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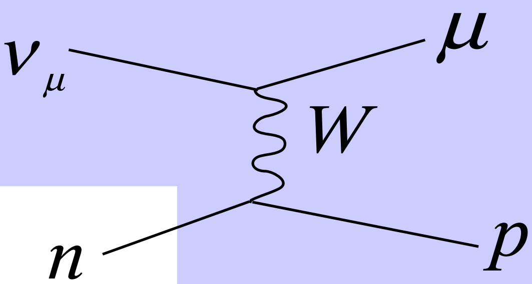

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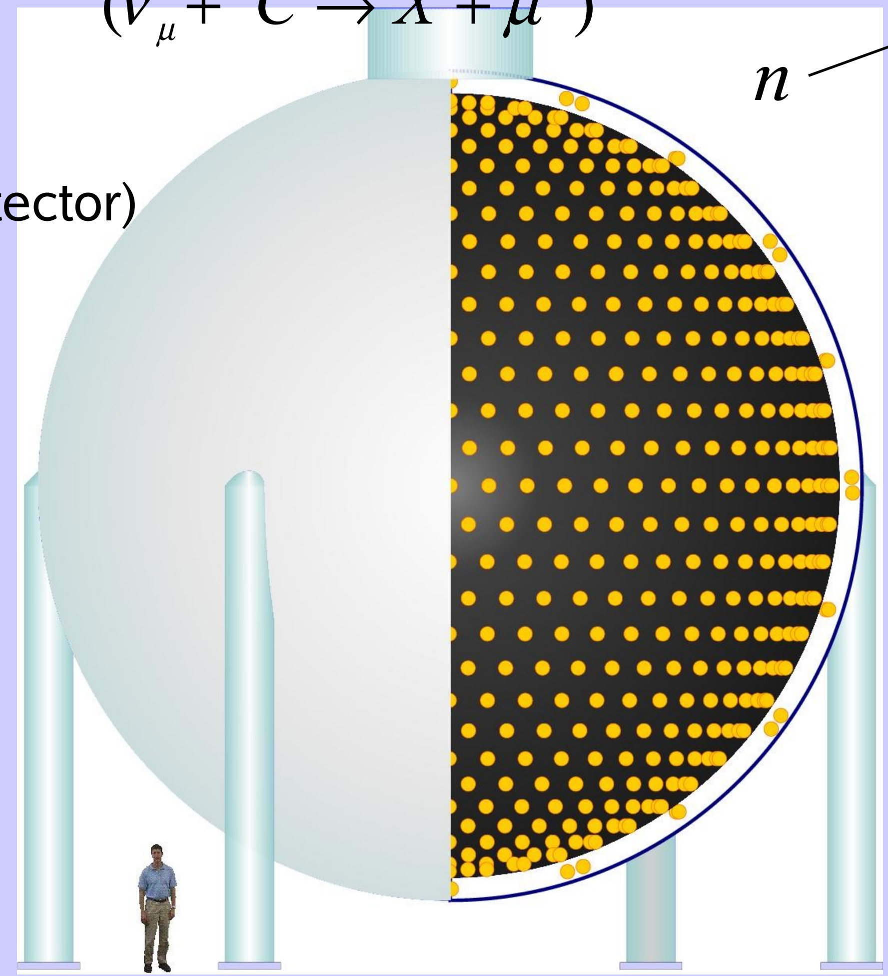

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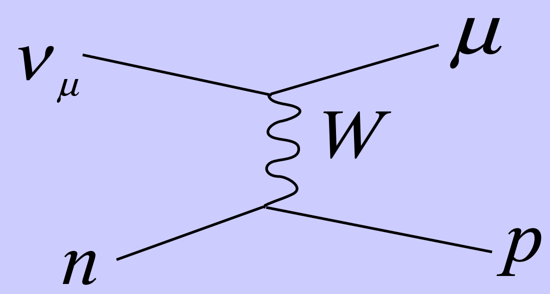

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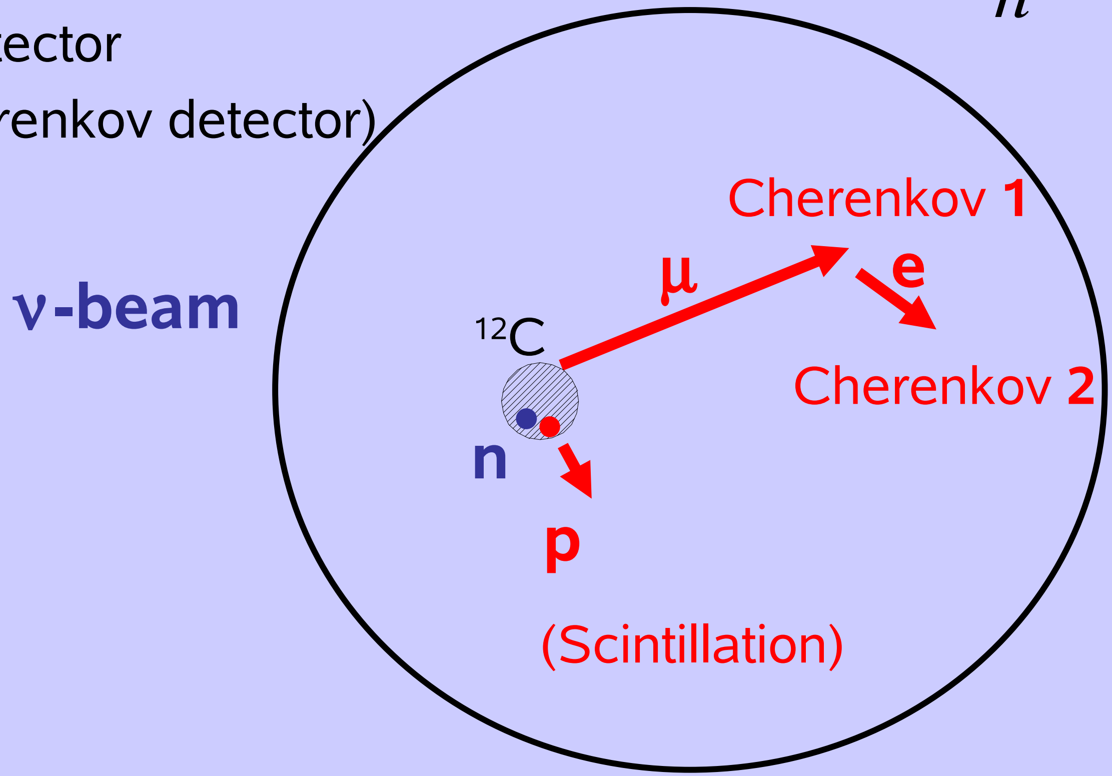

muon like Cherenkov light and subsequent decayed electron (Michel electron) like Cherenkov light are the signal of CCQE event

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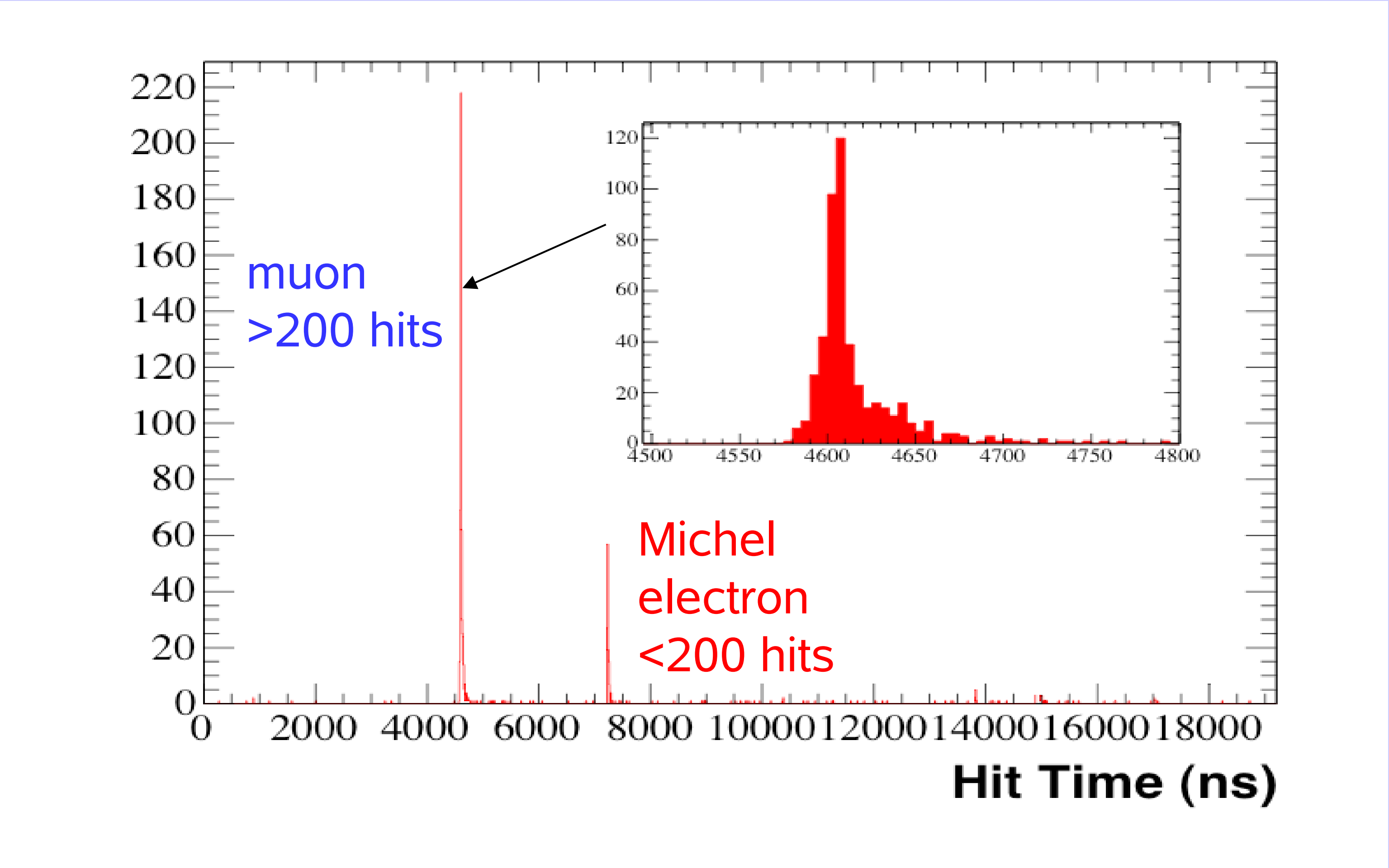
ν_μ CCQE interactions (ν+n $\rightarrow$ μ+p) has characteristic two "subevent" structure from muon decay

$$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu + p \qquad \mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e + e$$



35.0% cut efficiency

197,308 events with 5.58E20POT

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Cut and efficiency summary

total 2 subevents	54.2%
muon in beam window (4400ns < Time < 6400ns)	52.9%
muon veto hits < 6 and Michel electron veto hits < 6	46.4%
muon tank hits > 200 and Michel electron tank hits < 200	41.6%
fiducial reconstruction for muon	41.3%
muon and electron distance < 100cm	35.0%

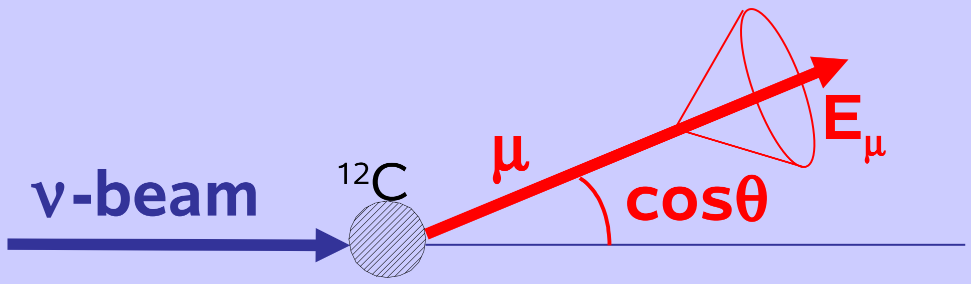
1. CCQE events in MiniBooNE

All kinematics are specified from 2 observables, muon energy E_μ and muon scattering angle θ

Energy of the neutrino E_ν and 4-momentum transfer Q^2 can be reconstructed by these 2 observables

$$E_\nu = \frac{2(M - E_B)E_\mu - (E_B^2 - 2ME_B + m_\mu^2 + \Delta M^2)}{2[(M - E_B) - E_\mu + p_\mu \cos\theta_\mu]}$$

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



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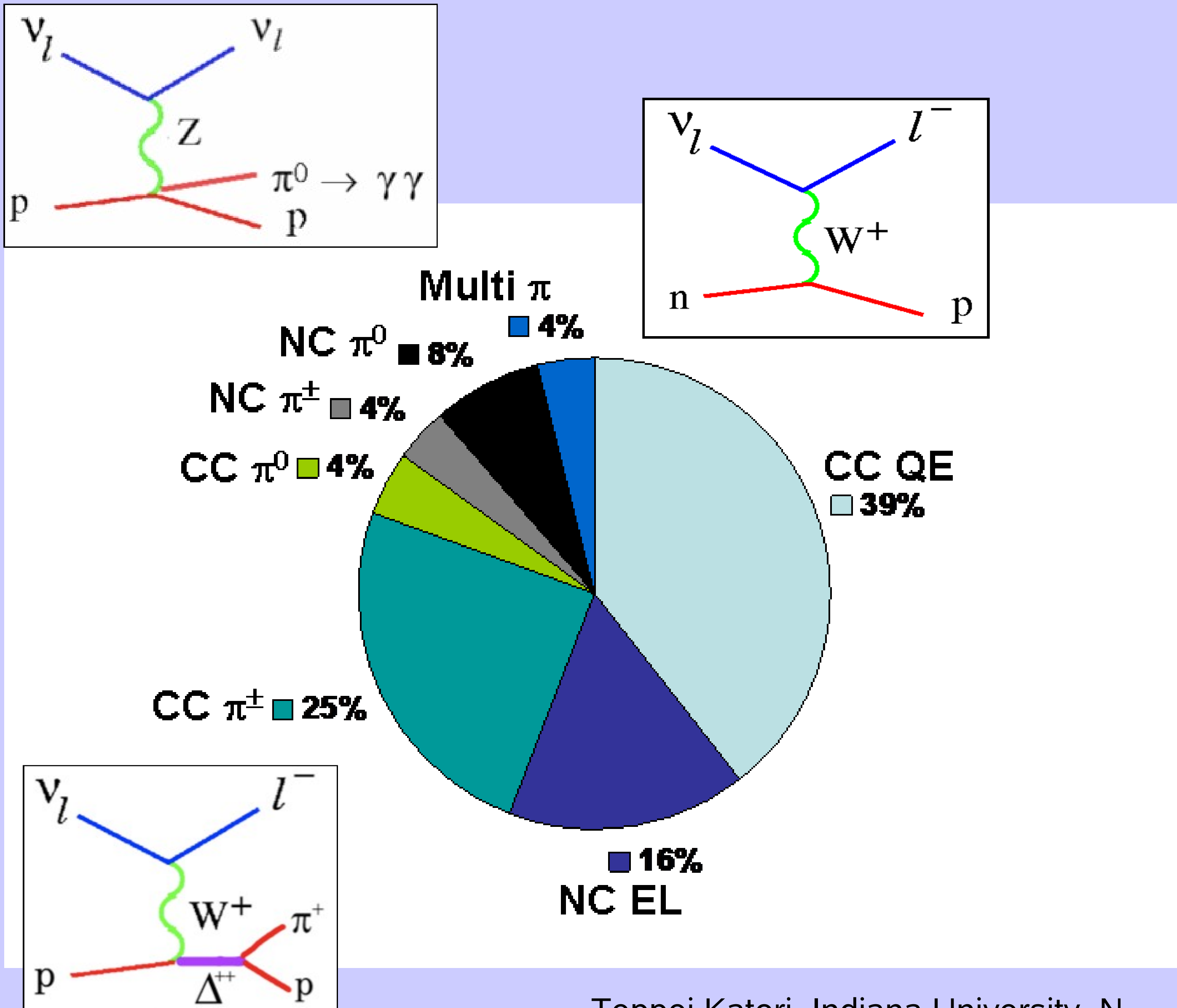

Predicted event rates
(NUANCE Monte Carlo)

Casper, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 112 (2002) 161

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3 parameters are especially important to control nuclear effect of Carbon;

M_A = 1.03GeV : axial mass

P_F = 220MeV : Fermi momentum

E_B = 34MeV : binding energy

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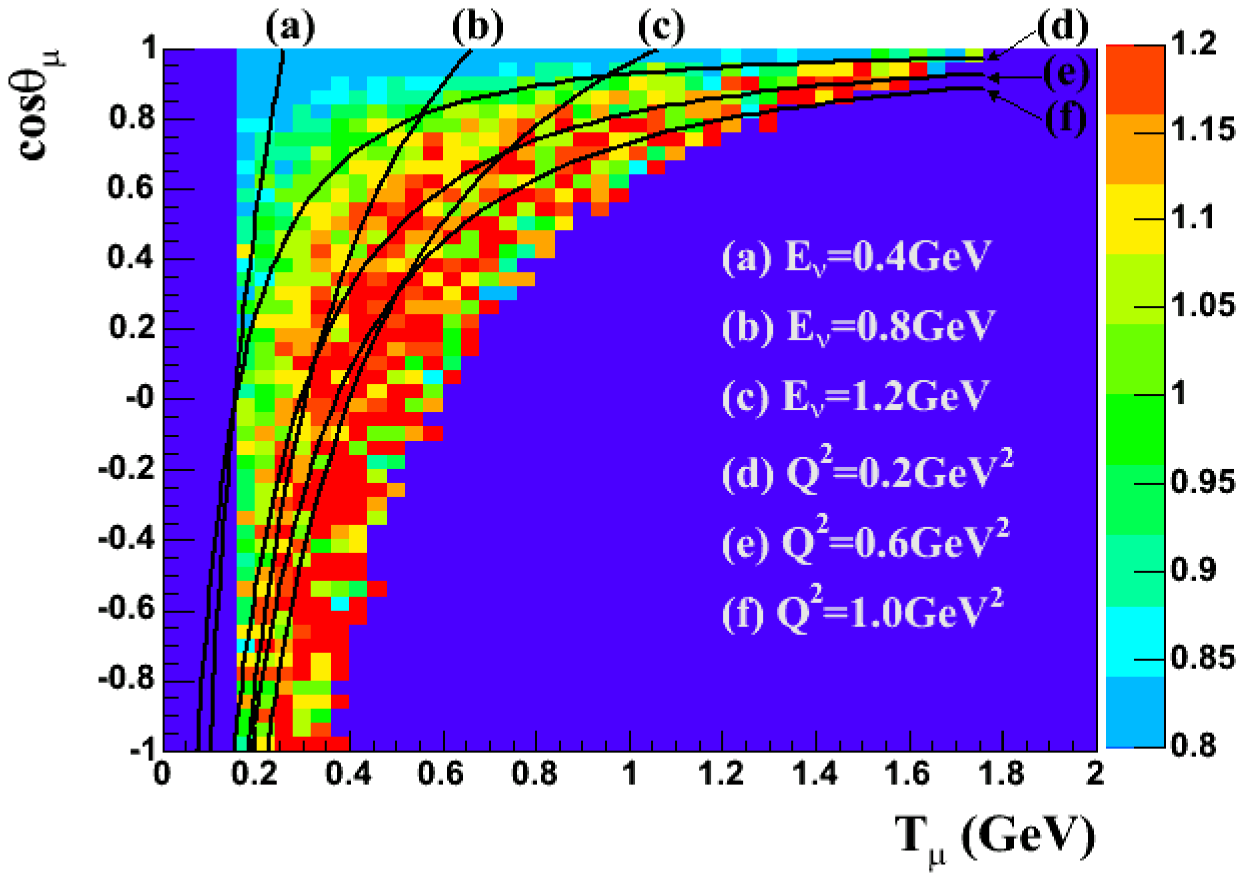
CCQE kinematics phase space

The data-MC agreement is not great

Since data-MC disagreements align on the Q^2 lines, not $E\nu$ lines, the source of data-MC disagreement is not the neutrino beam prediction, but the neutrino cross section prediction.

data-MC ratio from RFG model



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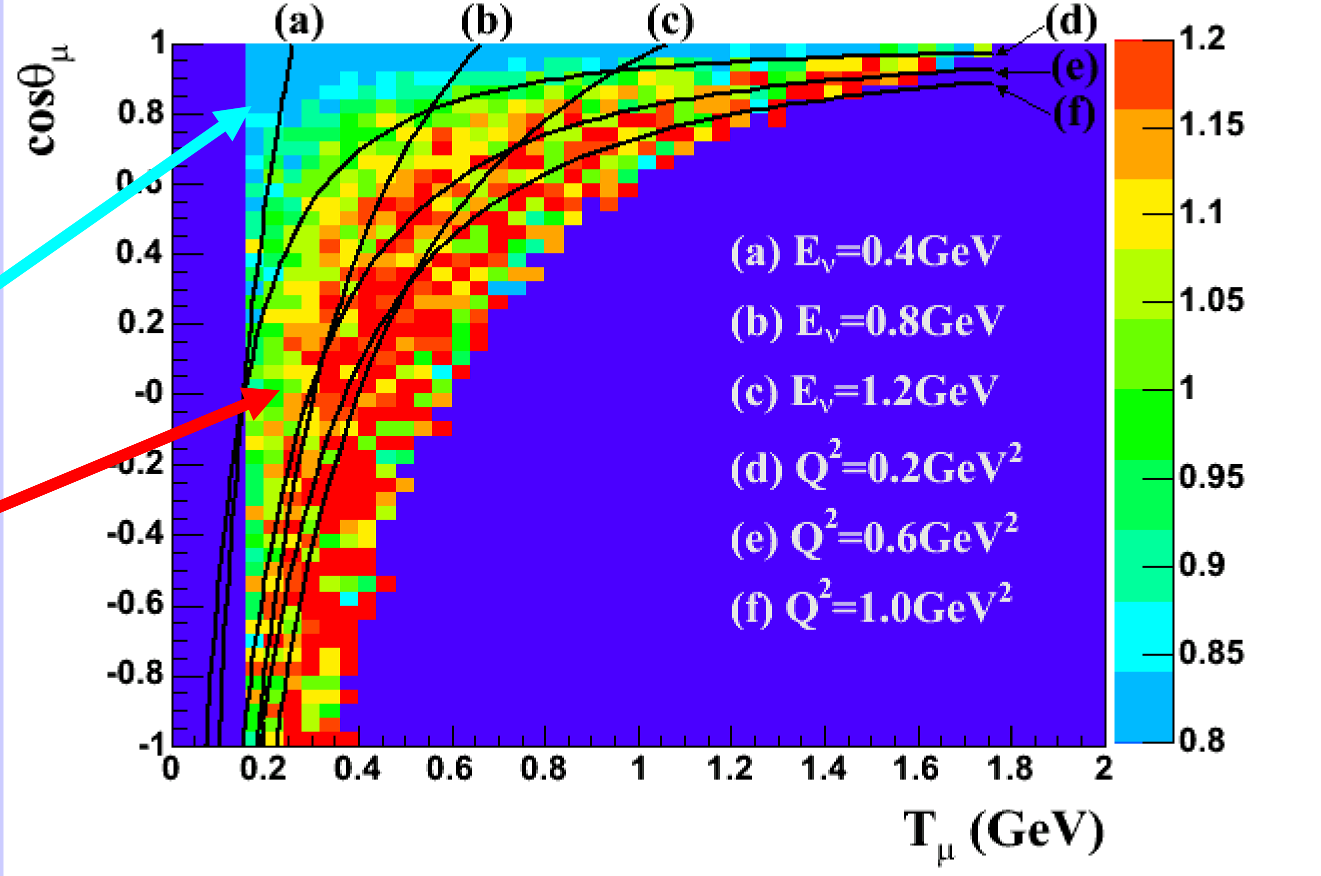

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Nuclear model parameters are tuned from electron scattering data, thus the best explanations of observed data-MC disagreements are something one cannot measure from the electron scattering data

(1) data deficit at low Q^2 region
$\rightarrow$ Pauli blocking

(2) data excess at high Q^2 region
$\rightarrow$ Axial mass M_A

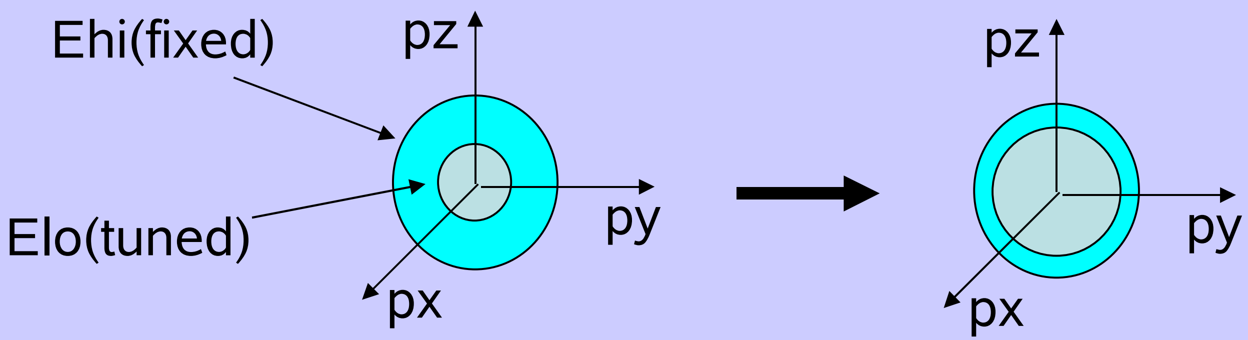
We tune the nuclear parameters in RFG model using Q^2 distribution;
M_A = tuned
P_F = fixed
E_B = fixed

3. CCQE data-MC comparison

Pauli blocking parameter "kappa" : κ

To enhance the Pauli blocking at low Q^2, we introduced a new parameter κ, which is the scale factor of lower bound of nucleon sea and controls the size of nucleon phase space

$$\mathrm{Elo} = \boxed{\kappa}\left(\sqrt{(p_F^2 + M^2)} - w + E_B\right)$$



This modification gives significant effect only at low Q^2 region

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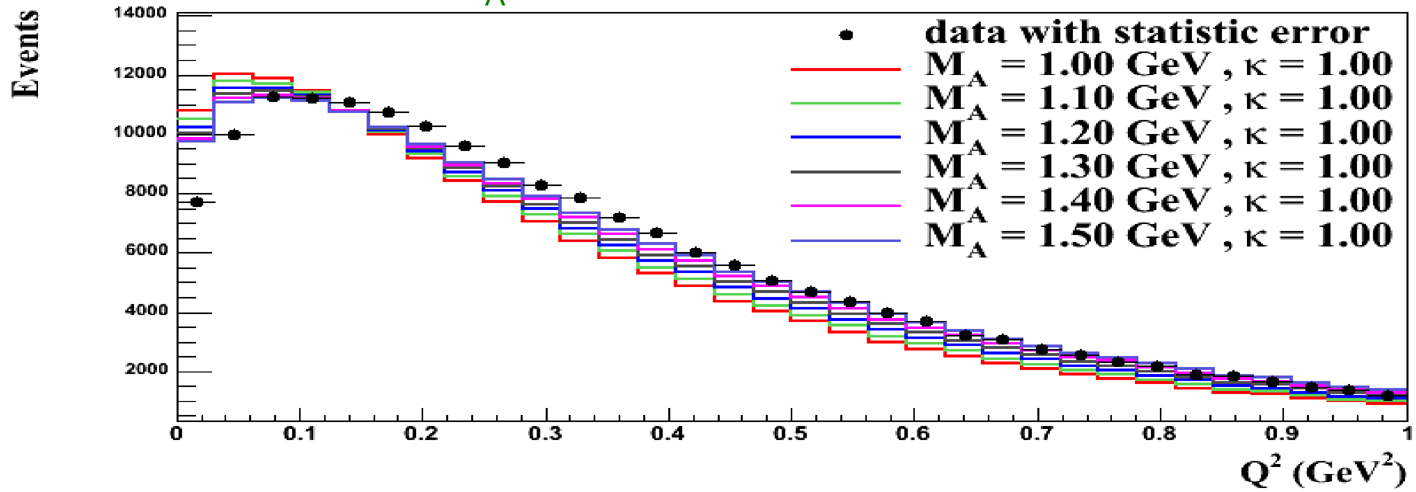
M_A and κ are simultaneously fit to the data

2% change of κ is sufficient to take account the data deficit at low Q^2 region

Q² distribution with M_A variation



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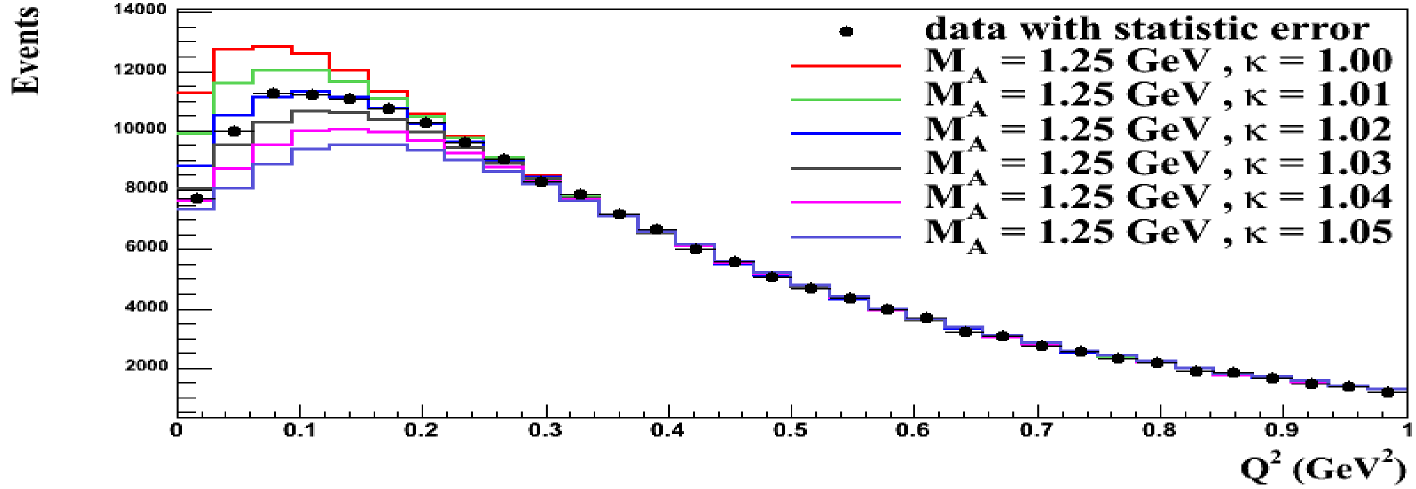

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Least χ^2 fit for Q^2 distribution

$$\chi^2 = (\text{data - MC})^T (M_{total})^{-1} (\text{data - MC})$$

χ^2 minimum is found by global scan of shape only fit with $0.0<Q^2(GeV^2)<1.0$

Input error matrices
keep the correlation of systematics

dependent ↔ (parameters), independent ↕ (sources)

π^+ production	(8 parameters)
π^- production	(8 parameters)
K^+ production	(7 parameters)
K^0 production	(9 parameters)
beam model	(8 parameters)
cross section	(20 parameters)
detector model	(39 parameters)

The total output error matrix
keep the correlation of Q^2 bins

M_{total} = M(π^+ production)
+ M(π^- production)
+ M(K^+ production)
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+ M(beam model)
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+ M(data statistics)

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M_A - κ fit result

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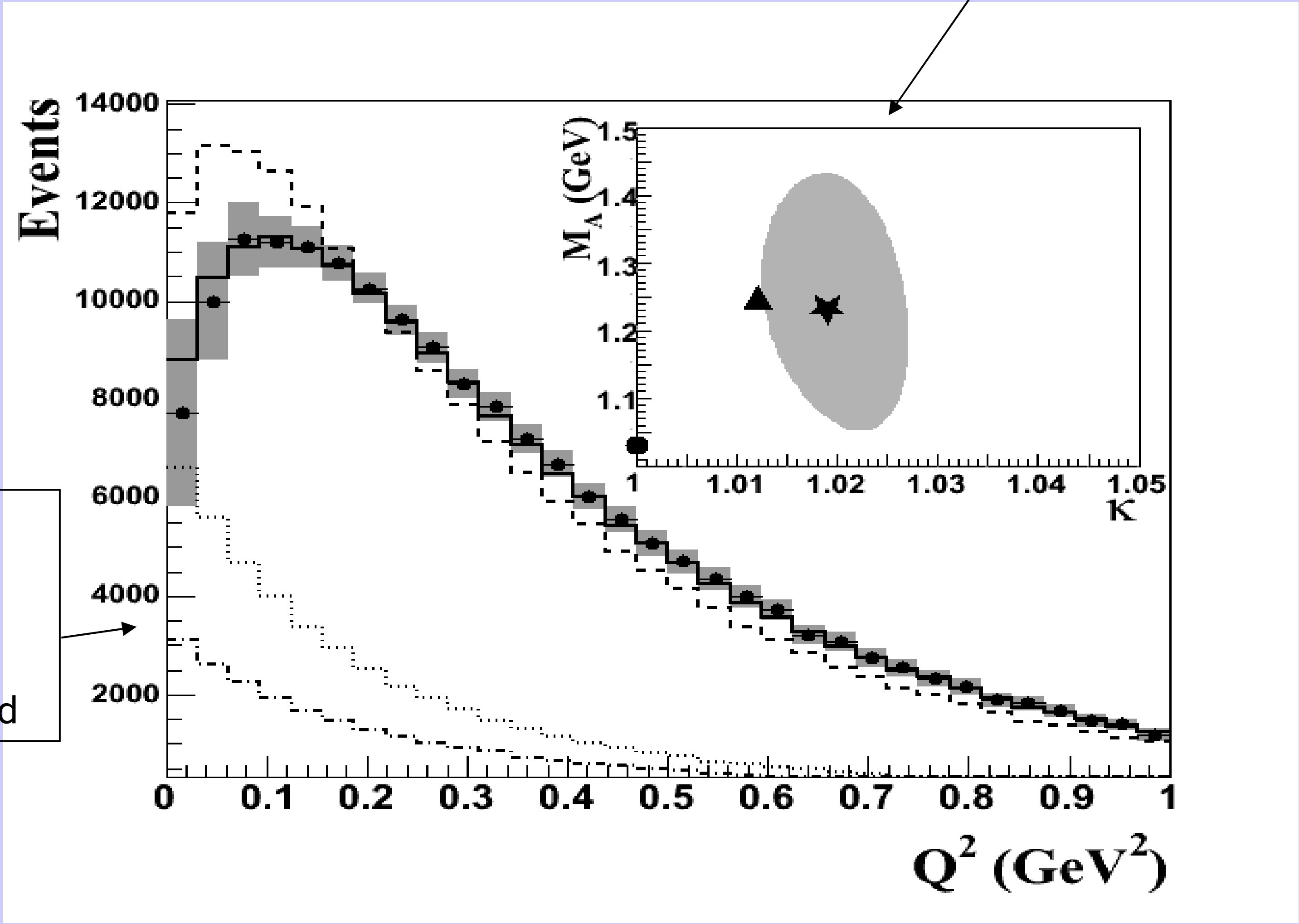
circle: before fit
star: after fit with 1-sigma contour
triangle: bkgd shape uncertainty



dots : data with error bar
dashed line : before fit
solid line : after fit
dotted line : background
dash-dotted :non-CCQElike bkgd

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Errors

The detector model uncertainty dominates the error in M_A

The error on κ is dominated by Q2 shape uncertainty of background events

	δM_A(GeV)	$\delta\kappa$
data statistics	0.03	0.003
neutrino flux	0.04	0.003
neutrino cross section	0.06	0.004
detector model	0.10	0.003
$CC\pi^+$ background shape	0.02	0.007
total error	0.20	0.011

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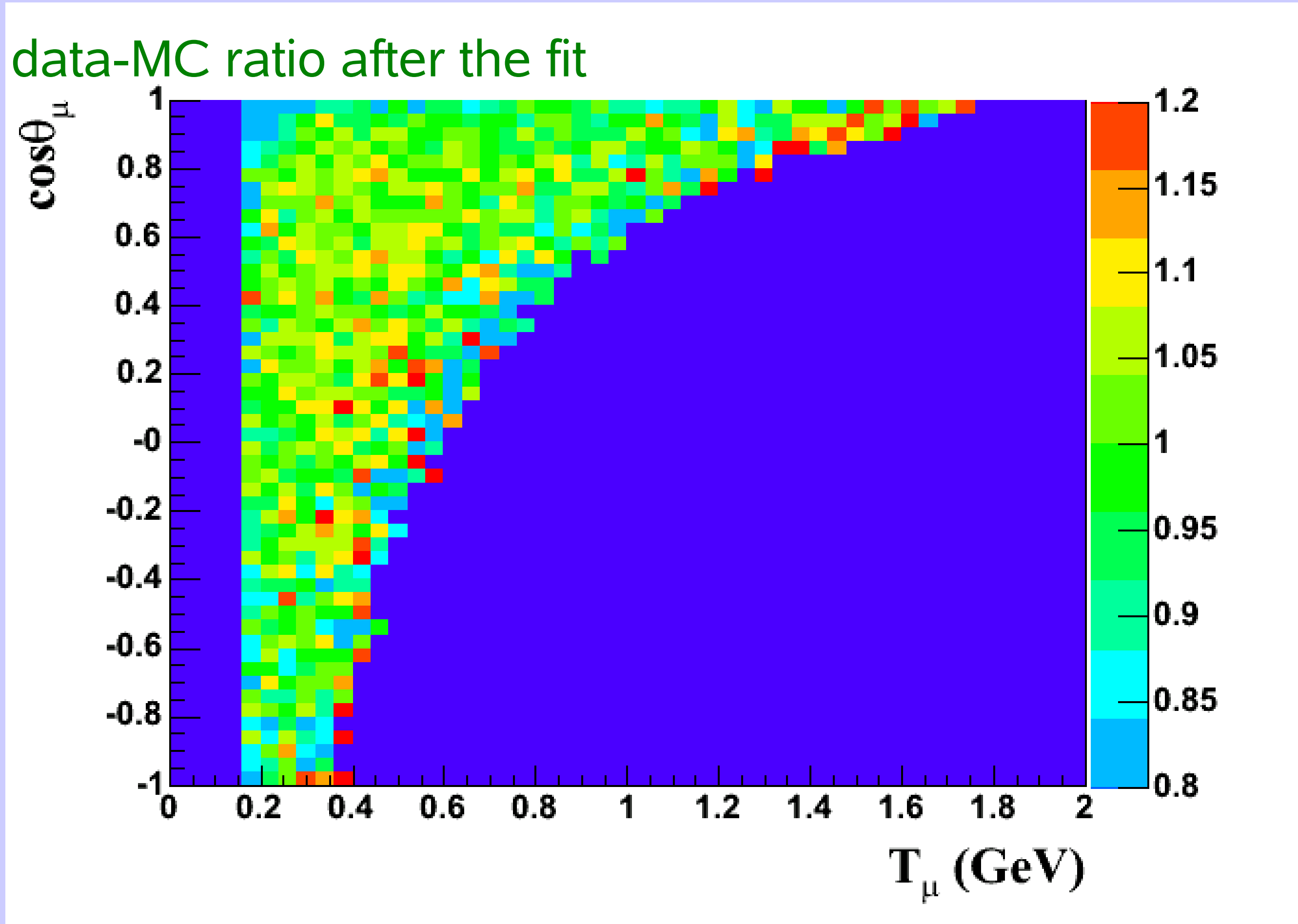

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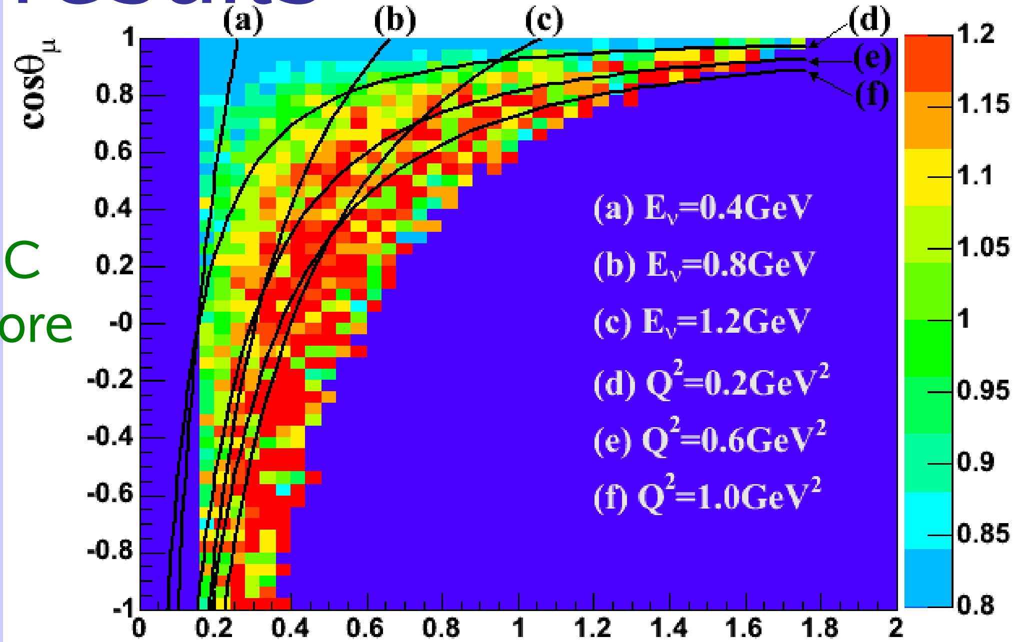

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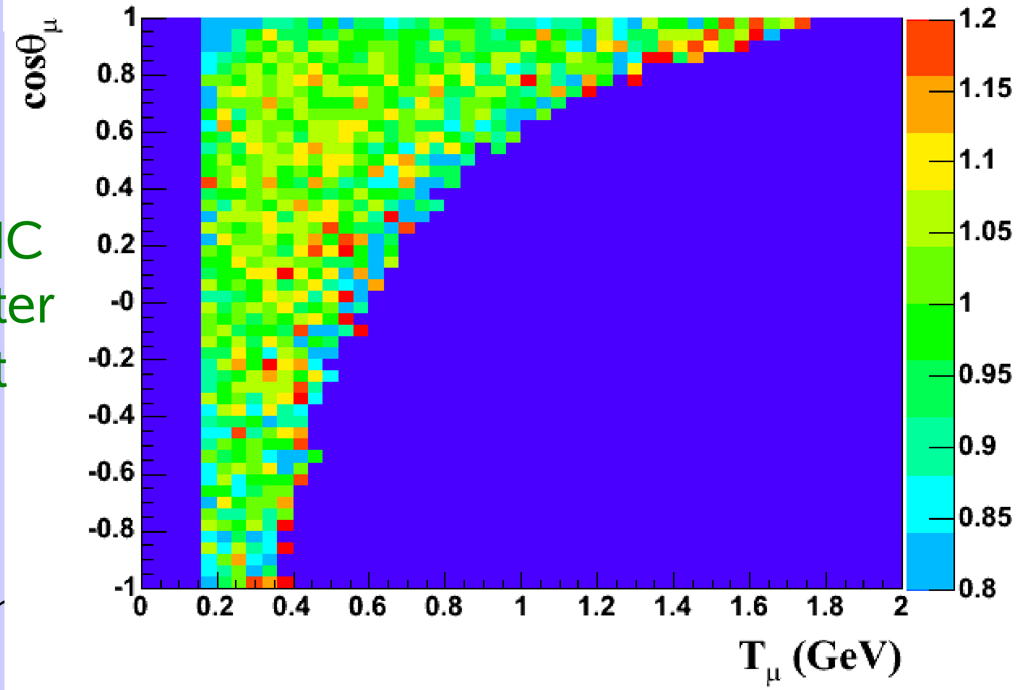

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Other kinematics distribution also show very good data-MC agreement
(This is critical for MiniBooNE neutrino oscillation search experiment)

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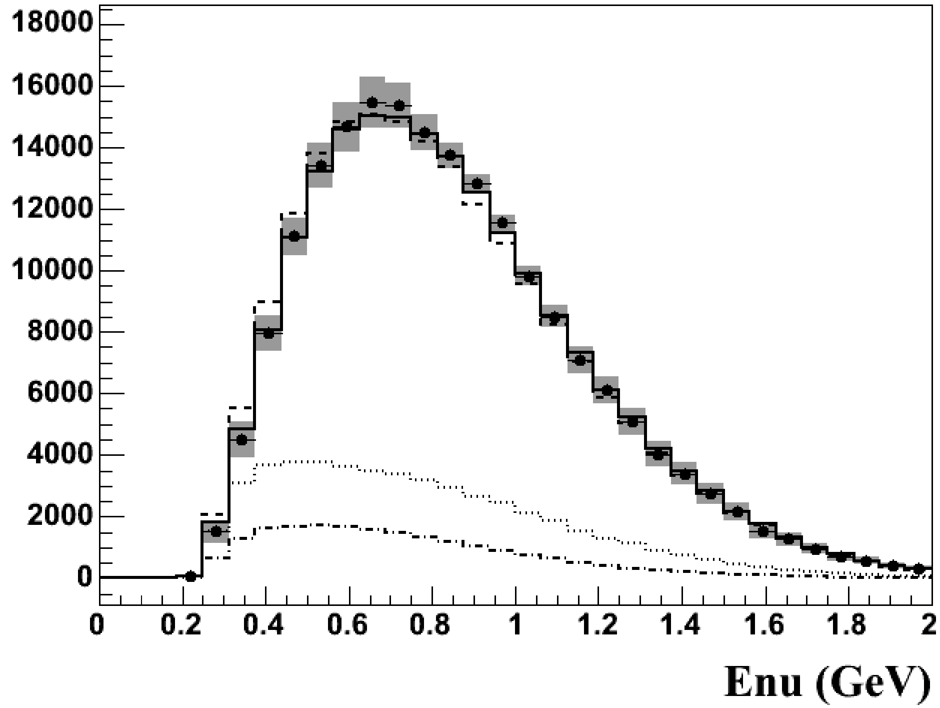
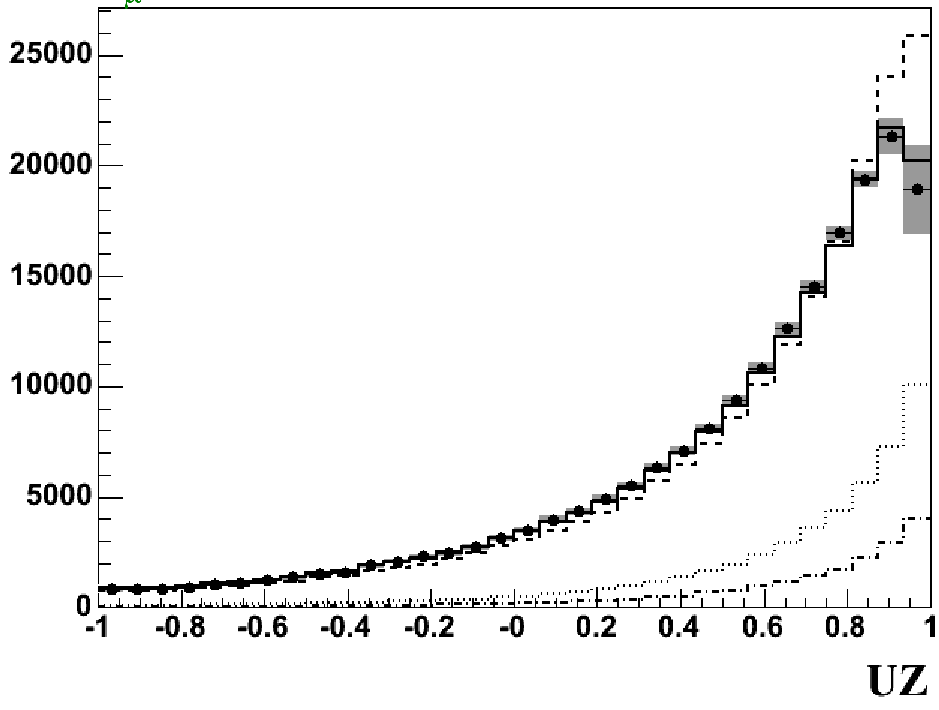
arXiv:0704.1500 [hep-ex] (2007)

Eν distribution



$\cos\theta_\mu$ distribution



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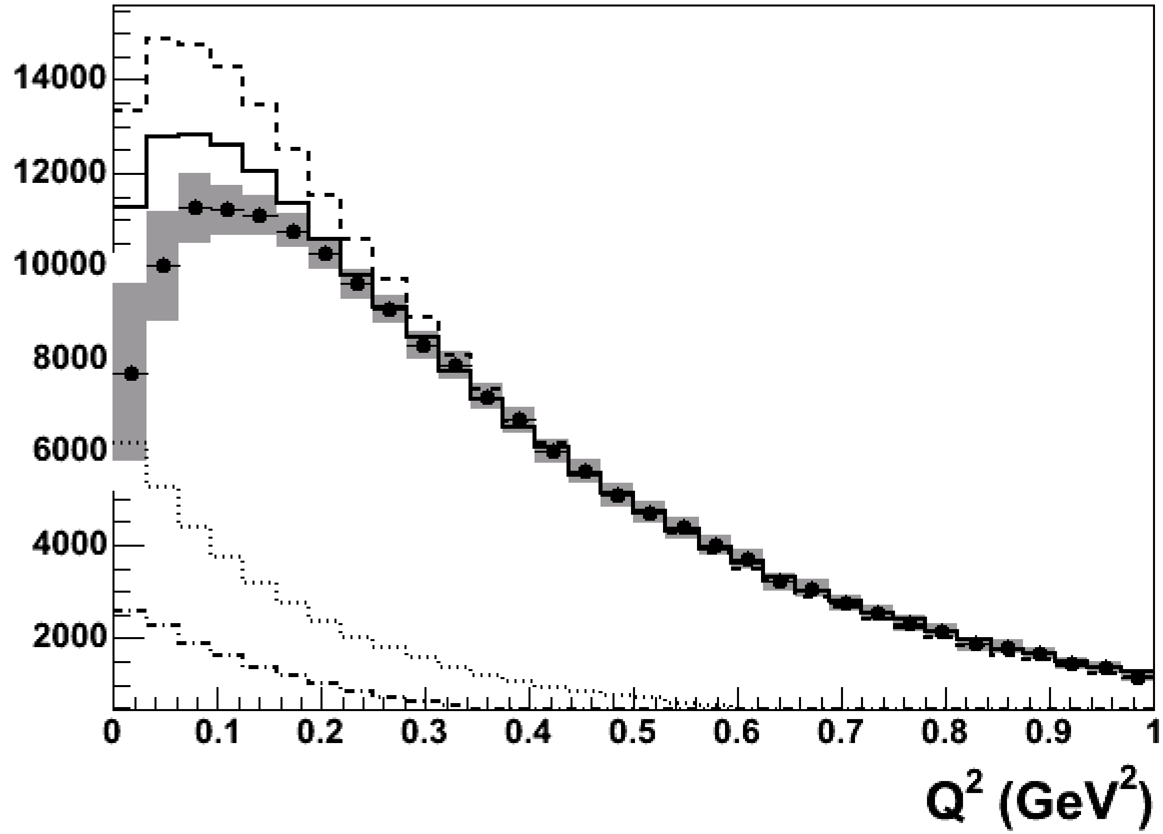

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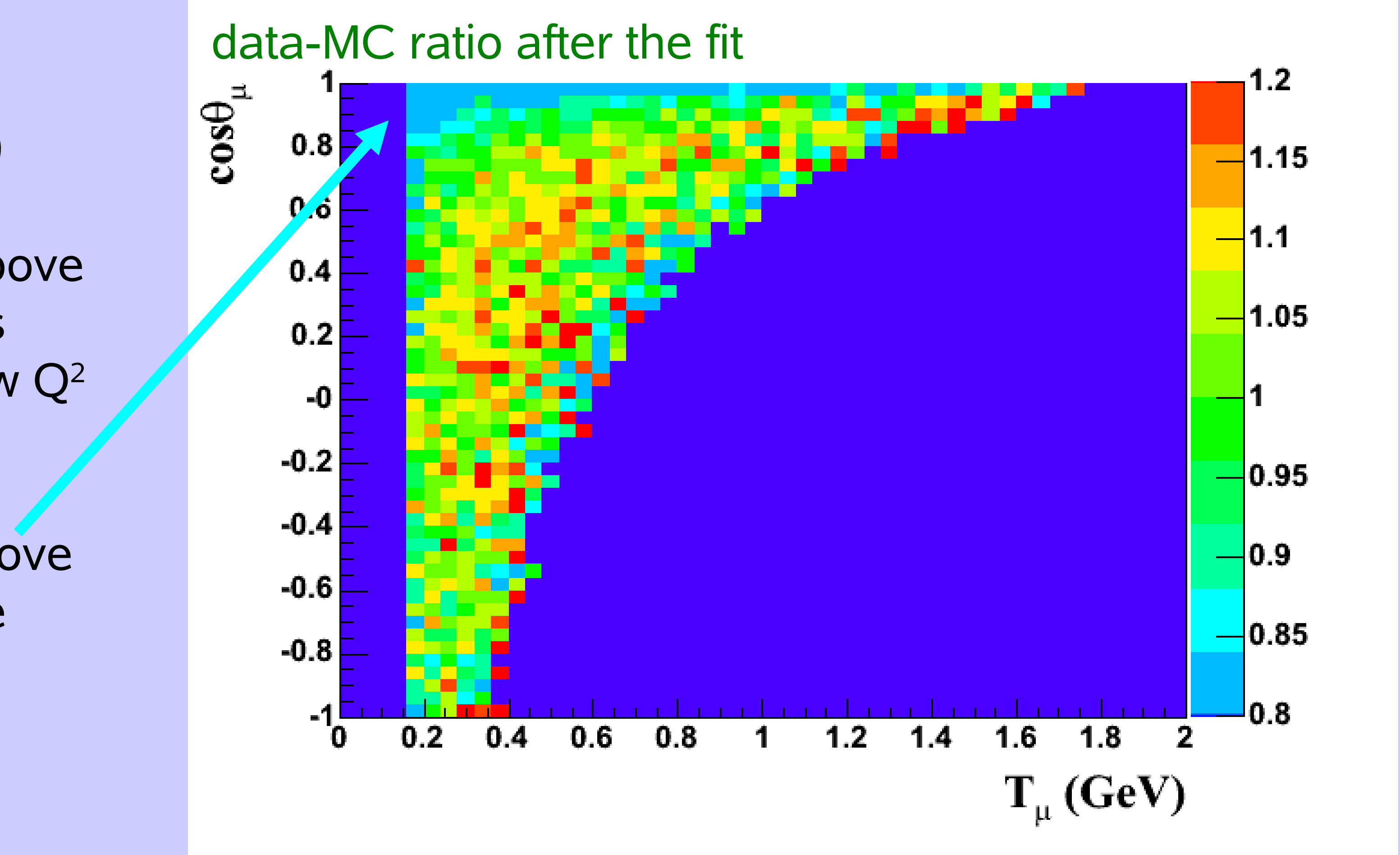

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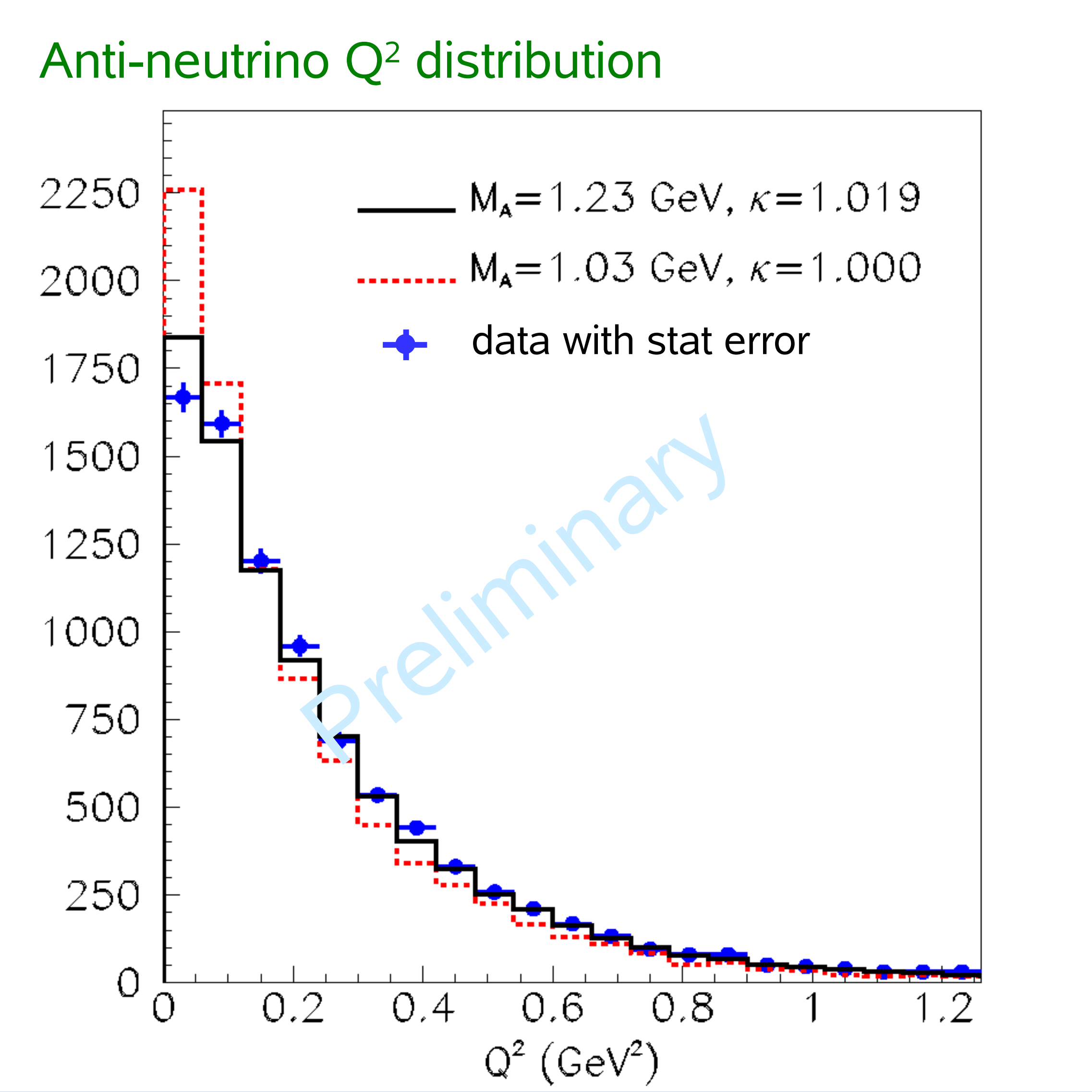

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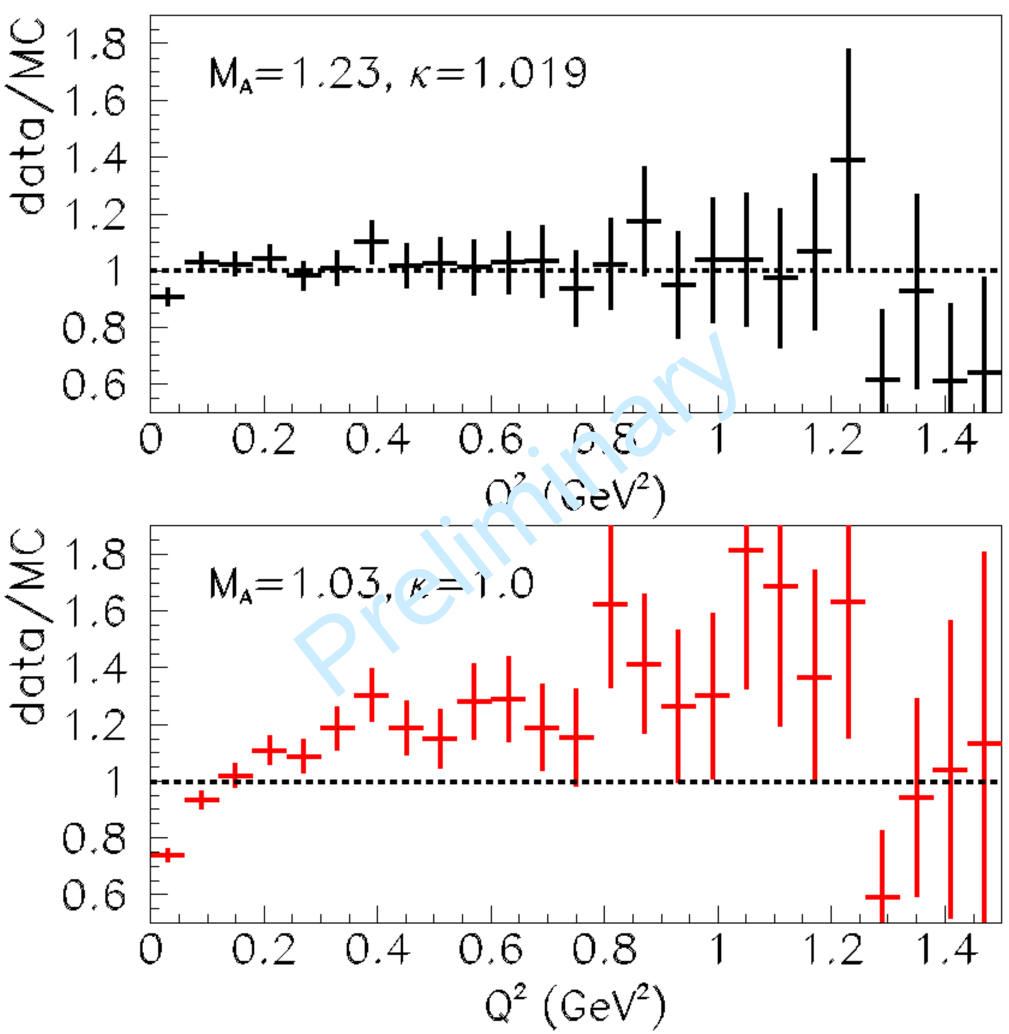

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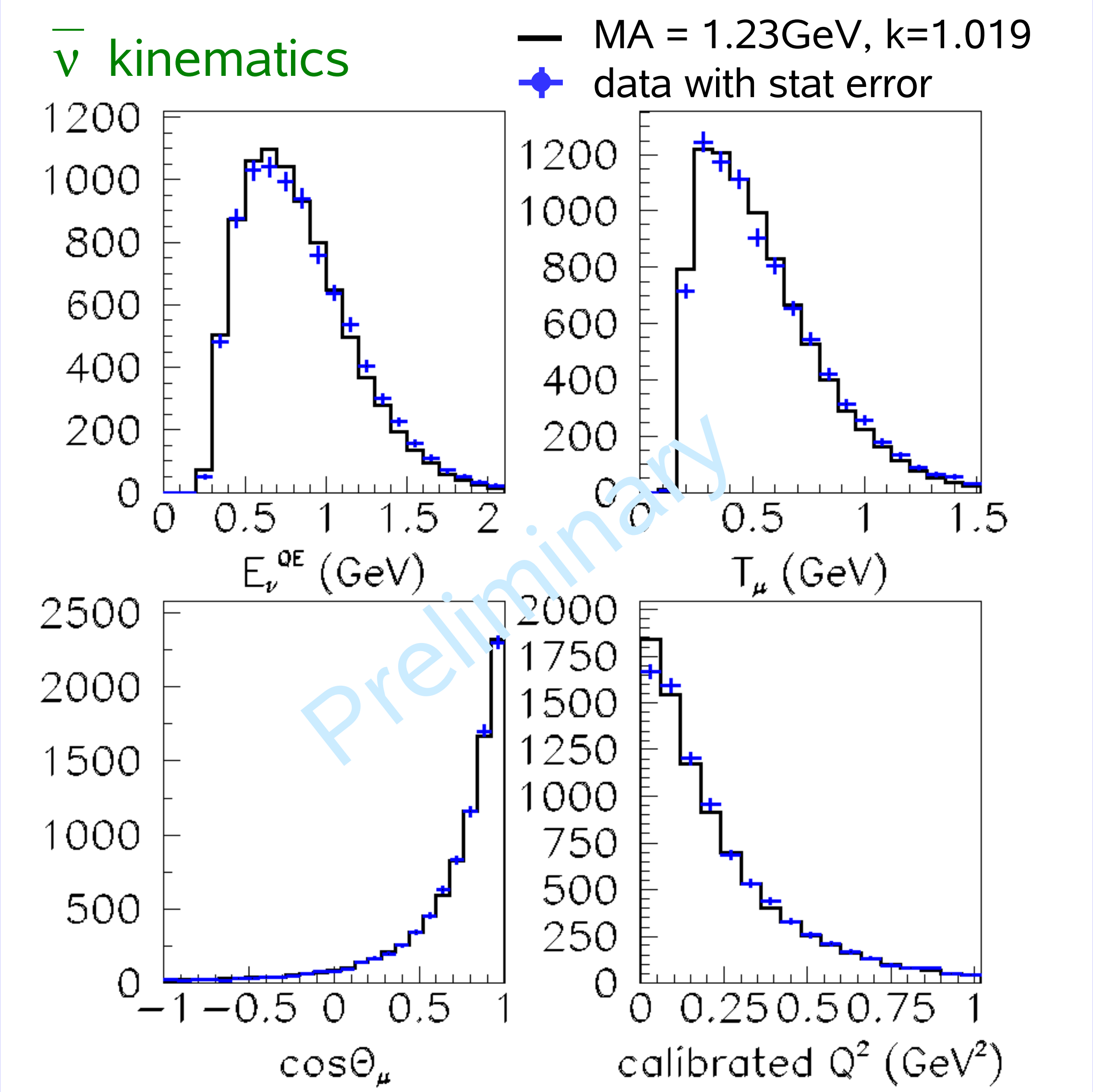
Anti-neutrino CCQE kinematics variables are described by the MC well, too.



6. Conclusion

MiniBooNE has large CCQE data set around 1GeV region

MiniBooNE successfully employee RFG model with appropriate parameter choices for M_A and κ

This new model can describe entire CCQE phase space well

The best fit parameters for MiniBooNE CCQE data are;

$$M_A = 1.23 \pm 0.20\text{(stat+sys)}$$
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Our new model also works well in anti-neutrino data

MiniBooNE is currently taking the data with anti-muon neutrino beam

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