



Neutrino-induced pion production

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“Neutrino-induced pion production and final-state interactions”

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Outline

- Pion production on the nucleon
 - Electromagnetic
 - Axial currents in the delta region
 - Uncertainties in the higher resonance region
- Nuclear matrix elements and ‘elastic’ final-state interactions
- Pion production in neutrino event generators

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- Significant contribution to event rate in ~ 1 GeV experiments

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Process	N. events	Stat. uncert. (%)
INCLUSIVE	3,503,955	0.05
QE	3,064,670	0.06
RES	357,035	0.17
DIS	79,847	0.35

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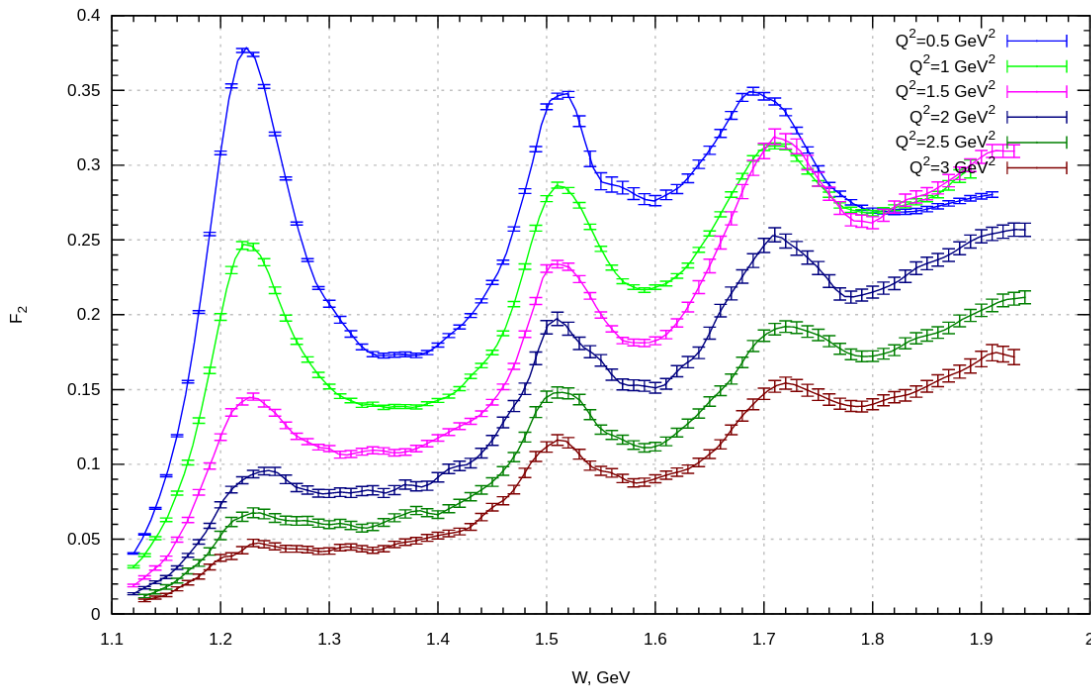
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Proton structure function (e, e') CLAS

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Non-perturbative, no factorization
→ **Hadron d.o.f**

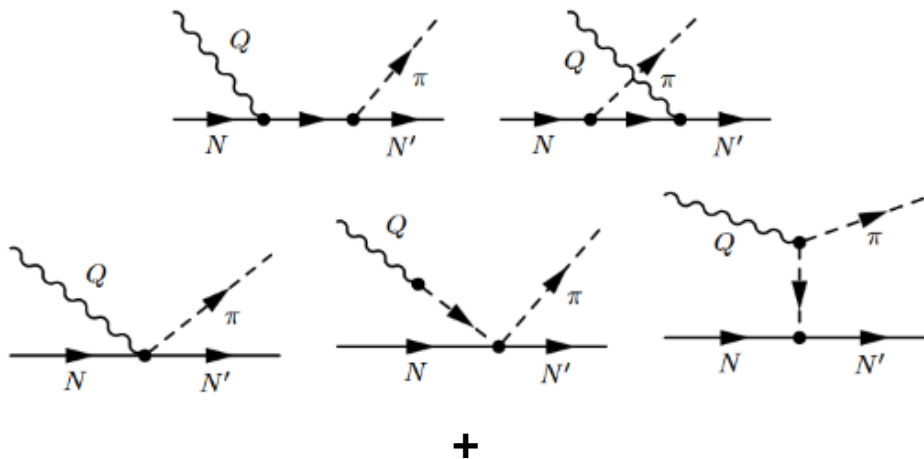
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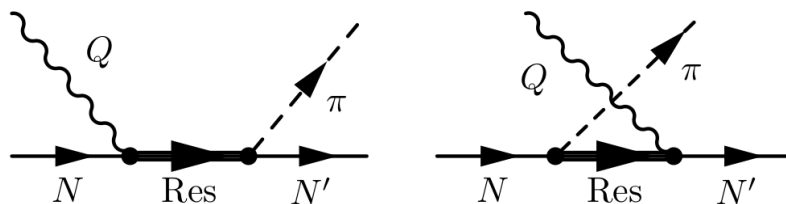
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Non-resonant



Baryon resonances



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Supported by a large amount of data!

MAID07

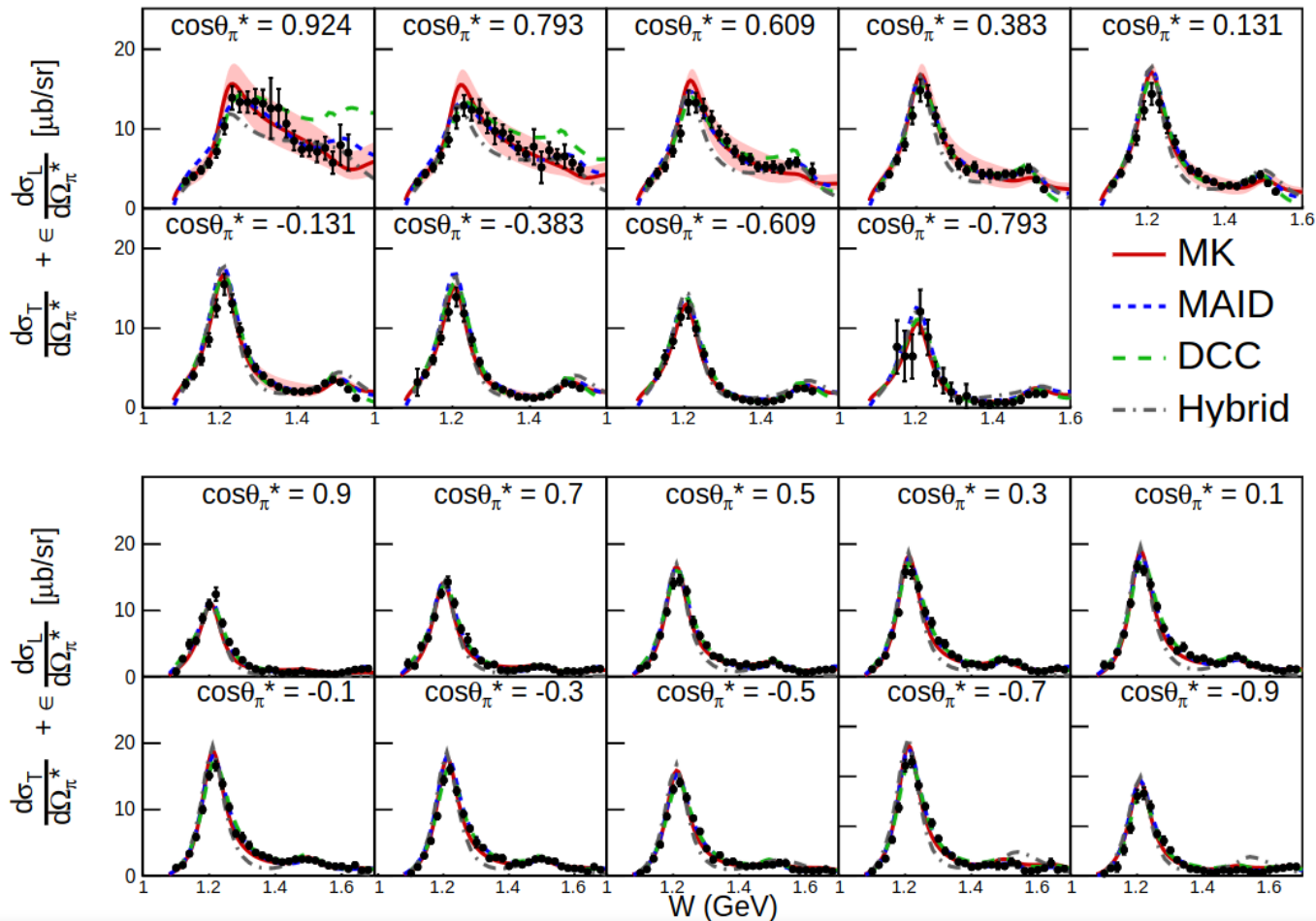
~18 000 points for photon processes

CLAS04 [10] $n\pi^+$	0.4-0.65	421 $d\sigma_{LT'}$
CLAS06 [46] $n\pi^+$	1110-1570	4179 $d\sigma$
CLAS06 [13] $p\pi^0$	1110-1390	8491 $d\sigma$
total $p\pi^0, n\pi^+$	1074-1975	68457 $d\sigma, \dots$

Electron-proton data in MAID07

Electron-induced SPP: high quality proton target data

Figures from M. Kabirnezhad [arxiv:2203.15594]

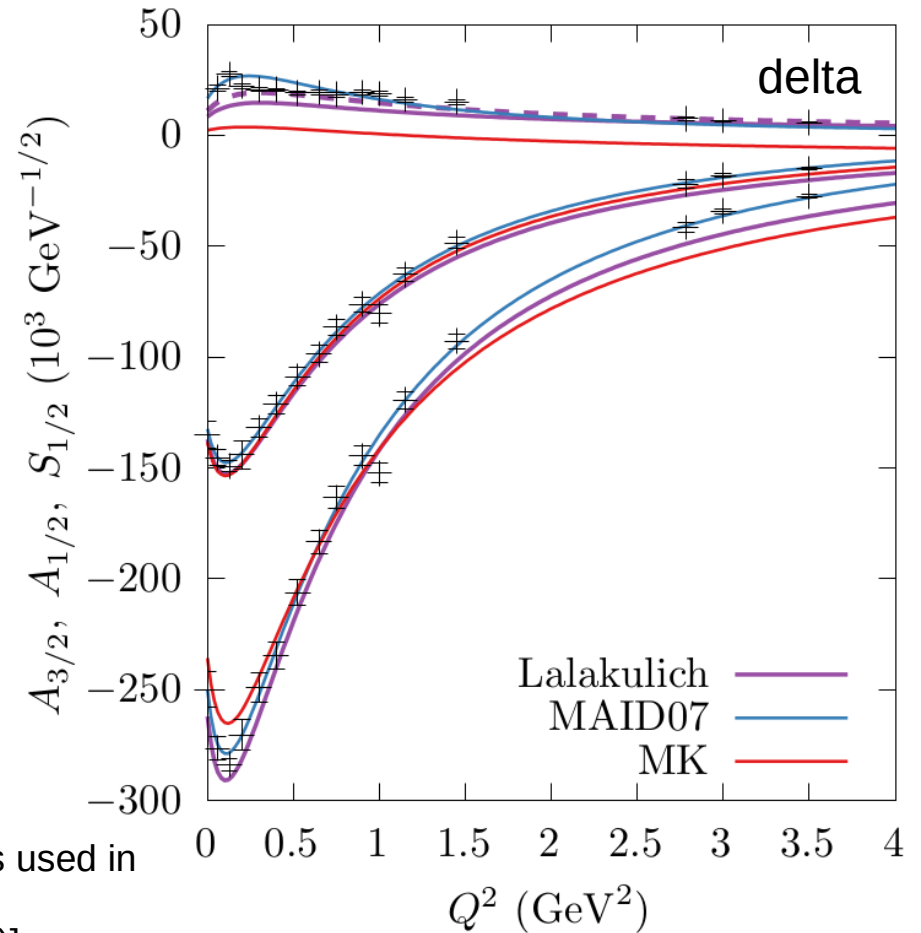
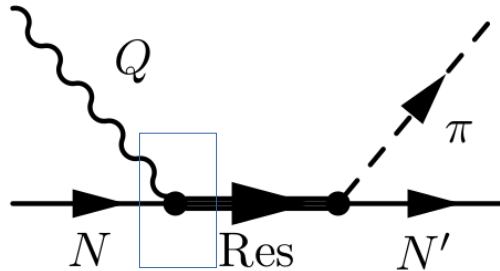


Differential exclusive cross sections are abundant for large kinematic range

Resonance contributions: proton form factors from helicity amplitudes

Data analyses produce helicity amplitudes

Helicity amplitudes can be used to determine $\gamma^*p \rightarrow R$ form-factors (model-dependent!)



Helicity amplitudes from CLAS and MAID07 analyses used in Neutrino pion production models :

- Lalakulich et al [Phys. Rev. D74, 014009 (2006)]
- Hernandez et al. [Phys Rev D 77 053009 (2008)]
- Nikolakopoulos et al. [Phys Rev D 107, 05300 (2023)]

Neutrino-induced SPP: isovector form factors

$$J_{EM}^\mu = V_s^\mu + \mathbf{V}^\mu$$

$$J_{CC\pm}^\mu = \mathbf{V}^\mu - \mathbf{A}^\mu$$

$$\langle \pi^+ n | J_{EM}^\mu | p \rangle = V_{3/2}^\mu - \sqrt{2} \left(V_{1/2}^\mu + S^\mu \right) F_p$$

$$\langle \pi^+ p | V_+^\mu | p \rangle = 3V_{3/2}^\mu,$$

$$\langle \pi^- p | J_{EM}^\mu | n \rangle = V_{3/2}^\mu - \sqrt{2} \left(V_{1/2}^\mu - S^\mu \right) F_n$$

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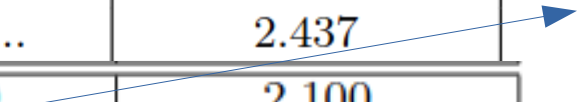
$$\langle \pi^0 p | V_+^\mu | n \rangle = -\sqrt{2}V_{3/2}^\mu + 2V_{1/2}^\mu.$$

Isolating the isovector couplings requires analysis of proton and neutron target !

Ref. channel	W (MeV) Q^2 (GeV ²)	N_{data} observables	χ^2/N_{data} (2003) χ^2/N_{data} (2007)
total $p\pi^0, n\pi^+$	1074-1975 0.1-6.0	68457 $d\sigma, \dots$	2.724 2.437
SAID00 $p\pi^-$	1253-1976 0.54-1.36	799 $d\sigma$	2.100 2.264

Way less abundant!

Deuteron targets



Analyses of electropion production on deuteron

(only the ones we use for comparison)

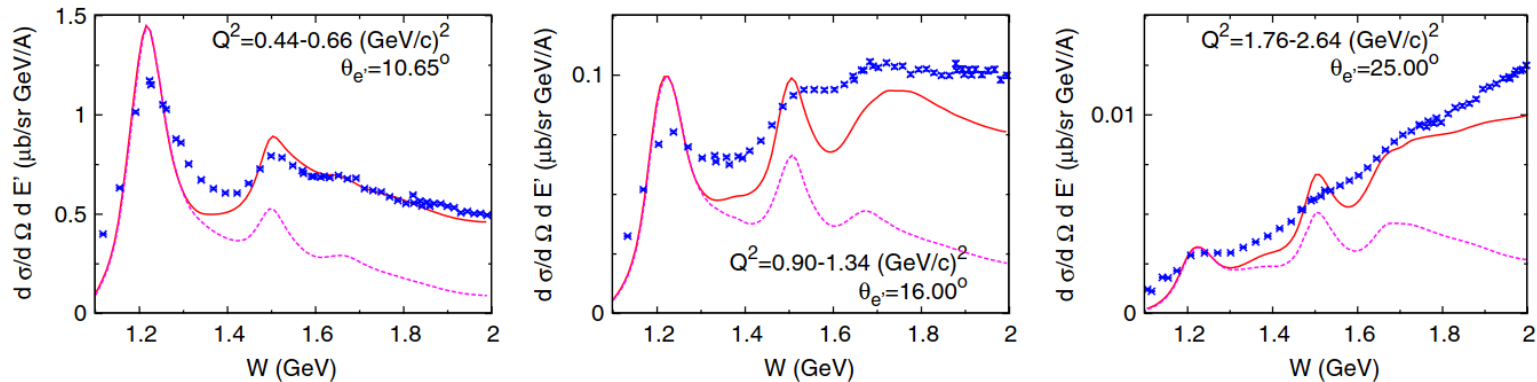
MAID07 [Eur.Phys.J.A34:69-97,2007]

→ Fit 'neutron' target exclusive data (deuteron)

ANL-Osaka Dynamic Coupled Channels (DCC) [PRD 92, 074024 (2015)]

→ Fit 'neutron' target exclusive data (deuteron)

→ Fit inclusive structure function on deuteron

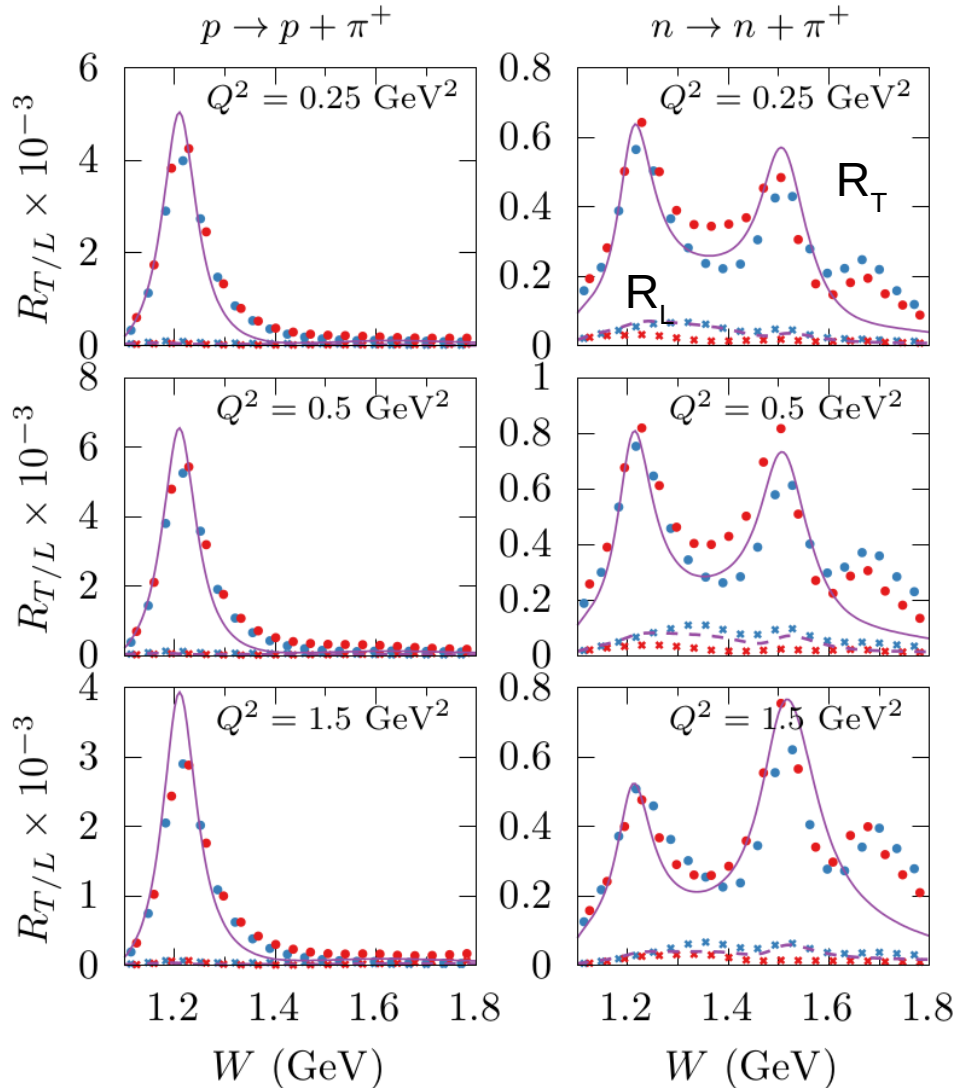


Calculation: sum of free nucleon CS, no smearing from deuteron

→ Progress on deuteron FSI in [PRD 99 031301]

+ New CLAS data [Phys. Rev. C 107, 015201 (2023)] over large W -region

Isvector contribution to charged pion production



For high-E, the VV cross section is

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{VV}}{dW dQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_c}{2E^2 (2\pi)^3} \frac{k_W}{1 - \epsilon} (R_T^{VV} + \epsilon R_L^{VV})$$

● ANL-Osaka DCC model

Nakamura, Kamano and Sato,
Phys. Rev. D92, 074024 (2015)

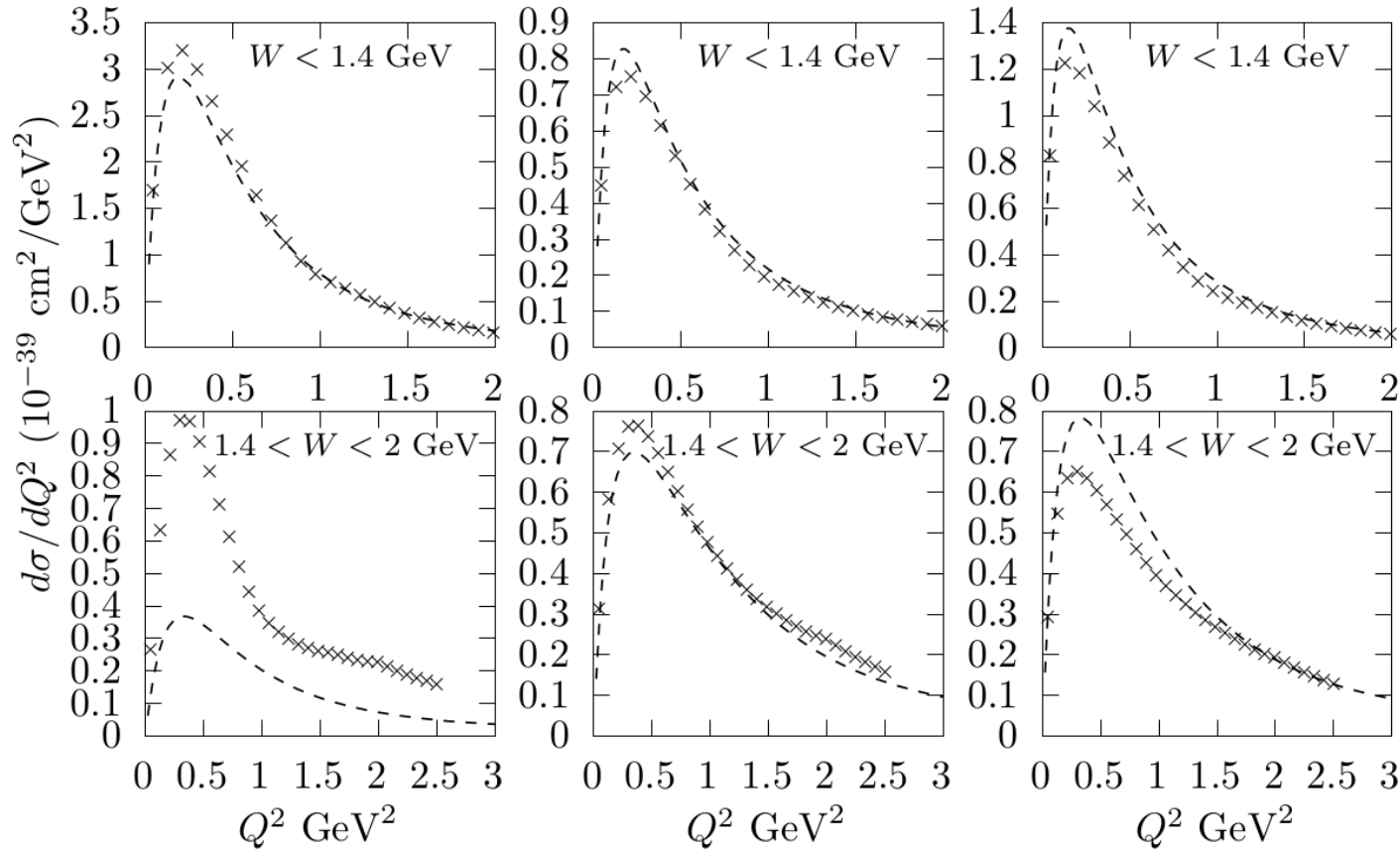
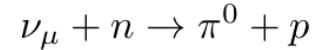
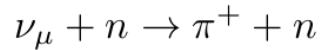
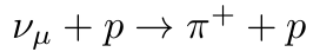
● MAID07

Drechsel, Kamalov and Tiator,
Eur. Phys. J. A34, 69-97 (2007)

● Hybrid model

R. Gonzalez-Jimenez et al.
Phys. Rev. D 95, 113007 (2017)

Isvector contribution to neutrino pion production: flux-averaged



BEBC flux-folded

$$\int dE_\nu \Phi(E_\nu) \frac{d\sigma(E_\nu)}{dQ^2}$$

$\langle E_\nu \rangle \approx 20$ GeV

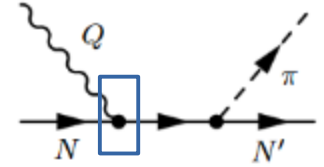
XX = ANL-Osaka DCC

-- = Hybrid model

How to assign uncertainty to isovector ?

Axial couplings to isobars

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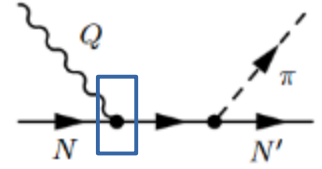


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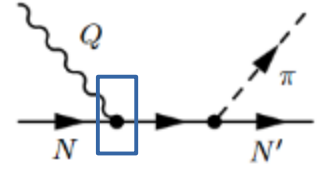
$$\text{Spin } \frac{3}{2} : \Gamma_A^{\beta\mu} = \frac{C_3^A}{M} \left(g^{\beta\mu} Q - Q^{\beta} \gamma^{\mu} \right) + \frac{C_4^A}{M^2} \left(g^{\beta\mu} Q \cdot k_R - Q^{\beta} k_R^{\mu} \right) \\ + \boxed{C_5^A g^{\beta\mu} + \frac{C_6^A}{M^2} Q^{\beta} Q^{\mu}},$$

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No constraints for Q^2 dependence

No constraint on C_3 or C_4

Fit bubble chamber data in the delta region: *partial* unitarity

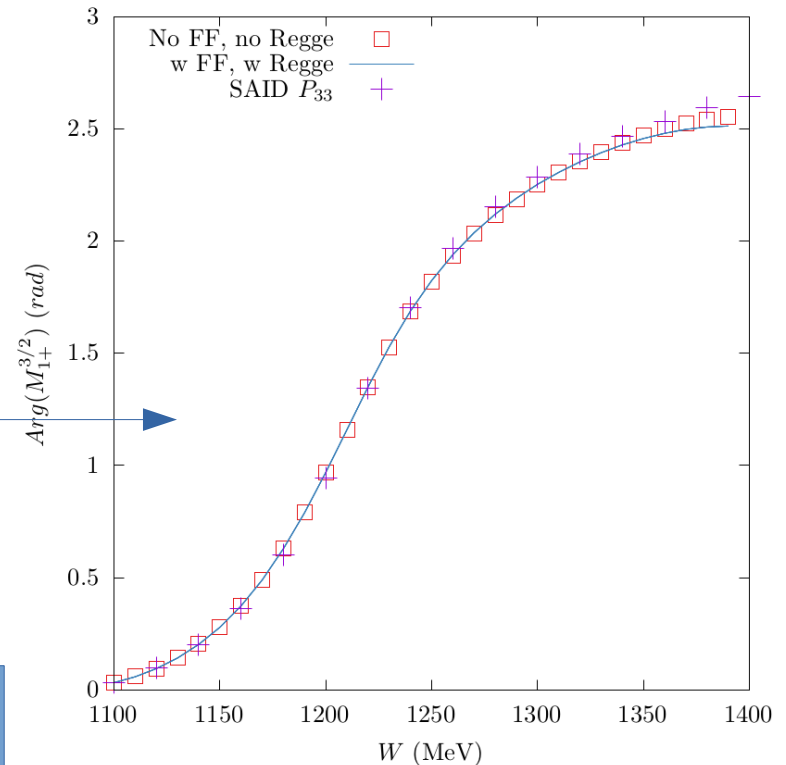
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 [Phys. Rev. D93, 014016 (2016)]

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$$J^\mu = J_V^\mu(s, t, Q^2)\Phi_V(Q^2, s) - J_A^\mu(s, t, Q^2)\Phi_A(Q^2, s)$$

The Olsson phases are fixed by
 Requiring that the dominant P_{33} amplitudes
 Have the πN scattering phase-shift



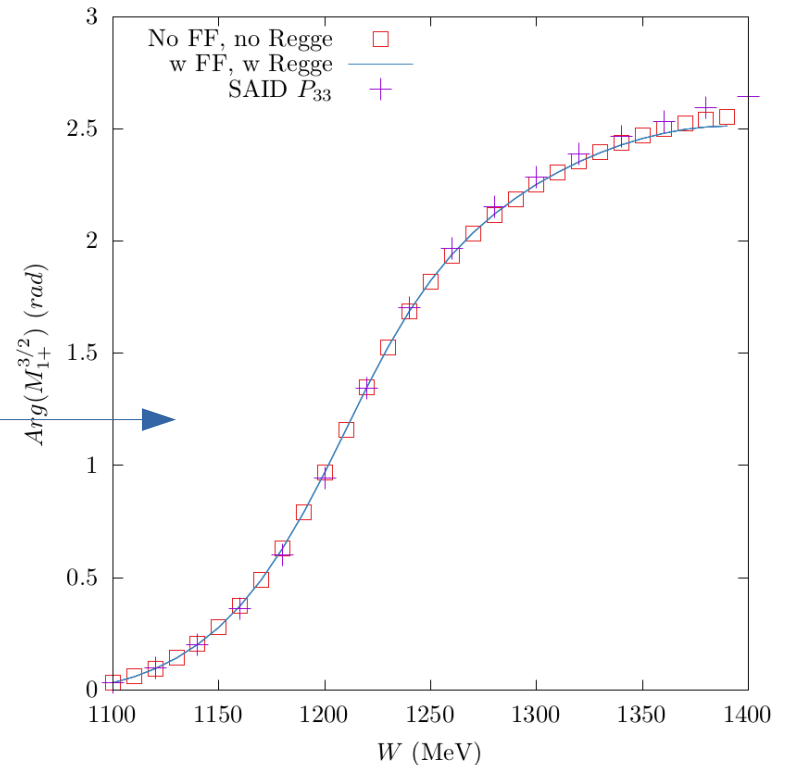
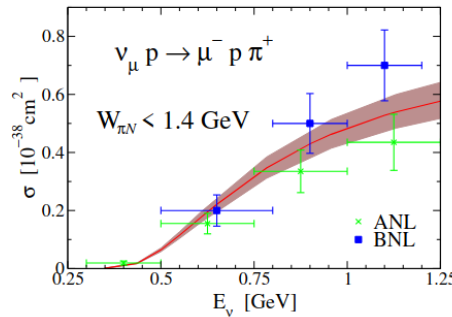
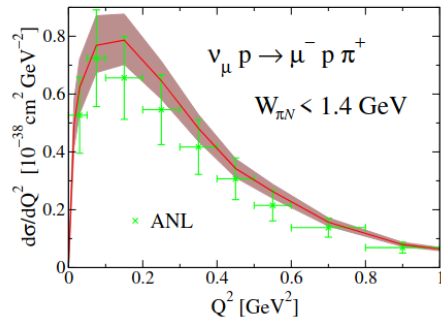
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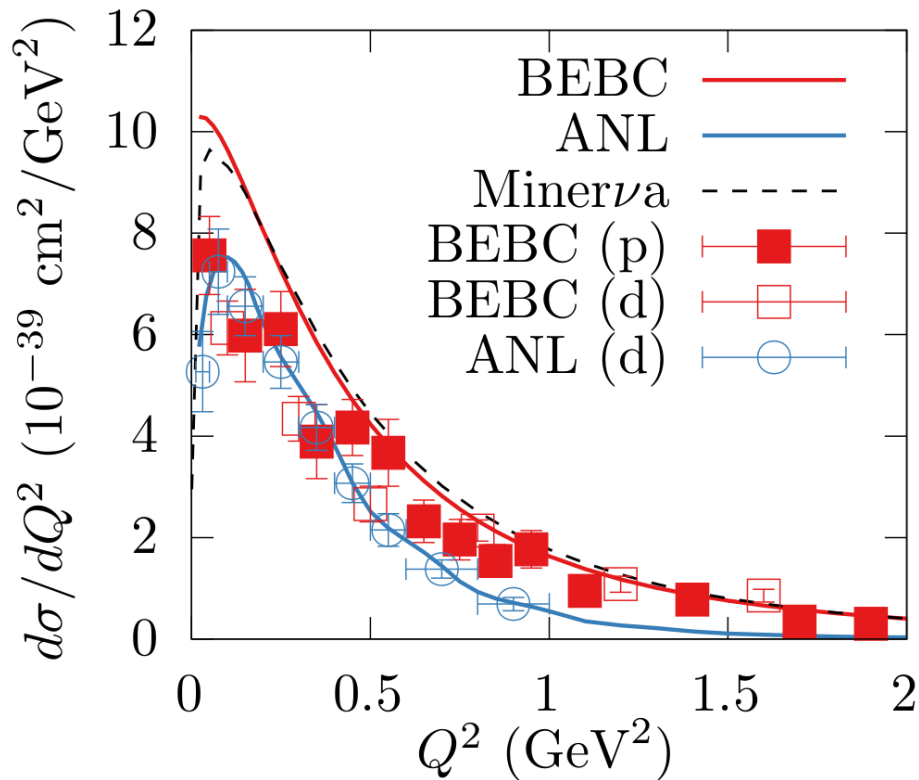
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Find $C_5(0)$ consistent with PCAC
 parametrize $C_5(Q^2)$

Comparison to bubble chamber data

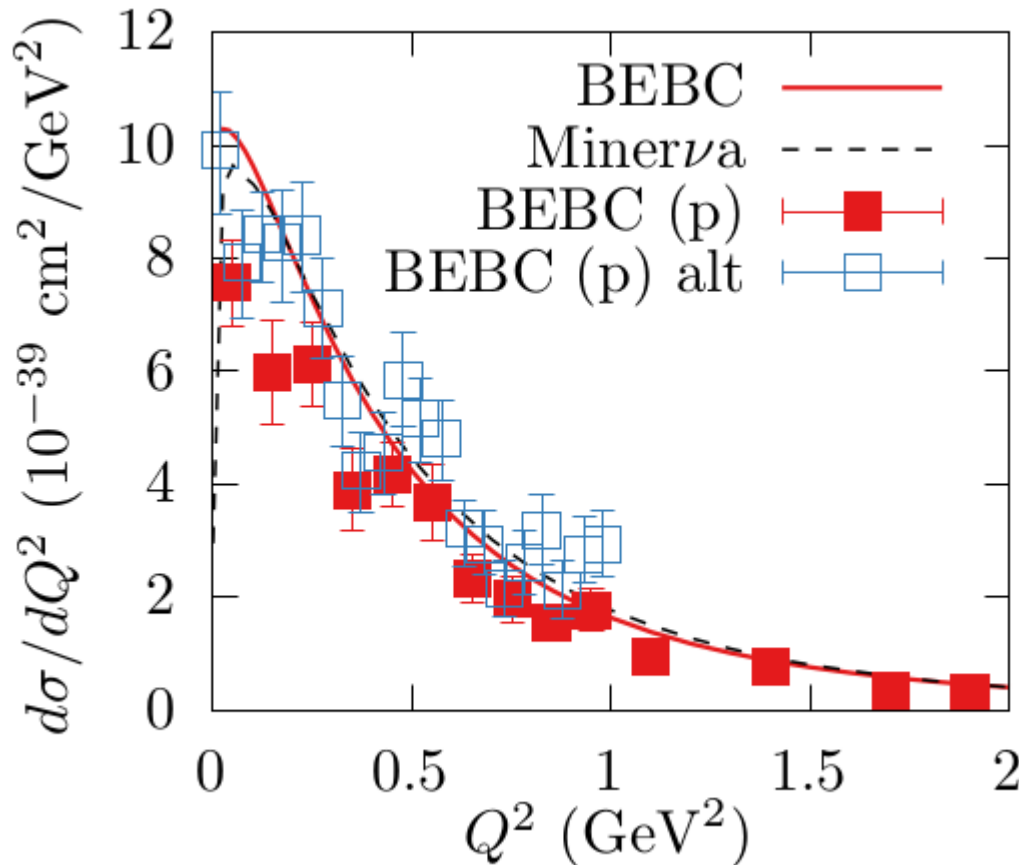
[A.N. et al. PRD 107 (2023) 5, 053007]



Data and calculations for $W < 1.4 \text{ GeV} \sim \Delta$ dominated

**The fit to ANL data does not reproduce the BEBC data
Even in the π^+ channel**

BEBC flux-folded: alternative dataset



Data from BEBC:

[Z. Phys. C 43, 527–540 (1989)]

[Nucl.Phys.B 176 (1980) 269]

- related to low- p_N efficiency
- Unclear how correction is done
- Errors likely underestimated?

Will revisit data with unitary model
(M. Hoft, UGent)

Need new data on proton (deuteron)!

Axial couplings to higher-mass resonances

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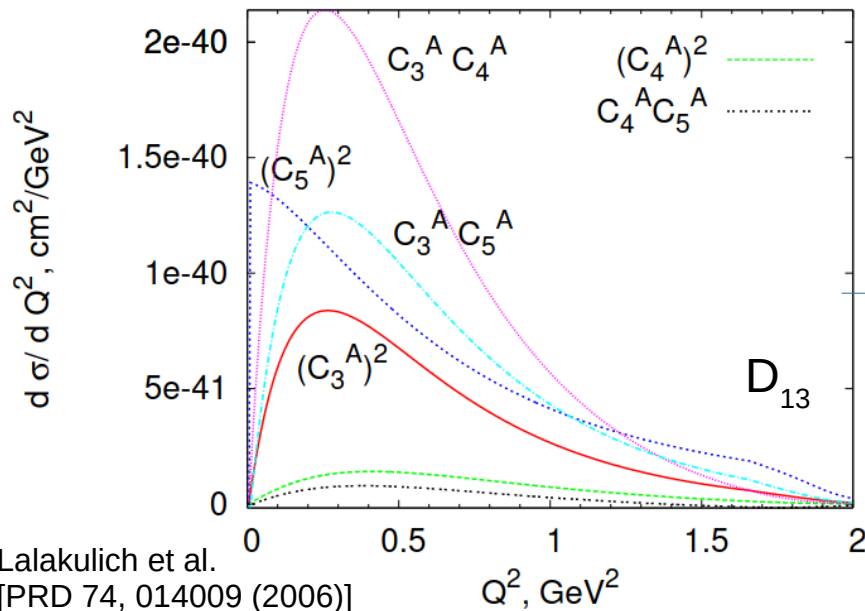
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100% uncertainty in axial-axial contribution ?!

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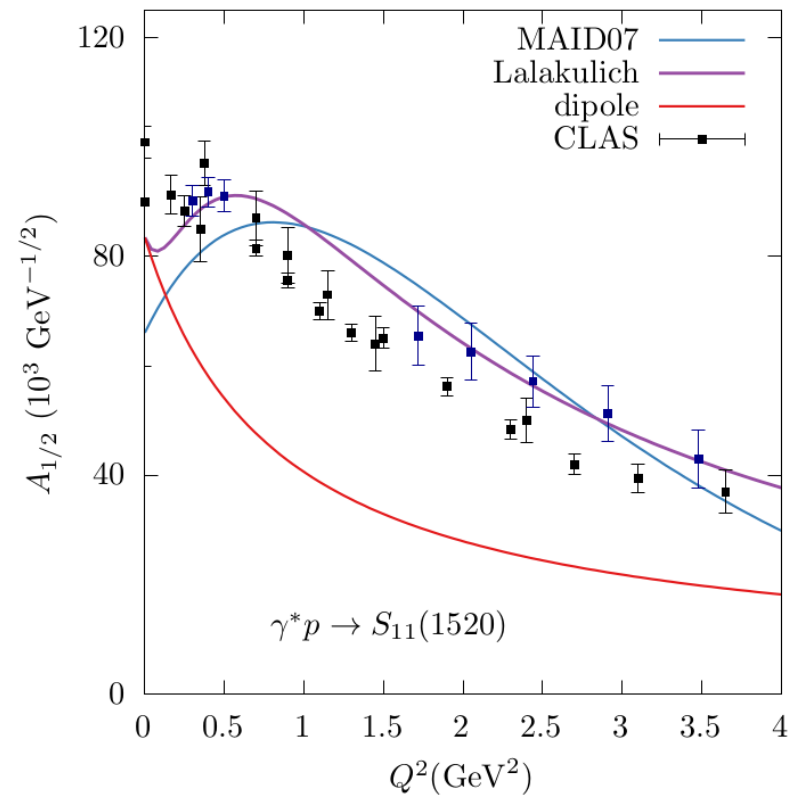
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Higher mass resonances:

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- The form factors can be very far from dipoles!



Recap: pion production on the nucleon

- Electron and photoproduction data and pion-nucleon scattering
 - Many theoretical approaches and analyses available
- Require neutron measurements for isovector-isoscalar separation
 - Deuteron target data: need to describe FSI
 - New experimental efforts : [CLAS, PRC 107, 015201]
 - How to assess uncertainty due to isovector current ?

Axial current source of mayor uncertainties:

- Delta resonance mostly dominated by 1 axial FF
 - Can constrain with bubble chamber data
 - Inconsistencies between datasets, need deuteron
- Higher mass resonances not well constrained

Pion production on the nucleus

Approximate treatment of production of state X

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Region of validity of these approximations is not fully established!

- Nuclear matrix elements
- 'final-state interactions' (intranuclear cascade)

'split up' between these effects is not exactly the case

- 'Elastic FSI'
- 'Inelastic FSI'

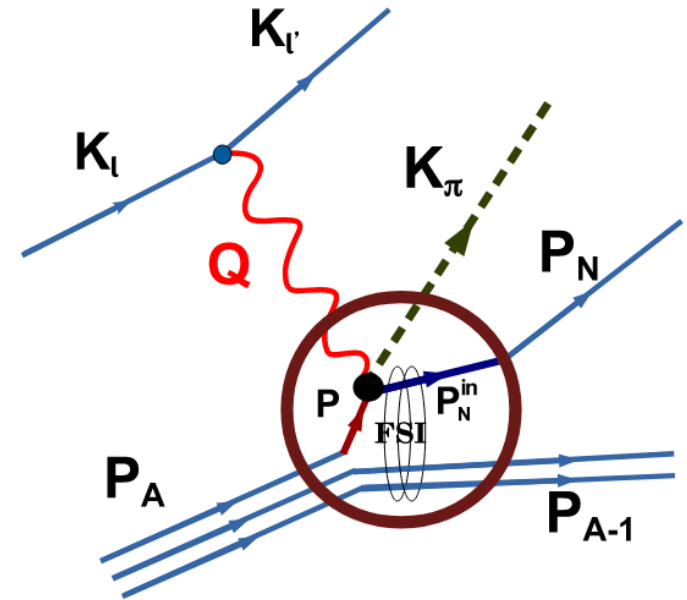
Local RDWIA for pion production on the nucleus: elastic FSI

Single-nucleon current in IA:

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Wavefunctions in nuclear medium experience FSI

= 'Elastic FSI' = exchange of momentum with medium



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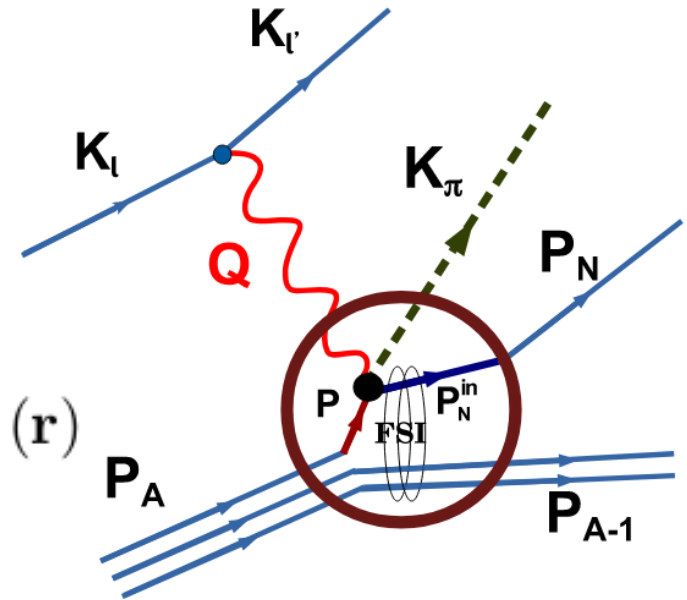
Local/asymptotic approximation

$$\mathcal{O}^\mu(q, p'_m, p'_N, p'_\pi) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\mu(q, p_m, k_N, k_\pi)$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \phi^*(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}_\pi) \overline{\psi}^{s_N}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k}_N) \mathcal{O}^\nu \psi_\kappa^{m_j}(\mathbf{r})$$

Plane
Wave

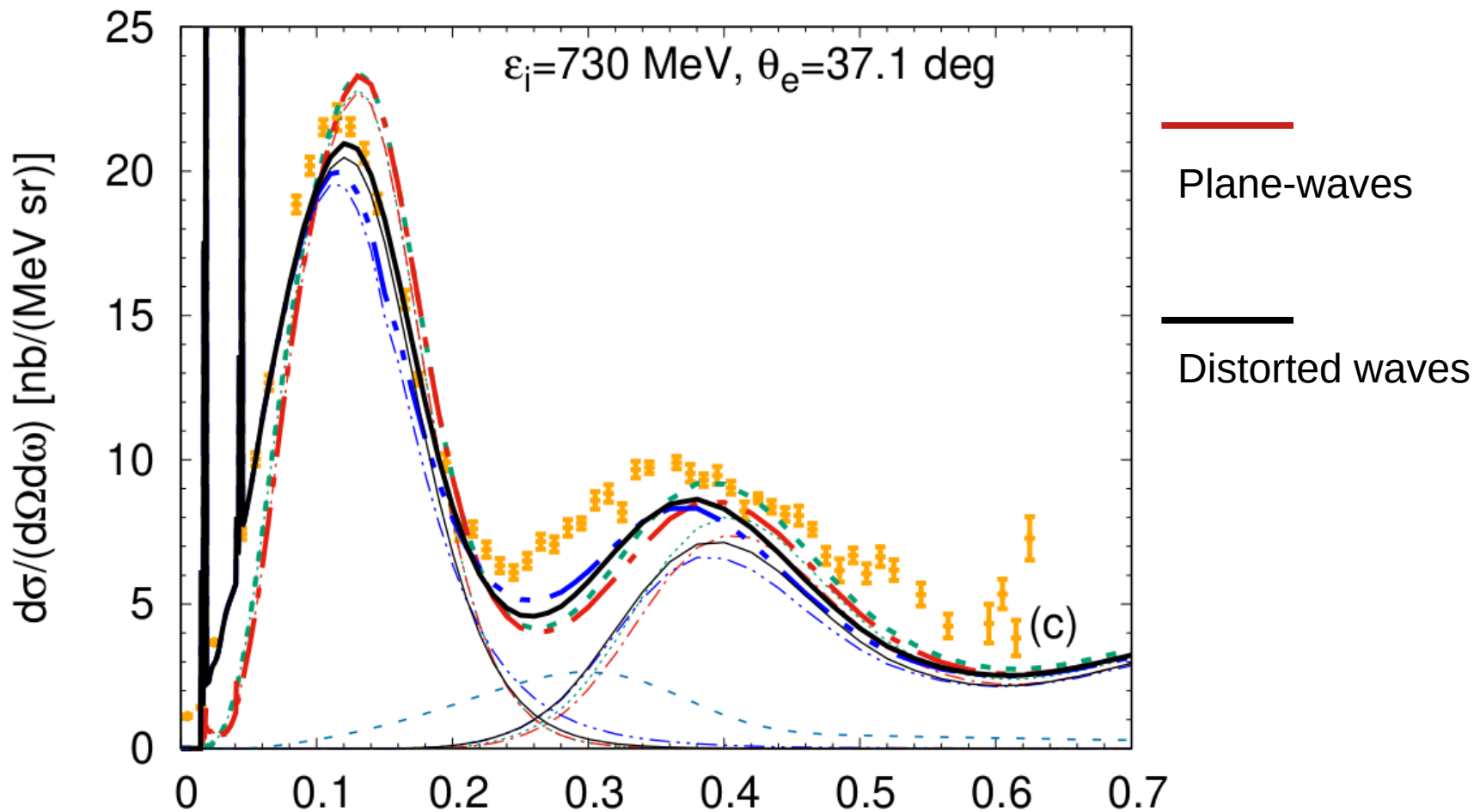
Distorted
wave



RDWIA for inclusive electron scattering

[R. Gonzalez-Jimenez, A. Nikolakopoulos, N. Jachowicz, J.M. Udias PRC 100, 045501 (2019)]

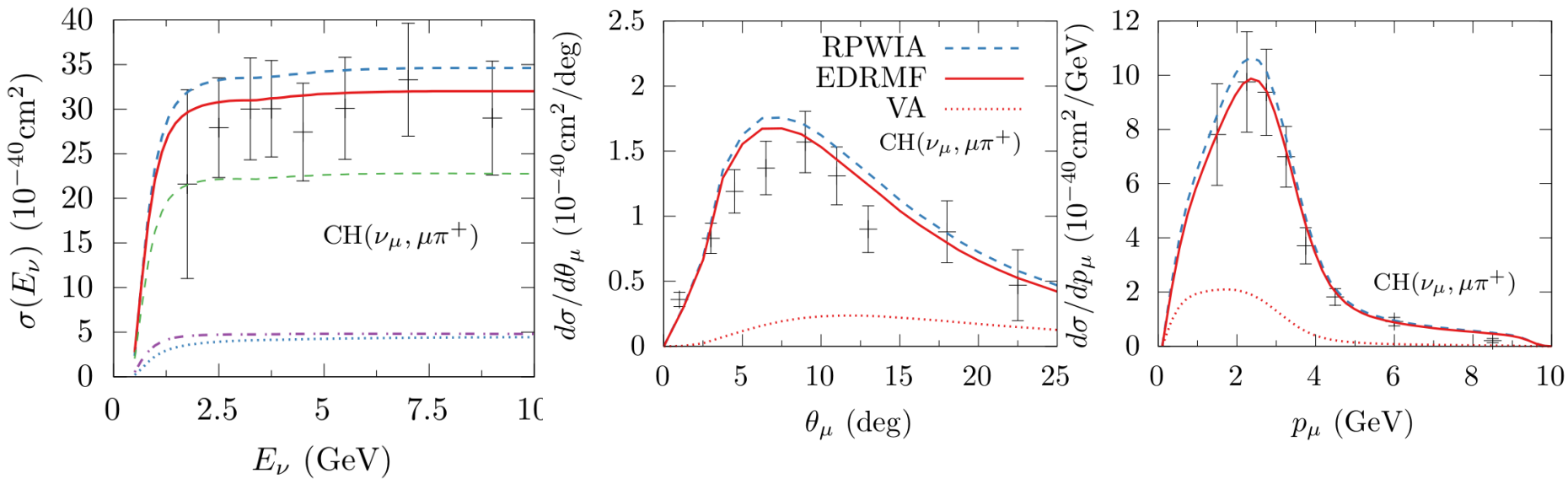
Non-negligible at intermediate (SBN) energies:



Neutrino production of charged pions on CH

MINERvA experiment $1\pi^+$
 $W_{(\text{exp})} < 1.4 \text{ GeV}$

RPWIA ---
EDRMF —



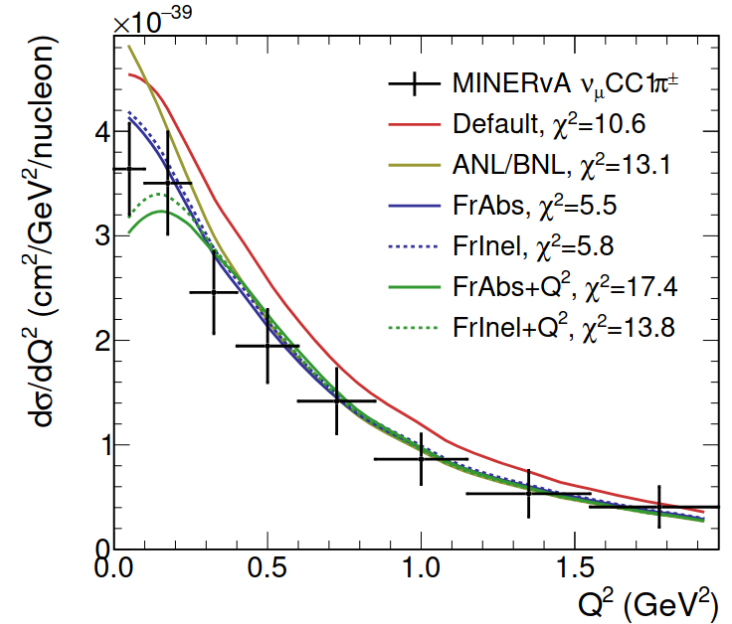
Up to 10% effect for flux-averaged cross section in delta region

Tensions in the resonance region ?

[MINERvA PRD100, 072005 (2019)]

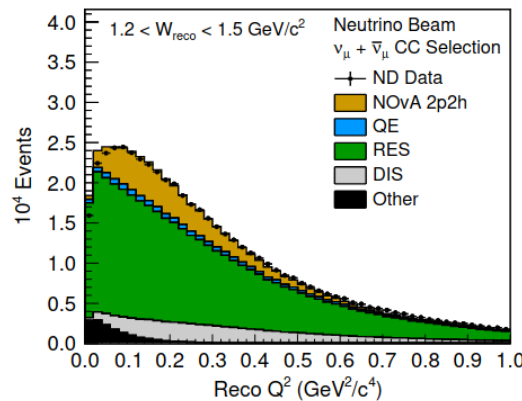
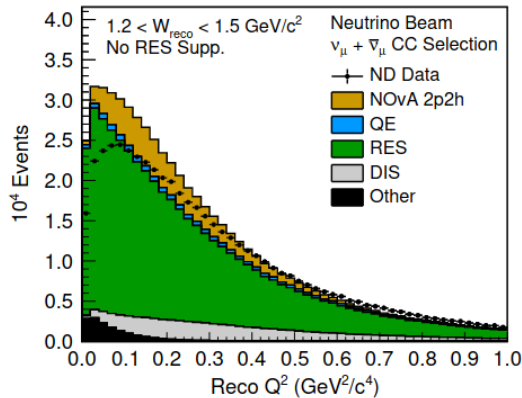
To resolve tension between deuteron / carbon results:

“An additional *ad hoc* correction for the low- Q^2 region, where collective nuclear effects are expected to be large”



[MINERvA PRD100, 072005 (2019)]

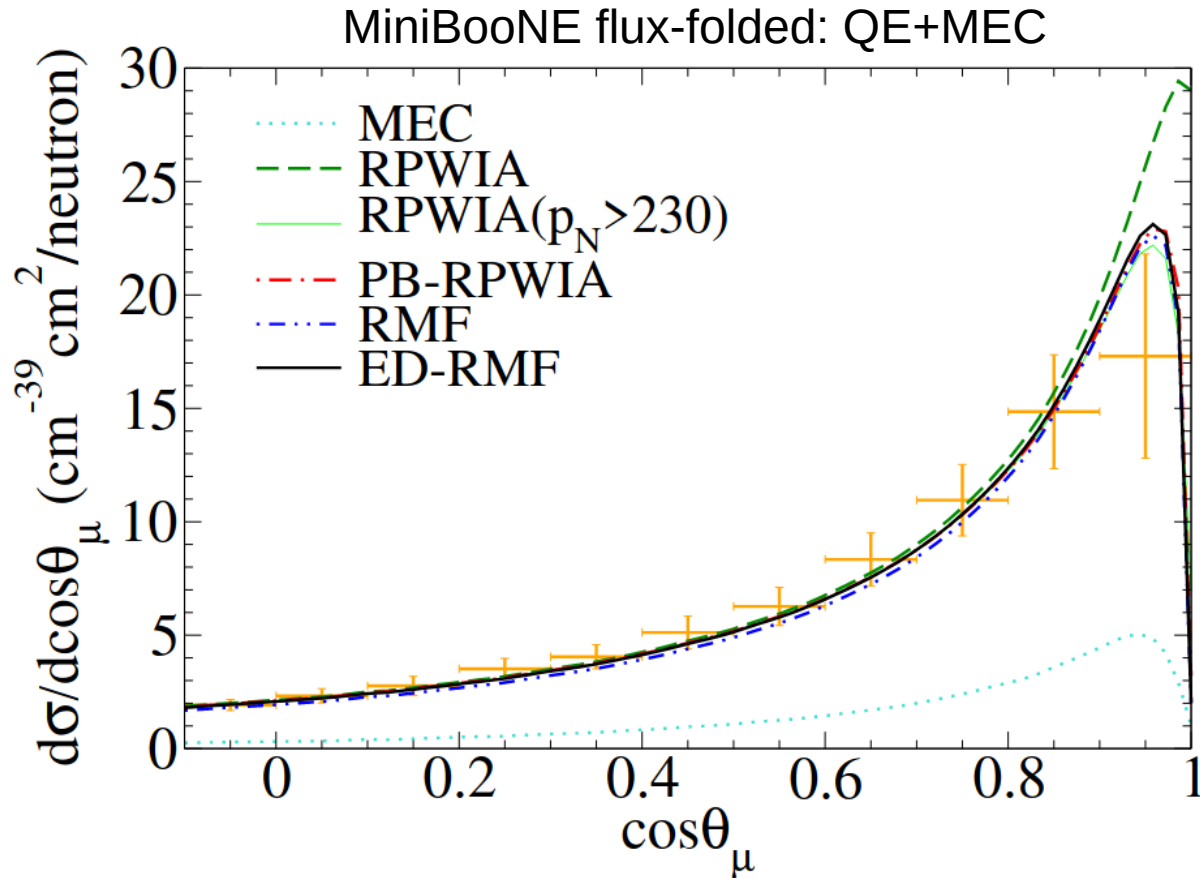
Similar correction introduced by NOvA



[NOvA Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 1119 (2020)]

Low- Q^2 suppression in the CCQE region: RDWIA

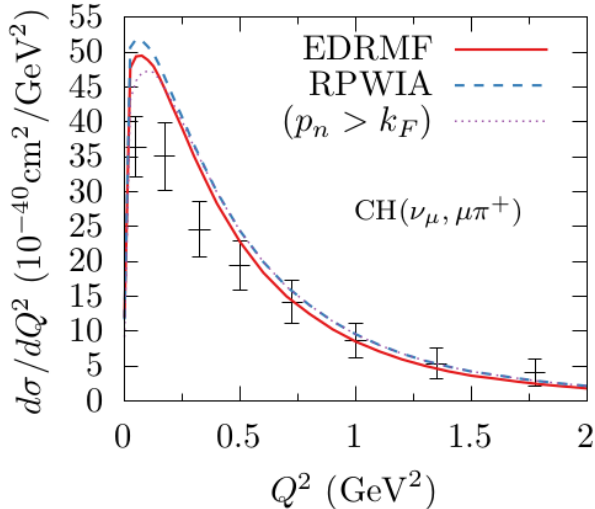
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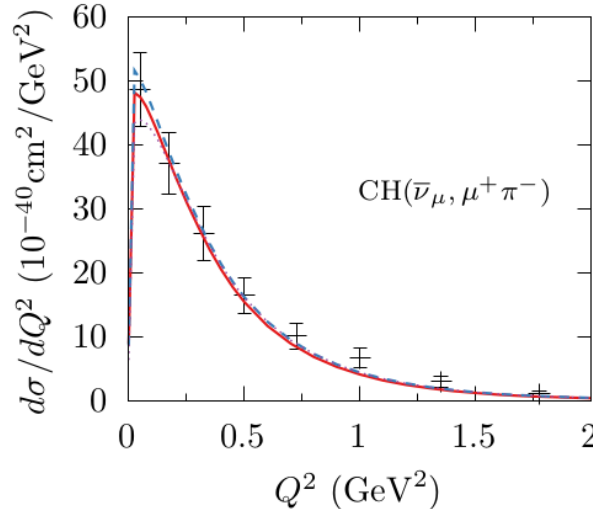
The RDWIA leads to a suppression at small angles (\approx low Q^2)

Neutrino production of charged pions on CH: Q^2 distributions

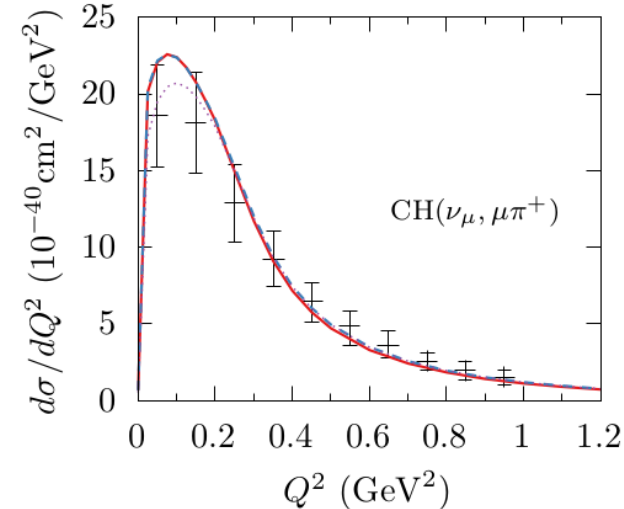
MINERvA $1\pi^+$
 $W_{(\text{exp})} < 1.4 \text{ GeV}$



MINERvA $1\pi^-$
 $W_{(\text{exp})} < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$



T2K $1\pi^+$



Overprediction of low- Q^2 region in EDRMF and RPWIA

- Many caveats in interpretation of data-theory comparison!

But certainly:

Nucleon FSI does not reproduce a significant reduction in the low- Q^2 region!

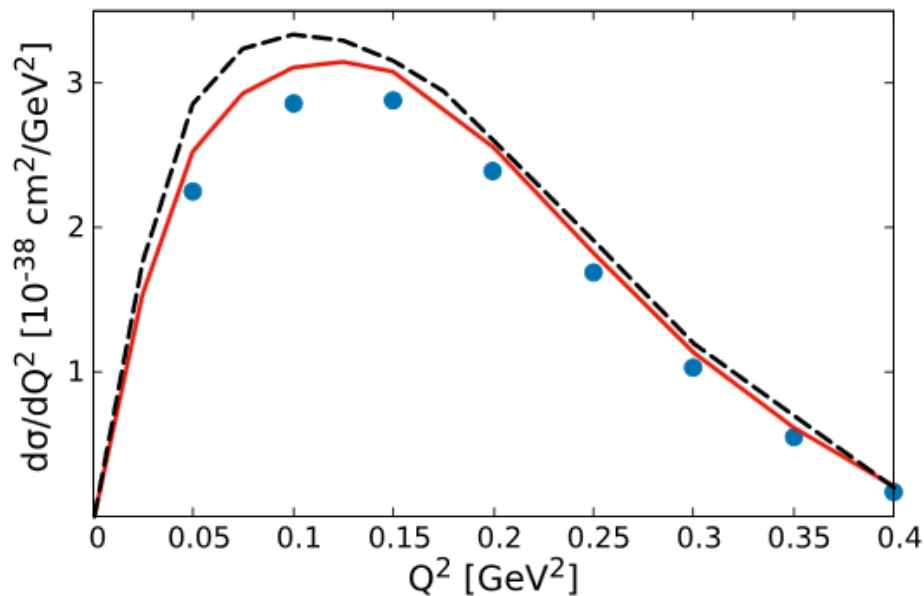
Beyond the local approximation

Recent work by J. Garcia Marcos et al. [Phys Rev C 109 024608]

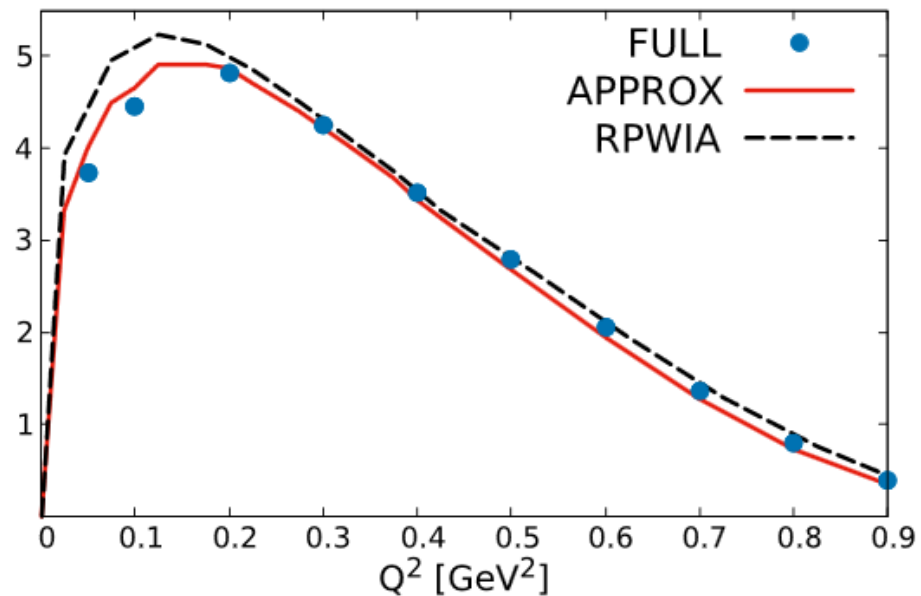
~~Local/asymptotic approximation~~

$$\mathcal{O}^\mu(q, p'_m, p'_N, p'_\pi) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\mu(q, p_m, k_N, k_\pi)$$

$E_\nu = 0.6 \text{ GeV}$



$E_\nu = 1 \text{ GeV}$

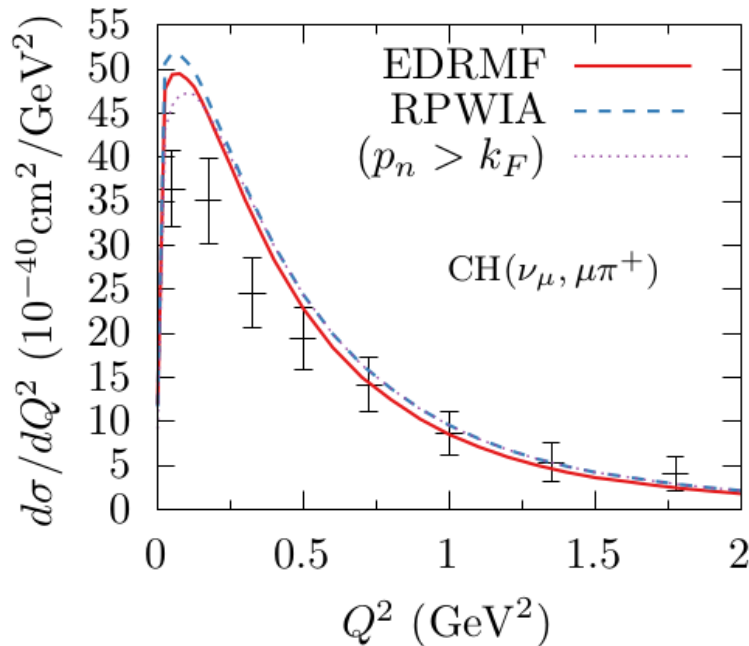


+Work ongoing to include distorted pion wavefunctions

Neutrino production of charged pions on CH: Q^2 distributions

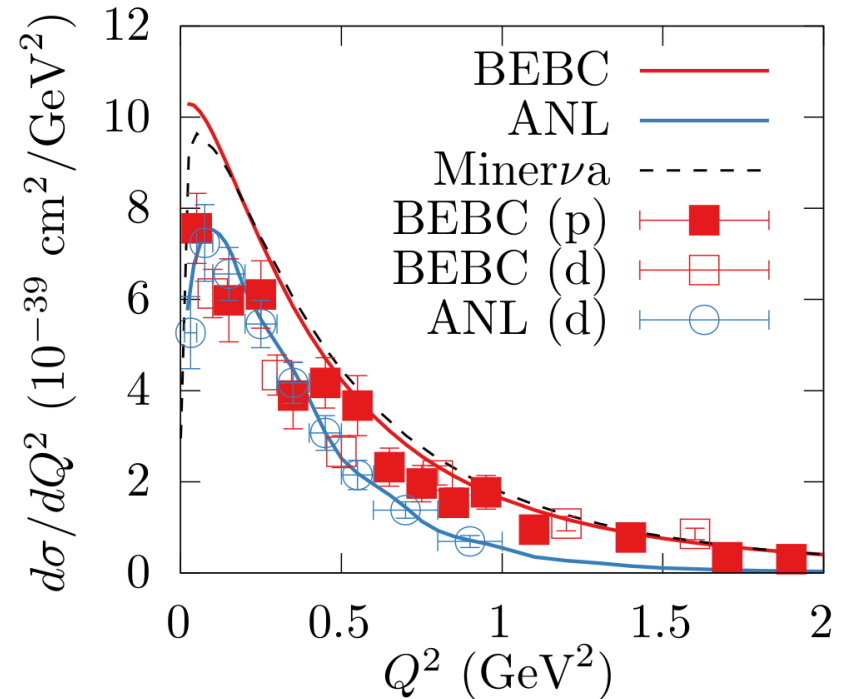
MINERνA $1\pi^+$ on carbon

$W_{(\text{exp})} < 1.4 \text{ GeV}$



$1\pi^+$ on proton

$W_{(\text{exp})} < 1.4 \text{ GeV}$



Overprediction of low- Q^2 region in nuclei **and** nucleons at high-E
→ nucleon level matrix elements not well-constrained ?

Neutral pion production in MINERvA : a puzzle ?

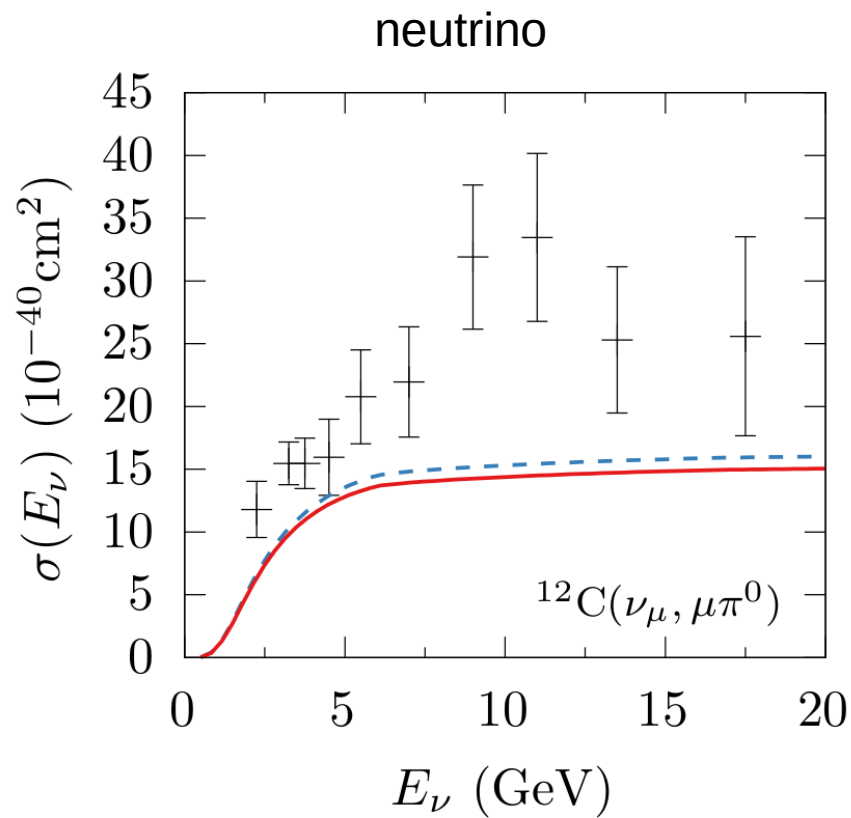
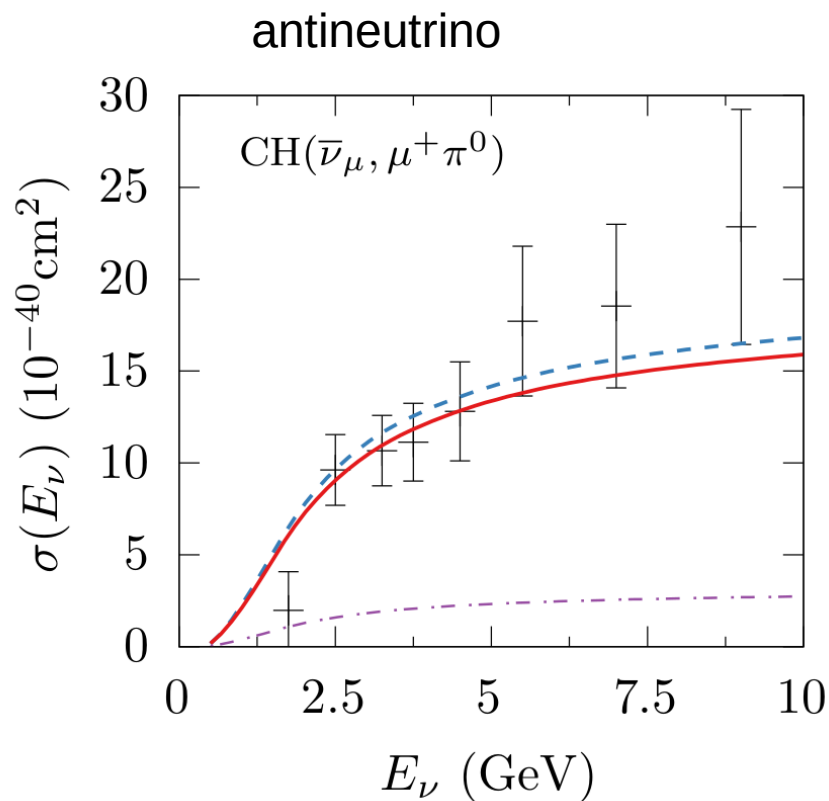
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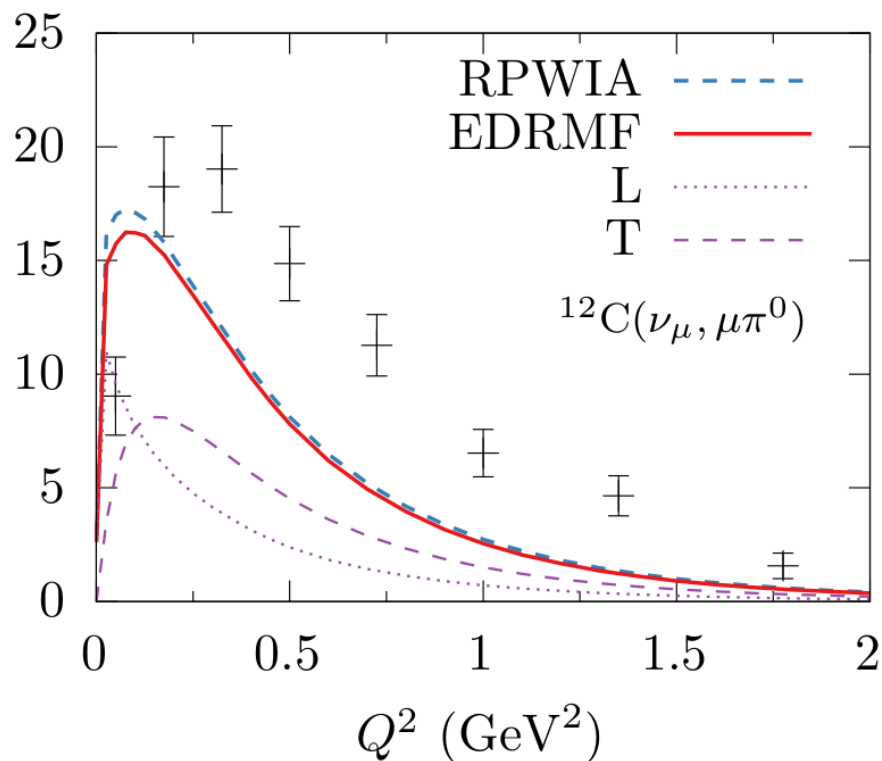
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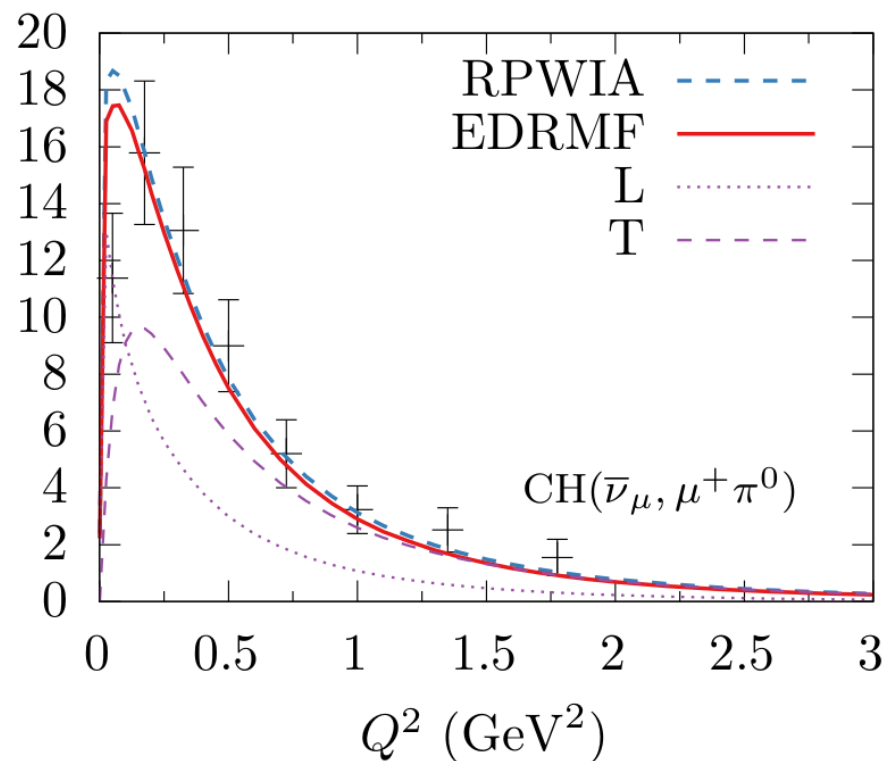
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neutrino



antineutrino



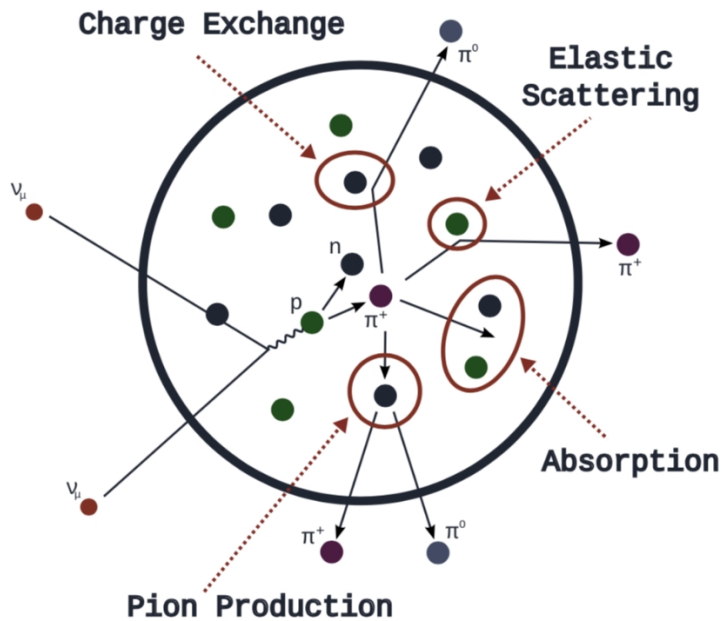
Sensitive to unconstrained second resonance region!

Pion production on the nucleus: cascade models and generators

Approximate treatment of production of state X

$$\sum_{\alpha} \underbrace{|\langle \Psi_0 | T_{1b} | \psi_{\alpha} \rangle|^2}_{\text{Nuclear matrix elements}} \underbrace{|\langle \psi_{\alpha} | X \rangle|^2}_{\text{'Inelastic final-state interactions'}}$$

- Nuclear matrix elements
- 'Inelastic final-state interactions' → intranuclear cascade (INC)

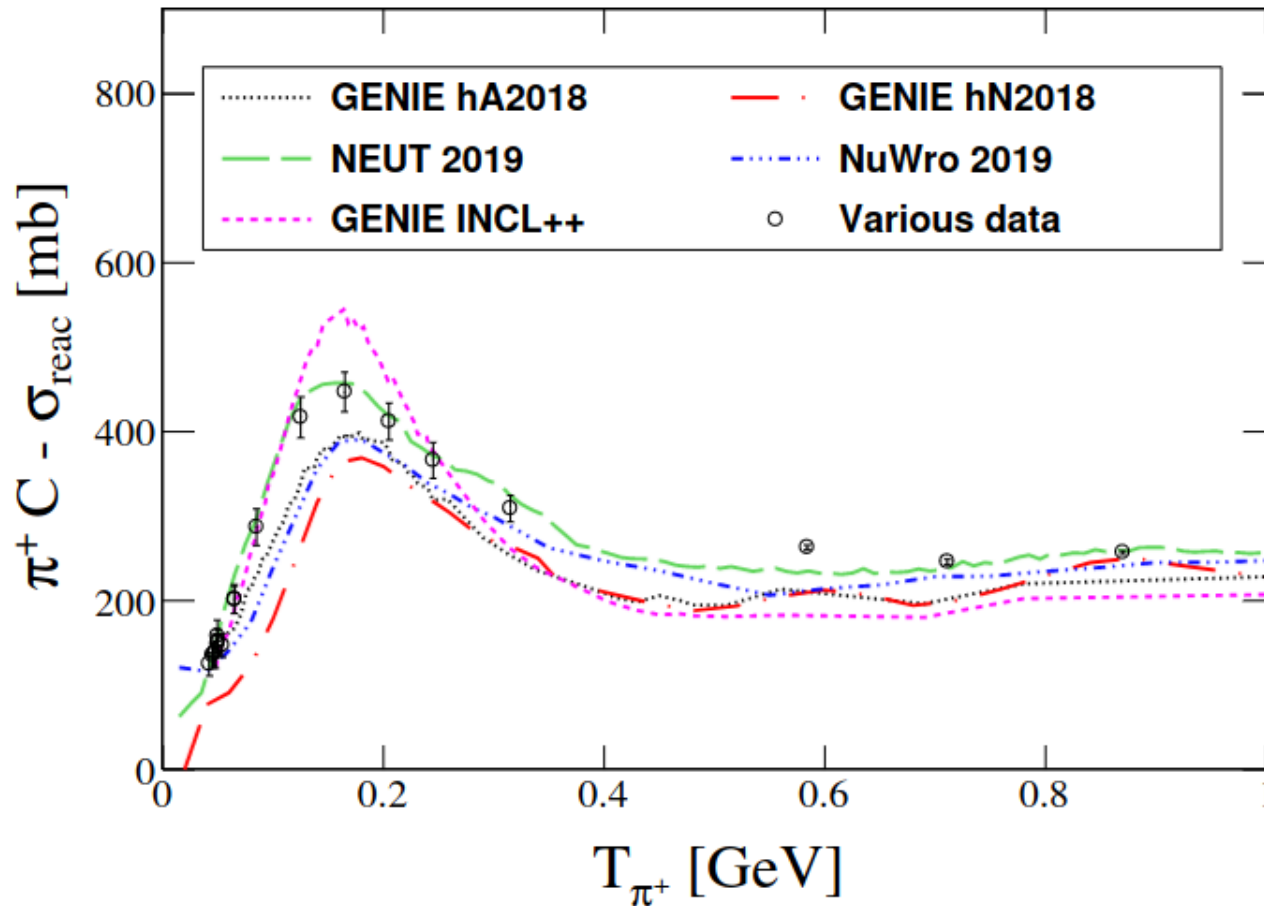


- Classical treatment of coupled-channel problem
- Momentum states propagated
- Constrained by hadron-nucleus interactions

Fig: T. Golan

Pion production on the nucleus: cascade models and generators

Several INC implementations in different generators:

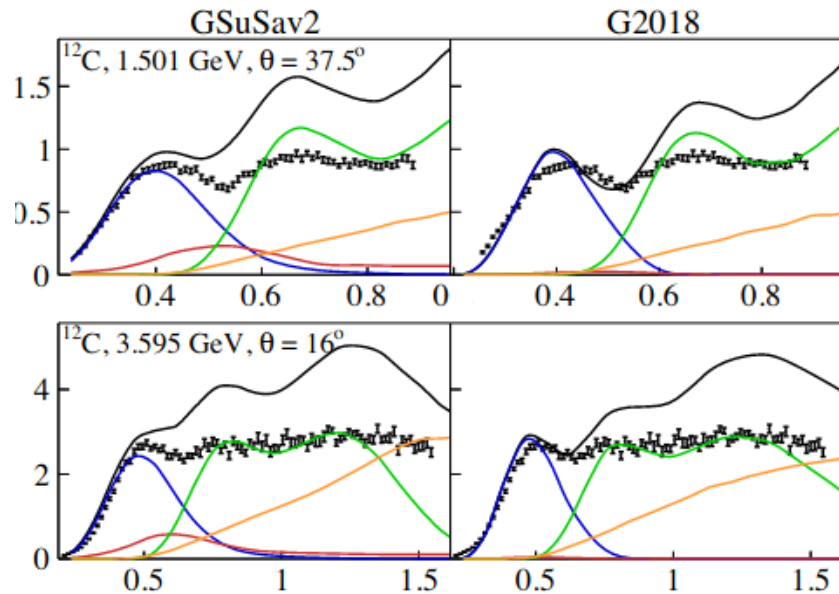


[Dytman et al. Phys. Rev. D 104, 053006 (2021)]

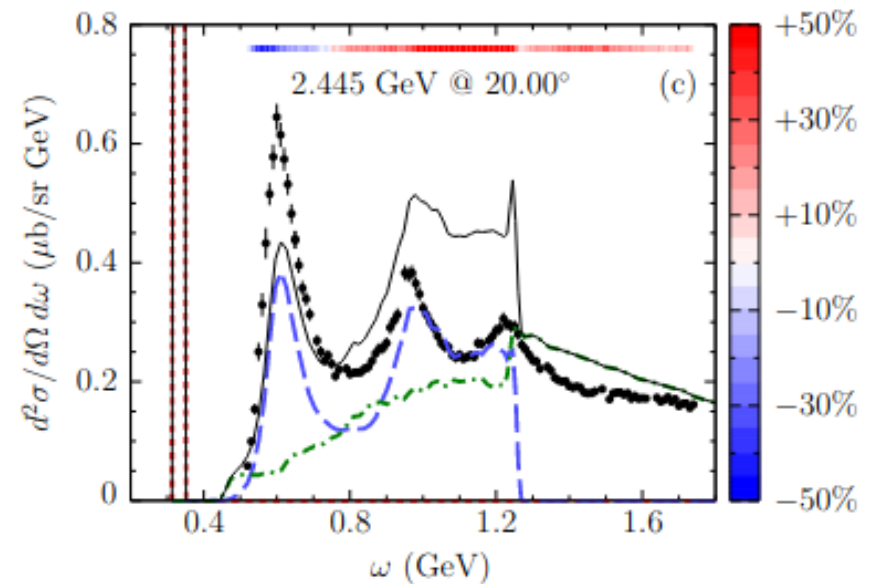
Pion production on the nucleon in generators

Hard to judge data comparisons when **input to the generator** is not well established

Examples from GENIE with electron-scattering data:



E4nu collaboration
[PRD 103, 113003 (2021)]



Ankowski & Friedland
[PRD 102, 053001 (2020)]

Pion production on the nucleon in generators

GIBUU:

- Using MAID07 for vector current
- Axial from Lalakulich and Leitner e.g [Phys.Rev.C79:034601,2009]

GENIE:

- Ongoing efforts to improve electron scattering resonance models and upcoming analysis of CLAS pion production data.
- Large scale fits of neutrino data [J. Tena Vidal et al. PRD 104, 072009]

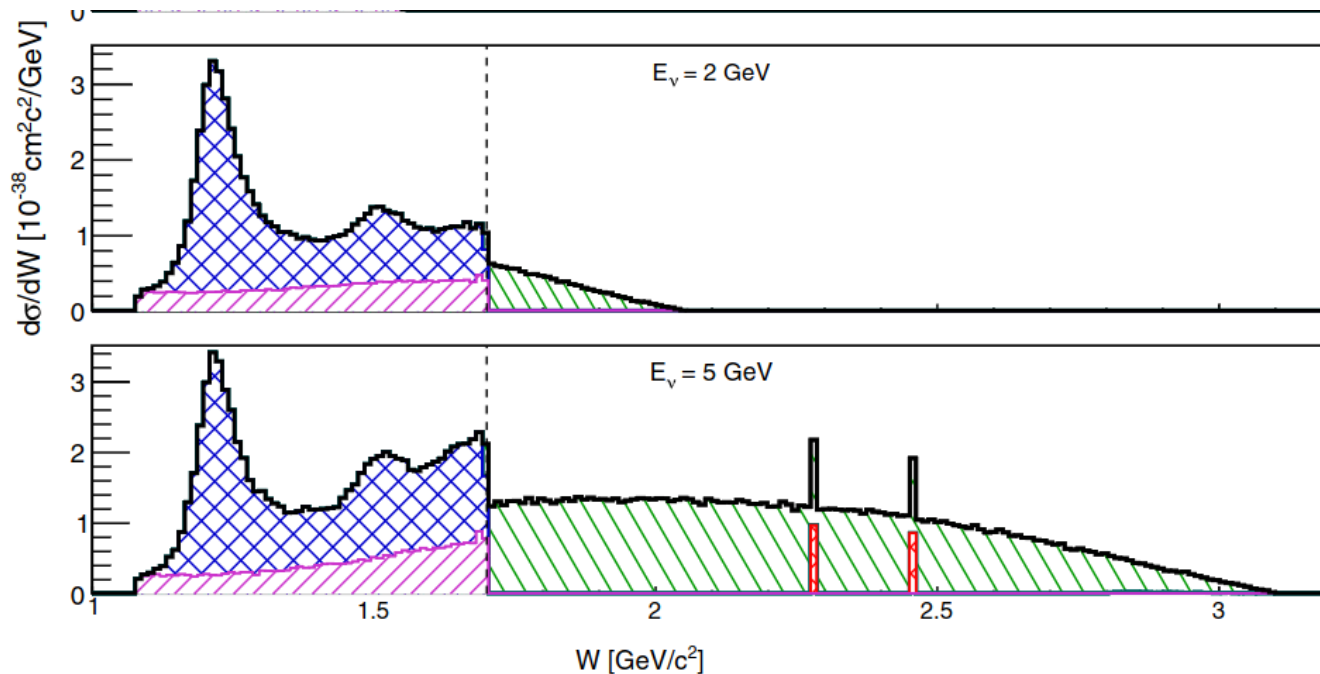
NEUT:

- Implementation M. Kabirnezhad amplitudes [Phys. Rev. D 97, 013002]
- Recent high-quality fits of ep data: [Phys. Rev. C 107, 025502]

Will discuss some ongoing/recent efforts with
NuWro and ACHILLES

Pion production in generators typically

- Incoherent sum of resonances
- Angular distributions πN isotropic in CMS
- 'Non-resonant background' extrapolated from DIS

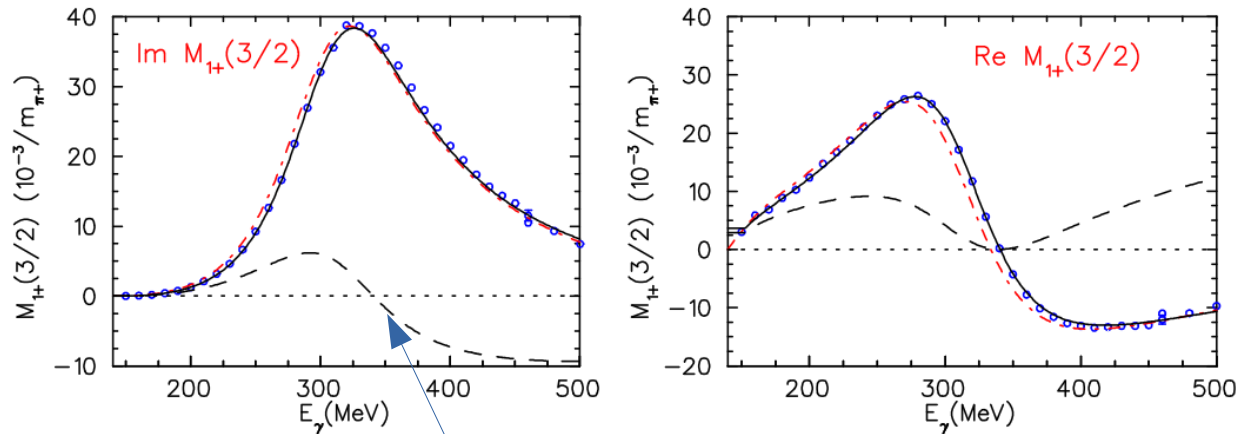


[J. T. Vidal et al. Phys. Rev. D 104.072009]

Pion production in generators typically

- **Incoherent sum of resonance contributions**

A 'resonance' is a structure in specific πN partial waves: (I, J, P) e.g. $\Delta = P_{33}$



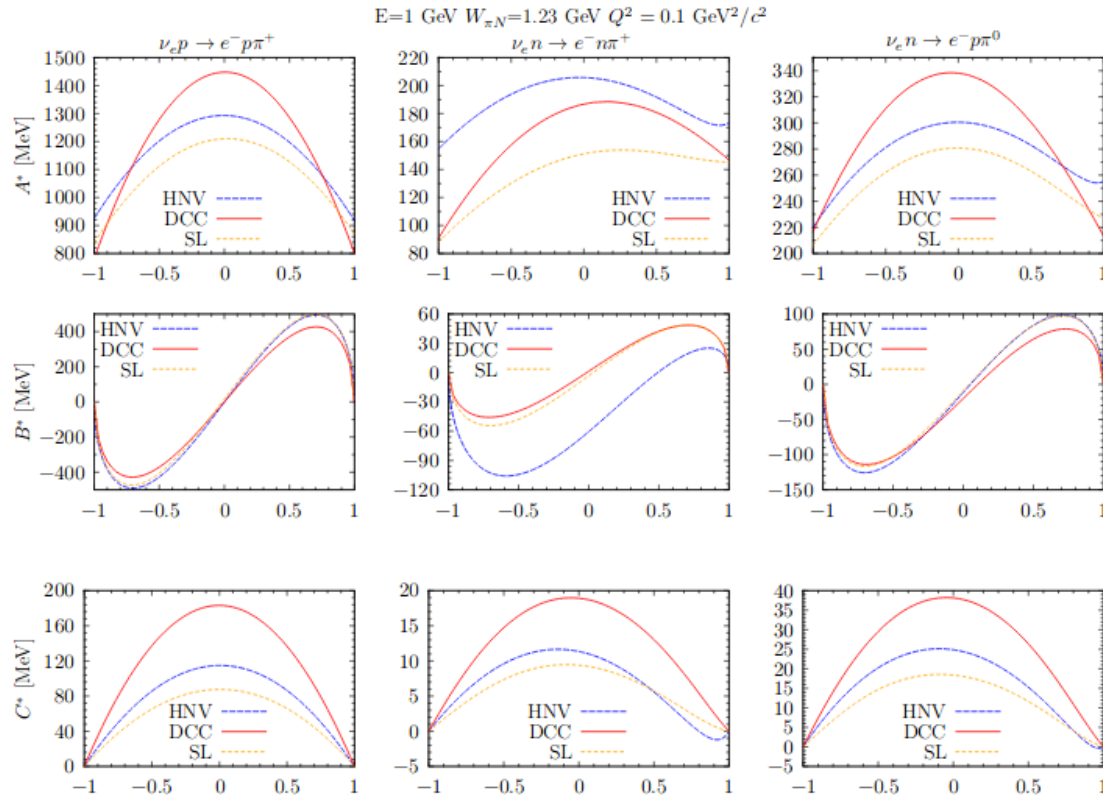
Inclusive cross sections are incoherent sums of squared partial waves

- Can get away with incoherent sums of resonance contributions
- Cannot incoherently add 'Background' contribution
- Lose information on hadron kinematics

Pion production in generators: hadron observables

- Angular distributions πN often taken as isotropic in CMS

- In reality they are not:
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dW d\Omega_\pi^*} = \frac{\mathcal{F}^2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k_\pi^*}{k_l^2} \times [A + B \cos(\phi^*) C \cos(2\phi^*) + D \sin(\phi^*) + E \sin(2\phi^*)]$$

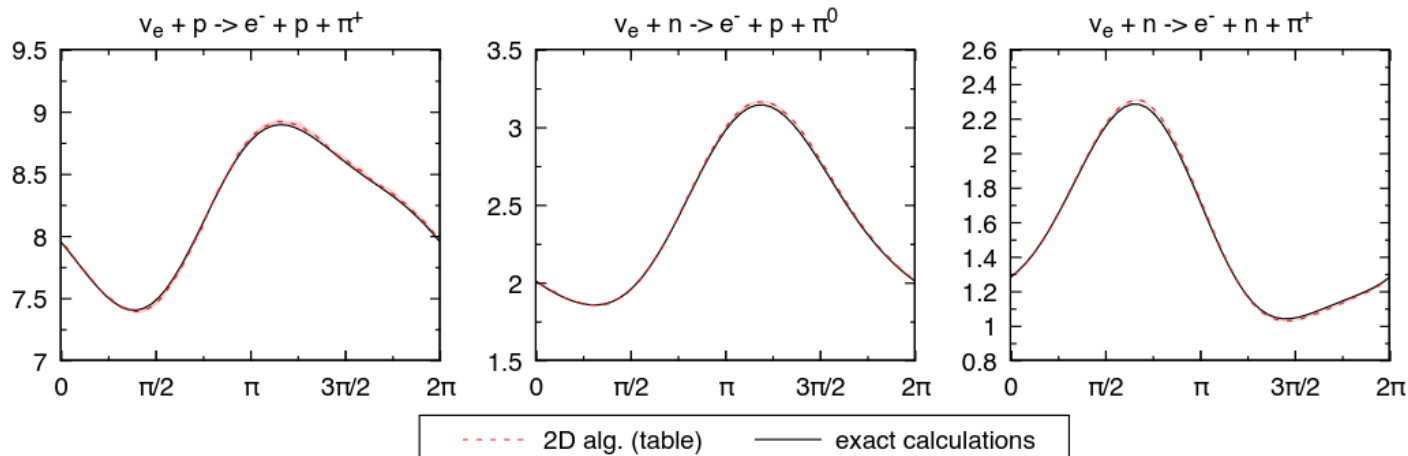


[J. E. Sobczyk et al. Phys. Rev. D 98, 073001 (2018)]

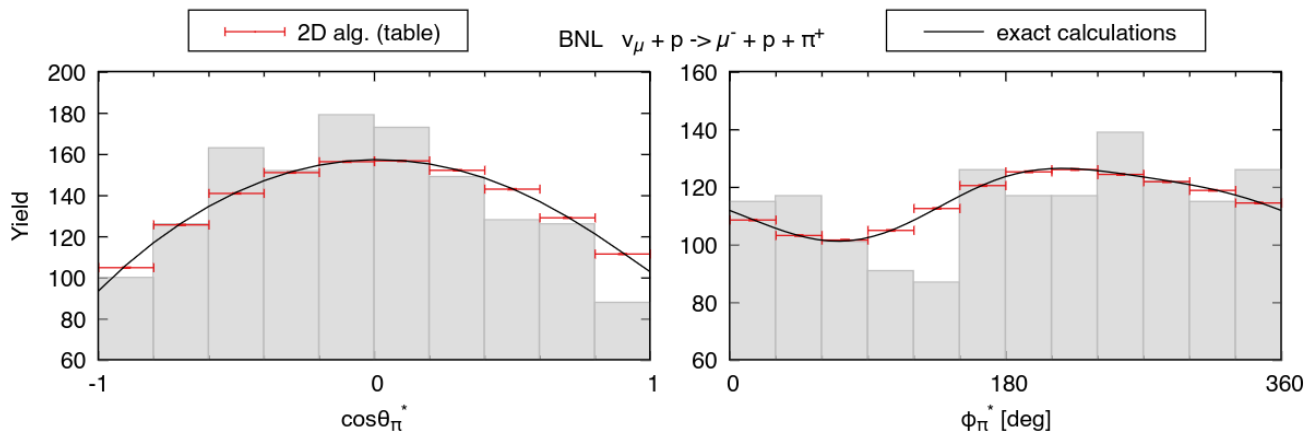
Structure functions for neutrinos in NuWro

Full implementation of cross section with all interference in NuWro : [Niewczas, PRD 103, 053003 (2021)]

Completely general: works for every model



Hydrogen/deuteron bubble chambers:

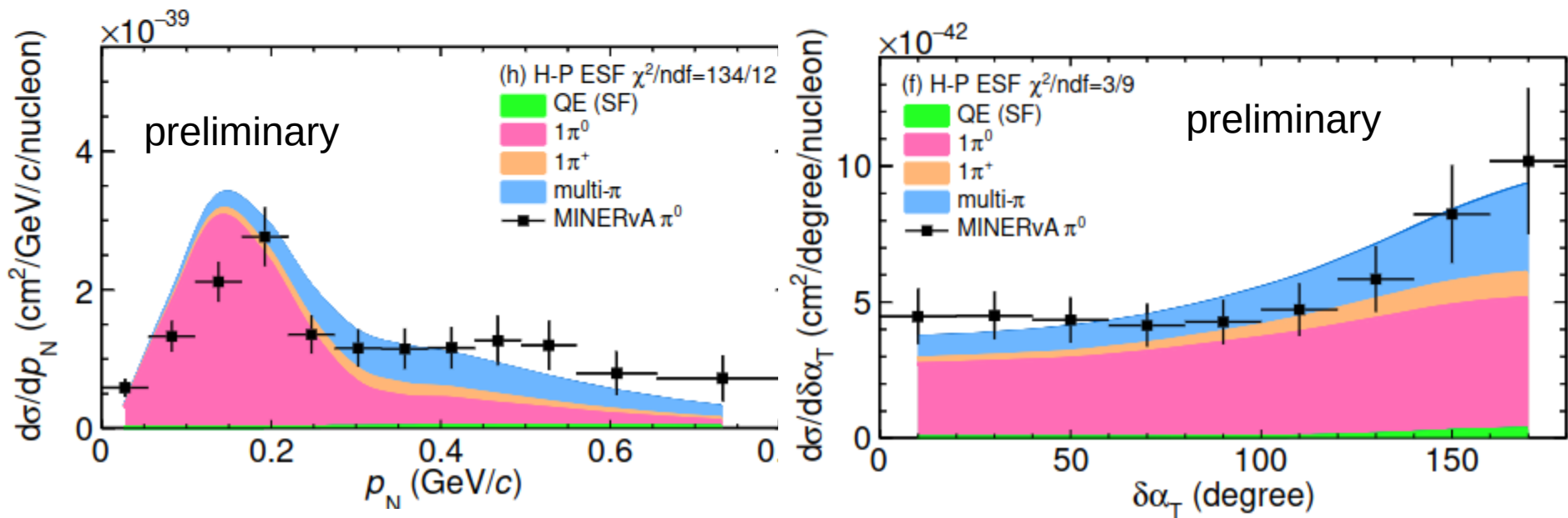


Will see results for flux-averaged data in near future

Pion production in NuWro

Coming soon:

Hybrid model fully implemented and coupled to the NuWro INC

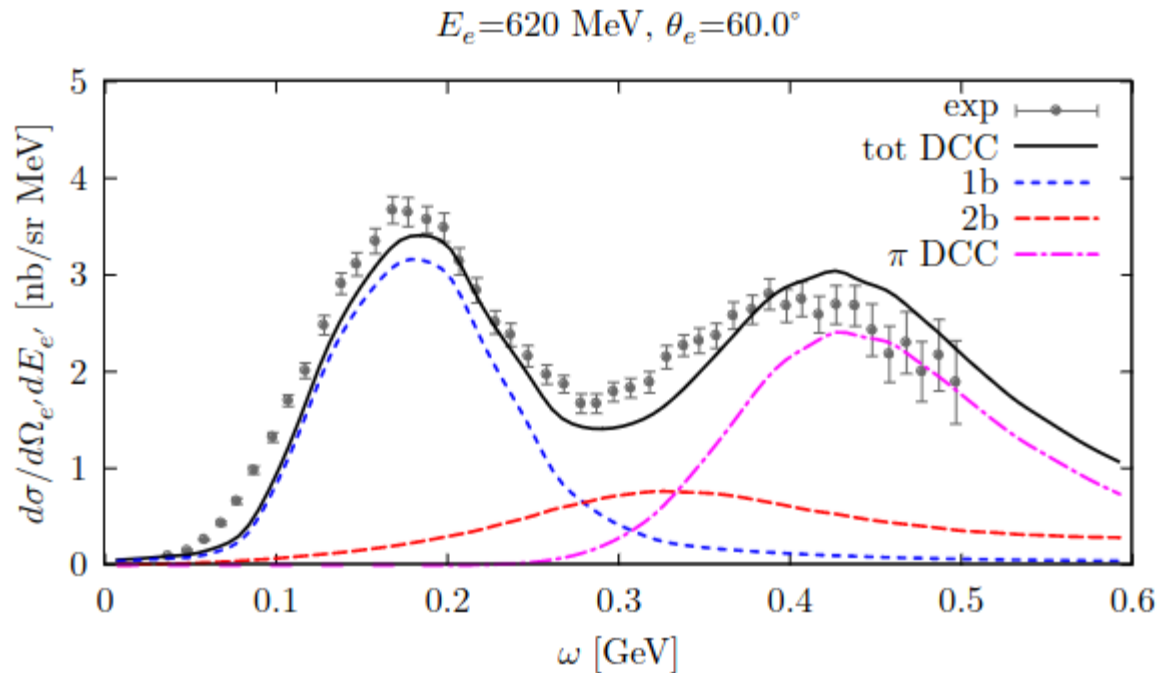


In collaboration with **Qiyu Yan**, Lu Xianguo, J. Sobczyk, K. Niewczas, N. Jachowicz and R. Gonzalez-Jimenez

Pion production in ACHILLES

Ongoing:

Fully exclusive implementation of ANL-Osaka DCC amplitudes for **electron and neutrino interactions** [Nakamura et al. Phys. Rev. D 92, 074024 (2015)]

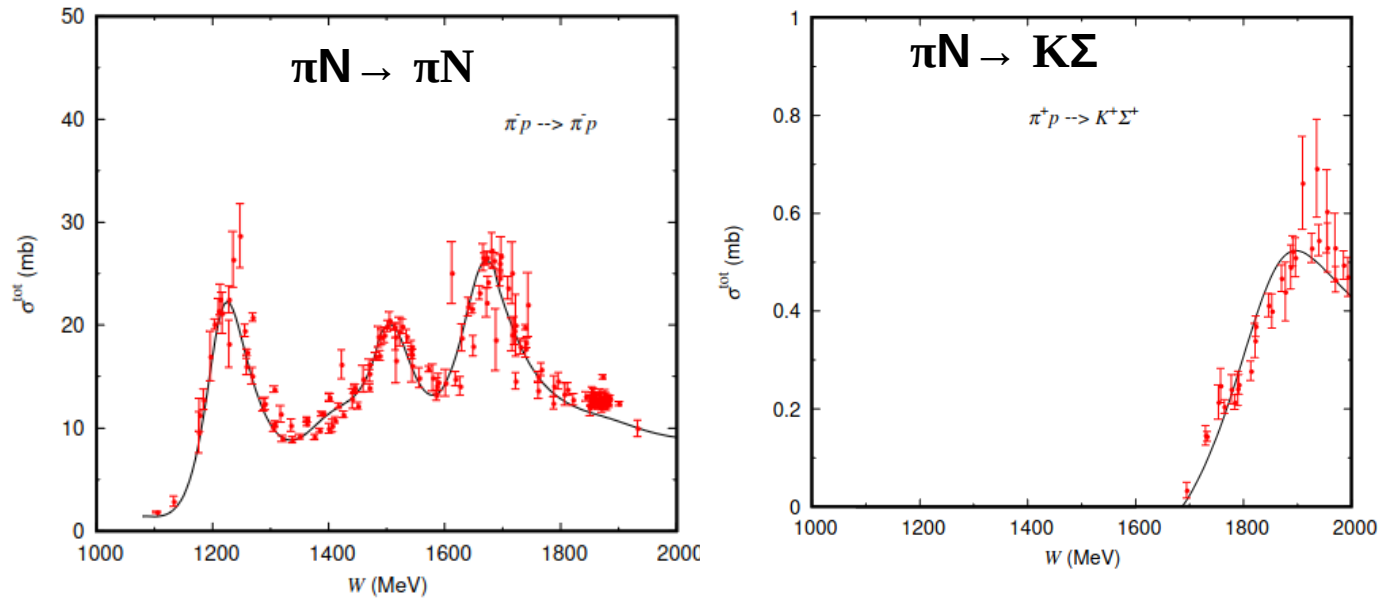


[N. Rocco et al. Phys. Rev. C 100, 045503 (2019)]

Work with Noah Steinberg, N. Rocco, J. Isaacson

Pion production in ACHILLES: Intranuclear cascade

- Include in ACHILLES INC [Isaacson et al. Phys. Rev. C 103, 015502]
Meson-baryon interactions for all octet mesons:
 πN , ηN , $K\Lambda$, $K\Sigma$, from ANL-Osaka DCC analysis



- Including interactions in the framework at the **amplitude level**
 - Access to fundamental parameters
 - Allows to include nuclear medium modifications

Concluding remarks:

Can (partly) study and validate nuclear matrix elements and FSI with electrons

→ Nucleon-level amplitudes are relatively well-known from experiment

Major uncertainties in nucleon-level amplitudes for neutrinos!

→ **Isovector contribution**

→ **Axial current**

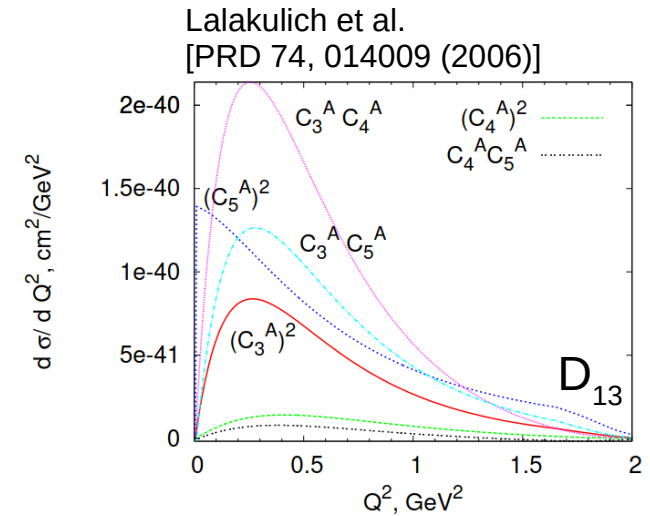
Where to go from here ? : nucleons

Difficulties in describing data in the delta region

→ This is more severe for higher-mass resonances

Constraints could come from:

- Progress in (l)QCD for axial form-factors
[L. Barca et al. PoS LATTICE2021, 359 (2022)]
- ChPT calculations with delta d.o.f
[Yao et al. Phys. Rev. D 98, 076004 (2018)]
- Quark-Hadron duality
[T. Sato, Eur. Phys. J. ST 230, 4409 (2021)]
- **Modern experiments on hydrogen & deuterium**
L. Alvarez-Ruso et al., (2022), arXiv:2203.11298 [hep-ex]



Other stuff



Resonance models in generators

- **Incoherent sum of resonance contributions**

Can decompose the pion production amplitude in s-channel angular momenta

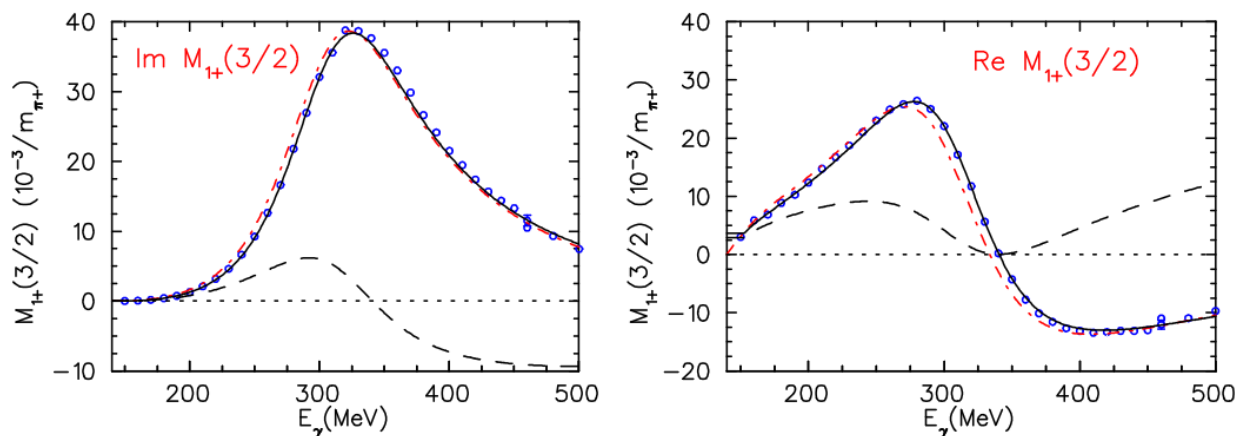
$$H_{\lambda',\lambda}^r(\Omega^*) = \sum_{J=\frac{1}{2}}^{3/2} \left(J + \frac{1}{2} \right) \langle \lambda' | T^J | r, \lambda \rangle D_{M,\lambda'}^J(\Omega^*) \quad (M = \lambda - r)$$

And definite parity:

$$T^{J,P=\pm} = \langle r - \lambda | T^J | \lambda' \rangle \pm \langle r - \lambda | T^J | -\lambda' \rangle$$

(For EM interactions \rightarrow 6 independent amplitudes $M_{l\pm}, E_{l\pm}, S_{l\pm}$ ($l = J \pm 1/2$))

A resonant structure is found in specific πN partial waves: (l, J, P) e.g. $\Delta = P_{33}$



[MAID07] photoproduction

Regge model for the high-W background

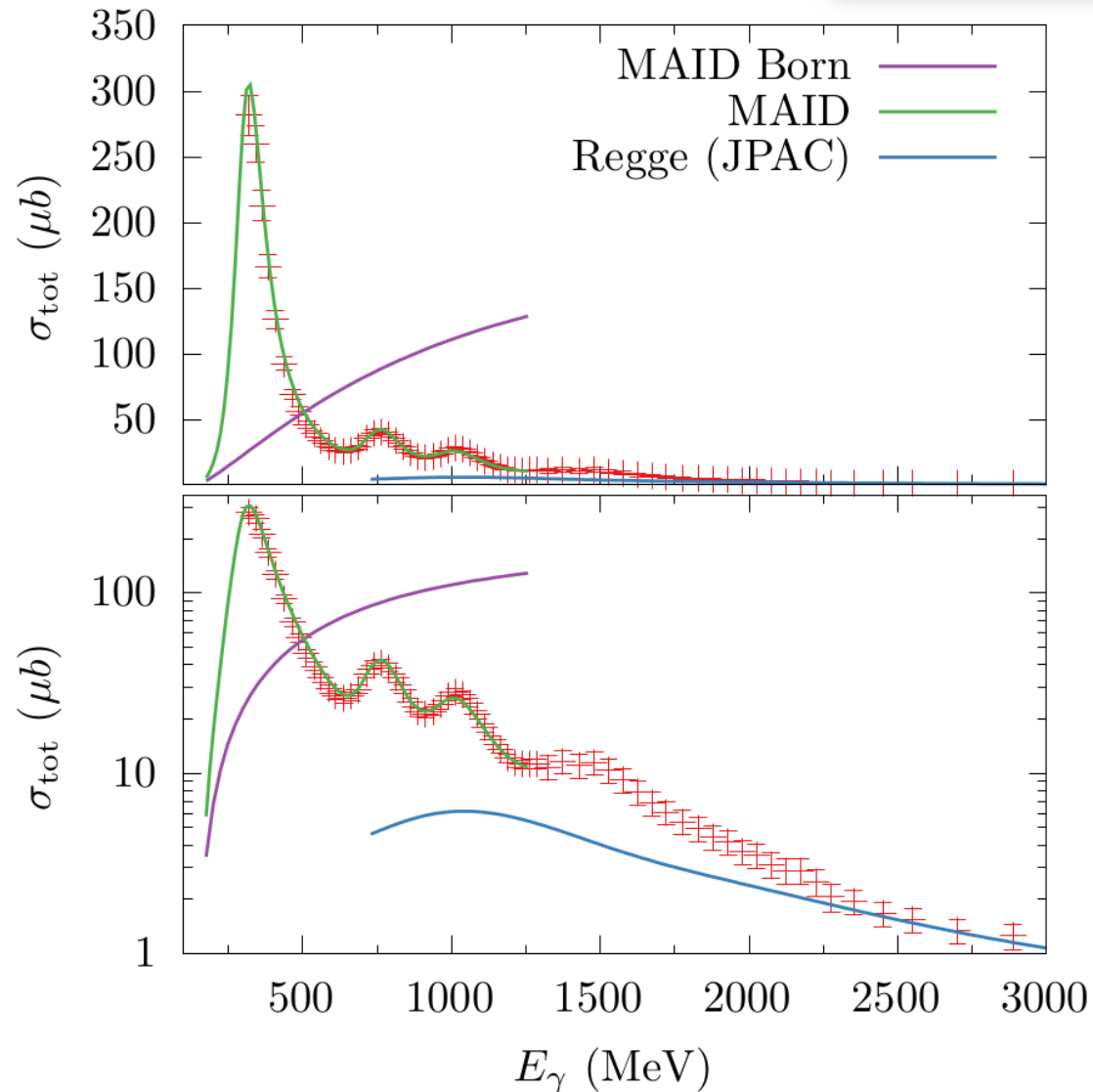
Background in non-linear σ model

Hernandez, Nieves, Valverde
[Phys.Rev.D76, 033005 (2007)]

The effective tree-level terms are suitable at low-W

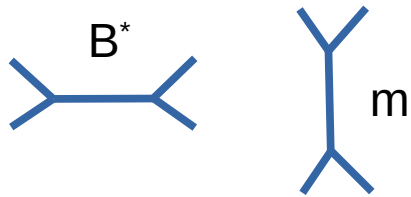
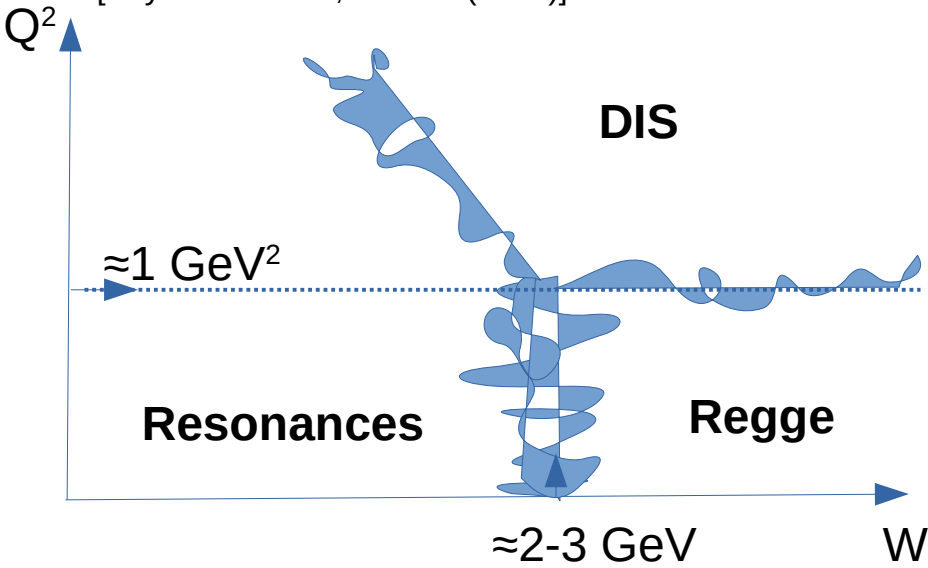
For intermediate W adjusting the phases of resonant contributions is necessary e.g. in MAID

At high-W (low Q^2) a Regge approach describes the amplitude



Regge model (briefly)

R. Gonzalez-Jimenez et al.
[Phys. Rev. D 95, 113007 (2017)]

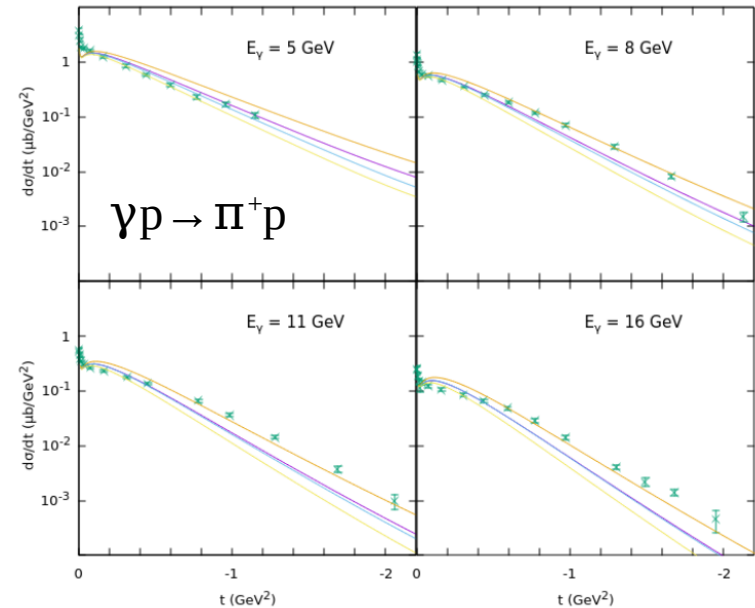
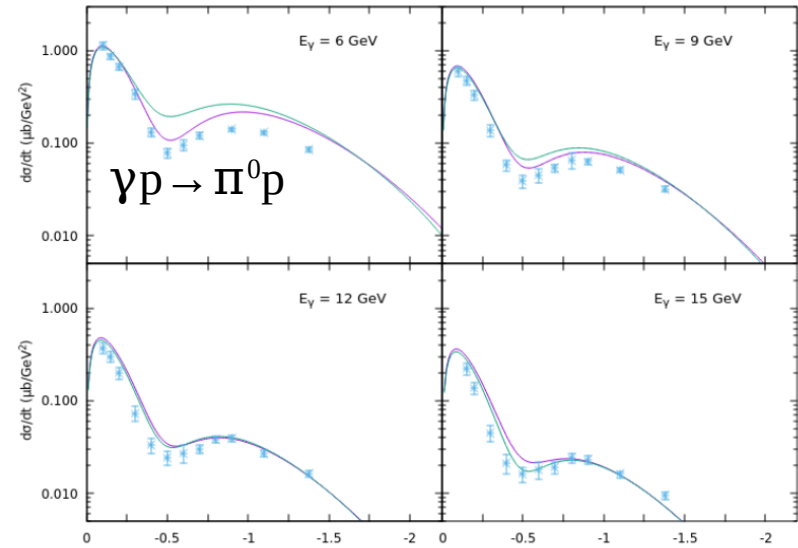


$$s \gg M_{B^*}^2 \approx (1-2 \text{ GeV})^2$$

$$-t \approx M_m^2 \approx (0.1-1 \text{ GeV})^2$$

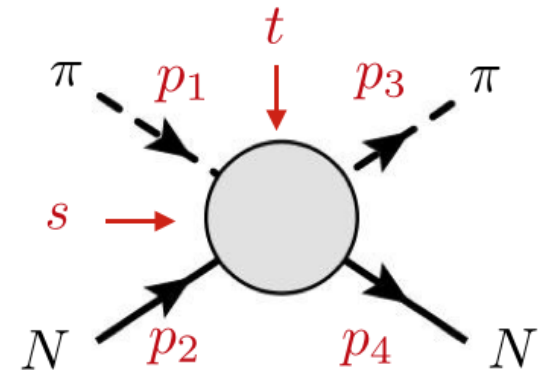
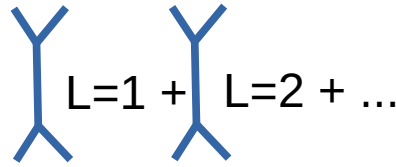
For high- s
Small $-t$

t-channel meson
d.o.f



Regge poles (briefly)

$$A(s, t) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l(t) P_l(z_t)$$



Partial wave series is a natural description in t-channel
 does not converge in physical region of s-channel

$$z_t \equiv \cos \theta_t = 1 + \frac{2s}{t - 4m^2}$$

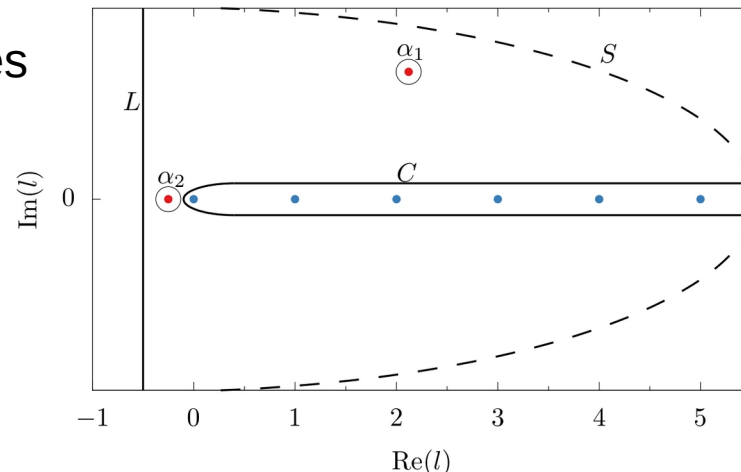
Analytic continuation A(l,t):

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} A_l(t) P_l(z_t) = \frac{-1}{2i} \oint_C A(l, t) \frac{P_l(-z_t)}{\sin(l\pi)} dl$$

Assume A(l,t) has isolated singularities

$$A(l, t) \rightarrow \frac{\beta(t)}{l - \alpha(t)} \text{ for } l \rightarrow \alpha(t)$$

$\alpha(t)$ is the position of a
Regge pole
 With residue $\beta(t)$



Regge poles (briefly)

$$A(l, t) \rightarrow \frac{\beta(t)}{l - \alpha(t)} \text{ for } l \rightarrow \alpha(t)$$

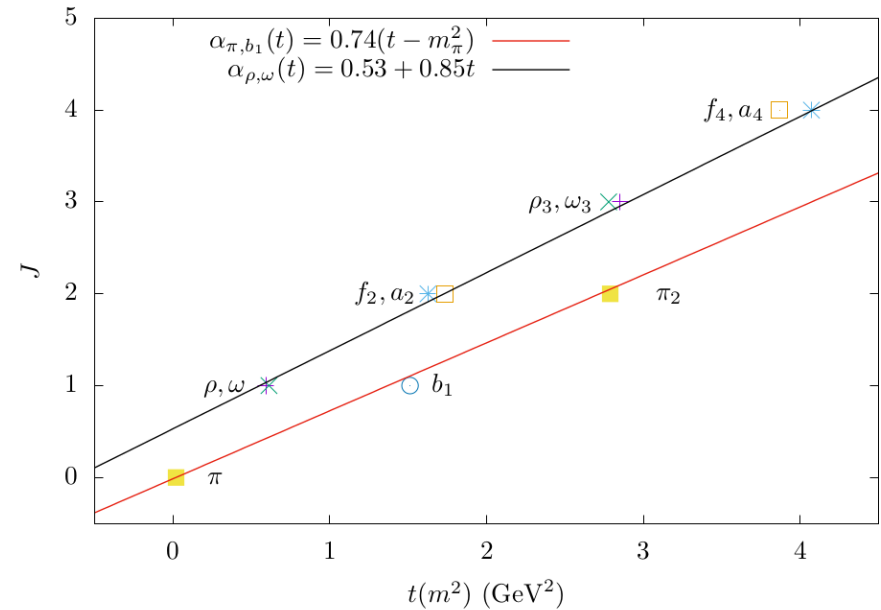
$$A(s, t) = \frac{-1}{2i} \oint_{L+S} A(l, t) \frac{P_l(-z_t)}{\sin l\pi} dl - \sum_{i=0}^n \pi \frac{\beta_i(t) P_{\alpha_i(t)}(-z_t)}{\sin(\pi \alpha_i(t))}.$$

$$A_{l=n}(t) = A(l = n, t) \quad \alpha(t_0) = n$$

For $t > 0$ $\alpha(t)$ describes the spin-mass relation of exchanged particles

For large s : $A_{pole}(s, t) \rightarrow \beta(t) \alpha' \Gamma[-\alpha(t)] (\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)}$

$$A_{pole}(s, t) \rightarrow \frac{\beta(t)}{t - m^2} \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow m^2$$



Trajectories $\alpha(t) = \alpha' t + \alpha_0$

Regge poles (briefly)

$$\beta(t)\alpha'\Gamma[-\alpha(t)](\alpha's)^{\alpha(t)}$$

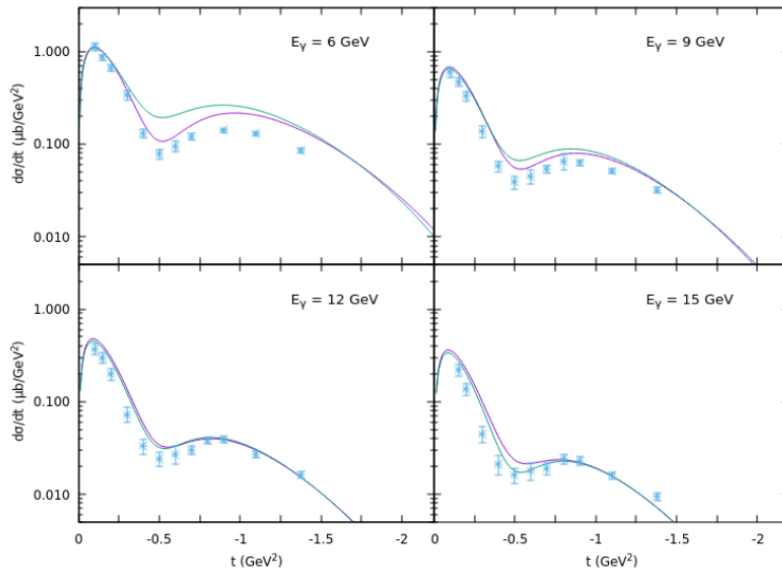
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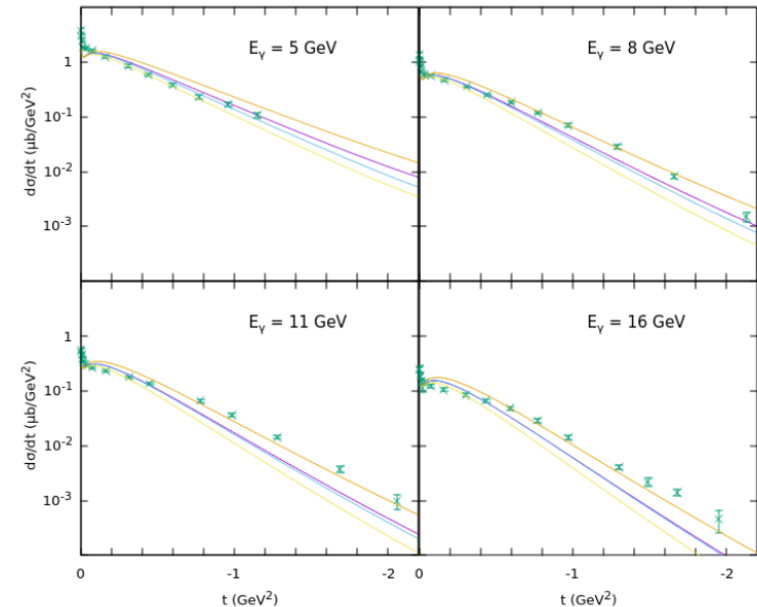
→ For small $-t$, $\beta(t)$ is approximated as

$$A_{Regge}(s, t, Q^2) \approx A_{tree}(t, Q^2) \times (t^2 - m^2) \{ \alpha'\Gamma[-\alpha(t)] (\alpha's)^{\alpha(t)} \}$$

$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$ dominated by ω exchange

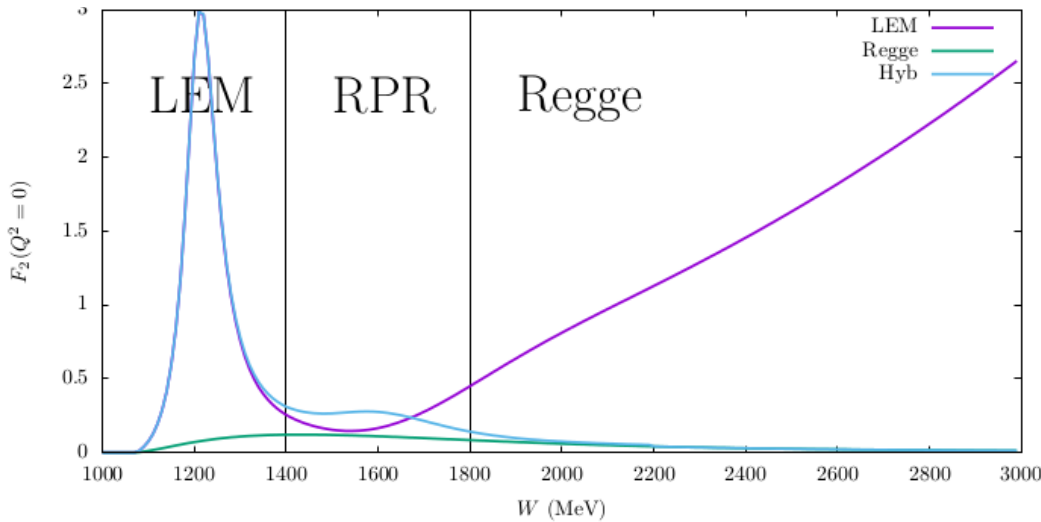
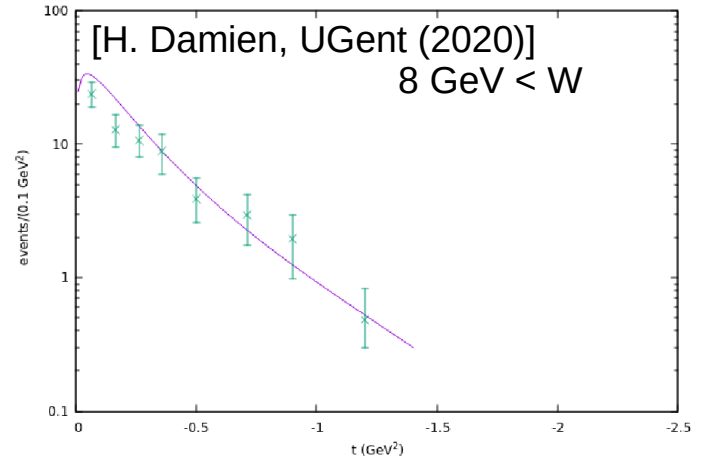
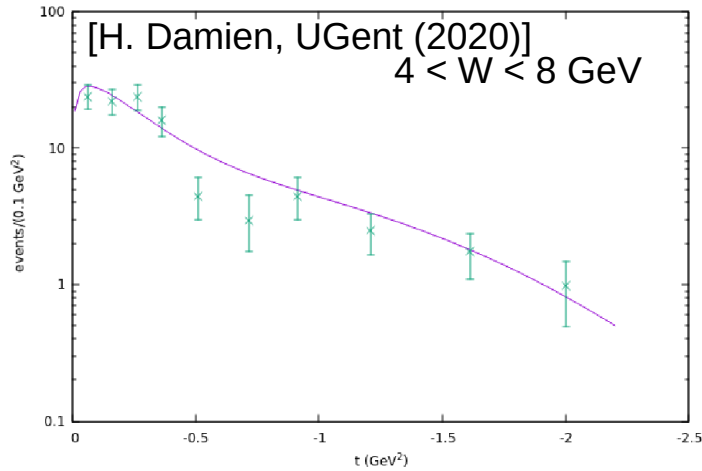


$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ p$ from pion-exchange (GLV prescription)

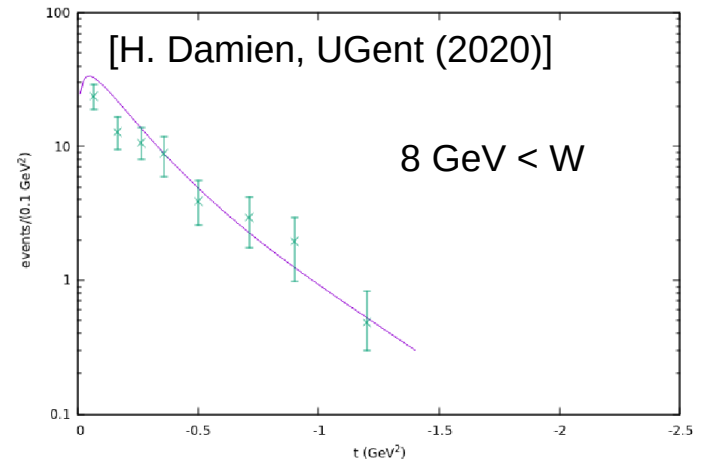
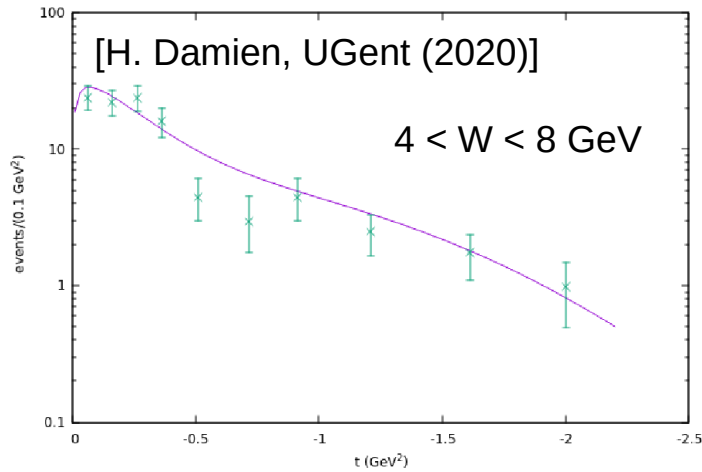


Hybrid Regge-plus-resonance description

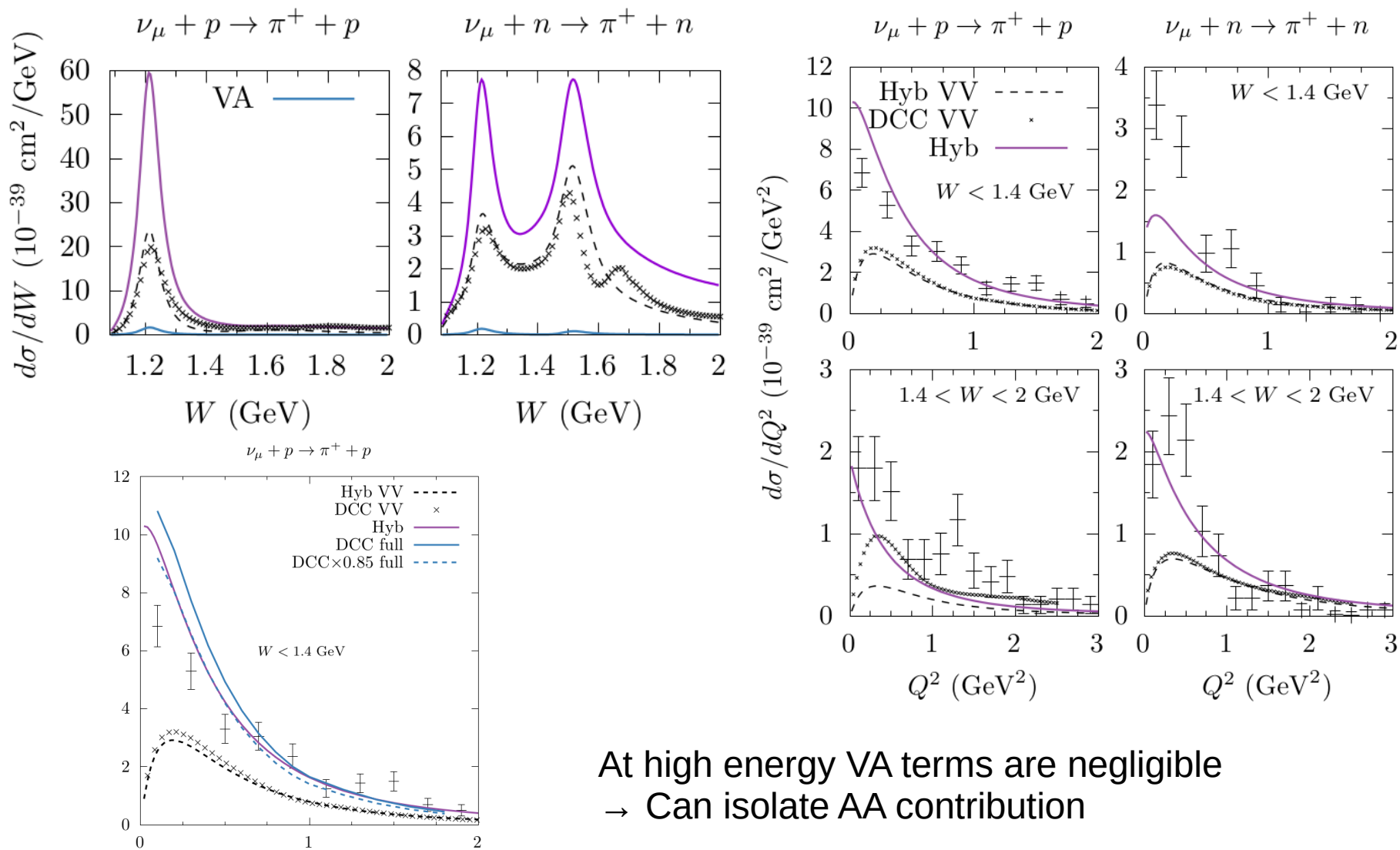
R. Gonzalez-Jimenez et al.
 [Phys. Rev. D 95, 113007 (2017)]



Regge approach for high-energy neutrino-pion production



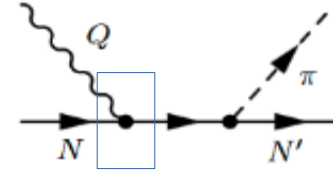
BEBC flux-folded = VV + AA



Background contributions: nucleon form-factors

Hernandez, Nieves, Valverde

[Phys.Rev.D76, 033005 (2007)]



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\sigma} = \frac{g_A}{f_{\pi}} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \vec{\phi}) \Psi \quad \vec{V}^{\mu} = -\bar{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \Psi \quad \vec{A}^{\mu} = f_{\pi} \partial^{\mu} \vec{\phi} + g_A \bar{\Psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \Psi$$

$$\bar{u} [\Gamma_V^{\mu} - \Gamma_A^{\mu}] u = \bar{u} \left[\gamma^{\mu} - g_A \left(\gamma^{\mu} + q^{\mu} \frac{\not{q}}{m_{\pi} - q^2} \right) \gamma^5 \right] u$$



$$\bar{u} \left[\tilde{\Gamma}_V^{\mu}(q^2) - \tilde{\Gamma}_A^{\mu}(q^2) \right] u$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_V^{\mu}(q^2) = F_1(q^2) \gamma^{\mu} + i \frac{F_2(q^2)}{2M_N} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu}$$

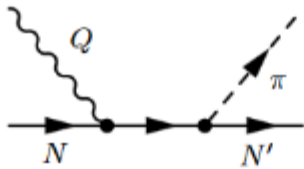
$$\tilde{\Gamma}_A^{\mu}(q^2) : g_A \rightarrow G_A(q^2) = \frac{g_A}{(1 - q^2/M_A^2)^2}$$

Background contributions: vector current

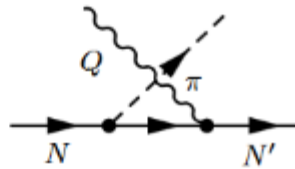
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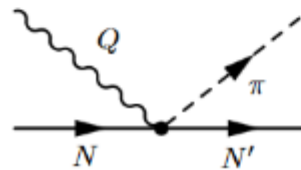
$$J_V^\mu = \bar{u} \left[\mathcal{O}_{NP,V}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{CNP,V}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{CT,V}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{PIF,V}^\mu \right] u$$



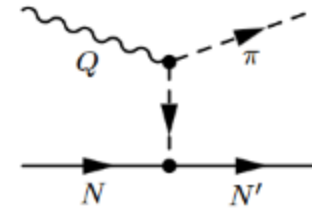
Nucleon pole (NP)



Crossed nucleon pole (CNP)



Contact-term (CT)



Pion-in-flight (PIF)

For $F_1 = 1$ $Q_\mu J_V^\mu = 0$ (CVC)

Introduction of $F_1(Q^2)$ in NP and CNP breaks conservation for $Q^2 > 0$

→ $\mathcal{O}_{CT,V}^\mu = \frac{g_A}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} F_{CT}(q^2) \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \rightarrow F_{CT}(q^2) = F_1(q^2)$

→ $\mathcal{O}_{PF,V}^\mu = \frac{g_A}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} F_{PF}(q^2) \frac{(2k_\pi - q)^\mu}{t^2 - m_\pi^2} 2M \gamma^5 \rightarrow F_{PF}(q^2) = F_1(q^2)$

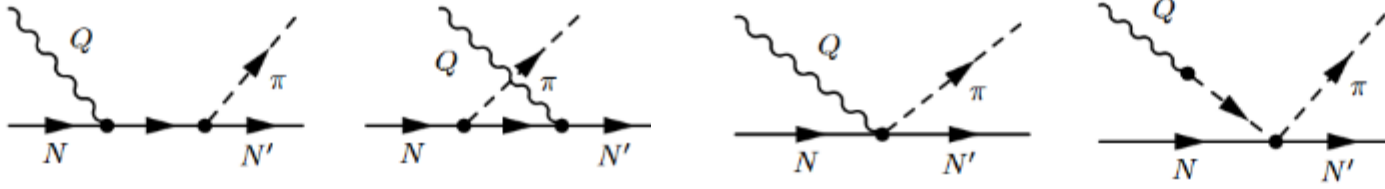
Introduce of $F_1(Q^2)$ in CT and PF to recover CVC

Background contributions: axial current

Hernandez, Nieves, Valverde

[Phys.Rev.D76, 033005 (2007)]

$$J_A^\mu = \bar{u} \left[\mathcal{O}_{NP,A}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{CNP,A}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{CT,A}^\mu + \mathcal{O}_{PP}^\mu \right] u$$



Nucleon pole (NP) Crossed nucleon pole (CNP)

Contact-term (CT)

Pion-pole (PP)

$$\mathcal{O}_{CT,A}^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} \gamma^\mu \rightarrow \frac{F_\rho(t)}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} \gamma^\mu$$

Rho-meson propagator to regularize CT,A
“rho dominance of the $\pi\pi NN$ coupling”

$$\mathcal{O}_{PP}^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} \frac{q^\mu}{q^2 - m_\pi^2} \not{q} \rightarrow \frac{F_\rho(t)}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} \frac{q^\mu}{q^2 - m_\pi^2} \not{q}$$

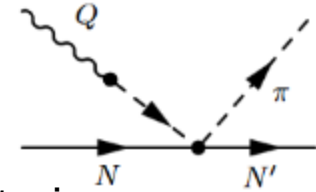
Need to include it in the PP term

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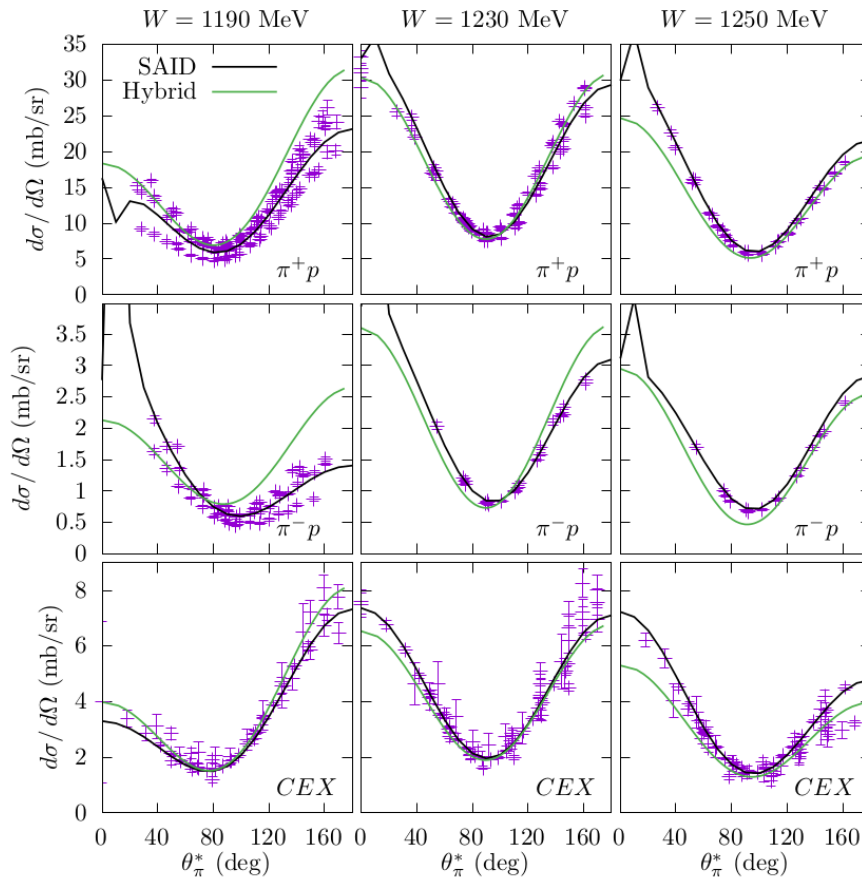
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Pion-nucleon scattering as limiting case

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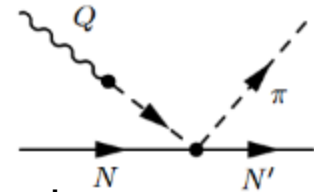
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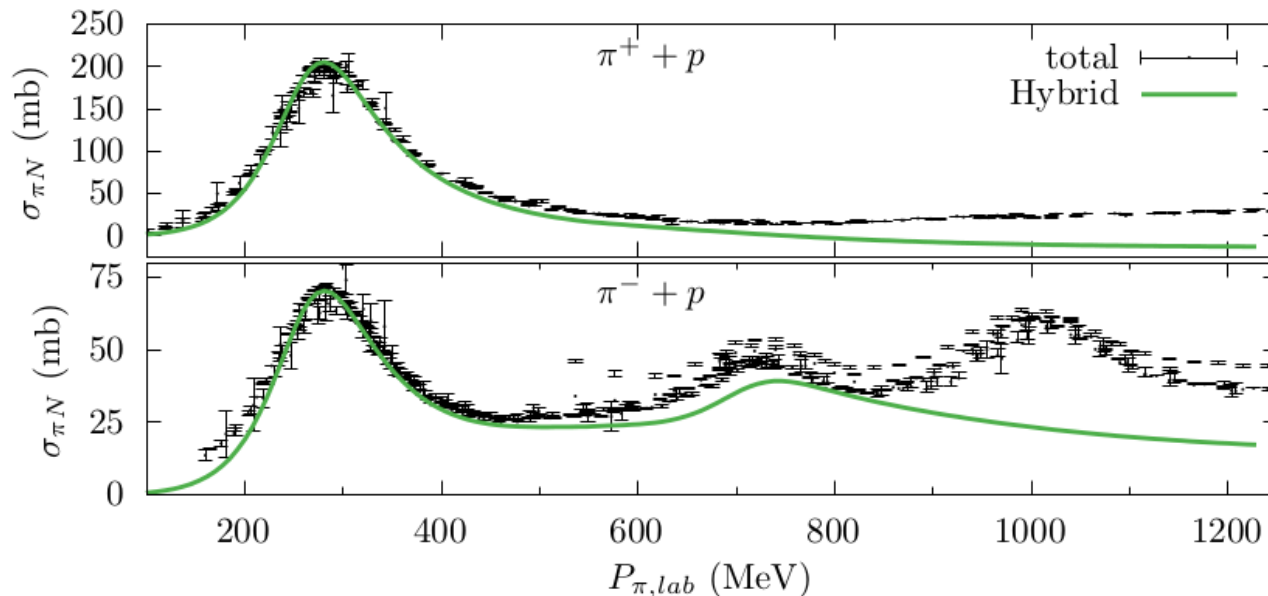
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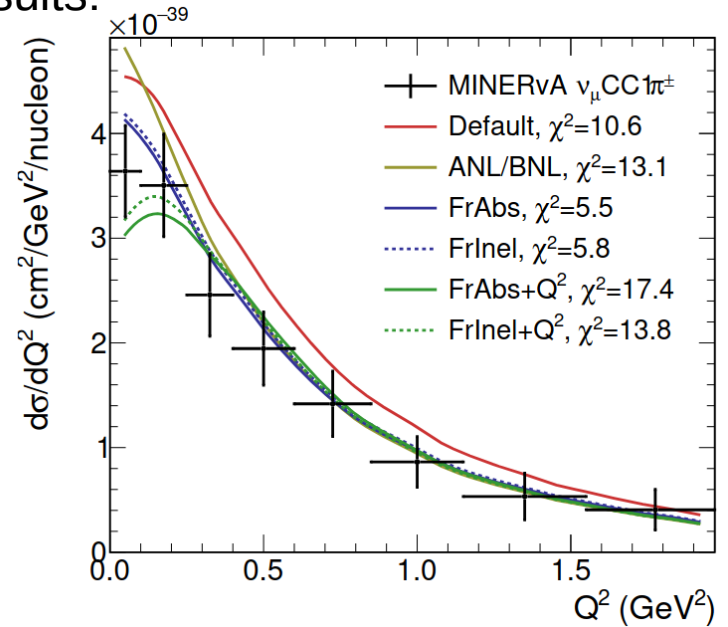
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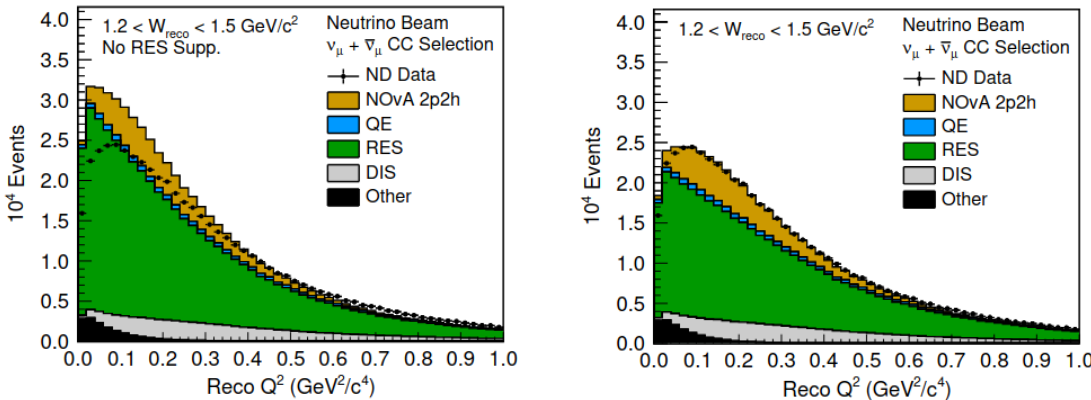
To resolve tension between deuteron / carbon results:

“An additional *ad hoc* correction for the low- Q^2 region, where collective nuclear effects are expected to be large”



[MINERvA PRD100, 072005 (2019)]

Similar correction introduced by NOvA



[NOvA Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 1119 (2020)]

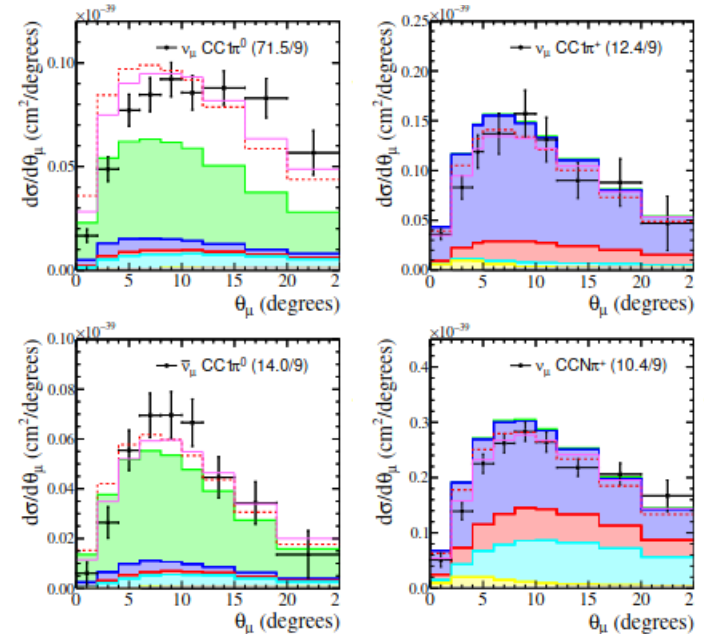
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In [PRD 100, 072005 (2019)] a simultaneous fit of

1. ANL/BNL bubble-chamber data for pion production on deuteron
2. MINERvA pion production data on carbon

Conclusion ?

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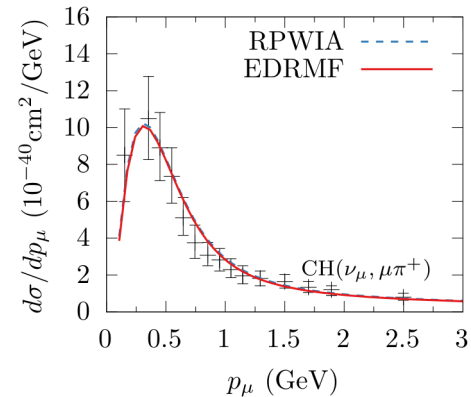
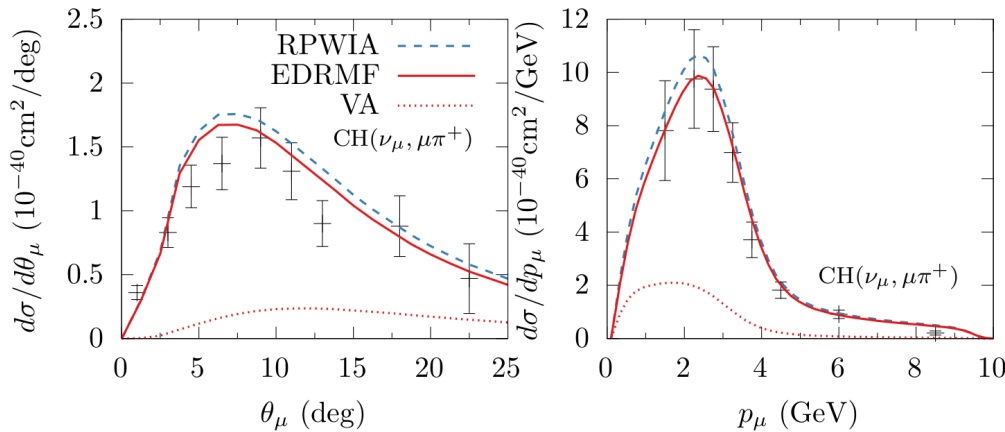
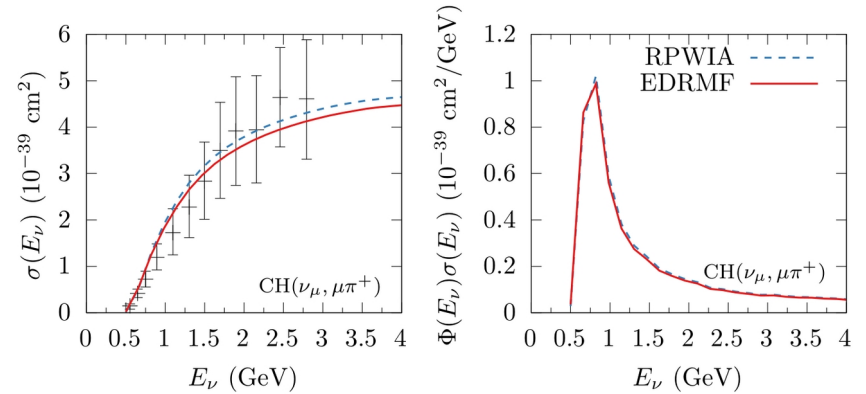
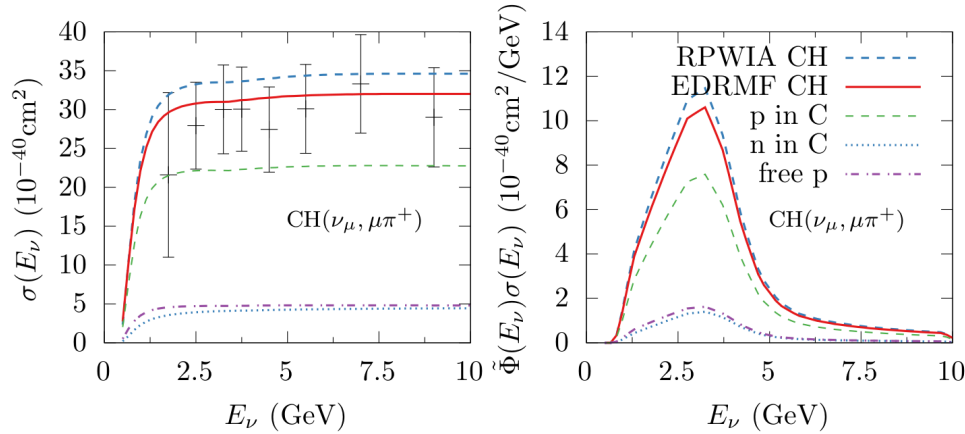


Neutrino production of charged pions on CH

MINERvA experiment $1\pi^+$

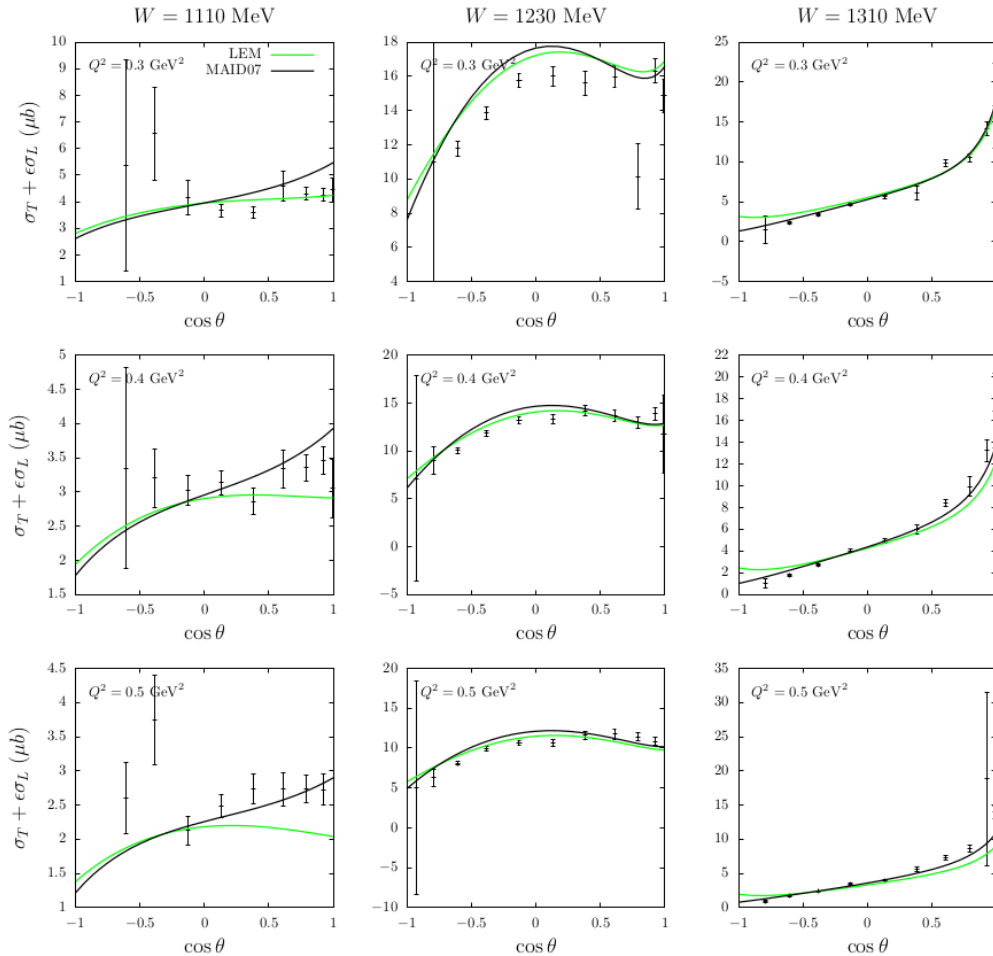
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T2K experiment $1\pi^+$



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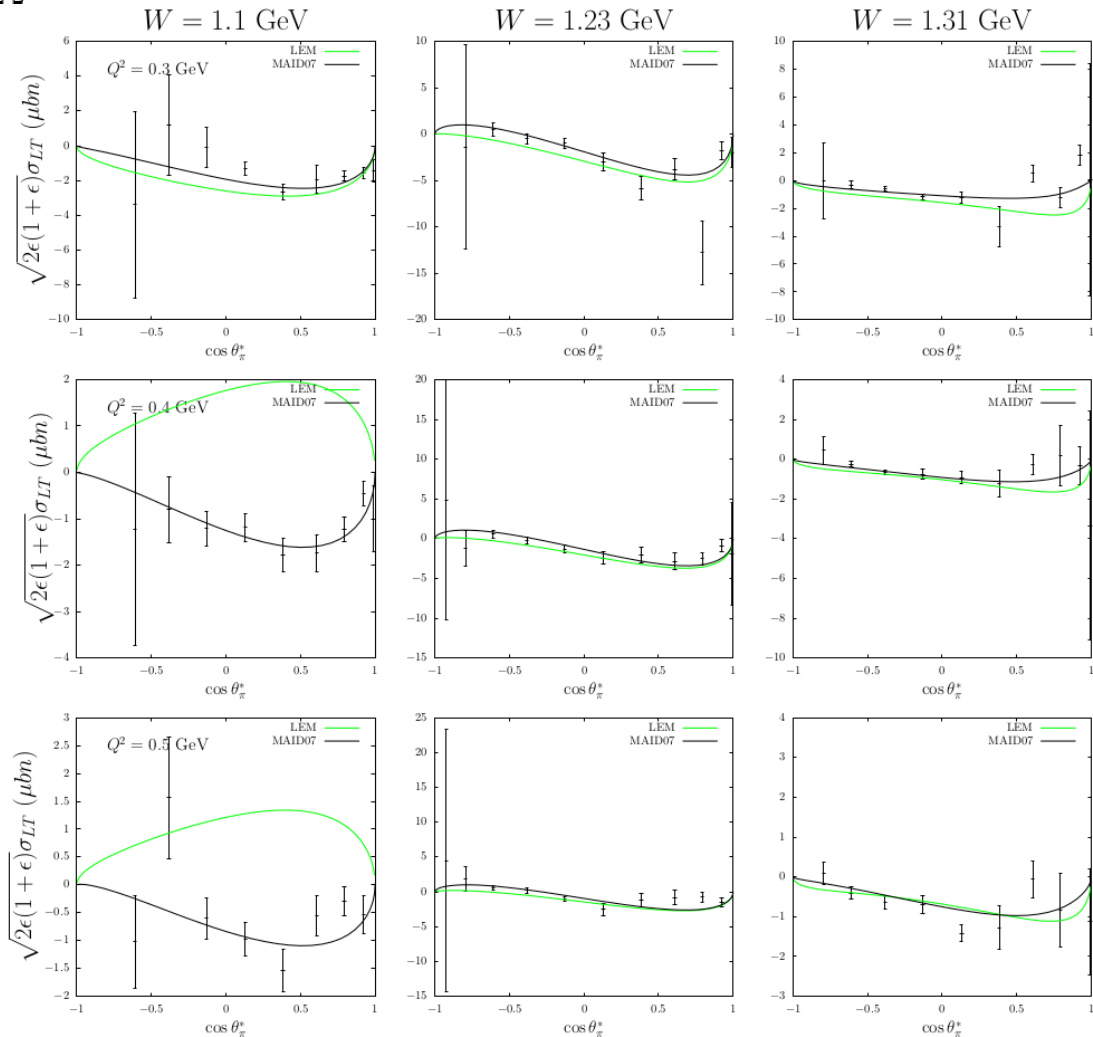
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