



# Overview of neutrino cross section measurements

(since last Neutrino conference & at long-baseline energy range)

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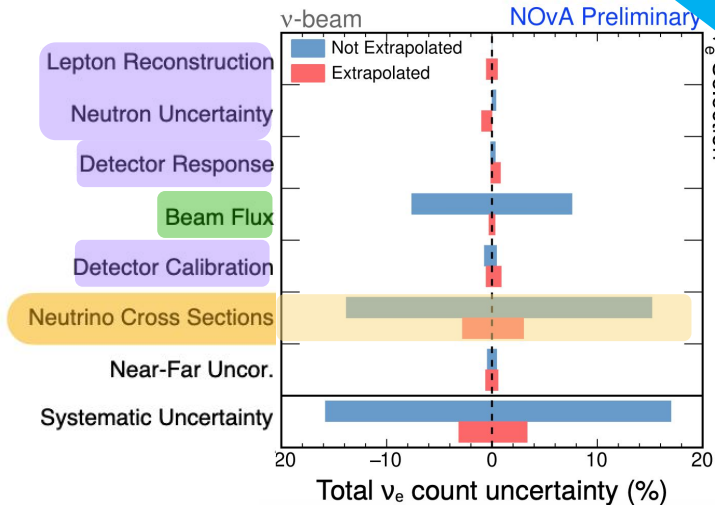
# Why neutrino cross sections matter?

This conference

T2K

NOVA

Error source	$\nu_e$ appearance
Flux	2.8
$\nu$ cross section (ND tuned)	3.8
$\nu$ cross section untunable	2.9
SK detector	2.7
Total	4.9



J. Wolcott @Neutrino2024

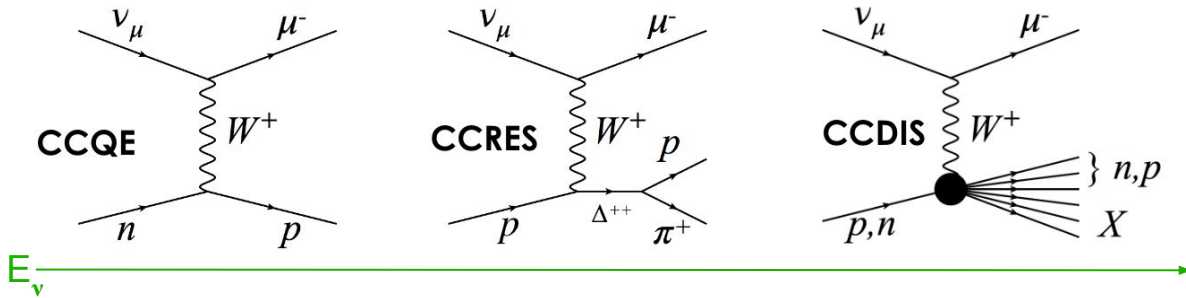
Neutrino interaction uncertainties are the ~ dominant source of systematics in current long-baseline experiments

$$\frac{N_{events}^{far}(\vec{x})}{N_{events}^{near}(\vec{x})} = \frac{\sigma(E_\nu, \vec{x}) \otimes \Phi^{far}(E_\nu) \otimes D^{far}(\vec{x}) \otimes P_{osc}(E_\nu)}{\sigma(E_\nu, \vec{x}) \otimes \Phi^{near}(E_\nu) \otimes D^{near}(\vec{x})}$$

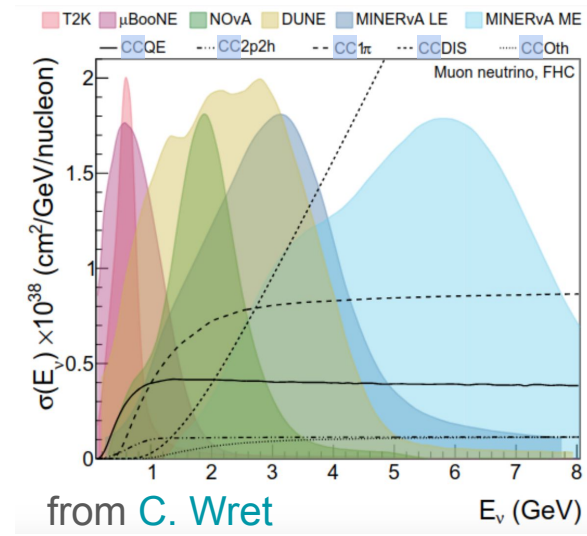
Today not the major problem, we have ~100  $\nu_e$  appearance events... but this will become a problem soon (Hyper-Kamiokande, DUNE)

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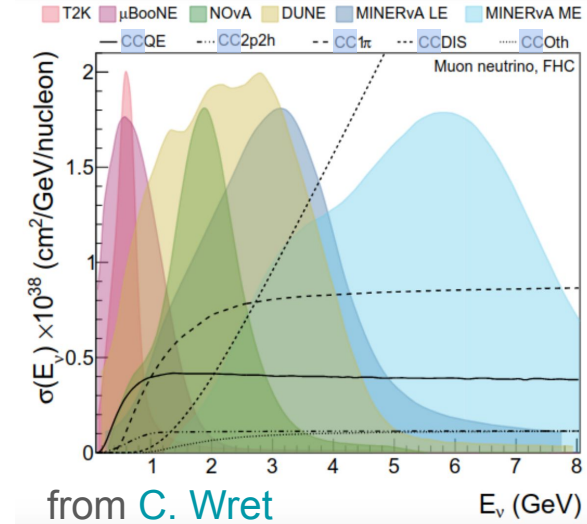
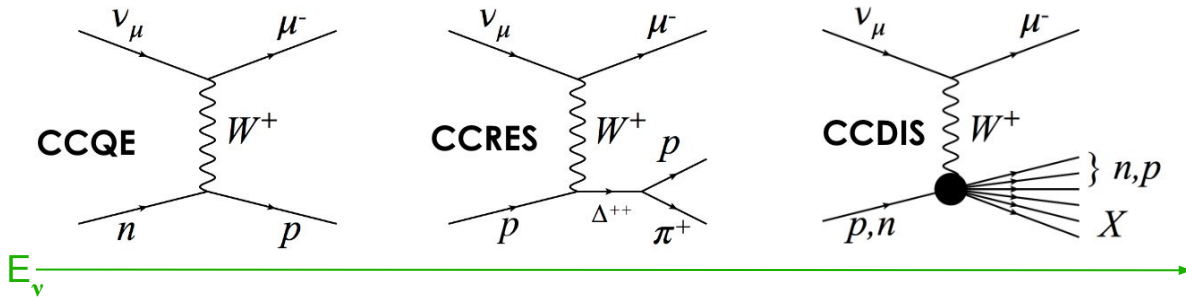


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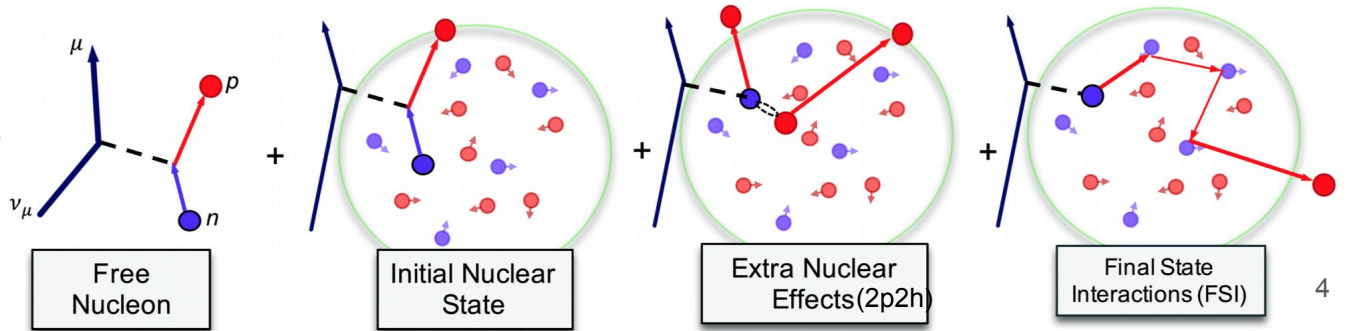
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Ideally, from the final state, we want to access the true interaction, but **nuclear effects** play an important role



# Final state topologies

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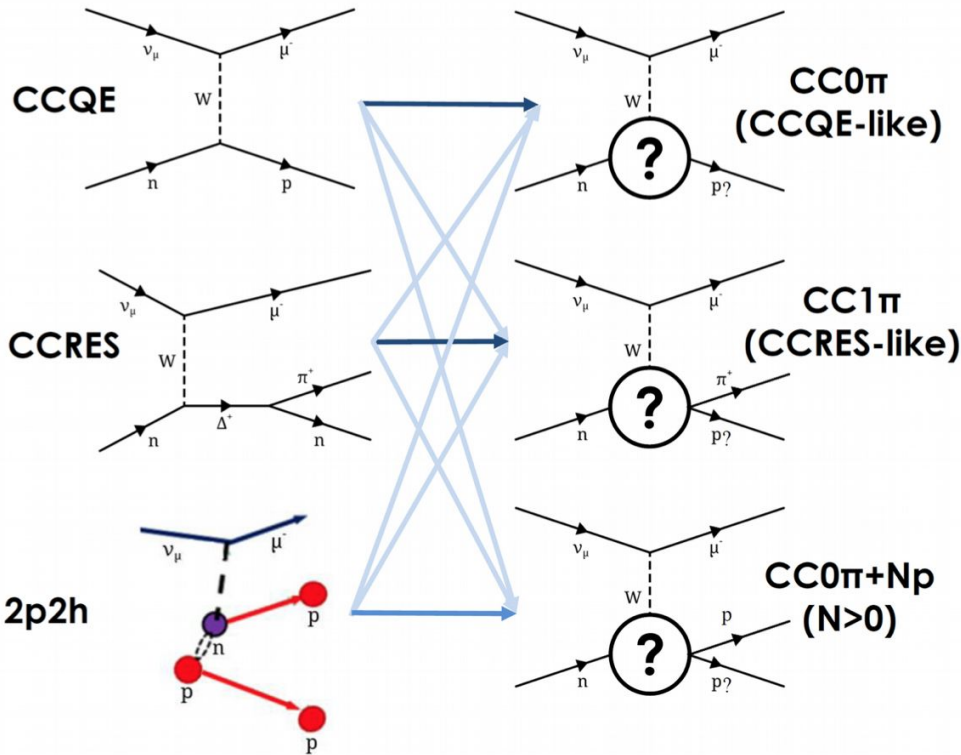
## Final state topologies

Our detectors can only reconstruct final state particles after nuclear effect

- charged lepton (CC) or no lepton (NC)
- w. or w/o pions:  $0\pi^{+-0}$ ,  $1\pi^{+-0}$
- w. or w/o protons:  $0p$ ,  $1p$ ,  $Np$

**Final state topologies** are the only categories we can access w/o referring to theoretical models, but they are **composed of a mixture of initial state interactions**

**Difficult task for the xsec community is to try to characterize these initial state interactions to check/tune theoretical models**



# What is a cross section?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_i dy_j} = \frac{N_{ij}^{\text{signal}}}{\epsilon_{ij} \Phi N_{\text{nucleons}}^{\text{FV}}} \times \frac{1}{\Delta x_i \Delta y_j}$$

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After background subtraction and unfolding of detector effects

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true variables      efficiency correction      double (or more?) differential

- Signal, to be defined considering the detector capabilities  $\Rightarrow$  **final state topology**
- Selected signal samples contain also some background  $\Rightarrow$  need of **background samples**
- Observables, to be chosen considering the detector capabilities  $\Rightarrow$  **usually lepton and/or hadron kinematics**
- Limit the model dependence of the efficiency correction  $\Rightarrow$  perform **2D (or more) differential measurements**, phase space restriction,...
- Cross section to be extracted as a function of the true observables  $\Rightarrow$  **unfolding of detector effects**

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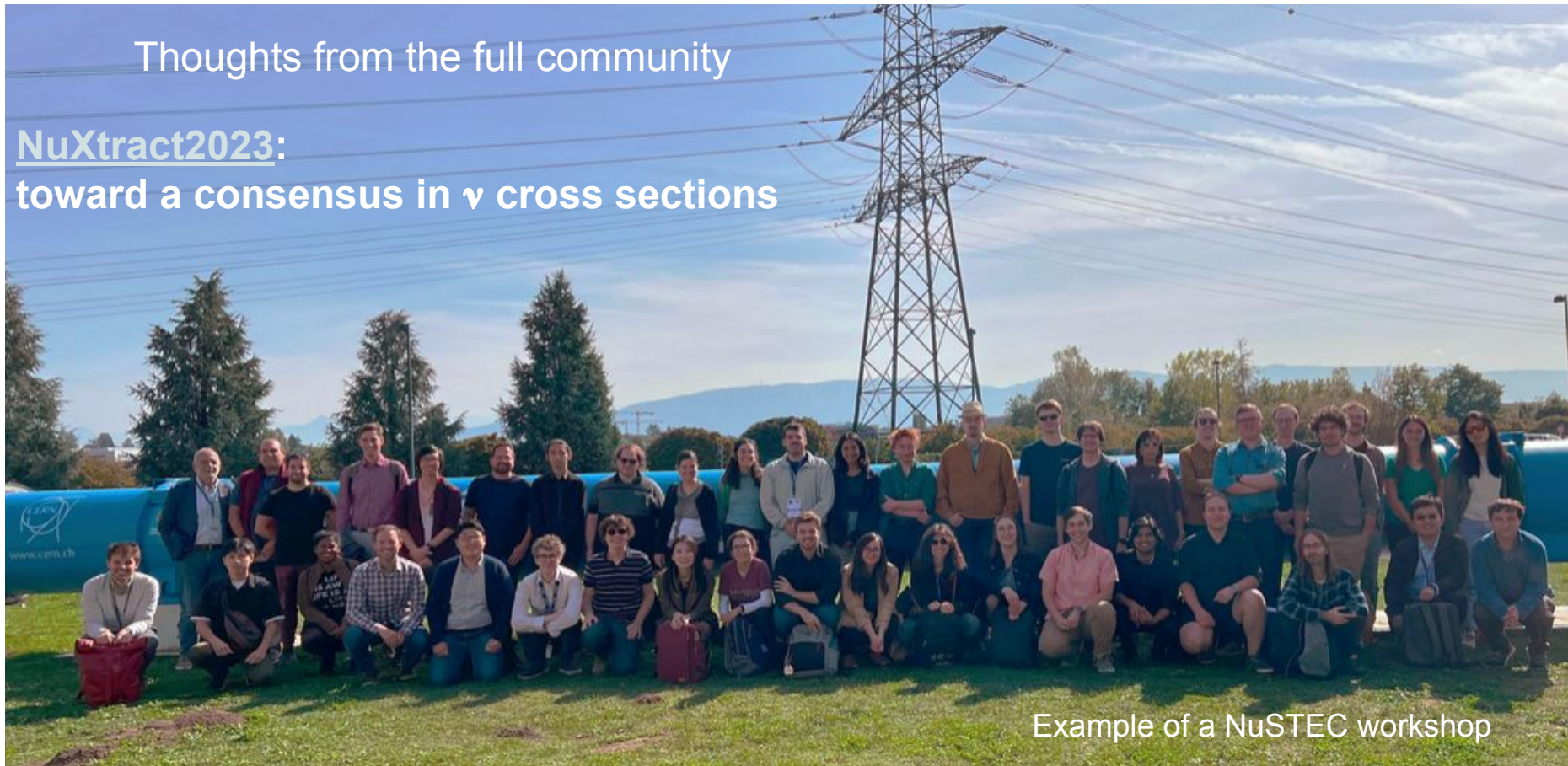


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Thoughts from the full community

NuXtract2023:  
toward a consensus in  $\nu$  cross sections



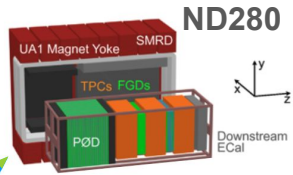
Example of a NuSTEC workshop

But we also have fun...

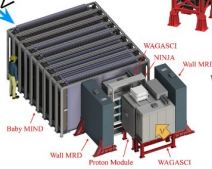
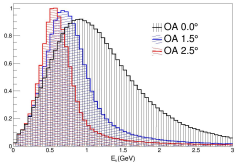
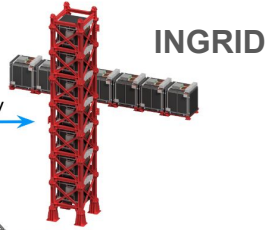
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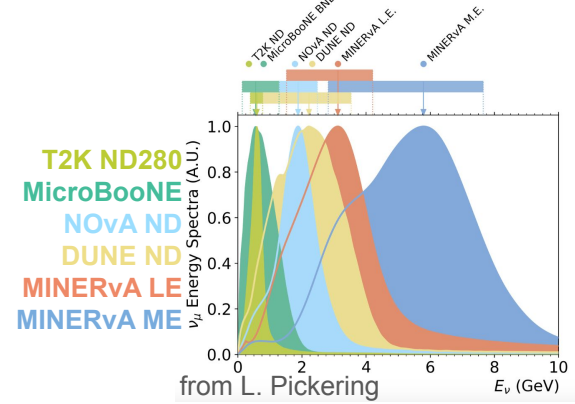
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3. different off-axis



$E = 0.6 \text{ GeV}$   
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 $\text{on-axis}$   
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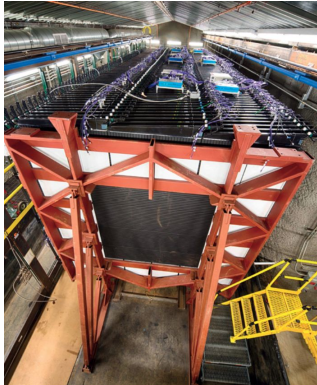
WAGASCI



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**Fermilab**  
 NuMI beam

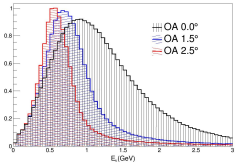
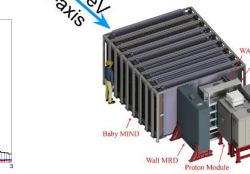
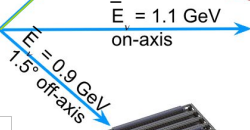
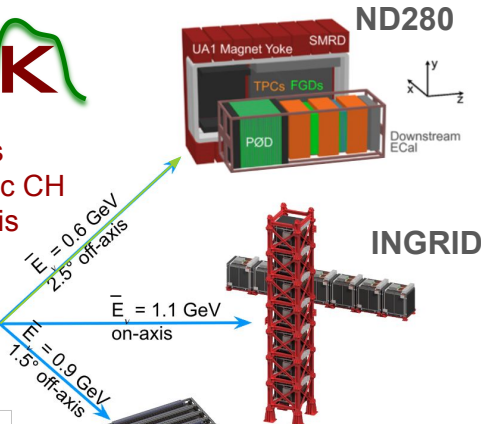
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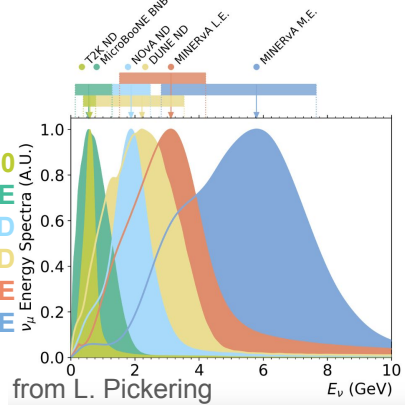
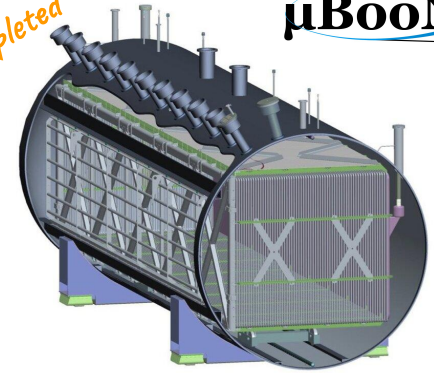
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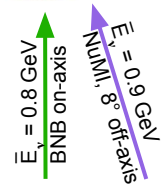


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# μBooNE

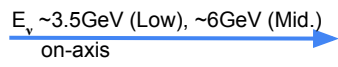


1. LArTPC
2. BNB beam on-axis
3. NuMI beam off-axis



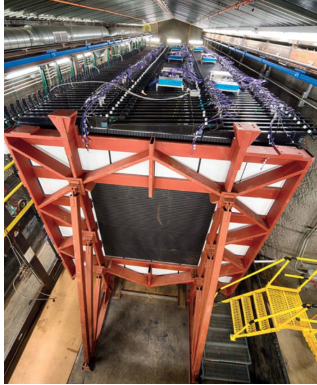
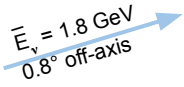
1. Several targets: C, CH, Fe, Pb, H<sub>2</sub>O, He
2. two beams ~3GeV and ~6GeV

**Fermilab**  
NuMI beam

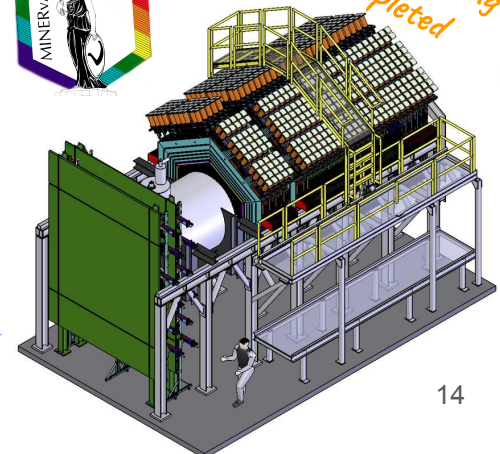


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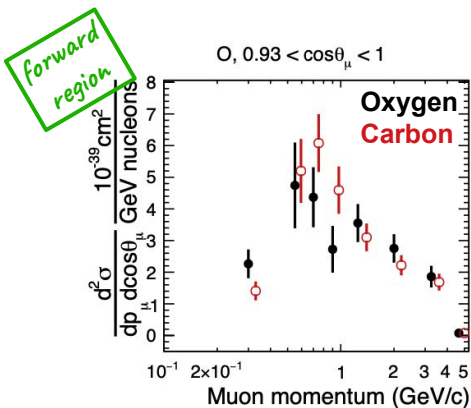
# Priorities of neutrino cross-section community

- **Limit model dependence**, by defining the signal depending on the final state topology (instead of the true interaction), by carefully choosing the observables (detectable variables) and applying the efficiency corrections
- Characterise the **dominant channels  $CC0\pi$  and  $CC1\pi$** , while also exploring subdominant or rare ones (characterise the background)
- **Promote combined measurements** (multi-flux, multi-target, multi-channel) that allow to provide correlations between measurements and explore E- and A- dependences
- **Explore nuclear effects**, that are the main responsible of systematics in the oscillation analysis
- Provide new measurements on **different targets**: CH, water, Argon (but also Pb and Fe)
- Provide **data release** allowing to preserve useful data results over the next decades and in the simplest format for theoreticians to be used
- Develop, maintain and share **sophisticated tools and careful procedures** for the cross section extraction (unfolding and error propagation) and diagnostic

# How these measurements are used?

Simultaneous 2D  $CC0\pi$   
measurement on O and C  
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*example from recent T2K developments*



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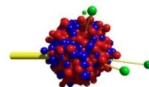
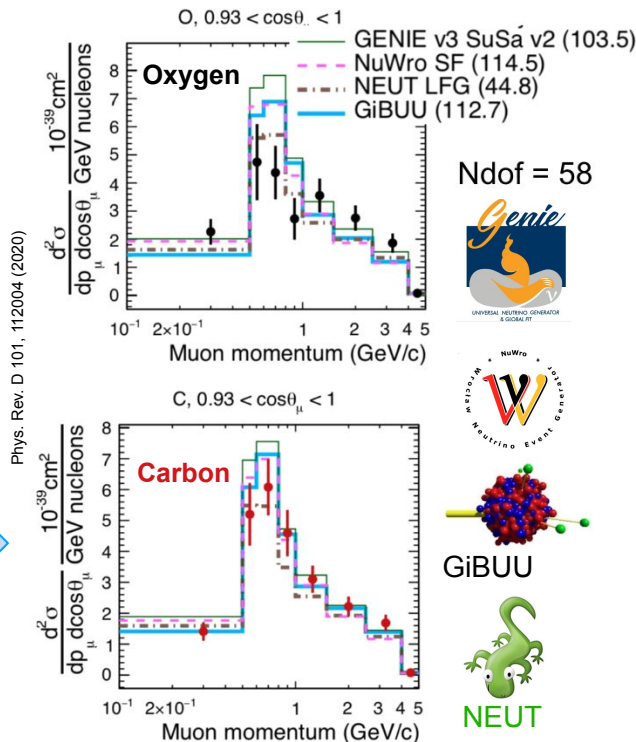
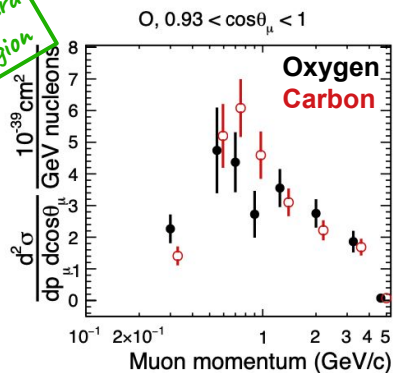


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GiBUU



NEUT

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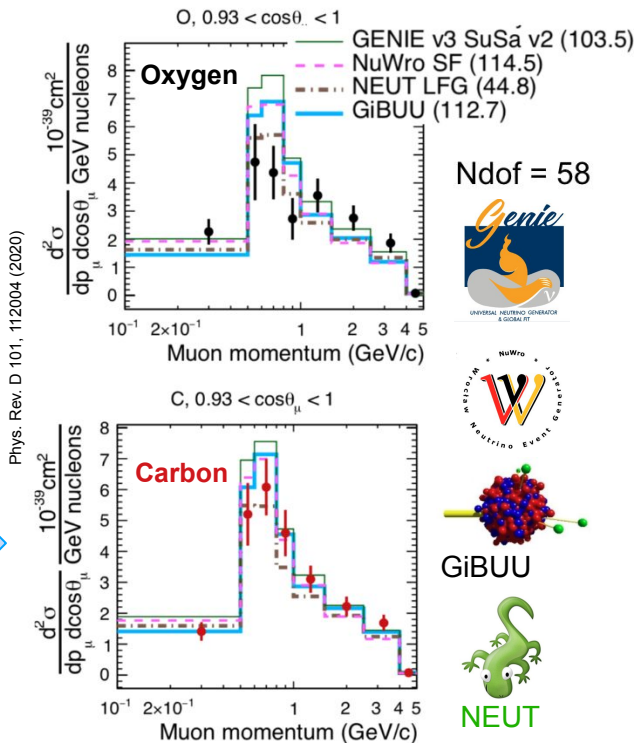
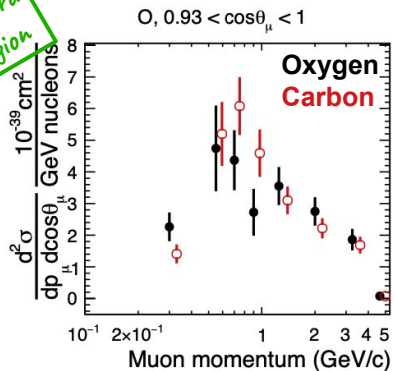
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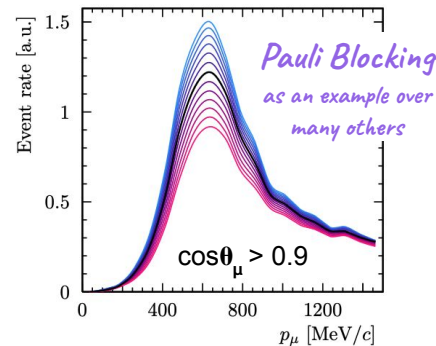
*clear disagreement with most sophisticated nuclear model in this region*

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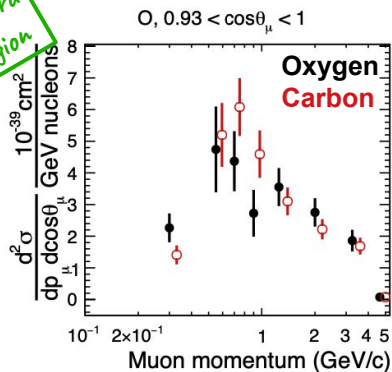
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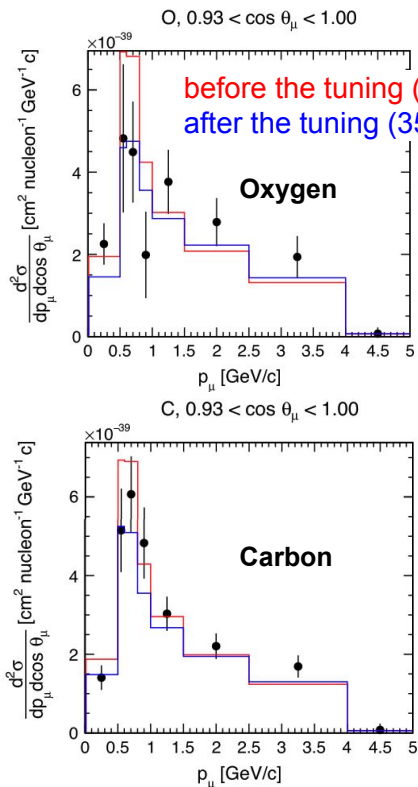
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O,  $0.93 < \cos \theta_\mu < 1.00$

before the tuning (110.8/58)  
after the tuning (35.8/58)

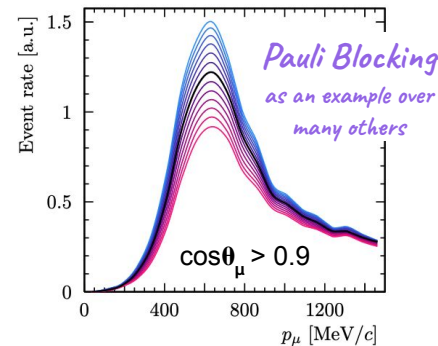
Oxygen

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Carbon

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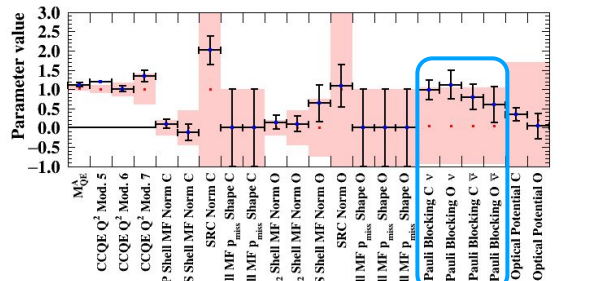
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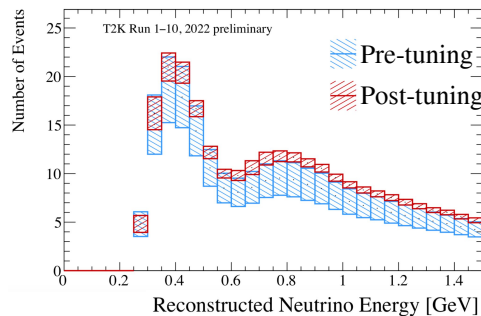
New parameterisation applied in the official model tuning for the oscillation analysis

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Near Detector: 2022 results

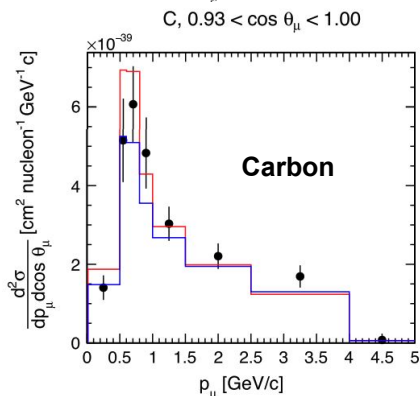
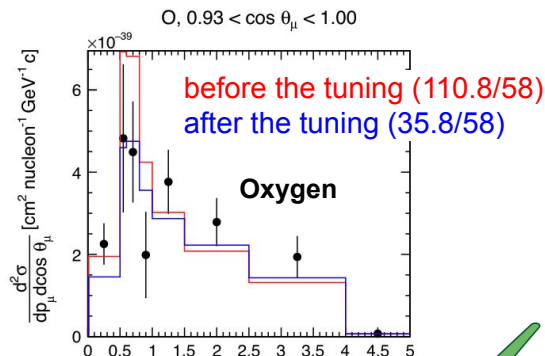
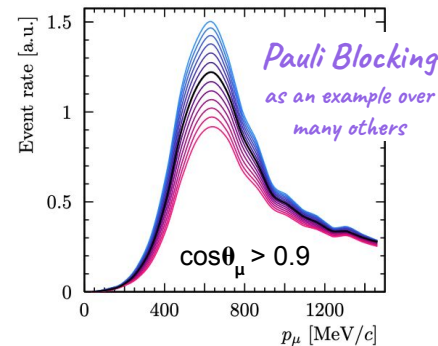


Far Detector predictions



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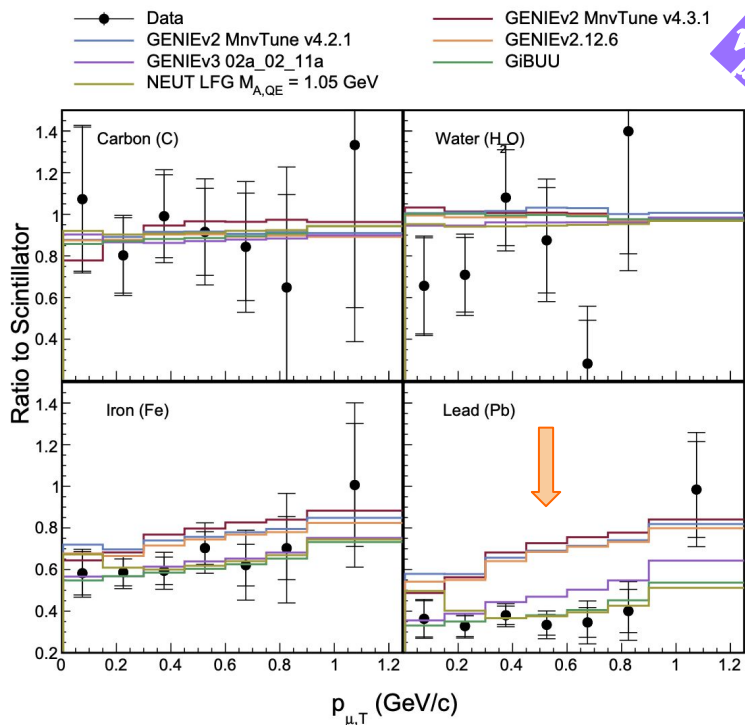


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A-dependence is different in different model/generators

Considering also CC0 $\pi$  channel, seems to point on a **higher  $\pi$  absorption** than what could be imagined by looking at CH



$\nu_\mu \text{ CC } 1\pi^+$

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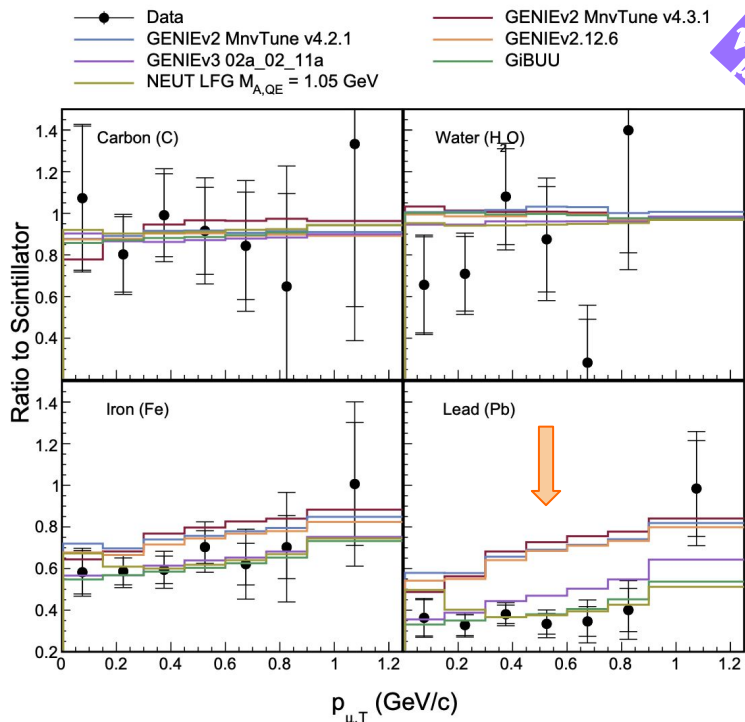
A-dependence is different in different model/generators

Considering also CC0 $\pi$  channel, seems to point on a **higher  $\pi$  absorption** than what could be imagined by looking at CH

and @T2K **T2K**  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 0.9 \text{ GeV}$

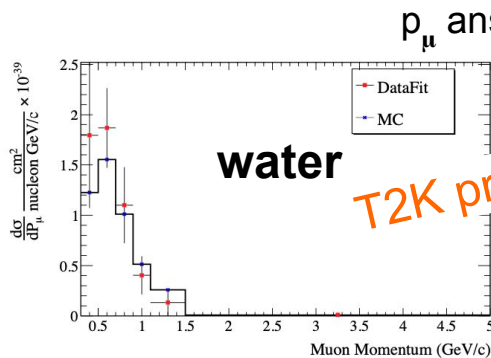
First measurement using the WAGASCI/  
 BabyMind detector

Plastic and water (+plastic) modules  $\rightarrow$  allow  
 simultaneous measurements on CH and H<sub>2</sub>O  
 Two water/CH simultaneous 1D measurements:

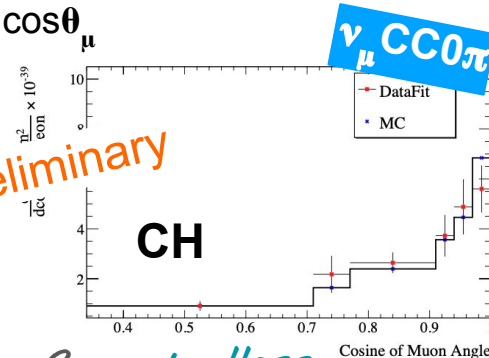


$\nu_\mu$  CC1 $\pi^+$

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T2K preliminary



Cosine of Muon Angle

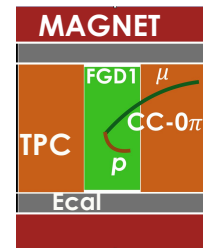
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Future plans include joint measurements with ND280



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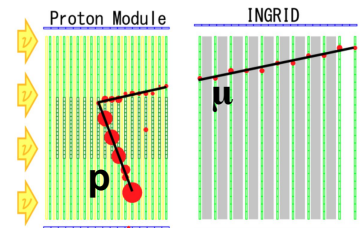
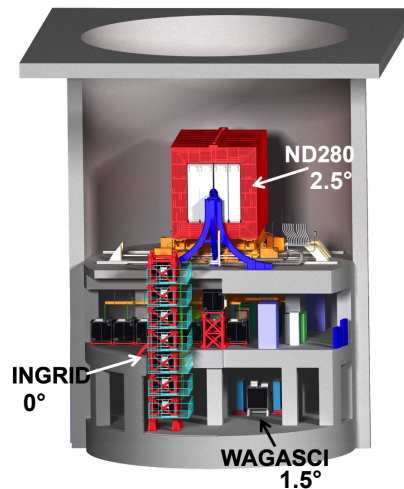
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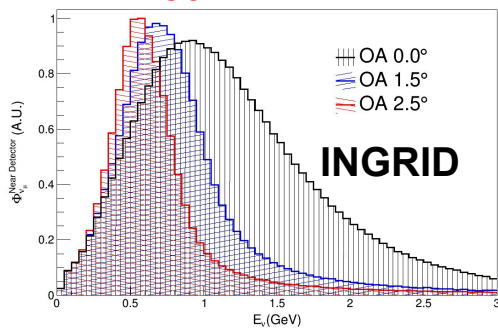
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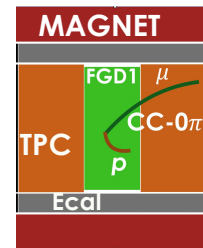


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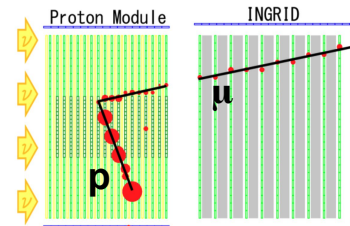
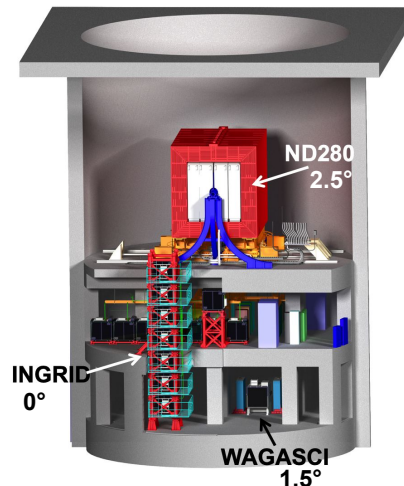
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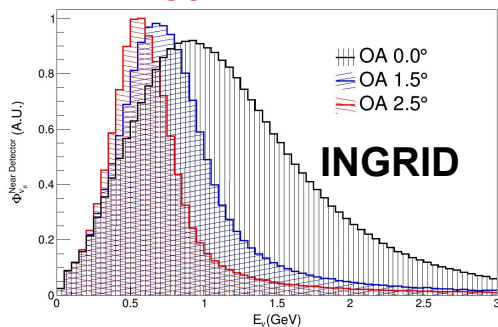


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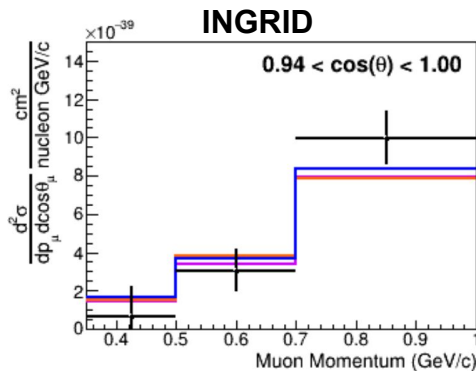
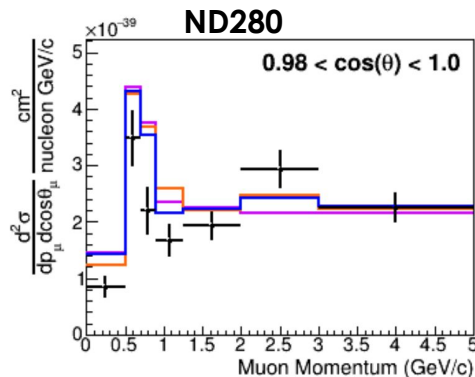
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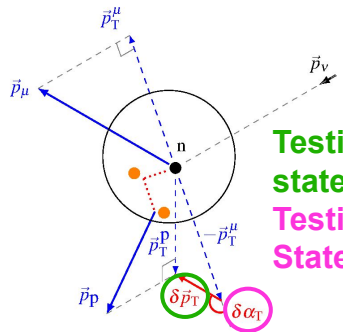


- + On/Off-Axis Data
- NuWro\_21.09\_LFG+Martini  $\chi^2 = 155.68$
- NuWro\_21.09\_LFG+Nieves  $\chi^2 = 141.04$
- NuWro\_21.09\_LFG+SuSA  $\chi^2 = 135.38$  (70 ndof)

Allows to study the energy dependence of  $\nu$  interactions (same beam but different spectra) especially 2p2h or CCRES

For the first time, possible to test models simultaneously at two different angles/fluxes

Models struggle in reproducing data



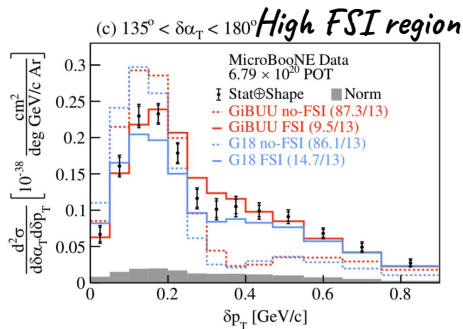
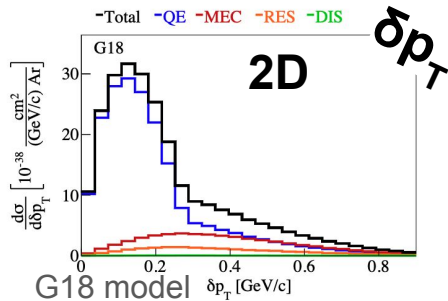
$\nu_\mu \text{ CC}\pi 1p \text{ on Ar}$

Testing the initial state nucleon  
Testing Final State Interactions

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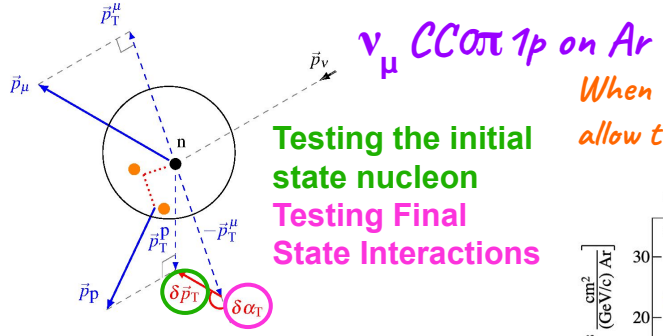
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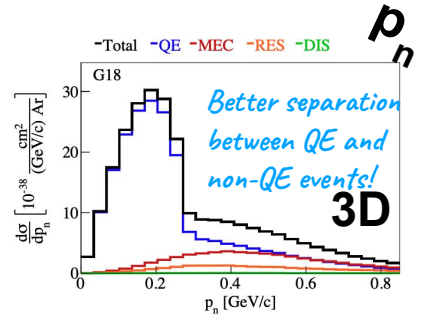
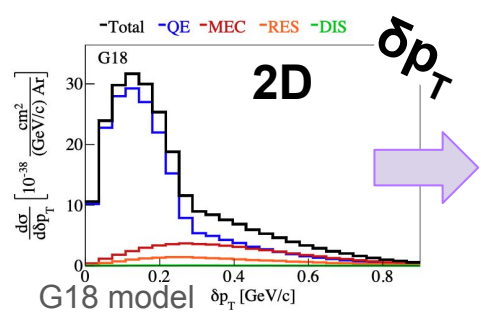
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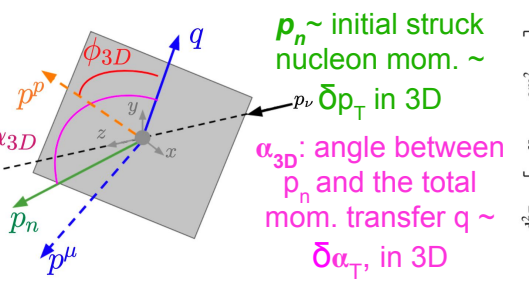
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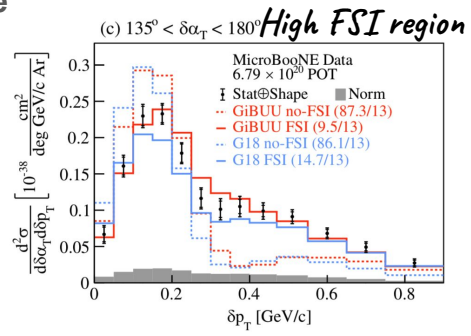
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First GKI measurement!

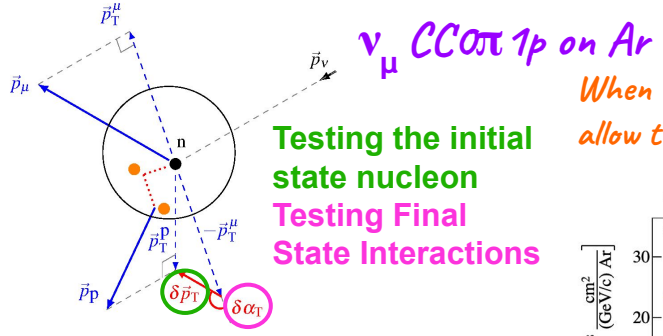
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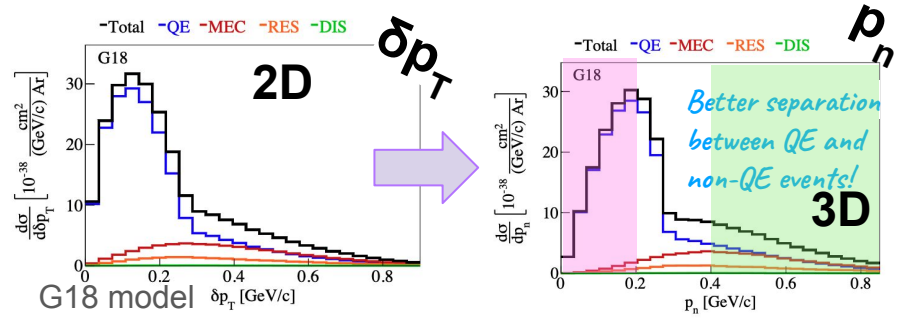
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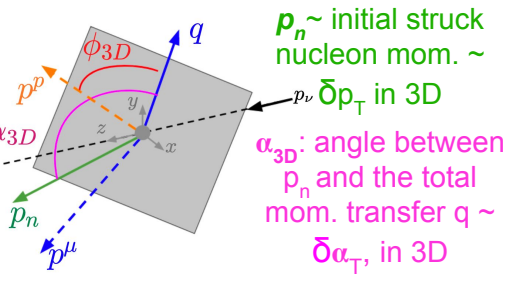
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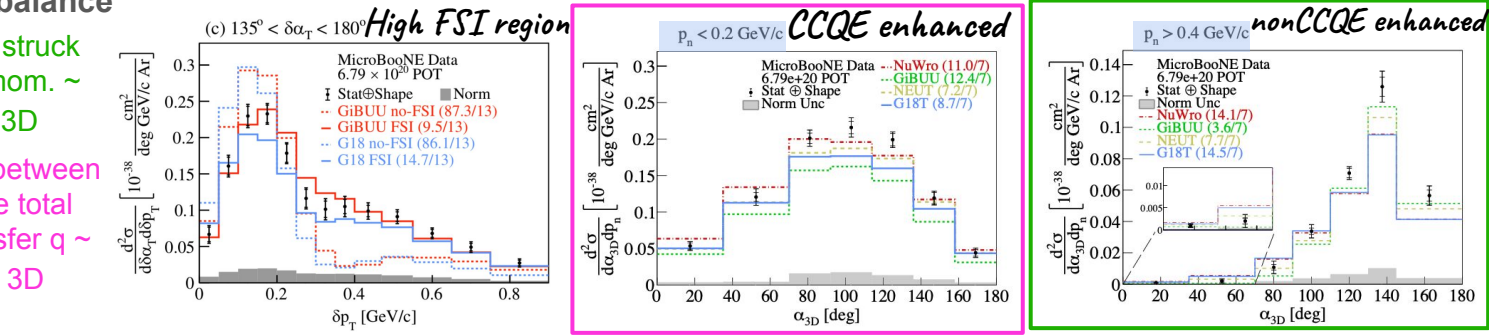
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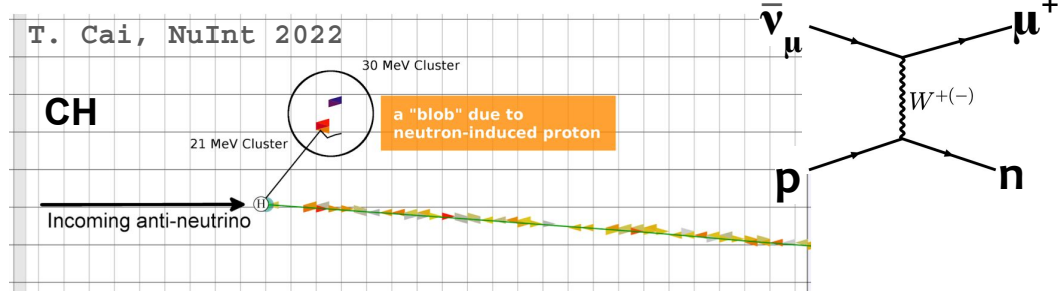
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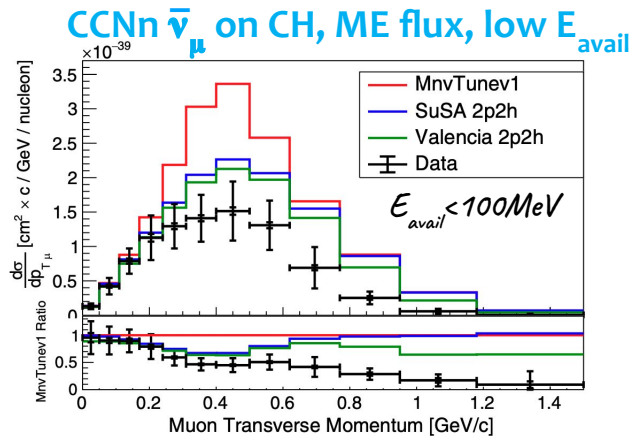
Some old models clearly disfavoured. More recent models agree in certain regions and are worse in others. Simultaneous use of 2 variables enhance the discrimination power among different nuclear effects!



# Neutrons @MINERvA



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Multi-neutrons measurements at low  $E_{avail}$   
 (=non  $E_\mu$  and non n activity)  $\rightarrow$  ++ 2p2h

Models overpredicts the number of neutrons

Theoretical xsec overestimated wrt data

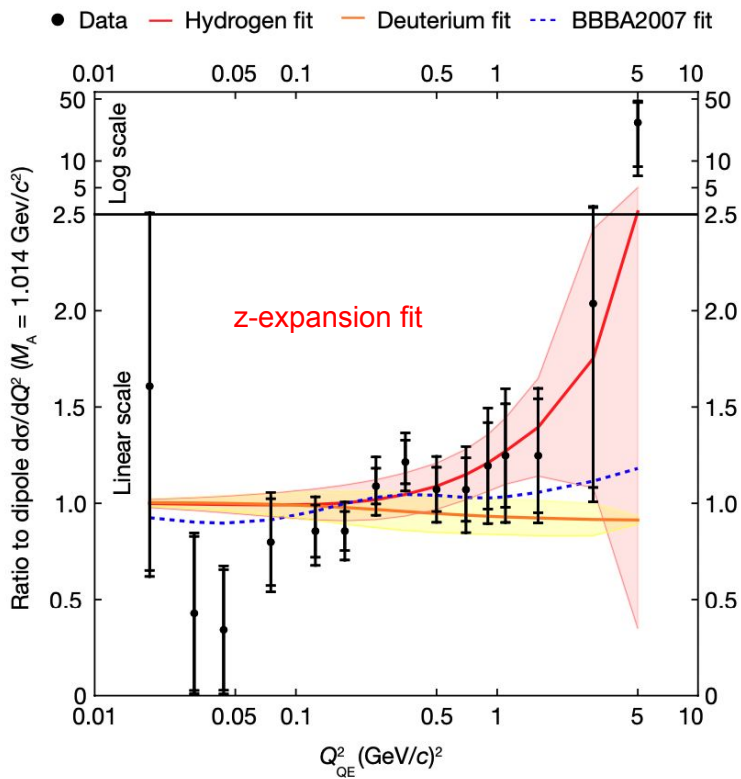
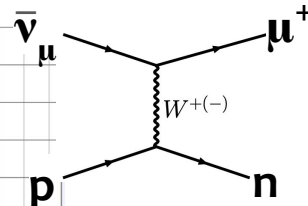
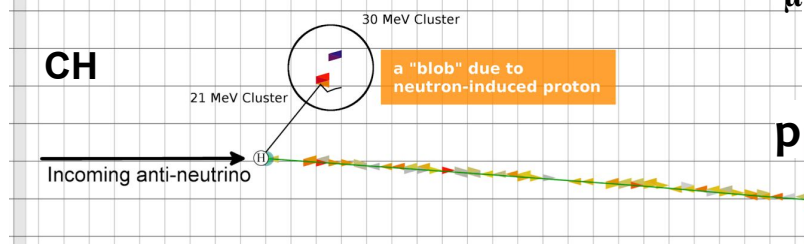
$\rightarrow$  pointing to a 2p2h or FSI mismodelling?



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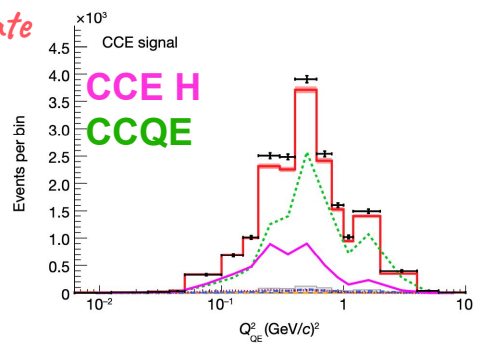
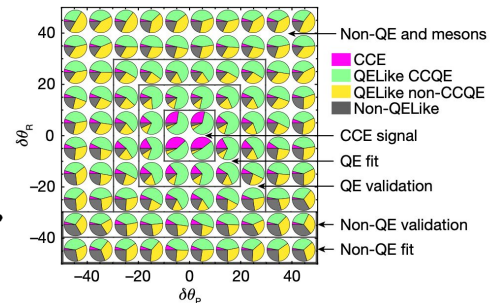
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T. Cai, NuInt 2022



And if we get rid of nuclear effects? Try to isolate  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC elastic interactions on H, i.e. on free p!

Cuts on TKI angular variables



Nature, 614, 48-53 (2023)

CCE xsec measured vs  $Q^2_{QE}$ : **first statistically significant measurement of the anti- $\nu$  CCE scattering on the free p!**

Results used to **measure the axial vector form factor**  $\rightarrow$  first measurements on free p!

Favors larger  $F_A$  at higher  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  **deviation from dipole  $F_A$**

Try to use the  $\Sigma$  of all hadrons

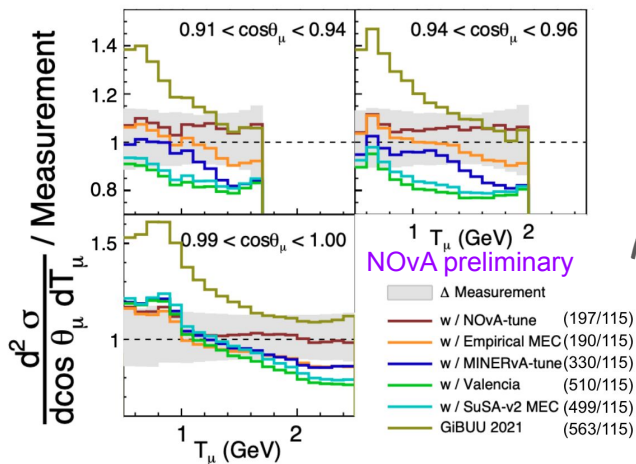
Available energy ( $E_{avail}$ ): total energy of all observable final state hadrons (well established variable since *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 116, 071802 (2016))

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Analysis in 3D ( $T_{\mu}, \cos\theta_{\mu}, E_{avail}$ ) and then projected to muon kinematics

# Exploiting $E_{avail}$ @NOvA



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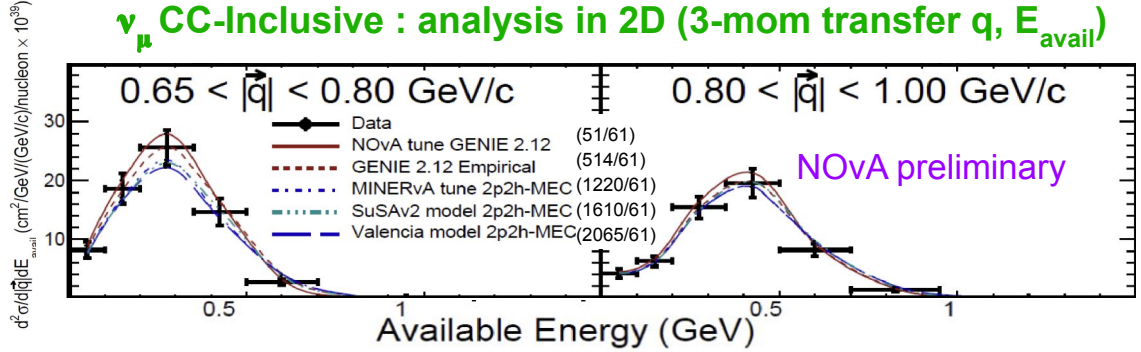
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$\nu_{\mu}$  CC-Inclusive : analysis in 2D (3-mom transfer  $q$ ,  $E_{\text{avail}}$ )



Xsec evolves with increasing  $q \rightarrow$  similar pattern already seen in MINERvA

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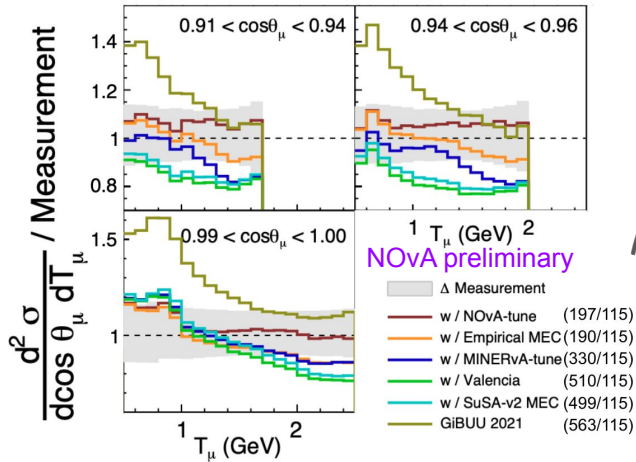
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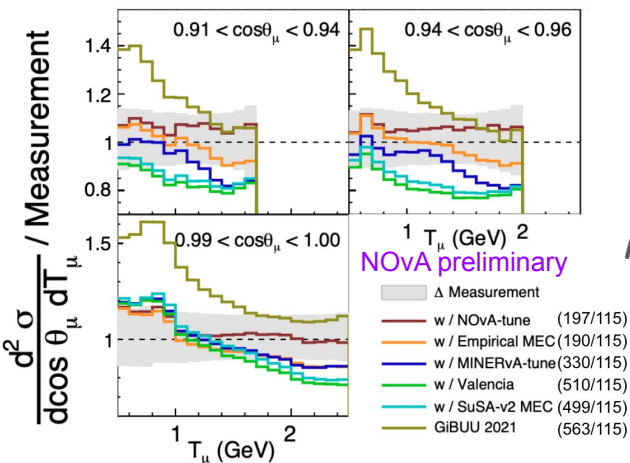
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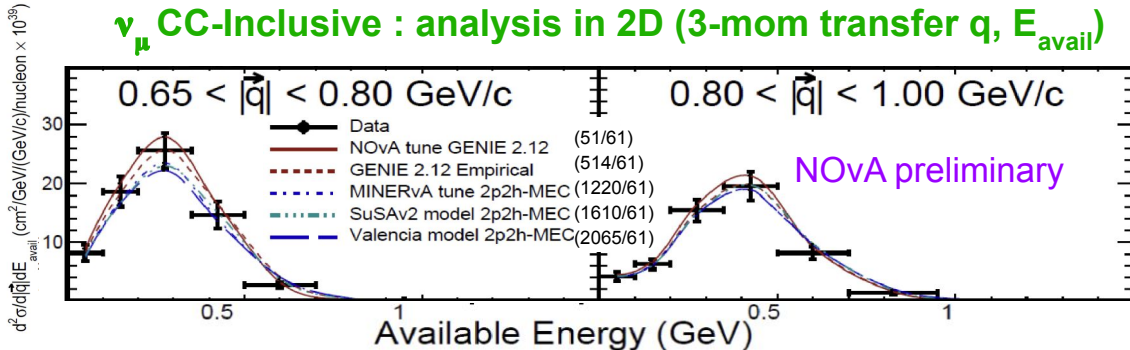
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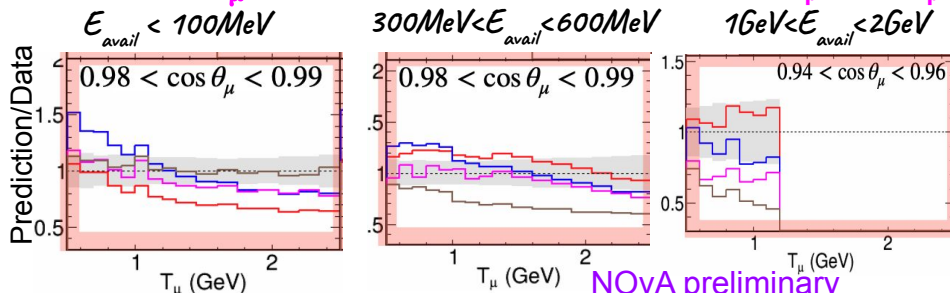
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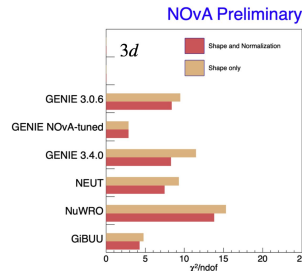
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$\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  CC-Inclusive : analysis in 3D ( $T_{\mu}, \cos\theta_{\mu}, E_{avail}$ )



Testing several models. Low  $E_{avail}$  region is the dominant one ( $\sim 50\%$  of events,  $\sim 34$  ++CCQE, 2p2h). Need a tuned model for a  $\sim$ better agreement with data



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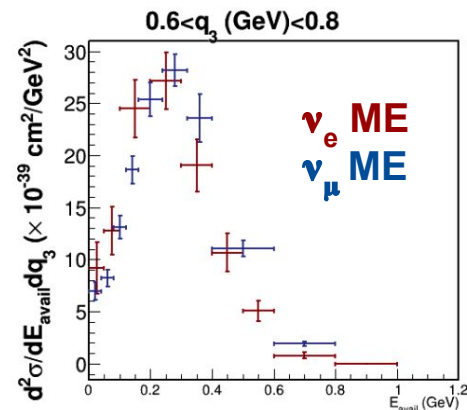
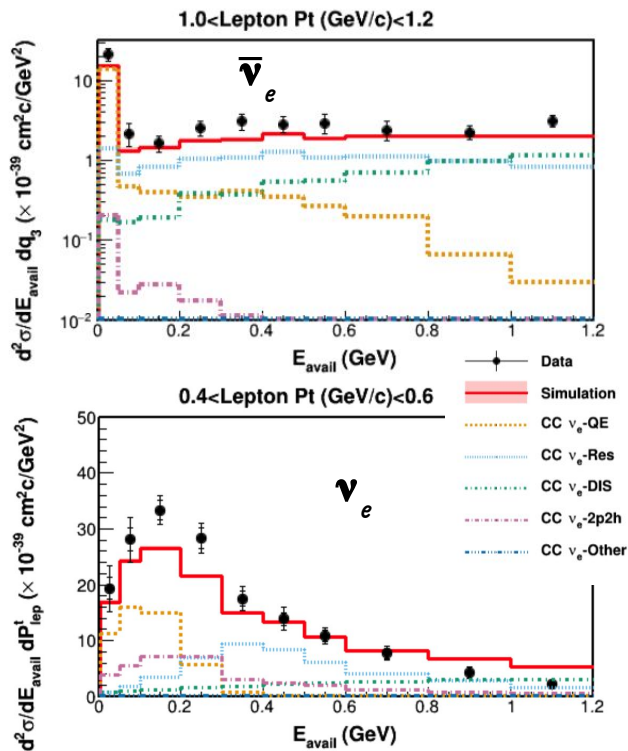
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Two 2D cross section measurements ( $E_{avail}, q_3$ ), ( $E_{avail}, p_T$ )



$\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 6$  GeV

Phys. Rev. D 109, 092008 (2024)



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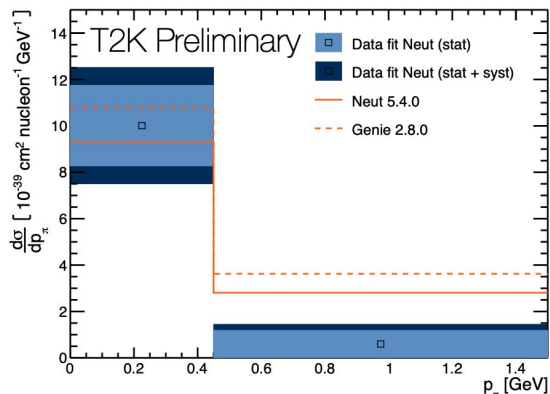
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T2K

First  $\nu_e$  CC1 $\pi^+$  measurement!

Important  $\nu_e$  appearance channel

3D measurement ( $p_e, \theta_e, p_\pi$ ) projected in 1D



Still low statistics (~100 events), but models seems to overpredict the data

See [poster #54](#)

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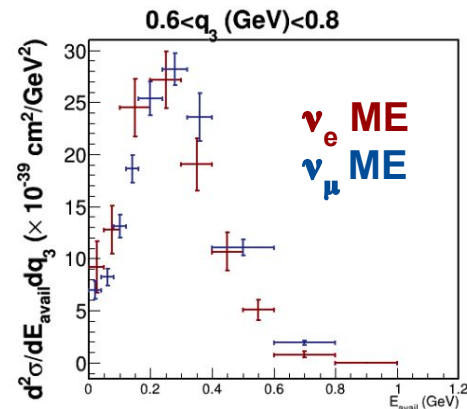
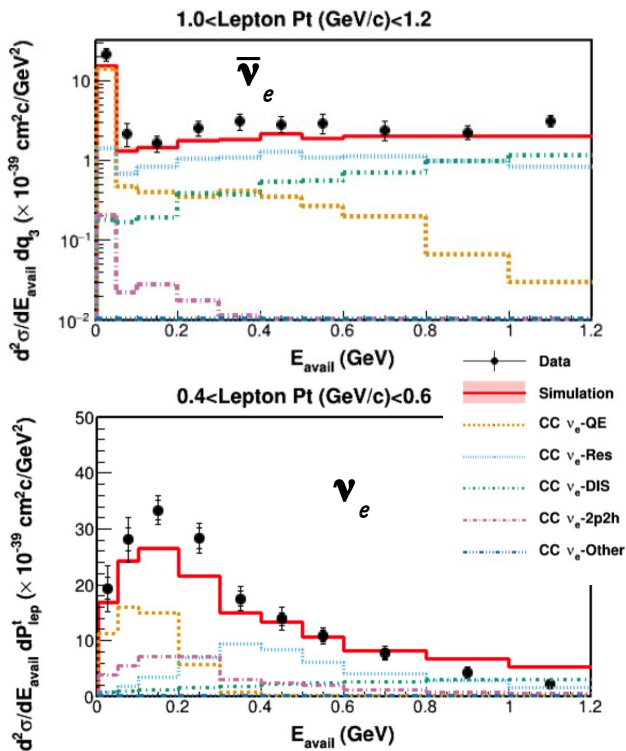
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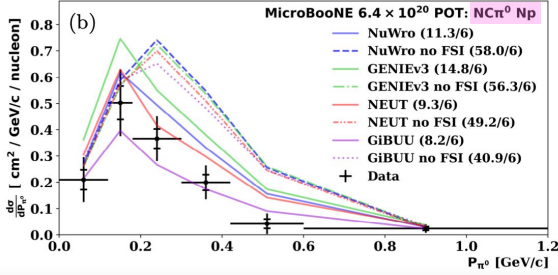
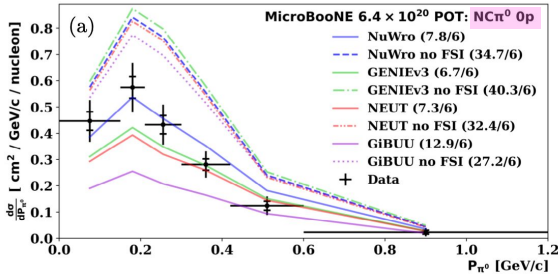
$\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 0.8 \text{ GeV}$



$\pi^0$  production represents a major background for EM shower selection (e.g.  $\nu_e$  appearance), but poorly studied process

**First 2D NC $\pi^0$  measurement on Ar!**

2D measurement in  $p_{\pi^0}$  and  $\cos\theta_{\pi^0}$



Simultaneous measurement of Op and Np channels →

important to understand the difference between Op/Np topologies

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Also provide test of different form factor predictions (see the paper)

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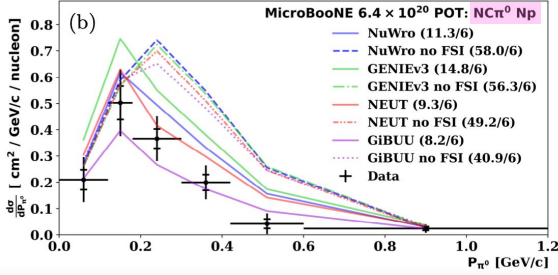
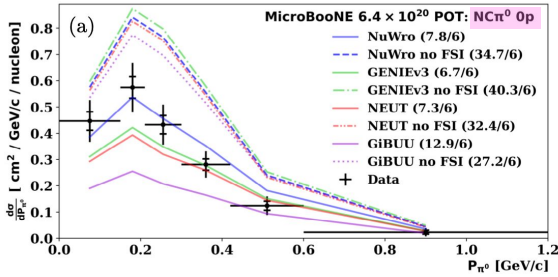
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~ 5000 sel. events arXiv:2404.10948

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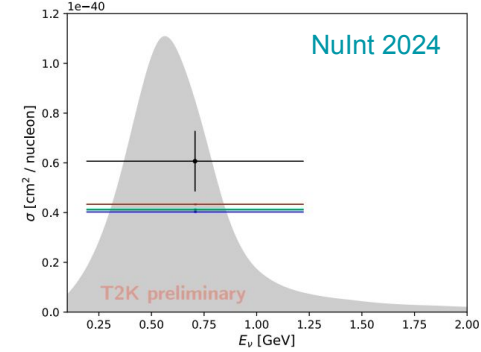
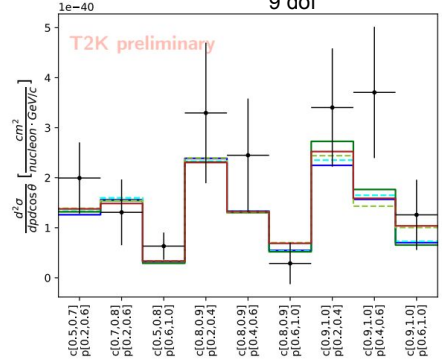
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First NC $\pi^+$  measurement on CH below 2 GeV

2D measurement in  $p_{\pi^+}$  and  $\cos\theta_{\pi^+}$   
Op channel is signal, Np channel is background

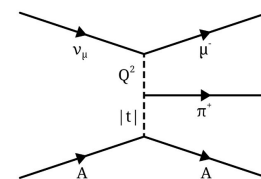
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- NEUT562  $\chi^2=5.48$
- NUWRO LFRGPA  $\chi^2=6.46$
- NUWRO SF  $\chi^2=5.86$
- GENIEv3 AR23\_20i\_00\_000  $\chi^2=2.82$
- GENIEv3 CRPA21\_04a\_00\_000  $\chi^2=2.50$
- NEUT562  $\chi^2=2.58$
- NUWRO LFRGPA  $\chi^2=2.04$
- NUWRO SF  $\chi^2=2.03$
- Data



Comparisons with several nuclear and FSI models. No particular preference shown

Still statistically limited → need to collect more data 38



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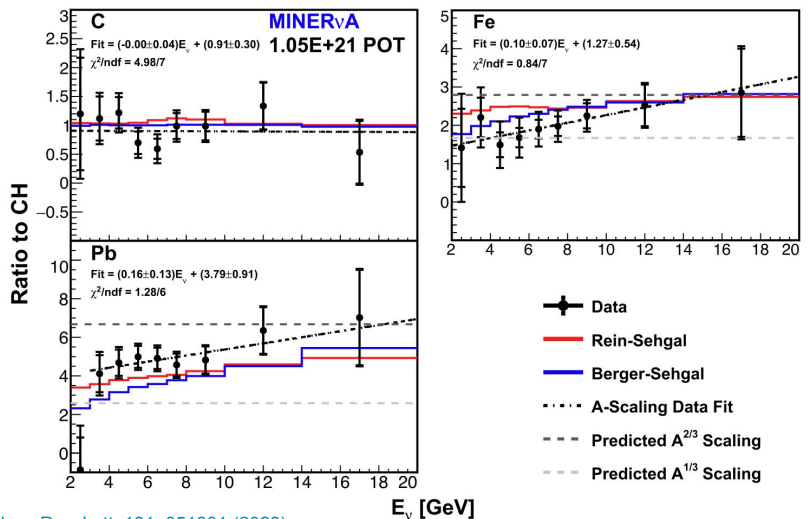


## Multi-targets

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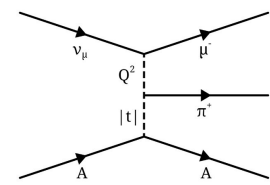
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When neutrinos interact coherently with the nucleus

# CC-Coherent $\pi$ production



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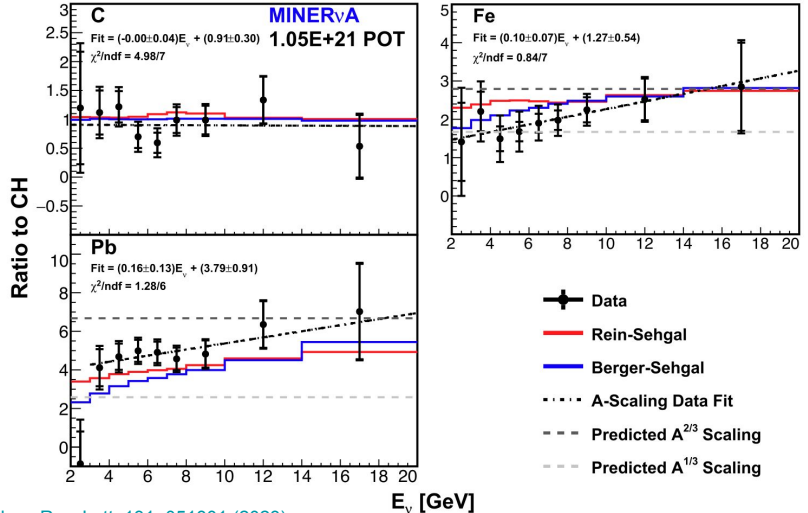


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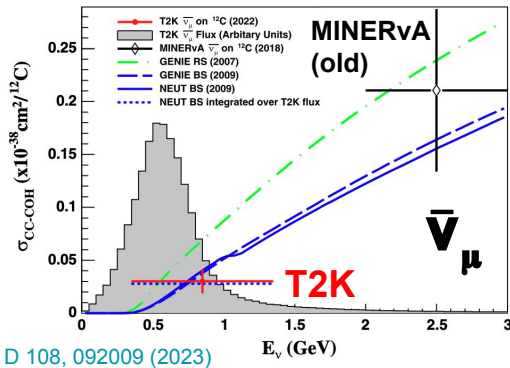
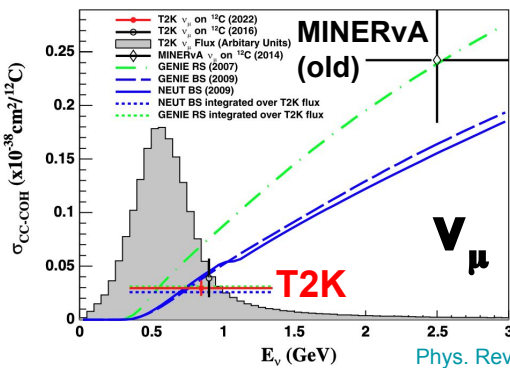
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$E_{\text{peak}} \nu \sim 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

## Multi-beam modes



First measurements of CC-Coh for  $\bar{\nu}$  below 1GeV

Lower energy (and lower stat) wrt MINERvA: single bin

But same CH target!



# Summary and prospect

*See Kevin's talk in a moment*

*See Afroditi's talk tomorrow*

- Neutrino cross sections are a **very active and pretty fundamental field** to ensure neutrino oscillation experiment success
- A **variety of experiments** involved in the quest for the neutrino interaction understanding → complementarity of the measurement and sharing of best practice
- I had a very limited time to treat the vastity of new results since Neutrino 2022: please enjoy **NuInt2024** talks and other talks from the sessions today and tomorrow → **so many progresses in only 2y!**
- An additional amount of new results are already in the pipeline from the mentioned experiments
- Also, new measurements from other experiments will come soon: **ICARUS**, **SBND**, **ArgonCube** (Argon), the **ND280-Upgrade** (CH), **NINJA** (water et al), **Annie** (water)
- Need to **act as a community together with theoreticians and generator developers**, (like **NuStec**)
- Amount of available data is increasing and complexifying: towards a **standardised Data Release format** for **data preservation** ~HepData

# Cross-section posters

- A. Furmanski: Measuring neutrino-induced neutrons in the MicroBooNE LArTPC, #636
- C. Thorpe: Rare neutrino interaction and  $\pi^0$  production cross sections with MicroBooNE, #627
- L. Hagaman: Inclusive and exclusive pionless cross section measurements with MicroBooNE, #626
  
- K. Lachner,  $\nu\mu$  CC0 $\pi$  cross-section measurement with calorimetric information at the upgraded T2K near detector, #278
- C. Jesus-Valls, The WAGASCI-BabyMIND detector of the upgraded T2K experiment, #277
- N. Latham, First Measurement of the Charged Current Electron Neutrino Pion Production Cross Section on a Carbon Target at T2K, #54
- K. Kowalik, Measurement of  $K^+$  production in the charged-current neutrino interactions in the T2K experiment, #555
  
- Measuring the Multi-Neutron Antineutrino Cross Section at Low Charged Hadron Energy in MINERvA, Andrew Olivier, #88
  
- T. Lackey, A double-differential electron antineutrino charged-current inclusive cross section in the NOvA near detector, #621
- M. Muether, Charged-pion Cross-section Measurements in the NOvA Near Detector, #574
- P. Singh, Muon Antineutrino Charge Current Inclusive Cross Section Measurement in NOvA, #390
- S. Sanchez-Falero, Status of the muon neutrino charged-current mesonless cross section measurement in the NOvA near detector, #411

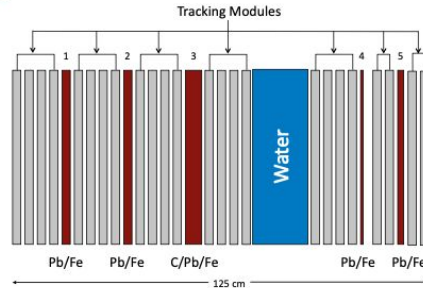
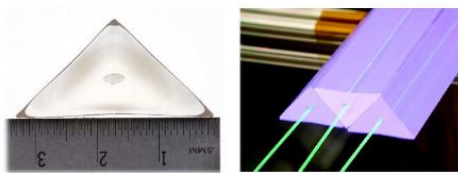
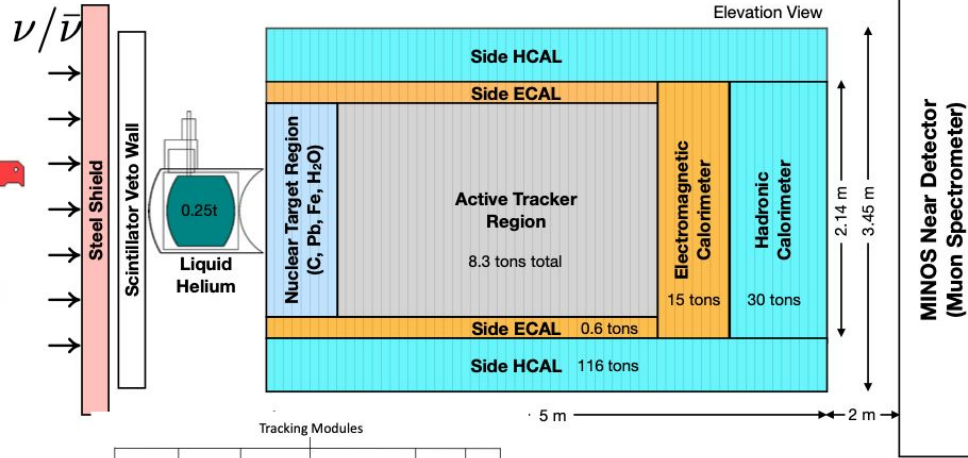
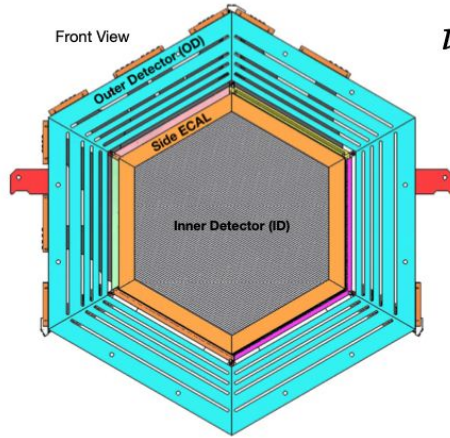




# MINERVA DETECTOR

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## High Resolution Scintillator(CH) Detector



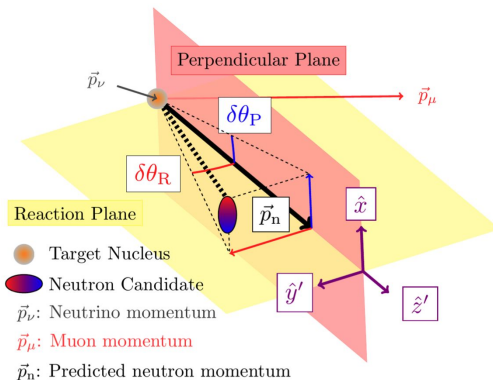
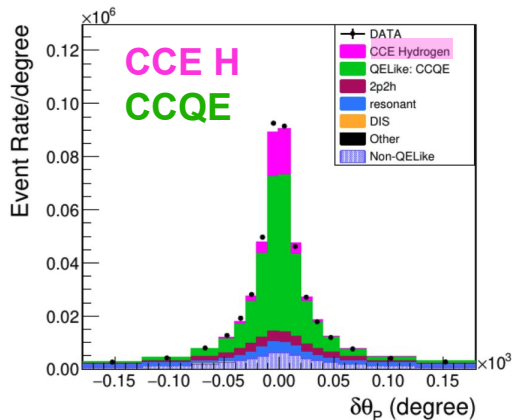
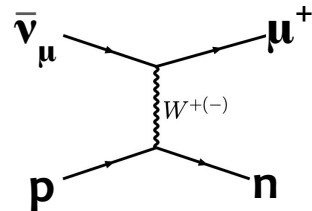
CH in tracker  
 Pb, Fe, C and water in target region  
 3.1 mm tracking resolution

Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A743 (2014) 130.

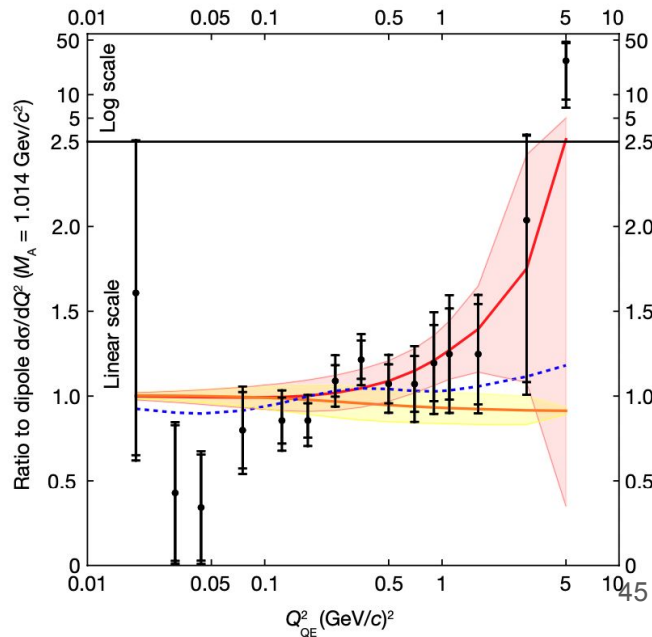
And if we get rid of nuclear effects? Try to isolate  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC elastic interactions on H, i.e. on free p!

# Neutrons & H @MINERvA

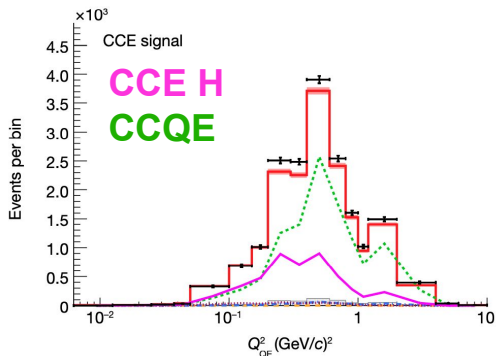
Nature, 614, 48-53 (2023)



● Data — Hydrogen fit — Deuterium fit - - - BBBA2007 fit



Cuts on angular variables



CCE xsec measured vs  $Q^2_{QE}$ : **first statistically significant measurement of the anti- $\nu$  CCE scattering on free p!**

Results used to **measure the axial vector from factor** → first measurements on free p!

Favors larger  $F_\Delta$  at higher  $Q^2$  → **deviation from dipole  $F_A$**

$\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 6 \text{ GeV}$



CC-Coh

# Multi-target @MINERvA

Testing xsec A-dependence for several channels!  
Can we rely on CH measurements to extrapolate to H<sub>2</sub>O or Ar?

CC0π

CC1π+

Excess above the prediction that grows with A and P<sub>T</sub> but seems stable across P<sub>||</sub> → for growing A **nuclear effects depend more on the Q<sup>2</sup> than on the E<sub>ν</sub>**

Different FSI models in GENIE have effects especially at high P<sub>T</sub>

Considering also CC1π channel, seems to point on a **higher π absorption than what could be imagined by looking at CH**

Poorly studied interactions, where the  $\nu_\mu$  **interacts with the nucleus as a whole**

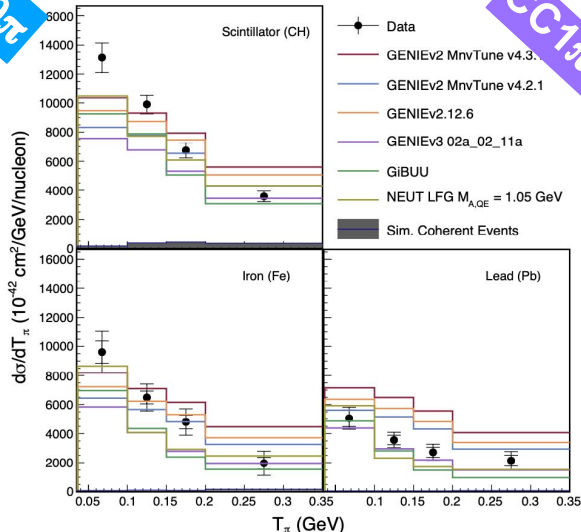
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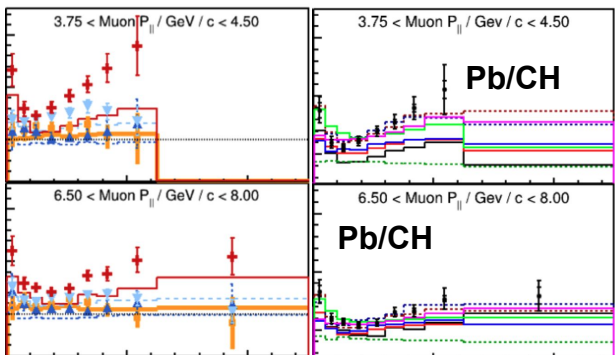
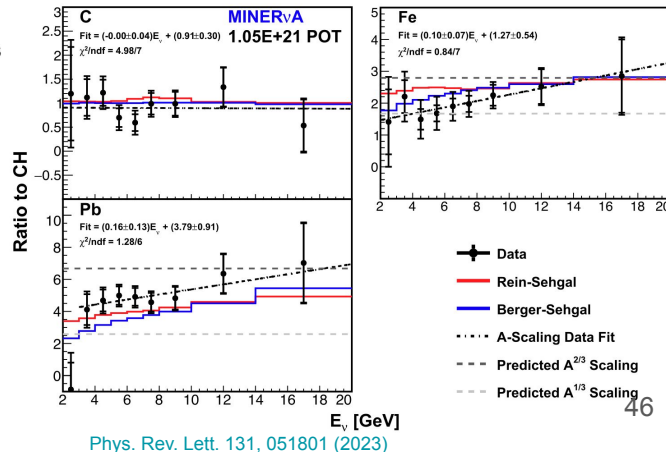


Simultaneous measurement on **several targets**, 8 variables explored

None of the 6 models tested seems to reproduce the data well

**A-dependence is different in different model/generators**

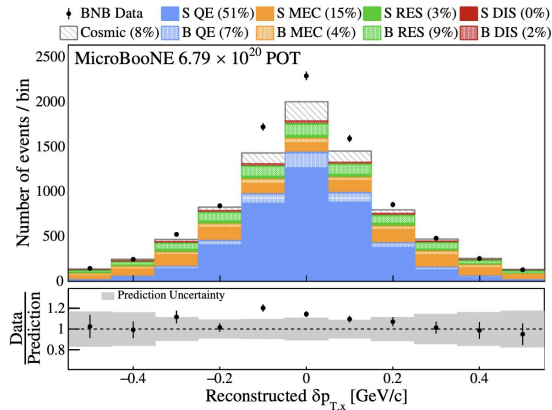
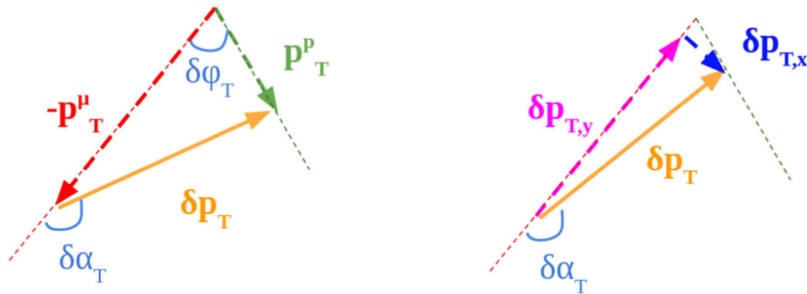
GENIEv2 overpredict the A-scaling for Fe and Pb



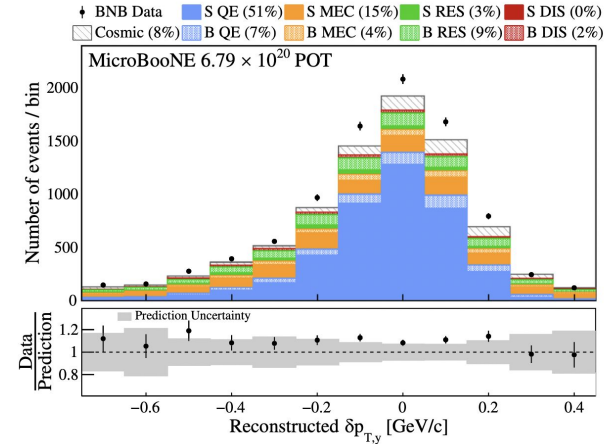
- carbon
- water
- iron
- lead

- Data
- MnvGenie ( $\chi^2/ndf=109.52/77=1.42$ )
- GENIEv3 G18\_01a (133.39/77=1.73)
- GENIEv3 G18\_01b (319.26/77=4.15)
- GENIEv3 G18\_10a (145.18/77=1.89)
- GENIEv3 G18\_10b (184.28/77=2.39)
- NuWro LFG (287.40/77=3.73)
- NuWro SF (211.26/77=2.74)
- GIBUU T0 (213.23/77=2.77)

# Transverse Kinematics Imbalance variables

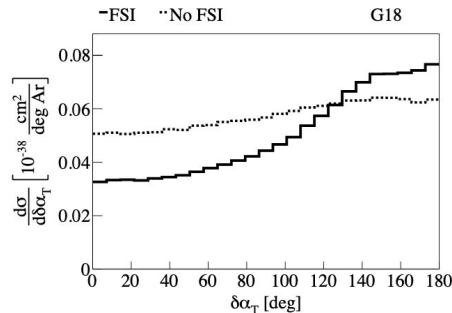
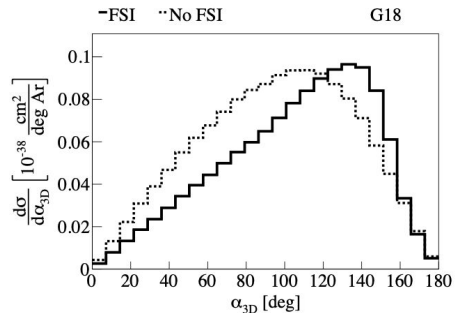
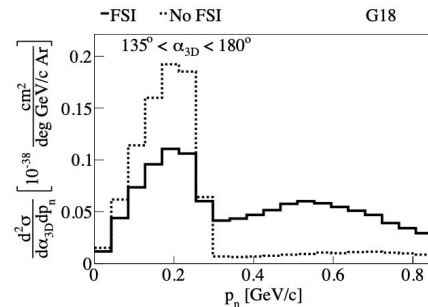
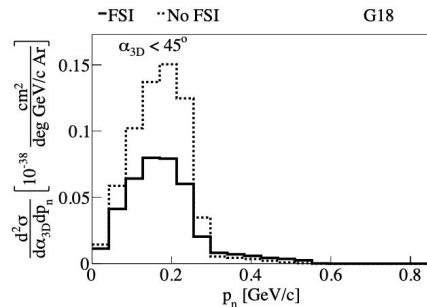
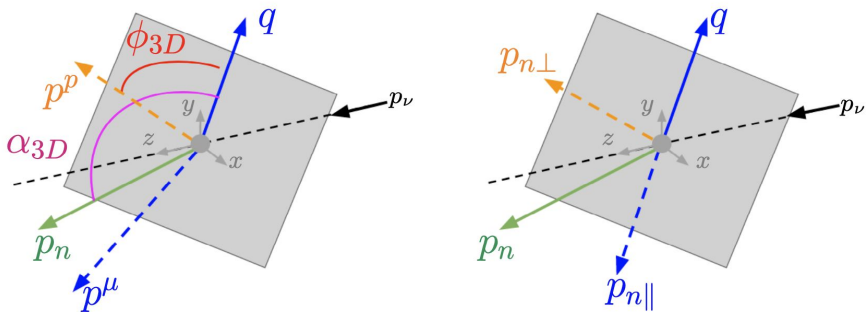


$\delta p_{T,x}$  symmetric  
 around zero  
 (depends on  $\sin \delta \alpha_T$ )  
 $\rightarrow$  driven by Fermi  
 momentum



$\delta p_{T,y}$  asymmetric  
 around zero (depends  
 on  $\cos \delta \alpha_T$ )  $\rightarrow$  sensitive  
 to FSI strength

# Generalised Kinematics Imbalance variables





# T2K Tuning

