

# Electrons for Neutrinos

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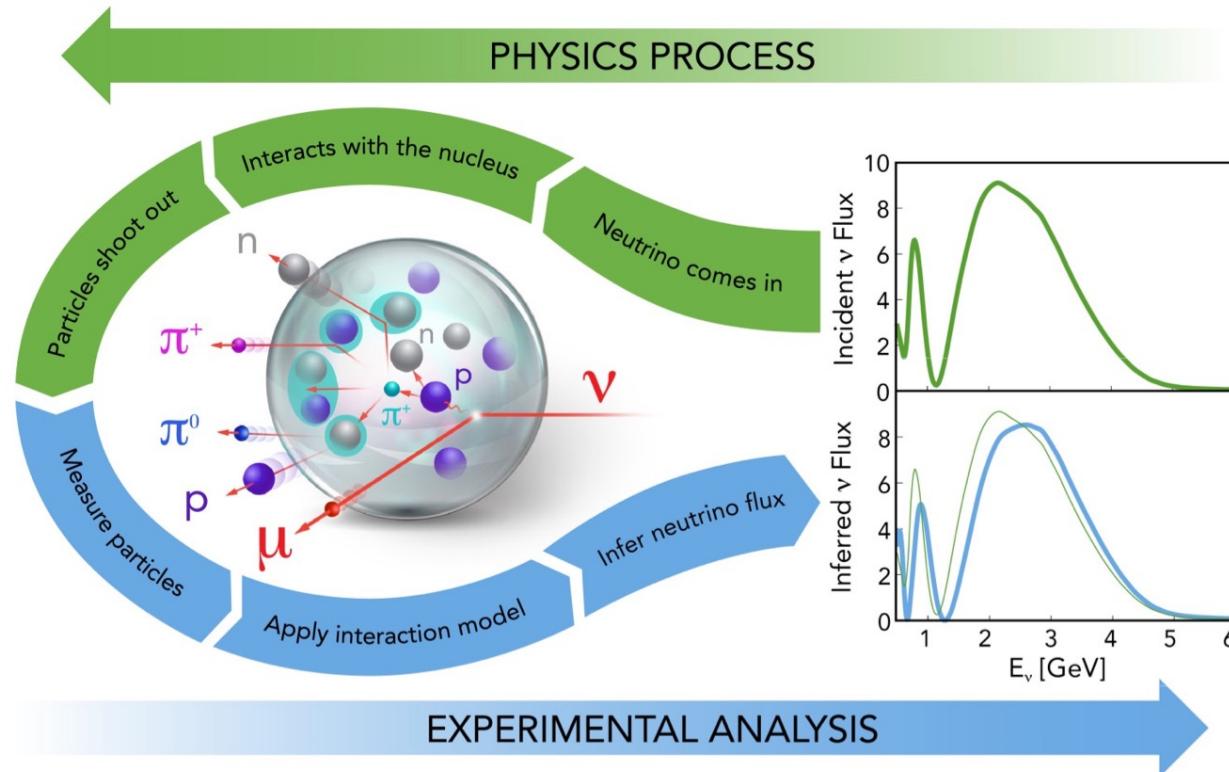


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# Introduction

- Global effort to improve lepton-nucleus scattering models for oscillation experiments

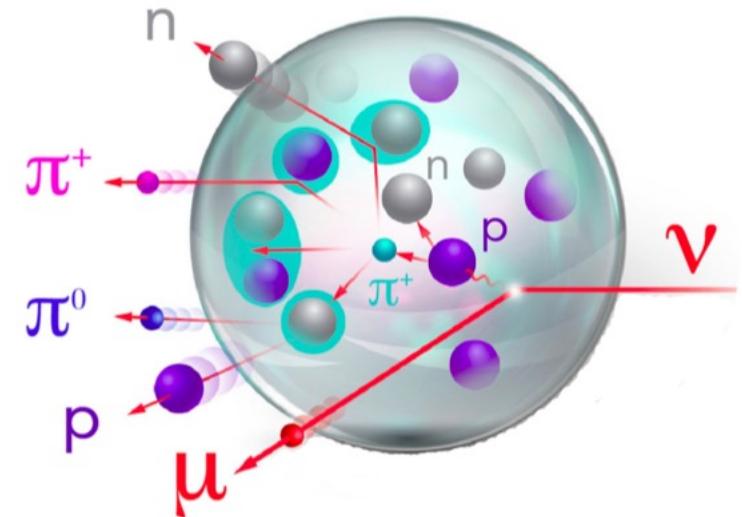
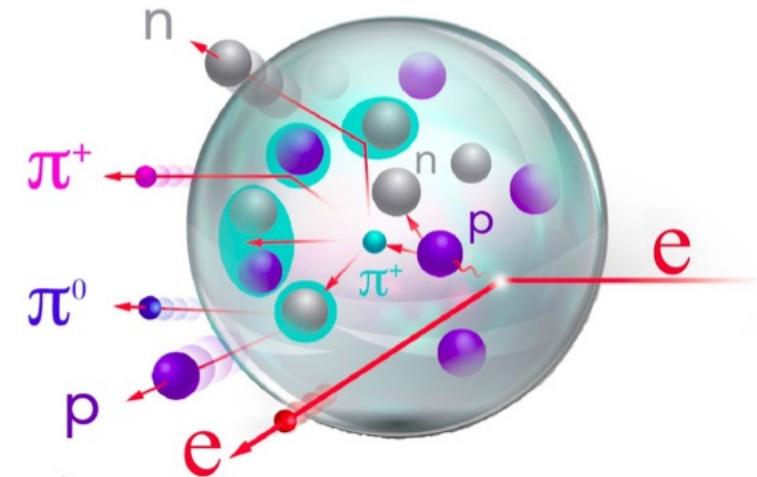


- **Unprecedented accuracy** in cross section models required by next generation neutrino oscillation experiments

# Electrons for neutrinos

- 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]
    - $j_\mu^{em} = \bar{u} \gamma^\mu u$
- Almost identical nuclear physics
- **Monochromatic** beam
- High statistics

High quality constrains for  $\nu/e^-$ -event generators



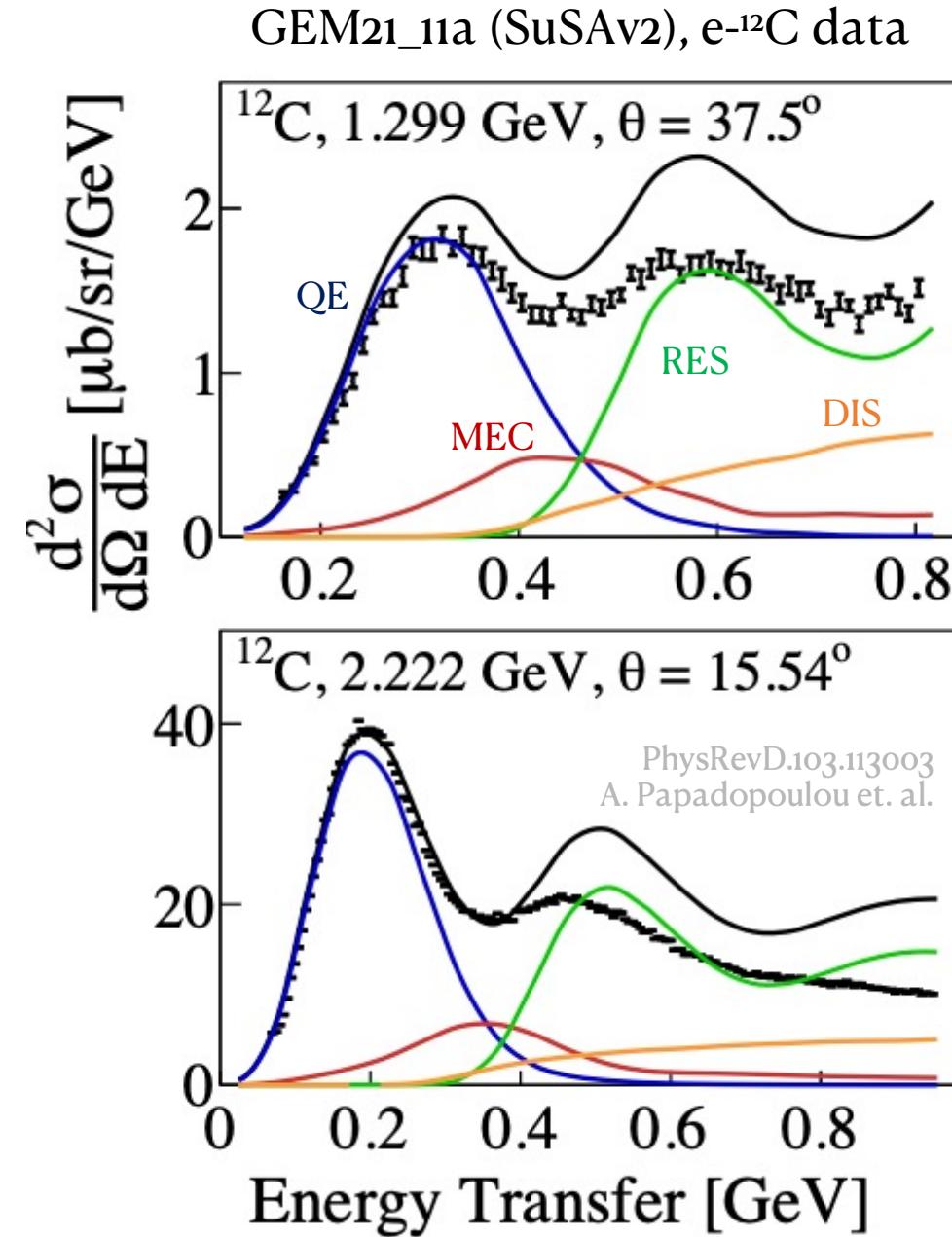
# GENIE

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

- $\nu$ -A,  $l^\pm$ -A and  $h$ -A event generator
  - MeV to PeV, all targets
- **Full description for electrons**
  - Common code for  $\nu$ -A,  $e^-$ -A processes
  - Many models available

Nuclear model  
Final State  
Interactions (FSI)  
Quasielastic (QEL)  
2p2h (MEC)  
Resonance (RES)  
Deep Inelastic (DIS)

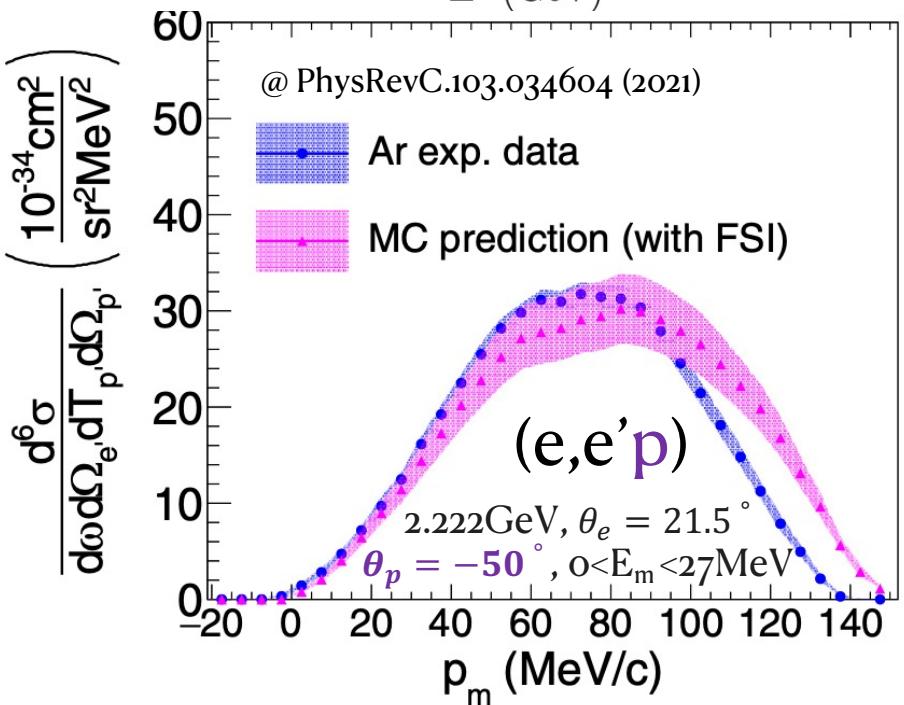
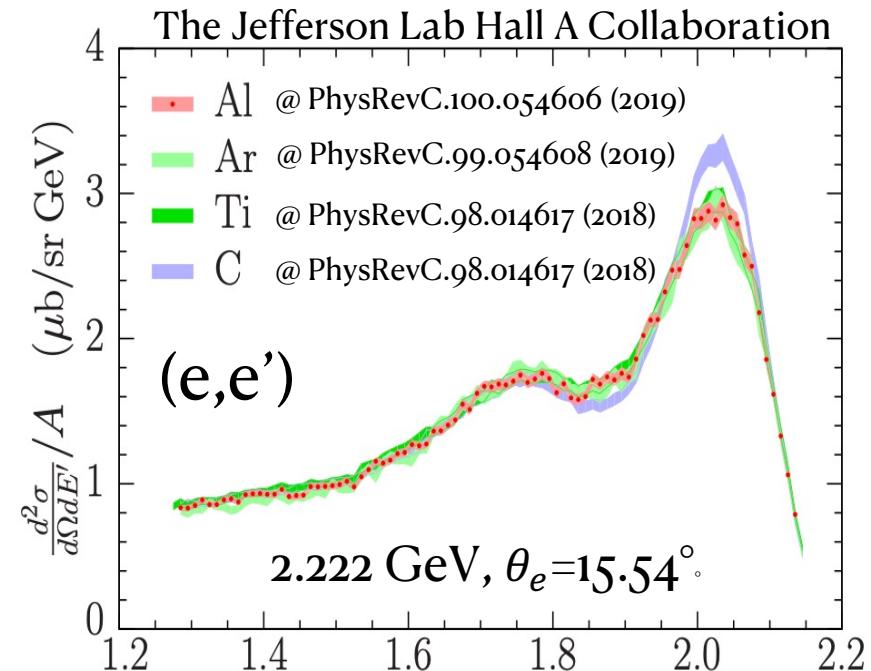
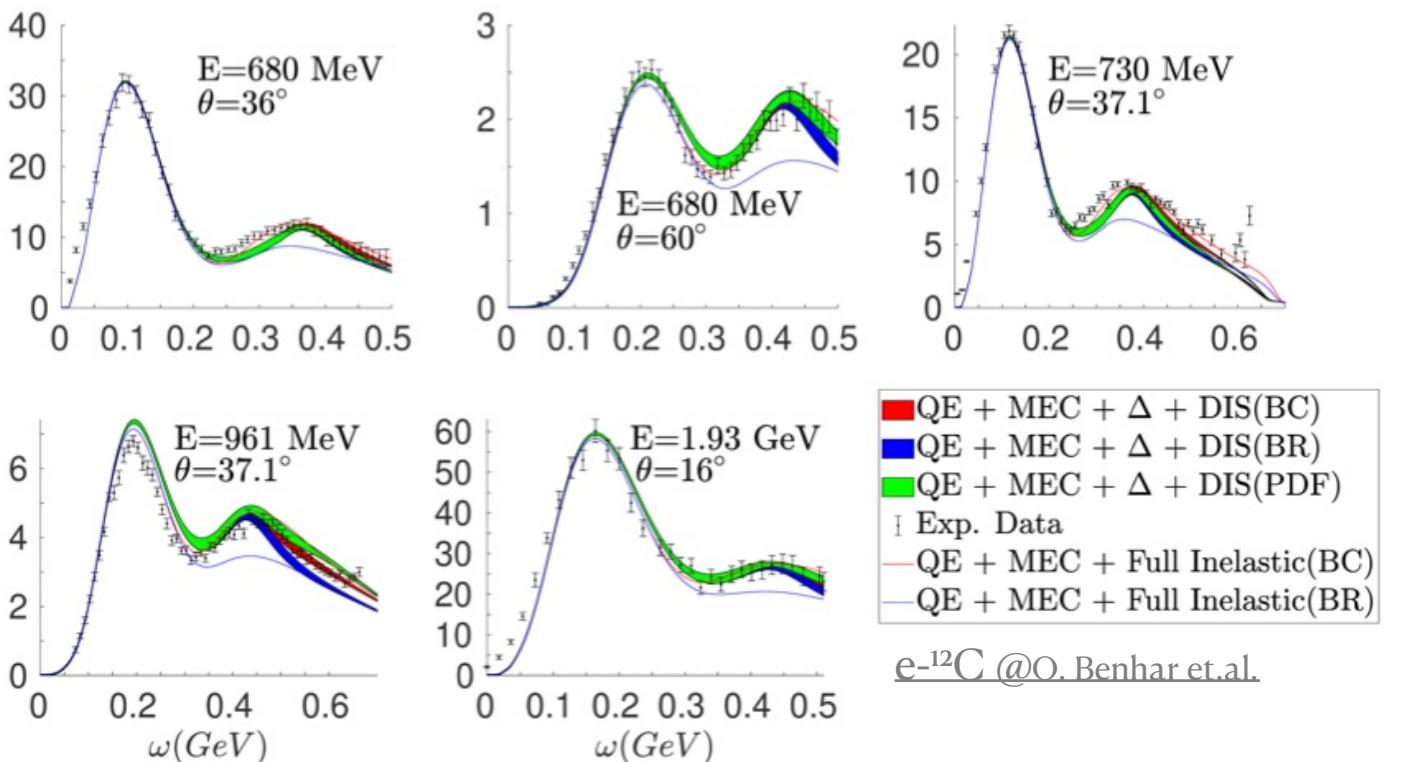
LFG/RFG/CFG/SF  
hA/hN/INCL++/G4  
(\*) Identical for  $\nu$ -codes  
Rosenbluth/SuSAv2  
Empirical/SuSAv2  
Berger-Sehgal  
Bodek-Yang



# Inclusive measurements

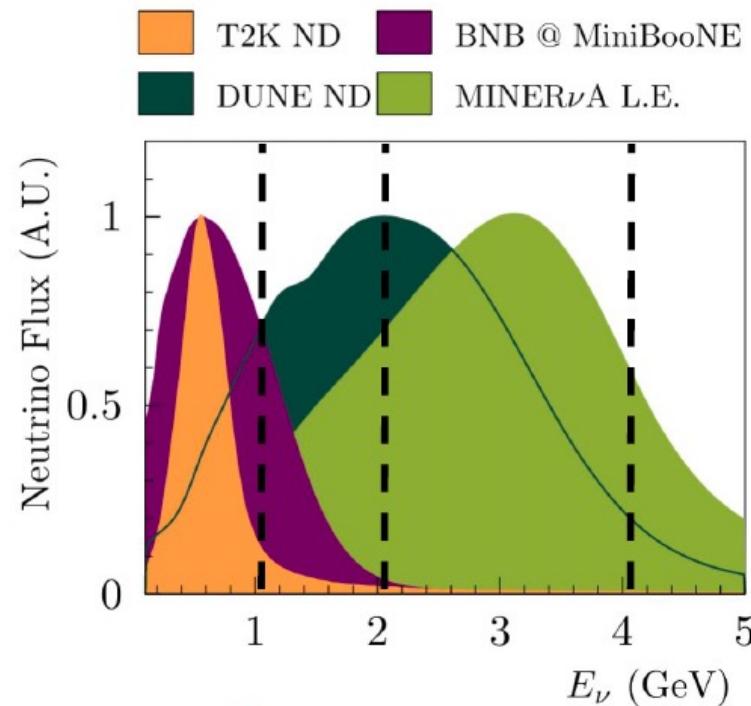
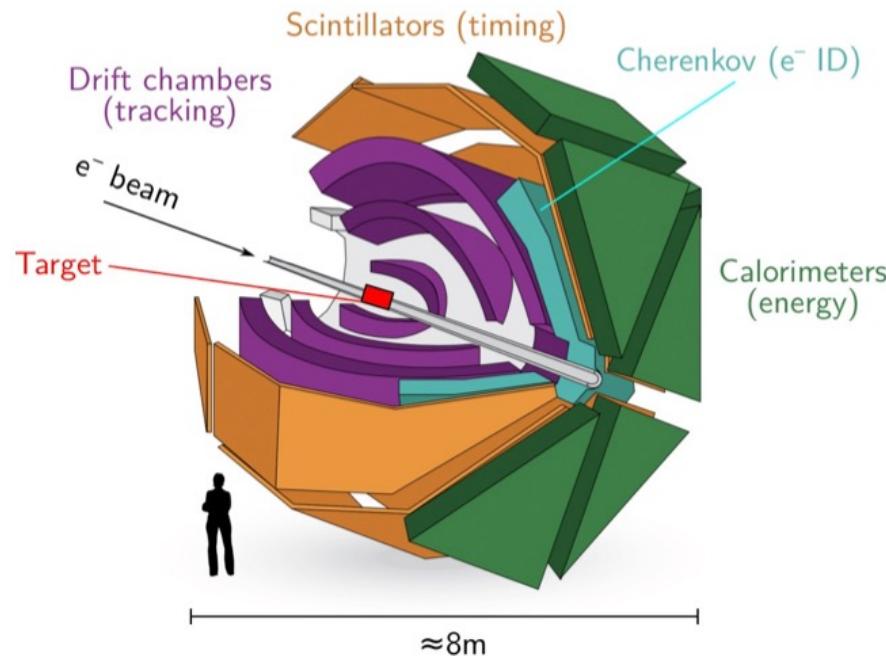
- Most electron-scattering measurements are inclusive
- Exclusive measurements are limited to specific kinematics
- **Lacking exclusive hadron production measurements**

SuSAv2 model extension to inelastic regime



# Hadron production with CLAS6

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

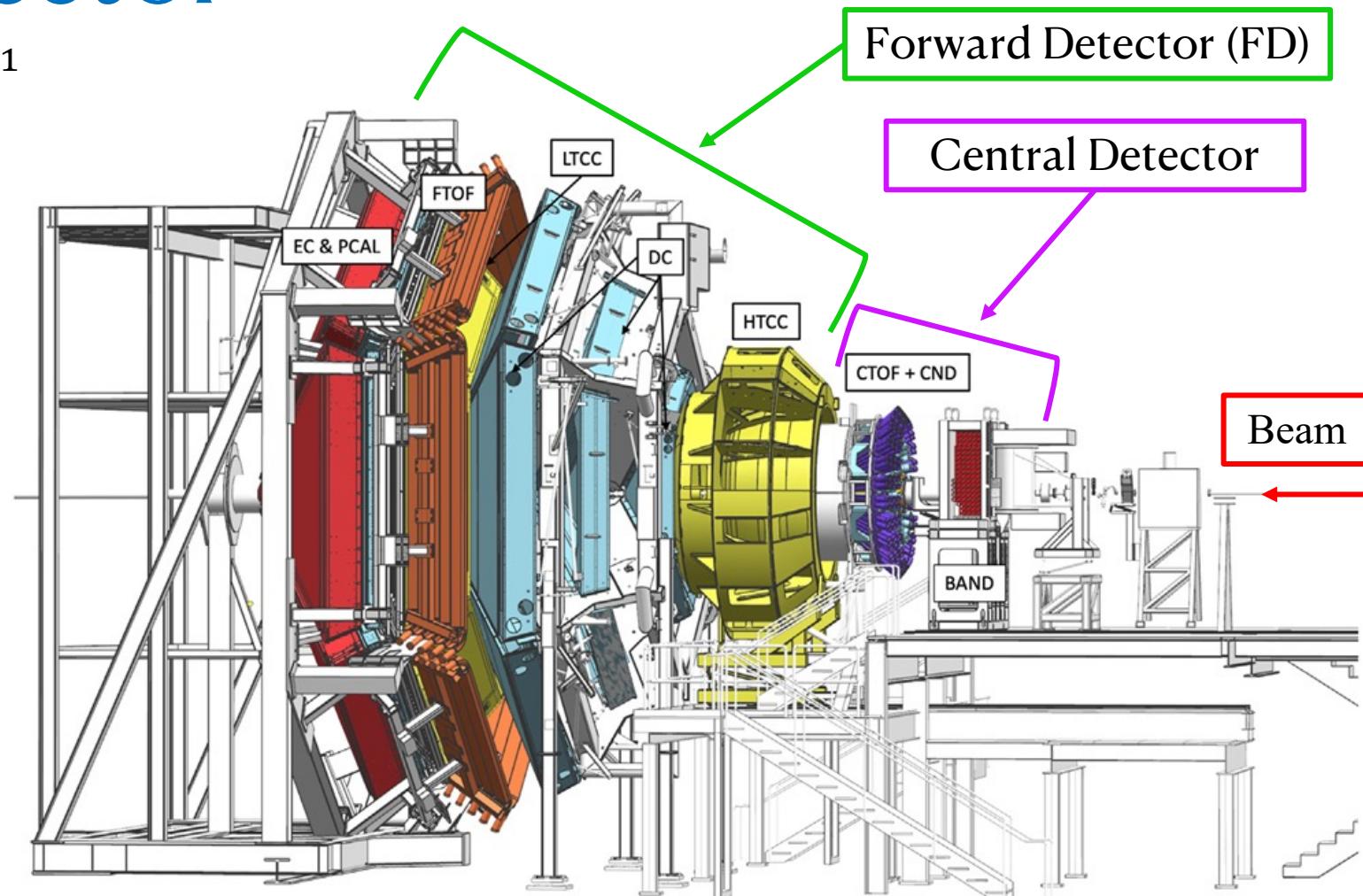


# The CLAS12 detector

- **Maximal luminosity:**  $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ 
  - 10 times larger than CLAS6
- **Large acceptance ( $\sim 4\pi$ )**
  - Improved acceptance @  $\theta_e > 5^\circ$
- **Detection thresholds:**
  - 400 MeV/c for  $p$  and  $n$
  - 200 MeV/c for  $\pi^\pm$
  - 300 MeV/c for  $\gamma$
  - **Can detect neutrons**
- Open trigger
- Magnetic field

## Acquired data:

- **Energies:** 2, 4, 6 GeV
- **Targets:** H, D,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  and more
- $\sim 10^8 (\text{e},\text{e}') \text{ } ^{40}\text{Ar}$  events
  - See backup slides by J.Barow



<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2020.163419>

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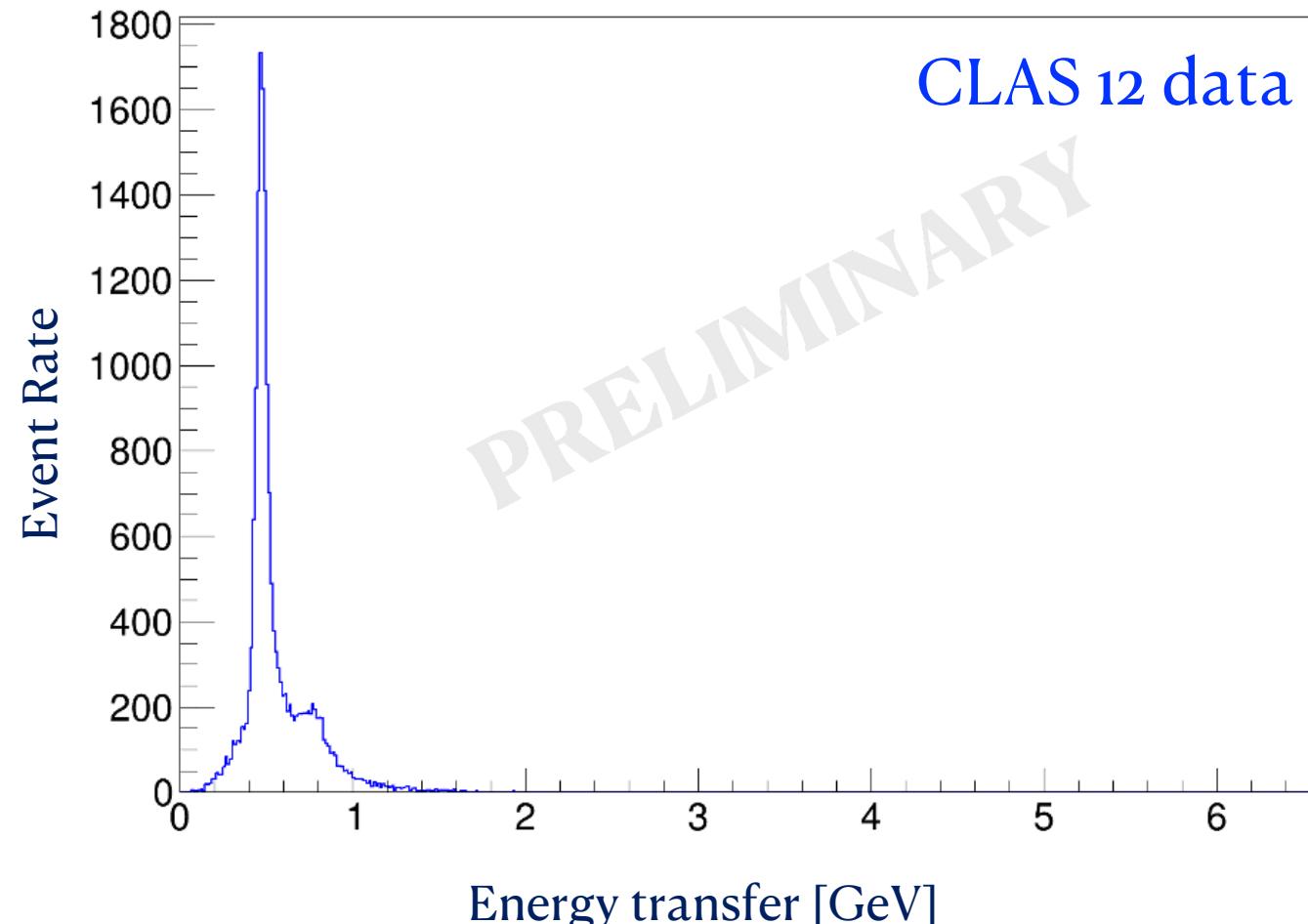
# Inclusive $(e, e')$ at multiple angles and targets



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${}^2\text{H}$  at 6GeV

$\theta_e \in [10.5, 39.5]^\circ$  with  $1^\circ$  steps

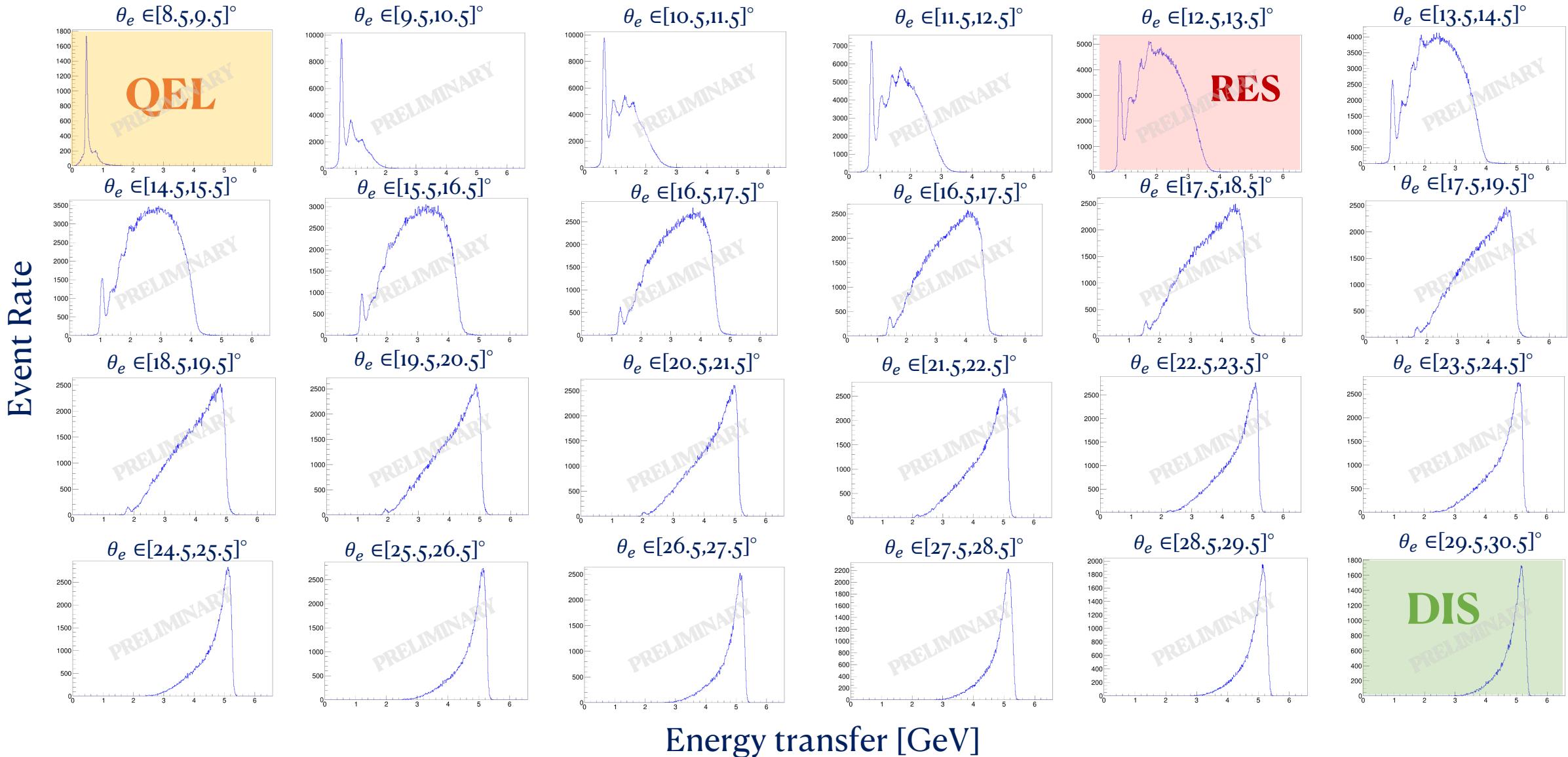




# Inclusive $(e, e')$ at multiple angles and targets

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Can choose kinematics to focus on specific reaction mechanisms

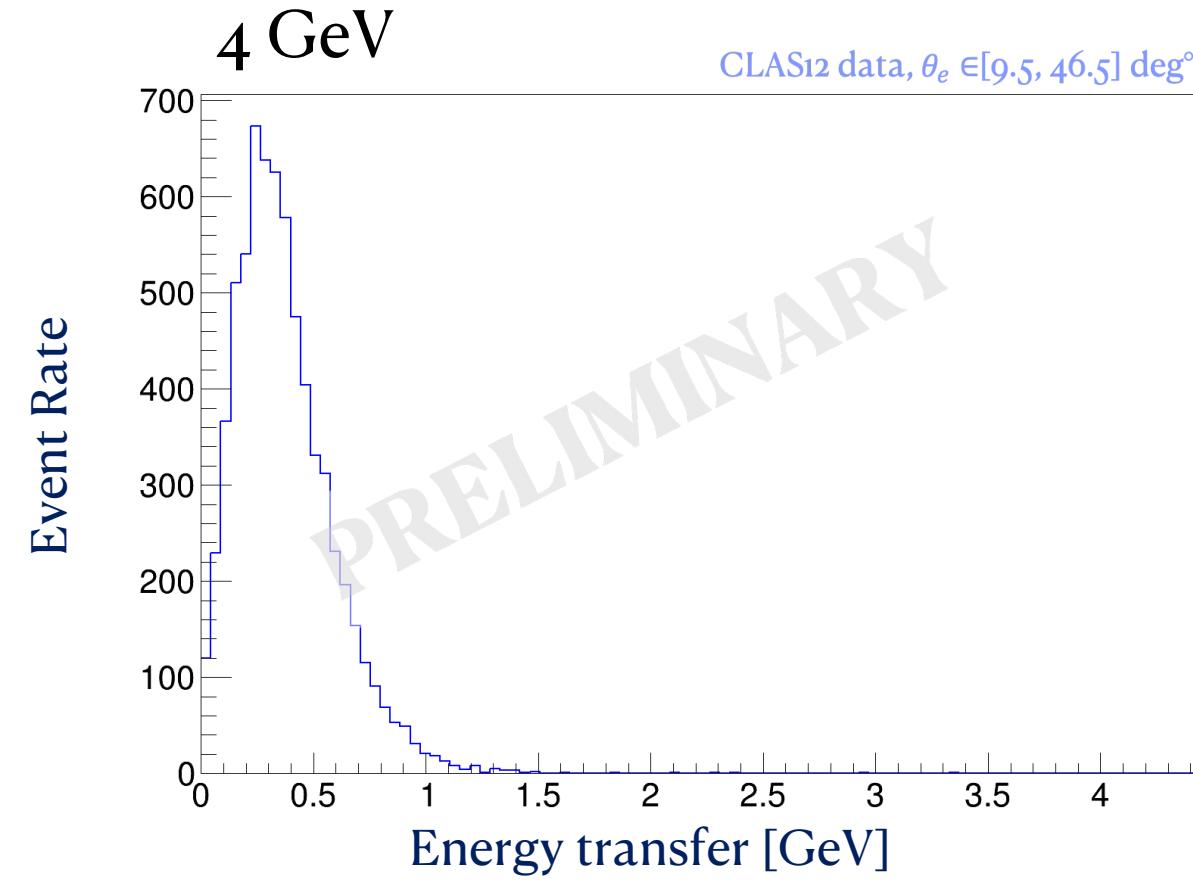
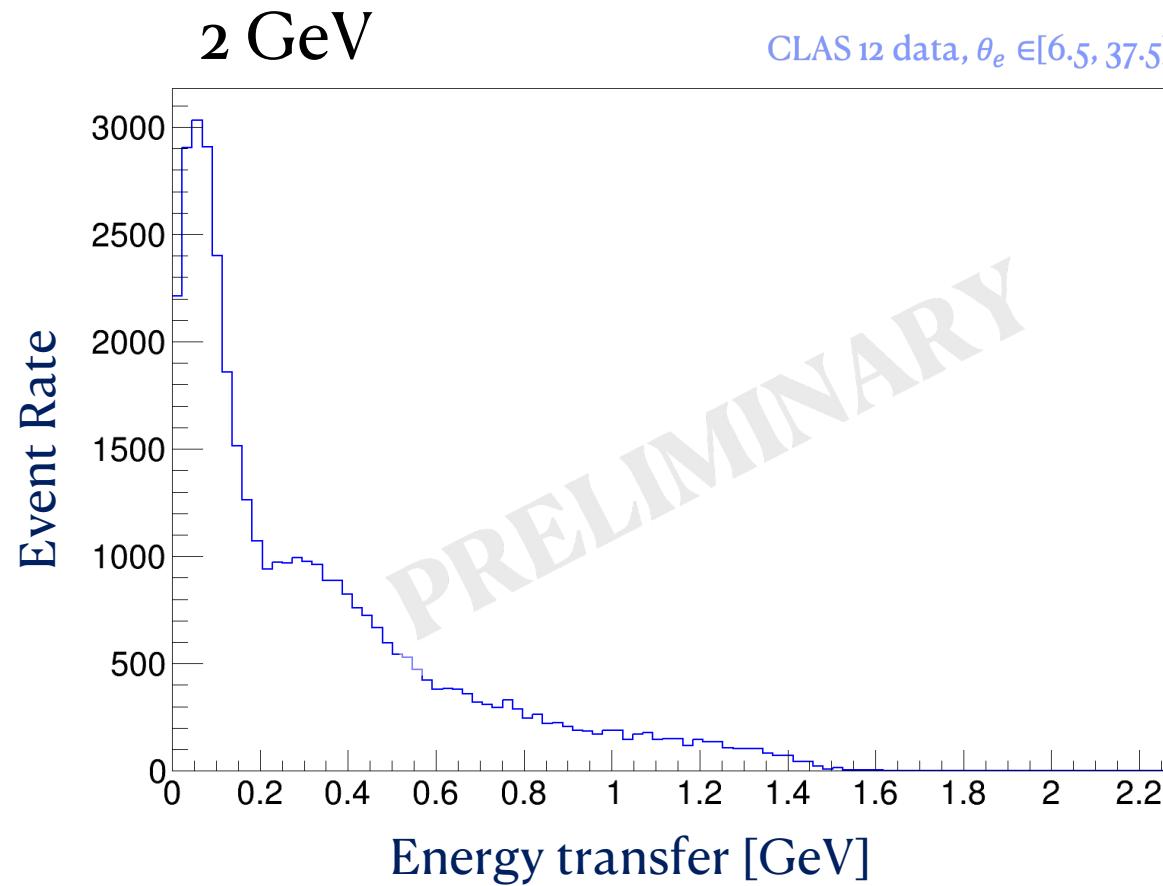


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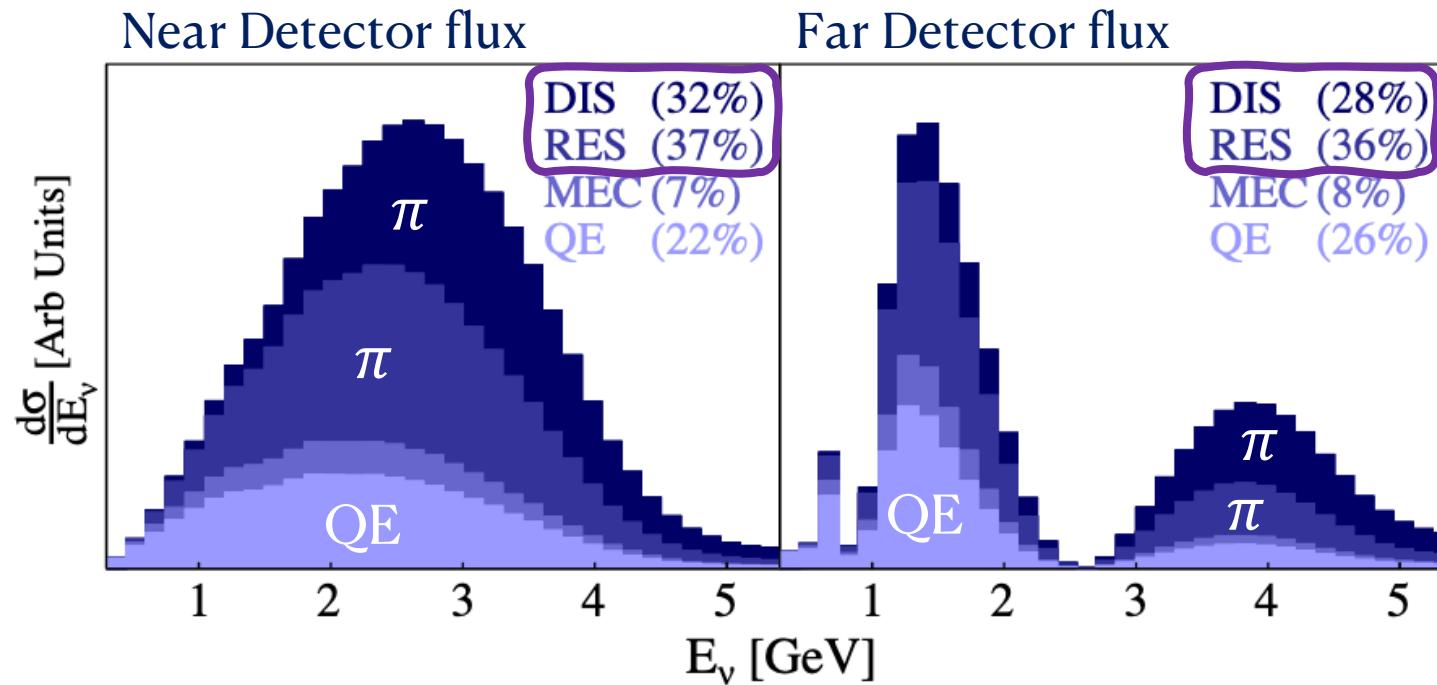
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$^{40}\text{Ar}$



# Pion production dominated era

DUNE will be dominated by pion production events



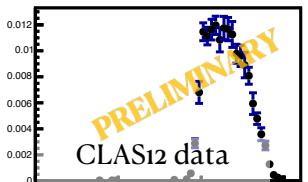
New precise data crucial to validate and improve models



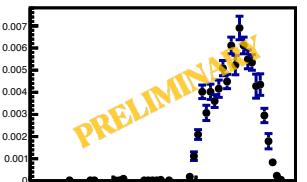
# $^2\text{H}(\text{e}, \text{e}'\pi^-)$ at 4 GeV

Uncorrected cross-section [mb/GeV]

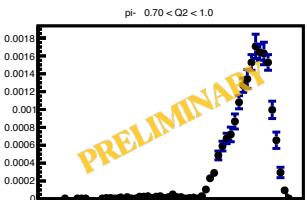
$\theta_{\pi q} < 6^\circ$



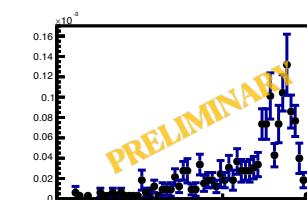
$6 \leq \theta_{\pi q} < 10^\circ$



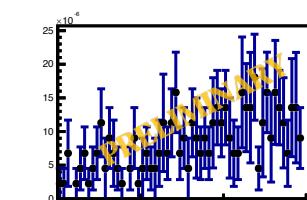
$10 \leq \theta_{\pi q} < 20^\circ$



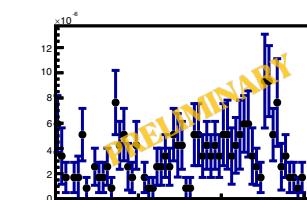
$20 \leq \theta_{\pi q} < 30^\circ$



$30 \leq \theta_{\pi q} < 40^\circ$



$40 \leq \theta_{\pi q} < 50^\circ$



$2 \leq P_\pi < 3.3 \text{ GeV}$

$1.5 \leq P_\pi < 2 \text{ GeV}$

$0.9 \leq P_\pi < 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

$0.6 \leq P_\pi < 0.9 \text{ GeV}$

$0.3 \leq P_\pi < 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

$0.7 < Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

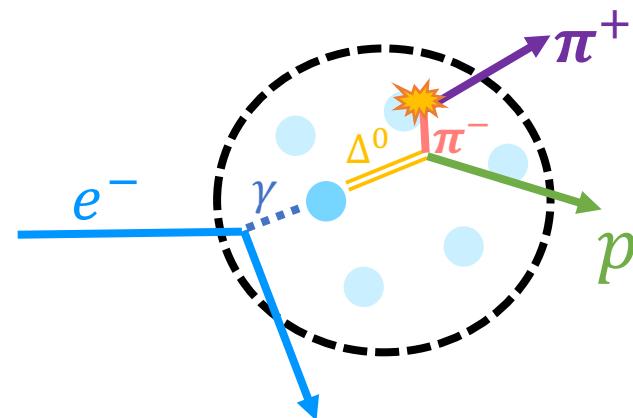
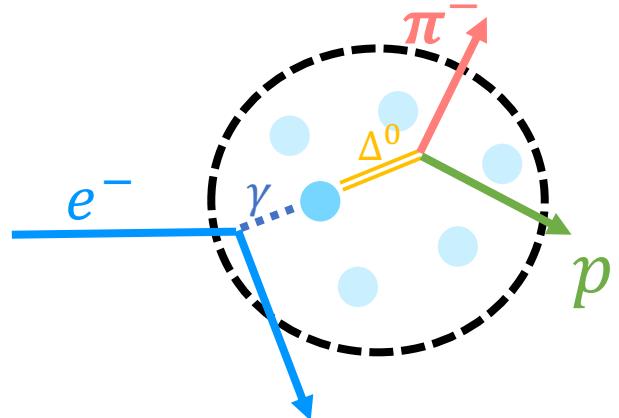
More  $Q^2$  slices available  
 ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$  measurement to come

W [GeV]

by Caleb Fogler

# Exclusive pion production

- First e4nu electron-scattering pion production analysis:  
 **$1p1\pi^-$**  and  **$1p1\pi^+$**   
with no detected  $\gamma$  any number of neutrons
- **1.1, 2.2 and 4.4 GeV** e2a CLAS6 data
- **$^{12}\text{C}$**  ( $^4\text{He}$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  to come)
- **$1p1\pi^-$** : possible at the free nucleon level
- **$1p1\pi^+$** : needs two or more nucleons → undetected particles (FSI!)



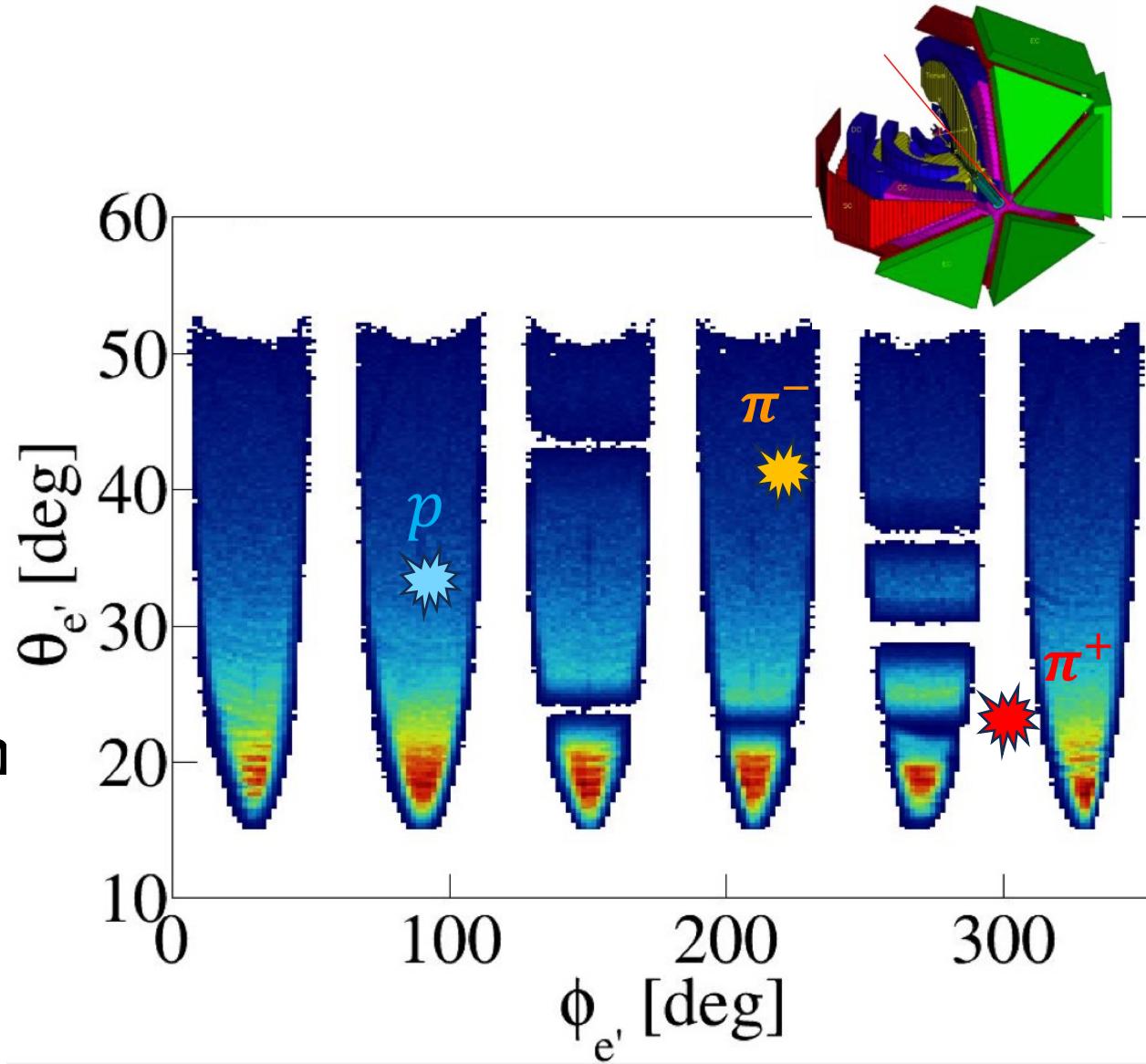
# 1p1 $\pi^\pm$ analysis: background contamination

- **Particles below threshold**

- $p_p$  and  $p_\gamma > 300 \text{ MeV}$
- $p_{\pi^\pm} > 150 \text{ MeV}$
- $\theta_p > 12 \text{ deg}$
- $\theta_\gamma > 8 \text{ deg}$
- $\theta_{\pi^\pm} > 12 \text{ deg}$
- Data not corrected for this
- Same cuts applied to simulation

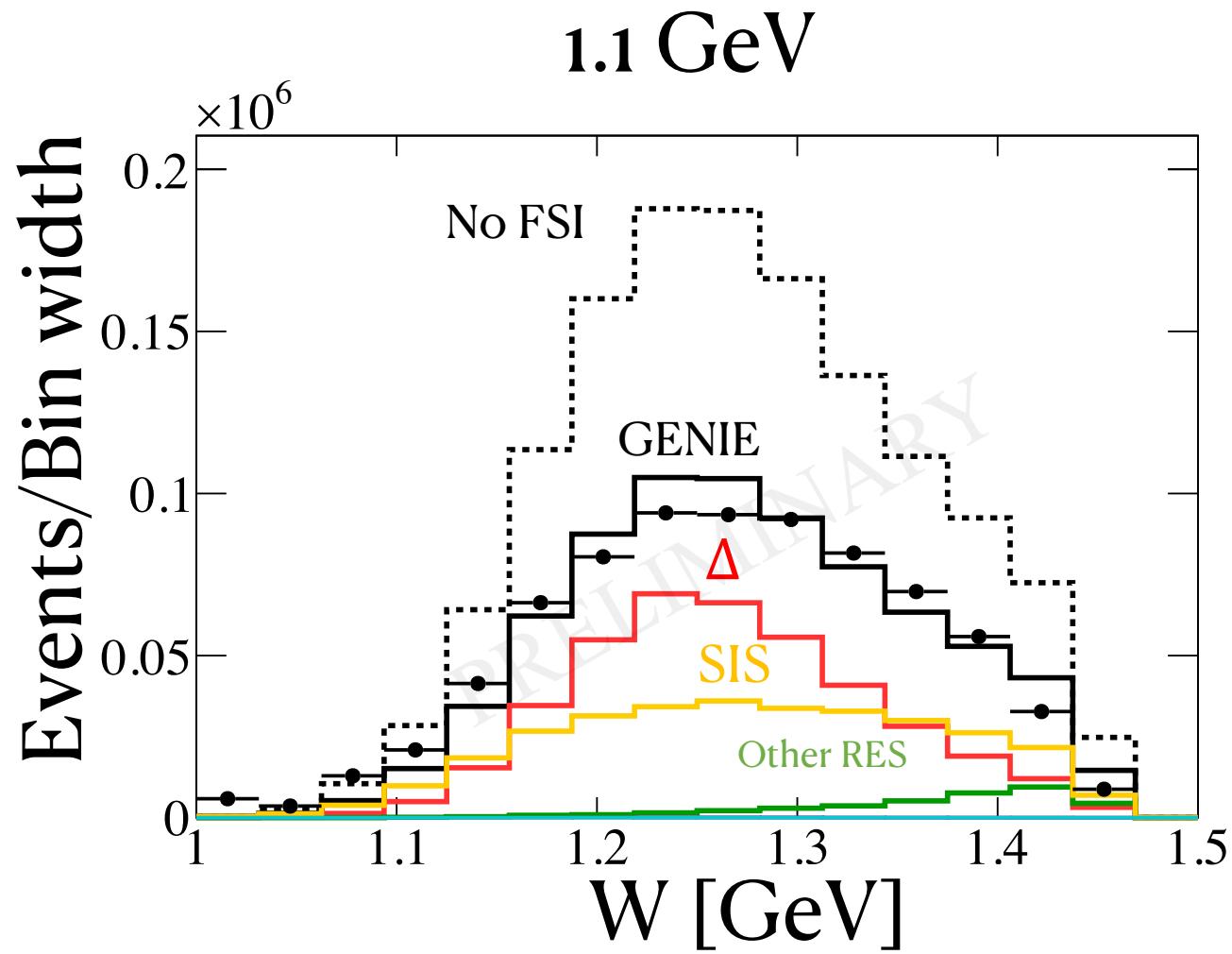
# $1p1\pi^\pm$ analysis: background contamination

- Not full “ $4\pi$ ” coverage
  - Gaps between the sectors
  - Gaps within a sector
  - “**Data driven**” **background subtraction**
    - Multi-particle correction



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

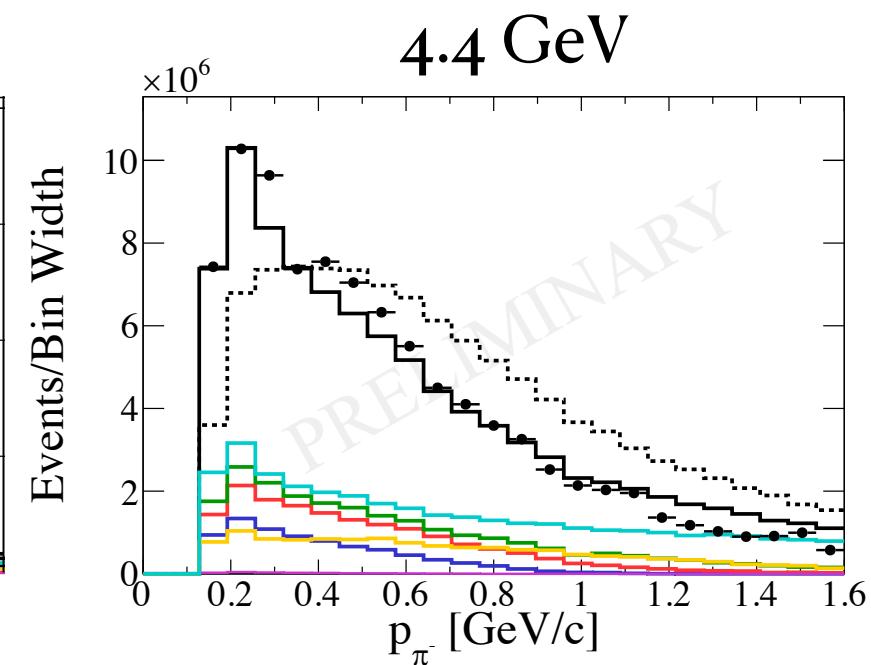
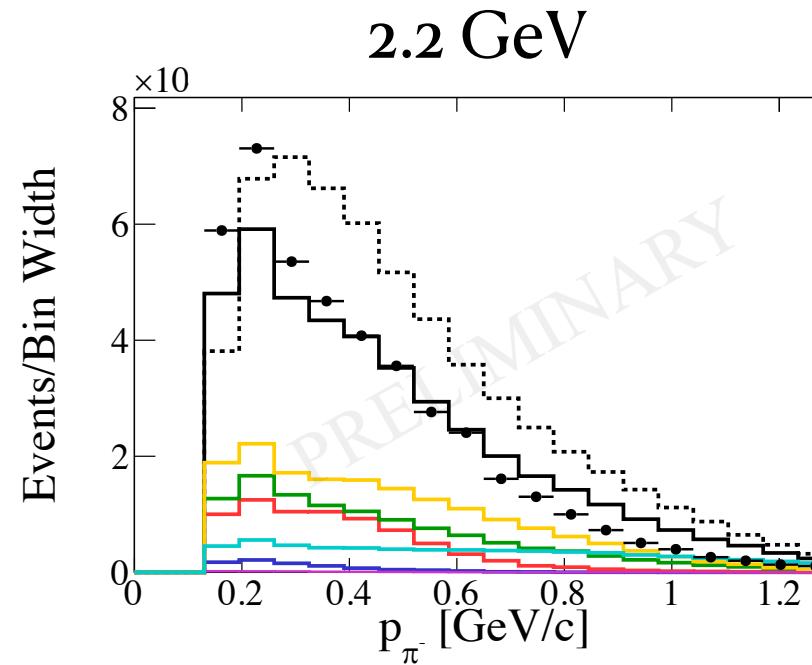
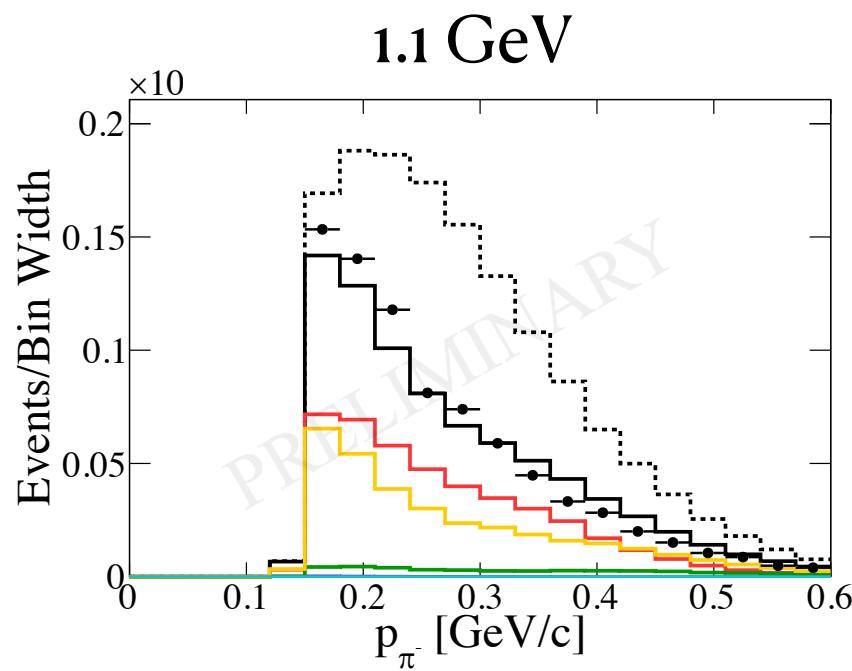
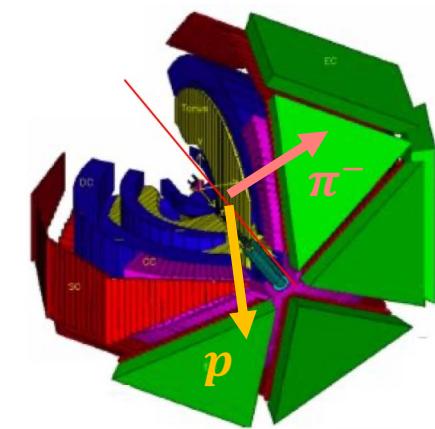
- Shape-only comparison
  - GENIE normalized to data
  - Using GEM21\_11a
  - QEL+2p2h: SuSAv2
  - RES: Berger-Sehgal
  - SIS+DIS: Bodek-Yang
  - FSI: hA
- Data corrected for bkg. events, e/p/ $\pi^\pm$  acceptance and detection eff.
  - Not radiative corrected yet
  - Only statistical errors



# $C(e,e'1p\pi^-)$ – Pion momentum

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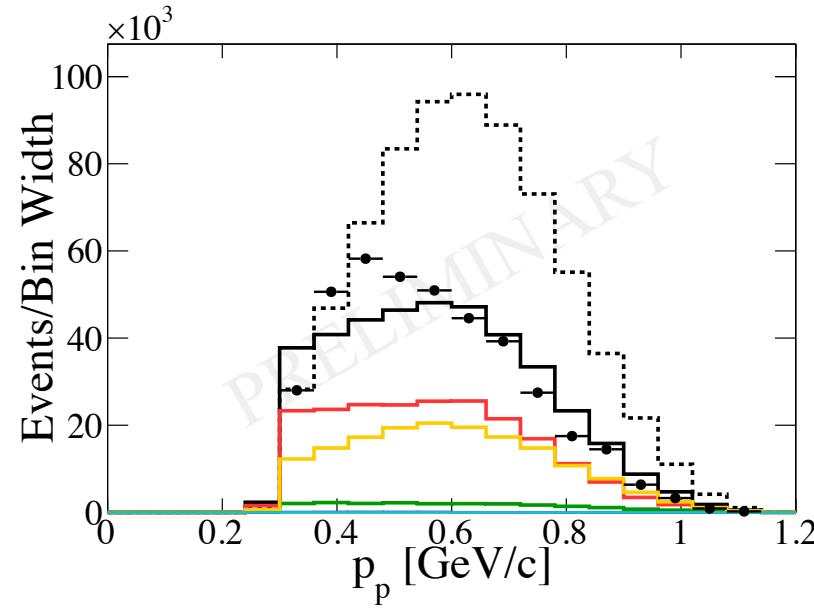
Shape well described by GENIE  
FSI needed

# $C(e,e'1p\pi^-)$ – Proton momentum

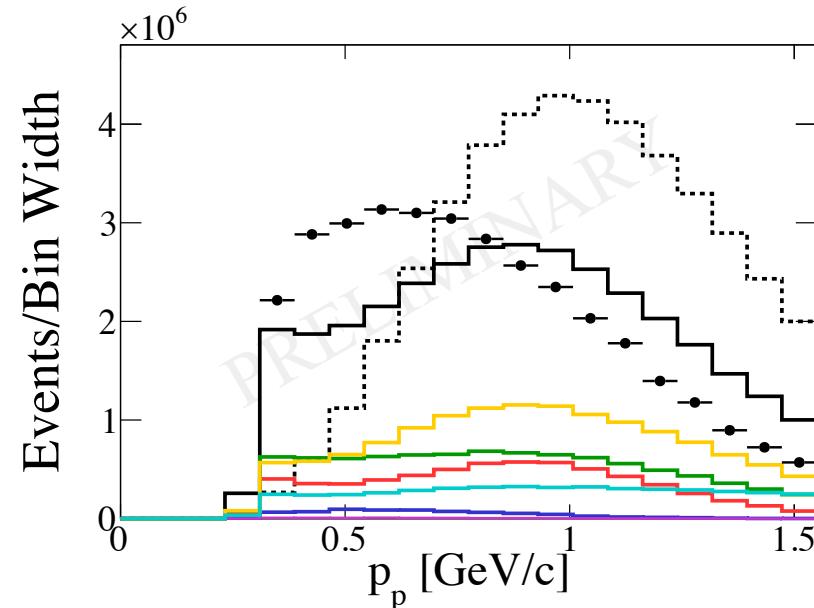
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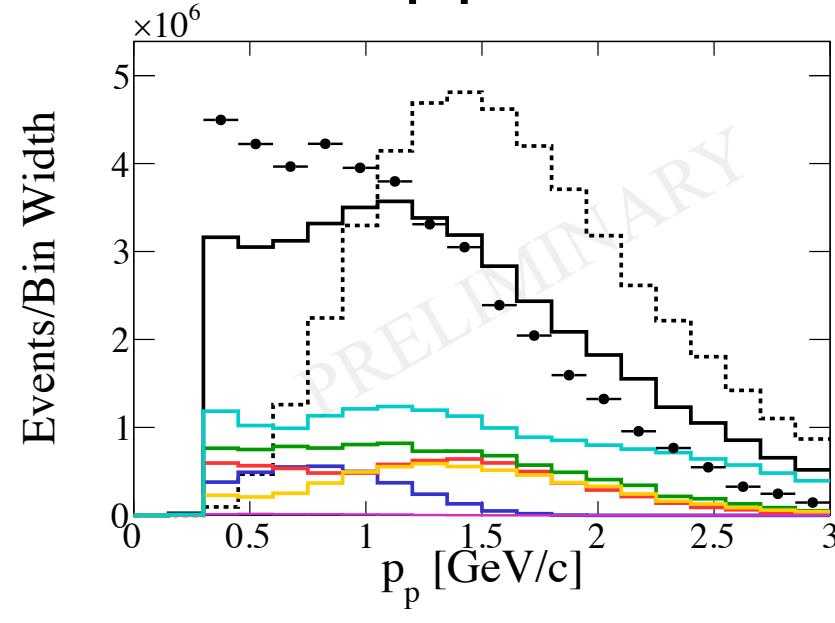
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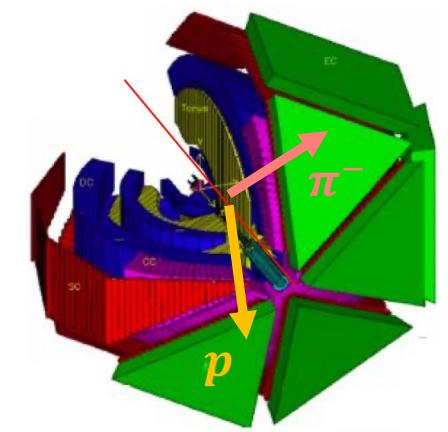
2.2 GeV



4.4 GeV



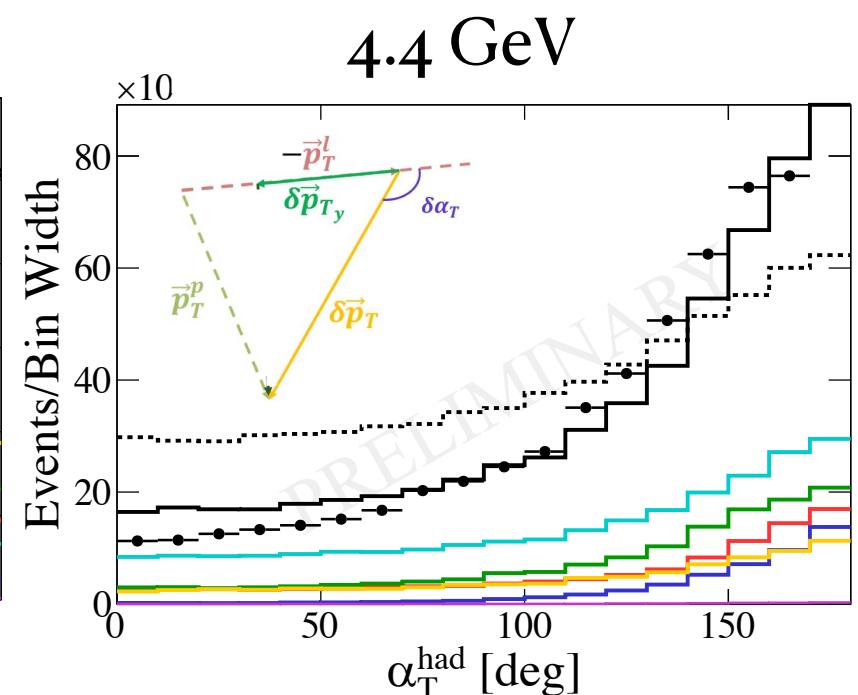
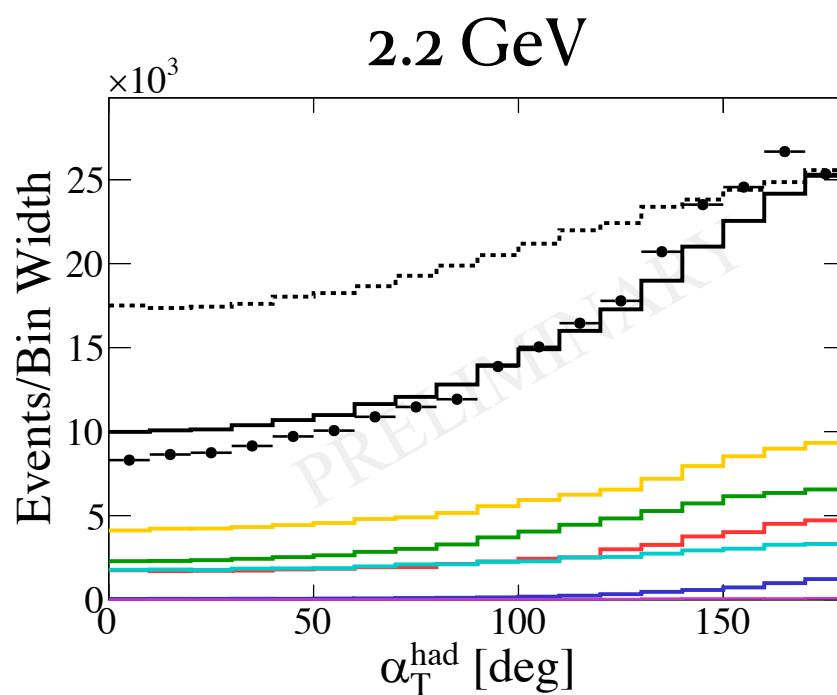
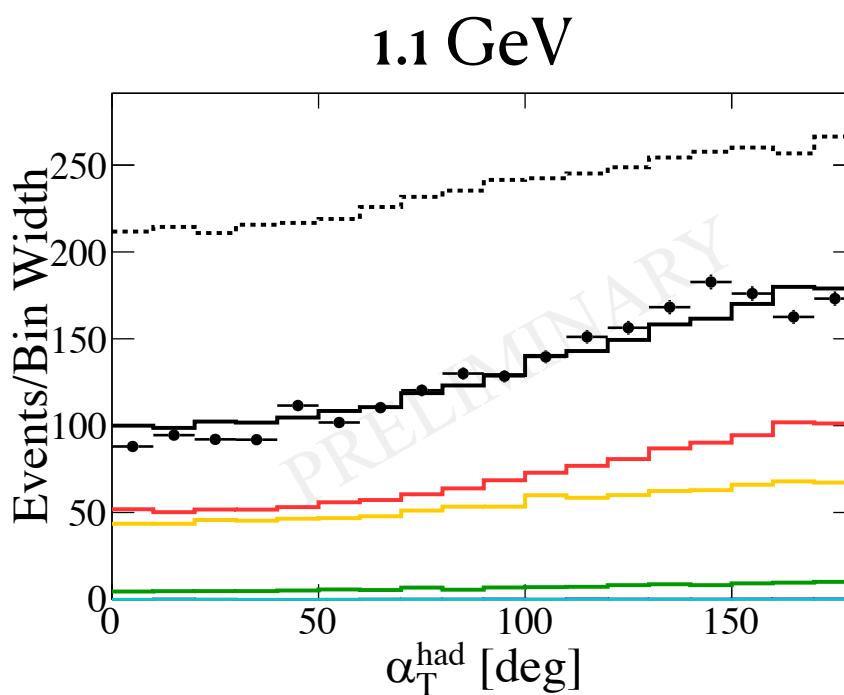
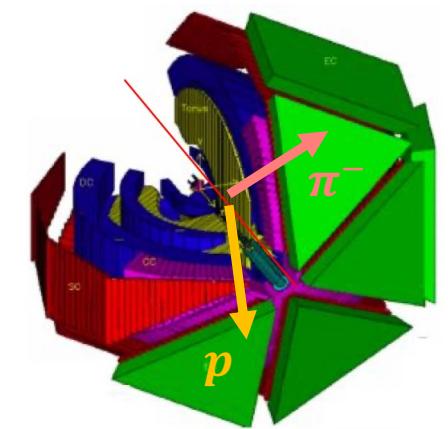
Low momentum protons are not described by MC  
Sensitive to FSI



# $C(e,e'1p\pi^-)$ – Transverse boosting angle

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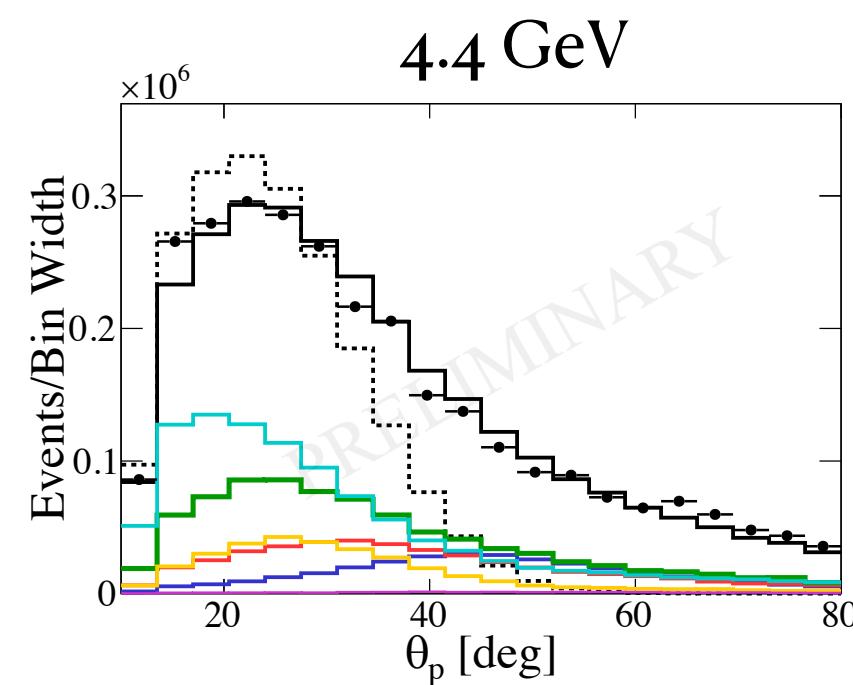
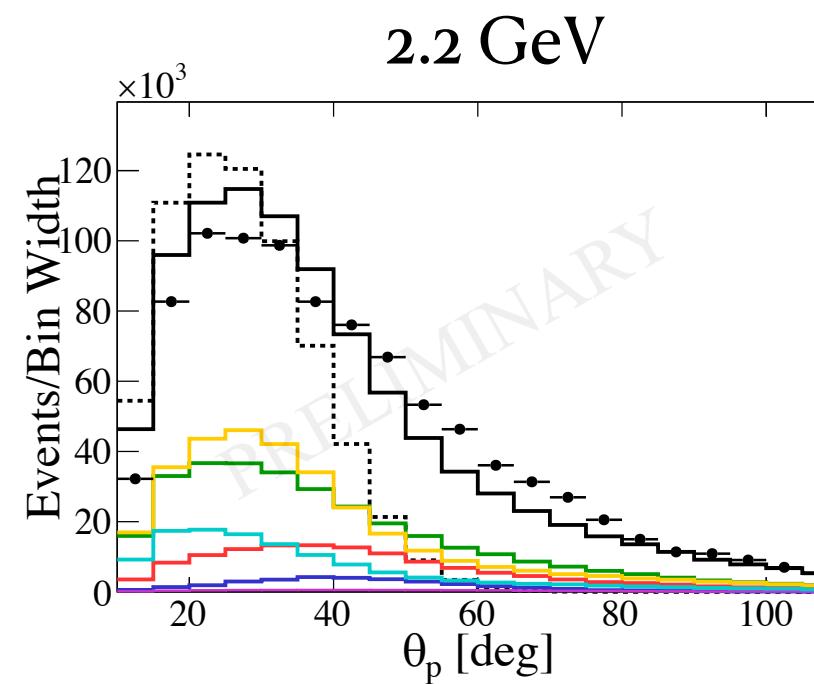
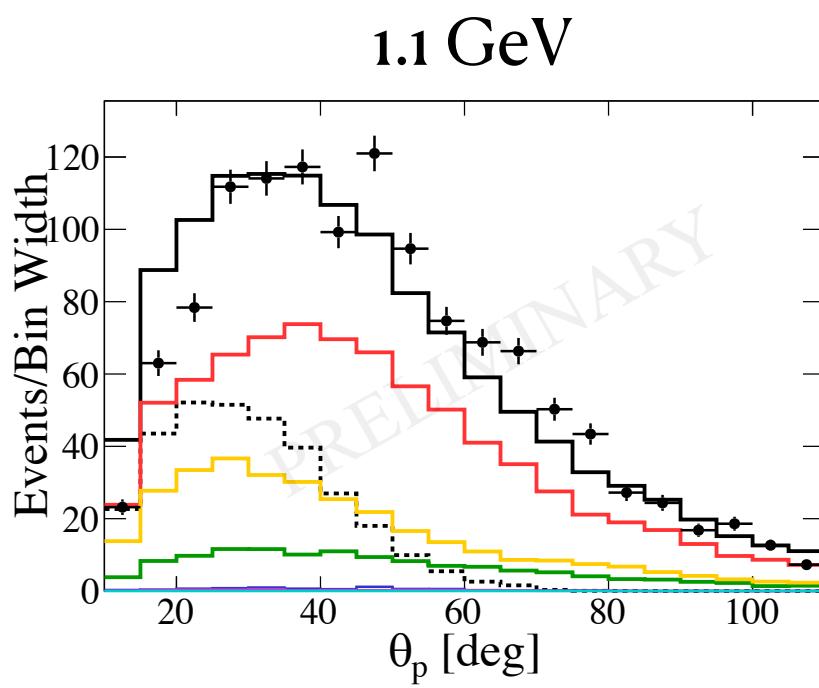
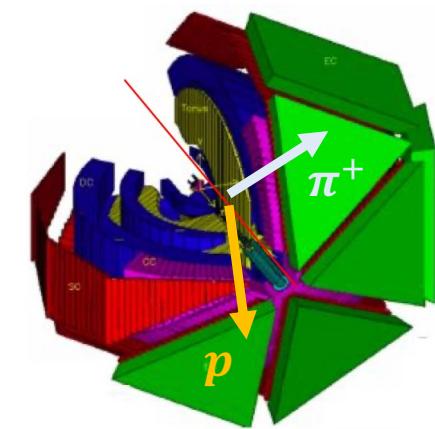


$\delta\alpha_T$  is sensitive to mostly FSI  
 Excellent shape description

# $C(e, e' p \pi^+)$ – Proton angle

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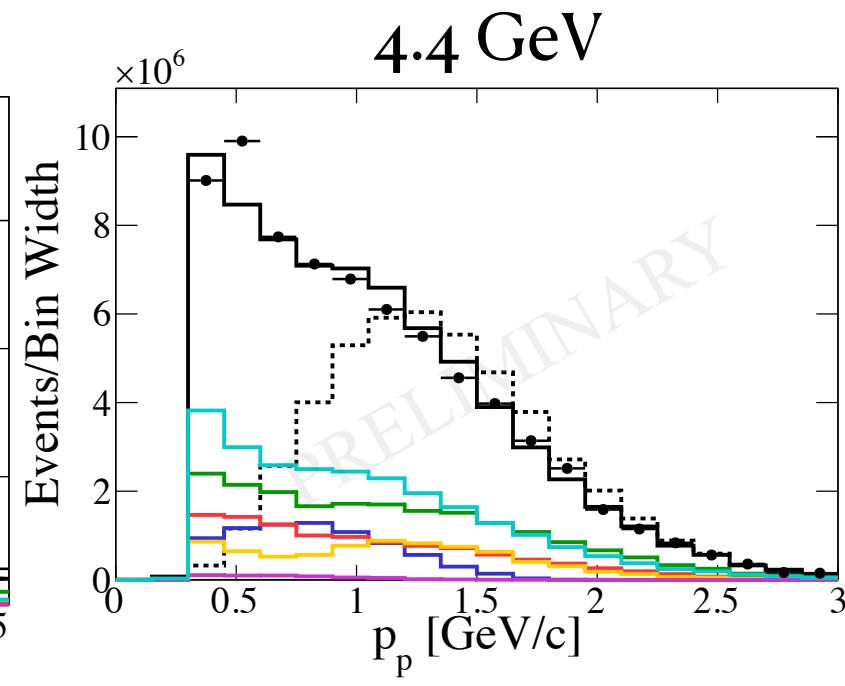
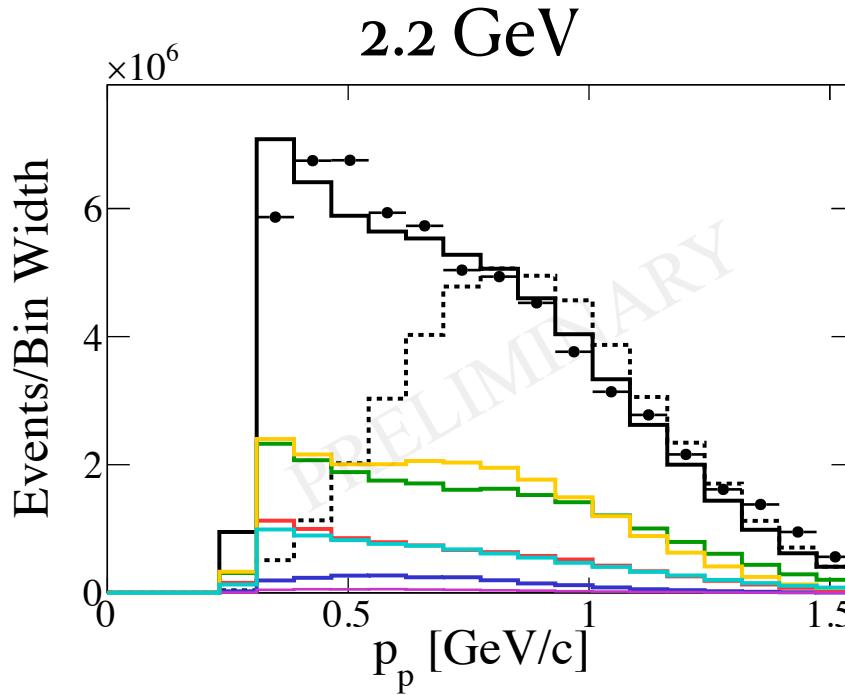
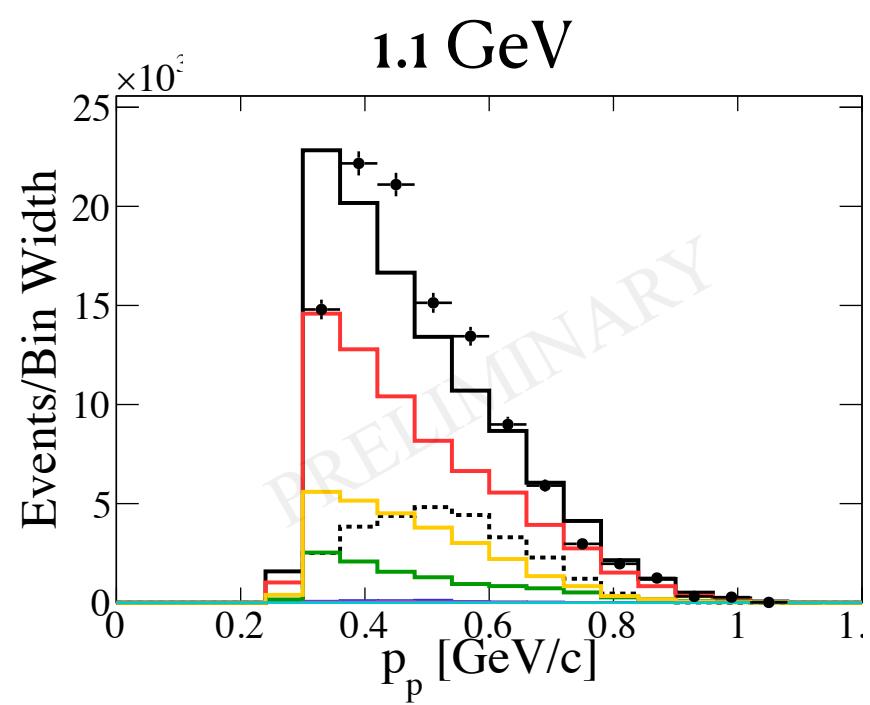
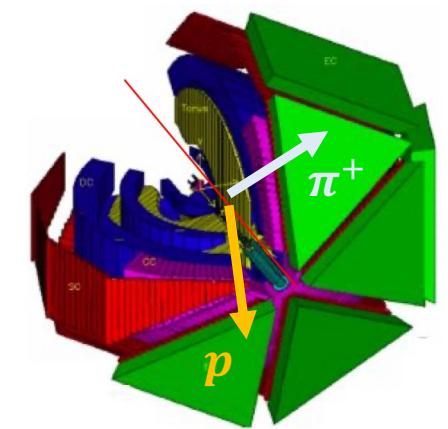


FSI crucial to describe data  
 Most events due to FSI

# $C(e,e'1p\pi^+)$ - proton momentum

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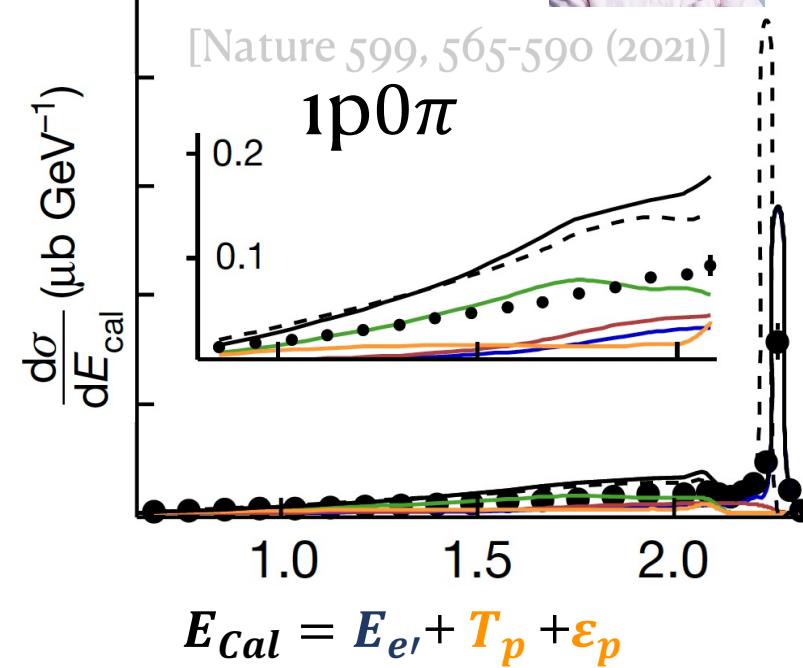


Good shape description

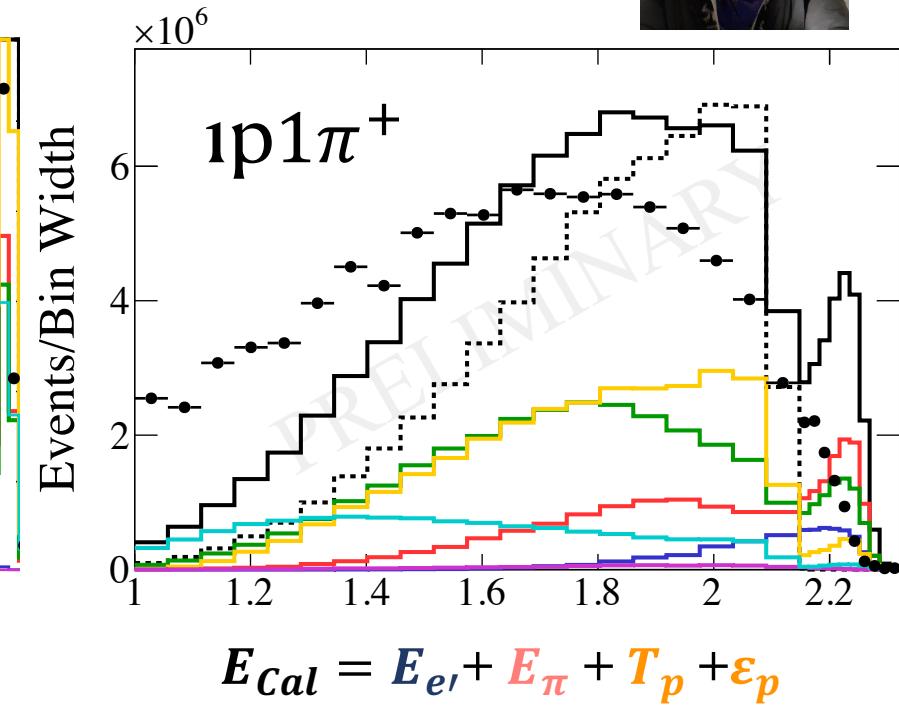
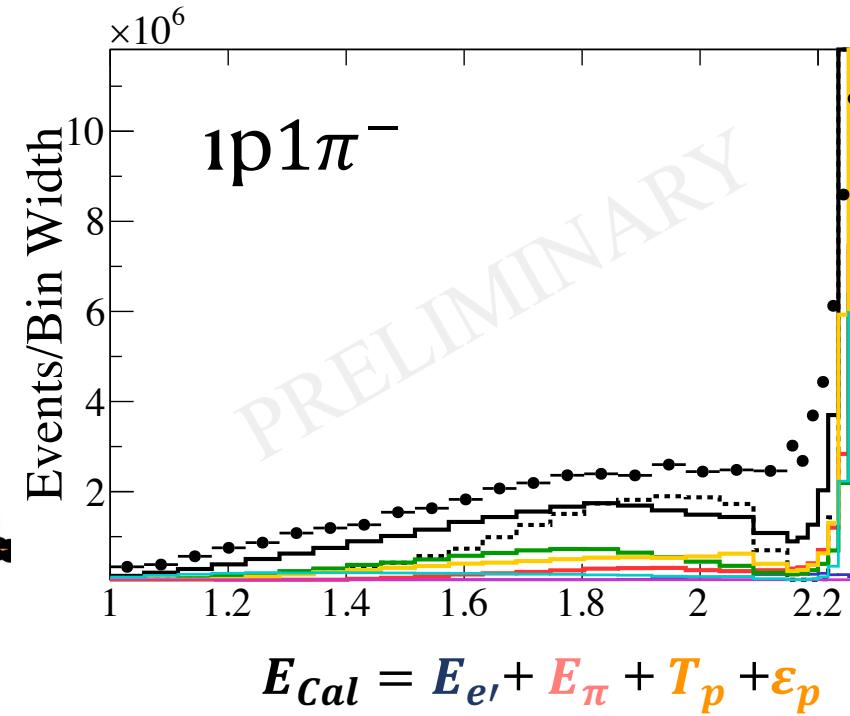
# Beam energy reconstruction



[Nature 599, 565-590 (2021)]



2.2 GeV on Carbon



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

# Proton transparency

- New proton **transparency measurement** on  ${}^4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$ 
  - Probability that a struck proton leaves the nucleus without significant re-scattering
  - Study proton FSI similarly to neutrino scattering
- All previous transparency analysis measure  $(e,e'p)_{\text{exp}}/(e,e'p)_{\text{PWIA}}$
- **Define a more data driven transparency analysis informed by theory**

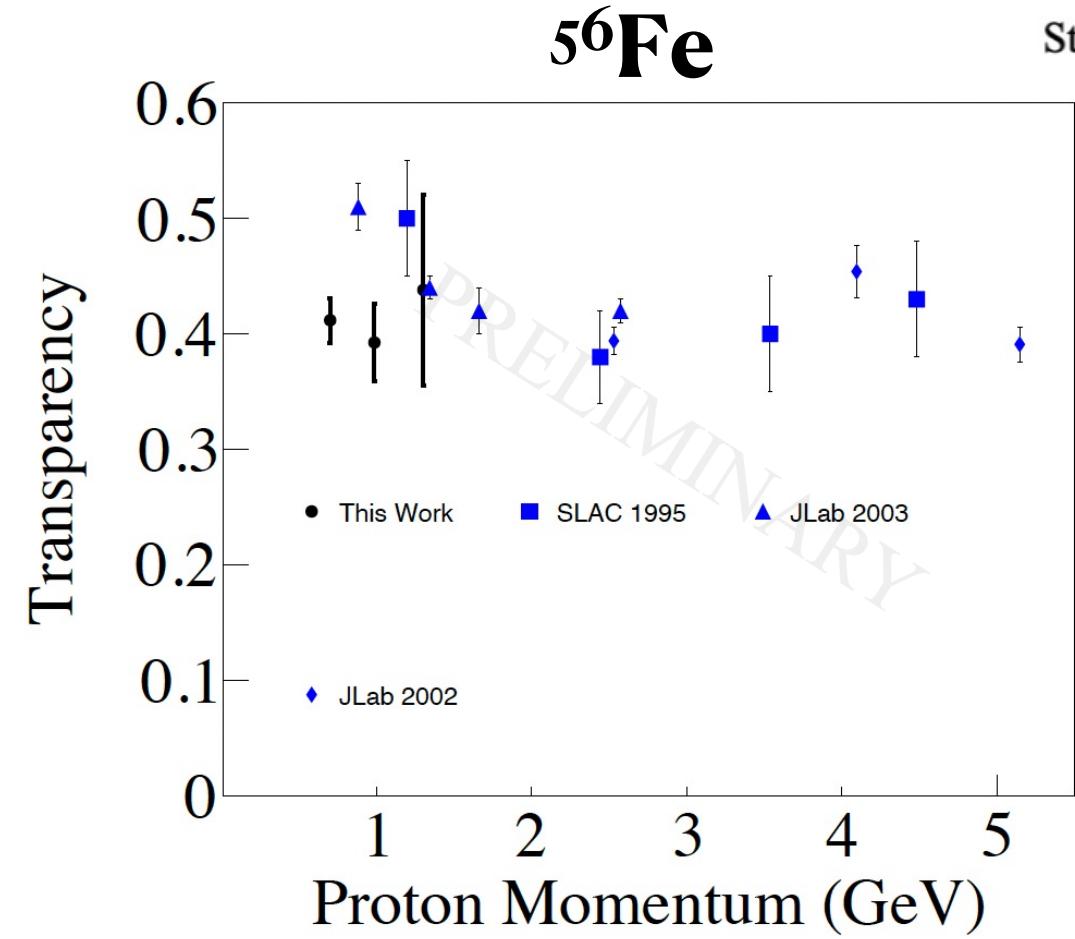
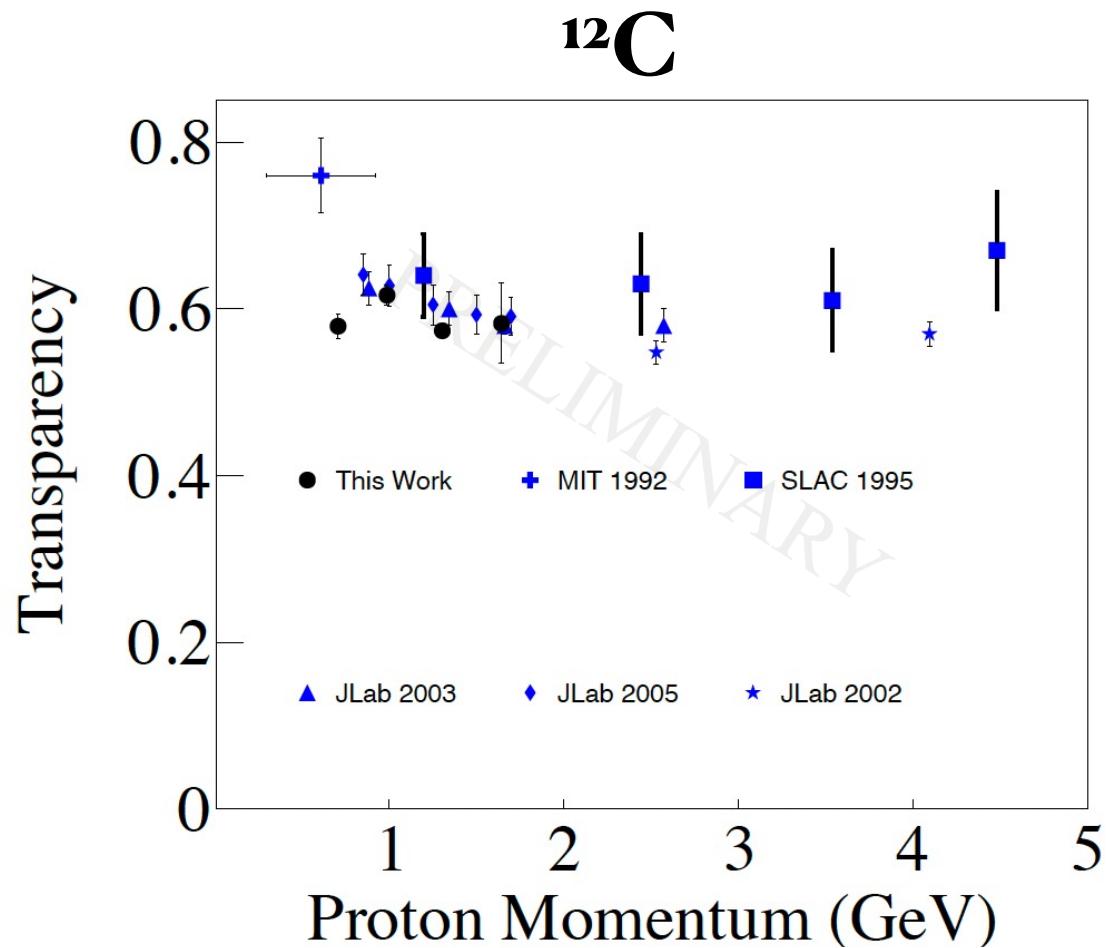
$$T_A = \frac{N(e,e'p)\text{on}\pi}{N(e,e')}_{QE}$$

- **$N(e,e'p)\text{on}\pi$ :** selected  $1p0\pi$  events from CLAS6
  - Background subtracted, radiative, acceptance and efficiency corrections
- **$N(e,e')_{QE}$ :** inclusive QEL event rate
  - Use GENIE to determine QE dominated regions

# Proton transparency

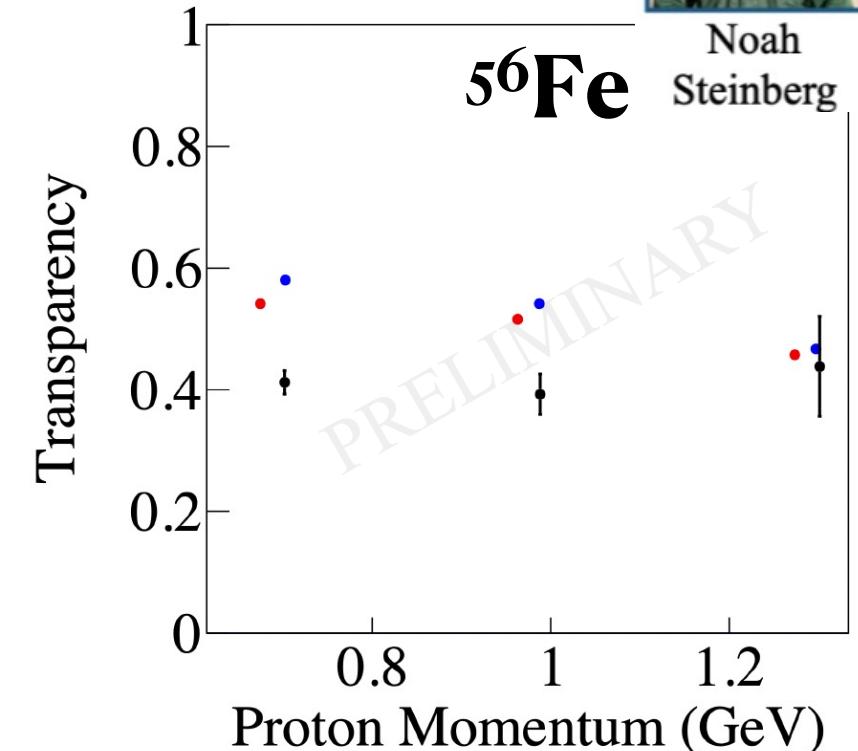
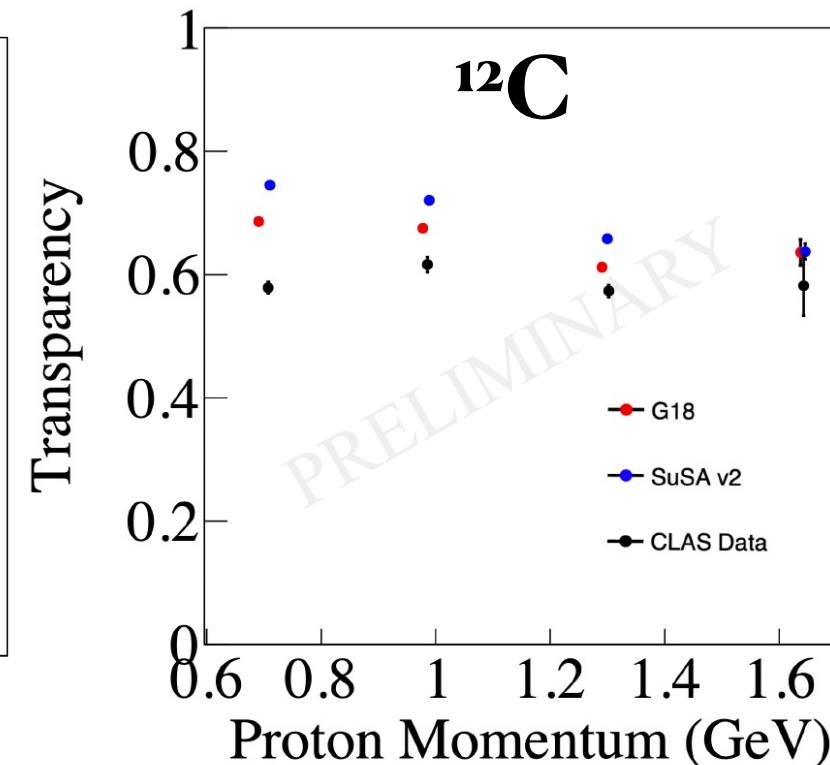
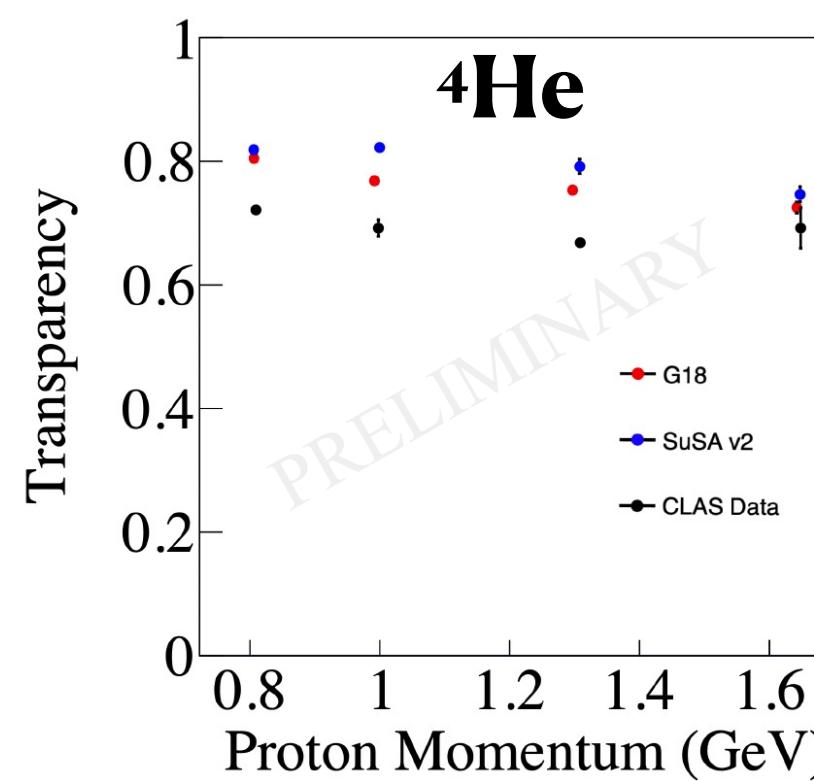


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Compatible with previous data

# Proton transparency



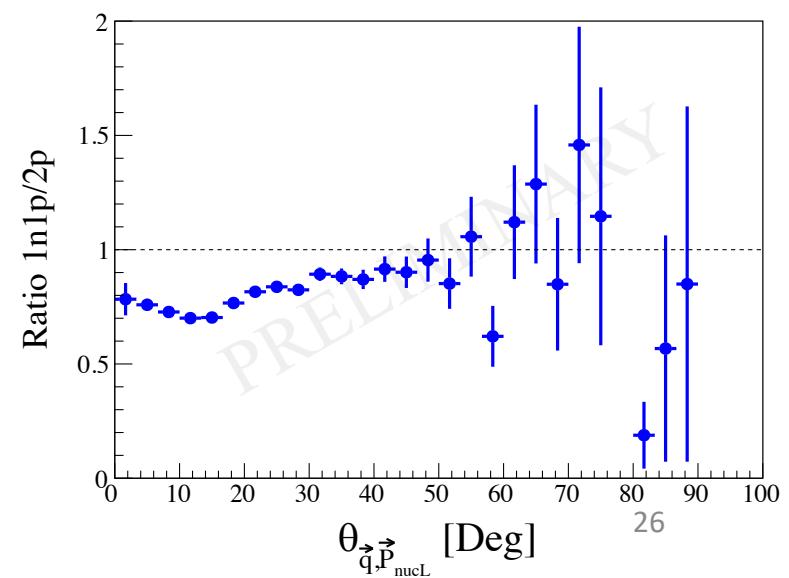
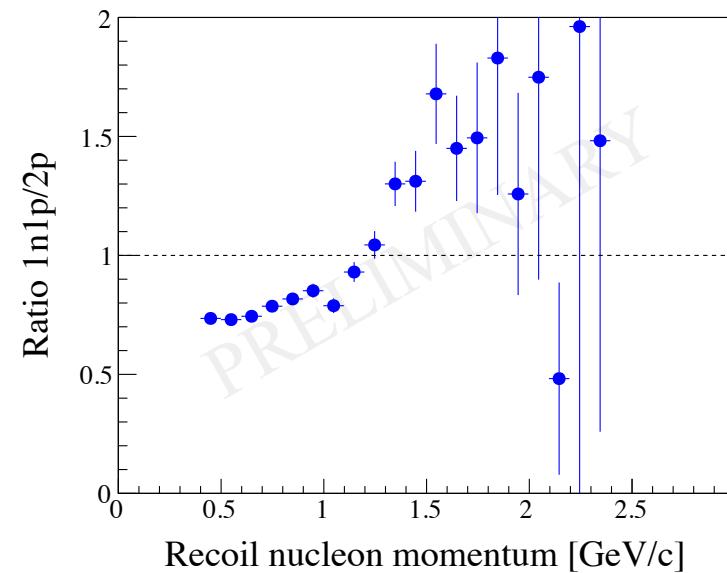
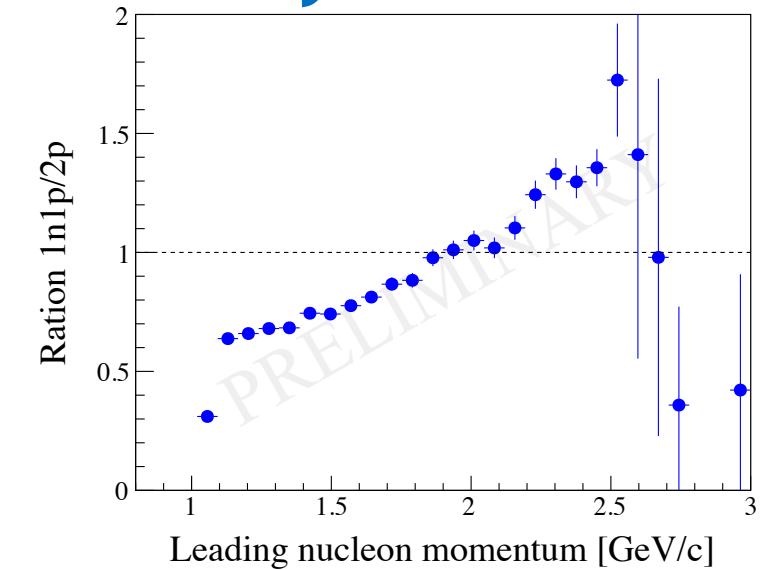
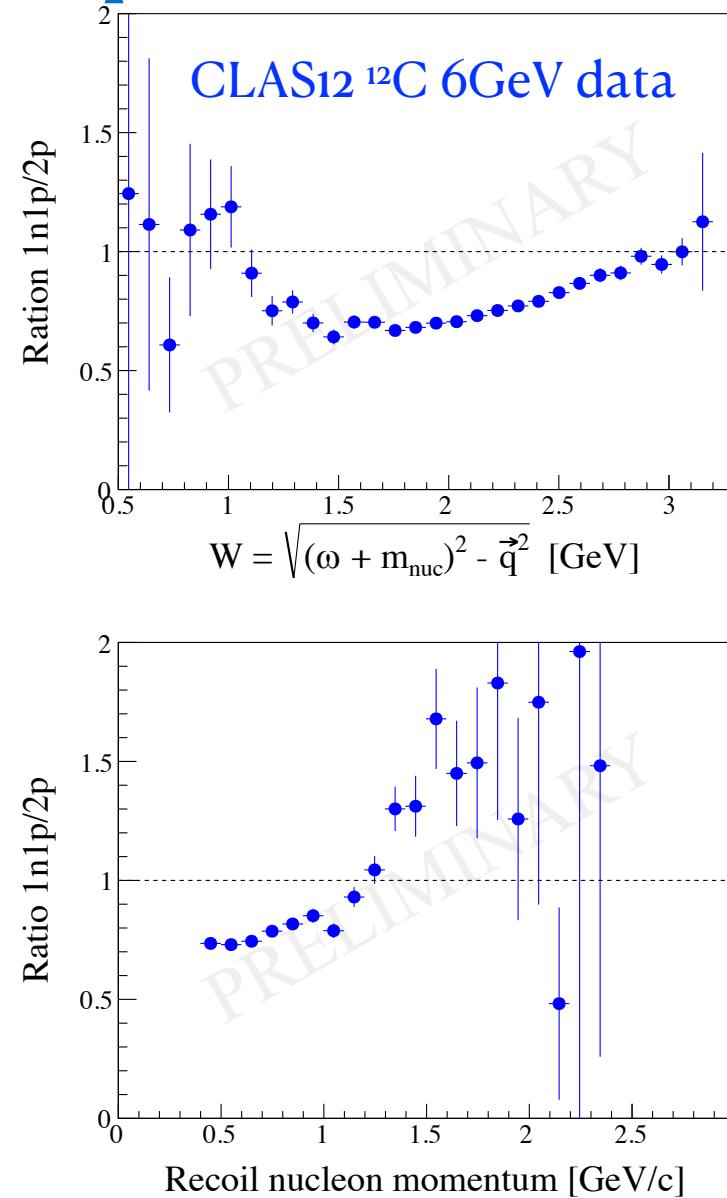
- **First transparency measurement on  ${}^4\text{He}$**
- Transparency flat in  $p_p$  decreases with  $A$
- Data to MC differences larger at small  $p_p$ , grow with  $A$ 
  - MC **very sensitive** to nuclear structure models

Publication soon!

# First 2p and 1n1p knockout analysis



- Selecting 1n1p or 2p events with no visible pions in the final state
- 6 GeV on Carbon
- $N_{(e,e'2p)} \sim 50k$ ,  $N_{(e,e'1n1p)} \sim 30k$
- Will repeat analysis:
  - 2, 4 and 6GeV
  - Argon target

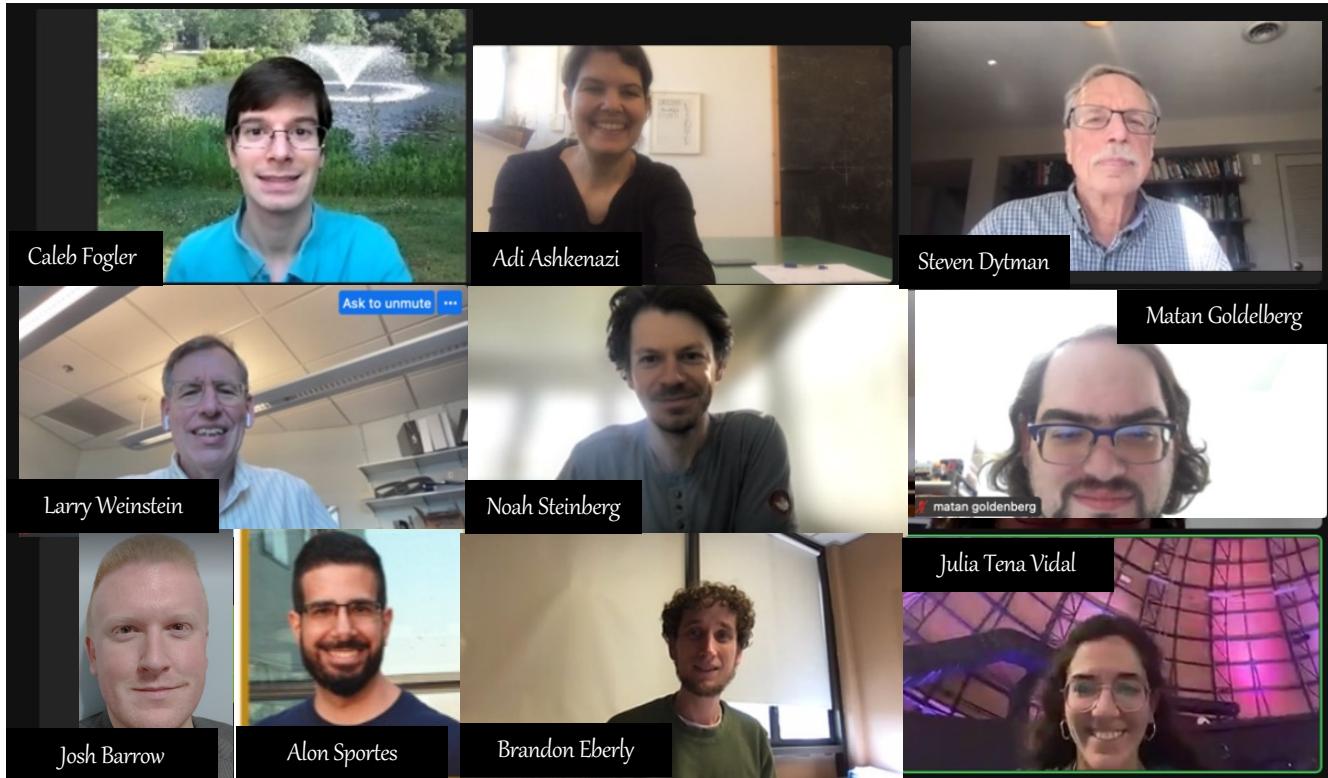


# Conclusions

- e4nu provides **important input for  $\nu$ -A interactions**
  - Huge increase in data base for **hadron electroproduction**
  - New sensitivity to nuclear structure/FSI
  - Significant improvement to **event generators**
- **Many channels available** for 1-6 GeV electrons (e.g. carbon, argon)
  - Unprecedented wide kinematic coverage for inclusive scattering
  - New and unique pion-proton coincidence data studies FSI,  $\Delta(1232)$
  - New proton transparency data studies FSI and nuclear structure
  - New  $1n1p/2p$  electroproduction gives new sensitivity to reaction mechanisms
  - Many other channels available for new collaborators



Thank you  
New collaborators are welcome!



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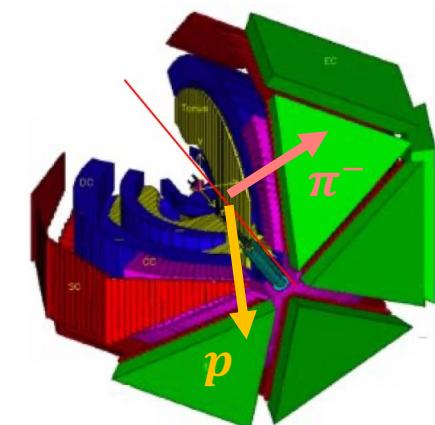


# Backup slides

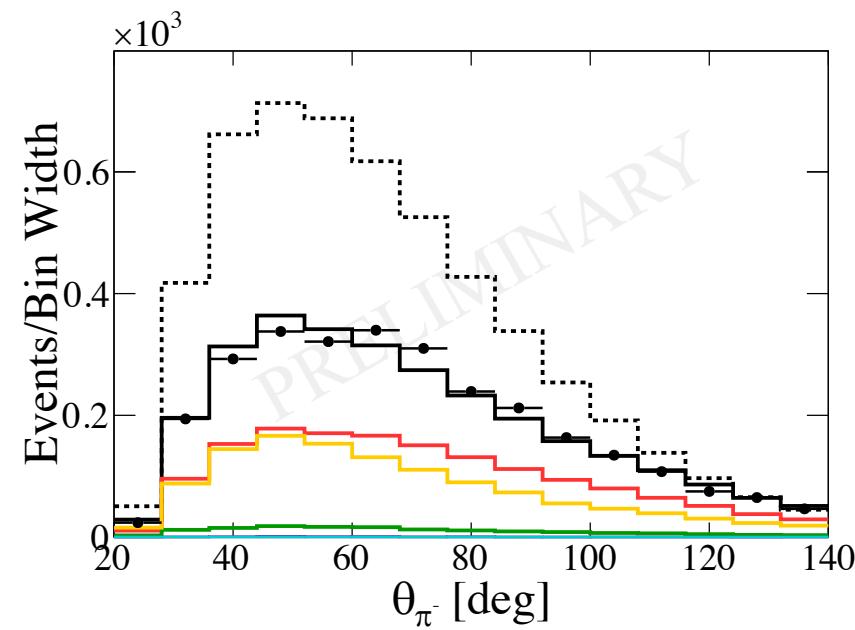
# $C(e,e'1p\pi^-)$ – Pion angle

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 — GEM21\_11a EMRES P33(1232)  
 — GEM21\_11a EMSIS  
 — GEM21\_11a EMDIS

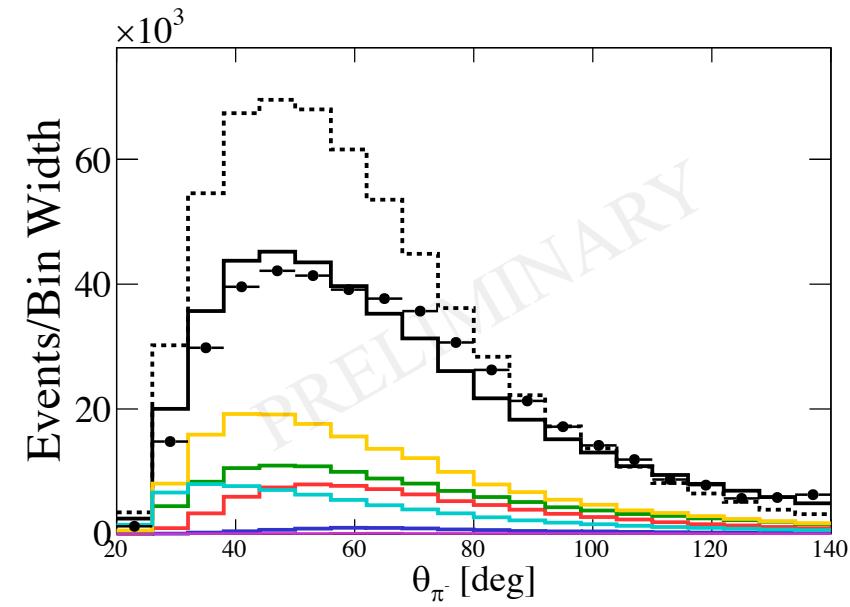
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 -·- GENIE No FSI



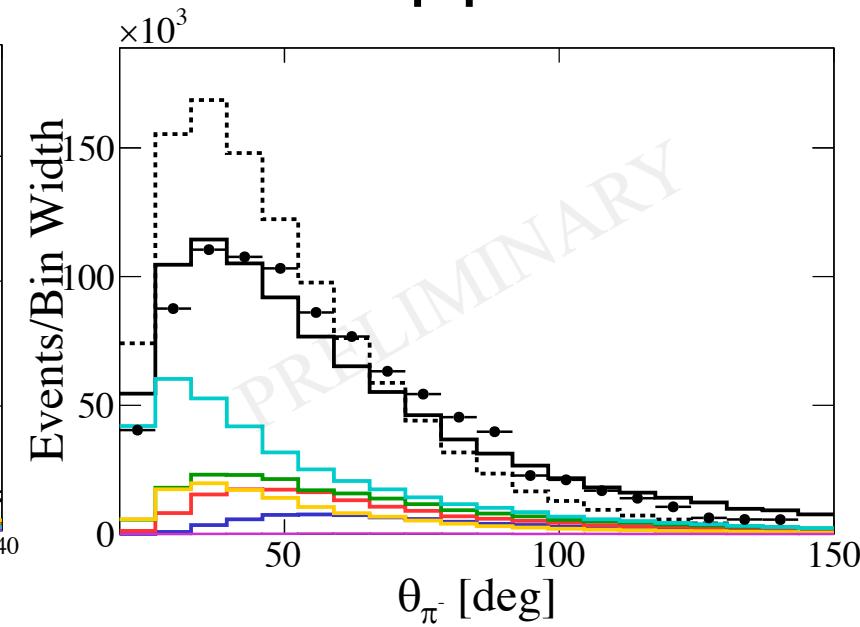
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2.2 GeV



4.4 GeV

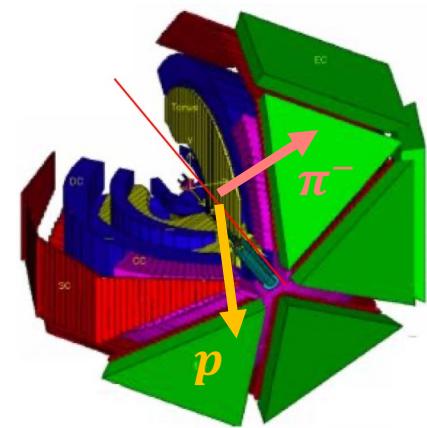


Angular shape in good agreement with GENIE

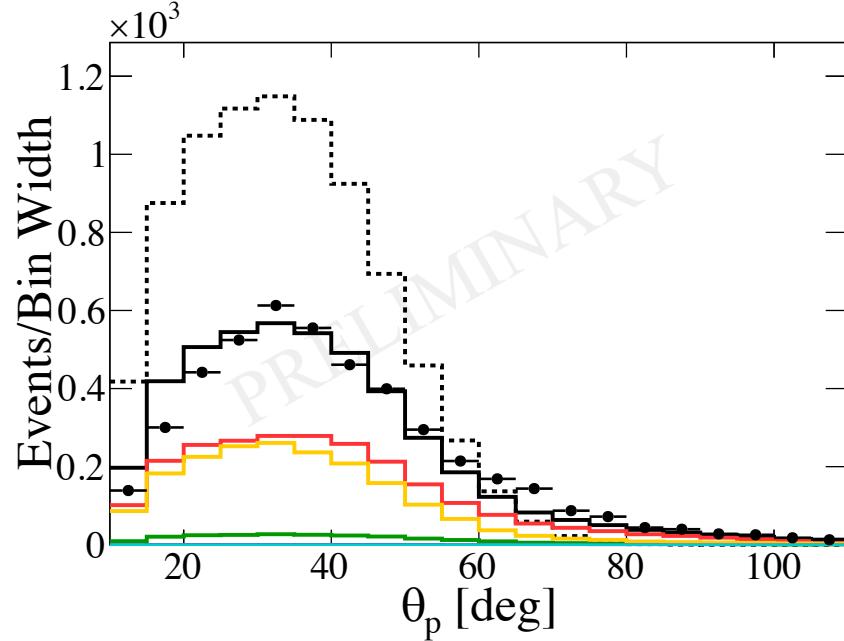
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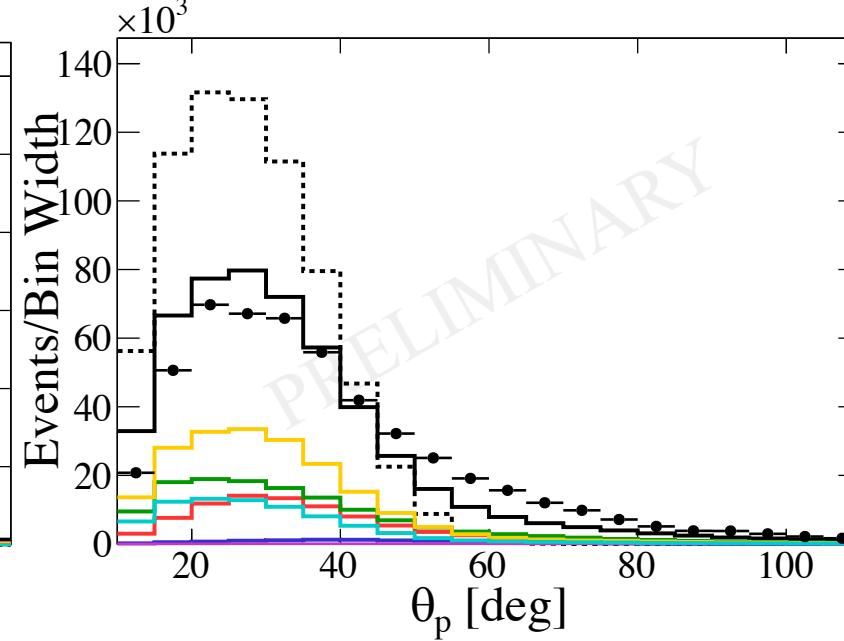
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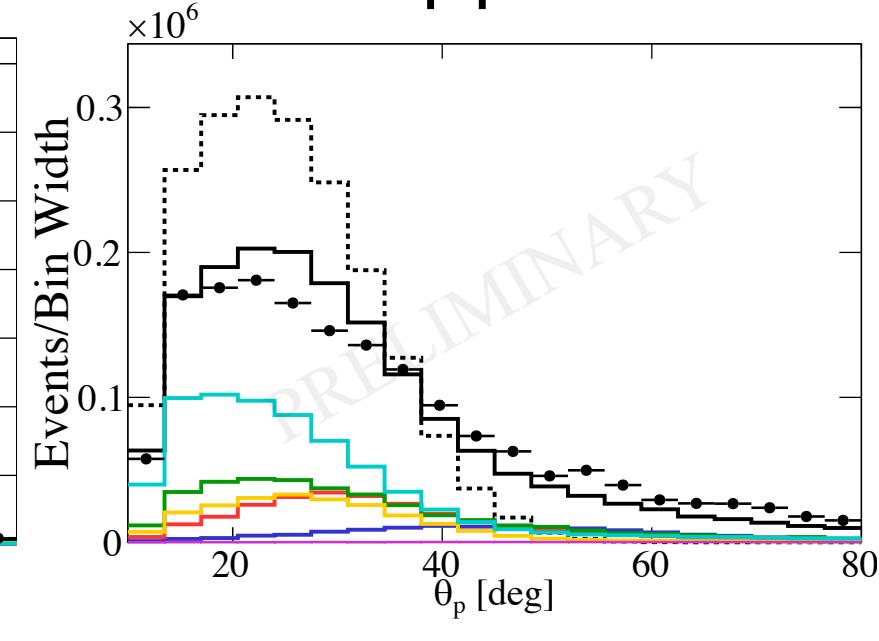
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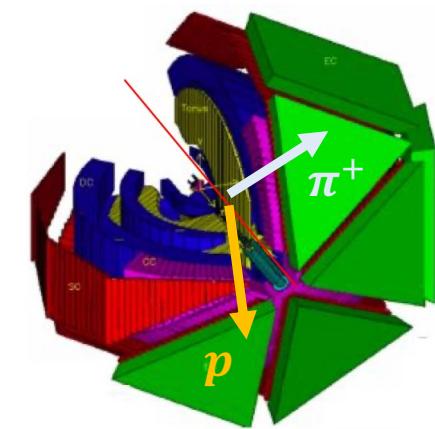


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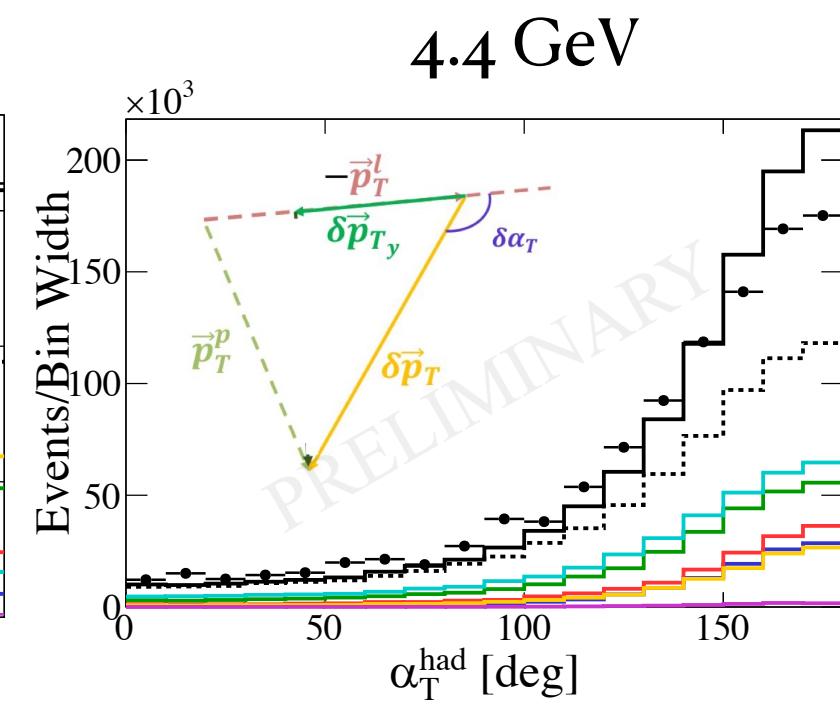
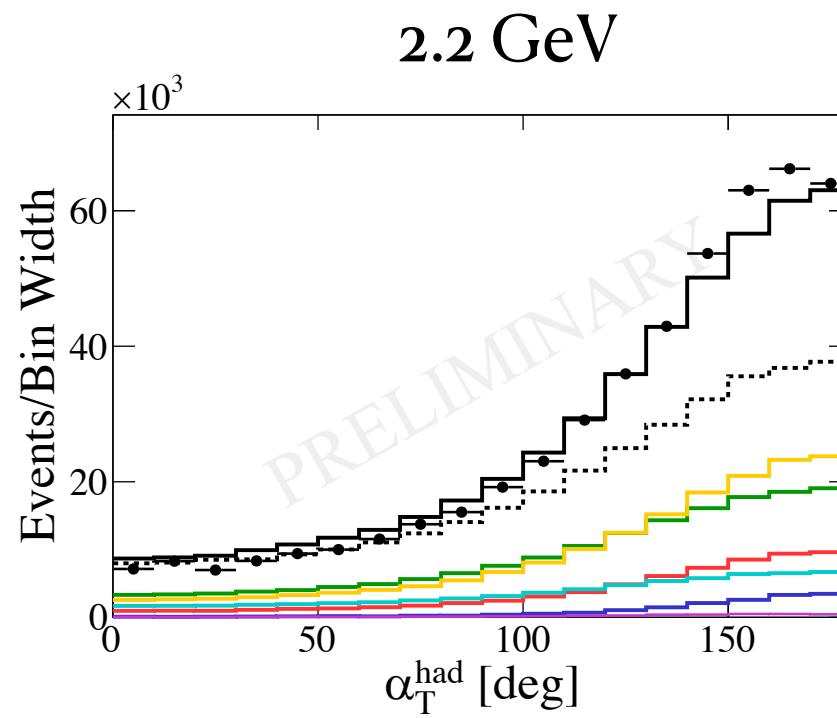
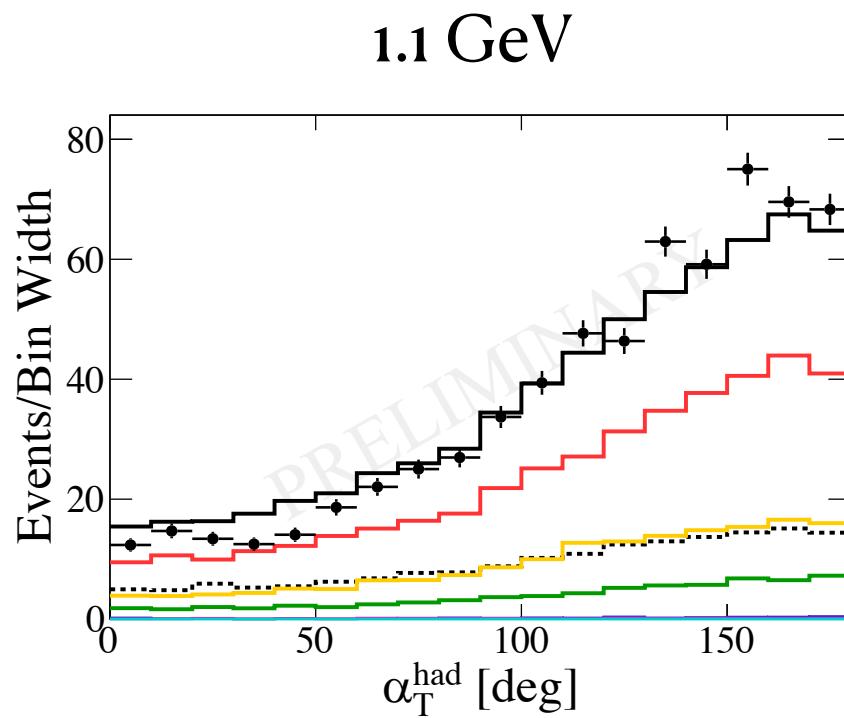
Angular shape in good agreement with MC  
 High  $\theta_p$  possible only due to FSI

# $C(e,e'1p\pi^+)$ – Transverse boosting angle



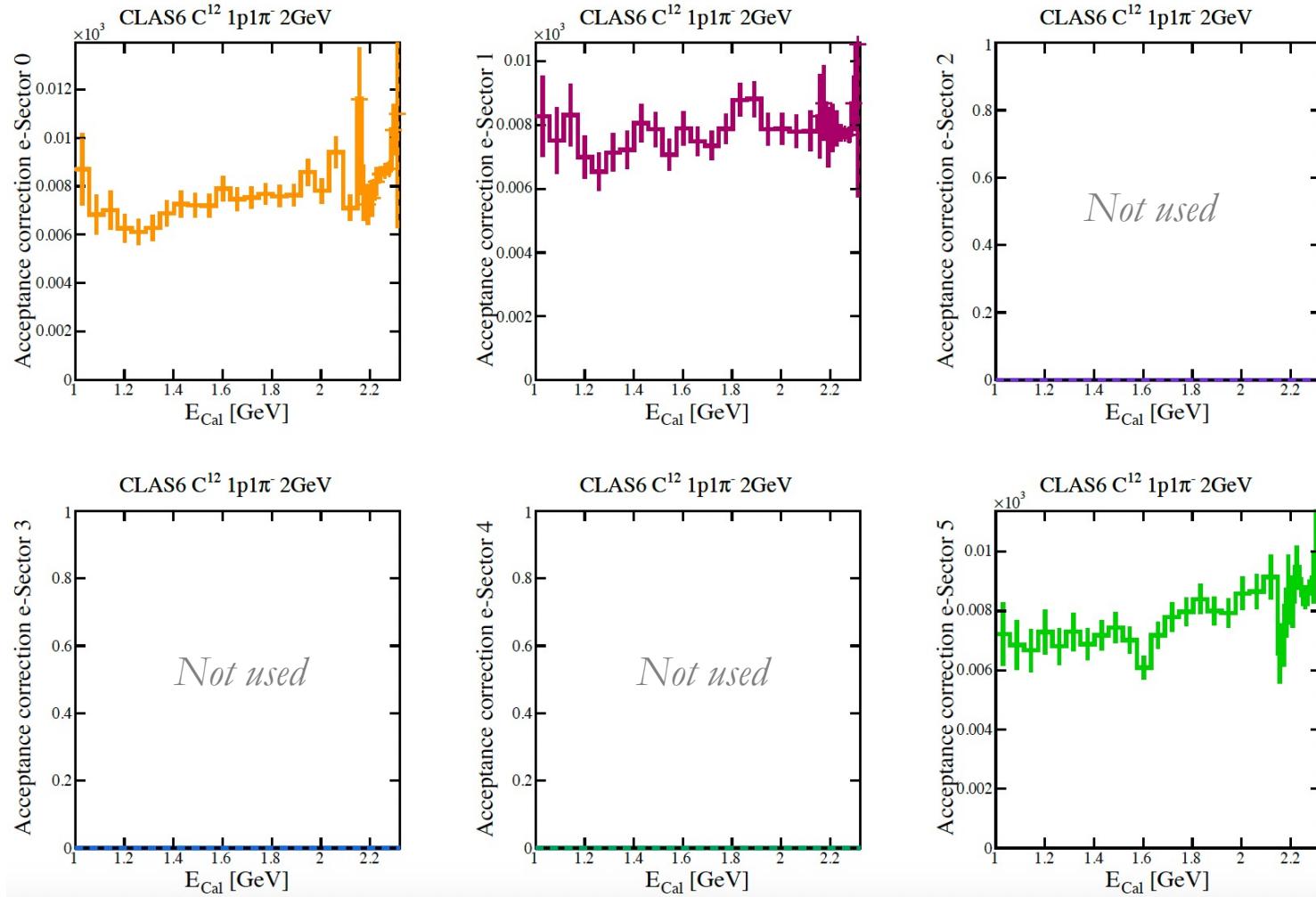
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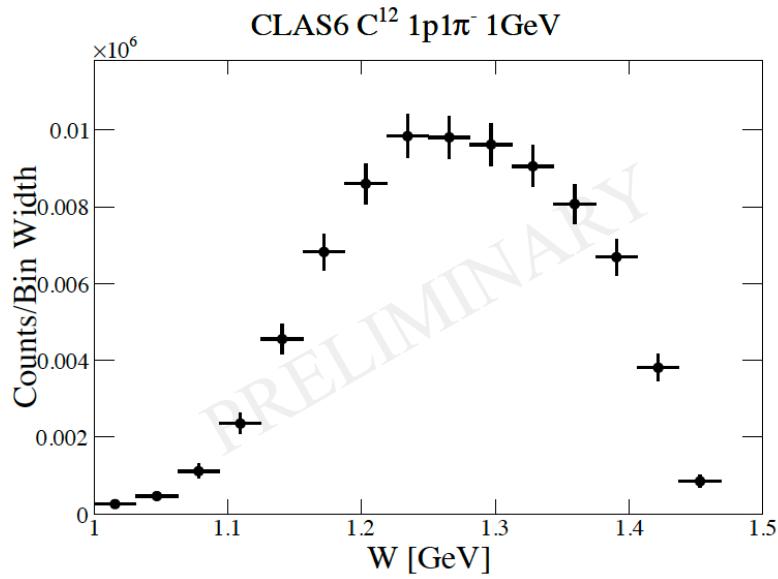


GENIE with FSI predicts correct rise

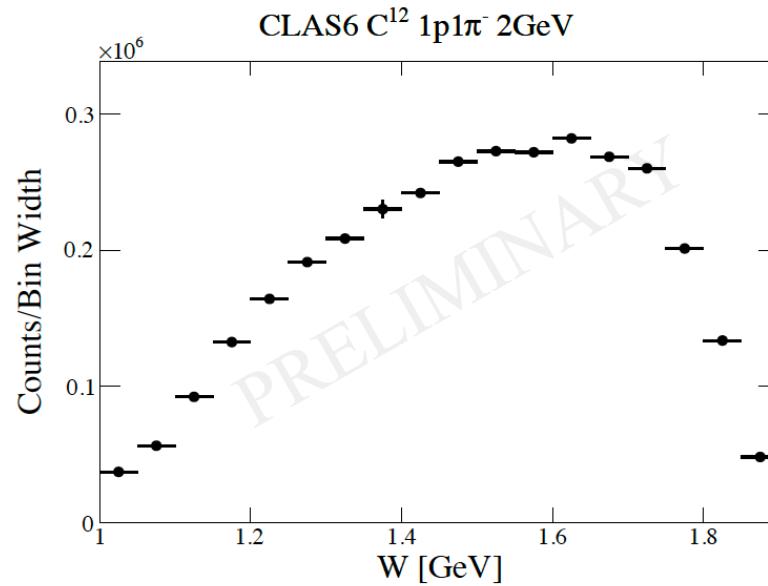
# Acceptance correction per sector



# Pion production analysis - Raw data

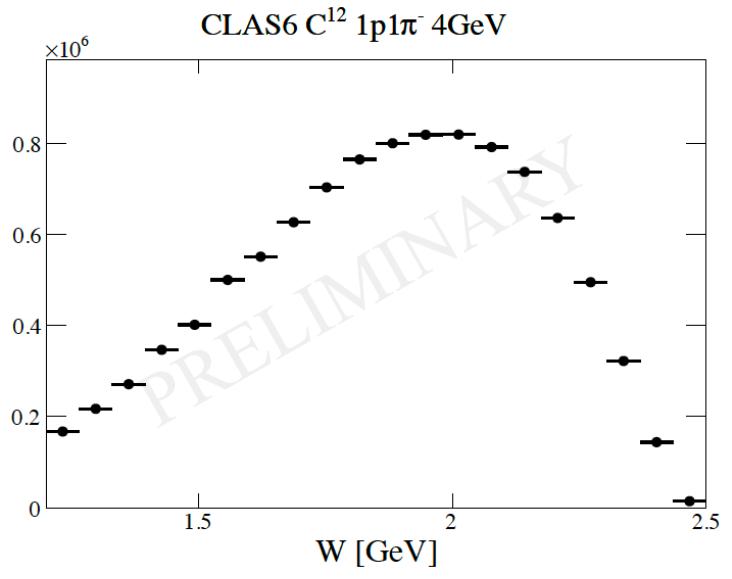


Delta dominated



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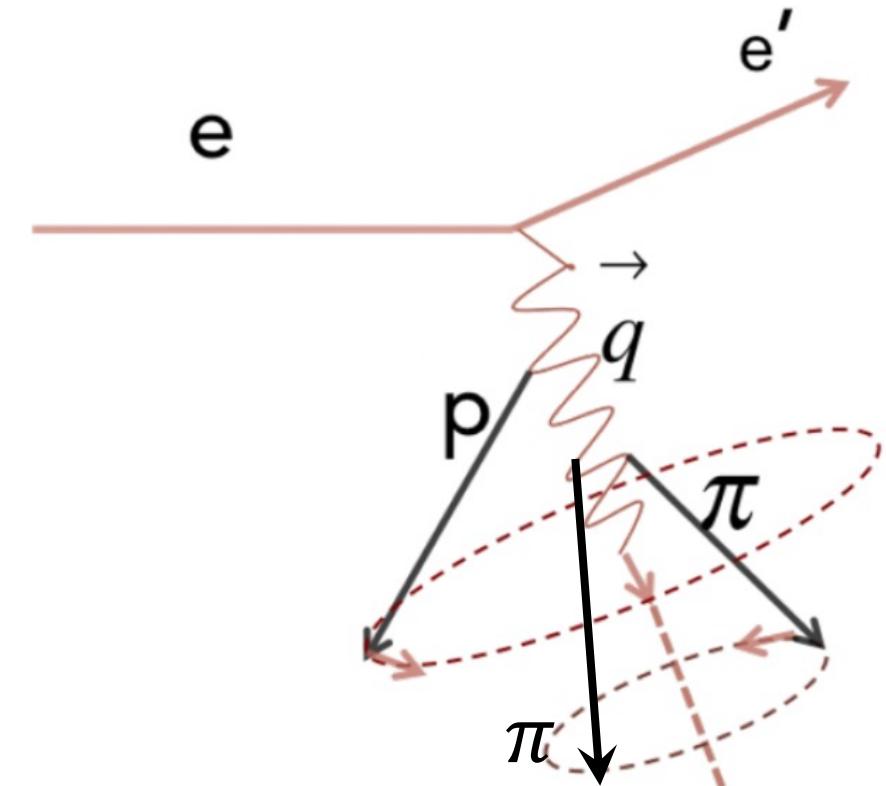
Higher W resonances



Multi-pion production

# $1p1\pi^\pm$ analysis: background contamination

- “Data driven” background subtraction
  - Rotate detected background event N times around  $\vec{q}$ 
    - Compute probability to be detected as signal ( $P_{signal}$ )
    - Add pseudo-event weighted by  $P_{signal}$
    - 1%  $\phi_{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}}$ -dependence on cross-section

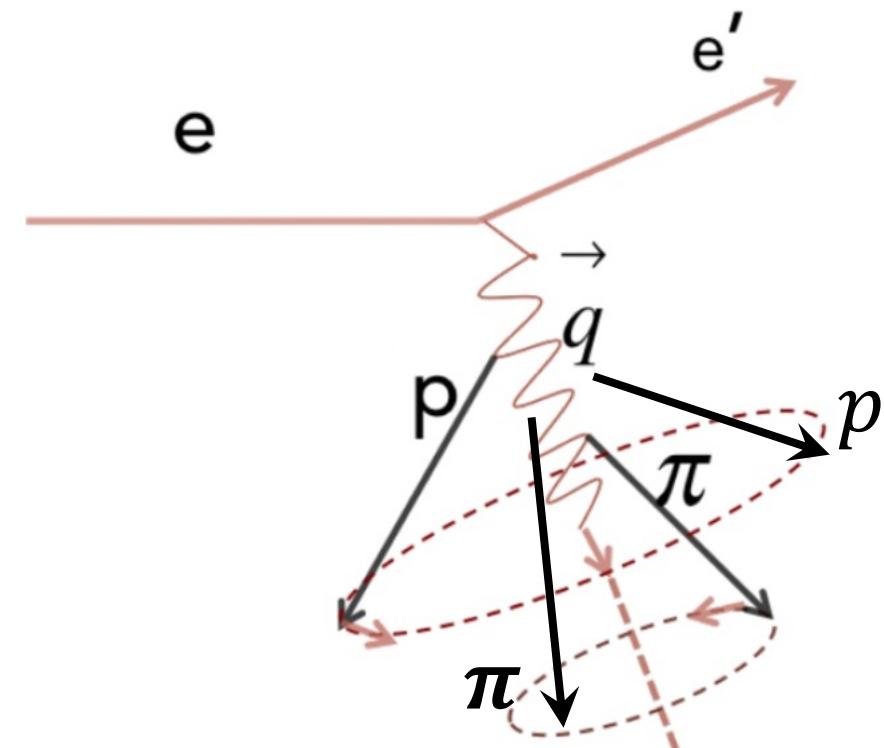


# Background subtraction

- Calculate the **probability** of the event to be reconstructed as
  - i.e. 2p1 $\pi$ , 1p2 $\pi$  and 1p1 $\pi$
  - We add a pseudo-event with **weight**  $w$  and the new particle content after rotation

$$w = -\frac{N_{mf}}{N_{mi}} w_i$$

- $N_{mf}$ : number of counts with  $m_f < m_i$
- $w_i$ : initial event weight

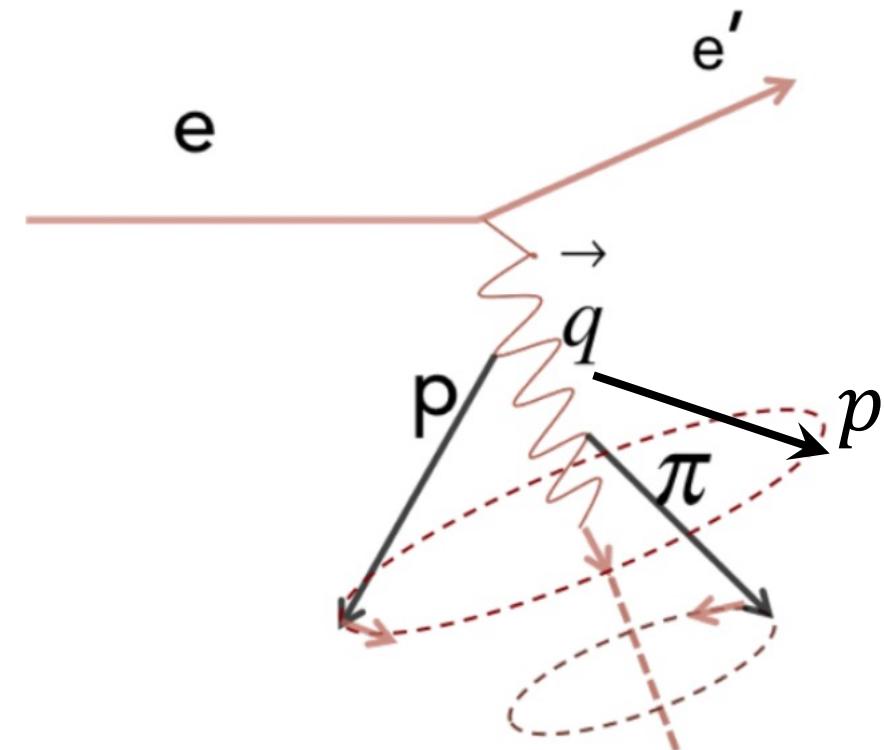


# Background subtraction

- **Repeat for lower multiplicity events**
  - i.e. 2p1 $\pi$  and 1p2 $\pi$
- Calculate the weight for the event to be reconstructed as
  - 1p1 $\pi$  (our signal definition)

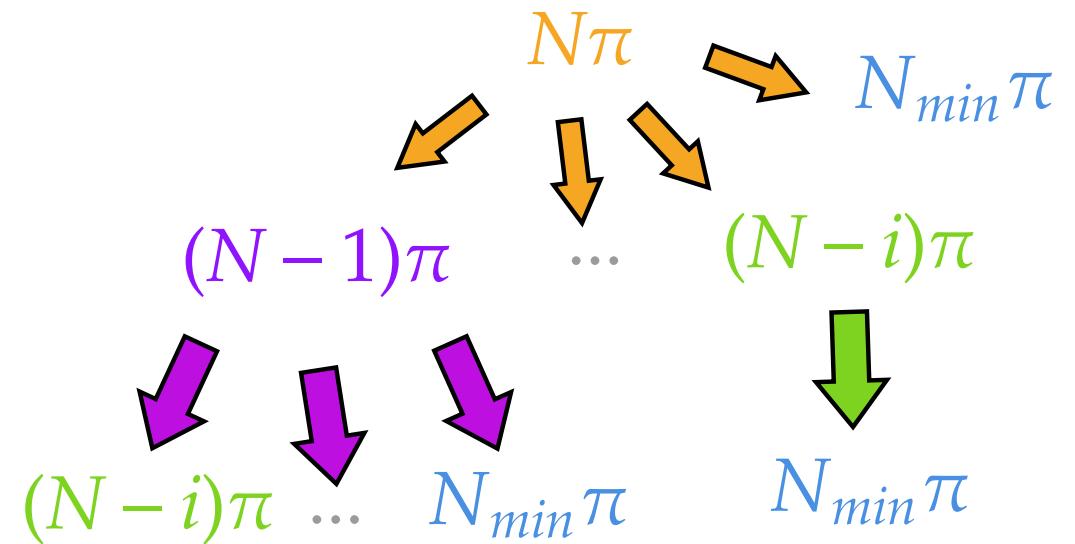
$$w = + \frac{M_{mf'}}{M_{mf}} \frac{N_{mf}}{N_{mi}} w_i$$

- **Repeat until we only have signal events**



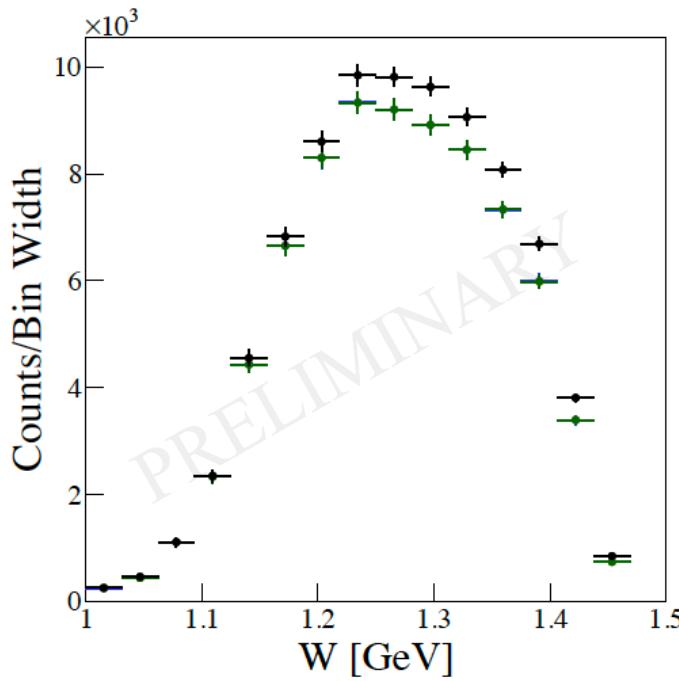
# Background subtraction

- The method can be easily generalized to any signal definition
- We classify events given their multiplicity:
  - Number of signal particles in the event
- We calculate the weight for every event with  $m > m_{signal}$ 
  - All permutations considered by the algorithm
  - Correct weight assigned to each event
- The initial multiplicity is configurable

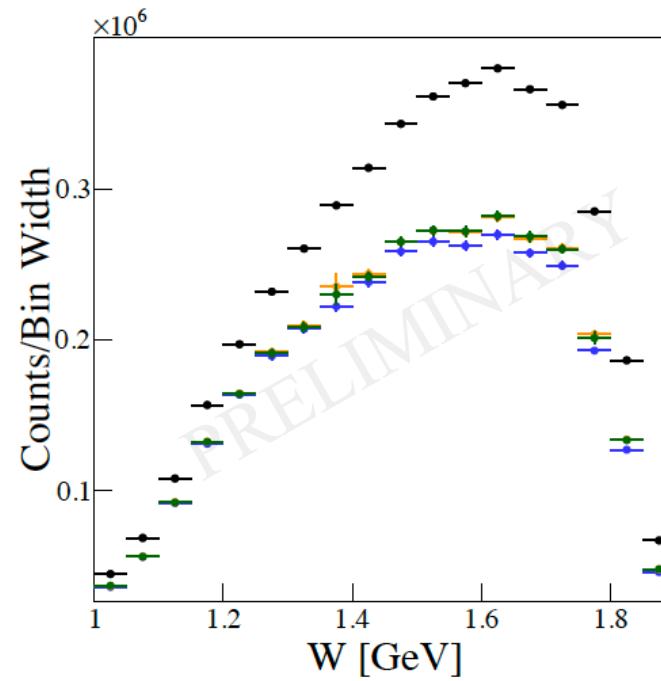


# Background subtraction

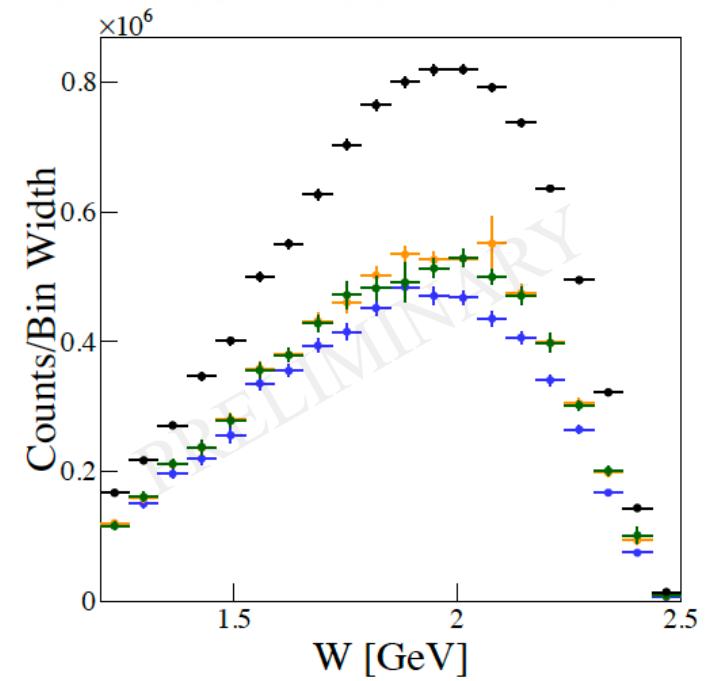
- Uncorrected data
- Background subtracted - max.mult 3
- Background subtracted - max.mult 4
- Background subtracted - max.mult 5



(a) Carbon at 1.1 GeV



(b) Carbon at 2.2 GeV



(c) Carbon at 4.4 GeV

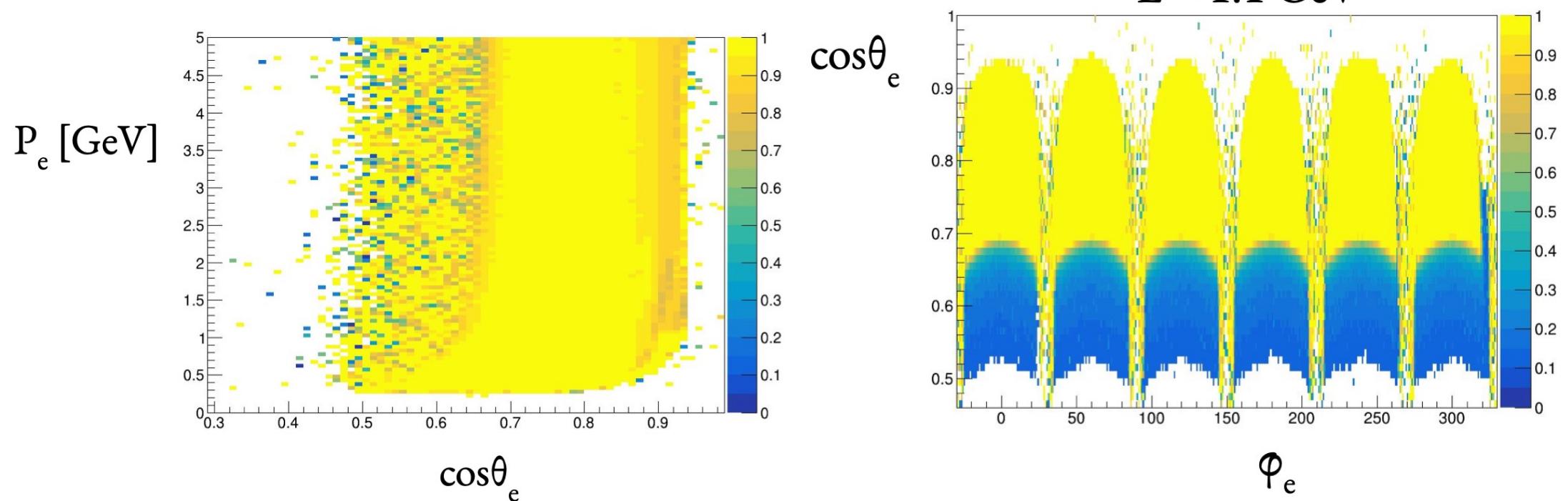
# Correct for detector acceptance

- We must correct the data for detector effects to obtain a **detector-independent cross-section** measurement
- We use **MC simulations** to compute the acceptance correction
  - MC simulation without detector effects
    - “True MC”
  - MC simulation with detector effects and no background events
    - “True reconstructed MC”
- We apply an overall per-bin scaling factor to the data:

$$\alpha_{acc,i} = \frac{\text{True MC events } i\text{-bin}}{\text{True Reconstructed MC events } i\text{-bin}}$$

# Detector acceptance maps

Depending on momentum and directionality, we assign an extra MC weight to account for detector acceptance effects

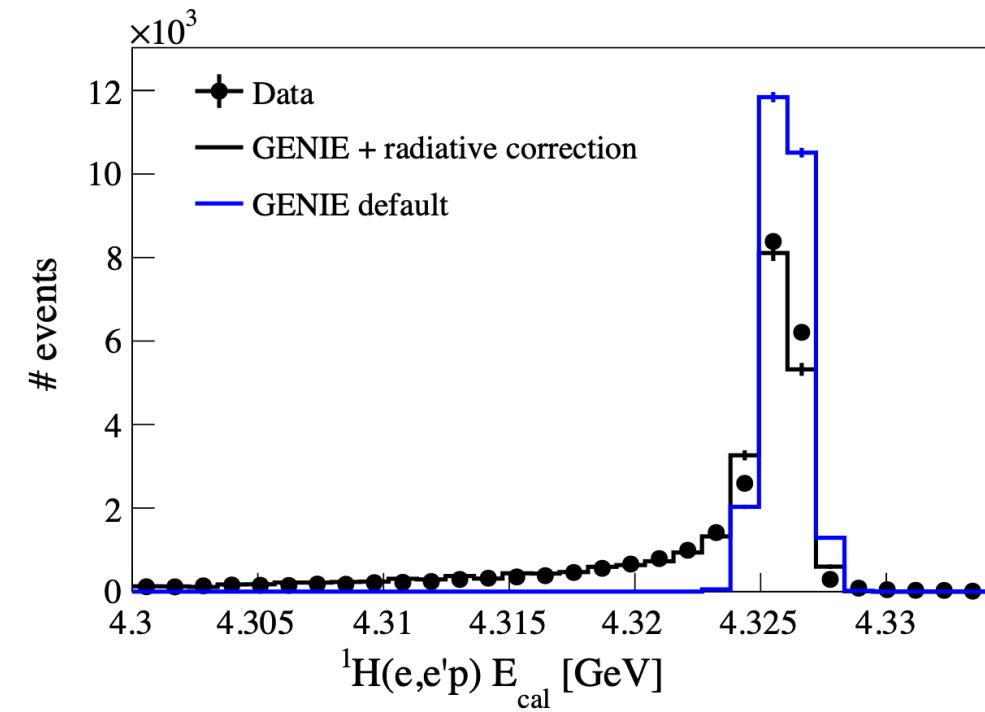


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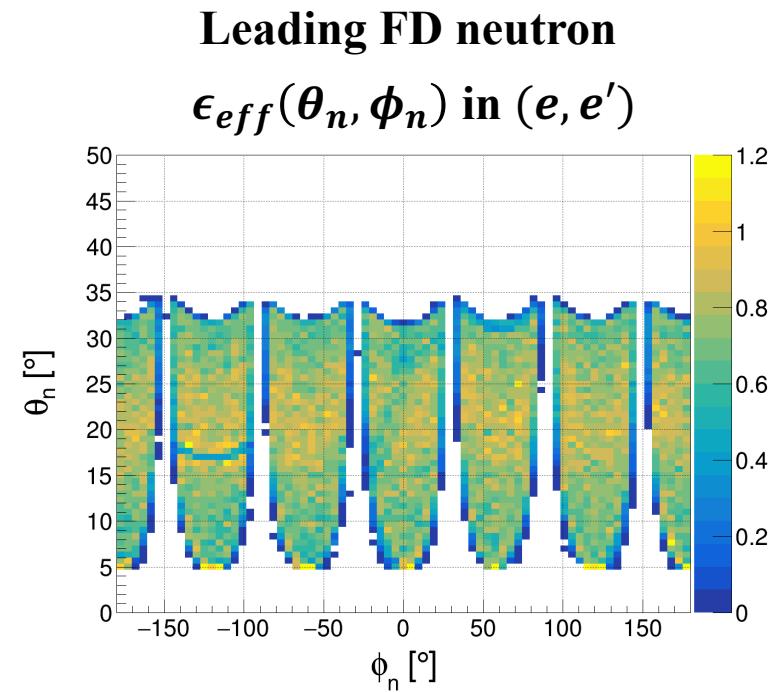
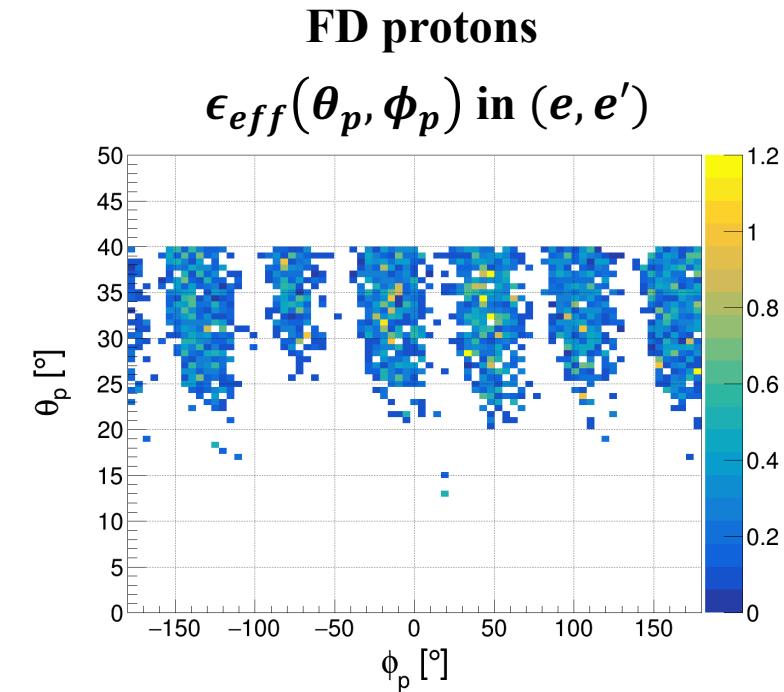
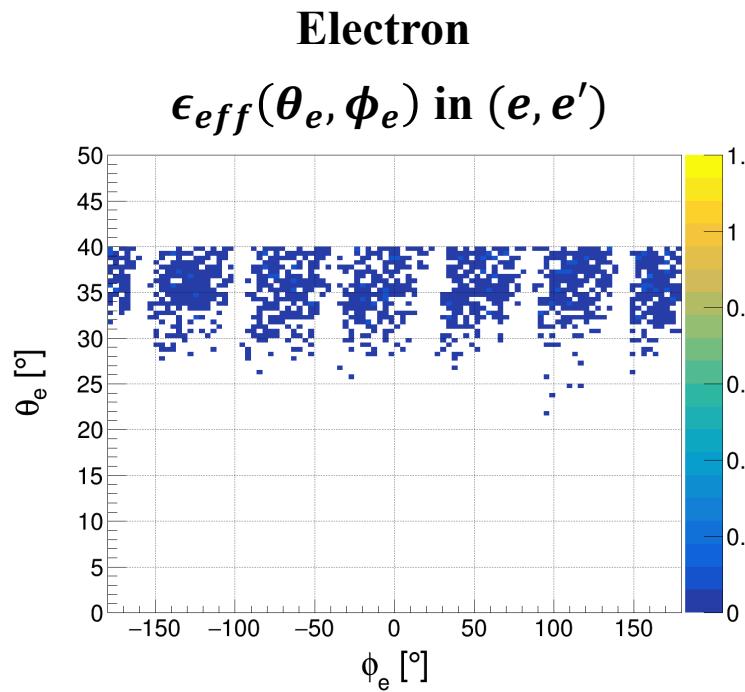
# Radiative corrections

- MC simulation does not account for radiative effects
- We add radiative effects the same way as Jefferson Lab SIMC event generator
  - Data correction factor
- Implementation generalized for all interaction mechanisms

**This is ongoing work; it is not included in the results shown in this talk**



# CLAS12 – acceptance



## FD acceptance:

- **Polar angle:**  $5^\circ \leq \theta \leq 35^\circ$  (up to  $45^\circ$  in some sub-systems)
- **Azimuthal angle:** from 50% at  $\theta = 5^\circ$  to 90% at  $\theta = 40^\circ$

## CD acceptance:

- **Polar angle:**  $35^\circ \leq \theta \leq 125^\circ$
- **Azimuthal angle:** full range

$$\epsilon_{eff}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\text{Observed}}{\text{Expected}}$$

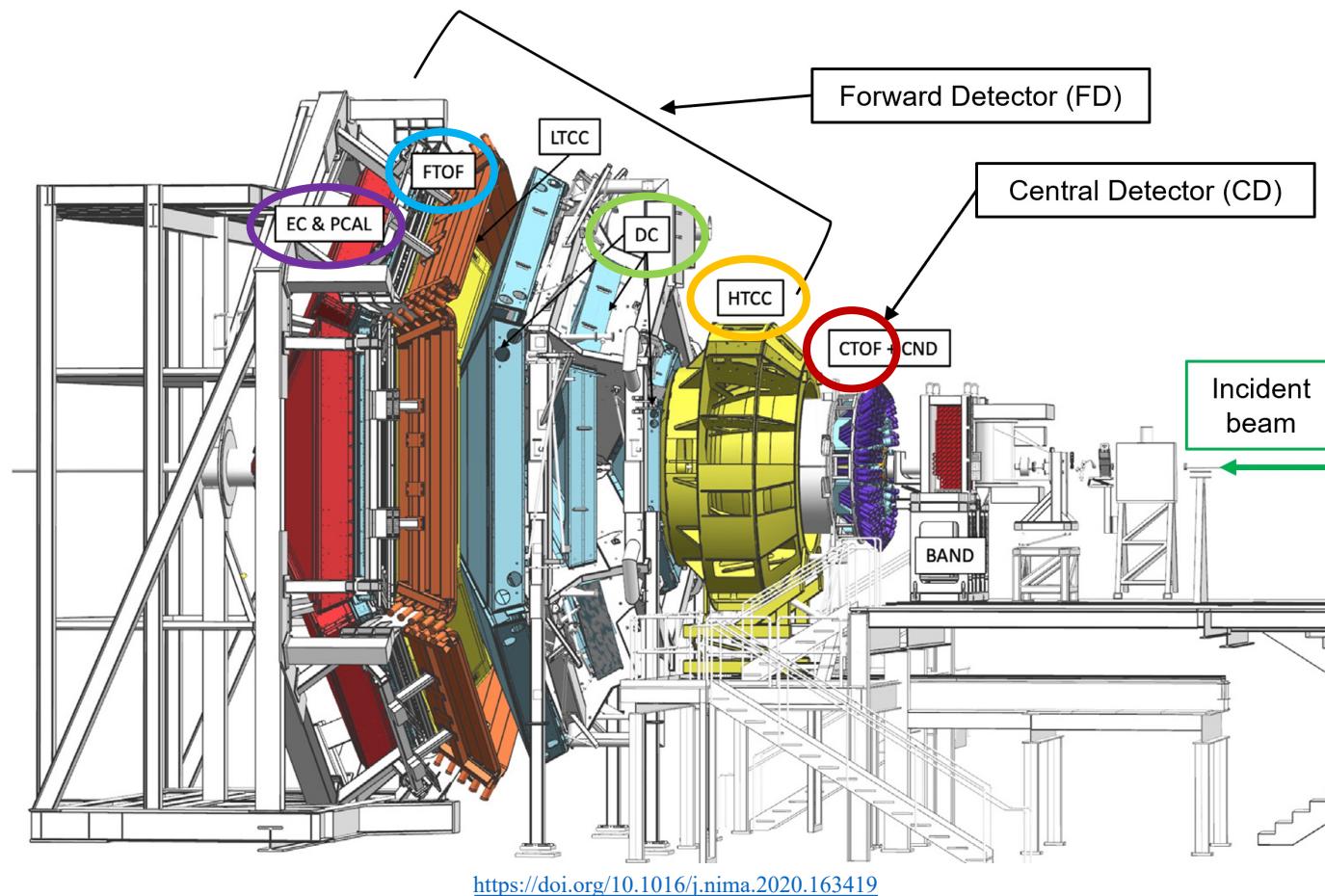
# CLAS12 – sub-systems in the FD and CD

## 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)



# CLAS12 statistics



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Energy (GeV)	$Q^2$ Threshold	Channels with Expected Counts ( $\times 10^6$ )				
		$1pXn0\pi^\pm$	$2pXn0\pi^\pm$	$1pXn1\pi^-$	$1pXn2\pi^\pm$	$1p1n0\pi^\pm$
<b>2.07</b>	<b>~0</b>	~400	~20	~7	~0.6	~100
<b>4.03</b>	<b>~0.1</b>	~90	~20	~3	~0.6	~20
<b>5.99</b>	<b>~0.4</b>	~20	~5	~3	~2	~6

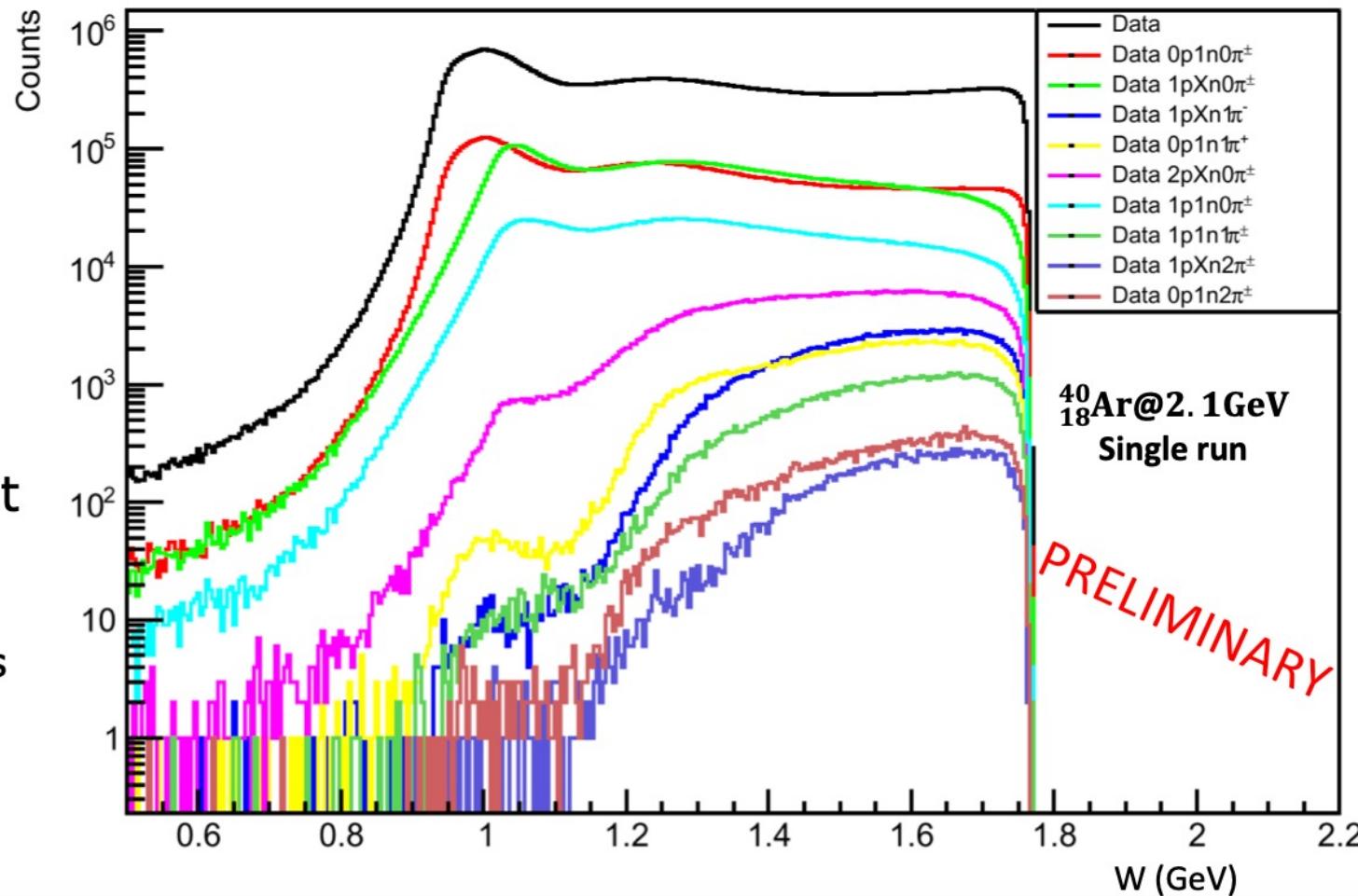
# CLAS12 ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$ statistics



- $W$  approximated off the standing proton
- Shapes are reasonable
- $\sim 5$  MeV bins
  - Statistics look good!
- Problems w/GENIE prevent comparisons at high  $\omega$ 
  - Radiative effects dominate
  - Cut:  $\omega \leq 1.2$  GeV

Data: Invariant Mass,  $W$ , Distributions by Reconstructed Channel

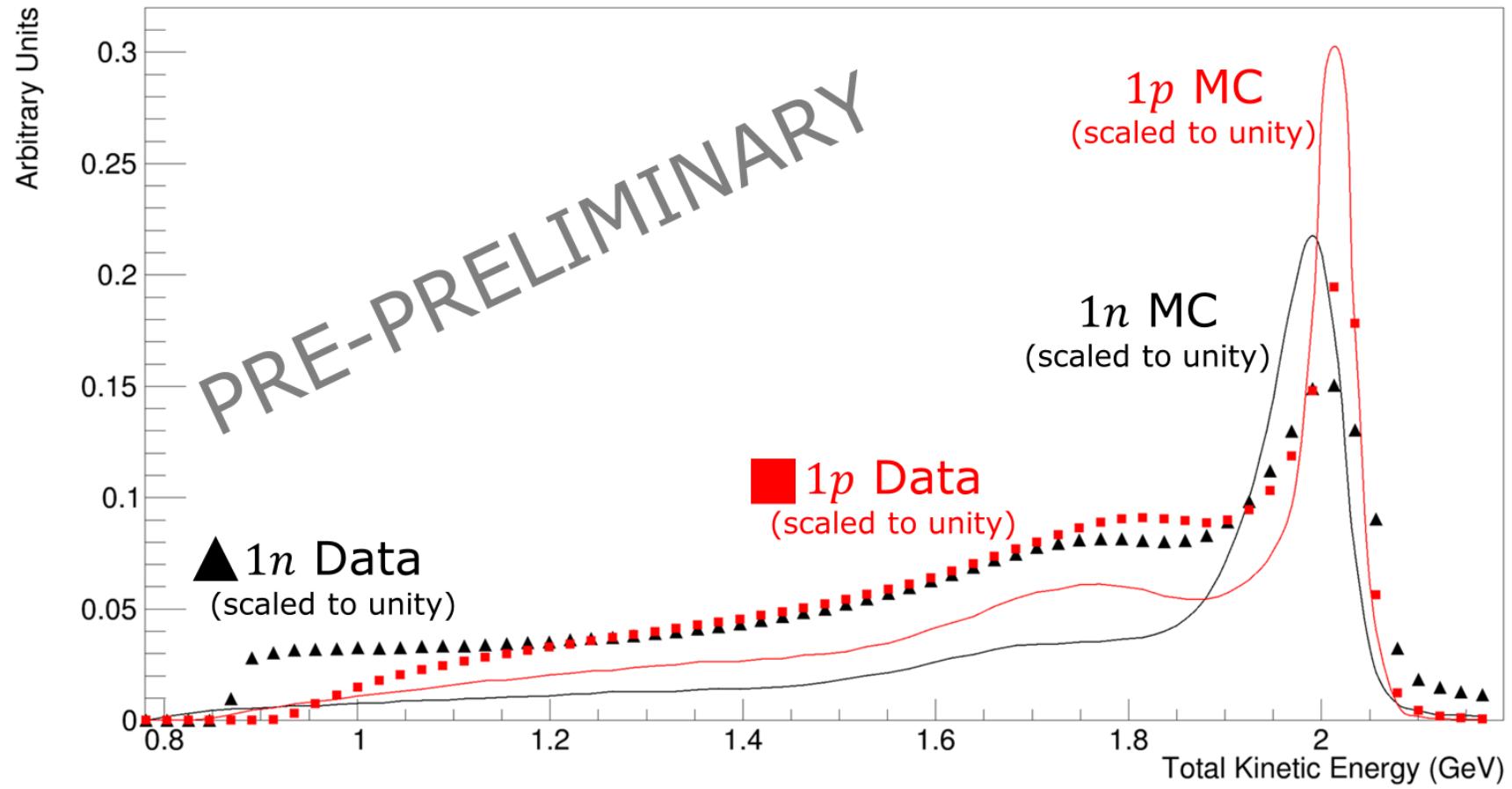
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# CLAS12 ${}^4\text{Ar}$ statistics



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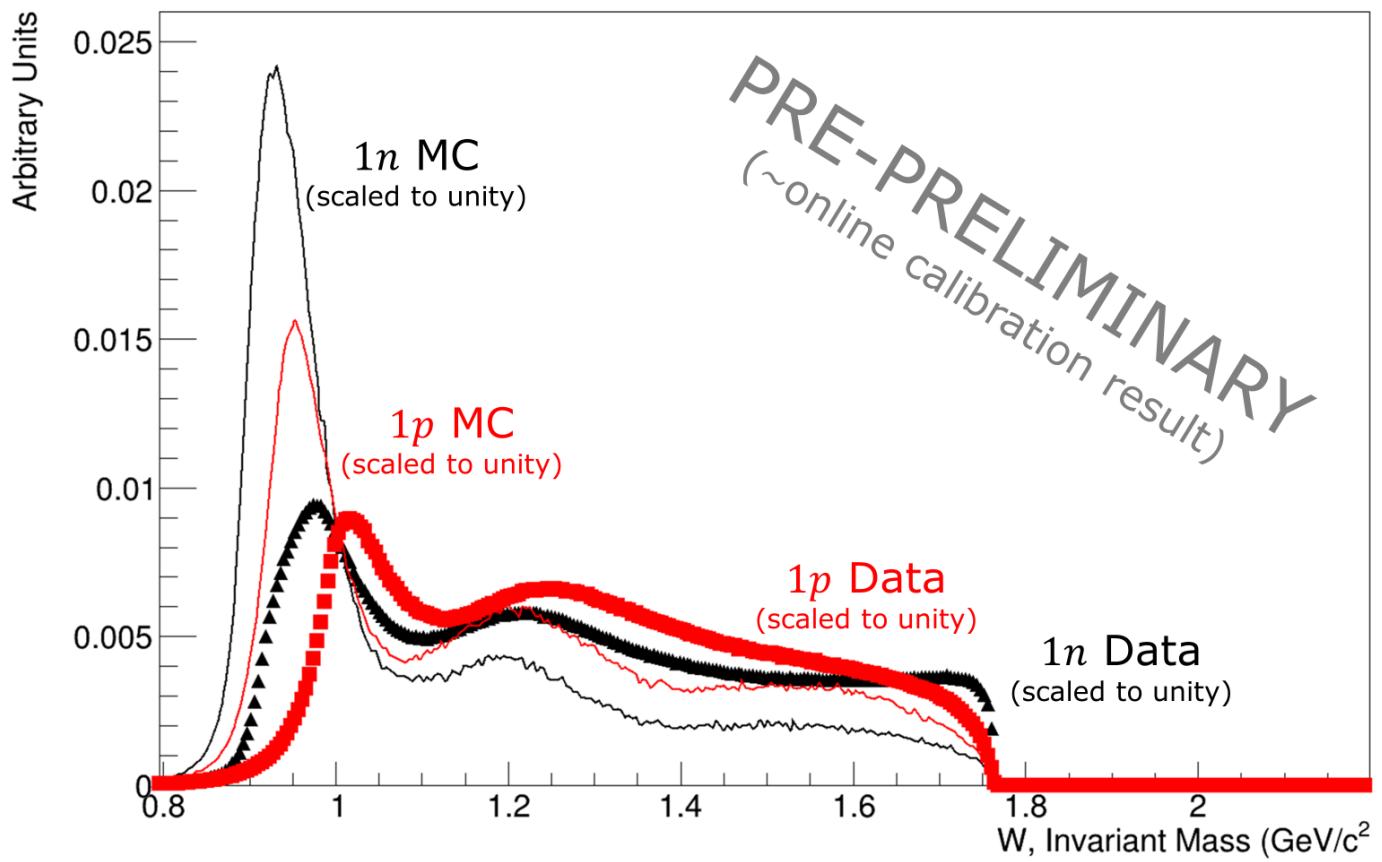
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# CLAS12 ${}^4\text{Ar}$ statistics



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