"Looking for electrons in all the wrong places"

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Abstract:

Energetic electrons aren't the first thing you'd expect to find in neutrino interactions from a predominantly muon neutrino beam from an accelerator neutrino source. But they are found in rare processes, like neutrino-electron elastic scattering, and from the 1% component of the beam that comes from decays of muons or kaons. I'll share a series of physics stories from the MINERvA experiment at Fermilab featuring these electrons, and backgrounds to them, that range from measurements of expected rare processes to tests for surprise gifts from nature.

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