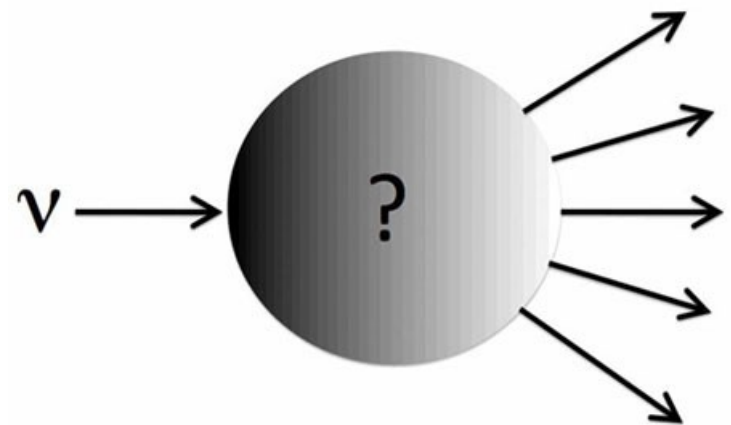
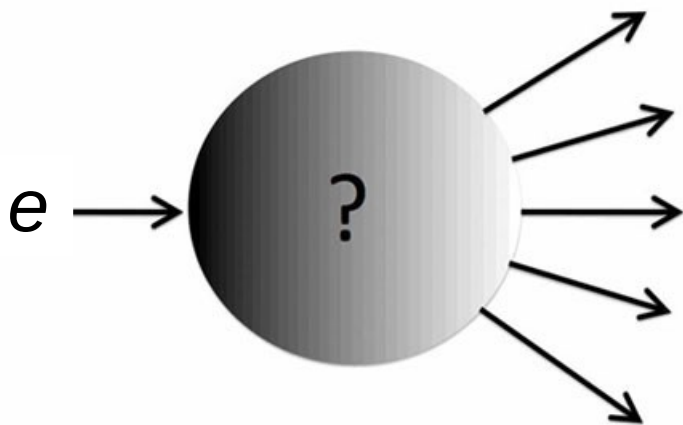


# INT Workshop 13-54W

## “Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions for Current and Next Generation Neutrino Oscillation Experiments” Seattle, December 3-13, 2013

### Scaling of Inclusive Electroweak Interactions with Nuclei Part I

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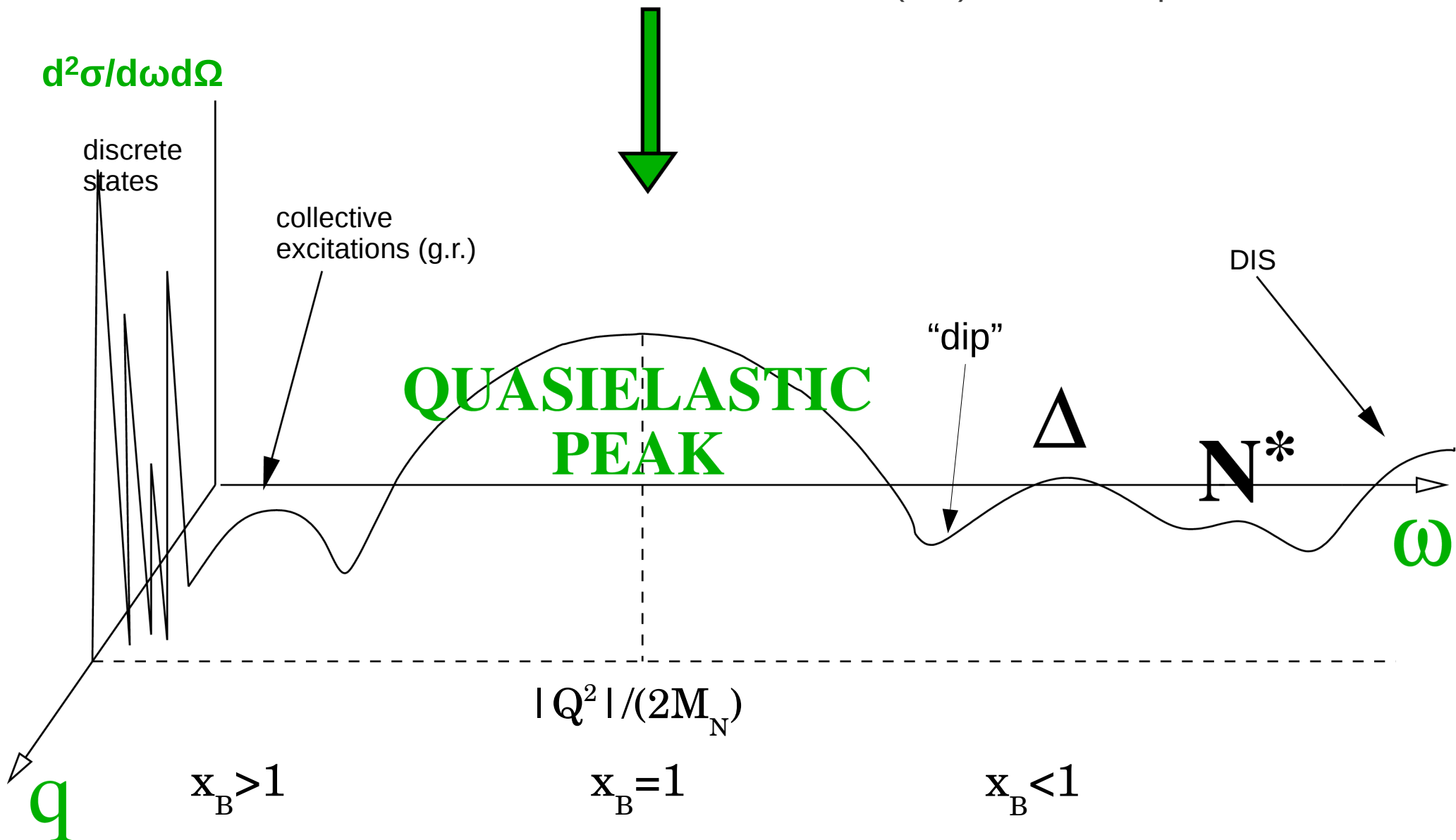
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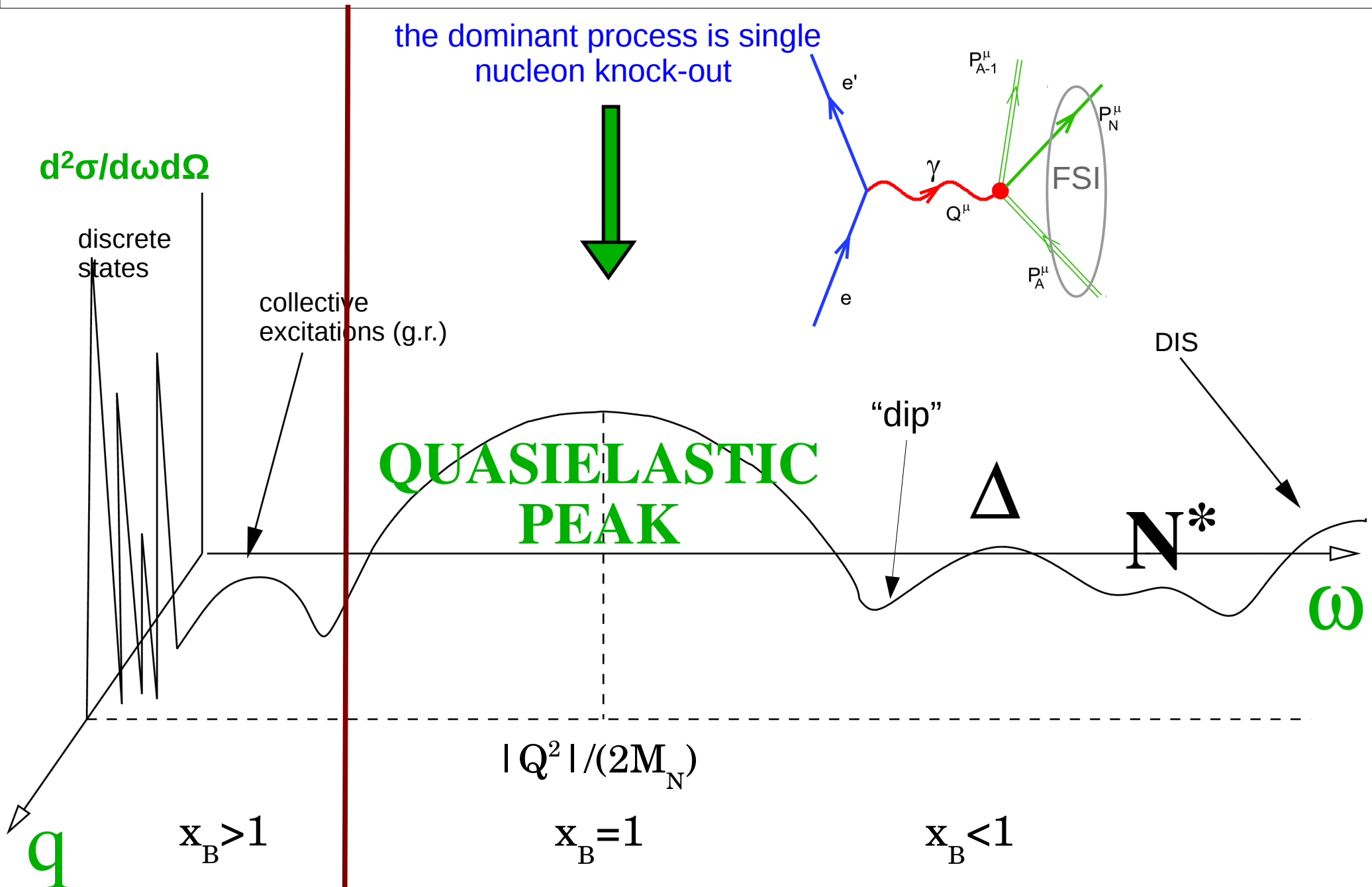
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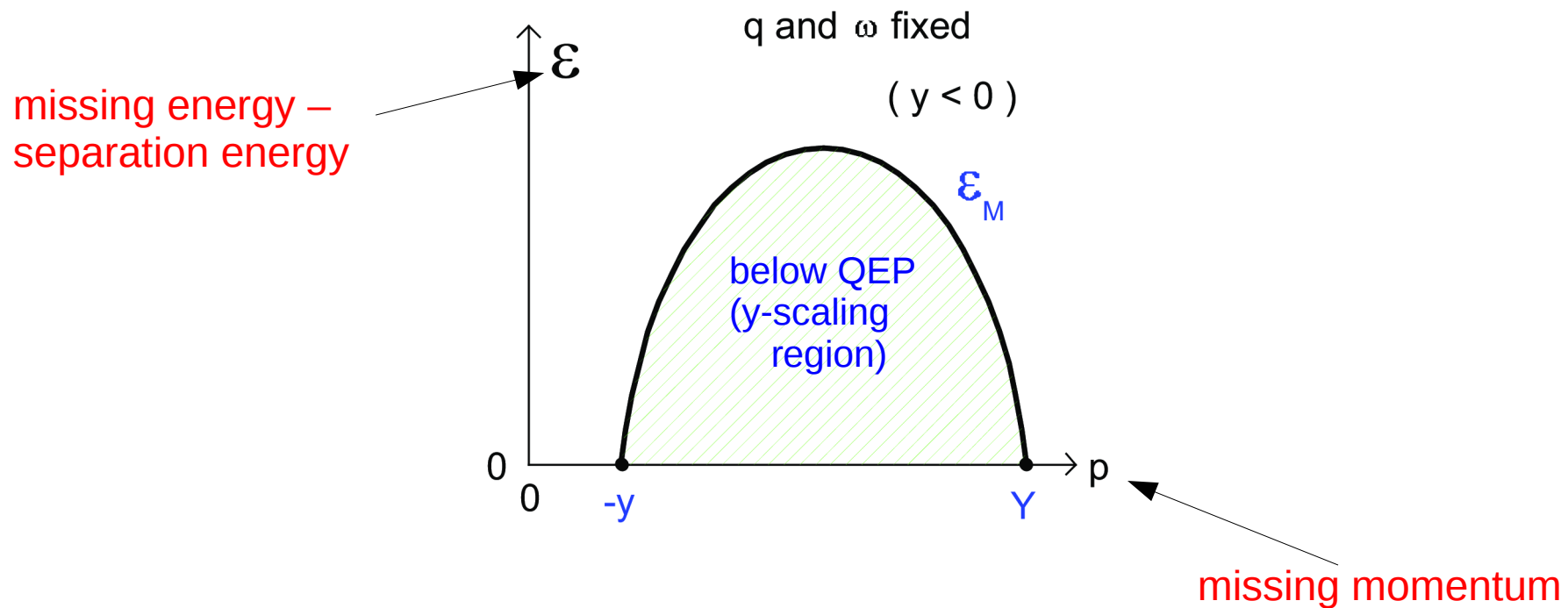


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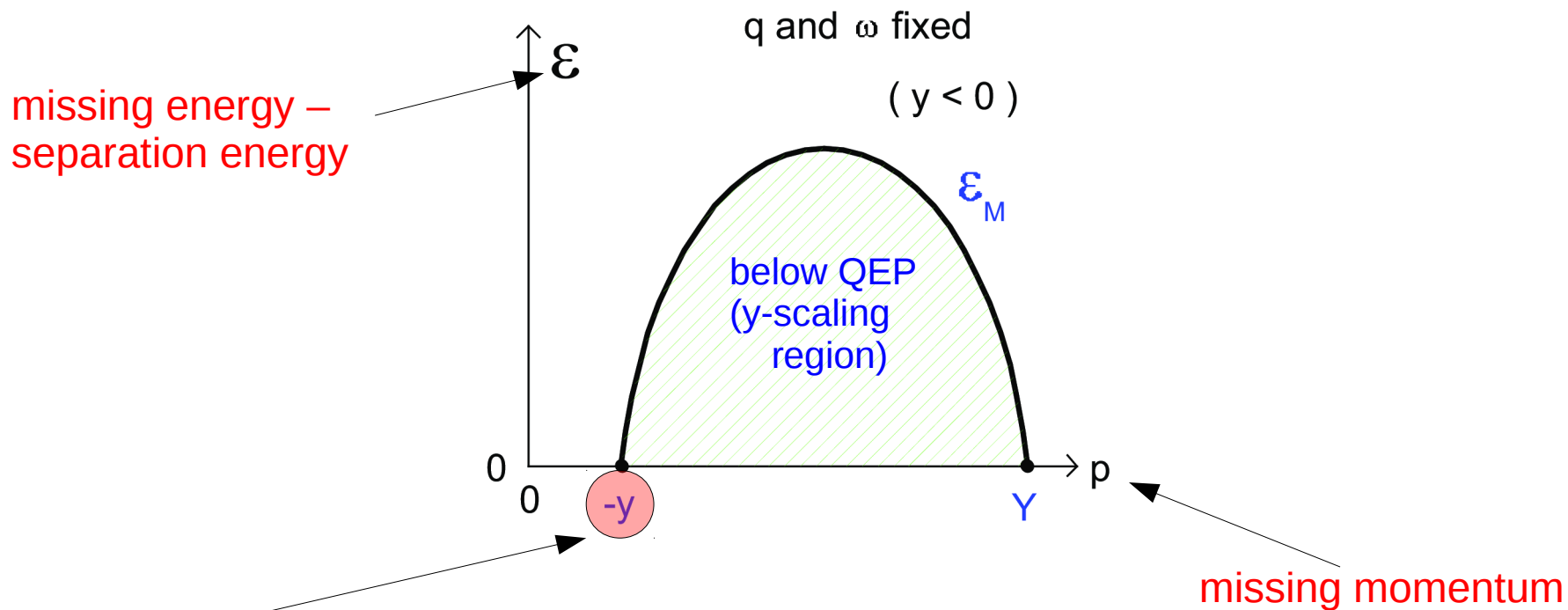
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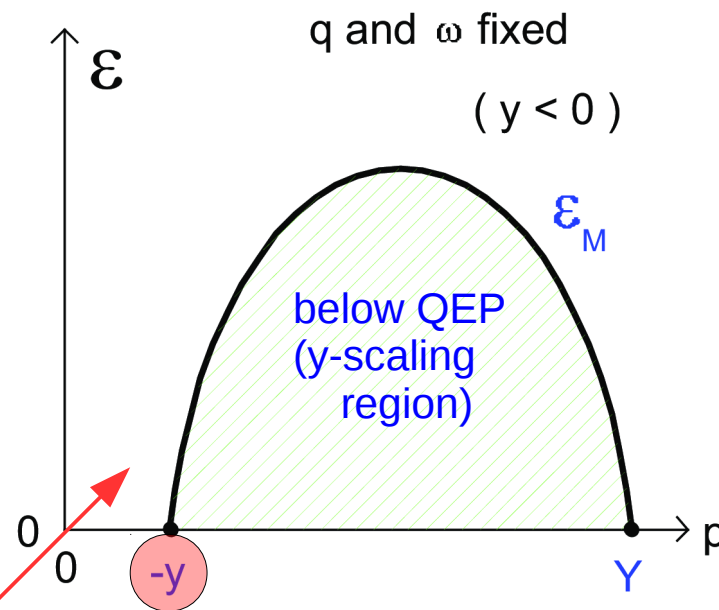
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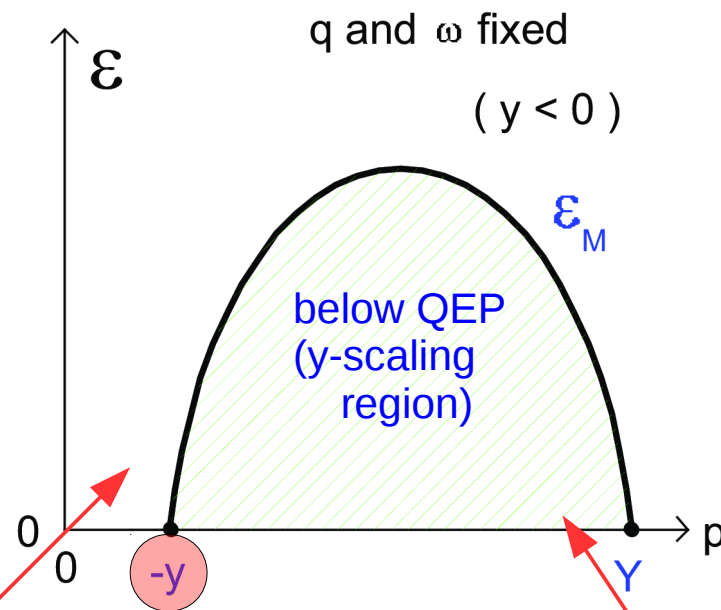
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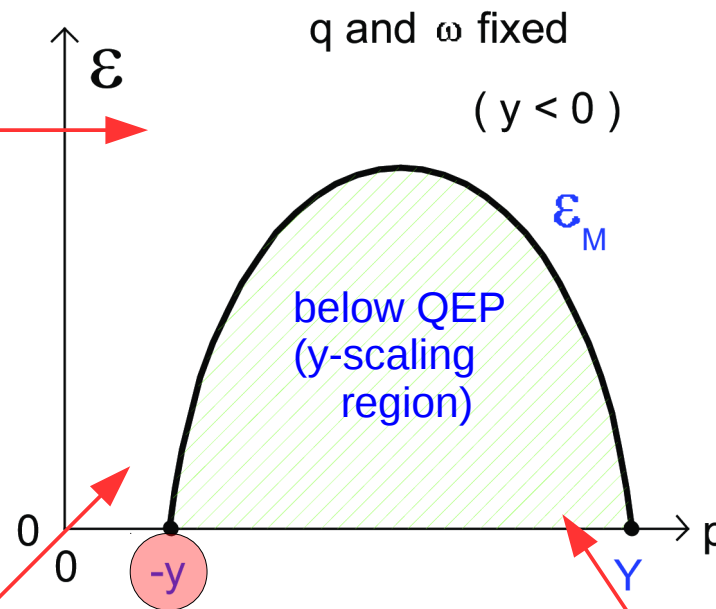
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# The $y$ -scaling function

- Instead of  $(q, \omega)$  use the variables  $(q, y)$
- Typical parametrizations for the off-shell single-nucleon cross sections

$$\sigma_{eN}^{off}(q, \omega, p, \varepsilon, \phi_N)$$

vary slowly as functions of  $(p, \varepsilon)$  for fixed  $(q, \omega, \phi_N)$ . This suggests integrating over  $\phi_N$  (leaving only  $R_L$  and  $R_T$ ) and then removing the result evaluated at an “optimal” choice of  $p$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

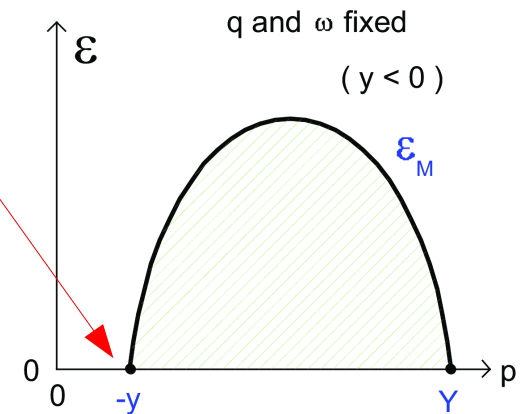
- From the above analysis the “optimal” choice is  $p=|y|$  and  $\varepsilon=0$

$$\Sigma_{eN}^{eff} = \frac{1}{A} \left( Z \bar{\sigma}_{ep}^{elastic} + N \bar{\sigma}_{en}^{elastic} \right)_{p=-y, \varepsilon=0}$$

Effective single nucleon cross section

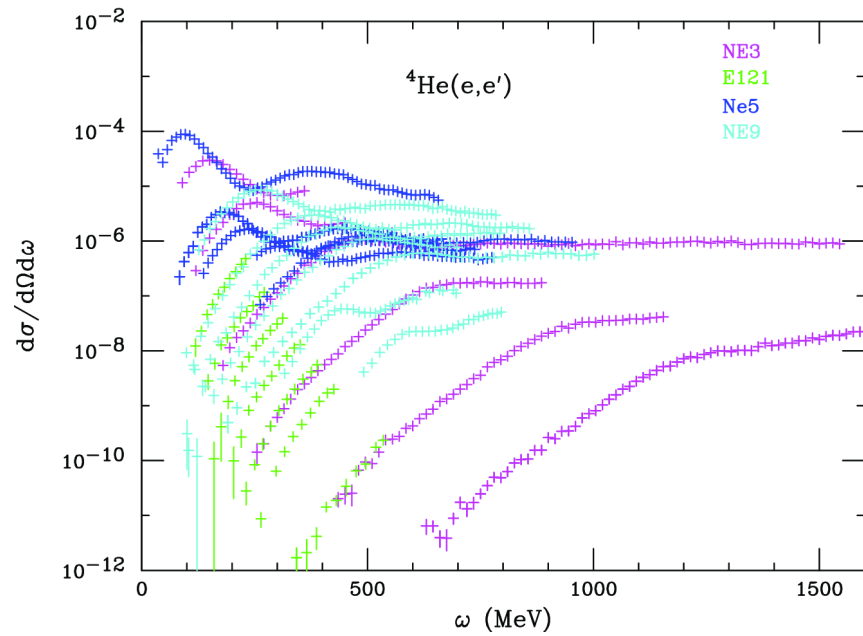
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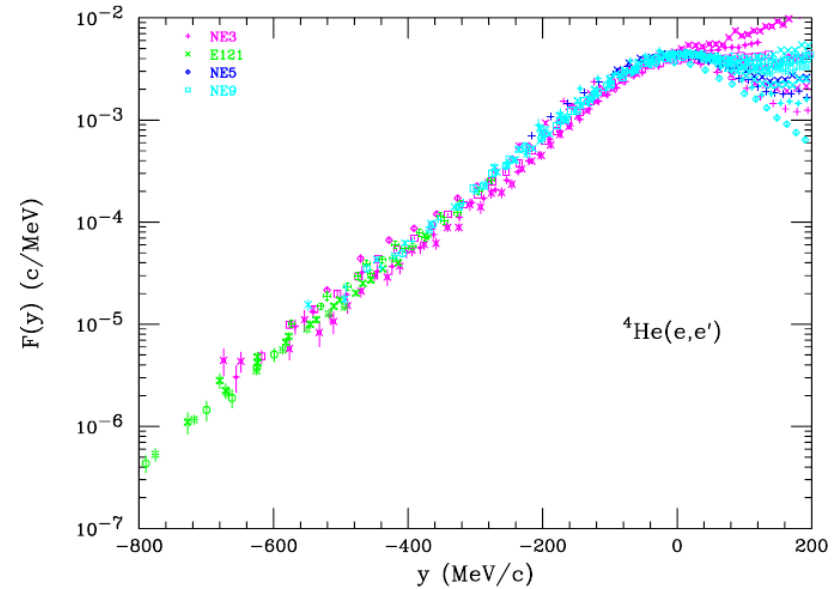
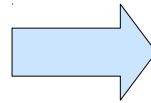
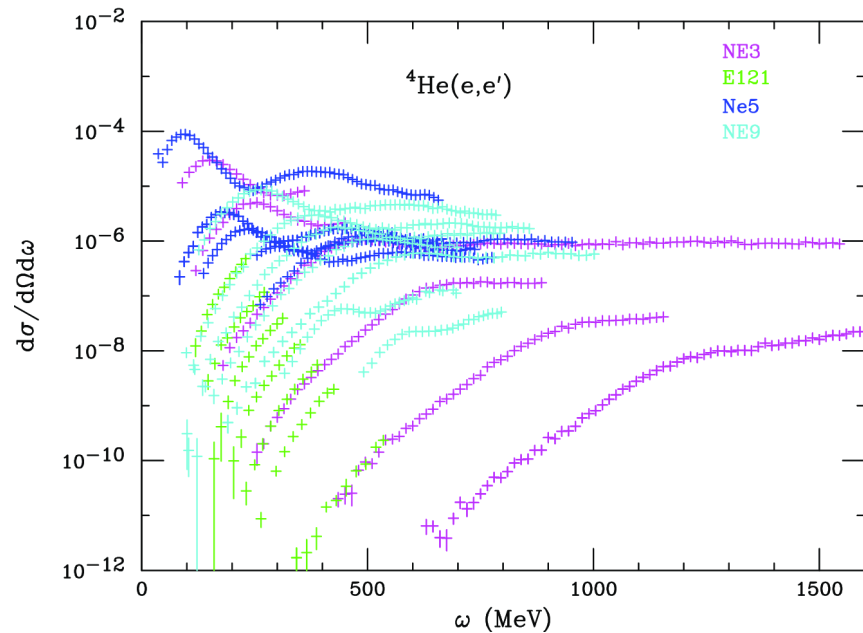
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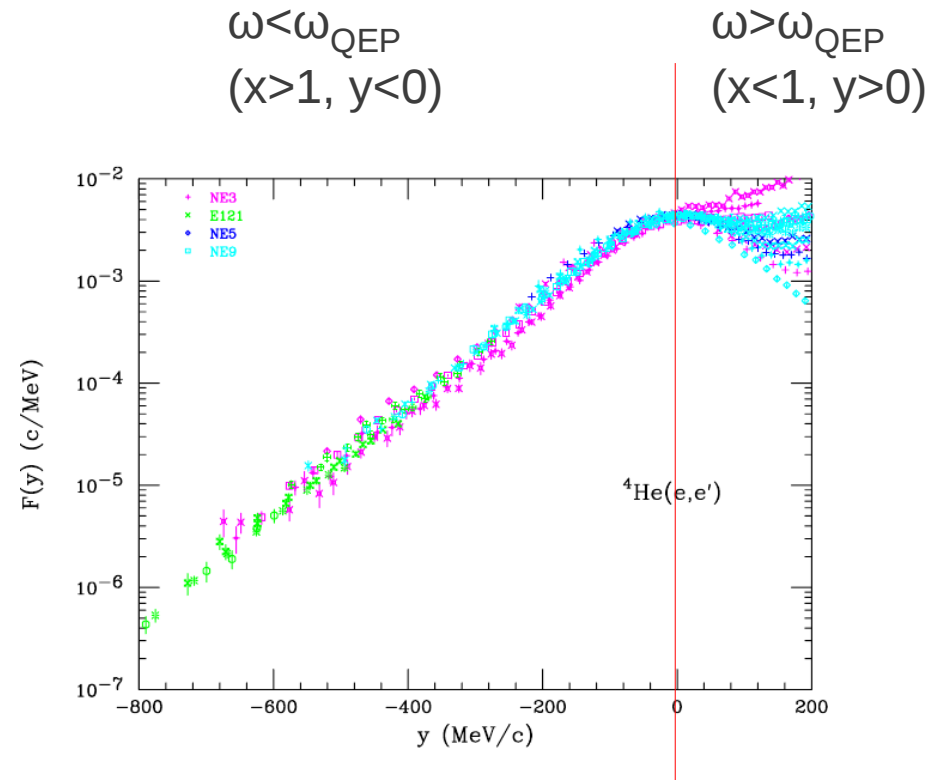
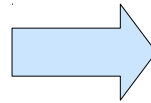
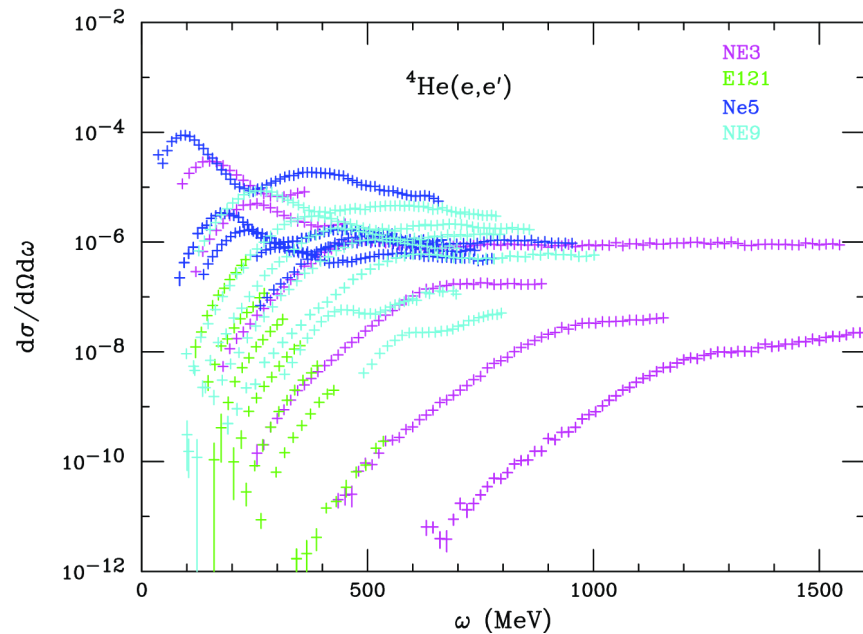


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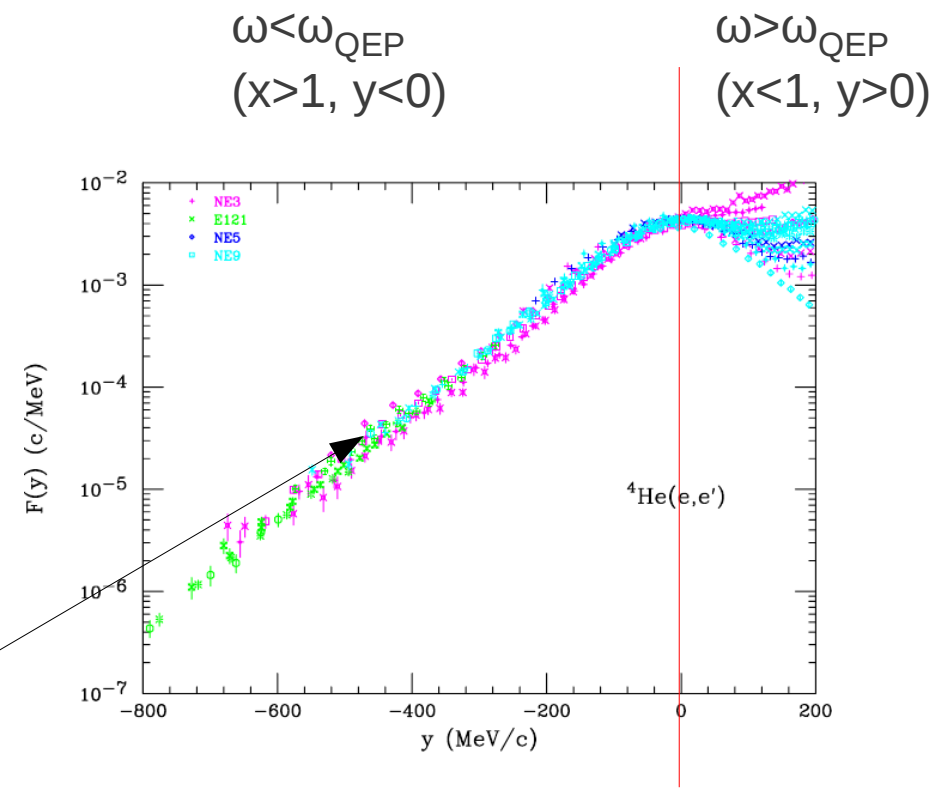
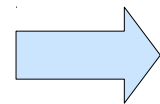
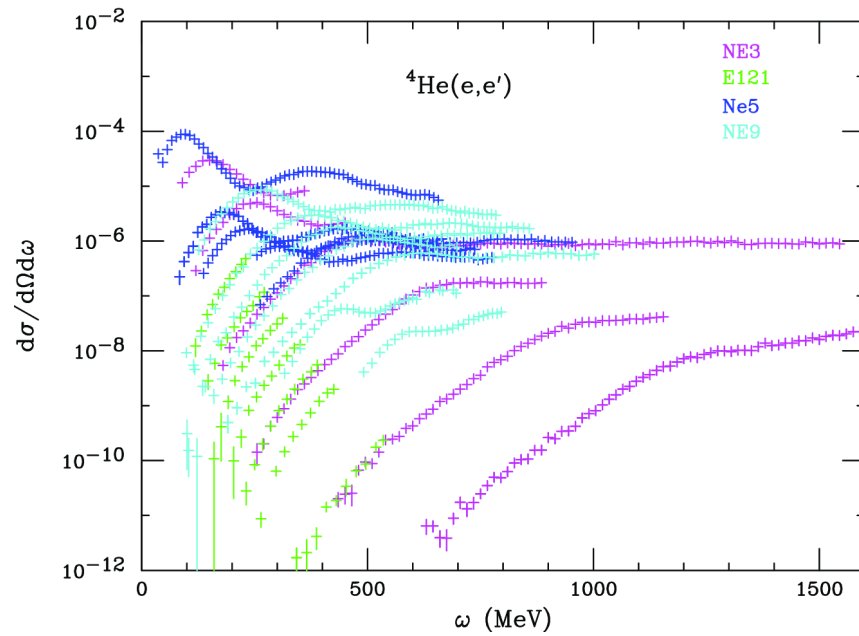


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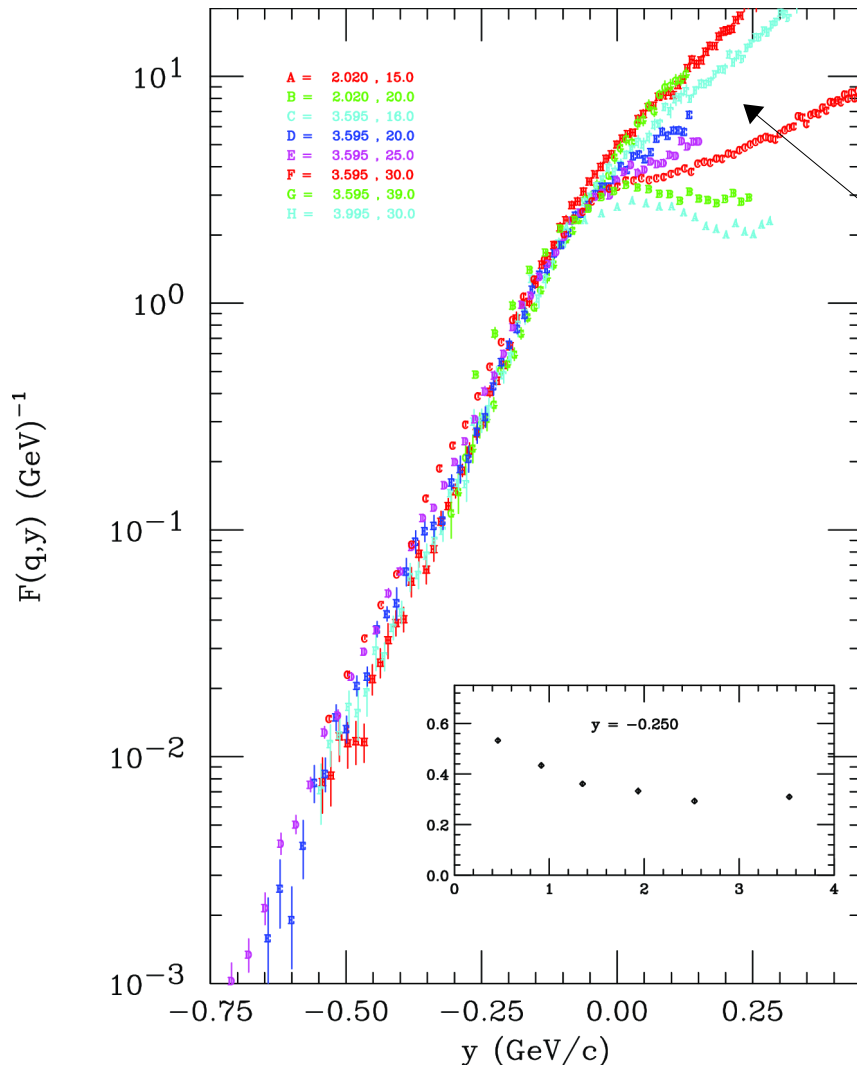
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**Scaling of the first kind  
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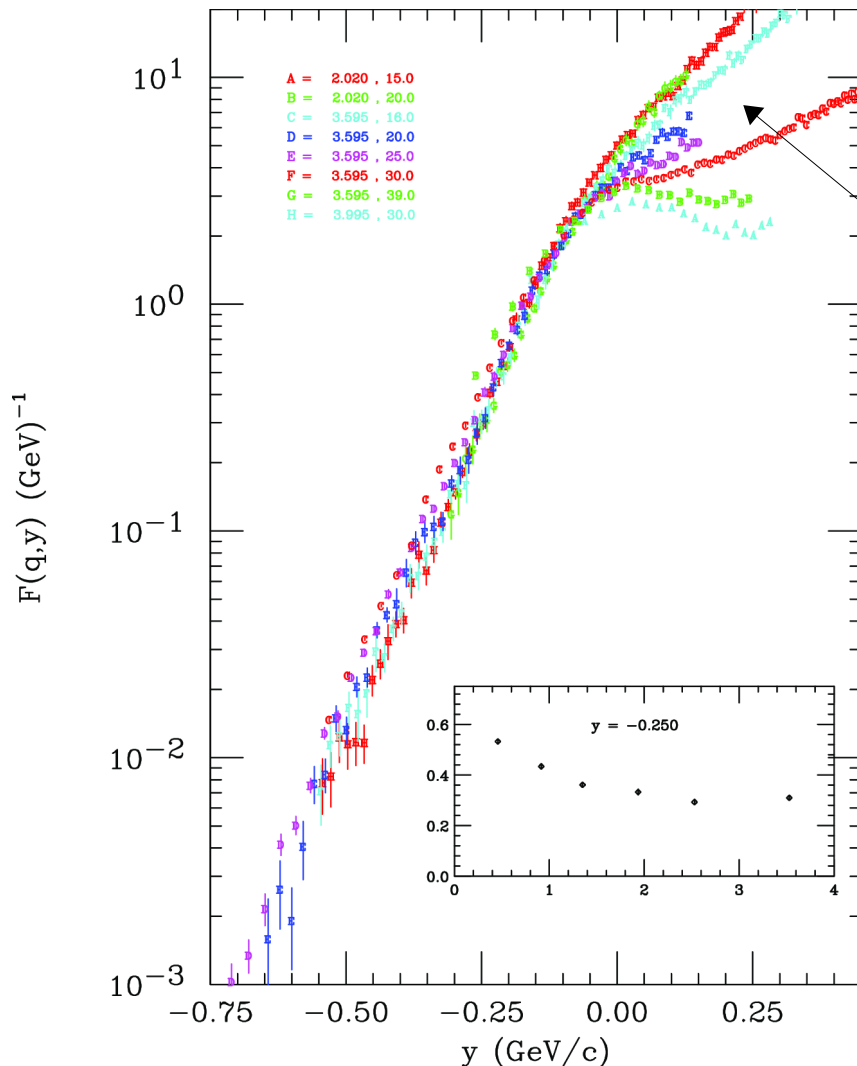
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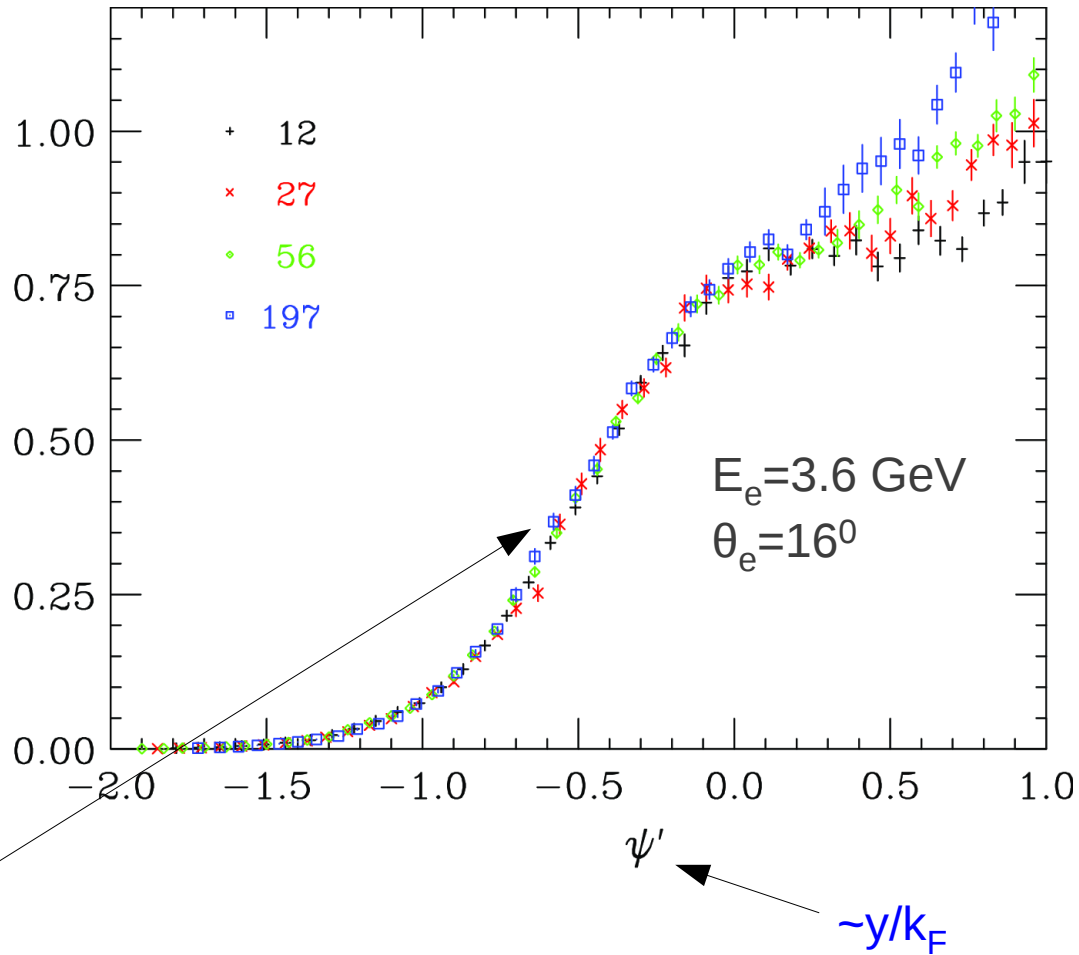
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Plotting  $f(q, \psi')$  at fixed kinematics ( $q$ ) for different nuclei ( $A$ ) one gets



$k_A * F$

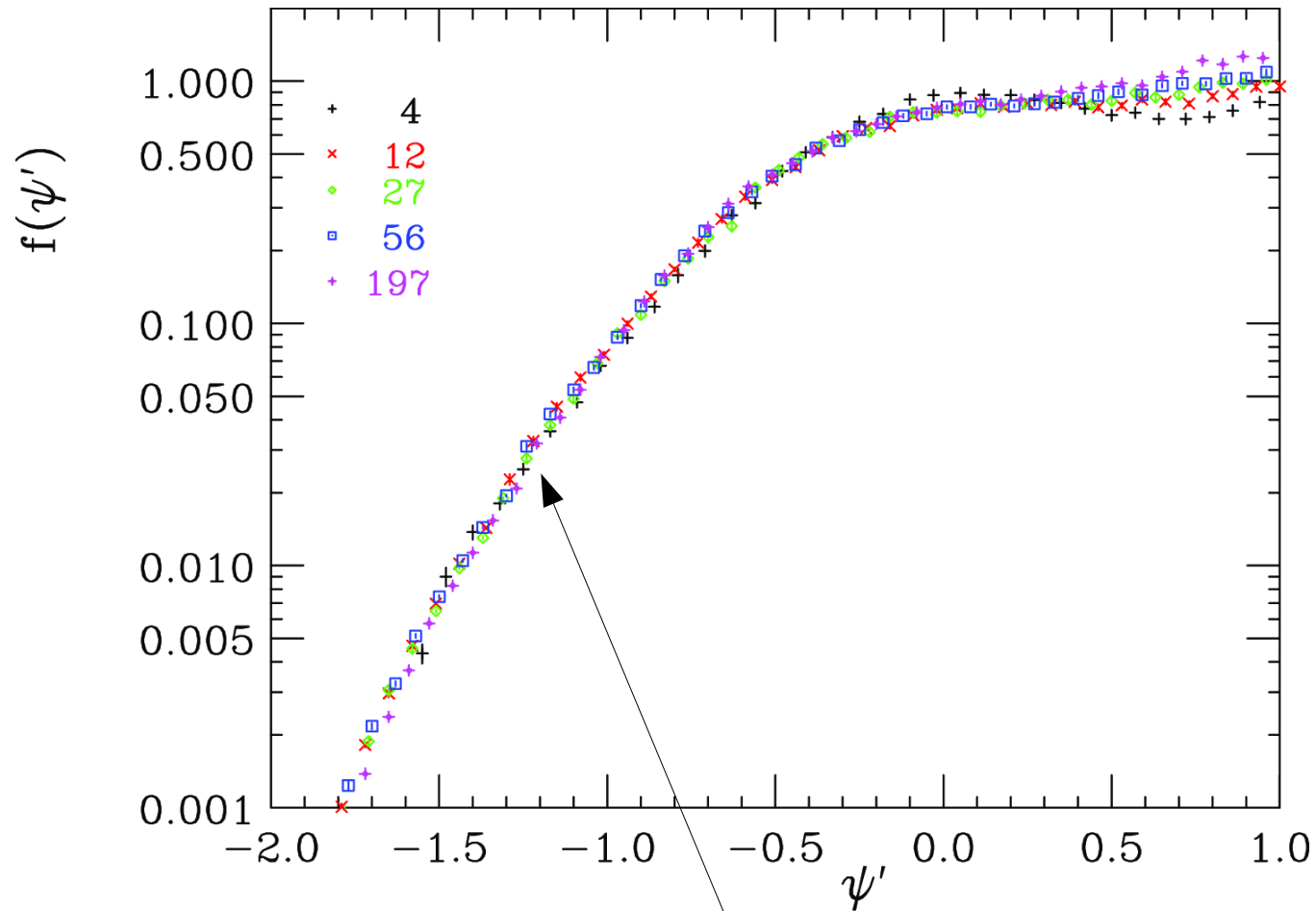
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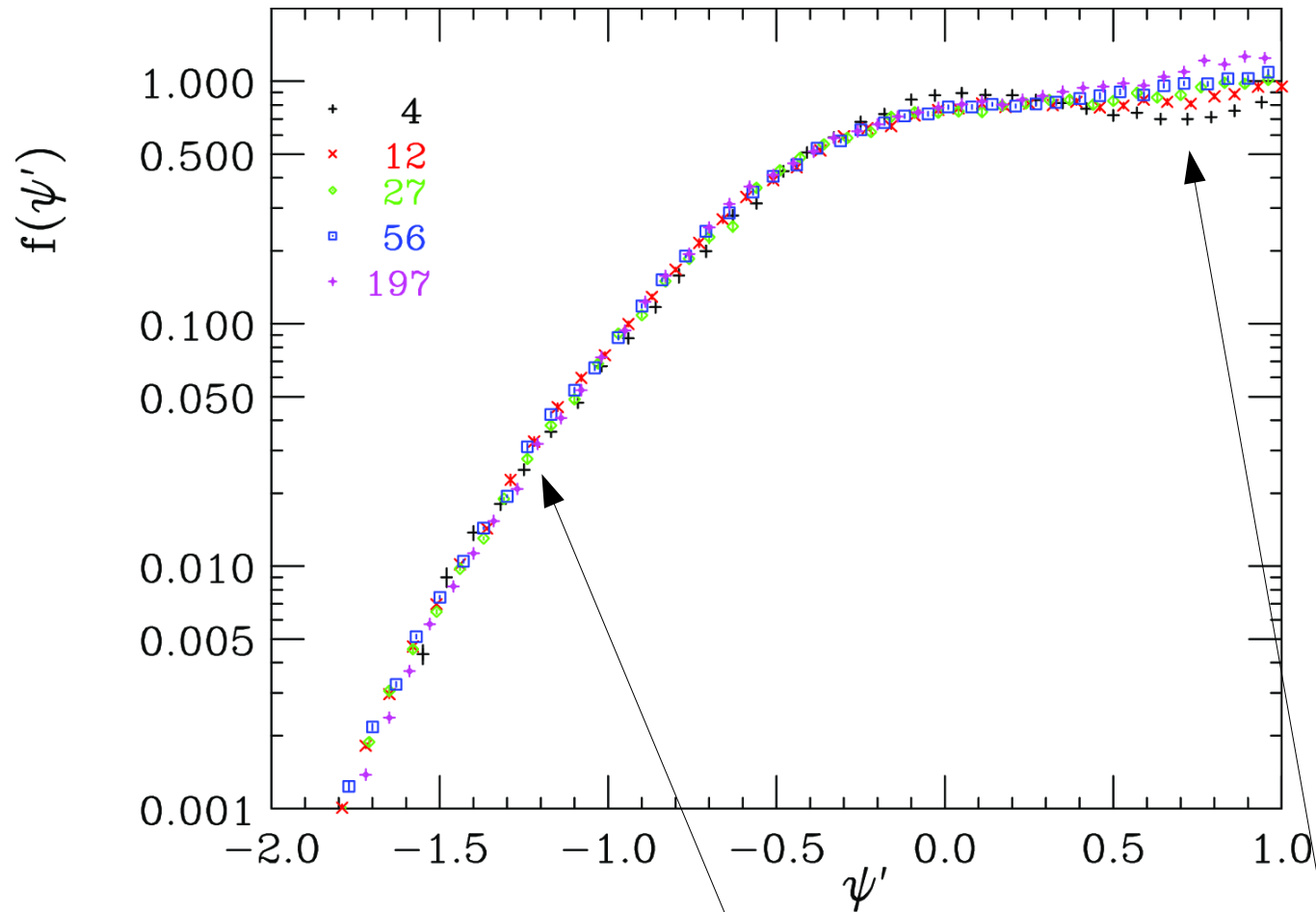
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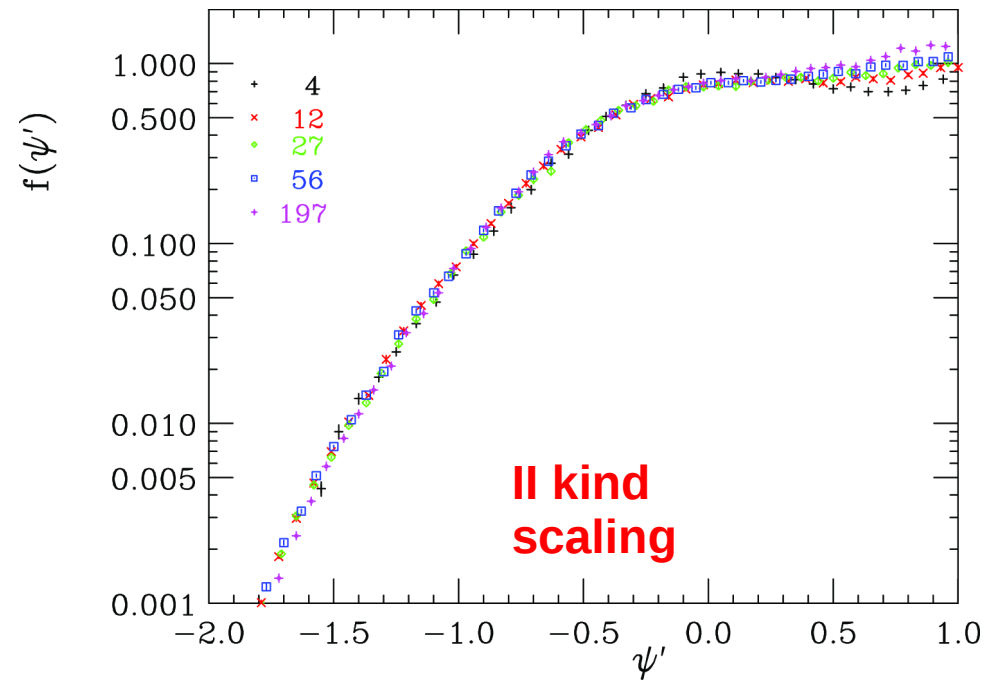
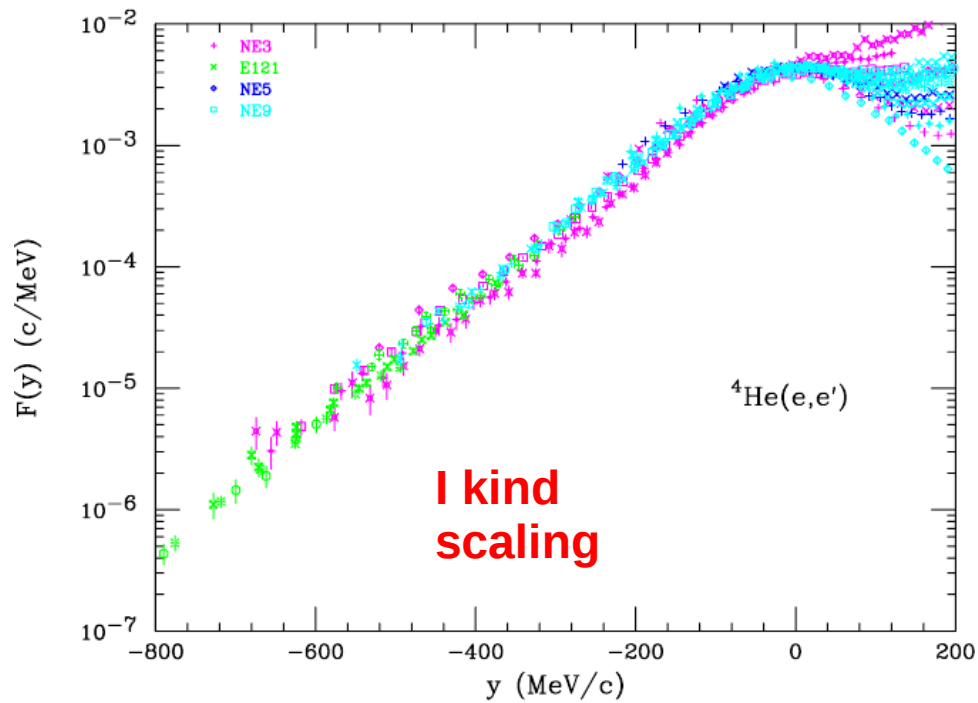
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We define “**Super-Scaling**” the simultaneous occurrence of

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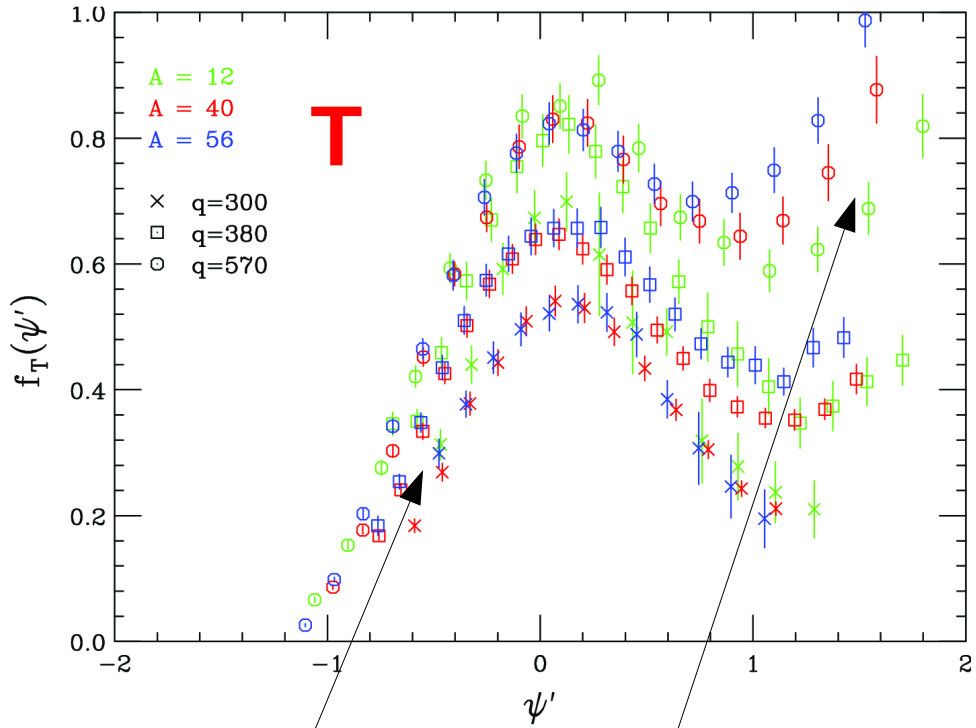
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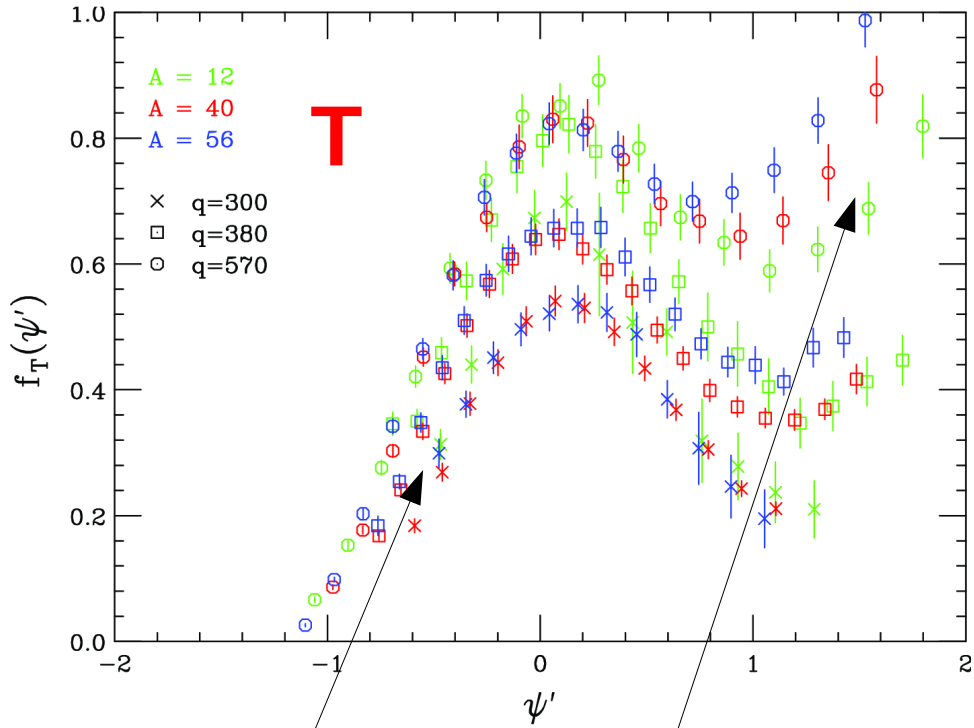
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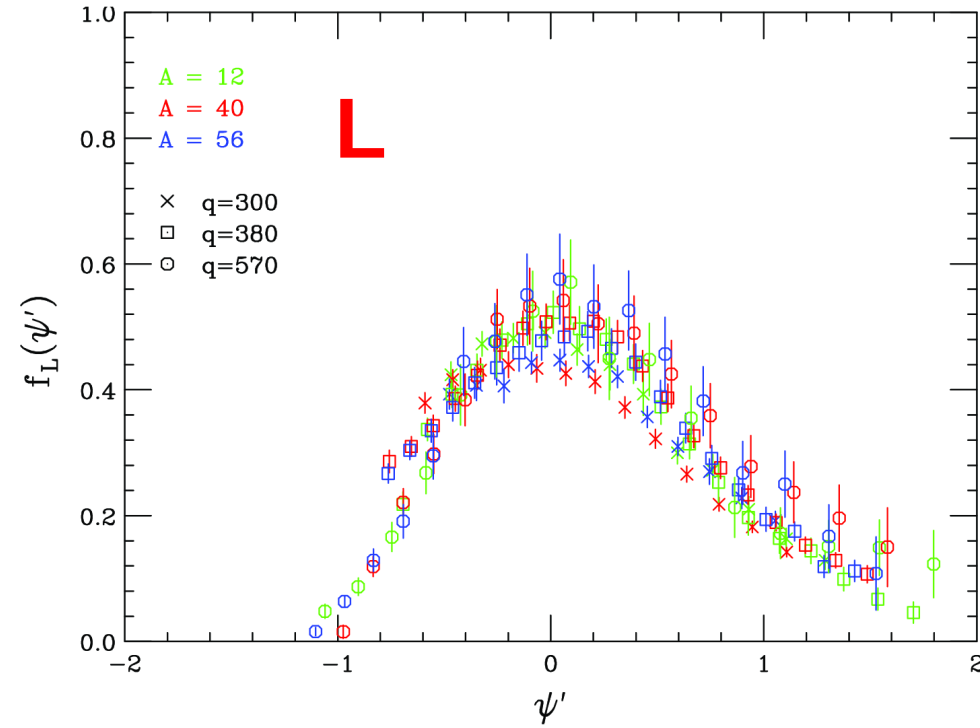
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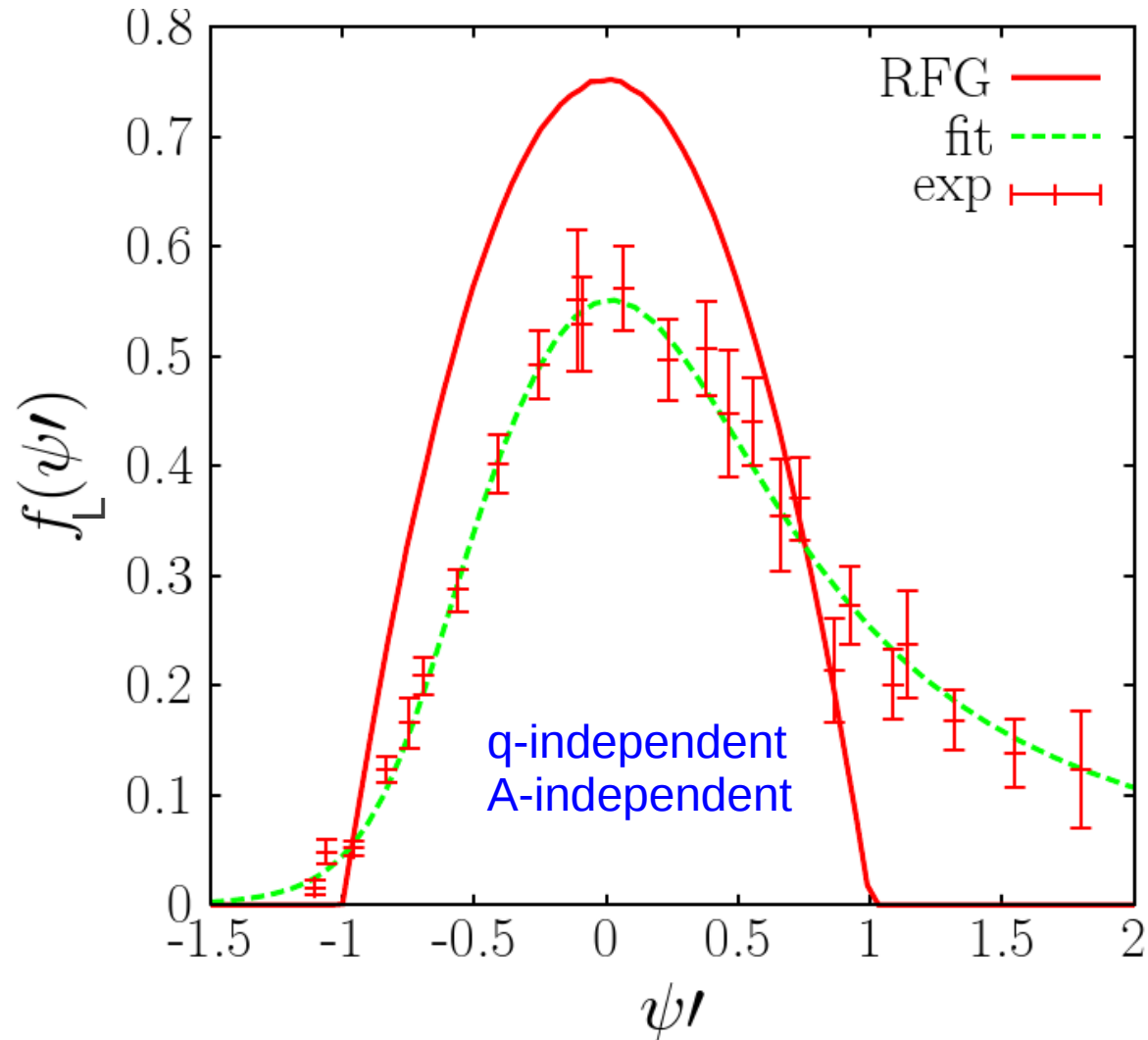


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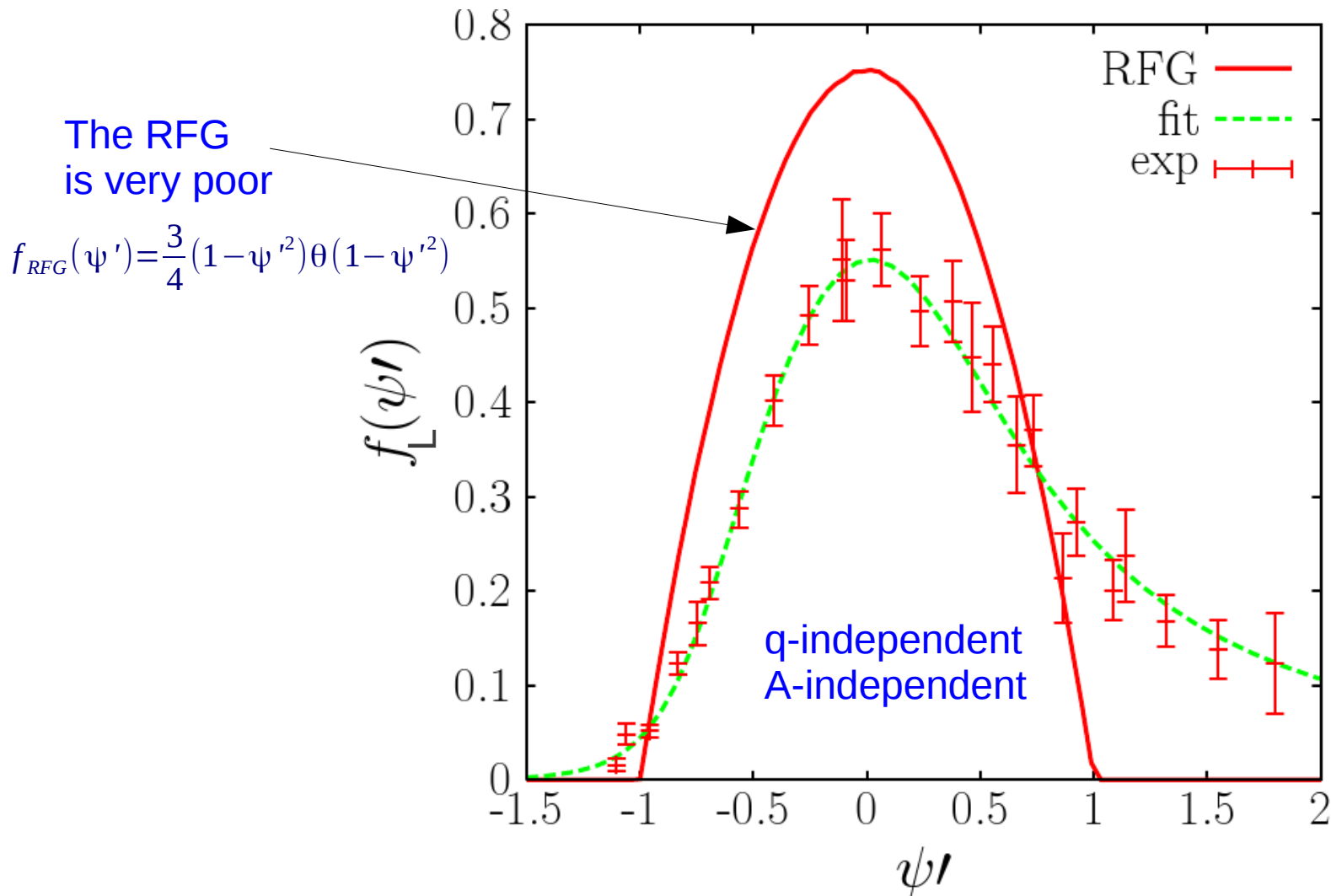
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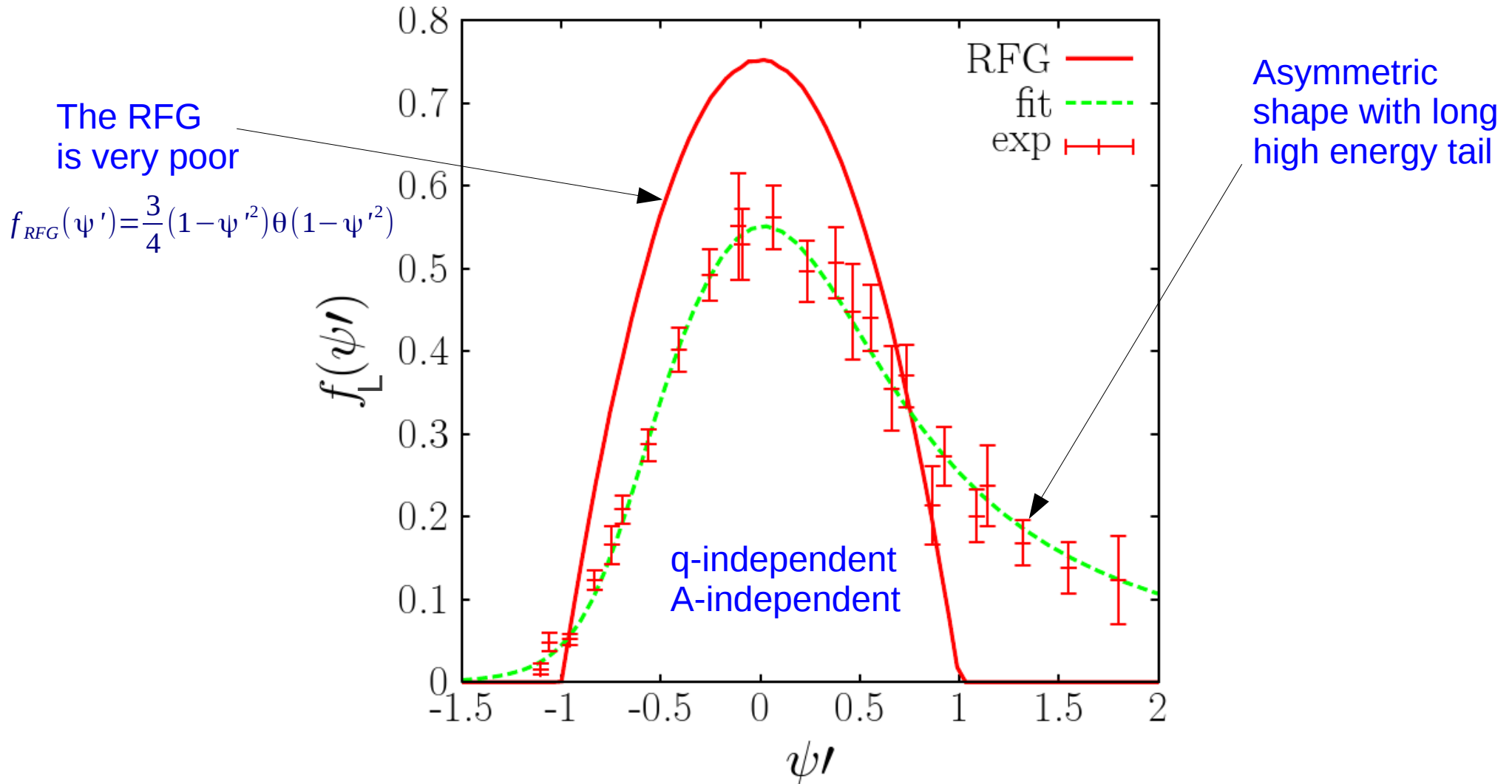
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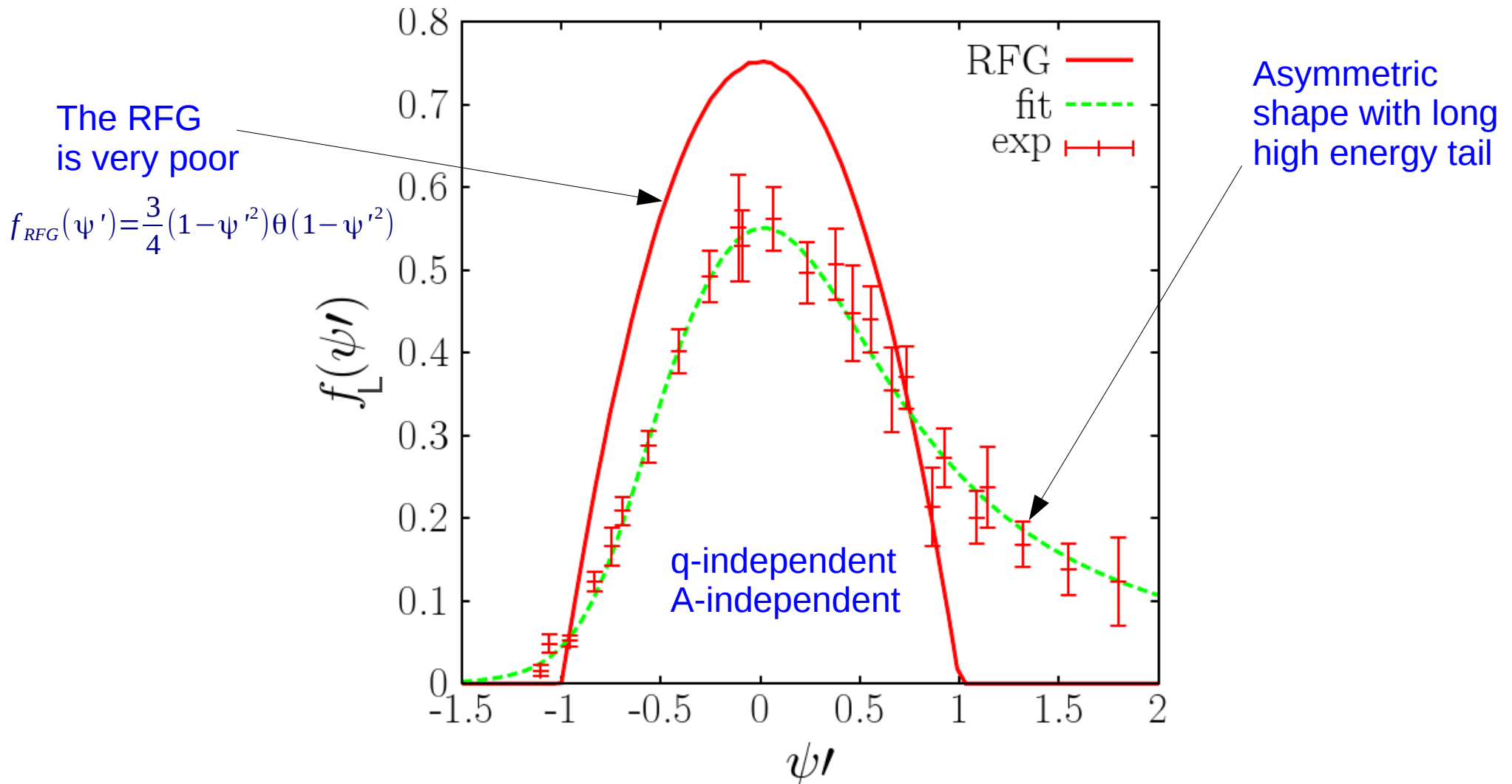
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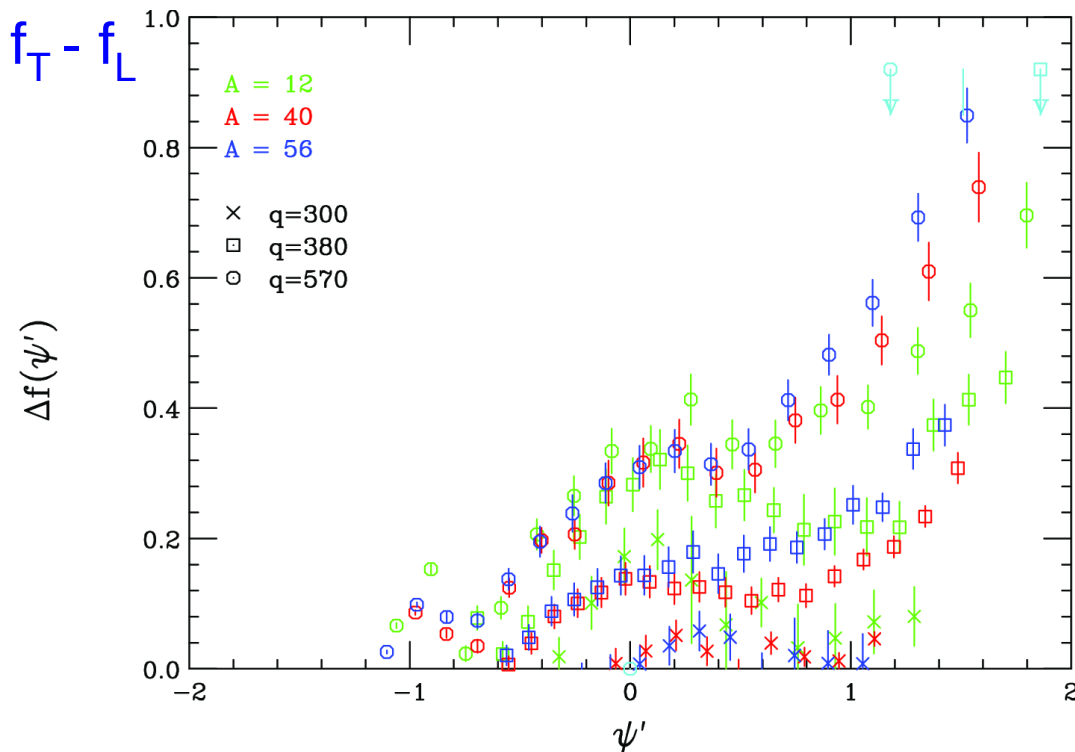
# 0<sup>th</sup> kind scaling (L/T)

- In the RFG model

$$(f_L)_{\text{RFG}} = (f_T)_{\text{RFG}} = f_{\text{RFG}}$$

also called “scaling of 0<sup>th</sup> kind”.

- From the L/T separated data:



Violations from:

- resonances
- meson production
- tail of DIS
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Ignoring these processes one can assume 0<sup>th</sup> kind scaling:  $f_L = f_T$

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Thus in going from electron- to CC $\nu$ -scattering we have to invoke a **3<sup>rd</sup> kind of scaling**:

$$f_L^{(T=0)} = f_L^{(T=1)}$$

Isospin-independence

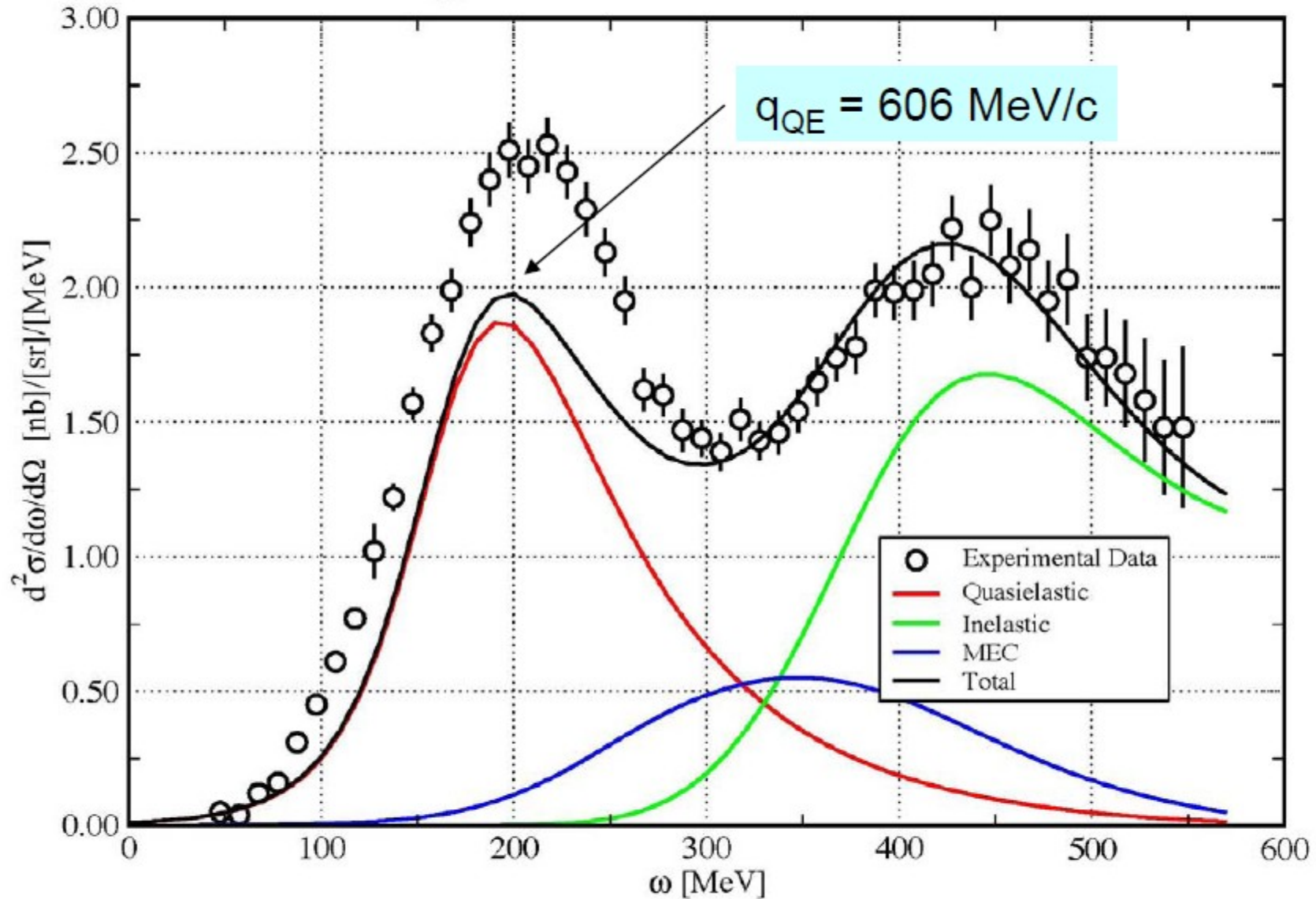
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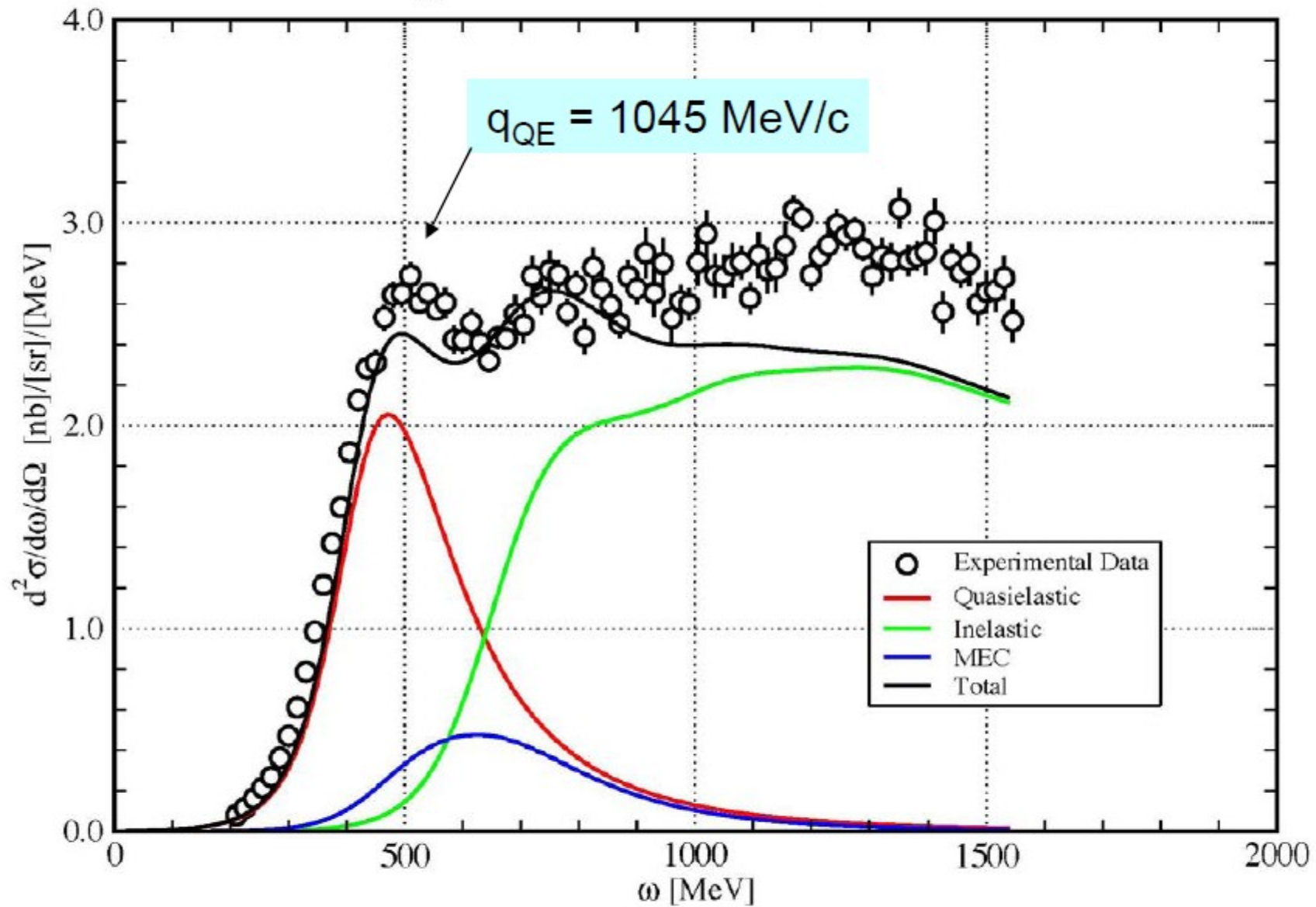


- Some strength is missing at the QEP
- 2p2h MEC are large in the “dip” region

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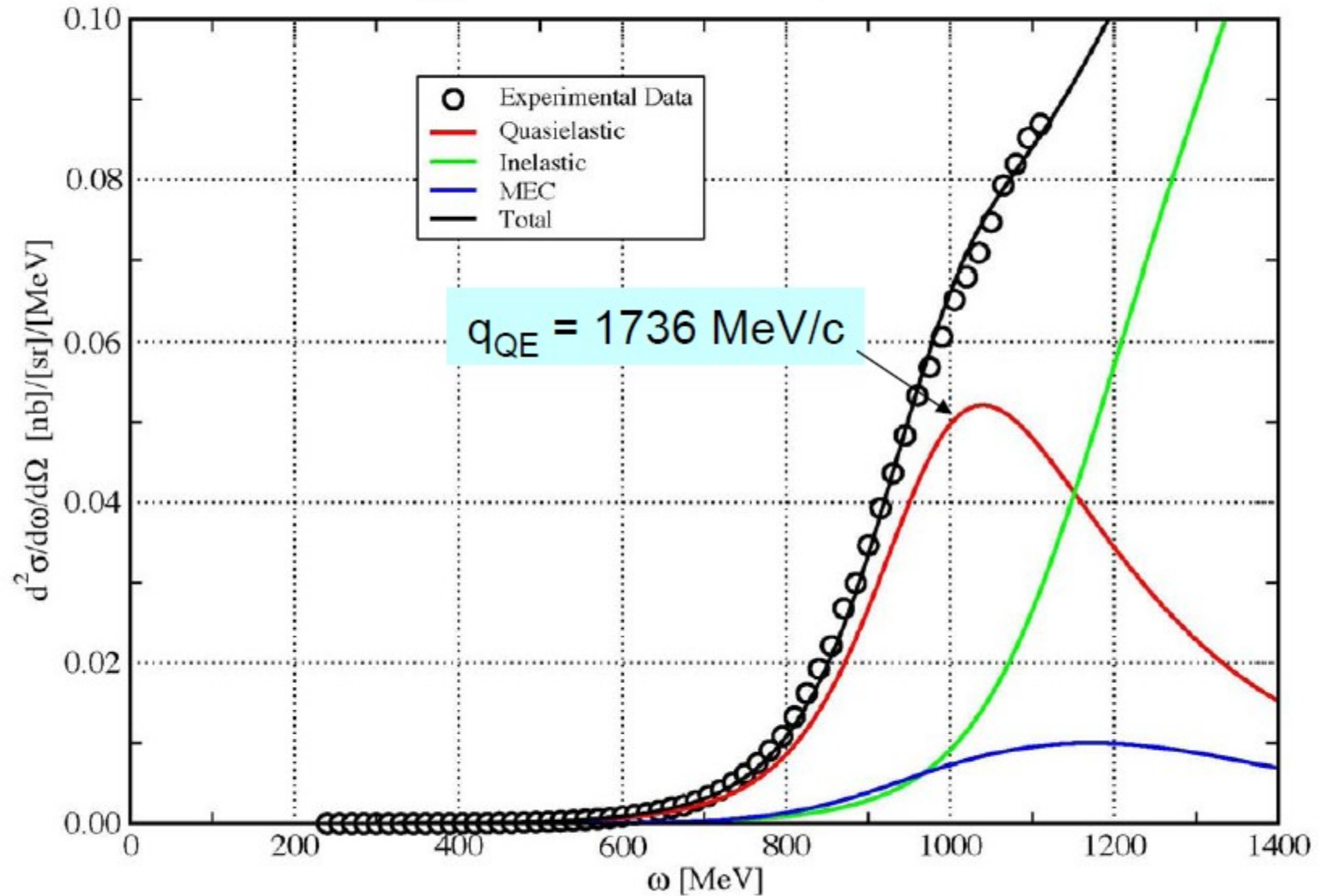




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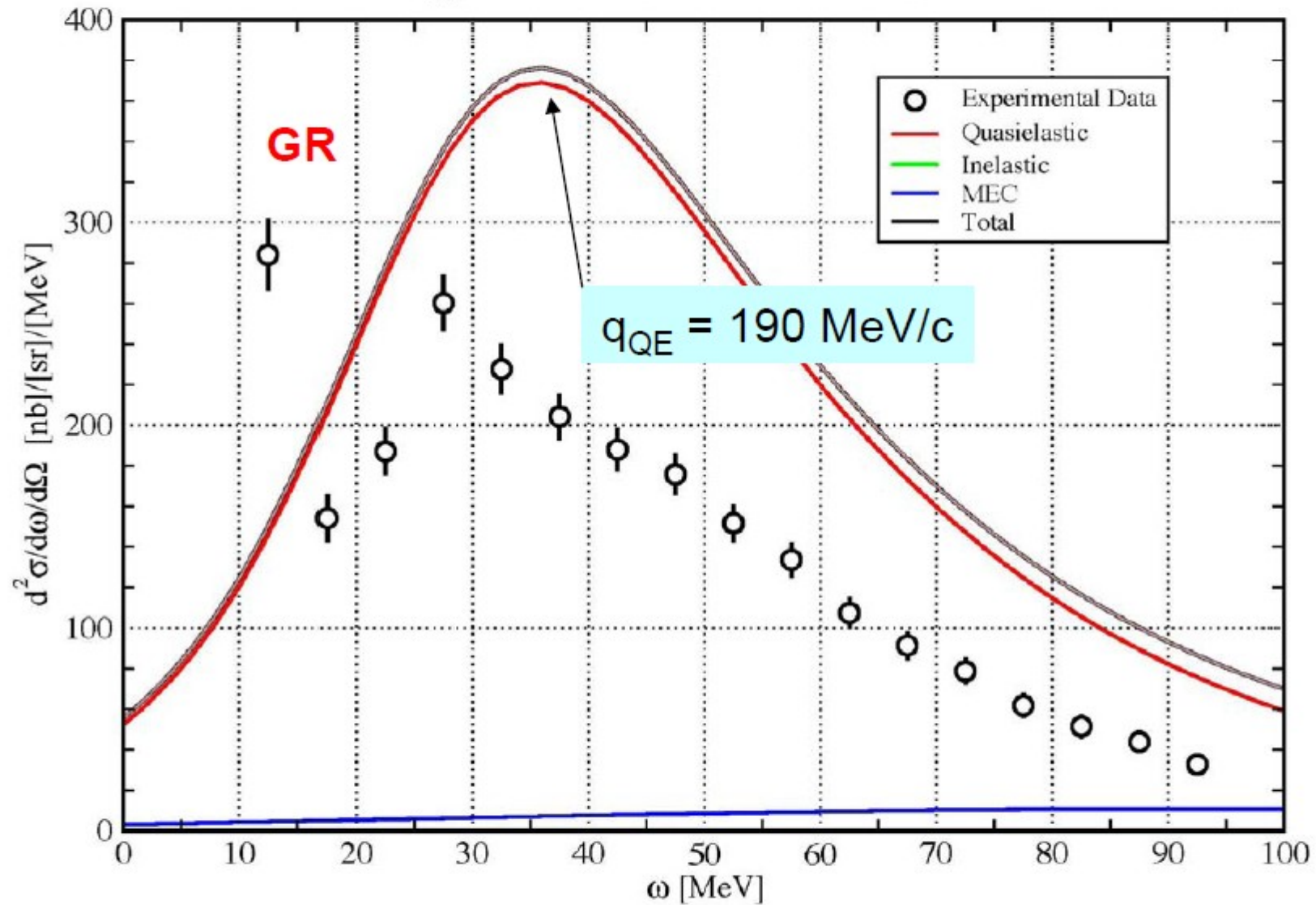




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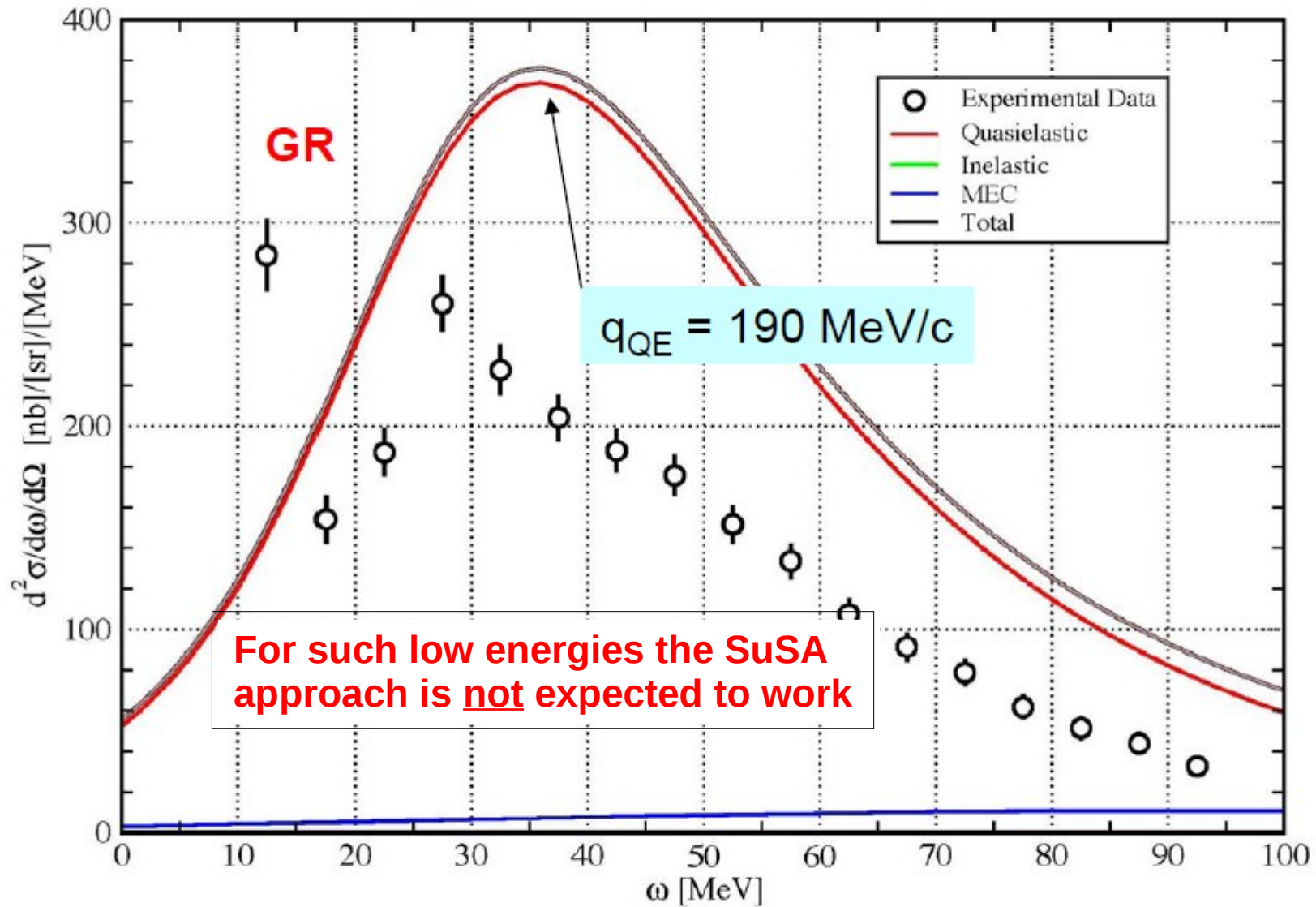
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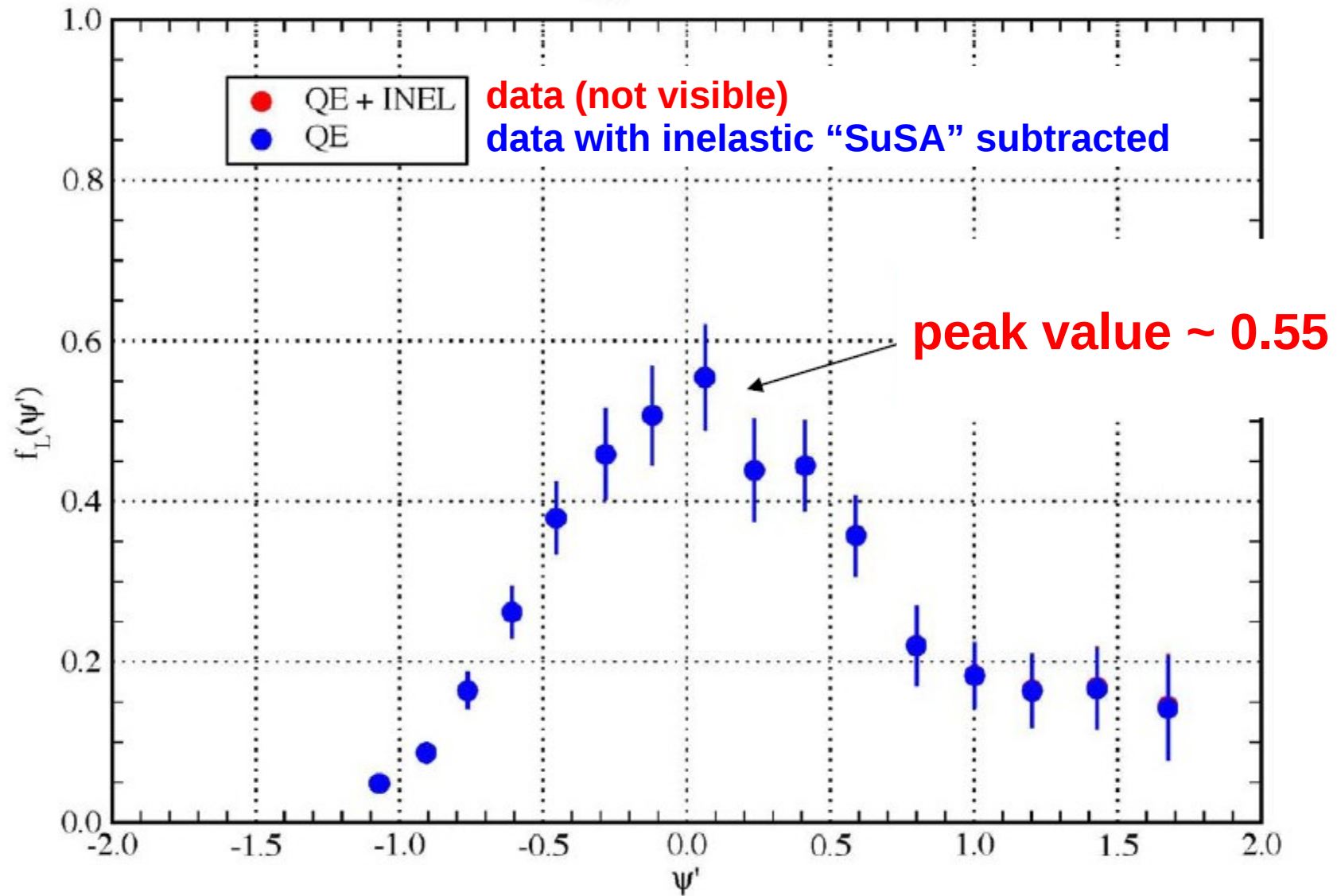
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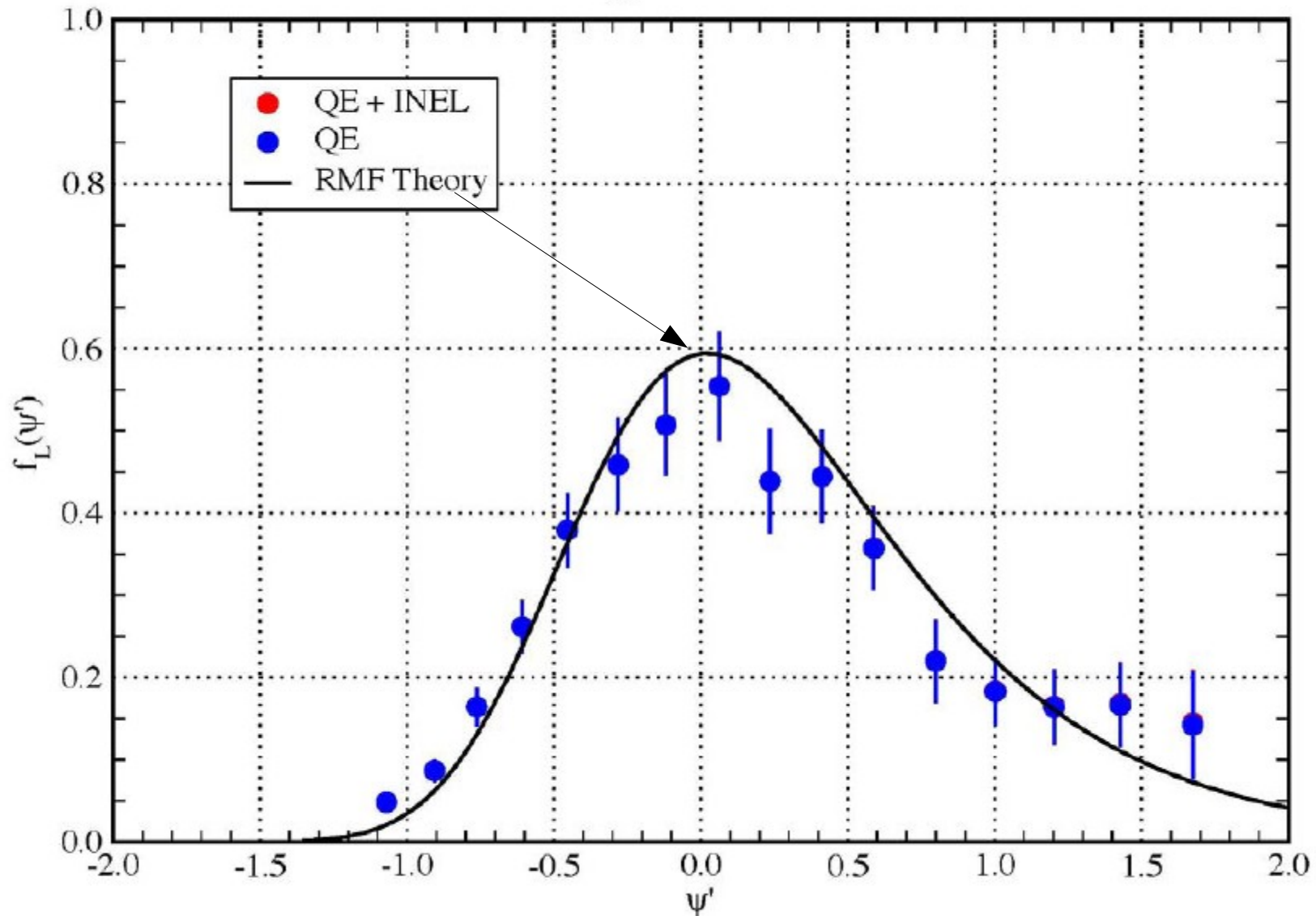
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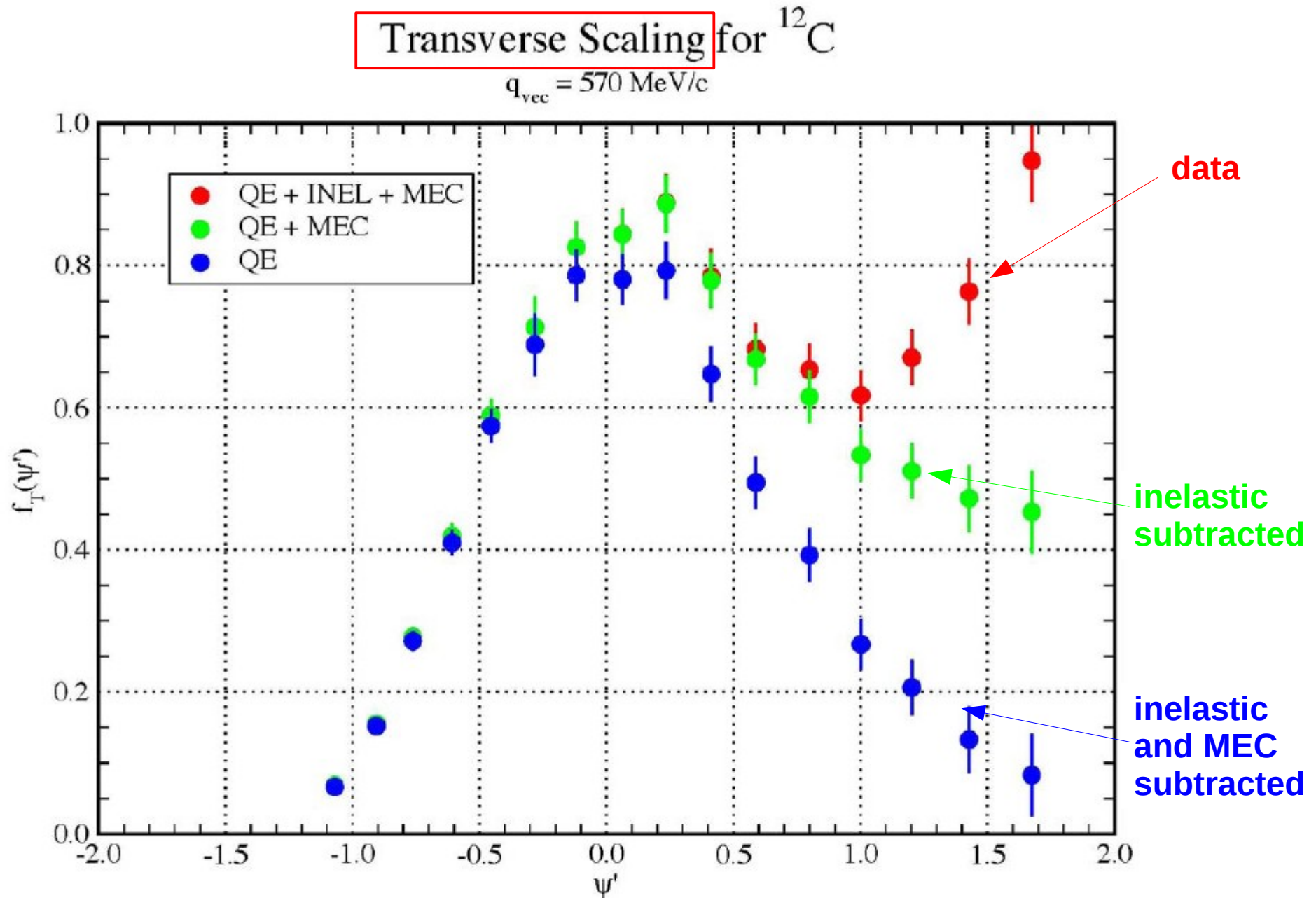
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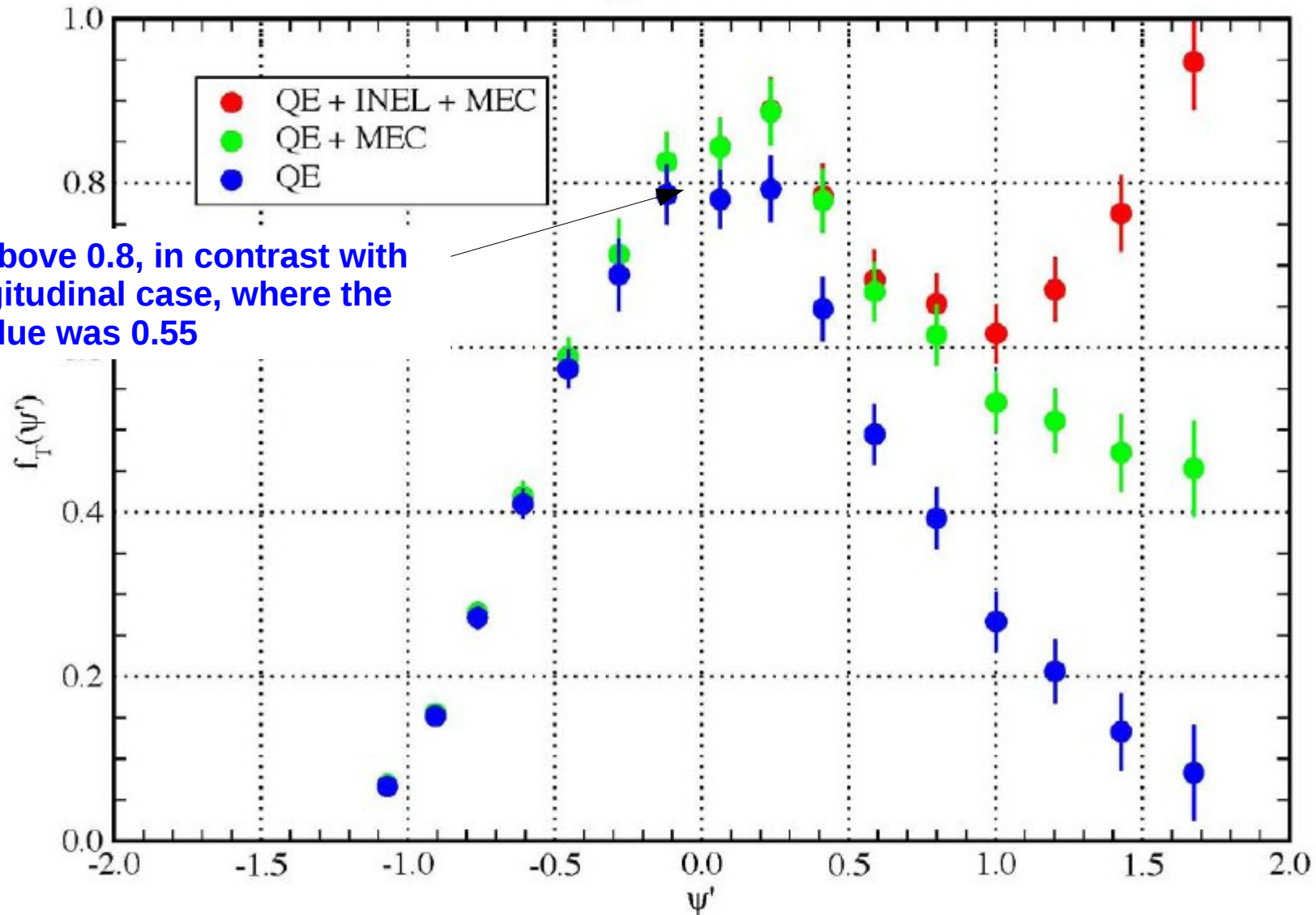
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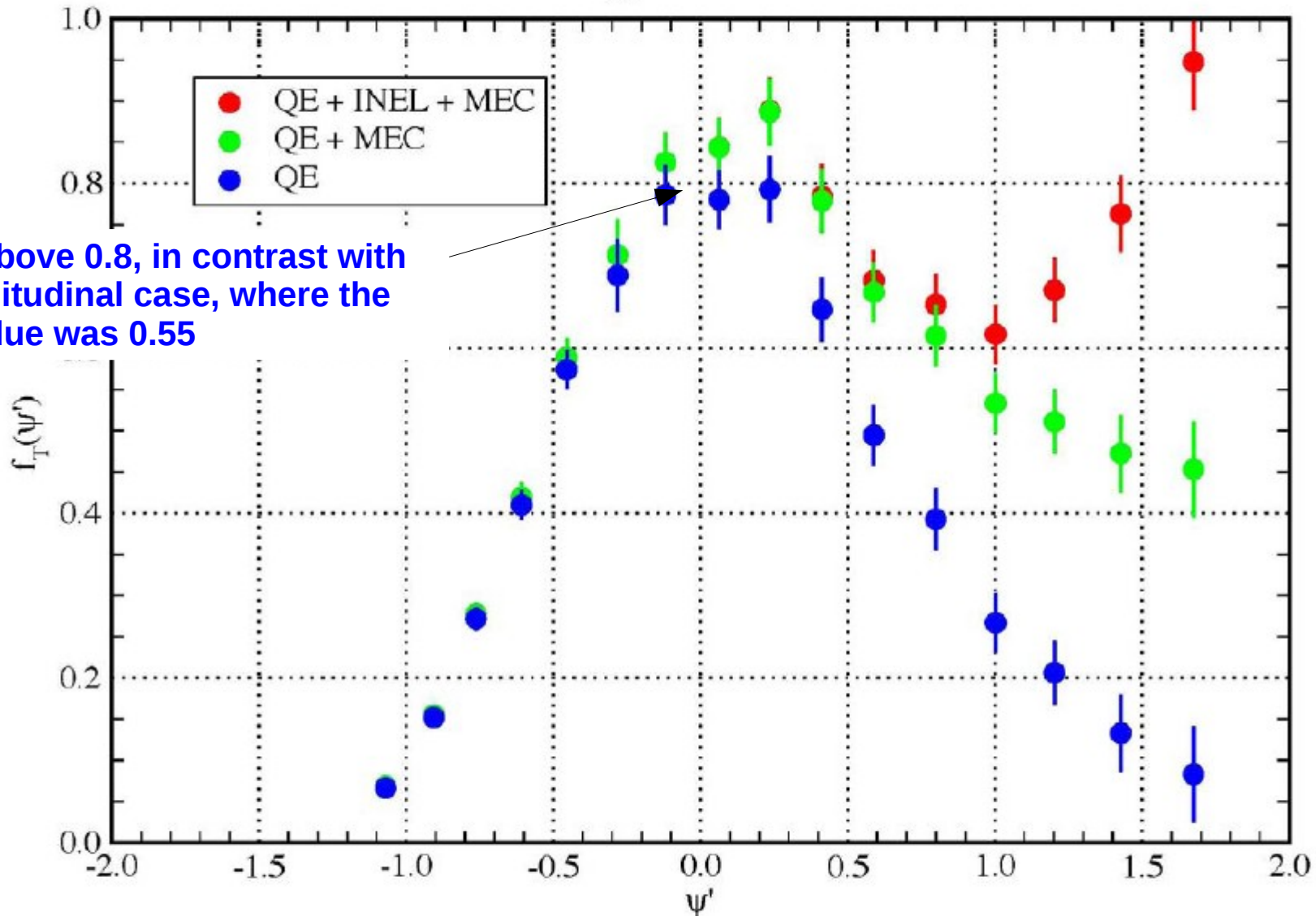


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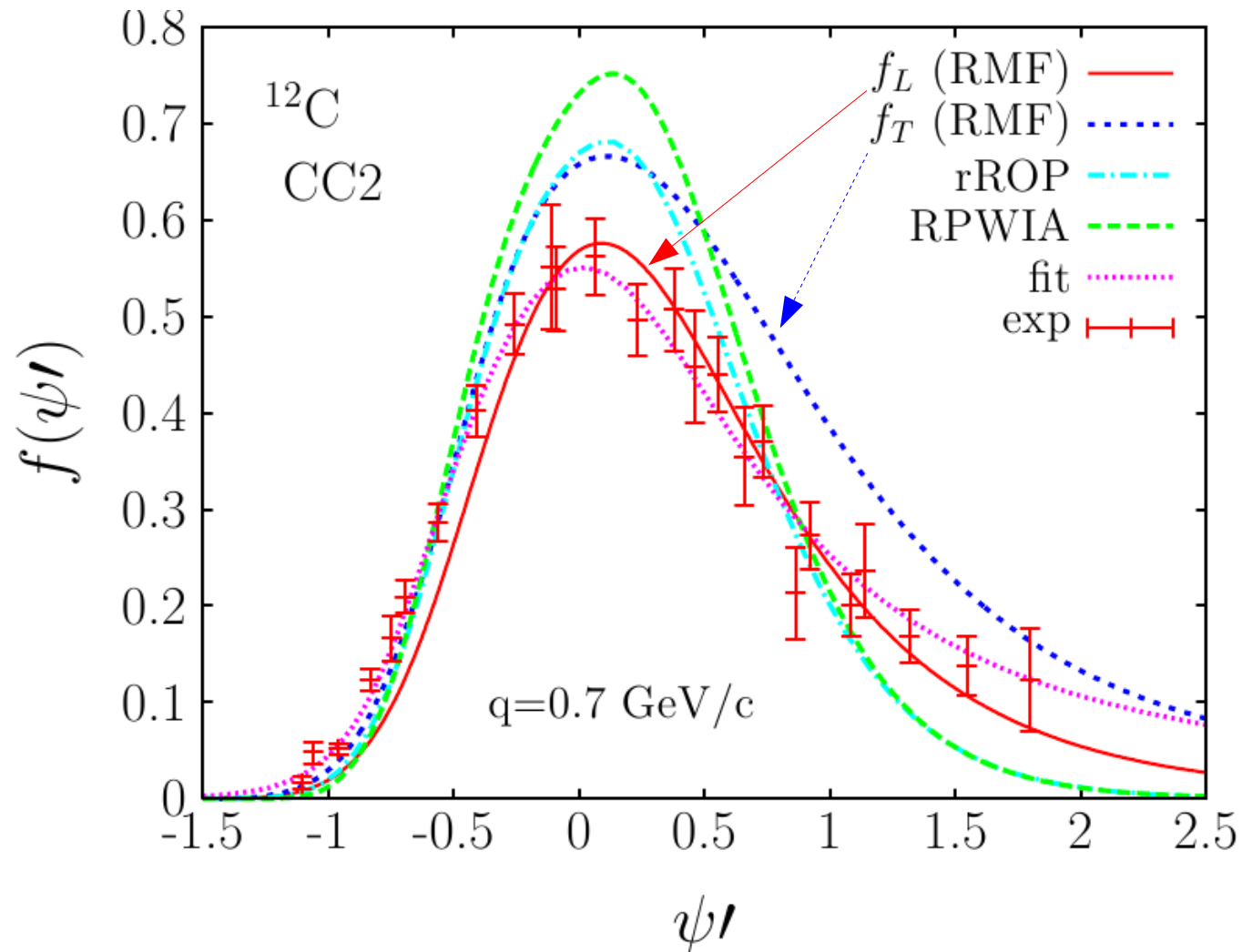
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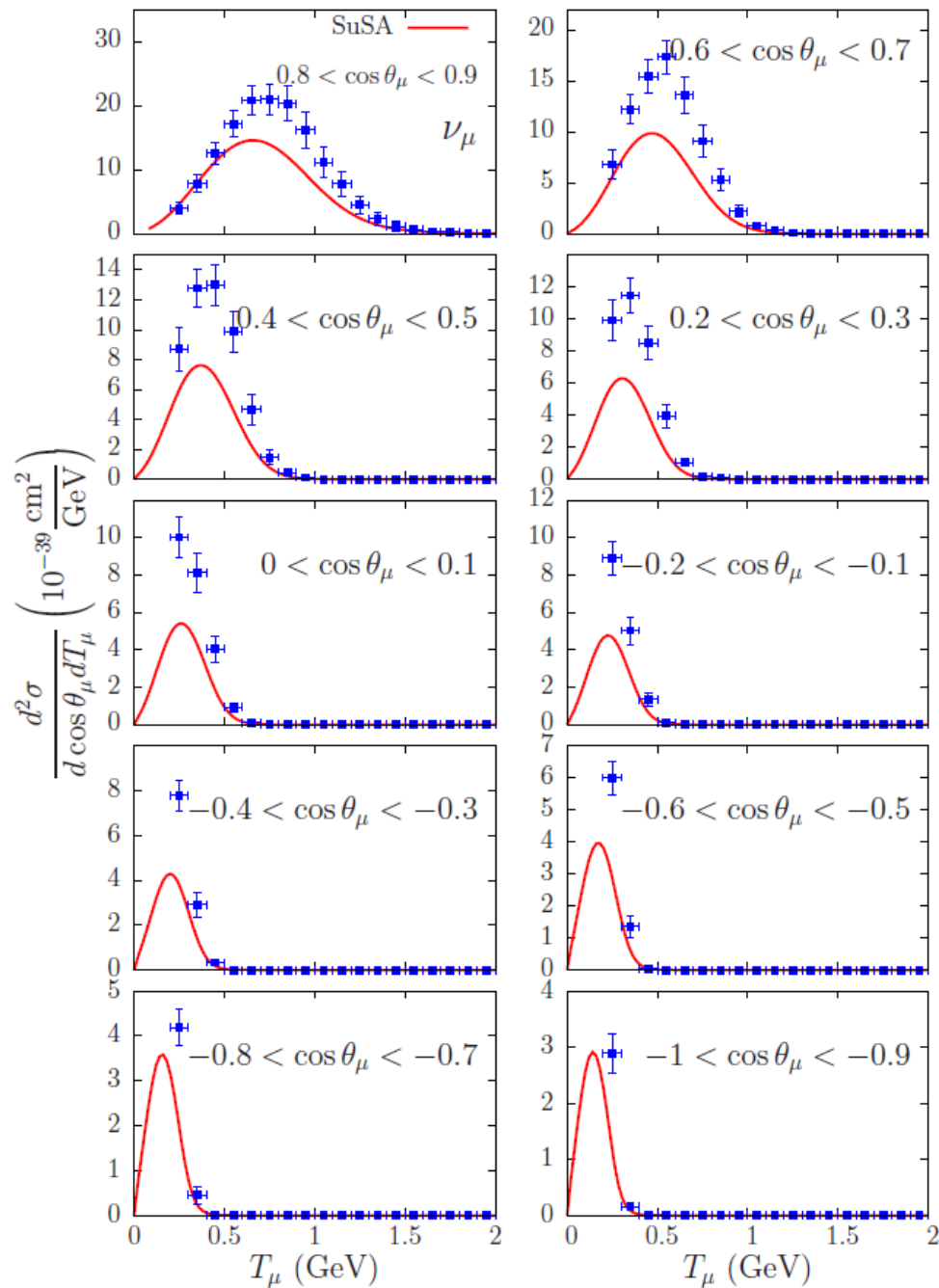
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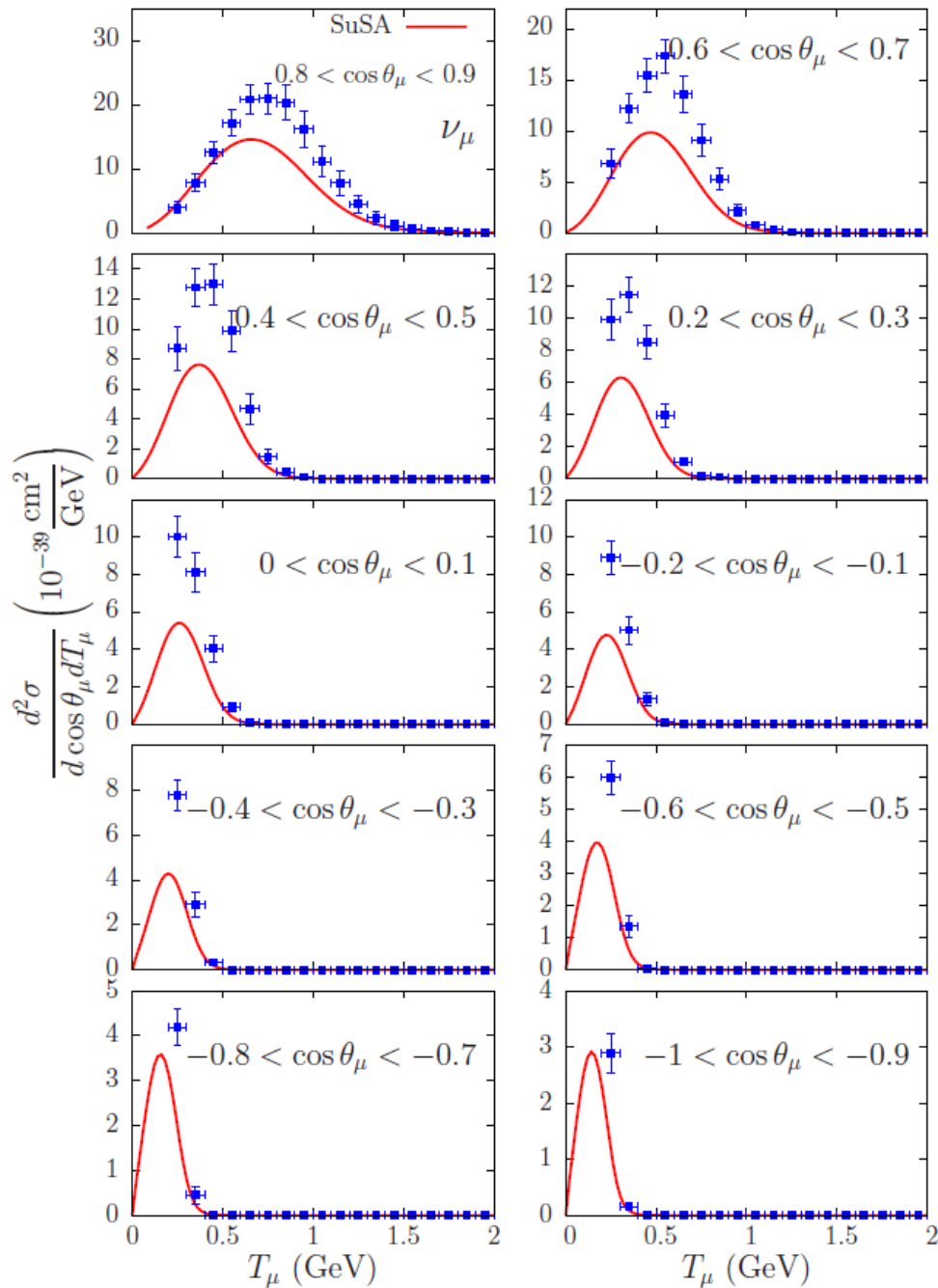
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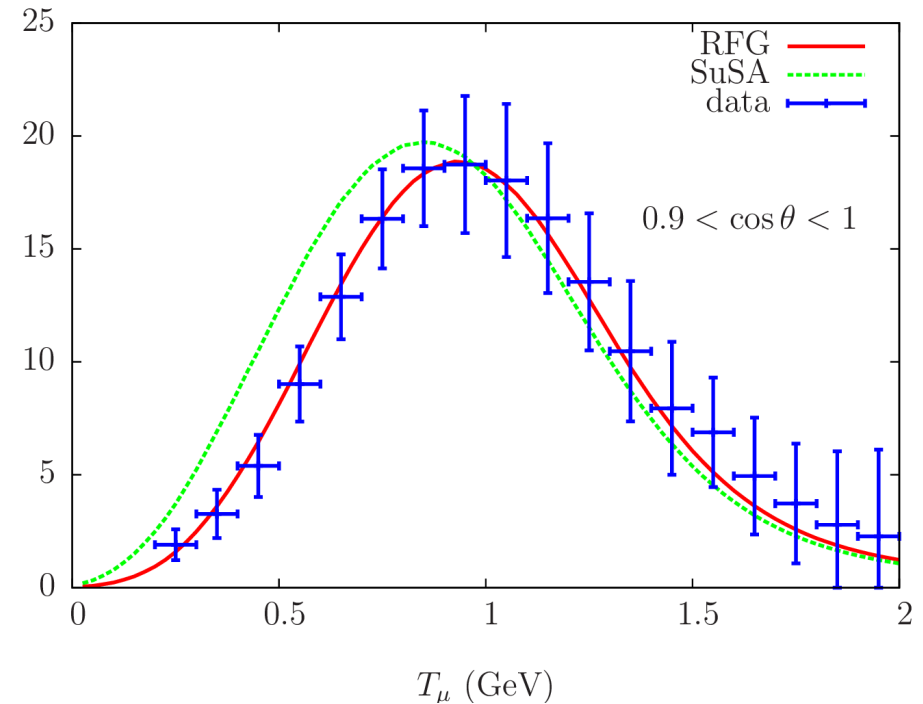


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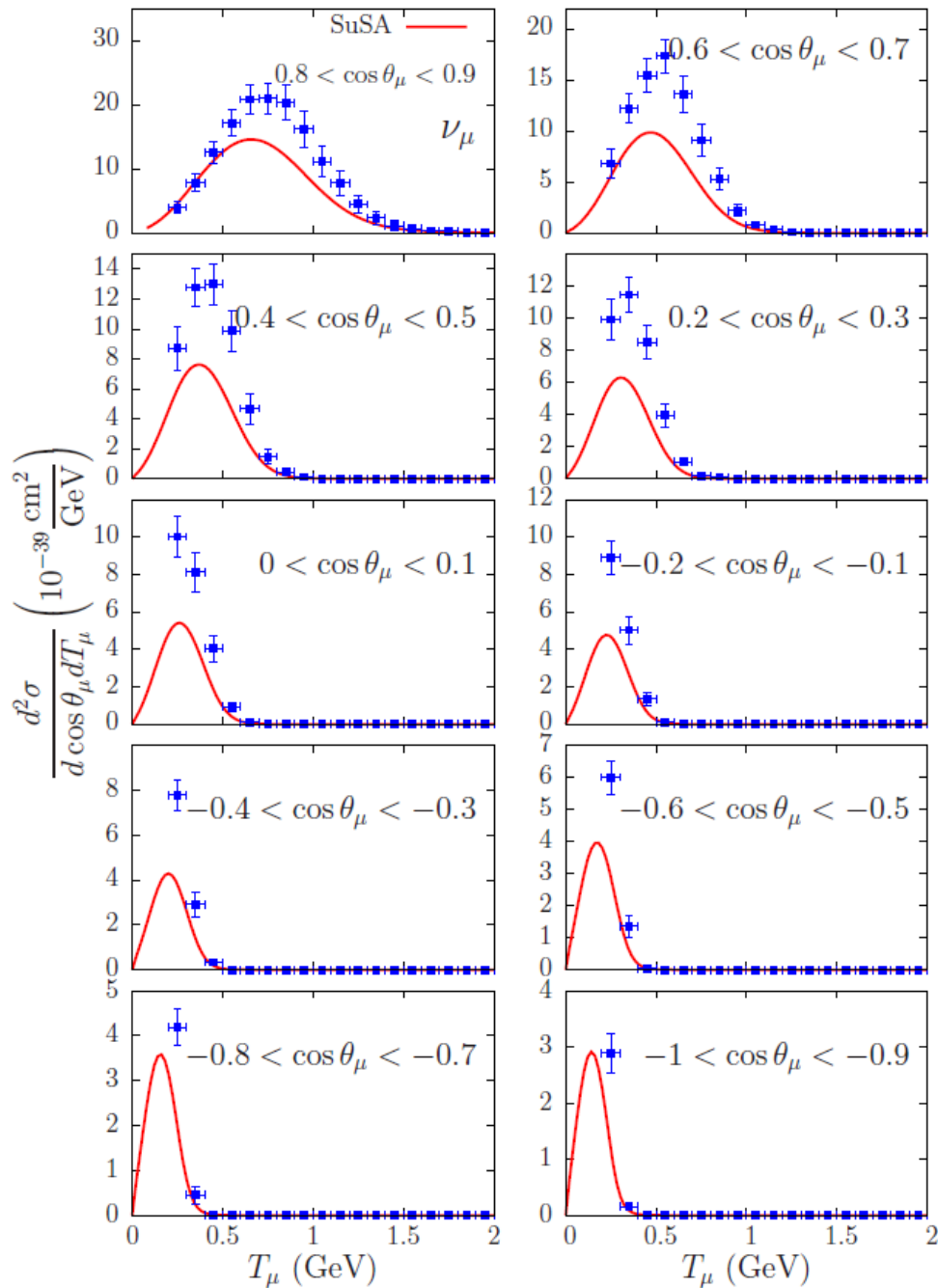
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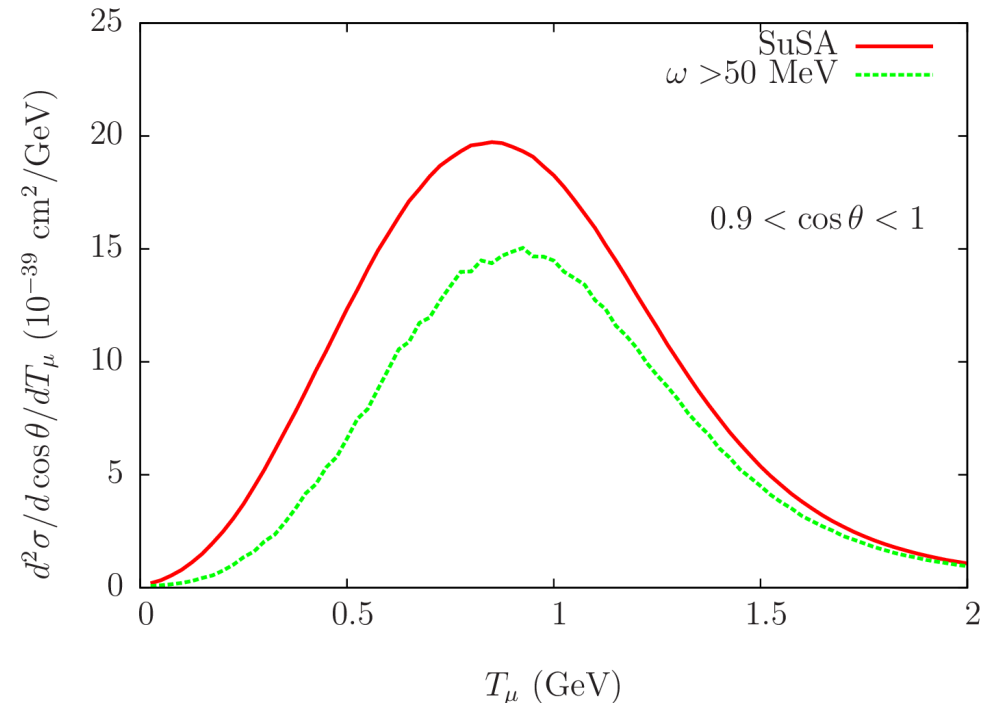
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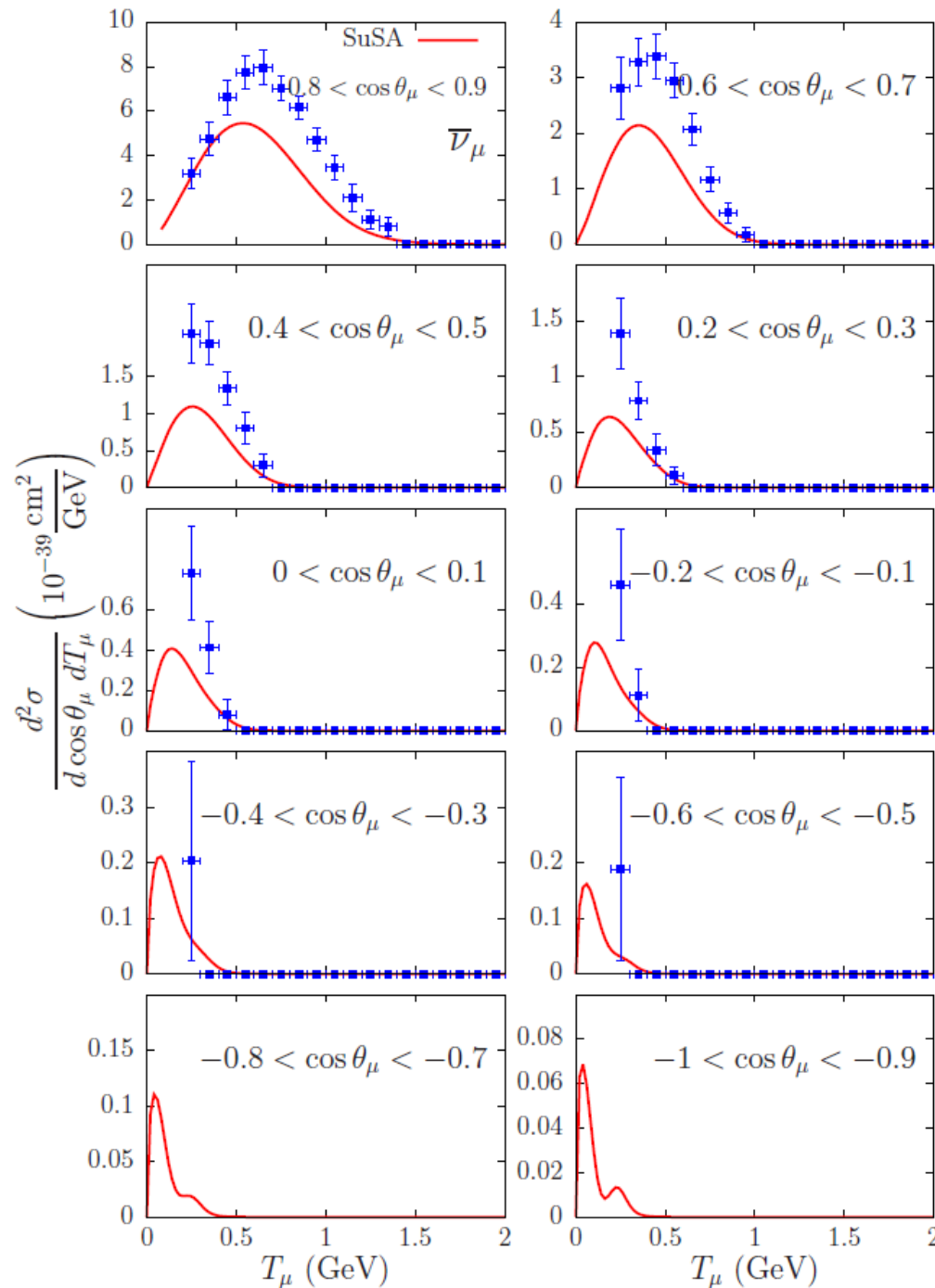


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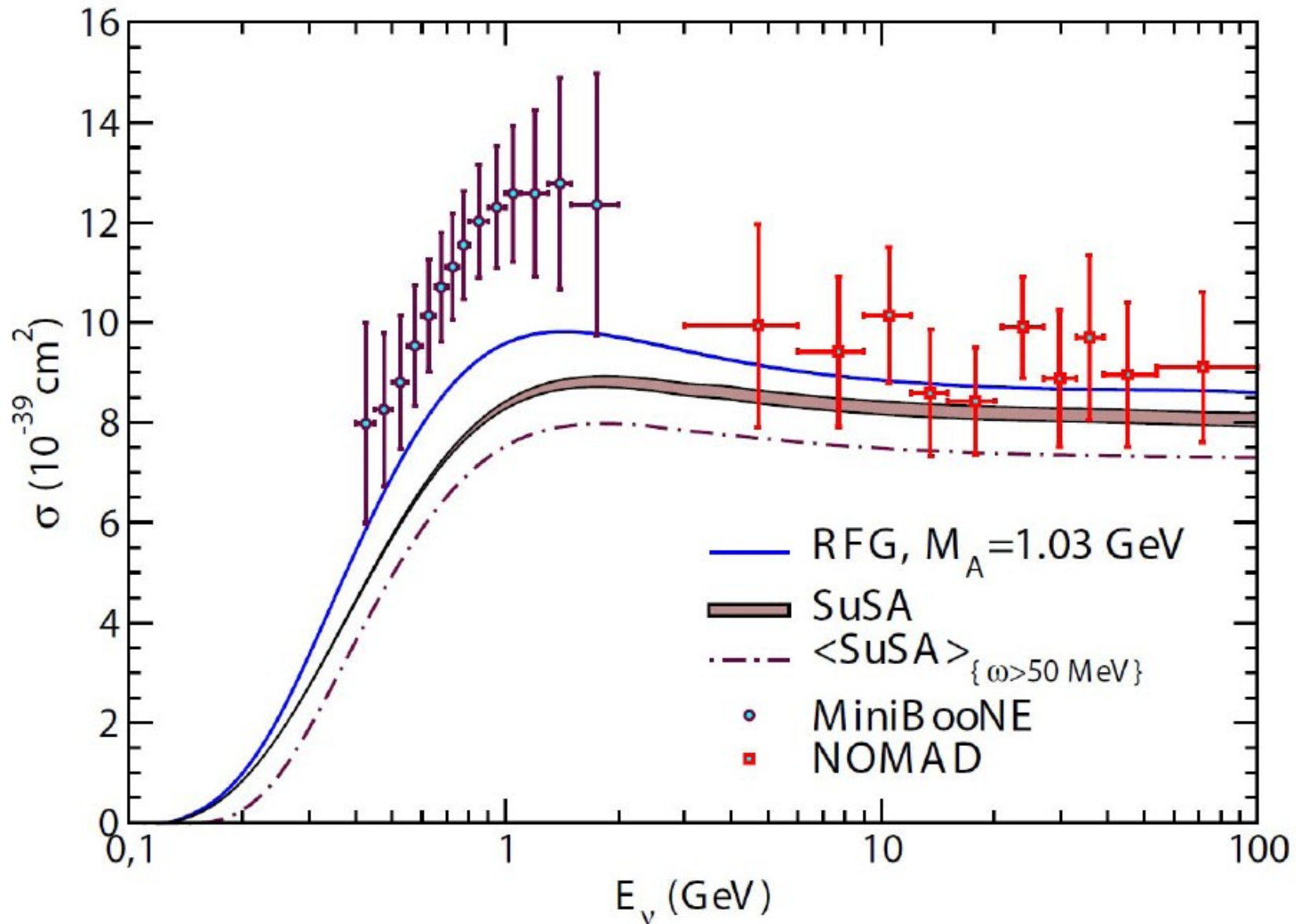
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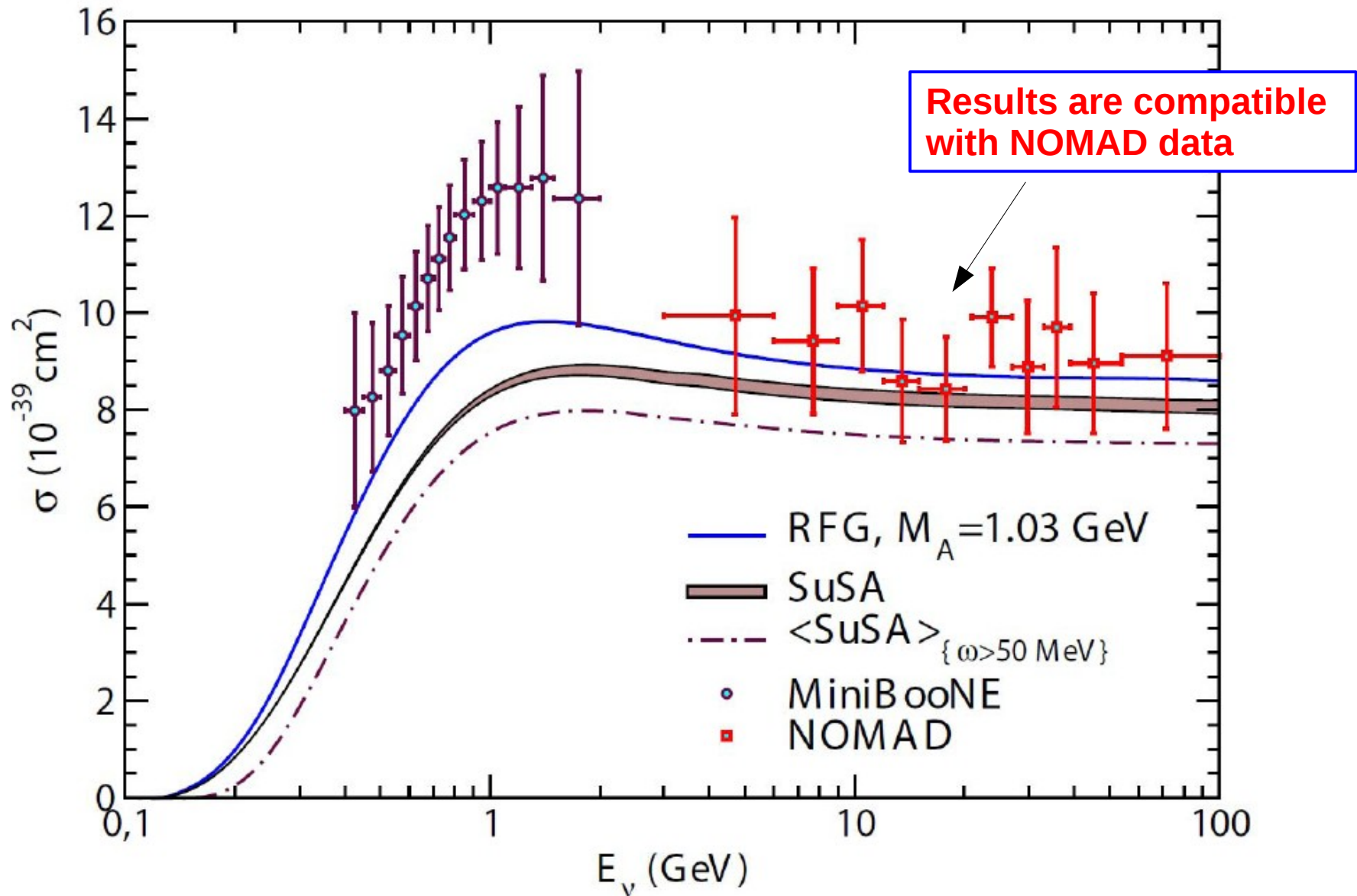


# From low to high neutrino energies

The SuSA model can be applied to high energy (NOMAD kinematics) for CCQEν:

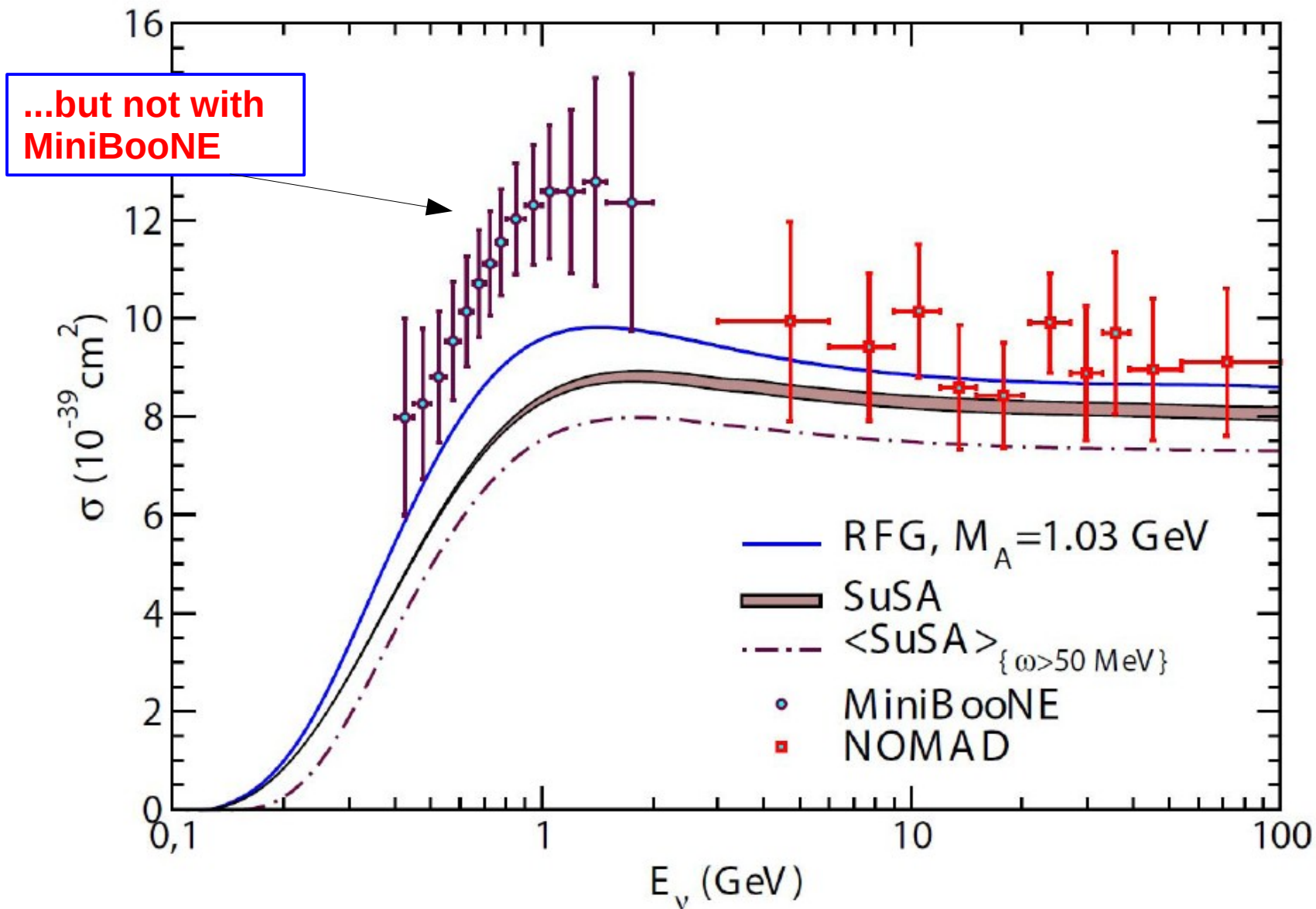


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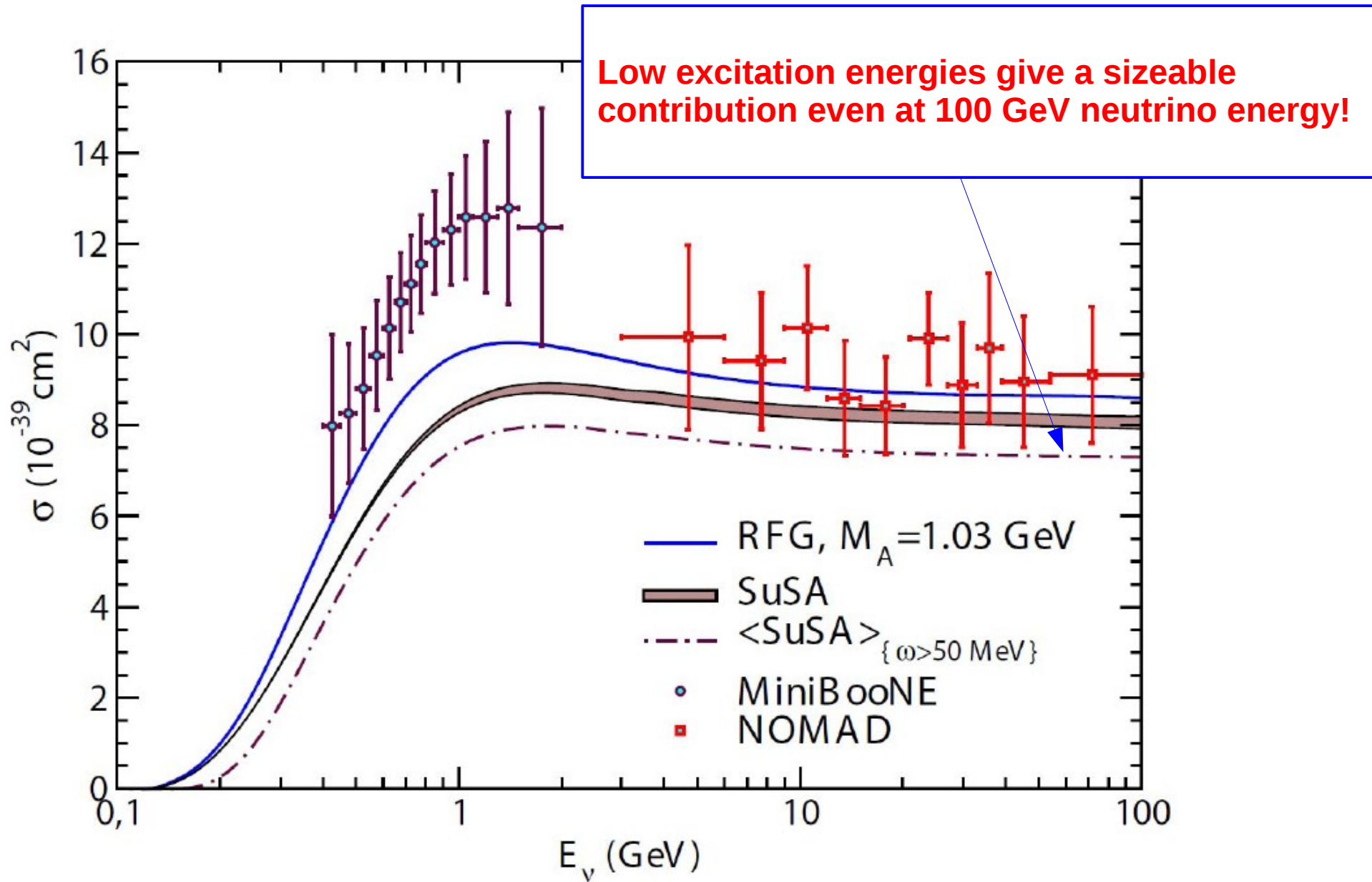


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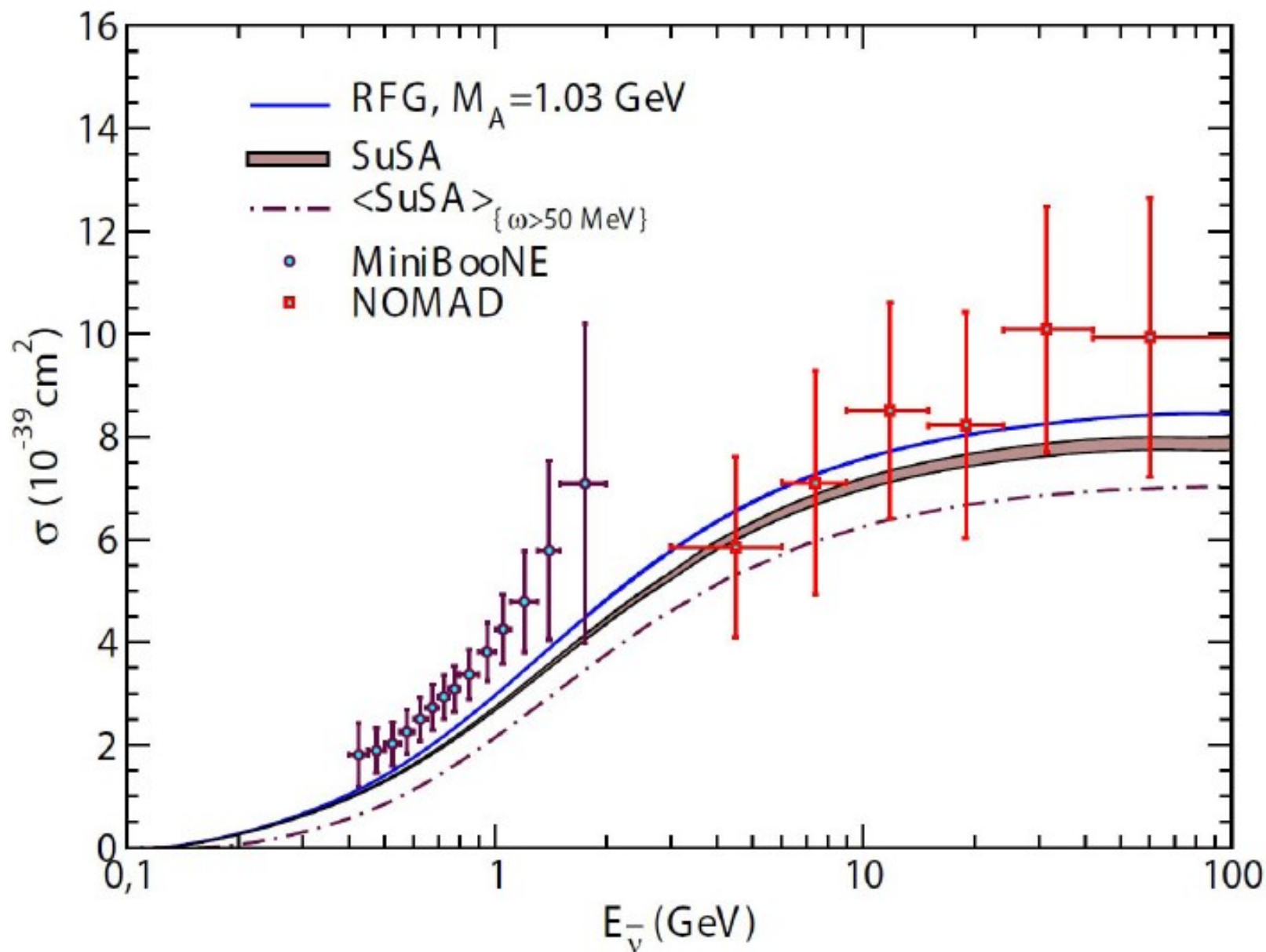


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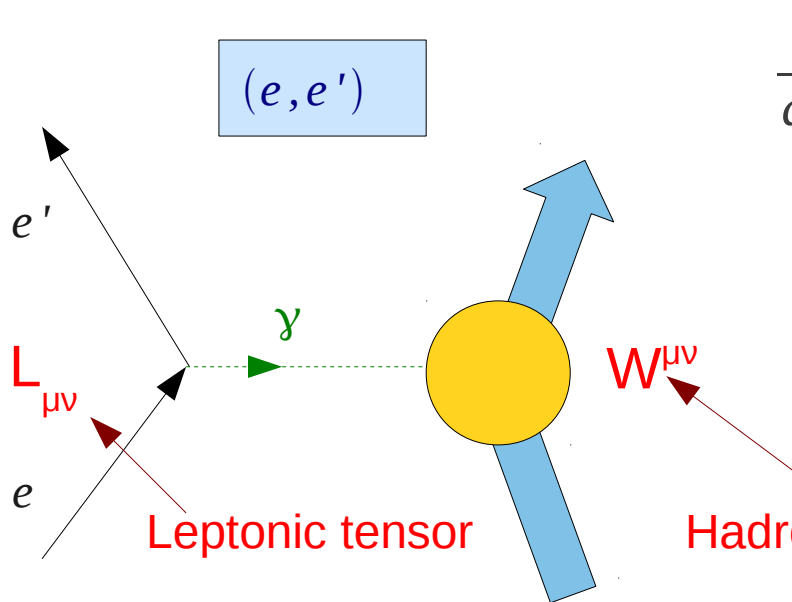


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Similarly for CCQE antineutrino:



# L, T and T' separate contributions

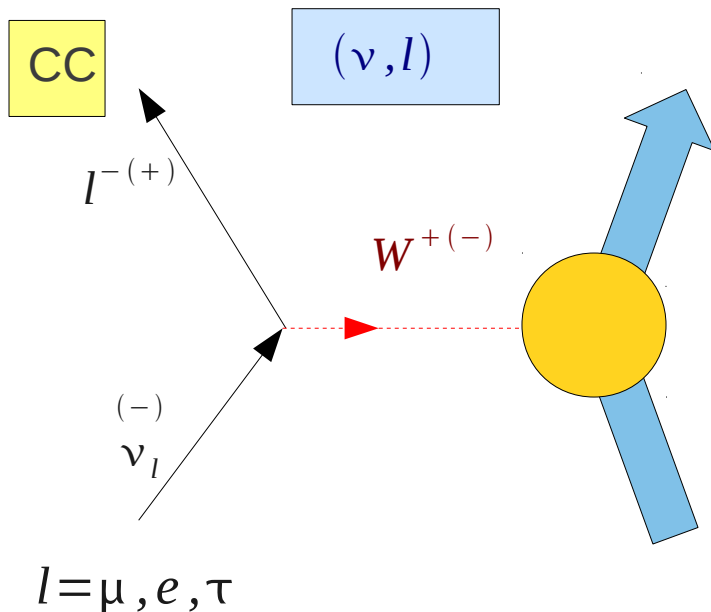


$$\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega'} = \sigma_{Mott} (v_L R_L + v_T R_T)$$

**2 electromagnetic response functions**

Leptonic tensor

Hadronic tensor



$$\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega'} = \sigma_0 (V_{CC} R_{CC} + 2V_{CL} R_{CL} + V_{LL} R_{LL} + V_T R_T \pm 2V_{T'} R_{T'})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$V_L R_L$$

+ v  
- v

**5 (3) weak response functions**

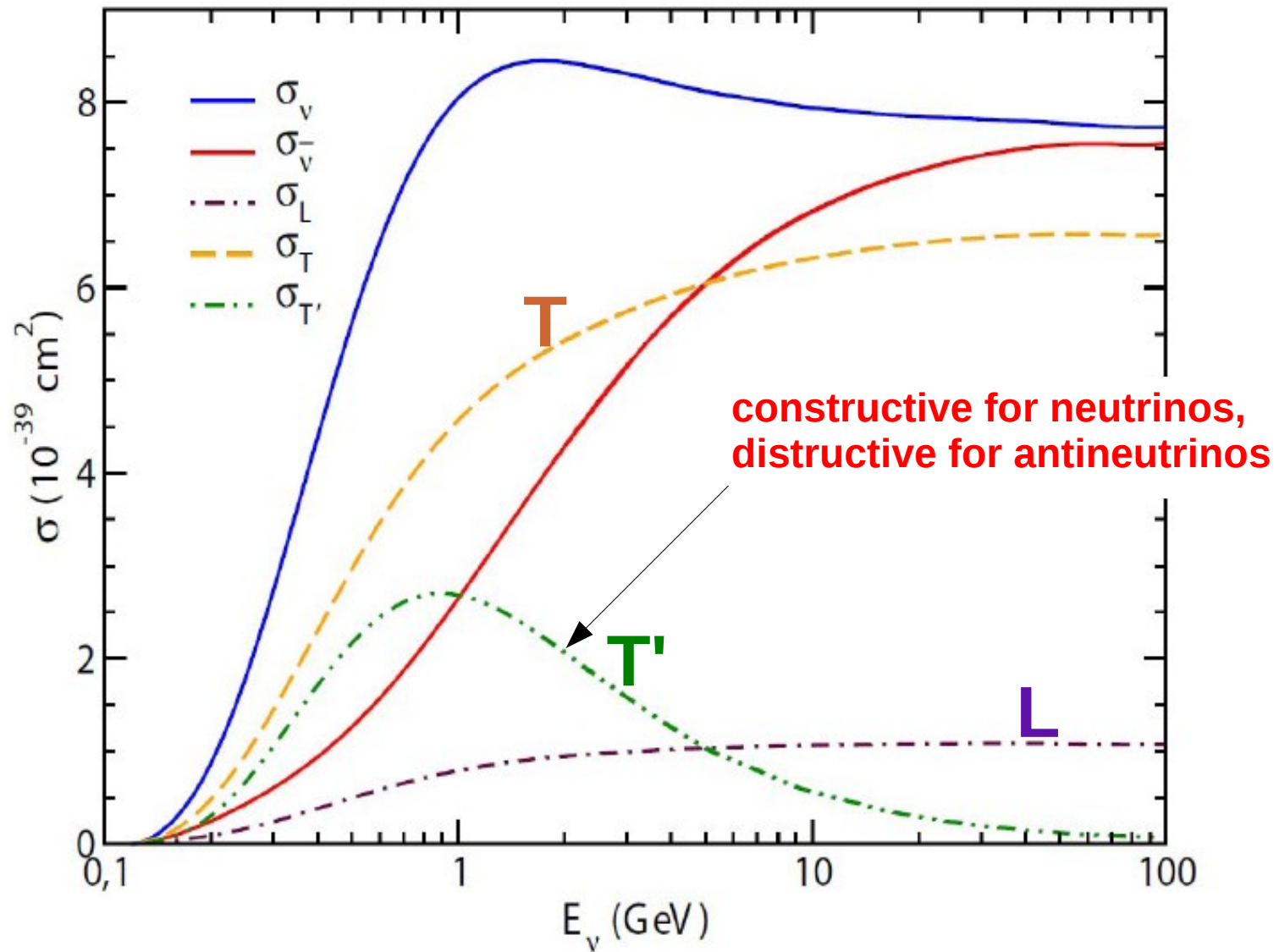
Purely isovector

Typically transverse (CC, CL, LL small)

Have **VV**, **AA** and **VA** components generated by  $J_\mu = J_\mu^V + J_\mu^A$

$l = \mu, e, \tau$

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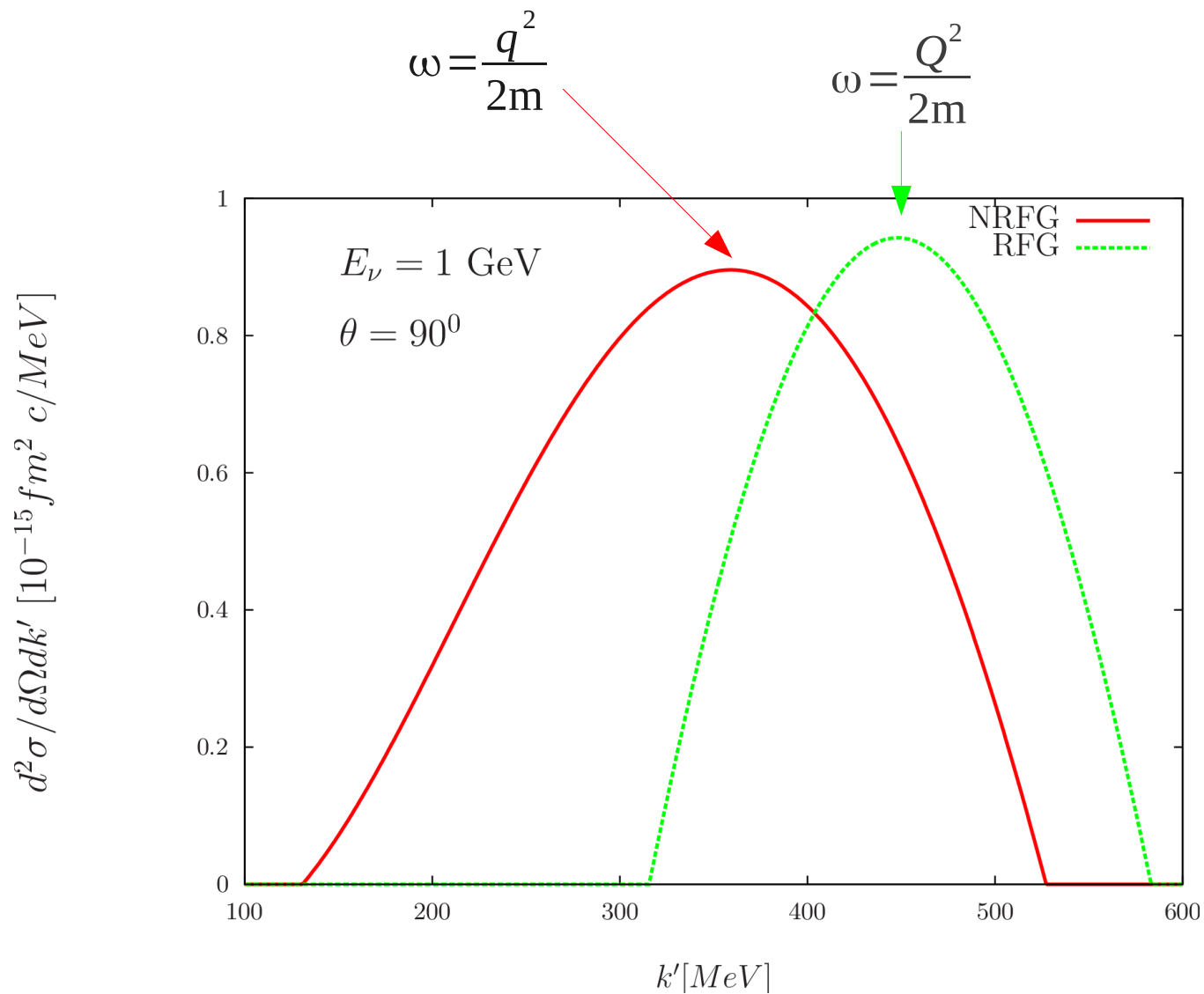
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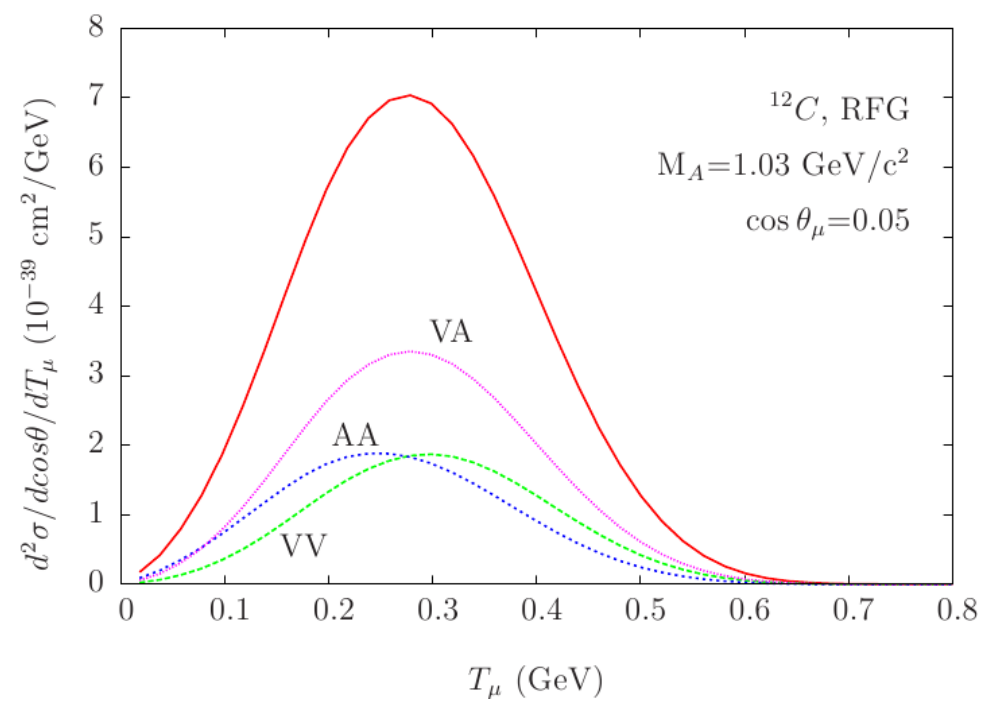
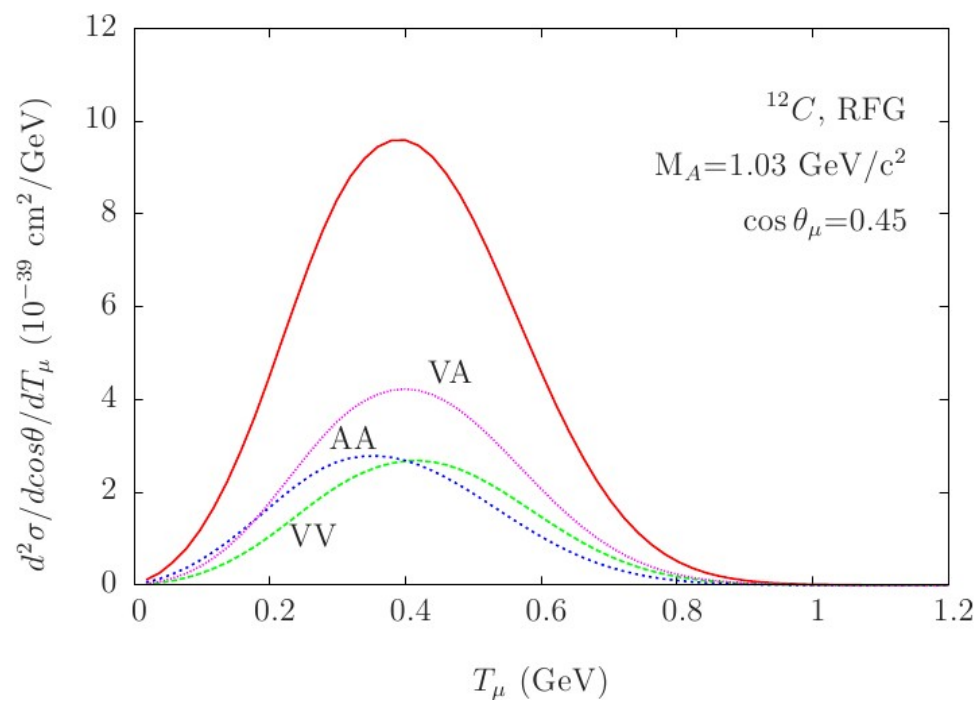
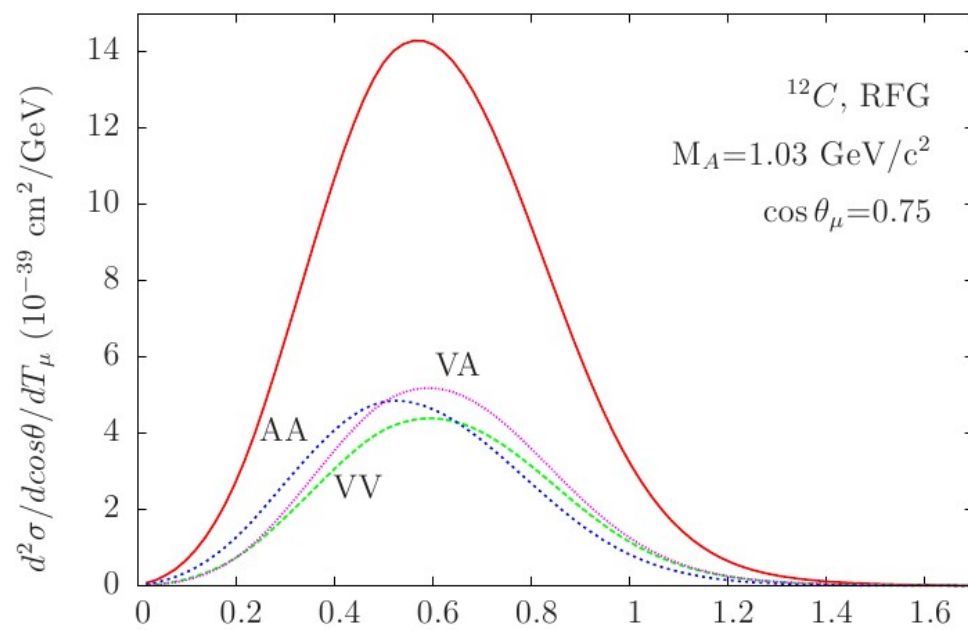
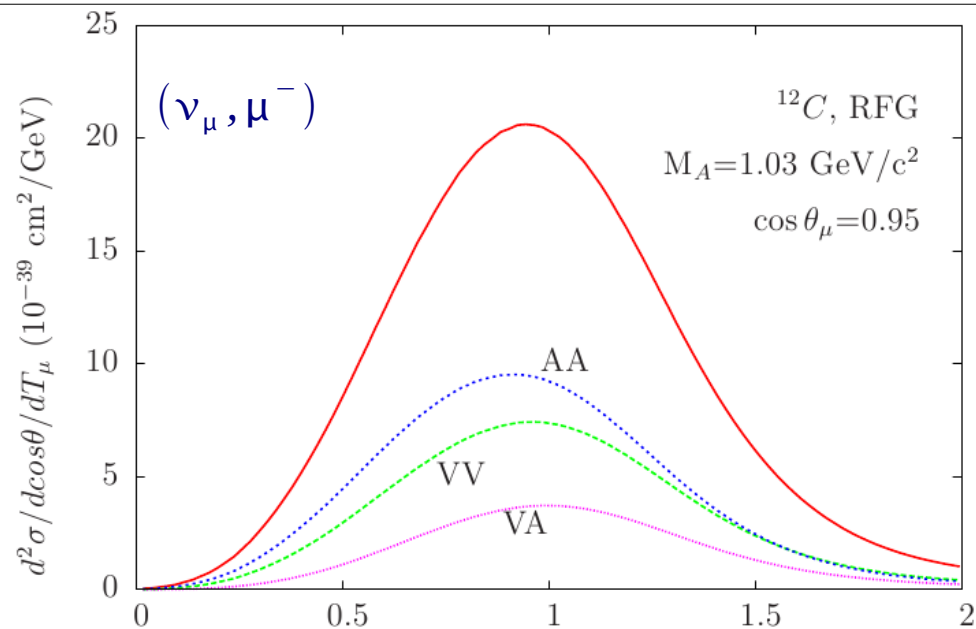
# Relativistic effects



- Kinematics modifies the response region
- Boost factors modify the height of the QEP (with opposite sign in the L and T channels)

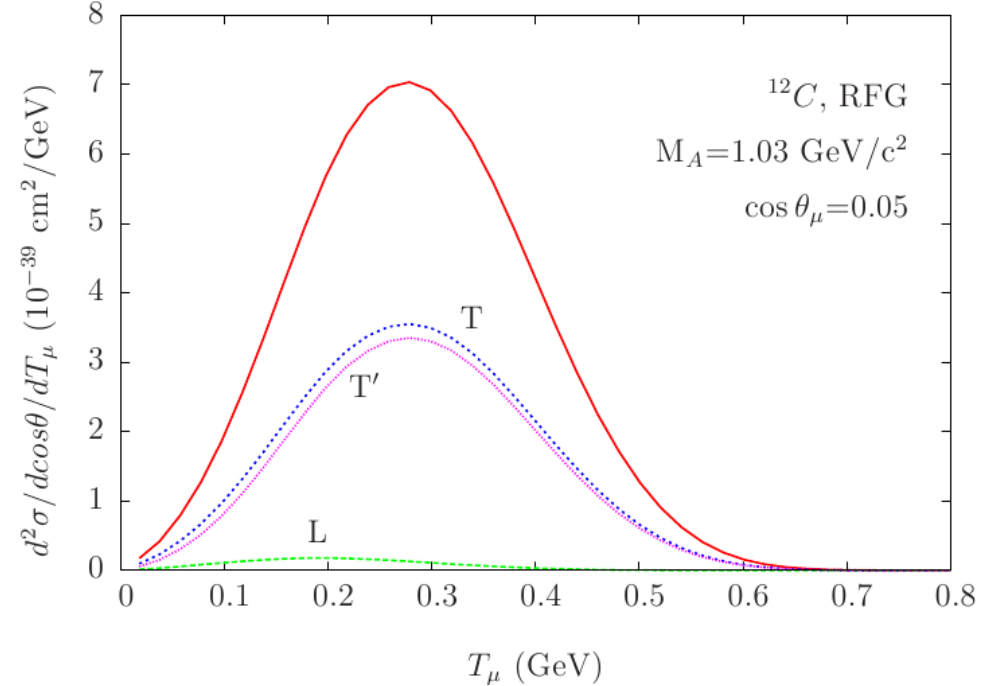
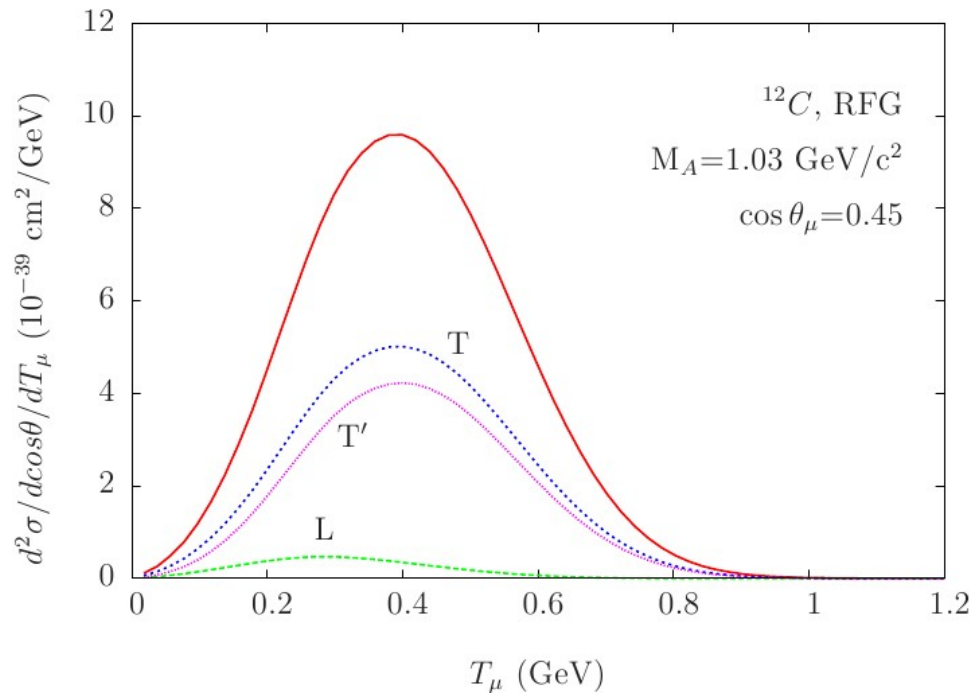
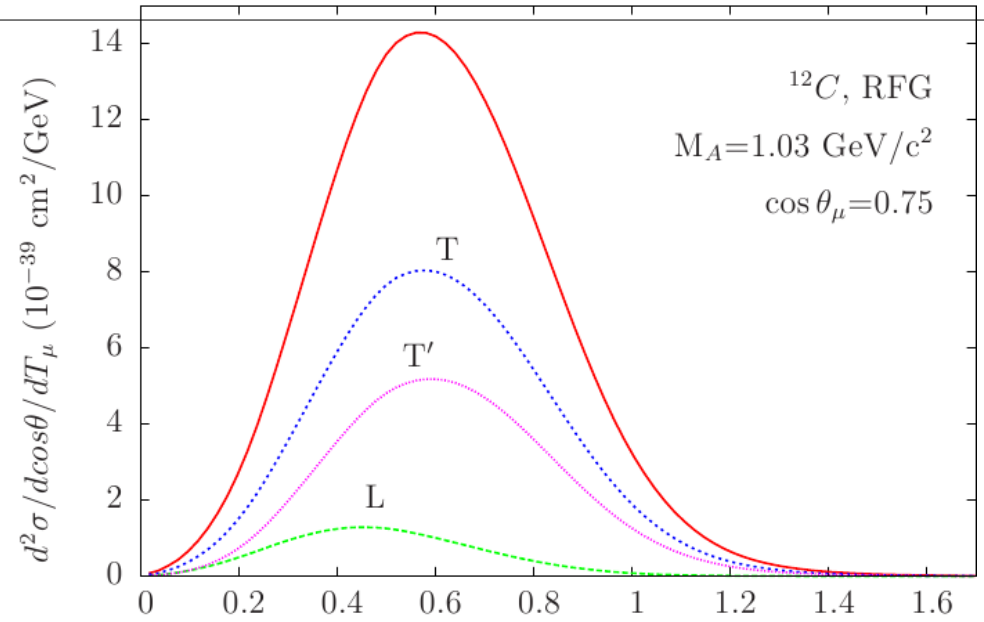
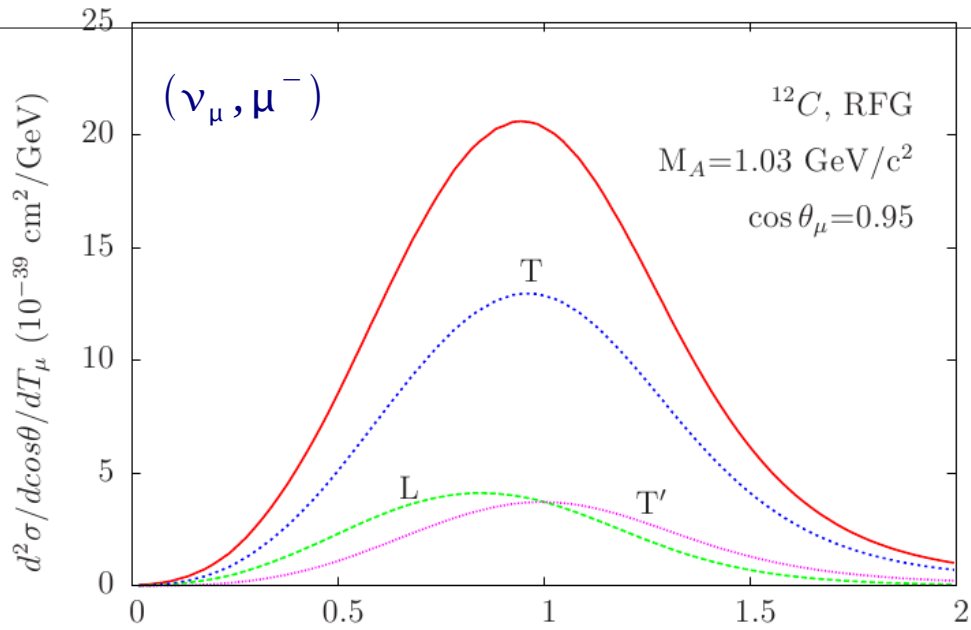
# VV-AA-VA separation

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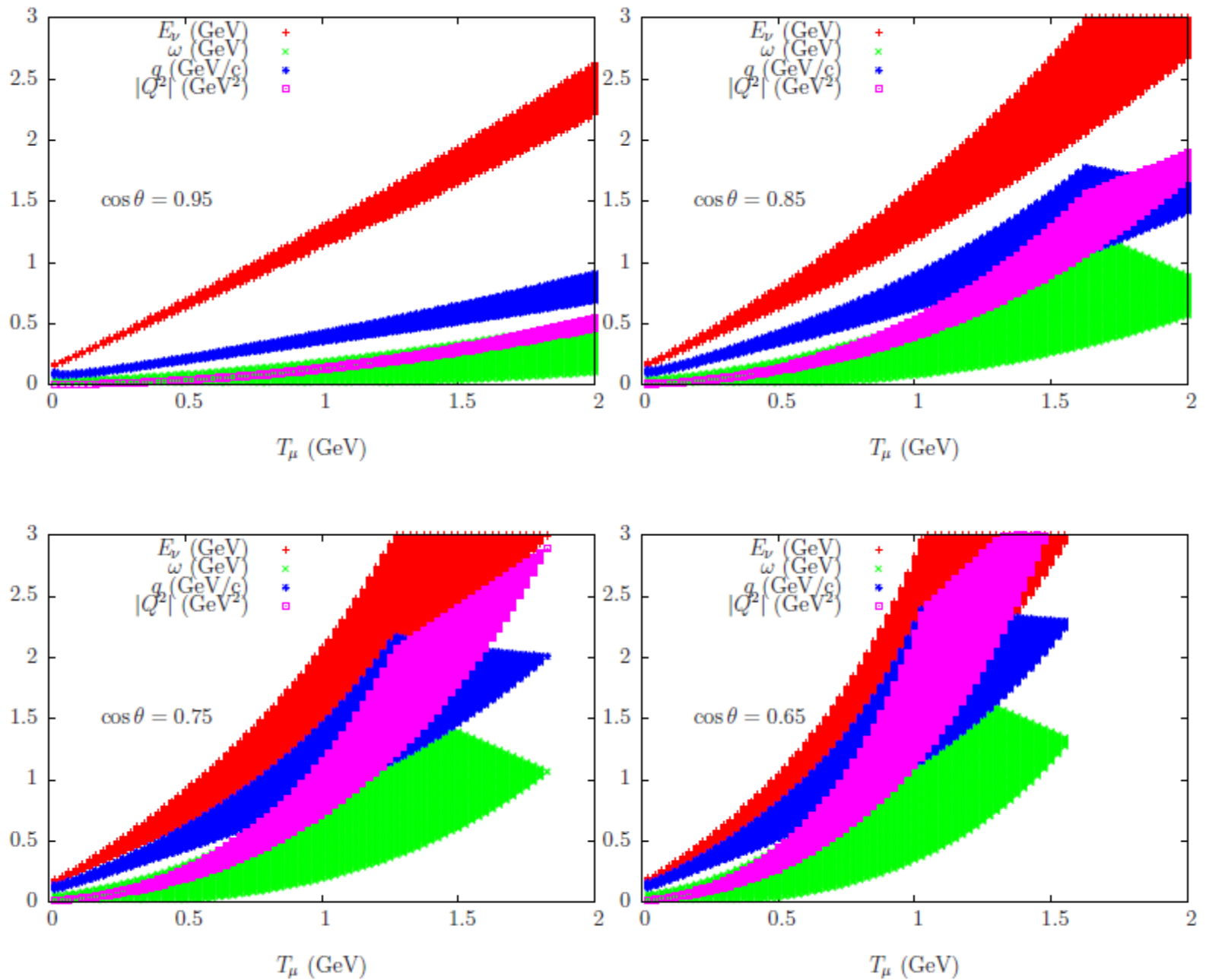


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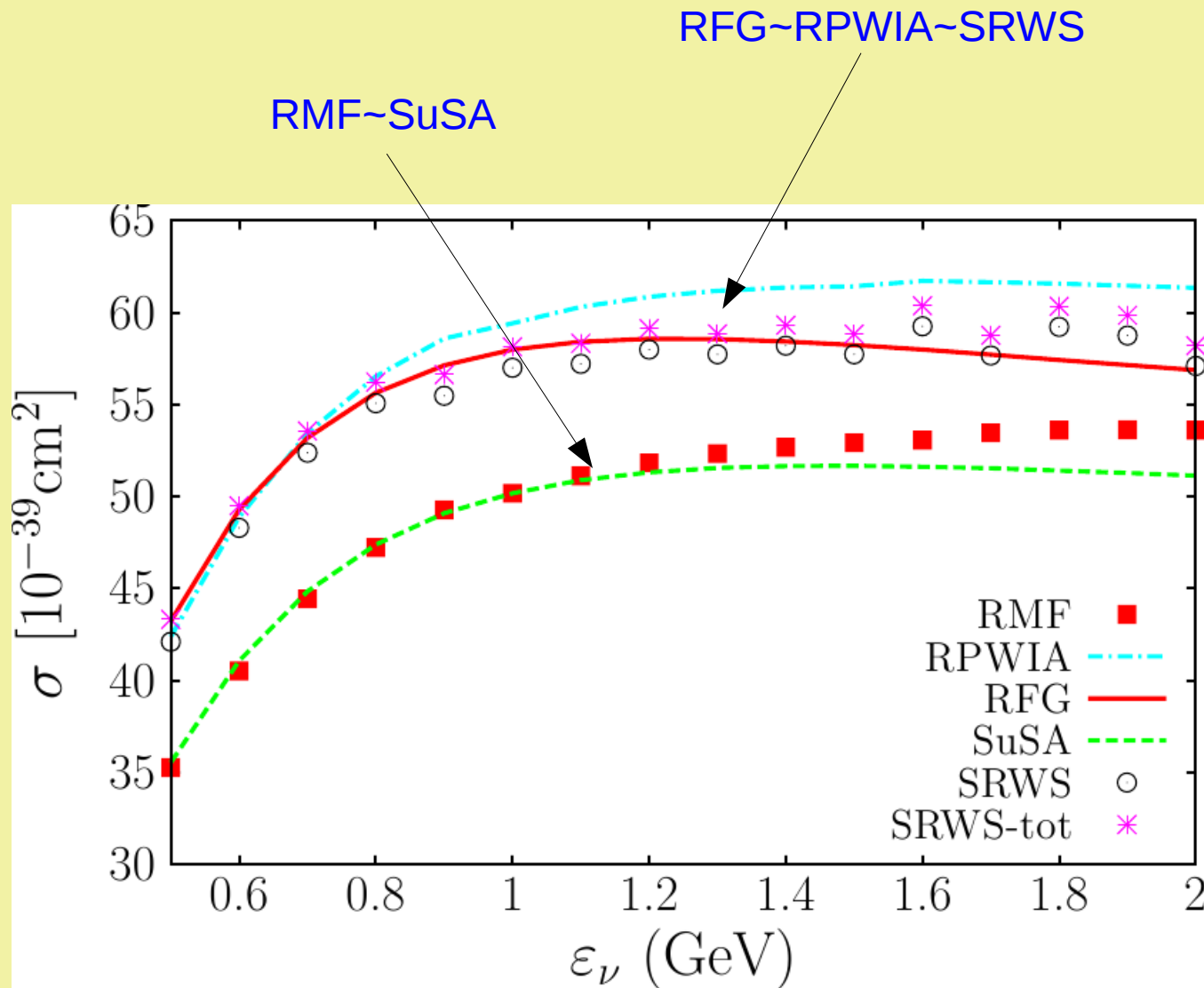
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# Kinematics



# Total CCQE cross sections in RIA

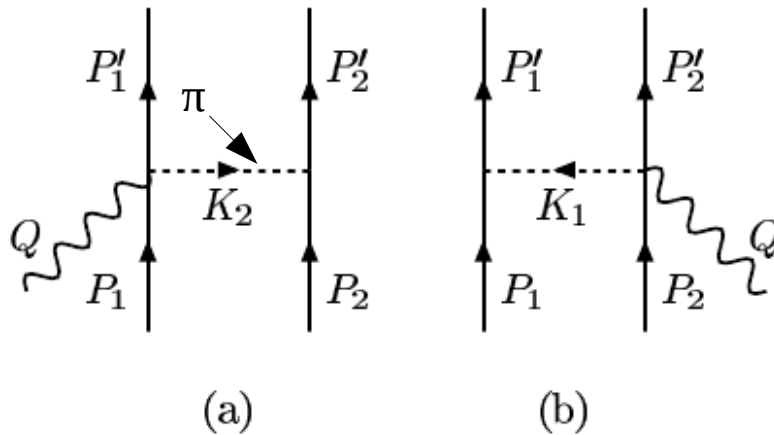




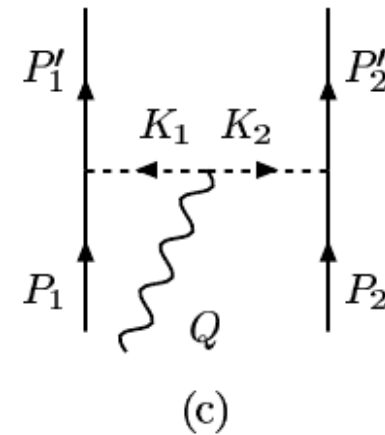
# Meson Exchange Currents

**MEC** are two-body currents involving 2 nucleons exchanging a meson. Currents induced by the pion mainly (up to higher order relativistic corrections) occur in **transverse** channel and **violate superscaling**.

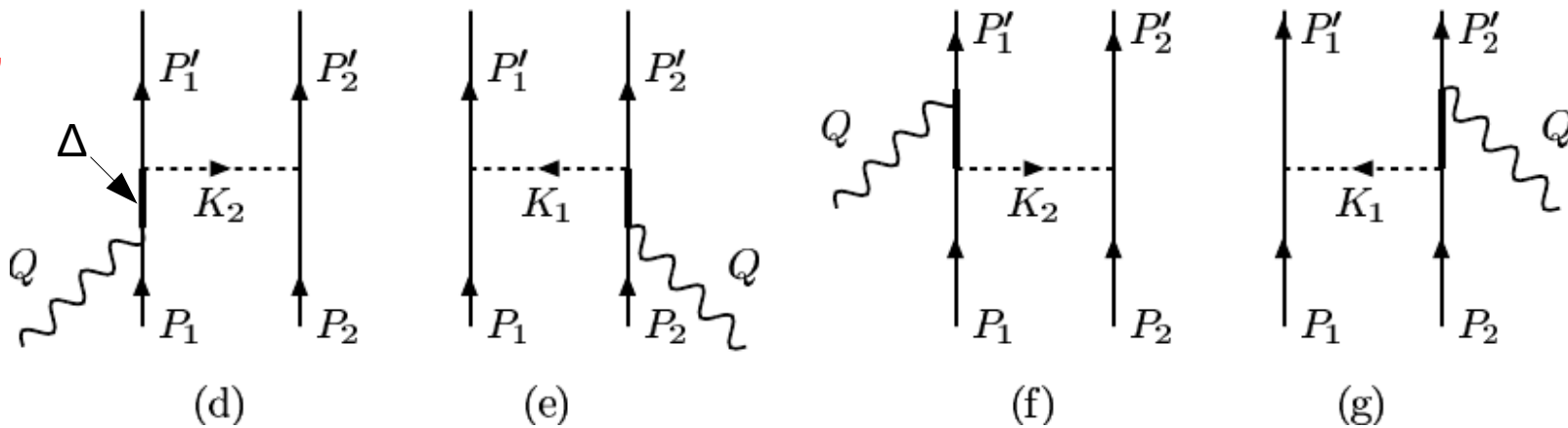
“contact”  
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“pion-in-flight”



“ $\Delta$ -MEC”

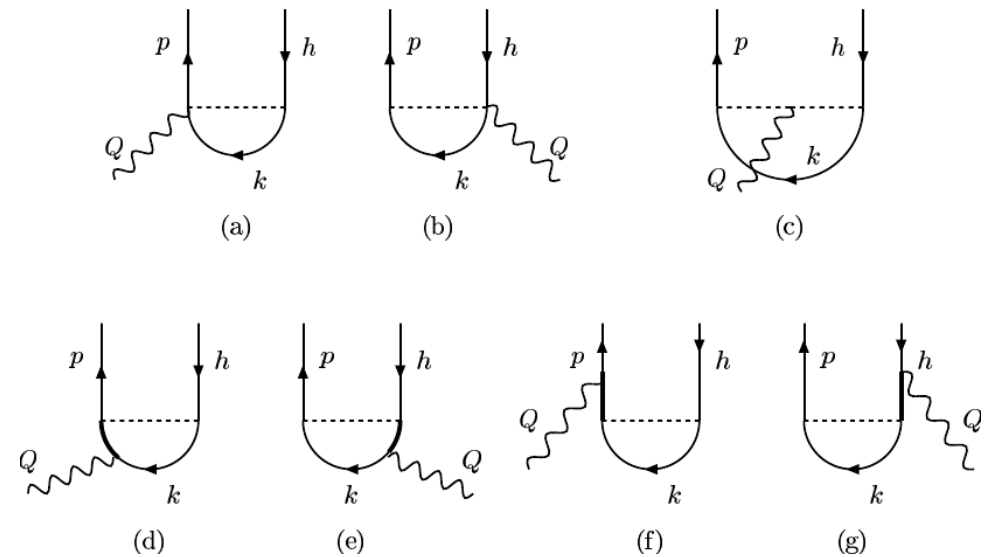


# Meson Exchange Currents: 1p1h and 2p2h many-body diagrams

## 1p-1h sector:

Only contribute inside the RFG response region  $-1 < \psi < 1$ .

The net contribution to (e,e') QEP is **small** due to cancellations between MEC and correlations  
 [Amaro et al., Phys.Rept.368(2002),NPA723 (2003)]

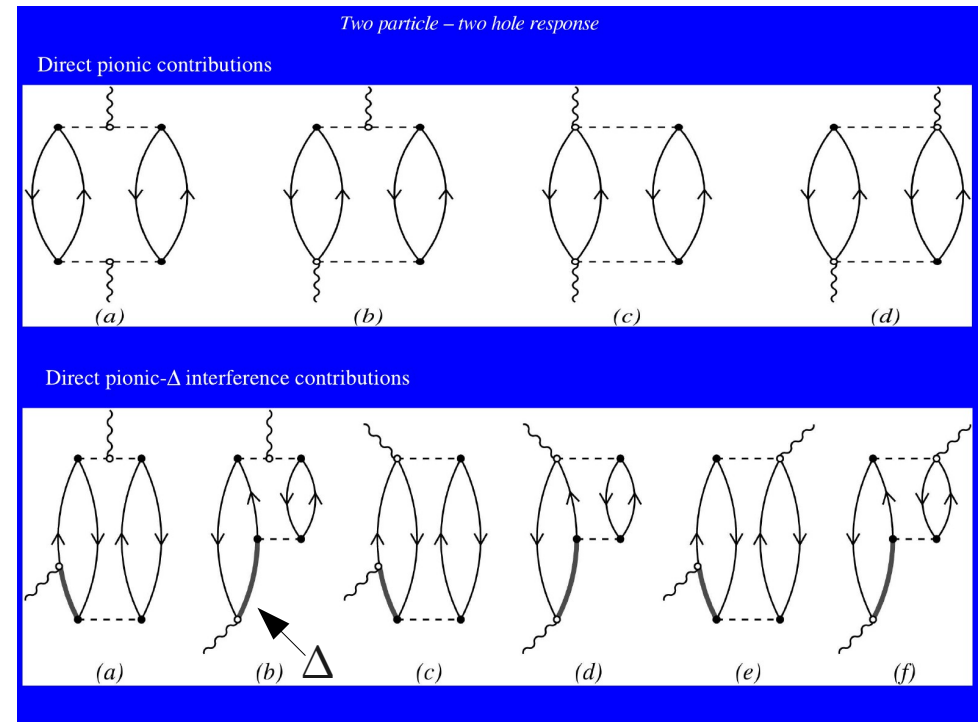


## 2p-2h sector

(just a subset of all possible many-body diagrams involving two pionic lines)

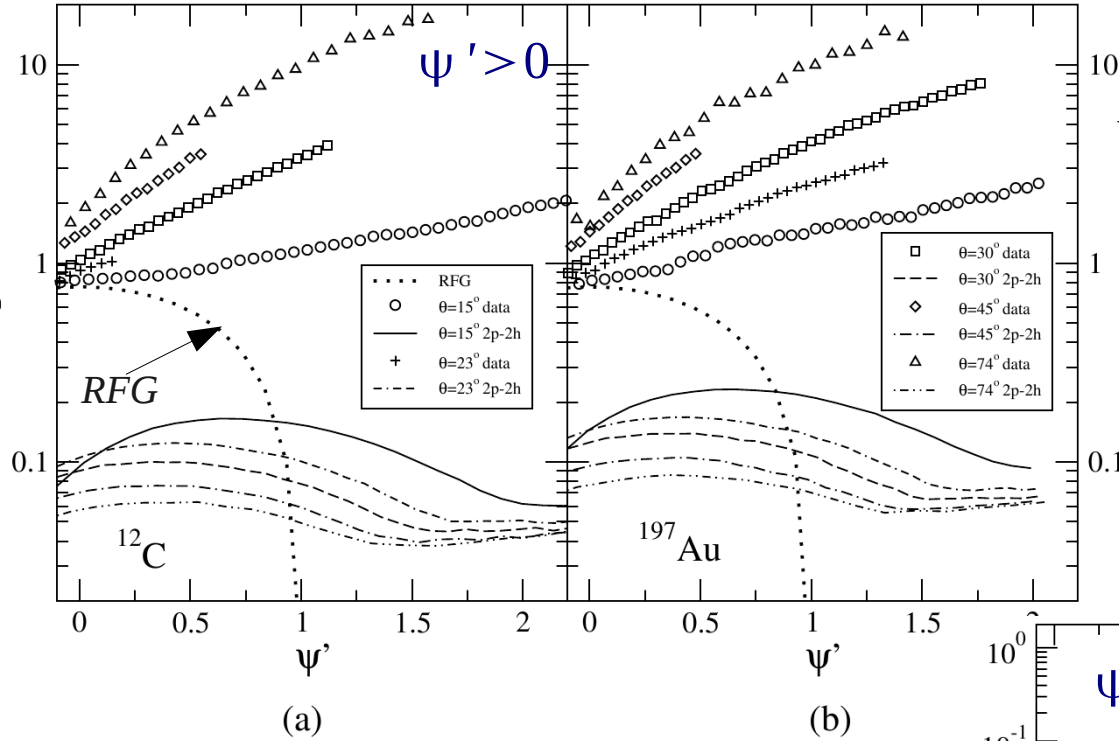


Contribute also outside the RFG response region:  $\psi < -1$  and  $\psi > 1$



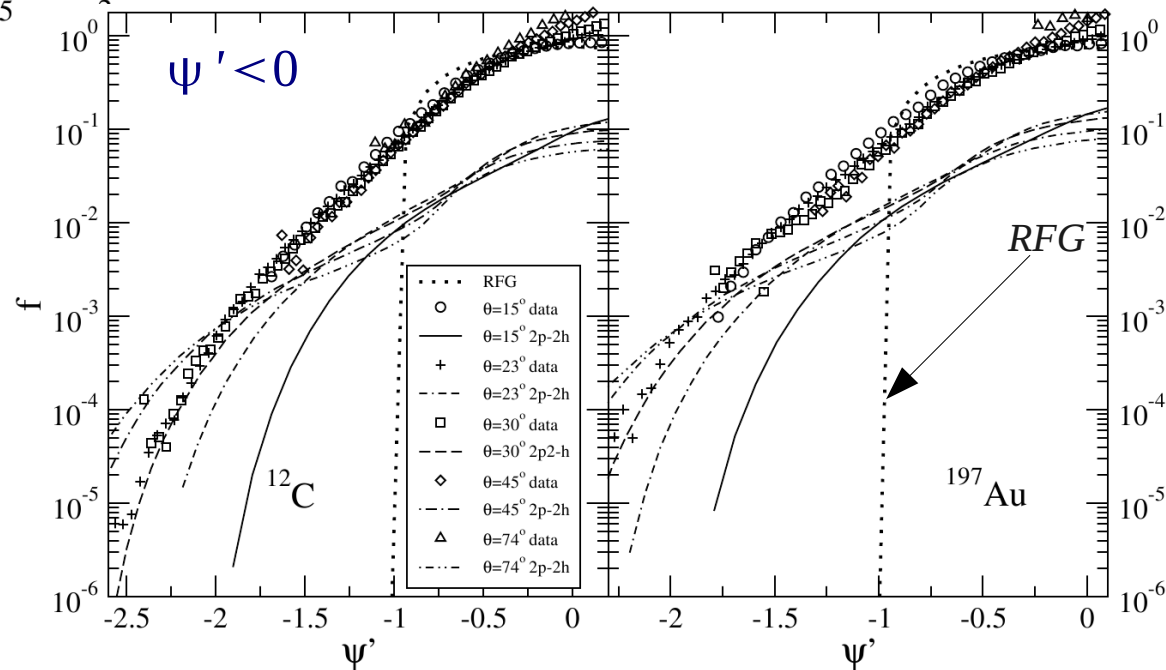
# 2p-2h MEC in electron scattering

De Pace et al., NPA741, 249 (2004), RFG-based calculation



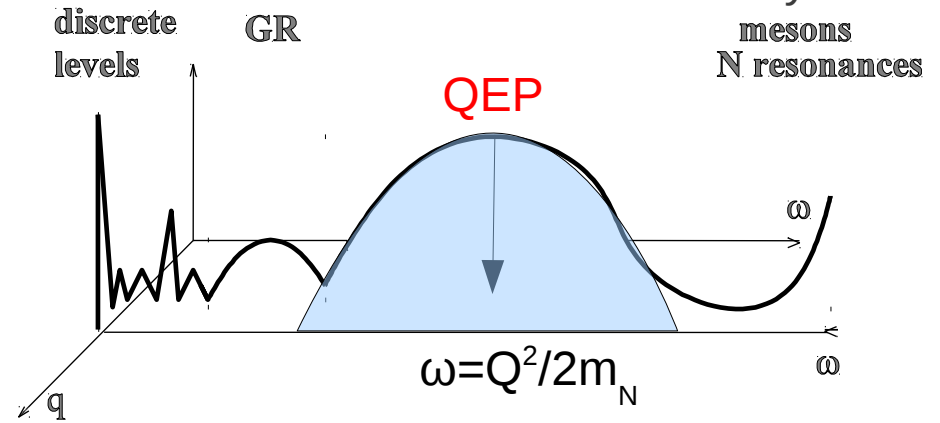
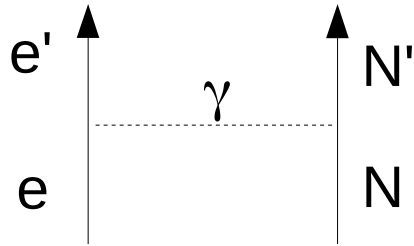
Scaling is broken both above and below the QEP

2p-2h MEC give a **positive** contribution of  $\sim 10$ - $20\%$  outside the QEP, filling the “dip” between the QE and  $\Delta$  peak.



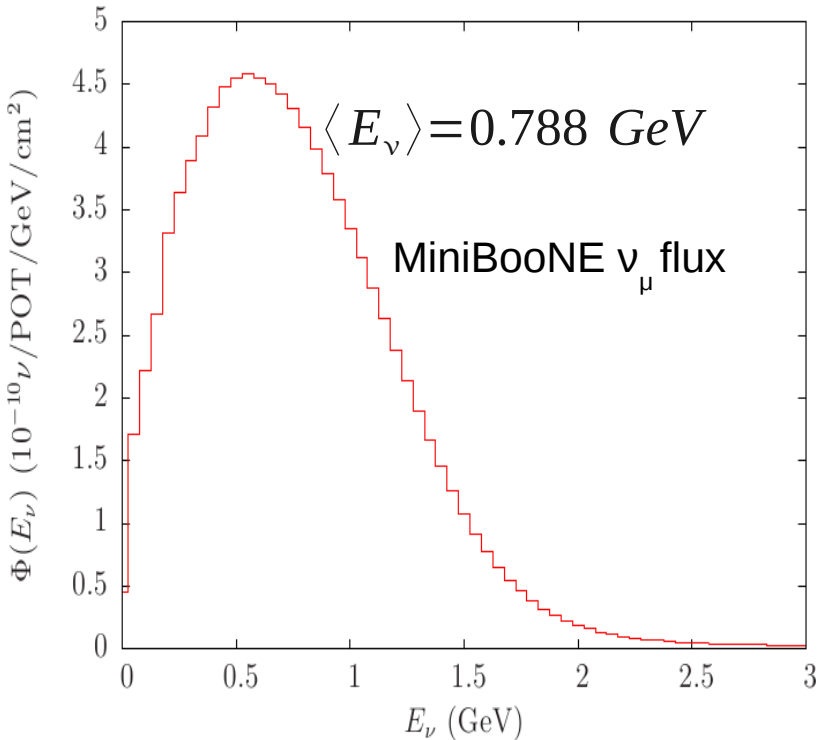
# Why can MEC be relevant in quasielastic neutrino scattering?

In  $(e, e')$  experiments  $E_e$  is well-known and “QE” means that the electron is scattered by an individual nucleon moving inside the nucleus



In  $(\nu_\mu, \mu)$  the neutrino beam is not monochromatic, but it spans a wide range of energies  
 “Flux-averaged” cross section:

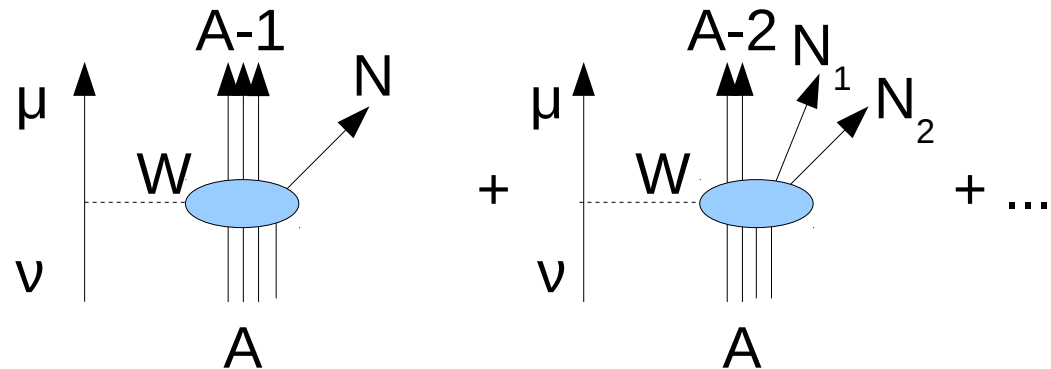
$$\left\langle \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\cos\theta dT_\mu} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\Phi_{tot}} \int \frac{d^2\sigma(E_\nu)}{d\cos\theta dT_\mu} \Phi(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$



Different regions in the  $(q, \omega)$  plane, corresponding to different reaction mechanisms, contribute to each experimental point  $(\theta, T_\mu)$ .

“QE”=no pions in the final state

Processes involving scattering off two or more nucleons must also be considered [Martini et al, Nieves et al]



# 2p-2h MEC in CCQE neutrino scattering

We apply the calculation of NPA741, 249 (2004), which is fully relativistic and RFG-based, to modify the polar-vector transverse response function using CVC

$$R_T = R_T^{VV} + R_T^{AA}$$

within the SuSA approach.

We neglect the MEC contribution to the axial response because the 2p2h sector is not directly reachable in lowest order for the axial-vector matrix elements:

$$\kappa = q/2m_N$$

$$J_0^{V(MEC)} \sim O(\kappa^2)$$

$$\vec{J}^{V(MEC)} \sim O(\kappa)$$

$$J_0^{A(MEC)} \sim O(\kappa)$$

$$\vec{J}^{A(MEC)} \sim O(\kappa^2)$$

N.B. A fully consistent gauge invariant calculation would require also the inclusion of the associated correlation diagrams, not explicitly included in present calculation.

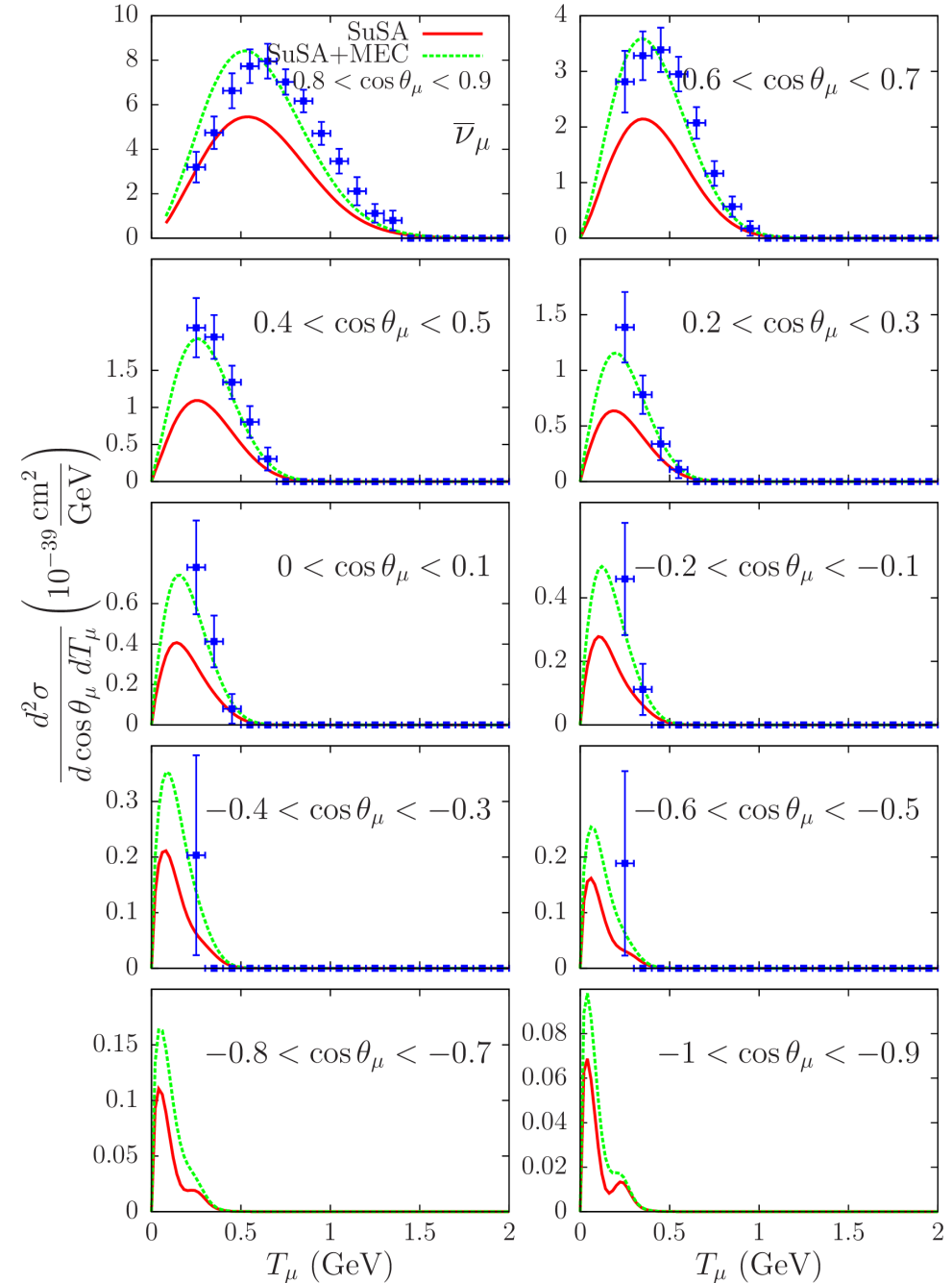
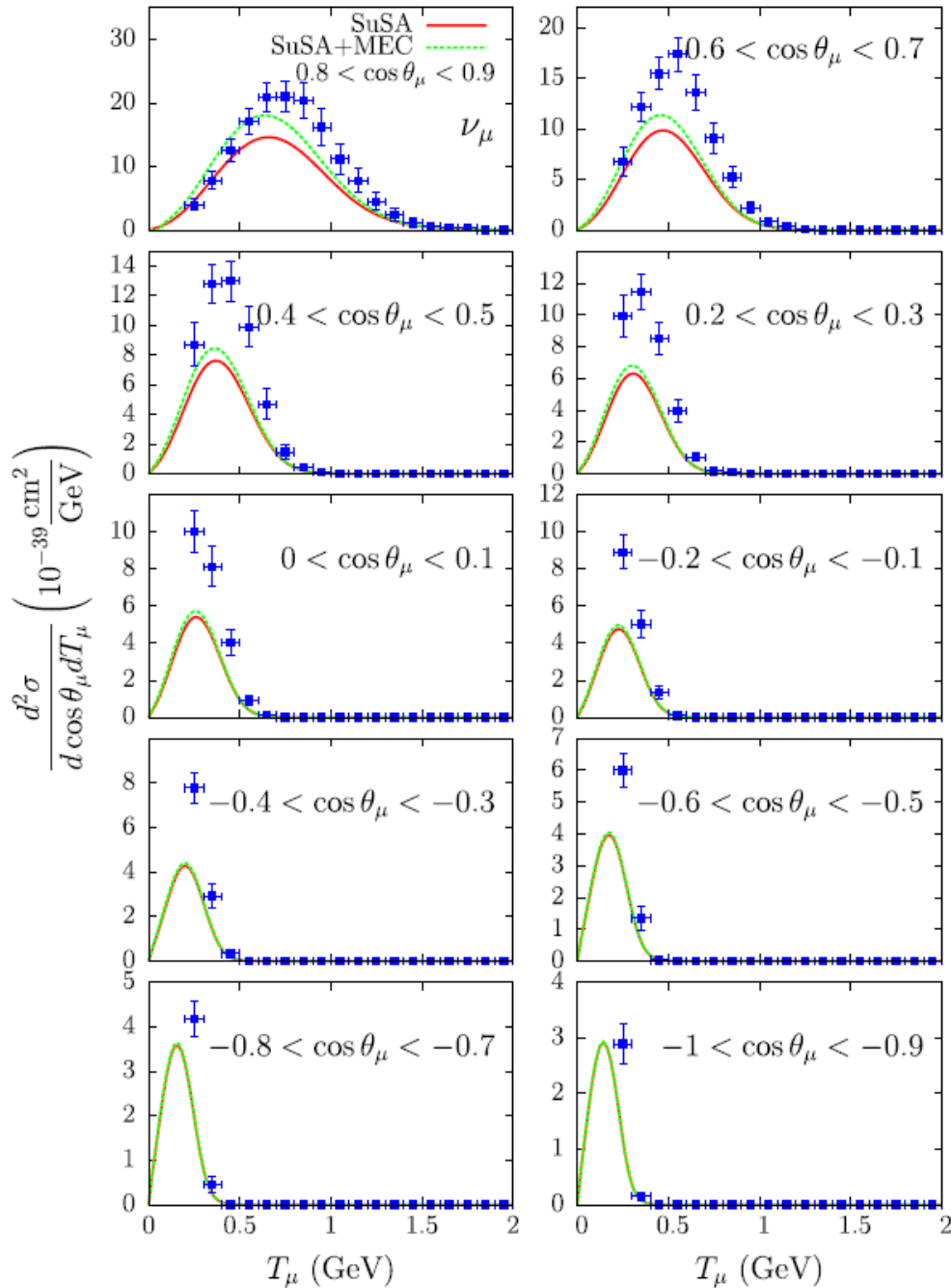
However these are

1) hard to compute because in RFG because of divergences that need to be renormalized

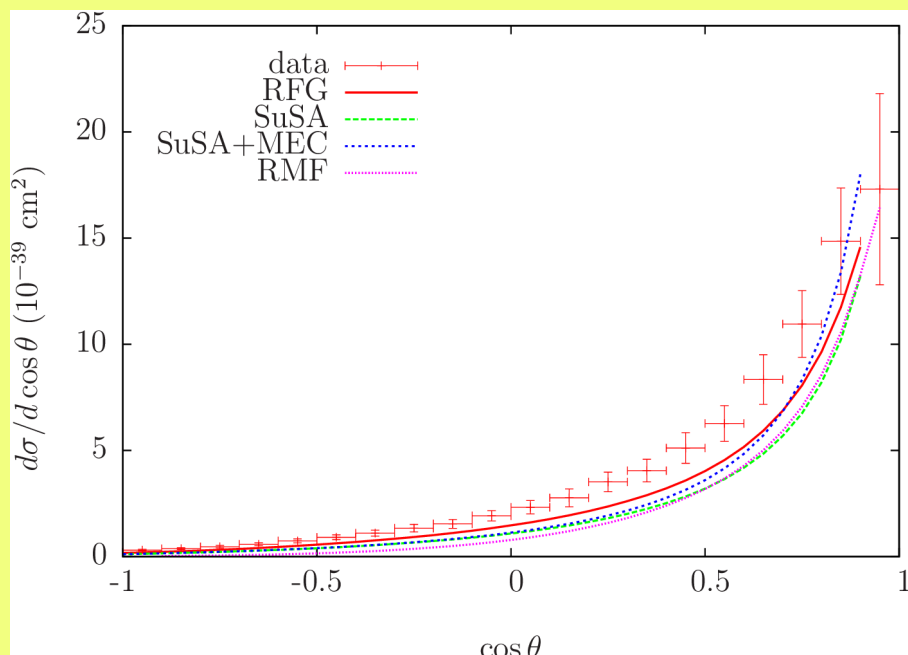
[Amaro et al., Phys.Rev.C82:044601 (2010)]

2) possibly already included in the phenomenological superscaling function, since they also contribute to longitudinal channel

# MiniBooNE data

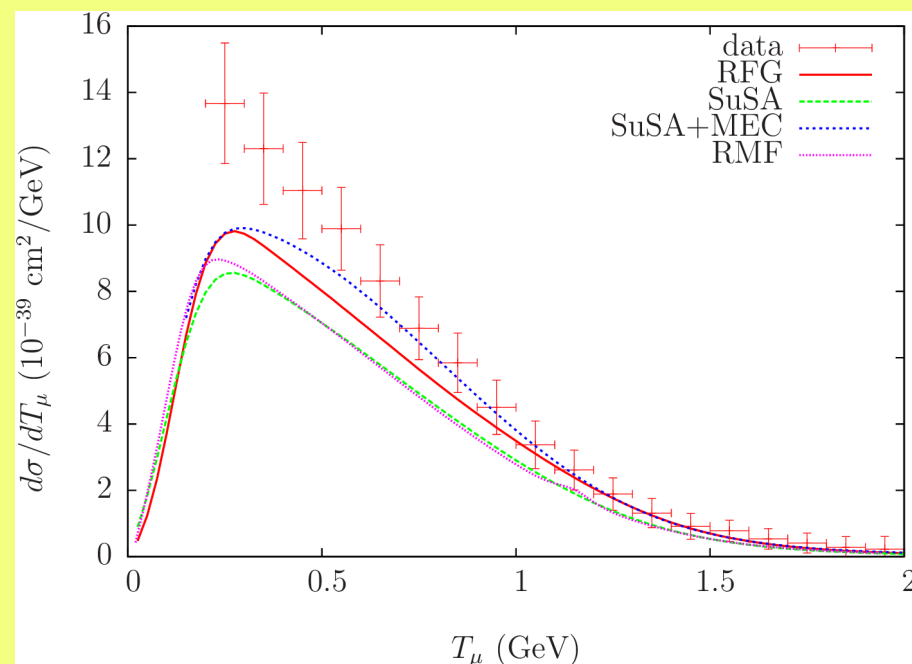


# Comparison with MiniBooNE single differential CC cross sections

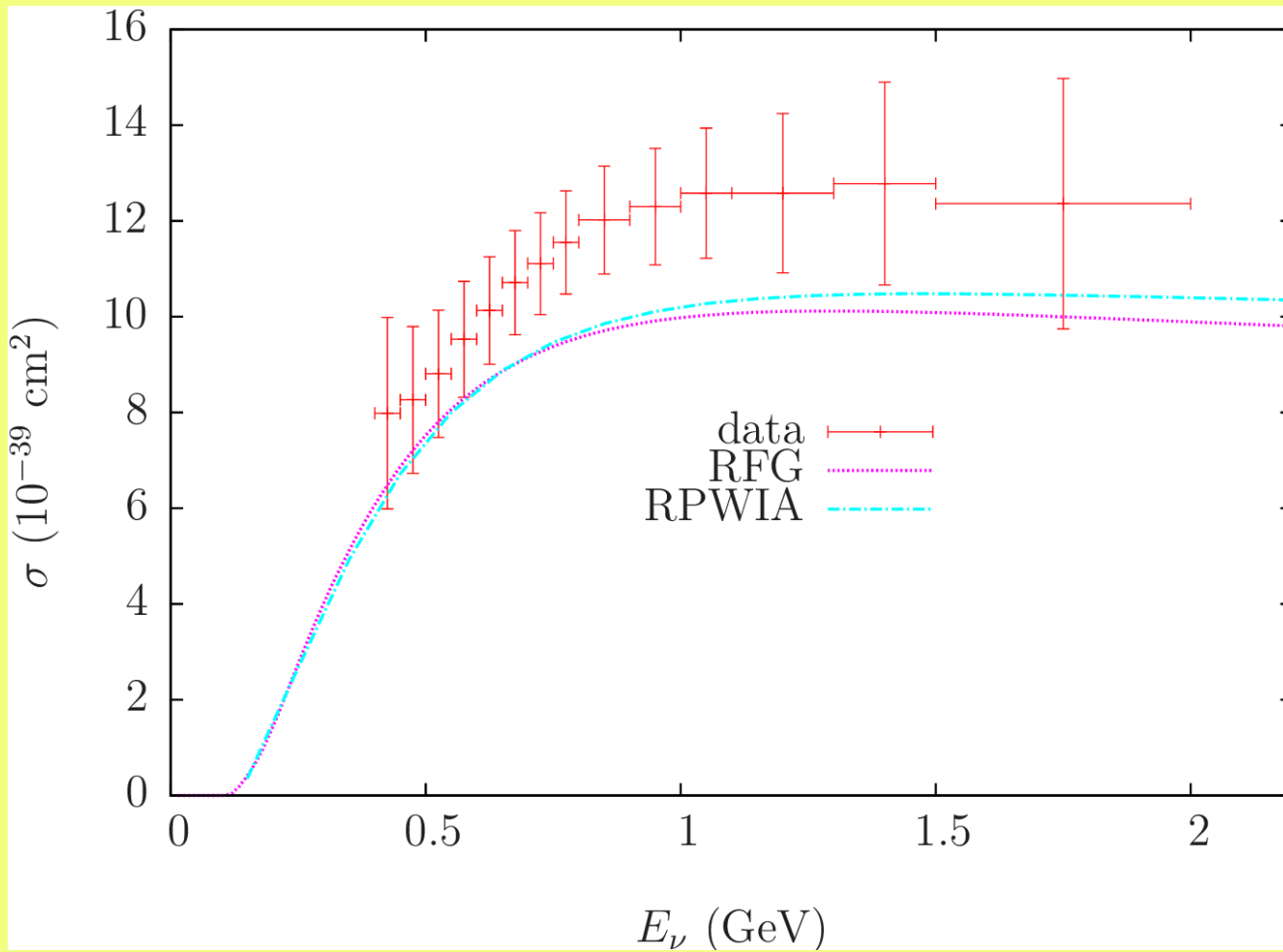


Strength is missing at larger scattering angles ( $\theta > 50^\circ$ )

and lower muon energies ( $T_\mu < 0.4 \text{ GeV}$ )

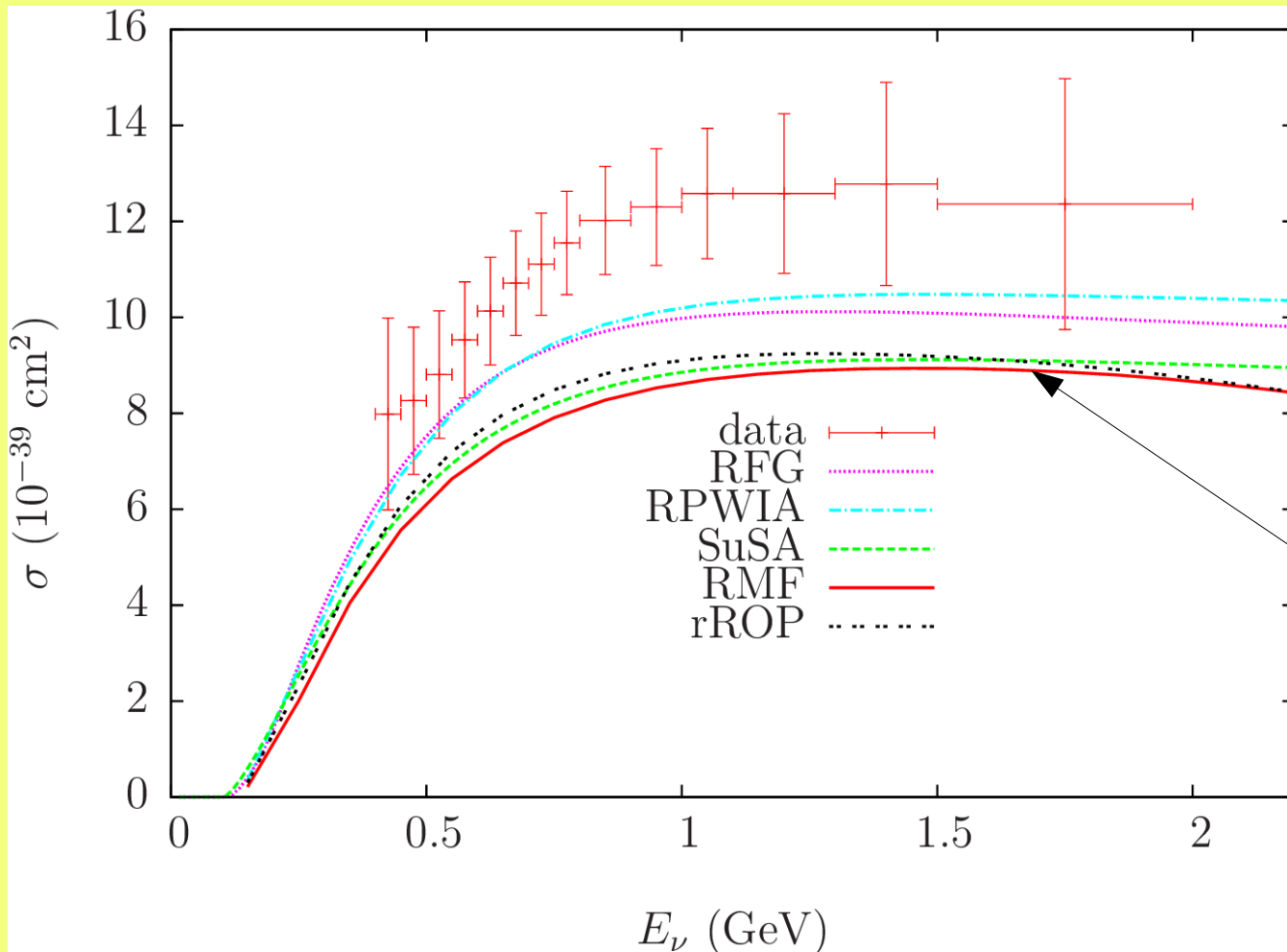


# Total CC cross section





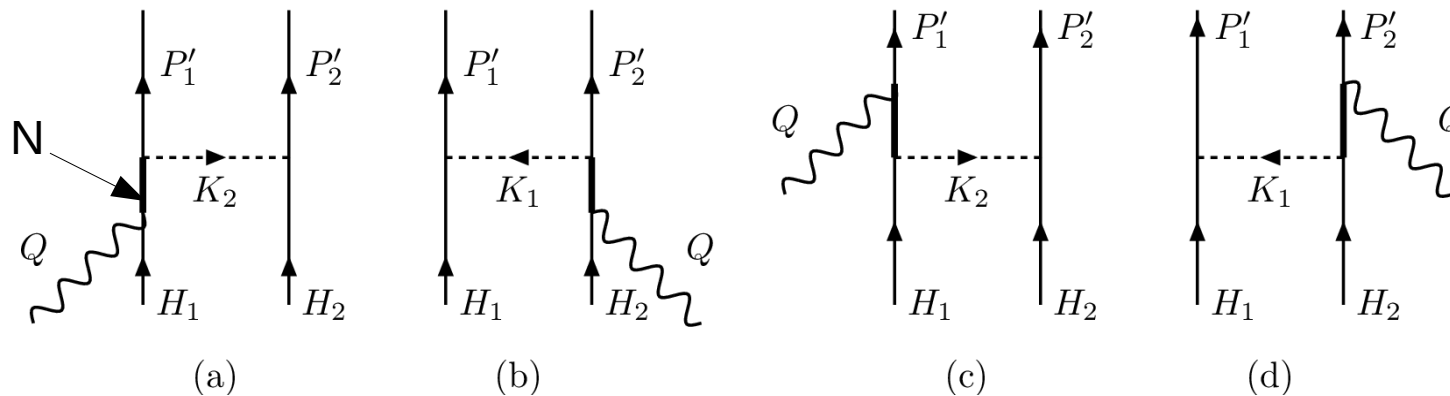
# Total CC cross section



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# Correlation Currents

In order to preserve **gauge invariance correlation diagrams**, where the virtual boson attaches to one of two interacting nucleons, must be also considered:



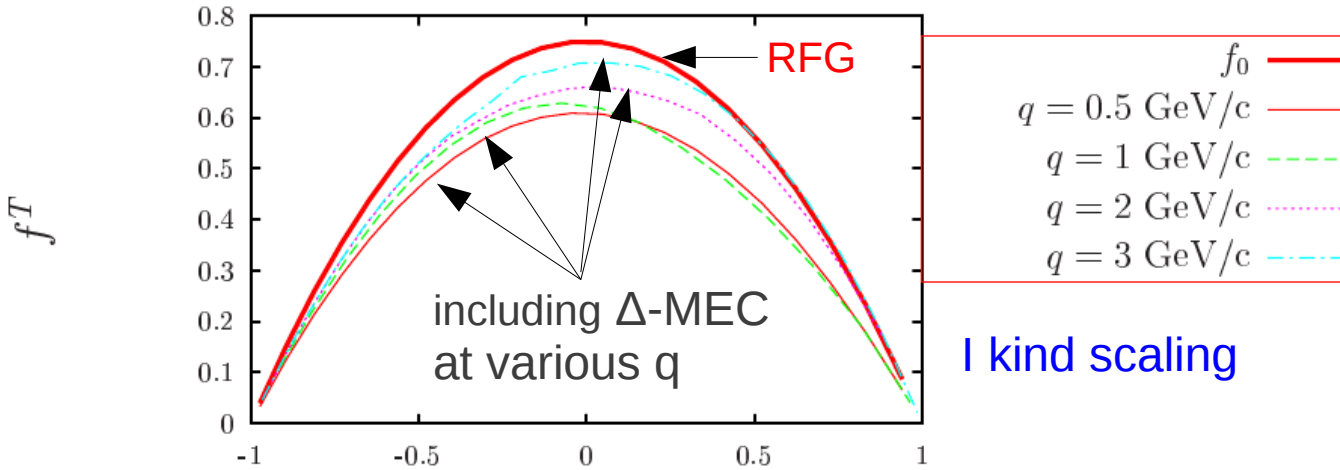
The total two-body current is conserved:

$$\partial^\mu J_{\mu}^{(2)} = 0$$

Correlation currents contribute to **both longitudinal and transverse** channels.

# 1p-1h MEC in electron scattering

Amaro et al., NPA723, 181 (2003)

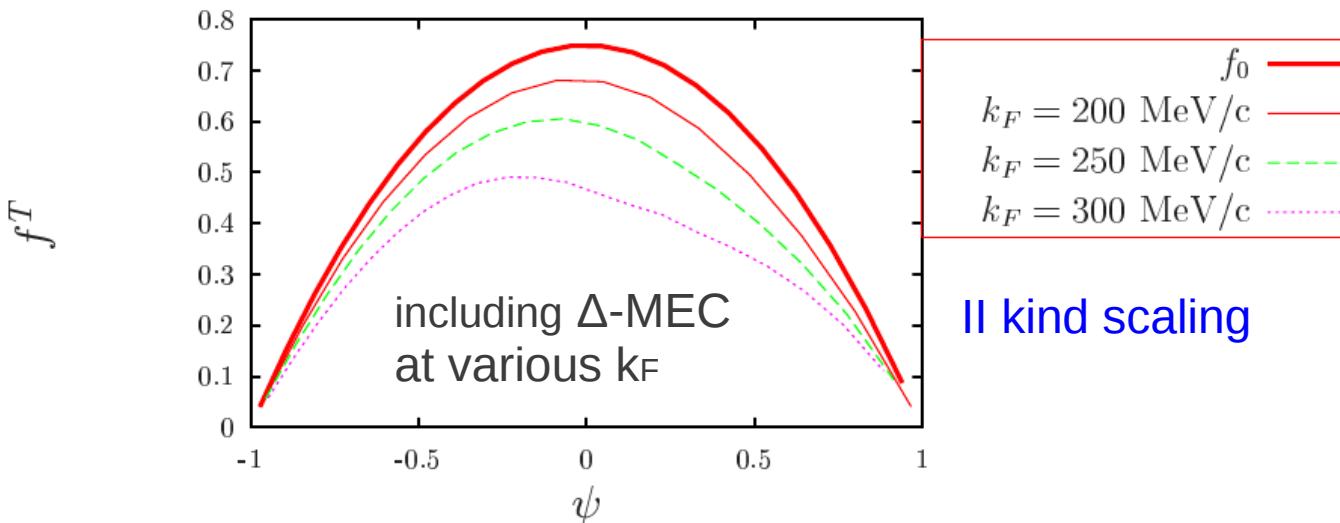


I kind scaling

The response is calculated on the RFG basis and is mainly **transverse** (although relativistically there is a small L contribution)

The  **$\Delta$ -MEC** give the dominant contribution

Both kinds of **scaling** are **violated**



II kind scaling

The net contribution to the cross section is **negative**

However **correlation** diagrams needed to preserve **gauge invariance** give a **positive** contribution which roughly compensate MEC

The total contribution of MEC+correlations in the 1p-1h sector is small

# Expressions for the $\pi$ -exchange currents

$$J_{(2)}^\mu = J_{(s)}^\mu + J_{(\pi)}^\mu + J_{(\Delta)}^\mu$$

“Seagull”:

$$J_{(s)}^\mu(p'_1, p'_2; p_1, p_2) = \frac{f^2}{m_\pi^2} i \epsilon_{3ab} \bar{u}(p'_1) \tau_a \gamma_5 \gamma^\nu K_{1\nu} u(p_1) \frac{F_1^\nu}{K_1^2 - m_\pi^2} \bar{u}(p'_2) \tau_b \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu u(p_2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

“Pion-in-flight”:

$$J_{(\pi)}^\mu(p'_1, p'_2; p_1, p_2) = \frac{f^2}{m_\pi^2} i \epsilon_{3ab} \bar{u}(p'_1) \tau_a \gamma_5 \gamma^\nu K_{1\nu} u(p_1) \frac{F_\pi (K_1 - K_2)^\mu}{(K_1^2 - m_\pi^2)(K_2^2 - m_\pi^2)} \bar{u}(p'_2) \tau_b \gamma_5 \gamma^\rho K_{2\rho} u(p_2)$$

“ $\Delta$ -MEC”:

$$J_{(\Delta)}^\mu(p'_1, p'_2; p_1, p_2) = \frac{f_{\pi N \Delta} f}{m_\pi^2} \bar{u}(p'_1) T_a^\mu(1) \gamma_5 u(p_1) \frac{1}{K_2^2 - m_\pi^2} \bar{u}(p'_2) \tau_a \gamma_5 \gamma^\nu K_{2\nu} u(p_2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

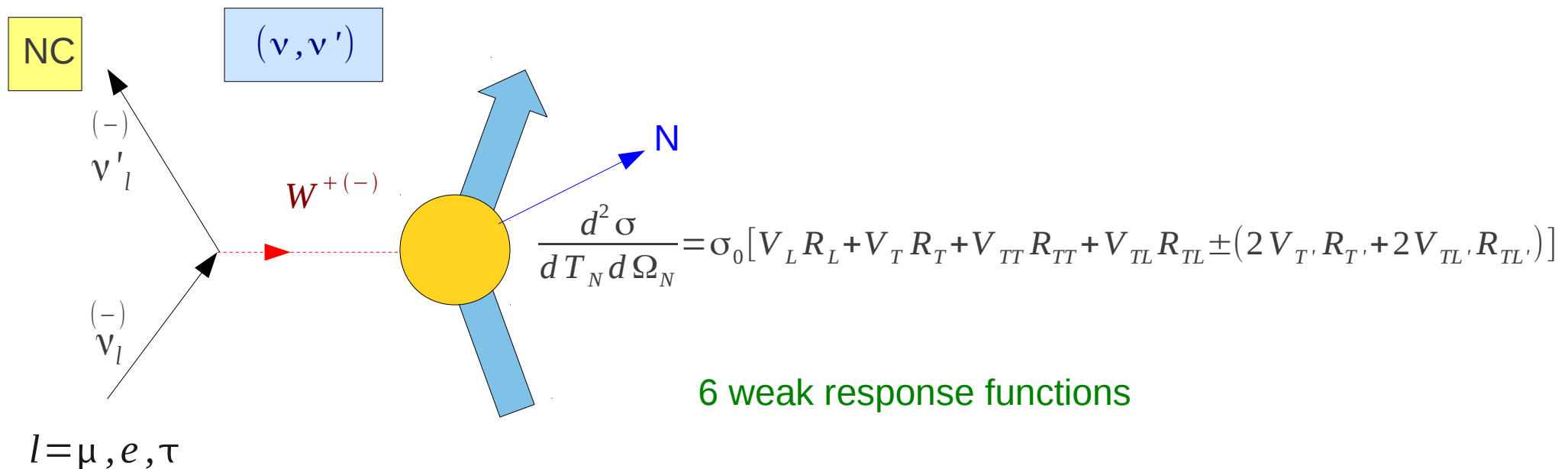
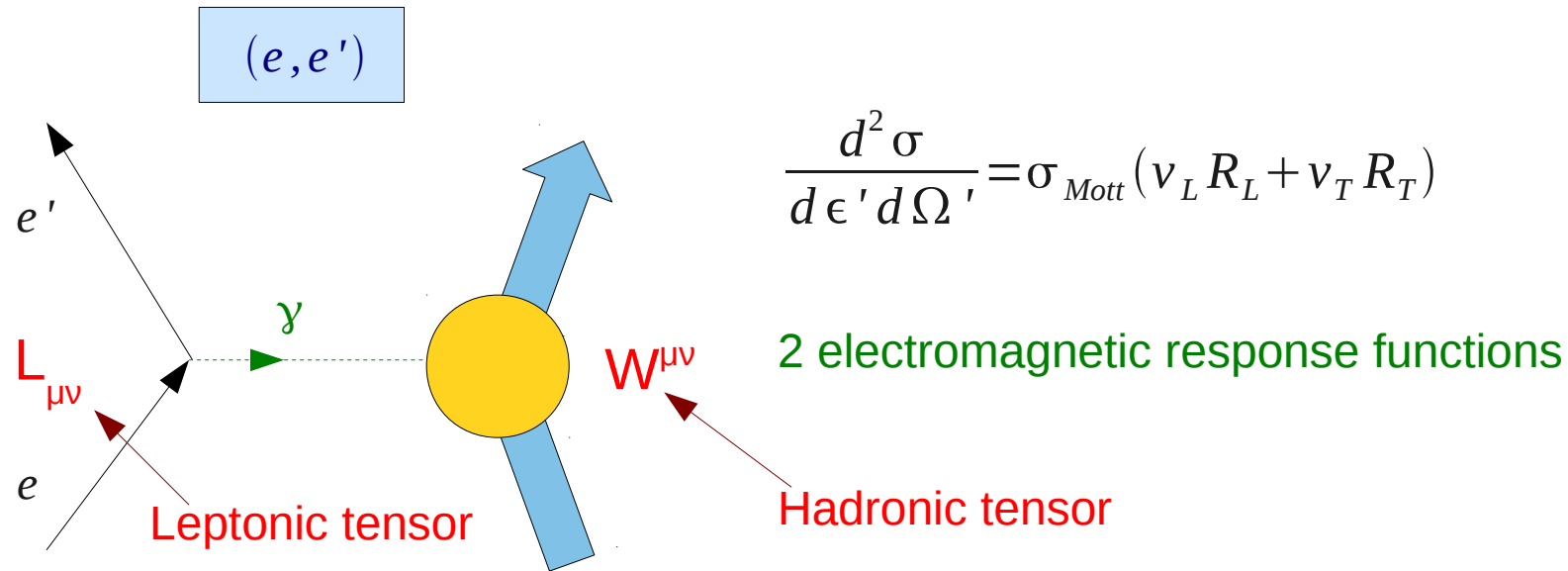
$$T_a^\mu(1) = K_{2\alpha} \Theta^{\alpha\beta} G_{\beta\rho}^\Delta (H_1 + Q) S_f^{\rho\mu} (H_1) T_a T_3 + T_3 T_a S_b^{\rho\mu} (P'_1) G_{\rho\beta}^\Delta (P'_1 - Q) \Theta^{\beta\alpha} K_{2\alpha}$$

$$\Theta^{\alpha\beta} = g^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{4} \gamma^\alpha \gamma^\beta$$

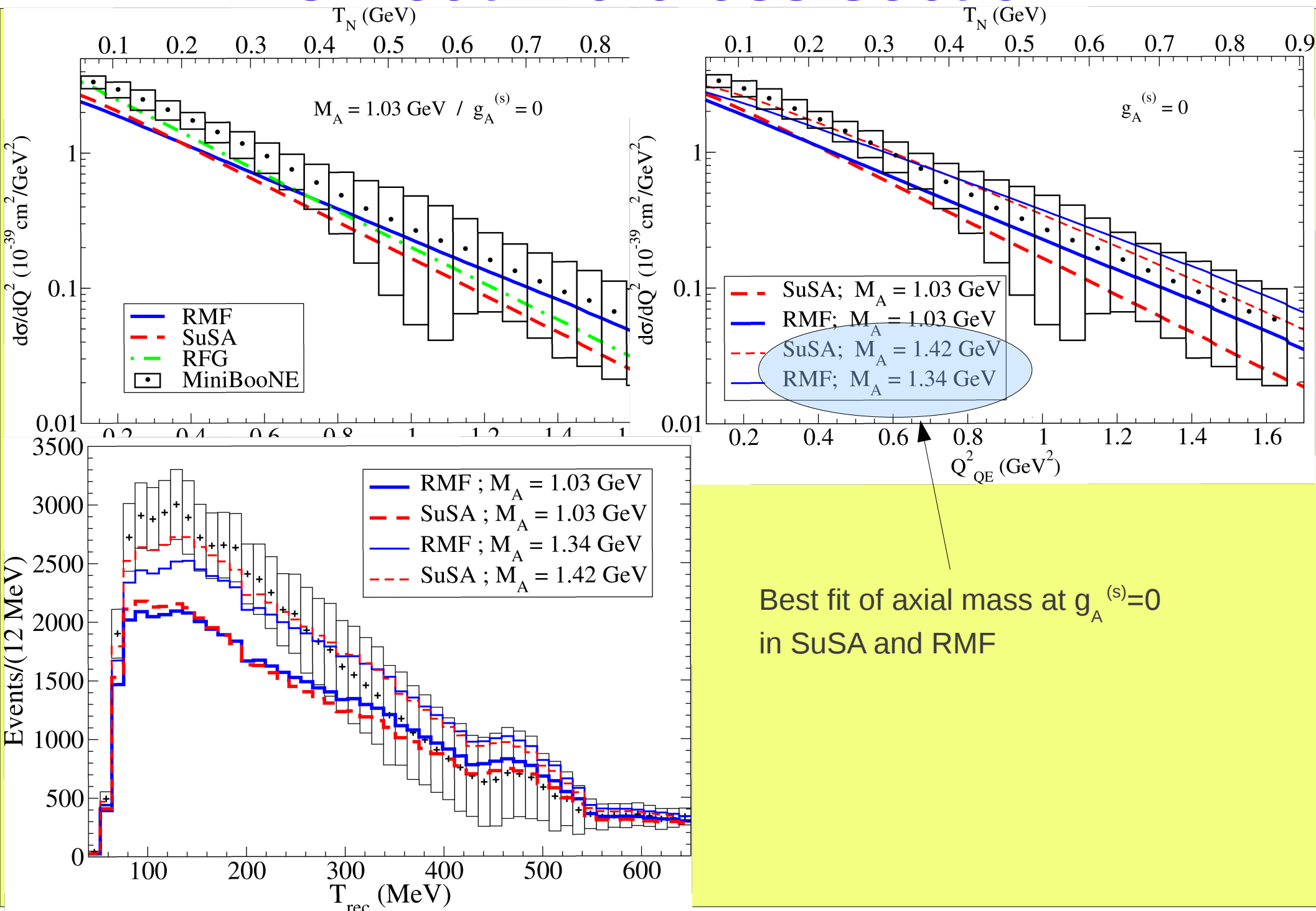
Rarita-Schwinger propagator

Forward and backward  $\Delta$ -electroexcitation tensors

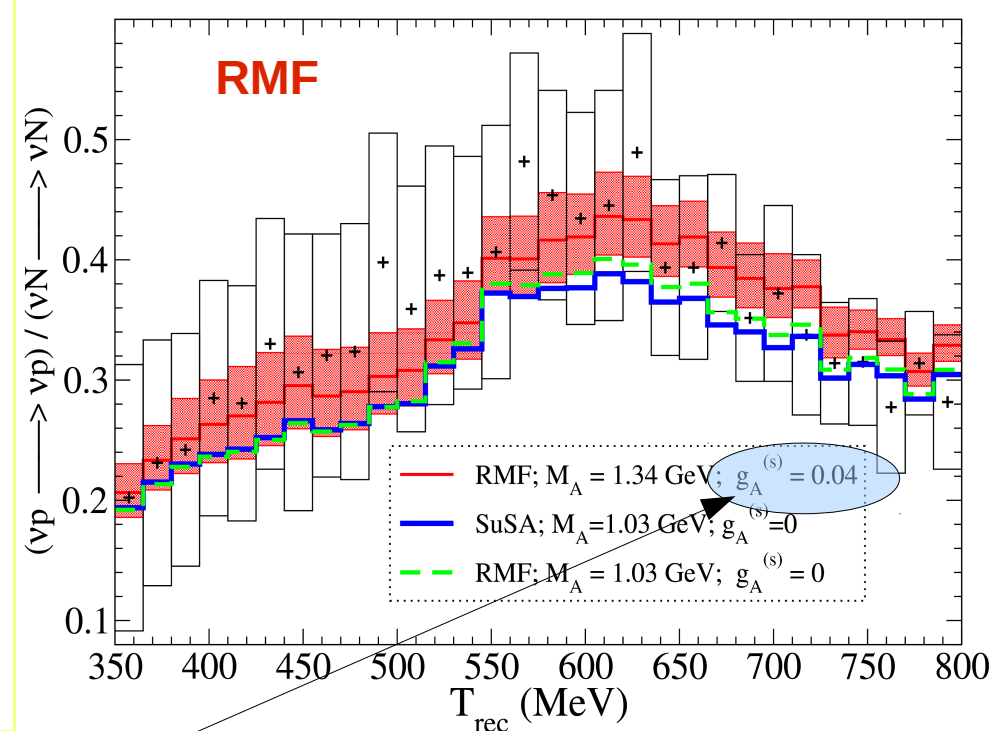
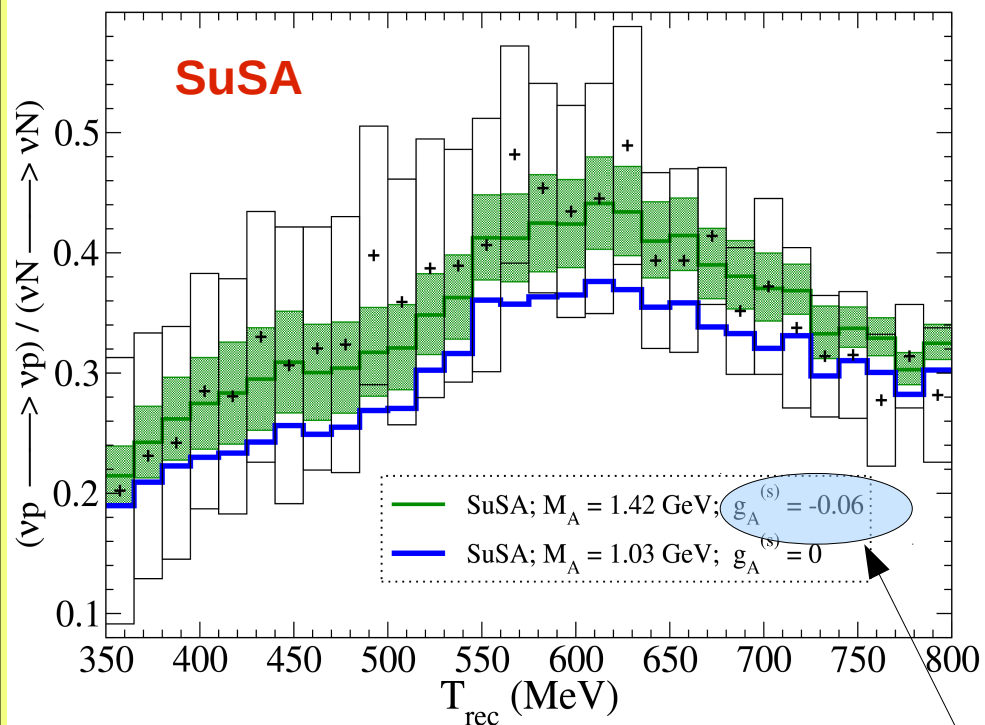
# Formalism: (l,l') inclusive scattering



# NC neutrino cross section



# NC p/N ratio: axial strangeness



Best fits of  $g_A^{(s)}$  at fixed  $M_A$

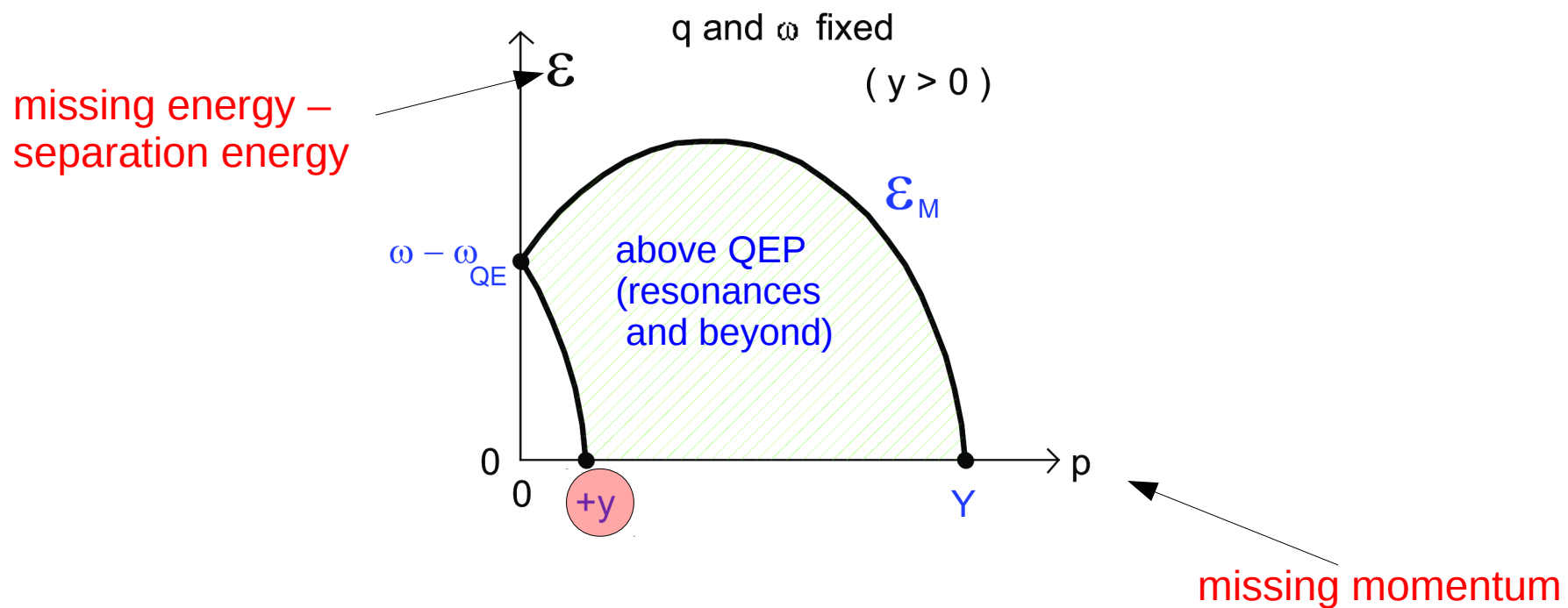
$g_A^{(s)} = -0.06 \pm 0.31$  SuSA ( $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 31.3/29$ )

$g_A^{(s)} = +0.04 \pm 0.28$  RMF ( $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 33.6/29$ )

The dependence upon the nuclear model is essentially canceled in the ratio

# Quasielastic kinematics and $y$ -scaling

For each value of  $q$  and  $\omega$ , evaluating the  $(e, e')$  cross section implies an integral over the kinematically allowed region for the semi-inclusive reaction  $(e, e'N)$ :



$$y \cong y_{\infty} = \sqrt{\bar{\omega}(2m_N + \bar{\omega})} - q$$

$$\bar{\omega} \equiv \omega - E_S$$



# Formalism: Quasi-elastic peak

- Dominant reaction mechanism is CCQE



- Single nucleon current:  $j^{\mu} = j_V^{\mu} - j_A^{\mu}$

$$j_V^{\mu} = \bar{u}(P') \left( \tilde{F}_1 \gamma^{\mu} + \frac{i}{2m_N} \tilde{F}_2 \sigma^{\mu\nu} Q_{\nu} \right) u(P) \rightarrow R_L^{VV} = \frac{\kappa^2}{\tau} [\tilde{G}_E^{(1)}]^2, \quad R_T^{VV} = 2\tau [\tilde{G}_M^{(1)}]^2$$

$$j_A^{\mu} = \bar{u}(P') \left( \tilde{G}_A \gamma^{\mu} + \frac{1}{2m_N} \tilde{G}_P Q^{\mu} \right) \gamma_5 u(P) \rightarrow R_{LL}^{AA} = \frac{\kappa^2}{\lambda^2} R_{CC}^{AA} = \frac{-\kappa}{\lambda} R_{CL}^{AA} = \frac{\kappa^2}{\tau} [\tilde{G}_A^{(1)} - \tau \tilde{G}_P^{(1)}]^2$$

$$R_T^{AA} = 2(1+\tau) [\tilde{G}_A^{(1)}]^2, \quad R_{T'}^{VA} = 2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \tilde{G}_M^{(1)} \tilde{G}_A^{(1)}$$

$$\kappa = q/(2m_N), \quad \lambda = \omega/(2m_N), \quad \tau = \kappa^2 - \lambda^2 \quad \text{dimensionless variables}$$

- The nuclear weak responses  $R_i$  are
  - purely isovector
  - typically transverse and
  - have vector-vector (VV), axial-axial (AA) and vector-axial (VA) contributions

# Scaling in the Delta region

- 1) subtract the QE contribution obtained from Superscaling hypothesis

$$\left[ \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} \right]_{\Delta'} = \left[ \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} \right]_{\text{exp}} - \left[ \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} \right]_{\text{QE}}$$

- 2) divide by the elementary  $N \rightarrow \Delta$  cross section

$$F_{\Delta'} = \frac{\left[ \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} \right]_{\Delta'}}{\sigma_M (v_L G_L^\Delta + v_T G_T^\Delta)}$$

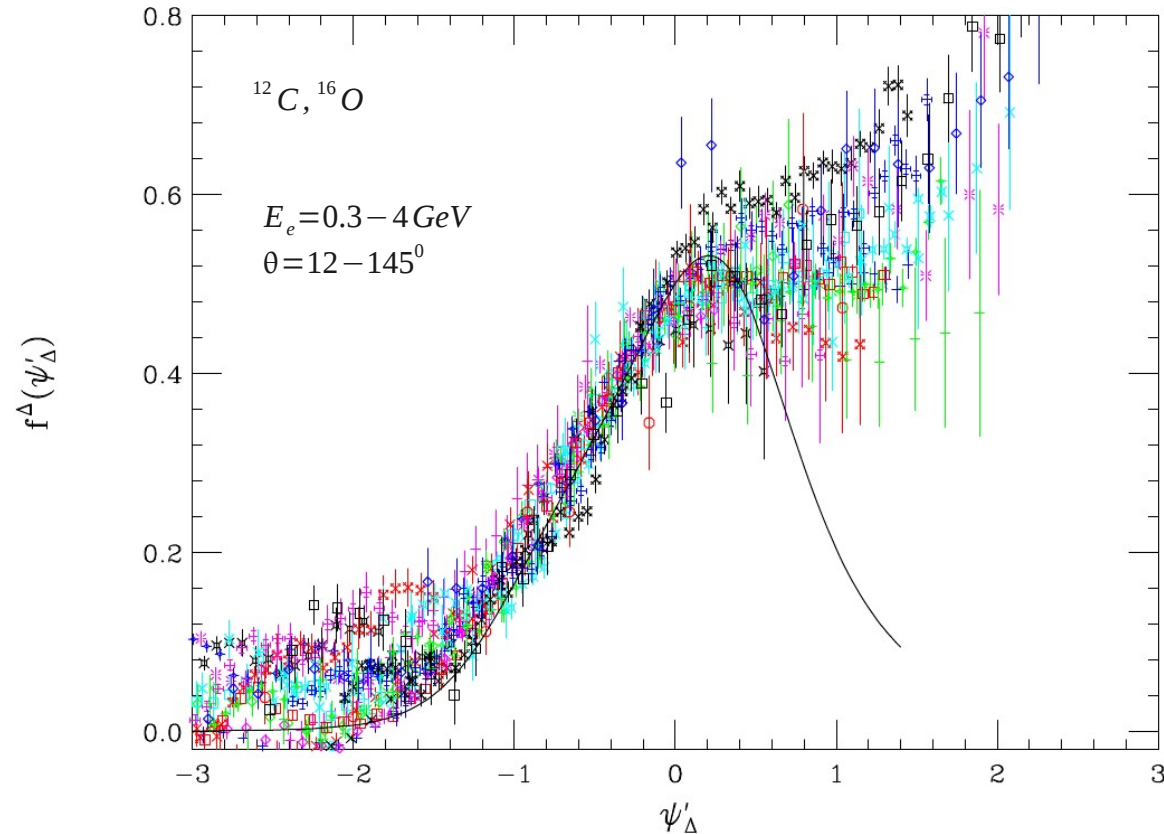
- 3) multiply by the Fermi momentum

$$f_{\Delta'} = k_F F_{\Delta'}$$

- 4) plot versus the appropriate scaling variable

$$\Psi_\Delta = \psi(q\rho, \omega\rho)$$

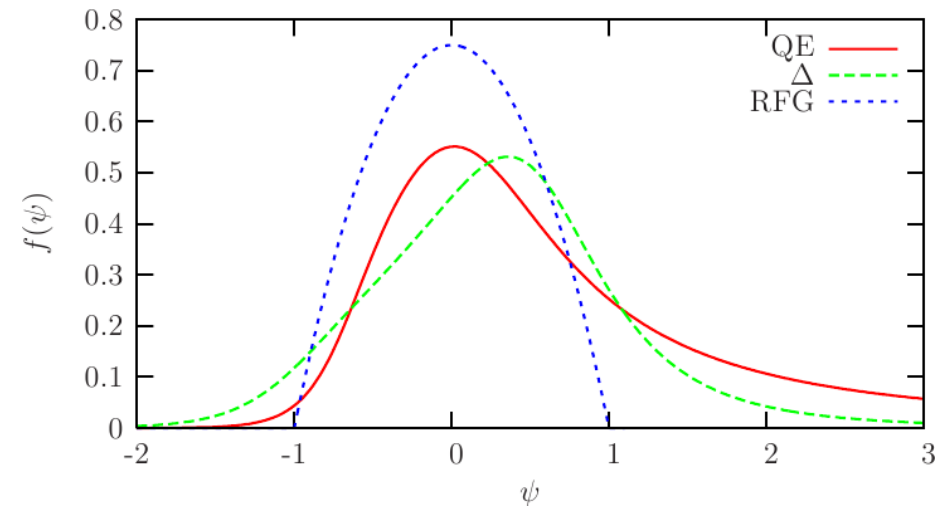
$$\rho = 1 + \frac{1}{4\tau} (m_\Delta^2/m_N^2 - 1) \quad \text{inelasticity}$$



Amaro, Barbaro, Caballero, Donnelly, Molinari, Sick, PRC71 (2005)

This approach can work only at  $\Psi_\Delta < 0$ , since at  $\Psi_\Delta > 0$  other resonances and the tail of DIS contribute

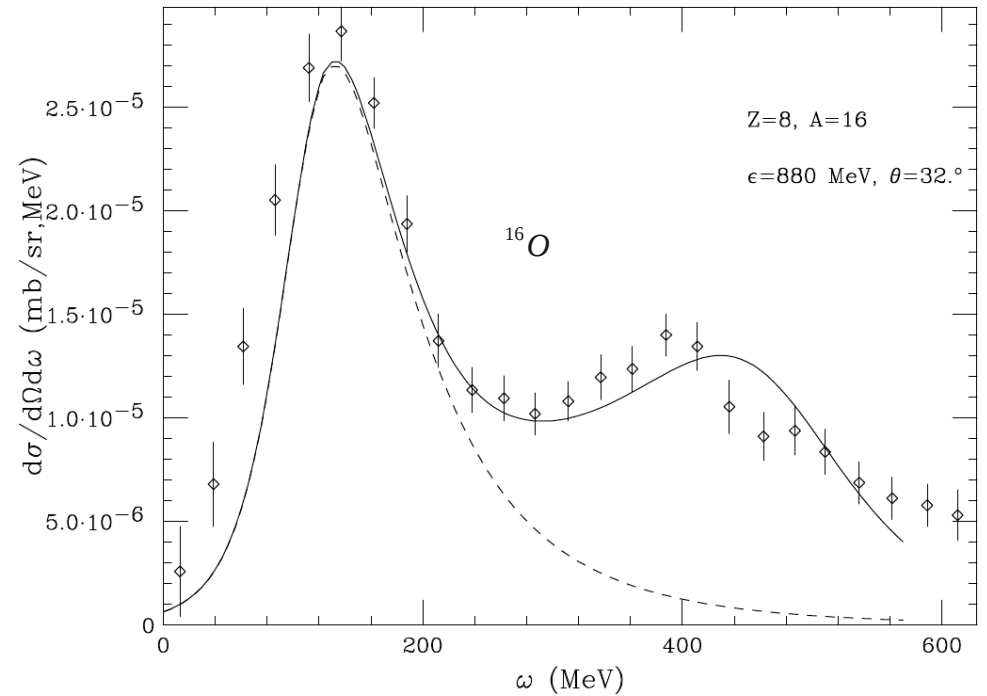
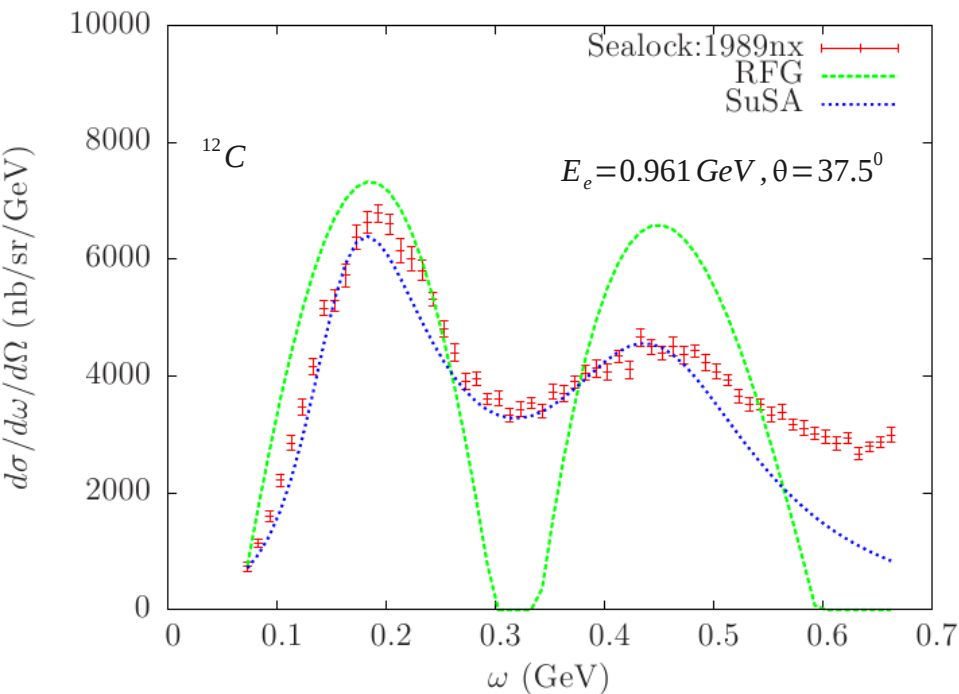
# Test of the super-scaling function



$$R_L(q, \omega) = G_L(q, \omega) f_{QE}(\psi) + G_L^\Delta(q, \omega) f_\Delta(\psi_\Delta)$$

$$R_T(q, \omega) = G_T(q, \omega) f_{QE}(\psi) + G_T^\Delta(q, \omega) f_\Delta(\psi_\Delta)$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott} (v_L R_L + v_T R_T)$$



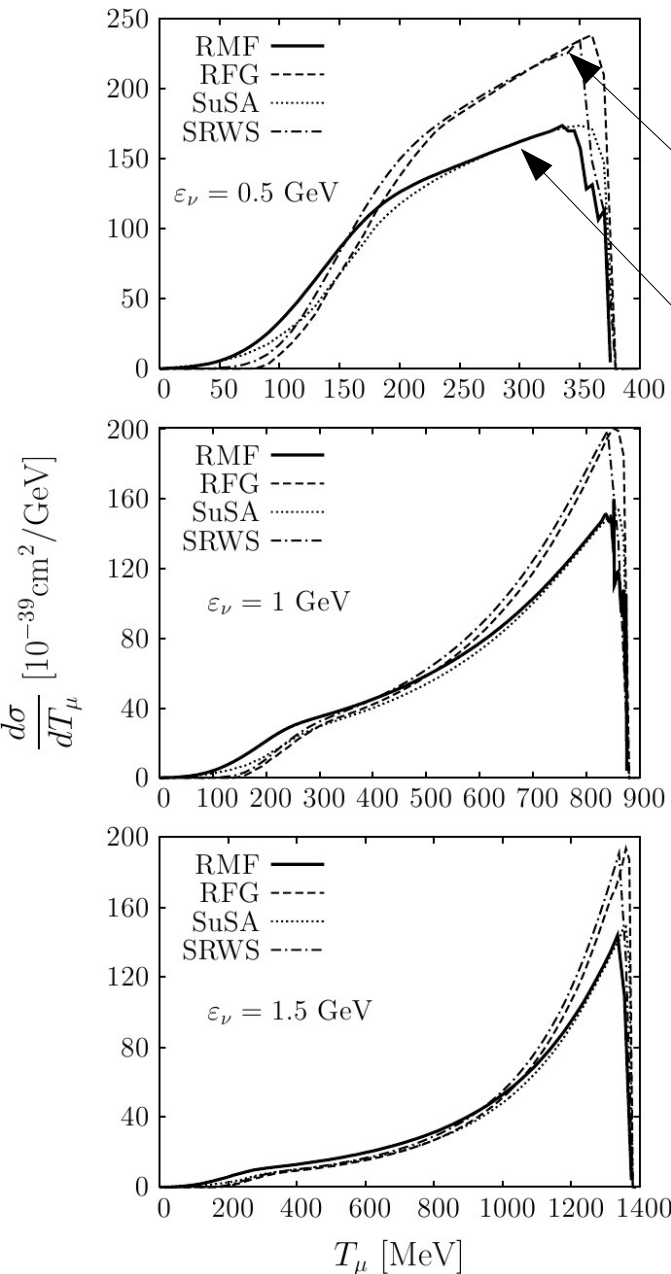
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# Integrated cross sections

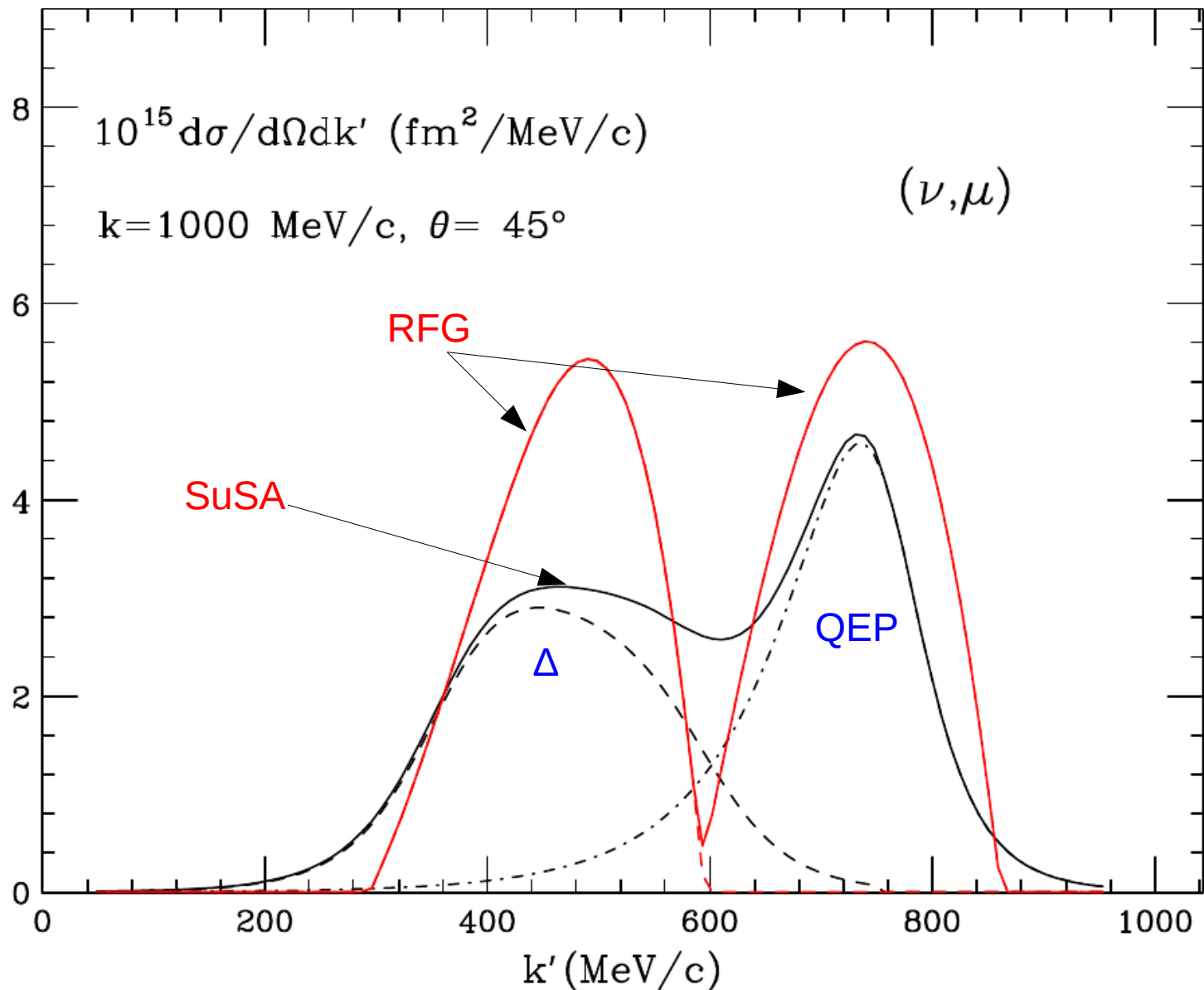
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Relativistic Fermi Gas  $\approx$  Semi-relativistic Shell Model

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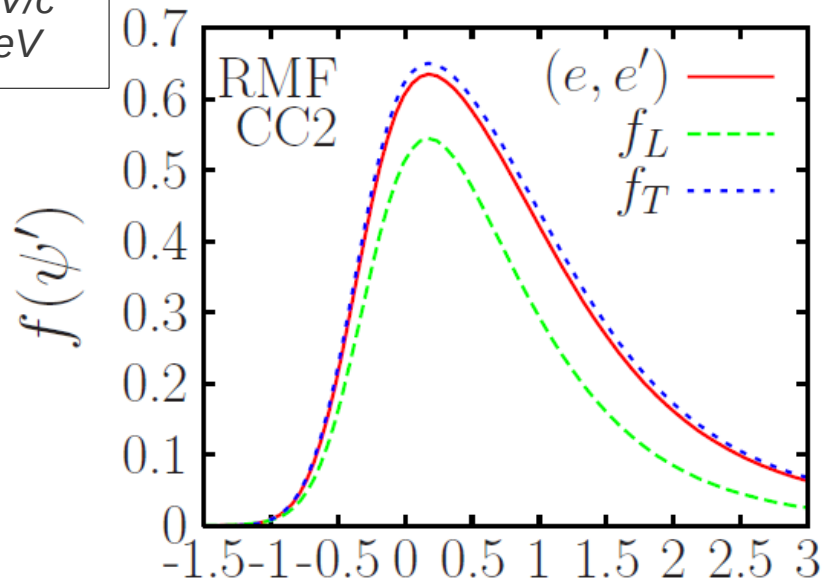


# CC neutrino cross section in SuSA model



# Transverse enhancement in the RMF model

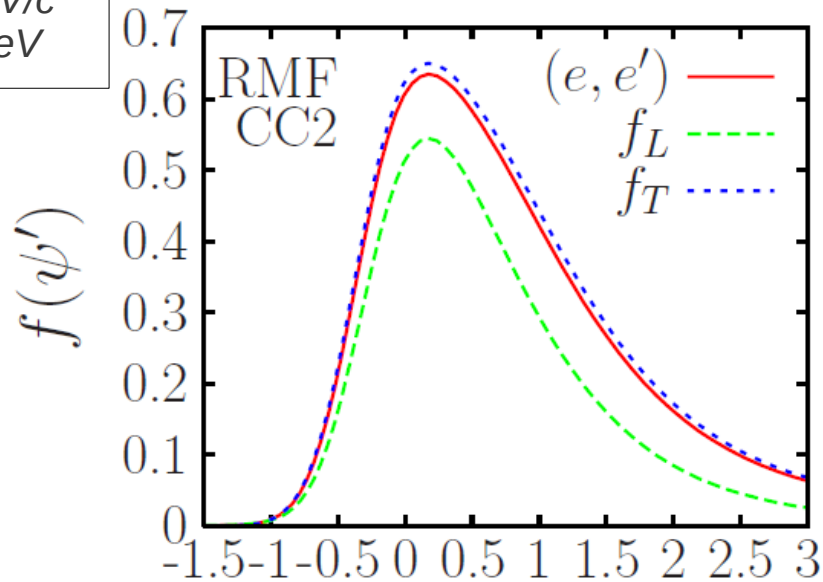
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 $E_e=1 \text{ GeV}$



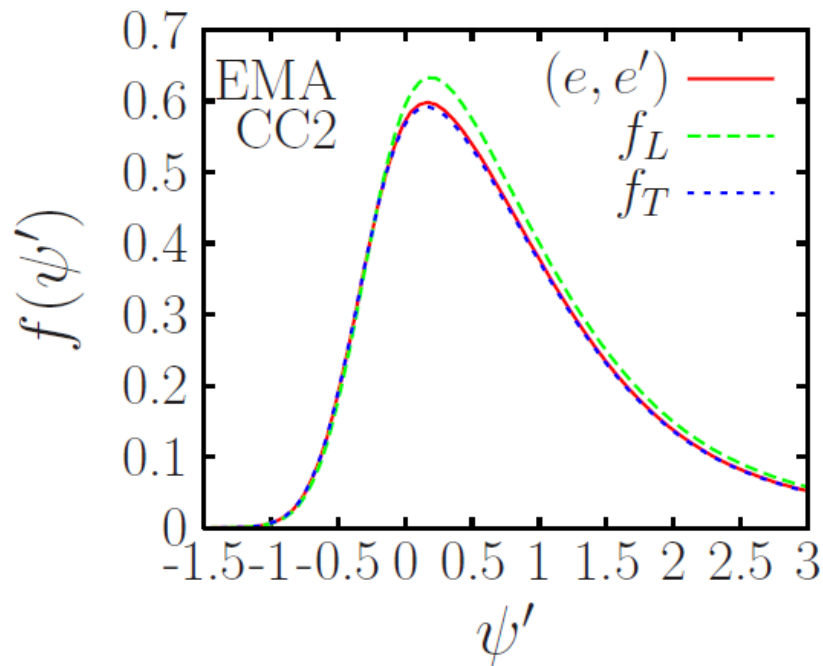
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“Effective Momentum Approach” (EMA): the relationship between upper and lower components is forced to be the same as for free spinors: the L/T difference disappears.