

Enhancing Neutrino Event Simulation through Overlays at the ICARUS Experiment on the Short-Baseline Neutrino Program

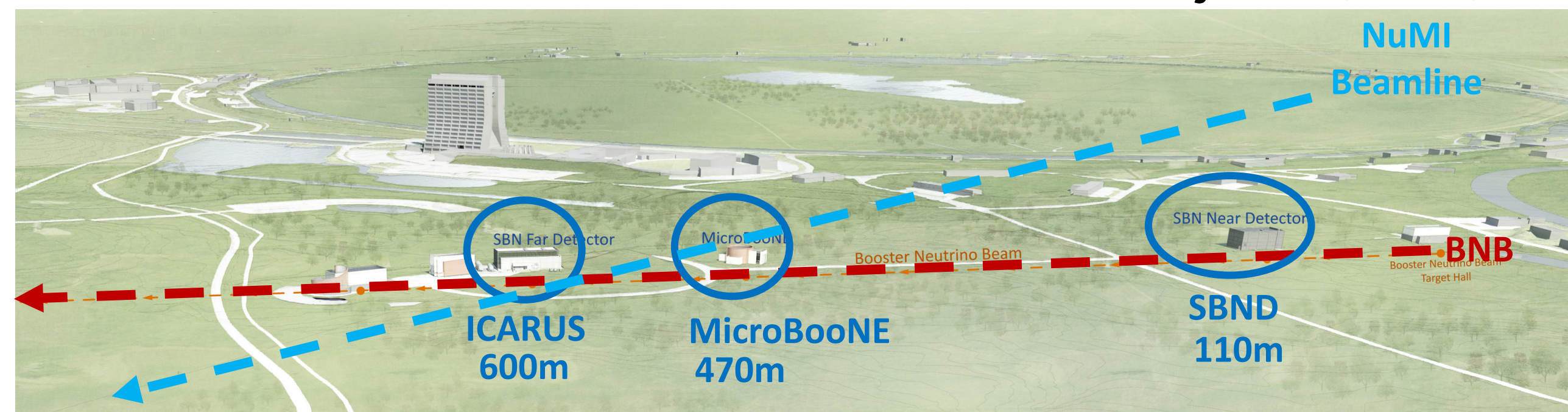
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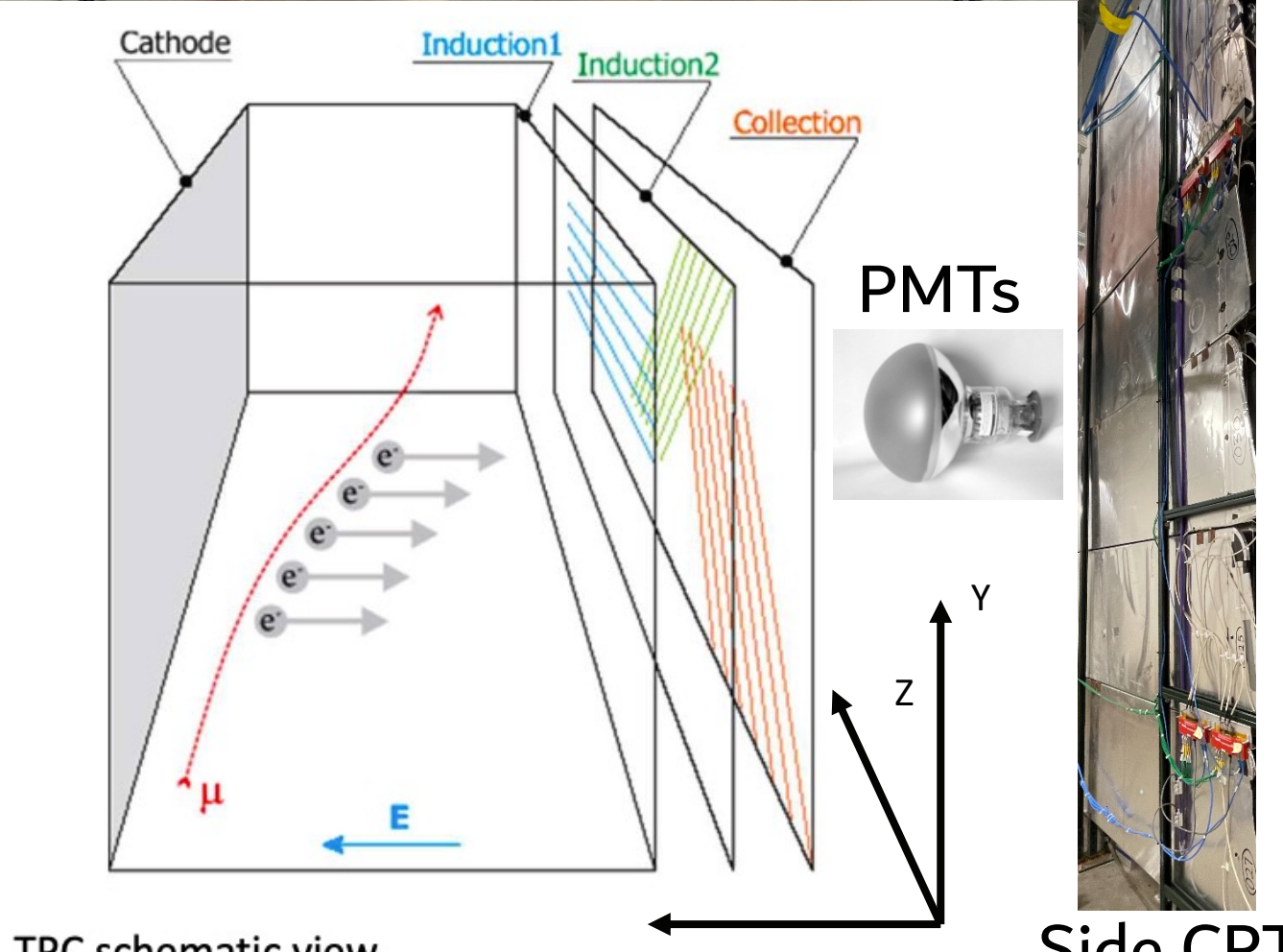
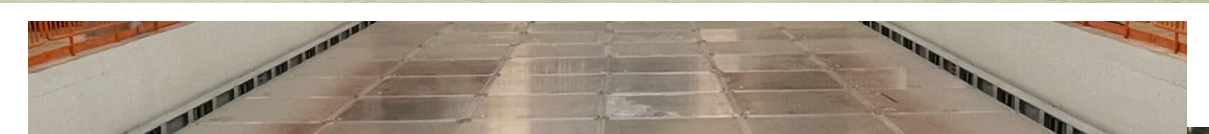
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1. Short Baseline Neutrino Program in a Nutshell

- Three detectors on the same beamline to investigate short-baseline anomalies
 - Main goal:** search for sterile neutrino oscillations with Booster Neutrino Beamline (BNB)
- ICARUS:** Rich Physics program including study of Neutrino-4 anomaly and ν -Ar cross section measurements with Neutrinos at the Main Injector (NuMI) beam

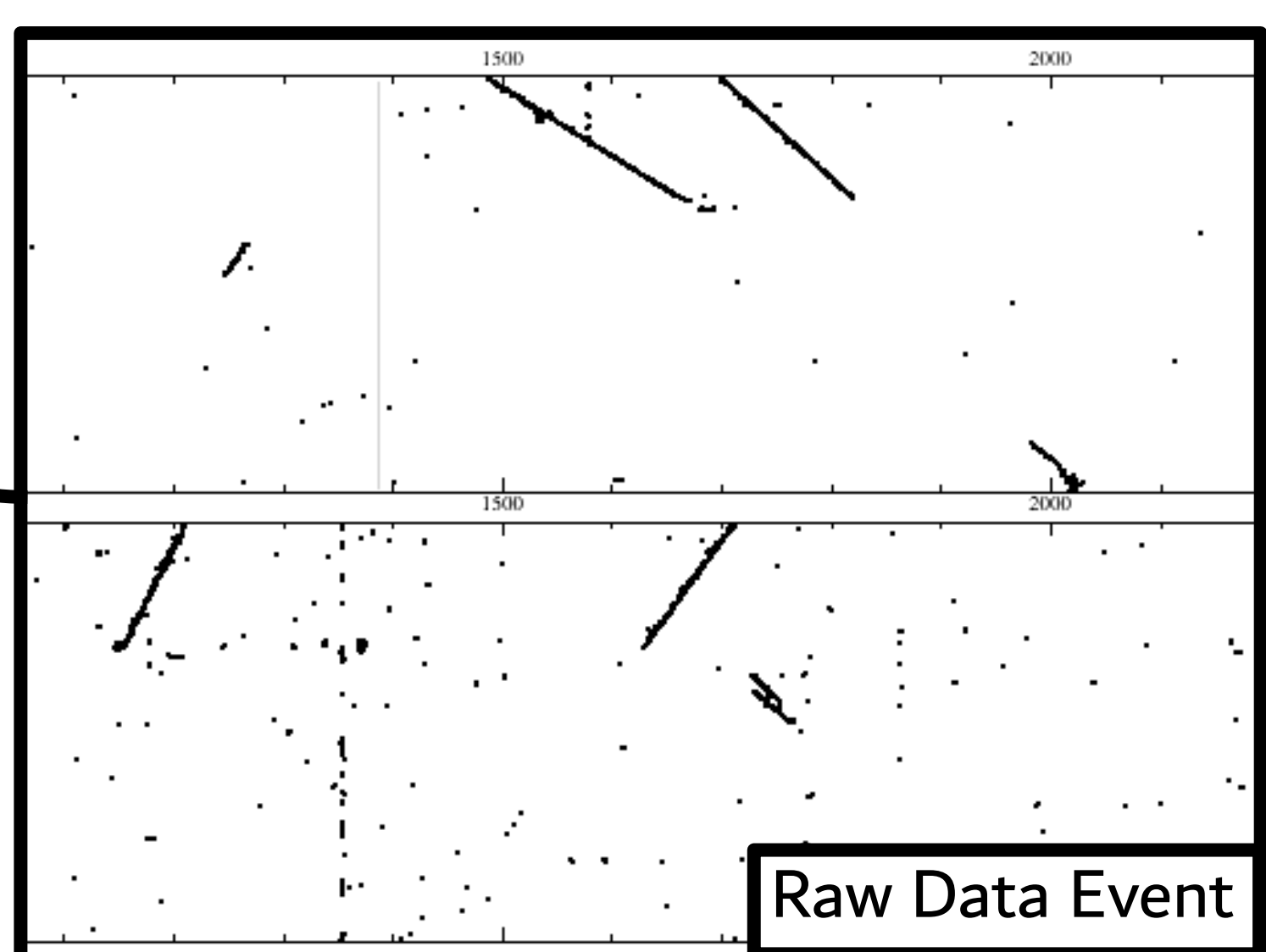
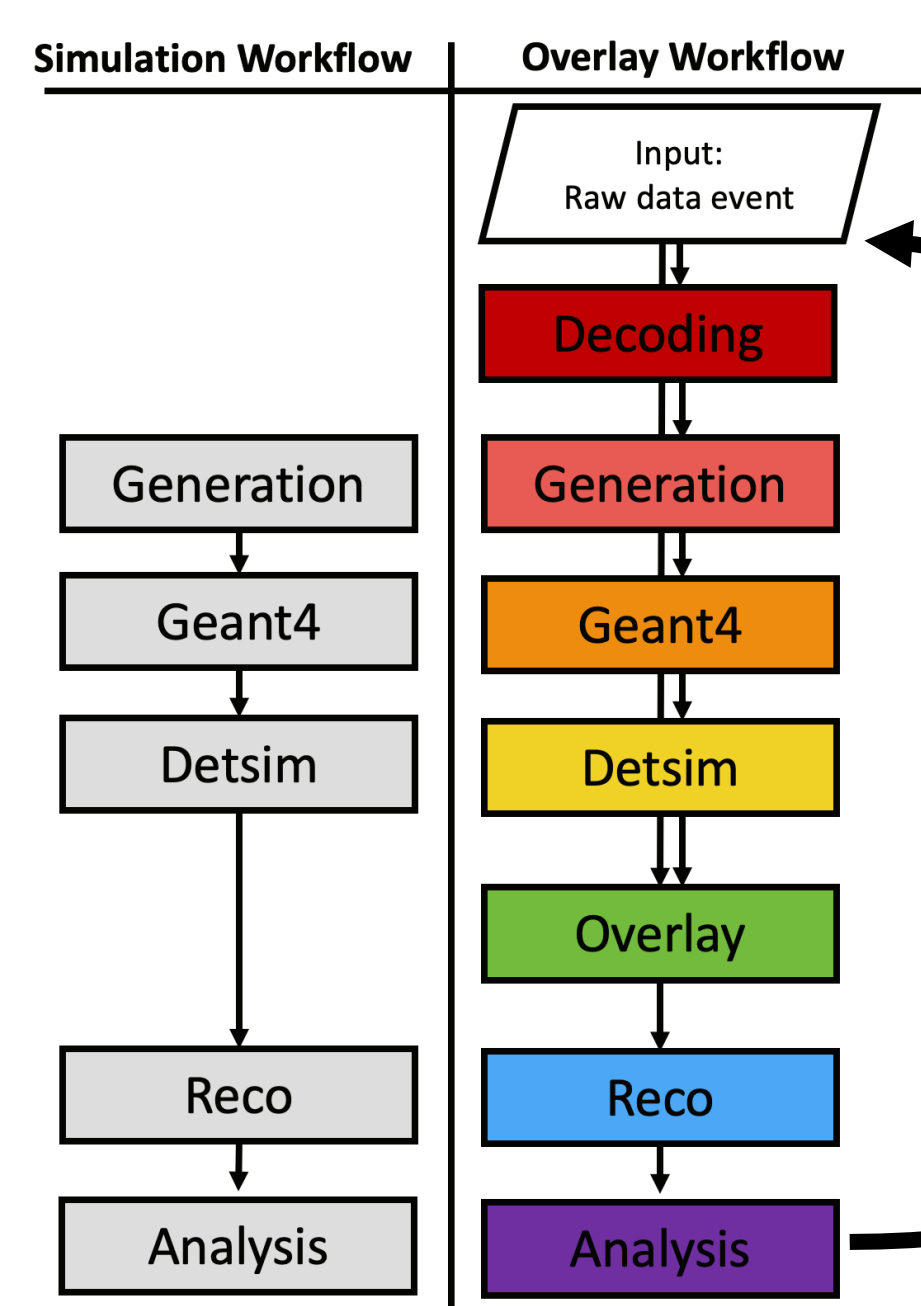


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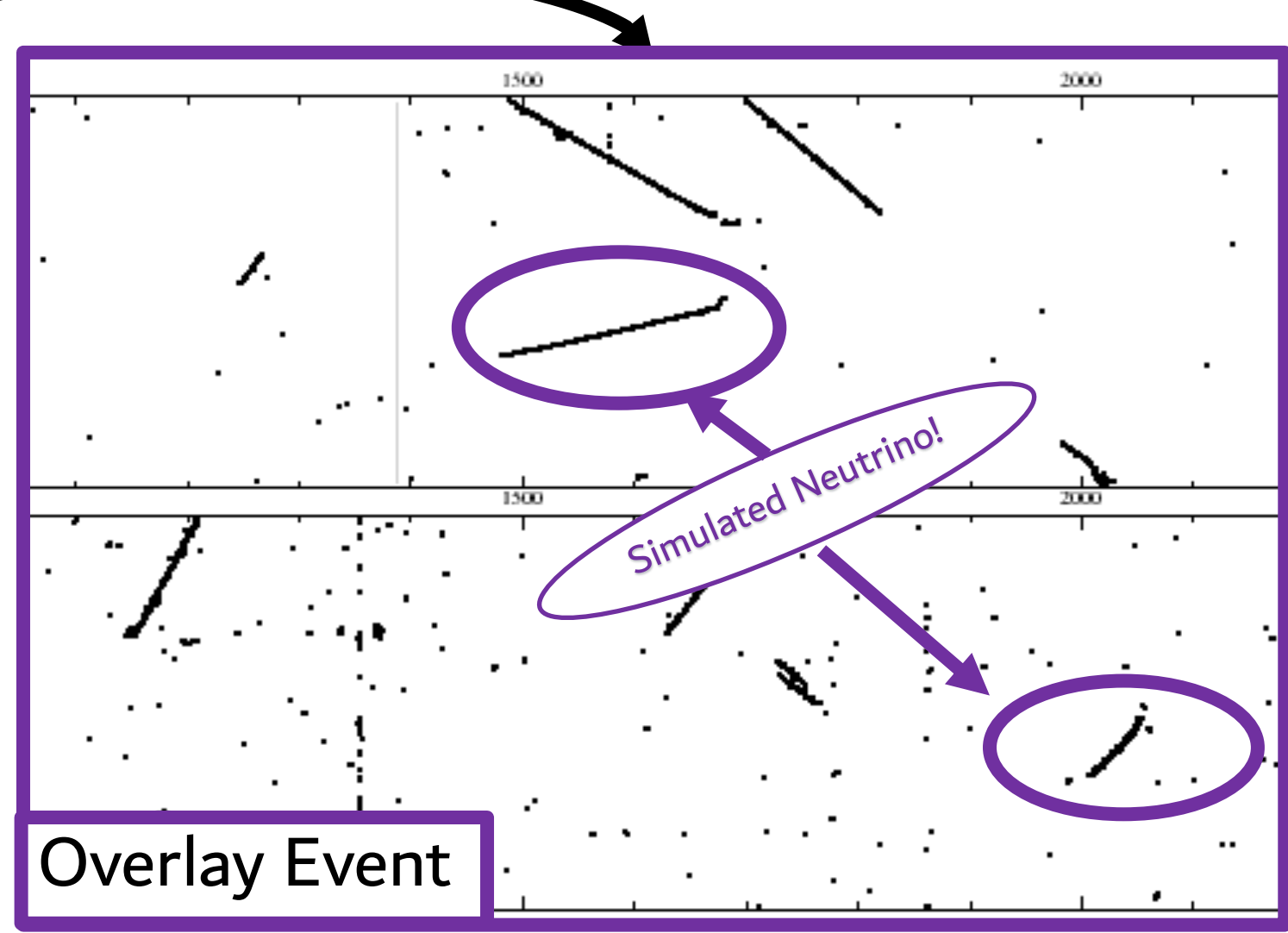
- ICARUS** started taking data in August 2020
- Comprised of **three data-taking subsystems** required for physics measurements
 - Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)
 - Photomultiplier tubes (PMT)
 - Cosmic ray tagger (CRT)

4. Making Overlays Events



Raw Data Event

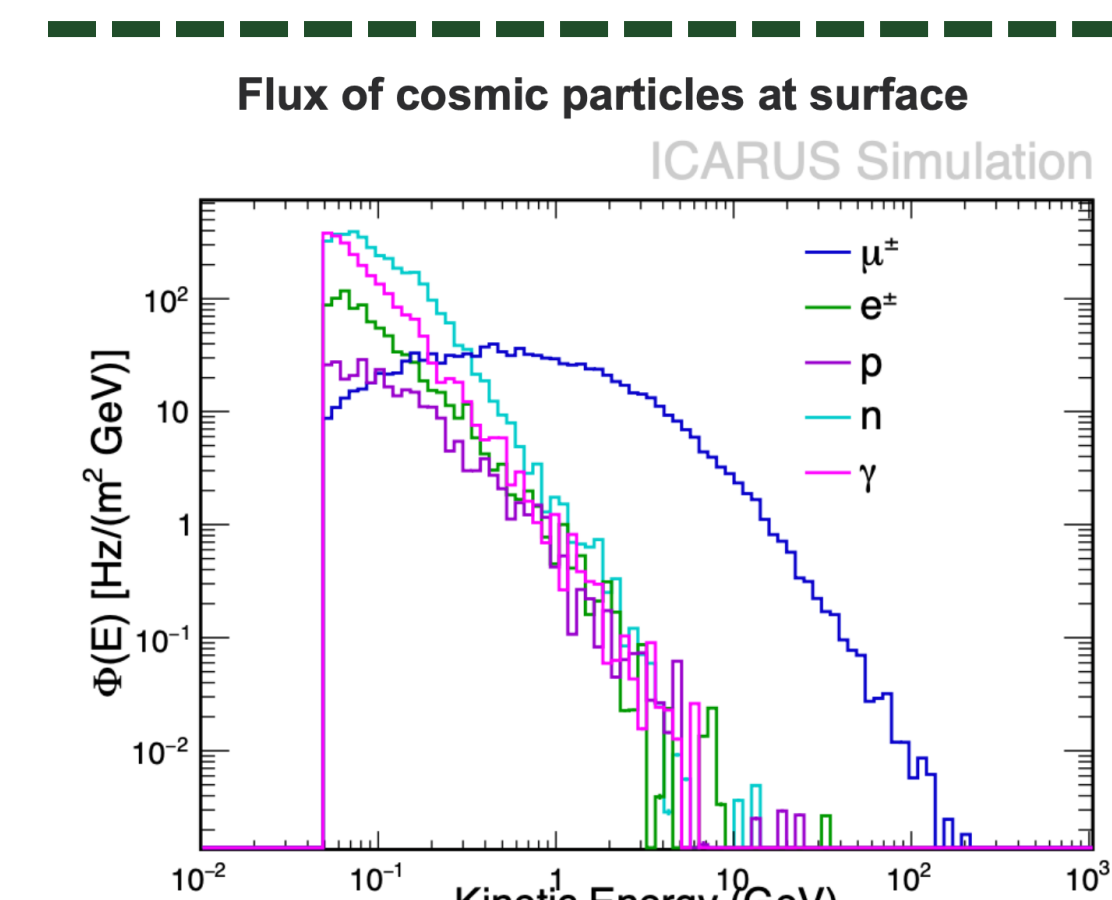
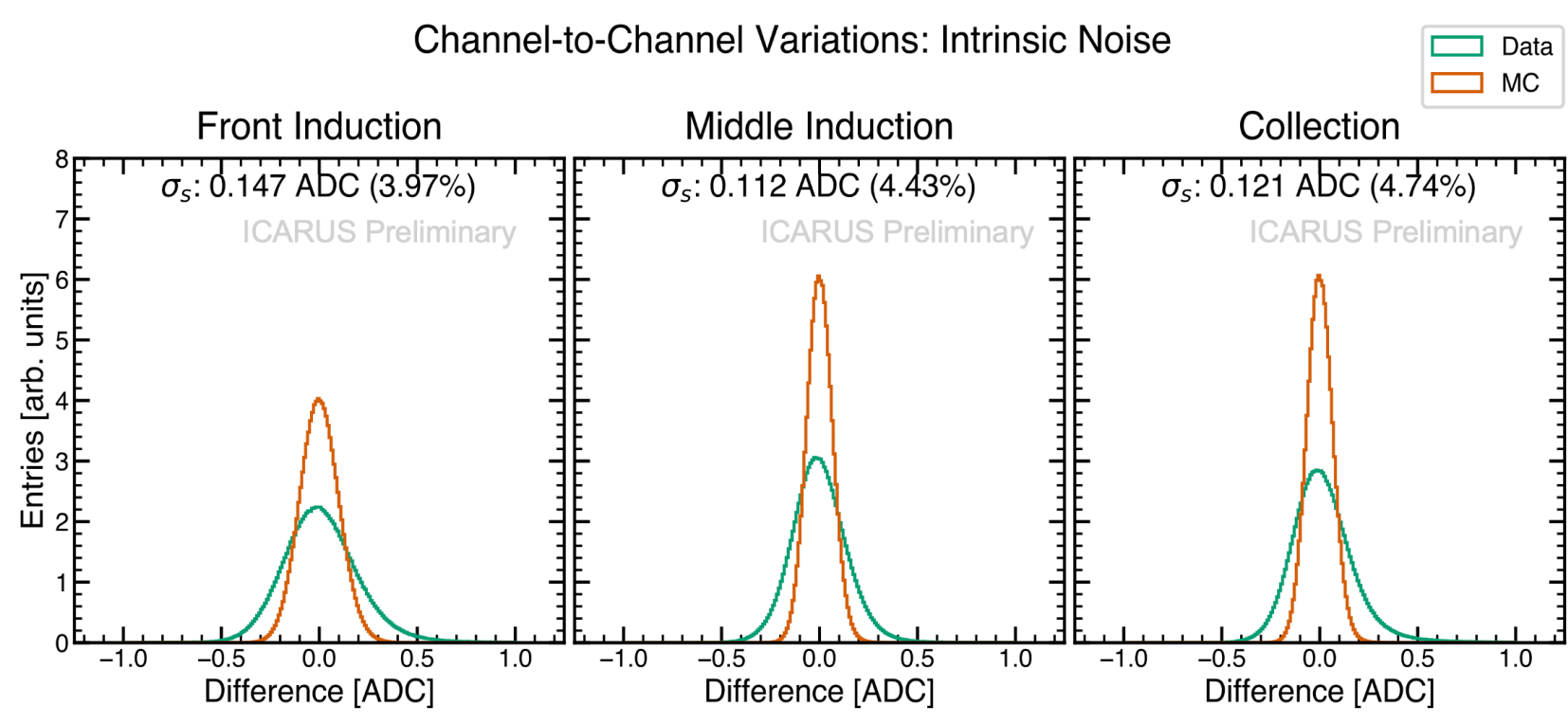
- Decoding stage: Decode raw data fragments into data products
- Detsim stage: remove noise simulation
- Overlay stage:
 - Adding PMT and TPC wire waveforms to the corresponding one from data
 - Add simulation CRT hits to data



Overlay Event

2. Noise and Backgrounds Simulation at ICARUS

- Understanding noise within the TPC is important for spatial resolution and calorimetric reconstruction. Noise characterization (parameterized as σ_s) shows inefficiency in simulating spatial variations with our current noise model

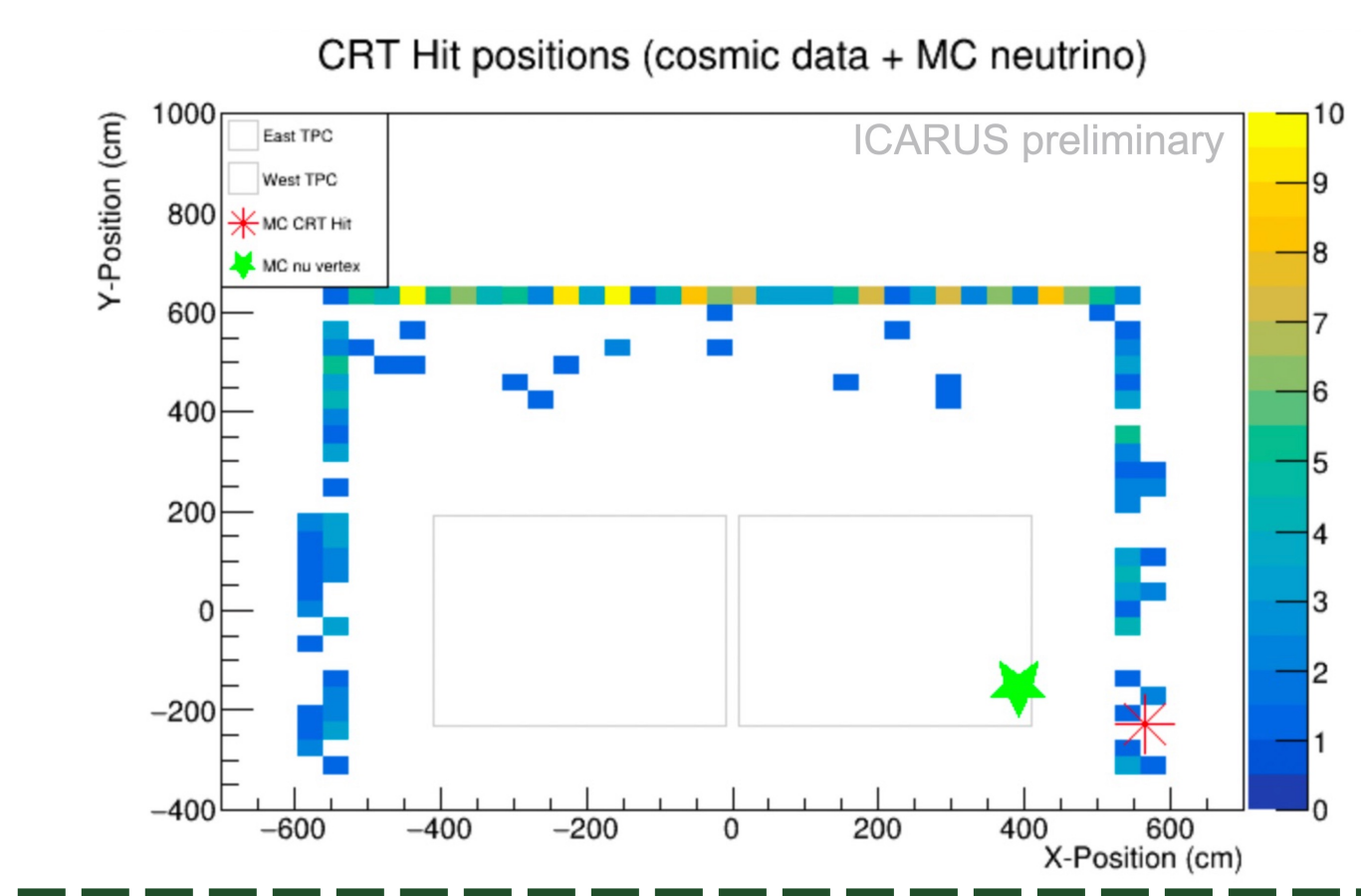
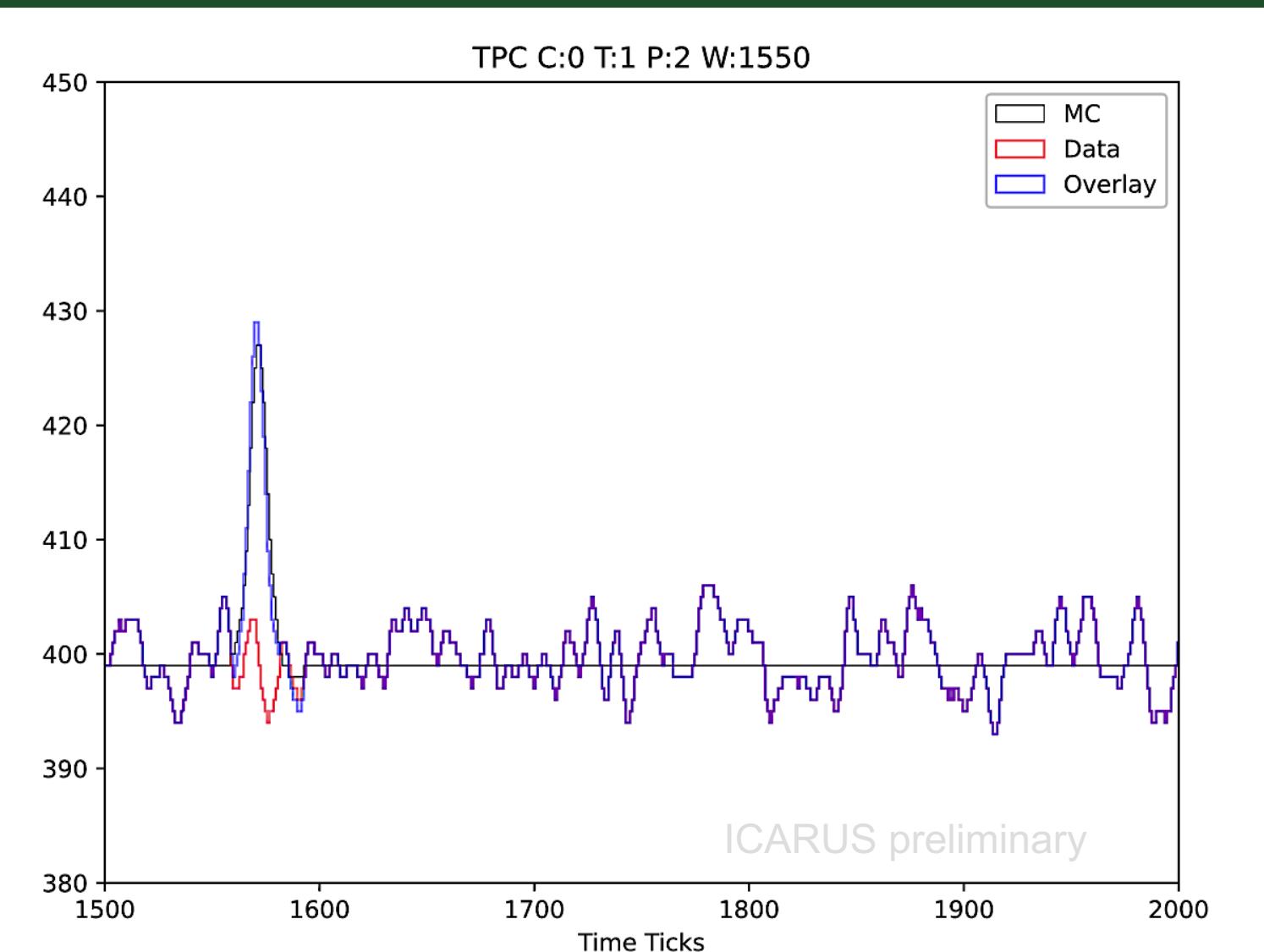


- ICARUS is operating on the surface at Fermilab and exposed to a high flux of cosmogenic particles
 - ~10 cosmic muon tracks in detector per ~1ms drift time in each readout
- Cosmic flux is currently modeled using CORSIKA

- Overlays allow for a **data-driven modeling of backgrounds and noise sources**
 - Captures noise** from TPC, PMTs and CRT

5. Overlaying Signals

- TPC Waveforms**
 - Here we see a raw waveform from a single TPC wire in off-beam data overlaid with simulated neutrino
 - See that the raw TPC signals are correctly being merged from data and simulation

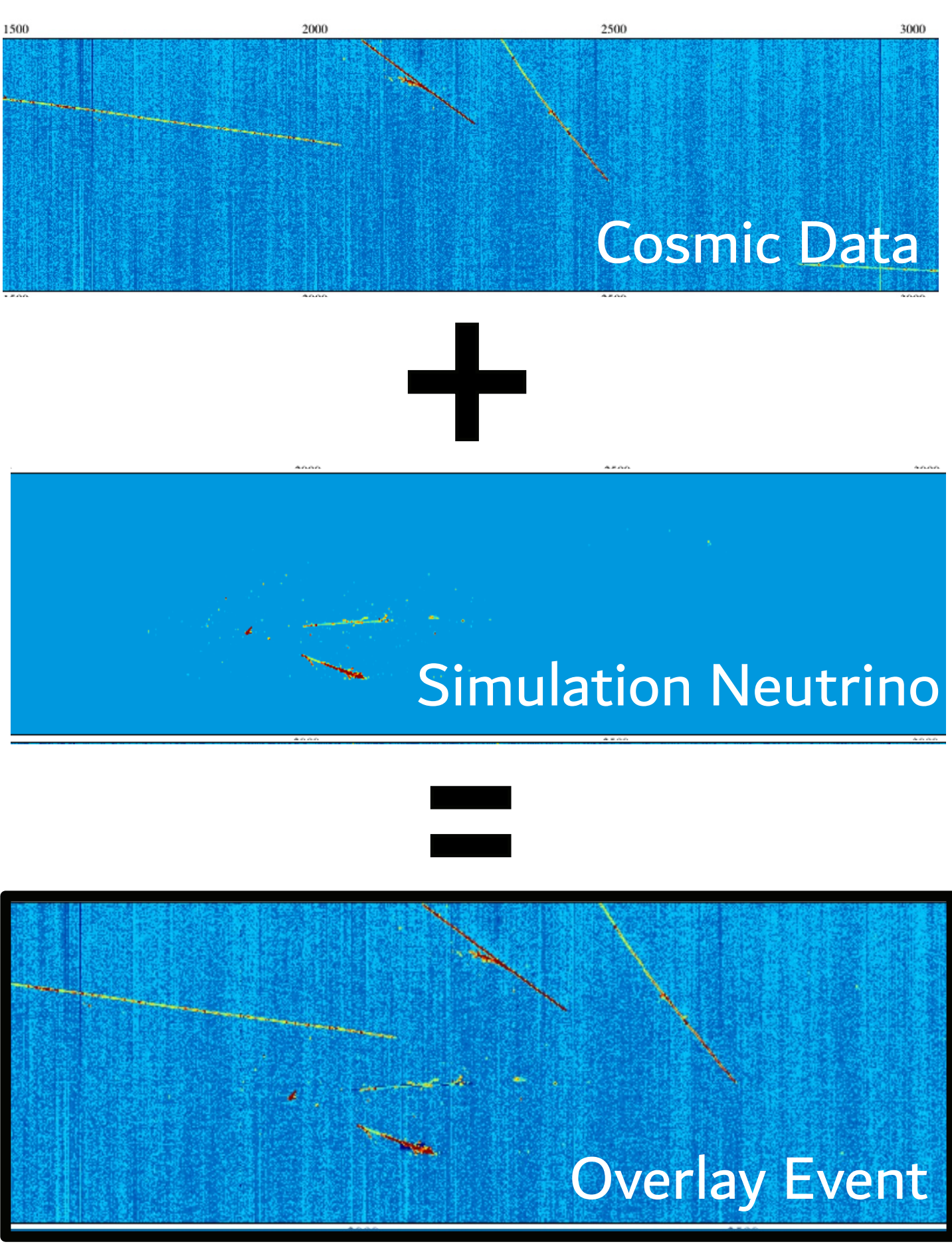


- CRT Hits**
 - Example of merging collections of CRT Hits from simulation and data
 - Plot shows CRT Hit positions from a single off-beam cosmic data event
 - Green star: neutrino interaction
 - Red star: CRT Hit from neutrino

- PMT Waveforms**
 - Effort is ongoing to merge PMT simulated and data waveforms

3. What are Overlays?

- Using a method developed by MicroBooNE^[1] and NOvA^[2], we overlay **simulated neutrino events on real cosmic data** collected by the ICARUS detector
- Allows for use of real detector data to model our backgrounds and evaluate detector systematics
- Requires **complete calibration** of TPC, PMT and CRT subsystems
- Reduced dependence on detector noise or background generators from simulation
 - CORSIKA or other cosmic ray generators may have different composition or flux compared to reality
- Reduced computing time spent simulating cosmic backgrounds
- Get radiological or other backgrounds that aren't modeled for free
- Require ~10x the neutrino beam triggered data to overcome statistical uncertainties in simulation



- Goal: Make simulation look as data-like as possible**

6. Conclusion and Future Work

- Overlays are a data-driven method to control for noise sources and backgrounds
- ICARUS has a workflow dedicated for making overlays and is planning on using overlays for future analyses
- Implementing changes in off-beam triggering: increasing the maximum rate for both BNB and NuMI data streams to achieve the 10x data needed
- Validation of CRT and TPC data/simulation overlay signals is ongoing with PMT signal overlay in the works

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