

Atmospheric Neutrino Problem

Group 13

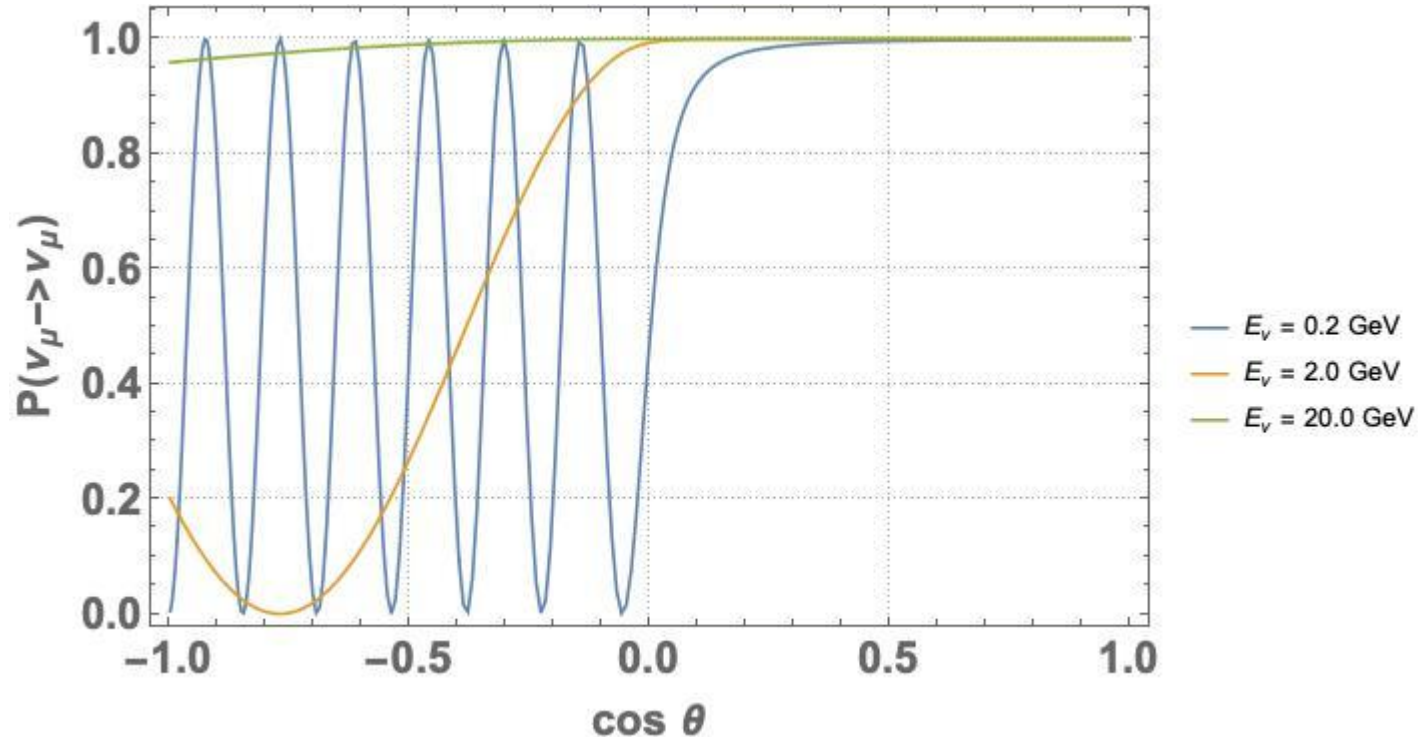
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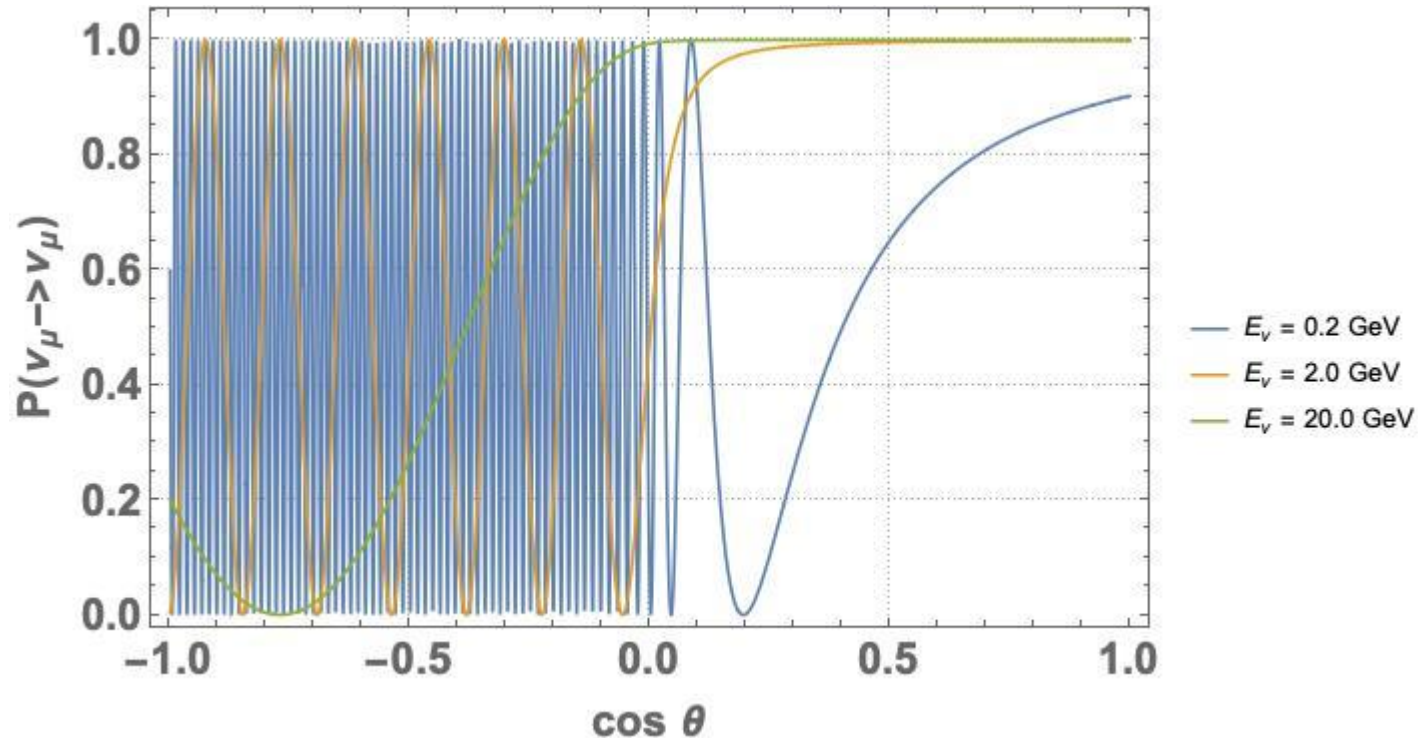
The Problem :

- We read “Super-Kamiokande Atmospheric Neutrino Results” by T. Toshito, hep-ex/0105023
- Part - 1: Numerically calculate and draw histograms of the average muon neutrino survival probability in ten equal-size bins of $\cos \theta$ where θ is the angle between the neutrino direction and the vertical-axis at the detector's location. The energies to be considered are 0.2 GeV, 2.0 GeV and, 20.0 GeV
- Part- 2: Compare, Verify and analyze!!
- Part- 3: Obtain an order of magnitude estimate of the electron neutrino flux for sub-GeV like events.

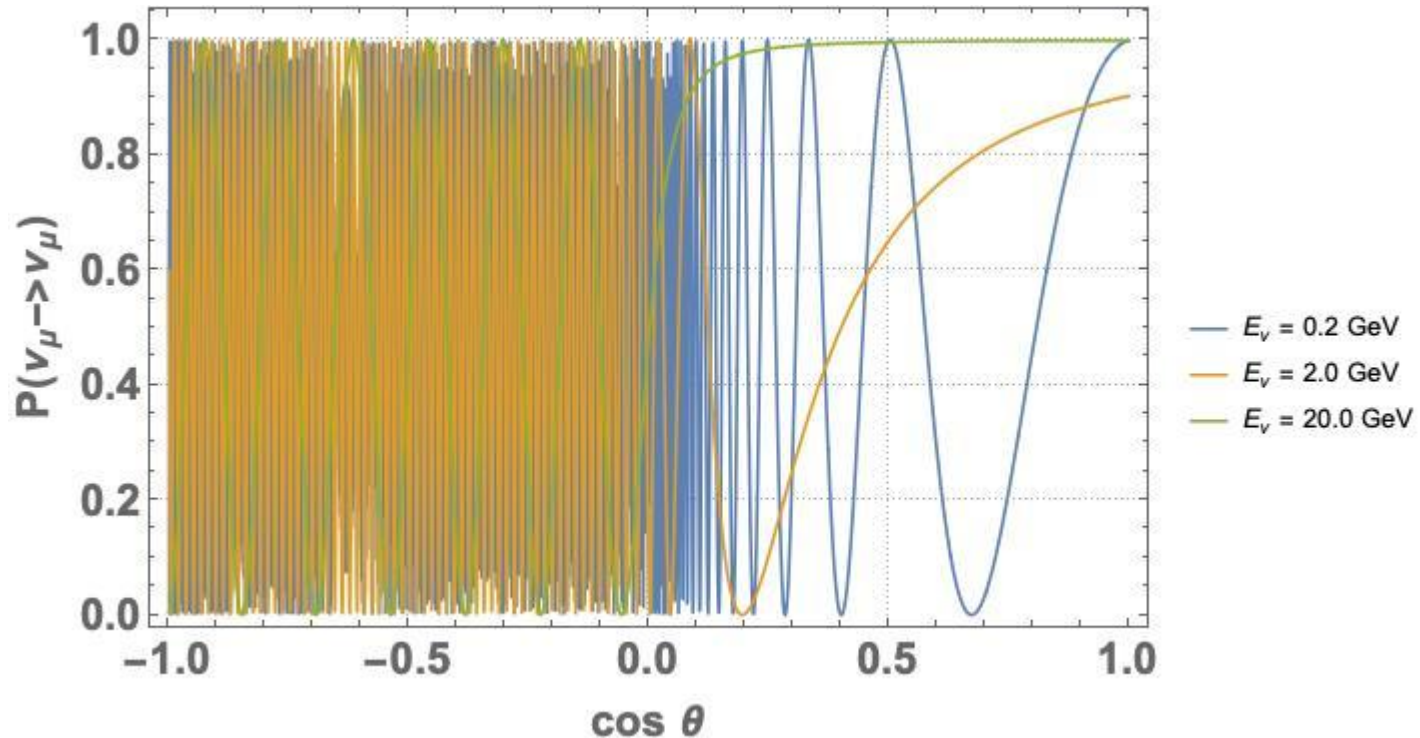
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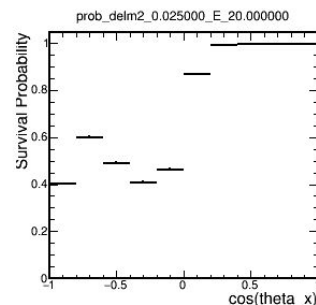
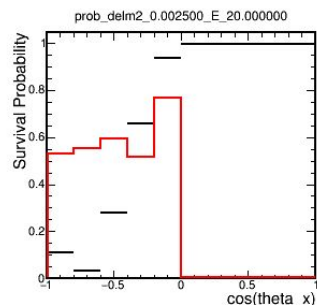
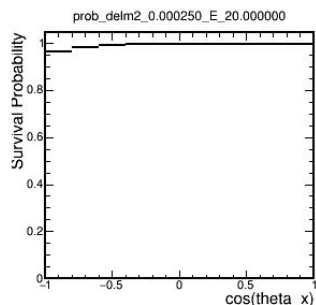
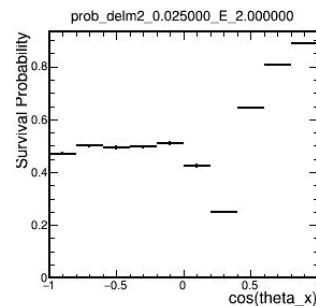
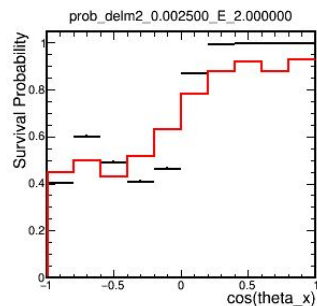
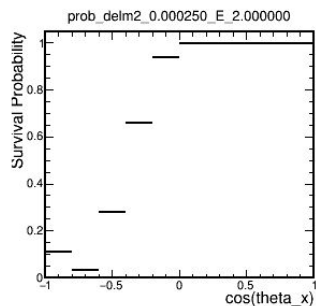
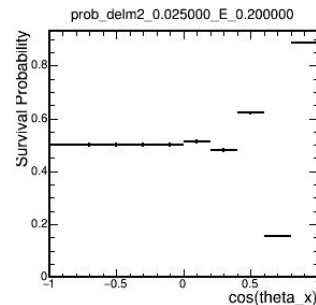
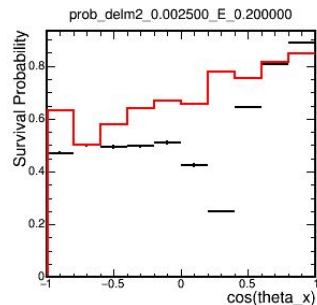
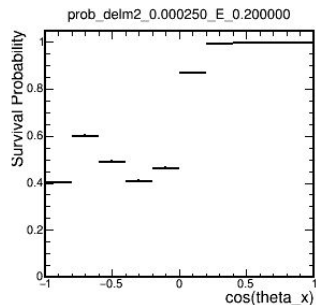
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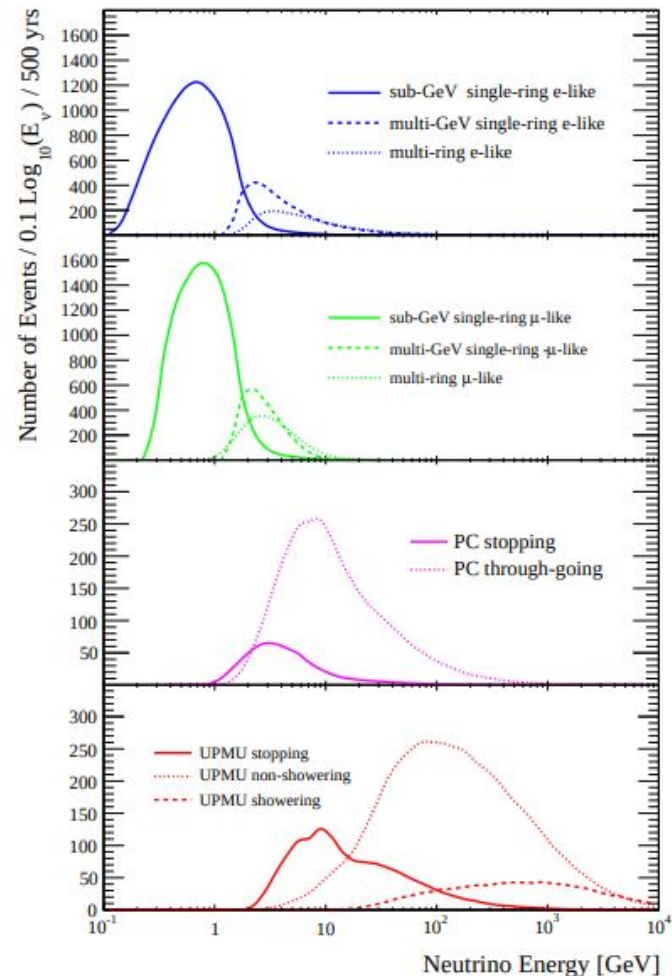
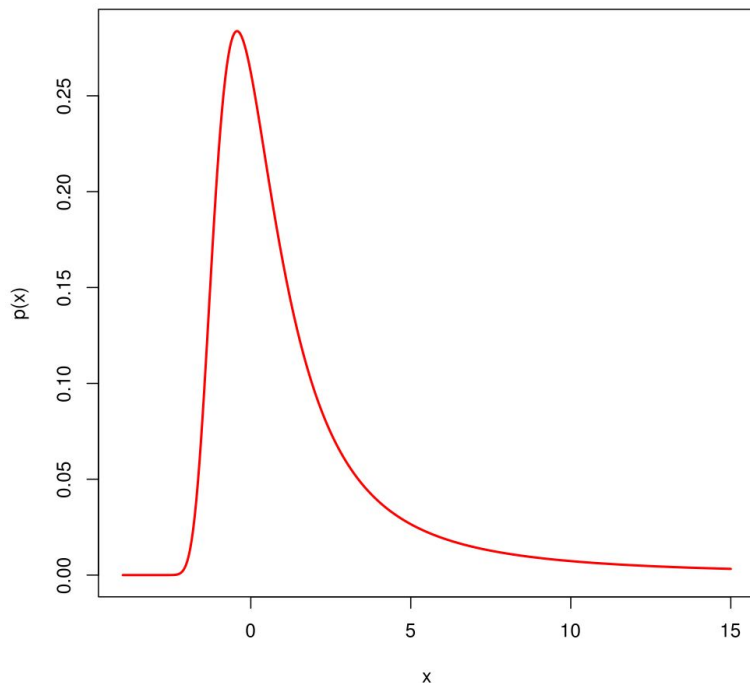
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with uniform
energies

...Agreement
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Probability from Data
Our Calculation

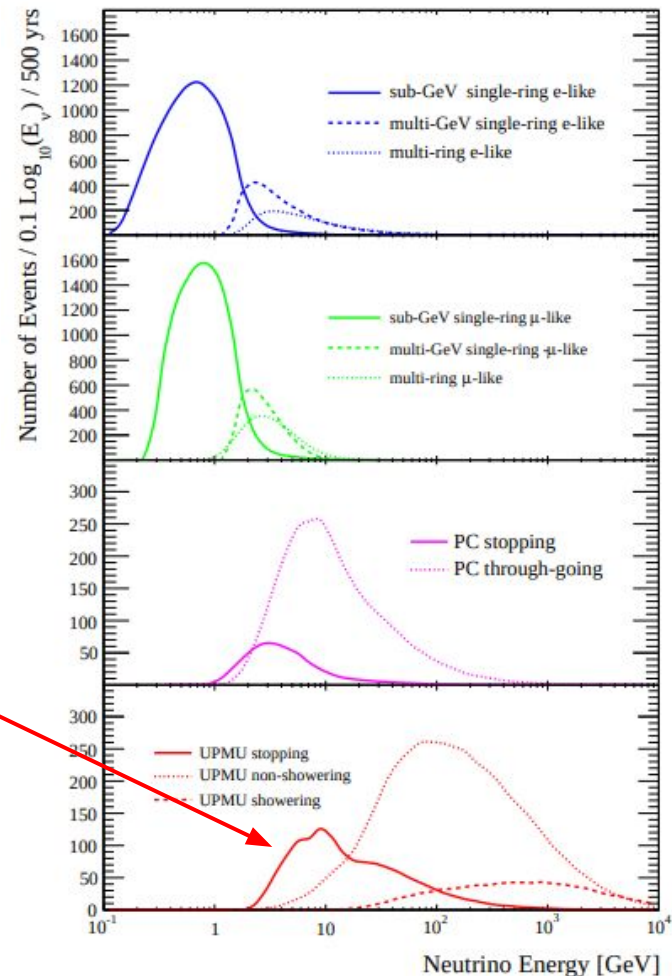
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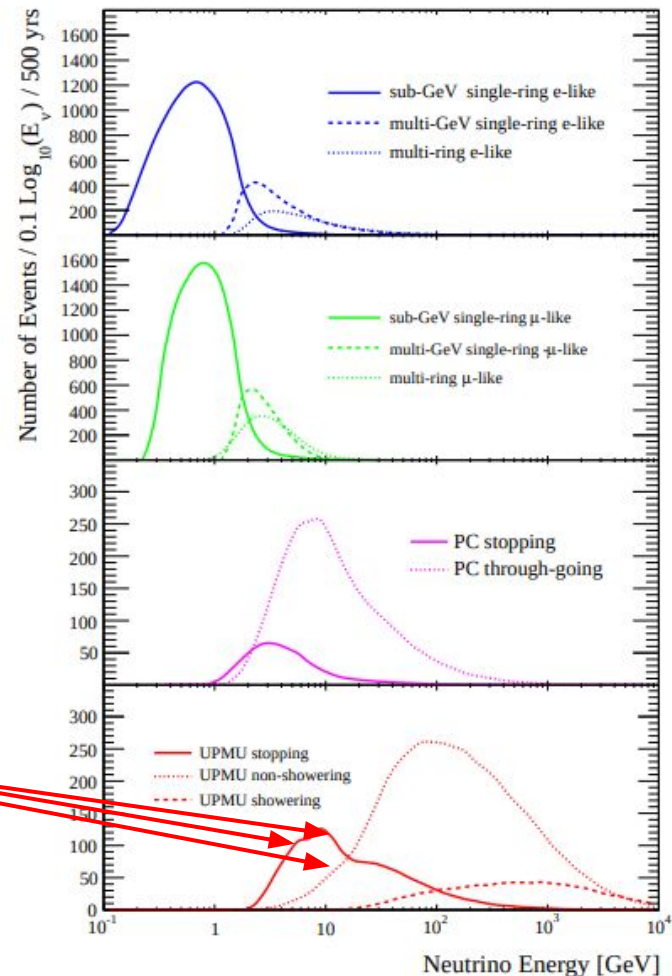


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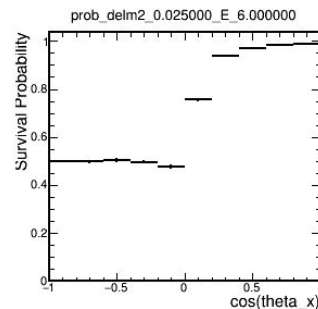
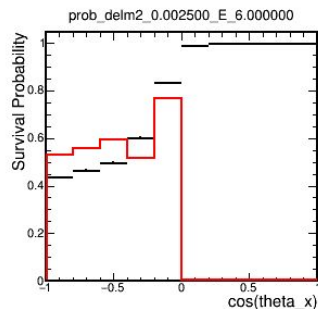
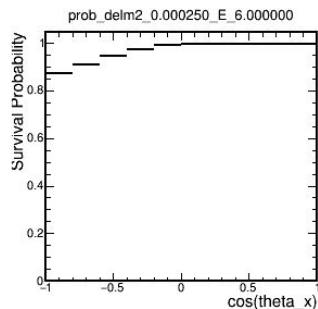
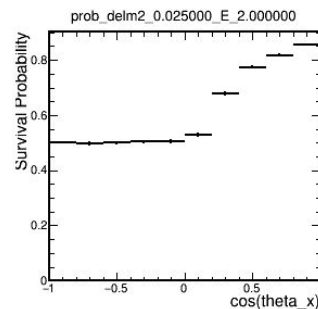
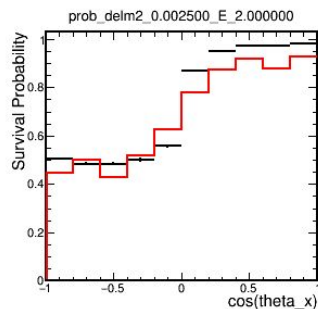
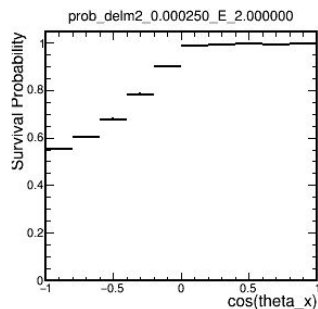
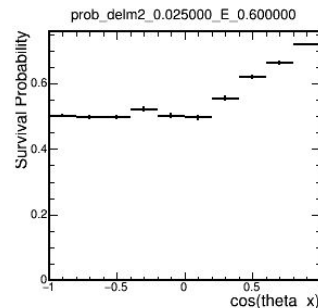
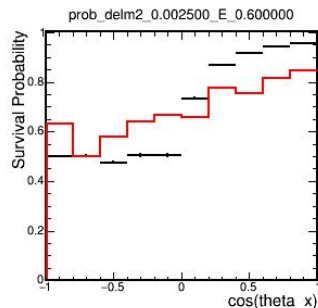
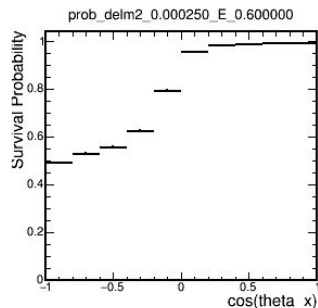
→ But if we take multiple Landaus...



$$E_\nu \rightarrow \Delta m^2$$

Much better agreement!

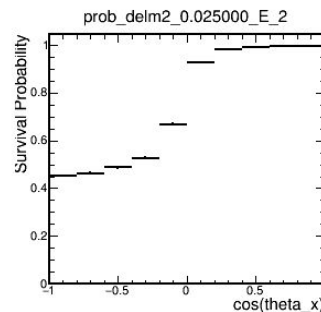
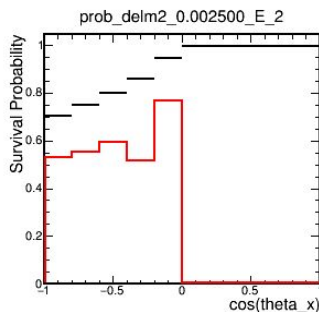
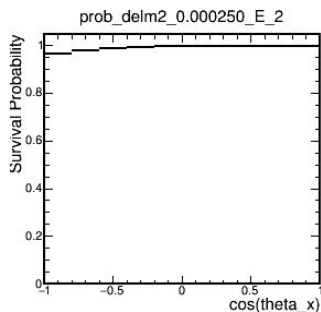
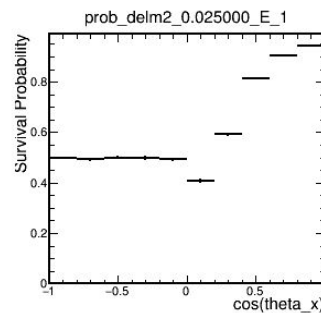
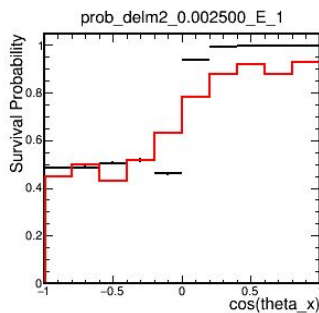
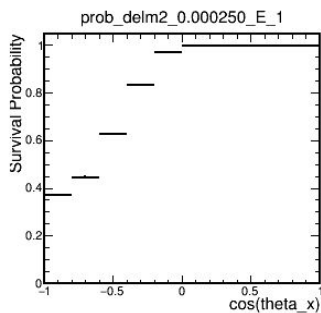
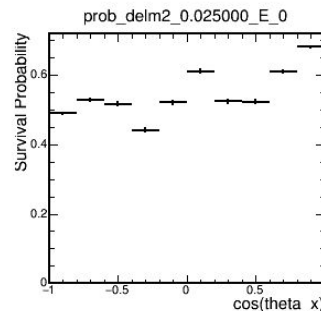
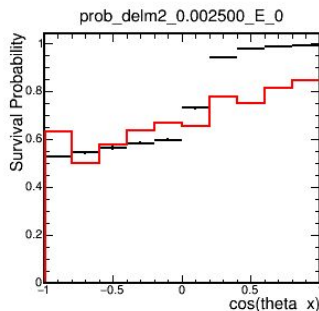
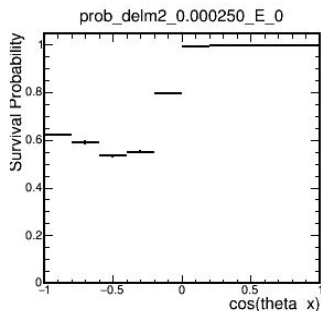
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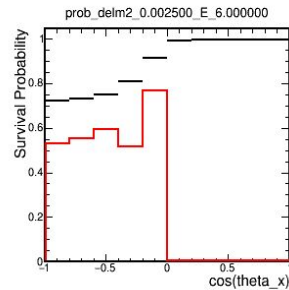
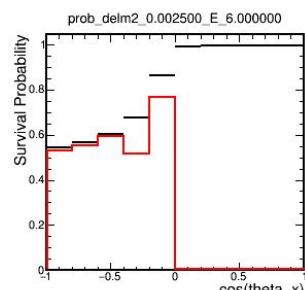
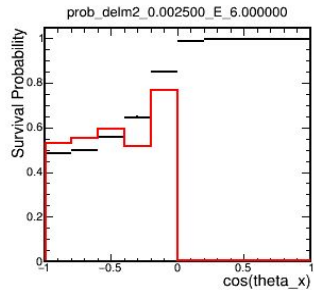
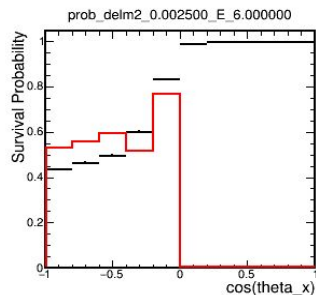
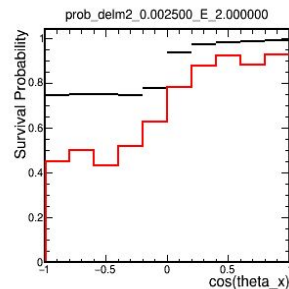
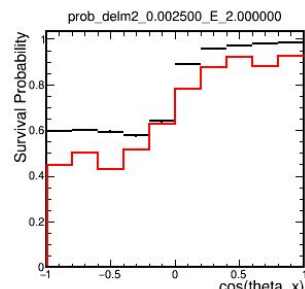
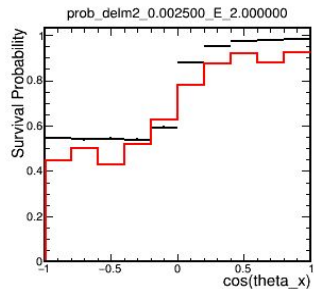
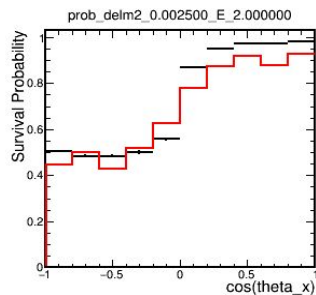
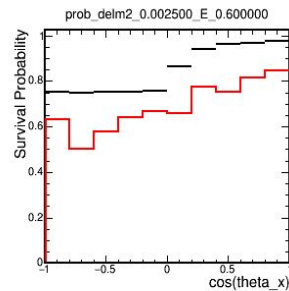
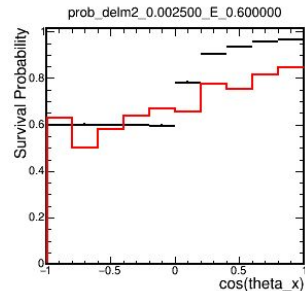
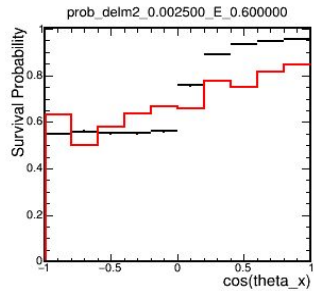
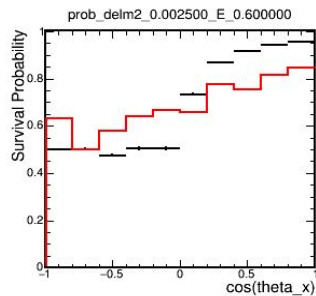
Probability from Data
Our Calculation

$$E_\nu \rightarrow \Delta m^2$$

Or if we use the actual energy distributions, we get these results, which by eye actually look worse



Probability from Data
Our Calculation



$$\sin^2(2\theta) = 1$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.9$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.8$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.5$$

Calculation for approximate sub-GeV electron like events

$$N = \Phi \times N_{tgt} \times T \times \sigma$$

N = Number of events

ϕ = Flux of the neutrinos

N_{tgt} = Number of targets

T = Running time

σ = Cross-section for detecting neutrinos at this energy

Number of events:

$$N = 2864 \text{ (From the paper hep-ex/0105023)}$$

Running time:

$$T = 1289 \text{ days (From the paper hep-ex/0105023)} \\ = (1289 \times 86400) \text{ seconds}$$

1 day has 86400
seconds

Cross section:

$$\sigma = 5\text{fb (Given)} \\ = (5 \times 10^{-39}) \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

Fiducial Mass of SK is
22.5 kt

8 neutrons per
water molecule

Number of targets:

$$N_{\text{tgt}} = \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 22.5 \times 10^9 \times 8}{18}$$

18 grams of water
per mole

Putting it all together to get the flux.....

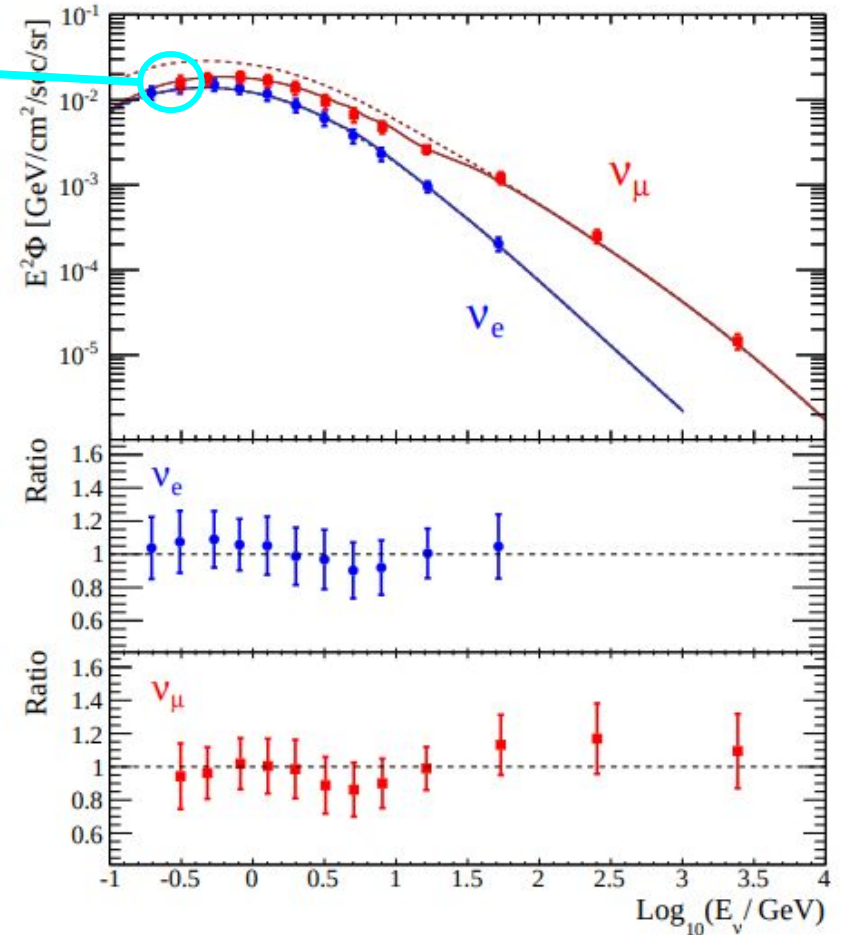
$$\phi = 0.683 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\sim 0.25 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

VS

$$\sim 0.68 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Order of
magnitude
agreement!



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