

# Universality and Superscaling in Lepton-Nucleus Scattering

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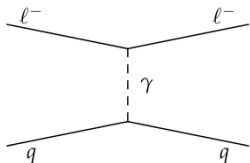
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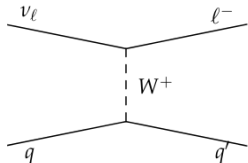
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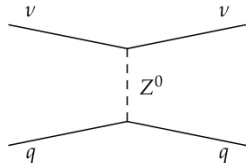
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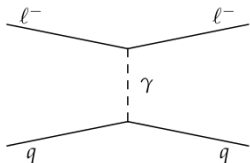
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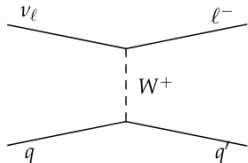
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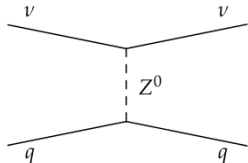
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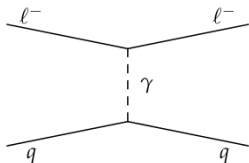
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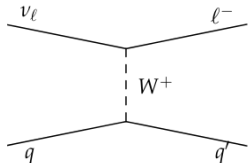
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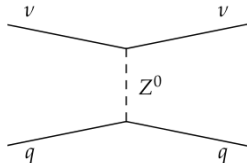
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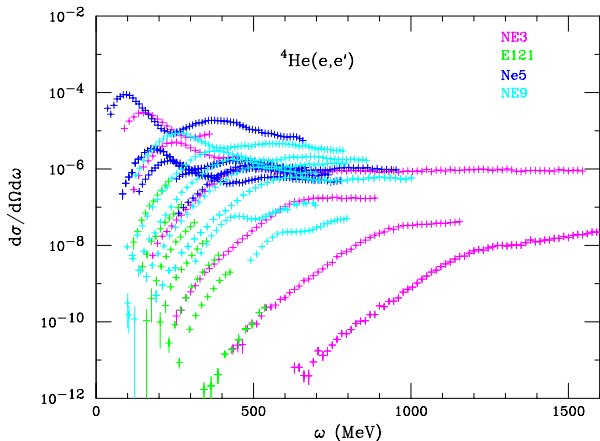
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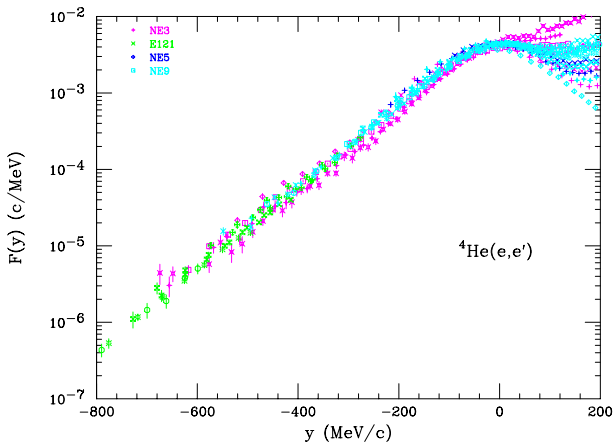
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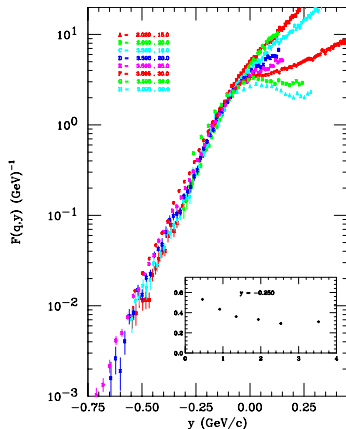


$y_{QEP} = 0$

Scaling is good at energy loss below the QEP ( $y < 0$ ) and broken at  $y > 0$ .

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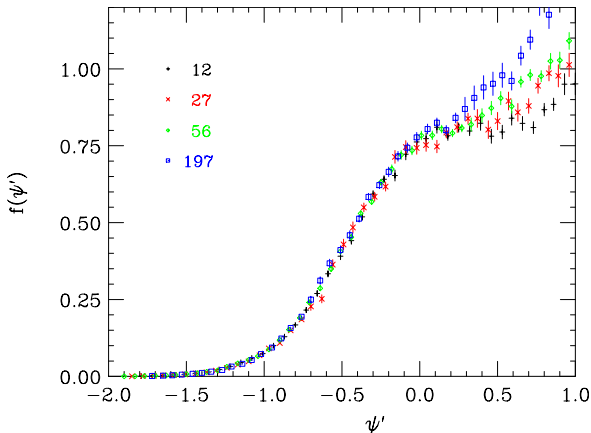
Data on Fe. The insert shows the convergence of  $F(q, y)$  as a function of  $Q^2$  [ $\text{GeV}^2/c^2$ ].



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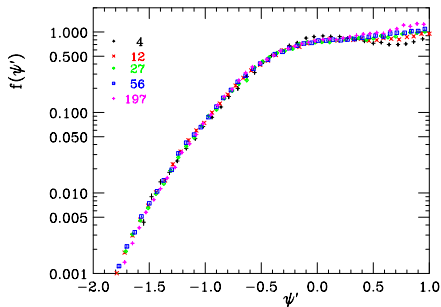
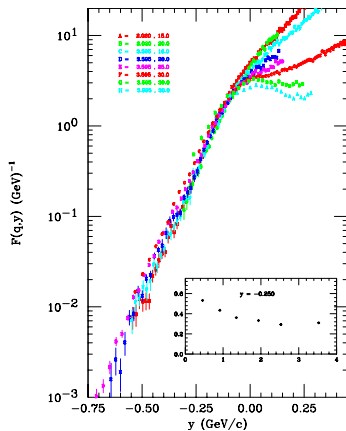
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$$f = k_F \times F$$



Data at  $E_e=3.6$  GeV,  $\theta=36$  deg ( $q \sim 1$  GeV/c);  $\psi' \equiv \psi(\omega \rightarrow \omega - E_{\text{shift}})$

## Scaling of first and second kind



Scaling of second kind is realized better than first kind, with violations at  $\psi' > 0$ .

## Scaling of zero-th kind? L/T separation

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$$F_{L,T} = R_{L,T}/G_{L,T}$$

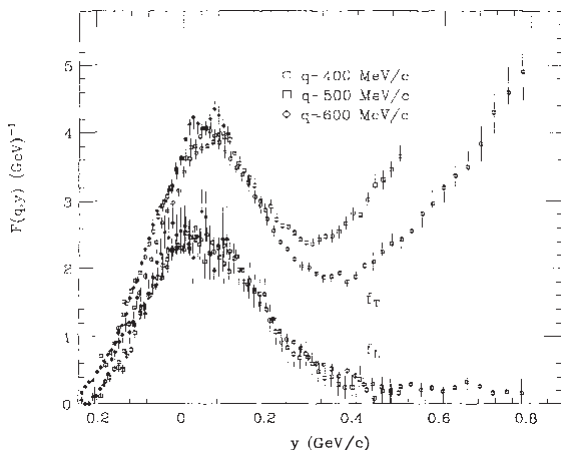
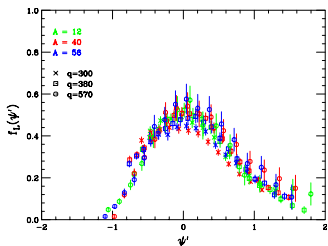


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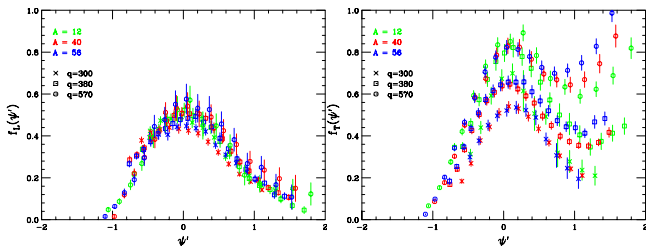
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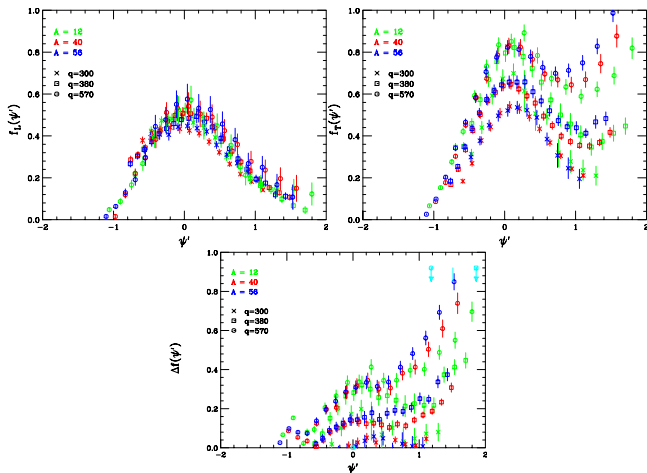
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-  $f_T > f_L$

- Violations reside mainly in the transverse channel (2p2h MEC,  $\Delta$  resonance excitation, ...)

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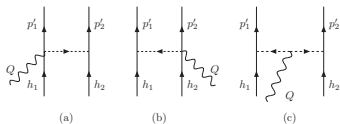
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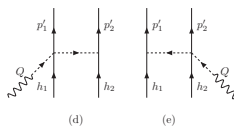
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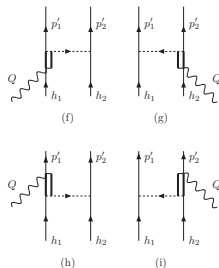
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## De Pace et al. calculation

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$$\begin{aligned}
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where the first two terms on the right-hand side correspond to the diagrams (a)–(c) of Fig. 4, and the last one to the diagrams (d)–(f). In this case six distinct diagrams contribute.

In Eqs. (16), (17) and (18)  $k_L$  and  $k_T$  indicate the longitudinal and transverse components of the vector  $k$  with respect to the direction fixed by  $q$ . Furthermore, in the appropriate places, the hadronic monopole form factors

$$F_{\pi NN}(k^2) = \frac{A_2^2 - \mu_\pi^2}{A_2^2 - k^2}, \quad (19a)$$

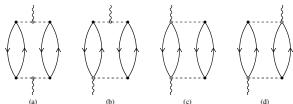
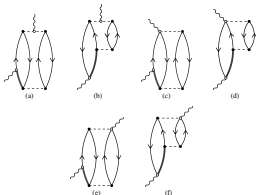
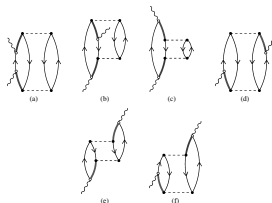


Fig. 2. The direct pion contributions to the MEC 2p–2h response function.

Fig. 3. The direct pion/ $\Delta$  interference contributions to the MEC 2p–2h response function.

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Fig. 4. The direct  $\Delta$  contributions to the MEC 2p–2h response function.

$$F_{\pi N\Delta}(k^2) = \frac{A_{\pi N\Delta}^2}{A_{\pi N\Delta}^2 - k^2} \quad (19b)$$

and the EM ones

$$F_{\gamma NN}(q^2) = \frac{1}{(1 - q^2/A_2^2)^2}, \quad (19c)$$

$$F_{\gamma N\Delta}(q^2) = F_{\gamma NN}(q^2) \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{A_2^2}\right)^{-1/2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{A_1^2}\right)^{-1/2} \quad (19d)$$

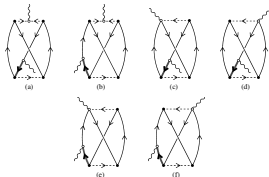
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For completeness, we give also the formulae of the (smaller) exchange contributions to the integrand of Eq. (15),  $\mathcal{R}_T^E(k_1, k_2; k_1', k_2'; q, \omega)$ , in the non-relativistic limit. The purely pionic contribution is identically zero, as a consequence of charge conservation and of the fact that the photon does not couple to a neutral pion. For the interference between pion and  $\Delta$  (Fig. 5) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{R}_T^{E(\pi\Delta)}(k_1, k_2; k_1', k_2'; q, \omega) \\
 & = \frac{V^4}{(2M)^2} \sum_{\sigma\gamma} \sum_{ij} \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{q_i q_j}{q^2} \right) [J_i^{\sigma\pi}(k_1, k_2) J_j^\Delta(k_1', k_2') \\
 & \quad + J_i^{\Delta\pi}(k_1, k_2) J_j^\pi(k_1', k_2')]
 \end{aligned}$$



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Fig. 5. The exchange pionic/ $\Delta$  interference contributions to the MEC 2p–2h response function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{16f_{\pi NN}^3 f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN}}{3\mu_\pi^2 M} \\
 &\times Bq^2 \left\{ \frac{(k_2 \times k_2')^2}{(k_2^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \left[ \frac{1}{k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2} + \frac{1}{k_1'^2 + \mu_\pi^2} \right] + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{8f_{\pi NN}^3 f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN} f_{\pi NN}}{3\mu_\pi^2 M} \\
 &\times B \left\{ \frac{(q \cdot k_2)k_2'^2 + (q \cdot k_2')k_2^2 - (q \cdot k_2')(k_2 \cdot k_2') - (q \cdot k_2)(k_2 \cdot k_2')}{(k_2^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \right. \\
 &+ \frac{(q \cdot k_1)k_2'^2 - (q \cdot k_2')(k_1 \cdot k_2')}{(k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} + \frac{(q \cdot k_1')k_2^2 - (q \cdot k_2)(k_1 \cdot k_2)}{(k_1'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \\
 &\left. + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right\}. \quad (20)
 \end{aligned}$$

The contribution of the  $\Delta$  alone (Fig. 6) is instead

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathcal{R}_{F^{\Delta}}^{\Delta}(k_1, k_2; k_1', k_2'; q, \omega) \\
 &= \frac{V^4}{(2M)^4} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{ij} \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{q_i q_j}{q^2} \right) J_i^{\alpha\beta}(k_1, k_2) J_j^{\alpha\beta}(k_1', k_2') \\
 &= \frac{4f_{\pi NN}^2 f_{\pi NN}^2 f_{\pi NN}^2 f_{\pi NN}^2}{9M^2 \mu_\pi^2} B^2 \left[ \frac{(k_1 \cdot k_1')(k_{1Y} \cdot k_{1Y}')}{(k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_1'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} + \frac{(k_1 \cdot k_2')(k_{1Y} \cdot k_{2Y}')}{(k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \right. \\
 &\left. + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right] + AB \left[ \frac{2(k_1 \times k_1')^2 - 2k_{1Y} k_{1Y}'(k_1 \cdot k_1') + k_{1Y}^2 k_1^2 + k_{1Y}'^2 k_1'^2}{(k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_1'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \right.
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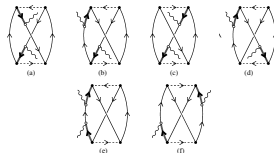
$$\begin{aligned}
 &\times \frac{2(k_1 \times k_2')^2 - 2k_{1Y} k_{2Y}'(k_1 \cdot k_2') + k_{1Y}^2 k_1^2 + k_{1Y}'^2 k_2'^2}{(k_1^2 + \mu_\pi^2)(k_2'^2 + \mu_\pi^2)} \\
 &+ (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\}. \quad (21)
 \end{aligned}$$

Eqs. (16), (17) and (18) could in principle be compared with Eq. (5.11) of DBT; however, the overall normalization of the latter is not correct, since its dimension is not consistent with its definition (namely of being the transverse part of the amplitude  $\mathcal{T}$  given in Eq. (4.8) of DBT); moreover, the relative weights of the interference and  $\Delta$  contributions with respect to the pionic one differ, in our calculations, by a factor 2 and 4, respectively, from those of Eq. (5.11) of DBT. These factors, however, are not able to explain the marked difference between our results and those in that paper. Note that although the authors of DBT write down exactly the same expressions as we do for the non-relativistic MEC currents, actually they state that the non-relativistic procedure to get their Eq. (5.11) is applied at the level of the hadronic tensor, that is by reducing the (cumbersome) exact relativistic response.

In Fig. 7 we now compare our results with those of DBT, where the non-relativistic  $R_T$  (without the exchange contribution) is shown for  $q = 550$  MeV/c (left) and for  $q = 1140$  MeV/c (right), with an atomic mass number of 56 and utilizing a Fermi momentum  $k_F = 1.3$  fm $^{-1}$ . The latter value is employed for the sake of comparison with DBT, although in fact it is more appropriate for heavier nuclei.

It is clearly apparent in the figure that our predictions differ significantly from those of DBT: while the discrepancy is mild for moderate values of  $\omega$  (roughly, those encompassing the QEP), it becomes striking at higher energies, namely in the region of the so-called dip and of the  $\Delta$ -peak. Here our transverse response function in the proximity of the lightcone turns out to be larger by about a factor two at  $q = 550$  MeV/c and by over a factor three at  $q = 1140$  MeV/c.

Note that, in order to conform as closely as possible with the DBT approach, we have accounted for the initial state binding of the two holes by phenomenologically inserting

Fig. 6. The exchange  $\Delta$  contributions to the MEC 2p–2h response function.

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Numerical evaluation of the 2p2h hadronic tensor

$$W_{2p-2h}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^9} \int d^3 p'_1 d^3 h_1 d^3 h_2 \frac{M^4}{E_1 E_2 E'_1 E'_2} r^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2) \delta(E'_1 + E'_2 - E_1 - E_2 - \omega) \\ \times \theta(p'_2 - k_F) \theta(p'_1 - k_F) \theta(k_F - h_1) \theta(k_F - h_2)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}'_2 = \mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{h}_2 + \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}'_1$  and the elementary hadronic tensor

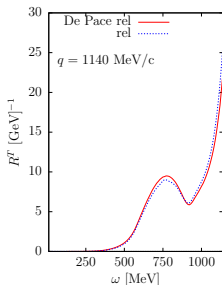
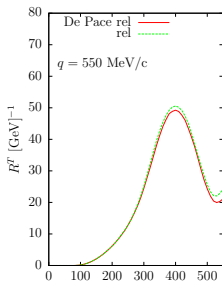
$$r^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{s_1 s_2 s'_1 s'_2} \sum_{t_1 t_2 t'_1 t'_2} j^\mu(1', 2', 1, 2)_A^* j^\nu(1', 2', 1, 2)_A.$$

is given in terms of the antisymmetrized matrix element  $j^\mu(1', 2', 1, 2)_A$  of the 2-body current

$$j_{\text{MEC}}^\mu = j_{\text{sea}}^\mu + j_\pi^\mu + j_{\text{pole}}^\mu + j_\Delta^\mu$$

involving Dirac spinors,  $\gamma$  matrices, pion and  $\Delta$  propagators.

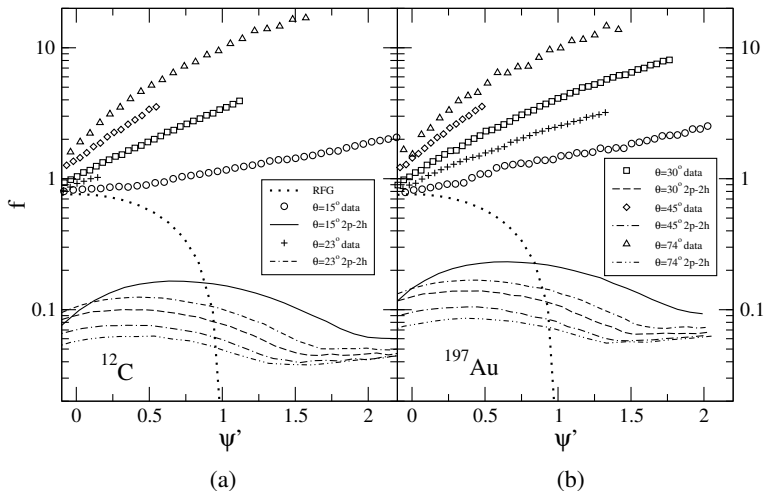
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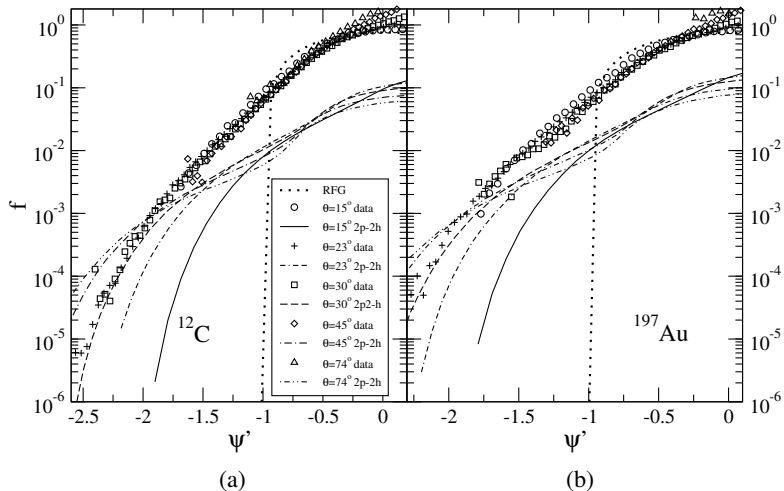
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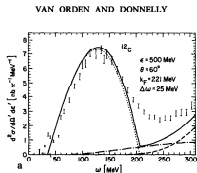
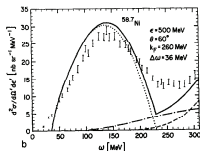
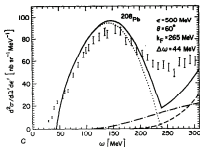
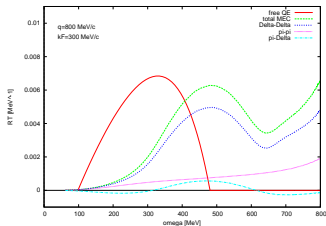
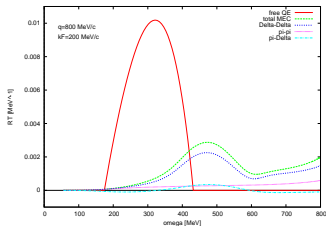
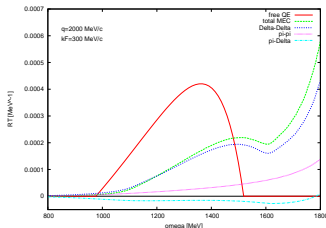
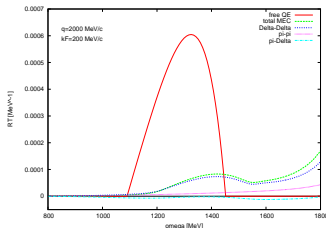
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FIG. 10. Calculated cross sections for (a)  $^{12}\text{C}$ , (b)  $^{58.7}\text{Ni}$ , and (c)  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ , conditions as in Fig. 2, data from Ref. [8]. The dotted curve is the quasielastic contribution, the dash-dot curve the MEC contribution, the dashed curve the pion production contribution, and the solid curve the total.

Separated 2p2h  $\Delta - \Delta$ ,  $\pi - \pi$  and  $\pi - \Delta$  contributions $k_F=200$  MeV/c $k_F=300$  MeV/c $q=0.8$  GeV/c $q=2.0$  GeV/c

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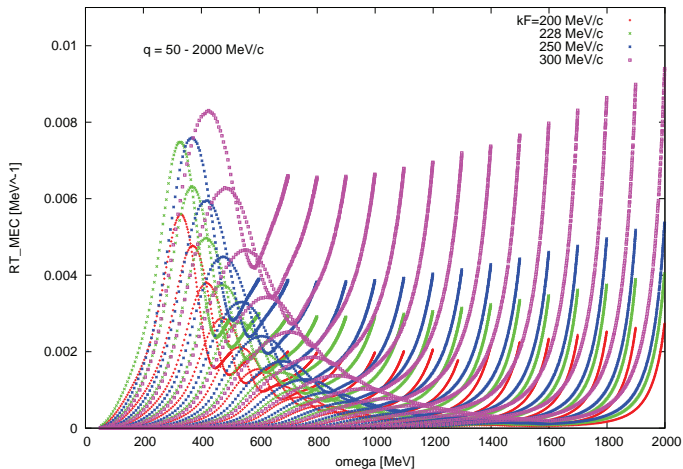
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Three scales:  $m_N, m_{\pi}, q \implies$  **Numerical studies are necessary.**

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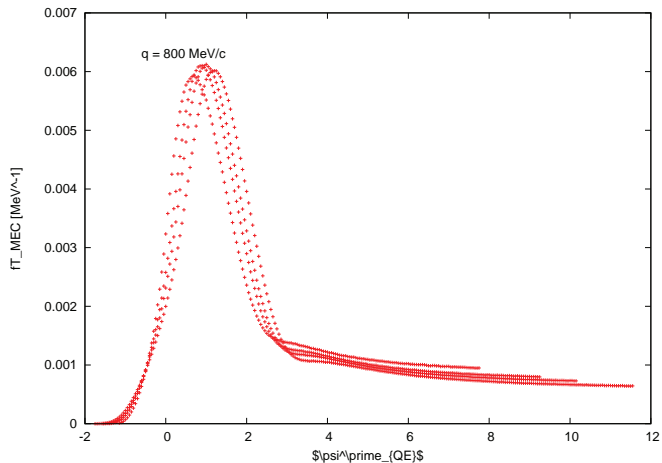
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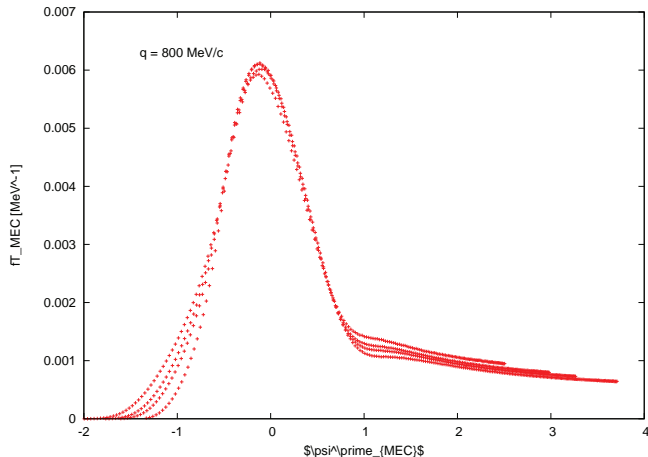
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$$\alpha = -2 \rightarrow R_T^{MEC} \sim k_F^2$$



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The 2p2h response scales even better if plotted as a function of a variable  $\psi'_{\text{MEC}}$  devised for this kinematical region.



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- **QE:**

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$\lambda'_{\text{MEC}} \equiv \frac{\omega'_{\text{MEC}}}{2m_N}$ ,  $\kappa \equiv \frac{q}{2m_N}$ ,  $\tau'_{\text{MEC}} \equiv \kappa^2 - (\lambda'_{\text{MEC}})^2$ ,

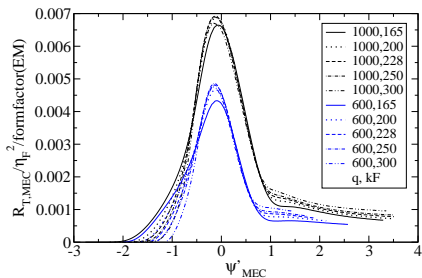
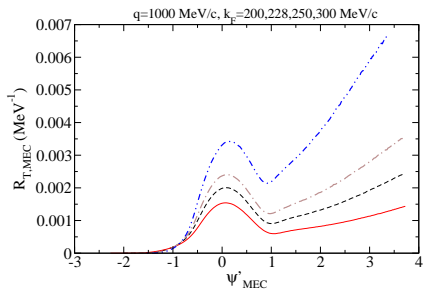
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The parameters  $m_*$ ,  $\xi_F^{\text{eff}}$  and  $E^{\text{shift}}_{\text{MEC}}$  are chosen in such a way that the maxima of the 2p2h response at different values of  $q$  align at  $\psi'_{\text{MEC}} = 0$ .



# $k_F$ dependence of the 2p-2h MEC responses

$\eta_F = k_F/m_N$ :  $R_{T,MEC}^T(\psi'_{MEC}) \sim \eta_F^2$  at the peak, with some violations in the tails



A parametrization of this behavior in terms of  $k_F$  (work in progress) could be valuable to extend our calculation to other nuclei without further theoretical calculations reducing significantly the computational time.

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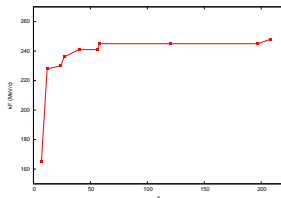
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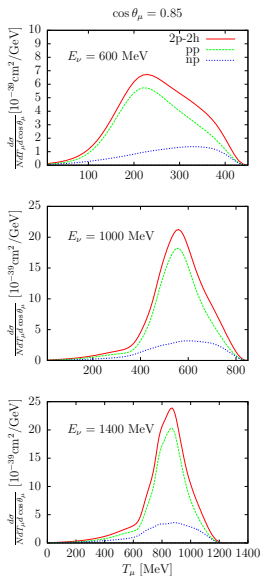
TABLE I. Adjusted parameters.

Nucleus	$k_F$ (MeV/c)	$E_{shift}$ (MeV)
Lithium	165	15
Carbon	228	20
Magnesium	230	25
Aluminum	236	18
Calcium	241	28
Iron	241	23
Nickel	245	30
Tin	245	28
Gold	245	25
Lead	248	31

$k_F(A)$



# Separated charge channels in the 2p2h response



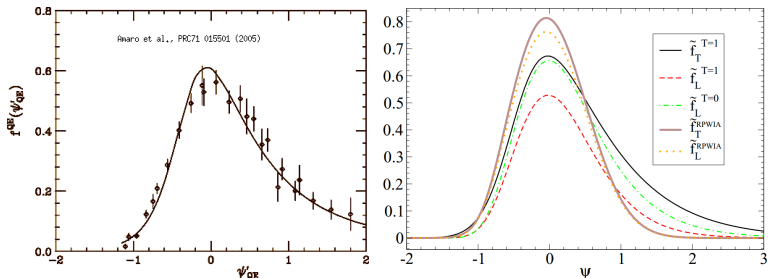
- pp final state largely dominate over np
- The ratio depends upon the kinematics
- The np cross section is shifted towards higher values of  $T_\mu$
- First step towards the treatment of  $Z \neq N$  nuclei

Ruiz Simo et al., PLB762 (2016)

## The SuSAv2 + MEC model

# The Superscaling model

- The **SuSA** model is based on the quasielastic longitudinal superscaling function extracted from averaged separated world data on  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$
- It contains corrections based on the Relativistic Mean Field model (**SuSAv2**)



SuSA (left) and SuSAv2 (right) scaling functions

- 2p2h excitation induced by two-body currents (**MEC**), not included in the above models, are added as previously described

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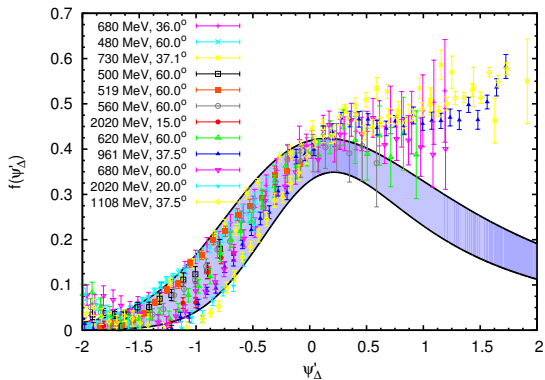
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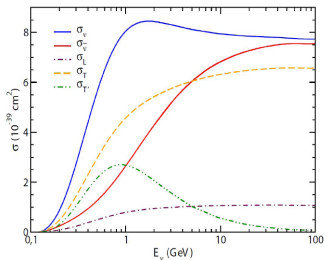
- Rosenbluth-like decomposition: 3 responses

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\pm}^2 &= \hat{V}_L R_L + \hat{V}_T R_T \pm [2\hat{V}_{T'} R_{T'}] \\ \hat{V}_L R_L &= V_{CC} R_{CC} + V_{CL} R_{CL} + V_{LL} R_{LL} \end{aligned}$$

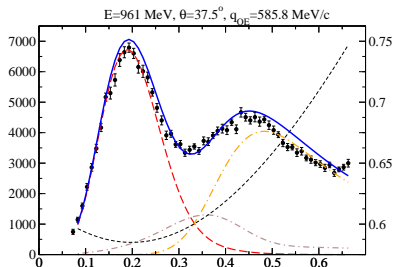
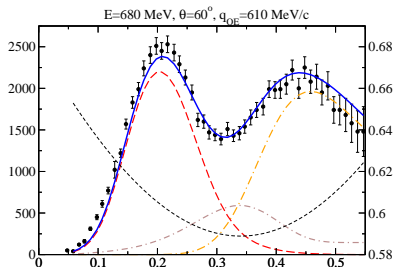
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$$\begin{aligned} R_L &= R_L^{VV} + R_L^{AA} && \text{VV (vector-vector)} \\ R_T &= R_T^{VV} + R_T^{AA} && \text{AA (axial-axial)} \\ R_{T'} &= R_{T'}^{VA} && \text{VA (vector-axial)} \end{aligned}$$

from the V and A weak leptonic and hadronic currents  $j^\mu = j_V^\mu + j_A^\mu$  ;  $J^\mu = J_V^\mu + J_A^\mu$



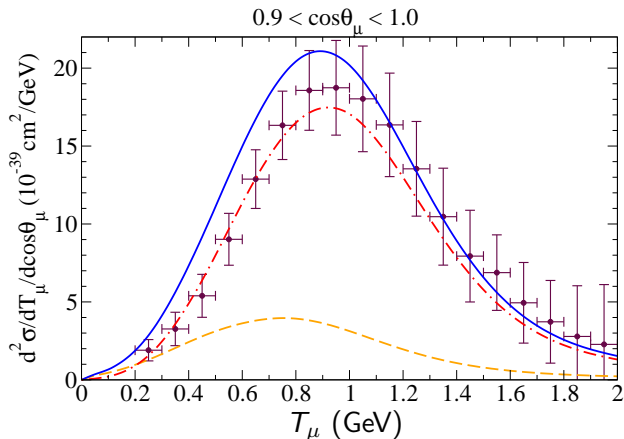
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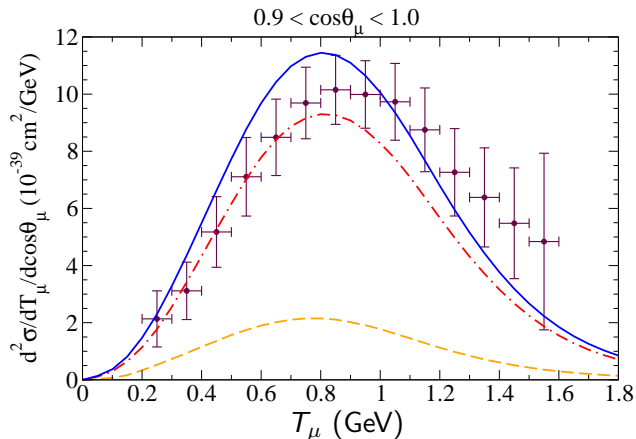
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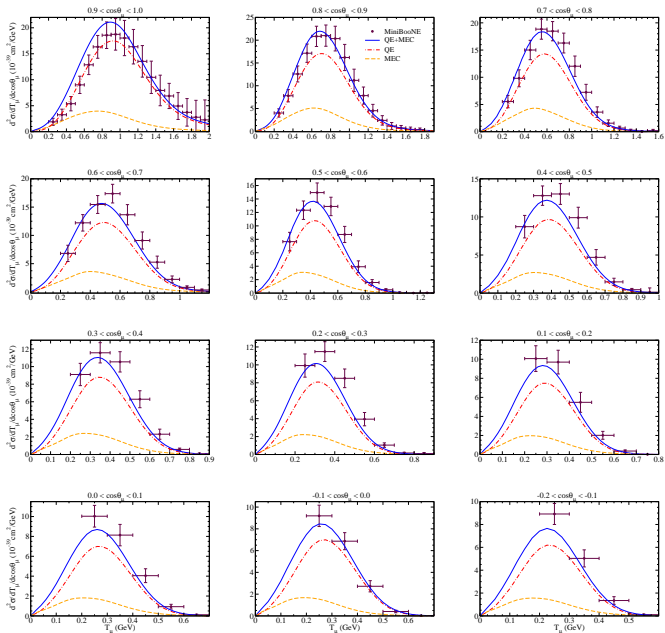
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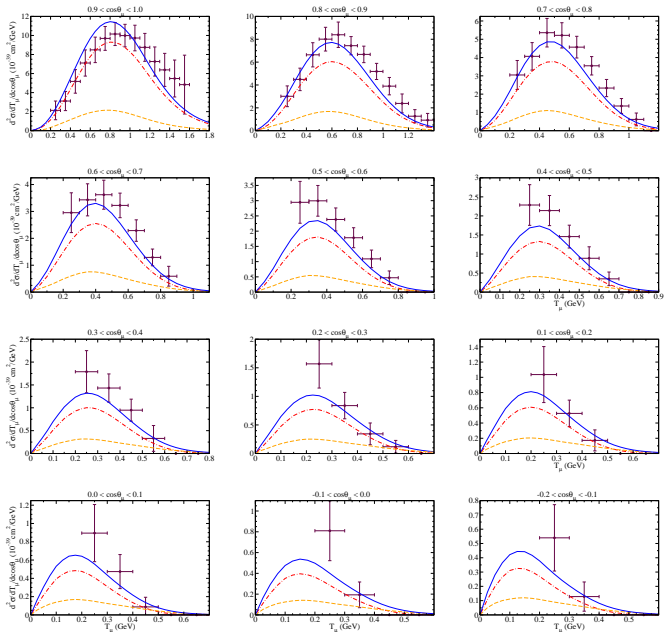
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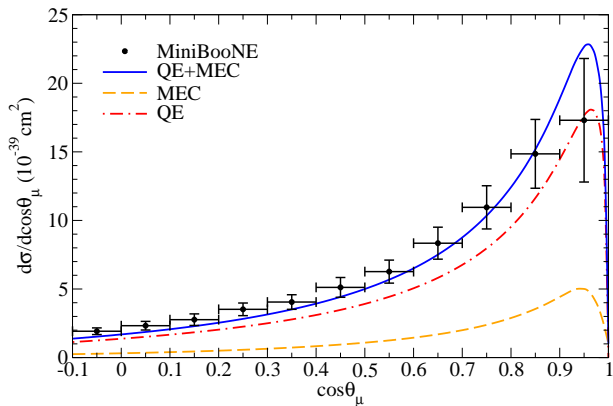
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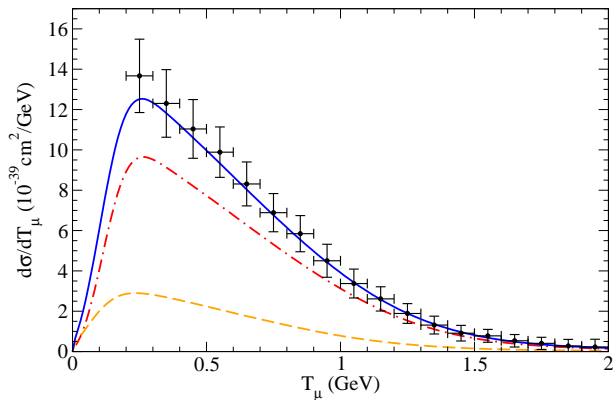
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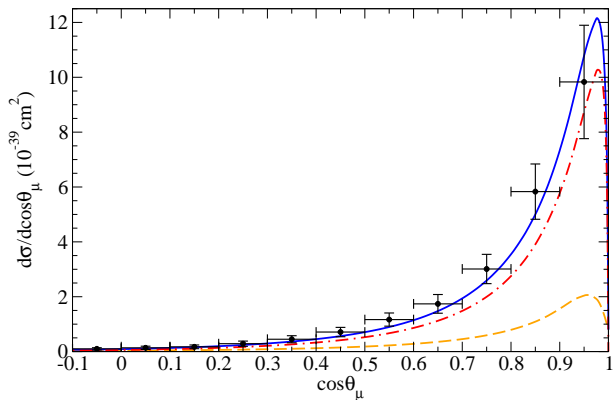


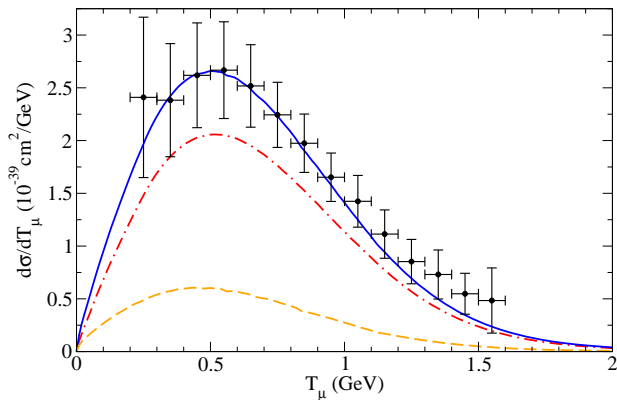
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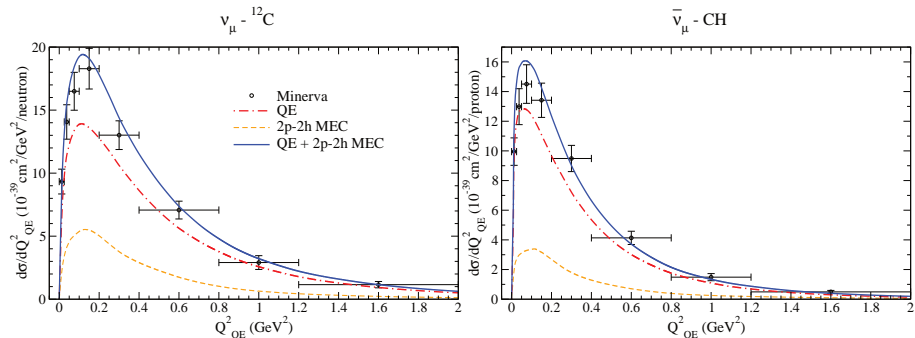
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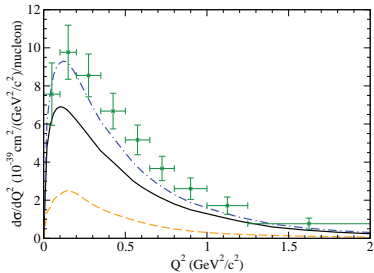
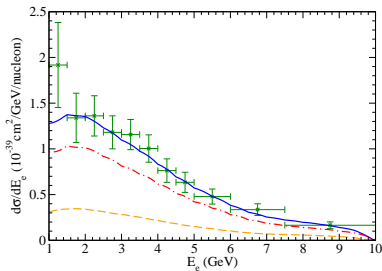
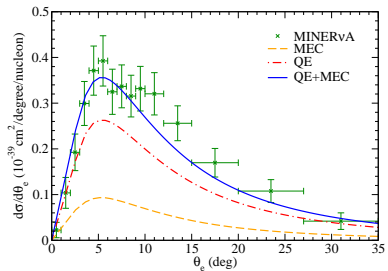
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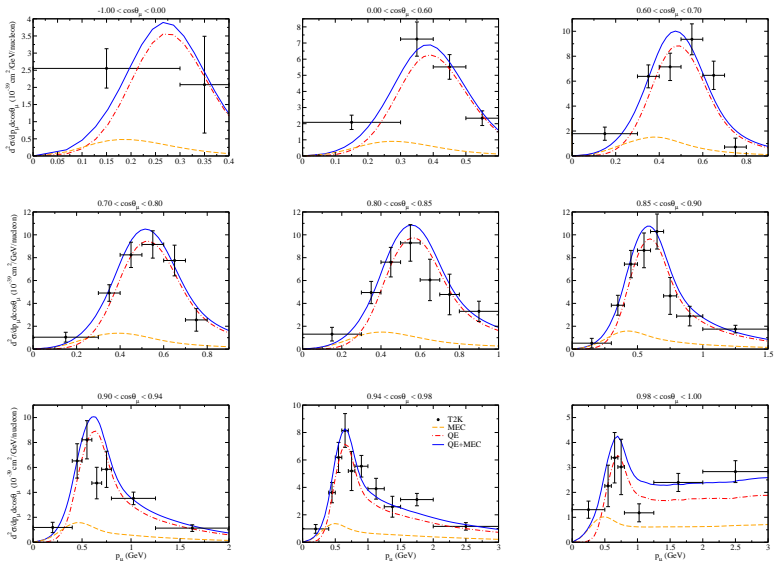
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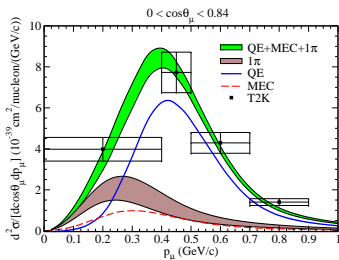
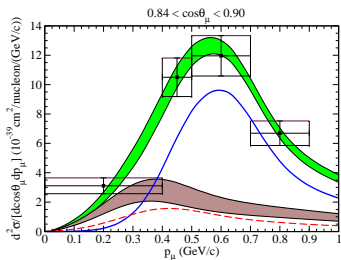
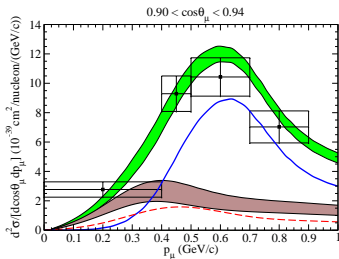
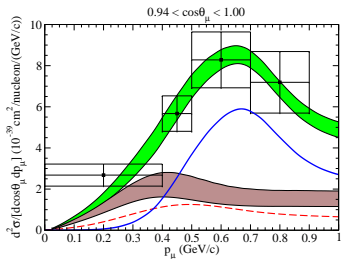


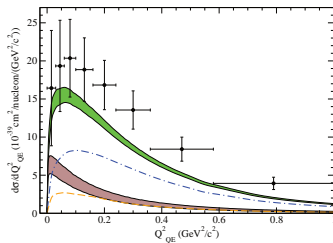
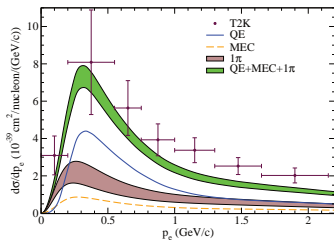
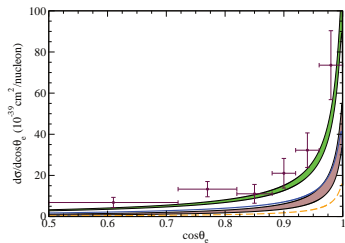
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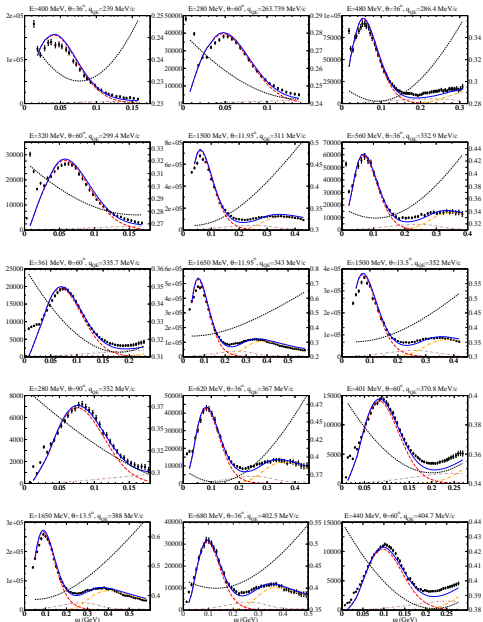
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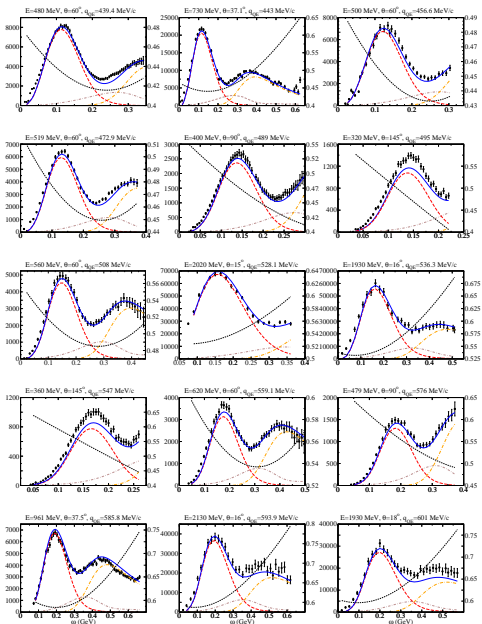
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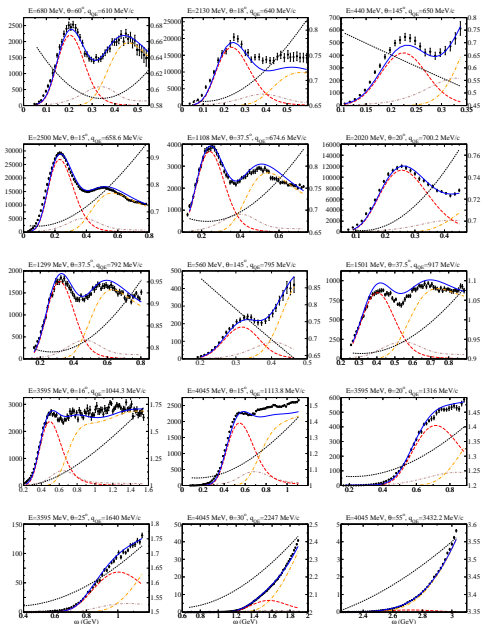


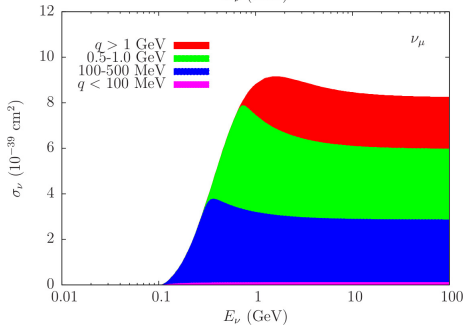
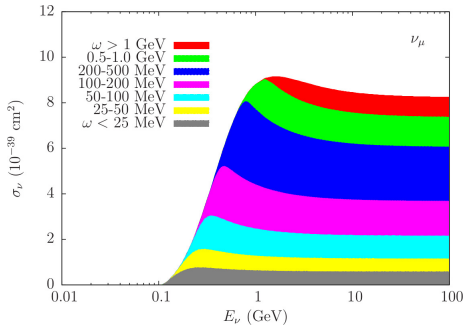
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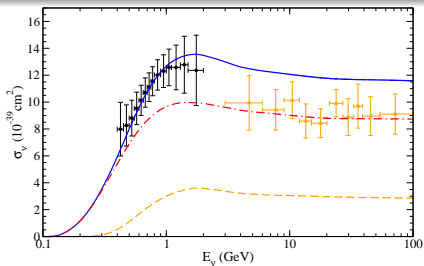
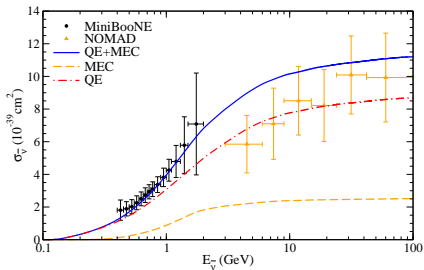


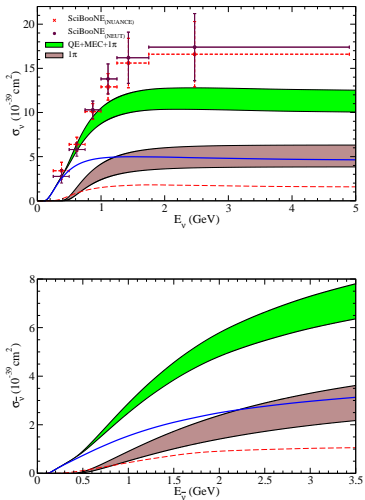






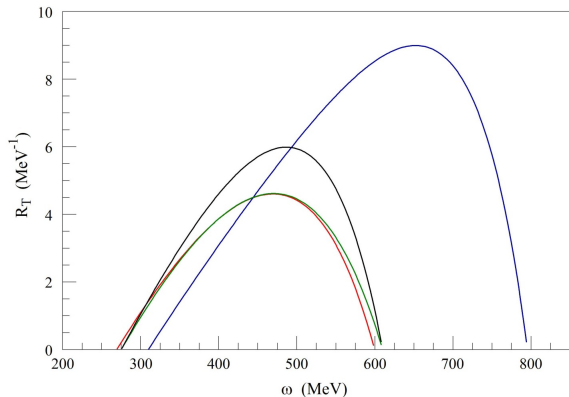
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# On the importance of relativistic effects



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