



# RECENT RESULTS ON PION PRODUCTION AT MINERVA

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# Outline

## Pions at MINERvA

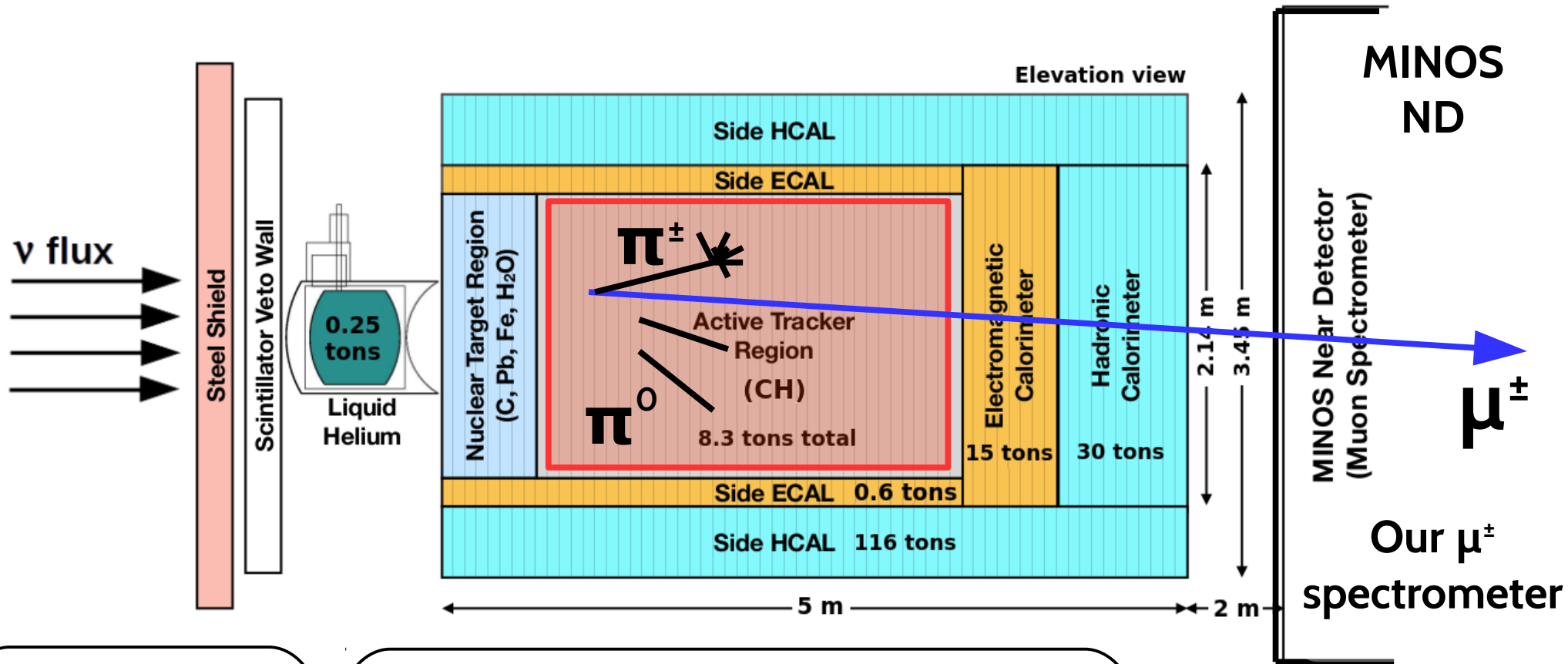
Updates on  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - \text{CC } \pi^{\pm(0)}$

Advances on  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - \text{CC } \pi^{-}$

New Results on  $\nu_{\mu} - \text{CC } \pi^0$

# Pions at MINERVA

# MINERνA Pion Reconstruction



**π<sup>+</sup> π<sup>-</sup> π<sup>0</sup>**  
Reconstruction

- Event Vertex Inside Tracker Region
- MINOS Acceptance
- 1.5 GeV < E<sub>ν</sub> < 20 GeV (E<sub>ν</sub> = E<sub>μ</sub> + E<sub>recoil(had)</sub>)
- Energy Reconstruction by Calorimetry

LE Beam  
E<sub>ν</sub> ~ 3.5 GeV

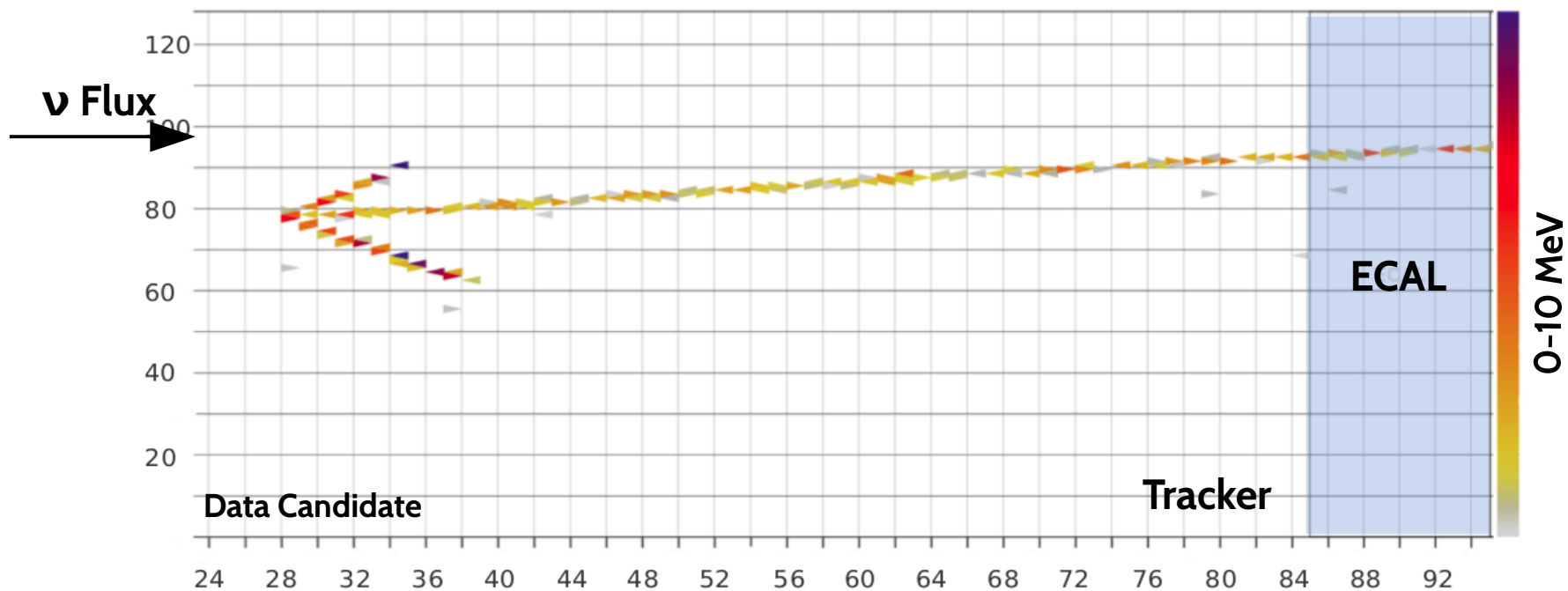
# MINERvA Pion Reconstruction

$\pi^\pm$

Pion Kinetic Energy  $\sim 35\text{-}350$  MeV

$dE/dx$  on Pion Candidate

Michel  $e^\pm$  requirement



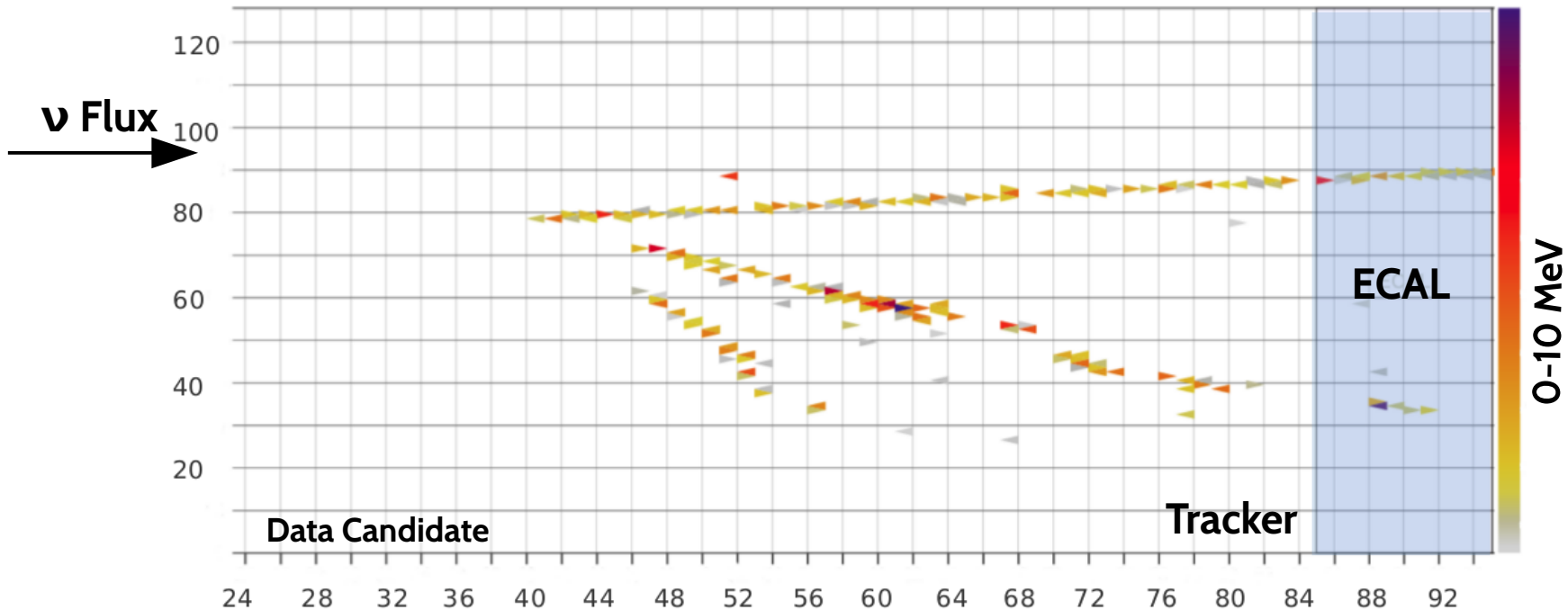
# MINERvA Pion Reconstruction

$\pi^0$

Pion Kinetic Energy ~50-2500 MeV

2 $\gamma$  showers

$\gamma$  Conversion Distance From the Vertex



# CC Production At MINERvA

$$\nu_{\mu}CH \rightarrow \mu^{-}\pi^{+}X$$

Updated

$$\bar{\nu}_{\mu}CH \rightarrow \mu^{+}\pi^{0}X$$

Updated

$$\nu_{\mu}CH \rightarrow \mu^{-}\pi^{0}X$$

Brand New!

$$\bar{\nu}_{\mu}CH \rightarrow \mu^{+}\pi^{-}X$$

Preliminary

# Updates on

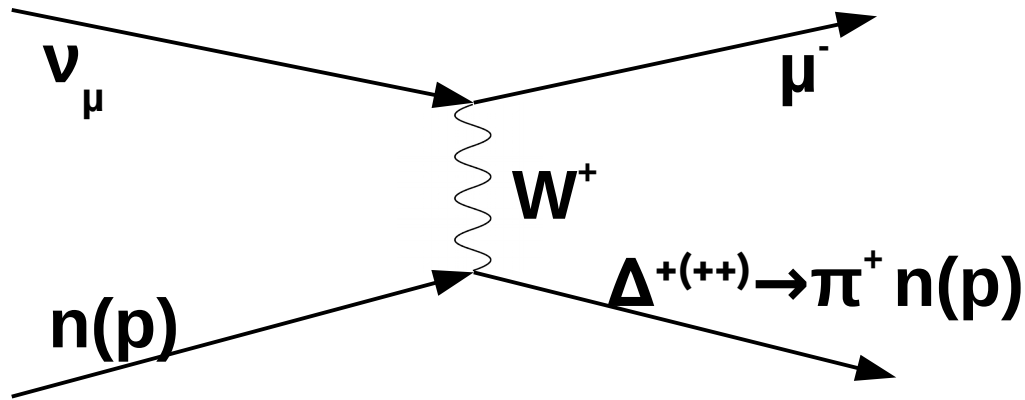
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$$\bar{\nu}_\mu - CC \pi^{\pm(0)}$$

# Signal Definition

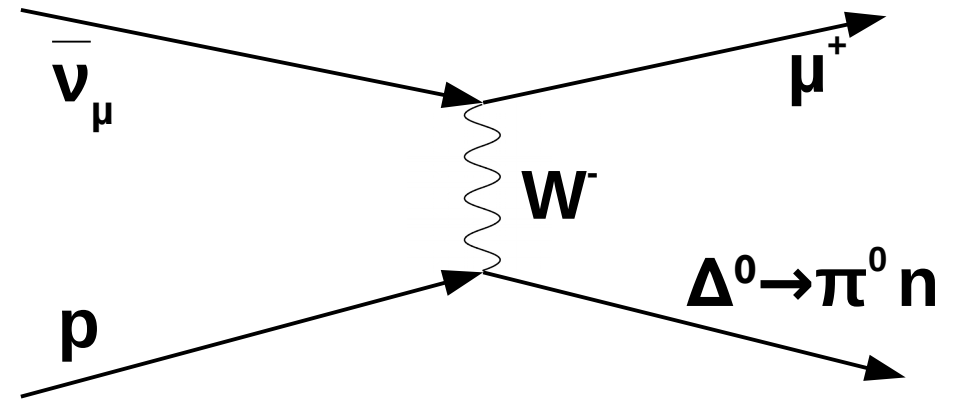
$$\nu_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^- 1(N)\pi^\pm X$$



$X$  = any mesons and nucleons

$$W < 1.4(1.8) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^+ 1\pi^0 X$$



$X$  = any nucleons

$$W < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$$

$$75 \text{ MeV}/c < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 195 \text{ MeV}/c$$

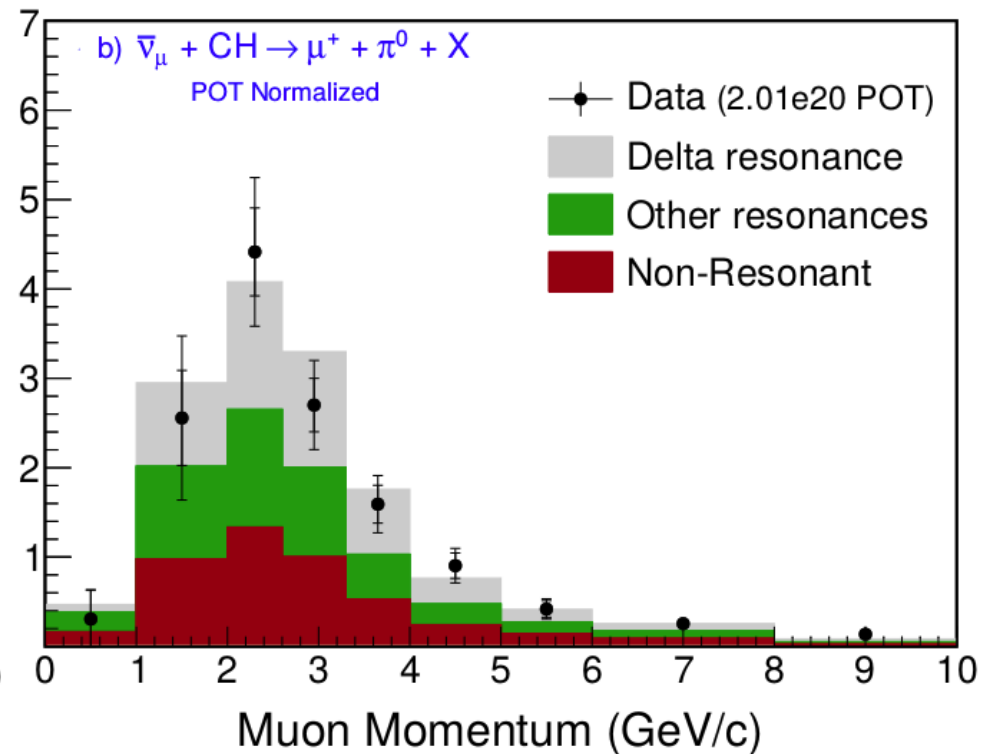
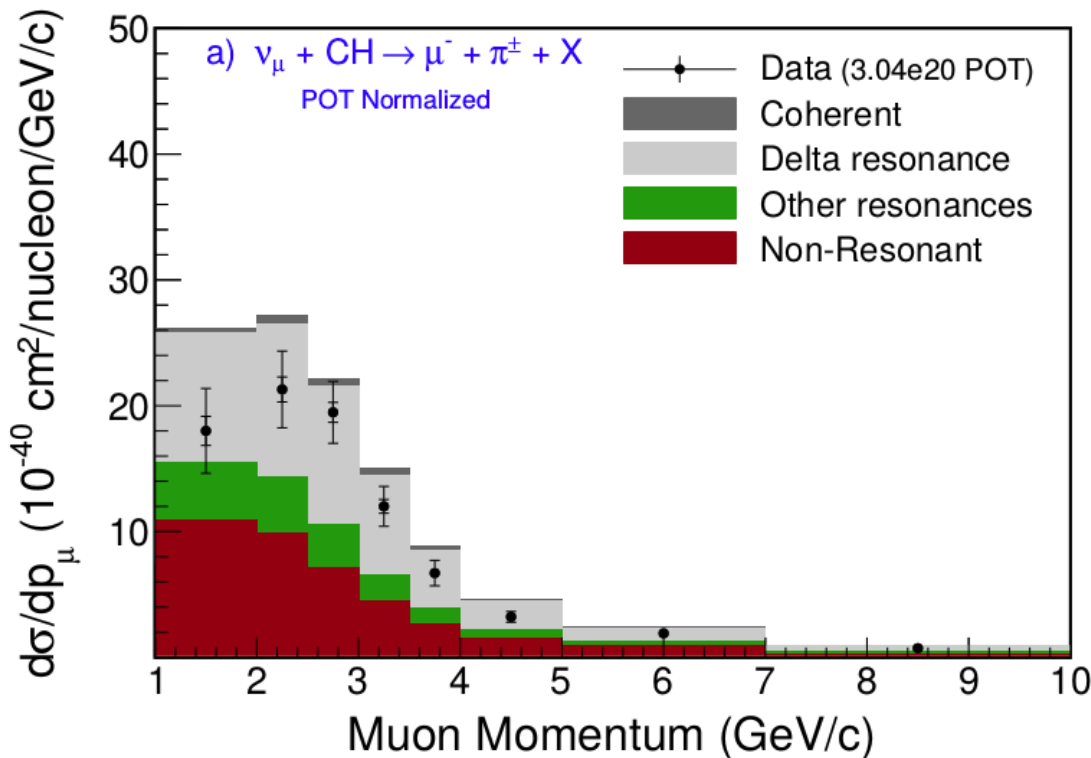
$$W^2 = m_N^2 + 2m_N (E_\nu - E_\mu) - Q^2$$

$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_{\gamma 1} E_{\gamma 2} (1 - \cos \theta_{\gamma\gamma})$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - \text{CC } \pi^{\pm(0)}$$

# Muon Variables

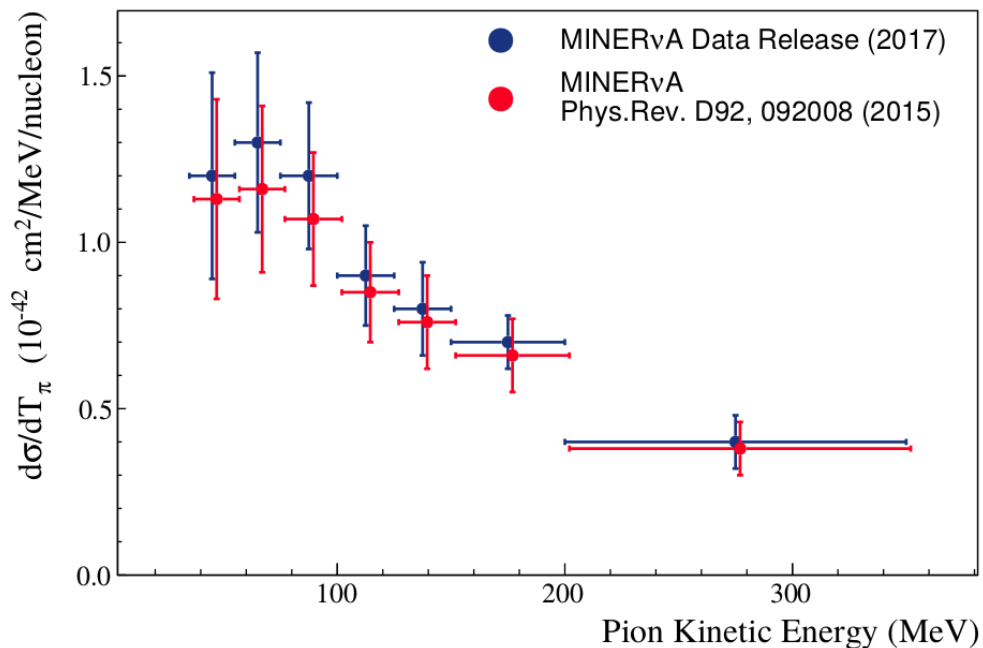
- PRD 092008 (2015) and Phys.Lett. B749 (2015) showed pion variables only.
- PRD 052005 (2016) added cross sections of muon variables.



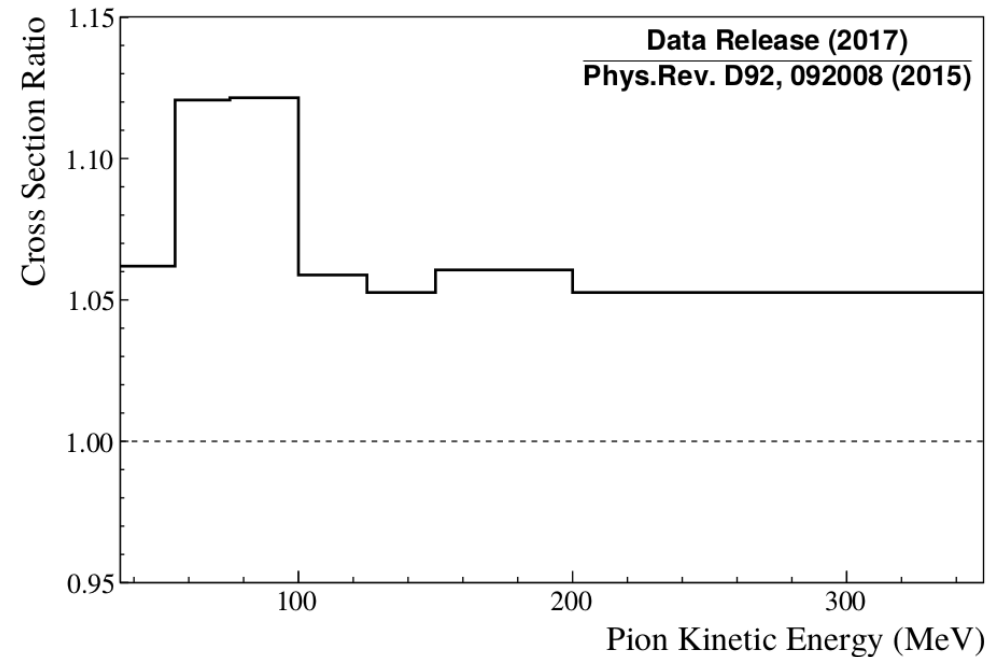
# Further Improvements

- New  $\nu$ -e flux constraint (cross sections  $+ \sim 10\%$ )
- Improved signal definition,  $W_{\text{true}} \rightarrow W_{\text{exp}}$  (cross sections  $- \sim 1-3\%$ )

$\nu_\mu$  Tracker  $\rightarrow \mu^- 1\pi^\pm X$  ( $W < 1.4$  GeV)



MINERvA CC $1\pi^\pm$  Cross Section Ratio



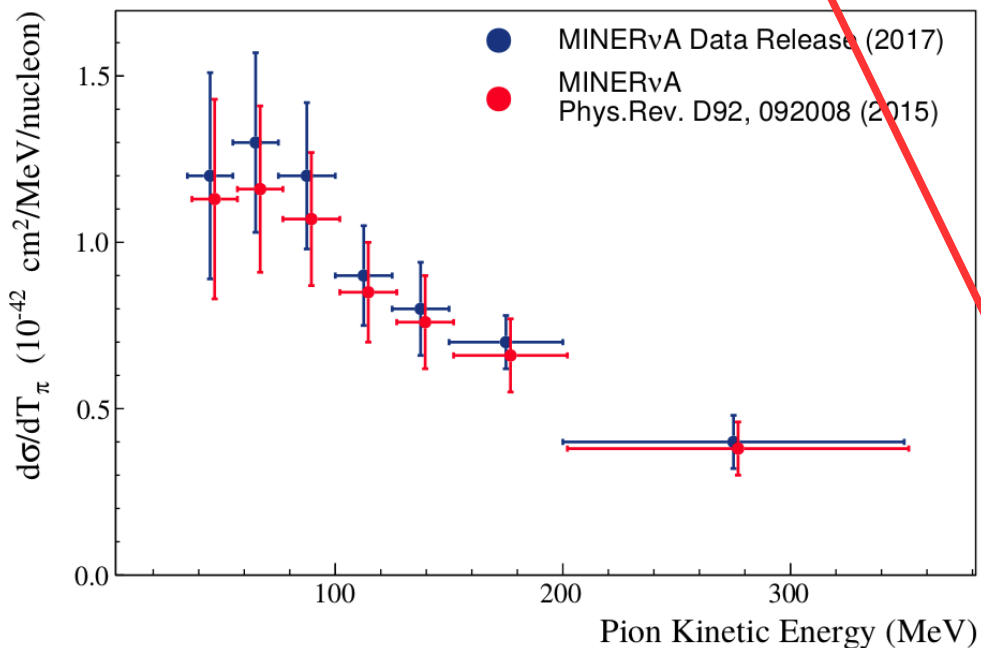
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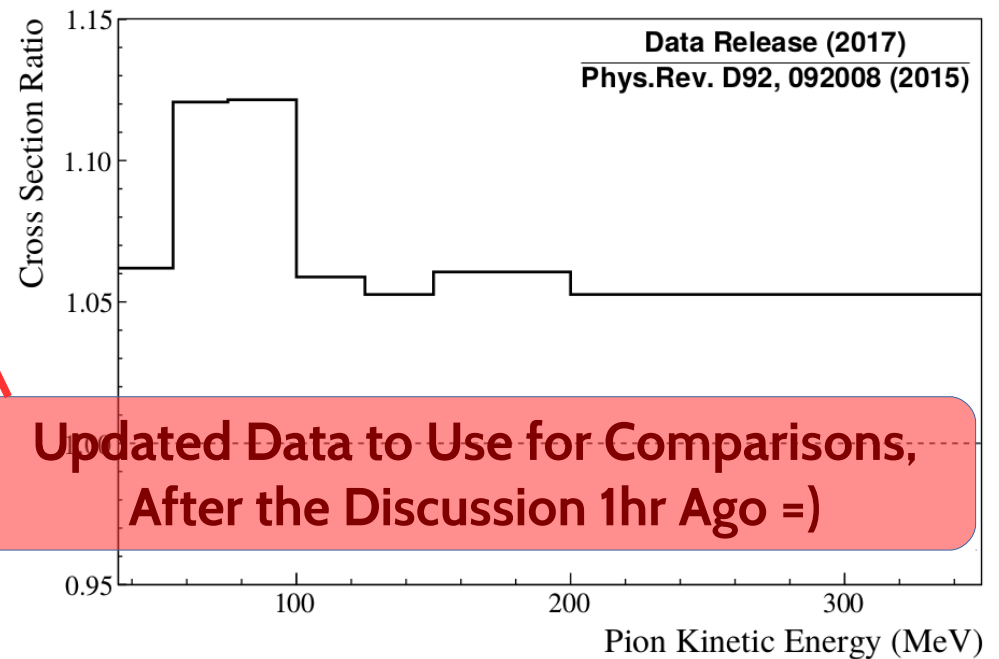
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[http://minerva.fnal.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Updated\\_1pi\\_data.pdf](http://minerva.fnal.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Updated_1pi_data.pdf)

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MINERvA CC $1\pi^{\pm}$  Cross Section Ratio



Updated Data to Use for Comparisons, After the Discussion 1hr Ago =)

# W Redefinition

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

$$W^2 = m_N^2 + 2m_N (E_\nu - E_\mu) - Q^2$$

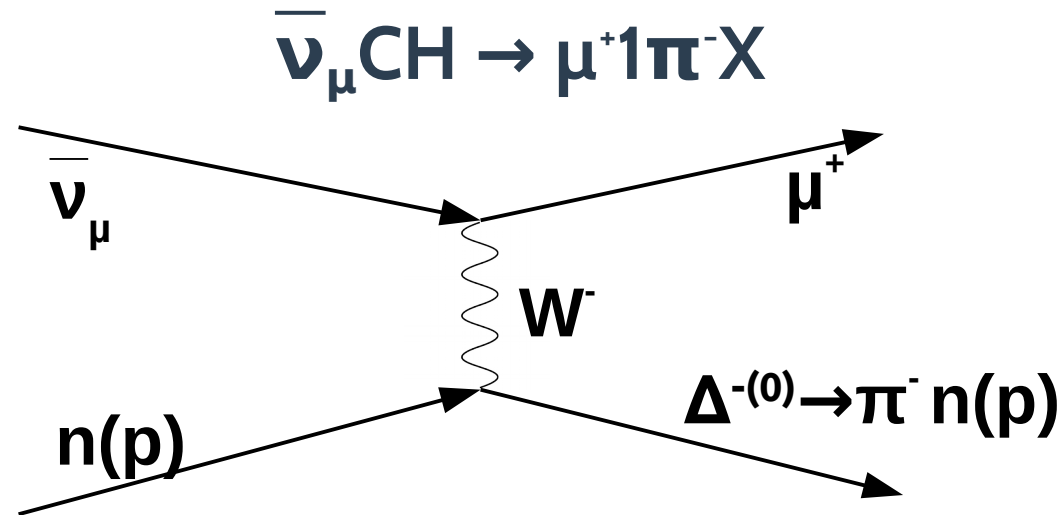
Experimental W

$$W^2 = m_N^2 + (p_\nu - p_\mu)^2 + 2p_n \cdot (p_\nu - p_\mu)$$

True W

# Advances on $\bar{\nu}_\mu - CC \pi^-$ Production

# Signal Definition

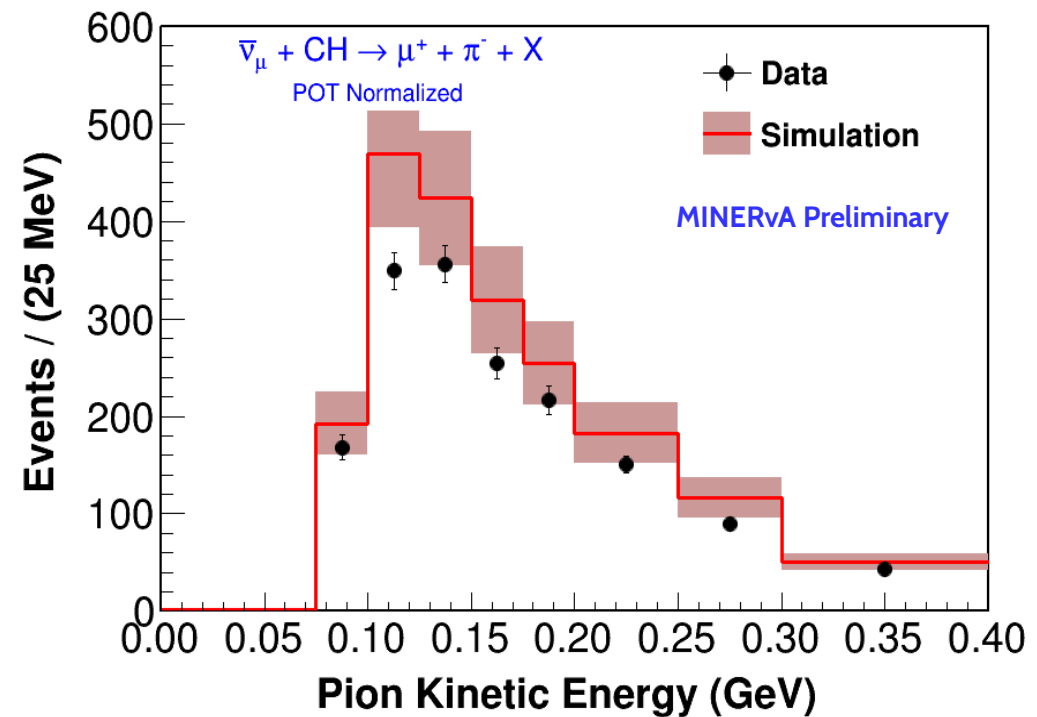
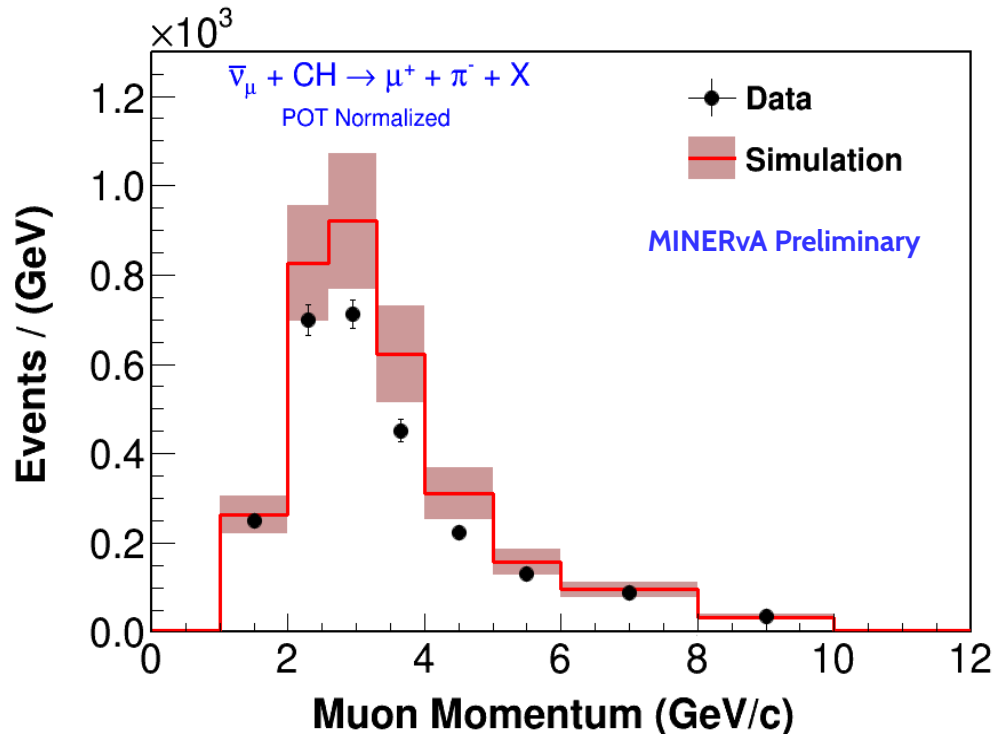


$X = \text{any nucleons}$

$W < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$

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- Signal/background for  $\nu$  oscillation experiments.
- The remaining of the CC pion production channels.

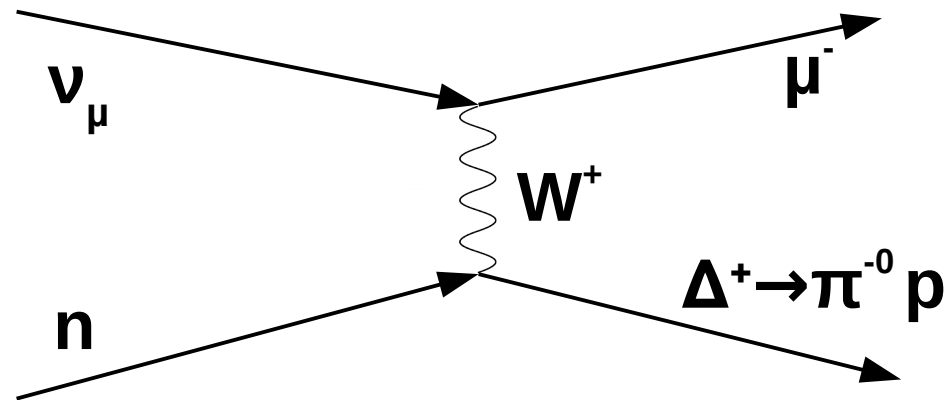


Work in Progress



# New Results on $\nu_{\mu}$ - CC $\pi^0$ Production

# Signal Definition



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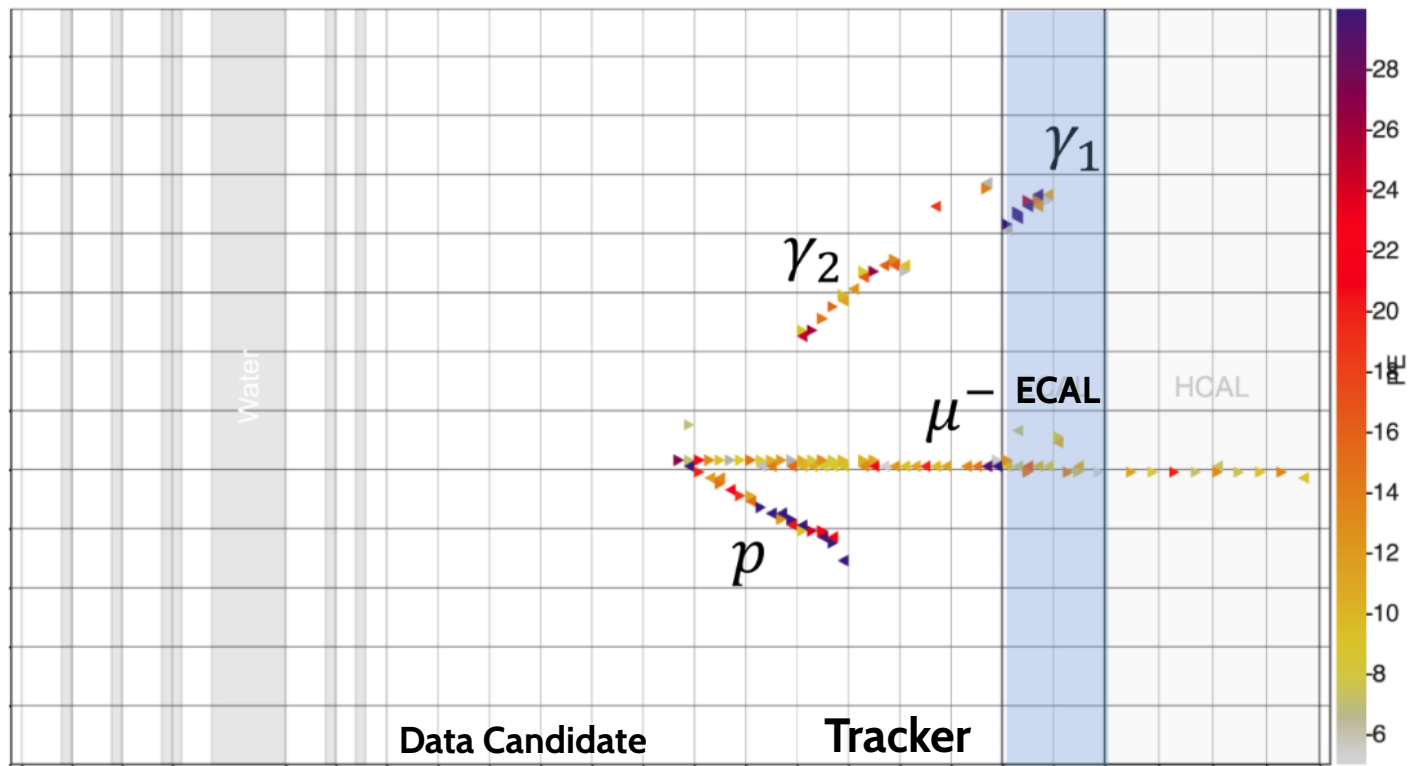
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## $\nu_{\mu} \text{CH} \rightarrow \mu^{-} 1\pi^0 p$ Subsample

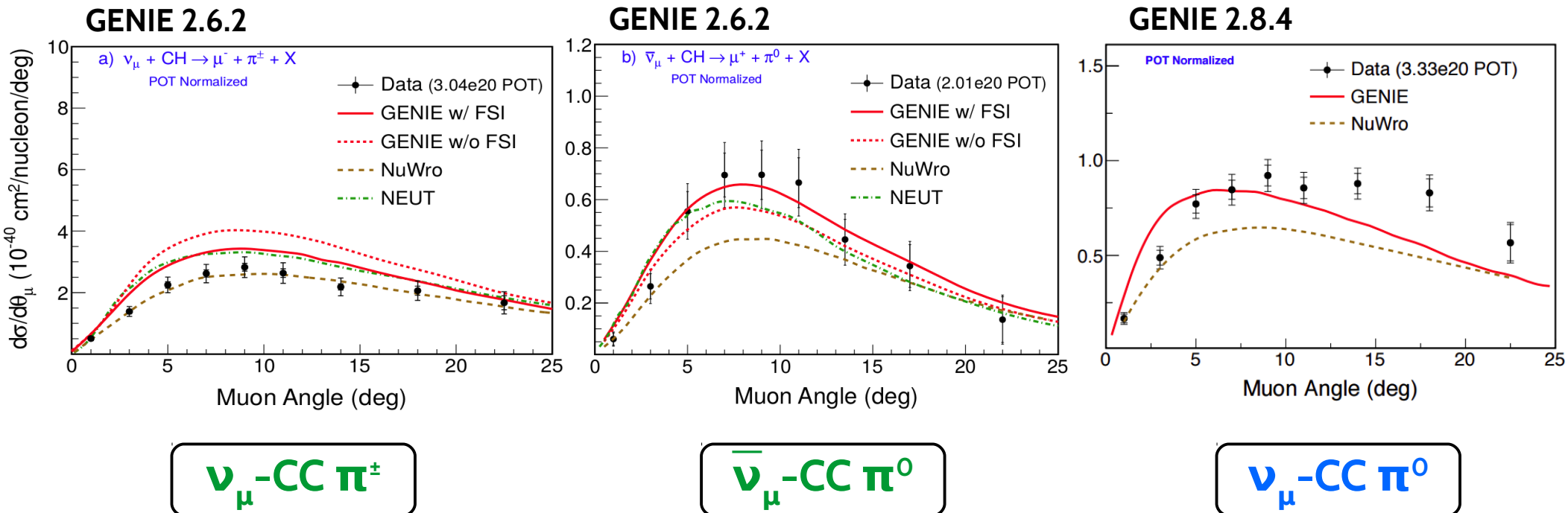


~50% of the times we see a proton in the final sample

## The Muon Side

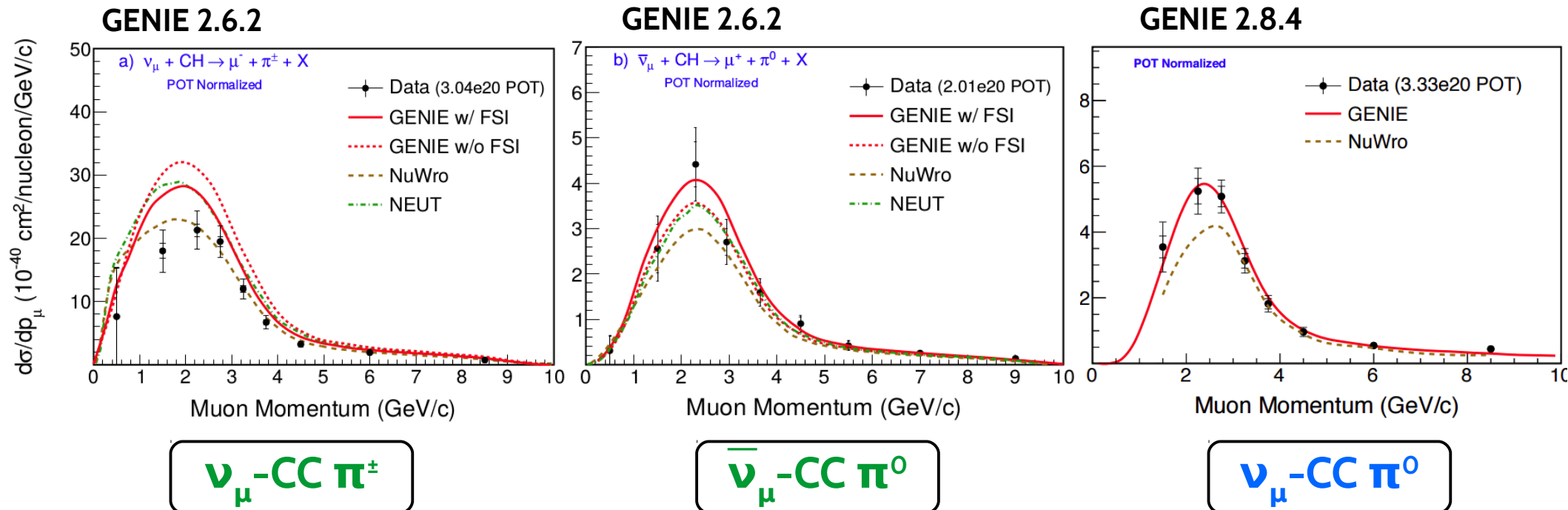
## Muon Angle

Comparison with previous pion results at MINERvA.



## Muon Momentum

Comparison with previous pion results at MINERvA

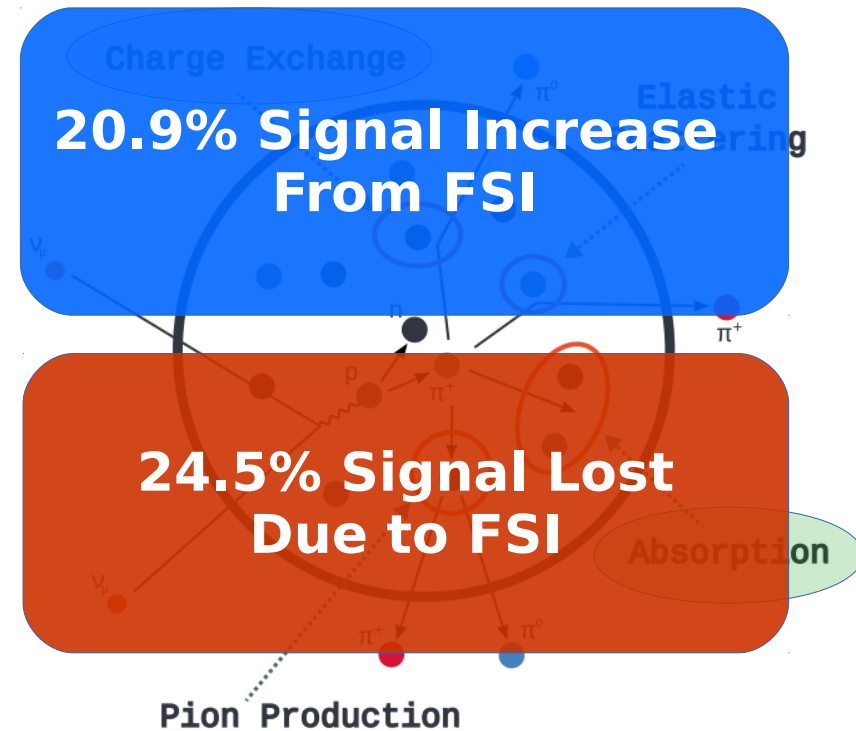
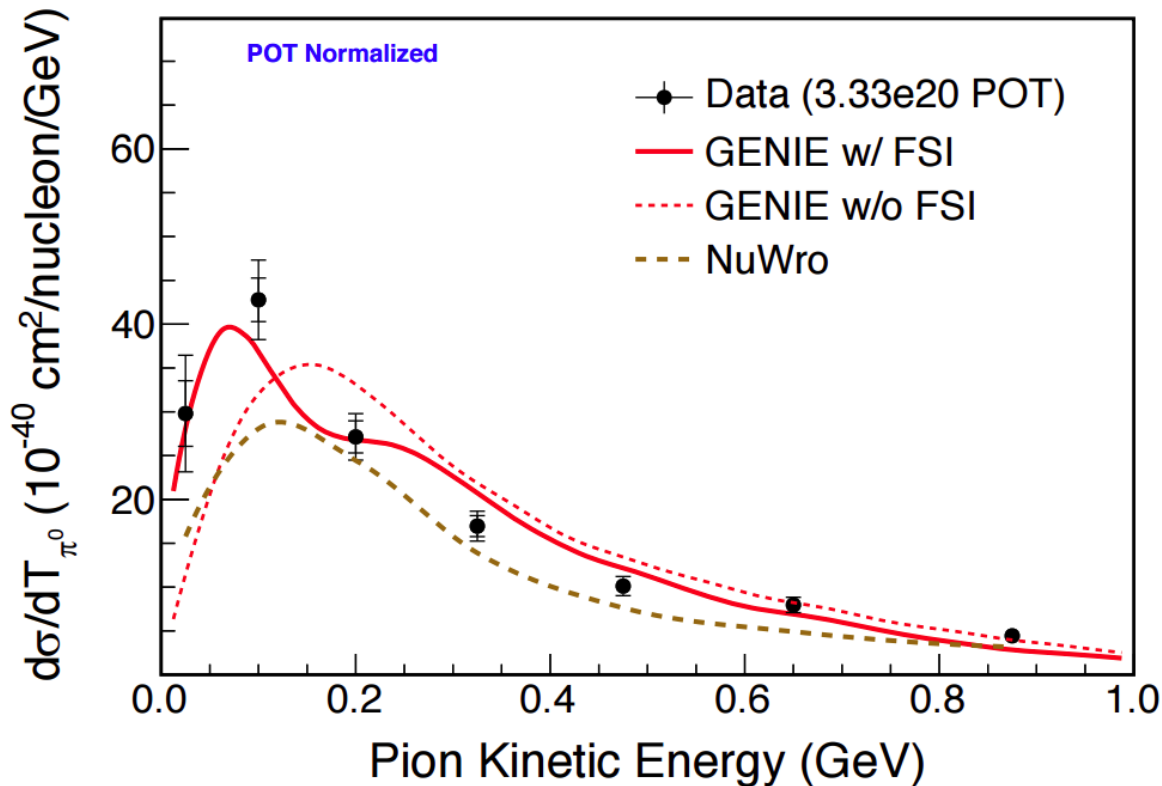


## The Pion Side



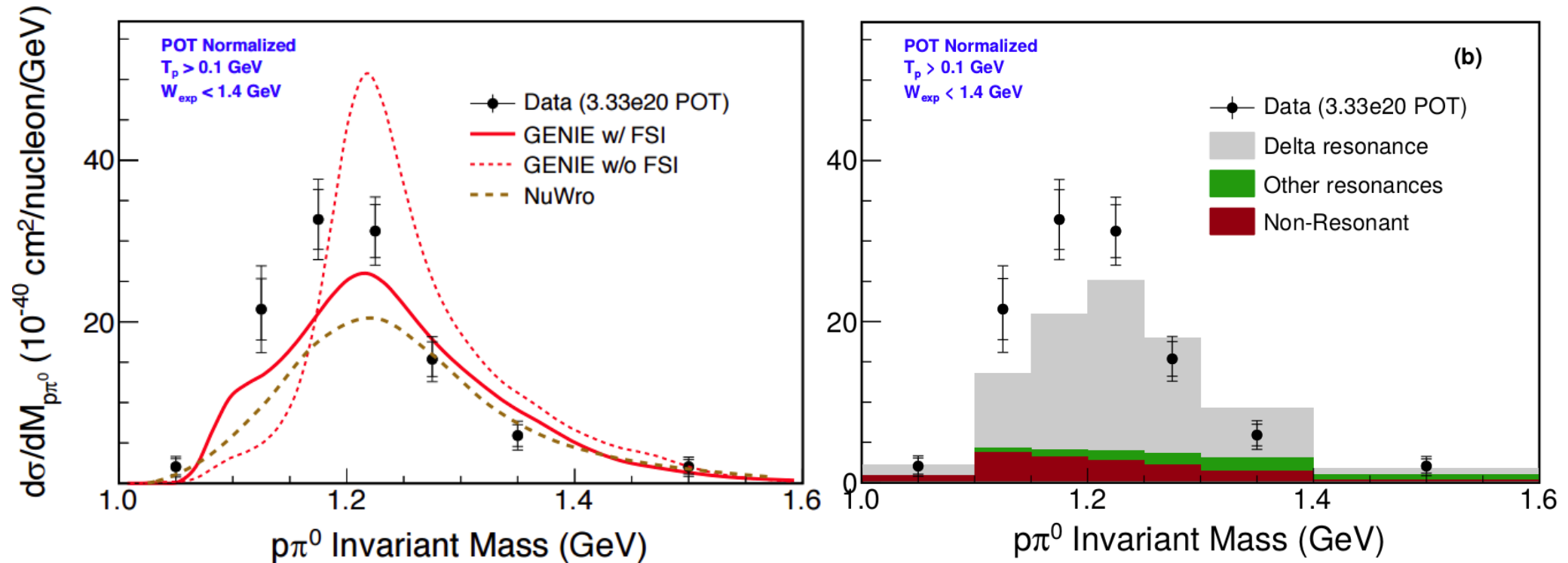


## Pion Kinetic Energy



- Enhancement at  $\sim 100$  MeV due to  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0$  feed-in events.
- Depletion at  $\sim 240$  MeV from  $\pi^0$  absorption feed-out events.

## Further Studies

Subsample Selected to Study  $\Delta^+$  States

Possible  $\Delta^+$   
Excess

## Further Results:

- **$\rho\pi^0$  Anisotropy Study**
- **Pion 2p2h Search**
- **And More!**

To Be Presented On **July 7** During the Joint  
Experimental-Theoretical Physics Seminar at Fermilab

# Conclusions

MINERvA is on its way to finish the whole set of CC  $\nu_{\mu}$ -induced pion reactions in CH in the LE era.

Our latest results show the importance of more and better physics models in event generators.

We are now taking data in a more intense and energetic NuMI beam  $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 6\text{GeV}$ . We have started some of the pion analyses in this new energy region.

**Thanks a Lot!**

**Questions?**



# Backup

# Leading Uncertainties

$$\mathbf{v}_\mu - \mathbf{CC} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^+$$

Detector Response - Flux - Interaction Model

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}_\mu - \mathbf{CC} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^0$$

Statistical - Interaction Model - Background Norm. and Unfolding

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}_\mu - \mathbf{CC} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^-$$

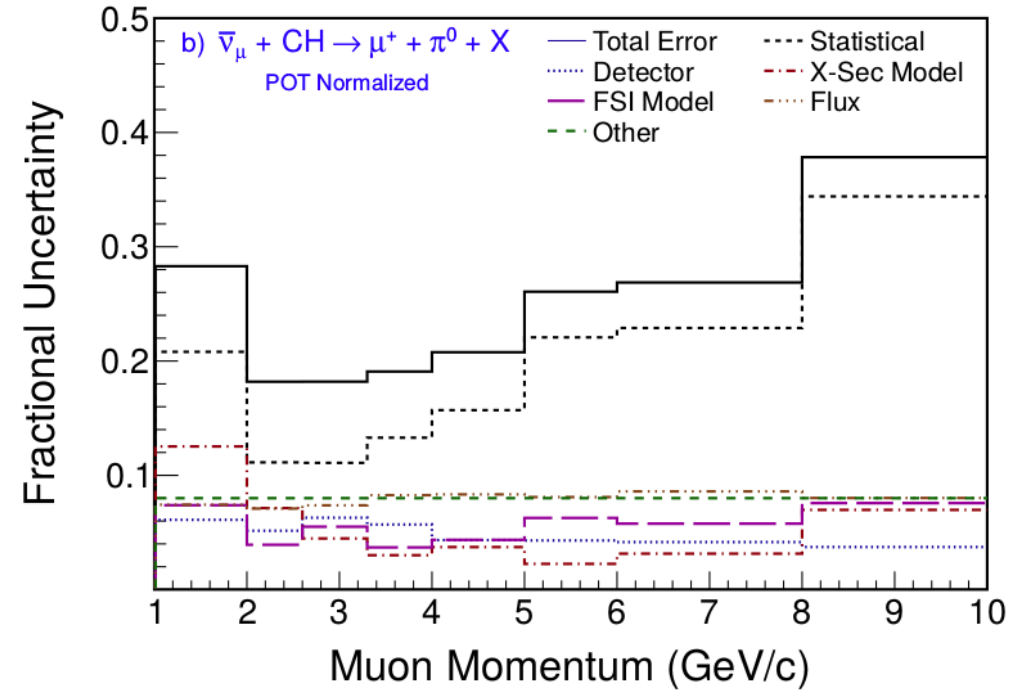
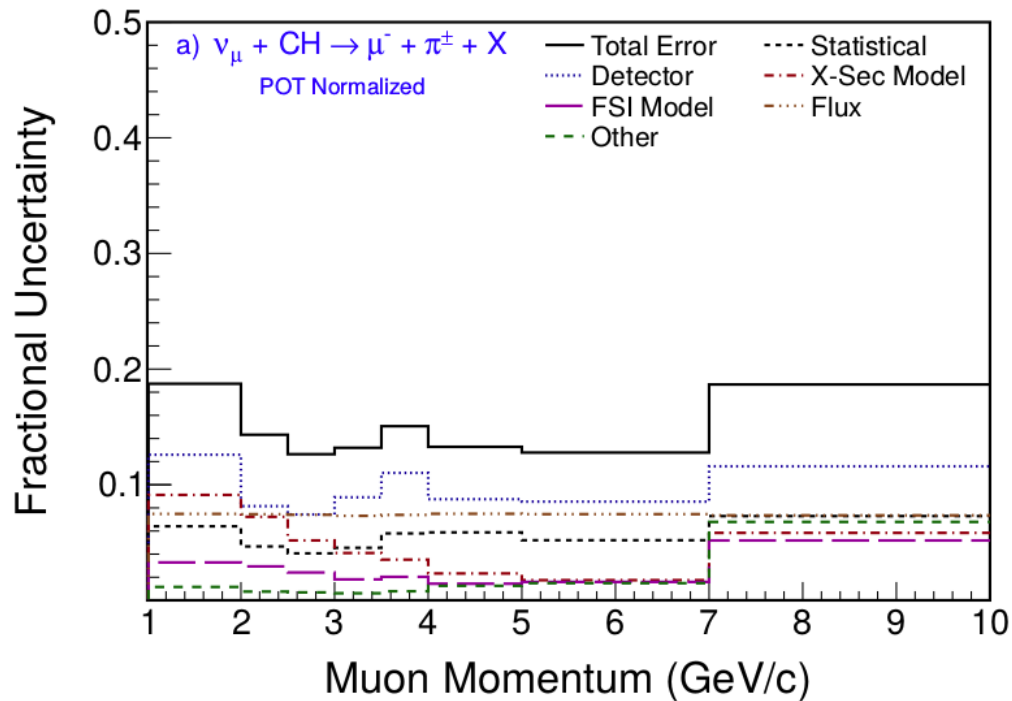
Interaction Model - Flux - Detector Response

$$\mathbf{v}_\mu - \mathbf{CC} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}^0$$

Interaction Model - Detector Response - Statistical



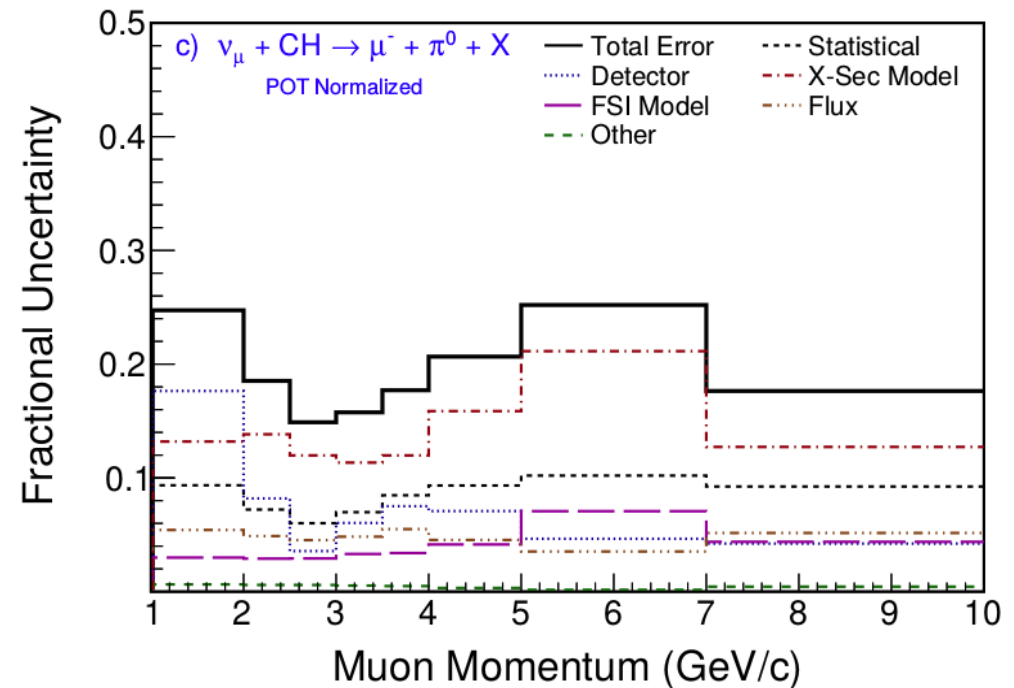
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In Progress

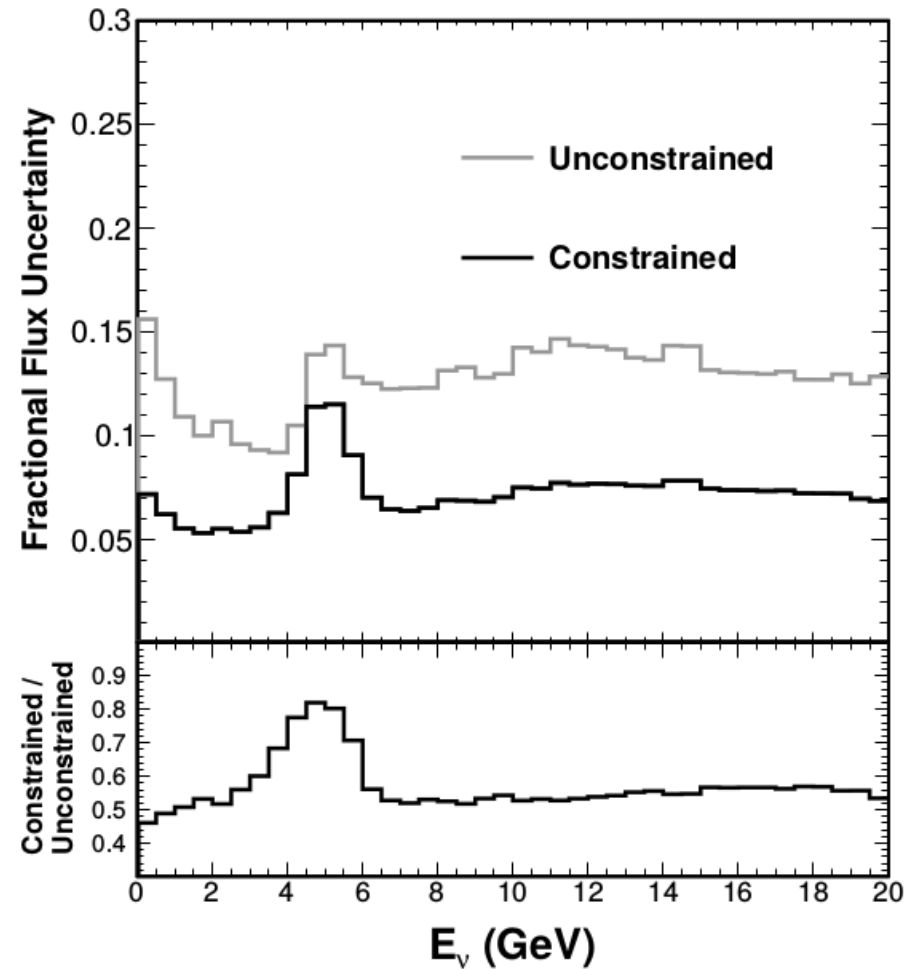
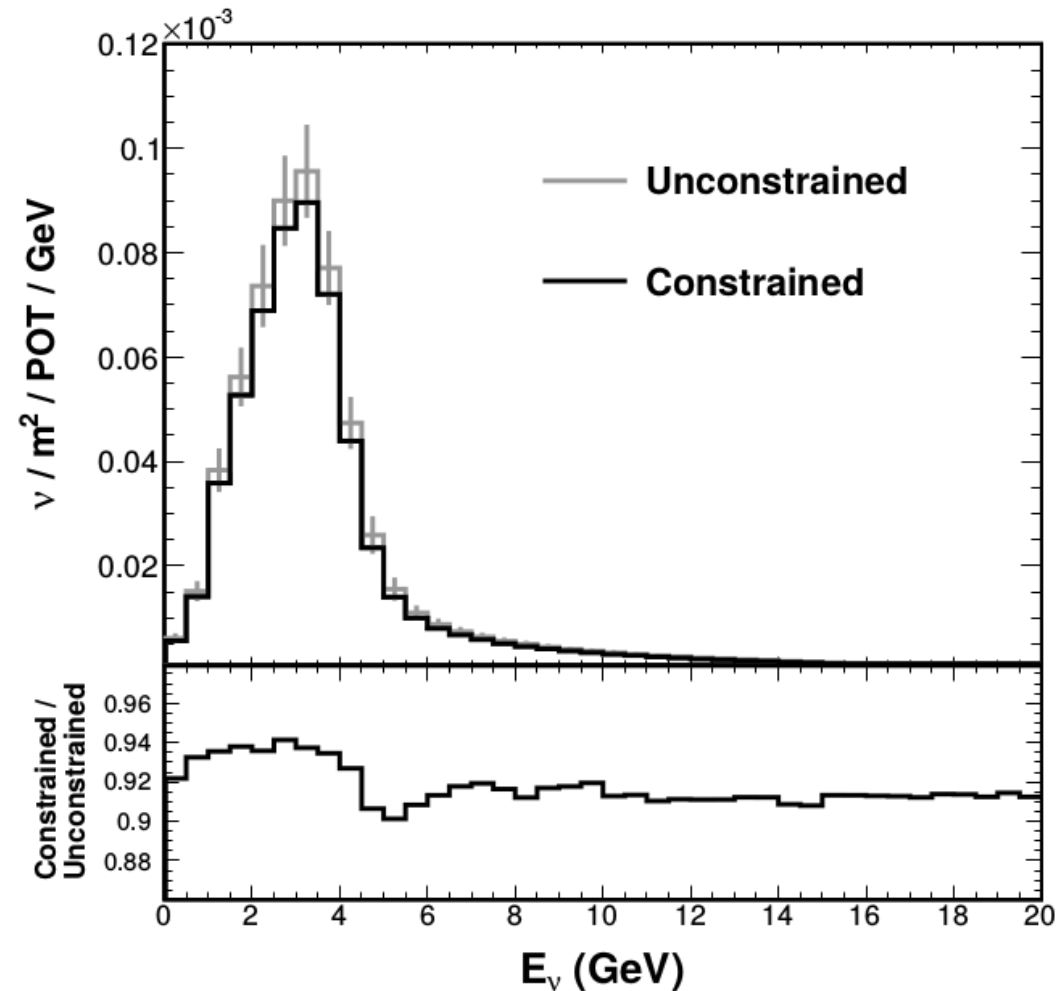


# Overall Efficiencies and Purities

	Eff	Purity
$\nu_{\mu} - CC \rightarrow \pi^{+}$	3%	86%
$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - CC \rightarrow \pi^{0}$	6%	55%
$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - CC \rightarrow \pi^{-}$	7.17%	69%
$\nu_{\mu} - CC \rightarrow \pi^{0}$	8.4%	51%

# $\nu$ - e Flux Constraint

Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.11, 112007



# Background Summary



- 69% pions with  $W > 1.8 \text{ GeV}$
- 19% from protons misidentified as pions.
- 9% from events with  $E_{\nu} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- 3% other.



- 70% from events with at least  $1\pi^{0}$
- 30% events with  $\pi^{-}$  and neutron-induced ionizations.



- Non-cc1pi<sup>-</sup> background.
- cc1pi<sup>-</sup> background where the proton is misidentified as  $\pi^{-}$



- 57% No  $\pi^{0}$  + with charged mesons.
- 20% at least  $1\pi^{0}$  + mesons.
- 20% from proton and neutron-induced ionizations.
- 3% others.

# GENIE 2.8.4 With Tuning

## Event Reweighting

- $\Delta^{**}(1232)$  Anisotropic Decay Reweight\*
- Reweight all CC-NonRES  $1\pi$  channels with 0.43†
- Reweight all CC-RES with 1.15†

## Other Changes

- $M_A^{\text{RES}} = 1.12 \rightarrow 0.94 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$
- Additional QE-Like 2p2h events‡

# GENIE 2.8.4 With Tuning

## Reduced Systematics

- Anisotropic decay reweight
- $M_A^{\text{RES}} = 20\% \rightarrow 5\% \dagger$
- Norm (Non-RES  $1\pi$ ) = 50%  $\rightarrow$  4% $\dagger$
- New Systematic: CC-RES Norm: 7% $\dagger$

## References:

\* Phys. Rev. D 92, 092008 (2015)

† Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 8, 474 (2016)

‡ Phys. Rev. D 88, 113007 (2013)

# GENIE / NuWro Comparison

## GENIE 2.8.4 (tuned)

- Relativistic Fermi gas
- Rein-Sehgal
- Bodek-Yang
- Effective cascade

## NuWro 17.01

- Relativistic Fermi gas
- $\Delta(1232)$
- Bodek-Yang
- Full cascade

- Nuclear Model
- Resonance
- DIS
- FSI Model

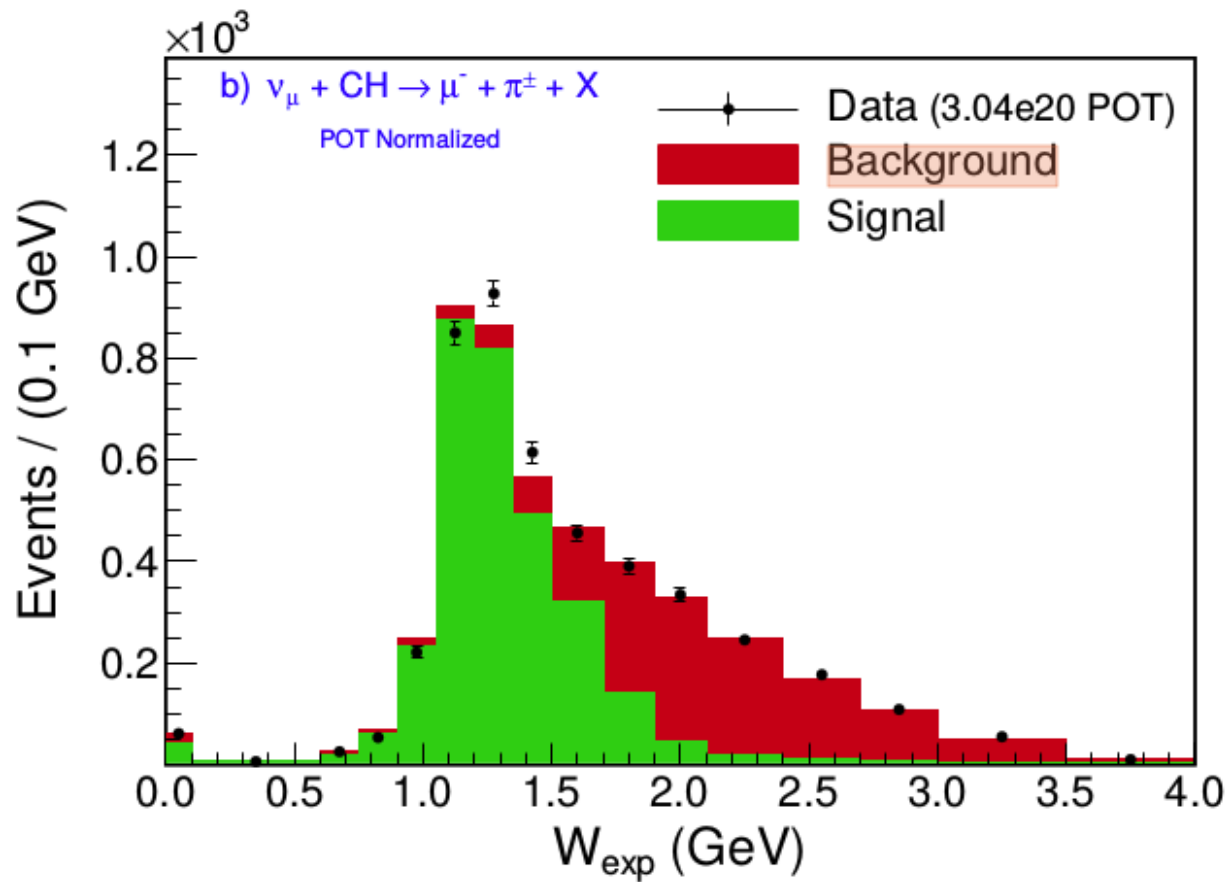


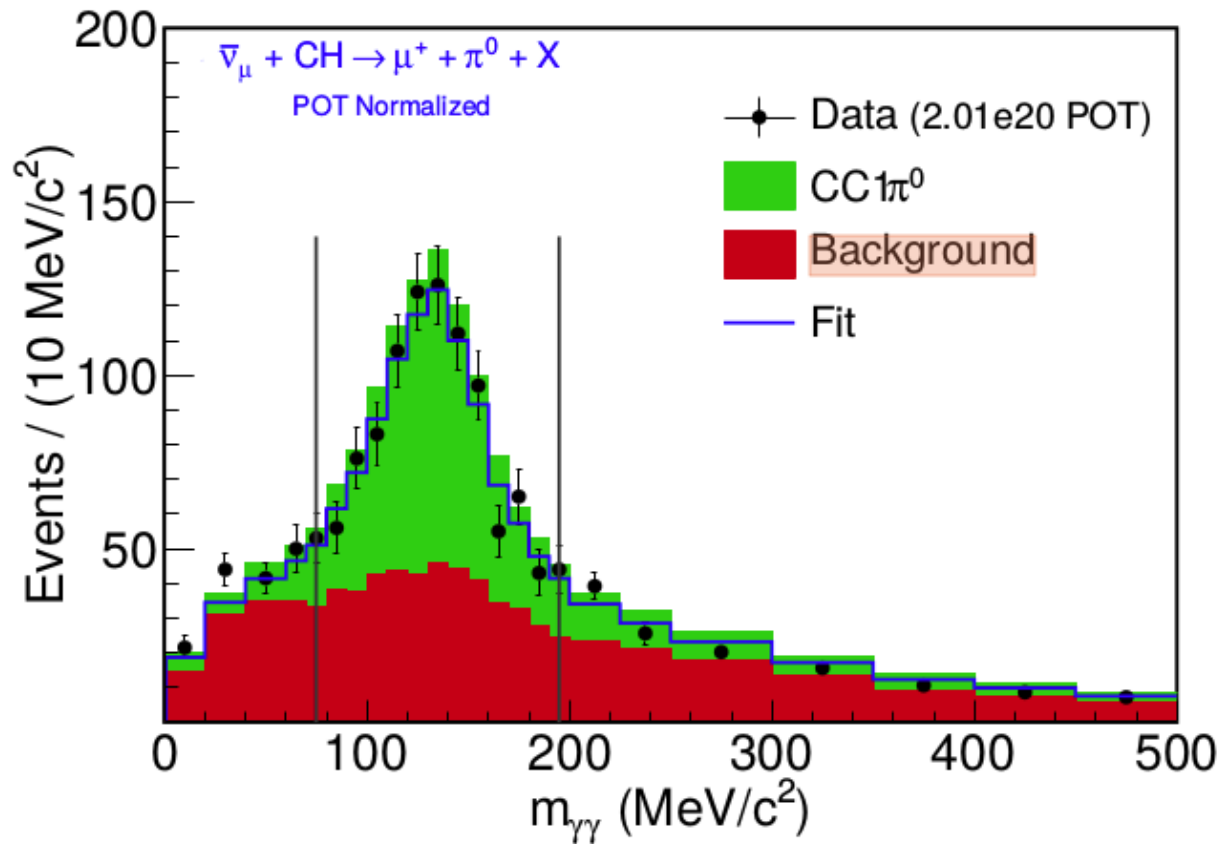
# Some Additions to GENIE 2.8.4 Since GENIE 2.6.2

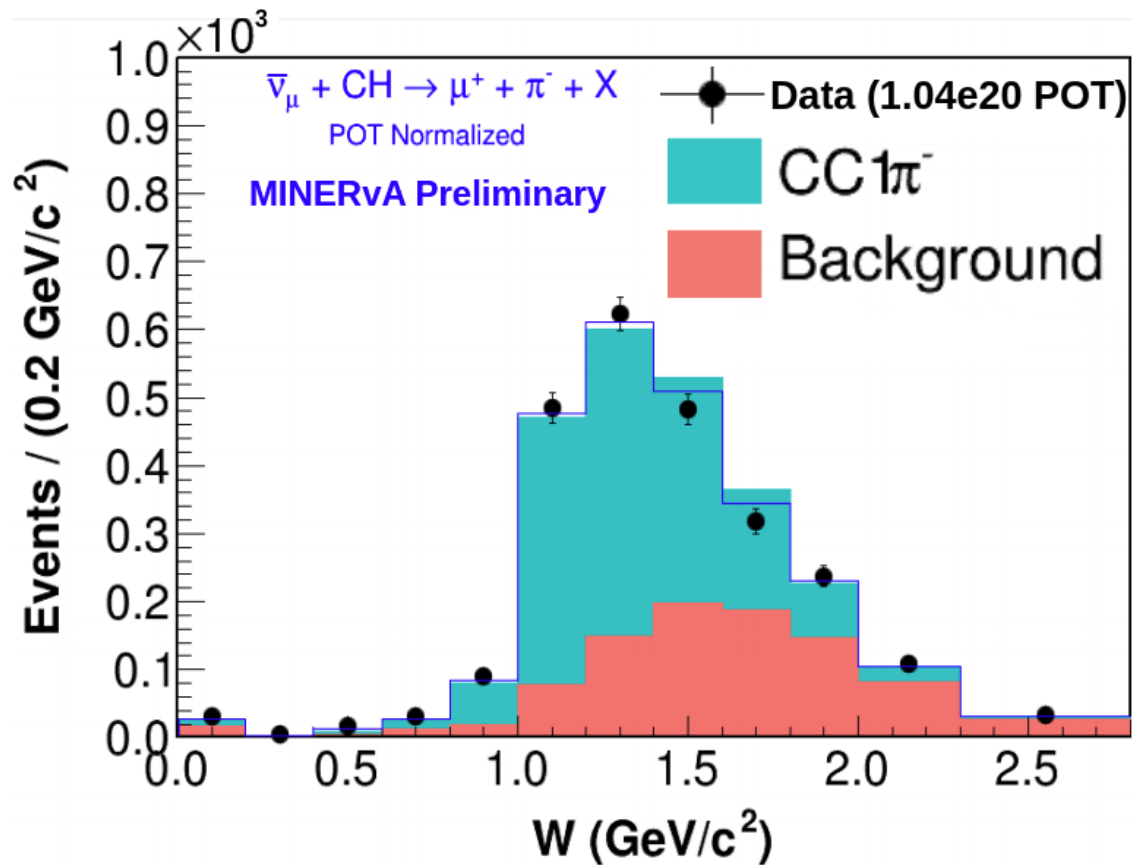
- Implementation of a Meson Exchange Current (MEC).
- $\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+$  and n,p cross-section differences are taken into account.
- More complete modeling of pion absorption and nucleon knockout processes.
- Kaon re-scattering.
- Inelastic reactions now treated as quasielastic. Angle chosen from 2-body kinematics, includes binding energy and Fermi motion.

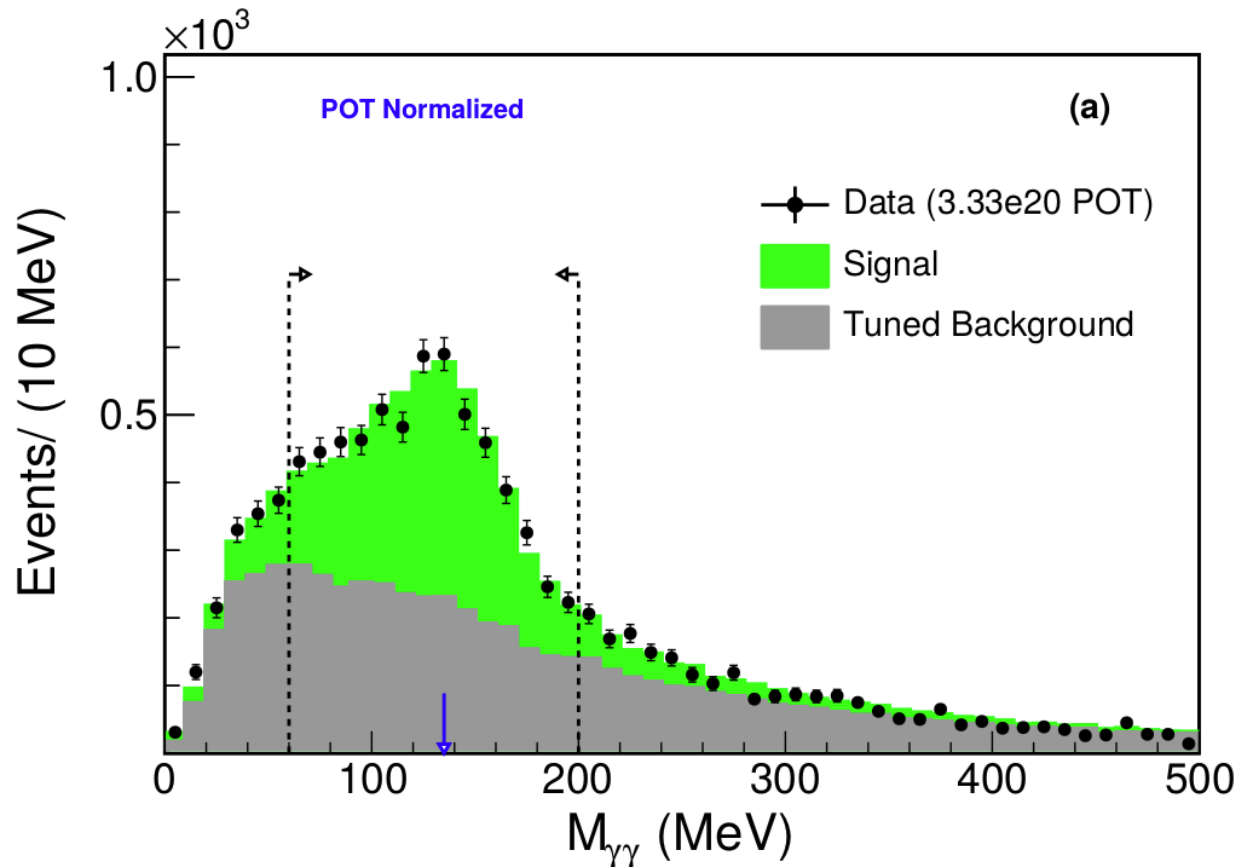
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# Hadronic Invariant Mass







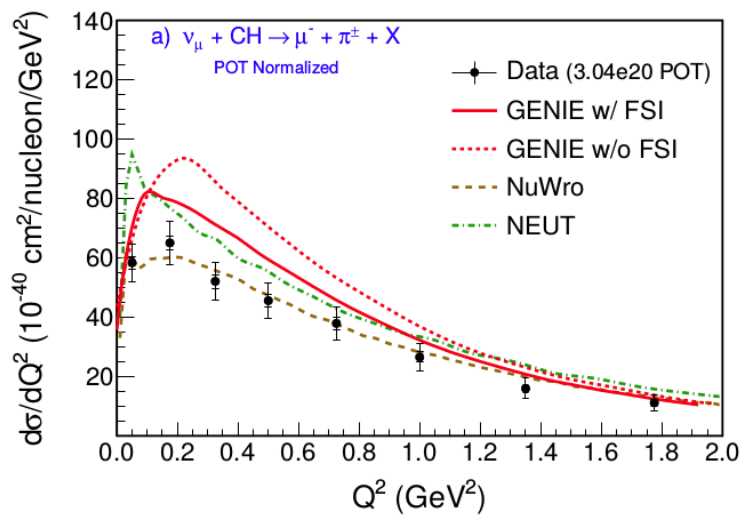


**Hadronic Invariant Mass?**  
**Wait for Ozgur's Altinok**  
**Seminar at Fermilab**  
**On July 7<sup>th</sup>**

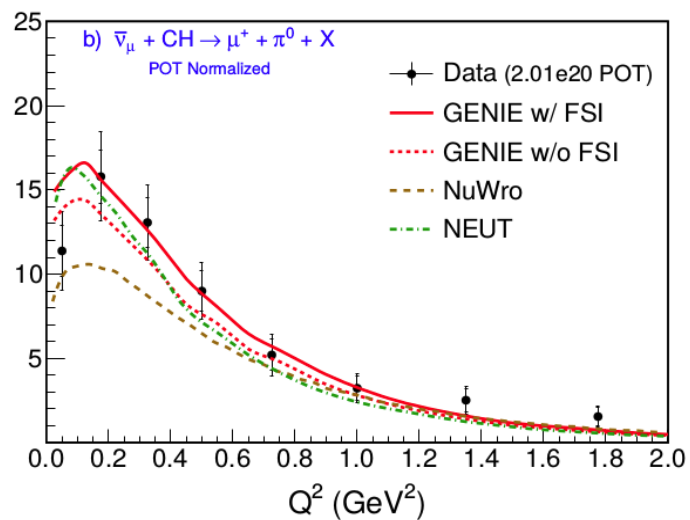
# Cross Section Measurements

$Q^2$

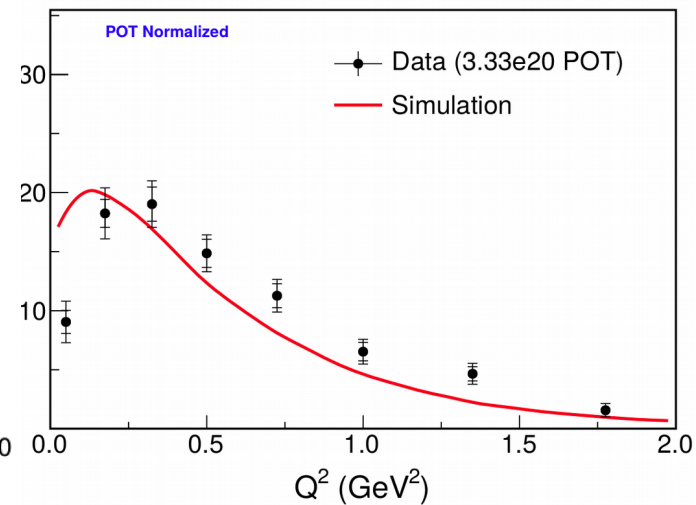
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$\nu_{\mu} - CC \pi^{\pm}$

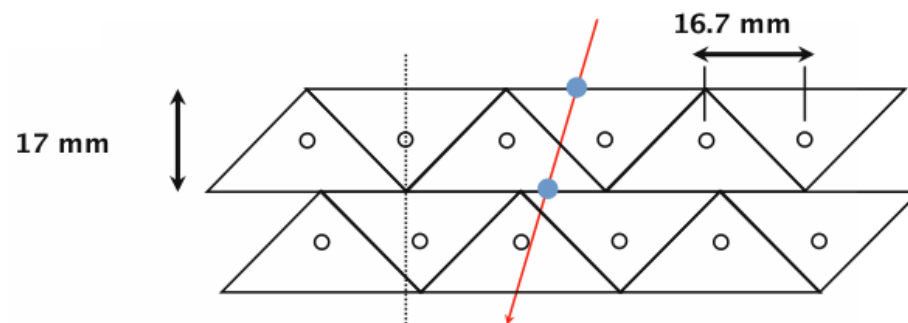
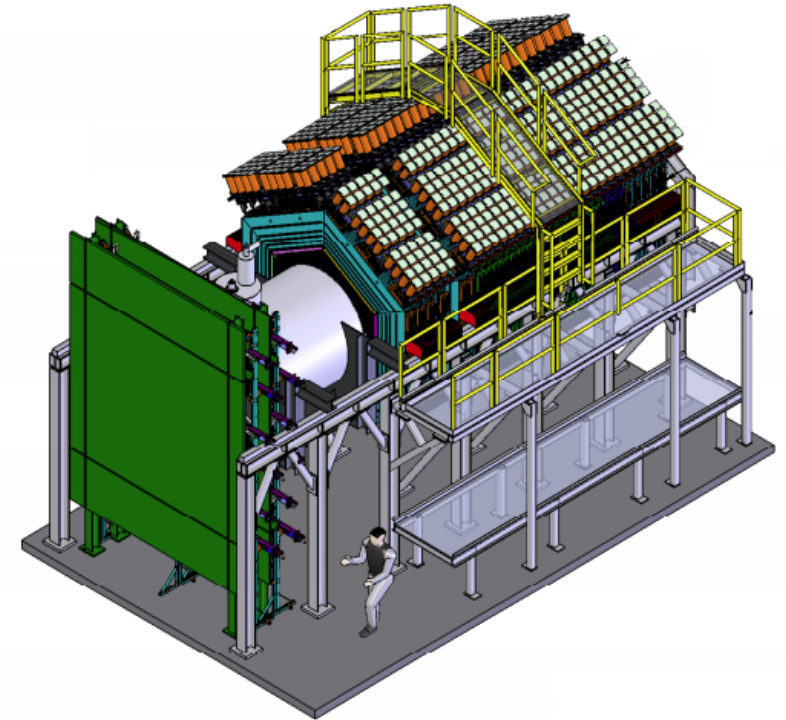
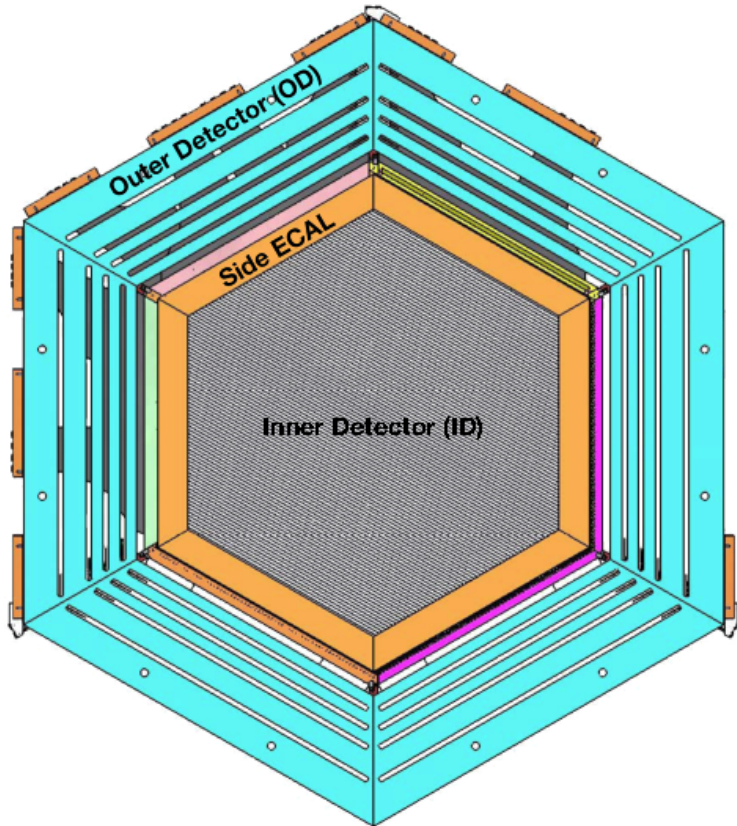


$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - CC \pi^{0}$



$\nu_{\mu} - CC \pi^{0}$

# Detector Details



# Other Formulae

$$Q^2 = -(k-k')^2 = 2E_\nu(E_\mu - |\mathbf{p}|\cos\theta_\mu) - m_\mu^2$$

Momentum Transfer

$$W = (p+q)^2 = M_N^2 + 2M_N(E_\nu - E_\mu) - Q^2$$

H. Invariant Mass

$$\mathbf{p}_{\pi^0} = \mathbf{p}_{\gamma 1} + \mathbf{p}_{\gamma 2}$$

pi0 Momentum

$$T_{\pi^0} = E_{\pi^0} - m_{\pi^0}, \rightarrow E_{\pi^0} = \sqrt{(|\mathbf{p}_{\pi^0}|^2 + m_{\pi^0}^2)}$$

pi0 Kinetic Energy

$$M_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_{\gamma 1}E_{\gamma 2}(1 - \cos\theta_{\gamma\gamma})$$

pi0 Invariant Mass

$$M_{p\pi}^2 = (E_p + E_\pi)^2 - |\mathbf{p}_p + \mathbf{p}_\pi|^2$$

p+-pi0 Invariant Mass

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{\gamma 1} + E_{\gamma 2} + \sum T_p + E_{\text{vtx}} + E_{\text{extra}}$$

Neutrino Energy

$$(d\sigma/dX)_i = (1/T_n \Phi)(1/\Delta X_i) \sum_j [U_{ij} (N_j^{\text{data}} - N_j^{\text{bkg}})/\epsilon_i]$$

Diff Cross Section



# Formulae for E<sub>ν</sub>

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{recoil}, \rightarrow E_{recoil} = \beta \left( \alpha \sum_i C_i E_i \right) \quad \nu_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^\pm X$$

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{\pi^0} + T_n, \rightarrow T_n = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left[ (E_\mu - p_\mu^\parallel) + (E_{\pi^0} - p_{\pi^0}^\parallel) \right]^2 + (\vec{p}_\mu^\perp + \vec{p}_{\pi^0}^\perp)^2}{m_N - (E_\mu - p_\mu^\parallel) - (E_{\pi^0} - p_{\pi^0}^\parallel)} \quad \bar{\nu}_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0 X$$

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{\pi^-} + E_{calo} \quad \bar{\nu}_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^- X$$

$$E_\nu = E_\mu + E_{\pi^0} + \sum T_p + E_{vertex} + E_{extra} \quad \nu_\mu CH \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^0 X$$