

Reconstruction in LAr TPCs

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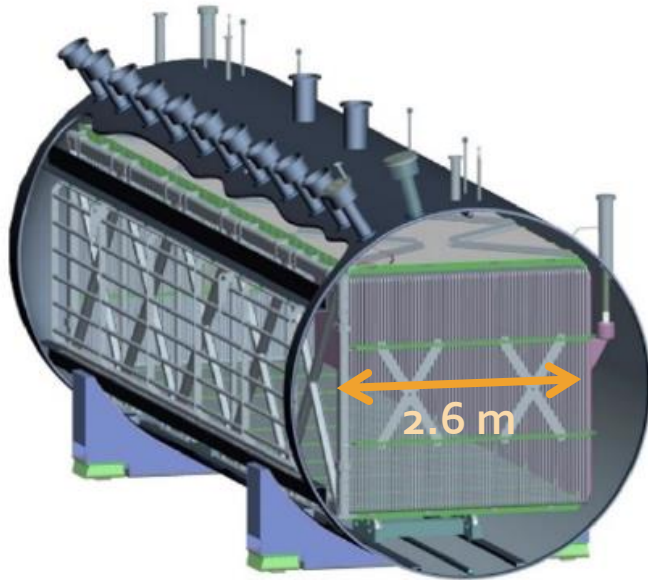
Overview

- Reconstruction approaches
 - Focus on the cases of ProtoDUNE-SP (DUNE LArTPC prototype) and MicroBooNE
- Incorporation of Machine Learning techniques

Two case studies

MicroBooNE:

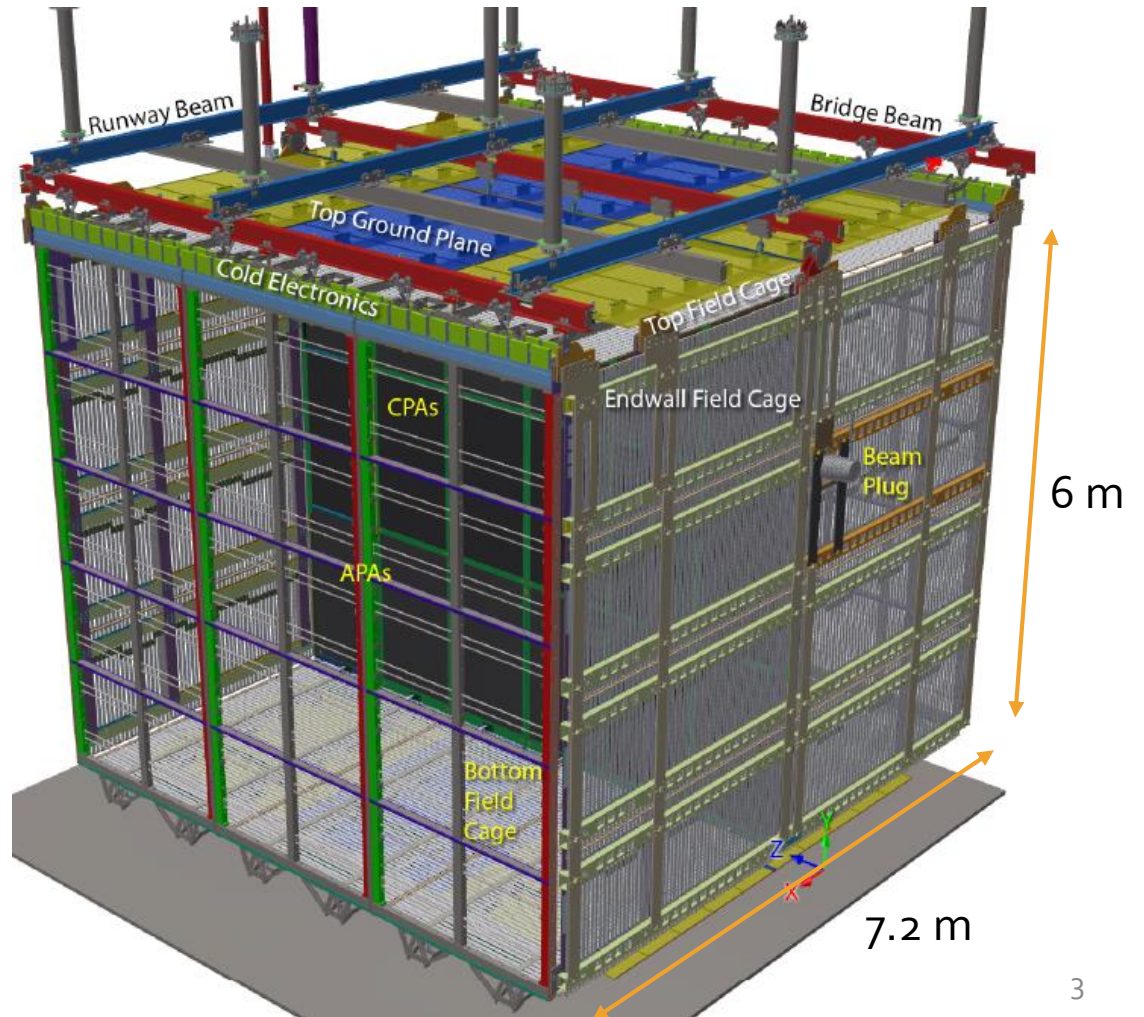
- 90 ton LAr TPC active volume
- Single drift volume of length 2.6 m
- Exposed to booster neutrino beam at FNAL



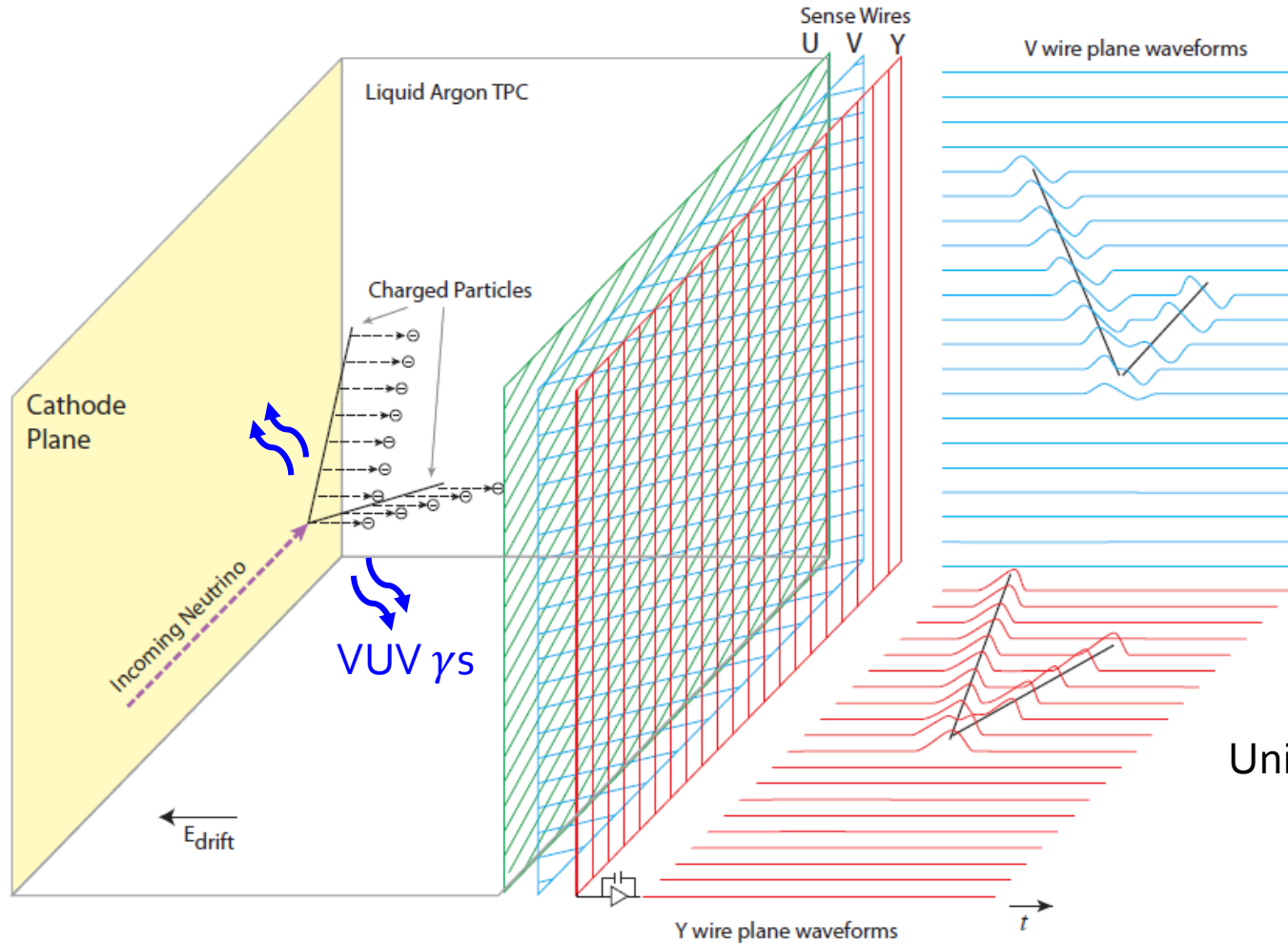
Both with 3-view wire-plane readout

ProtoDUNE-SP

- One of two DUNE FD prototypes (ProtoDUNE-DP only took cosmics)
- 420 ton LAr TPC active volume
- Two drift volumes 3.6 m long each
- Exposed to charged beam (π , K, p, e) 0.3 – 7 GeV/c at CERN



TPC readout cartoon



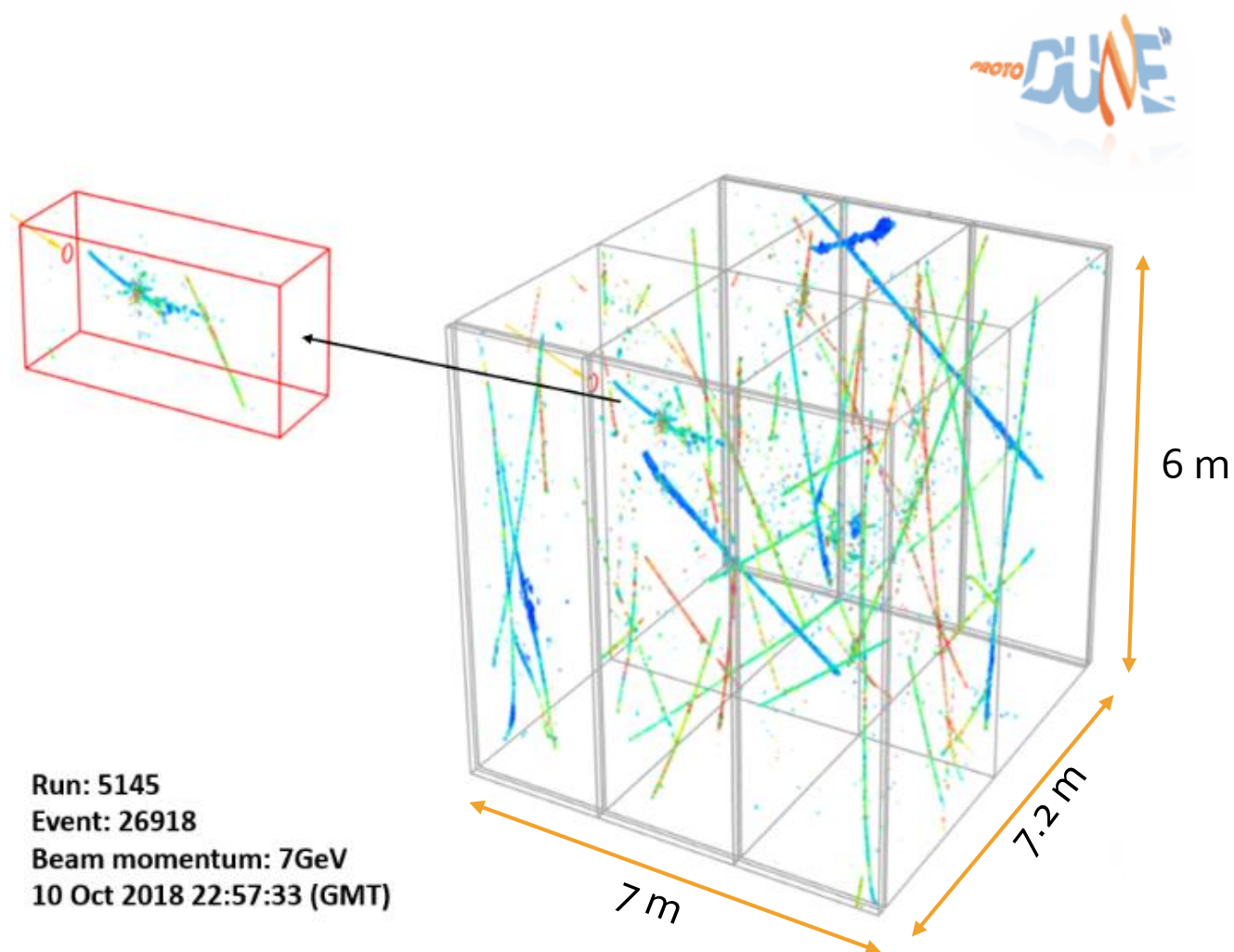
Bipolar signals on induction wires

Unipolar signals on collection wires

+ photon system to detect prompt scintillation

Reconstruction on surface

- LAr TPC is a “slow” detector
 - Takes a couple of ms to drift charge from cathode to anode: $v_{\text{drift}} \sim 1.6 \text{ m/ms}$ (@500 V/cm)
- On-surface substantial activity due to cosmic rays
- Large sample of “free” cosmics:
 - Good for detector characterization
 - But an additional complication for reconstruction

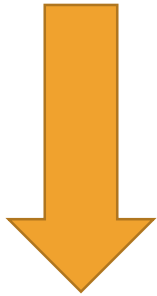


Tools

- ART [J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 396 (2012) 022020] is an event-processing framework built and maintained at FNAL
 - Used as a basis by Fermilab experiments (e.g., NOvA, Muze, LAr TPC experiments)
- Particular adaptation for LAr TPC (ArgoNeuT, LArIAT, MicroBooNE, SBND, ICARUS, DUNE) experiments is LArSoft framework/toolkit
 - Interface to Pandora Software Development Kit [Eur. Phys. J., C75(9):439, 2015] used for reconstruction and pattern recognition
 - Pandora SDK development started for ILC and then undergoing extensive development in the context of LAr TPC experiments
- For MicroBooNE, a WireCell toolkit have been also developed at BNL
 - Provides a full (MicroBooNE) event reconstruction [JINST 17 P01037, 2022]
 - Some integration within LArSoft for signal simulation and signal processing

LAr TPC event processing

Raw ADC channel data



Signal (pre)processing:

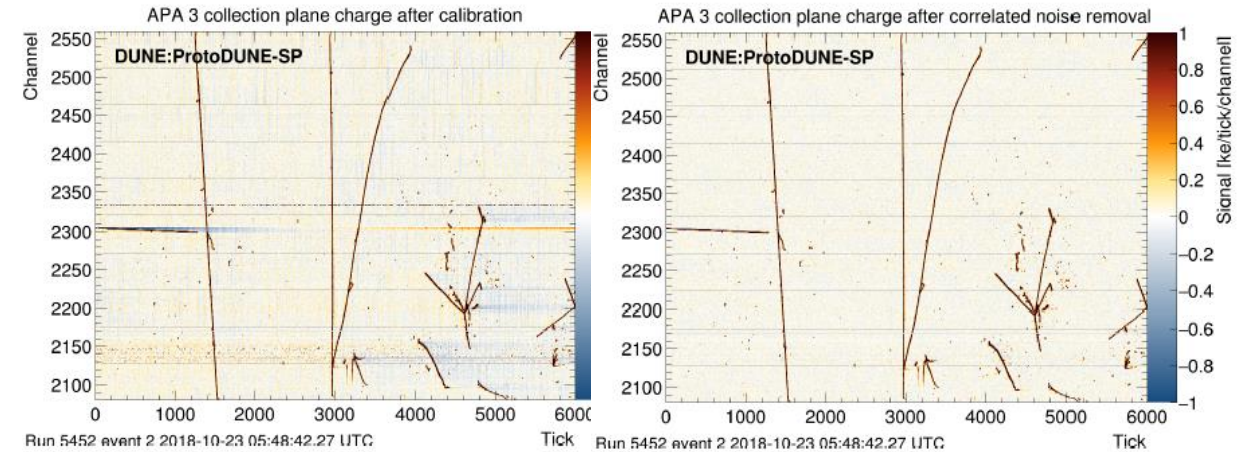
- Electronics response calibration
- Coherent noise filtering
- Field response deconvolution
- Regions of interest selection

Charge “seen” (induction) or deposited (collection) on each wire / strip

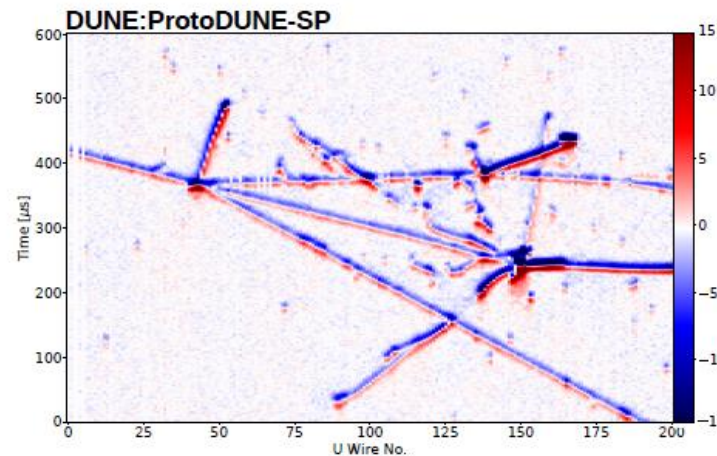
Noise filtering

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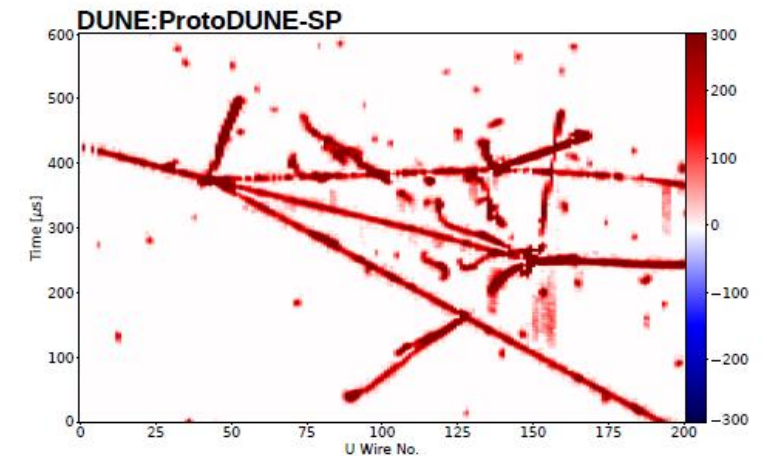
Filtered ADC channel data



Field response deconvolution using WireCell



(a) After Noise Filtering



(b) After Deconvolution

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Signal processing:

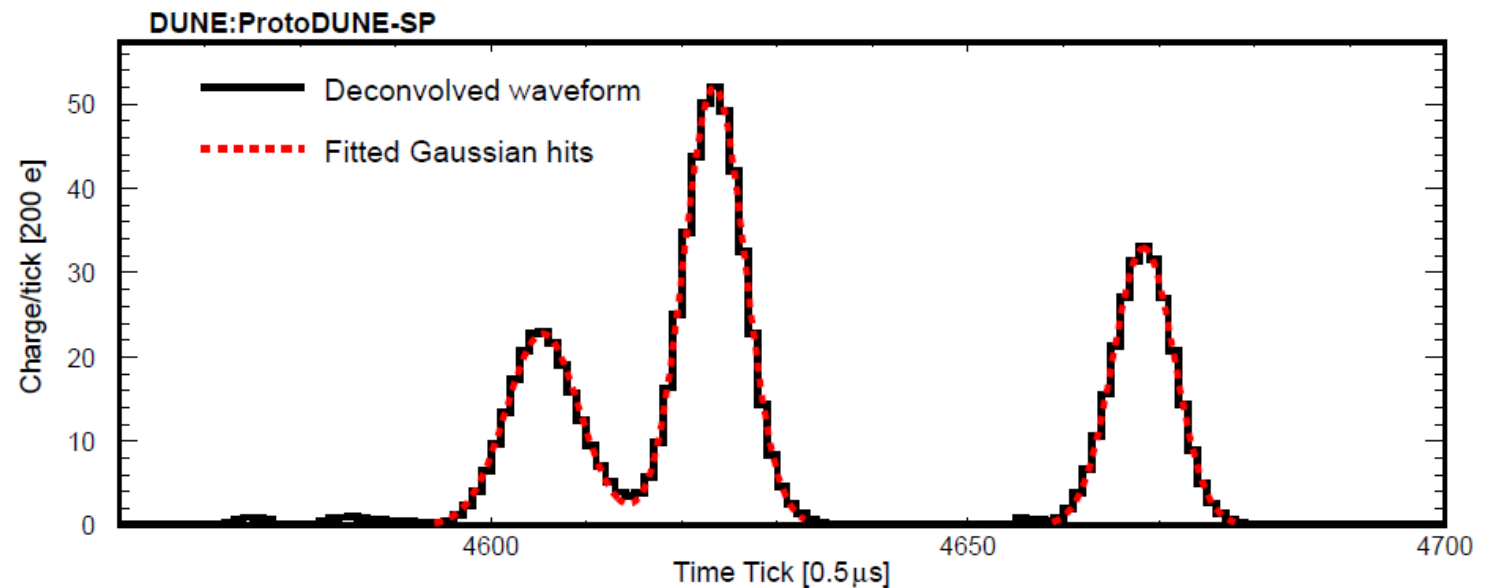
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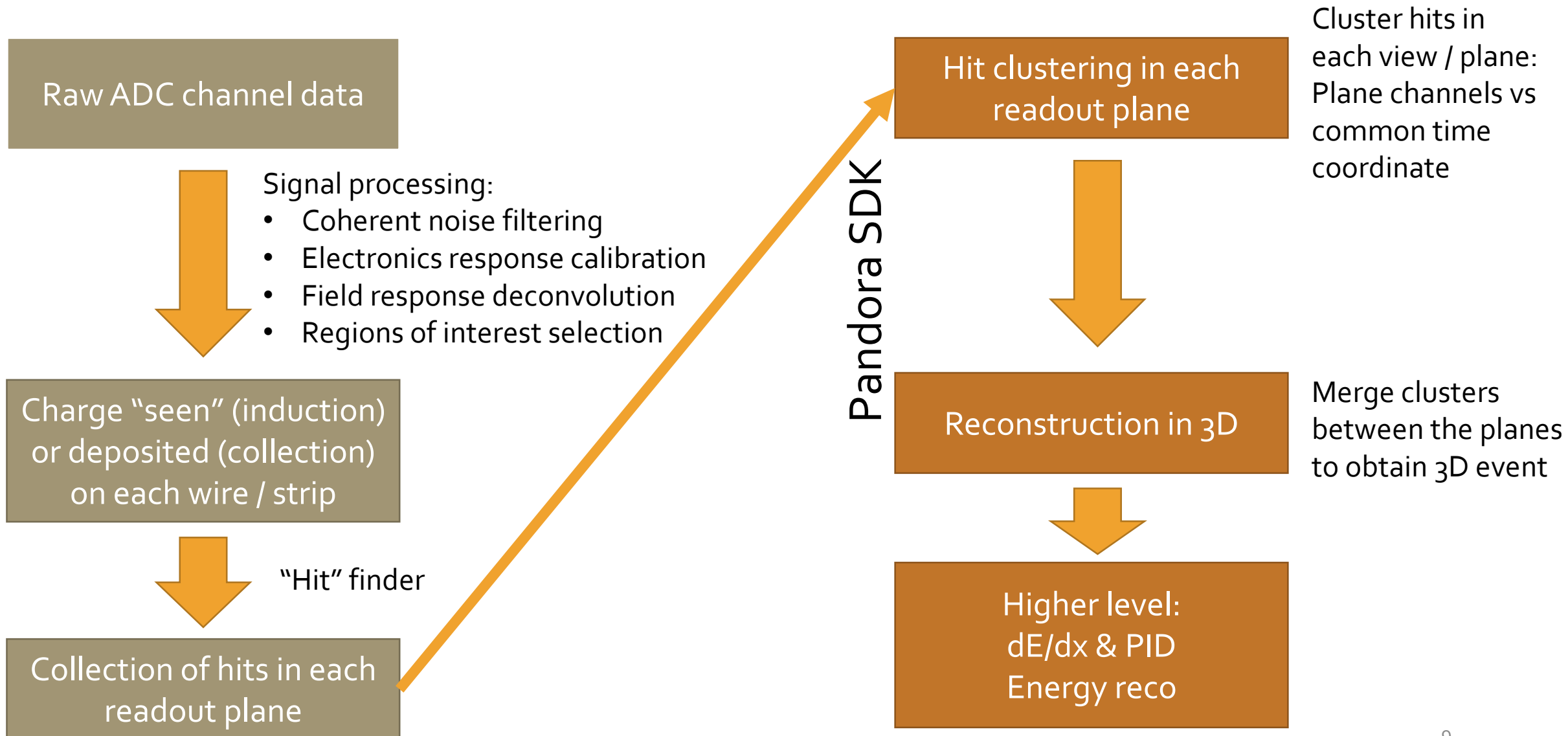


“Hit” finder

Collection of hits in each
readout plane



LAr TPC event processing (LArSoft)

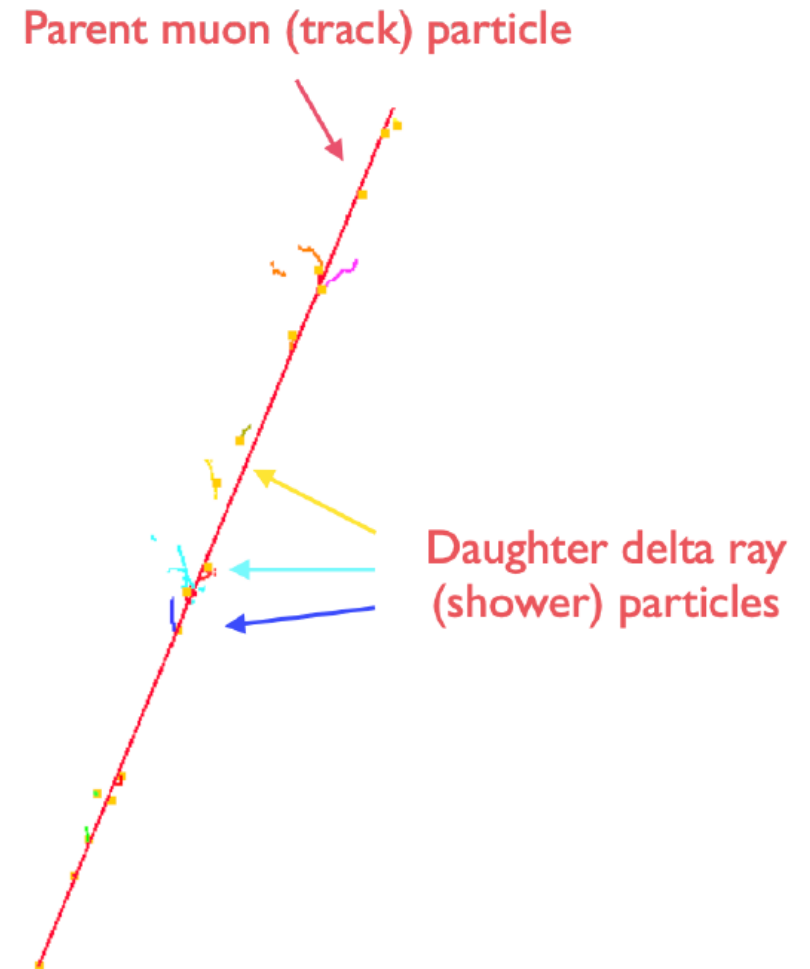


Pandora reconstruction workflow

- Over a hundred of algorithms are used to gradually build up and improve reconstruction of event features
- Two principal chains have been developed for and deployed in MicroBooNE/ProtoDUNE
 - **PandoraCosmics** : an algorithm chain targeting the reconstruction of cosmic ray muon tracks
 - **PandoraNu / PandoraTestBeam** : an algorithm chain that is built around identifying interaction vertex and then reconstructing individual tracks / showers left by emerging particles

PandoraCosmics

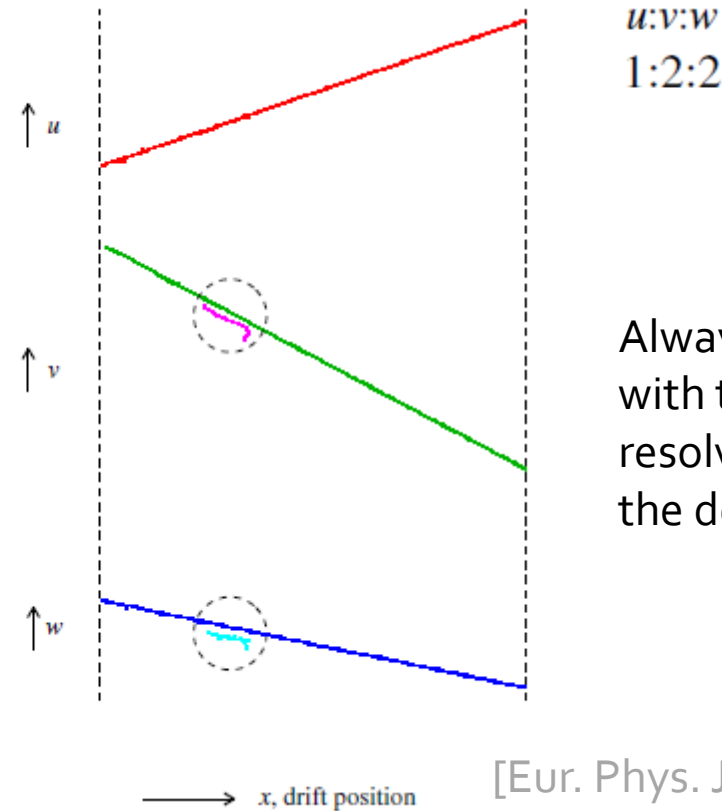
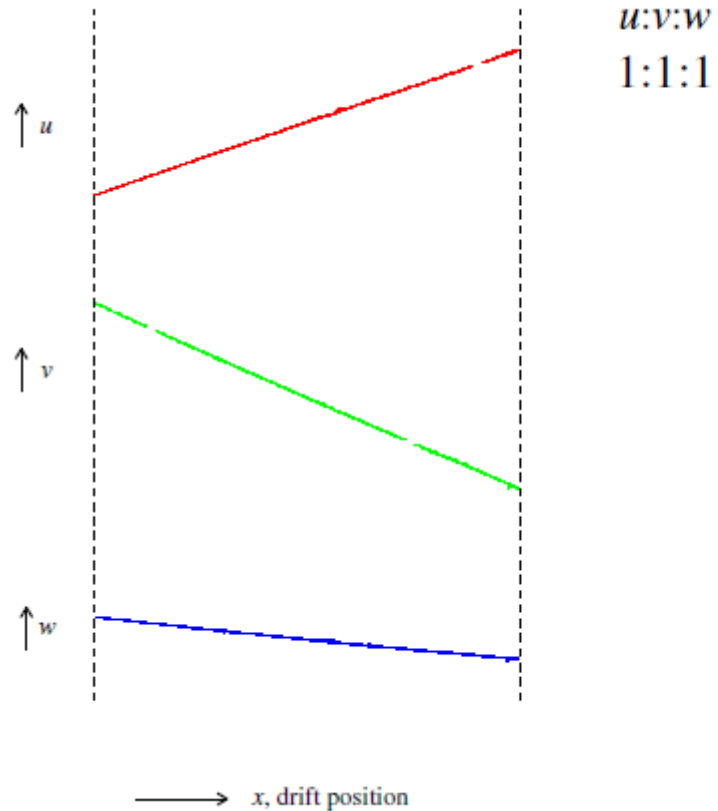
- Muons are assumed downward going: the vertices are at highest y
- Track-oriented clustering
- Showers are delta rays / decay electron and added as daughters to primary muon
- Flow:
 - 2D reconstruction
 - 3D track reconstruction
 - Delta-ray reconstruction
 - 3D space-point reconstruction



Matching 2D projections

- Rely on common time coordinate and readout plane geometry to merge 2D clusters

Require >90%
overlap for all
clusters

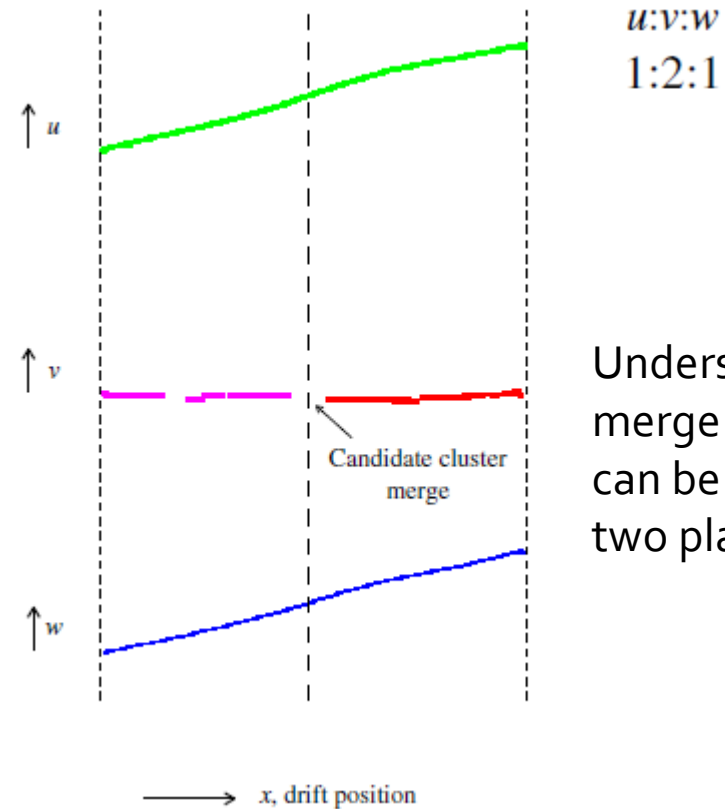
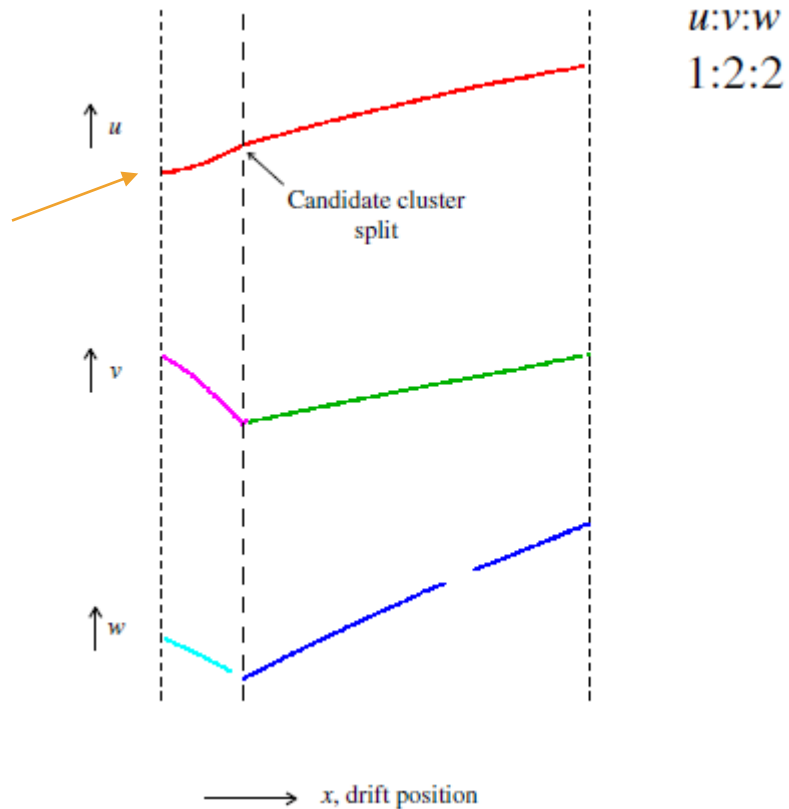


Always select the clusters
with the best match to
resolve ambiguities with
the delta rays

[Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:82]

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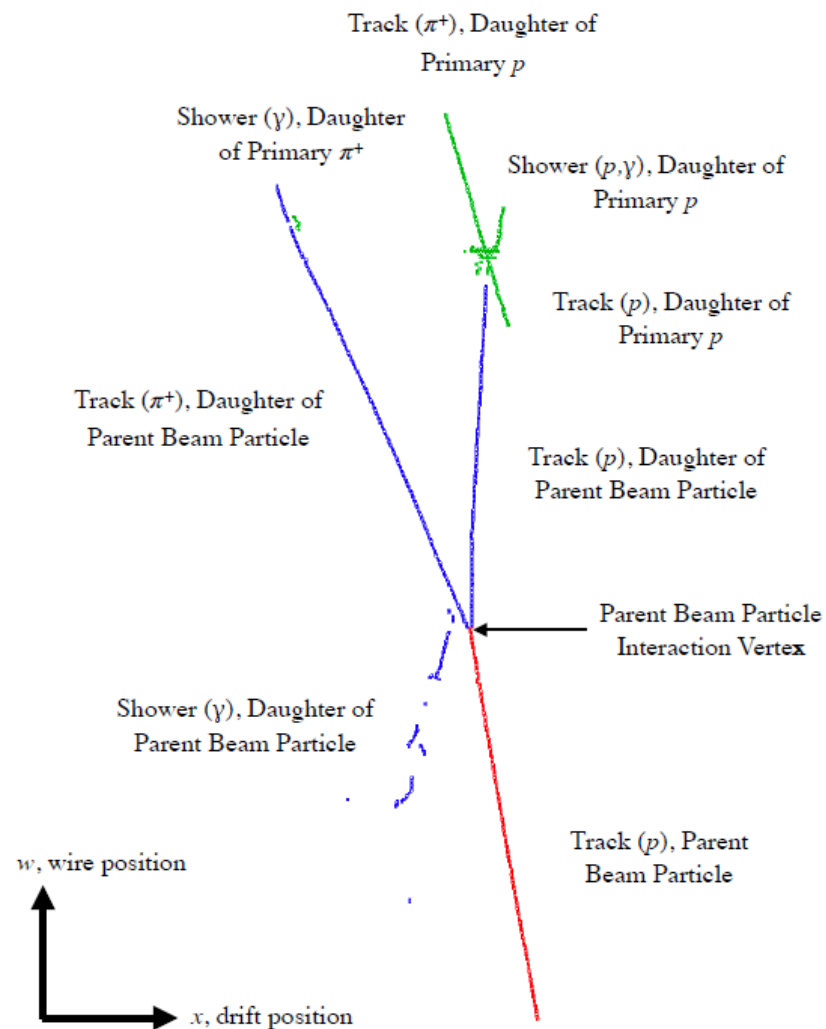
Split clusters that appear to "overshoot" in one of the views



Undershoot tracks: merge broken v clusters if can be matched to other two planes

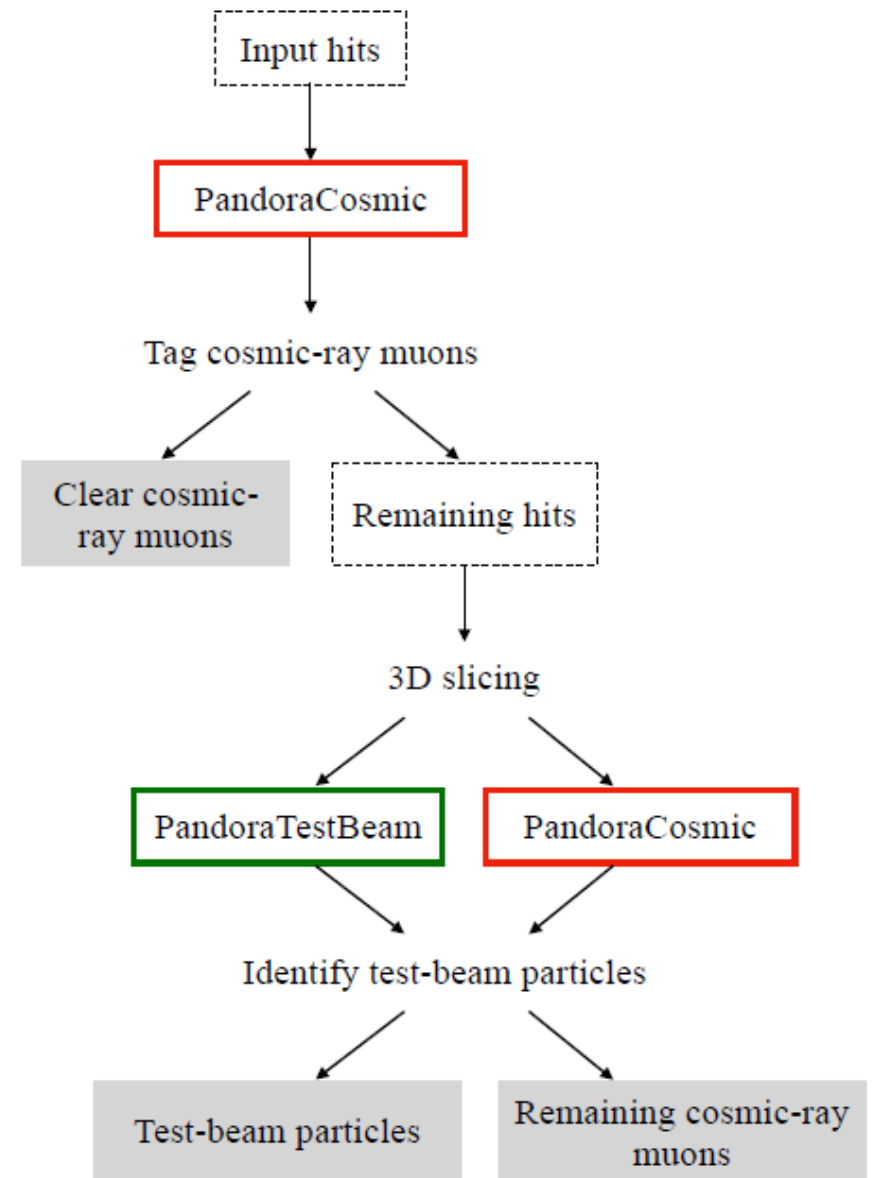
PandoraNu/PandoraTestBeam

- Flow
 - 2D reconstruction
 - 3D vertex reconstruction
 - Track and shower reconstruction
 - Particle hierarchy reconstruction
- For test beam:
 - Revisit particles emerging from the vertex and find the one most consistent with the incoming test beam particle

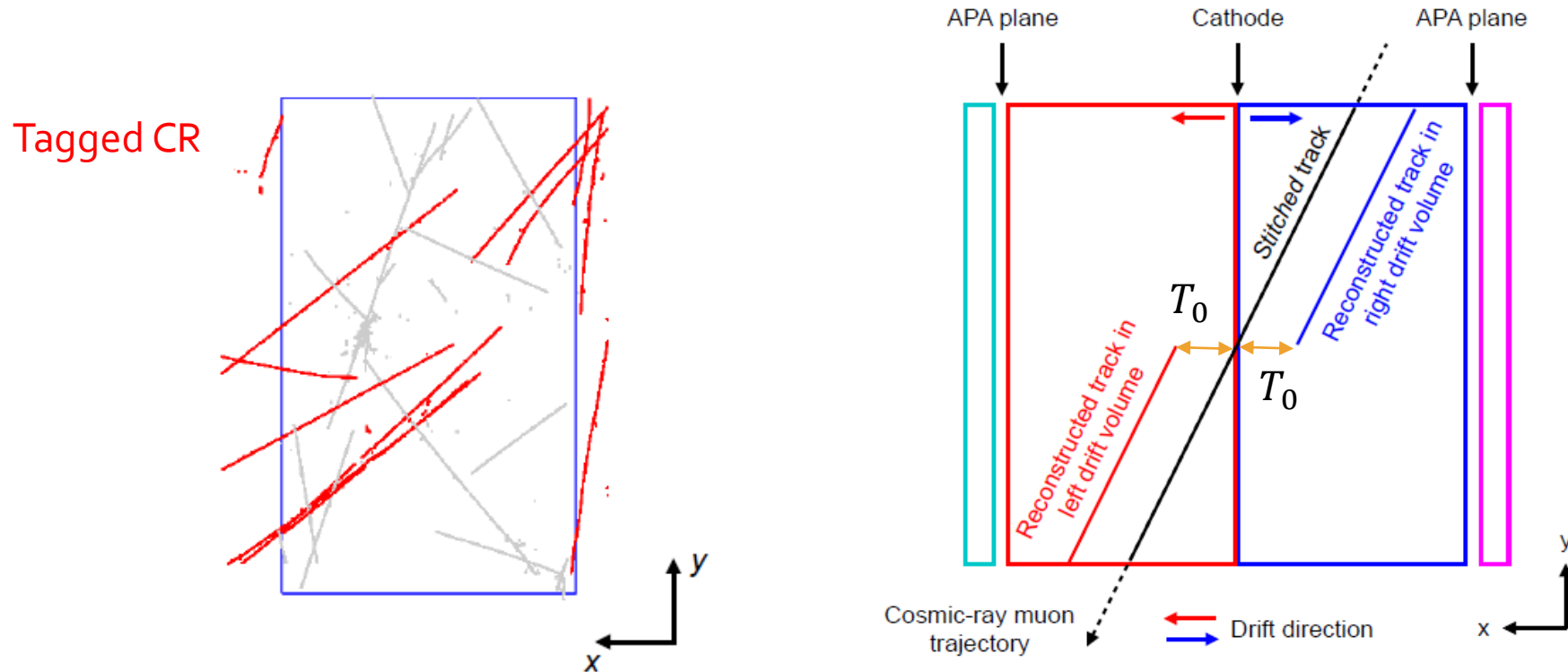


Consolidated reconstruction for test beam events in ProtoDUNE-SP

- Both Cosmics and TestBeam chains combined in order to reconstruct on-surface events
- Run cosmic reconstruction on all particles as a first step
- Tag clear cosmic ray rays
- Make 3D slices and run TestBeam and Cosmic chains on each slice



Cosmic ray tagging

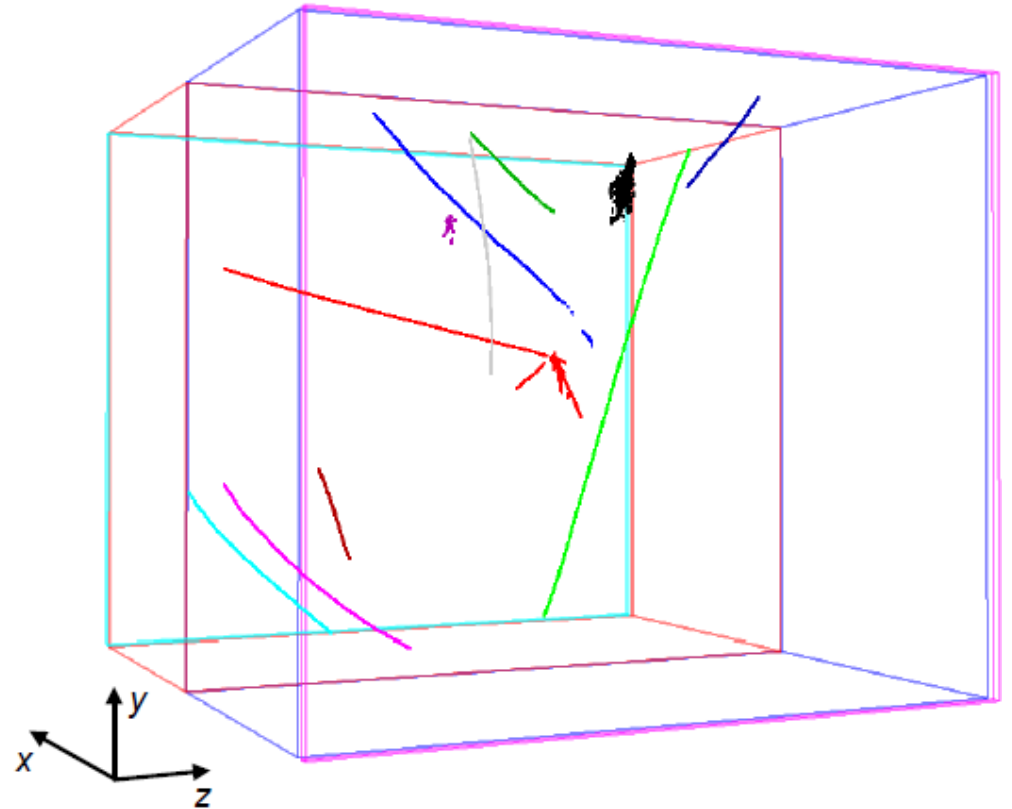


- Clear cases when cosmics out of beam time enter / exit TPC volume
- Cosmics crossing the cathode plane are “stitched” to find their arrival time wrt beam time

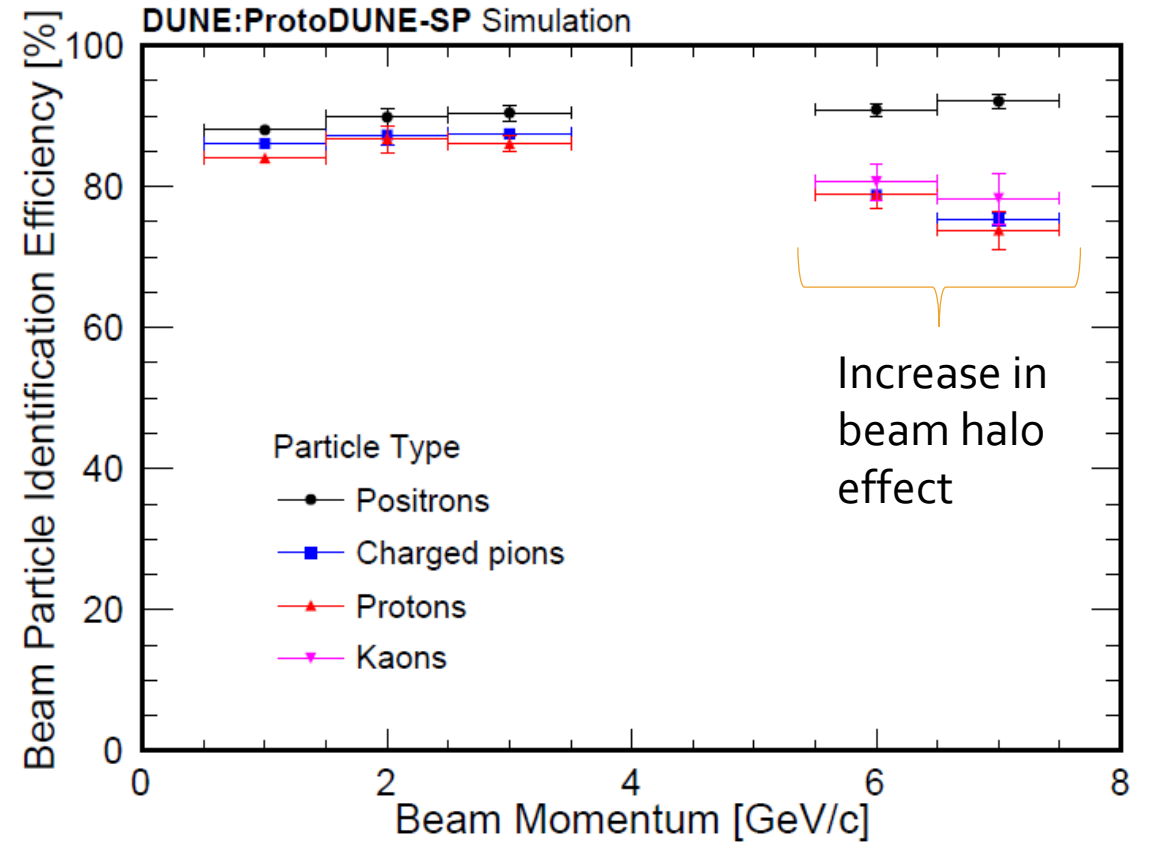
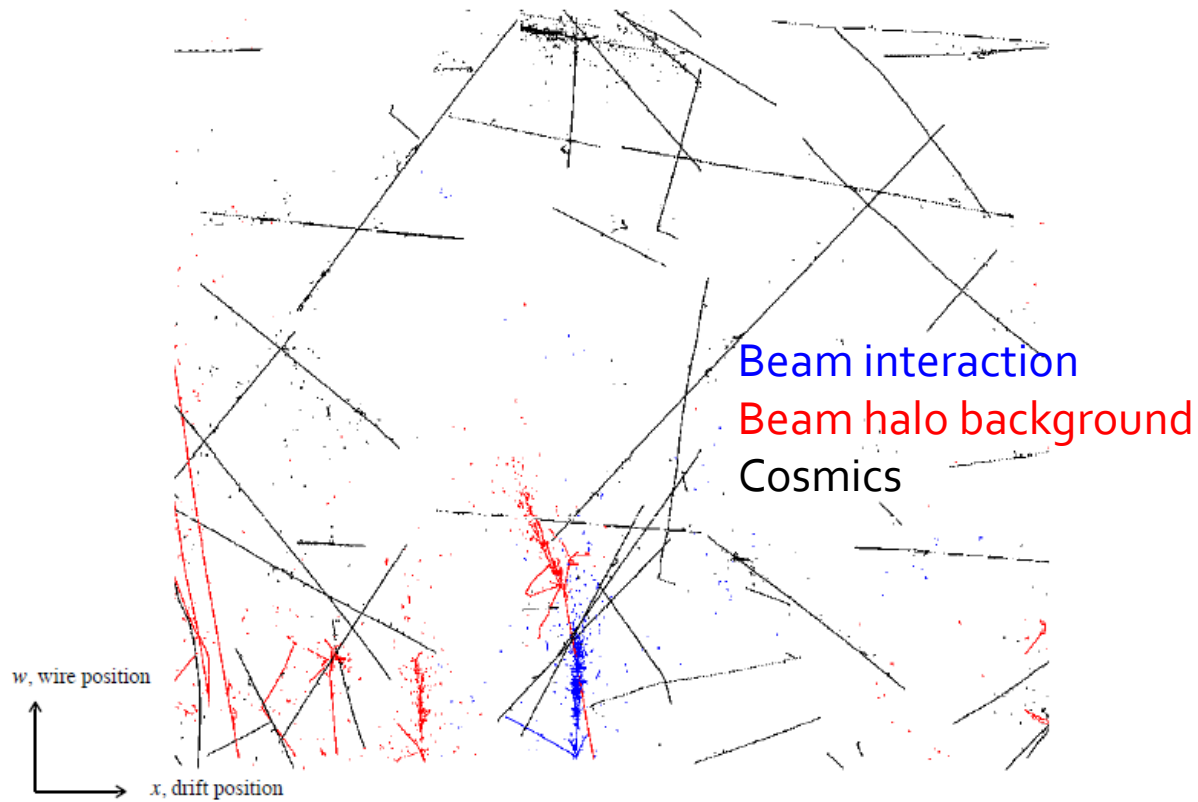
Event slicing

- Separate / slice hits from different interactions
- Run TestBeam / Cosmics reconstruction on each slice and select the "best" beam event
- Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) built around the test beam entrance is known and cosmics typically have track-like topologies compared to complex ones from test-beam particles

Different colors mark different slices
A $3 \text{ GeV}/c \pi^+$ beam event is in bright red

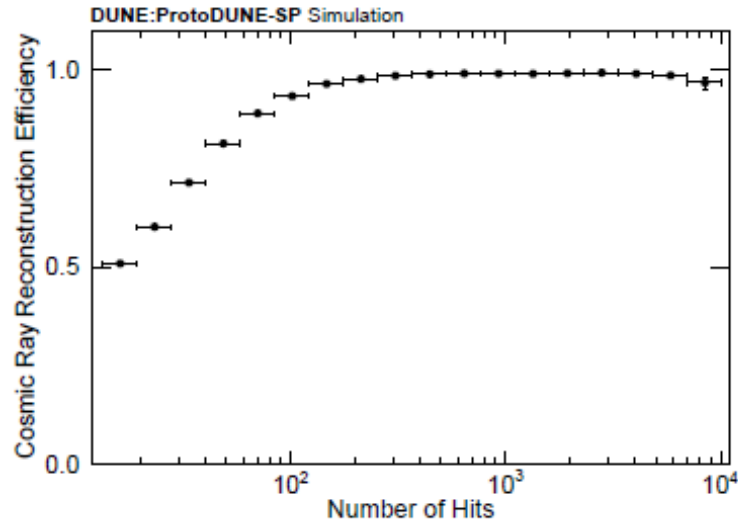


Beam particle identification efficiency

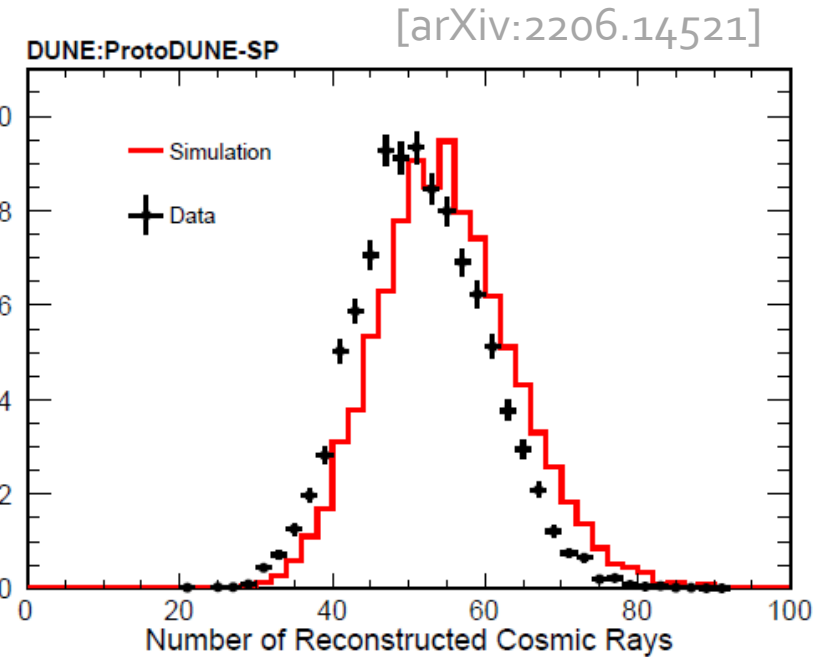
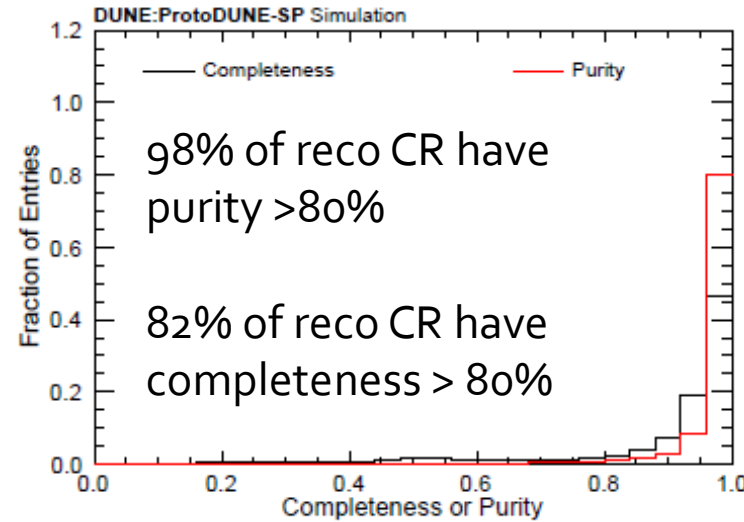


Pandora cosmic-ray track reconstruction

Efficiency as a function of Nhits



Purity & completeness



Efficiency: fraction of MC particles that are matched to at least one reconstructed particle

Purity: fraction of hits in reconstructed particle that are shared with an MC particle

Completeness: fraction of hits in the MC particle that are shared with a reconstructed particle

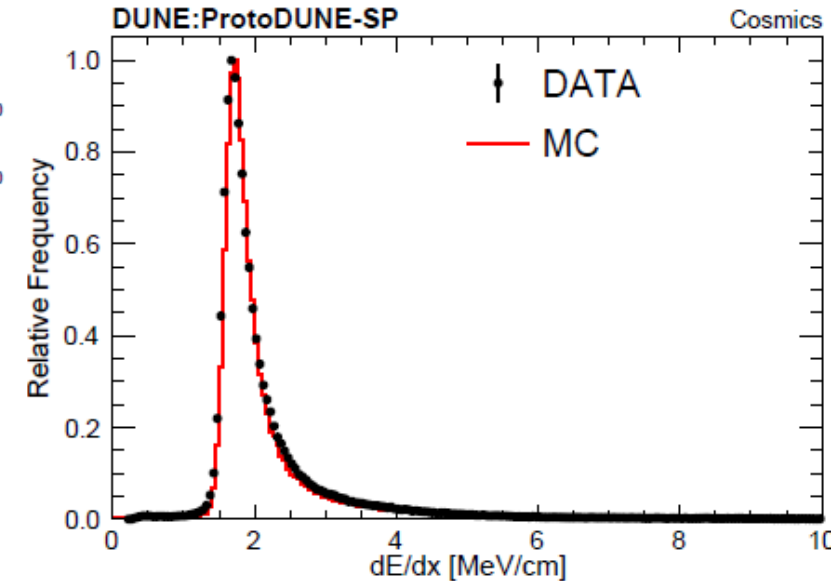
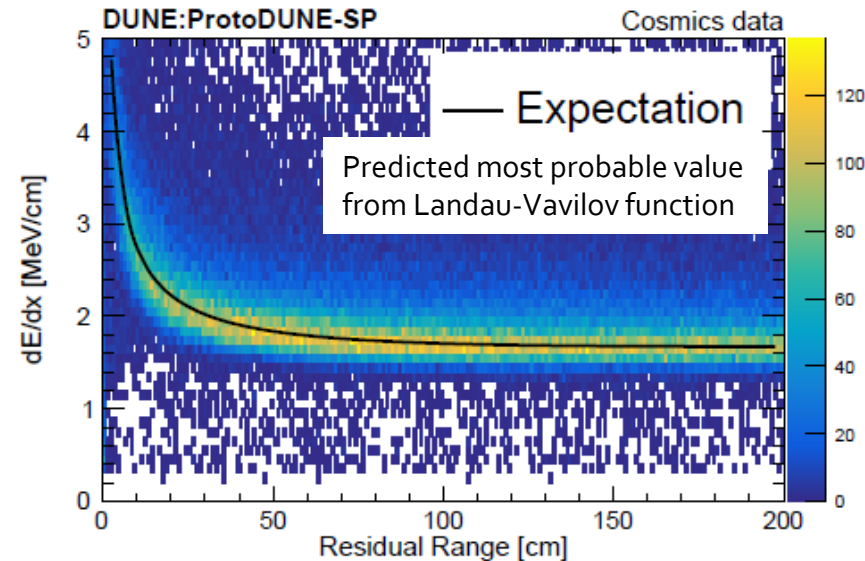
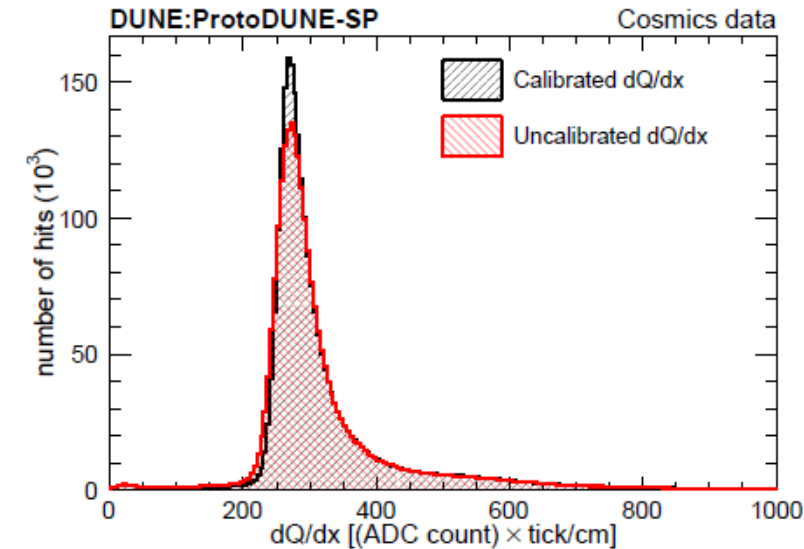
Data/MC: ~5% fewer CRs reconstructed than in simulation possibly due to slight overestimation of the cosmic ray flux in MC

Measured dE/dx for cosmic-ray muons

[JINST 15 P12004, 2020]

dE/dx Data / MC comparison

Stopping muons dE/dx distribution

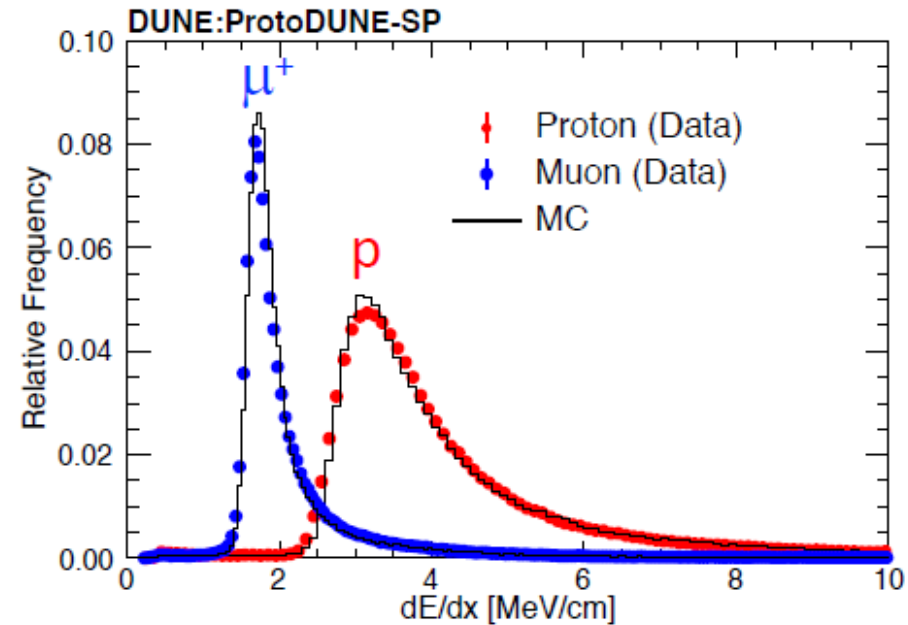
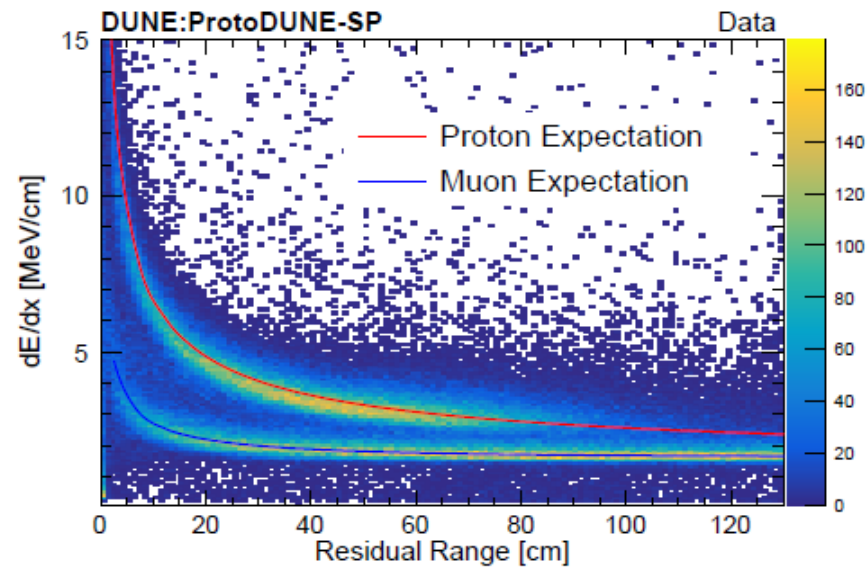


Reconstructed $dQ/dx \rightarrow$ measured dE/dx

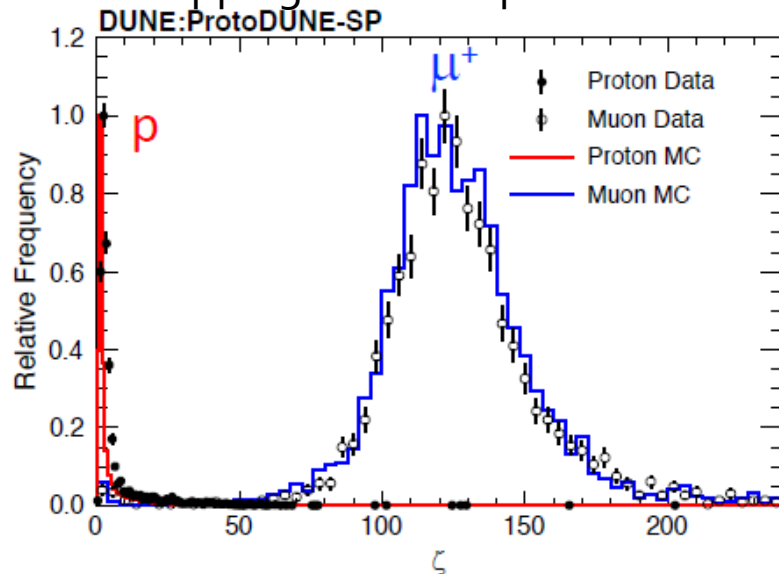
- Measured correction for attachment to electronegative impurities
- Measured uniformity of readout plane response
- Absolute energy scale determined by fitting a sample of stopping muons
- Charge recombination effects in LAr taking into account local electric field strength

} Obtained from cosmics data

Beam particles



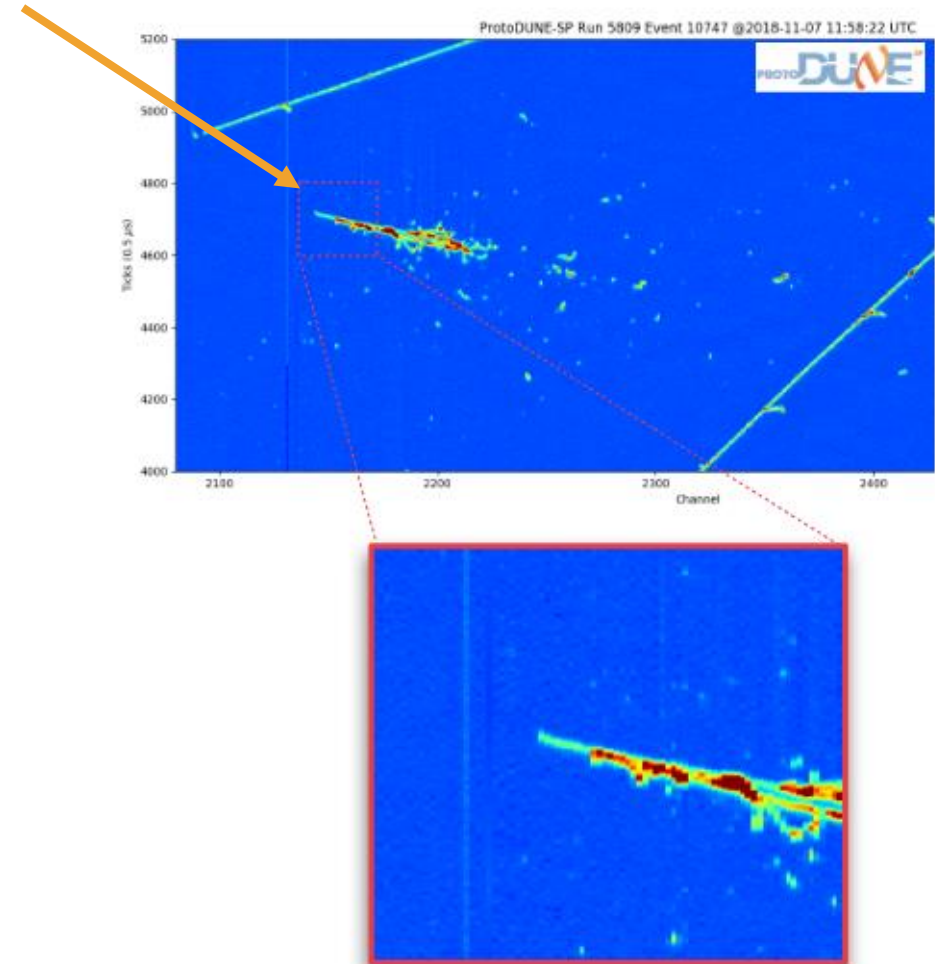
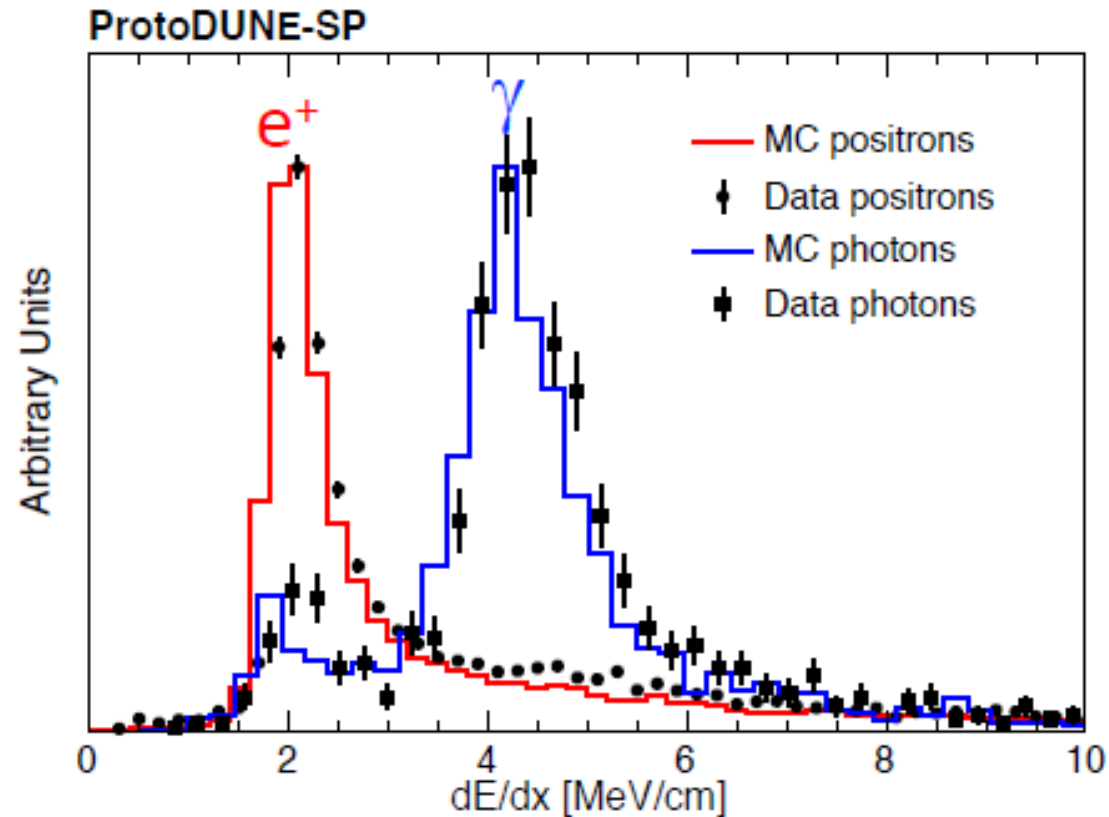
Stopping muons & protons PID



- Calibrations derived from cosmic ray analyses are applied to beam particles
- Many hadron cross-section analysis ...

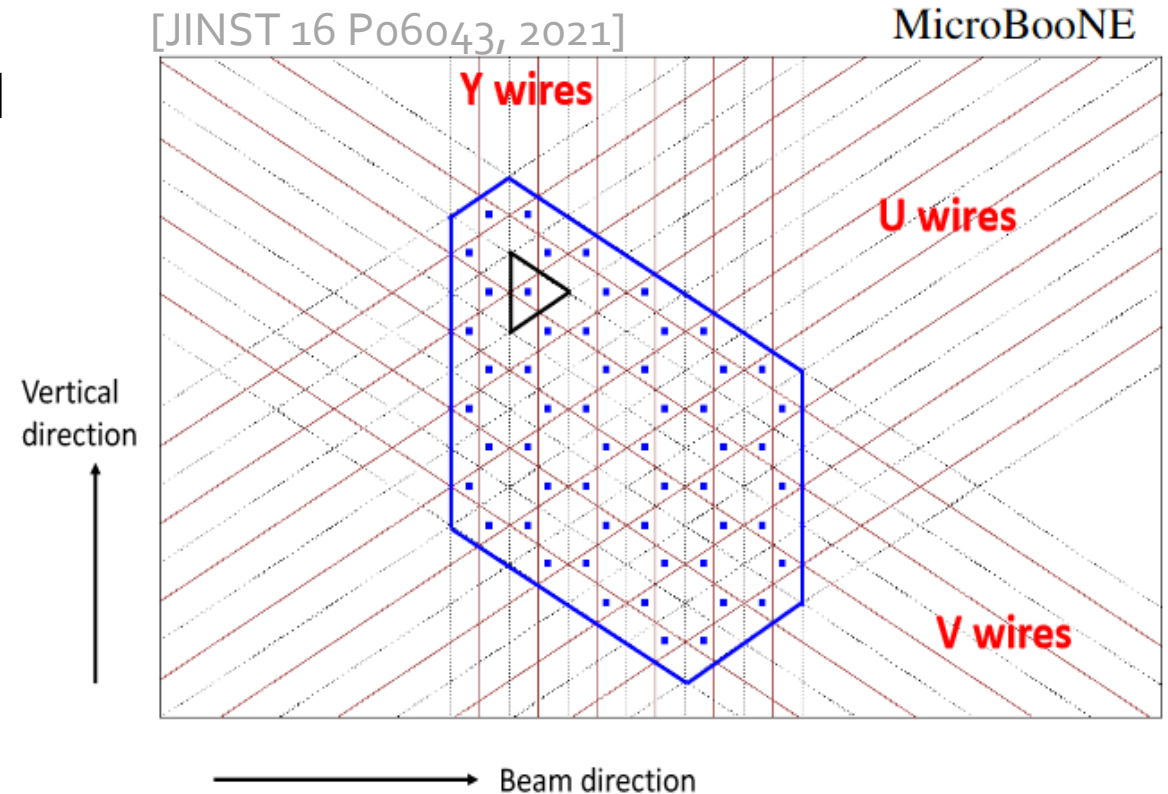
Electron / gamma separation

e/γ separation based on dE/dx in the pre-shower region



Wire-Cell reconstruction

- A LArSoft interface to wire-cell is used for signal processing
- In MicroBooNE the toolkit has been extended to offer full 3D reconstruction and pattern recognition
 - Search for LEE : Phys. Rev. D 105, 112005, 2022
- As a starting point one attempts to build 3D space points from reconstructed hits
 - The readout plane is portioned into cells given by the anode wire geometry
 - The drift coordinate is sliced and hits within each time slice are used to populate all possible cells
 - For a given space-point same charge should be measured $\times 3$ by the wire planes



Find 2D cell + measured drift time \rightarrow 3D point

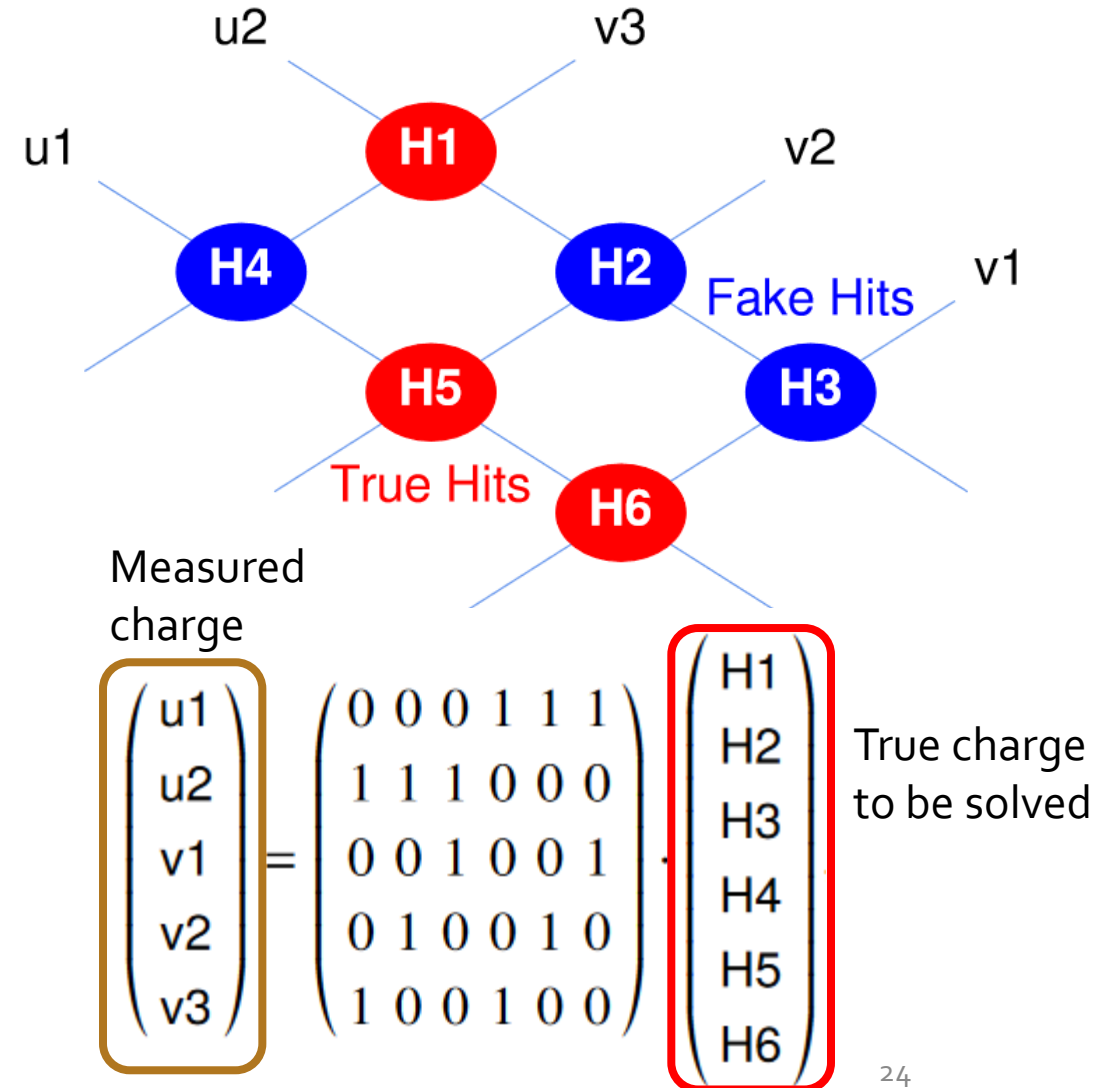
Wire-Cell charge imaging

[JINST 13 P05032, 2018]

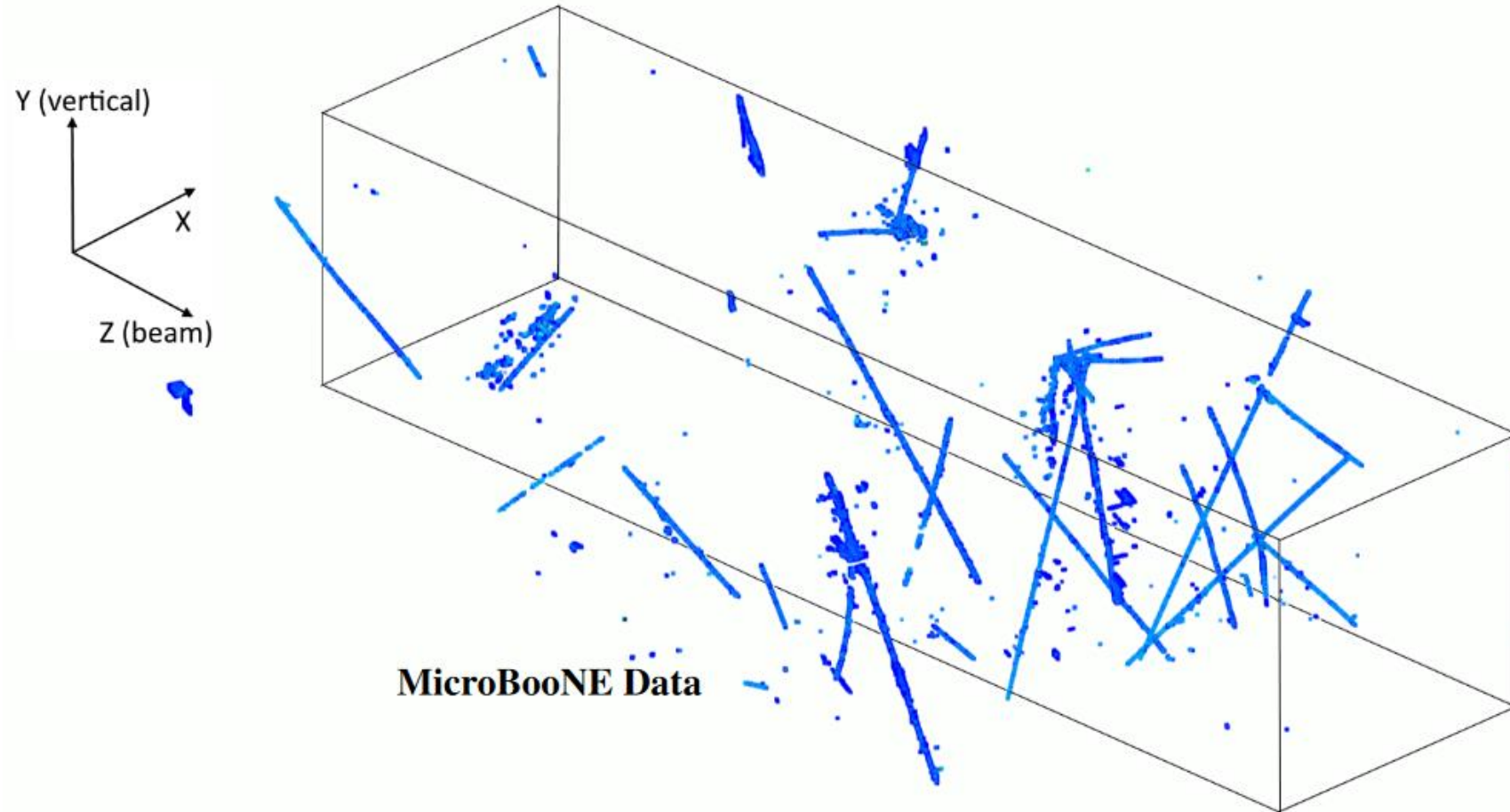
- Solve a system of linear equation to simultaneously find the right 2D cell(s) and the best estimate of the “true” charge from measured quantities on each wire:

$$y = Ax$$

- Not a trivial inverse problem: undetermined linear system
- However, true signal is sparse \rightarrow compressed sensing technique [Comm. Pure Appl. Math., 59: 1207-1223]

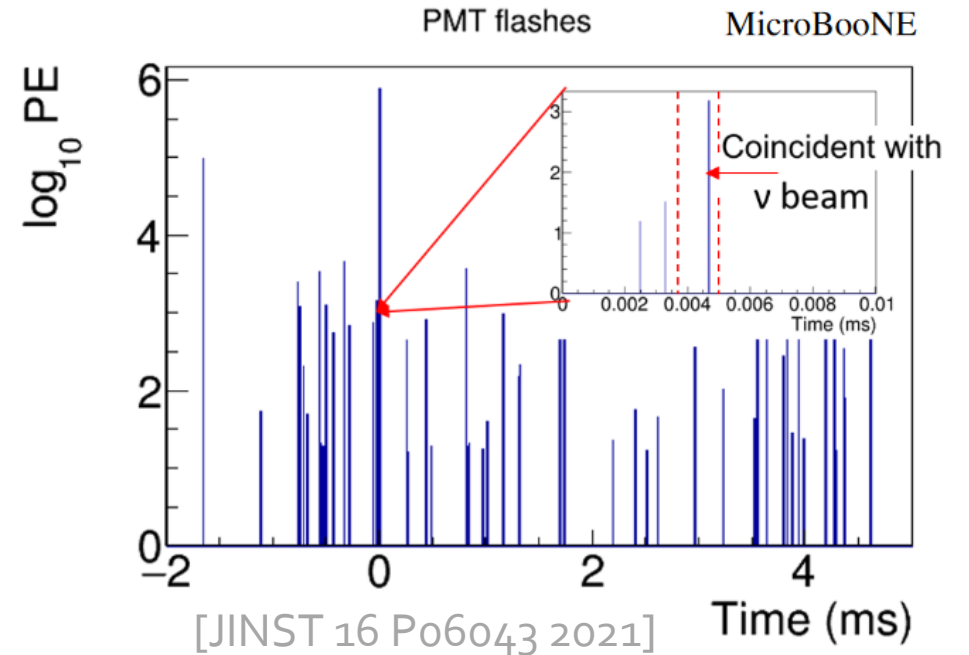


Example Wire-Cell 3D imaging

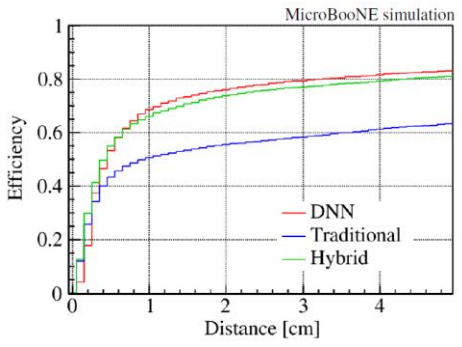
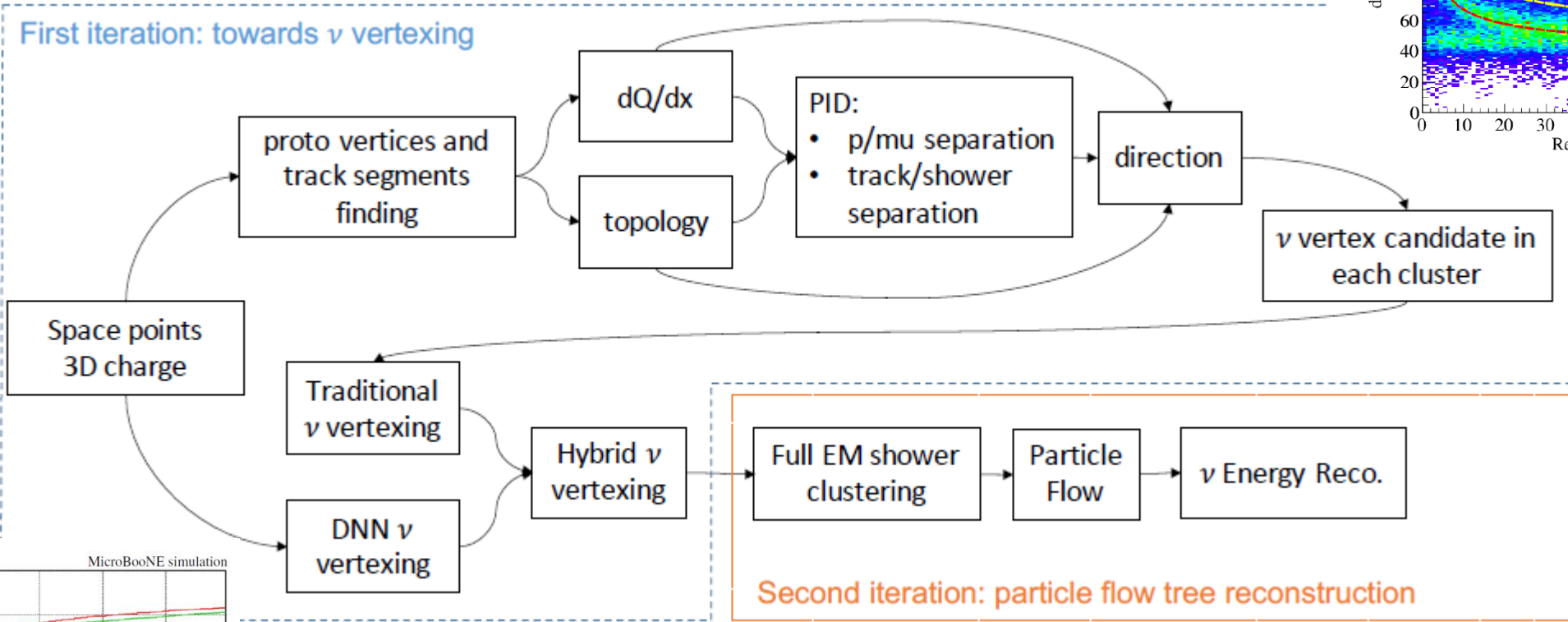
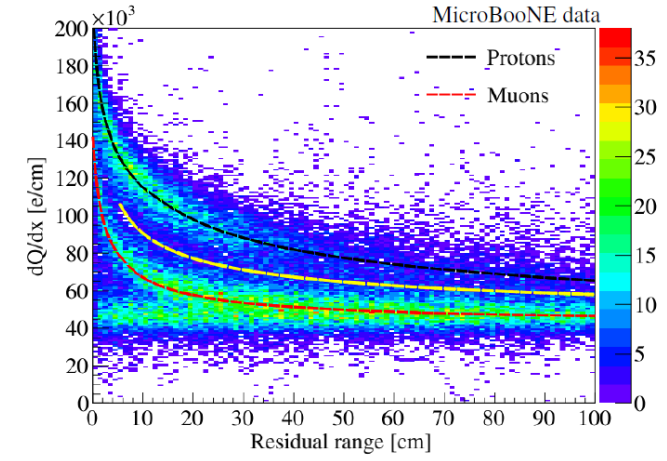


Selection of neutrino event clusters in Wire-Cell

- Space points are grouped in 3D TPC clusters
 - Not a simple grouping by proximity
 - Need to account for gap both due to non-functional channels and physically separated clusters from the same interaction (e.g., π^0 decays)
- Match TPC clusters to reconstructed light flashes & select the ones coincident with beam timing
 - 85% ν_μ CC events have completeness > 80%
 - 90% ν_e CC or NC have completeness > 70%



Neutrino event reconstruction



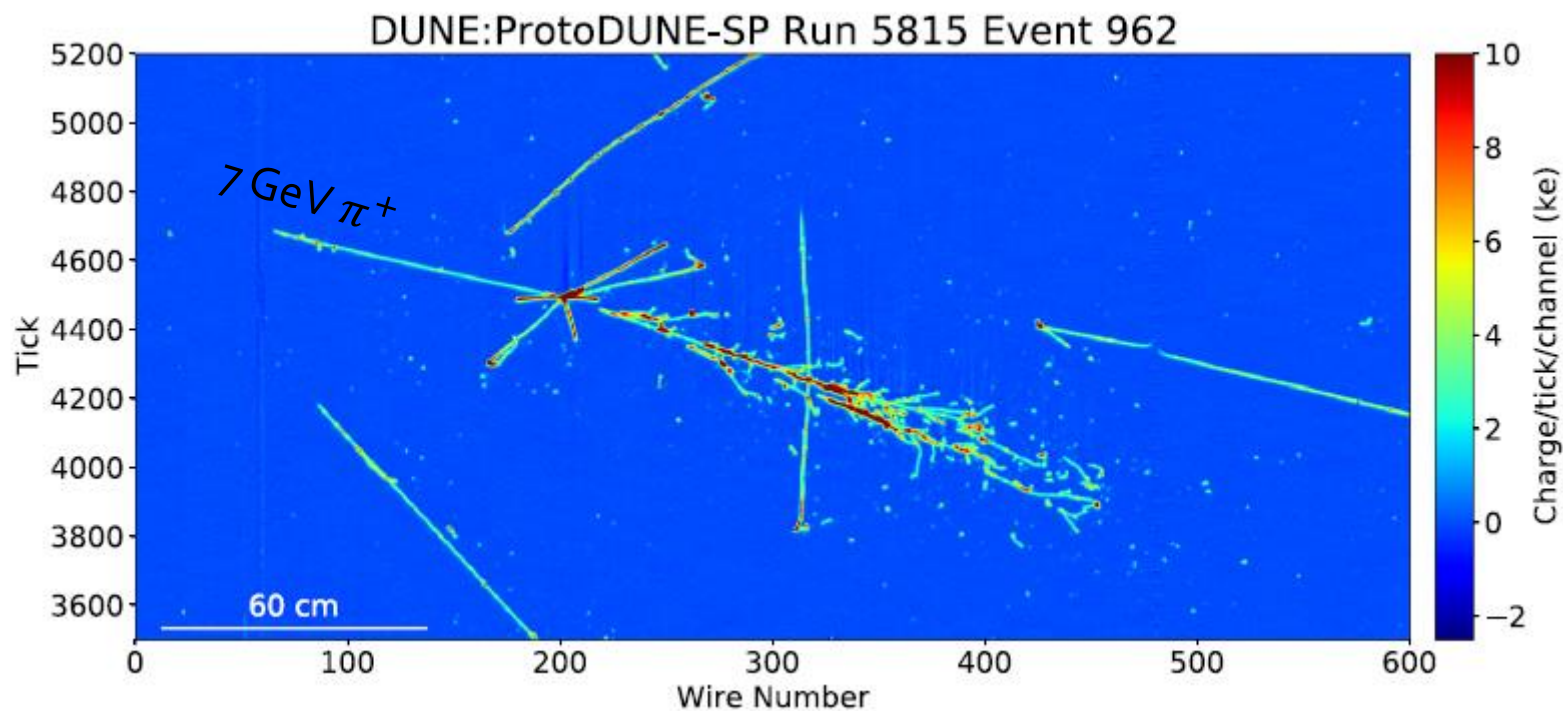
Machine Learning

LAr TPC event is a set of images in time and space

Natural to classify their features with neural networks

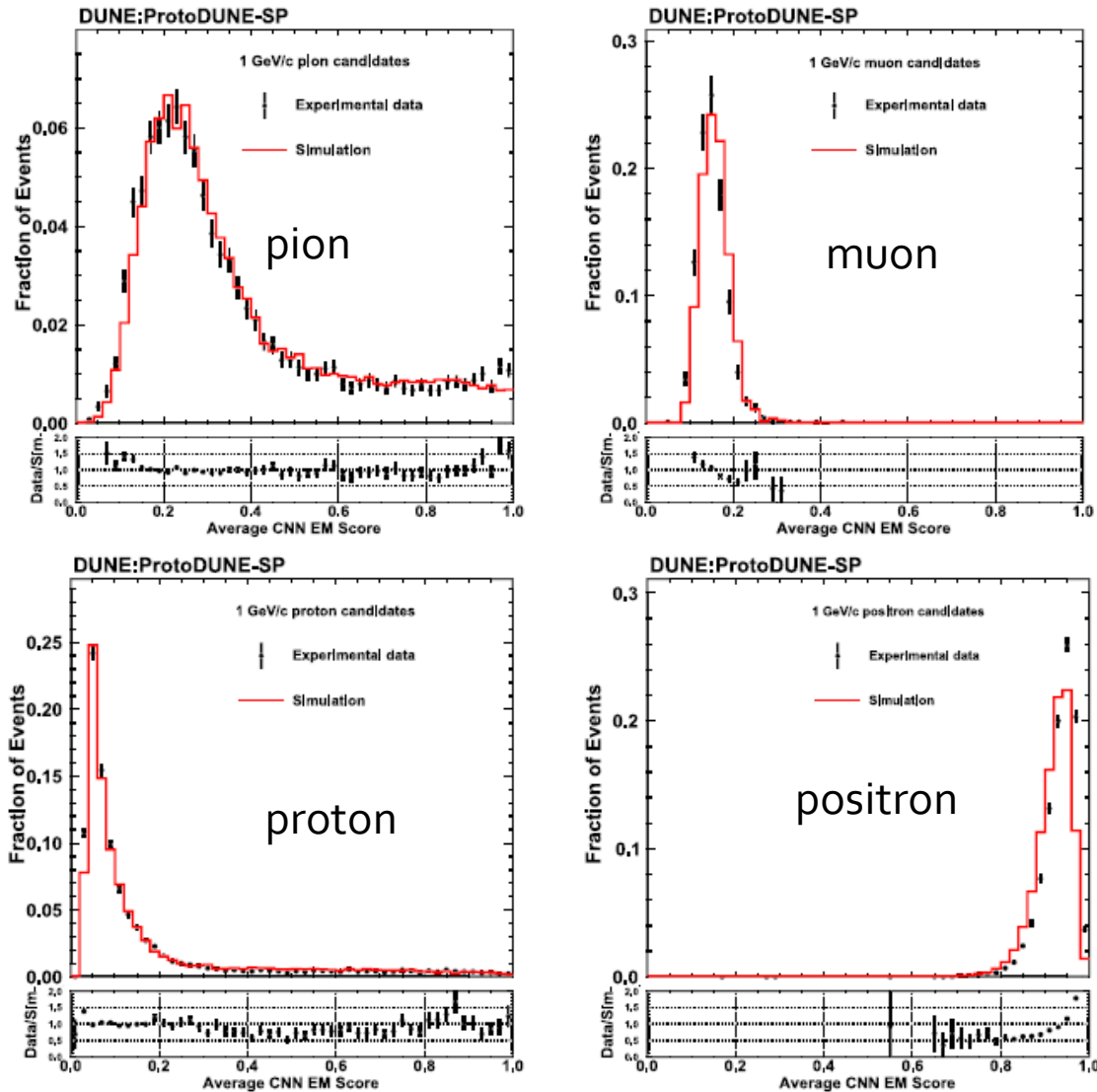
- Overall event classification based on topology : $\nu_e CC$, $\nu_\mu CC$, $NC\pi$
 - Neutrino interaction classification in DUNE [Phys. Rev. D 102, 092003]
- As part for reconstruction enhancement:
 - Interaction vertex finding (Pandora, Wire-Cell)
 - Classification of hits as belonging to shower or track-like hit collections

Example event

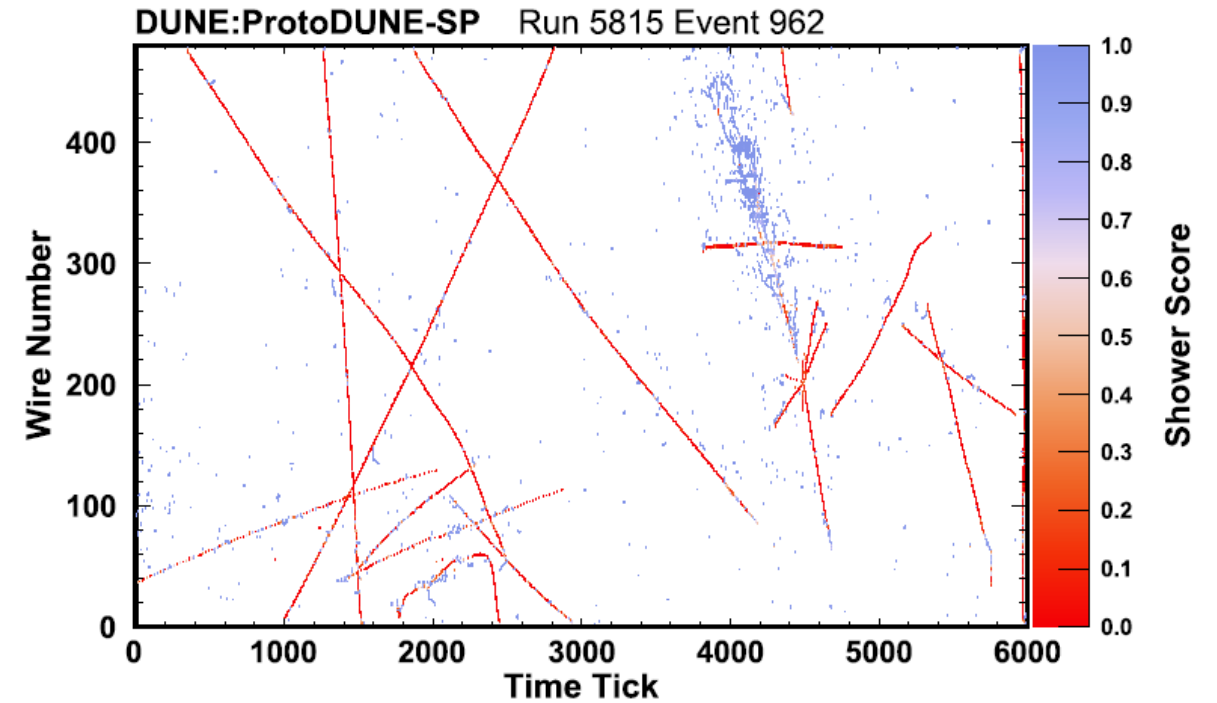


Goal is to classify each hit as either track-like or shower-like with a convolution neural network [Eur. Phys. J. C (2022) 82:903]

Classification of beam events in ProtoDUNE



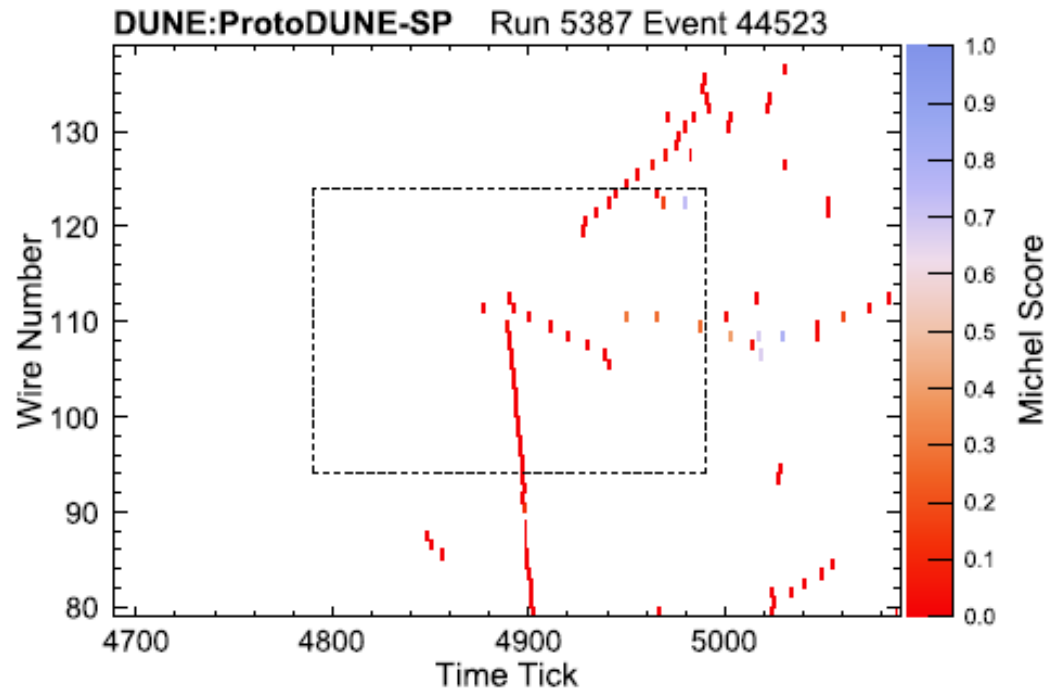
Track-like Shower-like



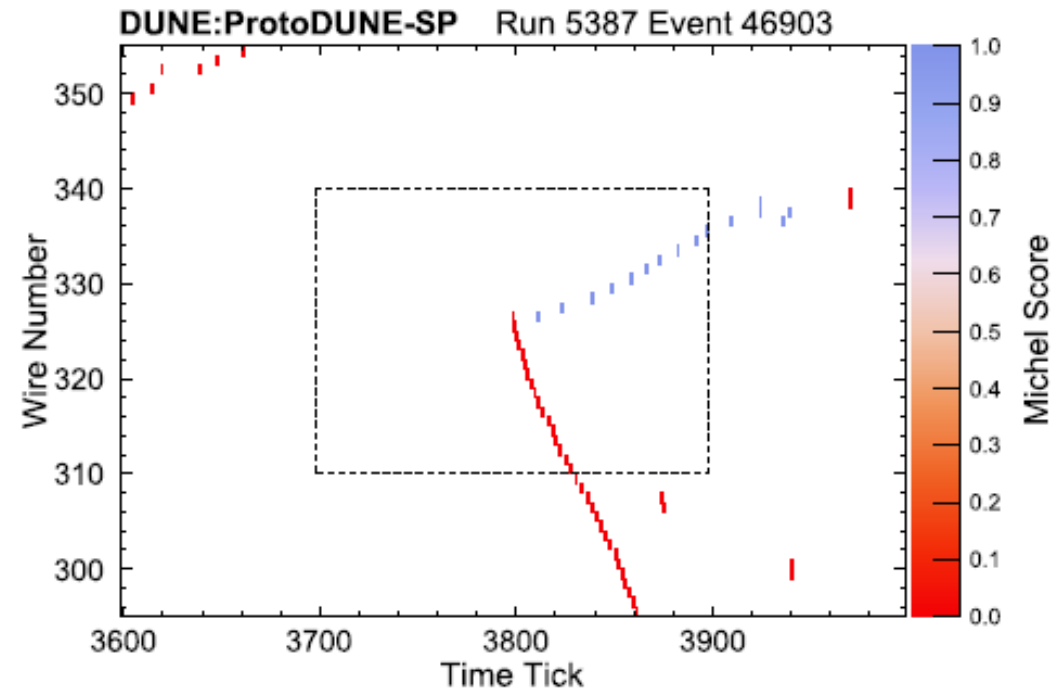
Fraction of reconstructed particles classified into appropriate class

Hit source	Class	Data fraction (%)	Simulation fraction (%)
Pion	Track	91.7 ± 0.4	92.5 ± 0.2
Muon	Track	$100^{+0.0}_{-0.1}$	$100^{+0.0}_{-0.1}$
Proton	Track	96.9 ± 0.2	97.1 ± 0.1
Positron	Shower	98.8 ± 0.1	97.9 ± 0.1

Michel electron classification



(a) A pion candidate



(b) A muon candidate

Hit source	Class	Data fraction (%)	Simulation fraction (%)
Pion daughters	Non-Michel-like	90.4 ± 0.4	92.2 ± 0.2
Muon daughters	Michel-like	73.2 ± 1.3	72.6 ± 1.3

Conclusions

- Remarkable progress in automated reconstruction of events in LAr TPC have been made over the years
- For on-surface detectors the reconstruction tools handle complicated events containing beam interactions in large sea of cosmic ray background
- Incorporation of machine learning techniques is a rapidly developing field
- Currently mostly classification based on the topological information contained in “images”
- Efforts to go beyond classification get the full breakdown of the event with vertex position, PIDs, and energy / momenta of the final state particles ...

Extras

Recombination parametrization: Birks form

- Birks form (ICARUS, [NIMA 523 \(2004\) 275](#)):

$$R = \frac{A}{1 + k/\epsilon \times dE/dx}$$

ϵ – electric field x LAr density, dE/dx expected energy loss and A, k are constants

- The fitted values (muons) of A and k parameters (NIMA 523) :

$$k = 0.0486 \text{ (kV/cm)(g/MeV cm}^2\text{)}$$

$$A = 0.800$$

Recombination parametrization: modified Box model

- ArgoNeuT [[JINST 8 P08005 \(2013\)](#)]:

$$R = \frac{\ln(A + \xi)}{\xi}$$
$$\xi = B/\varepsilon \times dE/dx$$

The fit parameters A & B; ε – electric field x density

- The fitted parameters (stopping protons) in the paper:

$$B = 0.212 \text{ (kV/cm)(g/MeV cm}^2\text{)}$$

$$A = 0.930$$

A = 1 in canonical Box model in [[Phys. Rev. A 36 \(1987\) 614](#)] (hence “modified”)

From dQ/dx to dE/dx

$$\frac{dQ}{dx} = \frac{1}{W_{ion}} R \left(\frac{dE}{dx}, \varepsilon \right) \frac{dE}{dx}$$

- To obtain dE/dx from dQ/dx need to invert recombination model

$W_{ion} = 23.6 \times 10^{-6}$ MeV/electron (the work function of argon)

Birks:
$$dE/dx = \frac{dQ/dx}{A_B/W_{ion} - k_B \cdot (dQ/dx)/\mathcal{E}}.$$
 ε – electric field x LAr density

Box:
$$dE/dx = (\exp(\beta W_{ion} \cdot (dQ/dx)) - \alpha) / \beta.$$

$\alpha = A$
 $\beta = B/\varepsilon$