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MINERvA masterclass documentation

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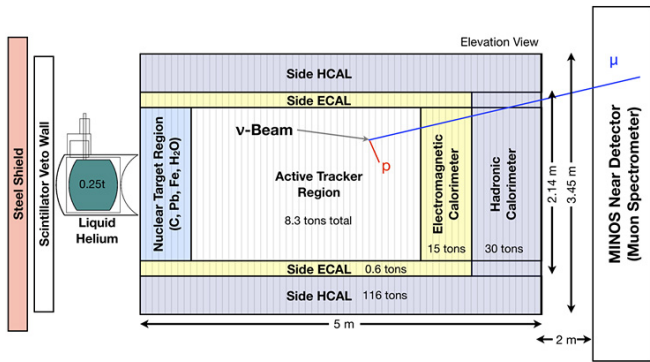
MINERvA Masterclass Measurement

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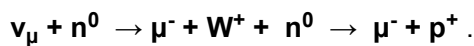
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Side-view of the MINERvA experiment.
(Credit: Fermilab)

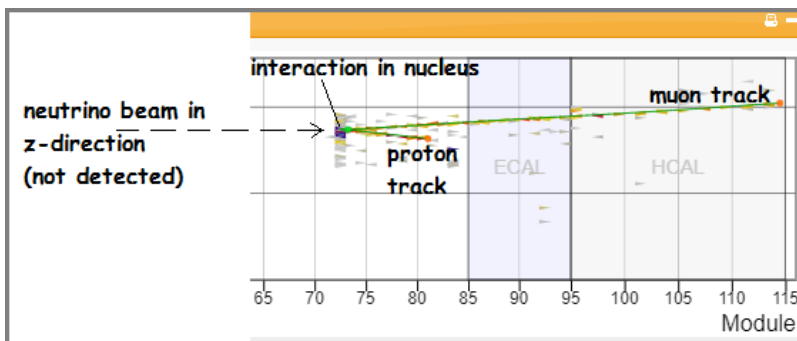
Description

The MINERvA masterclass measurement enables students to examine actual events from the MINERvA detector in the MINOS neutrino beamline at Fermilab and draw conclusions based on categorization of the data and the kinematics of the interactions. There are both background and signal events. In each signal event, a neutrino penetrates a nucleus in a carbon target and undergoes a weak interaction with a neutron in that nucleus:



In short, the neutrino interacts with the neutron to become a muon, causing the neutron to become a proton. (Note the net change in charge is zero.) The interaction is mediated by a W boson. The resulting muon and proton exit the nucleus with considerable momentum, which came from the original neutrino. While MINERvA cannot directly detect the neutrino, it can detect and measure the kinematics of both the muon and the proton that emerge from the interaction.

Students can find this kinematic information in the ARACHNE, the MINERvA event display that they use to visualize the events. The students can then put this information into a spreadsheet which applies conservation of momentum to give the momentum of the system prior to the interaction in three dimensions. The z-direction is, in the coordinate system of the experiment, the initial beam direction. The initial momentum in z is the momentum of the neutrino plus the momentum of the neutron, if any, before the collision. The momenta in x and y, then, if there is any, would be due solely to the neutron.



Part of MINERvA signal event as seen in ARACHNE.

For more details, see **Understanding MINERvA Masterclass Results** (<https://quarknet.org/content/understanding-minerva-masterclass-results>).

Software/Hardware

The entire MINERvA masterclass measurement runs online in a browser. For ARACHNE, Adobe Flash must be enabled in the browser. This usually requires the appropriate plug-in. Masterclass leaders should test ARACHNE (including choosing a track and copying kinematics) and Google Sheets in the computers and browsers to be used ahead of time.

Masterclass General Plan

All masterclasses share a pattern for the masterclass day. Neutrino masterclasses are no different in this case. The main elements of the plan are:

- Intro/warmup
- Introduction to the physics (neutrino physics, weak interactions, MINERvA experiment)
- Lab tour, if available
- Introduction to the masterclass measurement (ARACHNE, student spreadsheet, how to measure)
- Lunch with physicists
- Masterclass measurement
- Discussion of results
- Videoconference.

For neutrino masterclasses in particular, these resources will help:

- Particle cards activity
- Template for introduction to neutrino physics
- Template for introduction to measurement
- Notes on measurement (below)
- Notes on videoconferences.

Pedagogy

Enduring Understanding:

Indirect evidence provides data to study phenomena that cannot be directly observed.

Objectives:

1. Apply conservation of momentum and energy to measure the approximate energy of a neutrino beam from the Fermilab accelerator complex.
2. Apply conservation of momentum and energy to measure the properties of neutrons in nuclei of atoms in the target of a neutrino beam.
3. Determine which events are signal events from which effective measurements may be made and which events are background that cannot be used for measurements.

Student Procedure

Screencast: <https://tinyurl.com/minerva2019mc> (<https://tinyurl.com/minerva2019mc>).

Here is the general outline of what the students do:

- Students work in pairs: two students to one computer.
- Each pair of students is assigned one *mergedTuple* (a 50-event dataset) from a Data Group assigned to their masterclass from the **Data Analysis** (<https://quarknet.org/content/minerva-muon-neutrino-measurement-2020#da>) section of the MINERvA page of the Neutrino Masterclass Library,
- Students examine each event to determine if it is signal or background.
- If the event is determined to be background, the students skip to the next event.
- If the event is a signal event, students move the cursor to each of the two tracks that emerge from the vertex and choose them. Momentum and kinetic energy data will appear for the track. Students can copy this data and paste it into an online spreadsheet.
- Note: Each masterclass is assigned a sheet in Google sheets. This means:
 - The masterclasses that will meet together in a particular videoconference are all assigned the same instance of Google Sheets with a unique URL. Thus, if Boston, Prague, and Mazabuka are meeting in a videoconference, they get their own place Google Sheets.
 - Each masterclass then has its own individual sheet inside that place. It is located as a tab at the bottom and is marked with either its assigned mergedTuples or the location, e.g, Boston. The students in Boston put their data, line-by-line, according to their mergedTuple and the Entry (event window, called a *Gate*), into their sheet in their tab. (This is pasted from the event display.)
- The spreadsheet will calculate p_z (in the beam direction), p_y , p_x , and p_t (transverse momentum calculated from p_x and p_y).
- The sheet combines student data to make a histogram of values of p_z . Each value of p_z represents the momentum of the neutrino before the interaction plus the momentum of the target neutron in the z-direction, if any. Guided by the masterclass leader, students can make a histogram of p_z for all of their events.
- Students make similar measurements of p_x and p_y . Since they are transverse to the beam, they represent components of the momentum of the target neutrons only, if there is any.

Main steps for students in data analysis:

First step: Find events.

Each pair of students goes to the **Student Start Page** (<https://quarknet.org/content/minerva-neutrino-masterclass-student-start-page>) where they find their assigned Data Group and spreadsheet.

MINERvA Neutrino Masterclass Student Start Page



Small URL for this page: .

Step 0: To start the MINERvA masterclass measurement, you need the following information:

- Name of your institute (usually the city)
- Date in the Fermilab time zone (U.S. Central Time)
- Data Group letter
- Data mergedTuple number

Step 1: Find your Institute, Data Group, and Spreadsheet in this table:

Date/time CT	Institute (Data Group)	Institute (Data Group)	Institute (Data)	Spreadsheet
Thu 14 Mar/11:45	Rochester (A)	Syracuse (E)		FNAL-14Mar2019
Fri 29 Mar 15:00	Barranquilla (B)	Lead (C)		FNAL-29Mar2019
Fri 29 Mar 21:00	Qingdao (D)			FNAL-29Mar2019
Sat 06 Apr/14:00	Fairfax (A)	Mayaguez (F)	Knoxville (E)	FNAL-06Apr2019A
Sat 06 Apr/16:00	Minneapolis (G)	Fort Collins (B)		FNAL-06Apr2019B
Thu 11 Apr/09:00	Valencia (C)			FNAL-11Apr2019
Thu 11 Apr/15:00	Batavia (F)			FNAL-11Apr2019

Step 2: Open your Data Group by choosing the letter and find your mergedTuple by its number.

Second step: Open and use Arachne.

The masterclass leader should tell each pair of students their mergedTuple and help them find it in the data group and spreadsheet . When they choose the mergedTuple, Arachne will come up in a new tab on the browser, which will open at the initial time *Slice* in the first *Gate* (shown as *Entry 0*; the next Gate will be *Entry 1*, etc.). In most cases, it will not initially show the event for which the students are looking. They must find it, if ti is there, by advancing from *Slice* to *Slice* within the *Gate*.

MINERvA Masterclass Data Group D
Submitted by kccicre on Mon, 02/04/2019 - 15:20

Neutrino Masterclass Library 2019

Please go to one of these assigned datasets:

- 76 mergedTuple_76
- 77 mergedTuple_77
- 78 mergedTuple_78
- 79 mergedTuple_79
- 80 mergedTuple_80
- 81 mergedTuple_81
- 82 mergedTuple_82
- 83 mergedTuple_83
- 84 mergedTuple_84
- 85 mergedTuple_85
- 86 mergedTuple_86
- 87 mergedTuple_87
- 88 mergedTuple_88
- 89 mergedTuple_89
- 90 mergedTuple_90

Arachne

Status: Done!

Data: mergedTuple_79.root
Entry: 0 | Go!

Current slice: Slice 1
Prev Gate | Next Gate | Prev Slice | Next Slice | All hits

Link to this event
Go to the muon decay library

Tracks:
 Show tracks
 Individual Tracks:
 Track 0
 Track 1
 Track 2
 Track 3

Time Histogram: Hits vs Time (ns)

PH Histogram: Hits vs Hit Energy (MeV)

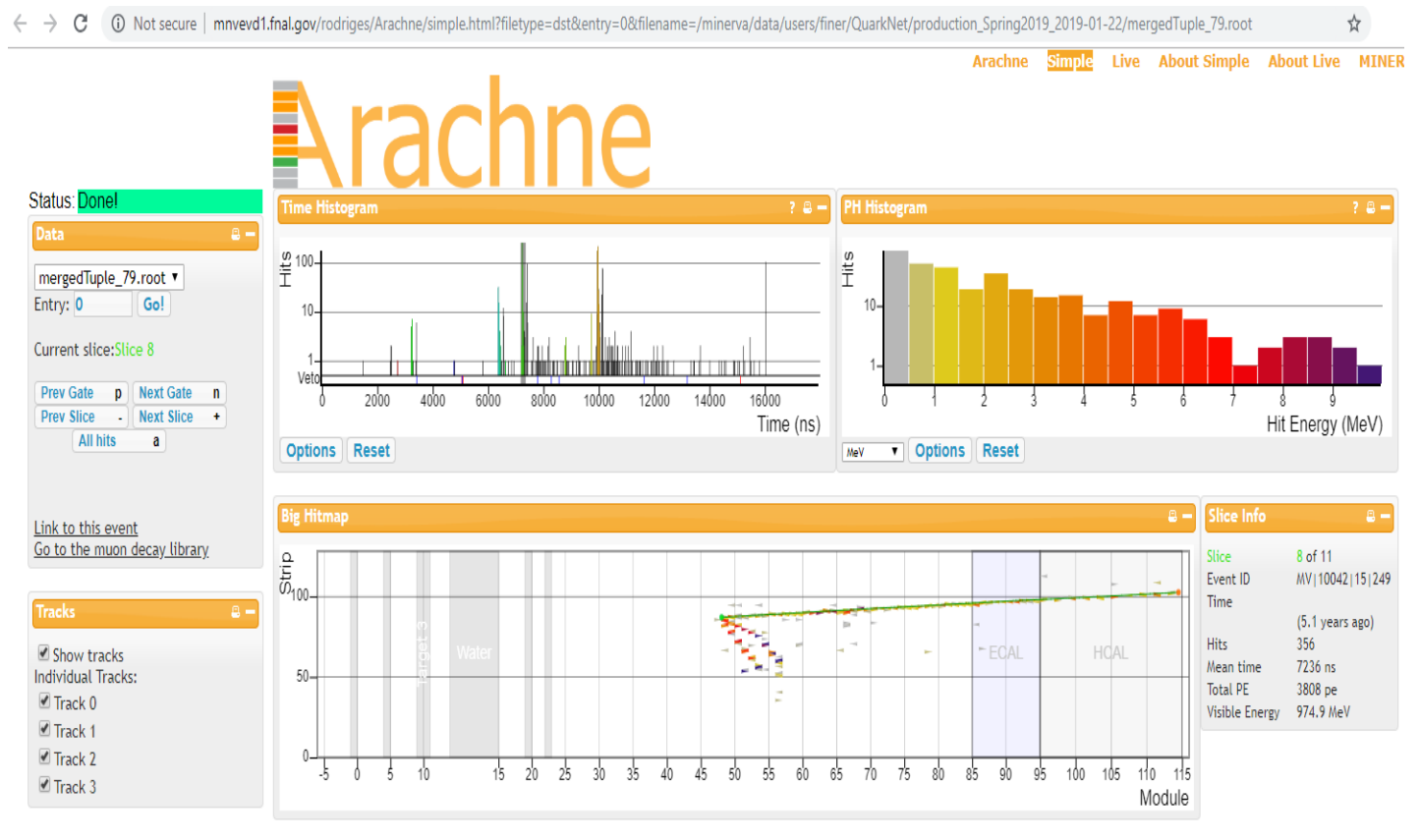
Big Hitmap: Strip vs Module (ECAL, HCAL)

Slice Info:
 Slice: 1 of 11
 Event ID: MV110042151249
 Time: (5.1 years ago)
 Hits: 1
 Mean time: 2724 ns
 Total PE: 4 pe
 Visible Energy: 1.2 MeV

Hit Maps: X View, V View, U View (Strip vs Module)

Students choose Next Slice, which moves a slightly later time in the Gate with each click. The progress can be seen in the *Time Histogram* in Arachne. Students advance the Slice until they find an instance of one long track and one short track coming from a common vertex. This is the actual event they seek.

In this particular Gate, we find two possible events but both are background. The first has two short tracks rather than one:



That means it is not a signal event. Note that time has progressed to a little over 7000 ns in the Time Histogram. This is also background from a later Slice in the same Gate:

Arachne

Status: Done!

Data

mergedTuple_79.root

Entry: 0 [Go!](#)

Current slice: Slice 11

Prev Gate p Next Gate n

Prev Slice - Next Slice +

All hits a

Link to this event

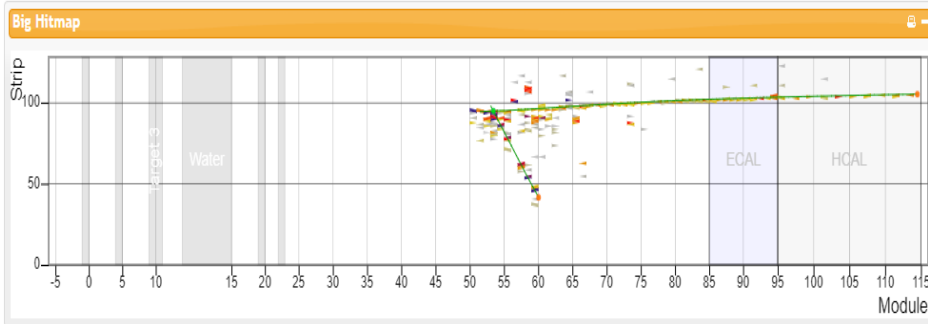
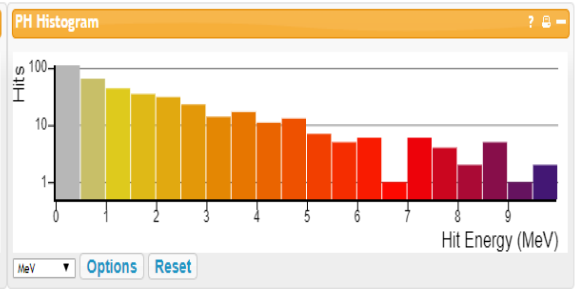
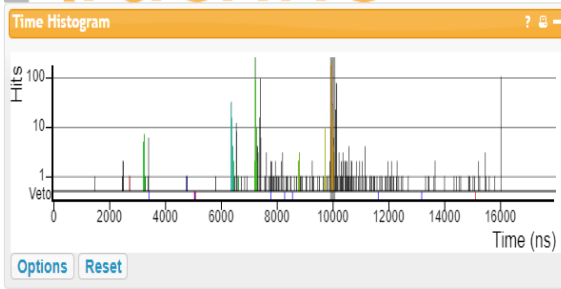
Go to the muon decay library

Tracks

Show tracks

Individual Tracks:

- Track 0
- Track 1
- Track 2
- Track 3



Slice Info

Slice	11 of 11
Event ID	MV10042 15 249
Time	(5.1 years ago)
Hits	429
Mean time	9966 ns
Total PE	5320 pe
Visible Energy	1251.7 MeV

This not only has a an extra track which appears to go backwards (negative z direction) from the vertex but several lines of red and orange dots also coming from the same place.

Here is an example of a good signal event:

Arachne

Status: Done!

Data

mergedTuple_79.root

Entry: 5 [Go!](#)

Current slice: Slice 5

Prev Gate p Next Gate n

Prev Slice - Next Slice +

All hits a

Link to this event

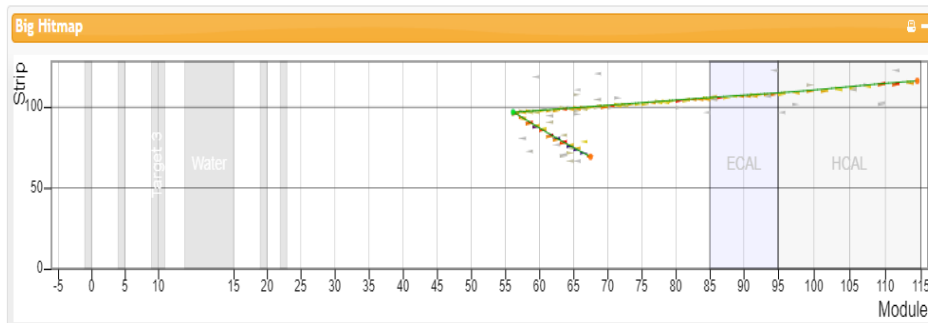
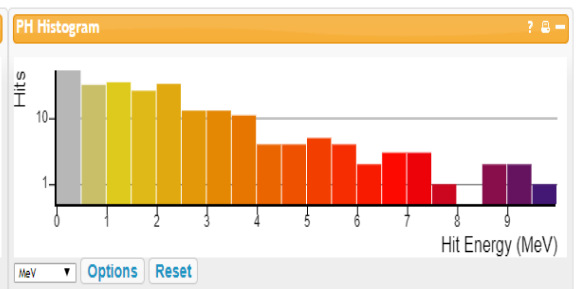
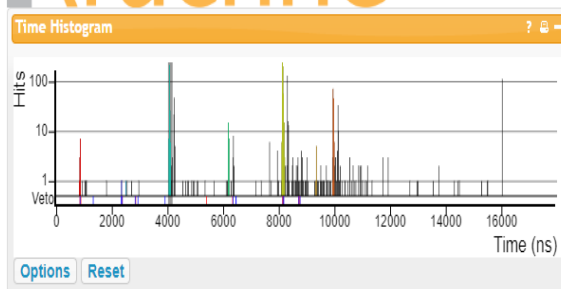
Go to the muon decay library

Tracks

Show tracks

Individual Tracks:

- Track 0
- Track 1
- Track 2
- Track 3

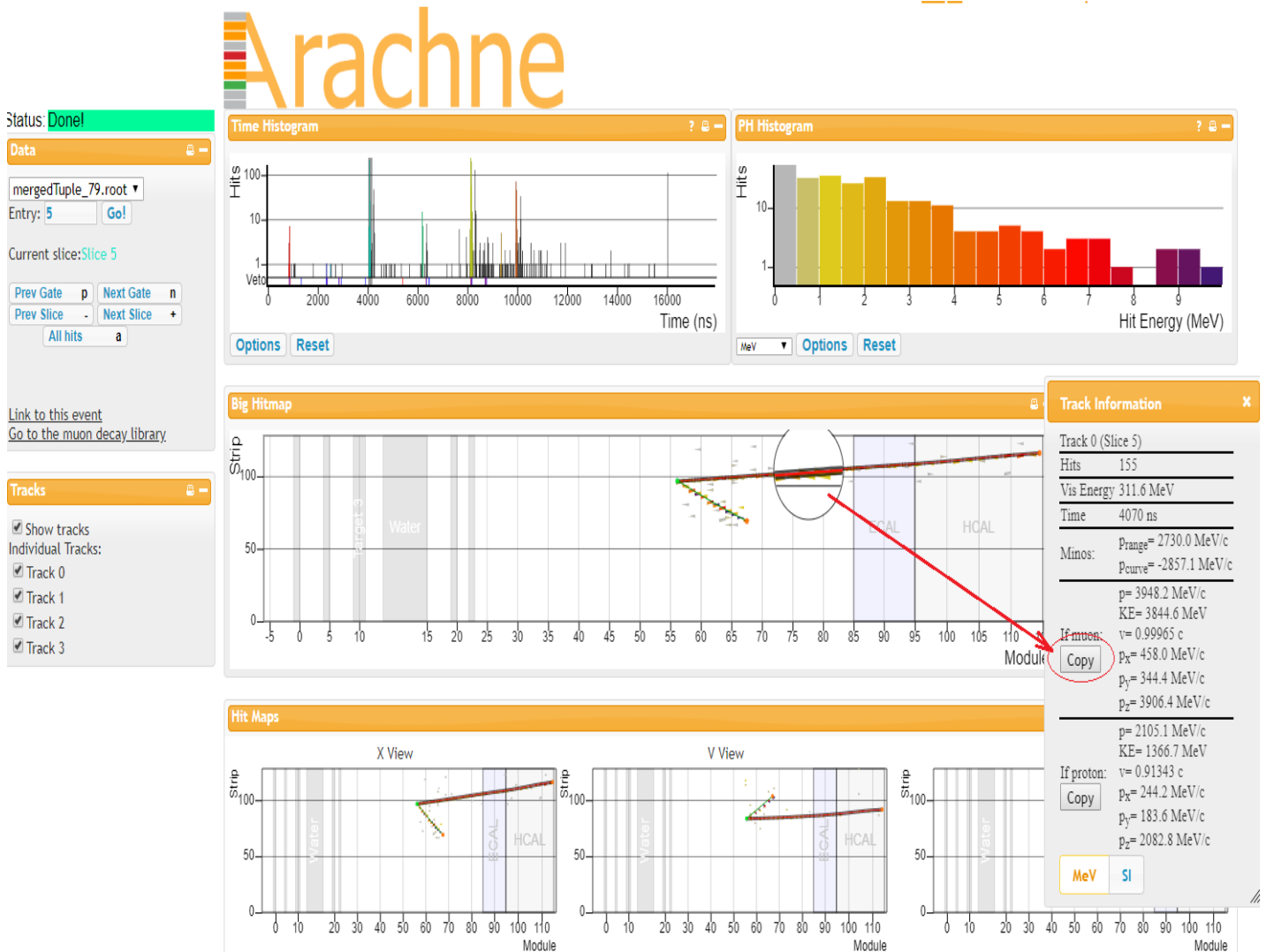


Slice Info

Slice	5 of 12
Event ID	MV10042 23 377
Time	(5.1 years ago)
Hits	255
Mean time	4072 ns
Total PE	2446 pe
Visible Energy	619.5 MeV

Note we are in a different Gate. This is close to a "classic" event: one clear long track for the muon and one clear short track for the proton. (The muons track is always the longer of the two.)

Now the students can find the kinematics from each track. First, they choose one of the two tracks. Here we picked the long muon track first:



Third step: Enter data into the spreadsheet.

When students choose a track, the *Track Information* box pops up. Because this is a muon, they choose the Copy button for a muon. This copies the kinematic data for the muon onto the computer clipboard. It is then pasted at the appropriate place in their assigned Google sheet, in this case in the row for mergedTuple 79, Entry 5 and in the column under Muon KE (MeV):

3															
4	merged		Background	Zoo	Muon					Proton					Net
5	Tuple	Entry	(enter a 1)	(enter a 1)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	px (MeV/c)
154	78	38			2,468.00	0.99917	127.87	-451.51	2,527.66	250.63	0.61	282.26	73.04		669.32
155	78	39			4,180.98	0.9997	-290.25	322.75	4,262.65	4,180.98	1	-290.25	322.75		4,262.65
156	78	40			2,783.10	0.99934	-181.33	-468.2	2,842.18	299.54	0.65	40.96	609.33		527.92
157	78	41													
158	78	42			3,467.68	0.99957	311.9	-624.25	3,502.30	1,219.51	0.9	169.69	-339.63		1,905.48
159	78	43			6,862.50	0.99989	579.99	-95.45	6,941.86	330.54	0.67	-61.04	308.27		794.1
160	78	44			70.27	0.80069	56.54	-31.5	124.52	158.34	0.52	228.67	-127.41		503.58
161	78	45			4,687.34	0.99976	-602.76	-335.44	4,741.27	158.34	0.52	228.67	-127.41		503.58
162	78	46			2,879.91	0.99938	-369.07	-127.86	2,957.39	1,286.94	0.91	-249.61	-86.47		2,000.18
163	78	47			3,890.06	0.99965	-295.93	433.85	3,959.00	1,397.32	0.92	-158.47	232.33		2,120.09
164	78	48			5,784.31	0.99984	370.25	-586.18	5,847.42	169.58	0.53	-246.29	271.65		460.9
165	78	49			3,074.27	0.99945	-228.59	-303.83	3,154.71	1,432.36	0.92	-156.6	-208.15		2,161.23
166	78	50			5,756.19	0.99984	326.56	-411.38	5,836.67	5,784.31	1	370.25	-586.18		5,847.42
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171	79	0													
172	79	1			125.64	0.89036	111.97	-12.75	171.66	260.46	0.62	406.75	-46.31		623.59
173	79	2													
174	79	3			2,745.79	0.99932	-396.07	-157.98	2,816.76	1,493.81	0.92	-311.93	-124.42		2,218.35
175	79	4			235.04	0.60049	337.93	-438.13	435.93	235.04	0.6	337.93	-438.13		435.93
176	79	5			3,844.64	0.999646564	457.9591639	344.430018	3,906.44						
177	79	6													
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182	79	11													
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The students next choose and copy for the proton:

Arachne

Status: Done!

Data

mergedTuple_79.root

Entry: 5 [Go!](#)

Current slice: Slice 5

Prev Gate p Next Gate n

Prev Slice - Next Slice +

All hits a

[Link to this event](#)
[Go to the muon decay library](#)

Tracks

Show tracks

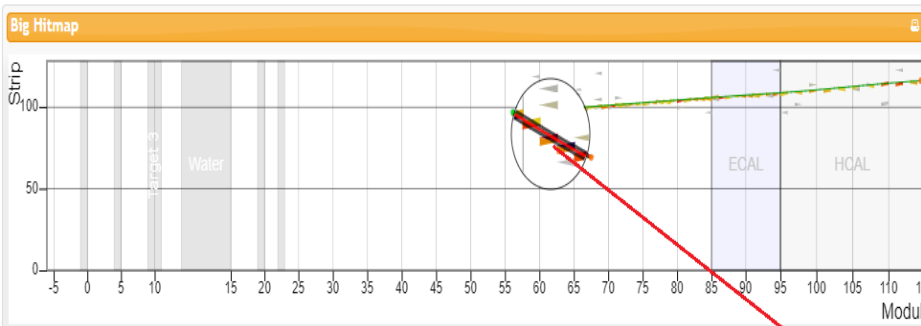
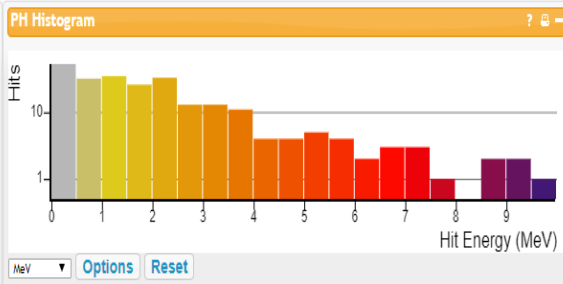
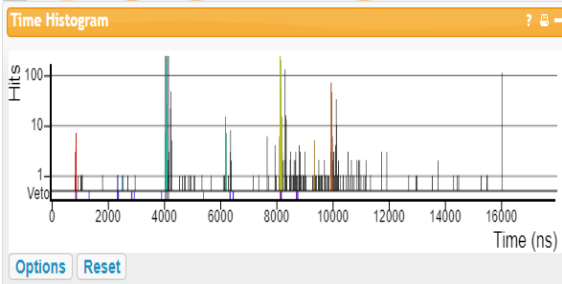
Individual Tracks:

Track 0

Track 1

Track 2

Track 3



Track Information

Track 1 (Slice 5)

Hits 49

Vis Energy 284.7 MeV

Time 4068 ns

Minos: Prange= 0.0 MeV/c
Pcurve= 0.0 MeV/c

p= 265.4 MeV/c
KE= 180.5 MeV
v= 0.92989 c

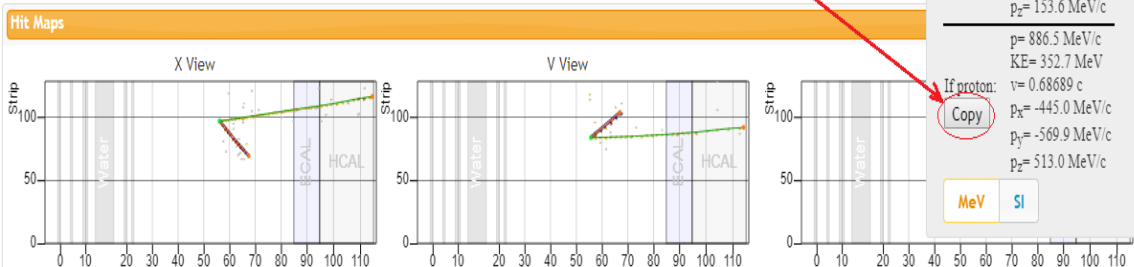
If muon: px= -133.2 MeV/c
py= -170.6 MeV/c
pz= 153.6 MeV/c

p= 886.5 MeV/c
KE= 352.7 MeV
v= 0.68689 c

If proton: px= -445.0 MeV/c
py= -569.9 MeV/c
pz= 513.0 MeV/c

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Then paste the proton kinematics in the next cell to the right of the muon numbers:

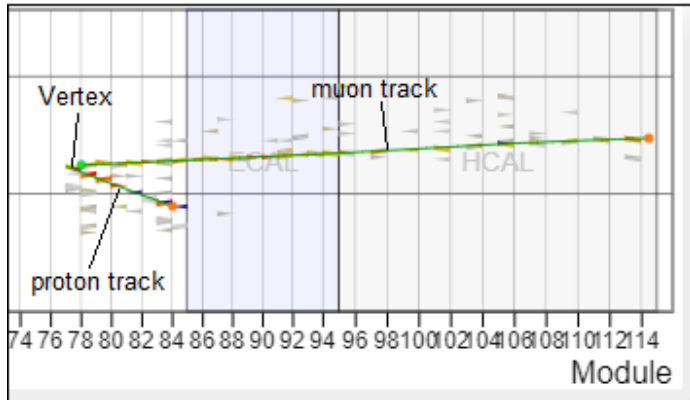
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4	Tuple	Entry	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)
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Note that the spreadsheet automatically calculates initial p_x , p_y , and p_z .

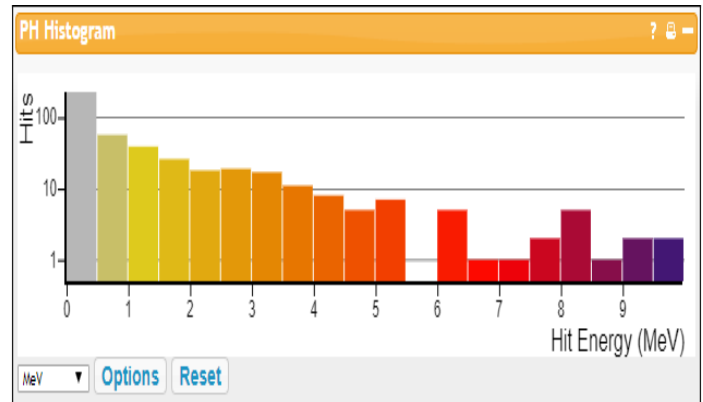
Students do this for all 50 entries (or gates), leaving empty rows only when the gate has no veriable signal event.

About background events

Signal events have a "clean" vertex and undiverted tracks for a proton (short track) and a muon (long track). There may be some splotches of light gray near the vertex; these are low energy deposits in the detector and can usually be ignored.



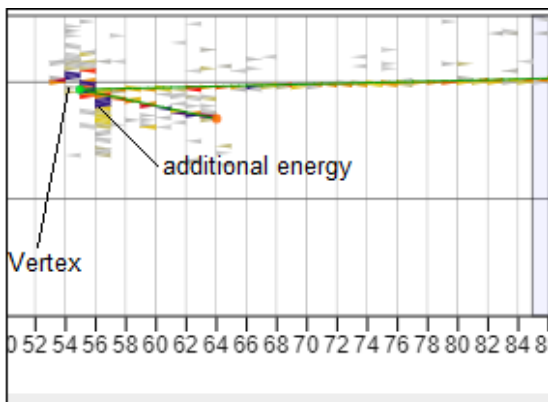
Signal event in Arachne Simple.



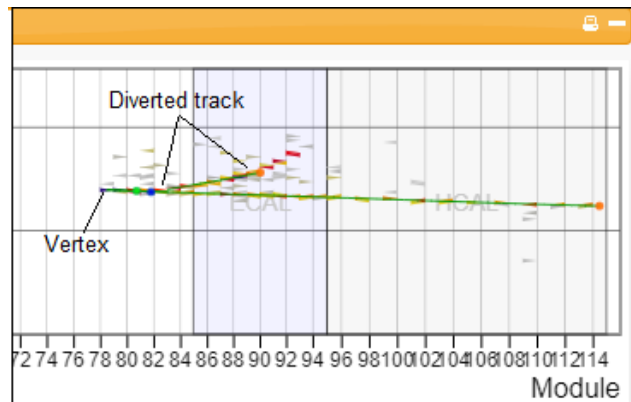
Hit energy histogram. Note the difference in energy from gray to red to blue.

The two main types of background event are Vertex and Recoil.

- *Vertex background events* have ejecta from or near the vertex of the long muon track and short proton track which frustrate an attempt to accurately measure momentum and energy.
- *Recoil background events* have muon or proton tracks which show signs of having radiated an unseen particle or collided with an unseen particle. The main sign of this would be a track with a "knee" or a "kink" in its path.



Vertex background event.



Recoil background event.

In addition, many background events are just outside parameters for a signal event. They may have too many tracks or many "splotches" of significant extra energy or are simply hard to understand. (Physicists usually call these latter kind, if they are odd enough, "zoo" events.)

The good news: students do not need to categorize background events - just skip them!

Presenting and Understanding Results

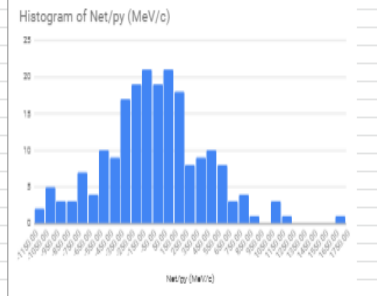
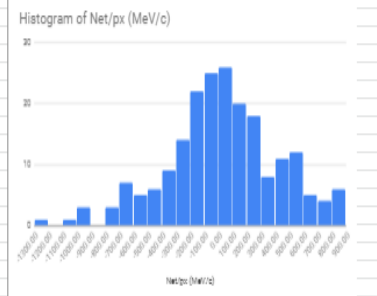
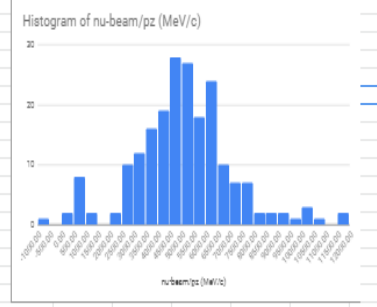
Masterclass leader must help students to interpret results in a physics discussion after the measurement. We refer you again to **Understanding MINERvA Masterclass Results** (<https://quarknet.org/content/understanding-minerva-masterclass-results>).

For each masterclass, plots of p_z, p_x, and p_y for all signal events measured will appear at the bottom of the specific sheet in Google Sheets used by that masterclass. Each plot should be roughly Gaussian. Masterclass leaders should guide students to these 3 discoveries:

1. The central value in the p_z plot represents the beam momentum. Since each neutrino has very little mass but significant-enough momentum to be relativistic, p_z in MeV/c is effectively the same number as energy E of the neutrino beam. If nothing else, the students will leave the masterclass knowing the MINOS neutrino line beam energy because they will have measured it.
2. The values of p_x and p_y represent neutron momenta in the x- and y-directions, transverse to the neutrino beam. If these cluster narrowly around zero, then the neutrons are at rest when they interact with the neutrinos. If there is more like a Gaussian distribution, they have their own momenta inside the nucleus. Thus students can conclude from a robust distribution that the neutrons do indeed have their own momenta - and thus motion - inside the nucleus.
3. The widths of the distributions in p_x and p_y represent two measurements of the uncertainty in the momentum of the neutron inside the carbon nucleus. Application of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle will then yield the uncertainty in position. An adjustment for the neutrinos behaving approximately as a Fermi gas doubles this number. This is the uncertainty in the position of the neutron and should be on a scale similar to the radius of a carbon nucleus.

The plots should appear at the top of the sheet to the right of the data and look something like this:

#	merged	Background	Zoo	Muon	Proton			Net			nu-beam						
#	Tuple	Entry	(enter a 1)	(enter a 1)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	KE (MeV)	v/c	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)	px (MeV/c)	py (MeV/c)	pz (MeV/c)
4	26	0			4,426.90	0.99973	587.42	-158.87	4,489.22	215.21	0.98	-163.28	-125.16	638.54	424.14	-284.03	5,127.76
7	26	1															
8	26	2			5,229	1	679	-110	5,288	216	1	-392	307	451	287.00	197.00	5,739.00
9	26	3															
12	26	4			3,196.85	0.99949	-361.95	369.5	3,260.49	215.45	0.98	-167.97	-174.28	589.2	-519.92	95.22	3,849.69
11	26	5															
13	26	6															
14	26	7															
14	26	8															
14	26	9															
14	26	10															
17	26	11			5,227.88	0.99981	215.12	-589.3	5,297.00	203.96	0.97	-252.61	474.61	367.64	-37.49	-94.69	5,664.64
18	26	12			4,086.76	0.99969	533.45	343.77	4,142.11	369.43	0.7	-545.48	-211.02	698.17	-12.03	132.75	4,840.28
18	26	13			3,386.73	0.99955	-68.95	542.68	3,447.01	299.79	0.62	-251.11	-440.74	545.49	-320.06	101.94	3,992.90
20	26	14															
21	26	15			7,435.85	0.9999	147.41	700.22	7,506.08	285.44	0.64	-70.36	-686.23	375.62	77.05	13.99	7,881.70
22	26	16															
24	26	17			5,954.35	0.99983	168.28	484.13	5,675.29	278.3	0.64	-650.36	-109.53	405.67	-482.08	374.60	6,080.96
24	26	18			3,074.09	0.99945	-118.06	-470.14	3,140.17	198.88	0.52	61.87	429.24	367.73	-56.19	-40.90	3,507.90
24	26	19			5,074.69	0.99979	603.62	157.55	5,140.91	245.76	0.61	-396.54	-383.17	466.23	207.08	-225.62	5,607.14
24	26	20			3,715.75	0.99962	363.14	-532.45	3,764.54	187.39	0.55	-243.86	467.19	330.05	119.28	-65.26	4,094.69
27	26	21															
28	26	22			187.69	0.55287	-434.71	-259	362.32	5,049.47	1	643.54	-213.47	5,108.60	208.83	-472.47	5,470.92
28	26	23			5,396.19	0.99962	45.5	696.21	5,425.50	249.48	0.61	27.36	-349.34	638.33	-18.14	346.87	6,063.83
28	26	24			3,418.37	0.99956	271.32	-518.22	3,472.88	233	0.6	-404.95	348.81	453.99	-133.63	-169.41	3,926.47
28	26	25			5,895.67	0.99985	-345.6	447.68	5,973.04	189.16	0.56	60.9	-225.88	579.59	-284.70	221.80	6,552.63
28	26	26			247.99	0.6116	195.07	-391.51	578.31	3,607.08	1	-220.99	511.26	3,668.55	-25.92	119.75	4,246.86
28	26	27			287.85	0.64381	-217.16	249.11	716.69	287.85	0.64	-217.16	249.11	716.69	434.32	-48.22	1,433.38
28	26	28			4,046.04	0.99968	5.17	488.97	4,120.80	841.56	0.85	-544.1	-497.52	1,330.39	-538.99	-8.55	5,441.19
28	26	29			2,165.25	0.99893	593.38	-229.64	2,176.74	193.9	0.56	-392.11	60.85	493.87	201.27	-168.79	2,670.61
28	26	30			5,002.47	0.99979	149.1	-401.9	5,088.37	217.95	0.58	-124.34	253.63	613.68	24.76	-148.27	5,702.05
28	26	31															
28	26	32															
28	26	33			5,204.48	0.9998	-461.13	-465.46	5,267.85	289.23	0.64	-199.68	533.89	548.94	-660.81	68.43	5,816.79
28	26	34			3,479.26	0.99957	-333.17	336.63	3,550.27	173.34	0.54	195.14	-329.32	471.92	-178.03	7.31	4,022.19
28	26	35			2,442.09	0.99915	-501.87	83.66	2,493.55	236.9	0.6	380.39	135.17	581.01	-121.48	218.83	3,074.56
28	26	36			3,919.10	0.99966	249.64	546.56	3,977.60	239.82	0.6	-128.64	-553.41	429.66	121.00	-6.85	4,407.26
28	26	37															
28	26	38			4,225.24	0.99971	439.87	-98.56	4,305.44	291.28	0.65	438.44	275	602.86	878.31	176.44	4,908.30
28	26	39			6,056.39	1	-496.84	-188.82	6,137.52	173.25	0.54	187.31	-291.43	484.79	-309.53	-480.25	6,622.31
28	26	40			351.83	0.68639	432.53	410.47	654.4	3,391.39	1	420.54	-308.5	3,455.67	853.07	101.97	4,110.07
28	26	41			2,736.24	0.99932	-387.37	-540.56	2,772.51	326.86	0.67	482.2	142.72	683.47	194.83	-397.84	3,455.98
28	26	42			6,358.31	0.99987	512.73	312.46	6,434.51	326.98	0.67	-493.69	-288.63	627.13	19.04	23.83	7,061.64
28	26	43			4,388.76	0.99973	53.73	524.02	4,461.54	202.97	0.57	-14.98	-488.61	427.79	38.75	35.41	4,889.33
28	26	44			3,239.87	0.99961	645.76	-215.09	3,273.20	347.71	0.68	-678.68	-85.66	592.5	-32.92	-300.75	3,825.70
28	26	45															
28	26	46			4,626.25	0.99975	562.83	210.72	4,691.75	393.74	0.71	-343.55	-362.52	802.64	219.28	-151.80	5,494.39
28	26	47															
28	26	48			4,707.97	0.99976	669.85	-265.78	4,757.56	274.61	0.63	-453.9	-80.92	613.42	215.96	-356.70	5,370.98
28	26	49															
28	26	50															
28	26	51															
28	26	52			6,012.14	0.99985	320.08	533.37	6,084.52	415.16	0.72	-308.48	-655.43	653.04	11.60	-122.06	6,737.56
28	26	53															
27	0	0			7,079.96	0.99989	146.17	-431.76	7,169.32	171.87	0.53	-243.25	75.91	535.76	-97.08	-395.85	7,705.08
27	1	1															



For p_x and p_y , the uncertainties can be roughly measure as the full-width at half-maximum of the plot.divided by 2. Students and masterclass leaders are asked to measure these from the plots and enter these into the Google sheets just below those plots.. The Google sheet will then make the cal

Much MINERvA research is dedicated to understanding the full interaction - $\nu_\mu + n^0 \rightarrow \mu^- + p^+$ plus whatever interactions the muon and the proton have with other parts of the nucleus as they energy.

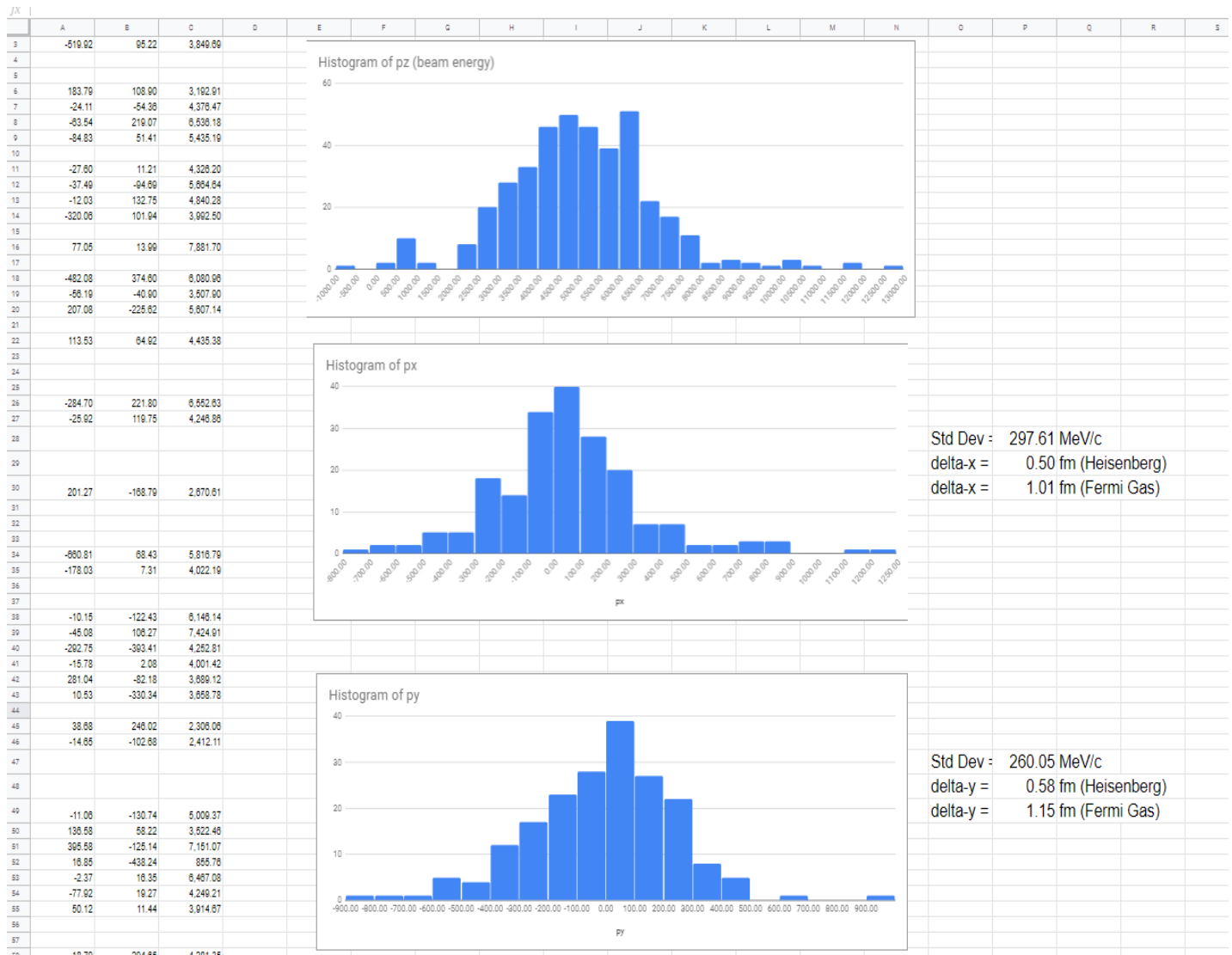
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All moderators should note the following:

- The videoconference should last about 30 minutes. It sometimes runs over but be careful to not use up too much time, especially in the first half. Keep answers and explanations brief and to the point. Do not veer off into details or additional related physics.
- If there is only one masterclass group assigned to the videoconference, there is no need for combination of results. Rather, allow the single group to explain their results to you; ask probing and encouraging questions.
- If there is more than one group, still allow each group to explain their result but limit it to only 1-3 minutes. Ask questions.
- Combination plots are in the "videocon plots" tab of the Google Sheet. The spreadsheet calculates standard deviation for the p_x and p_y plots as well as Δp_x , Δx , Δp_y , and Δy . Please discuss these results with the students and compare them with the results for a single group. Ask more questions.
- The last part of the videoconference is for students to ask questions of you. Be sure there will be time for this. They are instructed to be wide-ranging in their questions.

The plots and calculations look like this:



References and materials

- **MINERvA (Fermilab) page** (<https://minerva.fnal.gov/>)
- **International Masterclasses** (<http://www.physicsmasterclasses.org>)
- **QuarkNet** (<https://quarknet.org>) (for Neutrino Masterclass Library, go to MASTERCLASSES > NEUTRINO PROJECT MAP)
- Useful Wikipedia pages:
 - **Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uncertainty_principle)
 - **Full-Width Half Maximum** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Full_width_at_half_maximum)
 - **Standard Deviation** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_deviation)
 - **Fermi Gas** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fermi_gas)
- All the data:
 - mergedTuples 1-25** (<https://quarknet.org/content/minerva-masterclass-data-group>)
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- G. **mergedTuples 151-175** (<https://quarknet.org/content/minerva-masterclass-data-group-g>)
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