

Unveiling neutrino interactions with new electron scattering data

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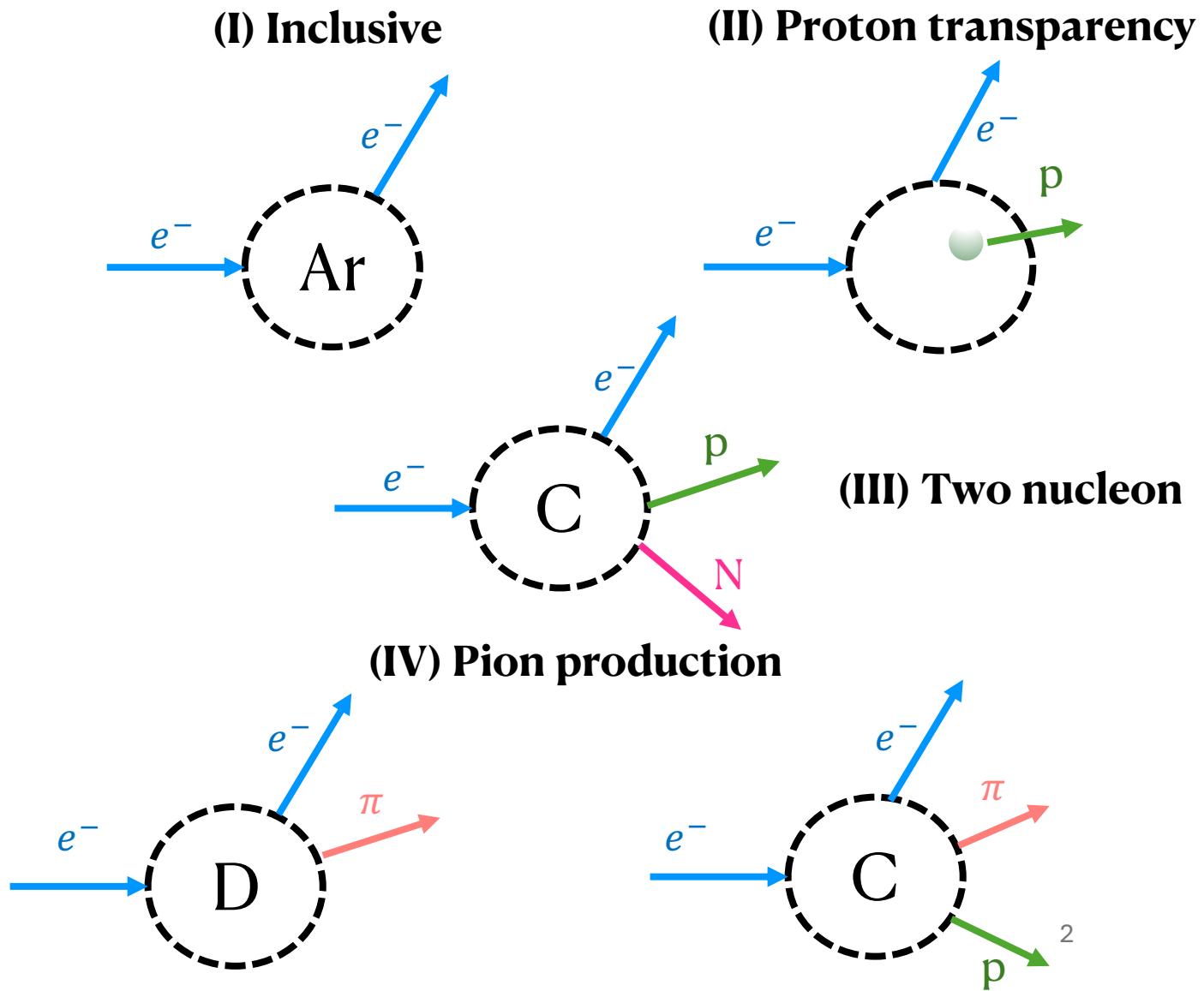
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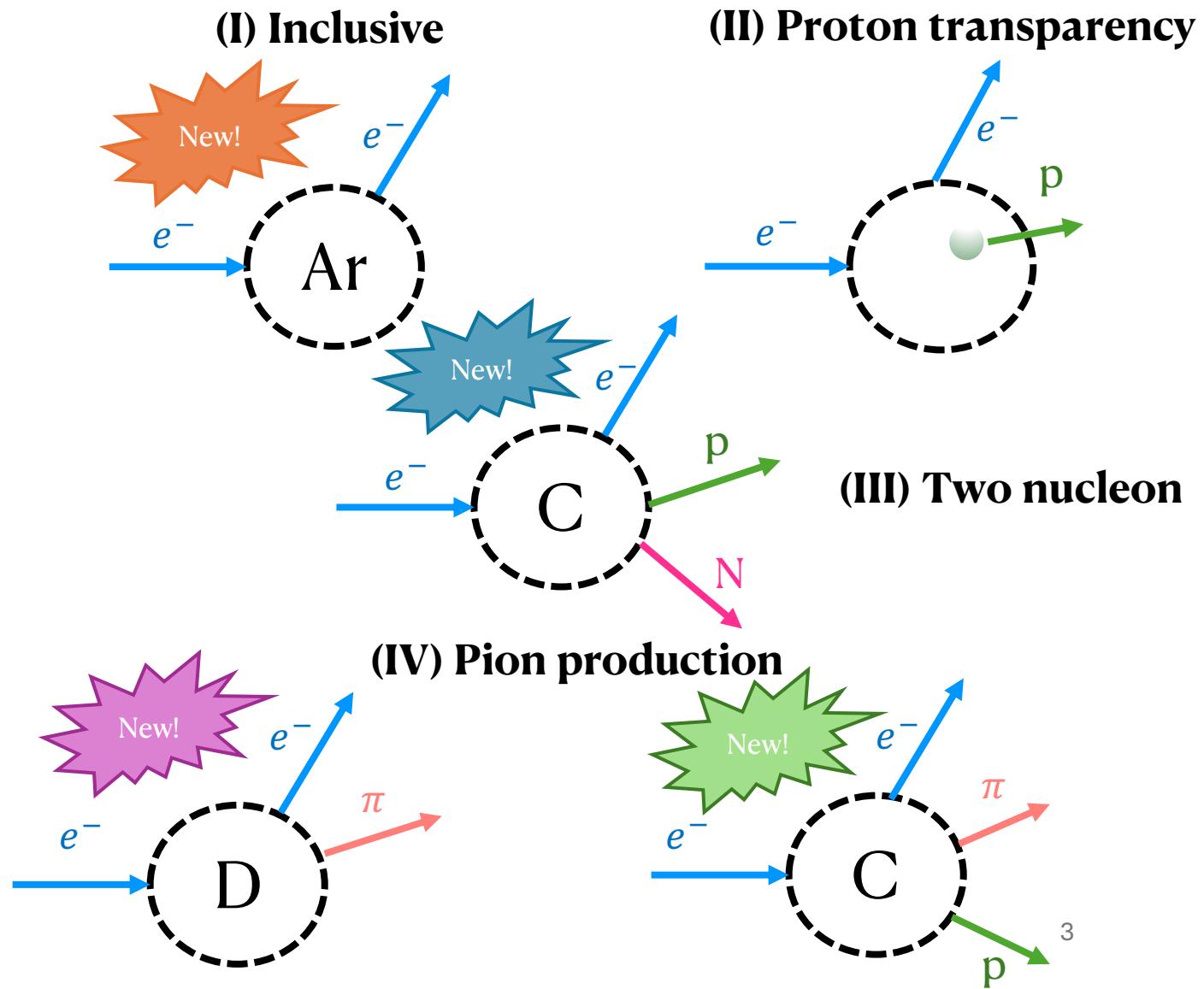


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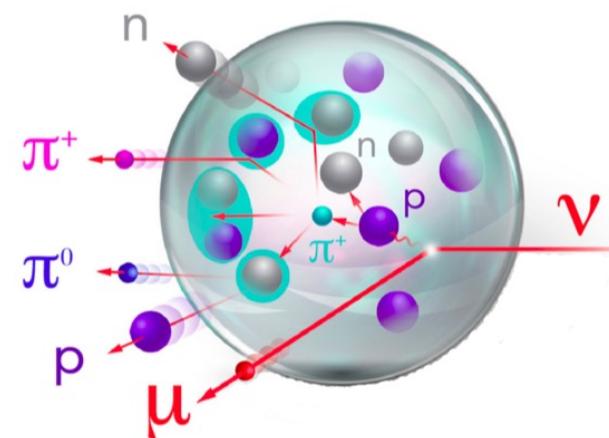
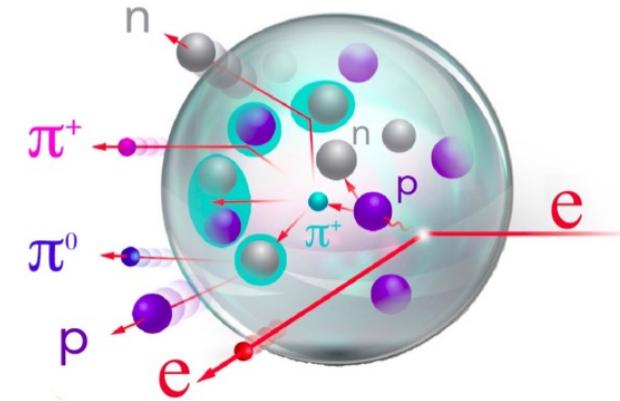
Electrons for neutrinos ($e\bar{\nu}$)

- Same nuclear ground state
- Same Final State Interactions(FSI)
- Similar interactions with nuclei
 - CC weak current [vector + axial]
 - $j_\mu^\pm = \bar{u} \frac{-ig_W}{2\sqrt{2}} (\gamma^\mu - \gamma^\mu \gamma^5) u$
 - EM current [vector]
 - $j_\mu^{em} = \bar{u} \gamma^\mu u$

Useful to constrain $\nu - A$ model uncertainties

- Monochromatic beam
- High statistics

Useful to test energy reconstruction methods



Neutrino event generators need constraints



Complex theoretical picture
e-A/ ν -A not always treated consistently

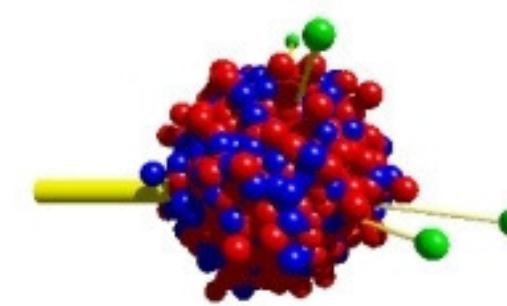


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A screenshot of the GiBUU software interface. On the left, there is a 3D visualization of a particle interaction showing several red and blue spheres representing nucleons and a yellow line representing a neutrino. On the right, there is a terminal window displaying a complex command-line interface with numerous parameters and options, typical of high-energy physics simulation software.

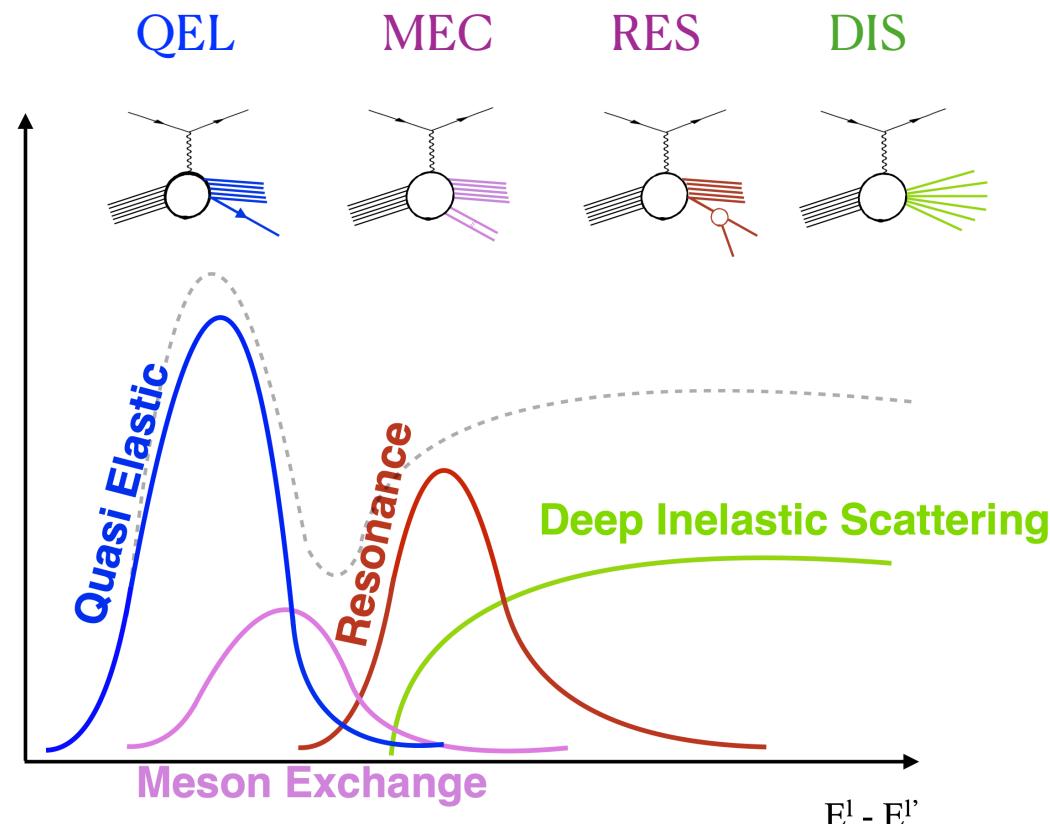


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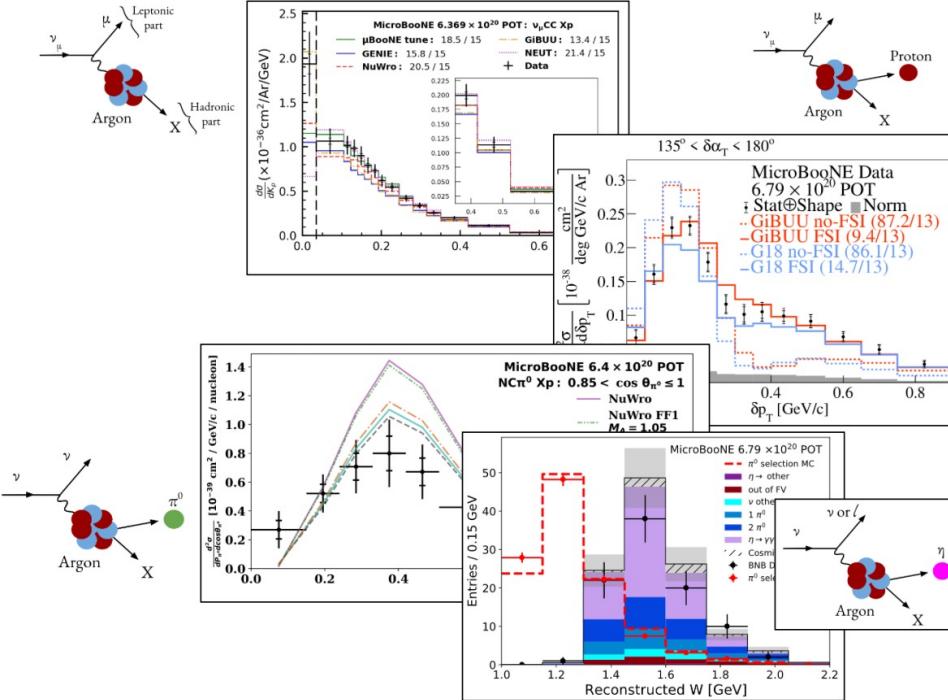
Mostly inclusive models

Ad-hoc hadron production – not constrained by data
Lack hadronproduction data

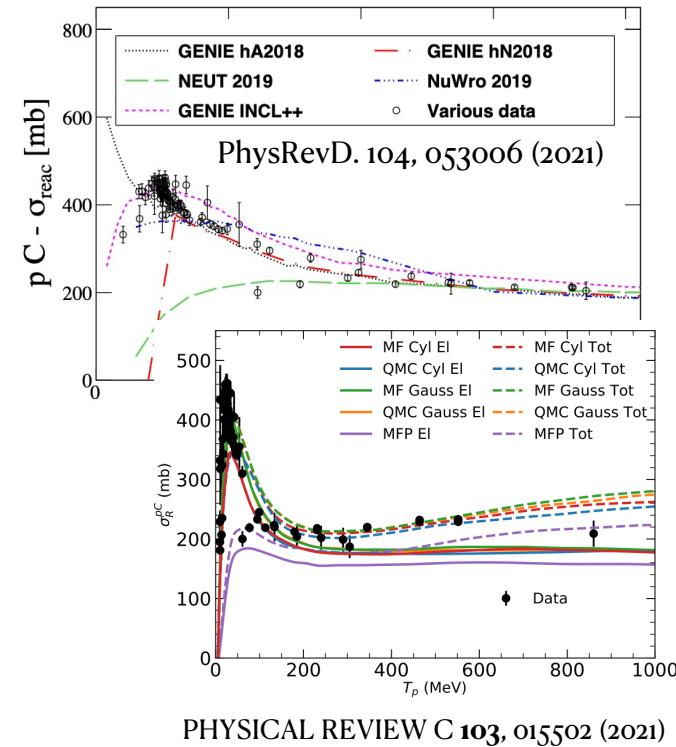


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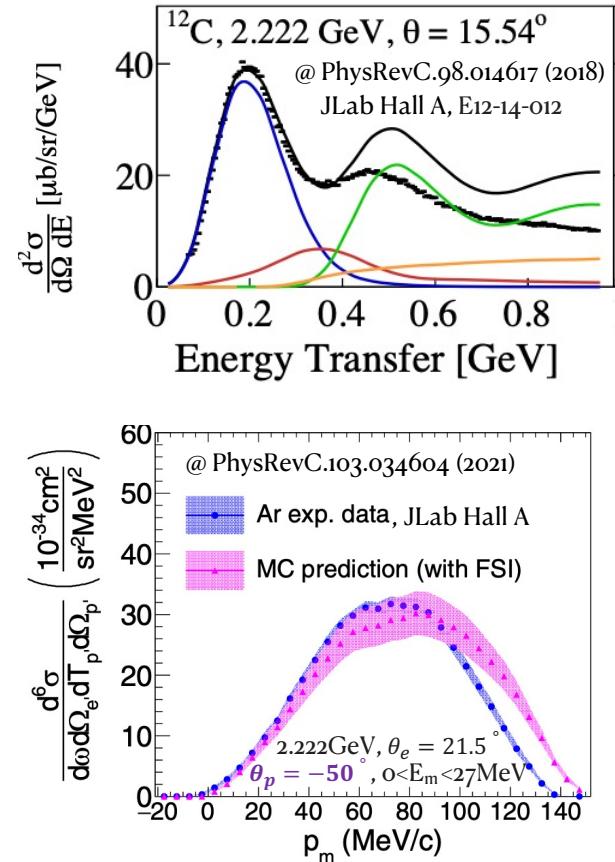
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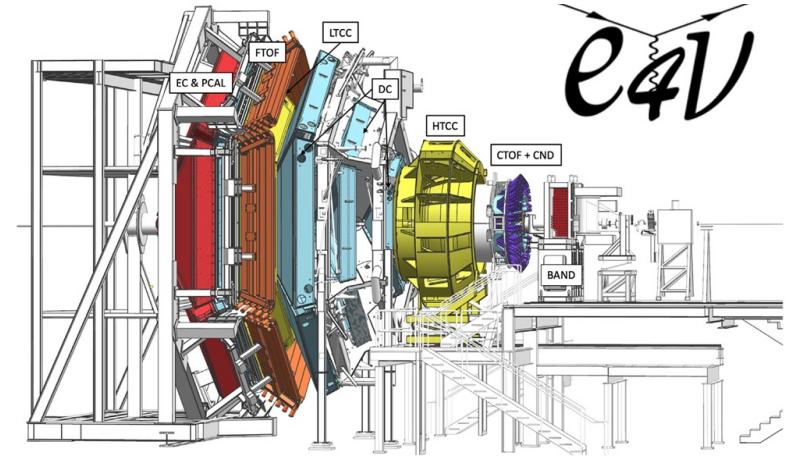
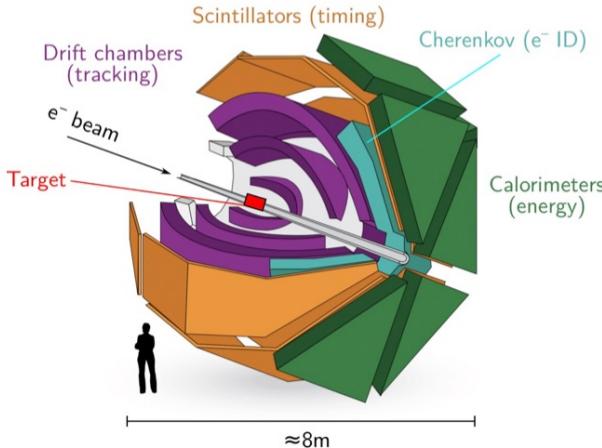
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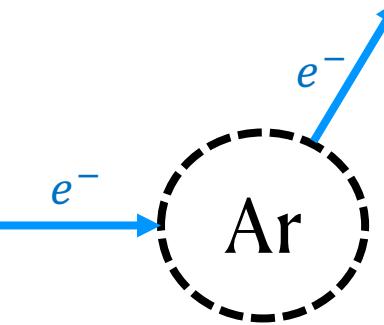
Need more exclusive data!

Hadron production with CLAS

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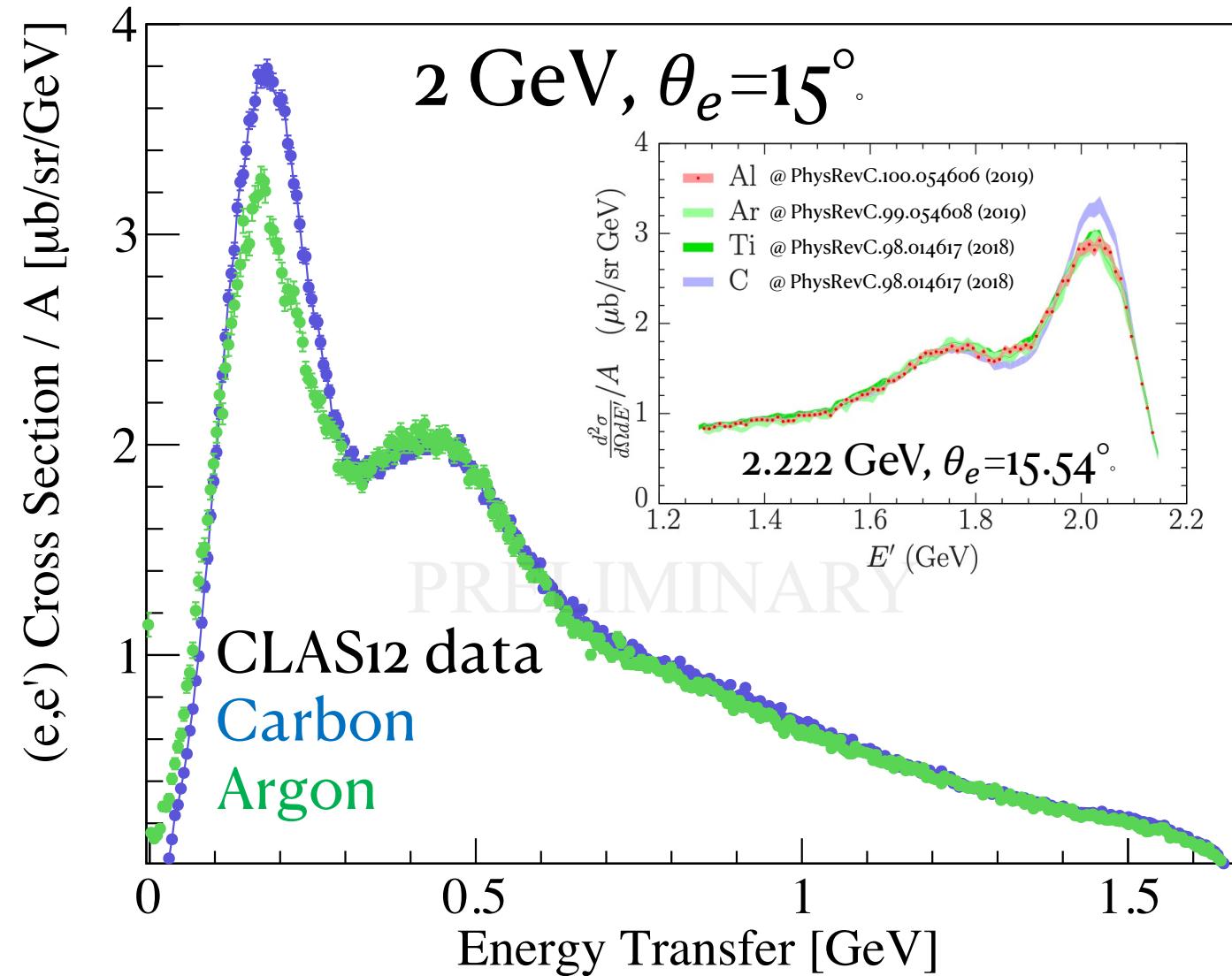
	CLAS6	CLAS12
Run years	1996-2013	2017 - ?
Luminosity	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	$10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
Targets	^4He , C & Fe	H, D, ^4He , C , (O), ^{40}Ar and more
Beam Energy	1.1, 2.2, 4.4 GeV	(1), 2, 4, 6 GeV
Electron acceptance	$\theta_e > 15^\circ$	$\theta_e > 5^\circ$
Solid angle coverage	$\sim 2\pi$	$\sim 3\pi$
Magnetic field	✓	✓
Particle thresholds	150 (300) MeV/c for π^\pm (p/ γ)	200 (400) MeV/c for π^\pm (p/n)
Events	~10M C(e,e') events	~100M ^{40}Ar (e,e') events



New Inclusive on C and Ar

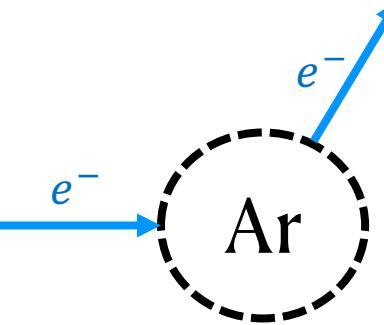


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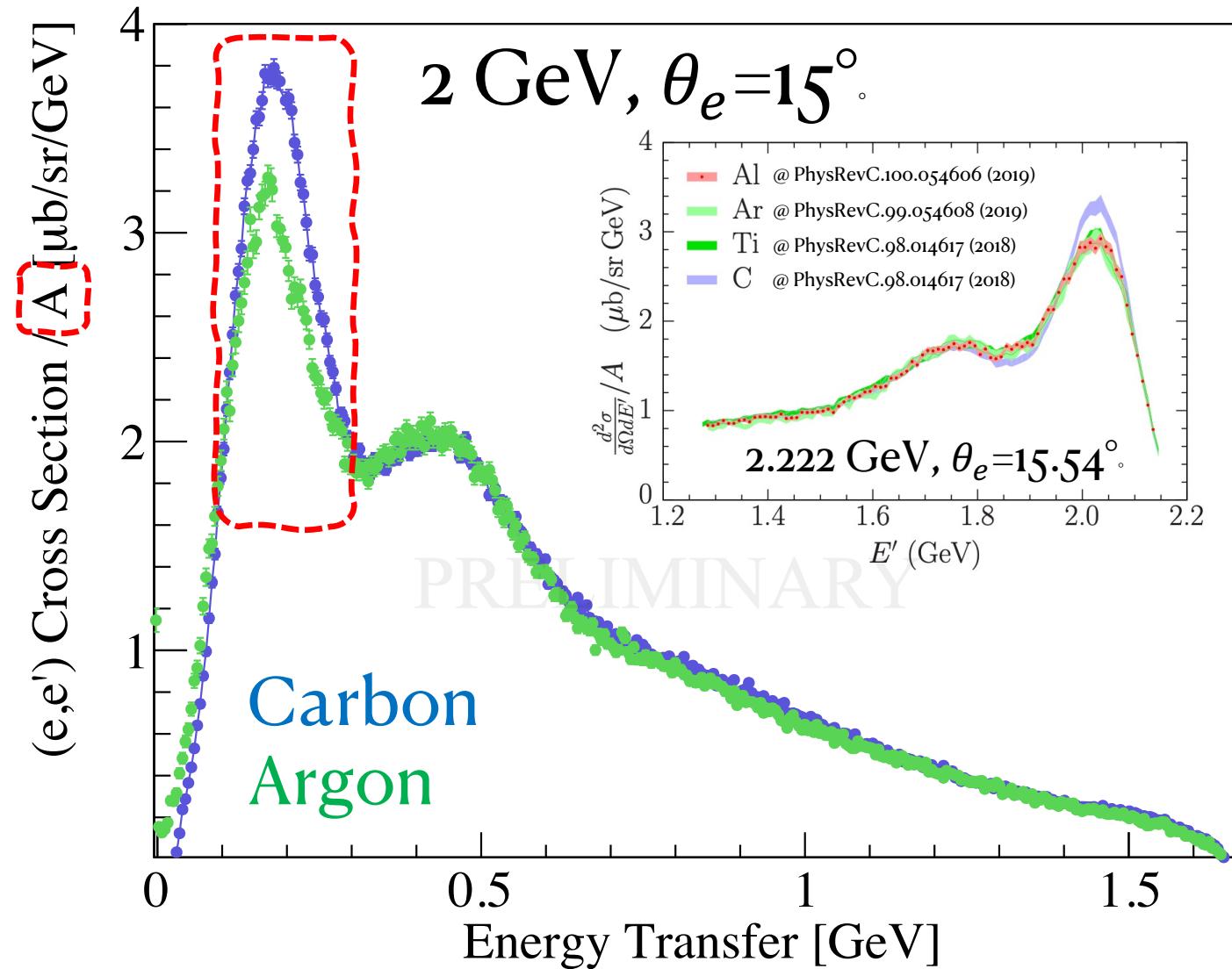
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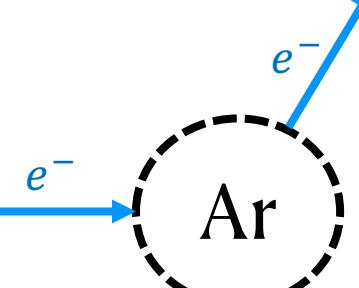


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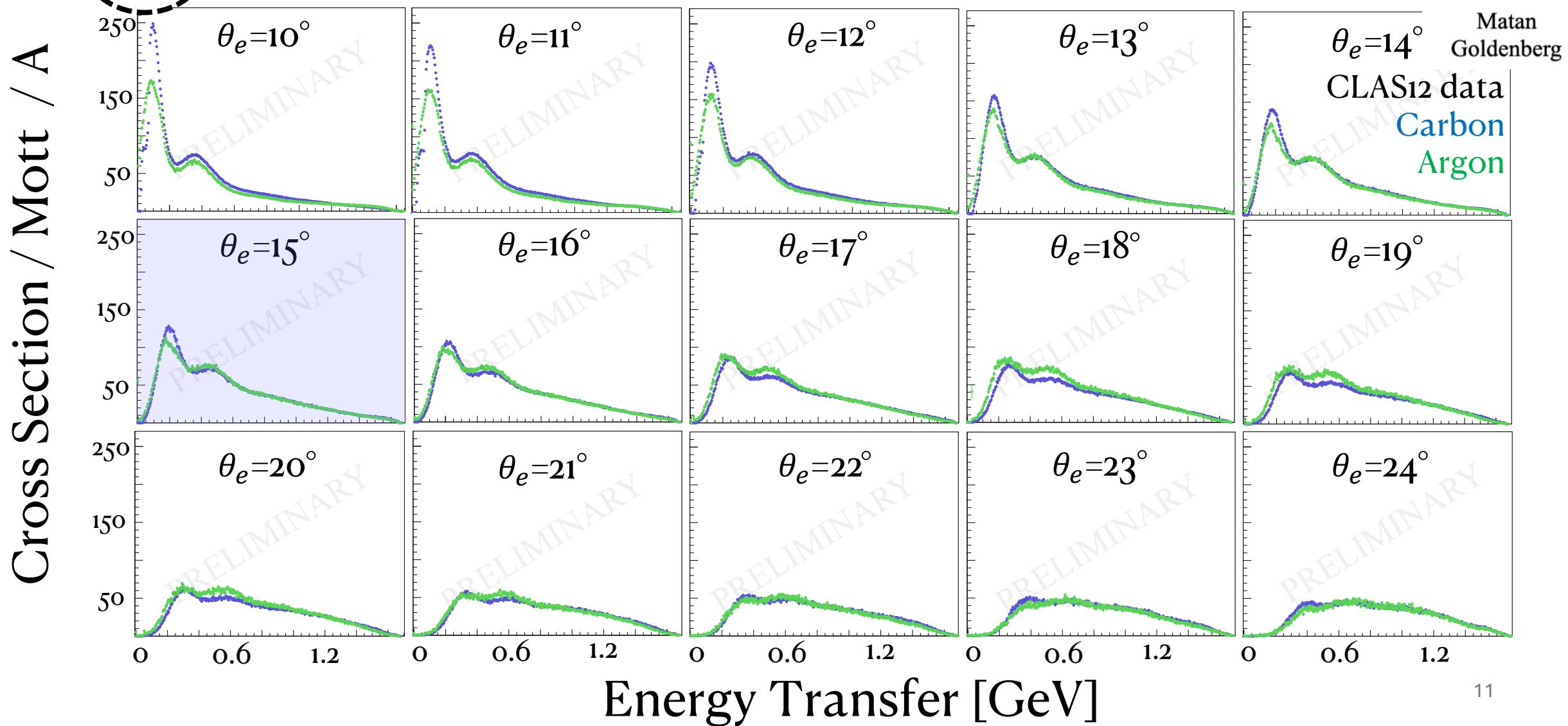
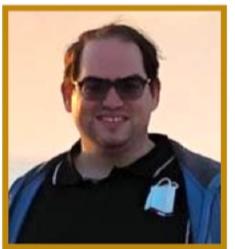
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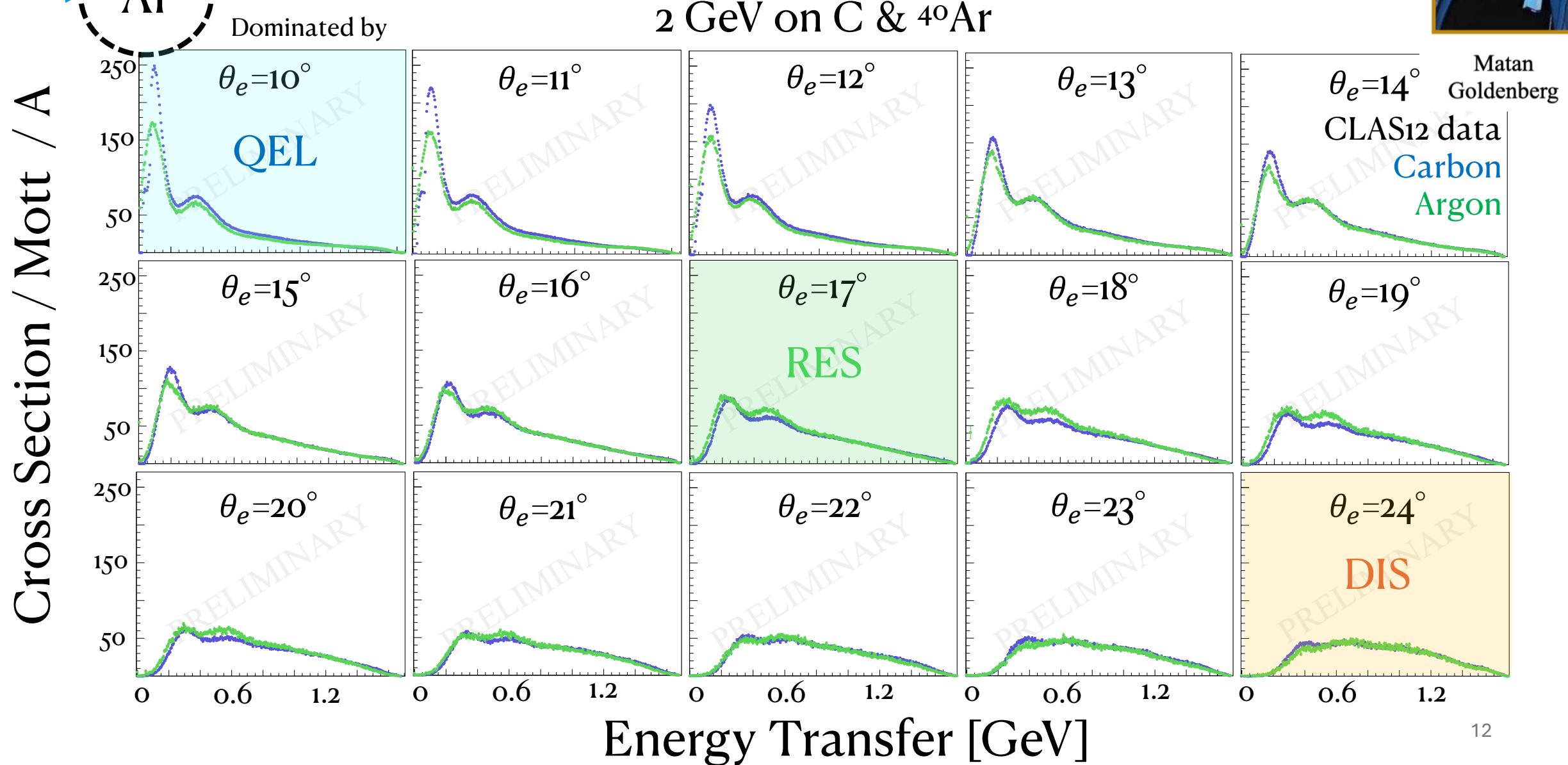
Unprecedented angular coverage

2 GeV on C & Ar

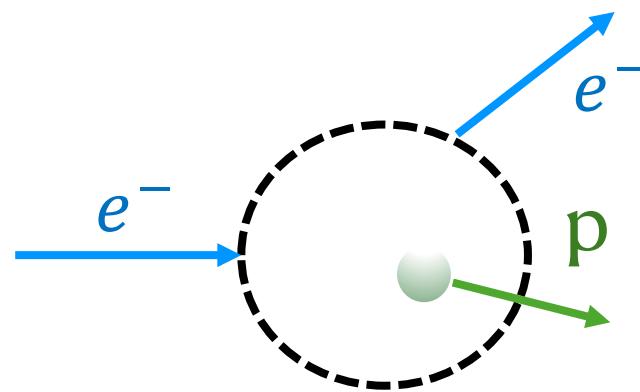




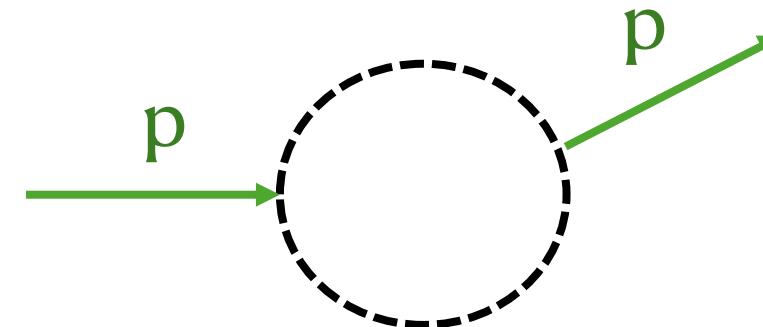
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Proton transparency



Transparency

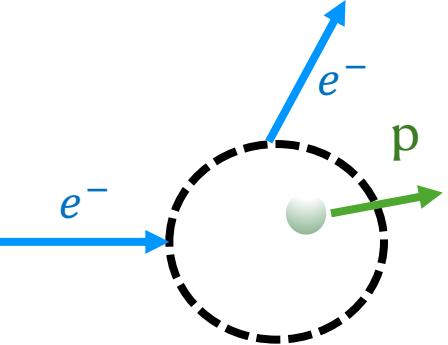


h-A data

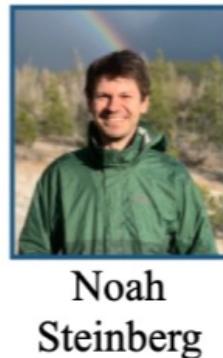
- Probability that a struck proton leaves the nucleus without significant re-scattering
- Complement to hadron nucleus interaction
- Study proton FSI similarly to neutrino scattering

Sensitive to both FSI and nuclear structure (PRD 104 053006 (2021))

Strong need for new data, especially at low proton momentum



Measuring proton transparency



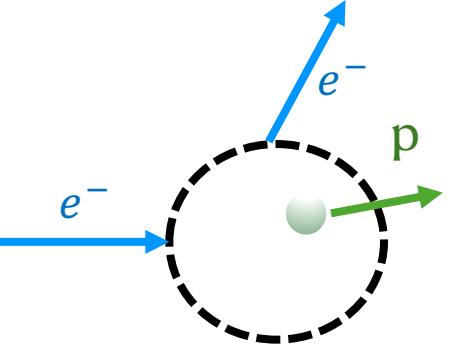
Define a more data driven transparency analysis informed by theory

$$T_A = N(e, e' p)_{\text{on}\pi} / N(e, e')_{\text{QEL}}$$

Using MC to determine QE dominated regions and correct for other contributions

Most previous transparency analyses measured

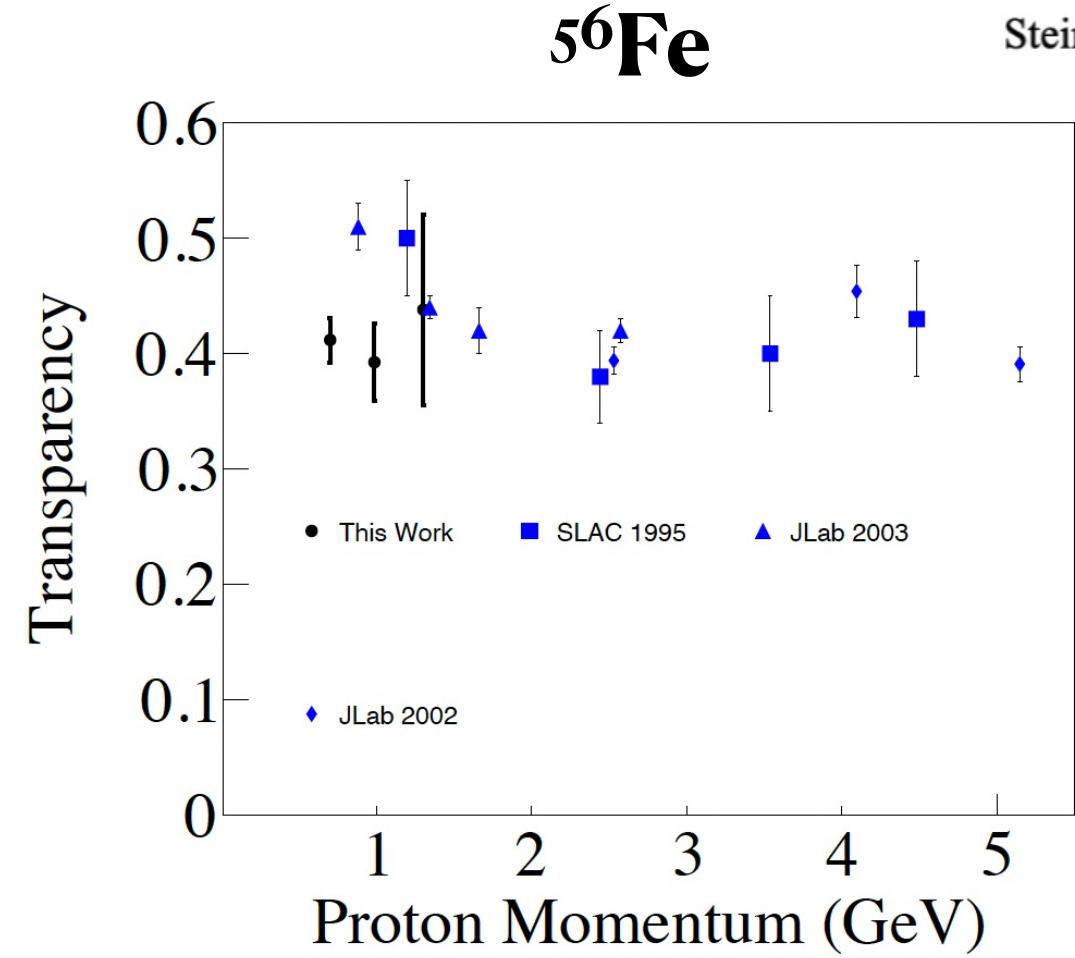
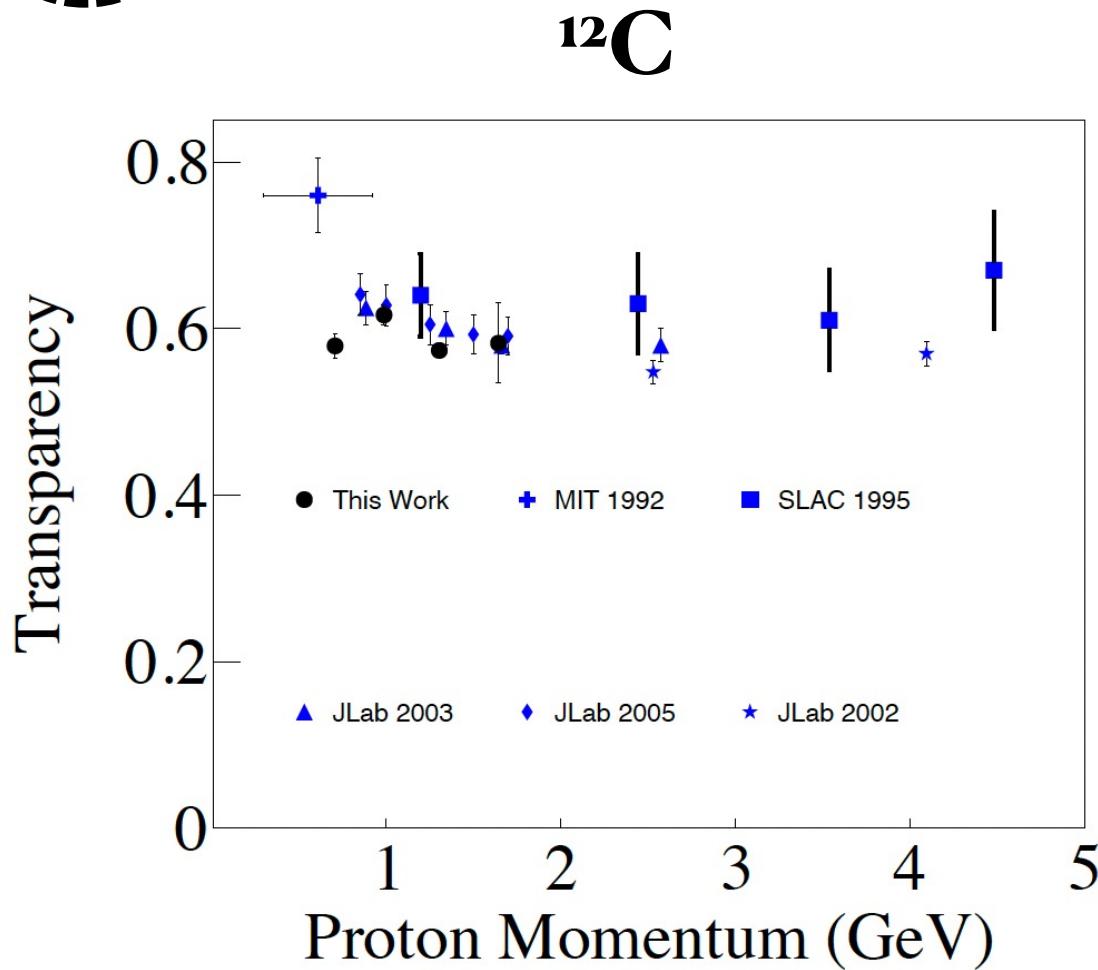
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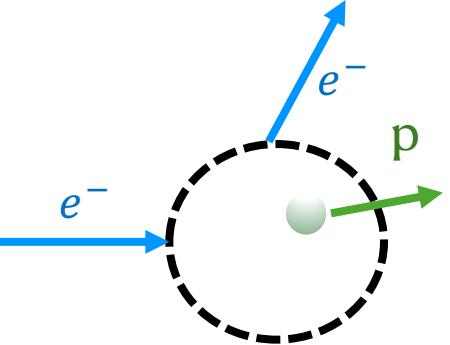


Compatible with previous data

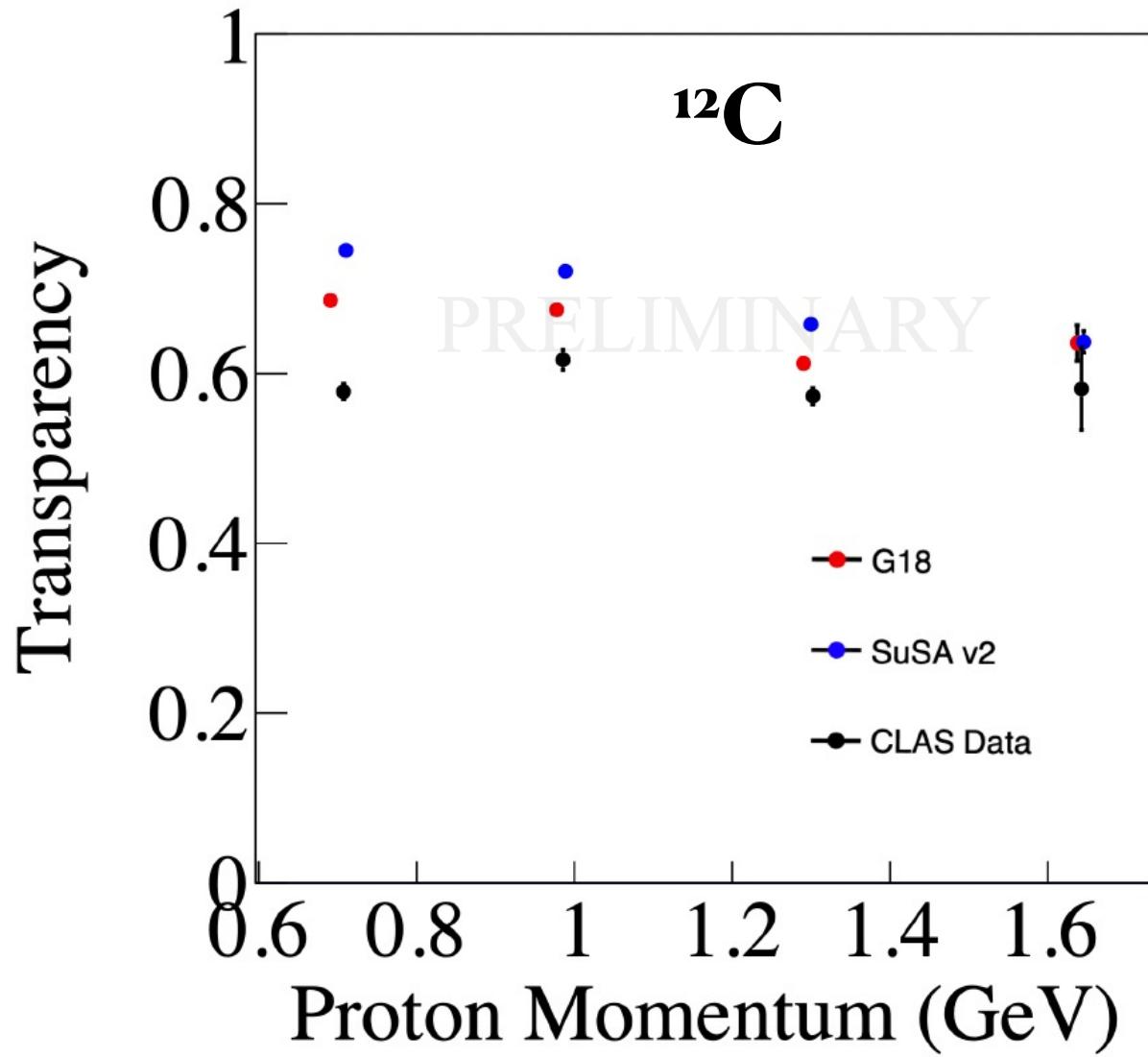
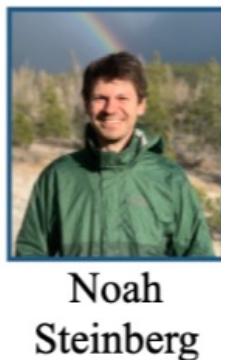


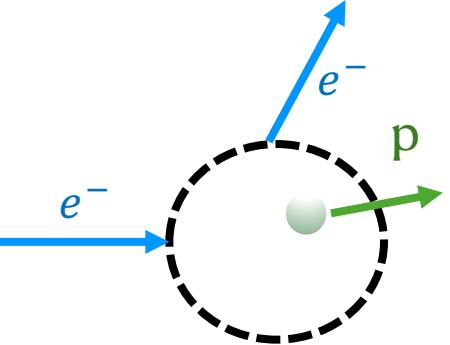
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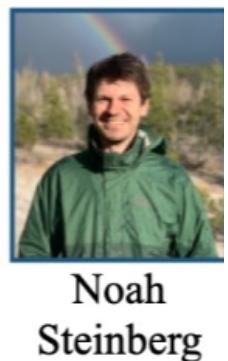
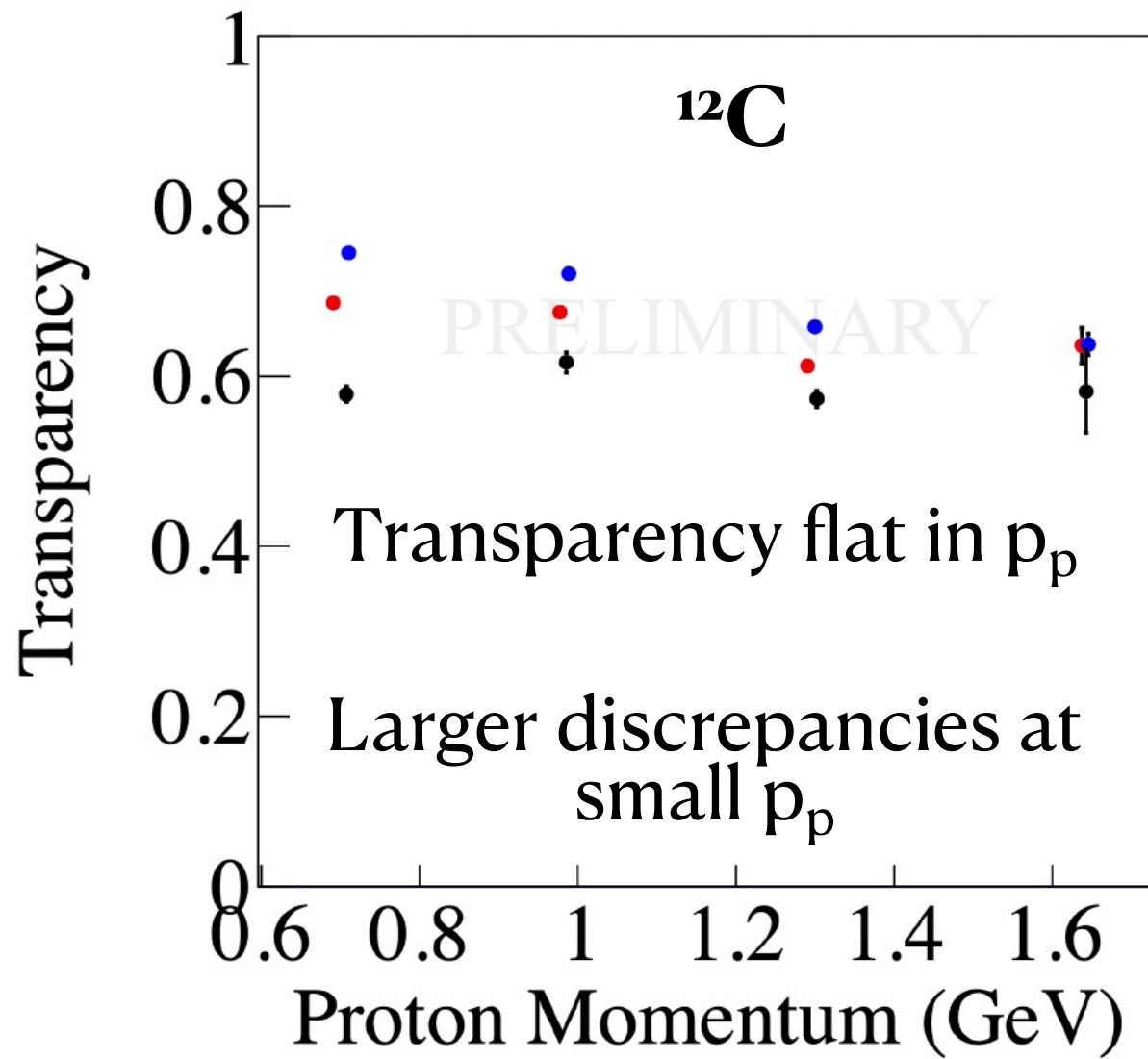


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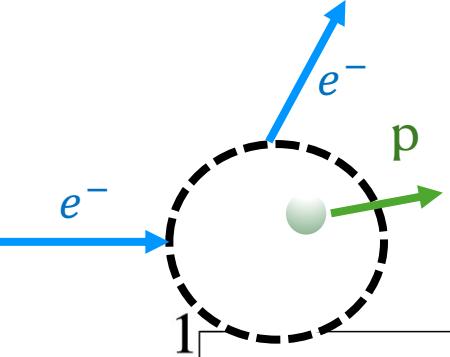




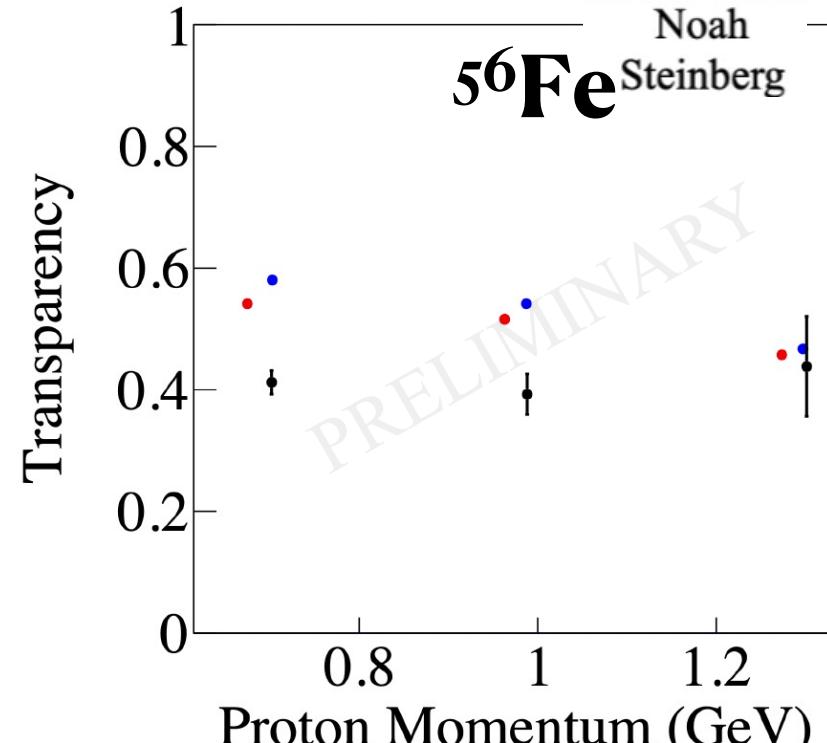
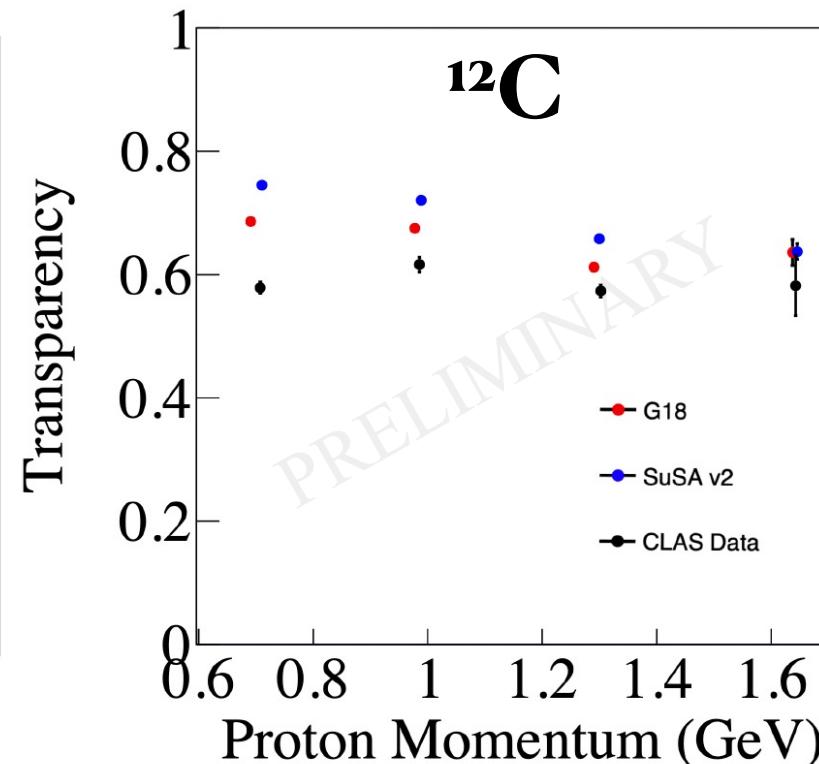
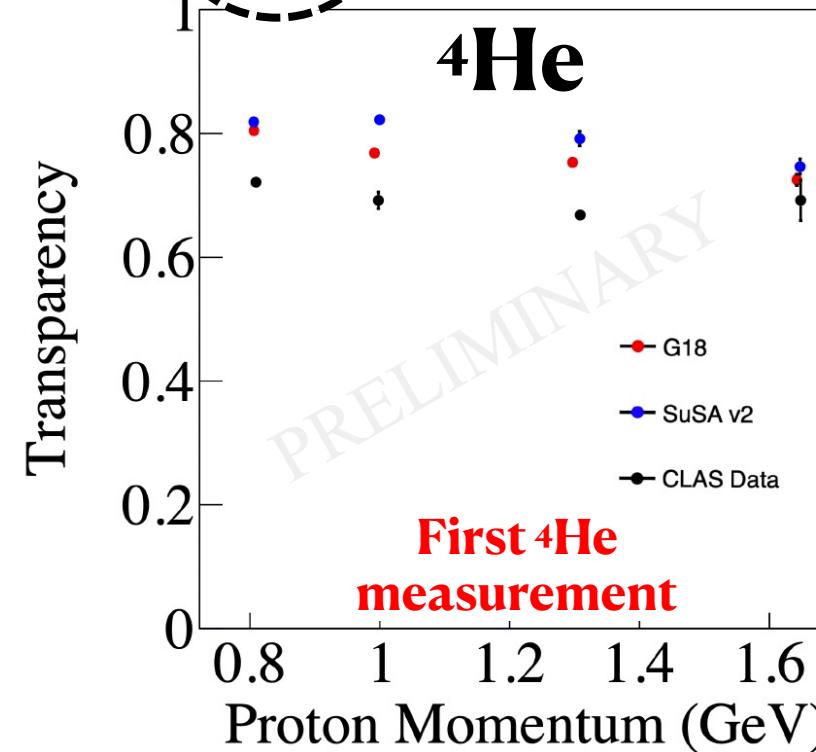
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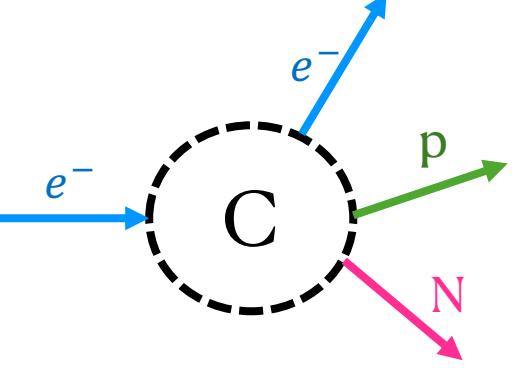


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Transparency decreases with A

Simple nuclear models don't describe data – Spectral Function preferred
No evidence of problems with GENIE FSI

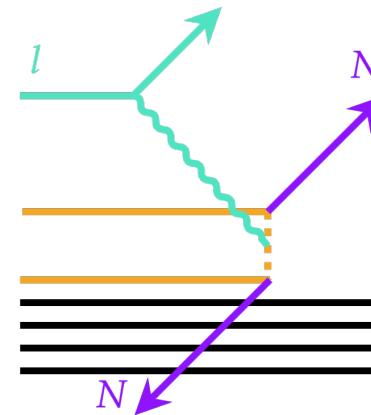


First two nucleon analysis

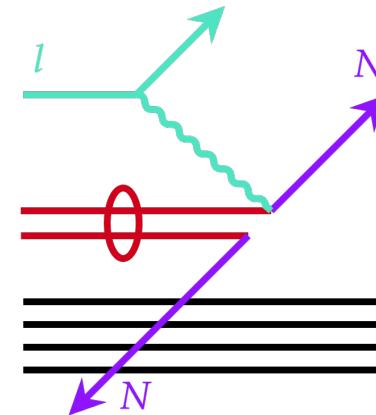
2p vs **1n1p**, 0π and 0γ

- New sensitivity to nuclear effects
 - Different processes contribute
 - Easily separated with kinematics
- Background to $1p0\pi$ topology

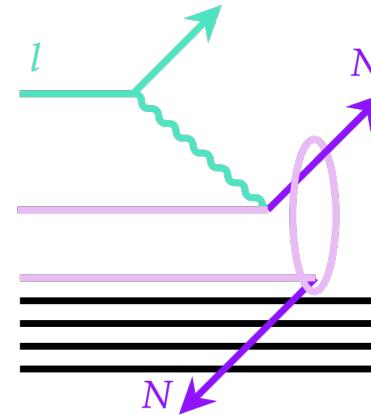
Direct implications to neutrino experiments



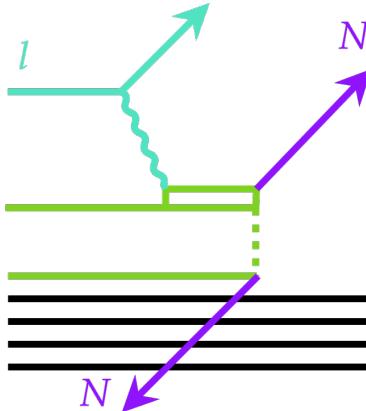
Meson Exchange
Currents (MEC)



Short-Range
Correlations (SRC)



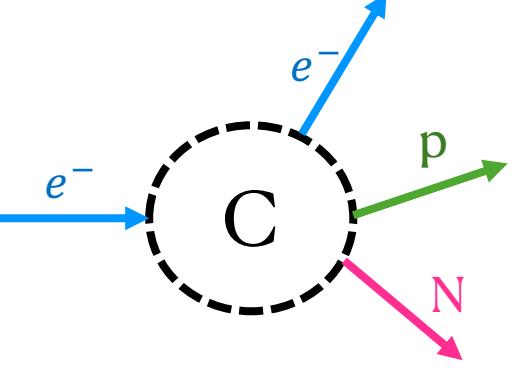
Final State
Interactions (FSI)



Resonance (RES)



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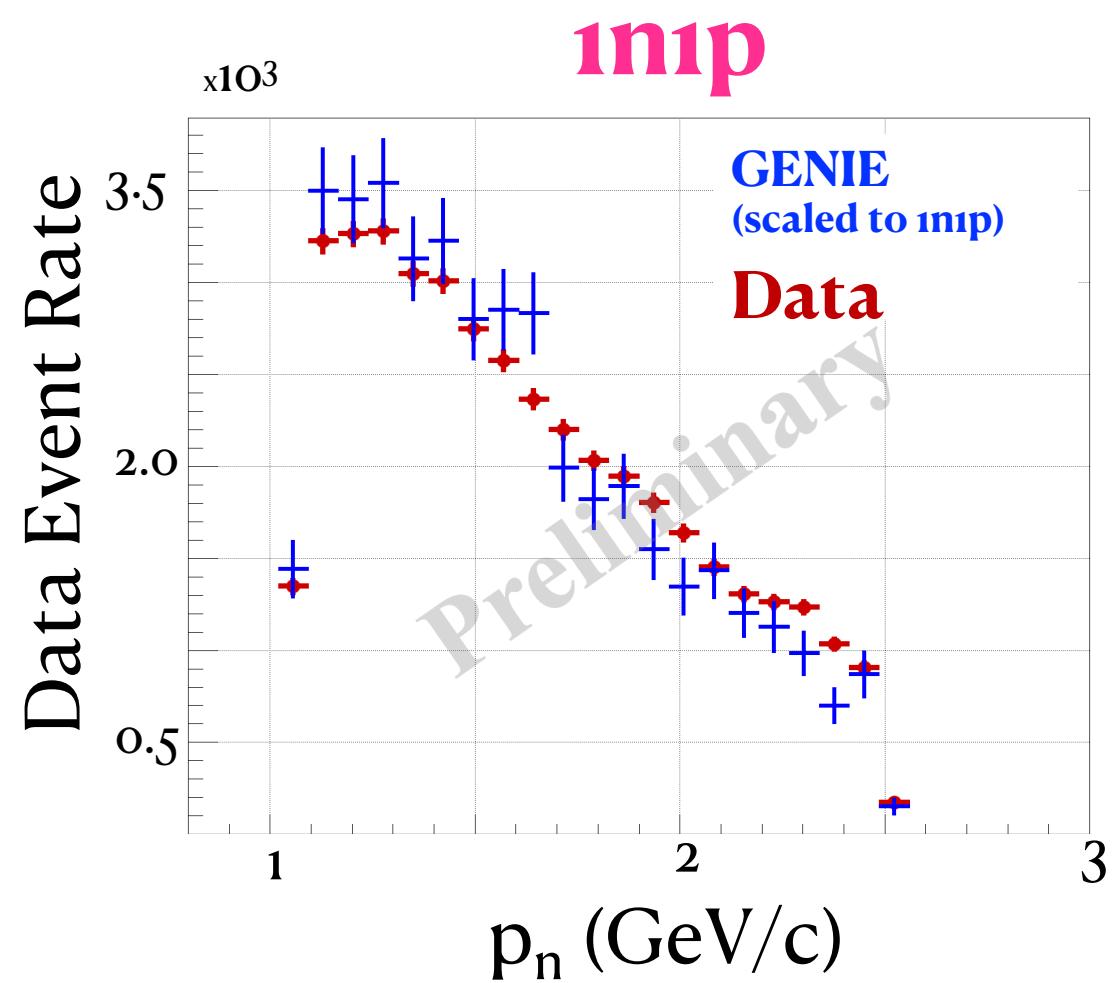


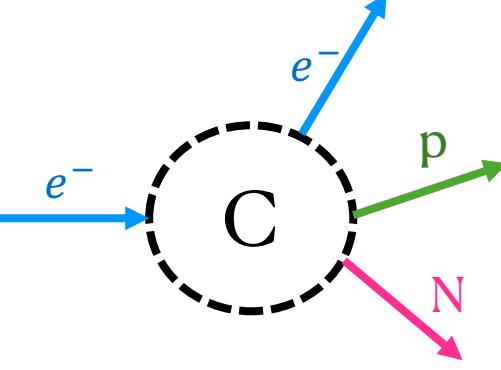
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2p vs **1n1p**, 0π and 0γ

- 6 GeV on Carbon with CLAS12
- More targets and energies to come
- Particle thresholds
 - 200 (400) MeV/c for π^\pm (p/n)
 - No Background subtraction

First direct look at neutrons



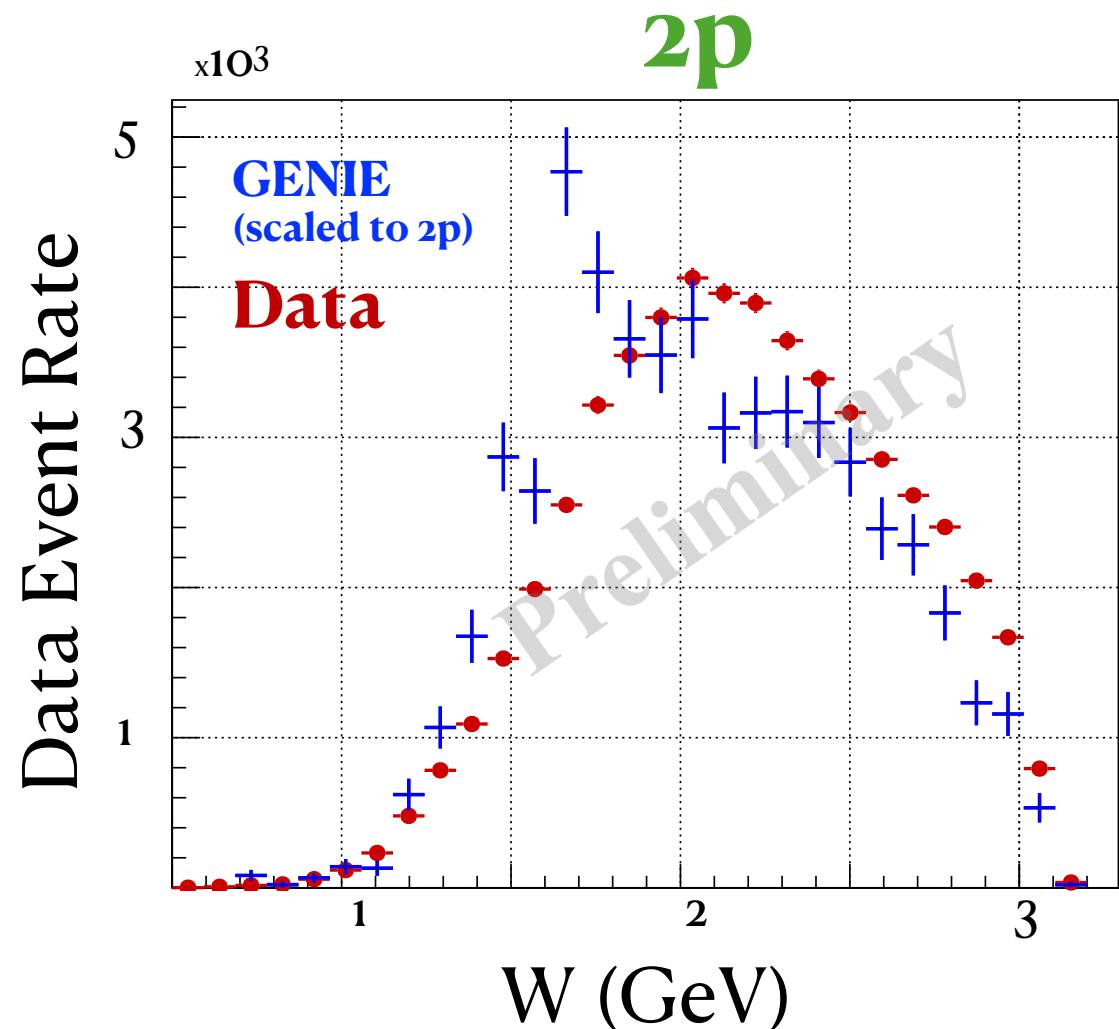
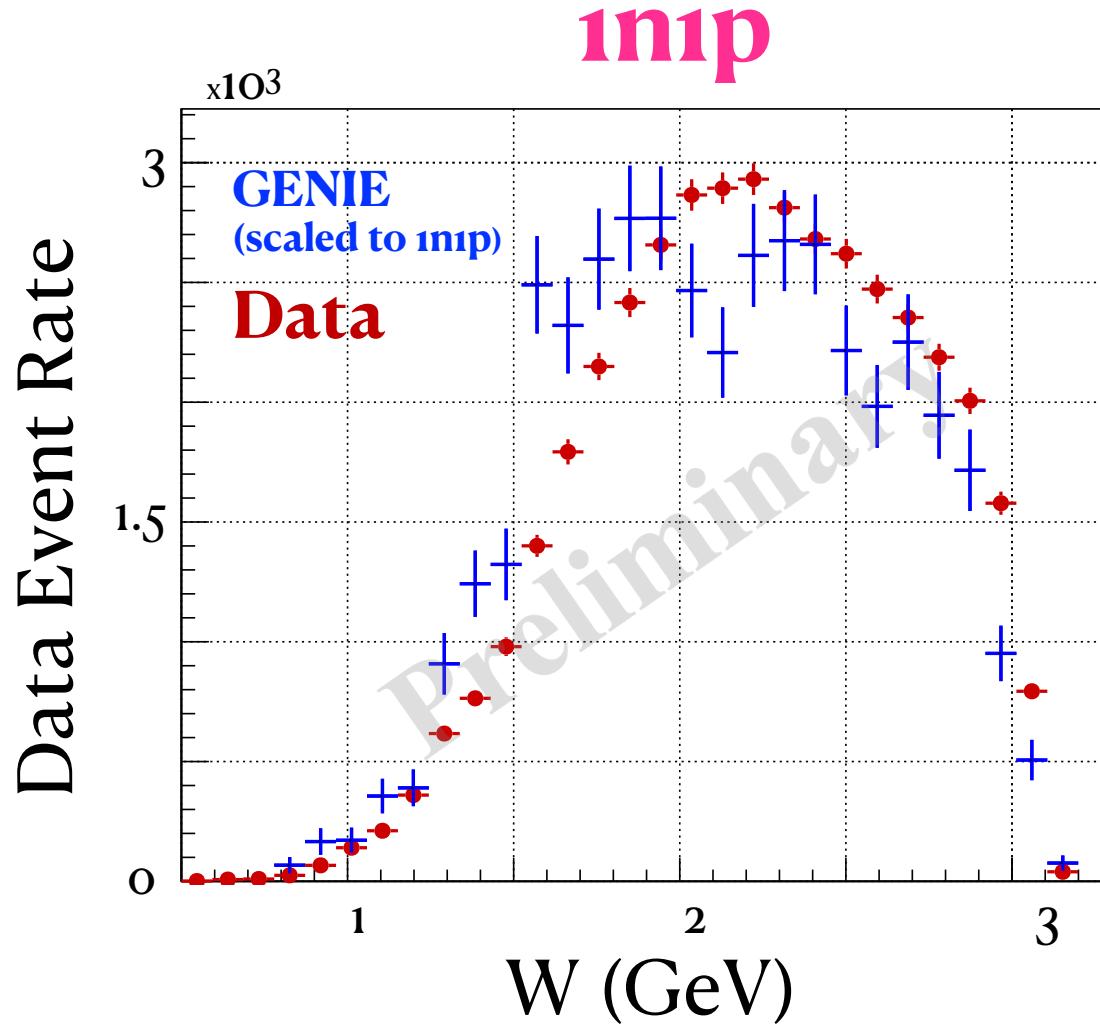


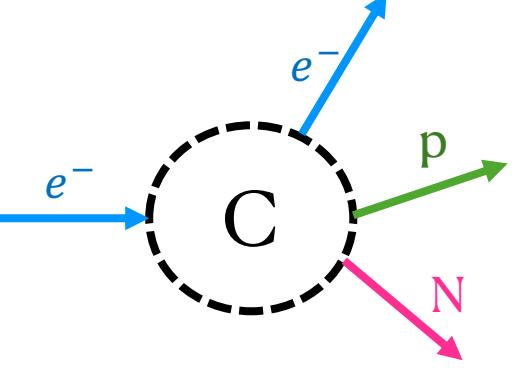
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C @ 6 GeV



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Ratio over-predicted

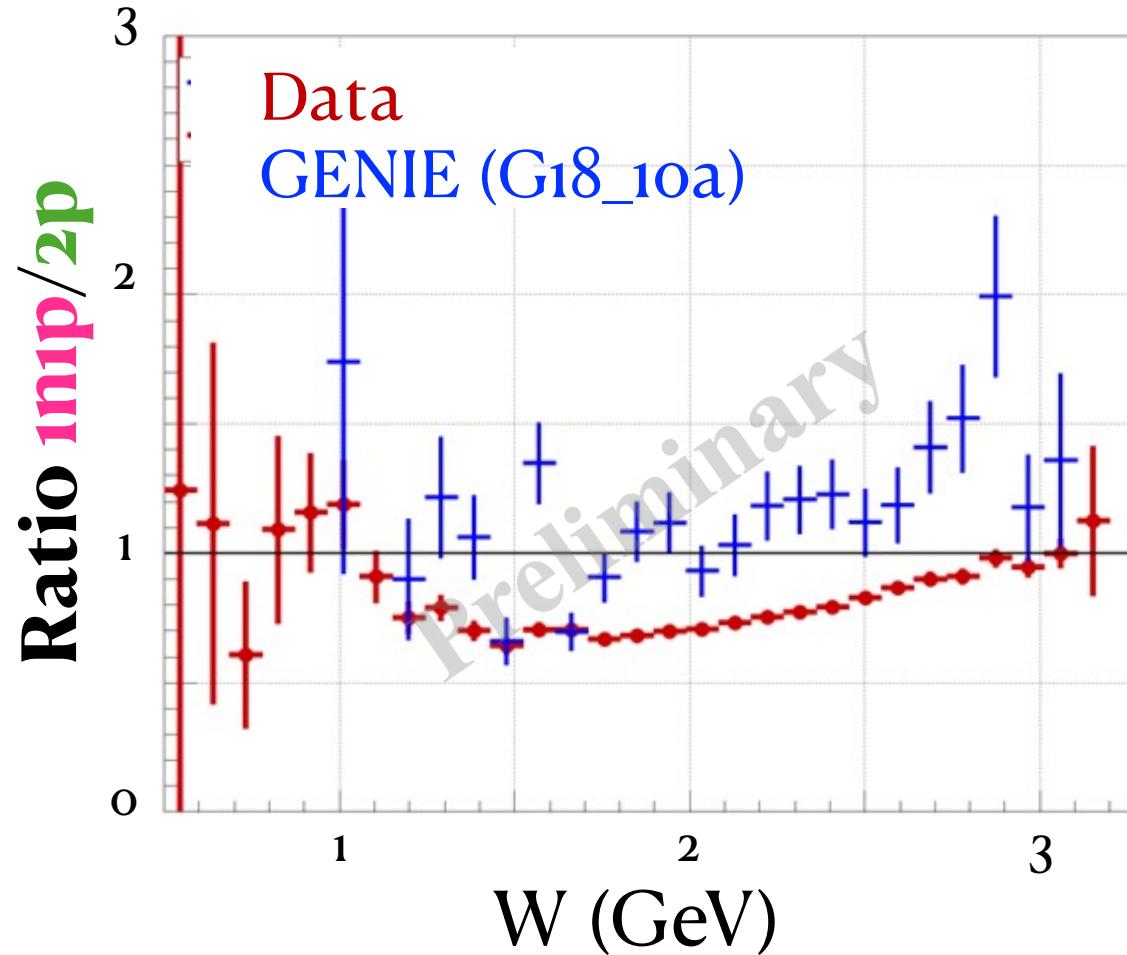
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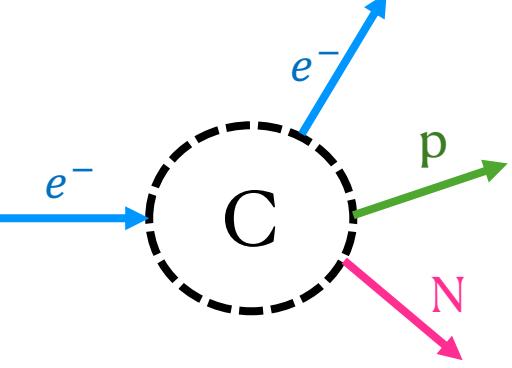
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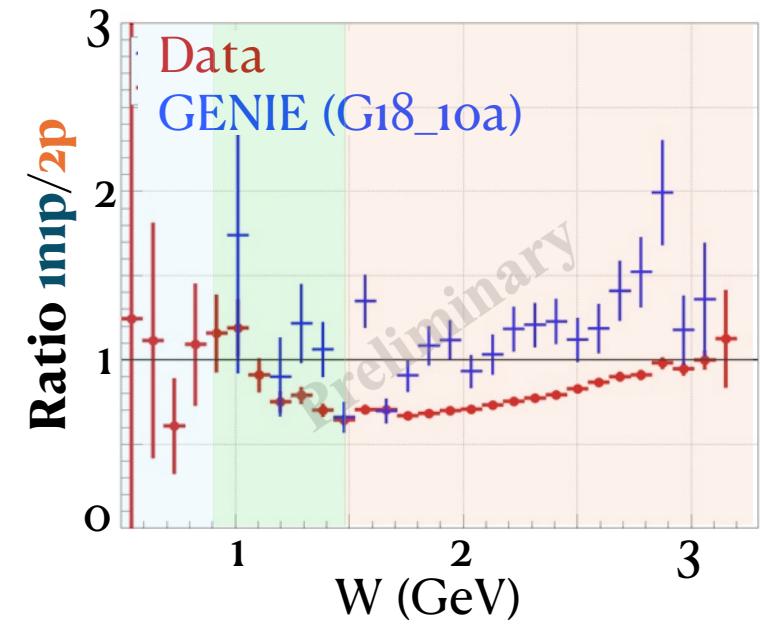
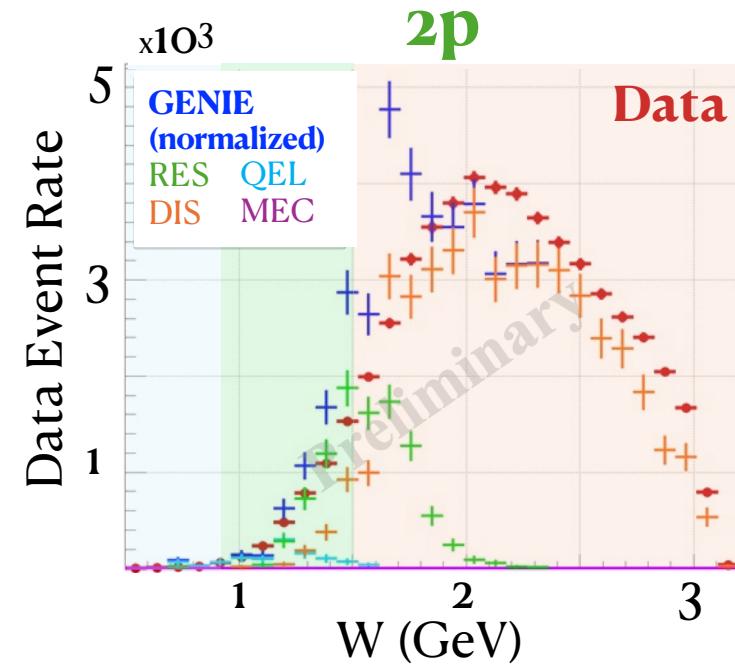
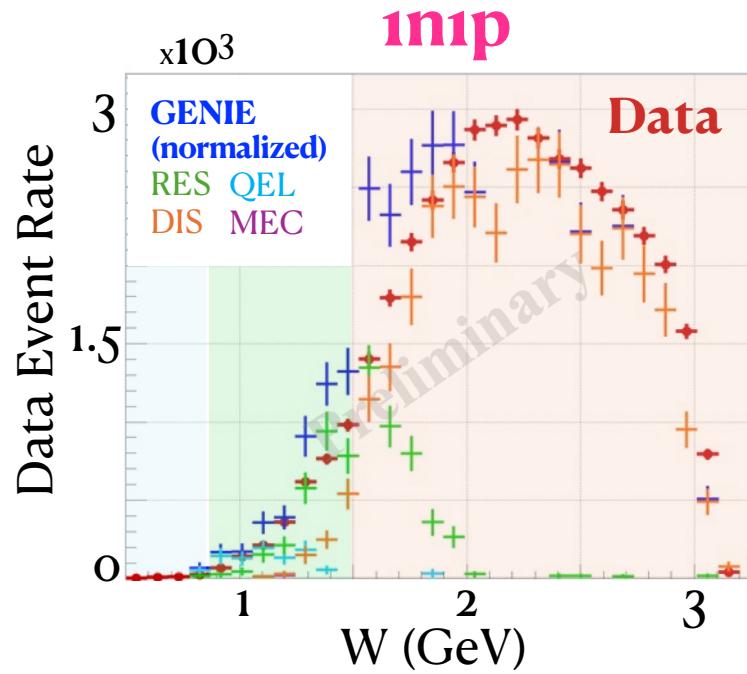




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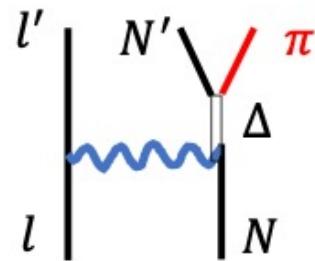
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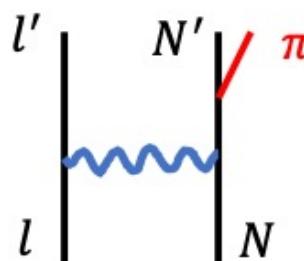
- Statistically inconclusive
- Ratio decreases when RES dominates – more **2p**
- Ratio increases when DIS dominates – more **1n1p**

Pion production in GENIE

Resonance Decay



Non-Resonant



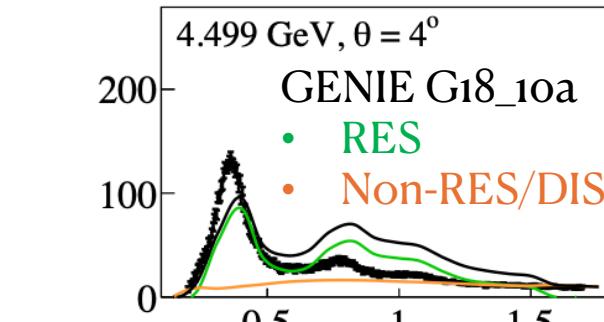
GENIE RES model

- Berger-Sehgal to model each resonance
 - Model predicts momentum transfer
 - Resonance decayed into hadrons
- No interference between RES (& Non-RES)

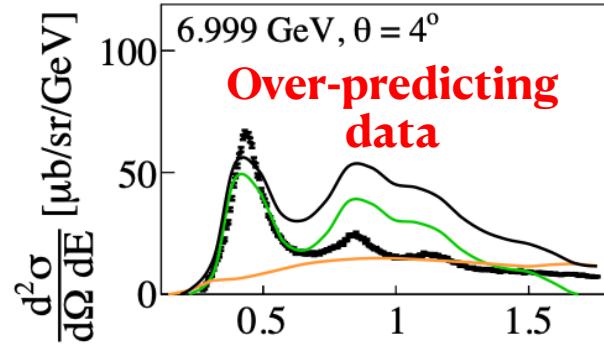
GENIE Non-RES model

- DIS model (Bodek-Yang) @ $W < 1.7$ GeV
- Scaled with ad-hoc free parameters
- **Not tuned to electron data**

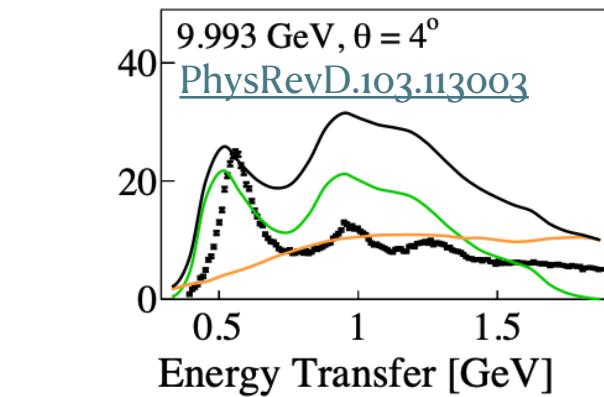
Proton (e,e')



Over-predicting data

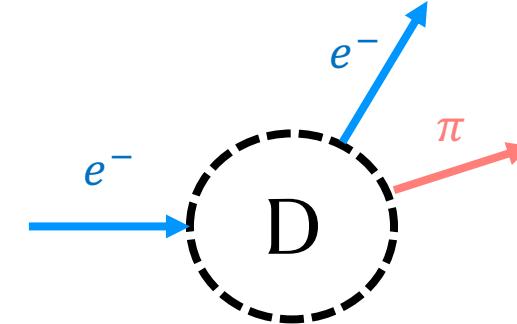


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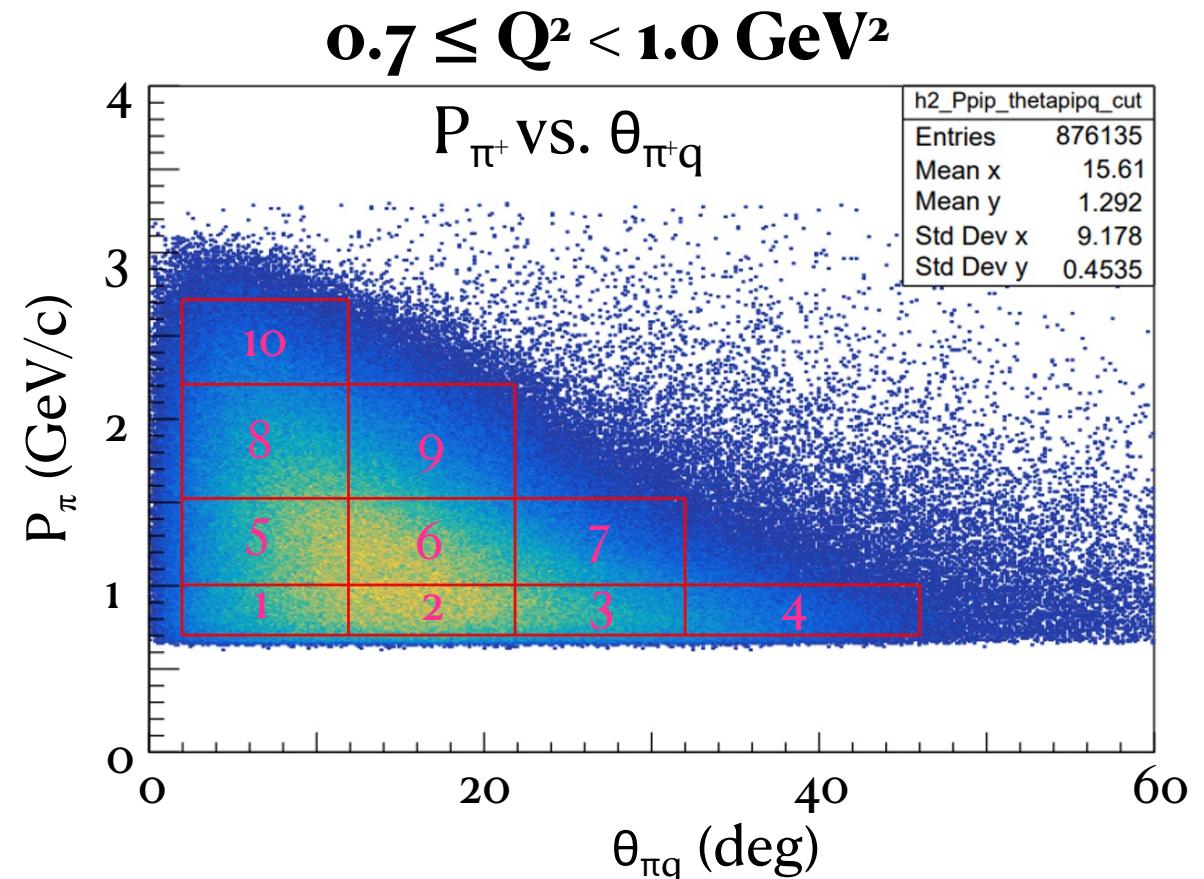


$D(e,e' \pi^\pm)$ cross-section

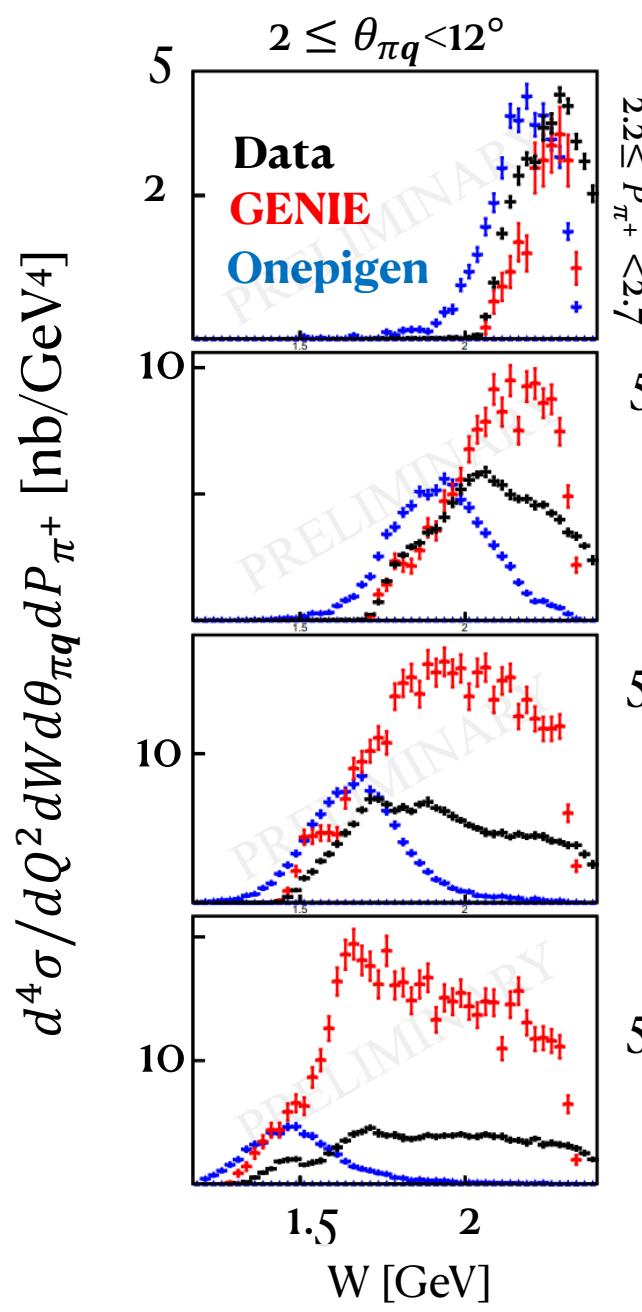
- CLAS12 forward detector
- Deuterium @ 4.2 GeV
- Multi-differential
 - $Q^2, W, P_\pi, \theta_{\pi q}$
- Compared against
 - GENIE (G18_10a)
 - OnePiGen
 - Single pion event generator
 - MAID2007 model



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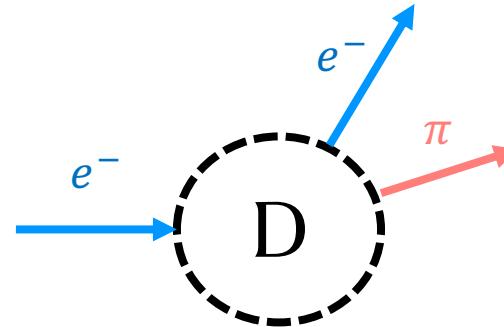


Higher P_{π^+}



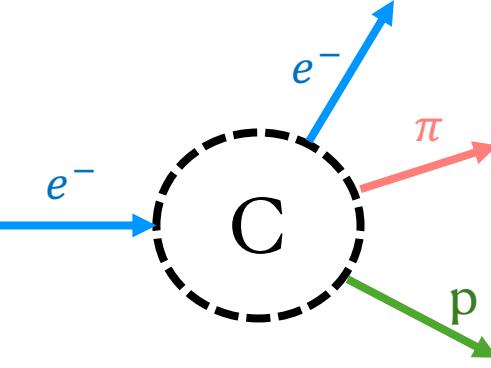
D(e,e'π⁺)

$0.7 \leq Q^2 < 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

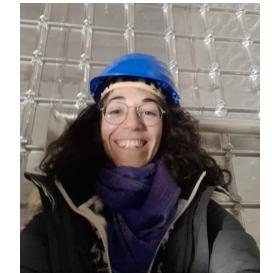


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Higher $\theta_{\pi q}$



$C(e,e'1p1\pi^\mp)$ cross-section

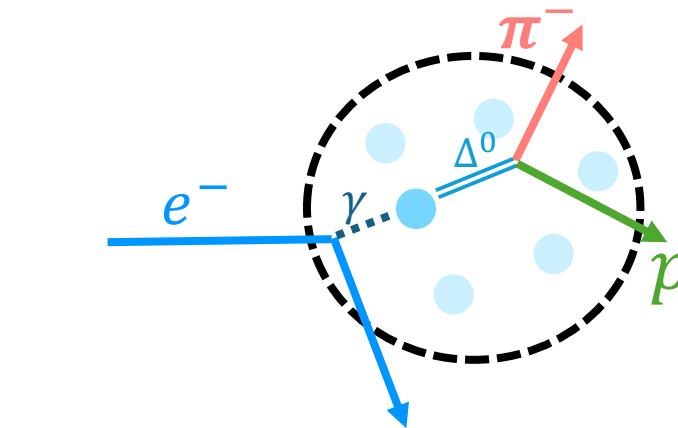


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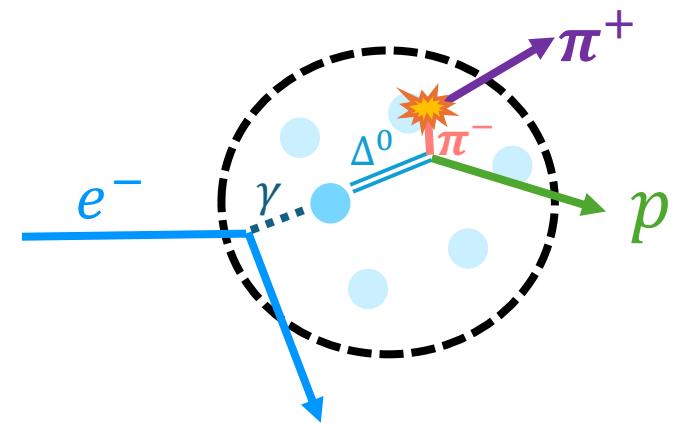
First look at
 $1p1\pi^-$ and $1p1\pi^+$
 with no detected γ any number of neutrons

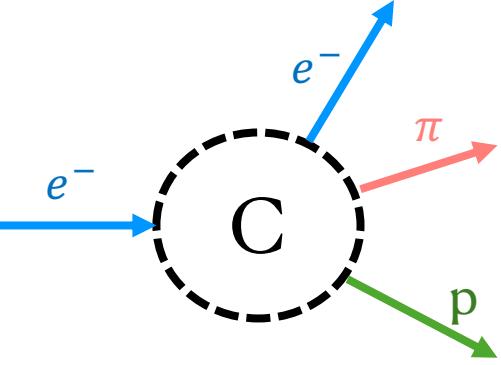
Contain π^\mp below 150 MeV &
 π^0 below 300 MeV

1.1, 2.2 and 4.4 GeV on C



needs two or
 more nucleons
 → undetected
 particles (FSI!)



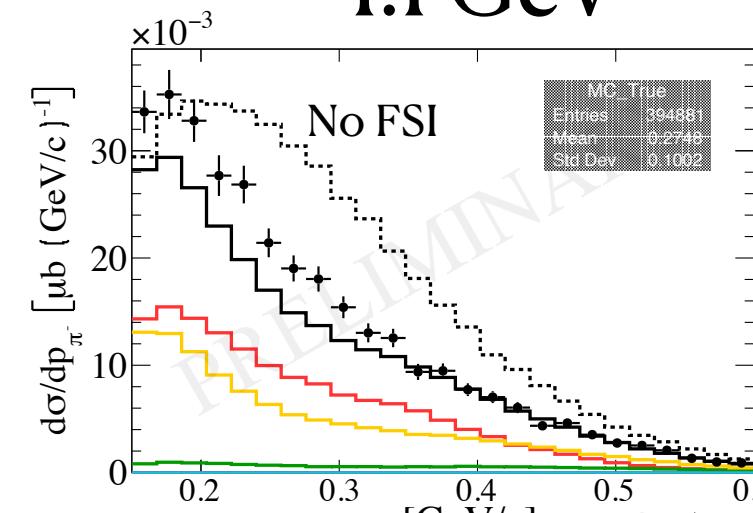


Testing (e,e') models made exclusive

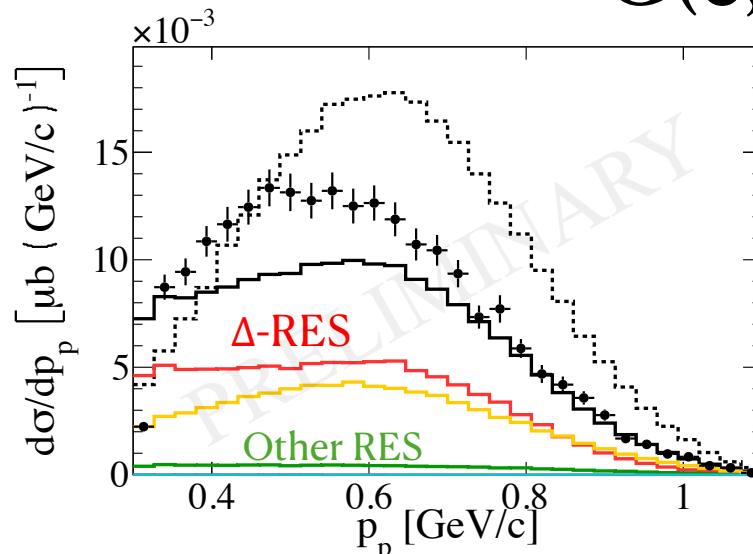
- Wrong normalization
 - Due to untuned non-RES
- Pion momentum shape agrees with GENIE
 - FSI essential
- Incorrect low proton momentum shape

Hadron kinematics

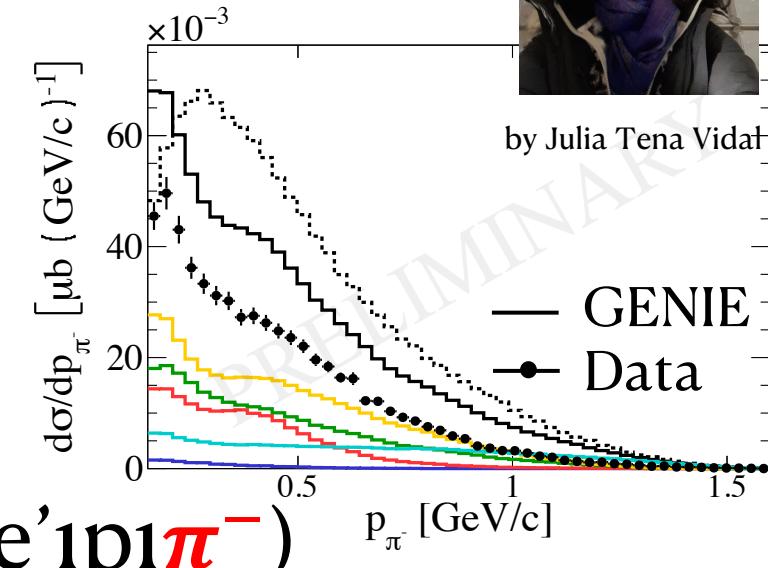
1.1 GeV



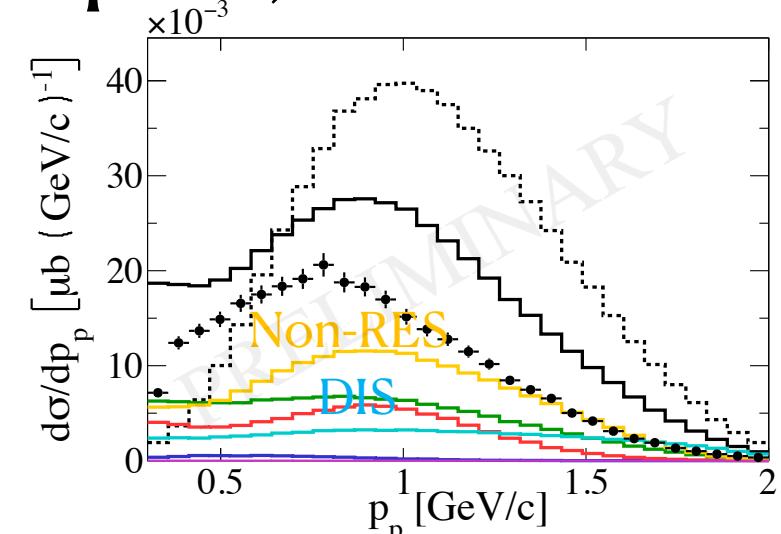
$C(e, e' 1p1\pi^-)$

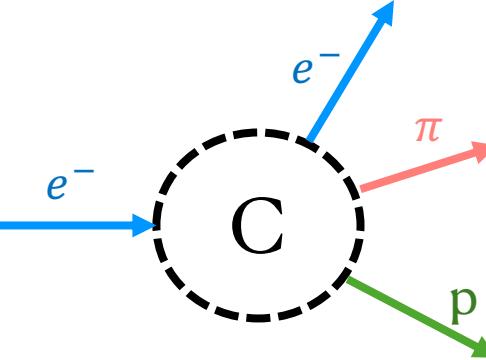


2.2 GeV



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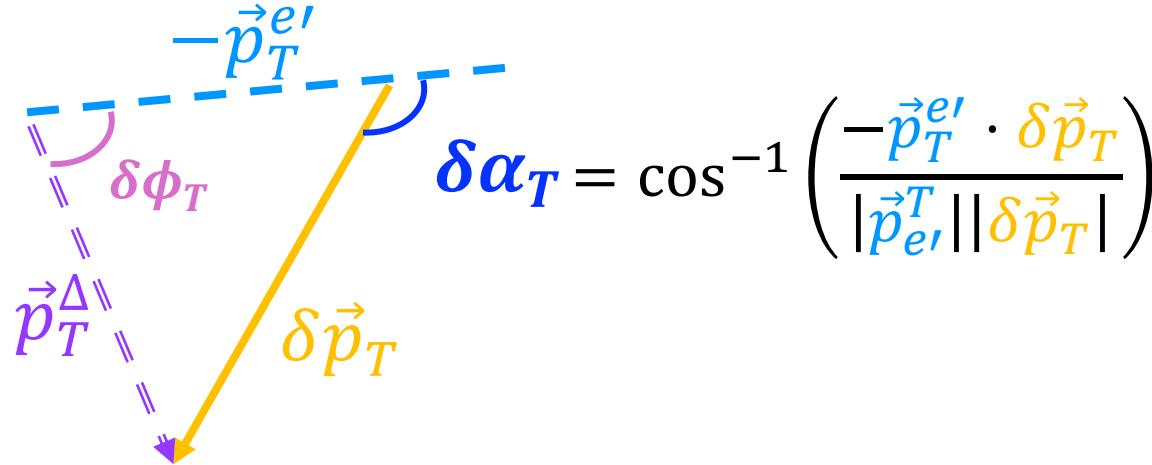




Nuclear effects

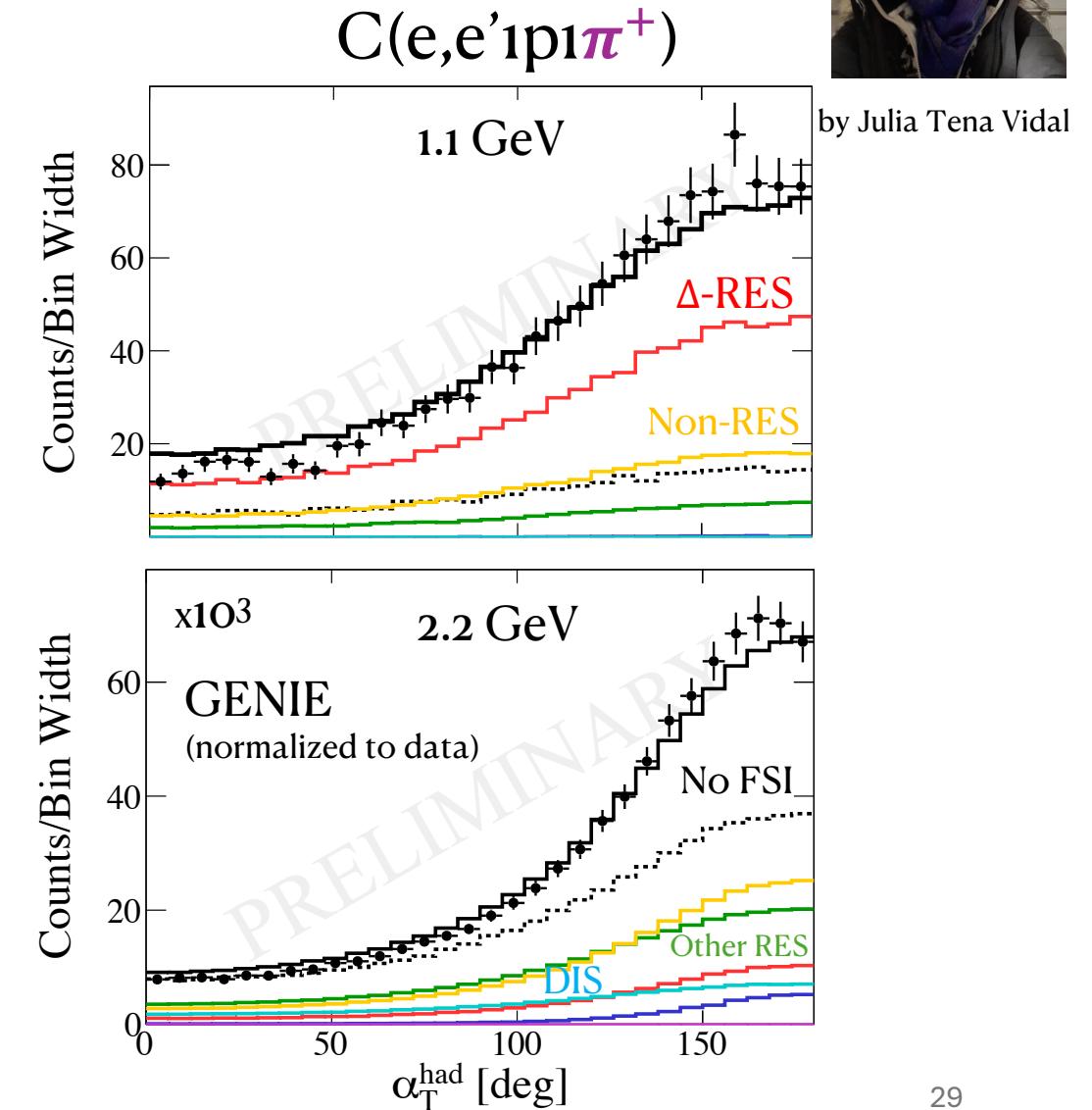


Transverse Kinematic Invariance (TKI), Boosting angle:



Most sensitive to FSI

- Excellent shape description at all energies



e4nu unveils electron-nucleus interactions

- Huge increase in data base for **electron hadroproduction**
- CLAS can measure many particle final states with magnetic field
- 1-6 GeV electrons for many targets (e.g. carbon, **argon**)

**Analyses of (e,e'), and 1 and 2 nucleon and π^\mp production
data in progress**

Significant impact on neutrino physics

Very high statistics ($\sim 100M$ events) and known beam energy,
provides...

- Best constraints on **nuclear structure and FSI** models
- **Vector** part of the **vector**+axial nuclear response

Event generators benefit greatly from these new data



Thank you for your attention!

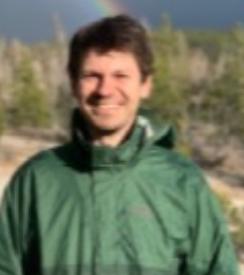


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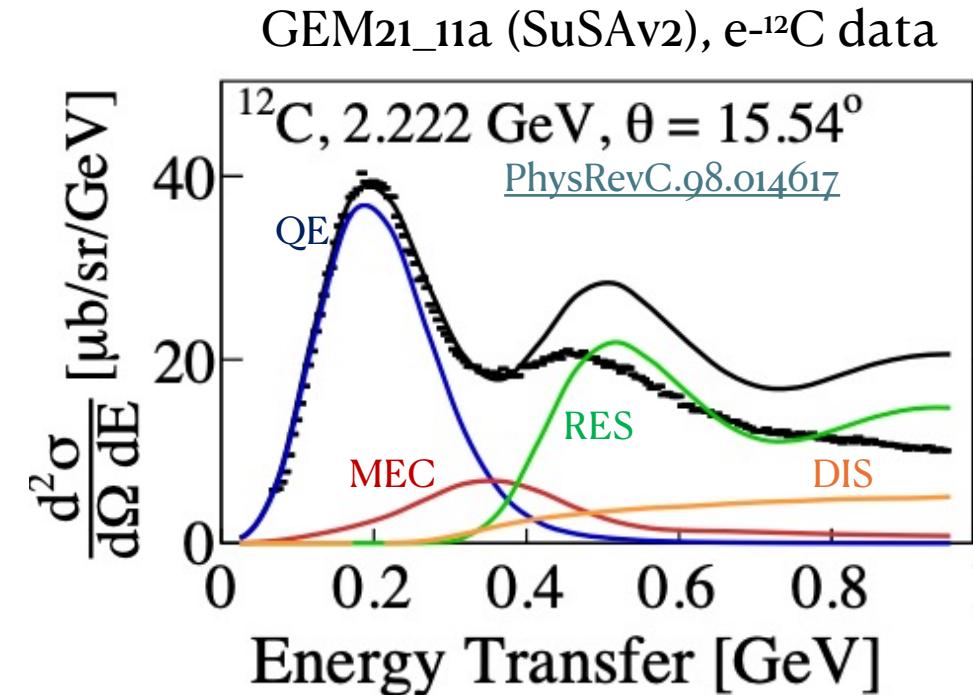
**More data on the way...
New collaborators welcome to maximize impact!**



The GENIE event generator

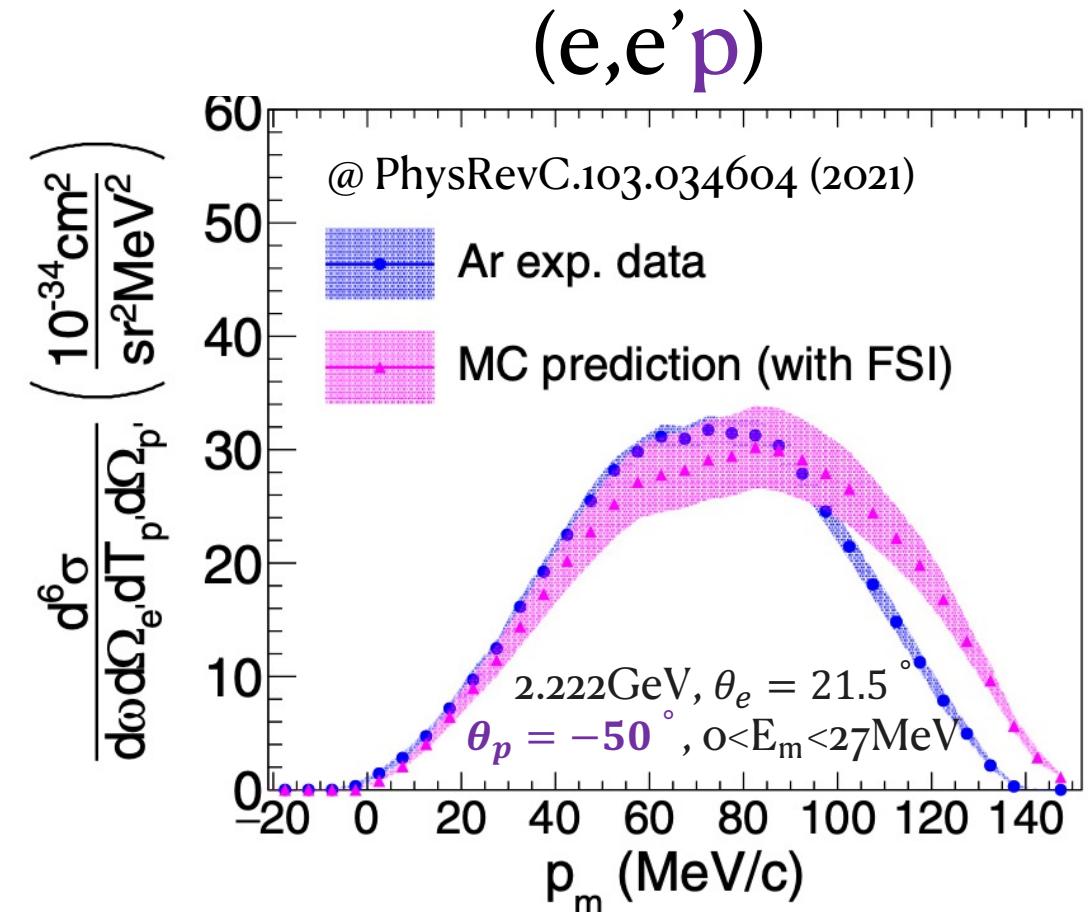
<http://tunes.genie-mc.org>

- **ν -A, e^\pm -A and h -A event generator**
 - From MeV to PeV, all targets
 - All interaction mechanisms and targets
- **Full description for electrons**
 - Originally developed for neutrinos
 - **Common code** for ν -A, e^- -A processes



Generators need hadron production data

- Many assumptions from (e,e') to (e,e'X) – **description not guaranteed**
 - Common with neutrinos
- **Lacking exclusive hadron production measurements!**
 - Growing interest in the electron community
 - limited to specific kinematics
 - Big effort in the neutrino community
 - But more difficult



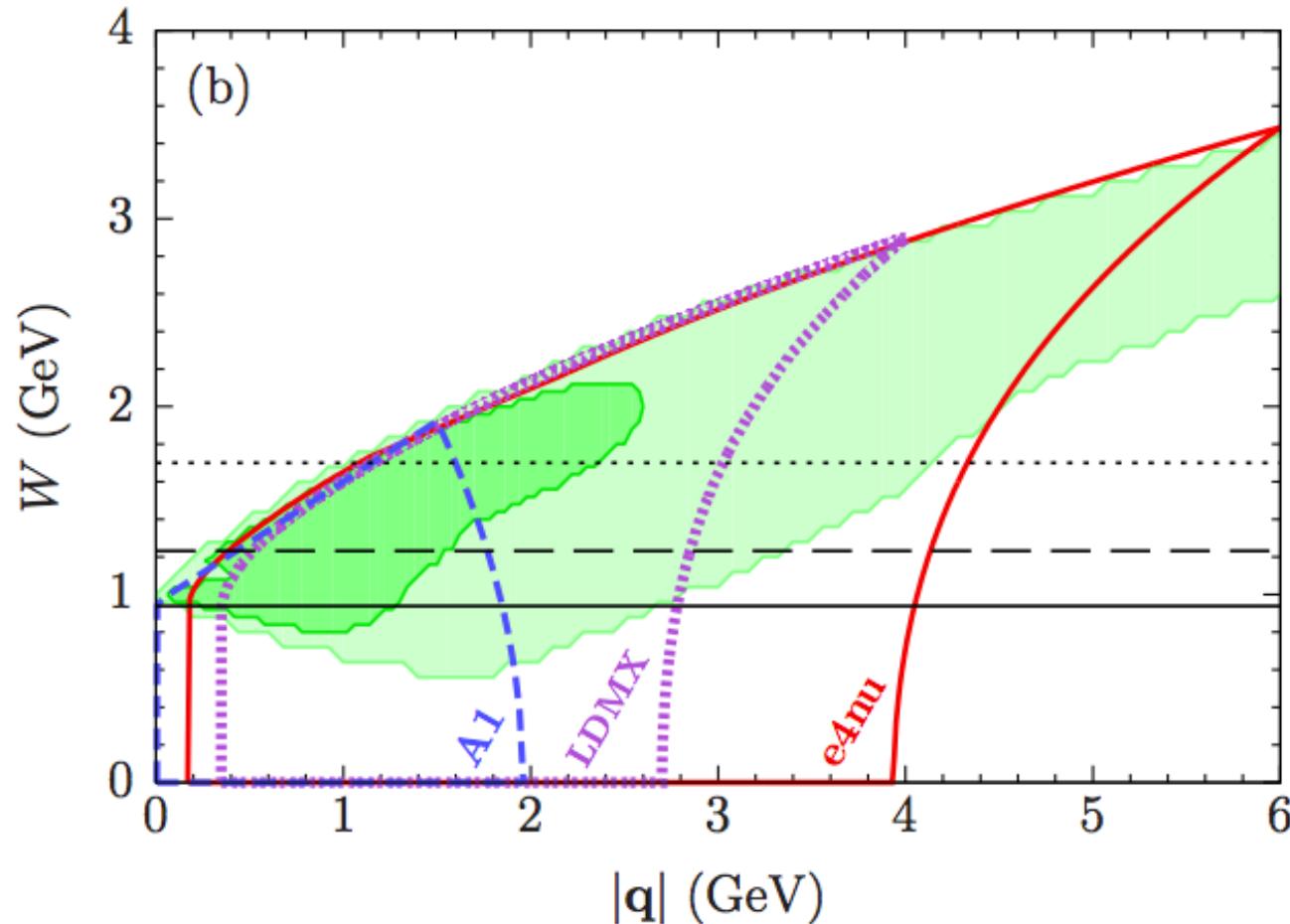
High quality new data gives additional constraints to simulation

Complementary efforts

Collaborations	Kinematics	Targets	Scattering	Publications
E12-14-012 (JLab) (Data collected: 2017) 	$E_e = 2.222 \text{ GeV}$ $\theta_e = 15.5, 17.5,$ 20.0, 21.5 $\theta_p = -39.0, -44.0,$ -44.5, -47.0 -50.0	Ar, Ti Al, C	(e, e') $(e, e'p)$	Phys. Rev. C 99 , 054608 Phys. Rev. D 105 112002
e4nu/CLAS (JLab) (Data collected: 1999, 2022) 	$E_e = 1, 2, 4, 6 \text{ GeV}$ $\theta_e > 5$	H, D, He, C, Ar, ^{40}Ca , ^{48}Ca , Fe, Sn	(e, e') e, p, n, π, γ in the final state	Nature 599 , 565 Phys. Rev. D 103 113003
Only effort with data already taken and expected exclusive measurements, best coverage				
A1 (MAMI) (Data collected: 2020) (More data planned) 	$E_e = 1.6 \text{ GeV}$	H, D, He C, O, Al Ca, Ar, Xe	(e, e') 2 additional charged particles	
LDMX (SLAC) (Planned) 	$E_e = 4.0 \text{ GeV}$ $\theta_e < 40$		(e, e') e, p, n, π in the final state	
eALBA (Planned) 	$E_e = 500 \text{ MeV}$ - few GeV	C, CH Be, Ca	(e, e')	

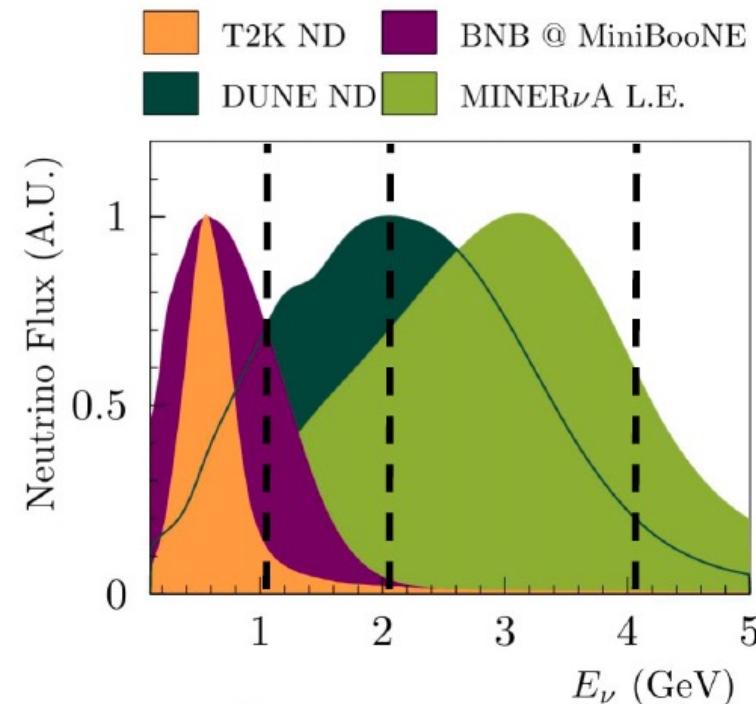
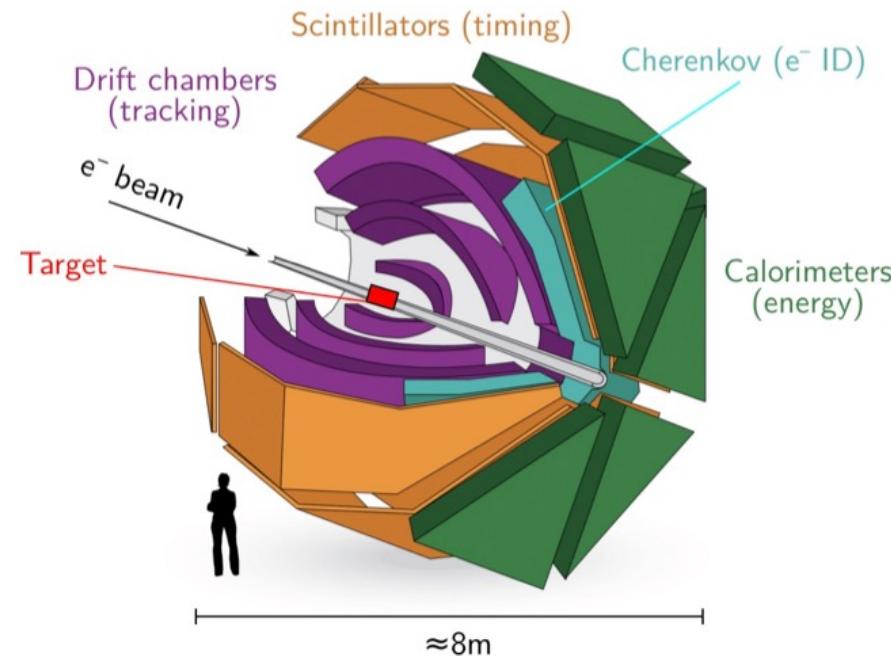
Adaptation from Proceedings of the US Community Snowmass2021

e4nu and DUNE



CLAS6

- Large acceptance @ $\theta_e > 15^\circ$
- ~“ 2π ” coverage
- Charged particle threshold comparable to neutrino tracking detectors
 - 300 MeV/c for p and γ
 - 150 MeV/c for π^\pm
 - **Magnetic field** disentangles charge
- Beam energies of interest for ν :
 - 1.1, 2.2 & 4.4 GeV
- Targets ${}^4\text{He}$, C & Fe
- ~10M $\text{C}(\text{e},\text{e}')$ events



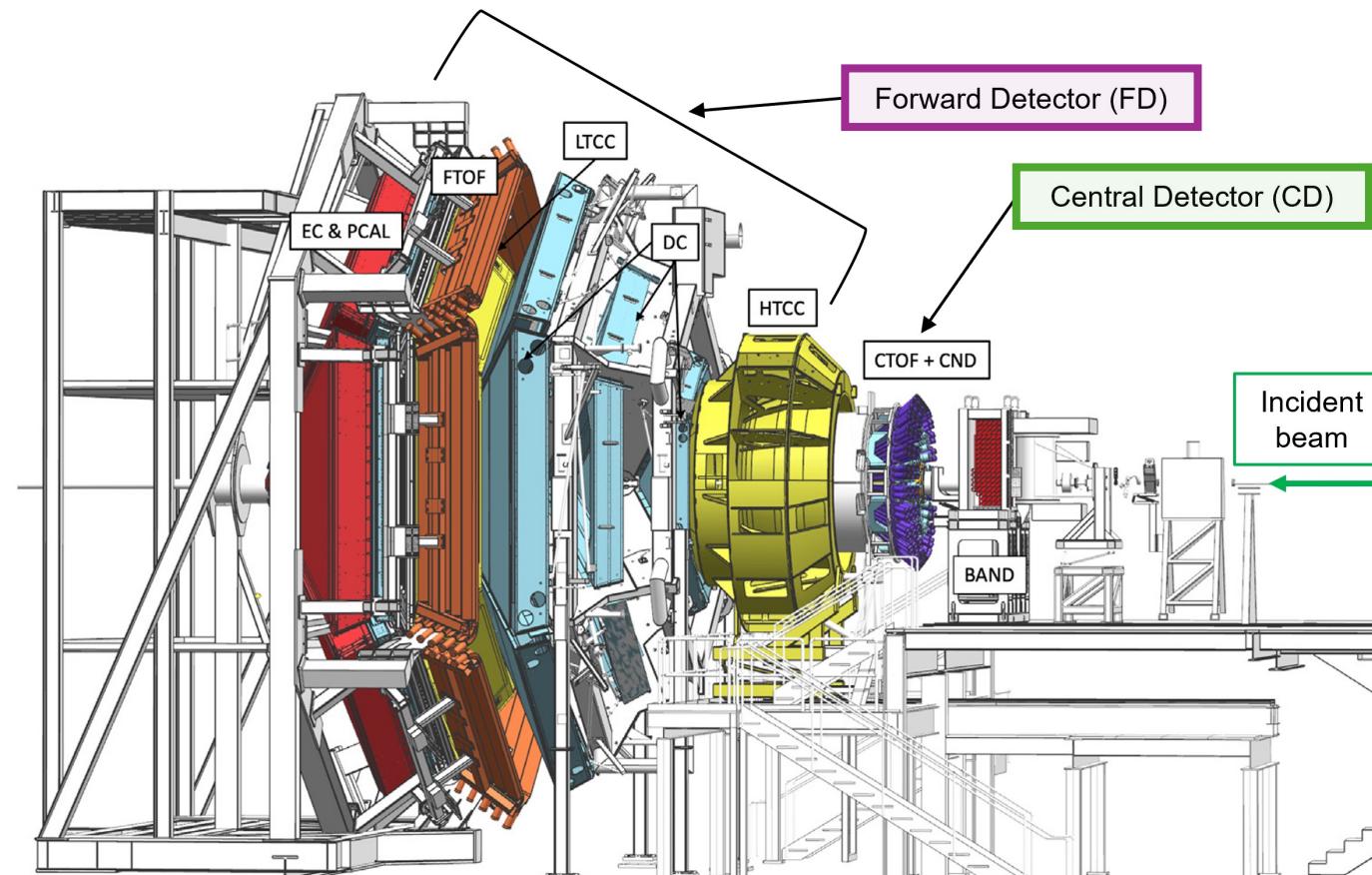
CLAS12 – sub-systems in the FD and CD

Forward Detector (FD):

- High Threshold Cherenkov Counter (HTCC)
- Drift Chambers (DC)
- Low Threshold Cherenkov Counter (LTCC)
- Forward Time-Of-Flight detector (FTOF)
- Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector (RICH)
- Electromagnetic Calorimeters (EC & PCAL)

Central Detector (CD):

- Central Vertex Tracker (CVT)
- Central Time-Of-Flight (CTOF)
- Central Neutron Detector (CND)
- Back Angle Neutron Detector (BAND)

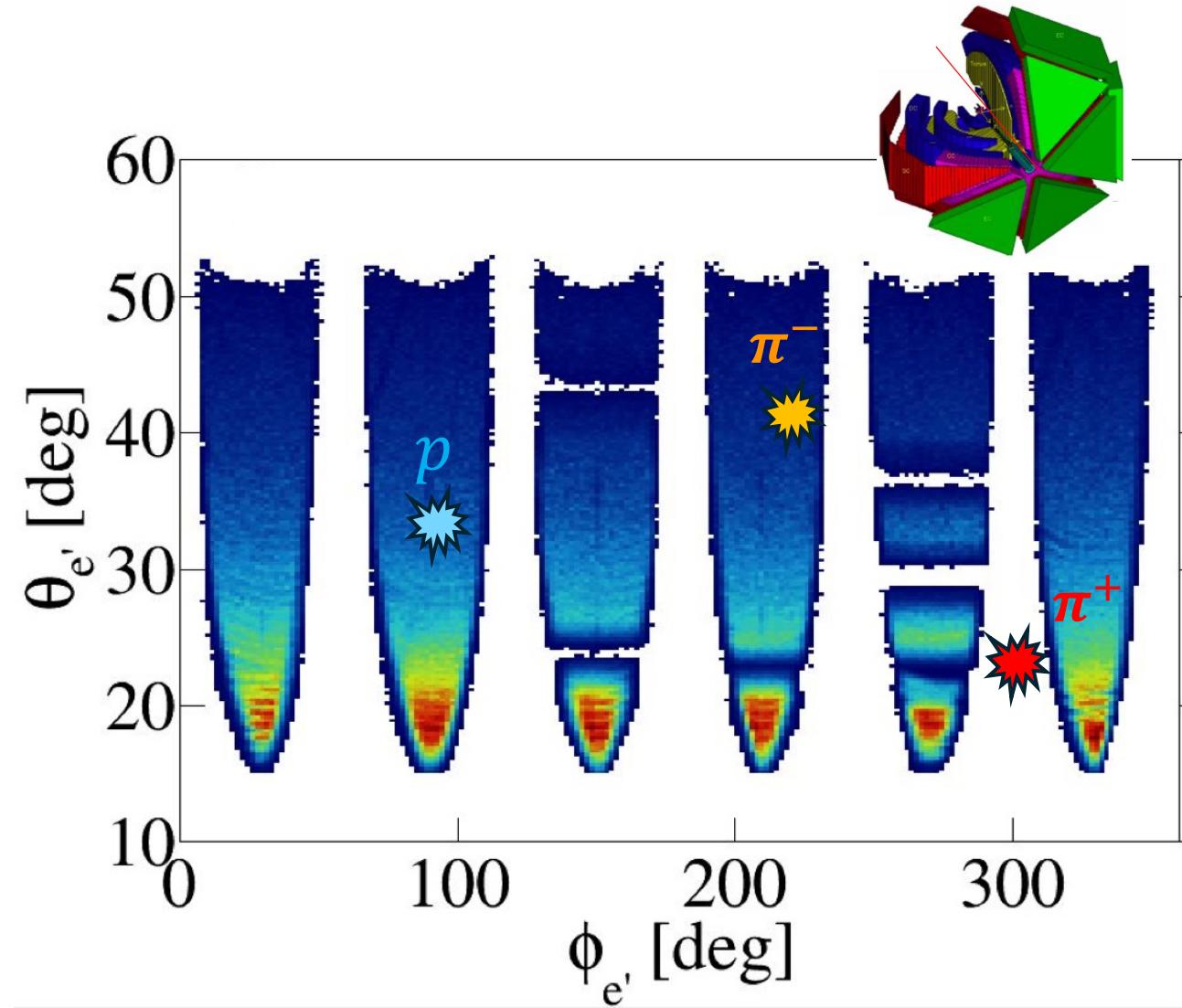


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Generalizing Background Subtraction

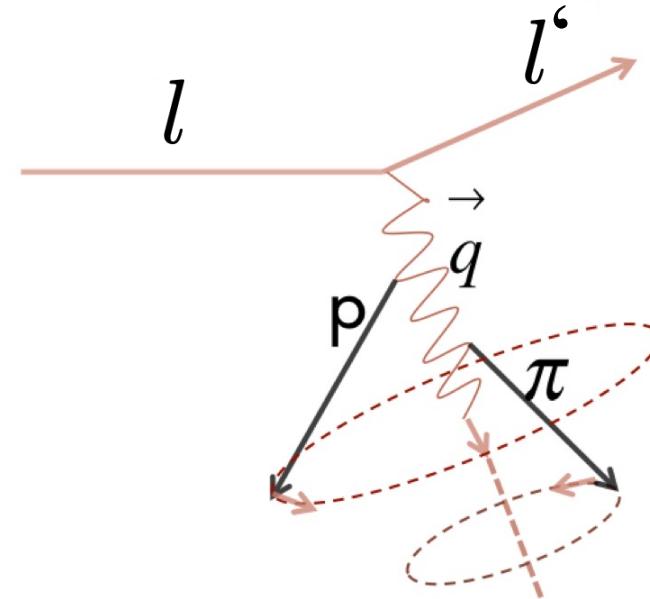
Not full “ 4π ” coverage

- Gaps between the sectors
- Gaps within a sector
- **“Data driven” background subtraction**
- Multi-particle correction



Data Driven Background Subtraction

- Using measured ($e, e' p \pi$) events
- Rotate p, π around q
- Determine event acceptance
- Subtract ($e, e' p \pi$) contribution



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e4nu 1p0π Event Selection

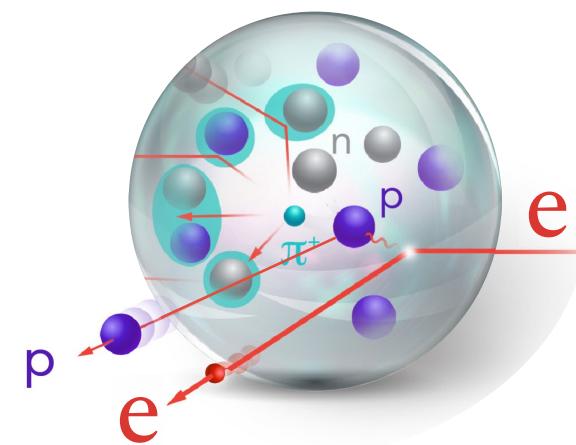
Focus on Quasi Elastic events:

1 proton above 300 MeV/c

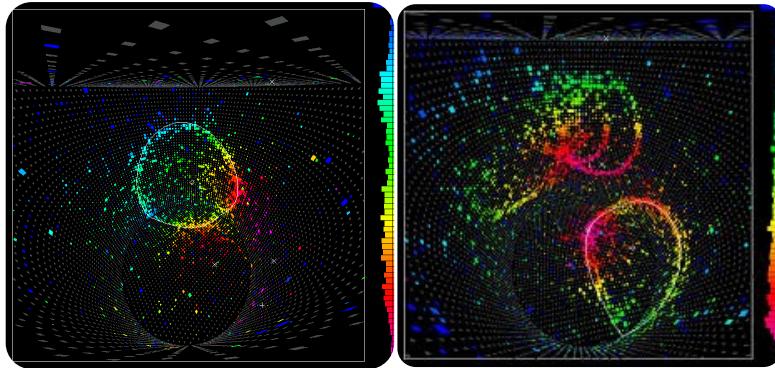
no additional hadrons above detection threshold:

150 MeV/c for $P_{\pi^{+/-}}$

500 MeV/c for P_{π^0}



Incoming (e, e') π Energy Reconstruction



Cherenkov detectors:



Assuming QE interaction

Using lepton only

$$E_{QE} = \frac{2M\epsilon + 2ME_l - m_l^2}{2(M - E_l + |k_l| \cos \theta_l)}$$

ϵ is the nucleon separation energy ~ 20 MeV



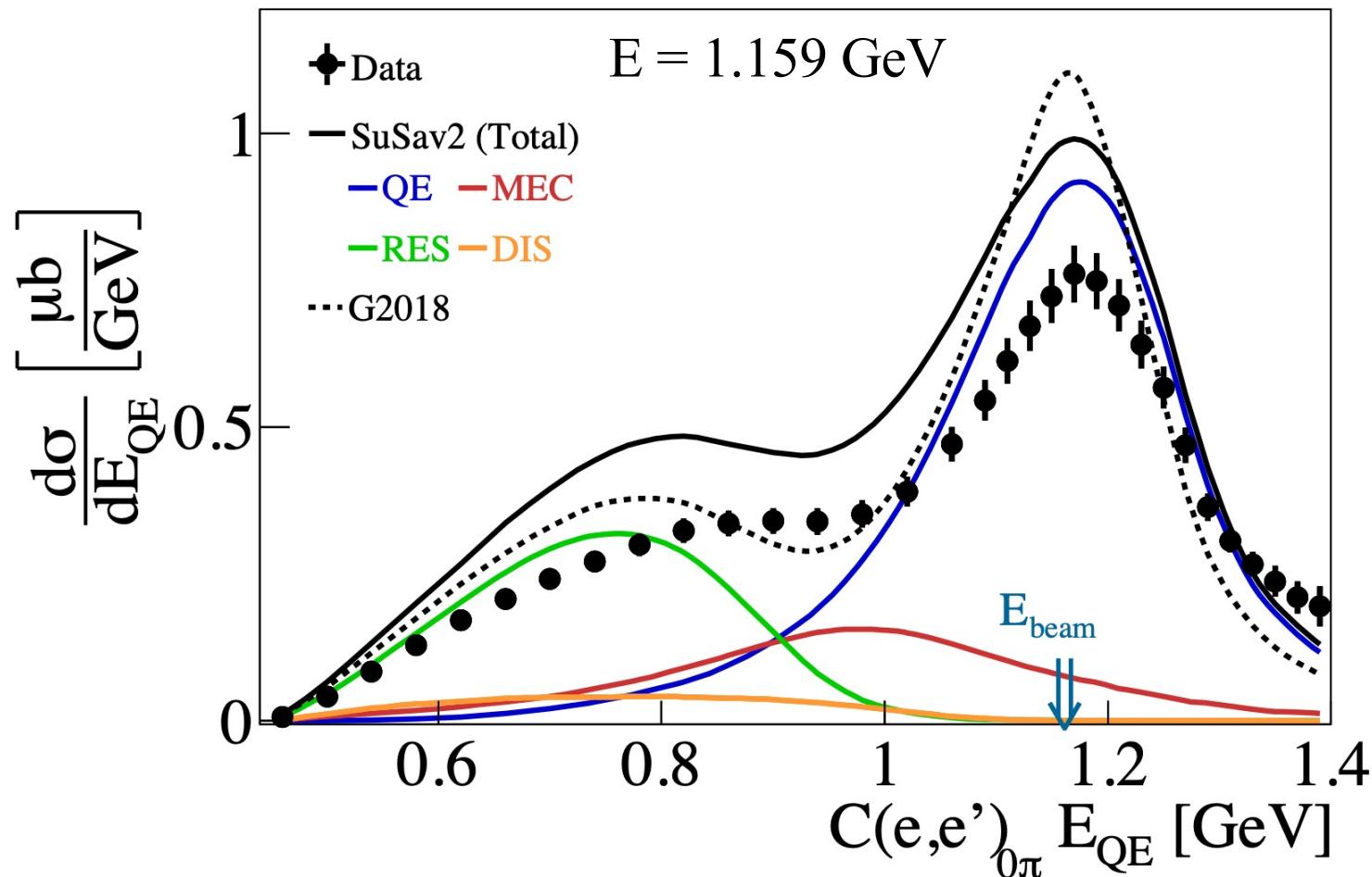
Tracking detectors:

Calorimetric sum

Using All detected particles

$$E_{\text{cal}} = E_l + E_p^{\text{kin}} + \epsilon$$

Incoming Energy Reconstruction

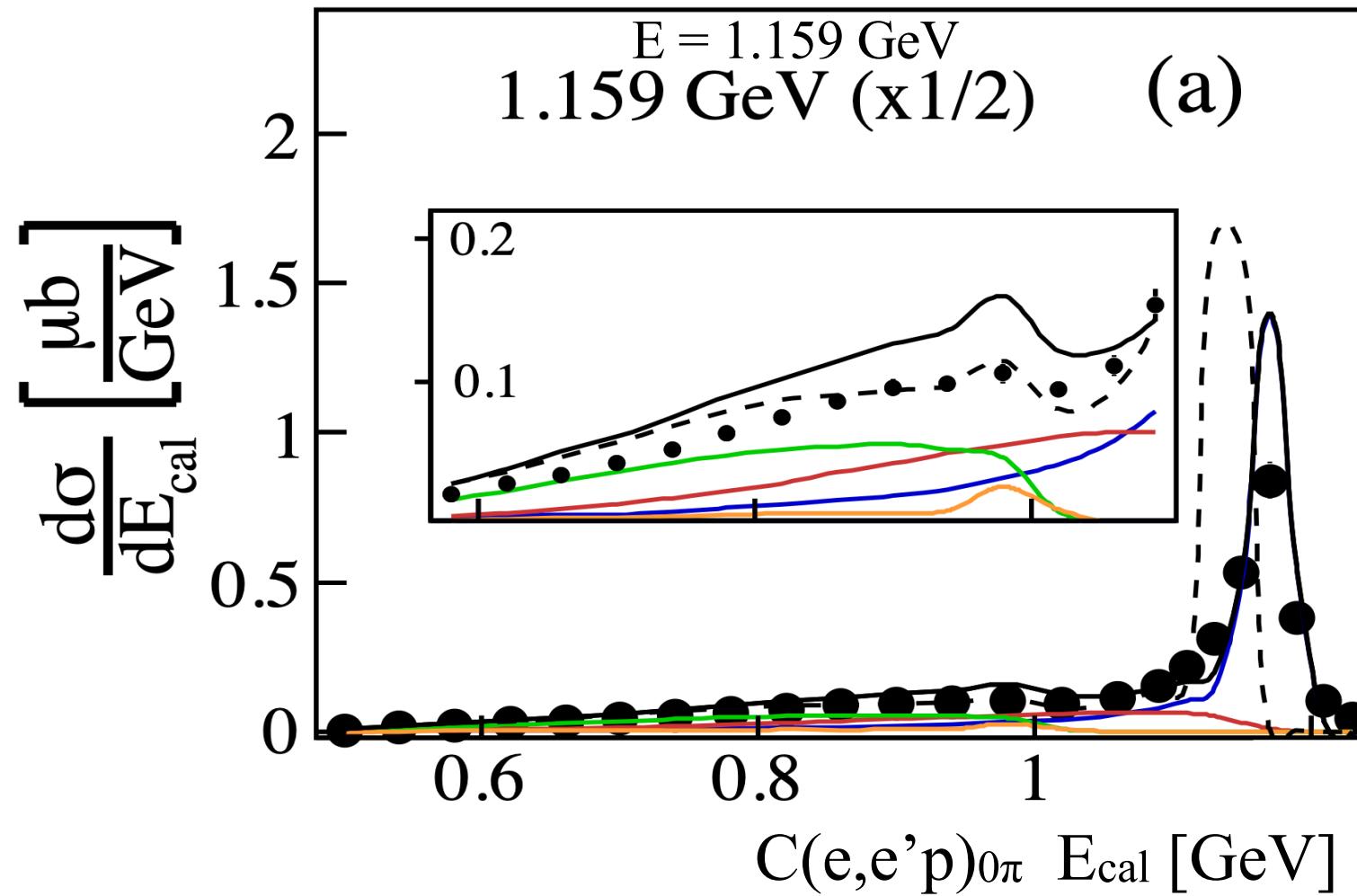


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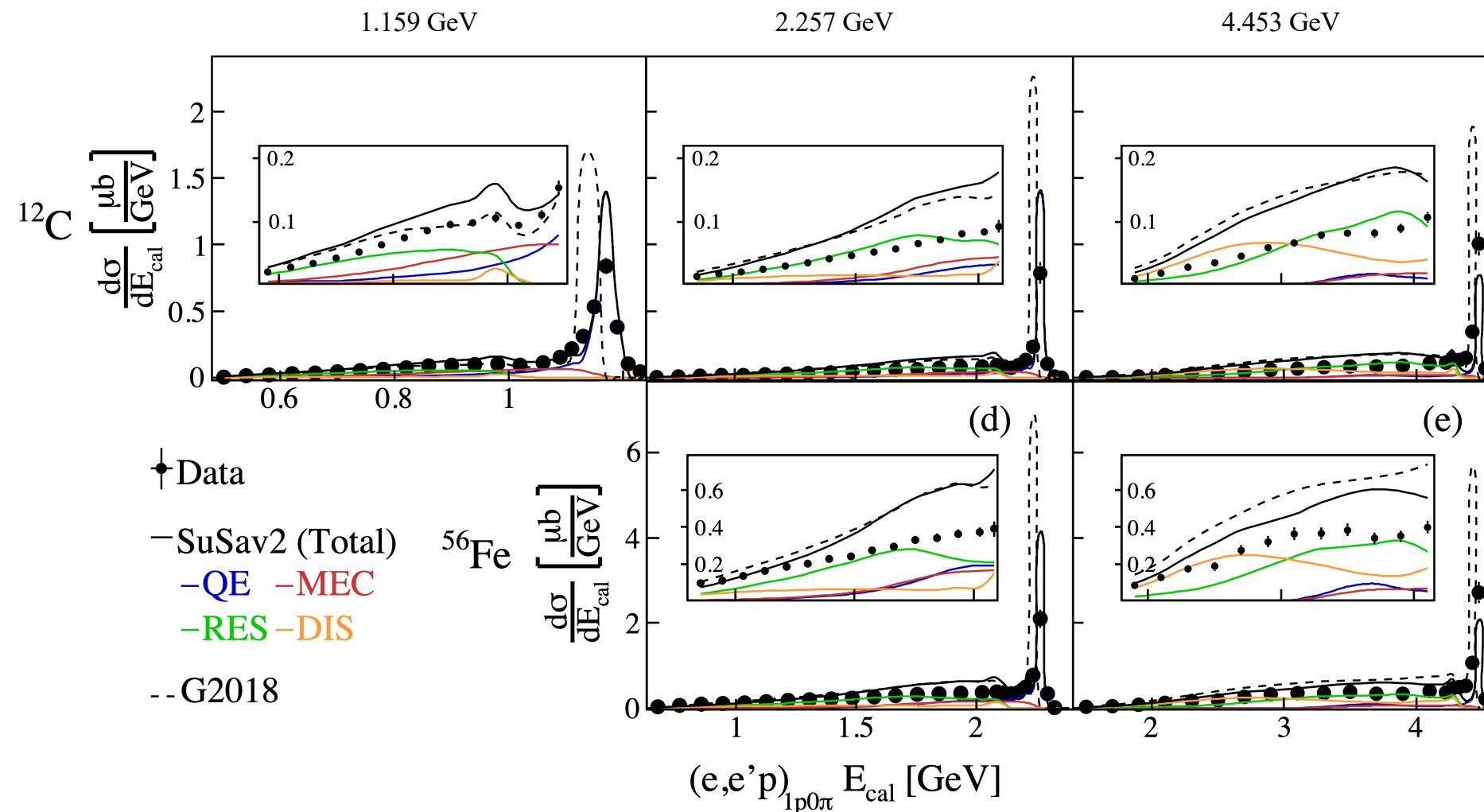


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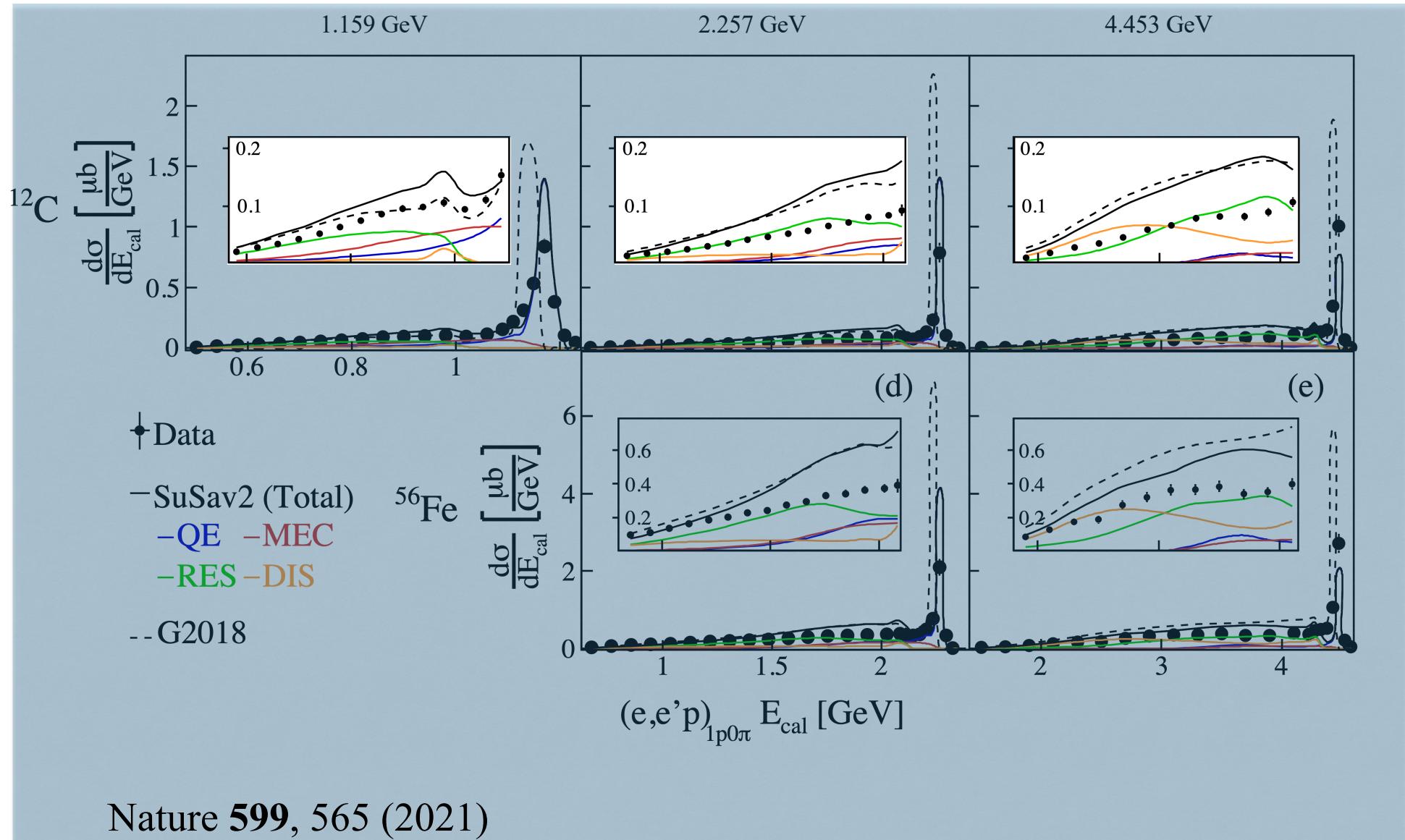


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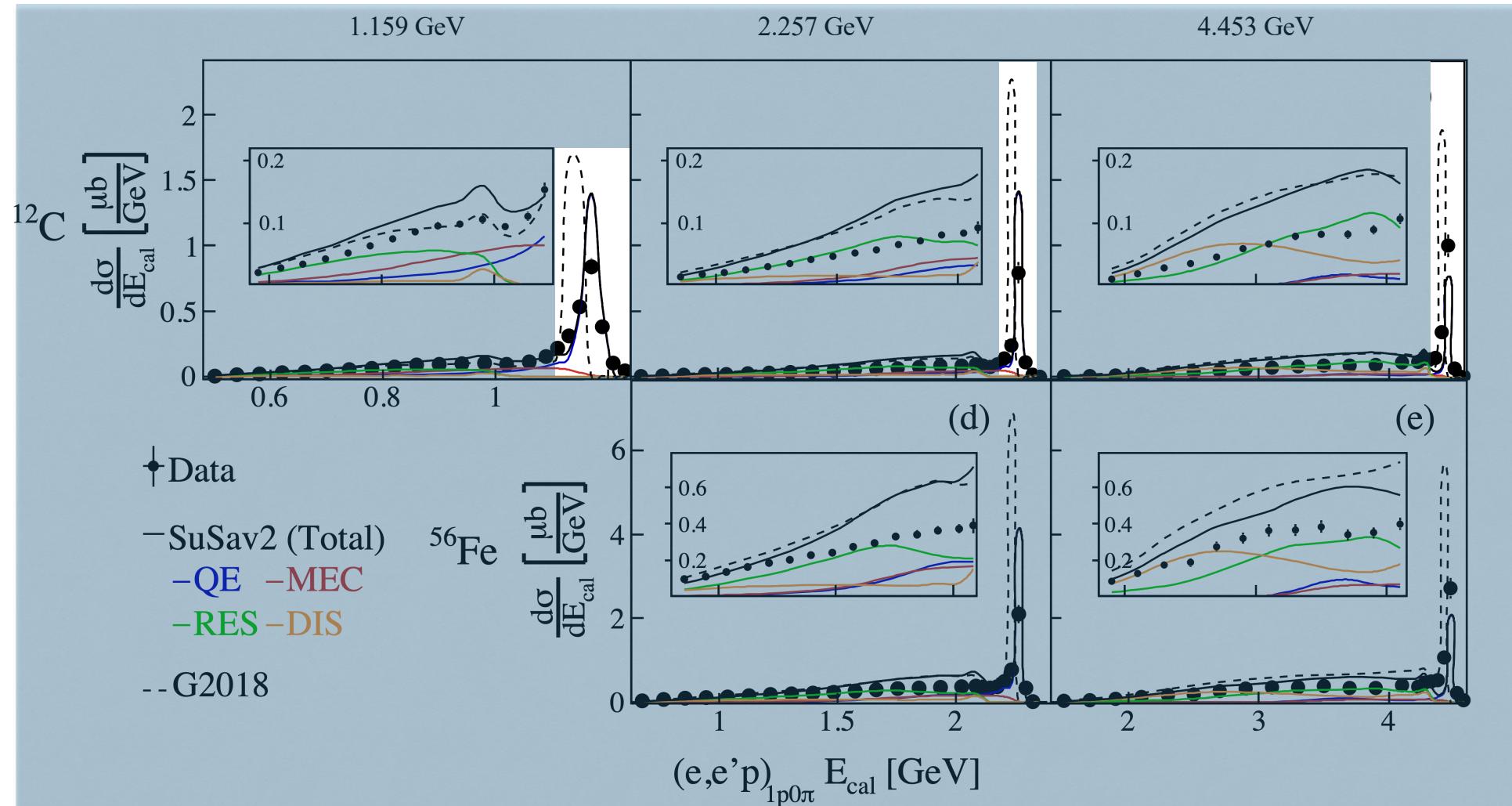
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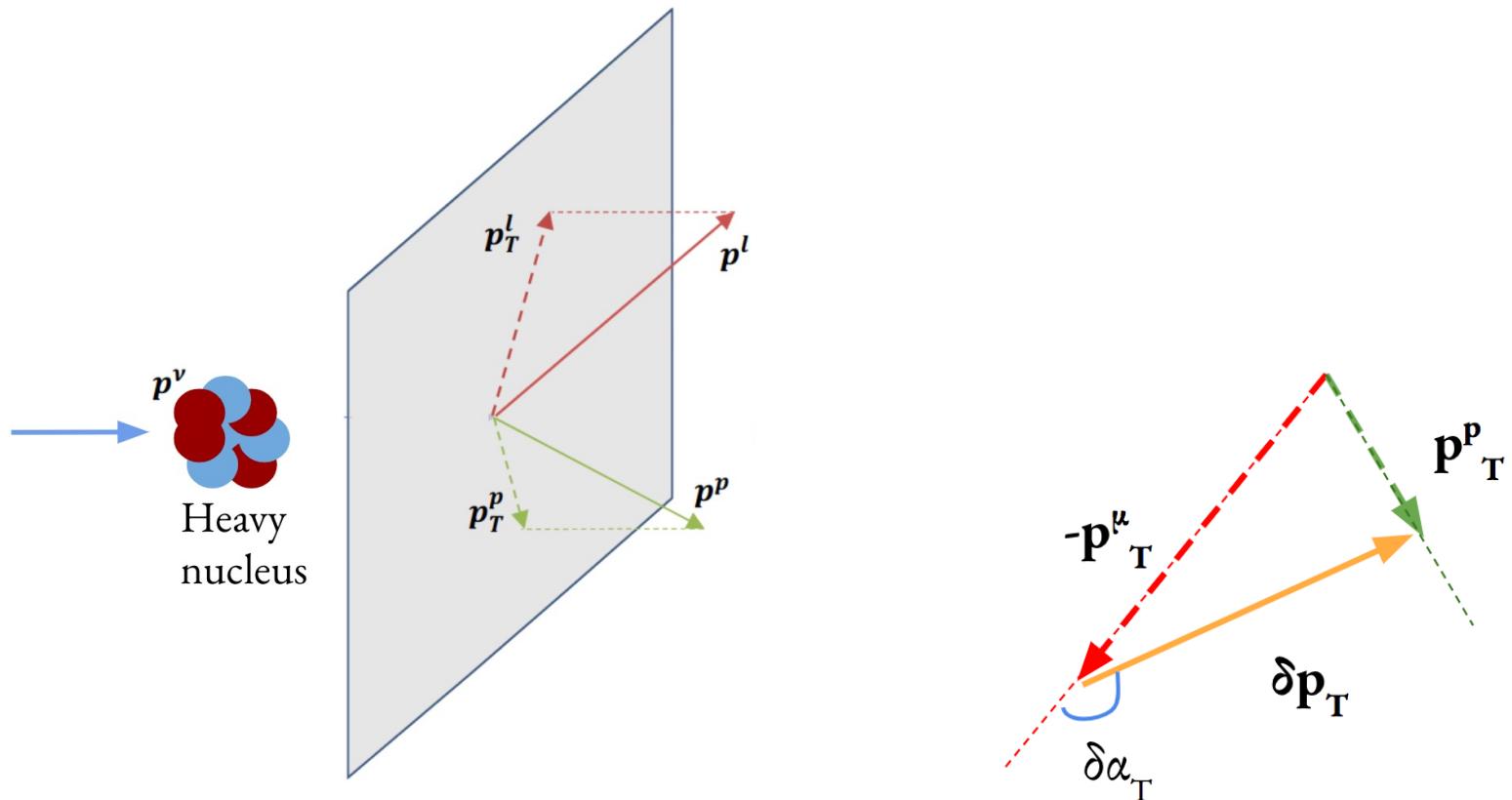


Reconstructed $(e,e'p)_{1p0\pi}$ Calorimetric Energy



Focusing on different reaction mechanisms

Standard Transverse Variables



$$\vec{P}_T = \vec{P}_T^{e'} + \vec{P}_T^p$$

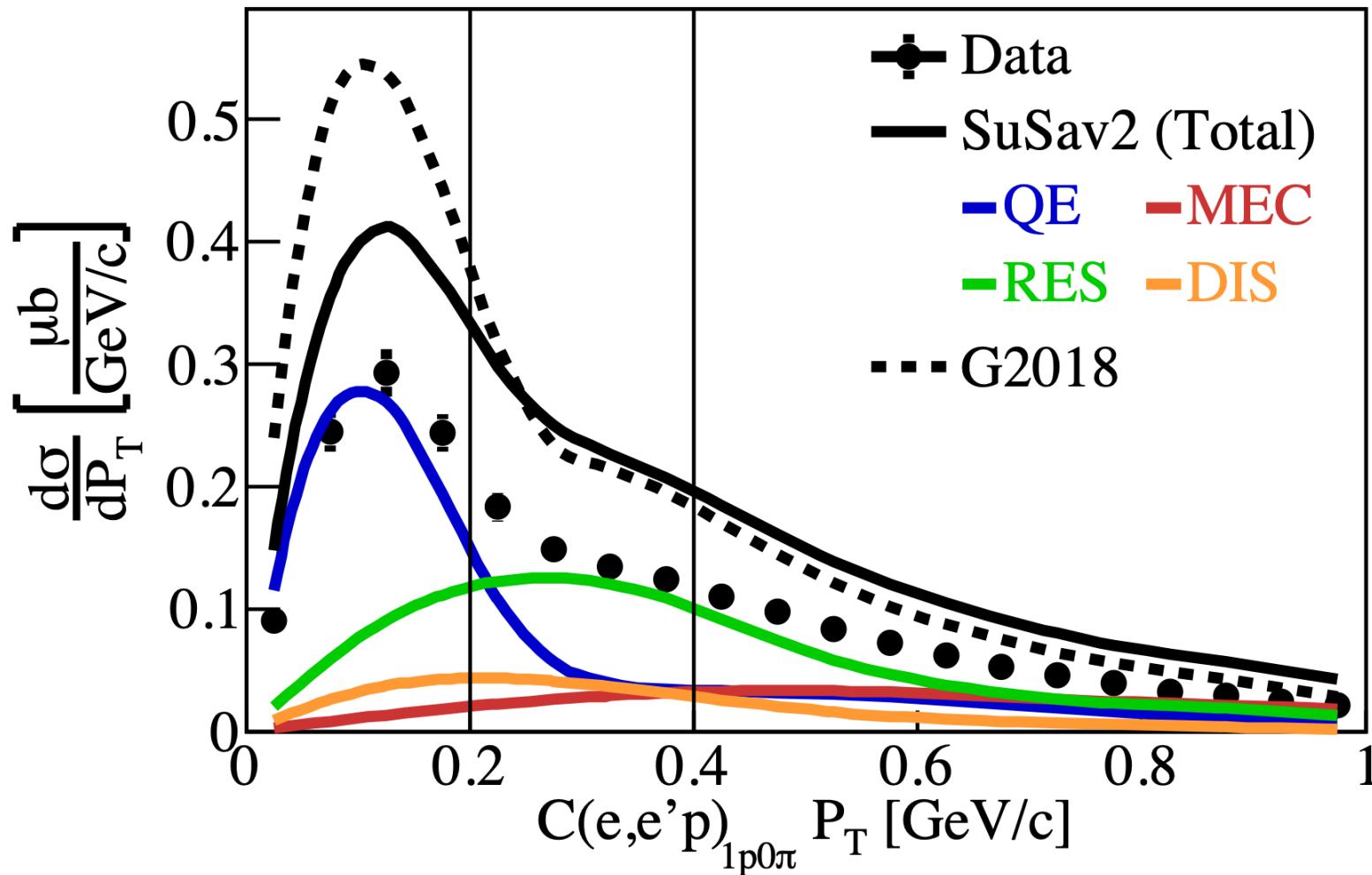
Sensitive to
hit nucleon momentum

$$\delta\alpha_T$$

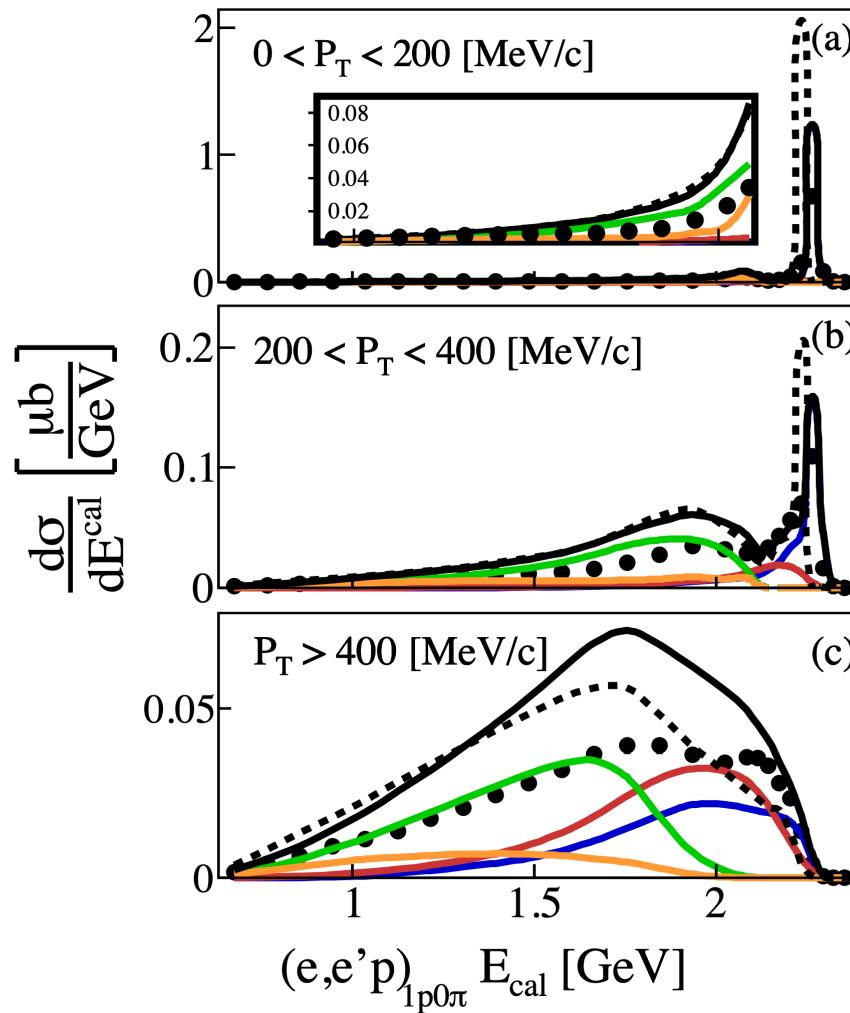
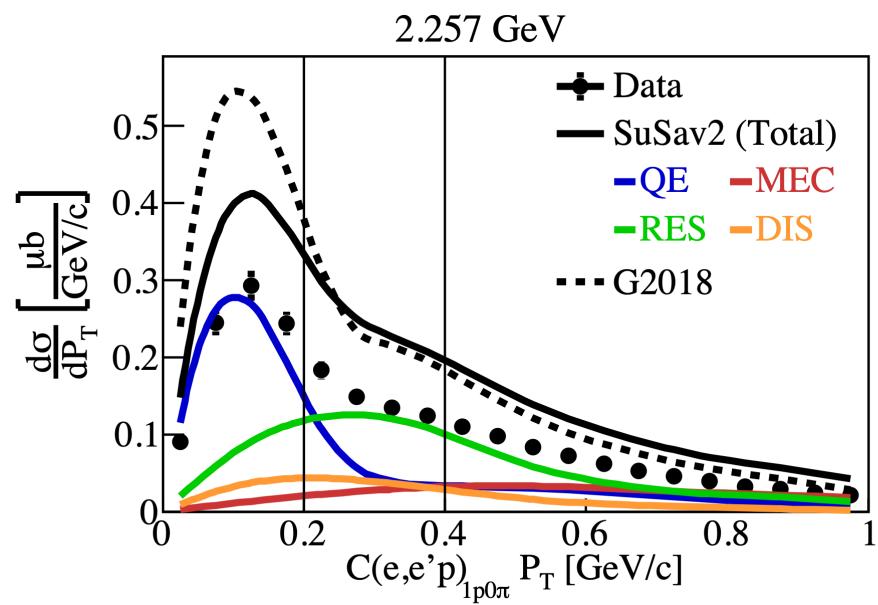
Sensitive to
Final State Interactions

Transverse missing momentum

2.257 GeV



pT sensitivity to interaction mechanisms

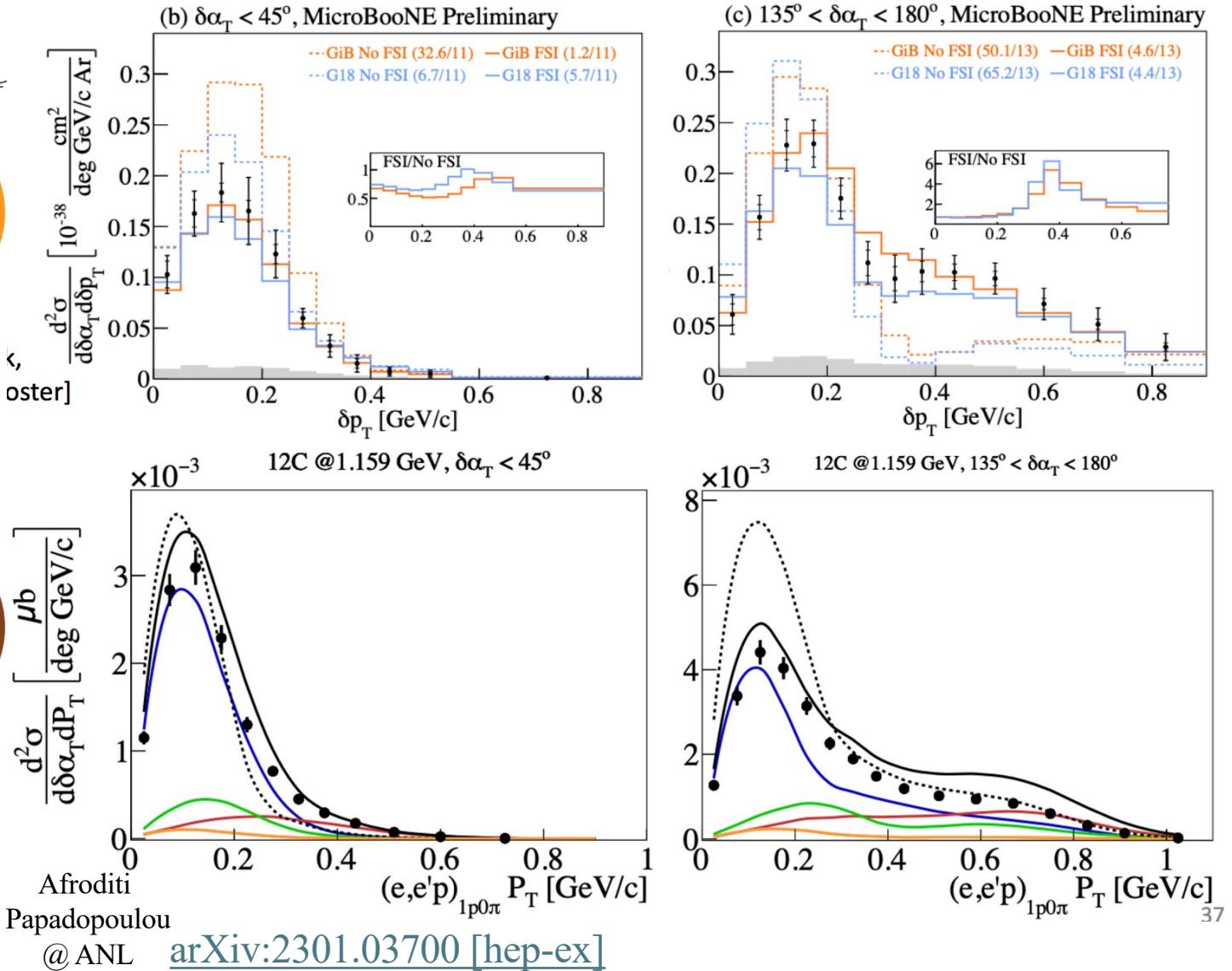


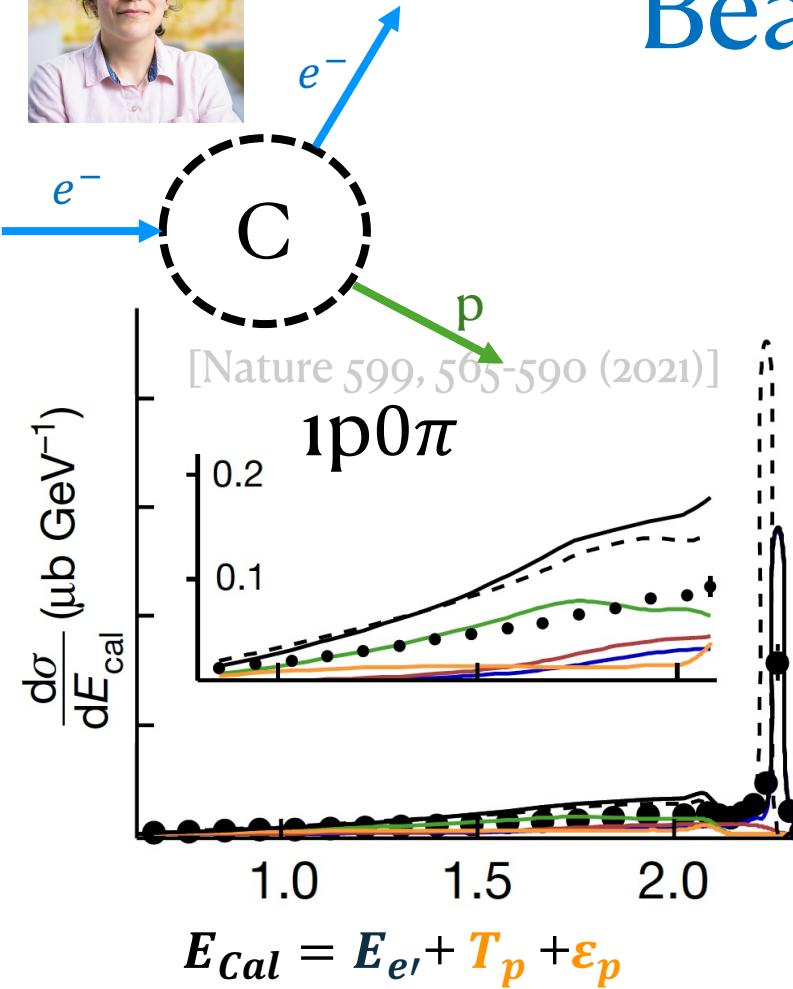
MC vs. (e,e'b) Transverse Variables

μBooNE



e4V

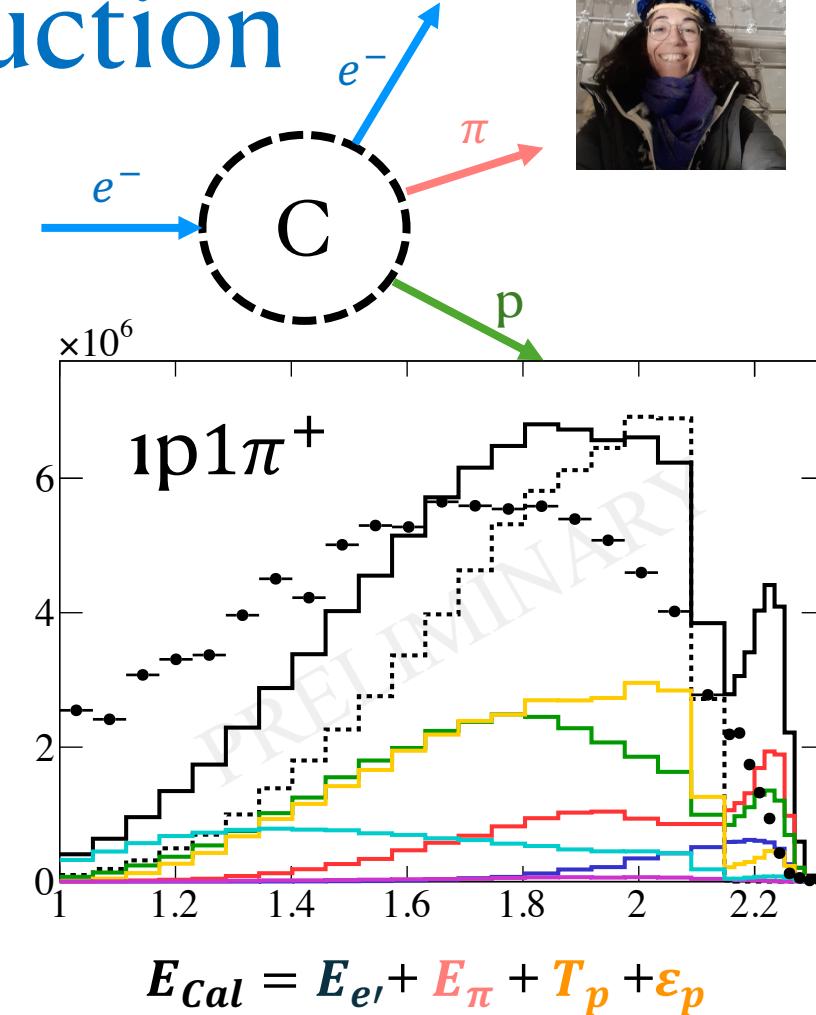
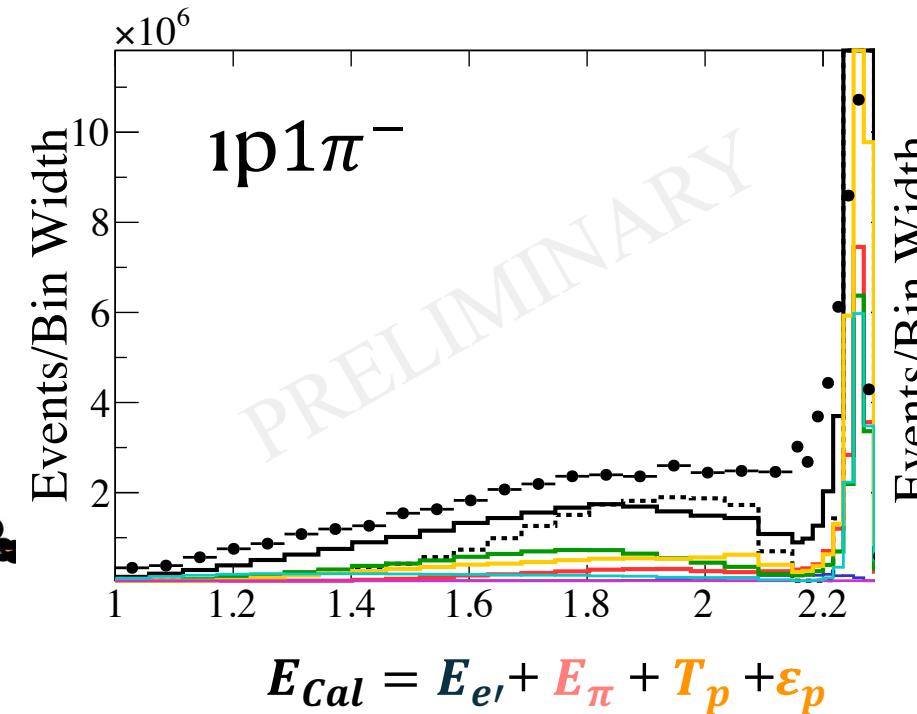




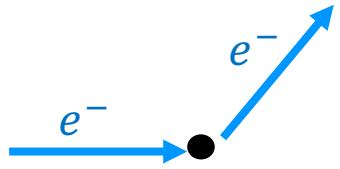
Beam energy reconstruction



2.2 GeV on Carbon



Peak reconstructed if measured particles are full final state
Tail due to missing particles, not well described



Mott Cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E_e^2 \sin^4 \theta_{e'}} / 2$$

- α : fine-structure constant
- E_e : beam energy
- $\theta_{e'}$: outgoing electron scattering angle

2N analysis – goal and event selection

Goal: comparing **2p** and **1n1p**

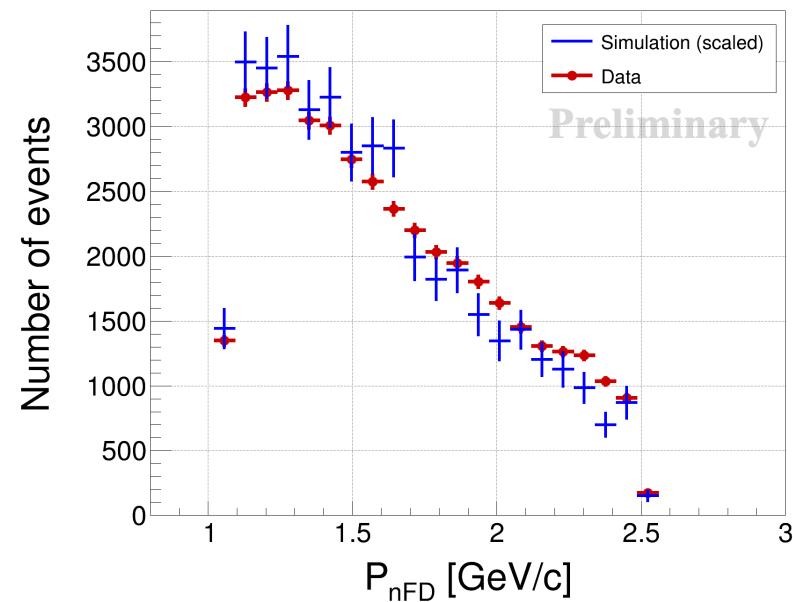
Full signal selection (based on detector constraints!):

Particles		Sub-detector	Momentum thresholds* [GeV/c]	2p	1n1p
e^-		FD	None	One electron	
π^\pm		CD & FD	0.2	No charged pions	
γ		FD	0.3	No photons	
Nucleons	p	FD	0.4	One proton ($\equiv p_{FD}$)	None
		CD		One proton ($\equiv p_{CD}$)	One proton ($\equiv p_{CD}$)
	n	FD	0.4 lower & E_{beam}/c upper	Any number of neutrons; all of them are ignored	Any number of neutrons; considering only the <i>leading</i> ($\equiv n_{FD}$)
	Anything else	CD & FD	None	Ignored; no constraints	

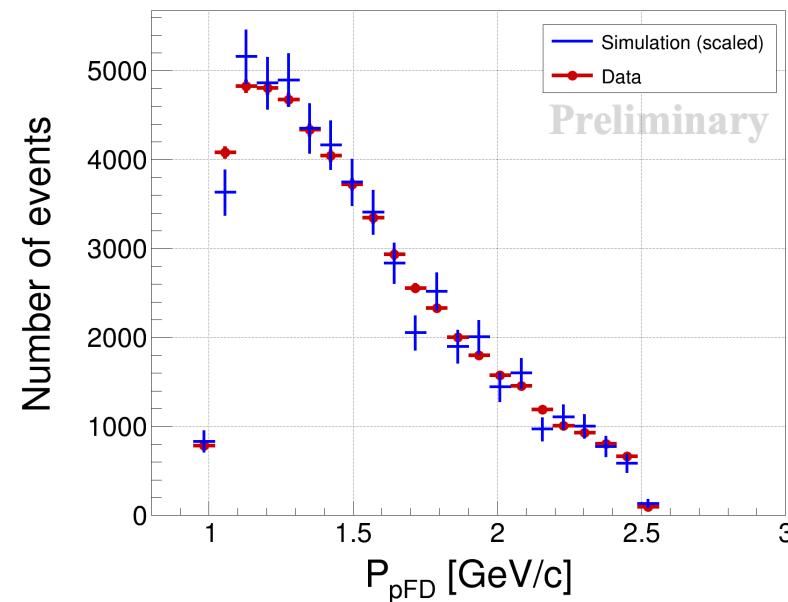
*Refined thresholds will be used in future analyses

FD nucleon momenta

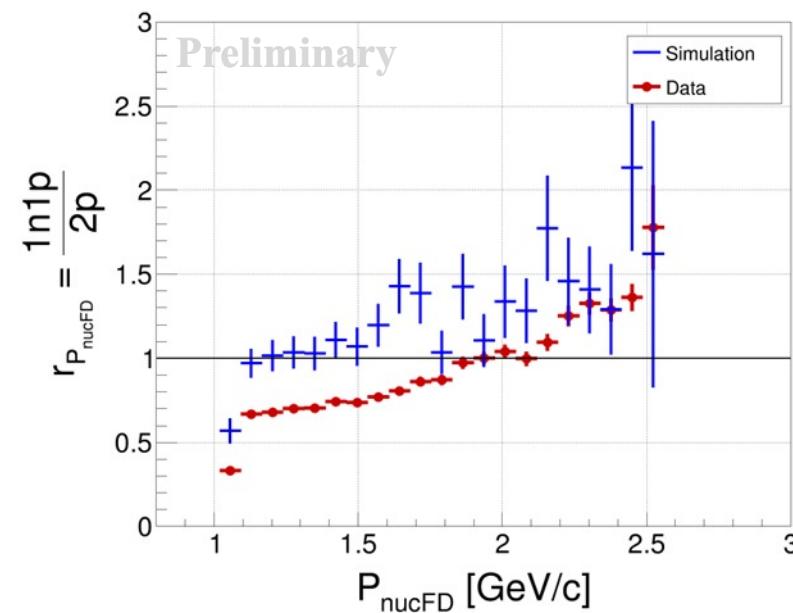
FD neutron momentum in 1n1p



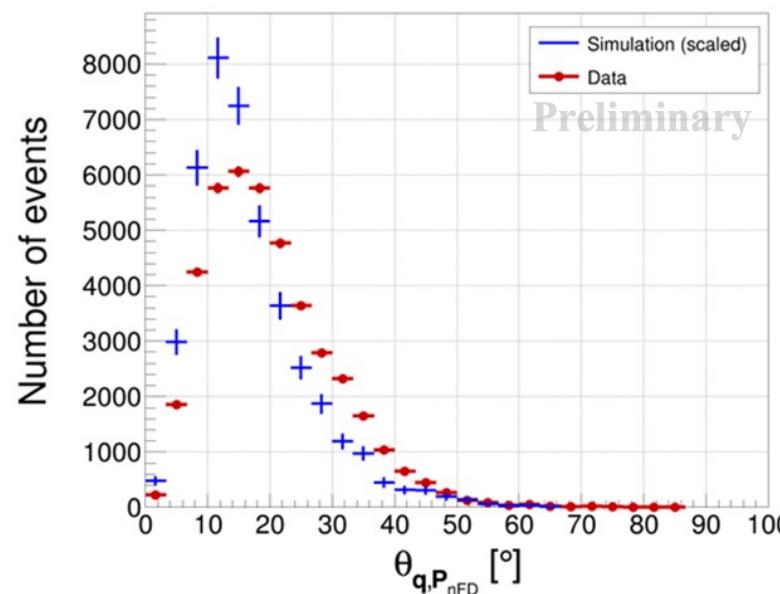
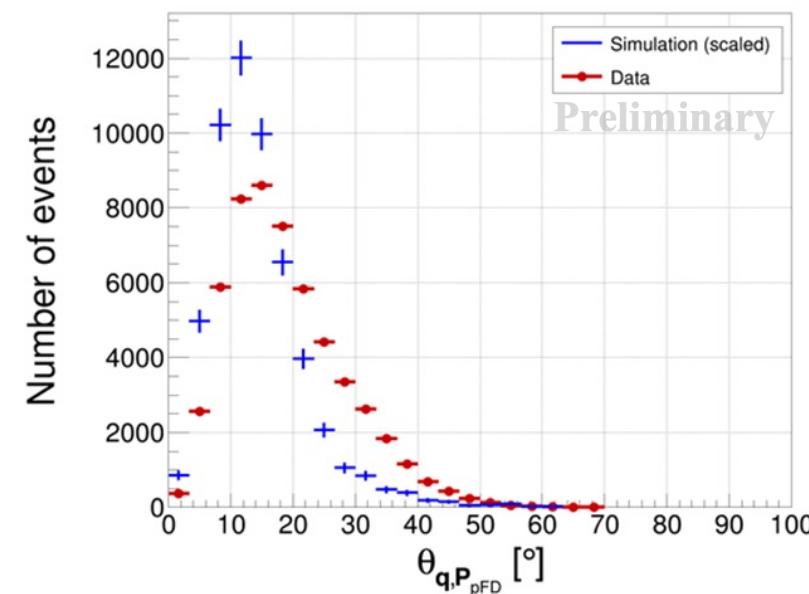
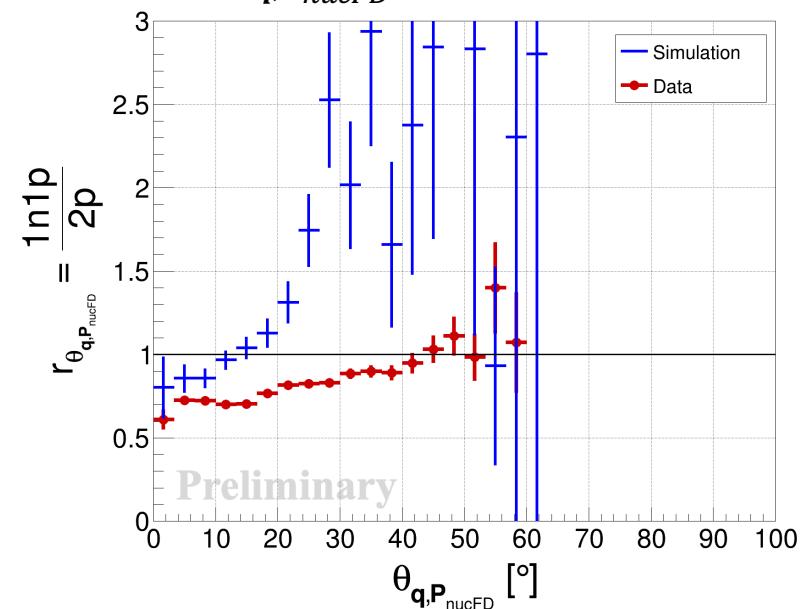
FD proton momentum in 2p



FD nucleon momentum ratio



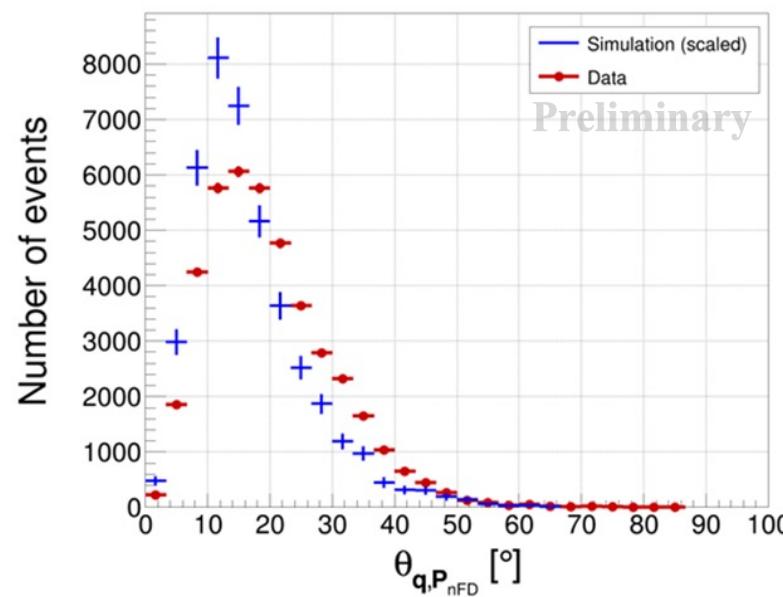
Opening angle between q and P_{nucFD} ($\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}}$)

 $\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}}$ in 1n1p $\theta_{q,P_{pFD}}$ in 2p $\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}}$ distribution ratio

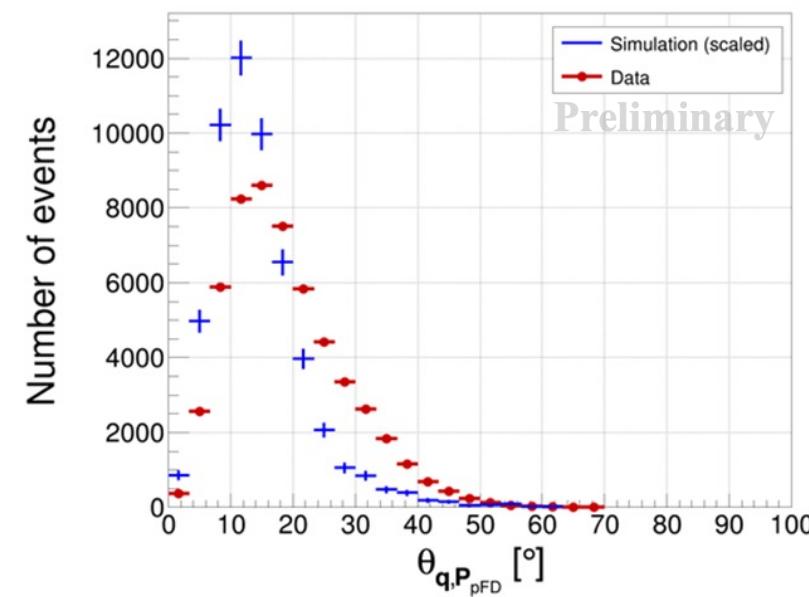
- $\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}}$ – inversely related to $|P_{nucFD}|$

Opening angle between q and P_{nucFD} $(\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}})$ – zoom-out

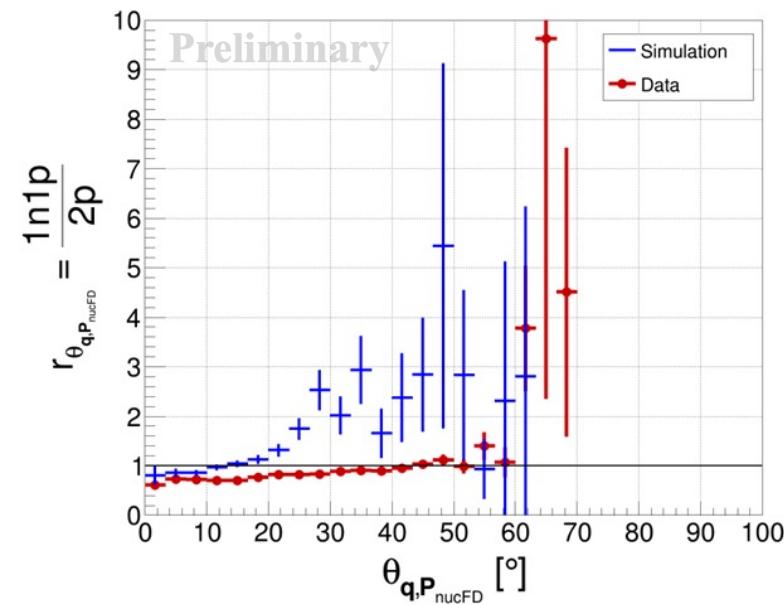
$\theta_{q,P_{nucFD}}$ in 1n1p



$\theta_{q,P_{pFD}}$ in 2p



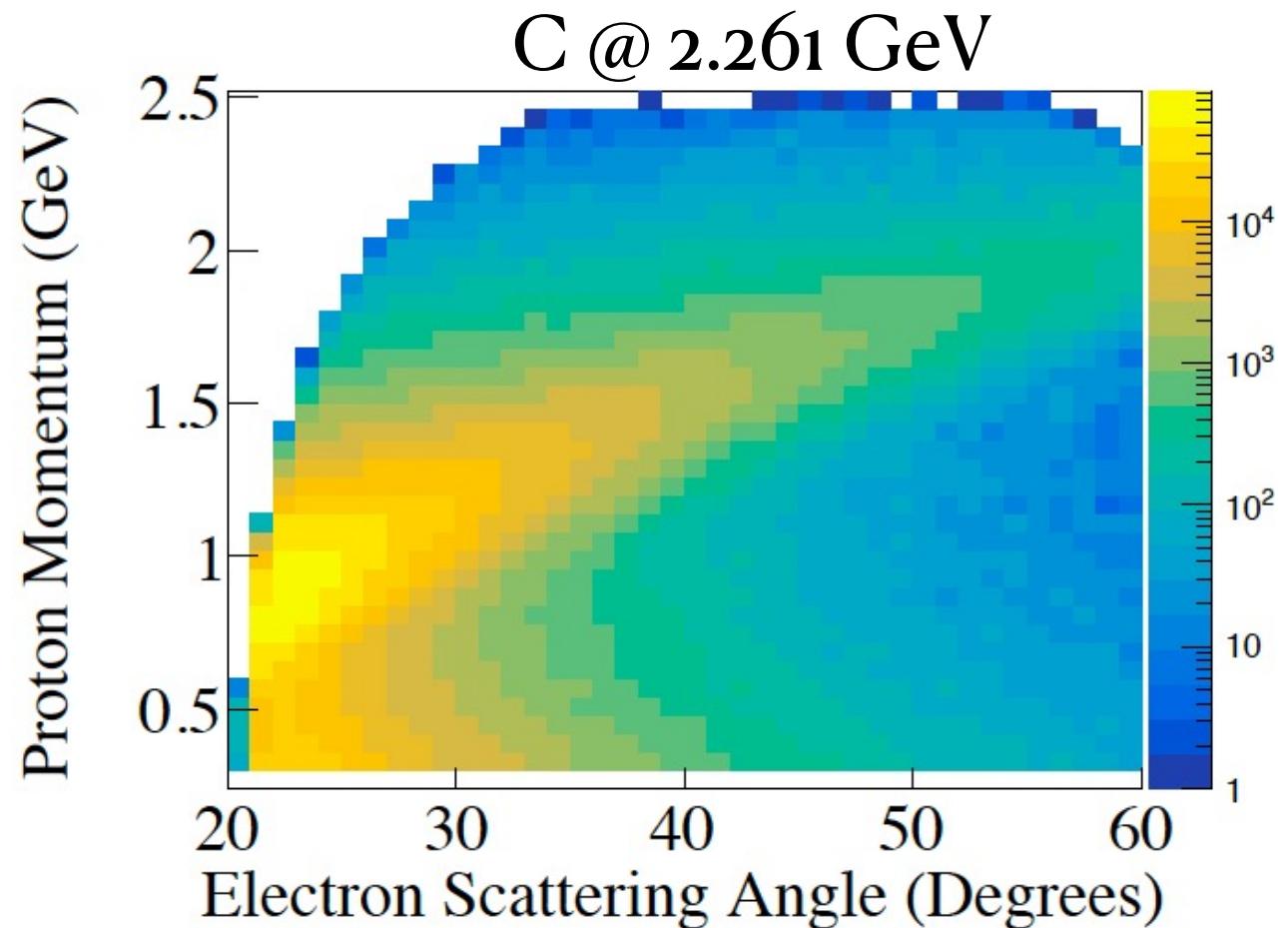
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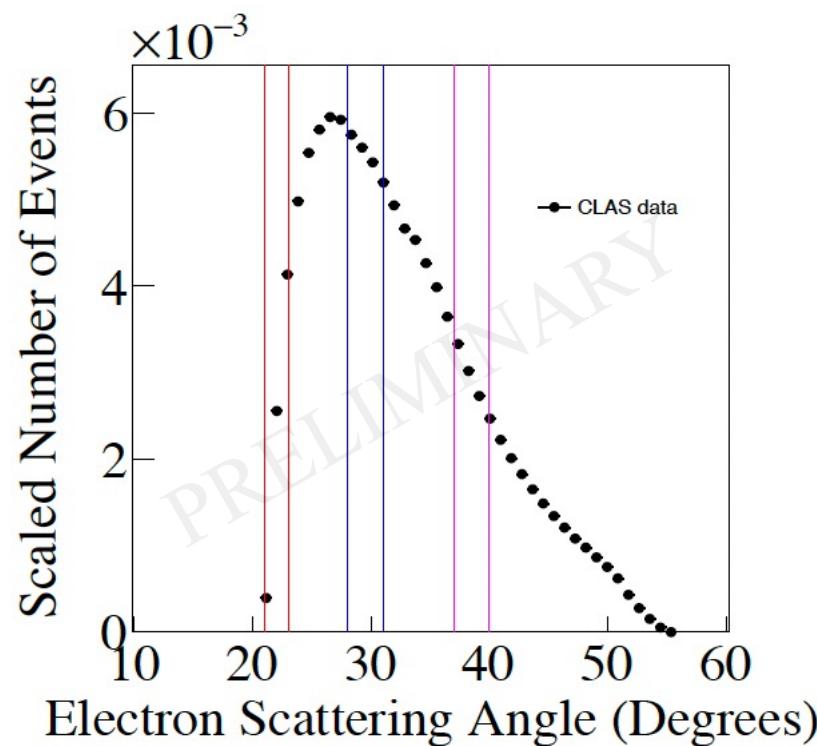
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- Take advantage of lepton-hadron correlations in QEL scattering
- Slice data in θ_e to pick out regions of P_p

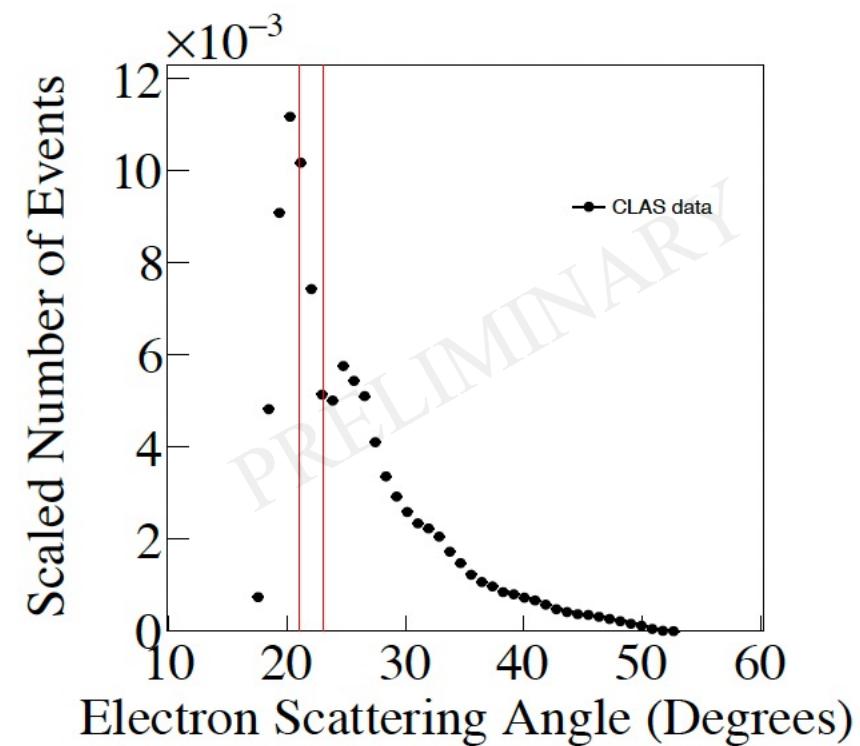


New Results – Nuclear Transparency

C @ 2.261 GeV

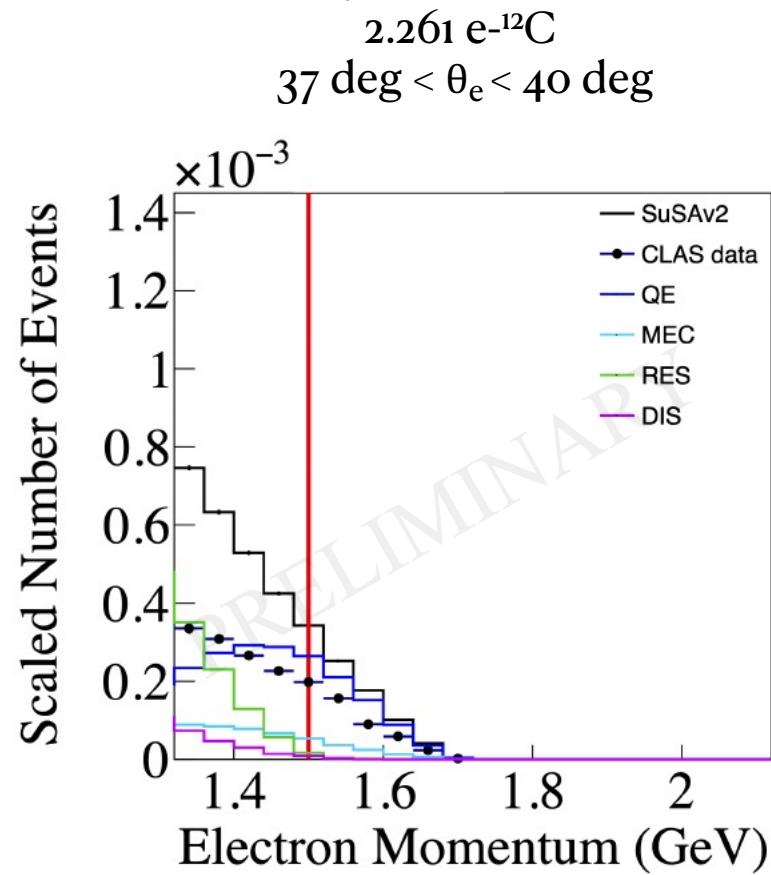


C @ 4.4261 GeV



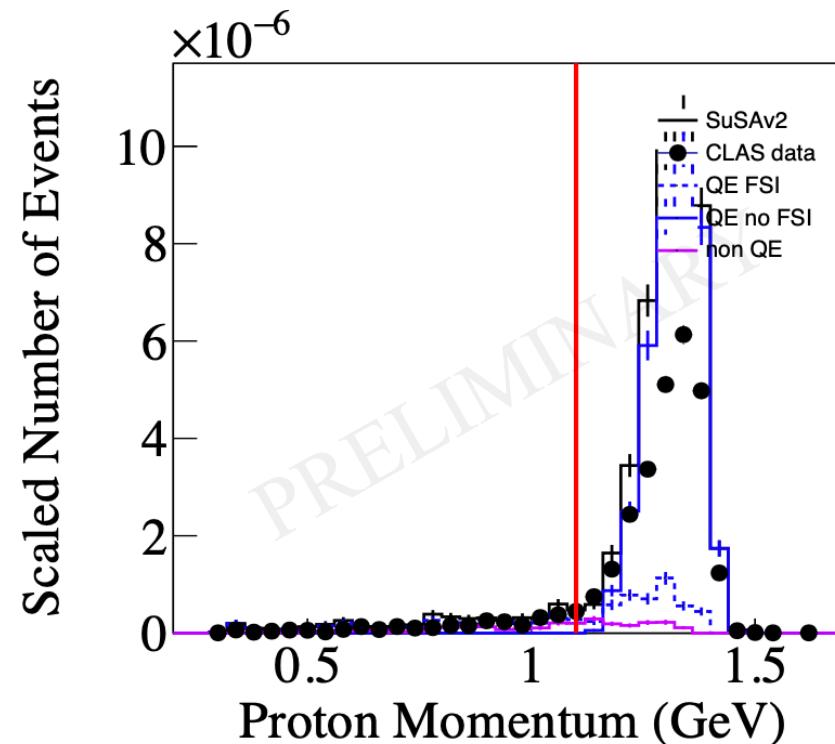
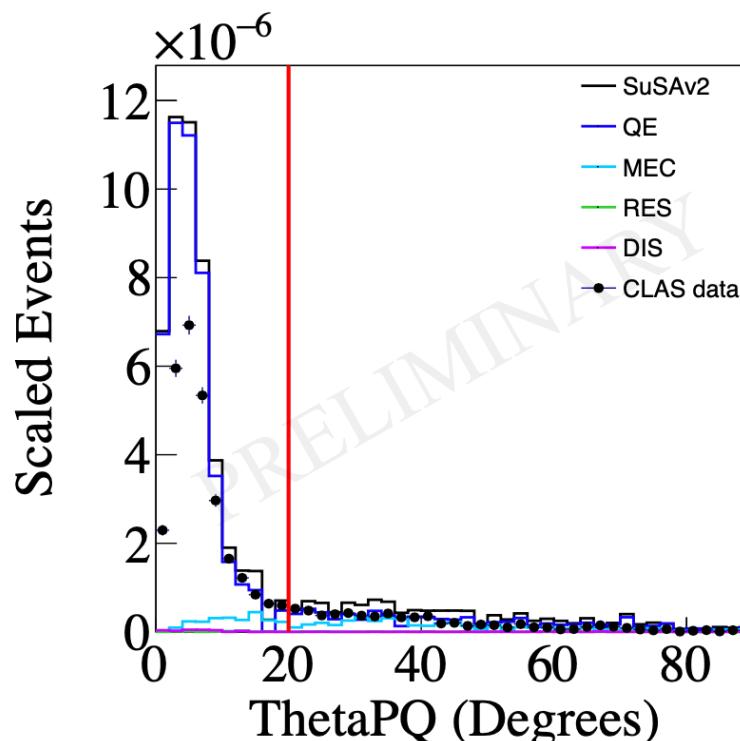
New Results – Nuclear Transparency

- Take advantage of lepton-hadron correlations in QEL scattering
- Slice data in θ_e to pick out regions of Pp
 - Cut on ω to pick QE dominated regions



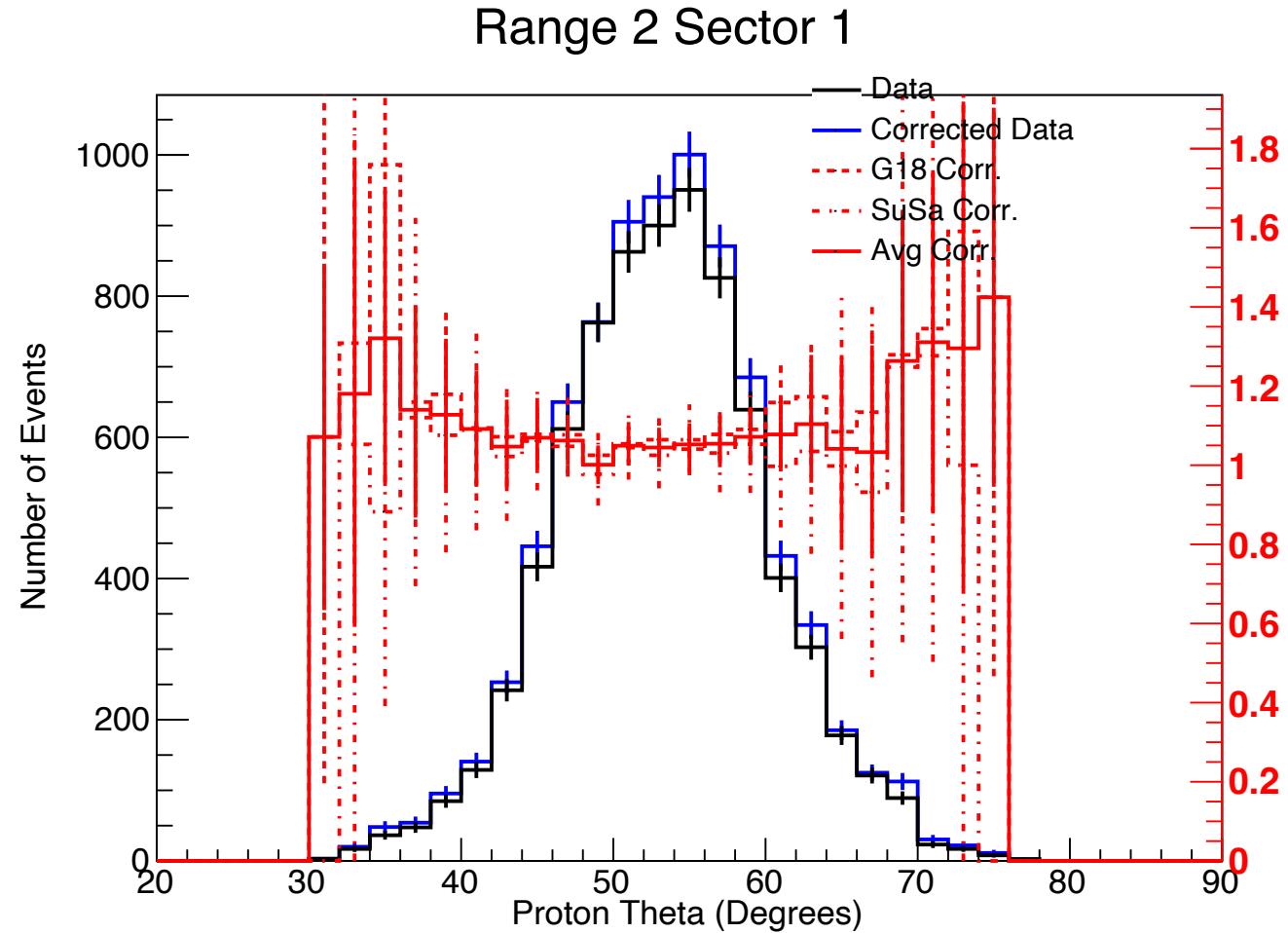
New Results – Nuclear Transparency

- $(e, e' p)$ is a subset of (e, e') cut on θ_{pq} and \mathbf{P}_p to isolate QE and minimal FSI regions



Where is the acceptance correction working? Proton theta distributions

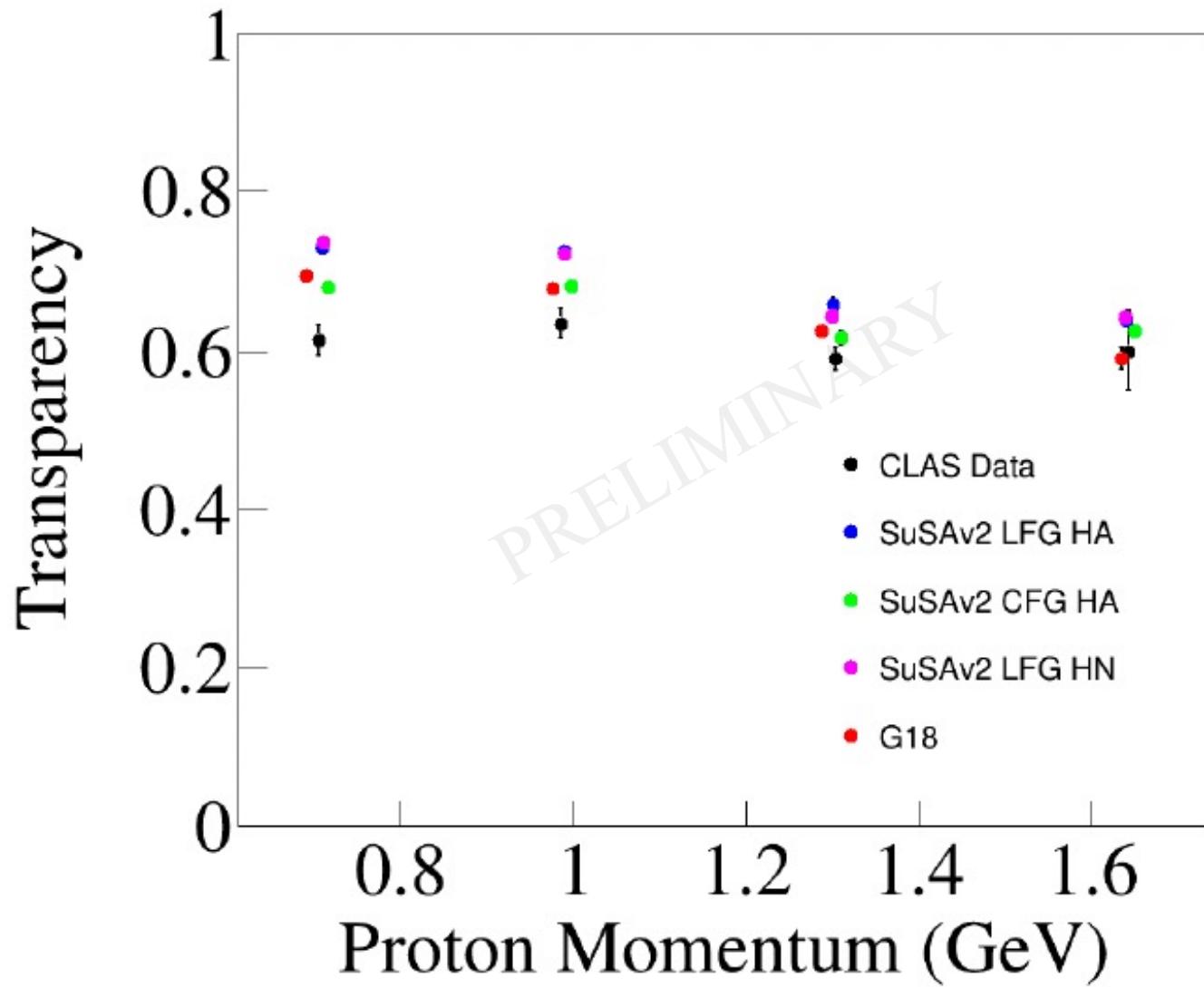
Black: Uncorrected Data
Blue: Acceptance Corrected Data
Red: Acceptance Correction Factor



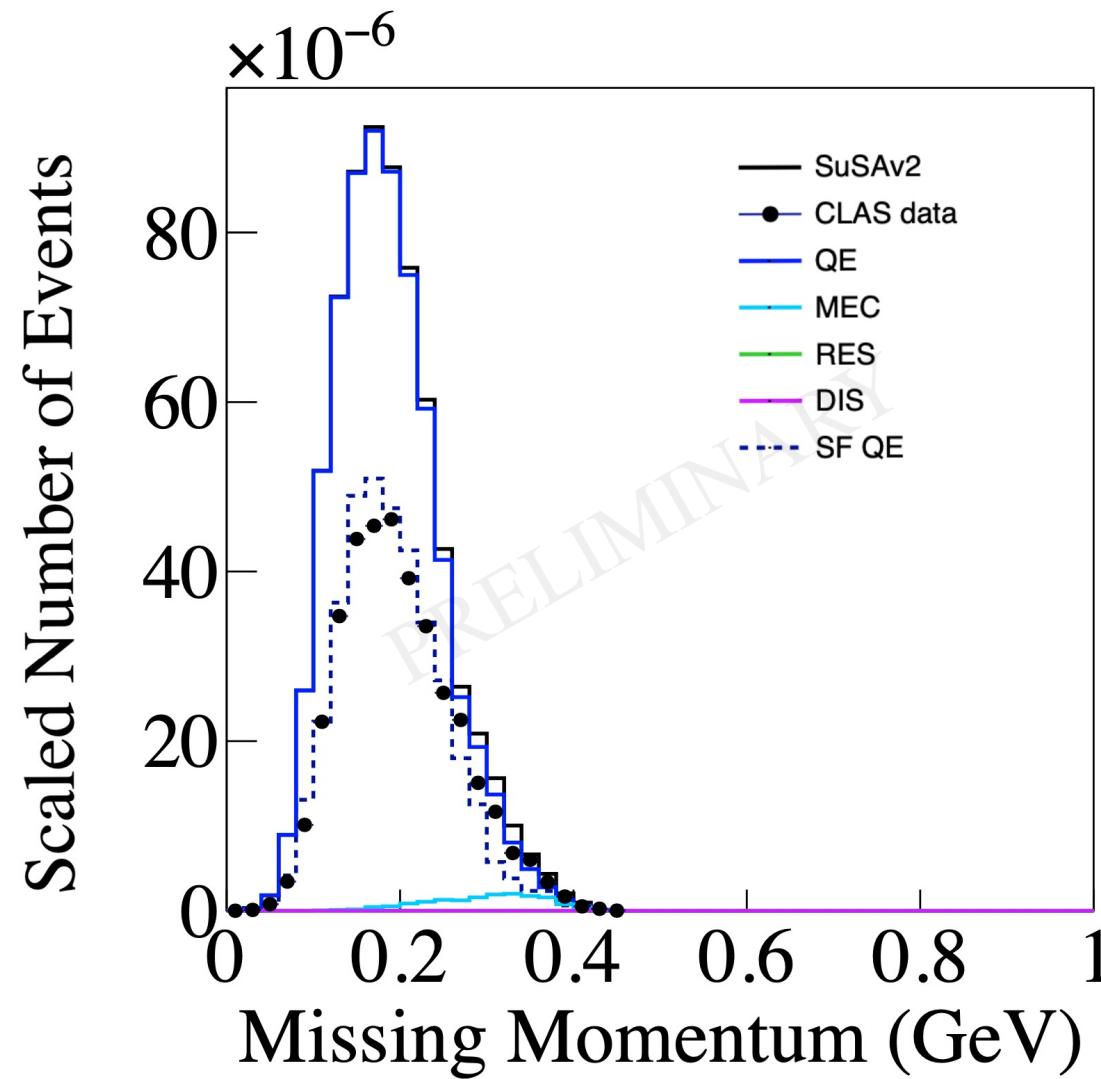
Proton Transparency - Systematics

helium % error	Stat.	Bkgd	Subt.	2p2h	norm.	Acceptance	Cut	Sector	SRC	Total
2.261 GeV Range 1	0.1	0.34		0.07		0.11	0.65	0.1	2.0	2.14
2.261 GeV Range 2	0.26	0.36		0.07		0.15	1.36	1.8	2.0	3.1
2.261 GeV Range 3	0.66	0.42		0.12		0.50	0.88	0.1	2.0	2.4
4.461 GeV Range 4	1.1	0.84		0.11		0.56	1.8	4.4	2.0	5.4
carbon % error	Stat.	Bkgd	Subt.	2p2h	norm.	Acceptance	Cut	Sector	SRC	Total
2.261 GeV Range 1	0.23	0.54		0.56		0.37	2.76	0.77	2.0	3.6
2.261 GeV Range 2	0.30	0.37		0.53		0.31	2.03	1.7	2.0	3.5
2.261 GeV Range 3	1.1	0.49		0.89		0.56	2.79	0.1	2.0	3.8
4.461 GeV Range 4	4.0	1.0		1.1		0.5	0.83	7.1	2.0	8.6
iron % error	Stat.	Bkgd	Subt.	2p2h	norm.	Acceptance	Cut	Sector	SRC	Total
2.261 GeV Range 1	1.4	0.62		0.74		0.58	2.83	4.1	2.0	5.7
2.261 GeV Range 2	2.3	0.64		1.0		0.41	3.79	8.03	2.0	9.4
2.261 GeV Range 3	4.4	0.56		1.1		0.64	3.36	18.0	2.0	19.0

Proton Transparency



Proton Transparency – Spectral Function

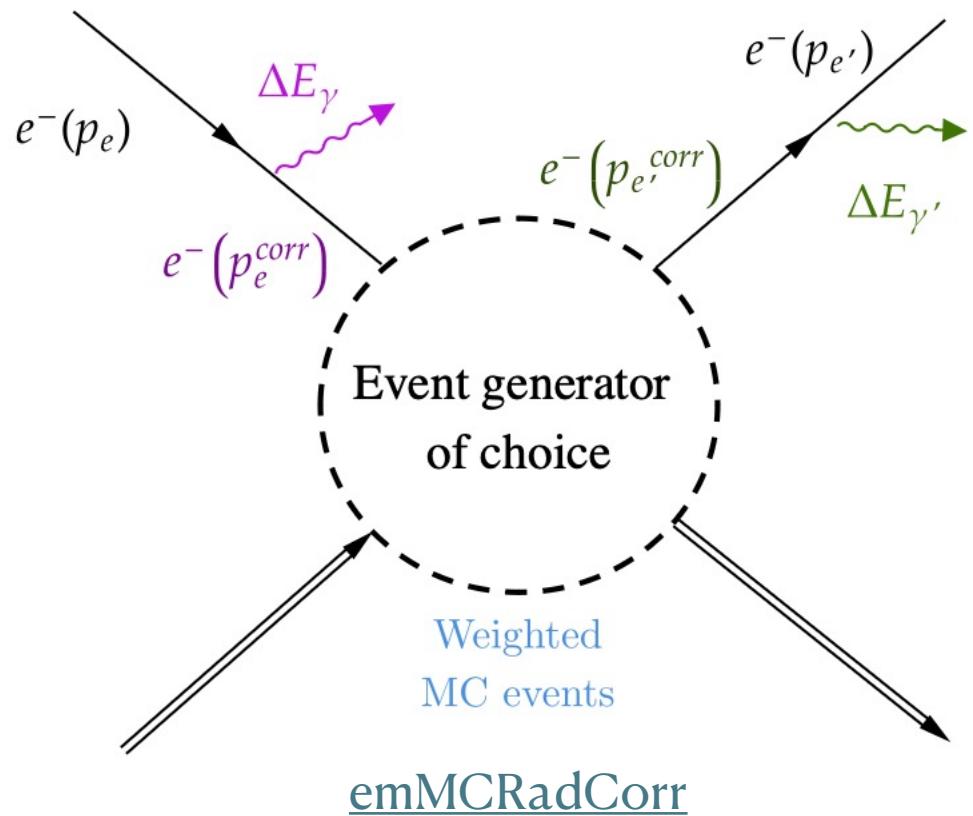


1p1 π systematics

Not yet included (*)

Systematic Error	1.1 GeV	2.2 GeV	4.4 GeV
Acceptance correction	<3 %	<2 %	<2 %
Bkg. Closure Test	<6 % (*)	<10 % (*)	<15 % (*)
Geometrical Acceptance	(*)	(*)	(*)
XSec Angular dependence	1 %	1 %	1 %
Photon identification cuts	0.5 %	0.5 %	2 %
Sector-to-Sector	<1 %	<5 %	<6 %
Normalization	1 %	1 %	1 %
Radiative correction	5 %	5 %	5 %
Total	<7 %	<15 %	<17 %

Radiative Correction

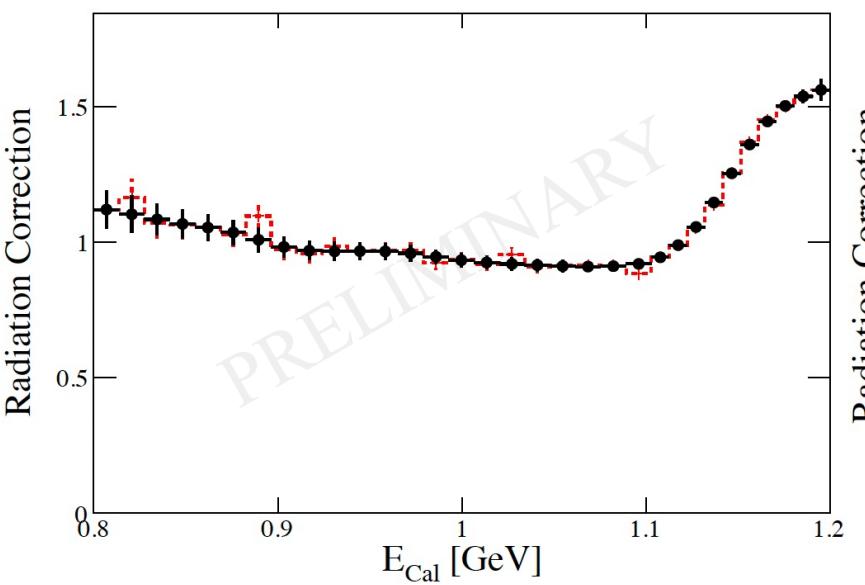


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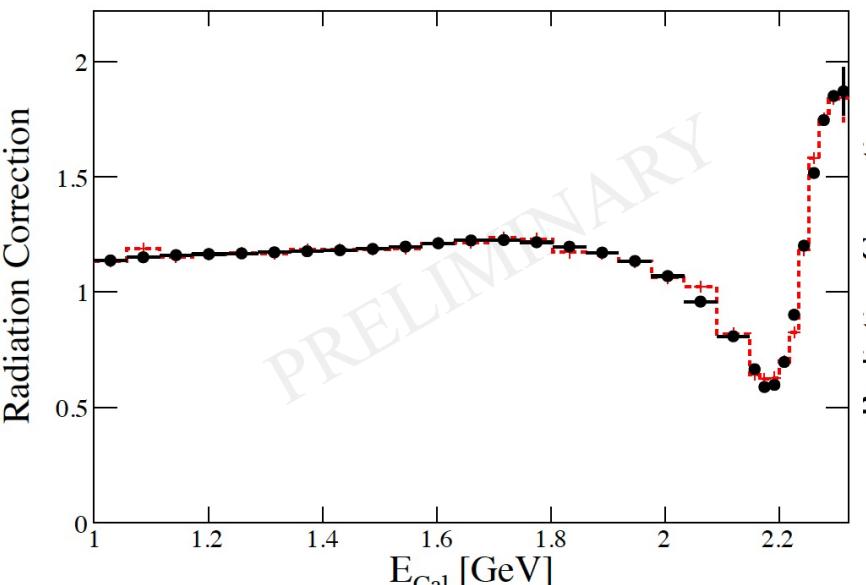
- Incident electron radiation
 - changes the incident flux
- Outgoing electron radiation
 - changes the observed energy transfer
- Vertex corrections
 - change the cross section (i.e., the weight) of the event
- Peaking approximation
 - Radiation emitted in the direction of travel
- Internal & external bremsstrahlung effects
- Neglects radiation by the emitted hadrons

Radiative Correction – 1p1 π^-

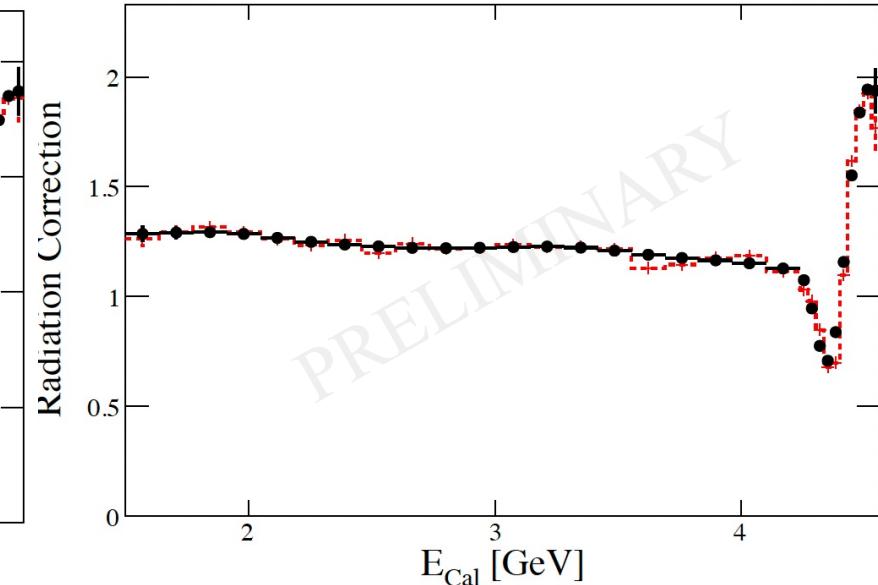
1.1 GeV



2.2 GeV



4.4 GeV



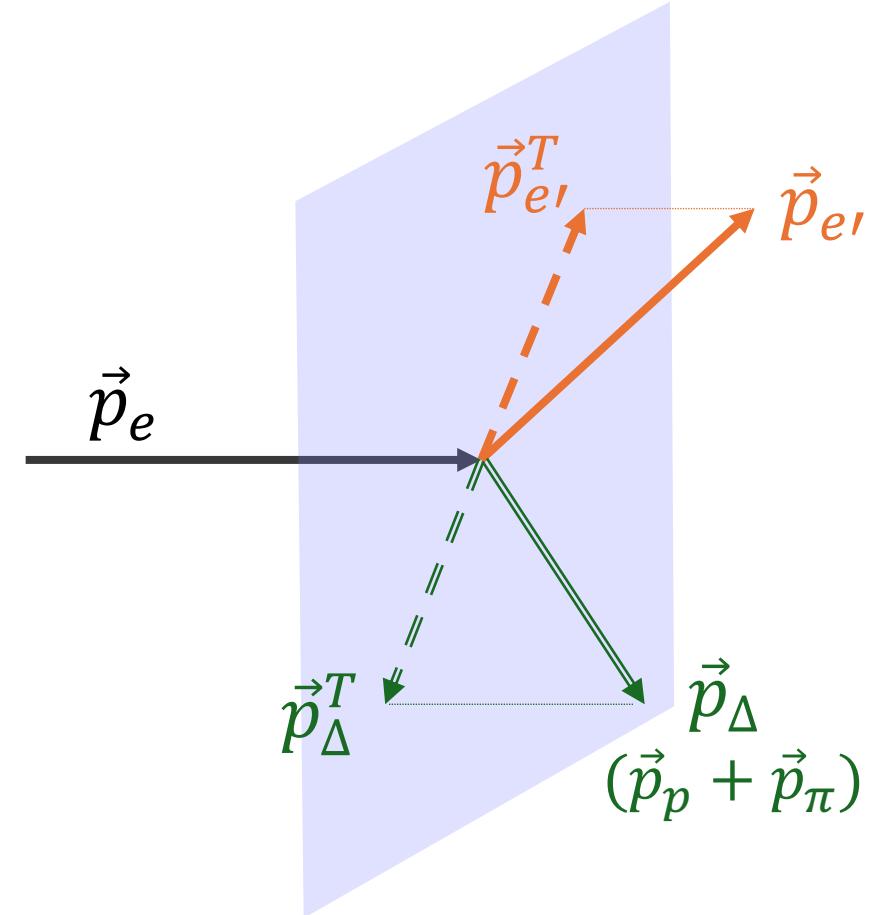
Includes a 5 % systematic from pion radiation
Propagated to the data systematics
Using smooth distributions

Pion production nuclear effects

Free nucleon

- No missing transverse momentum!

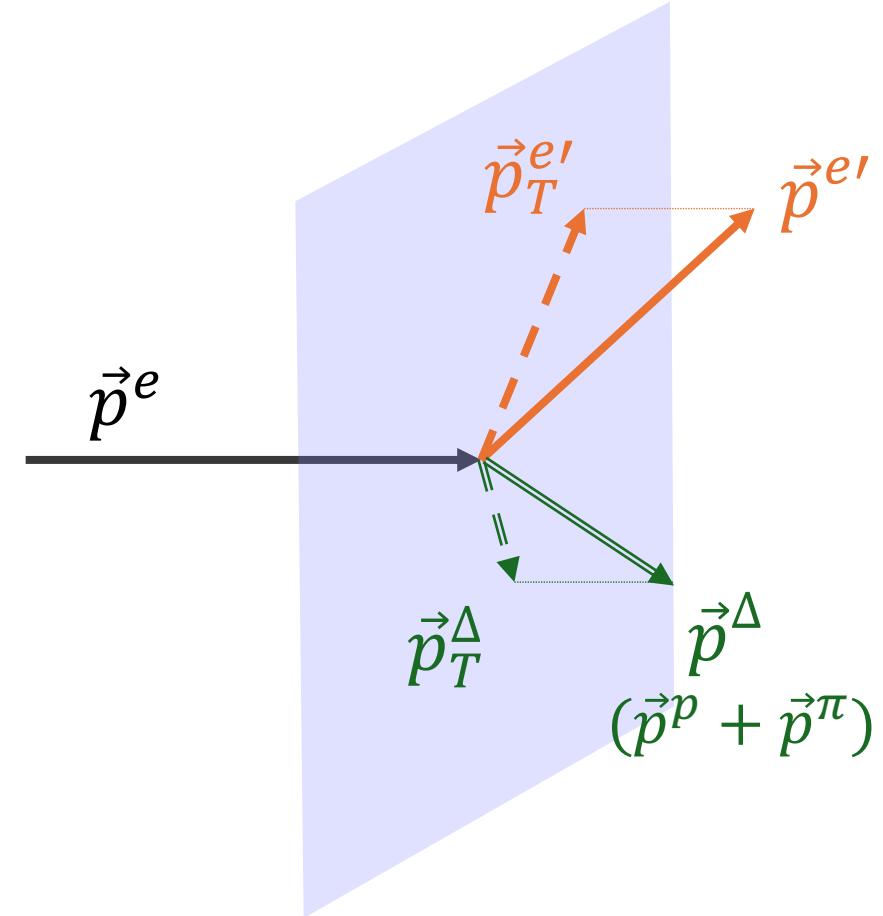
$$\delta \vec{p}_T = |\vec{p}_T^{e'} + \vec{p}_T^\Delta| = 0$$

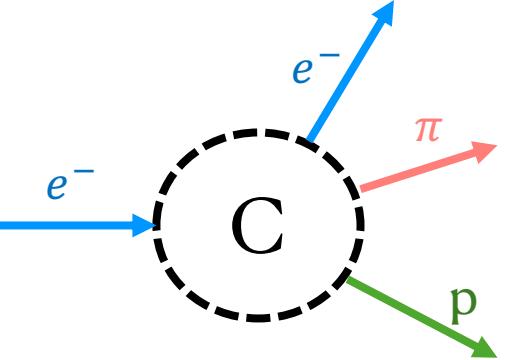


Pion production nuclear effects

Nucleus $\delta \vec{p}_T > 0$

- Nuclear structure
- Final state interactions

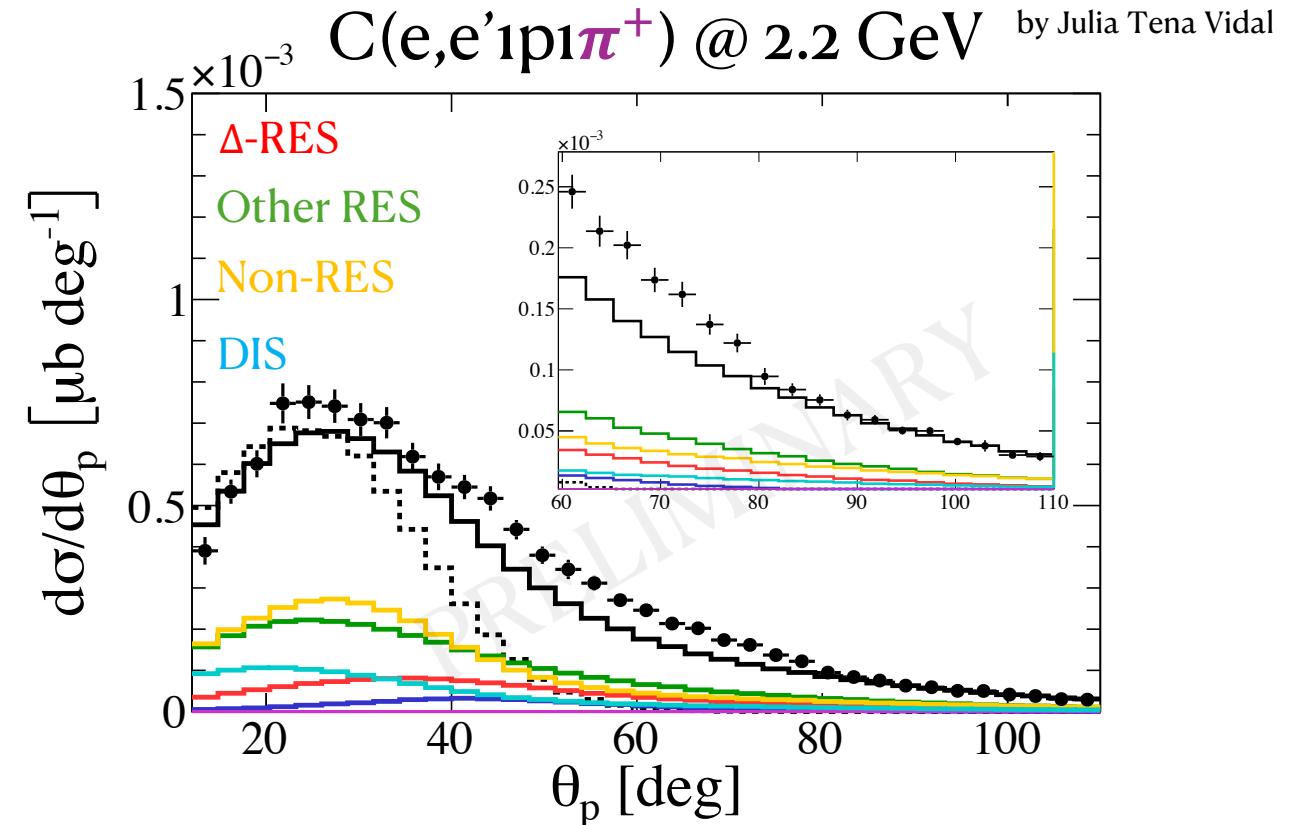
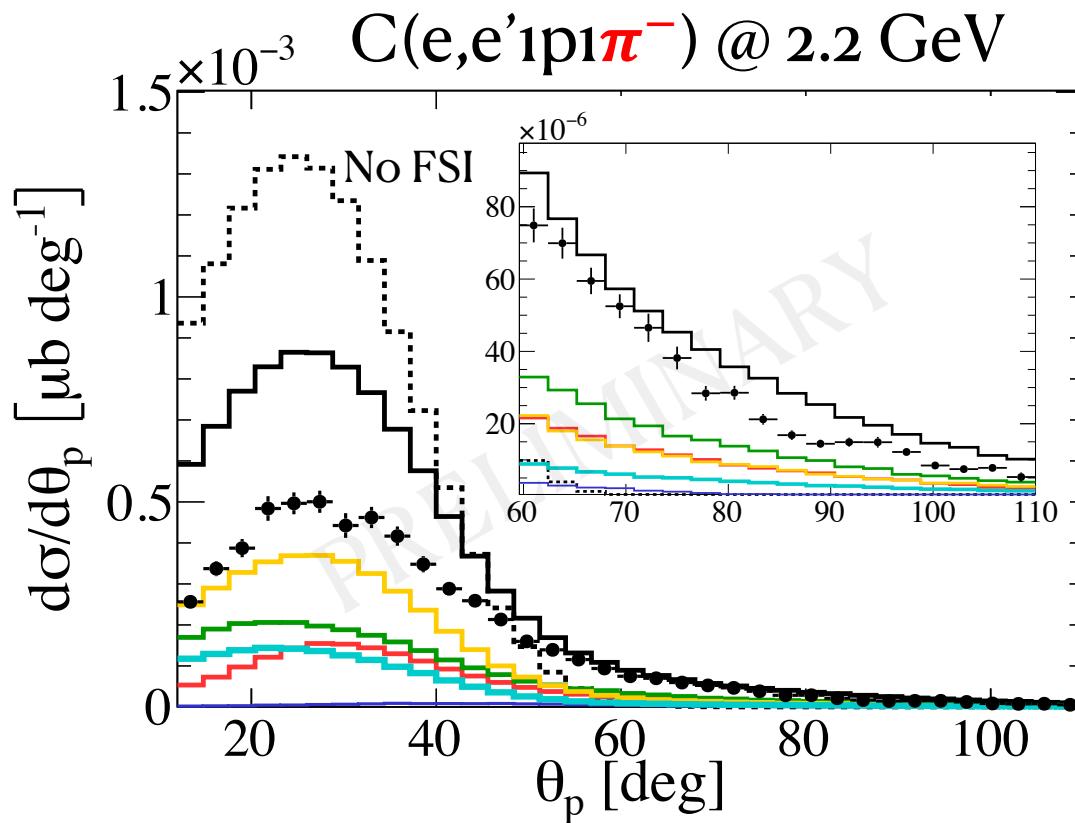




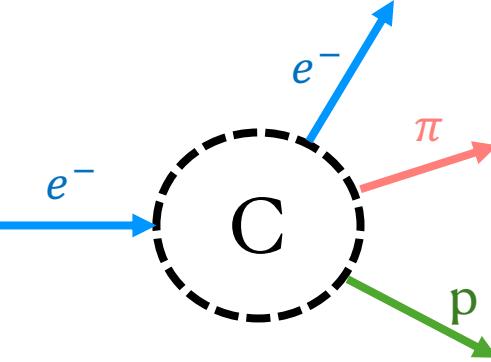
Hadron kinematics



Good angular description for pions and protons



High θ_p possible only due to FSI
 $(e,e'1p1\pi^+)$ more sensitive to dynamics → more shape change due to FSI



Nuclear effects



Free nucleon

$$\delta \vec{p}_T = |\vec{p}_T^{e'} + \vec{p}_p + \vec{p}_\pi| = 0$$

Nucleus $\delta \vec{p}_T > 0$

- Nuclear structure
- Reaction mechanisms
- Final state interactions

