

# BeamHNL, a GENIE-based general heavy neutral leptons generator

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(Reference: K-J. Plows and Xianguo Lu, [\*Phys Rev D\* 107 \(2023\) 055003](#))

# Outline

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## Version: 3.4.0

Tag: R-3\_04\_00, Released: 10 March 2023, Status: *pro*

### Improvements over 3.2.2

*(Important contributions by non-GENIE authors are especially acknowledged in the text below)*

New and/or updated physics models:

- Addition of a spectral function-like approach for binding energies. *Contribution by Steven Dolan and Laura Munteanu* . [\[GENIE pull request #249\]](#).

New comprehensive model configurations and tunes:

- Added CMC desired by SBN and DUNE experiments: AR23\_20i\_00\_000. [\[Readme file\]](#).

Beyond Standard model:

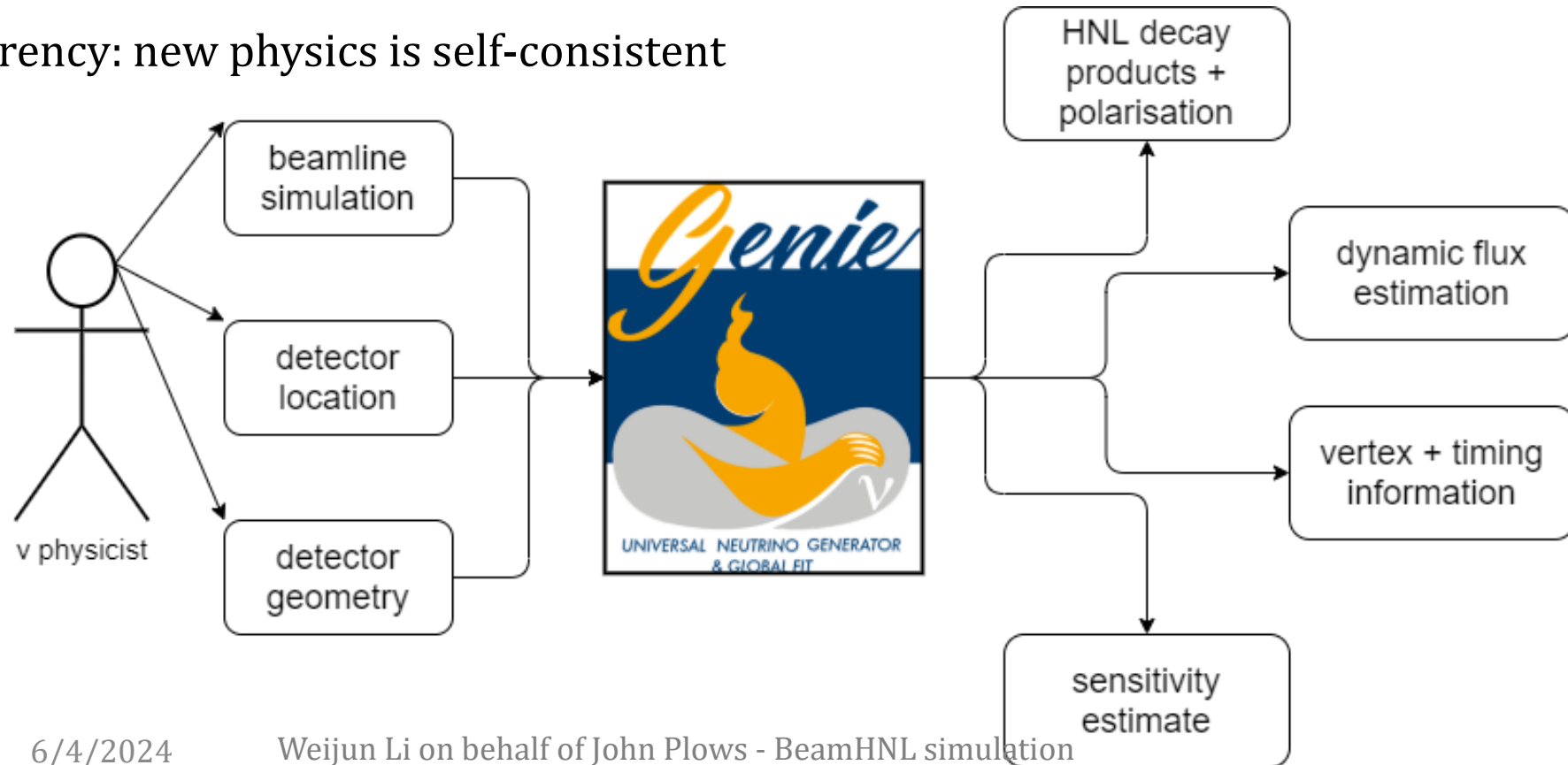
- Addition of Beam-produced Heavy Neutral Leptons. *Contribution by John Plows (Oxford)* . [\[GENIE pull request #223\]](#).

Other improvements / bug fixes:

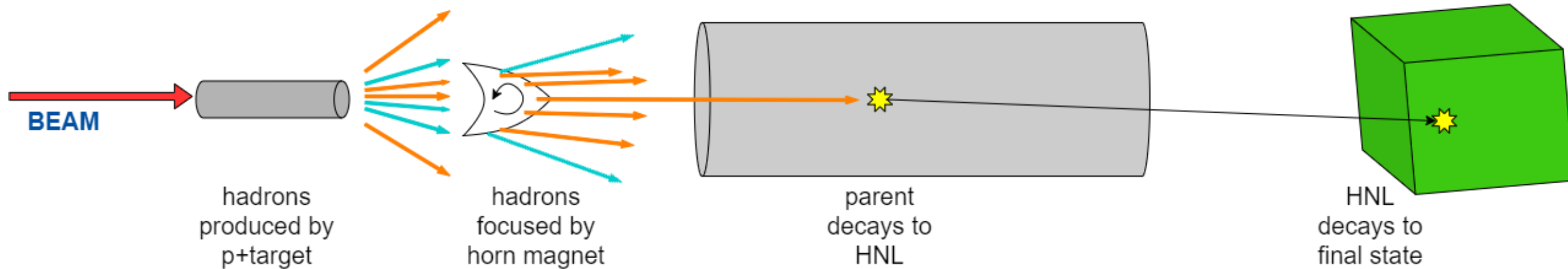
- Fix in HAIIntranuke about random number generation. [\[GENIE pull request #241\]](#).
- Fix in the hadronisation rotation. *Contribution by Qiyu Yan* . [\[GENIE pull request #264\]](#).

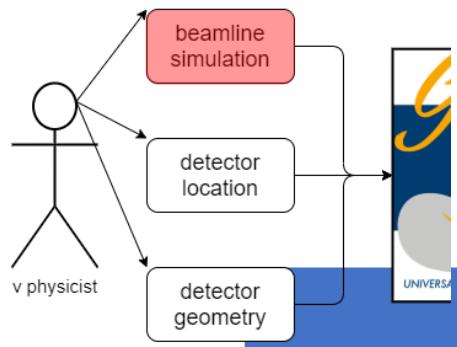
# The BeamHNL module

- An experiment-agnostic, configurable HNL generation application for accelerator neutrinos
- Goals:
  1. User flexibility: ease of use and integration with simulation
  2. Generality: for use with many beamlines, detectors
  3. Transparency: new physics is self-consistent



- Assume one heavy neutrino eigenstate  $N_4$  as in K. Abe et al (T2K), [\*Phys. Rev. D\* \*\*100\*\* \(2019\) 052006](#)
  - Parameter space:  $\{M_{N_4}, |U_{e4}|^2, |U_{\mu 4}|^2, |U_{\tau 4}|^2\} \equiv \{M_{N_4}, |U_{\alpha 4}|^2\}$
- Effective field theory describing low-energy HNL (GeV range) as in P. Coloma et al, [\*EPJ C\* \*\*81\*\* \(2021\) 78](#)
  - HNL interact directly with mesons, valid up to  $\sim$  EW scale
  - Lagrangian available in [FeynRules model database](#)



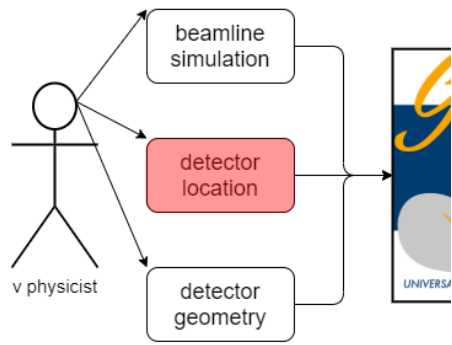


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decay_pdpz    = -0.0203605
decay_pdpy    = 8.92705
decay_ptype   = 321
decay_necm    = 0.235532
decay_nimpwt  = 3.33333
  
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# Flux Input Example

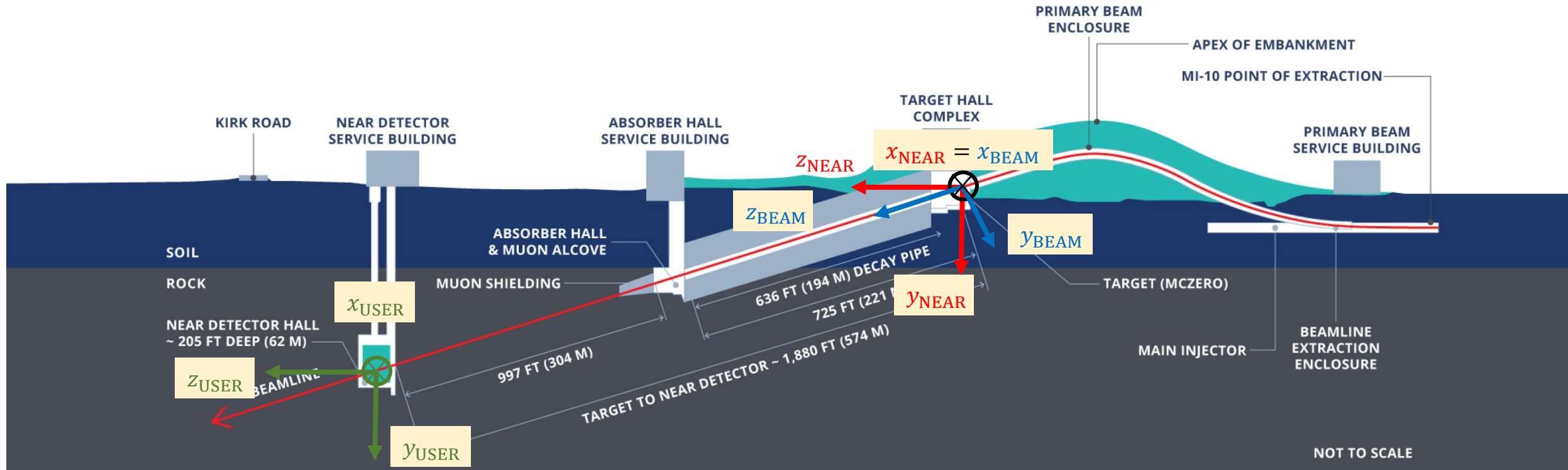
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parent pdg	decay_ptype	ppid
nu parent decay coordinates in [cm]	decay_vx,vy,vz	Xpi[0],xpi[1],xpi[2] (in [cm])
parent momentum in lab frame in [GeV/c] (?)	decay_pdpz,py,pz	ppi*(npi[0],npi[1],npi[2])
E_nu in C.O.M frame of the nu parent [GeV]	decay_necm	calculated
relative weight of each event entry, default=1	decay_nimpwt	Norm->more complicated

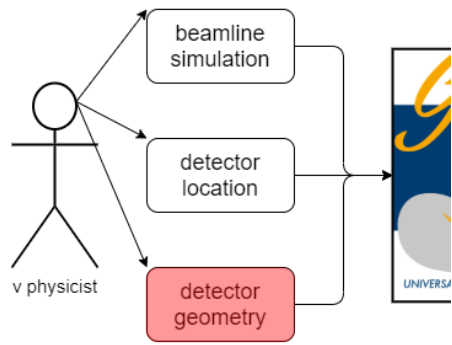


3 coordinate systems:

- **NEAR** ("global" system with  $z$  horizontal at target)
- **BEAM** (same origin as NEAR but rotated to match beamline)
- **USER** (the detector's internal coordinate system)

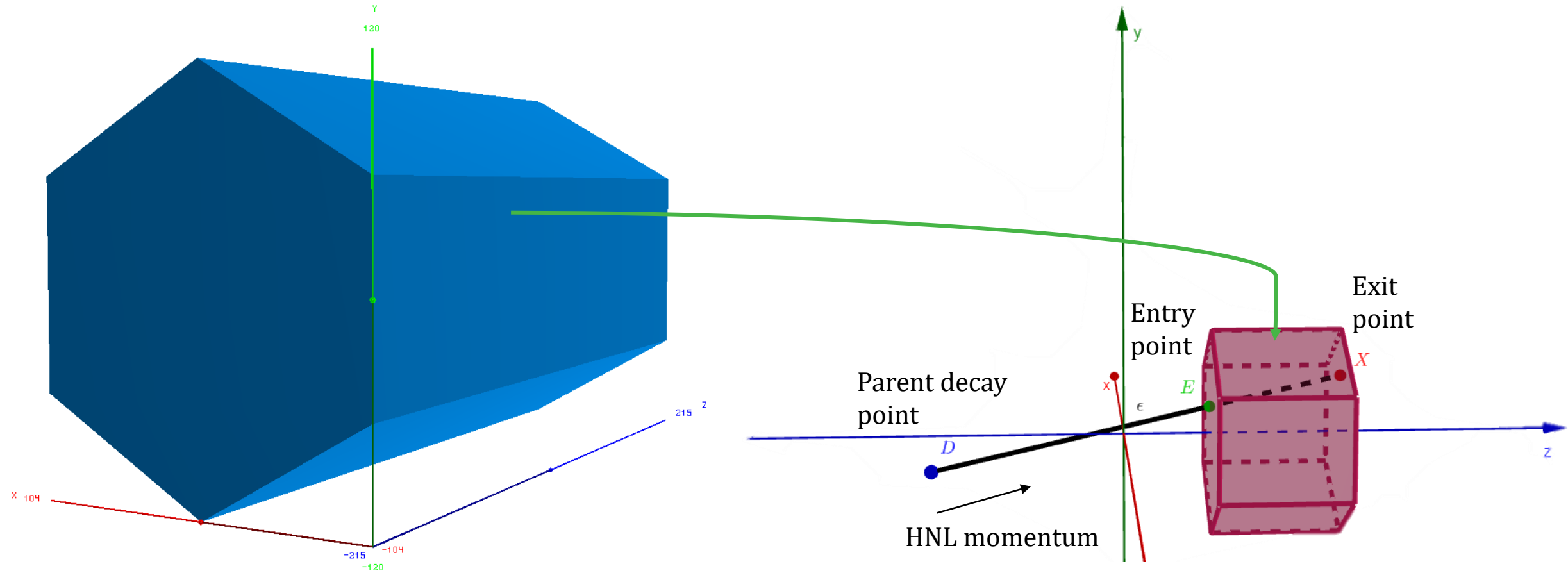
Can transform between two coordinate systems using  
1 vector of translations and 1 vector of rotations



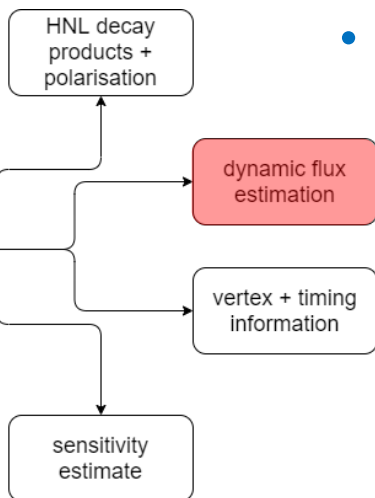


Arbitrarily complicated ROOT geometry file

BeamHNL calculates where a given HNL enters and exits the detector volume and assigns a vertex accordingly







- Pseudoscalar meson decay  $P \rightarrow N_4 + \ell$  (+ pseudoscalar  $D$ )
  - Lorentz boost from parent-rest frame into lab frame dominant factor
  - For a massive neutrino

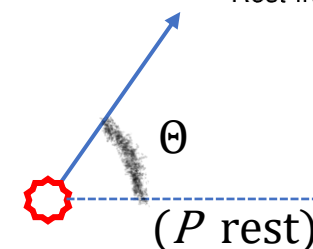
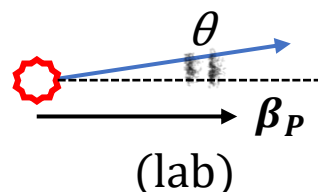
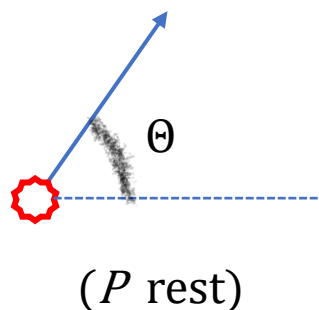
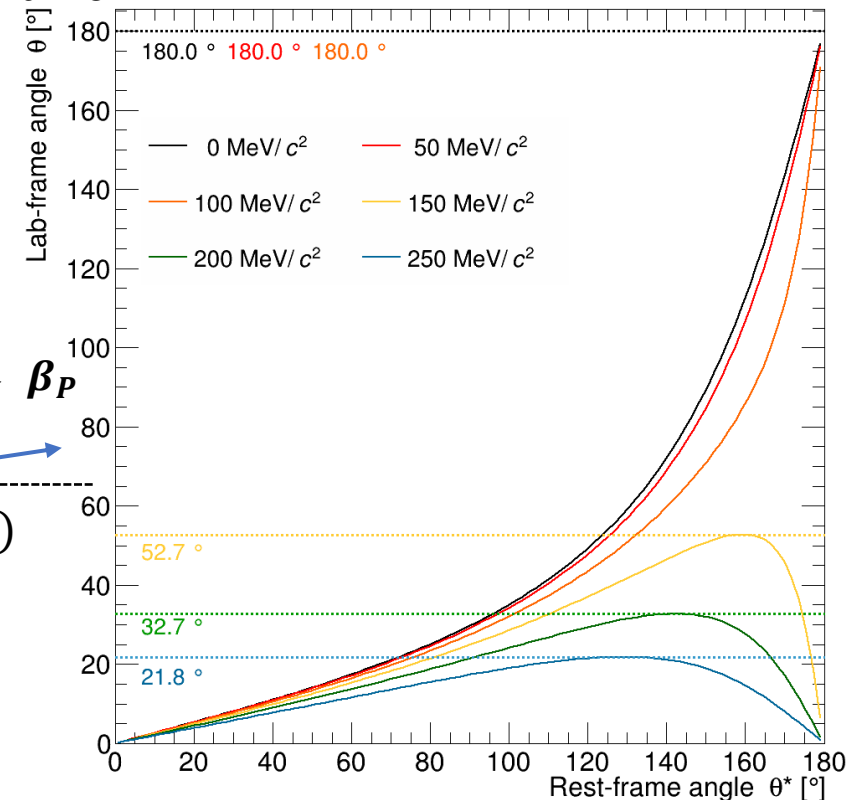
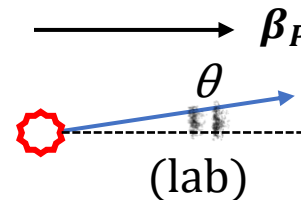
$$\mathcal{B} = \frac{E_{N_4}}{E_{N_4}^{(CM)}} = \frac{1}{\gamma_P (1 - \beta_P \beta_{N_4} \cos \theta_{\text{det}})} \quad (1), \beta_{N_4} \text{ lab - frame}$$

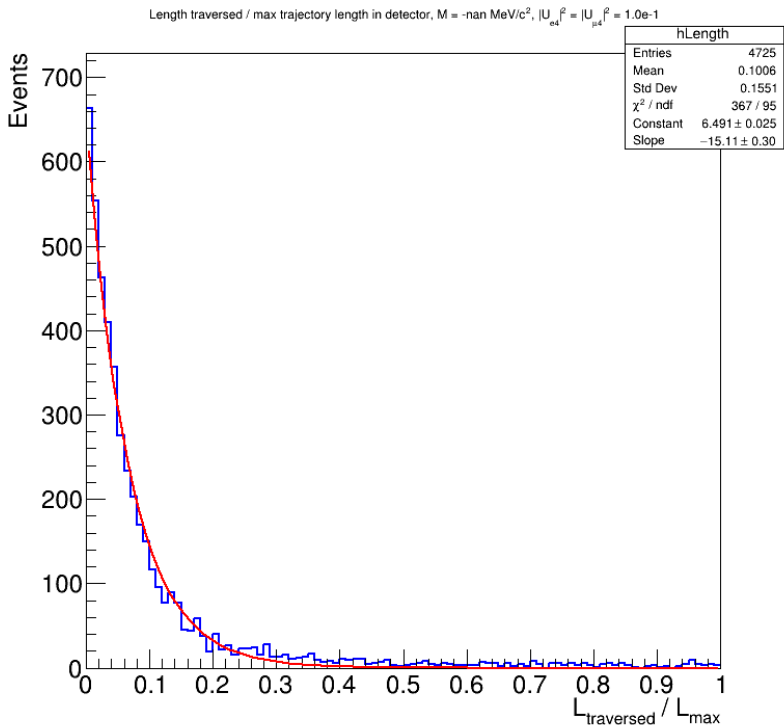
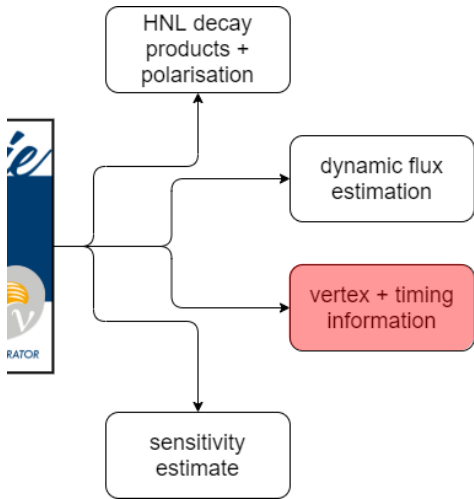
(cf.  $\beta_{N_4} = 1$  for SM)

- Collimation effect:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{q_{N_4} \sin \Theta}{\gamma_P (\beta_P E_{N_4}^{(CM)} + q_{N_4} \cos \Theta)} \quad (2)$$

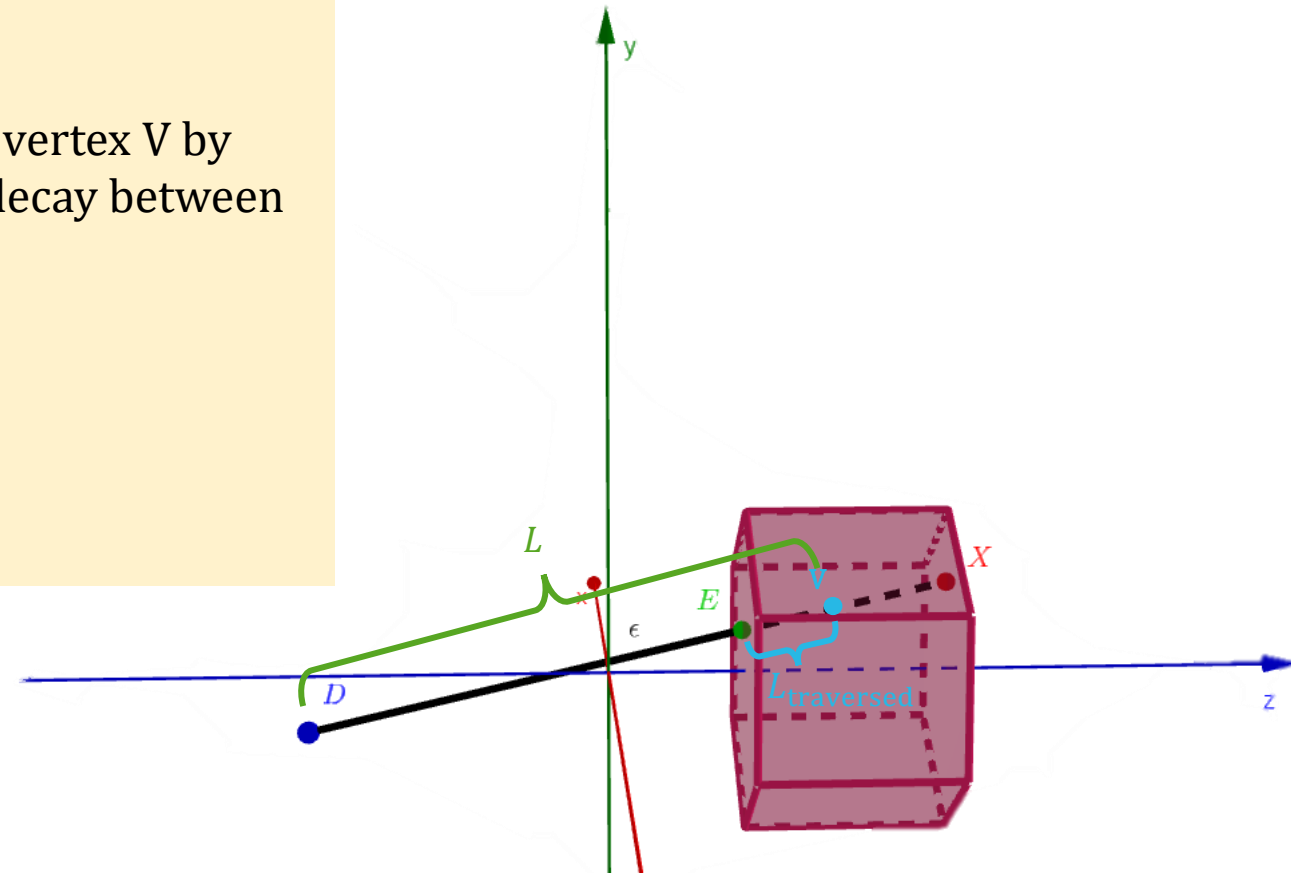
**HNL are more collimated with their parents than SM neutrinos.  
The flux depends much more strongly on parent kinematics!**

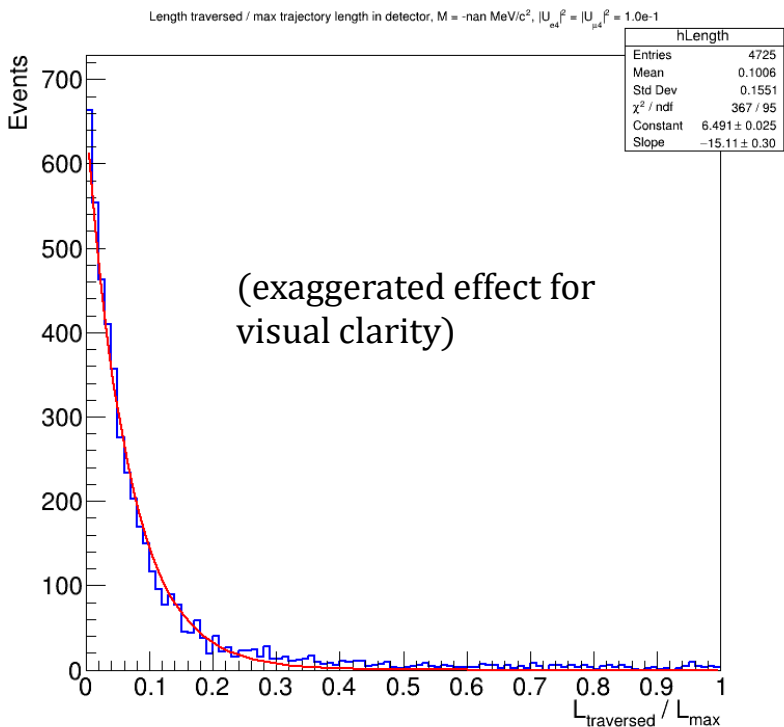
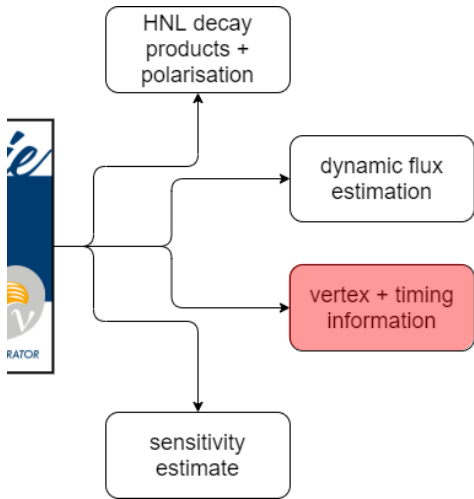




$\forall$  HNL know production point  $D$  and momentum  $\mathbf{p} \Rightarrow$  Calculate entry, exit points  $E, X$

Assign decay vertex  $V$  by exponential decay between  $E$  and  $X$

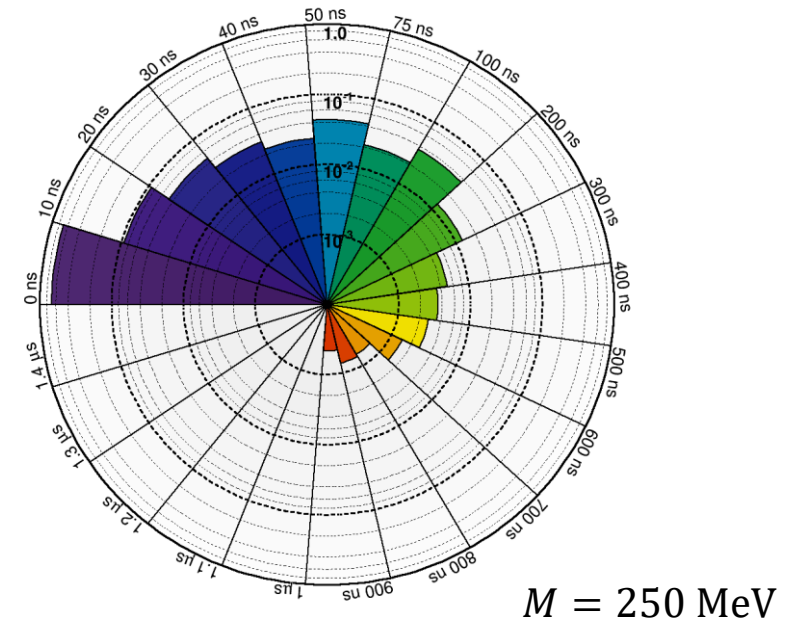
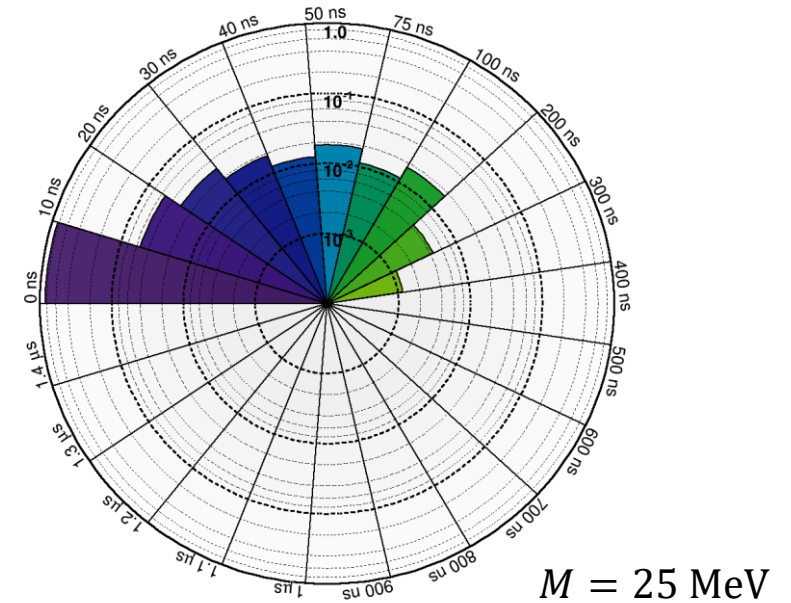


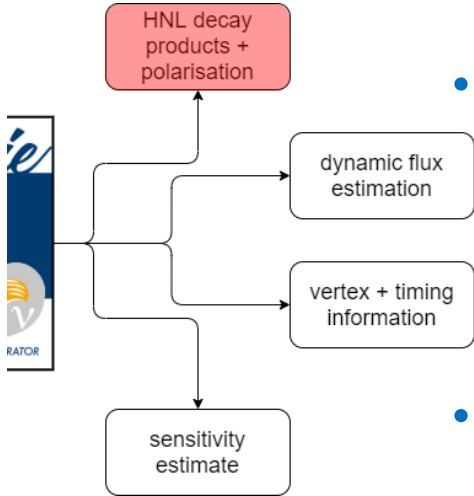


$\forall$  HNL know production point D and momentum  $\mathbf{p} \Rightarrow$  Calculate entry, exit points E, X

Assign decay vertex V by exponential decay between E and X

Total travel distance  $L$  and velocity  $\beta$  known  $\Rightarrow$  calculate delay wrt SM neutrino





- Choose signal channel(s)
  - Module keeps track of total and individual decay widths for calculations

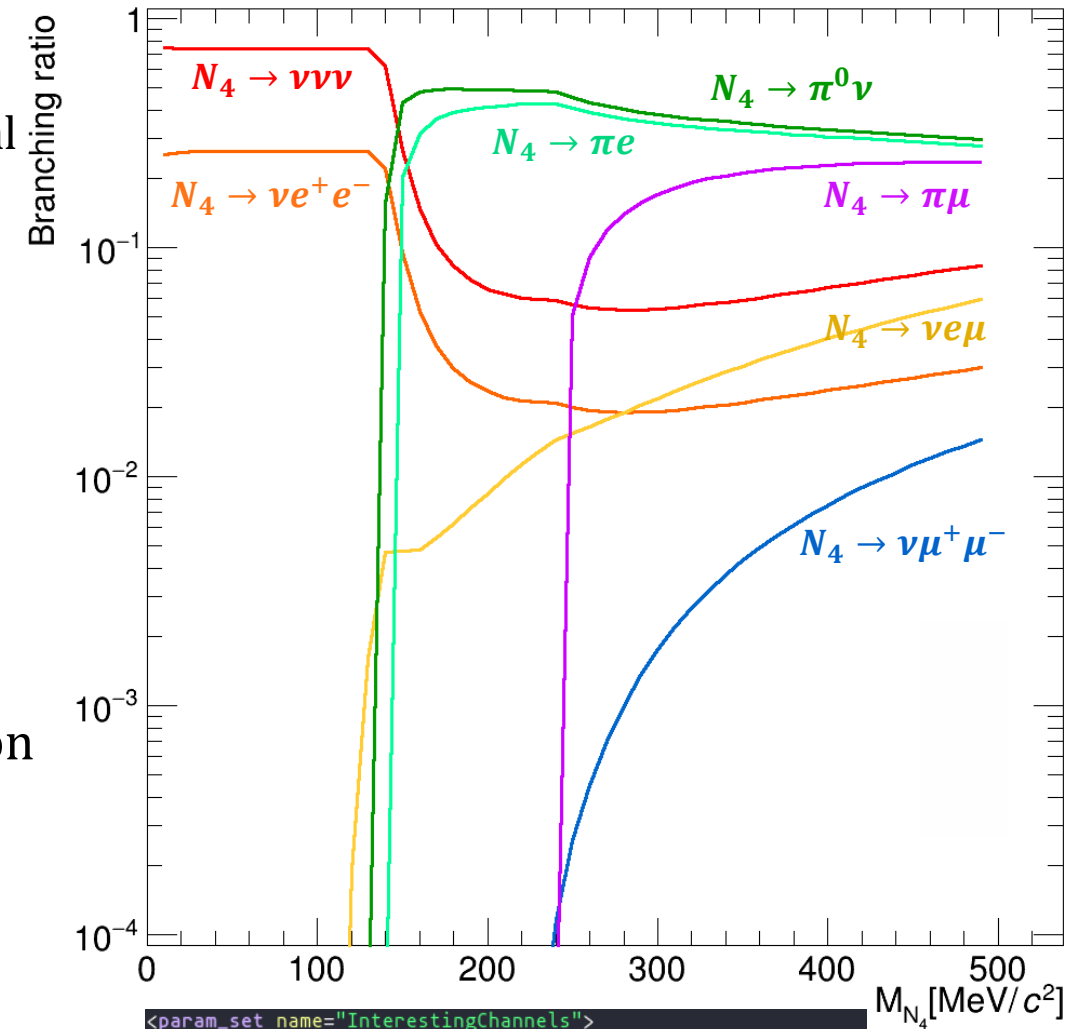
- Polarisation reweighting: by spin conservation

$+: N_4, -: \bar{N}_4$ . Cancels out for Majorana HNL

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_P} \propto 1 \pm \hbar \cdot \cos \theta_P$$

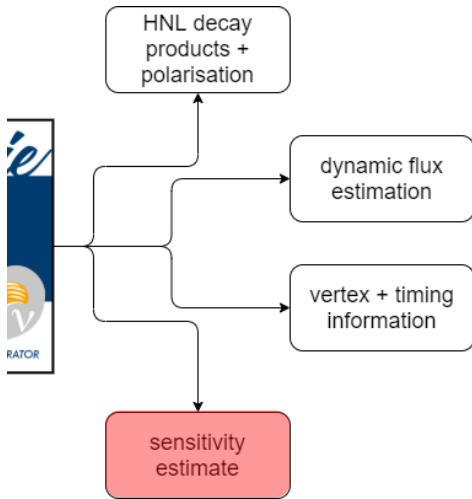
where  $\mathbf{P}$  is the direction of the polarisation vector in HNL rest frame and  $\hbar$  the polarisation modulus (see [arXiv:1805.06419 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.06419))

E.g. only simulate  
 $N_4 \rightarrow \pi + \mu$



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<param_set name="InterestingChannels">
  <!-- 2-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_mu_pi"> true </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_e_pi"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_pi0"> false </param>
  <!-- 3-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_nu_nu"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_mu_mu"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_e_e"> false </param>
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</param_set>
  
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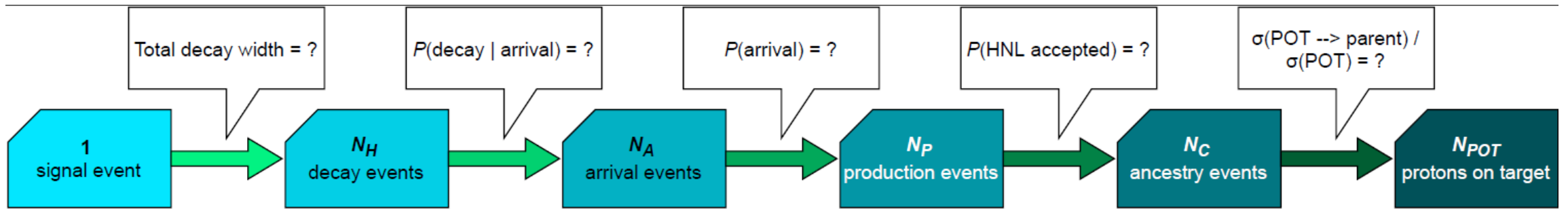
## How do we calculate rates?

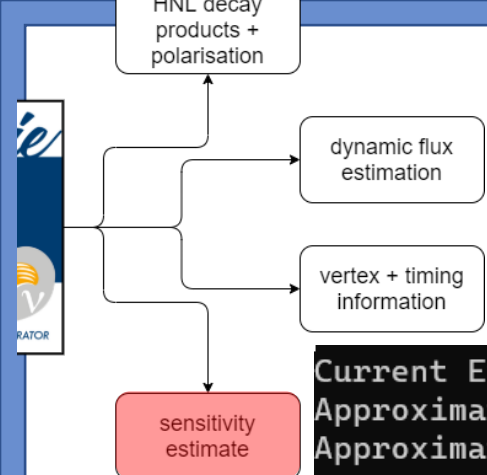
Rates (in POT equivalent) depend on many factors:

- Directly on HNL mass / mixing
- Flux simulation (parent collimation)
- Geometry file (detector size effect) + detector location
- Physics assumptions (Dirac vs Majorana nature of neutrino)

**Solution:** Let user simulate as many events as they want and account for the POT it would take to make them!

**Pass the expected NPOT per event as a weight in GENIE**





Current Event Number: 8000  
Approximate total processing time: 15.11 s  
Approximate processing time/event: 0.00188851 s

Assuming Dirac HNL,  $M = 100 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $e:\mu:\tau = 1:1:0$ ,  $|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 = 10^{-8}$

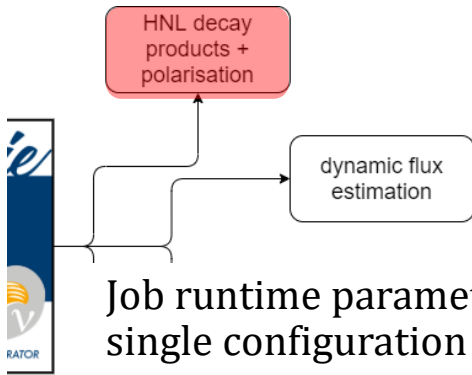
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GENIE GHEP Event Record [print level: 3]													
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Idx	Name	Ist	PDG	Mother				Daughter	Px	Py	Pz	E	m
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0	HNLBar	0	-2000020000	-1	-1	-1	3	-0.000	-0.029	0.471	0.483	0.100	
1	nu_e_bar	1	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	-0.017	-0.008	0.047	0.051	0.000	
2	nu_mu_bar	1	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-0.019	-0.034	0.293	0.296	0.000	
3	nu_tau_bar	1	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	0.035	0.013	0.131	0.136	0.000	
-----													
Fin-Init:								-0.000	0.000	-0.000	-0.000		
-----													
Vertex:		HNLBar @ (x = -0.37425 m, y = -0.34240 m, z = -0.37426 m, t = 7.393239e-08 s)											
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Err flag [bits:15->0] : 0000000000000000				1st set:				Delay wrt SM neutrino none					
Err mask [bits:15->0] : 1111111111111111				Is unphysical: NO				Accepted: YES					
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sig(Ev) =		0.00000e+00 cm^2		dsig(Ev;{K_s})/dK		=		0.00000e+00 cm^2/{K}		Weight =		51.56644	
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This signal event took 51.6e+20 POT

# How to use BeamHNL?

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
echo "Running configuration script generated by the Lamp..."
./configure \
  --with-optimiz-level=02 \
  --enable-debug \
  --enable-test \
  --enable-heavy-neutral-lepton \
  --enable-hnl-validation \
  --with-compiler=gcc \
  >& log this build.config
```





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```
<param_set name="ParameterSpace">
  <param type="double" name="HNL-Mass"> 0.200 </param> <!-- GeV -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="HNL-LeptonMixing" delim=";"> 1.0e-7 ; 1.0e-7 ; 0.0 </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-Majorana"> false </param>

  <param type="bool" name="GetCMFrameInstead"> false </param>
</param_set>
```

ParameterSpace block: specify what  
HNL mass / mixings / nature you want

```
<param_set name="Interactions">
  <!-- 2-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_nu"> true </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_mu_mu"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_e_e"> false </param>
  <!-- 3-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_nu_nu"> true </param>
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<param_set name="CoordinateXForm">
  <param type="vec-double" name="Near2Beam_R" delim=";"> 0.0 ; 0.0 ; -0.05830 </param> <!-- rad -->
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  <!-- Describes rotation of BEAM wrt NEAR frame -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="Near2User_T" delim=";"> 0.0 ; -60.0 ; 1000.0 </param> <!-- m -->
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Interesting Channels block: specify  
which channels you want to simulate.

(in this example:  $N_4 \rightarrow \ell^\mp \pi^\pm, N_4 \rightarrow \nu \nu \nu$  events will  
be kept in the event record)

```
<param_set name="ParameterSpace">
  <param type="double" name="HNL-Mass"> 0.200 </param> <!-- GeV -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="HNL-Momentum" delim=";"> 0.0 ; 0.0 ; 0.0 </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-Flux"> true </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-Flux-Calculation"> true </param>
</param_set>

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</param_set>
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CoordinateXForm block: Provide  
vectors describing detector location.

In this example, detector centre at:  
 $(x_{\text{NEAR}}, y_{\text{NEAR}}, z_{\text{NEAR}}) = (0, -60, 1000) \text{ m}$   
 $(x_{\text{USER}}, y_{\text{USER}}, z_{\text{USER}}) = \mathbf{0}$   
 Beam rotated by 58.3 mrad down in  
 $(y_{\text{NEAR}}, z_{\text{NEAR}})$  plane

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# Thank you!

Some useful links:

BeamHNL paper (PRD):

[\*Phys Rev D\* \*\*107\*\* \(2023\) 055003](#)

BeamHNL principal branch:

[kjplows/Generator](#)

Preview branch with theory input:

[kjplows/Generator at multiLagrangian](#)

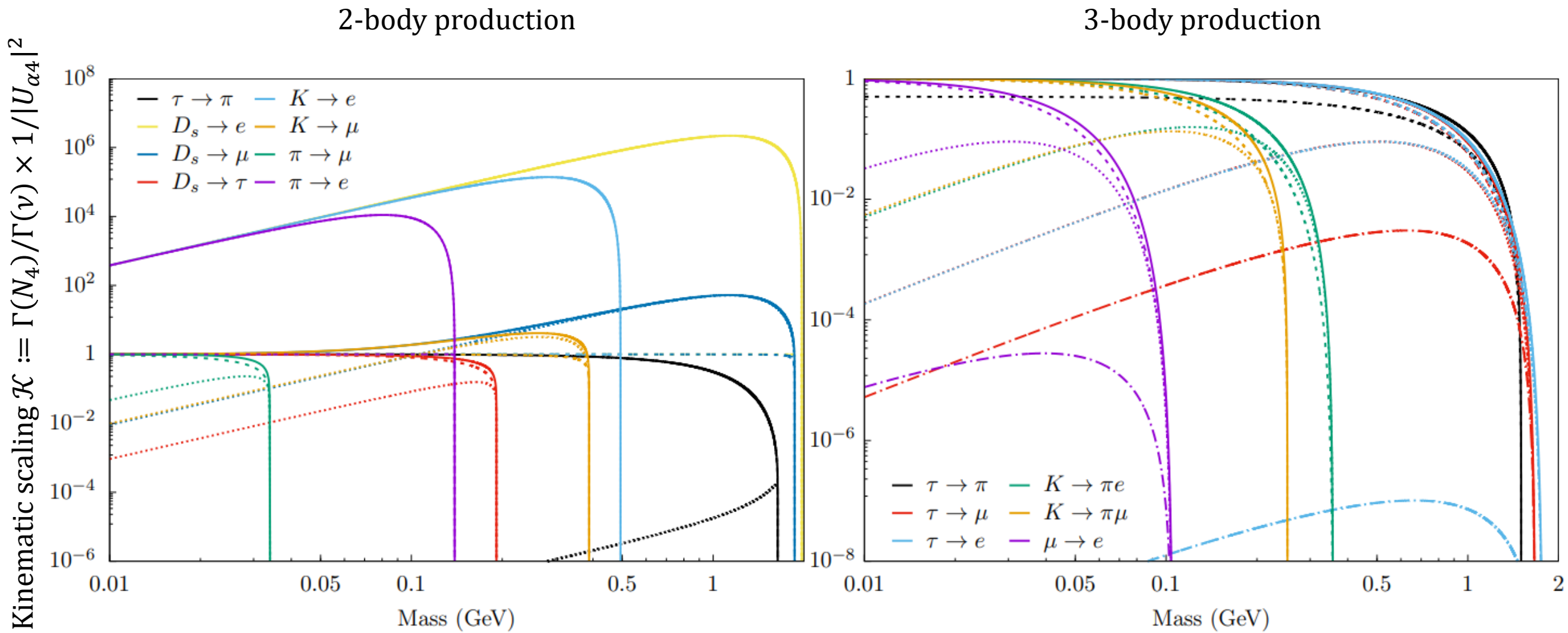




# Backup



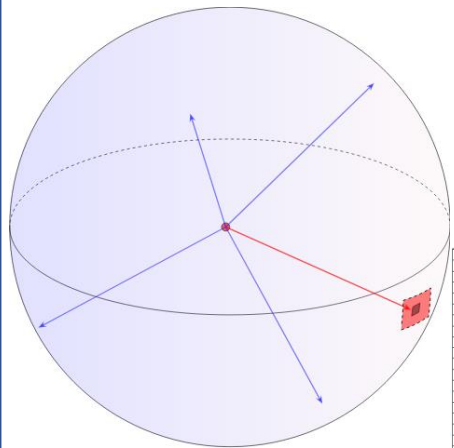




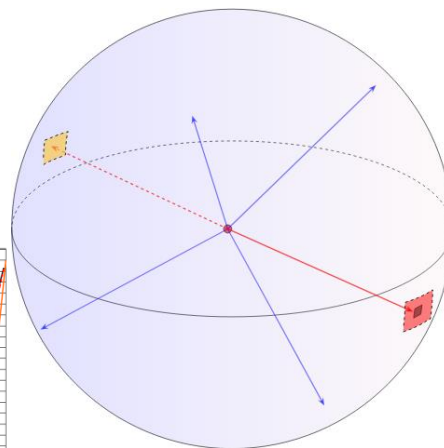
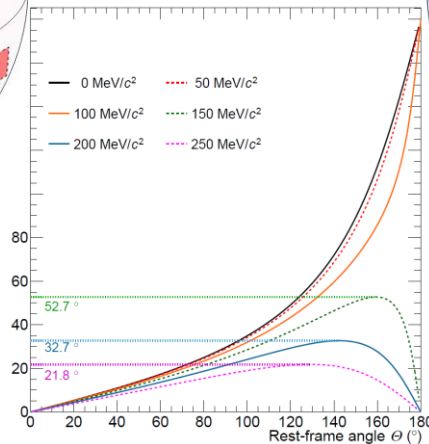
P. Ballett et al, [JHEP 2020 \(2020\) 111](#)

# Acceptance correction

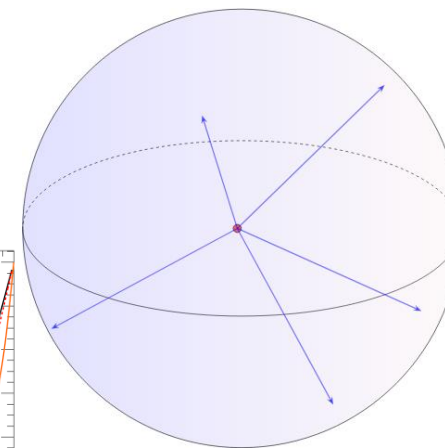
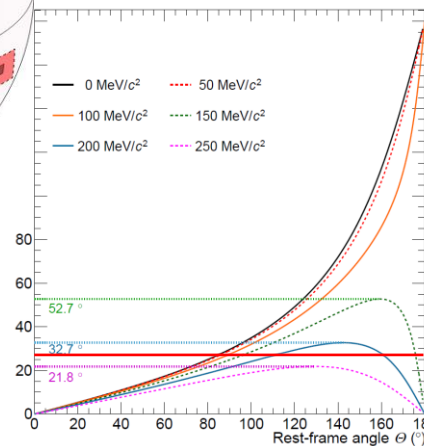
- Collimation effect  $\Rightarrow$  HNL not guaranteed to hit detector
- Parents have to be well-focused or HNL cannot “correct course” enough to reach a point
- Back-emitted HNL may also hit detector if parent focused enough!



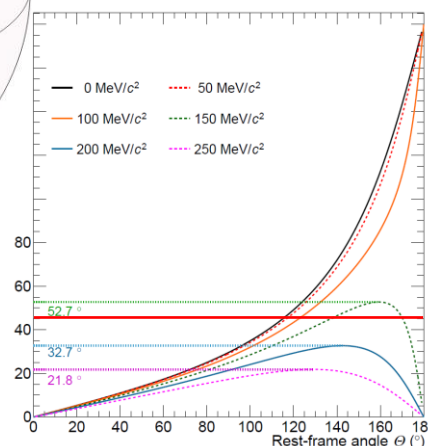
1 preimage  
(SM  $\nu$ )

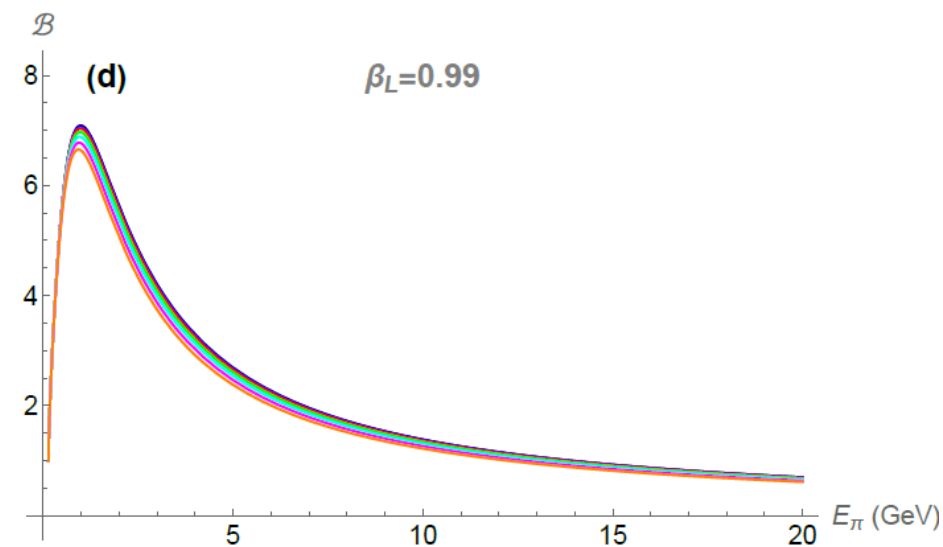
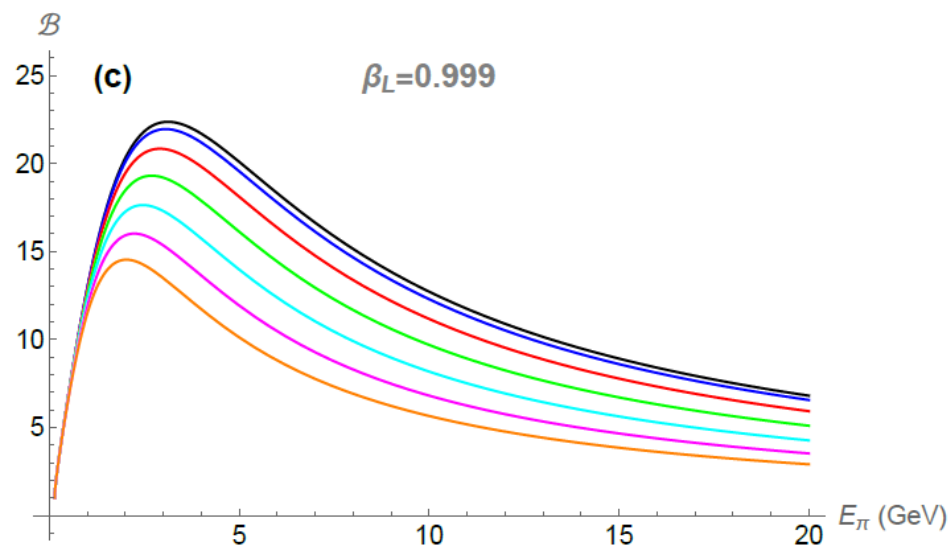
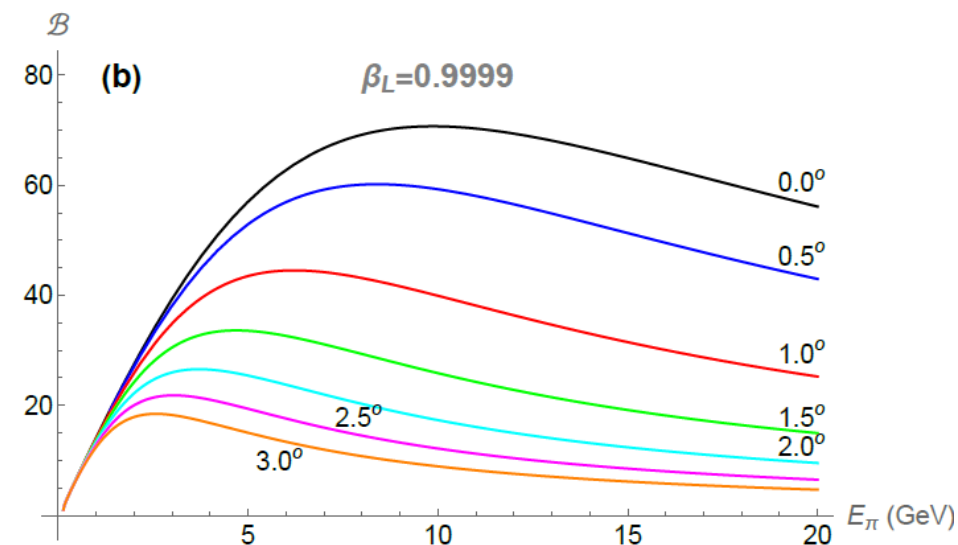
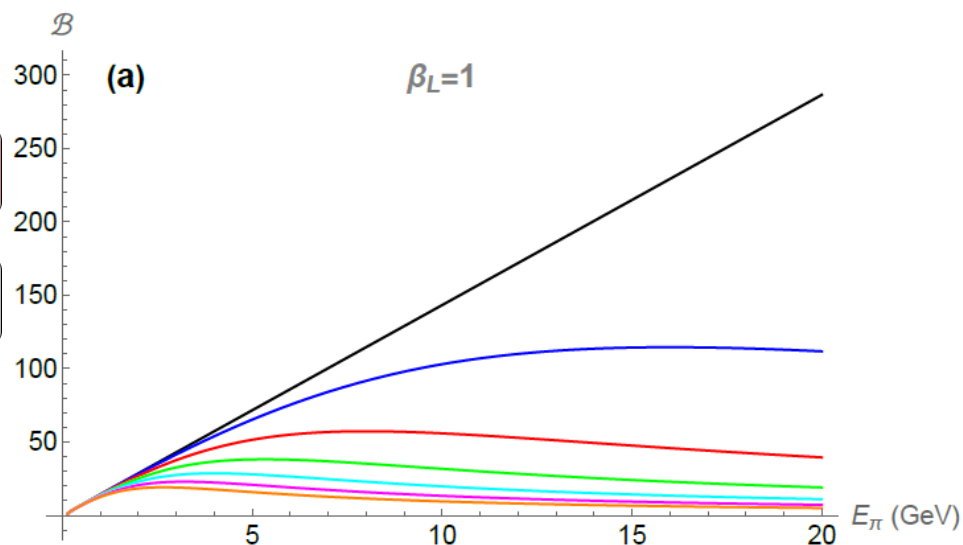
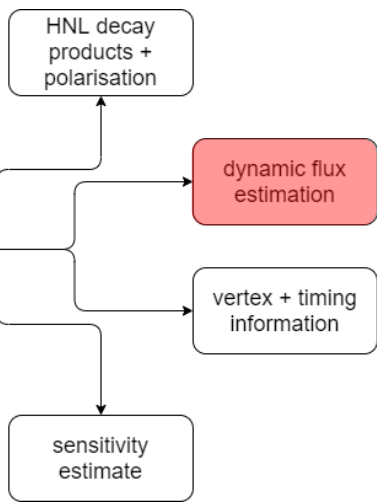


2 preimages  
( $M_N = 200$  MeV,  
 $\theta < 32.7^\circ$ )



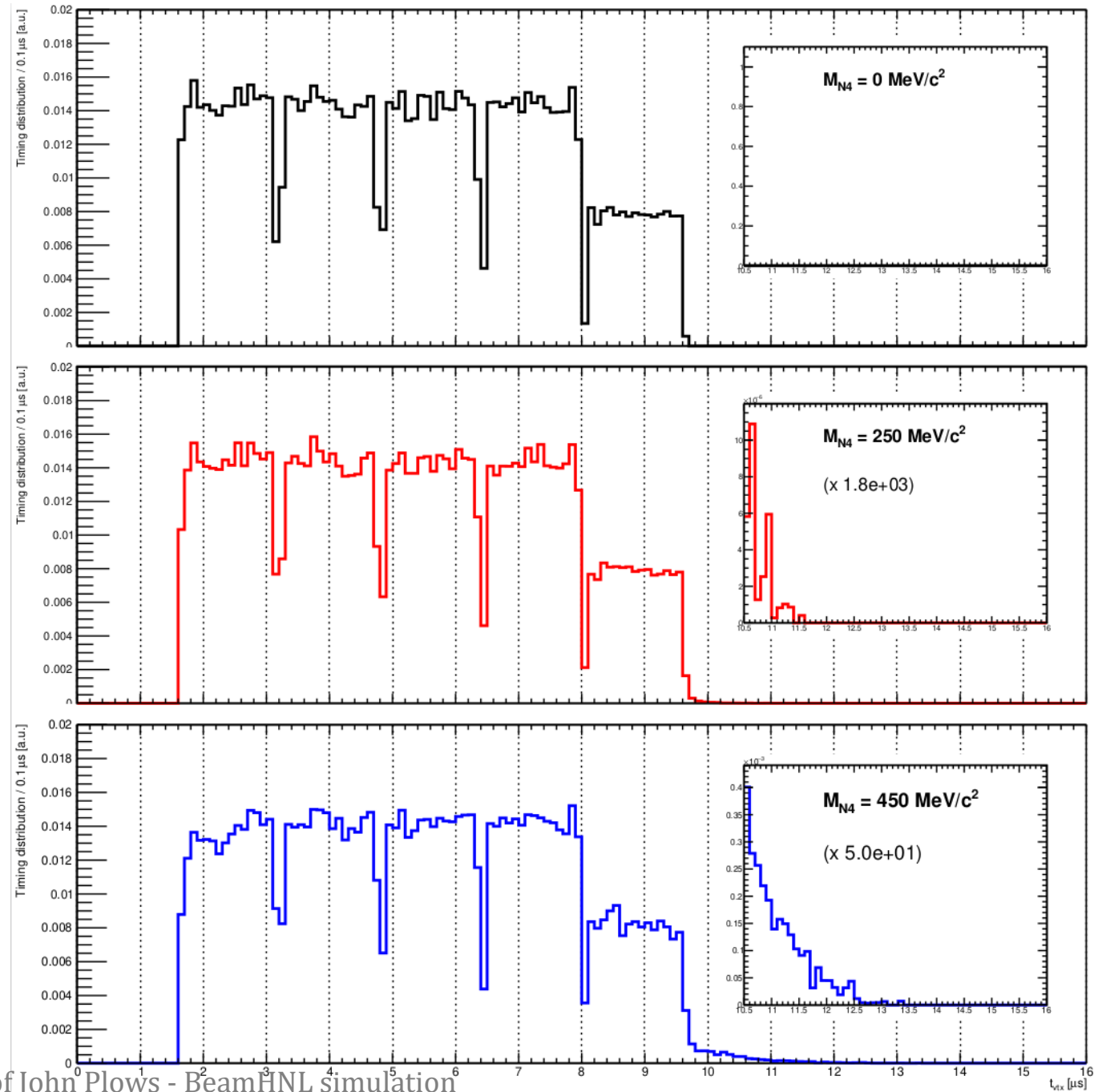
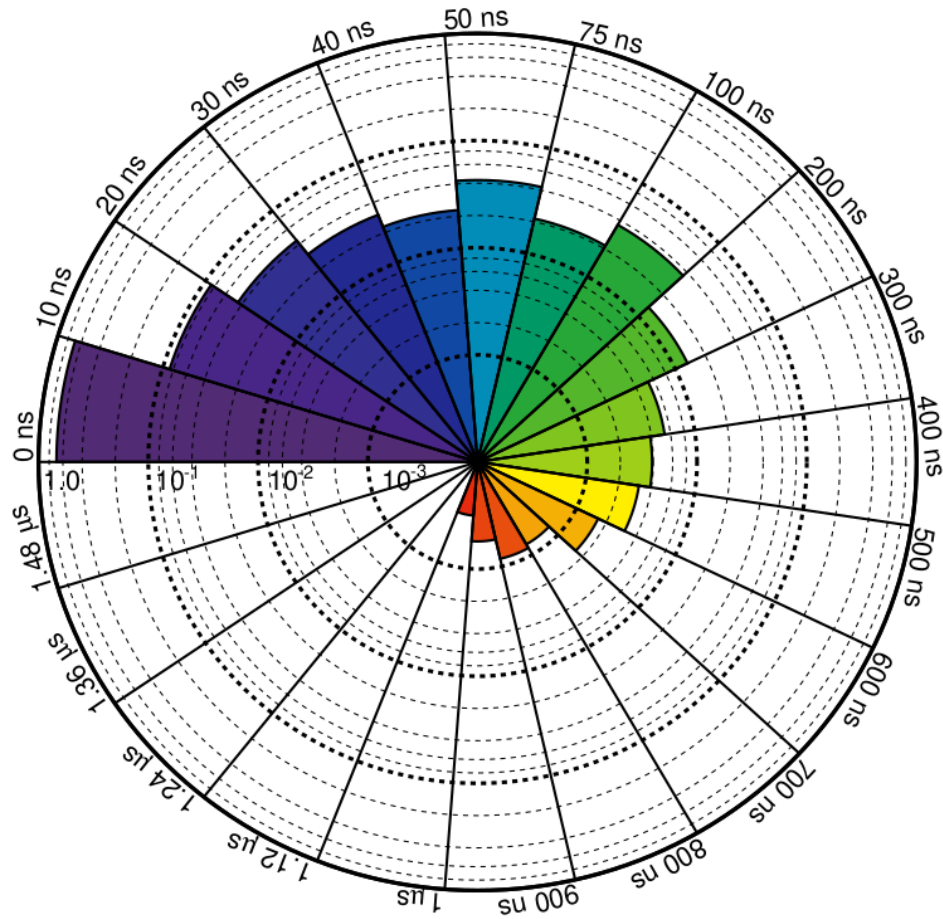
0 preimages  
( $M_N = 200$  MeV,  
 $\theta \geq 32.7^\circ$ )





Presence of  $\beta_{N4}$  term in (1) weakens off axis effect compared to SM

# Delay time distribution at MINERvA, 250 MeV

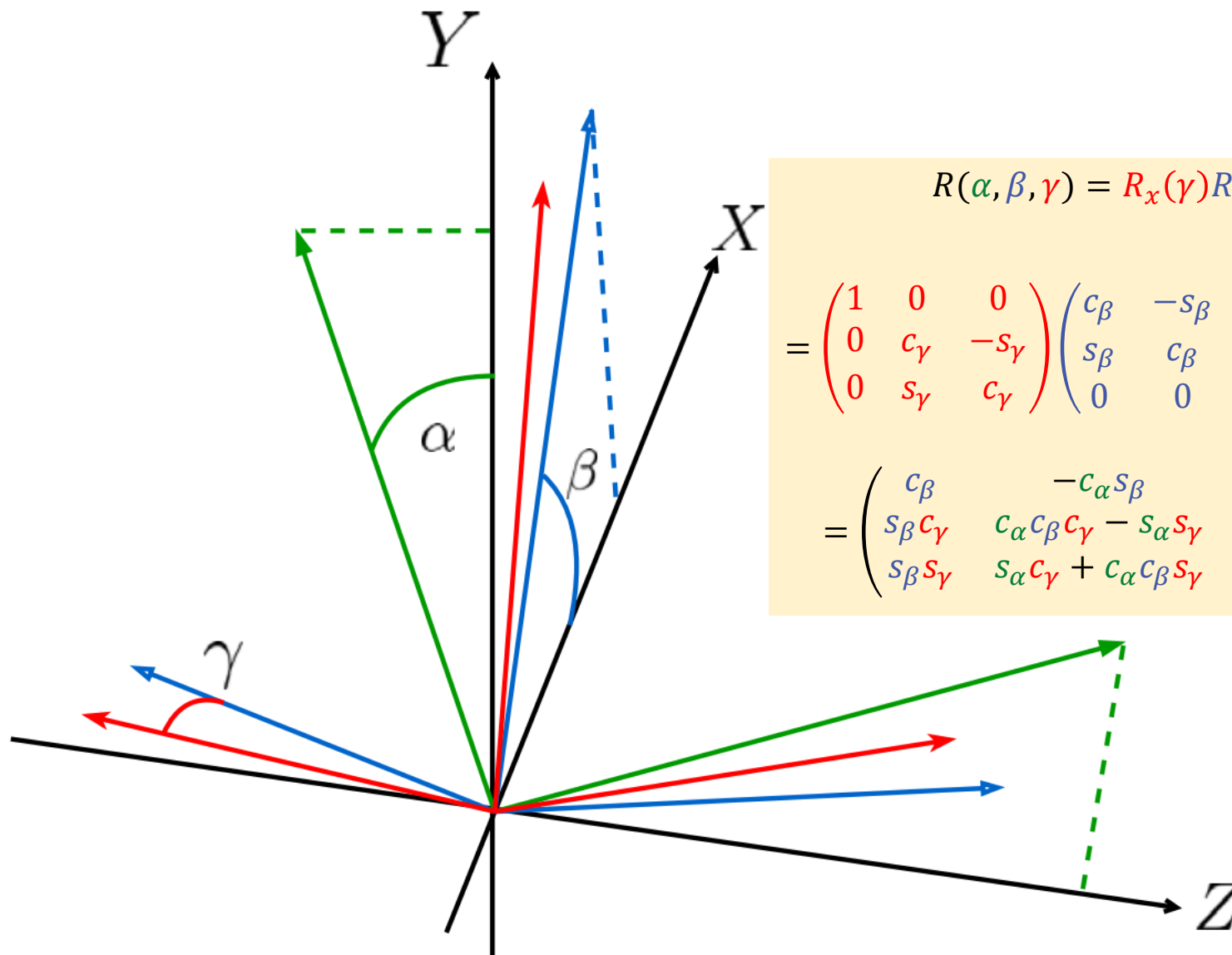




$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_X(\alpha)} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_Z(\beta)} \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_X(\gamma)} \begin{pmatrix} X_U \\ Y_U \\ Z_U \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= R_x(\gamma) R_z(\beta) R_x(\alpha) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\gamma & -s_\gamma \\ 0 & s_\gamma & c_\gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & -s_\beta & 0 \\ s_\beta & c_\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\alpha & -s_\alpha \\ 0 & s_\alpha & c_\alpha \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & -c_\alpha s_\beta & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\beta c_\gamma & c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - c_\alpha s_\gamma \\ s_\beta s_\gamma & s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\alpha c_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# What are HNL?

- Naturally motivated extension to Standard Model

- Light neutrinos  $\nu_{1,2,3}$  have at least 2 non-zero masses

- Admixture with regular “flavour” eigenstates  $\nu_\alpha$  as

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{i=1,2,3} U_{\alpha i} \nu_i + \sum_{j \in J} U_{\alpha j} N_j$$

- HNL: new mass eigenstates**

- Mass  $\mathcal{O}(\leq \text{TeV}/c^2)$  in vMSM “neutrino minimal SM”

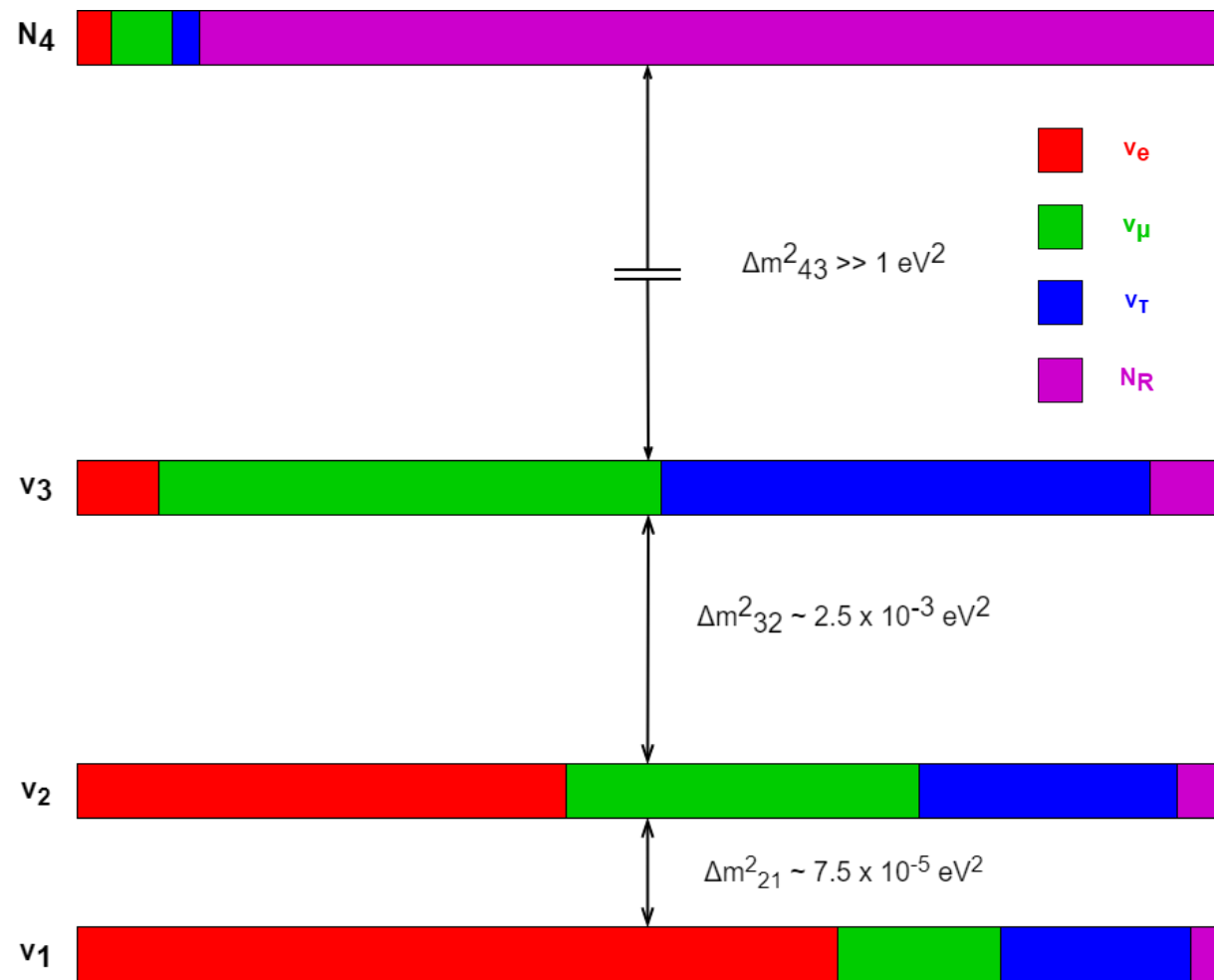
- Can explain:

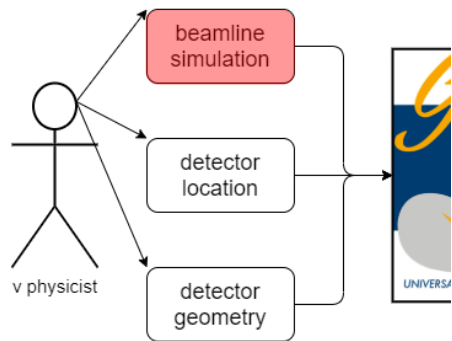
- Active neutrino mass!
    - Dark matter candidate!
    - Matter-antimatter asymmetry!

(see T. Asaka et al, [Phys. Lett. B 631 \(2005\) 4](#),

A.Boyarsky et al, [PPNP 104 \(2019\) 1](#))

- $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV}/c^2 - \text{TeV}/c^2)$  HNL decay to visible signatures in detectors





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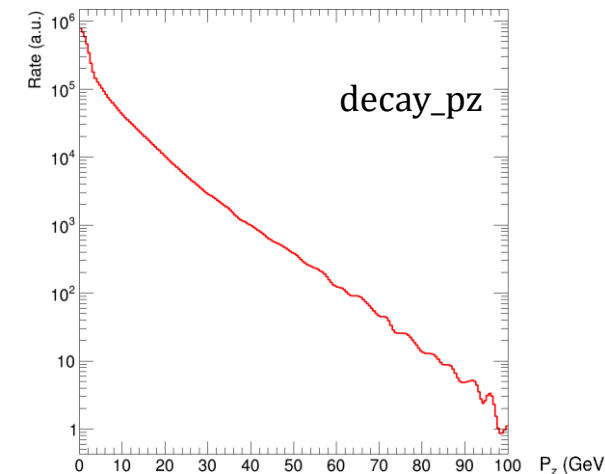
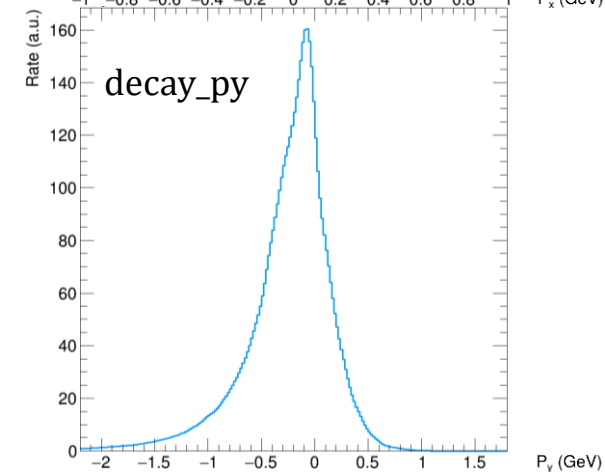
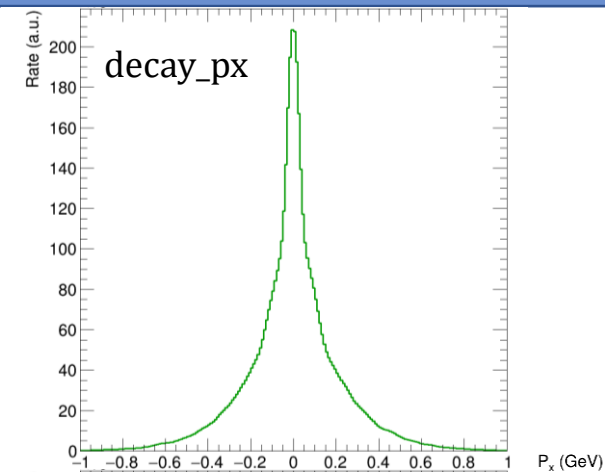
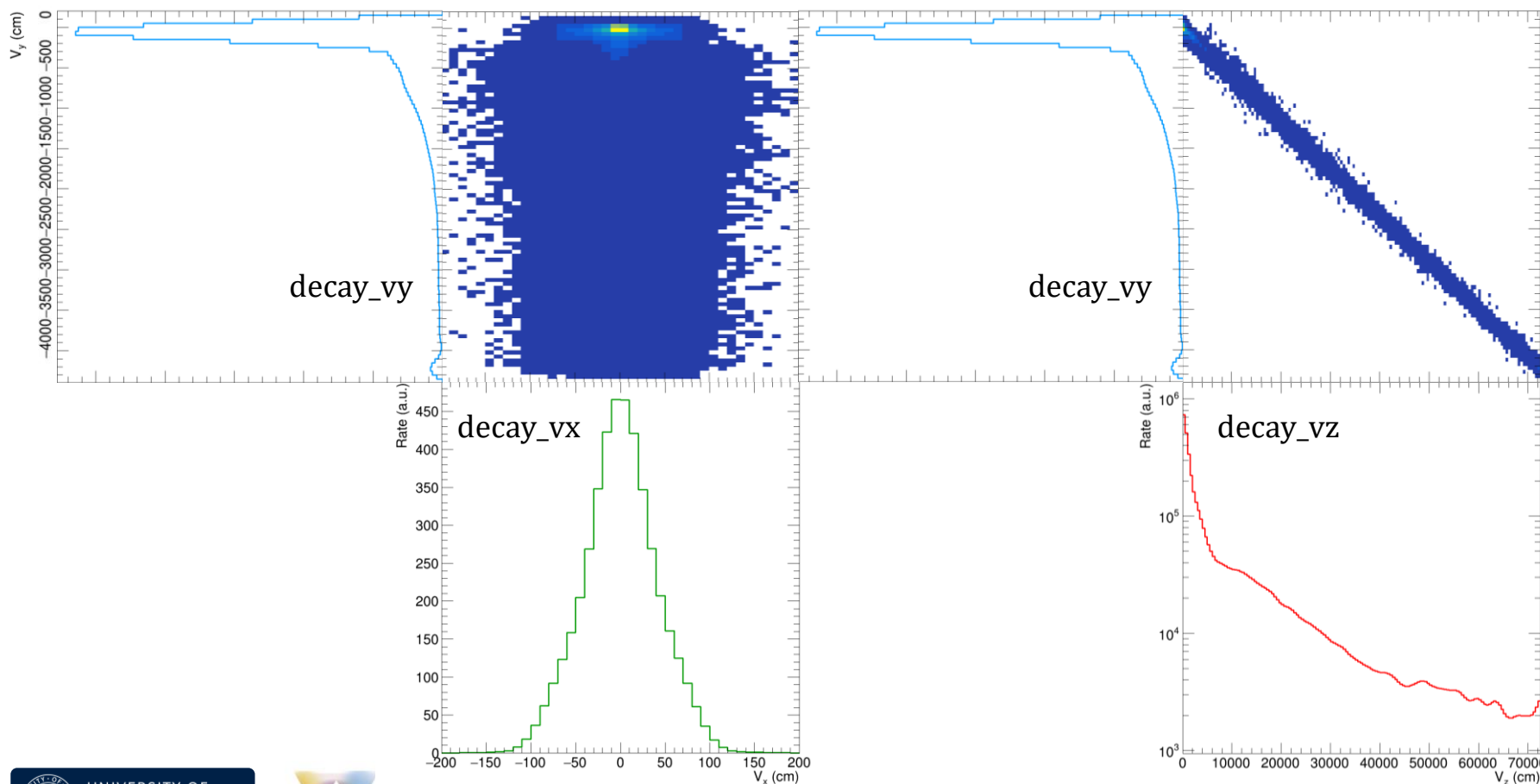
=====> EVENT:25
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potnum        = 98
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decay_vy      = -7.12057
decay_vz      = 4097.12
decay_pdpx    = -0.0012738
decay_pdpy    = -0.0203605
decay_pdpz    = 8.92705
decay_ptype   = 321
decay_necm    = 0.235532
decay_nimpwt  = 3.33333
  
```

Parent decay  
coordinates

Parent decay  
momentum

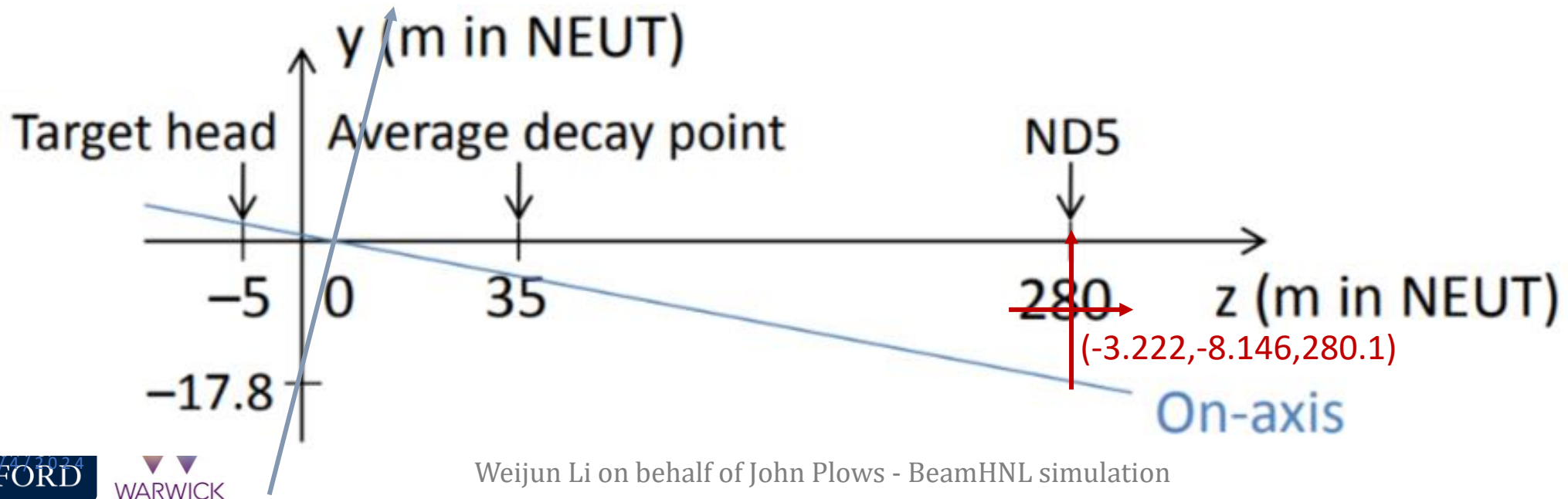
SM neutrino E

Stat multiplier



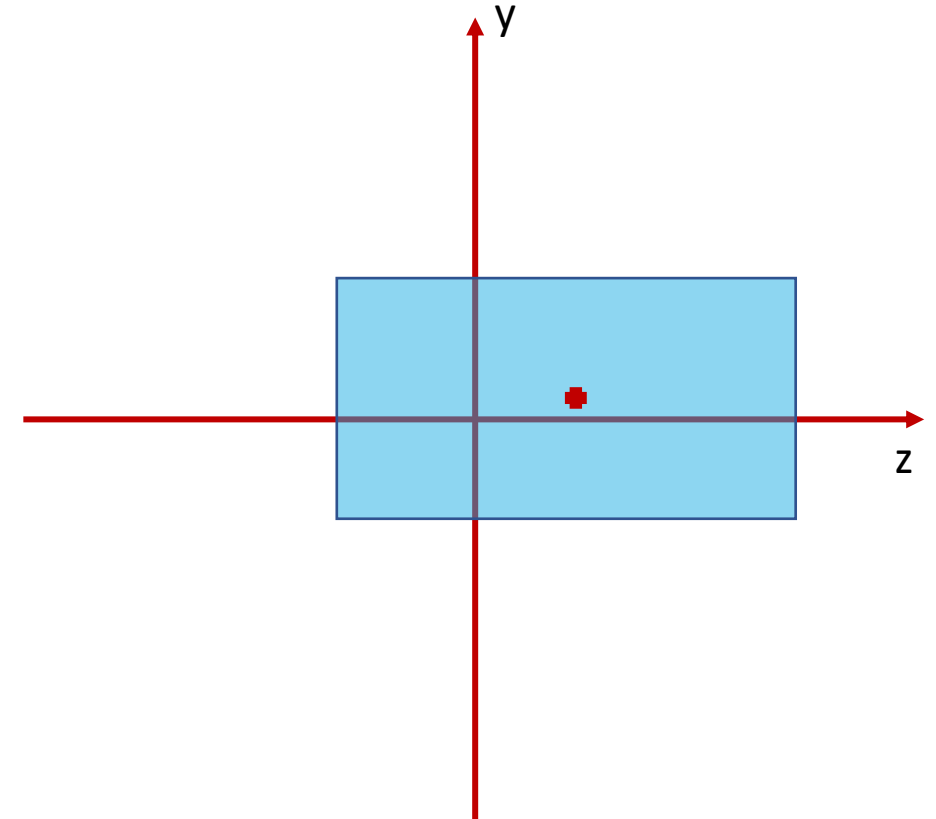
# BeamHNL Geometry

- It uses 3 coordinate systems,
  - NEAR – origin in the target, NEUT Coordinate
  - BEAM – z-axis is the beam direction, i.e. t2k on-axis
    - The transformation from NEAR to BEAM is by a rotation around the x-axis downwards by 63.44 mrad.
  - **USER – origin is at the centre of ND280, (-3.222,-8.146,280.1) w.r.t NEAR origin**



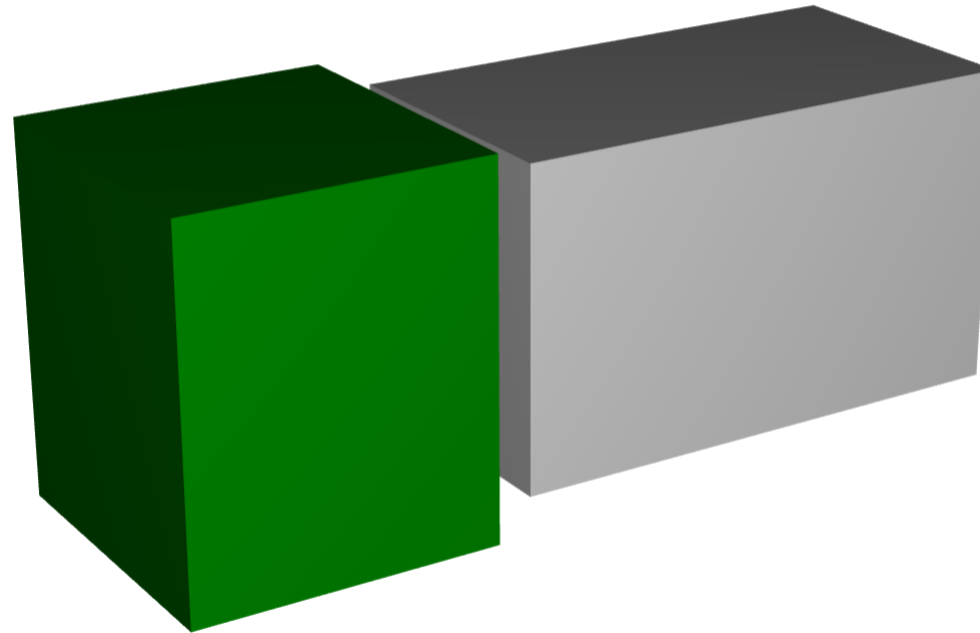
# Detector Geometry

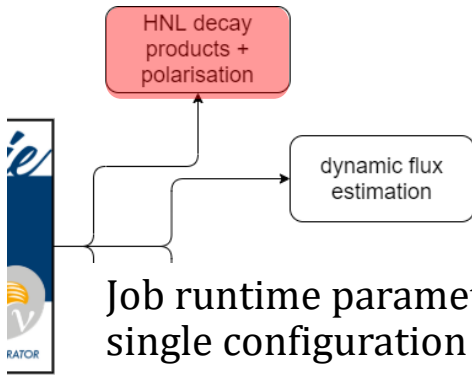
- Looking at a box [(1740,1960,3281) mm in size] just large enough to contain all TPC segments, centred at  $(0,50,915.5)$
- The three sides are from
- $(-870,-930,-725)$  to  $(870,1030,2556)$



# Simplified Geometry Input

- For test purposes, a simplified geometry file, containing one big box enclosing SFGD&HATPC and another enclosing all three TPCs are used.





Job runtime parameters controlled by single configuration file

- Script/batch friendly
- Storable for reproducibility
- Transparent

User passes arguments such as HNL mass, channels to simulate the decays of HNL into, detector location, flux-calculation switches...

An example can be found in

\$GENIE/src/contrib/beamhnl/  
CommonHNL\_DEMO.xml

Descriptions of the entries can be found in  
\$GENIE/config/BeamHNLGenerator.xml

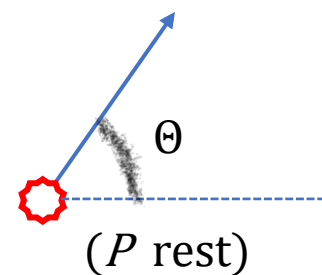
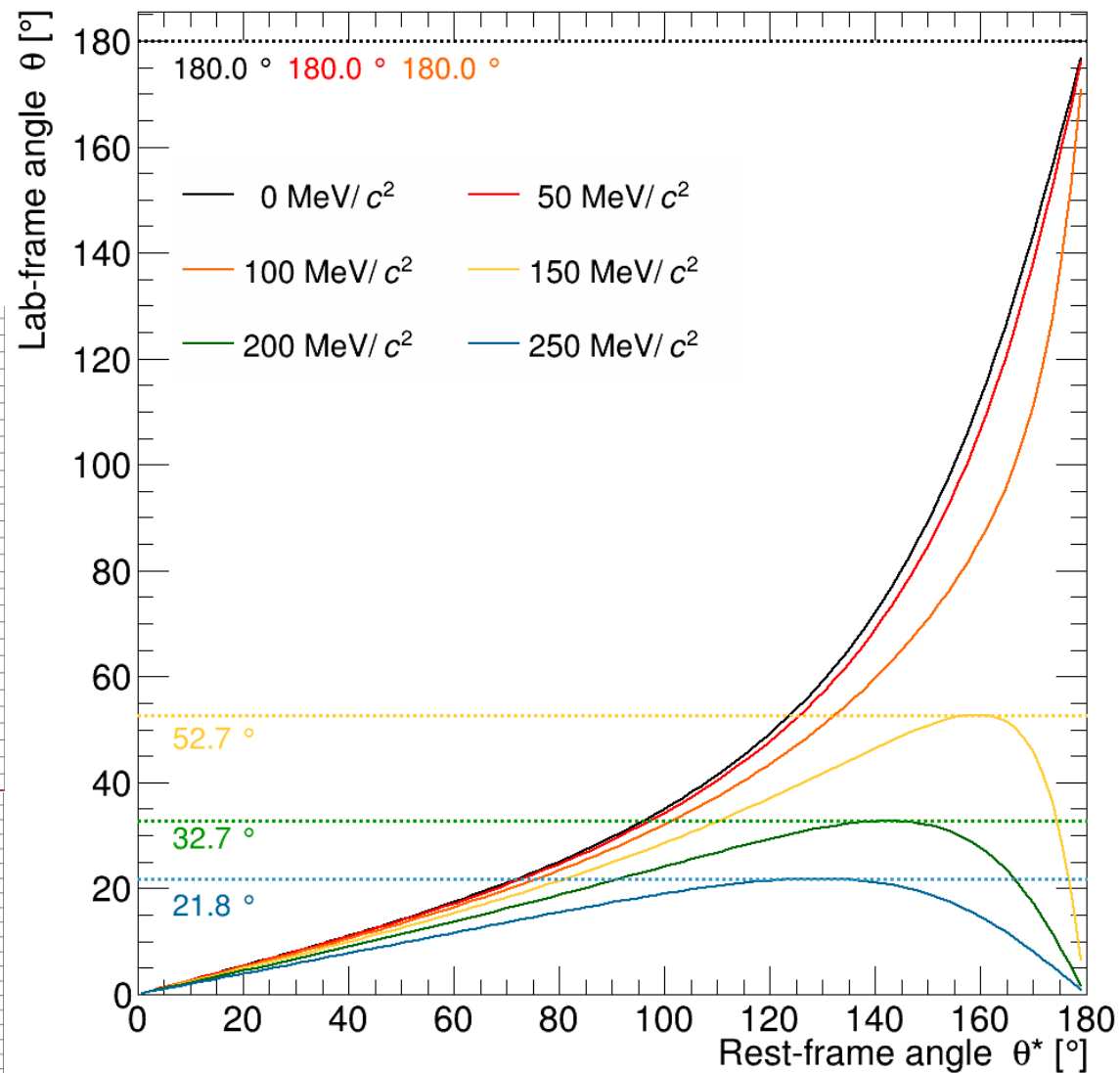
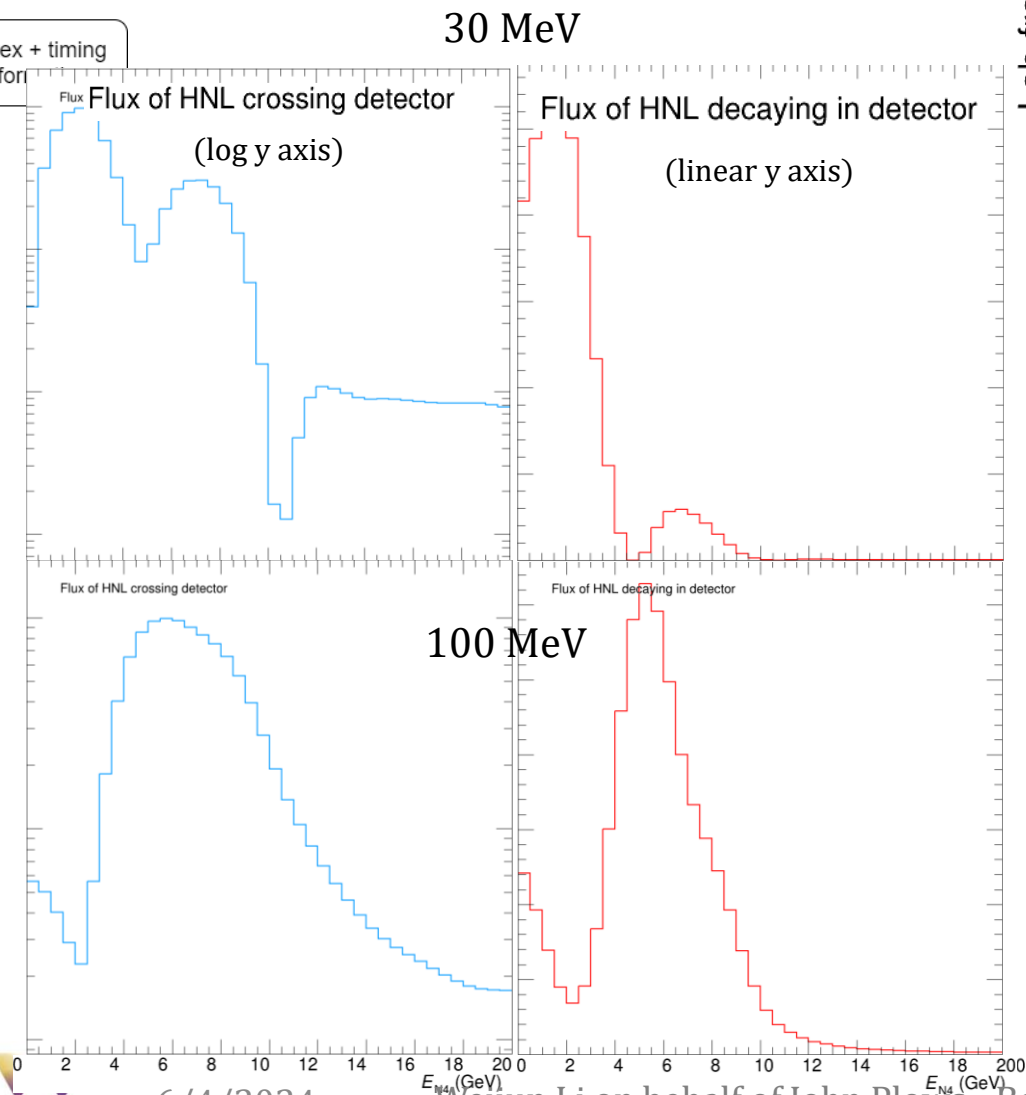
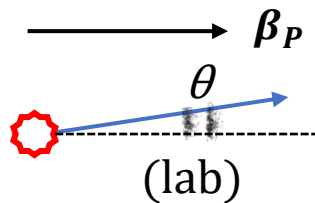
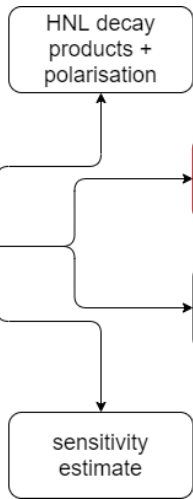
```
<param_set name="ParameterSpace">
  <param type="double" name="HNL-Mass"> 0.200 </param> <!-- GeV -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="HNL-LeptonMixing" delim=";"> 1.0e-7 ; 1.0e-7 ; 0.0 </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-Majorana"> false </param>

  <param type="bool" name="GetCMFrameInstead"> false </param>
</param_set>
```

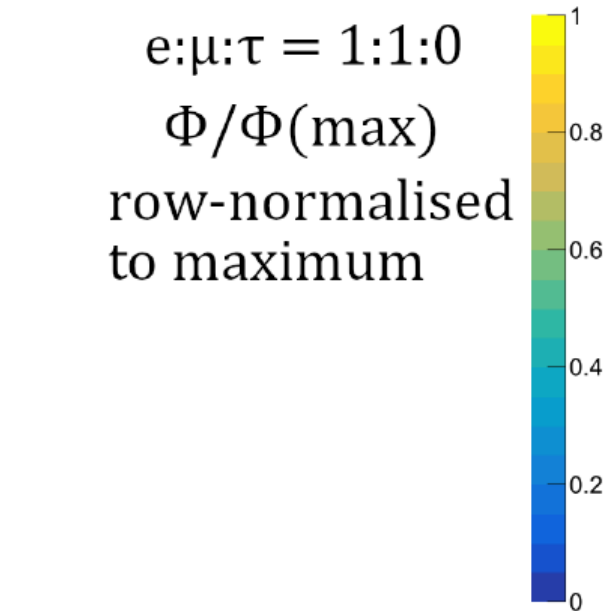
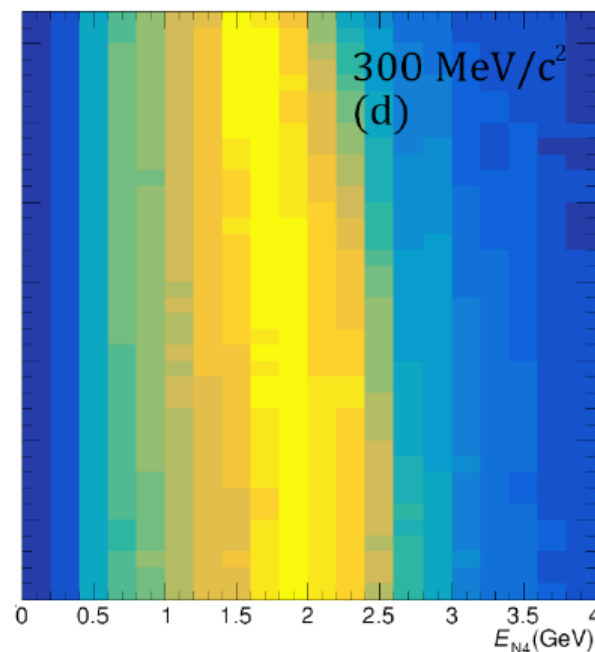
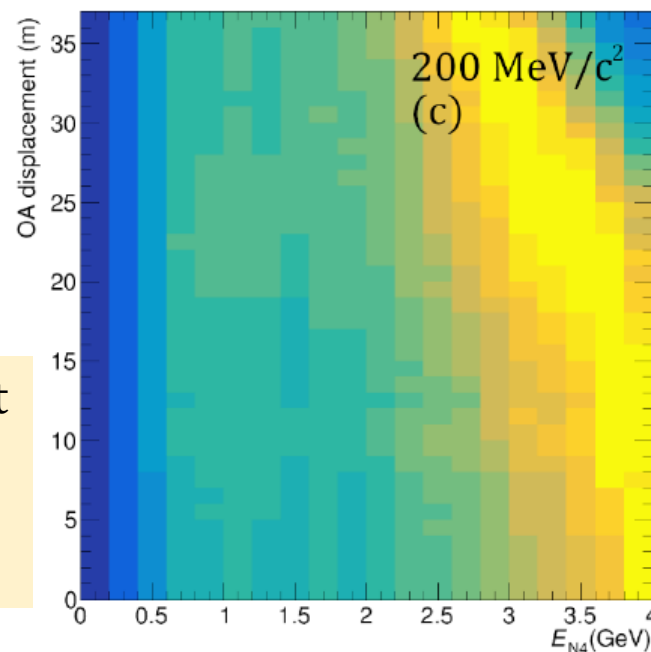
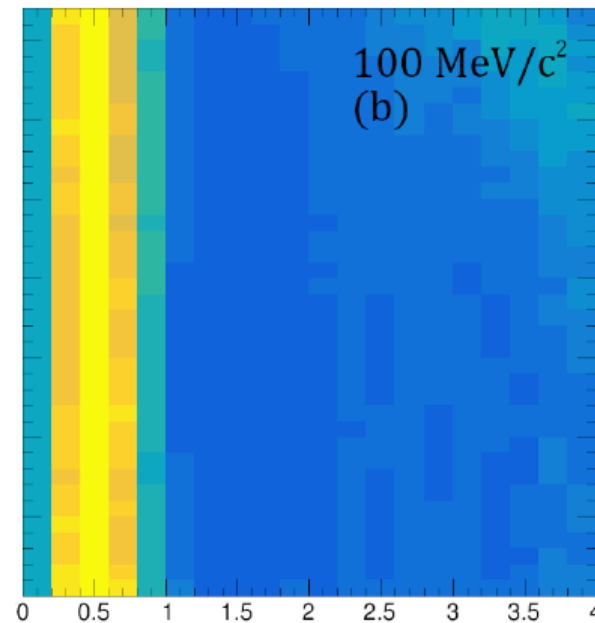
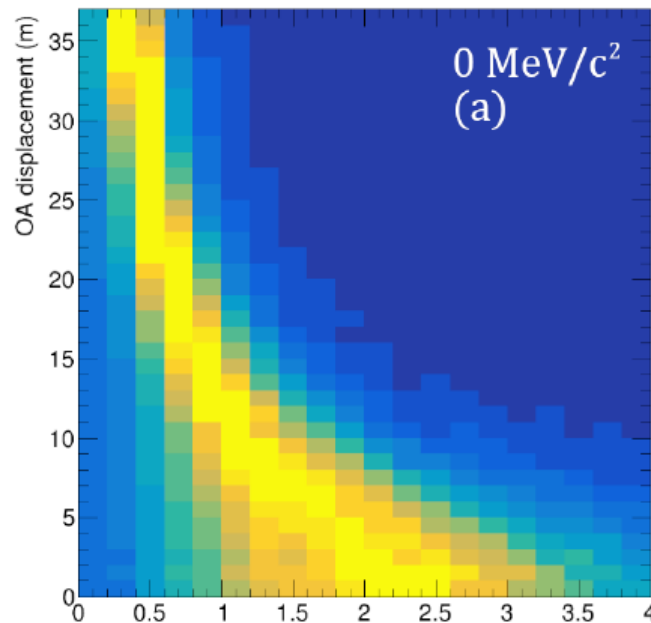
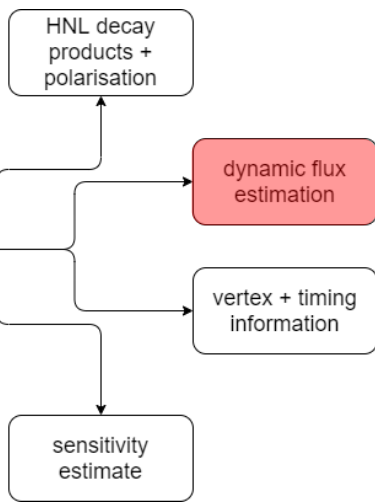
ParameterSpace block: specify what  
HNL mass / mixings / nature you want

```
<param_set name="Interactions">
  <!-- 2-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_nu"> true </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_mu_mu"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-2B_nu_e_e"> false </param>
  <!-- 3-body decays -->
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_nu_nu"> true </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_mu_mu"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_e_e"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_mu_e"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_e_pi_pi0"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_mu_pi_pi0"> false </param>
  <param type="bool" name="HNL-3B_nu_pi0_pi0"> false </param>
</param_set>

<param_set name="CoordinateXForm">
  <param type="vec-double" name="Near2Beam_R" delim=";"> 0.0 ; 0.0 ; -0.05830 </param> <!-- rad -->
  <!-- Euler angles, extrinsic x-z-x = 1-2-3, RM * BEAM = USER, RM = Rx(1) * Rz(2) * Rx(3). -->
  <!-- Describes rotation of BEAM wrt NEAR frame -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="Near2User_T" delim=";"> 0.0 ; -60.0 ; 1000.0 </param> <!-- m -->
  <!-- USER origin in NEAR coordinates -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="Near2User_R" delim=";"> 0.0 ; 0.0 ; 0.0 </param>
  <!-- Euler angles, extrinsic x-z-x -->
  <!-- Describes rotation of USER wrt NEAR frame -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="DetCentre_User" delim=";"> 0.0 ; 0.0 ; 0.0 </param> <!-- m -->
  <!-- Position of detector centre in USER frame, in case it is not at USER origin -->
</param_set>
```

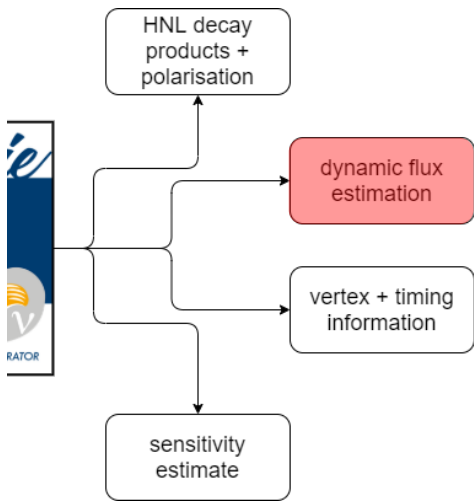






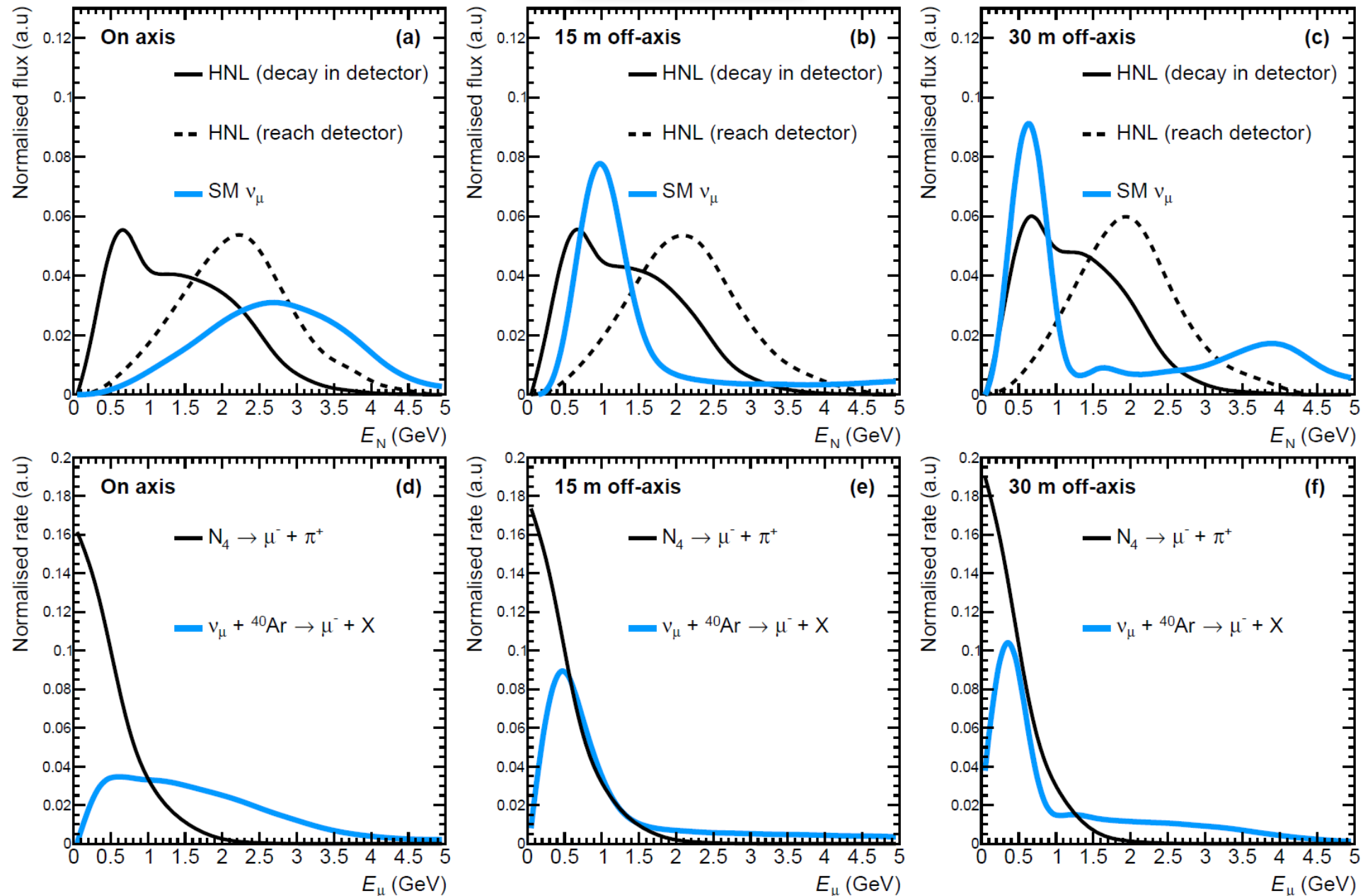
$e:\mu:\tau = 1:1:0$   
 $\Phi/\Phi(\text{max})$   
row-normalised  
to maximum

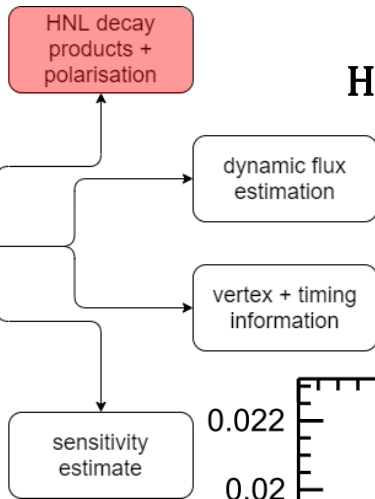
OA effect weakens most  
close to threshold  
(panels b, e): **heavier  
HNL are slower.**



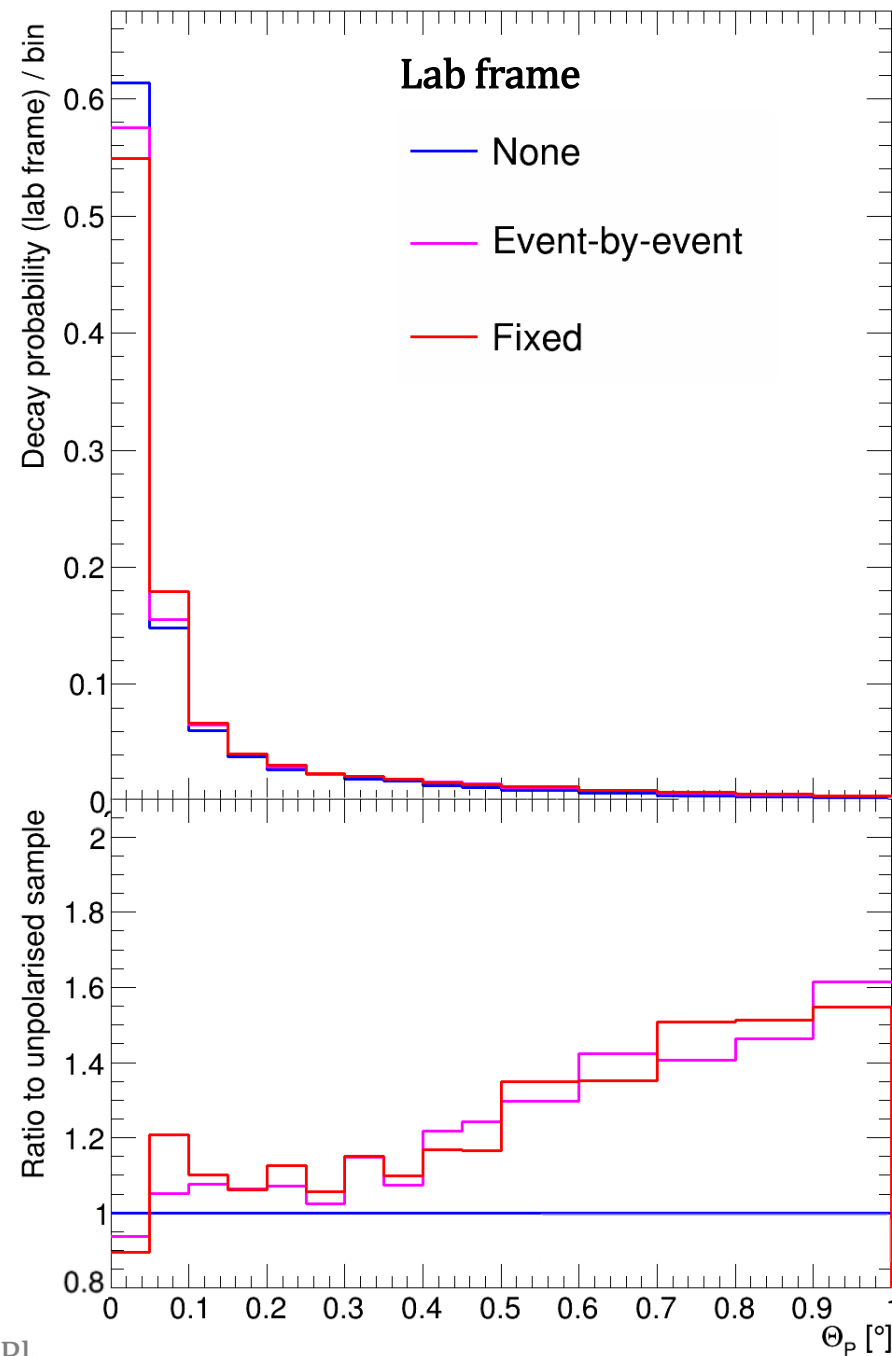
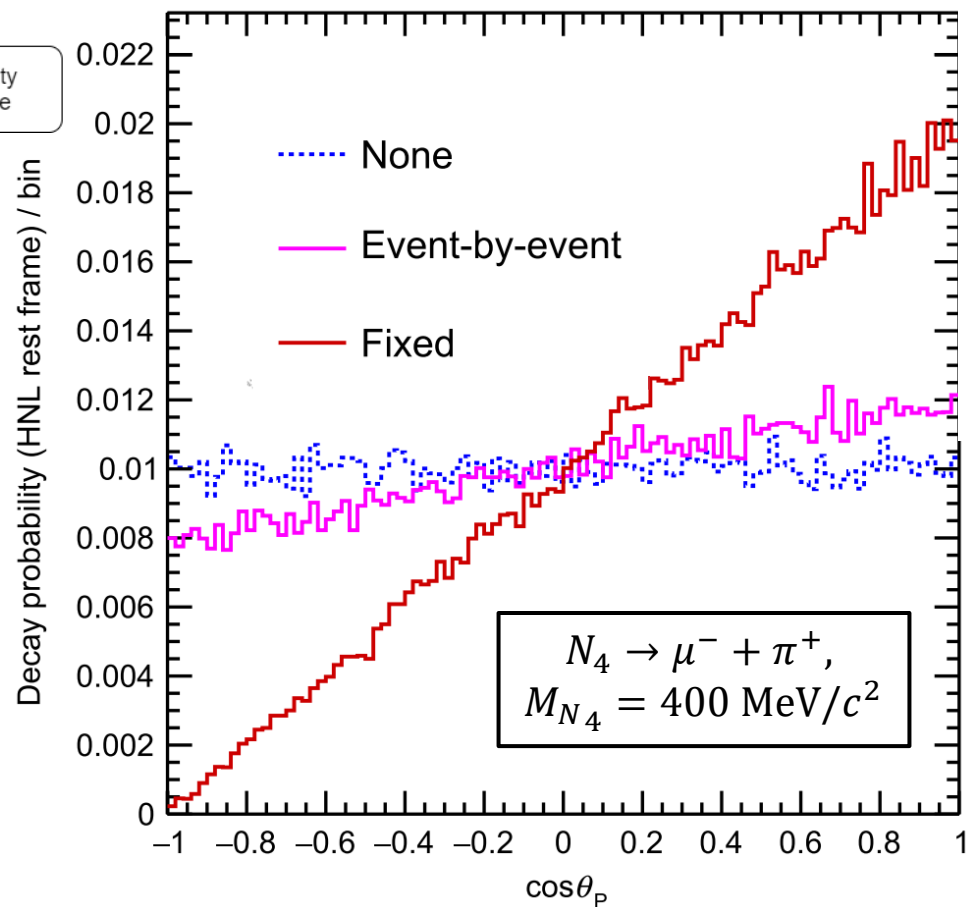
$$M_{N_4} = 300 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Bkg: GENIE v3.02.00  
tune G18\_02a\_00\_000

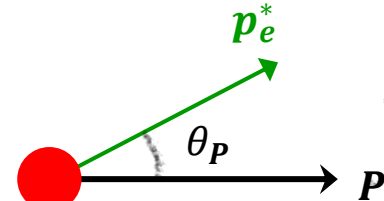




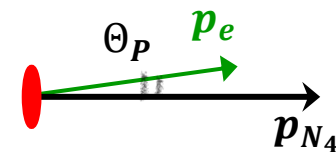
## HNL rest frame



## HNL rest frame



## Lab frame





## Coming soon to BeamHNL...

### 5.4 Discrepancies with previous literature P. Coloma et al, [\*EPJ C\* 81 \(2021\) 78](#)

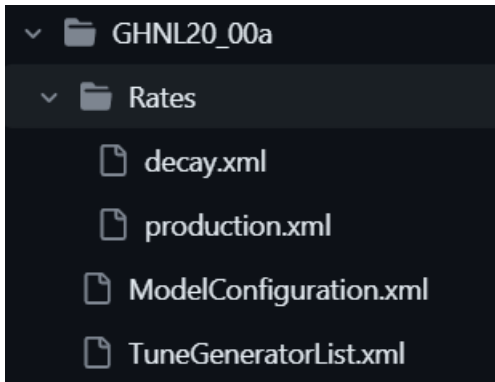
The decay widths of a HNL into mesons, neutrinos and leptons have been derived several times in previous literature; for an incomplete list see e.g. Refs. [28,39,49,53,66,73]. Here we summarize the main discrepancies and differences found between our results and some of these works:

Implementing a “tune system” for BeamHNL : accept theory input for:

- HNL production kinematic scaling factors
- HNL decay widths to channels

Goals:

- User-friendly
- Storable and persistent
- Easily modifiable



Theory input handled through xml files  
in dedicated HNL tune directory

```
<param_set name="Default">

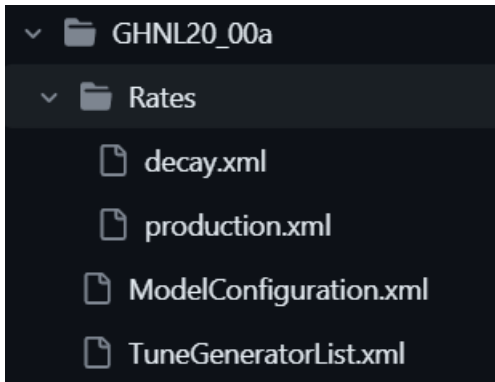
  <!-- Who did the calculations? -->
  <param type="string" name="Calculation"> ColomaEtAl_EFT </param>
  <param type="string" name="Reference"> Coloma et al, EPJ C 81 (2021) 78 </param>

  <!-- Define knots for HNL masses here -->
  <param type="vec-double" name="Masses" delim=";">
0.000 ; 0.005 ; 0.010 ; 0.015 ; 0.020 ; 0.025 ; 0.030 ; 0.035 ; 0.040 ; 0.045 ;
0.050 ; 0.055 ; 0.060 ; 0.065 ; 0.070 ; 0.075 ; 0.080 ; 0.085 ; 0.090 ; 0.095 ;
0.100 ; 0.105 ; 0.110 ; 0.115 ; 0.120 ; 0.125 ; 0.130 ; 0.135 ; 0.140 ; 0.145 ;
0.150 ; 0.155 ; 0.160 ; 0.165 ; 0.170 ; 0.175 ; 0.180 ; 0.185 ; 0.190 ; 0.195 ;
0.200 ; 0.205 ; 0.210 ; 0.215 ; 0.220 ; 0.225 ; 0.230 ; 0.235 ; 0.240 ; 0.245 ;
0.250 ; 0.255 ; 0.260 ; 0.265 ; 0.270 ; 0.275 ; 0.280 ; 0.285 ; 0.290 ; 0.295 ;
0.300 ; 0.305 ; 0.310 ; 0.315 ; 0.320 ; 0.325 ; 0.330 ; 0.335 ; 0.340 ; 0.345 ;
0.350 ; 0.355 ; 0.360 ; 0.365 ; 0.370 ; 0.375 ; 0.380 ; 0.385 ; 0.390 ; 0.395 ;
0.400 ; 0.405 ; 0.410 ; 0.415 ; 0.420 ; 0.425 ; 0.430 ; 0.435 ; 0.440 ; 0.445 ;
0.450 ; 0.455 ; 0.460 ; 0.465 ; 0.470 ; 0.475 ; 0.480 ; 0.485 ; 0.490
  </param>

</param_set>
```

```
<!-- N4 -> v v v -->
<decayChannel name="nu_nu_nu">
  <param type="vec-double" name="Rates_0" delim=";">
0.000      ; 2.14224e-25 ; 6.8558e-24 ; 5.20612e-23 ; 2.19386e-22 ; <!-- 0 - 20 -->
6.69511e-22 ; 1.66596e-21 ; 3.60079e-21 ; 7.02034e-21 ; 1.26509e-20 ;
2.14224e-20 ; 3.45042e-20 ; 5.33107e-20 ; 7.95472e-20 ; 1.15225e-19 ;
1.62691e-19 ; 2.24651e-19 ; 3.04195e-19 ; 4.04828e-19 ; 5.30489e-19 ;
6.8558e-19 ; 8.74993e-19 ; 1.10413e-18 ; 1.37895e-18 ; 1.70594e-18 ; <!-- 100 - 120 -->
2.09222e-18 ; 2.54551e-18 ; 3.07416e-18 ; 3.68721e-18 ; 4.39438e-18 ;
5.20612e-18 ; 6.13361e-18 ; 7.18882e-18 ; 8.38451e-18 ; 9.73425e-18 ;
1.12525e-17 ; 1.29545e-17 ; 1.48565e-17 ; 1.69756e-17 ; 1.933e-17 ;
2.19386e-17 ; 2.48215e-17 ; 2.79998e-17 ; 3.14956e-17 ; 3.53323e-17 ; <!-- 200 - 220 -->
3.9534e-17 ; 4.41263e-17 ; 4.91357e-17 ; 5.45901e-17 ; 6.05185e-17 ;
6.69511e-17 ; 7.39195e-17 ; 8.14563e-17 ; 8.95957e-17 ; 9.83832e-17 ;
1.07825e-16 ; 1.17991e-16 ; 1.28909e-16 ; 1.4062e-16 ; 1.53168e-16 ;
1.66596e-16 ; 1.80949e-16 ; 1.96276e-16 ; 2.12623e-16 ; 2.30042e-16 ; <!-- 300 - 320 -->
2.48585e-16 ; 2.68304e-16 ; 2.89256e-16 ; 3.11496e-16 ; 3.35084e-16 ;
3.60079e-16 ; 3.8654e-16 ; 4.14544e-16 ; 4.44142e-16 ; 4.75408e-16 ;
5.0841e-16 ; 5.4322e-16 ; 5.79911e-16 ; 6.18559e-16 ; 6.5924e-16 ;
7.02034e-16 ; 7.47021e-16 ; 7.94287e-16 ; 8.43915e-16 ; 8.95993e-16 ; <!-- 400 - 420 -->
9.50611e-16 ; 1.00786e-15 ; 1.06784e-15 ; 1.13063e-15 ; 1.19632e-15 ;
1.26509e-15 ; 1.33695e-15 ; 1.41204e-15 ; 1.49047e-15 ; 1.57234e-15 ;
1.65778e-15 ; 1.74688e-15 ; 1.83978e-15 ; 1.93659e-15
  </param>
  <param type="string" name="Scaling_Dirac_0 "> (x[0]+x[1]+x[2])/3.0 </param>
  <param type="string" name="Scaling_Majorana_0"> 2.0*(x[0]+x[1]+x[2])/3.0 </param>
</decayChannel>
```





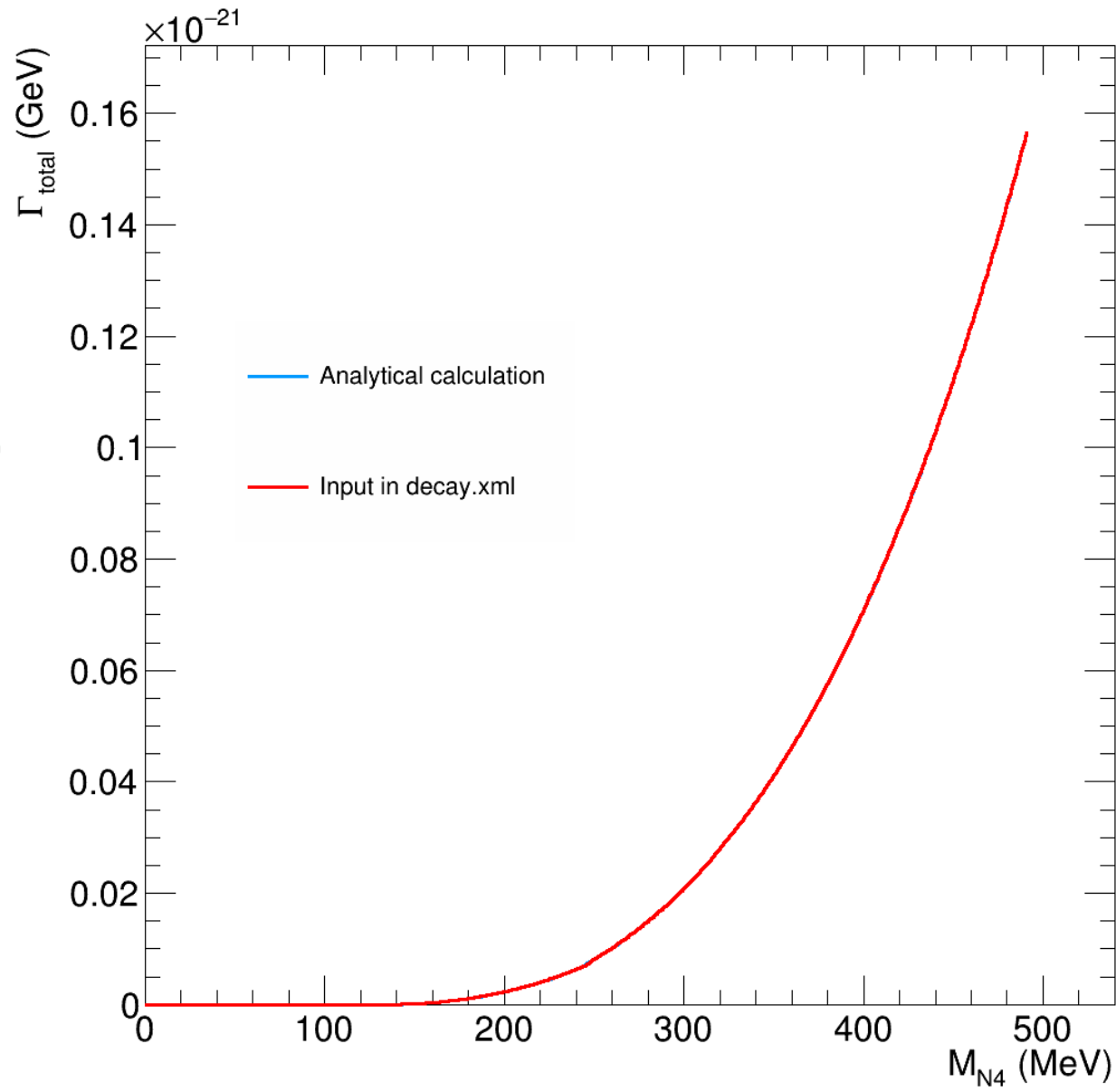
Theory input handled through xml files  
in dedicated HNL tune directory

For each channel, identify component  
**with definite scaling behaviour**  
e.g.  $\propto (\sum_{\alpha} |U_{\alpha 4}|^2)^2, |U_{\ell 4}|^2$

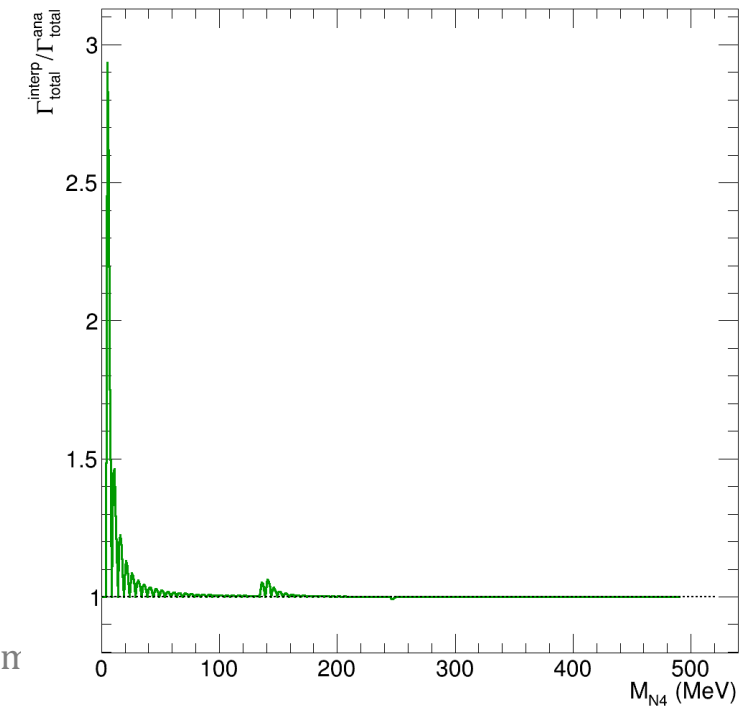
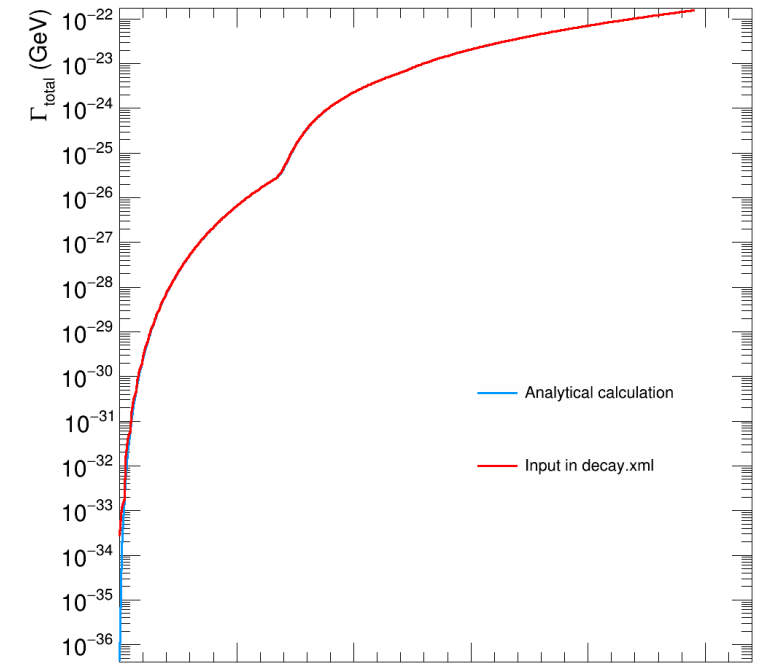
Specify a desired mass partition and the  
decay width of each component at  
 $|U_{\ell 4}|^2 = 1, \ell = e, \mu, \tau$   
Specify scaling behaviour as a TFormula

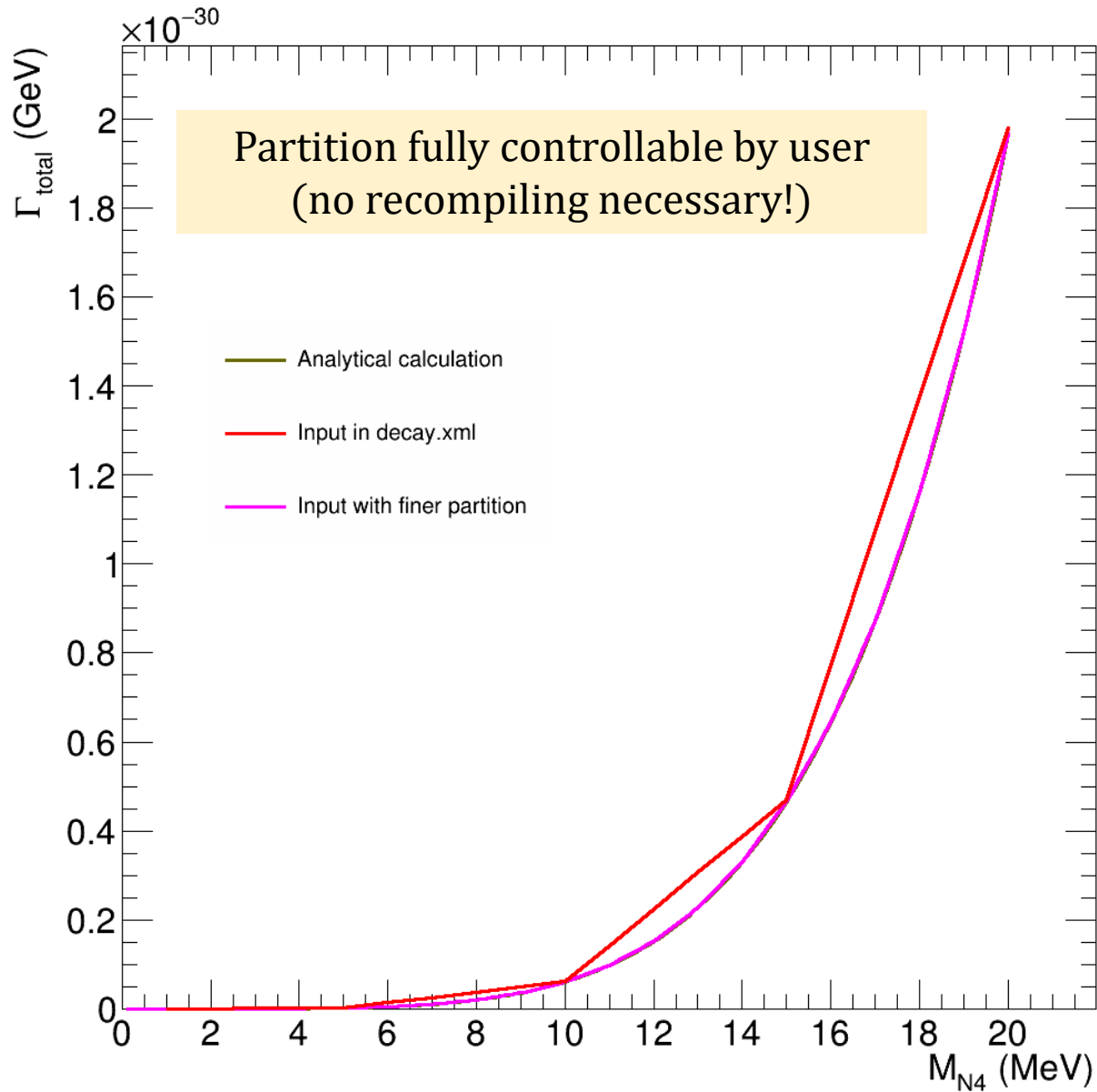
Group components into `decayChannel`  
objects in xml file

```
<!-- N4 -> v v v -->
<decayChannel name="nu_nu_nu">
  <param type="vec-double" name="Rates_0" delim=";">
    0.000      ; 2.14224e-25 ; 6.8558e-24 ; 5.20612e-23 ; 2.19386e-22 ; <!-- 0 - 20 -->
    6.69511e-22 ; 1.66596e-21 ; 3.60079e-21 ; 7.02034e-21 ; 1.26509e-20 ;
    2.14224e-20 ; 3.45042e-20 ; 5.33107e-20 ; 7.95472e-20 ; 1.15225e-19 ;
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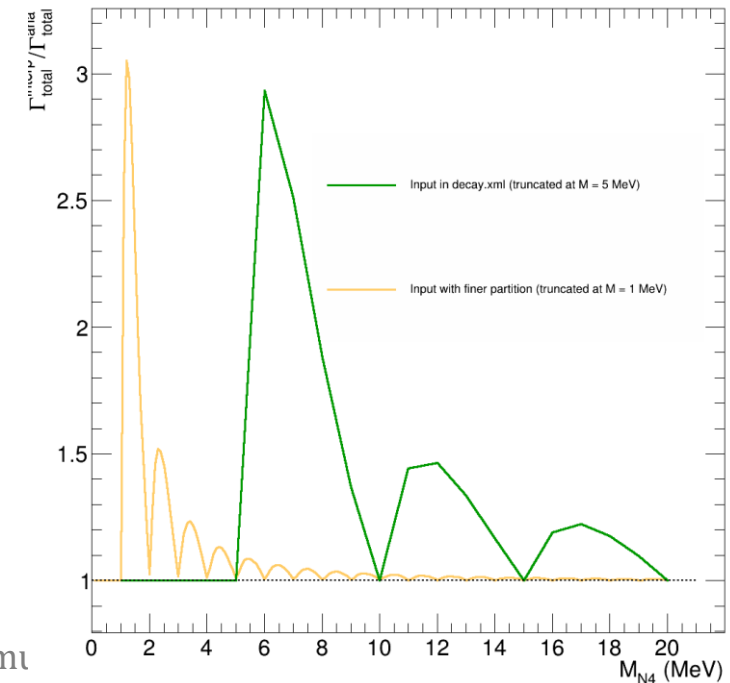
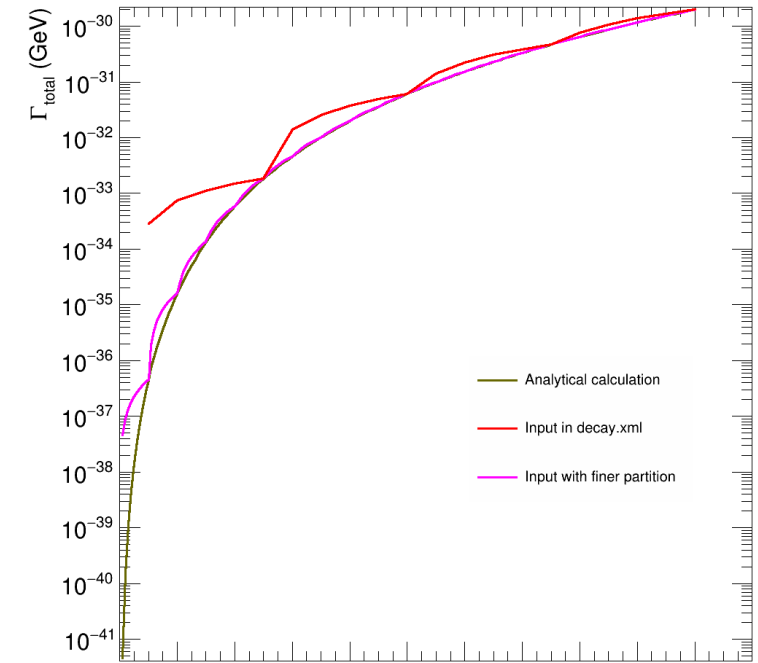


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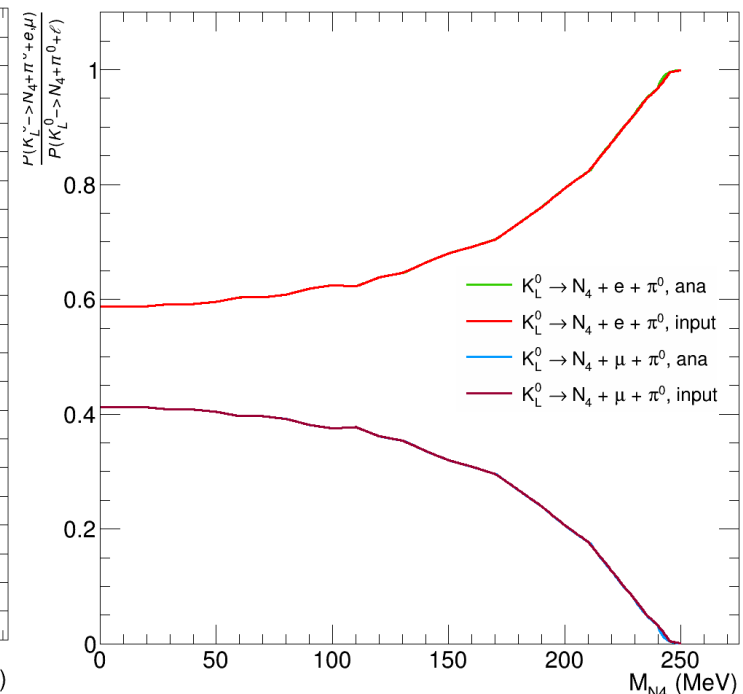
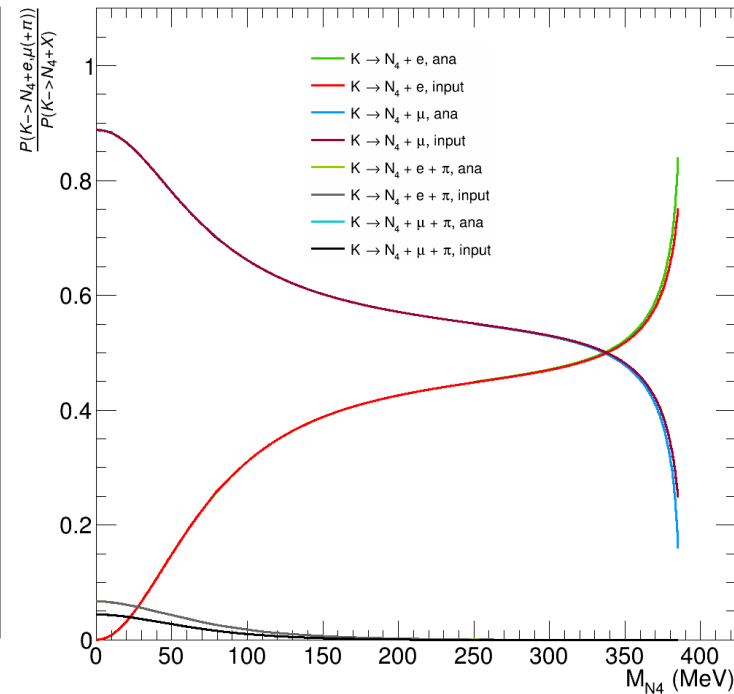
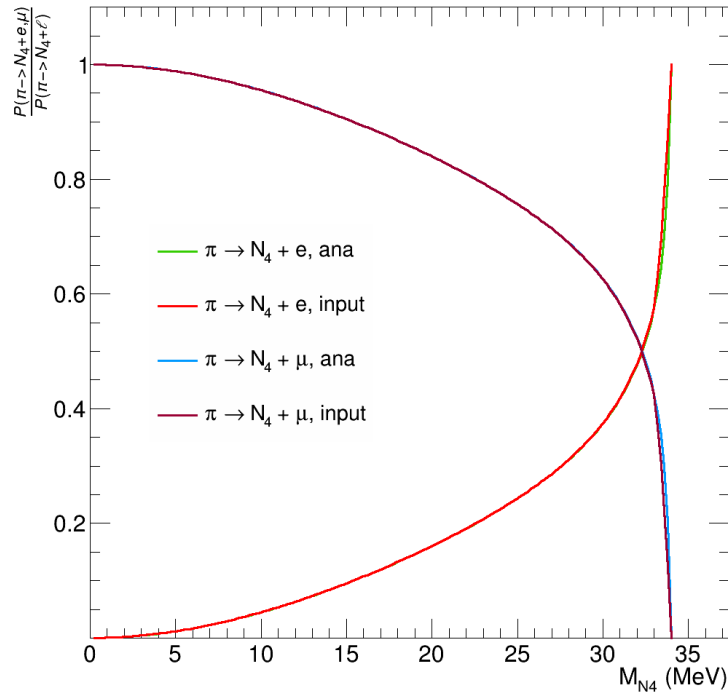




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For production channels, specify kinematic scaling factors for each parent, and the masses to evaluate for each parent.

$$\Gamma(M, |U_{\alpha 4}|^2) = \mathcal{K}(M) \cdot |U_{\alpha 4}|^2$$

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