

Light Calorimetry Feasibility Studies

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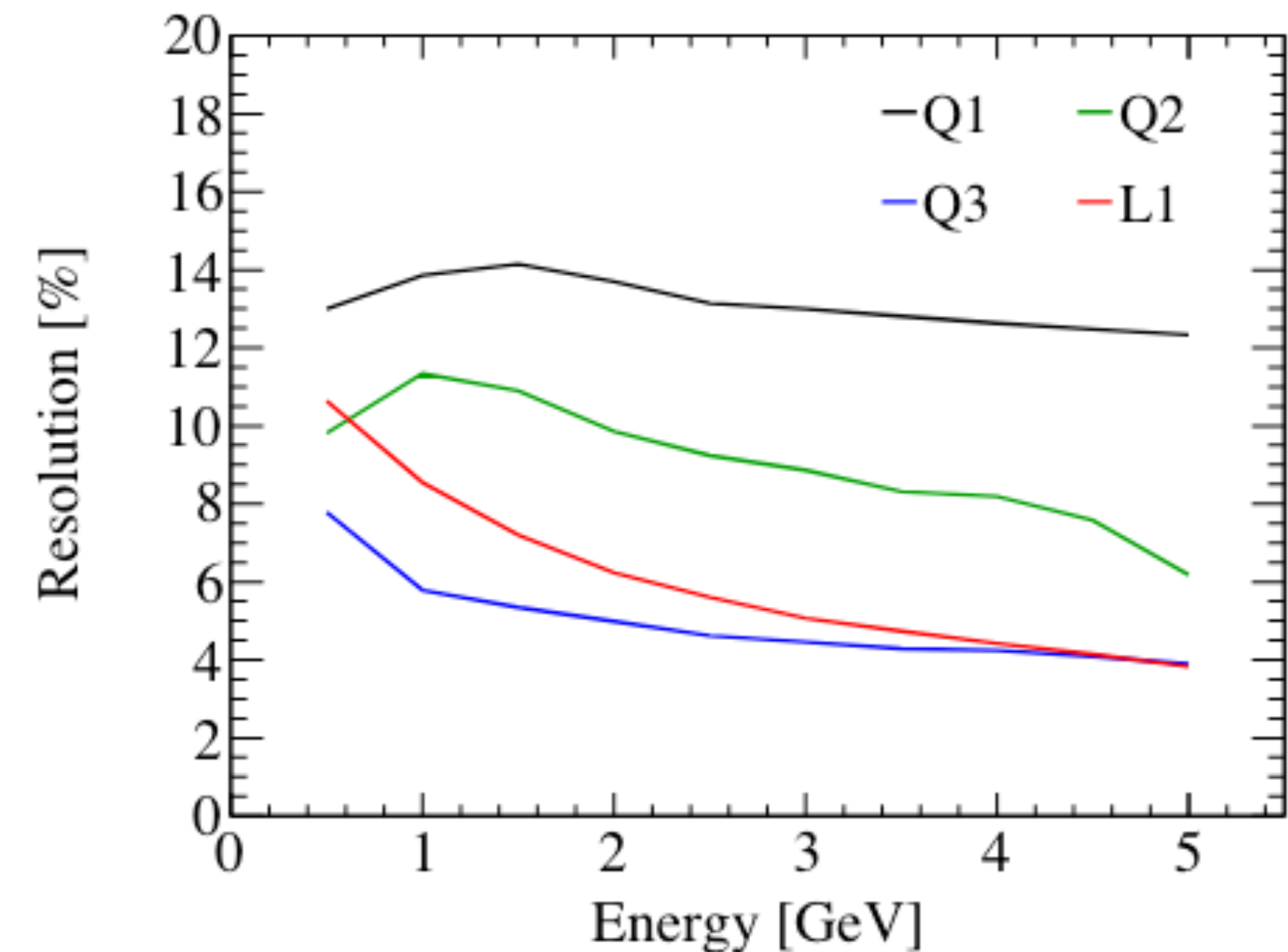
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Introduction

- investigating methods to reconstruct the **true neutrino energy**, particularly using light information, with a focus on electron-neutrino (inclusive) interactions
- largely follows work presented in: *Self-compensating light calorimetry with liquid argon time projection chamber for GeV neutrino physics* (<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.111.032007>)
- does the *L1* (light-only) based calorimetry improve neutrino energy reconstruction in SBND? how about charge based methods?
 - lower energy beam (BNB) compared to paper (focuses on 3 GeV)
 - what happens when we include realistic detector effects (using SBND detsim)?



LAr as a Calorimeter

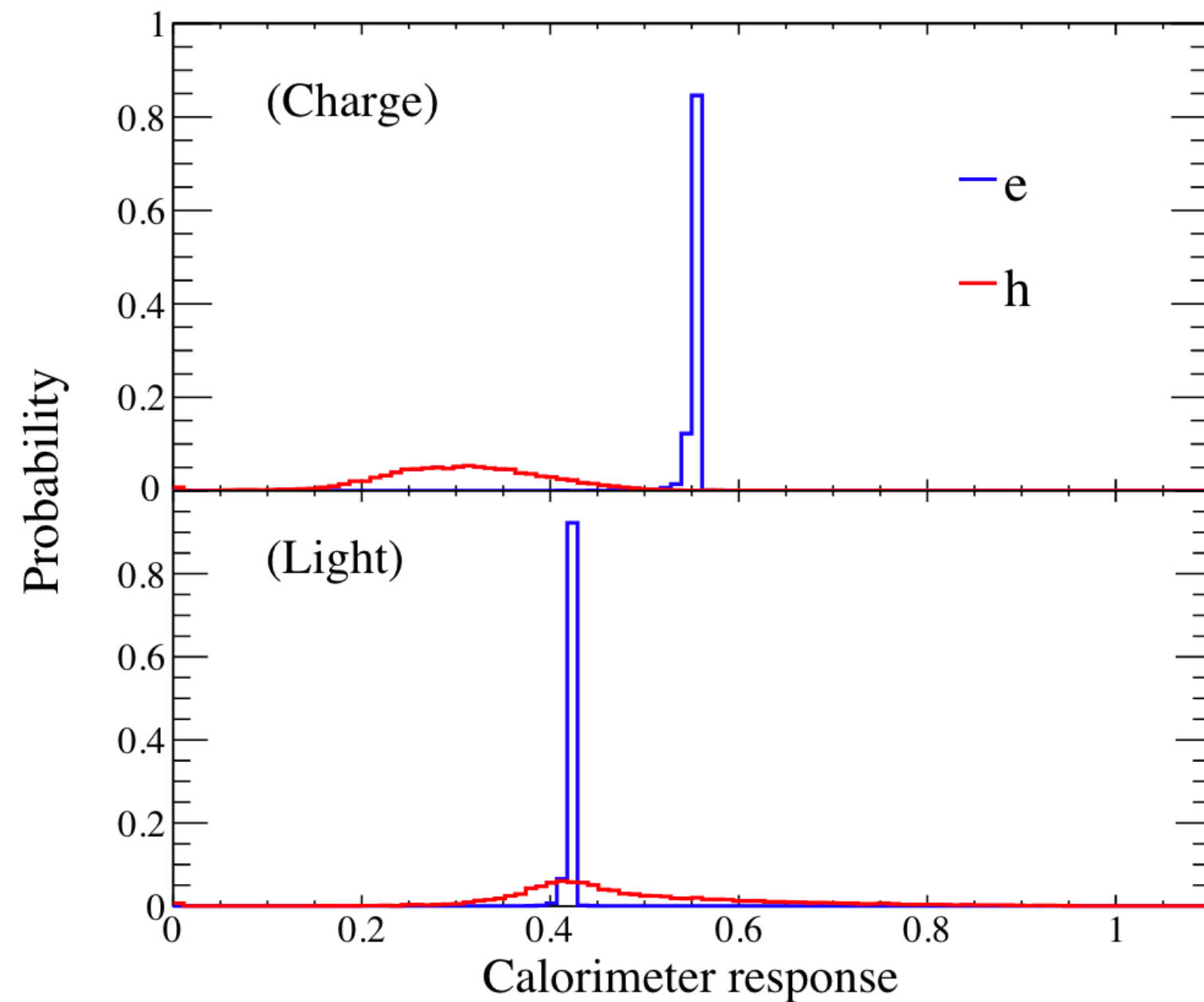


FIG. 4. The calorimeter responses (R_{cal} , the ratio of the visible energy to the available energy) in LArTPC for the EM component (e , blue) and the hadronic component (h , red). The top panel shows the charge calorimetry and the bottom panel shows the light calorimetry. 10^5 ν_e CC events are simulated with neutrino energy of 0.5–5 GeV. The area of each distribution is normalized to 1.

- light information may be particularly useful since the light calorimetric response for EM and hadronic components are similar
- some pros:
 - does not require PID
 - largely independent on TPC reconstruction paradigm
- some cons:
 - need to have very well calibrated, very uniform photo-detectors

SBND as a testbench...

- SBND has a very large number of photodetectors (302 total), with just over 100 PMTs currently operational (X-ARAPUCAs still being commissioned)
- I have studied light calorimetry in SBND (from a $Q + L$ perspective) for EM shower energy reconstruction (Neutrino2024 poster [here](#))
- we have all the ingredients to study whether neutrino energy light calorimetry is feasible with the SBND detector!

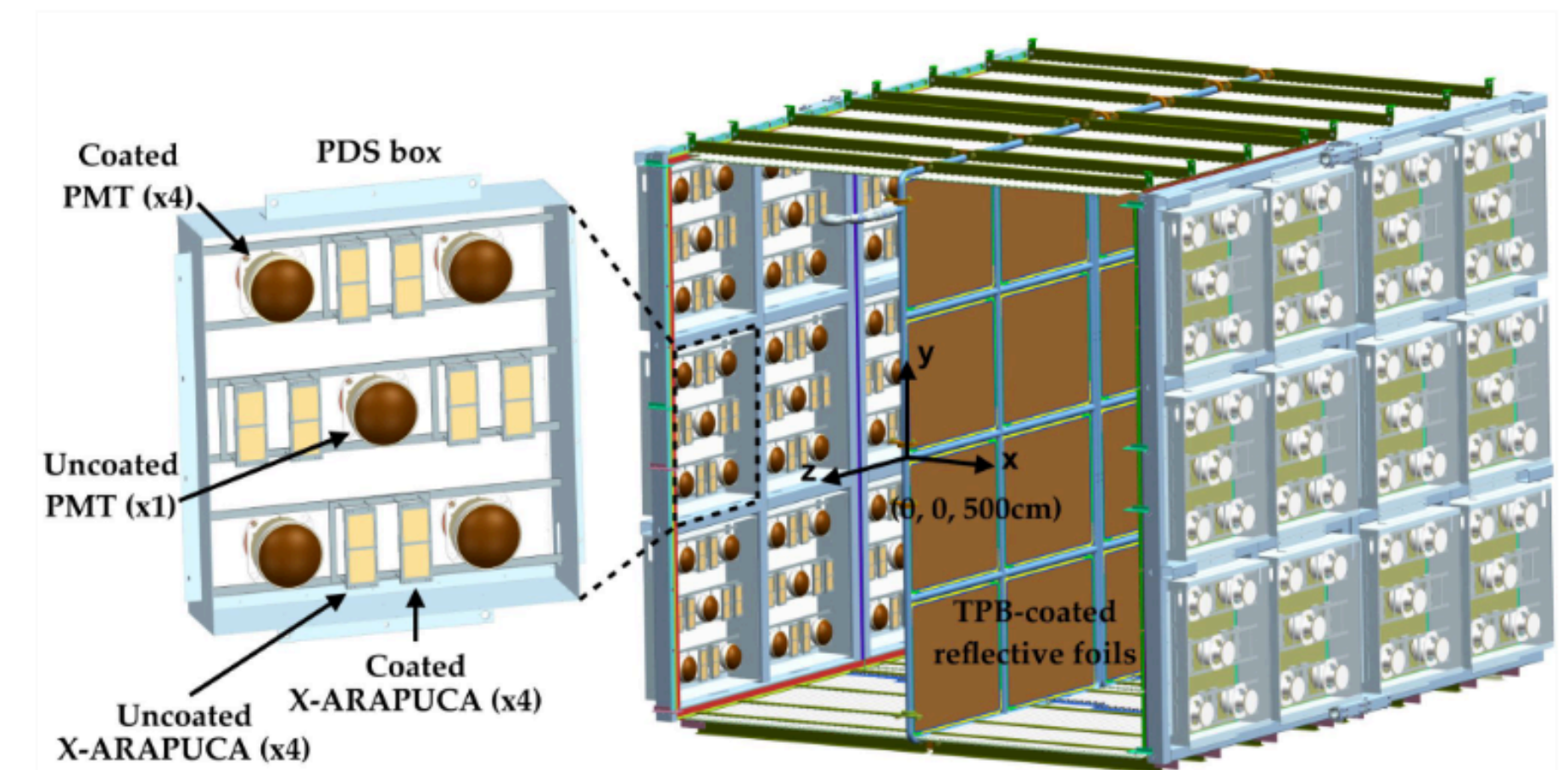


Figure 7. PMT and X-ARAPUCA arrangement in a PDS-box (left), together with a view of SBND's photon detection system (right) [2].

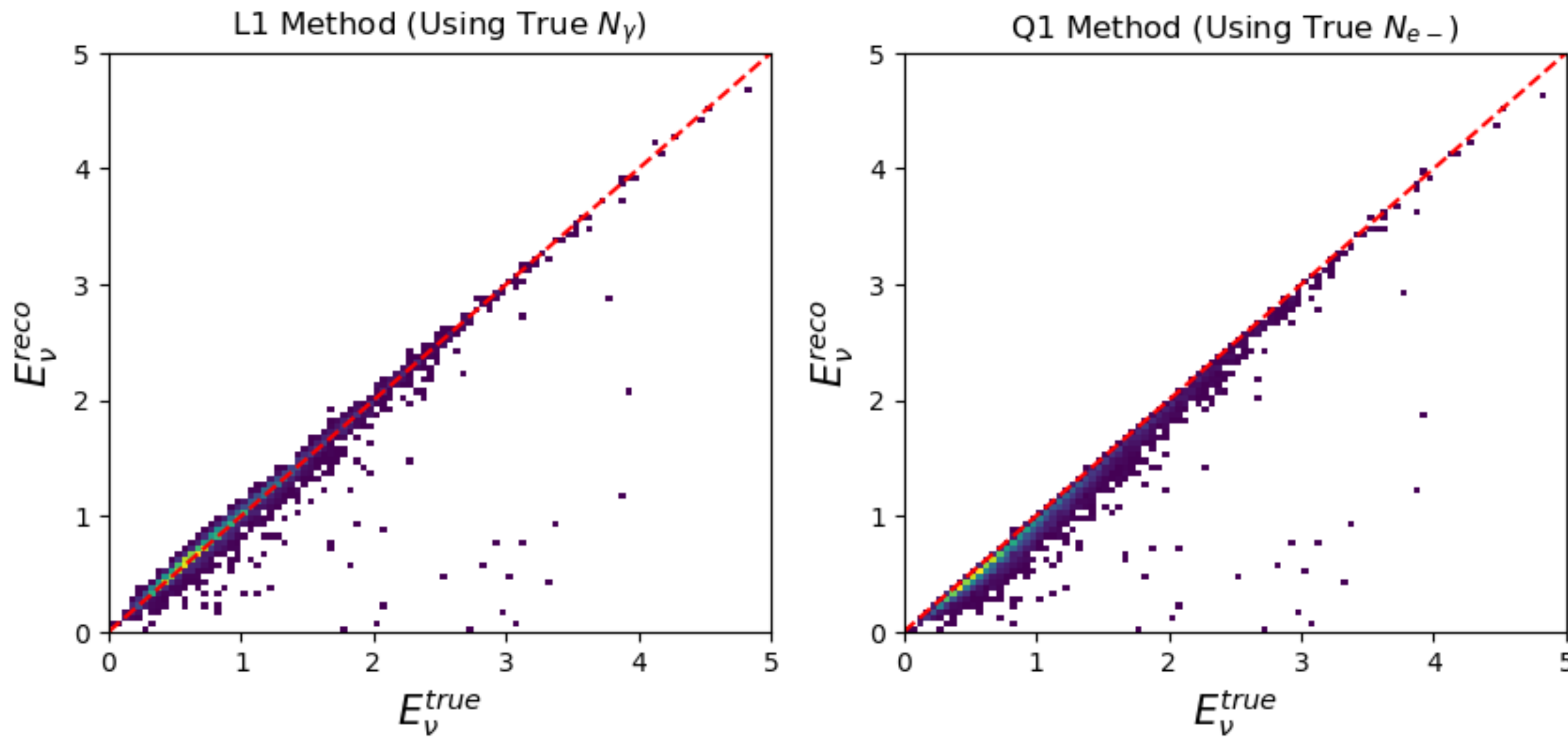
Calorimetry Methods

- L1 method (simple light scaling): $L1 = \frac{L}{0.5} W_{ph}$
- Q1 method (simple charge scaling): $Q_1 = \frac{Q}{0.5} W_{ph}$
- Q2 method (like Q1 but separate EM/hadronic): $Q_2 = \left(\frac{Q_e}{0.5} + \frac{Q_h}{0.5} \right) W_{ph}$
- Calorimetry: $E_\nu^{rec} = \sum_i (K_i^{rec} + m_i + B_i)$
 - for QE-like, such as $1e1p$, simplifies to: $E_{\nu,cal} = E_{e-} + K_{p,range}$

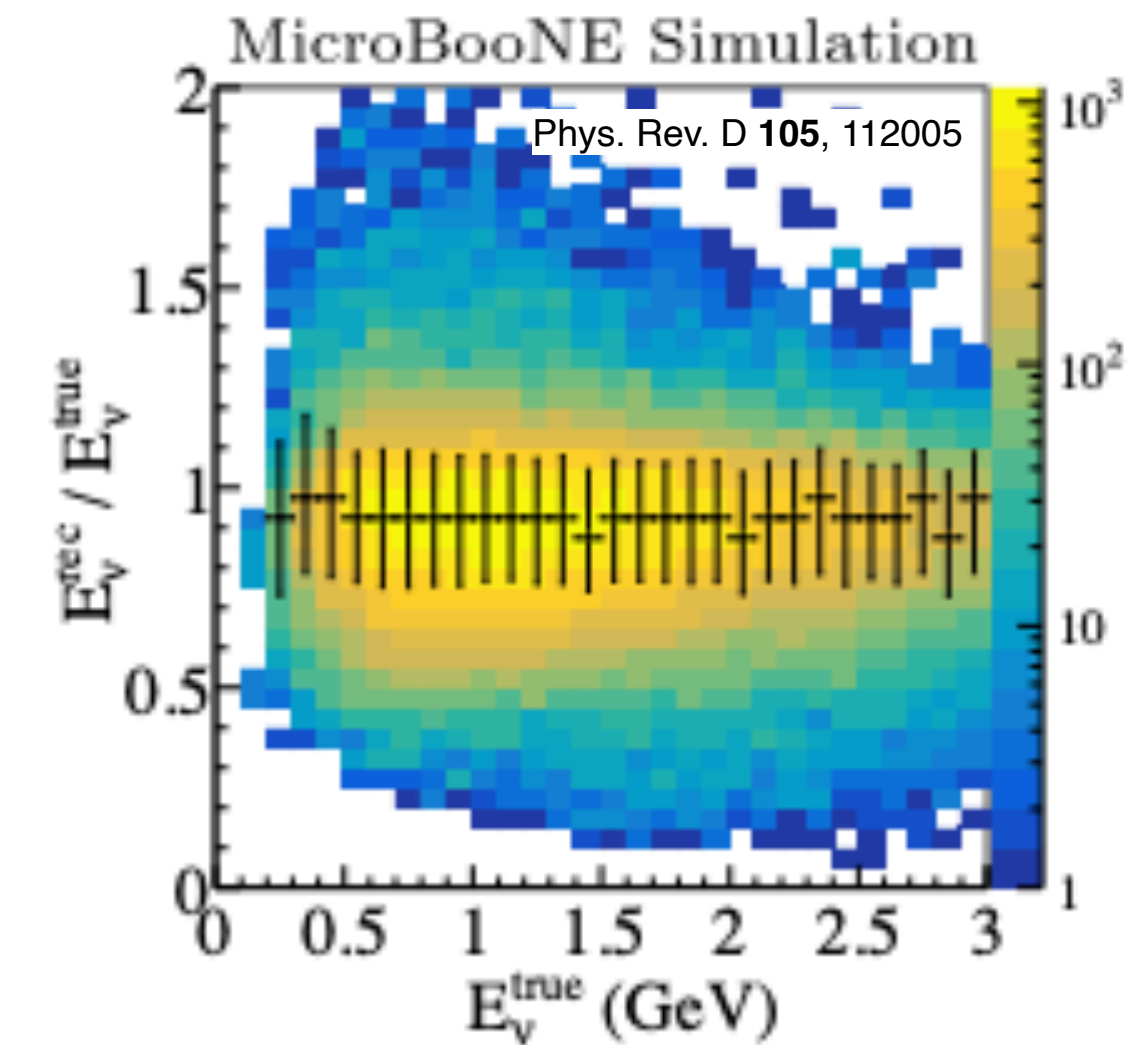
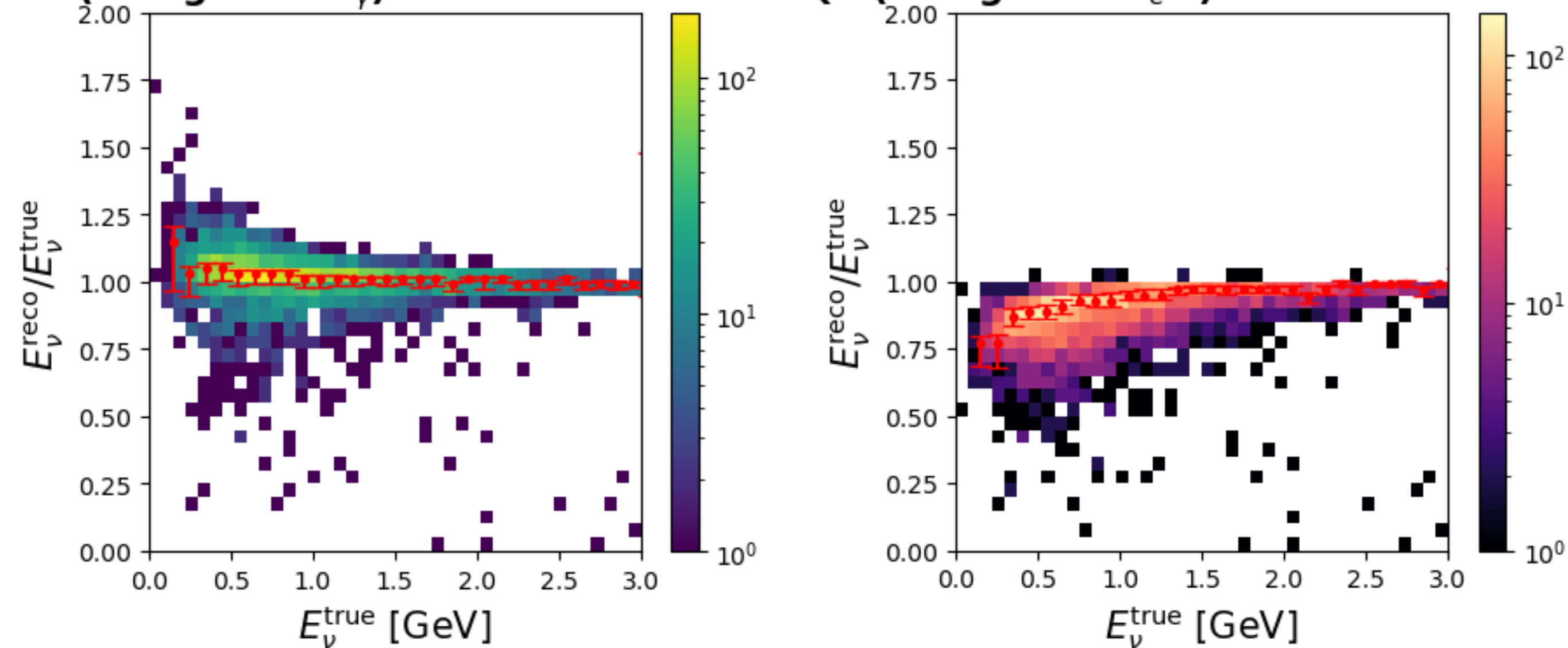
Truth Energy Resolution

- using **truth** information from simulated energy depositions from $\text{CC}\nu_e$ contained interactions
- the *intrinsic* resolution of this method

CC ν_e Energy Reco (with Truth Info)



L1 (Using True N_γ): Bias + Resolution Q1 (Using True N_e): Bias + Resolution



(g) ν_e CC candidates, FC

Reconstructing L (Detector effects)

1. photon propagation (Poisson statistics)

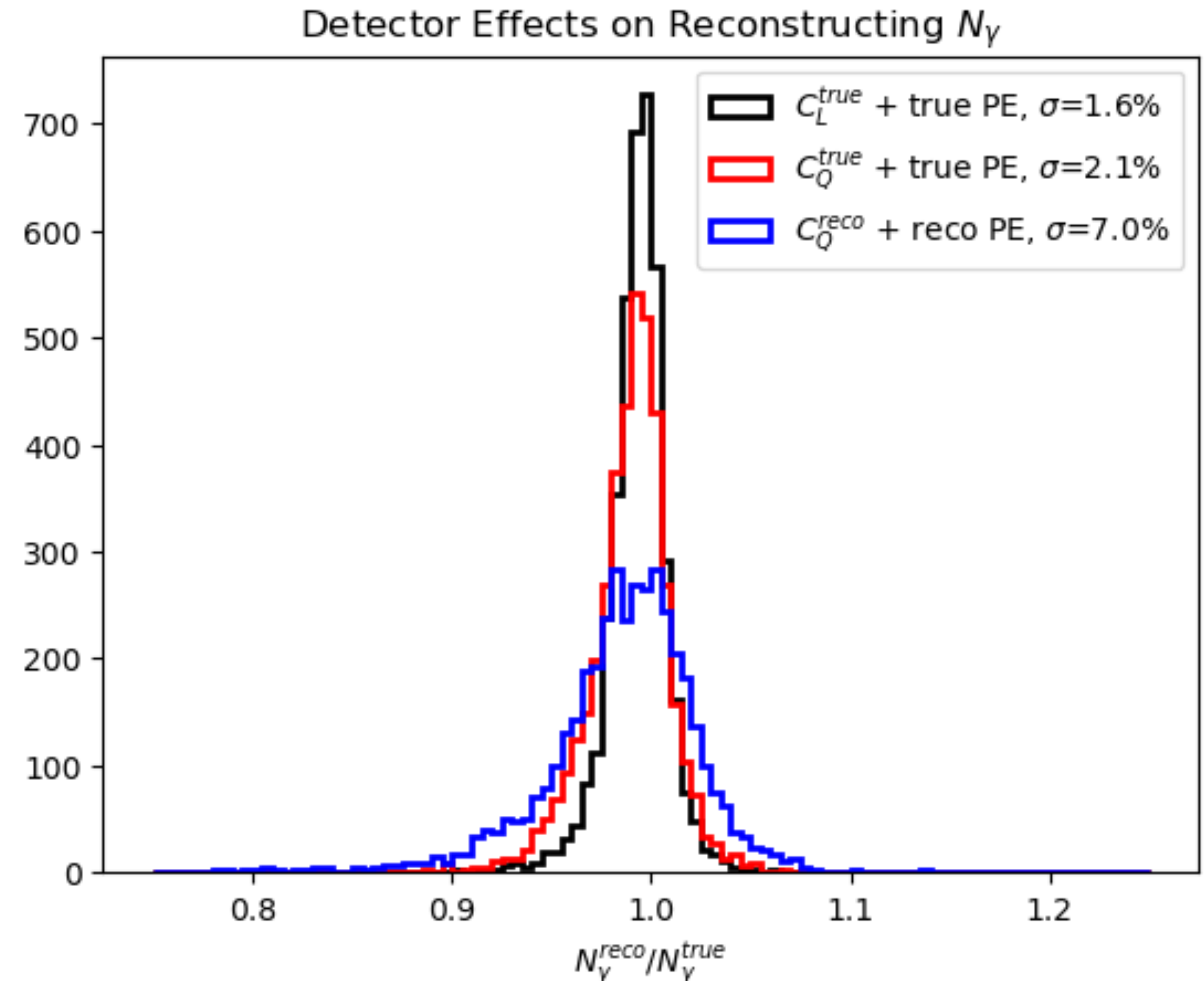
- the # of photons that reach the photodetectors are subject to Poisson fluctuations and is spatially dependent (geometric visibility)

2. realistic spatial corrections

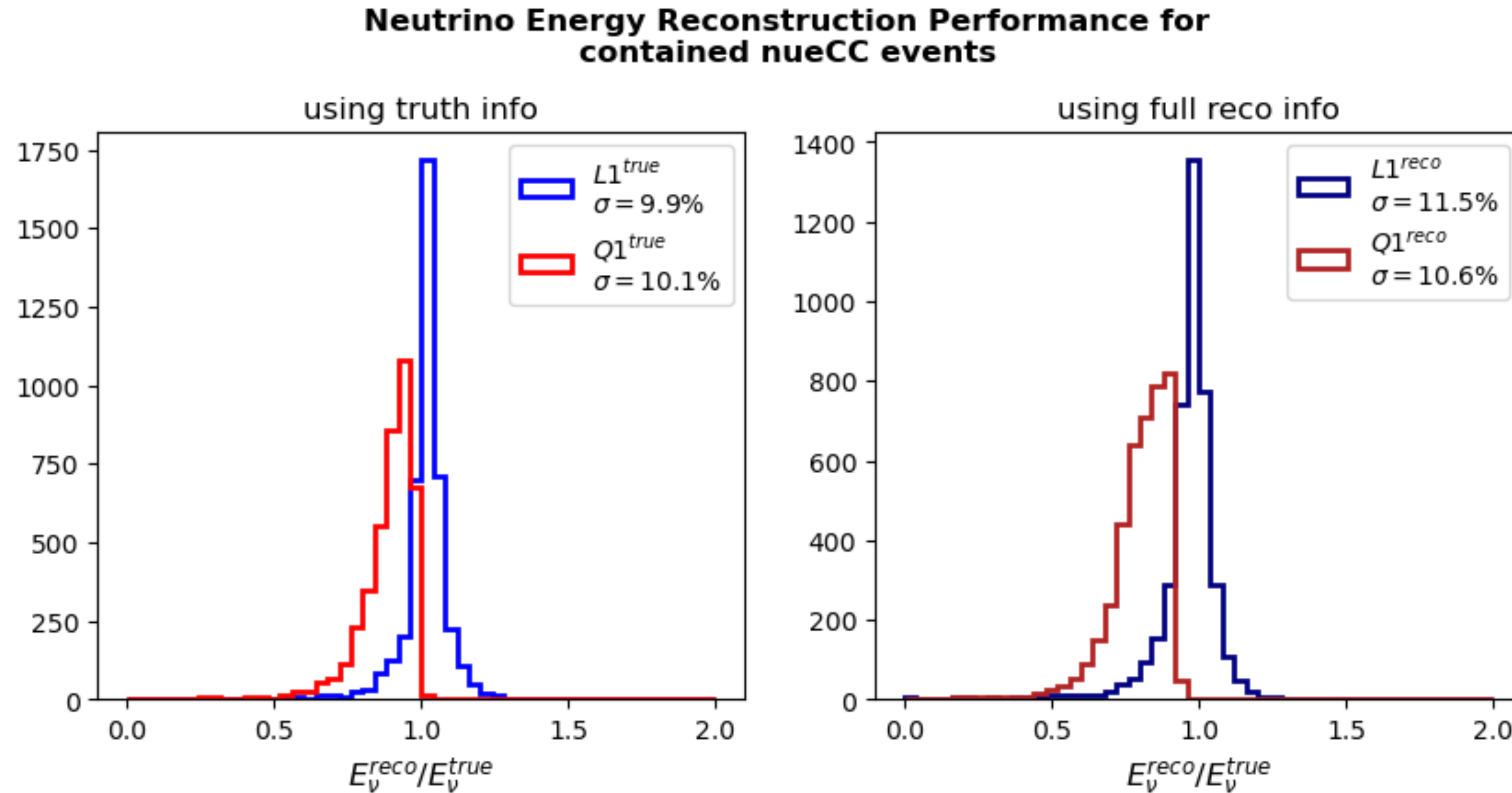
- to construct the spatial correction map, realistically we need to use charge information

3. reconstruction

- using full detector simulation + reconstruction



Full Detector Simulation



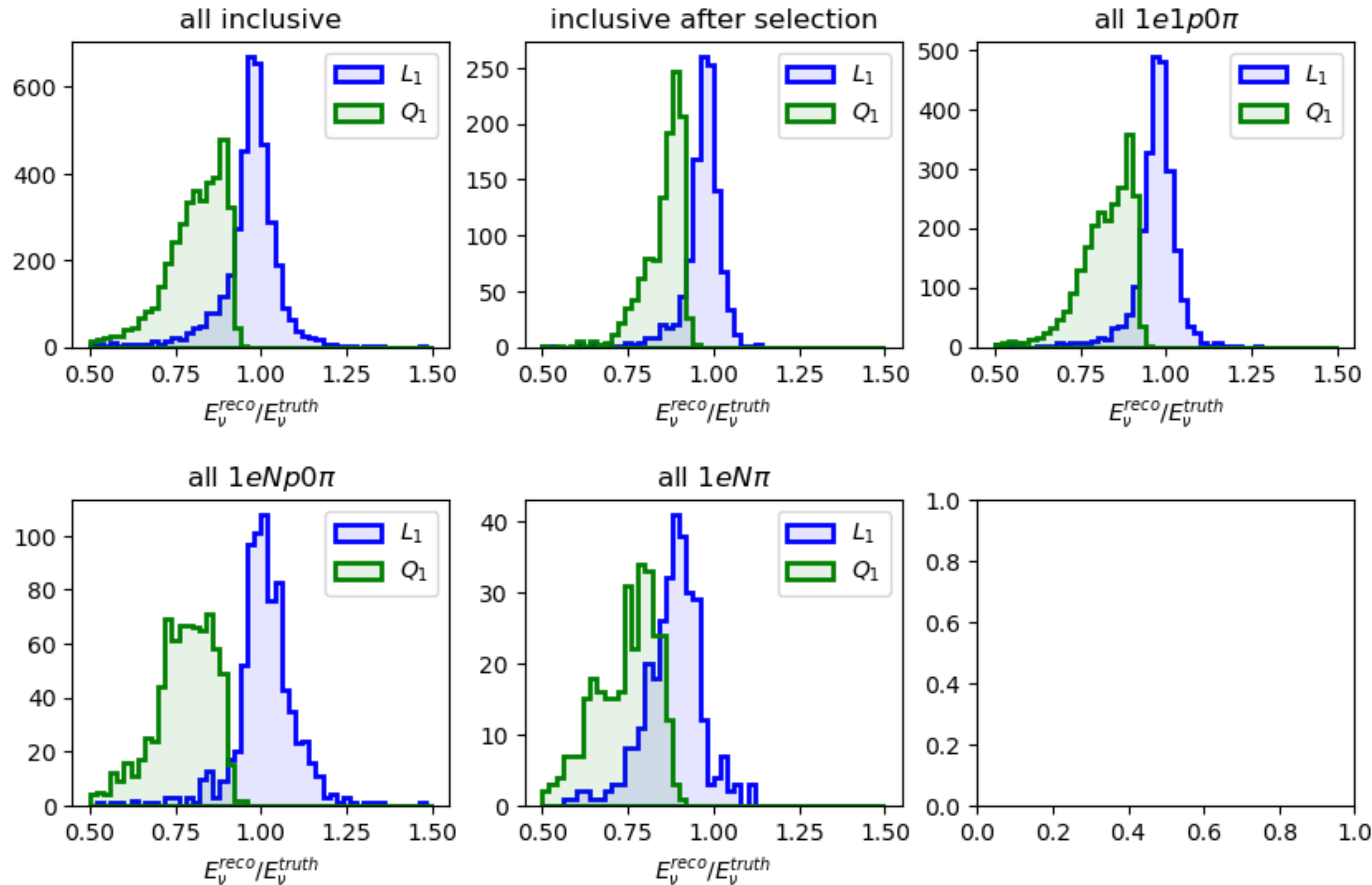
- show additional smearing for simple scaling methods based on reconstruction ($Q1$ uses Pandora reco, sums all hits in a `recob::Slice`)

performance w.r.t. interaction channels

- can compare performance for inclusive, *selected* inclusive (using current Pandora-based selection), and exclusive channels
- should expect to see slightly different results based on final state particles
- note: Pandora does not have neutrino energy estimation for any inclusive (ν_μ or ν_e)
- particle gun studies (protons, electrons, pions) also performed as sanity checks

performance w.r.t. interaction channels

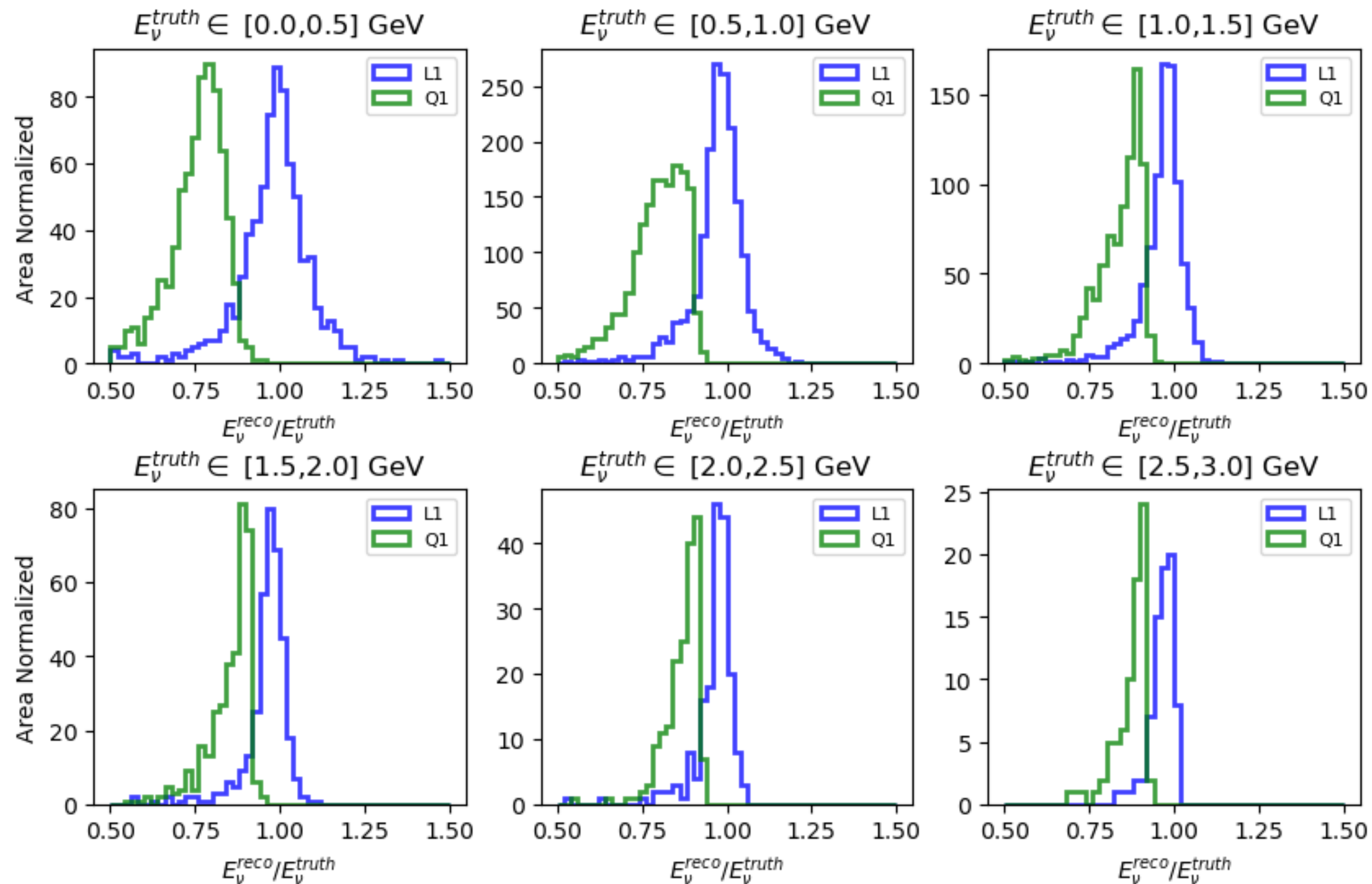
Neutrino Energy Reconstruction Performance



- showing only contained events, using **reconstructed quantities**
- with more hadronic activity (Np or $N\pi$), distributions have more features
- for inclusive (with and without selection), L_1 method remains relatively symmetric
- more details in backup

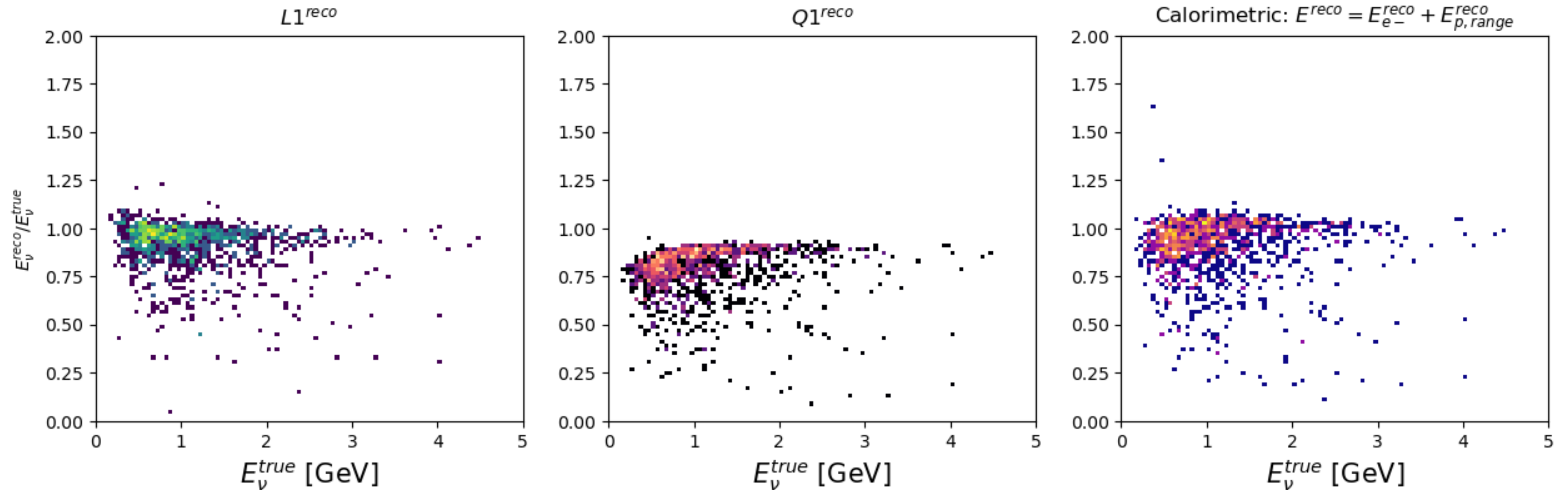
performance w.r.t. energy bins

- showing only contained events, using **reconstructed quantities**



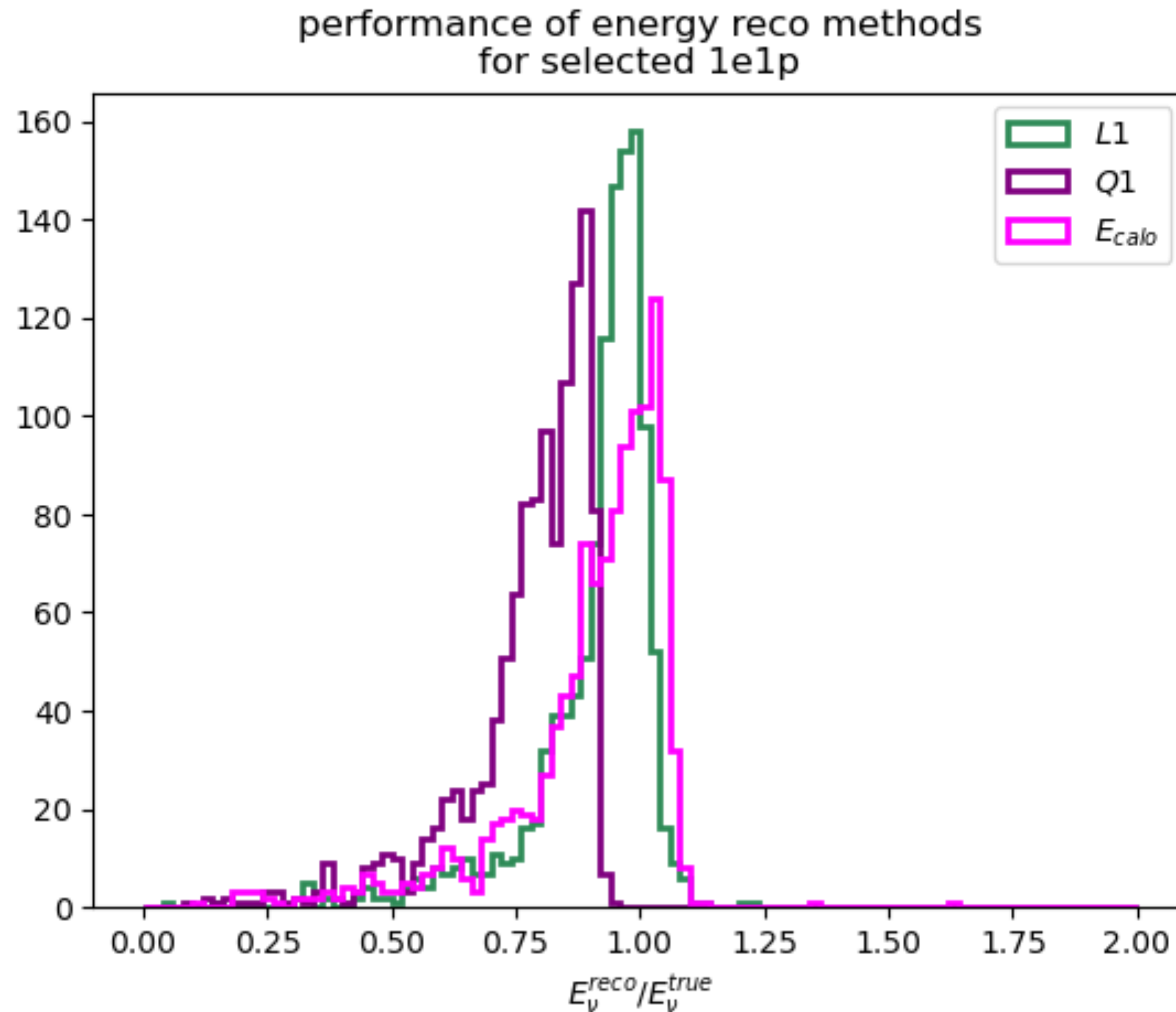
$1e1p$ case

Comparing Neutrino Energy Reconstruction methods for selected $1e1p$ events



- how do these simple scaling methods compare to PID based reco methods?
- have also tried $Q2$, but $Q2$ has similar or worse performance to $Q1$

$1e1p$ case



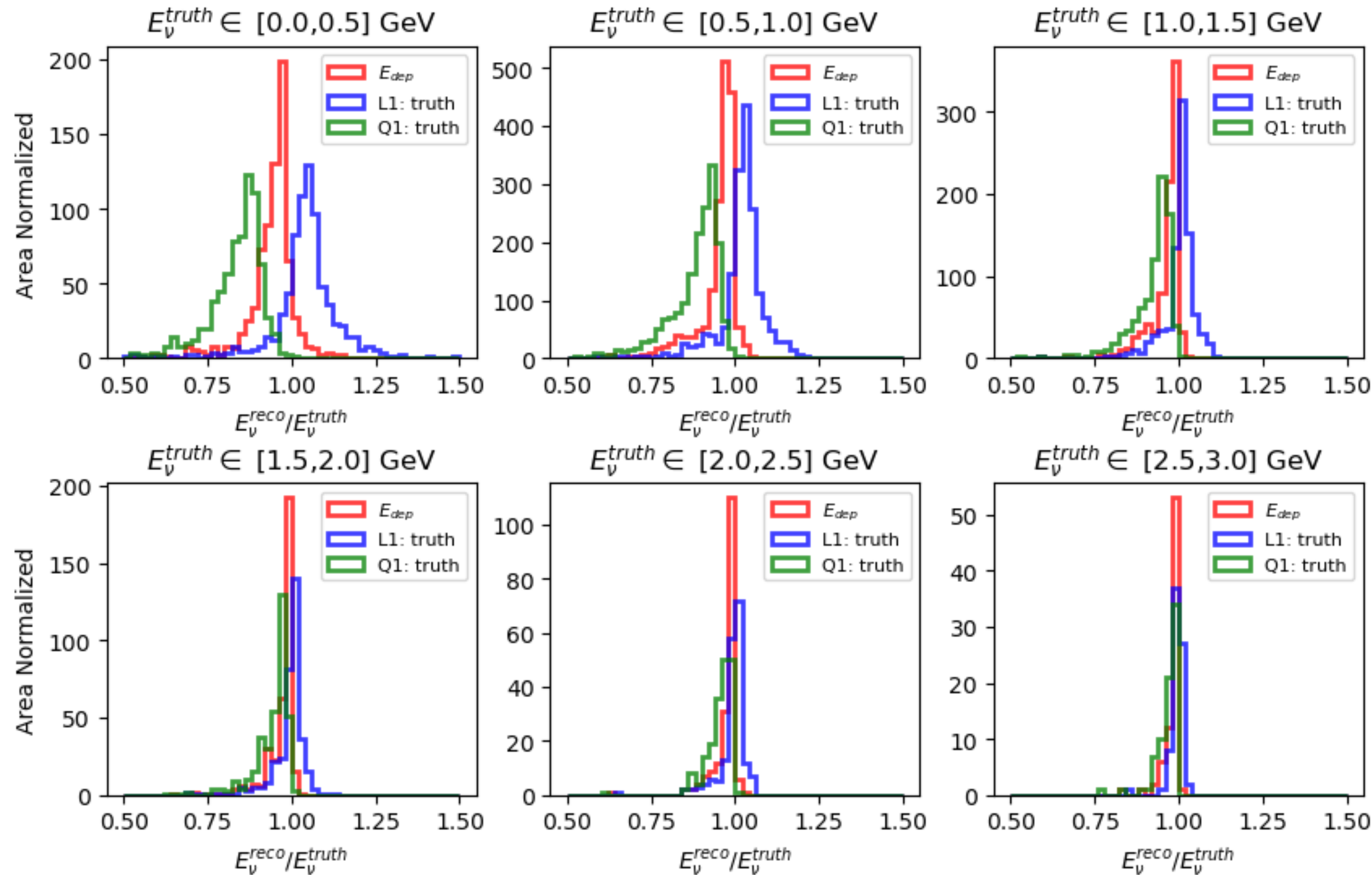
- compare in 1D
- after scaling such that the peak value lines up with 1, standard deviations of each method:
- $\sigma_{L1} \approx 13 \%$
- $\sigma_{Q1} \approx 15.5 \%$
- $\sigma_{calo} \approx 17 \%$

summary

- have performed some detailed studies on the feasibility of using light calorimetry for neutrino energy reconstruction in SBND
 - quantified the intrinsic energy resolution of the light calorimetry method, and can also quantify various detector effects
- in SBND, there is no general neutrino energy estimator (e.g. for inclusive selections), so a light or charge based method may be very useful
- thank you to Chao, Haiwang, and Hanyu for their feedback and guidance!

backup

energy dependence



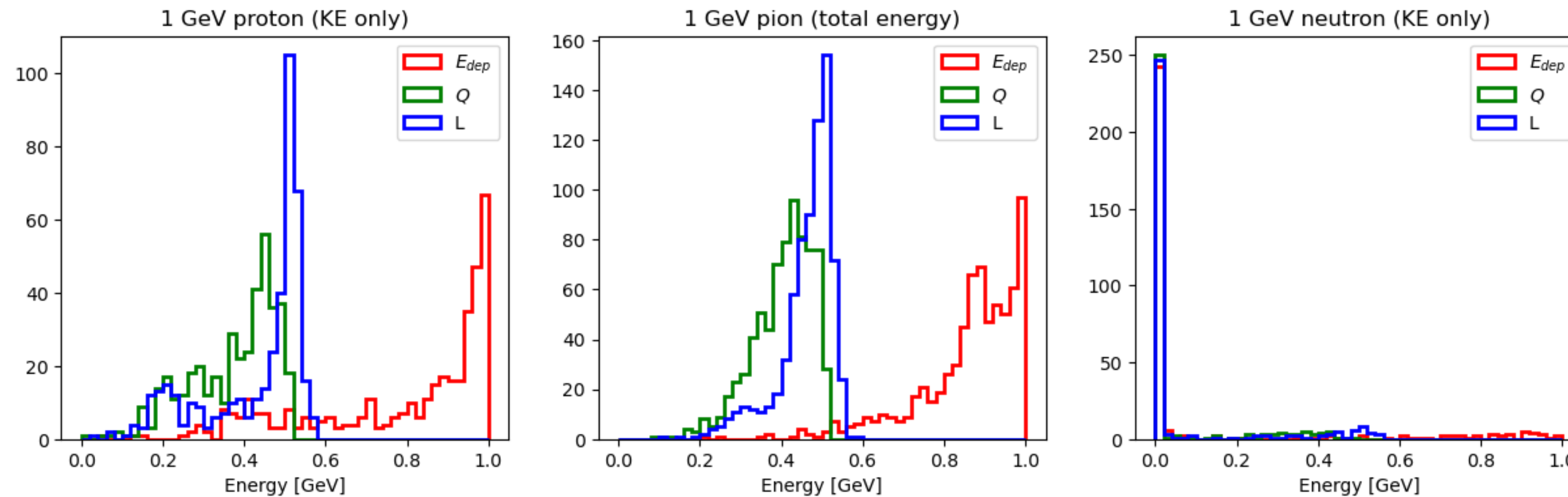
- below 500 MeV, Q_1 and L_1 are similar
- between 0.5 and 2.0 GeV, L_1 seems to be better
- but Q_1 may improve higher than 2.5 GeV to become comparable? low stats

particle gun

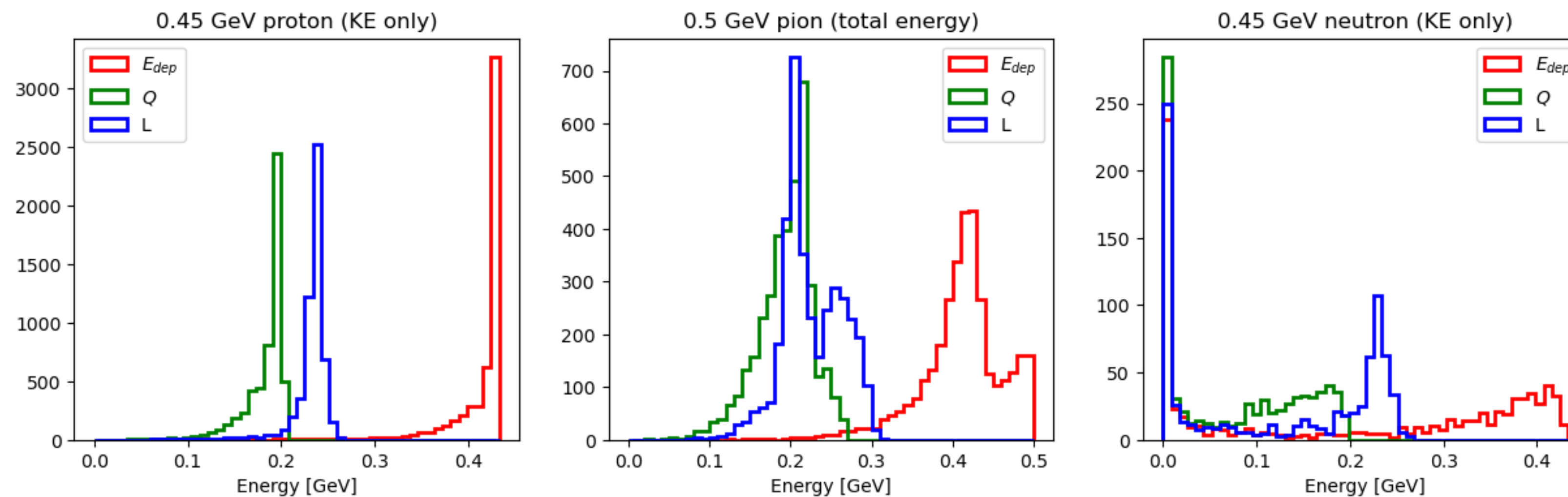
- two monoenergetic samples, higher energy (1 GeV) and lower energy (~0.5 GeV, more similar to expected energies from BNB final state particles)

- require containment for these plots, but neutron case doesn't work well (still escapes)

[contained, higher energy] Monoenergetic Particle Gun Truth Studies



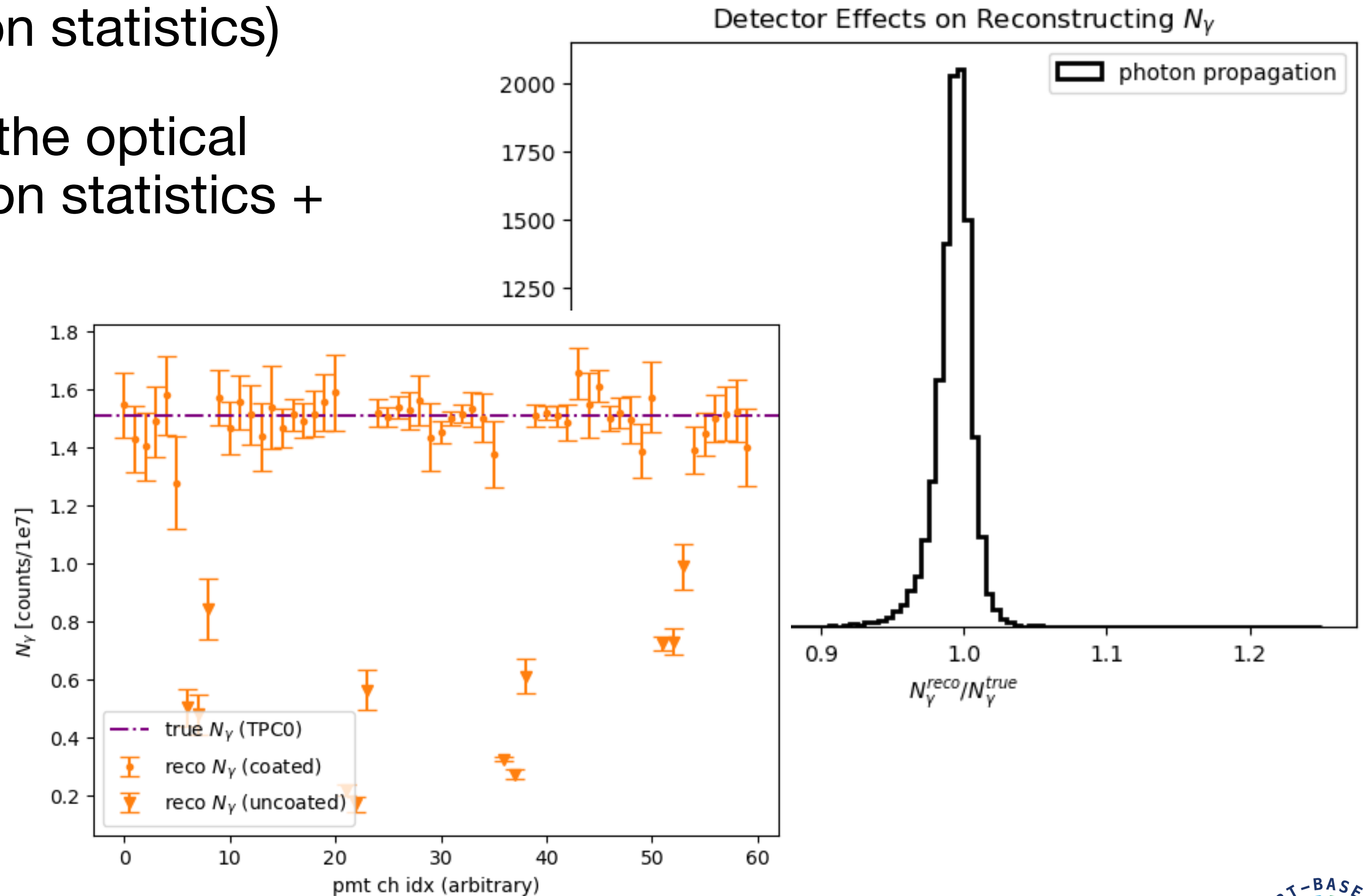
[contained, lower energy] Monoenergetic Particle Gun Truth Studies



detector effects, N_{γ}^{reco} vs. N_{γ}^{true}

1. photon propagation (Poisson statistics)

- # of photons that make it to the optical detector is affected by Poisson statistics + geometric “inefficiencies”
- can use a weighted average to calculate the N_{γ} , where the errors are Poisson-ion
- uncoated PMTs have some strange behavior, ignoring them for now

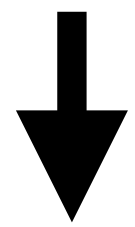


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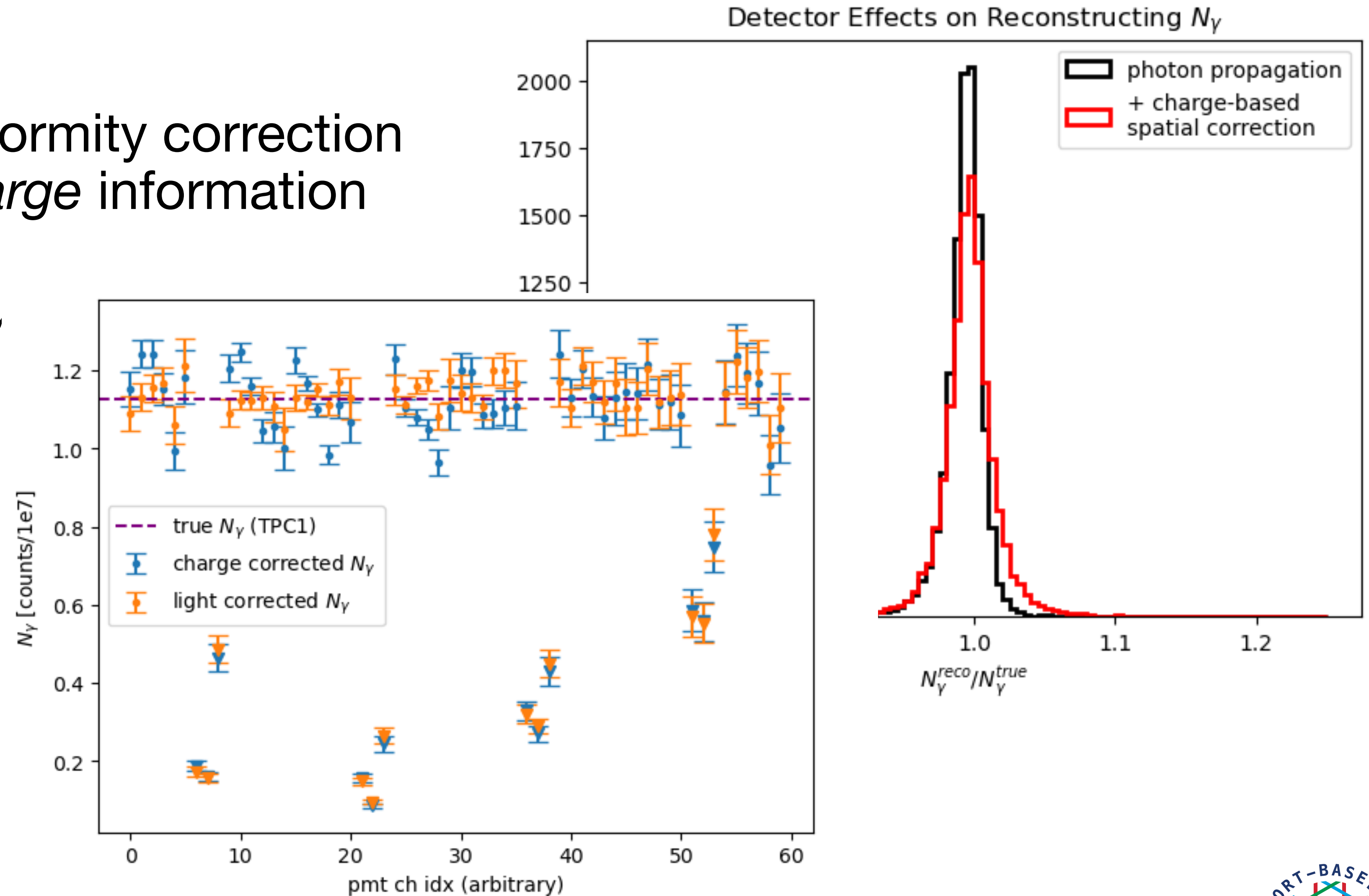
2. spatial corrections

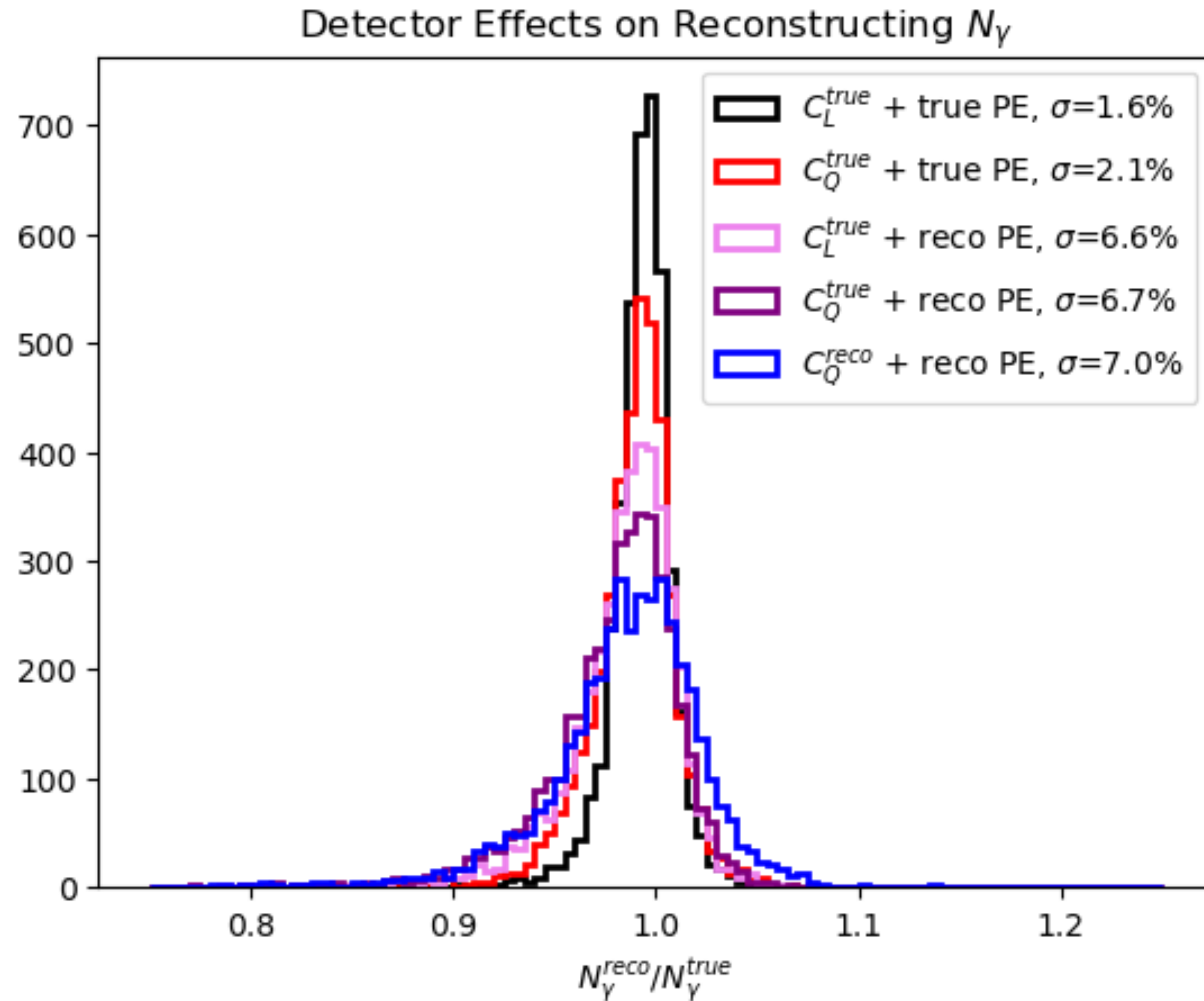
- a realistic “spatial” non-uniformity correction map must be made with *charge* information
- this assumes that $dQ \approx dL$ in the construction of the correction map

$$f_{j,avg} = \frac{\sum_i (dL)_i \cdot f_j(\bar{x}_i)}{L}$$



$$f_{j,avg} = \frac{\sum_i (dQ)_i \cdot f_j(\bar{x}_i)}{Q}$$

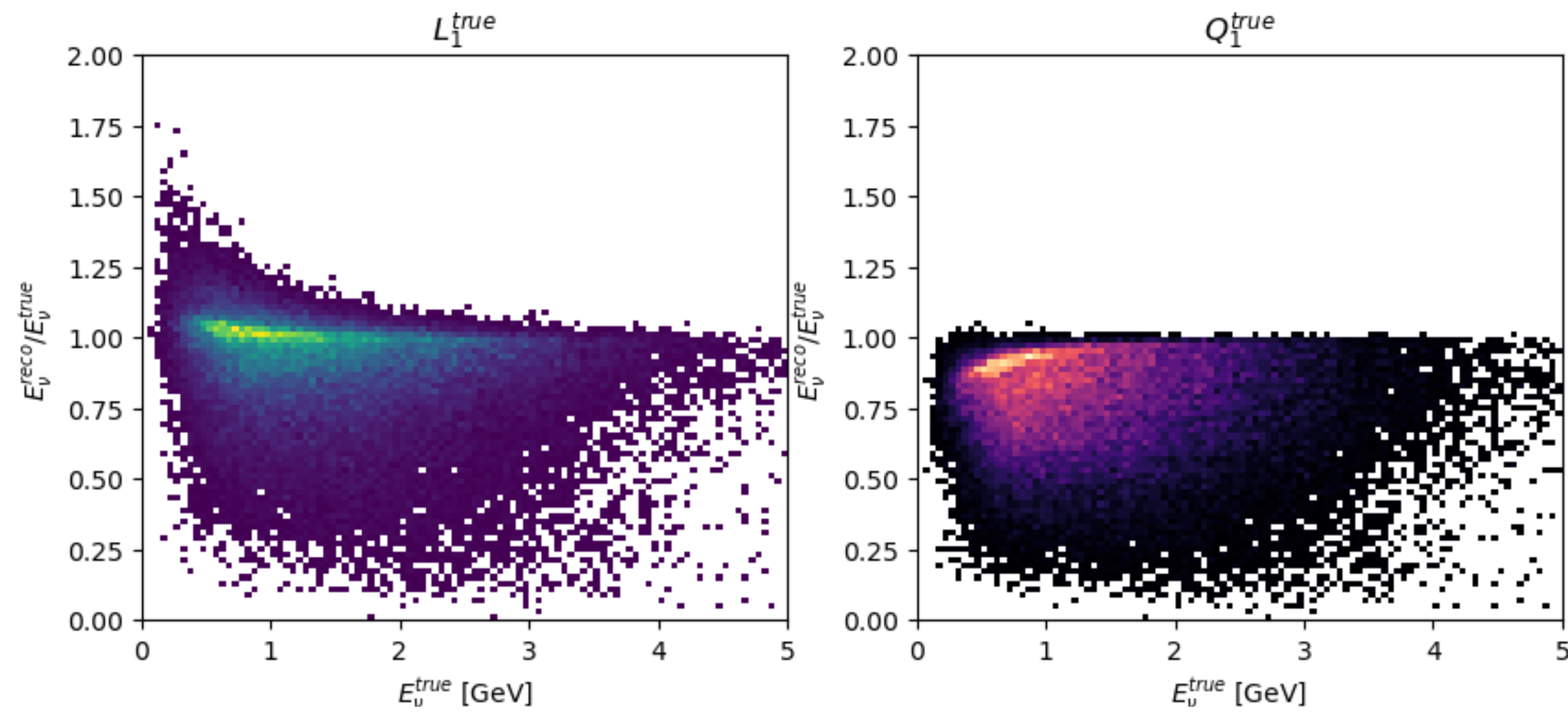




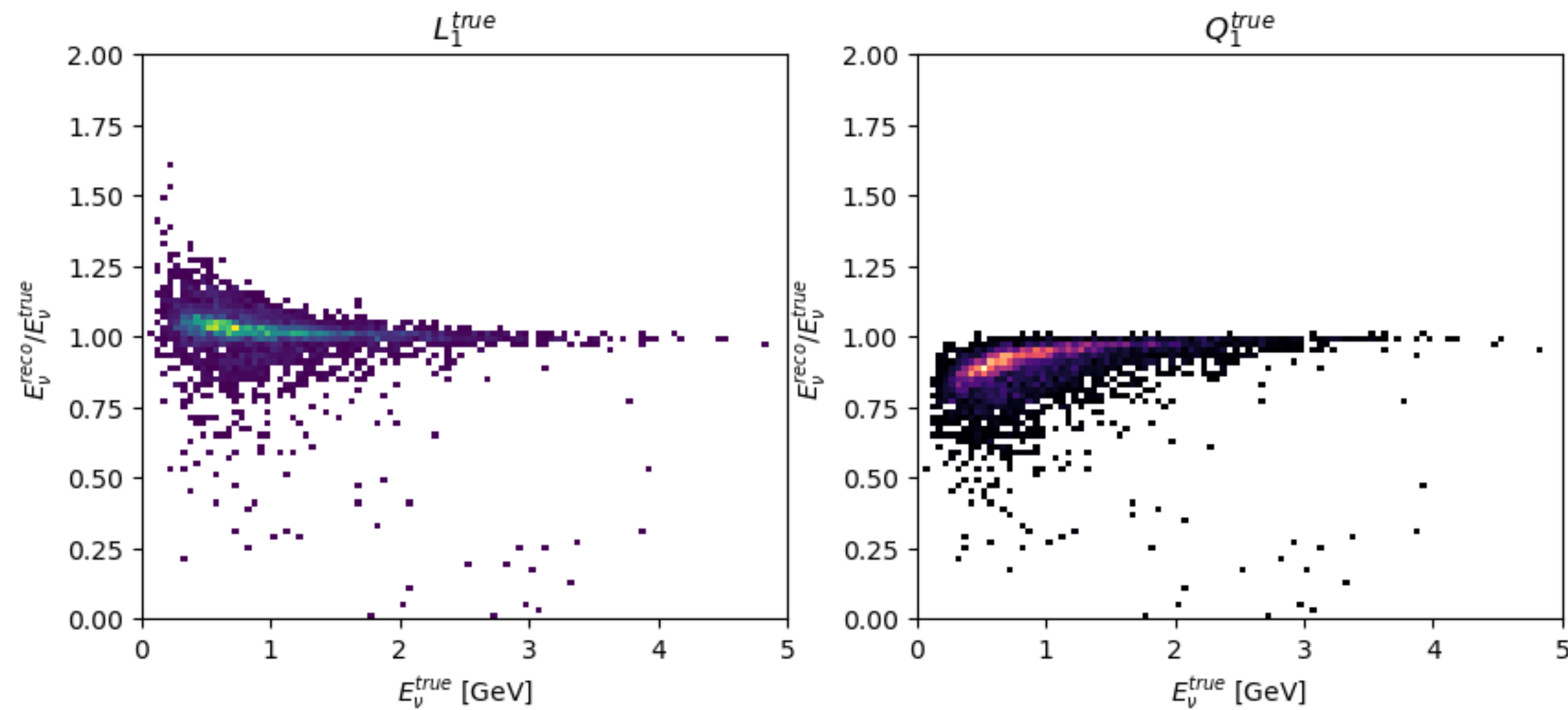
- detector simulation + light reconstruction contributes most of the additional smearing (black vs. pink), about 5%
- using reconstruction based charge-correction contributes maybe another $\sim 0.5\%$ of smearing
- σ here is standard deviation

$$C_L \propto \frac{\sum_i dL_i \cdot \epsilon_i}{L} \quad C_Q \propto \frac{\sum_i dQ_i \cdot \epsilon_i}{Q}$$

True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for all nueCC events

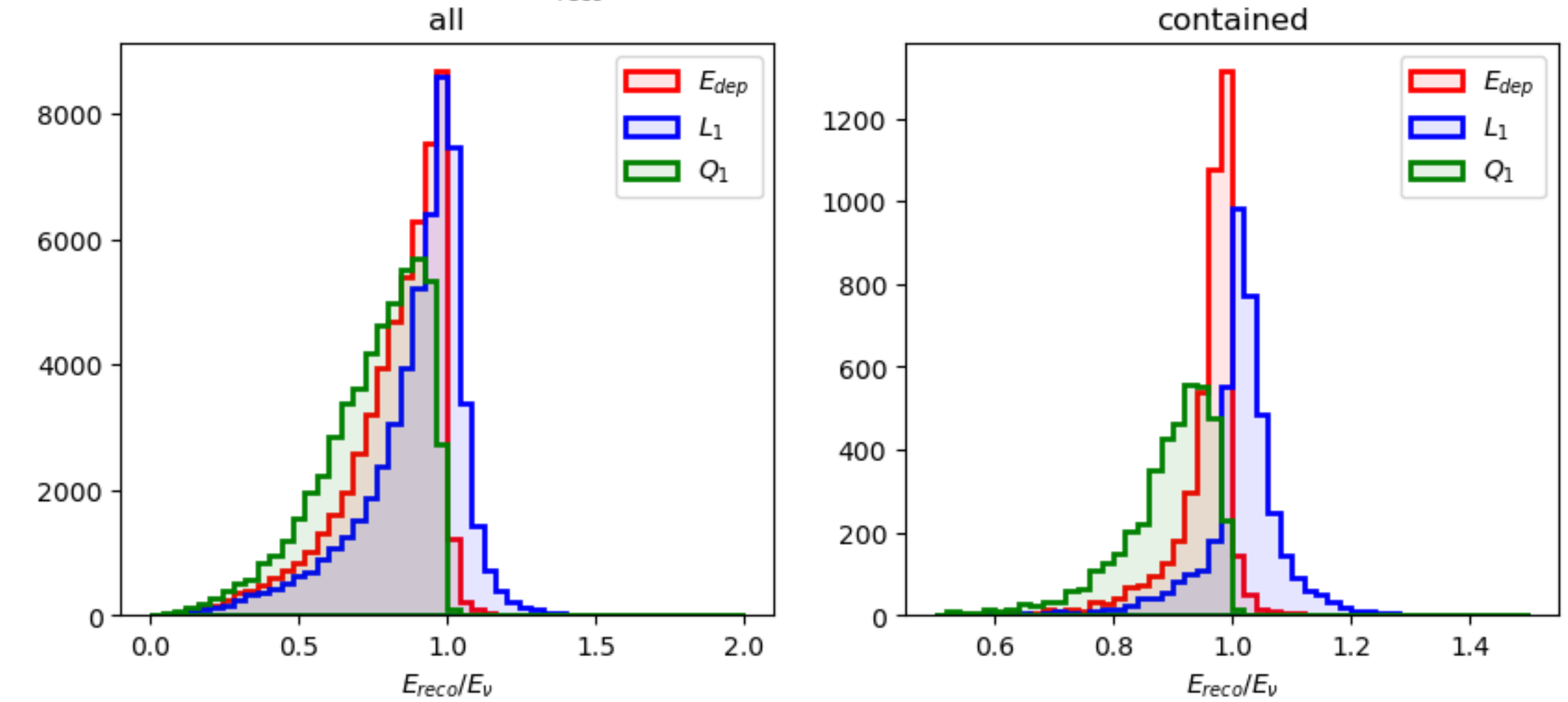


True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for all nueCC (contained) events

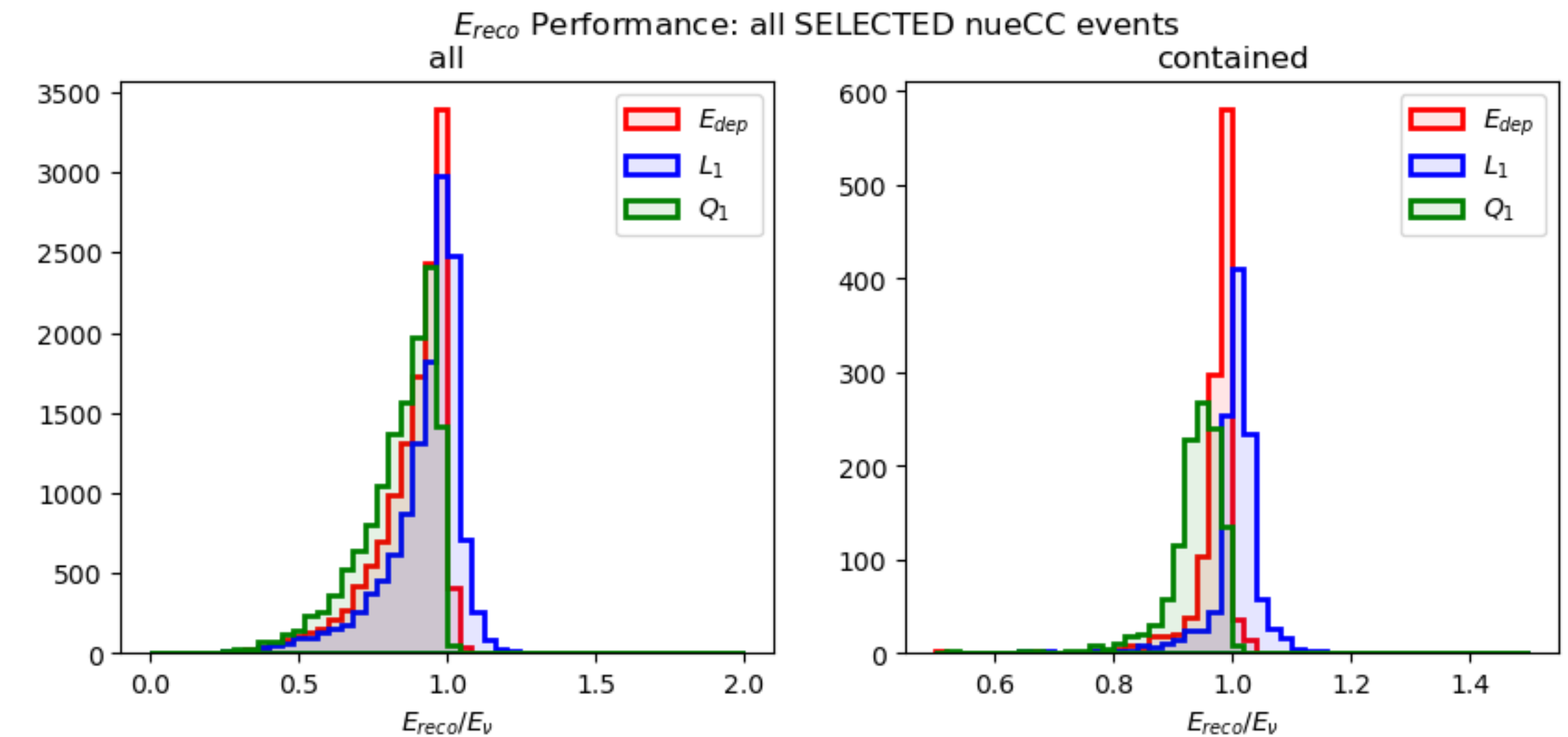
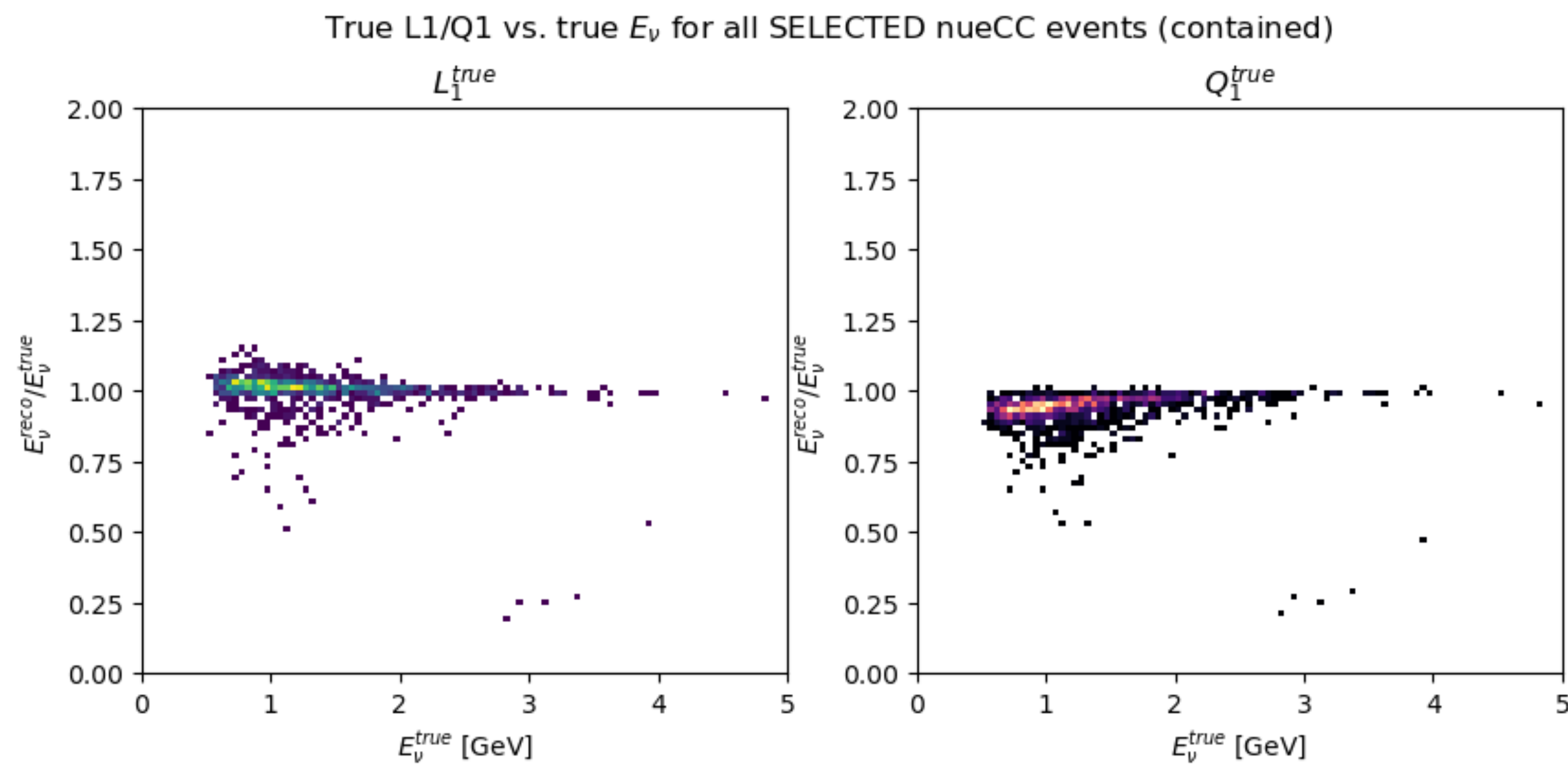
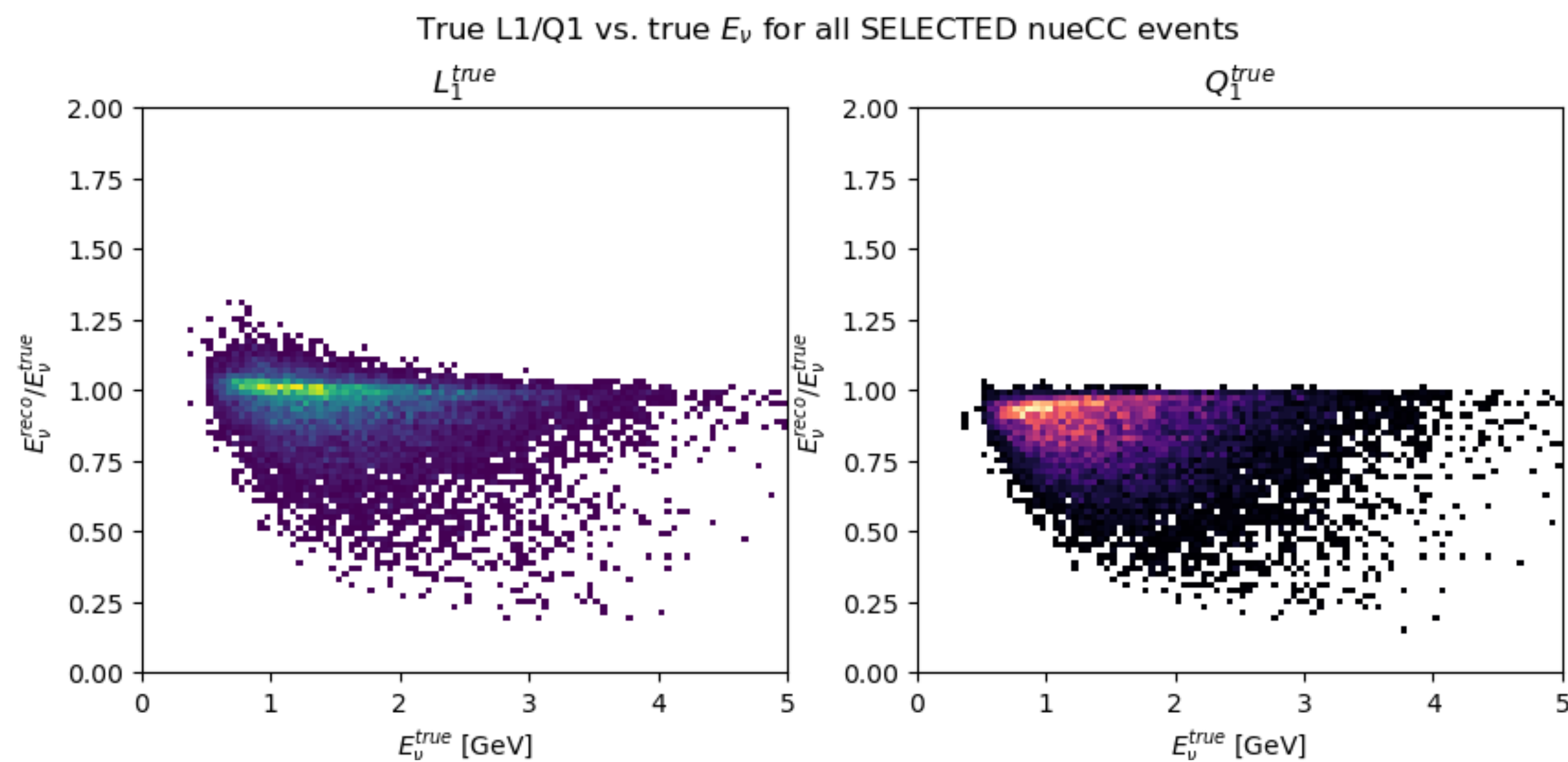


inclusive

E_{reco} Performance: all nueCC events



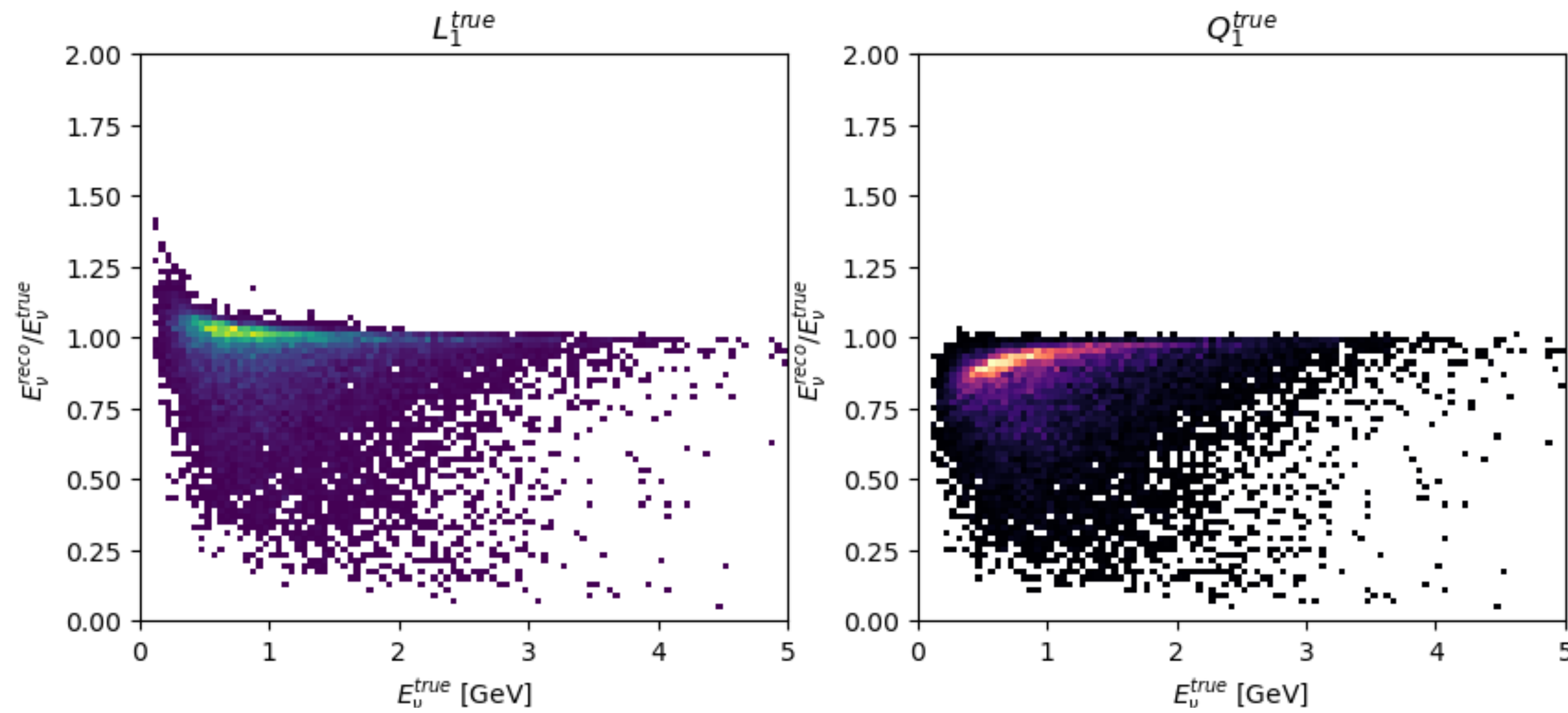
inclusive, selected



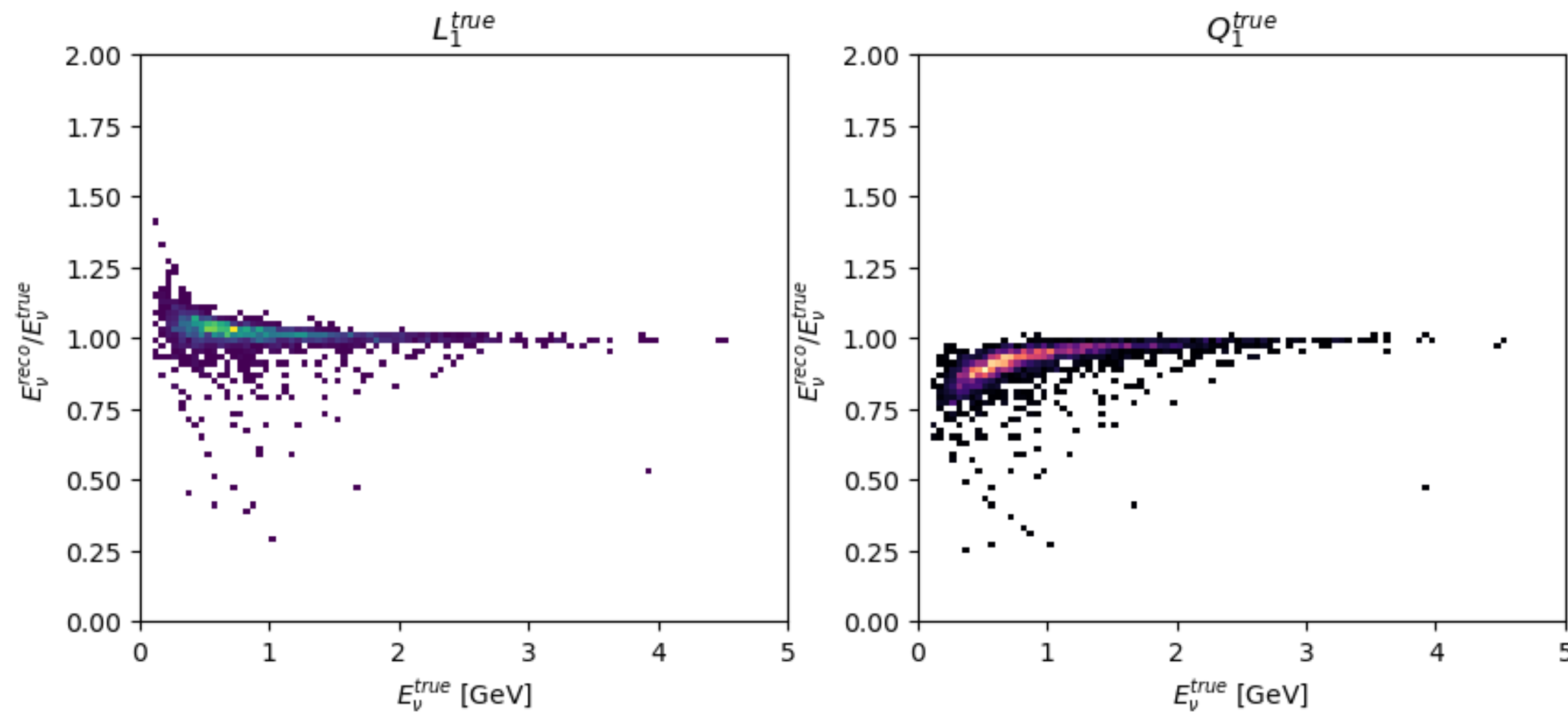
- ran my selection for nueCC events
- selection does not require containment
- selection does require electron's reco energy > 500 MeV

1e1p0pi

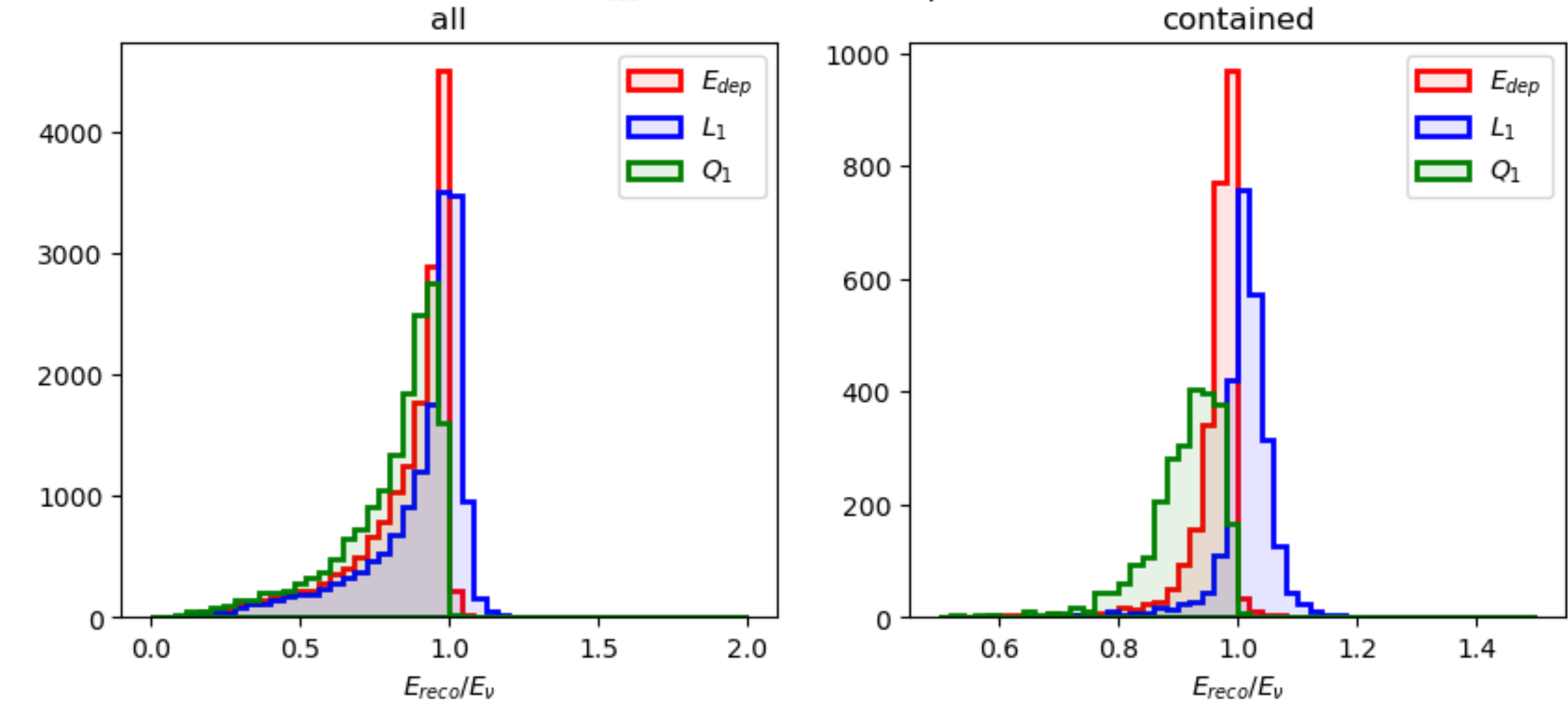
True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1e1p only events



True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1e1p only (contained) events

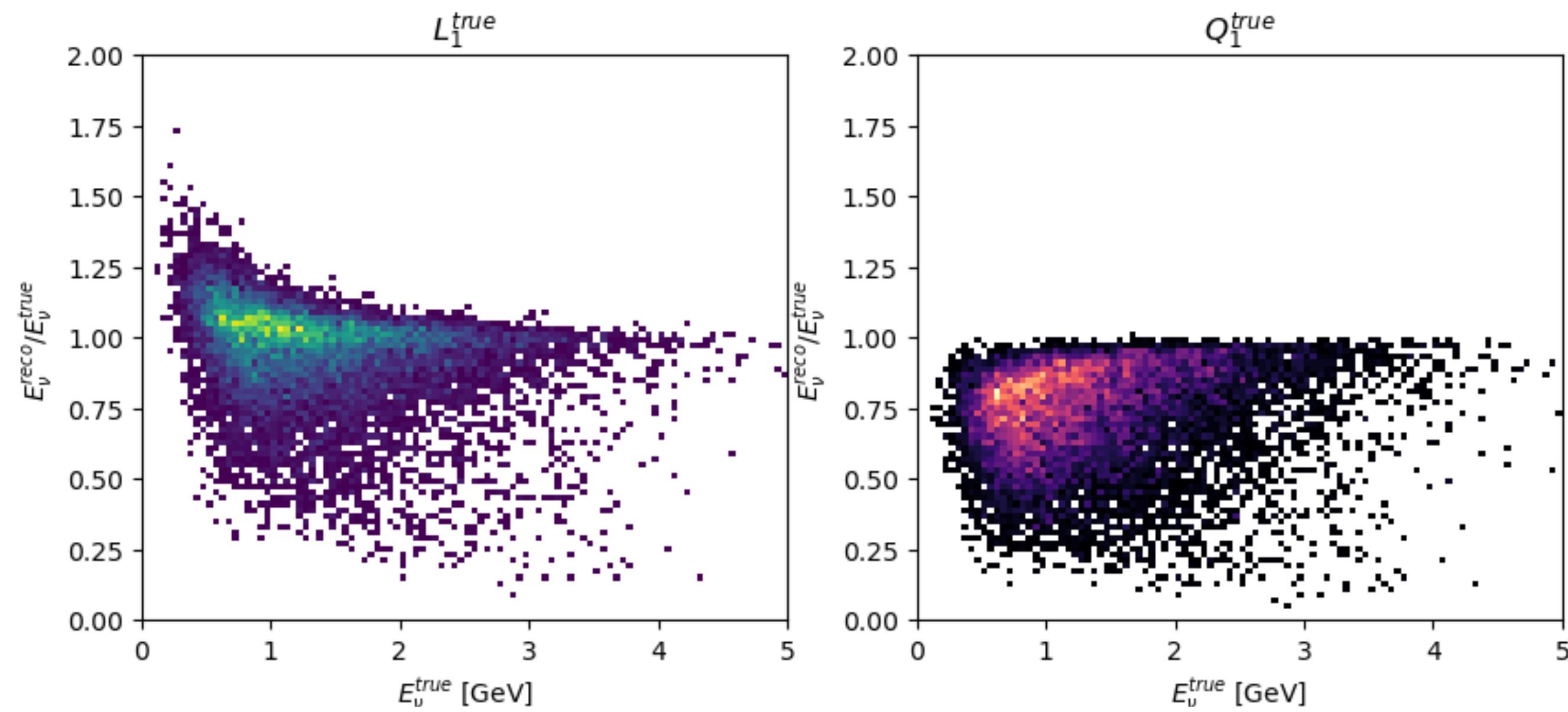


E_{reco} Performance: 1e1p events

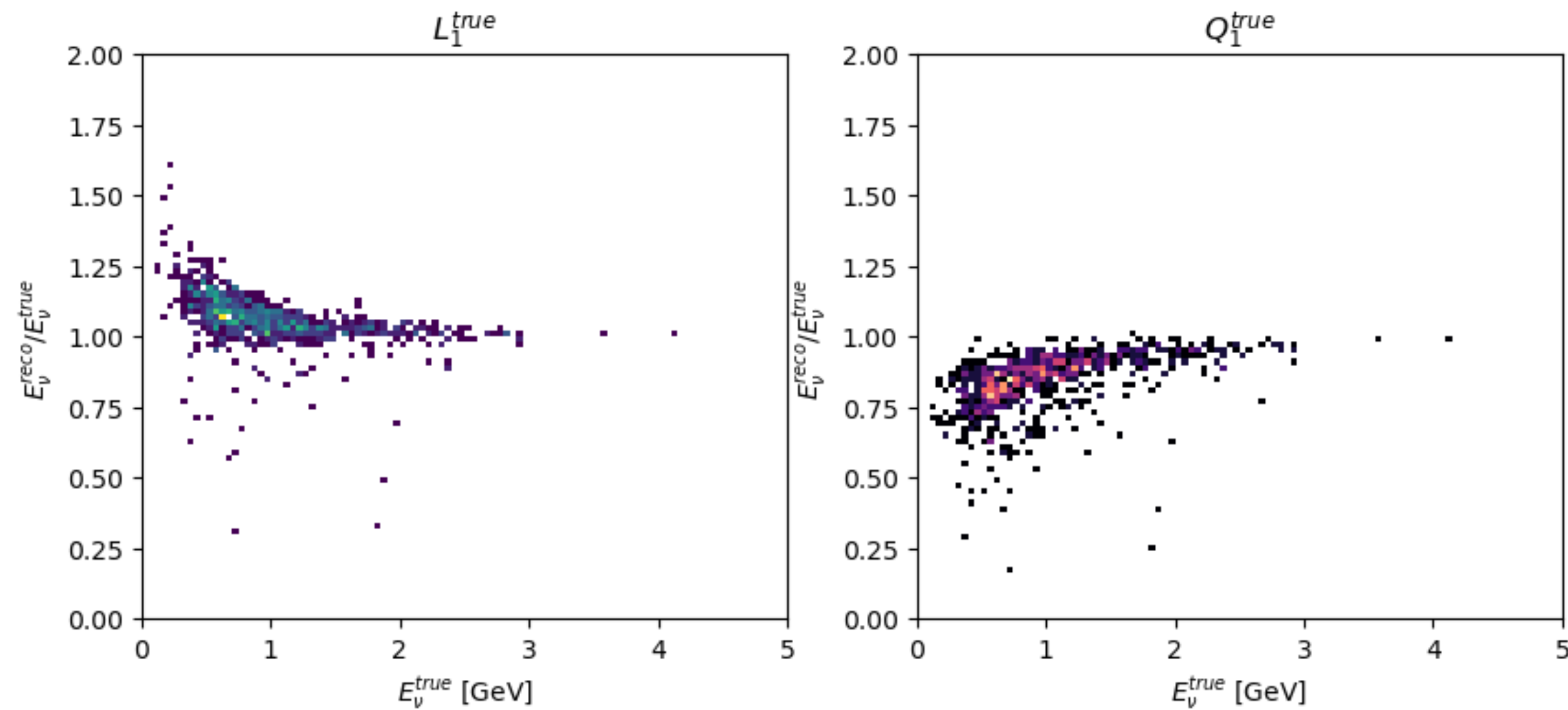


1eNp0pi

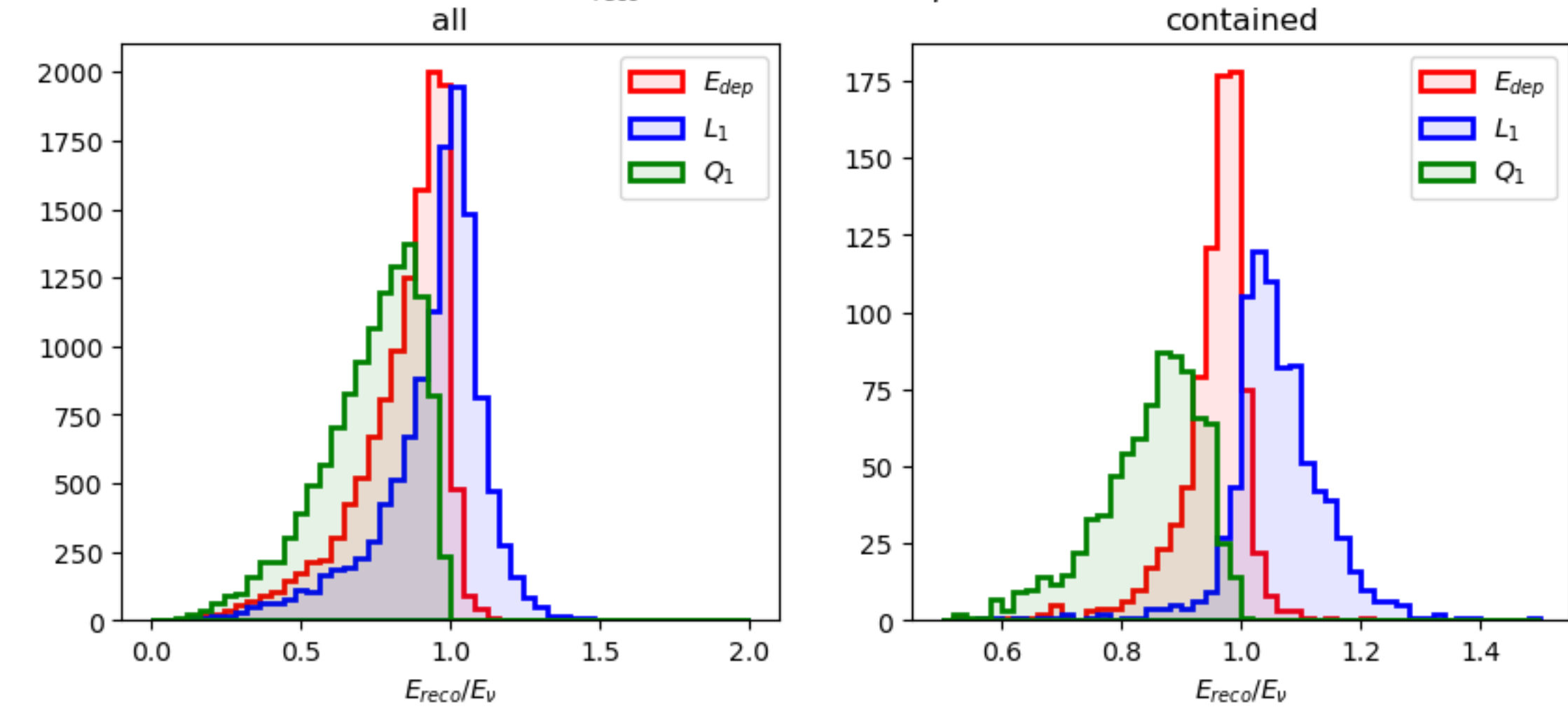
True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1eNp events



True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1eNp (contained) events

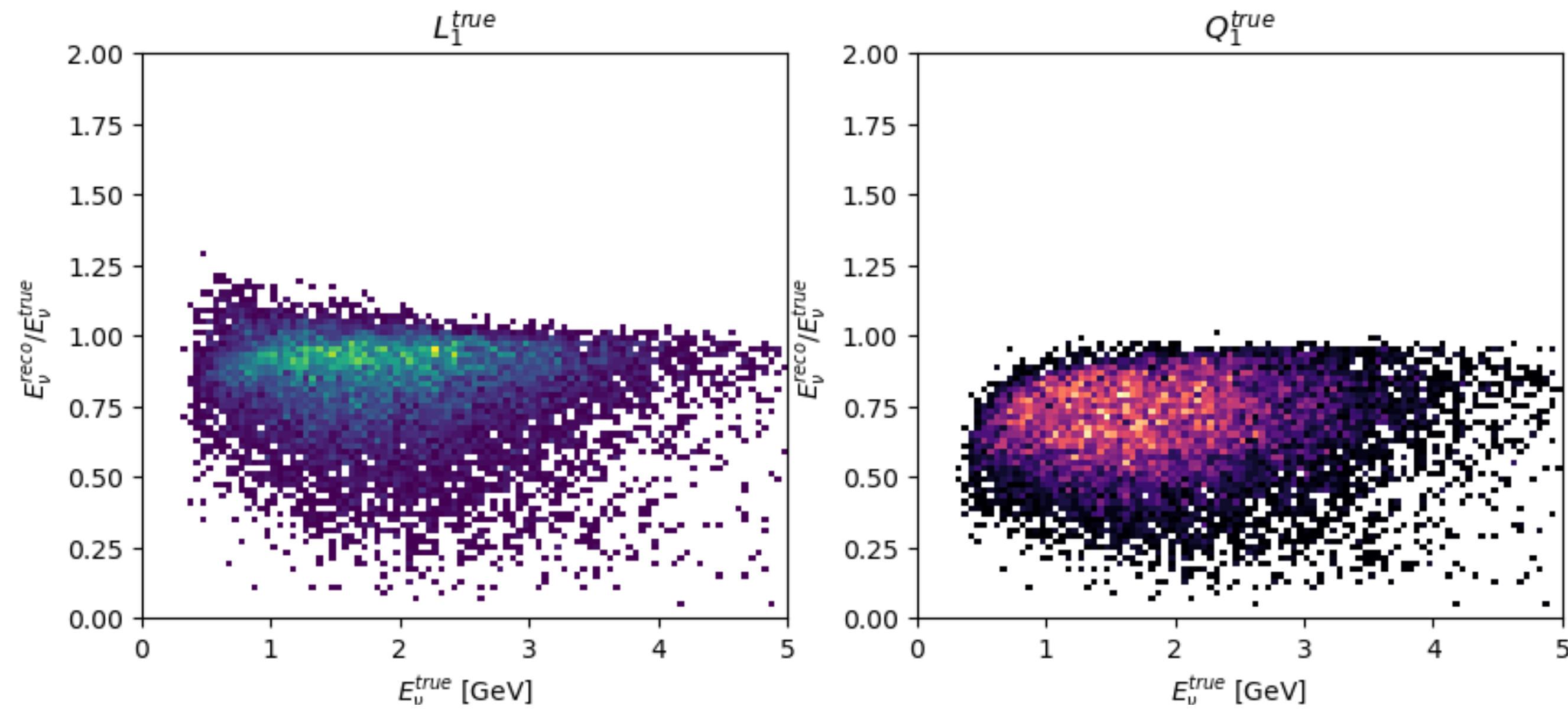


E_{reco} Performance: 1eNp events

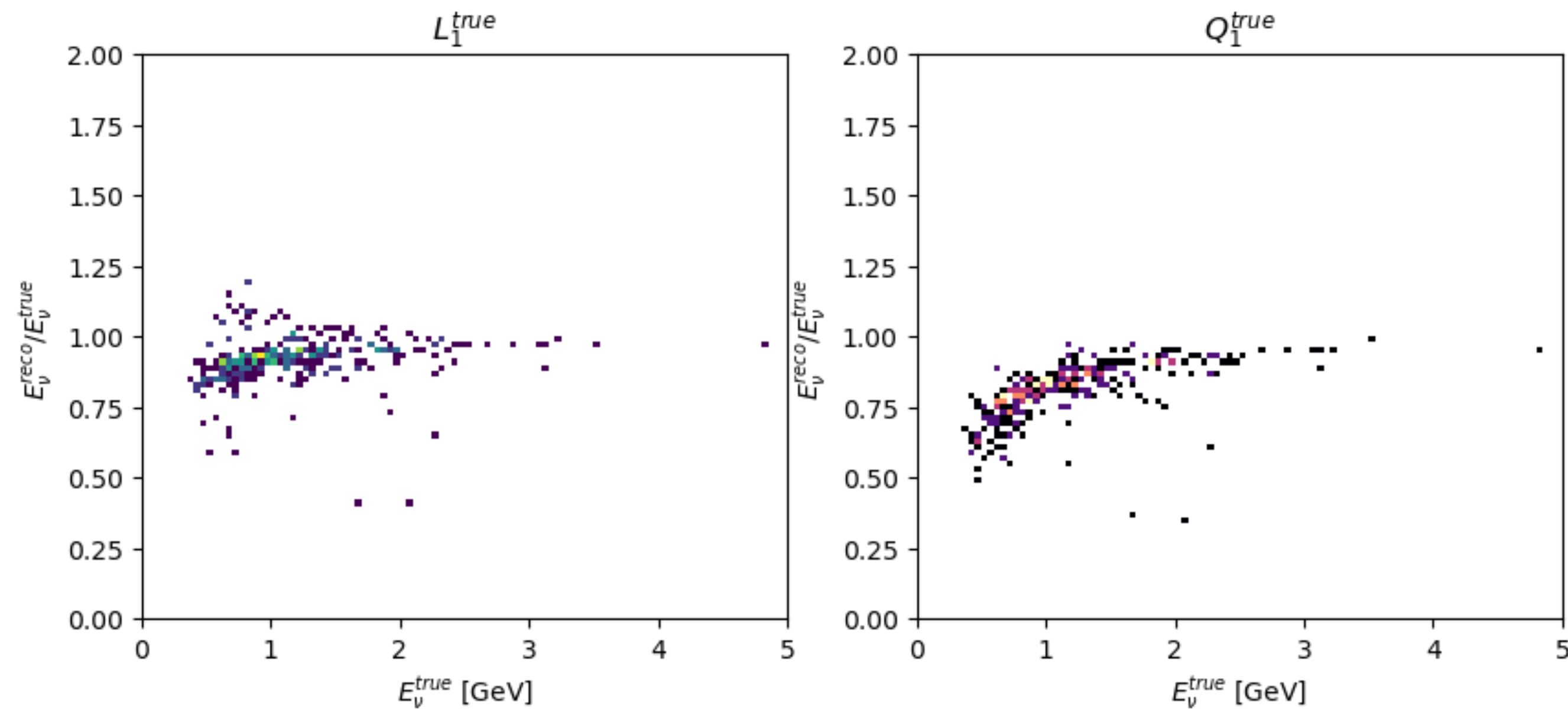


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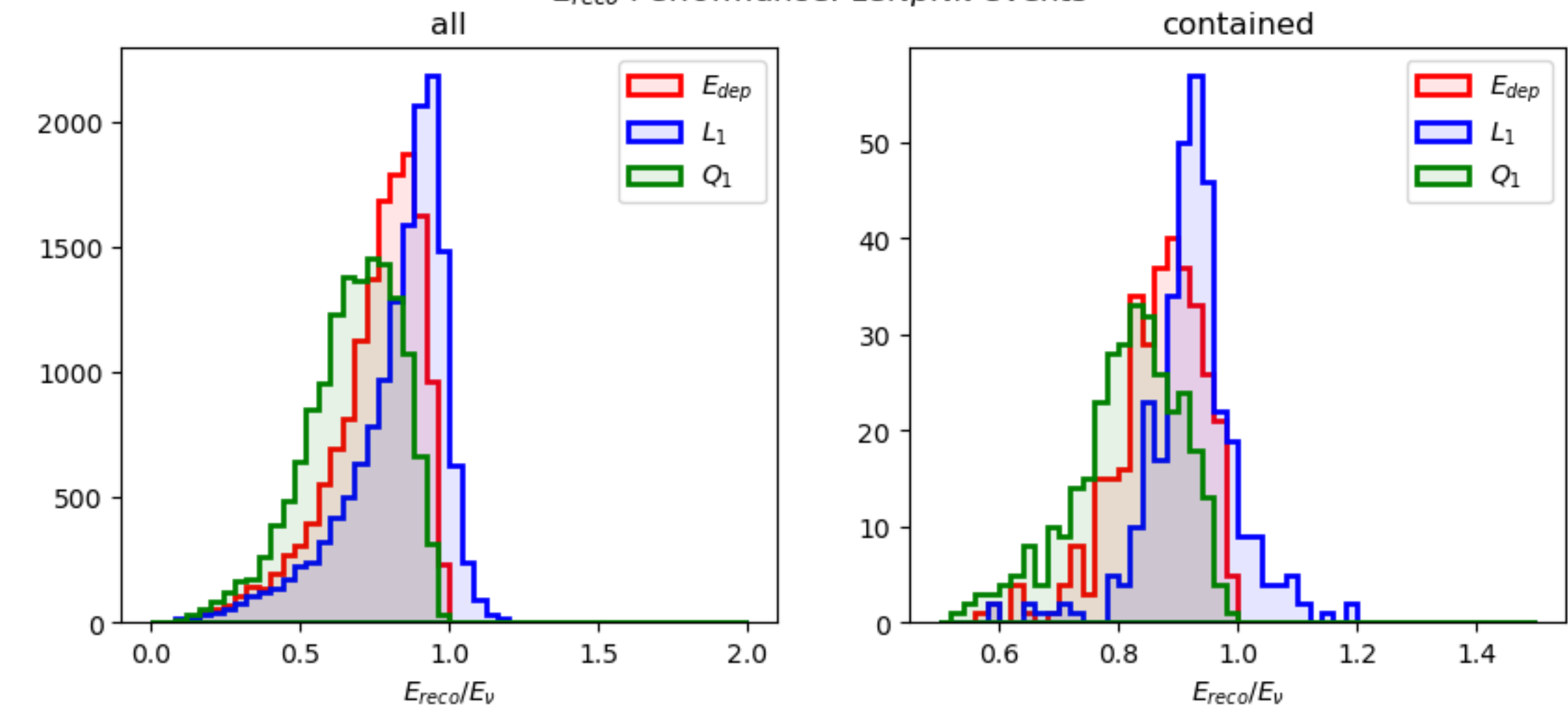
True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1eN π events



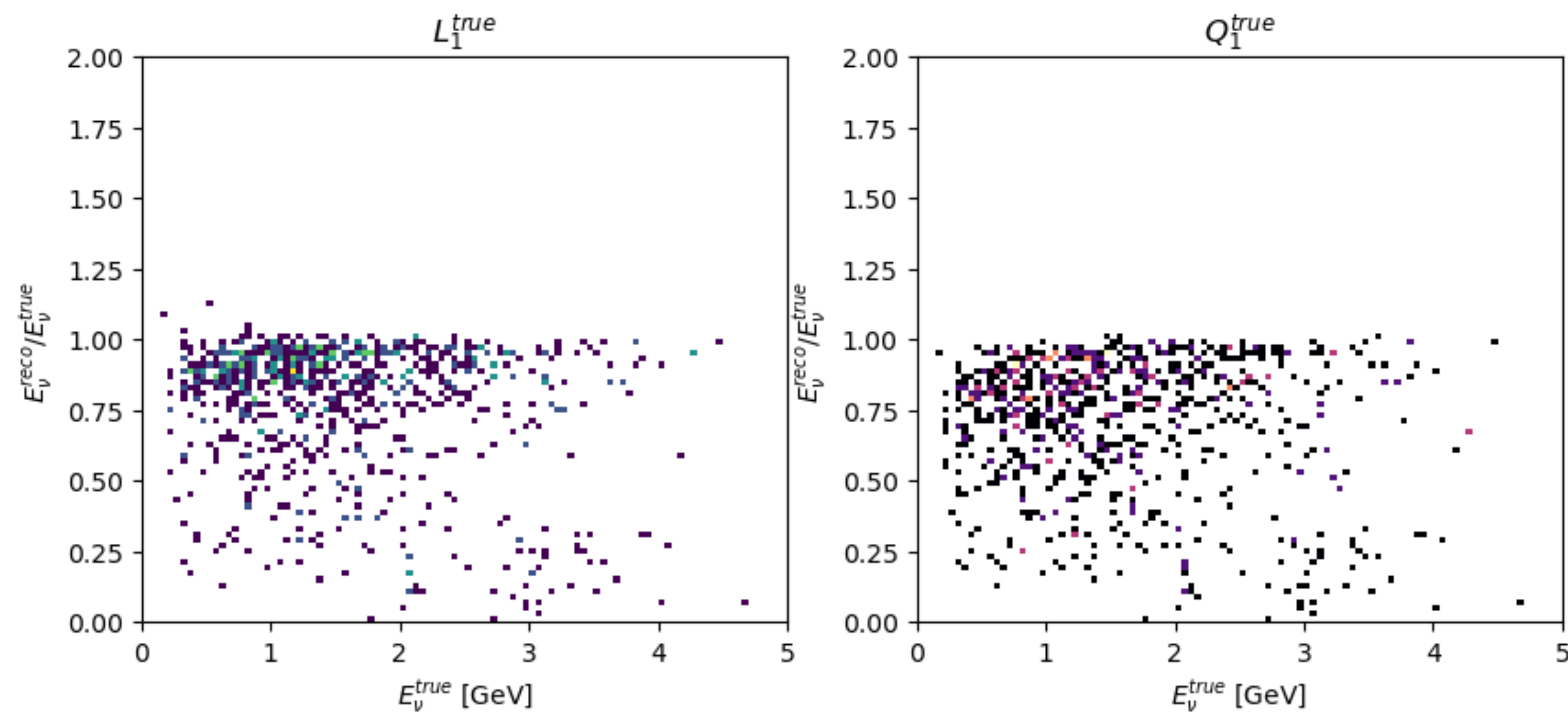
True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1eN π (contained) events



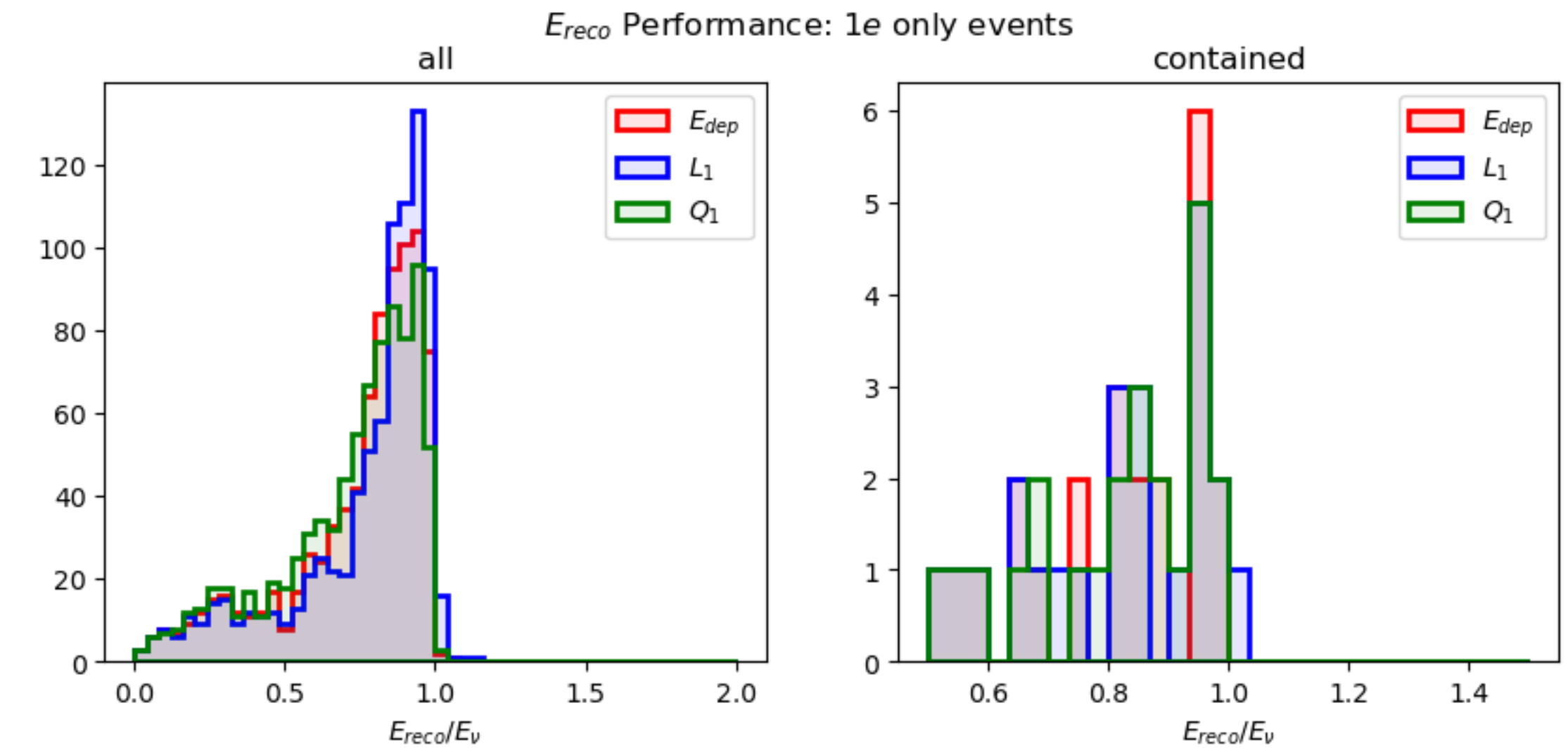
E_{reco} Performance: 1eNpN π events



True L1/Q1 vs. true E_ν for 1e only events

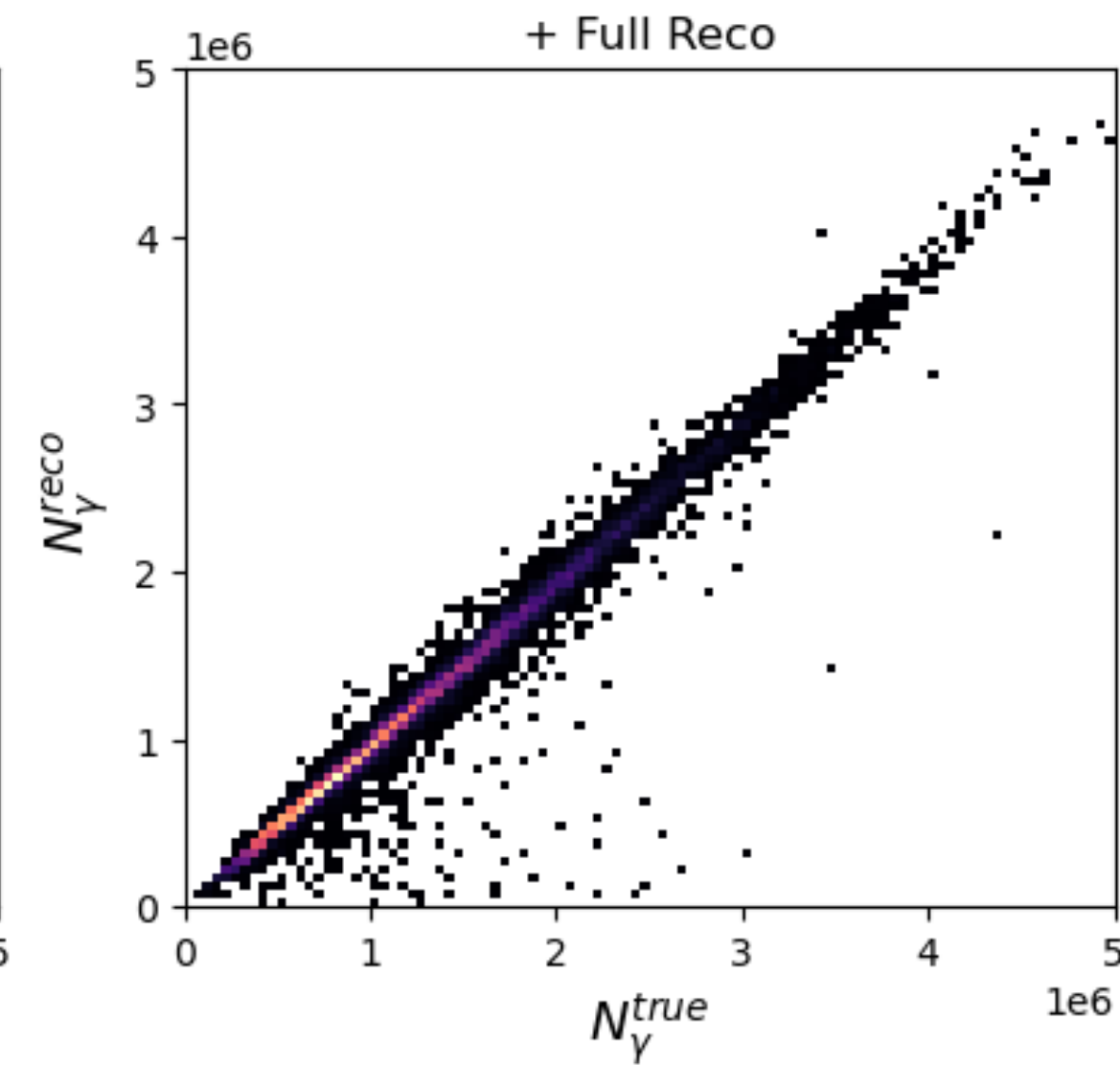
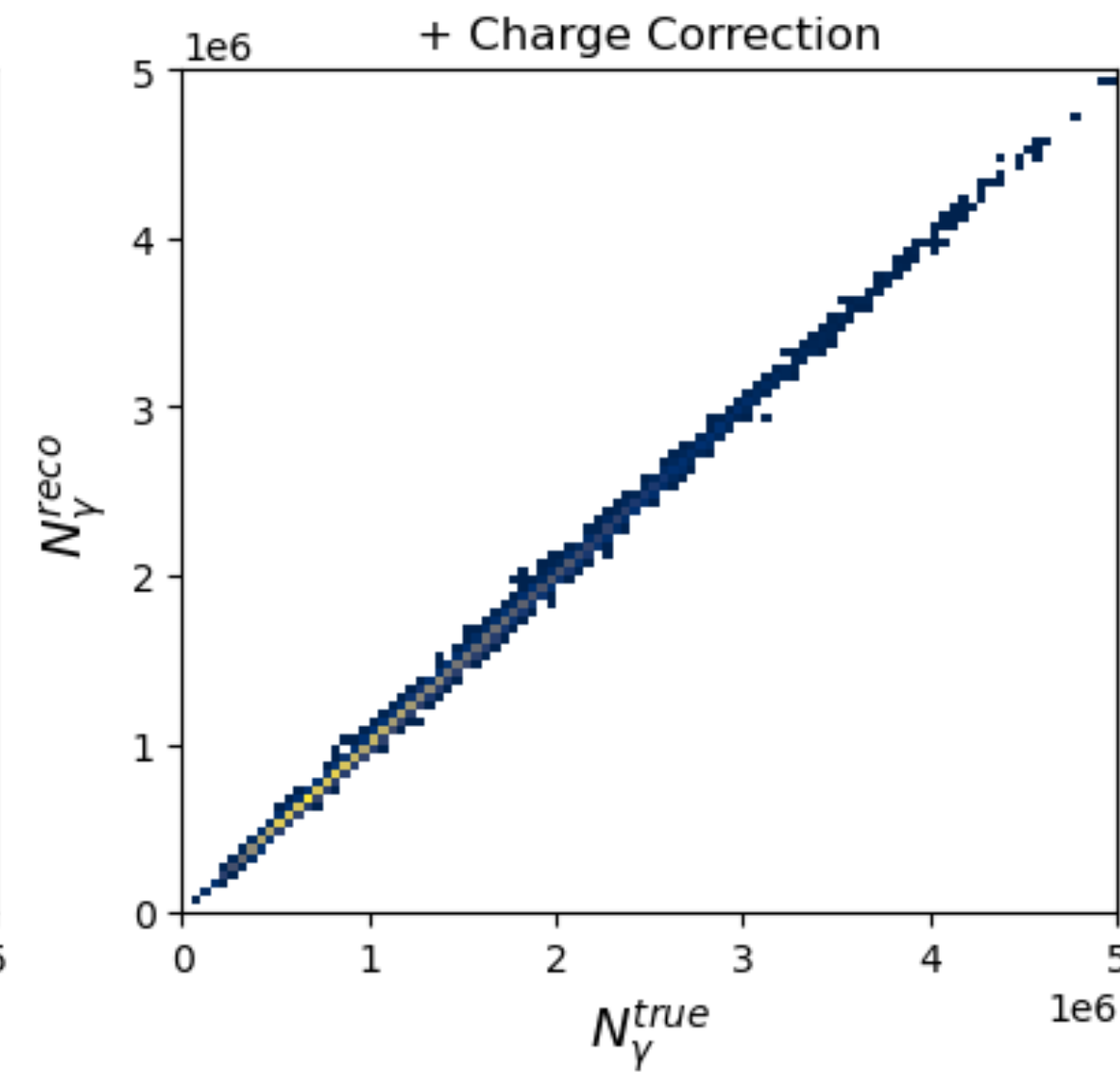
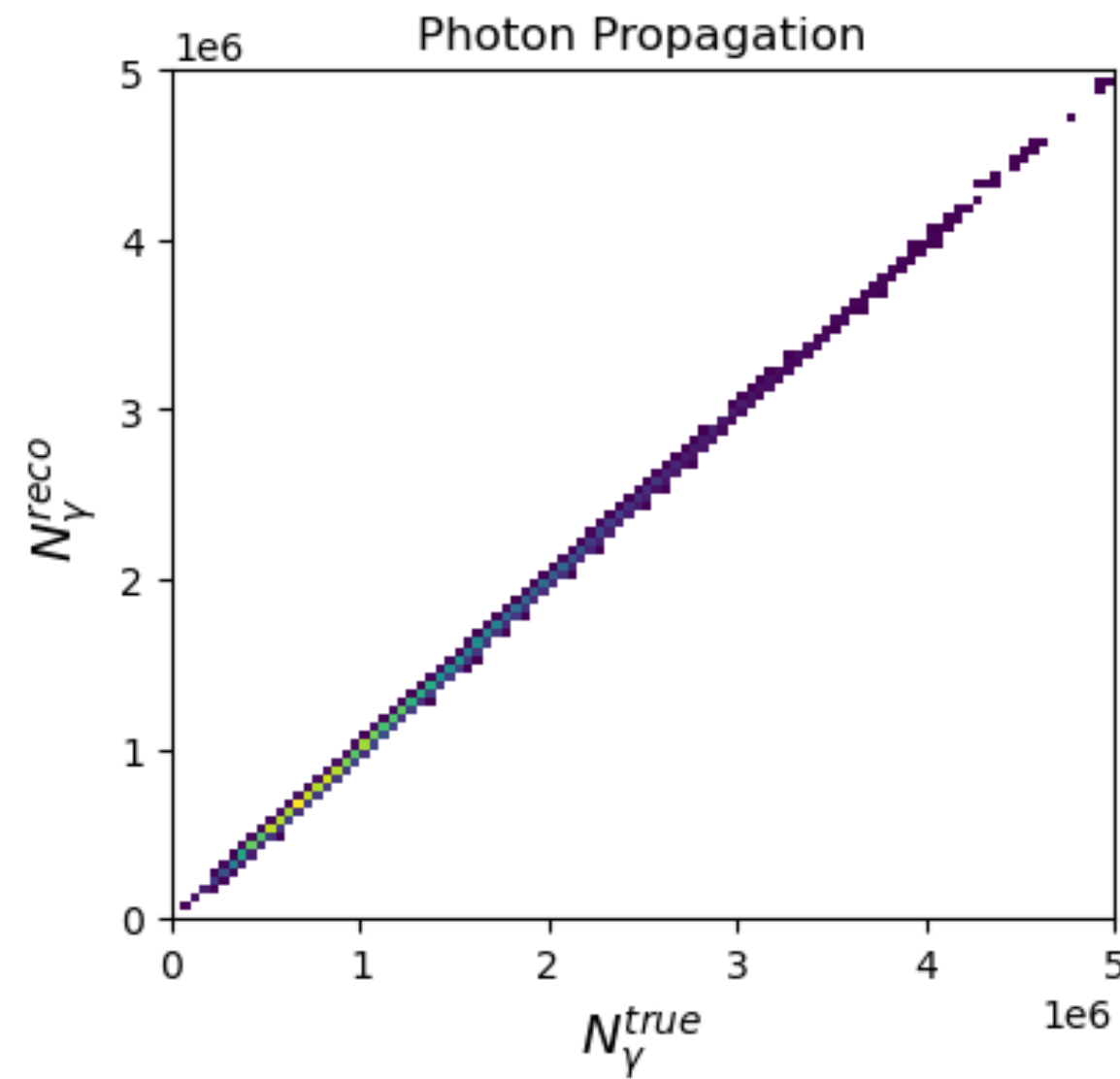


1e only

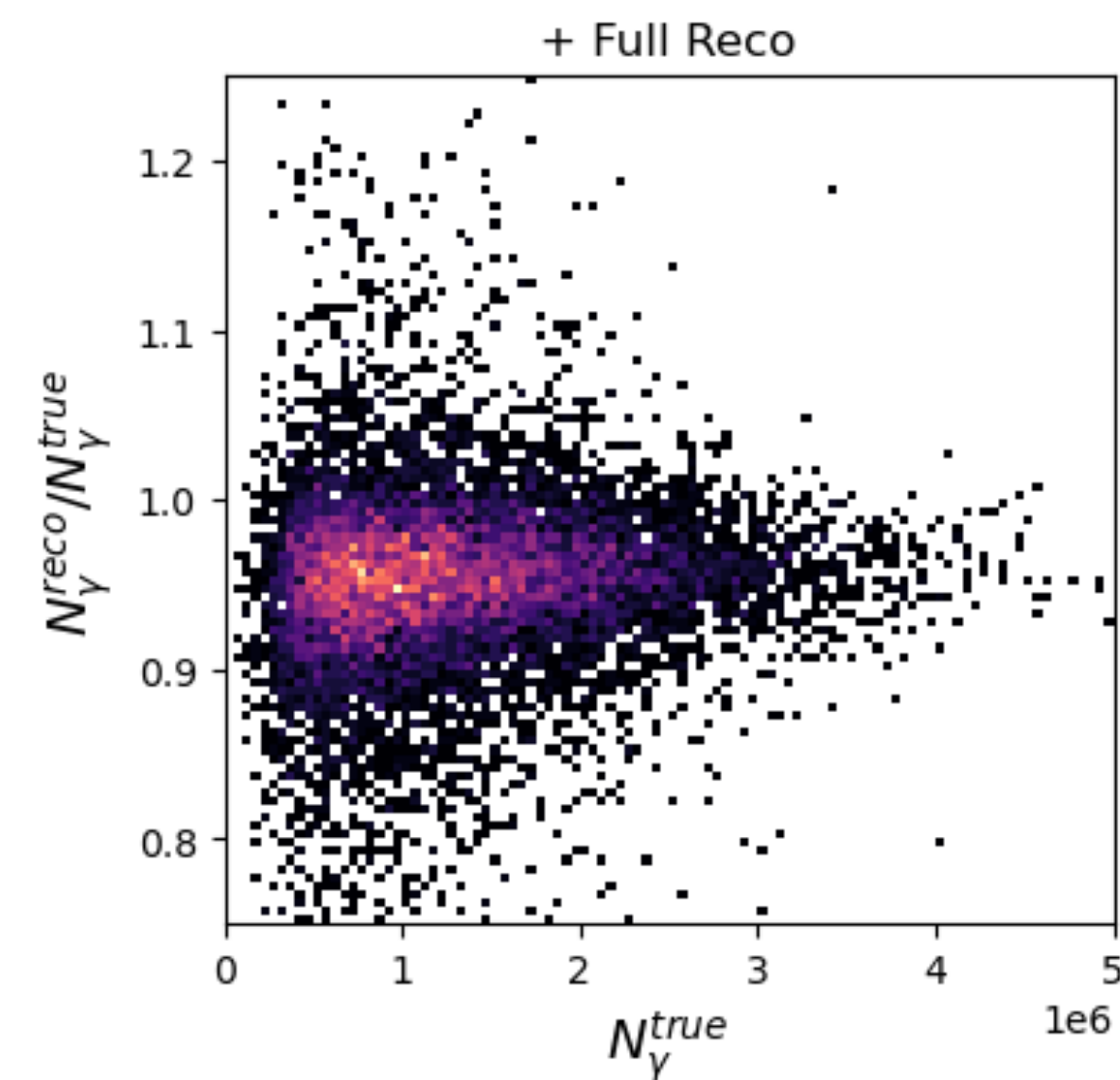
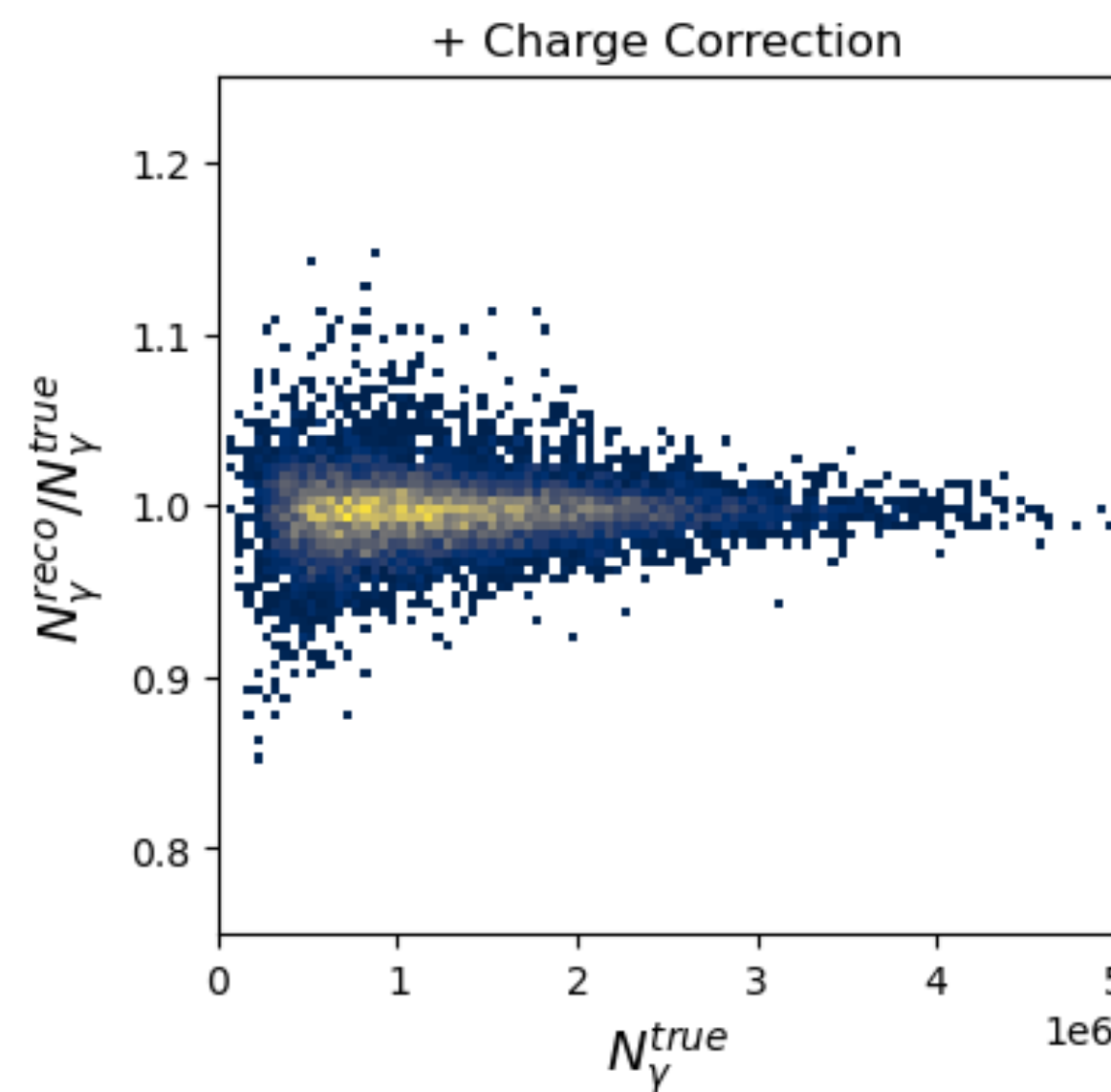
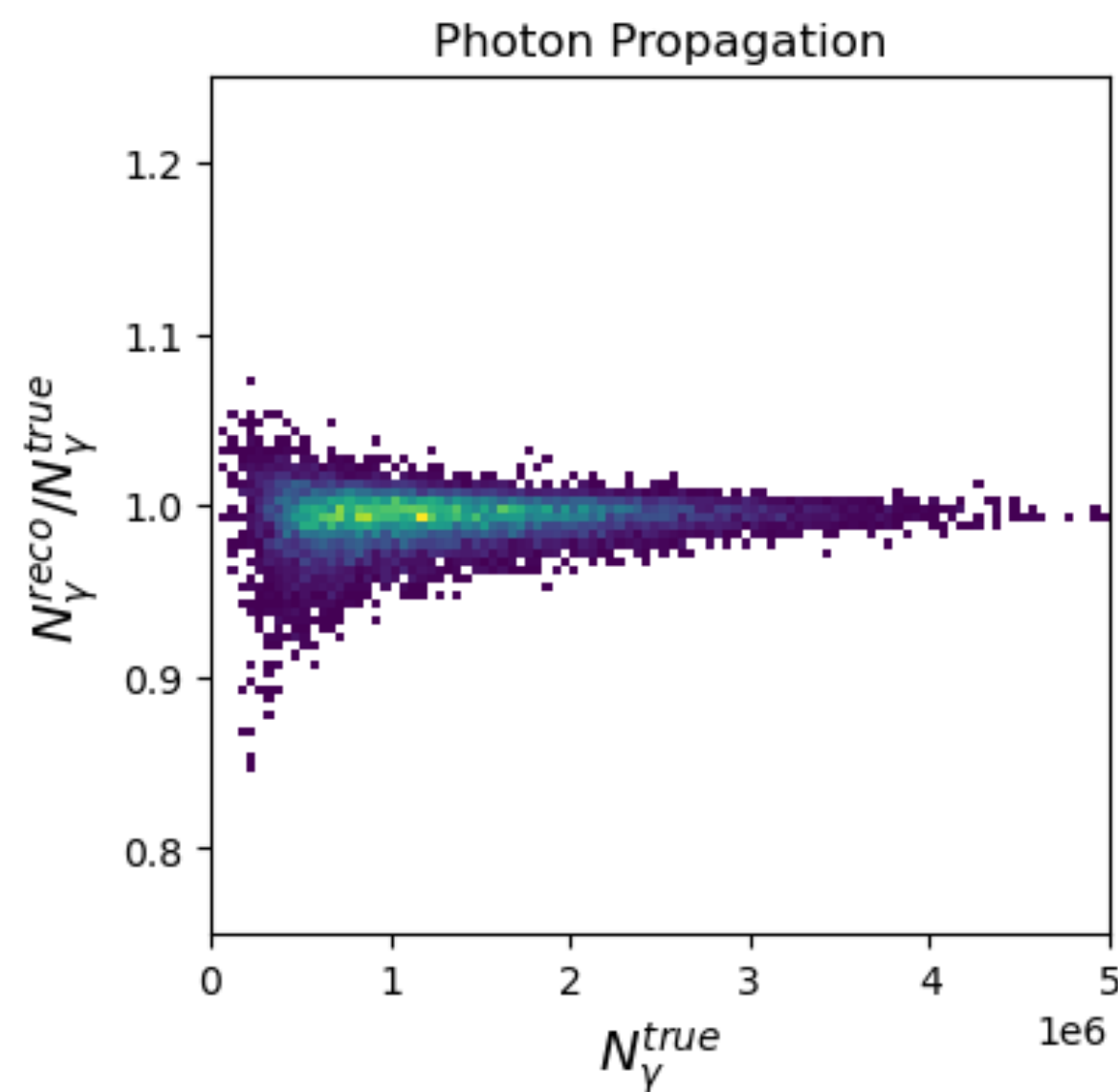


- stats too low to apply containment cut

Performance of N_γ reconstruction

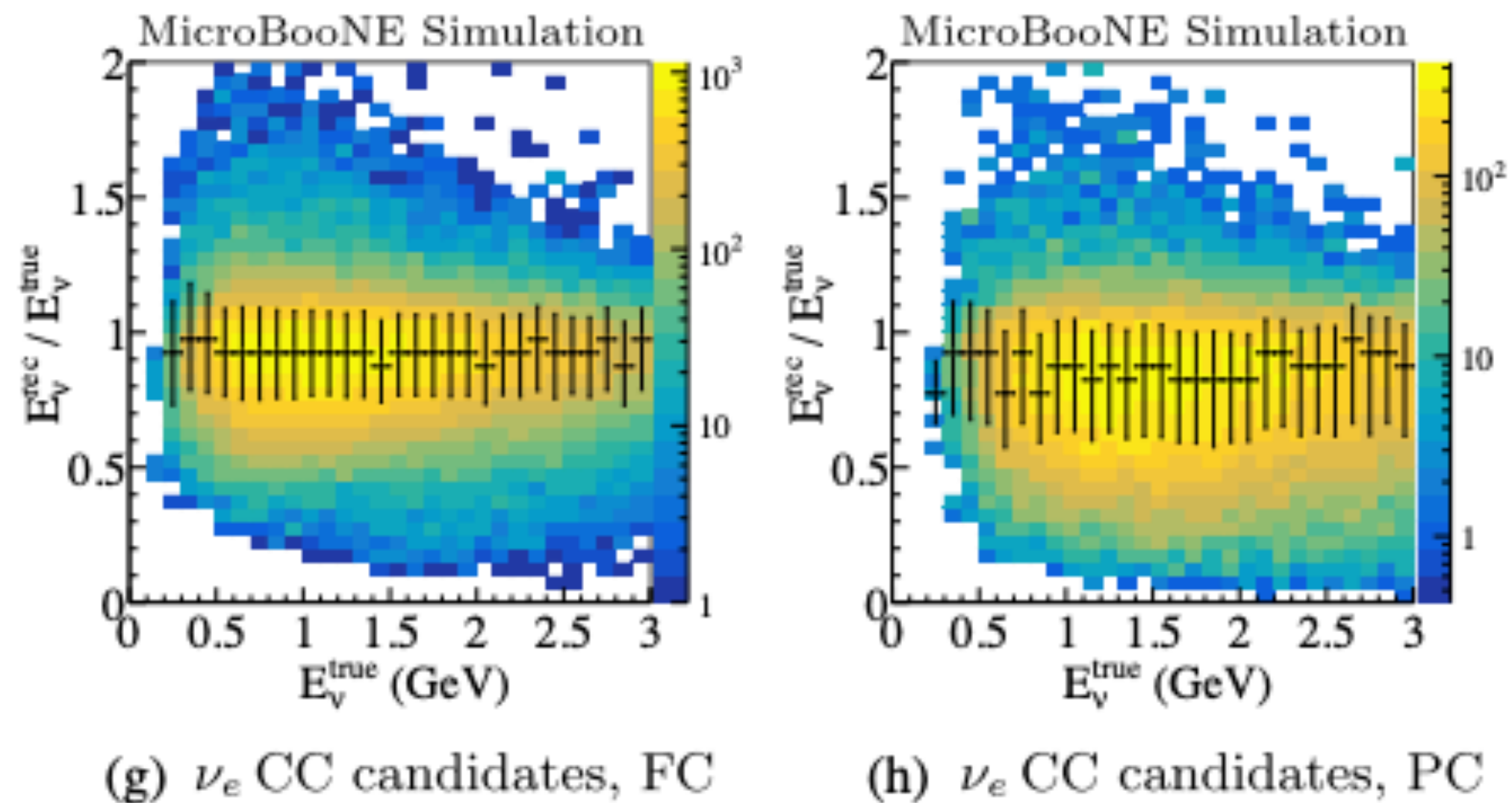


Performance of N_γ reconstruction, Ratio



how to define “resolution”?

- for an **inclusive** channel, difficult to get some benchmarks of neutrino energy reconstruction performance
 - for light calorimetry paper, injected neutrinos of single energy in infinitely large TPC, used σ_{RMS}/\bar{E}
 - for uboone Pandora results, $E_\nu^{reco} \rightarrow 15\%$, only $1eNp$ channel, method not described
 - for uboone WireCell results, $E_\nu^{reco} \rightarrow 10\text{-}15\%$, inclusive, using the 68% *quartile from the peak value*
 - for uboone DL results, $E_\nu^{reco} \rightarrow \sim 20\%$ resolution, only $1e1p$ channel, method not described



WireCell ν_e CC Inclusive:

The black points in the energy resolution plots represent the peak positions for each bin indicating the typical bias, and the error bars represent 68.3% quantiles from each bin's peak position.

smearing matrices e^- and p reco

