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# Electrons for neutrinos

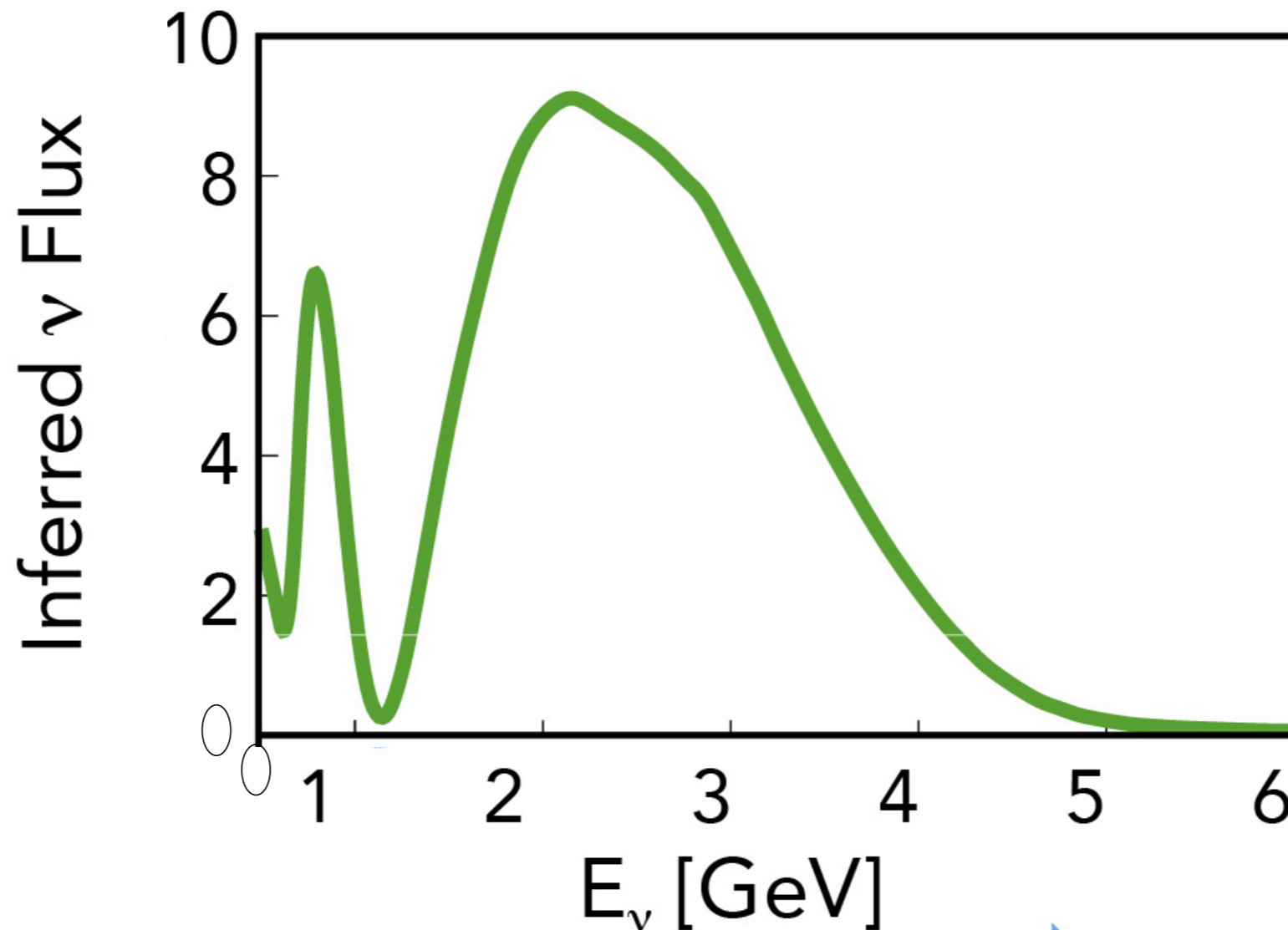
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# The Challenge - Extract the incoming $\nu$ flux

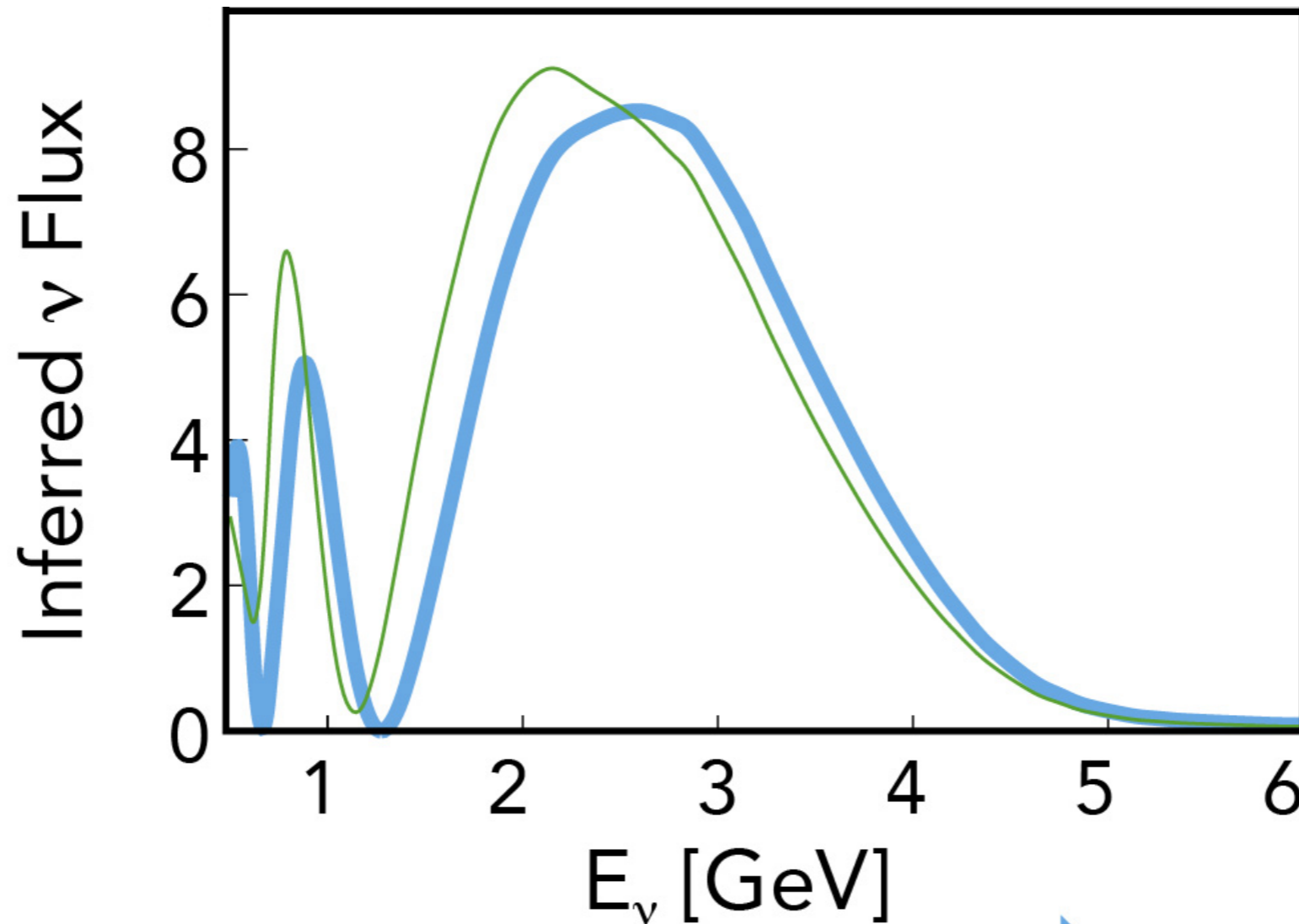


$$N(E_{rec}, L) \propto \int \Phi(E, L) \sigma(E) f_\sigma(E, E_{rec}) dE$$

Measurement

Incoming true flux Modelling input

# The Challenge - Modelling dependency



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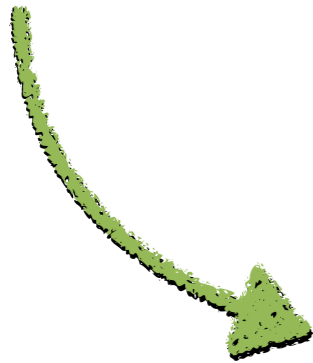
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# How to improve modelling?

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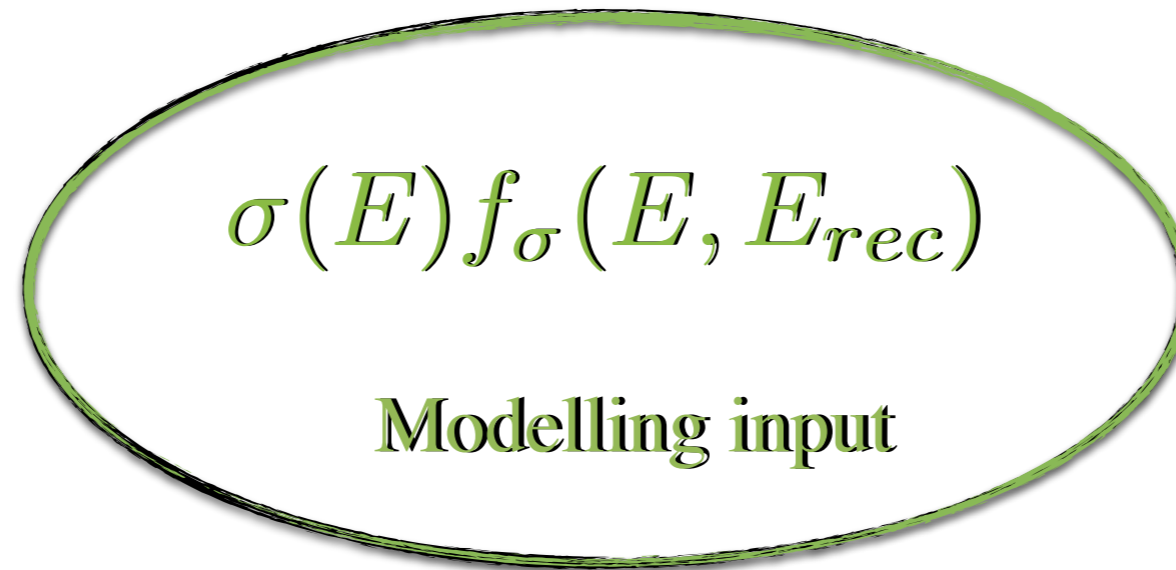
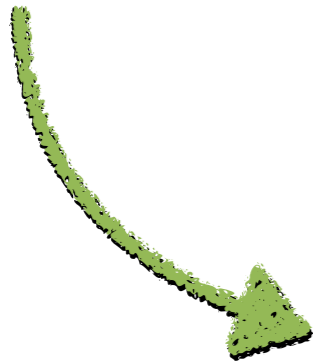
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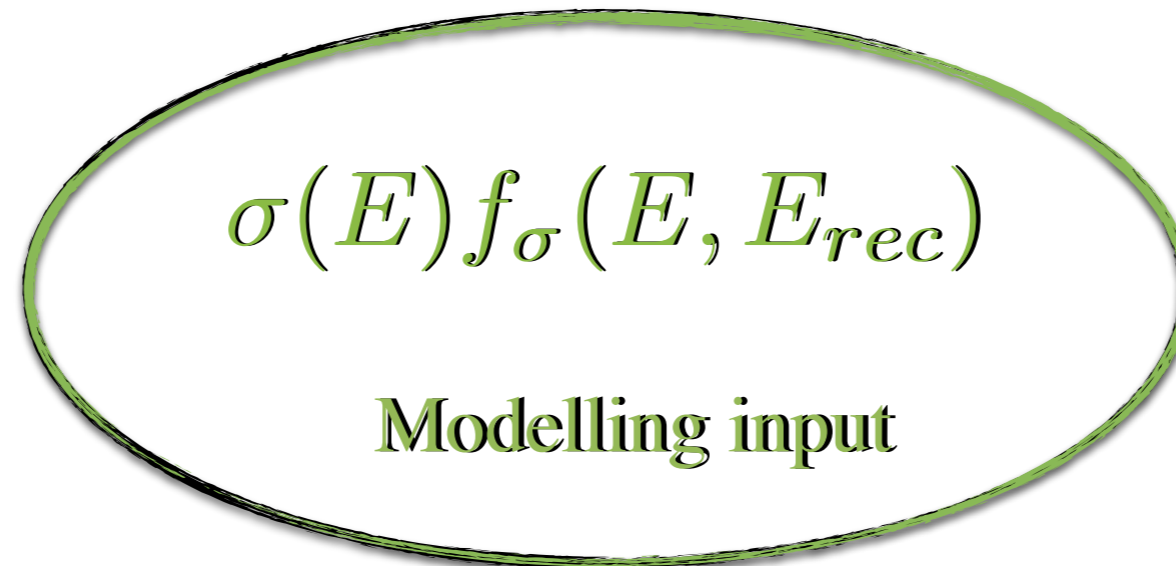
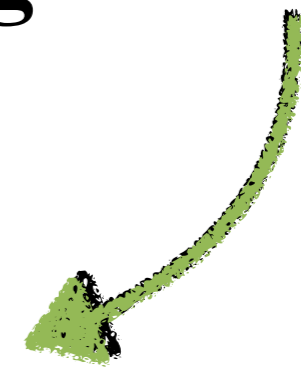
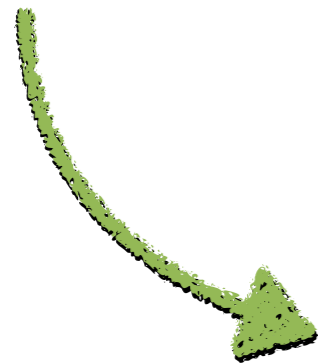


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# How to improve modelling?

Improve theory

Use external constraints  
e scattering



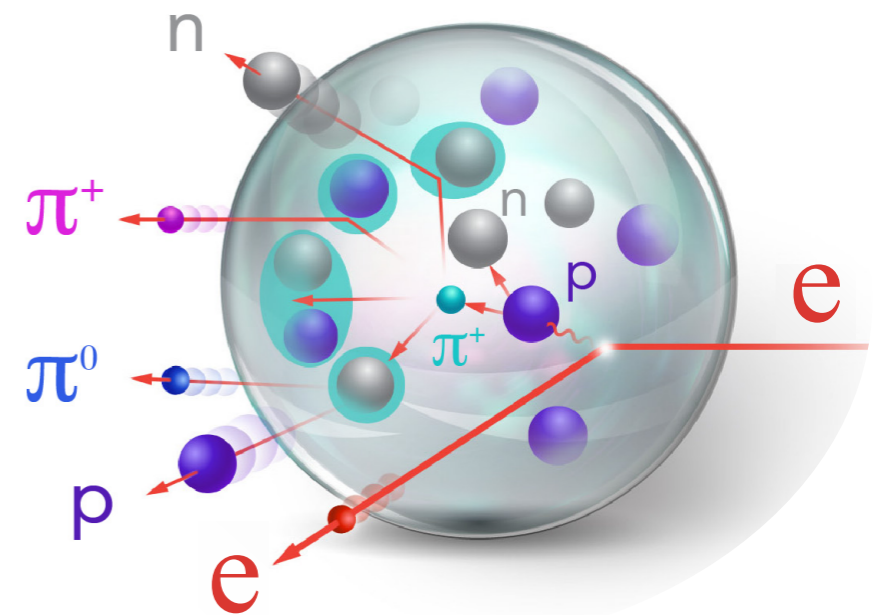
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# Why Electrons?

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- Electrons and Neutrinos have:
  - Similar interactions
    - Vector vs. Vector + Axial Vector
  - Many identical nuclear effects
    - Ground state (spectral function)
    - Final state interactions

Electron beams have known energy



# Objectives

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Leverage wide phase space exclusive electron scattering data for the benefit of neutrino experiments

- Benchmark neutrino event generators
- Constrain modelling systematic uncertainties
- By analysing as many channel as possible
- Testing incoming energy and  $A$  dependencies
- Showing implication on neutrino physics
- Improve modelling and offer dedicated tunes

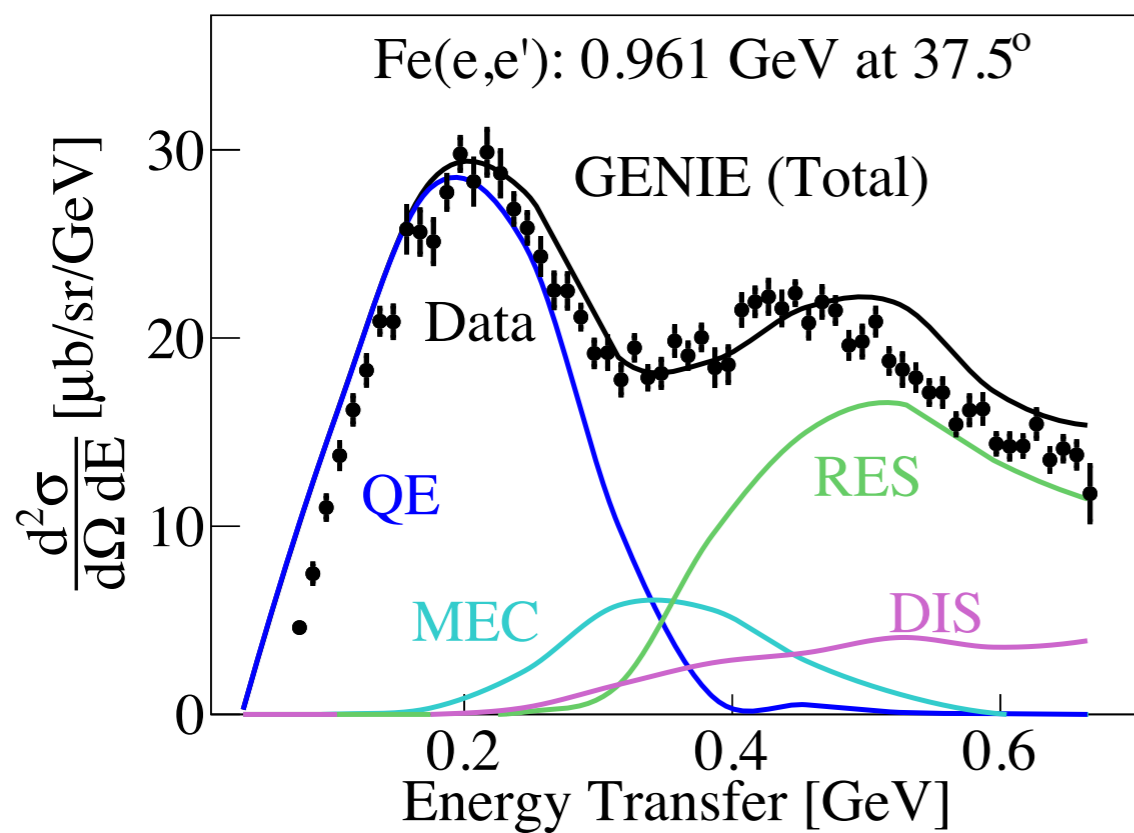


# Event Generator

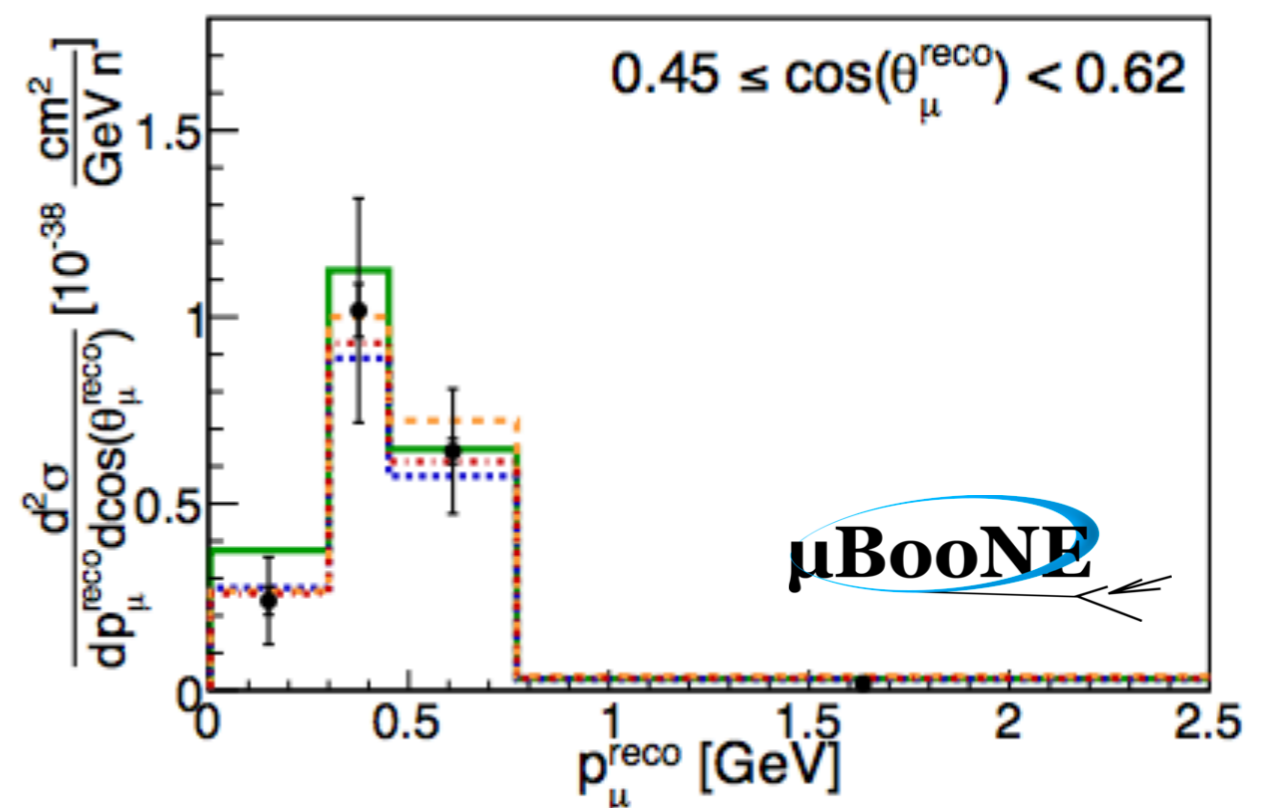
*Genie* widely in use by the US neutrino community

Latest version v3.0.6 tune G18\_10a\_02\_11a

Nicely reproducing inclusive results



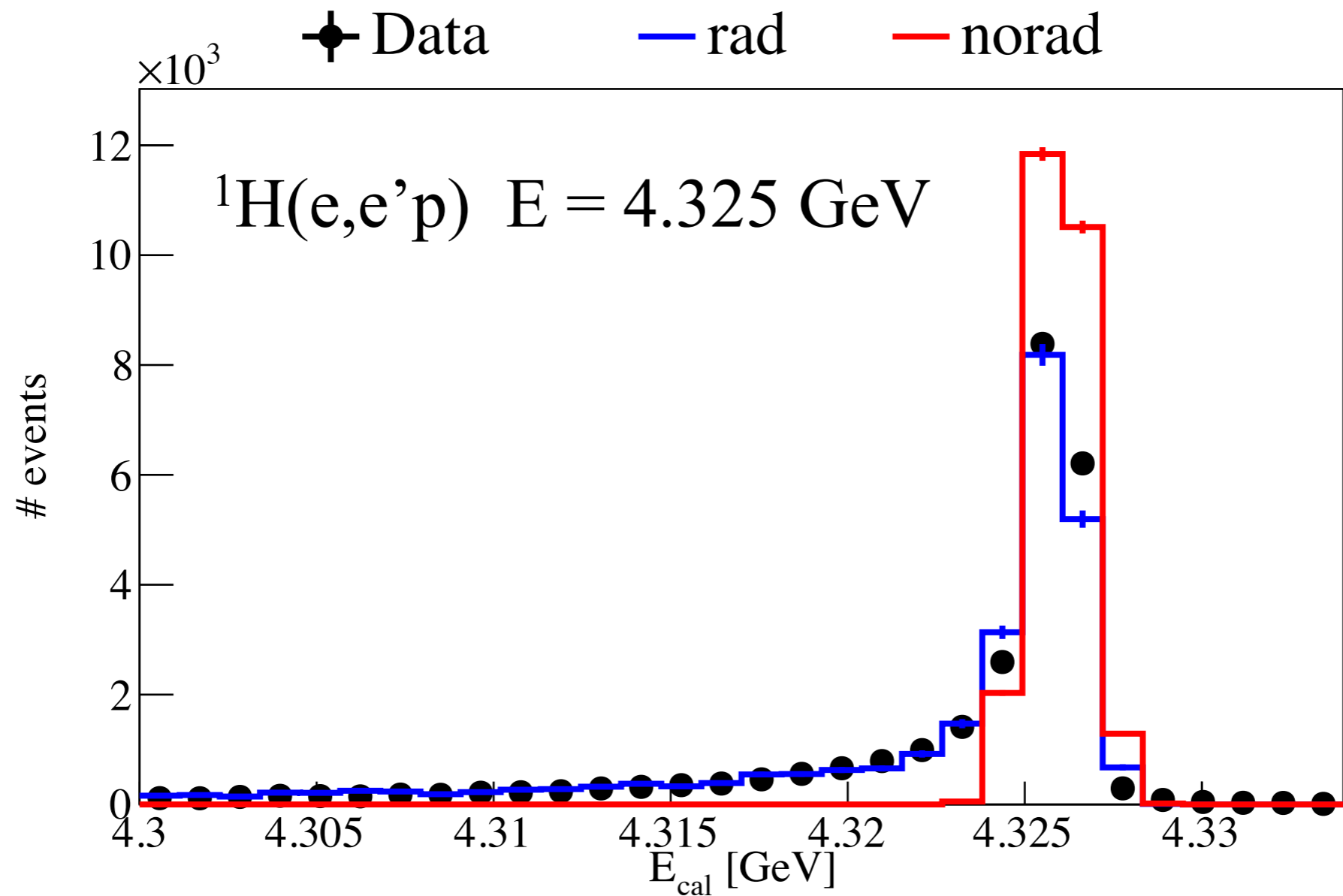
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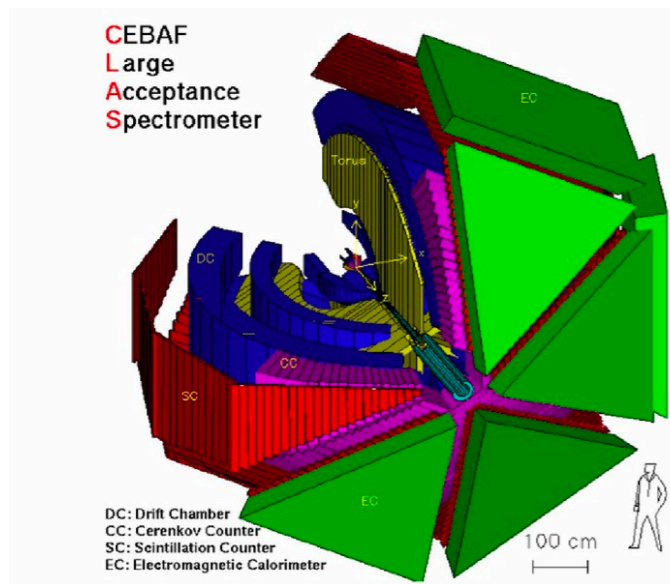
Adding radiative effects



v3.0.6 tune G18\_10a\_02\_11a [Mo and Tsai]

# Possible electron facilities

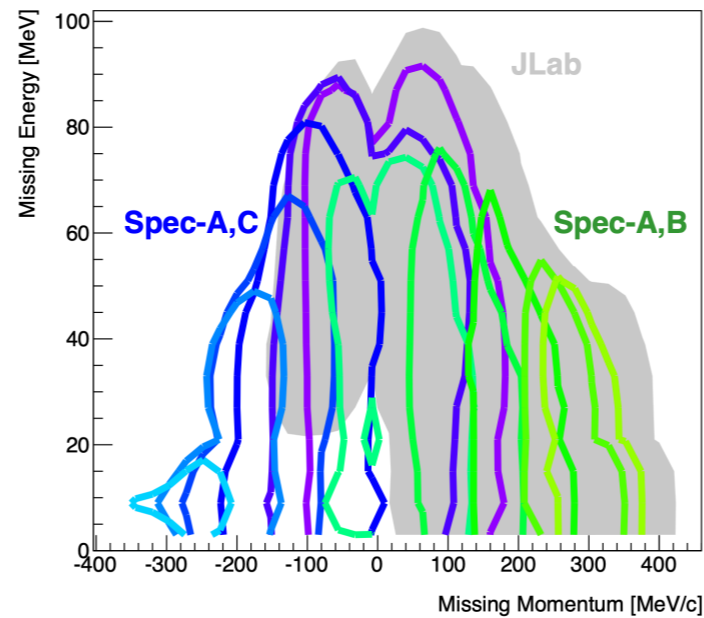
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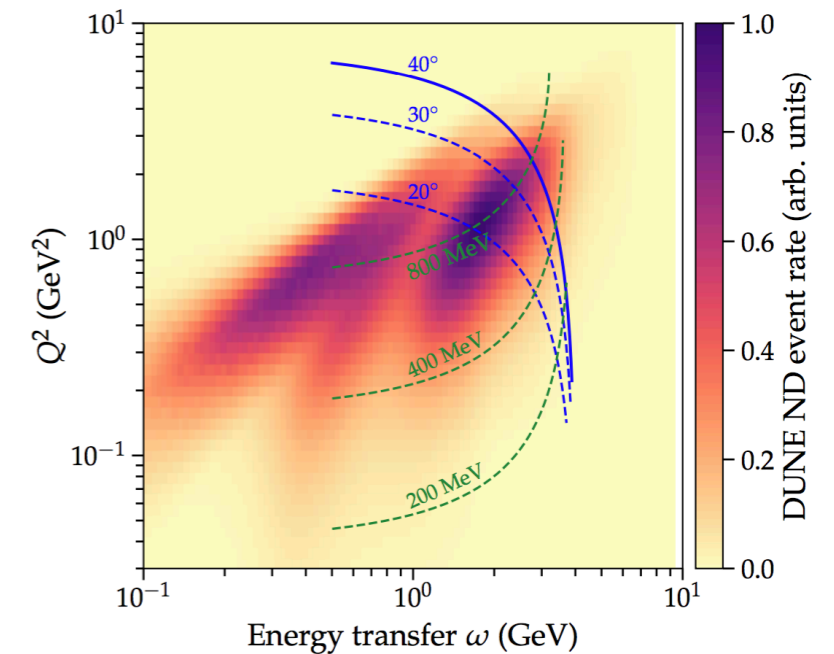
**Jefferson Lab**

LOI 102

Mainz MAMI accelerator testing their sensitivity



Lepton-Nucleus  $\sigma$  Measurements with LDMX



**SLAC**

LOI 91

General LOI 147

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# CLAS Detector

Large acceptance, Open Trigger

Charged particle detection thresholds:

$$\theta_e > 15^\circ$$

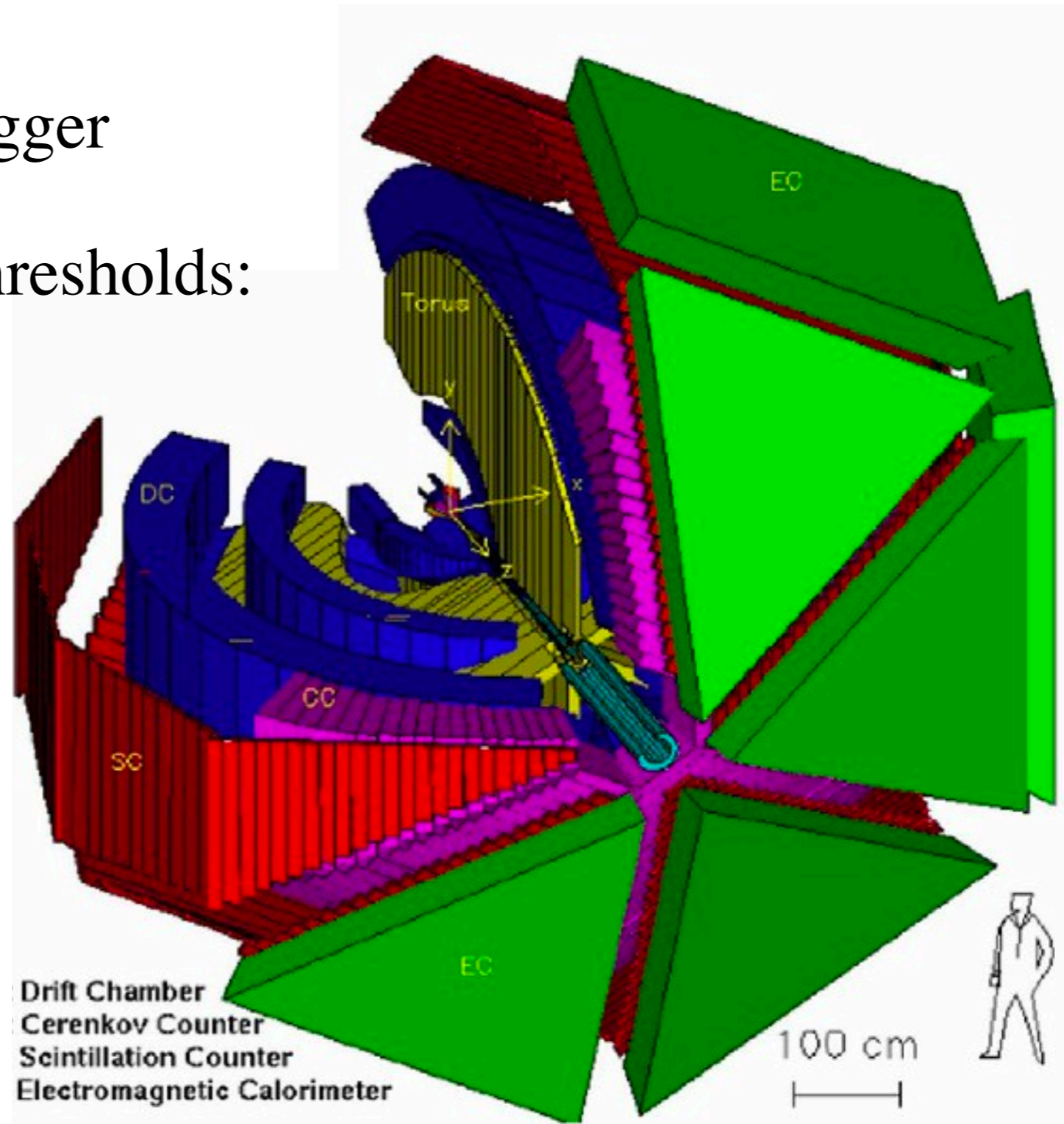
$$P_p > 300 \text{ MeV}/c$$

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

$$P_{\pi^0} > 500 \text{ MeV}/c$$

Targets:  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$

Energies: 1.1 , 2.2, 4.4 GeV



# $e4V$ $1p0\pi$ Event Selection

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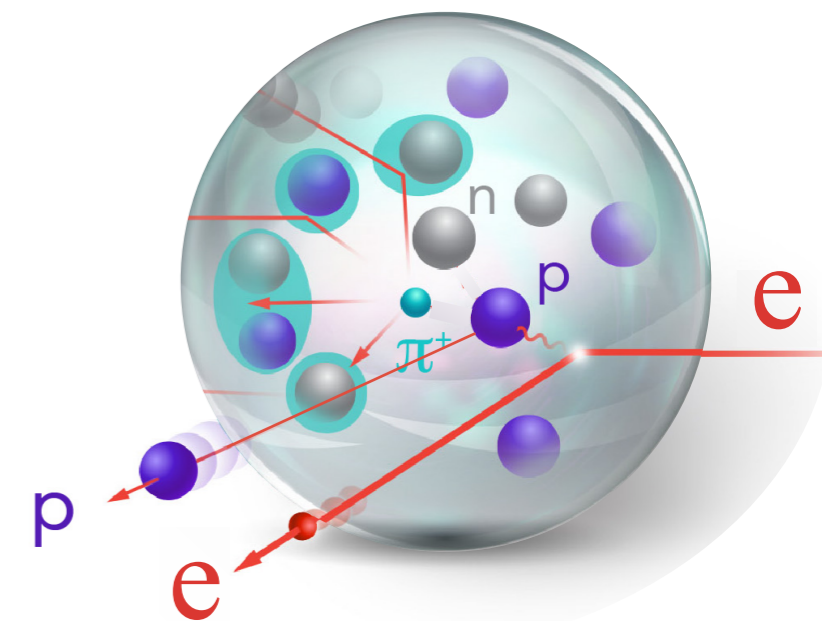
Focus on Quasi Elastic events:

1 proton above 300 MeV/c

no additional hadrons above threshold:

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

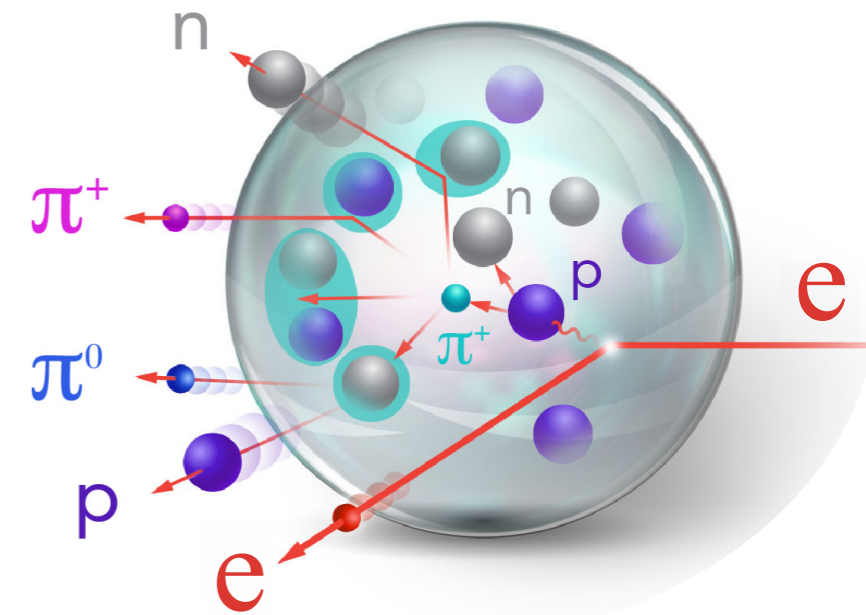
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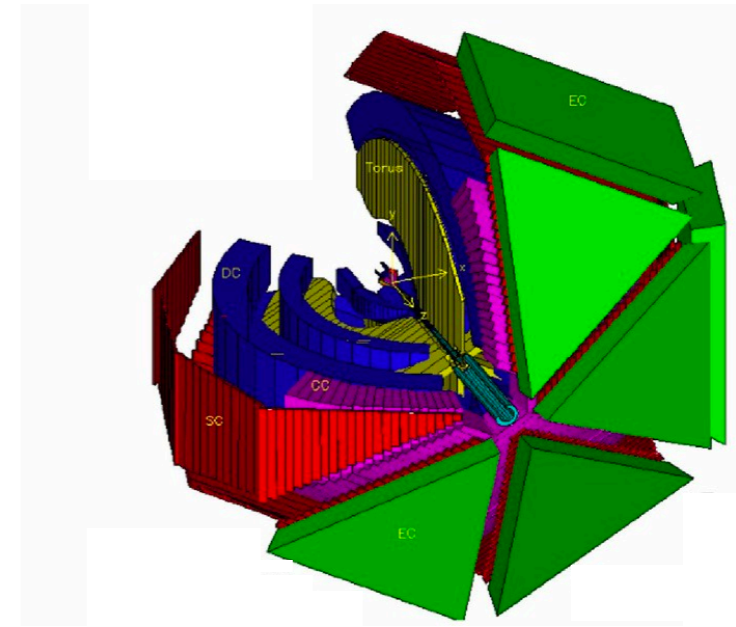
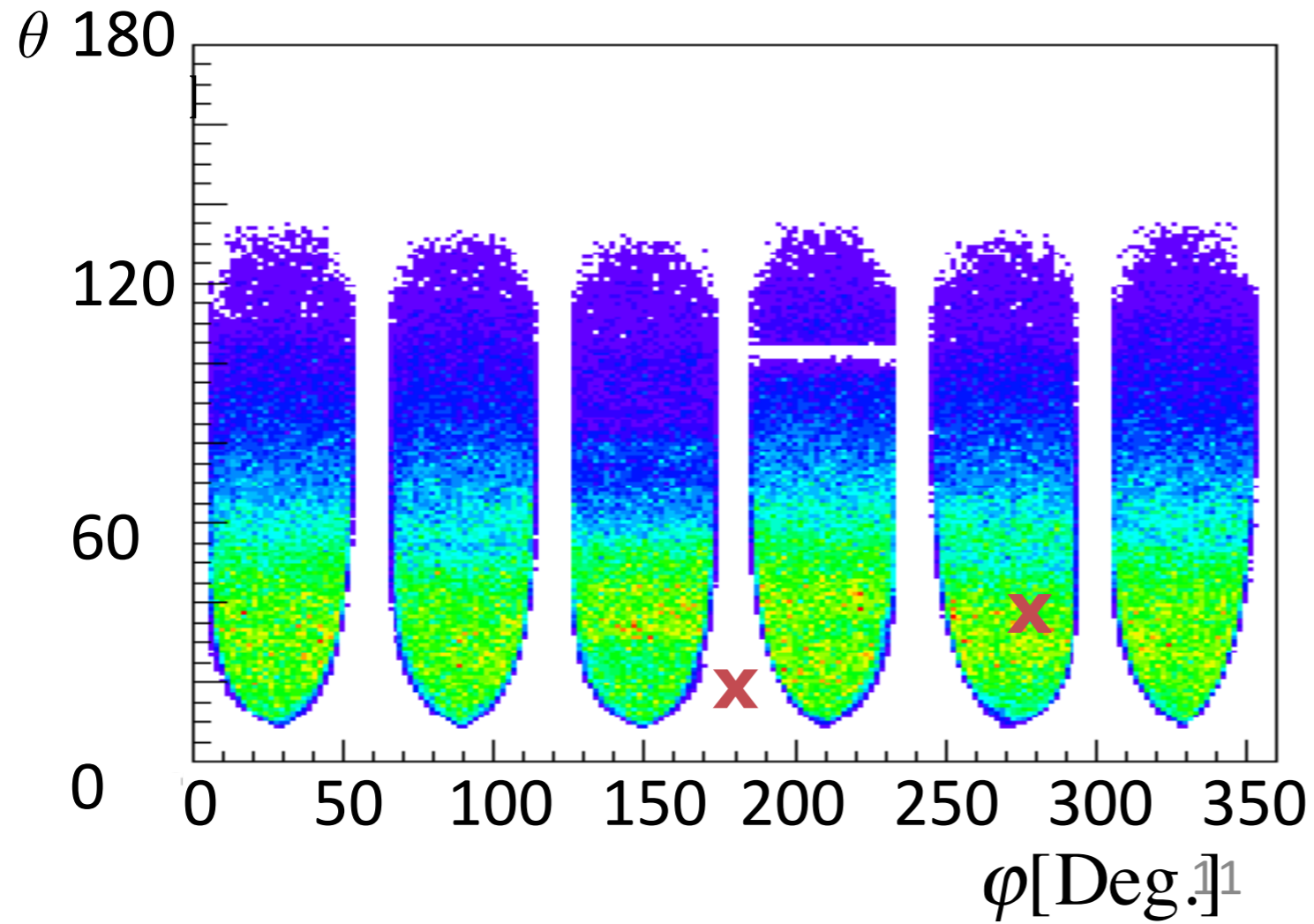
# $e4\nu$ : Playing the Neutrino game

Analyse electron data as neutrino data

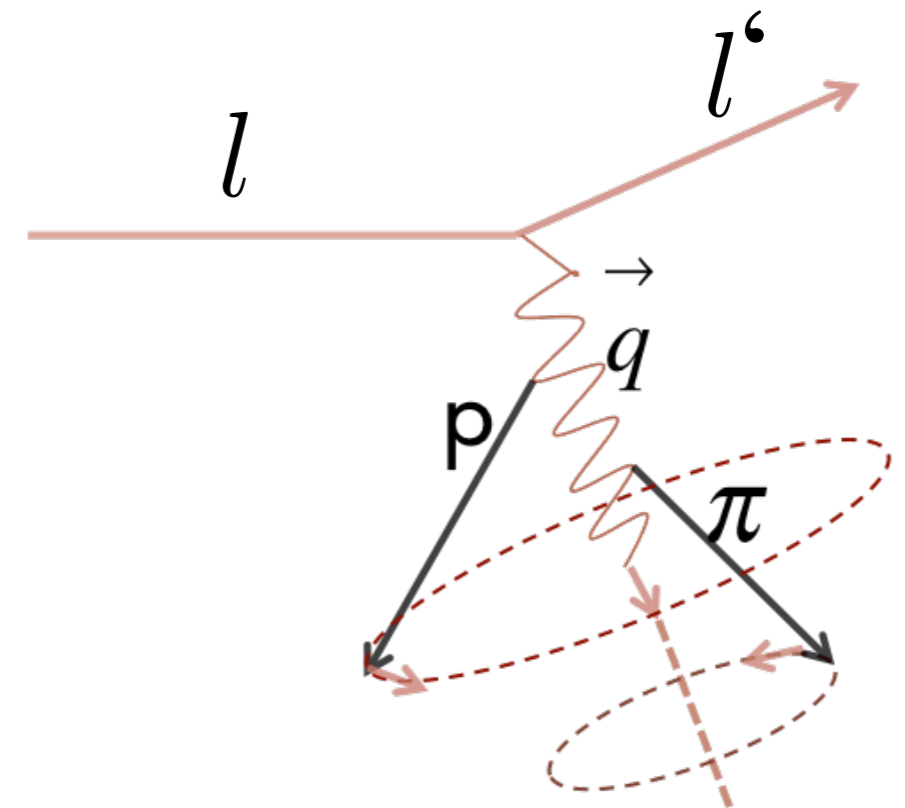
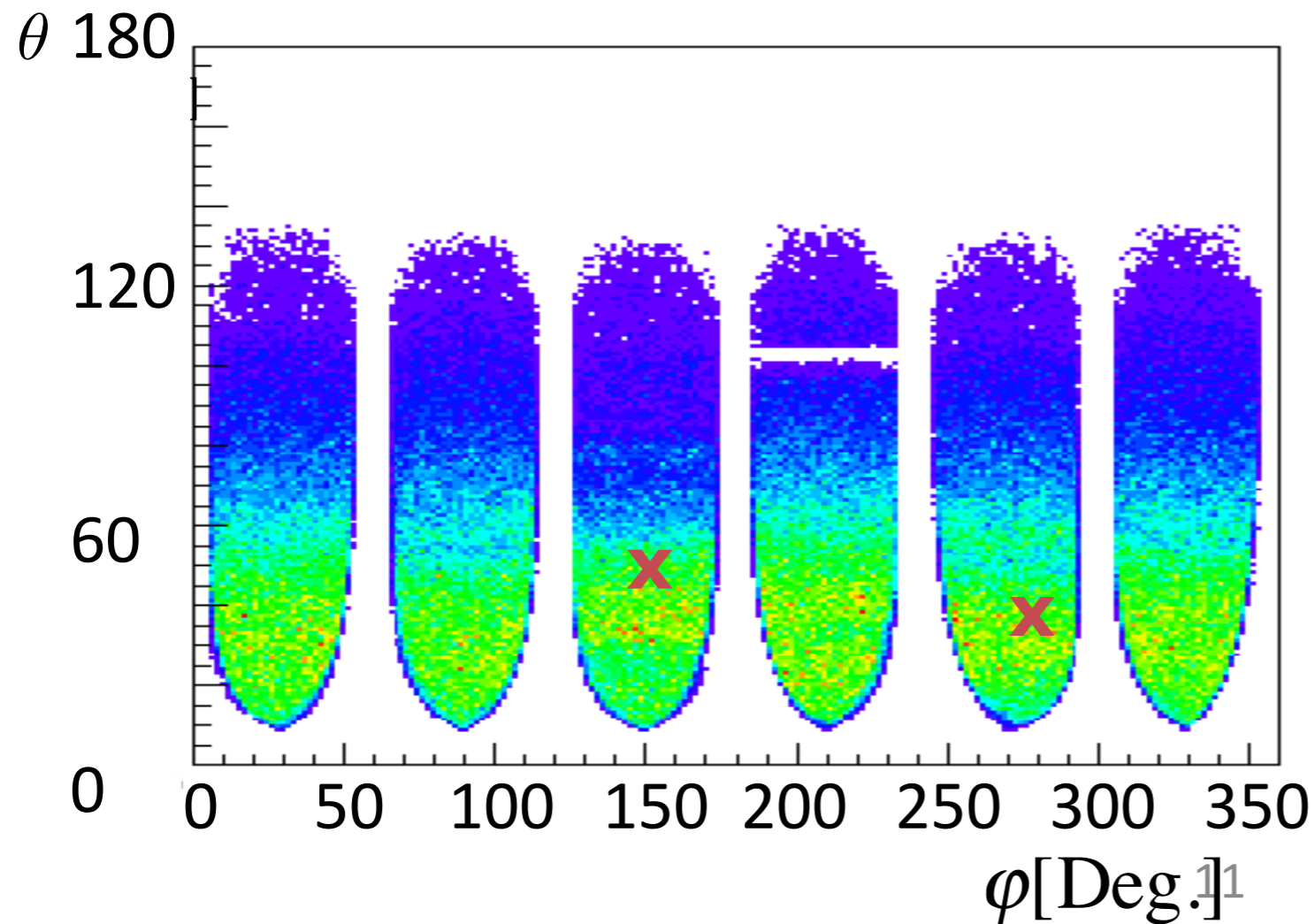
- Select lepton + proton final state (1p0 $\pi$ )
- Scale by  $\sigma_{\nu N}/\sigma_{eN} \propto 1/Q^4$
- Reconstruct incoming lepton energy
- Benchmark neutrino event generators



# Subtract for events w/ undetected hadrons



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Using two hadron events:

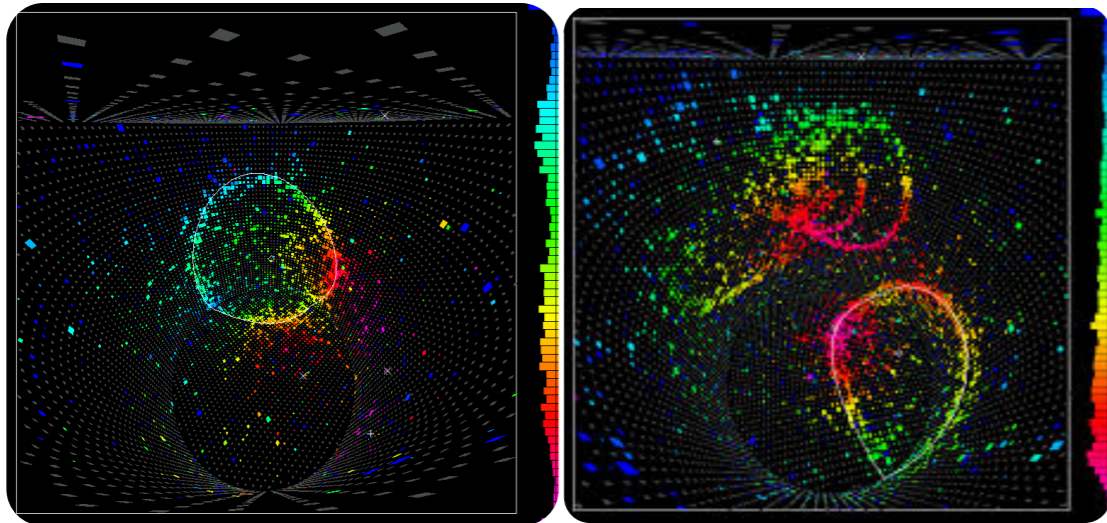
Rotating the two hadrons around  $q$ , to determine detection efficiency

Same for final states with more than 2 hadrons

Subtracting QE like background



# Incoming Energy Reconstruction

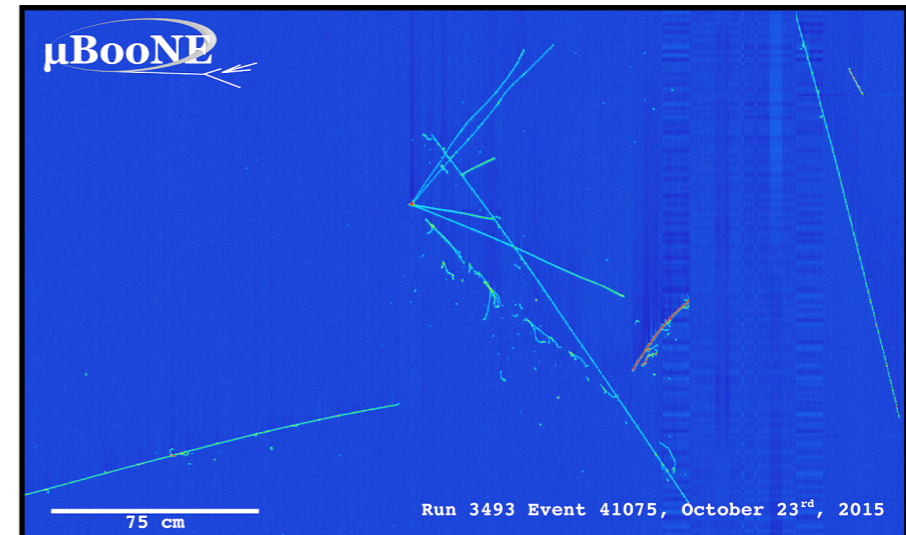


Cherenkov detectors:

Assuming QE interaction

Using lepton only

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



Tracking detectors:

Calorimetric sum

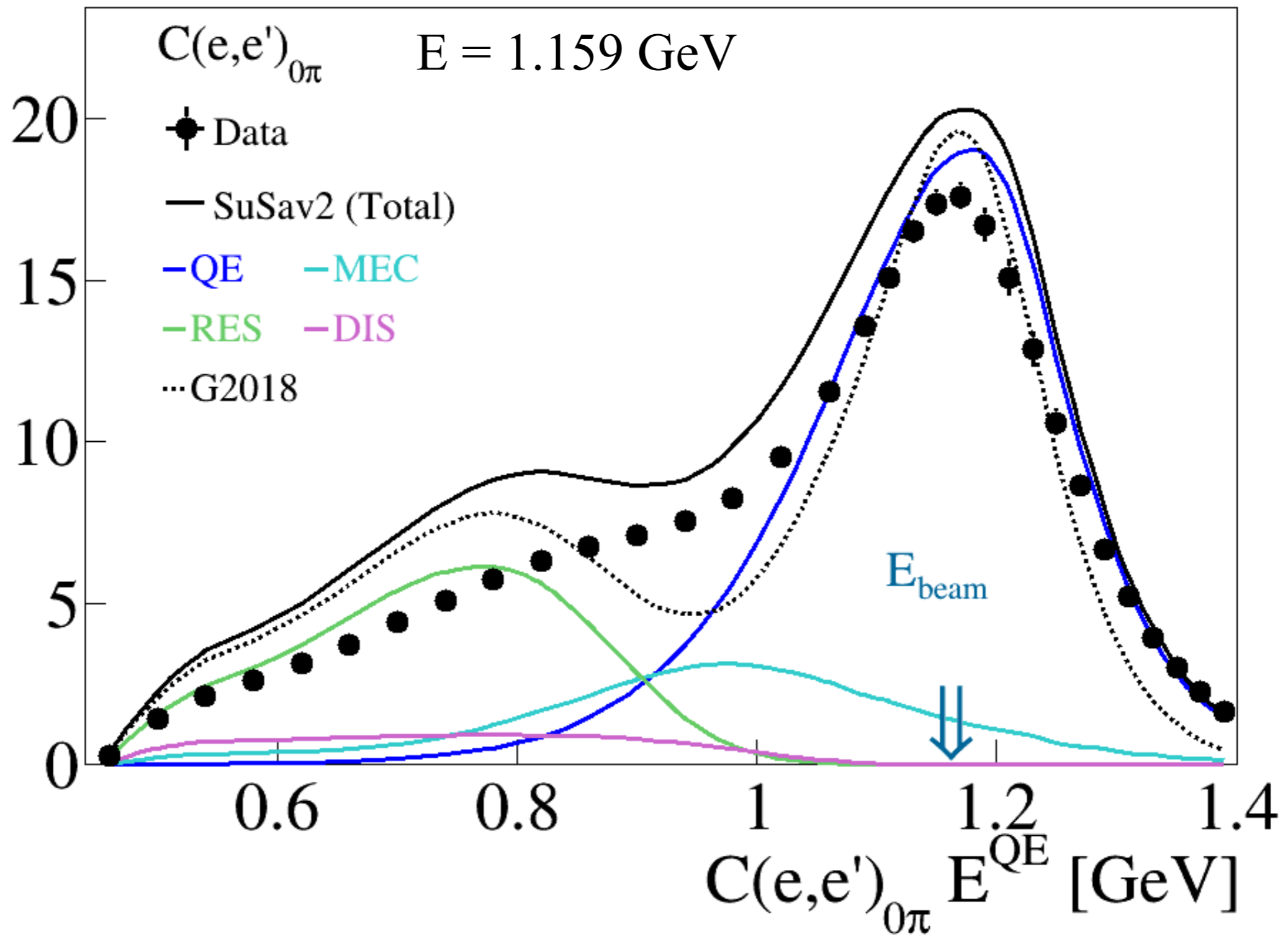
Using All detected particles

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

[1p0π]

$\epsilon$  is the nucleon separation energy  $\sim 20$  MeV

# Disagreements between Data and MC

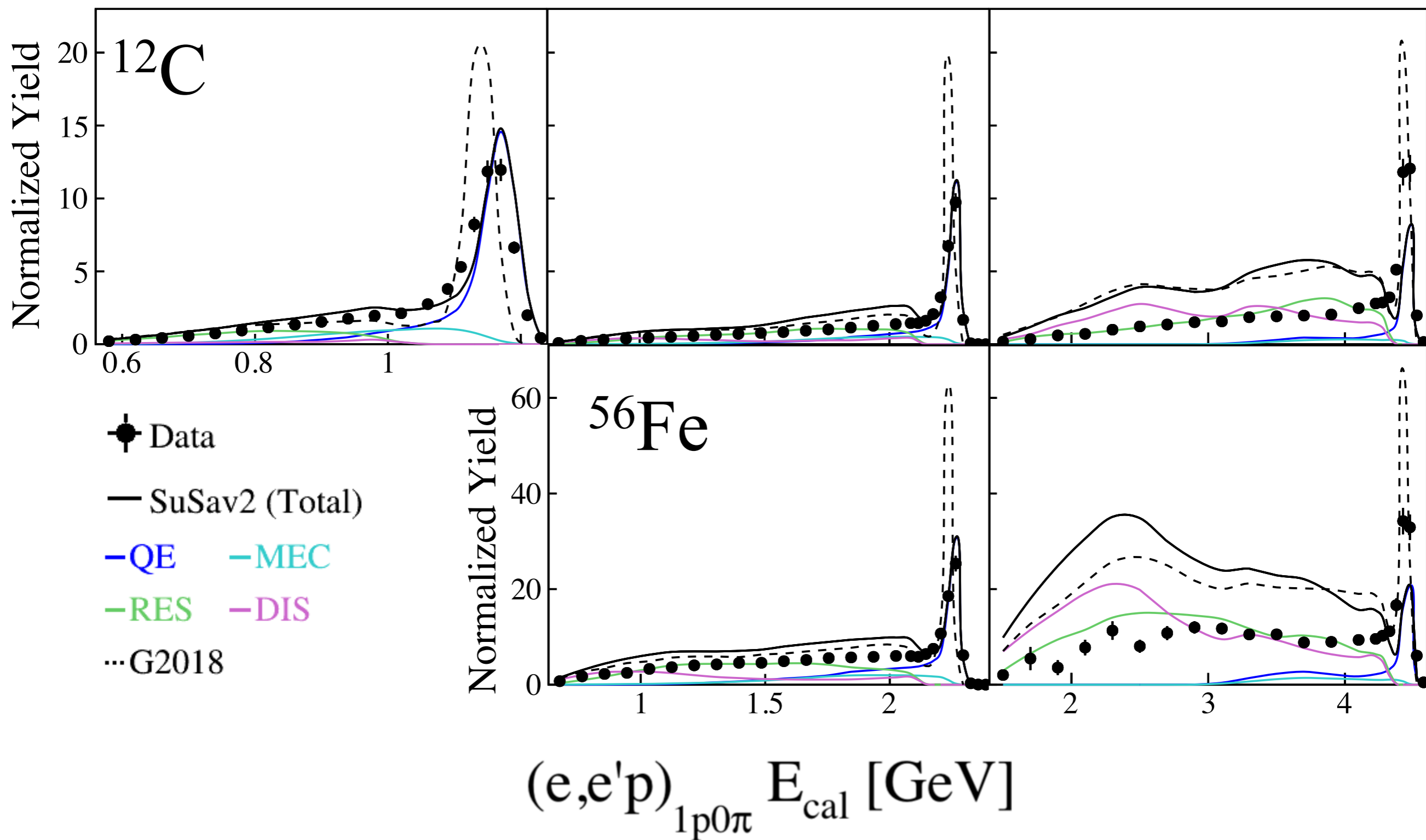


# Disagreements between Data and MC

1.159 GeV

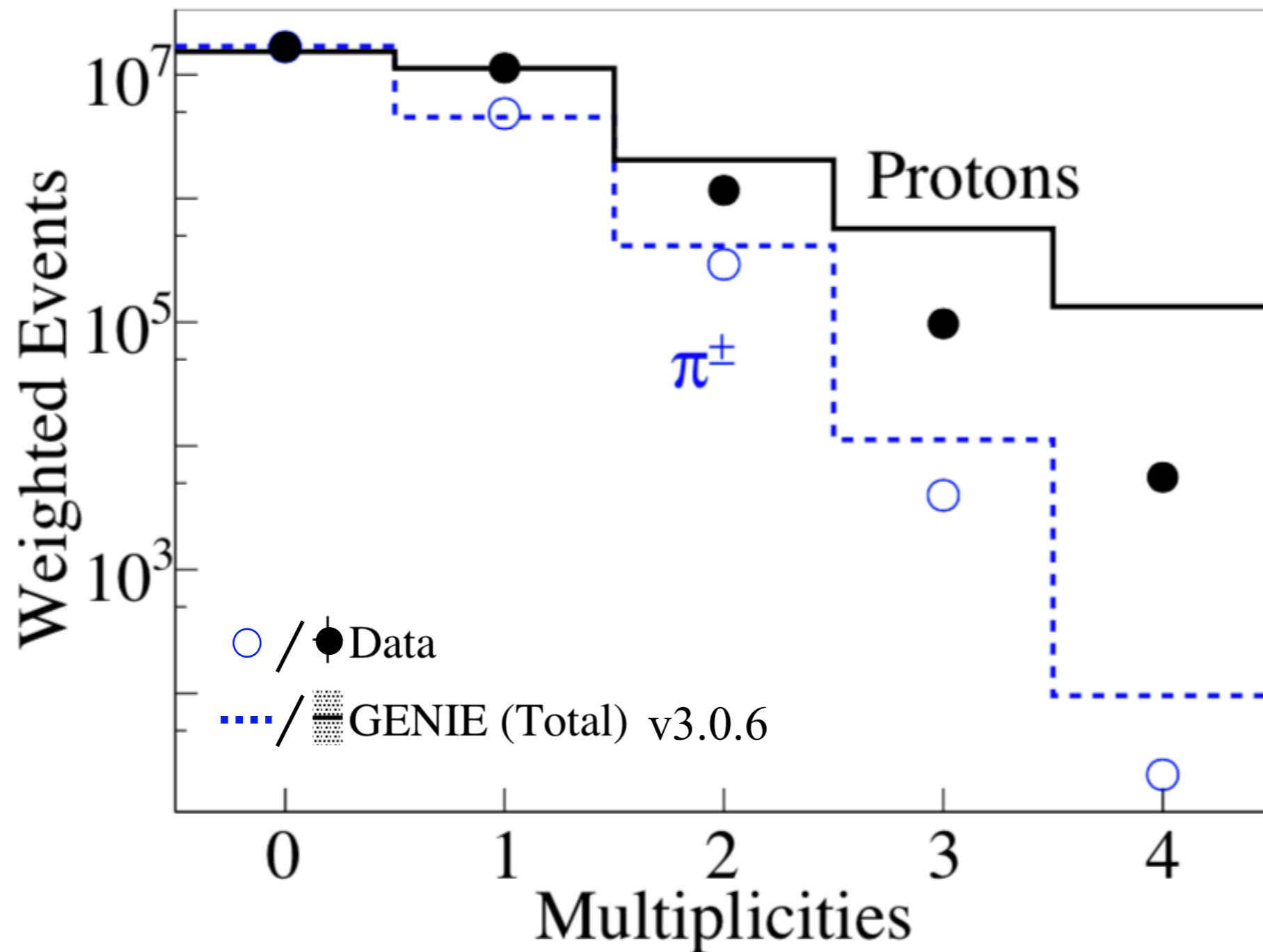
2.257 GeV

4.453 GeV

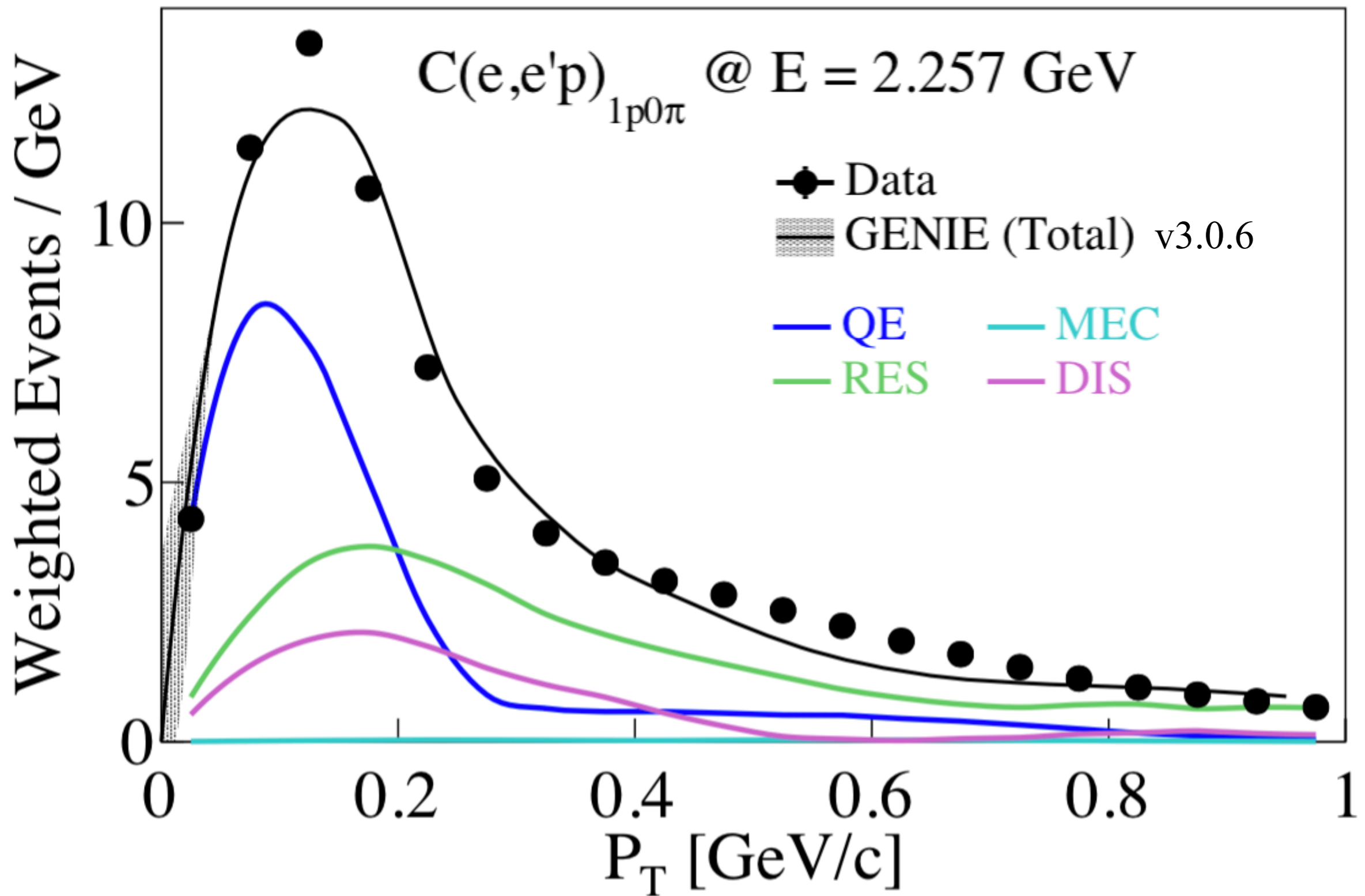
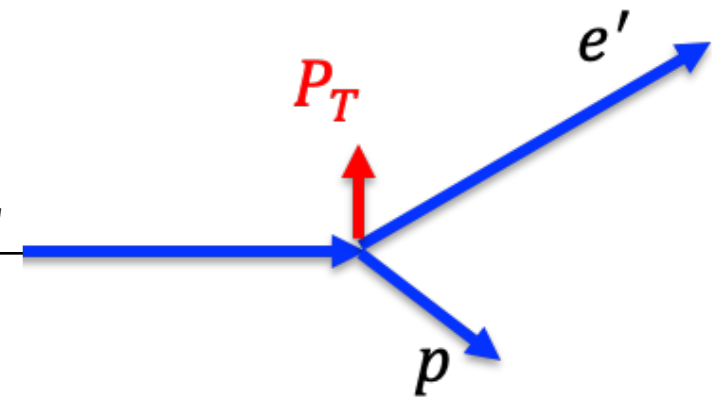


# Multiplicities

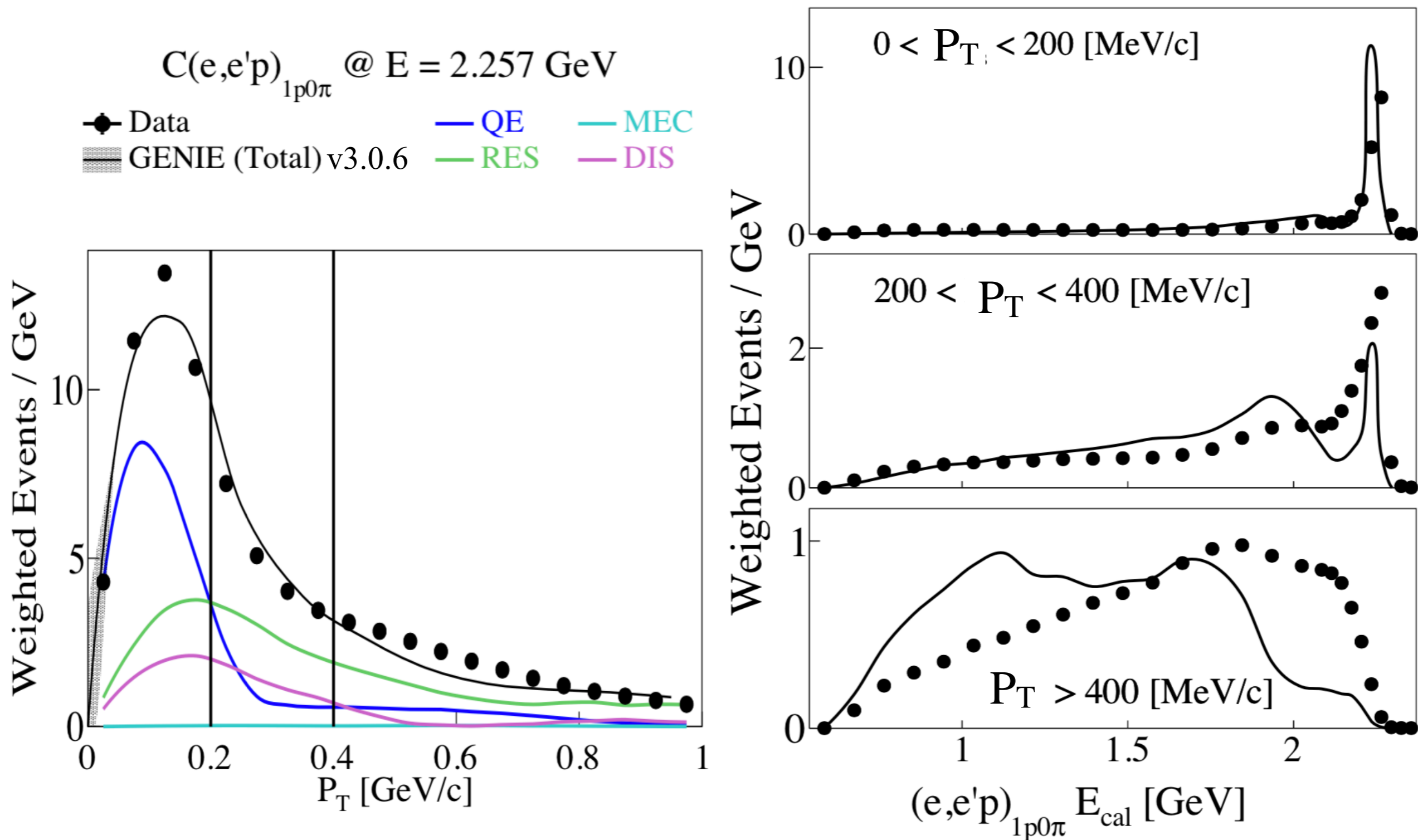
$E = 2.257 \text{ GeV}$   $^{12}\text{C}$



# MC vs. (e,e'p) Data: $\vec{P}_T = \vec{P}_T^{e'} + \vec{P}_T^p$



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# Future Plans - Approved run for CLAS12

Acceptance down to  $5^\circ$   $Q^2 > 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$

x10 luminosity [ $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]

Keep low thresholds

Targets:  $^2\text{D}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{120}\text{Sn}$

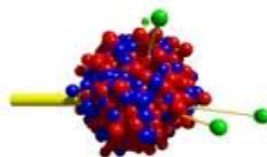
1 - 7 GeV (relevant for DUNE)

Running planned for 2021

Overwhelming support from:



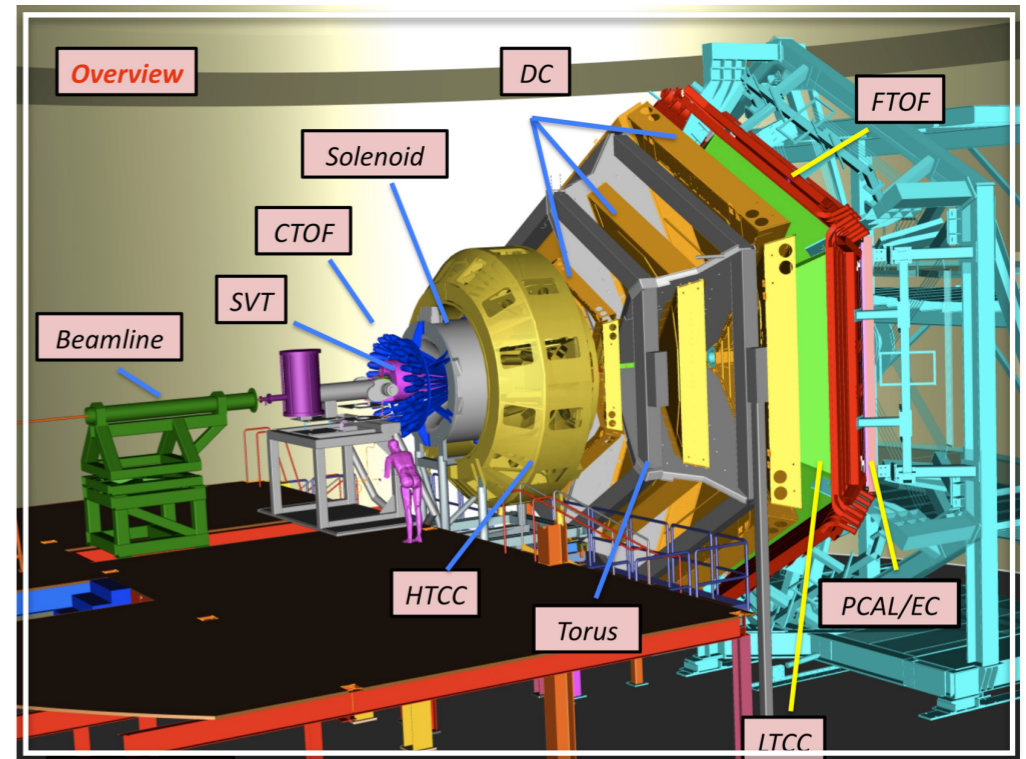
MINERVA



GiBUU  
The Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck Project



Genie

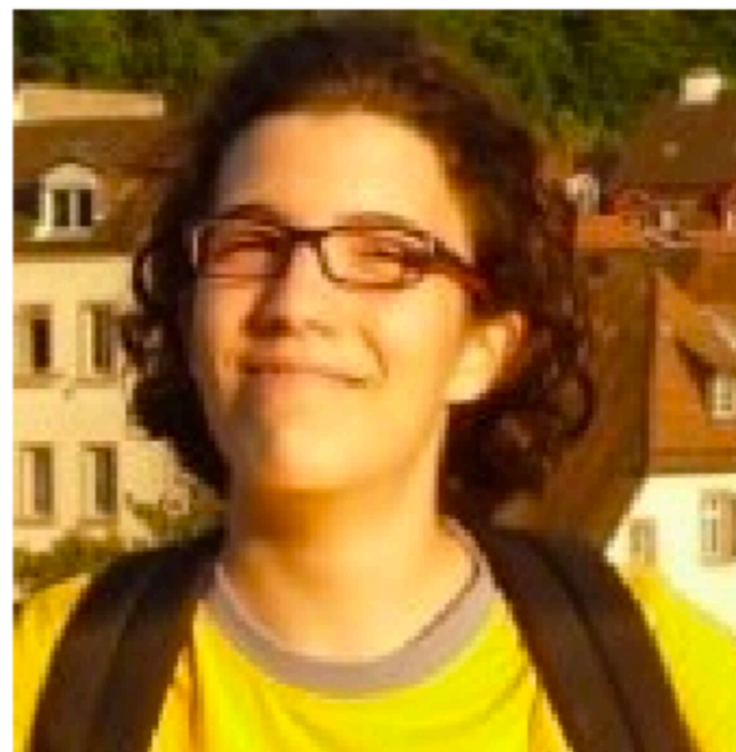


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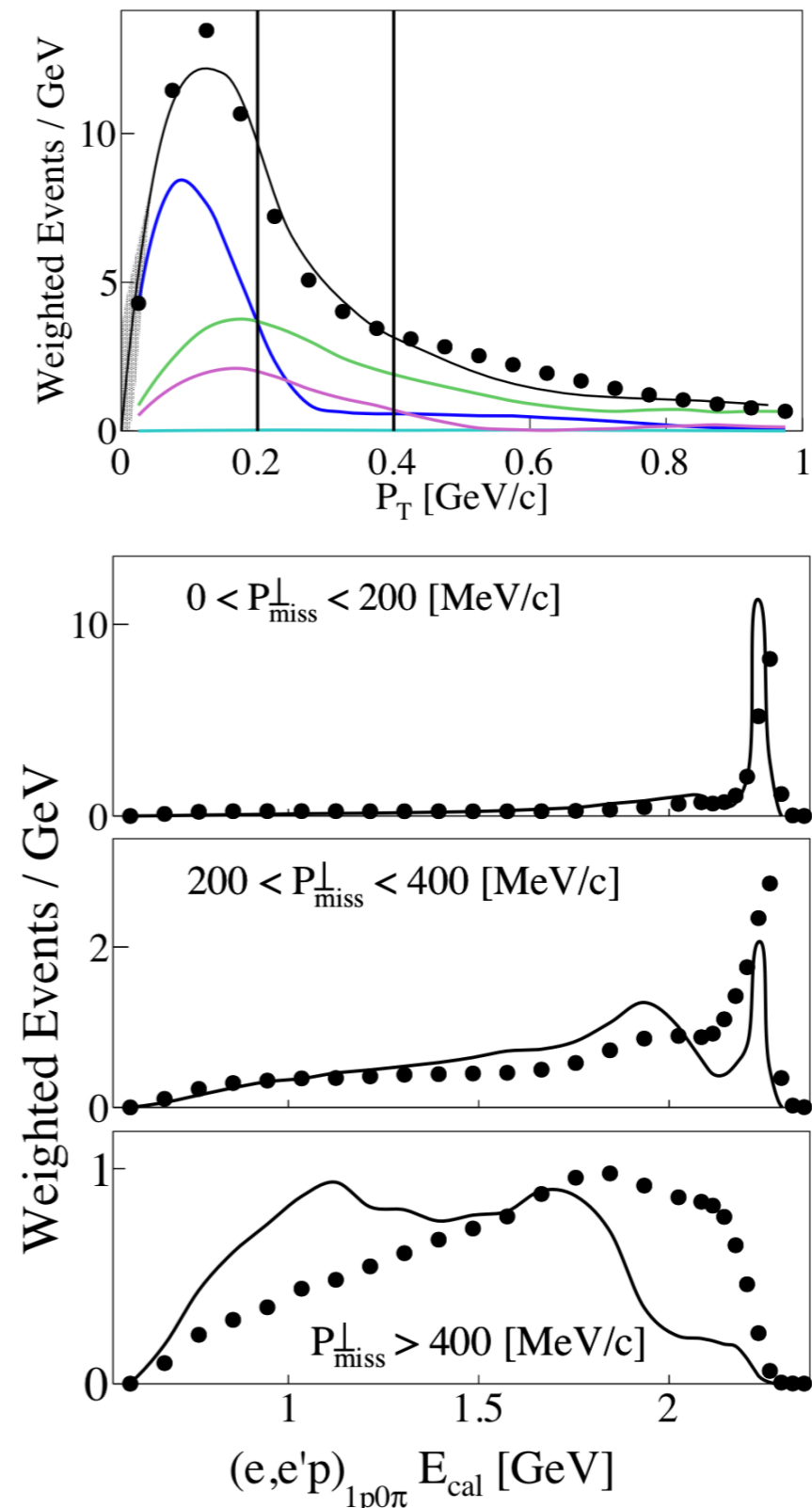
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# Summary



- Testing  $\nu A$  Models with wide phase-space  $eA$  data.
- Data-MC disagreements for QE-like events
  - Especially for high transverse momentum.
  - Large potential impact on DUNE
- More data coming very soon
- Looking forward to keep improving models, offering tunes and and to collaborate with all electron scattering project. (see Snowmass NF06 meeting next week)



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Thank you for your attention

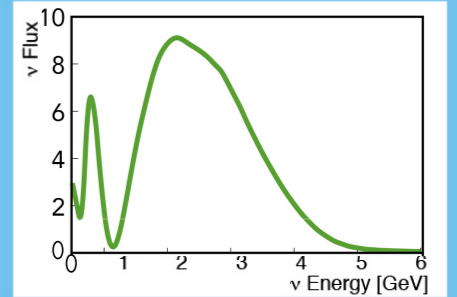
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Particles shoot out

Interacts with nucleus

Neutrino comes in

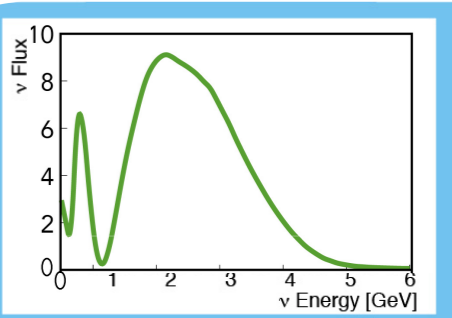


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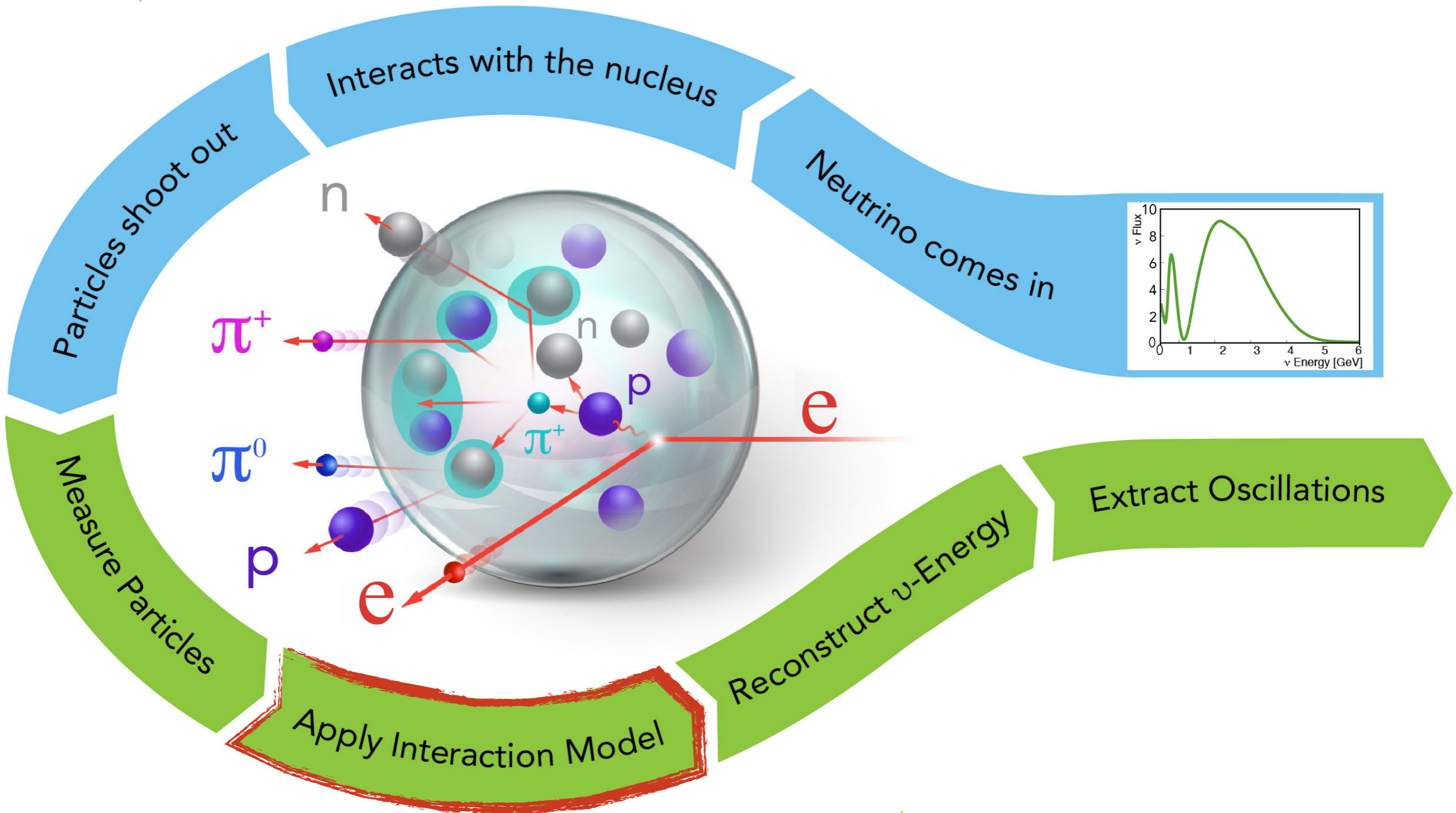
Apply Interaction Model

Reconstruct  $\nu$ -Energy

Extract Oscillations

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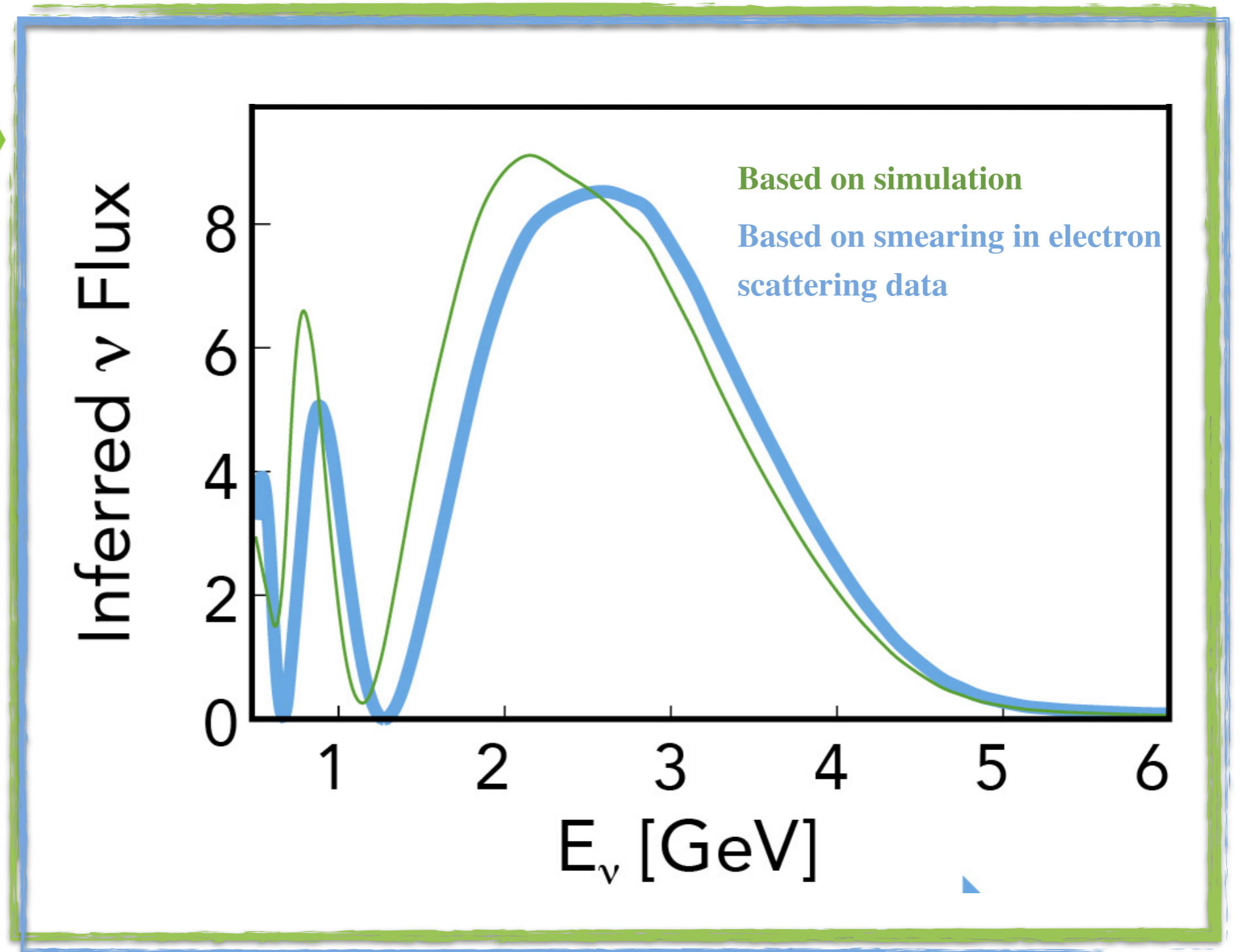
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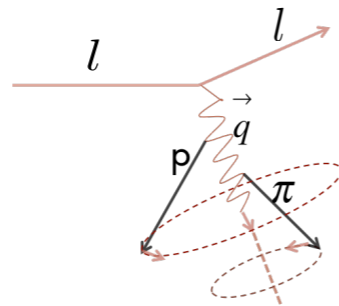
# Miss-modelling might impact mixing parameters

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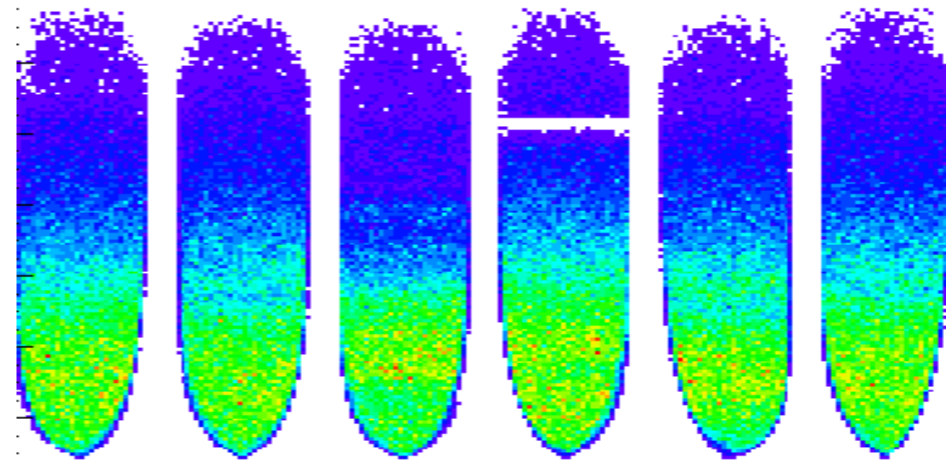


# Systematic Uncertainties

$\phi_{q\pi}$  independence of the pion-production cross section for background subtraction



Varying CLAS  $\pi$  acceptance



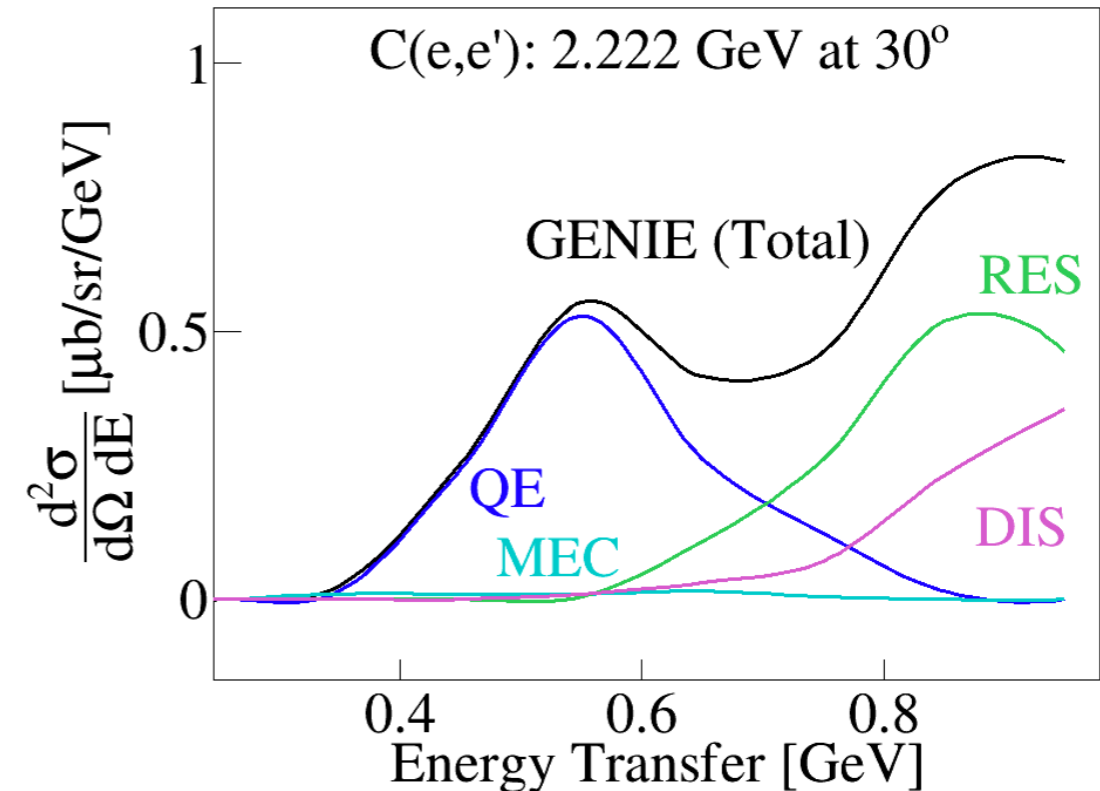
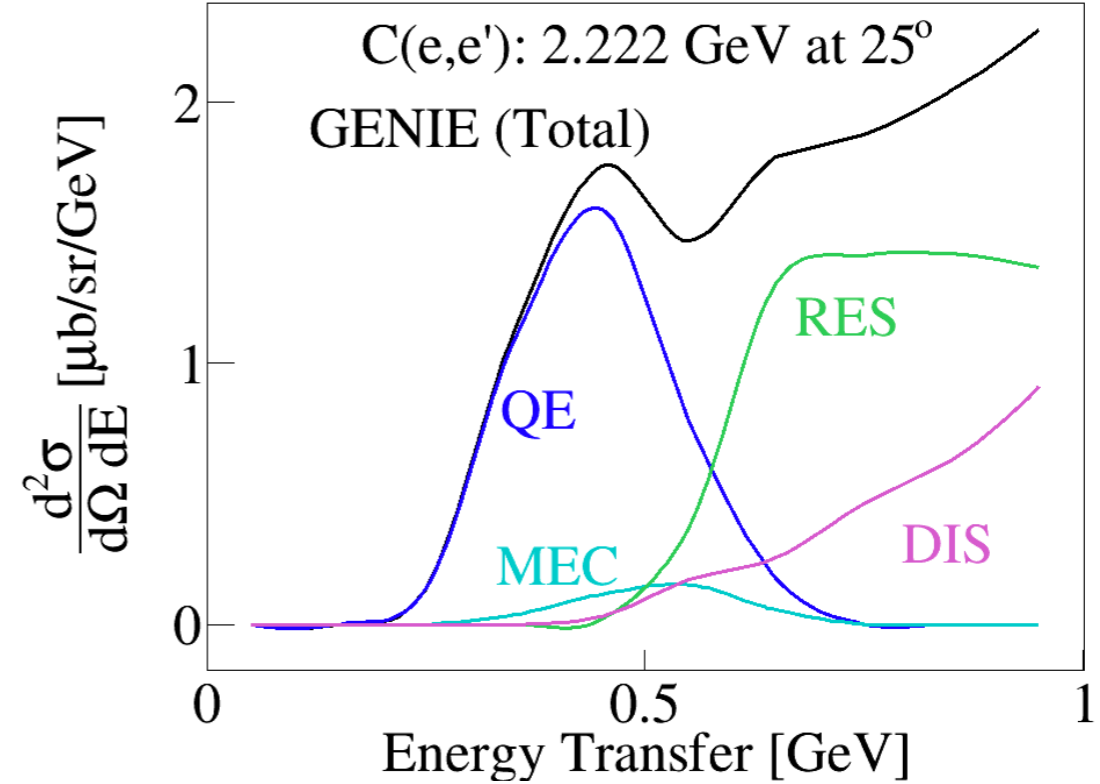
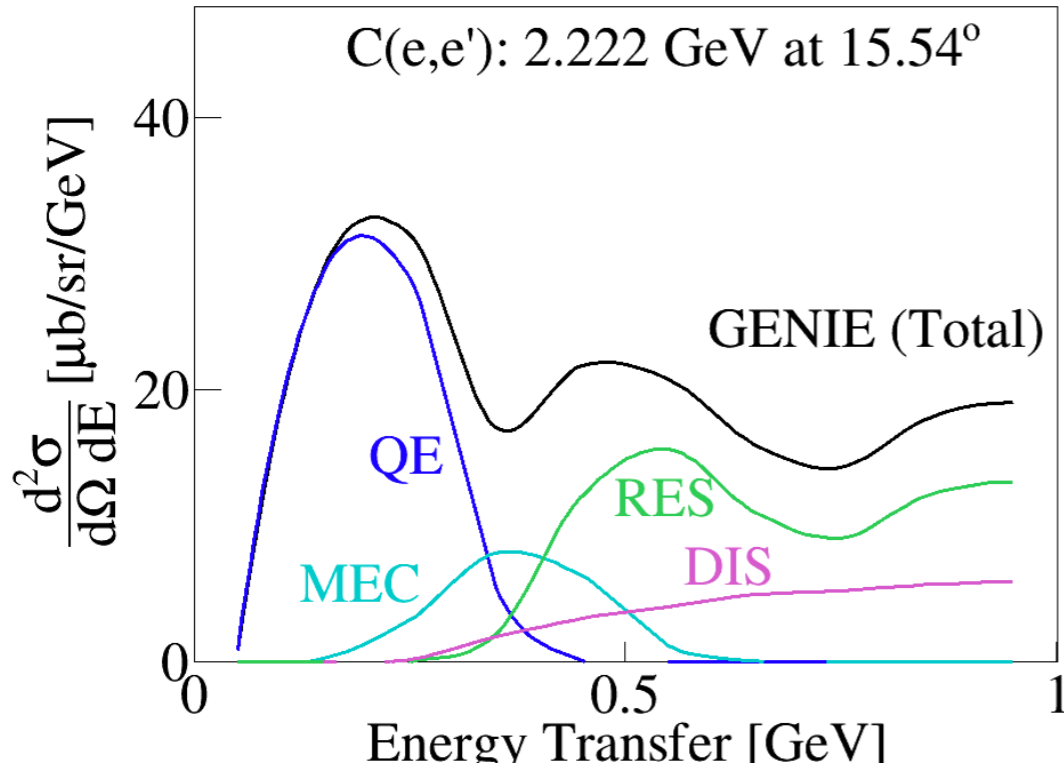
Varying the photon identification cuts

Estimate systematic uncertainties by comparing independent measurement in each sector.

Use Hydrogen elastic scattering for absolute rate measurement.



# Where did the MEC go?



CLAS6:  $15^\circ < \theta_e < 45^\circ$

# GENIE Simulation

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v3.0.6 tune G18\_10a\_02\_11a

|               | electrons                   | neutrinos    |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Nuclear model | Local fermi gas model       |              |
| QE            | Rosenbluth CS               | Nieves model |
| MEC           | Empirical model             | Nieves model |
| Resonances    | Berger Sehgal               |              |
| DIS           | AGKY                        |              |
| FSI           | hA2018                      |              |
| Others        | Adding radiative correction |              |

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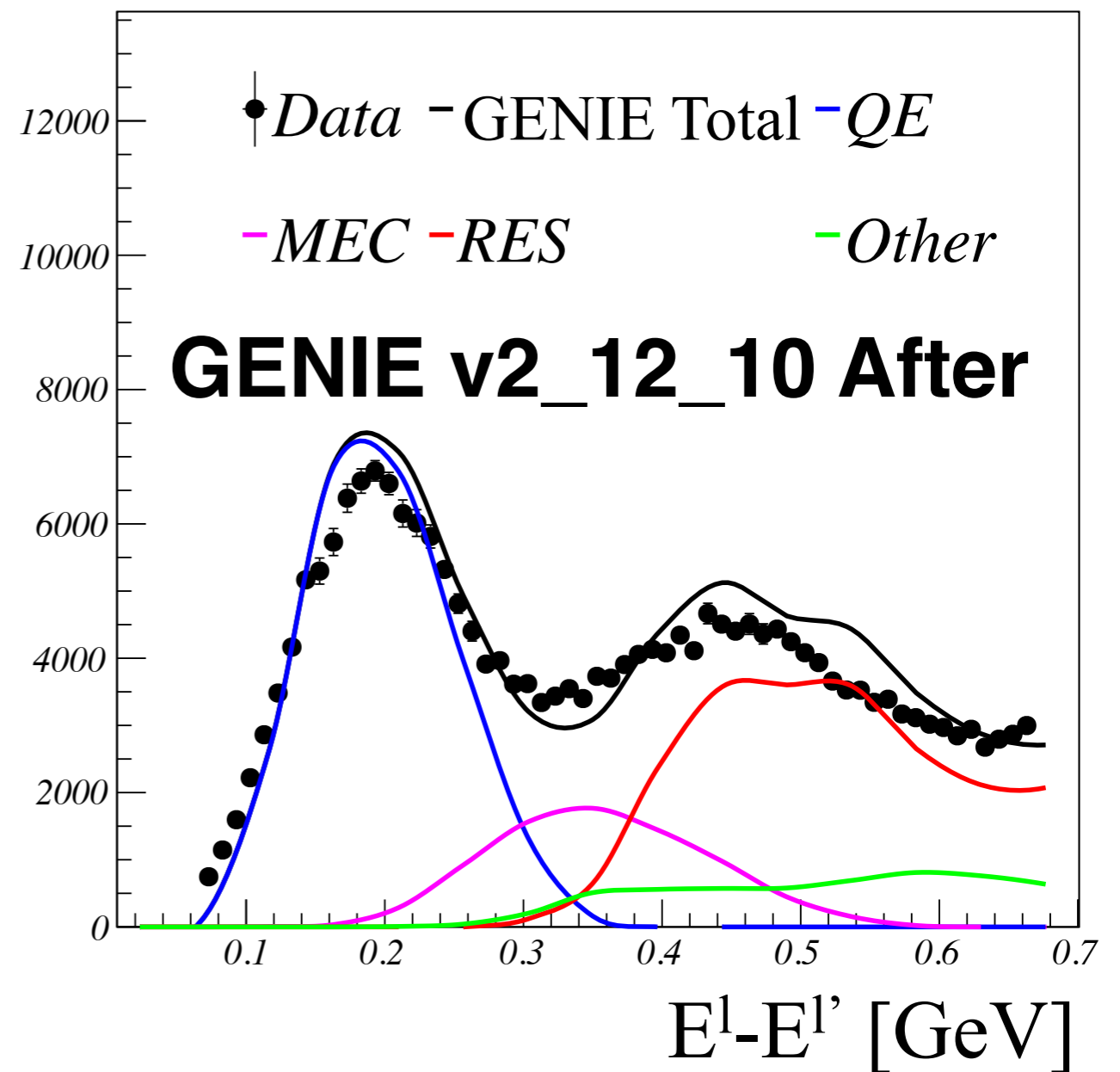
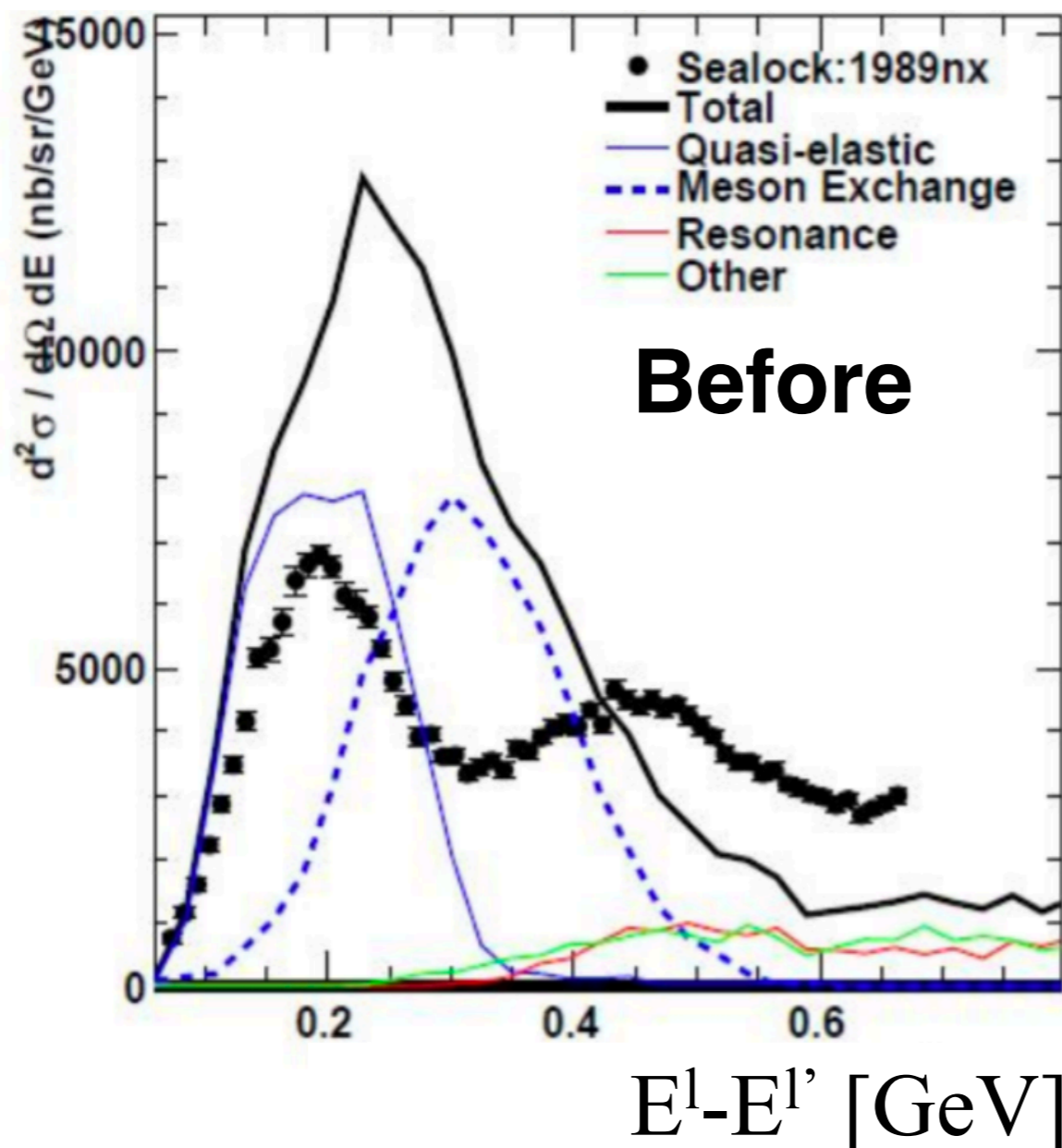


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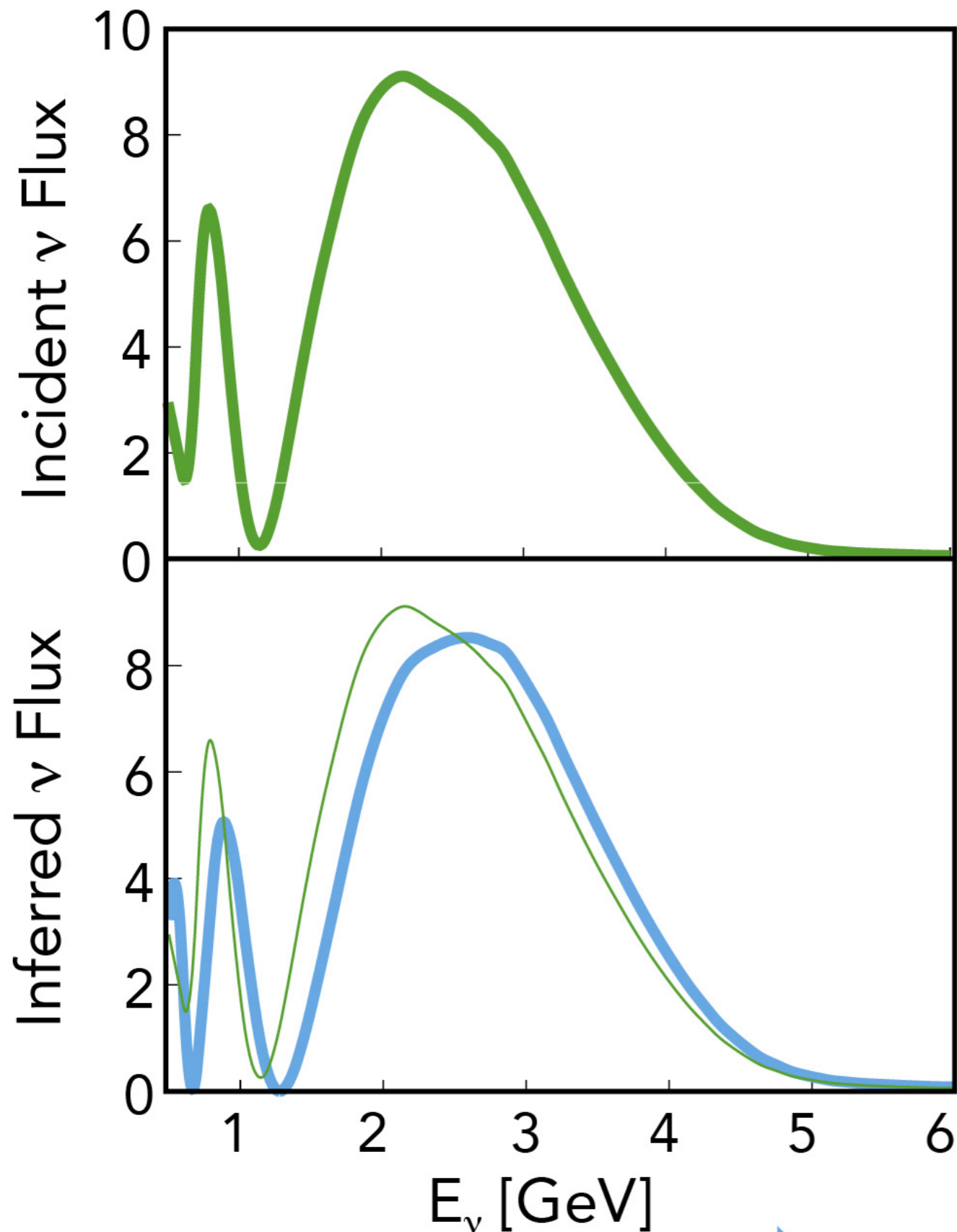
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# Testing neutrino generators with inclusive electron scattering data

$^{12}\text{C}(e,e')$   $E = 0.961 \text{ GeV}$   $\theta = 37.5^\circ$



# Potential implication on analysis



$\nu_e$  appearance channel (all inclusive)

Using existing parameter constraints from reactors + others experiments

Smearing energy based on events

with:

1e1p selection

$\theta_e > 15^\circ$

$P_p > 300$  MeV/c

No  $P_{\pi^{+/-}} > 150$  MeV/c

**Reconstructed based on simulation**

**Reconstructed based on smearing in electron scattering data**