



MicroBooNE $CC0\pi$ Tuning

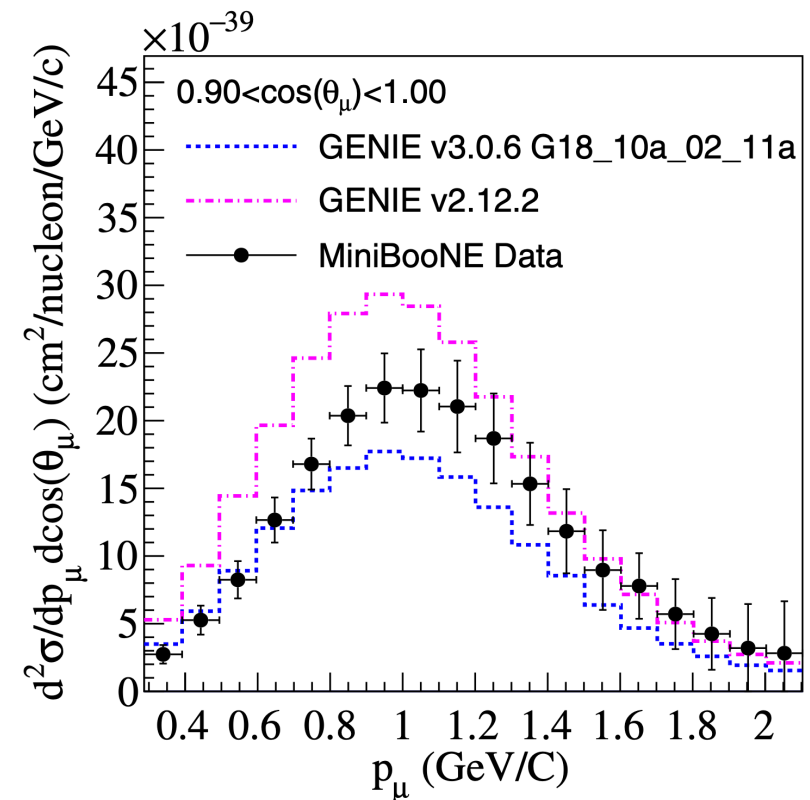
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Motivation for MicroBooNE GENIE Tune

- MicroBooNE physics goals include search for Low-Energy Excess in ν_e events and cross section measurements
- Initial MicroBooNE cross section measurements utilized GENIE v2.12.2 to model interactions
- Interaction models were good enough to make measurements without significant biases
- Updated GENIE v3 models show improvement when compared with MiniBooNE data, but still have some deficiencies

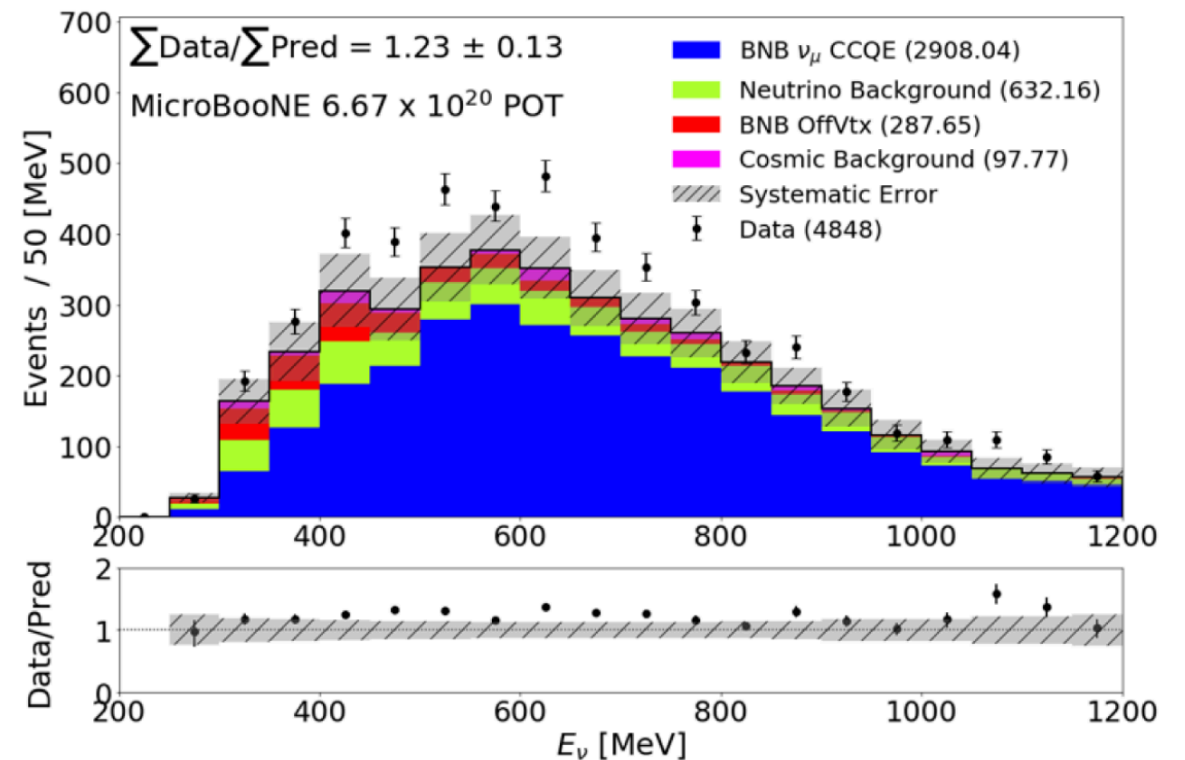


[Phys. Rev. D 81, 092005 \(2010\)](#),
arXiv:1002.2680 [hep-ex].

Motivation for MicroBooNE GENIE Tune

- Low-Energy Excess searches utilize three important tools
 - selection focused on low-energy ν_e candidates
 - exclusive selection focuses on CCQE and CC2p2h energy region
 - ν_μ sideband regions constraints

MicroBooNE 1e1p Deep Learning LEE Search

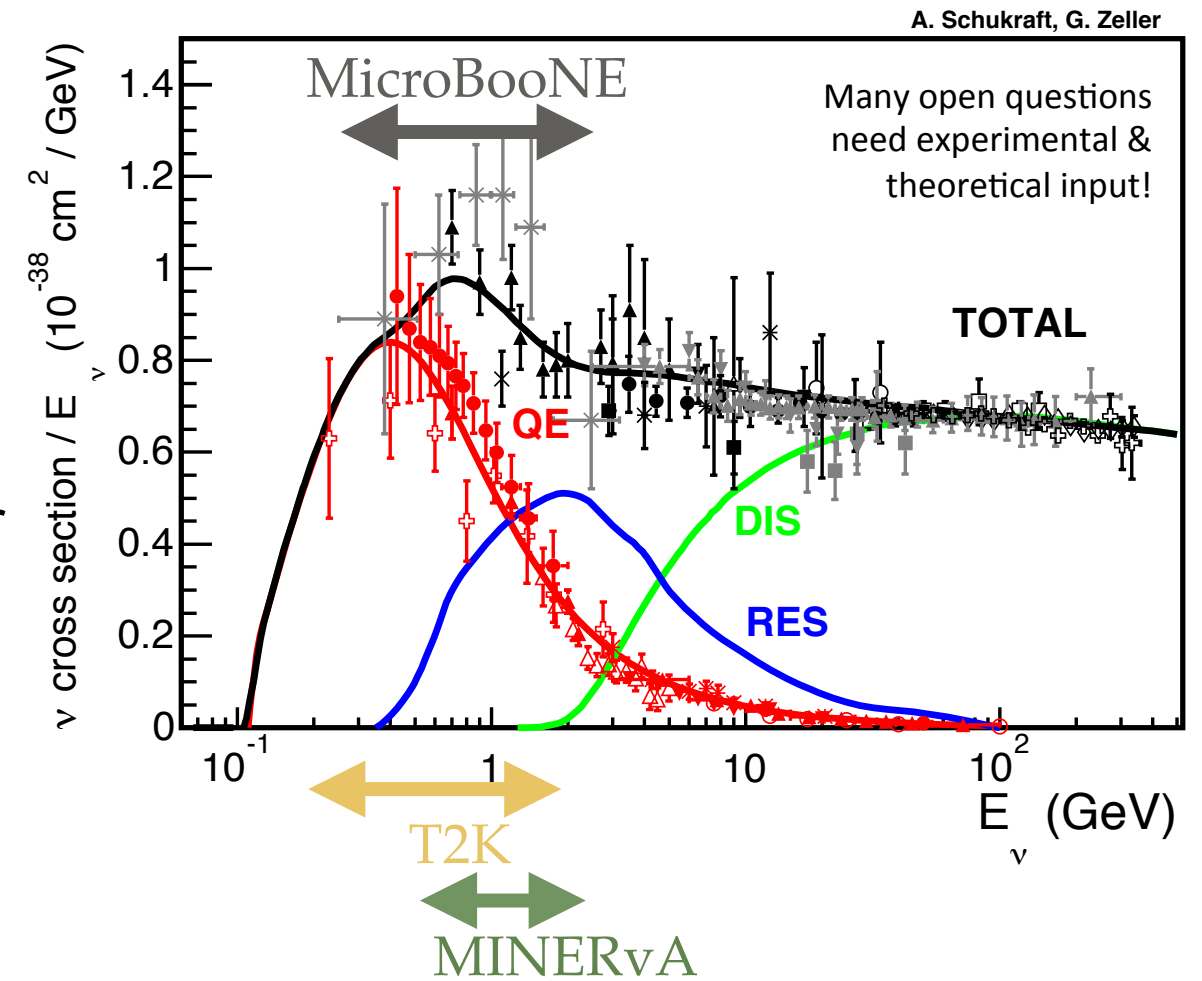


Reconstructed E_ν in 1u1p sideband sample

[Phys. Rev. D105, 112003 \(2022\)](#)

How to tune interaction models?

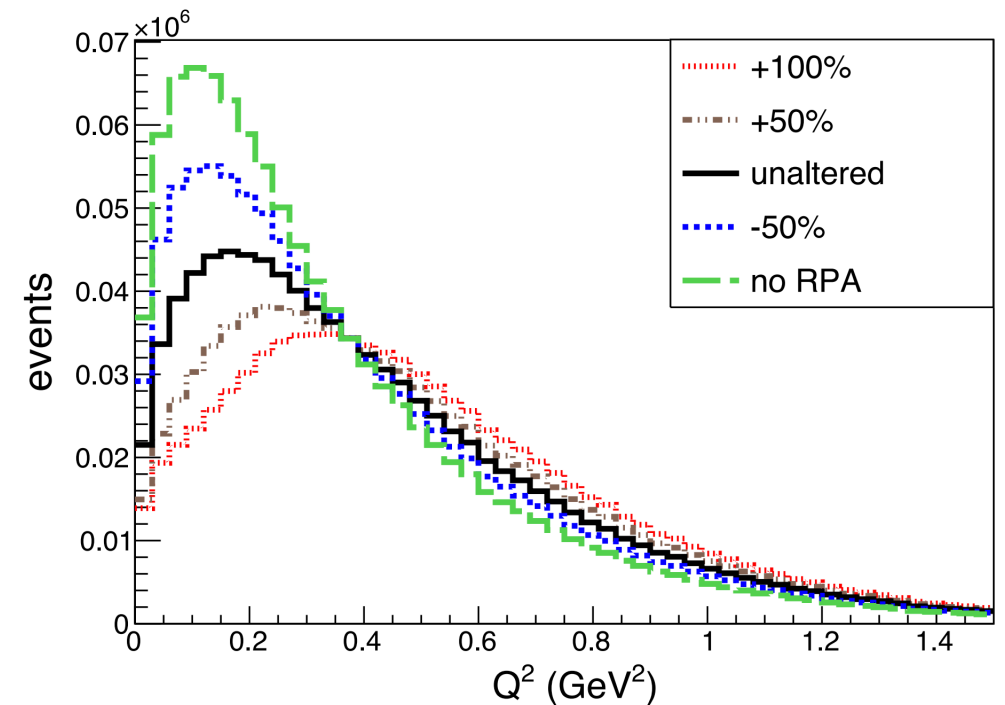
- largest discrepancy in GENIE v2 based measurements at low visible energy
- mostly CCQE and CC2p2h
- nature of LEE searches have dominate backgrounds from CCQE and CC2p2h
- LEE analyses were using ν_μ sidebands for constraint, so can't double count by tuning to MicroBooNE data
- considerable datasets from MINERvA, but higher beam energy with different contributions of CCQE, CC2p2h, RES, and DIS
- T2K beam has most similar energy profile and pion-less cross section measurements available



What to tune?

- GENIE v3 G18_10a_02_11a model chosen for central model - updated with (at the time 2020) new models from Valencia Group for CCQE and CC2p2h
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- some parameters avoided
 - FSI parameters associated with proton production
 - Fermi momentum - neutrino data doesn't serve as good of a constraint as electron scattering

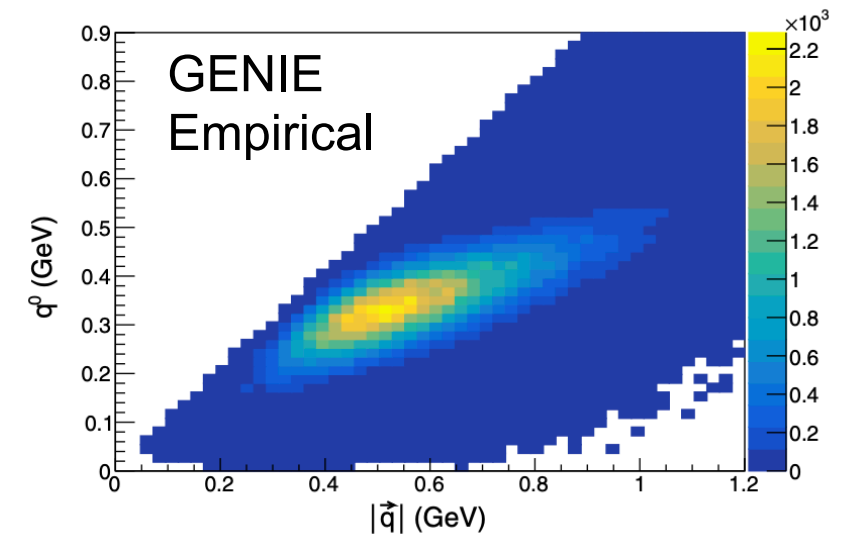
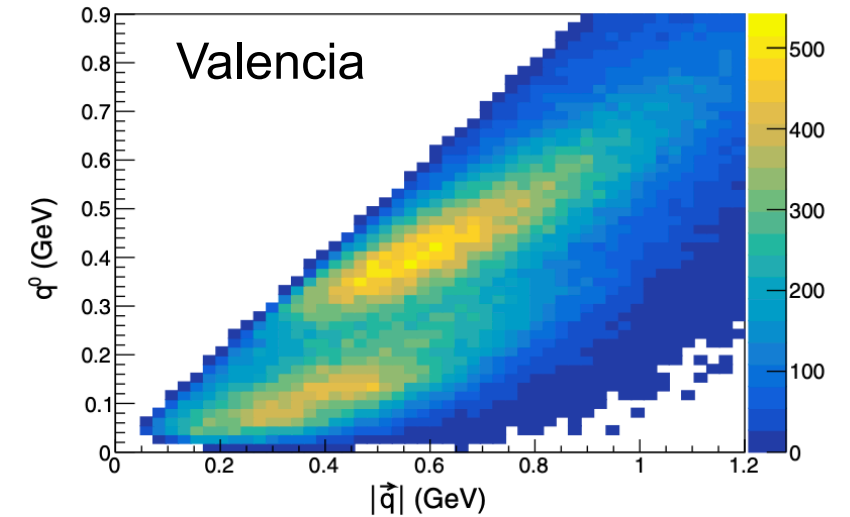
Q^2 variation for different RPA correction strengths



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CC2p2h Models Energy transfer vs |momentum transfer|

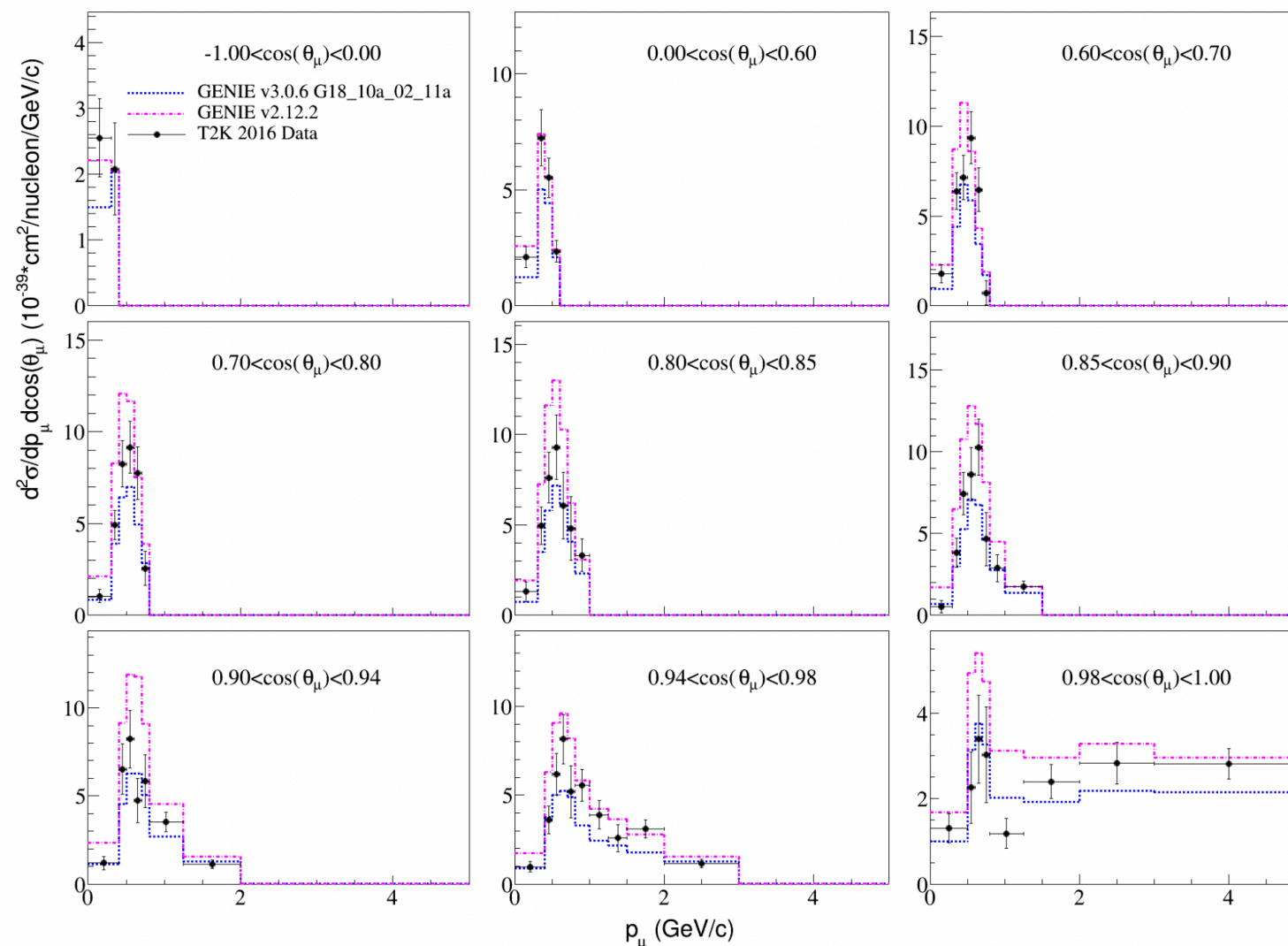


Tune parameters and variations

	Default GENIE v3 value	Variation	effect
M_A CCQE	0.961242 GeV	free	normalization and Q ² shape CCQE
Valencia RPA Correction	100%	free	normalization and Q ² shape CCQE
CC2p2h Normalization	1	free	normalization CC2p2h
mixture of Valencia and Empirical	0 (Valencia)	0 to 1 (1 = Empirical GENIE)	shape CC2p2h

Fit to T2K data

- published CC0 π cross-section data - Phys. Rev. D **93**, 112012 (2016)
- binned likelihood fit performed in four signal and two control regions
- 2D differential cross section in muon momentum and angle
- reweighting performed using GENIE reweighting package v1.0.4
- excluded highest muon momentum bin
 - 67 bins -> 58 bins
 - small cross sections and small absolute uncertainties were driving fit results
 - high momentum muons are not a significant part of MicroBooNE dataset
- only diagonal terms from covariance matrix to avoid unphysical results



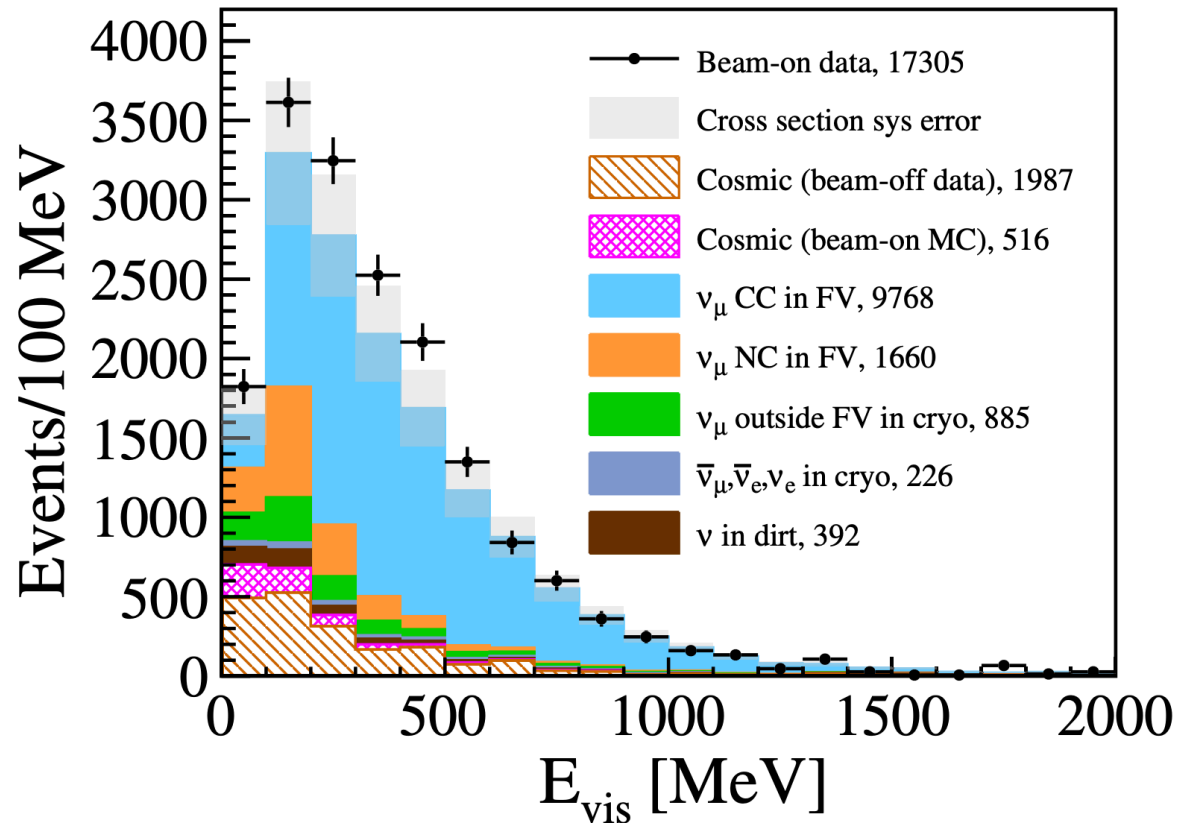
GENIE v3.0.6 G18_10a_02_11a 115.31/67 bins
 GENIE v2.12.1 284.31/67 bins
 MicroBooNE Tune 63.77/67 bins

Final MicroBooNE Tune parameters

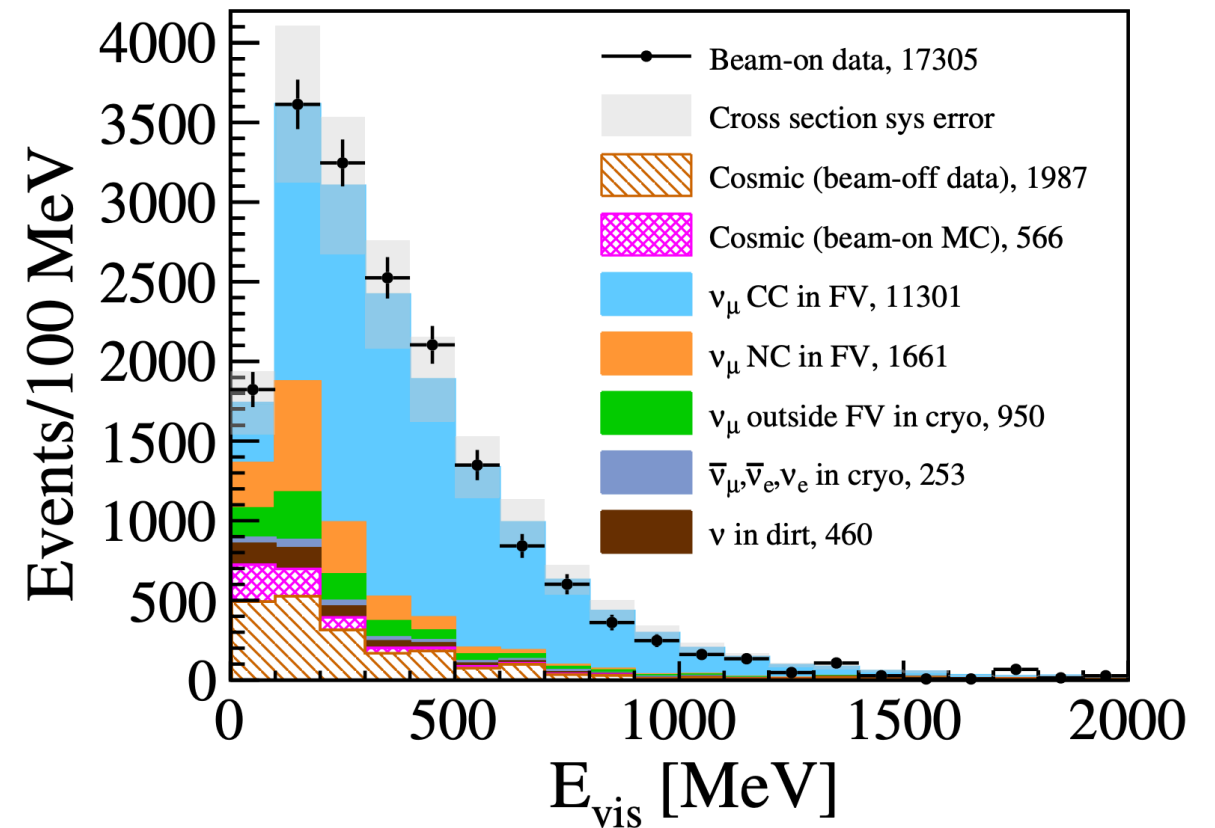
	MaCCQE fitted value	CC2p2h Norm. fitted value	CCQE RPA Strength fitted value	CC2p2h Shape fitted value	T2K $\chi^2_{\text{diag}}/N_{\text{bins}}$
Nominal (untuned)	0.961242 GeV	1	100%	0	106.7/58
Fit MaCCQE + CC2p2h Norm.	1.14 ± 0.07 GeV	1.61 ± 0.19	100% (fixed)	0 (fixed)	71.8/58
Fit MaCCQE + CC2p2h Norm + CCQE RPA Strength	1.18 ± 0.08 GeV	1.12 ± 0.38	$(64 \pm 23)\%$	0 (fixed)	69.7/58
Fit MaCCQE + CC2p2h Norm + CCQE RPA Strength + CC2p2h Shape	1.10 ± 0.07 GeV	1.66 ± 0.19	$(85 \pm 20)\%$	$1^{+0}_{-0.74}$	52.5/58

- important cross check is stability of the result when allowing for greater fit variables
- uncertainties shown are post-fit given by MINUIT
- incorporated into MicroBooNE analyses uncertainties

Updated MicroBooNE Model results - Visible Energy in Inclusive ν_μ Selection

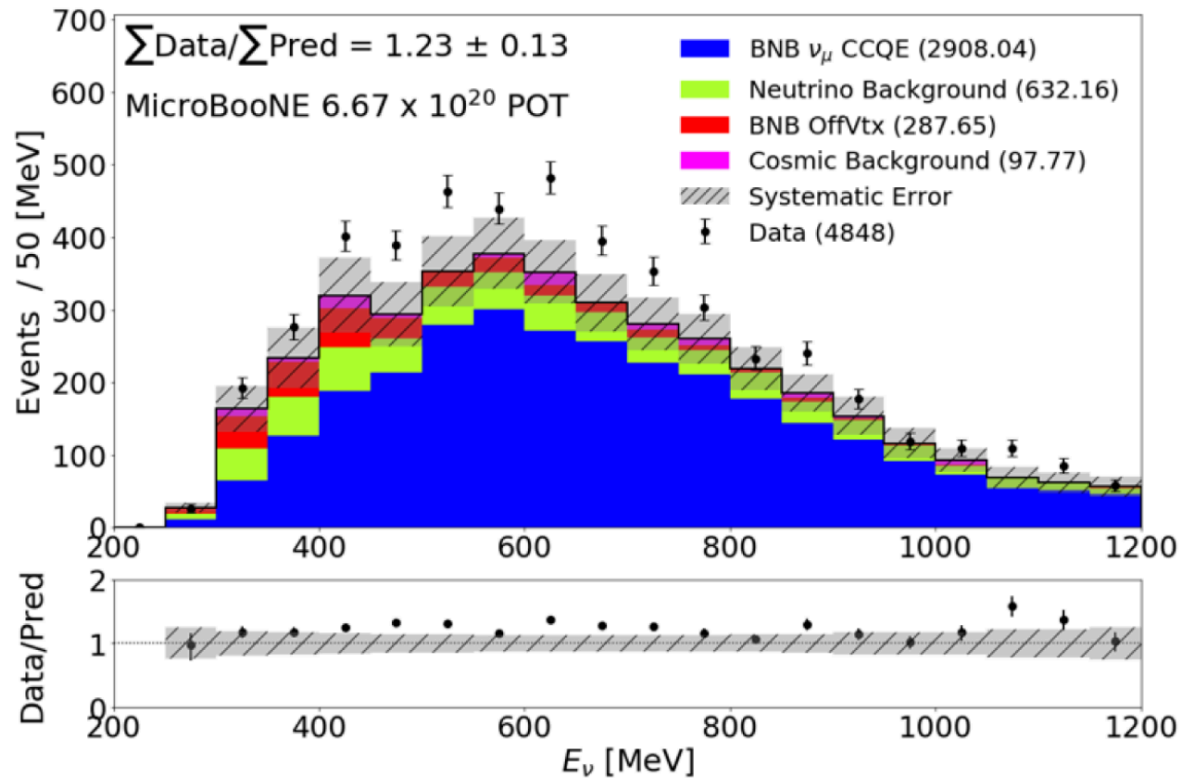


Default GENIE v3 G18_10a_02_11a

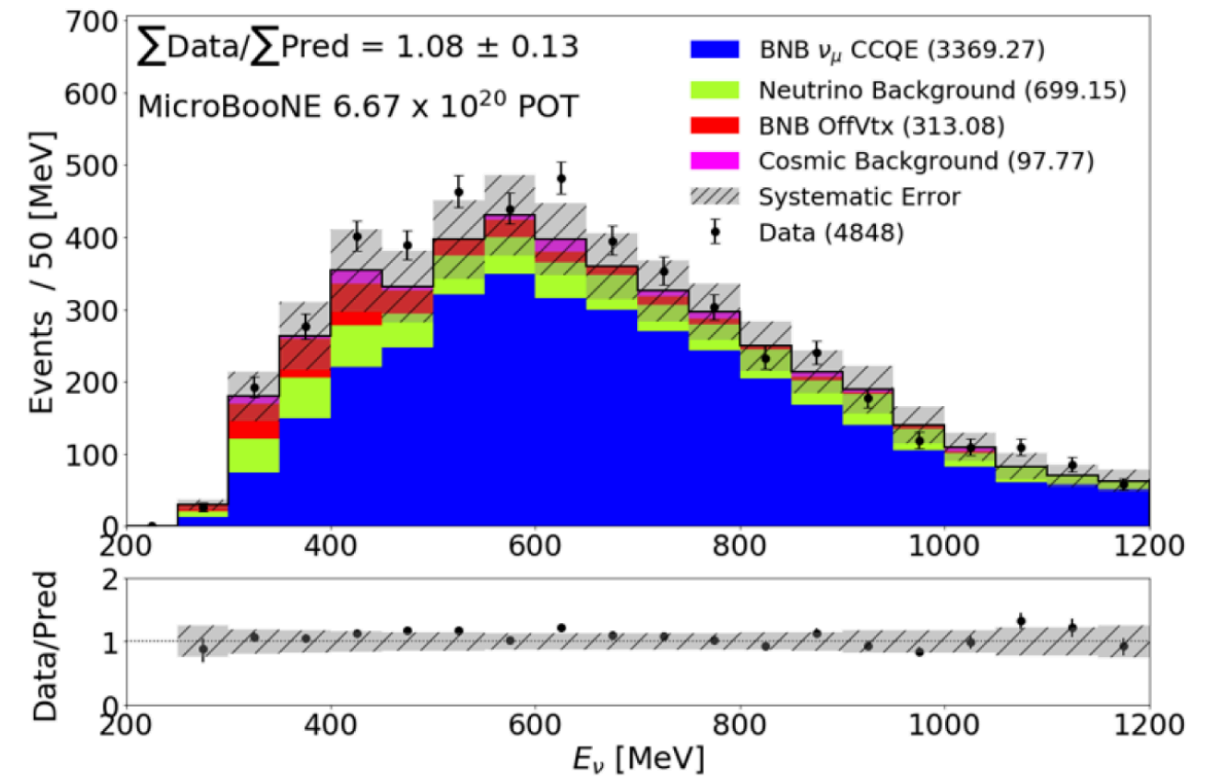


MicroBooNE GENIE v3 Tune

Updated MicroBooNE Model results - Reco Neutrino Energy - ν_μ 1 μ 1p Selection

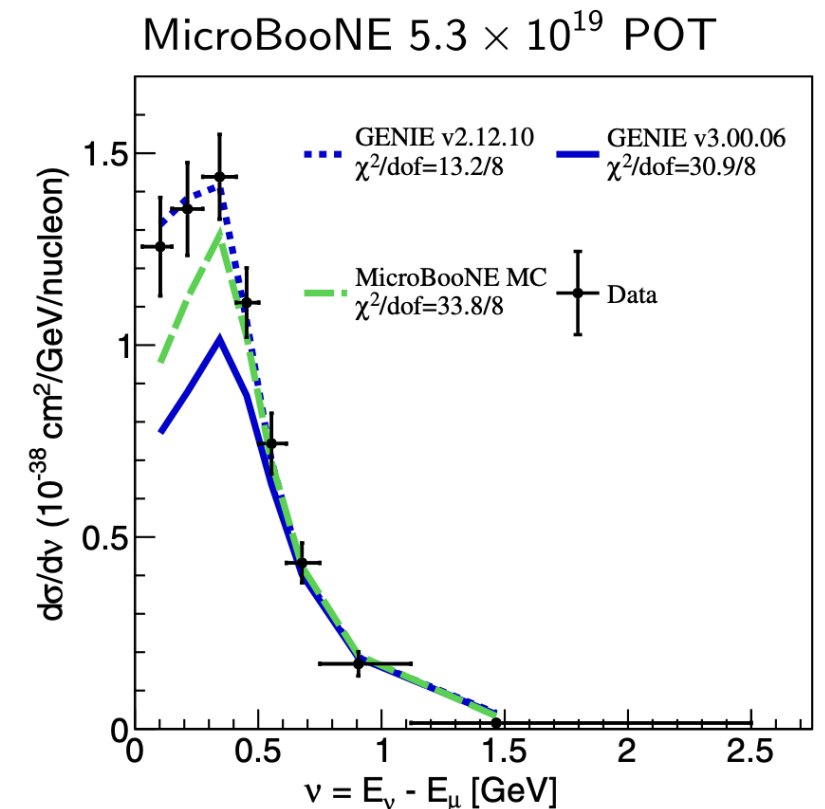
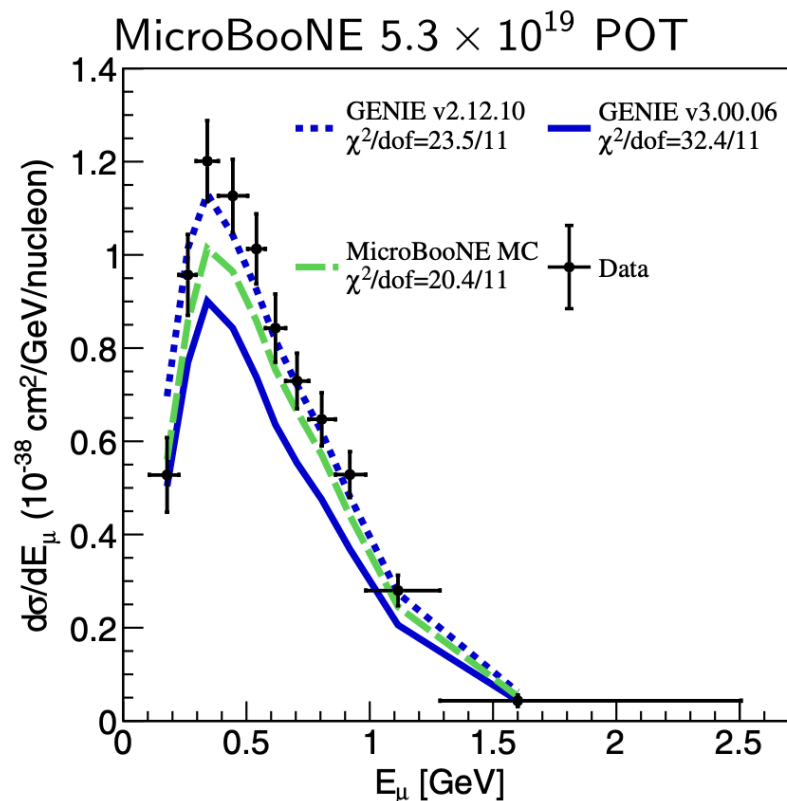
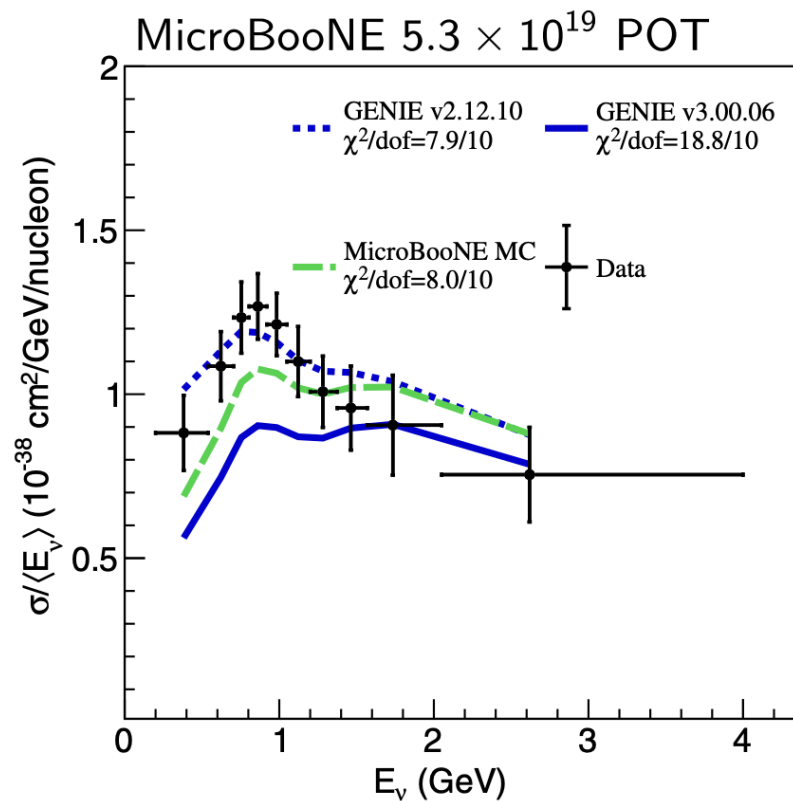


Default GENIE v3 G18_10a_02_11a



MicroBooNE GENIE v3 Tune

Updated MicroBooNE Model results - Inclusive CC ν_μ

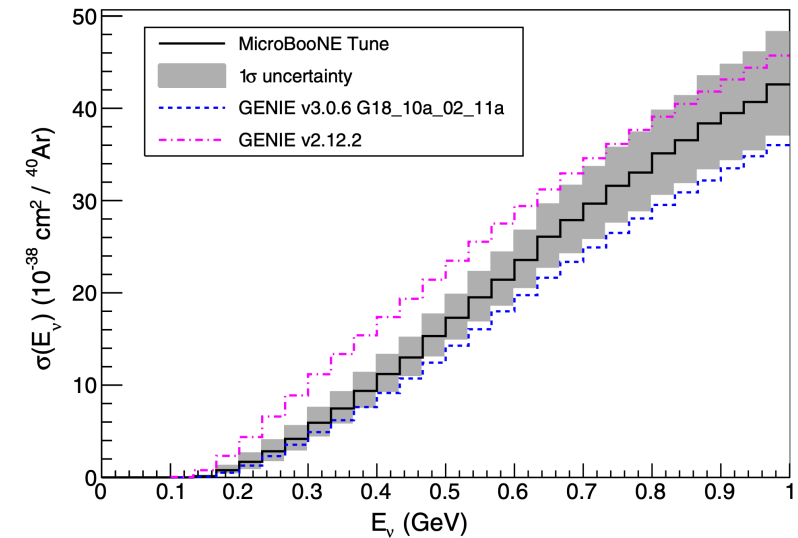


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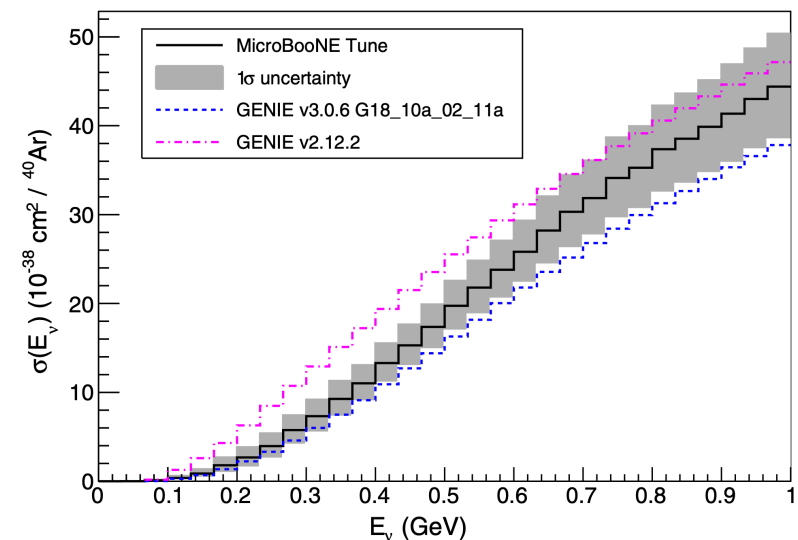
MicroBooNE Tune Uncertainty

Parameter	“MicroBooNE tune”		
	Central value	+1 σ	-1 σ
MaCCQE ^a	1.10 GeV	+0.1 GeV	-0.1 GeV
RPA_CCQE ^b	85%	+40%	-40%
Normccmec	166%	+50%	-50%
XSecShape_CCMEC	Empirical ^c	N/A	Valencia ^d
Coulomb_CCQE	Nominal	+30%	-30%
DecayAngMEC	Isotropic	Alternative ^e	N/A
FracPN_CCMEC	Valencia	+20%	-20%
FracDelta_CCMEC	Valencia	+30%	-30%
NormNCMEC	Nominal	+100%	-100%
ThetaDelta2NRad	Isotropic	Alternative ^e	N/A
NormCCCOH	Nominal	+100%	-100%
NormNCCOH	Nominal	+100%	-100%

ν_μ CC inclusive total cross section

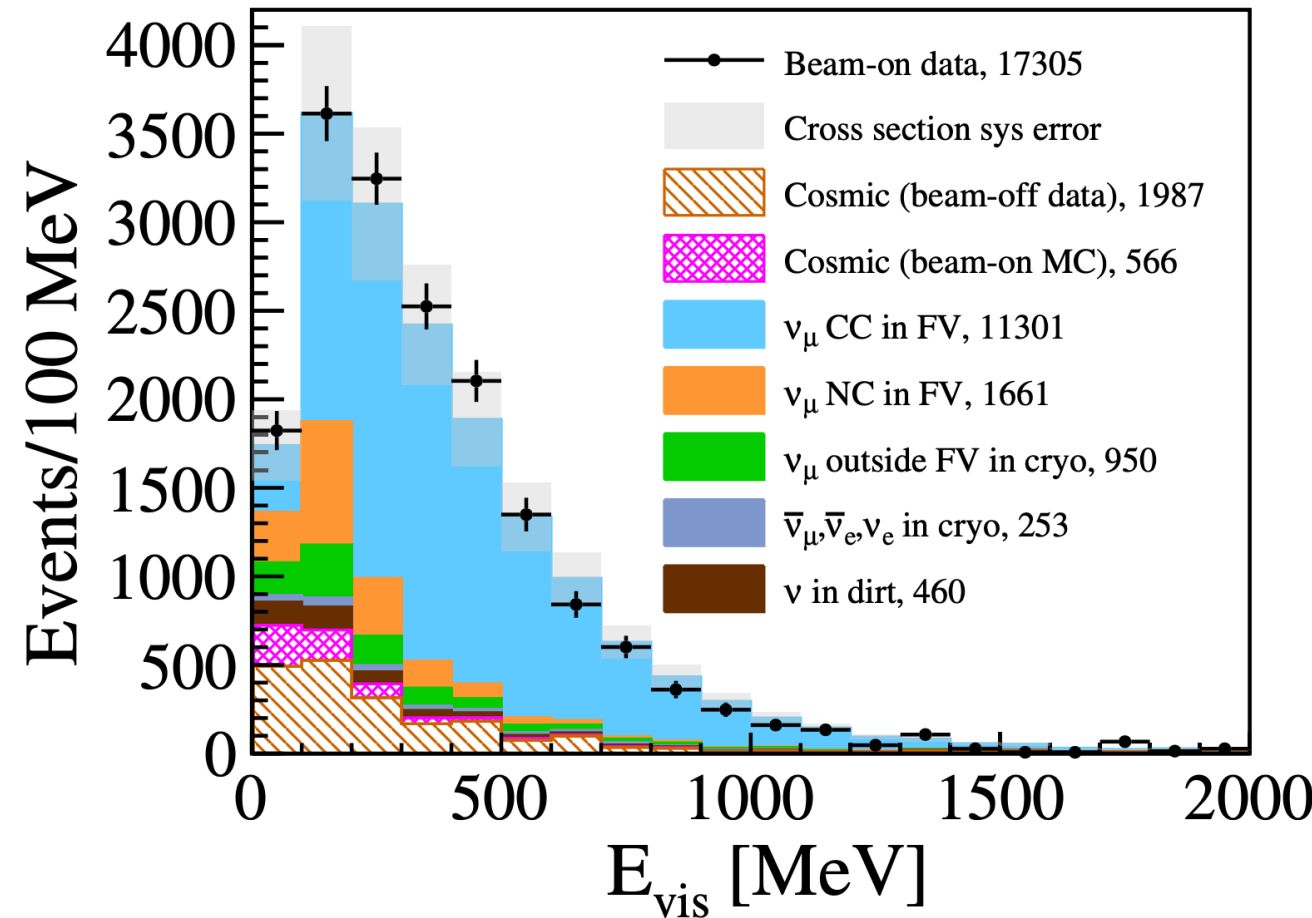


ν_e CC inclusive total cross section



Summary

- “New CC 0π GENIE model tune for MicroBooNE”
Phys. Rev. D 105 (2022) 7, 072001
- Tuned GENIE v3 with T2K CC 0π measurements to produce a theory-motivated tune
- considerable improvement in modeling of CC interactions in MicroBooNE detector
- important development of data driven GENIE interaction uncertainties
- MicroBooNE Tune and uncertainties key component to the initial Low-Energy Excess searches
- Continue to be utilized for additional searches and cross section measurements



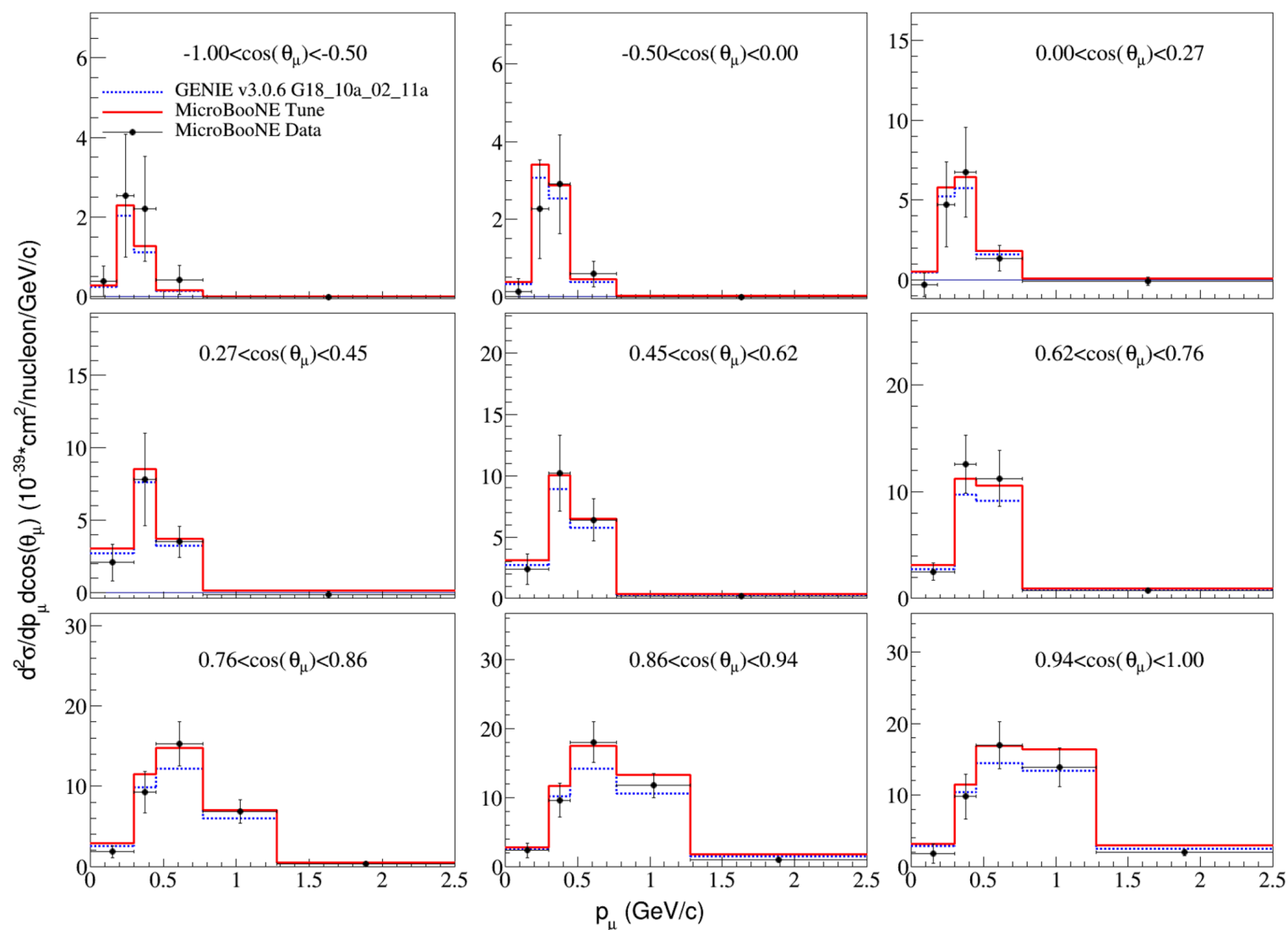
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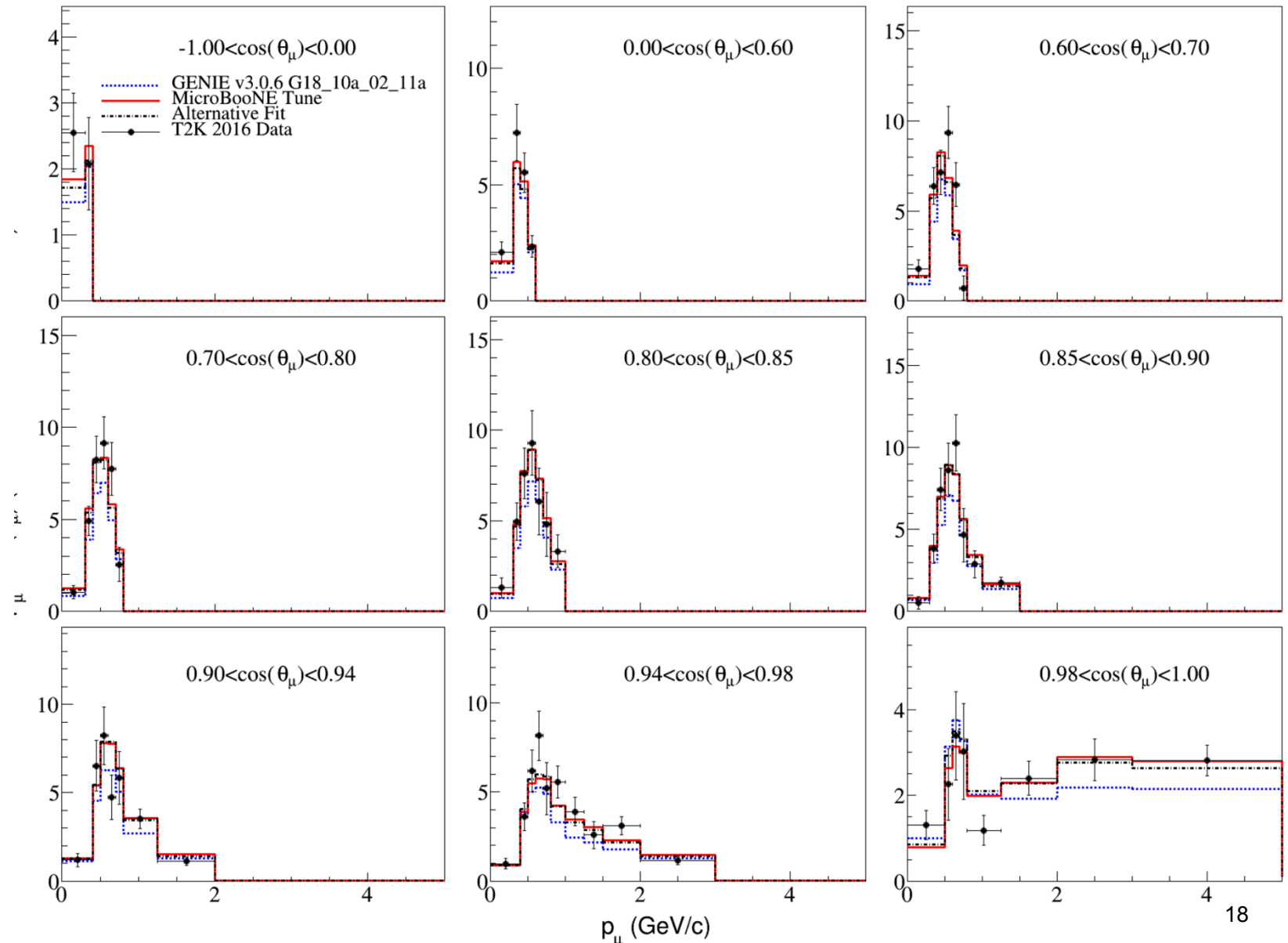
MicroBooNE Tune vs MicroBooNE Data

- flux integrated double differential cross section of inclusive ν_μ CC in muon momentum and angle
- GENIE v3
($\chi^2_{\text{full}}/N_{\text{bins}} = 105.41/42$)
- MicroBooNE Tune
($\chi^2_{\text{full}}/N_{\text{bins}} = 140.55/42$)

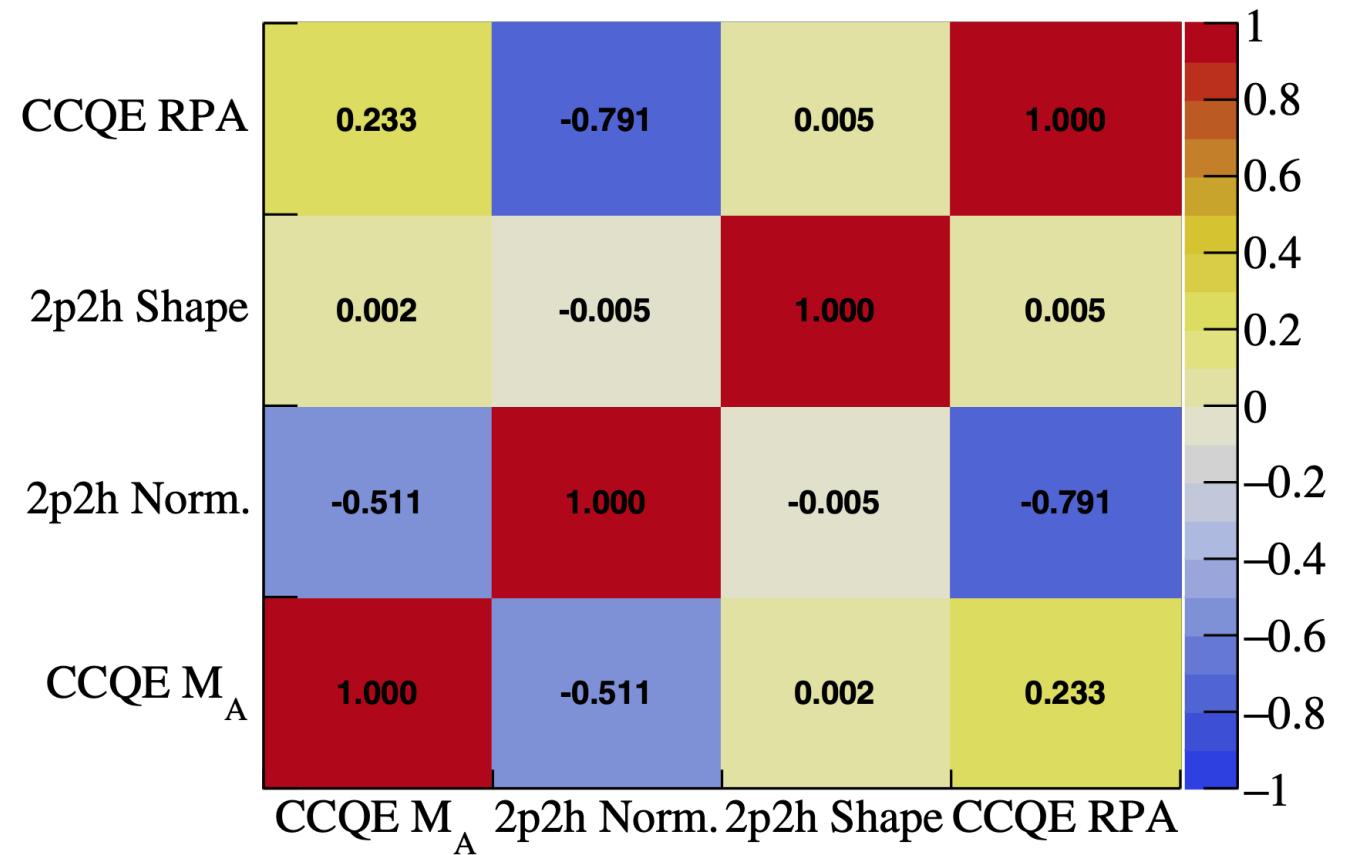


Fit to T2K data - alternate method suggested by Koch

- separate the correlations into normalization and shape components when calculating the χ^2
- shown on the plots as Alternate Fit
- fitted parameters were all within reported MINUIT uncertainties
- two χ^2 varied by less than 10%



parameter correlation matrix



Alternate fit parameters and chi2

	MaCCQE fitted value	CC2p2h Norm. fitted value	CCQE RPA Strength fitted value	CC2p2h Shape fitted value	T2K $\chi^2_{\text{diag}}/N_{\text{bins}}$	T2K $\chi^2_{\text{Koch}}/N_{\text{bins}}$	T2K $\chi^2_{\text{full}}/N_{\text{bins}}$
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“MicroBooNE tune”	1.10 ± 0.07 GeV	1.66 ± 0.19	$(85 \pm 20)\%$	$1^{+0}_{-0.74}$	52.5/58	110.58/58	103.84/58
“Alternate fit”	1.04 ± 0.10 GeV	1.44 ± 0.42	$(67 \pm 16)\%$	$0.91^{+0.09}_{-0.18}$	55.51/58	100.59/58	91.68/58

GENIE v3 model sets

- events produced through several mechanisms
 - Meson Exchange Currents
 - Short Range Nucleon-Nucleon Correlations
 - Final State Interactions
- events generated with GENIE MicroBooNE Tune (G18_10a_02_11a) form base model set for determining efficiency and cross section extraction
 - QE & MEC tuned to external data

GENIE v3.0.6 Model Set	Nuclear Model	Interaction Model	Final State Interactions
MicroBooNE Tune (G18_10a_02_11a)	LFG	Nieves/Valencia (QE+MEC)	hA2018
G18_02a_00_000	RFG	Llewellyn Smith QE + Empirical MEC	hA2018
G18_10a_02_11a	LFG	Nieves/Valencia (QE+MEC)	hA2018
G21_11b_00_000	LFG	SuSAv2 (QE+MEC)	hN2018

PRD Publication

Obtaining a high-quality interaction model with associated uncertainties is essential for neutrino experiments. In this talk, we present a tune, as published in *Phys. Rev. D* 105 (2022) 7, 072001, of the charged-current pionless (CC0 π) interaction cross section via the two major contributing theoretical processes—charged-current quasielastic and multinucleon interaction models—within version 3.0.6 of the GENIE neutrino event generator. Four parameters in these models determining normalization and shape are tuned to muon neutrino CC0 π cross section data obtained in 2016 by the T2K experiment, which provides an independent set of neutrino interactions with a neutrino flux in a similar energy range to MicroBooNE's neutrino beam. Furthermore, we discuss future plans related to the development of a π^0 -based tune for the next-generation of our results.

Prospects for the future

- several recent differential measurements pion production explore resonant and DIS production models
- is a new tune justified by new CC 2p2h models?
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