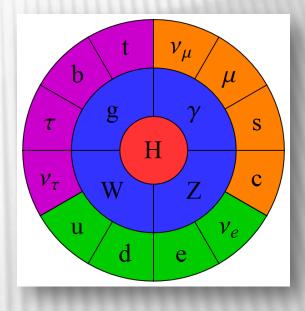
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THE NOVA EXPERIMENT





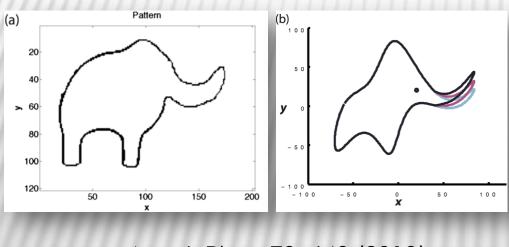
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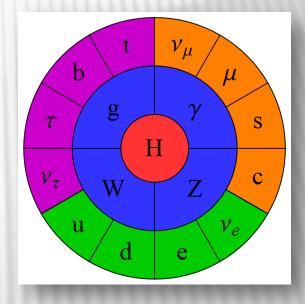
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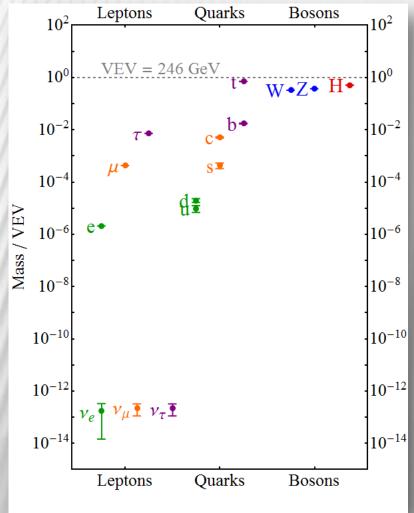
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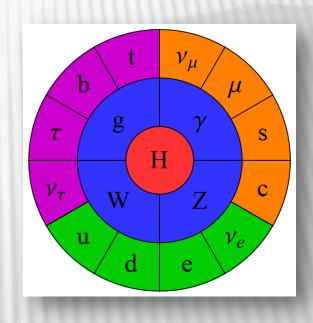


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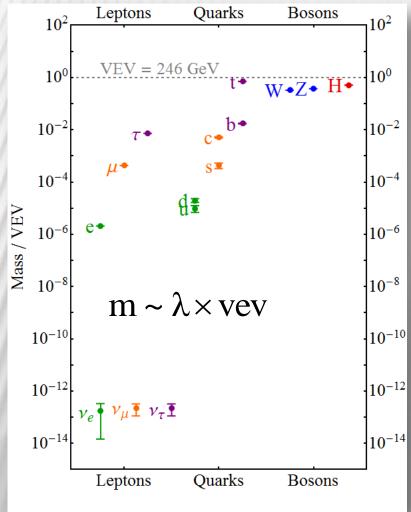


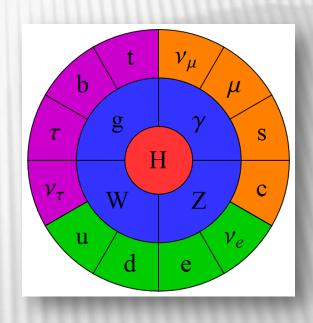
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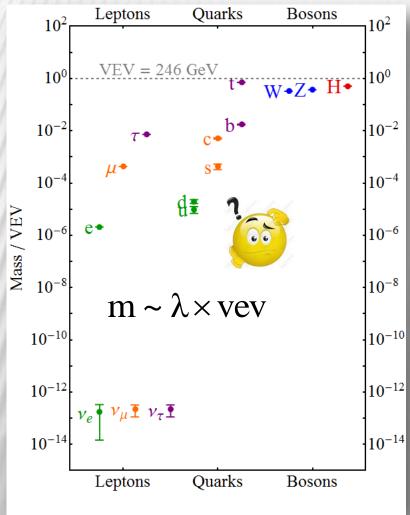


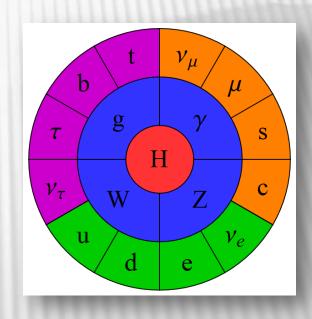
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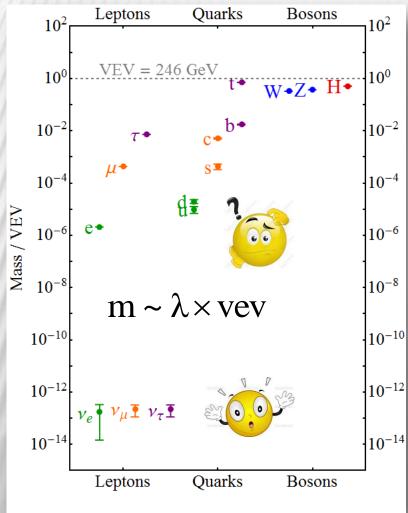


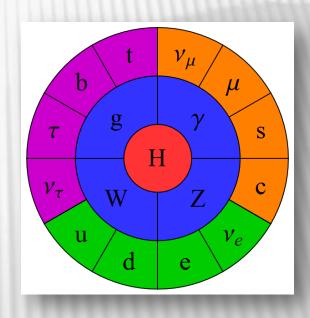
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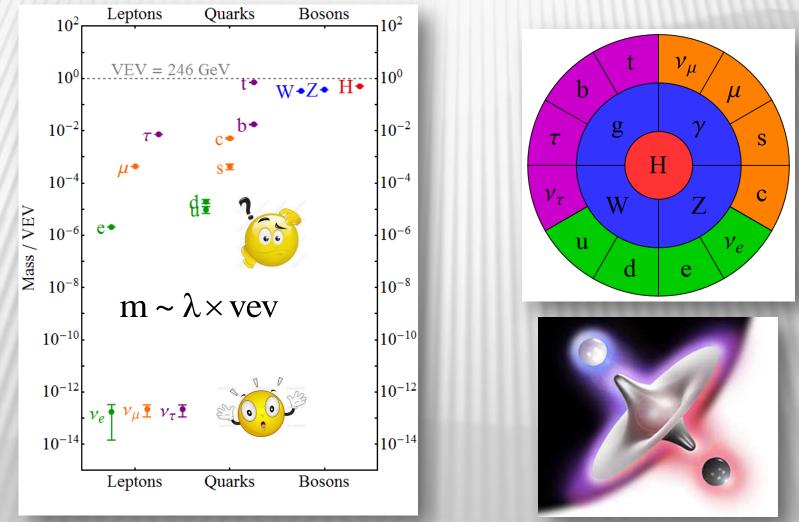
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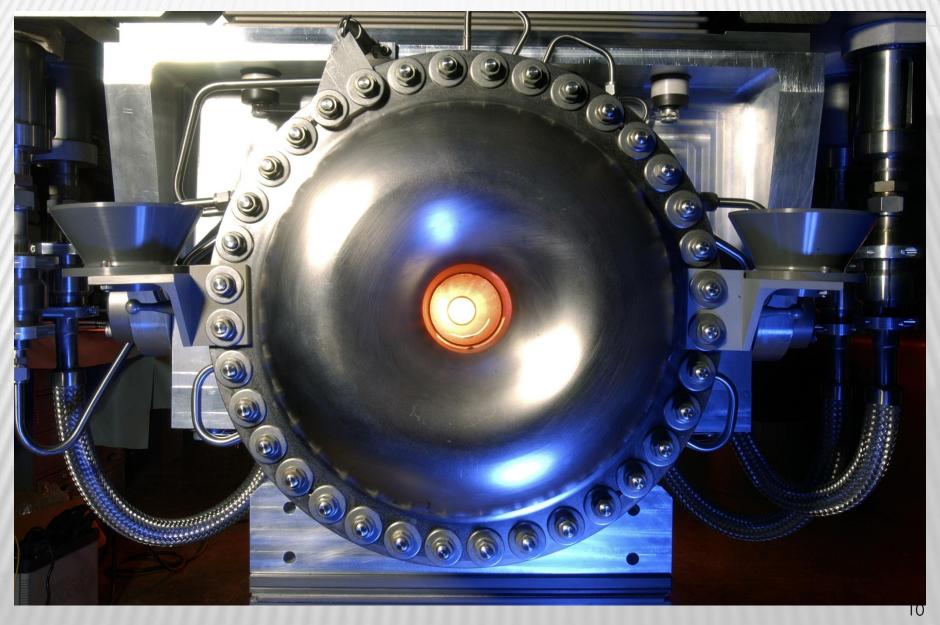
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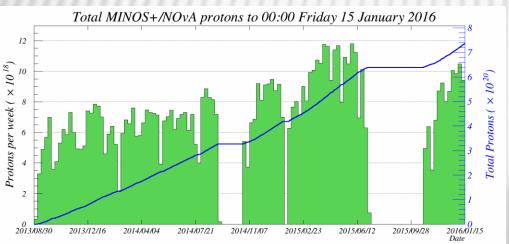
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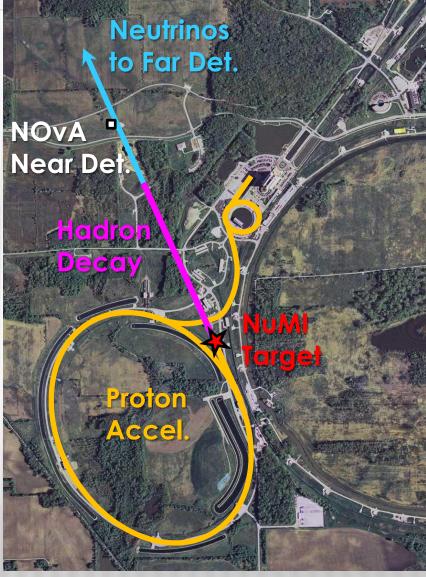
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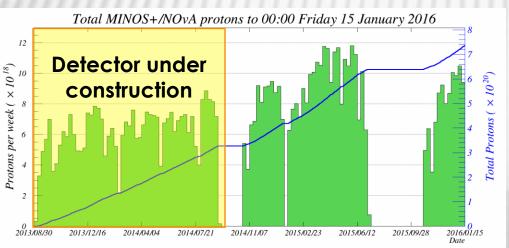
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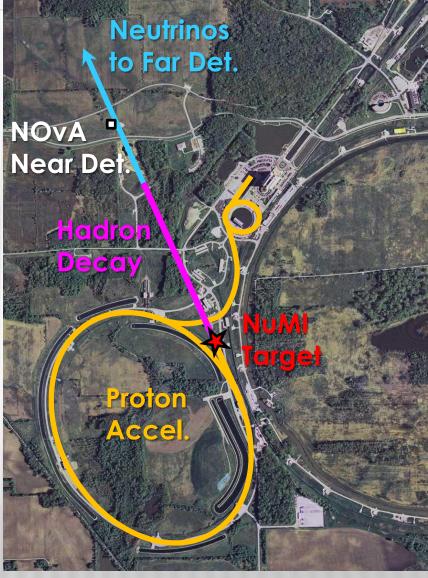




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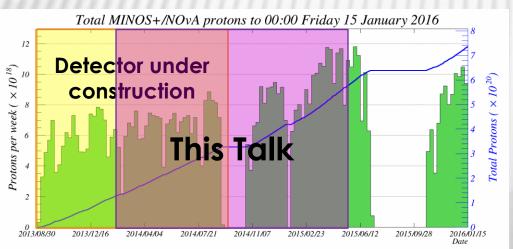
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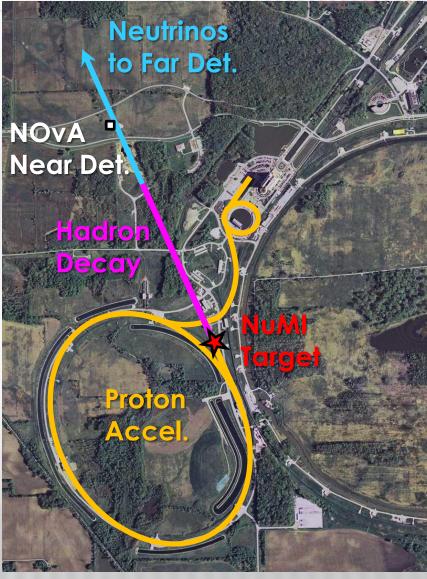




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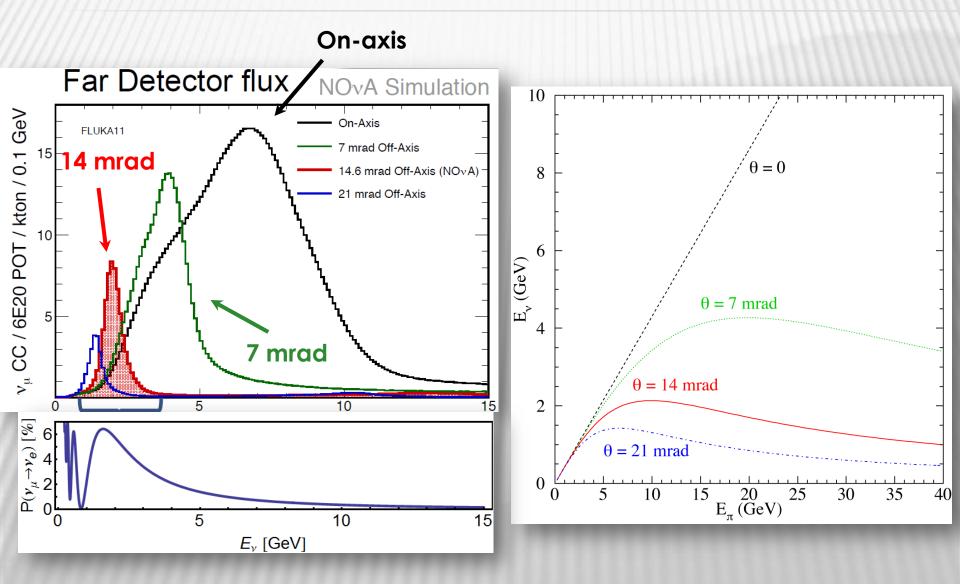


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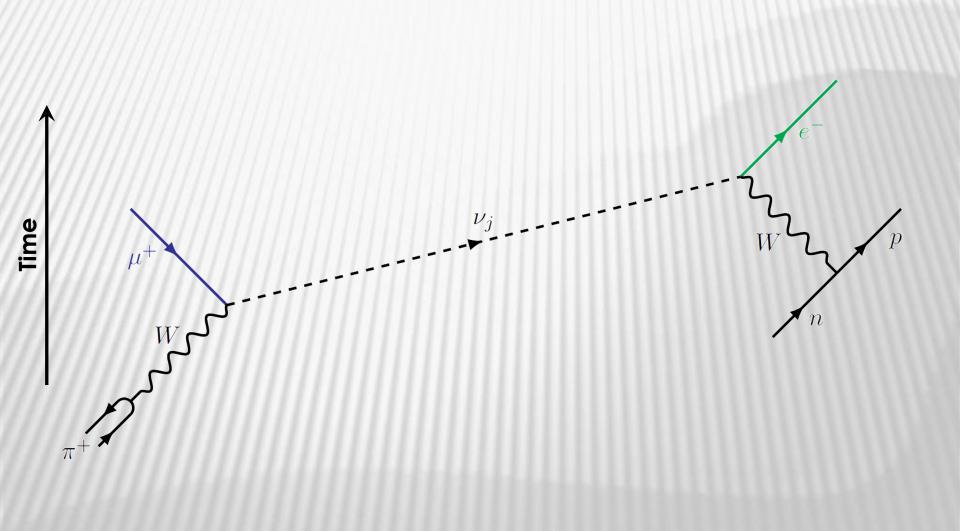


OFF-AXIS





NEUTRINO OSCILLATION



NEUTRINO OSCILLATION

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$U(\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \delta_{CP})$$
Oscillation

DISAPPEARANCE

□ CPT theorem: $v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\alpha}$ is T invariant, so it must be CP invariant □ Also, only even orders in $\Delta \equiv \Delta m^2 L/E$

 v_{μ} Disappearance

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P}(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - \sin^{2} 2\theta_{\mu\mu} \sin^{2} \Delta_{\mu\mu} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_{21})^{2} \\ \Delta m^{2}_{\ \mu\mu} \sim \Delta m^{2}_{32} \end{array} \text{ symmetry} \end{array}$

v_e Disappearance

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P}(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) &\approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{ee} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_{21})^2 \\ \Delta m^2_{ee} \neq \Delta m^2_{\mu\mu} \ \left[O(\Delta m^2_{21}) \right] \end{split}$$

APPEARANCE

□ CPT theorem: v_α → v_β is NOT T invariant, so it CAN violate CP
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+ $\tilde{J}\sin\Delta_{21}\sin\Delta_{ee}\cos(\Delta_{ee}\pm\delta) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_{21})^2$

Breaks θ_{23} symmetry CP violation term

MH sensitivity but small Only when sin $\delta \sim 0$

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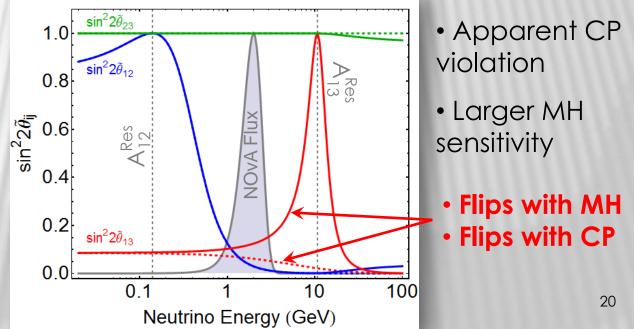
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Earth is transparent to v's with a "refractive index"





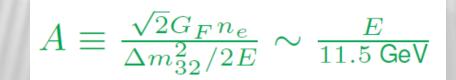
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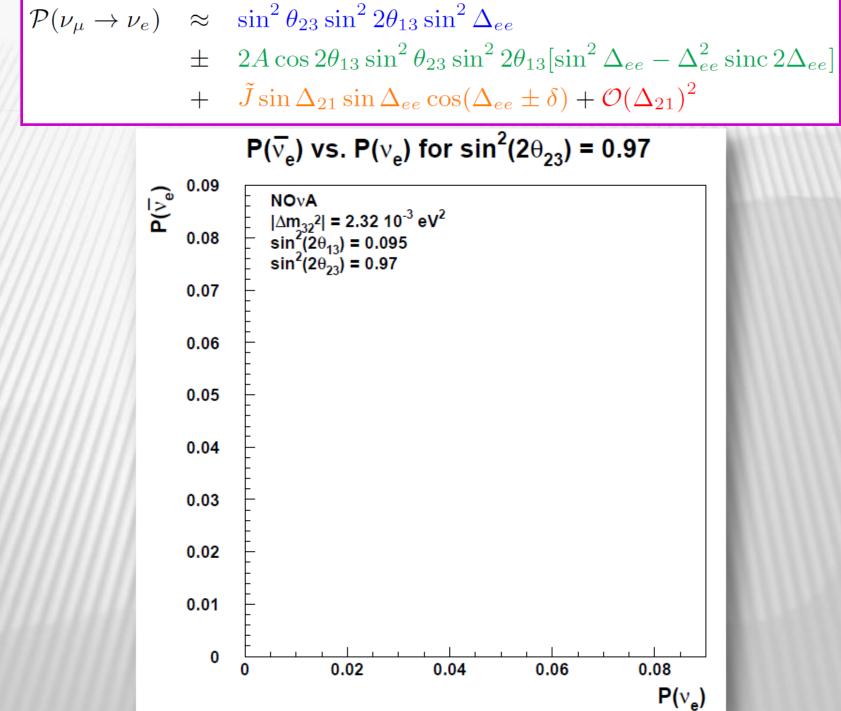
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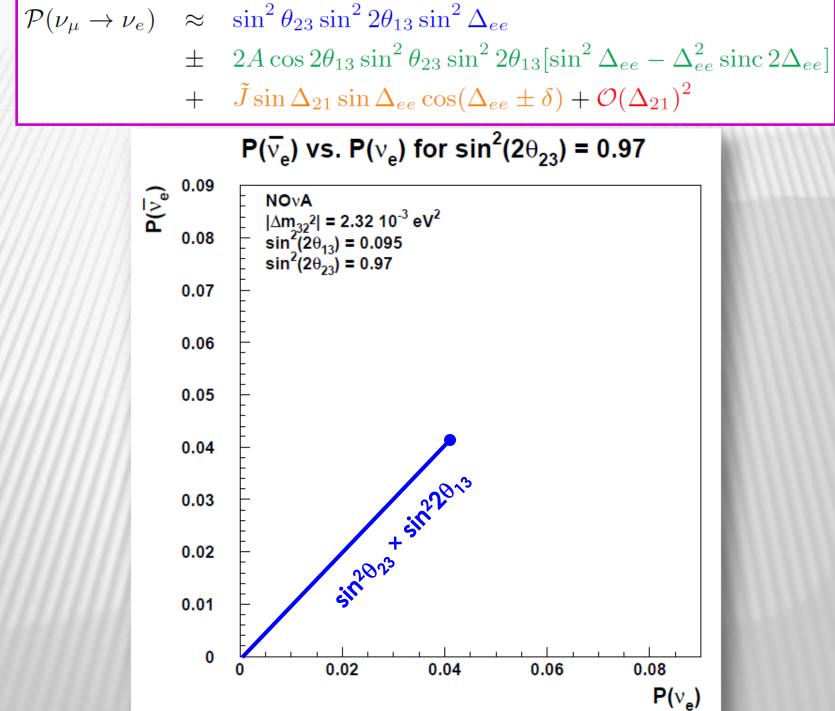
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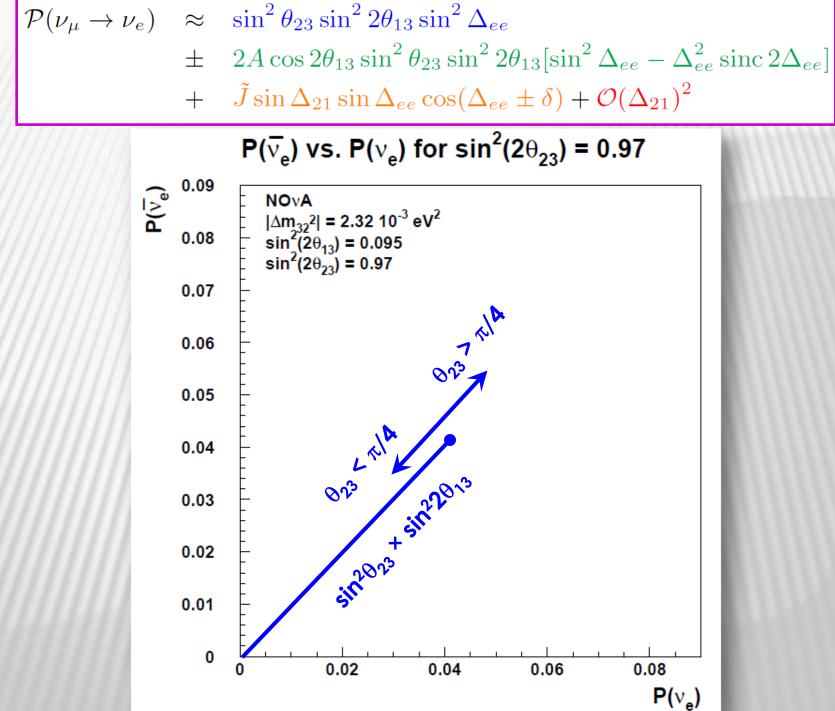
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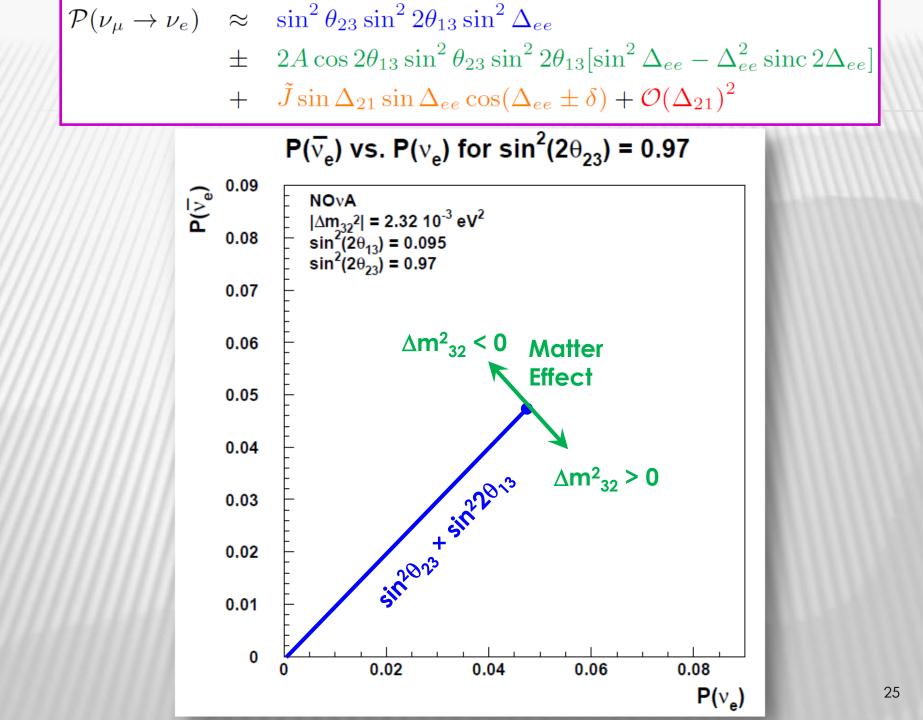
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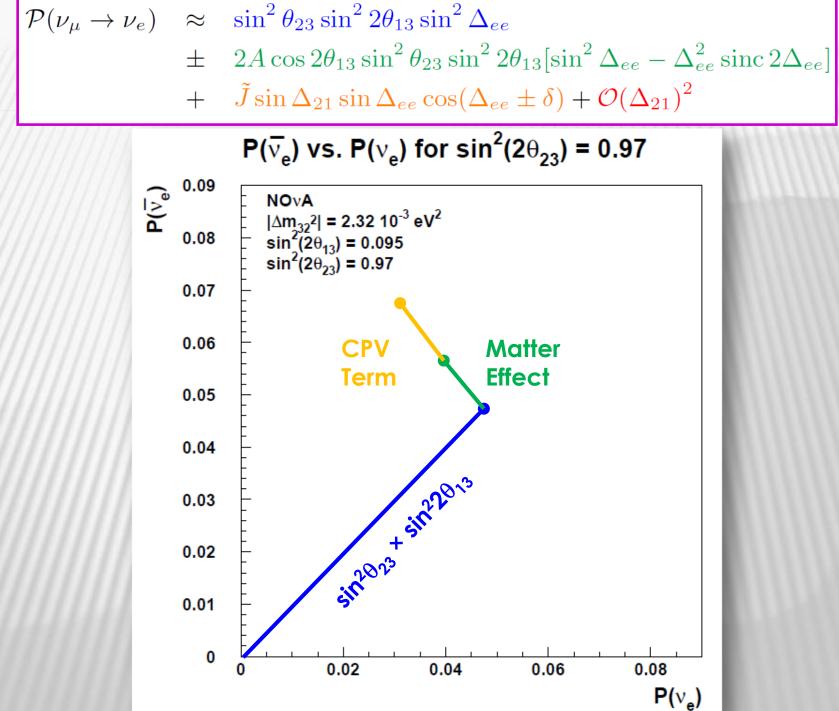


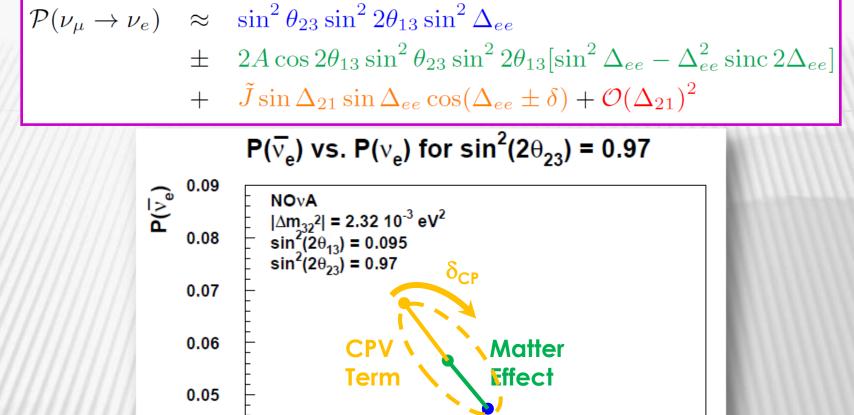


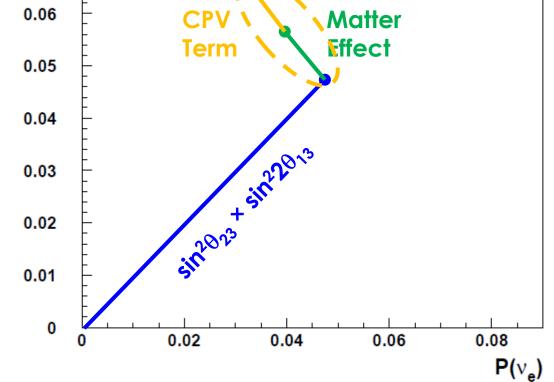






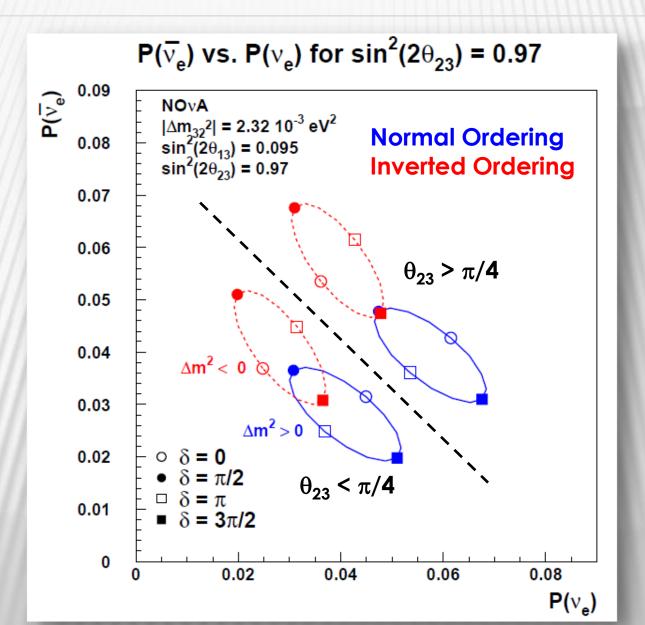






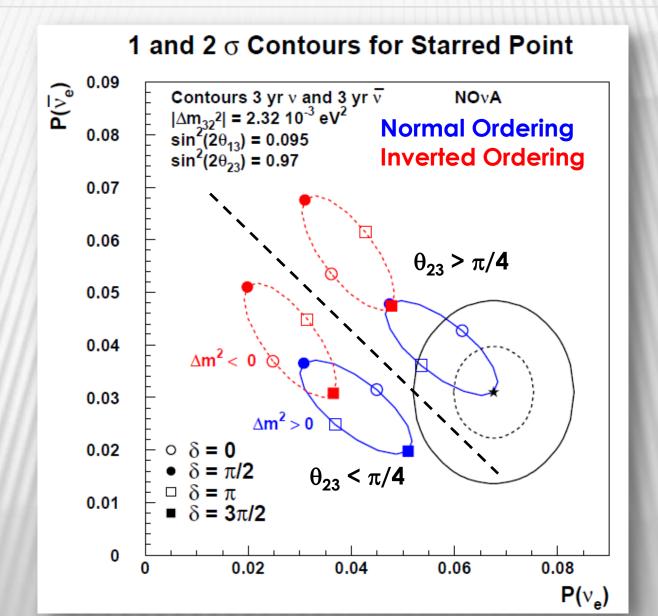
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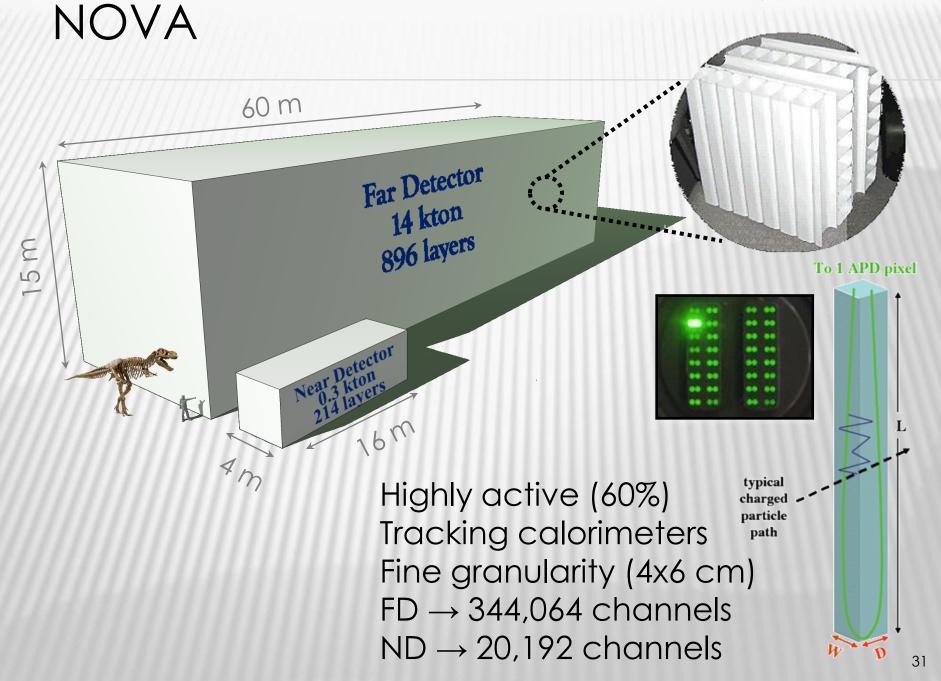
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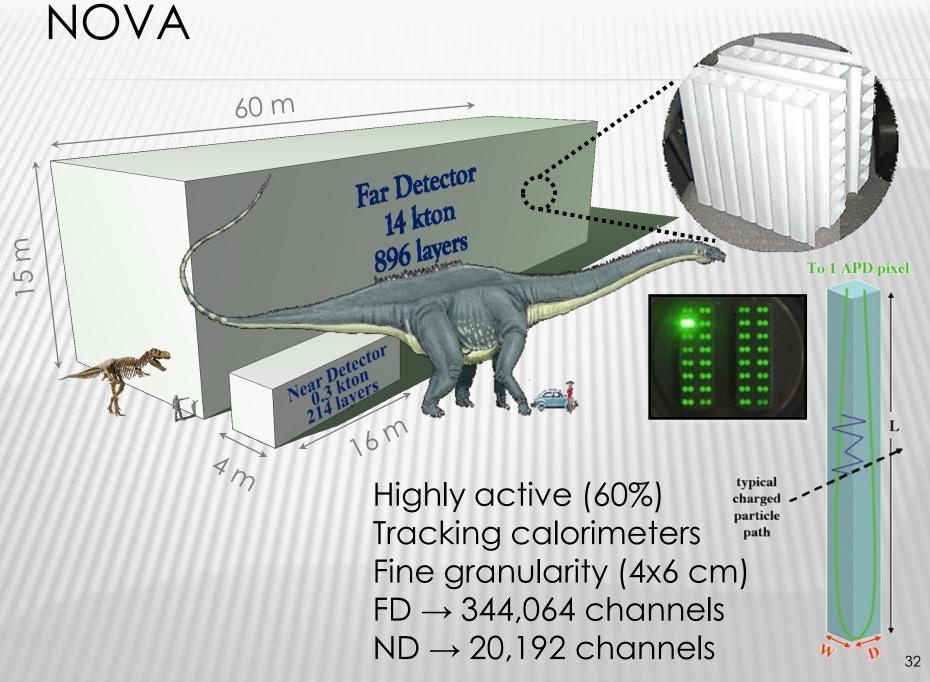
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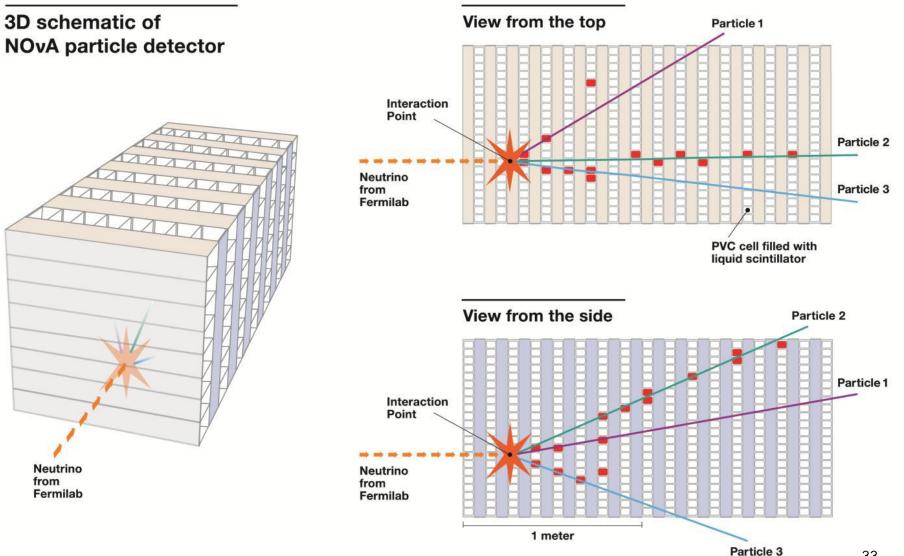
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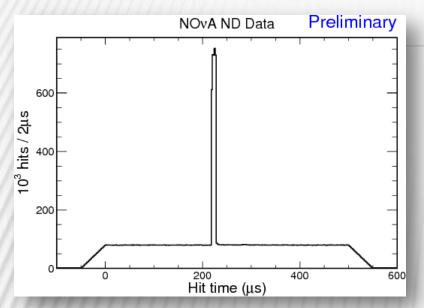




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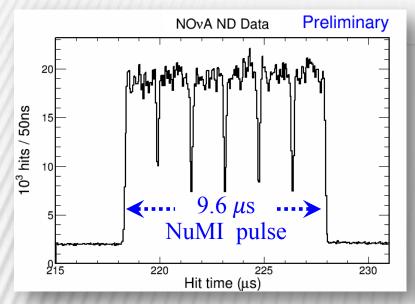
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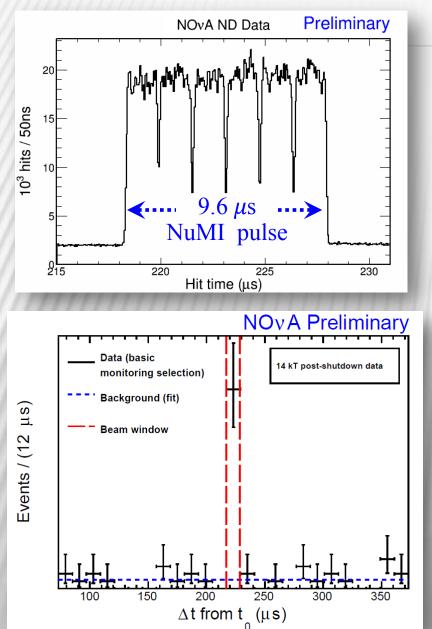
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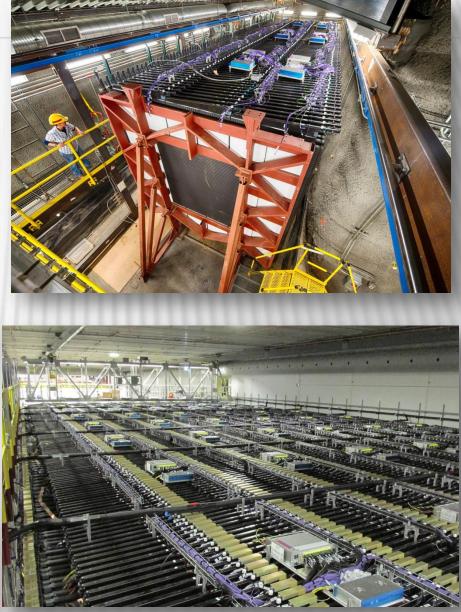






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FIRST DATASET

Protons-on-target in data set: 3.45×10^{20} POTFraction of detector operational:79.4% (POT-weighted average)

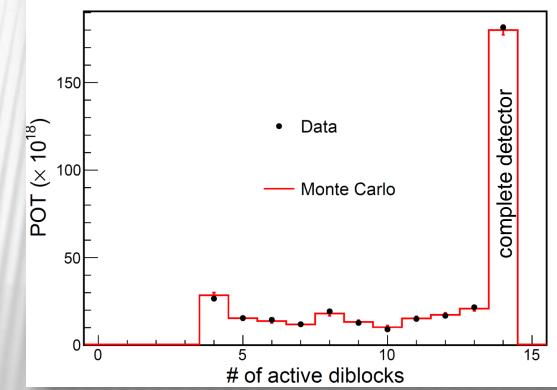
Full-detector-equivalent exposure: 2.74×10²⁰ POT-equiv

• Some data was collected with partially instrumented detector during construction

• Different detector sizes are included in our simulation

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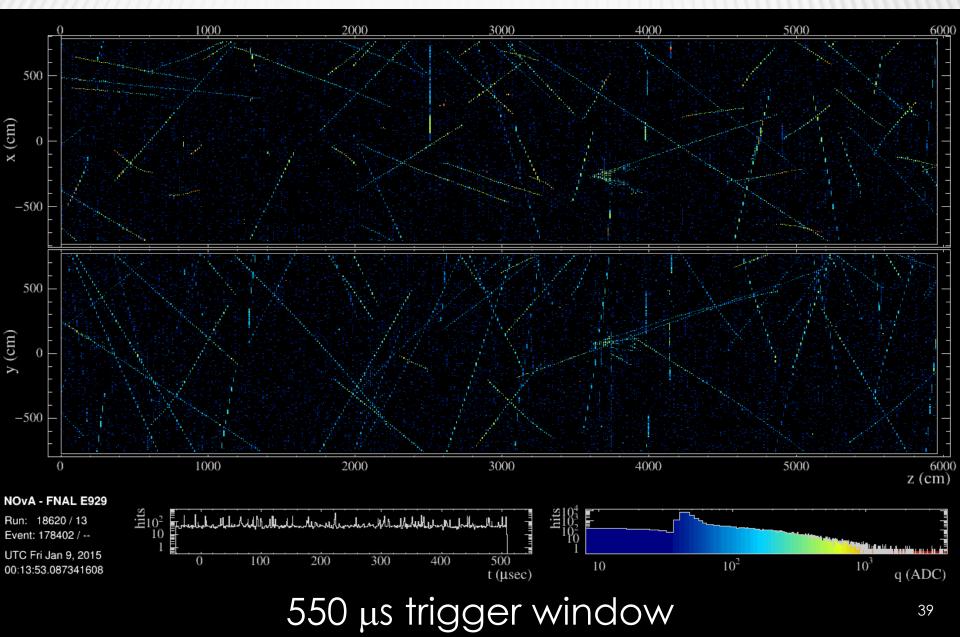
Partial Far Detector during construction (6 diblock example)



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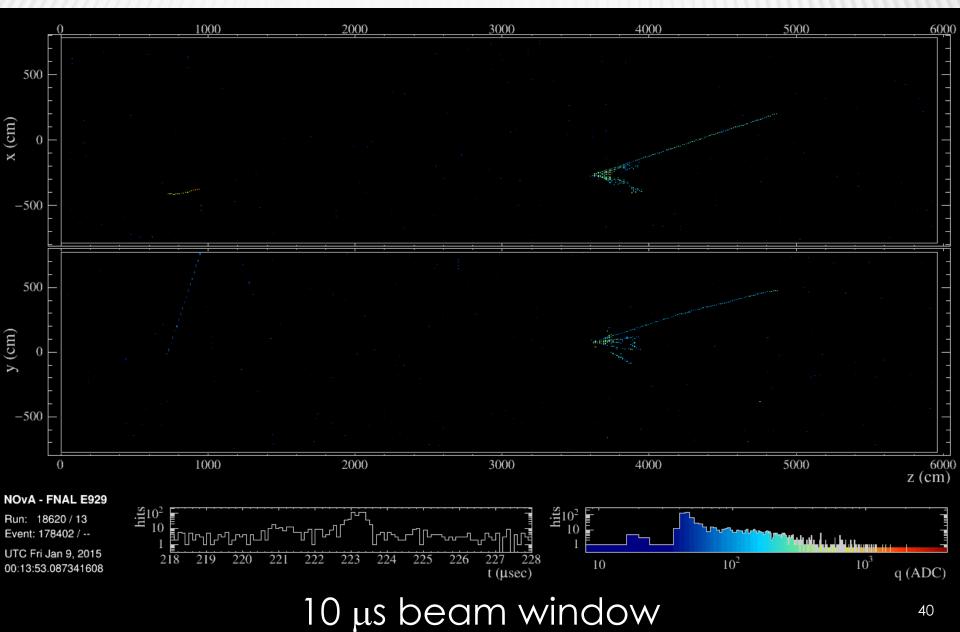


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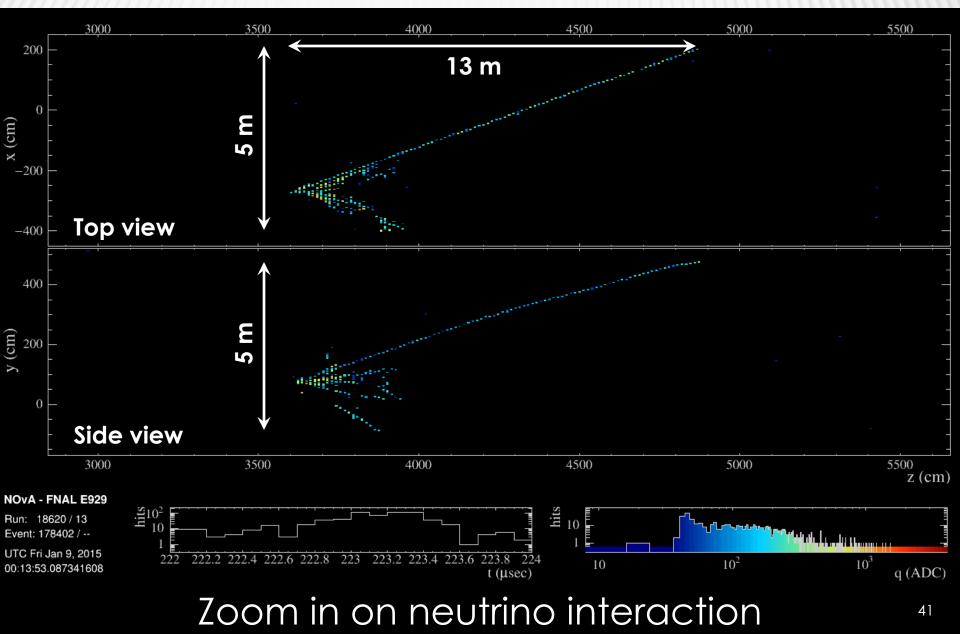


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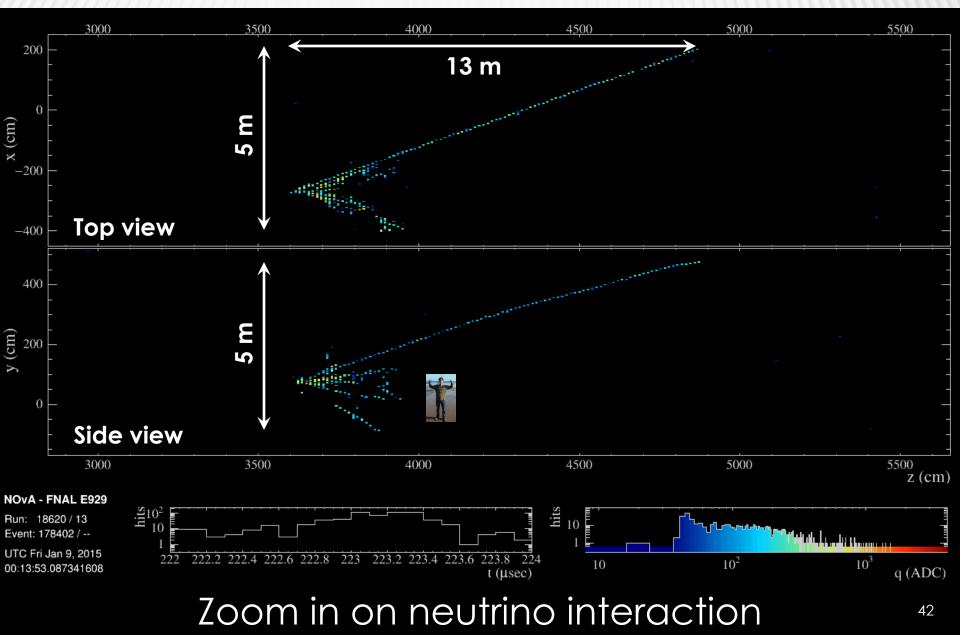
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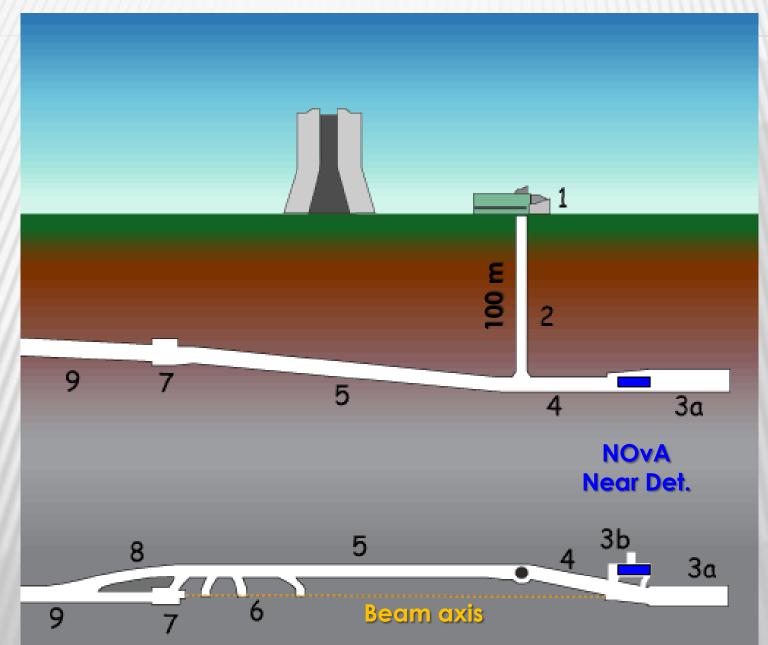
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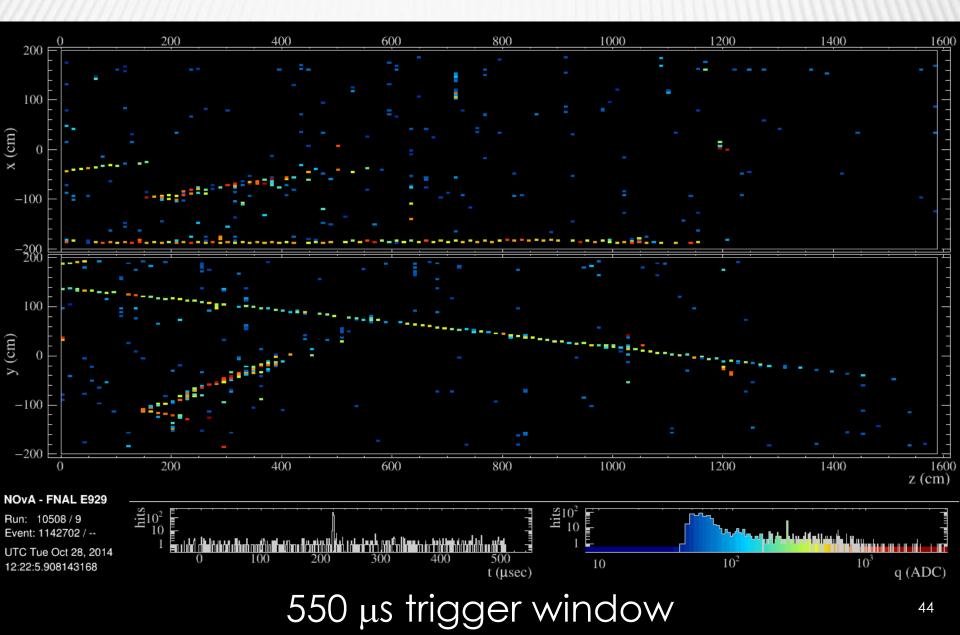
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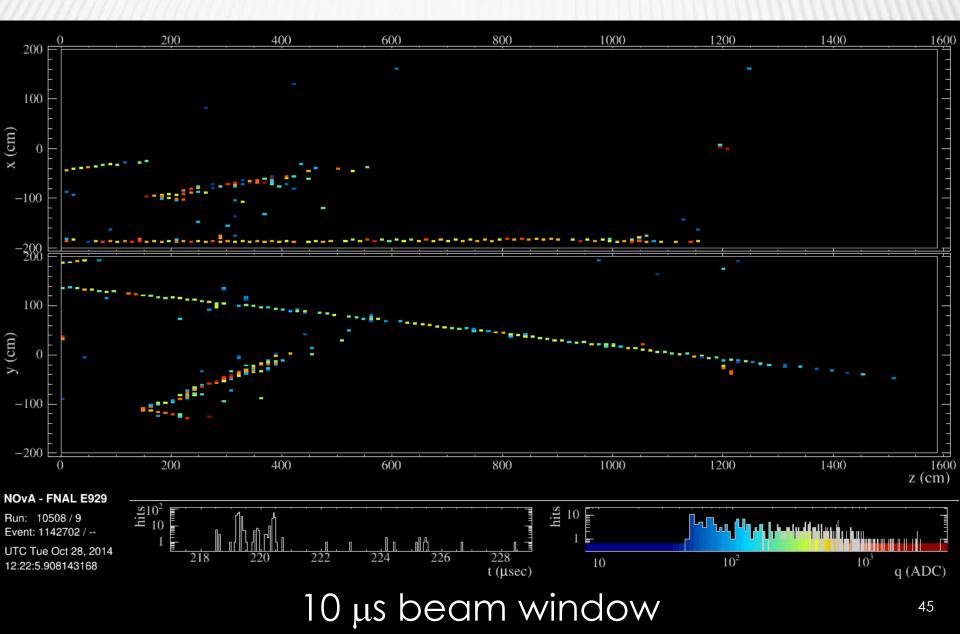
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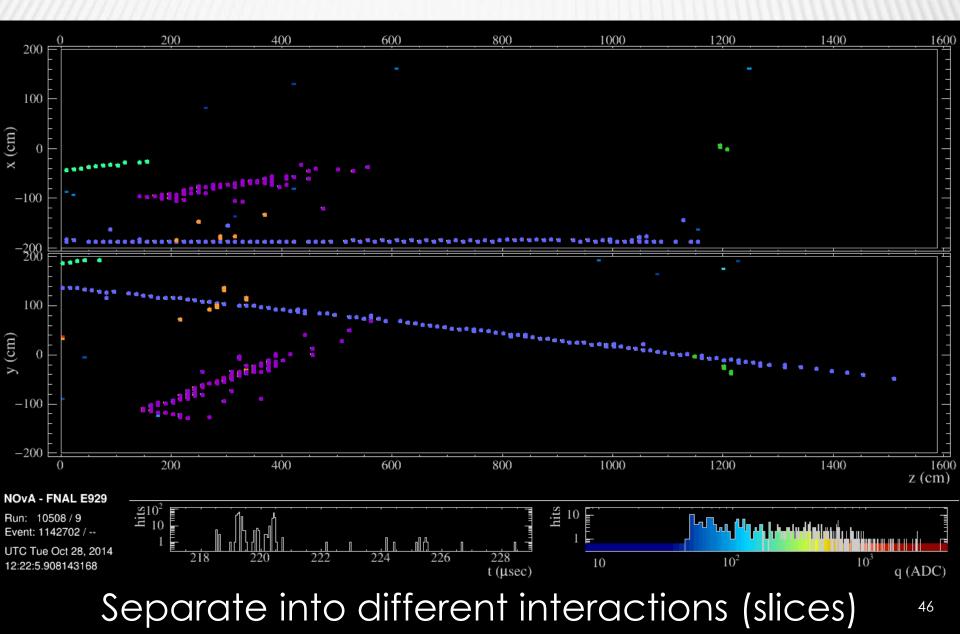
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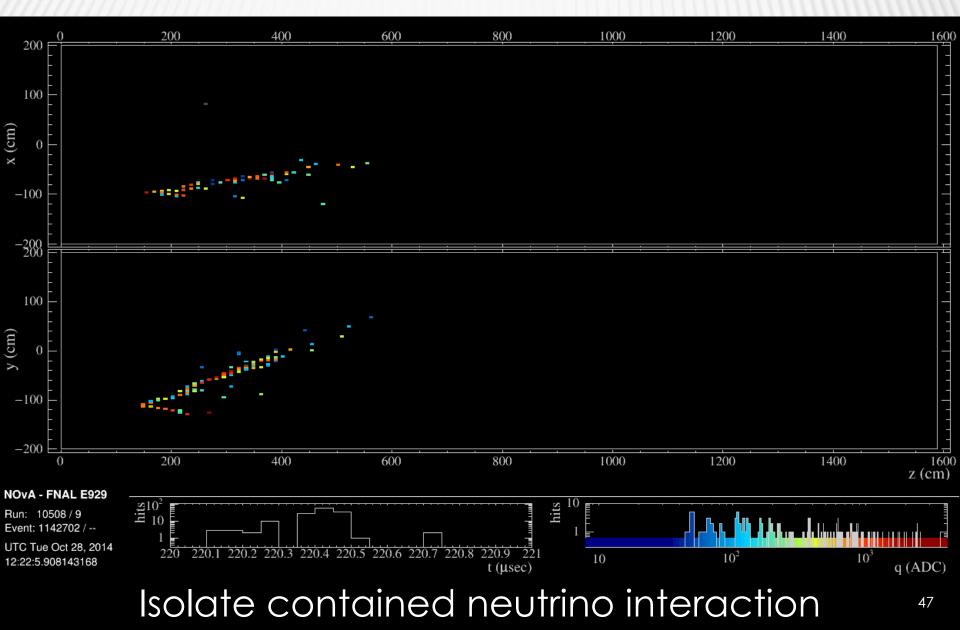


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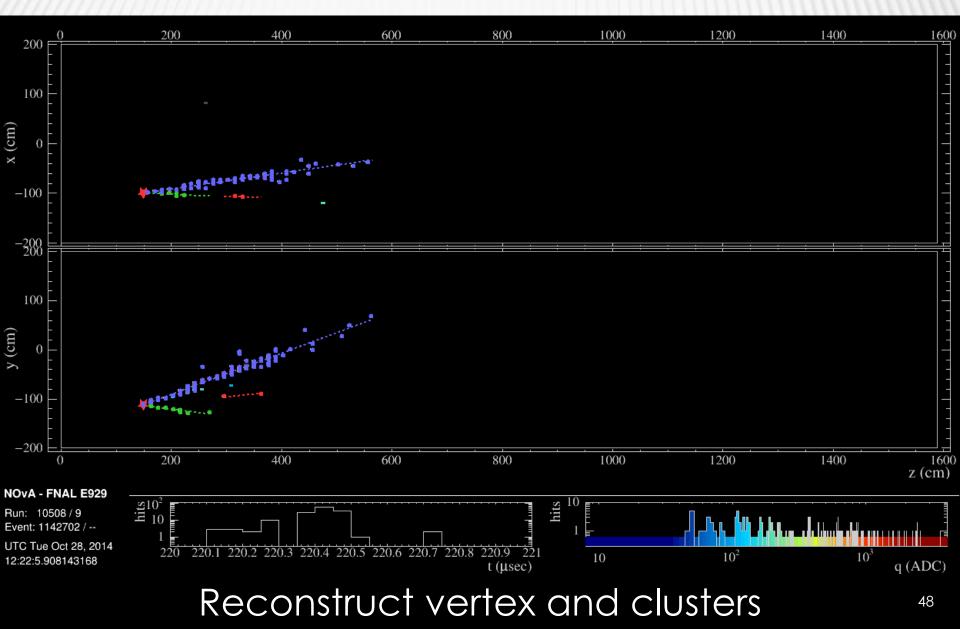
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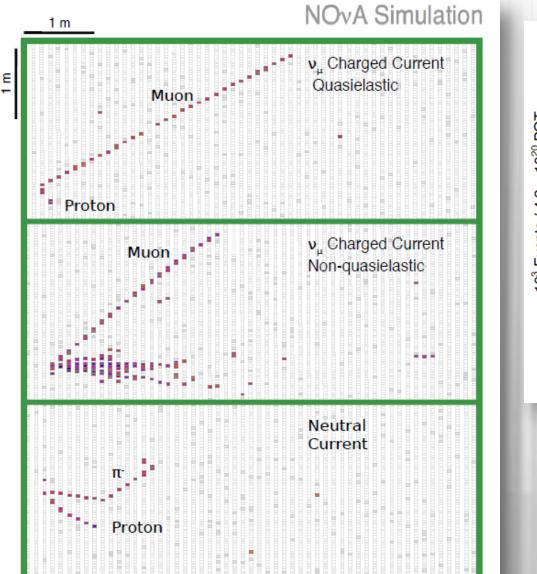
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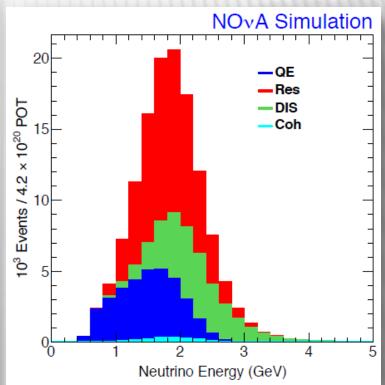
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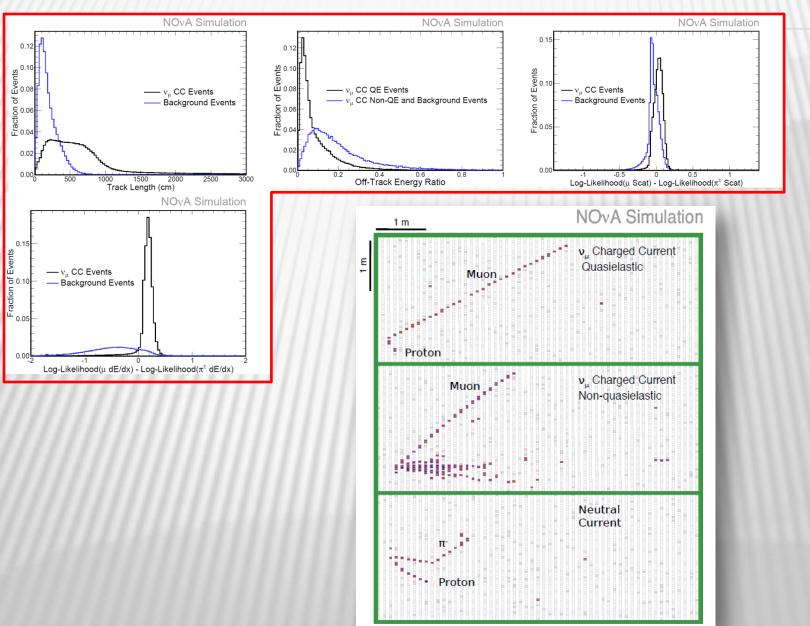


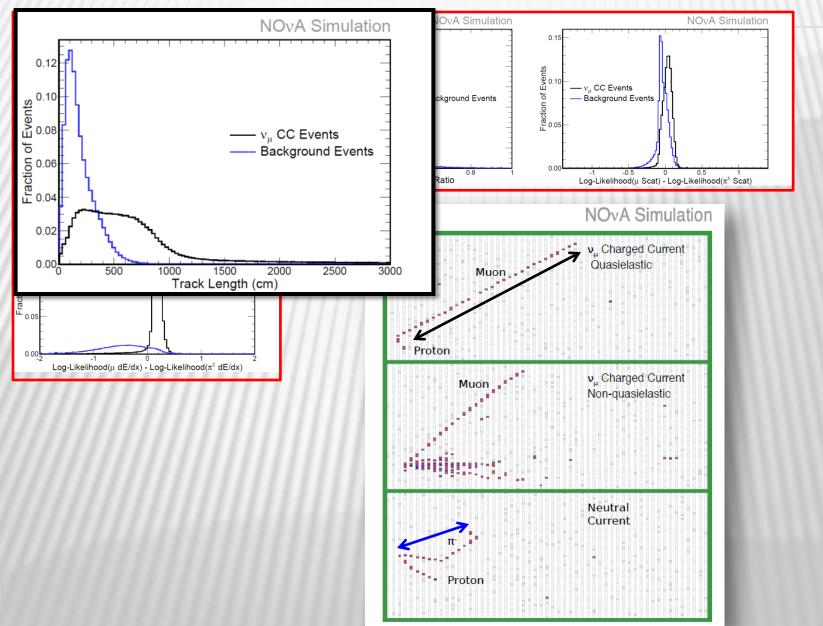
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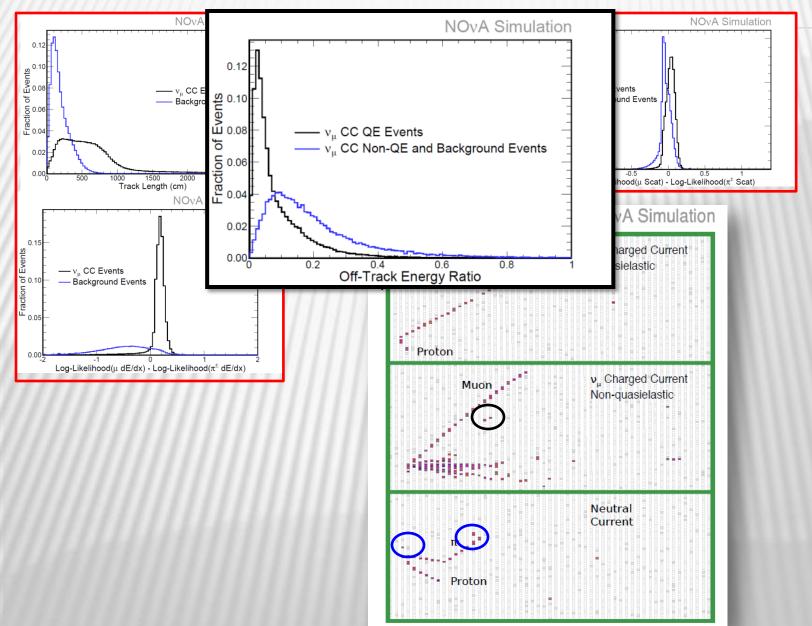
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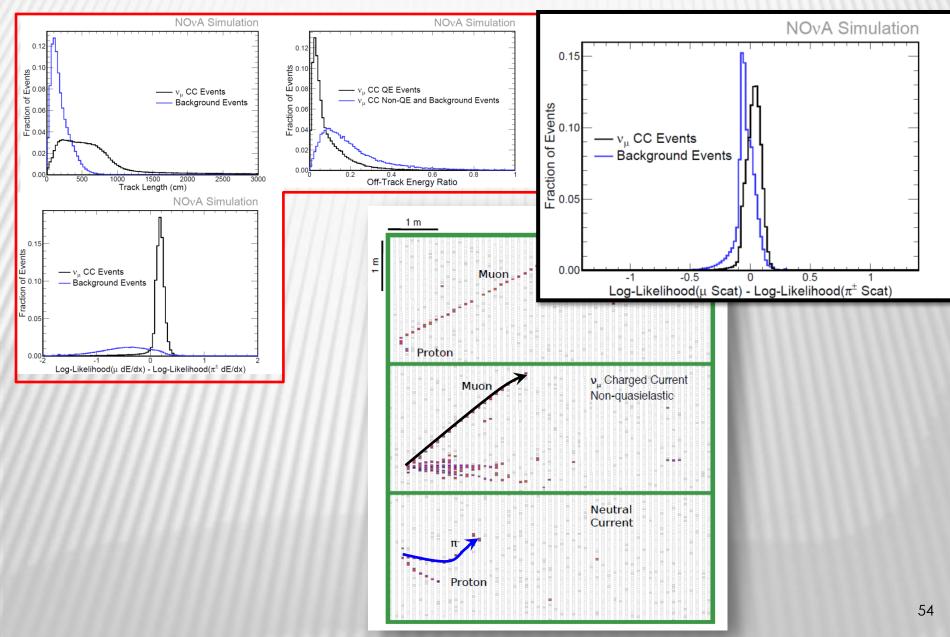


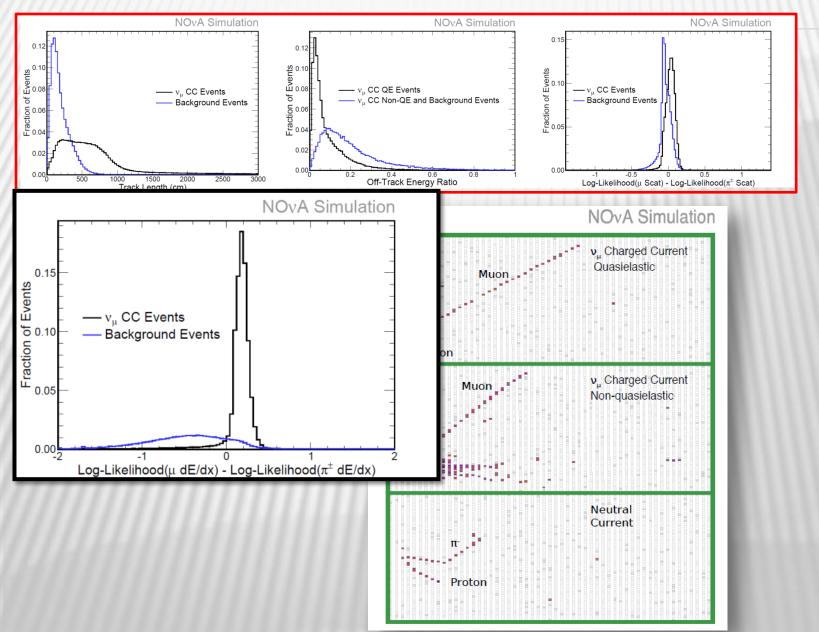


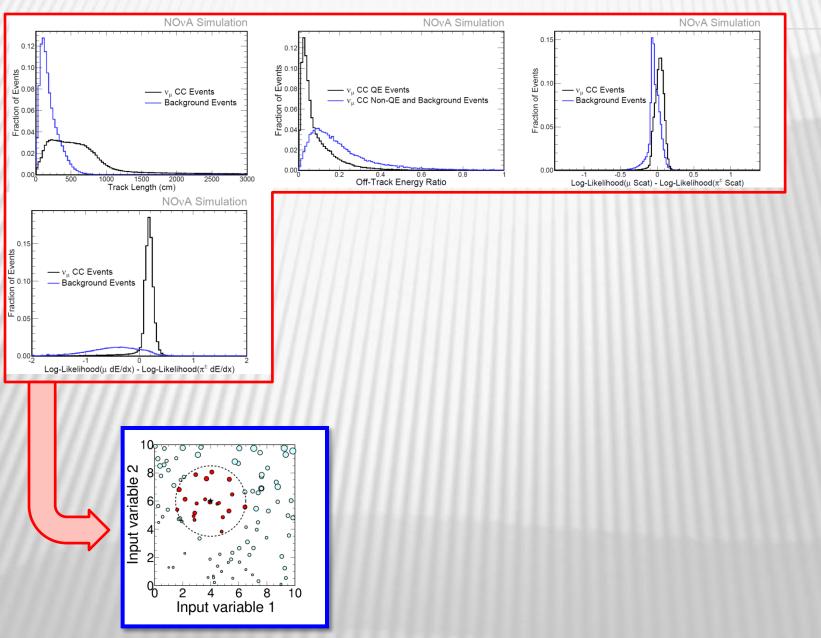


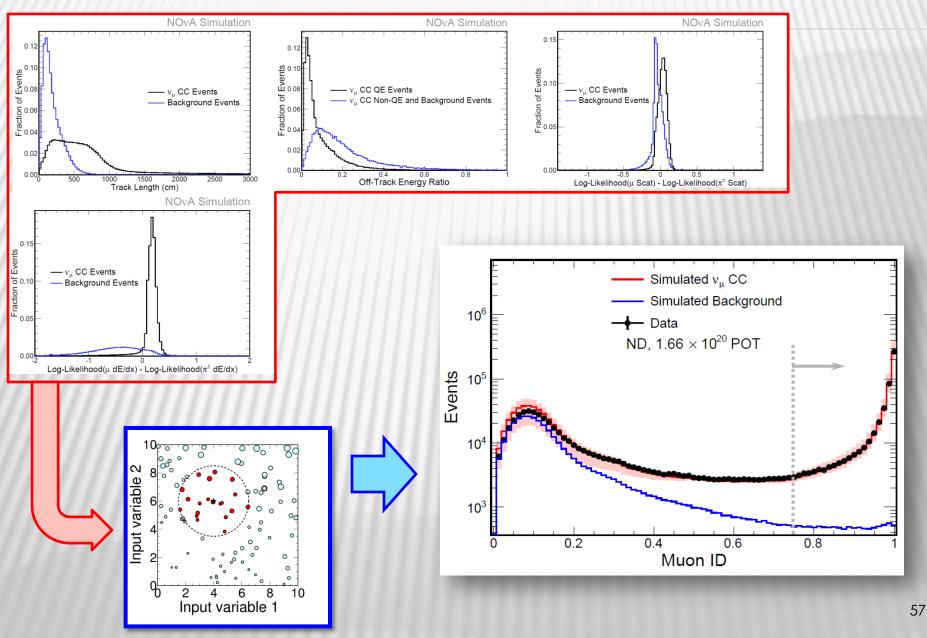






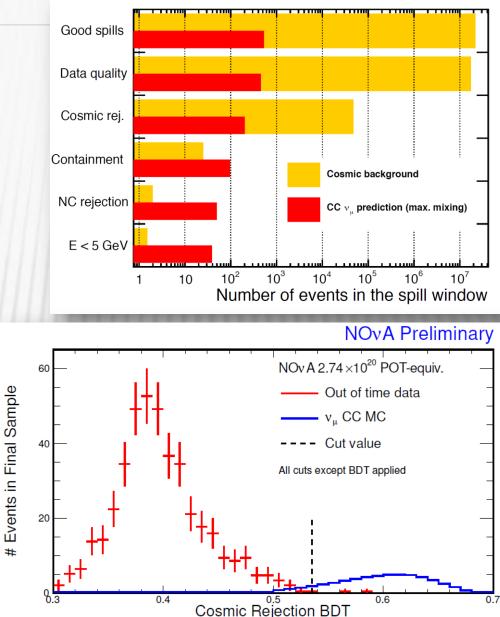




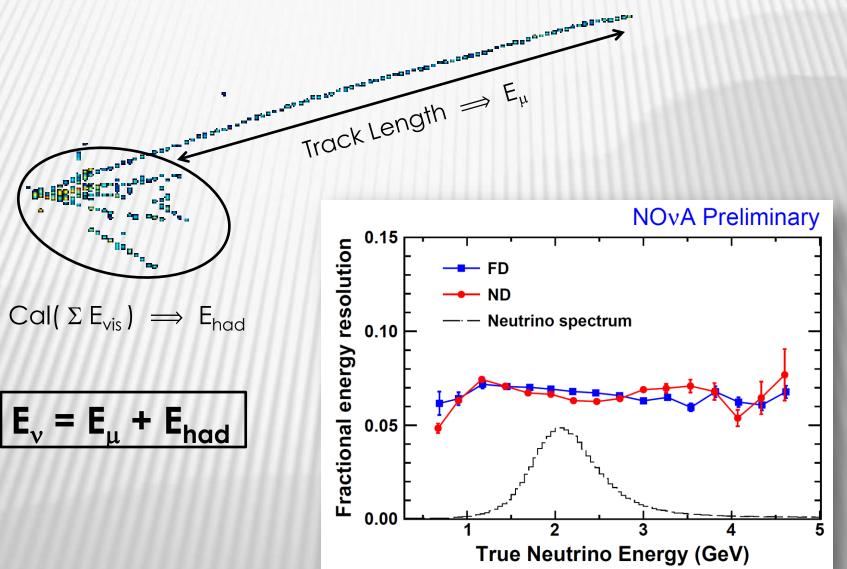


COSMIC REJECTION

- Cosmic rate is O(100kHz)
- Pulsed beam achieves a 10⁵ rejection factor (9.6µs every 1.3s)
- Topology adds a 10⁷ rejection factor
- Track information used in BDT

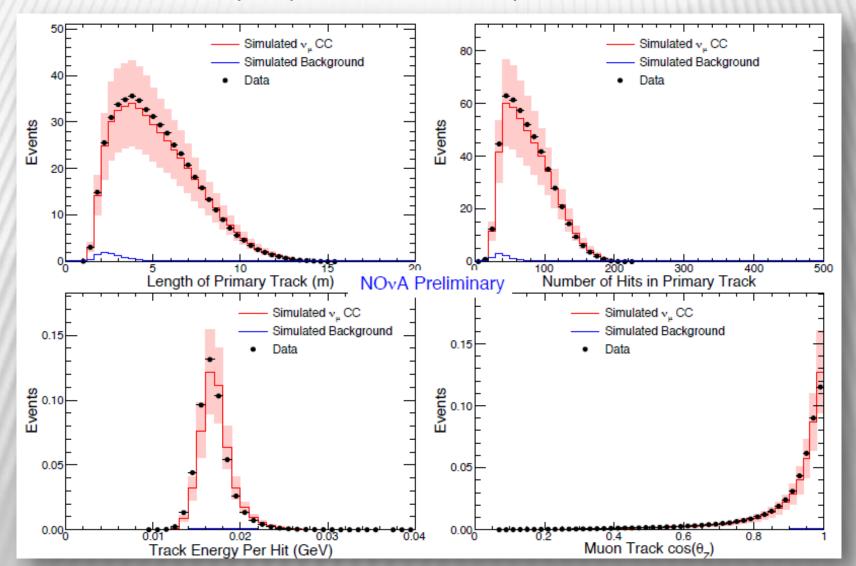


NEUTRINO ENERGY



TRACK ENERGY

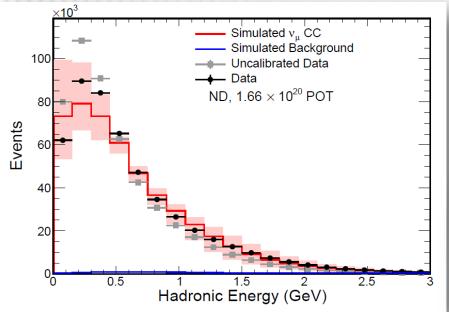
Muon properties are very well modeled



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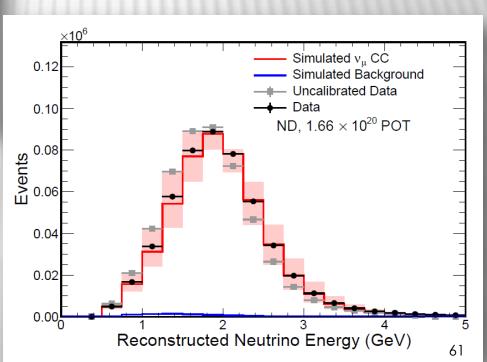
HADRONIC ENERGY

Significant discrepancies on recoil energy

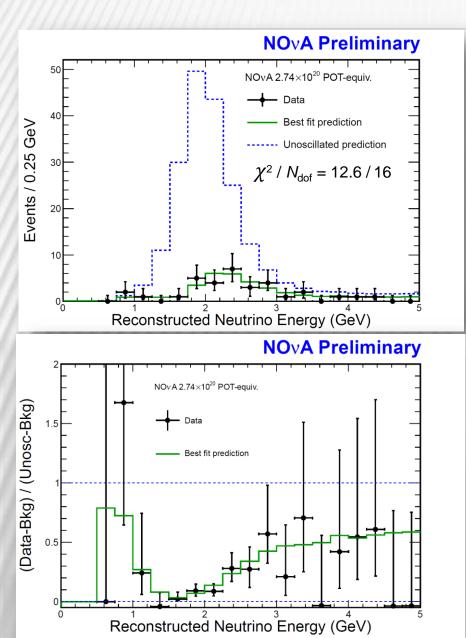


- \bullet Tune calibration of data to improve E_{ν} and E_{had}
- 21% shift on E_{had} taken as systematic uncertainty

 Neutrino energy is well known from π-decay kinematics in off-axis beam



NUMU DISAPPEARANCE

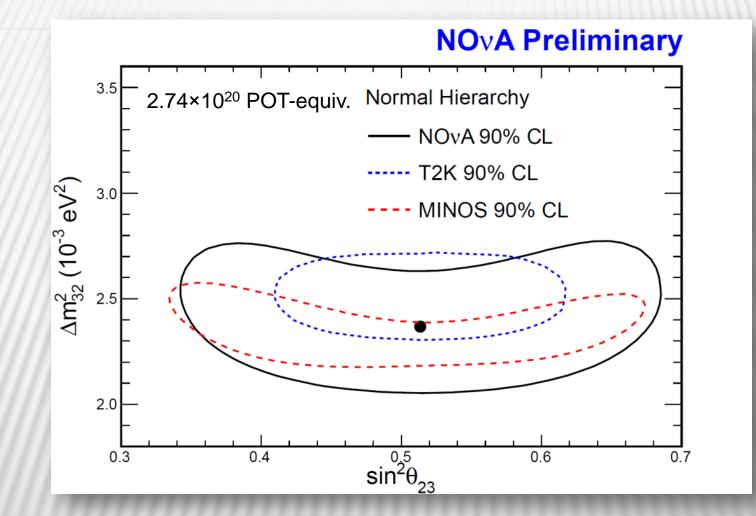


$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = \begin{cases} +2.37 \,{}^{+0.16}_{-0.15} \,[\text{NH}] \\ -2.40 \,{}^{+0.14}_{-0.17} \,[\text{IH}] \end{cases} \times 10^{-3} \,\text{eV}^2$$

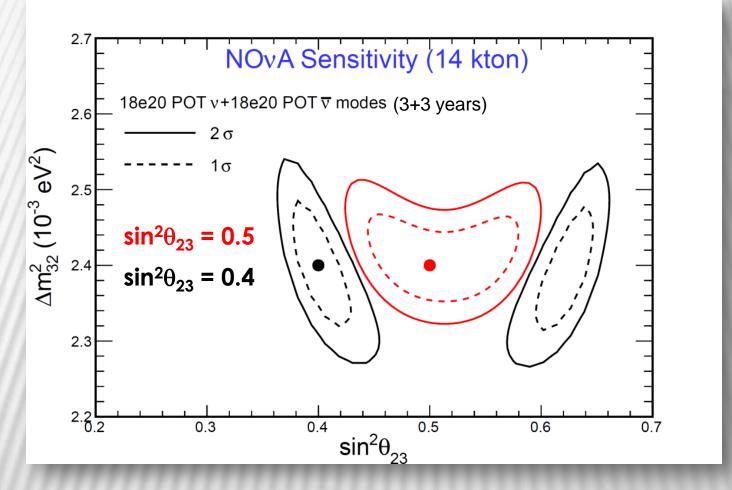
6.5% measurement uncertainty

 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.51 \pm 0.10$

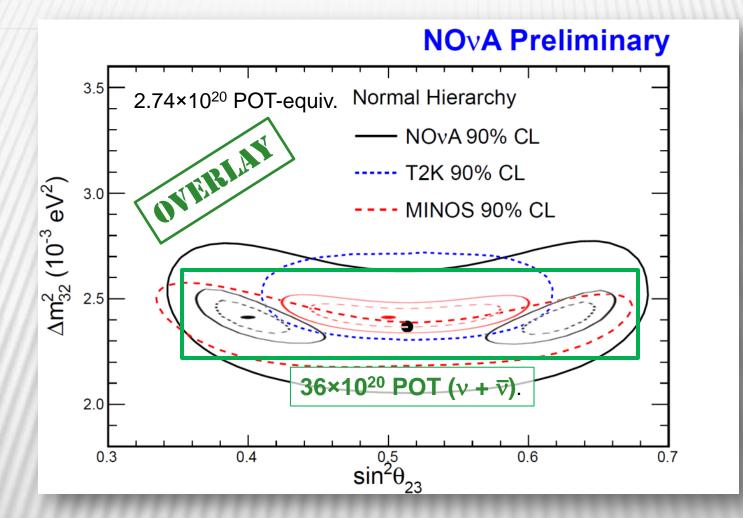
- Clear oscillation signal
- Observed 33 events
- Expected 201 w/o osc. (including 2.0 beam bkdg. and 1.4 cosmic bkgd.



- Consistent with MINOS and T2K
- Competitive with only 7.6% of nominal exposure



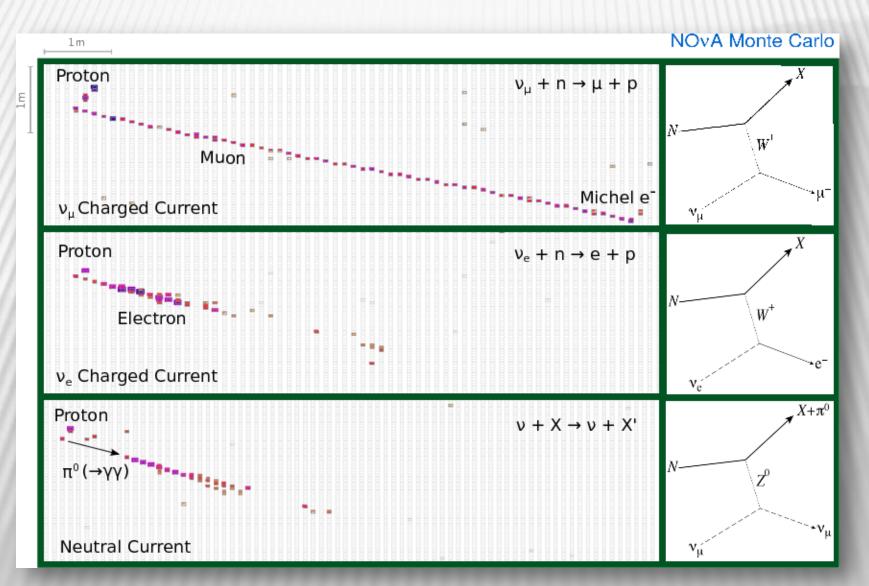
- Expect ~1% precision on $sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ in 6 years
- ~2% precision on $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$ in 6 years



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NUE APPEARANCE

NOVA TOPOLOGIES



PRIMARY SELECTOR

LID: Likelihood Identification

dE/dx likelihoods calculated for longitudinal and transverse slices of leading shower under multiple particle hypotheses

Likelihoods feed an artificial neutral network along with **kinematic and topological info**:

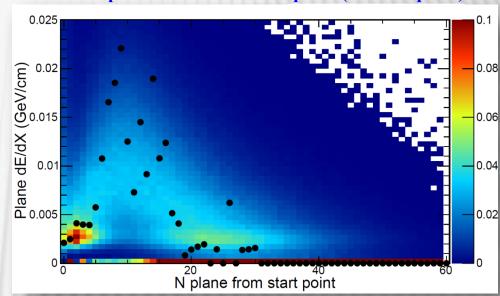
e.g., energy near vertex, shower angle, vertex-to-shower gap

Likelihoods calculated for each red and yellow region

red: longitudinal slice

yellow transverse slices

Points: measured dE/dx in each plane (example event) *Color:* p.d.f. for dE/dx in each plane (e^- assumption)



SECONDARY SELECTOR

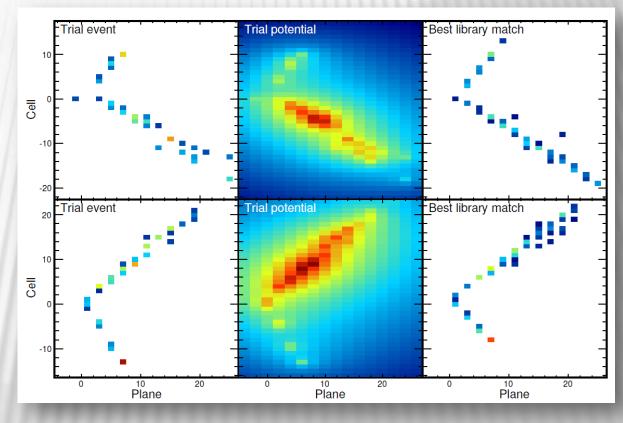
LEM: Library Event Matching

Left panels: candidate event, both views *Right panels*: best-matched library event, both views *Middle panels*: an intermediate step in calculating the match quality

Spatial pattern of energy deposition is compared directly to that of ~10⁸ simulated events ("library")

Key properties of the **bestmatched library events** (e.g., fraction that are

signal events) are input into a decision tree to form discriminant

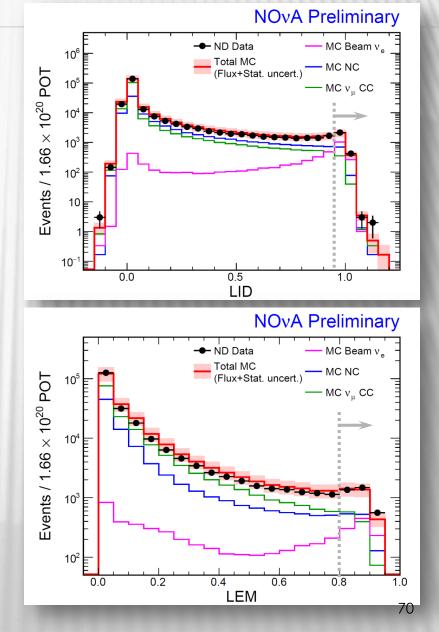


PERFORMANCE

• Good data/MC agreement in both selectors

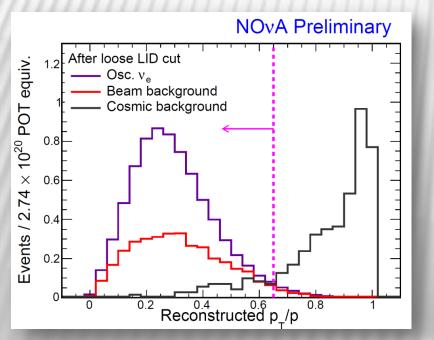
 Almost identical performance in signal efficiency, sig/bkg ratio, systematic uncertainties and physics sensitivities

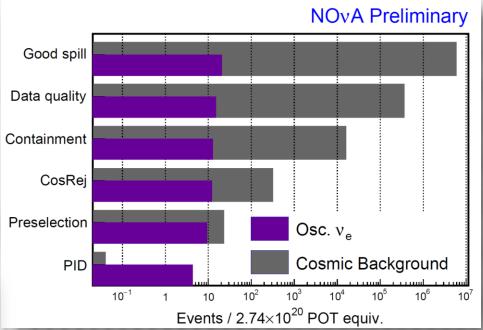
- 35% signal efficiency
- Reject 99.3% of NC background
- 62% overlap in selected events between LID and LEM
- Decided, prior to unblinding, to use more traditional LID technique as primary selector, but still show both results



COSMIC REJECTION

- Large cosmic rejection needed
- Cut on transverse momentum to remove downwardgoing showers



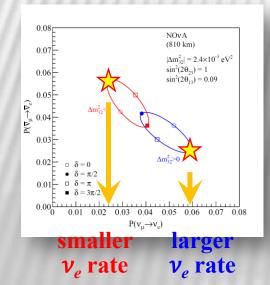


- Selectors add a lot of power
- Overall, achieve
 ~10⁸ rejection factor

HOM WANAS

- Far detector predictions are corrected using near detector data
- Predictions correspond to a full detector exposure equivalent to 2.74×10²⁰ POT (approx. 1/2 nominal year)

	Background Predictions					
	Total Bkg.	Beam v_e -CC	NC	ν_{μ} -CC	v_{τ} -CC	Cosmics
LID	0.94 ± 0.09	0.47	0.36	0.05	0.02	0.06
LEM	1.00 ± 0.11	0.46	0.40	0.07	0.02	0.06

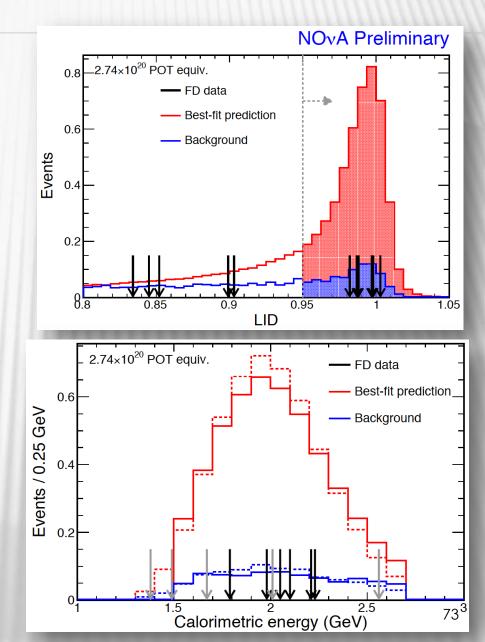


	Signal Predictions				
	IH, δ _{CP} = π/2	NH, $\delta_{CP} = 3\pi/2$			
LID	2.24 ± 0.29	5.62 ± 0.72			
LEM	2.34 ± 0.26	5.91 ± 0.65			

RESULTS

• LID:

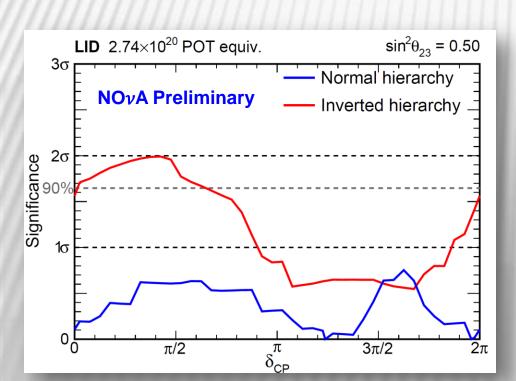
- Observe 6 events
- 3.3σ appearance signal
- LEM:
 - Observe 11 events
 - 5.5σ appearance signal
- 9.2%: Probability of observing this distribution of 11 events
- 12%: Probability of observing equal or worse χ^2 for LEM given NH and $\delta_{CP} = 3\pi/2$

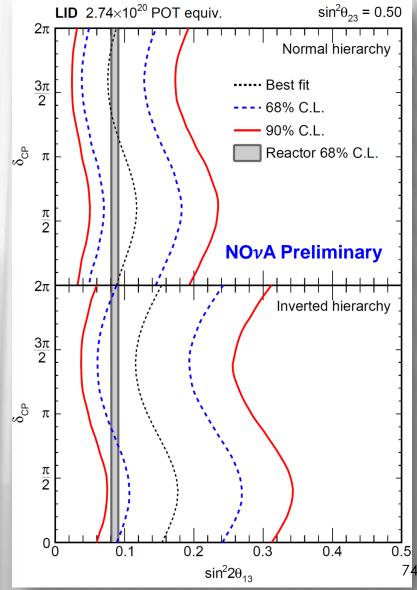


RESULTS - LID

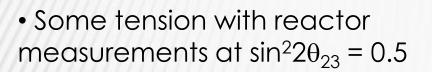
Consistent with reactor measurements

- IH disfavoured at 90% CL for $0 < \delta_{CP} < 0.8\pi$, for sin²2 $\theta_{23} = 0.5$
- Less significant if $sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.5$

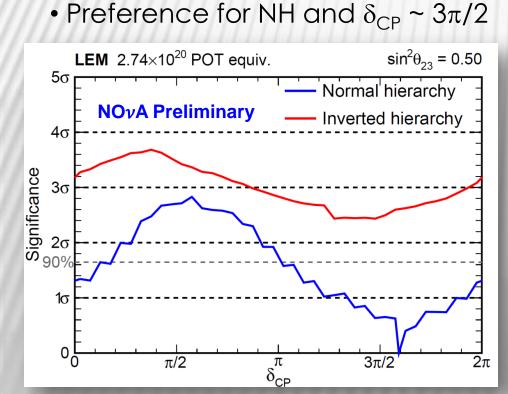


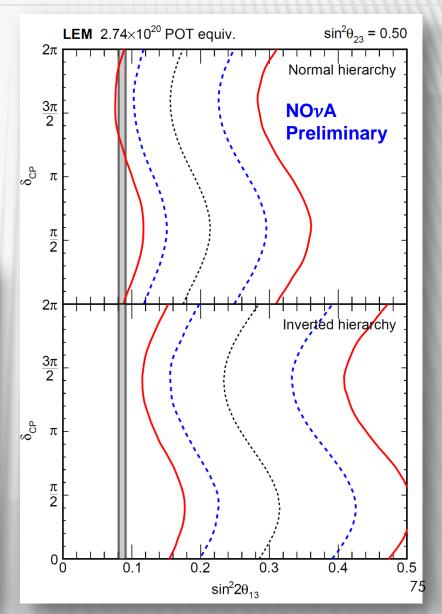


RESULTS - LEM



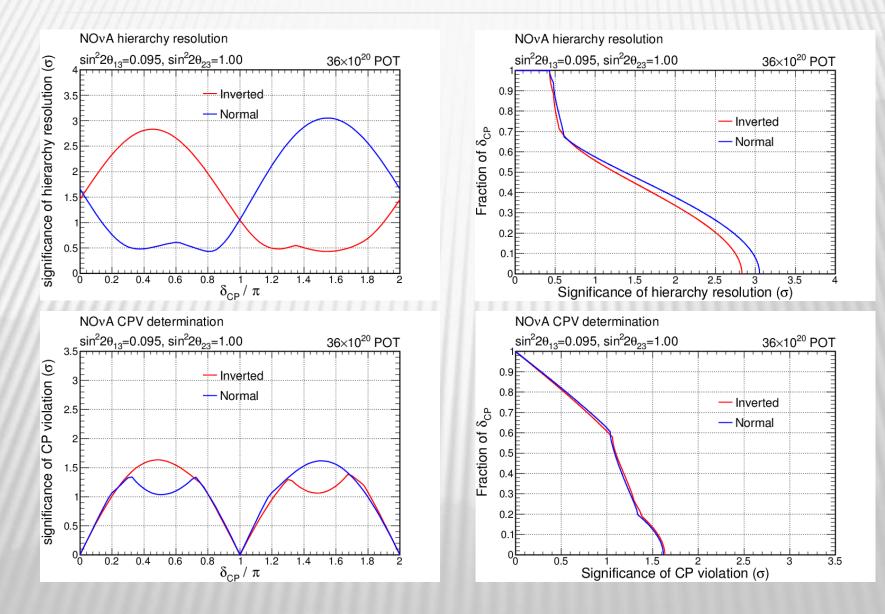
• IH disfavoured at 2σ level for all values of δ_{CP} and $sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ in [0.4, 0.6] range





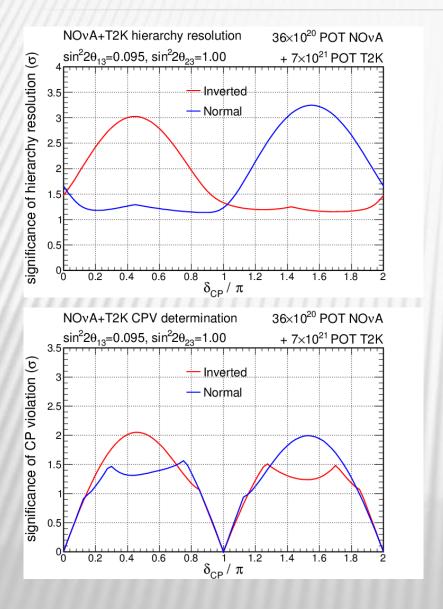
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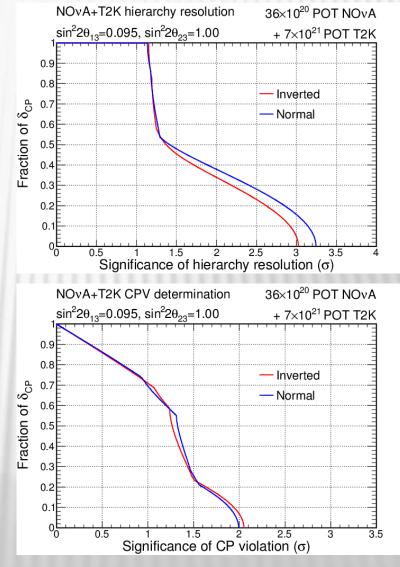
Normal Ordering Inverted Ordering



NOVA ♥ T2K

Normal Ordering Inverted Ordering



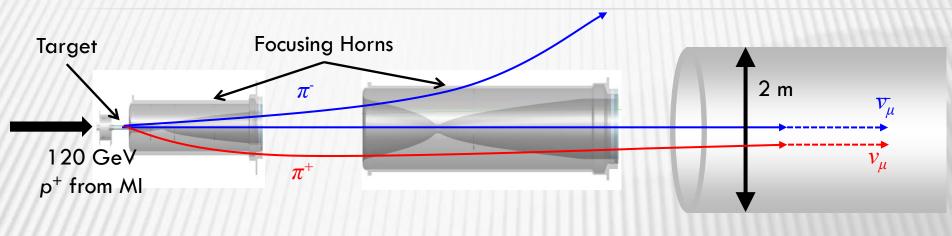


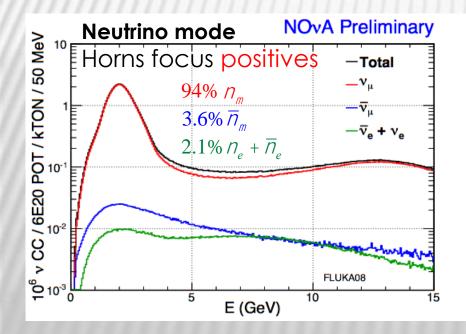
SUMMARY

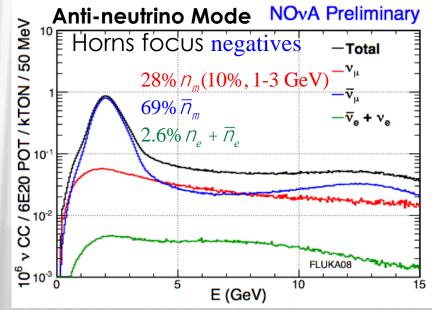
- NOvA has released first results on ν_{μ} disappearance and ν_{e} appearance
- 2.74×10²⁰ POT-equiv. (~8% of total)
- Disappearance:
 - $\Delta m_{32}^2 = \begin{cases} +2.37 \, {}^{+0.16}_{-0.15} \, [\text{NH}] \\ -2.40 \, {}^{+0.14}_{-0.17} \, [\text{IH}] \end{cases} \times 10^{-3} \, \text{eV}^2$
 - $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.51 \pm 0.10$
- Appearance:
 - Observed 6 events on a bkgd of 0.94 ± 0.09
 - 3.3 σ evidence for ν_e appearance

BACKUP SLIDES

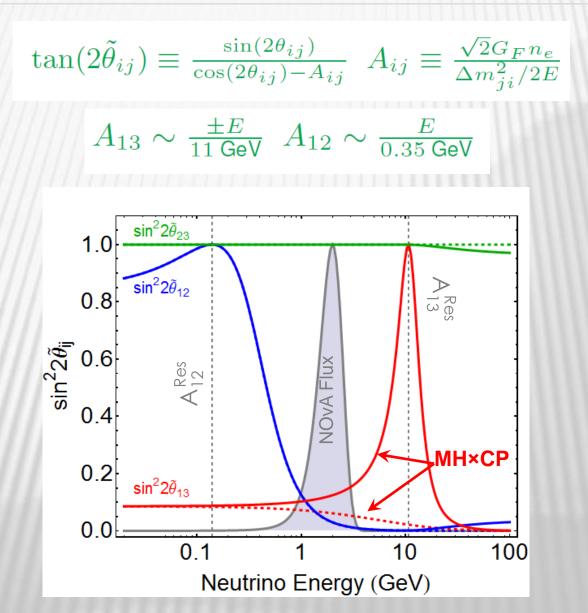
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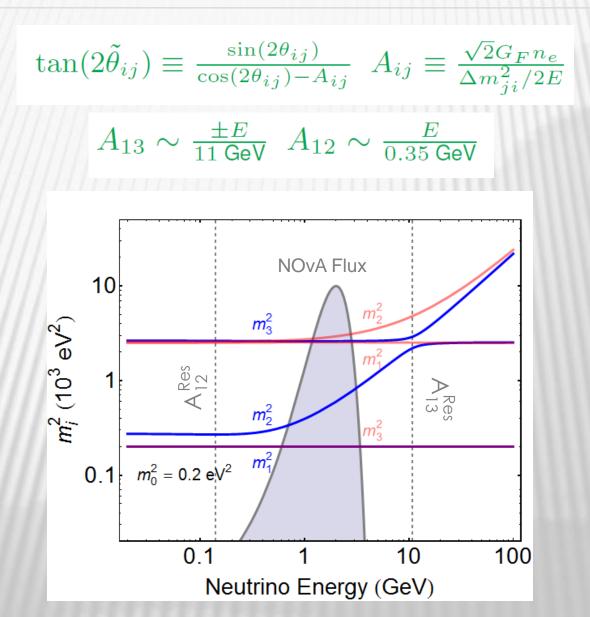




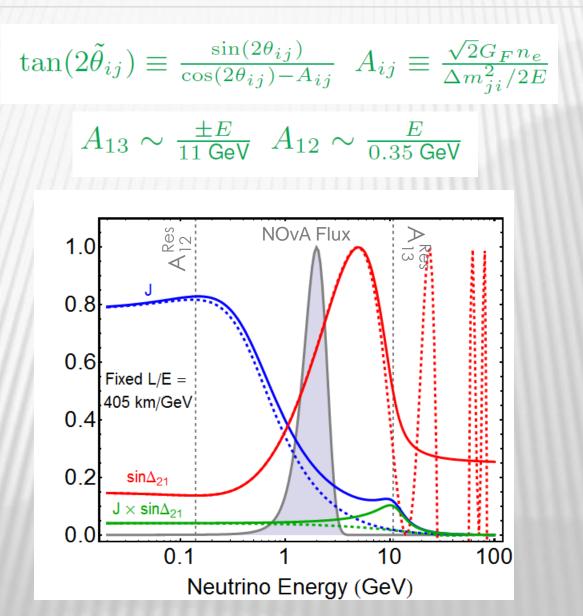
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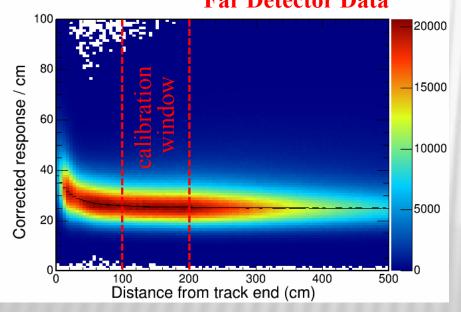


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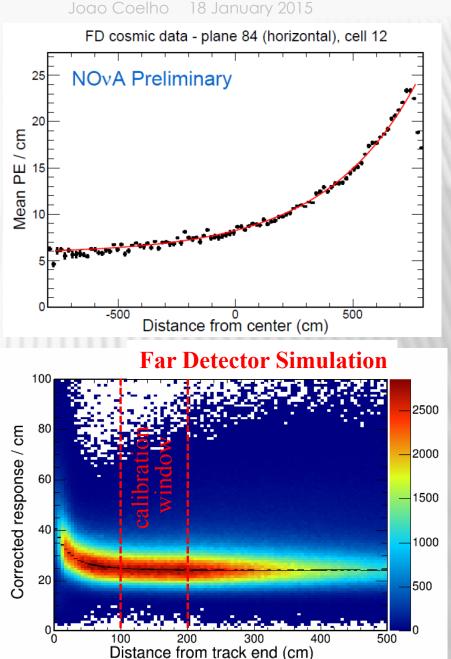


Calibration

- **Biggest effect** that needs correction ۳. is attenuation in the WLS fiber *Example FD cell* \longrightarrow
- Stopping muons provide a standard candle for setting absolute energy scale (below)



Far Detector Data



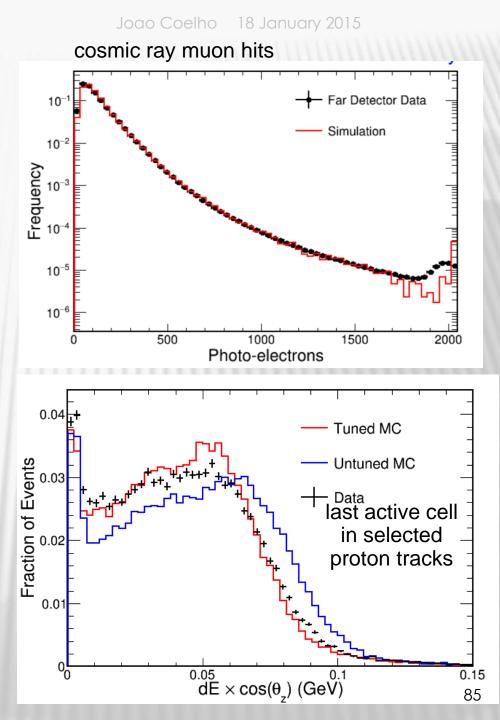
Detector simulation pieces after energy deposition

Detailed modeling includes:

- fiber attenuation
- light collection losses at cell ends
- scintillator saturation
- fiber length variation across modules
- run-by-run matching of inactive channels
- APD characteristics
- amplifier noise
- full digitized traces
- readout electronics noise
- signal shaping, digitization, zero suppression

Top plot: distribution of photoelectrons for cosmic ray muon hits.

Bottom plot: require more scintillator saturation in simulation for high dE/dx hits than usual. Tune model to proton tracks.



Multiple probes of energy scale

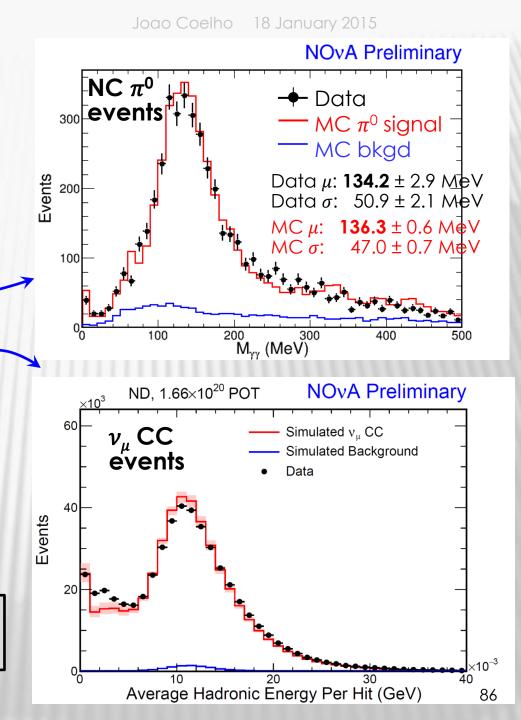
In Near Detector

- cosmic $\mu dE/dx$ [~vertical]
- beam $\mu dE/dx$ [~horizontal]
- Michel *e*⁻ spectrum
- π^0 mass -
- hadronic shower *E*-per-hit —

In Far Detector

- cosmic $\mu dE/dx$ [~vertical]
- beam $\mu dE/dx$ [~horizontal]
- Michel *e*⁻ spectrum

All agree within ±5%



Checks of EM shower modeling

In addition to π^0 in the ND, we have bremsstrahlung photons in ND and FD

<u>Right:</u> energies of brem showers in FD

- Excellent data/MC agreement

- Probes relevant E range (blue curve)

<u>Below:</u> selection efficiency varies a bit across the large Far Detector - Well modeled by simulation

Muon-Removed

Cosmic Simulation

Vertex Position Y (cm)

500

FD Data

-500

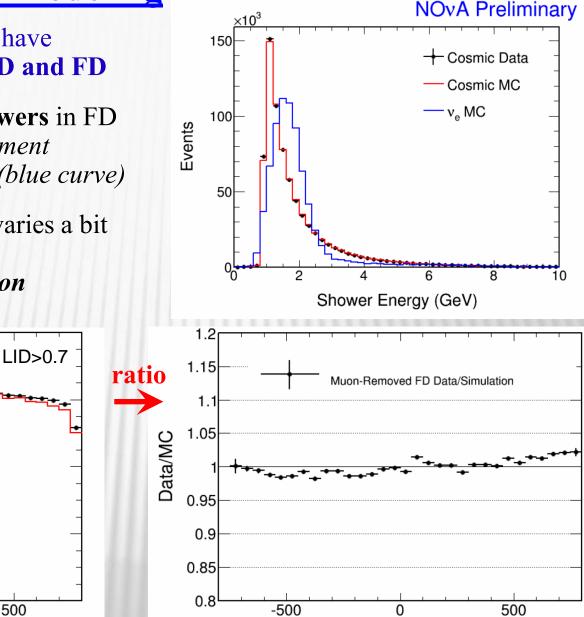
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0.4

0.2

Efficiency

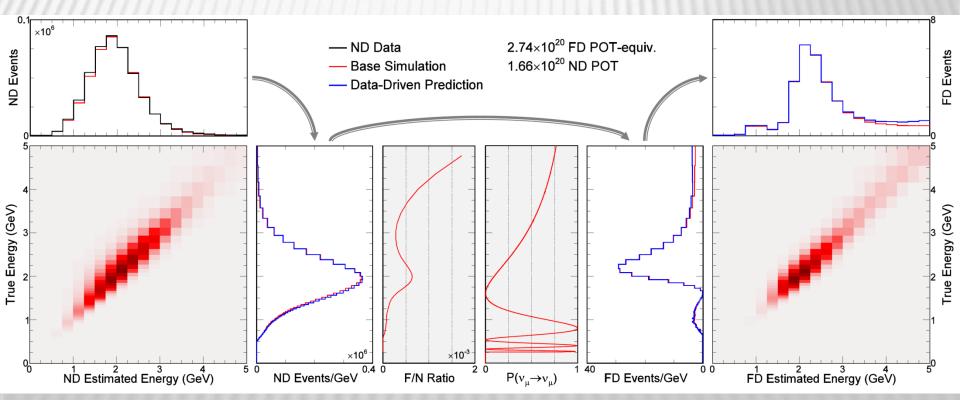


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Vertex Position Y (cm)

Far Detector prediction

- (1) Estimate the underlying true energy distribution of selected ND events
- (2) Multiply by expected Far/Near event ratio and $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$ oscillation probability as a function of true energy
- (3) Convert FD true energy distribution into **predicted FD reco energy distribution**
- Systematic uncertainties assessed by varying all MC-based steps



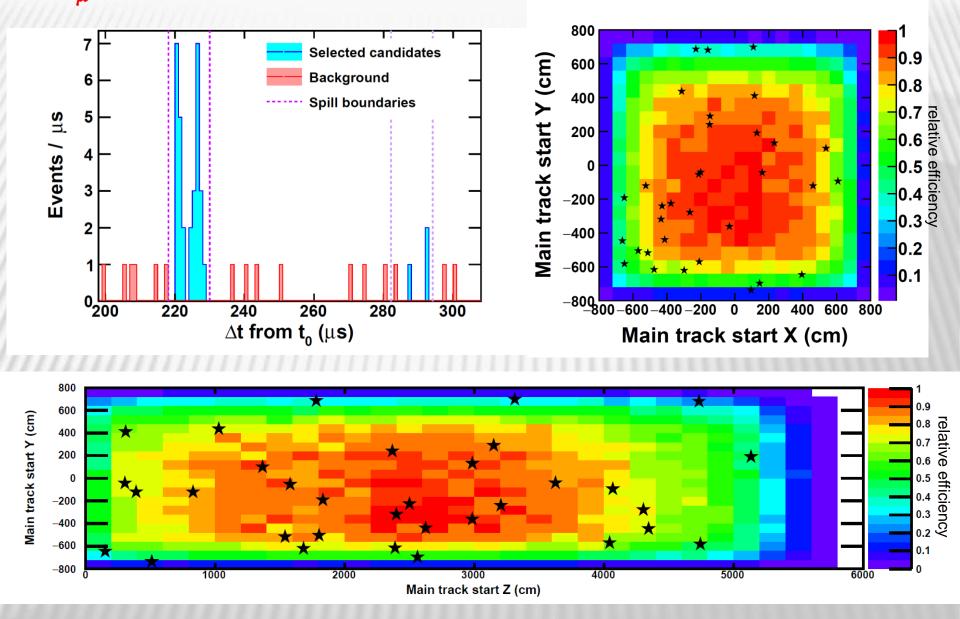
NUMU SYSTEMATICS

Source	δ(sin²θ ₂₃) (±%)	$\delta(\Delta m^2)$ (±%)
Absolute Calorimetric Energy Calibration [±22%]	7.7	3.1
Relative Calorimetric Energy Calibration [±5.4%]	3.7	0.8
Cross Sections and FSI [±(15-25)%]	0.6	0.7
NC and CC Backgrounds	3.2	0.7
Detector Response	1.3	0.7
Flux [±21%]	1.6	0.4
Exposure [<±2%]	0.3	0.2
Oscillation Parameters	2.1	2.2
Total Systematic	9.2	4.1
Statistical	19	5.0

- Errors on mass splitting and angle dominated by hadronic energy calibration/simulation
- NC backgrounds contribute to angle systematic uncertainty

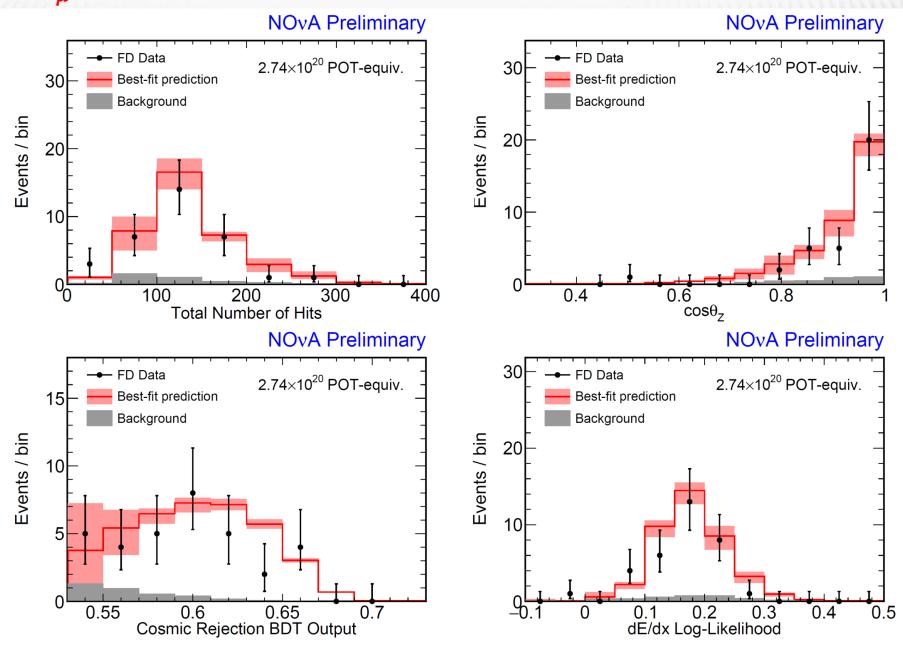
FD ν_{μ} **CC** candidates: when and where

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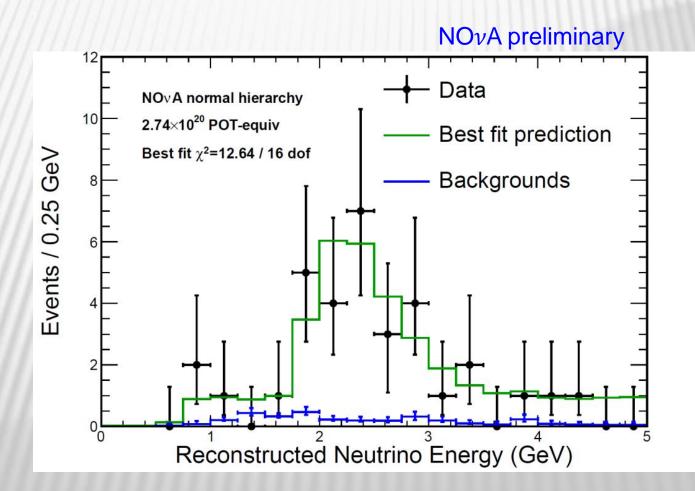


Note 1: Second timing window at +64 μ s required for some of the early data Note 2: Colors show relative efficiency. Not weighted by time variation in detector size.

FD ν_{μ} **CC** candidates: event distributions

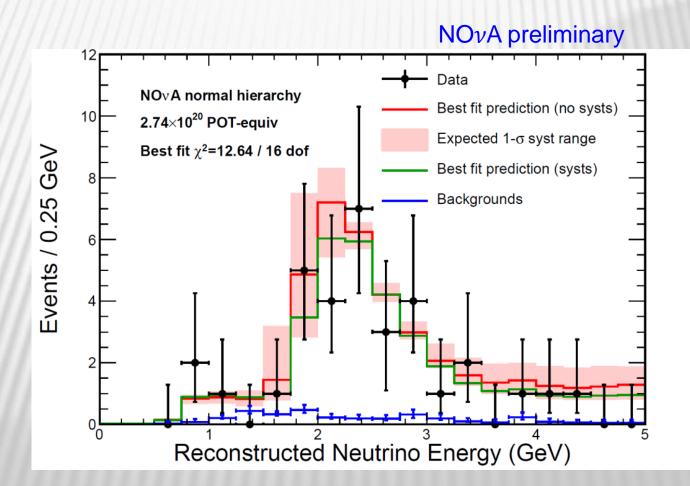


Zoomed view of Far Det. ν_{μ} CC energy spectrum

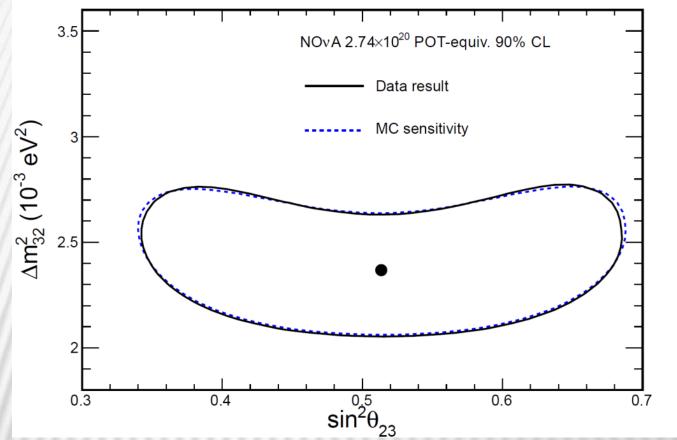


Zoomed view of Far Det. ν_{μ} CC energy spectrum

Also shown: the spectrum with nuisance parameters fixed at their central values and the corresponding (highly correlated) systematic error band

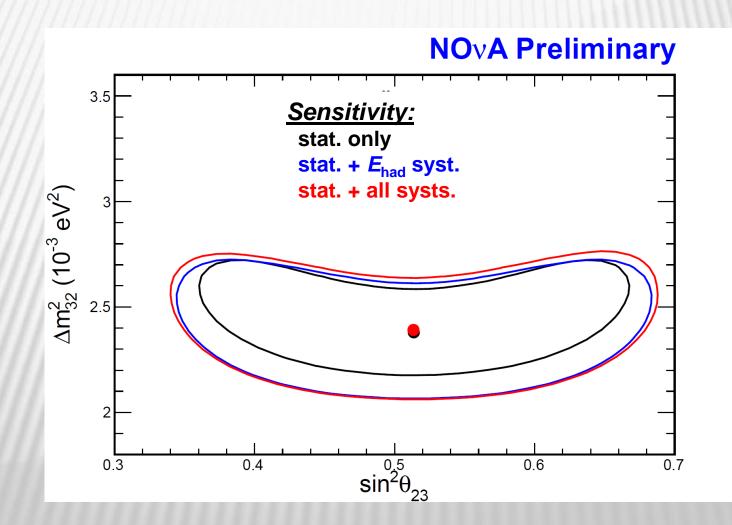






Comparison of NOvA disppearance result to the expected sensitivity for the same best-fit parameters.

Effect of systematic uncertainties on sensitivity to atmospheric parameters in current analysis



Pre-selection

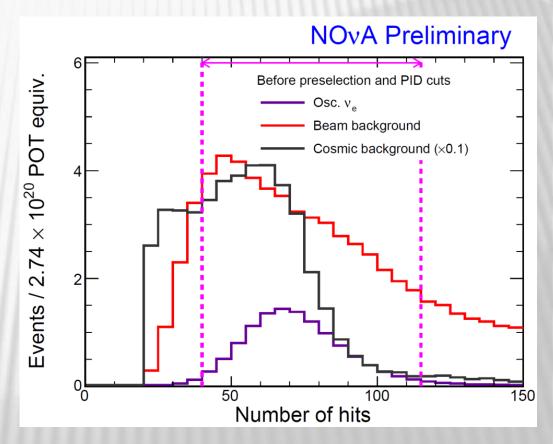
First, basic containment cuts require sufficient distance from the largest reconstructed shower to the walls.

Then, cuts applied to:

- shower length
- number of hits in event
- calorimetric energy

All three related to the "size" of the event

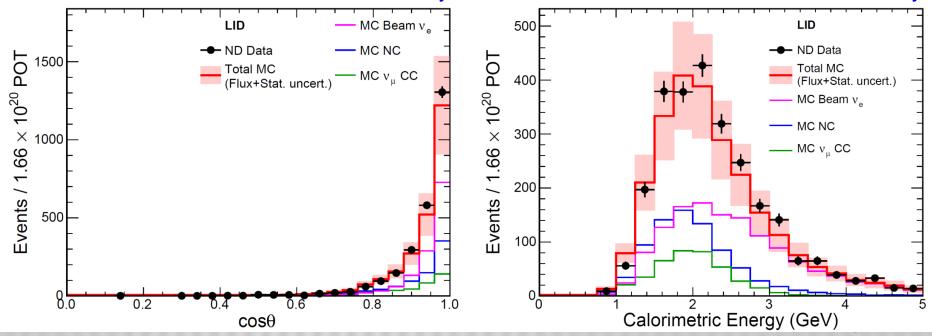
We know well the range of energies any appearing v_e might have



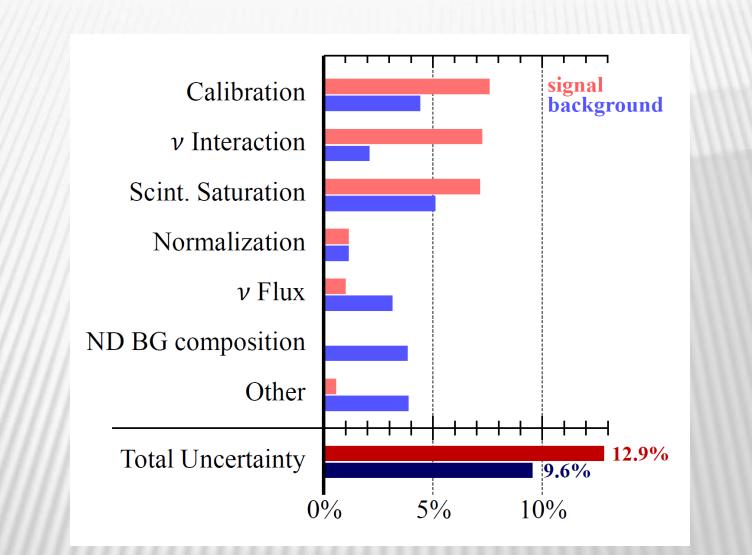
Shower direction and **event energy** distributions for **ND data** and **simulation**, *after all cuts*



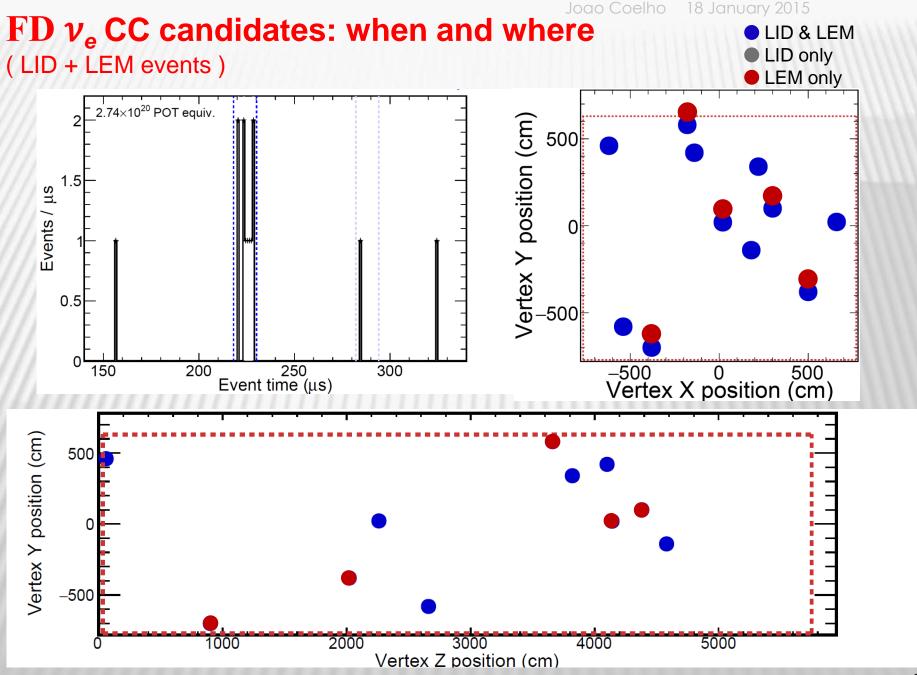
NOvA Preliminary



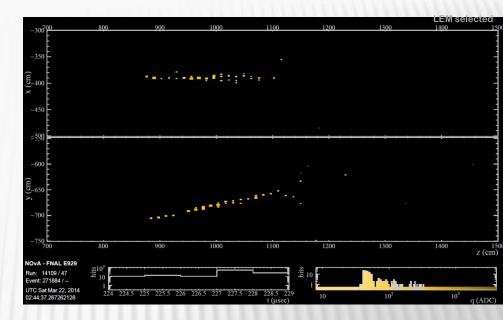
NOvA Preliminary

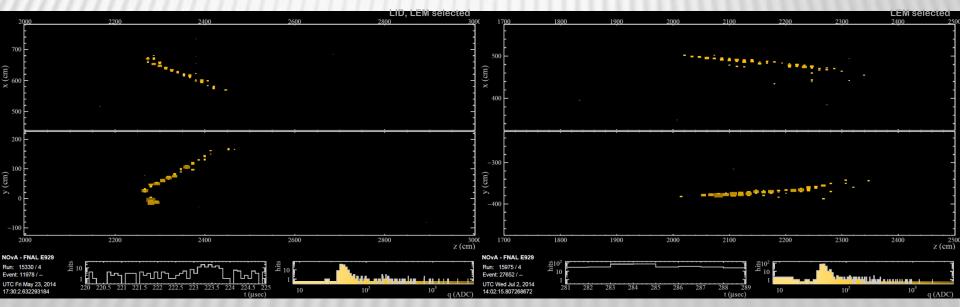


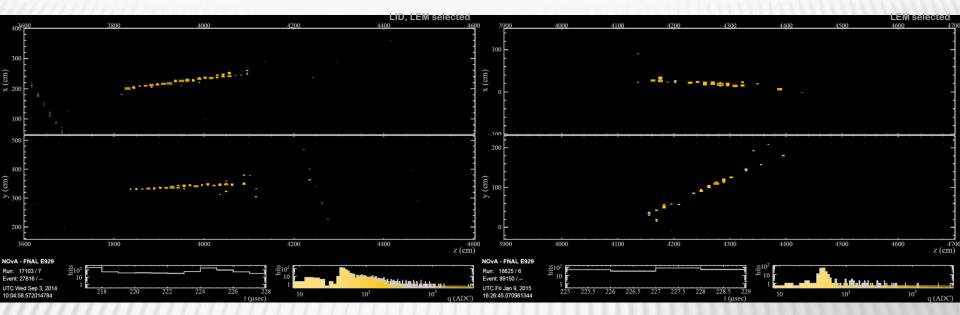
• Most systematics are assessed via variations in the Far/Near ratios

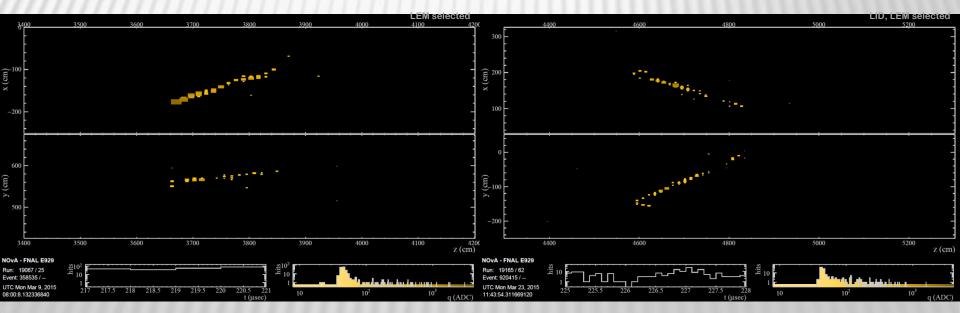


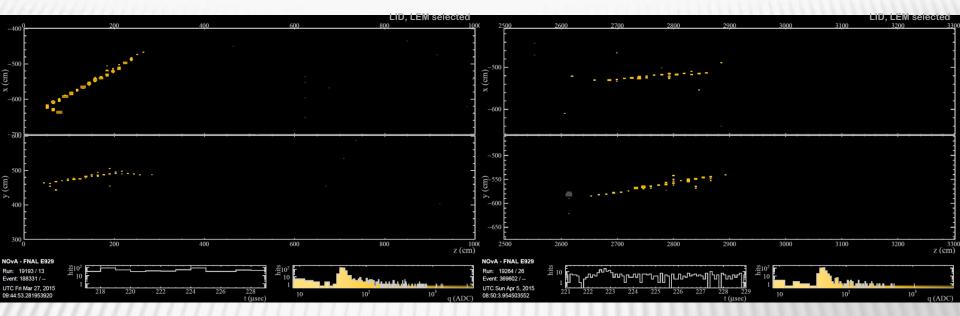
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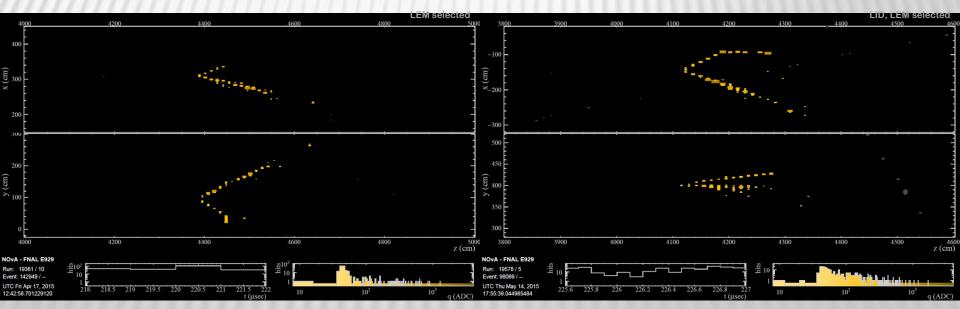




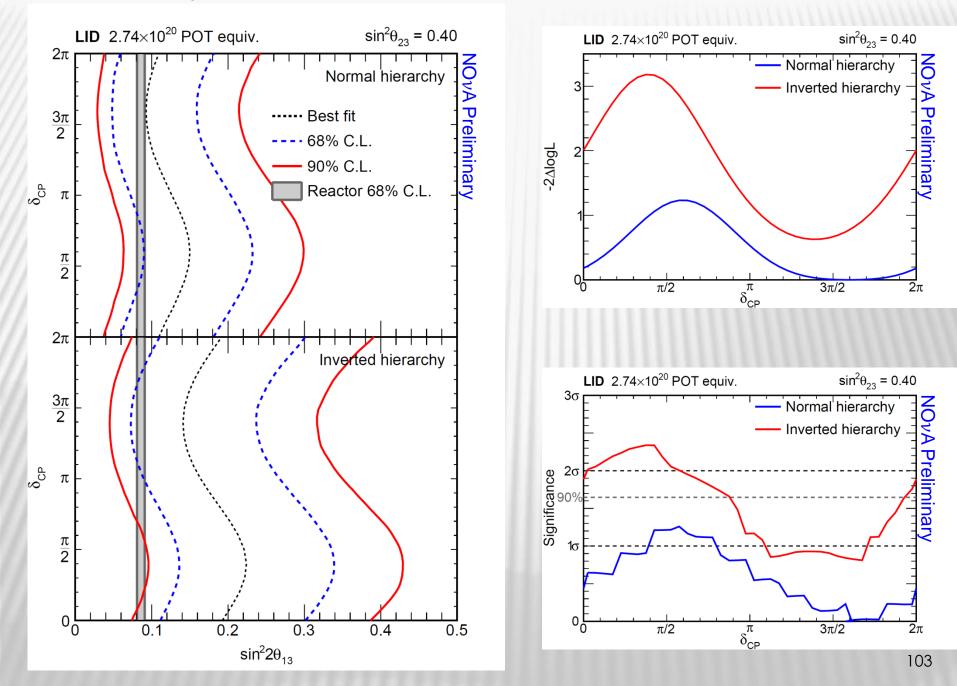




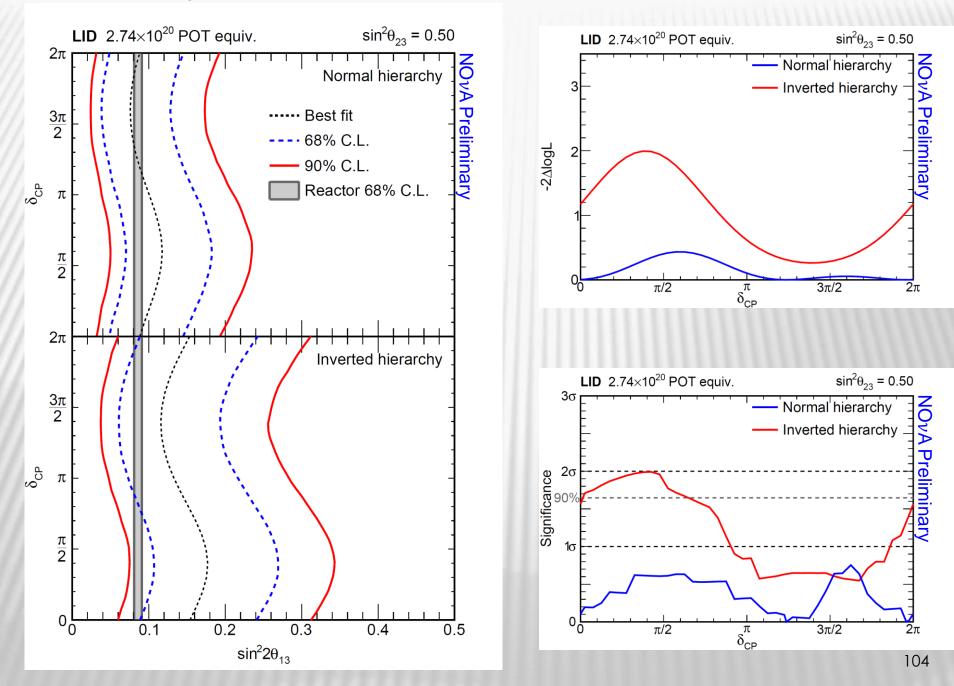




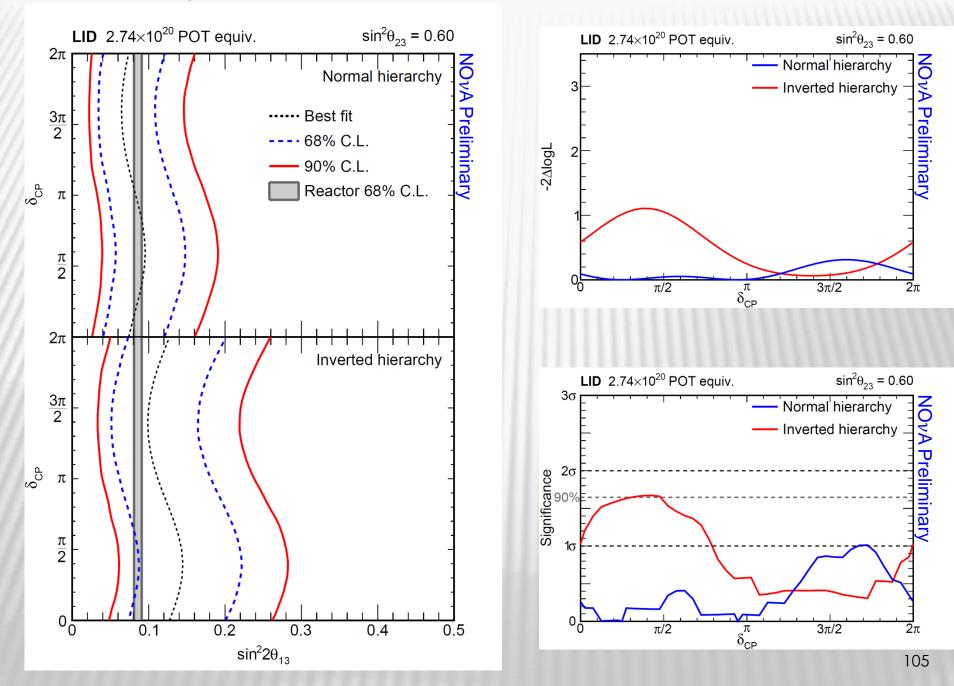
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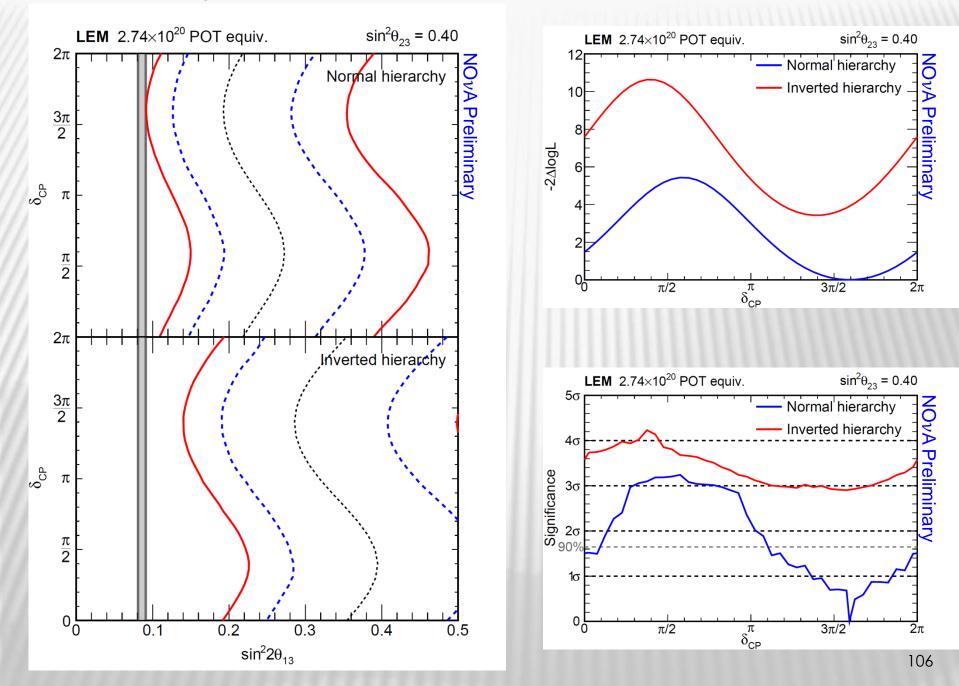
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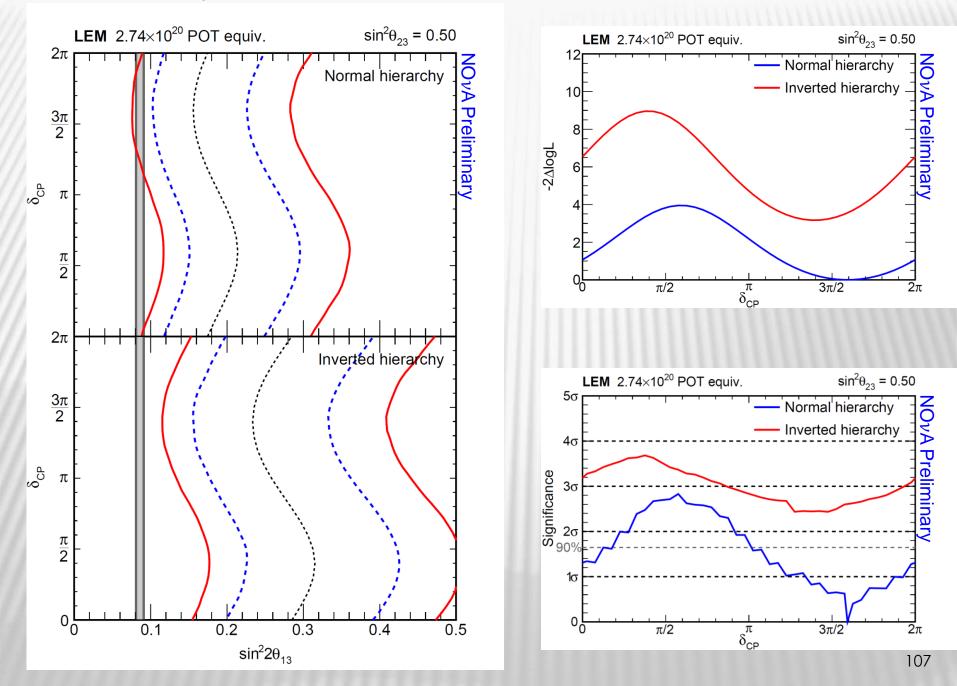
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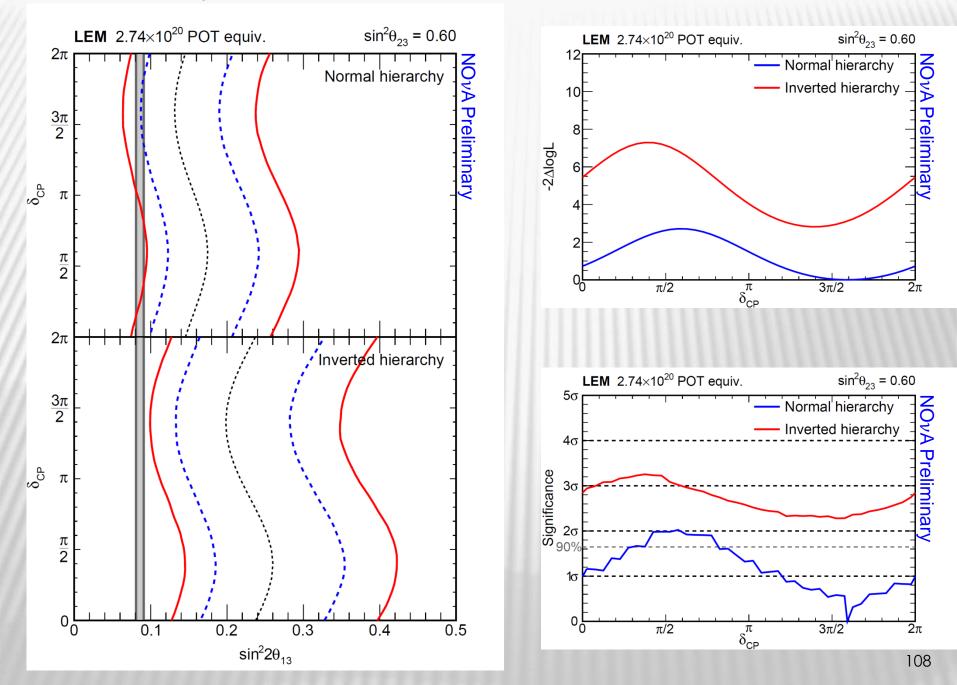
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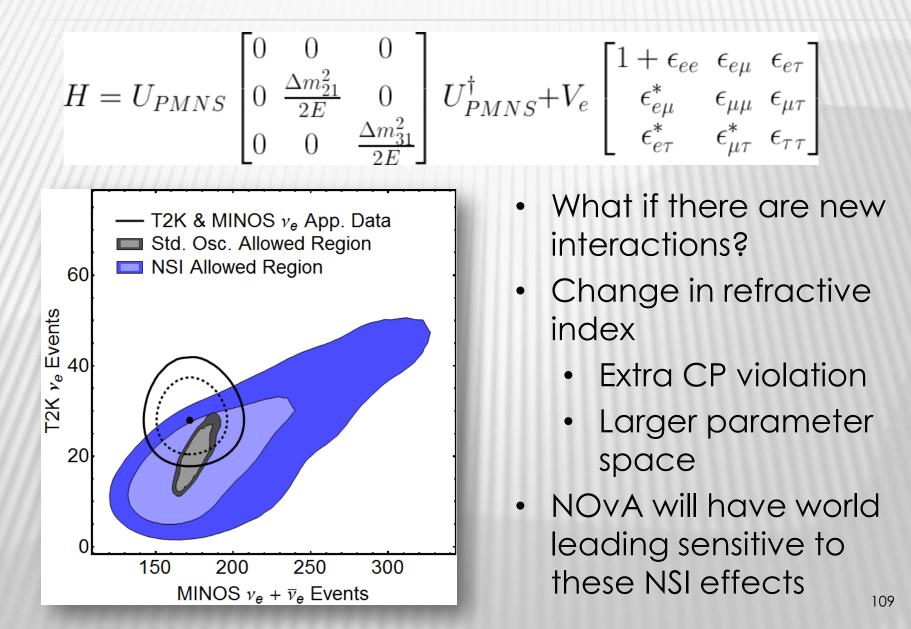
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