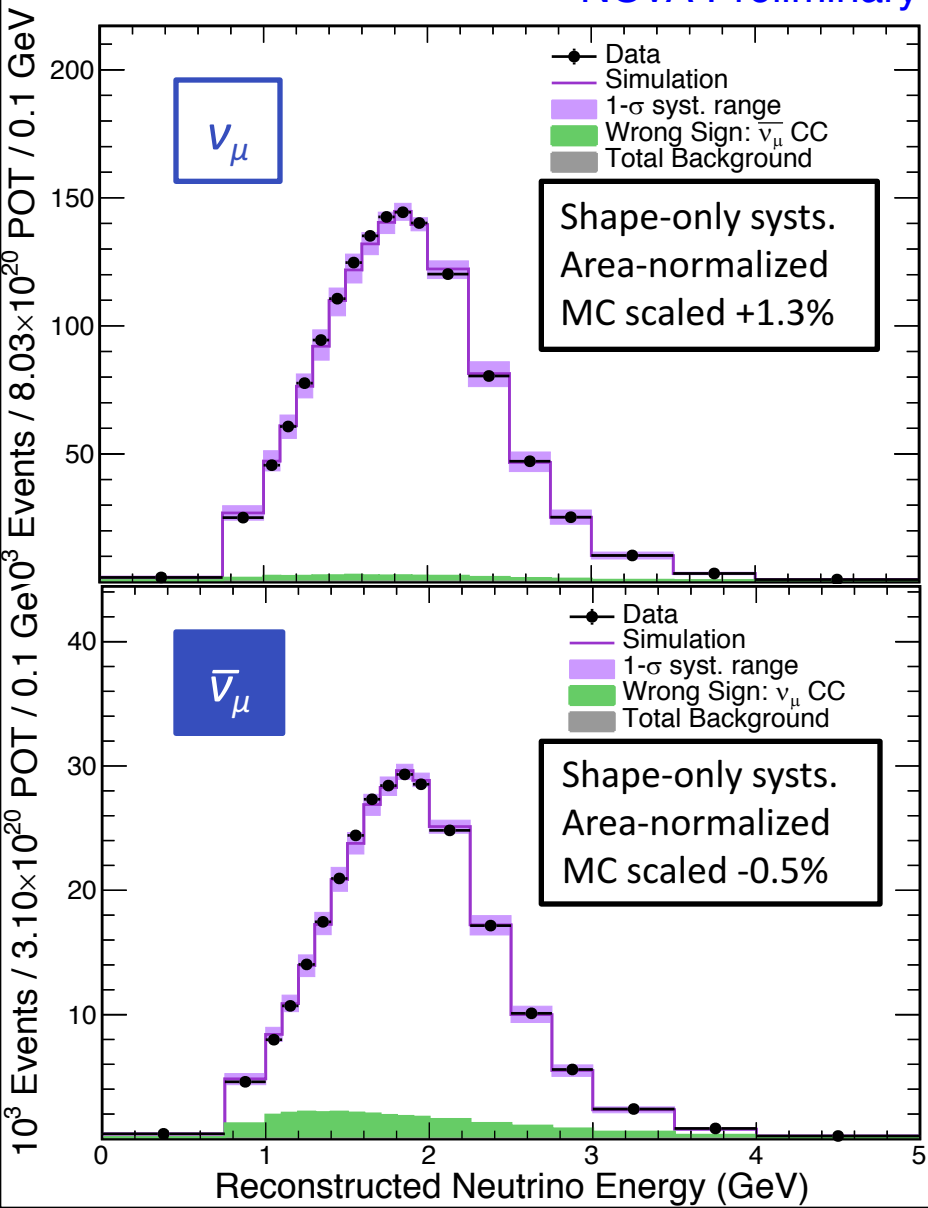
## $\nu_e$ Events



- Neutrino energy is a function of **EM** and **hadronic** energy.
- EM “prongs” are identified with a single-prong CVN variant.
  - All remaining activity is hadronic.
- Both energies reconstructed calorimetrically.

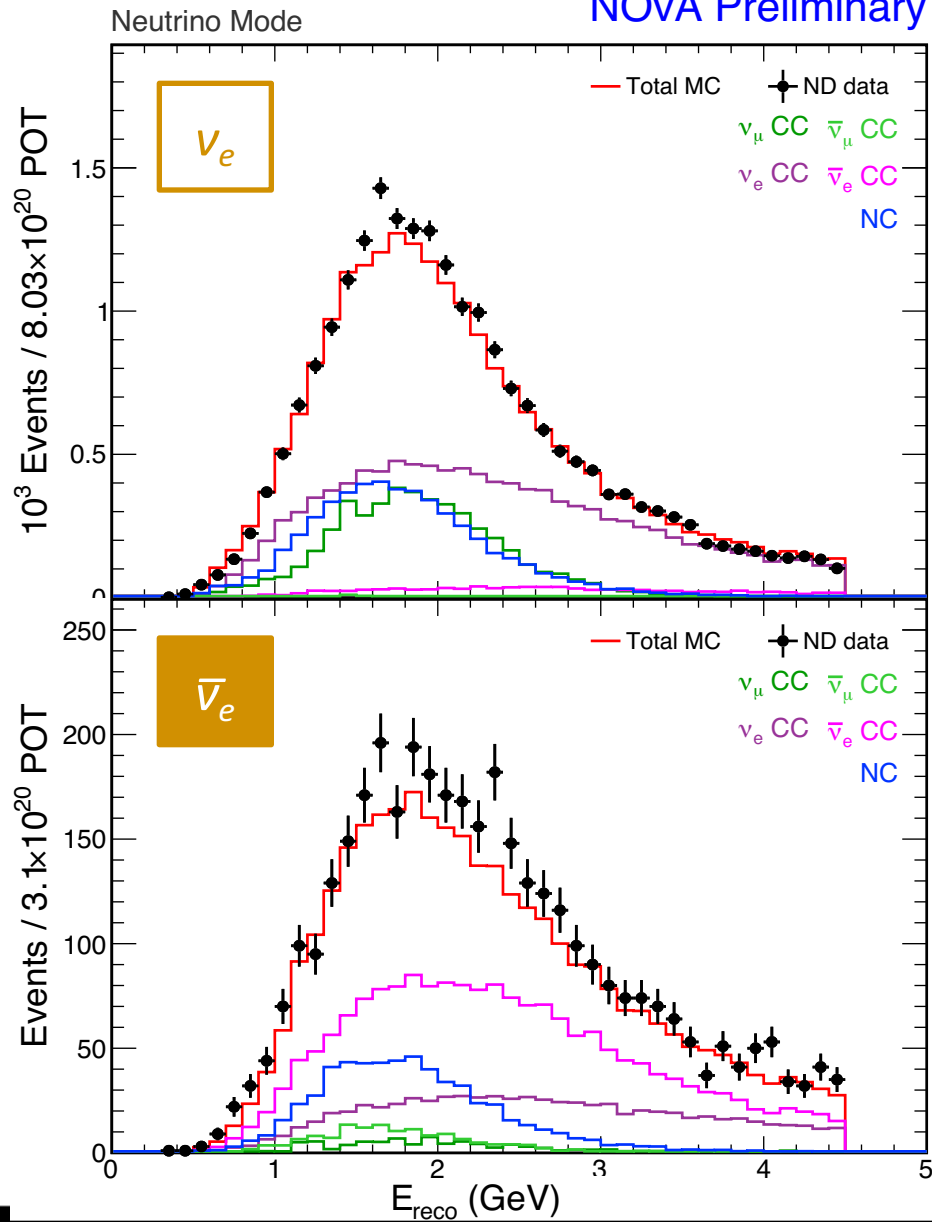
# $\nu_\mu$ Spectra

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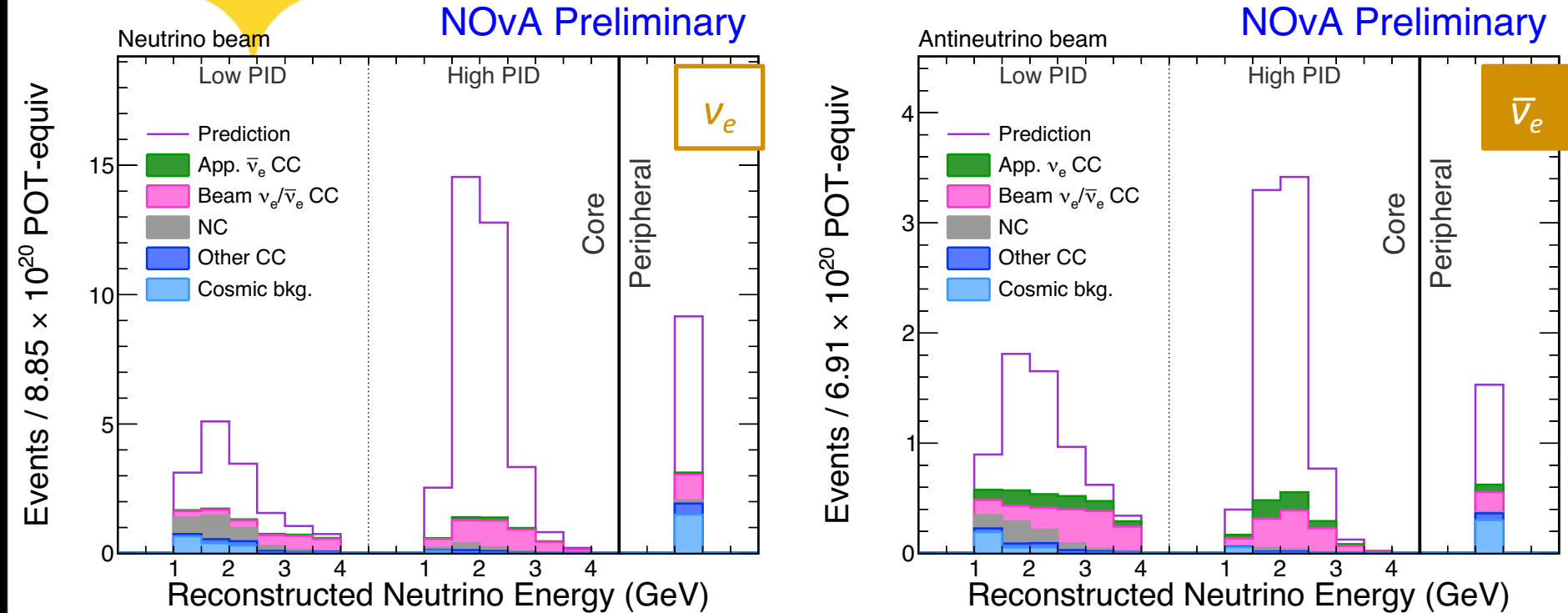


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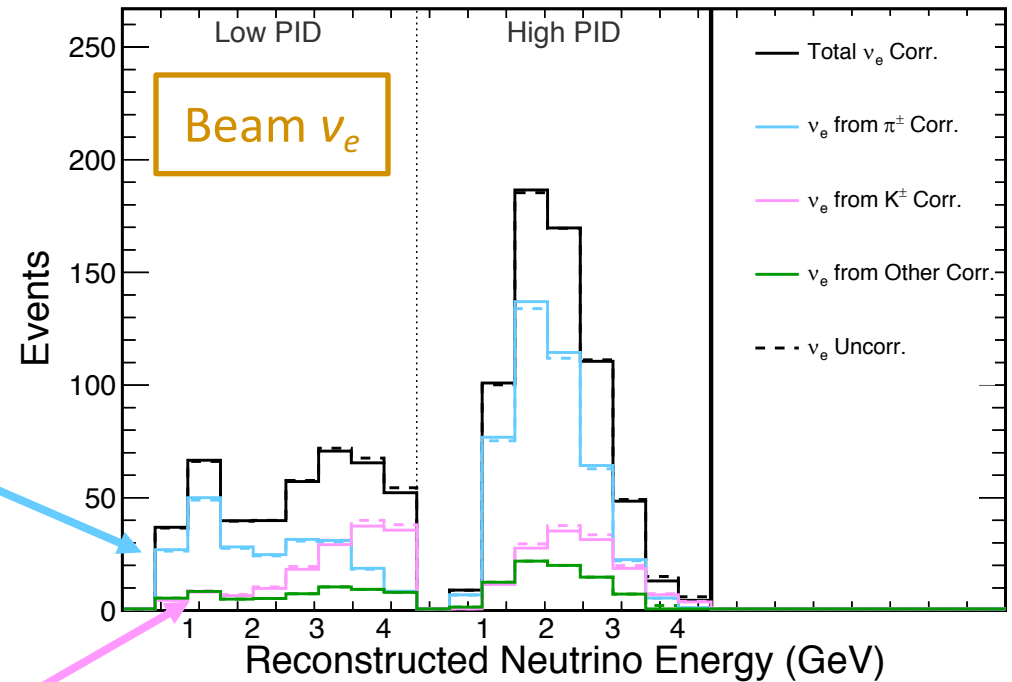
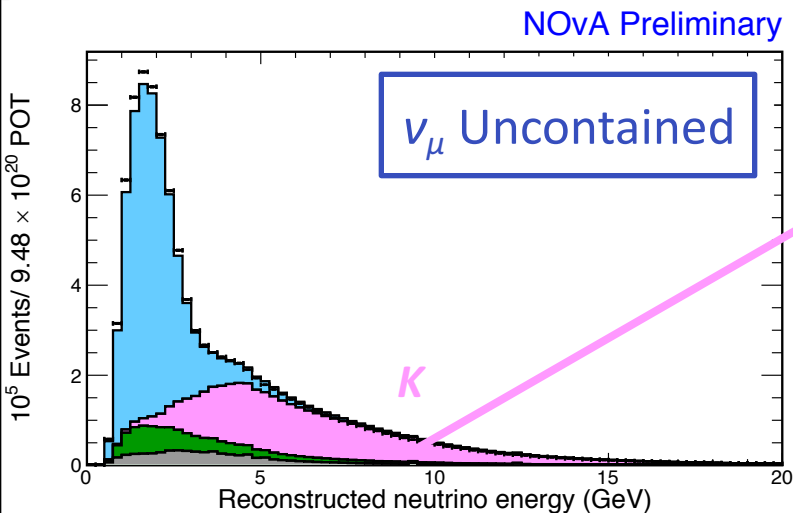
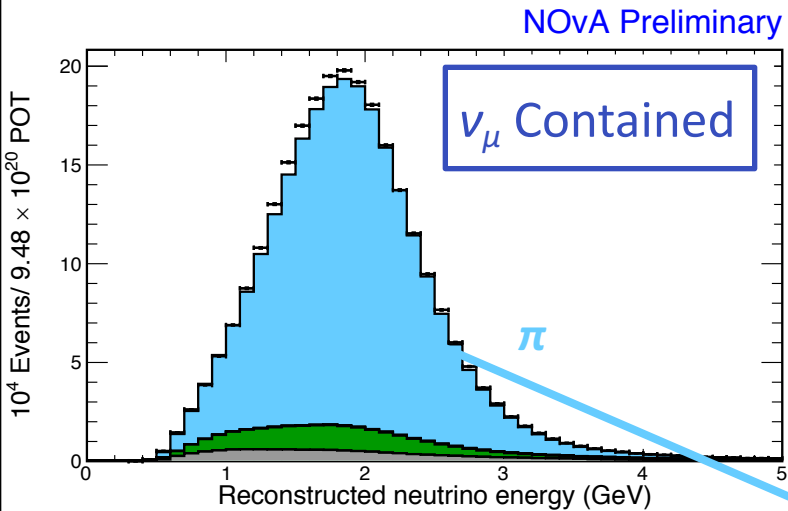
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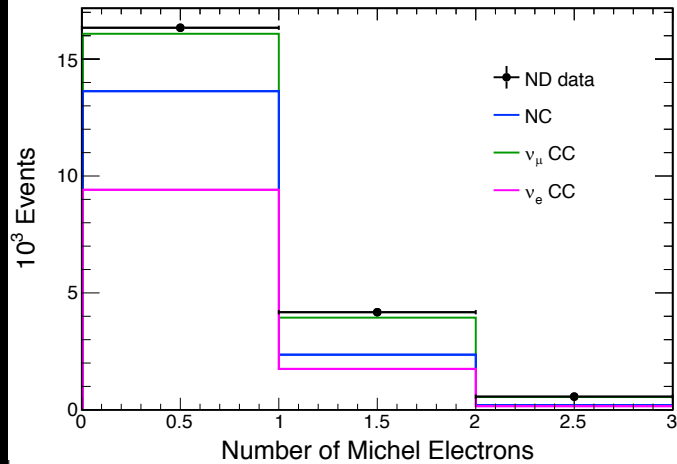
- Oscillation sensitivity depends on separating  $\nu_e$  signal from background.
- Bin by PID to separate a high-purity and low-purity sample.
- Energy binning separates appearing  $\nu_e$  from beam  $\nu_e$  and has minor  $\delta$  sensitivity.
  - No energy bins in the peripheral sample where uncontained events make energy unreliable.



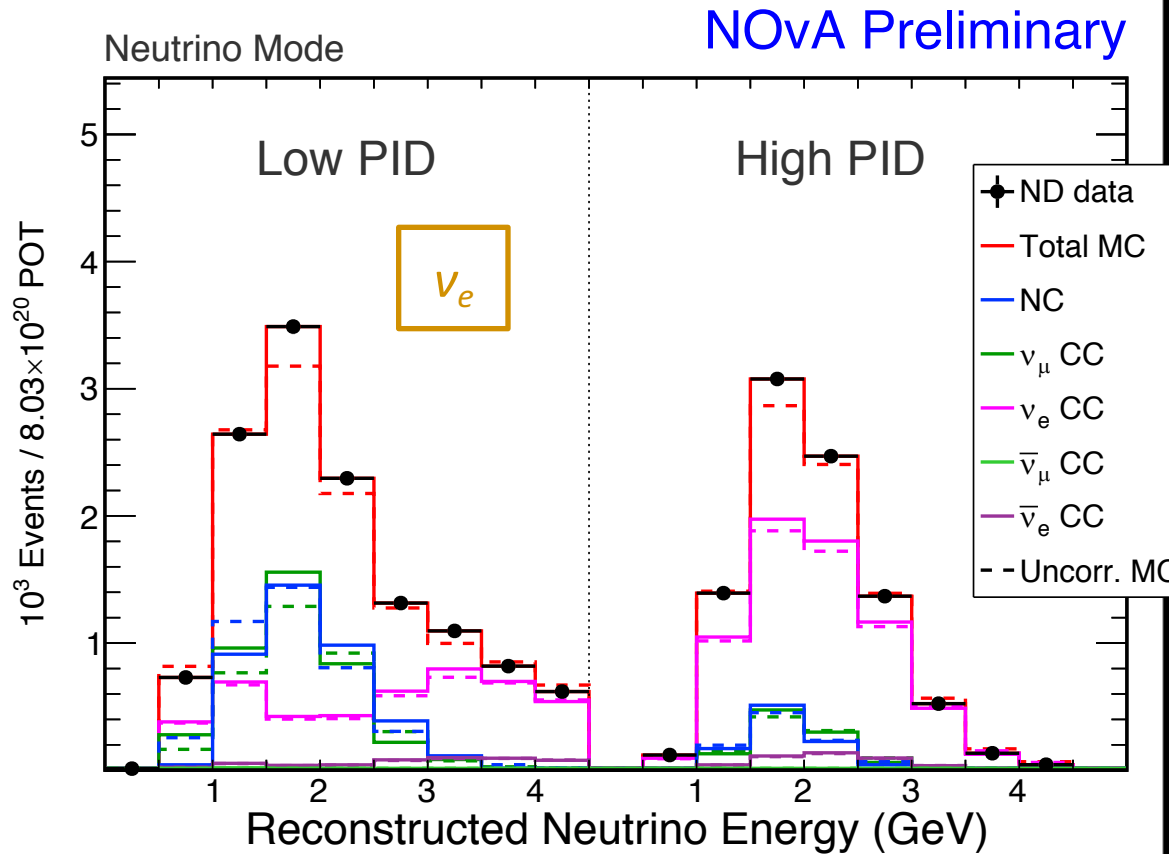
- $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  events come from the same parents:
  - Lower energy neutrinos come primarily from  $\pi$  decay.
  - Higher energy neutrinos come primarily from  $K$  decay.
- Use contained  $\nu_\mu$  data to constrain the  $\pi$  flux
- Use higher energy uncontained events to constrain the  $K$  flux.

# $\nu_e$ Decomposition

- The CC/NC constrains using the number of observed Michel electrons.
  - Determine the fraction of the two components in each analysis bin.

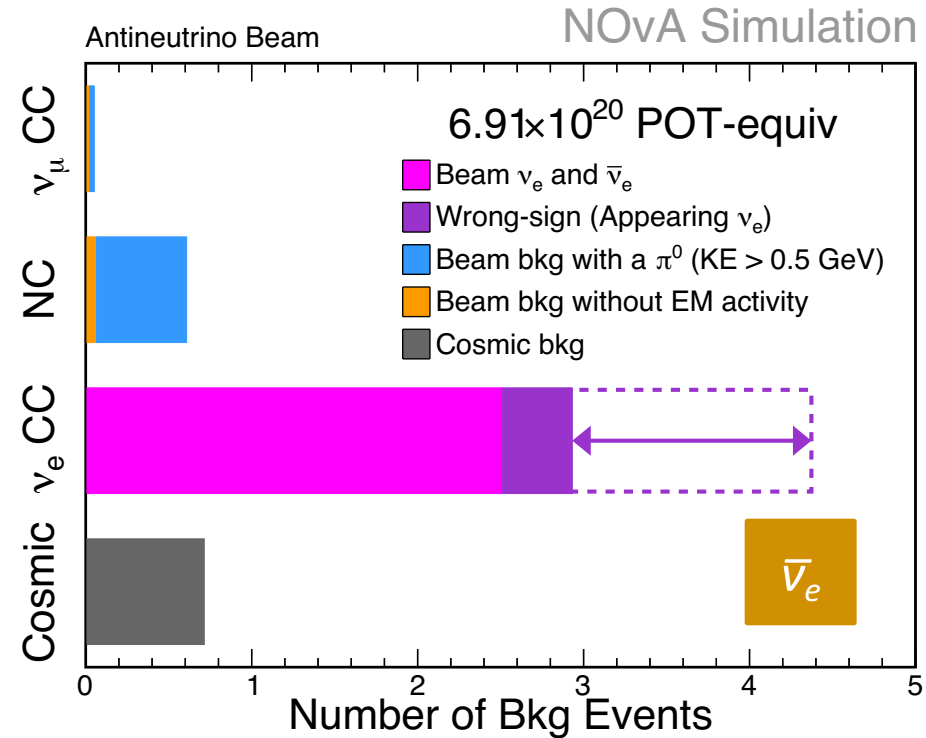
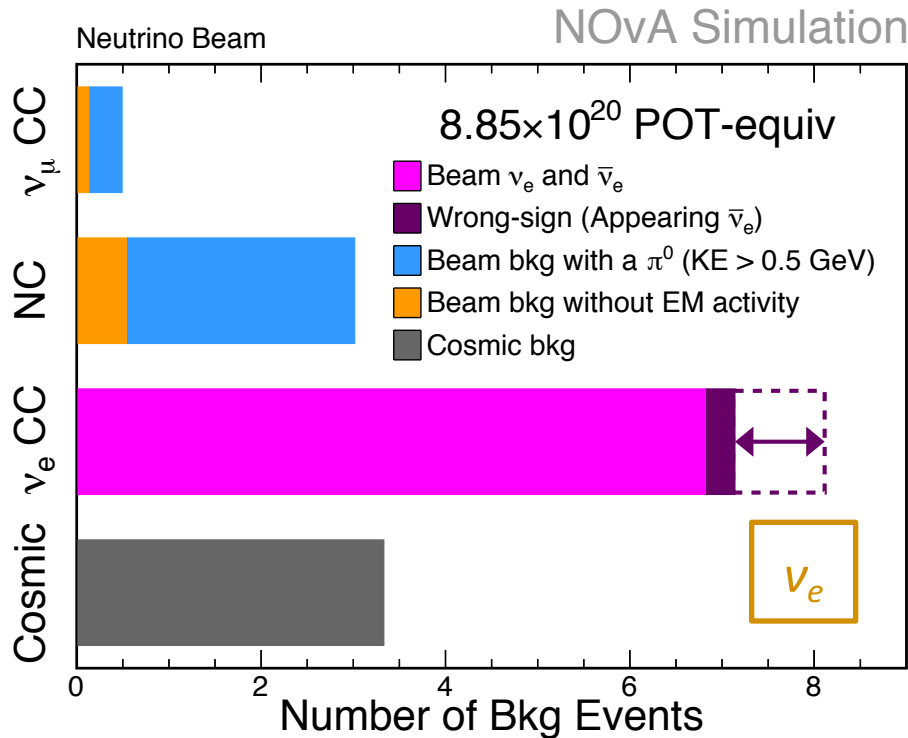


Change in Total	
$\nu_e$ CC	+3%
$\nu_\mu$ CC	+7%
NC	-4%





# $\nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ Background at the Far Detector



14.7 – 15.4 total  $\nu_e$  background

4.7 – 5.7 total  $\bar{\nu}_e$  background

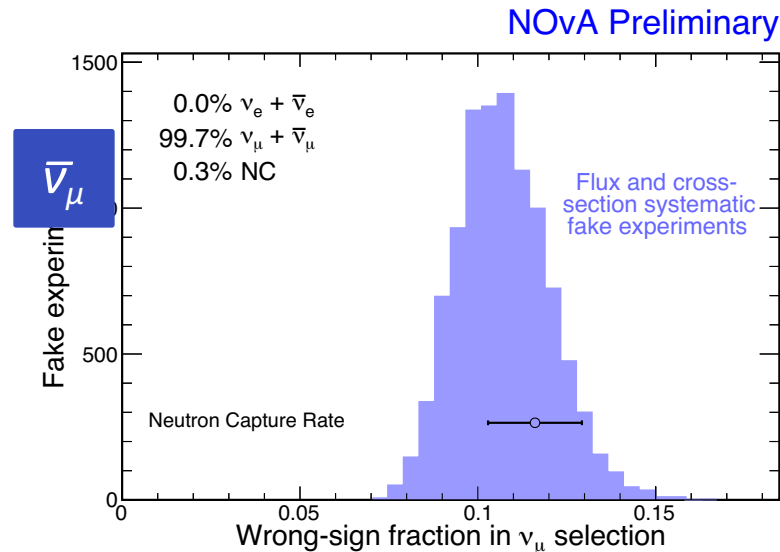
– Wrong-sign background depends on the oscillation parameters.

Largest backgrounds are from real electrons: beam  $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_e$  and wrong-sign.

– The amount of wrong-sign background varies with the oscillation parameters.

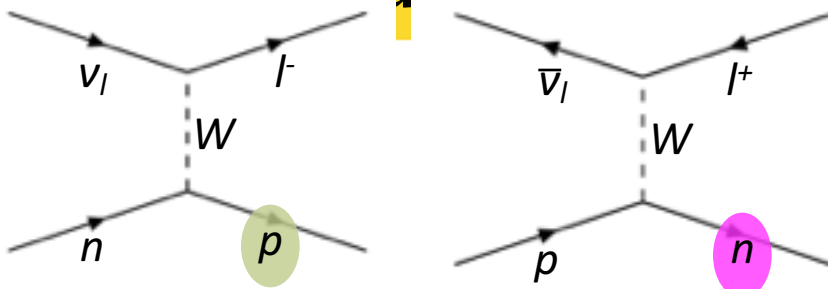
Most other beam backgrounds contain a  $\pi^0$ .

# Wrong-sign Background

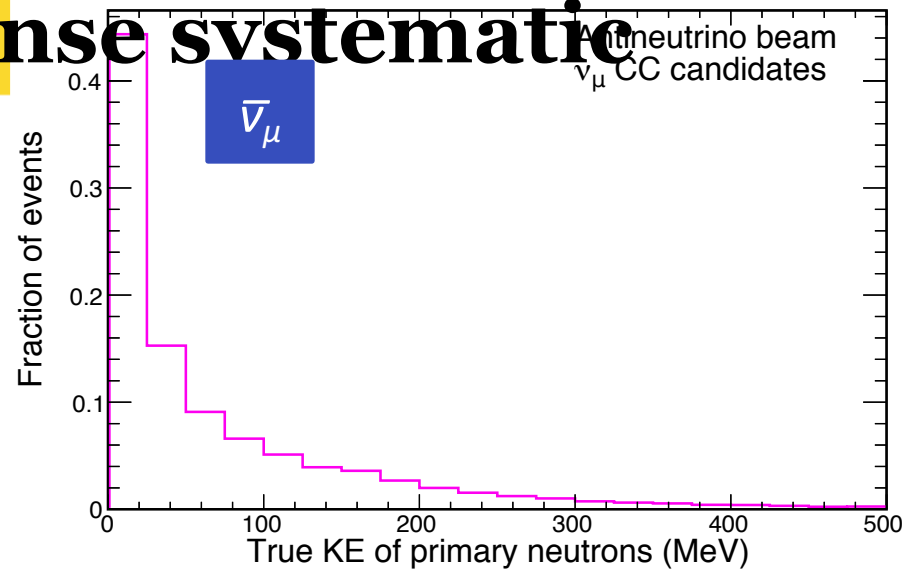


- The 11% wrong-sign fraction of the  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  events is important since it becomes the WS background in the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance analysis.
- ~10% systematic uncertainty on wrong-sign from flux and cross section
  - Does not include uncertainties from detector effects.
- Confirmed using data-driven cross-check of the wrong-sign contamination
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# New neutron response systematic



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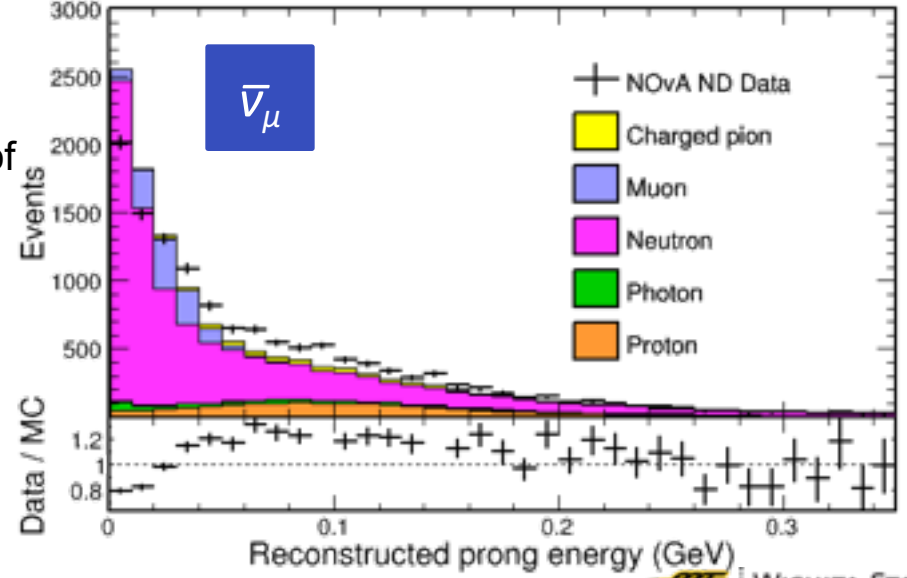
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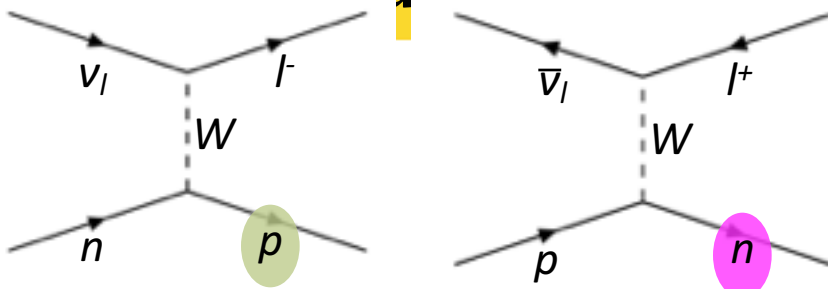
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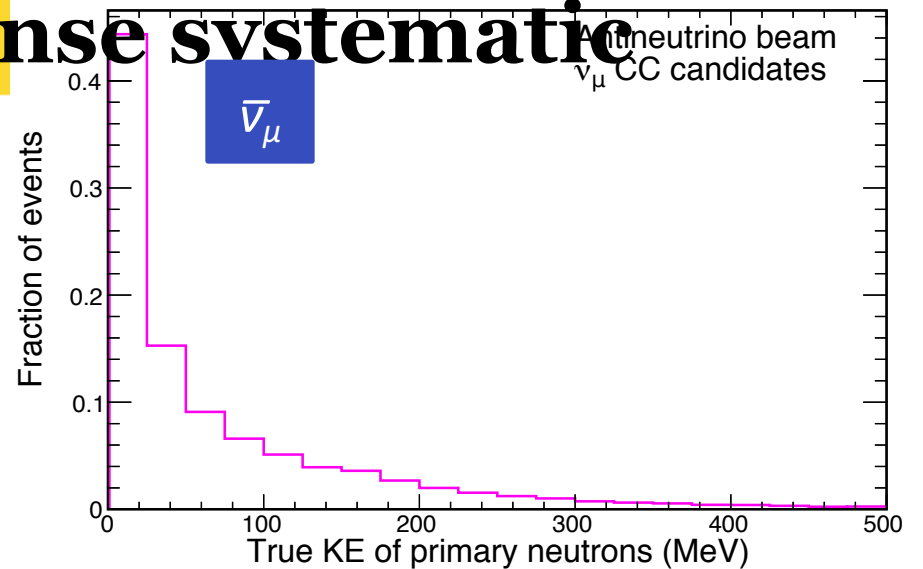
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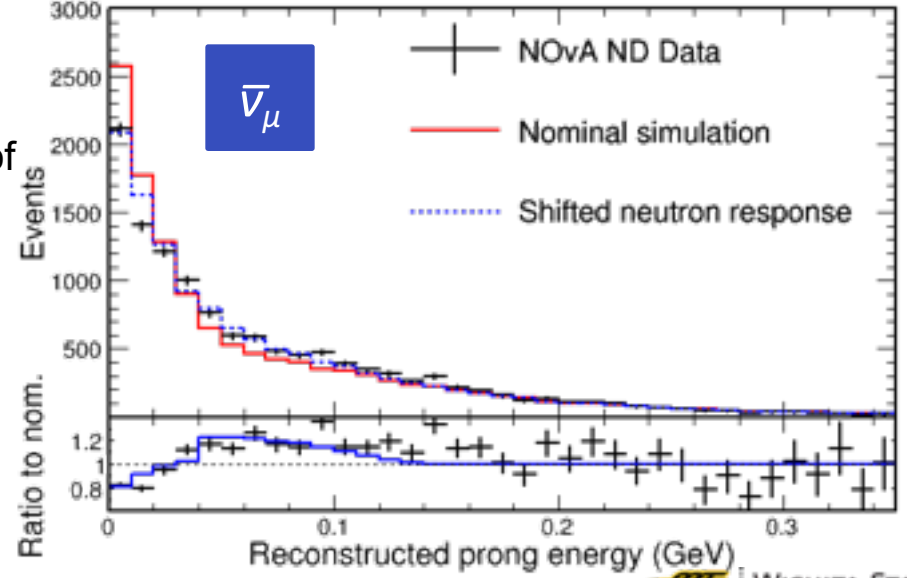
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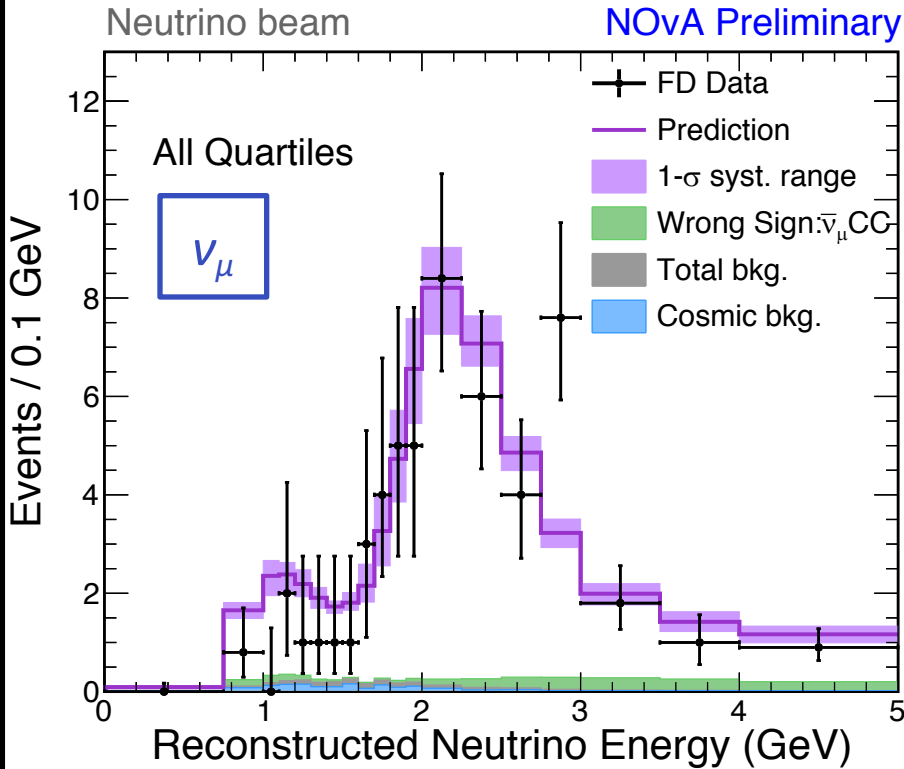
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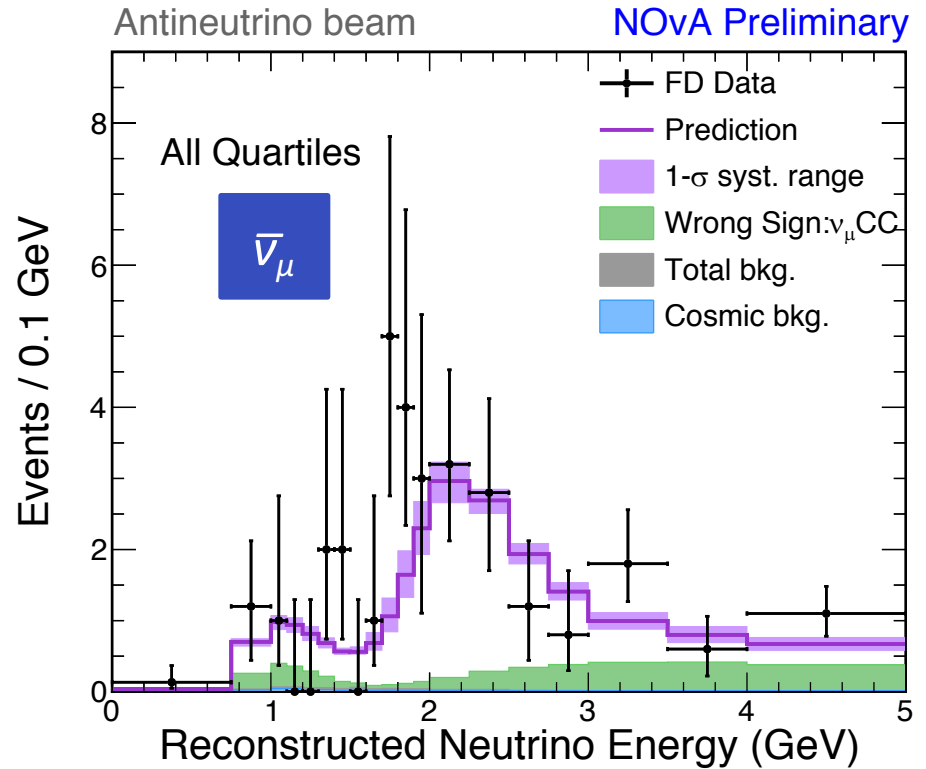
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# $\nu_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ Data at the Far Detector



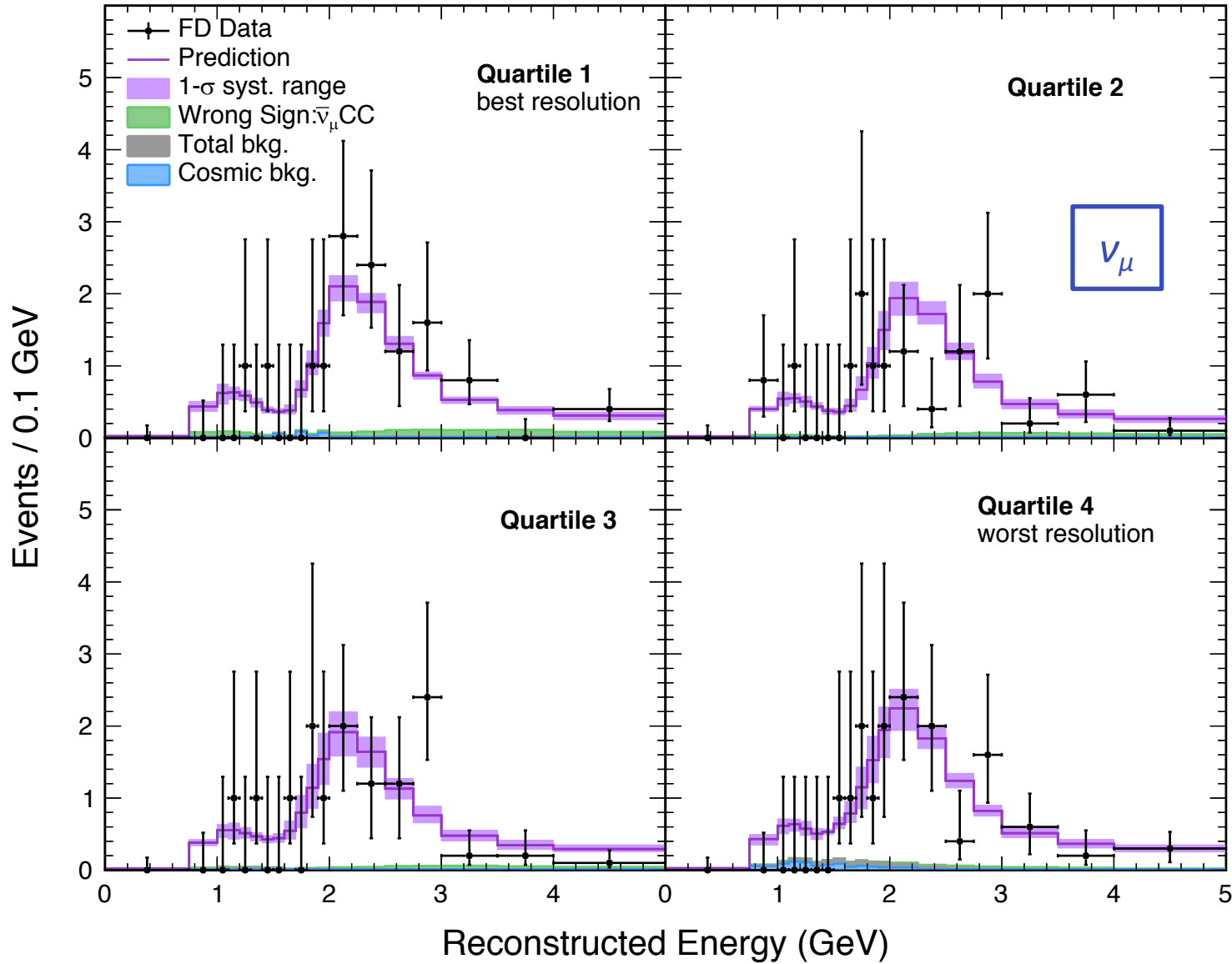
<b>Total Observed</b>	<b>113</b>
Best fit prediction	121
Cosmic Bkgd.	2.1
Beam Bkgd.	1.2
Unoscillated	730



<b>Total Observed</b>	<b>65</b>
Best fit prediction	50
Cosmic Bkgd.	0.5
Beam Bkgd.	0.6
Unoscillated	266

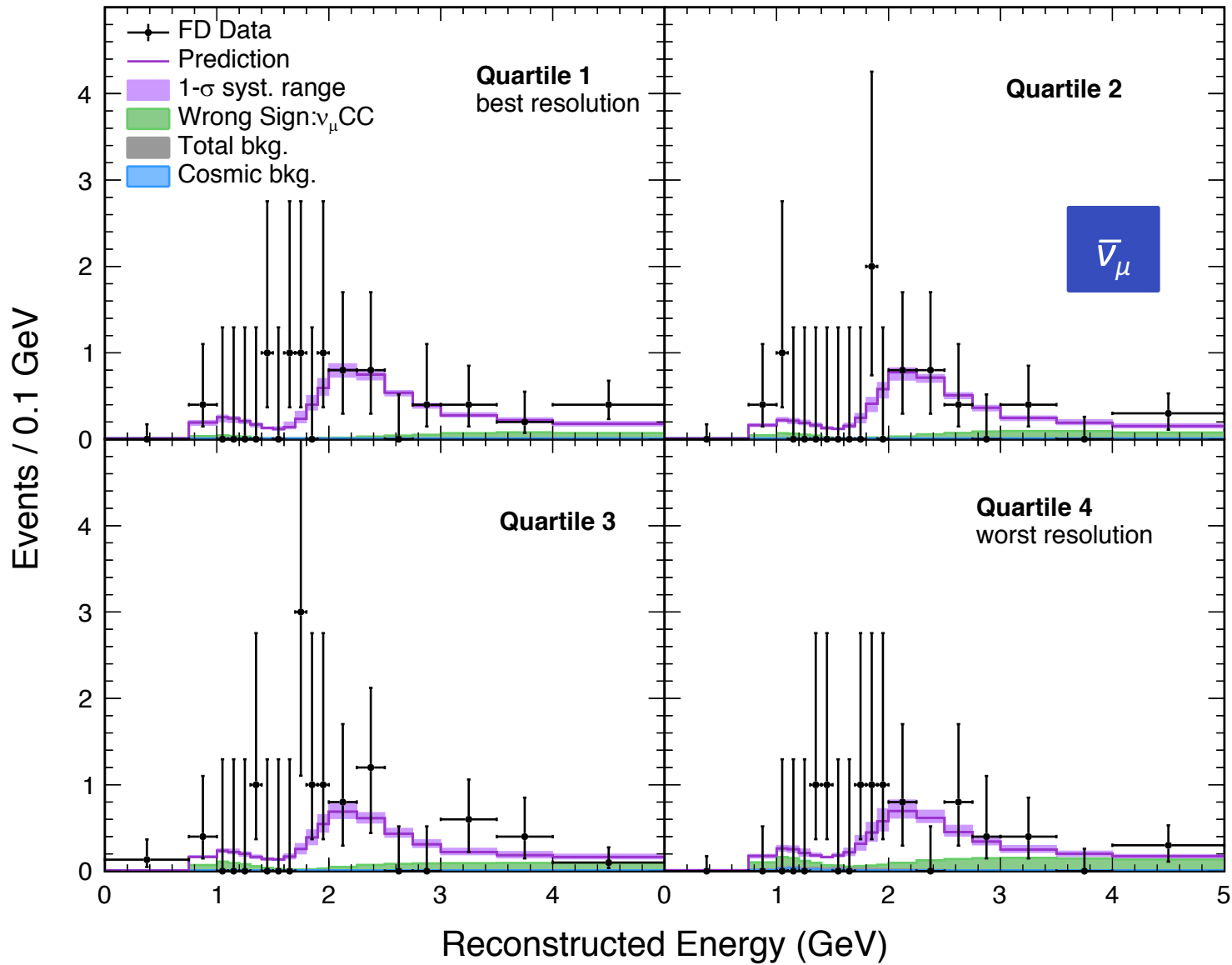
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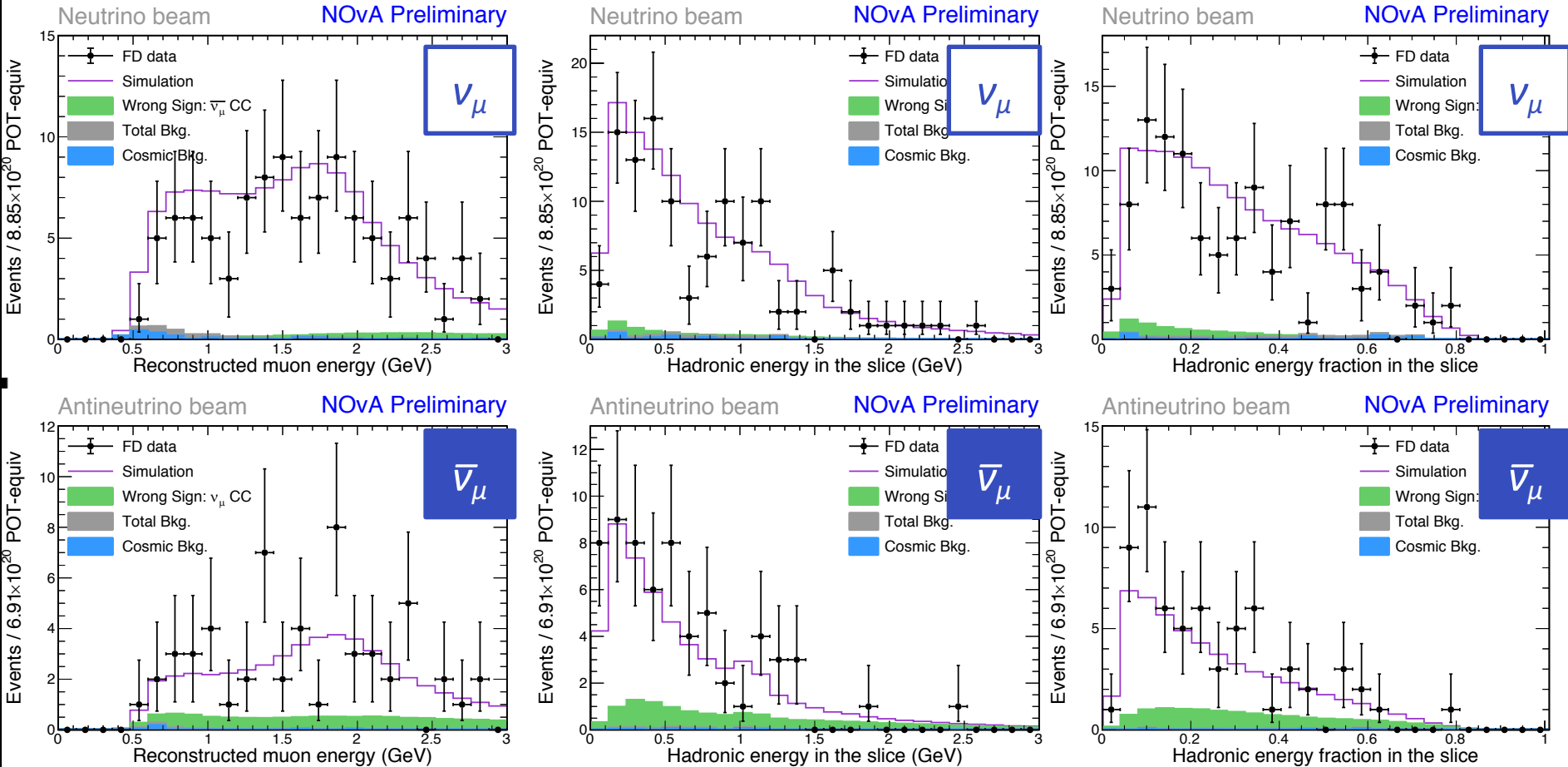
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# Antineutrino beam

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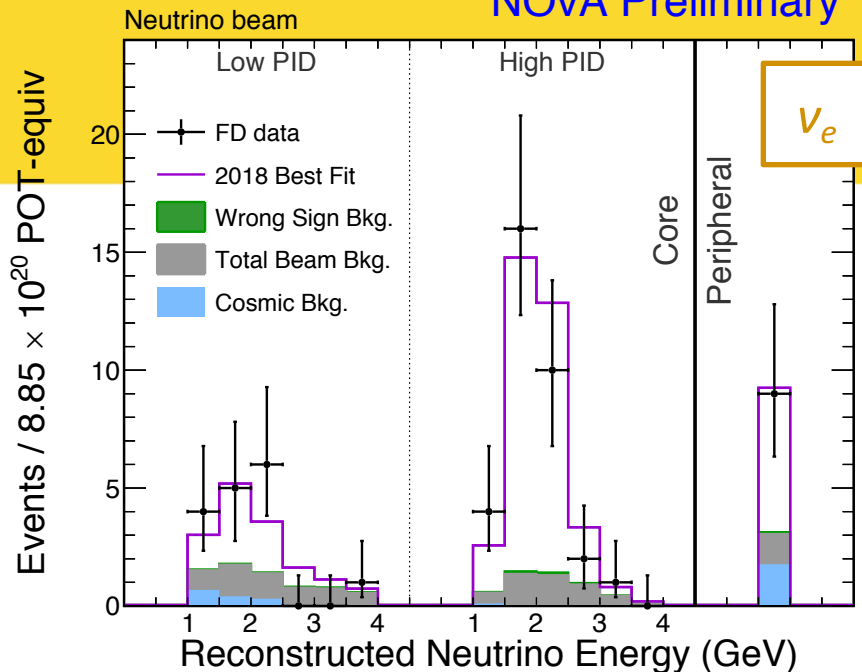




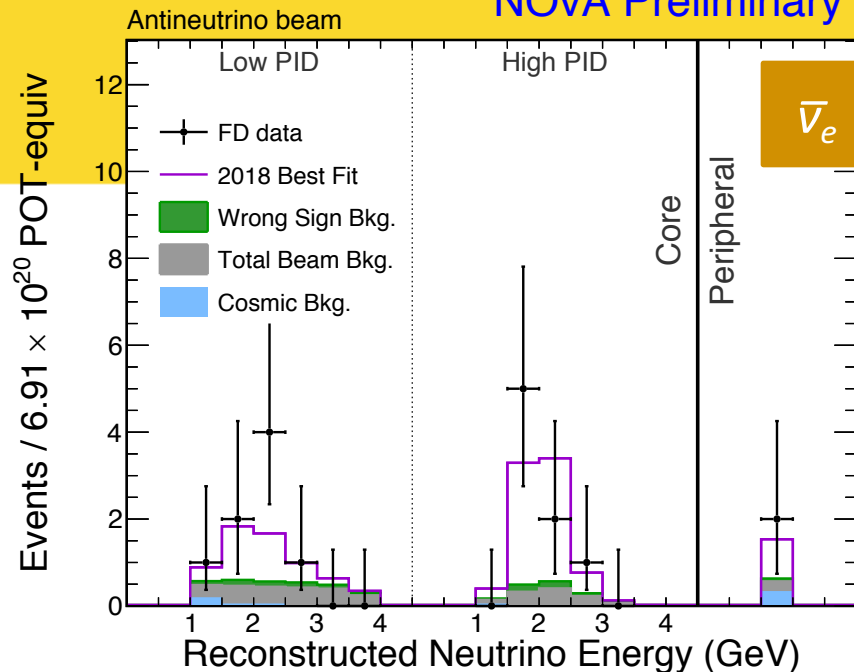
- Good agreement in FD data distributions of muon and hadronic energy and inelasticity.



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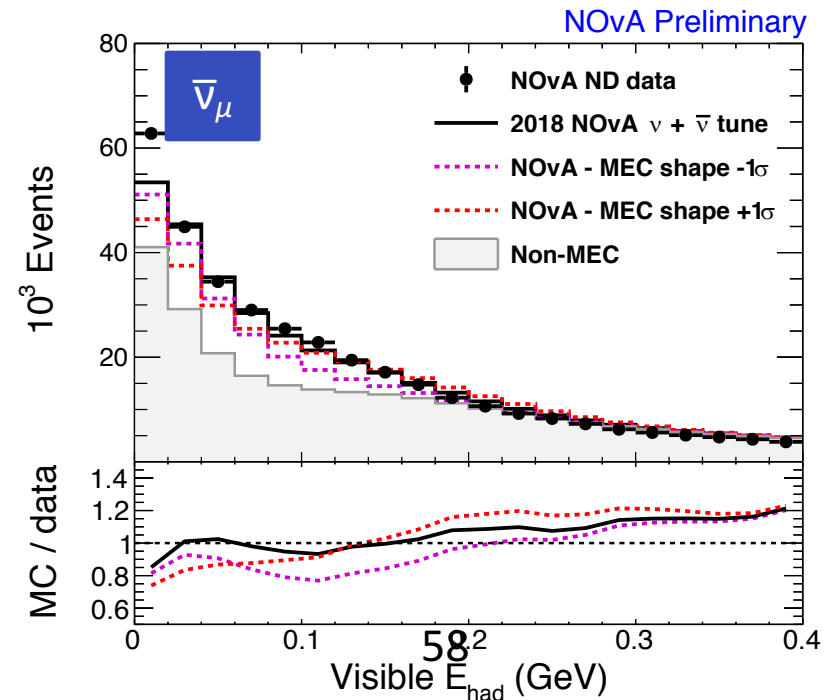
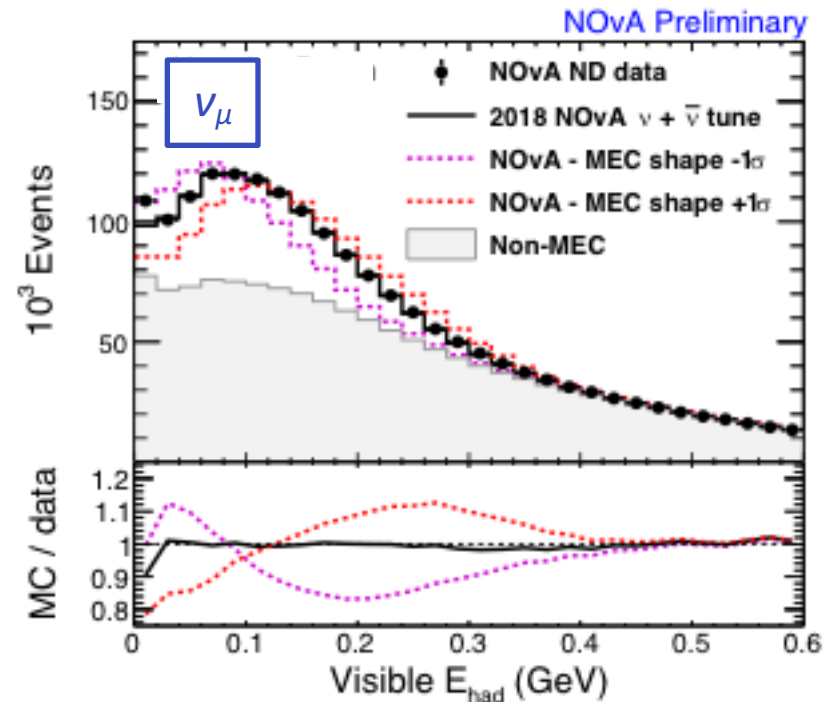
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Total Prediction	59.0	30-75
Wrong-sign	0.7	0.3-1.0
Beam Bkgd.	11.1	
Cosmic Bkgd.	3.3	
Total Bkgd.	15.1	14.7-15.4

Total Observed	18	Range
Total Prediction	15.9	10-22
Wrong-sign	1.1	0.5-1.5
Beam Bkgd.	3.5	
Cosmic Bkgd.	0.7	
Total Bkgd.	5.3	4.7-5.7

Strong ( $>4\sigma$ ) evidence of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  appearance

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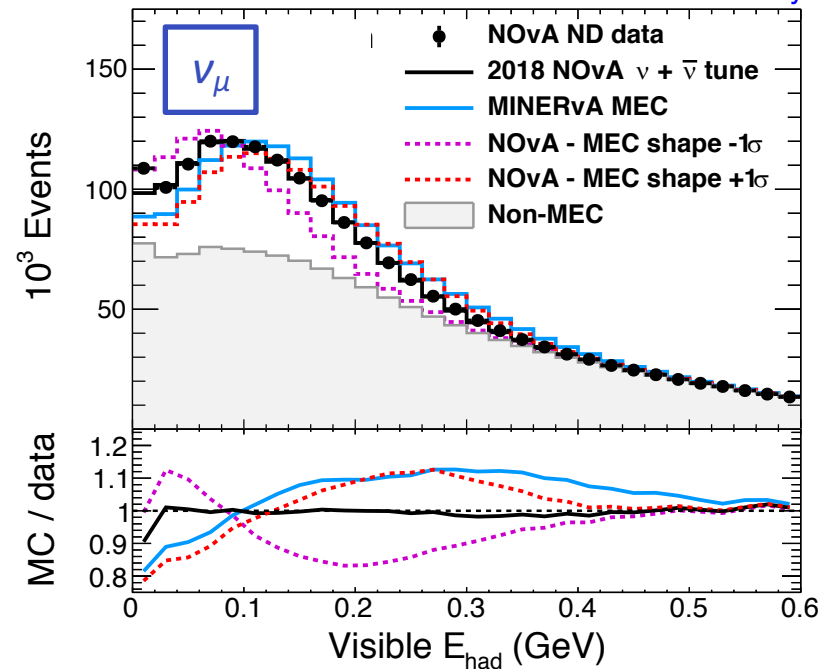
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- Independently, **Minerva**\* has also tuned a multi-nucleon component to their data.
- The resulting tune is  $\sim 1\sigma$  away from the NOvA tune.

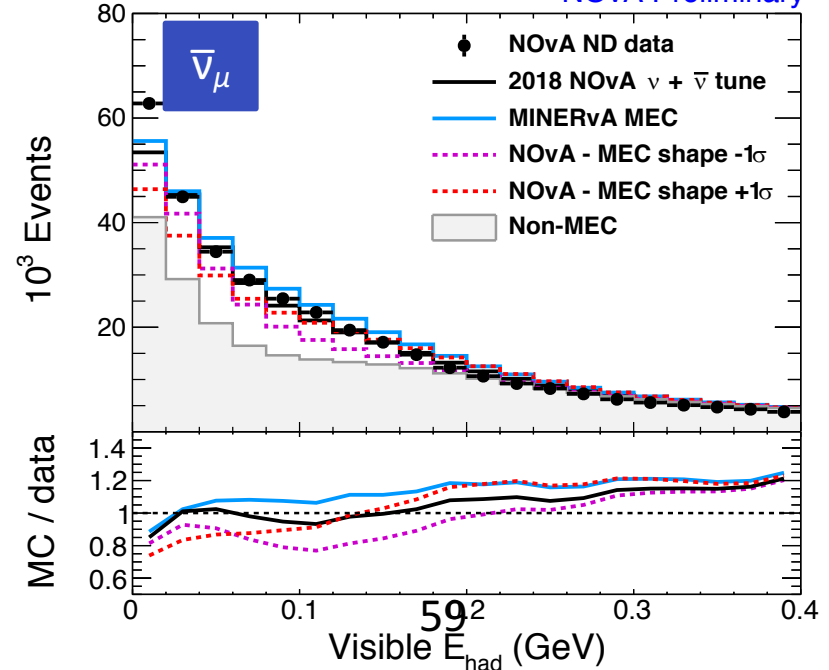
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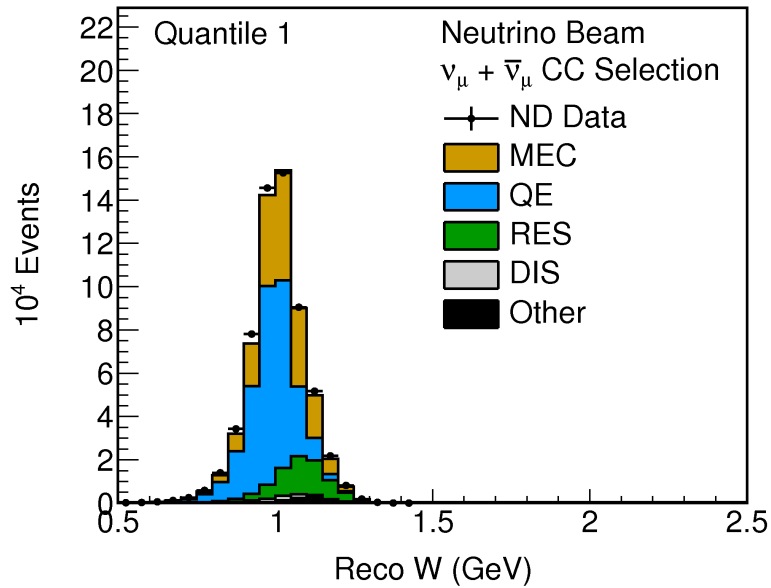
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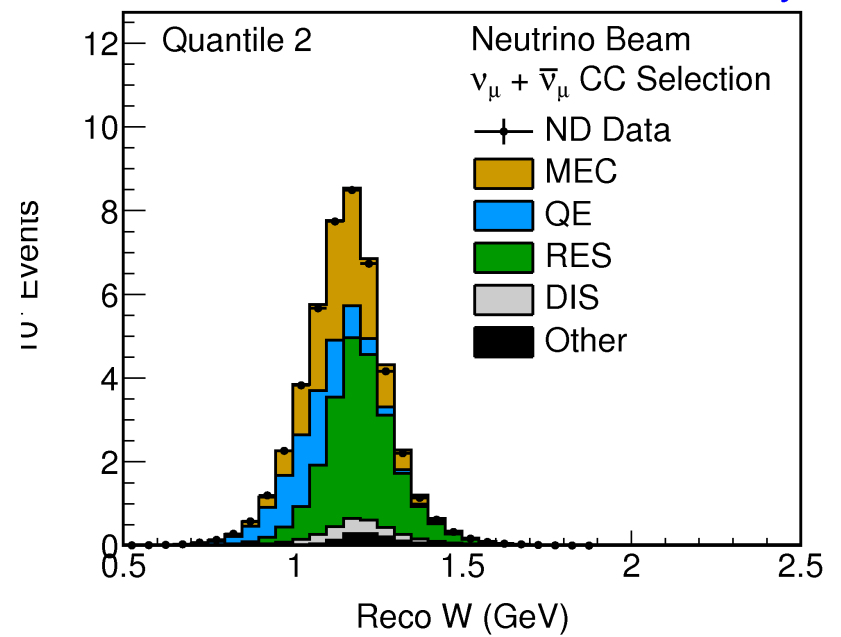
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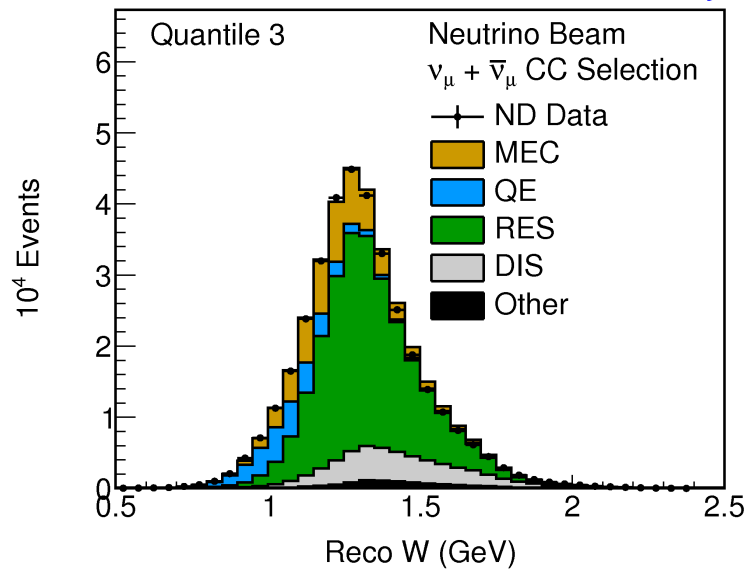
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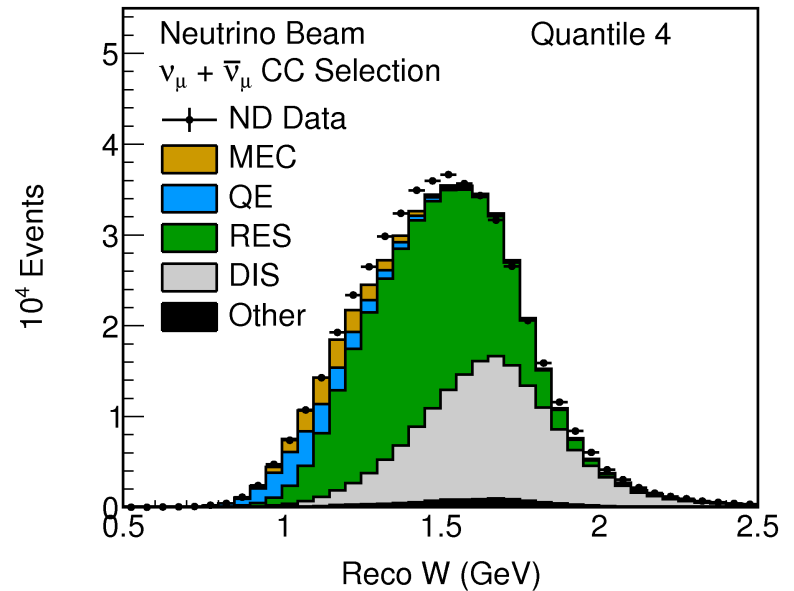
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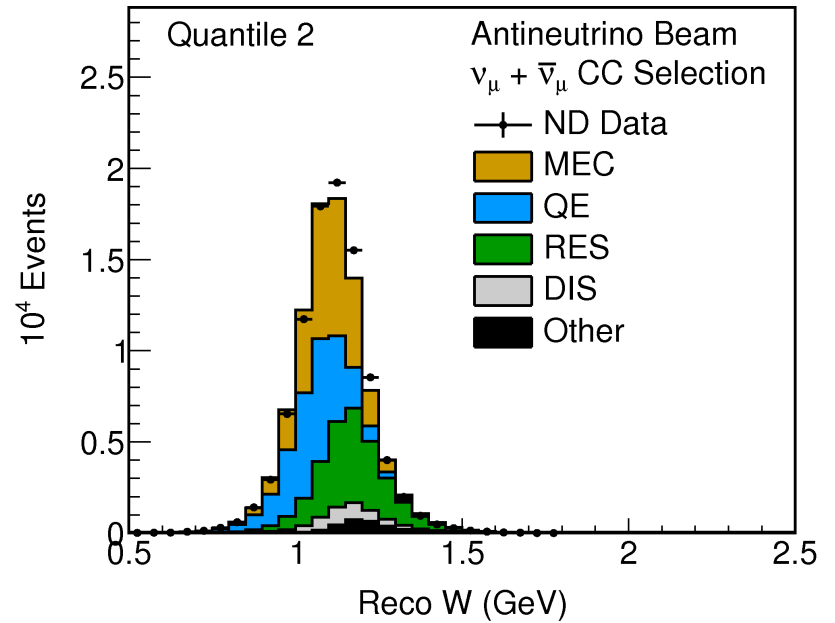
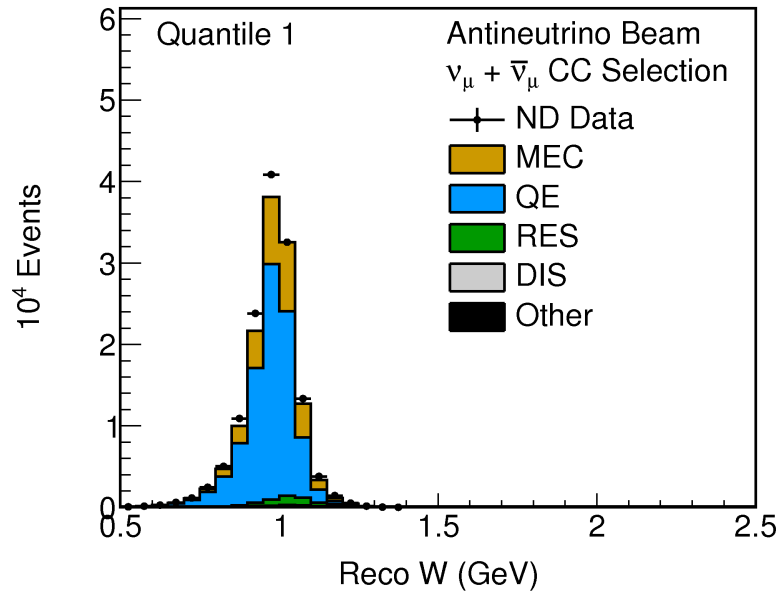
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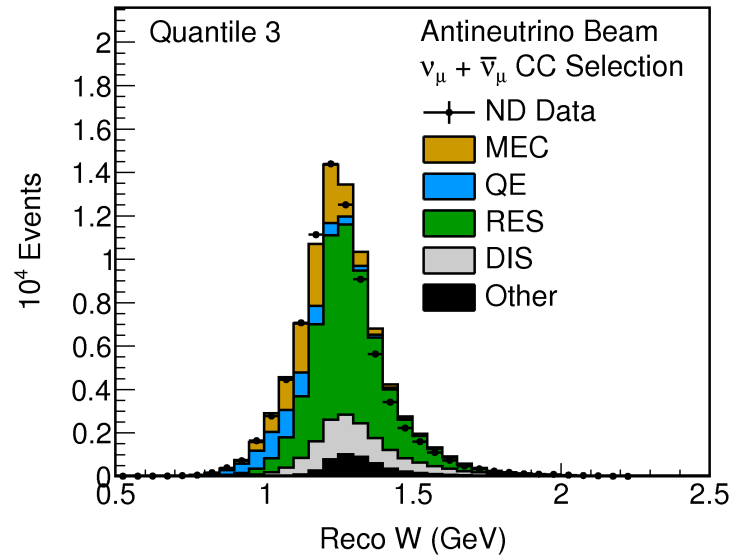
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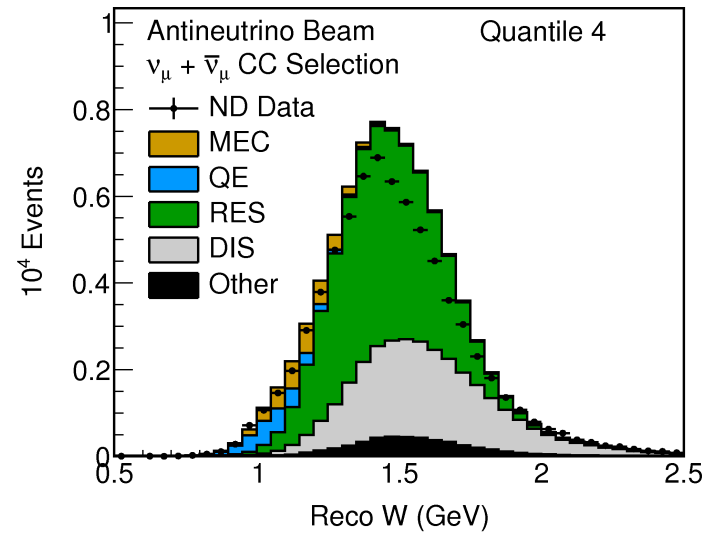
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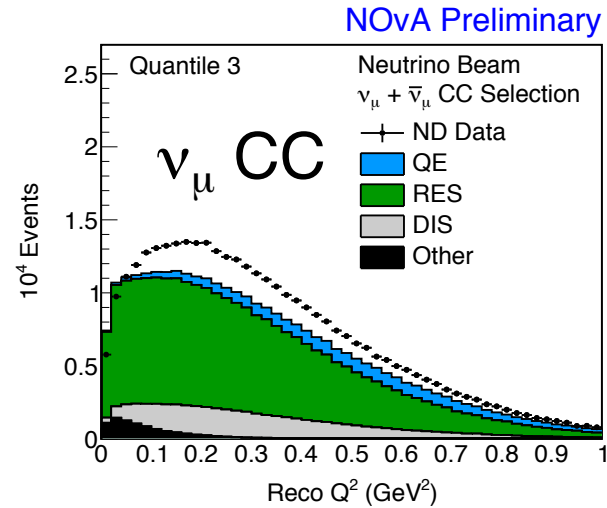
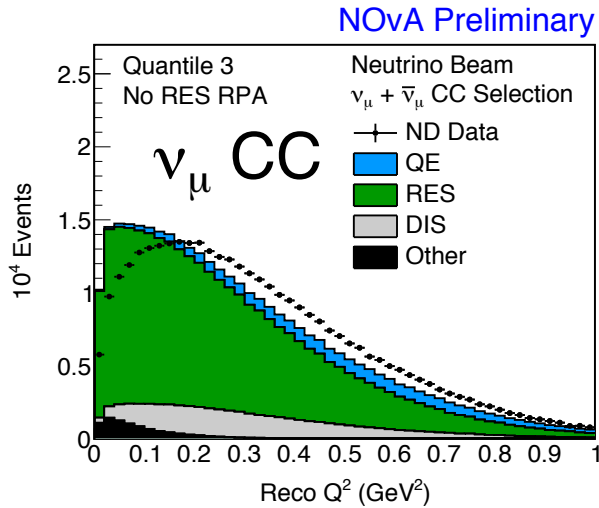
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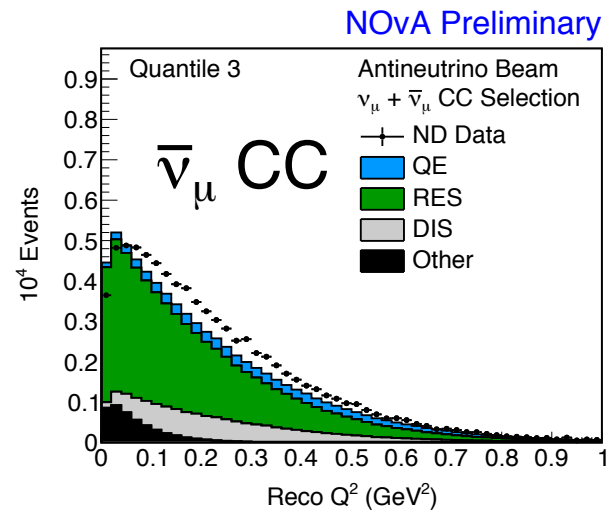
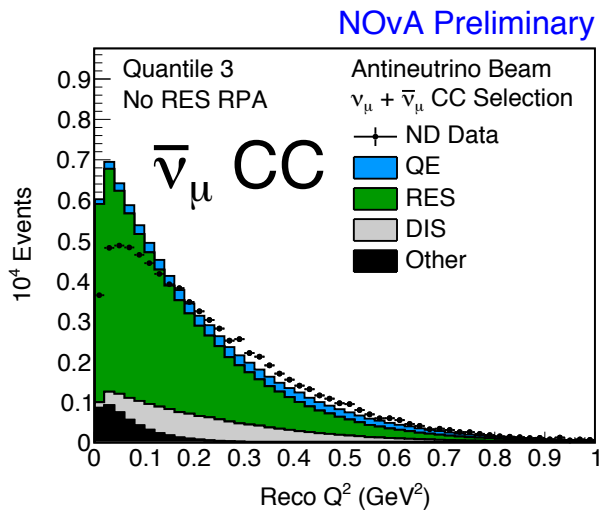
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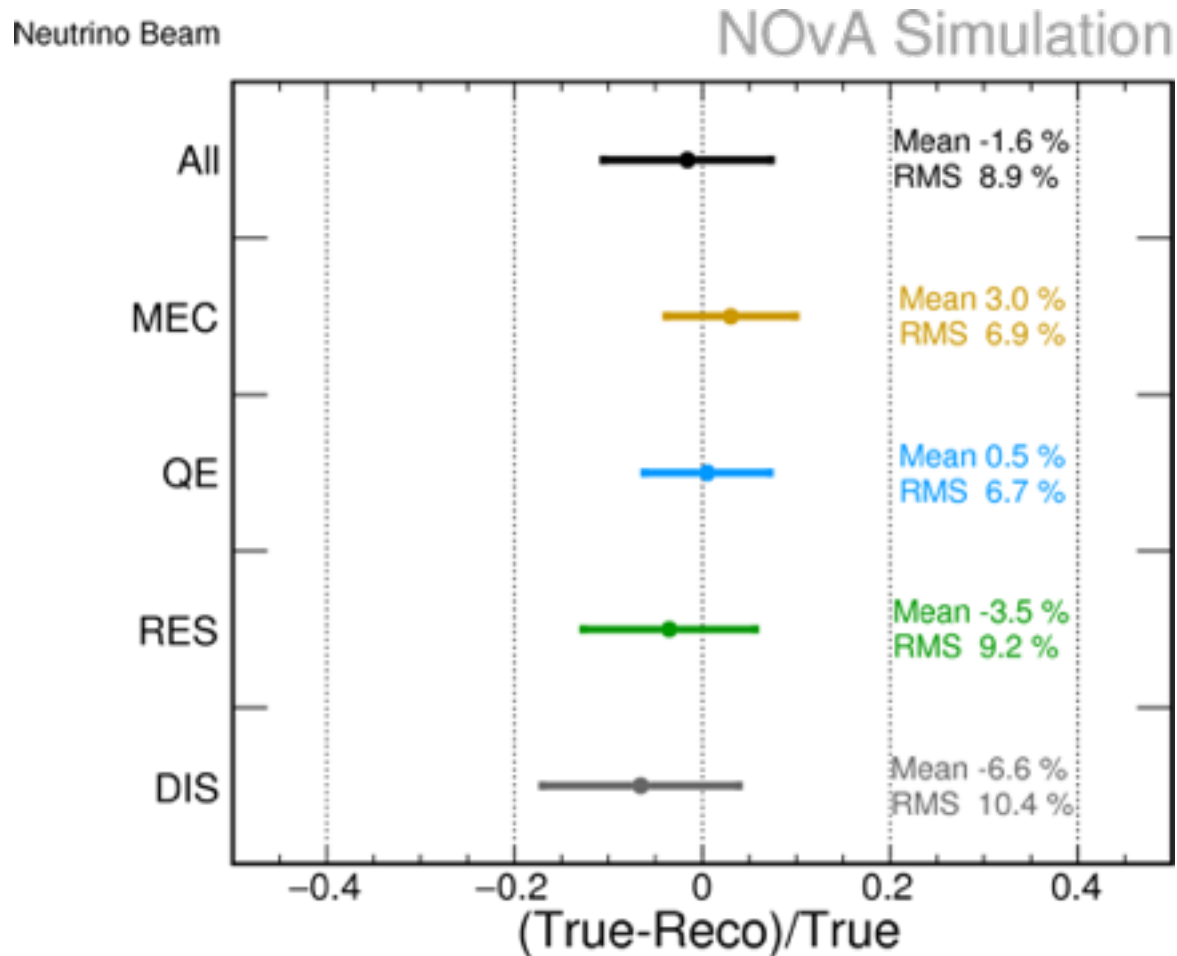


Applying  
 $f(Q^2)$  Valencia  
CCQE RPA  
Effect to RES



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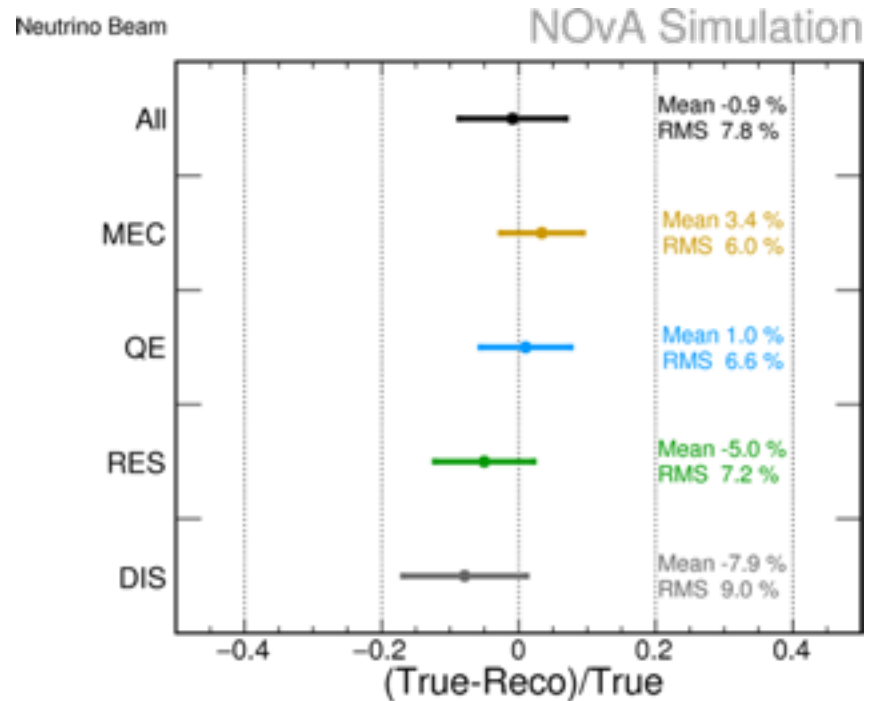
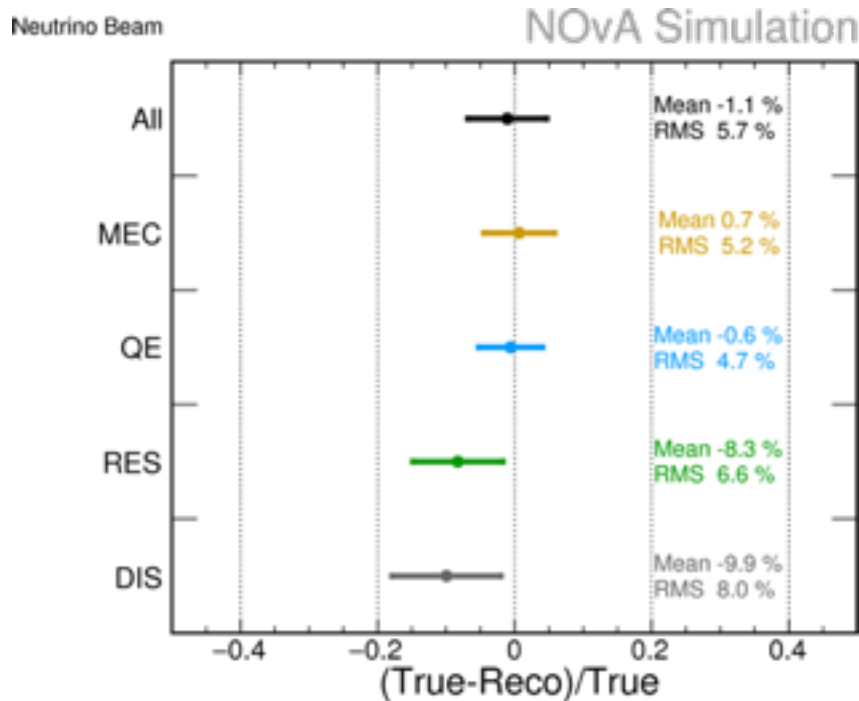
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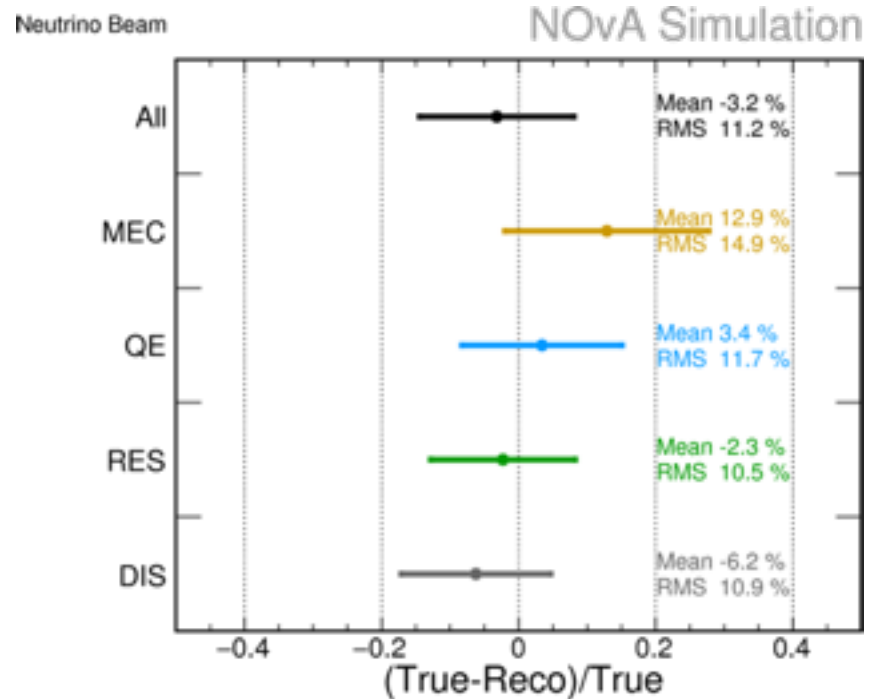
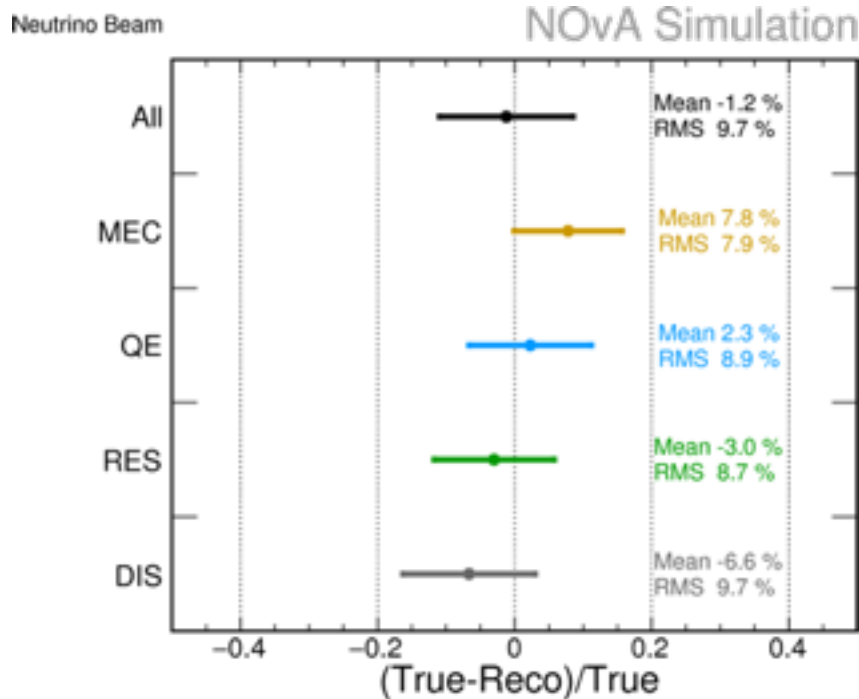




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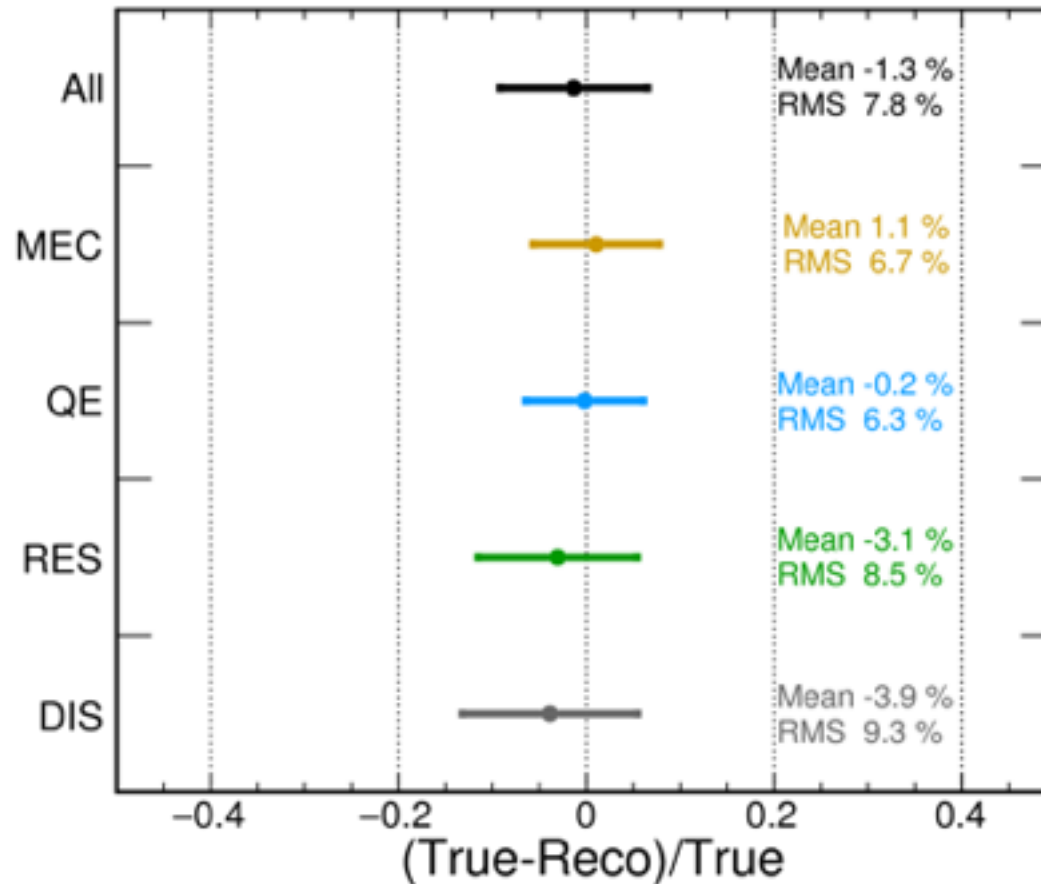
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Antineutrino Beam

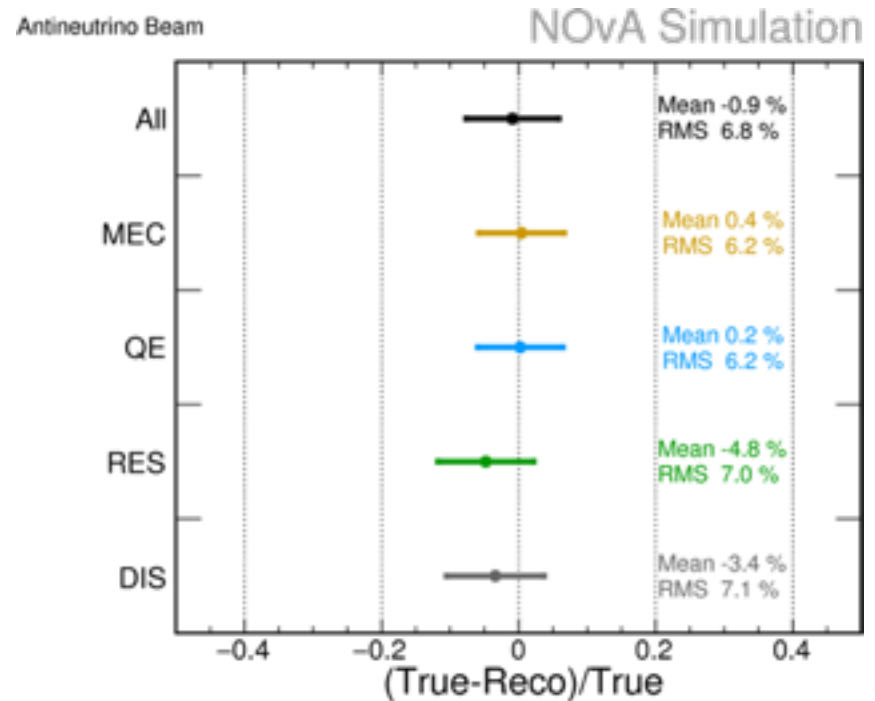
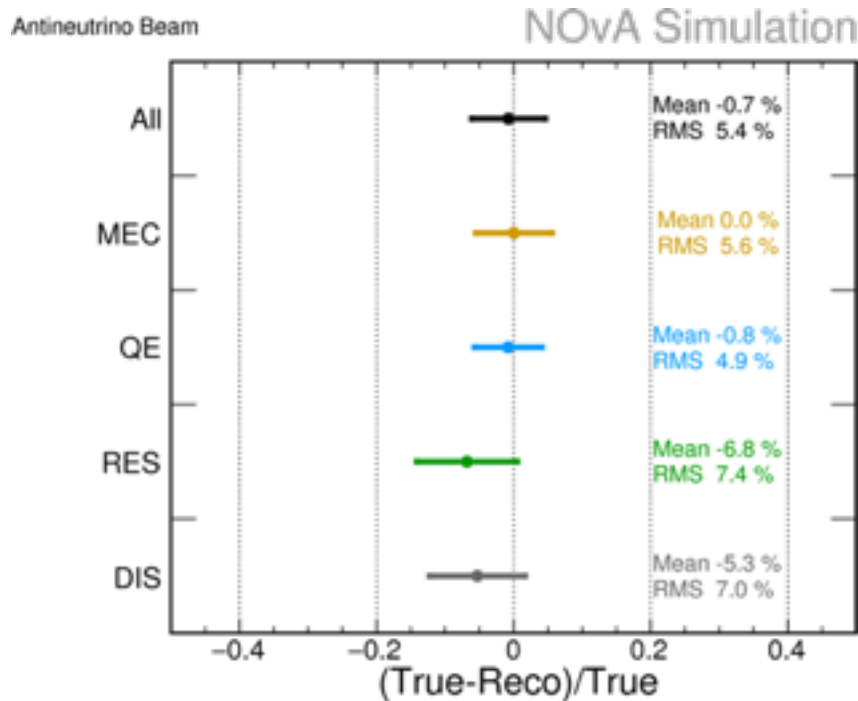
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