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# Signal and background in FLArE

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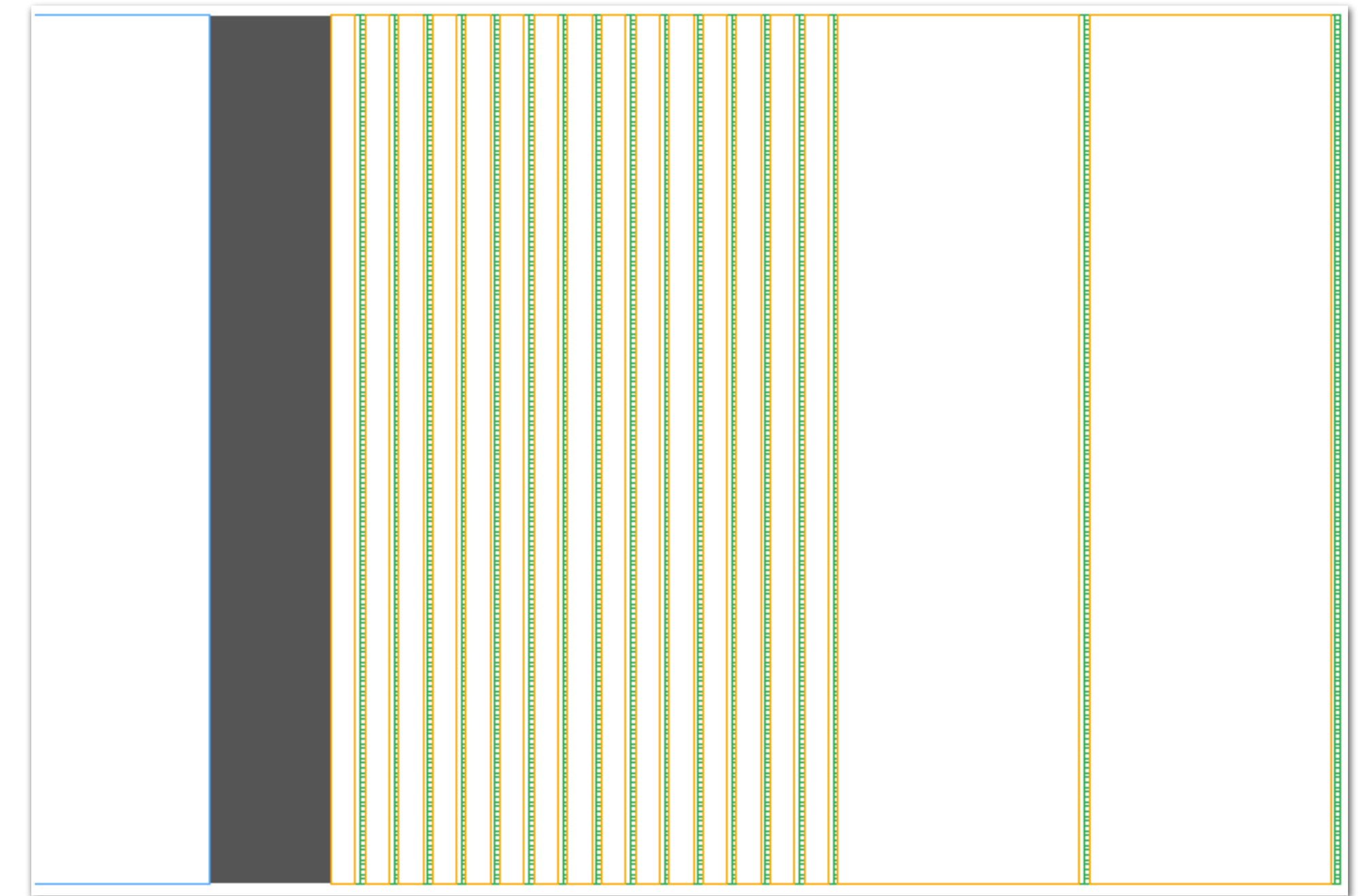
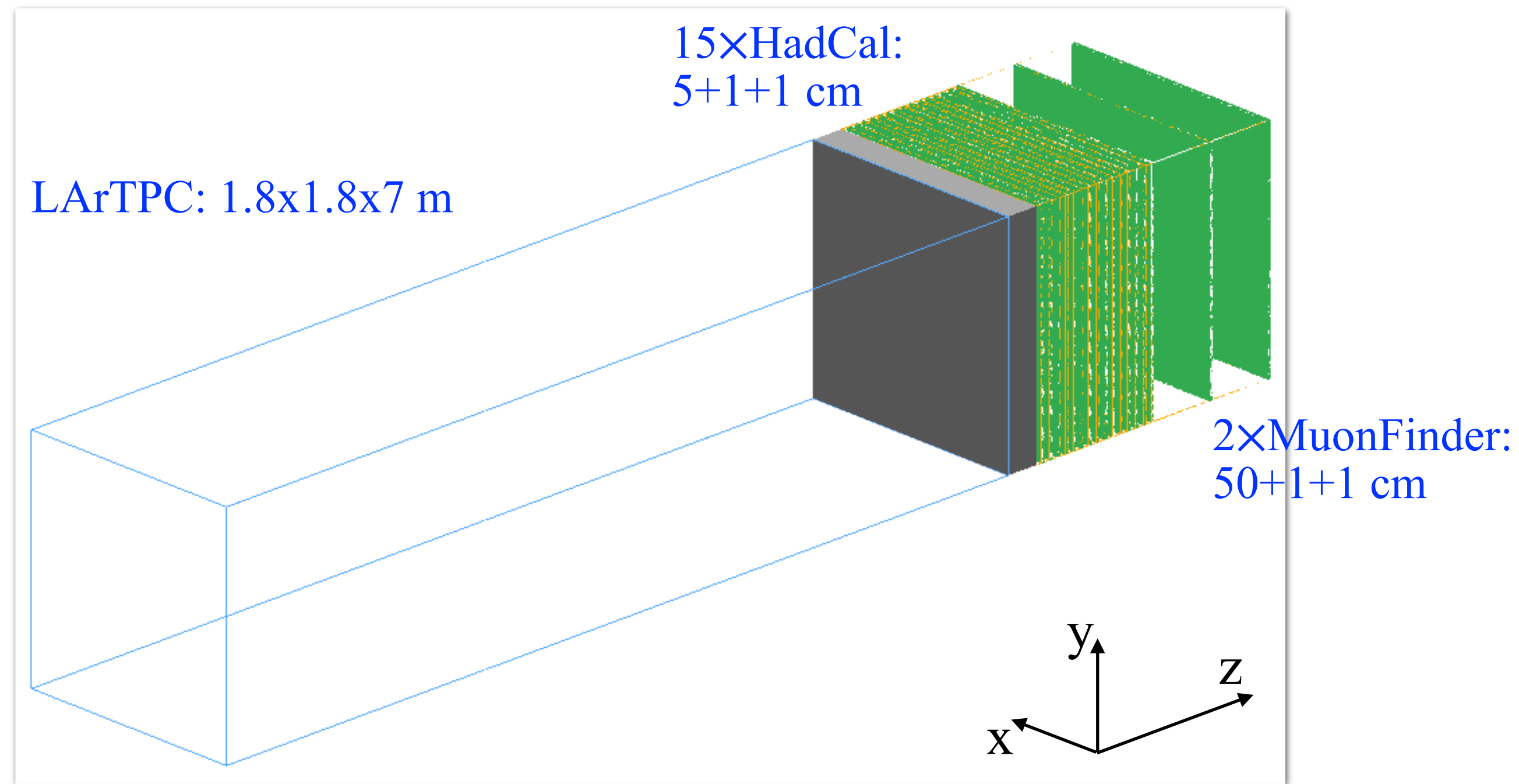
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# Detector configuration in Geant4

	LArTPC	HadCal	MuonFinder
Length (mm)	0 - 7000	7250 - 8300	8300 - 9340



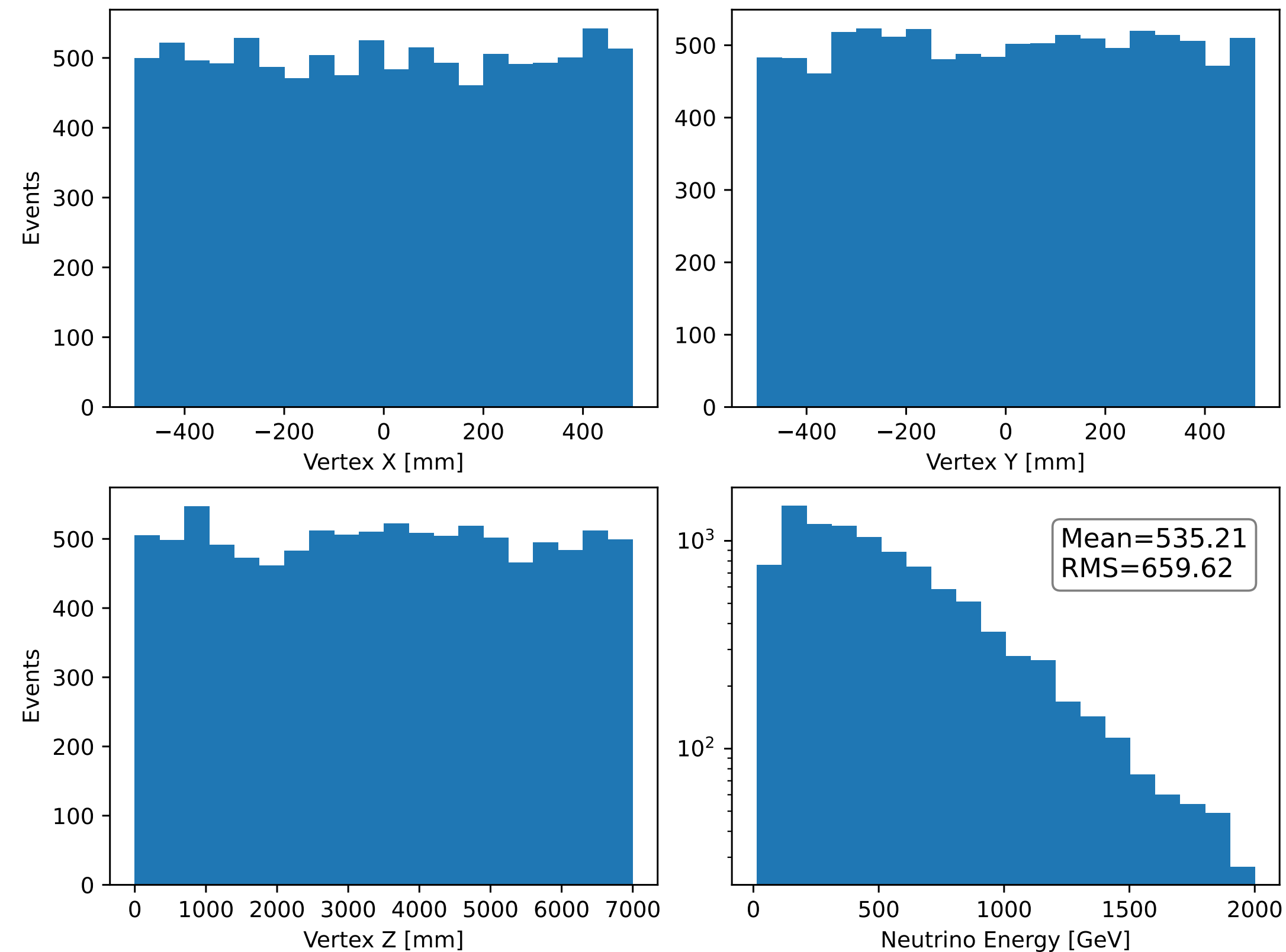
LArTPC

HadCal

MuonFinder

# Simulation setup

- The vertices of neutrino interactions are uniformly distributed in the FV region (1x1x7 m)
- No angular smearing for the neutrino beam, all pointed at +z direction
- Same amount of neutrino interactions were simulated for  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ , and  $\nu_\tau$ 
  - flux ratio is ~100:400:1



# Signal and background

- Only consider beam neutrino background for now
- Decay modes of the tau lepton
  - $\tau_e$ : taus decay to electrons
  - $\tau_\mu$ : taus decay to muons
  - $\tau_{\text{had}}$ : taus decay to hadrons
- Major background of  $\tau_\mu$  signal:  $\nu_\mu$  CC events
- Major background of  $\tau_e$  signal:  $\nu_e$  CC events
- Major background of  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  signal: NC scattering events from all neutrinos

TABLE I. Dominant decay modes of  $\tau^-$ . All decays involving kaons, as well as other subdominant decays, are in the “Other” category.

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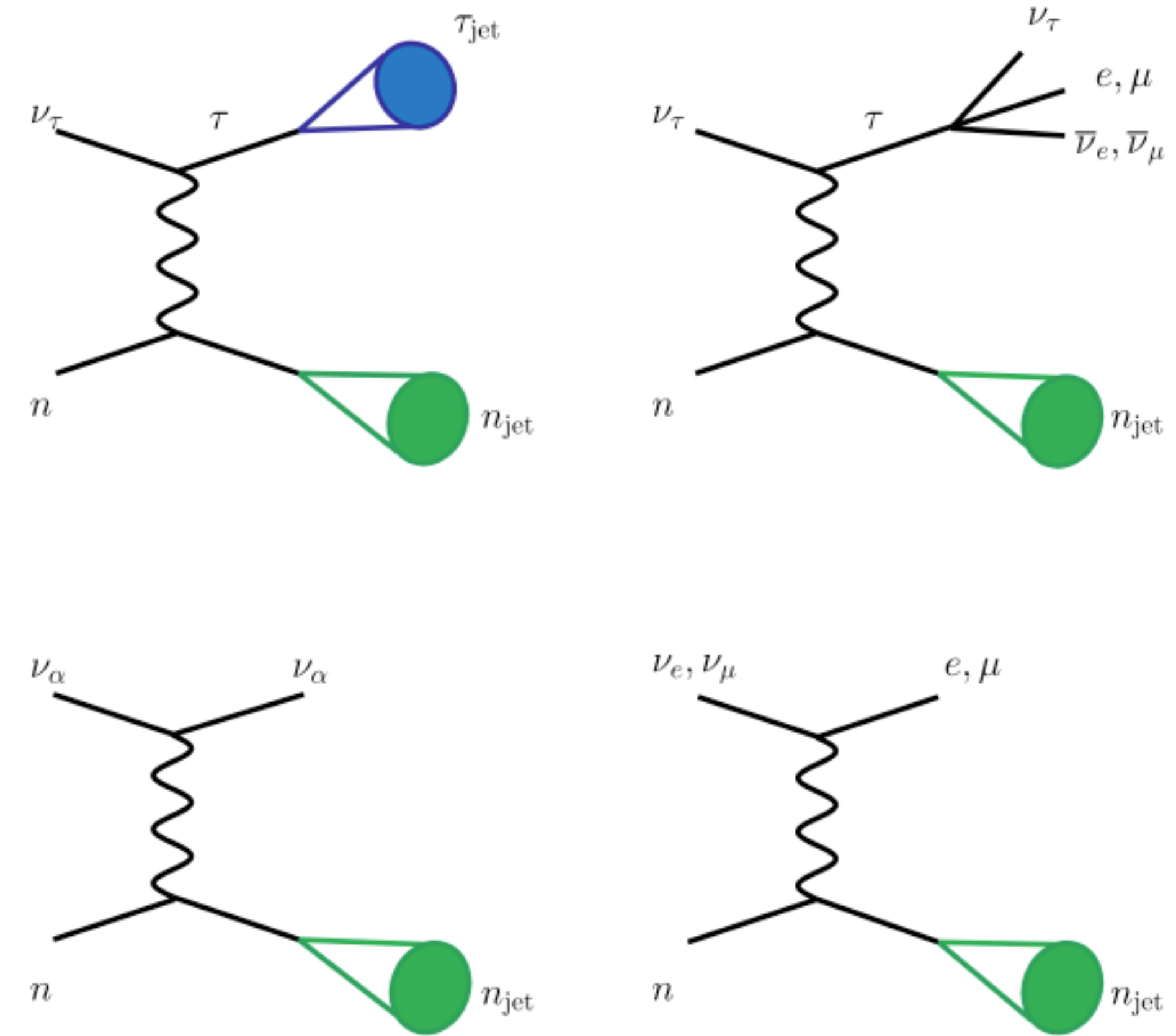
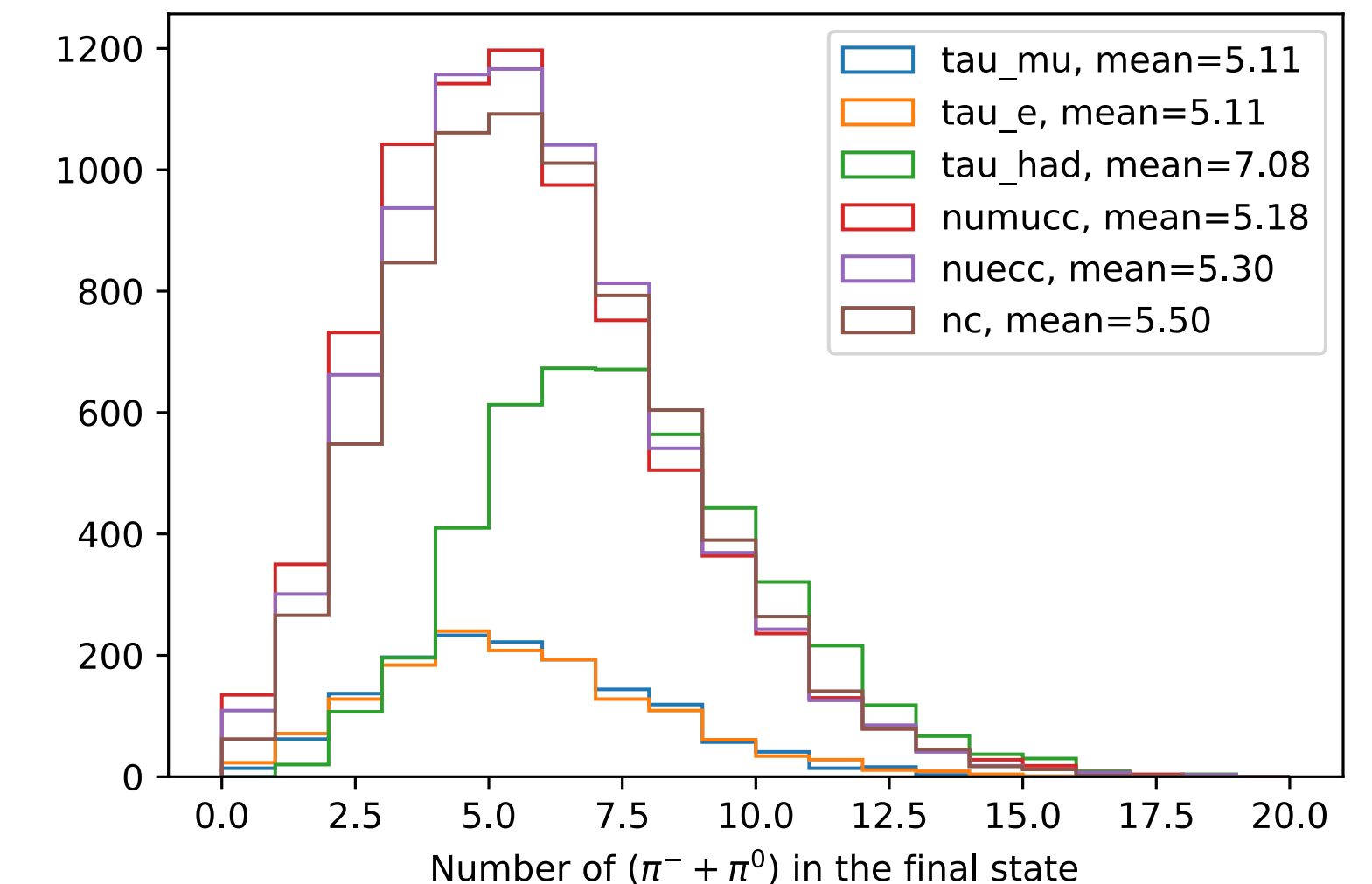
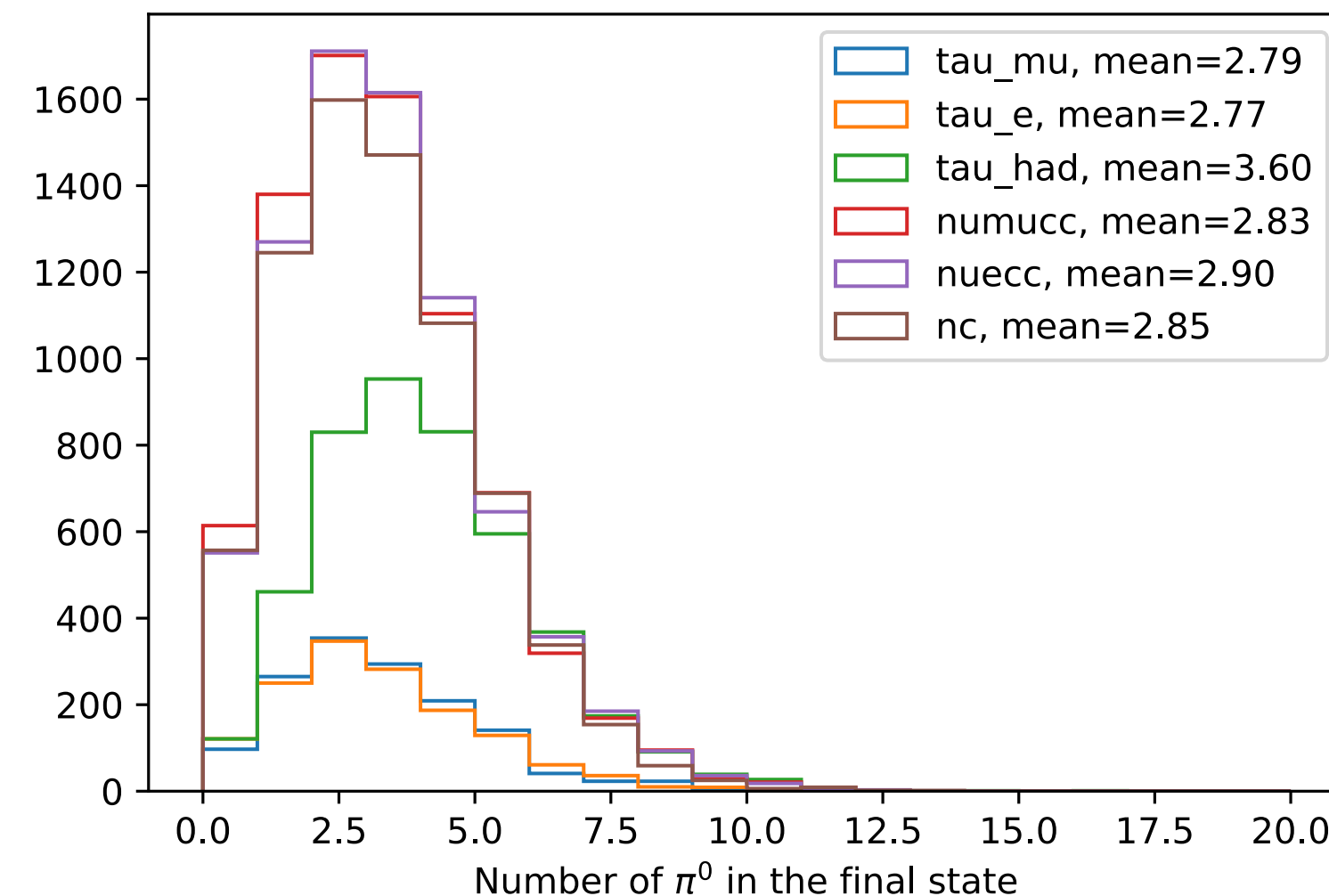
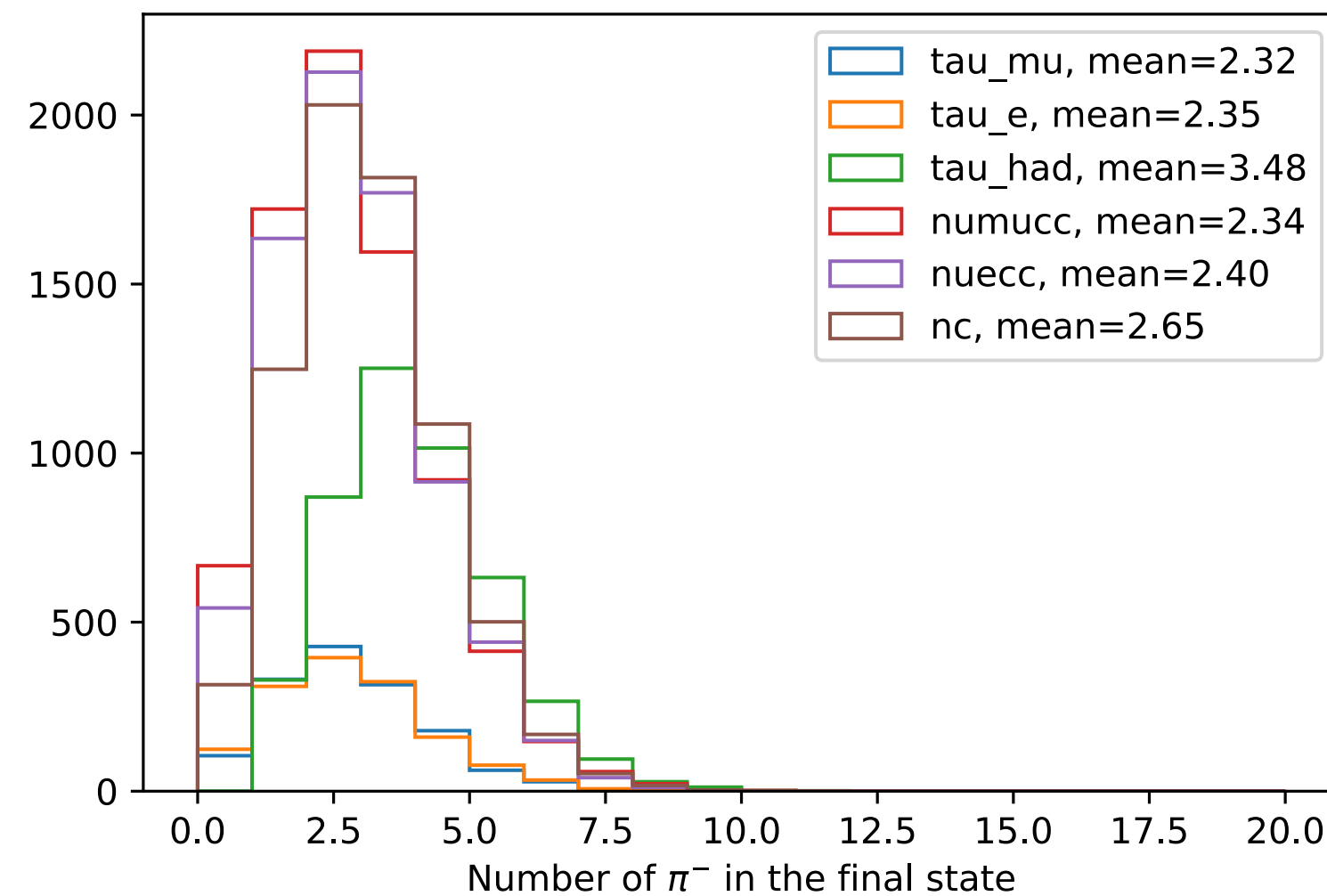
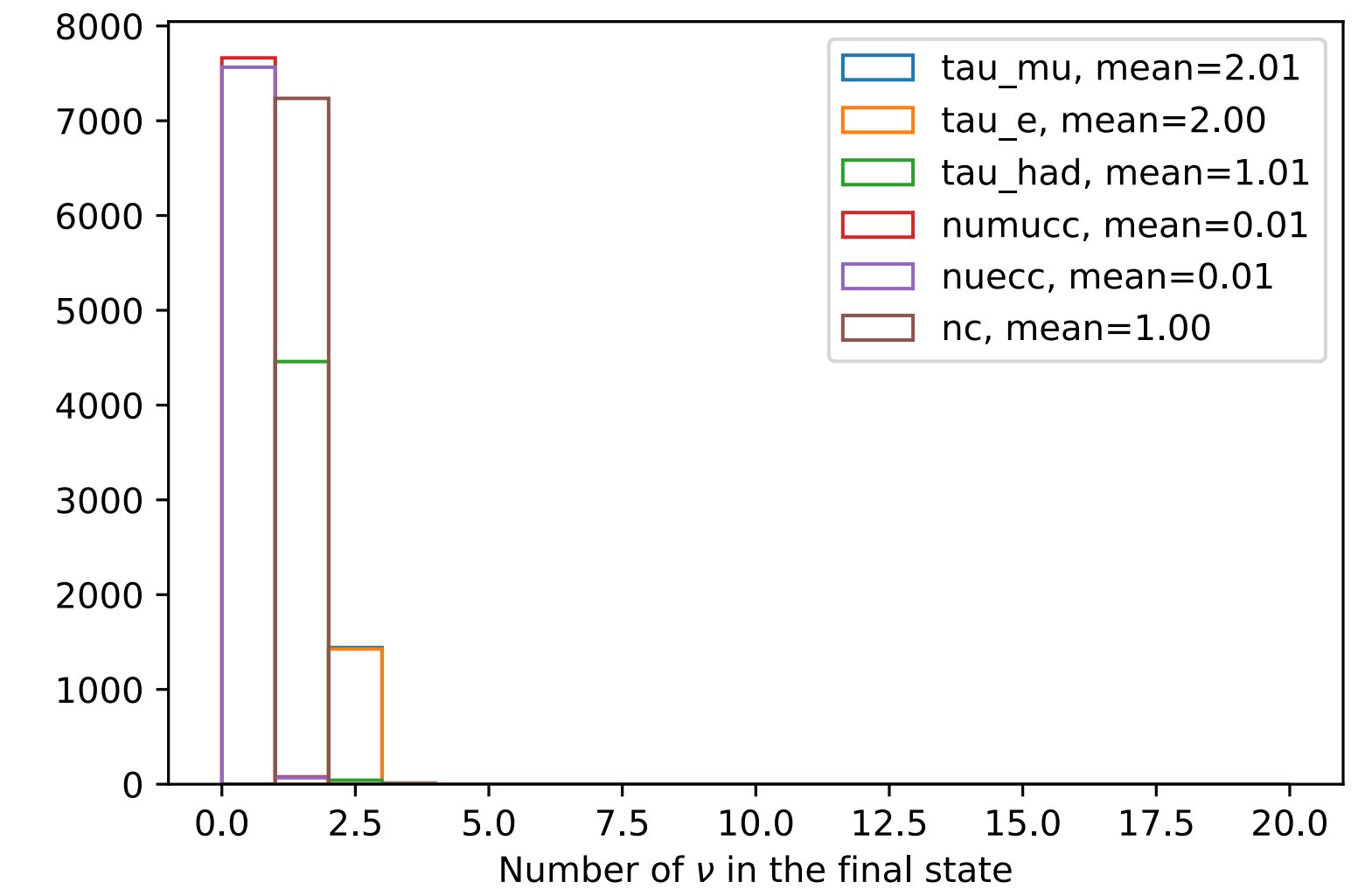


FIG. 2. Pictorial representation of hadronic tau (upper left) and leptonic tau (upper right) signals, and their corresponding backgrounds (lower).

[10.1103/PhysRevD.102.053010](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.102.053010)

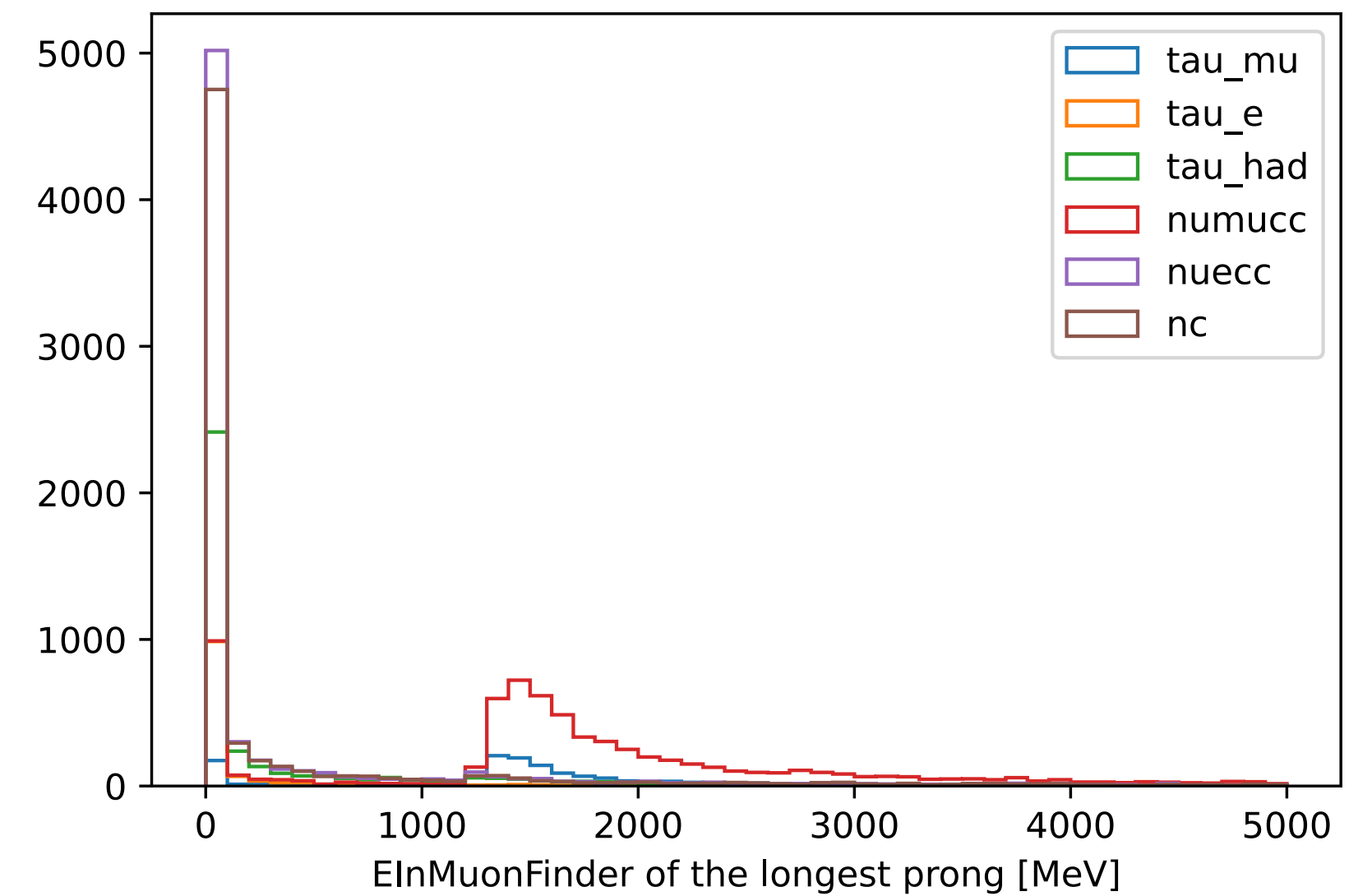
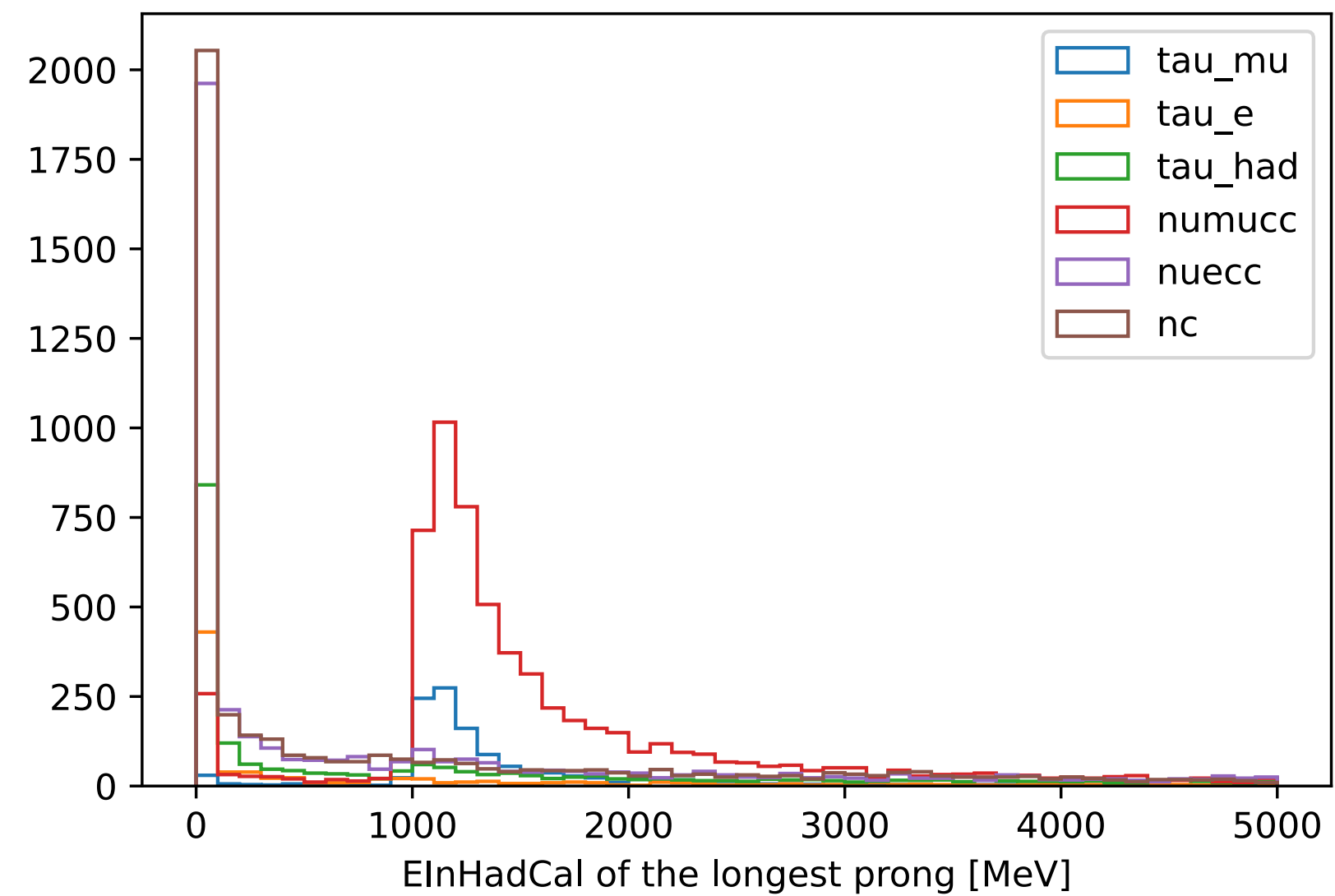
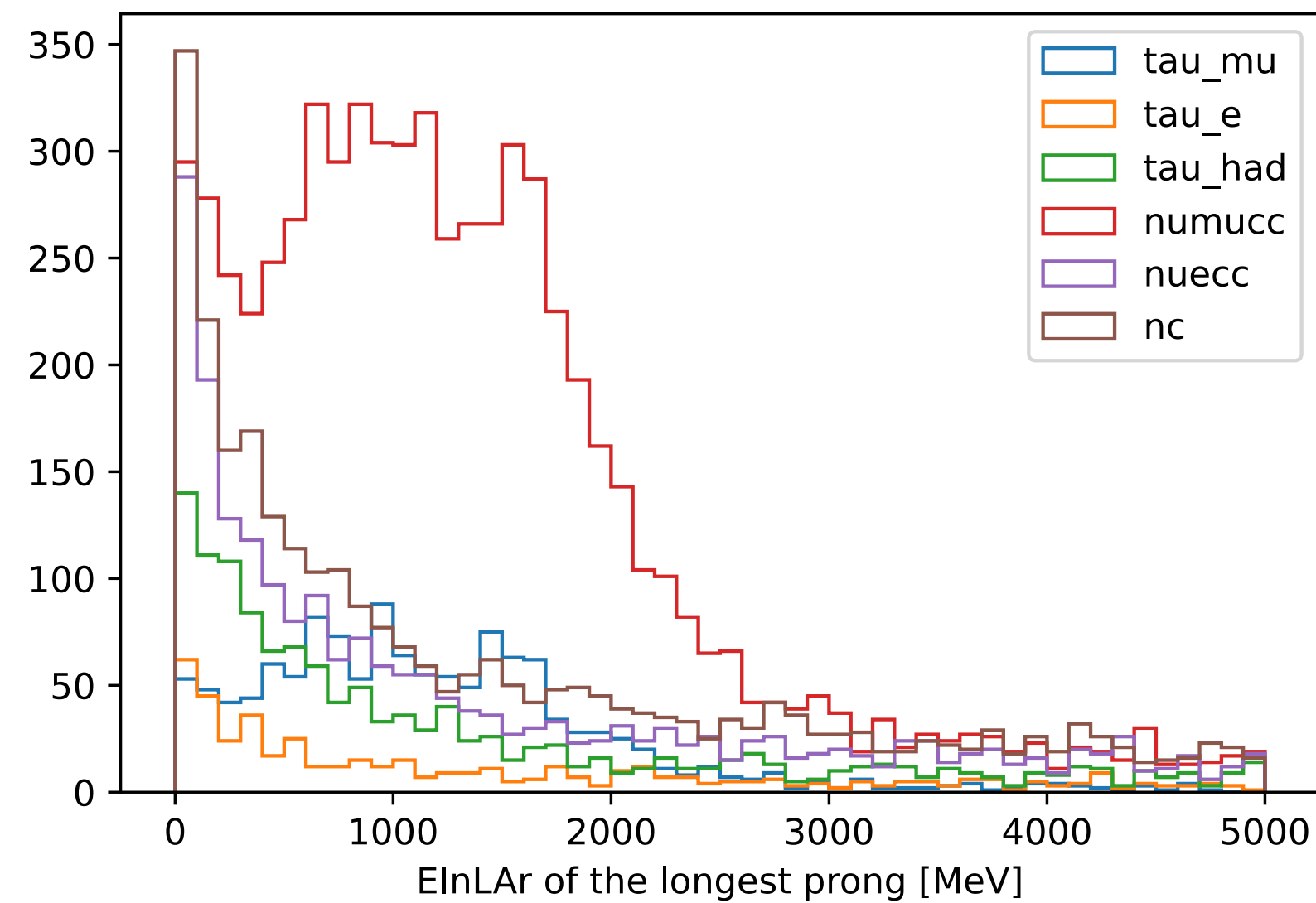
# Signatures of the final state particles

- Stable particles in the final state, including particles from tau decay
- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  have at least  $1\pi^-$  in the final state
  - $\tau_{\text{had}}$  have more  $(\pi^-, \pi^0)$  in the final state
- Neutrinos in the final state are invisible to the detector, contributing to the missing energy
  - Almost all  $\nu_{\mu} \text{CC}, \nu_e \text{CC}$  have zero neutrino in the final state
  - NC events and  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  have 1 neutrino,  $\tau_{\mu}$  and  $\tau_e$  have 2 neutrinos



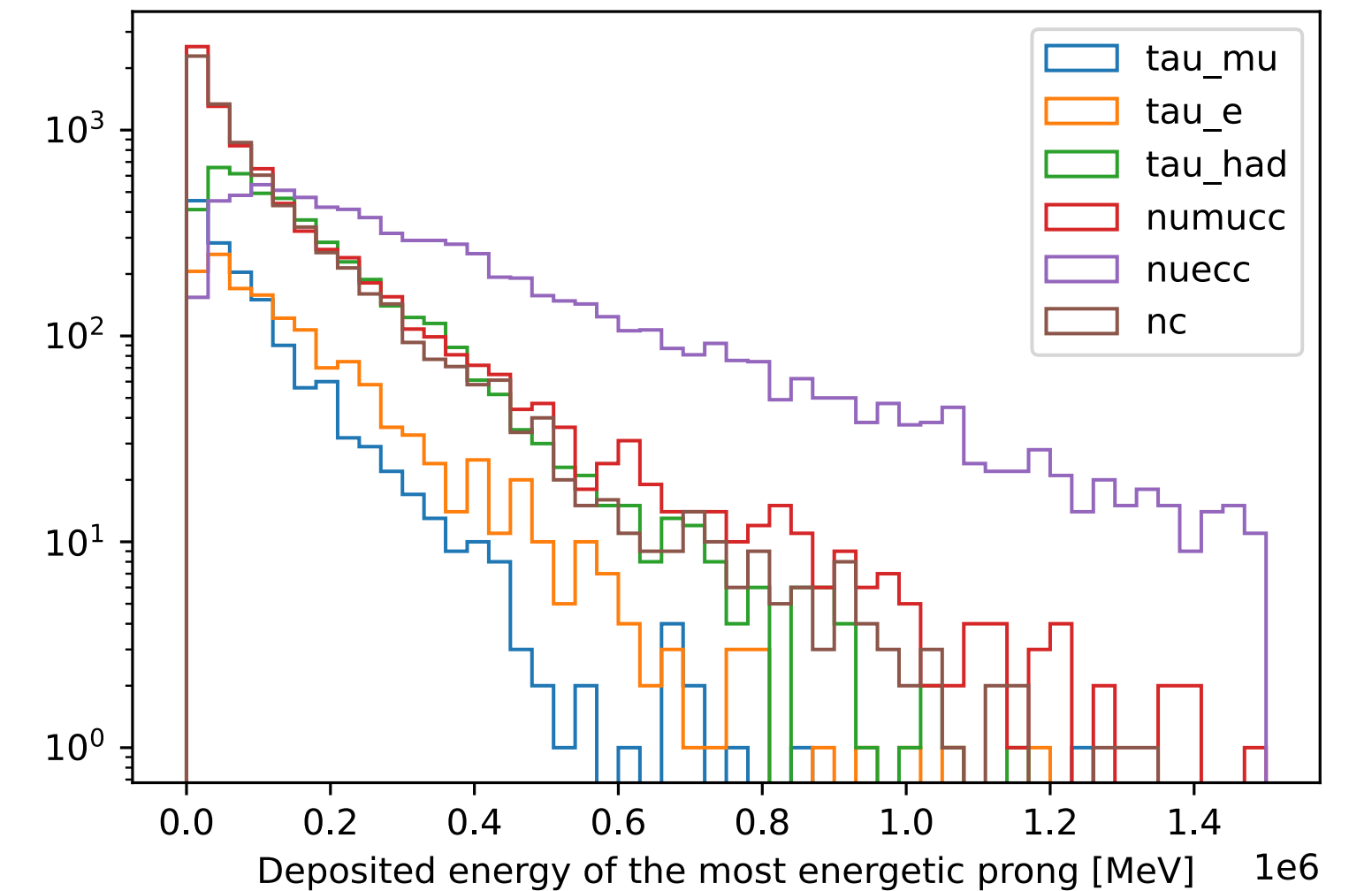
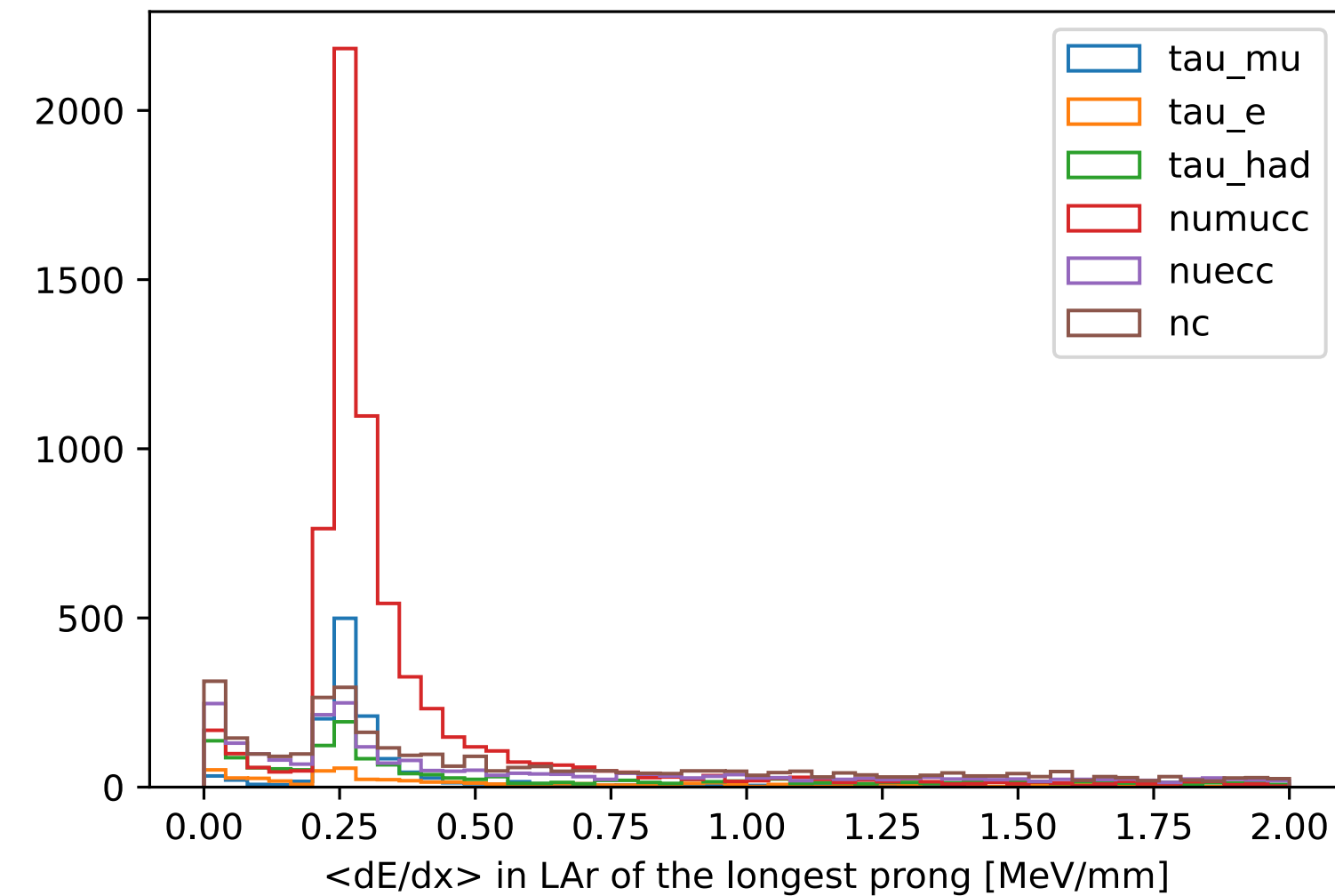
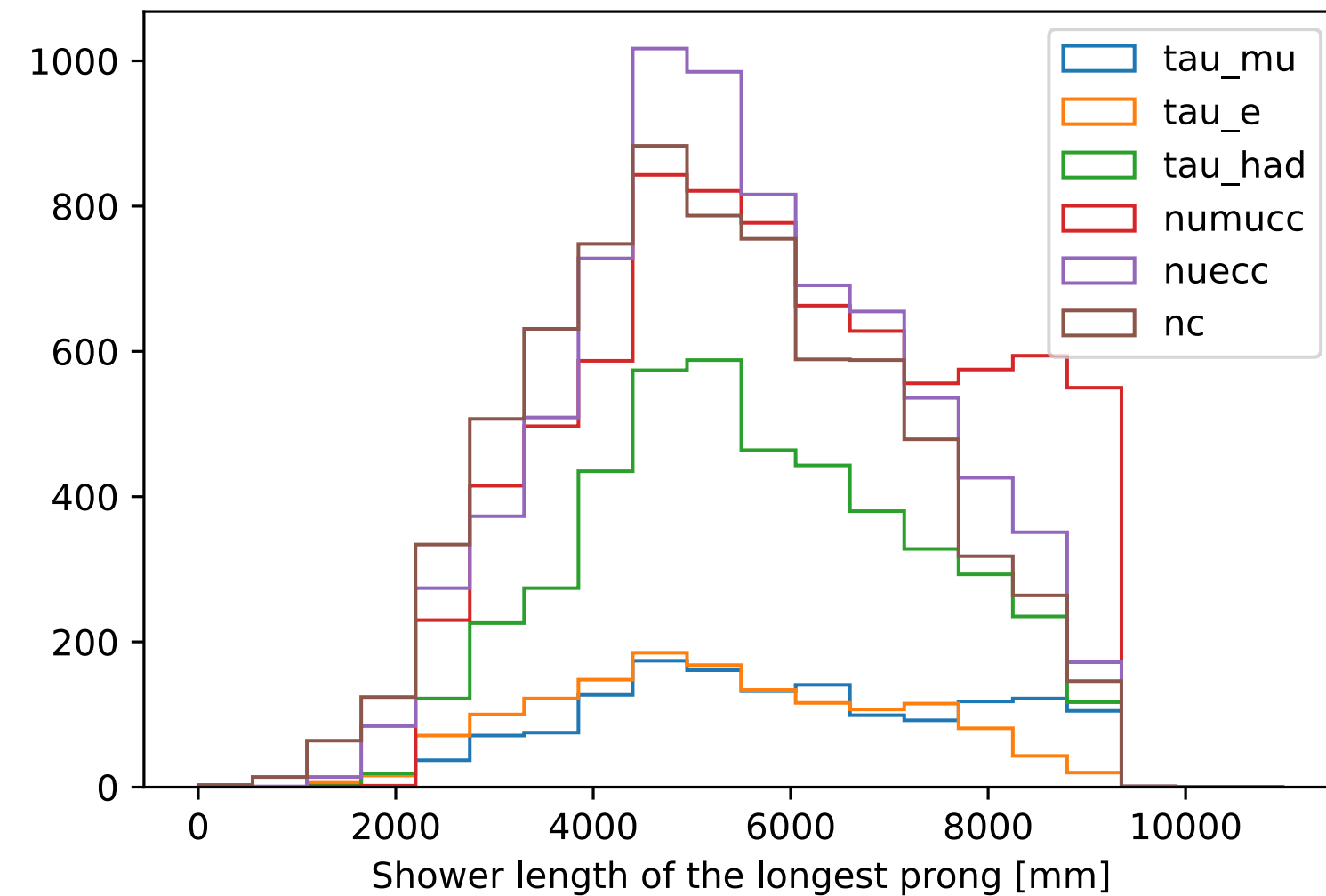
# Deposited energy of the longest prong

- $\tau_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  CC are distinctive from other channels



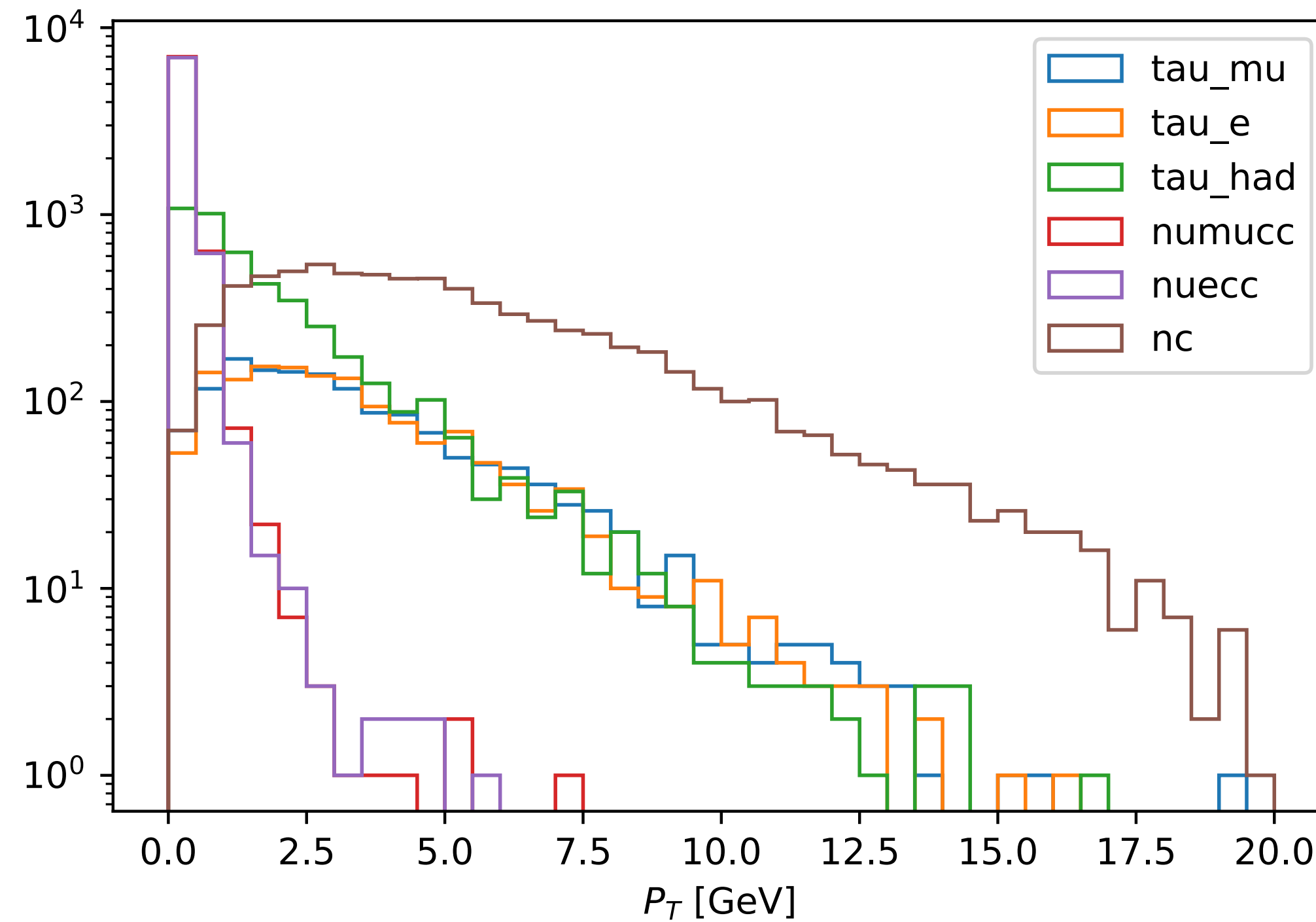
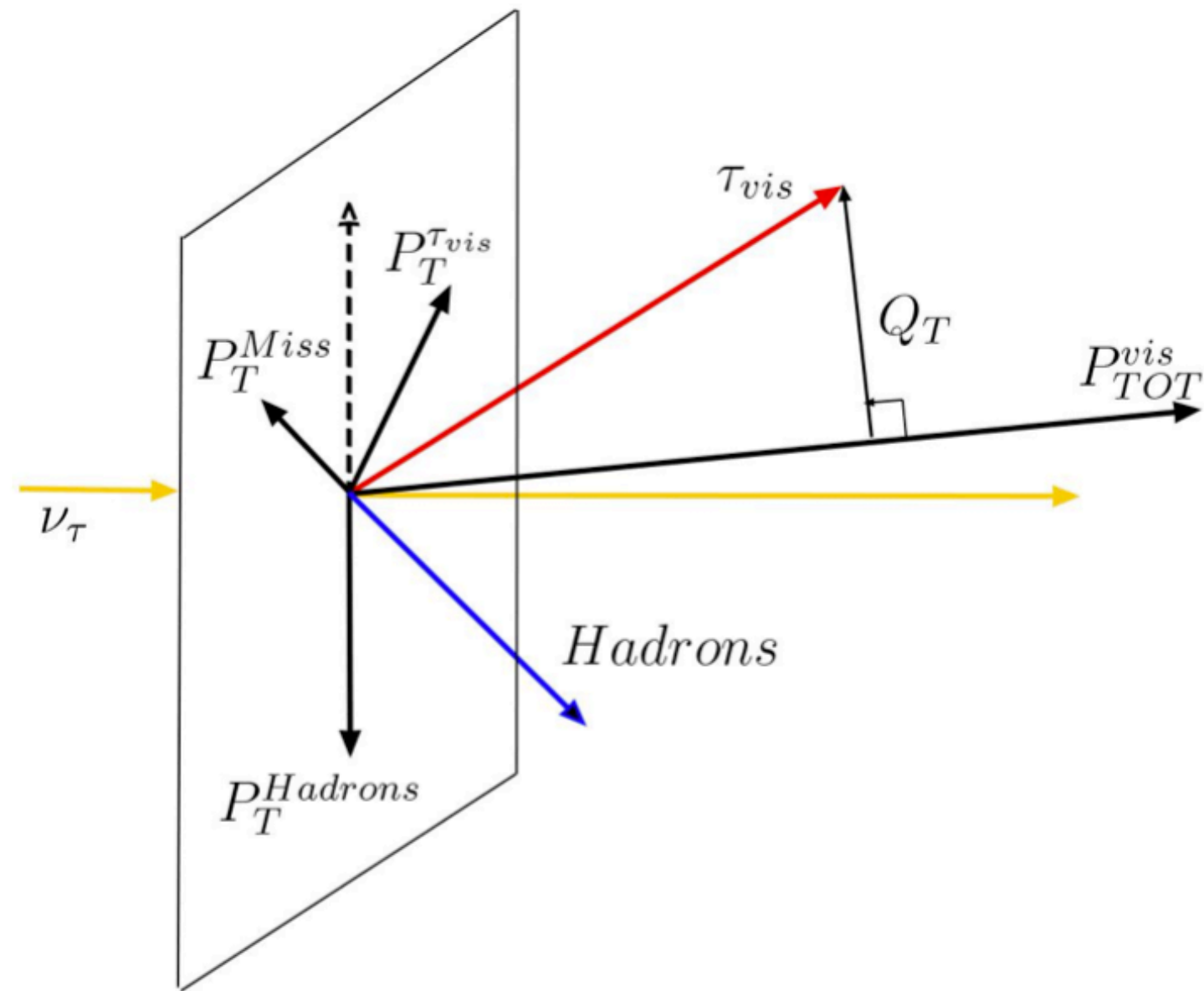
# Some other features

- $\tau_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  CC have relatively longer shower length
- Averaged  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$  can also be used to select  $\tau_\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  CC



# Missing transverse momentum

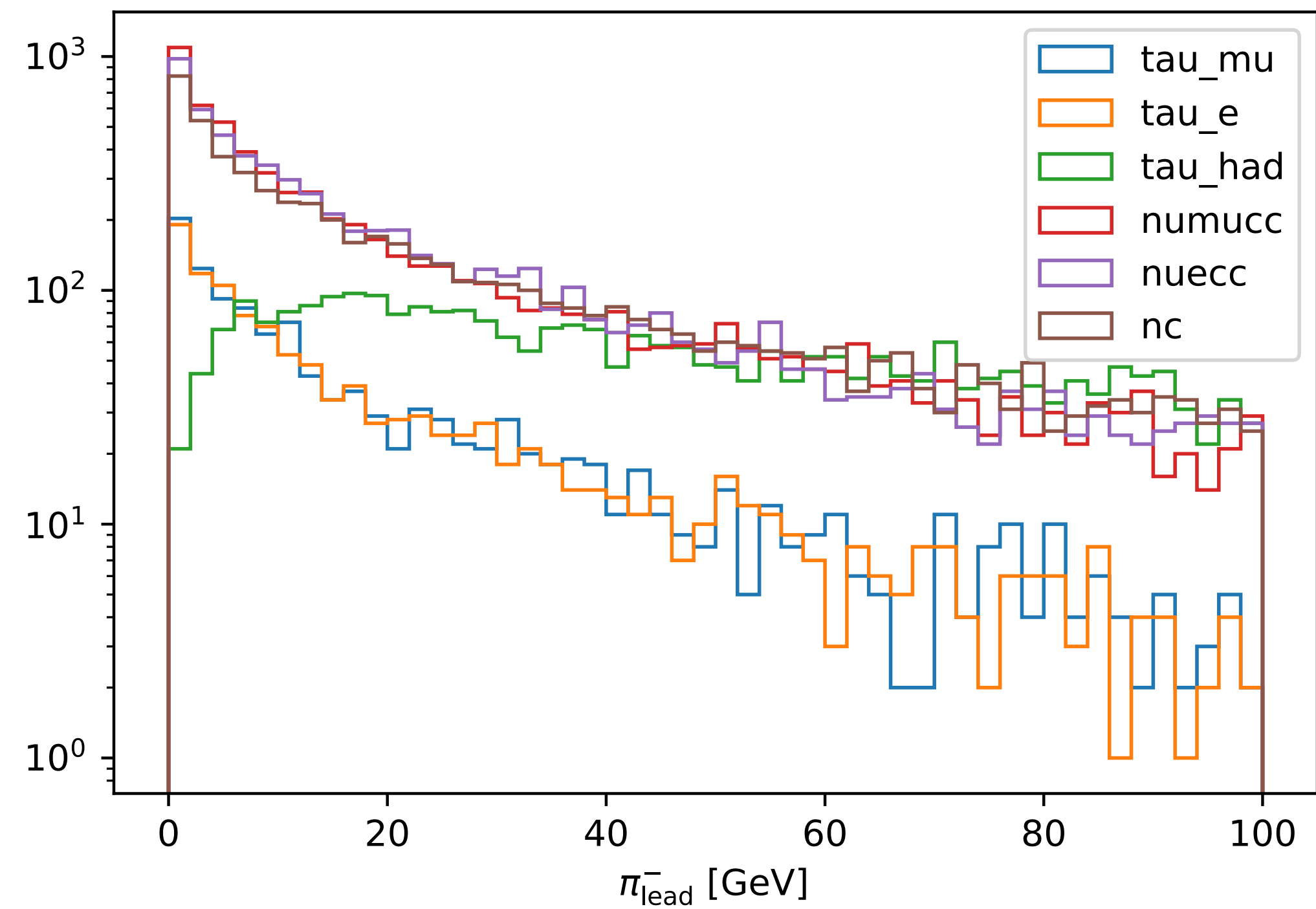
- $\tau_\mu$  have more neutrinos in the final state than  $\nu_\mu$  CC, thus more missing momentum in the transverse plane





# Energy of the leading $\pi^-$

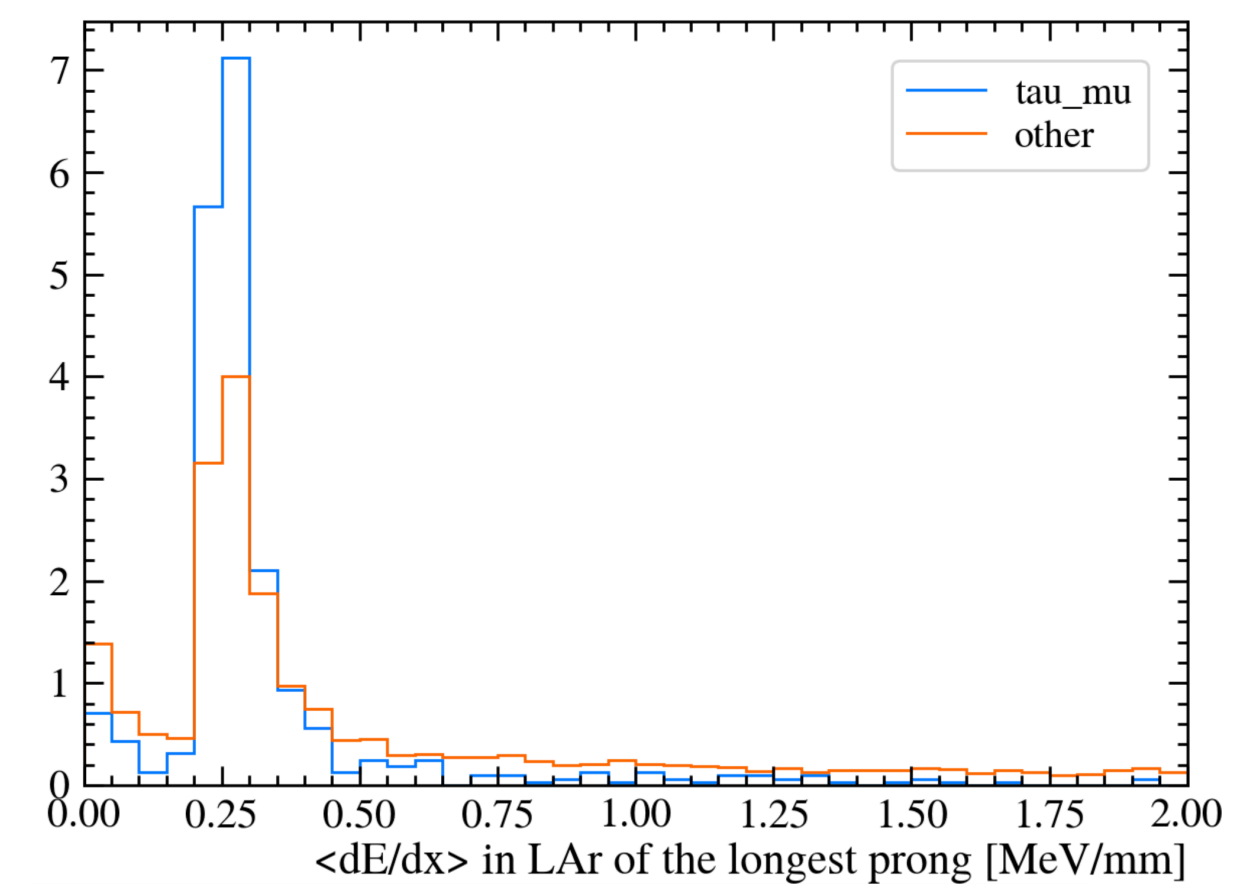
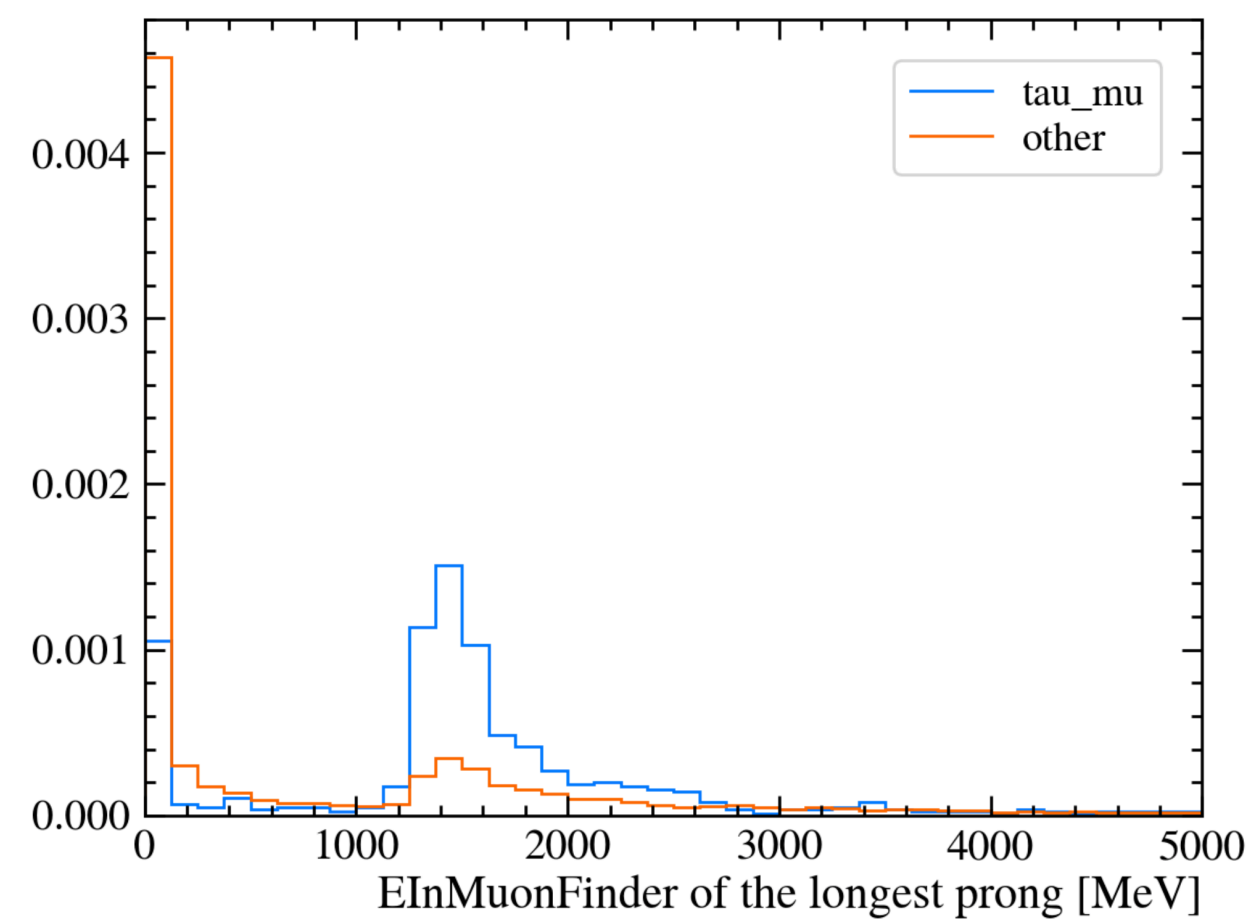
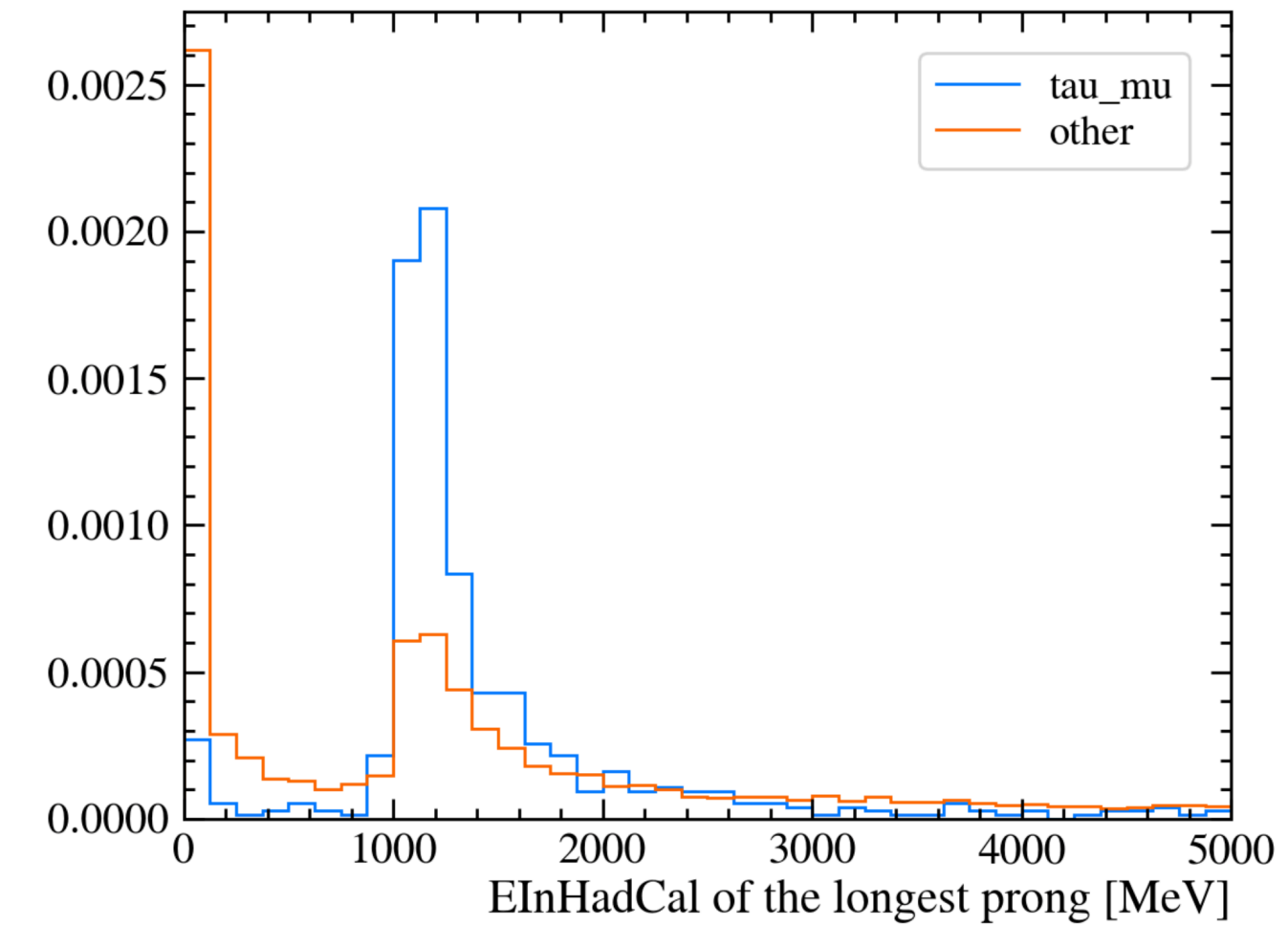
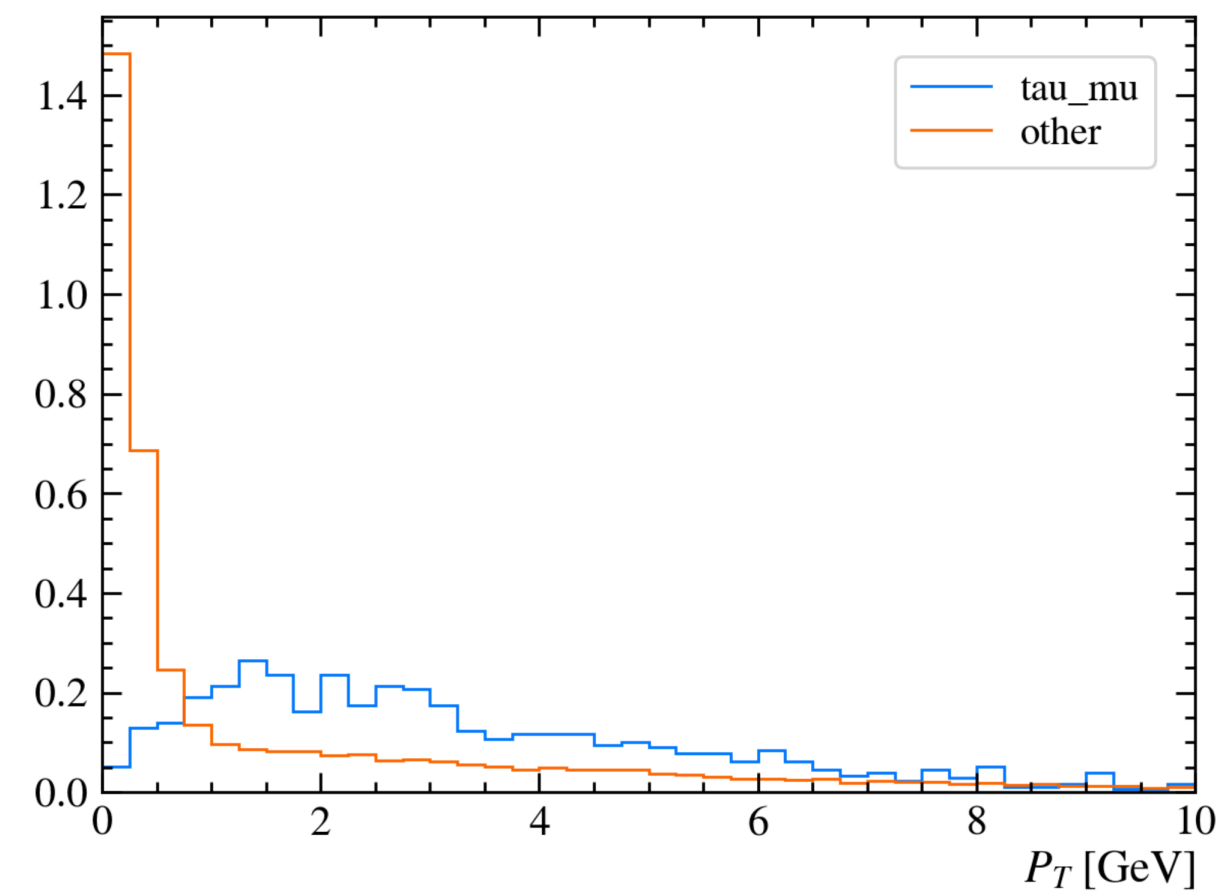
- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  has larger branch ratio than  $\tau_{\mu}$  and  $\tau_e$ , there is potential to be a good channel to select  $\nu_{\tau}$
- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  generally have a more energetic  $\pi^-$  in the final state



# First look of a BDT

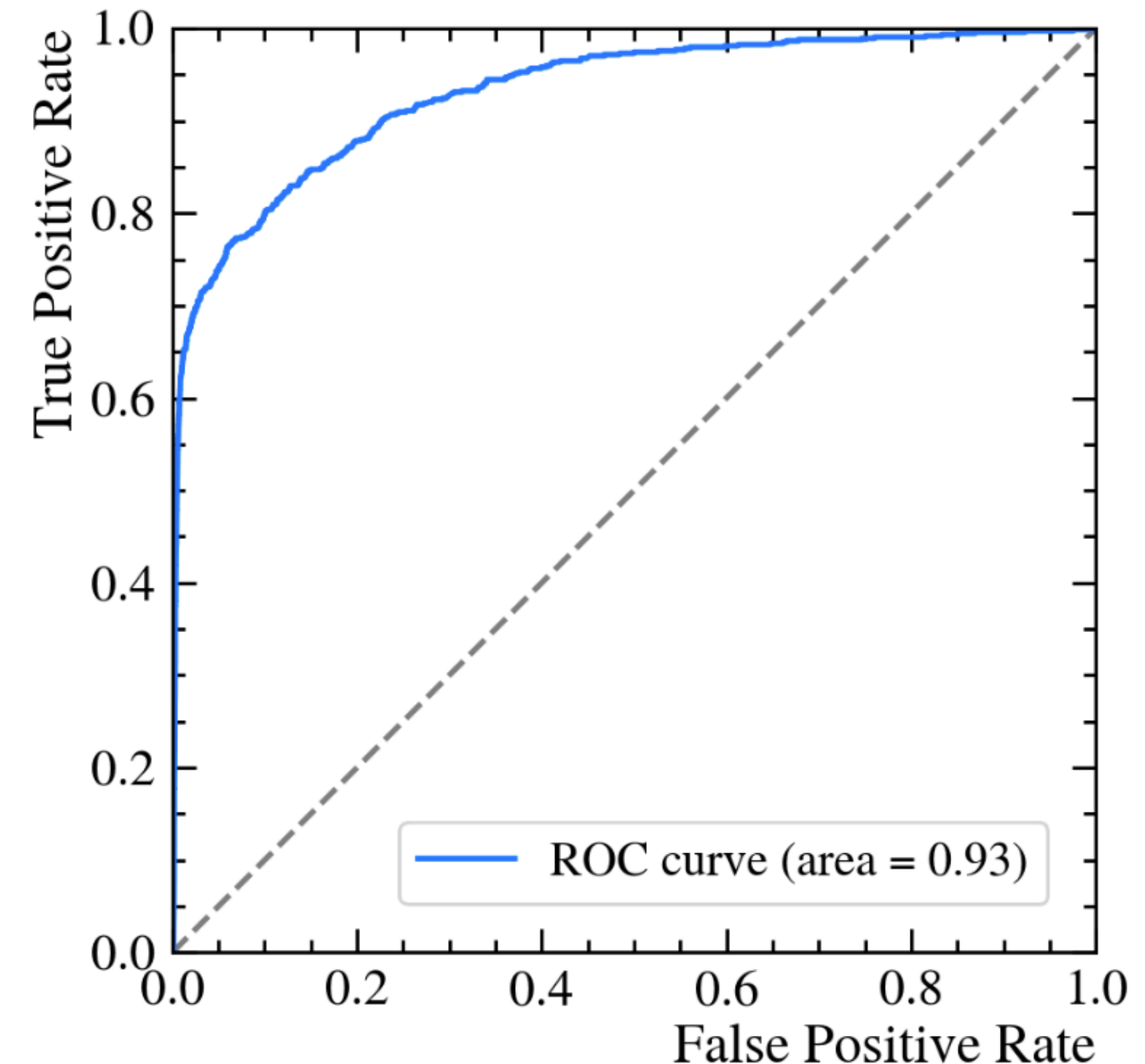
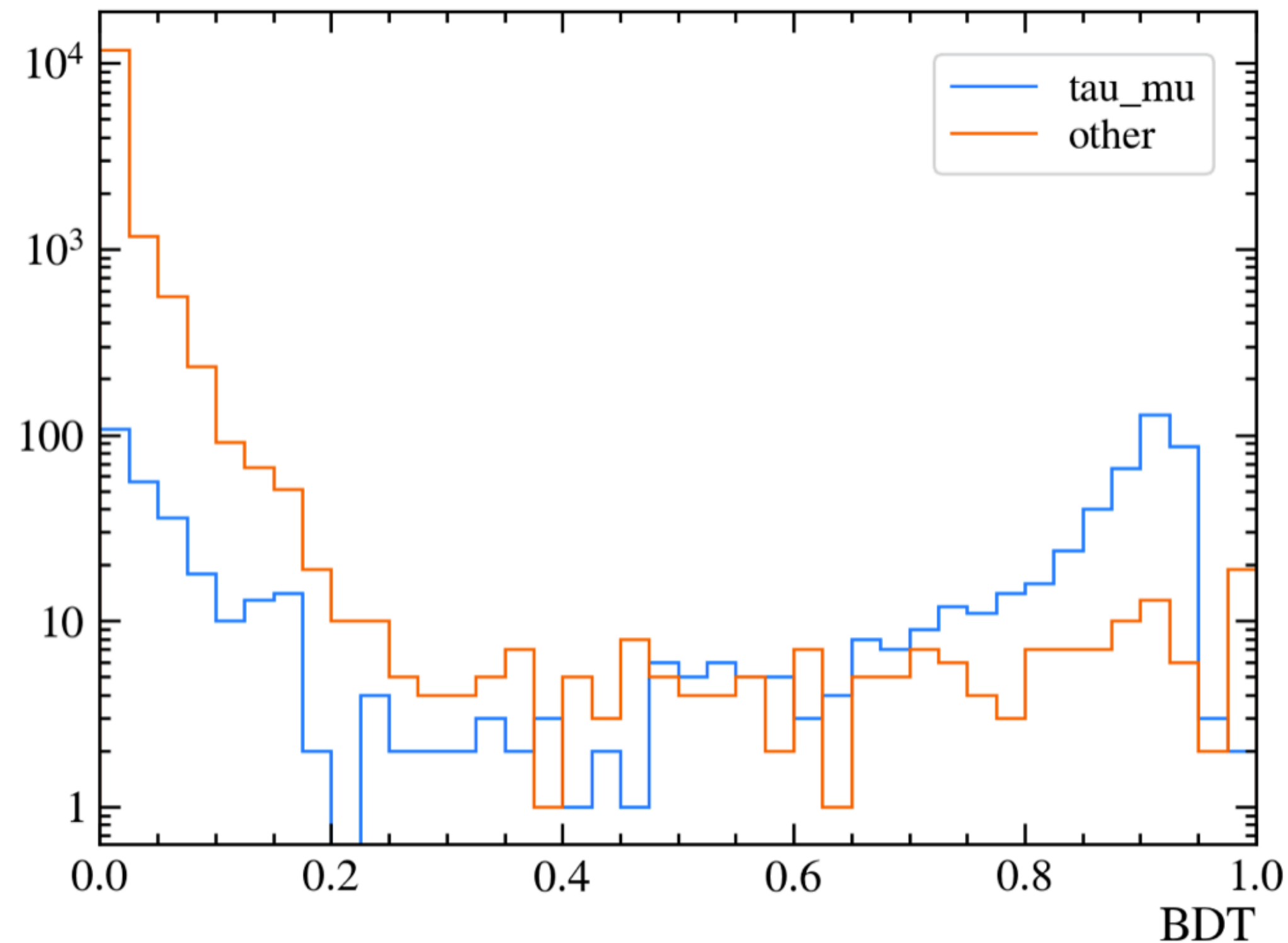
- Signal -  $\tau_\mu$ , Background - others
- Input: Missing transverse momentum,  $E_{\text{InHadCal}}/E_{\text{InMuonFinder}}/\langle dE/dx \text{ in LAr} \rangle$  of the longest prong

Input variables (normalized)



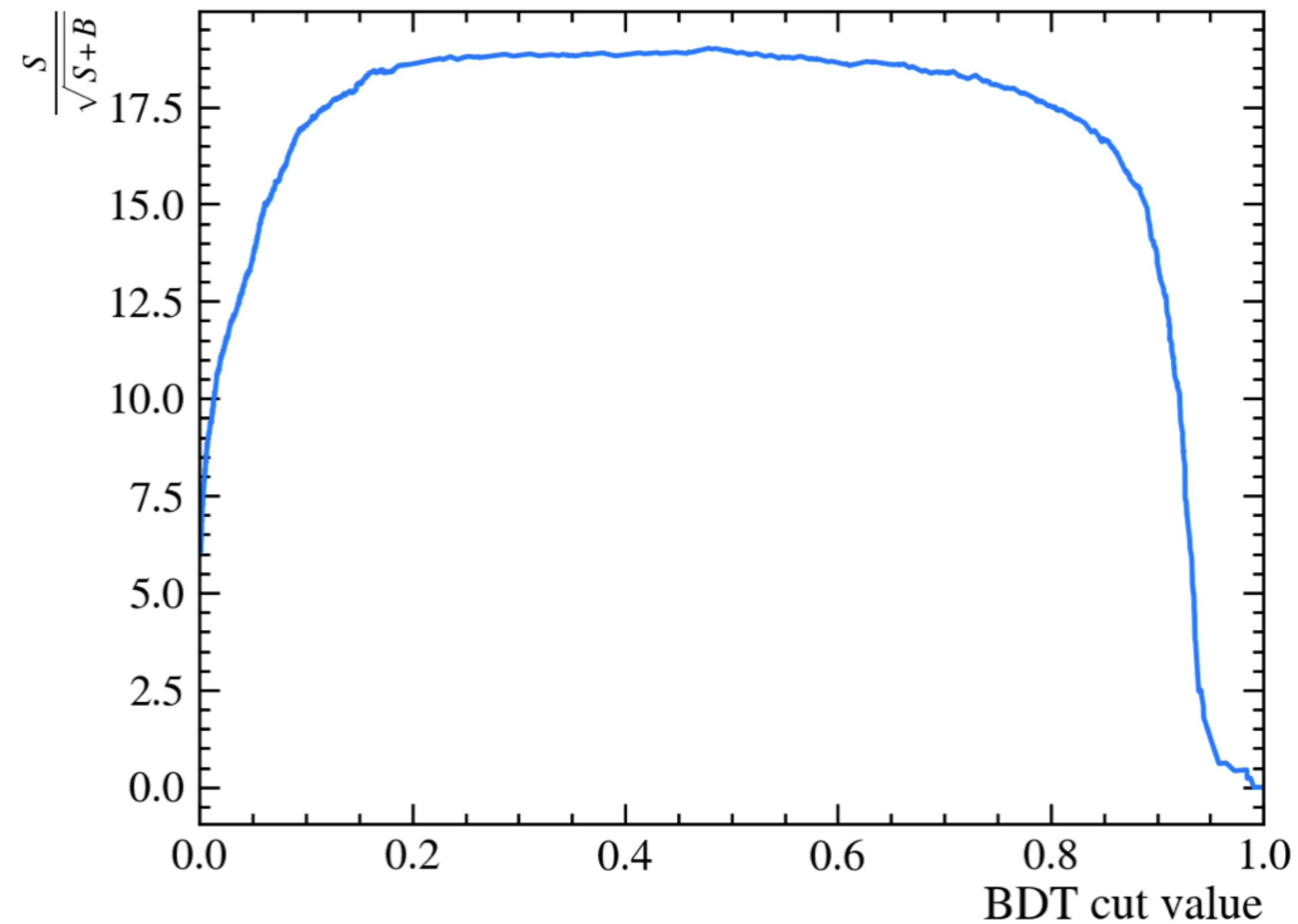
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- Training:validation = 15000:15000
- Validation sample: 740 signal, 14260 background



# First look of a BDT

- Define  $FOM = \frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B}}$ , find the optimum cut value is 0.48, with  $N_{sig}=461$ ,  $N_{bkg}=127$ 
  - Selected background: 51  $\nu_{\mu}CC$ , 20  $\tau_{had}$ , 40 NC, 9  $\nu_eCC$ , 7  $\tau_e$

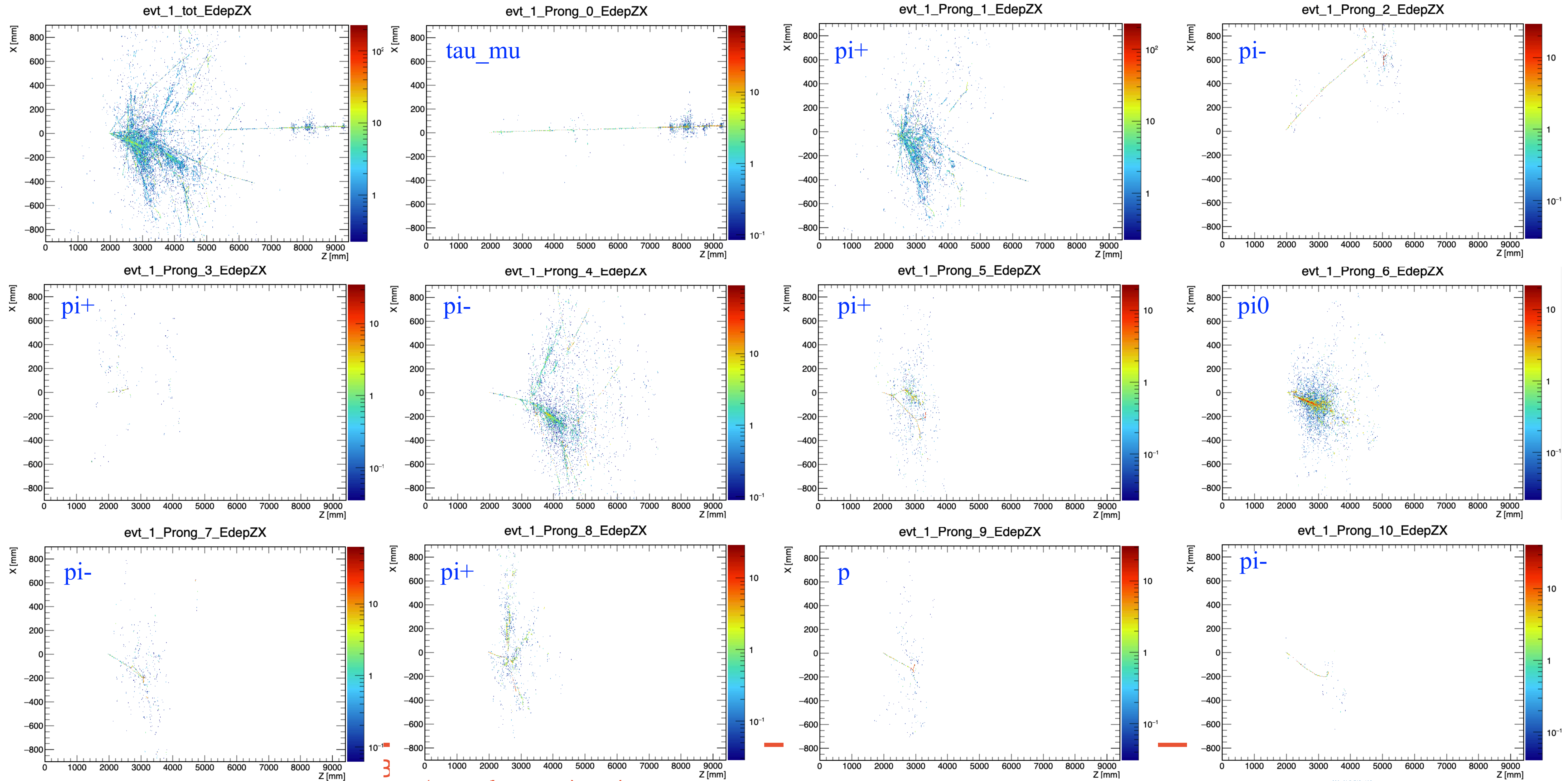


# Next steps

- Some of the features are promising to differentiate  $\nu_\tau$  CC from other
  - $\langle dE/dx \rangle$ , Missing momentum, leading  $\pi^-$  energy, ...
- A BDT was trained, and it looks plausible to select  $\tau_\mu$  events
  - Will look into other channels:  $\tau_e$  and  $\tau_{\text{had}}$
  - Try to look for more features:  $\pi^0$ s in  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel

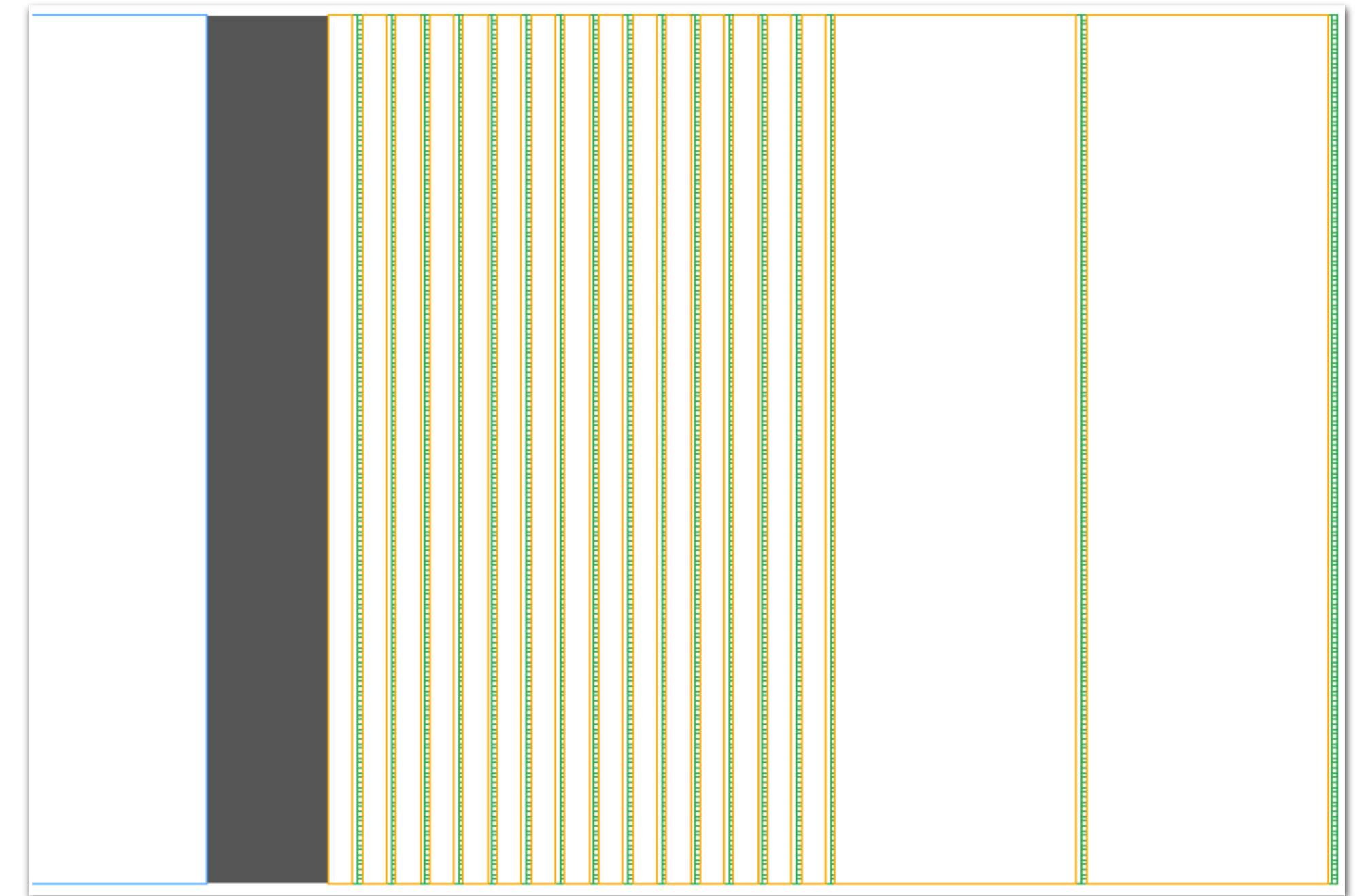
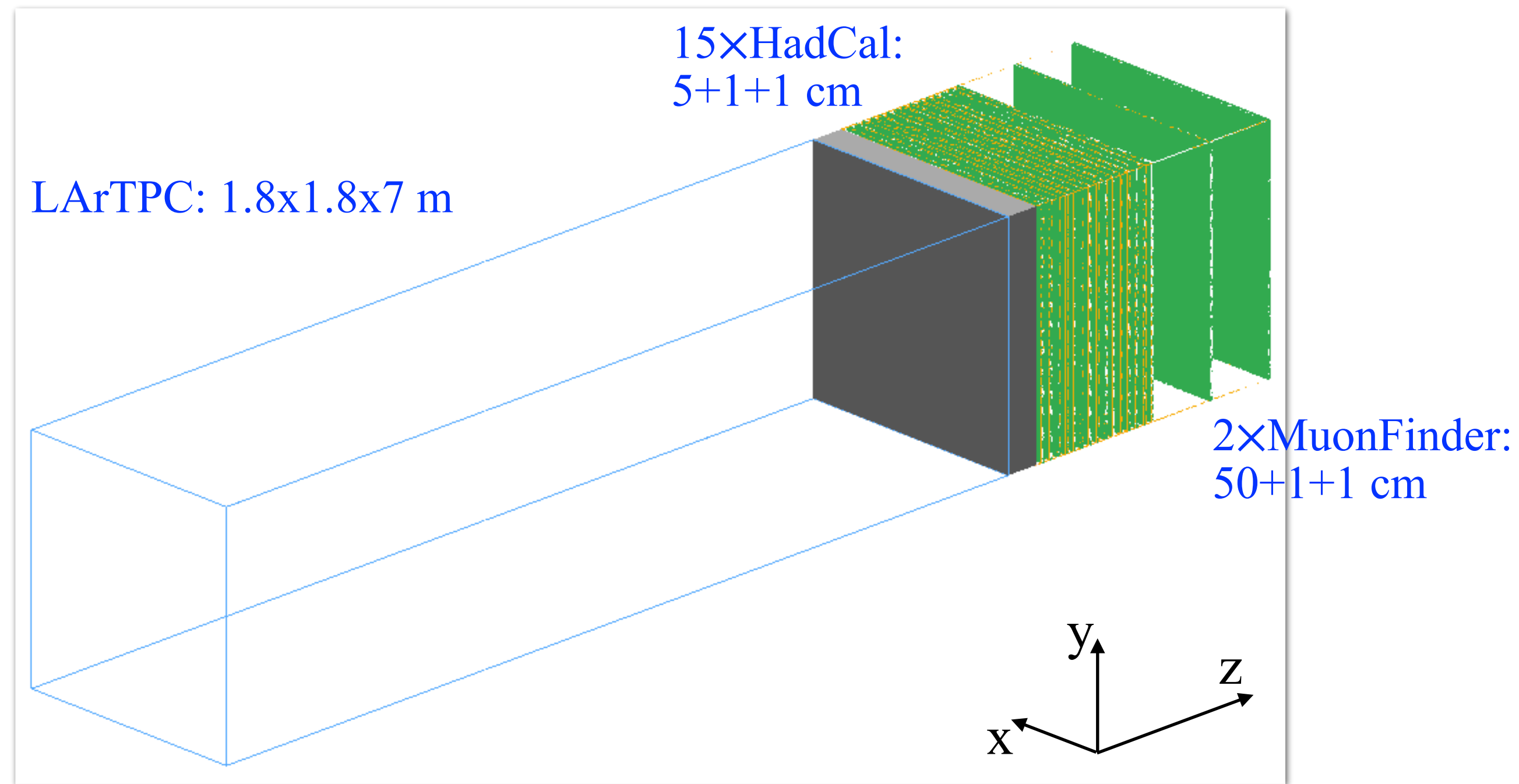
Backup

# Event display of each final state particle



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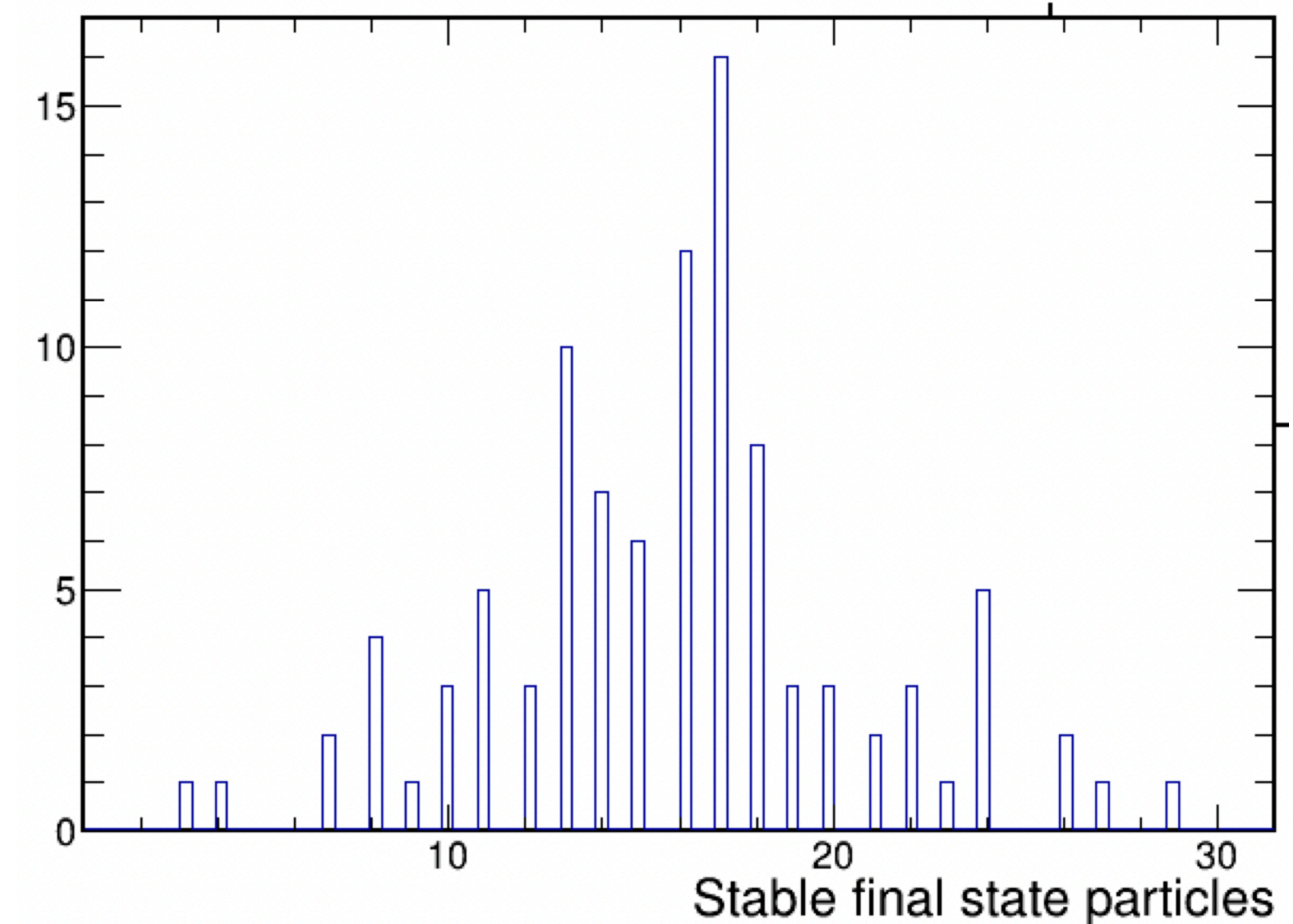
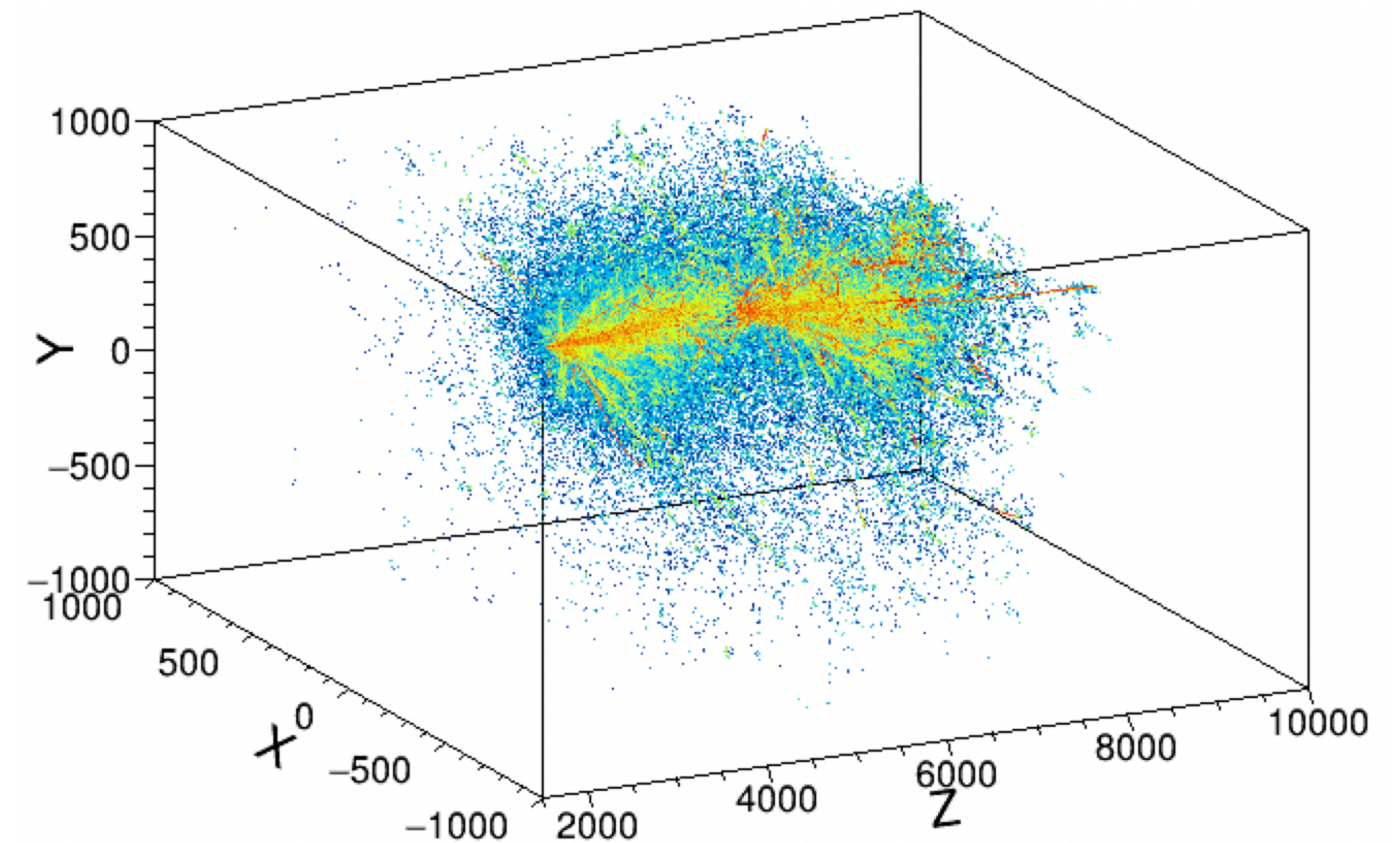
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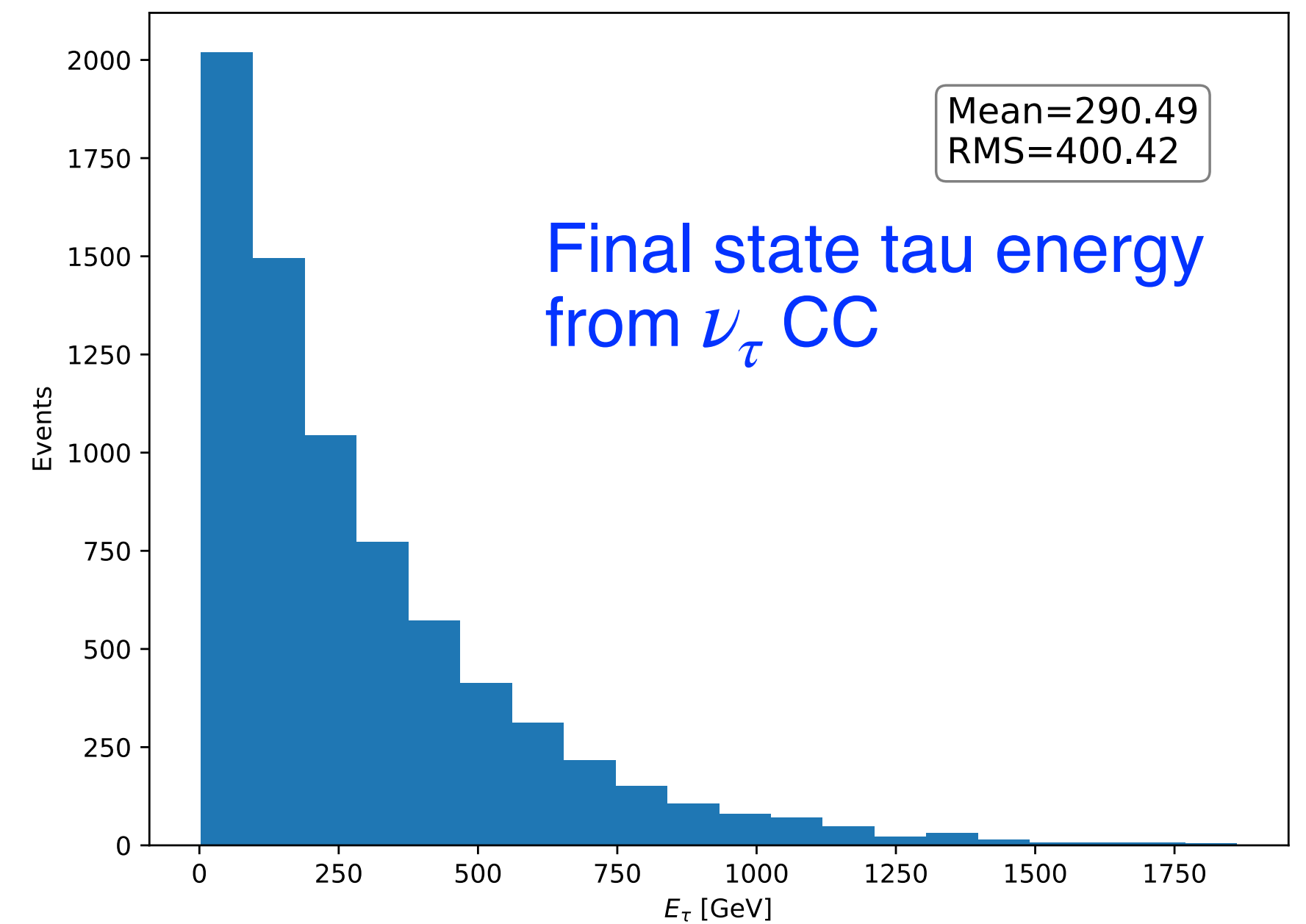
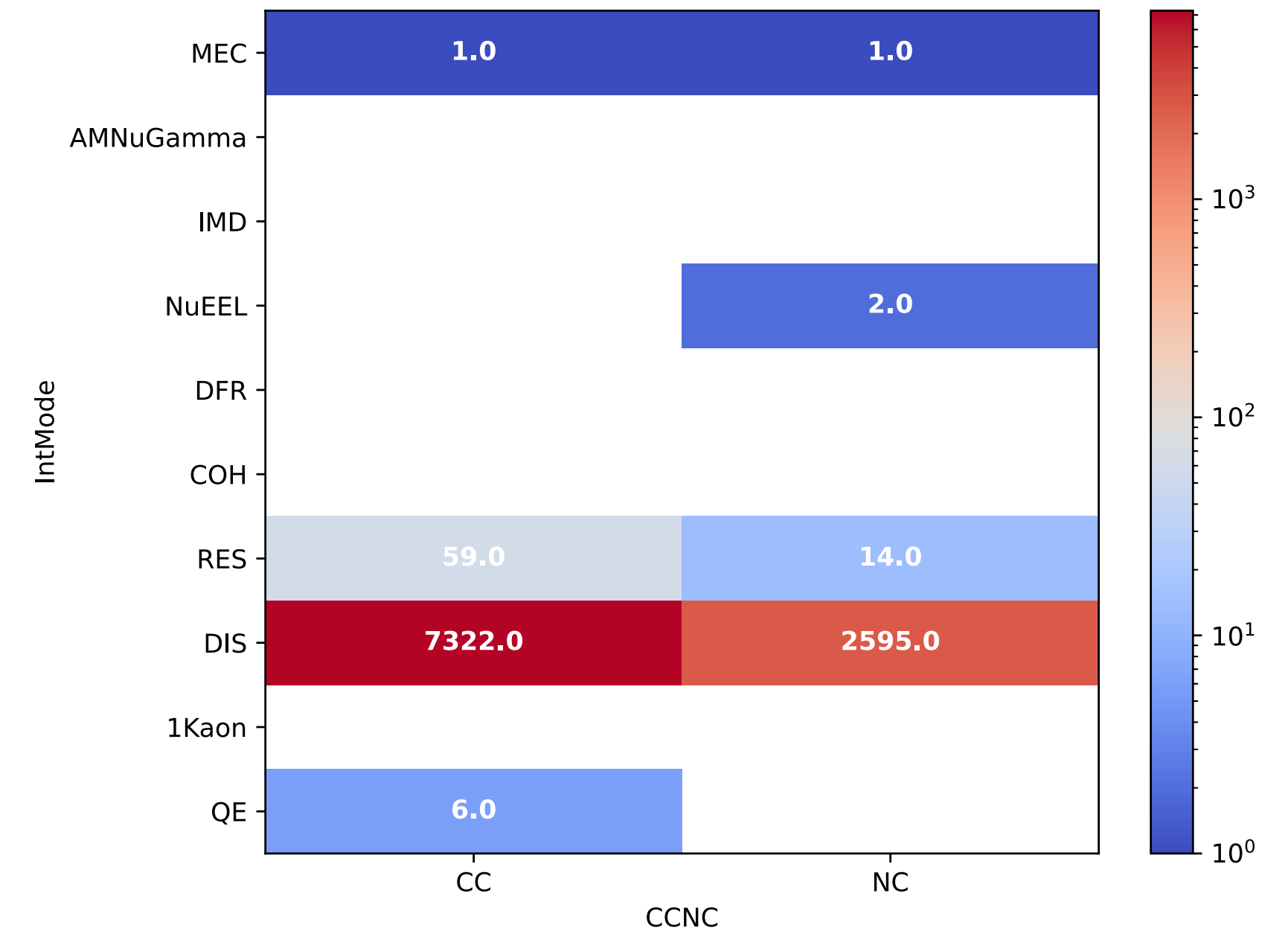
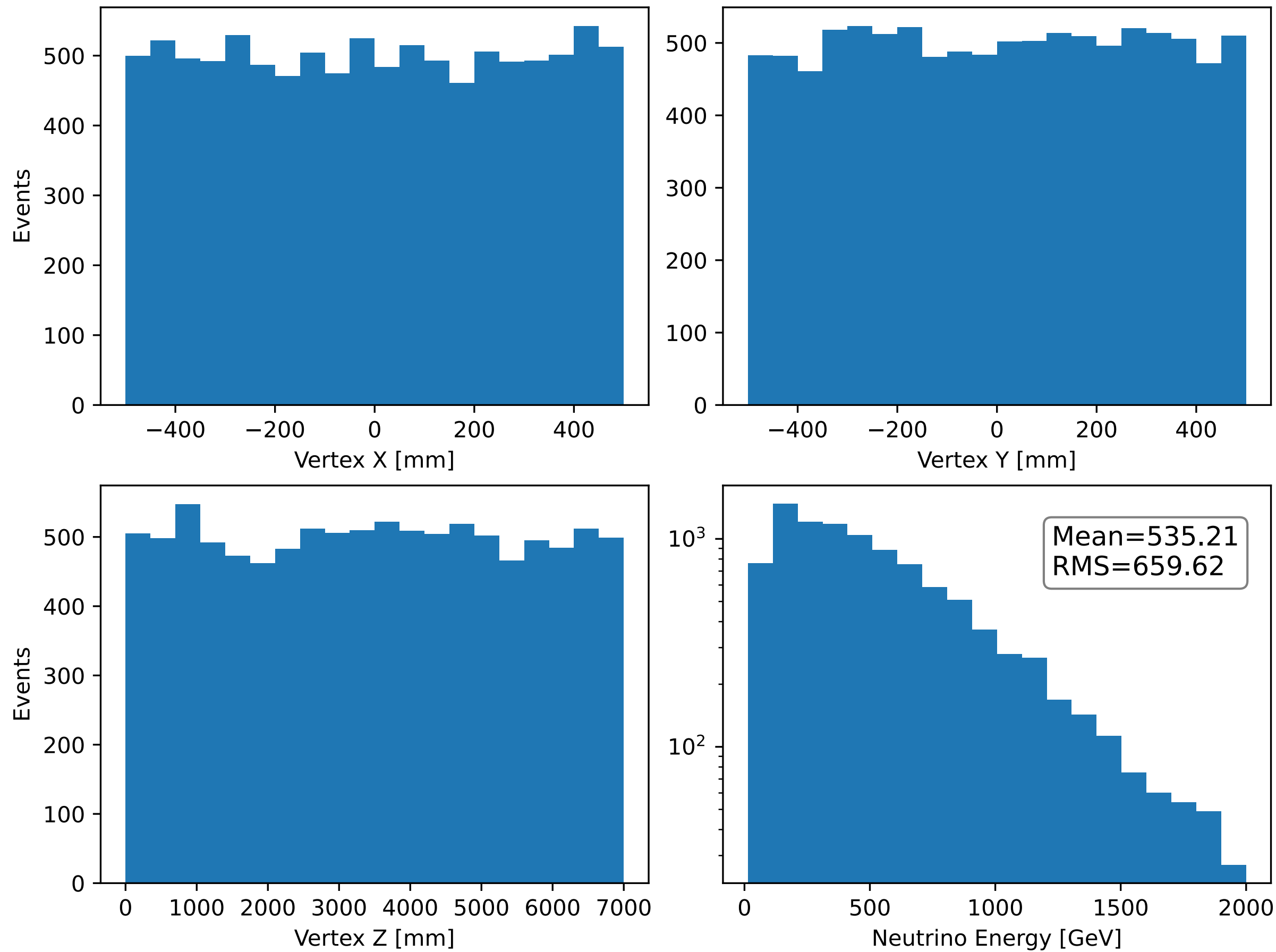
# Work in progress

- Save all the hit information from G4 simulation
  - As the energy is very high, there is a large amount of hits for each event (~TB for 10000 neutrino events)
- Will do more analysis on the new MC data
  - Study the feature of all stable final state particles from the neutrino interaction
  - Event classification, background rejection

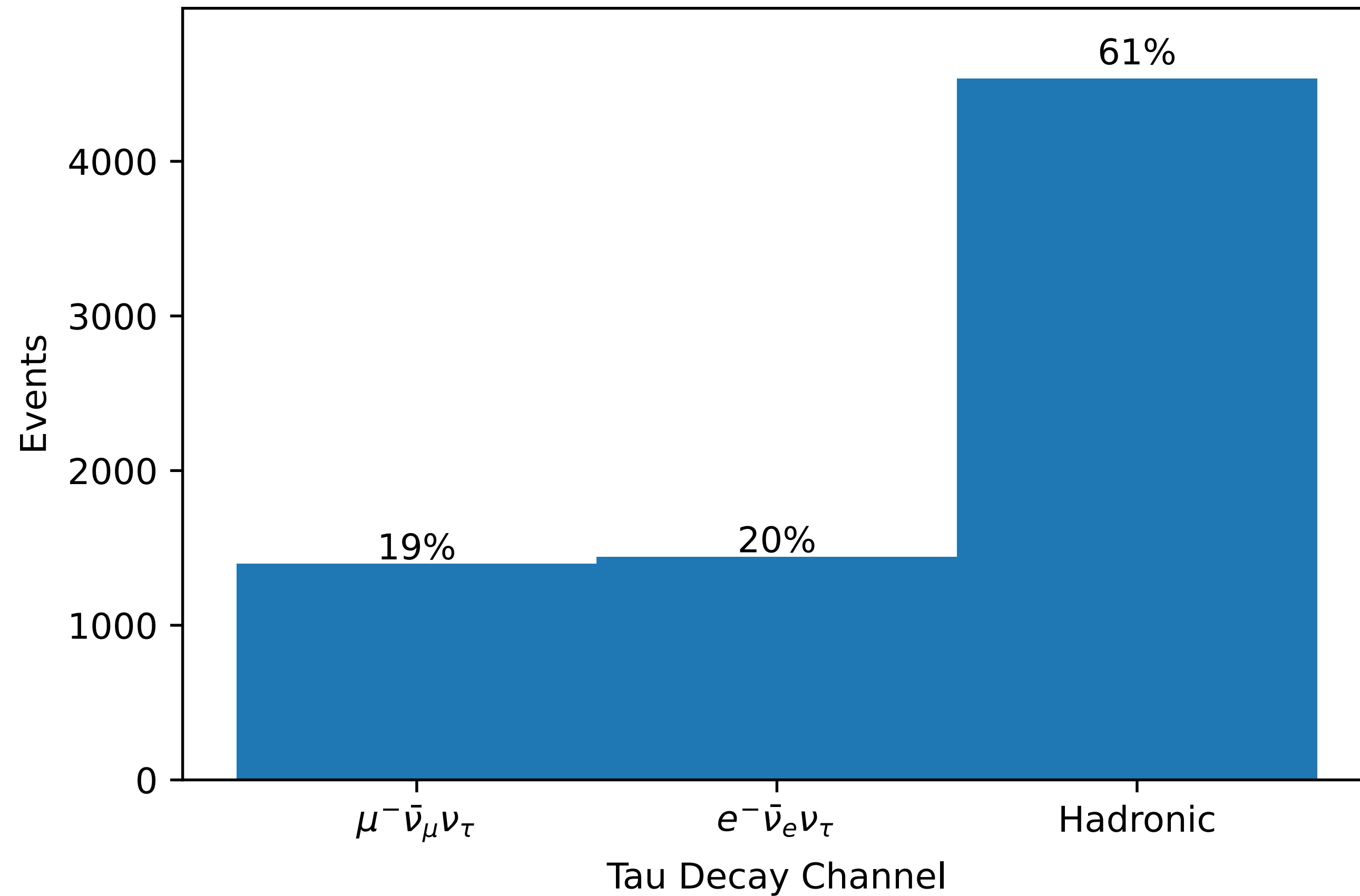


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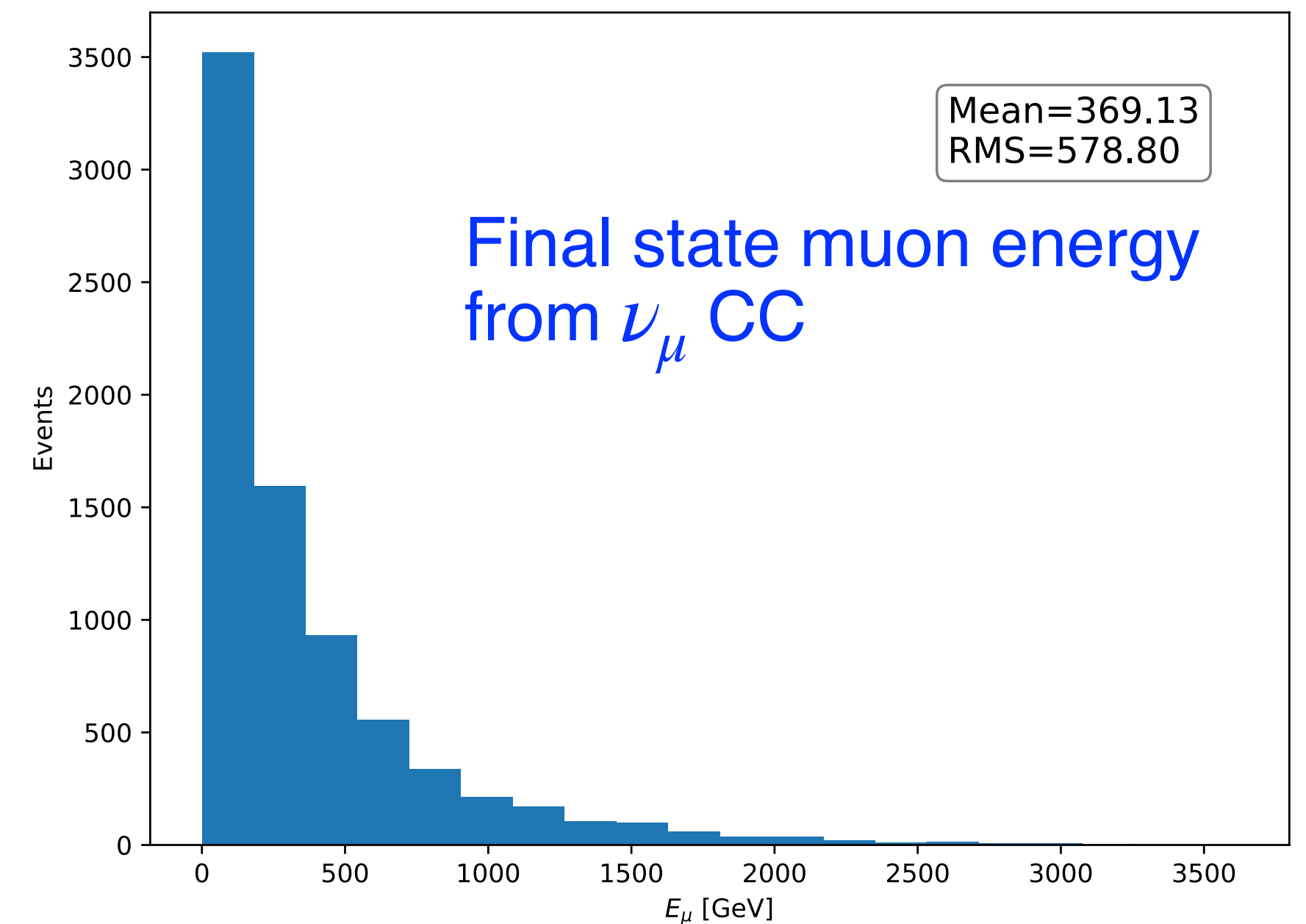
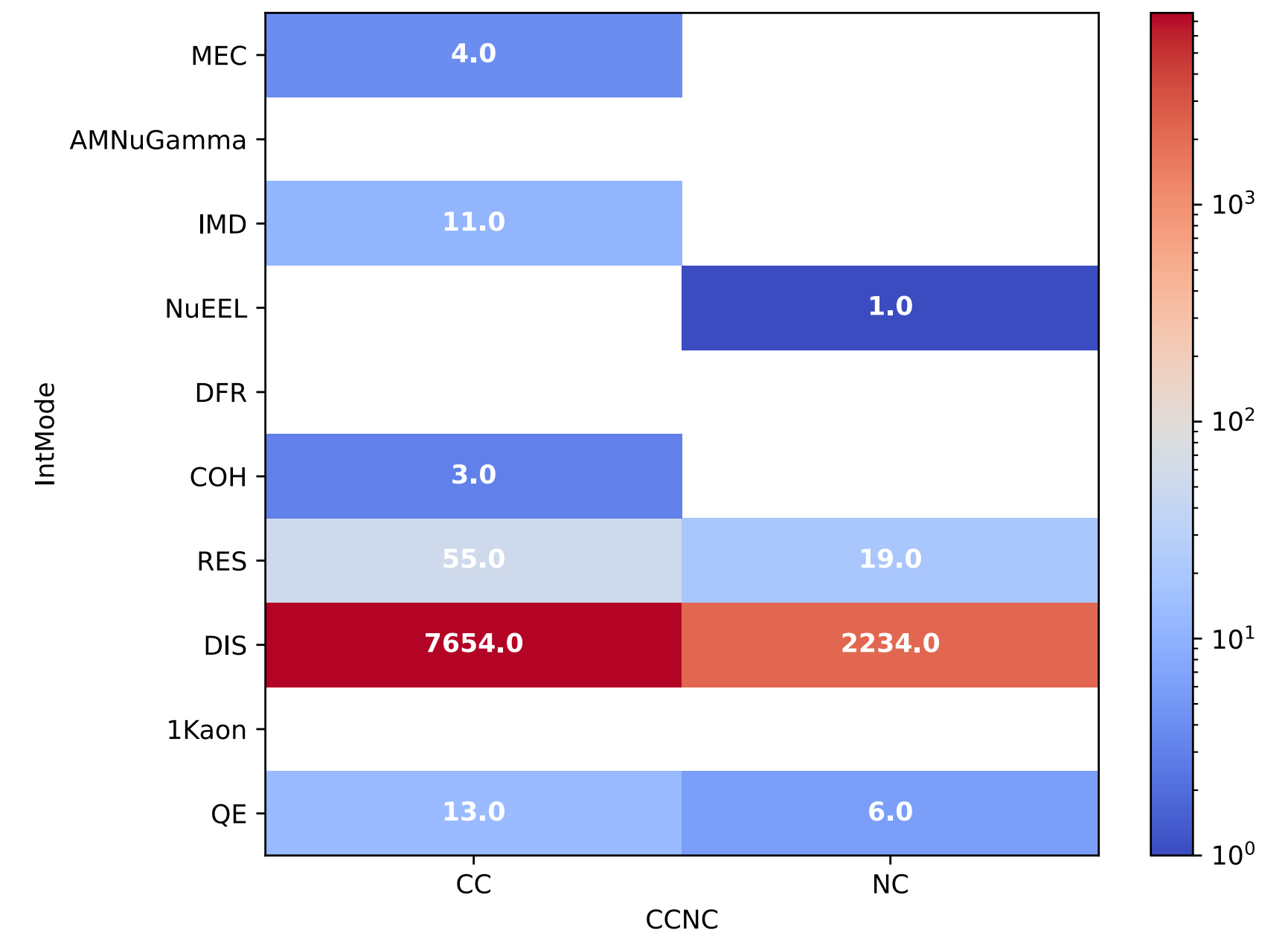
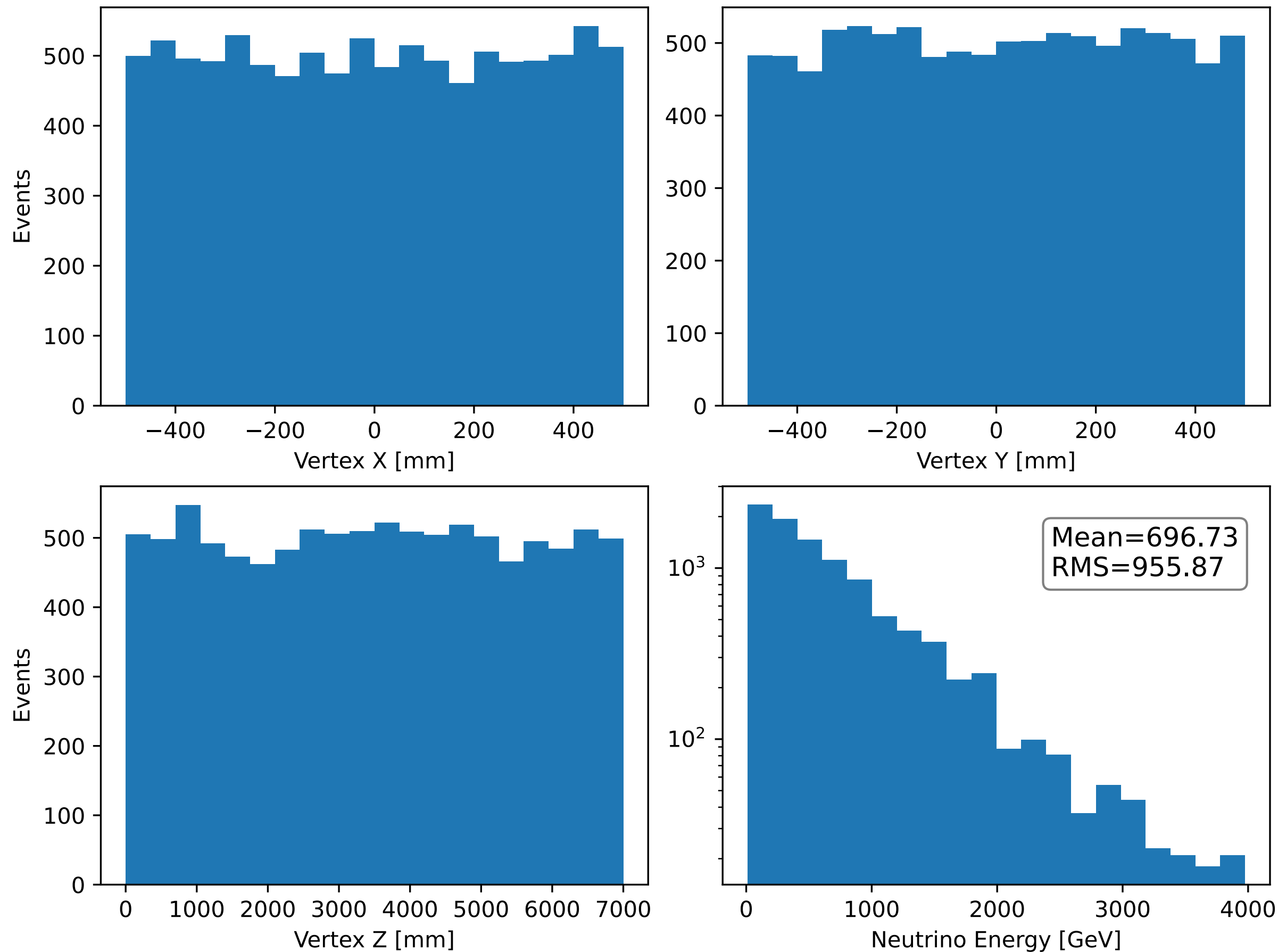


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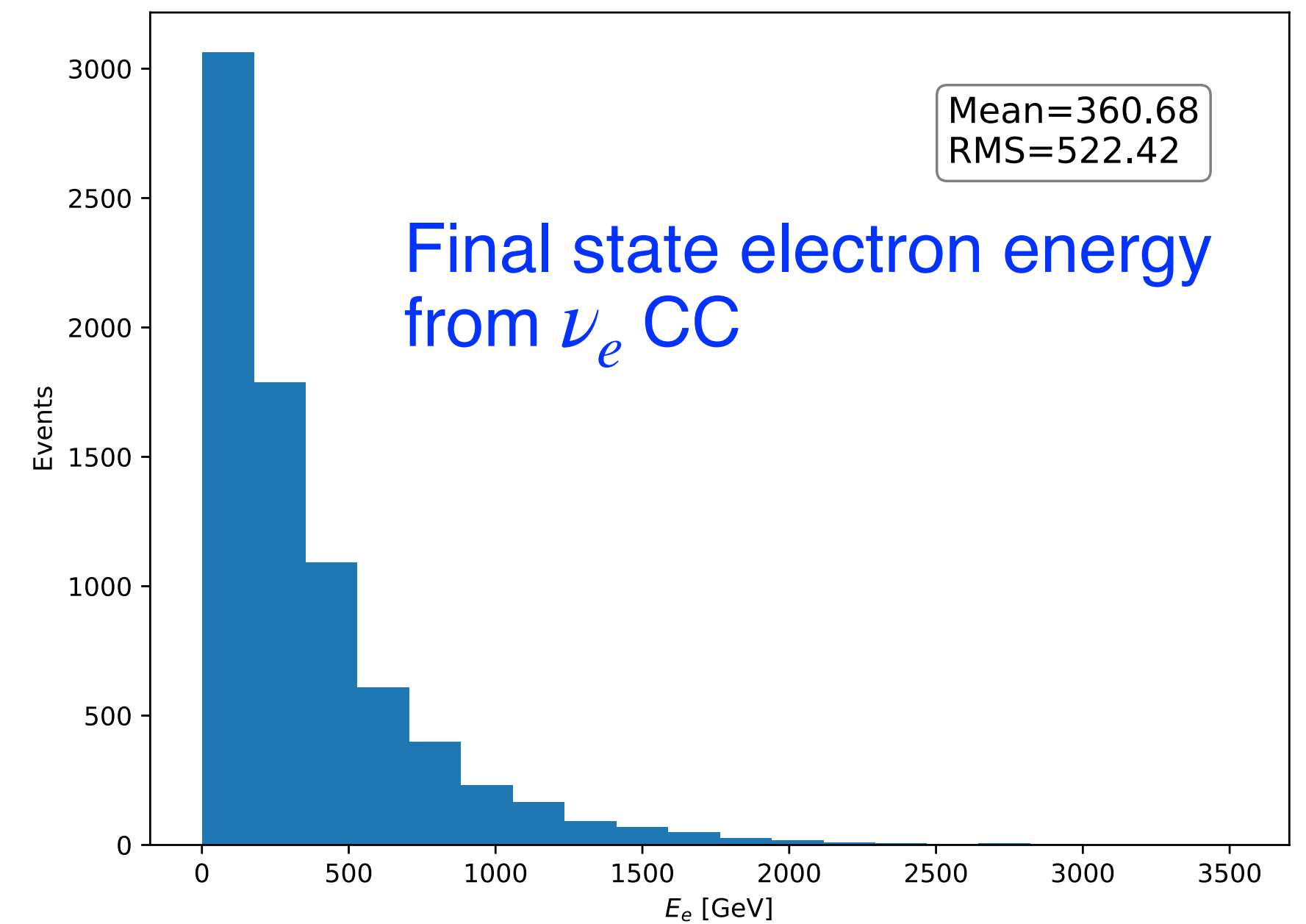
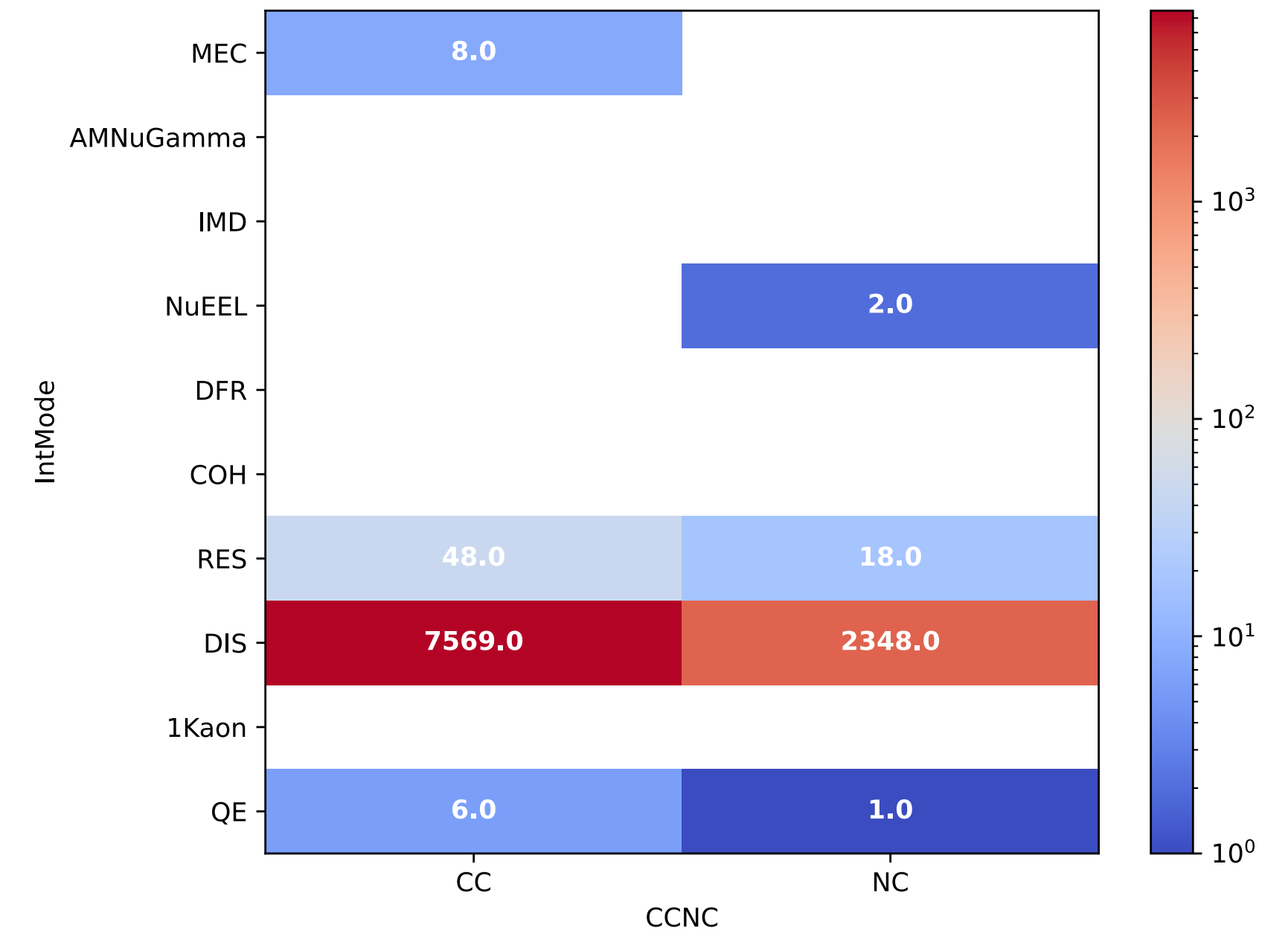
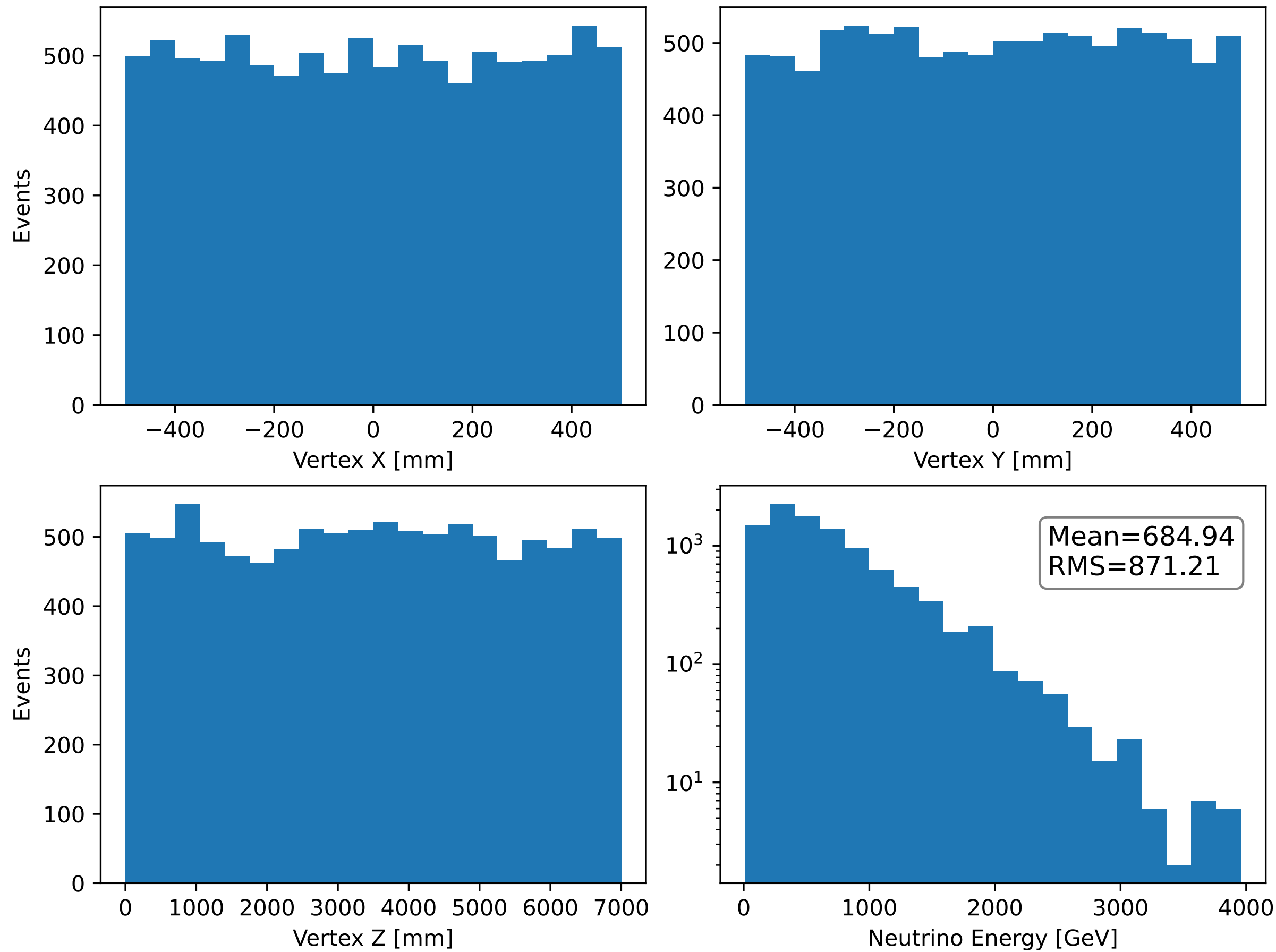
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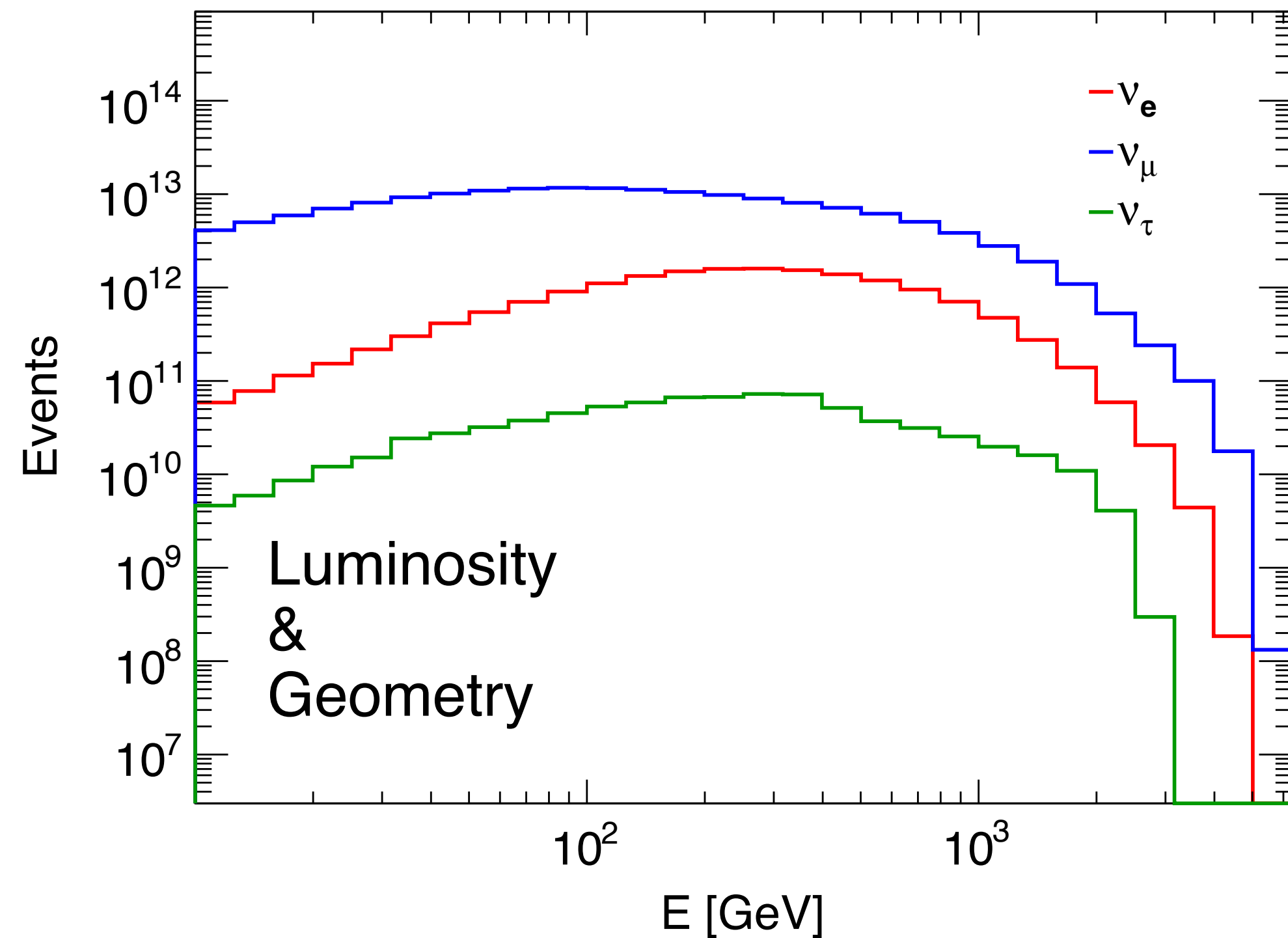


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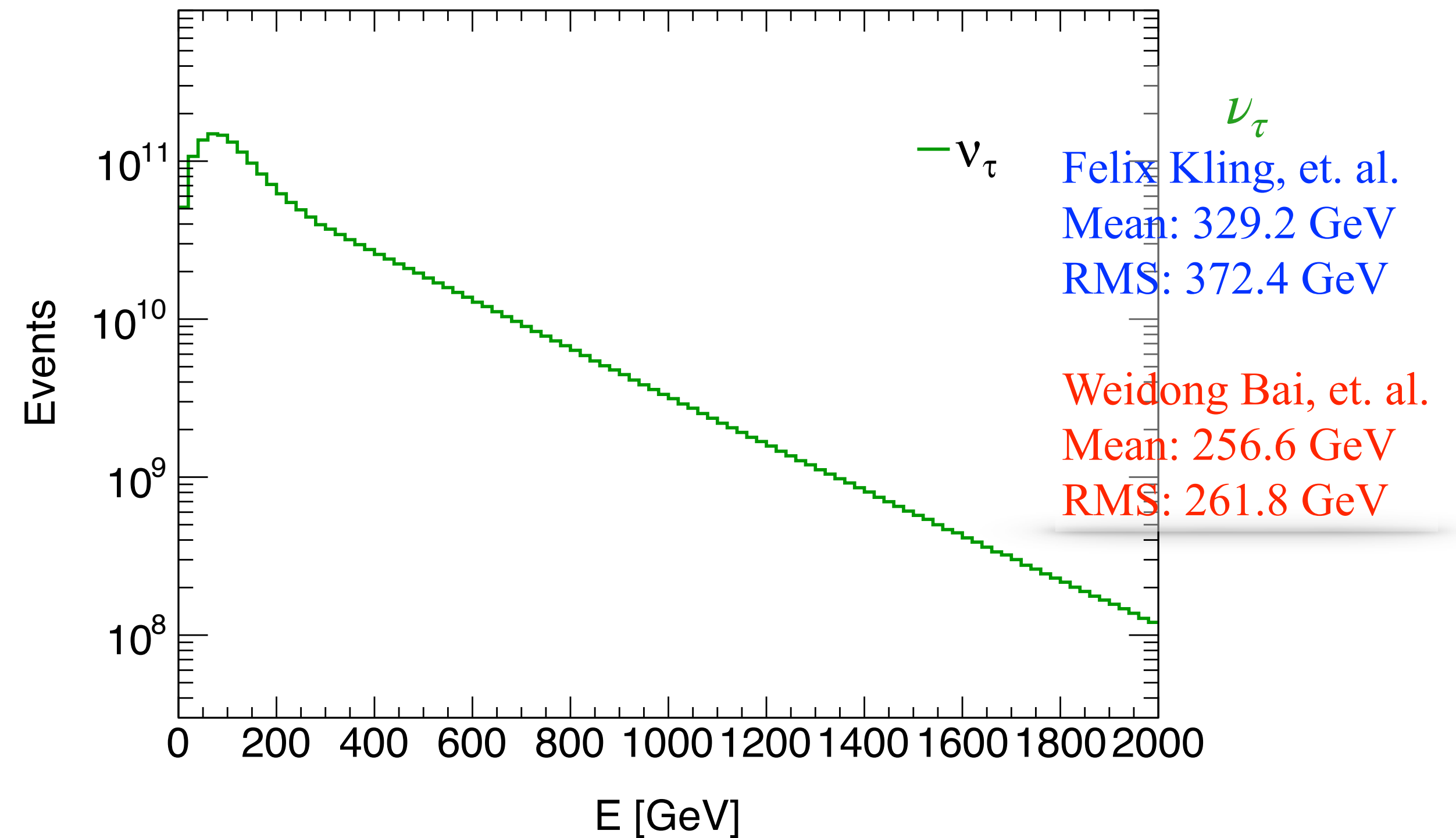
# Neutrino flux



Felix Kling, et. al. [2105.08270](#)  
[Github](#)

FLArE10, 620m downstream from IP, 3000/fb

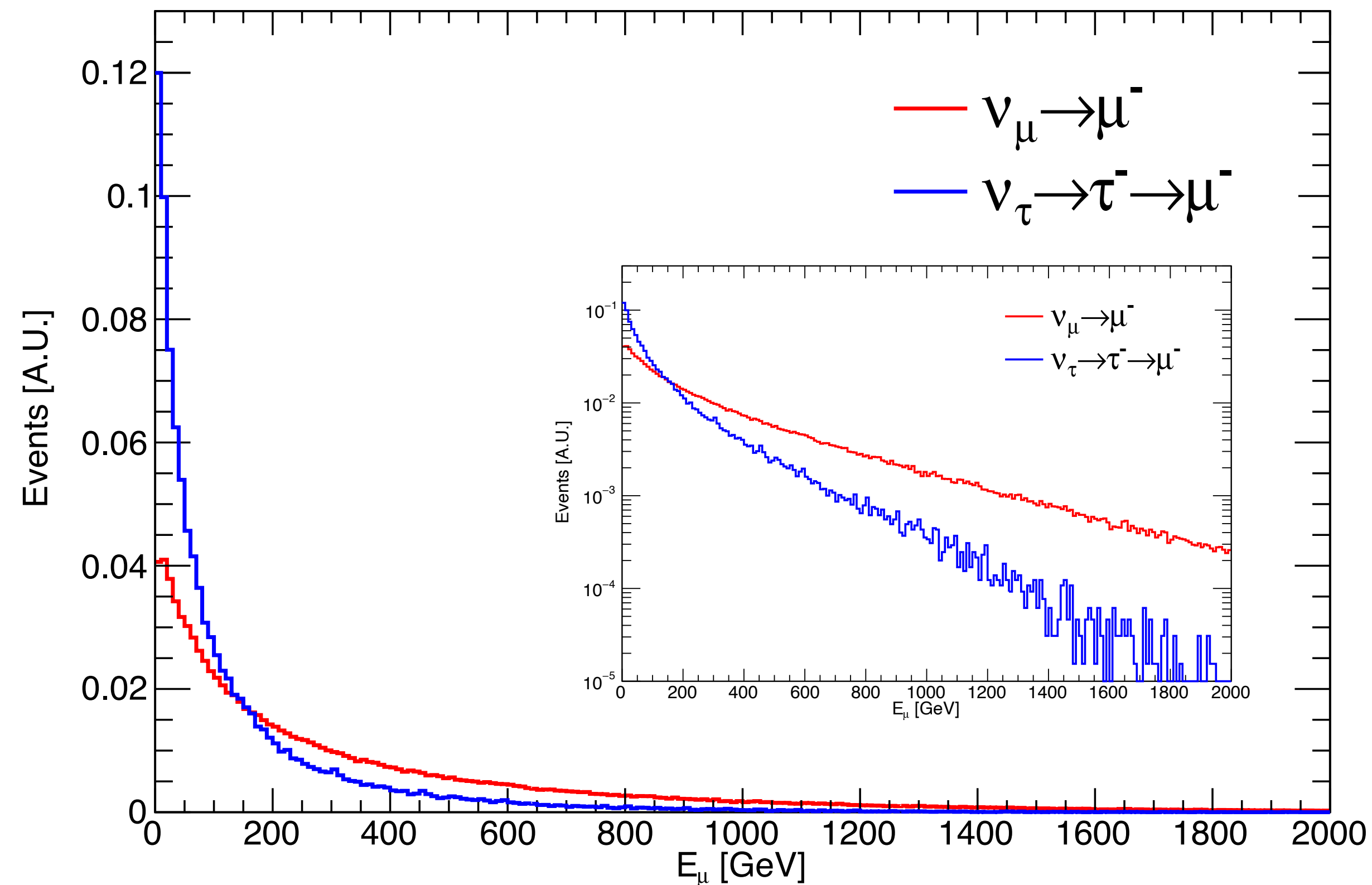
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Figure 12, Table 5

eta > 6.9 (radius 1 m at a distance of 480 m from IP)

# GENIE simulation: muon spectrum



$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \mu^-$   
Mean: 343.1 GeV  
RMS: 377.6 GeV

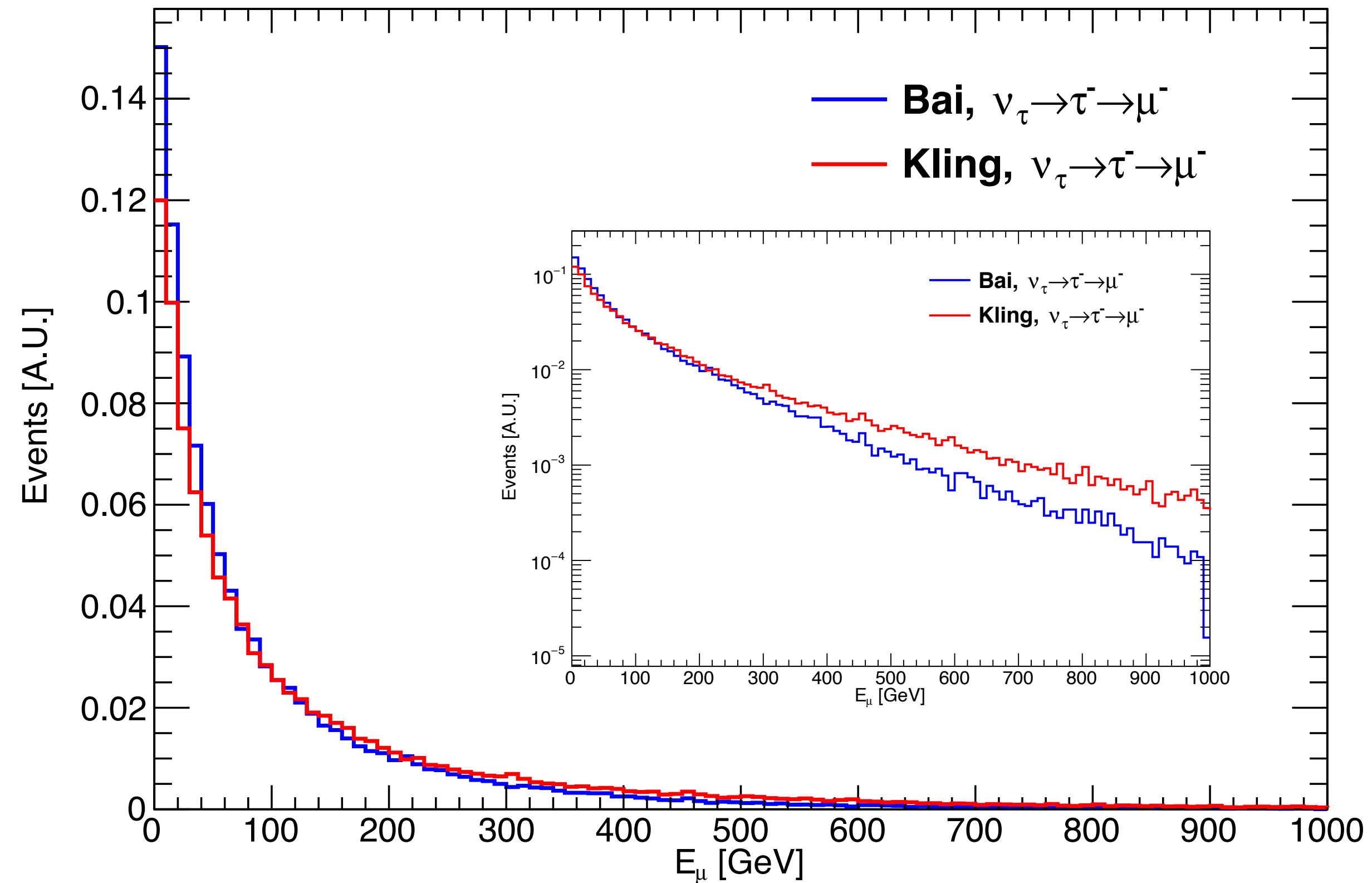
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Muon energy spectrum, area normalized

Muon from tau decay is softer

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