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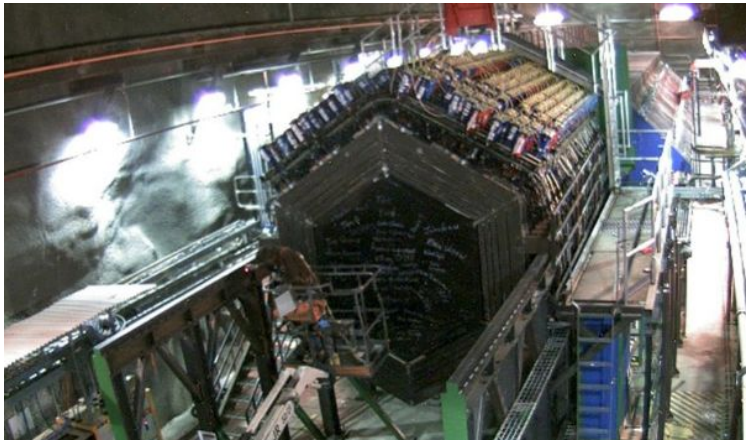
MINERvA Masterclass Start-up



MINERvA

INTERNATIONAL MASTERCLASSES
hands on particle physics

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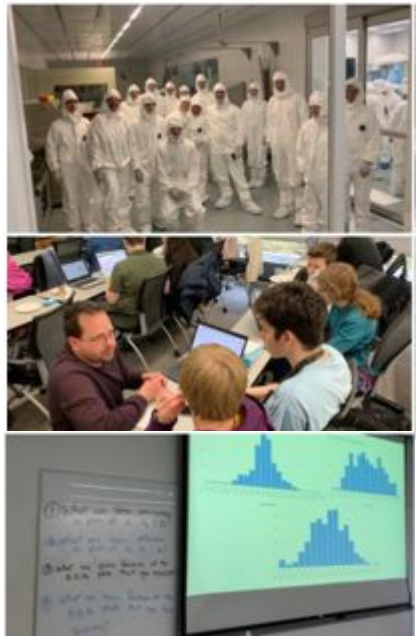
What is a Masterclass?

High school students are “Particle Physicists for a Day”

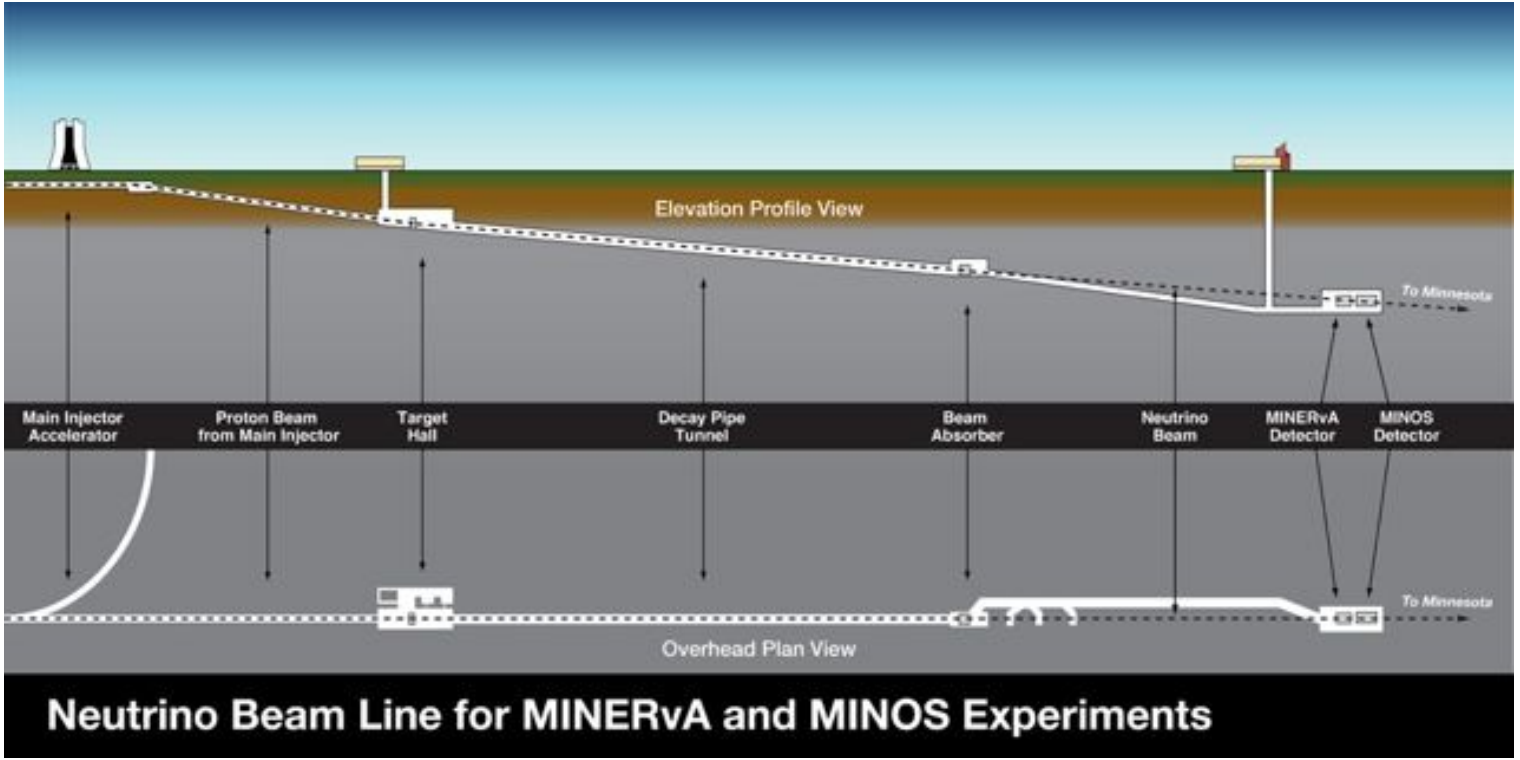
- Intro talk(s) on physics and experiment
- Tour of physics lab
- Ramp up and then...
- Analyze authentic (MINERvA) data
- Finish with (Fermilab) videoconference

Key element:

- Student/teacher interaction with physicists

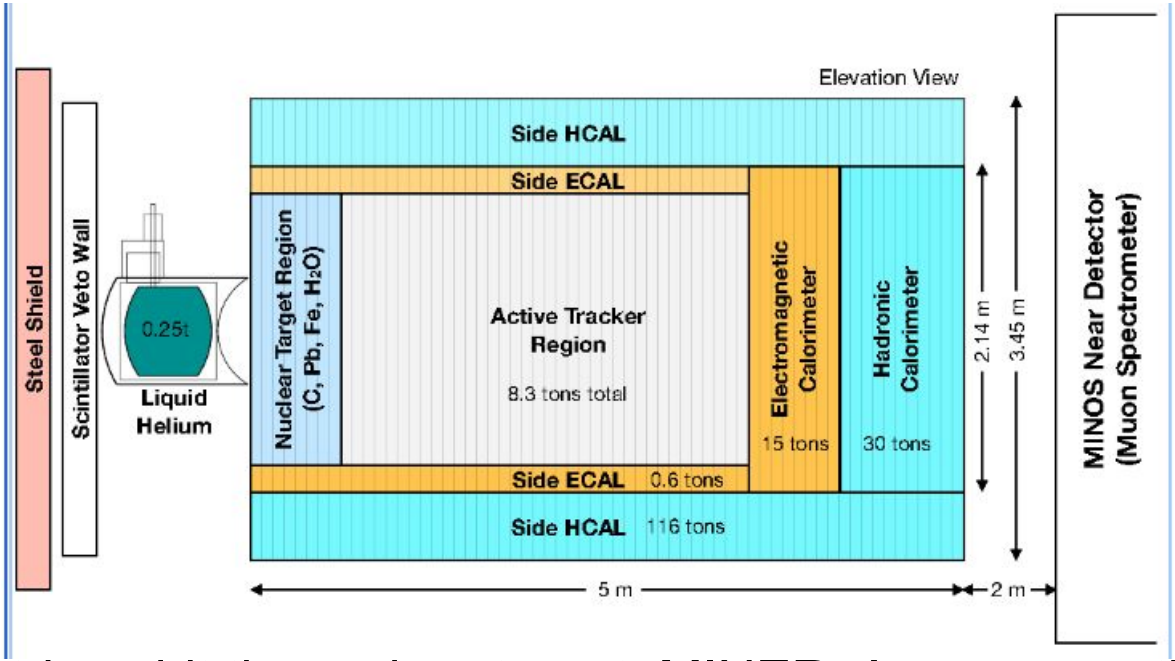


MINOS and MINERvA



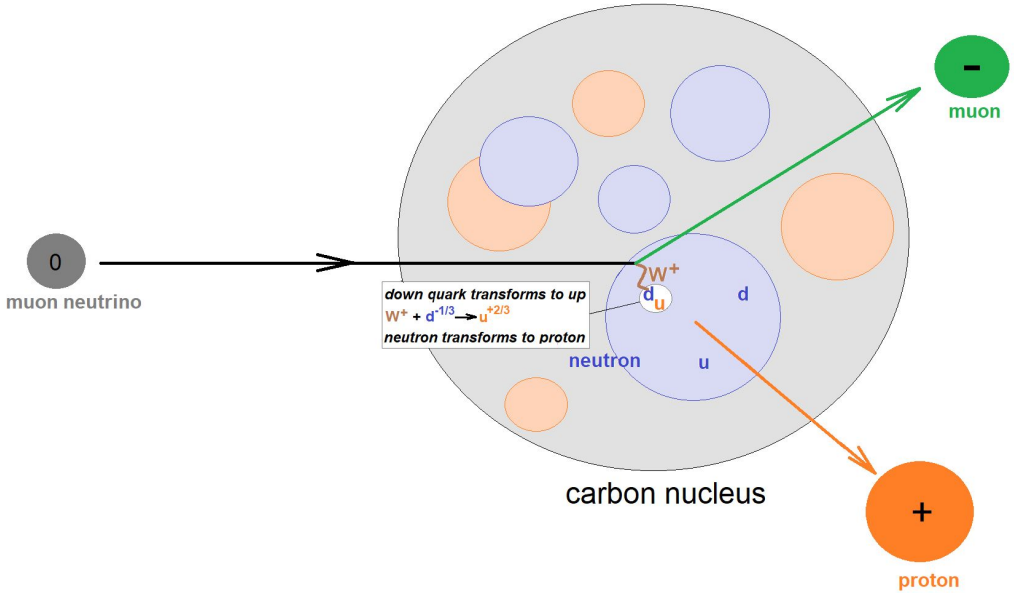
Neutrino Beam Line for MINERvA and MINOS Experiments

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.

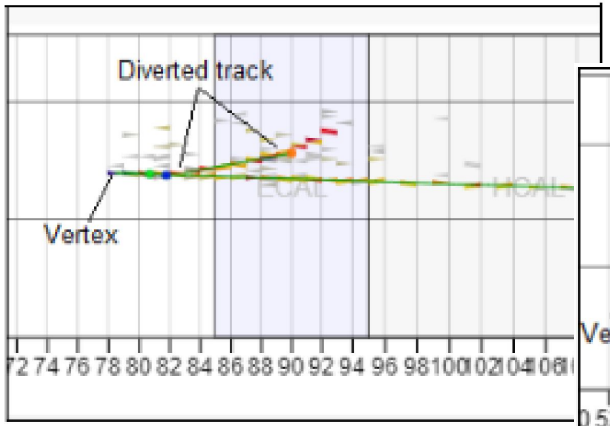
Measurement

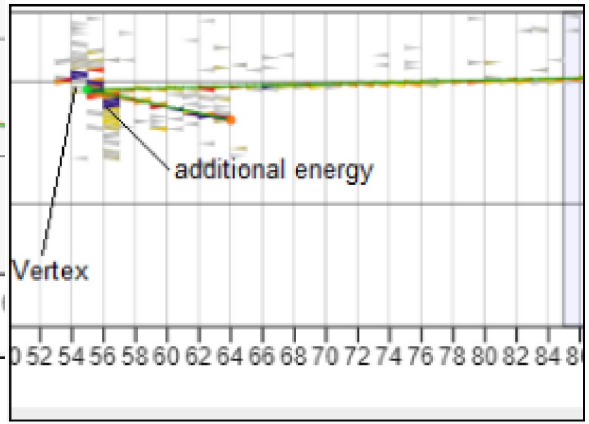
This is what MINERvA “sees”. The neutrino comes from the left, undetected. It hits a carbon nucleus and interacts with a neutron. The interaction transforms the neutrino into a muon and the neutron into a proton. MINERvA can measure the momentum of each.

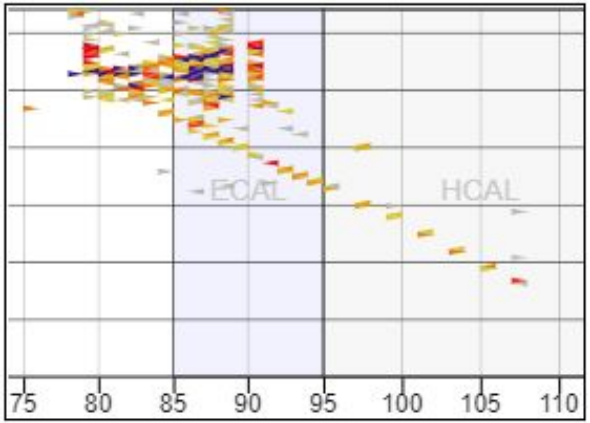
Signal vs. Background

Background events:

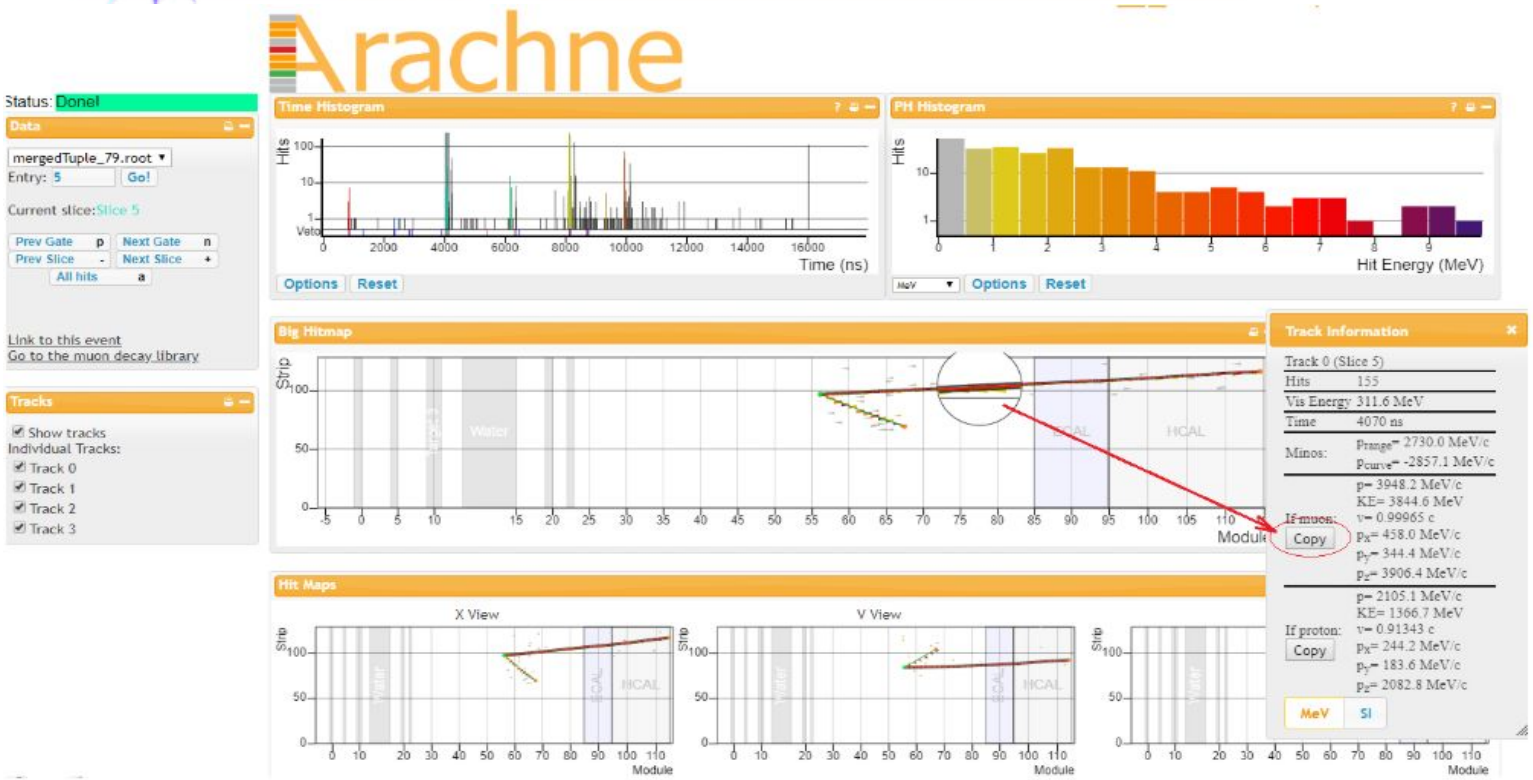
- Do not fit signal paradigm of one short proton track, one long muon track, or
- Confound the ability of MINERvA to measure momentum accurately.







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
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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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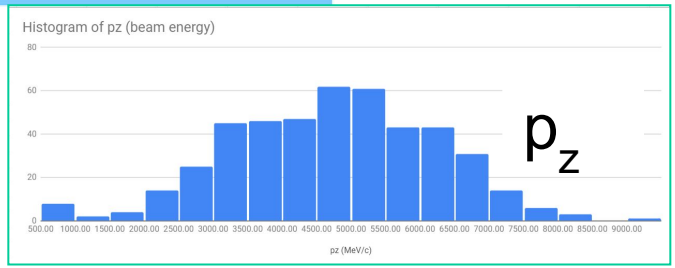
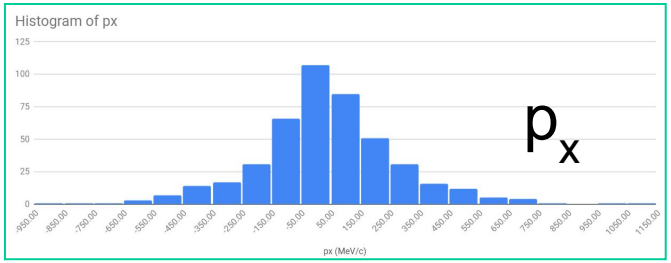
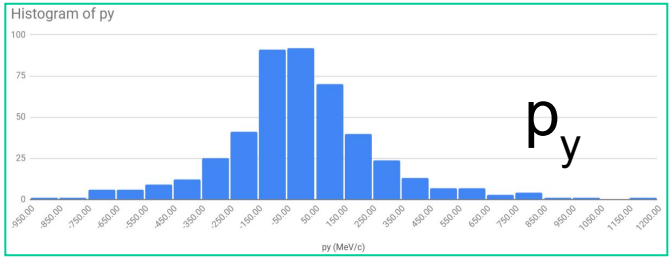
mergedTuples1to25 | mergedTuples26to50 | Copy of mergedTuples51to100 | videocon plots

Build plots

We can find:

- Neutrino beam energy (almost)
- Uncertainty in proton momentum
- Uncertainty in proton position → nuclear radius

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