

# Uncertainties in the Quasielastic and Resonance Regions due to Nuclear Effects



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### Uncertainties in lepton-induced single pion production off (free) nucleon:

- + Unitarity, pion-nucleon FSI.
- + Unphysical predictions of Low-Energy models in the High-W regime ( $W > 2$  GeV).
- + Form factors and couplings, in particular, in the axial current.
- + The free neutron does not exist, one needs to model deuterium.

# The nuclear response in the intermediate energy regime

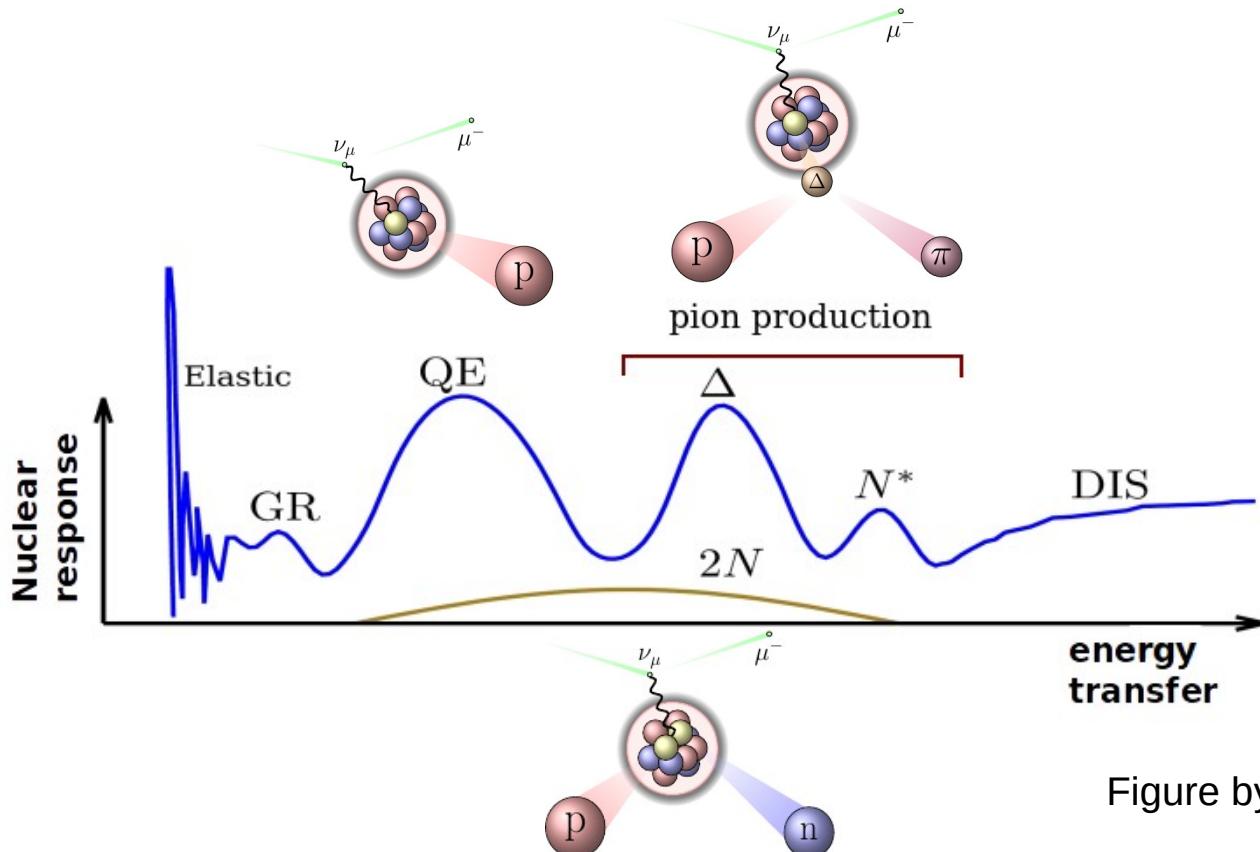
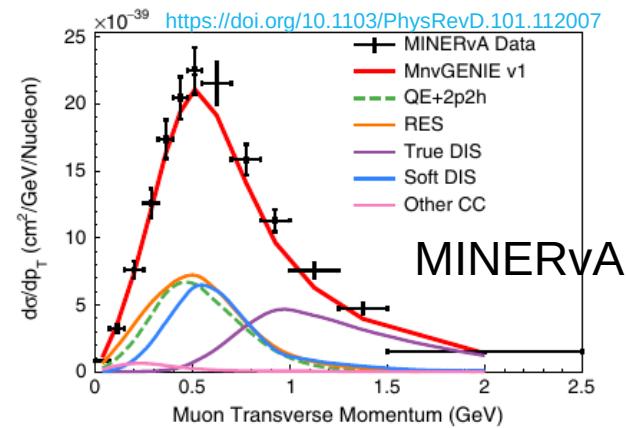
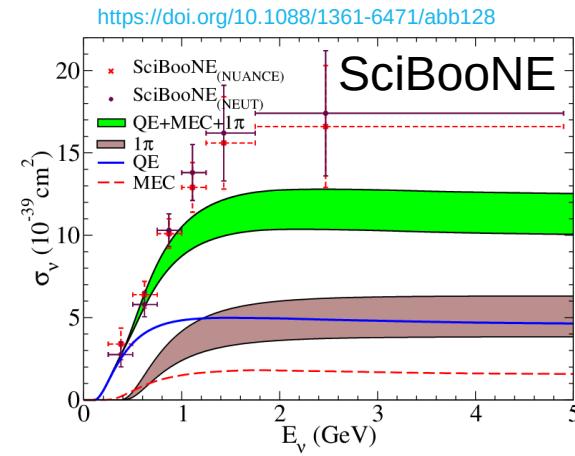
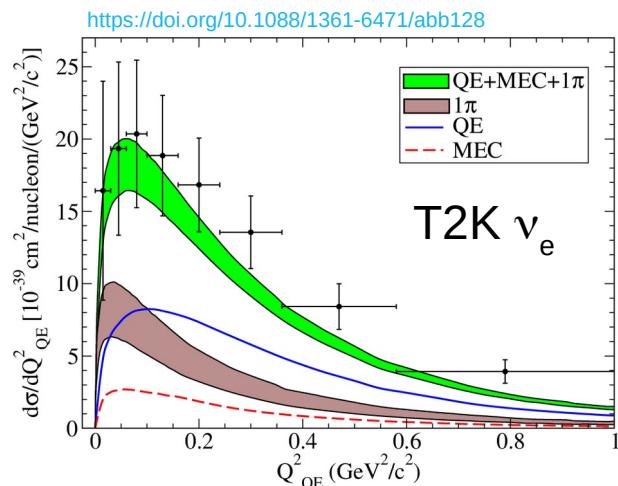
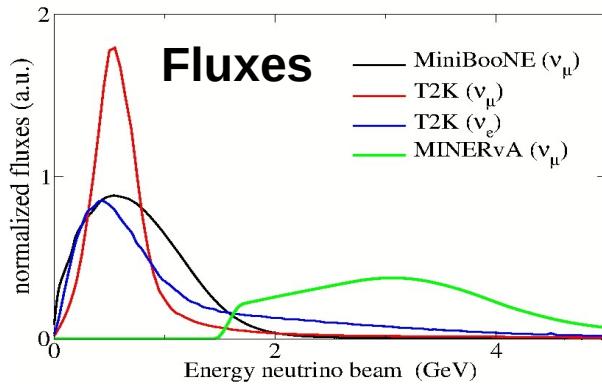


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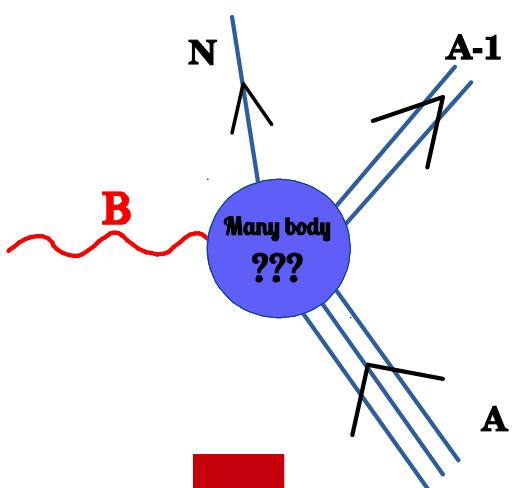
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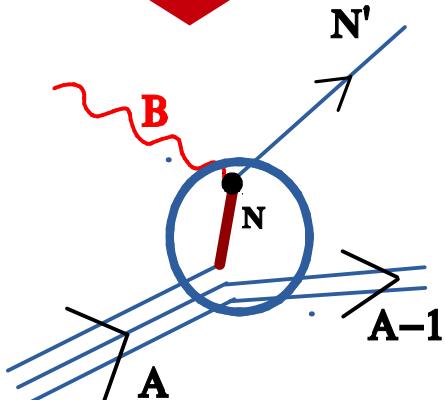
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The **IMPULSE APPROXIMATION**

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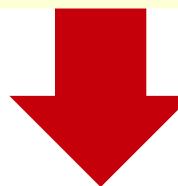


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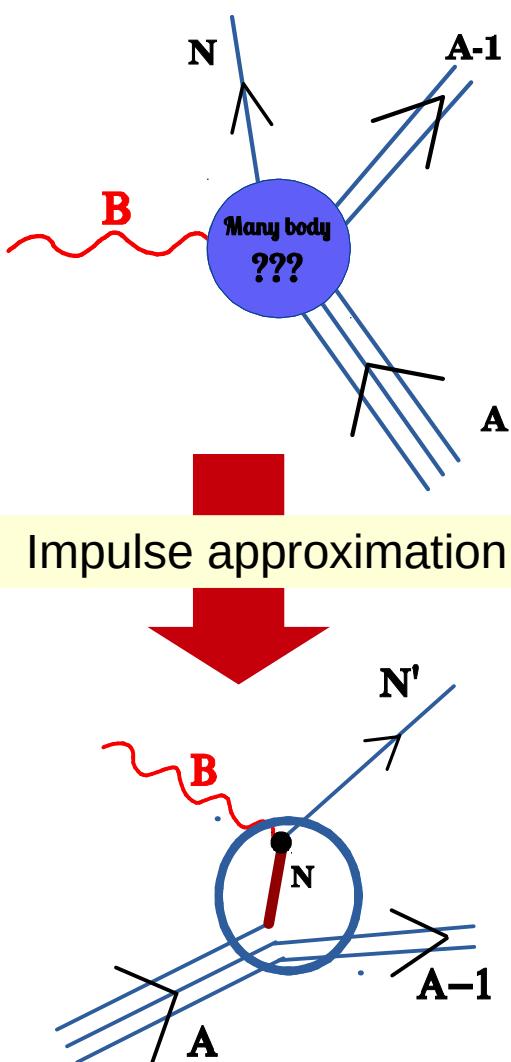
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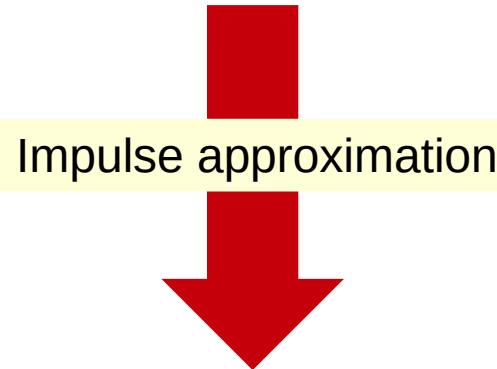


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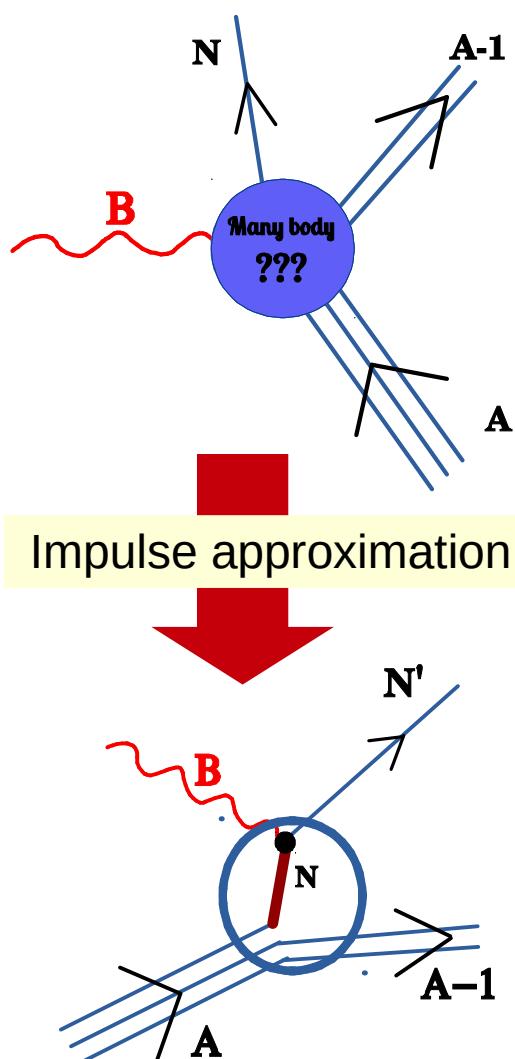
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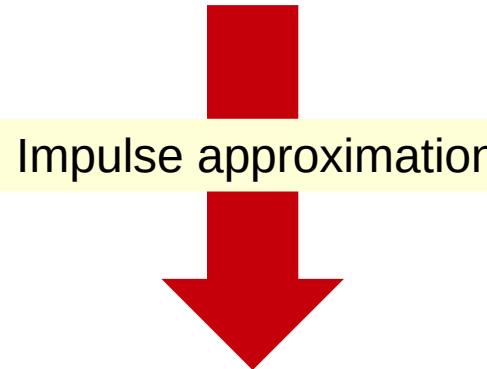
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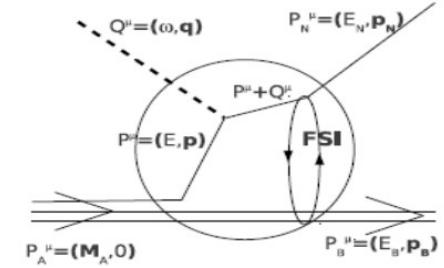
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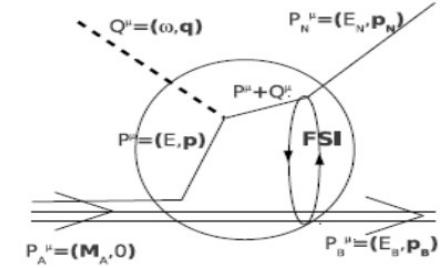
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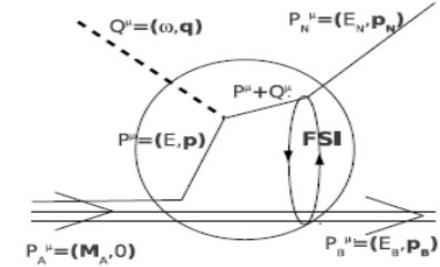
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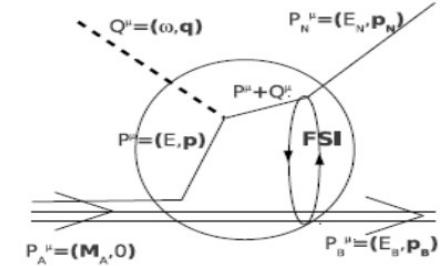


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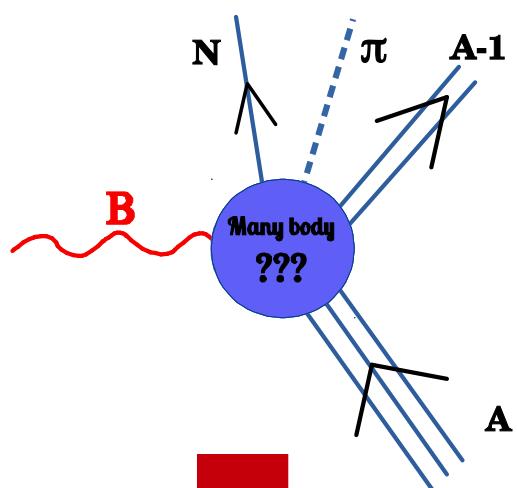
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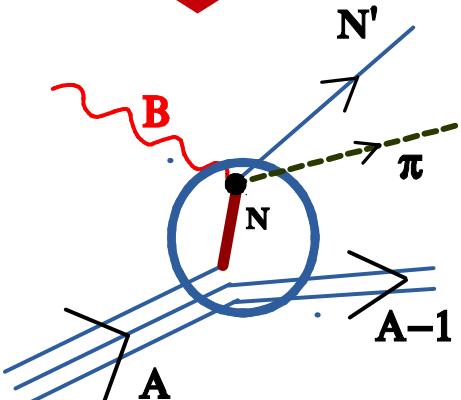
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(\*) Exclusive: All particles detected, so e.g., in  $(e, e'p)$  experiments the missing energy must be below the two-nucleon emission threshold.

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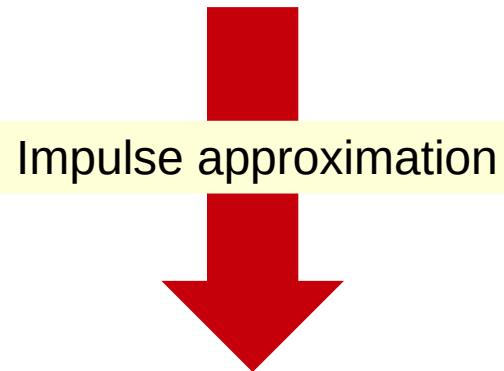


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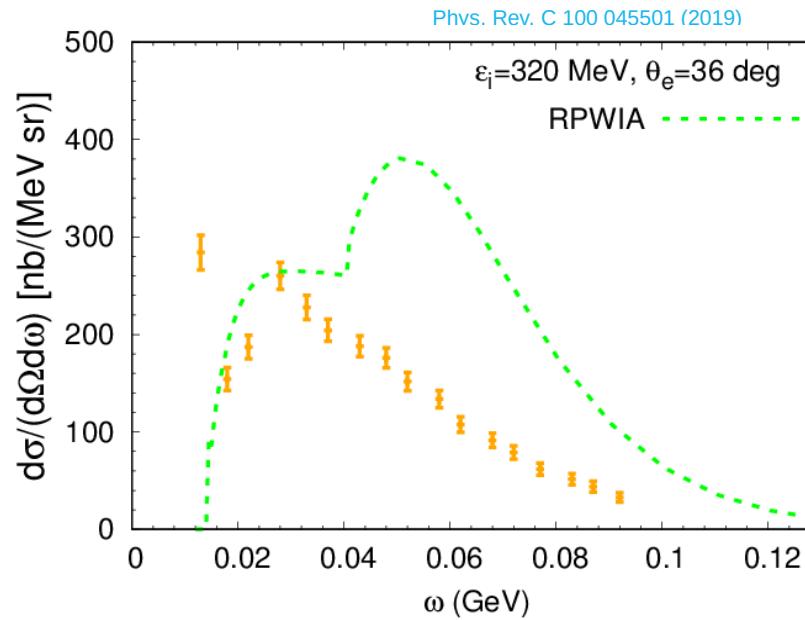
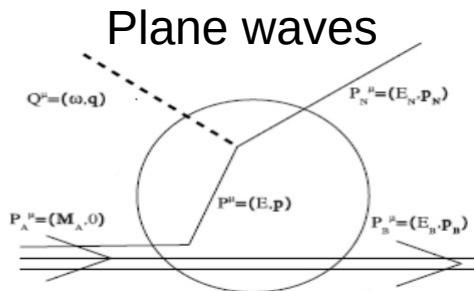
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Pion wave function

# **Pauli blocking and elastic FSI**

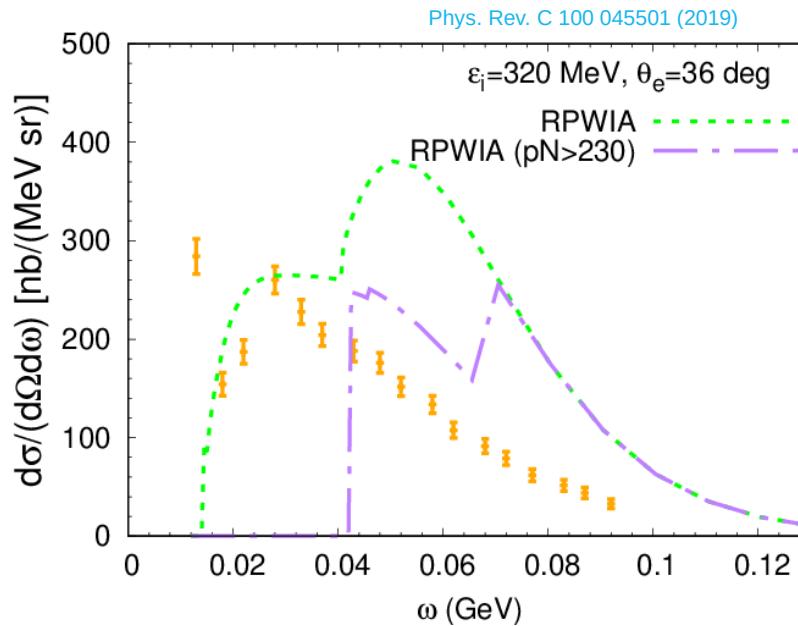
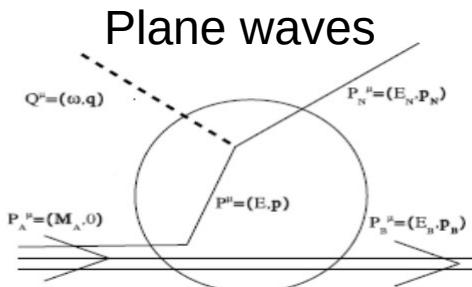
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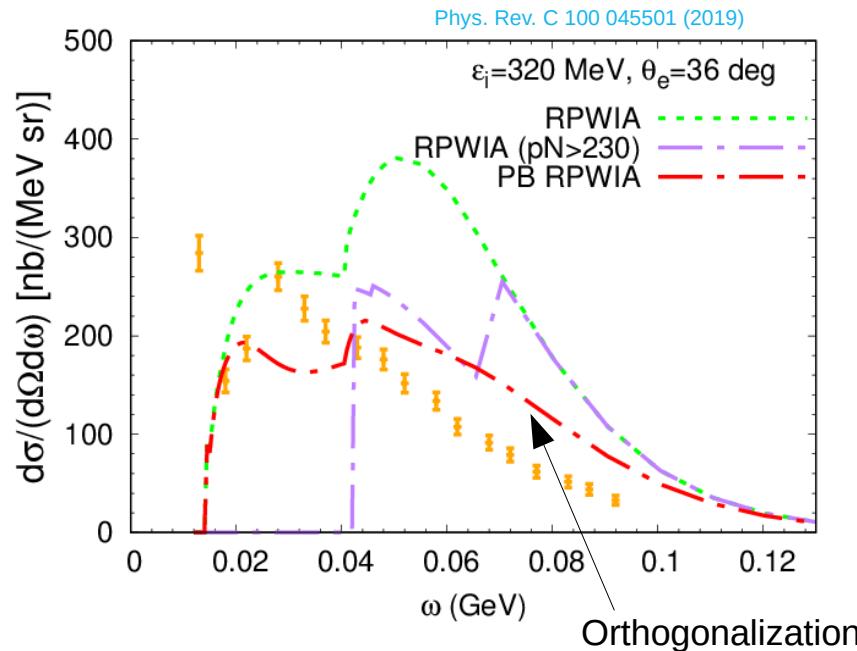
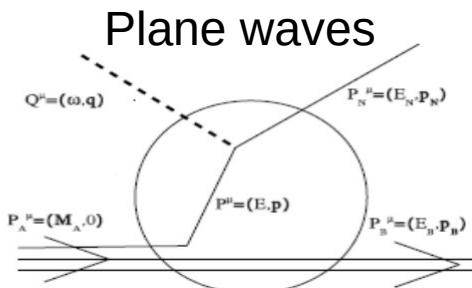
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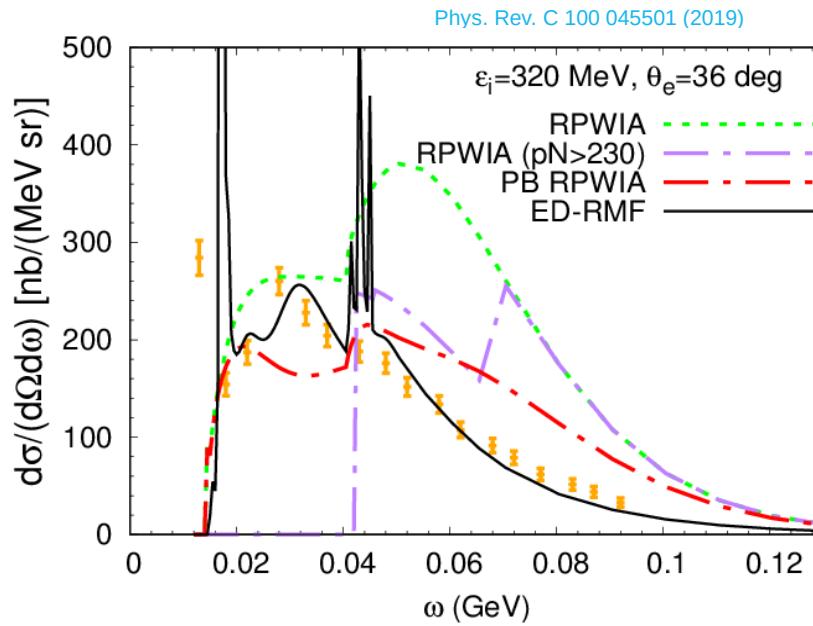
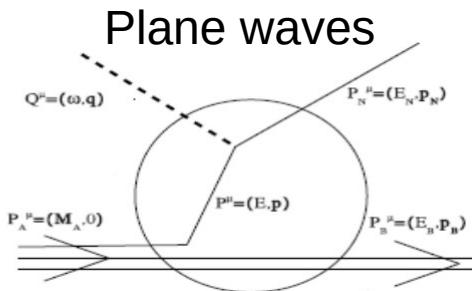
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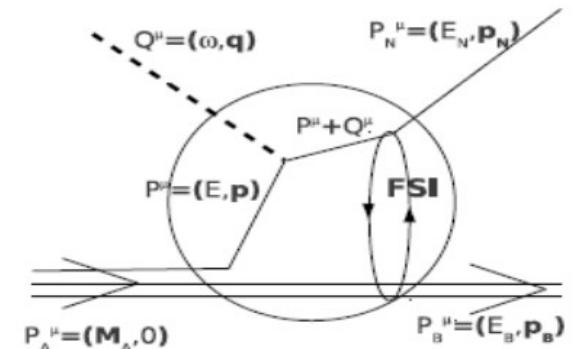
$$|\Psi^{s_N}(\mathbf{p}_N)\rangle = |\psi_{pw}^{s_N}(\mathbf{p}_N)\rangle - \sum_{\kappa, m_j} [C_{\kappa}^{m_j, s_N}(\mathbf{p}_N)]^{\dagger} |\psi_{\kappa}^{m_j}\rangle$$

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Distorted waves



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## Inclusive electron scattering at low $q$ :

Pauli blocking in the Spectral Function Approach (SFA), inspired by what is done in a local Fermi gas\*:

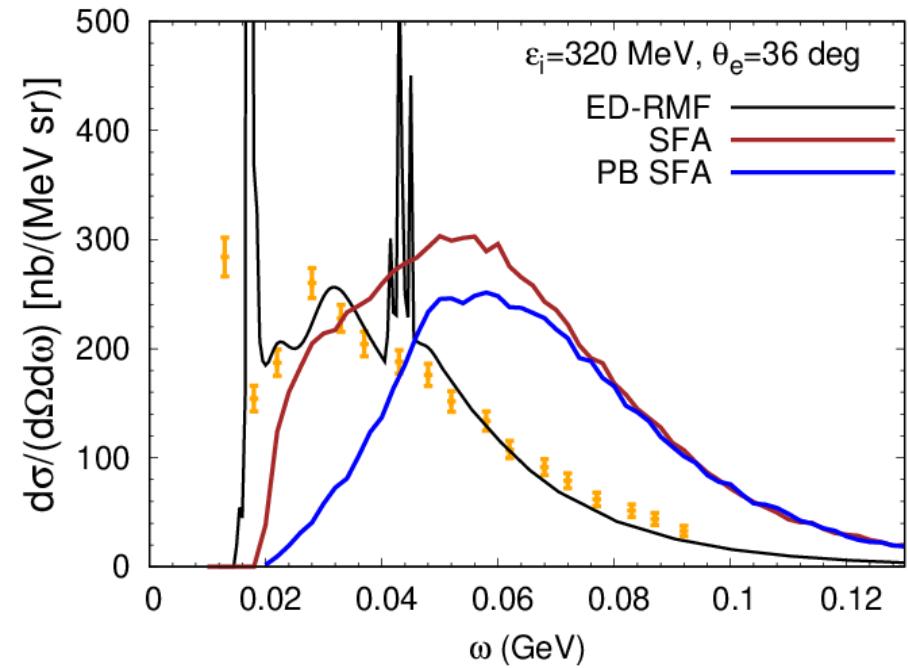
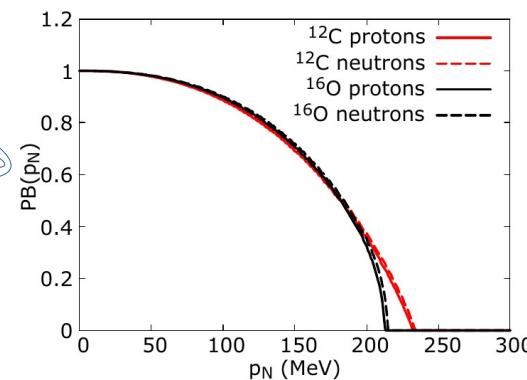
(\* Ref. Ankowski, Benhar and Sakuda PRD 91, 033005 (2015)).

$$\frac{d^6\sigma}{d\mathbf{k}_\mu d\mathbf{p}_N} \Big|_{\text{Pauli blocked}} = \frac{d^6\sigma}{d\mathbf{k}_\mu d\mathbf{p}_N} \left( 1 - \int d\mathbf{r} \rho_N \theta[k_F(r) - p_N] \right)$$

$\rho_N$  is the proton or neutron density

$$k_F(r) = \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{2} N \rho_N(r) \right)^{1/3}$$

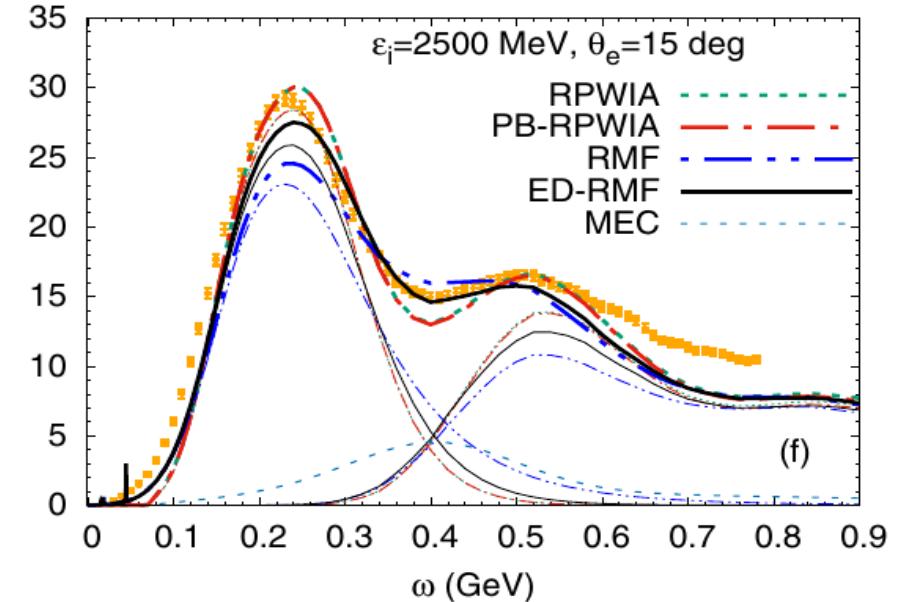
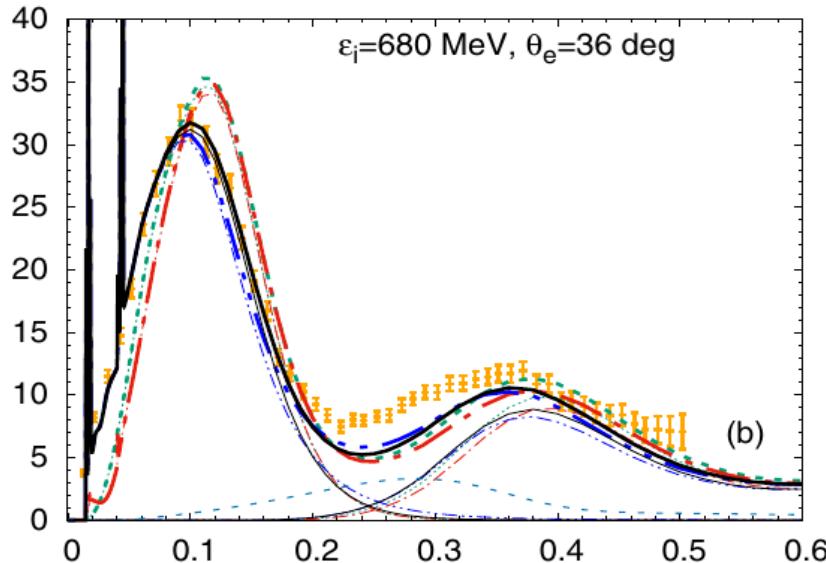
**Pauli blocking function**  
(it depends on mom. of final nucleon).



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Inclusive electron scattering at intermediate  $q^2$ :

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Distortion of the outgoing nucleon (elastic FSI in a Quantum Mechanical way)  
is important at intermediate energies too !!!

**IMPORTANT:**

**Classical CASCADE models do NOT affect the inclusive\* cross section**, therefore, it is important to use models of the primary vertex that provide realistic predictions of the inclusive cross section.

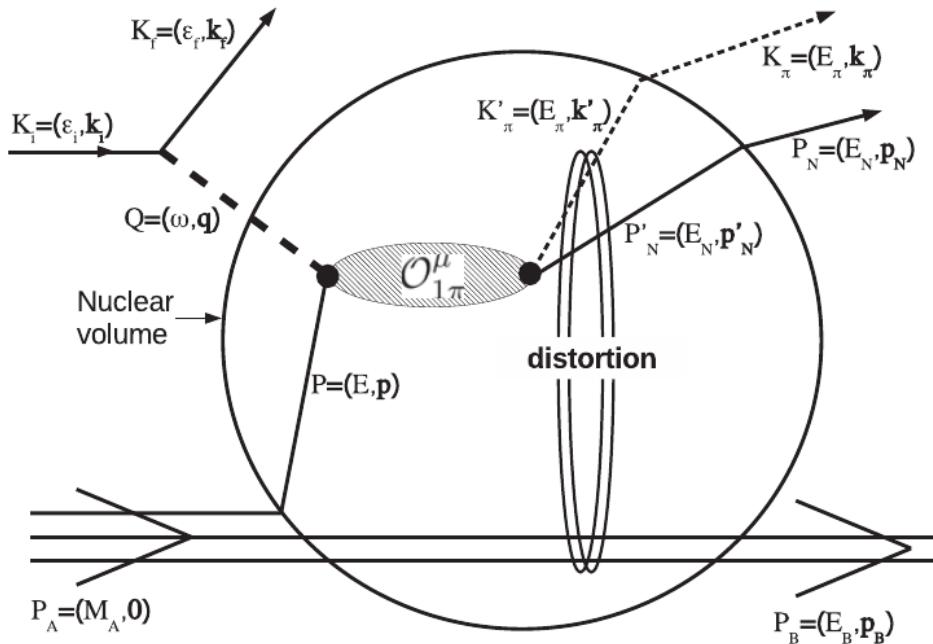
For consistency, **the model of the primary vertex should provide full information on the hadron(s)**, which will propagate through nucleus via cascade.

\*inclusive = only the scattered lepton is detected.

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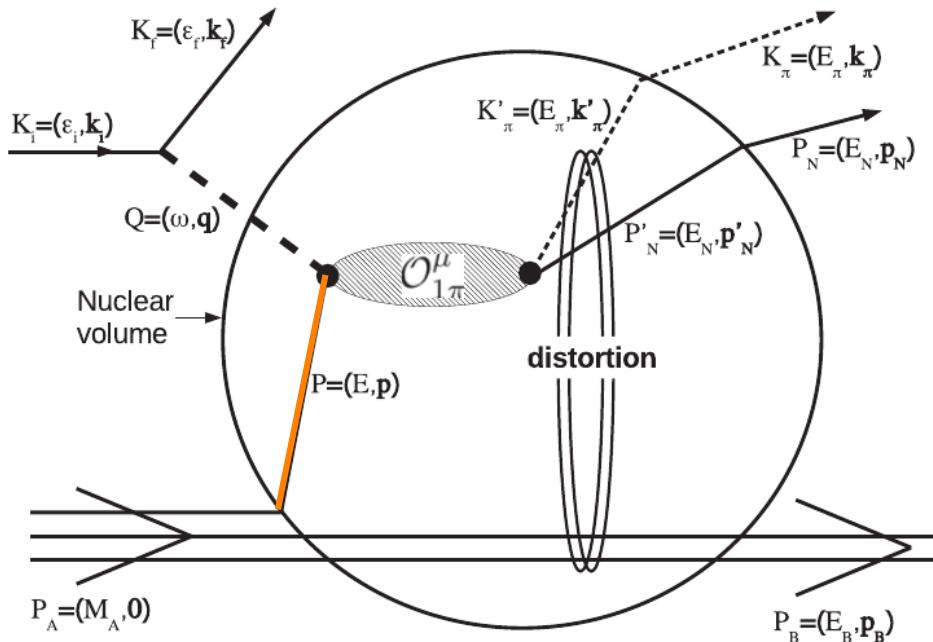
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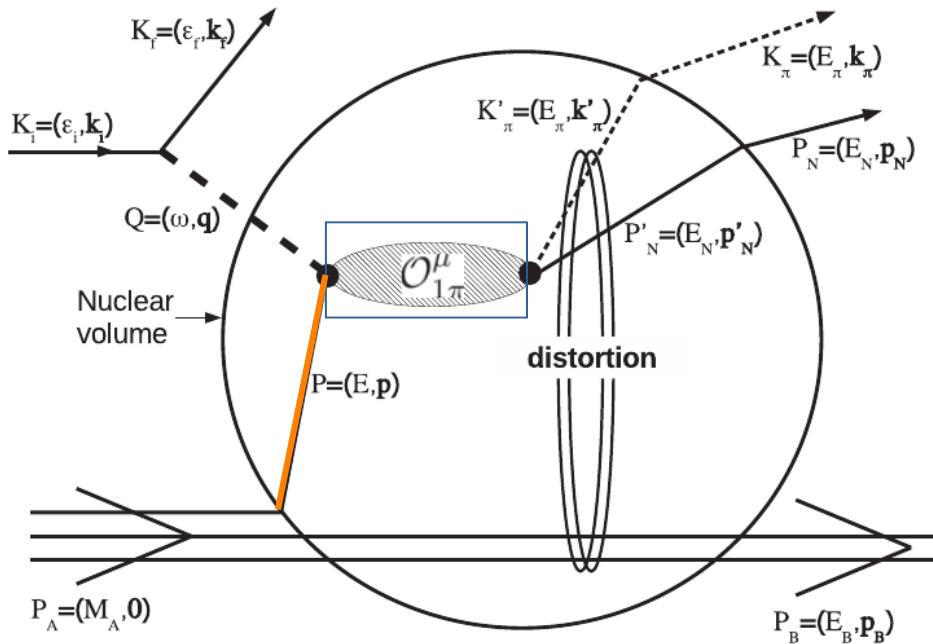
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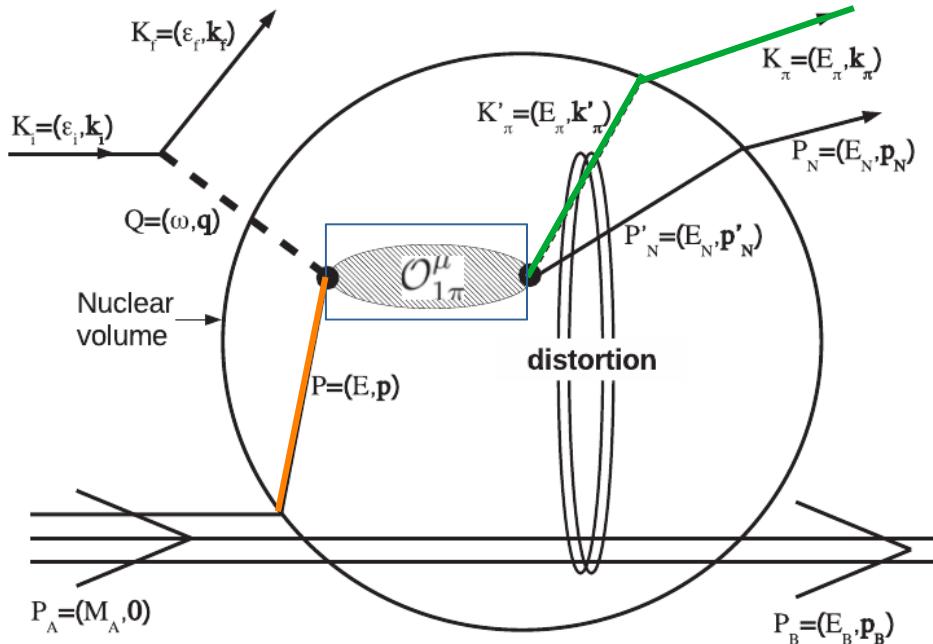
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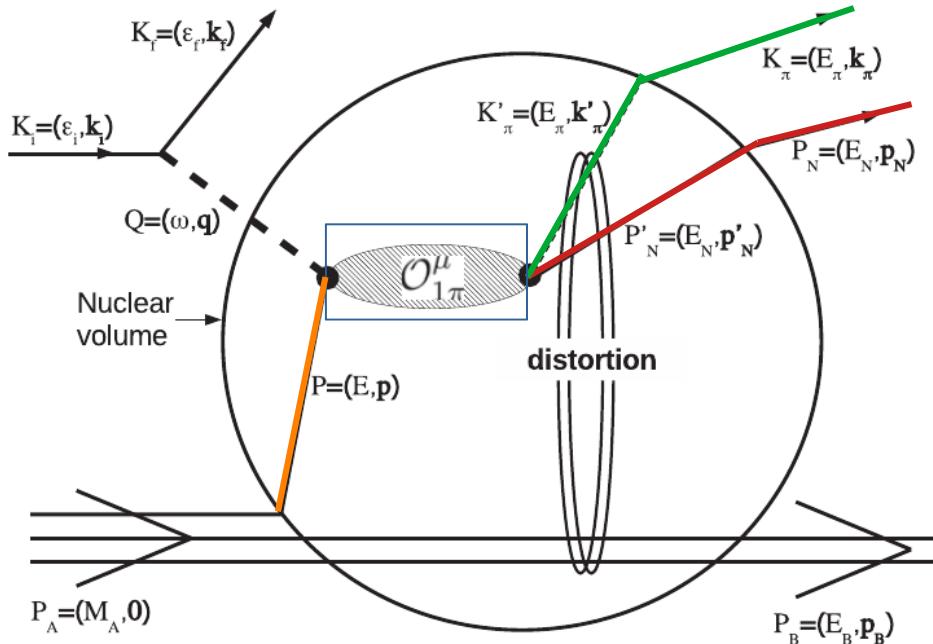
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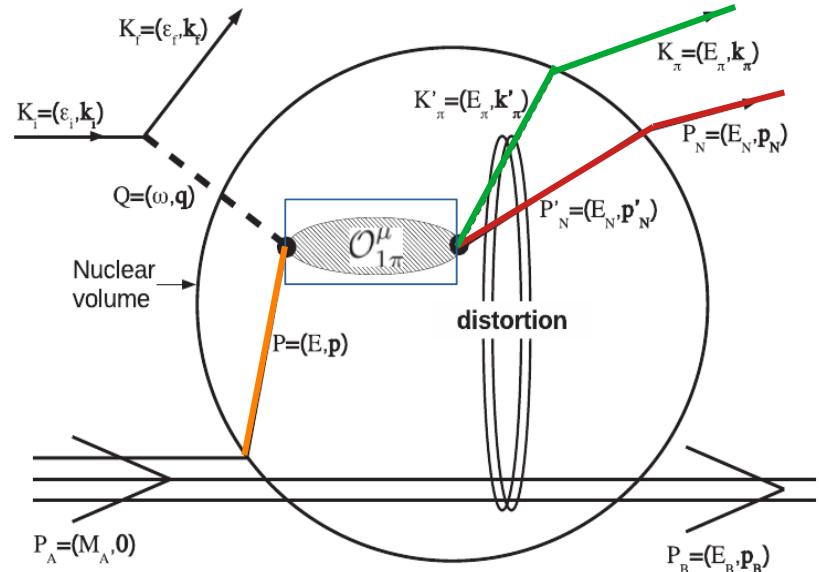
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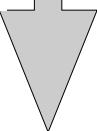
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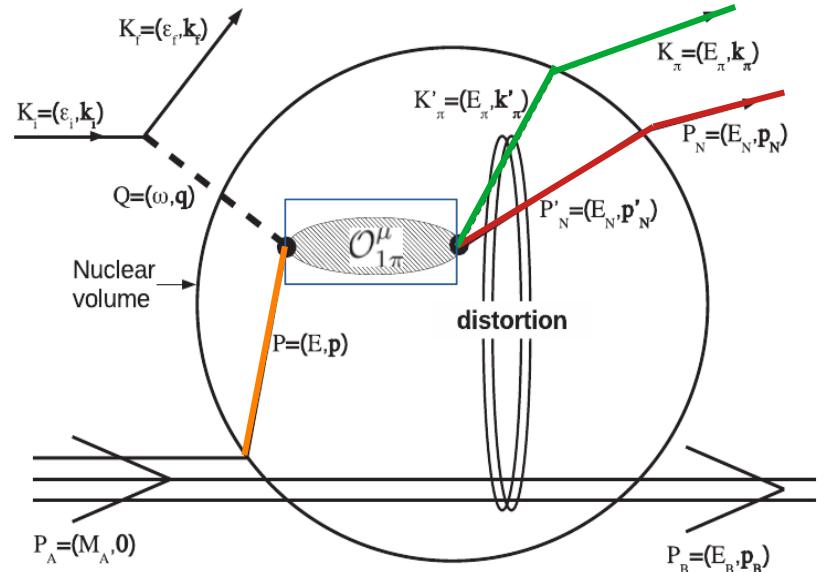
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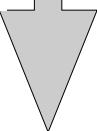
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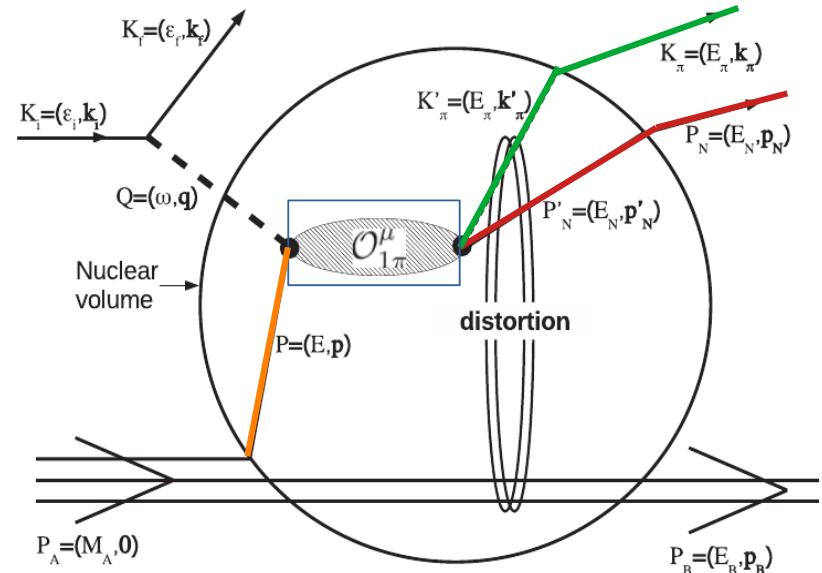
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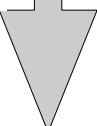
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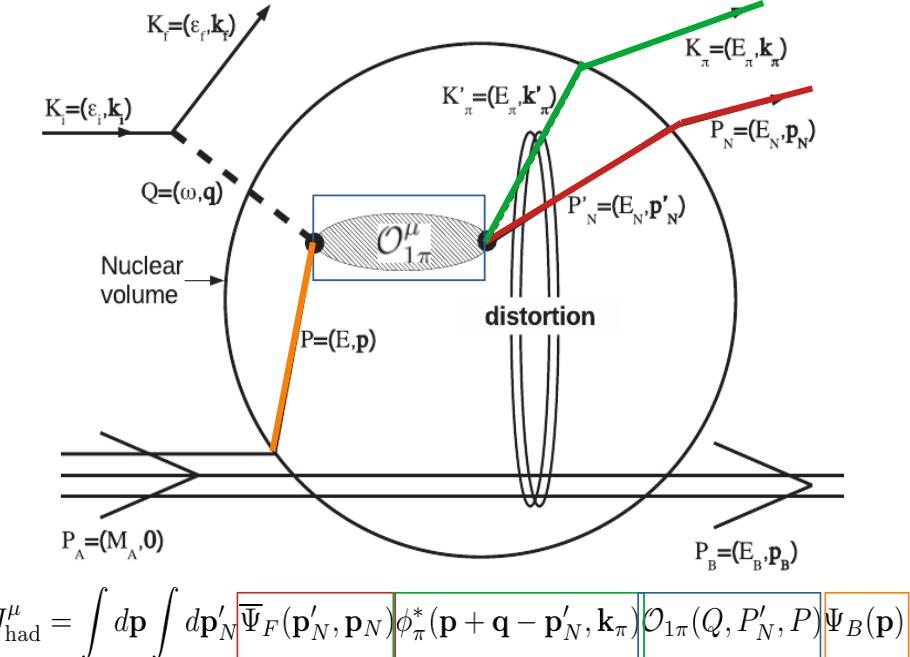
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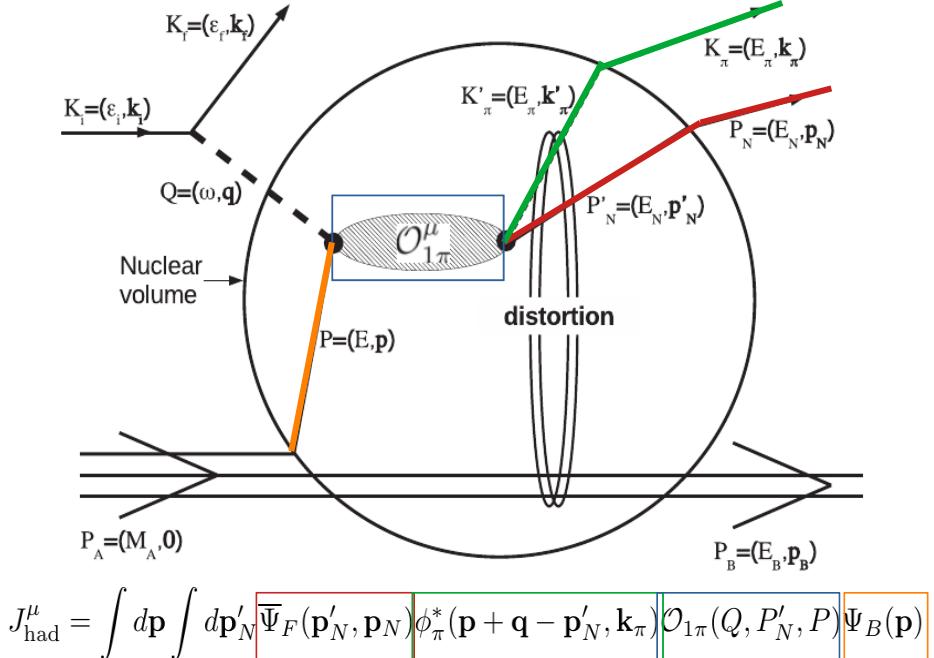
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**Pion as a plane wave**

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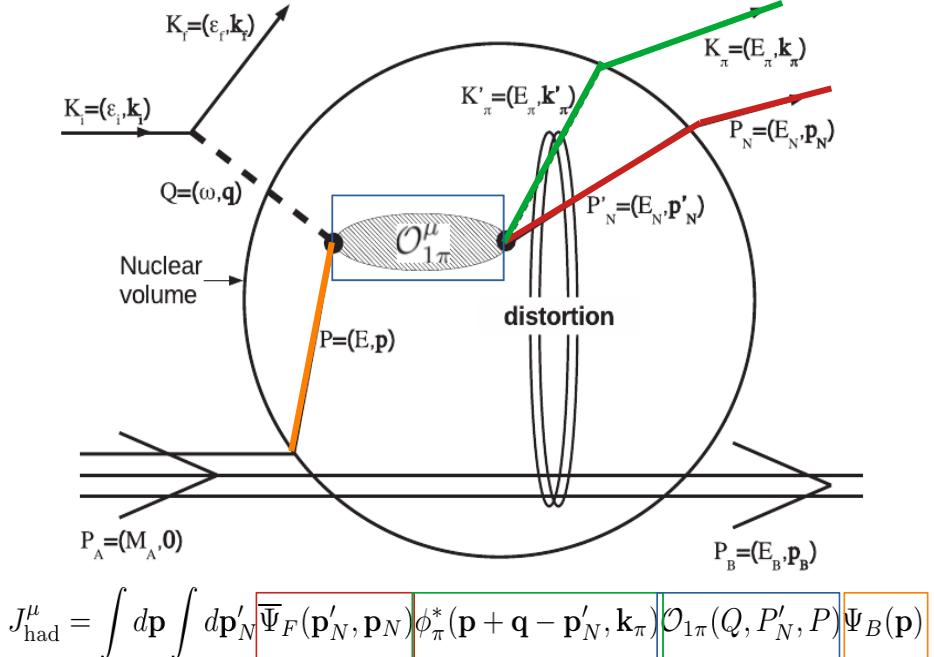
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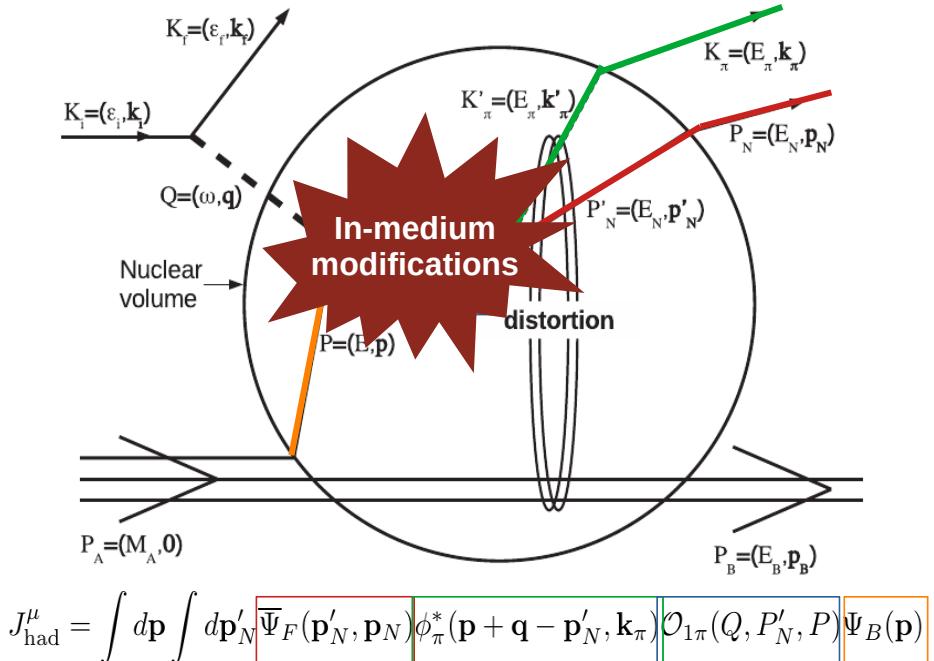
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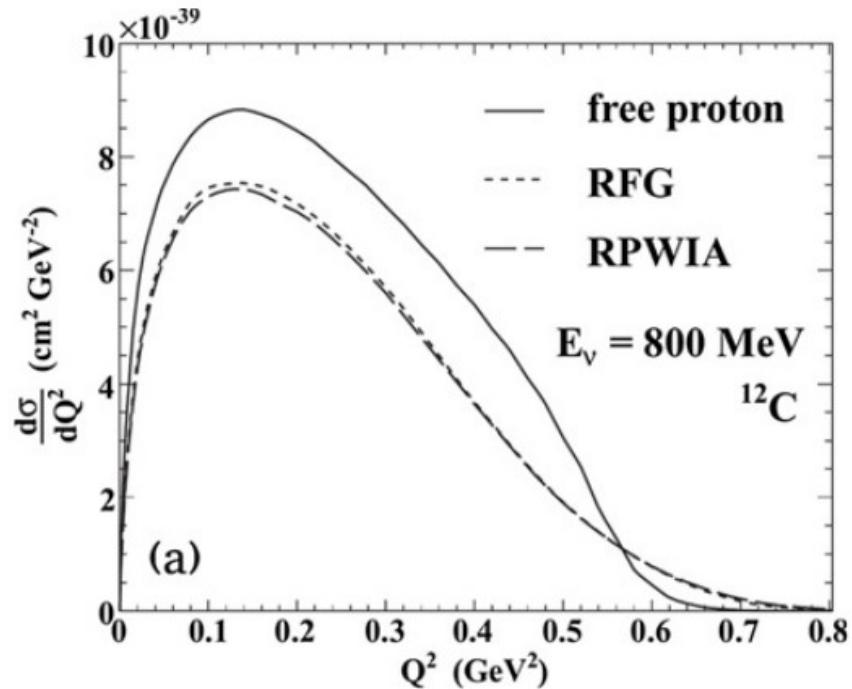


Figure: CC neutrino- $^{12}\text{C}$  induced SPP.

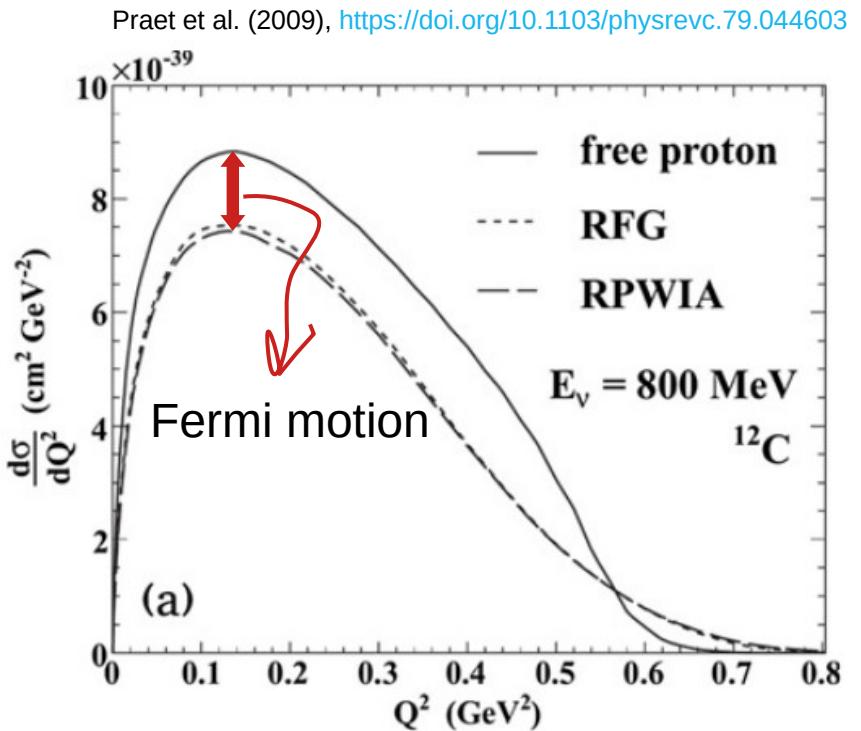
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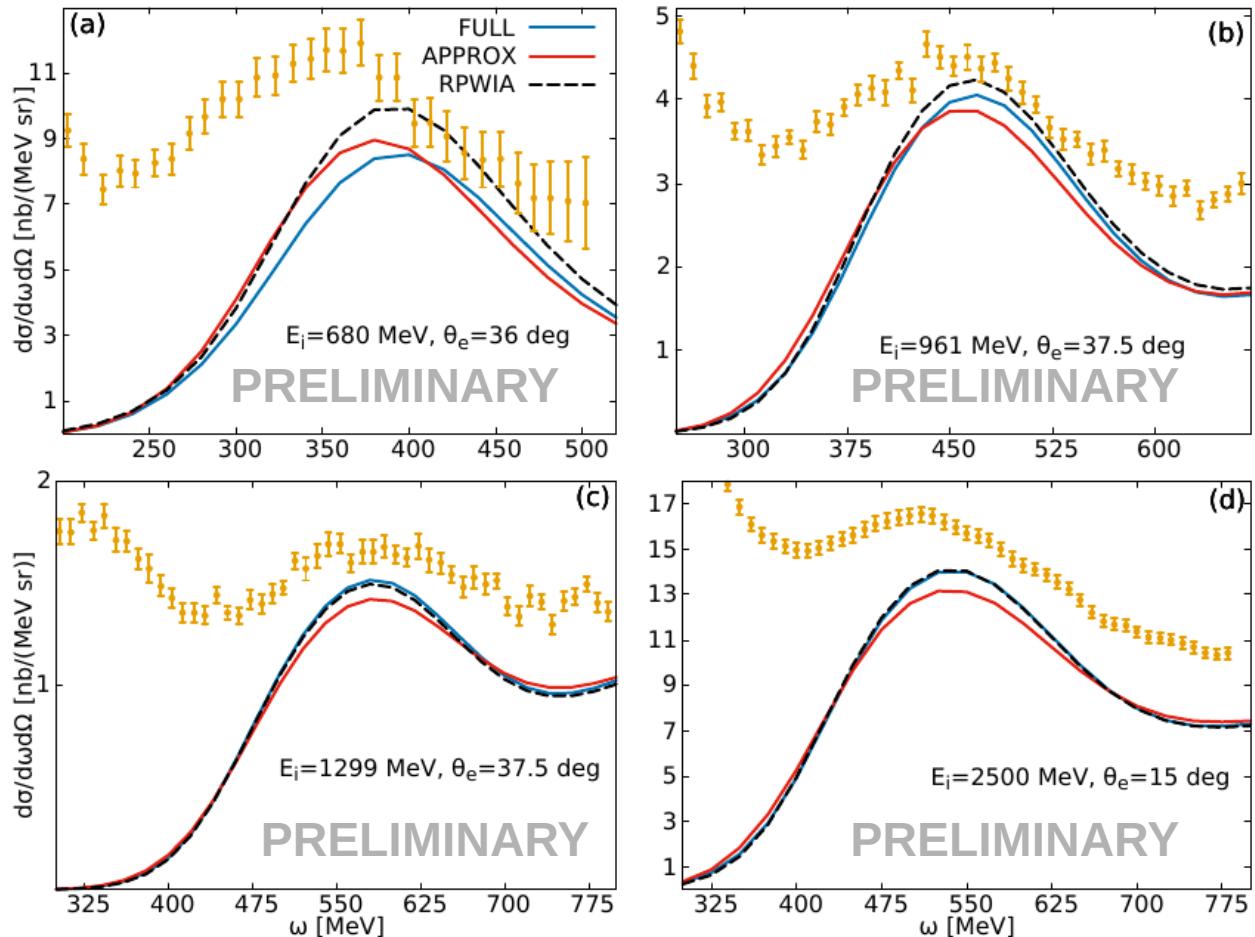


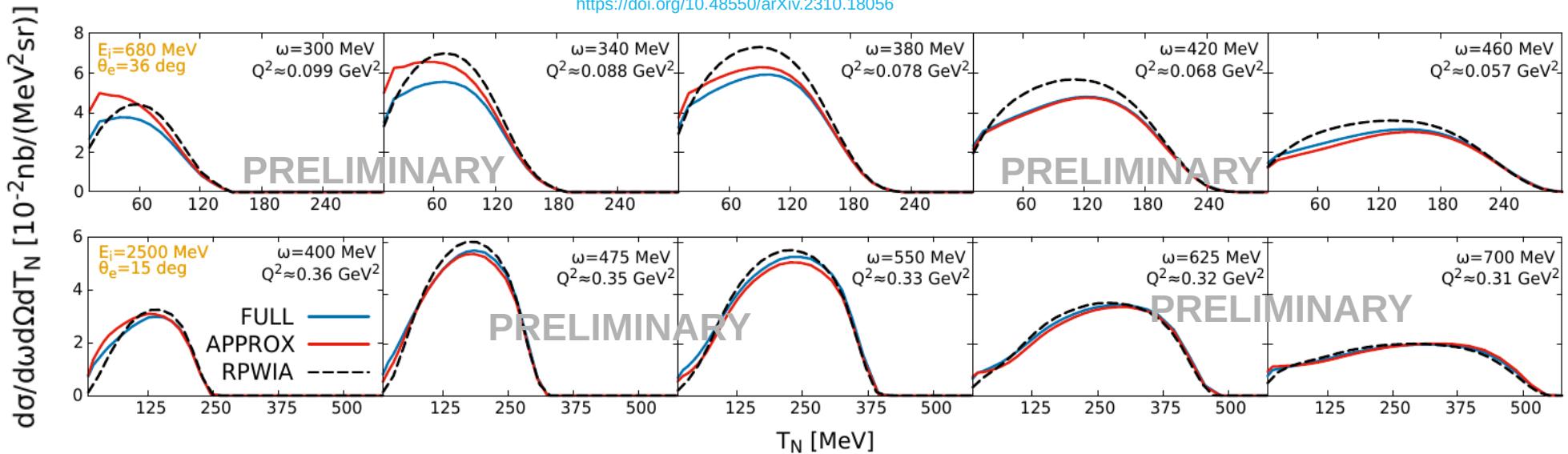
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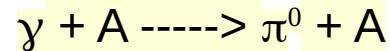




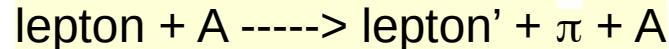
## Distortion of the pion wave function (or Elastic FSI of the pion)

There are some works on **photoproduction** and a few on **electroproduction** but they usually include the distortion of the nucleon and pion all together and compare it to the case of plane-wave approach. That makes it difficult to isolate the effect of distortion of the pion.

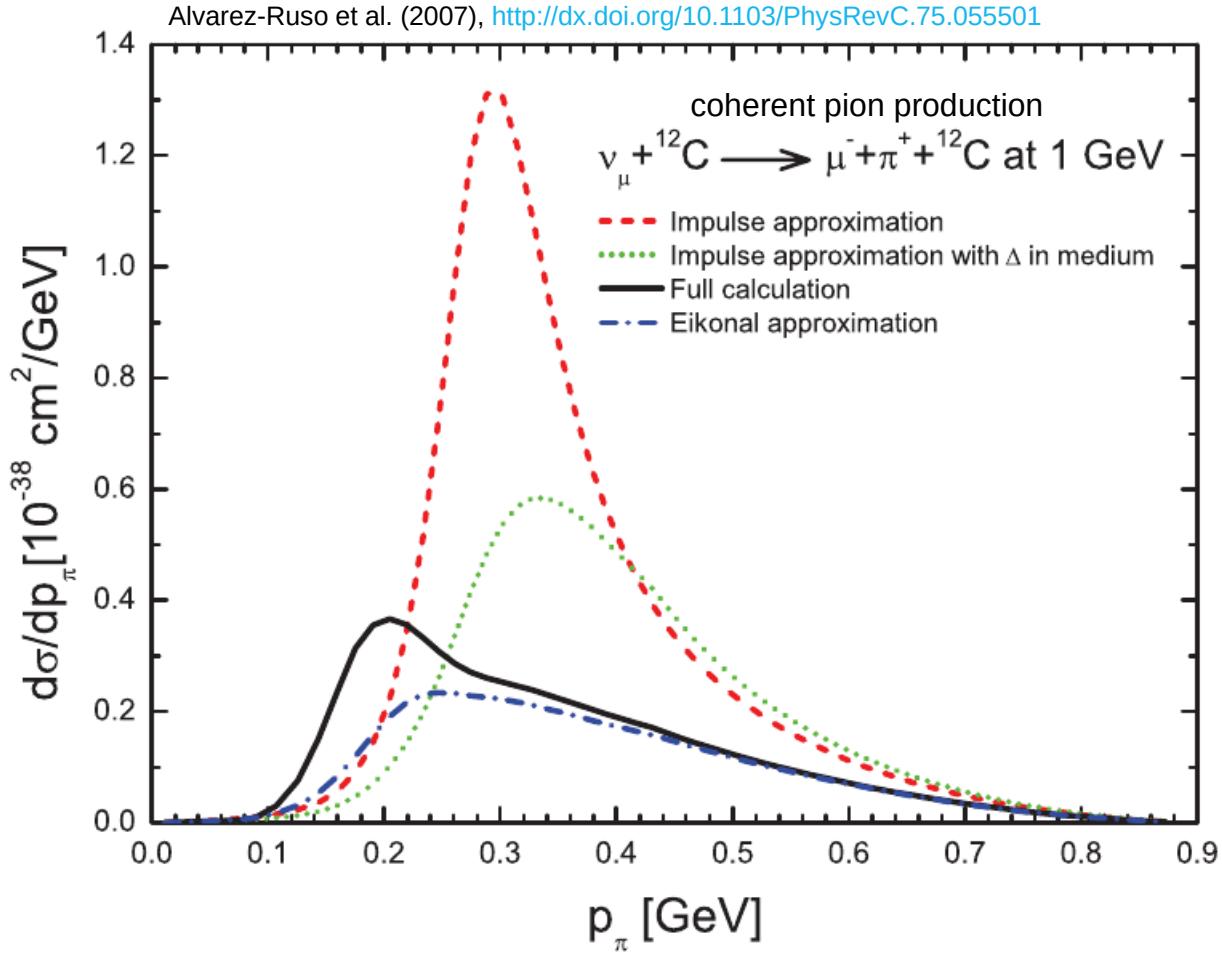
Instead, the study of **coherent pion production** is a clean way to study this effect:



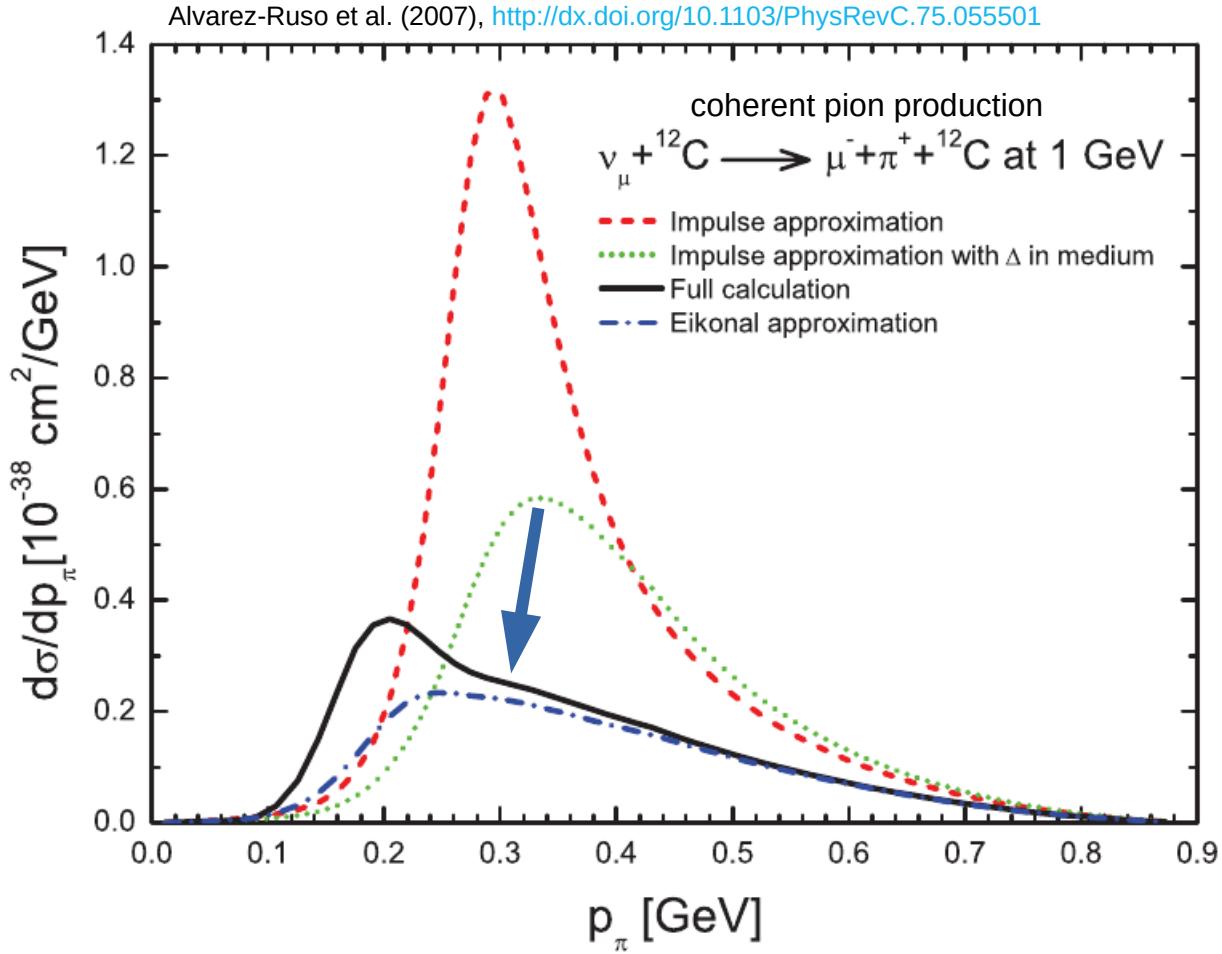
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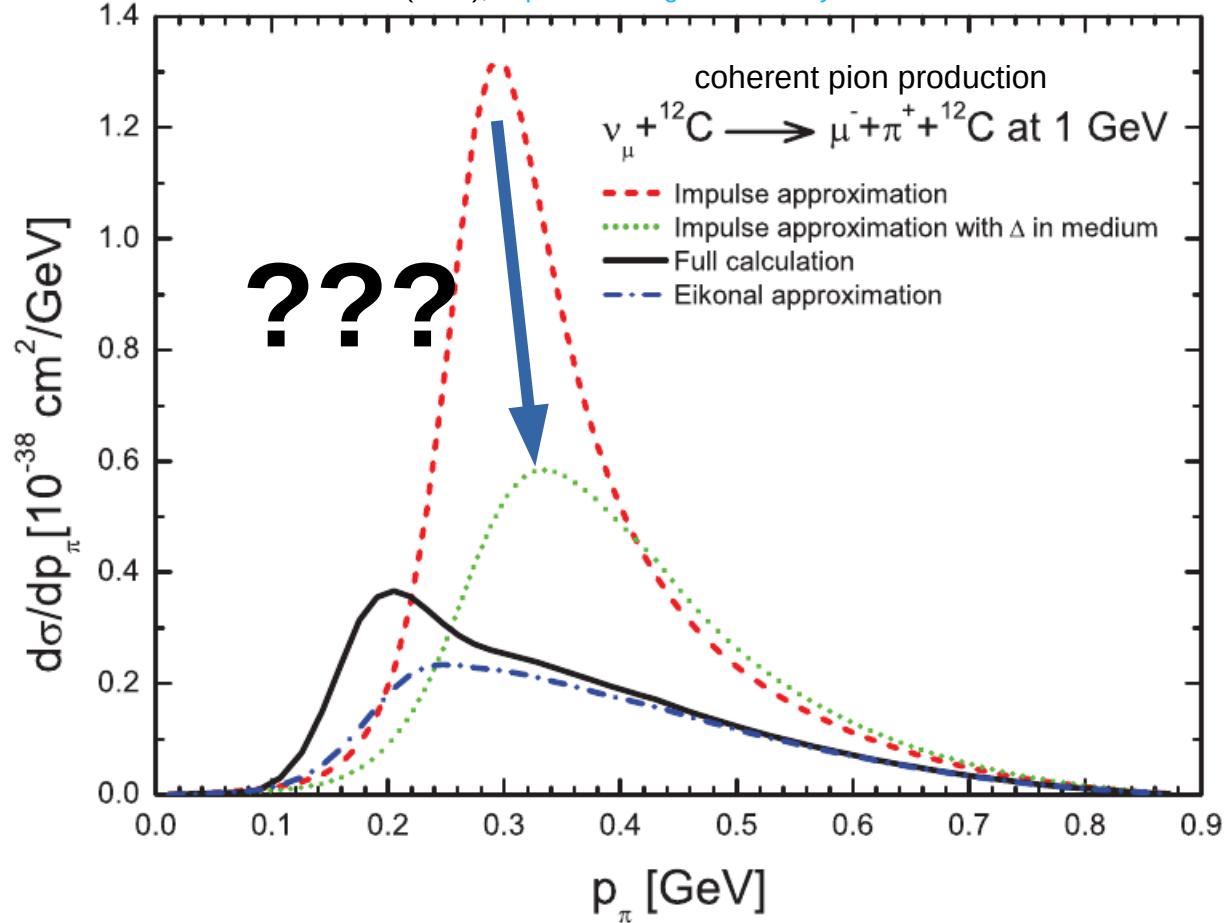


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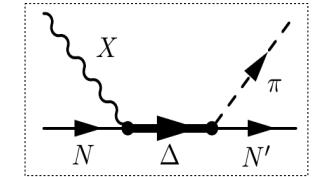
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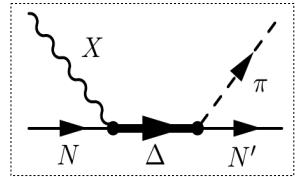


Oset and Salcedo,

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**Delta propagator:**



$$S_{\Delta,\alpha\beta} = \frac{-(K_\Delta + M_\Delta)}{K_\Delta^2 - M_N^2 + iM_\Delta\Gamma_{\text{width}}} \left( g_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{3}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_\beta - \frac{2}{3M_\Delta^2} K_{\Delta,\alpha} K_{\Delta,\beta} - \frac{2}{3M_\Delta} (\gamma_\alpha K_{\Delta,\beta} - K_{\Delta,\alpha} \gamma_\beta) \right)$$

Replace the **free decay width** by an ***in-medium* one**:

$$\Gamma_{\text{width}}^{\text{free}} \longrightarrow \Gamma_{\text{width}}^{\text{in-medium}} = \Gamma_{\text{Pauli}} - 2\Im(\Sigma_\Delta), \quad M_\Delta^{\text{free}} \longrightarrow M_\Delta^{\text{in-medium}} = M_\Delta^{\text{free}} + \Re(\Sigma_\Delta).$$

+  $\Gamma_{\text{Pauli}}$ : some nucleons from  $\Delta$ -decay are Pauli blocked (the  $\Delta$ -decay width decreases).

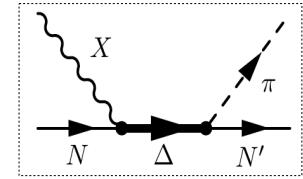
+ The parametrization of  $\Im(\Sigma_\Delta)$  and  $\Re(\Sigma_\Delta)$  is given in terms of the nuclear density  $\rho$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -\Im(\Sigma_\Delta) &= C_{QE} (\rho/\rho_0)^\alpha + C_{A2} (\rho/\rho_0)^\beta + C_{A3} (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma, \\ \Re(\Sigma_\Delta) &= 40 \text{ MeV} (\rho/\rho_0). \end{aligned}$$

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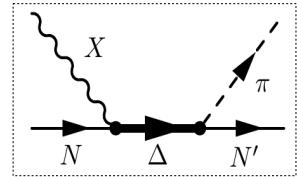
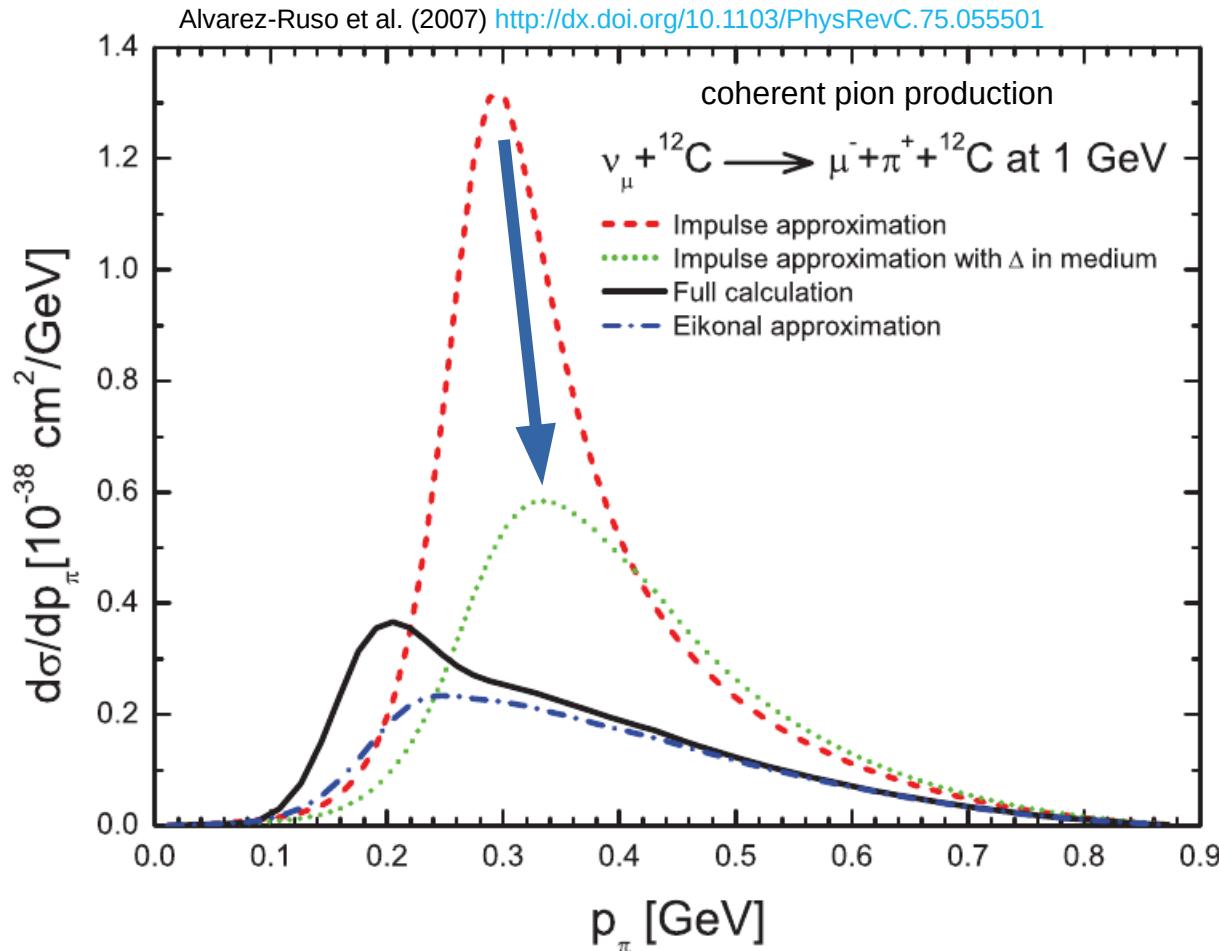


Each contribution corresponds to a different process:

- QE  $\Rightarrow \Delta N \rightarrow \pi NN$  (still one pion in the final state)
- A2  $\Rightarrow \Delta N \rightarrow NN$  (no pions in the final state)
- A3  $\Rightarrow \Delta NN \rightarrow NNN$  (no pions in the final state)

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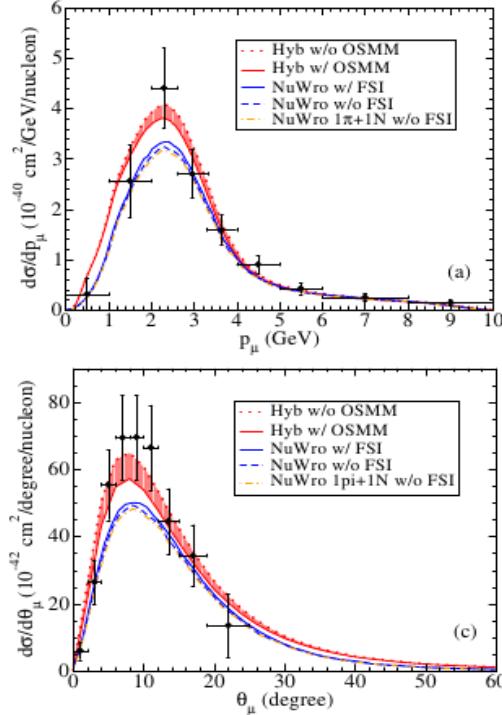
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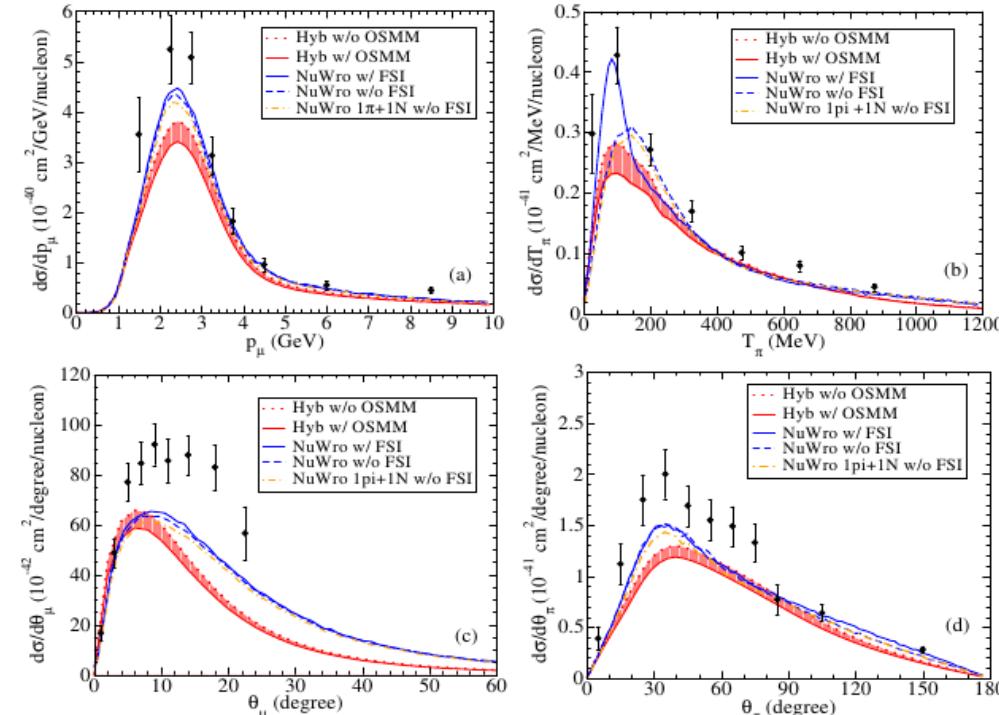
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Lower (upper) bound of the red band corresponds to with (without) medium modification of the delta decay width.

**MINERvA antineutrino CC  $1\pi^0$ .**



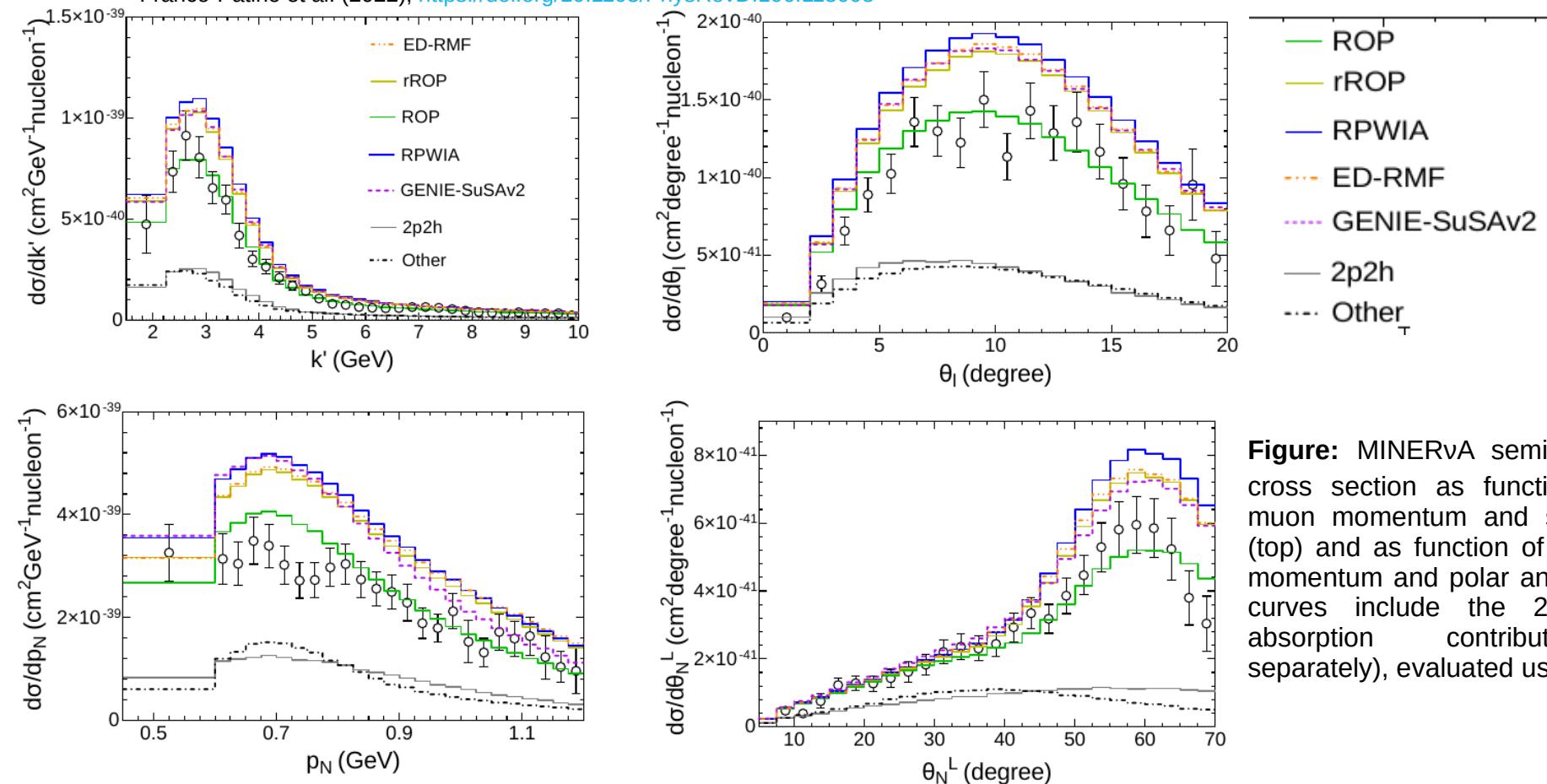
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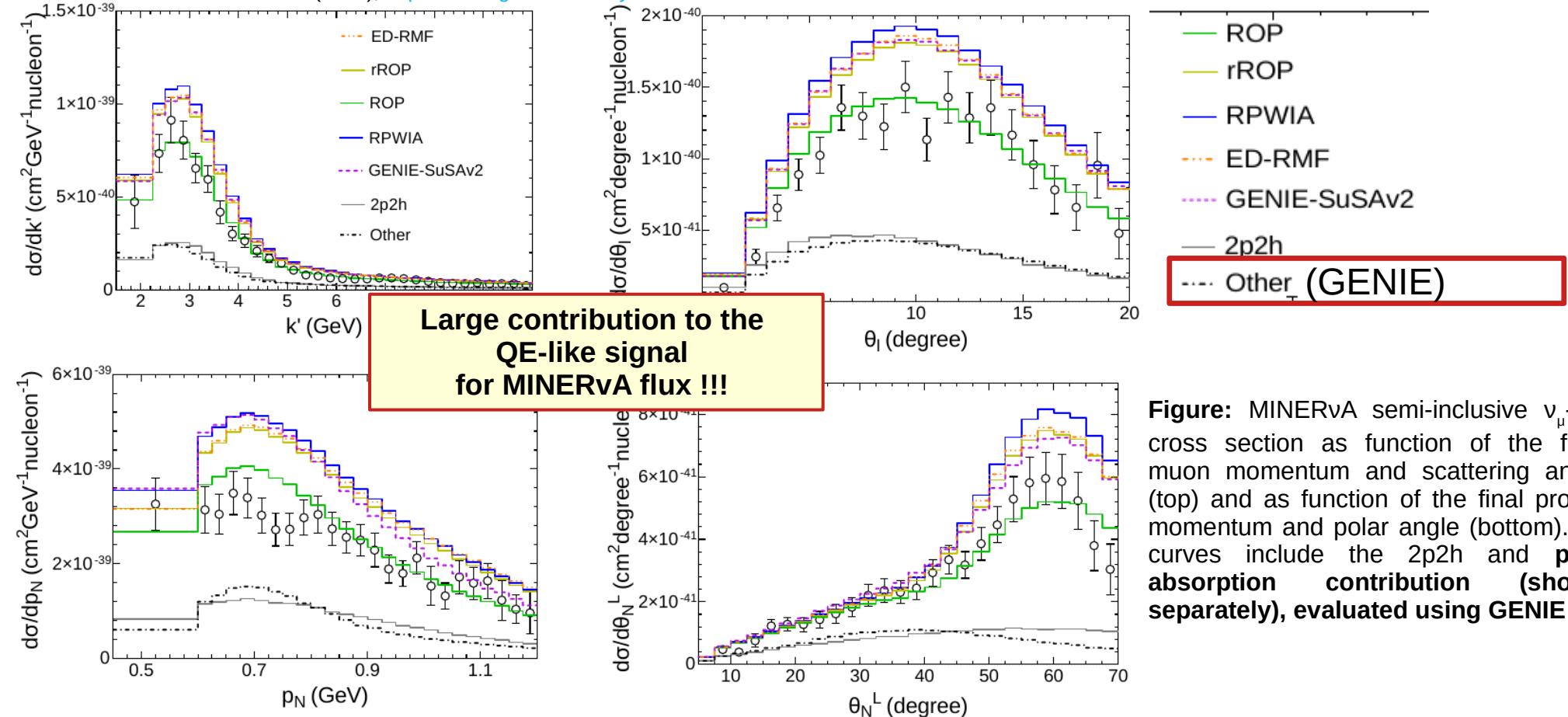
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# In-medium modification of the resonance properties: a different approach

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Drechsel et al. [Nuclear Physics A 660 \(1999\) 423-438](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0375-9474(99)00185-0)

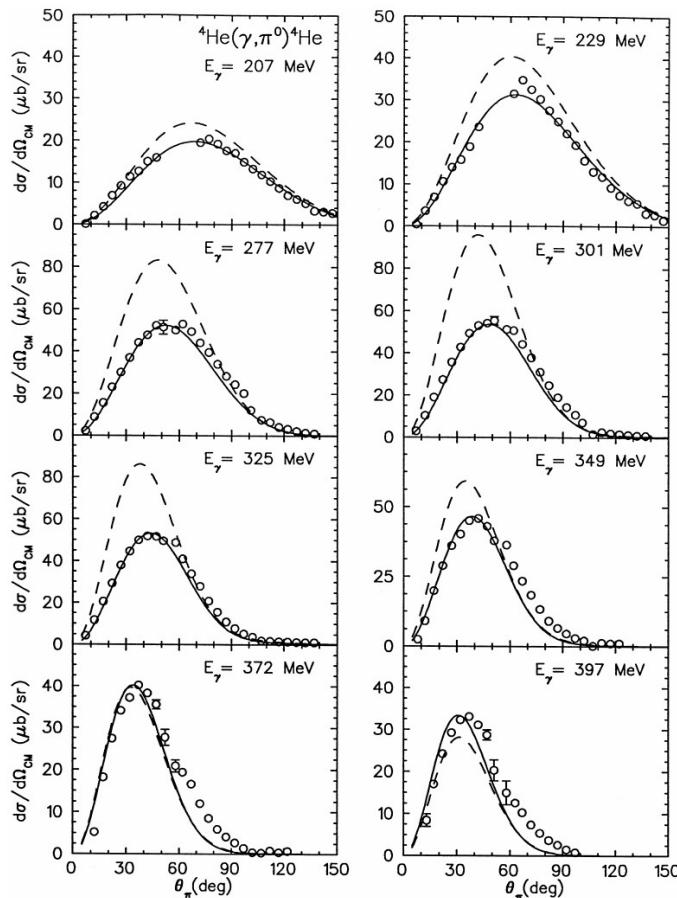


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As pointed out in Section 1, we are looking for a phenomenological parametrization of  $\Sigma_\Delta$  which should be simple, common for all nuclei and able to describe the available data. For this purpose we shall test two types of parametrization

$$\Sigma_\Delta(E_\gamma, q^2) = V_1(E_\gamma) F(q^2), \quad F(q^2) = e^{-\beta q^2}, \quad (28)$$

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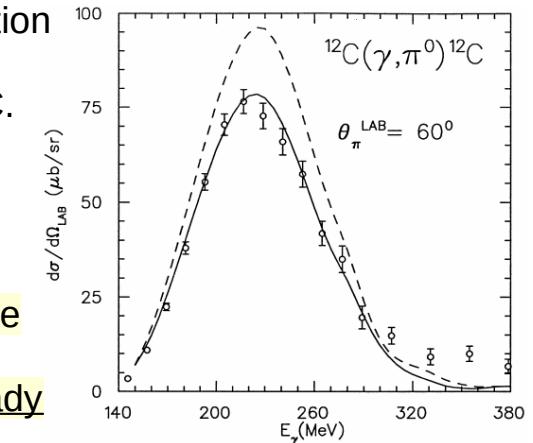
where  $V_{1,2}$  is a (complex and energy-dependent) free parameter and  $q = |\mathbf{k}_\gamma - \mathbf{k}_\pi|$  is

3. Fit it to reproduce  ${}^4\text{He}(\gamma, \pi^0){}^4\text{He}$  experimental data.

4. The obtained in-medium correction function is used to predict data on different nuclei, in particular on  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ .

And... it works very well, good!

**Conclusion:** “Comparing  ${}^4\text{He}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  we find no A-dependence of the potential and conclude that the  $\Delta$ -nucleus interaction saturates already for  ${}^4\text{He}$ .



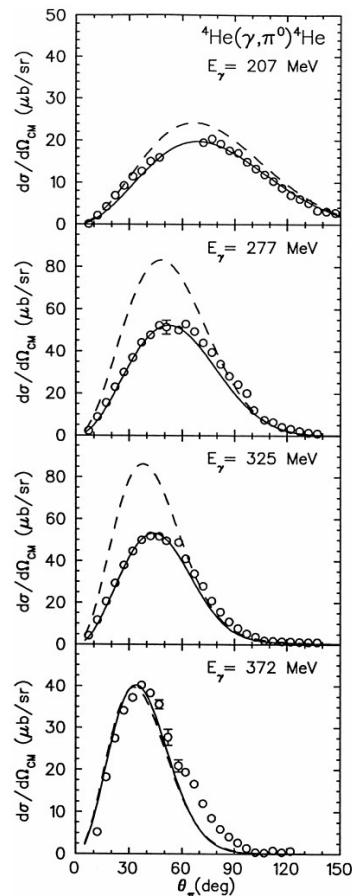


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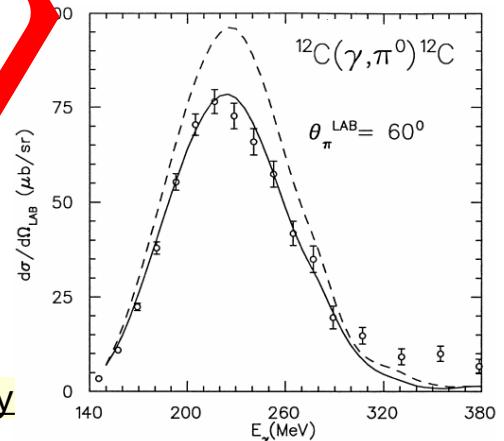
This **in-medium correction function** is very much **model dependent**,

it will depend, e.g., on the pion-production operator and on the optical potential.

As soon as one changes a single piece of the model this in-medium correction **won't work anymore...**

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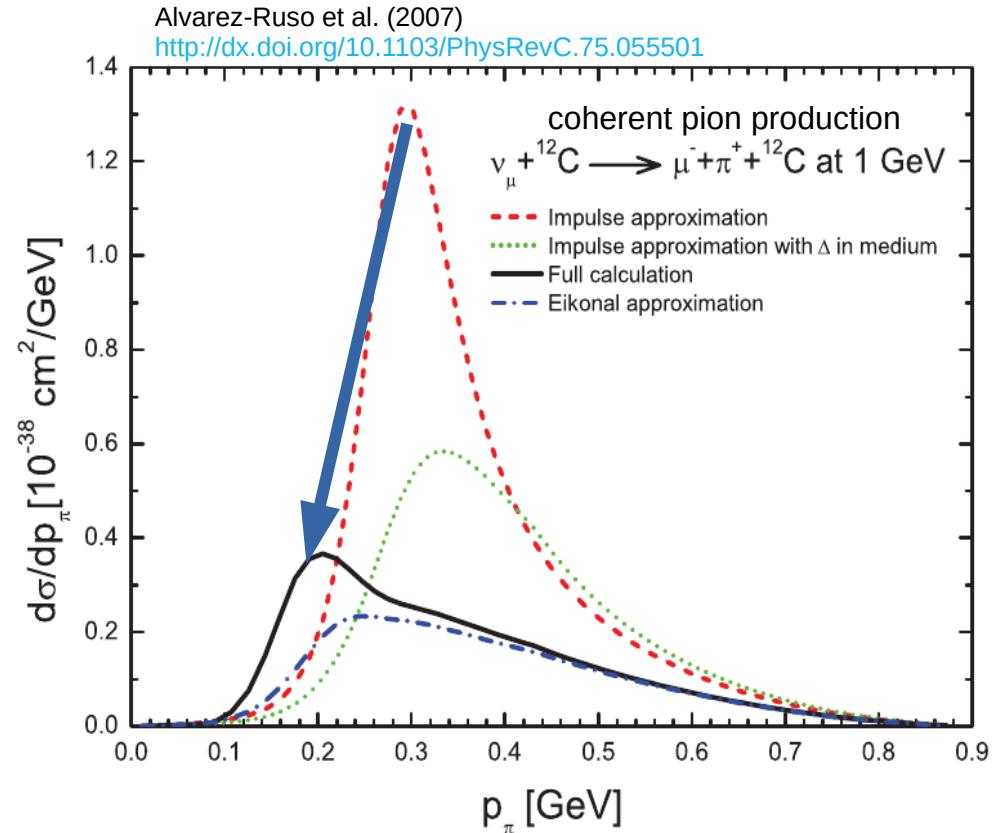
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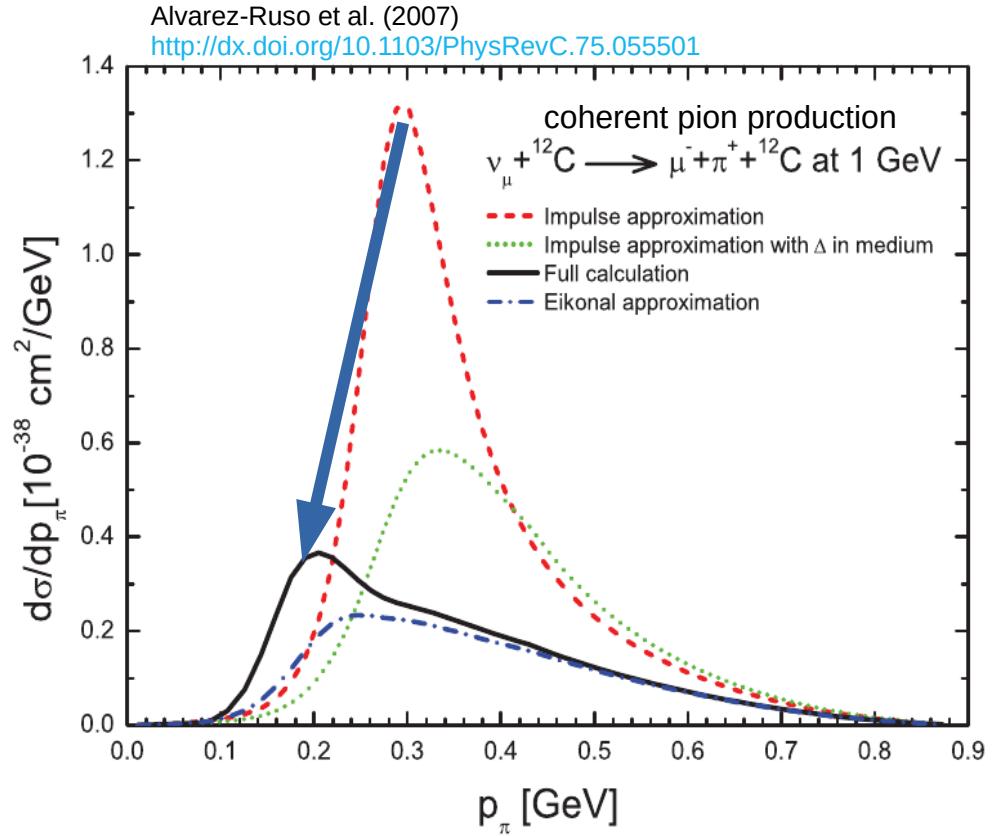
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It would provide solid predictions for  $1\pi^-$  production with **minimum nuclear uncertainties**. It would correspond to the process in which the pion only interacts elastically (it passes through the cascade without interactions)

Useful to benchmark cascade models.  
Analogously to the idea proposed for the QE case in Nikolakopoulos et al. (2022)

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.105.054603>



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There is no delta medium modification in this model, just an optical potential.

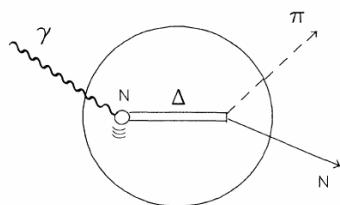


FIG. 1. Diagram of the reaction  $A(\gamma, \pi N)B$  in the  $\Delta$  region. The background Born terms are not shown.

Li, Wright and Benhold (1993), <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.48.816>

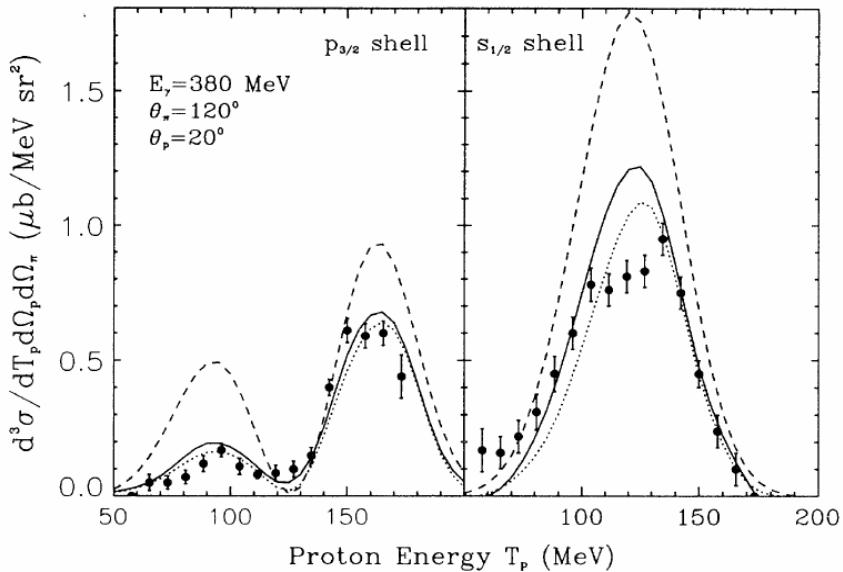
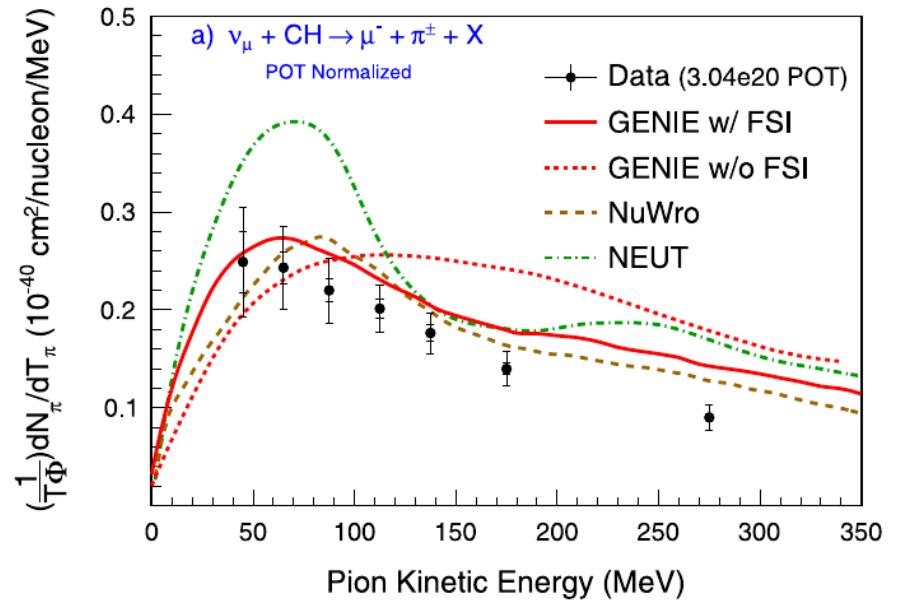
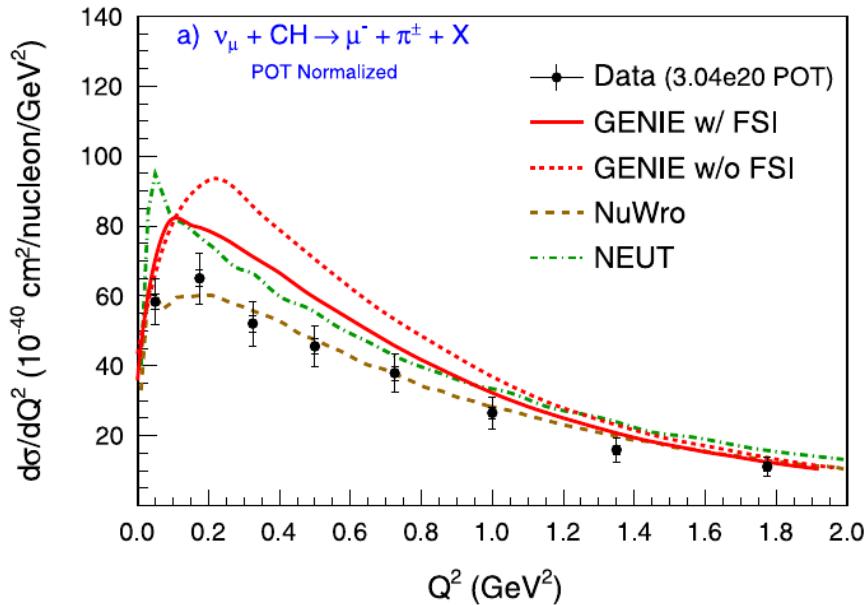


FIG. 2. Proton energy dependence of the triple coincidence cross section from  $p_{3/2}$  and  $s_{1/2}$  shell neutrons in  $^{12}C(\gamma, \pi^- p)^{11}C$  for fixed  $E_\gamma$ ,  $\theta_\pi$ , and  $\theta_p$ . Theoretical curves are calculated in PWIA (dashed line), local DWIA (dotted line), and nonlocal DWIA (solid line). Data are taken from Ref. [13].

## Inelastic final-state interactions

Necessary to make predictions about the hadron multiplicity in the final state.

# Inelastic final-state interactions: “*In Cascade we trust*”



**Fig. 13.** Comparisons of event generator calculations with MINERνA  $\nu_\mu CH$  CC  $\pi^+$  data [290] (left)  $Q^2$  and (right) kinetic energy. Both results include resonances at  $W < 1.8$  GeV.

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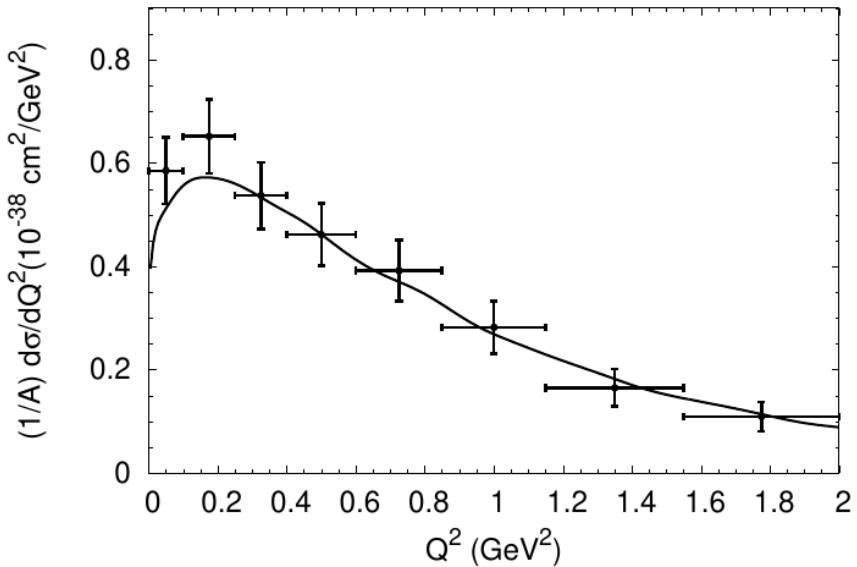


FIG. 12.  $Q^2$  distribution of multiple charged pions in the MINERvA flux for a CH target with  $W_{\text{rec}} < 1.8$  GeV. Data are from [10]

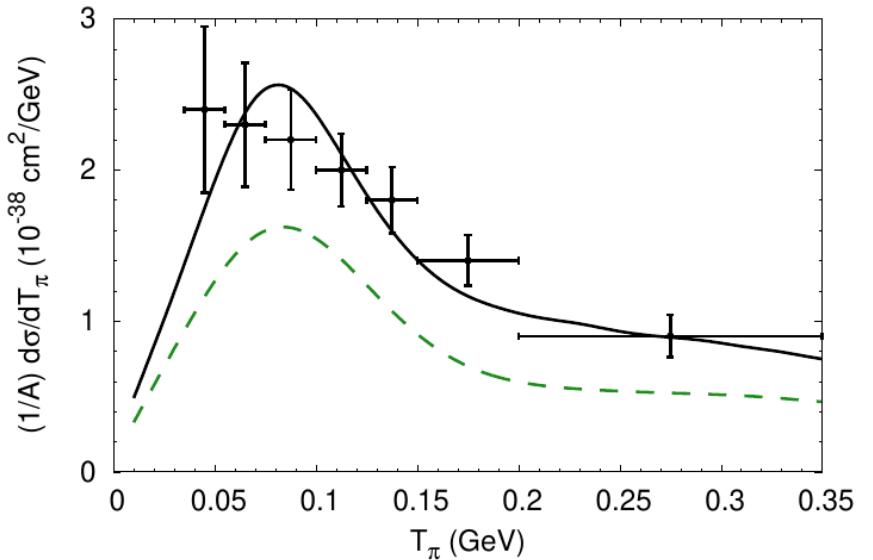


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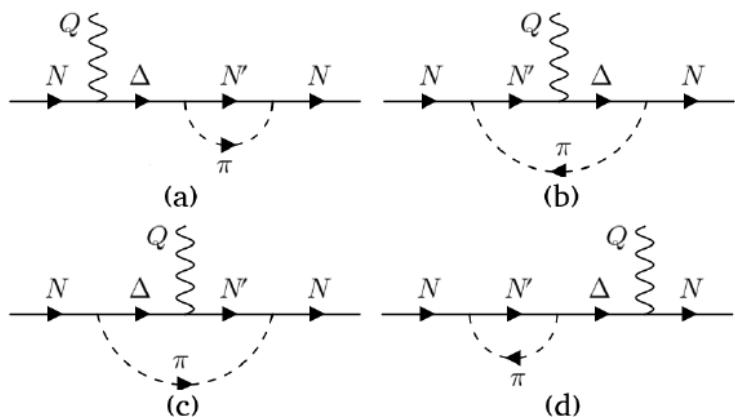


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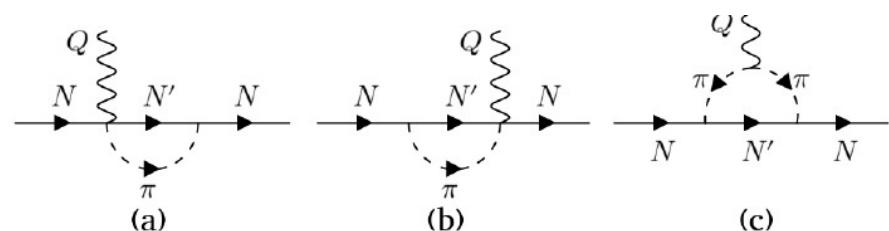
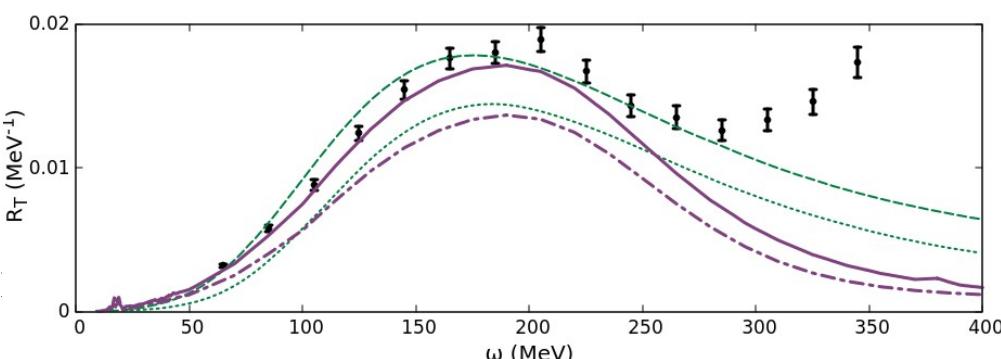
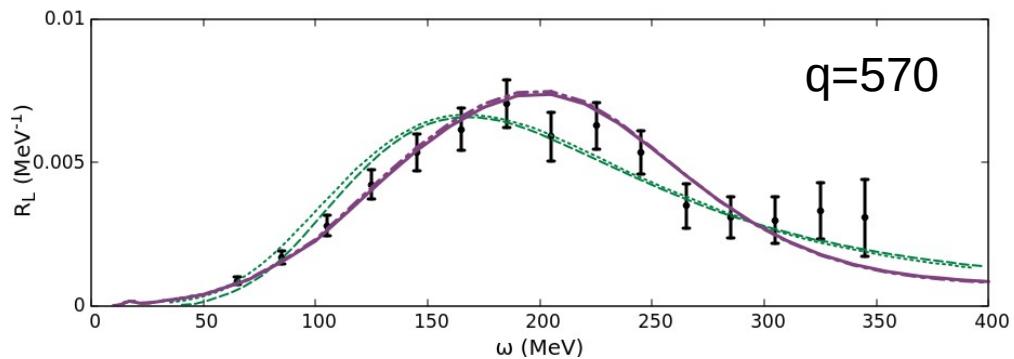
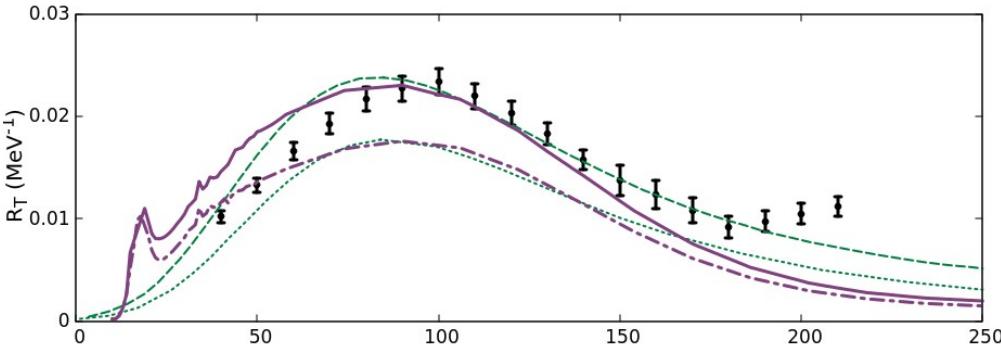
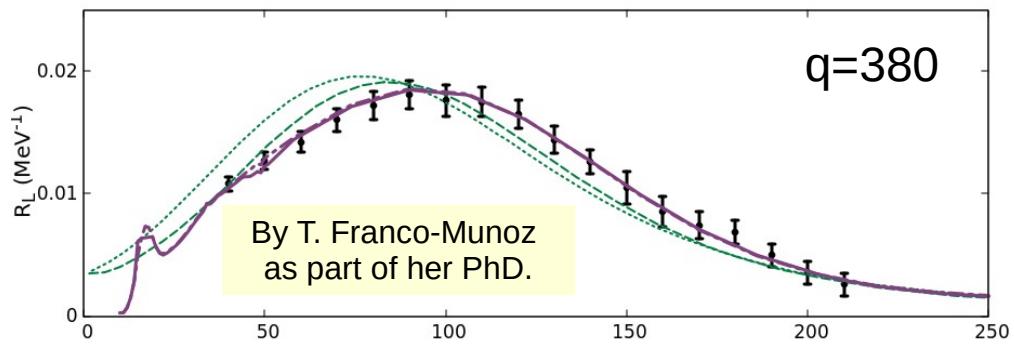
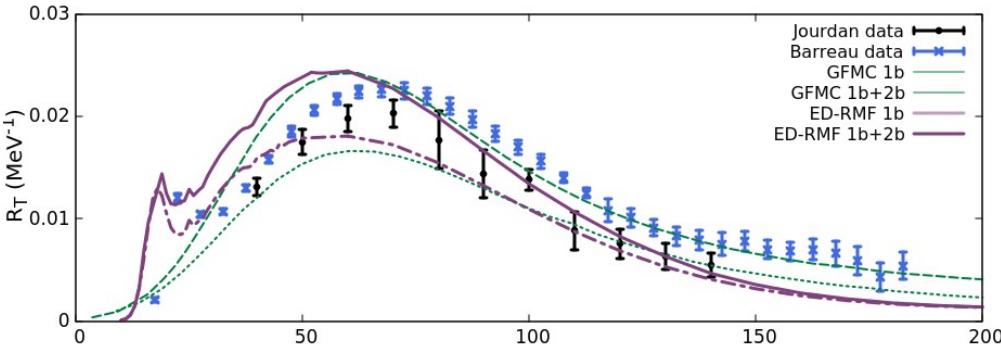
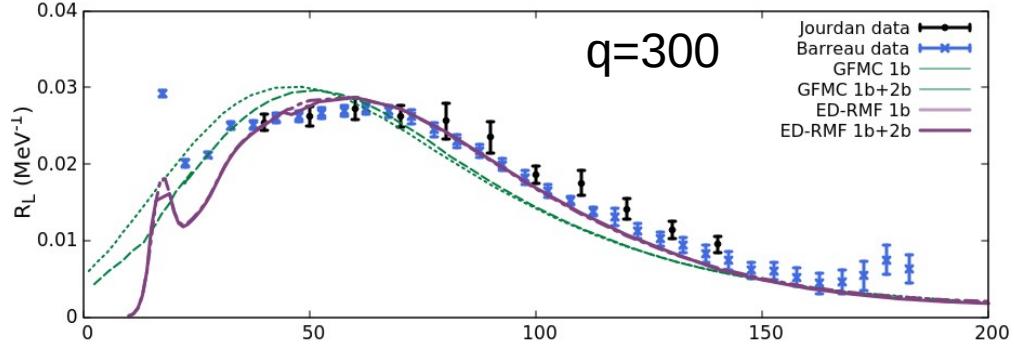


FIG. 2. Background contributions: seagull or contact [CT, (a) and (b)] and pion-in-flight [PF, (c)].

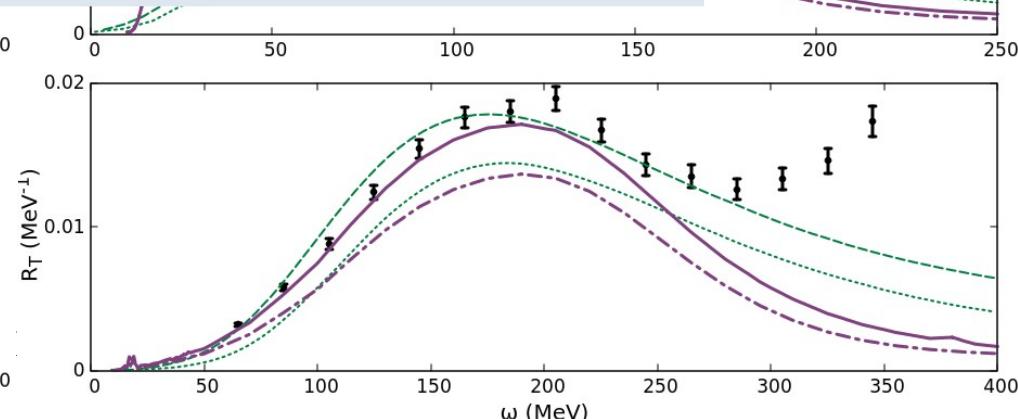
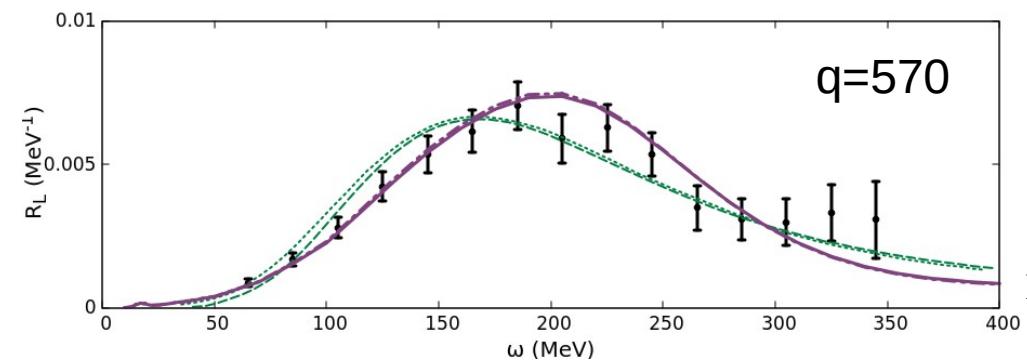
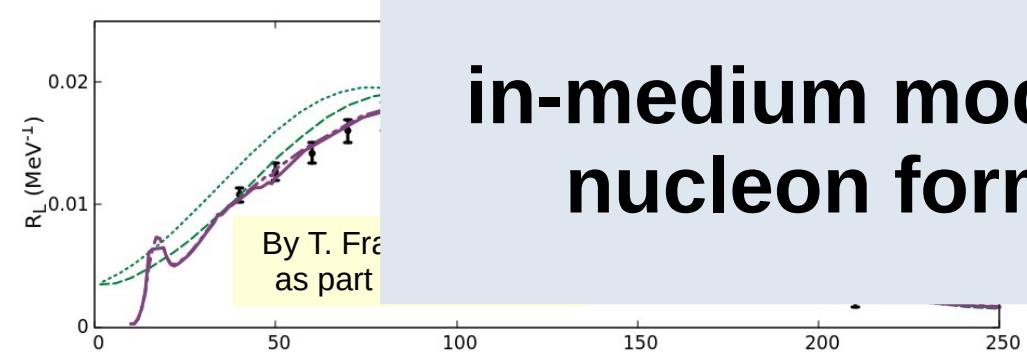
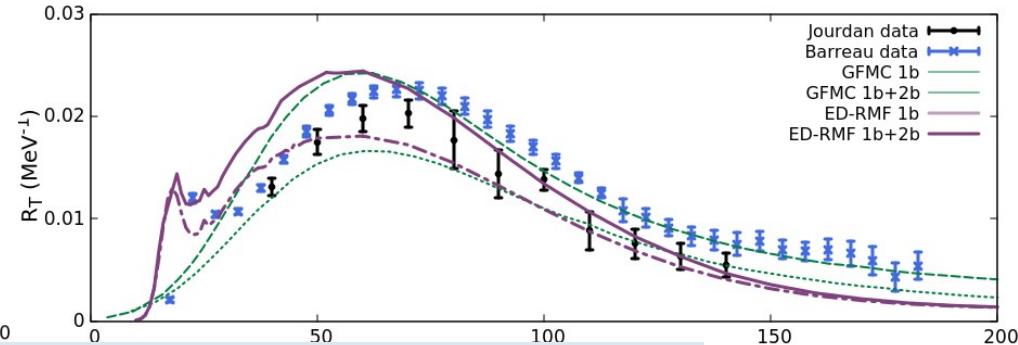
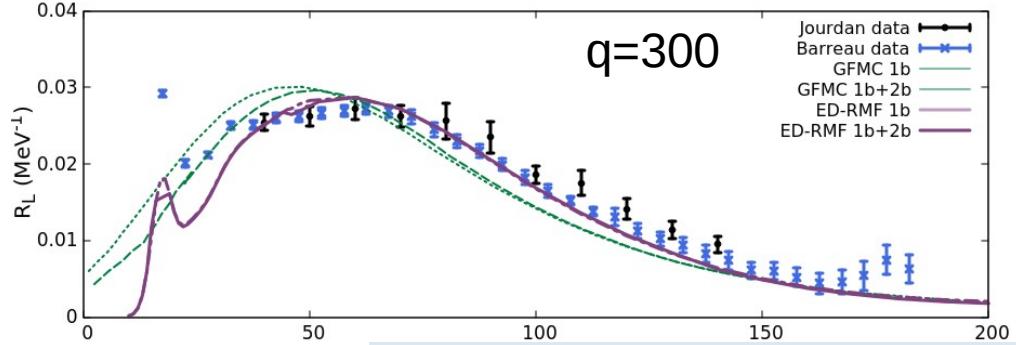
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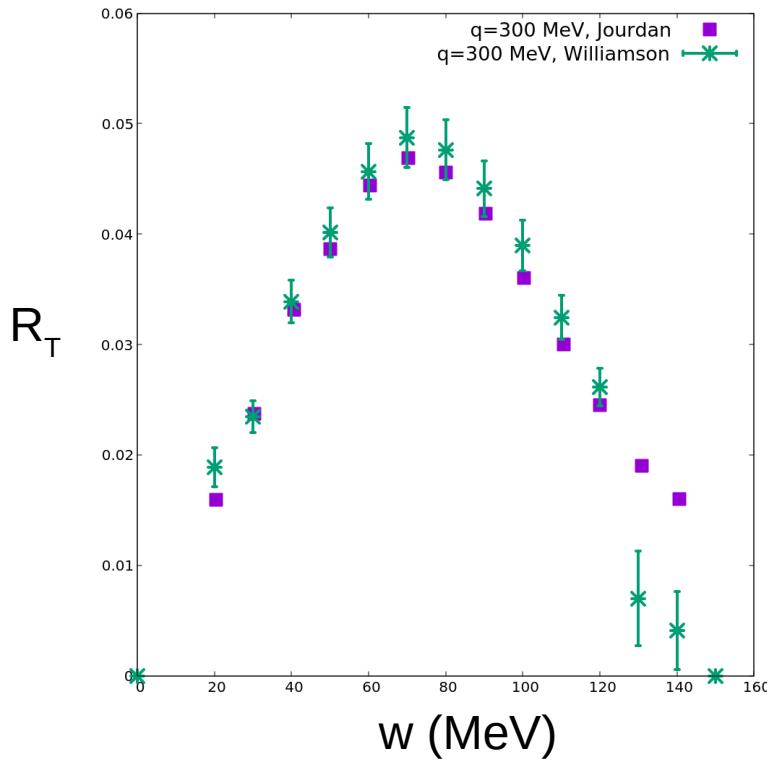
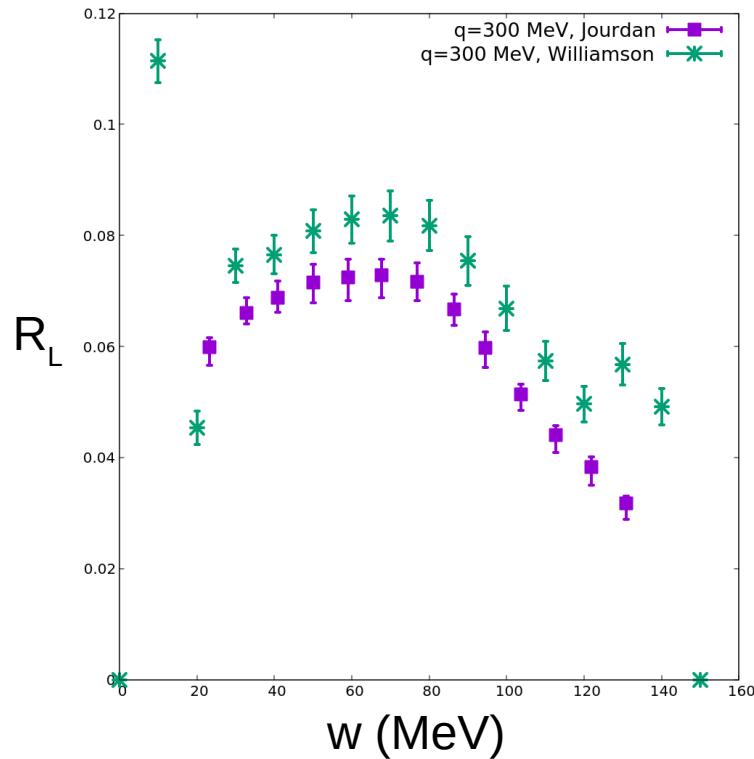
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# Heavier nuclei?

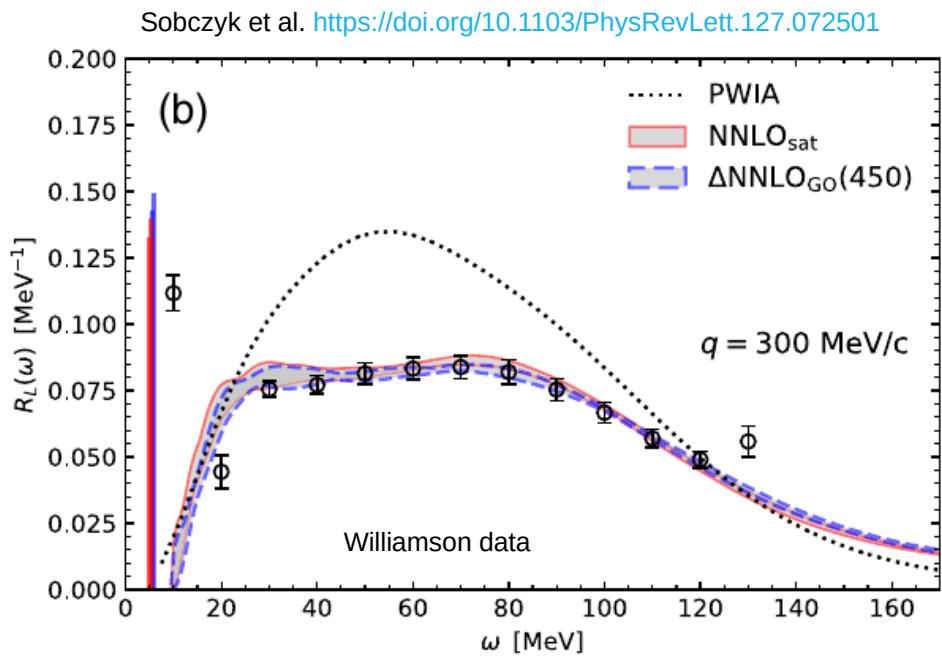
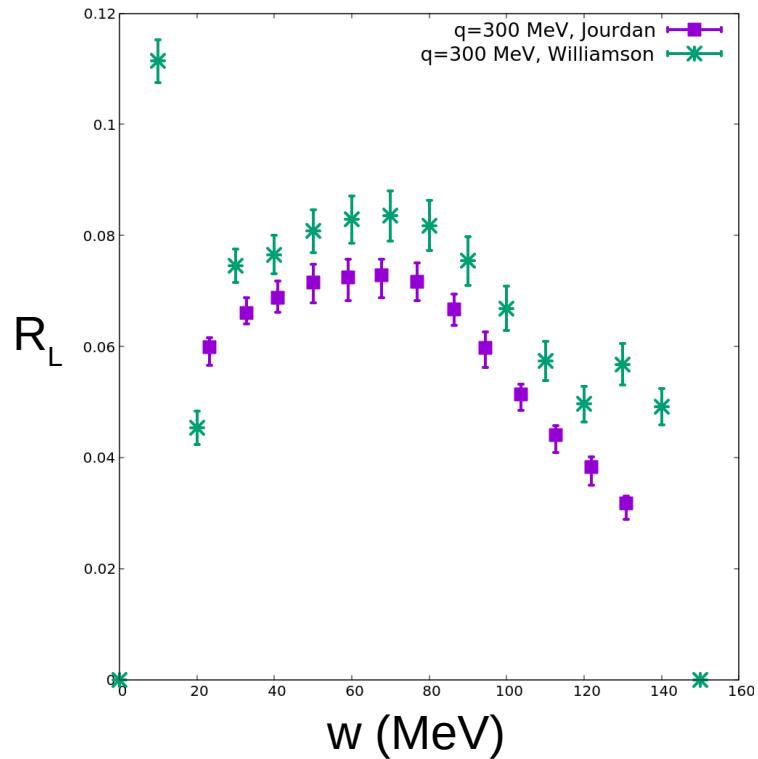
## **Calcium 40** (same amount of nucleons as our favorite nucleus: **Argon 40**)

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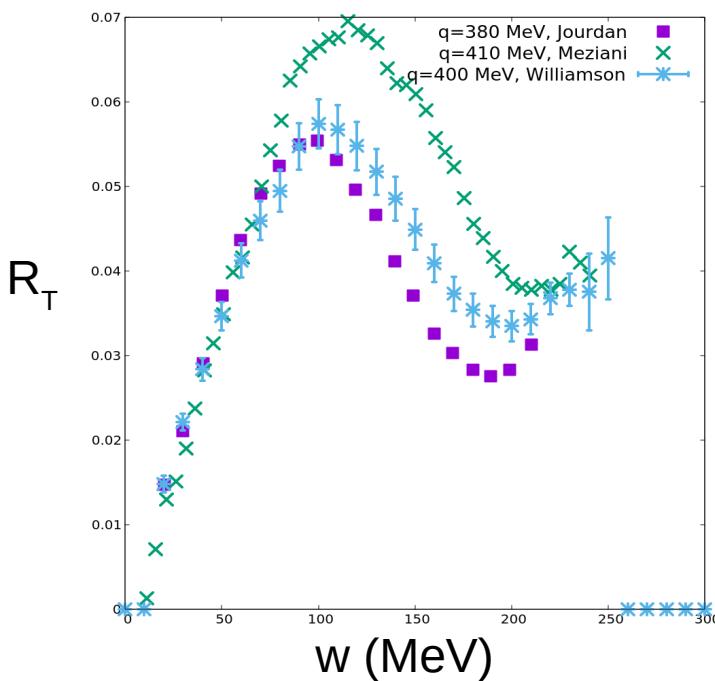
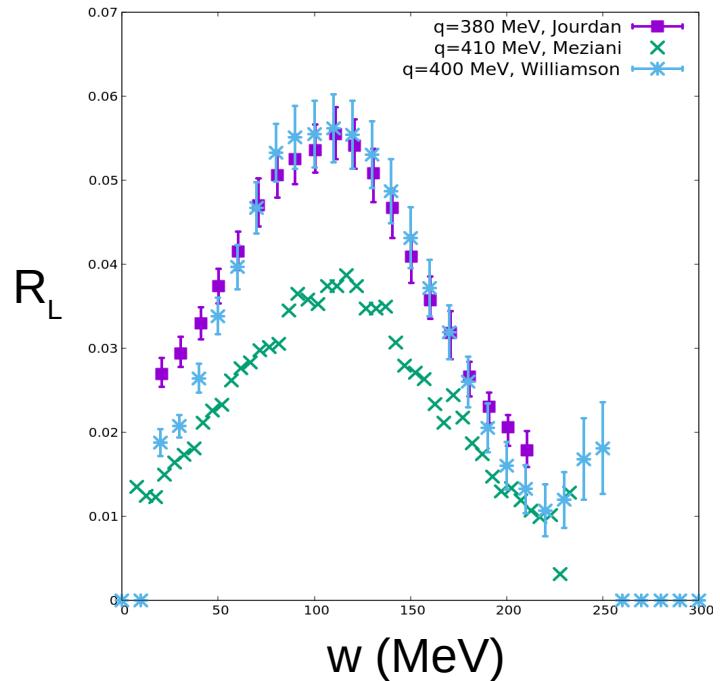
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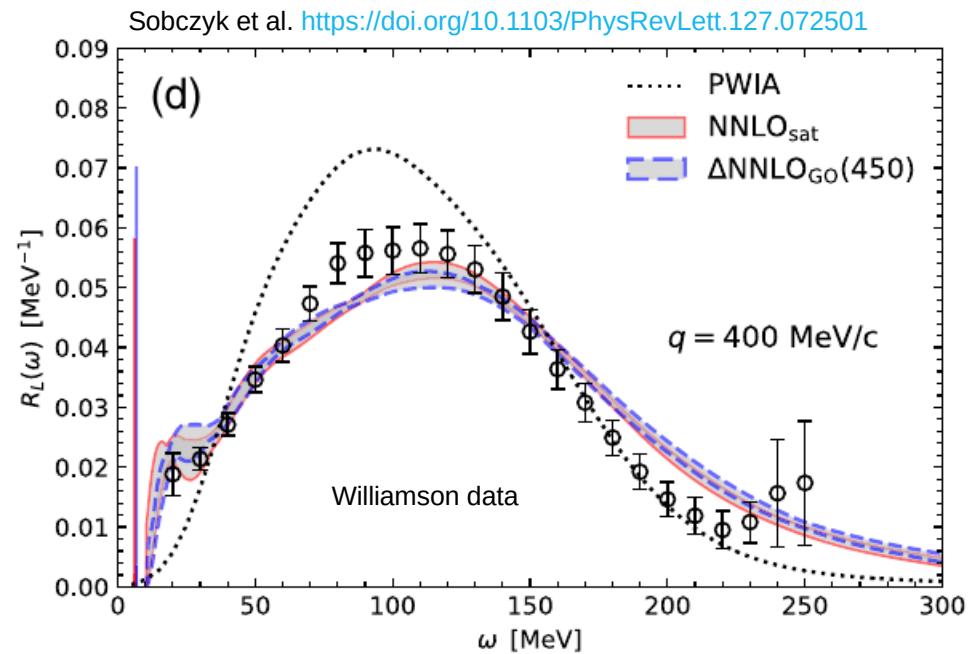
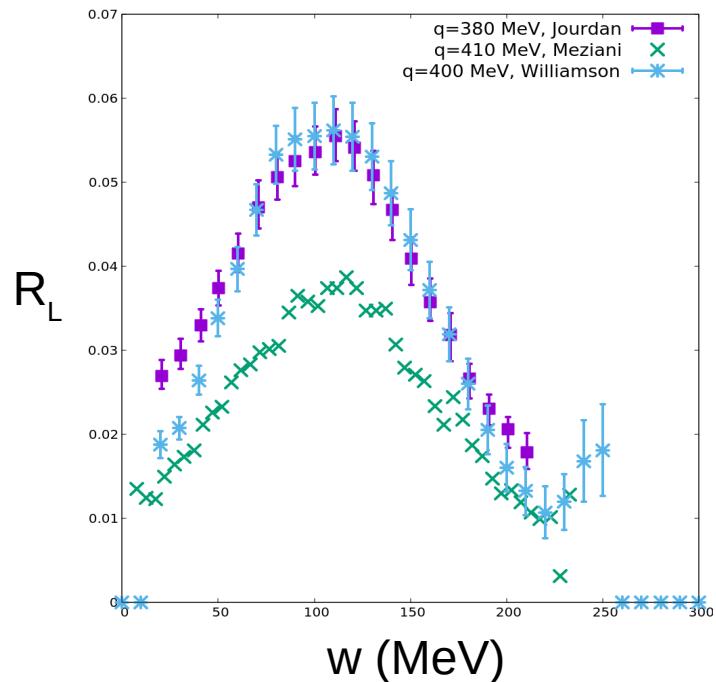
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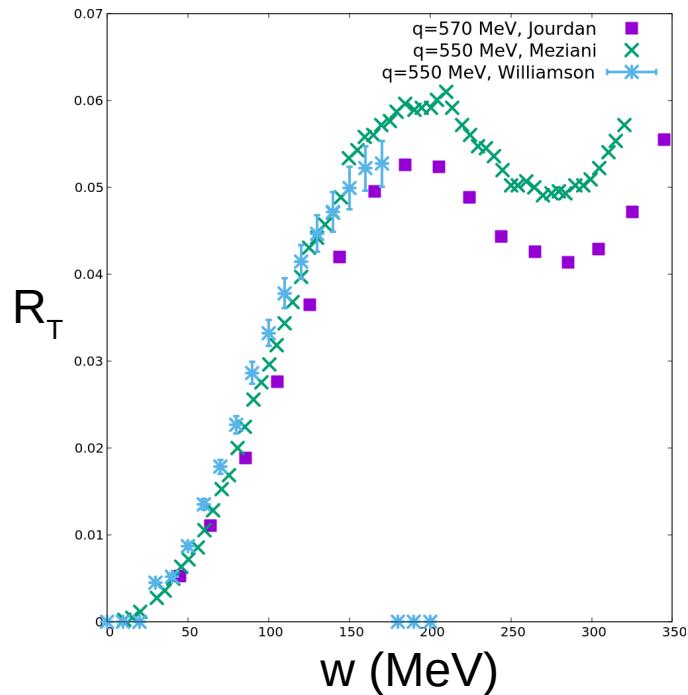
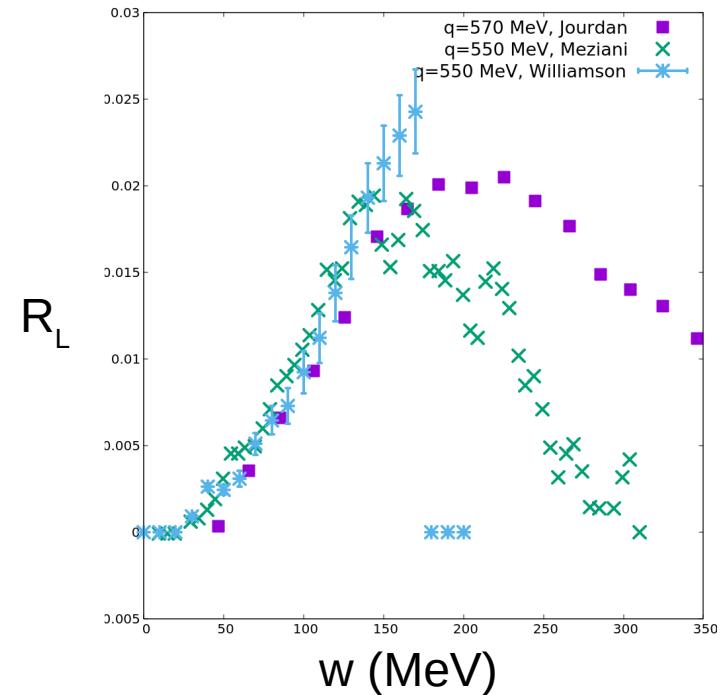
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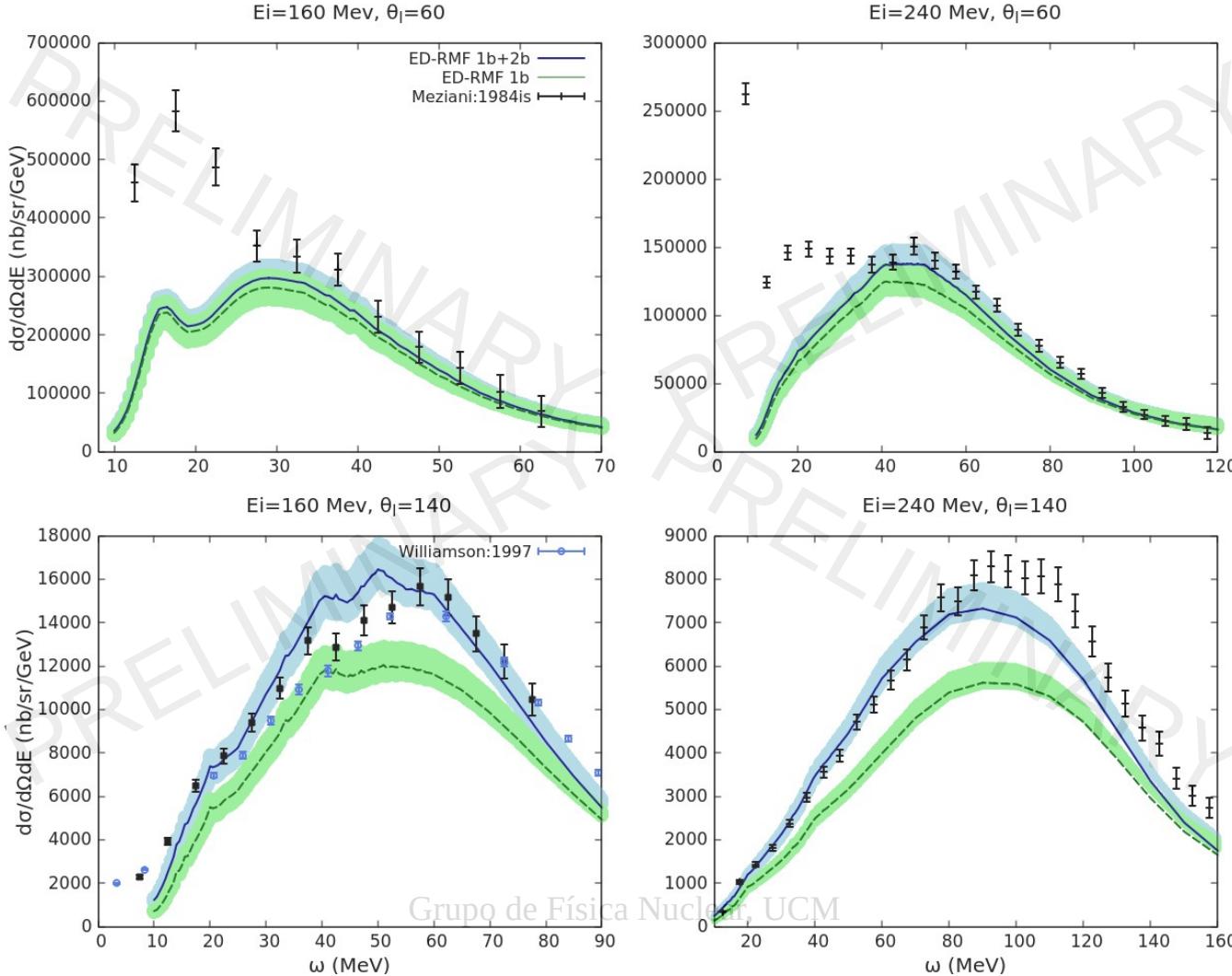
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Main problem: **Coulomb distortion** of the electron **breaks** the factorization  
**lepton tensor  $\times$  hadron tensor** (it's no longer valid)

Heavier nuclei (more protons) means larger Coulomb effects.

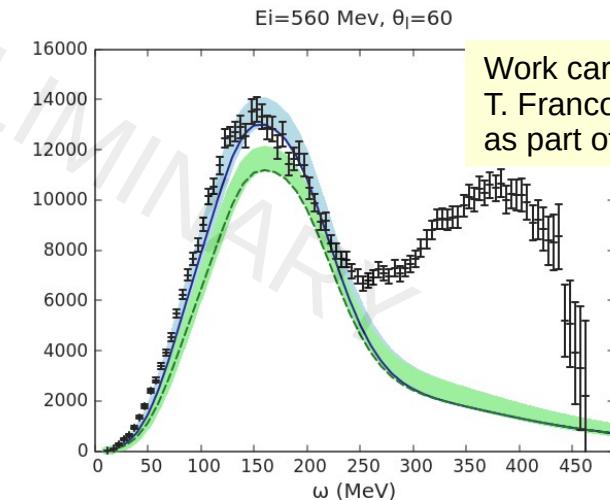
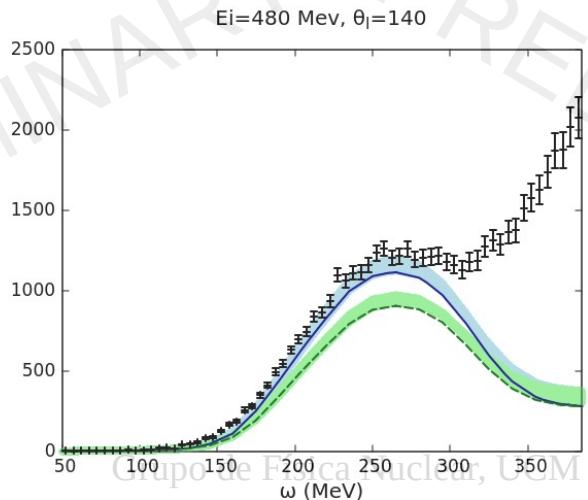
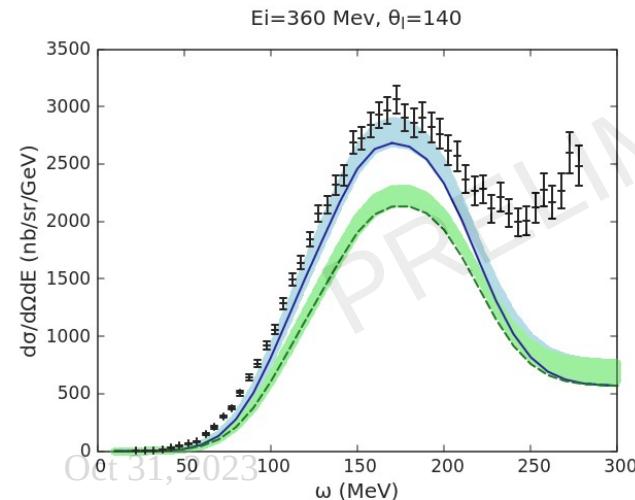
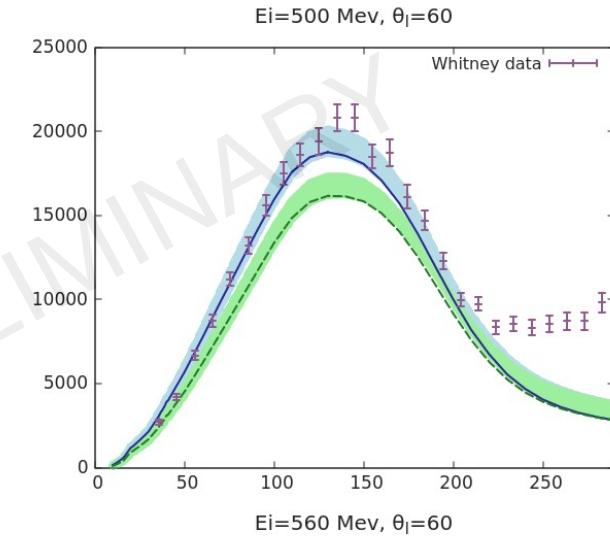
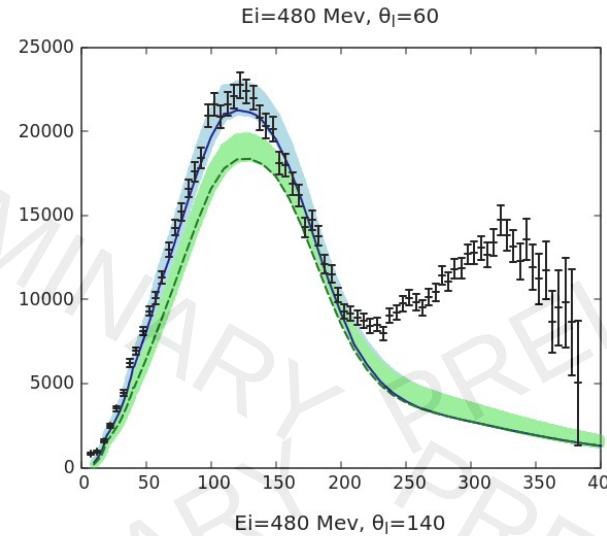
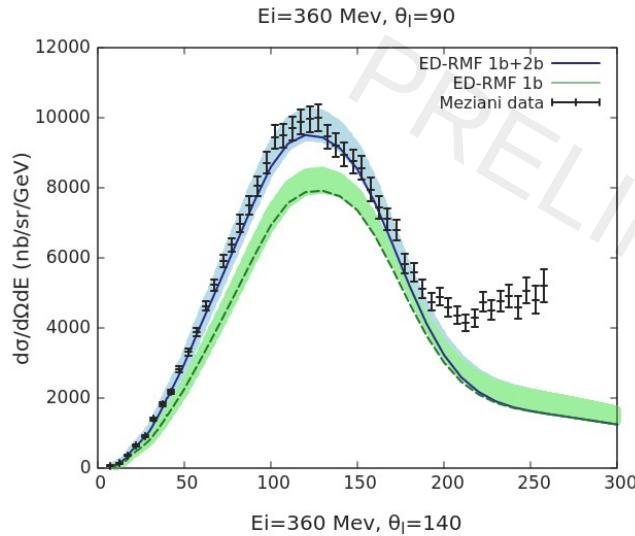
Cross sections are generally more reliable than responses.

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## Final remarks: in-medium modification of the resonance properties

Pions that one expects should be there are not there.

### How to model it?

**Very much model dependent:** Nature only informs us about initial and final states (the rest is up to you...)

**IMPORTANT: Try to be consistent and avoid double-counting.**

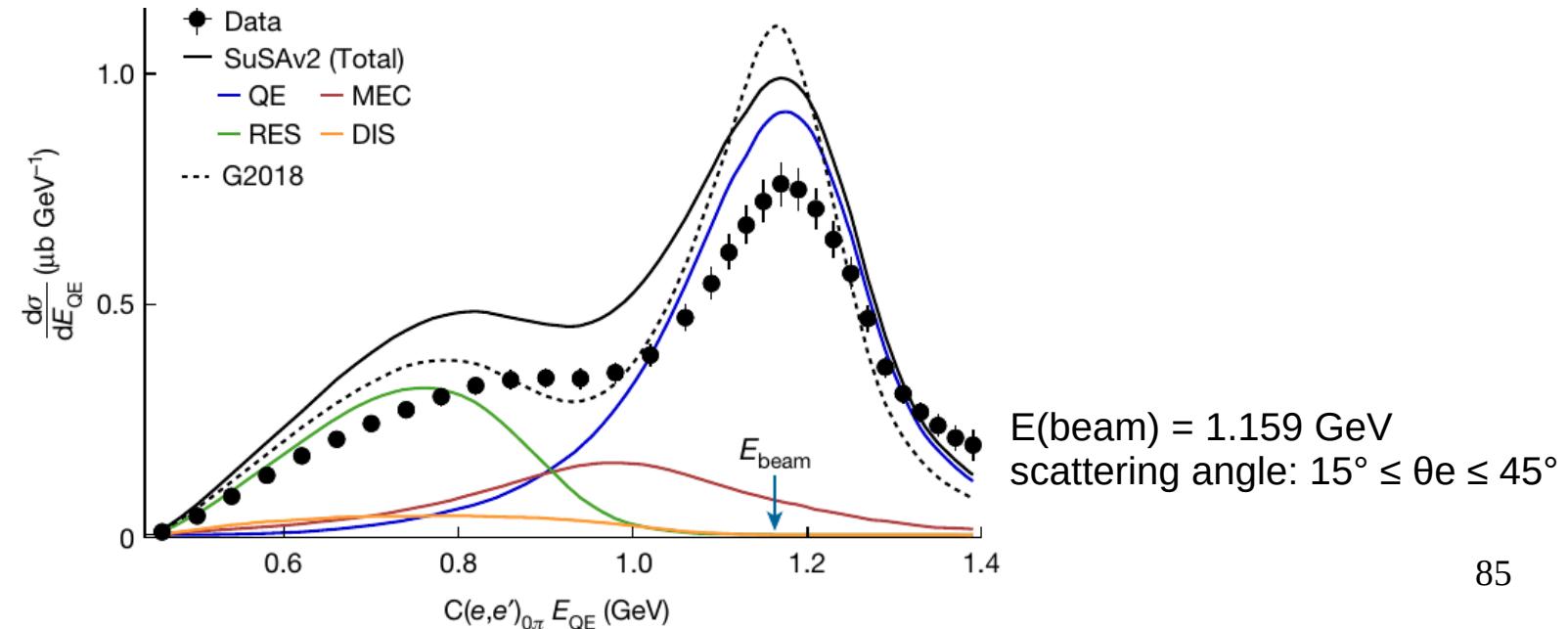
# **ADDITIONAL SLIDES**

# Electron-beam energy reconstruction for neutrino oscillation measurements

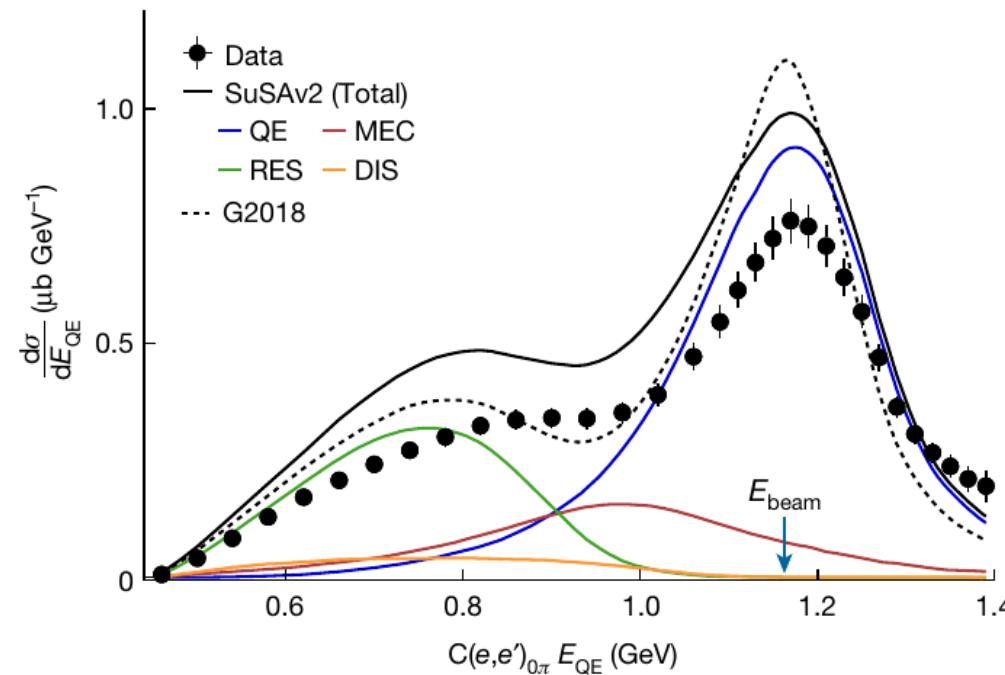
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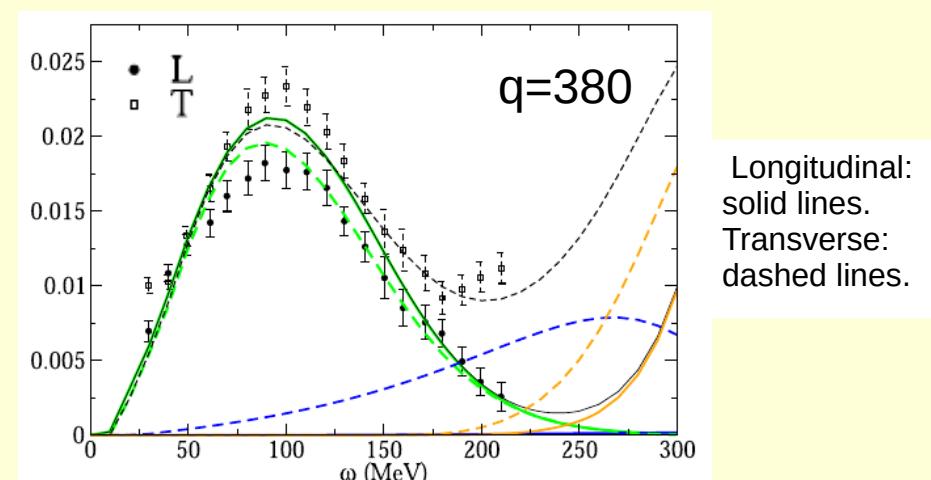


$E_{beam} = 1.159$ , and angles  $15^\circ \leq \theta_e \leq 45^\circ$

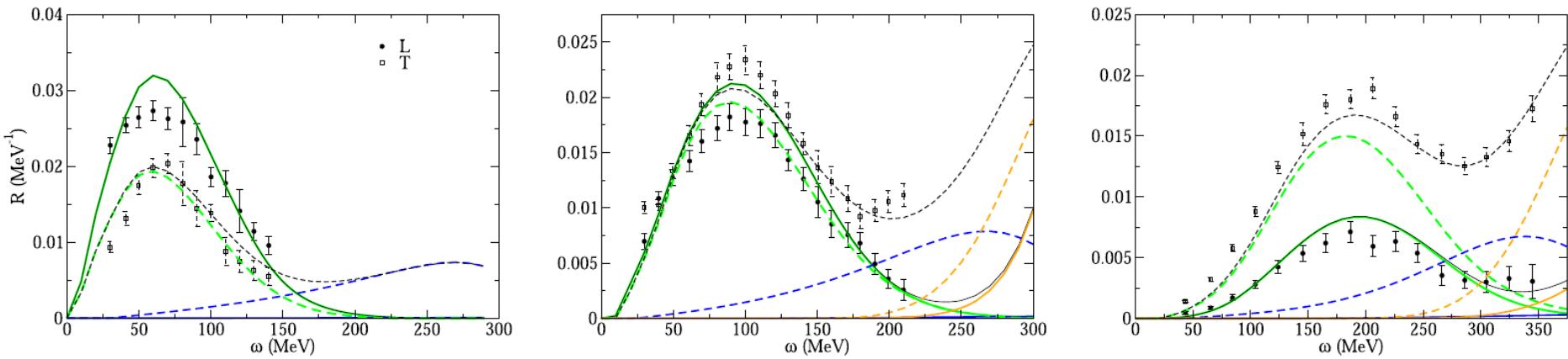
(I'll focus on the QE peak.)  
 So far, SuSAv2+MEC has proven to be able to reproduce quite well all inclusive ( $e,e'$ ) data.  
 So, what's going on here? A possibility:

The **Longitudinal** response plays an important role in this sample, and SuSAv2 overestimates the L response for carbon 12

(<https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6471/abb128>)

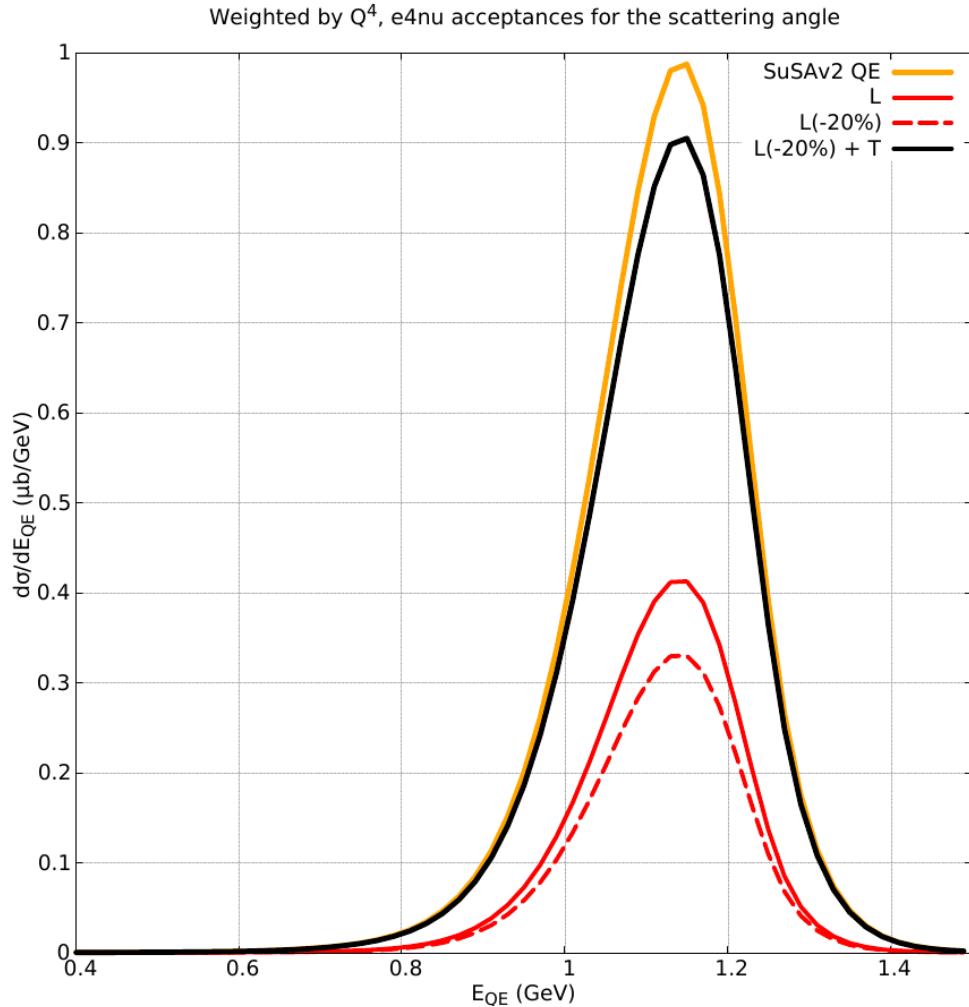


Longitudinal:  
 solid lines.  
 Transverse:  
 dashed lines.



**Figure 36.** Analysis of the longitudinal (solid lines) and transverse responses (dashed lines) in  $(e, e')$  scattering at  $q = 300 \text{ MeV}/c$  (left panel),  $q = 380 \text{ MeV}/c$  (middle panel) and  $q = 570 \text{ MeV}/c$  (right panel). QE, MEC and inelastic contributions are shown, respectively, as green, blue and orange lines. The total response is shown by the black lines. Data taken from [21].

Rescaling the L response by  $\sim 20\%$   
down means that the QE prediction is  
 $\sim 10\%$  lower.



# In-medium modification of the resonance properties: à la Oset

C. Praet PhD Thesis (2009), Ghent University  
<https://biblio.ugent.be/publication/734583>

$$\Delta\Gamma = \tilde{\Gamma} - \Gamma,$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = \Gamma_{\text{Pauli}} - 2\Im(\Sigma_\Delta),$$

$$-\Im(\Sigma_\Delta) = C_{QE} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\alpha + C_{A2} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\beta + C_{A3} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma,$$

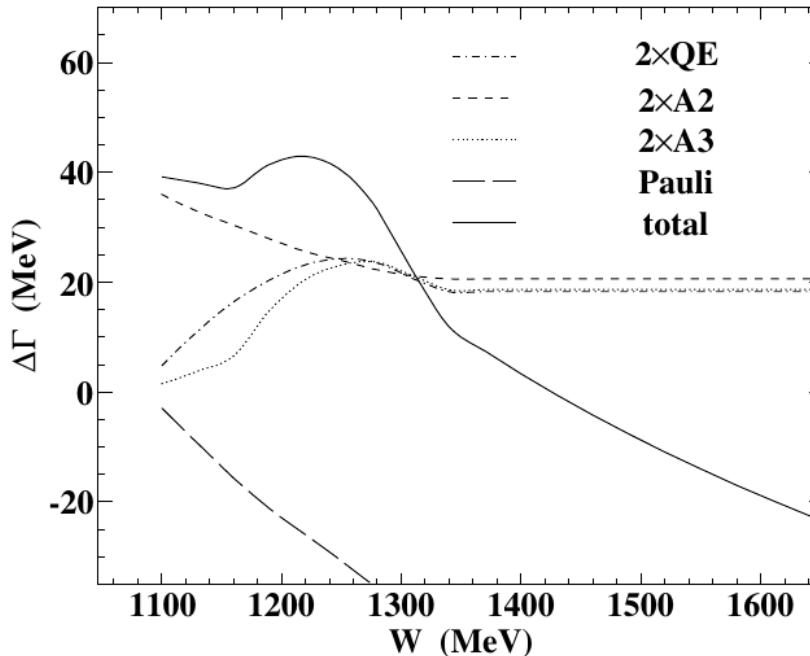


Figure 3.10: Overview of medium corrections to the free  $\Delta$  width, using the parameterizations in Refs. [29, 176] for  $\rho = 0.75\rho_0$ .

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Nikolakopoulos et al. (2018) <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.97.093008>

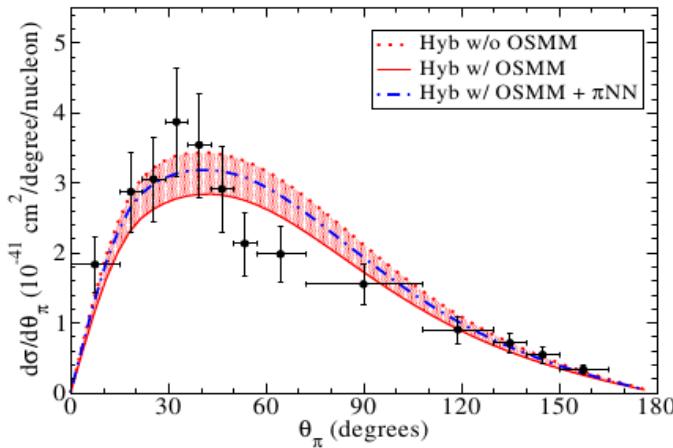


FIG. 3: MINERvA  $\nu$ -induced  $1\pi^+$  production sample [5] compared with RPWIA predictions. Solid (dotted) line is the result with (without) medium modification of the Delta width. The dash-dotted line is the result with OSMM when the contribution from the  $\Delta N \rightarrow \pi NN$  channel is added to the cross section. The results were computed with the Hybrid model (see Sec IV B).

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$$\frac{d^4\sigma}{d\epsilon_f d\Omega_f dE_F d\Omega_F} = \frac{\delta(\epsilon_i + E_A - \epsilon_f - E_F - E_{A-1})}{(2\pi)^5} \times 4\alpha^2 \epsilon_f^2 E_F |\mathbf{P}_F| \overline{\sum} |W_{if}|^2 , \quad (2.1)$$

Udías et al. (1993)  
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.48.2731>

See also works by Giusti, Pacati and coll.,  
e.g., NPA (1987),  
[https://doi.org/10.1016/0375-9474\(87\)90276-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/0375-9474(87)90276-4)

where  $\bar{\Sigma}$  indicates sum (average) over final (initial) polarizations and

$$W_{if} = \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{y} \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} j_\mu^e(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})} \frac{(-1)}{q_\mu^2} J_N^\mu(\mathbf{y}) . \quad (2.2)$$

In this expression  $j_\mu^e$  and  $J_N^\mu$  stand for the electron and nuclear currents, respectively. The electron current is given by the well-known pointlike Dirac particle expression:

$$j_e^\mu(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{\psi}_f^e(\mathbf{r}) \gamma^\mu \psi_i^e(\mathbf{r}) , \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\psi_i^e, \psi_f^e$  stand for initial and final electron wave functions. In IA and within an independent particle model picture, the nuclear current can be written in terms of the nucleon current operator  $\hat{J}_N^\mu$ :

$$J_N^\mu(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{\psi}_F^N(\mathbf{r}) \hat{J}_N^\mu \psi_B^N(\mathbf{r}) , \quad (2.4)$$

with  $\psi_B^N, \psi_F^N$  the wave functions for the initial bound nucleon and final nucleon, respectively, and  $\hat{J}_N^\mu$  a nucleon current operator to be specified later.