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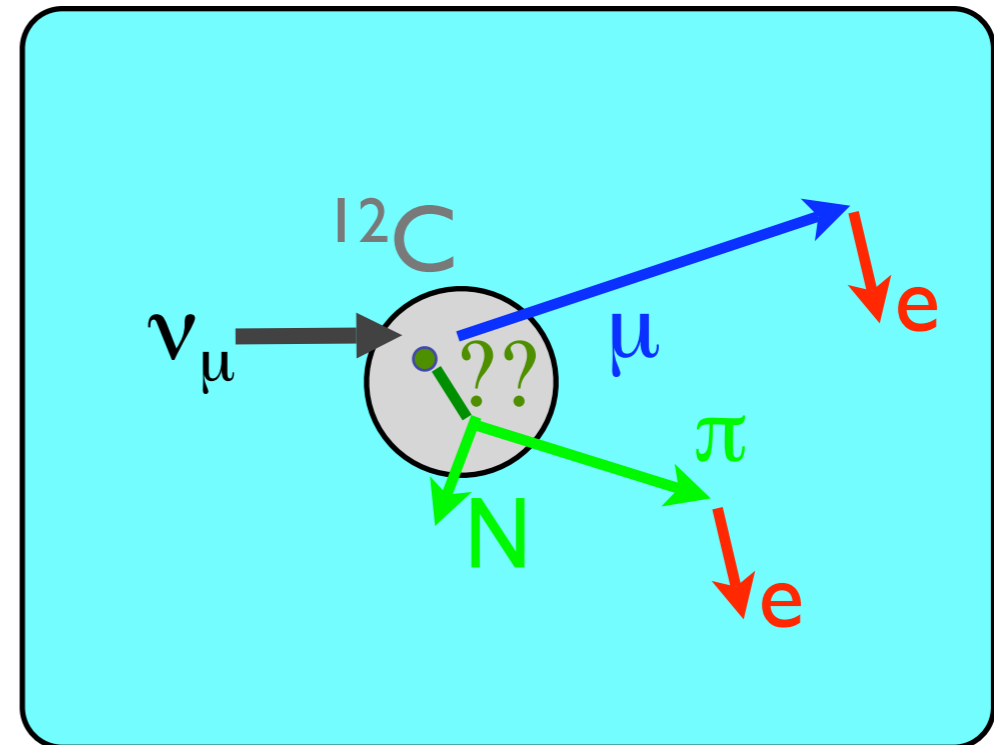
- Introduction - discussion of processes
- Event kinematics and topologies
- Experimental Searches
  - Event Selections
  - Efficiencies and Systematics
  - Extracted parameters
- Upcoming measurements



K2K  
(SciBar),  
MiniBooNE,  
SciBooNE

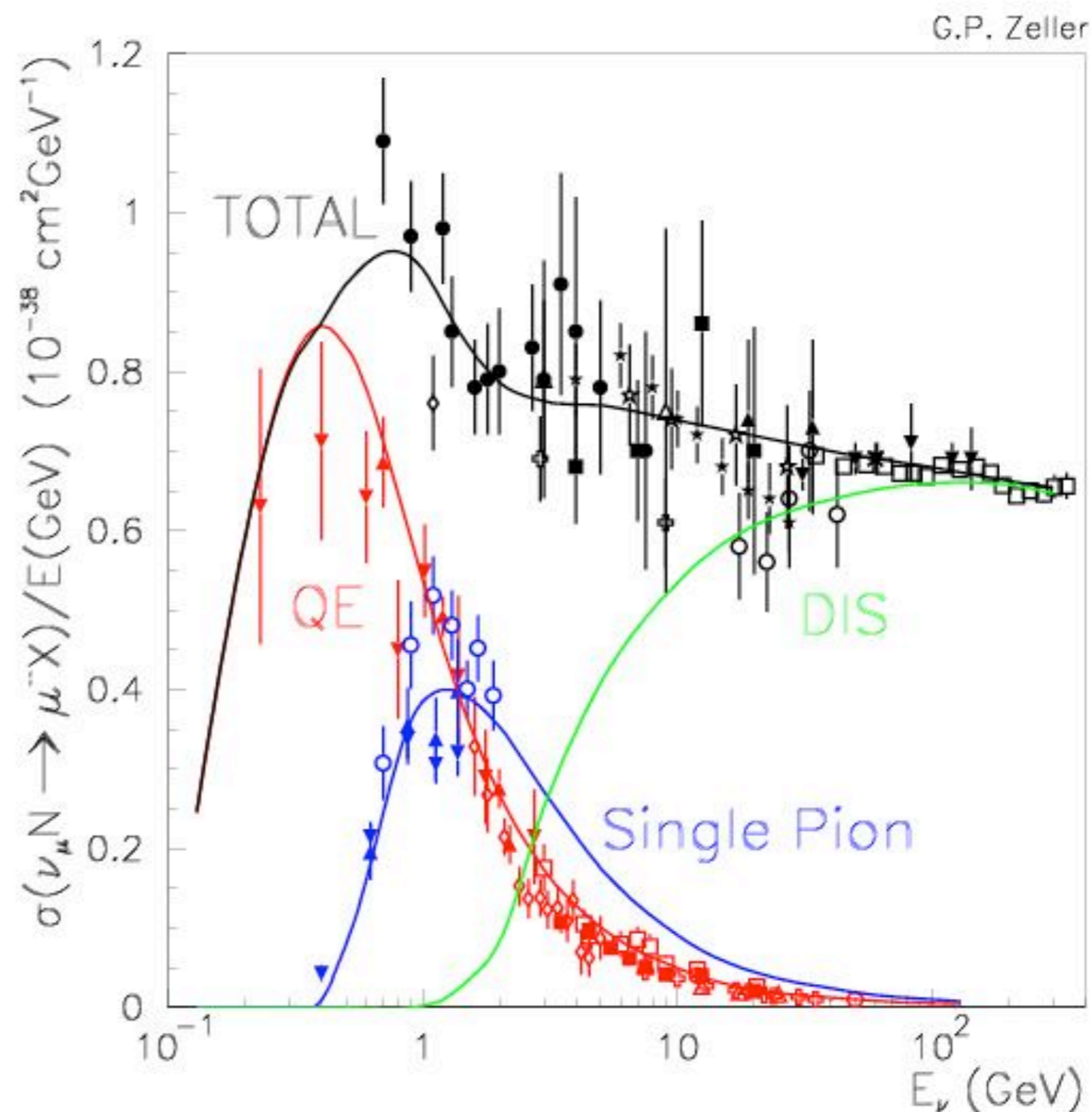
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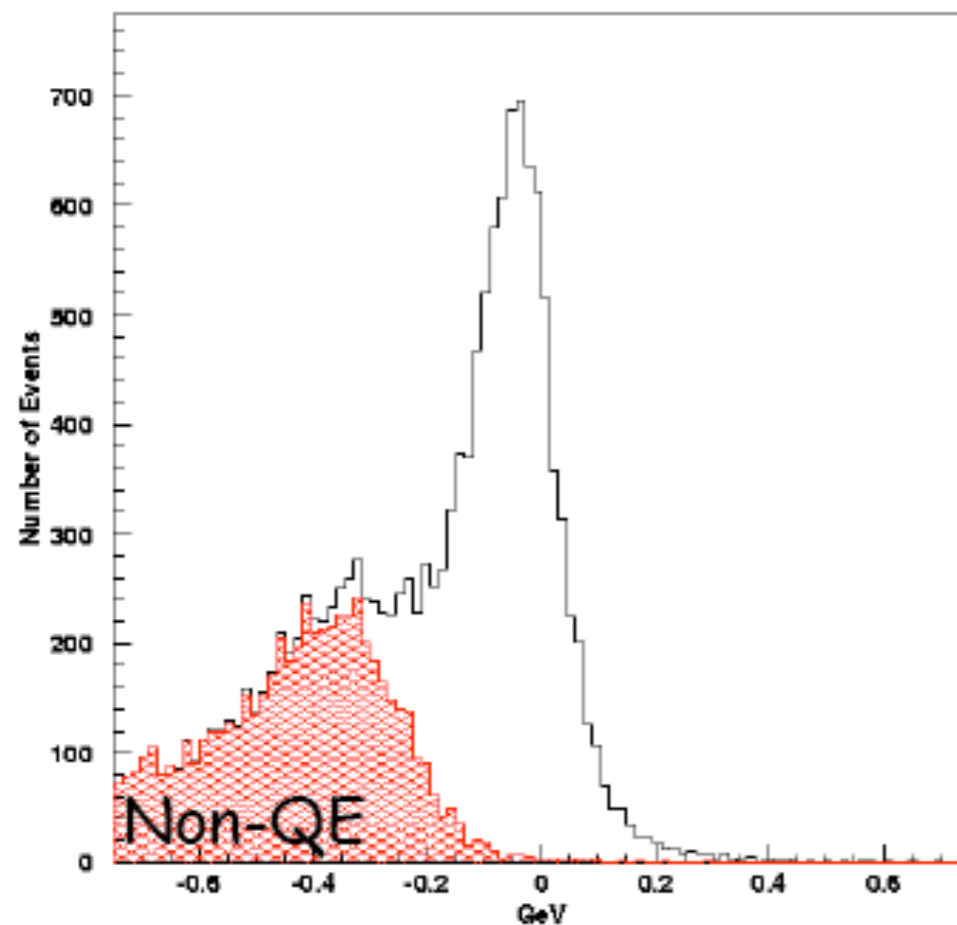


# CC $\pi^+$ and Oscillations

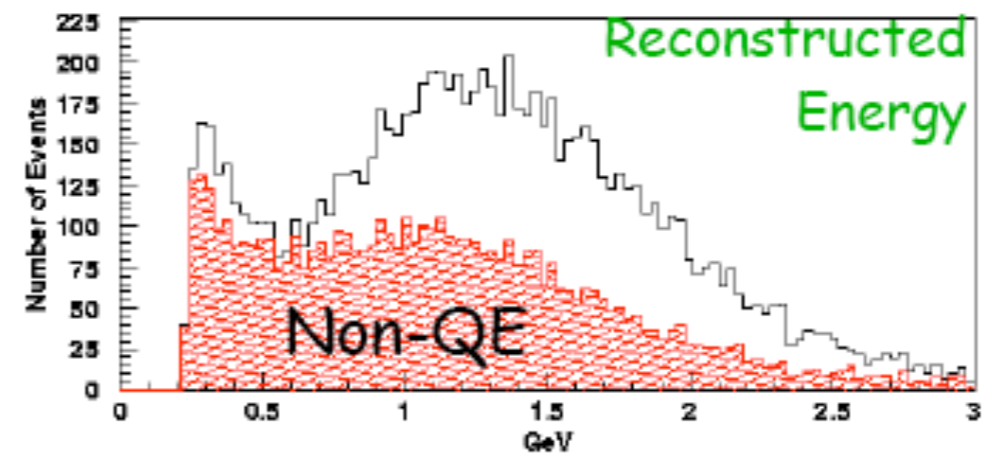
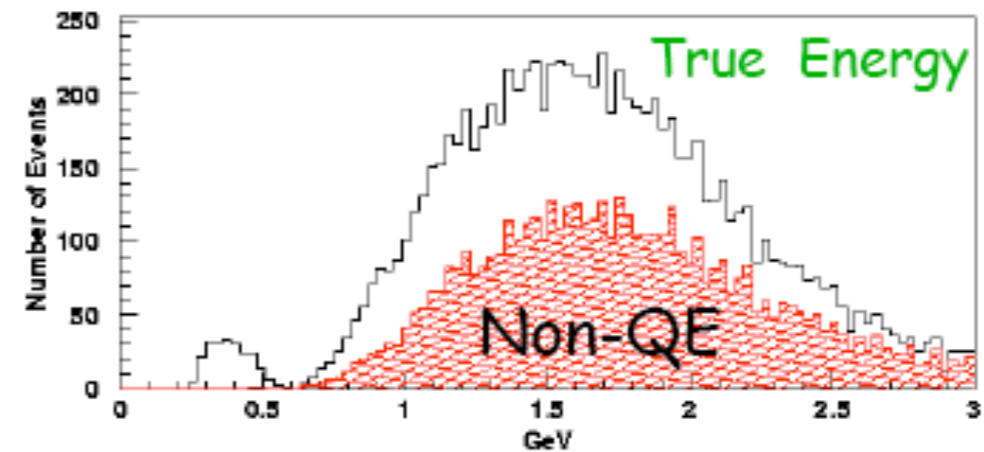
Non-QE interactions and  $E_\nu$

Reconstruction

Example: K2K Flux MC

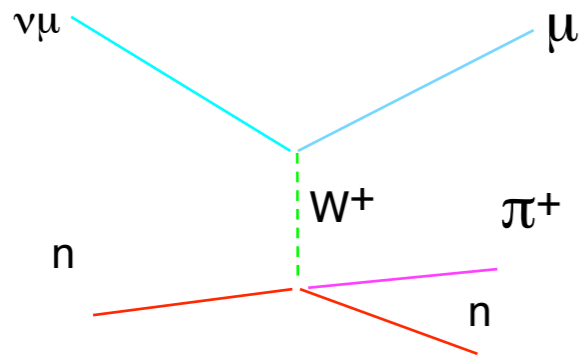


True - Reconstructed Energy

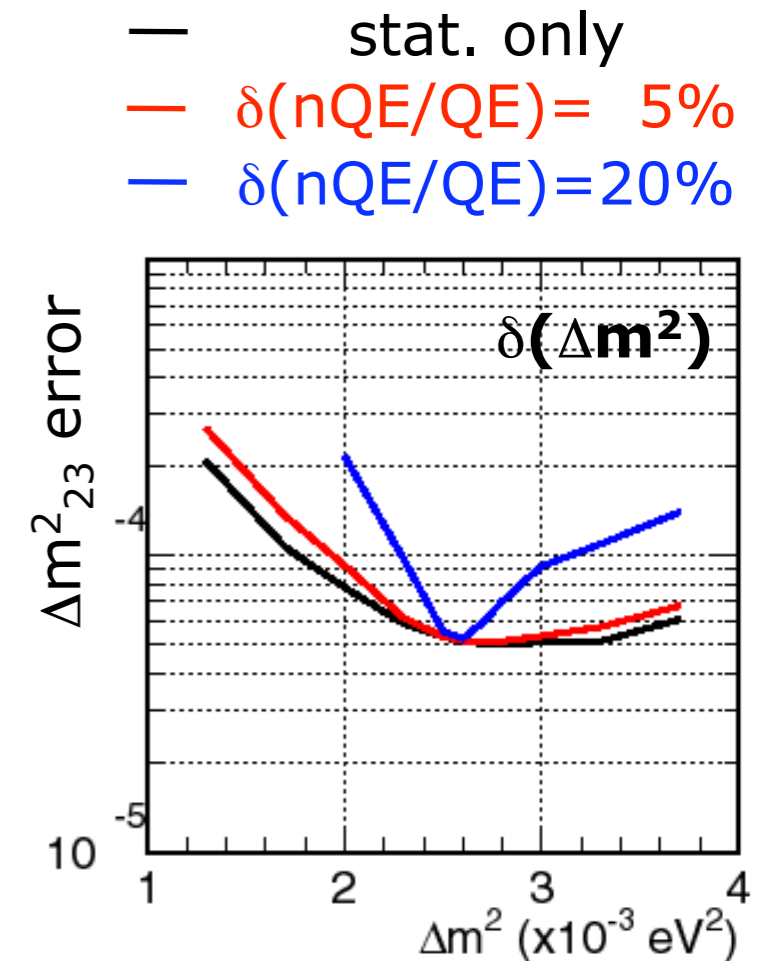
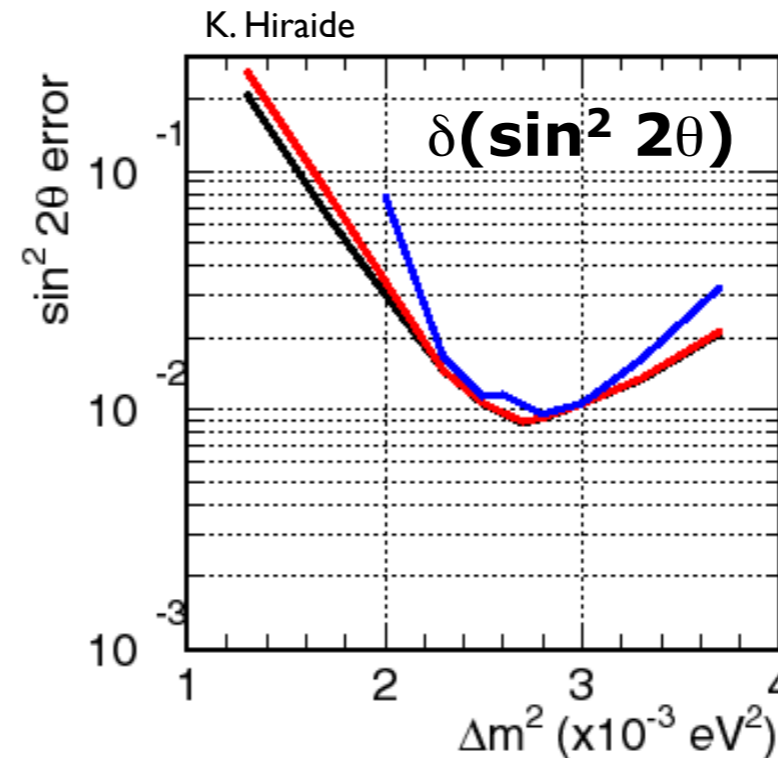


Non-QE reconstructs at low-energy in the oscillation dip!

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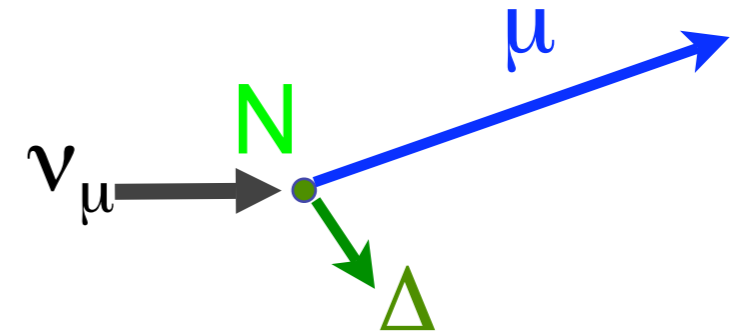


- CC  $\pi^+$  events can create *bias* in oscillation parameter extraction
- Must reduce uncertainty in  $\sigma(\text{CC} \pi^+)$  from 20% to 5% for T2K



# CC $\pi^+$ Reconstruction

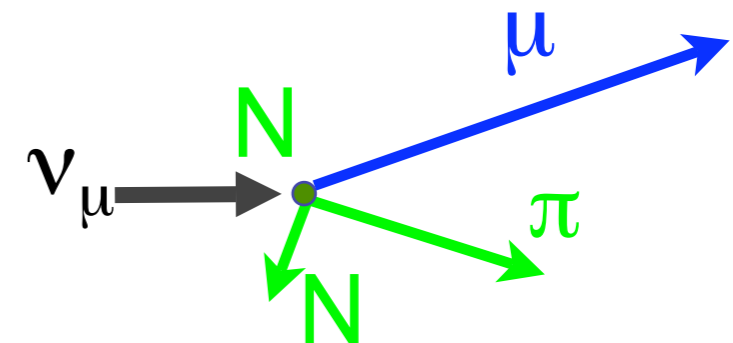
- Two approaches to neutrino energy reconstruction



- Simple:
  - Assume QE kinematics with recoil  $\Delta$

$$E_{\nu}^{QE} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M_{\Delta}^2 - M_p^2 + 2M_p E_{\mu} - m_{\mu}^2}{M_p - E_{\mu} + \sqrt{(E_{\mu}^2 - m_{\mu}^2) \cos^2 \theta_{\mu}}}$$

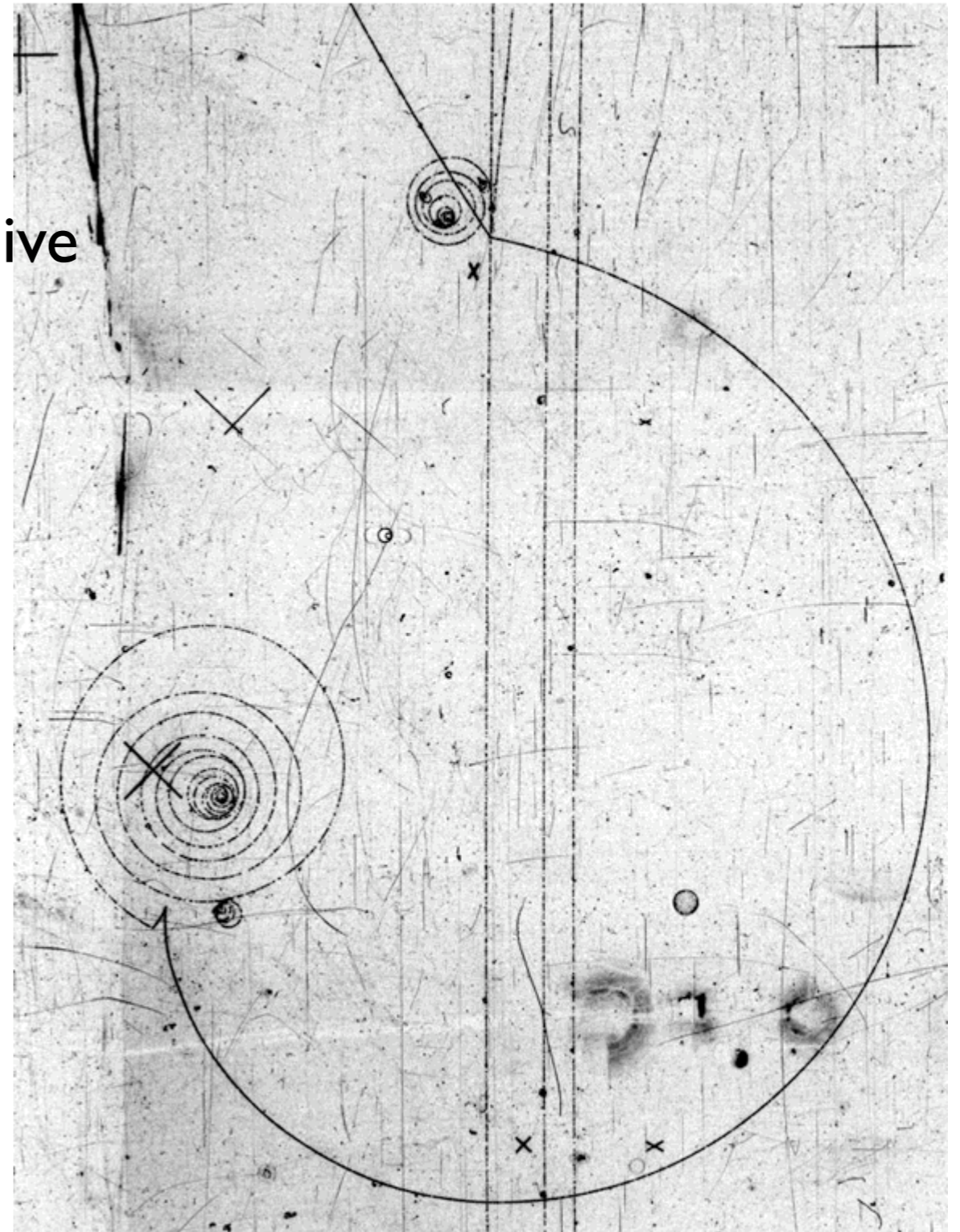
- Better:
  - Use observed pion and muon tracks to reconstruct energy



$$E_{\nu} = \frac{m_{\mu}^2 + m_{\pi}^2 - 2m_N(E_{\mu} + E_{\pi}) + 2\mathbf{p}_{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\pi}}{2(E_{\mu} + E_{\pi} - |\mathbf{p}_{\mu}| \cos \theta_{\nu, \mu} - |\mathbf{p}_{\pi}| \cos \theta_{\nu, \pi} - m_N)}$$

# CCI $\pi^+$ Agenda

- MiniBooNE CCI  $\pi^+$ /CCQE inclusive
  - NUANCE
    - Rein-Sehgal Model
- K2K SciBar CCI  $\pi^+$ /CCQE ratio
  - NEUT
    - Rein-Sehgal
- SciBooNE & K2K SciBar CCI  $\pi^+$  coherent search
  - Rein-Sehgal model
- Future Work



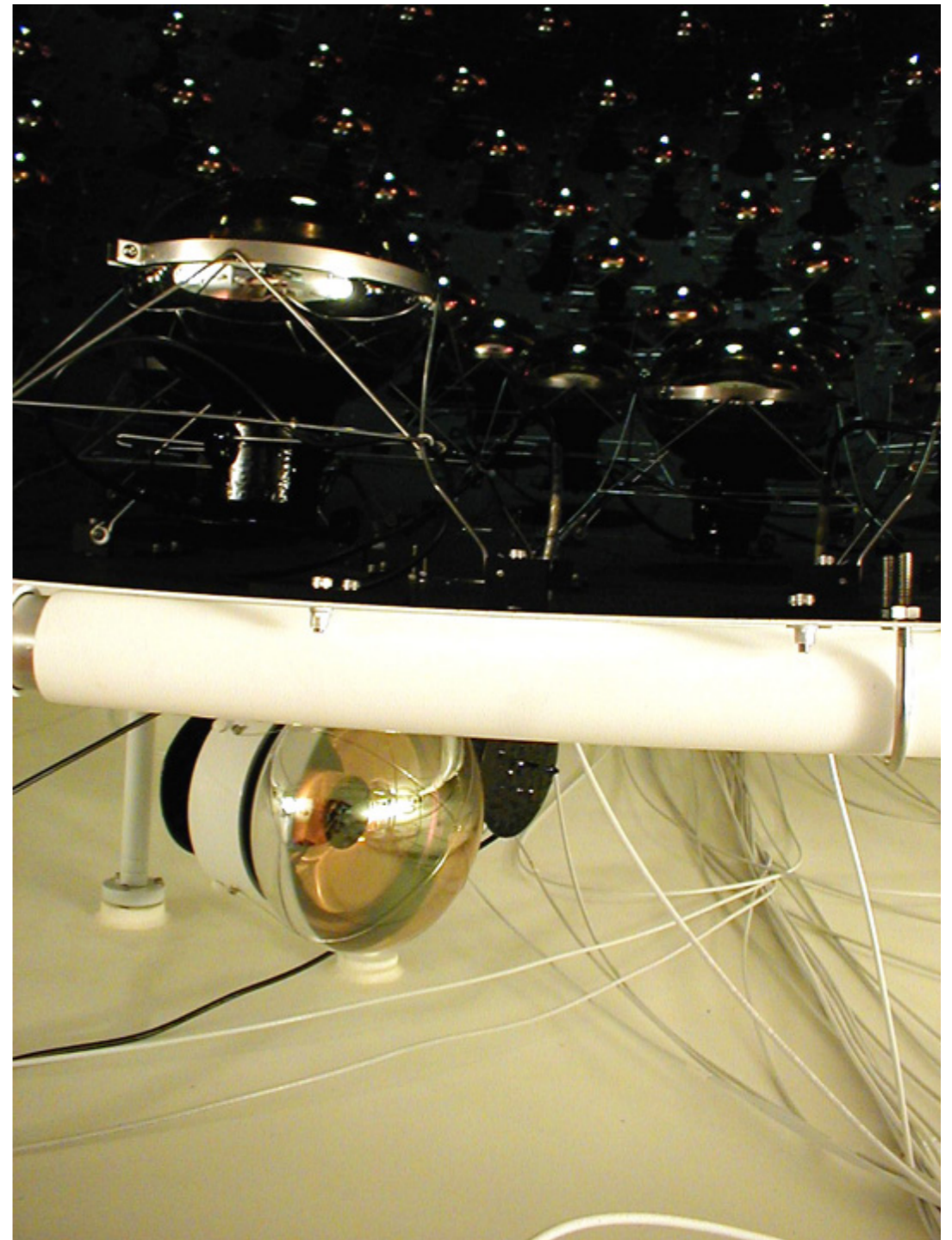




MiniBooNE  $CC| \pi^+$  Ratio

# MiniBooNE CCI $\pi^+$

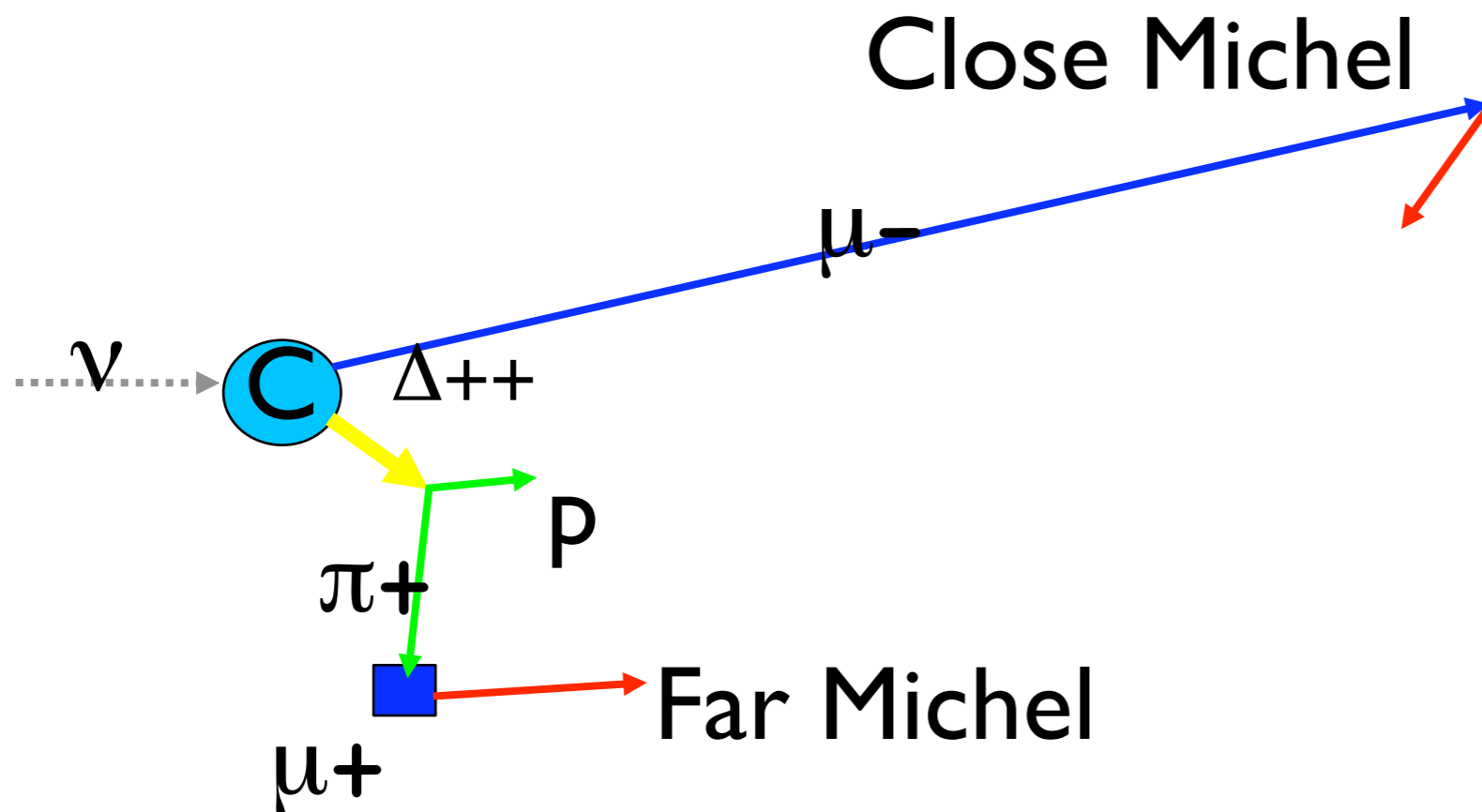
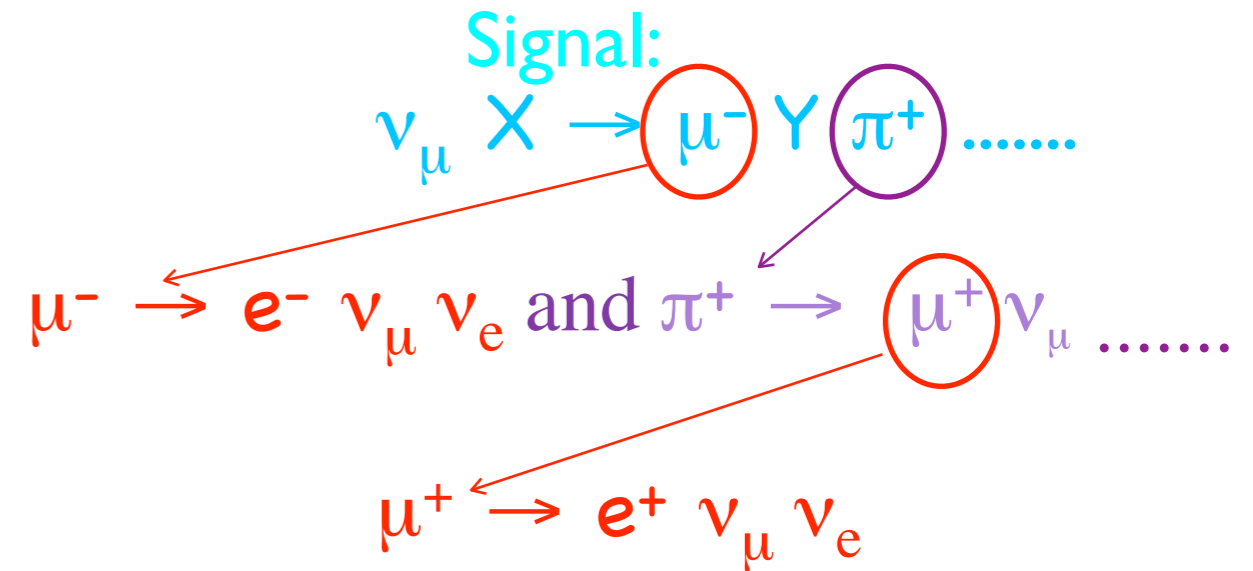
- CCI  $\pi^+$ /CCQE first shown in 2005
  - Since then, changed CCQE analysis and much of detector MC
- PRL draft now in circulation
  - Should be released soon



# MiniBooNE CCI $\pi^+$

## First Level of Cuts:

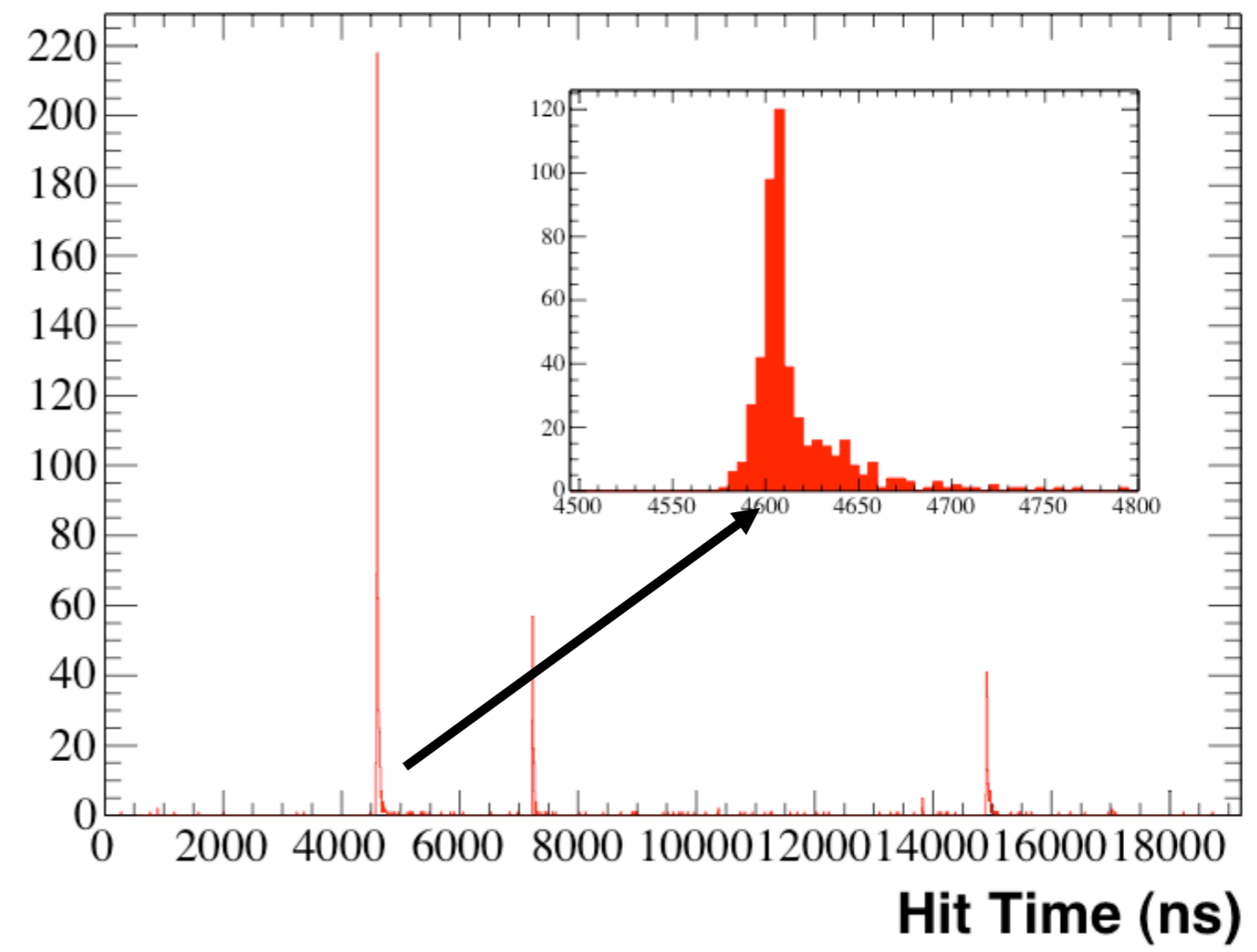
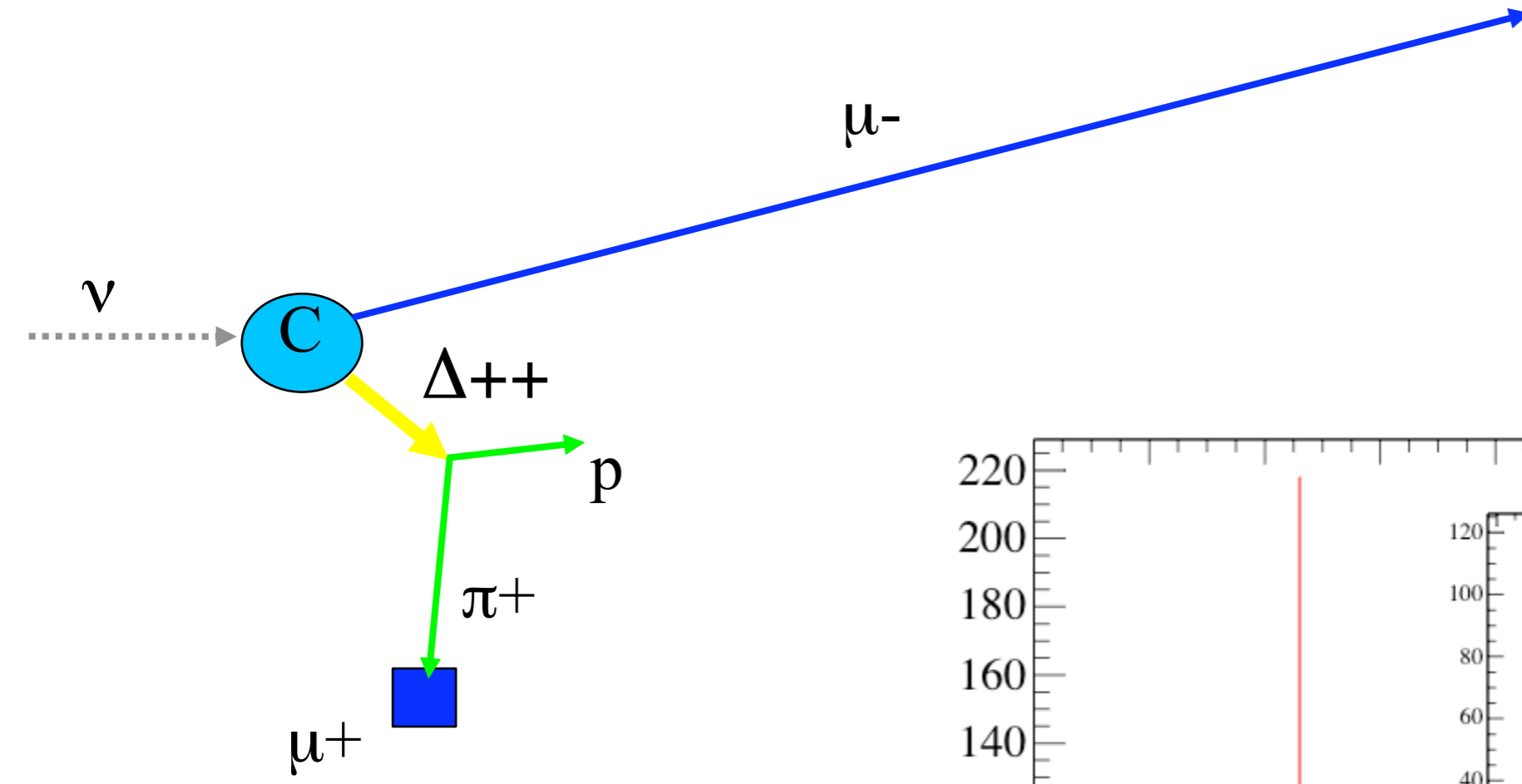
- Neutrino-Induced Event Selection Cuts
- exactly 3 sub-events
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 sub-events consistent with Michel  $e^-$  ( $20 < N_{\text{PMT}} < 200$ )



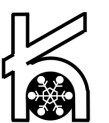
No  
Final State ID  
Cuts

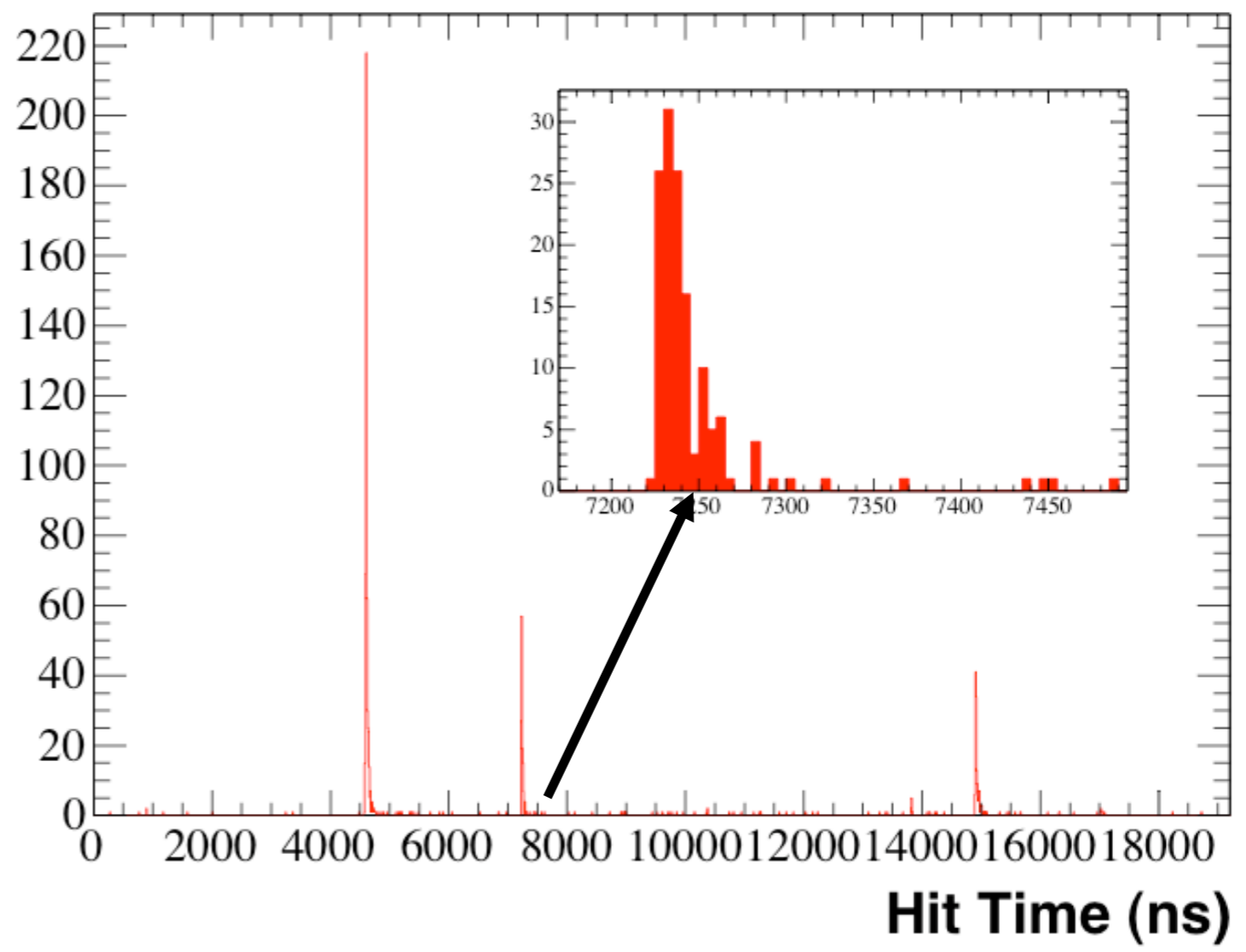
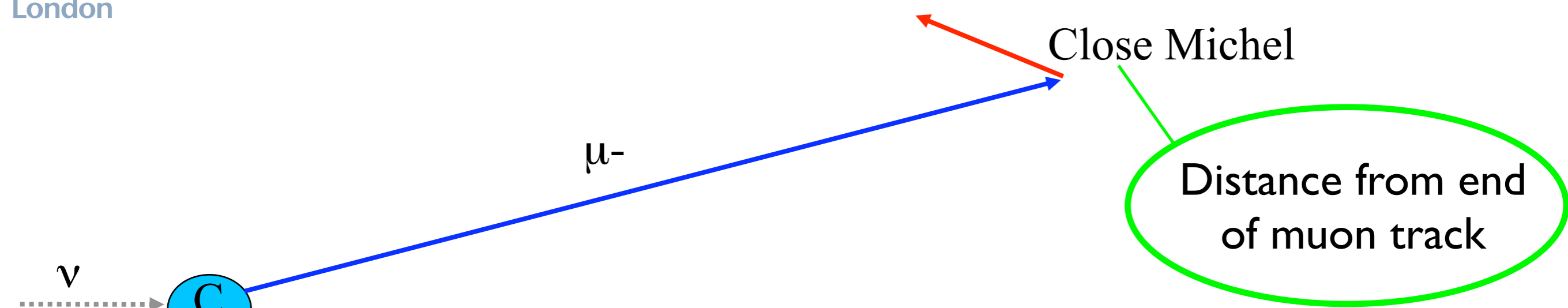
84% purity  
with 1<sup>st</sup> level  
cuts,  
bgnd from  
 $N\pi$  and QE





Neutrino subevent  
Use these hits to  
reconstruct neutrino  
properties  
Fit for muon Cherenkov  
ring



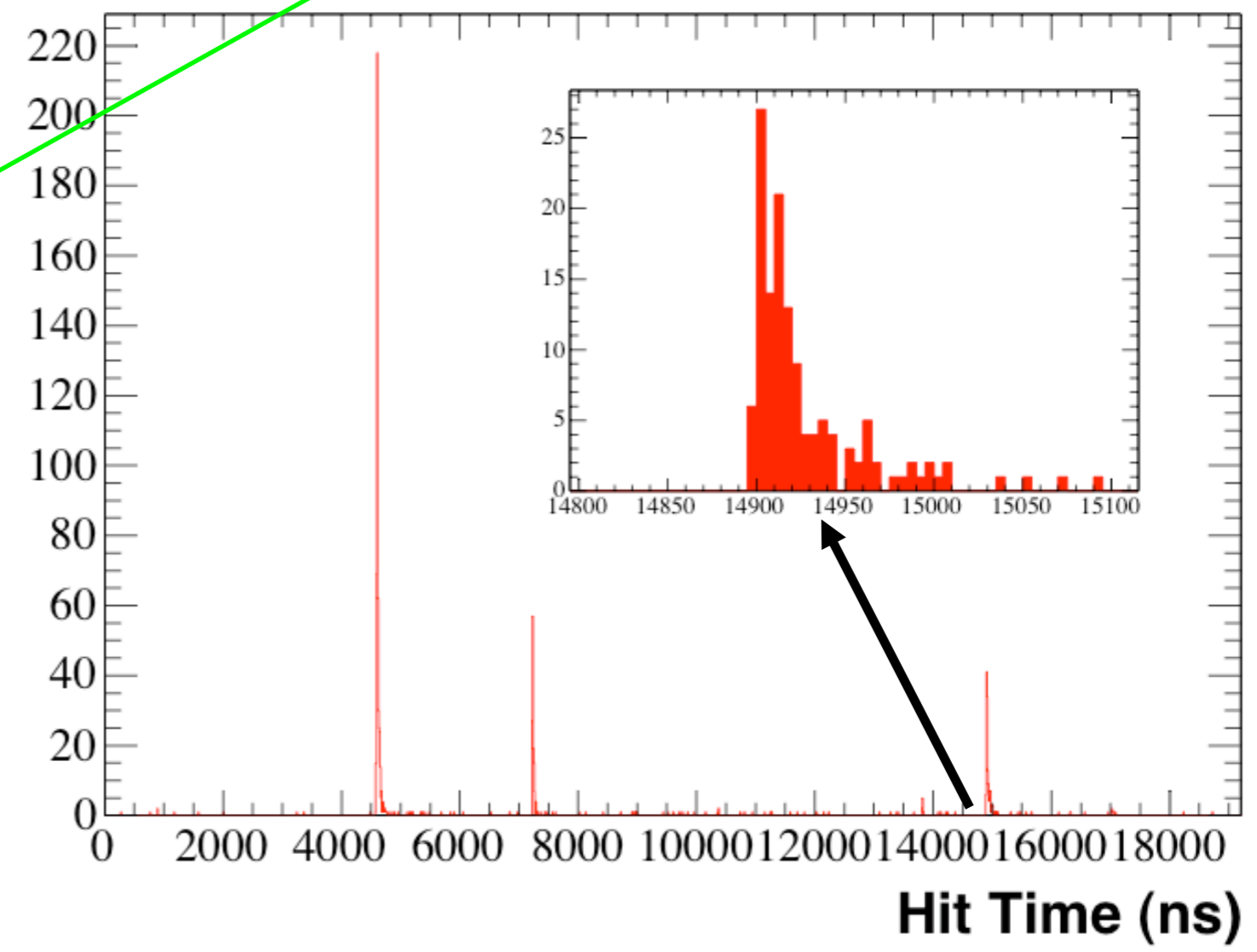
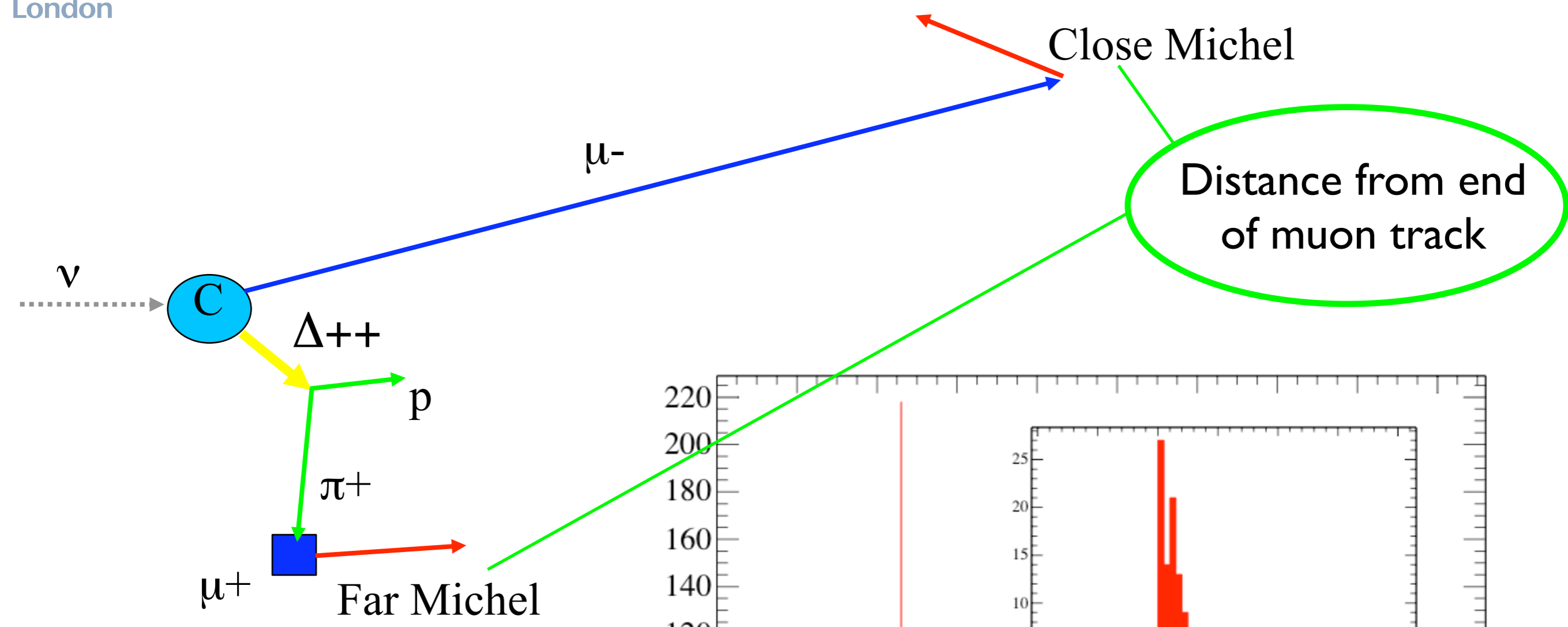


1<sup>st</sup> Michel  $e^\pm$  subevent

Could be from  $\mu^-$  or  $\pi^+(\mu^+)$  decay

In this case, I've drawn it as  $e^-$





2<sup>nd</sup> Michel  $e^\pm$  subevent

Can use Michel subevents to help understand the neutrino subevent



# Event Selection Validation

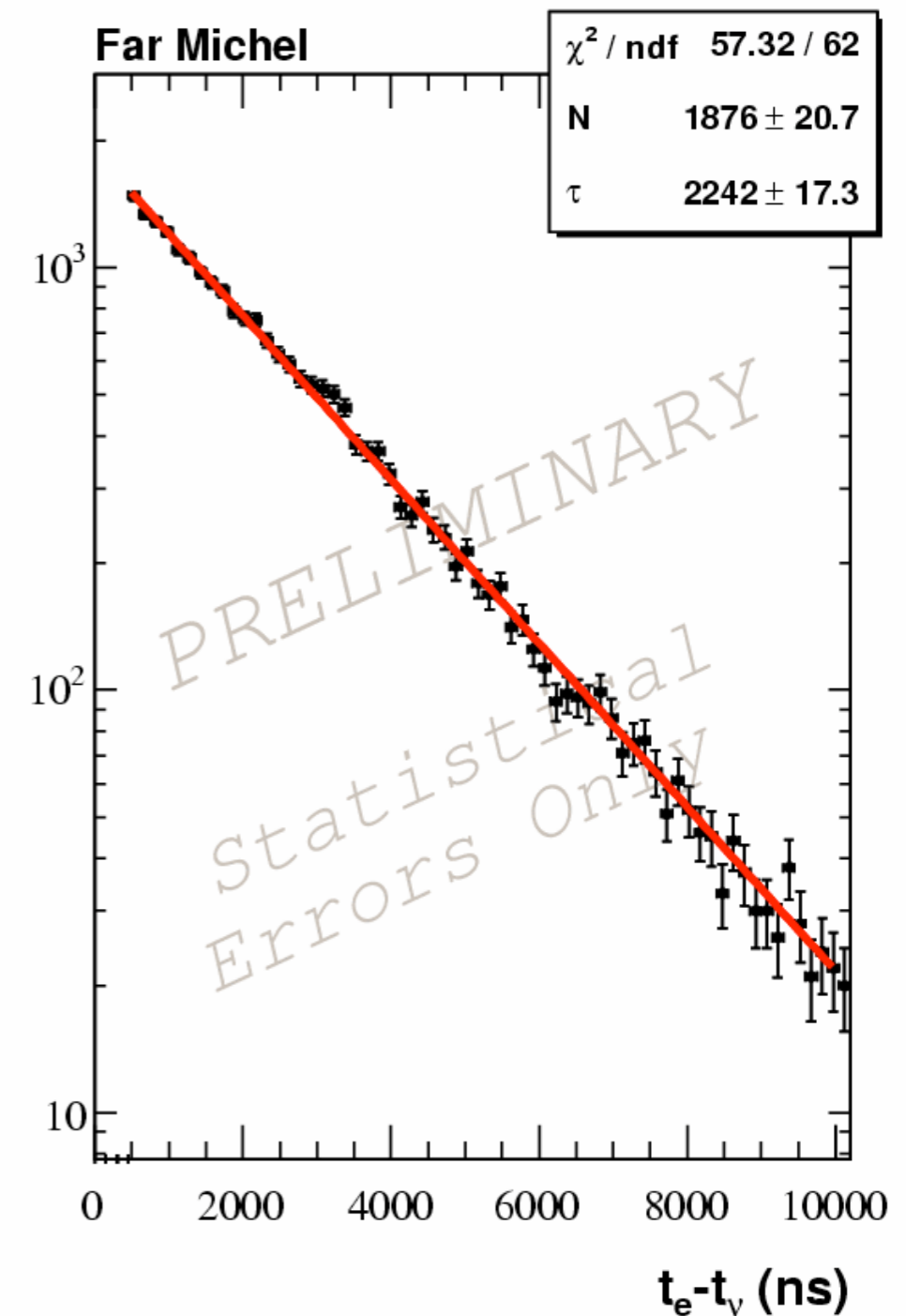
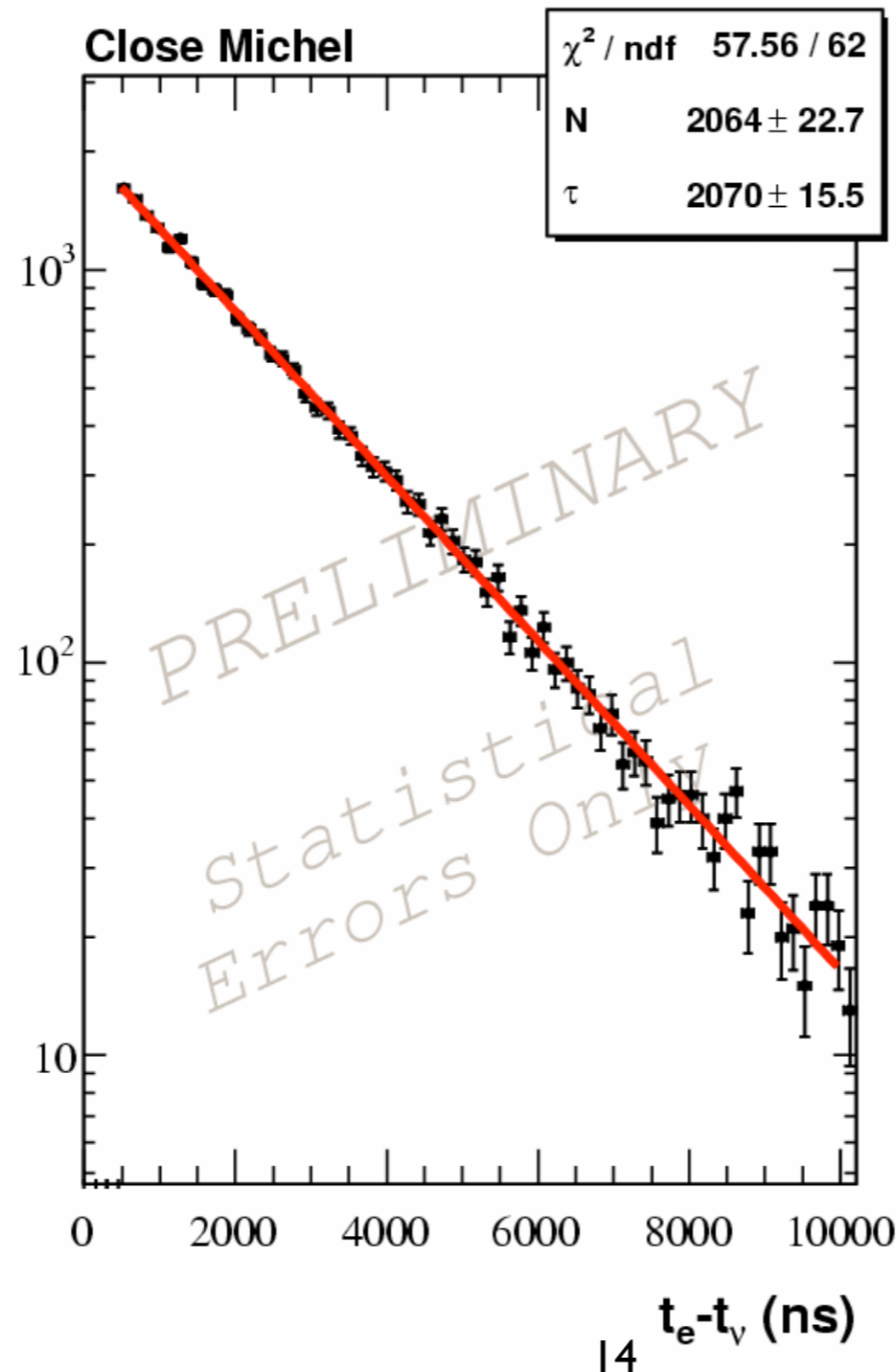
- validate CCPiP event selection with  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  lifetime measurement
- separate Electrons from  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  by distance to  $\mu^-$  track

- close:  
 $\mu^-$  capture (8%)

expect  
 $\tau = 2026 \pm 1.5$  ns  
measure  
 $\tau = 2070 \pm 15.5$  ns

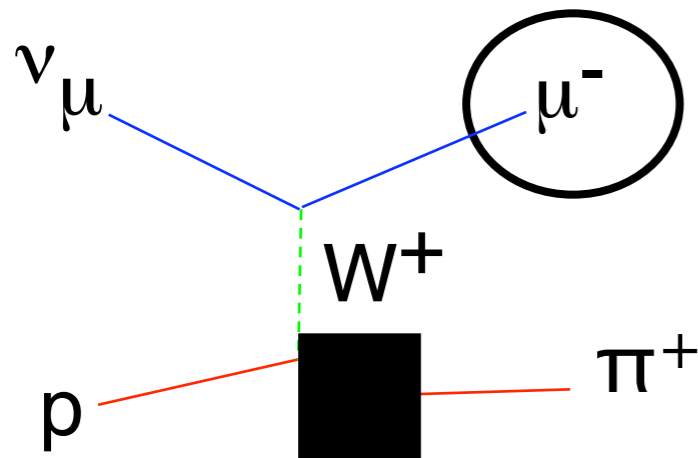
- far:  
 $\mu^+$ : do not capture

expect  
 $\tau = 2197.03 \pm 0.04$  ns  
measure  
 $\tau = 2242 \pm 17.3$  ns

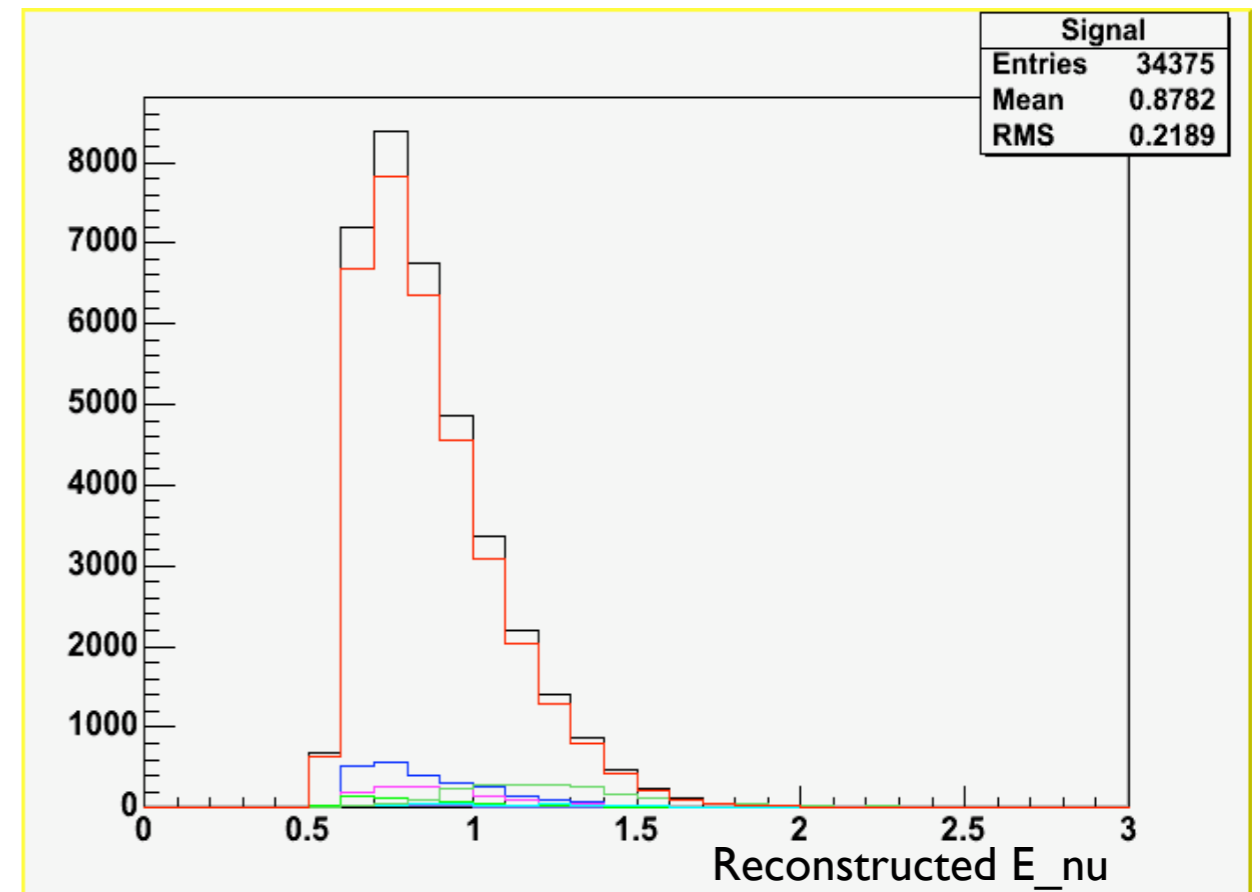


# Event reconstruction

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use measured  $\mu$  visible energy and angle to reconstruct  $E_\nu^{QE}$



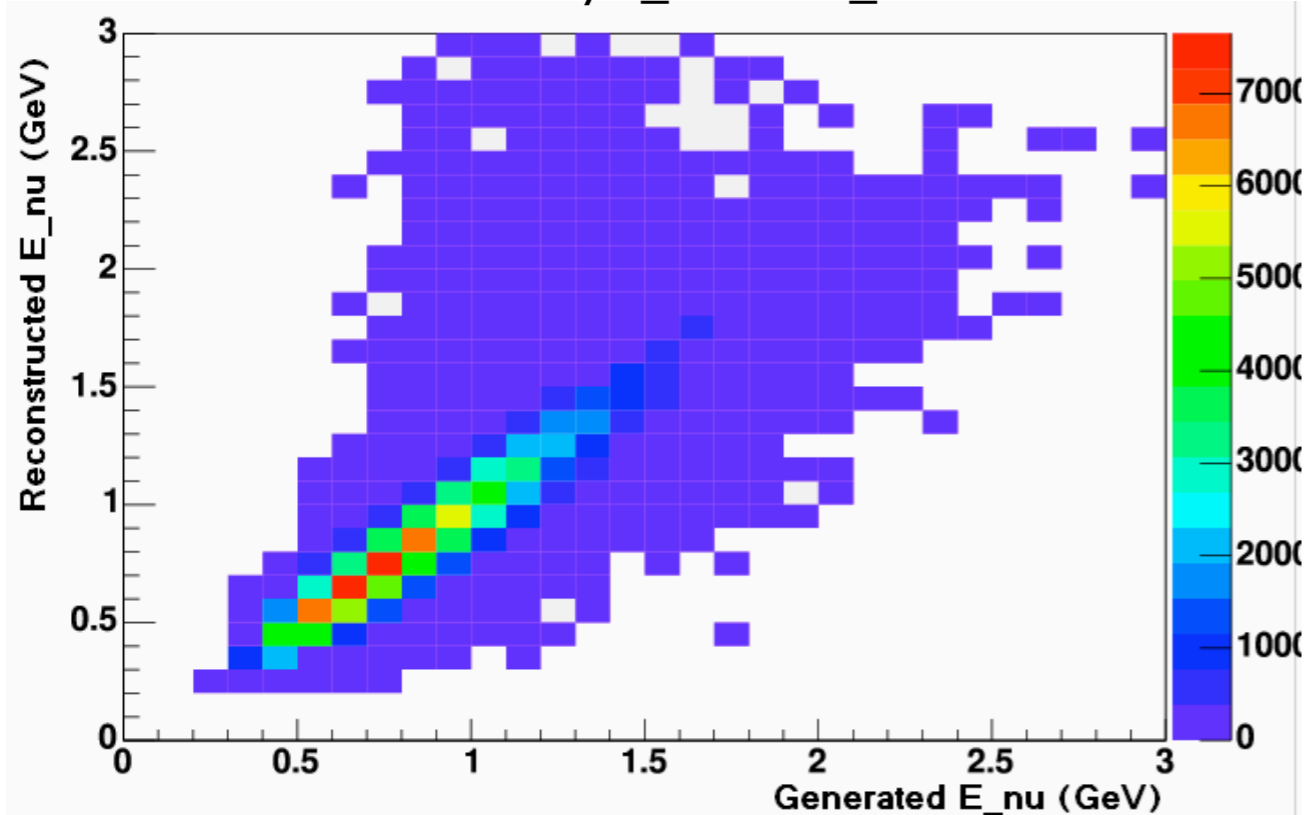
$$E_\nu^{QE} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2m_p E_\mu + m_\Delta^2 - m_p^2 - m_\mu^2}{M_p - E_\mu + \cos\theta_\mu \sqrt{E_\mu^2 - m_\mu^2}}$$

CC $\pi^+$ total	86.8%
CC $\pi^+$ resonant (red)	80.9%
CC $\pi^+$ coherent (dark blue)	5.9%
CCQE (dark green)	5.2%
Multi-pion (light purple)	3.8%
CC $\pi^0$ (light green)	1.5%
DIS (light blue)	1.0%
Other	1.6%



# Energy Unsmearing

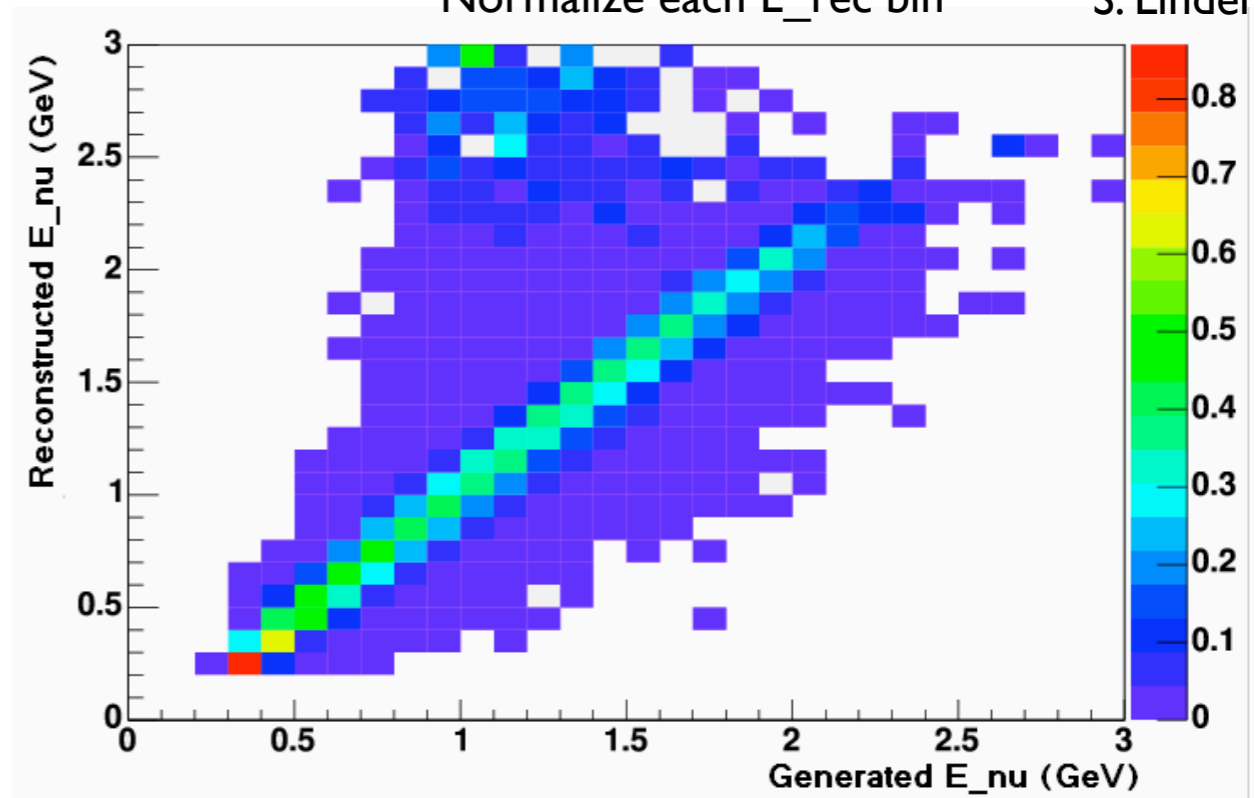
Bin events by  $E_{rec}$  and  $E_{true}$



Migration Matrix (CCQE)

Normalize each  $E_{rec}$  bin

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Unsmearing Matrix (CCQE)

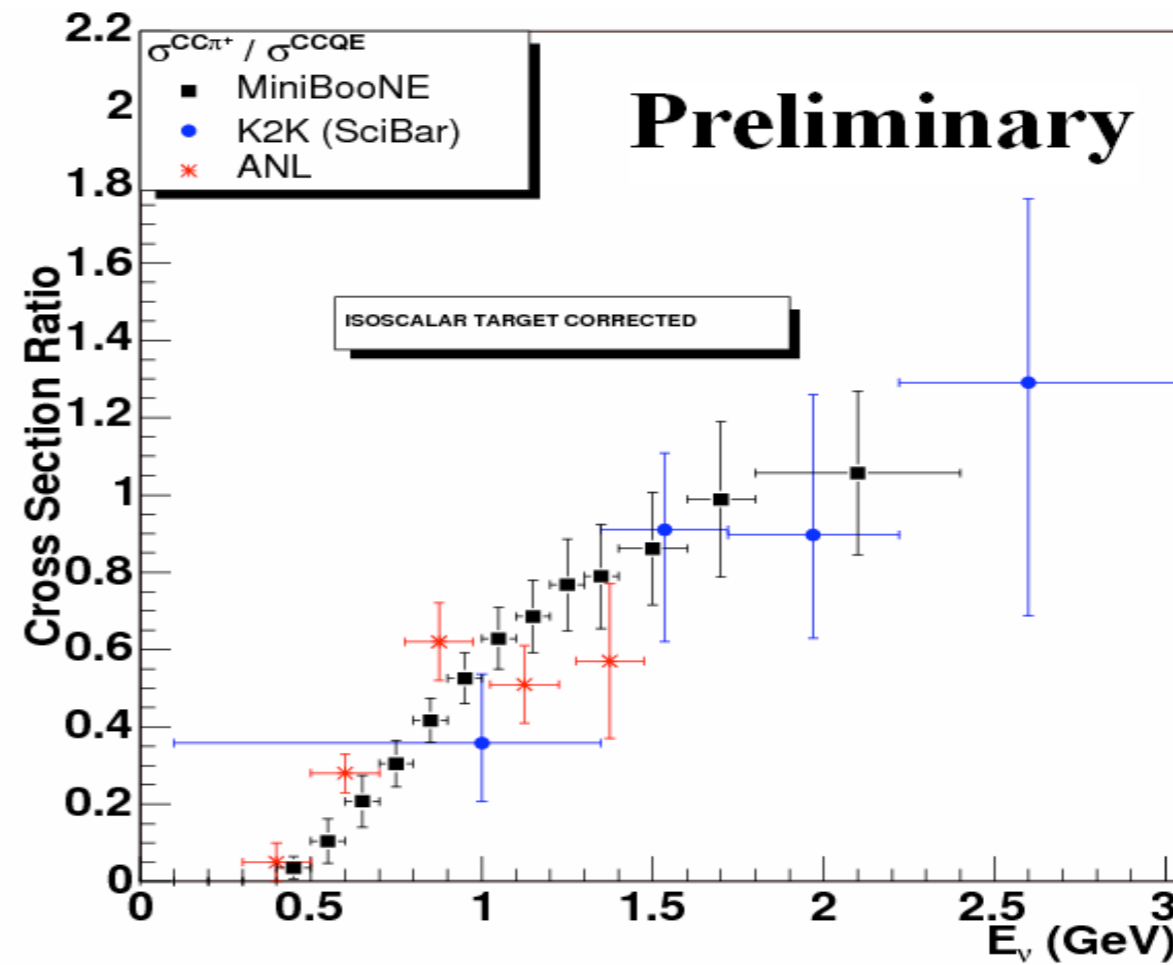
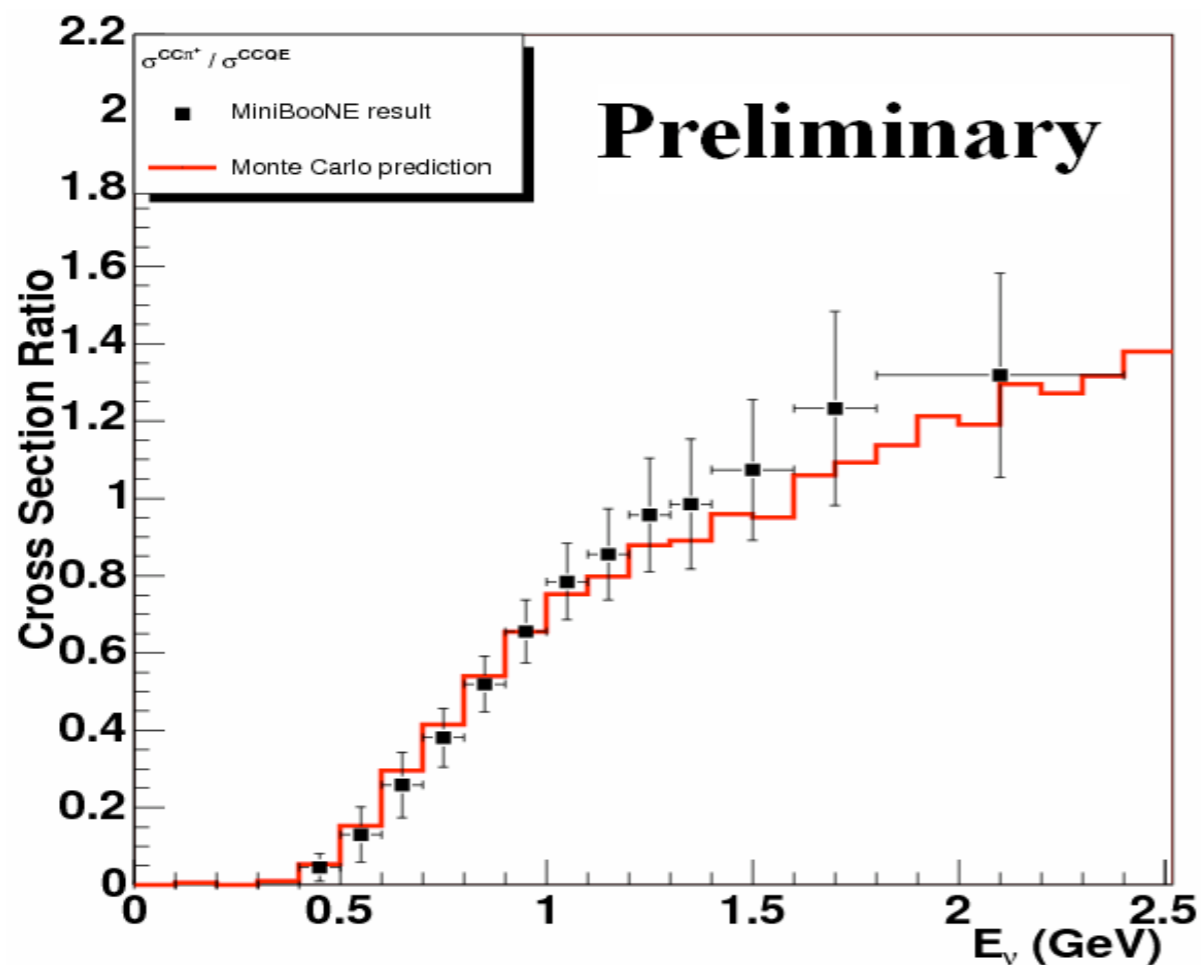
Avoids the problems of matrix inversion (which for this analysis was not viable).

Introduces bias from MC true energy distributions - net effect is increased systematic uncertainty.



# Results

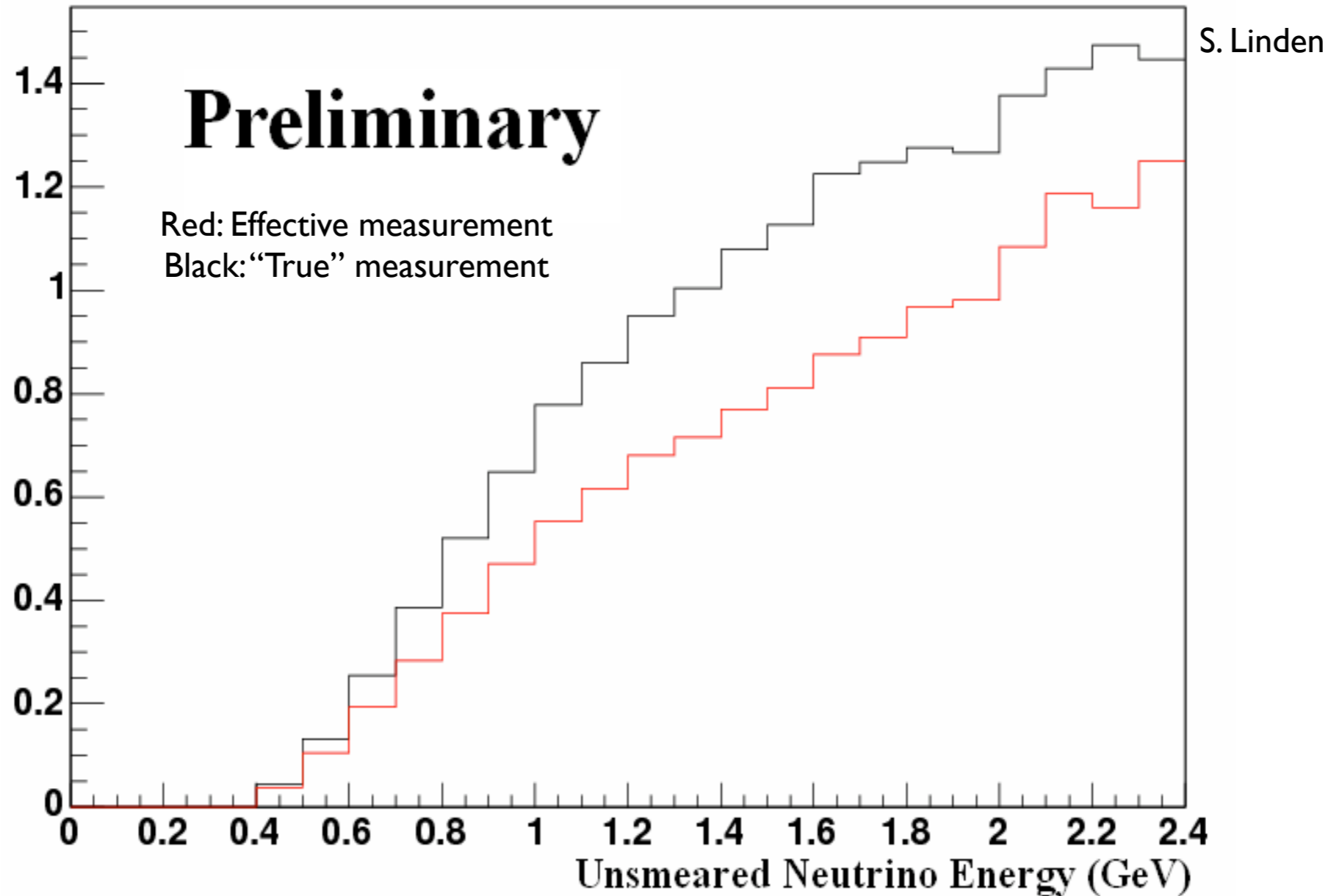
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$$\frac{\sigma_{ccpip,i}}{\sigma_{ccqe,i}} = \frac{\epsilon_{ccpip,i}^{-1} * \sum_j U_{ij} * f_{ccpip,j} * N_{ccpip-cuts,j}}{\epsilon_{ccqe,i}^{-1} * \sum_j U_{ij} * f_{ccqe,j} * N_{ccqe-cuts,j}}$$



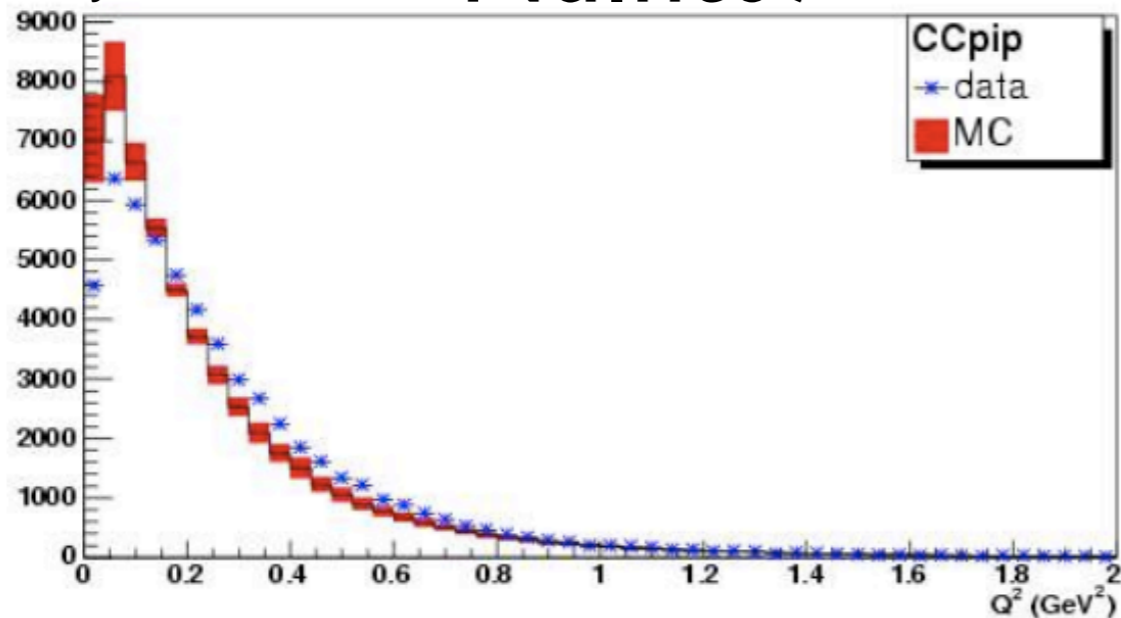
# Effective Ratio Measurement



The effective ratio is smaller than the true ratio because there is a significant number of CCQE-like  $C\pi^+$  events due to pion absorption.

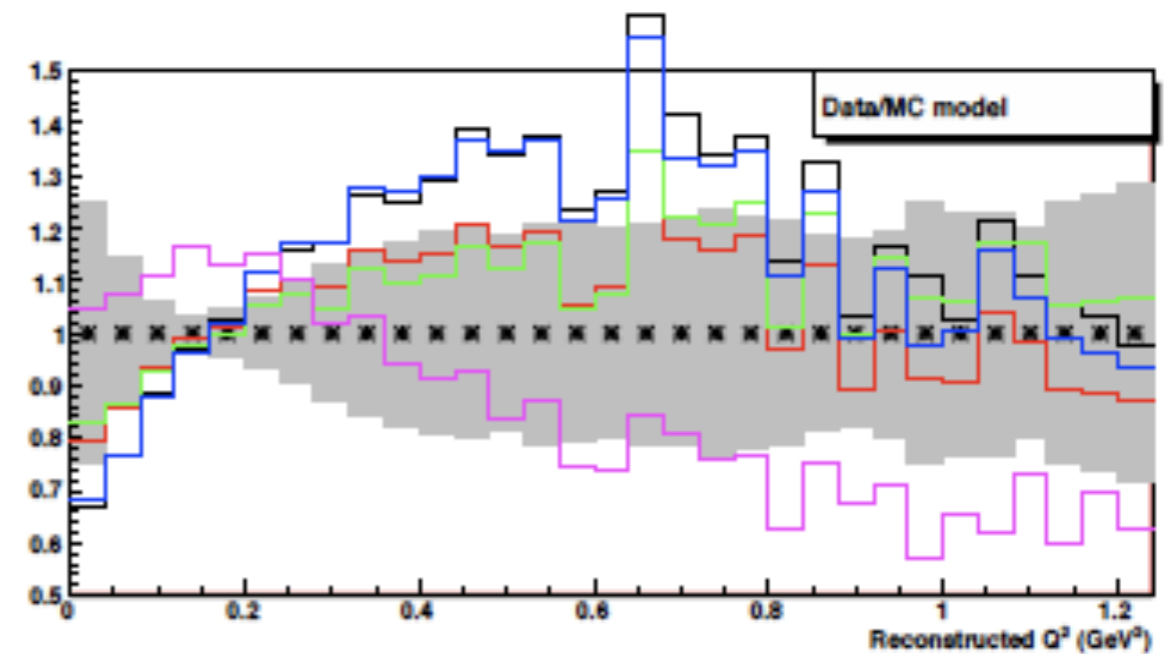
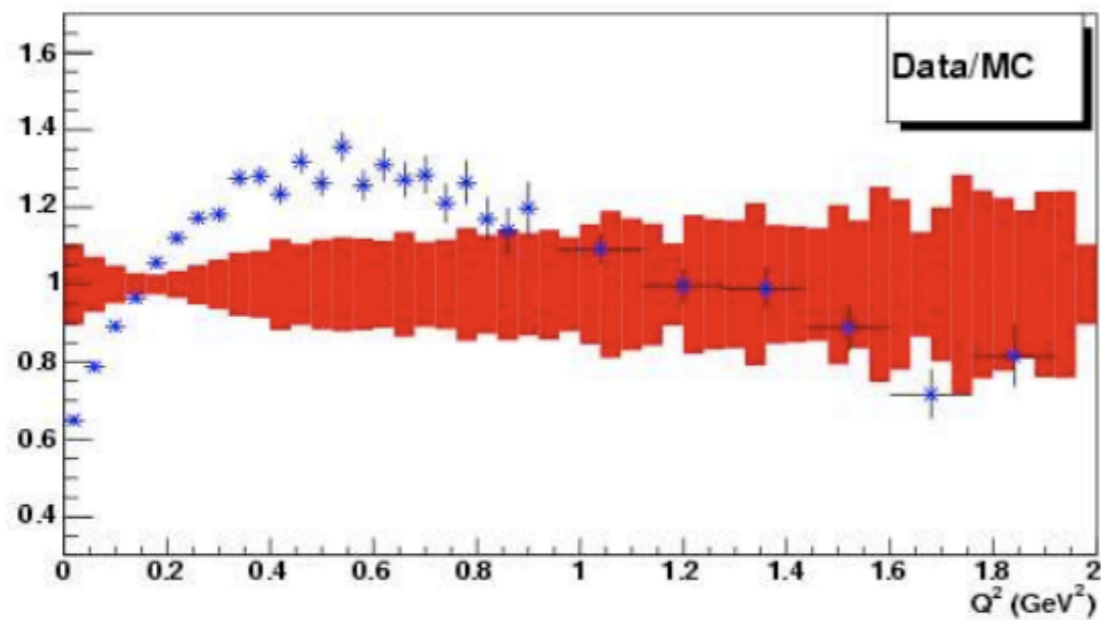
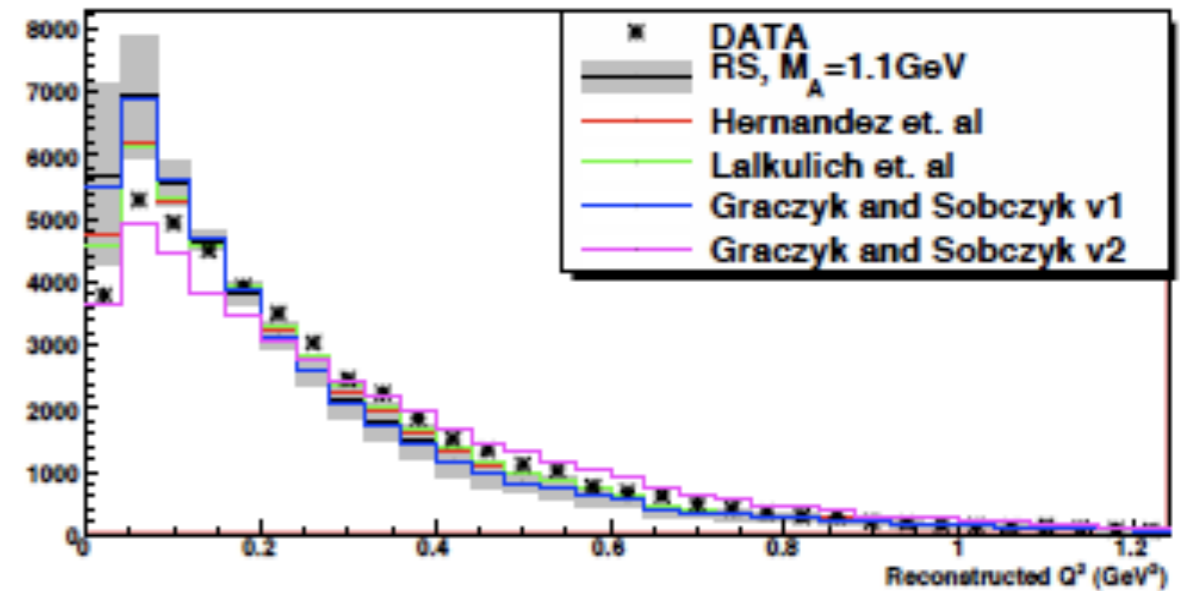
# Model Comparisons

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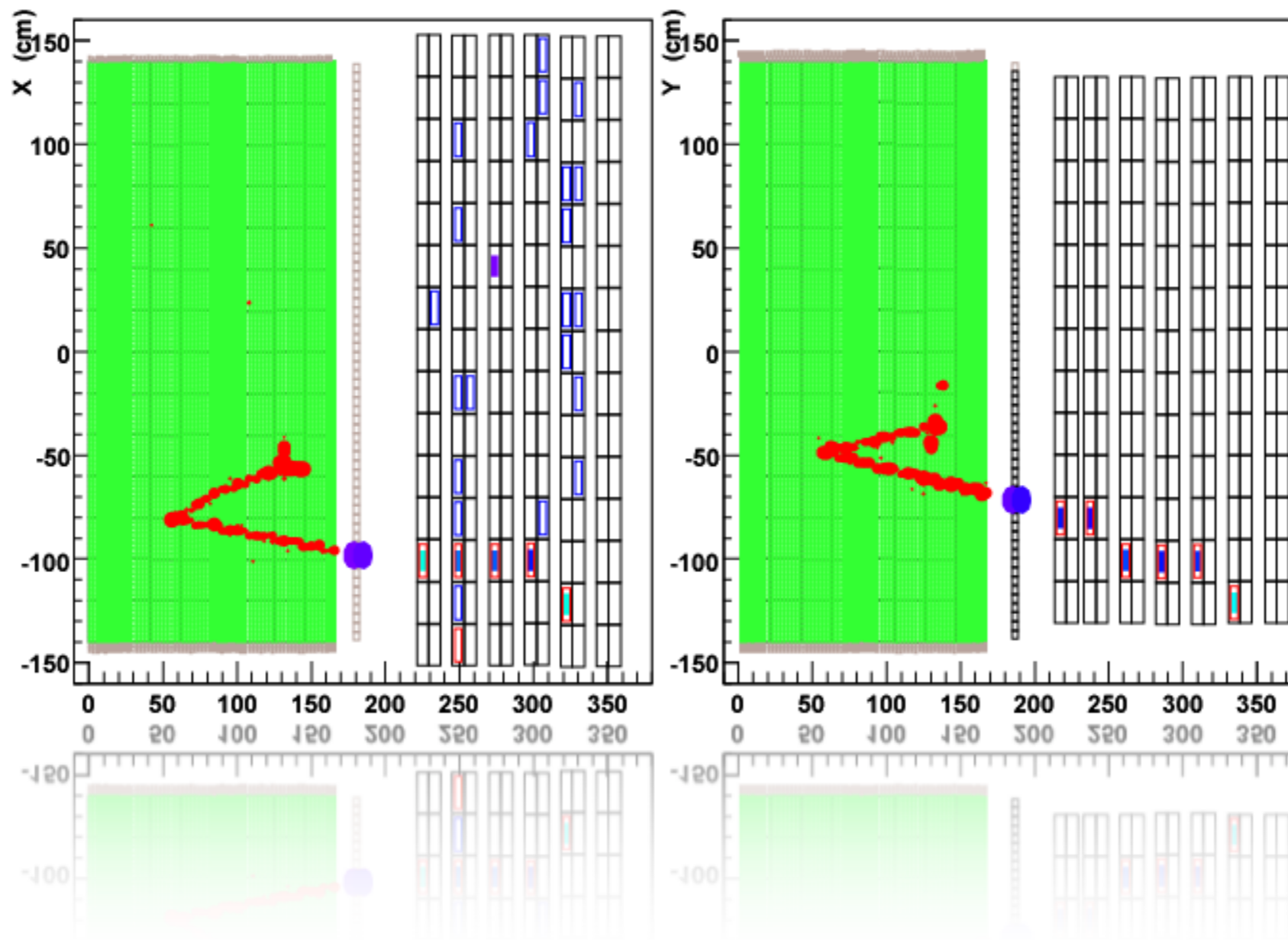


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$\chi^2/\text{ndf}(Q^2) = 19.5$  (Hernandez),  
 $14.9$  (Lalakulich),  $55.1$  (G&S 1),  $28.05$  (G&S 2)



# Coherent pion searches

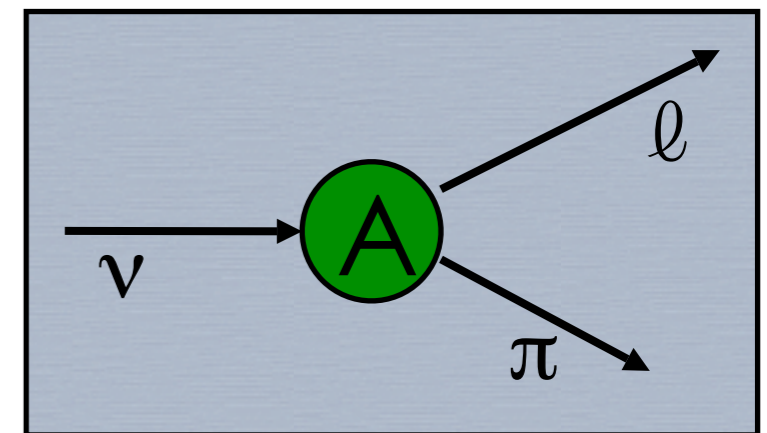
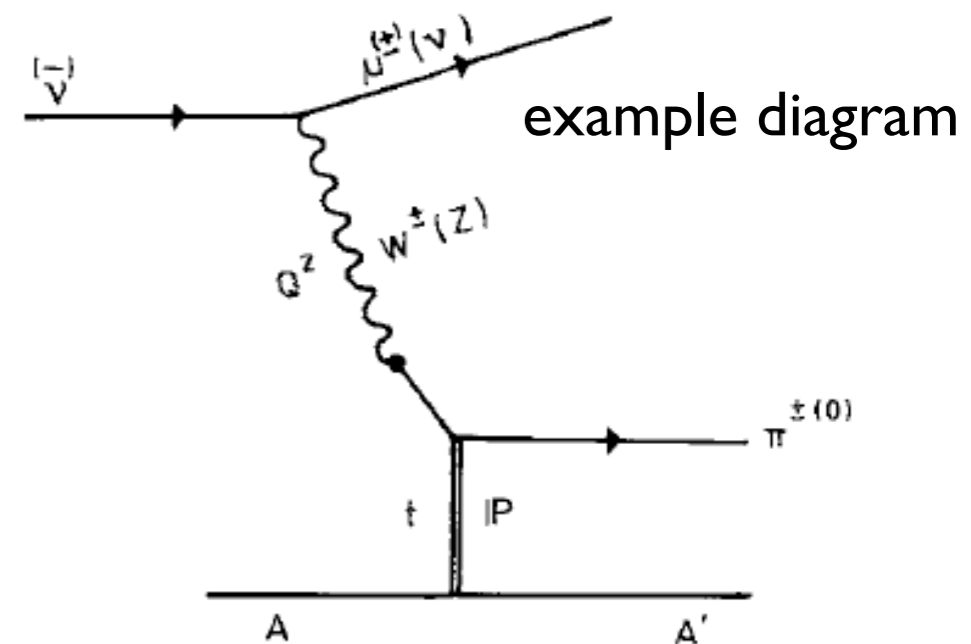
# Coherent pion production

- Neutrino interacts with nucleons coherently, producing a pion
- No nuclear breakup occurs

Charged Current (CC):  $\nu_{\mu} + A \rightarrow \mu + A + \pi^{+}$

Neutral Current (NC):  $\nu_{\mu} + A \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + A + \pi^{0}$

- Interestingly theoretically because it requires large wavelength in massive propagator



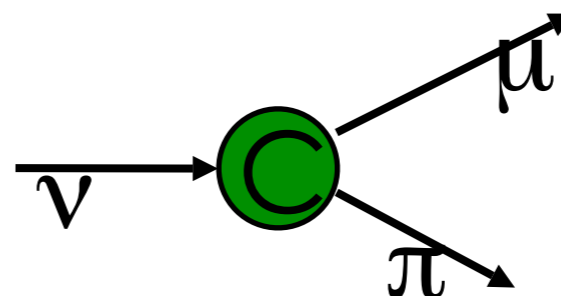
Several past measurements

- both NC and CC
- both neutrino and antineutrino
- $>2$  GeV (NC),  $>7$  GeV (CC) up to  $\sim 100$  GeV

# CC Coherent Pion Production

## Signal

CC-coherent  $\pi$  production



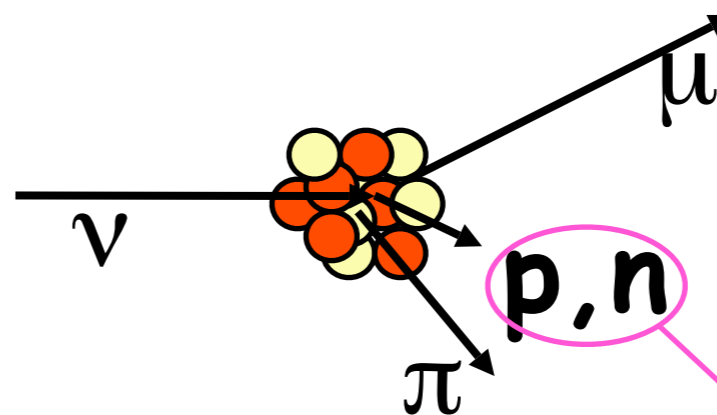
Small  $Q^2$

- 2 MIP-like tracks (a muon and a pion)
- $\sim 1\%$  of total  $\nu$  interaction based on Rein-Sehgal model

## Background

CC-resonant  $\pi$  production

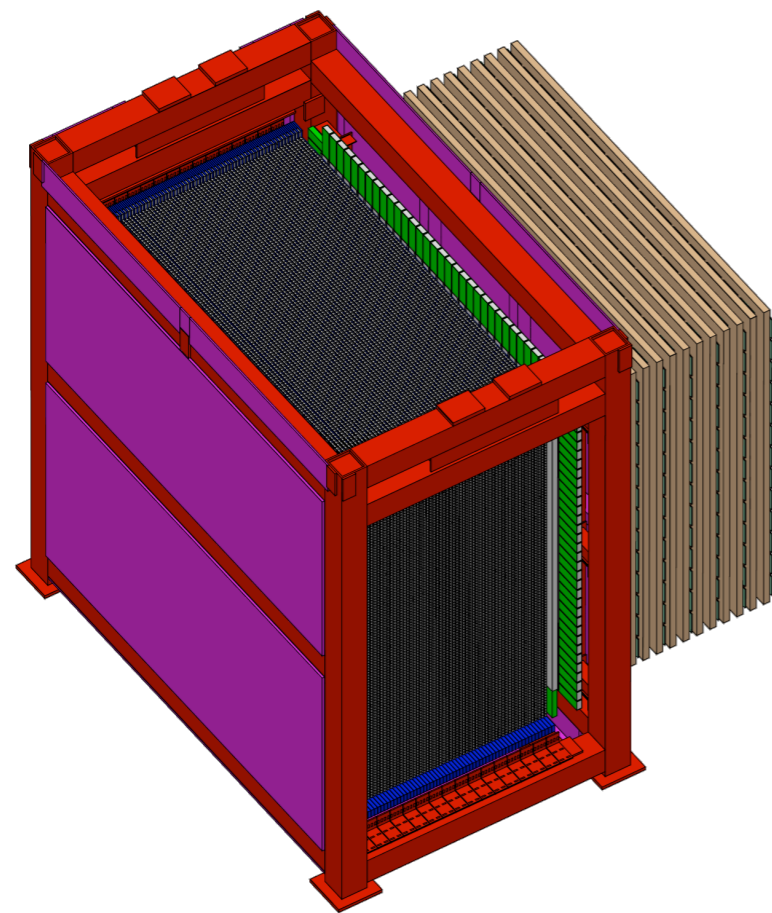
- $\nu + p \rightarrow \mu + p + \pi^+$
- $\nu + n \rightarrow \mu + n + \pi^+$



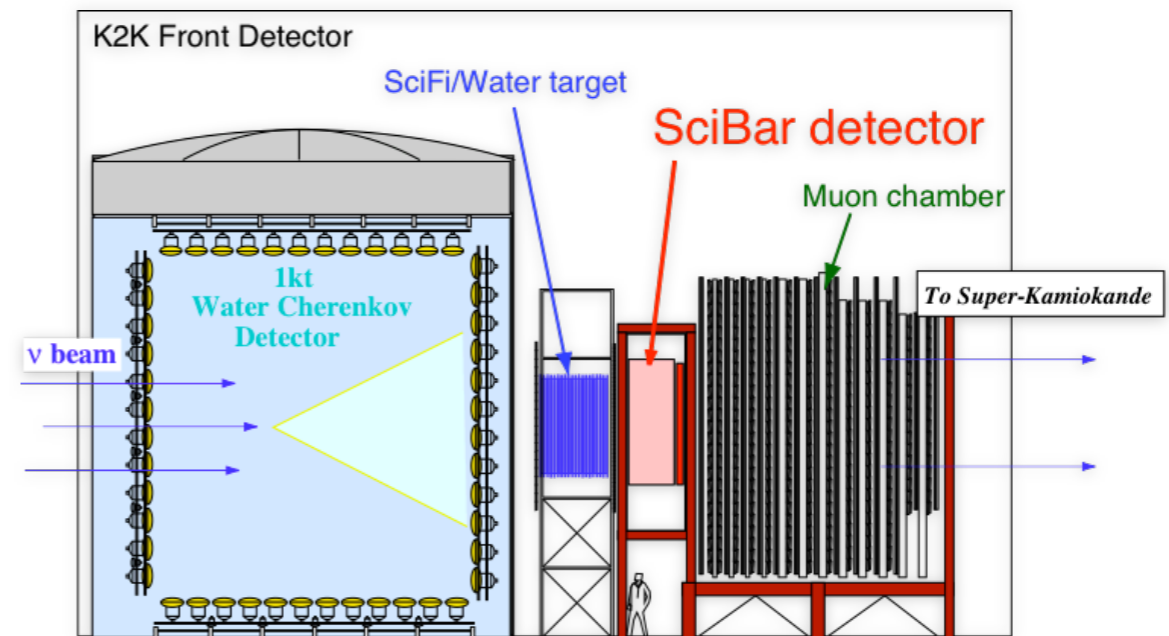
often not  
reconstructed

# I Detector in 2 Beams

- Unique opportunity today to show the same search in two different neutrino beams using the same detector



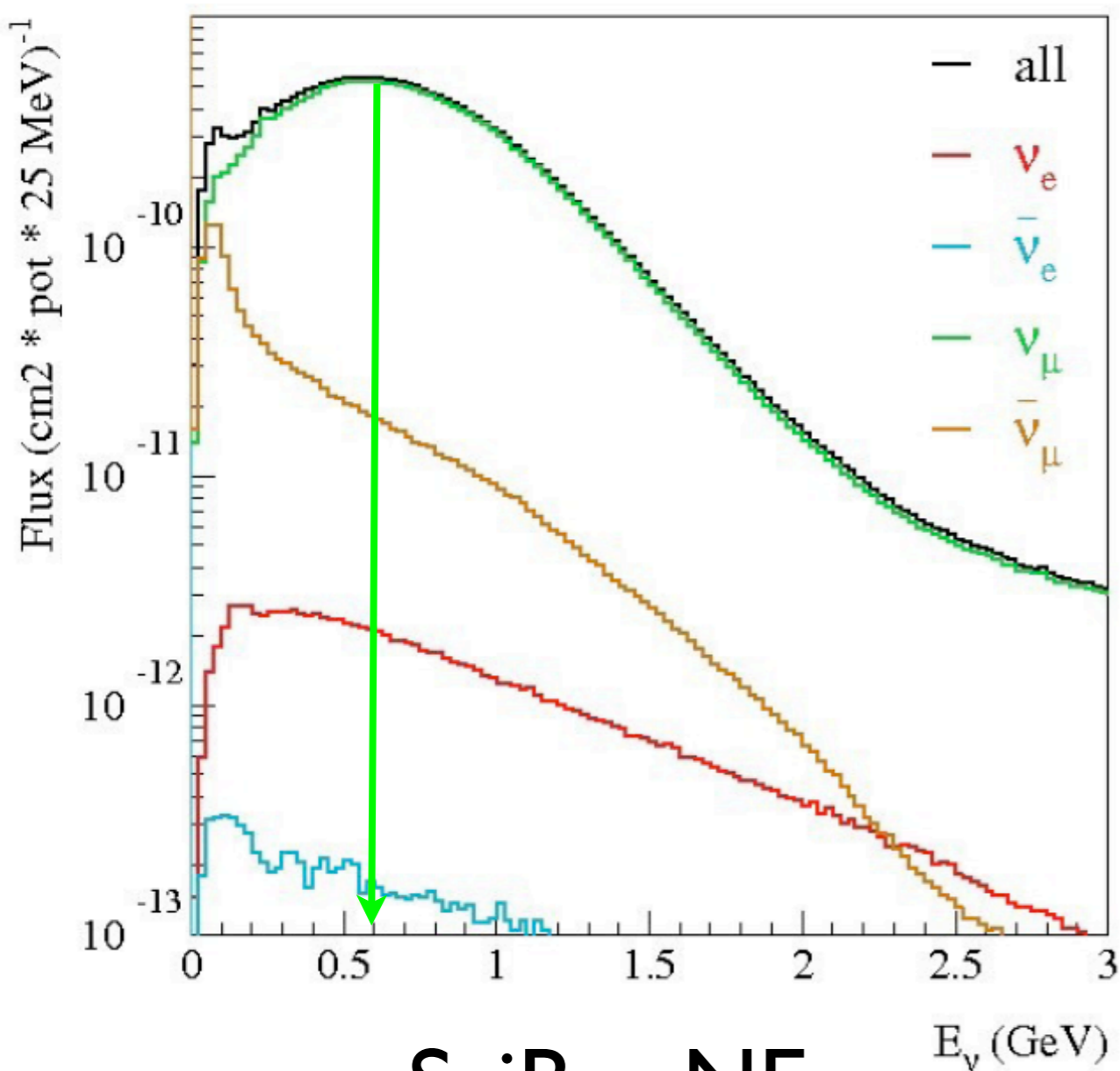
SciBooNE



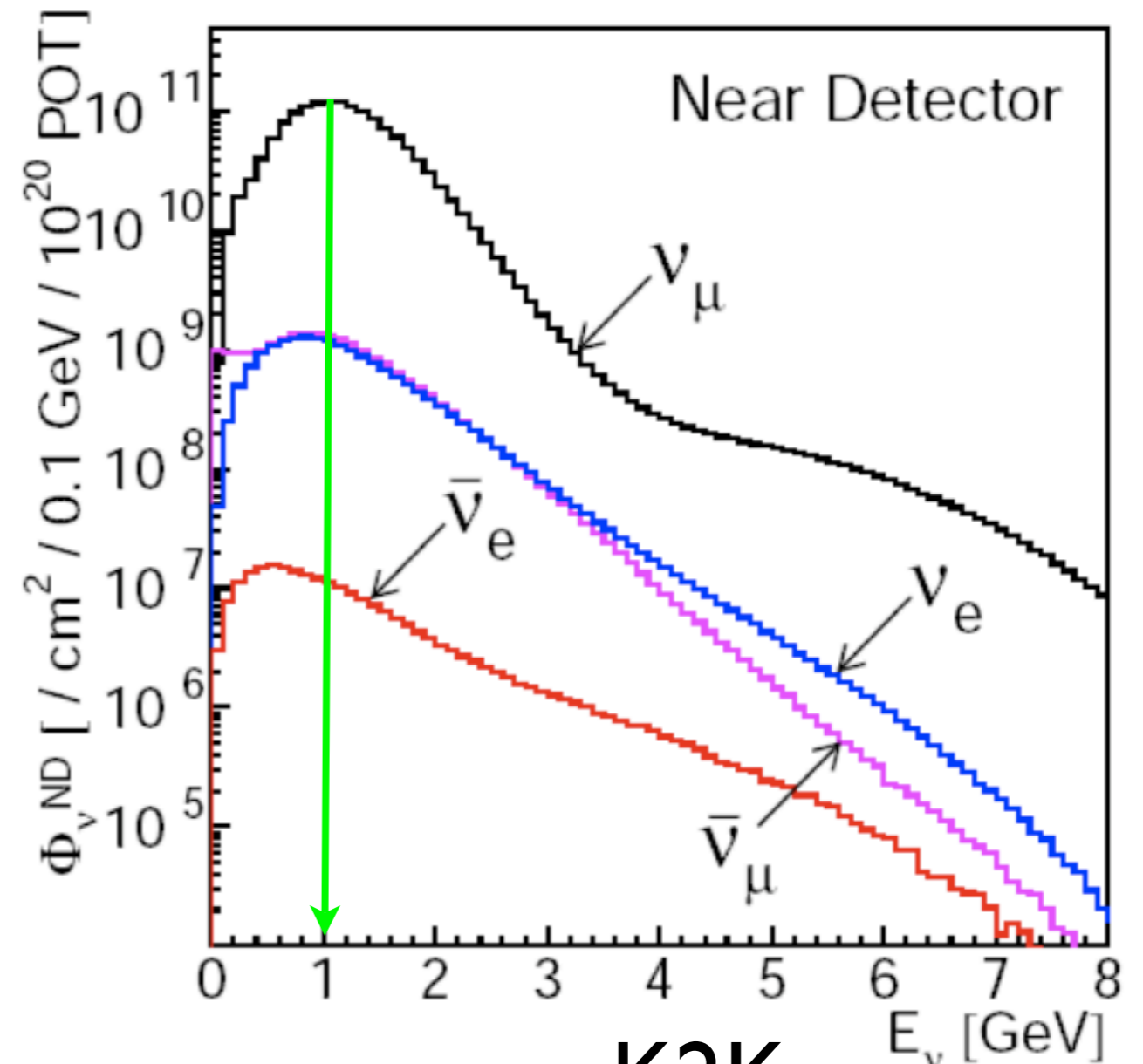
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# Neutrino Fluxes



**SciBooNE**  
**<E<sub>ν</sub>> ~ 0.8 GeV**

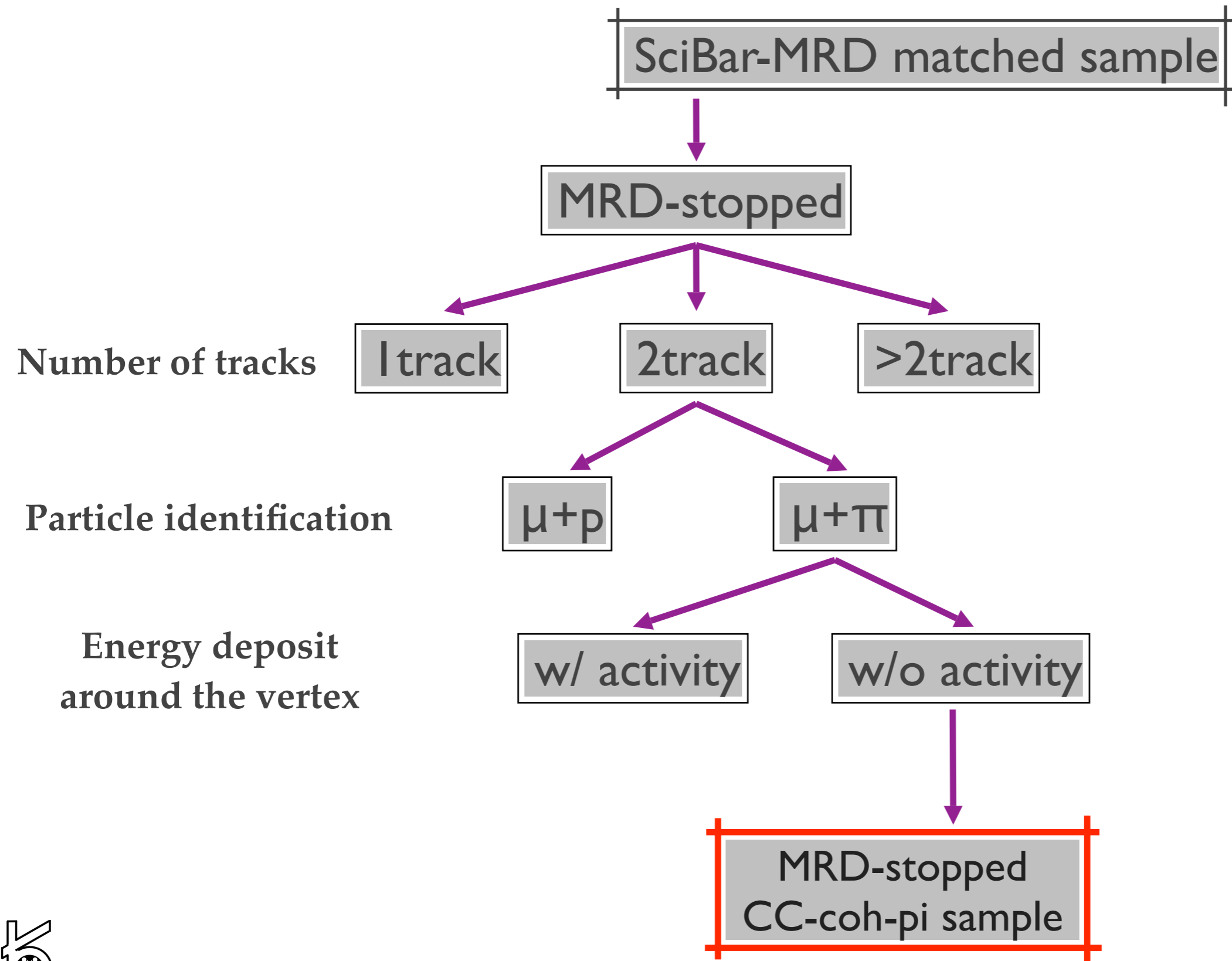


**K2K**  
**<E<sub>ν</sub>> ~ 1.3 GeV**

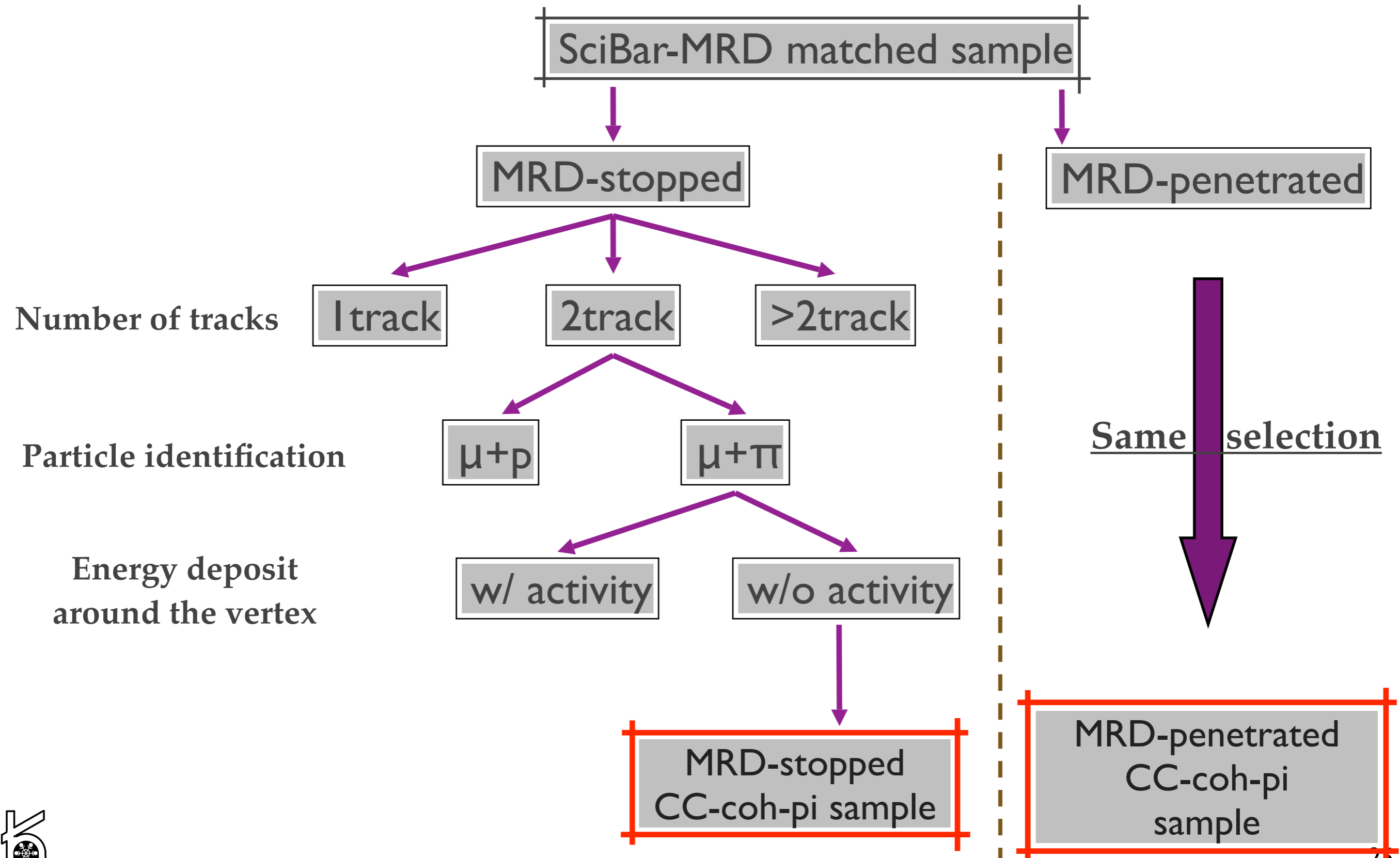
*Similar fluxes per POT*



# CC event classification

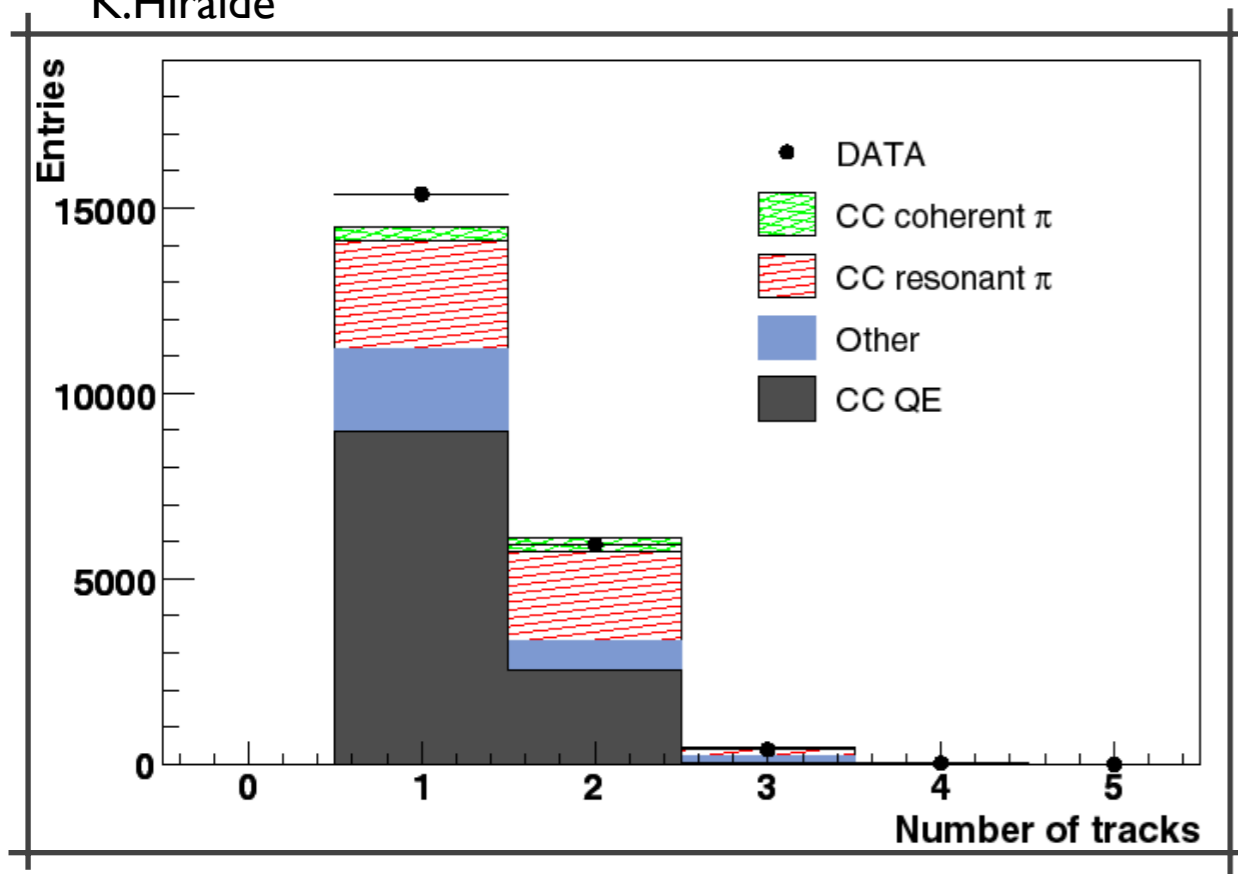


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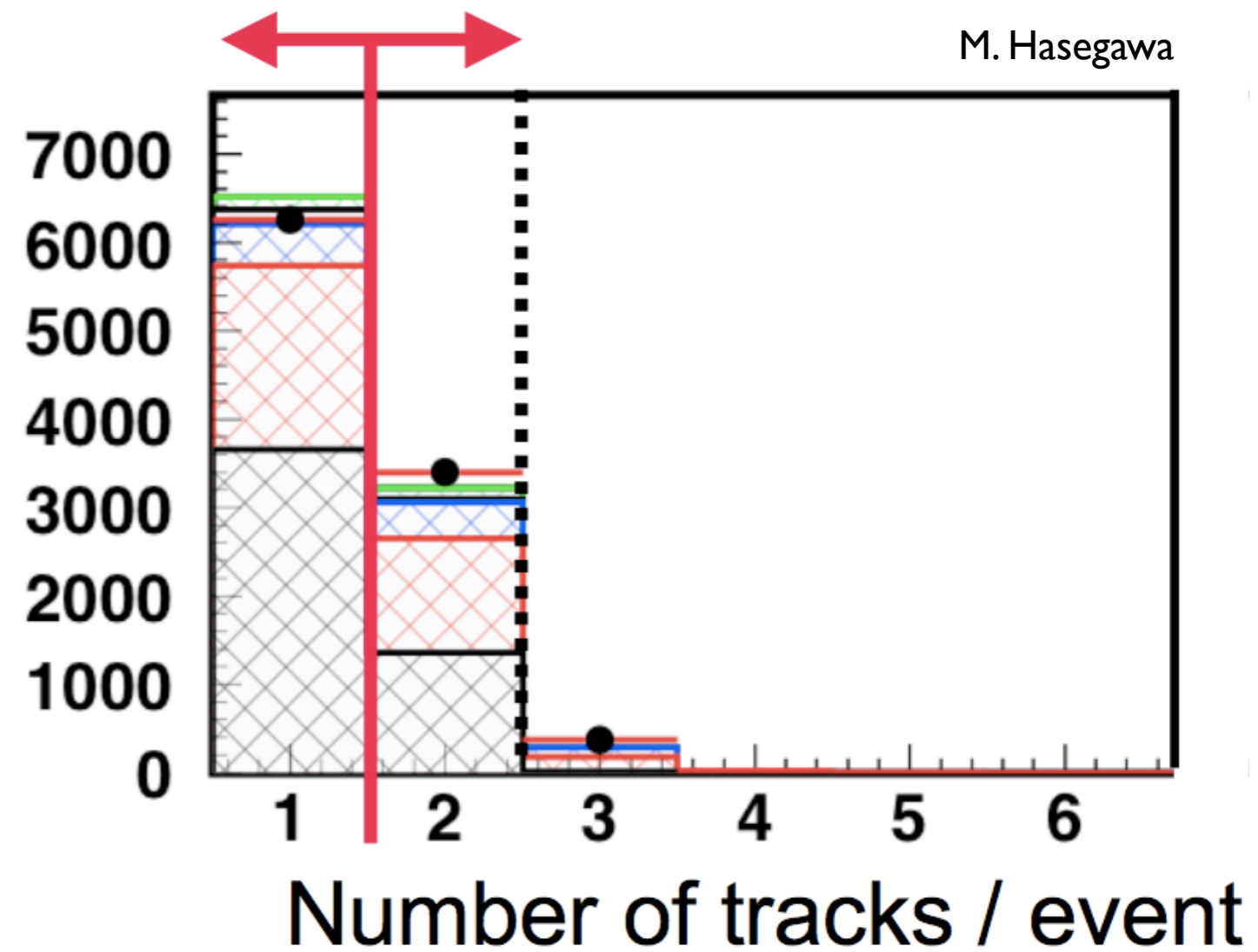
# Number of Tracks

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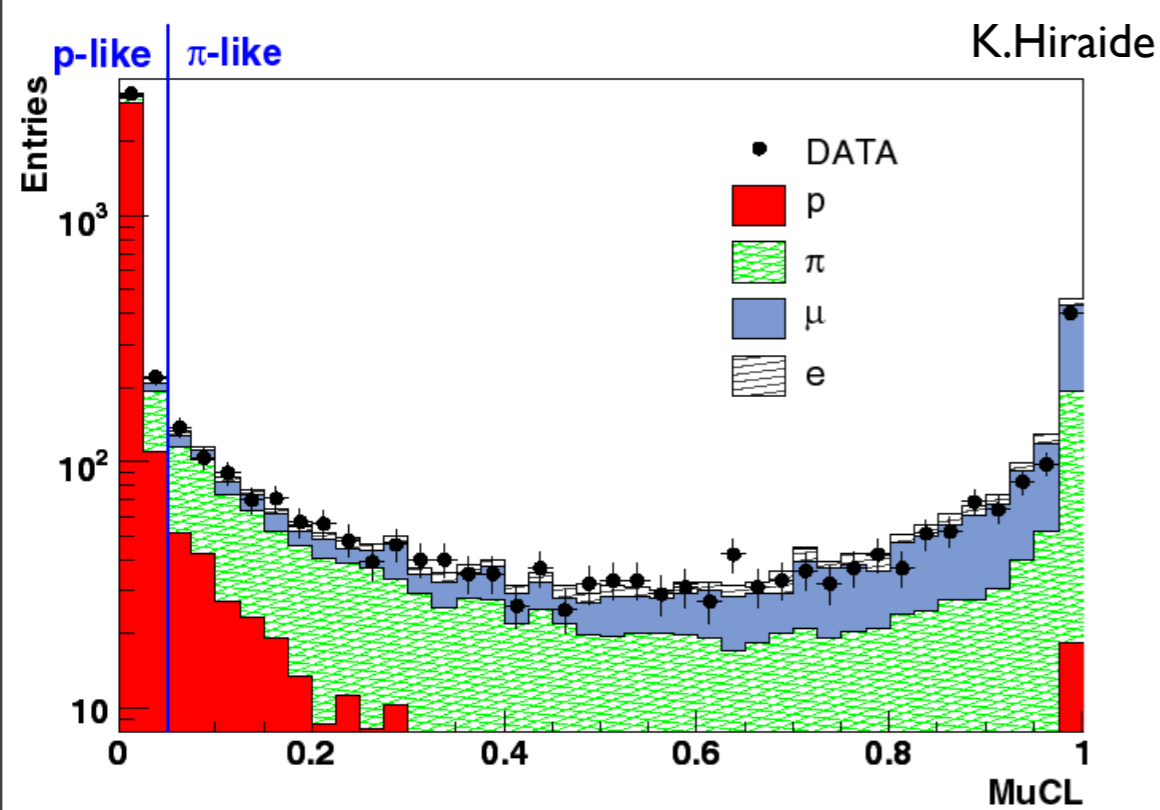
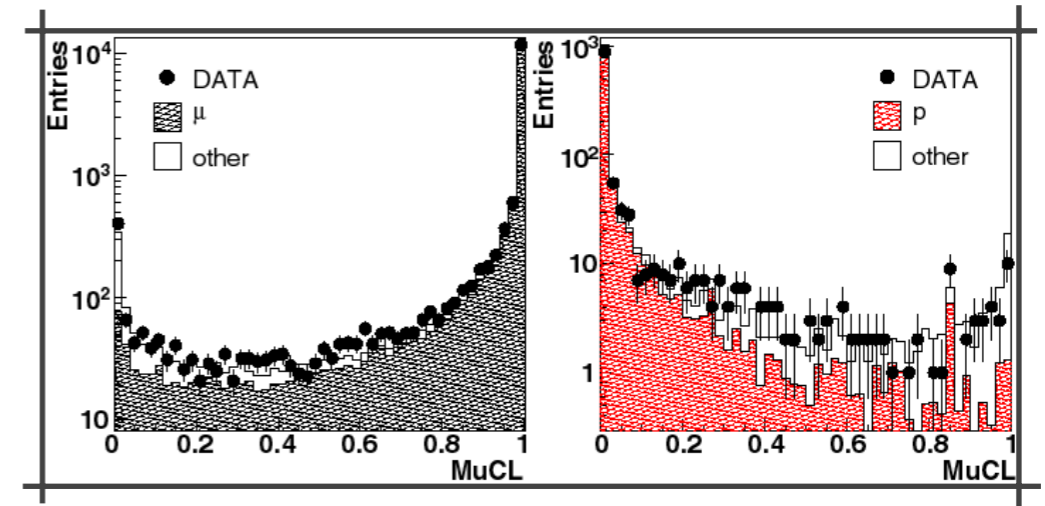
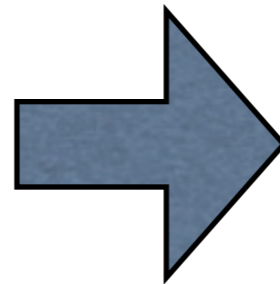
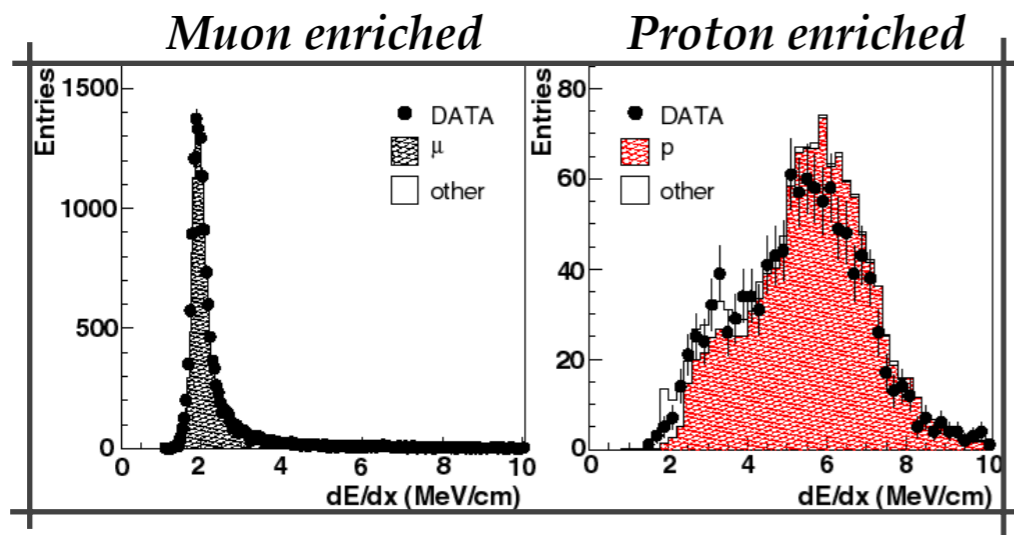
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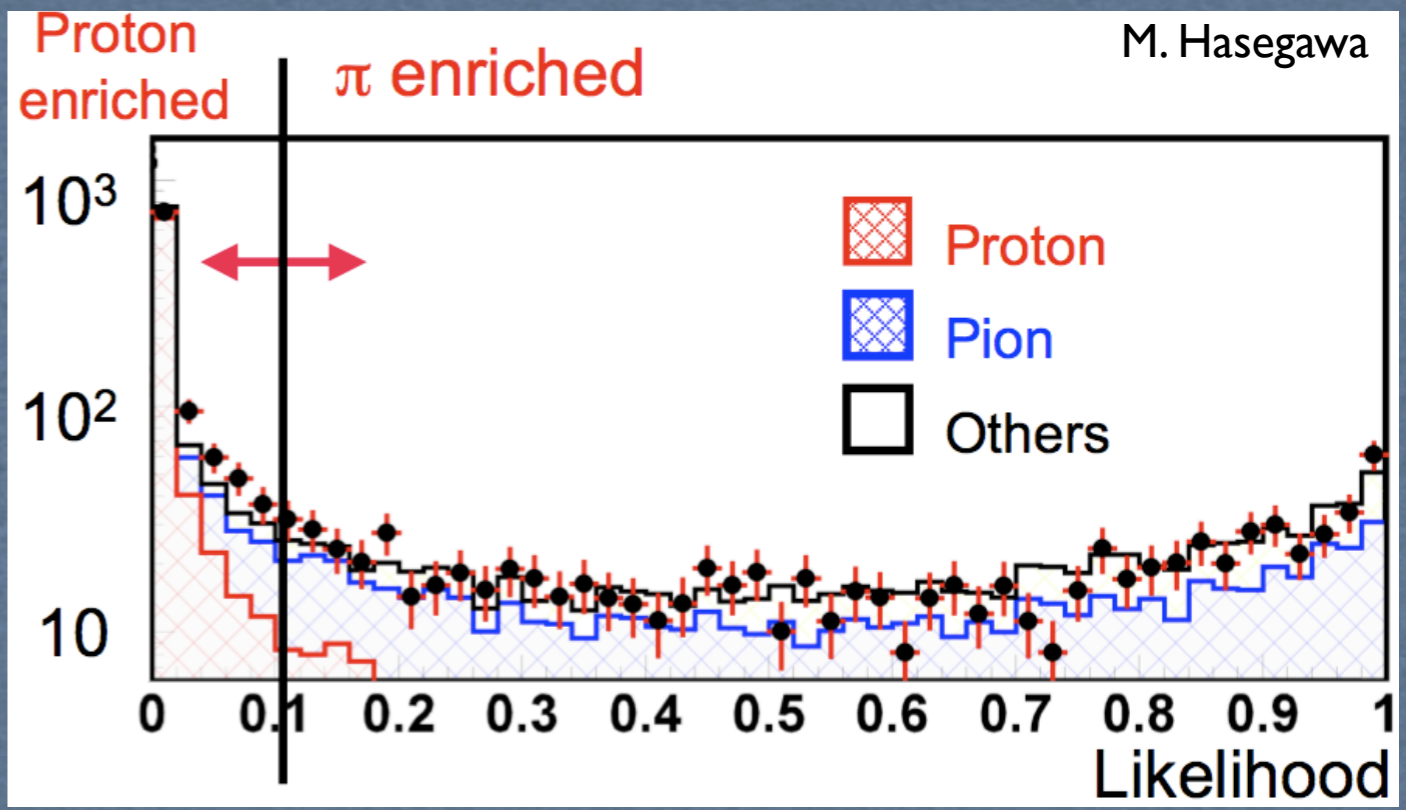
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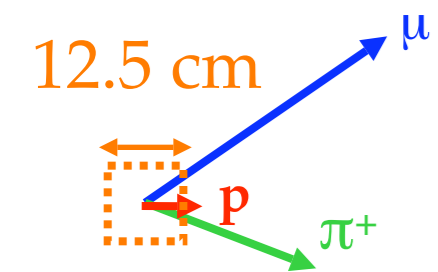
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# Untracked protons



- Vertex Activity : Energy deposit in vertex strip  
→ Reject BG : un-reconstructed particles (proton) of resonance  $\pi$  prod.

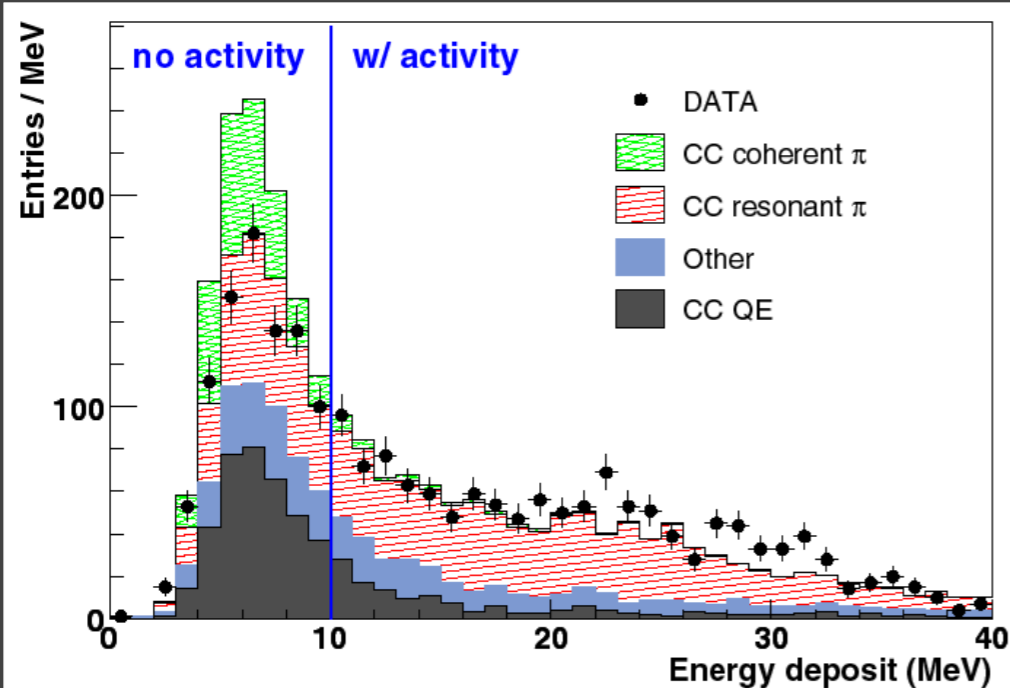
(coherent  $\pi$ )

Small activity

(resonance  $\pi$ )

Large activity (recoil proton)

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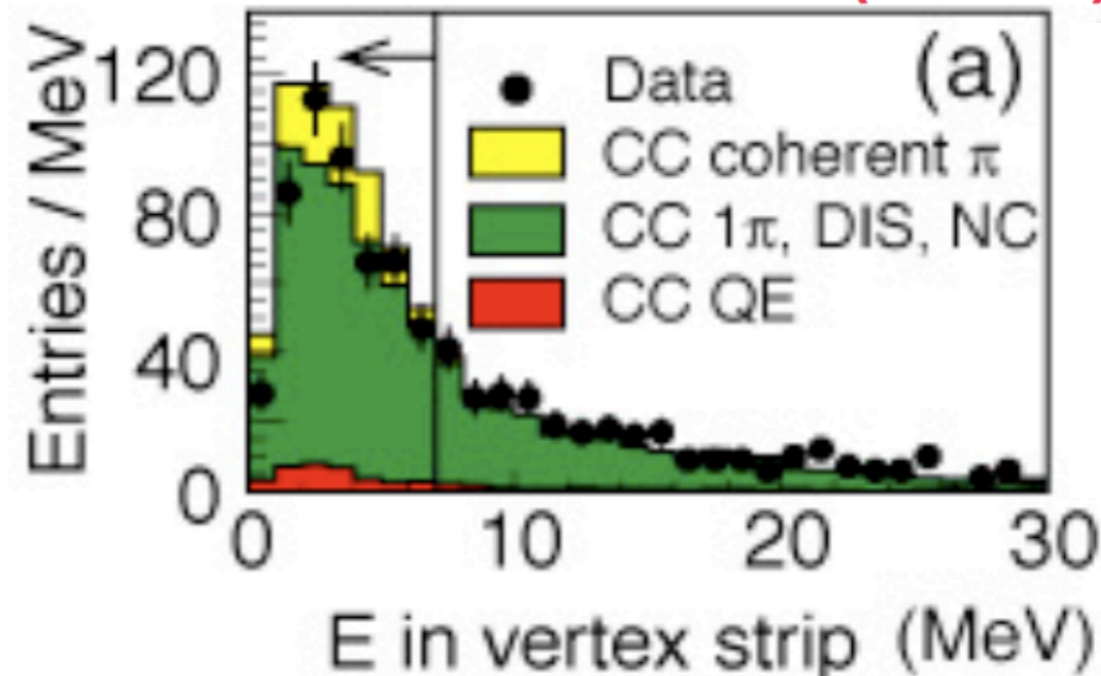


SciBooNE

non-QE  $\pi$  sample

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Coherent selection cut ( $< 7\text{MeV}$ ).



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# Tuning of MC

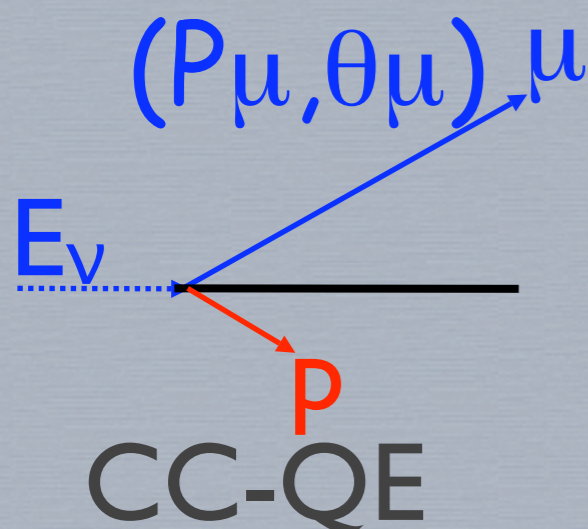
To constrain systematic uncertainties due to

- detector responses
- nuclear effects
- neutrino interaction models
- neutrino energy spectrum

$Q^2$  distributions of sub-samples are fitted to data

$Q^2$  reconstruction assuming CC-QE ( $\nu+n \rightarrow \mu+p$ ) interaction

$$Q_{rec}^2 = 2E_{\nu}^{rec} (E_{\mu} - p_{\mu} \cos\theta_{\mu}) - m_{\mu}^2$$



$$E_{\nu}^{rec} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(m_p^2 - m_{\mu}^2) - (m_n - V)^2 + 2E_{\mu}(m_n - V)}{(m_n - V) - E_{\mu} + p_{\mu} \cos\theta_{\mu}}$$

$V$ : nuclear potential (27MeV)

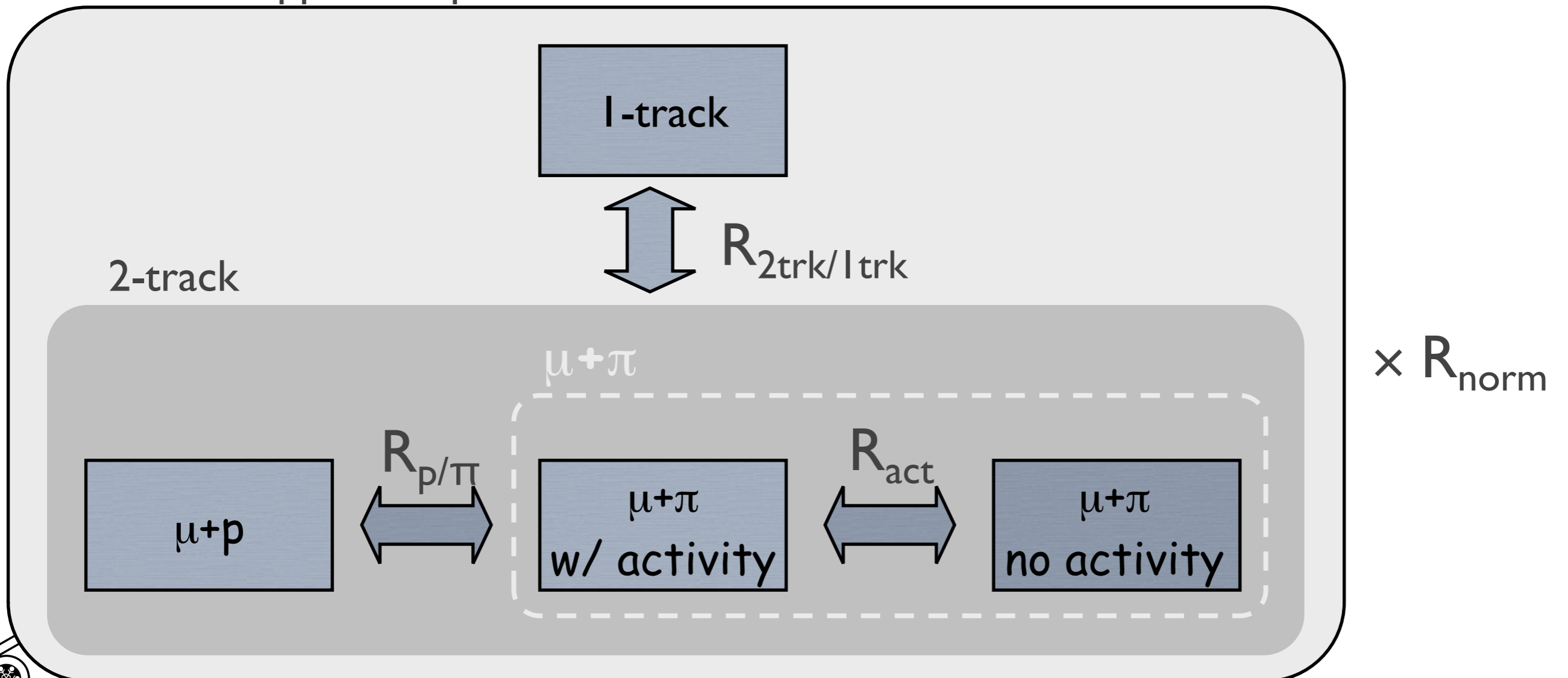
# Fitting parameters (I)

Normalization parameter:  $R_{\text{norm}}$

Migration parameters :  $R_{2\text{trk}/1\text{trk}}, R_{\text{p}/\pi}, R_{\text{act}}$

Muon momentum scale :  $P_{\text{scale}}$

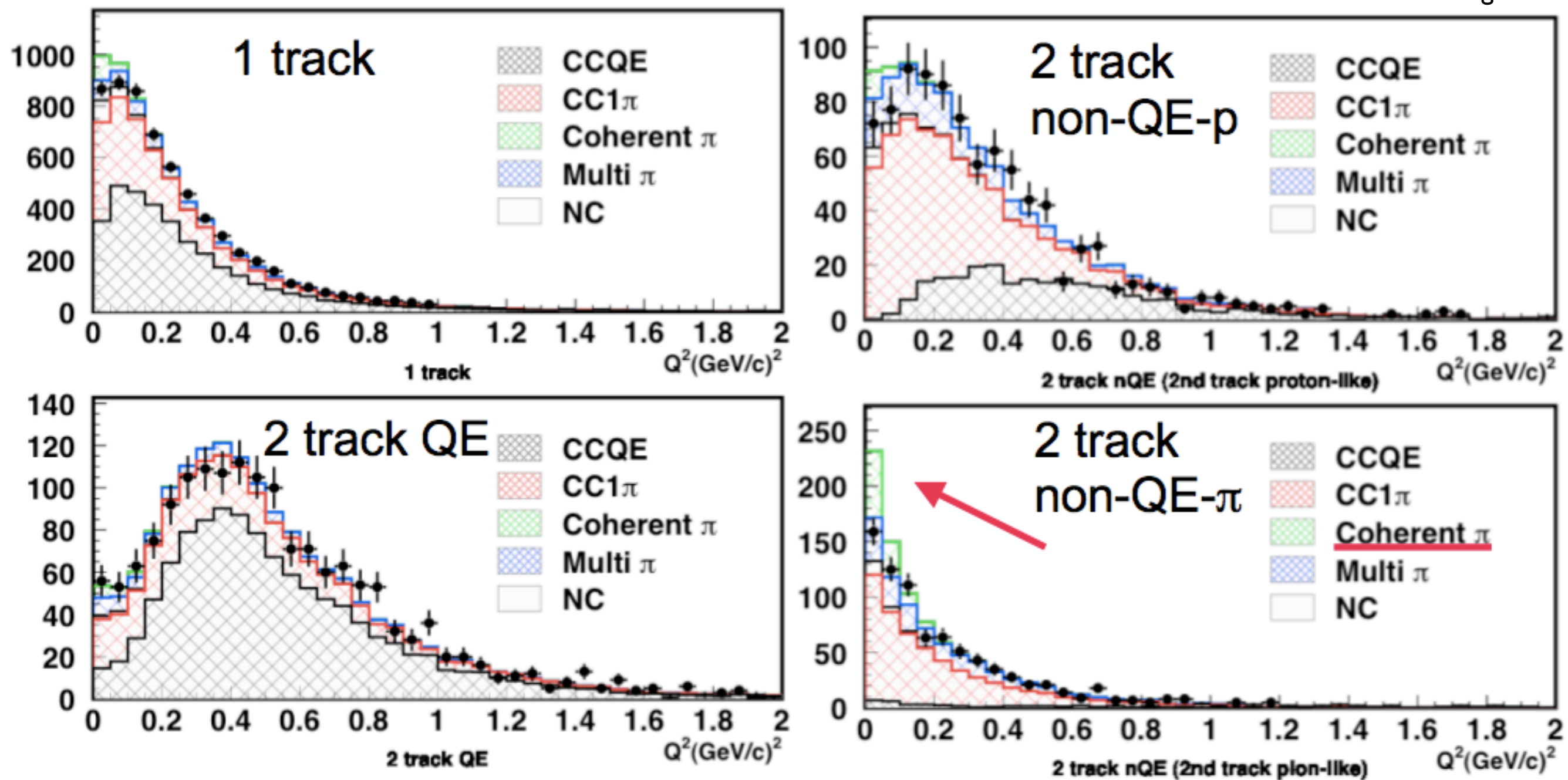
MRD-stopped sample





# K2K After fit

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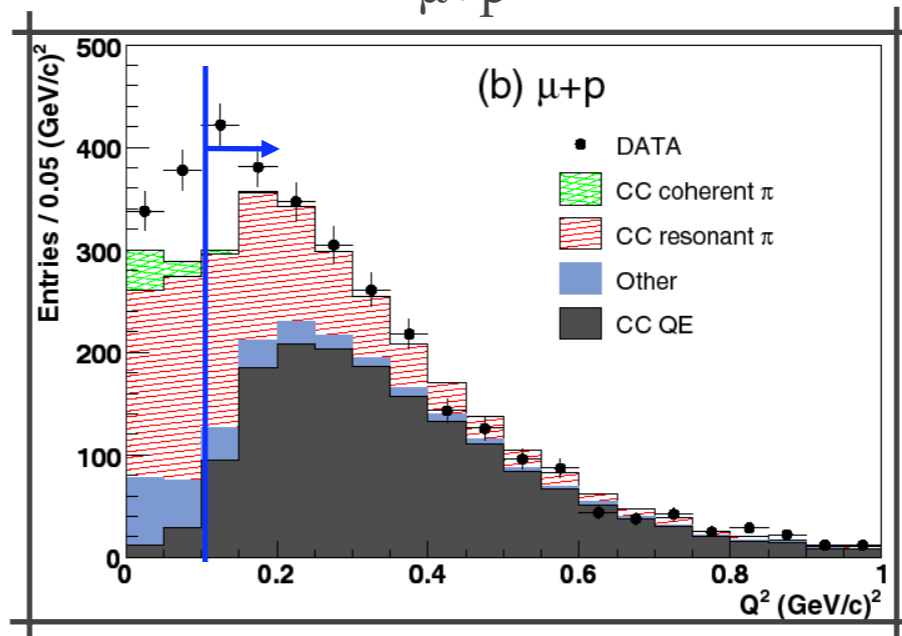
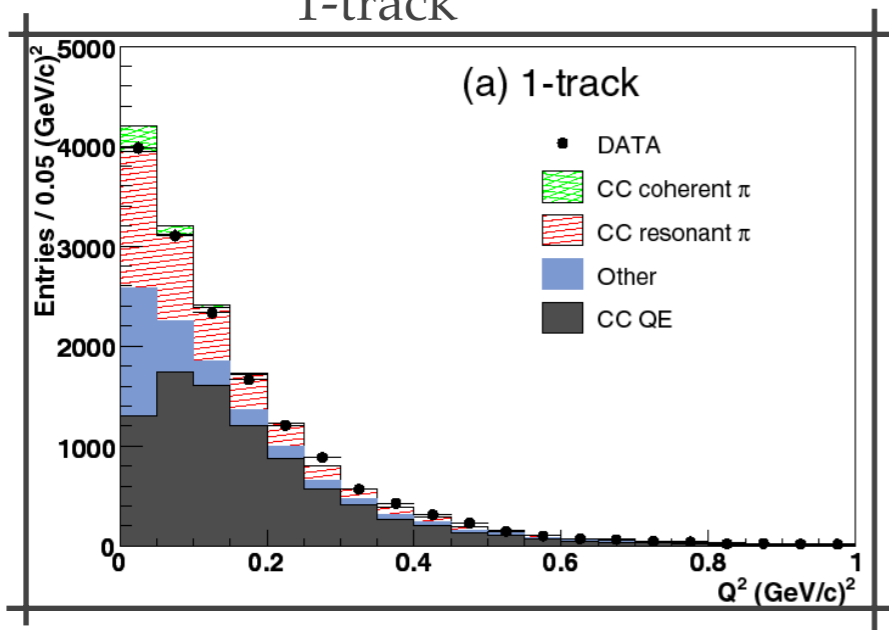


# SciBooNE After Fit

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1-track

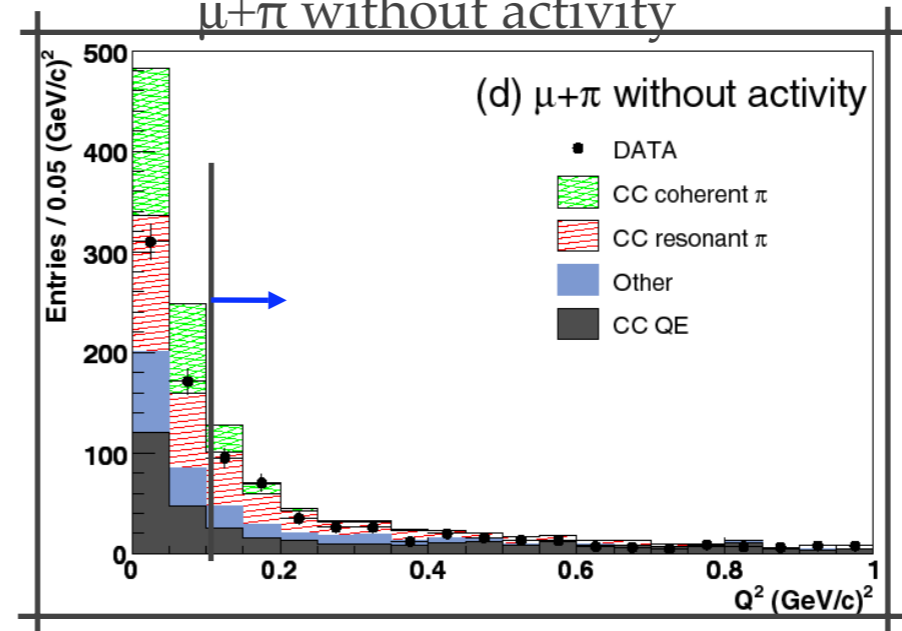
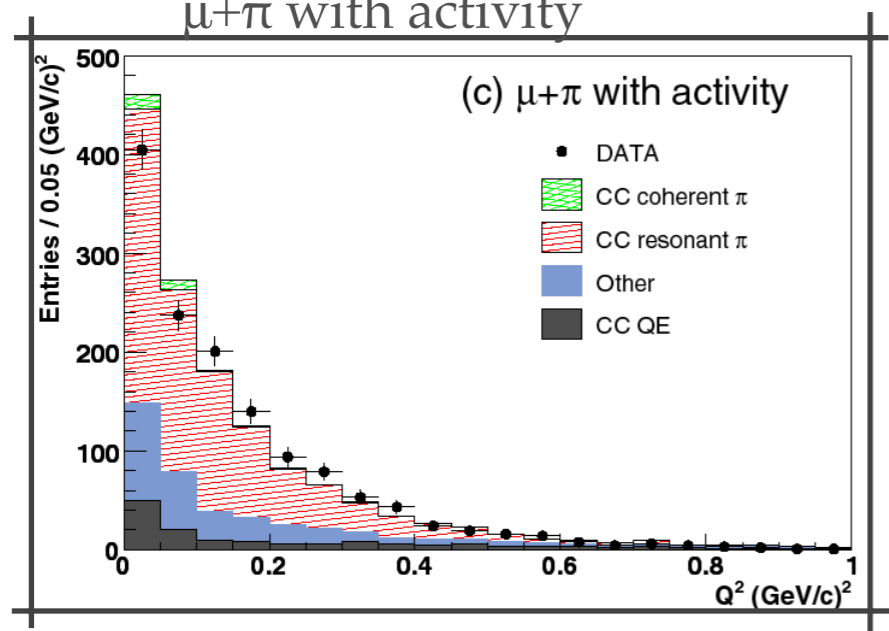
$\mu+p$



low  $Q^2$  region in  $\mu+p$  events is excluded from fitting

$\mu+\pi$  with activity

$\mu+\pi$  without activity

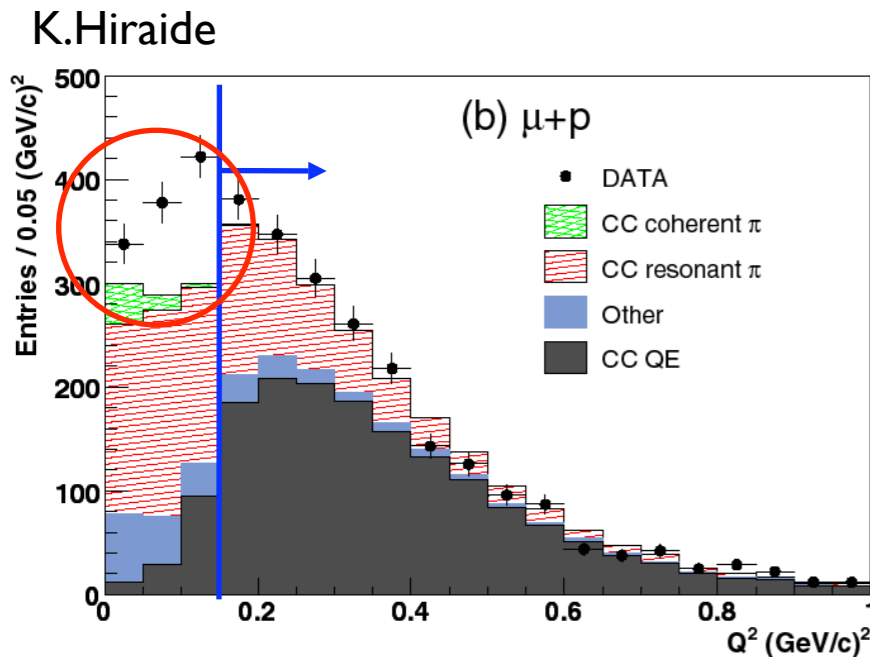


CC coherent  $\pi$  signal region is excluded from fitting

Before fit :  $\chi^2/ndf = 473/75 = 6.31$

After fit :  $\chi^2/ndf = 117/67 = 1.75$

# Data excess in $\mu^+p$

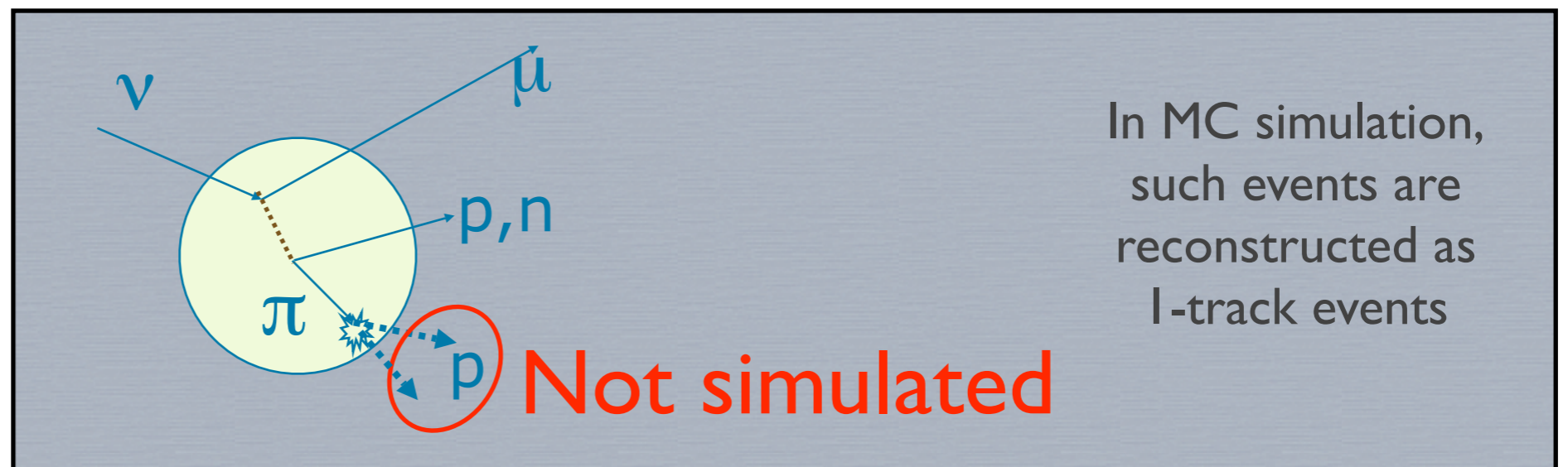


## Features of excess events

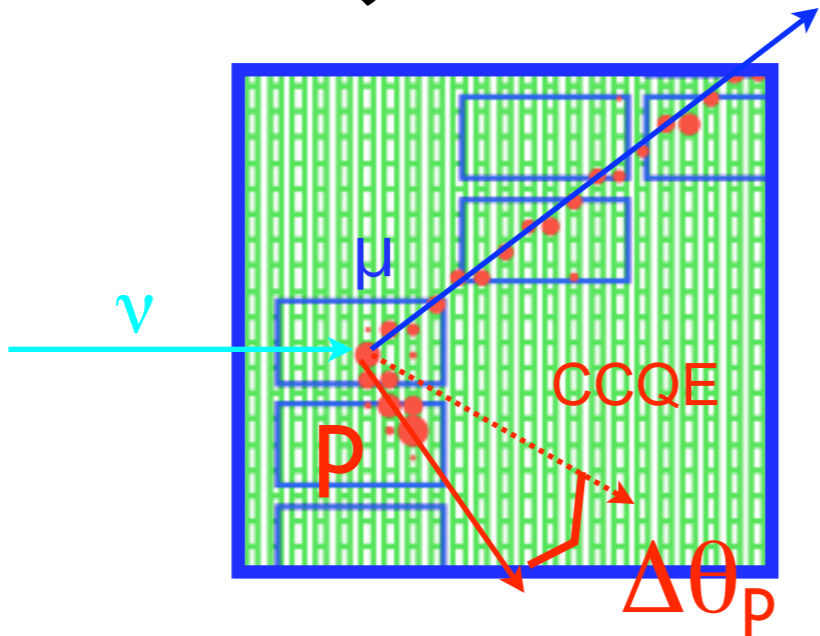
- proton candidate goes at large angle
- additional activity around the vertex

## Possible candidate

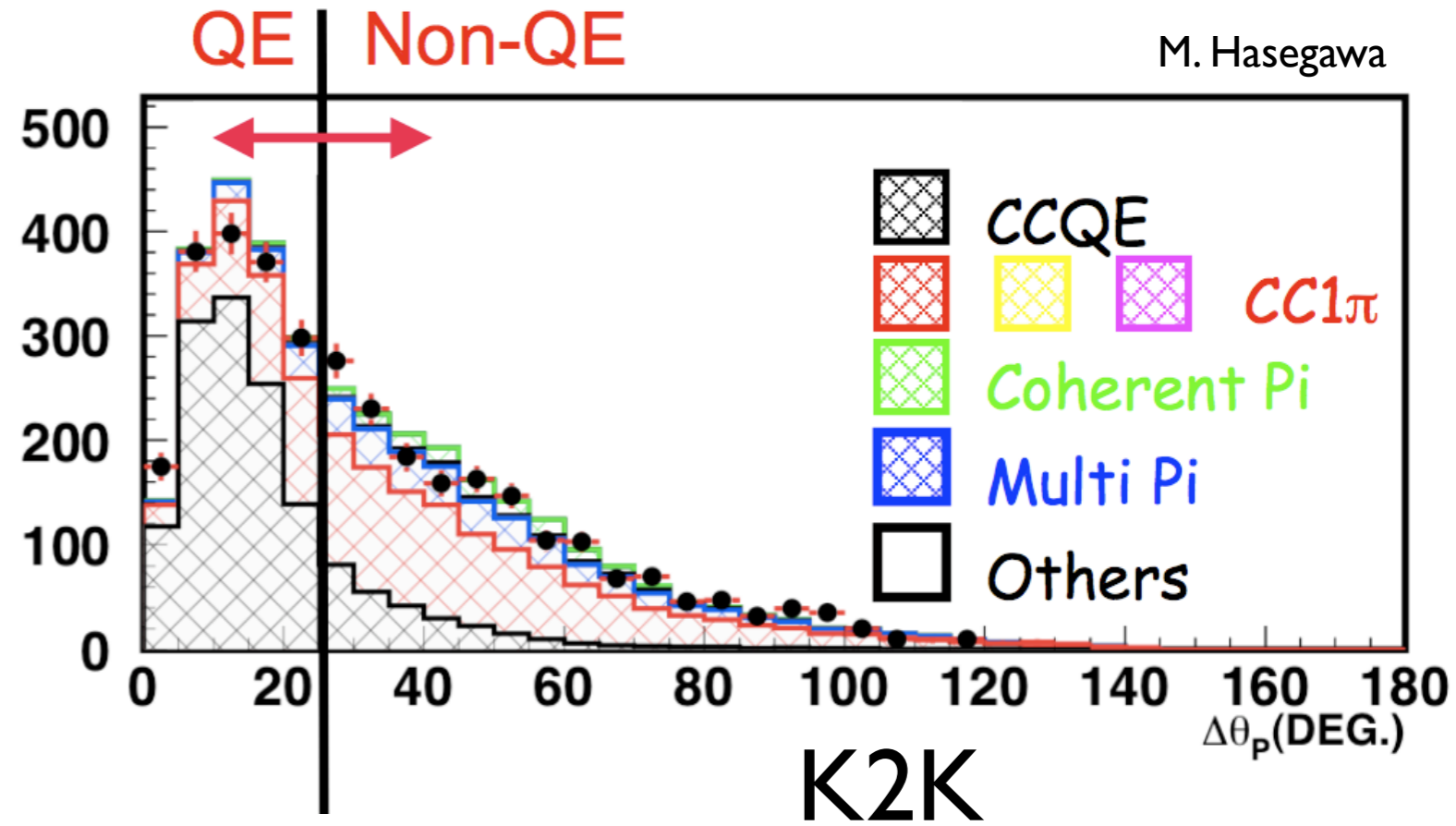
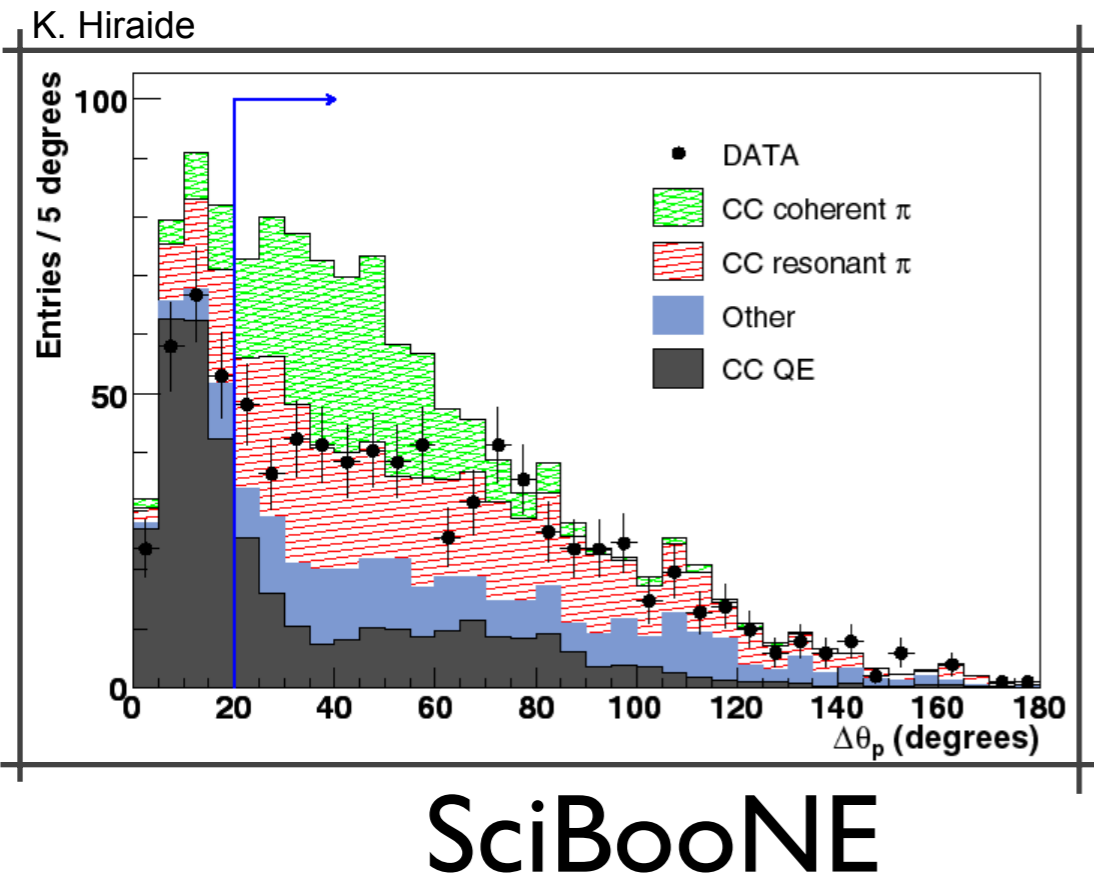
CC resonant pion events in which pion is absorbed in the nucleus



# Rejecting QE events

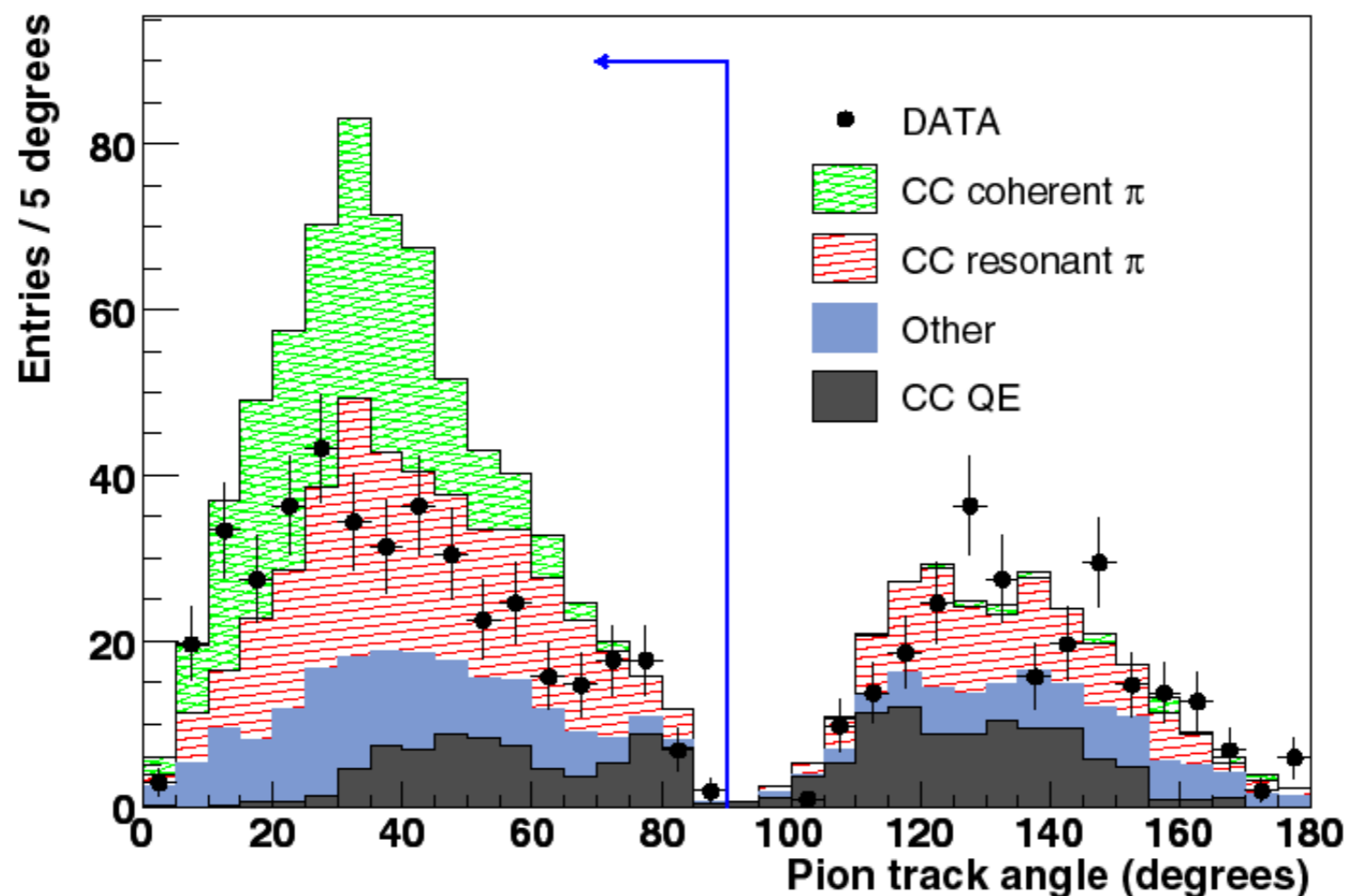


$\Delta\theta_p$  is the angle between the second track and the predicted proton direction assuming CCQE reactions.



# Resonant pion rejection

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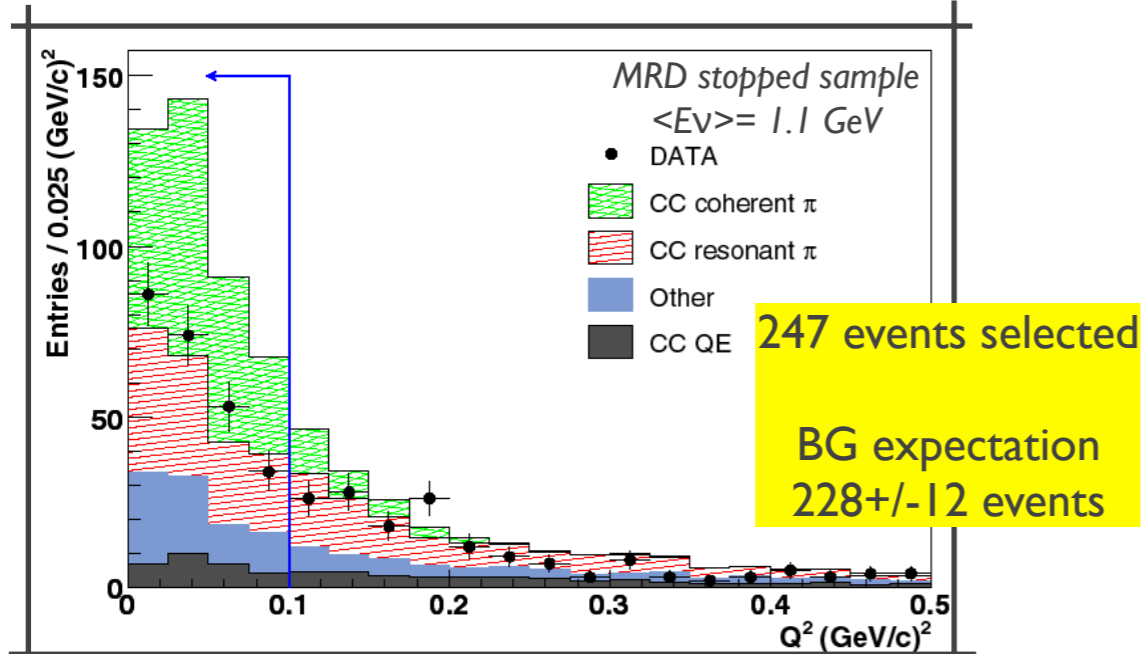


Events with a forward-going  
Pion candidate are selected

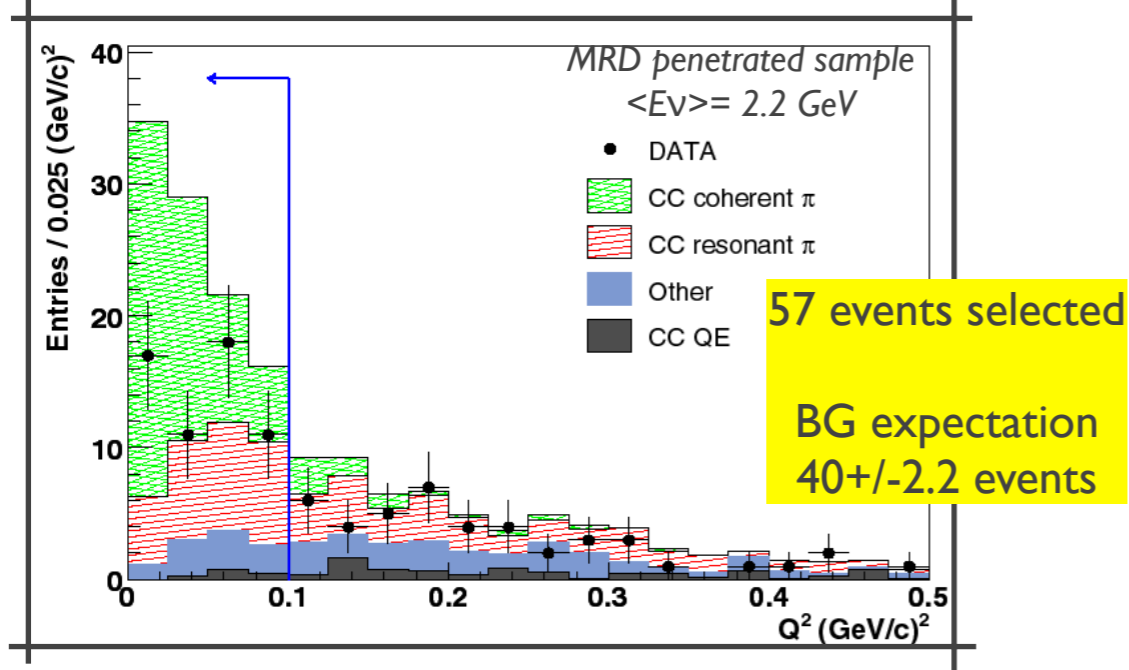
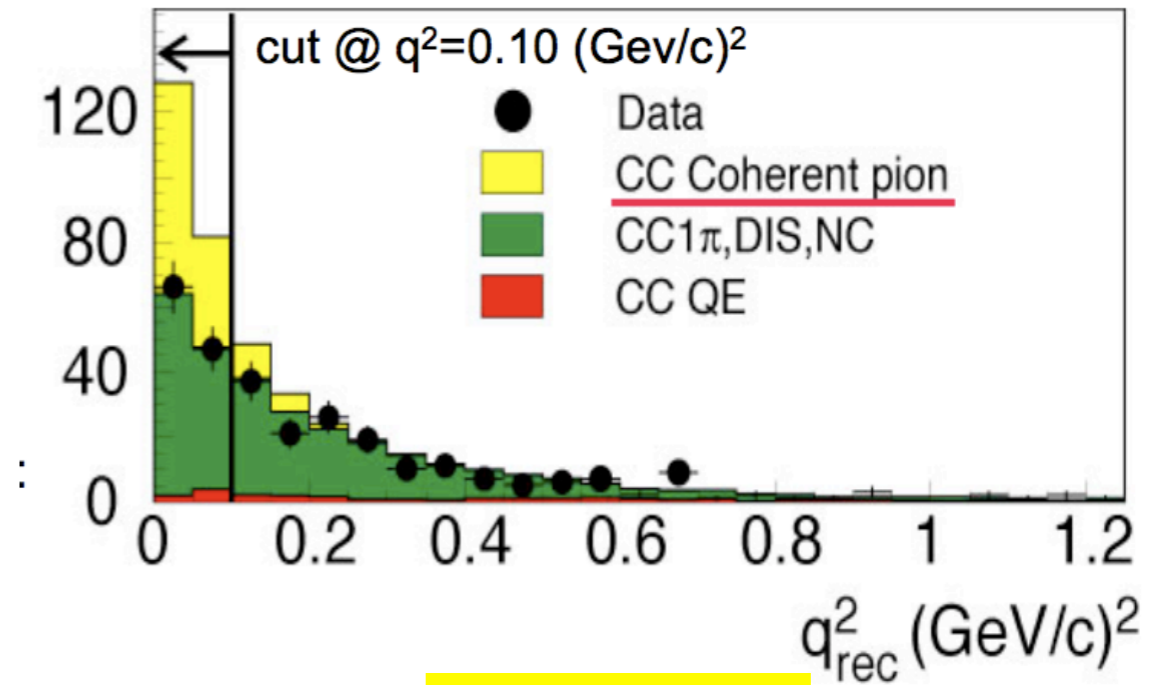
# CC coherent pion sample

$$Q^2 < 0.1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

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SciBooNE

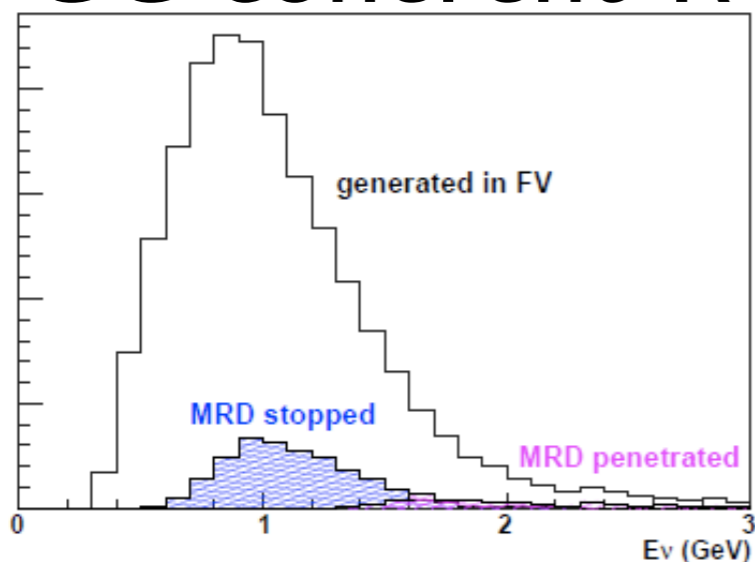
K2K



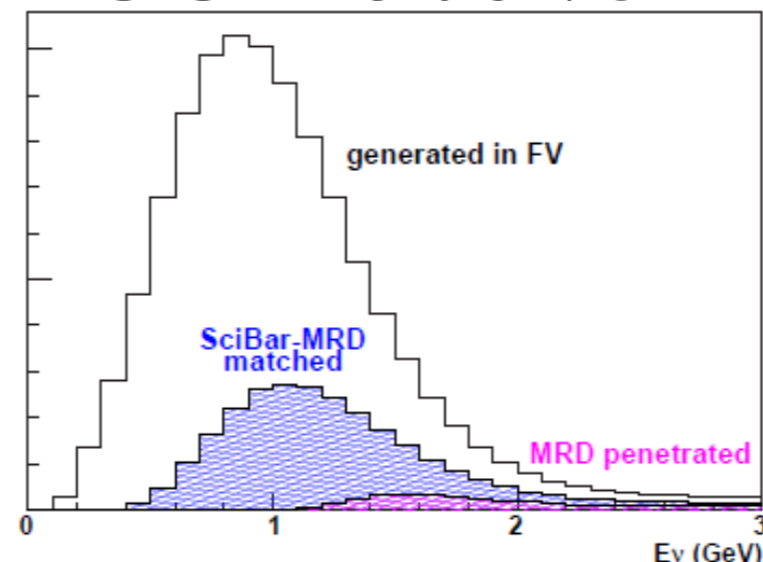
# Cross section ratio

To reduce neutrino flux uncertainty, we measure  $\sigma(\text{CC coherent } \pi)/\sigma(\text{CC})$  cross section ratio

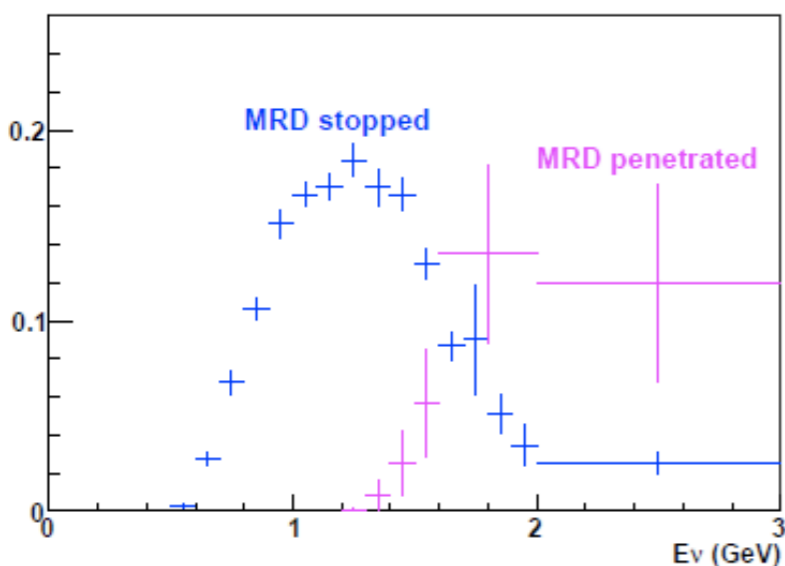
## CC coherent $\pi$



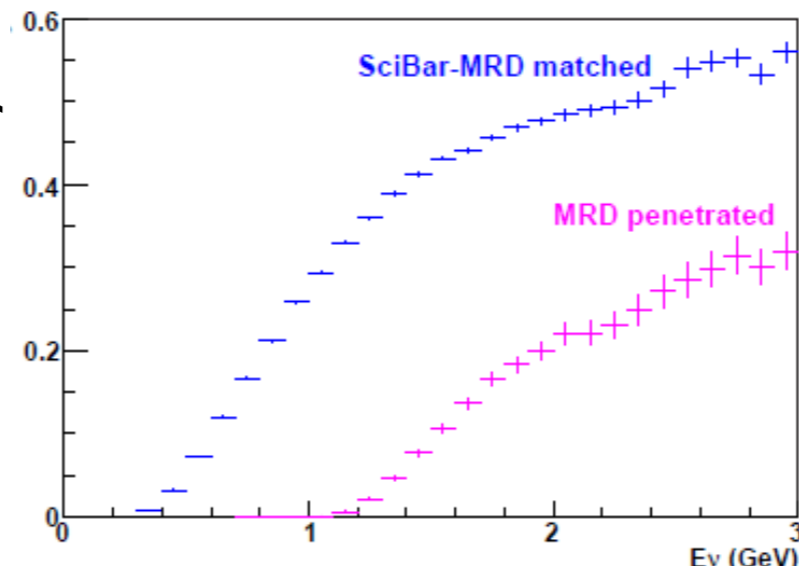
## CC inclusive



Efficiency



Efficiency



For denominator, CC inclusive samples are chosen so that they cover similar neutrino energy range as coherent  $\pi$  samples.

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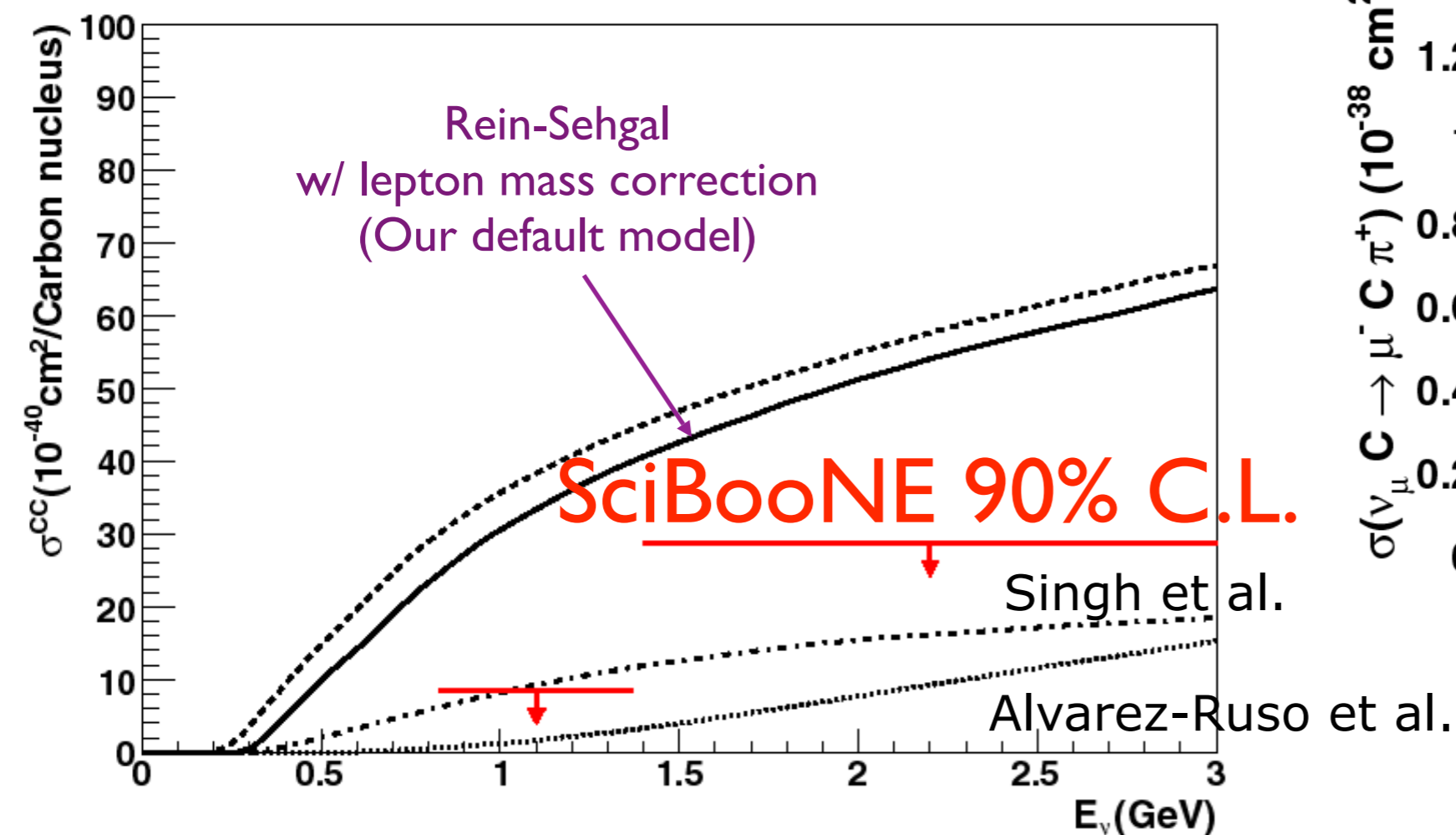
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# SciBooNE Systematics

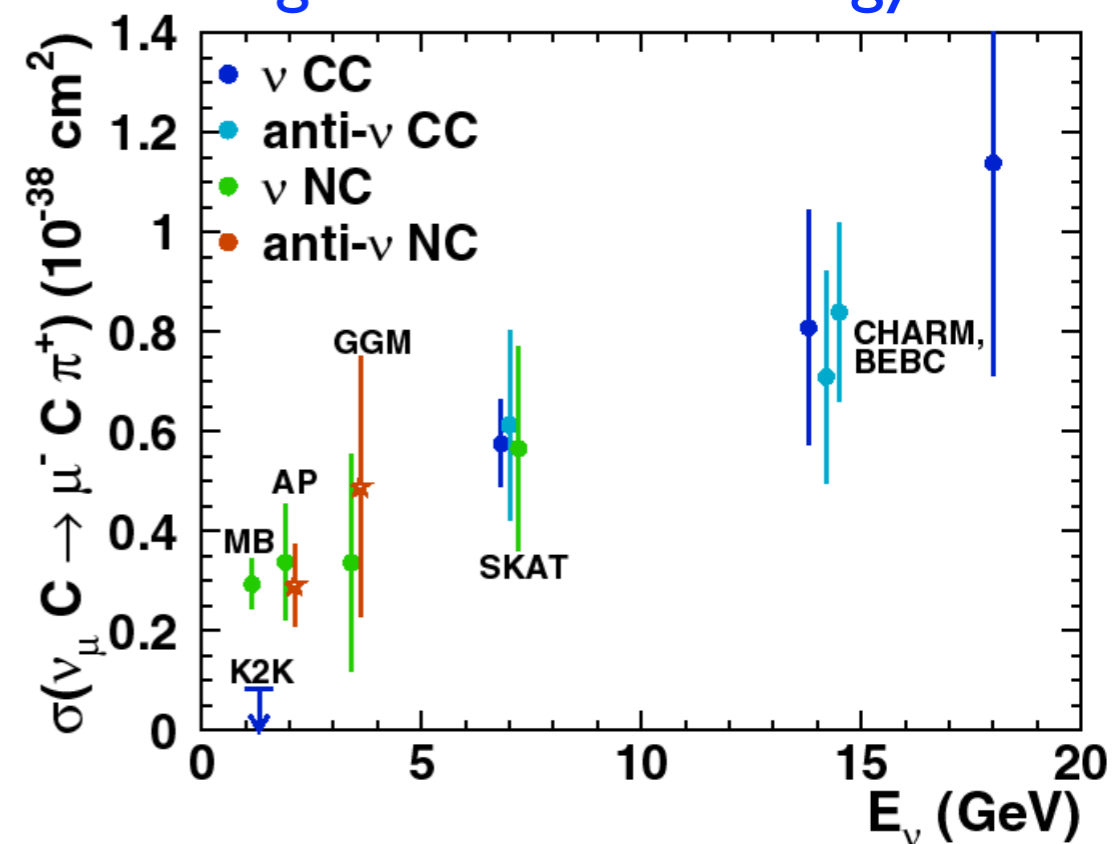
	MRD stopped Error ( $\times 10^{-2}$ )	MRD penetrated Error ( $\times 10^{-2}$ )
Detector response	+0.10 / -0.18	+0.18 / -0.18
Nuclear effect	+0.20 / -0.07	+0.19 / -0.09
Neutrino interaction model	+0.17 / -0.04	+0.08 / -0.04
Neutrino beam	+0.07 / -0.11	+0.27 / -0.13
Event selection	+0.07 / -0.14	+0.06 / -0.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>+0.30 / -0.27</b>	<b>+0.39 / -0.25</b>

# Discussion

## Comparison with theoretical models



## Other measurements at higher neutrino energy



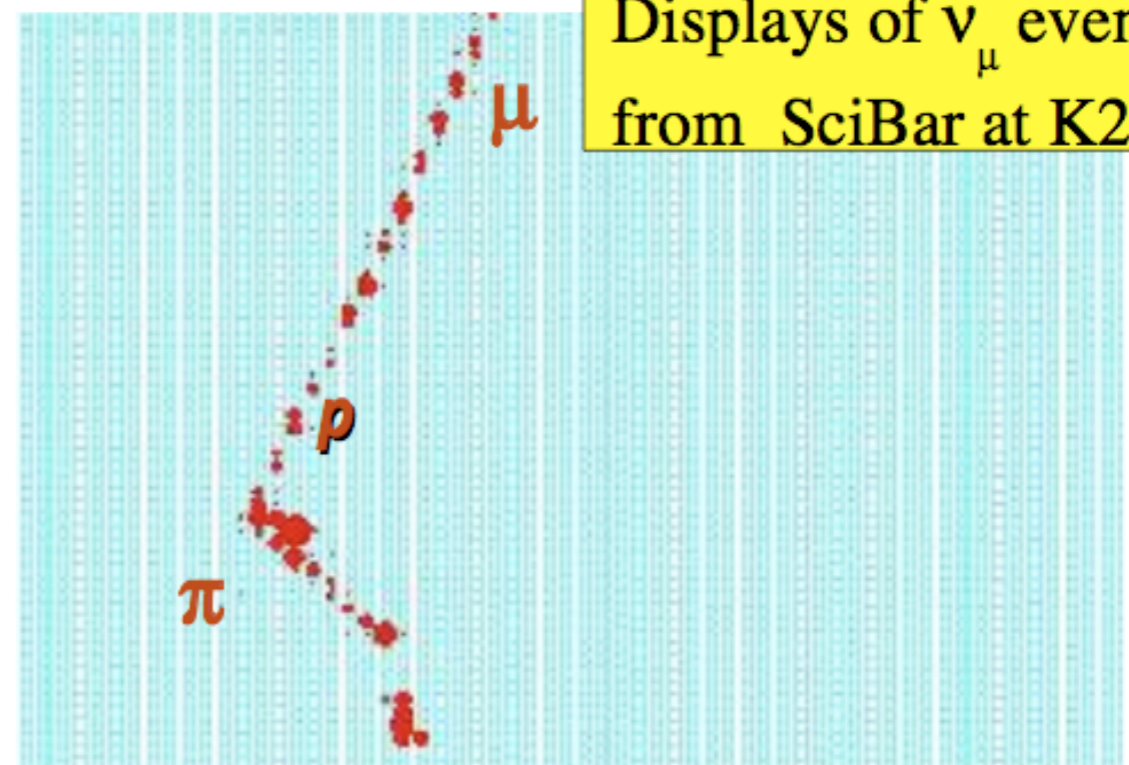
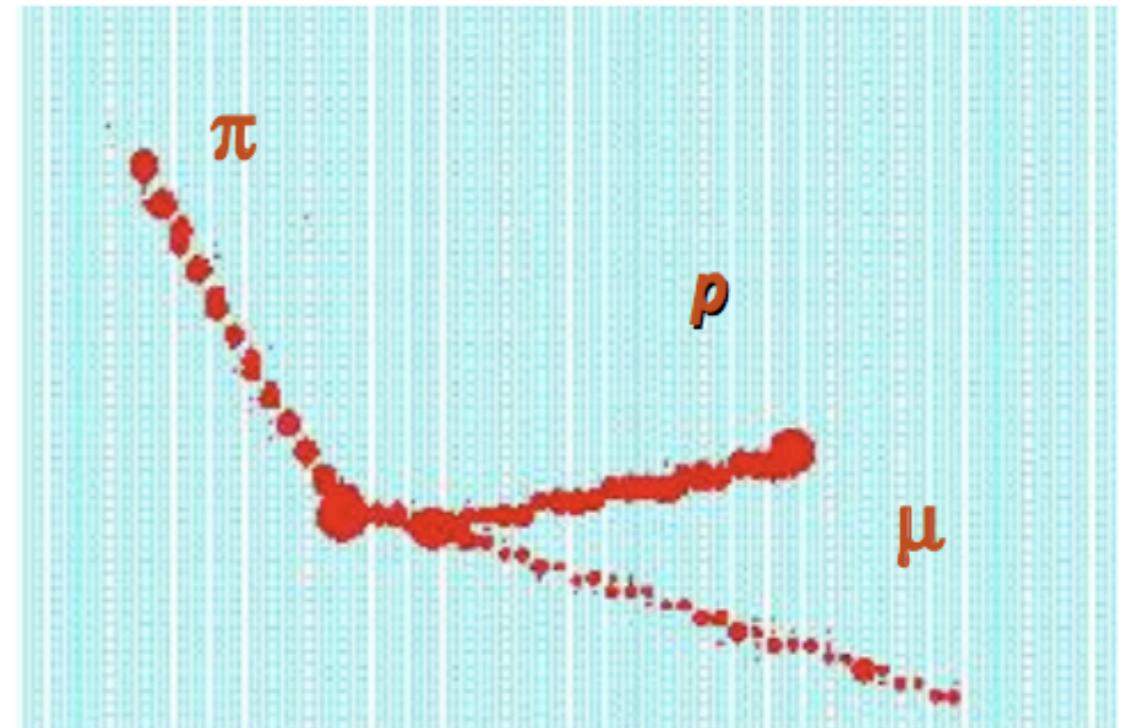
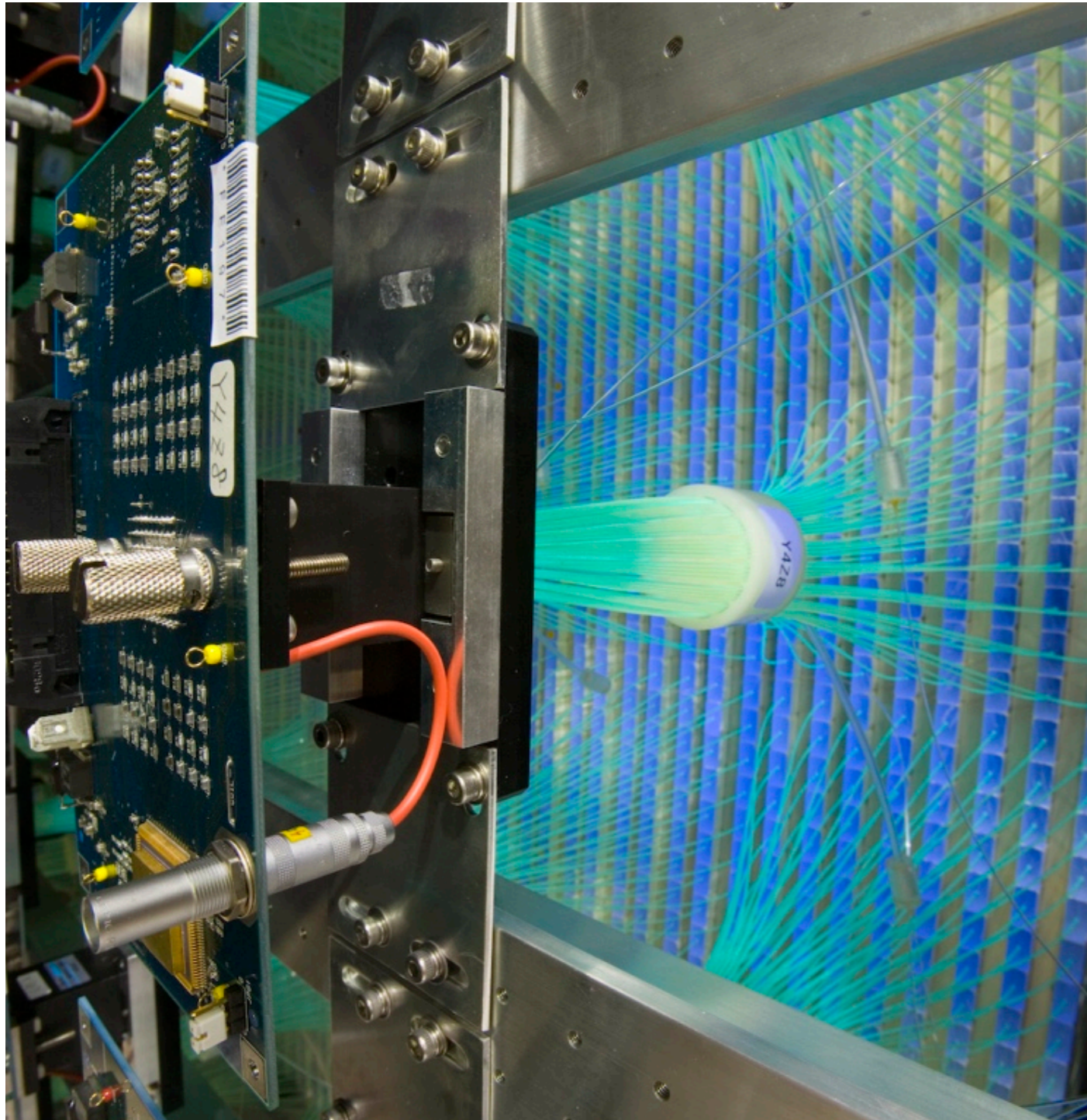
assuming

- $A^{2/3}$  dependence
- $\sigma(\text{CC coh}) = 2 * \sigma(\text{NC coh})$

*Measured upper limits on  $\sigma(\text{CC coherent } \pi) / \sigma(\text{CC})$  ratios are converted to upper limits on absolute cross sections by using  $\sigma(\text{CC})$  predicted by MC simulation*



# K2K SciBar CCI $\pi$

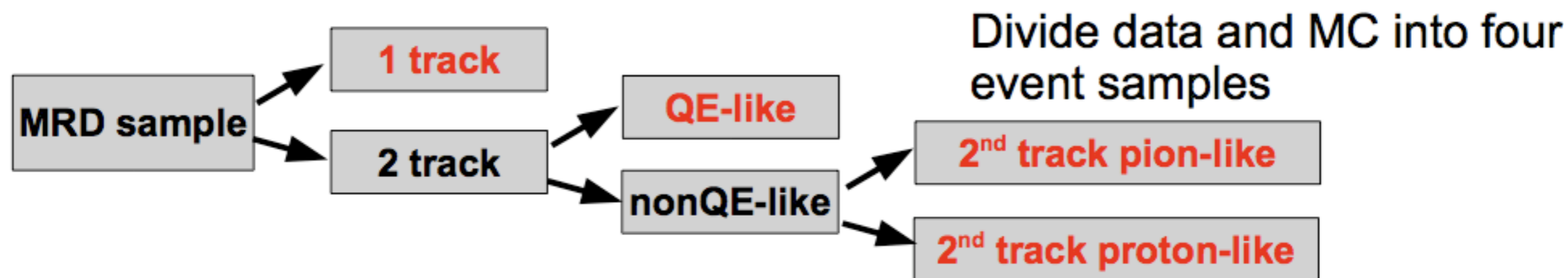


Displays of  $\nu_{\mu}$  events  
from SciBar at K2K

# Method and Goals

L.Whitehead, NuInt07

Bin the data using muon kinematic variables and perform a maximum likelihood fit based on Poisson statistics



MC events further divided based on:

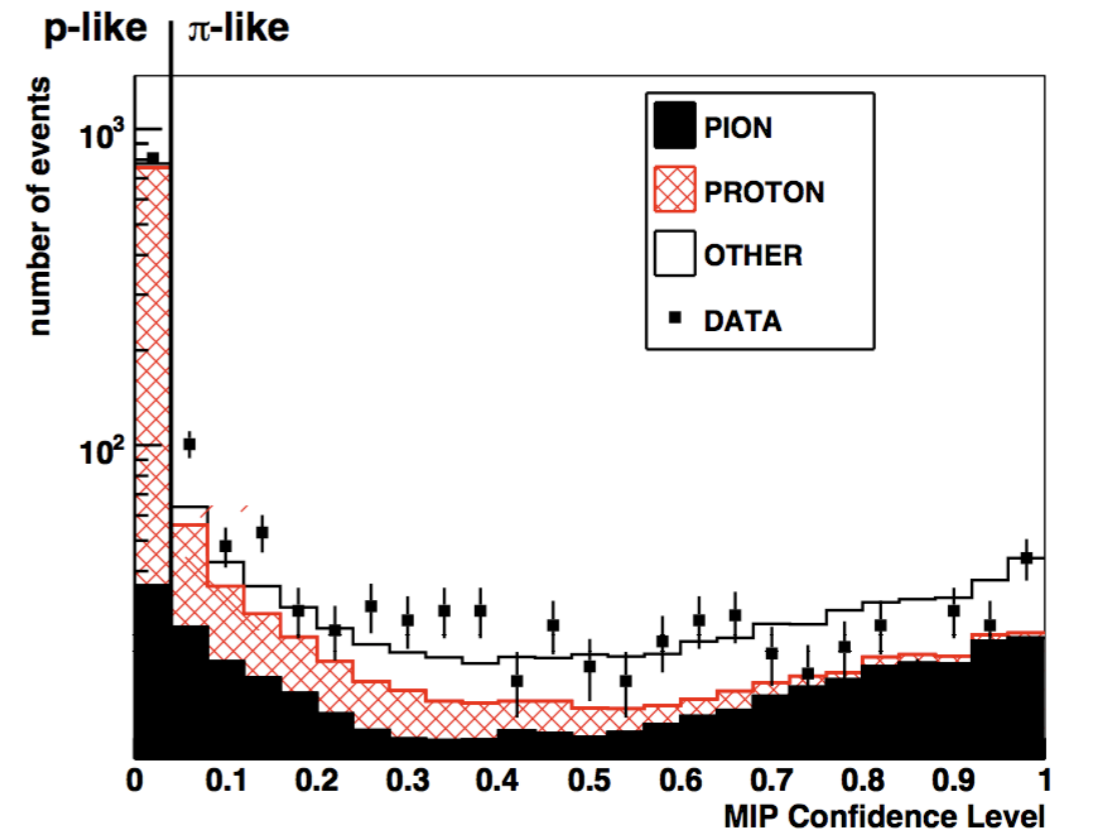
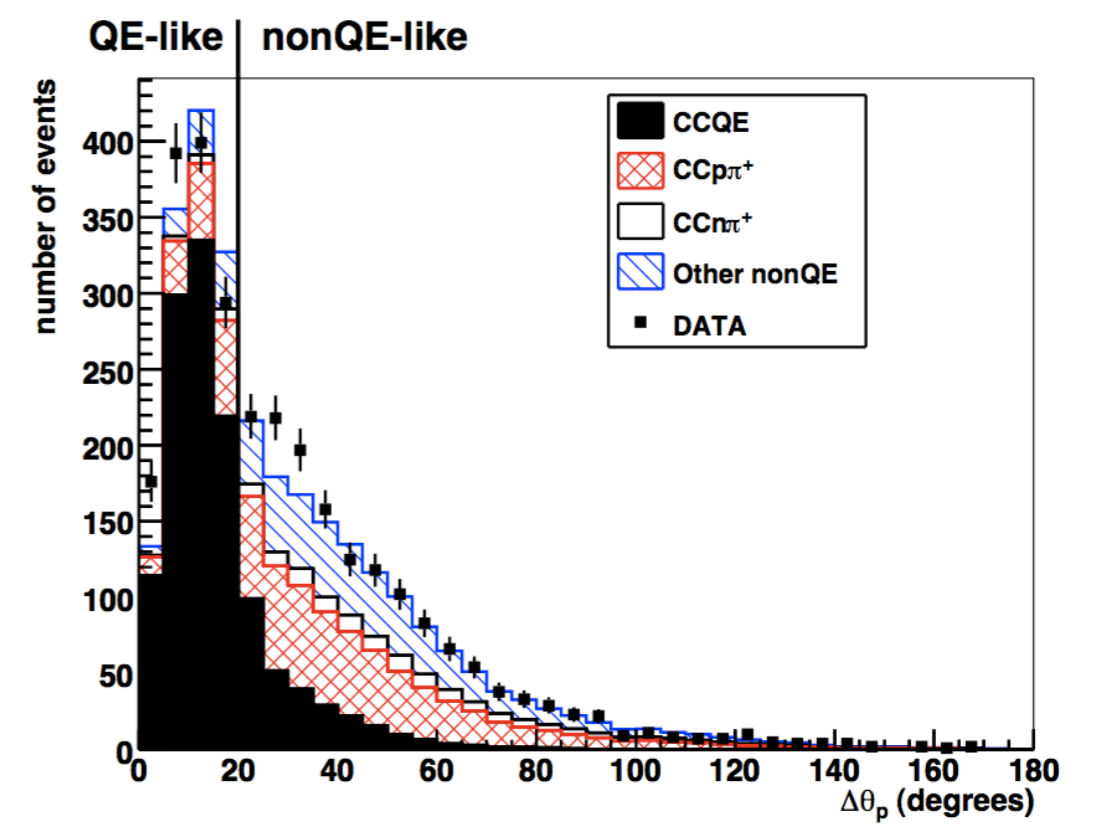
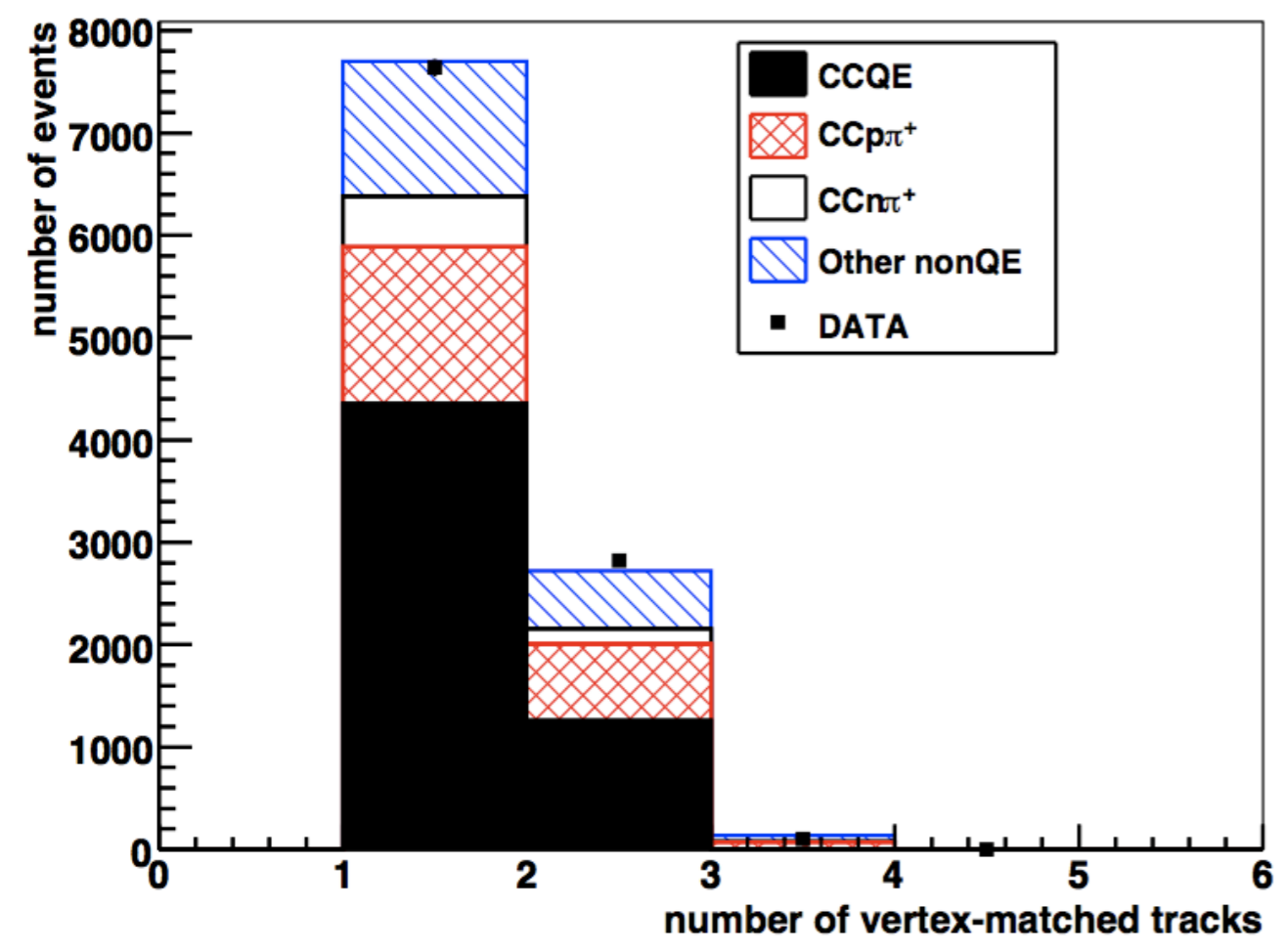
- **interaction type** – CCQE, CC1 $\pi^+$ , and background.
- **true neutrino energy**

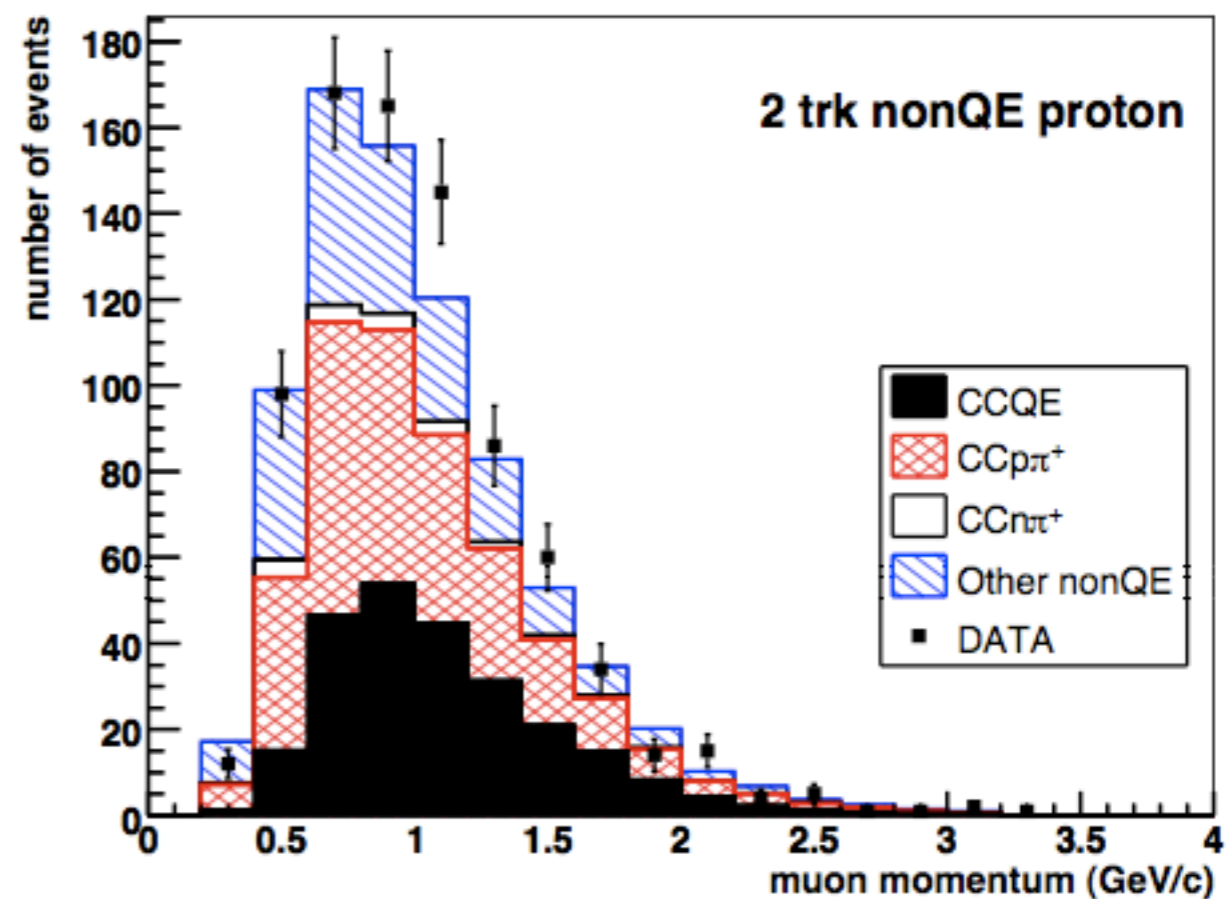
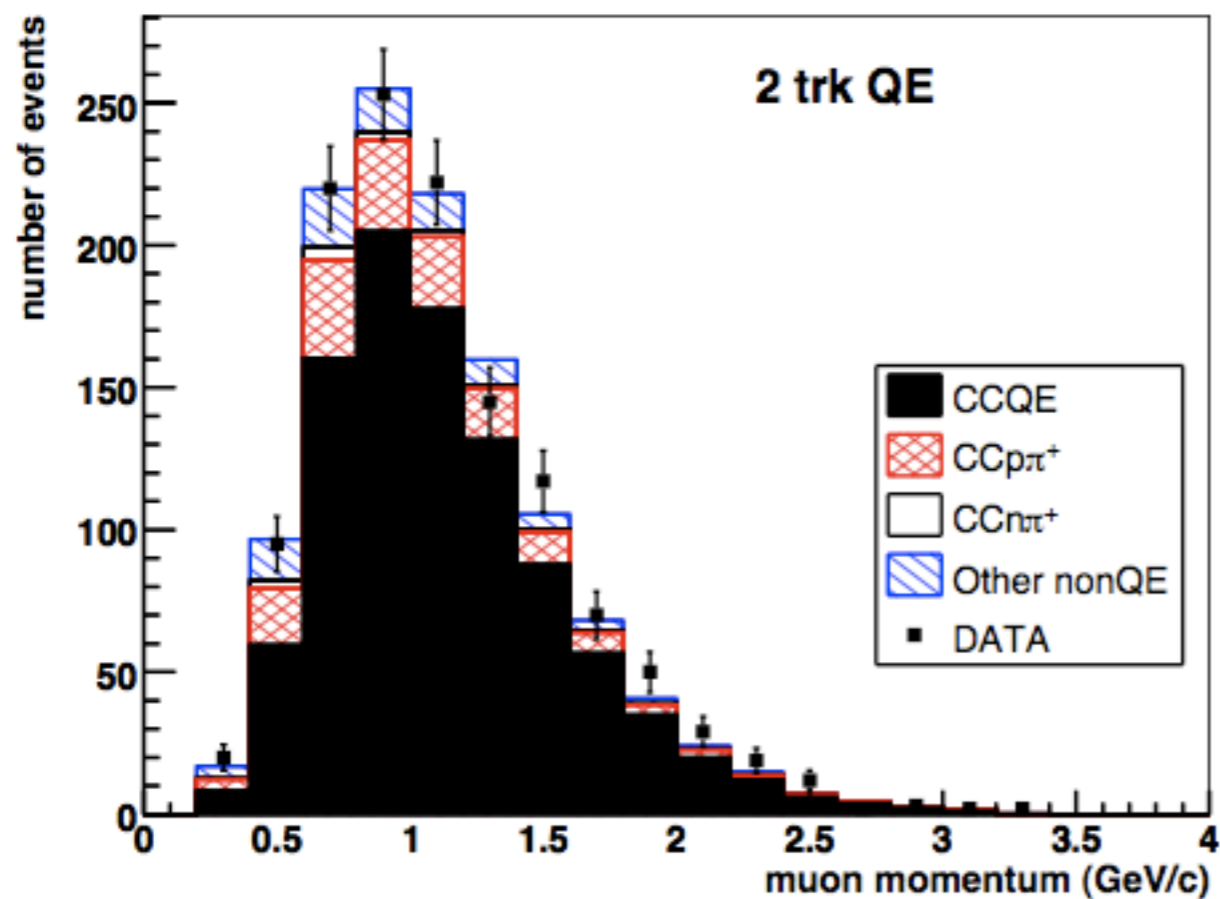
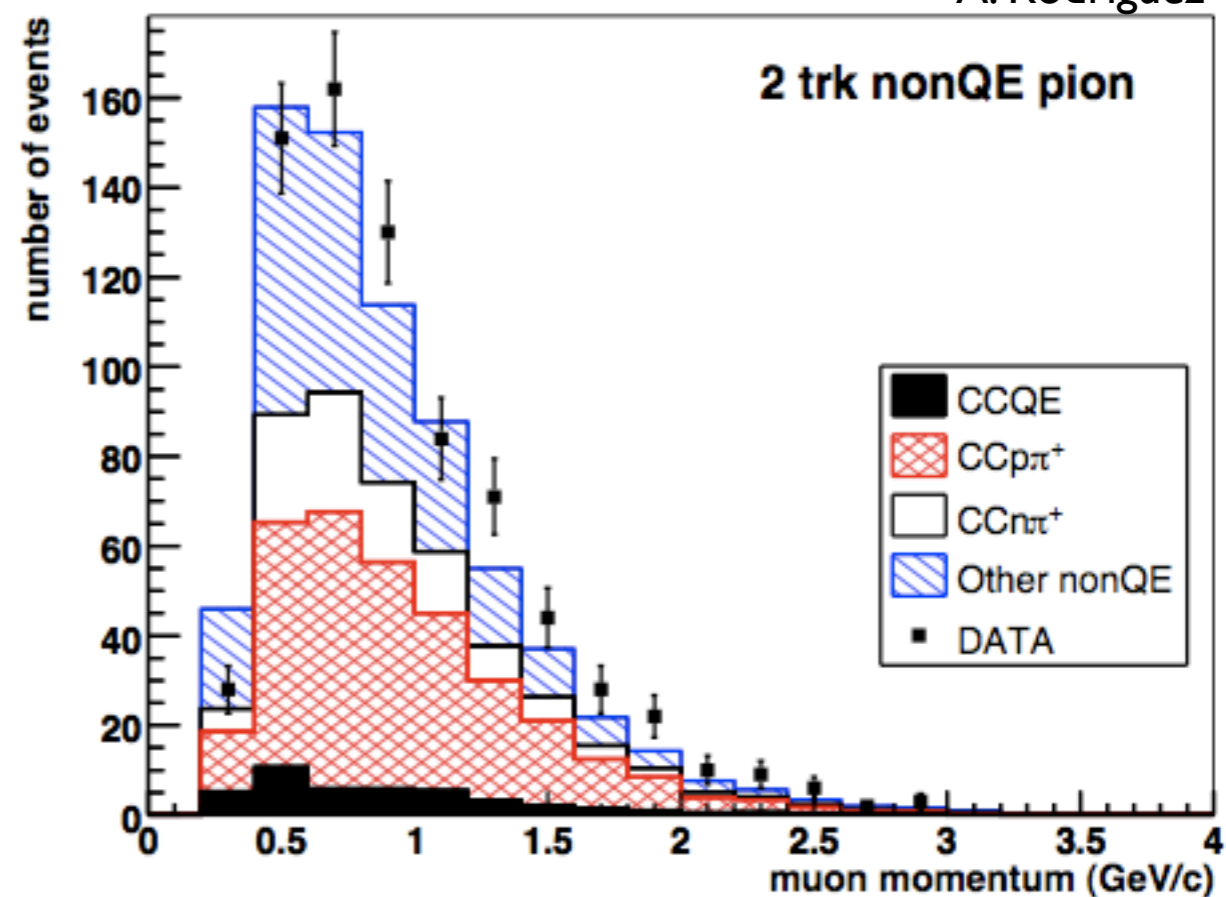
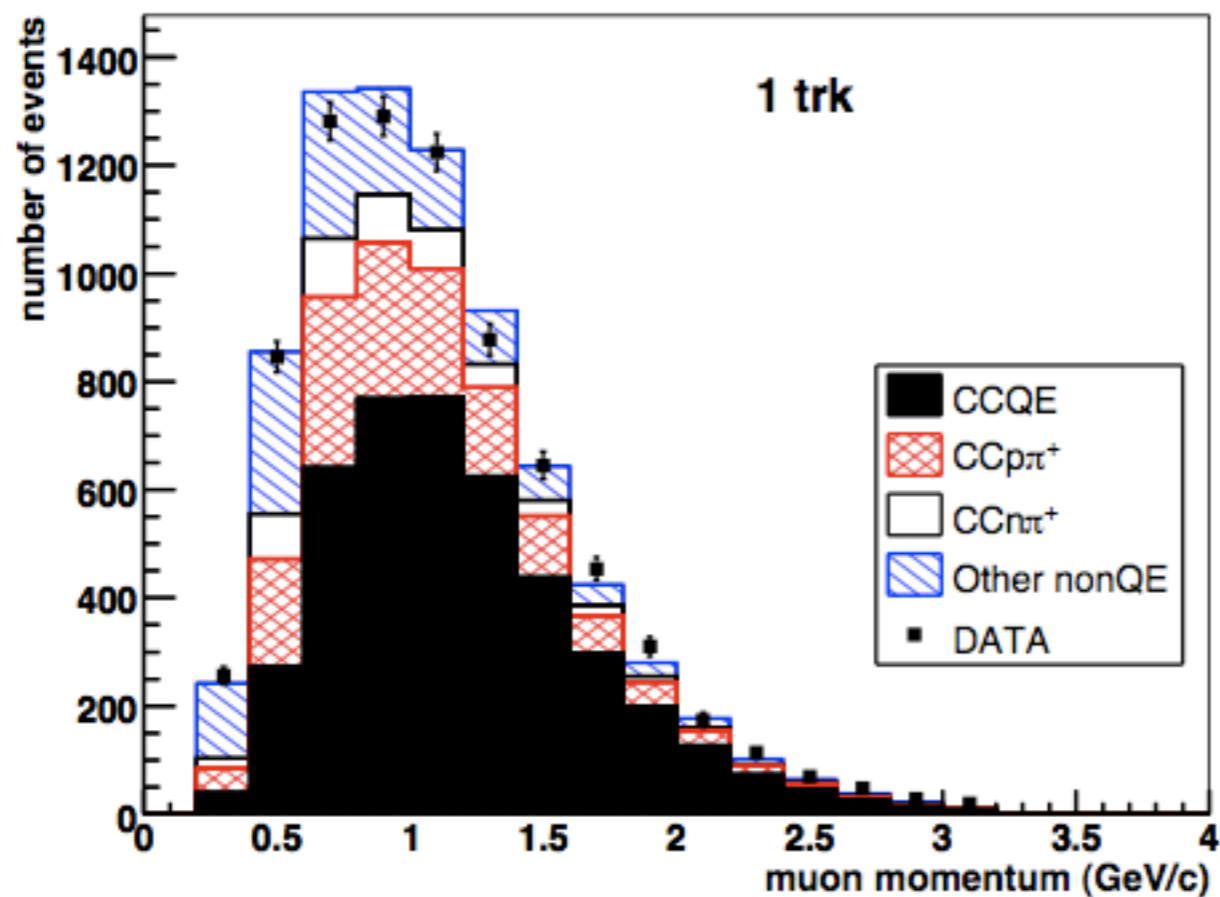
Data and MC binned in  **$p_\mu$  vs.  $\theta_\mu$  bins** (0.2 GeV/c,  $10^\circ$  bins)

Fit gives number of CCQE, CC1 $\pi^+$ , and bkgd. interactions in data relative to MC – can extract cross section ratio from this

# Event Selection

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# Fitting procedure

$$F = 2 \sum_{i,j} \left[ N_{i,j}^{exp} - N_{i,j}^{obs} + N_{i,j}^{obs} \ln \frac{N_{i,j}^{obs}}{N_{i,j}^{exp}} \right]$$

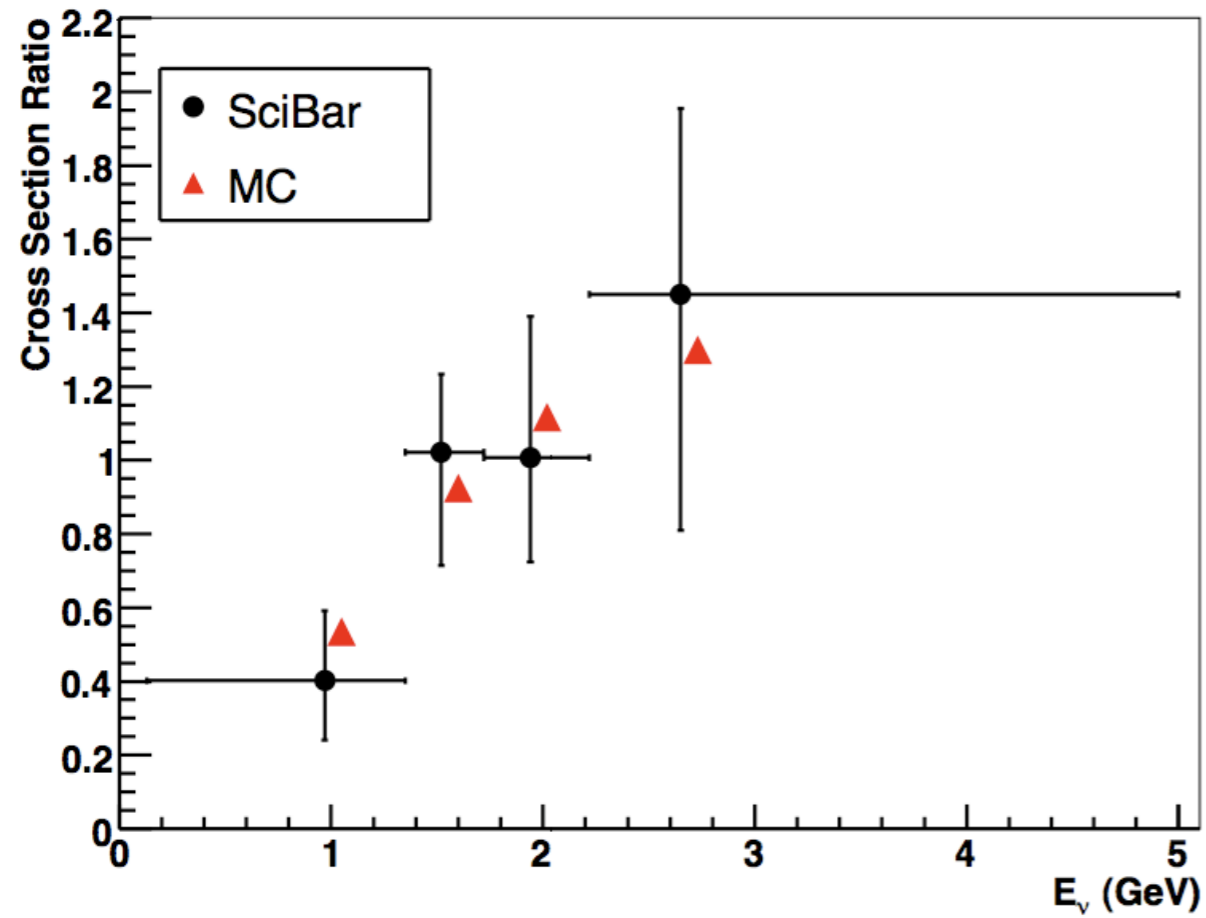
$i = p_{\mu}, \theta_{\mu}$  bins  
 $j =$  data samples

$$N_{i,j}^{exp} = \alpha \left[ N_{i,j}^{CCQE} + \sum_k (R_k^{CC1\pi^+} N_{i,j,k}^{CC1\pi^+}) + R^{OtherNonQE} N_{i,j}^{OtherNonQE} \right],$$

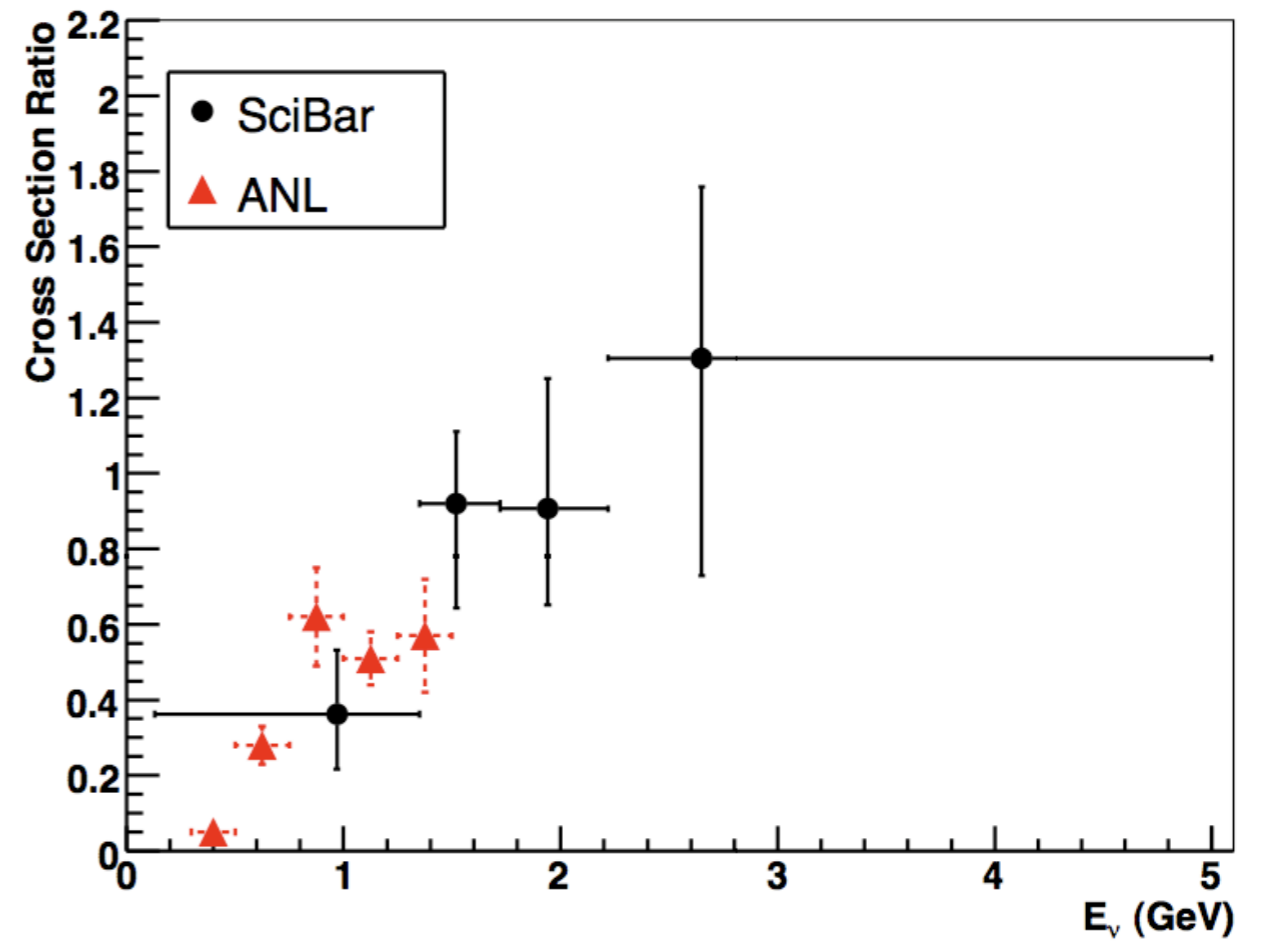
$\alpha, R^{CC1\pi^+},$   
 $R^{OtherNonQE}, p^{sc}$   
 are free  
 parameters in fit

# Results

$\sigma^{\text{CC}1\pi^+}/\sigma^{\text{CCQE}}$



$\sigma^{\text{CC}1\pi^+}/\sigma^{\text{CCQE}}$



A. Rodriguez

# Systematics

Condition	$\Delta R_0$	$\Delta R_1$	$\Delta R_2$	$\Delta R_3$
<b>Nuclear</b>				
$\pi$ absorption	+0.023 +0.068	+0.007 -0.052	+0.128 +0.101	+0.197 -0.010
$\pi$ scattering	+0.032 +0.013	+0.069 -0.173	+0.154 +0.026	+0.013 -0.231
$p$ rescattering	-0.071 +0.025	-0.119 -0.019	-0.065 +0.059	-0.141 -0.086
Fermi momentum	$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.021$	$\pm 0.008$	$\pm 0.029$
<b>Other</b>				
$M_A^{QE}$	-0.038 +0.017	-0.053 +0.048	-0.032 +0.021	-0.276 +0.271
Bodek & Yang	+0.007 -0.013	+0.006 -0.021	+0.020 -0.032	-0.053 -0.044
$E_\nu$ Spectrum	+0.083 -0.078	+0.060 -0.080	+0.188 -0.164	+0.040 -0.221
Crosstalk	+0.024 +0.087	+0.031 -0.079	+0.103 +0.075	+0.052 -0.216
PMT 1 p.e. Resolution	-0.005 -0.017	+0.011 -0.025	+0.025 -0.003	-0.018 -0.083
Birks' Constant	+0.010 +0.044	-0.024 +0.047	-0.005 +0.099	-0.054 -0.135
Hit Threshold	$\pm 0.014$	$\pm 0.045$	$\pm 0.012$	$\pm 0.168$
Angular Resolution	$\pm 0.013$	$\pm 0.001$	$\pm 0.022$	$\pm 0.039$
MC Statistics	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.015$	$\pm 0.017$	$\pm 0.037$
<b>Total</b>	+0.153 -0.116	+0.130 -0.258	+0.319 -0.185	+0.386 -0.552

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# Future Measurements

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- MiniBooNE CCI  $\pi$ /  
CCQE ratio
- MiniBooNE CCI  $\pi$   
differential cross section
- New fitter
- SciBooNE CCI  $\pi$   
inclusive/exclusive cross  
section

