CCQE Results from MINERvA NuInt 2012

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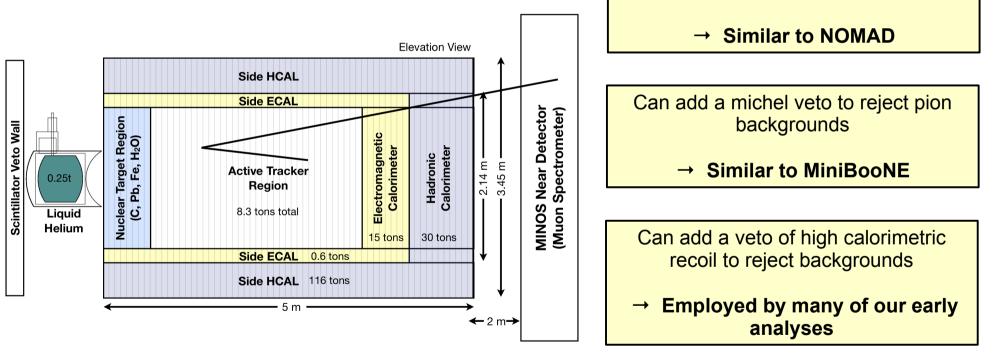
- MINERvA QE Analysis Strategies
- Challenges to Reconstructing QE at MINERVA
- Quasi-elastic Analyses
 - One-Track Anti-Neutrino
 - One-Track Neutrino
 - Two-Track Neutrino (Targets)
- Conclusions/Outlook





Can reconstruct one or two tracks

The MINERvA detector offers a wealth of possibilities for quasielastic reconstruction:



Another analysis choice:

Can reconstruct muons in MINERvA + MINOS

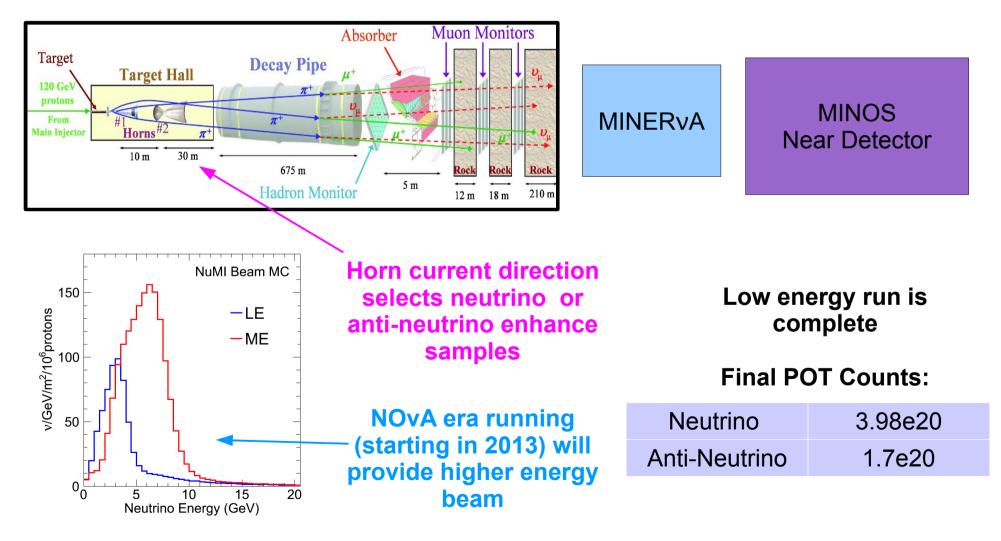
- → Good momentum & charge measurement, but narrow angular acceptance Or can reconstruct muons in MINERvA only
- → Poorer momentum (and no charge) measurement but good angular acceptance

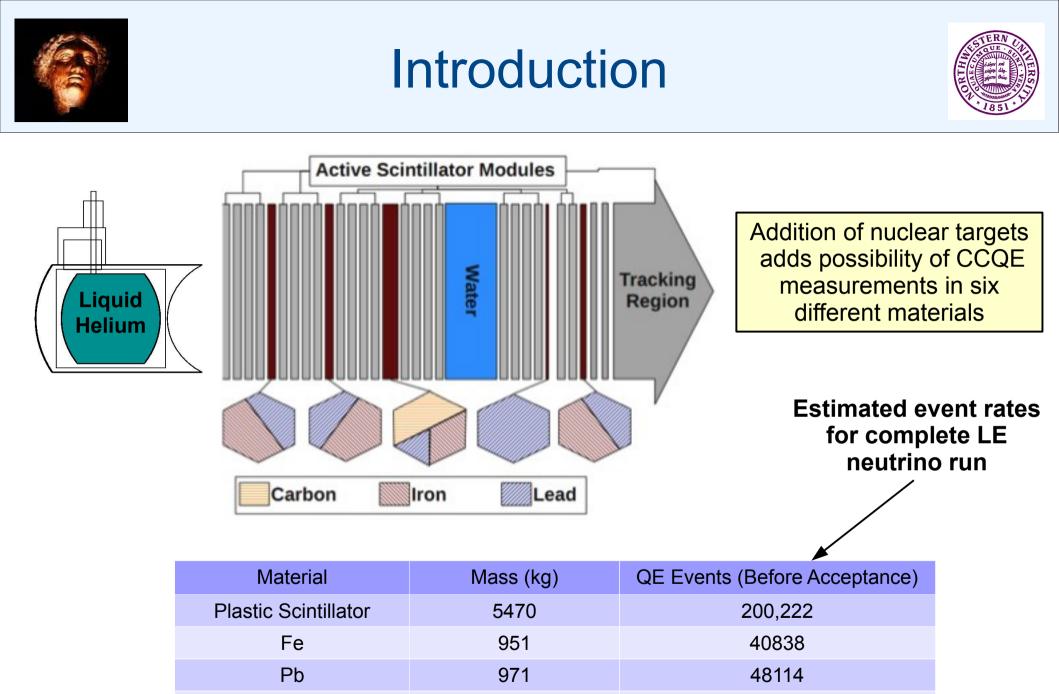
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The NuMI beam line also offers various options:





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- Multiple reconstruction methods + Multiple beam configurations + multiple target nuclei = dozens of potential MINERvA CCQE analyses
 - But we have to start somewhere!
 - At NuInt 2011, we premiered our first QE analysis:

Beam	Target	Muon Rec	Number of Tracks	Background Supression
LE anti-nu	Scintillator	MINERvA + MINOS	1	Calorimetric recoil

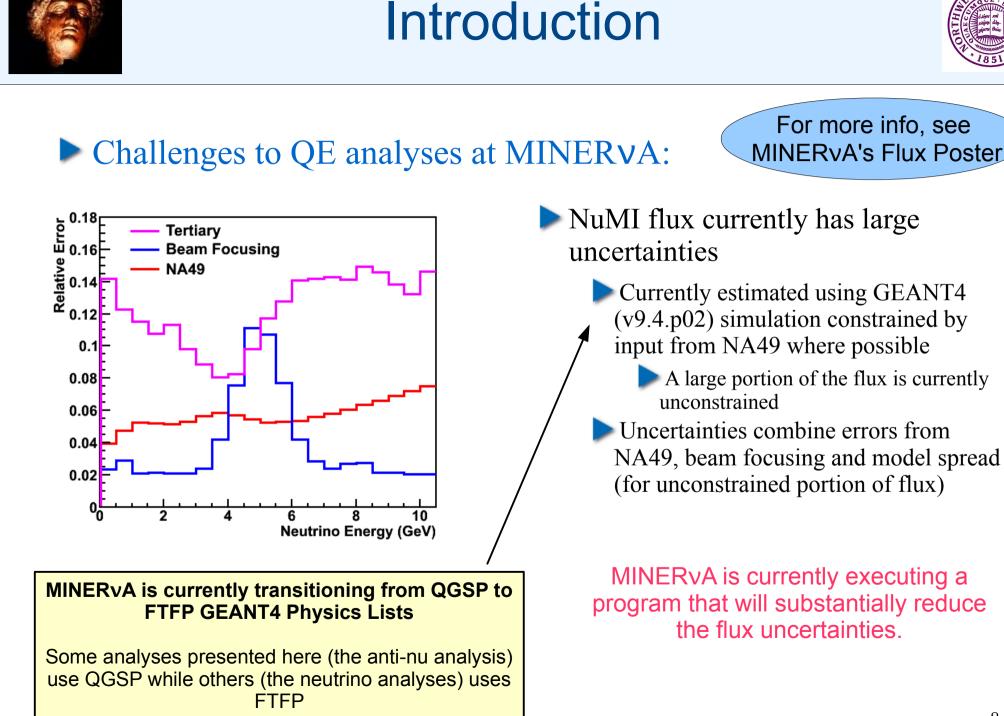




Today we are proud to present results from three QE analyses

- An update to our initial QE result w/ unfolded $d\sigma/dQ^2$
- Plus two new analyses

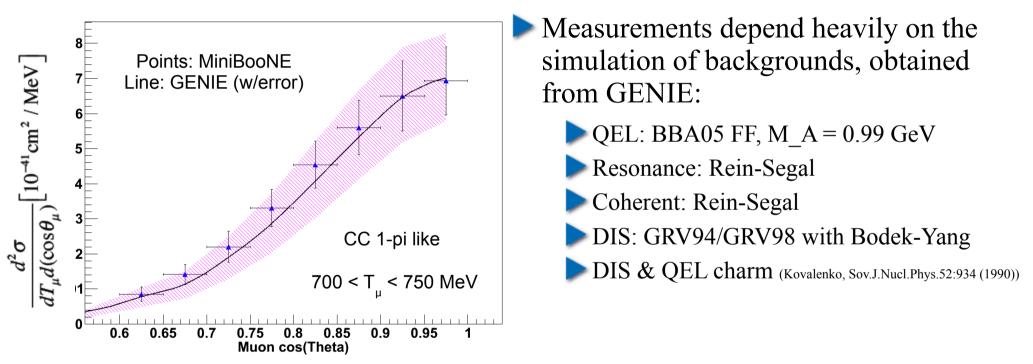
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LE nu	Fe, Pb, C	All	2	Recoil + Kinematics



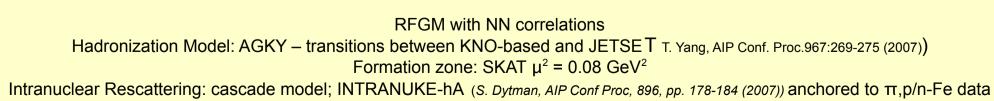




Challenges to QE analyses at MINERvA:



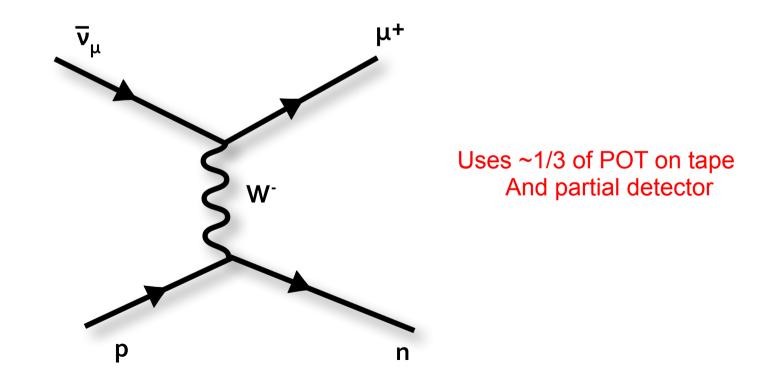
Nuclear Model



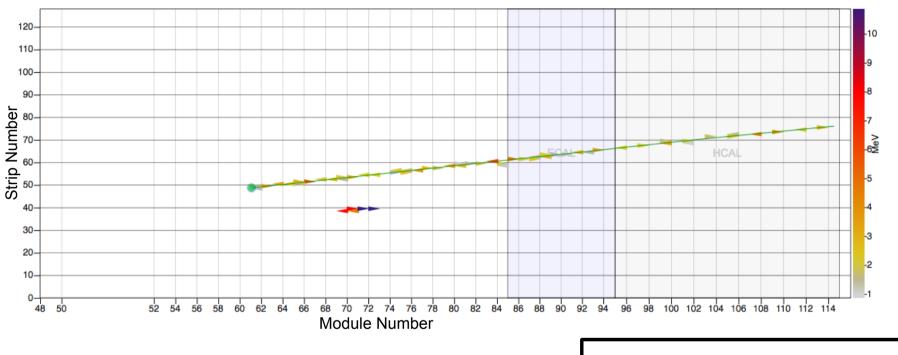




Anti-Neutrino CCQE Analysis

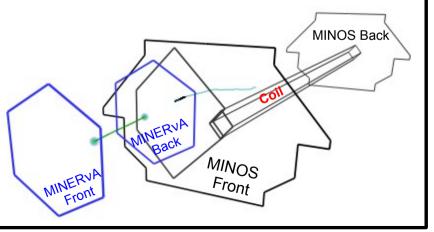






Start by reconstructing a track in MINERvA

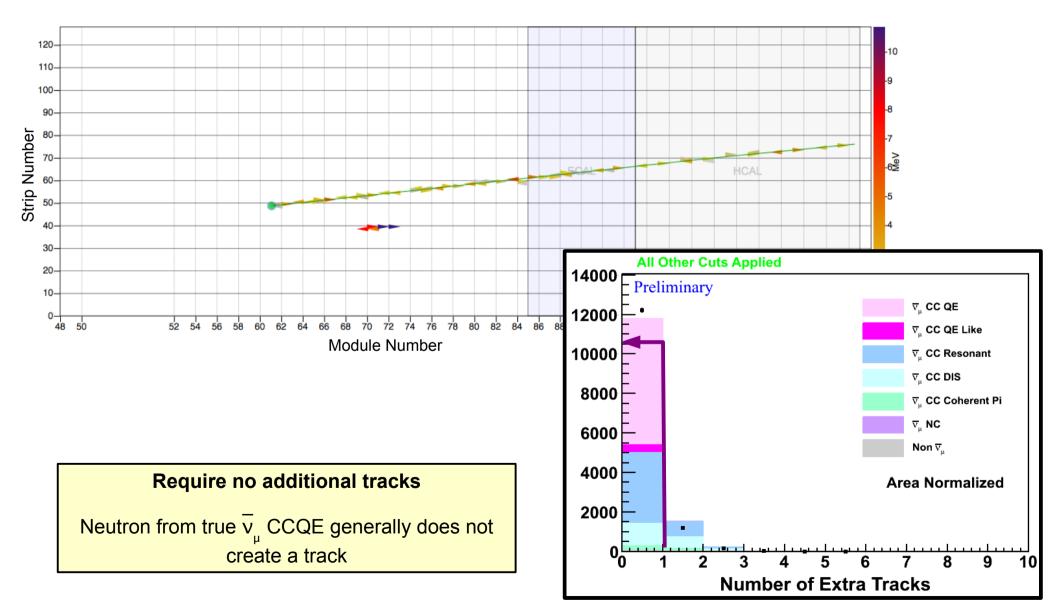
Must be matched to a track in MINOS with positive charge





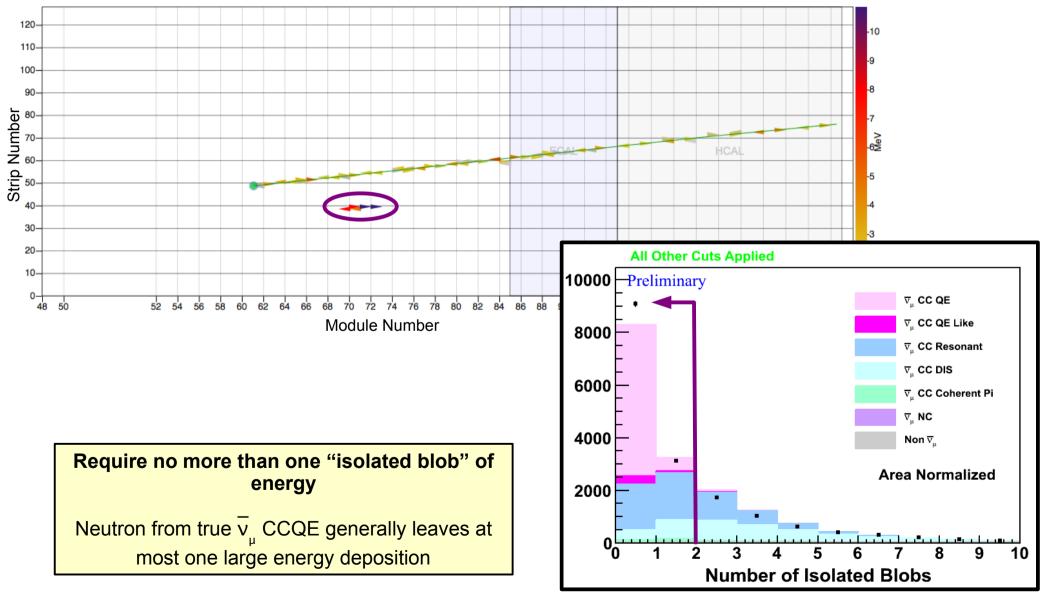
 v_{μ} CCQE Analysis







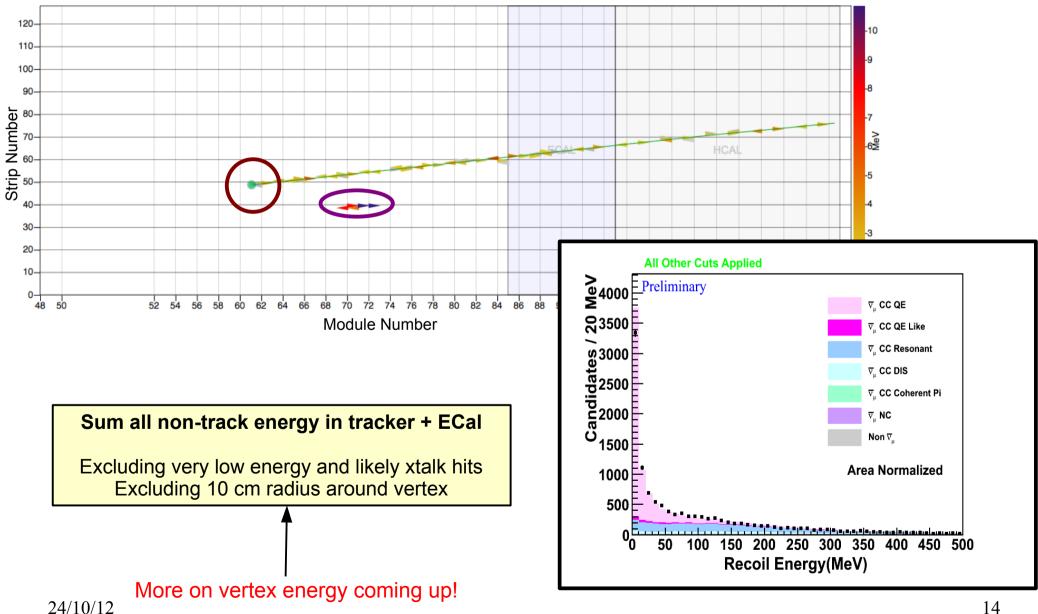




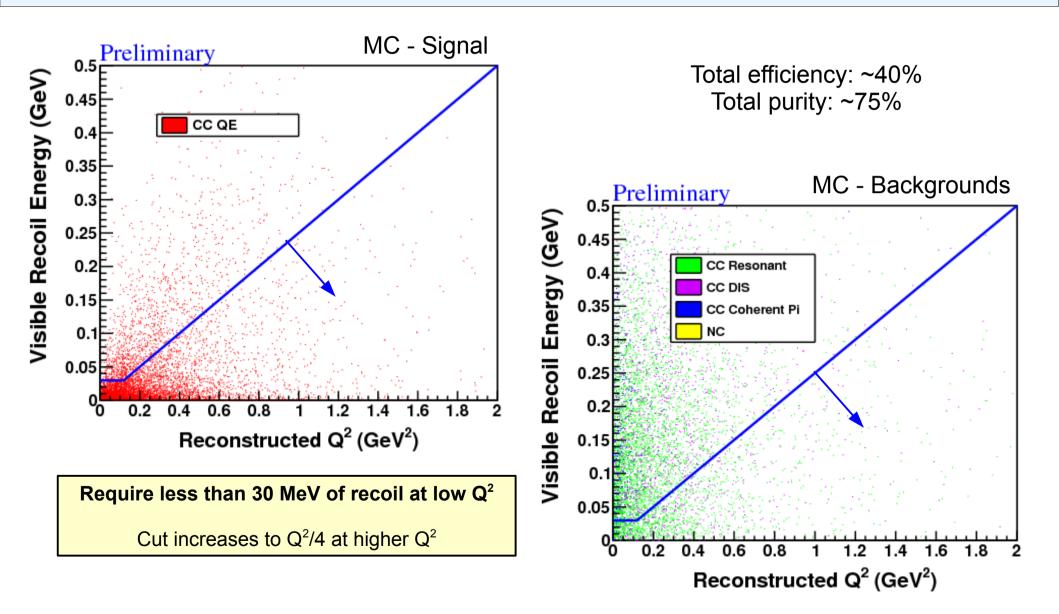


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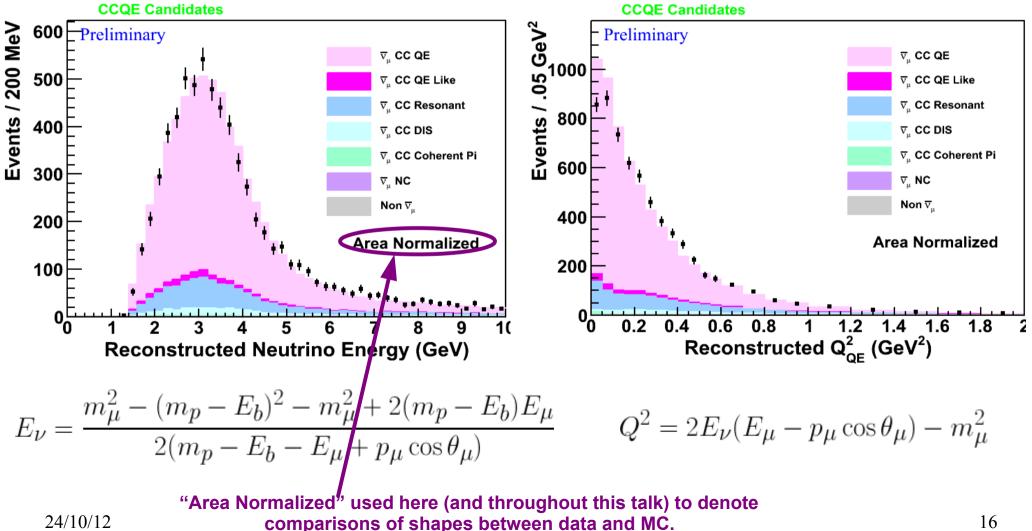




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Neutrino energy and Q2 in the final sample:



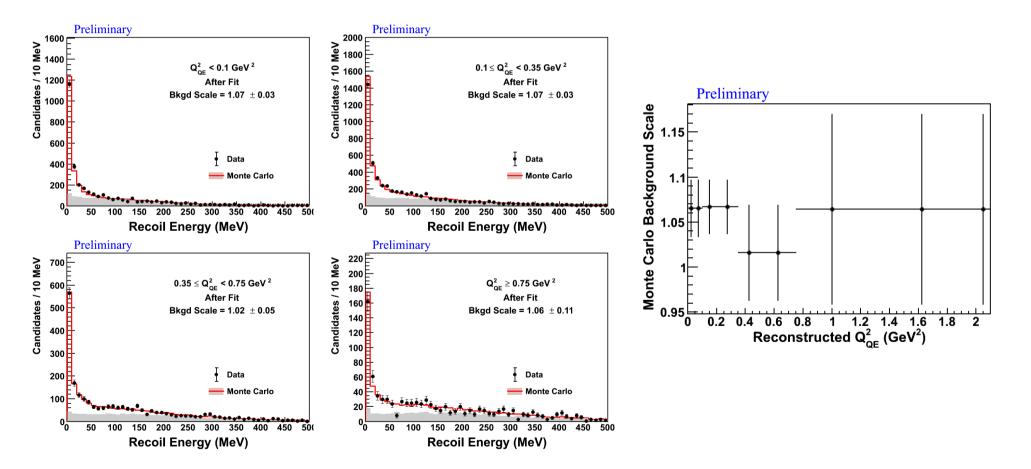
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Background levels are estimated by fitting recoil distributions:

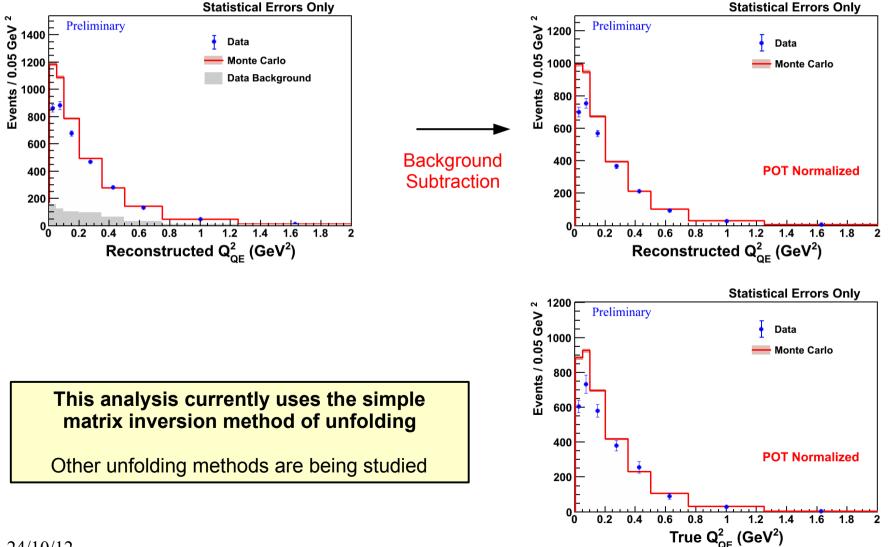






Unfolding

Background Subtracted Distributions are unfolded::

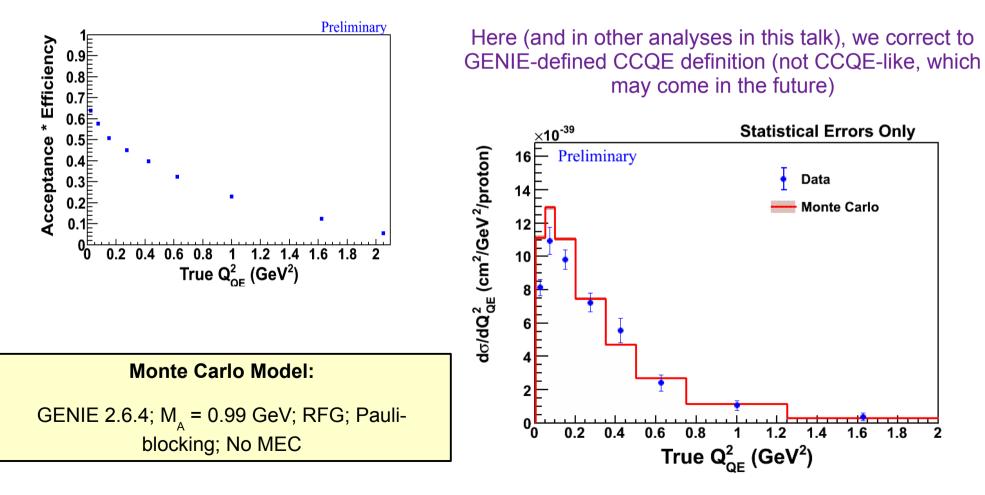


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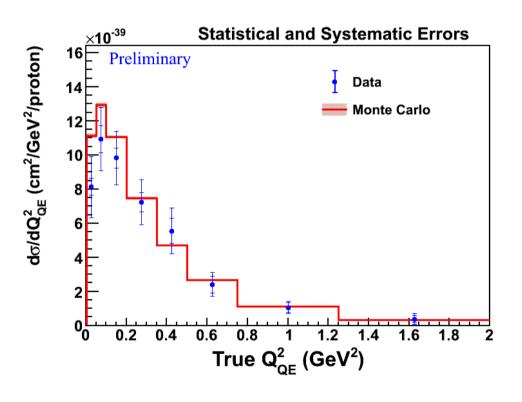
Unfolded distributions are normalized by efficiency, flux & proton number to produce final cross-sections:



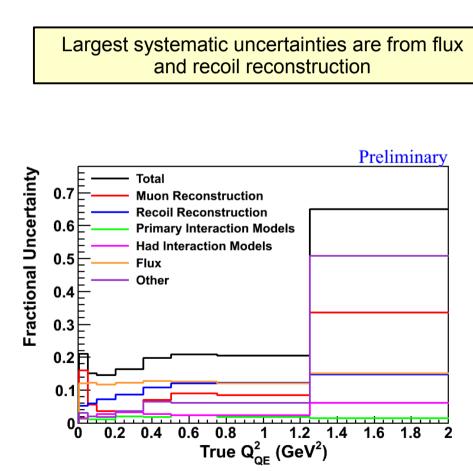




We have also made a first estimate systematic uncertainties:

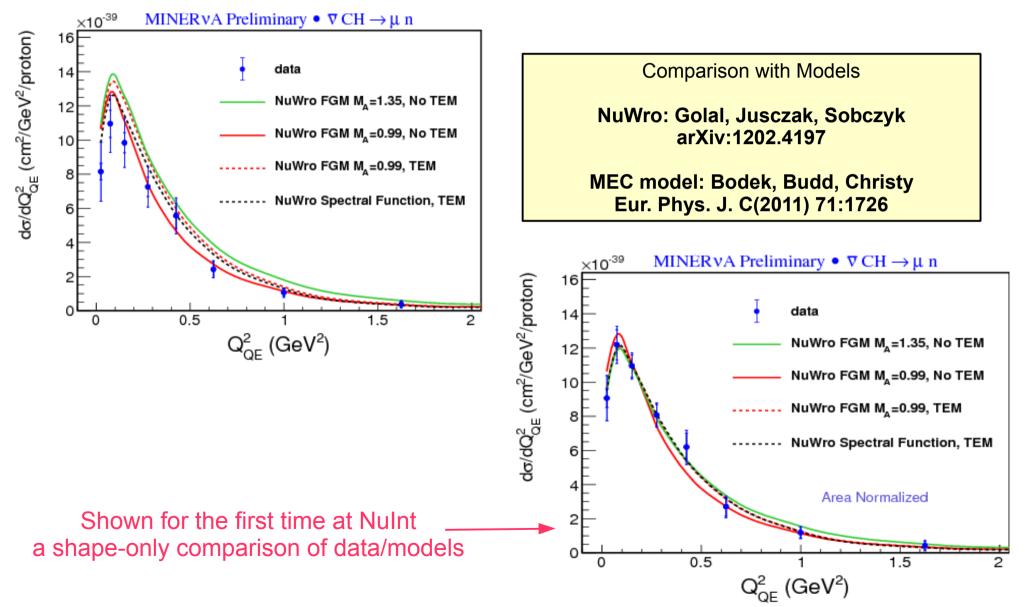


We expect nearly all systematics to be significantly lower in the future





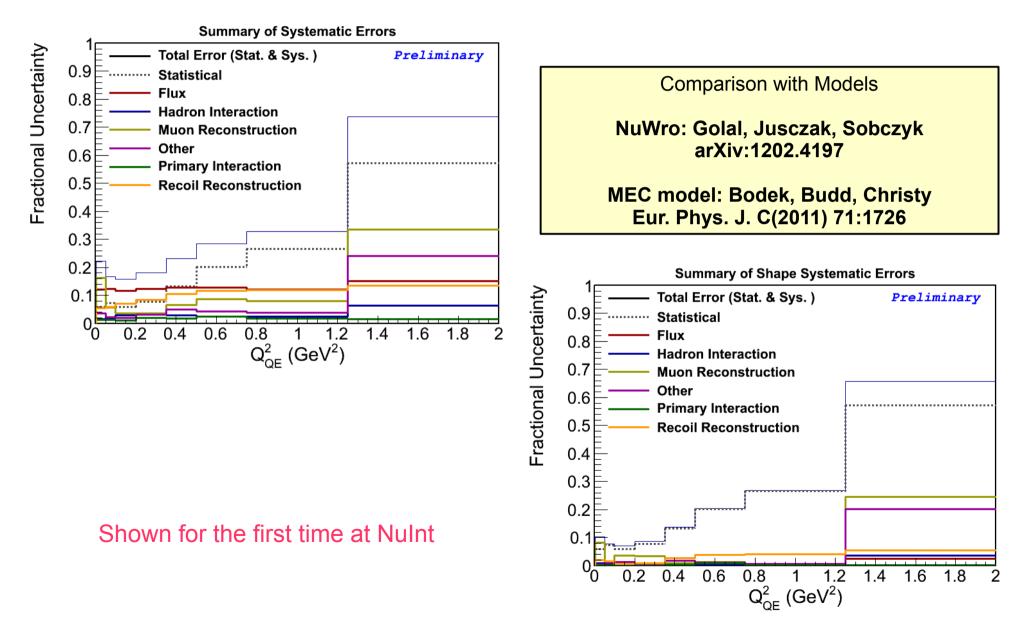




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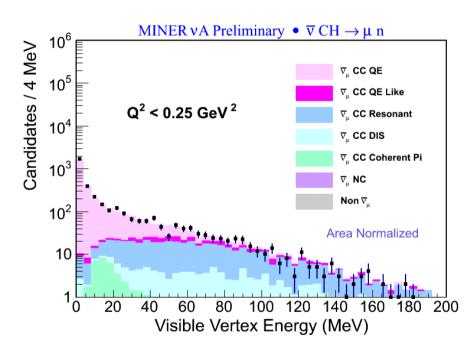




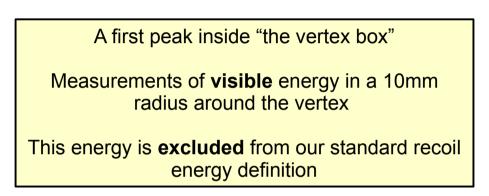


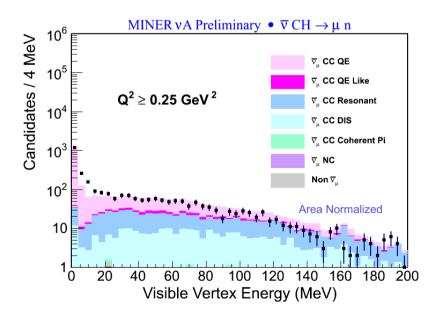


Also new for NuInt



Data agrees well with GENIE at low Q², but has excess in 0-20 GeV region at high Q²

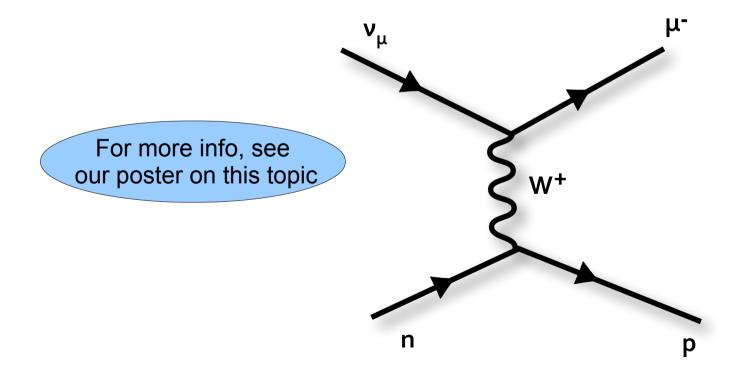




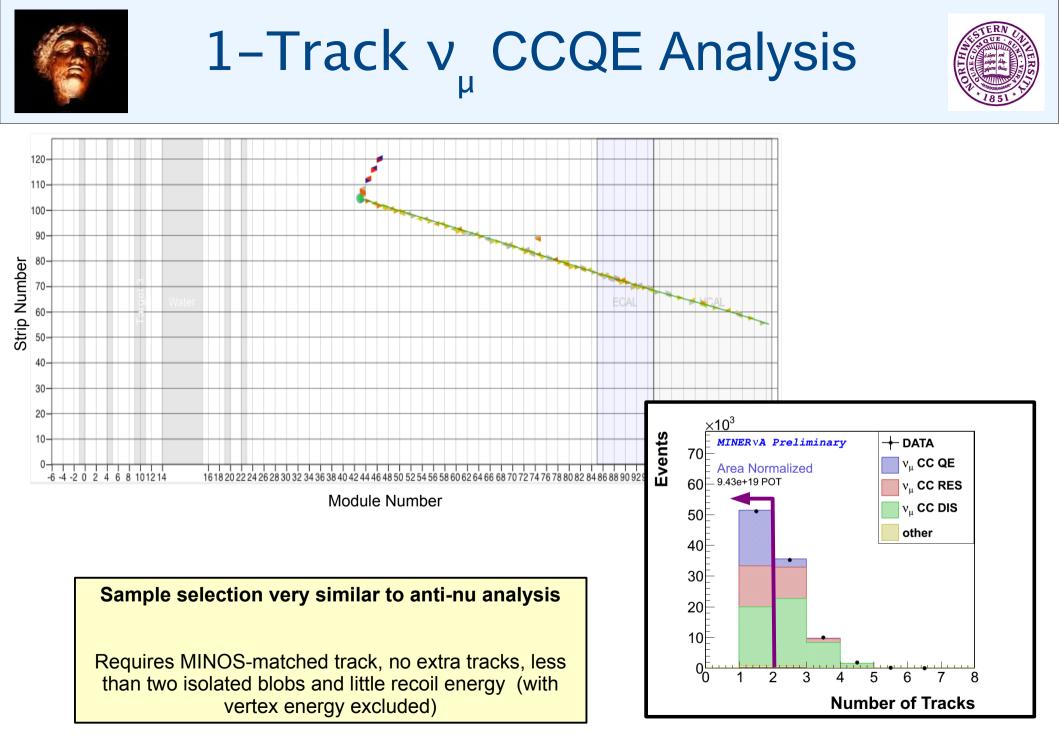




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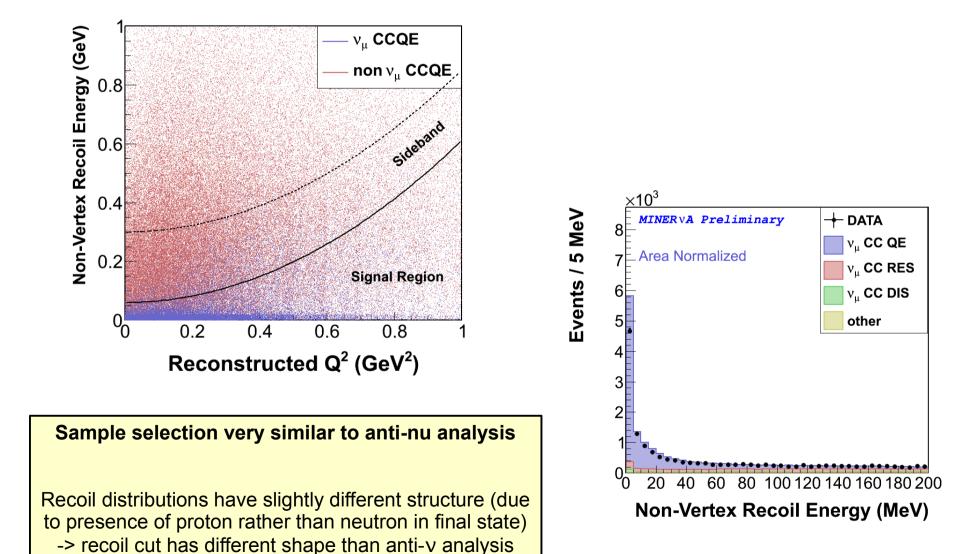
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1–Track v_{μ} CCQE Analysis



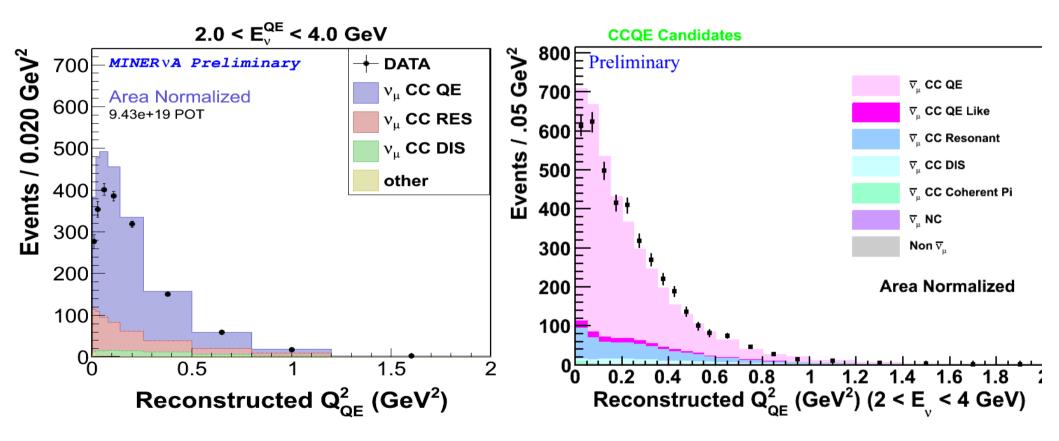




1-Track v CCQE Analysis



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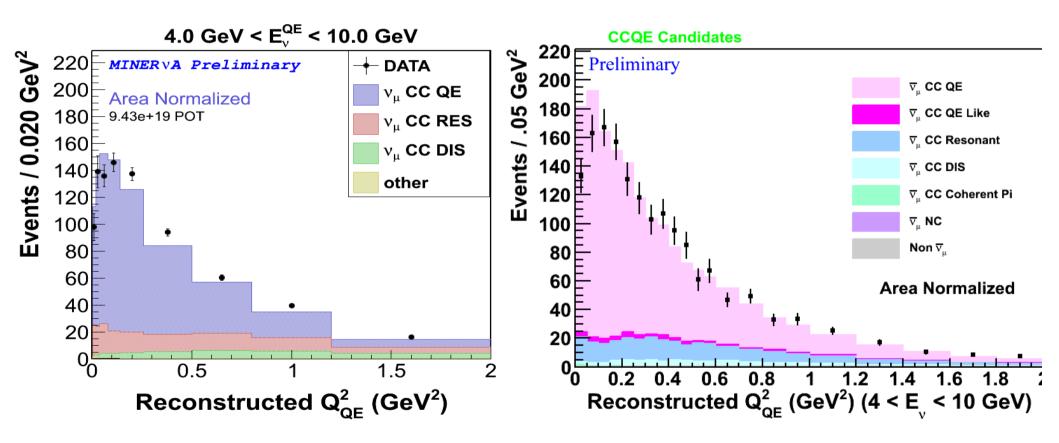




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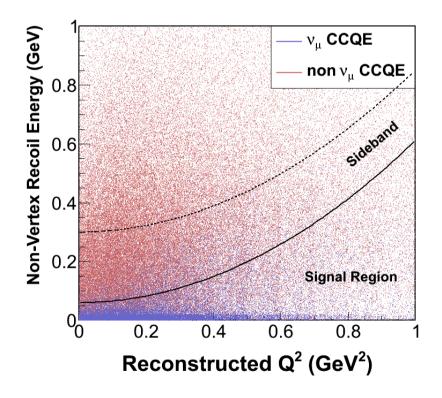


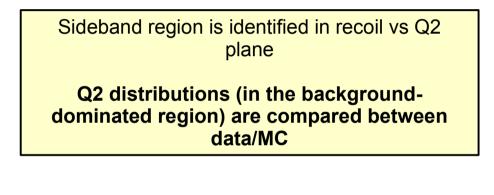


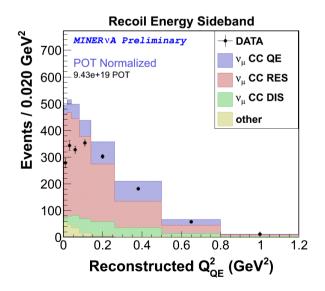
1–Track v_{μ} CCQE Analysis



Background estimates are estimated slightly differently:





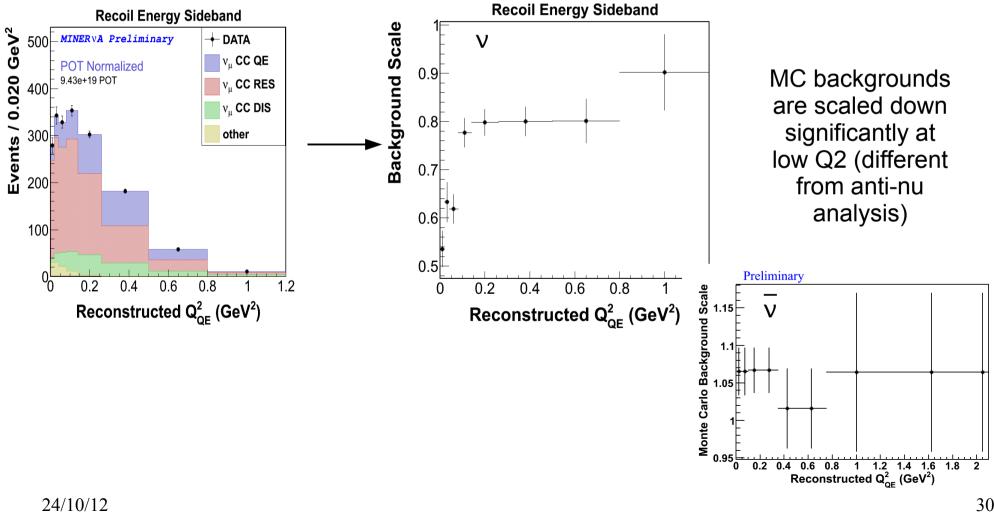




1-Track v. CCQE Analysis



MC backgrounds are scaled so that MC and data match perfectly:

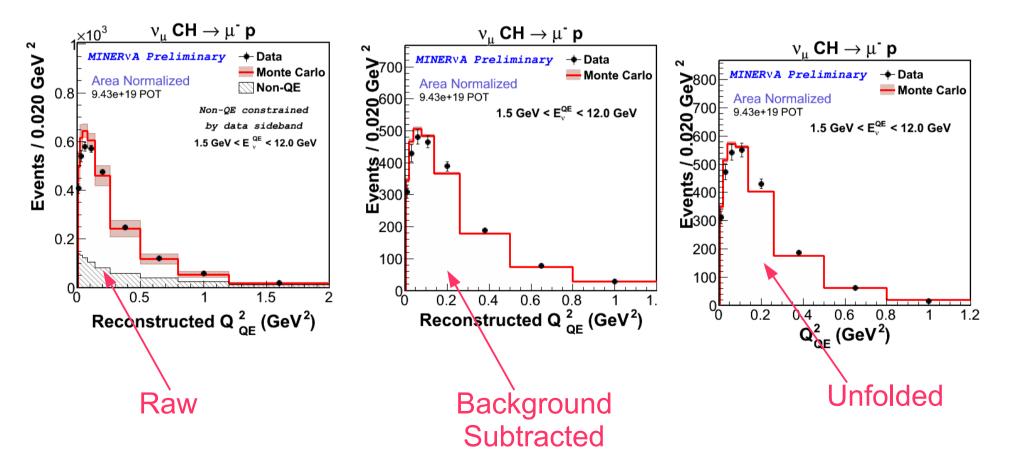




1–Track $\nu_{_{\mu}}$ CCQE Analysis



Unfolding method is also different than anti-nu analysis – the numode analysis uses iterative Bayesian unfolding:

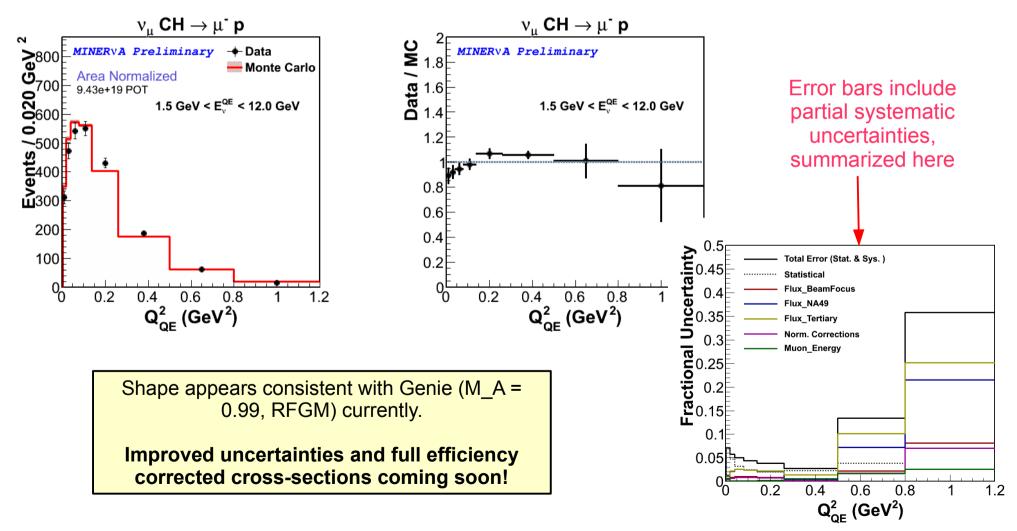




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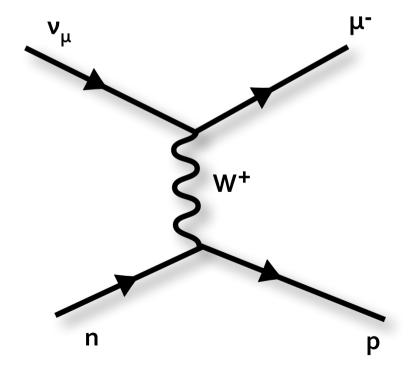
A closer look at the unfolded distribution:







2-Track Neutrino CCQE in Iron, Lead and Carbon

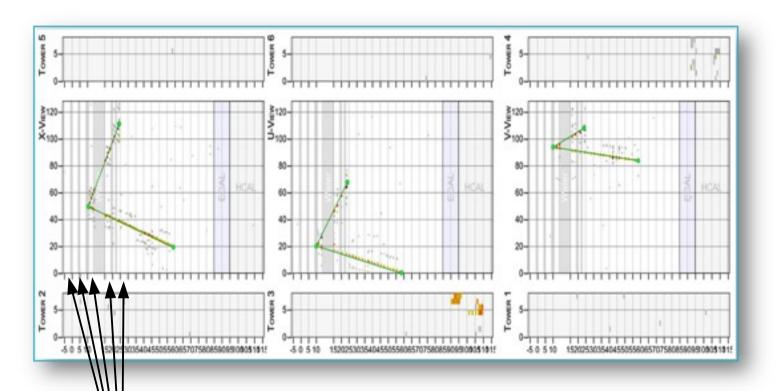


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2-Track $\nu_{_{\mu}}$ CCQE in Fe, Pb and C



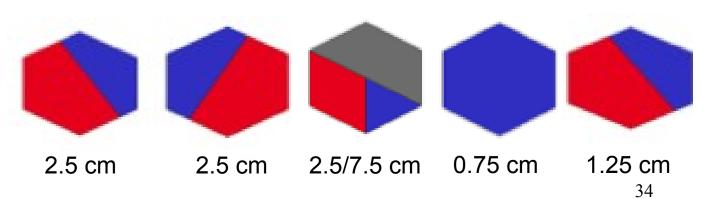


This is the first analysis to use non-MINOS matched muons

In most cases, only a lower limit on the muon momentum is known, and the muon charge is unknown

Blue=Lead Grey=Carbon Red=Iron

This analysis reconstructs 2-track QE candidates in targets 1,2,3,4 and 5 He & H20 targets were not yet filled for this data set.



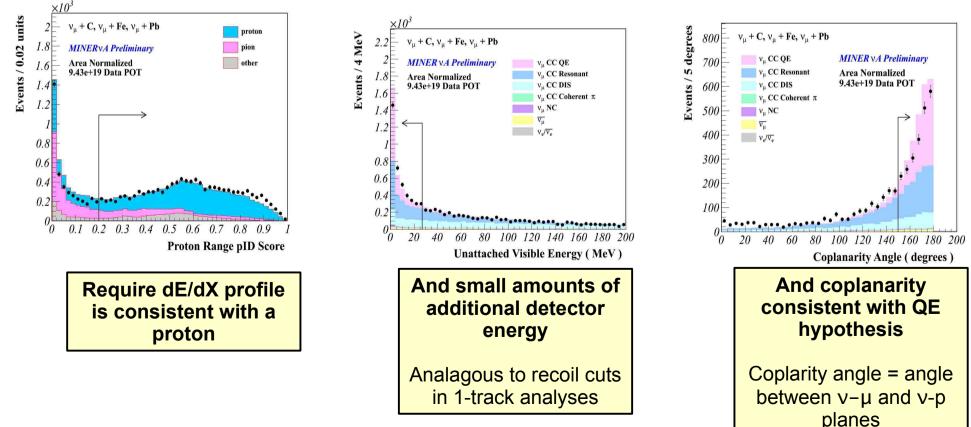


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Analysis starts by reconstructing two tracks

Reconstruction of proton allows background supression beyond what's available to the 1-track analyses:



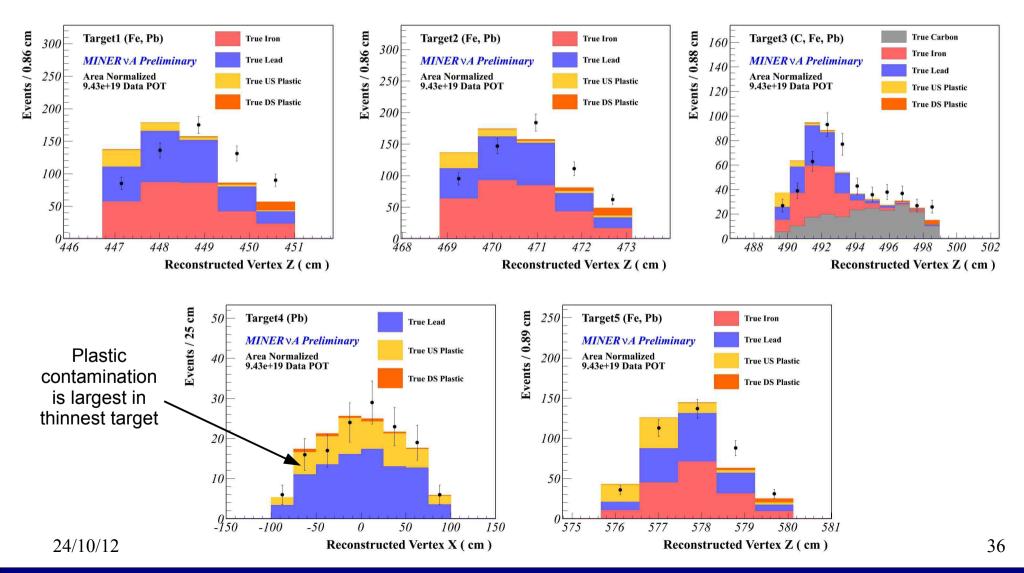


2-Track v_{μ} CCQE in Fe, Pb and C



Vertex Z positions of all candidates passing cuts:

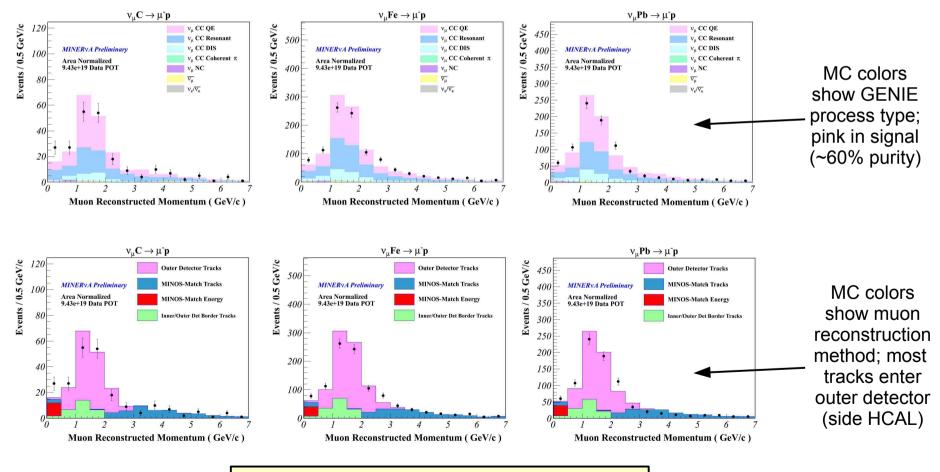
Carbon present only in target 3







Muon momentum in all candidates passing cuts:

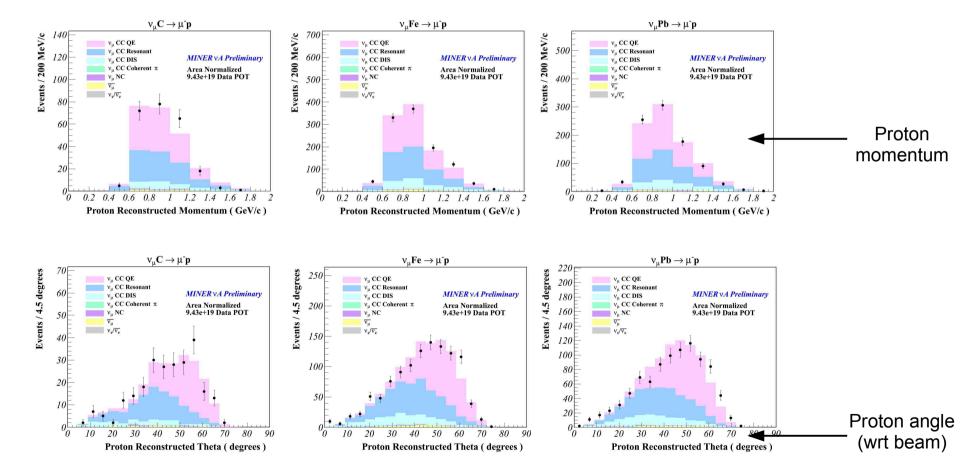


Momentum is lower limit only for exiting tracks.

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2-Track v_{μ} CCQE in Fe, Pb and C



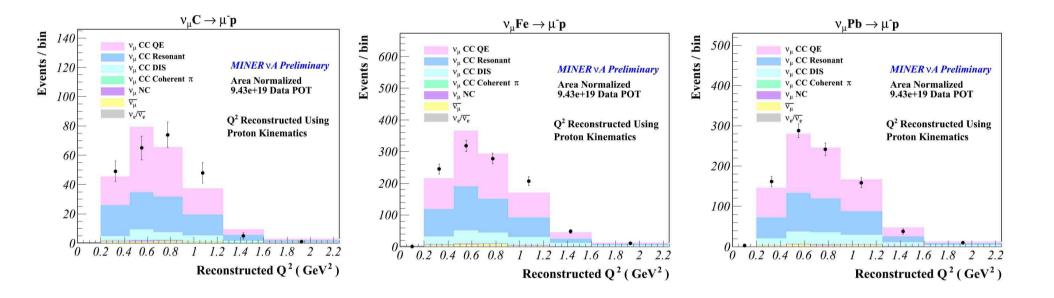








\triangleright Q² distributions for candidates passing all cuts:



Q2 shapes match GENIE relatively well at this level of statistics.

Coming soon: background subtraction, target ratios.





MINERvA is making lots of progress towards high precision QE measurements

- First 1-track analyses will be published in the next year
- First QE analysis in nuclear targets illustrates more complex reconstruction possibilities: multiple tracks, nuclear targets, nonminos-matched muons
- Much more to come soon:
 - Michel veto + increased muon acceptance
 - Combination and comparison of 1- and 2-track analyses
 - Further probes of vertex activity
 - ► Improved flux \rightarrow d σ /dE and double differentials

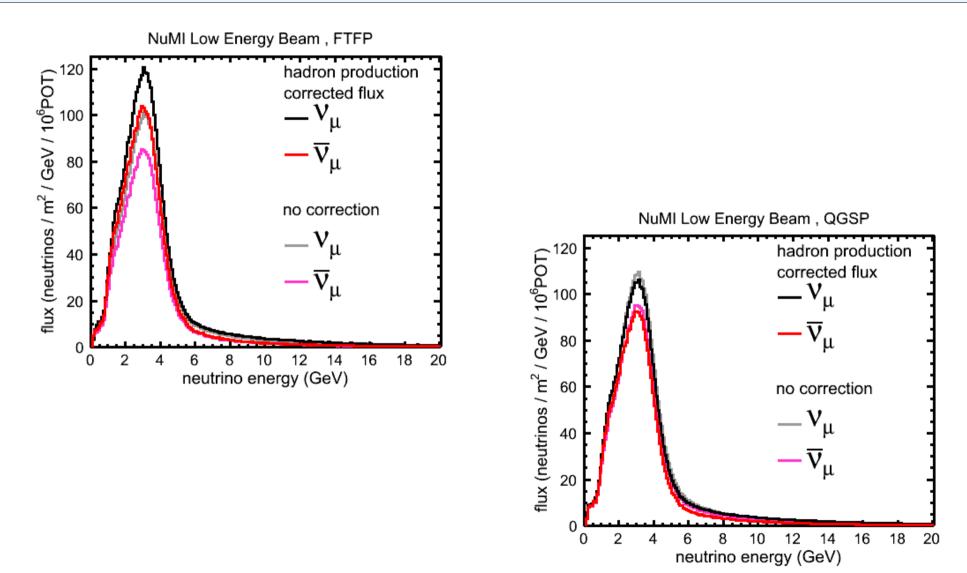




Backup Slides



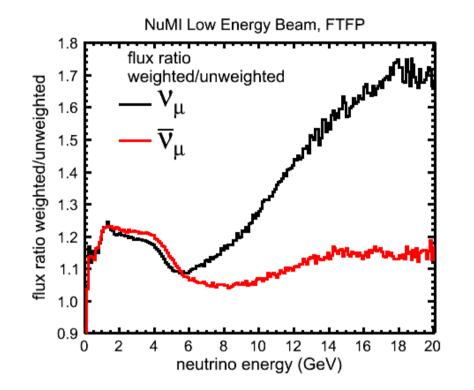


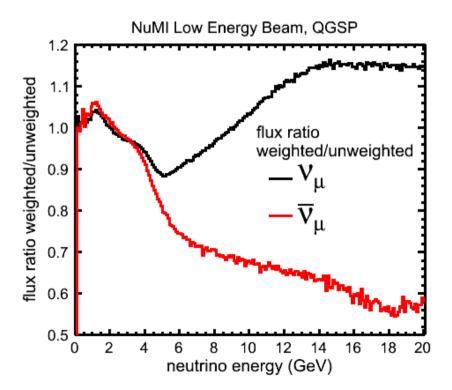




Backup -- Flux



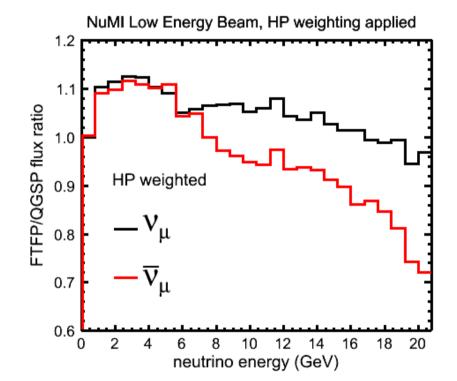






Backup -- Flux







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Backup – Model Uncertainties



Cross Section Model Uncertainties

Uncertainty	1σ
M _A (Elastic Scattering)	± 25%
Eta (Elastic scattering)	± 30%
M _A (CCQE Scattering)	+25%
	-15%
CCQE Normalization	+20%
	-15%
CCQE Vector Form factor model	on/off
CC Resonance Normalization	± 20%
M _A (Resonance Production)	± 20%
M _V (Resonance Production)	± 10%
1pi production from $vp / \overline{v}n$ non-	± 50%
resonant interactions	
1pi production from $vn / \overline{v}p$ non-	± 50%
resonant interactions	
2pi production from $vp / \overline{v}n$ non-	± 50%
resonant interactions	
2pi production from $vn / \overline{v}p$ non-	± 50%
resonant interactions	
Modfiy Pauli blocking (CCQE) at low Q ² (change PB momentum threshold)	± 30%

•Intranuclear Rescattering Uncertainties

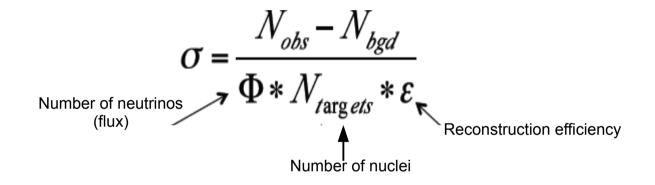
Uncertainty	1σ
Pion mean free path	± 20%
Nucleon mean free path	± 20%
Pion fates – absorption	± 30%
Pion fates – charge exchange	± 50%
Pion fates - Elastic	± 10%
Pion fates – Inelastic	± 40%
Pion fates – pion production	± 20%
Nucleon fates – charge exchange	± 50%
Nucleon fates - Elastic	± 30%
Nucleon fates – Inelastic	± 40%
Nucleon fates – absorption	± 20%
Nucleon fates – pion production	± 20%
AGKY hadronization model – x _F distribution	± 20%
Delta decay angular distribution	On/off
Resonance decay branching ratio to photon	± 50%

References: (1) www.genie-mc.org, (2) arXiv:0806.2119, (3) D. Bhattacharya, Ph. D Thesis (U. Pittsburgh) 2009.



Backup – Cross Section Formula









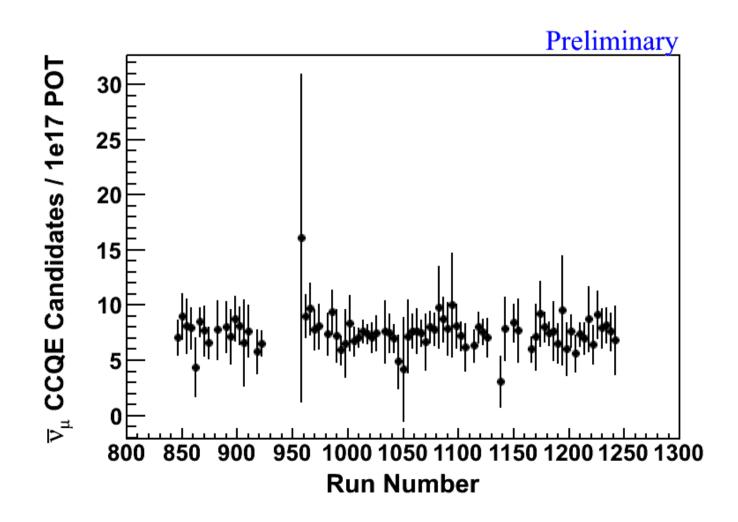


Anti-v CCQE Analysis



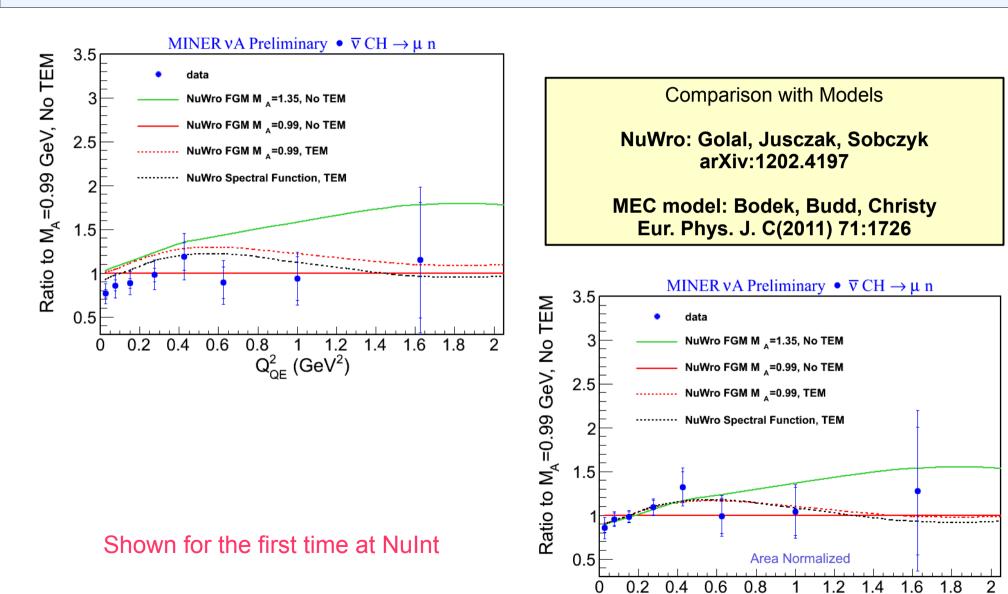


Detector Stability:









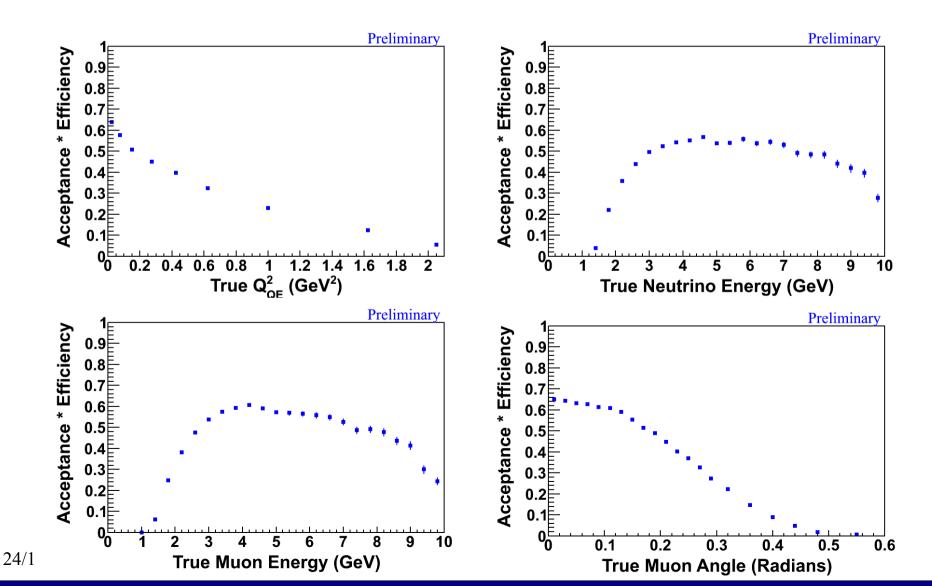
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 Q_{QE}^2 (GeV²)





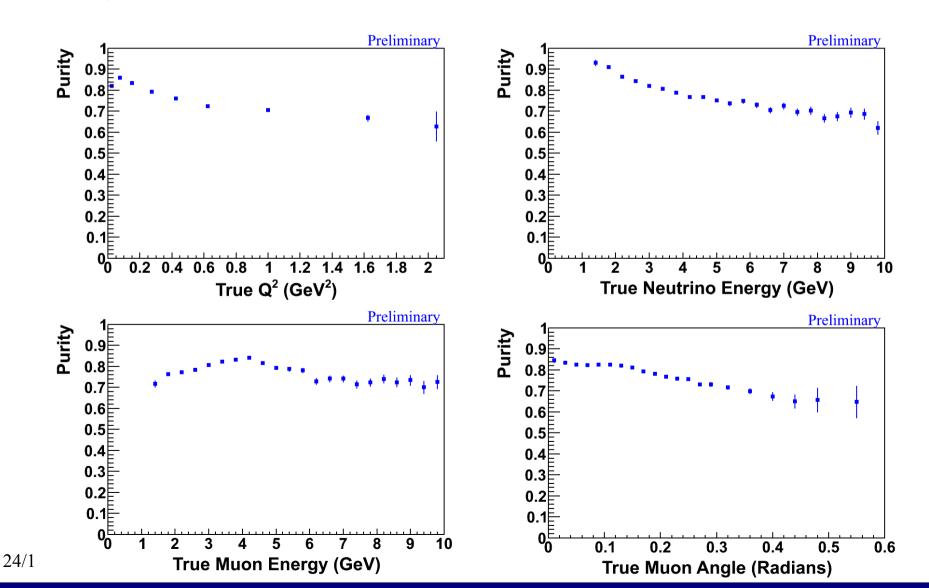
Efficiency times acceptance:







Purity:

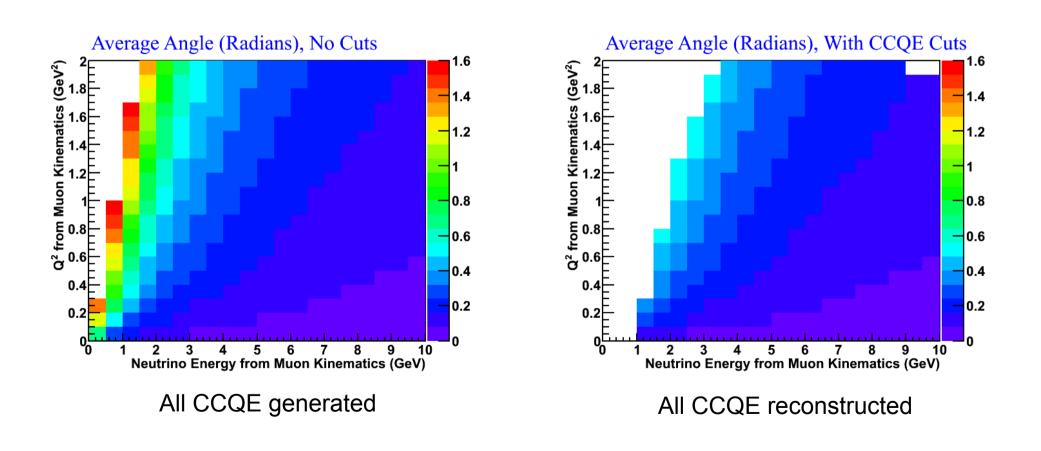




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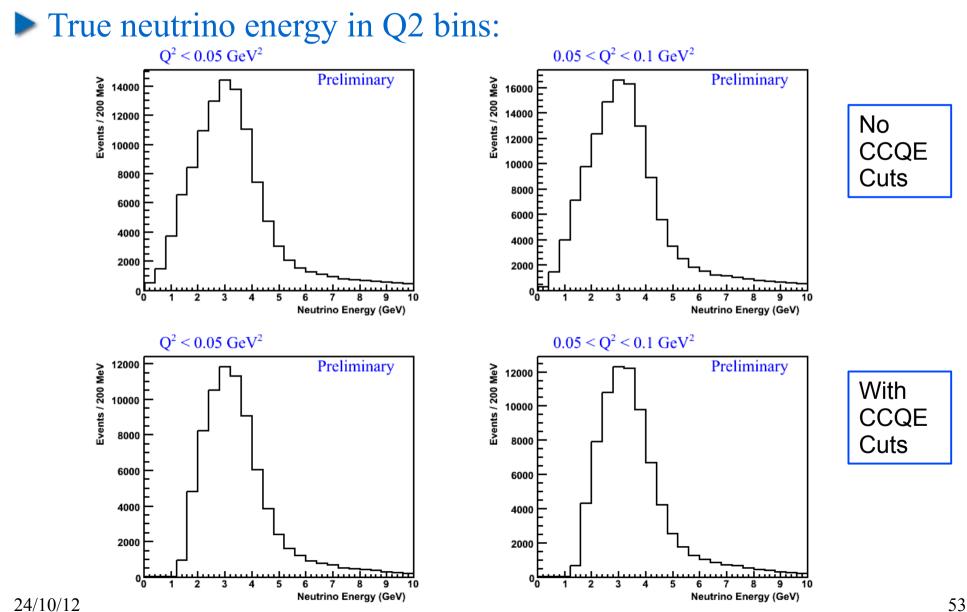


▶ Q2 vs neutrino energy vs angle:





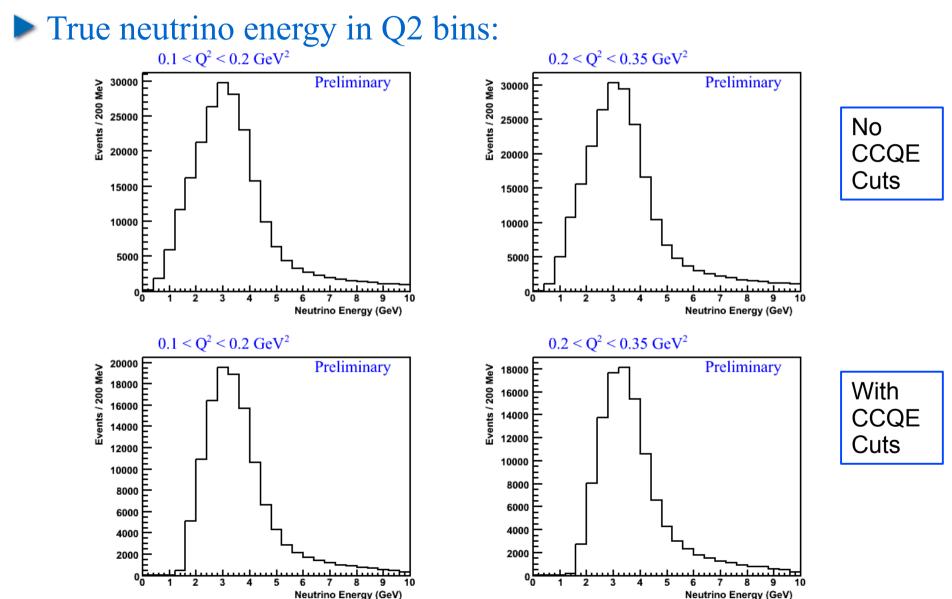






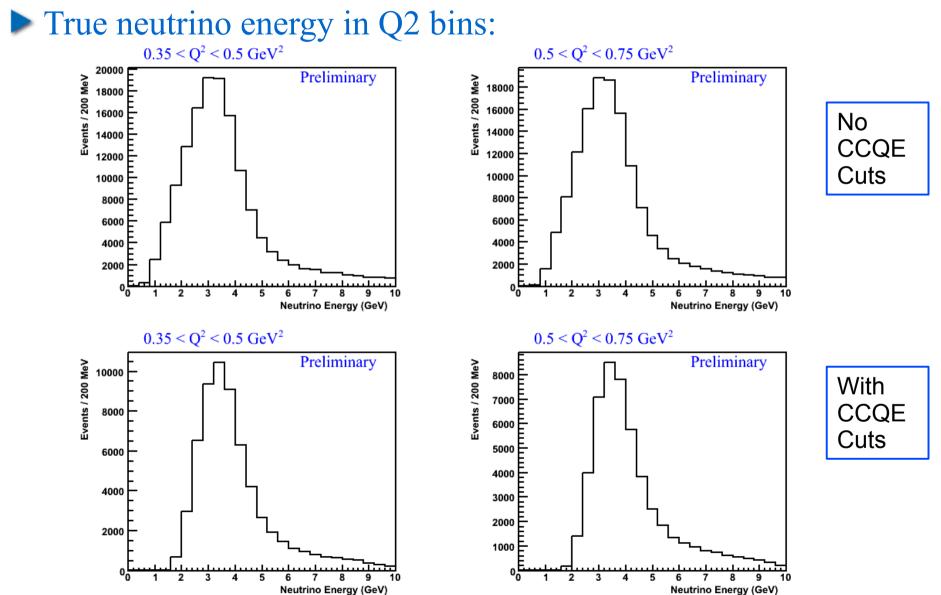
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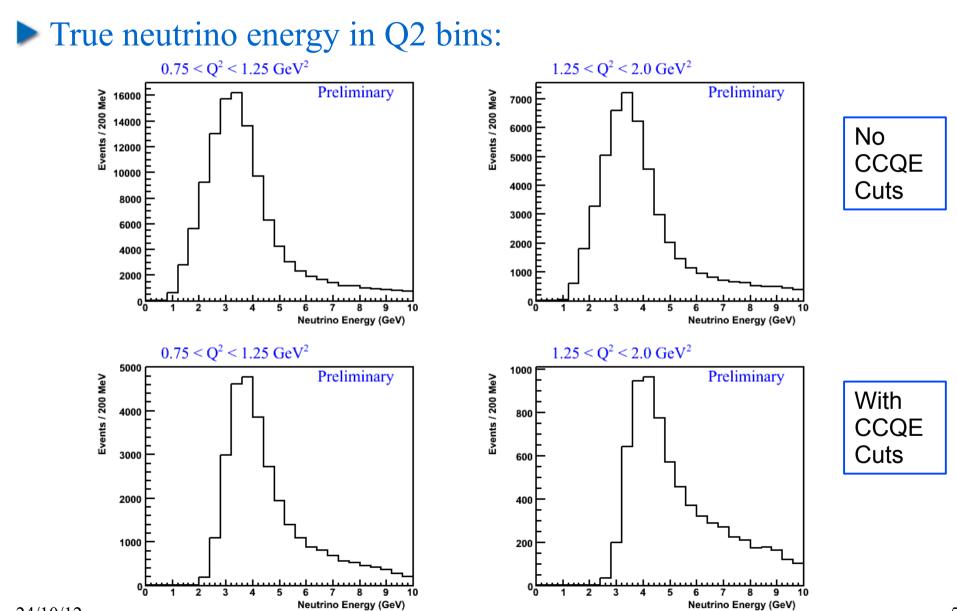










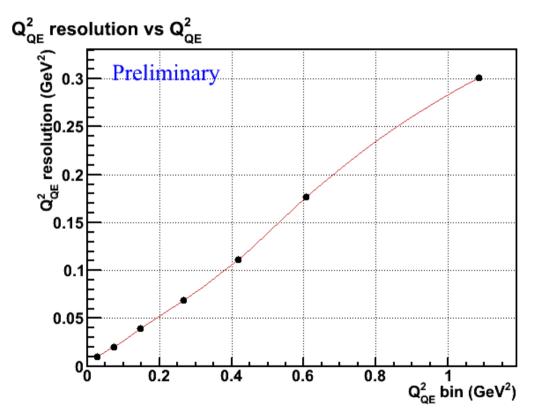




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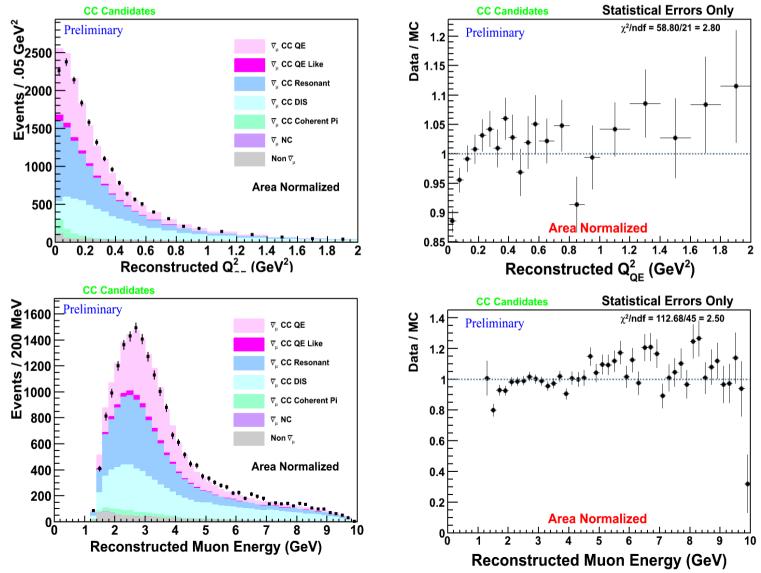


Resolution -- Q2:



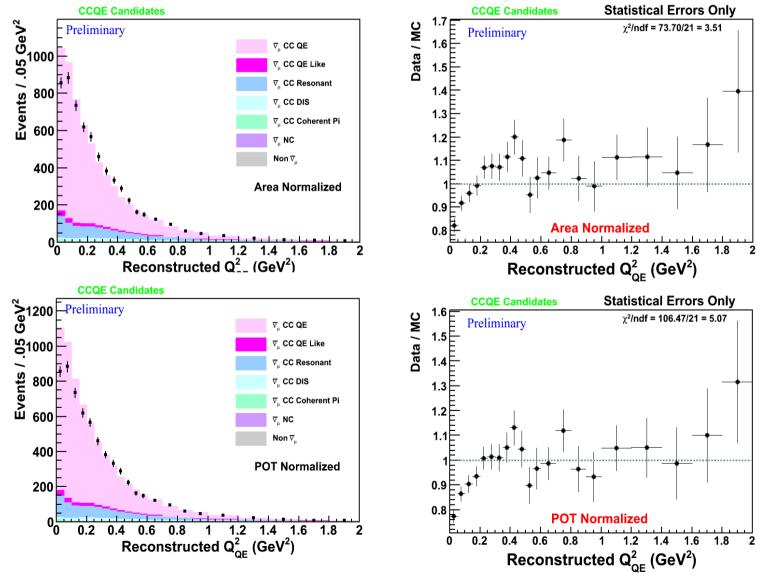








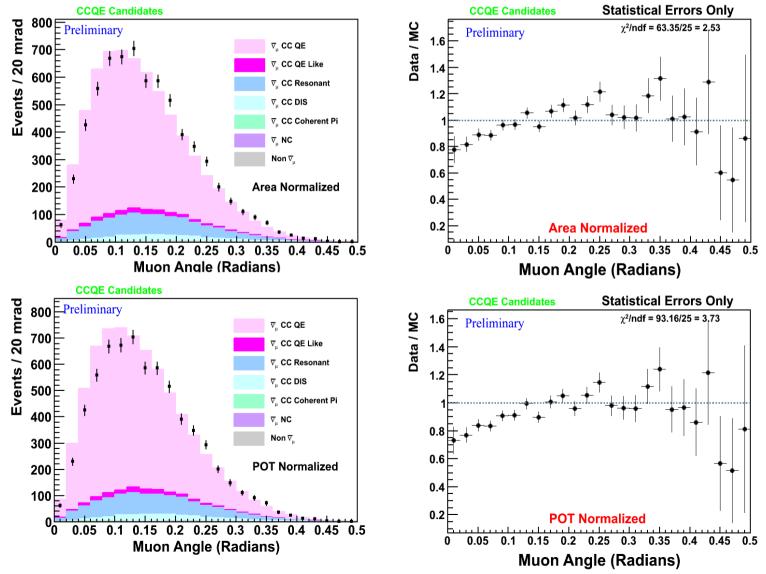








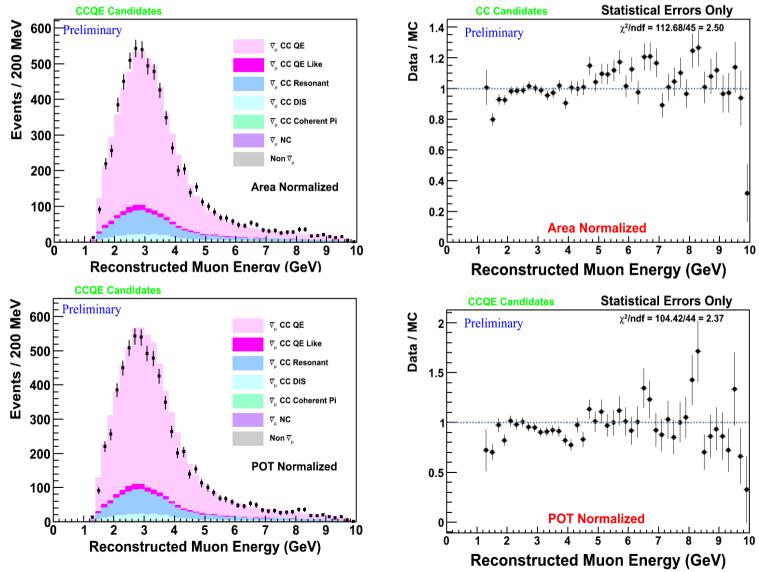
Kinematic distributions after recoil cuts:



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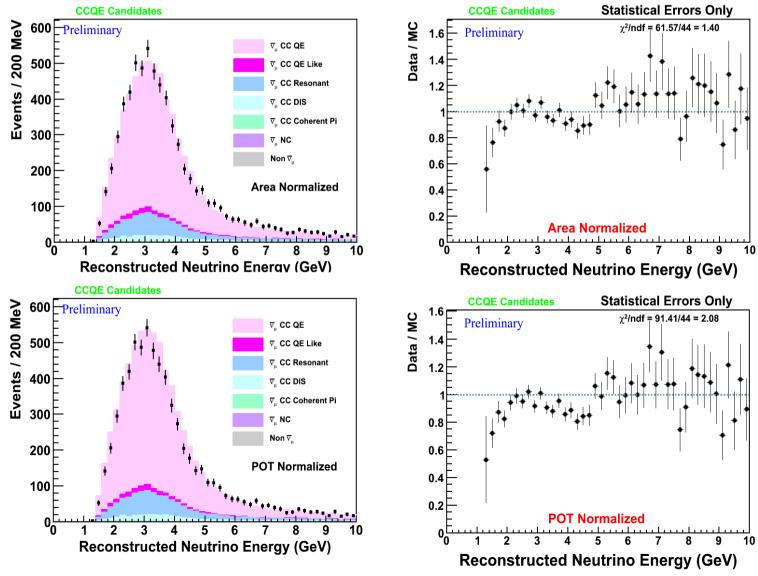




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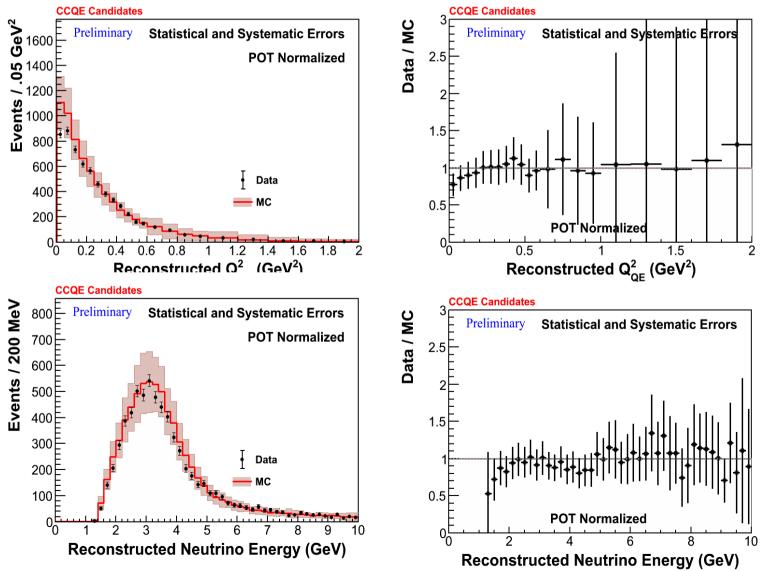
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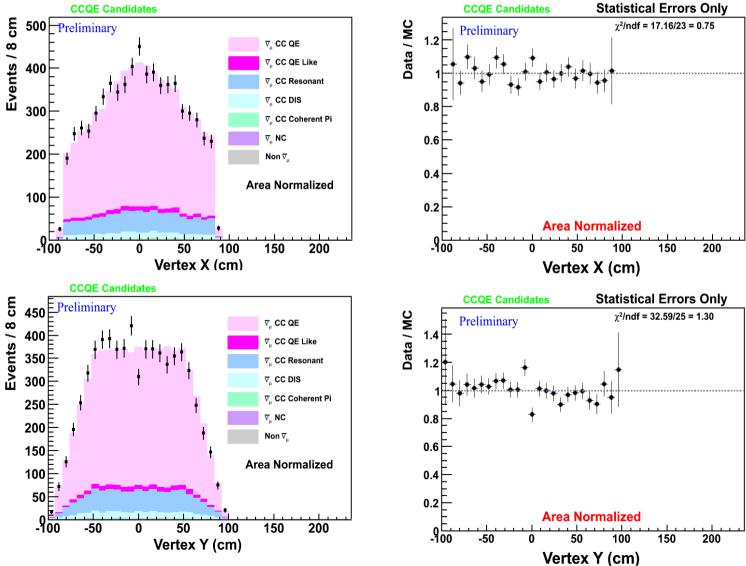








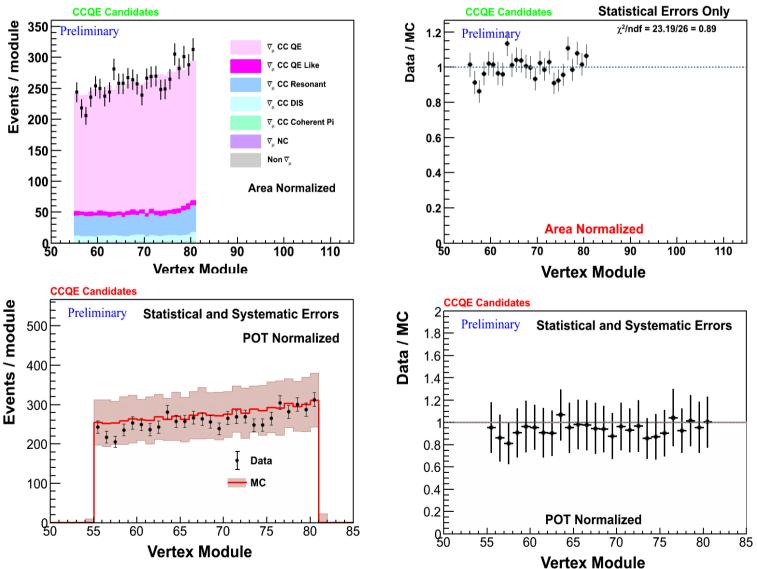
Vertex X & Y Distributions:







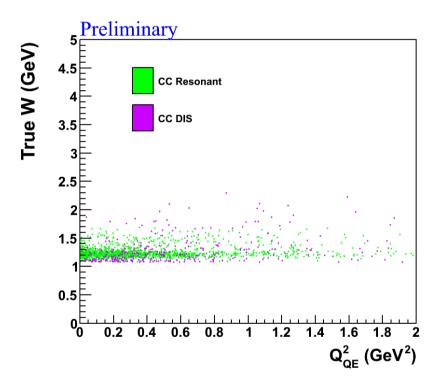
Nuisance Plots – Vertex Module Distribution:

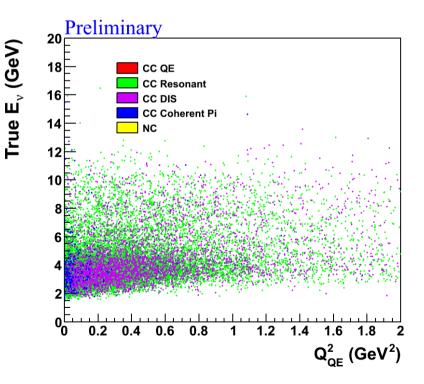






Background Truth Information:











v 1-Track CCQE Analysis

Events / 500 MeV

Events / 0.020 GeV ²

0.4

0.2

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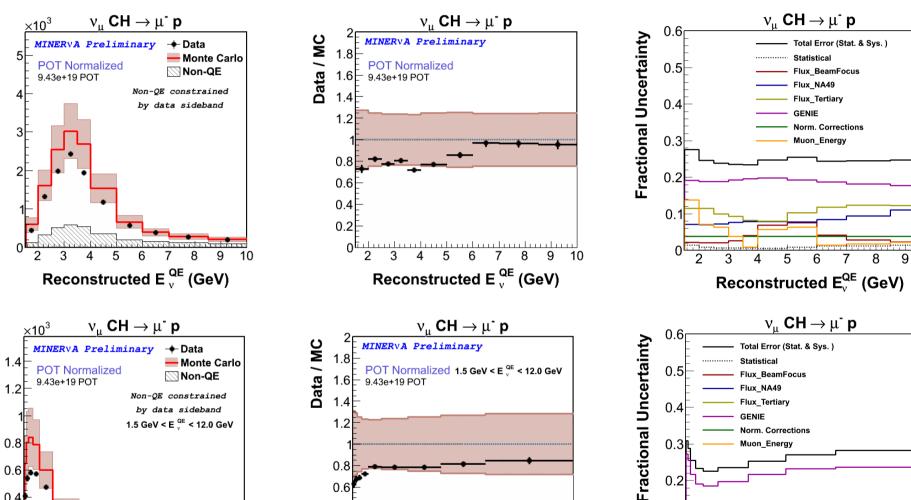
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Reconstructed Q_{QE}^{2} (GeV²)



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Reconstructed Q ²_{QE} (GeV²)

1.5





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1.5

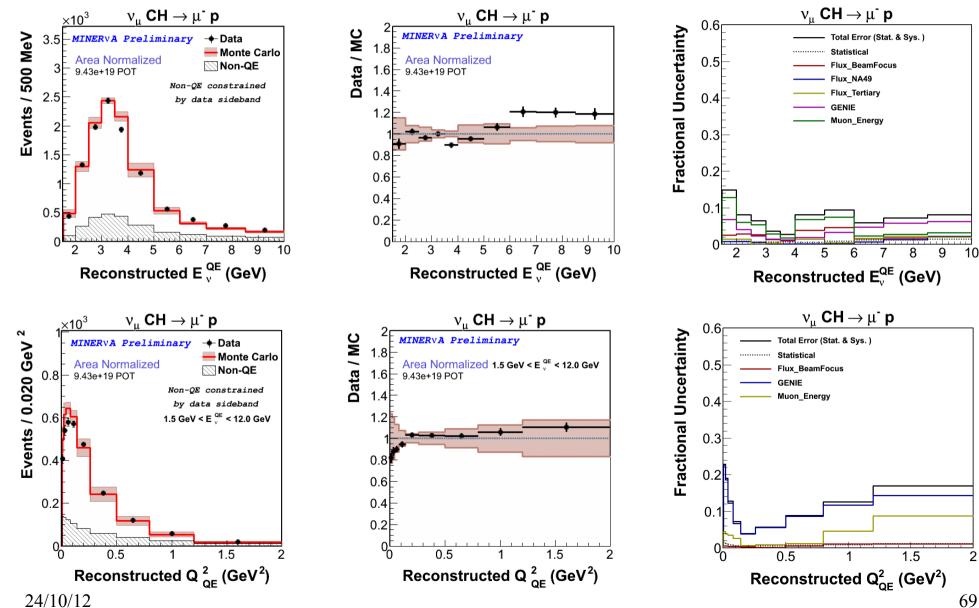
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Backup – v CCQE 1-Track





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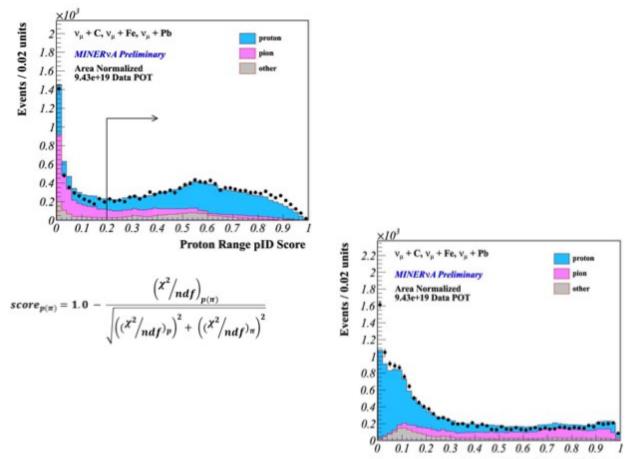


2-track v CCQE on C, Fe and Pb





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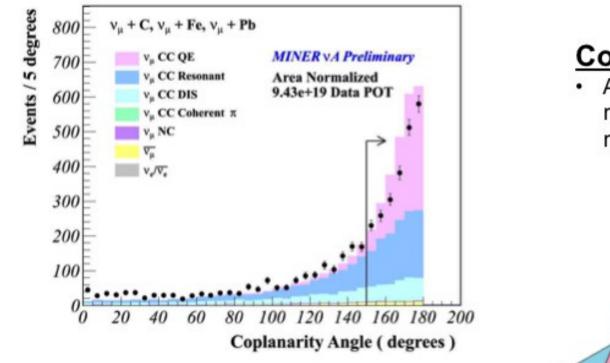


Pion Range pID Score



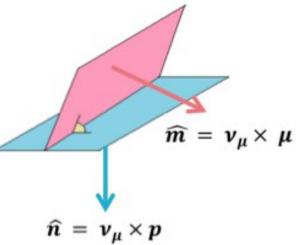


Coplanarity Angle:



Coplane Angle:

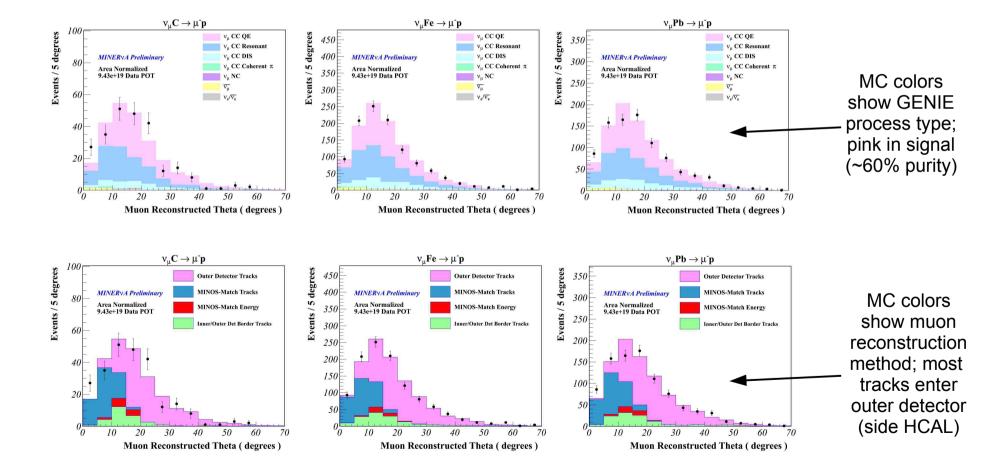
 Angle between the neutrino-muon and neutrino-proton planes.







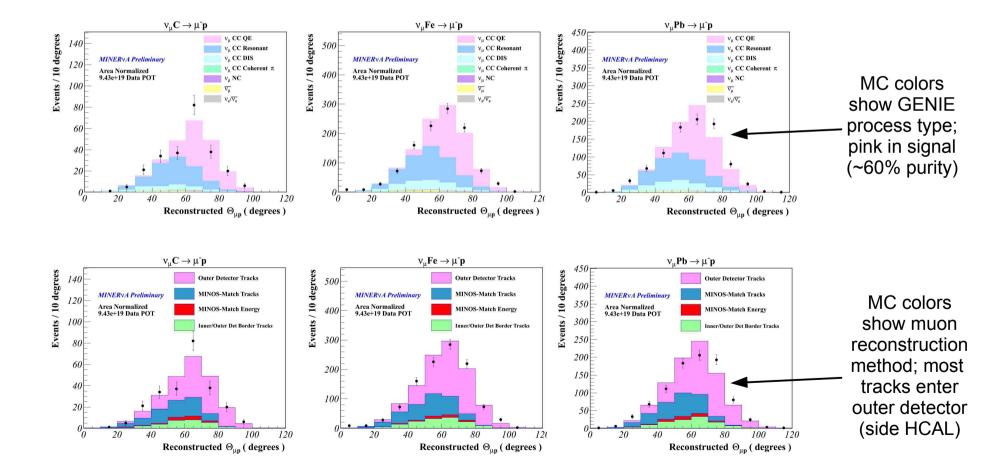
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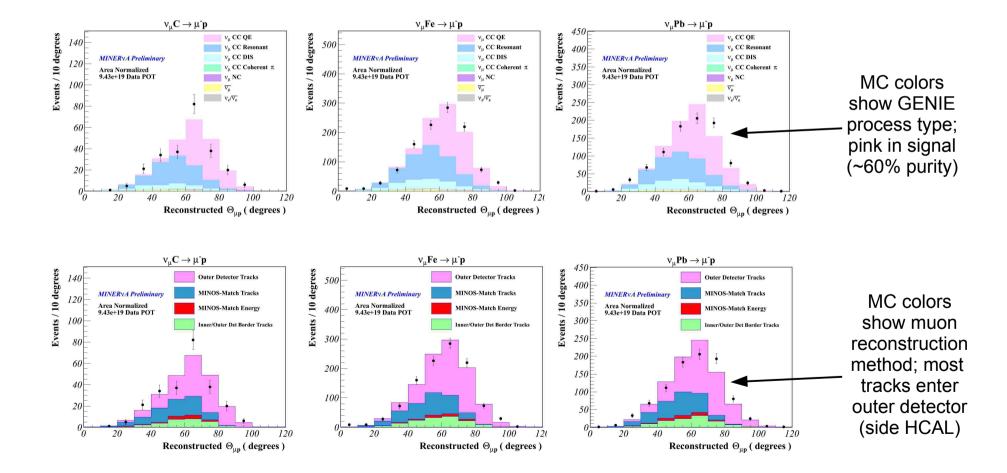
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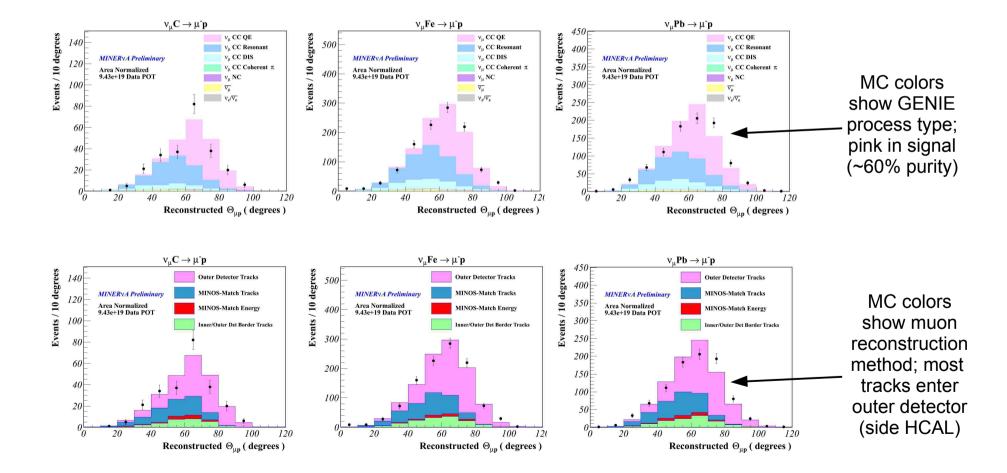
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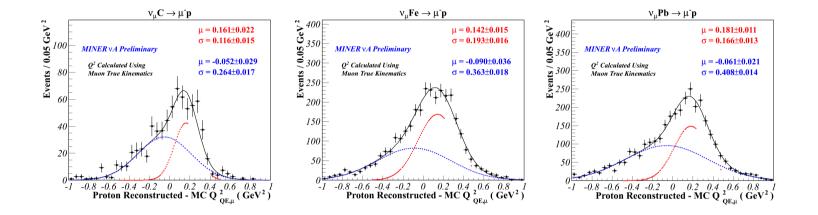
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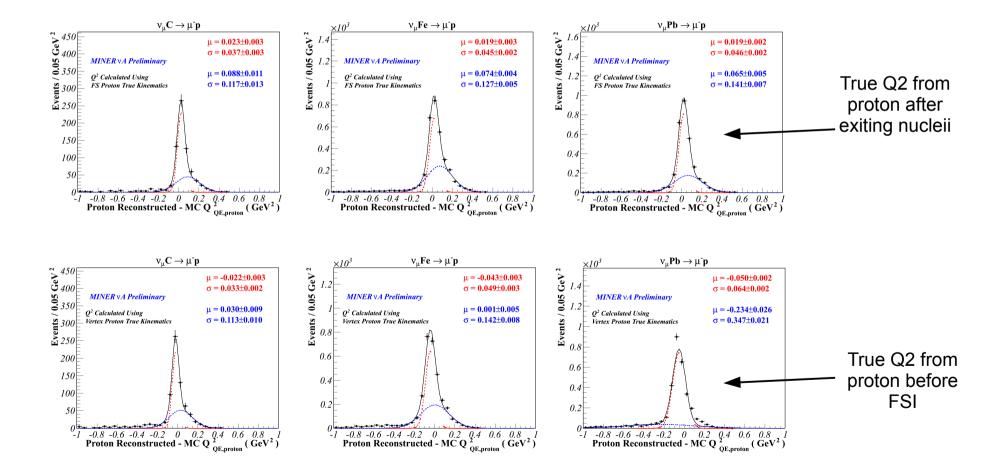
▶ Q2 (using muon) resolution:







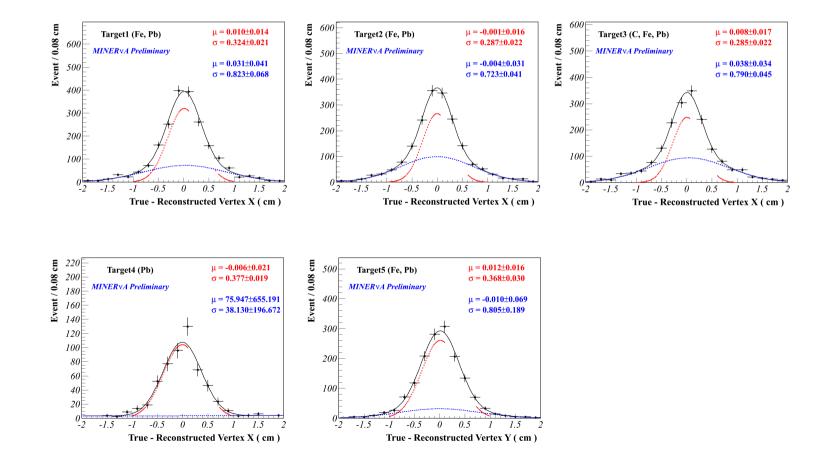
▶ Q2 (using proton) resolution:







Vertex x resolution:

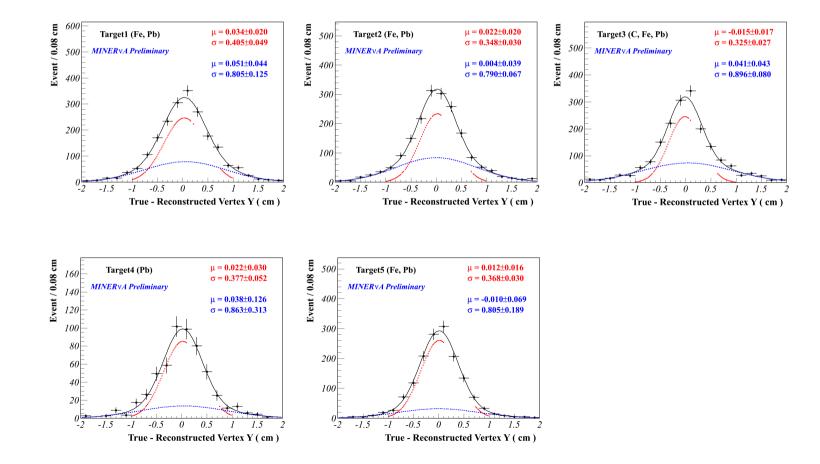








Vertex y resolution:





2-Track $\nu_{_{\!\!\!\!\mu}}$ CCQE in Fe, Pb and C (



Vertex z resolution:

