Short-Baseline Neutrino Anomalies

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Long-standing Anomalies

Current state of the field is nicely (and • exhaustively) described in the NF02 White Paper (hep-ex 2203.07323)

- A number of anomalies have been • observed in short-baseline neutrino experiments, which could indicate the presence of a sterile neutrino
- Our current interest lies mostly in pion-٠ produced neutrino beams, which have seen a low-energy excess (LEE) in v_e
- Anomalies persist, but 3+1 sterile neutrino • interpretation has been (all but) ruled out

Beam Excess

p(V_→V_e*)

1.2

L/E, (meters/MeV)

20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60

Many other interpretations are possible

Beam Excess 17.5

15

12.5

10

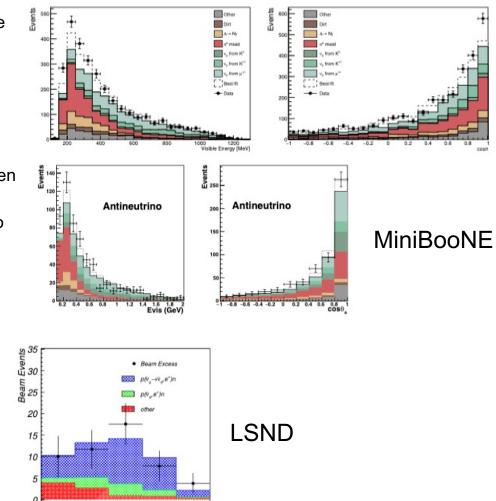
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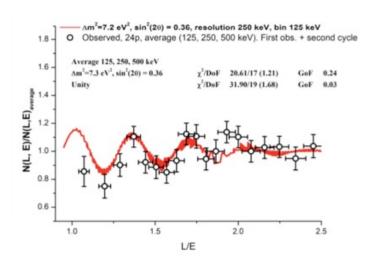
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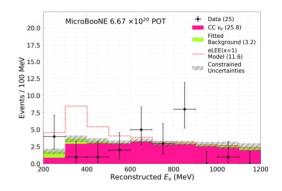


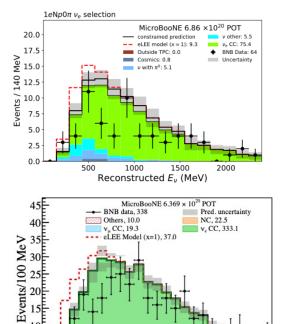
E. MeV

Recent Results

- MicroBooNE has recently released its first results (SLAC's Ran Itay key ML analyst)
 - Do not see evidence of MiniBooNE-like LEE
 - However, it cannot fully rule-out the MiniBooNE sterile neutrino allowed regions
 - SBN program with near and far detectors is needed
 - Also, have not examined all final states from possible BSM physics
 - SLAC participates in SBN program through ICARUS experiment
- New (2.9 σ) anomaly has appeared in Neutrino-4 reactor v_e disappearance.







500

1000

Reconstructed E_v (MeV)

1500

2000

2500

1e1p

SLAO



Inclusive