

# Update on Slicing Methods for Pion Absorption and Charge Exchange Cross Sections

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# Energy Slicing Method

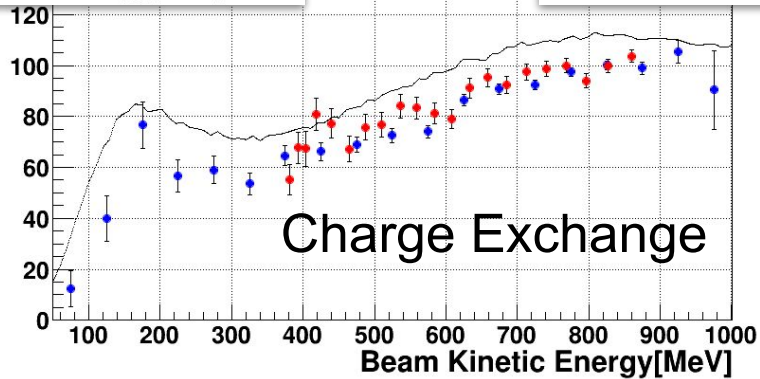
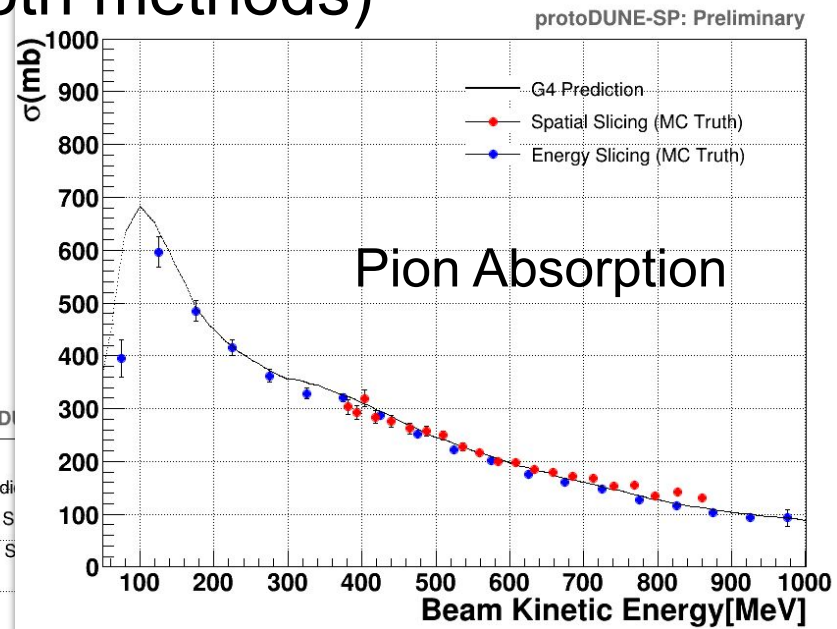
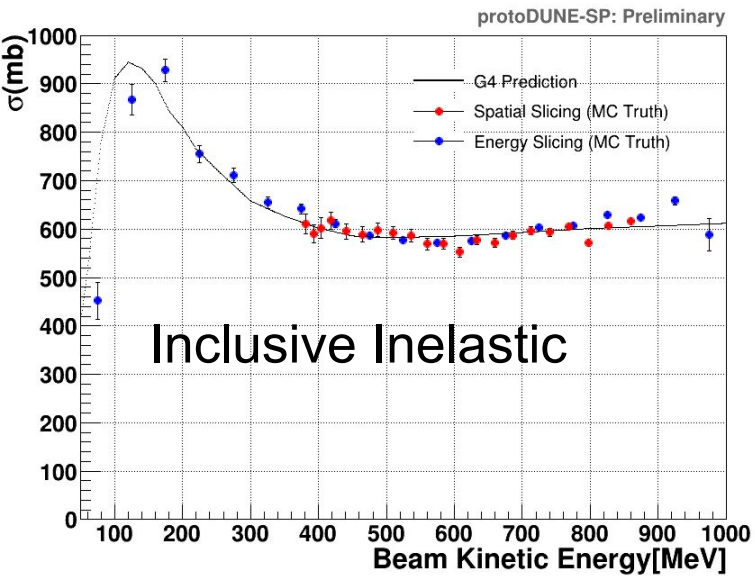
Separate pions into bins based on energy, and use knowledge of  $dE/dx$  from the Bethe-Bloch equation to calculate the cross section.

$$\sigma(E_i) = \frac{M_{Ar}}{\rho \Delta E N_A} \frac{dE}{dx}(E_i) \ln \left( \frac{N_{inc}(E_i)}{N_{inc}(E_i) - N_{int}(E_i)} \right)$$

Additionally, building the incident histogram is more difficult than in the spatial slicing method as, for example, a pion with 800 MeV initial energy will not be among the incident sample for higher-energy bins

$$N_{incident}(i) = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} N_{KE\ initial}(j) - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} N_{KE\ interacting}(j).$$

# Previous results (MC Truth with both methods)



# Unfolding with RooUnfold

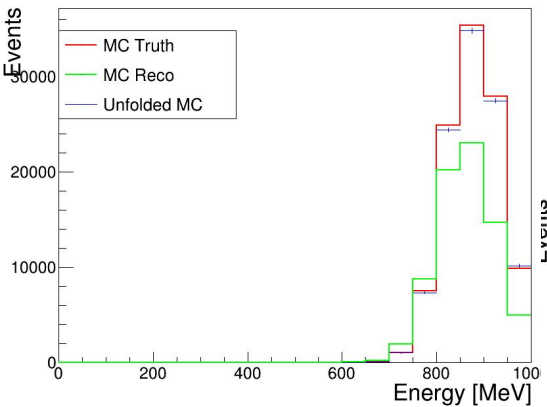
To examine the cross sections for the MC reconstruction and the data one must use an unfolding procedure.

The RooUnfold package allows one to build a response matrix between true and reconstructed information and use this to unfold the data and compare to the true cross section

Here I perform a Bayesian unfolding with 4-8 iterations.

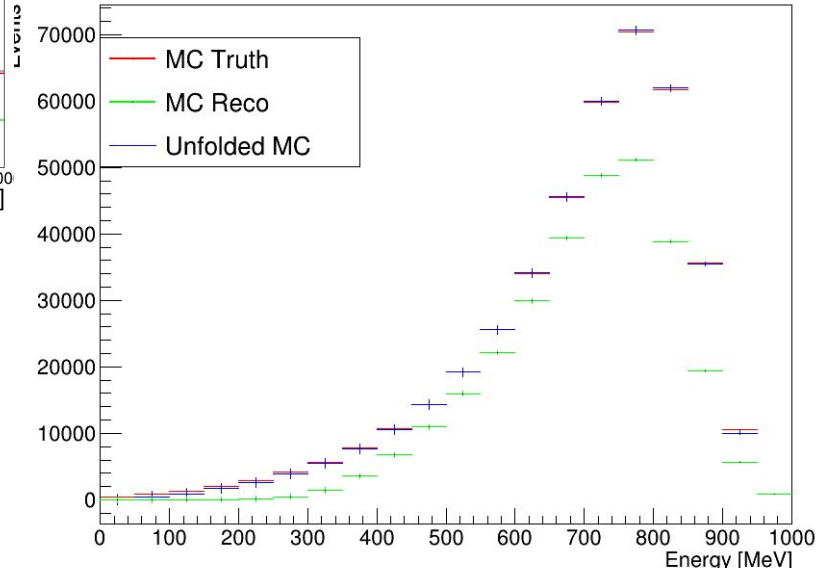
# ESlice method - initial and interacting histograms

Initial Energy (MC)

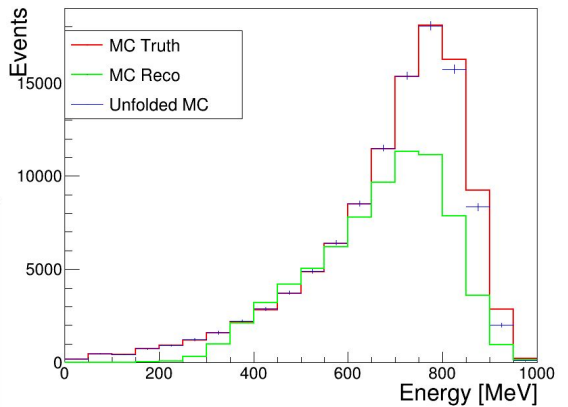


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Incident Energy (MC)



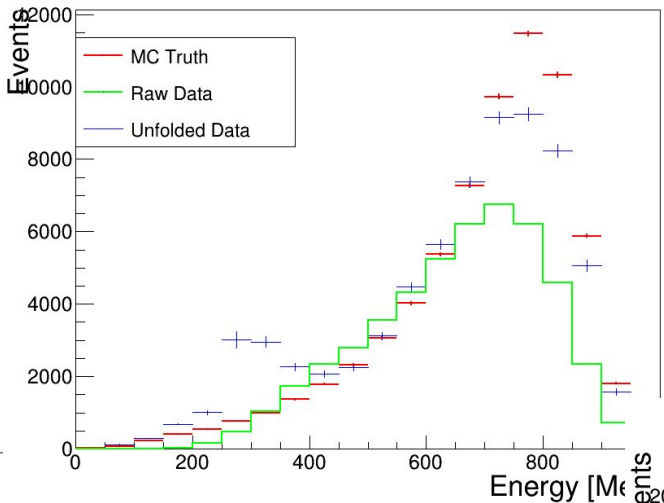
Interacting Energy (MC)



Unfolding trained with full MC - to verify, planning to train with 2/3 and test on 1/3 of events

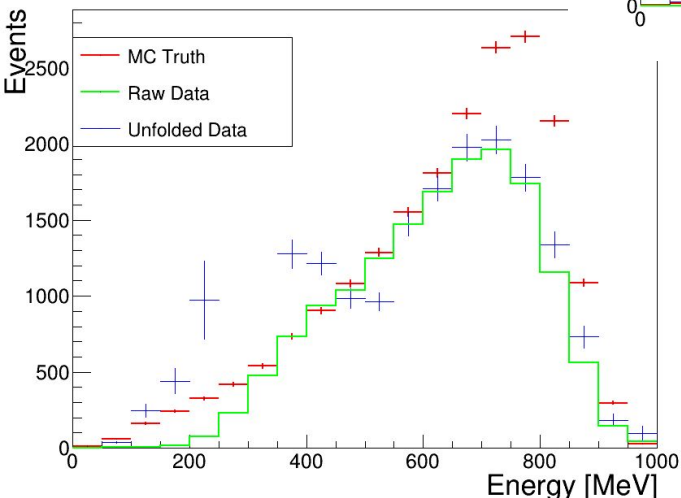
# ESlice method - Data interactions

Inelastic Inter. Energy (Data)

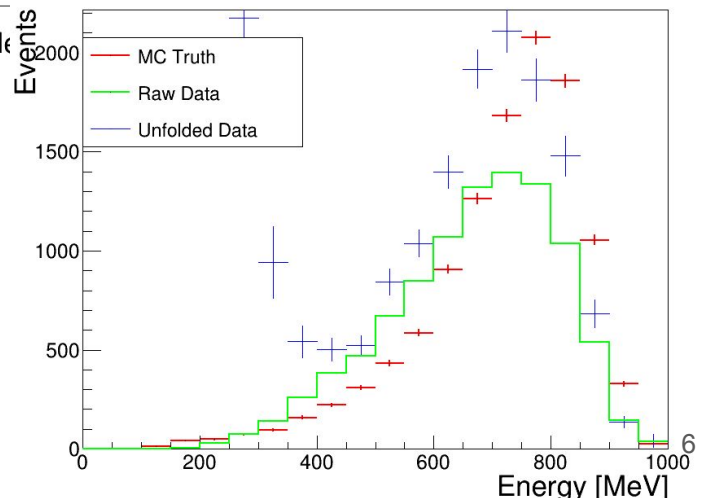


Here we notice an excess around 300-400 MeV - possibly muon content that needs to be removed.

Pion Absorption Energy (Data)

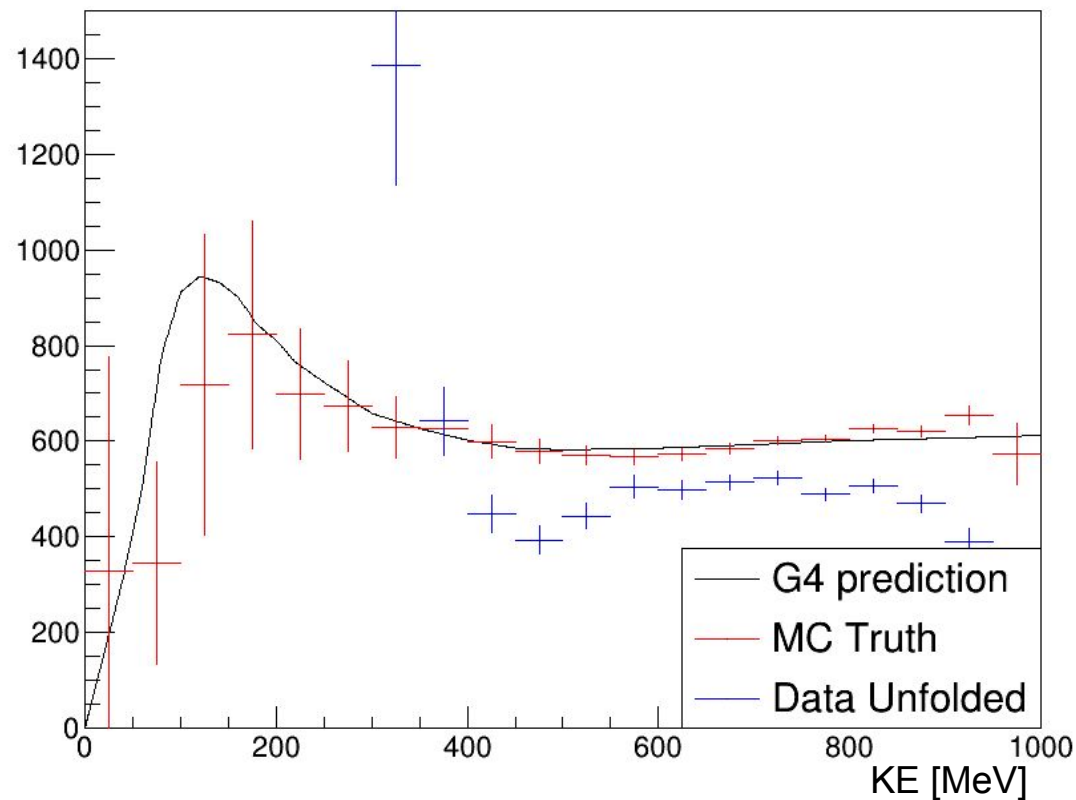


Charge Exchange Energy (Data)



# ESlice method - Inclusive Cross Section

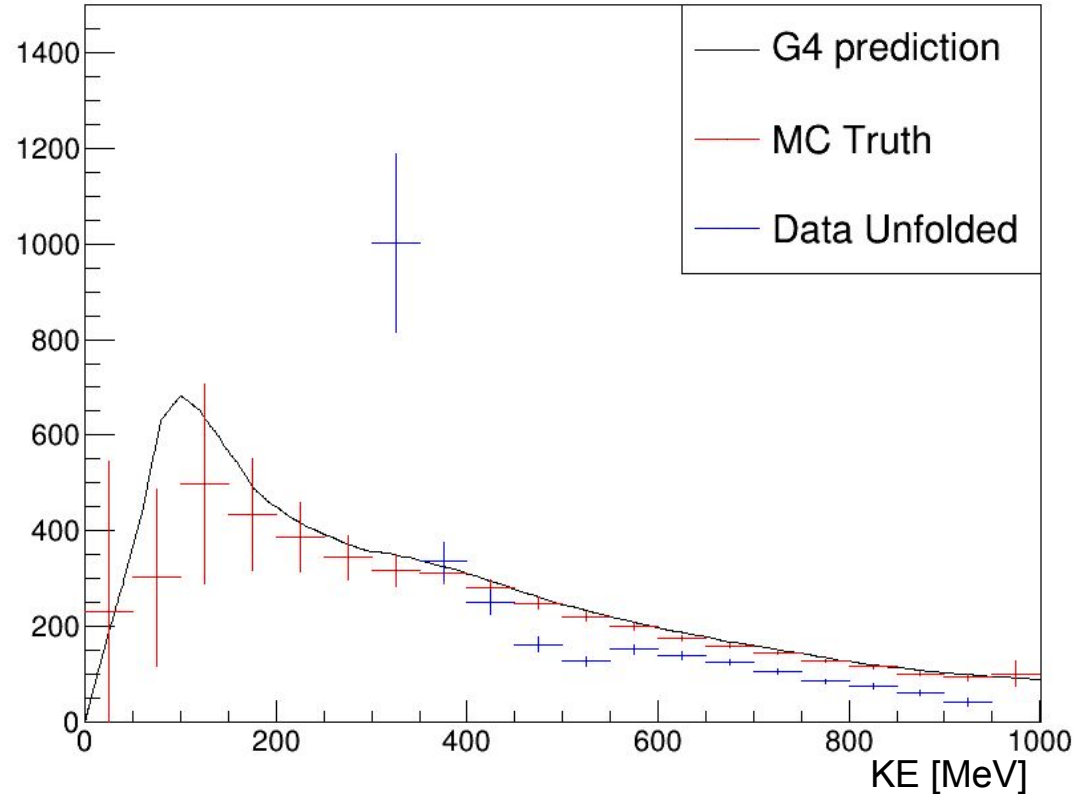
Inclusive XS



MC true has only stat. error  
Unfolded data has stat. + unfolding error

# ESlice method - Absorption Cross Section

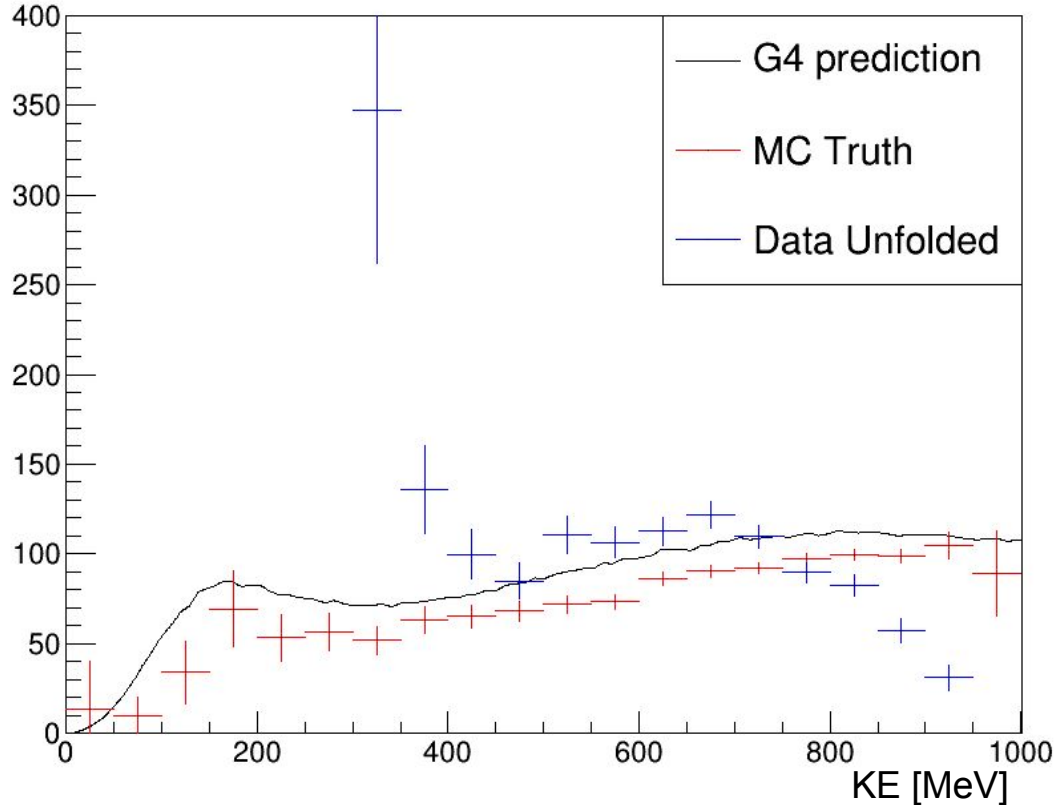
Absorption XS





# ESlice method - Charge Exchange Cross Section

Charge Exchange XS



# To-Do

Add correction to initial energy determined previously by Yinrui

Investigate data event selection at low energies

Establish charge exchange signal definitions

## Spatial slicing method

Analysis is almost at the same point - need to account for the unfolding error and can present direct comparisons next week

# Backup

# Data and MC files used

MC:

/pnfs/dune/tape\_backed/dunepro/protodune-sp/root-tuple/2022/mc/physics/PDSPProd4a/18/80/01/67/PDSPProd4a\_MC\_1GeV\_reco1\_sce\_datadriven\_v1\_ntuple\_v09\_41\_00\_03.root (Jan 18)

Data:

/pnfs/dune/tape\_backed/dunepro/protodune-sp/root-tuple/2022/detector/physics/PDSPProd4/00/00/52/19/PDSPProd4\_data\_1GeV\_reco2\_ntuple\_v09\_41\_00\_04.root (Jan 18)