

Quasielastic experiments with ^{12}C and ^{16}O

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for A1-Collaboration

We are proposing ...

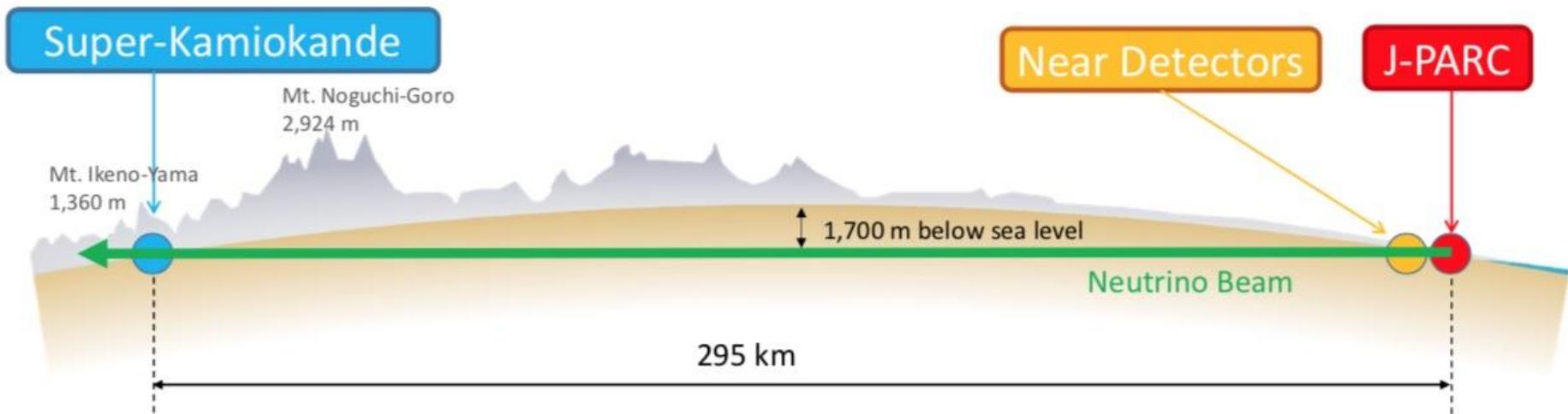
- Precision electron-induced scattering experiment on oxygen and carbon.
- Measurement of inclusive cross-sections in quasi-elastic and delta resonance.



- Study the nuclear structure and validate existing theories.
- **Quenching of the Coulomb sum rule.**
- **Provide new input to deficient existing models employed to interpret signals detected in accelerator-based neutrino experiments.**

Motivation –T2K

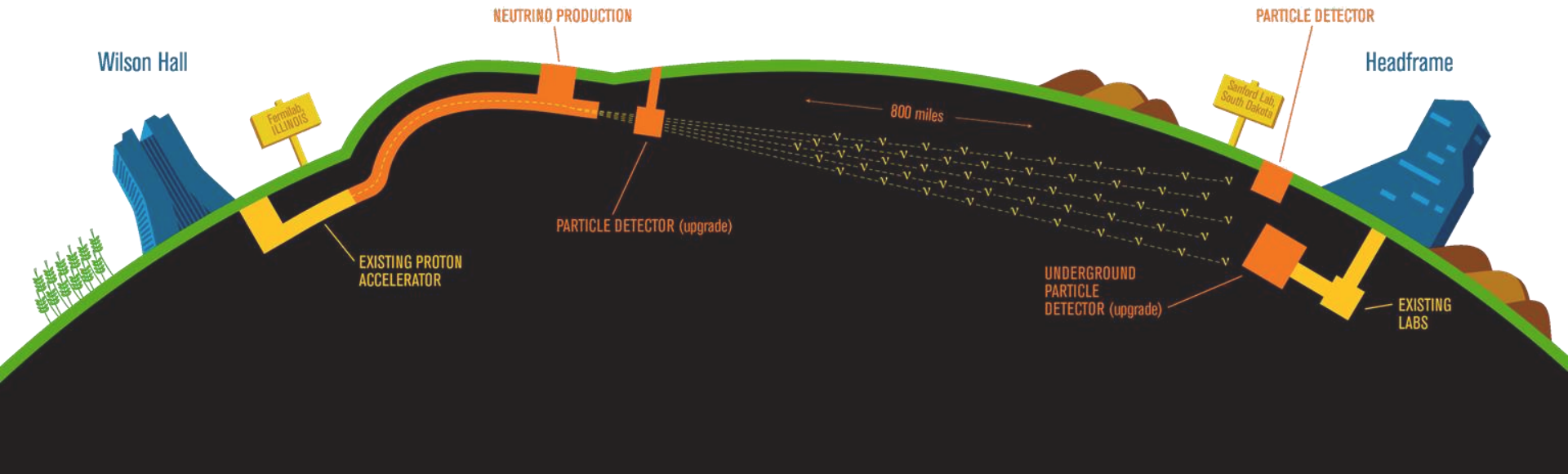
- T2K provided most precise measurement of θ_{23} and constraints on δ_{CP} .



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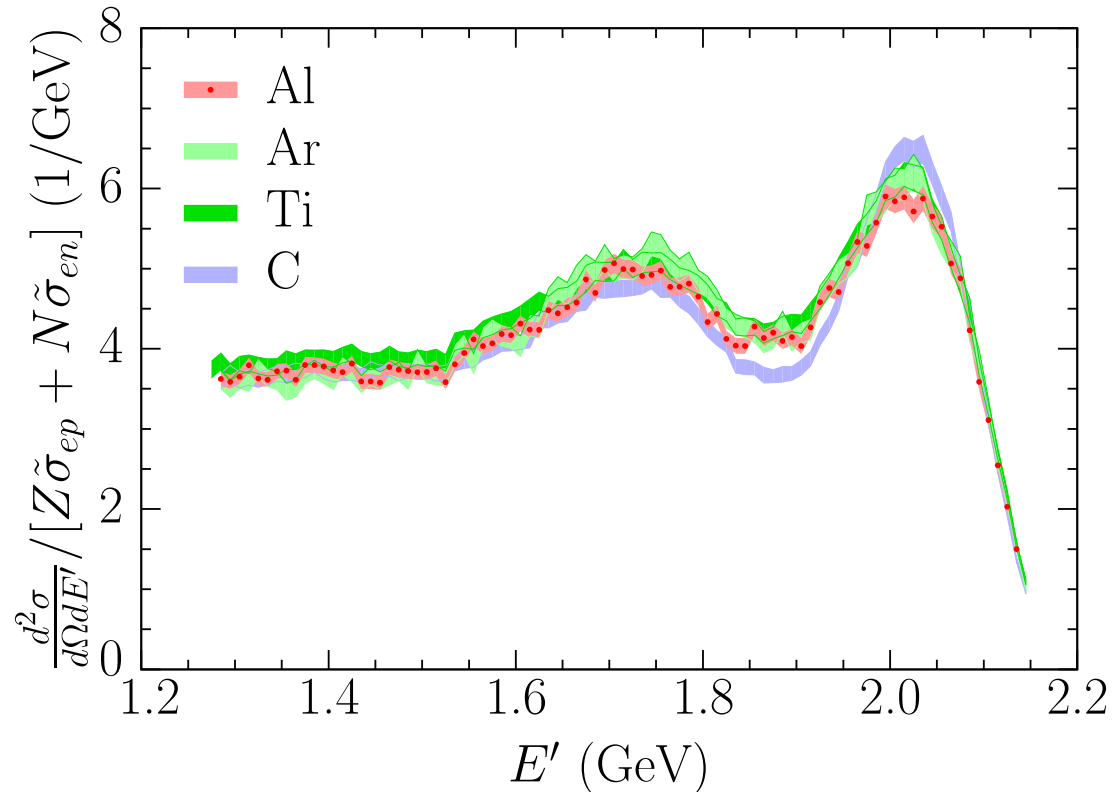
- DUNE for even more precise measurement of θ_{23} and δ_{CP} .



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Motivation – E12-14-012

- Successful experiment performed at Jefferson Lab.
- Inclusive (and exclusive) data collected for C, Al, Ar, Ti targets at 2.2 GeV and 15.5°.



- Experiment confirmed approximate scaling.

Neutrino oscillations

- The properties of neutrinos determined through the measurement of probability of flavor oscillation:

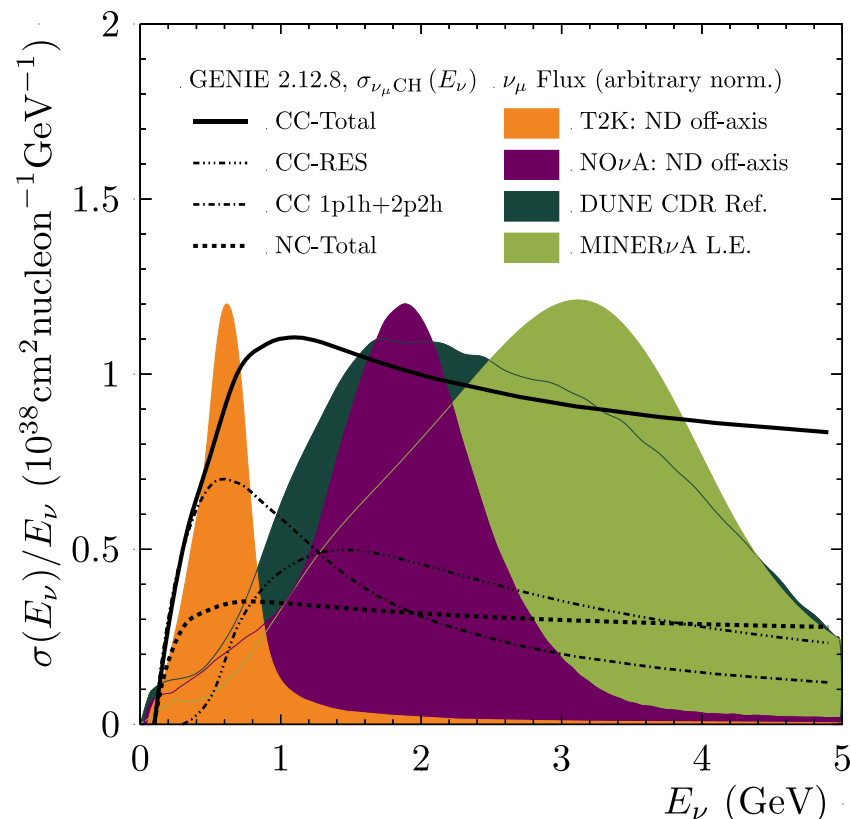
$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) \simeq \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

- The probability is maximized, when:

$$E \approx \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{(4n + 2)\rho}$$

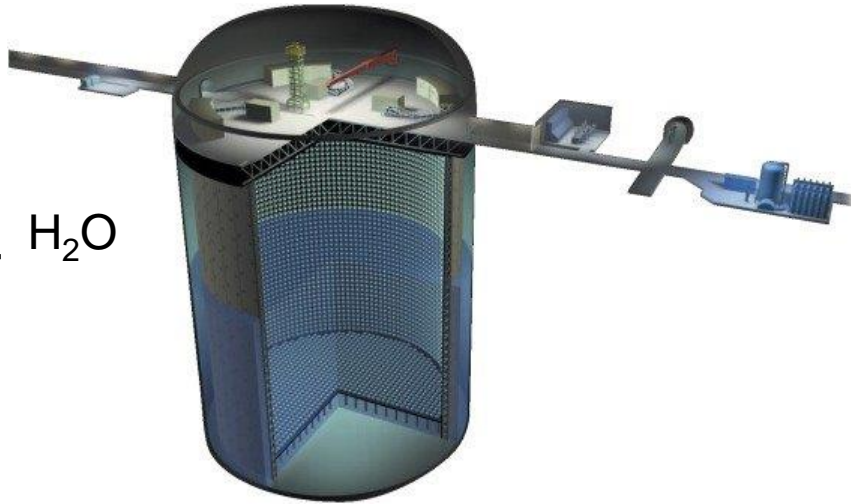
- The amplitude of the oscillation:

$$P_{\max} \propto \sin^2 2\theta$$

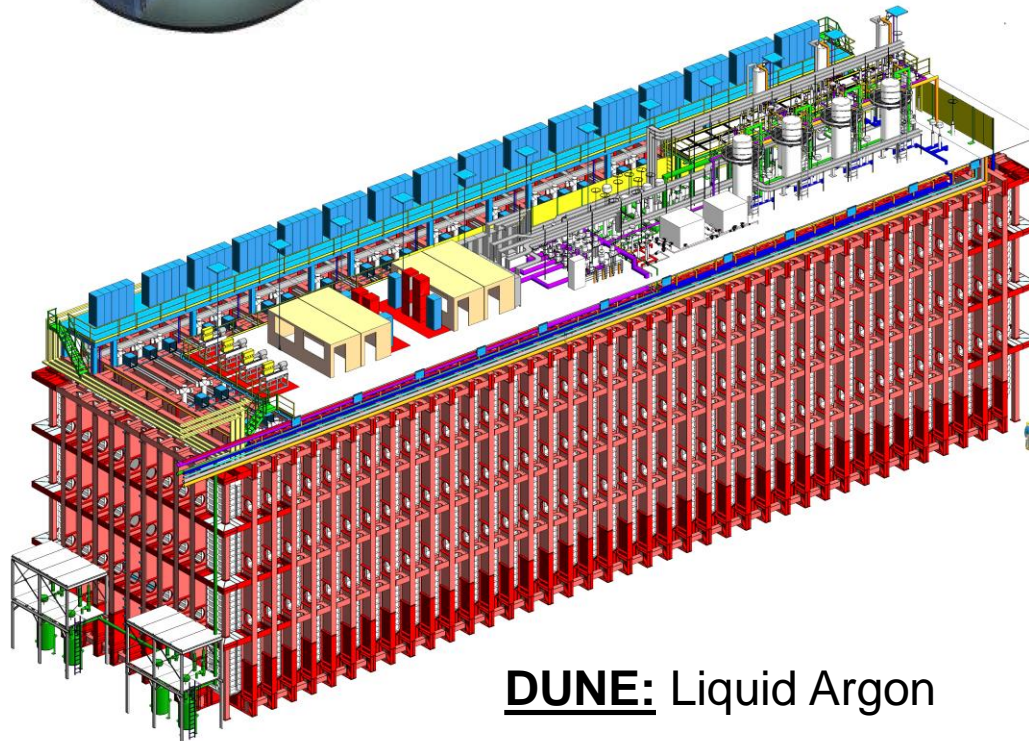
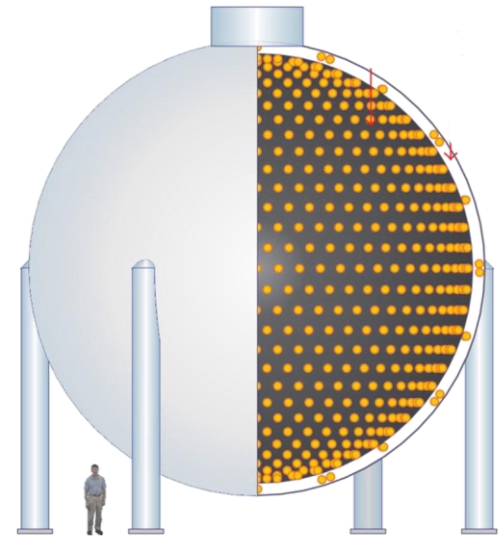


Detectors and detector medium

T2K: H₂O



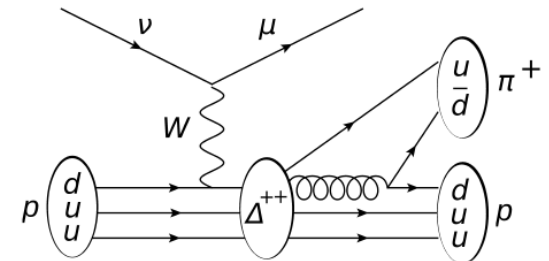
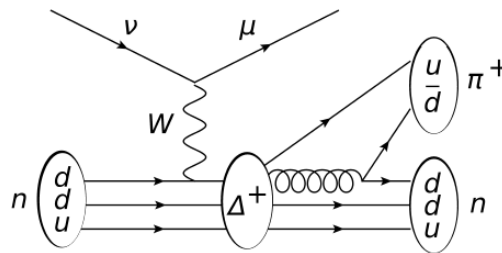
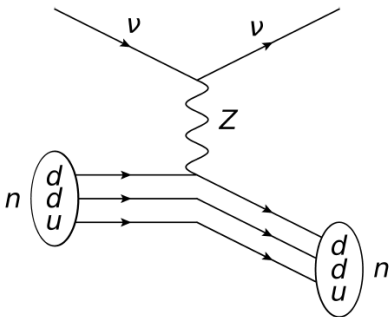
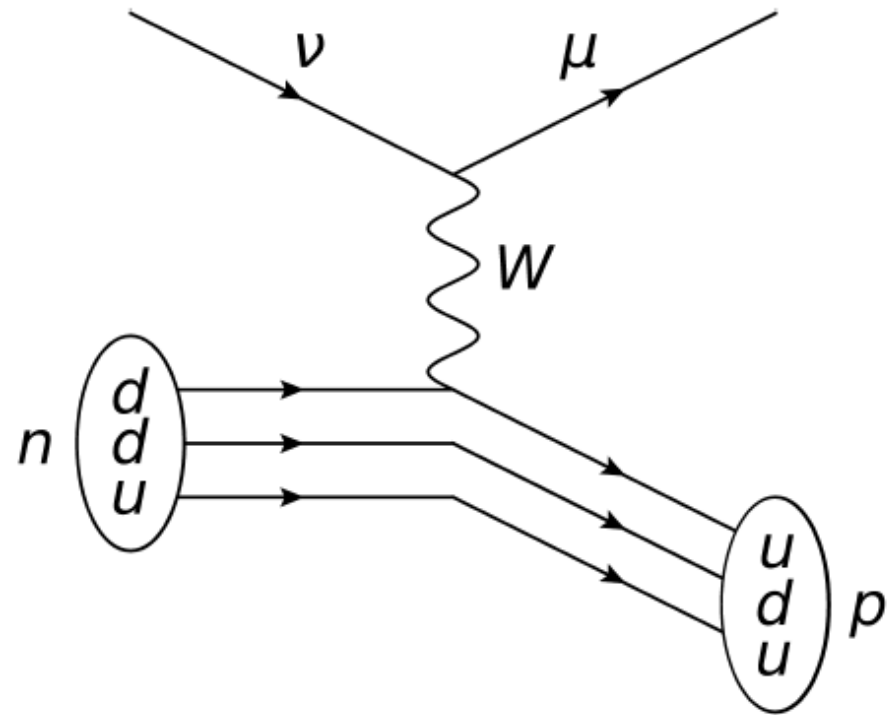
MiniBooNE: Mineral oil



DUNE: Liquid Argon

Interactions with neutrinos

- In detector neutrino interacts with nuclear medium predominantly through **CCQE**.
- Only final lepton is detected.
- Contributions of other processes are also present: NCQE, CCRES, ...
- Accompanying effects: FSI, SRC.



Analysis of detected events

- Detected rates in the near and far detector:

$$N^{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}(\vec{p}_n) = \sum_i \underbrace{\Phi_\alpha(E_{True})}_{\text{Flux}} \cdot \underbrace{P_{\alpha\beta}(E_{True})}_{\text{Probability}} \cdot \underbrace{\sigma_\beta^i(\vec{p}_{True})}_{\text{Cross-section}} \cdot \underbrace{\varepsilon_\beta(\vec{p}_{True})}_{\text{Efficiency}}$$

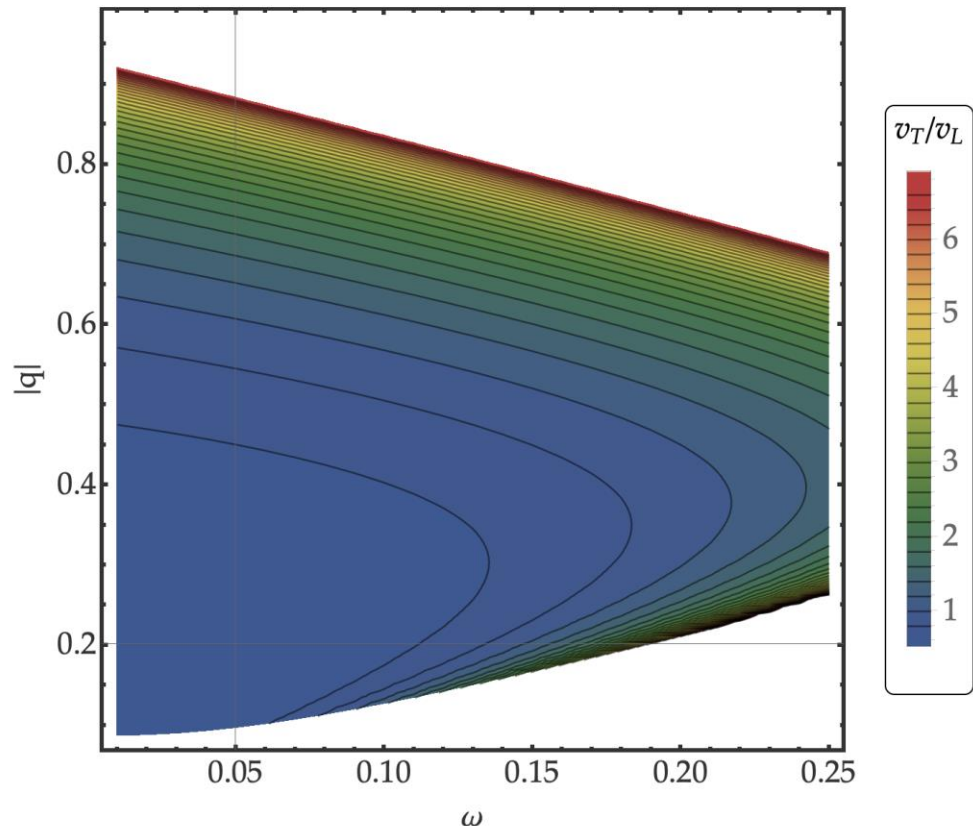
**Important role of QE scattering
of electrons from nuclei!**

- Energy reconstructed assuming specific process. Hit nucleon in nuclear medium not at rest!
- **Precise input from theory is needed!**

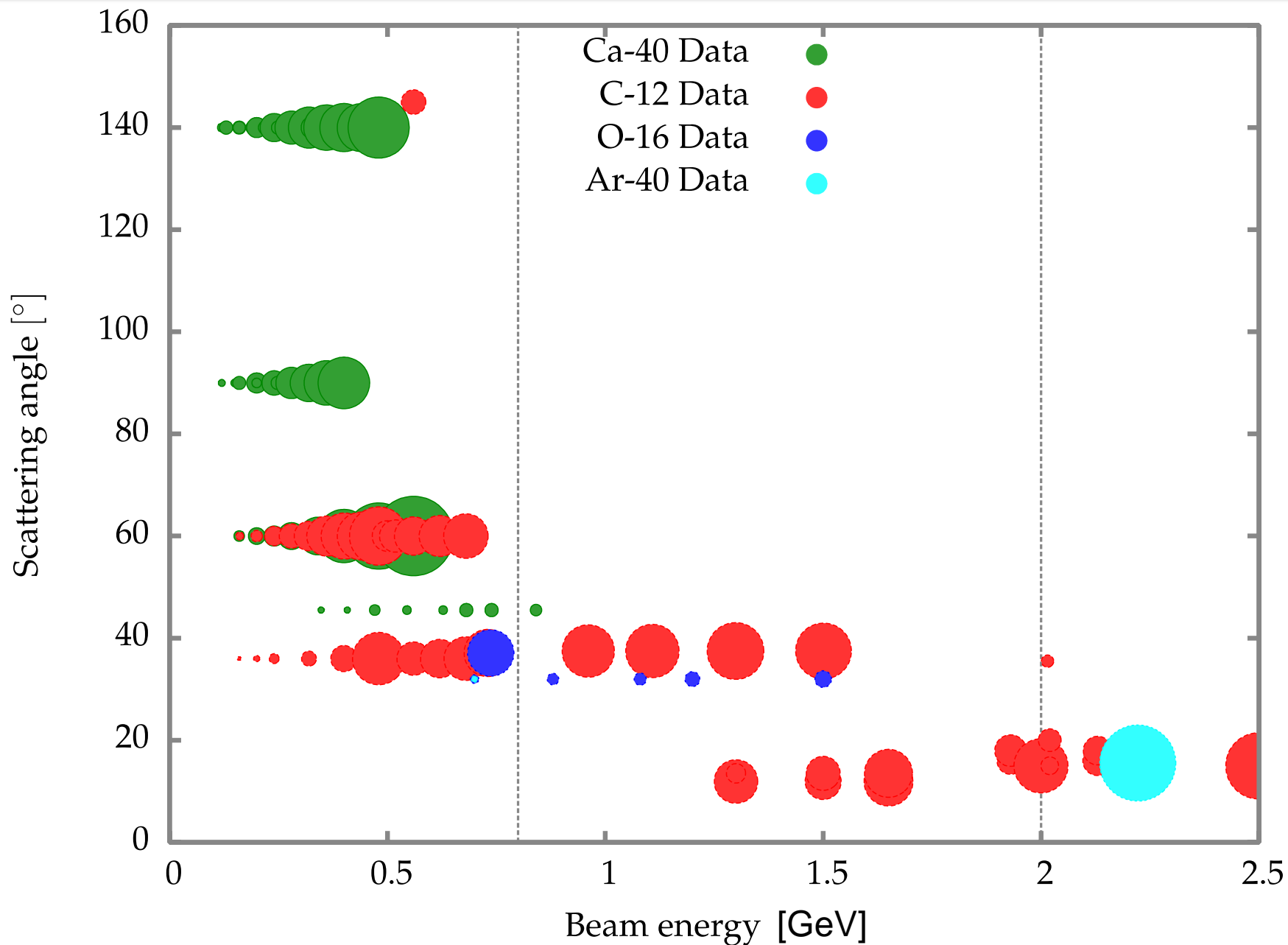
Inclusive quasi-elastic scattering

$$dS = dS_0 \left[v_L R_L + v_T R_T \right]$$

- Response R_L depends on transition charge density; sensitive to nucleon-nucleon correlations.
- Response R_T depends on magnetic currents; describes dynamics on nucleons in nucleus.
- R_L dominates cross-sections at small scattering angles. R_T dominates large angle scattering.

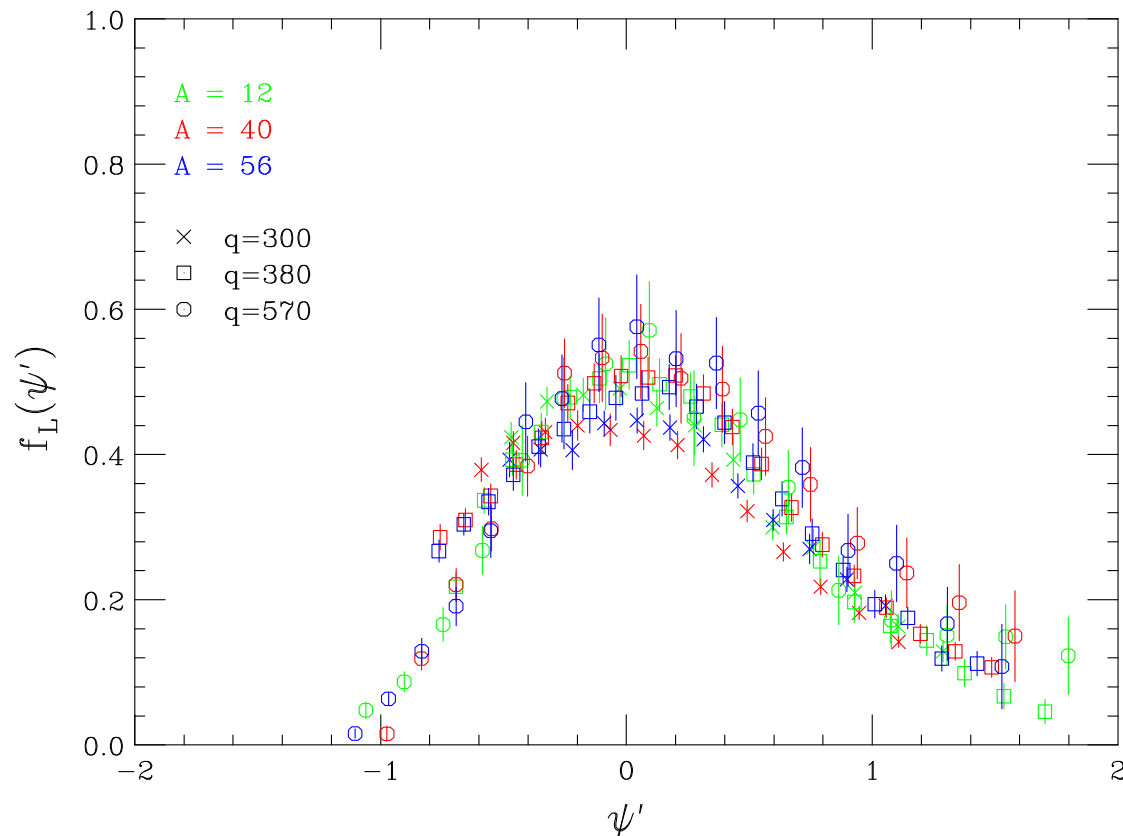


Existing inclusive data



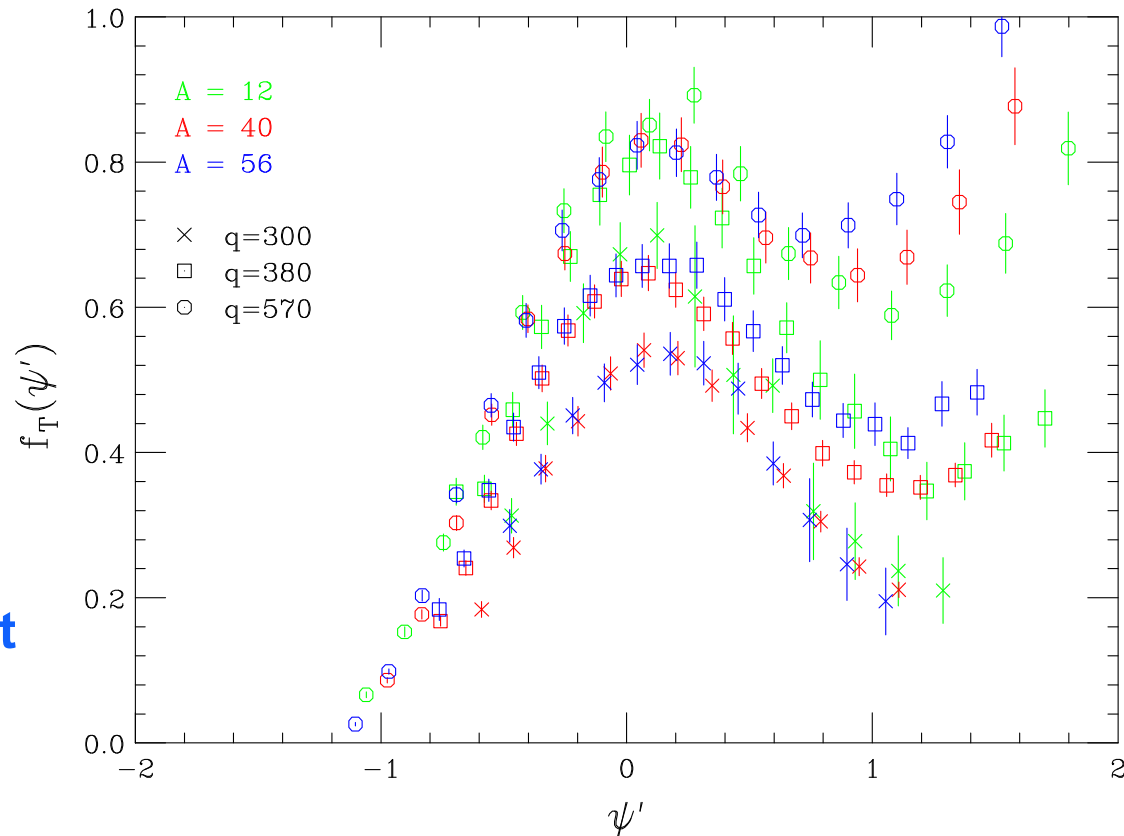
Scaling

- Scaling is a powerful concept. Important for predictions of nuclear response, when no experimental data exist.
- In QE scattering both responses expected to scale to universal curve.
- Integral of the superscaled result should satisfy the Coulomb sum rule.
- Longitudinal response scales with the momentum transfer and atomic mass.**



Scaling breaking

- **Transverse response breaks the superscaling.**
- In the absence of real data the description of scattering under large angles is not under control. Generators are unreliable.



- **Need for experimental data to determine the behavior at large scattering angles.**

New experiment

Considerations:

- Running experiment T2K uses oxygen and carbon as a detection medium.
- Only sparse data available for oxygen.
- New theoretical group at KPH led by Sonia Bacca, who performs ab initio calculations of processes on oxygen.

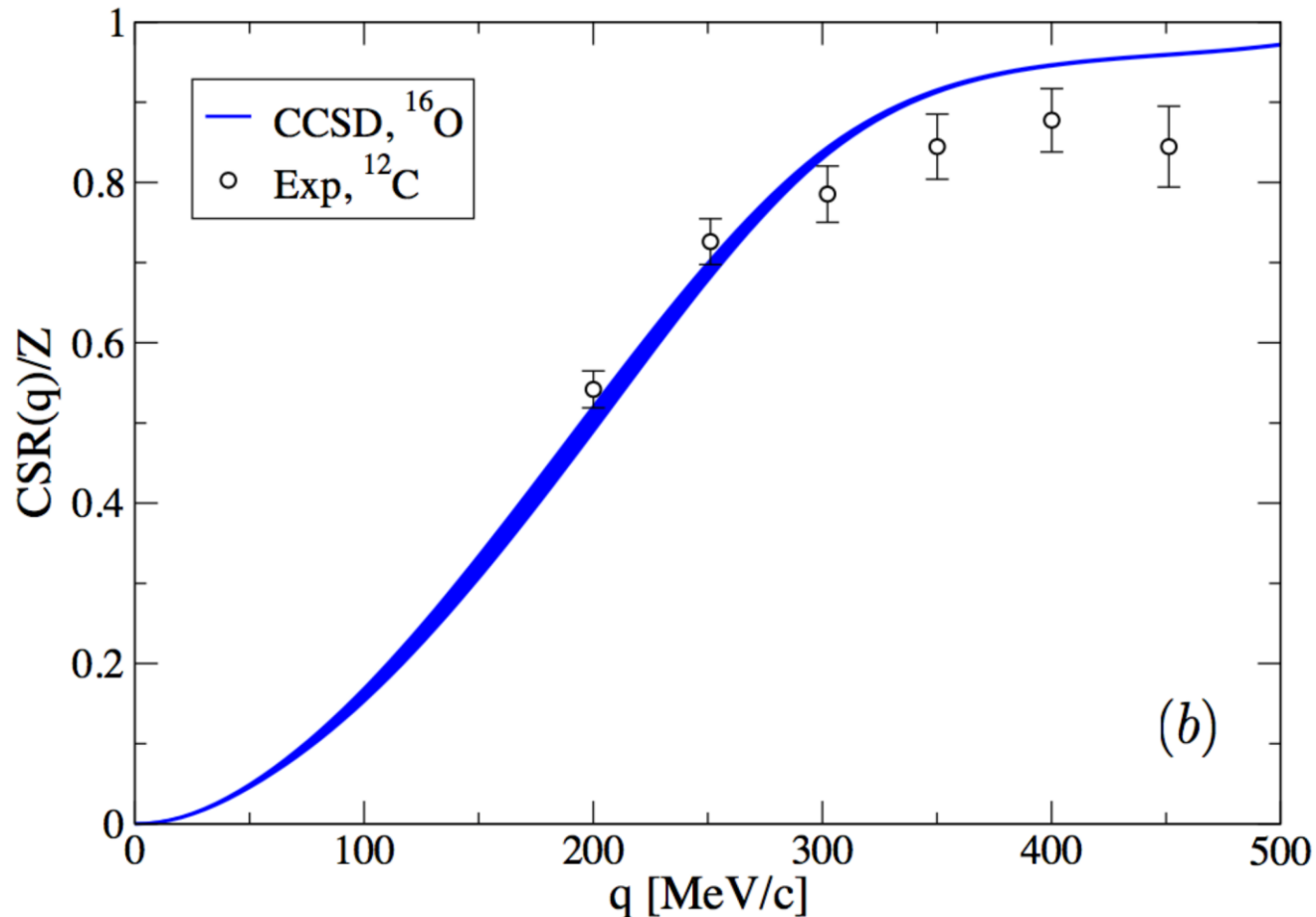


Decision:

- **Provide comprehensive data for $^{16}\text{O}(e,e')$ and $^{12}\text{C}(e,e')$.**
- **Data not only input for neutrino physics but relevant for fundamental nuclear physics.**

Coulomb Sum Rule – ^{16}O

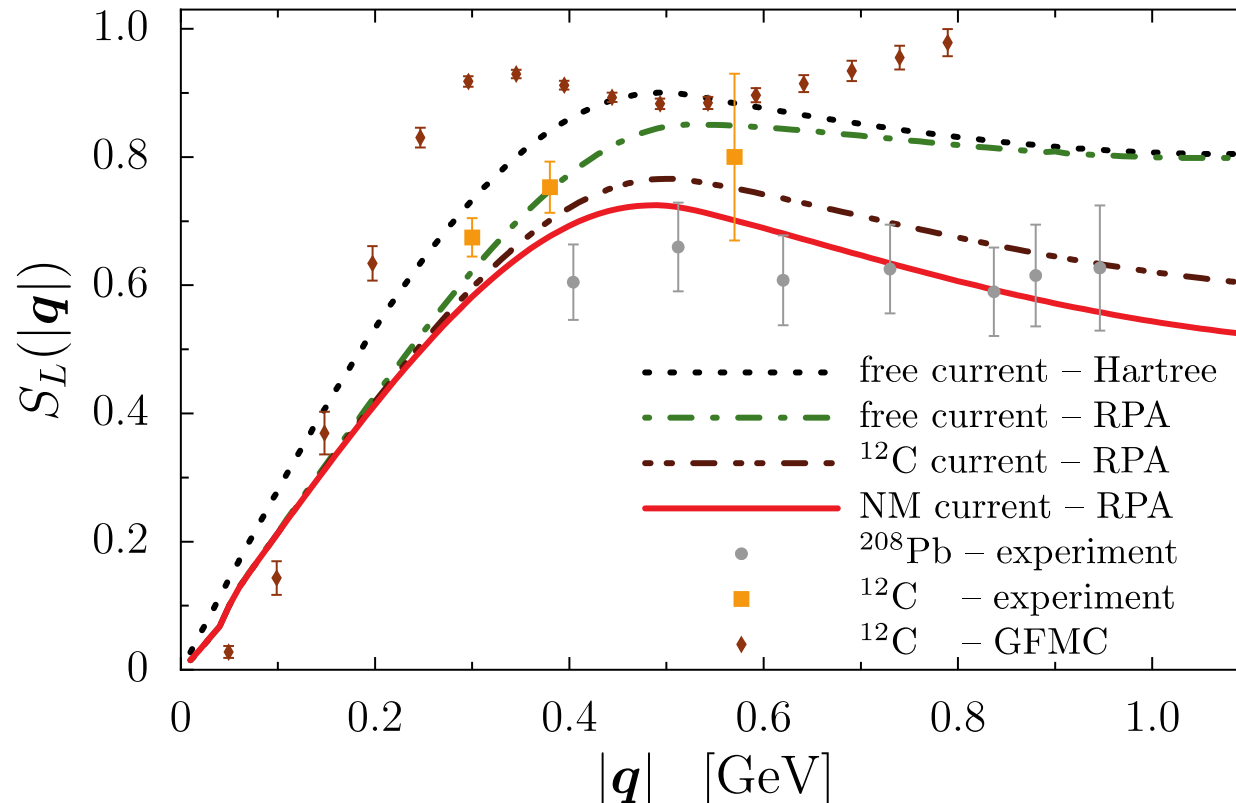
- Coulomb sum rule for Oxygen using coupled cluster theory (S. Bacca) .



- Theory extendable to ab-initio studies of neutrino-nucleus cross-sections.
- **No data exist!**

Coulomb Sum Rule – ^{12}C

- Carbon data for checking systematics.
- Determination of Coulomb sum for Carbon
- Complement experiment E05-110 at Jefferson Lab.



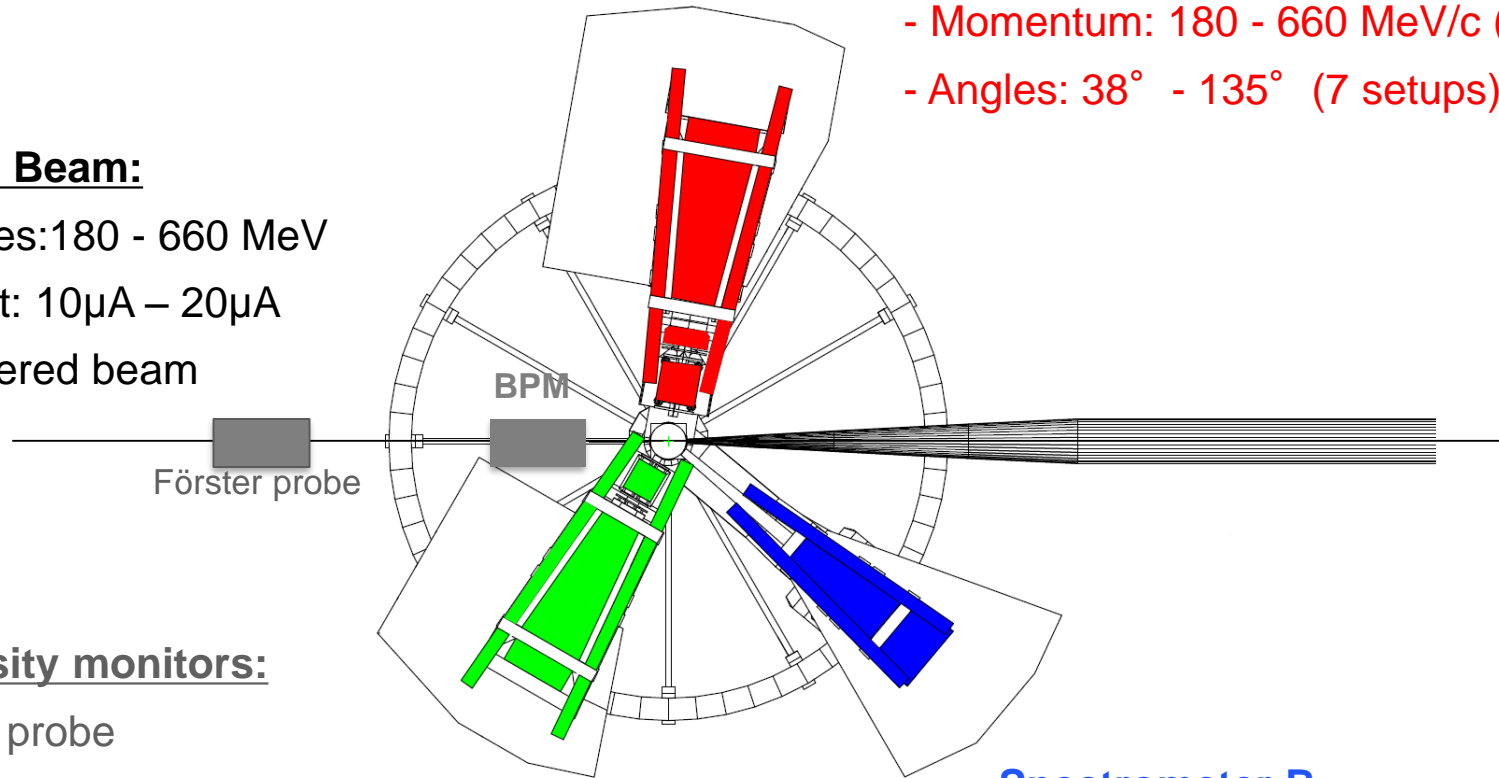
Experimental setup

Spectrometer A:

- Data taking
- Momentum: 180 - 660 MeV/c (84 setups)
- Angles: 38° - 135° (7 setups)

Electron Beam:

- Energies: 180 - 660 MeV
- Current: 10 μ A – 20 μ A
- Unrastered beam



Luminosity monitors:

- Förster probe

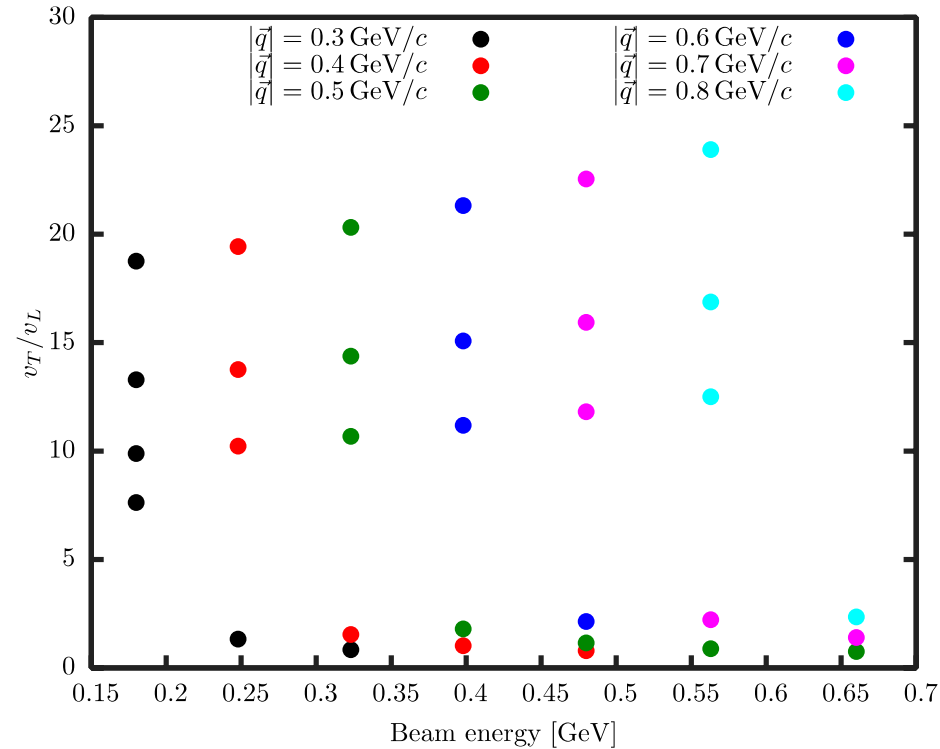
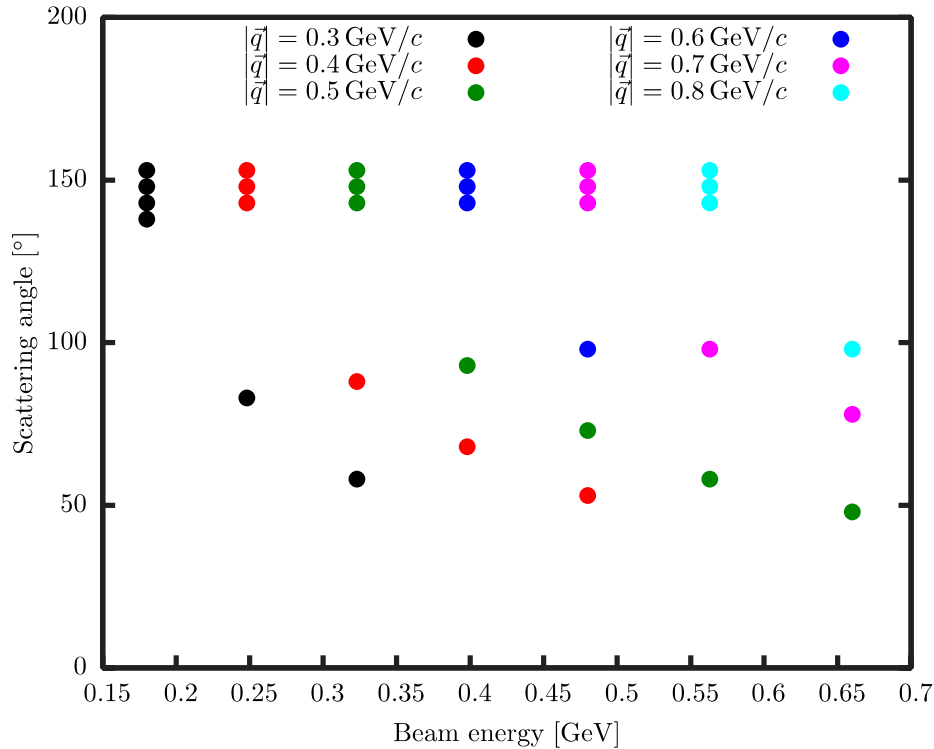
Spectrometer C:

- Not used

Spectrometer B:

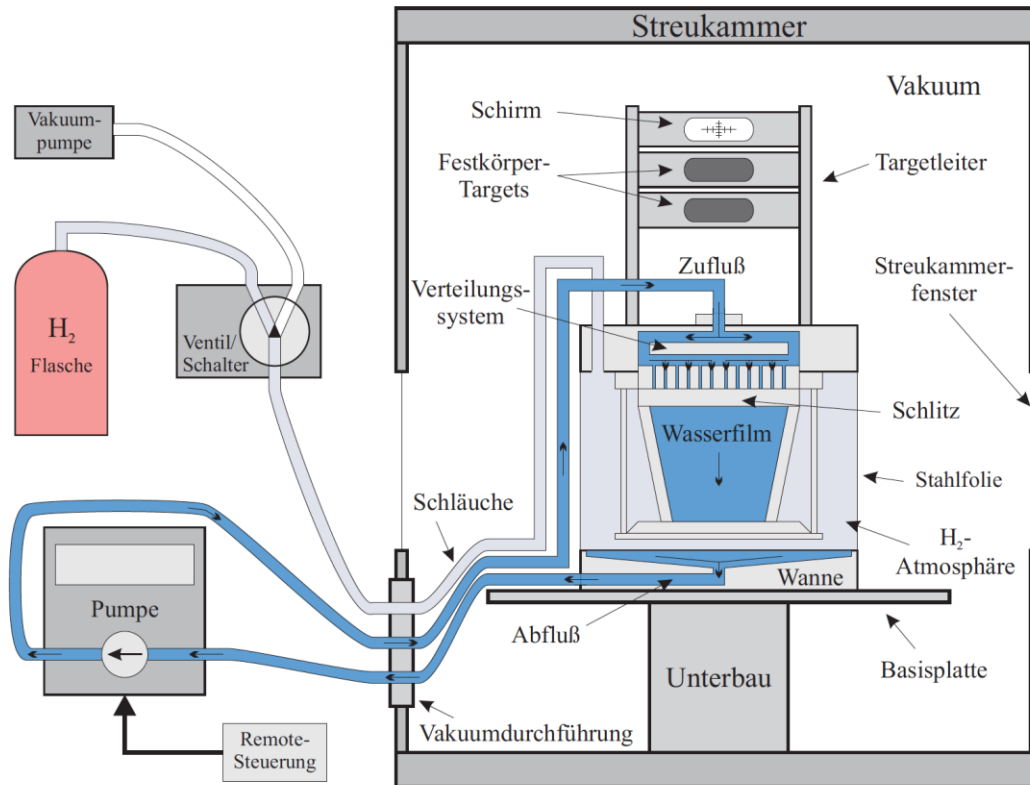
- Luminosity monitor (const. setting)
- Angle: 30°
- Momentum: 660 MeV/c

Kinematics



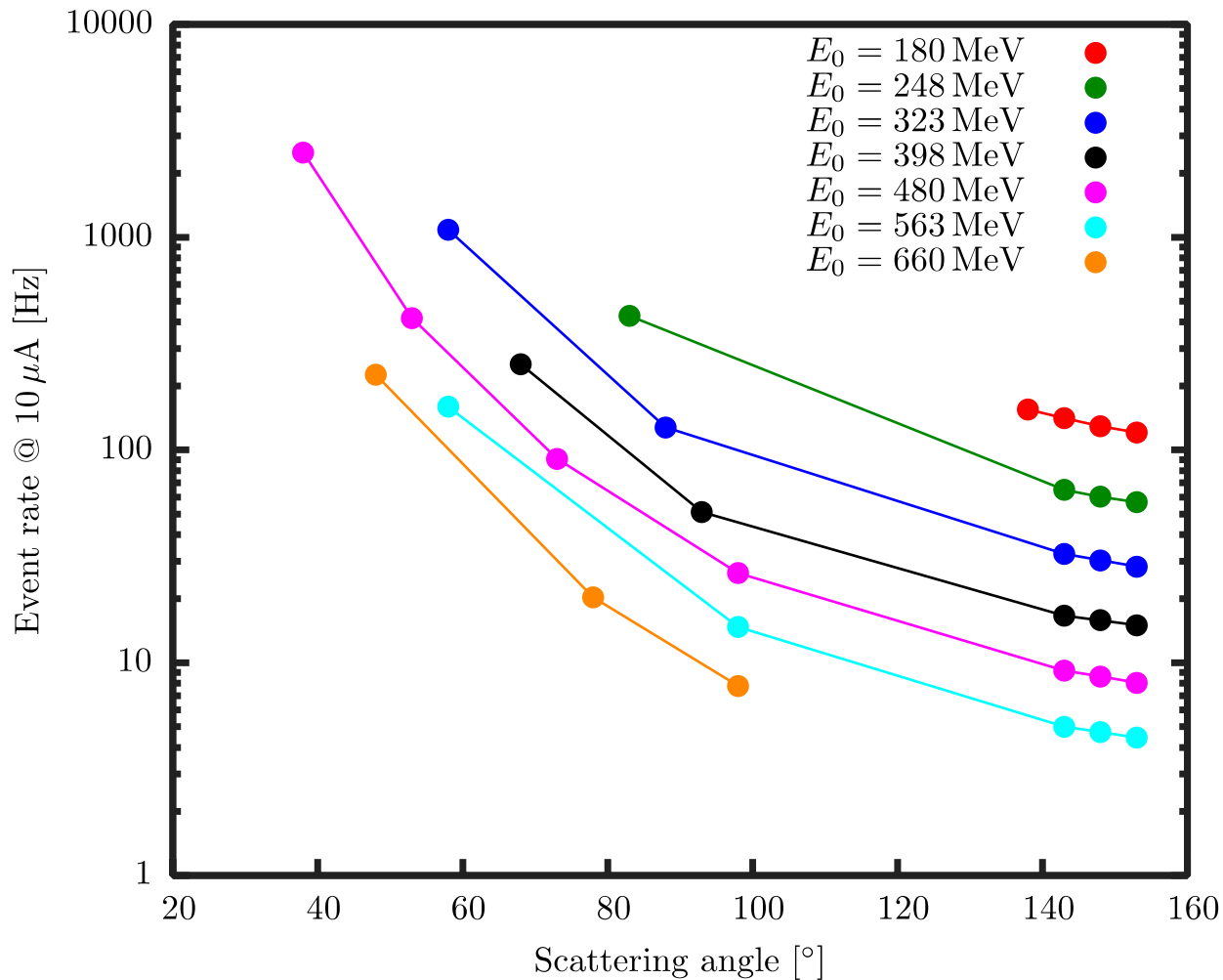
- Data will cover both QE and DR regime.
- R_L and R_T could be separated and individually studied.
- Coulomb sum for $0.3 \text{ GeV} \leq |\vec{q}| \leq 0.8 \text{ GeV}$ could be determined.
- **Hypothesis:** Deviations between theory and data at large scattering angles are expected.

Target



- Waterfall target is established equipment of A1.
- Measurement without background from target walls.
- Hydrogen background subtracted using sophisticated simulations.
- **Luminosity of $4 \cdot 10^{35}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ at $20\mu\text{A}$.**

Experimental Rates



- With beam current of $\sim 20\mu\text{A}$ rates between 20Hz and 500Hz are expected.

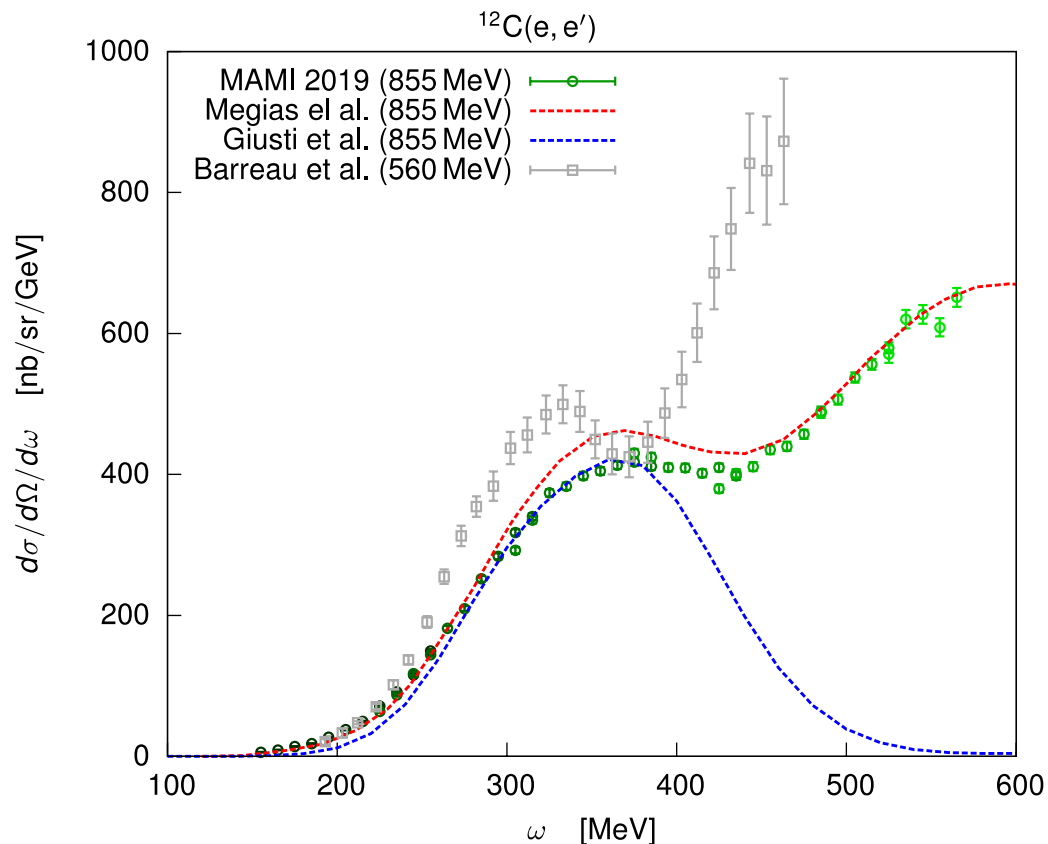
Beam-time requests

- Asking for polarized MAMI-B beam with currents above $20\mu\text{A}$.
- To complete the inclusive experiment with both targets, **41 days** of beam-time are needed (including setup changes and accelerator maintenance).
- **7 days** for the detector calibration and optics studies (optional).

All together asking for 48 days of beam-time.

Feasibility Study

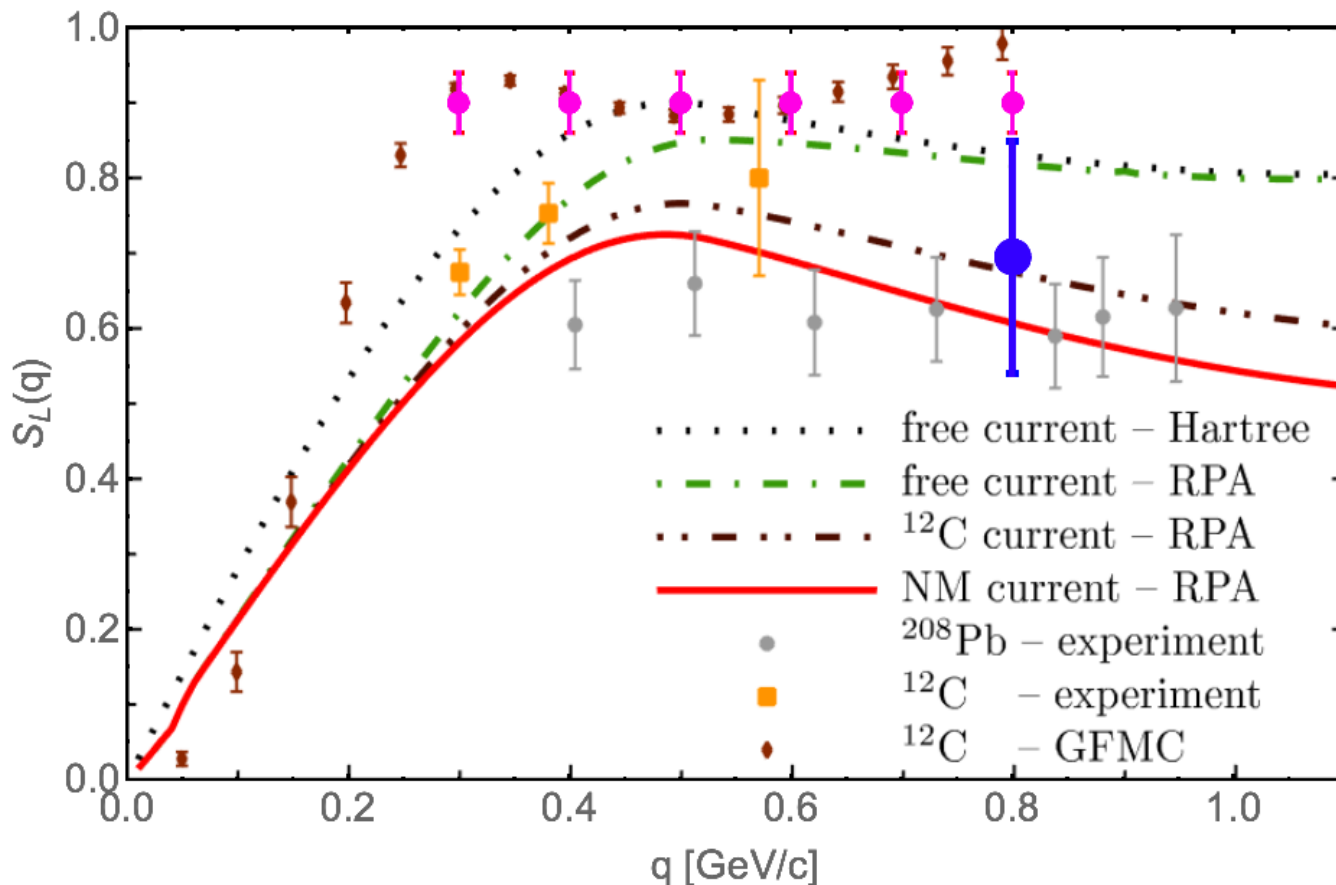
- Short test experiment performed in 2019.
- Beam energy of 855 MeV and scattering angle of 70°.
- 7 different momentum settings, 1h each.



- Results consistent with calculations of Giusti et al. and Megias et al.

Feasibility Study #2

- Combining the results with the previous measurements from 1983, Coulomb sum could be determined.
- Uncertainty dominated by the large angle data.



Summary

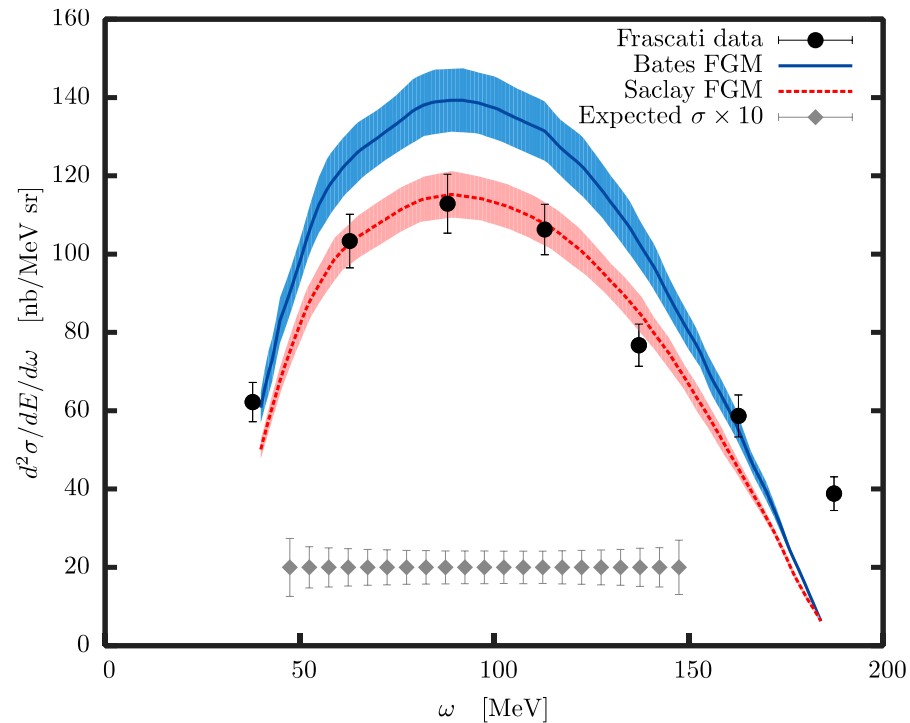
- Most important questions of today's physics related to neutrinos.
- Neutrino experiments rely on Monte-Carlo simulations, which depend on nuclear structure models.
- Present theoretical models are still deficient.
- **The proposed new experiment at A1 has potential to provide valuable input to the theory.**
- **Quasi-elastic experiments on ^{12}C and ^{16}O are important also in the context of fundamental nuclear physics.**
- **Asking for 48 days of beam-time.**

Thank you!

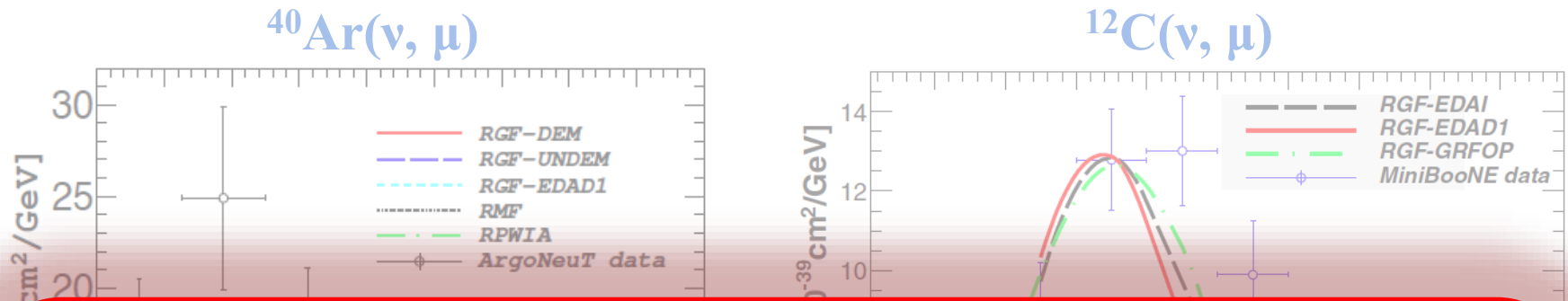
Backups...

The LOI 2017

- The proposal is an evolution of LOI 2017.
- Presented before the results of the JLab experiment published.
- **LOI focused on experiment on Ar.**
- Mostly forward kinematics.
- **Inclusive channel to verify Frascati data.**
- Exclusive channel to investigate spectral function and complement JLab experiment.
- Double polarized data to study FSI.
- Relevant for DUNE and μ BooNE.



Deficient theoretical description

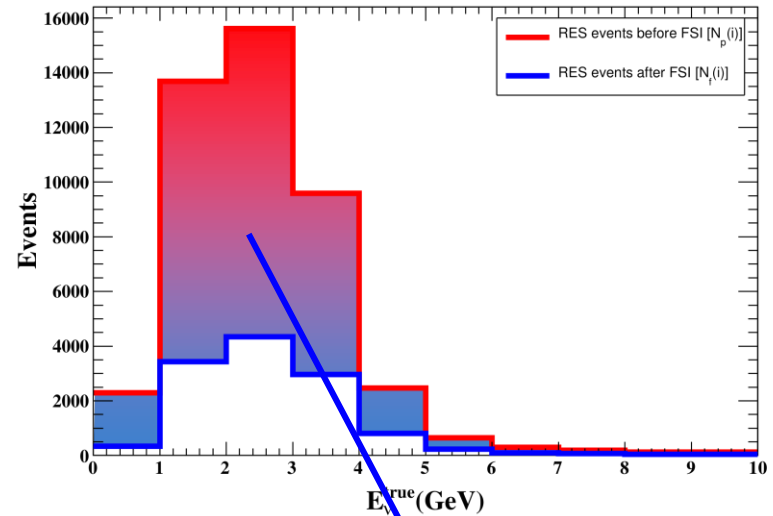
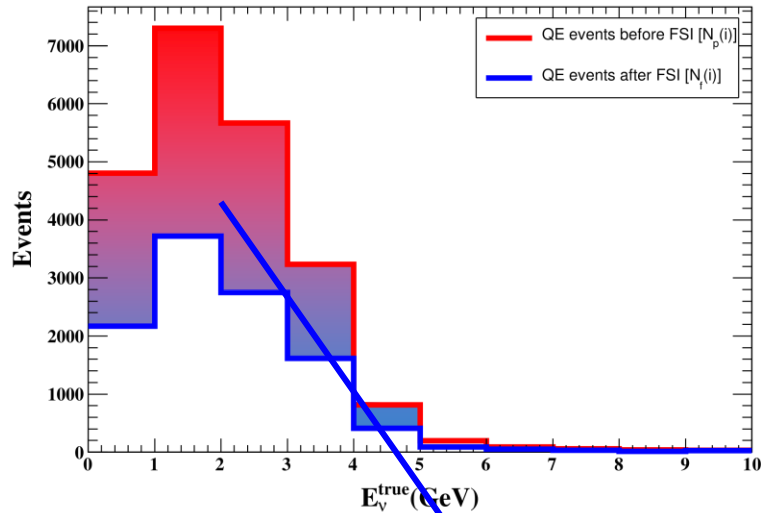


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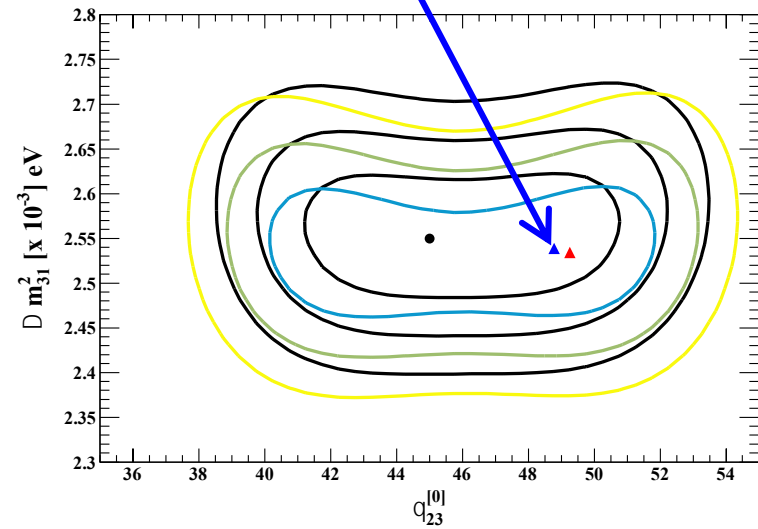
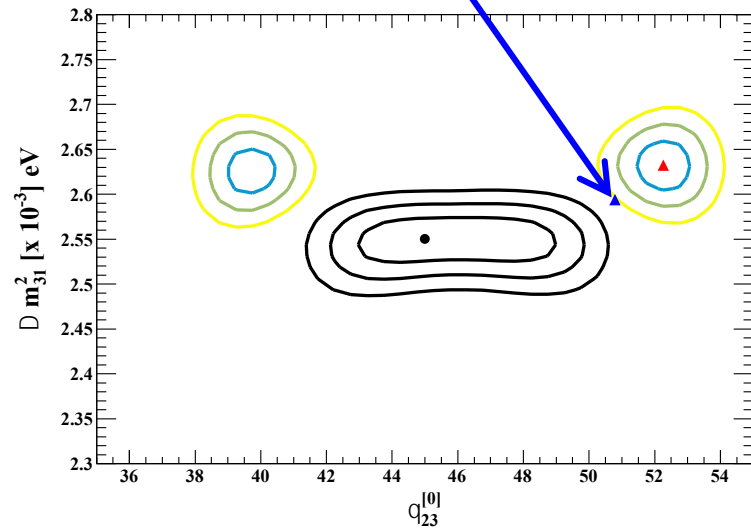
- Available theoretical models incapable of reproducing the measured data.
- New precision studies can not be done without improvements to the theoretical description of the processes.



Fake vs. true neutrino events

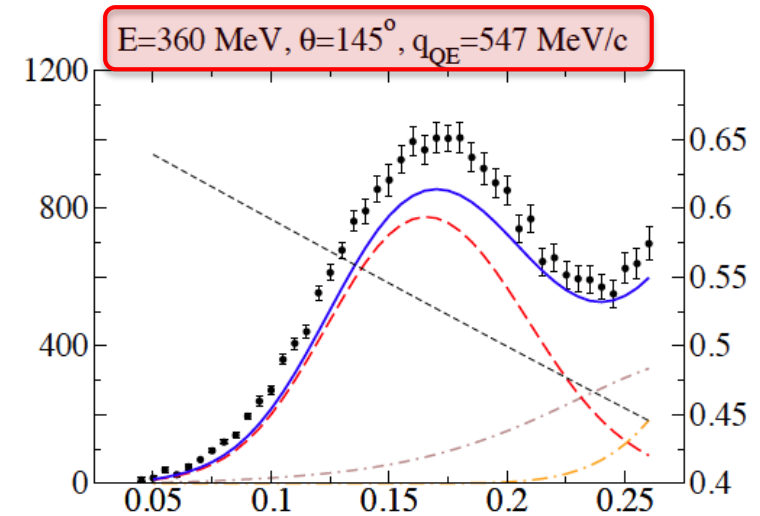
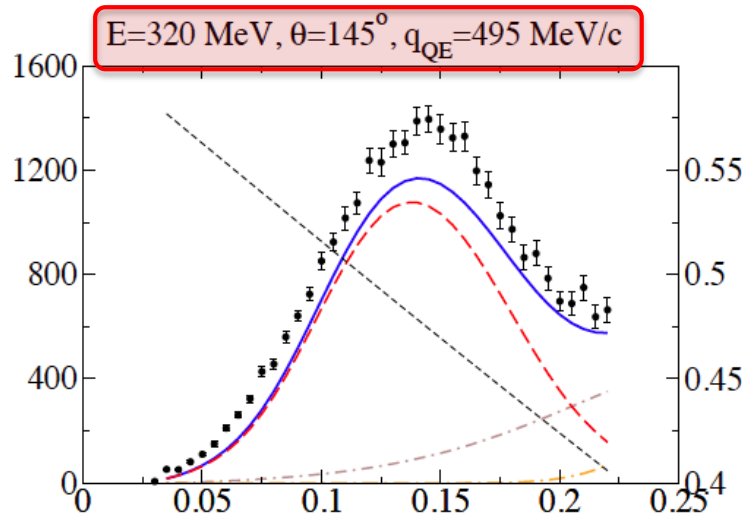
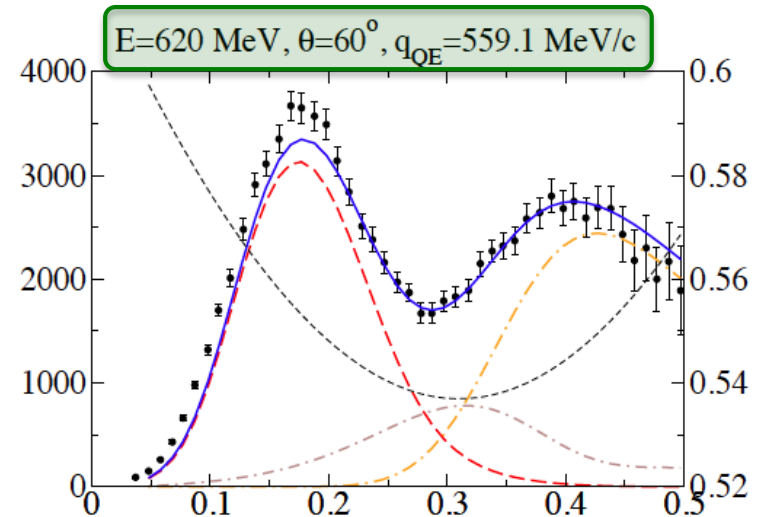
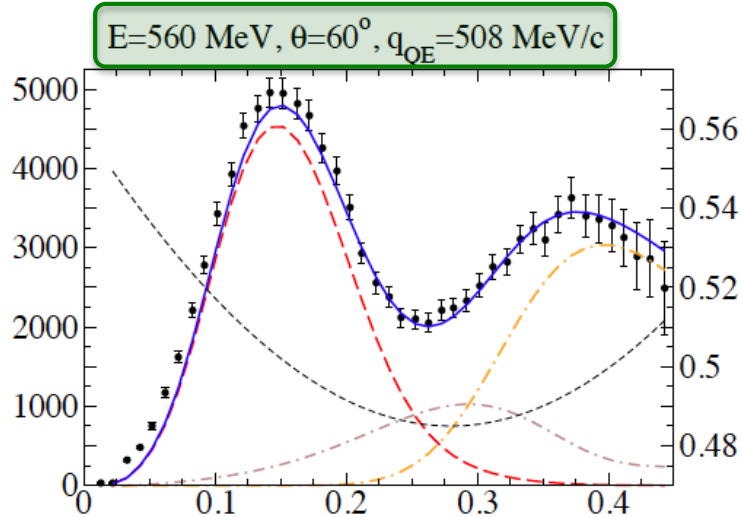


S. Naaz et al., NPB 933 (2018) 44



- Nuclear effects cause migration of 50-70 % of neutrino events, causing deviation of oscillation parameters on the order of 1σ - 3σ .

Incomplete theoretical description (e,e')



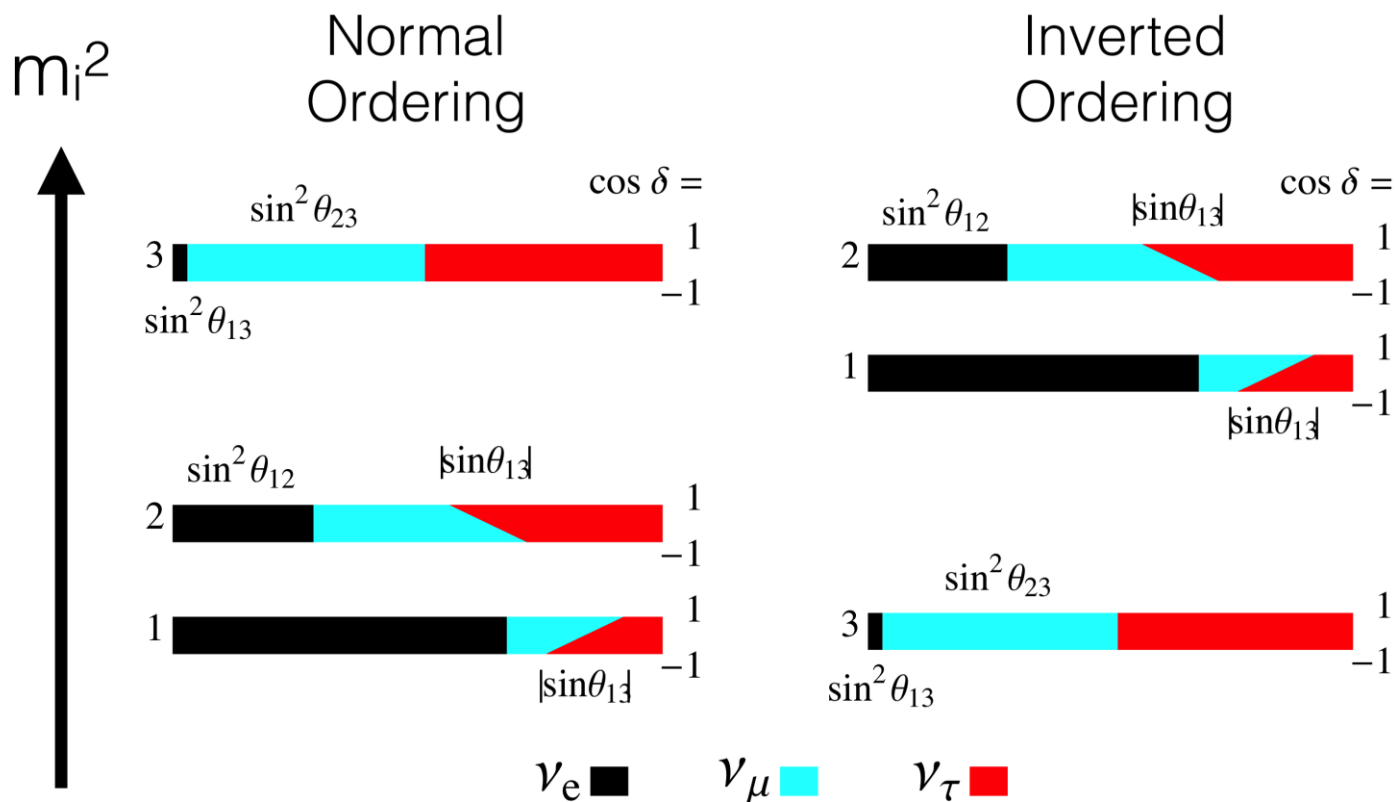
- Theoretical description remains deficient in the transverse kinematics!

The generators

- Dominant process is QE scattering, but other processes need to be considered as well (Delta, FSI, MEC).
- **The complete theoretical descriptions (eg. Giusti) too complex to be included into the event generators.**
- Consider large momentum and angular coverage.
- **Employ phenomenological parameterizations of nuclear cross-section, relaying on scaling.**

Current knowledge

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- More accurate determination of Θ_{23} .
- Establish whenever there is a CP violation in lepton sector.
- Determine the correct mass order (normal, inverted)?
- Determine the absolute mass of the neutrinos.

Future experiments

- New accelerator based experiment underway.
- Combines [neutrino source at Fermilab](#) and [40t liquid Ar detector at SURF](#).
- Due to three stage production process the energy of initial neutrinos not defined. **Energy ranges from 100MeV to 3GeV.**

