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#### Recent results from MINERvA

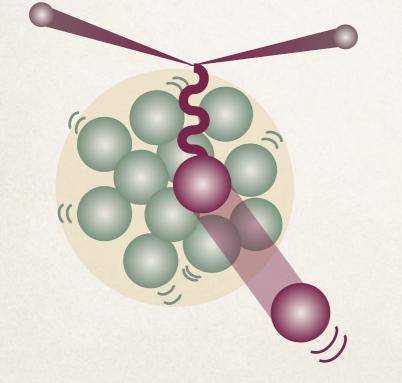
Cheryl Patrick, Northwestern University, USA, for the MINERvA collaboration

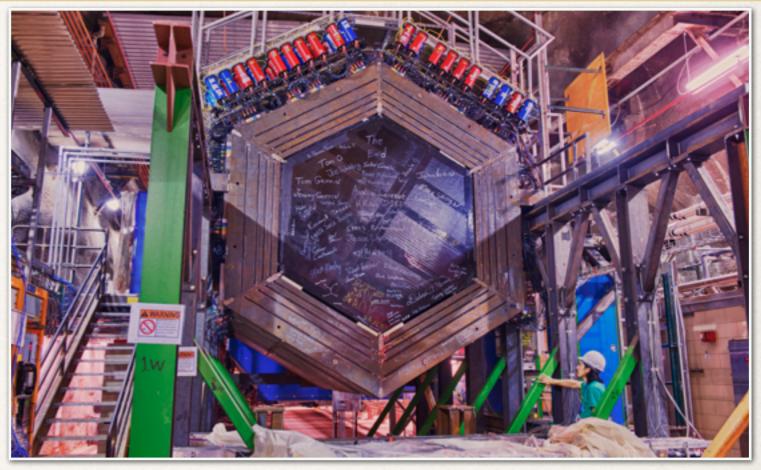
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## About MINERvA

MINERvA is a dedicated neutrinonucleus cross-section experiment, situated in Fermilab's NUMI beam along with MINOS and NOvA.

It is able to make high-precision cross-section measurements for many different materials, in the 1-20 GeV range.





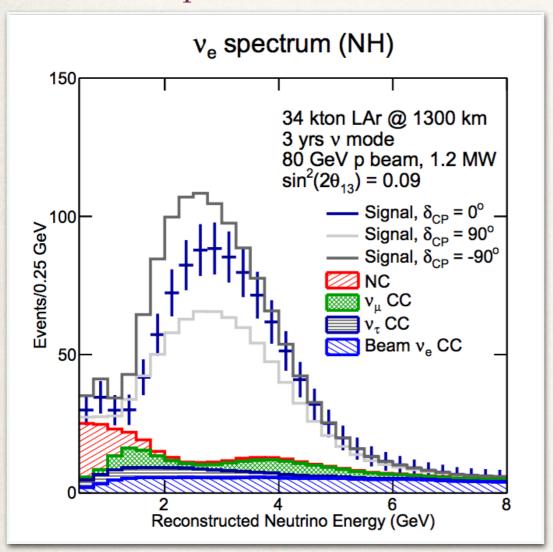
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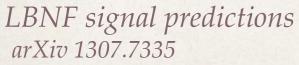
- MINERvA is excellent for probing the structure of the nucleus, and its effects on neutrino scattering cross sections
- Its measurements can also provide vital information to oscillation experiments

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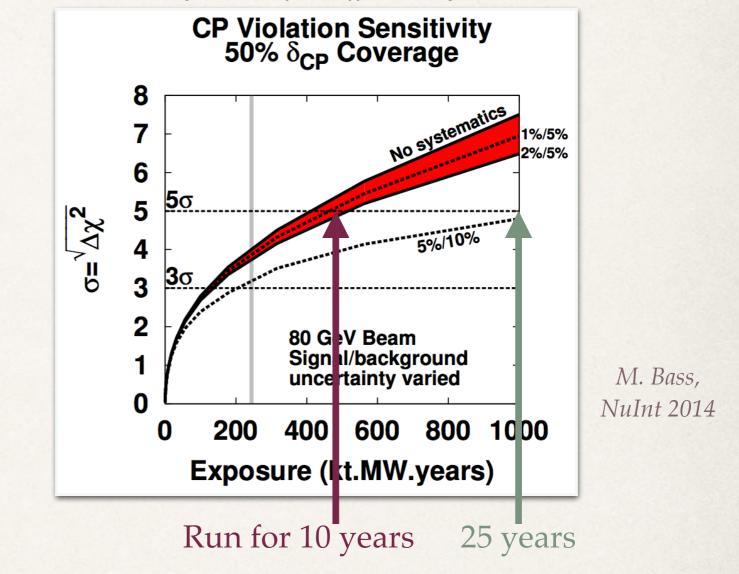
## The importance of cross sections

Oscillation experiments compare event rates with predictions to determine parameters such as  $\delta_{CP}$ .





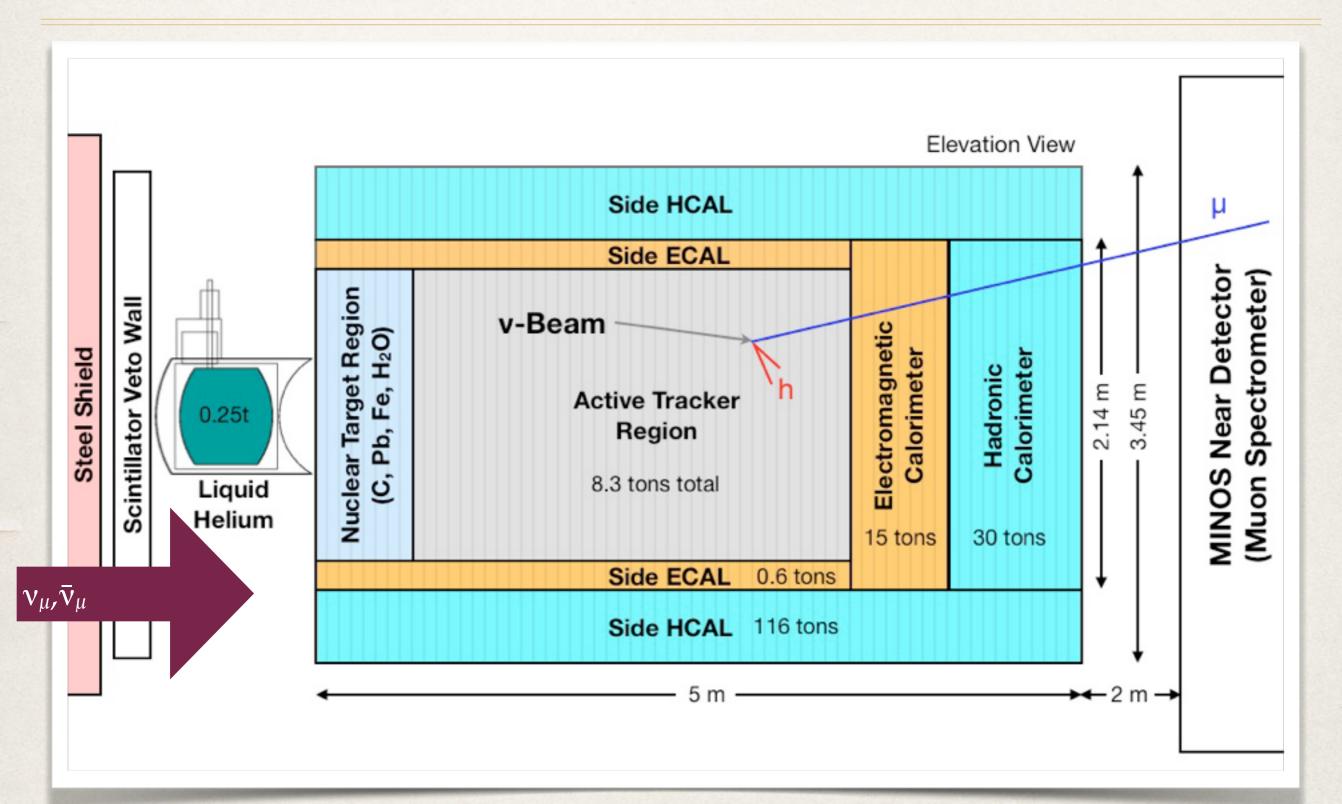
LBNF Sensitivity to  $\delta_{CP}$  for different systematic uncertainties



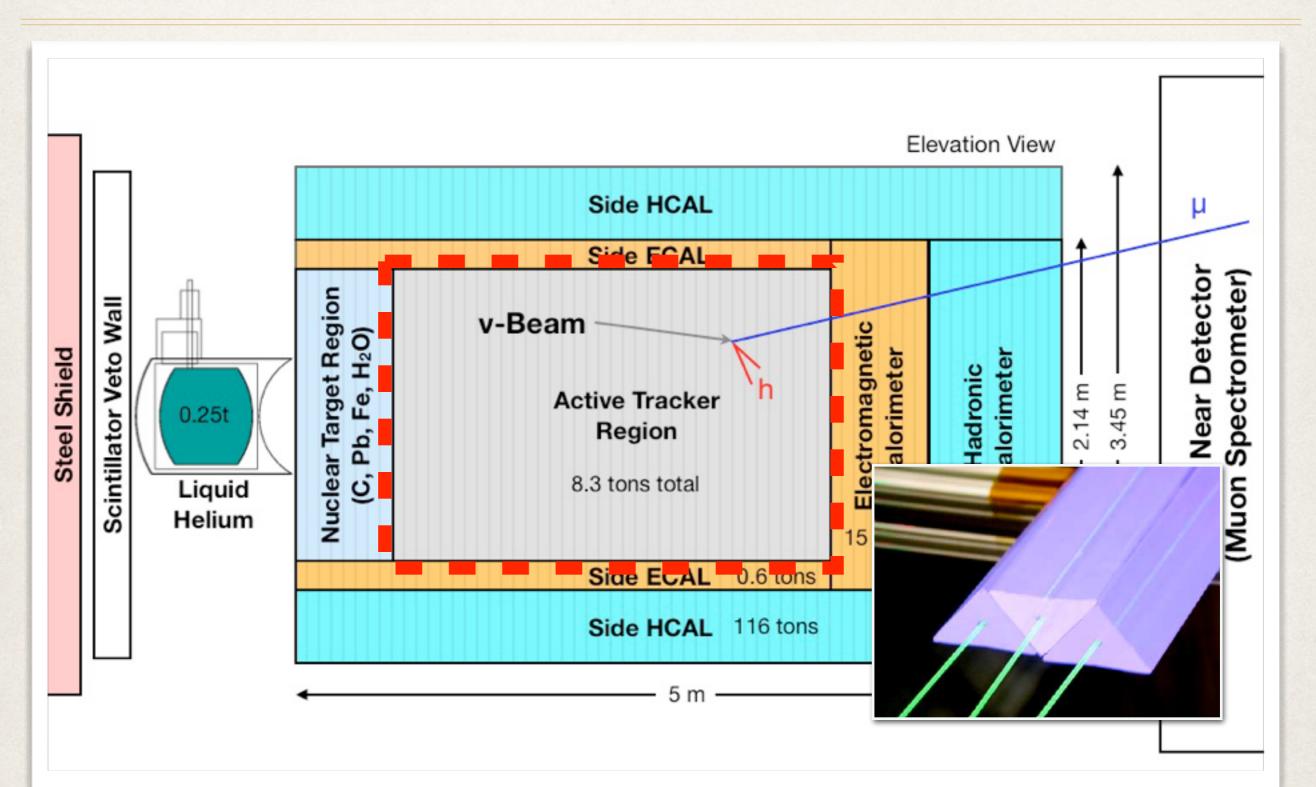
To distinguish these parameters, they must reduce systematics. The cross-section model is one of the largest contributors to the uncertainty.

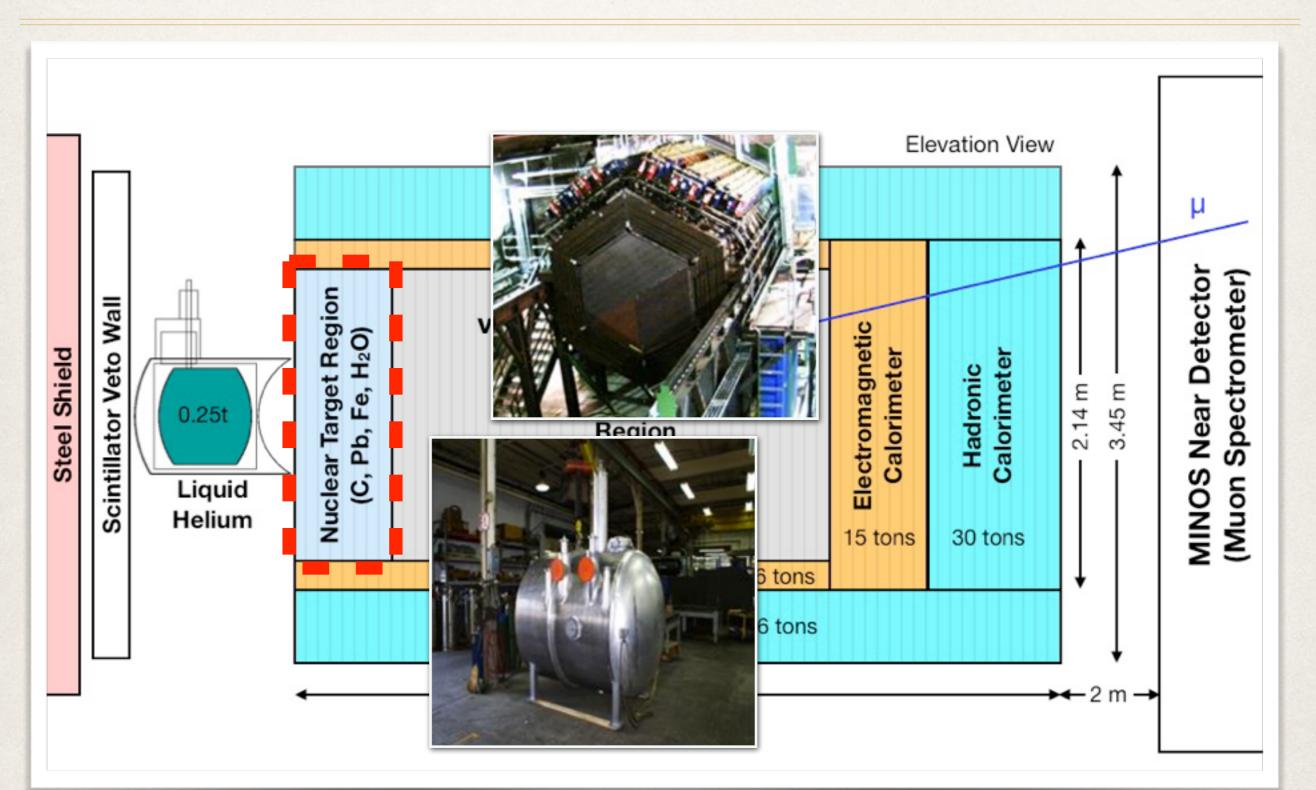
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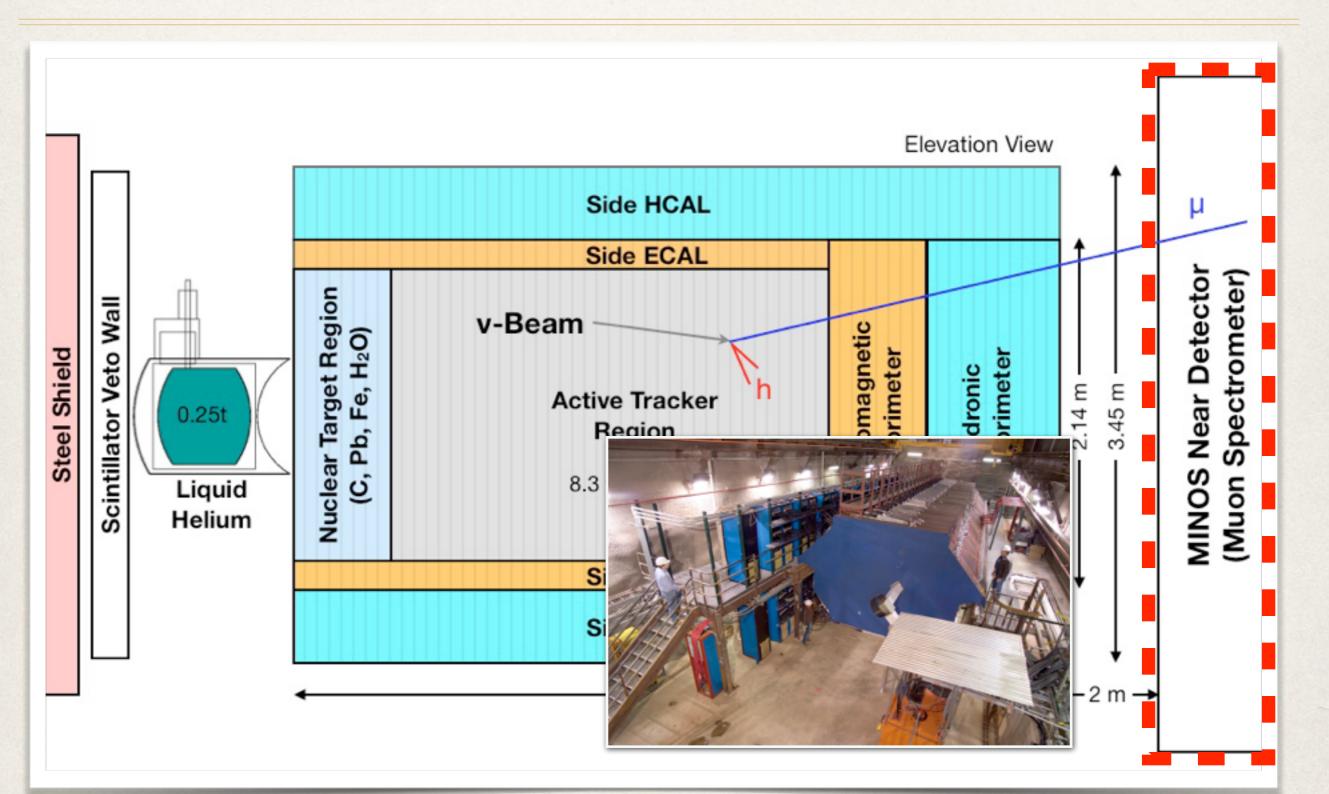
MINERvA can reduce the uncertainties!

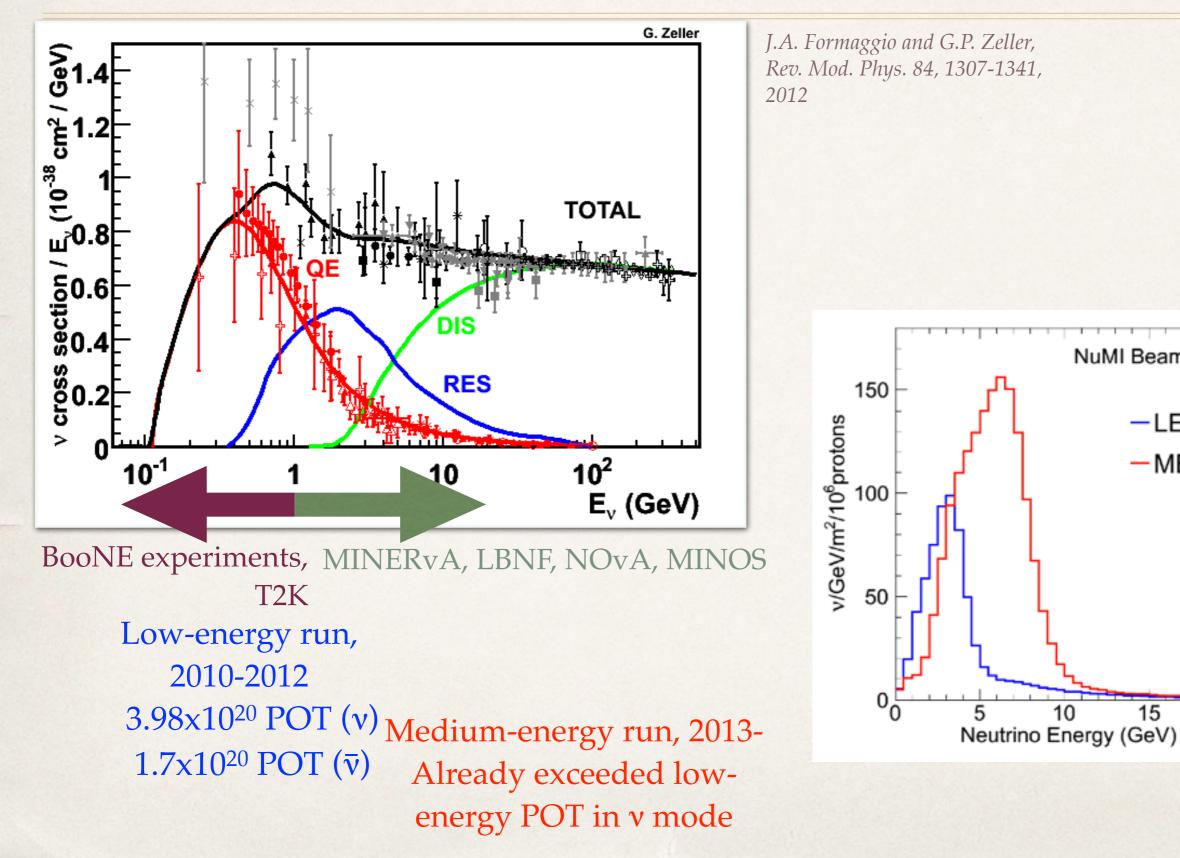


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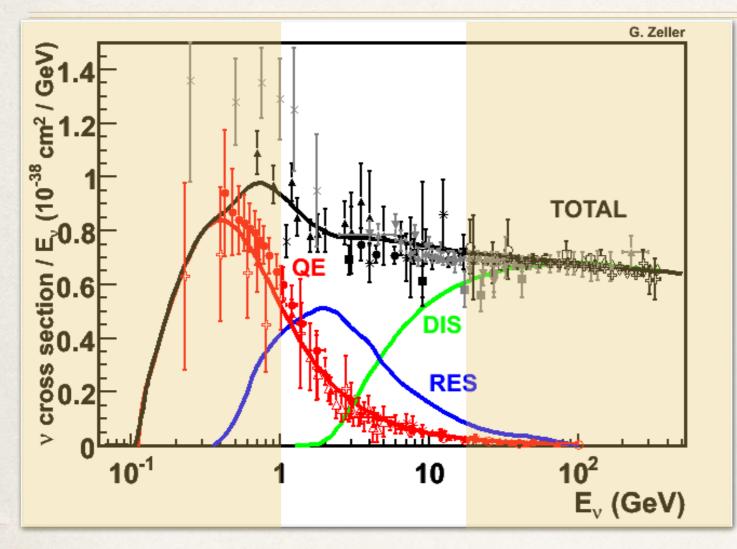
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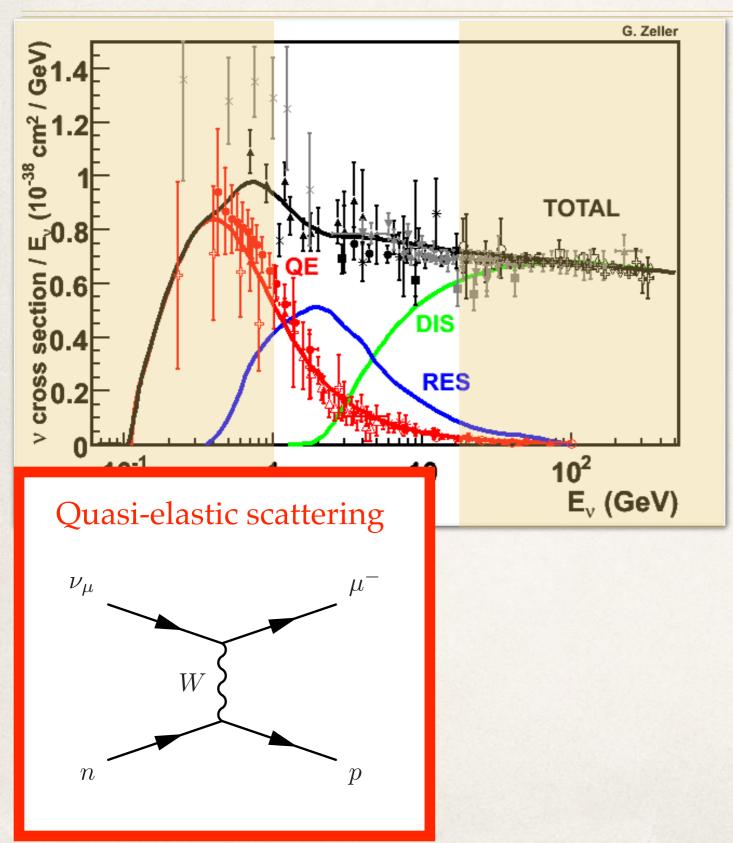
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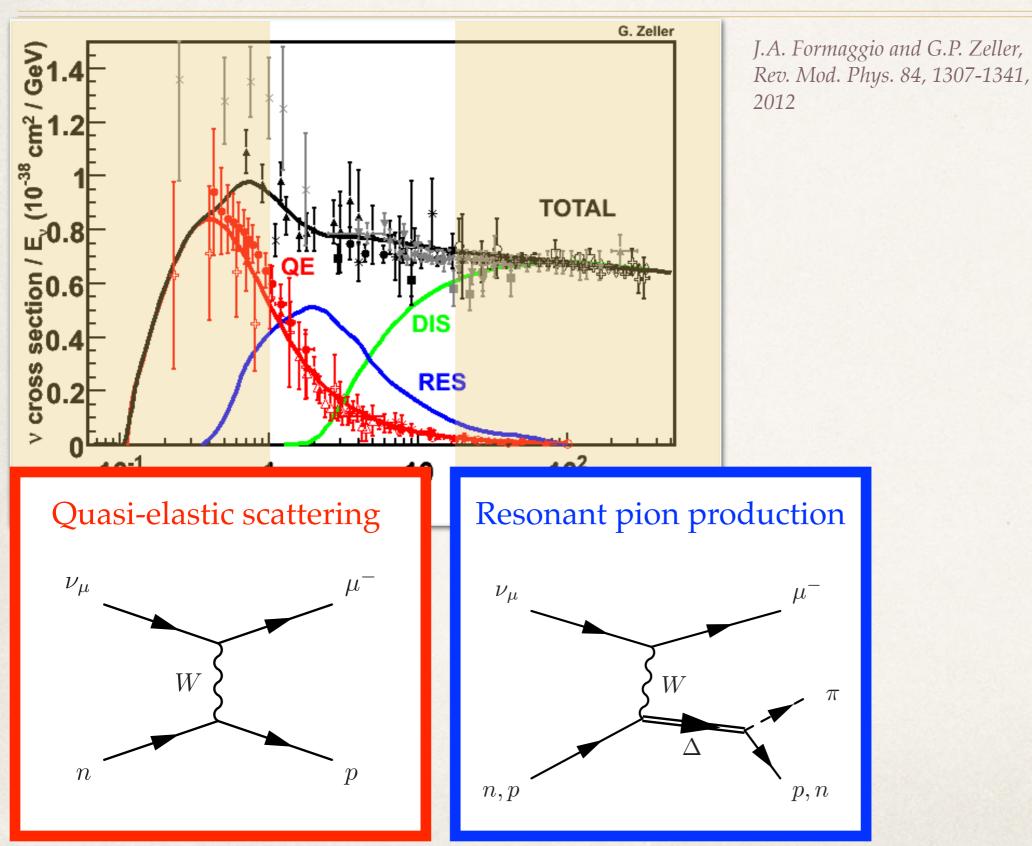
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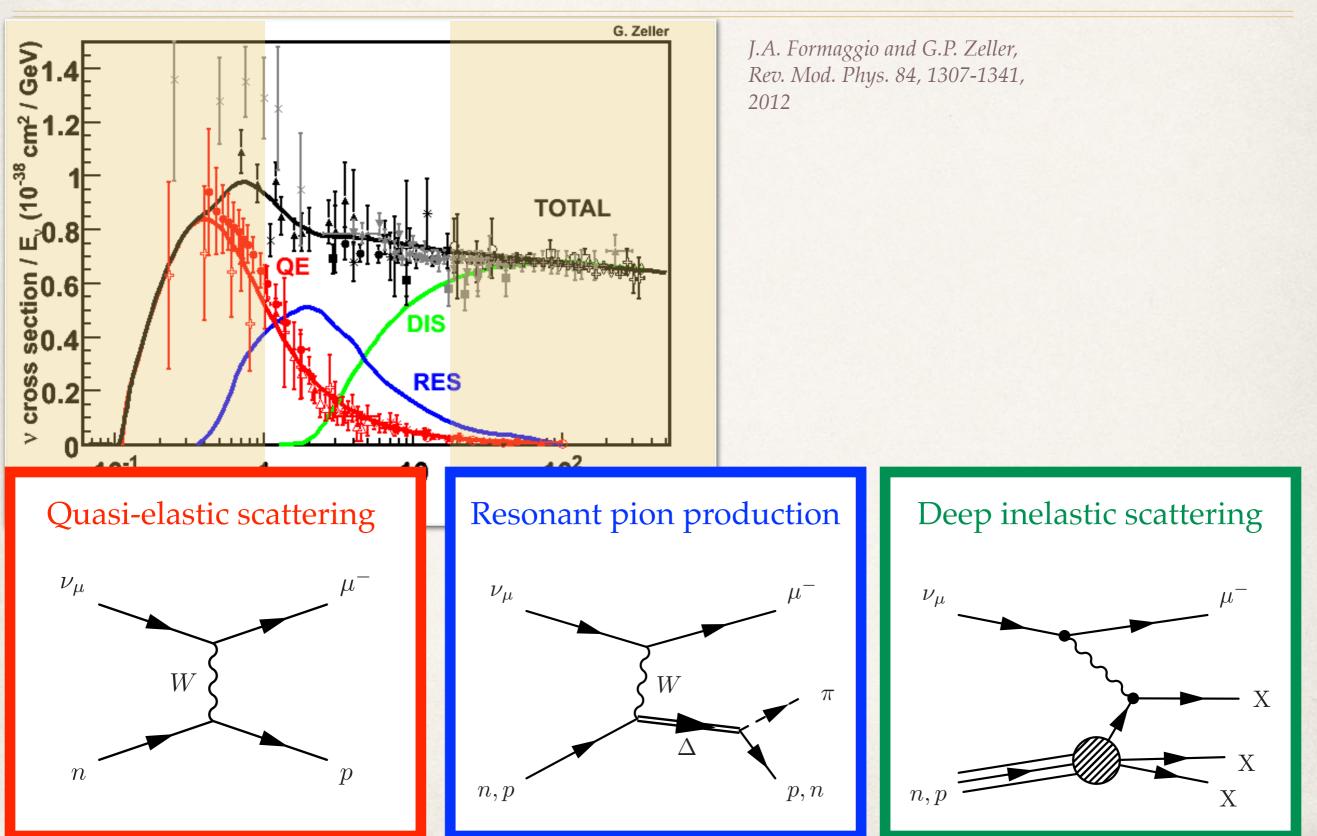
J.A. Formaggio and G.P. Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 84, 1307-1341, 2012



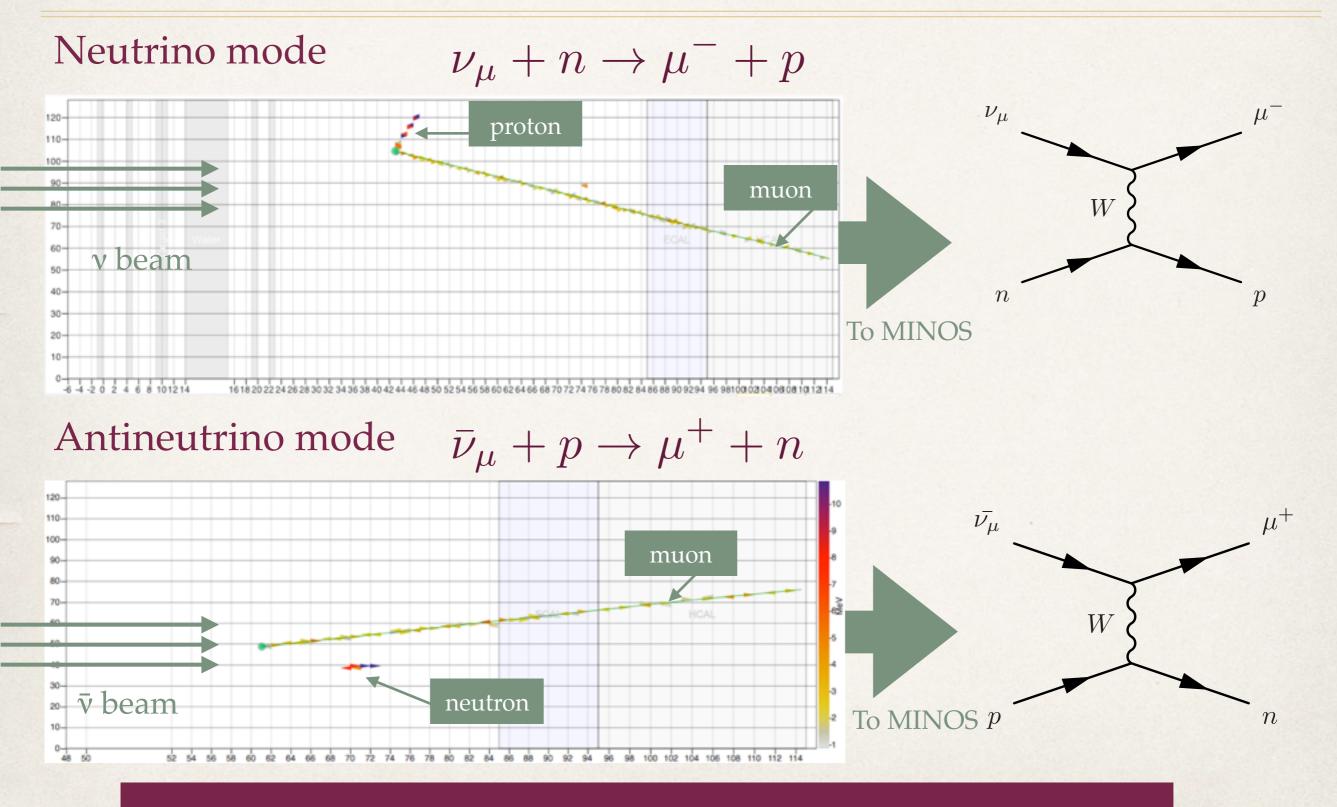
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#### Quasi-elastic events in MINERvA

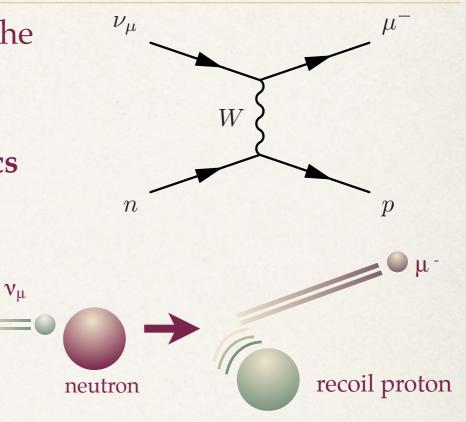


The first analyses I'll show are on data from the scintillator tracker

## Quasi-elastic scattering (CCQE)

- There is a single charged muon in the final state, plus the recoil nucleon (no mesons or other particles)
- We can reconstruct the neutrino energy and 4momentum transfer, Q<sup>2</sup>, from just the muon kinematics
- But this assumes scattering from a stationary nucleon
- \* Cross-section model is well-proven on hydrogen/ deuterium C.H. Llewellyn Smith, Phys. Rept. 3C, 261 (1972)

$$Q_{QE}^{2} = 2E_{\nu}^{QE} (E_{\mu} - p_{\mu} \cos \theta_{\mu}) - m_{\mu}^{2}$$
$$E_{\nu}^{QE} = \frac{m_{n}^{2} - (m_{p} - E_{b})^{2} - m_{\mu}^{2} + 2(m_{p} - E_{b})E_{\mu}}{2(m_{p} - E_{b} - E_{\mu} + p_{\mu} \cos \theta_{\mu})}$$

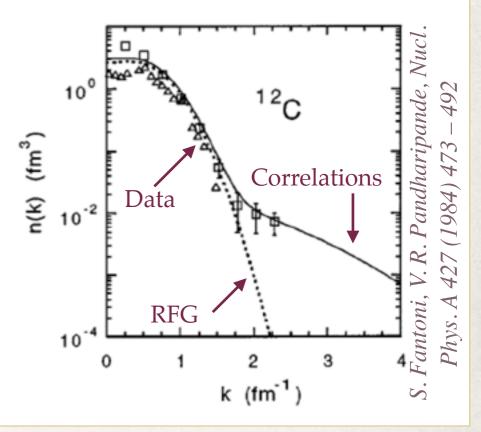


- \* For heavier nuclei, we must model the effects of interactions between nucleons
- \* Nuclear effects affect energy reconstruction with the CCQE hypothesis
- \* When nucleons are correlated, extra nucleons may be ejected

## Nuclear models

#### Relativistic Fermi Gas (RFG)

- Popular model is relatively easy to implement, modeling independent particles in a potential generated by the rest of the nucleus R. Smith and E. Moniz, Nucl. Phys. B43, 605 (1972); Bodek, S. Avvakumov, R. Bradford, and H. S. Budd, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 110, 082004 (2008);
- \* Bodek and Ritchie model short-range correlations to give high-energy tail A. Bodek, and J. L. Ritchie, Phys. Rev. D23, 1070 (1980), A. Bodek and J. L. Ritchie, Phys. Rev. D24, 1400 (1981)
- Local Fermi Gas (LFG) has a position-dependent momentum distribution AK. S. Kuzmin, V. V. Lyubushkin, and V. A. Naumov, Eur.Phys.J. C54, 517 (2008)



Meson Exchange Current models (MEC) electron Example meson exchange current interaction, from a more detailed list (J Morfín). This Knocked-out illustrates a R. Subedi et al, correlation. Science 320 1476 proton or neutron C. Patrick, MINERvA Collaboration (2008)

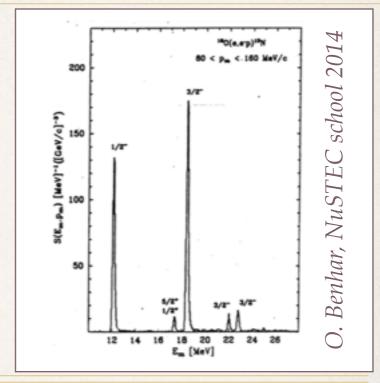
Cross sections for meson exchange current diagrams, including correlations, have been calculated J. Nieves, I. Ruiz Simo and M. J. Vicente Vacas, Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 045501

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## More nuclear models

#### Spectral functions (SF)

- The shell model of the nucleus gives spectral lines, which can be seen in electron-nucleus scattering experiments
- \* For a more accurate model of the nucleus, a contribution for correlated pairs is added to the spectral function *O. Benhar, A. Fabrocini, S. Fantoni, and I. Sick, Nucl.Phys. A579, 493 (1994)*

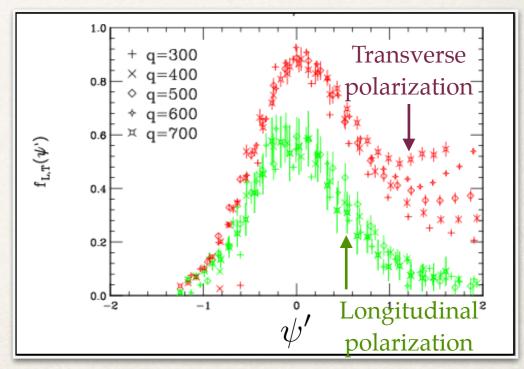


#### Transverse Enhancement Model (TEM)

- Parameterizes correlation effect seen in electromagnetic electron scattering by modifying nucleon magnetic form factor A. Bodek, H. Budd, and M. Christy, Eur.Phys.J. C71, 1726 (2011)
- Note this effect was seen in pure vector scattering

   how does it extend to weak interactions with an
   axial component?

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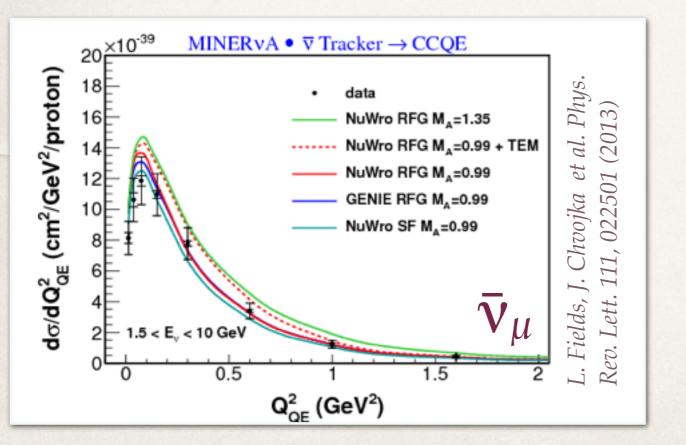


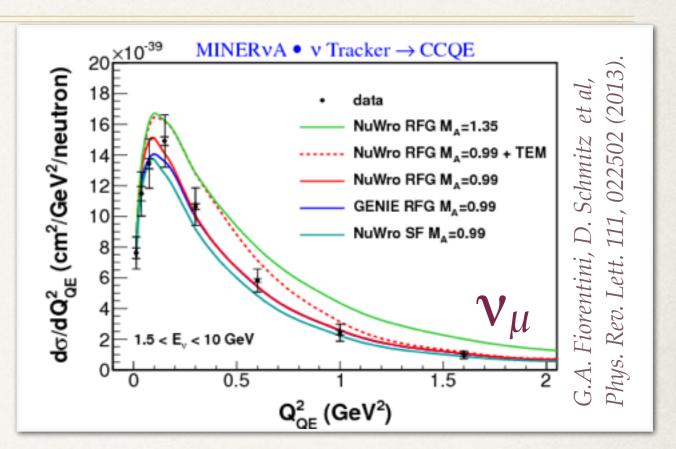
*Transverse & longitudinal cross sections J. Carlson et al, PRC 65, 024002 (2002)* 

### Quasi-elastic results: muon kinematics

 Compare data to GENIE RFG C. Andreopoulos, et al., NIM 288A, 614, 87 (2010) and NuWro K. M. Graczyk and J. T.
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GENIE RFG  $M_A$ =0.99NuWro RFG+TEMNuWro RFG  $M_A$ =0.99 $M_A$ =0.99NuWro RFG  $M_A$ =1.35NuWro SF  $M_A$ =0.99

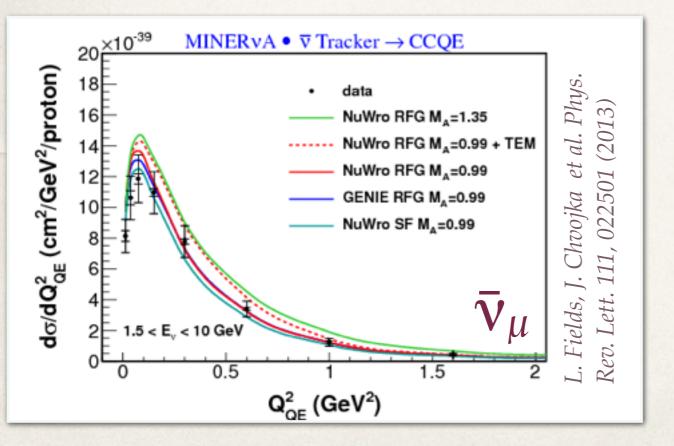


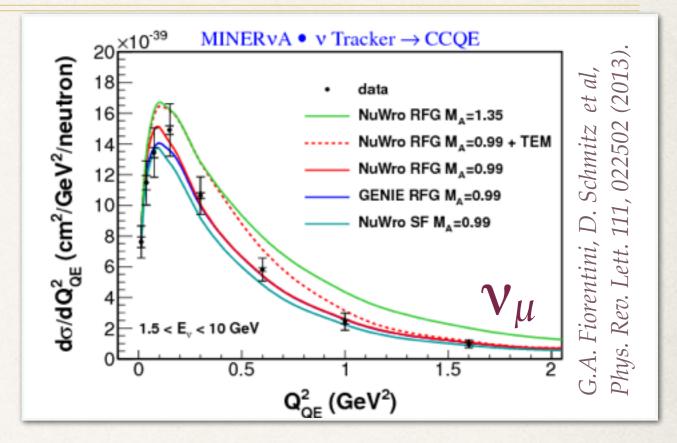


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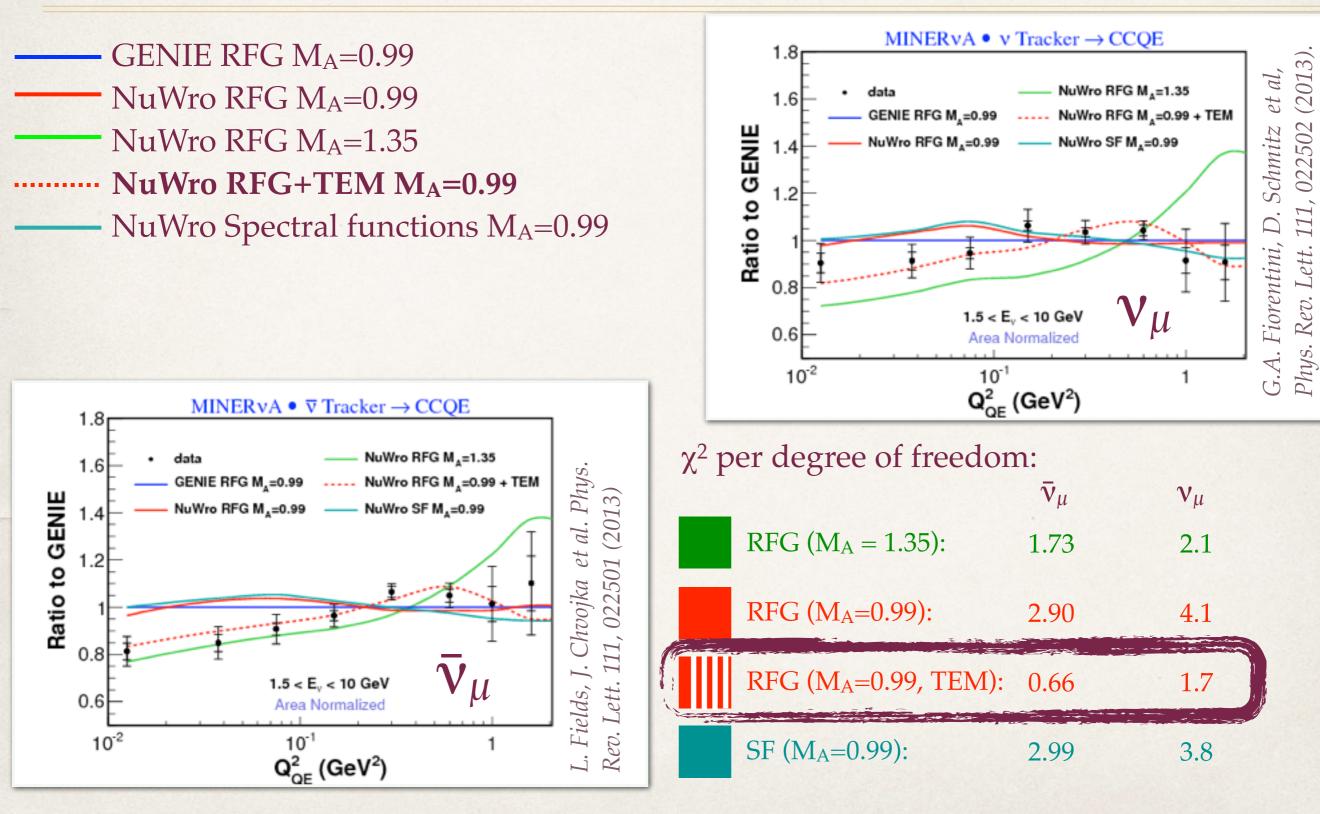
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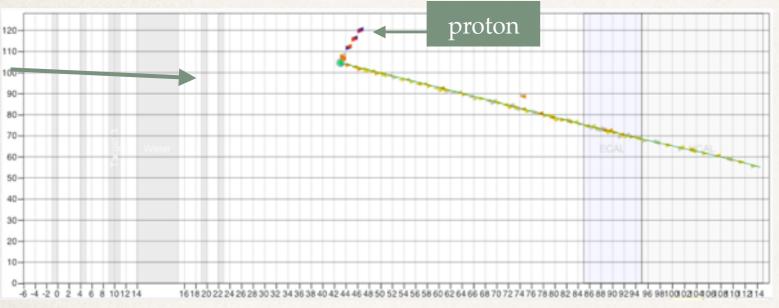


- \* To make it easier to distinguish:
  - Take ratios to GENIE (the MC we used for acceptance correction etc)
  - \* Use **log scale** to see differences at low Q<sup>2</sup>
  - Look at distribution shapes to reduce systematic uncertainty, particularly due to flux

### Quasi-elastic results: muon kinematics



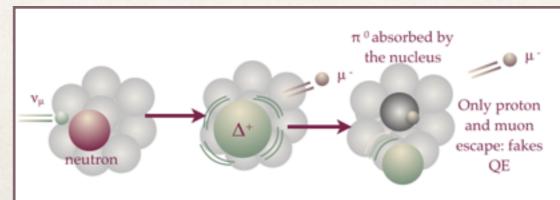
## Quasi-elastics from proton kinematics

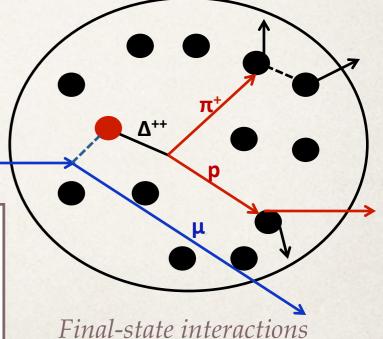


- Instead of using the muon, we can instead reconstruct Q<sup>2</sup> from the kinematics of a stopping proton
- Protons can undergo final-state interactions, so this is particularly sensitive to FSI modeling

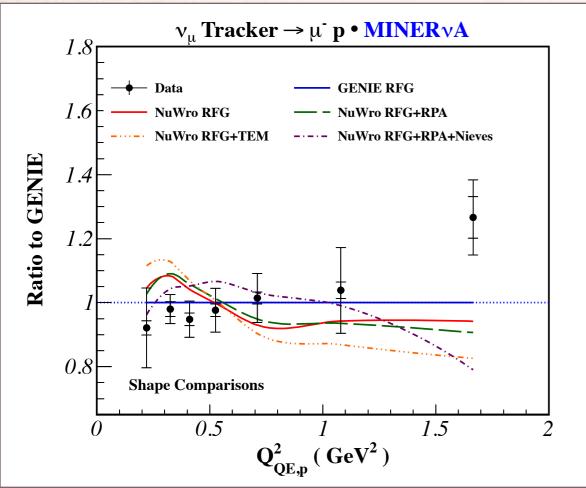
 $\begin{aligned} Q^2_{QE,p} &= (M_n - E_B)^2 - M_p^2 + 2(M_n - E_B)(T_p + M_p - M_n + E_B) \\ & \text{M}_{n,p} = \text{neutron, proton mass, } \text{T}_p = \text{proton KE, E}_{\text{B}} = \text{binding energy} \end{aligned}$ 

- \* Hadrons produced in a scattering interaction may reinteract with other nucleons before they escape the nucleus: we call these final-state interactions
- Thus the particles that exit the nucleus may be different, both in type and in energy, from those generated in the initial interaction





## Quasi-elastics from proton kinematics



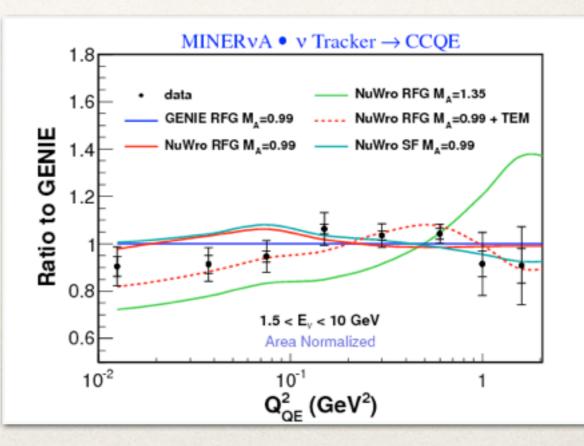
T Walton, arXiv:1409.4497 Accepted by Physical Review D

 No one model is able to simulate both our muon- and proton-kinematics data sets

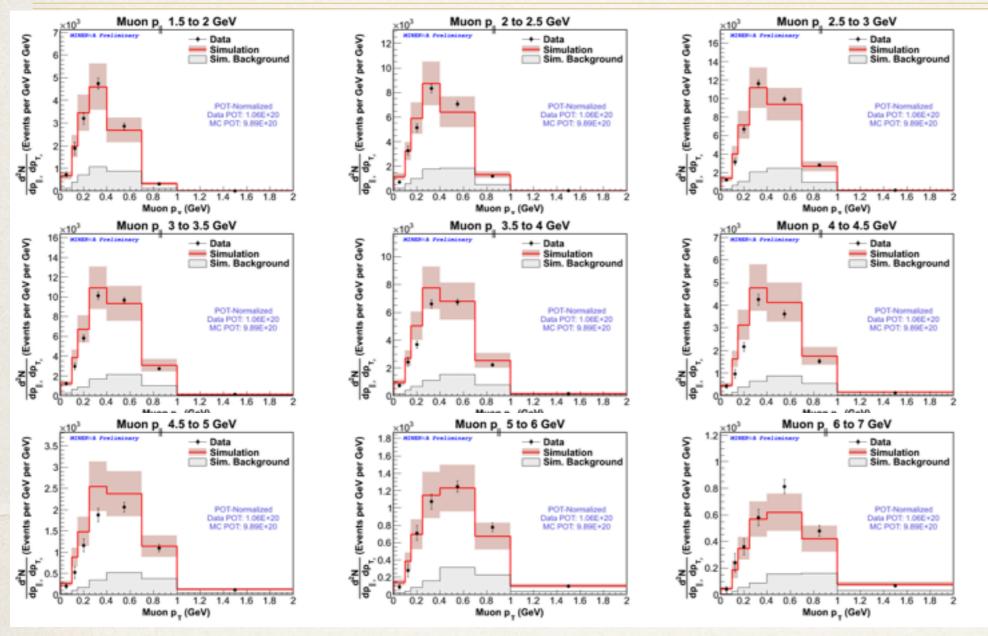
## We need a model that gets **everything** right!

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- The proton-kinematics study favors GENIE's Relativistic Fermi Gas model, with no additional nuclear effects
- Contrast to muon-kinematics study
- Note that the proton-based study has a greater acceptance (no MINOS match)
- However, it is unable to examine the low Q<sup>2</sup> region due to tracking limitations



### Double-differential cross sections



Double-differential cross sections in measurable variables will provide extra information to help distinguish between models.

The plots to the left are for the **antineutrino CCQE** sample.

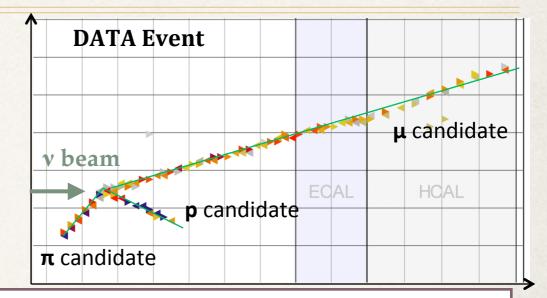
- Plots show data and simulation event distributions vs. transverse muon momentum, in bins of longitudinal muon momentum
- \* Uncertainties on reconstruction and interaction model are shown on the simulation
- \* Reducing the uncertainty on the interaction model is a key goal of this study C. Patrick, MINERvA Collaboration

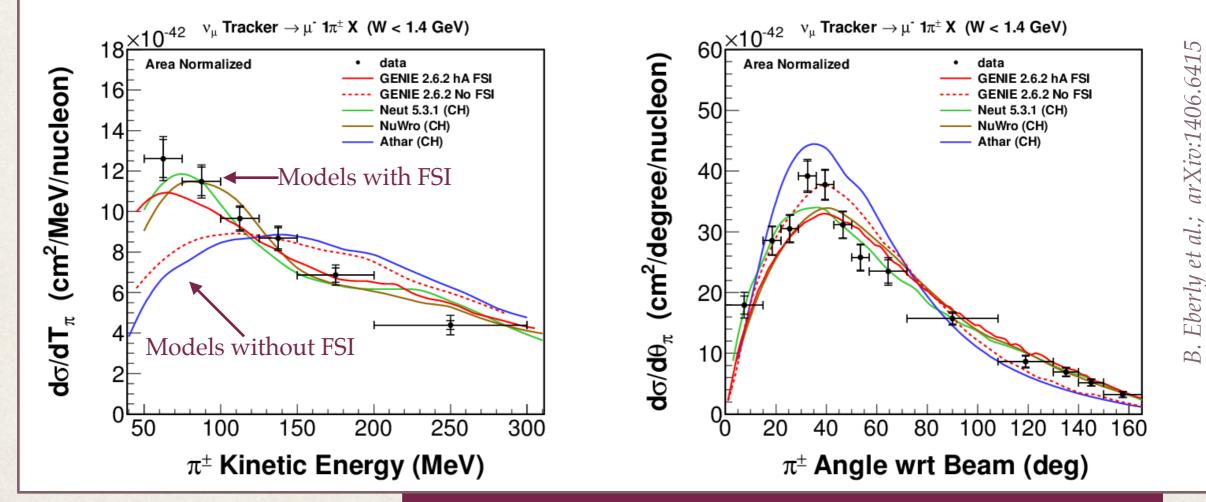
## Charged-current $\pi^{\pm}$ production from v

$\nu_{\mu}A -$	$\rightarrow \mu^{-}$	$\pi^{\pm}X$
$\nu_{\mu}A -$	$ ightarrow \mu^{-}$	$\pi^+A$

*A* is the initial nucleus*X* is a recoil nucleus plus any other particles that are not pions

GENIE 2.6.2 and NuWro use Rein-Sehgal model for resonant pion production Athar, M., Chauhan, S., and Singh, S. K., Eur. Phys. J. A43, 209–227 (2010). Neut (Rein-Sehgal+FSI): Y. Hayato, Acta Phys.Polon. B40 (2009) 2477-2489

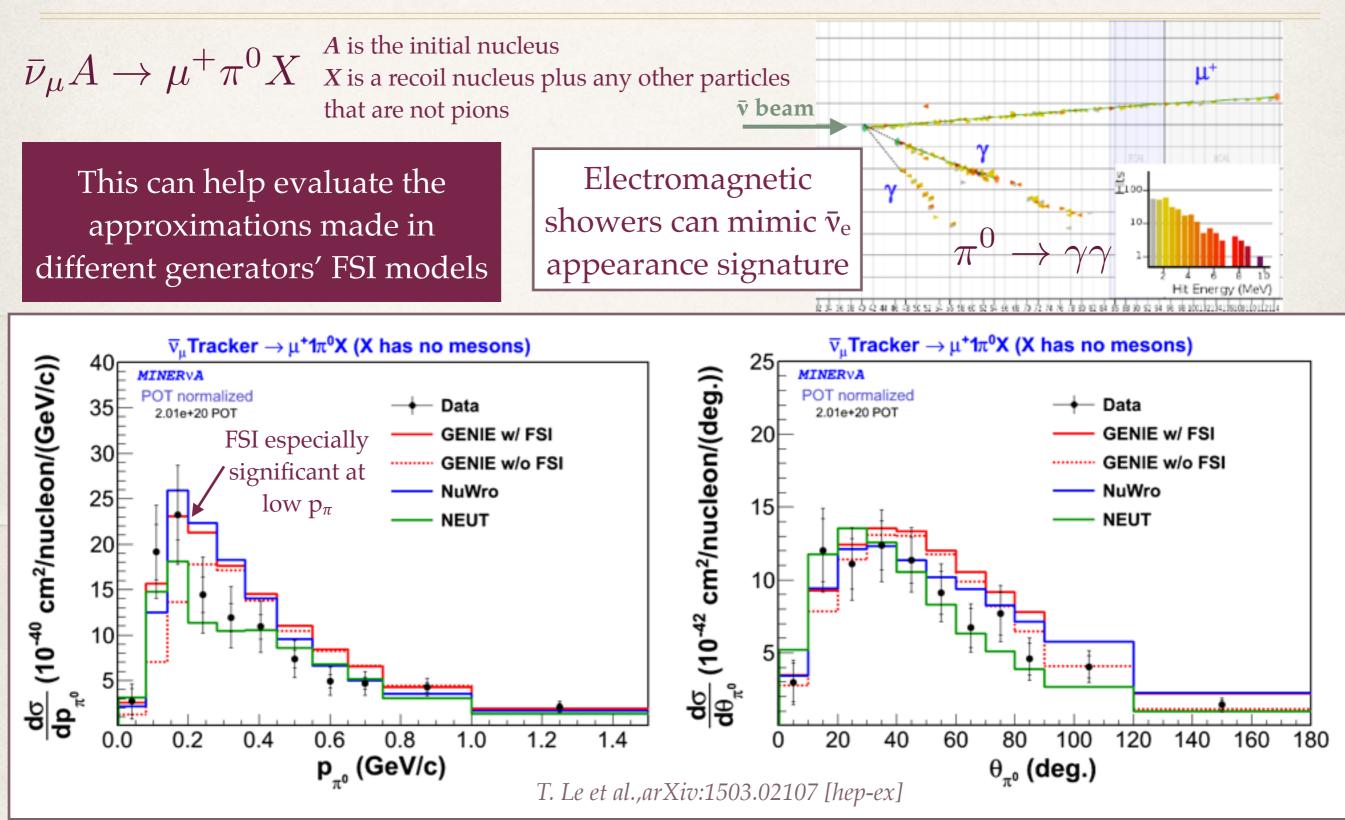




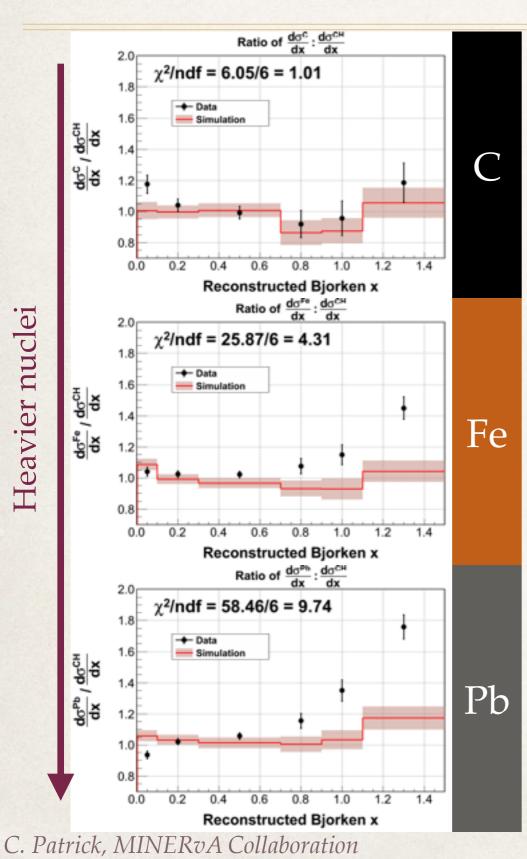
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The data constrain primary interaction rate & FSI

## $\pi^0$ production from antineutrinos



### CC-inclusive cross sections on nuclei



 Compare charged-current inclusive dσ/dx (all channels) on different materials with scintillator (x characterizes type of interaction)

$$c = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

- Our simulation
  - \* **overestimates at low** *x* (*shadowing region*)
  - \* underestimates at high x (more elastic)
- ...with an effect more pronounced for heavier nuclei

There are no current models that explain these nucleus-dependent behaviors

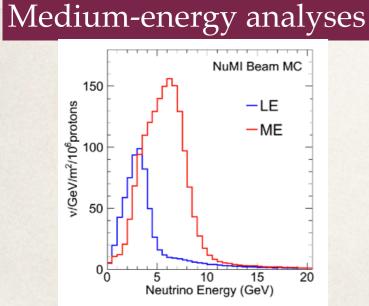
- But it's vital we understand cross sections on these materials
- \* MINERvA's **medium-energy dataset** will provide a large, DIS-rich sample to test this further and look at individual interaction channels

B. Tice et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 231801 (2014). 19

## Other analyses

#### Coherent pion production Clear evidence of → u<sup>\*</sup> + π<sup>+</sup> + A $\times 10^3$ Events / 0.025 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> MINERVA Preliminar + DATA neutrino scattering COH 3.05e+20 PO1 QE that does not break up RES W<1.4 1.4<W<2.0 0.8 W> 2.0 the nucleus, Other 0.6 previously only seen 0.4 II Background Tuned in higher-energy 0.2 experiments. 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 Reconstructed Itl = (q-p\_)<sup>2</sup> (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>

#### A Higuera, A Mislevic et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 261802 (2014)

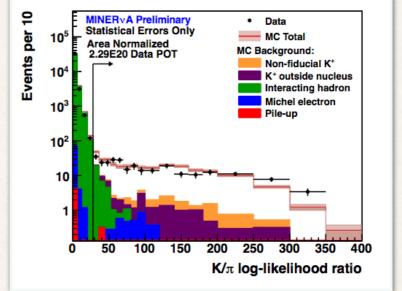


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- The analyses we have seen so far used our low-energy data set, but we now have over a year of medium-energy data
- A higher energy range will allow us to probe the DIS region and nucleon structure functions
- Increased statistics will let us study nuclear target ratios for individual interaction types
- Plus higher statistics overall will dramatically reduce uncertainties on all studies

#### Kaon production

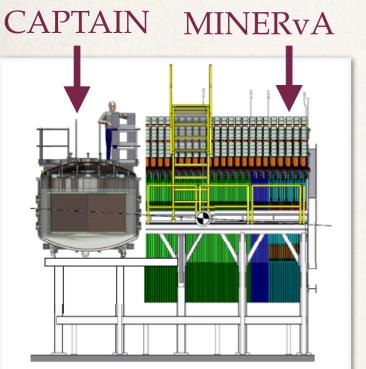
*K*<sup>+</sup> *production from atmospheric neutrinos is a background for proton decay searches.* 



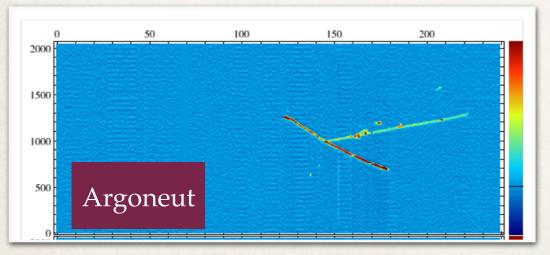
Keep an eye open for a measurement of this cross section, coming soon.

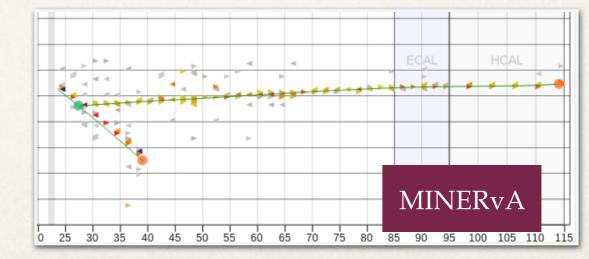
## CAPTAIN-MINERvA





- Oscillation experiments (T2K) are already using MINERvA's cross section measurements
- But LBNF will have a liquid argon detector, and we don't have an argon target... how can we help?
- PROPOSAL: insert CAPTAIN detector upstream of MINERvA!
  - \* CAPTAIN is a 5-ton liquid argon time-projection chamber
  - Study nuclear effects around the event vertex
  - Complements MicroBooNE's studies by looking at first LBNF oscillation maximum





Comparison of similar event displays in LAr TPC (Argoneut) and MINERvA trackerC. Patrick, MINERvA CollaborationDisplays show muon plus back-to-back protons

## The MINERvA collaboration

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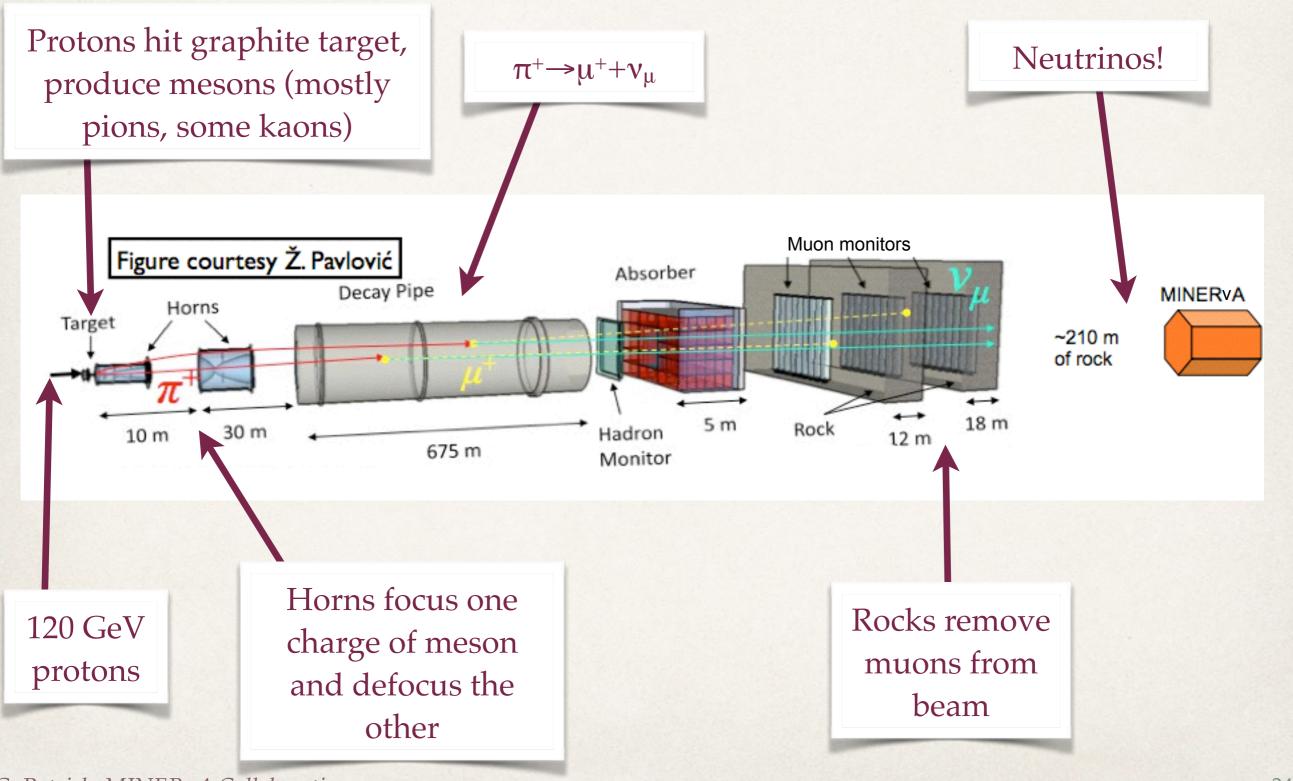


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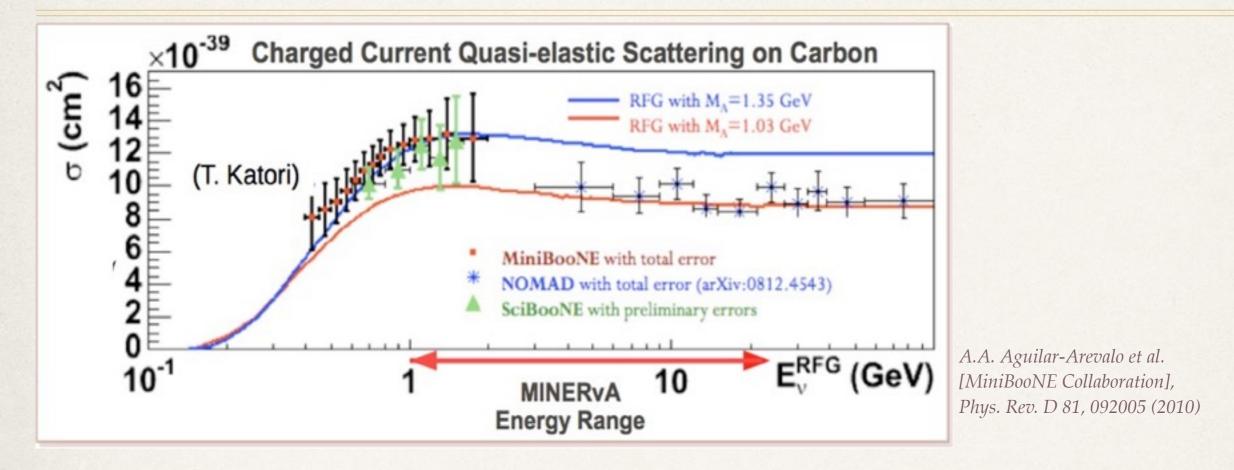
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#### **Backup slides**

# NUMI beamline

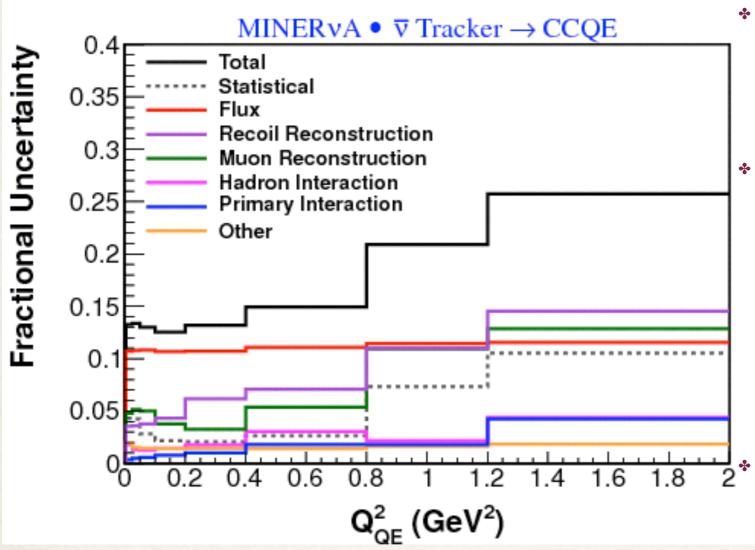


## Limitations of RFG model



- This shows best fits of MiniBooNE, SciBooNE and NOMAD cross-sections to the relativistic Fermi gas model for carbon
- Lower-energy experiments predict M<sub>A</sub>=1.35 GeV, NOMAD predicts M<sub>A</sub>=1.03 GeV when fitting to the same model
- \* We could be seeing additional nuclear effects beyond the RFG model

# Sources of systematic uncertainty



- This indicates systematics evaluated for the CCQE<sup>\*</sup> antineutrino analysis
- Different effects are important for different analyses (for example some are especially sensitive to FSI)
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#### Recoil

- extra track/blob cuts
- neutron response model

#### **Muon reconstruction**

- energy scale (MINOS range and curvature, MINERvA dE/dx)
- tracking reconstruction
- overlapping MINOS tracks
- vertex resolution

#### **Hadron interaction**

final state interaction model

#### **Primary interaction**

- quasi-elastic interaction model
- resonant background model
- nuclear model
- \* Flux

### List of GENIE model uncertainties

Uncertainty	GENIE Knob name	1σ	Uncertainty	GENIE Knob name	1σ
(Floatio Continuina)	Manori		CCQE Normalization (maintaining energy	NormCCQEenu	ļ
M <sub>A</sub> (Elastic Scattering)	MaNCEL	± 25%	dependence)	NOTITOOGECITU	
Eta (Elastic scattering)	EtaNCEL	± 30%	NC Resonance Normalization	NormNCRES	± 20%
M <sub>A</sub> (CCQE Scattering)	MaCCQE	+25%	MA – shape only (CC Resonance Production)	MaCCRESshape	± 10%
		-15%	M <sub>v</sub> – shape only (CC Resonance Production)	MvCCRESshape	± 5%
CCQE Normalization	NormCCQE	+20%	MA – shape only (NC Resonance Production)	MaNCRESshape	± 10%
		-15%	My - shape only (NC Resonance Production)	MvNCRESshape	± 5%
M <sub>A</sub> (CCQE Scattering, shape only)	MaCCQEshape	$\pm 10\%$	Bodek-Yang parameter A <sub>HT</sub>	AhtBY	± 25%
CCQE Vector Form factor model	VecFFCCQEshape		Bodek-Yang parameter B <sub>HT</sub>	BhtBY	± 25%
CC Resonance Normalization	NormCCRES	± 20%	Bodek-Yang parameter CV1u	CV1uBY	± 30%
M <sub>A</sub> (Resonance Production)	MaRES	± 20%	Bodek-Yang parameter Cv2u	CV2uBY	± 40%
M <sub>V</sub> (Resonance Production)	MvRES	$\pm 10\%$	Bodek-Yang parameter AHT - shape only	AhtBYshape	± 25%
1pi production from $vp / \overline{v}n$ non-	Rvp1pi	± 50%	Bodek-Yang parameter B <sub>HT</sub> – shape only	BhtBYshape	± 25%
resonant interactions 1pl production from $vn / \overline{v}p$ non-	Rvn1pi	+ 50%	Bodek-Yang parameter CV1u - shape only	CV1uBYshape	± 30%
resonant interactions		± 30%	Bodek-Yang parameter Cv2u - shape only	CV2uBYshape	± 40%
2pi production from $vp / \overline{v}n$ non-	Rvp2pi	± 50%	Nu/Nubar CC cross section ration	RnubarnuCC	??
resonant interactions			Coherent model M <sub>A</sub>	MaCOHpi	± 409
2pl production from $vn / \overline{v}p$ non-	Rvn2pi	± 50%	Coherent model R <sub>0</sub>	R0COHpi	± 10%
resonant interactions DIS CC Normalization	NormDISCC	??	Nuclear modifications to DIS	DISNuclMod	On/of
Modfly Pauli blocking (CCQE) at low Q <sup>2</sup>	CCQEPauliSupViaKF	± 30%	Fermi gas -> spectral function	CCQEMomDistroFGtoSF	On/of

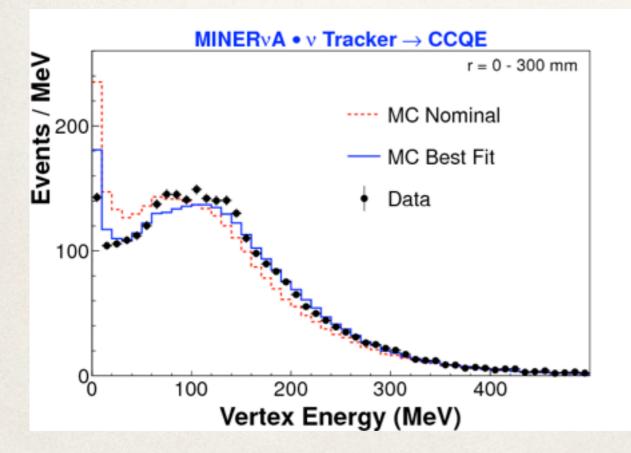
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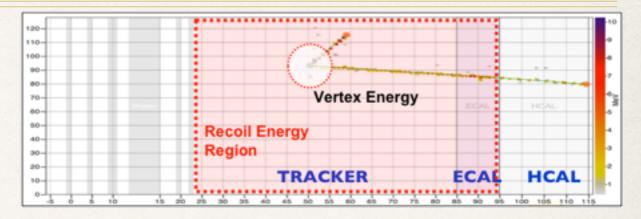
Uncertainty	GENIE Knob name	1σ		
Pion mean free path	MFP_pi	± 20%		
Nucleon mean free path	MEP_N	± 20%		
Pion fates - absorption	FrAbs_pi	± 30%		
Pion fates – charge exchange	FrCEx_pi	± 50%		
Pion fates - Elastic	FrElas_pi	± 10%		
Pion fates - Inelastic	Frinel_pi	± 40%		
Pion fates - pion production	FrPiProd_pi	± 20%		
Nucleon fates – charge exchange	FrCEx_N	± 50%		
Nucleon fates - Elastic	FrElas_N	± 30%		
Nucleon fates - Inclastic	Frinel_N	± 40%		
Nucleon fates - absorption	FrAbs_N	± 20%		
Nucleon fates - pion production	FrPiProd_N	± 20%		
AGKY hadronization model - x <sub>F</sub> distribution	AGKYxF1pi	± 20%		
Delta decay angular distribution	Theta_Delta2Npi	On/off		
Resonance decay branching ratio to photon	RDecBR1gamma	± 50%		

Uncertainty	GENIE Knob name	1σ
AGKY hadronization model – pion p <sub>T</sub> distribution	AGKYpT1pi	± 3%
Formation Zone	FormZone	± 50%
Resonance decay branching ratio to eta	RDecBR1eta	± 50%

#### Vertex energy - extra protons

- \* If a neutrino interacts with a correlated pair the nucleon's, partner may also be ejected
- Recall that we neglected an area around the vertex when counting recoil energy
- We now compare the non-track energy deposited within that region to our Monte Carlo, to look for evidence of additional nucleons

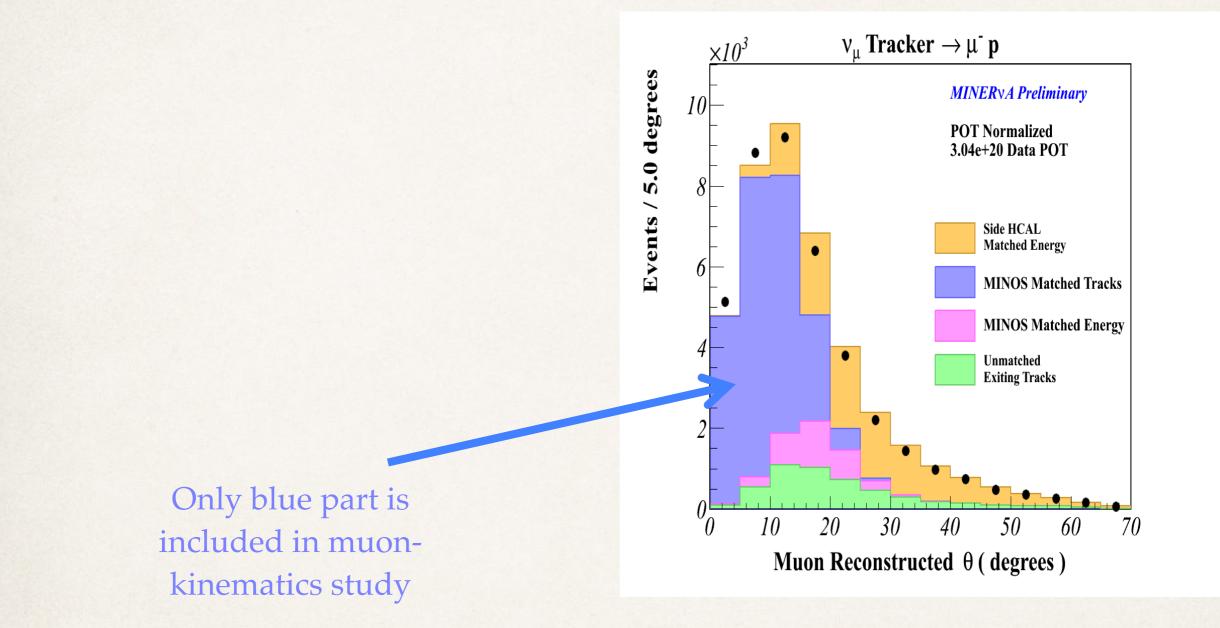




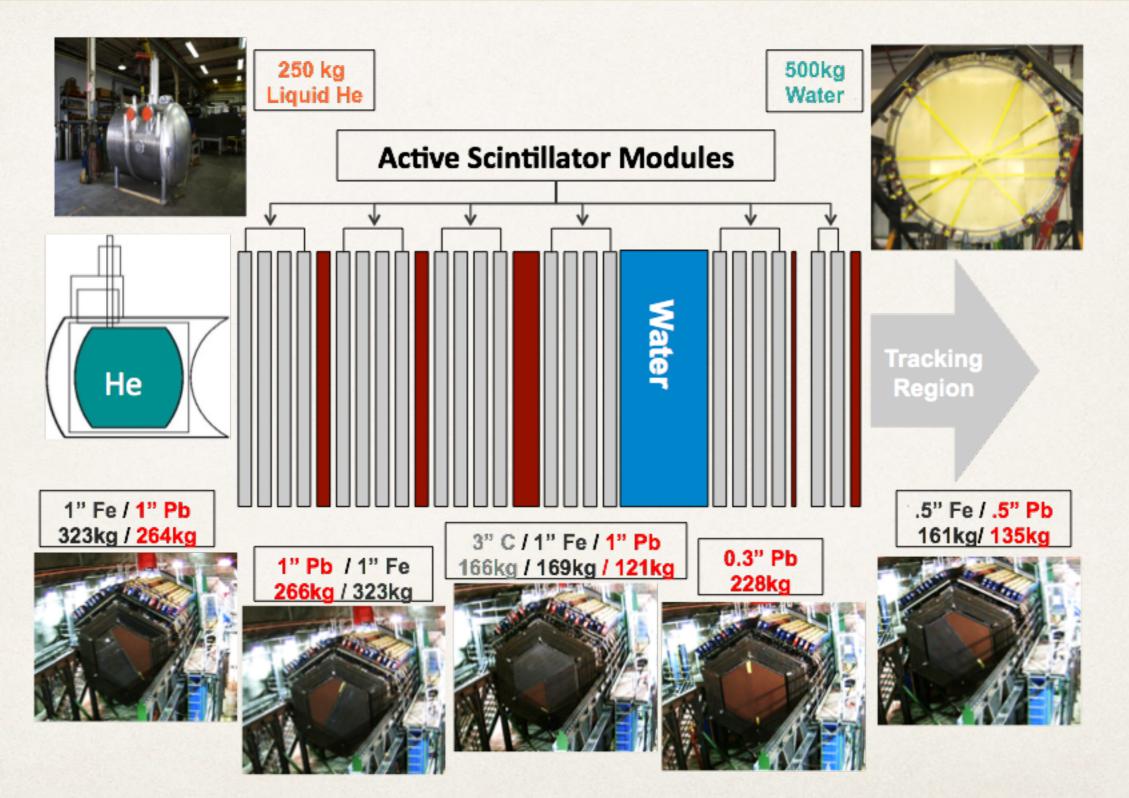
- \* A harder neutrino-mode energy spectrum is seen in data than Monte Carlo
- We simulated extra protons (<225 MeV) to see how this would change the Monte Carlo distribution
- Modeling an additional proton 25±9% of the time gave the best fit to the data
- Final state protons suggests initial state proton-neutron correlations
- This would explain why no such effect was seen for antineutrino mode; we would expect low-energy neutrons, to which we have low sensitivity

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## Acceptance: CCQE from protons



#### **MINERvA Nuclear targets**



### Our Monte Carlo: GENIE 2.6.2

Interaction models	CCQE: axial form-factor	Dipole with axial mass 0.99 GeV
	CCQE:Vector form-factors	BBBA05
	CCQE: Pseudoscalar form- factors	PCAC/Goldberger-Treiman
	Resonance and coherent	Rein-Seghal
	DIS	GRV94/GRV98 with Bodek-Yang
	DIS and QEL charm	Kovalenko, Sov.J.Nucl.Phys.52:934 (1990)
Nuclear effects	Nuclear model	RFG, Fermi momentum=225MeV, Pauli blocking, Bodek-Ritchie tail
	FSI modeling	INTRANUKE-hA (S. Dytman, AIP Conf Proc, 896, pp. 178-184 (2007))
	Hadronization model	AGKY – transitions between KNO-based and JETSET <i>T. Yang, AIP Conf. Proc.</i> 967:269-275 (2007)
	Formation zone	SKAT

C. Andreopoulos, et al., NIM 288A, 614, 87 (2010)

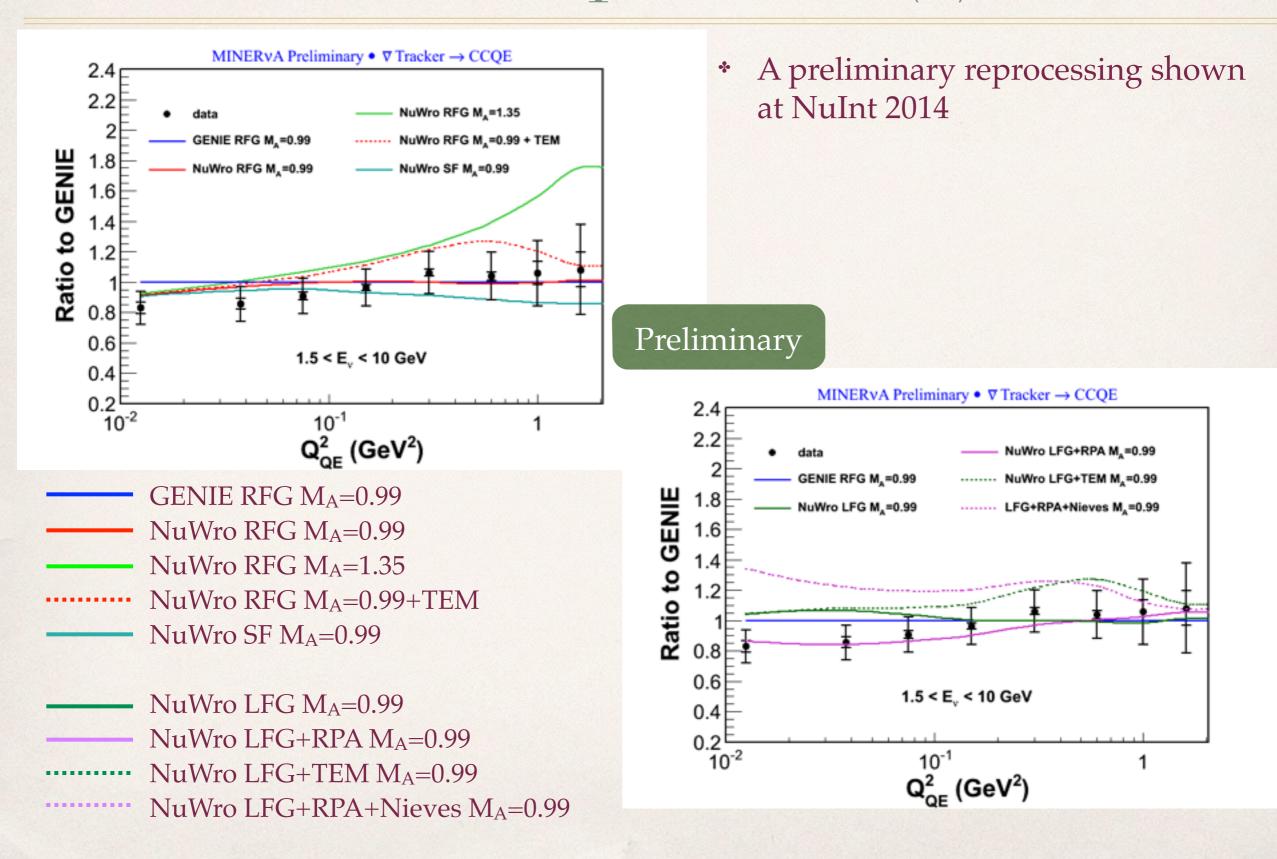
## CCQE $\chi^2$ for fits to antineutrino data

NuWro model	RFG	RFG +TEM	RFG	SF
M <sub>A</sub> (GeV)	0.99	0.99	1.35	0.99
Rate $\chi^2/d.o.f$	2.64	1.06	2.9	2.14
Shape χ²/ d.o.f	2.9	0.66	1.73	2.99

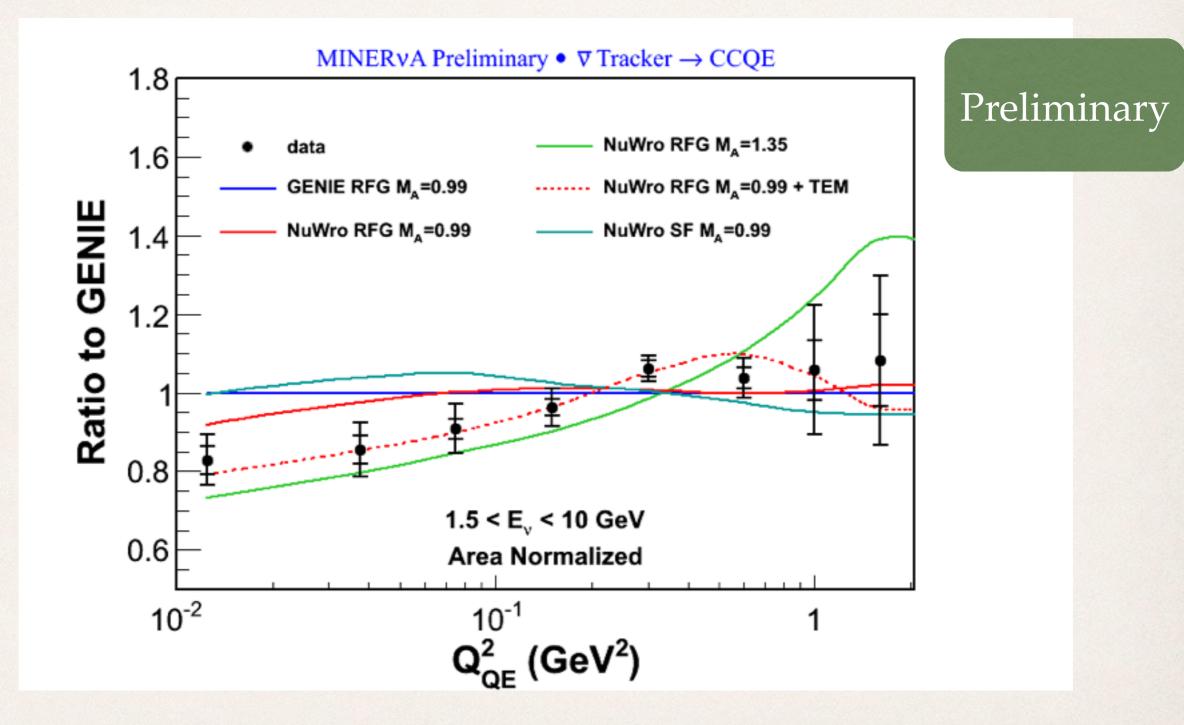
## CCQE $\chi^2$ for fits to neutrino data

NuWro model	RFG	RFG +TEM	RFG	SF
M <sub>A</sub> (GeV)	0.99	0.99	1.35	0.99
Rate $\chi^2/d.o.f$	3.5	2.4	3.7	2.8
Shape χ²/ d.o.f	4.1	1.7	2.1	3.8

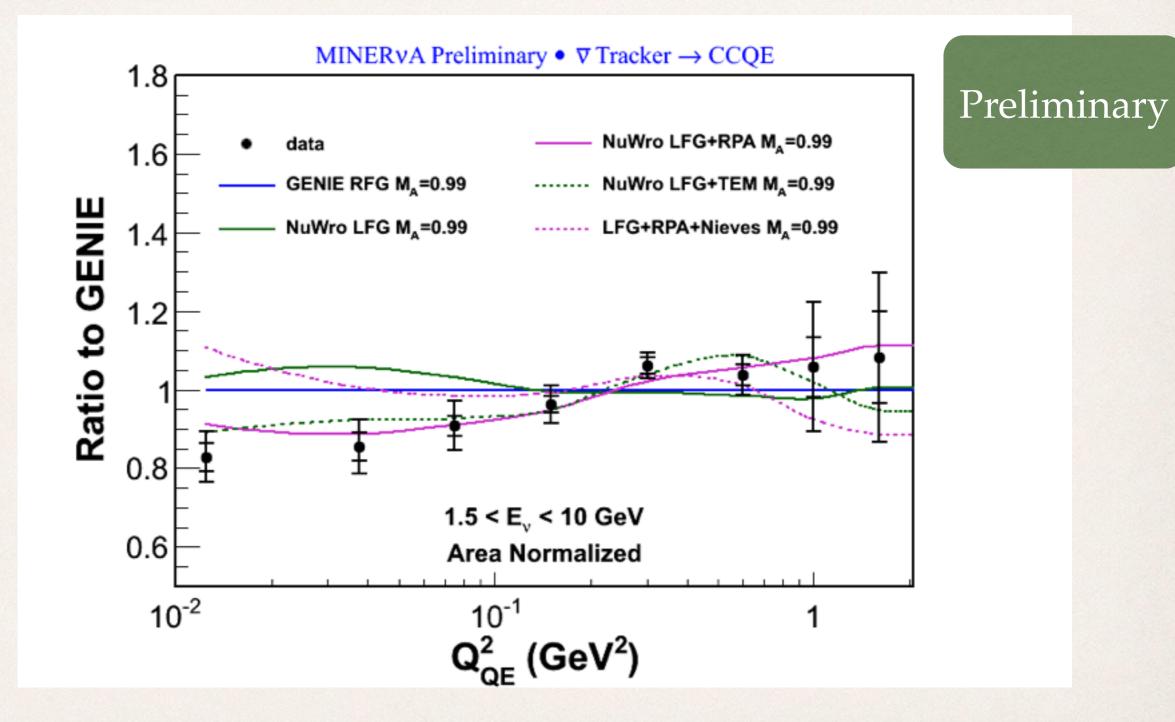
## Rate model comparisons $(\bar{\nu})$



# Antineutrino: shape-only ratio (RFG)



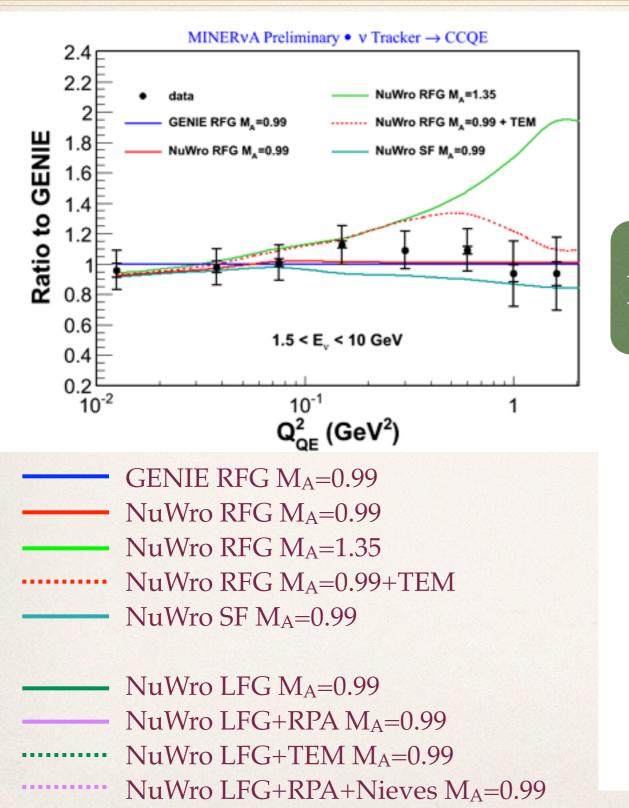
# Antineutrino: shape-only ratio (LFG)



## $\chi^2$ for fits to antineutrino data

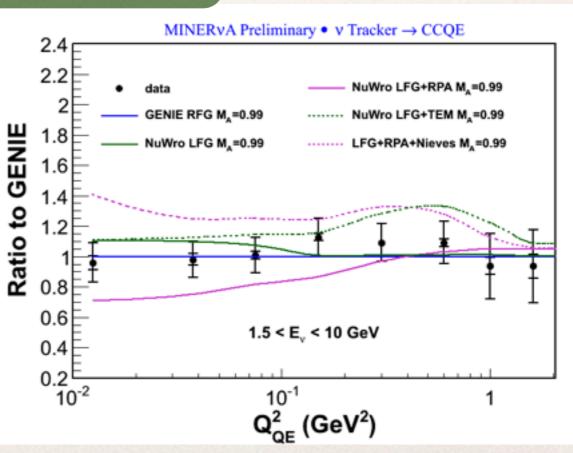
		<ul> <li>A preliminary reprocessing shown at NuInt 2014</li> </ul>			
Prelin	ninary Model	Rate χ²/d.o.f (8 degrees of freedom)	Shape χ²/d.o.f (7 degrees of freedom)		
	GENIE RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	2.2	2.44		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.19	1.37		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =1.35	1.98	1.27		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99 + TEM	0.667	0.447		
	NuWro SF M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.89	2.61		
	NuWro LFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	3.61	3.97		
	NuWro LFG + RPA M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	0.771	0.953		
	NuWro LFG + TEM M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.54	1.09		
	NuWro LFG + RPA + Nieves M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	7.06	4.63		

## Rate model comparisons (v)

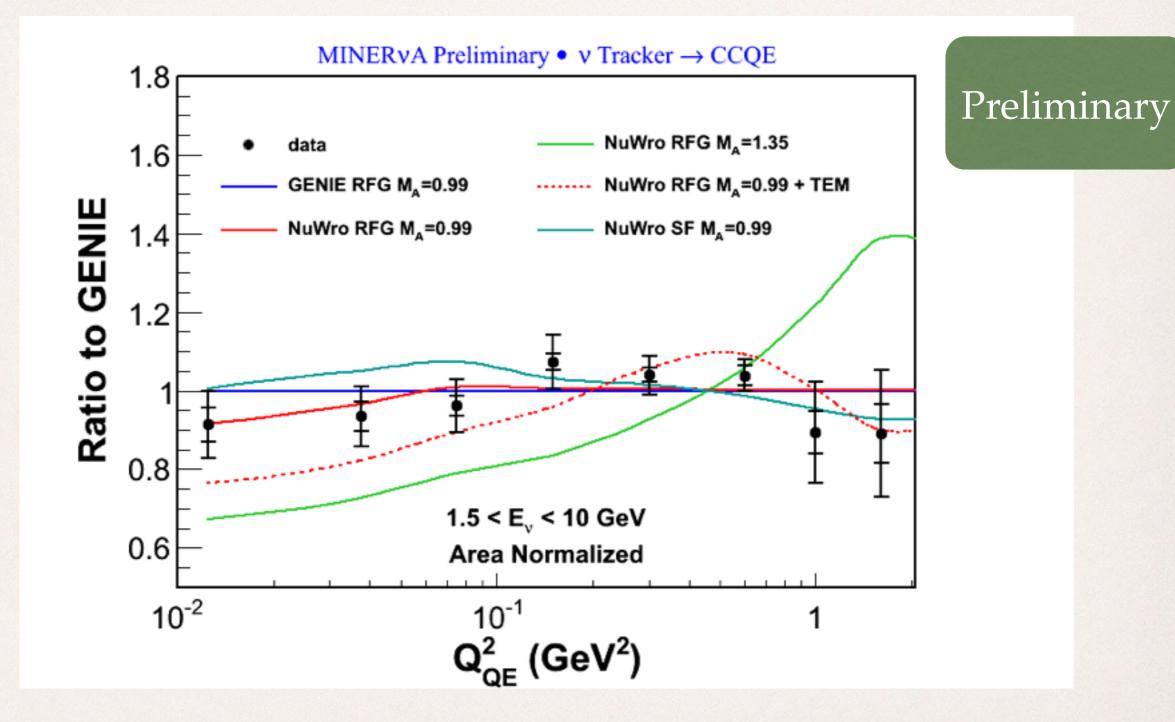


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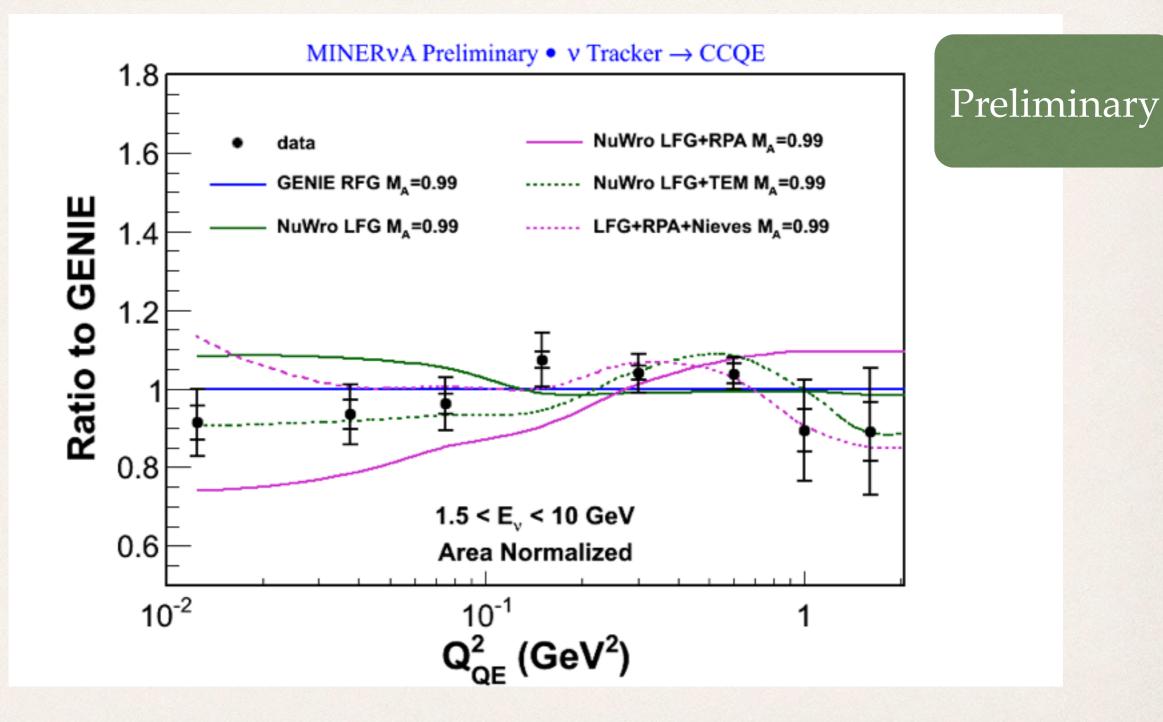
#### Preliminary



## Neutrino: shape-only ratio (RFG)



## Neutrino: shape-only ratio (LFG)



## $\chi^2$ for fits to neutrino data

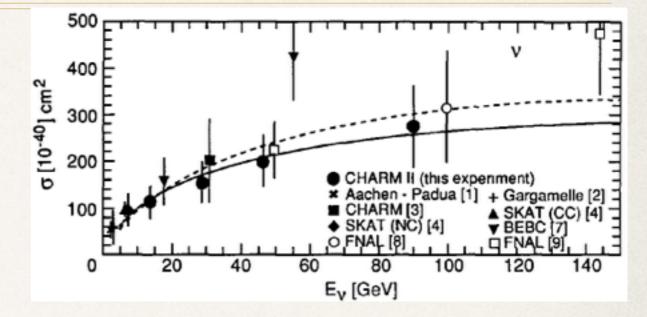
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Prelin	ninary Model	Rate χ²/d.o.f (8 degrees of freedom)	Shape χ²/d.o.f (7 degrees of freedom)		
	GENIE RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.86	2.06		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.47	1.66		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =1.35	3.38	1.99		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99 + TEM	2.92	2.26		
	NuWro SF M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	2.64	3.43		
	NuWro LFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	4.77	5.3		
	NuWro LFG + RPA M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.73	1.83		
	NuWro LFG + TEM M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	3.53	2.75		
	NuWro LFG + RPA + Nieves M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	5.49	4.1		

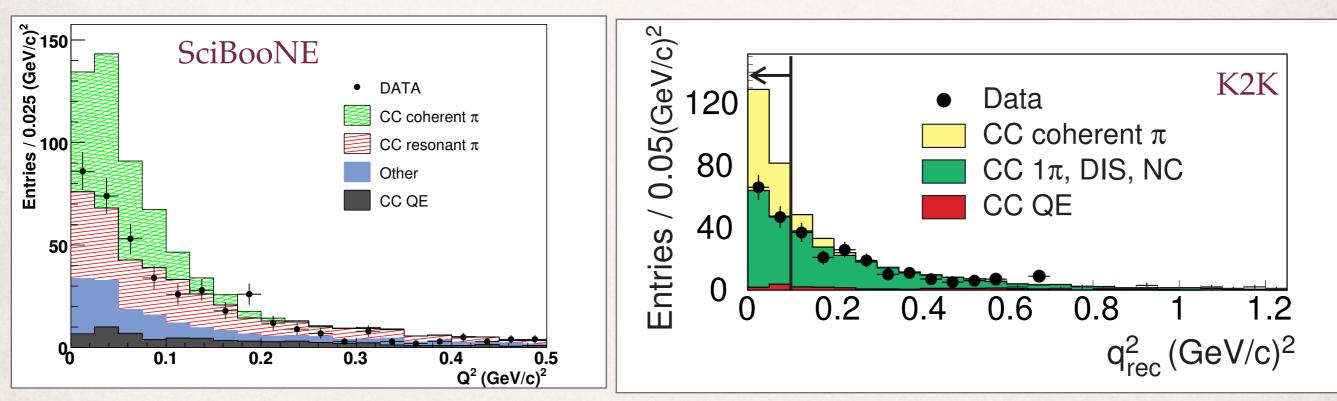
## $\chi^2$ for $\bar{\nu}$ and $\nu$ rates, combined

D 1.	<ul> <li>A preliminary reprocessing sho</li> </ul>	ig shown at NuInt 2014		
Prelin	ninary Model	Combined rate χ <sup>2</sup> /d.o.f (16 degrees of freedom)		
	GENIE RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	2.04		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.53		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =1.35	3.14		
	NuWro RFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99 + TEM	1.92		
	NuWro SF M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	2.22		
	NuWro LFG M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	3.88		
	NuWro LFG + RPA M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	1.93		
	NuWro LFG + TEM M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	2.59		
	NuWro LFG + RPA + Nieves M <sub>A</sub> =0.99	5.79		

#### Coherent pion production: I

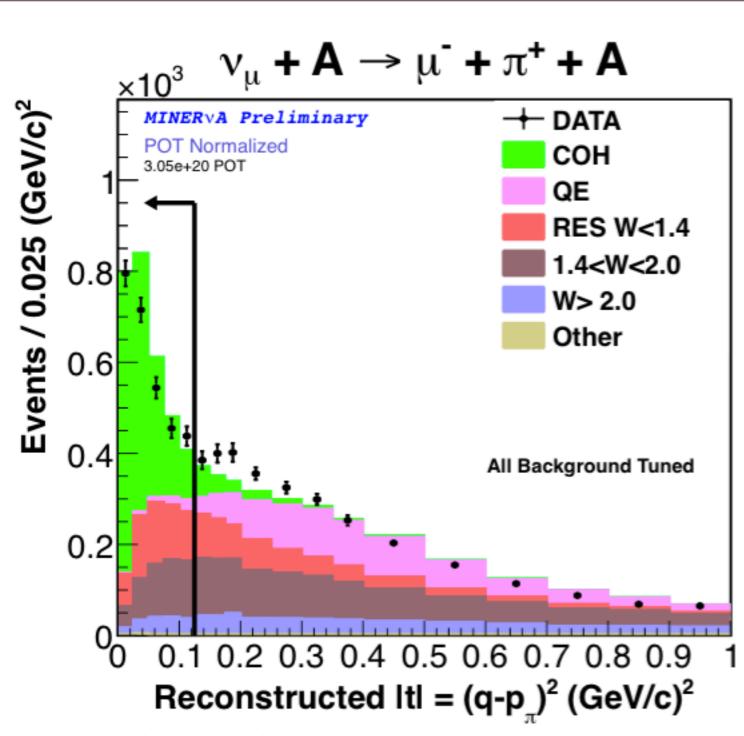
 Early experiments at high energies see clear evidence of coherent pion production (scattering without breaking up the nucleus)





 Lower energy experiments saw results consistent with NEUT's background predictions

### Coherent pion production: II



A Higuera, A Mislevic et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 261802 (2014)

- MINERvA sees clear evidence of coherent scattering in the few-GeV energy region
- Our ability to measure the quality |t| enables us to identify coherent candidates in a model-independent way
- The slope of the |t| distribution is related to the size of the target, so it is easy to distinguish scattering off a nucleus from a nucleon