



Neutrino scattering (WG 2):

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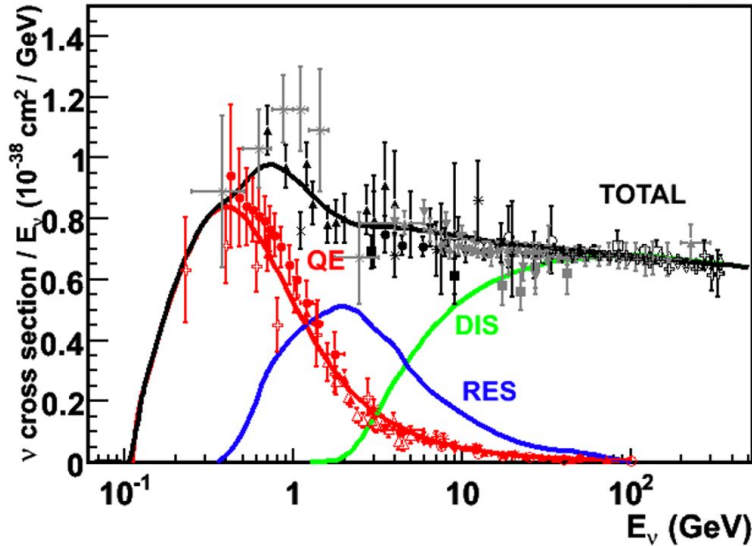
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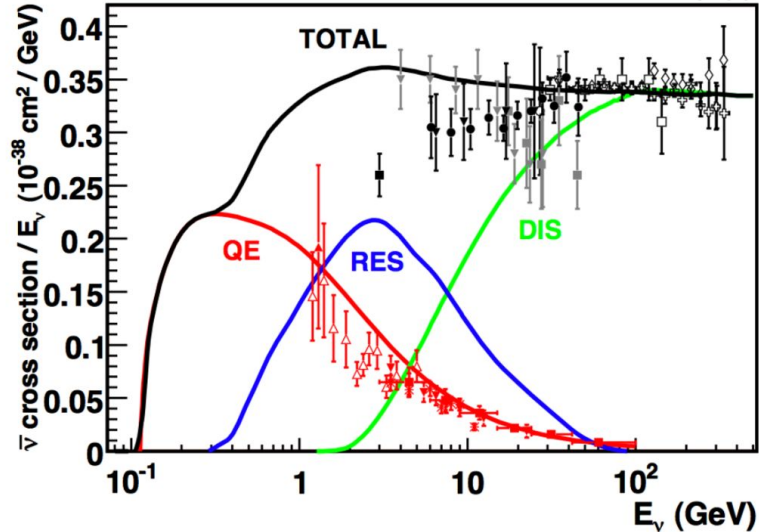
Neutrino Cross Section

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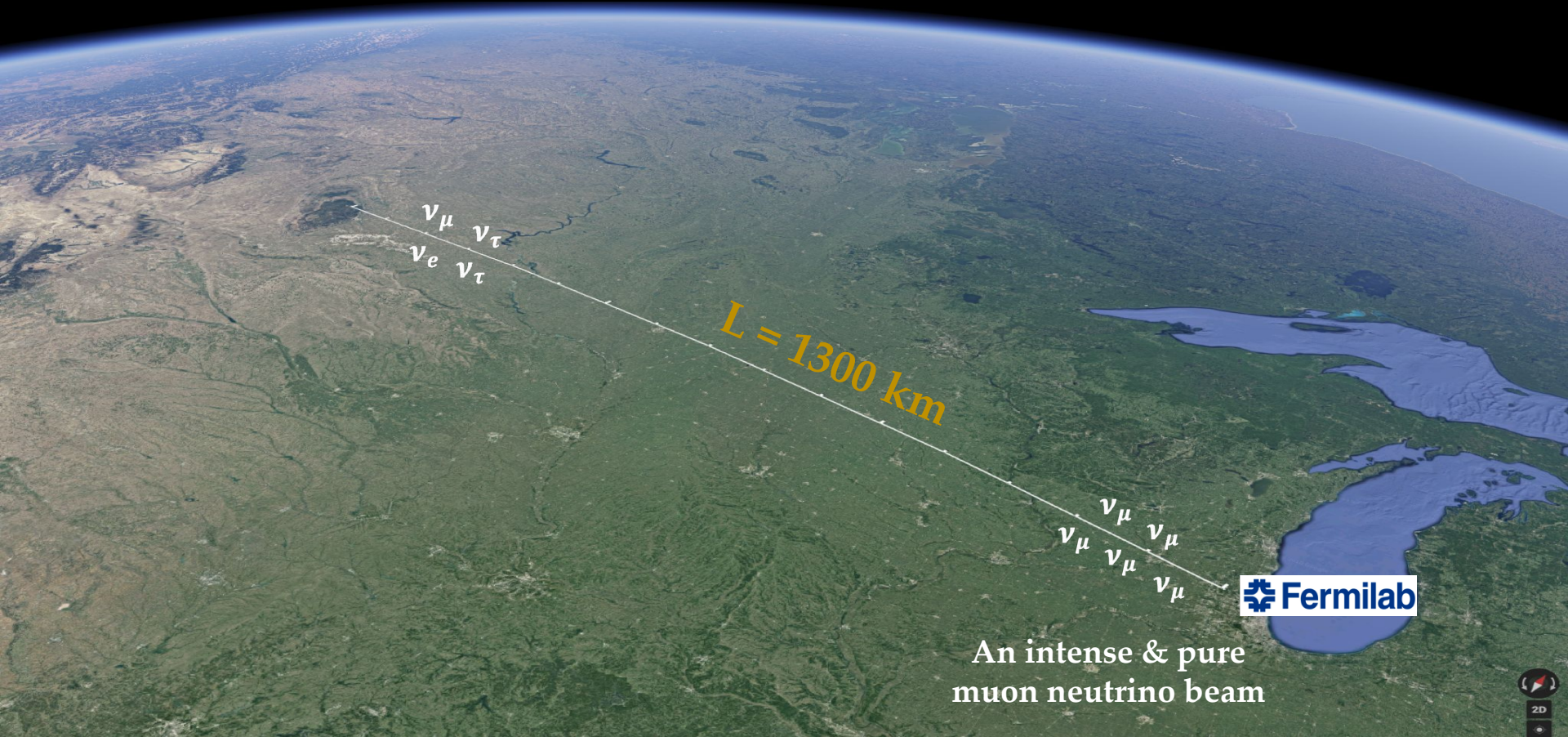
Antineutrino Cross Section



Neutrinos **don't really like to interact!**

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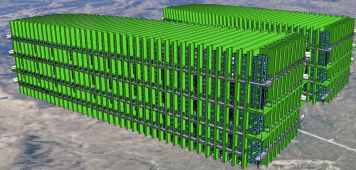
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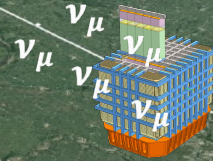


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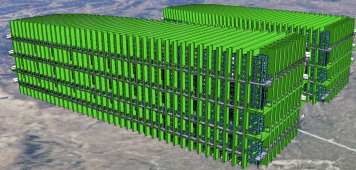
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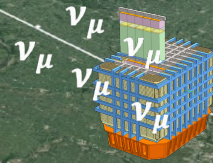


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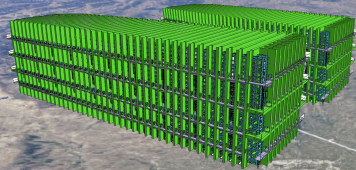
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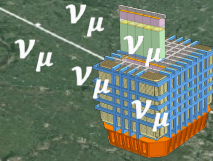
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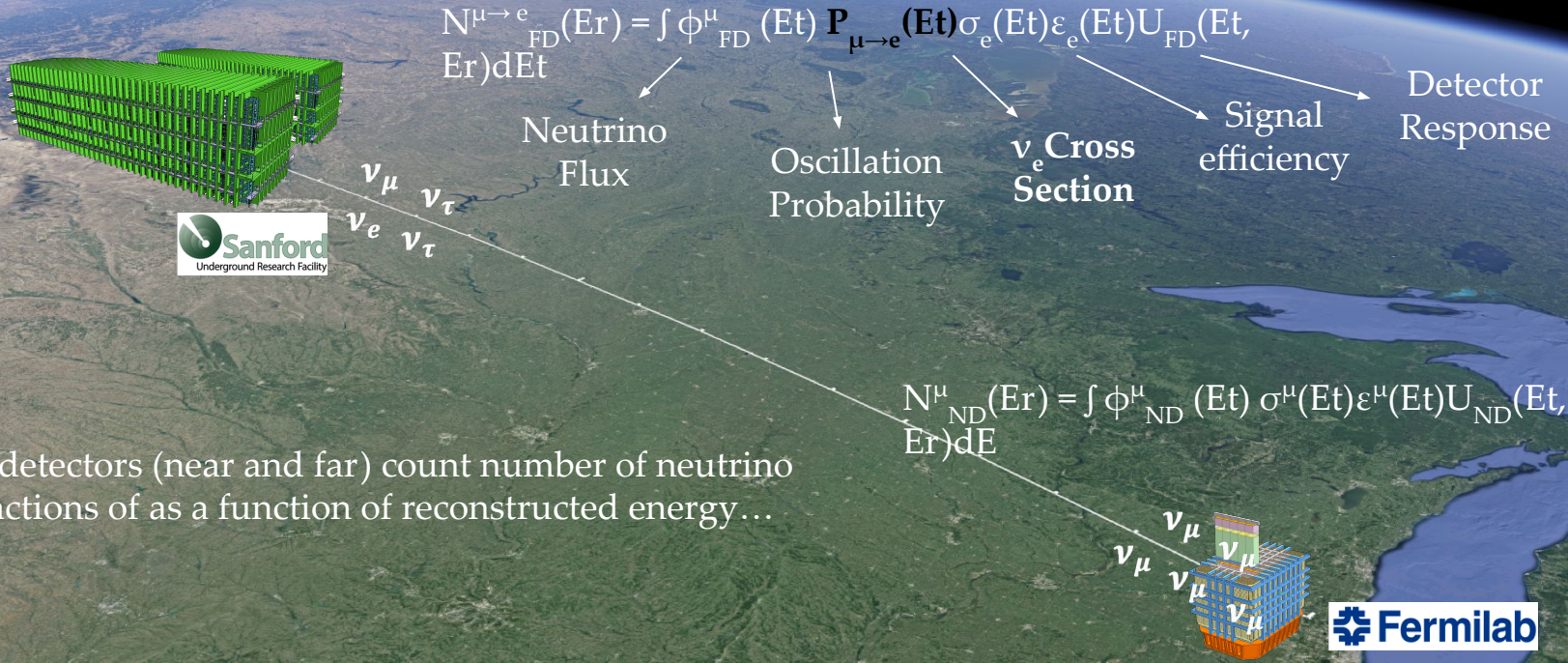
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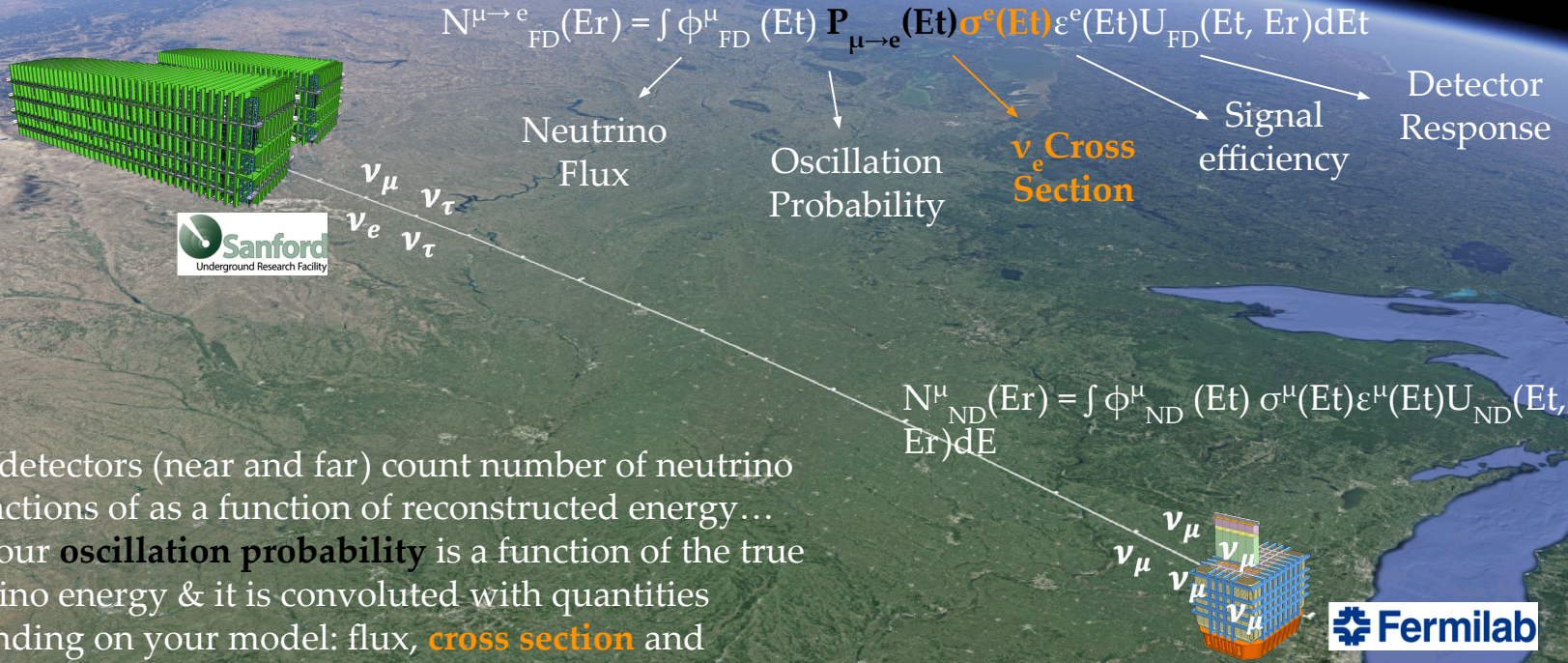
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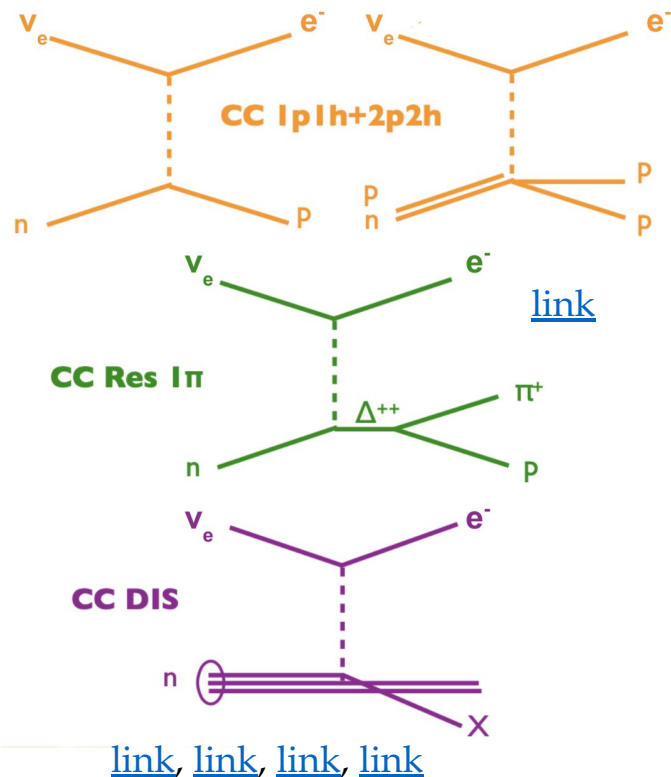
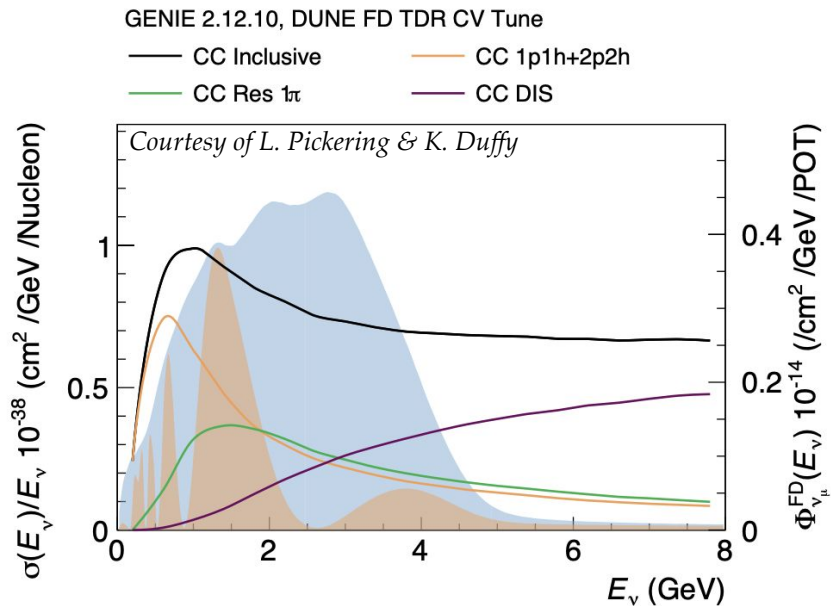


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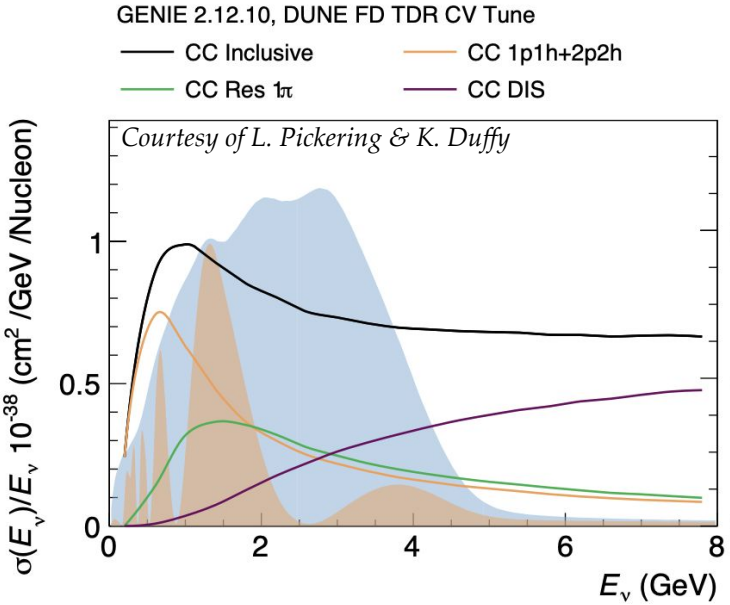
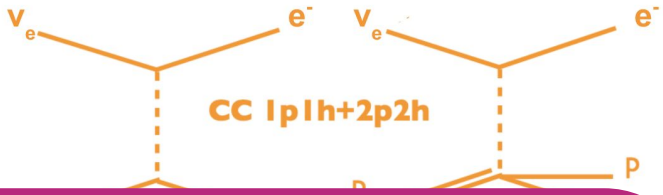
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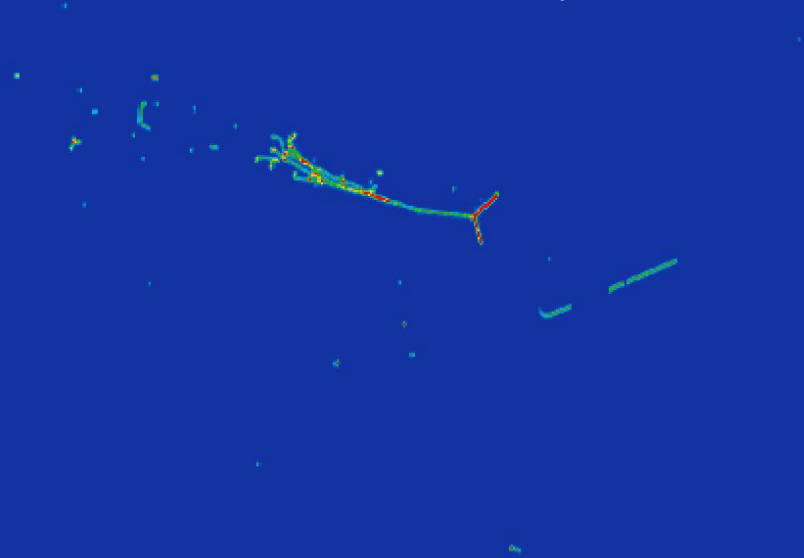
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The cross section will not cancel out and is crucial for extraction of the oscillation parameters.



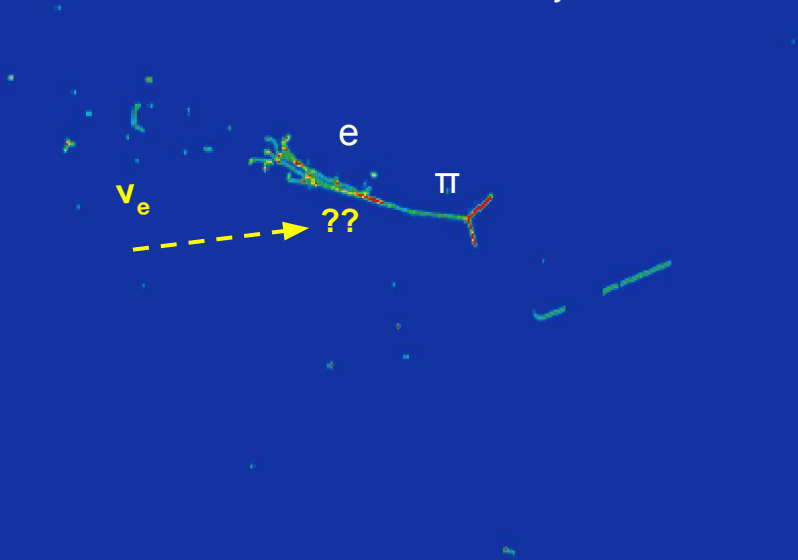
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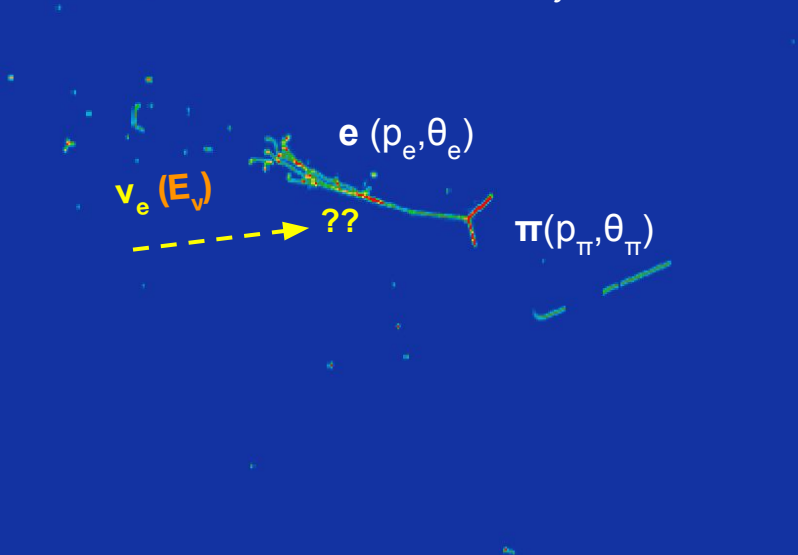
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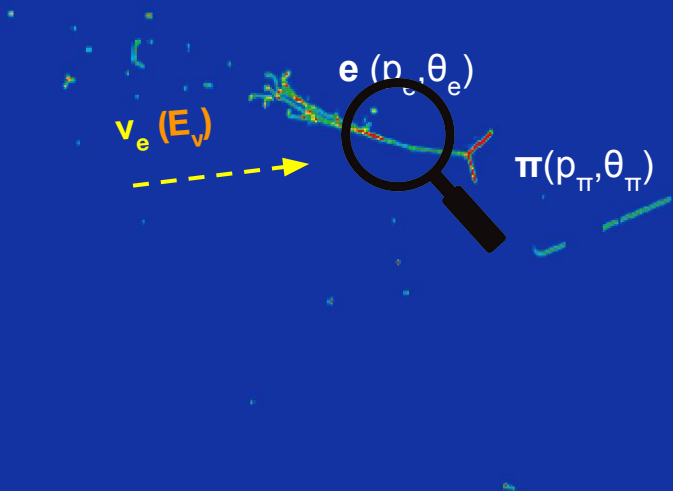
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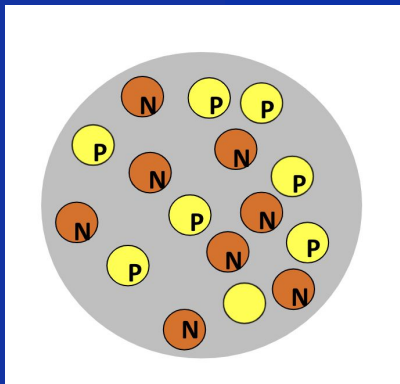
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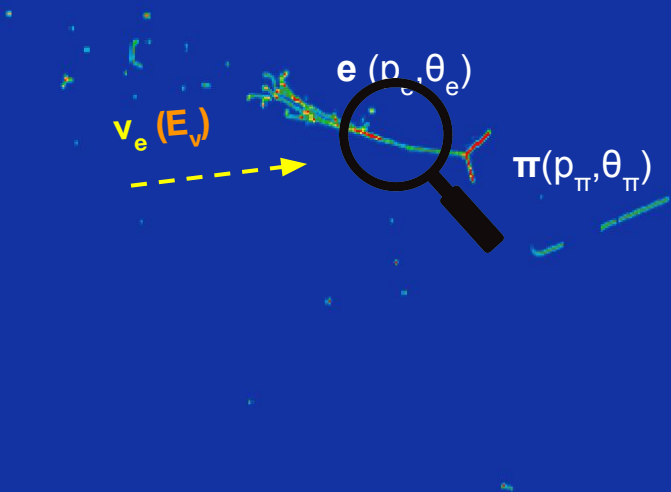


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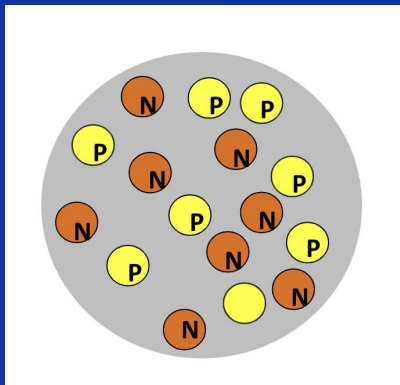
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need to correctly predict the ν -N interaction make-up as a function of energy

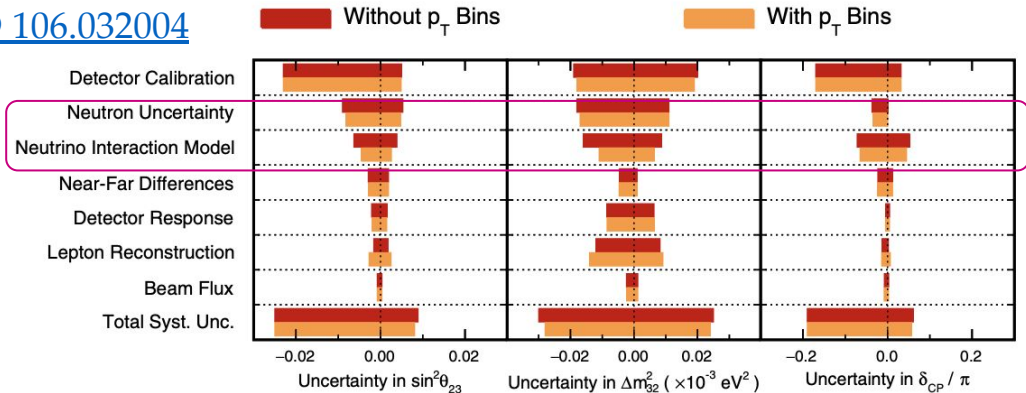
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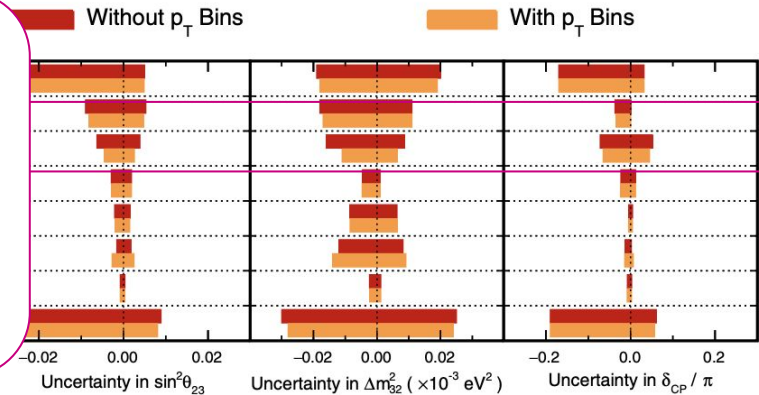
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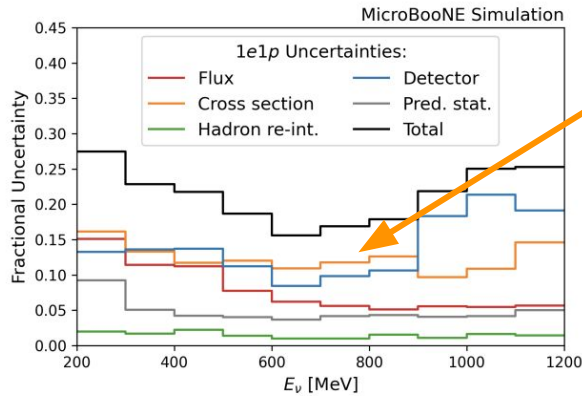
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DUNE/HyperK/JUNO
CP violation uncertainty budget
is extremely stringent.
We need to do better than this!

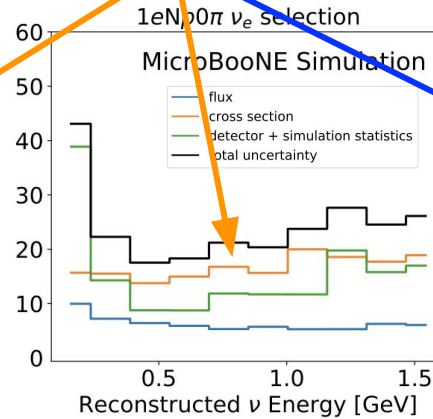


How does this feeds back into neutrino “new” physics? Anomaly hunting @ short baseline

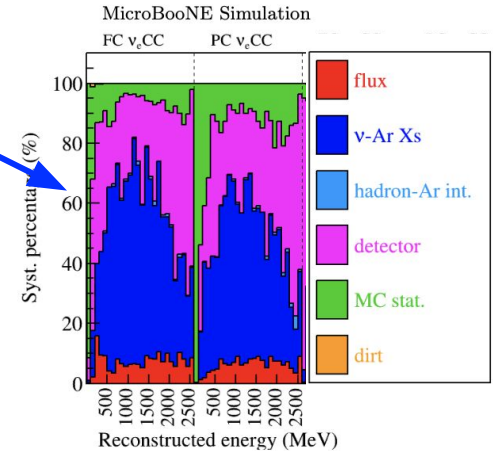
ν_e Cross Section Systematics



CC-QE like
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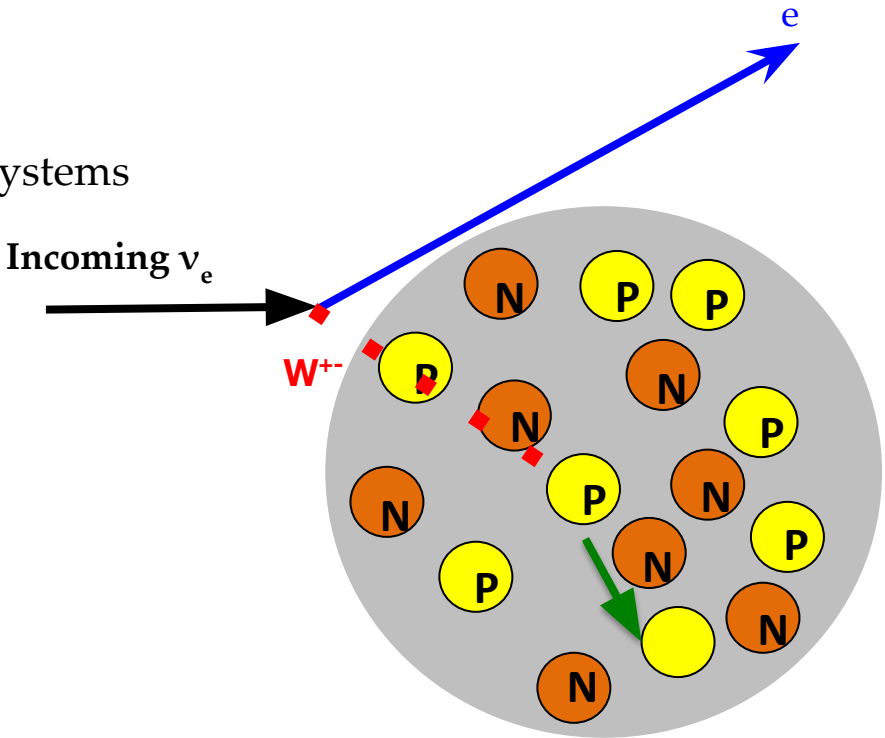
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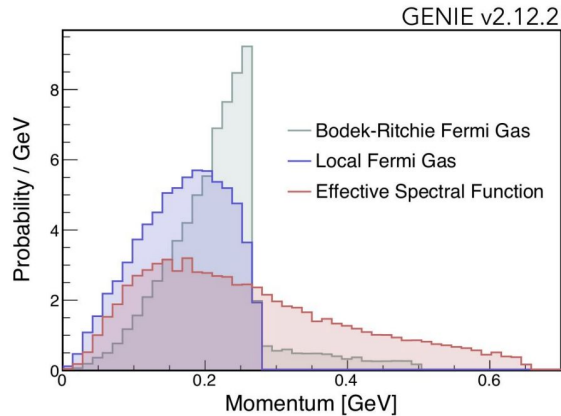
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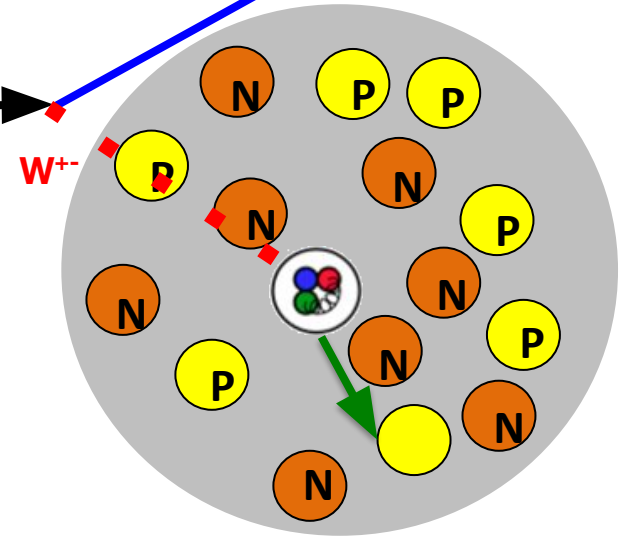
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The nucleon is not at rest!
Fermi Motion must be modeled



Credit: M. Del Tutto

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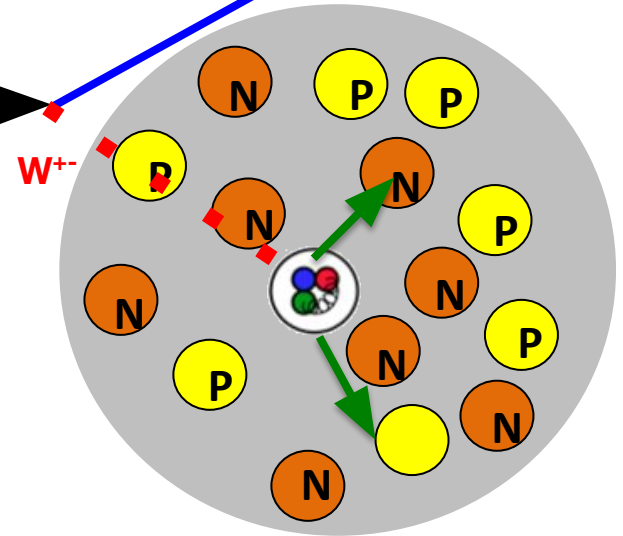
Strongly interacting nucleons

- alteration of electroweak couplings (modeled w/RPA or more complex models [link](#))
- rich physics effects for forward-going charged lepton

Interactions with correlated pair of nucleons:

- Meson Exchange Current (MEC)
- Short Range Correlations

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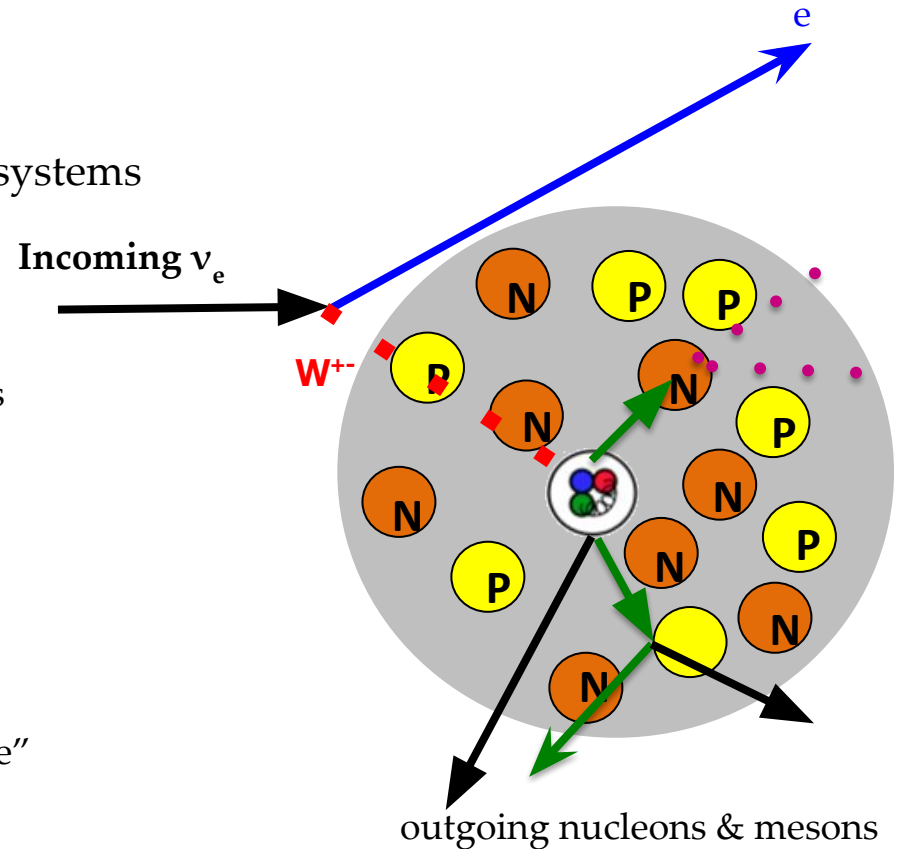
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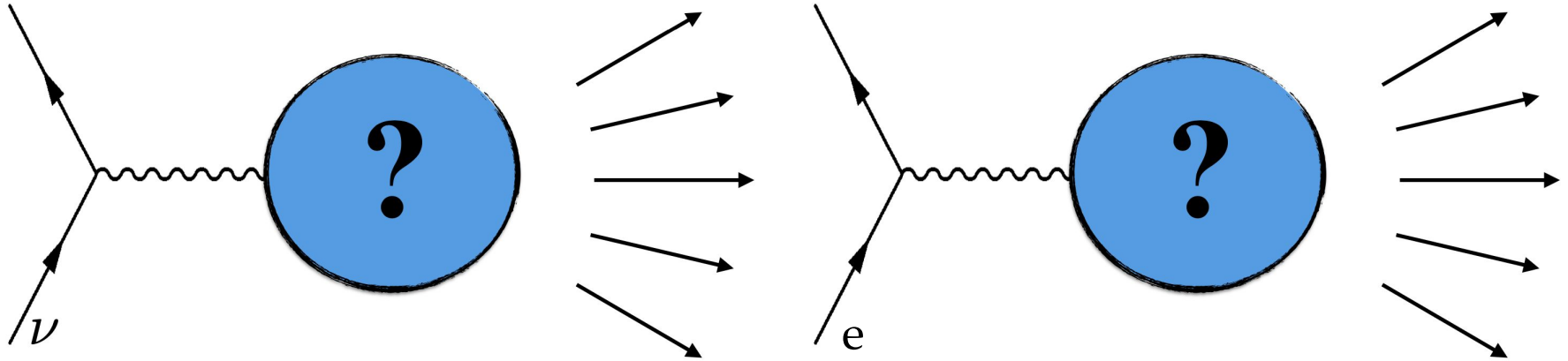
Final State Interactions

→ charged and neutral mesons & nucleons
[link](#)

2+ outgoing protons possible even for “true”
CCQE events

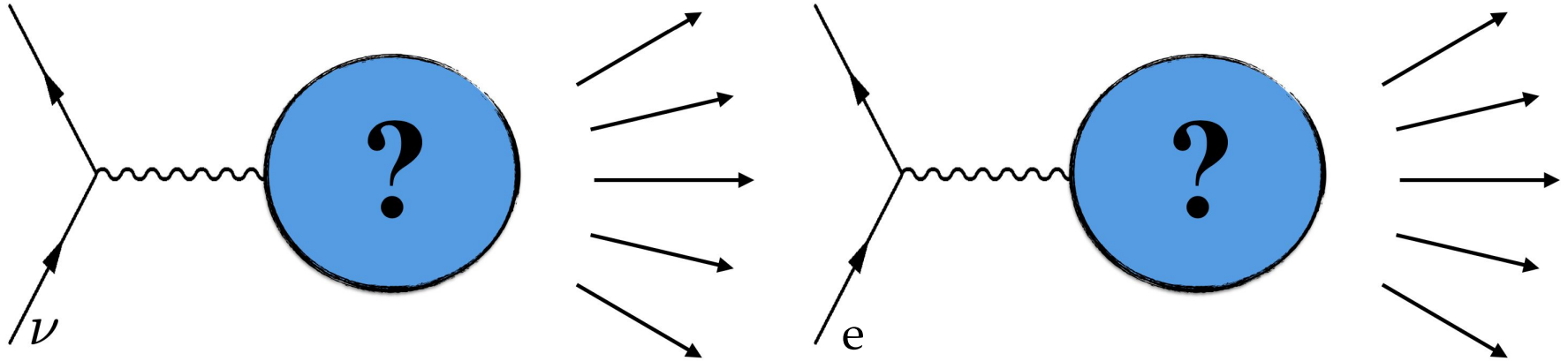


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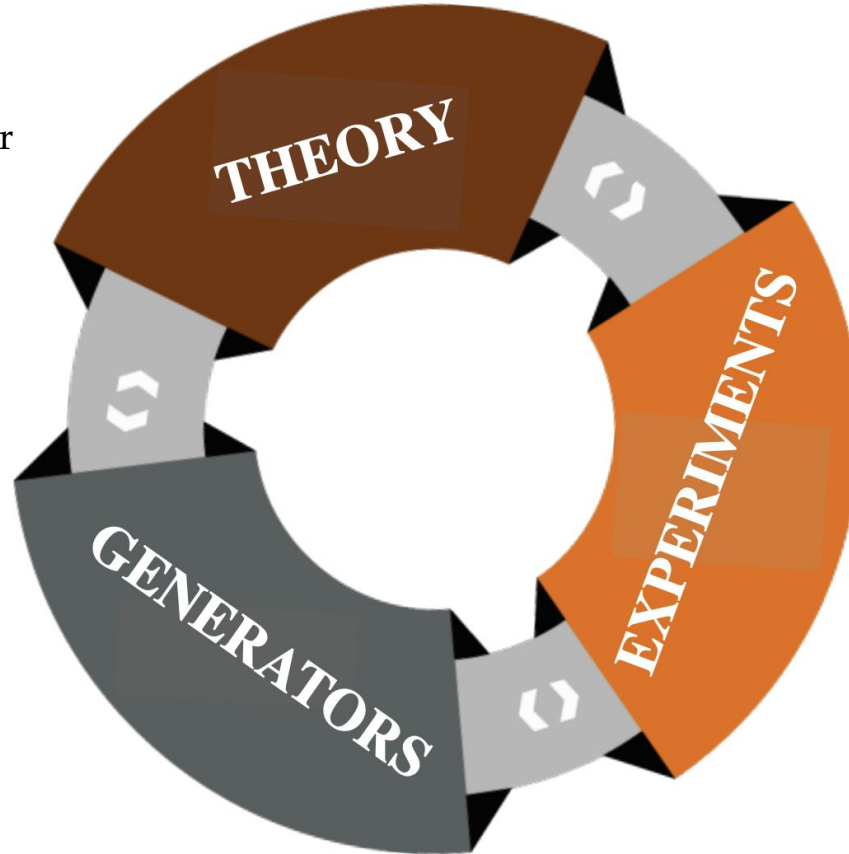
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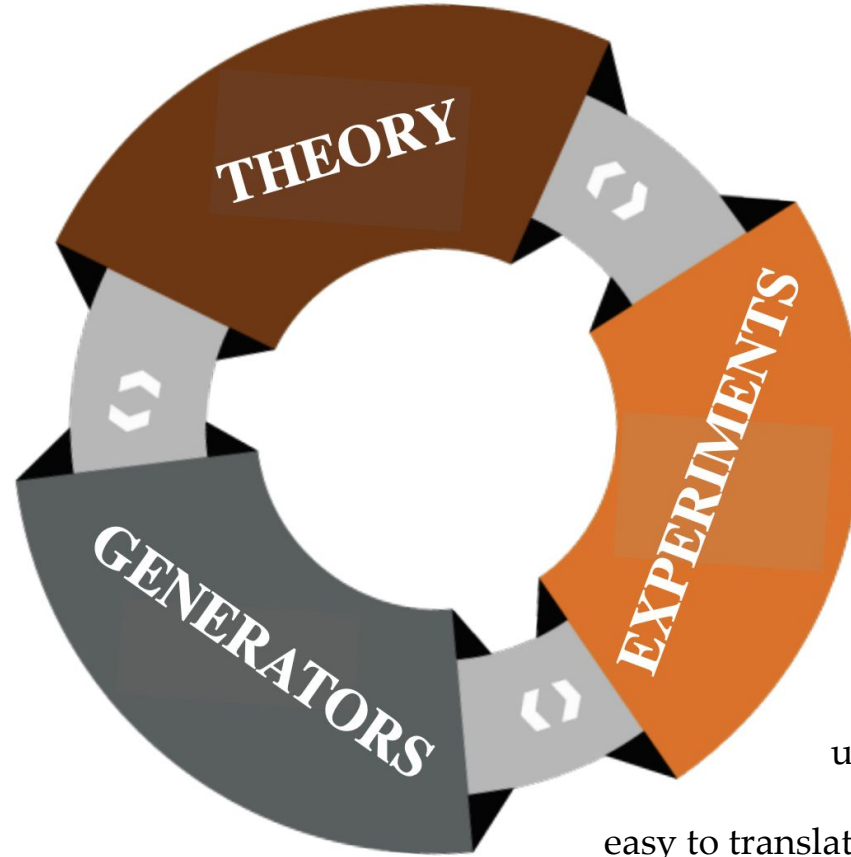
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Continuous improvement of our understanding neutrino interactions from the interplay between model development (theory & implementation) and cross section results.

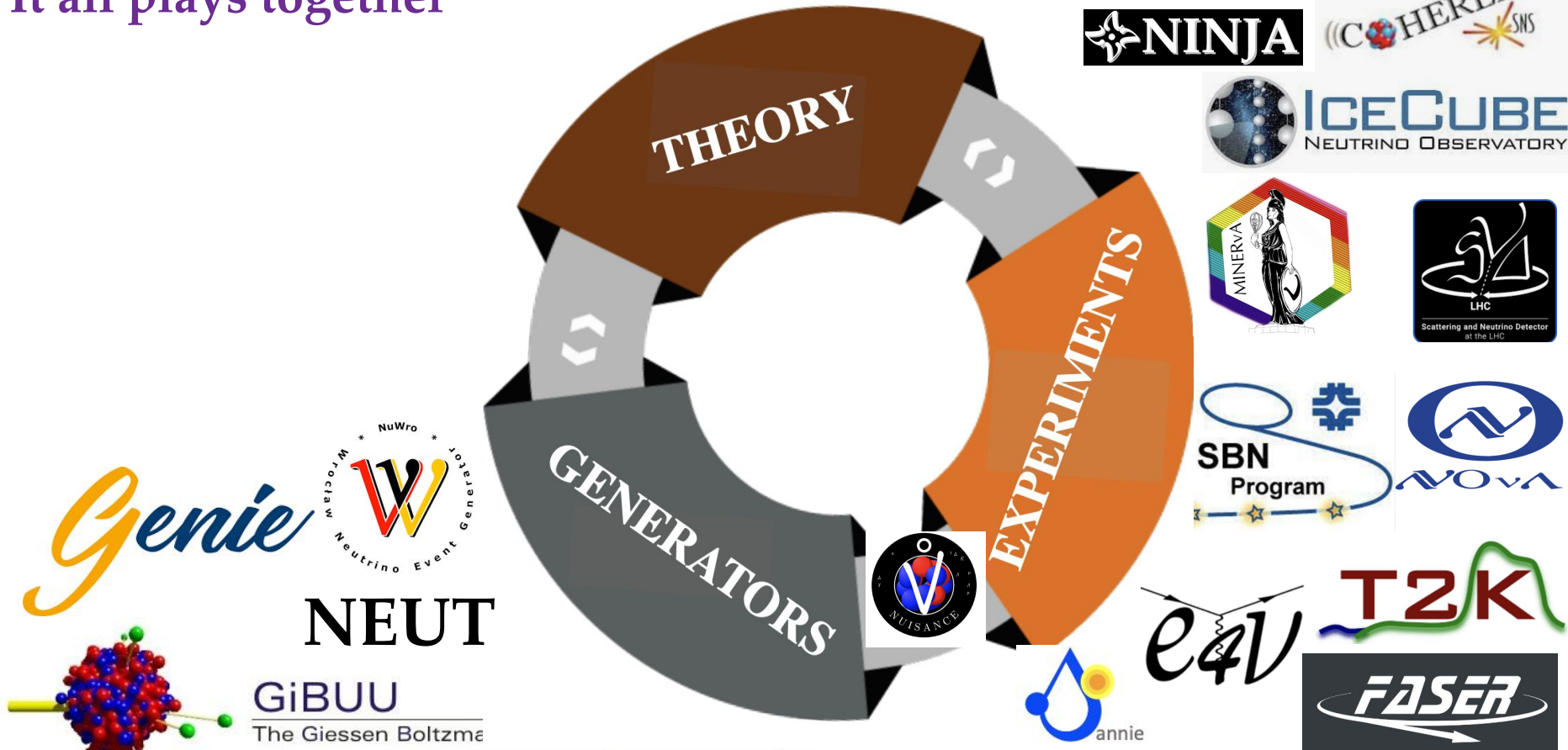


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Aim to perform measurements in a form useful for model building, and produce predictions easy to translate into usable observables

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This week for WG2

Experimental efforts:

→ 14 talks

Theory inputs

→ 8 talks

Generator developments


→ 4 talks + 5 at the boundary with theory + 2 at the boundary with experiment

Joint session WG1-WG2:

Constraining Xsec systematics / Xsec tuning

→ 6 talks

This week for WG2: Schedule (please check the indico [here](#))

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30-10:30		Plenary Experimental results SF from e-scattering			Generators	
11:00-13:00			Poster session		DIS	Closeout
14:00-16:00	Plenary XS future experiments theory and event gen	Theory			Experiment	
16:30-18:30		WG1-WG2 joint Axial form factor			Experiment	

WG2 Plenaries

This afternoon:

Cross Section for future experiments

-- Laura Munteanu

Modeling neutrino-nucleus cross section: theory and generators

-- Natalie Yvonne Jachowicz

Tomorrow Morning:

Overview of cross section experimental results: Argon-Based technologies

-- Sophie Berkman

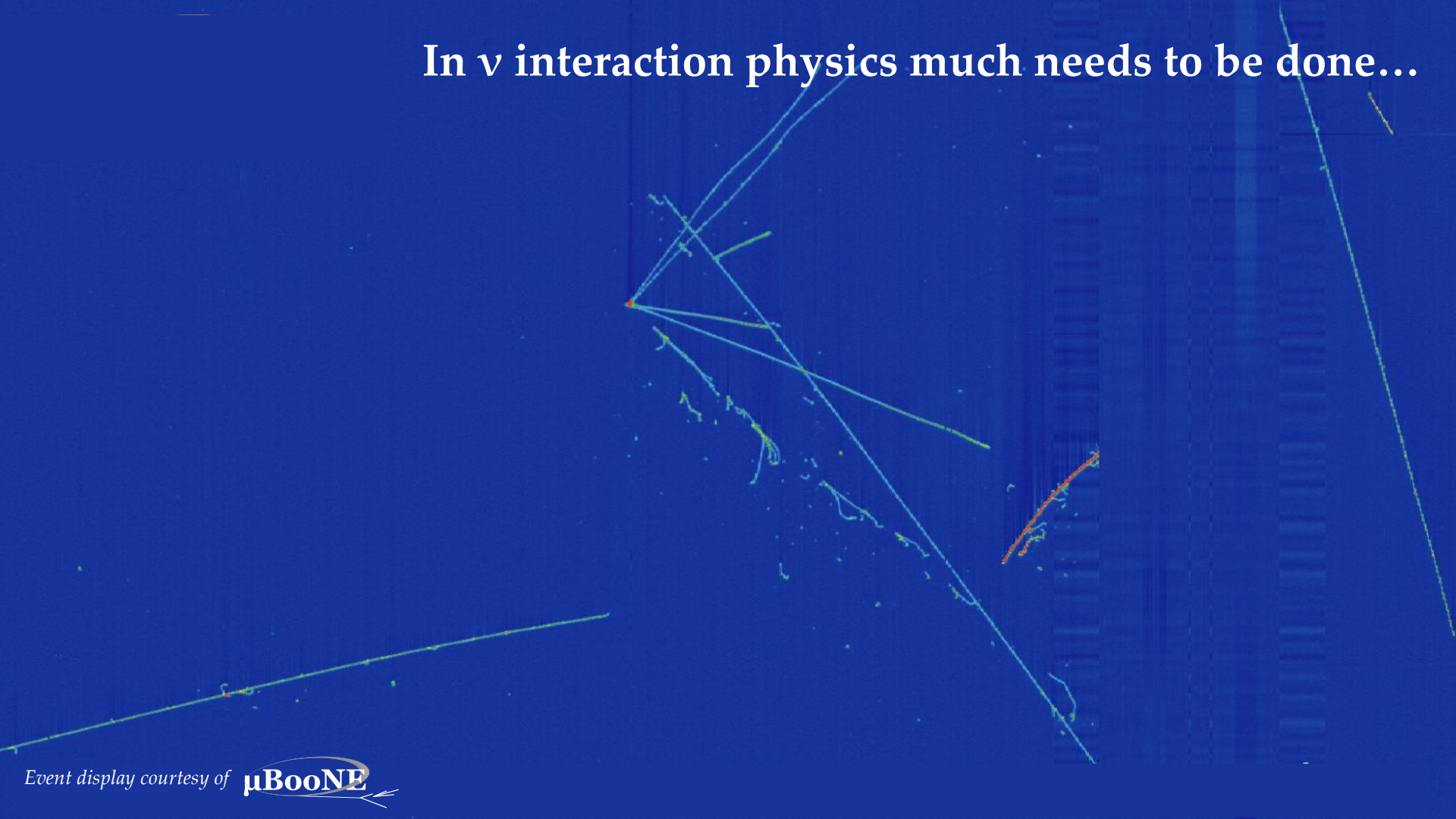
Overview of cross section experimental results: Non Argon-Based technologies

-- Raquel Castillo

Determination of the Argon spectral function from $(e,e'p)$ data

-- Omar Benhar

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... happy workshopping
everyone!

Thank you!

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