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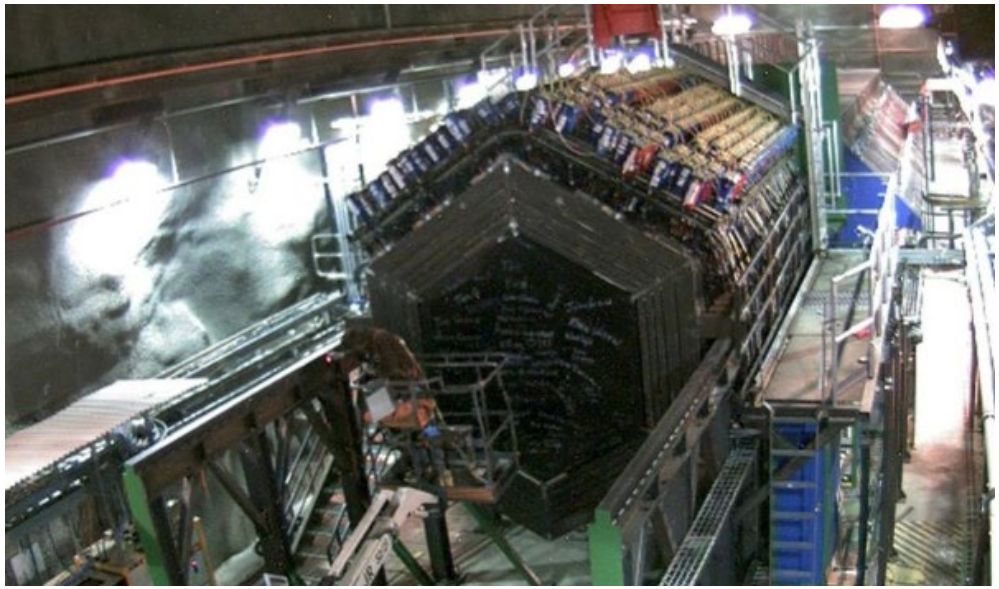

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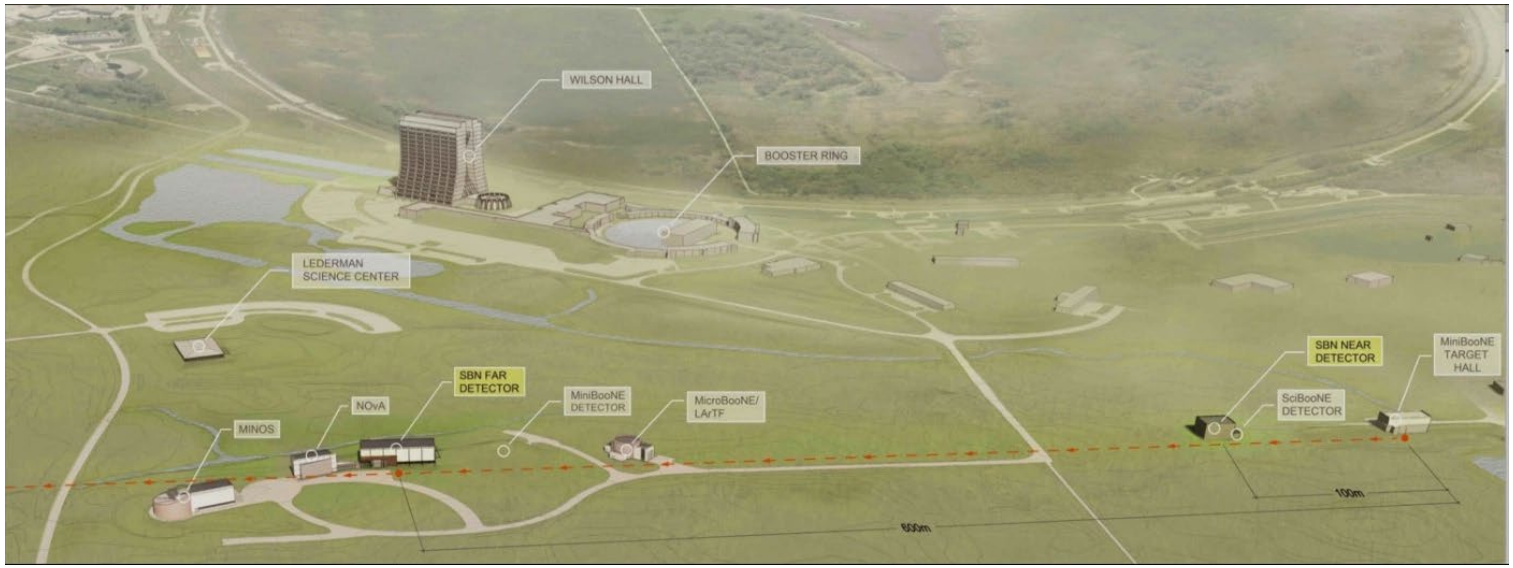
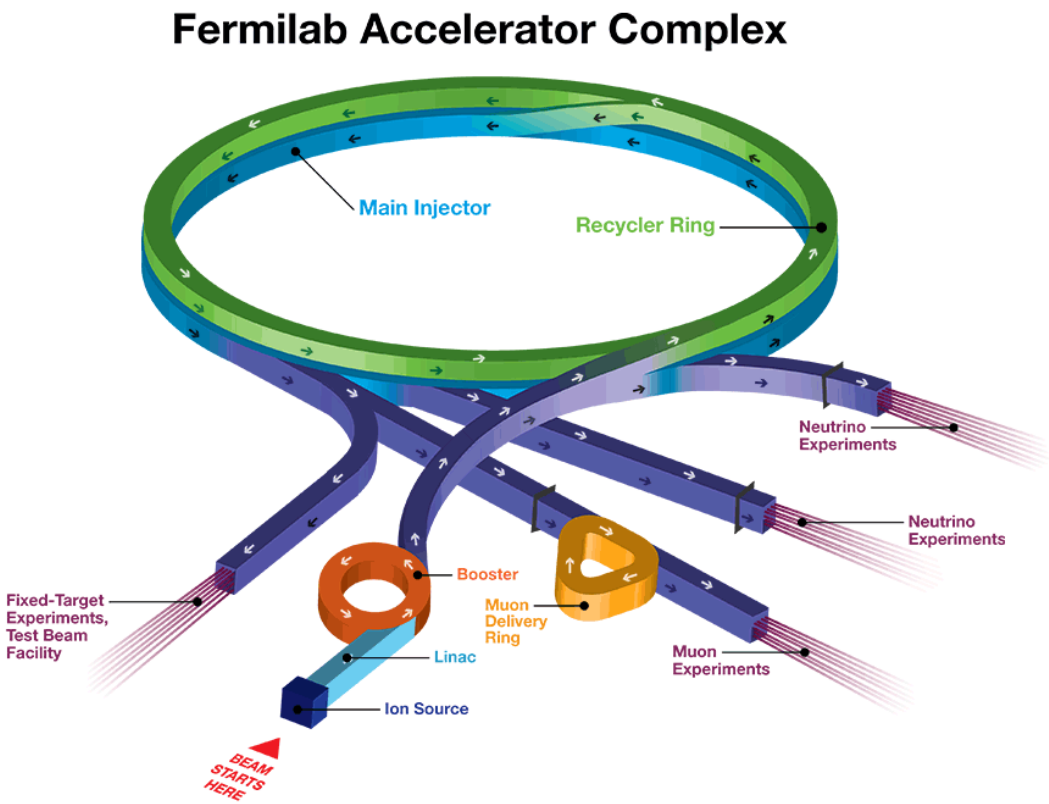


The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Femilab) is the place to be to study neutrinos. The short- and long-baseline programs investigate all sorts of neutrino behaviors and shed light on the nature of the universe.

Fermilab

The Fermilab Main Injector sends protons to a targets for different purposes. Some are sent to create neutrino beams.



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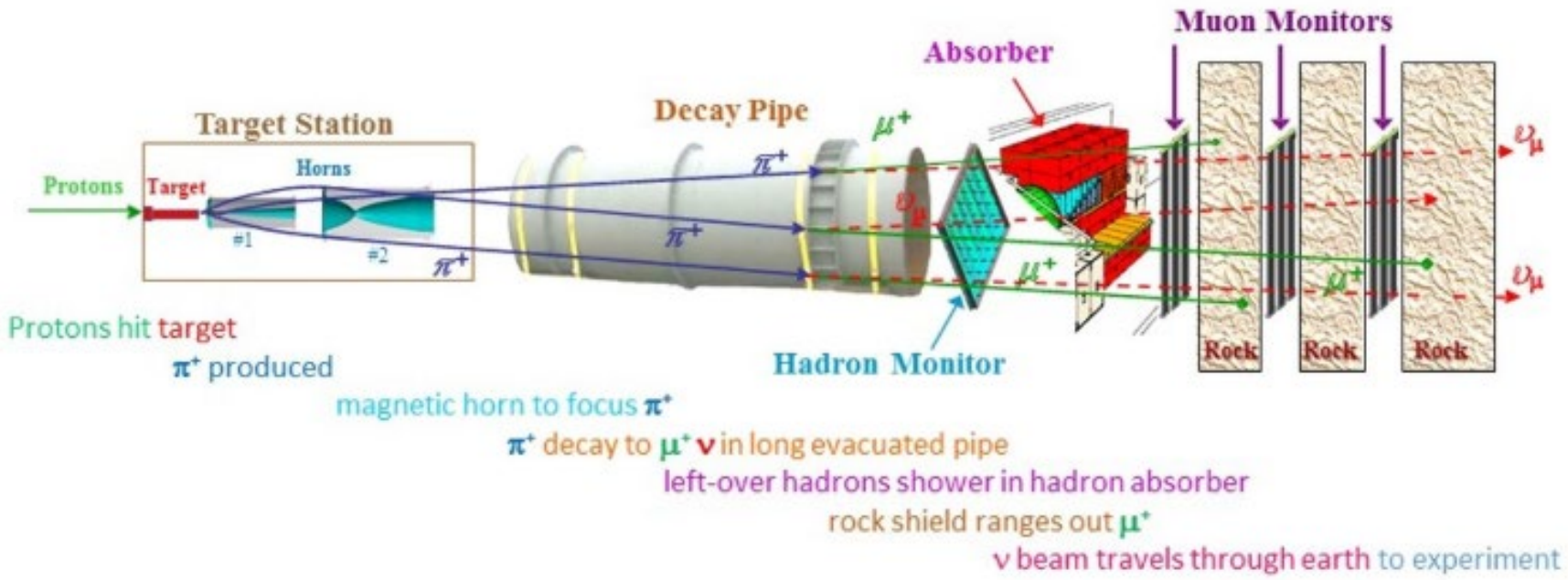
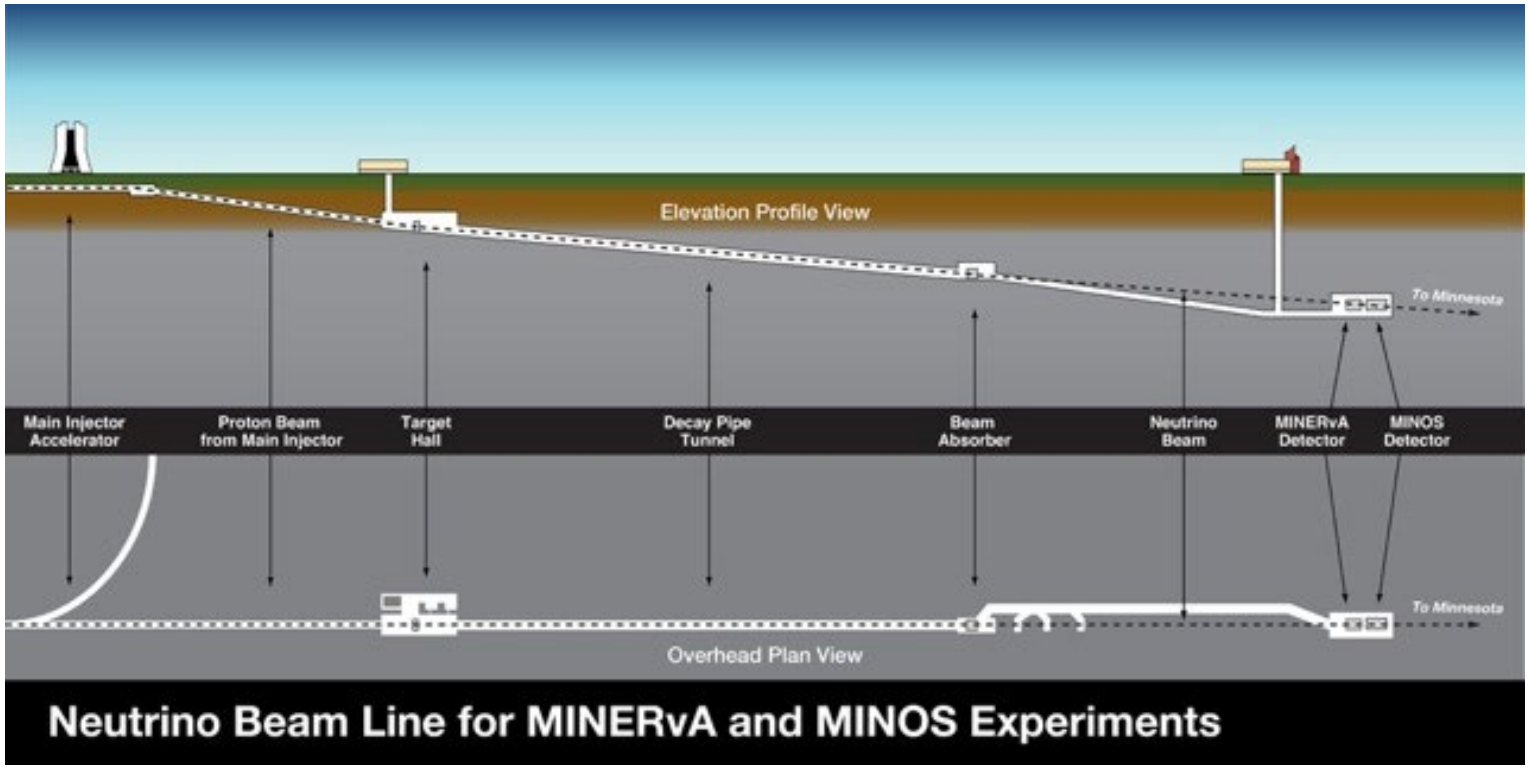


protons → target → pions → muons + neutrinos → neutrino beam

MINOS and MINERvA



Neutrinos for MINOS were measured once at Fermilab and again in a lab in Minnesota; that experiment is ended. MINERvA continues.

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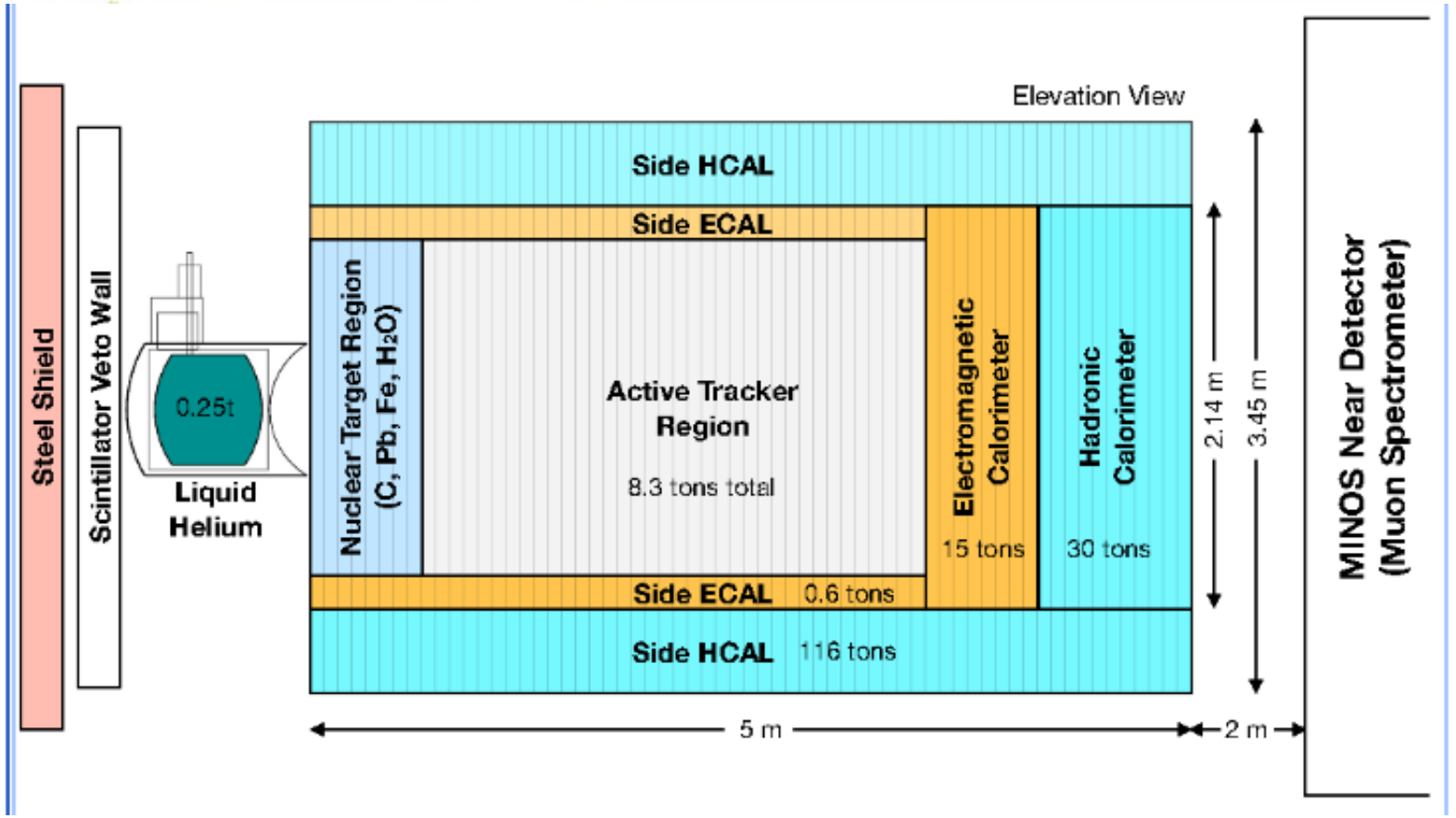
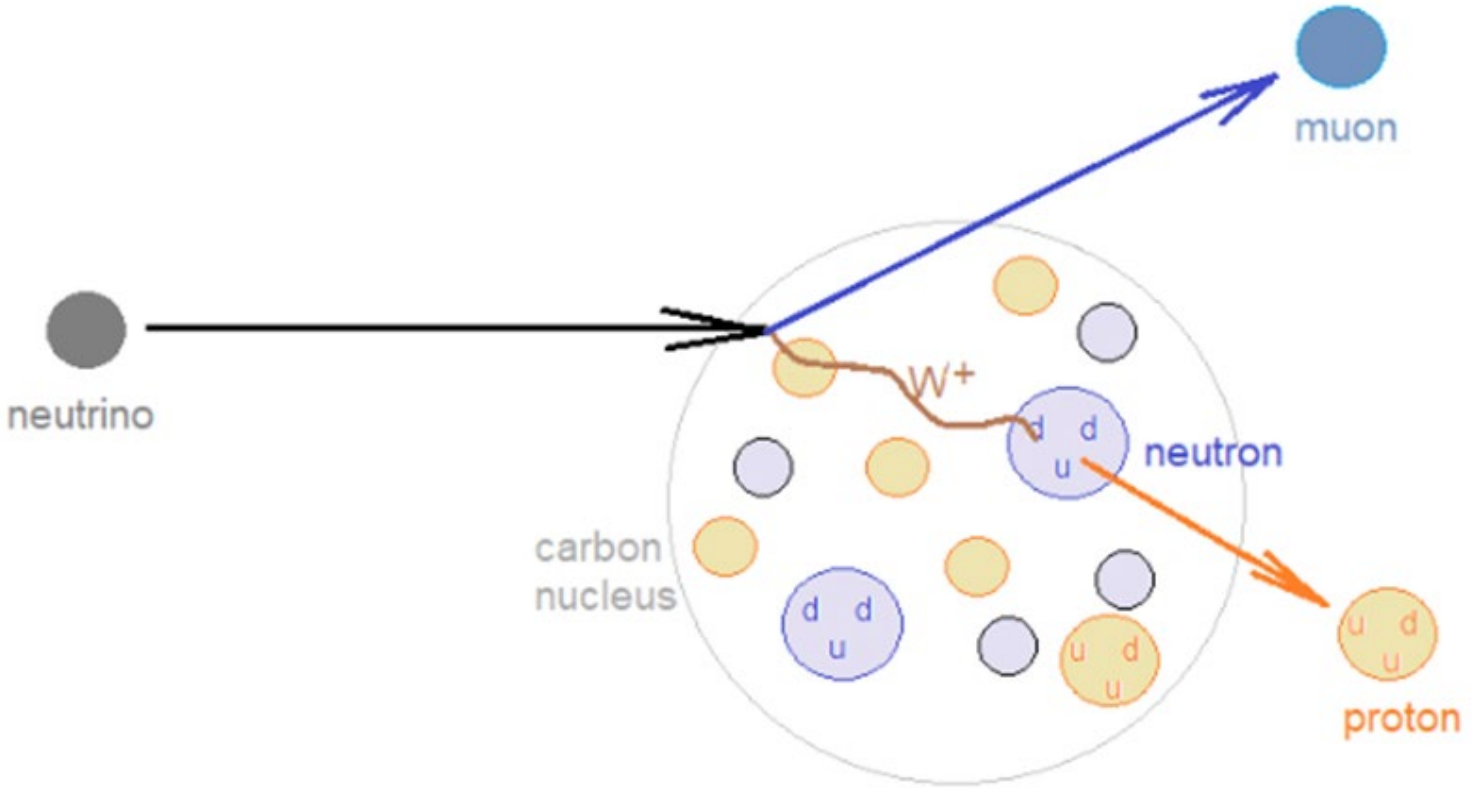
MINERvA



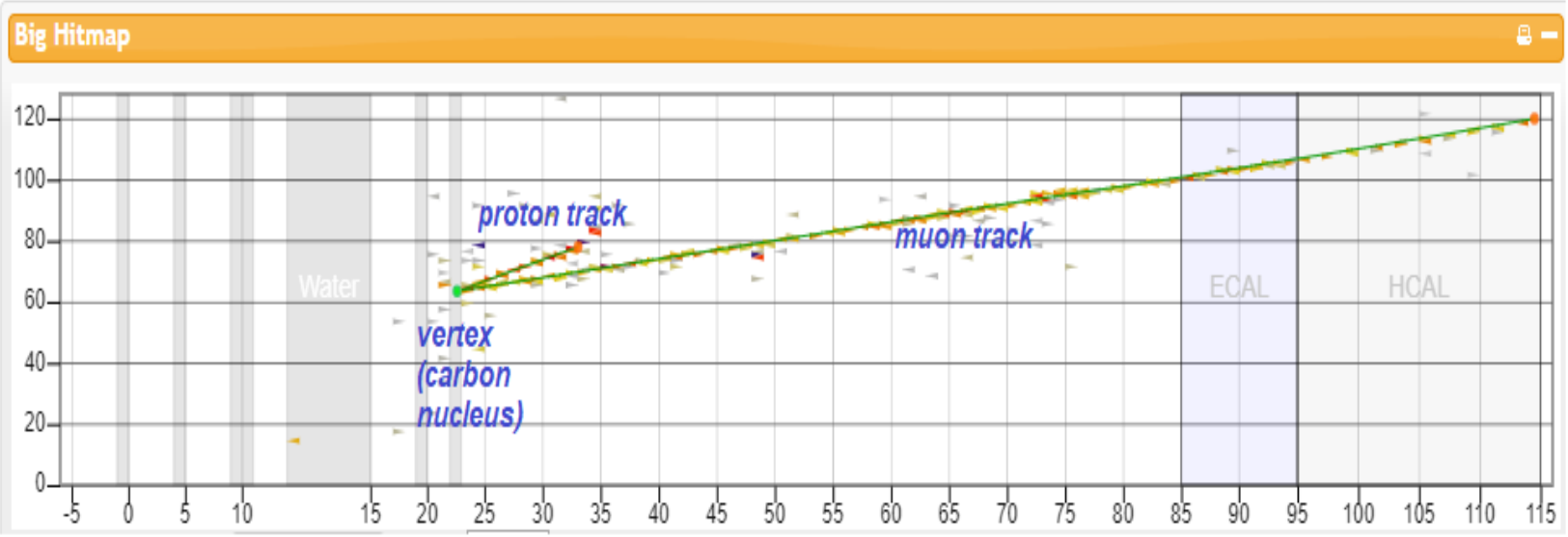
Muon neutrinos hit the carbon target. MINERvA measures the products of the interaction.

The Interaction



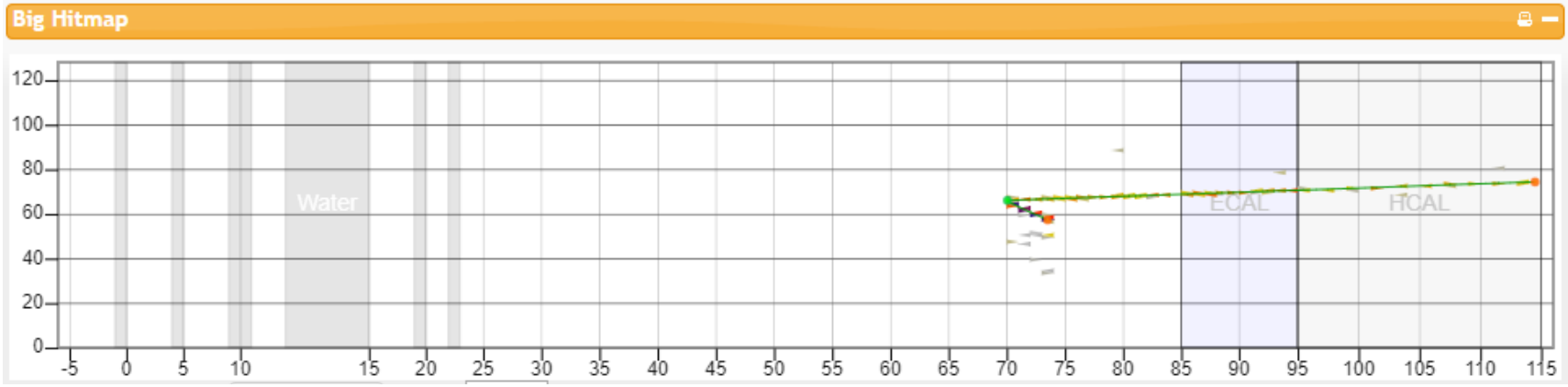
A muon neutrino interacts with a carbon nucleus. A muon and a proton are ejected from the nucleus carrying the neutrino momentum.

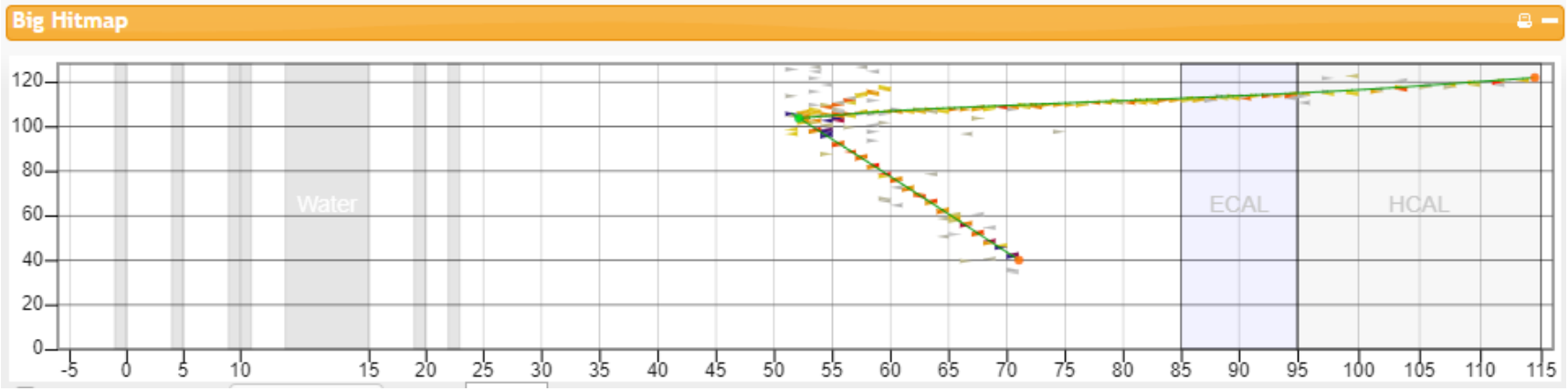
Measurement



This is what MINERvA “sees”. The neutrino comes from the left, undetected. It strikes a neutron in a carbon nucleus and transforms into a muon. The neutron transforms into a proton. MINERvA can measure the momentum of each.

Signal vs. Background





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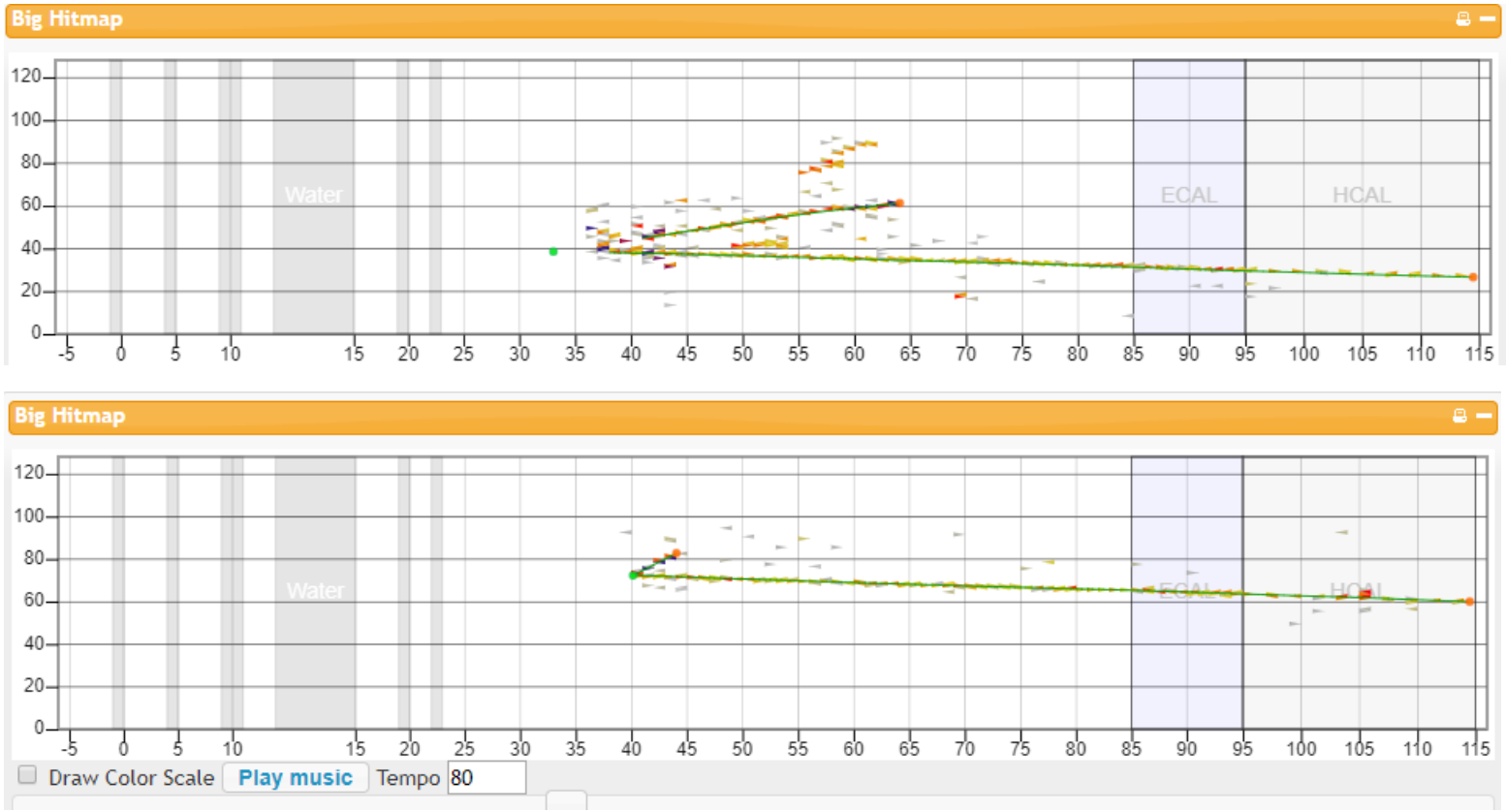

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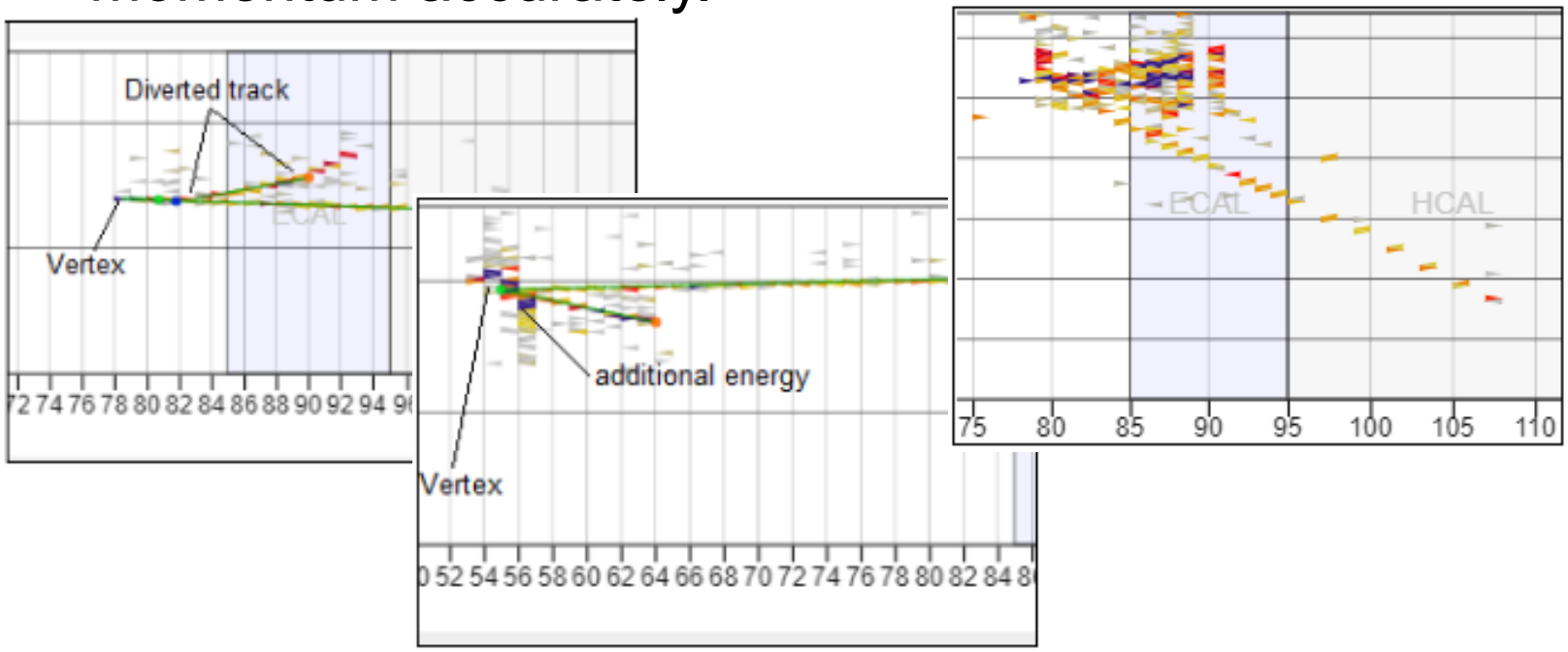
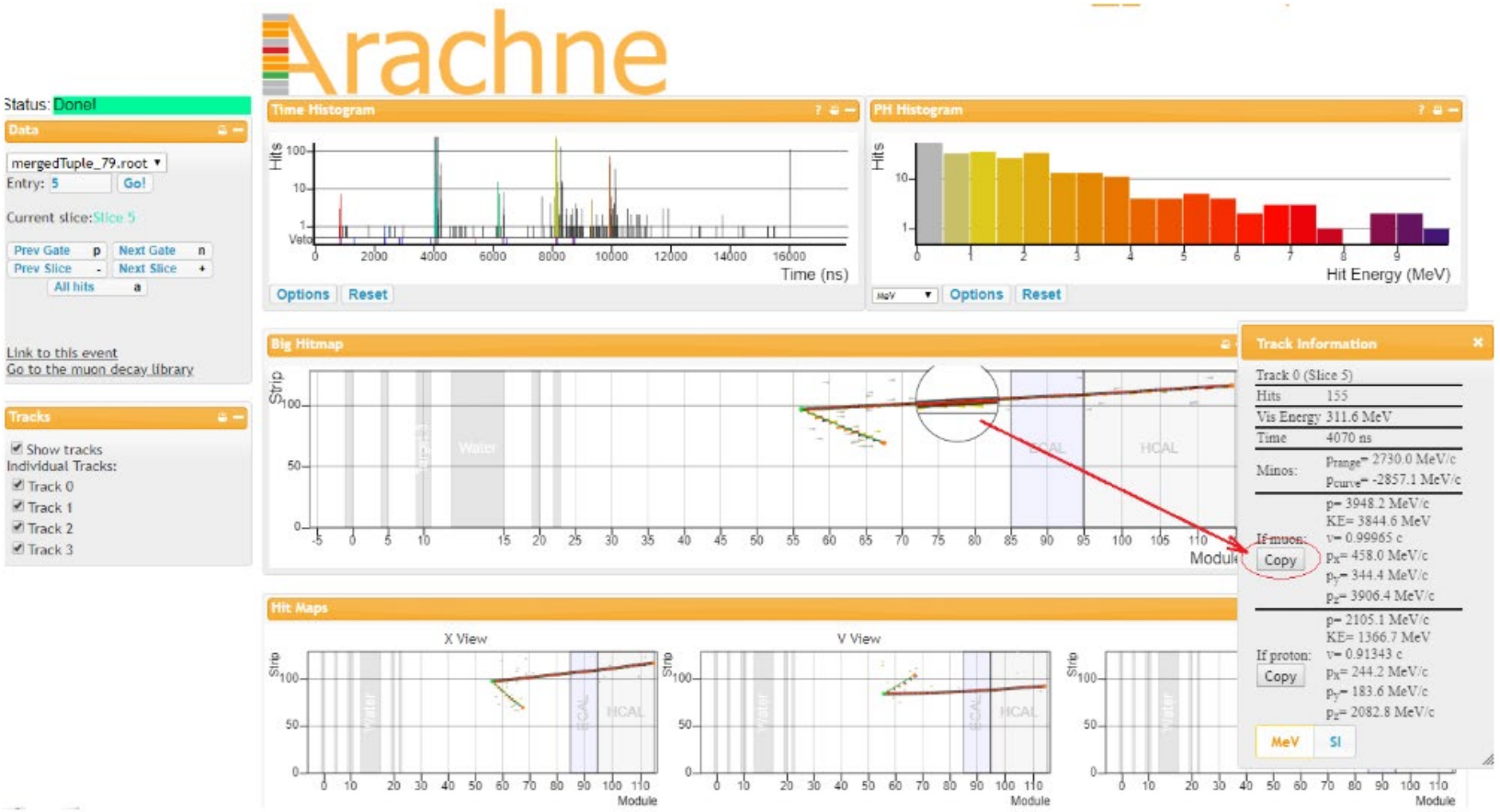
Signal vs. Background

Background events:

- Do not fit signal paradigm of one short proton track, one long muon track, or
- Confound the ability of MINERvA to measure momentum accurately.



Measure signal in Arachne



Transfer to spreadsheet

	merged		Background	Zoo	Muon					Proton					Net
	Tuple	Entry	(enter a 1)	(enter a 1)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	px (Me
154	78	38			2,468.00	0.99917	127.87	-451.51	2,527.66	250.63	0.61	282.26	73.04	669.32	
155	78	39			4,180.98	0.9997	-290.25	322.75	4,262.65	4,180.98	1	-290.25	322.75	4,262.65	
156	78	40			2,783.10	0.99934	-181.33	-468.2	2,842.18	299.54	0.65	40.96	609.33	527.92	
157	78	41													
158	78	42			3,467.68	0.99957	311.9	-624.25	3,502.30	1,219.51	0.9	169.69	-339.63	1,905.48	
159	78	43			6,862.50	0.99989	579.99	-95.45	6,941.86	330.54	0.67	-61.04	308.27	794.1	
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164	78	48			5,784.31	0.99984	370.25	-586.18	5,847.42	169.58	0.53	-246.29	271.65	460.9	
165	78	49			3,074.27	0.99945	-228.59	-303.83	3,154.71	1,432.36	0.92	-156.6	-208.15	2,161.23	
166	78	50			5,756.19	0.99984	326.56	-411.38	5,836.67	5,784.31	1	370.25	-586.18	5,847.42	
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171	79	0													
172	79	1			125.64	0.89036	111.97	-12.75	171.66	260.46	0.62	406.75	-46.31	623.59	
173	79	2													
174	79	3			2,745.79	0.99932	-396.07	-157.98	2,816.76	1,493.81	0.92	-311.93	-124.42	2,218.35	
175	79	4			235.04	0.60049	337.93	-438.13	435.93	235.04	0.6	337.93	-438.13	435.93	
176	79	5			3,844.64	0.999646564	457.9591639	344.430018	3,906.44						
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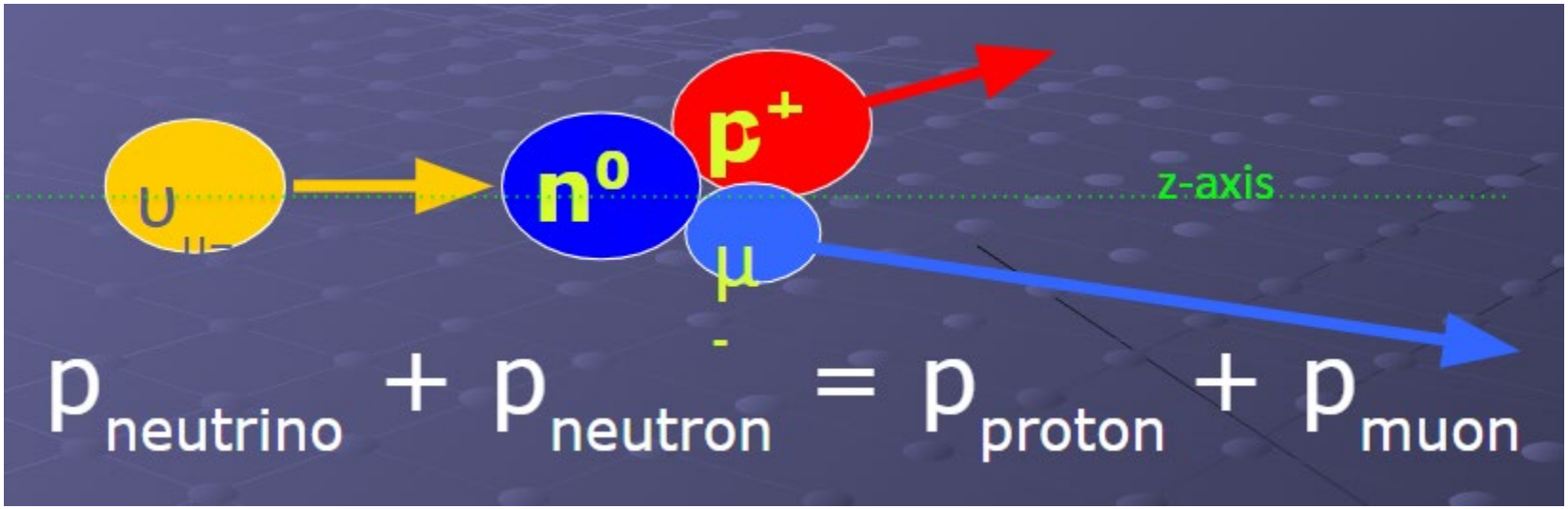
What do we know?

Conservation of momentum:

- Initial momentum p_ν all in z (beam) direction
- Final momentum $p_z = p_{zp} + p_{z\mu}$, $p_x = p_{xp} + p_{x\mu}$, and $p_y = p_{yp} + p_{y\mu}$
- If we measure final p_x , p_y , and p_z what do we get? Why? What does it imply?
- *That is what we are investigating!*



Keep in Mind . . .

"Science is nothing but developed perception, interpreted intent, common sense rounded out and minutely articulated." *George Santayana*

- Indirect observations and imaginative, critical, logical thinking can lead to reliable and valid inferences.

- Therefore: work together, think (sometimes outside the box), and be critical of each other's results to figure out what is happening.

Let's Analyze Events!

Make teams of two.

Practice.

Talk with physicists.

Find good $\nu^0 \rightarrow p^+ + \mu^-$ candidates.

Which events go to the spreadsheet?

Let's plot final p_x, p_y, and p_z.

Let's see what they mean!

Report! Rapport! Rejoice! Relax!