

# Neutral Current $\pi^0$ Production by Neutrinos at SciBooNE

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# Motivation

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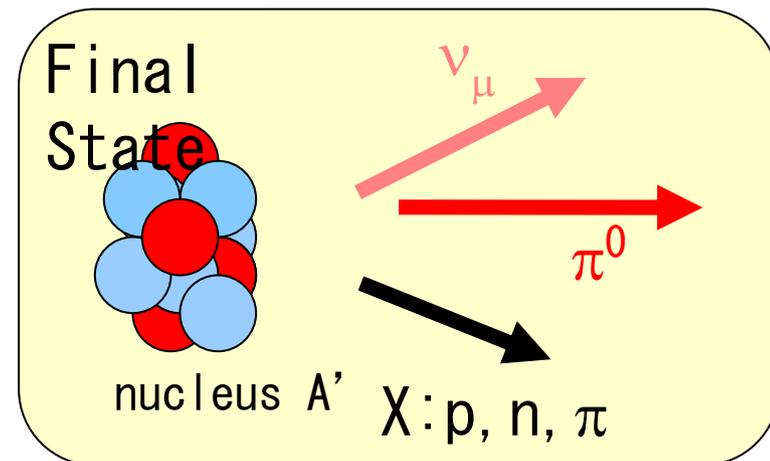
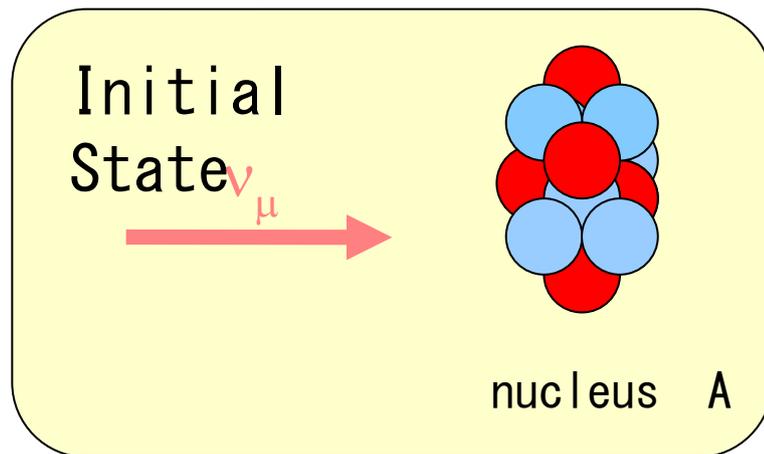
# Neutral Current $\pi^0$ Production (NC $\pi^0$ )

$$\nu_\mu + A \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \pi^0 + X + A'$$

A, A' : nucleus

X: mesons or baryons

Neutrino-nucleus scattering  
via neutral current with  $\pi^0$   
at final state



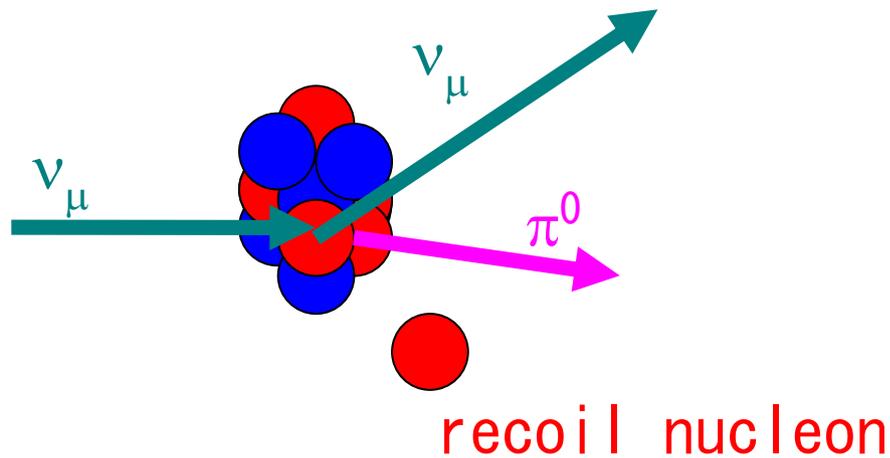
Topic of this

talk  
Measuring the cross section NC $\pi^0$  at neutrino  
energy ( $E_\nu$ ) around 1 GeV

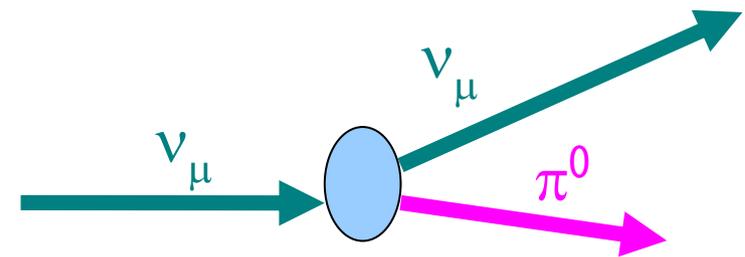
# $\pi^0$ Production Mechanism

Two dominant mechanisms at  $E_\nu = 1 \text{ GeV}$

Resonant  $\pi$ :  $\nu$  excites nucleon to a resonance decaying to  $\pi$



Coherent  $\pi$ :  $\nu$  interacts with whole a nucleus emitting  $\pi^0$



No recoil nucleon  
 $\nu$  and  $\pi$  in a forward direction

resonant  $\pi$ : coherent  $\pi = 4:1$  at SciBooNE ( $E_\nu = 0.7 \text{ GeV}$ )

$\text{NC}\pi^0$  generally means inclusive  $\pi^0$  production for the resonant  $\pi$  and coherent  $\pi$

# Why $NC\pi^0$ (1)

## Neutrino Oscillation

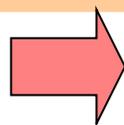
**Neutrino Oscillation** : Neutrino produced as a specific flavor can be later measured as a different flavor. This occurs when  $\langle \nu_{mass} \rangle \neq \langle \nu_{flavor} \rangle$

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Neutrino Mixing Matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Atmospheric } \nu & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ? & & \\ c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{solar } \nu & & \\ c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$c_{ij}, s_{ij} : \cos\theta_{ij}, \sin\theta_{ij}$   $\delta$ : CP phase ( $\delta \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$  CP violation)

- $\theta_{12}$  and  $\theta_{23}$  are measured to be  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$
- $\theta_{13}$  is not yet observed ( $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.15$ )
- CP phase  $\delta$  is always coupled with  $\sin\theta_{13}$



$\theta_{13}$  measurement

# Why $NC\pi^0$ ? (2)

$\theta_{13}$  measurement by long baseline neutrino experiments

Searching  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillation using long baseline  $\mathcal{O}(100\text{km})$   
 ( $\mathcal{O}(1\text{GeV})$ )

$\nu_\mu$  beam  $(\nu_\mu)$   $\Leftrightarrow \theta_{13}$  measurement

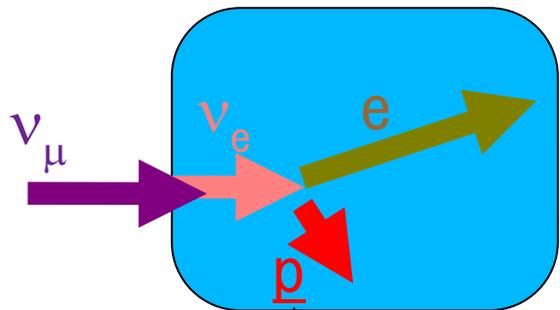
$(P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \propto \sin^2 2\theta_{13})$

$\nu_\mu NC\pi^0$ : One of the largest background for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  search  
 T2K (2009~) NOvA (2012~)  
 in the T2K experiment

T2K:  $L_\nu=295\text{km}$ ,  $\langle E_\nu \rangle=0.8\text{GeV}$ , Super-K (water Cherenkov)

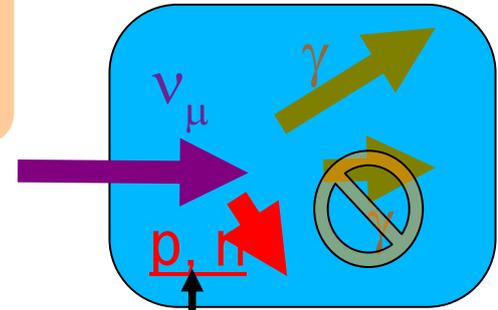
$\nu_e$  signal:  $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e + p$

Background:  $\nu_\mu NC\pi^0$



Can not distinguish if  $1\gamma$  is missed

Nucleon is below Cherenkov threshold

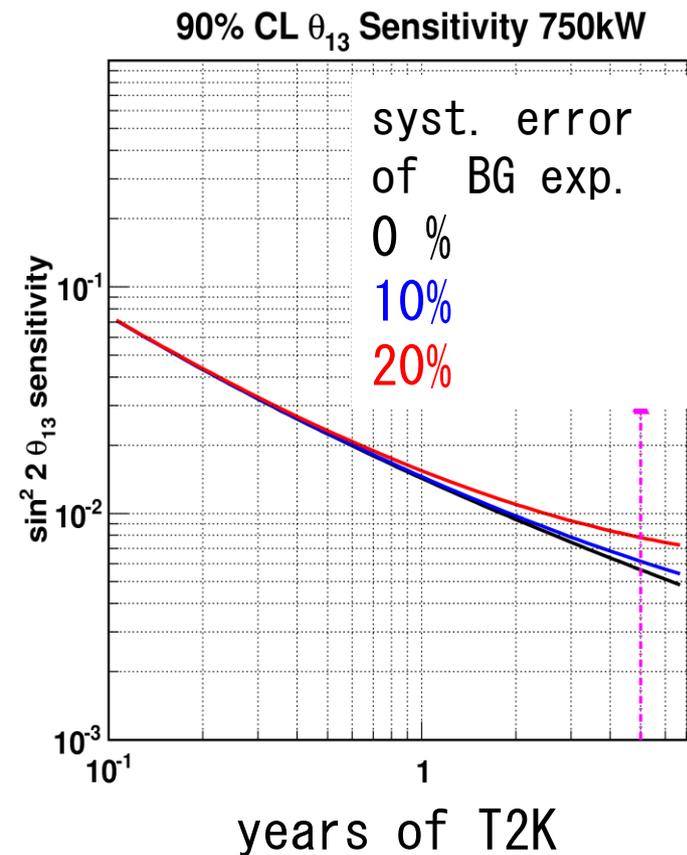
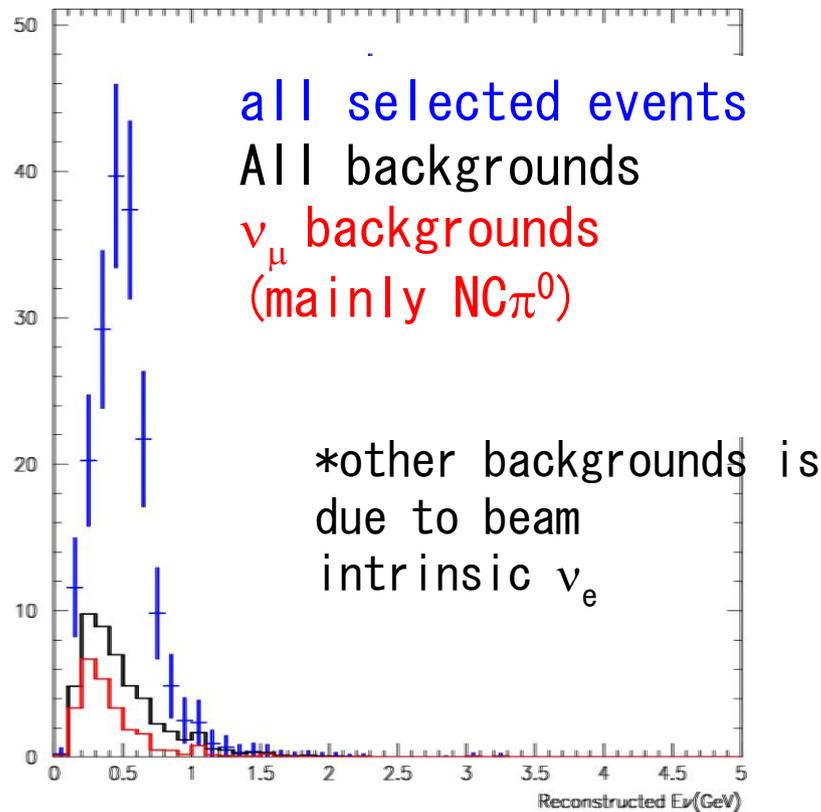


# Goal 1 : Total $NC\pi^0$ cross section

$\theta_{13}$  measurement in T2K

$\nu_e$  energy spectrum : assuming 5 years measurement and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  sensitivity: assuming 750kW beam and Super-K



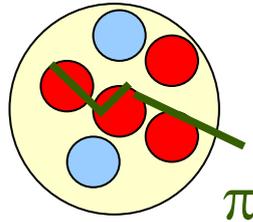
Need measure  $\sigma(NC\pi^0) / \sigma(CC) *$  within 10 % uncertainty

\* The ratio to  $\sigma(CC)$  is enough because the T2K measure  $\nu_\mu$  flux using CC interactions

# Goal 2 : $\pi$ Kinematics distribution

## Intra-nuclear interaction

- (FSI)  $\pi^0$  can be absorbed, scattered and newly produced in nucleus

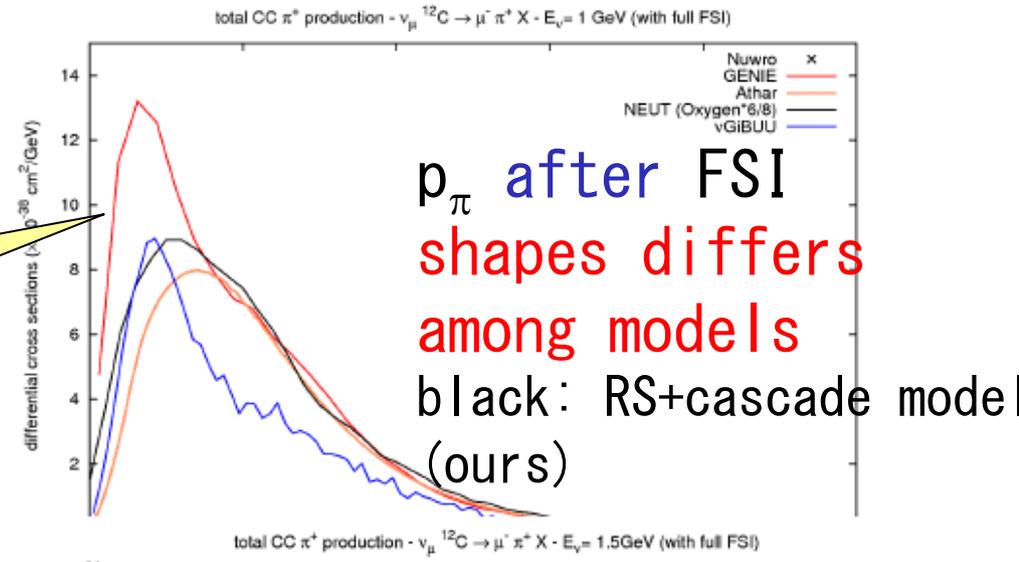
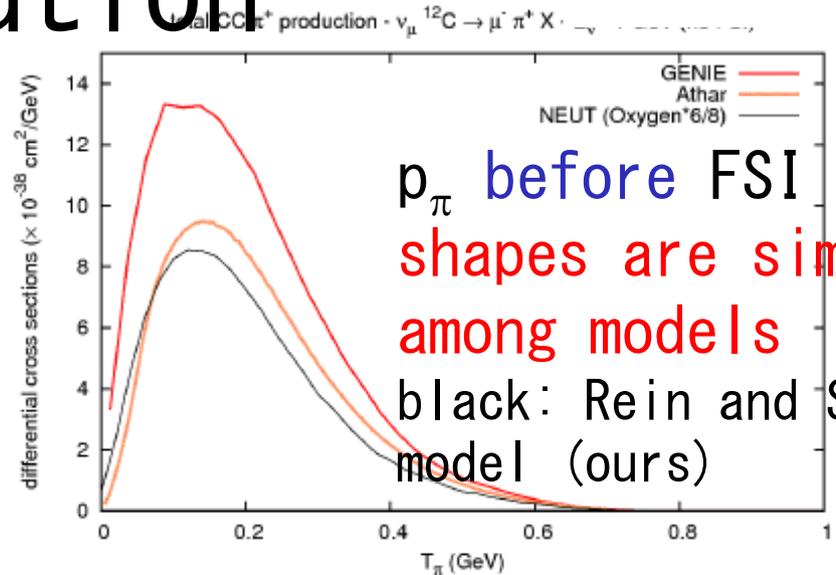


Need predict  $\pi^0$  emitted from nucleus for different nuclear targets

Ex. SciBooNE CH  
Super-K H<sub>2</sub>O

Large difference among models

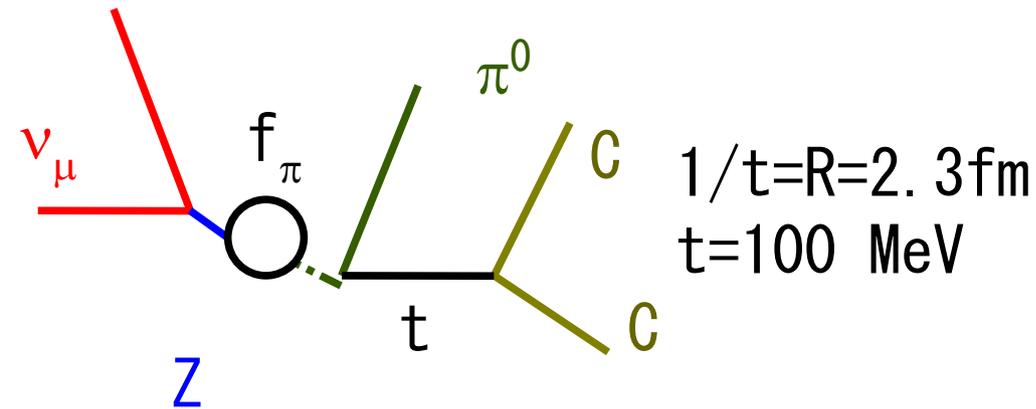
Need measure the  $\pi$  kinematics as well as  $\sigma$



by Jan Sobczyk's slides in Nuint.  
2009

# Goal 3: NC coherent $\pi$ measurements

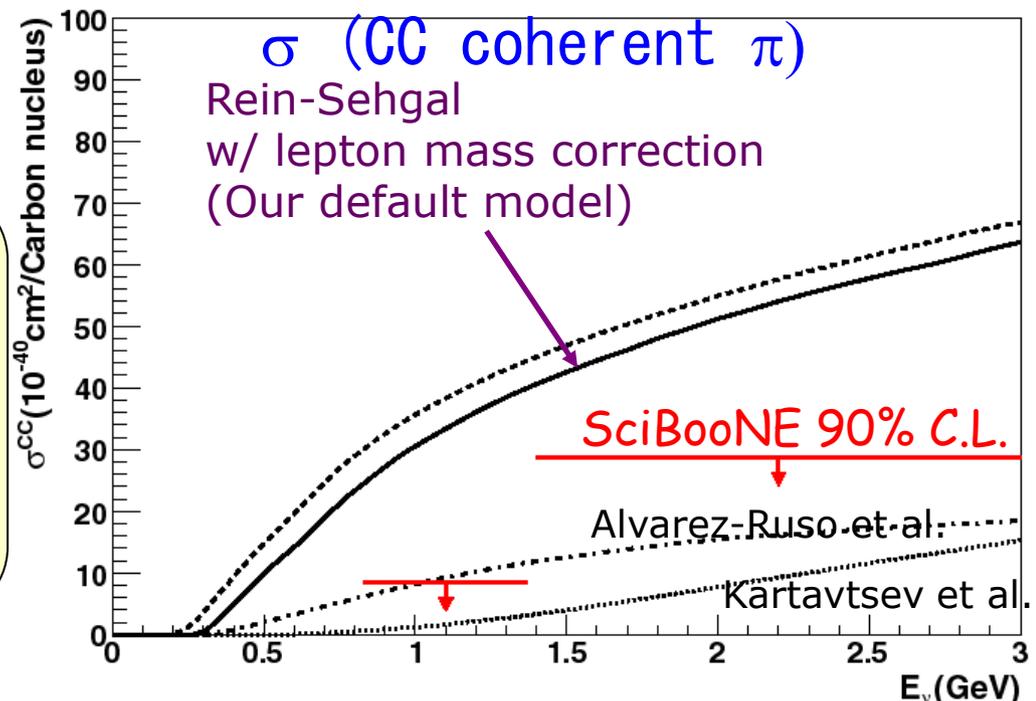
interesting topic in a view of  $\nu$  interaction physics



No observation of CC events in SciBooNE, K2K around 1GeV

## Our model (Rein and Sehgal)

- $\sigma$  is expressed by  $\sigma(\pi C \rightarrow \pi C)$  and  $f_\pi$  at  $Q^2=0$  (PCAC)
- extrapolated to  $Q^2 \neq 0$  multiplying  $\{m_A^2 / (Q^2 + m_A^2)\}^2$  ( $m_A=1\text{GeV}$ )



MiniBooNE observed NC events

➔  $\sigma(\text{CC}) = 2\sigma(\text{NC})$   
 $\sigma(\nu) = \sigma(\bar{\nu})$

➔ Want check the MiniBooNE result by SciBooNE

# Three Goals

We measure

1.  $\sigma(\text{NC}\pi^0 \text{ resonant+coherent})$  at  $E_\nu < 1\text{GeV}$   
with less than 10 % uncertainty
2.  $\pi^0$  kinematics
3.  $\sigma(\text{NC coherent } \pi^0)$

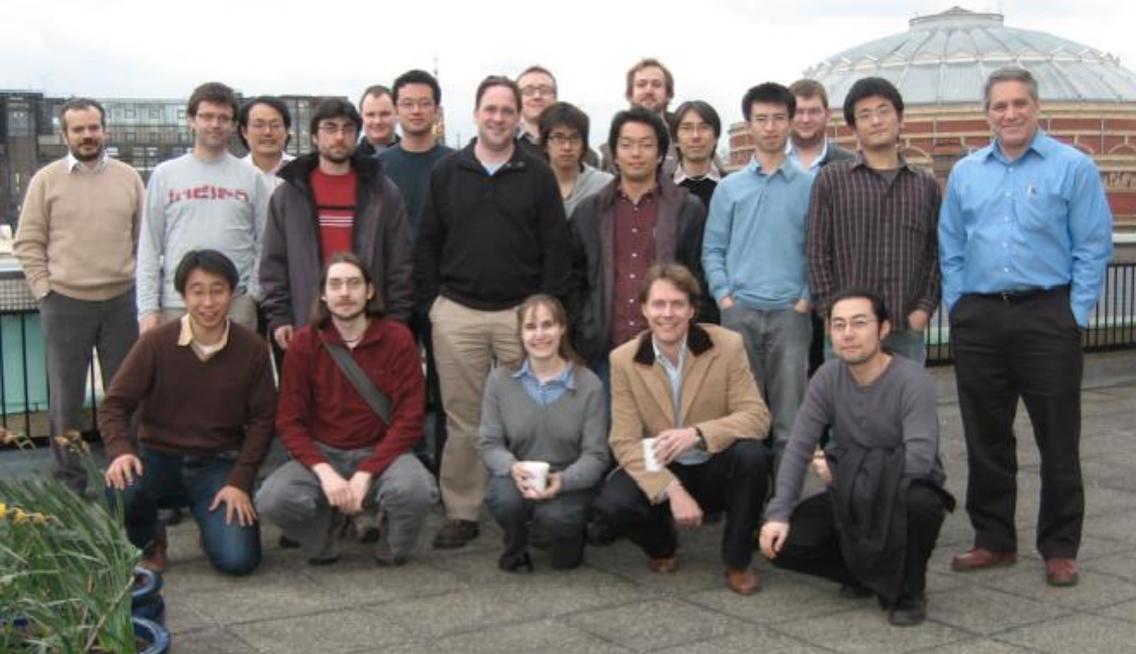
Result 1 & 2 were published in Phys. Rev. D81, 033004  
(2010)

Result 3 is by updated analysis after this publication

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# SciBooNE Collaboration

Mar 18, 2008



- .Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- .University of Cincinnati
- .University of Colorado, Boulder
- .Columbia University
- .Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- .High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)
- .Imperial College London
- .Indiana University
- .Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR)
- .Kyoto University
- .Los Alamos National Laboratory
- .Louisiana State University
- .Purdue University Calumet
- .Universita degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" and INFN
- .Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- .Tokyo Institute of Technology
- .Universidad de Valencia



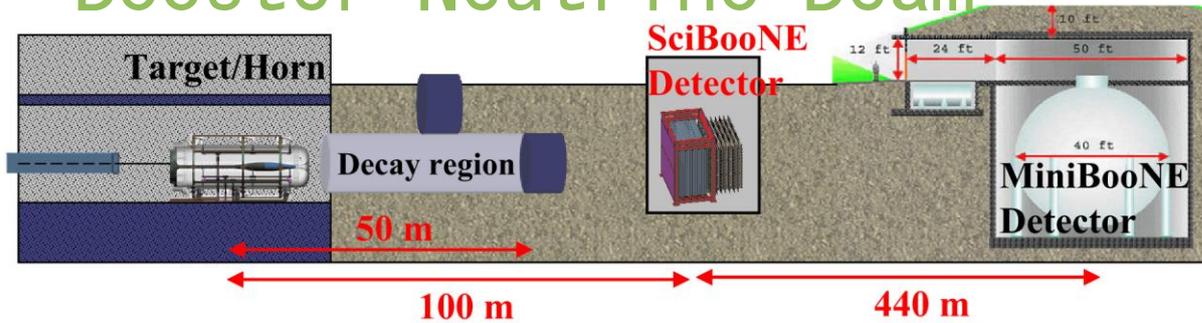
~70 physicists  
5 countries 17 institutions

## Spokespeople:

**M.O. Wascko (Imperial), T. Nakaya (Kyoto)**

# Motivations

## Booster Neutrino Beam



measurement of  $\sigma(\nu\text{-nucleus})$  at 1 GeV

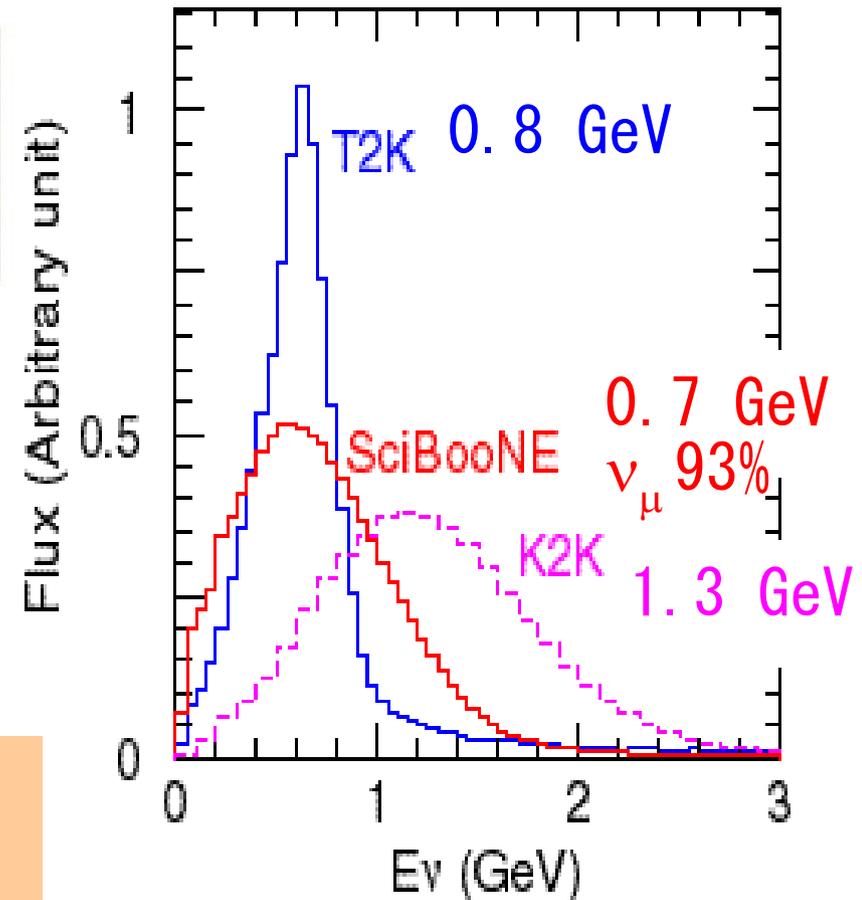
- needed for the future neutrino oscillation experiments

→ NC $\pi^0$  measurement is one of the main modes of SciBooNE

As a near detector of MiniBooNE

Short baseline neutrino oscillation search

## $E_\nu$ spectra



→ SciBooNE results can be used in T2K

# NEUT

## Neutrino Event Generator

Used for Super-K, K2K,  
SciBooNE, T2K

Quasi Elastic (QE)  $\nu_{\mu} n \rightarrow \mu p$

Llewellyn-Smith formalism  
resonant  $\pi$  production

Rein-Sehgal (2007)

Coherent  $\pi$  production

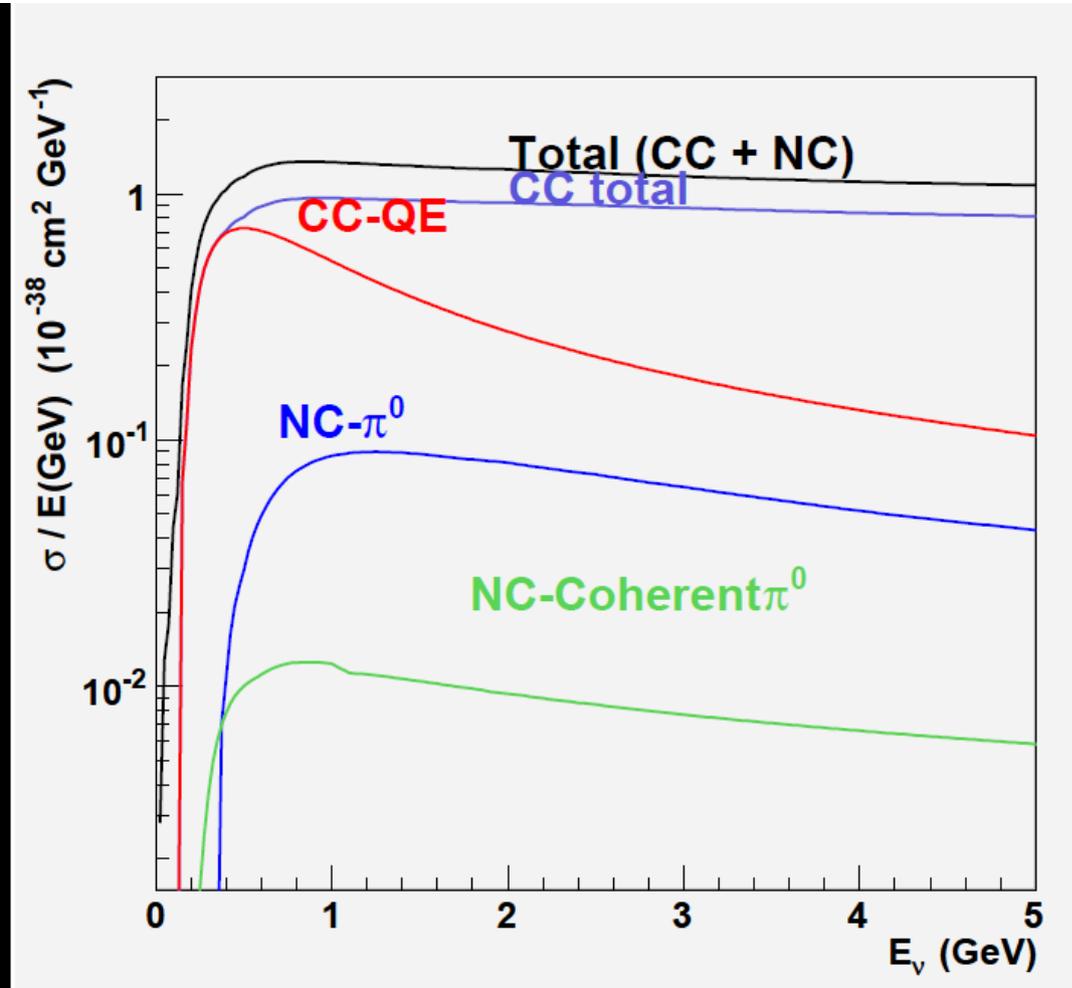
Rein-Sehgal (2006)

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Bodek-Yang correction

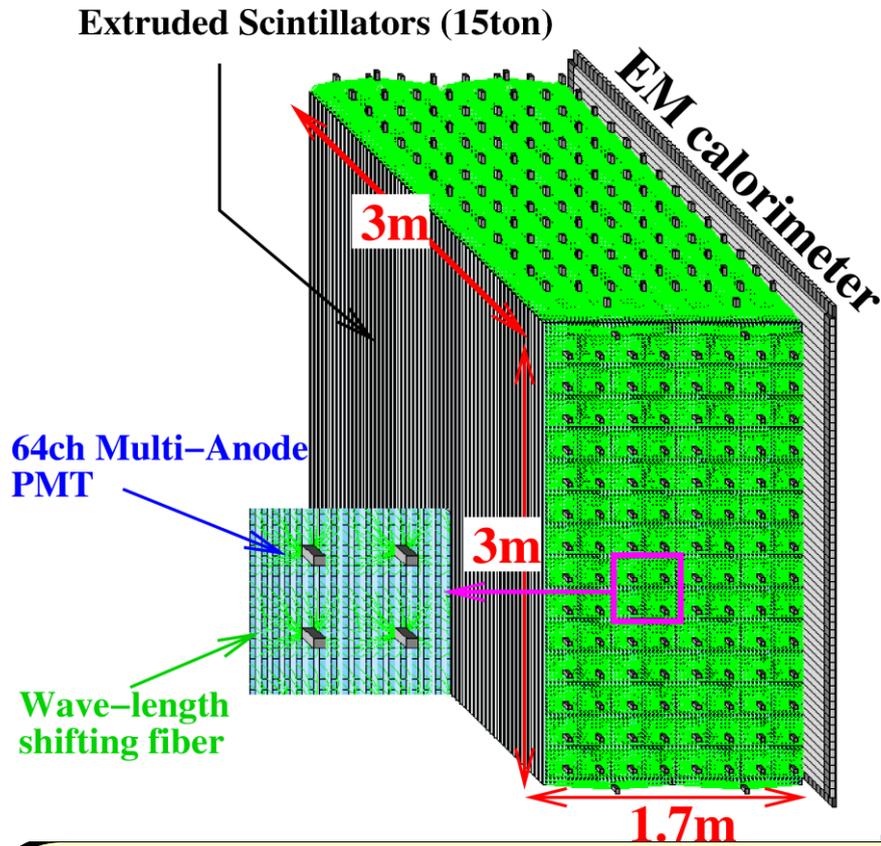
For recoil nucleon in nucleus,  
the relativistic Fermi gas  
model of Smith and Moniz is  
used



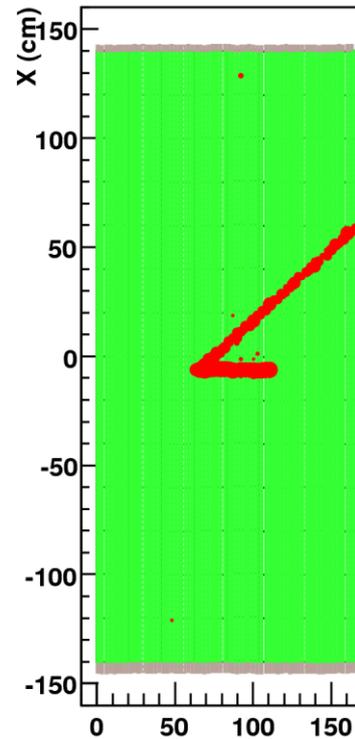


# SciBar

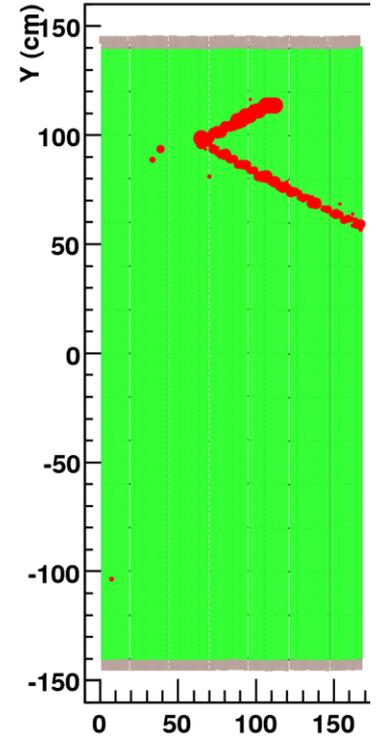
## Neutrino target and charged particle tracker



TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



- Fully active and fine grained detector (14336 scintillator bars)
- 3m x 3m x 1.7m , 15tons
- identification of  $p$   $\pi$  ( $\mu$ ) by  $dE/dx$

3D event reconstruction is done using two 2D images (top view and side view)

# NC $\pi^0$ Event Selection

# Signal Definition

$$\nu_{\mu} + A \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + \pi^0 + X + A'$$

in

SciBar

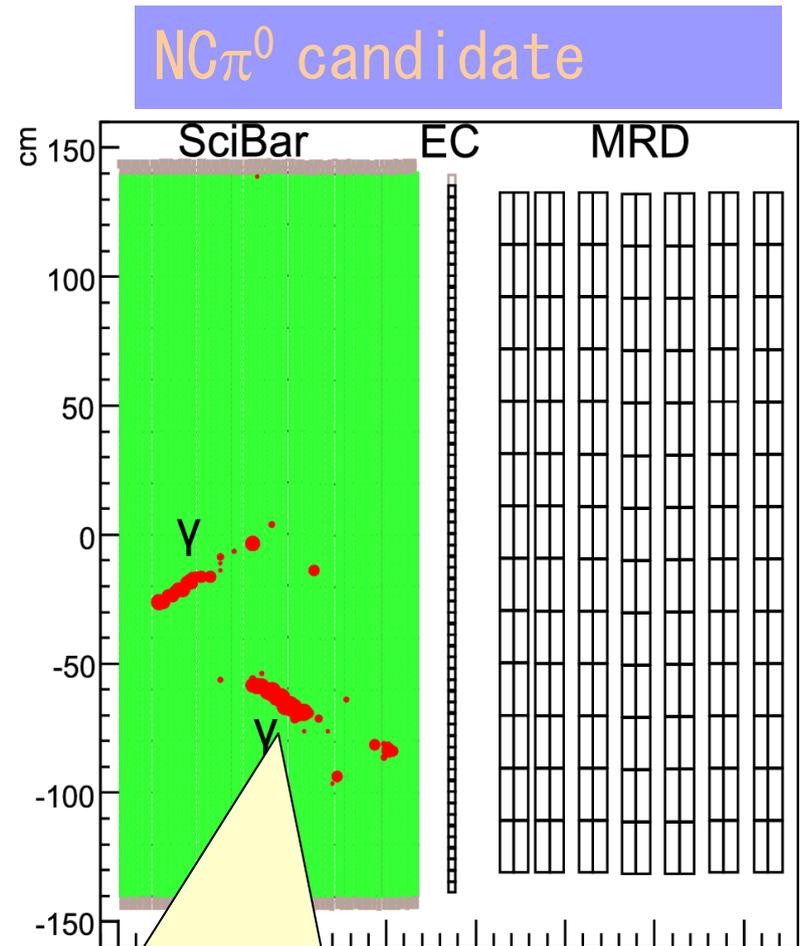
A, A' : nucleus

X: mesons or baryons  
 $\pi^0$  should be emitted by  $\nu$   
target nucleus

- including  $\pi^0$  secondary produced by FSI

Note:

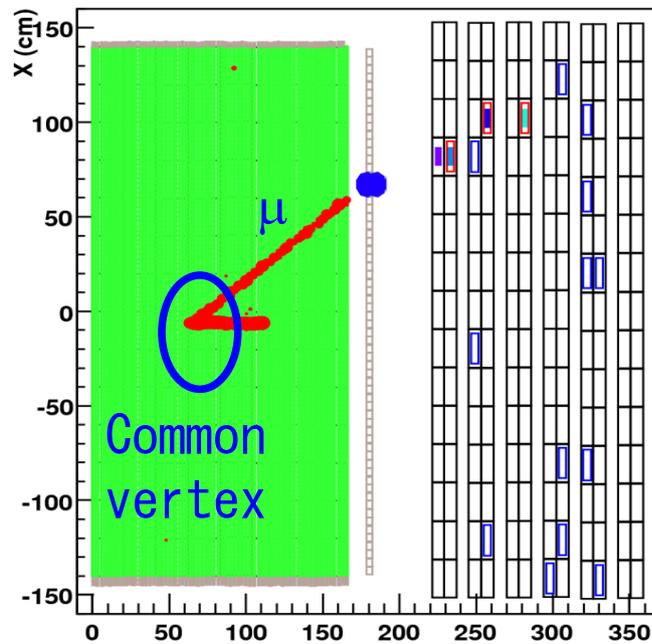
Must find  $2\gamma$  converted to EM showers in SciBar. However, Only 30 % of  $NC\pi^0$  as  $2\gamma$  converted to EM showers



An EM shower is observed as “1 track + hits around the track”

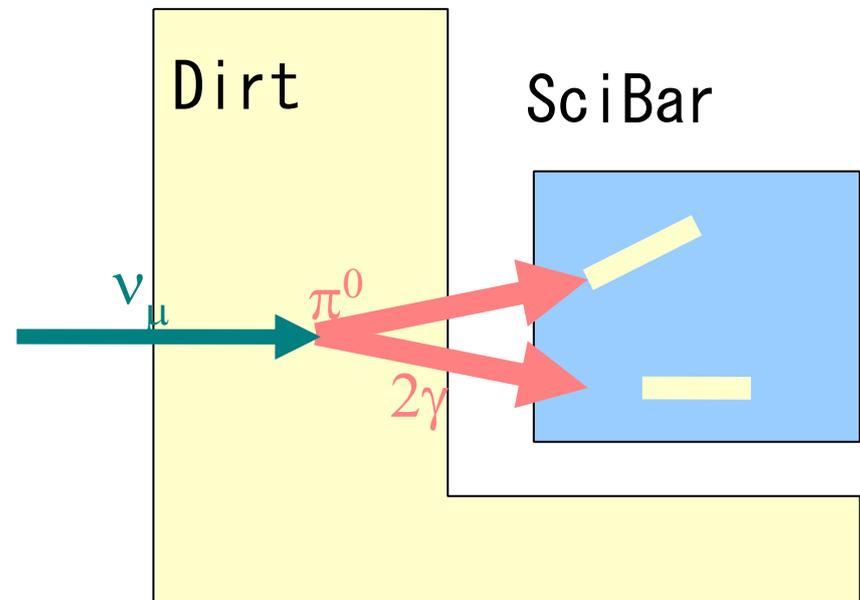
# Main background events

## Charged current



- $\#(\text{CC}) > 10 \times \#(\text{NC}\pi^0)$  before selections
- rejected by detecting  $\mu$  or common vertex

## Dirt background events



- charged particle can be rejected using the 1<sup>st</sup> layer
- $\gamma, n$  survive after the 1<sup>st</sup> layer veto

➔ Need reject CC events and dirt background events

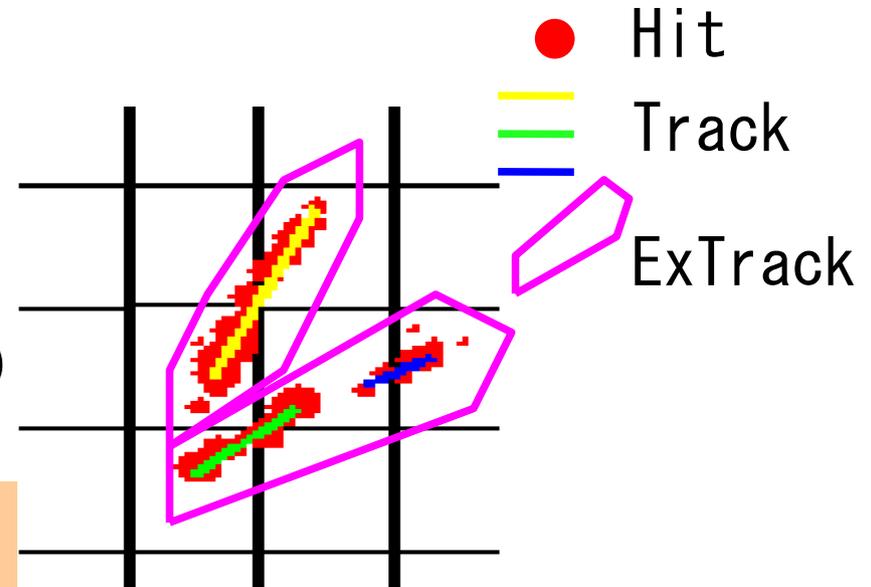
# Particle Reconstruction

## What is needed

- $\gamma$  reconstruction (1 track + hits around the track)
- $p$ ,  $\mu$  identification (CC rejection)
- finding common vtx (CC rejection)



## Track Reconstruction



### Normal Track (Track)

- fitting continuous hits with straight line
- Hit threshold is 2.5p.e.
- $p$  and  $\mu$  identification
- for all SciBooNE

analysis

### Extended Track (ExTrack)

- for  $\gamma$  reconstruction
- merging co-linear tracks
- collecting hits within less than 20 cm from original track
- not using proton track ( $dE/dx$ )

# Overview of Event selections

## Pre-selection

$\geq 2$  Tracks in FV  
No 1<sup>st</sup> Layer hits

## CC rejection by $\mu$ identification

No side escaping track (1)  
No decay electron (2)  
No track reaching MRD (3)

## CC rejection using event topology

No common vertex (4)

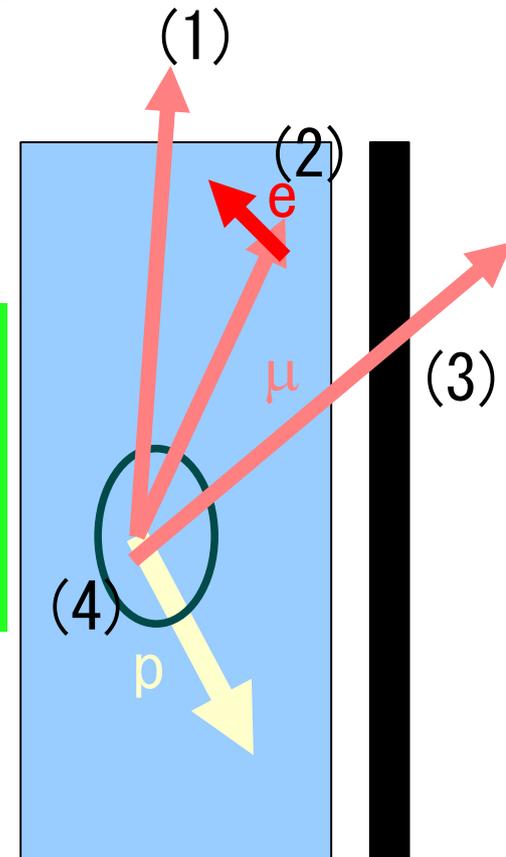
## $\pi^0$ selection by $\gamma(\pi^0)$ reconstruction

$\geq 2$  Extracks  
 $\pi^0$  vertex in SciBar  
 $M_{2\gamma} = \pi^0$  mass

CC rejection  
→  
Using Track

$\gamma, \pi^0$   
reconstruction  
→  
Using ExTrack

## Typical CC events



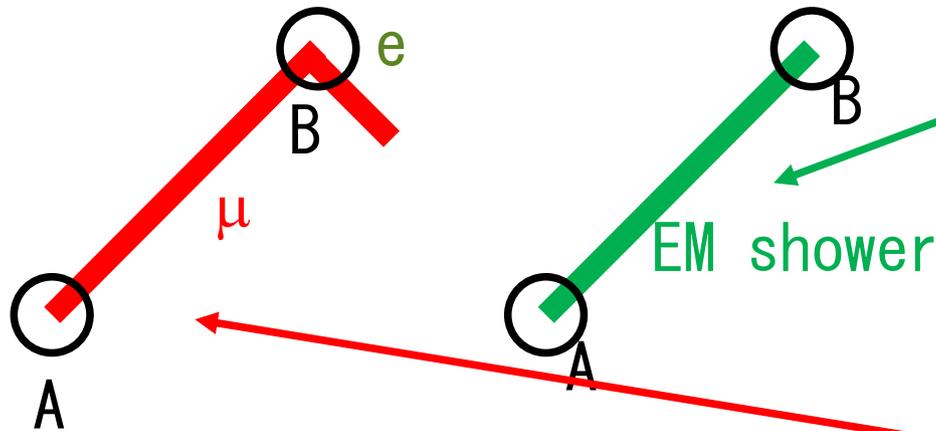
SciBar

EC

# $\mu$ identification using decay-e

For tracks stopping in SciBar

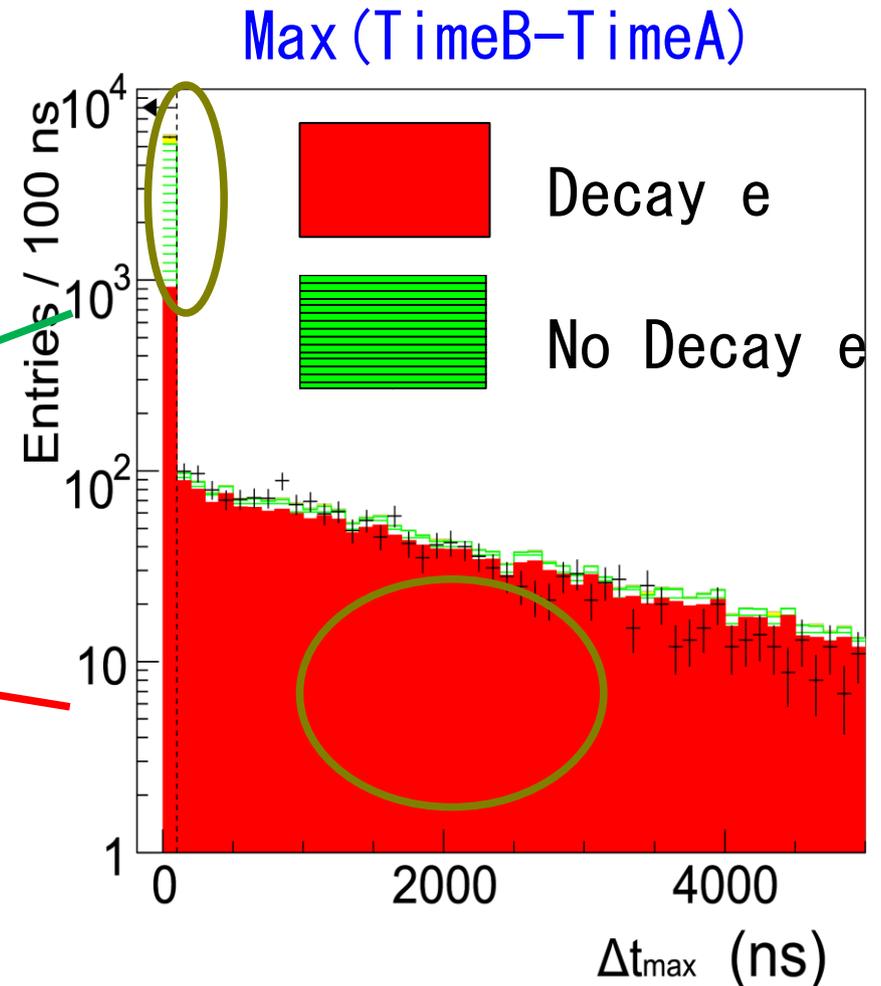
Timing difference between track edges (No charged information is recorded for delayed particles)



$\text{Max}(\text{TimeB} - \text{TimeA})$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu \text{ lifetime (2.2us)} \\ = & \text{Flight time (10 ns)} \end{aligned}$$

Select <100 ns

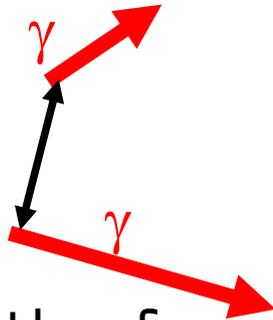


Efficiency 94%  
Reject 31% of BG

# CC rejection using track distance

$2\gamma$  from  $\pi^0$

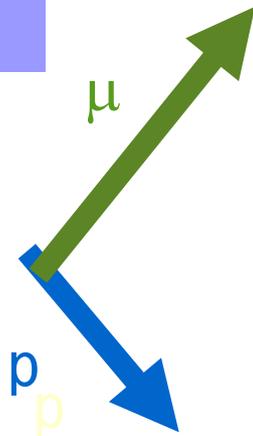
Isolated tracks



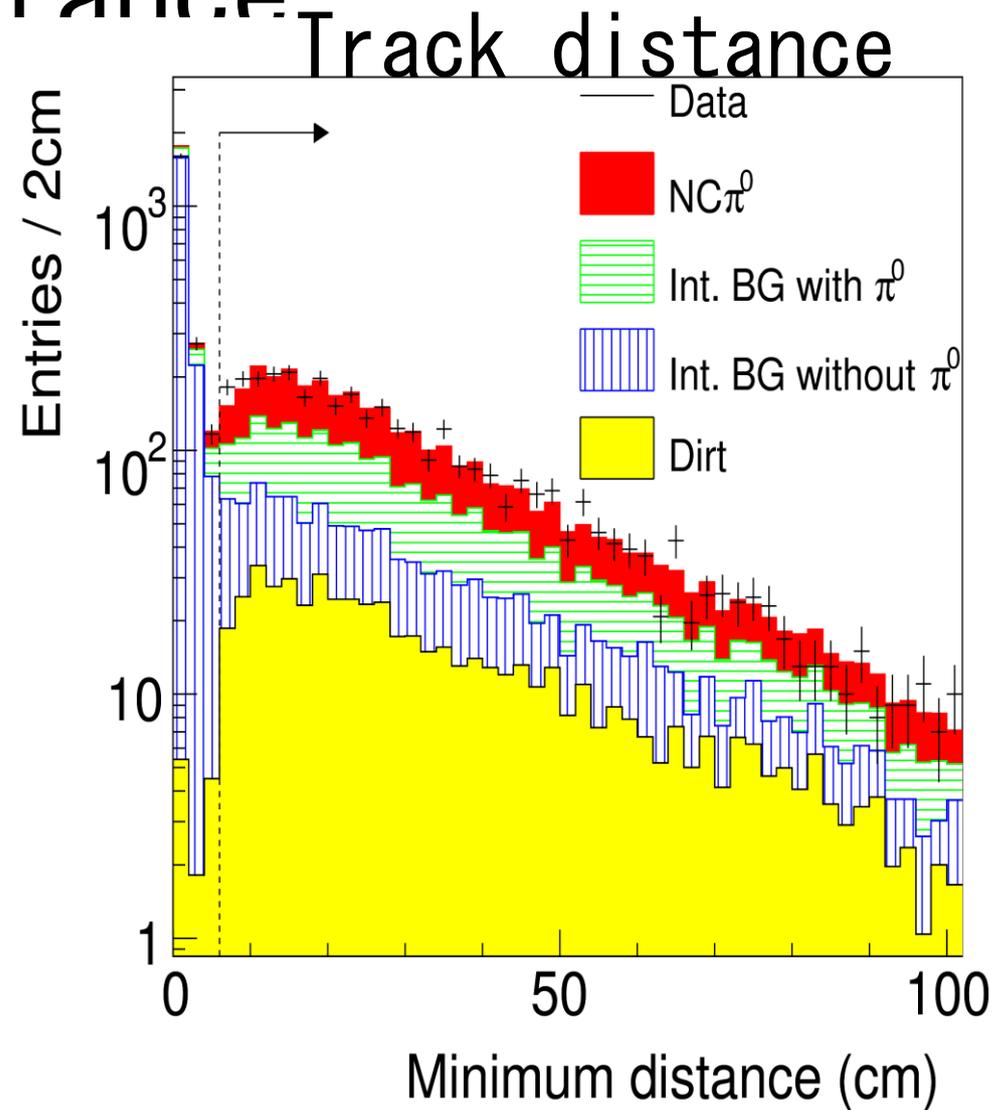
The radiation length of SciBar ( $C_8H_8$ ) is 40 cm

Charged current

Common vertex

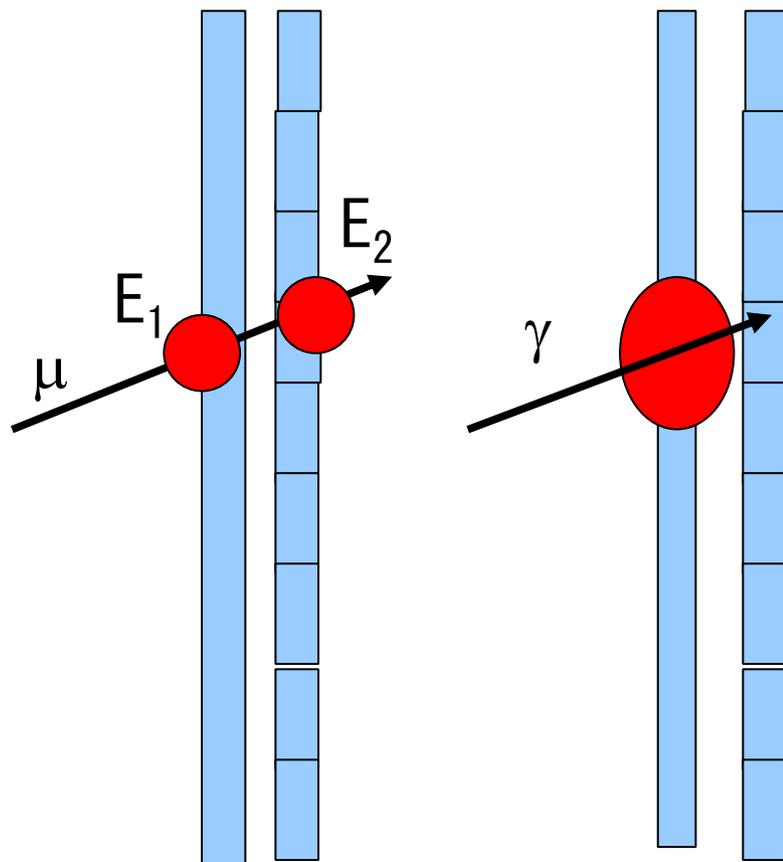


Select  $>6\text{cm}$



# CC rejection using EC (1)

EC: spaghetti calorimeter, 2 planes



$$R_{EC} = E_2 / E_1$$

$\mu$

- small  $dE/dx$
- same energy deposit for both plane

$\gamma$

- Larger energy deposit in the upstream plane

$E_1$  : energy deposit in the upstream plane

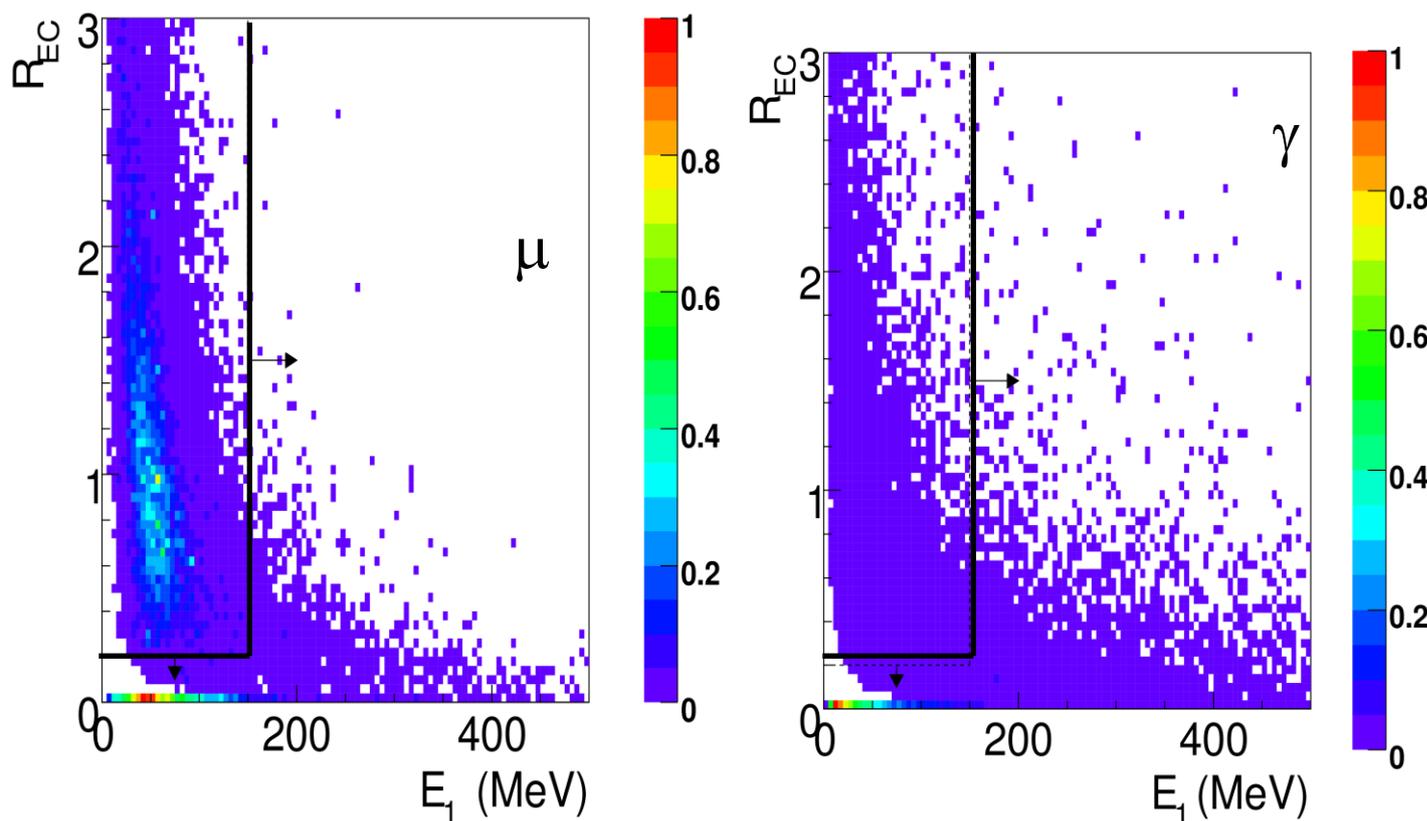
$R_{EC}$  : energy ratio of the downstream plane to  $E_1$

$\mu$  :  $E_1 < 100\text{MeV}$ ,  $R_{EC} \approx 1$

# CC rejection using EC (2)

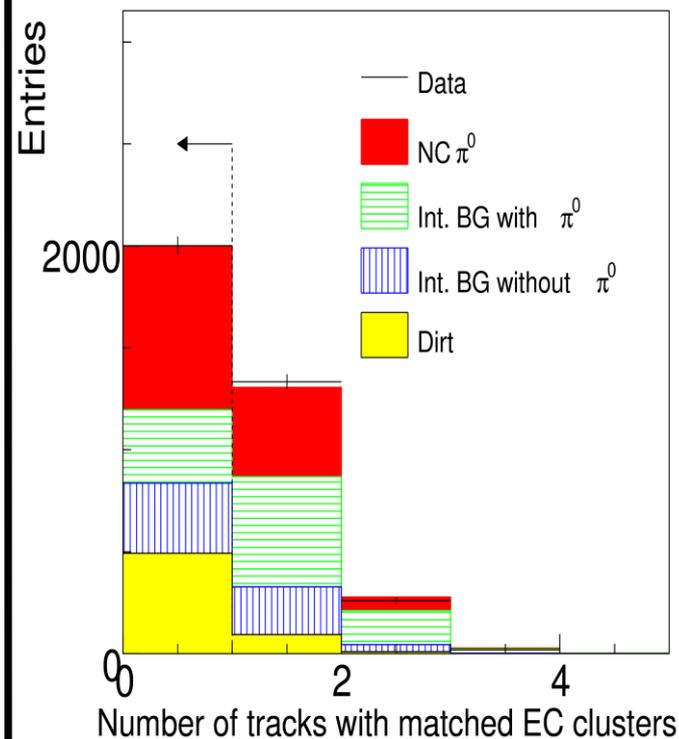
$E_1$  : energy deposit in the upstream plane

$R_{EC}$  : energy ratio of the downstream plane to  $E_1$



$E_1 > 150$  or  $R_{EC} < 0.2$  for events w tracks reaching EC

Number of tracks with matched EC clusters

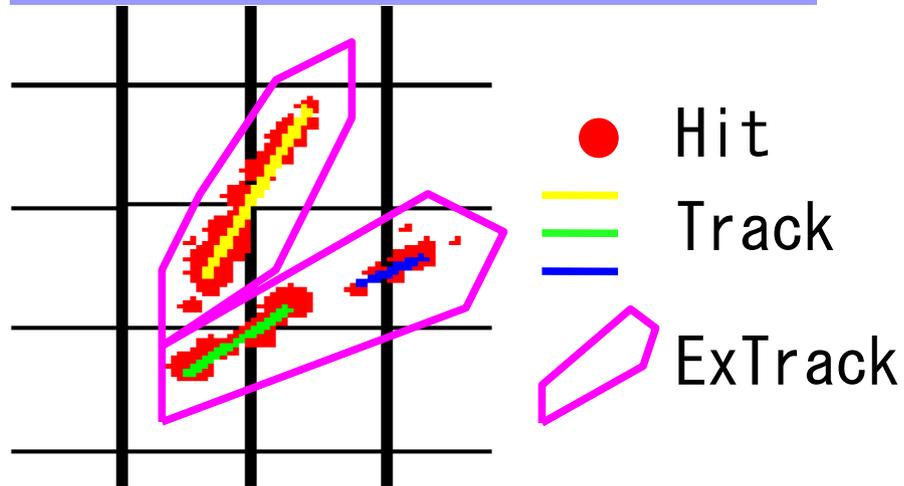


Select events w/o tracks reaching EC

Efficiency 91%、reject 28% of BG

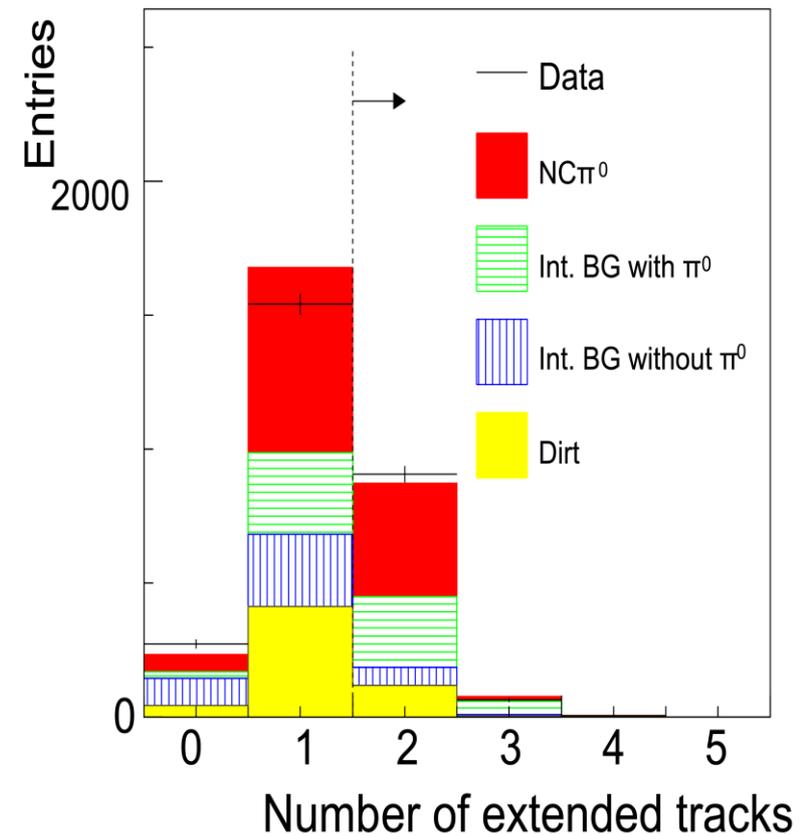
# $2\gamma$ selection using Extended track

## Extended Track, again



- merging co-linear tracks
- collecting hits within less than 20 cm from original track
- Not using proton tracks (dE/dx)

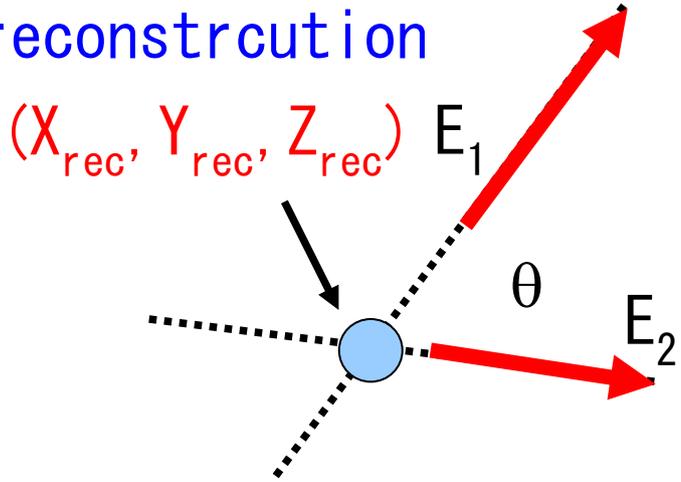
## #ExTracks



Select #ExTracks  $\geq 2$   
for  $\pi^0$  reconstruction

# $\pi^0$ Selections

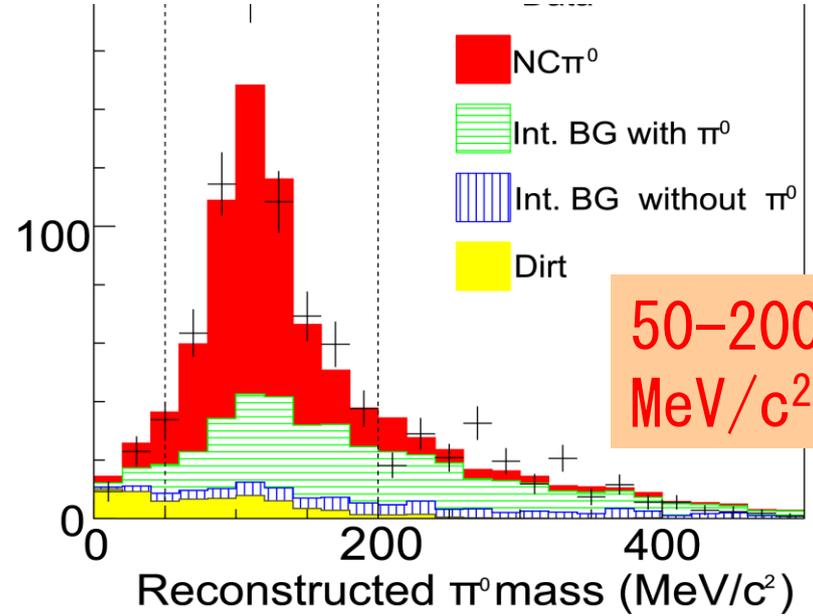
$\pi^0$  vertex and mass reconstruction



$2\gamma$  invariant mass

$$M_{\pi^0}^{rec} = \sqrt{2E_{\gamma 1}^{rec} E_{\gamma 2}^{rec} (1 - \cos \theta^{rec})}$$

Entries / 20 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>



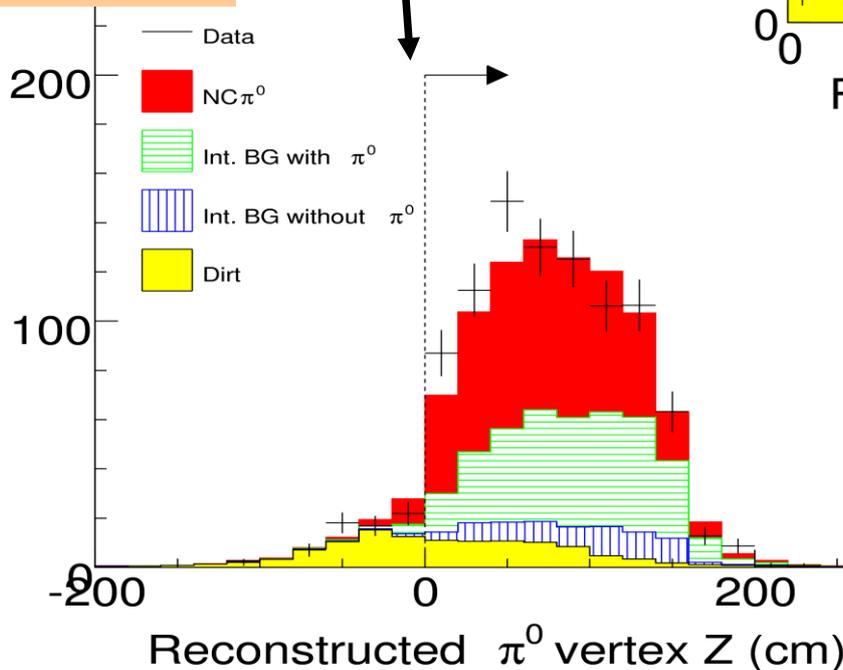
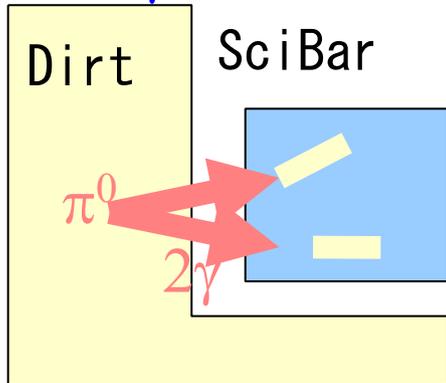
$Z_{rec}$

$Z_{rec} > 0$  cm

SciBar's front surface

Rejecting dirt events due to  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$

Entries / 20 cm



657 events selected  
Efficiency: 5.3%  
Expected BG: 240

# Summary of Event Selections

	DATA		MC		NC $\pi^0$
		NC $\pi^0$ signal	Internal BG (CC)	Dirt BG	Efficiency
Pre selection	11,926	1,893	9,808 (9050)	895	27.3%
$\mu$ rejection (SciBar)	5,609	1,377	3,785 (3326)	606	19.8%
Isolated tracks	3,614	1,314	1,706 (1306)	595	18.9%
$\mu$ rejection (EC)	2791	1202	1088 (714)	579	17.3%
$2\gamma$ selections	973	443	389 (294)	121	6.5%
$\pi^0$ vertex	905	428	382 (288)	65	6.2%
$\pi^0$ mass	657	368	202 (140)	38	5.3%

CC rejections

Dirt background rejections

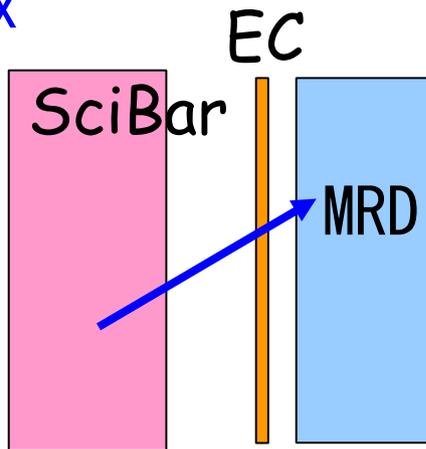
# Goal 1: $NC\pi^0$ Cross section Measurement

# CC event sample

Cross section ratio to  
CC  
events to reduce the

MRD-stopped sample

TTUX



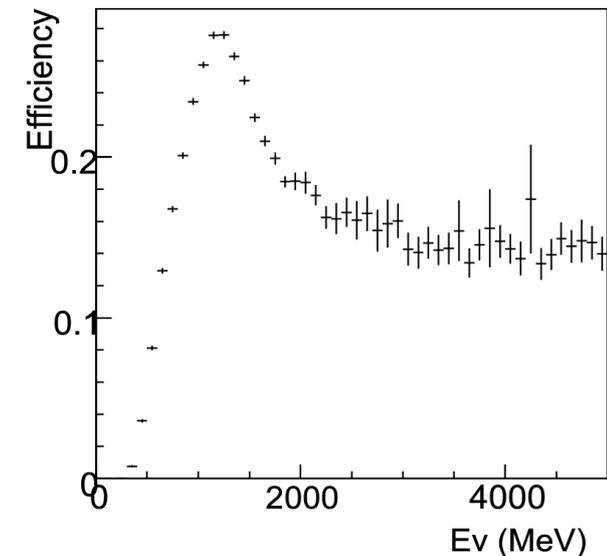
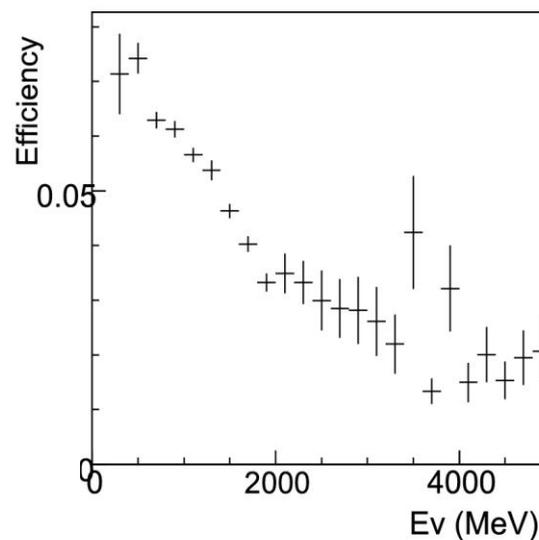
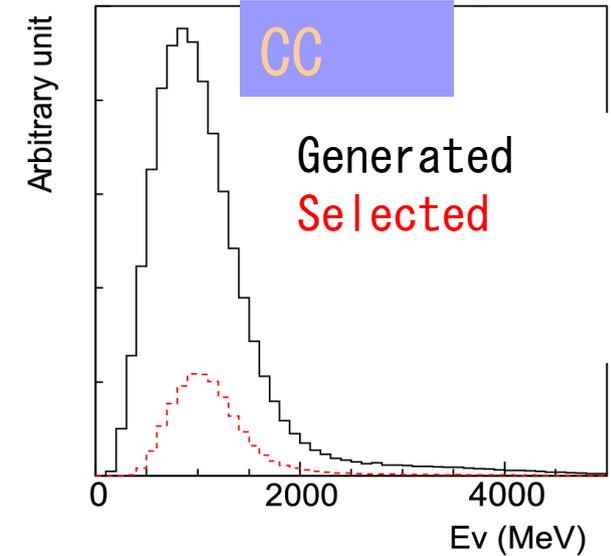
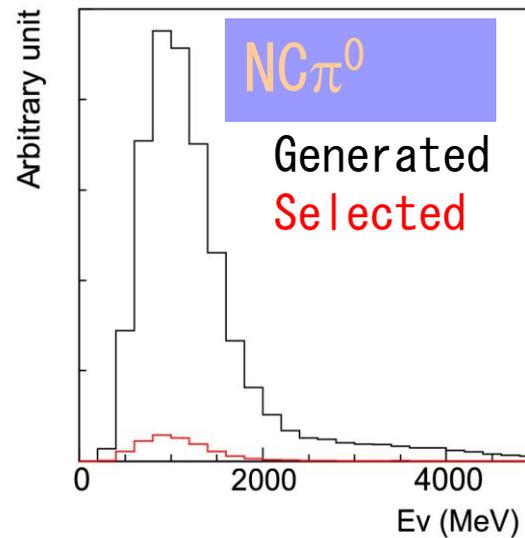
Track starting in SciBar  
and stopping in MRD

21702 events selected

Efficiency: 19 %

Expected BG: 2348

## Ev distribution and efficiency



$$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle = 1.1 \text{ GeV (NC}\pi^0)$$

$$= 1.2 \text{ GeV}$$

(CC)

# $\sigma(\text{NC}\pi^0) / \sigma(\text{CC})$

$$\frac{\sigma(\text{NC}\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} = \frac{N(\text{NC}\pi^0)}{N(\text{CC})}$$

$$= \frac{(N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{BG}})\epsilon_{\text{CC}}}{(N_{\text{obs}}^{\text{CC}} - N_{\text{BG}}^{\text{CC}})\epsilon_{\text{NC}\pi^0}}$$

$N_{\text{obs}}$	657
$N_{\text{BG}}$	240
$\epsilon_{\text{NC}\pi^0}$	0.05
$N_{\text{obs}}^{\text{CC}}$	21702
$N_{\text{BG}}^{\text{CC}}$	2348
$\epsilon_{\text{CC}}$	0.19

$$(7.7 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys.})) \times 10^{-2}$$

Total error :  $\pm 0.7 \times 10^{-2}$   
 NEUT expectation  $6.8 \times 10^{-2}$

## Systematic source

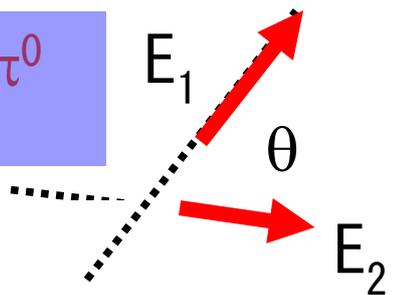
Source	Error	( $\times 10^{-2}$ )
Detector response	-0.39	+0.38
$\nu$ interaction, nuclear model	-0.25	+0.30
Dirt background	-0.10	+0.10
$\nu$ beam	-0.11	+0.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>+0.54</b>

- Achieve less than 10 % error
- Discrepancy from the expectation is  $1.3 \sigma$
- Largest systematic uncertainty is detector response

# Goal 2 $\pi^0$ Kinematics

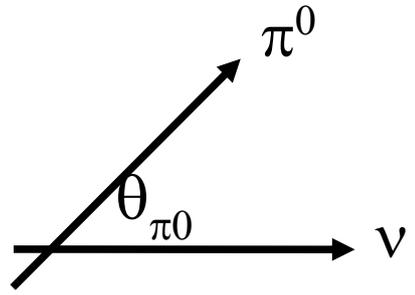
# Reconstructed $\pi^0$ kinematics

Reconstructed  $\pi^0$  momentum

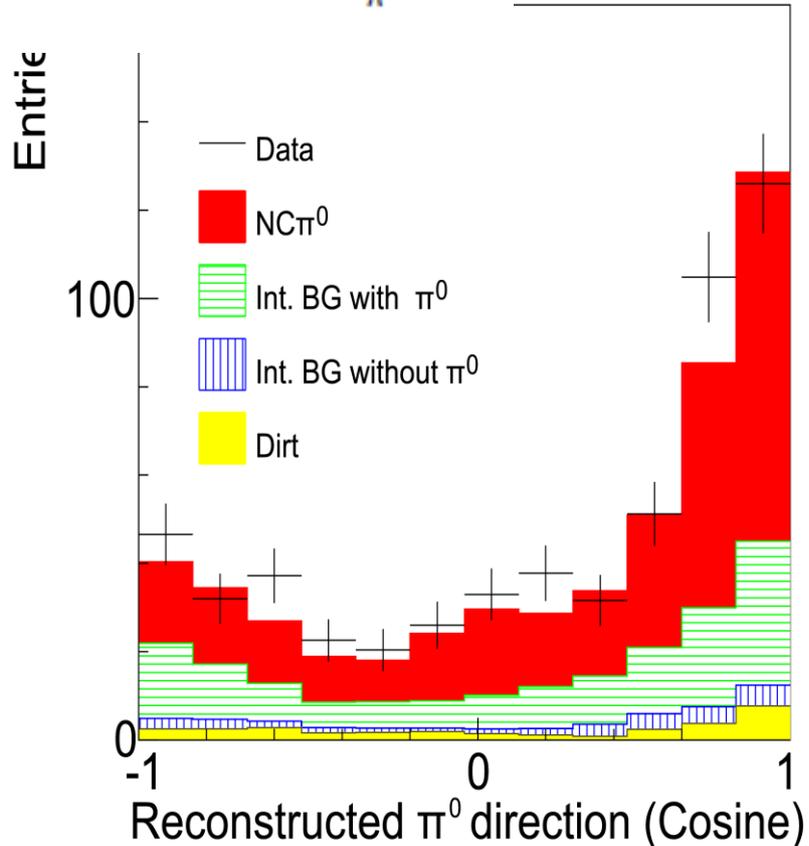
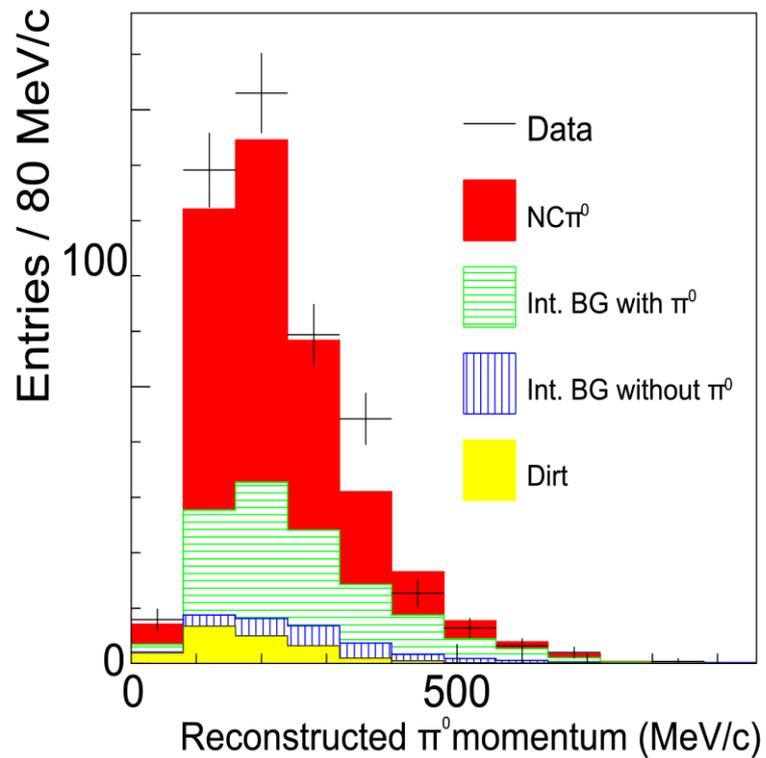


Reconstructed  $\pi^0$  direction

$$\cos \theta_{\pi^0}^{\text{rec}} = \frac{P_{z\pi^0}^{\text{rec}}}{P_{\pi^0}^{\text{rec}}}$$



$$P_{\pi^0}^{\text{rec}} = \sqrt{E_{\gamma 1}^{\text{rec}2} + E_{\gamma 2}^{\text{rec}2} + 2E_{\gamma 1}^{\text{rec}}E_{\gamma 2}^{\text{rec}} \cos \theta^{\text{rec}}}$$

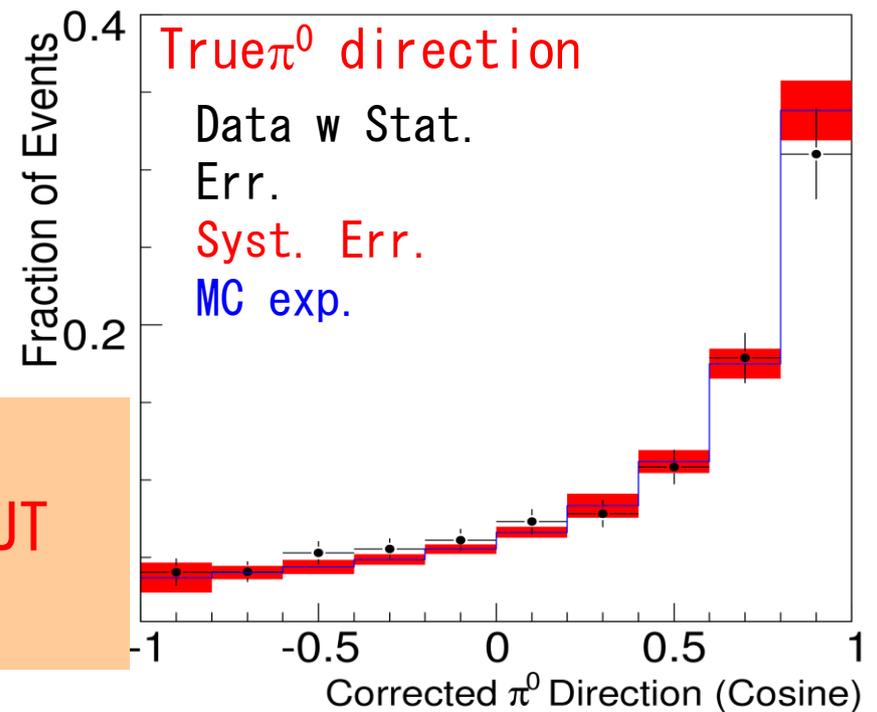
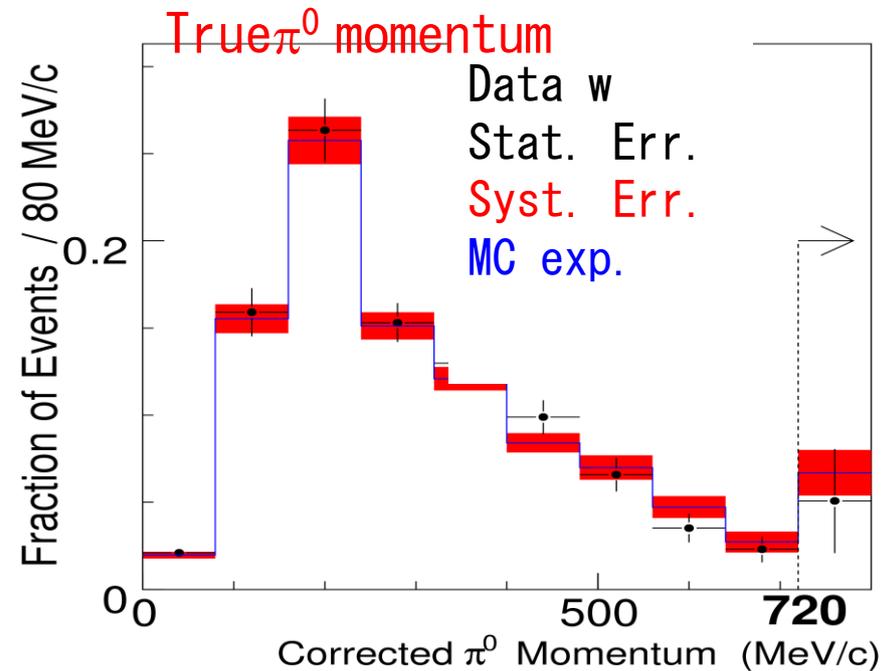


Good agreement between data and MC

# True $\pi^0$ Kinematics

True  $\pi^0$  momentum and direction obtained as follows

1. BG subtraction using MC
2. Reconstructed  $\rightarrow$  True using unfolding matrix obtained by MC
3. Efficiency correction
4. Normalized to be unity for both MC and Data (shape comparison)

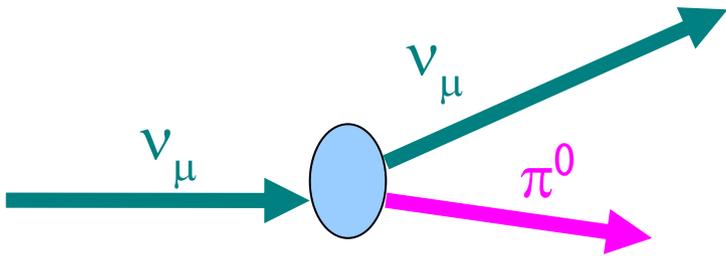


Good agreement between data and MC  
Can trust on the nuclear model in NEUT  
at this level of uncertainty (10 %)

Goal 3: NC coherent  $\pi^0$  production

# Coherent $\pi^0$ Production

$\nu$  interact with whole nucleus



No nucleon recoil

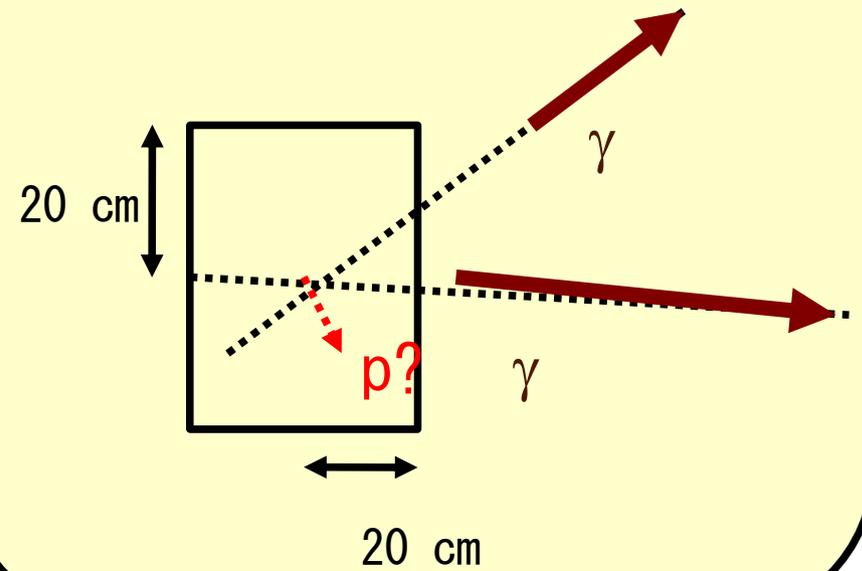
$\nu$  and  $\pi$  in the forward direction

SciBar can detect recoil protons due to its full activity

MiniBooNE measurement use only  $\pi^0$  kinematics

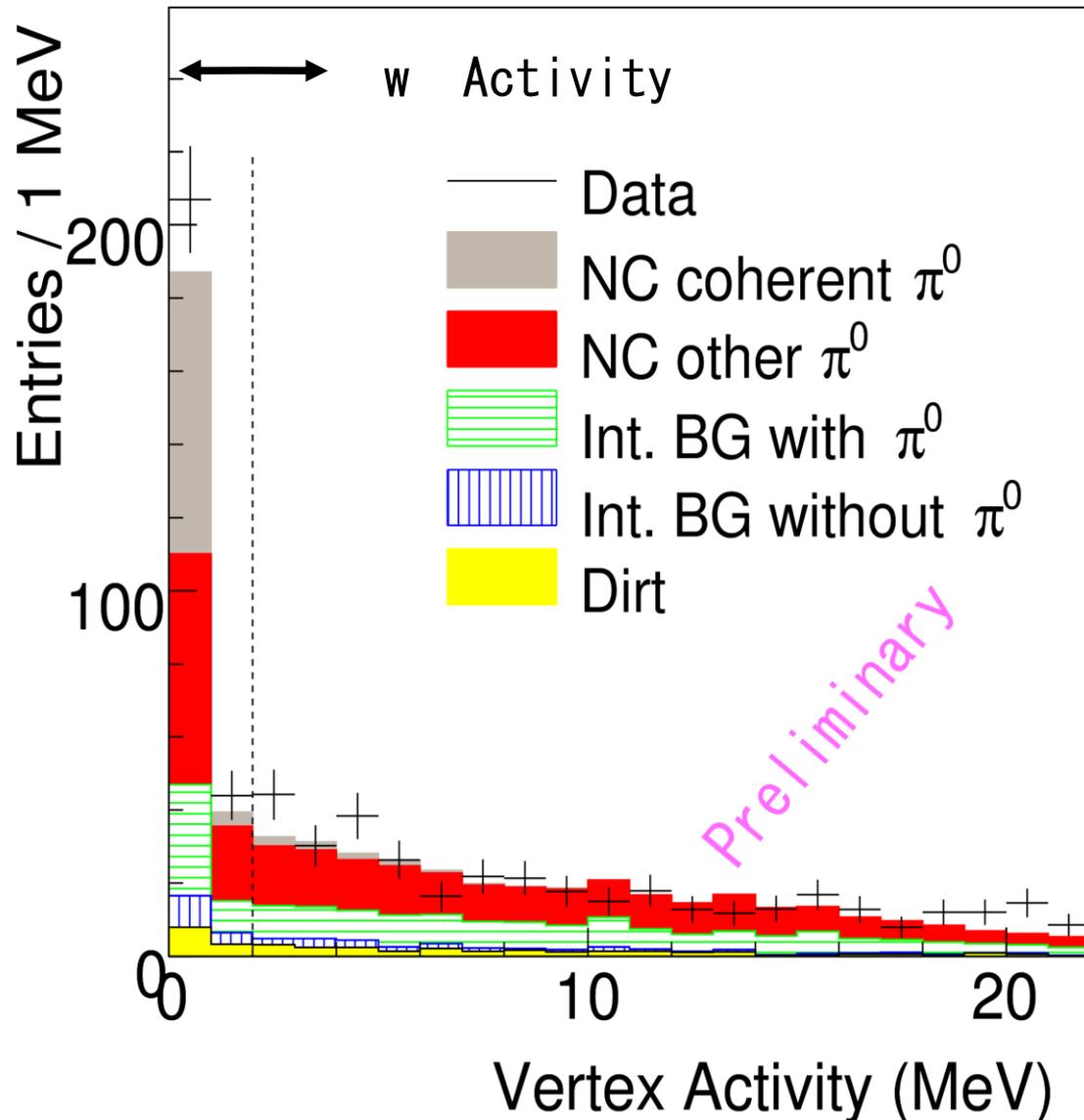
## Vertex Activity

Maximum energy deposit among hits within 20 cm square from the  $\pi^0$  reconstructed vertex



# Vertex Activity Distribution

w/o Activity



Due to no recoil proton, coherent  $\pi^0$  events concentrate on Vertex Activity = 0



Vertex Activity > 2 MeV  
“with Activity sample”  
otherwise,  
“without Activity sample”

$$E_{\pi^0} (1 - \cos\theta_{\pi^0})$$

interact with whole nucleus  
and emitting  $\pi^0$

$$\frac{1}{|t|} > R$$

t: momentum transfer to nucleus  
R: nuclear radius : 2.3fm for Carbon

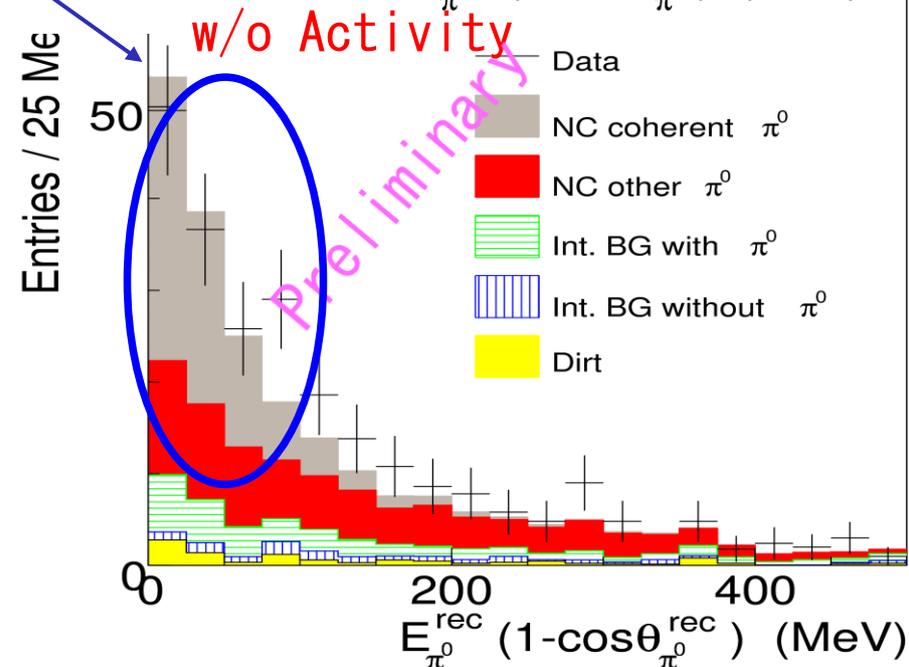
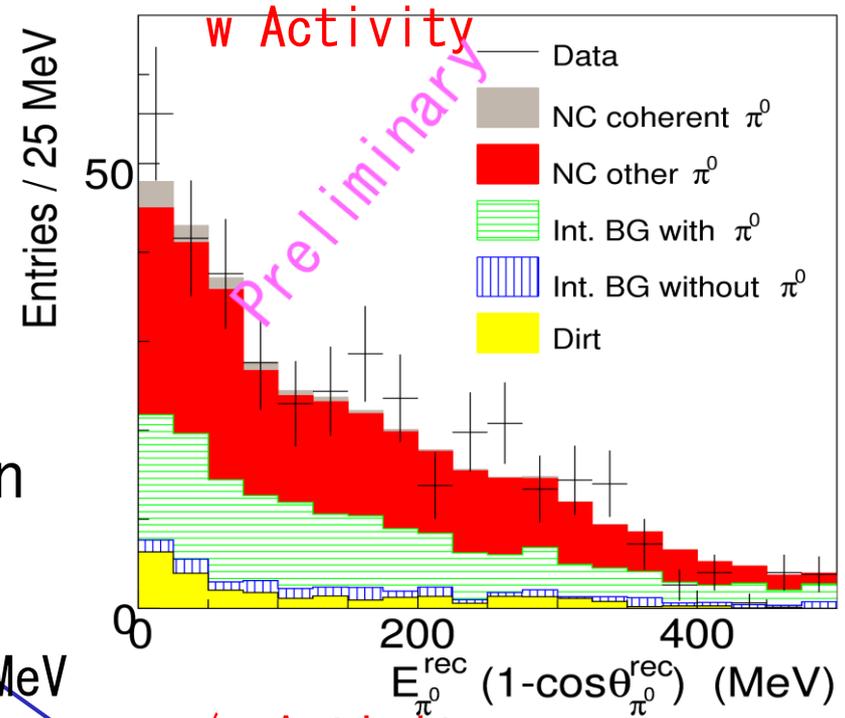
$$E_{\pi^0} (1 - \cos\theta_{\pi^0}) < \frac{1}{R} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$E_{\pi^0}$ :  $\pi^0$  energy

$\theta_{\pi^0}$ :  $\pi^0$  direction to the  $\nu$  beam axis

axis

extracting coherent  $\pi^0$  fraction  
by fitting  $E_{\pi^0}^{\text{rec}} (1 - \cos\theta_{\pi^0}^{\text{rec}})$   
distributions with and without  
Activity



# Fitting method

dividing selected  $NC\pi^0$  candidate events (MC) to 3 templates

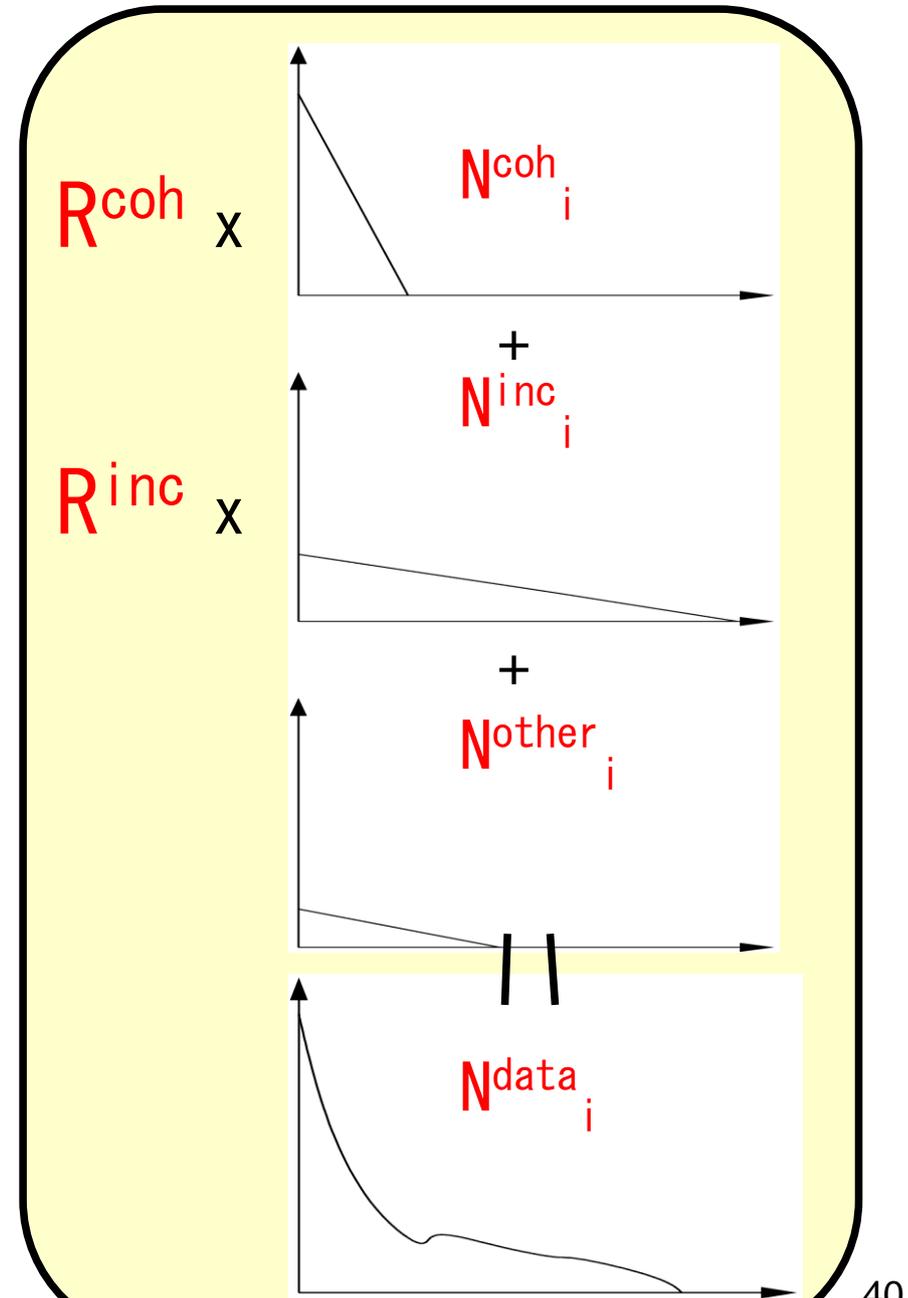
$N^{\text{coh}}_i$  : NC coherent  $\pi^0$   
 $N^{\text{inc}}_i$  : NC incoherent  $\pi^0$   
 $N^{\text{other}}_i$  : other  
 $i$  : index of bin

Two fitting parameters

$R^{\text{coh}}$  : scaling  $N^{\text{coh}}_i$  default: 1  
 $R^{\text{inc}}$  : scaling  $N^{\text{inc}}_i$  default: 1

Then, #expectation of the  $i$ -th bin is

$$N^{\text{exp}}_i = R^{\text{coh}}_i N^{\text{coh}}_i + R^{\text{inc}}_i N^{\text{inc}}_i + N^{\text{other}}_i$$



most probable  $R^{\text{coh}}, R^{\text{inc}}$

# Fitting Result

## Result

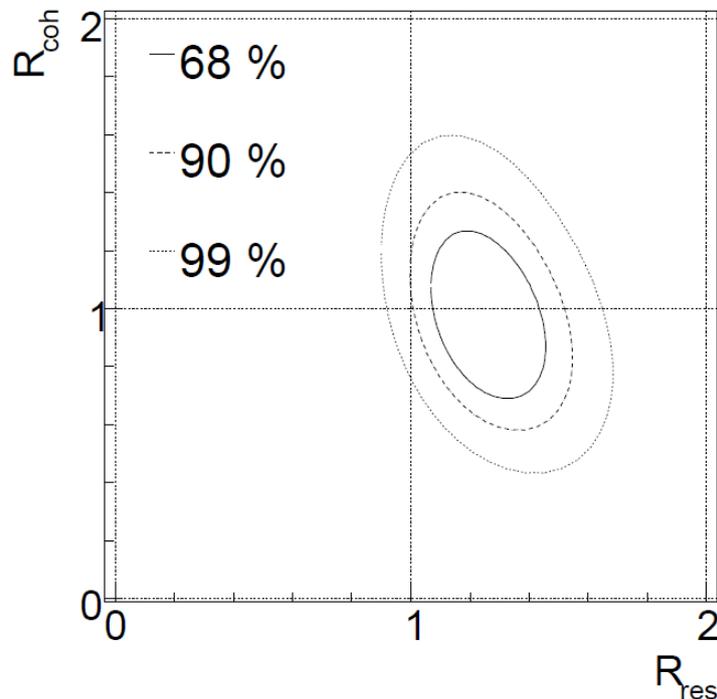
$$R^{\text{coh}} = 0.97 \pm 0.19$$

$$R^{\text{inc}} = 1.25 \pm 0.13$$

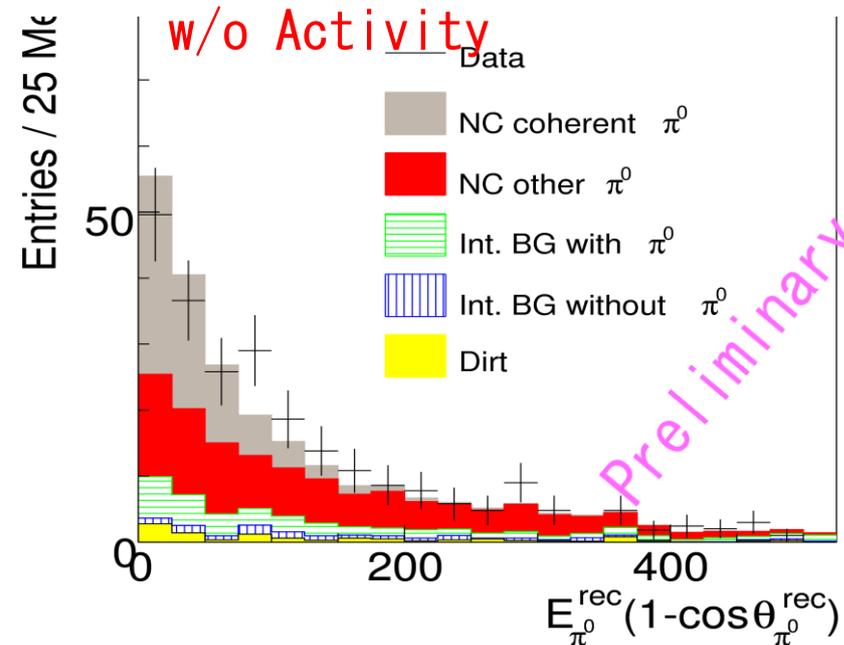
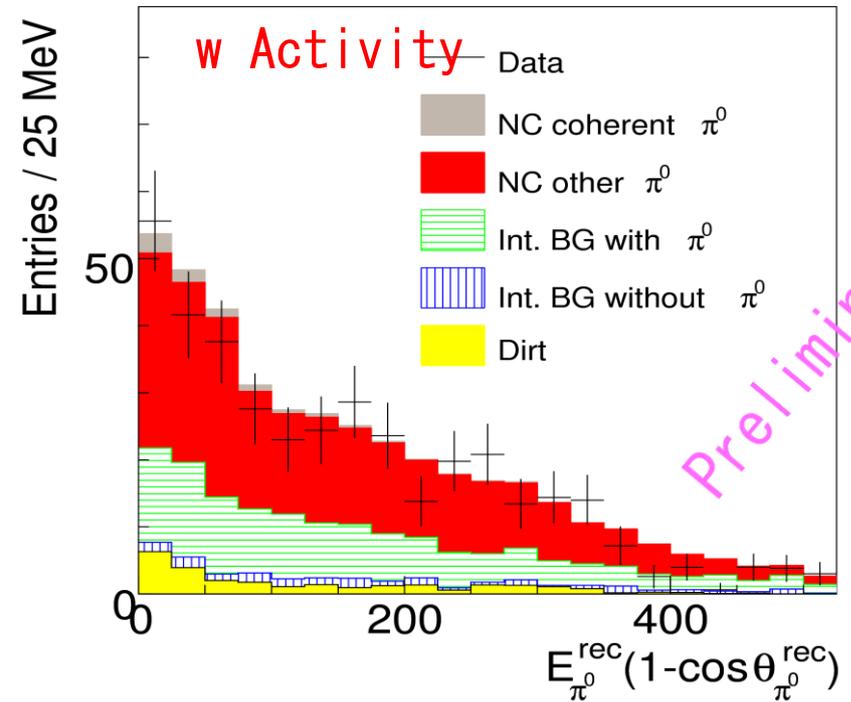
$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 31.5/39 = 0.81$  before fit

$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 26.5/37 = 0.71$  after fit

#bins = 39



We observe NC coherent  $\pi^0$



# NC coherent $\pi^0$ cross section

Cross section ratio :  $\sigma(\text{NCcoherent}\pi) / \sigma(\text{CC})$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sigma(\text{NCcoherent}\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} &= R_{\text{coh}} \times \frac{\sigma(\text{NCcoherent}\pi^0)_{MC}}{\sigma(\text{CC})_{MC}} \\ &= R_{\text{coh}} \times 1.21 \times 10^{-2} \\ &= (1.17 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-2},\end{aligned}$$

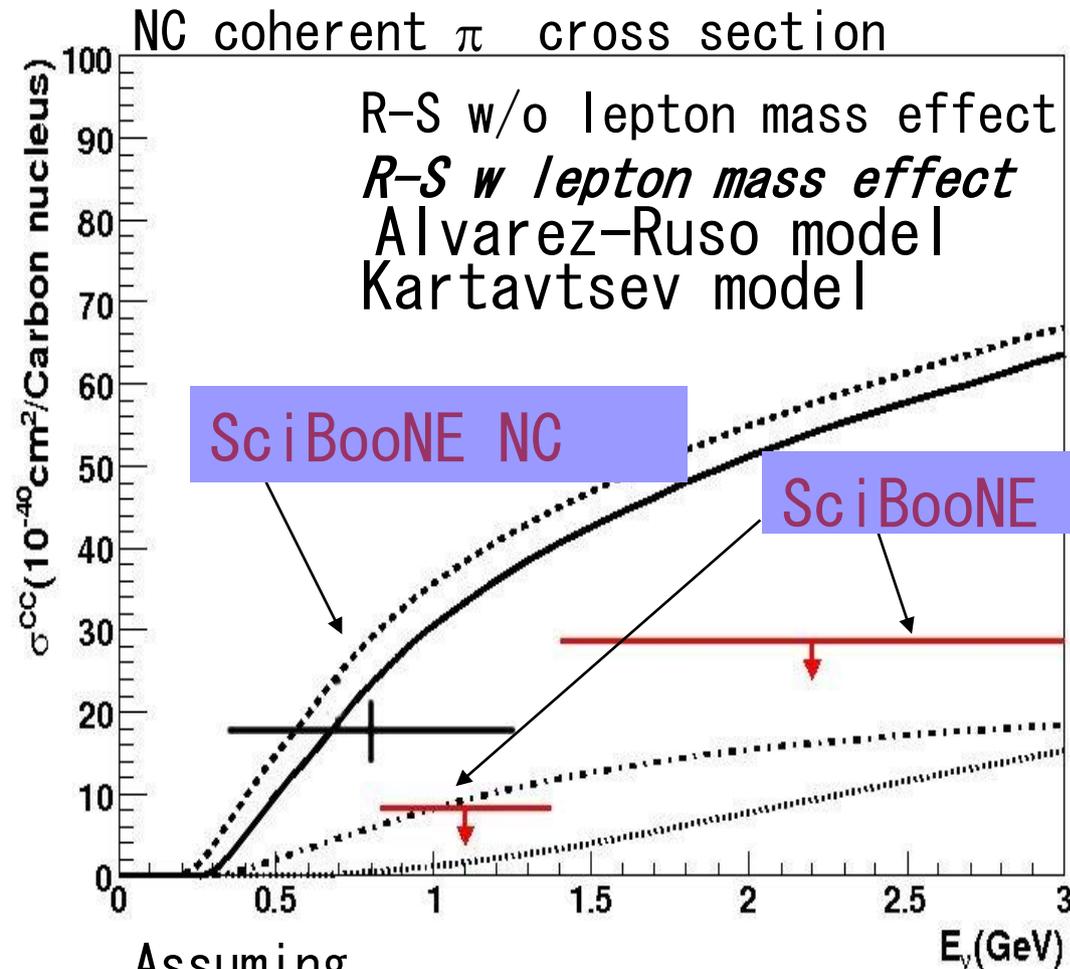
$$\begin{aligned}R_{\text{coh}} &= 0.97 \pm 0.19 \\ [\sigma(\text{NCcoherent}\pi^0) / \sigma(\text{CC})]_{MC} &= 1.21 \times 10^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

Preliminary

- NC coherent  $\pi^0$  measurement agrees with the RS prediction
- However, CC measurements (K2K, SciBooNE) disagree with the RS model

# Discussion

Comparison with CC measurement Comparison with MiniBooNE NC result  $(\sigma(\text{NCcoherent}\pi) / (\sigma(\text{NC}1\pi^0)))$



MiniBooNE NC

$$19.5 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.5_{\text{sys}} \%$$

SciBooNE NC

$$17.9 \pm 3.9 \%$$

Good

Agreement

- No contradiction among recent Measurements (SciBooNE, K2K, MiniBooNE)
- However, the RS model can not explain all of measurements

Assuming

$$\sigma(\text{CC}) = 7.6 \times 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ at } 0.8 \text{ GeV}$$

by NEUT

$$\sigma(\text{CCcoherent}) = 2\sigma(\text{NCcoherent})$$

➡ Further study is ongoing

# Summary

1.

$$\frac{\sigma(\text{NC}\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} = (7.7 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys.})) \times 10^{-2}$$



achieve less than 10% error (total error:  $0.7 \times 10^{-2}$ ) as required  $\nu_e$  appearance search

2.  $\pi^0$  kinematics (momentum and direction)

Our Measurements agree with the prediction



Can trust on the nuclear model in NEUT at this level of uncertainty (10 %)

3. NC coherent  $\pi^0$  Production

$$\frac{\sigma(\text{NCcoh}\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} = (1.17 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-2},$$



- Agrees with Rein-Sehgal model in NC
- further study of CC on going

Preliminary

# Expected SciBooNE Results in an year

## Cross section measurement

- CC quasi elastic scattering
- $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC coherent  $\pi$  production
- CC  $\pi^0$  production
- NC elastic scattering

## Neutrino oscillation measurement

- Neutrino flux measurement :  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance search (joint analysis with MiniBooNE)

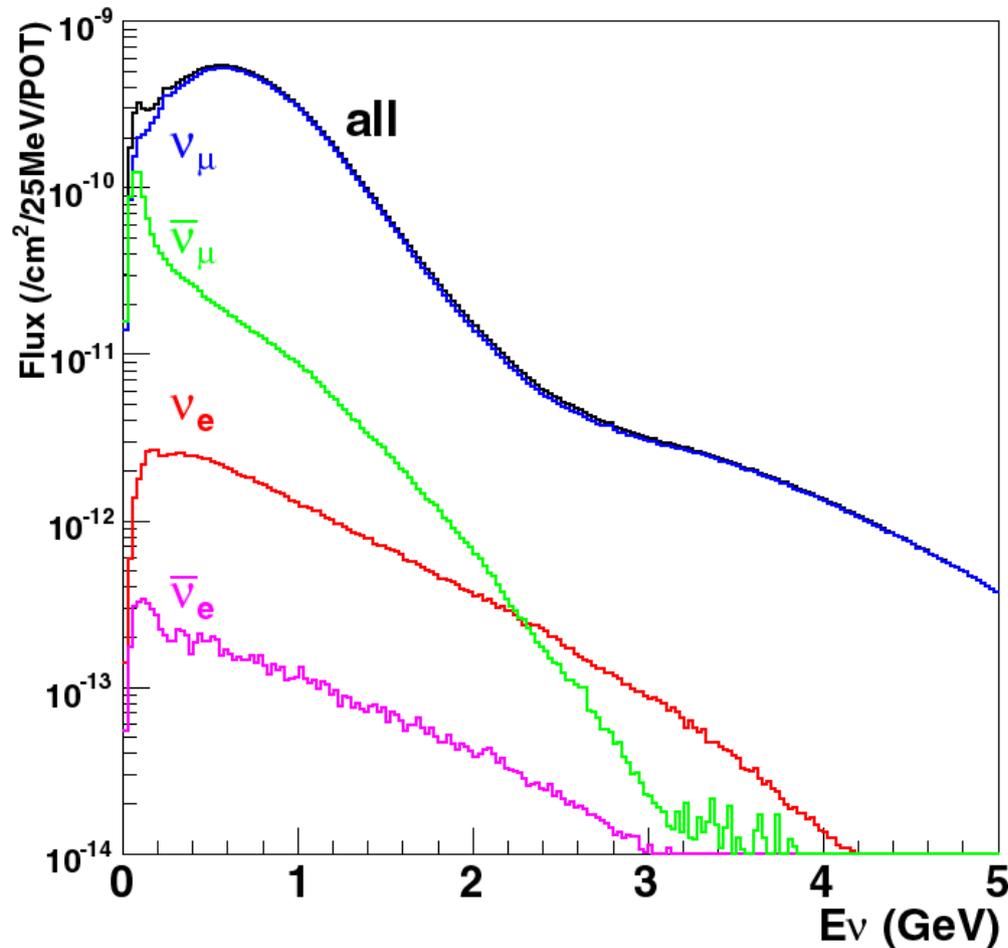
Many interesting results are coming soon !

Thank you

# Backup

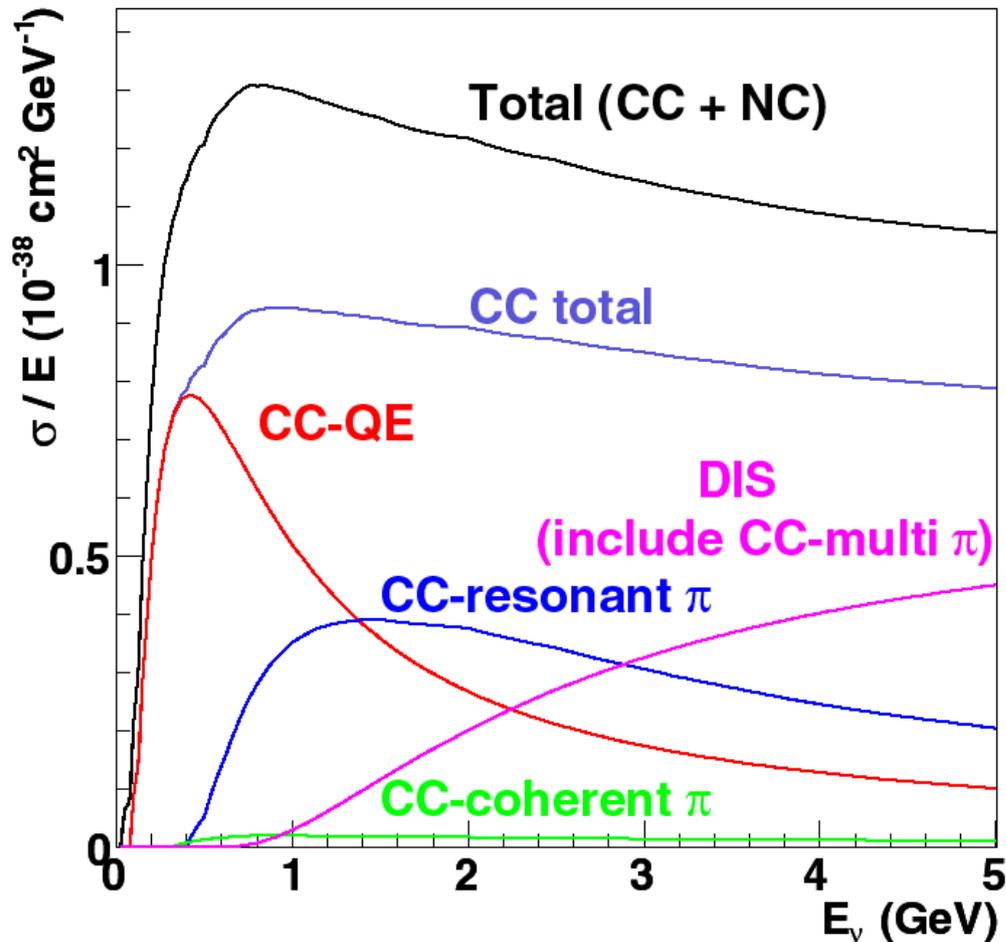
# Booster Neutrino Beam (BNB)

Expected neutrino flux at SciBooNE  
(neutrino mode)



- mean neutrino energy  
~0.7 GeV
- 93% pure ν<sub>μ</sub> beam
  - anti-ν<sub>μ</sub> (6.4%)
  - ν<sub>e</sub> + anti-ν<sub>e</sub> (0.6%)
- antineutrino beam is obtained by reversing horn polarity

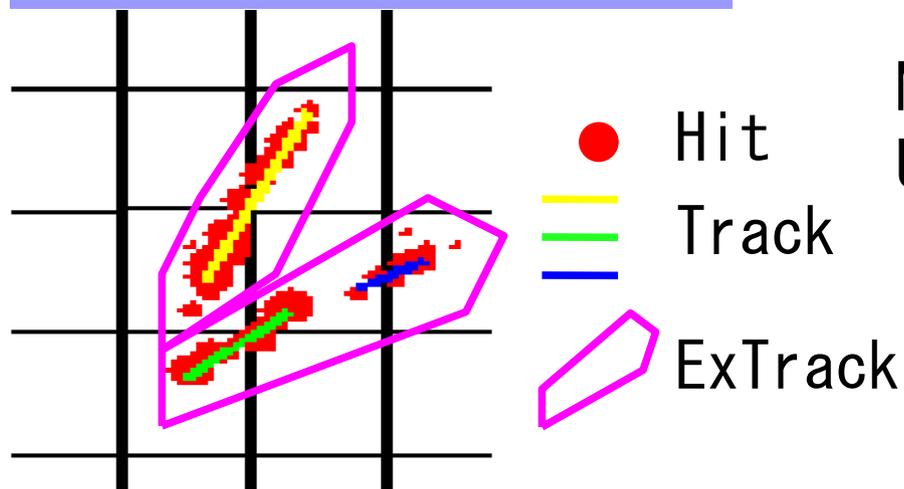
# Neutrino event generator (NEUT)



- QE
    - Llewellyn Smith, Smith-Moniz
    - $M_A=1.2\text{GeV}/c^2$
    - $P_F=217\text{MeV}/c$ ,  $E_B=27\text{MeV}$   
(for Carbon)
  - Resonant  $\pi$ 
    - Rein-Sehgal (2007)
    - $M_A=1.2\text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - Coherent  $\pi$ 
    - Rein-Sehgal (2006)
    - $M_A=1.0\text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - Deep Inelastic Scattering
    - GRV98 PDF
    - Bodek-Yang correction
  - Intra-nucleus interactions
- } CC/NC  
-1 $\pi$

# $2\gamma$ selection using Extended track (1)

## Extended Track

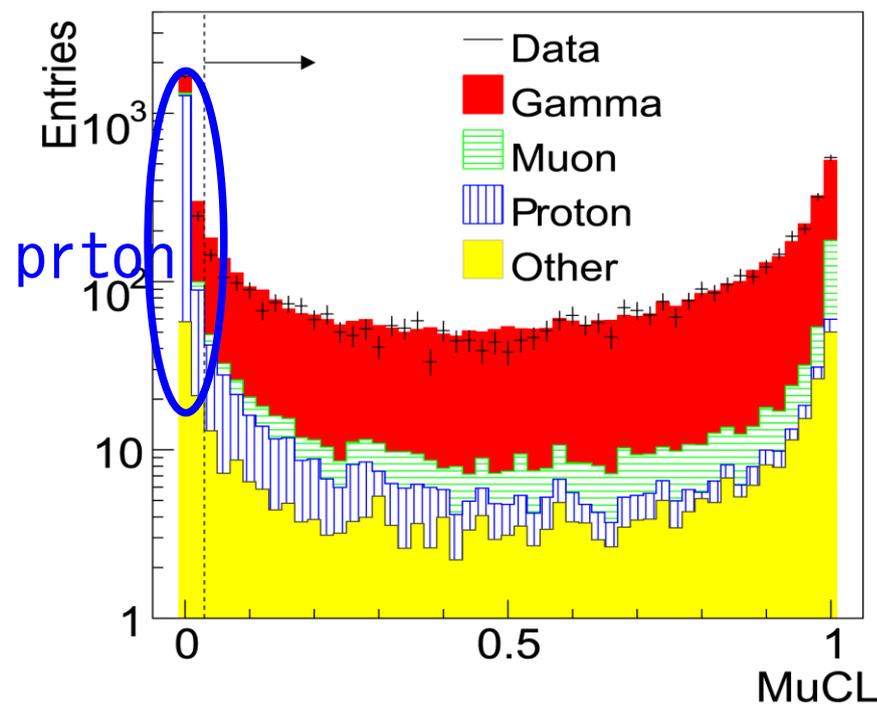


- merge co-linear tracks
- include hits within less than 20 cm from original track

Proton track is not included in Extrack

## Proton Identification

Muon Confidence Level (Likelihood Using  $dE/dx$  in a track)



Extracks are reconstructed using tracks with  $MuCL > 0.03$

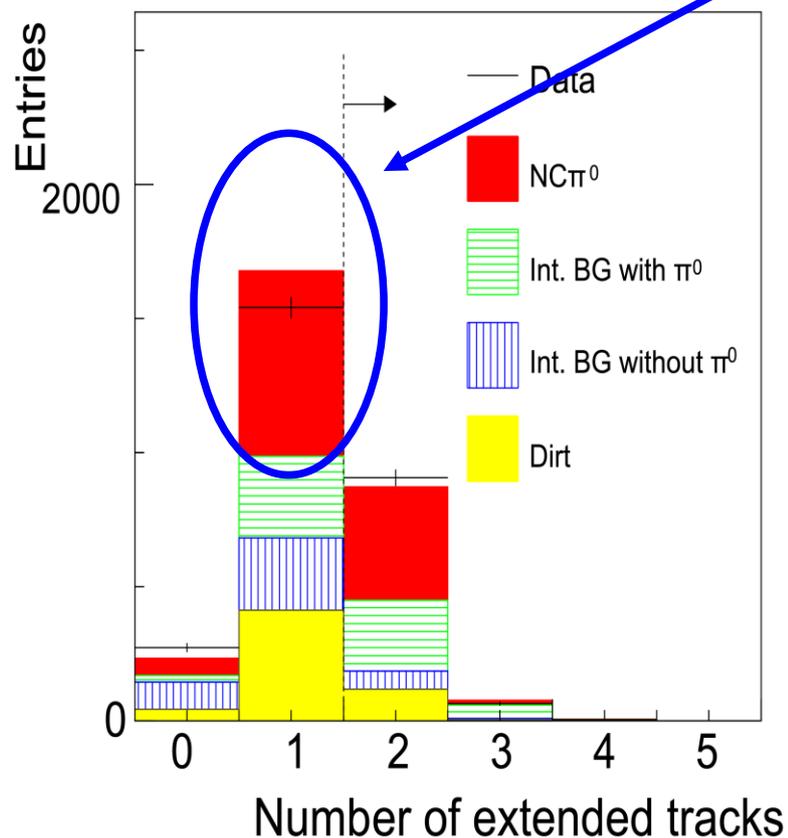
# $2\gamma$ selection using Extended track (2)

#ExTracks  $\geq 2$  for  $\pi^0$  reconstruction

58% of signals are rejected due to only 1 ExTrack

#ExTracks

Breakdown of such rejected events



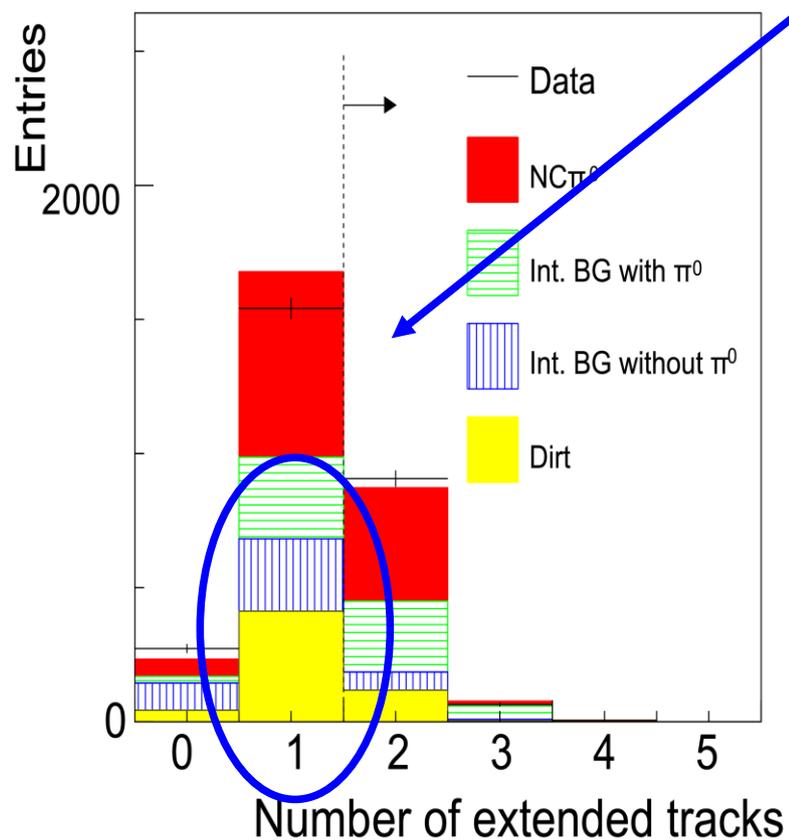
- only one  $\gamma$  reconstructed in a event mainly due to  $\gamma$  not converted in SciBar (67%)  
➔ Unavoidable inefficiency
- $2\gamma$  are reconstructed. However, one of them is misidentified as proton (21%) or Back to back  $2\gamma$  as 1 ExTrack (12%)  
➔ Possibly improved

# $2\gamma$ selection using Extended track (3)

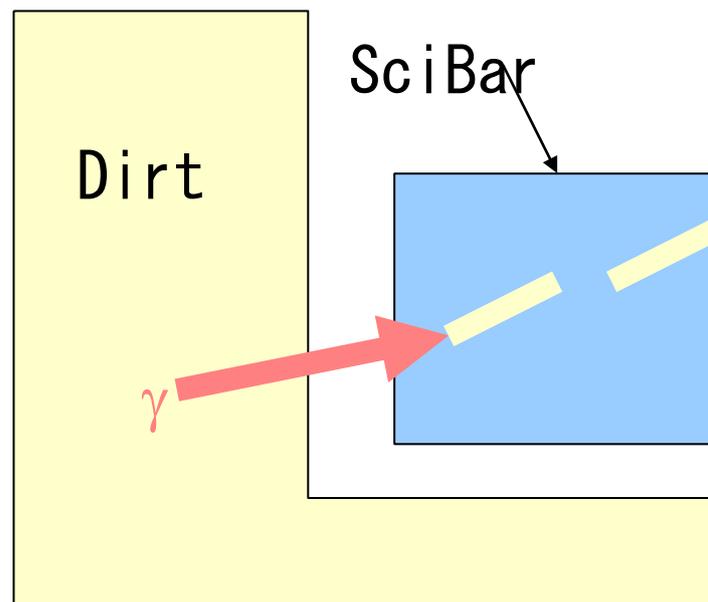
#ExTracks  $\geq 2$  for  $\pi^0$  reconstruction

Dirt backgrounds are effectively rejected (1 ExTrack)

#ExTracks



70 % of the dirt background events is that  $1\gamma$  from dirt comes to SciBar and makes 2 Tracks which are merged as 1 ExTracks



# Systematic uncertainties

Source	Error	(x 10 <sup>-2</sup> )
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<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>+0.54</b>

$\nu$  interaction and nuclear model

$CC\pi$ : 20 % uncertainty

$\pi$  absorption: 30 % uncertainty

dirt background events

Using events where the reconstructed  $\pi^0$  vertex located at the outside of SciBar

Detector Response

**Crosstalk MAPMT**: The fraction of light yield leaking to next pixel (3%). There is 10 % uncertainty

**Hit threshold**: 2.5 p.e. There is 20 % uncertainty on the conversion factor from ADC to #photo electrons

$\nu$  beam

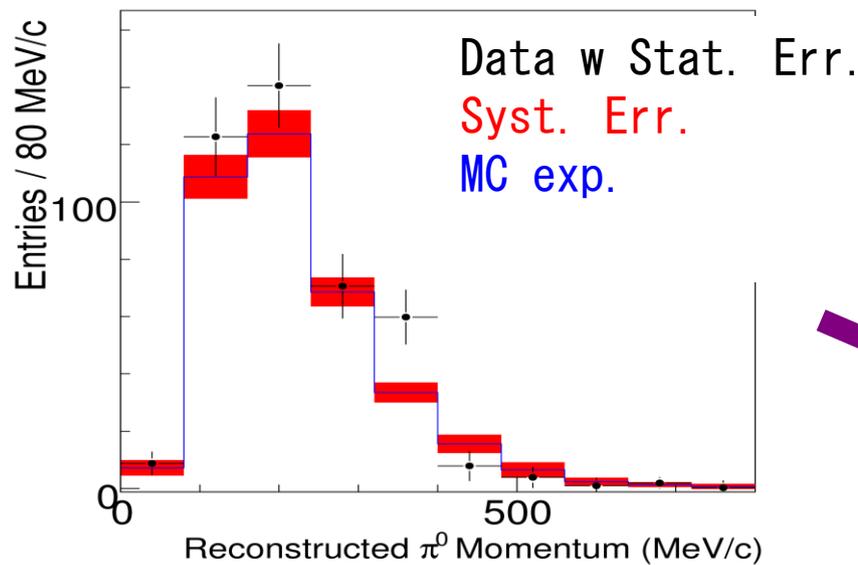
uncertainty of the cross section of interaction of primary proton with Be target

# True $\pi^0$ momentum and direction (1)

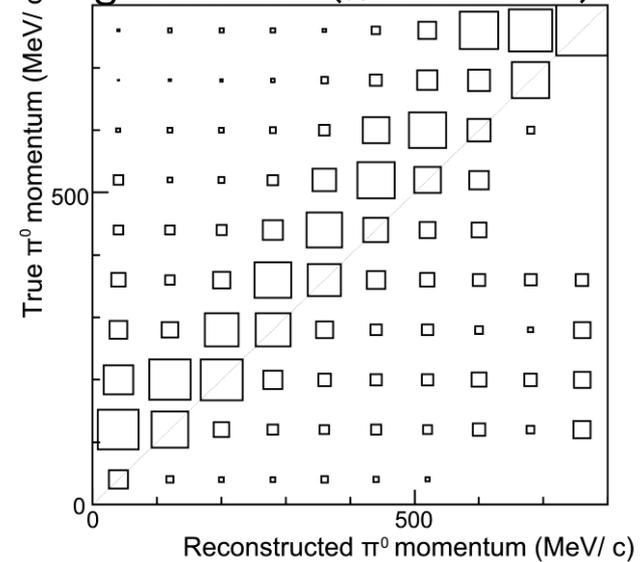
True  $\pi^0$  kinematics distributions are made as follows:

## 1. background subtraction

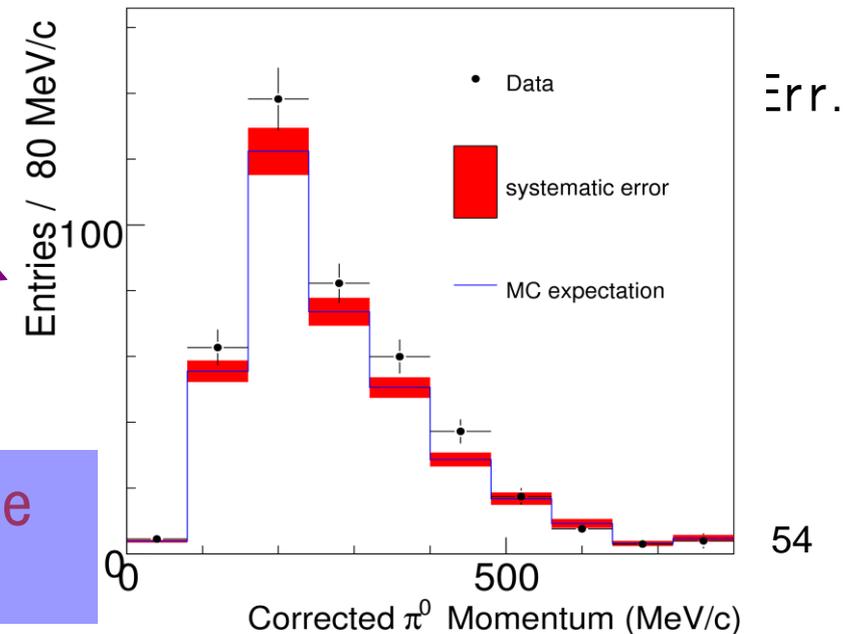
reconstructed  $\pi^0$  momentum after background subtraction



Smearing matrix ( $\pi^0$  momentum)



True  $\pi^0$  momentum

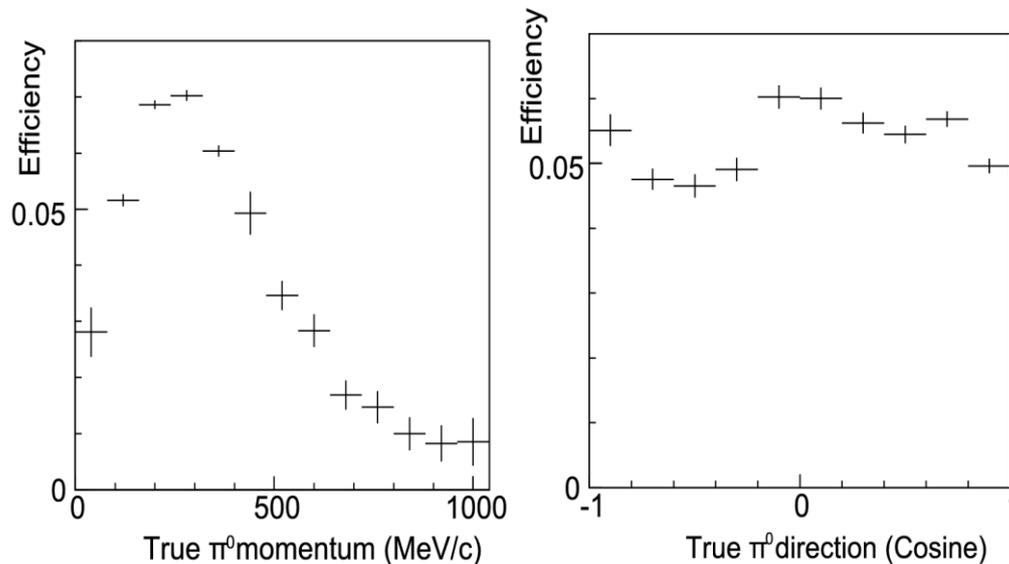
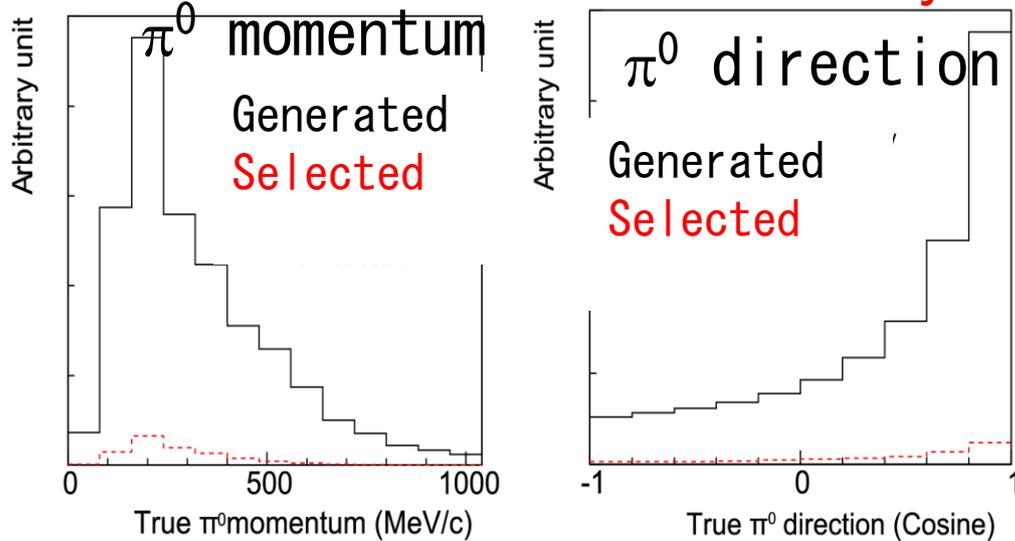


## 2. Conversion from reconstructed value to true value using smearing matrix

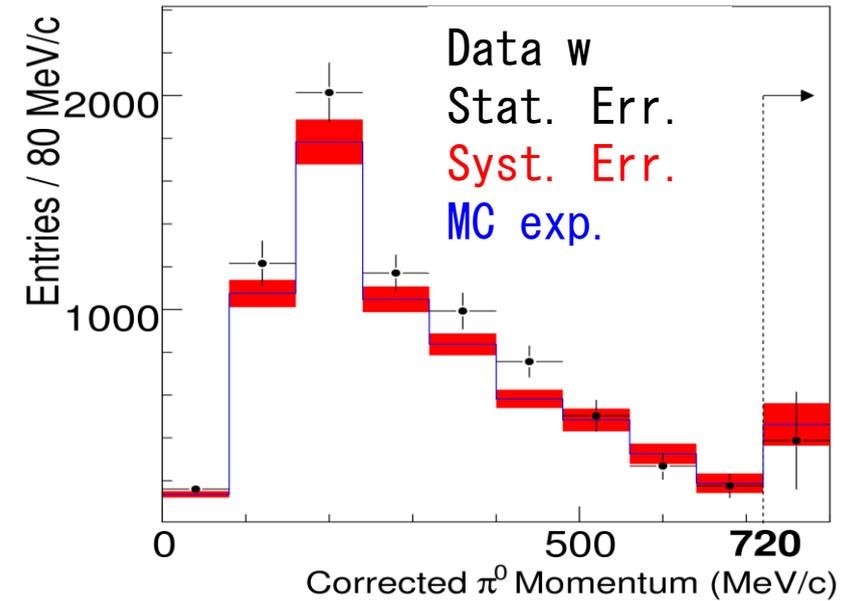
# True $\pi^0$ momentum and direction (2)

## 3. efficiency correction

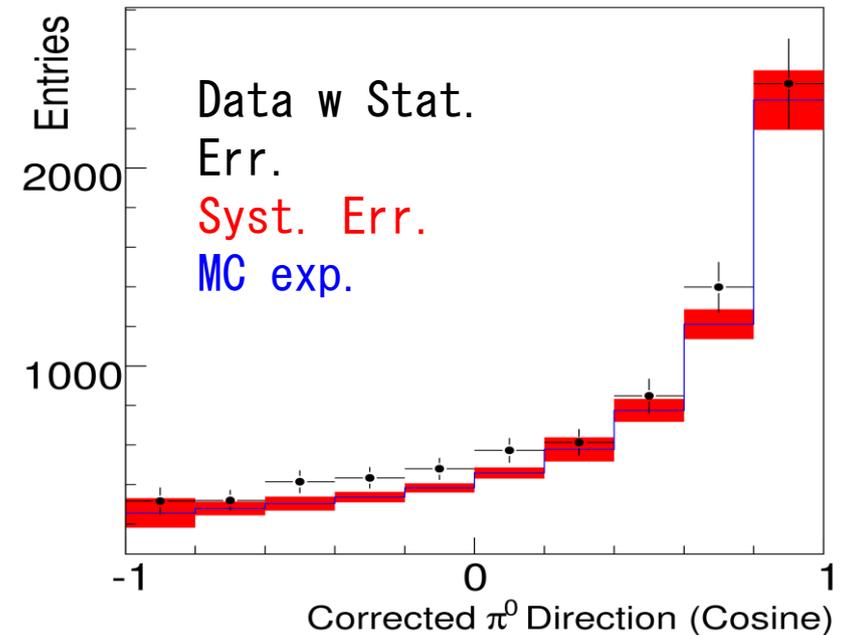
true  $\pi^0$  kinematics  
distribution and efficiency



True  $\pi^0$  momentum after correction



True  $\pi^0$  direction after correction



# $\chi^2$ definition

$$\chi^2 = -2 \ln \frac{f(N^{\text{obs}}; N^{\text{exp}})}{f(N^{\text{obs}}; N^{\text{obs}})}$$

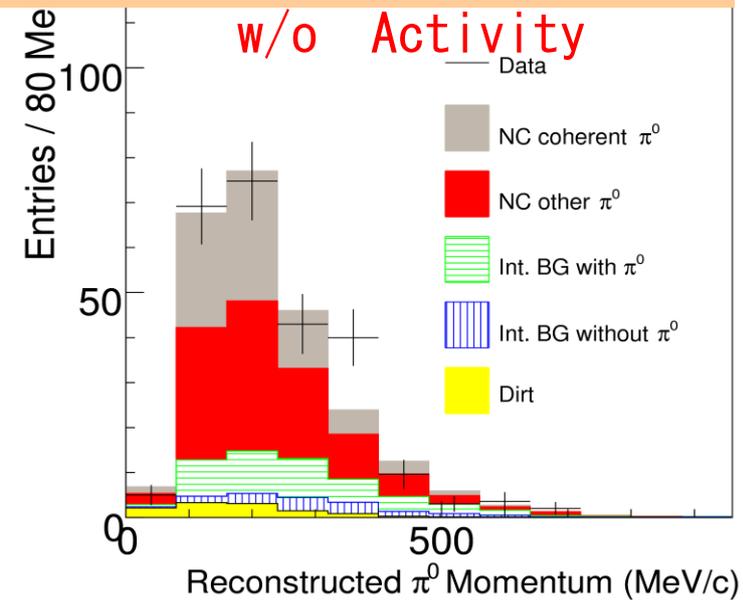
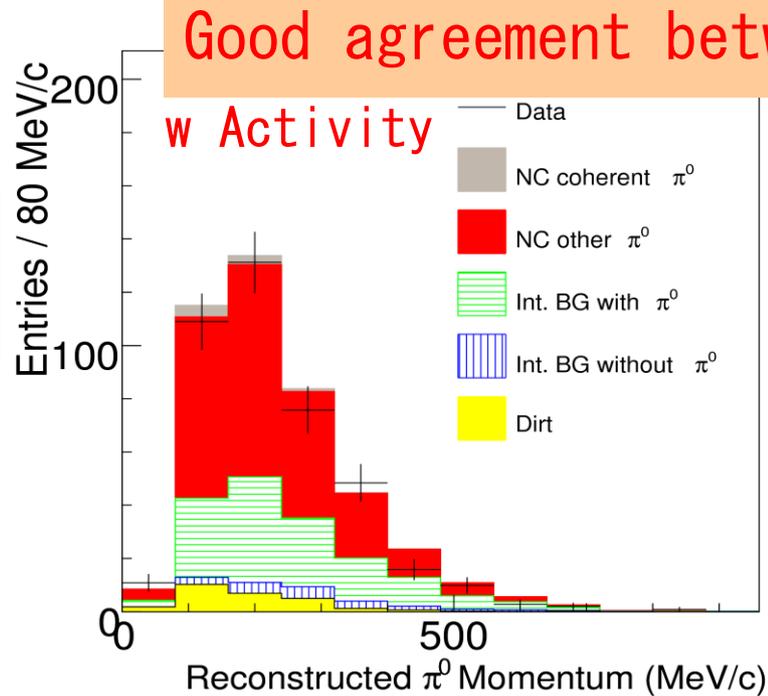
Poisson likelihood  
smeared by Gaussian  
function

$$f(N^{\text{obs}}; N^{\text{exp}}; V) = A \int \left[ \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \frac{x_i^{N_i^{\text{obs}}} e^{-x_i}}{N_i^{\text{obs}}!} \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N (x_j - N_j^{\text{exp}}) V_{jk}^{-1} (x_k - N_k^{\text{exp}}) \right] \right]$$

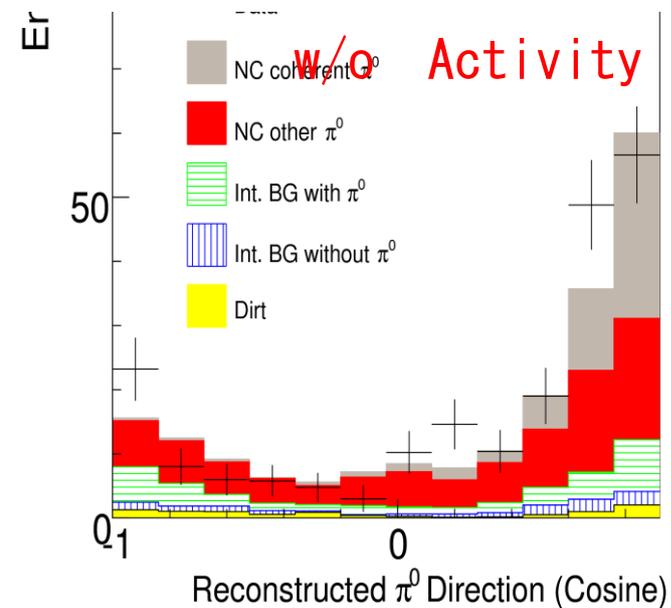
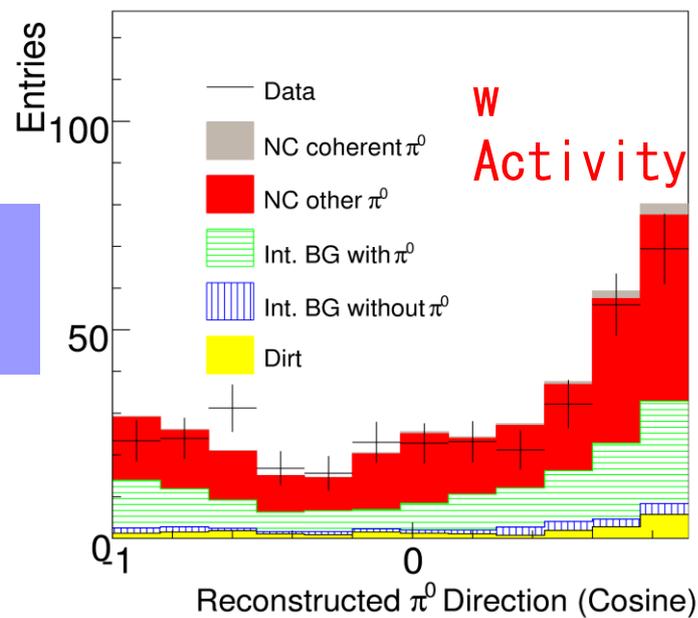
V: covariant matrix

# $\pi^0$ momentum and direction

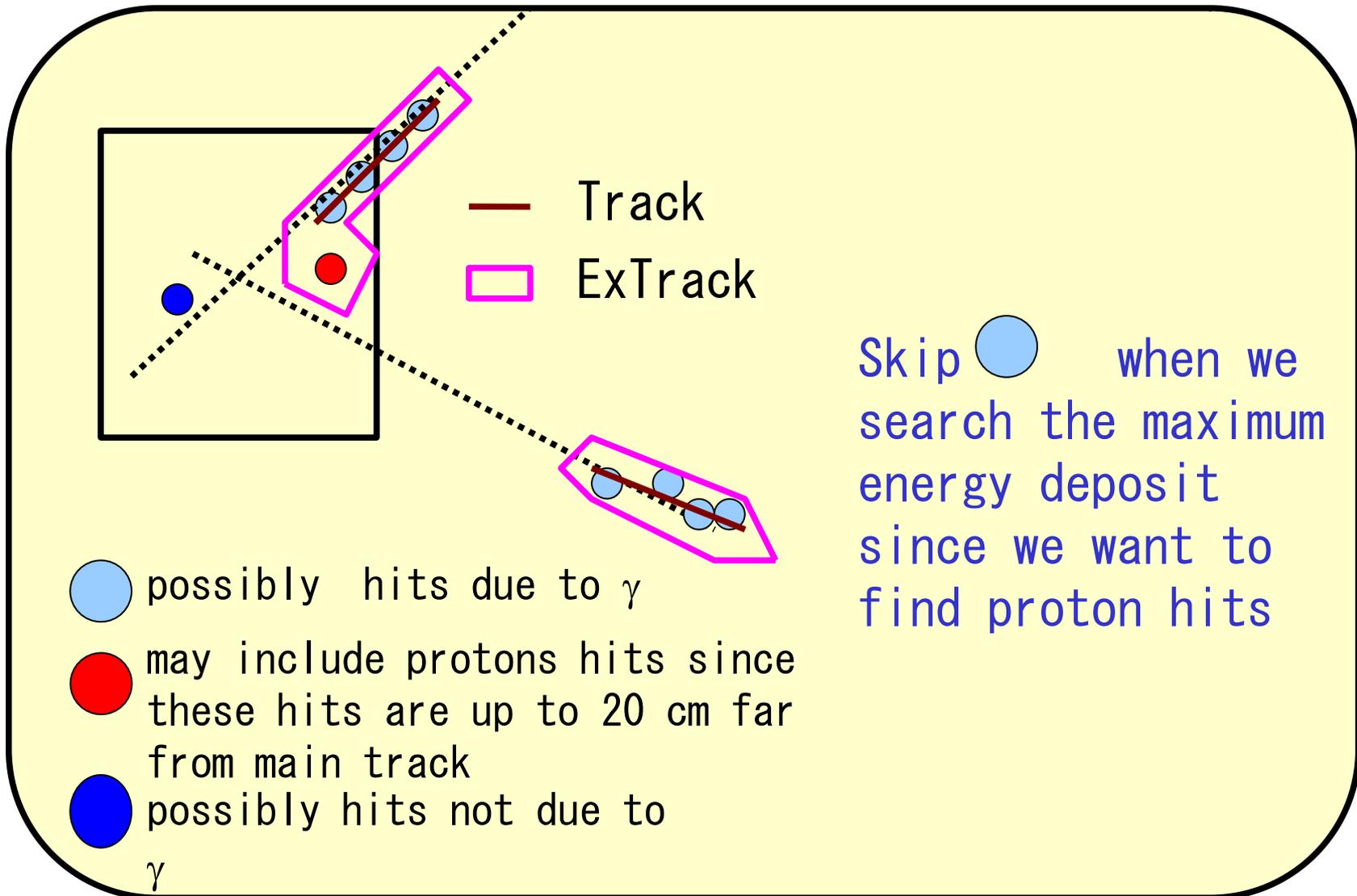
Reconstructed momentum



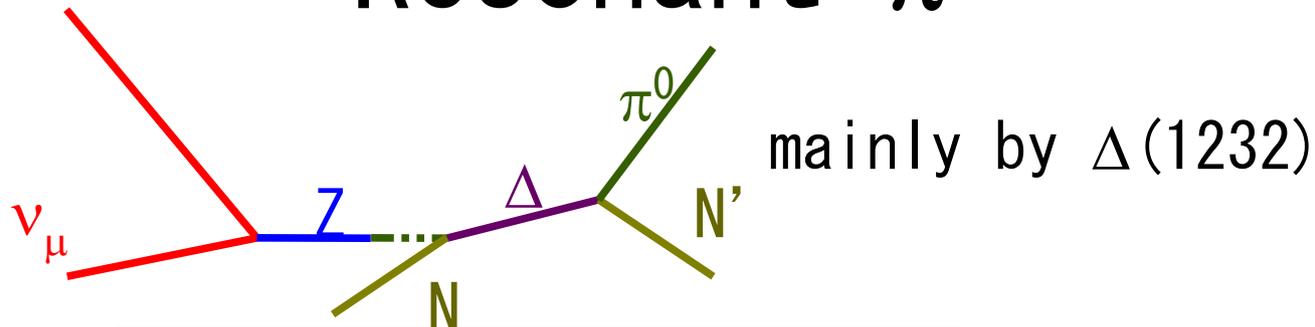
Reconstructed direction



# Vertex Activity Search



# Resonant $\pi$



Rein-Sehgal (RS) model

- All resonance  $< 2$  GeV (including in interference)
- Hadron Matrix Element : Feynman-Kislinger-Ravndal model (harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian)
- Hadron states: SU(6) wave function (spin, flavor)  $\times$  excitation of harmonic oscillator (spatial)

➔ widely used for neutrino oscillation experiments

No useful measurement\* at  $E_\nu < 1$  GeV before this analysis

\*Now, MiniBooNE and our result are published

# NC inclusive $\pi^0$

MiniBooNE published NC1 $\pi^0$  (coherent+incoherent) measurement

## MiniBooNE NC1 $\pi^0$ measurement

$$\sigma(\text{NC}1\pi^0) = (4.76 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.40_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

at  $\langle E_\nu \rangle = 0.8 \text{ GeV}$  ( absolute cross section )

## SciBooNE ( $R_{\text{inc}}=1.25, R_{\text{coh}}=0.97$ )

Good agreement

$$\left( R_{\text{inc}} \left( \frac{\sigma(\text{NCinc}1\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} \right)_{\text{MC}} + R_{\text{coh}} \left( \frac{\sigma(\text{NCcoh}\pi^0)}{\sigma(\text{CC})} \right)_{\text{MC}} \right) \times \langle \sigma(\text{CC}) \rangle$$

$$= (5.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^{-2} * \text{ at } \langle E_\nu \rangle = 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

\*Assuming     $R_{\text{inc}}$  scales NC incoherent  $1 \pi^0$   
   CC cross section () by NEUT



The error is not final value

# Goal 2 . $\pi$ Kinematics

## distribution

### Intra-nuclear Interaction (FSI)

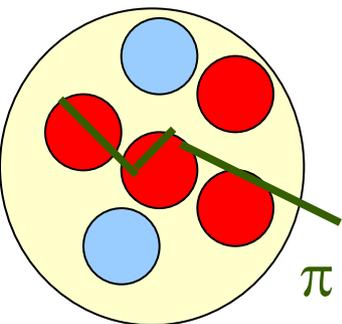
- $\pi^0$  by initial  $\nu$ -nucleon interaction can be absorbed or scattered in nucleus
- $\pi^0$  can be newly produced in nucleus

### Our model (Cascade model)

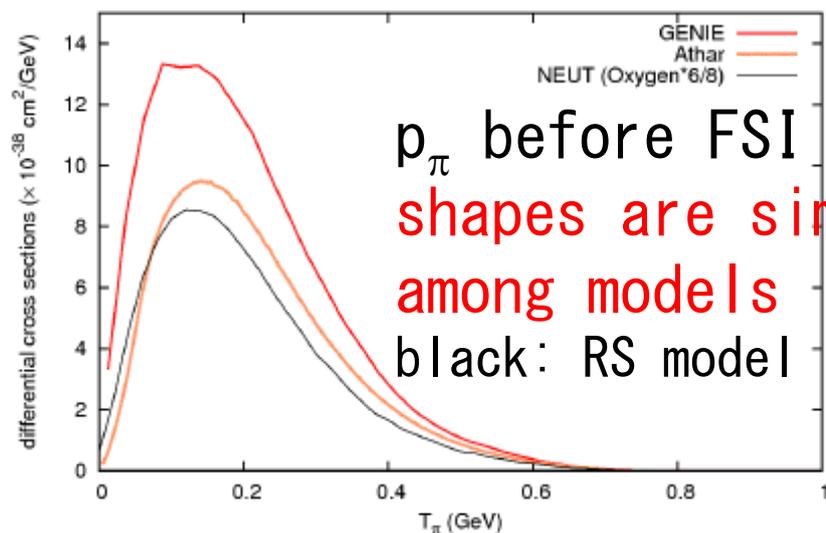
- simulate particles until emitting from the nucleus
- assume some model to describe  $\sigma(\pi$ -nucleus) and nuclear density

nuclear density

$$\rho(r) = \frac{Z}{A} \rho_0 \left[ 1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-c}{a}\right) \right]^{-1}$$

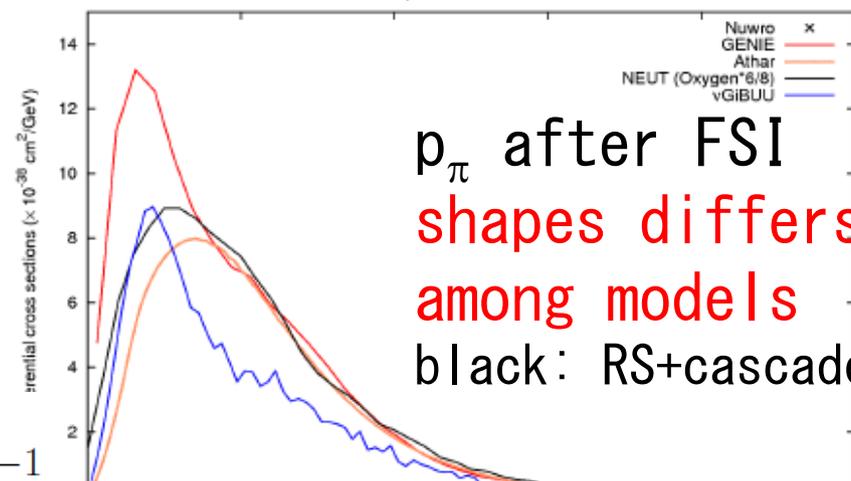


total CC  $\pi^+$  production -  $\nu_\mu$   $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+ X$  -  $E_\nu = 1$  GeV (no FSI)



$p_\pi$  before FSI  
 shapes are similar  
 among models  
 black: RS model

total CC  $\pi^+$  production -  $\nu_\mu$   $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+ X$  -  $E_\nu = 1$  GeV (with full FSI)



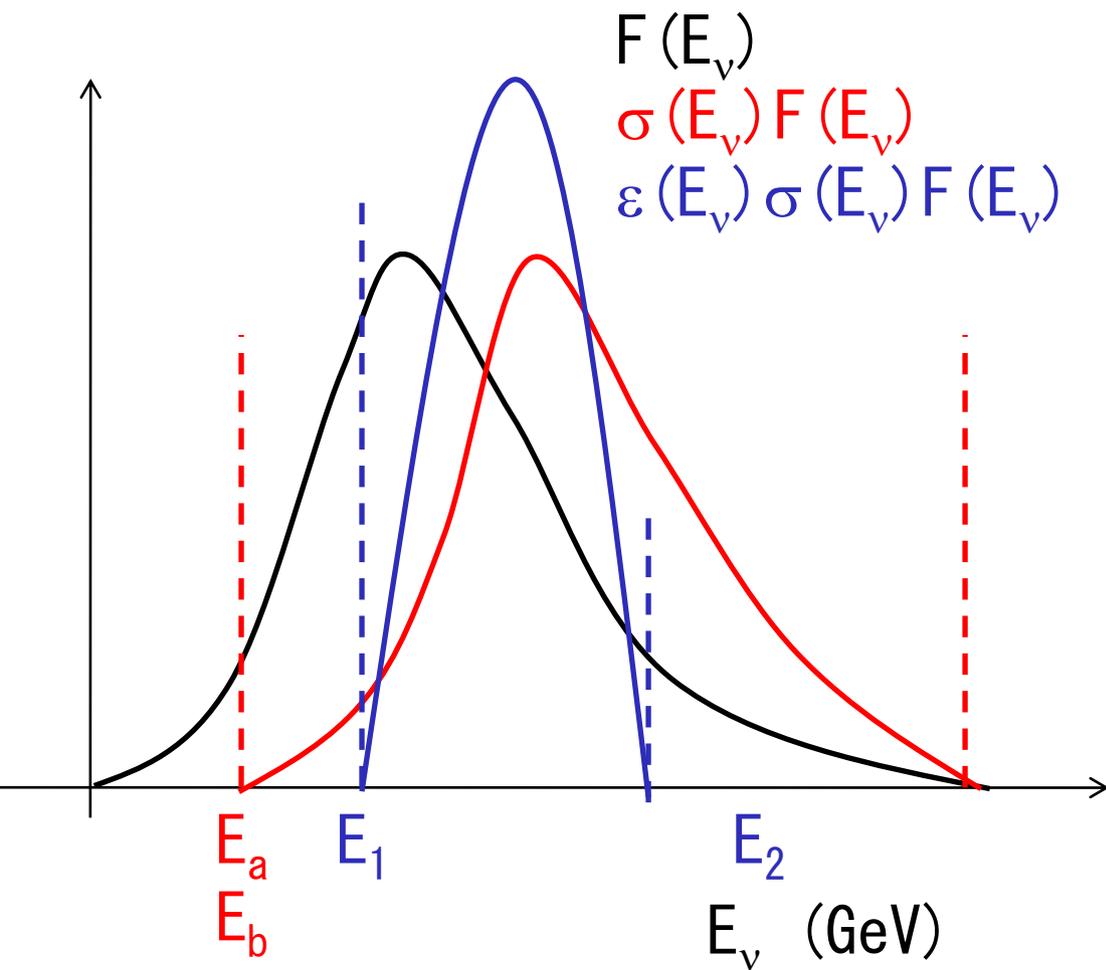
$p_\pi$  after FSI  
 shapes differs  
 among models  
 black: RS+cascade model

total CC  $\pi^+$  production -  $\nu_\mu$   $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+ X$  -  $E_\nu = 1.5$  GeV (with full FSI)

by Jan Sobczyk's slides in Nuint.  
 2009

Need measure the  $\pi$  kinematics as well as  $\sigma$

# How to define Neutrino Energy



Definition 1

$$\int_0^{\infty} E_\nu F(E_\nu) dE_\nu / \int_0^{\infty} F(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$

Definition 2

$$\int_{E_a}^{E_b} E_\nu F(E_\nu) dE_\nu / \int_{E_a}^{E_b} F(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$

Definition 3

$$\int_{E_1}^{E_2} E_\nu F(E_\nu) dE_\nu / \int_{E_1}^{E_2} F(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$