

# Towards LBL studies with SAND

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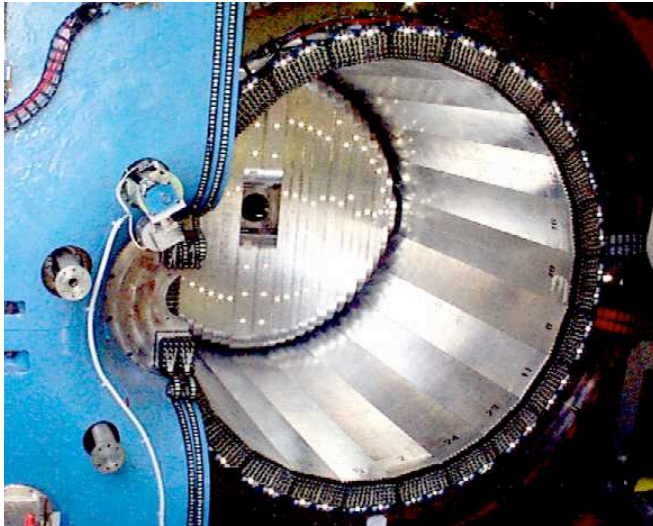
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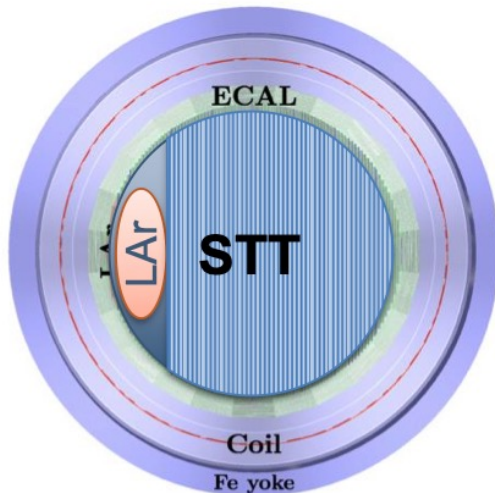
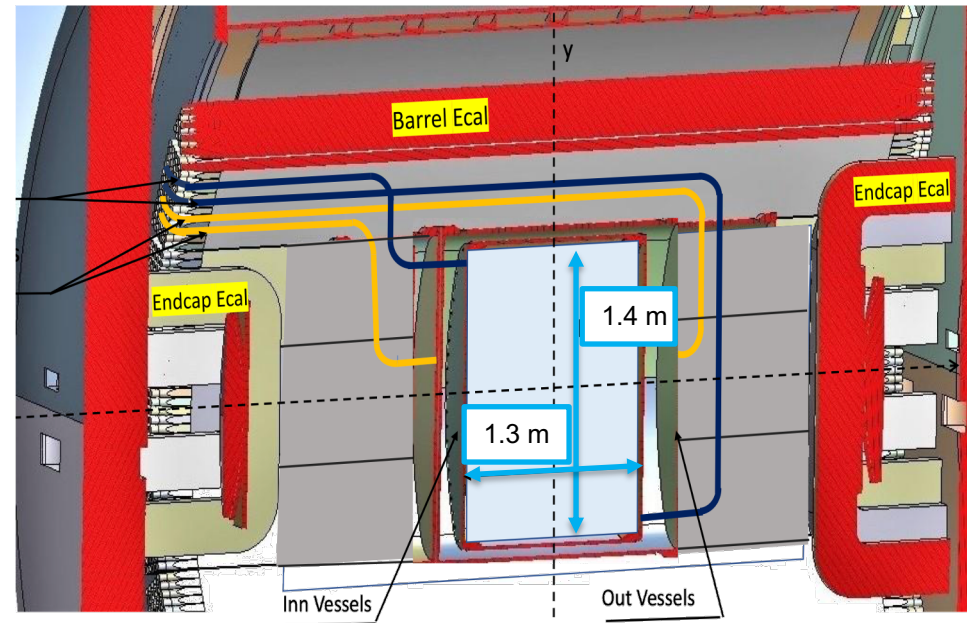
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# SAND geometry: ECAL & GRAIN



GRAIN: GRanular Argon for Interactions of Neutrinos  
1 ton LAr cryostat in the upstream volume

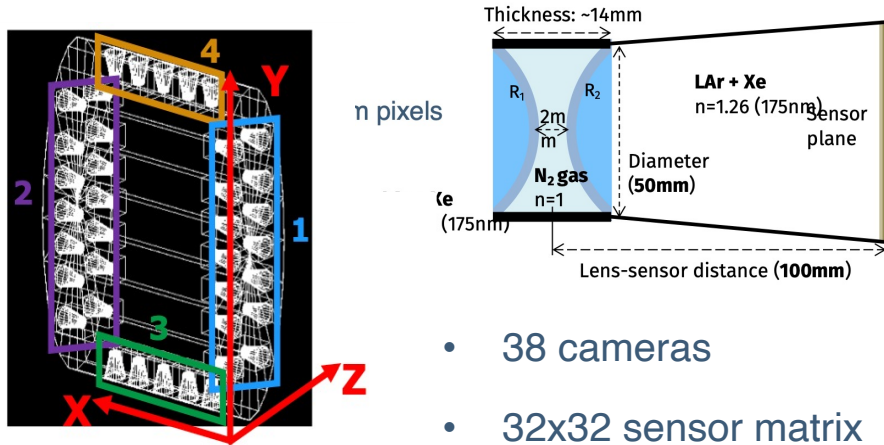


instrumented with :

- SiPMs only
- or with SiPM matrix coupled to an optical focusing system (R&D under development)

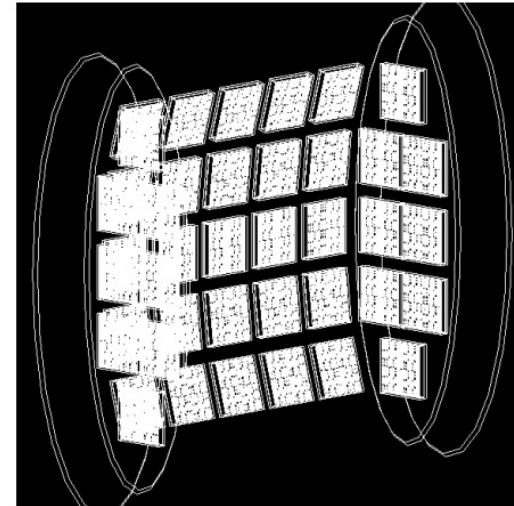
# GRAIN instrumented by optical readouts

- Lens based optical readout



- 38 cameras
- 32x32 sensor matrix with 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup> SiPM

- Hadamard matrix based optical



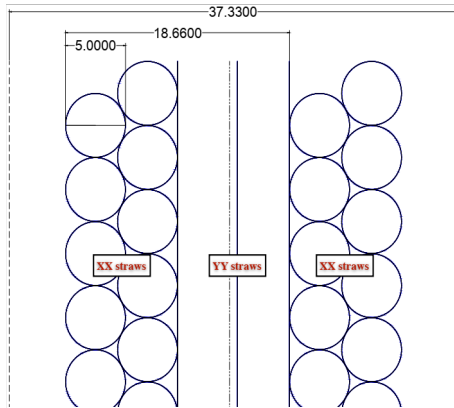
- 76 cameras:
  - 8 cameras on each side, 25 cameras on each curved face, 5 cameras on top/bottom
- 32x32 sensor matrix with 3.2x3.2 mm<sup>2</sup> SiPMs, max coverage

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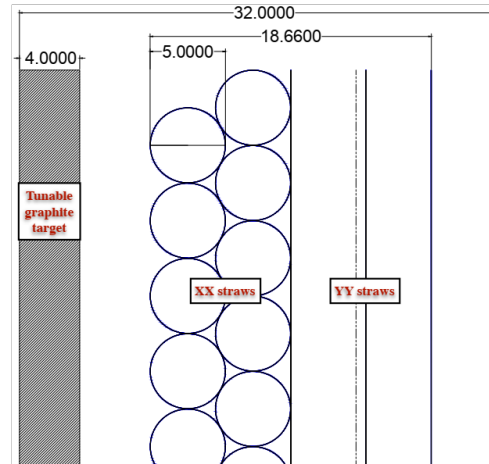
# SAND geometry: straw tube tracker

## 3 TYPES OF MODULES

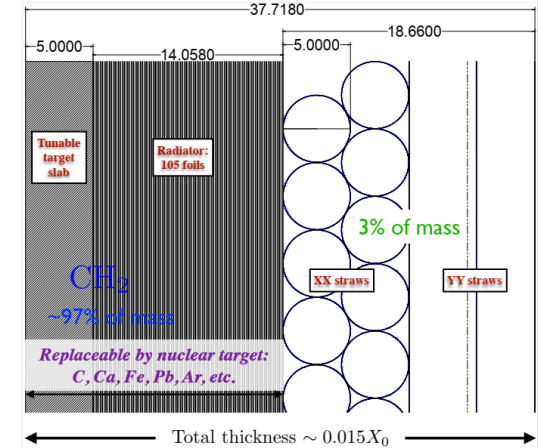
### tracker module XXYYXX



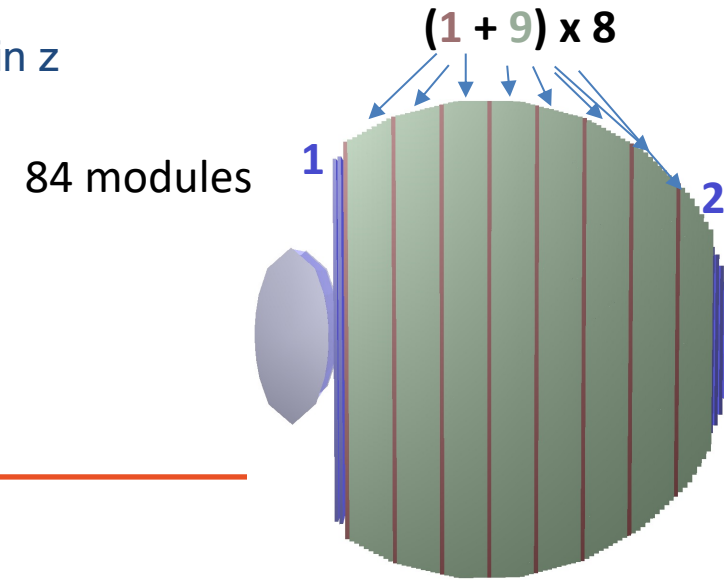
### Carbon target



### CH<sub>2</sub> target + radiator module

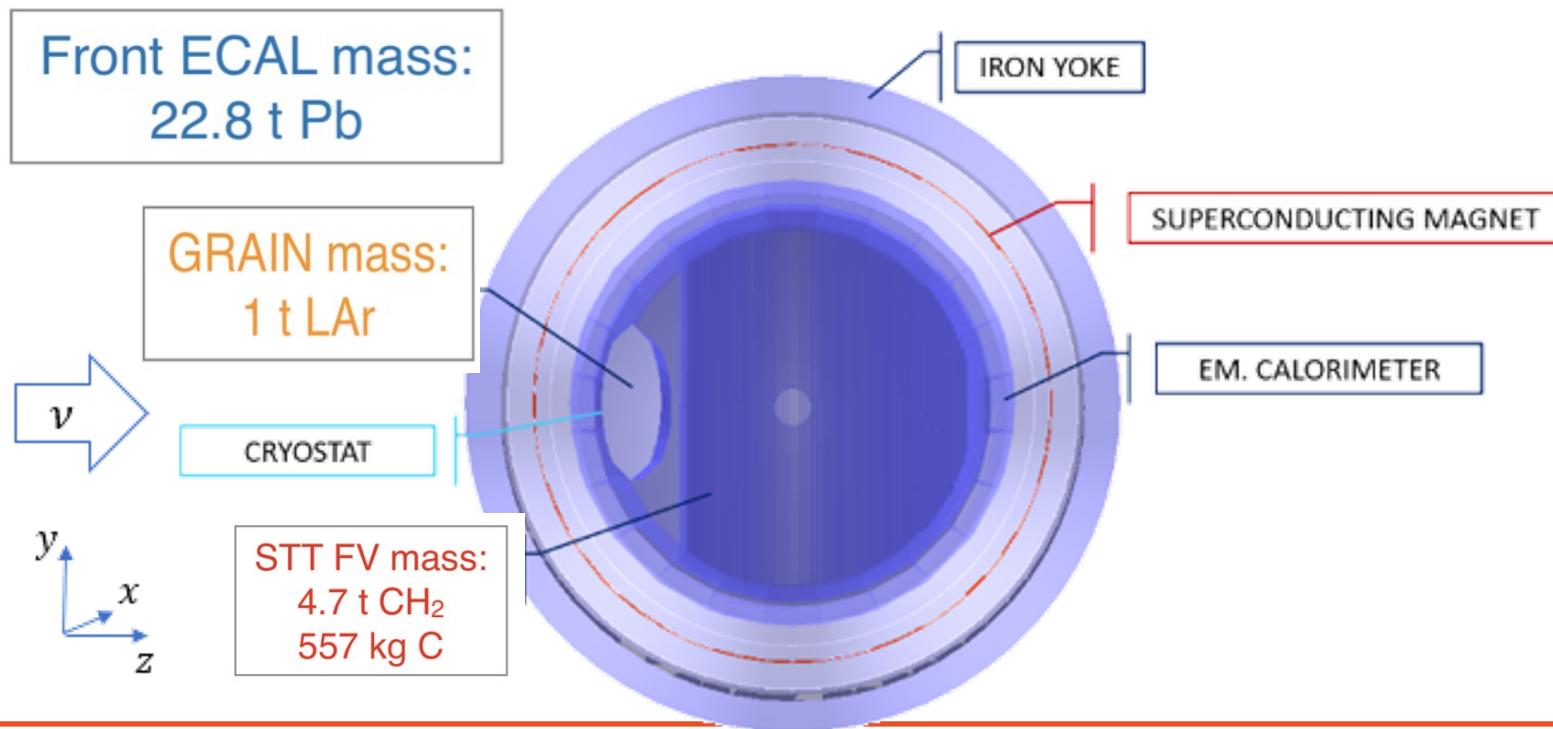


- position resolution on single hit: 200  $\mu\text{m}$  in  $y$  , 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in  $z$
- time resolution on single hit: 1 ns
- average density  $\sim 0.18 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- radiation length  $x_0 \sim 2.6 \text{ m}$
- tracking sampling  $0.15 (0.36)\% x_0 \perp (\parallel)$



# Events in SAND

Target	CP optimized FHC (1.2MW, 2y)				CP optimized RHC (1.2MW, 2y)			
	$\nu_\mu$ CC	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_e$ CC	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu$ CC	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_e$ CC	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC
$CH_2$	13,010,337	624,330	192,118	31,902	2,035,973	4,870,562	91,004	69,278
$H$	1,222,576	111,574	18,396	5,557	194,216	906,130	8,712	12,434
$C$	1,547,011	67,294	22,799	3,458	241,710	520,287	10,800	7,460
$Ar$	3,114,331	121,506	46,384	6,503	480,862	936,489	21,932	13,867
$Pb$	62,127,600	2,507,940	923,012	130,680	10,375,400	18,222,200	437,284	265,304



# SAND goals & potentials

- Interactions in the front part of ECAL → beam monitoring
- Interactions on CH<sub>2</sub>:
  - for low-nu analysis,
  - for  $\nu + e$  on-axis flux measurement < 2% ← ND-LAr+ TMS
  - Ratio  $\nu_e / \nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e / \bar{\nu}_\mu$  vs E
  - Ratio  $\nu_e / \nu_\mu$  vs E from coherent  $\pi^- / \pi^+$
- Interactions on H (after statistical subtraction):
  - $\nu p \rightarrow \mu^- p \pi^+$
  - $\bar{\nu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ n$
  - for neutrino flux measurement
  - for cross section measurement on H (model tuning)
- Interactions on Ar
  - for inclusive/exclusive CC sample with a magnetic spectrometer ← ND-LAr+ TMS
  - for cross-section constraints / tuning nuclear model by a comparison with hydrogen interactions

# Thinking to the full LBL analysis

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- for  $\nu + e$  on-axis flux measurement  $< 2\% \leftarrow$  ND-LAr+ TMS
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- for neutrino flux measurement
- for cross section measurement on H (model tuning)

- Interactions on Ar

- for inclusive/exclusive CC sample with a magnetic spectrometer  $\leftarrow$  ND-LAr+ TMS
- for cross-section constraints / tuning nuclear model by a comparison with hydrogen interactions

systematics on some beam parameters can be removed! ✓

Constraints on  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_e$  absolute and relative flux can be imposed

$\nu p \rightarrow \mu^-$

Constraints on cross section can be imposed

The additional on-axis sample must be included ✓

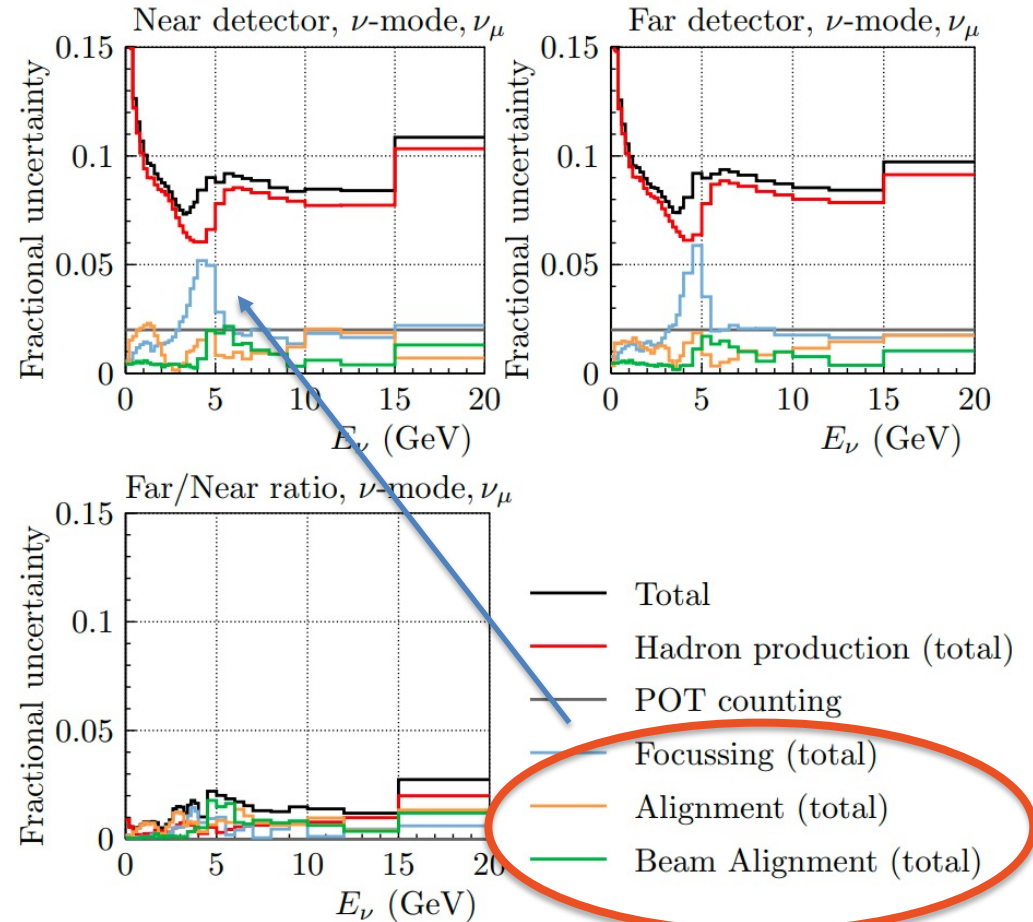
# Constraints from beam monitoring

From interactions on front-ECAL + STT + GRAIN, by studying the neutrino spectrum variations

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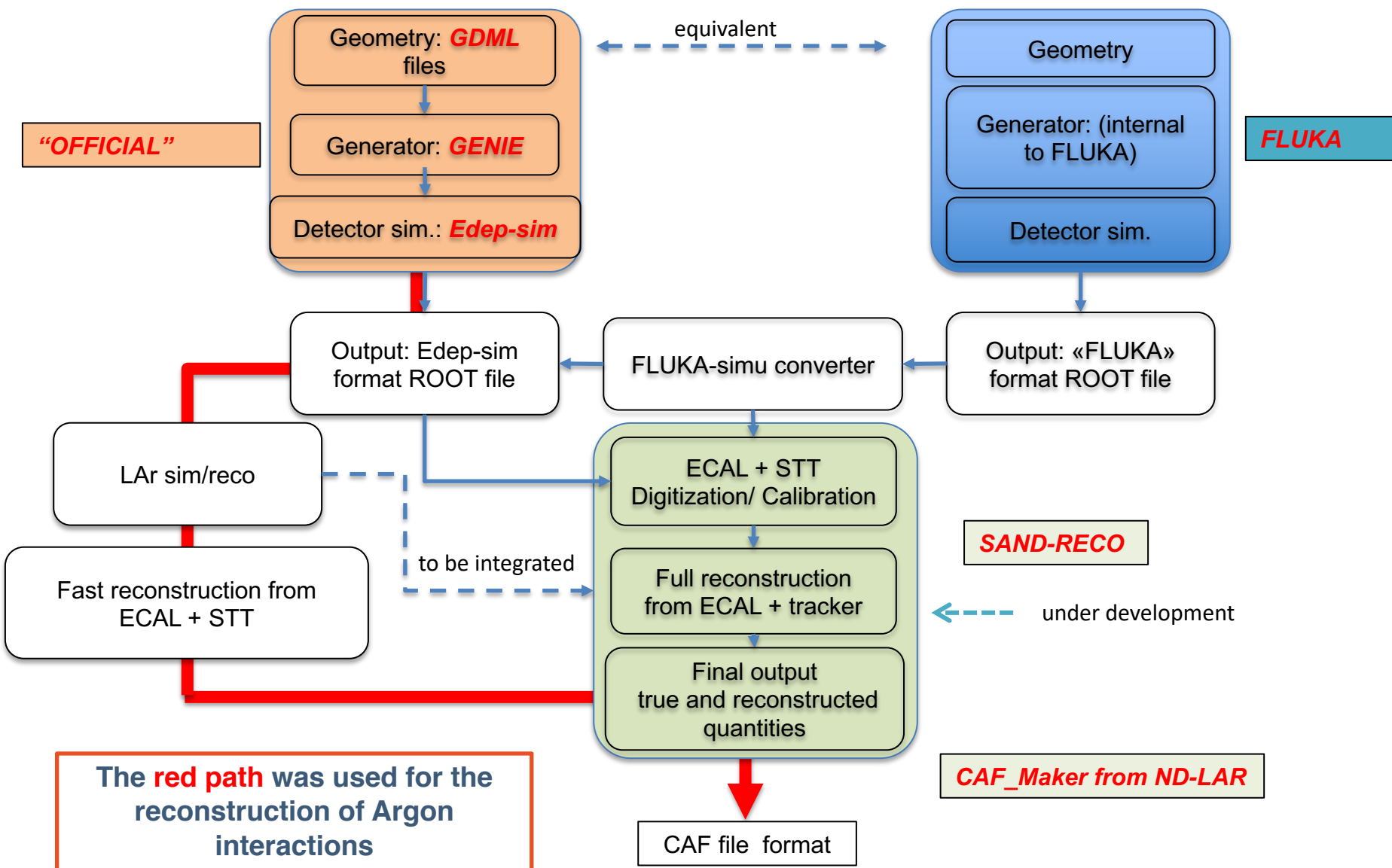
Proton beam parameter	$1\sigma$ deviation as given by beam group	New	
		$\sqrt{\Delta\chi^2}(E_\nu)$ true	rec
Horn current	+3 kA	12.57	9.44
Water layer thickness	+0.5 mm	4.69	3.58
Proton target density	+2%	5.28	4.07
Beam sigma	+0.1 mm	4.41	3.53
Beam off set X	+0.45 mm	5.11	3.54
Beam theta phi	0.07 mrad $\theta$ , 1.57 $\phi$	0.62	0.28
Beam theta	0.070 mrad	0.91	0.58
horn 1 X shift	+0.5 mm	4.70	3.42
horn 1 Y shift	+0.5 mm	5.27	3.87
horn 2 X shift	+0.5 mm	1.18	0.69
horn 2 Y shift	+0.5 mm	1.31	0.77

SAND is also sensitive to 0.13 mrad changes in neutrino beam direction





# SAND software overview



The red path was used for the reconstruction of Argon interactions

# LAr event reconstruction

## some details

### - GRAIN:

Reconstruction based on stereoscopic pixelated images from lens-based optical detectors

#### - For each interaction we have information about:

- number of detected tracks
- vertex position
- total deposited energy

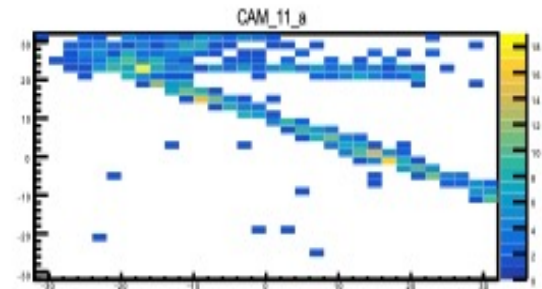
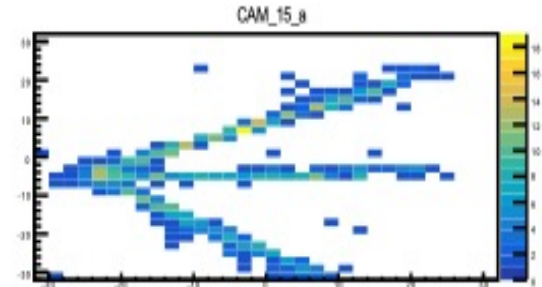
#### - For each visible track we have information about:

- containment information (in combination with STT and ECAL info)
- deposited energy

Reconstruction based on total number of photons detected by SiPM:

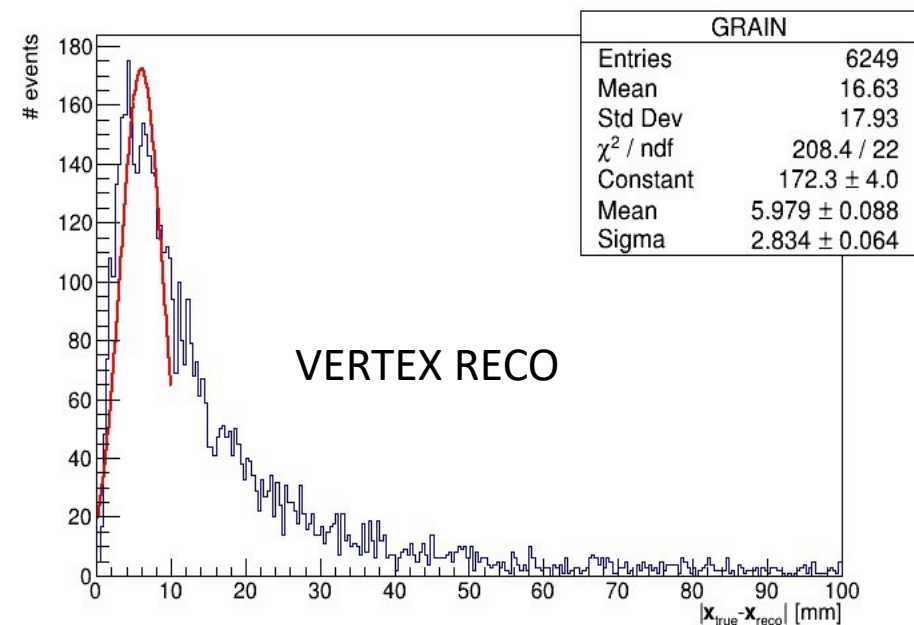
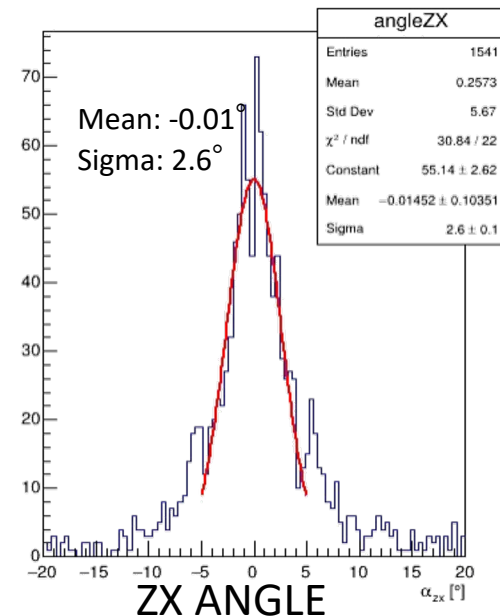
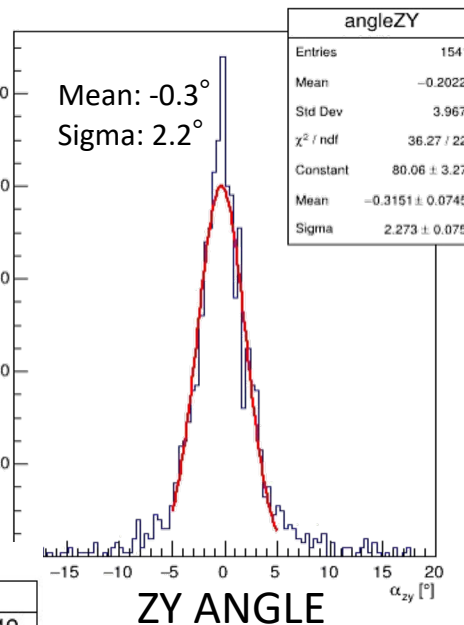
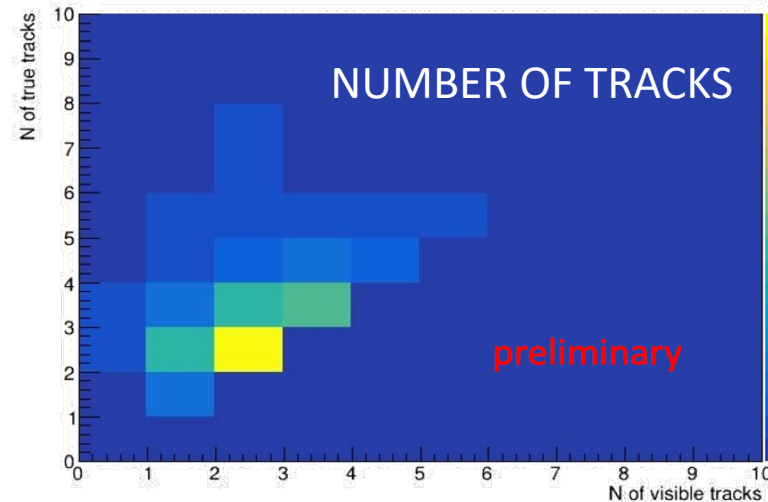
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- Total deposited energy



# First results in GRAIN

## DIRECTION RECO



## CONTAINEMENT INFO

		Reco	
		Contained	Not contained
True	Not contained	8%	92%
	contained	59%	41%

# LAr event reconstruction

## some details

→ Fast reconstruction for STT and ECAL

- Charged particles:

- STT

- Gluckstern formula on true momentum at the **entrance of STT**

- based on track length,  $X_0$ , single hit resolution,

- If detected by only ECAL:

- deposited energy

- Neutral particles:

- search for decay products for  $\pi^0, \gamma$

- search for isolated hits (neutrons) in STT and ECAL

# Neutral Particles Reconstruction

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$  or  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + e^-e^+$ 
  - Reconstruct each daughter particle's momentum separately then summing up.
- $\gamma: e^-e^+$  pair in STT or e.m. shower in ECAL.
  - Convert in STT: Reconstruct  $e^-e^+$  track in STT
  - Convert in ECAL: find calibrated energy deposition of the e.m. shower
    - Smear earliest hit position by its resolution, connecting with vertex gives momentum direction
- **NEUTRONS**: hits/cells detached from primary vertex.
  - **Interaction in STT**: connecting first hit (smeared) to vertex (or first hit for single track) gives direction, reconstructing the daughter tracks gives momentum.
  - **Interaction in ECAL**: detached cells are used to define neutral clusters, calibrated energy deposition in the cluster is summed up, connecting earliest cell to the vertex (or first hit for single track) gives momentum direction.
  - **Neutron energy**: time-of-flight from smeared timing at primary vertex (or first hit) and earliest hit of detected neutron candidate and reconstructed direction.

# SAND LAr interaction $\nu_{\mu}CC$ sample

## Reconstruction efficiency:

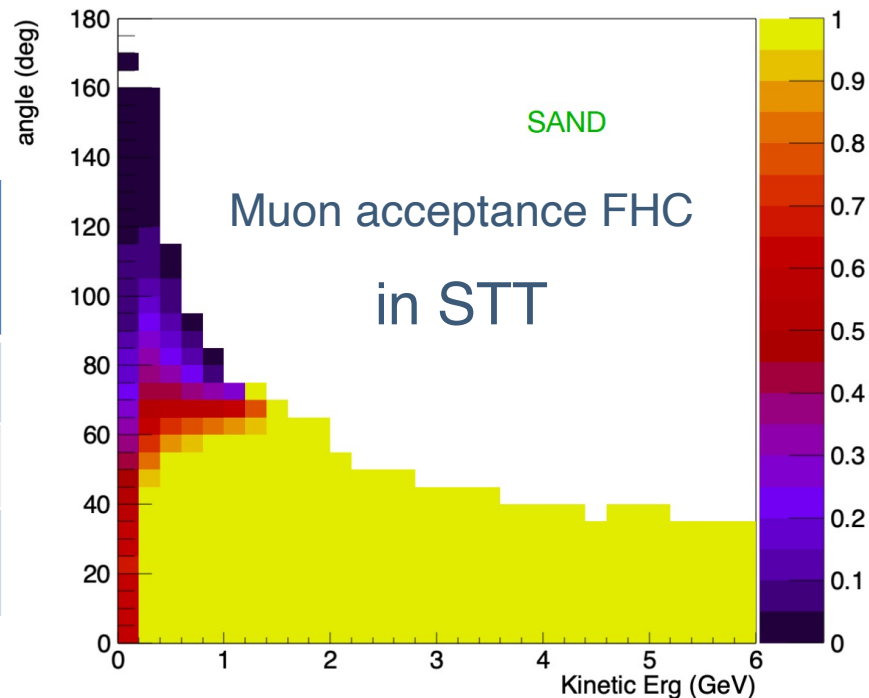
Primary particles	% of particles detected in GRAIN	% of particles reconstructed in GRAIN	% of particles tracked in STT	% of particles entering ECAL
<b>Muons</b>	95%	78%	91.3%	90%
<b>Protons</b>	72%	28%	17%	6%
<b>Charged pions</b>	80%	62%	46%	22%



Based on visible tracks  
(more than 10 pixel in  
at least 1 image)



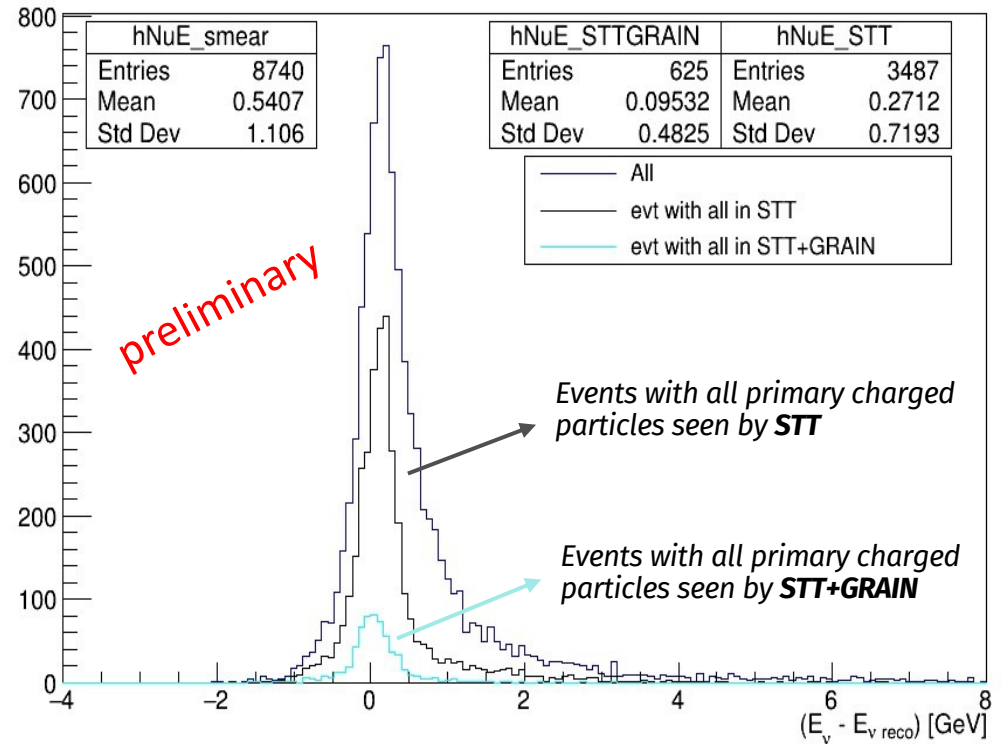
Very conservative  
number (due to current  
reconstruction  
inefficiency)



- wrong charge identification: muons **0.8%**, electrons **1.2%** (from circular fit)

# SAND LAr interaction $\nu_{\mu}CC$ sample

- Neutrino energy evaluation
- Topology information
- Migration matrix between the channels



# How to perform a LBL analysis

at NEAR

$$N_X(E_{\text{rec}}) = \int_{E_\nu} dE_\nu \Phi(E_\nu) P_{\text{osc}}(E_\nu) \sigma_X(E_\nu) R_{\text{phys}}(E_\nu, E_{\text{vis}}) R_{\text{det}}(E_{\text{vis}}, E_{\text{rec}})$$

about 1

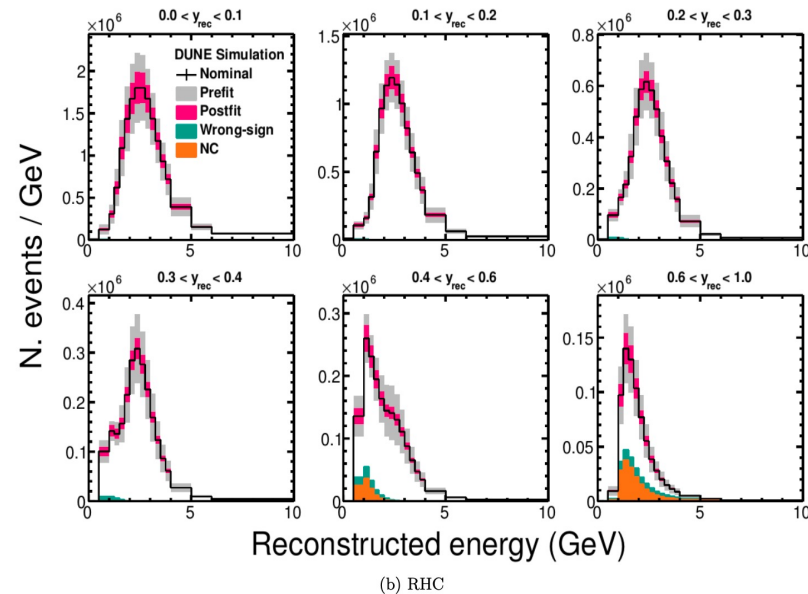
- by using **flux** and **cross section** at the best of our knowledge
- $R_{\text{phys}}$ ,  $R_{\text{det}}$  needs Argon target
- $R_{\text{det}}$  is the «detector smearing» due to detector efficiency, acceptance, calibration, and depends on different topologies → constrained by data and by MC simulations
- Defining the **systematic effects** that are involved:  
effects that are not taken into account in the simulations:
  - the cross-section model, the nuclear effects used in the simu are not the real one, the energy calibration is not precise, the simulated magnetic field is not at the true value

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# Using existing tools (CAFAna)

- for systematics studies
- for predicting data at FD
- for fitting data and perform sensitivity studies



We have a simulation & reconstruction tools which can provide us:

**PDF( $\mathbf{x}_i, \theta$ )** with  $\theta$ : set of parameters under study

PDF of Near and Far Detector

We can generate **PDF( $\mathbf{x}_i, \theta$ )** for Near and Far Detector data with varied parameter **PDF( $\mathbf{x}_i, \theta_{var}$ )**

# Which systematics?

- SAND detector:

- **Momentum scale** uncertainty very low ( $\Delta p < 0.2\%$ )  
constrained by calibration data  
from  $K_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  in STT volume (340k in FHC in 5 years)

→ this is not a systematic for SAND

- **Migration matrix** between different channels

→ this must be taken into account

- Detector parameters under study:

- **energy resolution in GRAIN**

→ this would be interesting

- since it can be optimized since we are designing the optical readout

Very important:

- In the future they must be constrained by data from ND complex! (we have to think about it...)
- At this stage they can be set at conservative values and studied by varying a bunch of parameters (not too much...)

- Flux systematics

- Cross-section systematics

# Next steps

- From SAND consortium:
  - Provide a well reconstructed sample of  $\nu_{\mu}CC$  events from neutrino interaction in GRAIN
    - an inclusive sample
    - some exclusive channel samples
  - Provide a migration matrix between the different channels
- Together with LBL group:
  - Better understand the existing tools for LBL fit and systematics evaluation
  - Perform LBL studies by considering the whole data set from ND complex



# Exploiting existing tools

CAFAna fit:

Given a numu\_cc spectrum → prediction to oscillated spectrum for comparing with FD data  
or Prediction of different numuCC , NC, nue if ND full sample

CAFAna implementation of systematics:

??

When making the final fit to the data, both the Near and Far Detector data are held fixed, but we vary the MC and repeat the analysis with differing systematic parameters. The additional uncertainty introduced into the best fit, on top of the statistical uncertainty, is the systematic uncertainty.

In some scenarios, such as evaluating the impact of a single uncertainty, one may want to use MC-derived fake data in the near and far detectors, generated with systematic shifts applied, and processes it through an analysis chain using nominal MC, to see the impact on the best fit point (for example for a "star plot"). This, and the procedure above, are two sides of the same coin, they give similar results and CAFAna supports both.

How they produce shifted MC?

ISyst

ok

This base class is a little like Var or FitVar. Its task is to alter StandardRecord objects passed to it, or to return an altered weight, for reweighting-based systematics. A collection of ISyst-derived objects, plus the number of sigma by which to shift each parameter, can be bundled together into a SystShifts. An optional argument to the Spectrum, Prediction, etc constructors allows the user to use shifted Monte Carlo.

Fanno una prediction con gli shifted spectra

Alterano le quantità ricostruite e poi  
Fanno un re-weighting (?)

If you want to fit taking systematics into account, either to find the best-fit value of a systematic parameter, or to include their influence in contours by marginalizing over them, you need a Prediction object that implements PredictSyst(). If you're doing something simple (eg a background scale) it might be worthwhile writing your own Prediction to achieve this. But usually PredictionInterp is a good way to go.

PredictionInterp acts like other Predictions, but you must provide it with a list of systematics it should be ready to interpolate over. Internally, PredictionInterp will evaluate all of its predictions at +/-1,2,3 sigma for each systematic and interpolate the behaviour of each bin using cubic interpolation. These curves are used to reweight the nominal prediction when a shifted prediction is requested.

This procedure means that the decomposition, extrapolation, and regular prediction code doesn't need to know anything about systematics. They do their own thing in their systematically-shifted universe. The use of interpolation means that a finite number of universes is needed, and a lot of work can be done up-front. meaning that the actual fit is fast.

# True info

Primary particles	% of particles contained	% of particles not contained	% of particles tracked in STT	% of particles entering ECAL
<b>Muons</b>	1.3%	98.7%	91.3%	90%
<b>Protons</b>	86.2%	13.8%	17%	6%
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# Well reco events

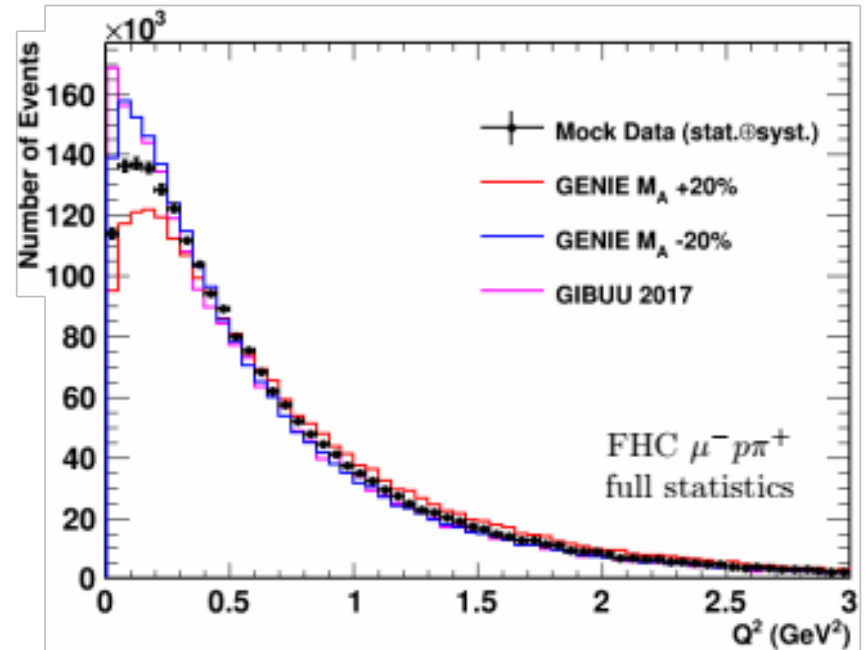
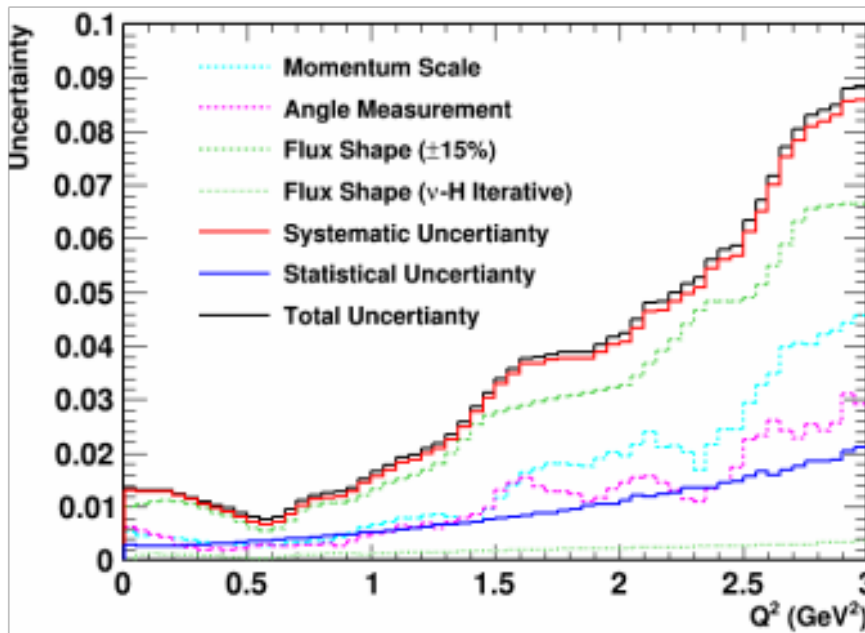
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## Particle identification:

- $p/\pi/K$  with  $dE/dx$ , range, time-of-flight with ECAL, and ECAL energy depositions
- Electron with Transition Radiation and  $dE/dx$  in STT + ECAL energy and topology

# Cross section study on $\nu - H$

- If the flux is known:



by plotting the distribution of  $Q^2$  variable, the cross-section model for interactions on hydrogen might be inferred

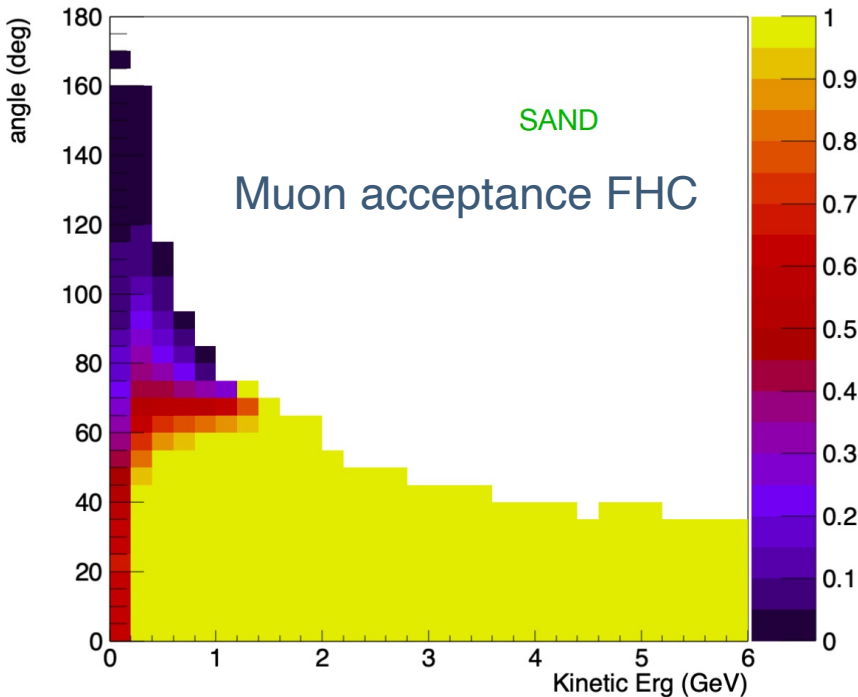
- similar plots also for  $\bar{\nu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ n$

Other channels can be studied!



# Interactions in GRAIN

using only STT+ECAL information



	$\mu^-$ from $\nu_\mu$ CC in <b>FHC</b>	$\mu^+$ from $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC in <b>FHC</b>	$\mu^-$ from $\nu_\mu$ CC in <b>RHC</b>	$\mu^+$ from $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC in <b>RHC</b>
acceptance	91.3	99.0	98.74	95.6

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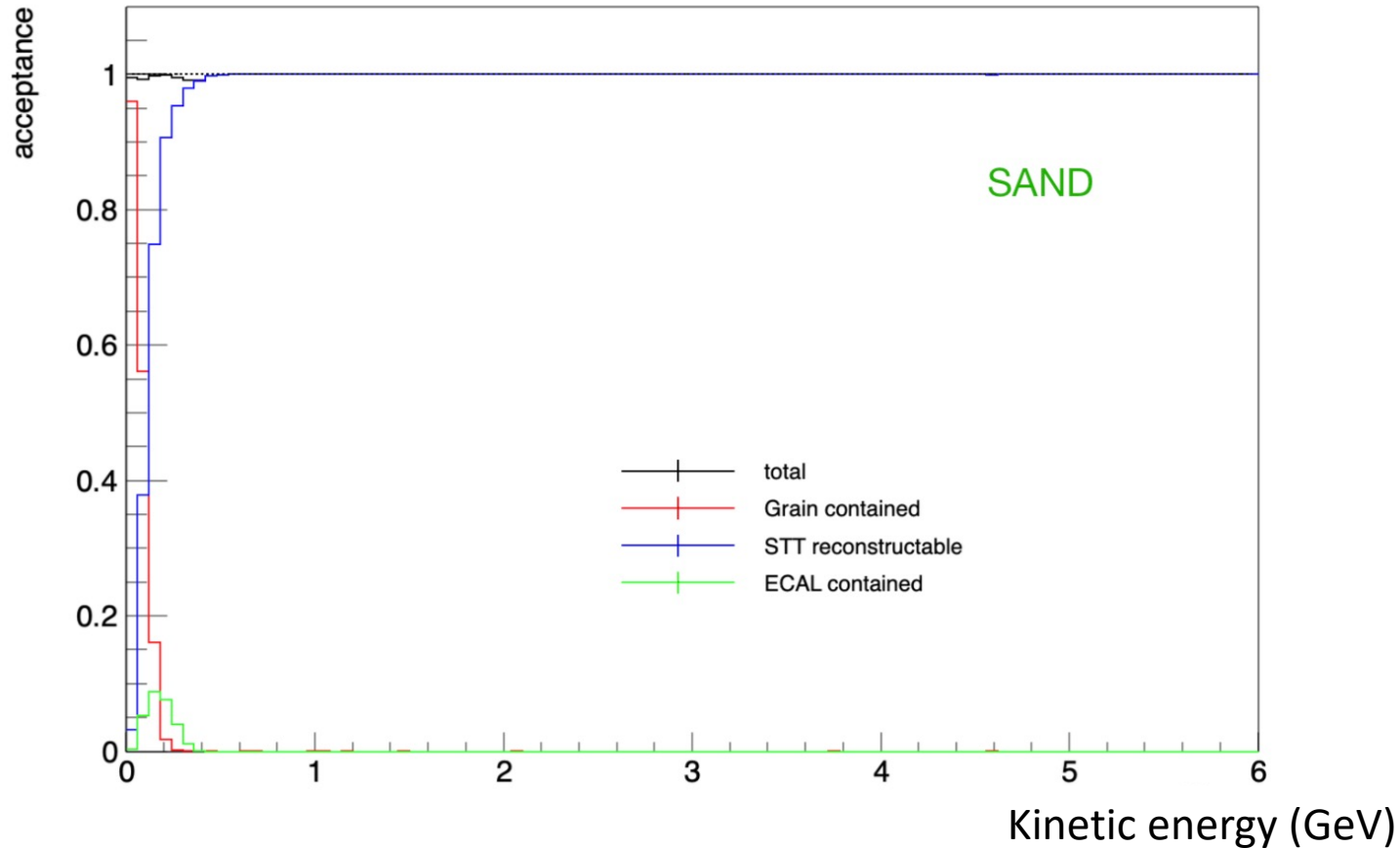
**FHC events**

Muons with more than 6 hits in the bending plane

A proper fiducial volume cut on vertex in GRAIN can increase the relative acceptance, in particular for p+/p- (useful for some analyses)

# Muon acceptance for interaction on Ar

$$\theta_{\mu} < 50.0^{\circ}$$



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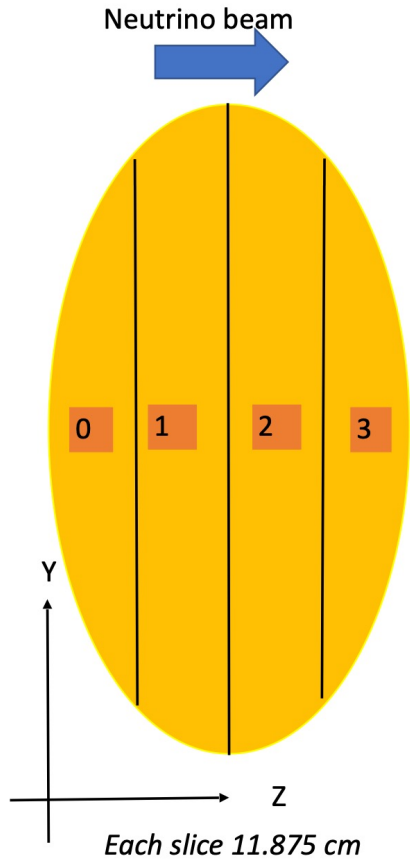
# Visible tracks

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<b>Protons</b>	Solo quelli lunghi	Solo quelli lunghi	17%	6%
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# Interactions in GRAIN

using only STT+ECAL info

FHC events



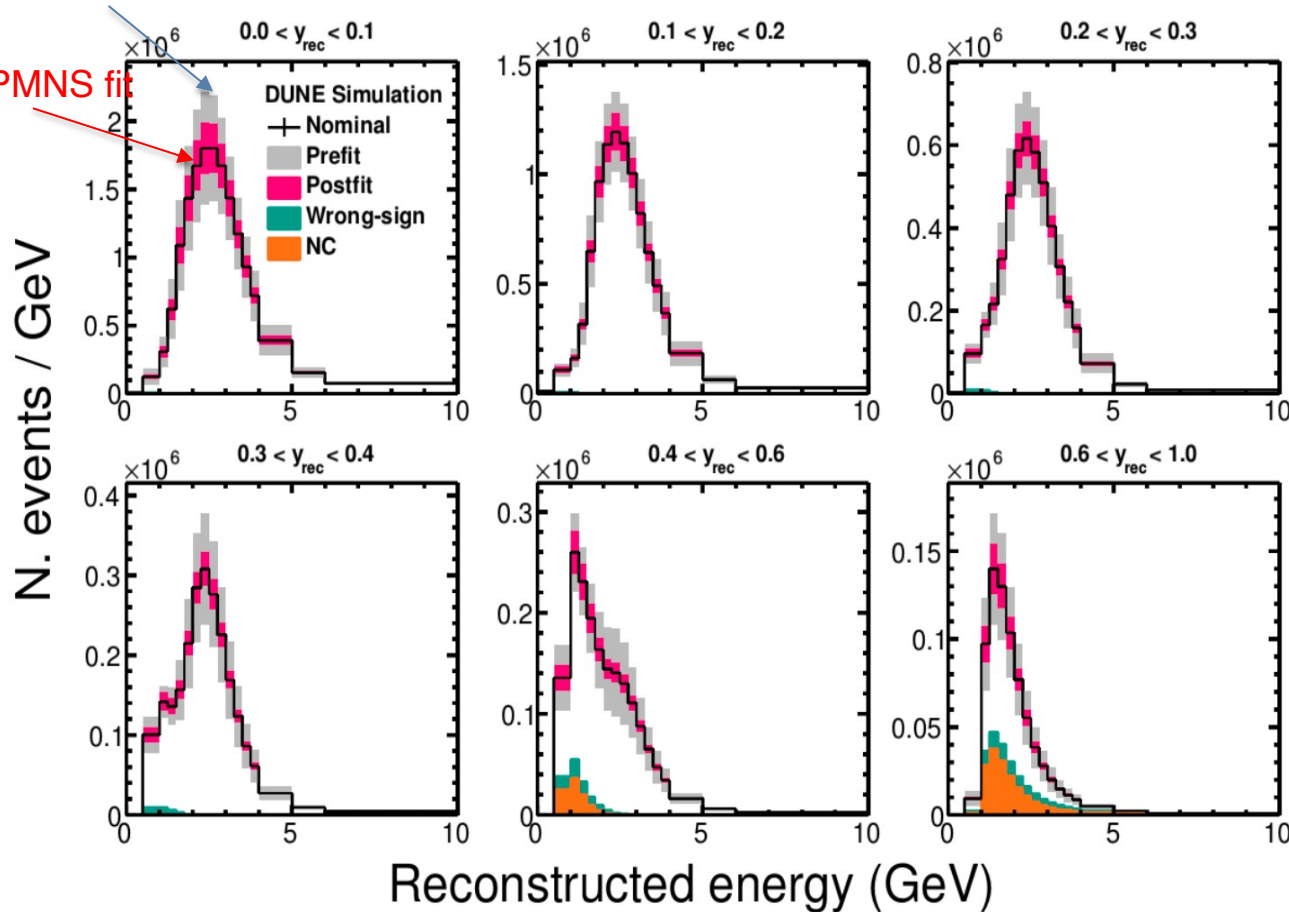
Z slice	$\pi^{\pm}$ (primary) Acceptance <i>Fraction of pions (%)</i>	$\mu^{\pm}$ (primary) Acceptance <i>Fraction of muons (%)</i>	p (primary) Acceptance <i>Fraction of protons (%)</i>
0	32.6	89.5	8.0
1	40.9	90.7	11.1
2	50.7	92.0	15.6
3	61.0	93.3	21.8
Average	46.2	91.4	14.0

Slice	% photons from $\pi^0$ primary converting in GRAIN	% $\pi^0$ primary with at least one photon converting in GRAIN	% $\pi^0$ primary with both photons converting in GRAIN
0	78.3	93.5	63.0
1	72.8	91.0	54.7
2	61.2	82.6	39.7
3	44.0	65.6	22.2
Average	64.7	84.0	45.5

# Future studies for LBL analysis

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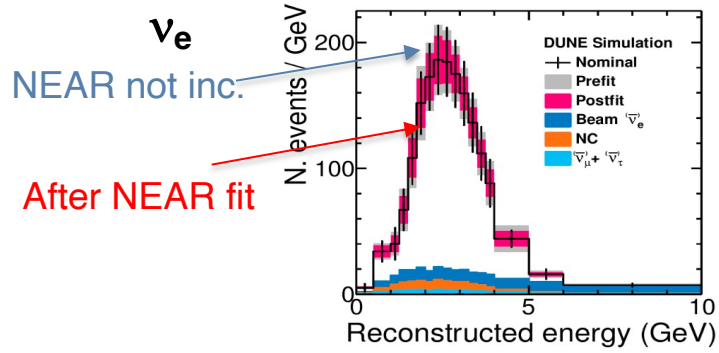
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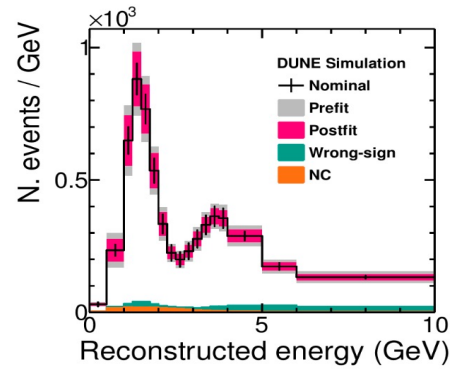
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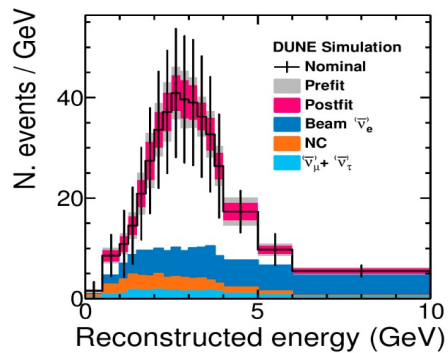
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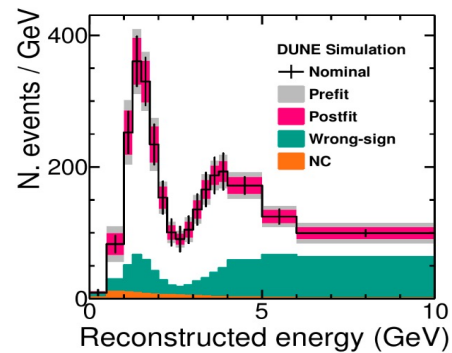
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anti- $\nu_e$



(b) RHC



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anti- $\nu_\mu$

SAND will surely contribute for:

- reducing systematics due to beam changes,
- providing a sample with reduced wrong sign background

# Using existing tools

Basic method Brute force analysis: spanning over the space

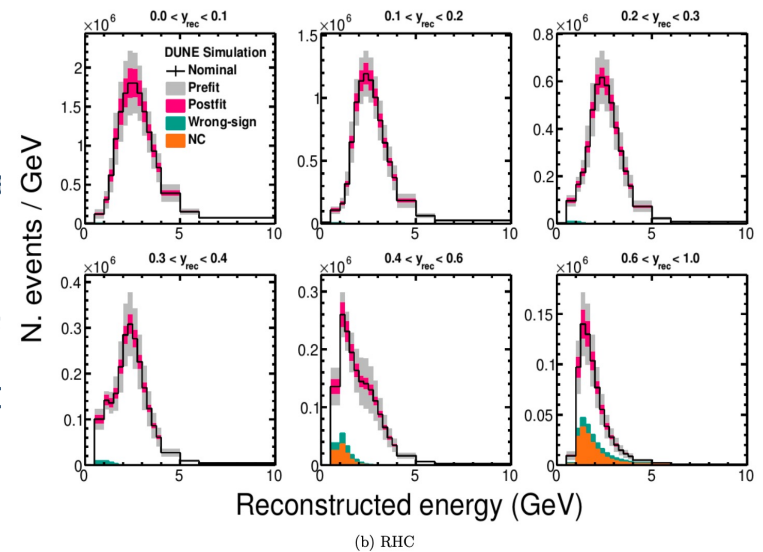
We have a simulation & reconstruction tools which can produce  
**PDF(xi, theta)** with theta: set of parameters and their  
systematic parameters)

PDF of near and Far Detector

We can generate PDF(x\_i, theta\_var) with varied parameter (one by one)

From PDF → distributions to be fitted for CP value or mass hierarchy

and check the sensitivity we have for the changes of those parameters



# Conclusions

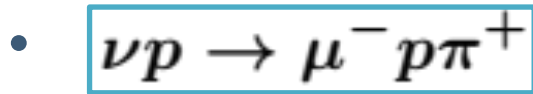
- SAND is able to monitor the beam parameters changes on a weekly basis
- SAND within the ND complex will be very important for:
  - a better measurement of flux (absolute flux)
  - cross-section constraints
  - nuclear model studies
- Simulations with instrumented GRAIN are in progress
- In the next months, LBL studies will be performed with SAND sample and constraints included



# Interactions on H



- $Q^2 \leq 0.05 \text{ GeV}^2$ , cross-section known  $\ll 1\%$   $\rightarrow$  absolute antineutrino flux if the efficiency is known
- $\nu < 0.25 \text{ GeV}$  low-nu analysis  $\rightarrow$  relative flux as a function of E



relative flux as a function of E

by low-nu analysis

$$\nu < 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

