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Novel event generator for the automated simulation of neutrino scattering

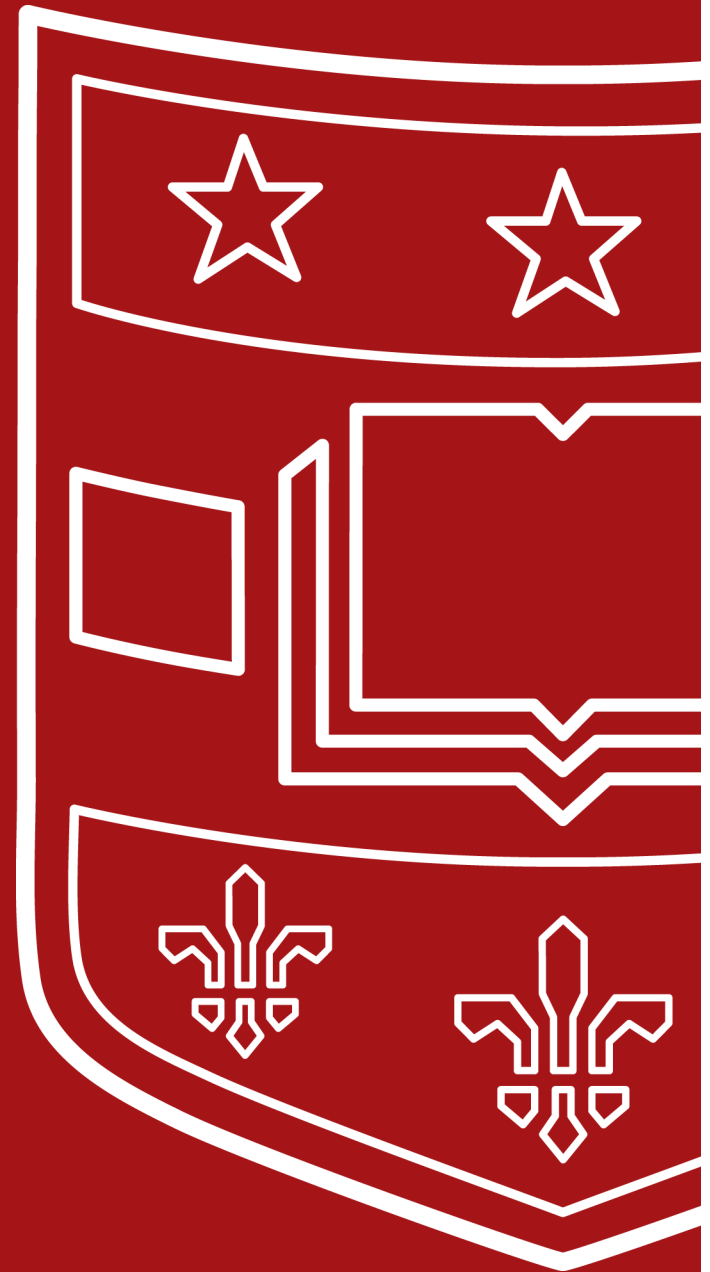
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- Interference 1+ dominant boson. Easier to express:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \sum_i L_{\mu}^{(i)} W^{(i)\mu} \right|^2$$

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*Will calculate leptonic currents, but leptonic tensor is available



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- $W^\mu / W^{\mu\nu}$ calculated using impulse-approximation in the spectral function formalism; $S(\vec{p}_a, E_r)$ probability of removing nucleon with \vec{p}_a , E_r .



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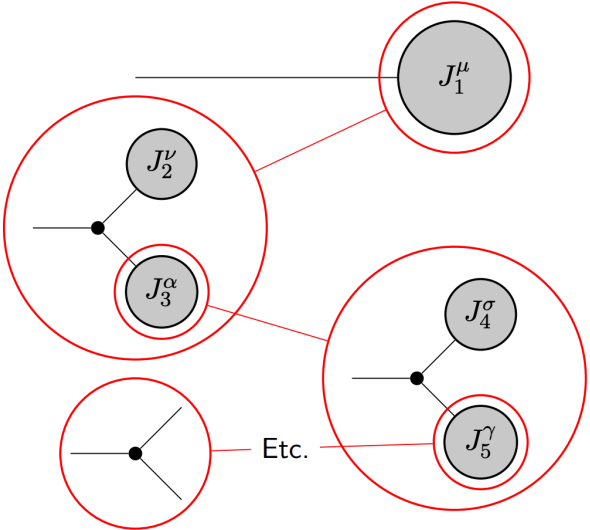
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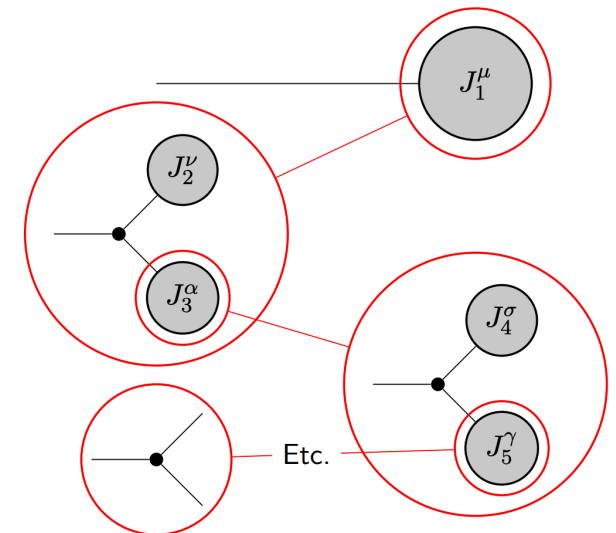
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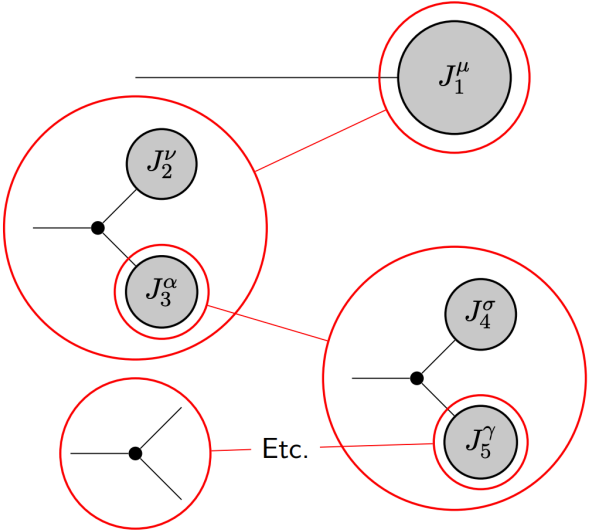
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- Multichannel technique (s - and t -channels)

- Adaptive multidimensional Vegas algorithm



Some choices:

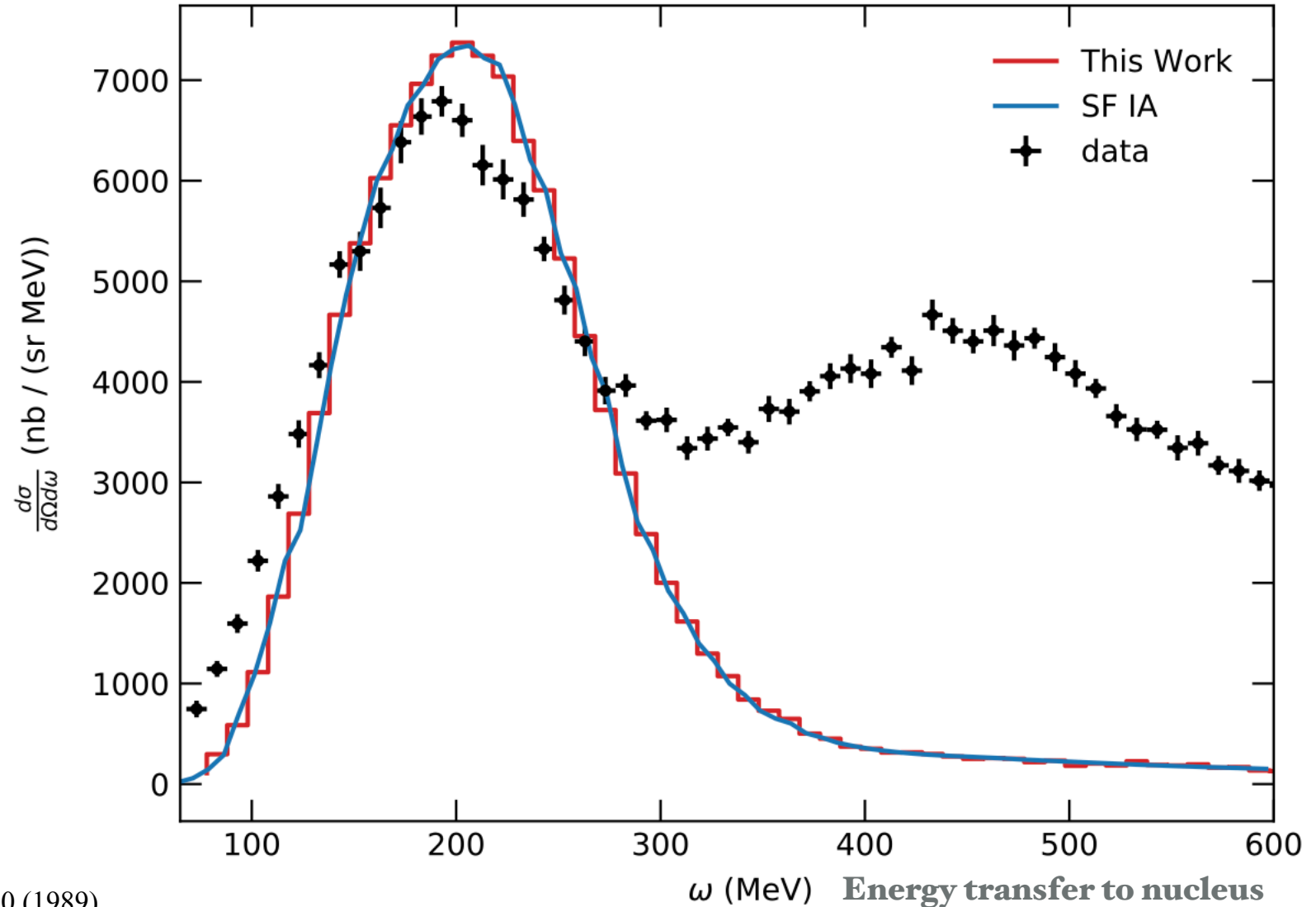
- Choose monochromatic lepton beam, but straightforward to include fluxes.
- No final-state interactions.
- Leptons considered massless.
- Full propagator for W^\pm , Z bosons.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ G_F \\ M_Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/137 \\ 1.16637 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV} \\ 91.1876 \text{ GeV} \end{pmatrix}$$

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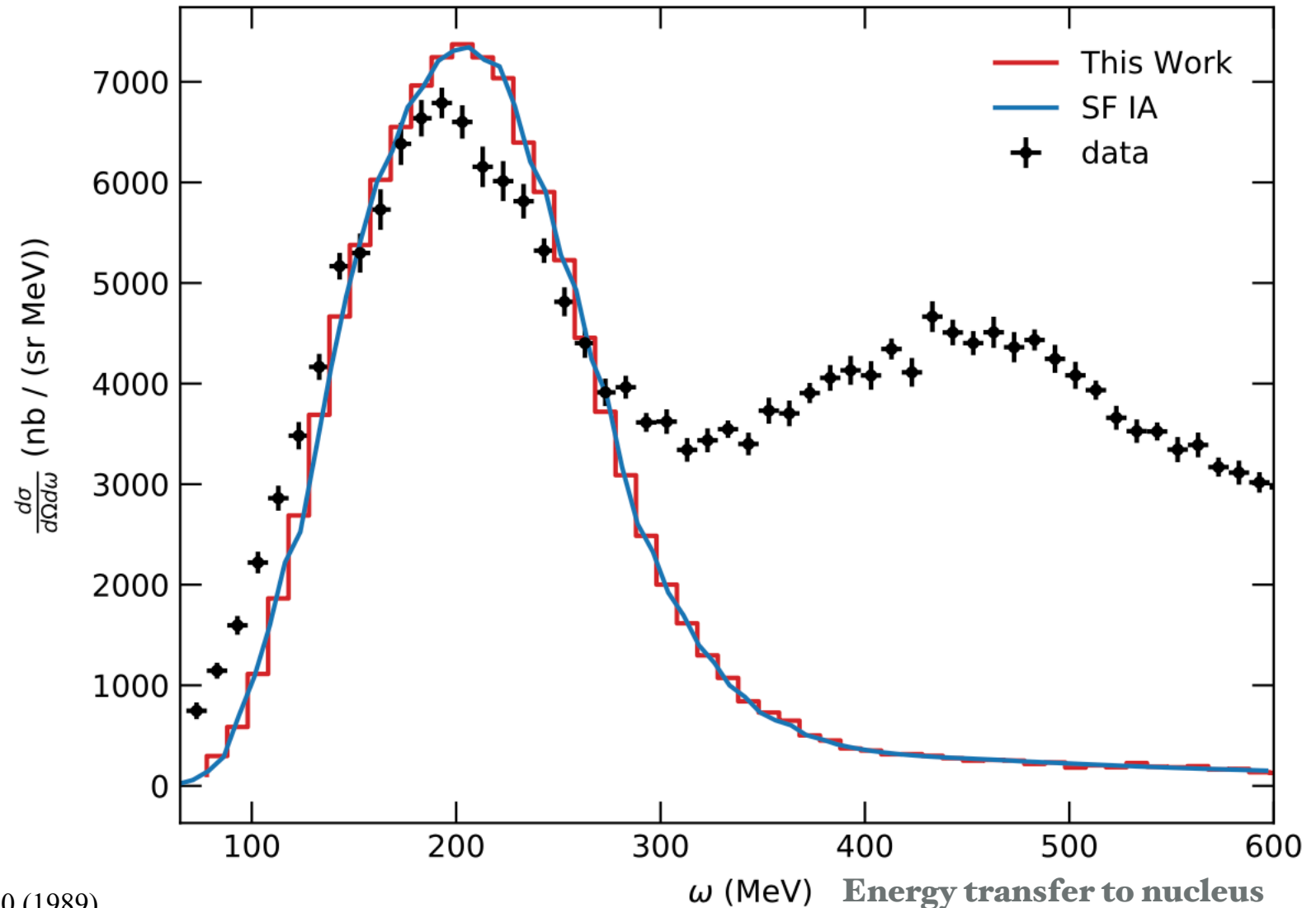
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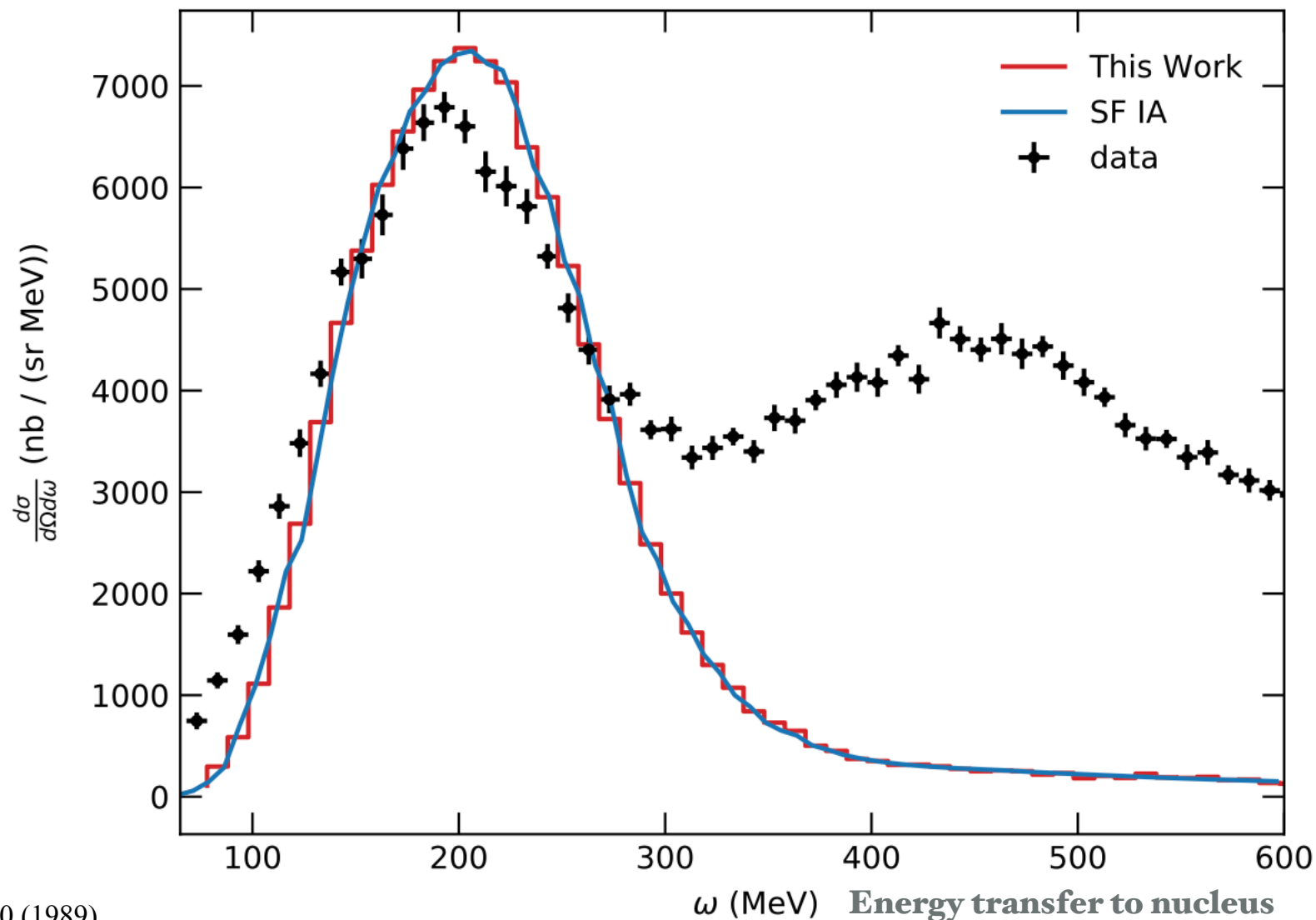
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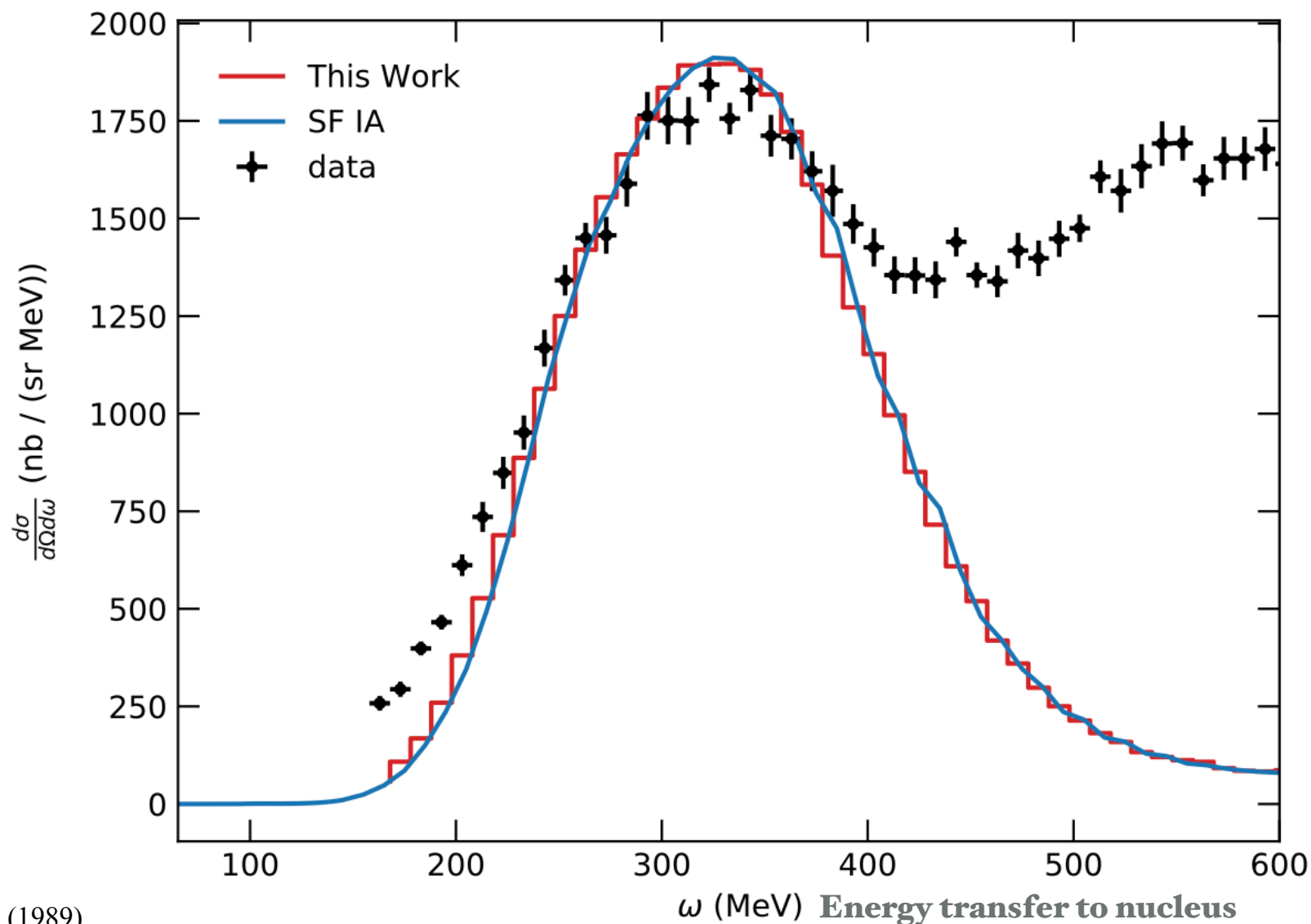
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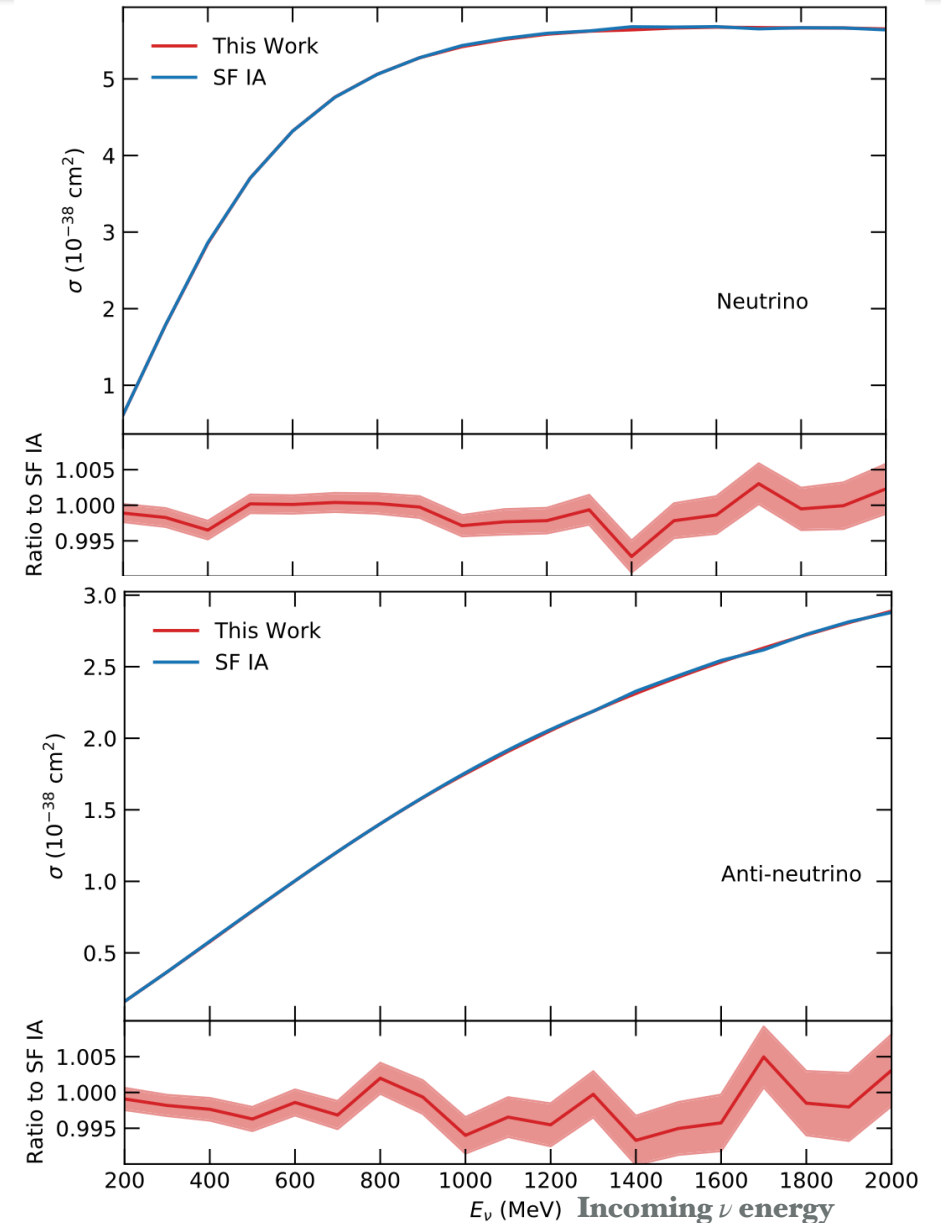
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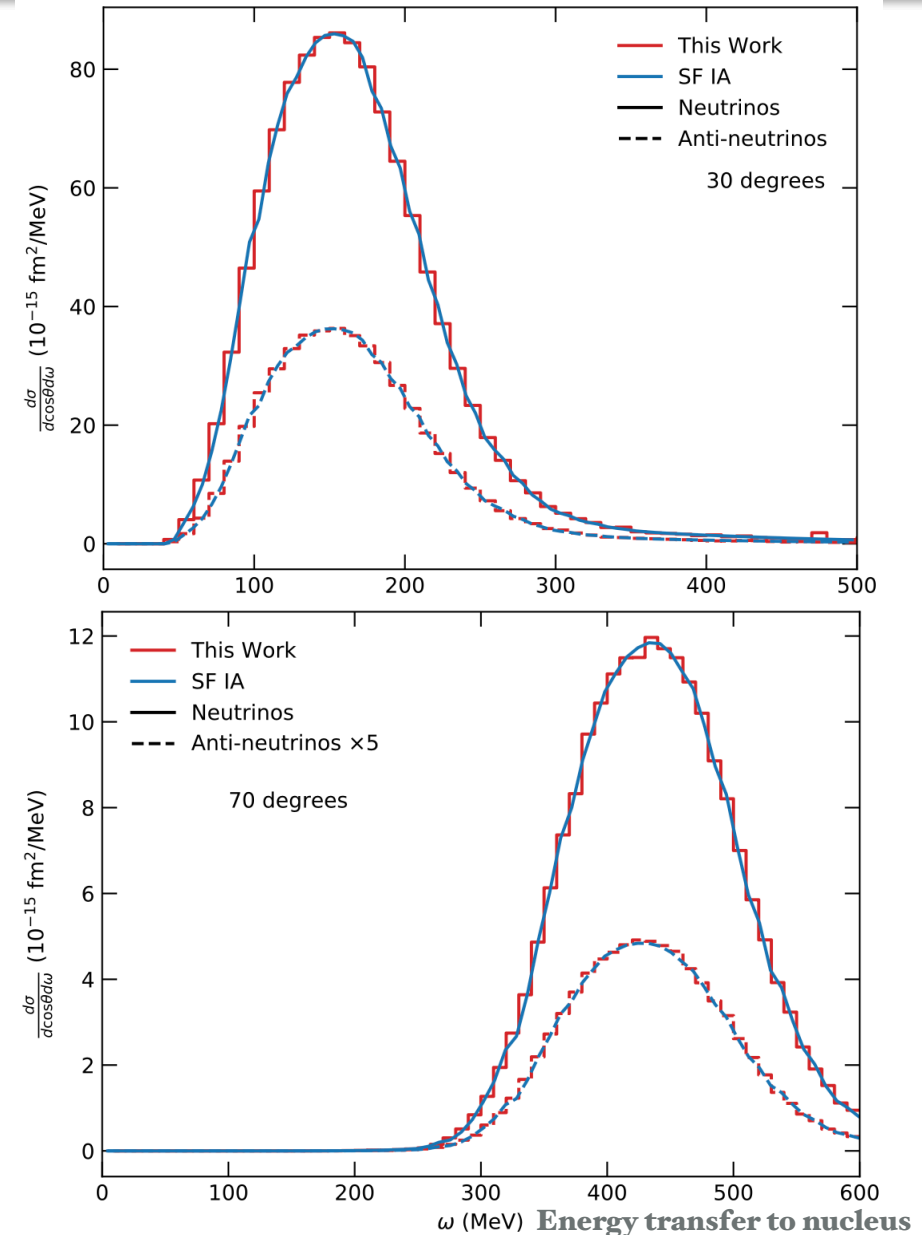


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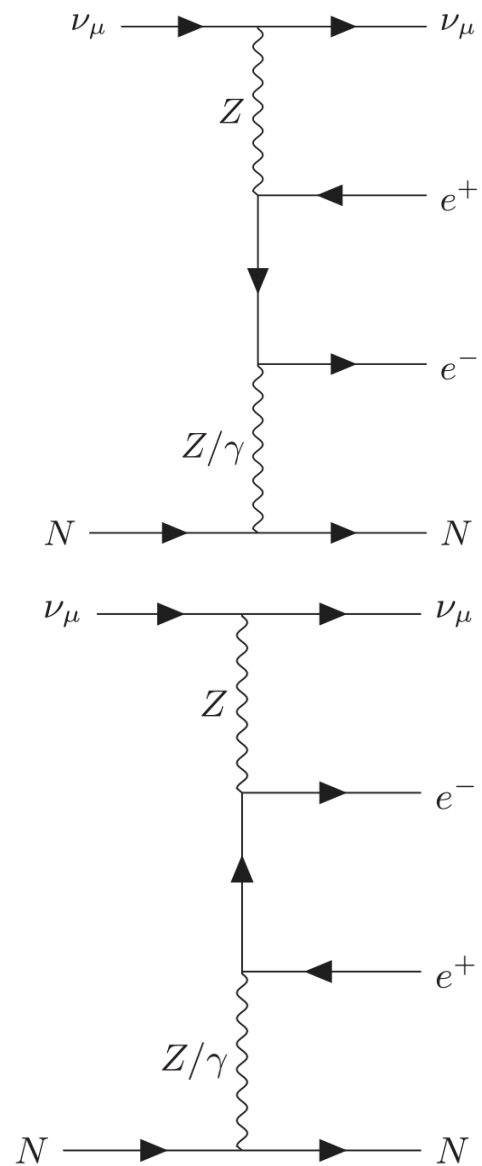
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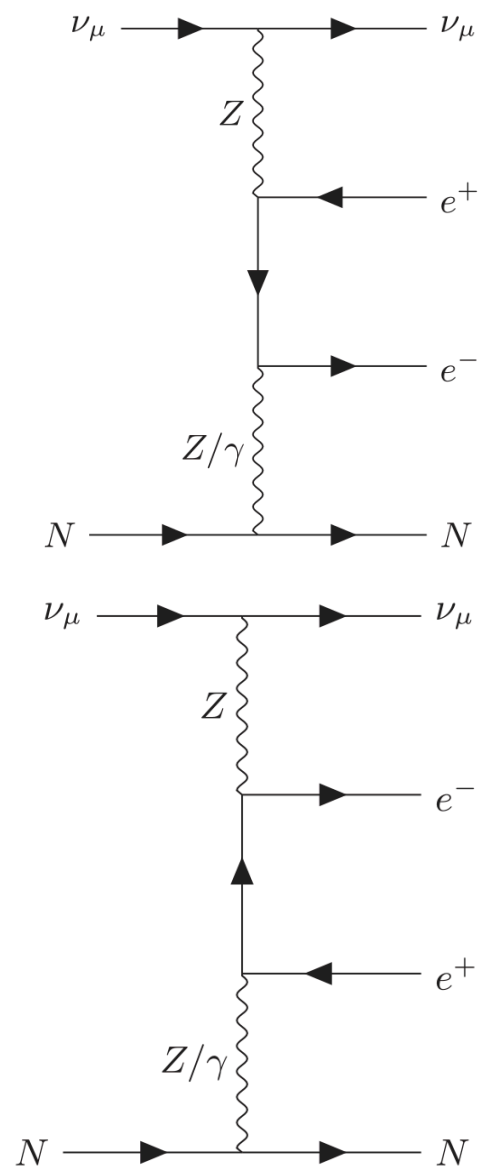
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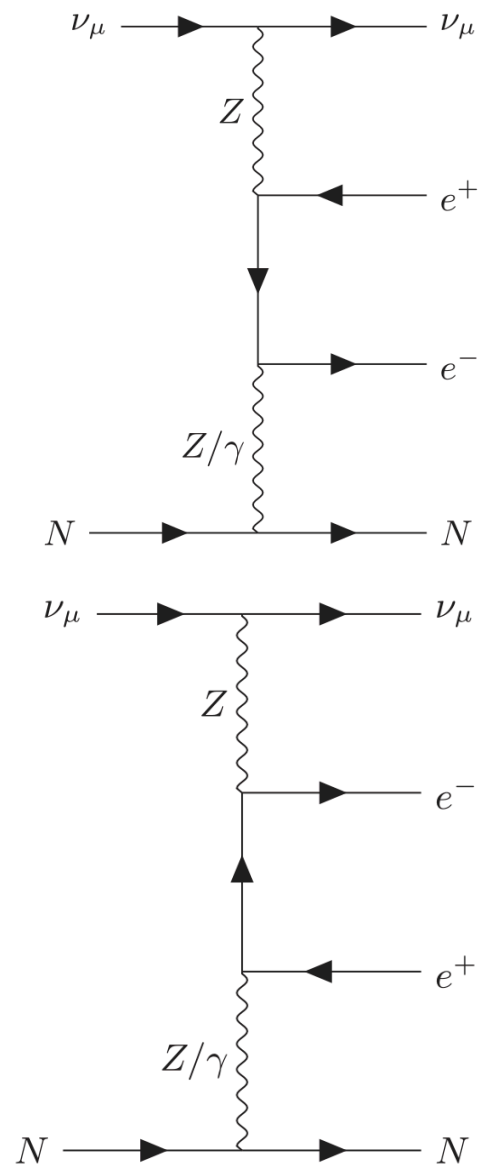
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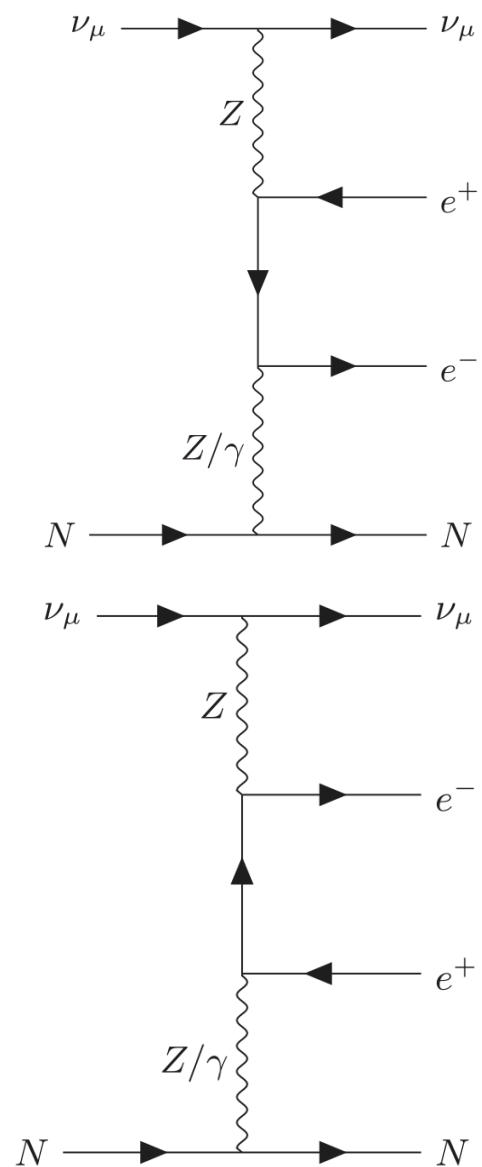




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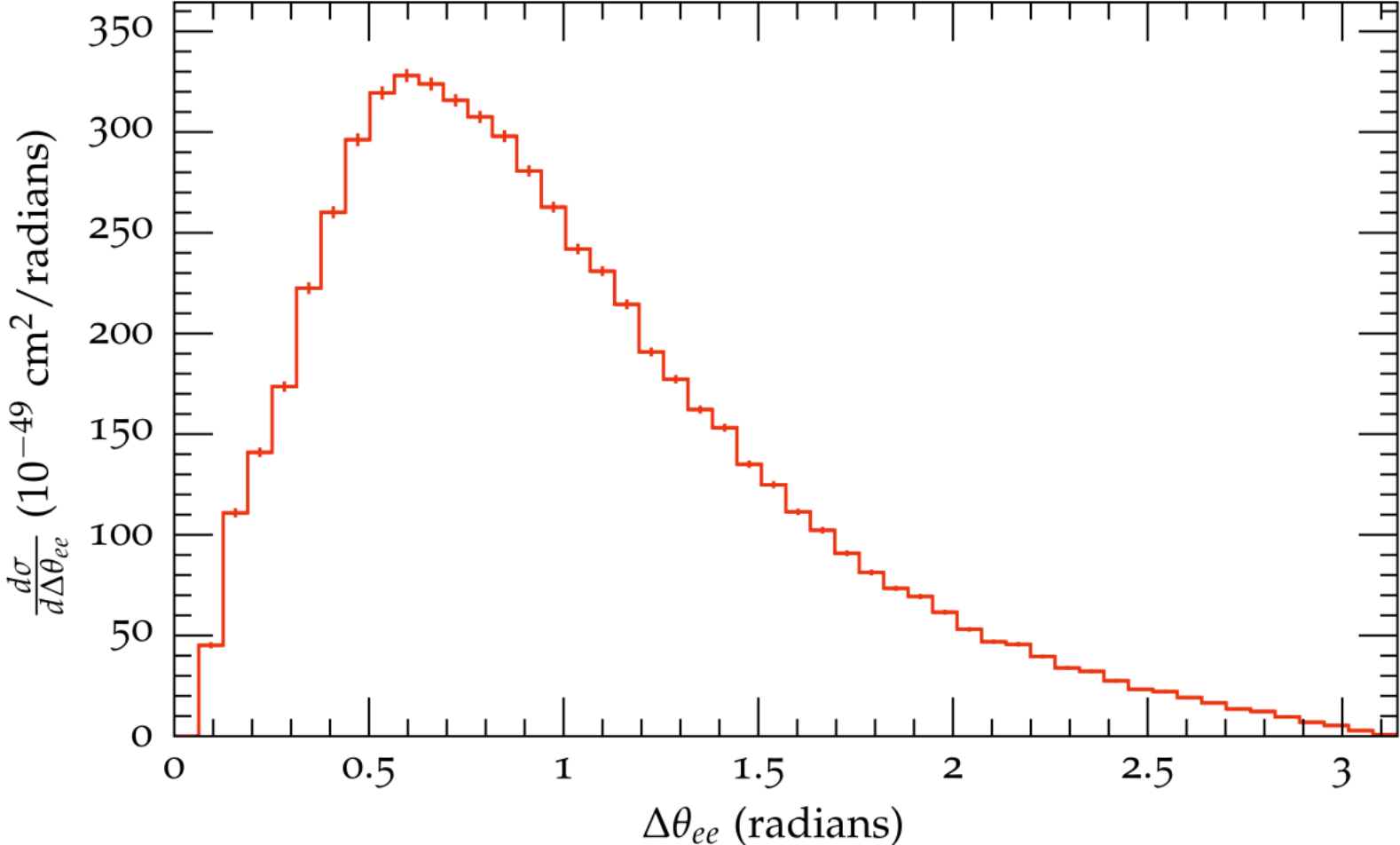
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(Consistent with P. Ballett, M. Hostert, S. Pascoli, Y. F. Perez-Gonzalez, Z. Tabrizi, and R. Zukanovich Funchal, J. High Energy Phys. 01 (2019) 119.)



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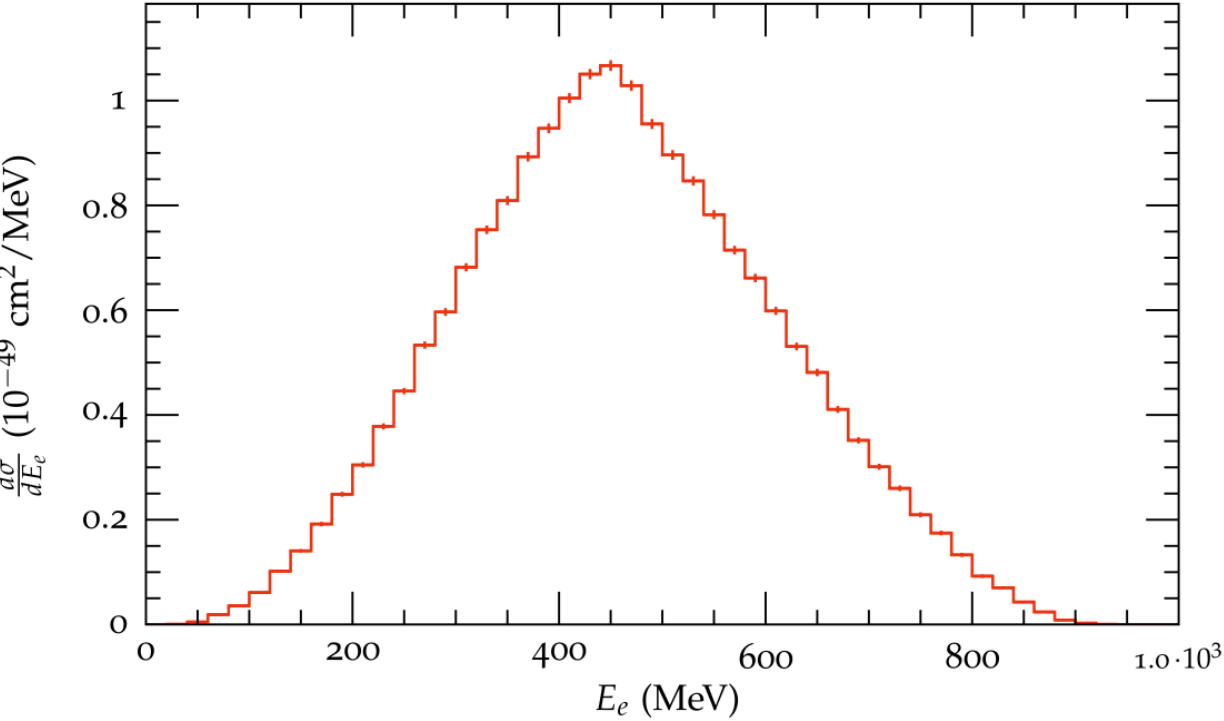
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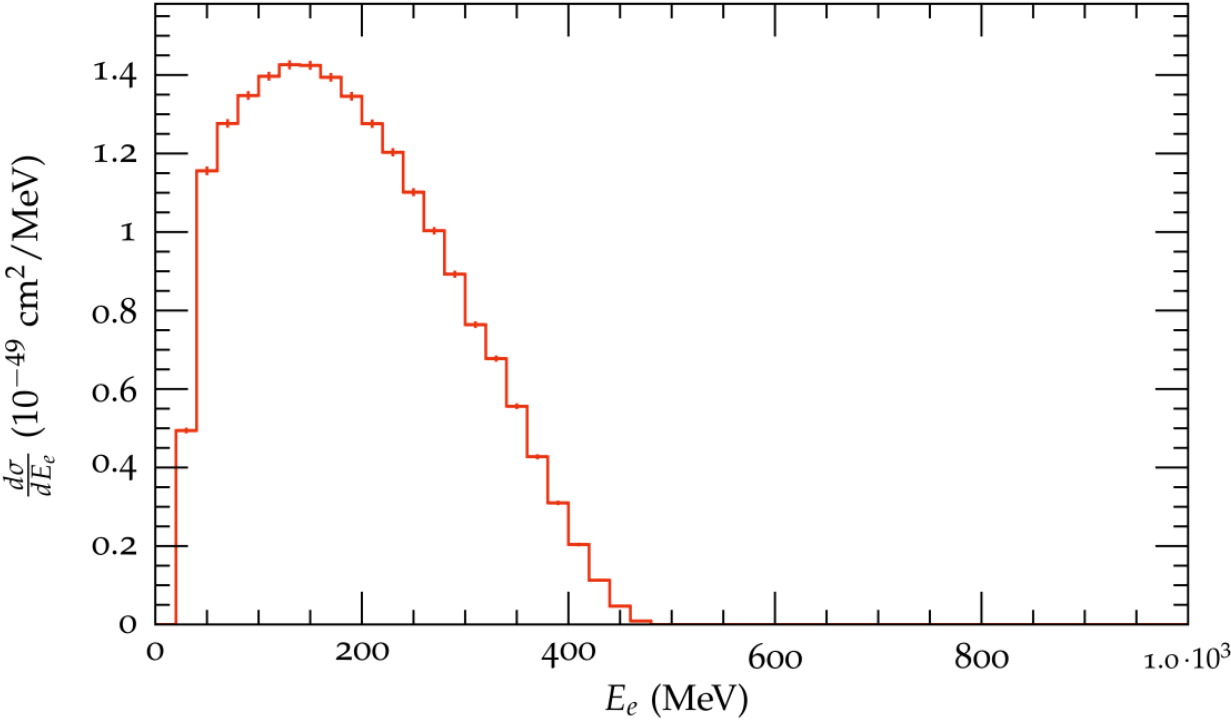


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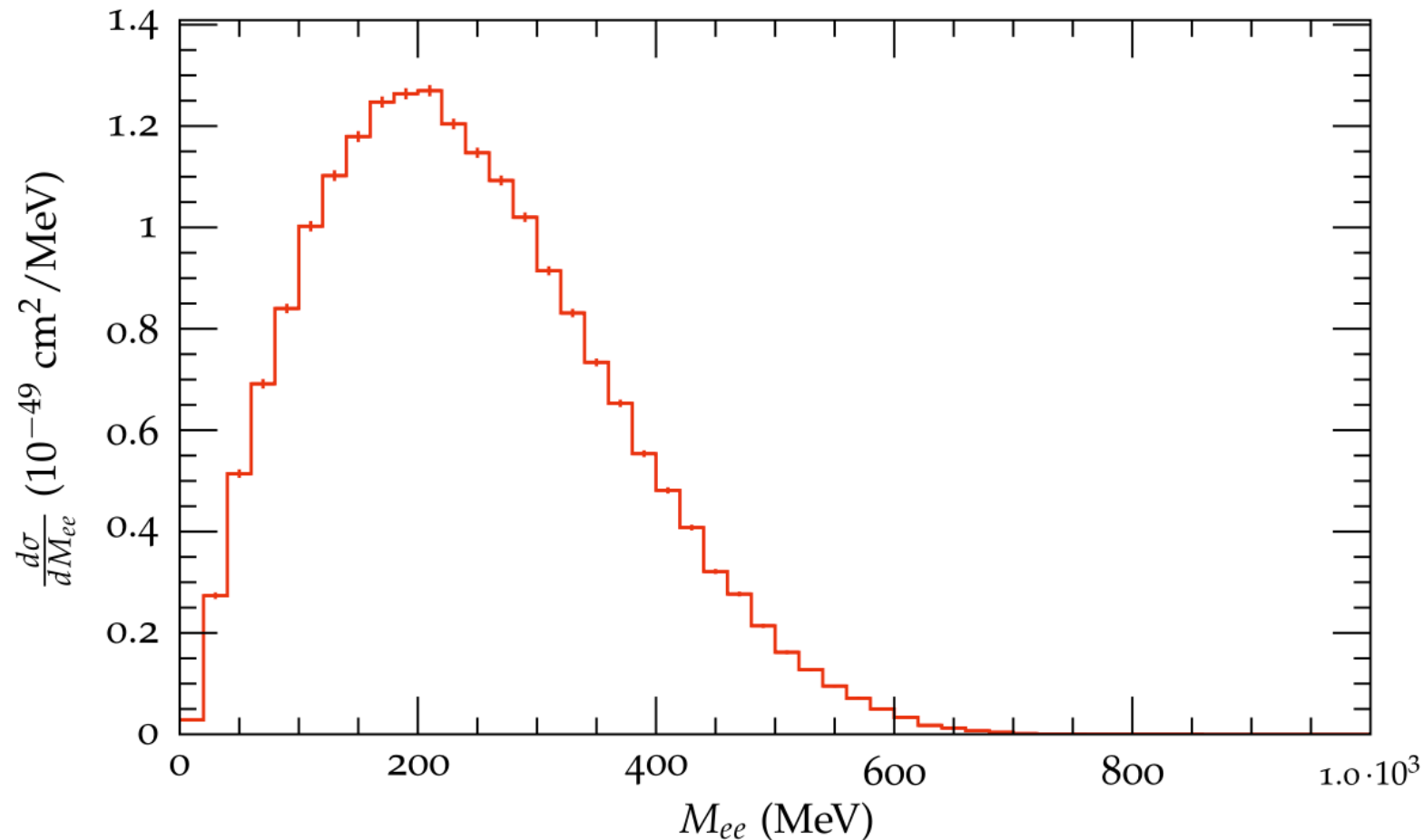


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