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Charged-current (anti)neutrino-nucleon  
scattering and  
QED nuclear medium effects



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# Outline

## 1) charged-current (anti)neutrino-nucleon scattering

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## 2) QED nuclear medium effects

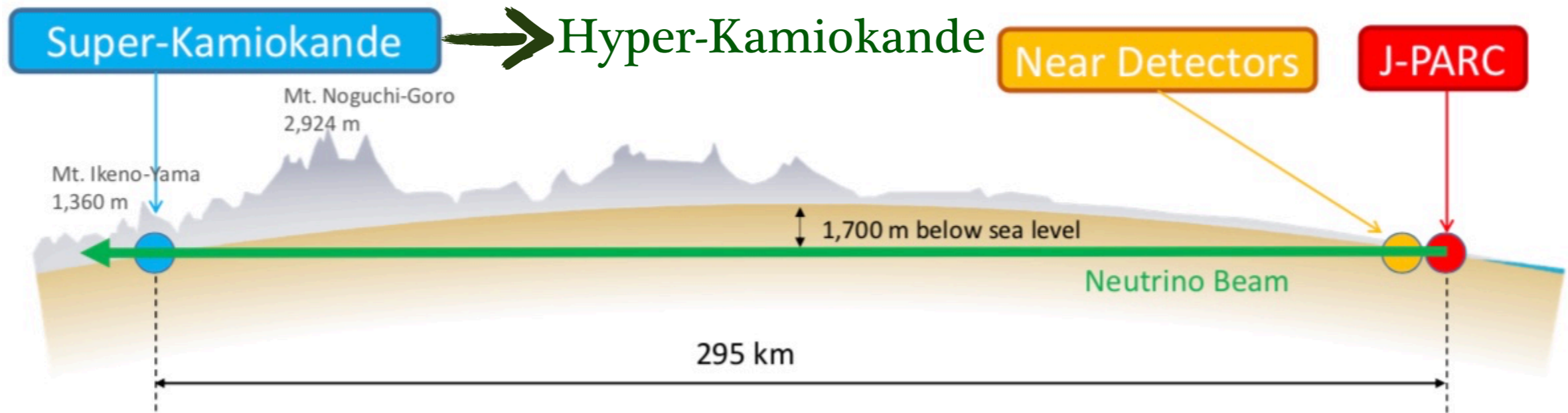
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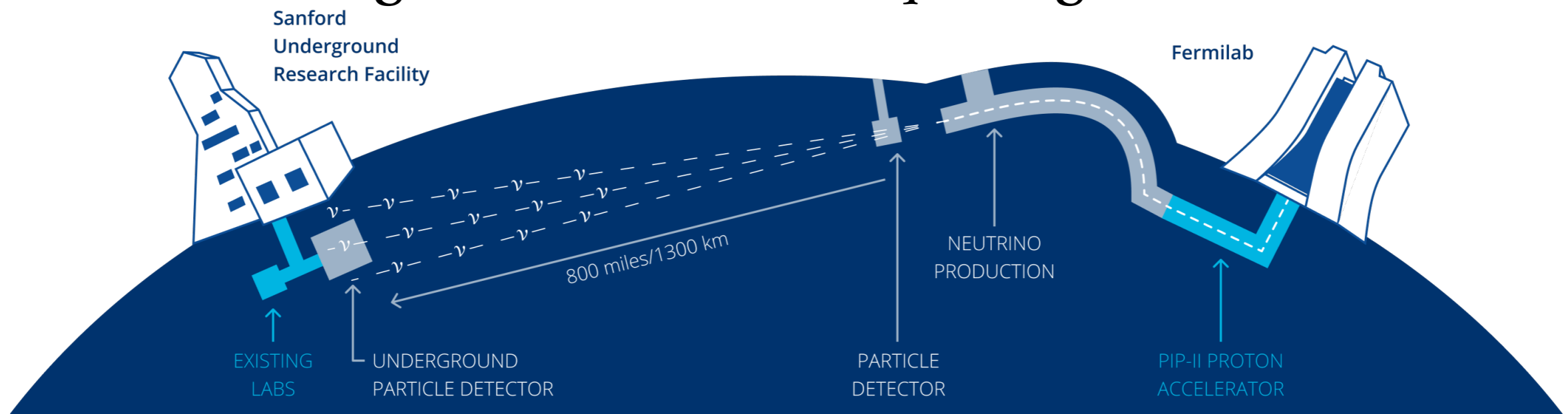
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# CP violation and mass hierarchy@laboratory

650 m under rocks in mountain, 260000t of pure water



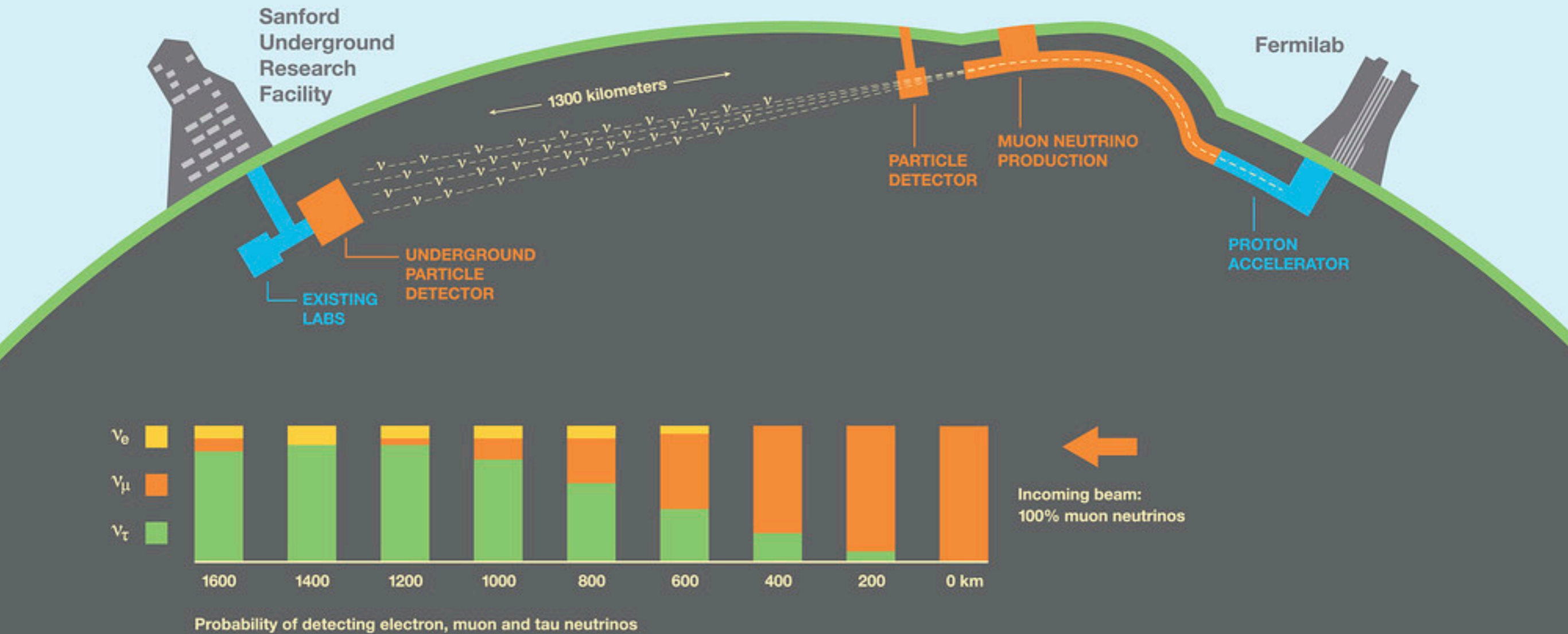
1.5 km underground, 4x70000t of liquid argon



- CP violation in PMNS and mass hierarchy in next 10-20 years !!!

# DUNE

## Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

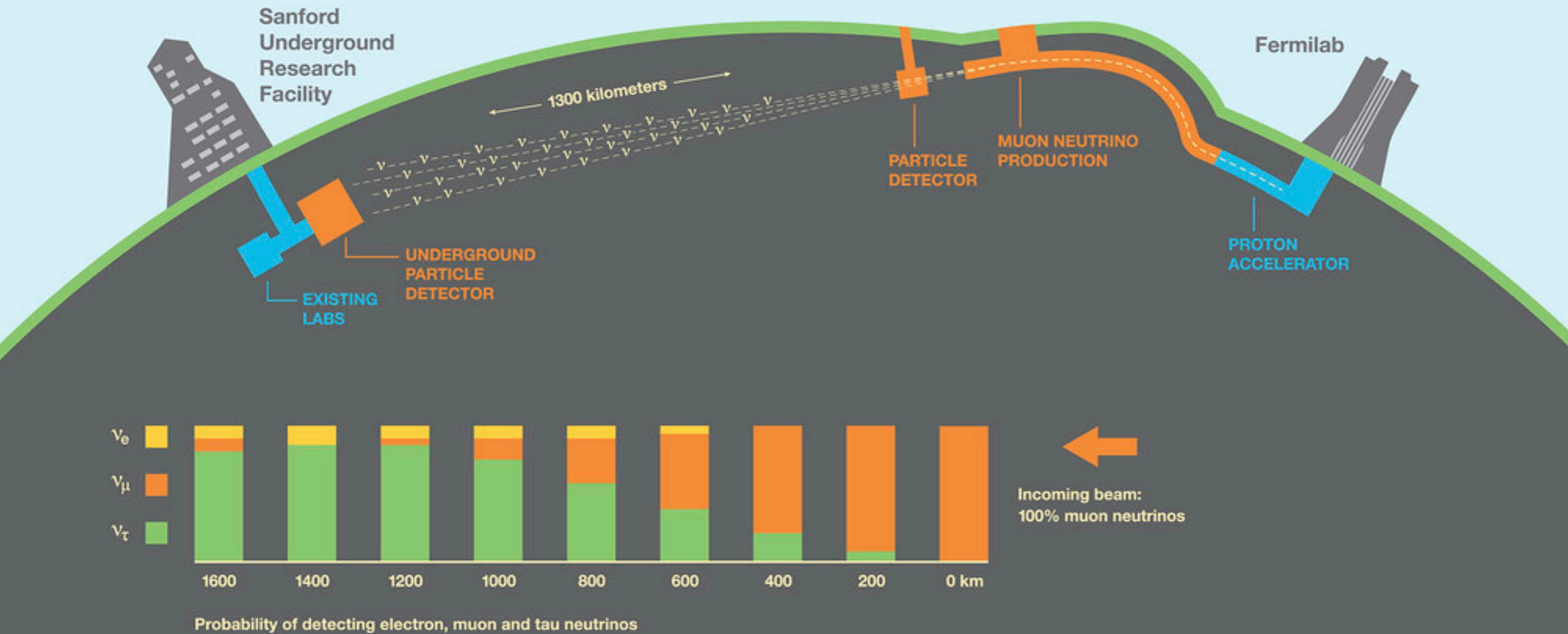


- muon neutrinos oscillate to tau and electron flavors



# Neutrino experiments

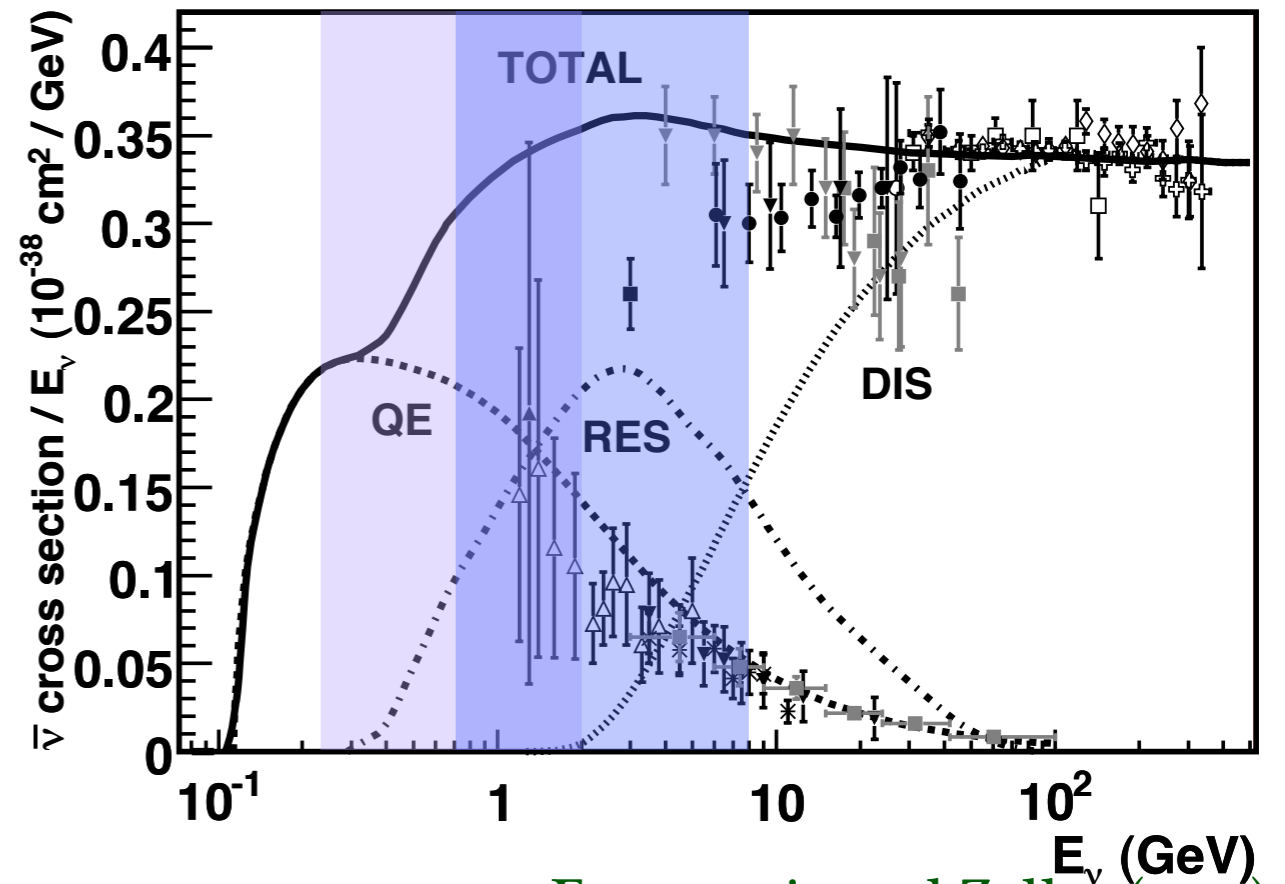
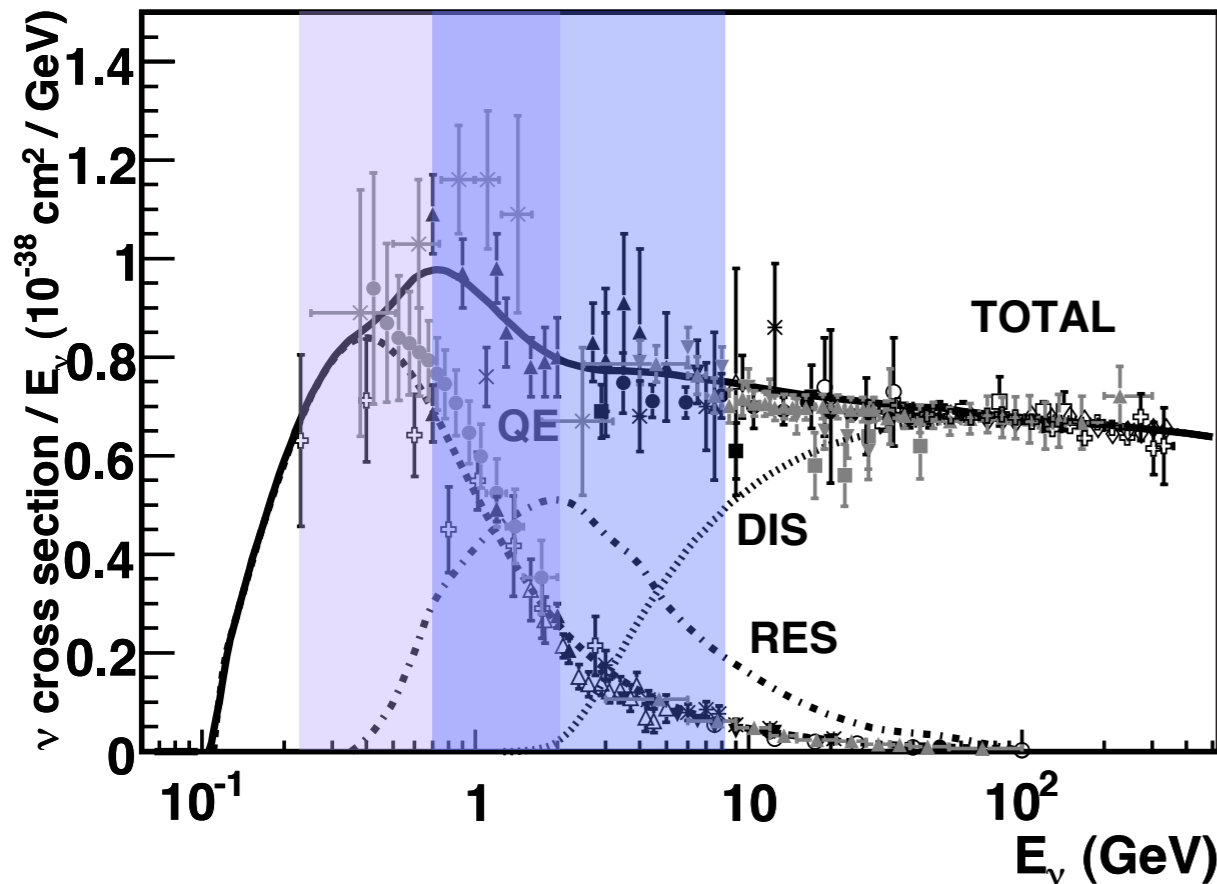
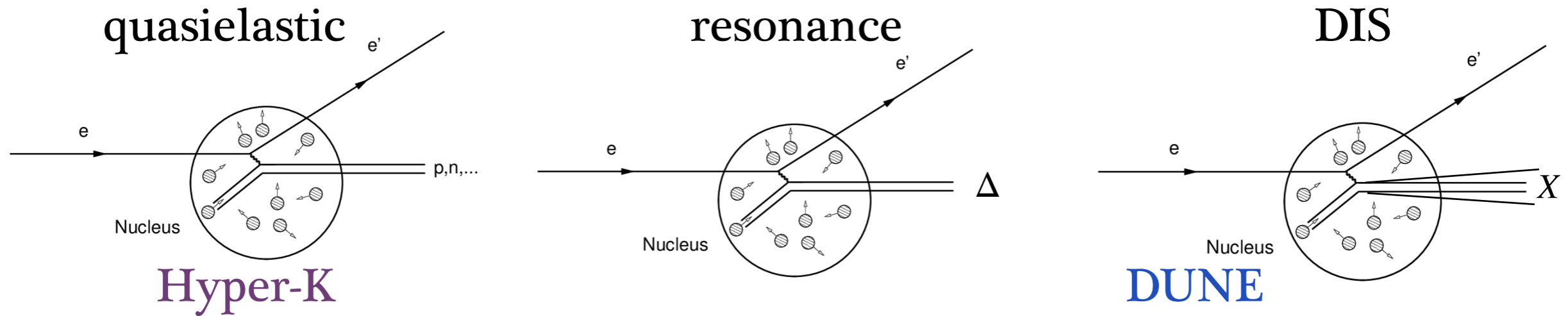
## Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment



$$N_\nu \sim \int dE_\nu \Phi_\nu (E_\nu) \times \sigma (E_\nu) \times R (E_\nu, E_\nu^{\text{rec}})$$

- precise neutrino physics: need in cross sections

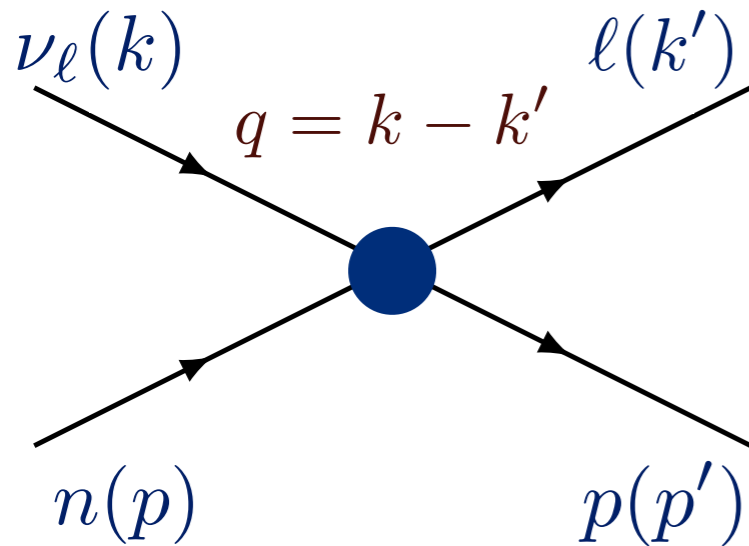
# Interaction mechanisms



Formaggio and Zeller (2013)

- significant overlap with prior and modern JLab energy range
- DUNE experimental program requires 3-5 % precise cross sections

# CCQE scattering on free nucleon



neutrino energy

$$E_\nu$$

momentum transfer

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

contact interaction at GeV energies

- assuming isospin symmetry, nucleon current:

$$\Gamma^\mu(Q^2) = \langle p | \bar{u} (\gamma^\mu - \gamma^\mu \gamma_5) d | n \rangle$$

$$\Gamma^\mu(Q^2) = \gamma^\mu F_D^V(Q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M} F_P^V(Q^2) + \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 F_A(Q^2) + \frac{q^\mu}{M} \gamma_5 F_P(Q^2)$$

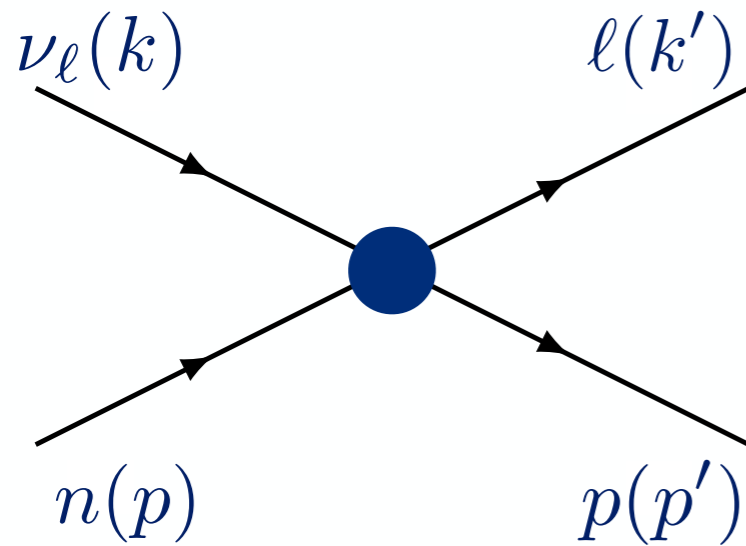
form factors: isovector Dirac and Pauli      axial and pseudoscalar

$$F_{D,P}^V = F_{D,P}^p - F_{D,P}^n$$

tree-level amplitude

$$T = \frac{G_F V_{ud}}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\ell}(k') \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell(k)) (\bar{p}(p') \Gamma^\mu(Q^2) n(p))$$

# CCQE scattering on free nucleon



$$\nu = E_\nu/M - \tau - r^2$$

$$r = \frac{m_\ell}{2M} \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

unpolarized cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \sim \frac{M^2}{E_\nu^2} \left( (\tau + r^2) A(Q^2) - \nu B(Q^2) + \frac{\nu^2}{1 + \tau} C(Q^2) \right)$$

Llewellyn Smith (1972)

- structure-dependent functions

$$A = \tau (G_M^V)^2 - (G_E^V)^2 + (1 + \tau) F_A^2 - r^2 \left( (G_M^V)^2 + F_A^2 - \underline{4\tau F_P^2 + 4F_A F_P} \right)$$

$$B = \pm 4\tau F_A G_M^V$$

$$C = \tau (G_M^V)^2 + (G_E^V)^2 + (1 + \tau) F_A^2$$

- **pseudoscalar** form factor contribution is suppressed by lepton mass
- cross section is sensitive to both **vector** and **axial** contributions



# Elastic scattering on free nucleon

- only 3 experiments performed with deuterium bubble chamber
- direct access to form-factor shape

ANL 1982: 1737 events

BNL 1981: 1138 events

FNAL 1983: 362 events

world data: ~3200 events



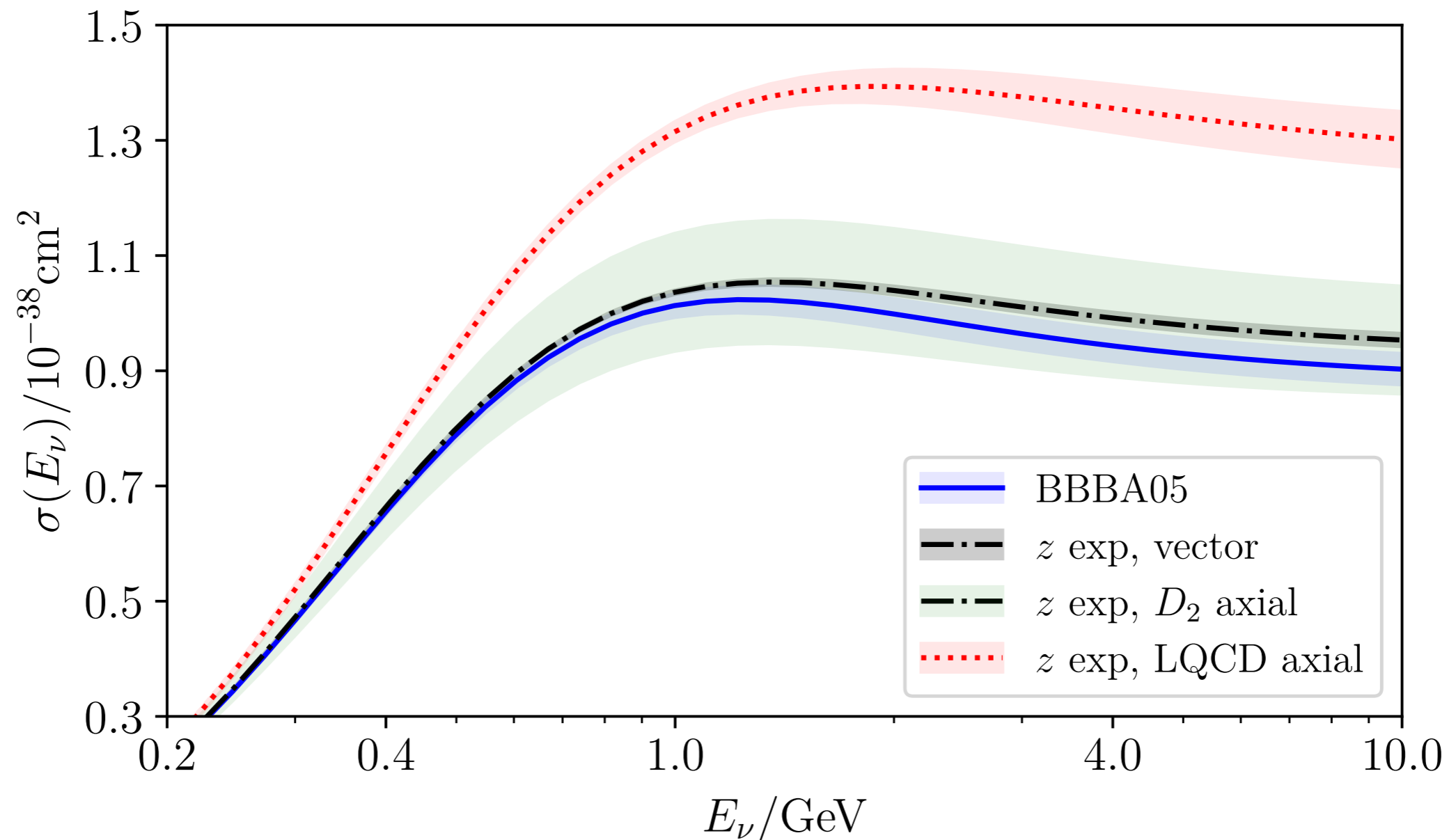
Fermilab bubble chamber, Richard Drew

- axial form factor extracted based on electromagnetic structure

A.S. Meyer, M. Betancourt, R. Gran and R.J. Hill (2016)



# Neutrino-nucleon scattering (CC)



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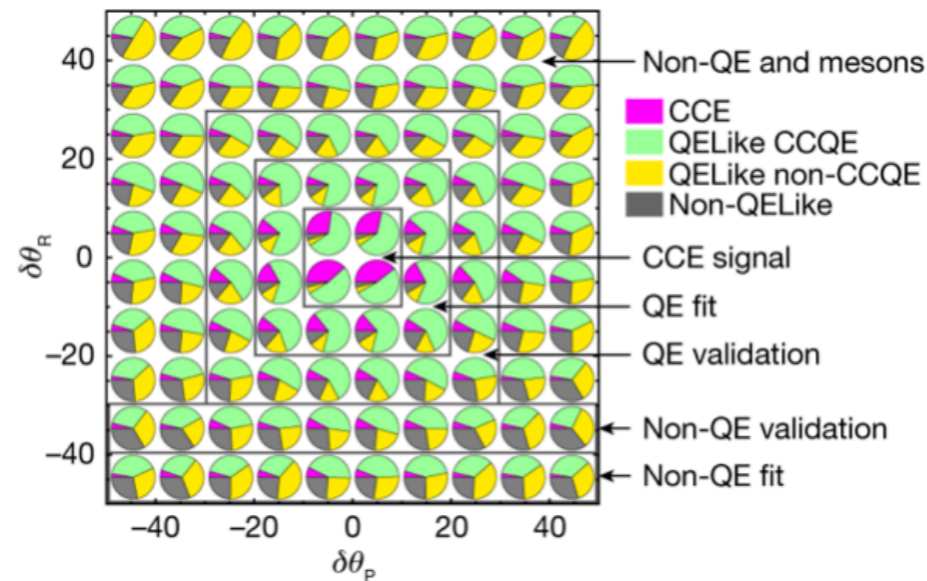
- knowledge of vector structure stops a progress in studies of axial
- acknowledged discrepancy: lattice QCD  $\leftrightarrow$  experimental data

# MINERvA result with free protons

- idea of scattering on molecular hydrogen realized !!!

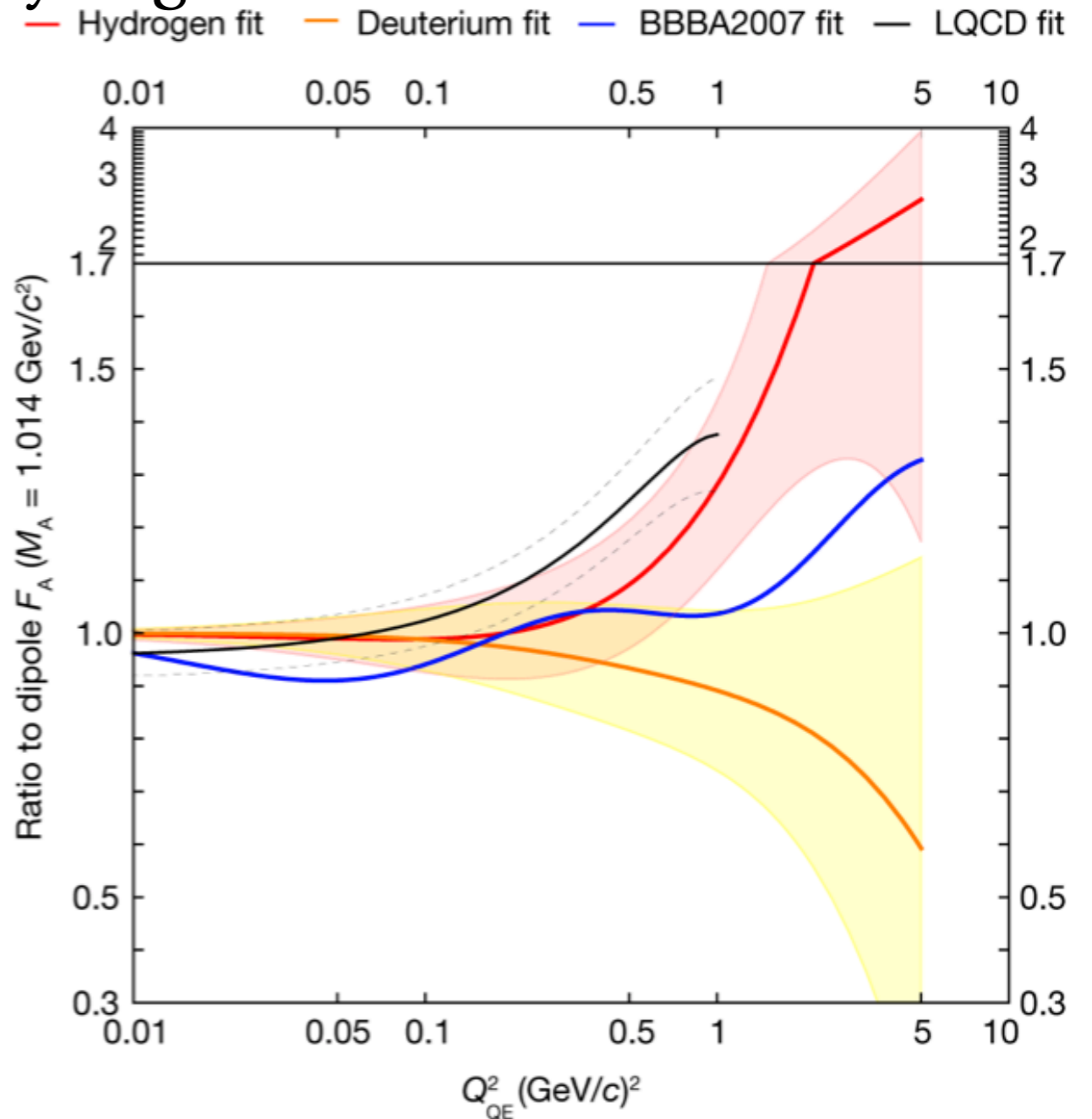


kinematic selection



5580 events over  
12500 background

background nuclear events  
constrained by scattering of  $\nu$

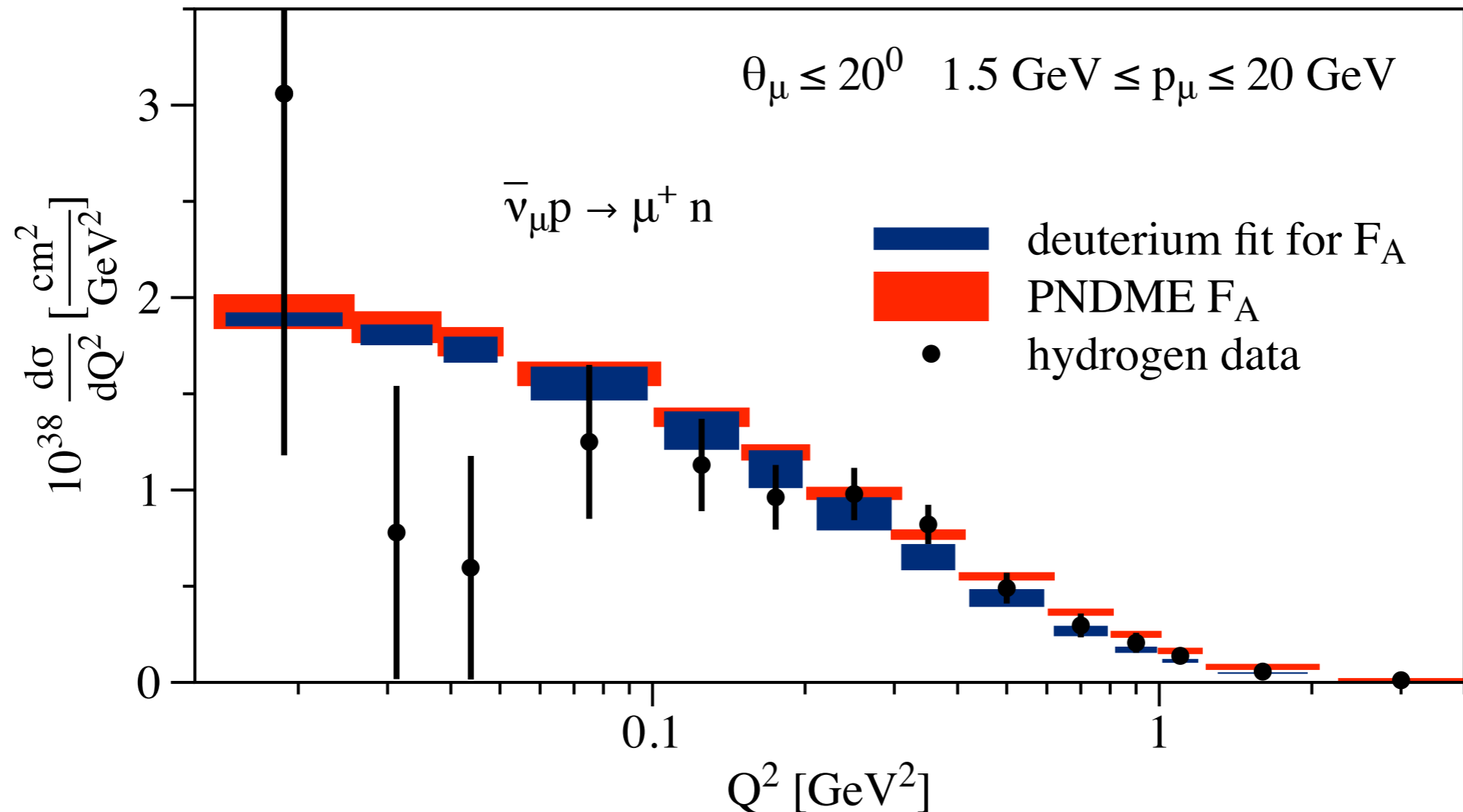


- 1st measurement of axial form factor on “free” protons  $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ n$

T. Cai et al., MINERvA Collaboration, Nature (2023), 614, 48-53

# Lattice QCD vs MINERvA

- PNDME 2023 axial-vector form factor as representative of lattice QCD



- $\lesssim 1\sigma$  agreement for each bin besides two at small  $Q^2$

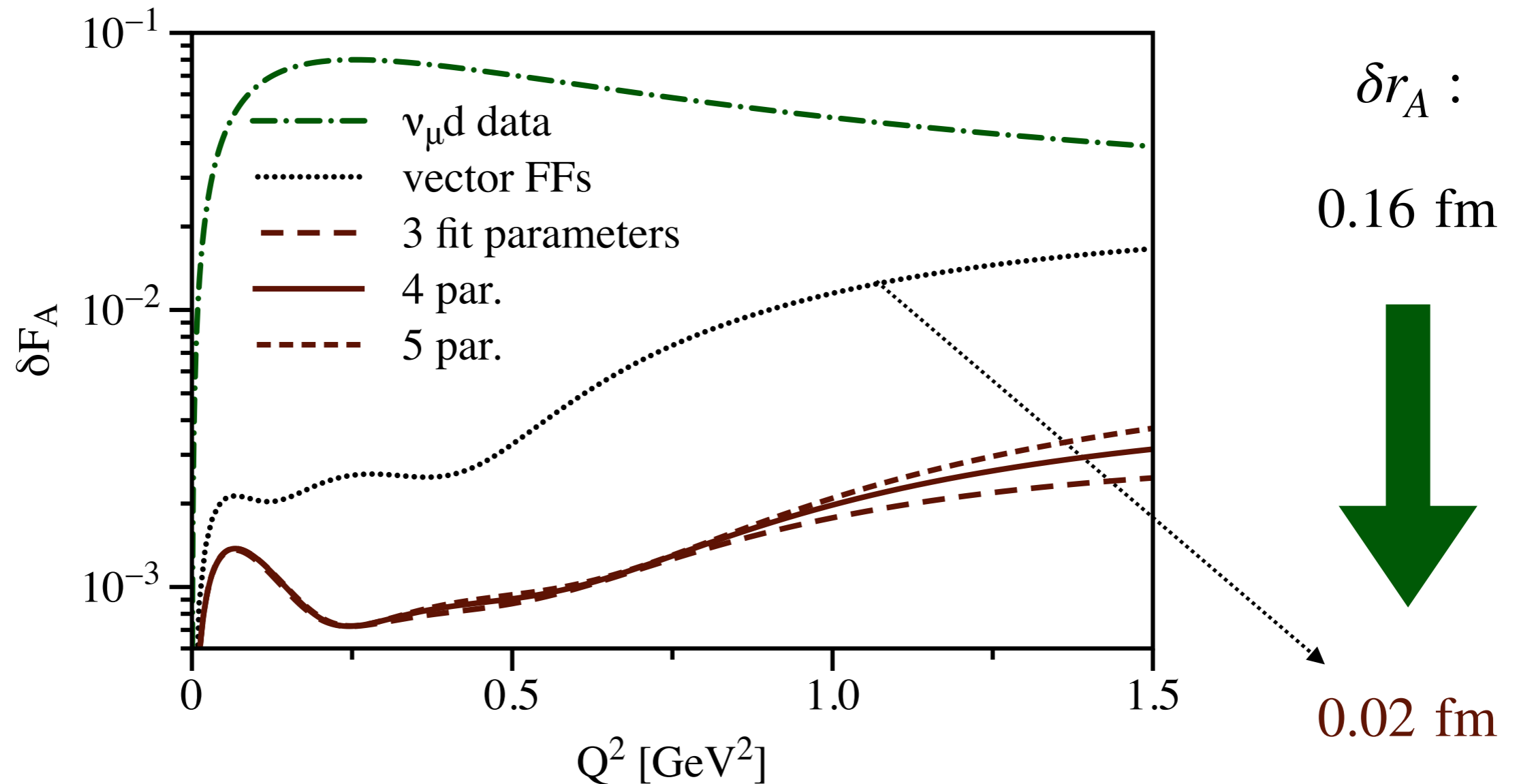
- 2-3 $\sigma$  tension between lattice QCD and deuterium data
- MINERvA hydrogen data consistent with LQCD and deuterium

O. T., Rajan Gupta, and Tanmoy Bhattacharya, Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 7, 074514

# DUNE projections

- estimates for 700 kg of H in Straw Tube Tracker at near detector

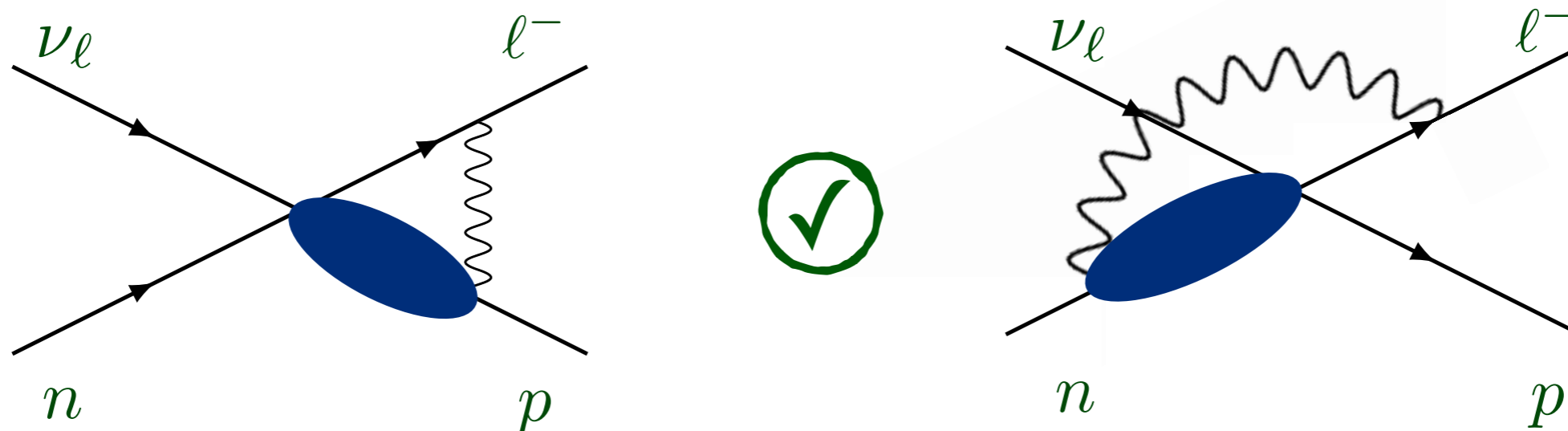
H. Duyang, B. Guo, S. R. Mishra, and R. Petti (2016)



- order of magnitude improvement in axial form factor and radius
- DUNE will probe vector form factors and isospin symmetry

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factorization for radiative corrections with model for hard function

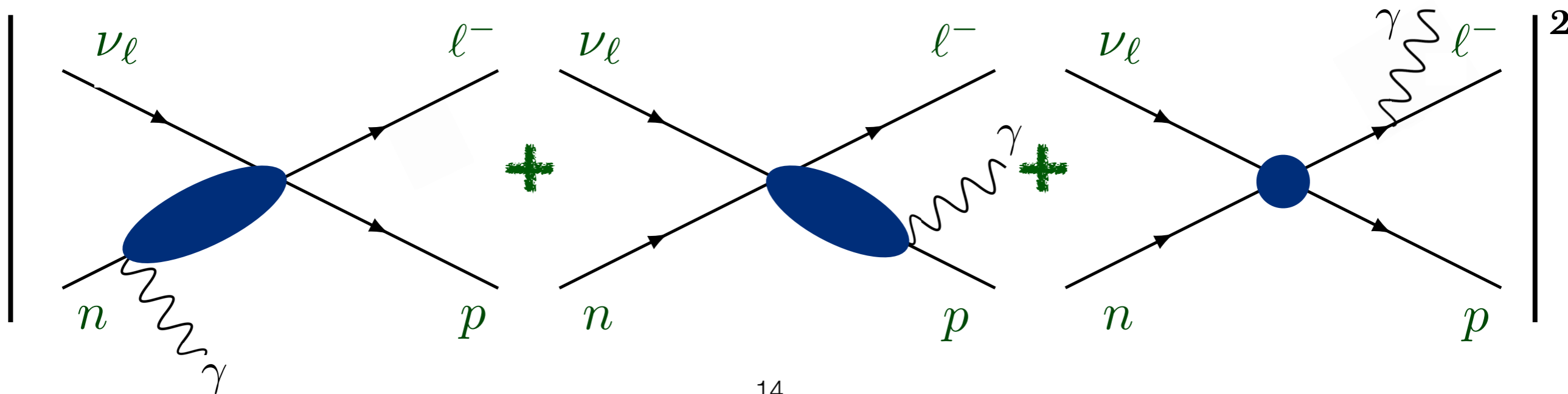


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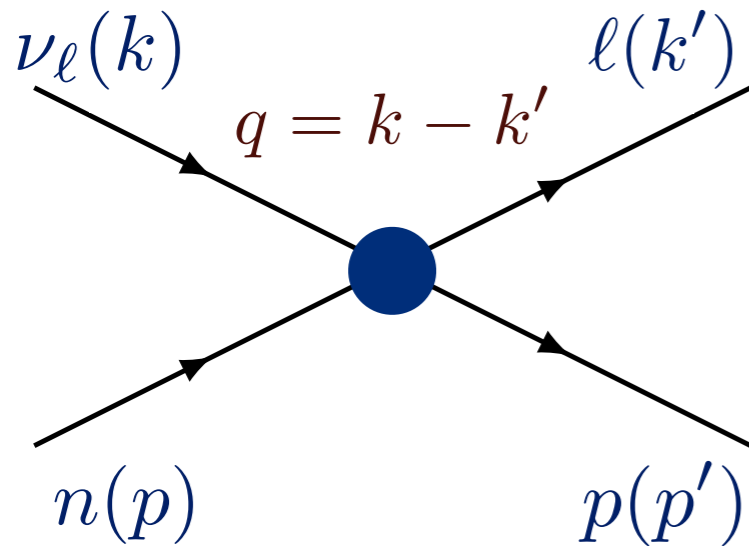
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precise predictions for flavor ratios and radiative corrections





# Invariant amplitudes



averaged lepton momentum

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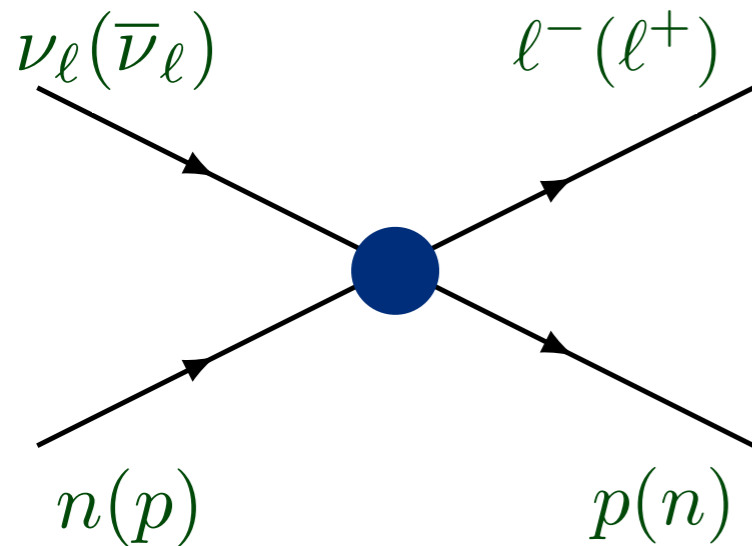
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$$+ \sqrt{2}G_F V_{ud} \frac{m_\ell}{M} \frac{f_T}{4} \bar{\ell}^- \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \nu_\ell \bar{p} \sigma_{\mu\nu} n$$

- **8 invariant amplitudes** for charged-current elastic scattering

# Polarization observables



polarized target and/or recoil

$$A = \frac{d\sigma(S) - d\sigma(-S)}{d\sigma(S) + d\sigma(-S)}$$

S. M. Bilenky et al. (2013), A. Fatima et al (2018),  
J. Sobczyk et al (2019), B. Kowal et al (2019), Tomalak (2020)

- spin asymmetries are not suppressed by  $m_\ell$  or coupling constant: comparable to unpolarized cross section rates

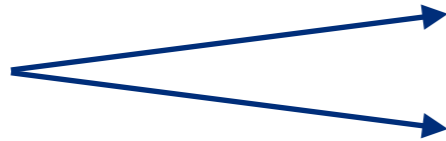
$$T, R, L = \frac{(\tau + r^2) A^{T,R,L}(Q^2) - \nu B^{T,R,L}(Q^2) + \frac{\nu^2}{1+\tau} C^{T,R,L}(Q^2)}{(\tau + r^2) A(Q^2) - \nu B(Q^2) + \frac{\nu^2}{1+\tau} C(Q^2)}$$

- target, recoil, and lepton asymm.: spin in and normal to scattering plane

- alternative way to access nucleon structure at GeV energies

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scalar

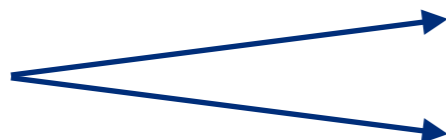


J. C. Hardy and I. S. Towner, Phys. Rev. C 79, 055502 (2009)

A. Kozela, Phys. Rev. C 85, 0445501 (2012)

## Beta decay constraints

tensor



N. Severijns et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 78, 991 (2006)

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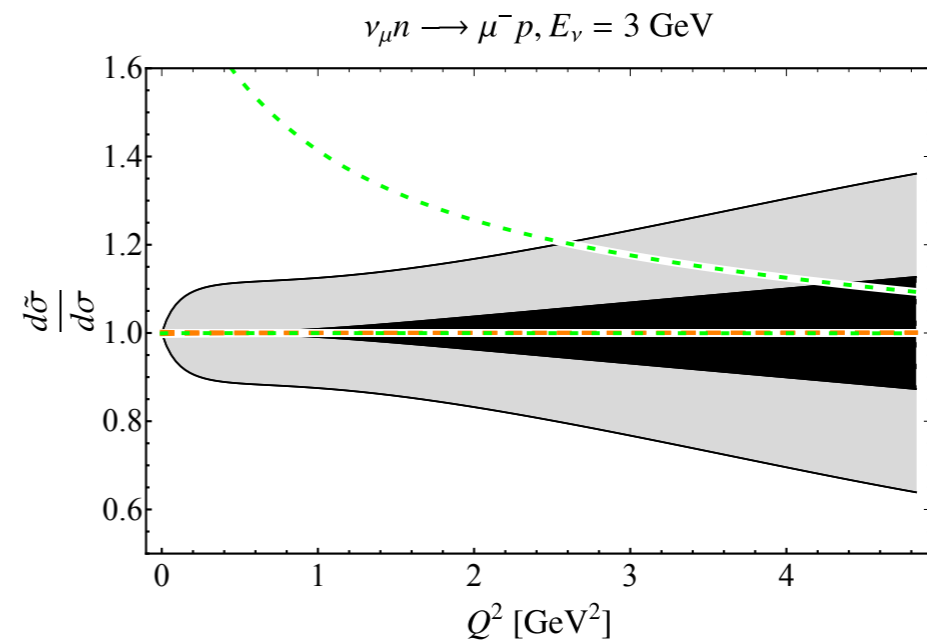
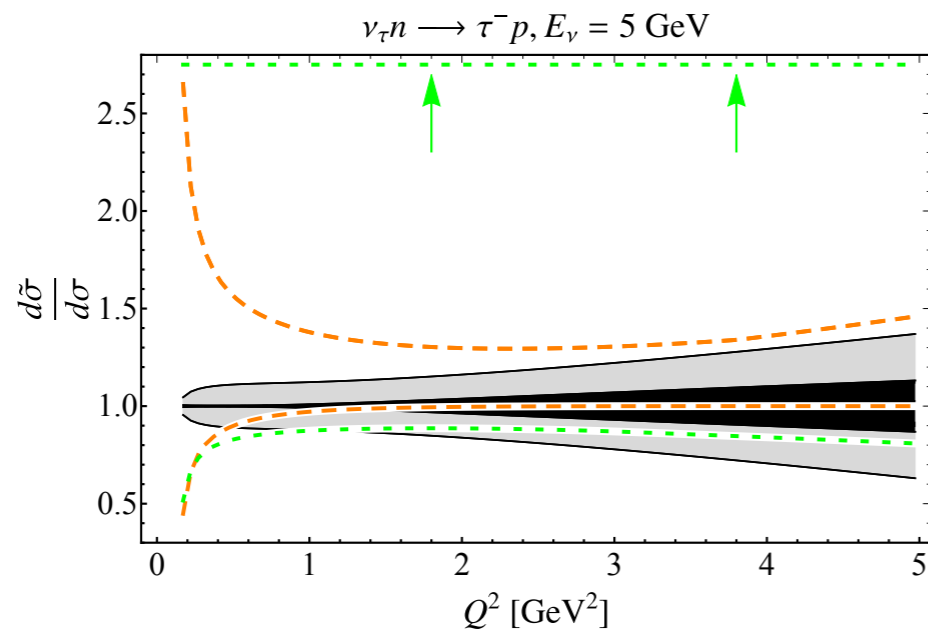
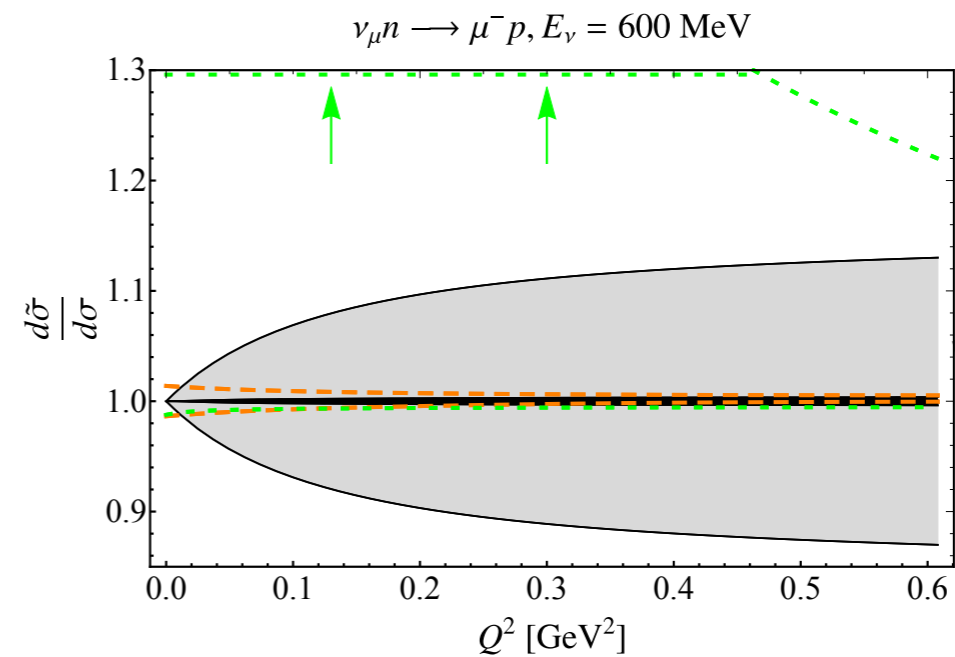
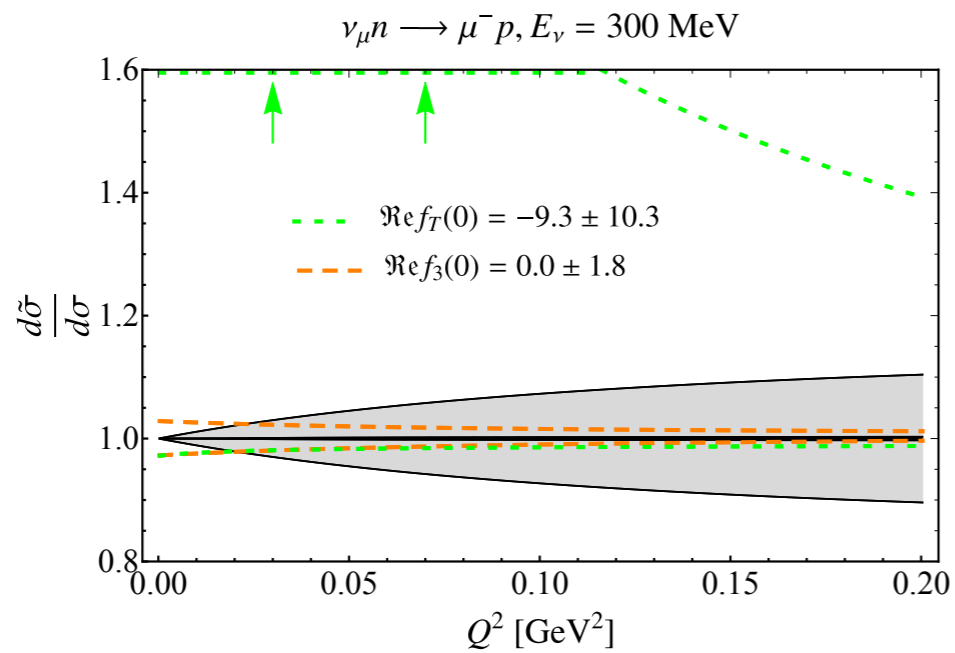
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M. Day and K. S. McFarland, Phys. Rev. D 86, 053003 (2012)

# Unpolarized cross section

- Standard Model scaling with lepton mass, dipole  $Q^2$  dependence

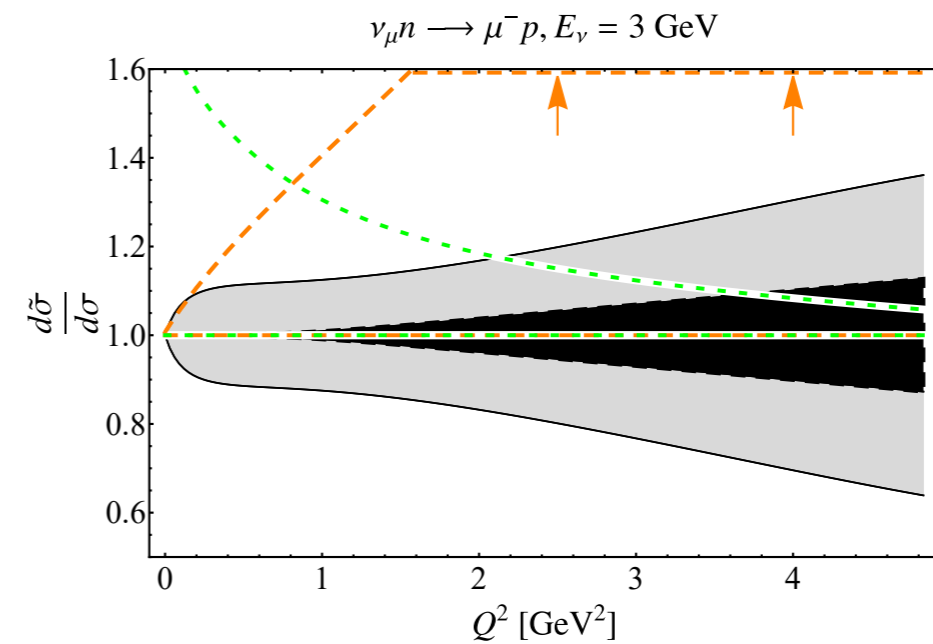
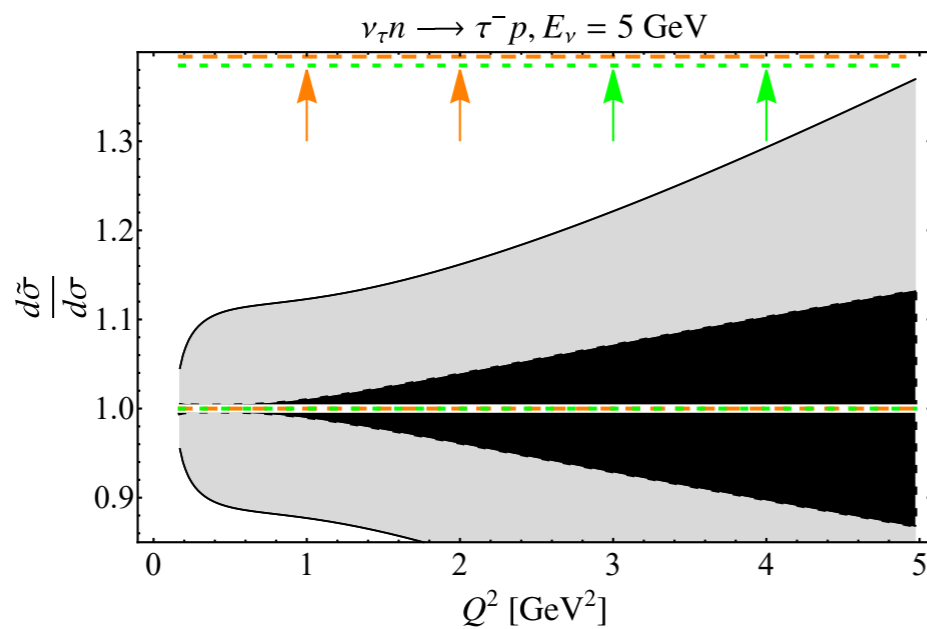
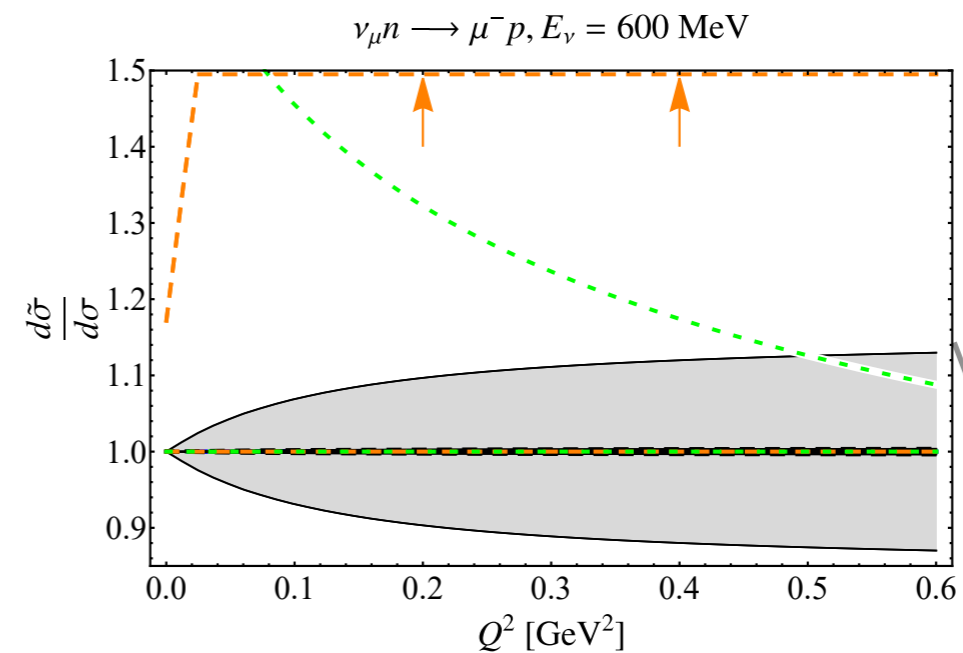
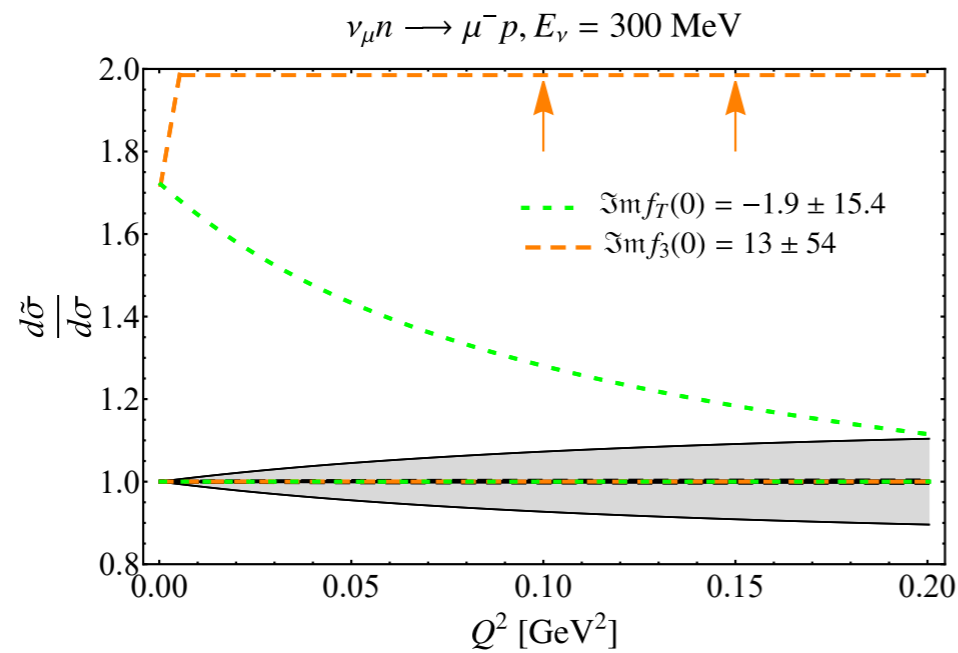


form factors

- sensitivity to **tensor** interactions for **muon** and **tau** neutrinos

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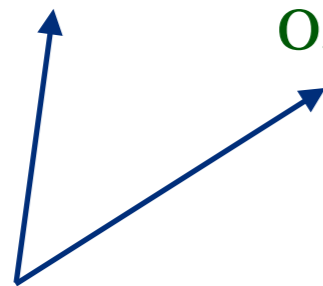


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# Radiative corrections

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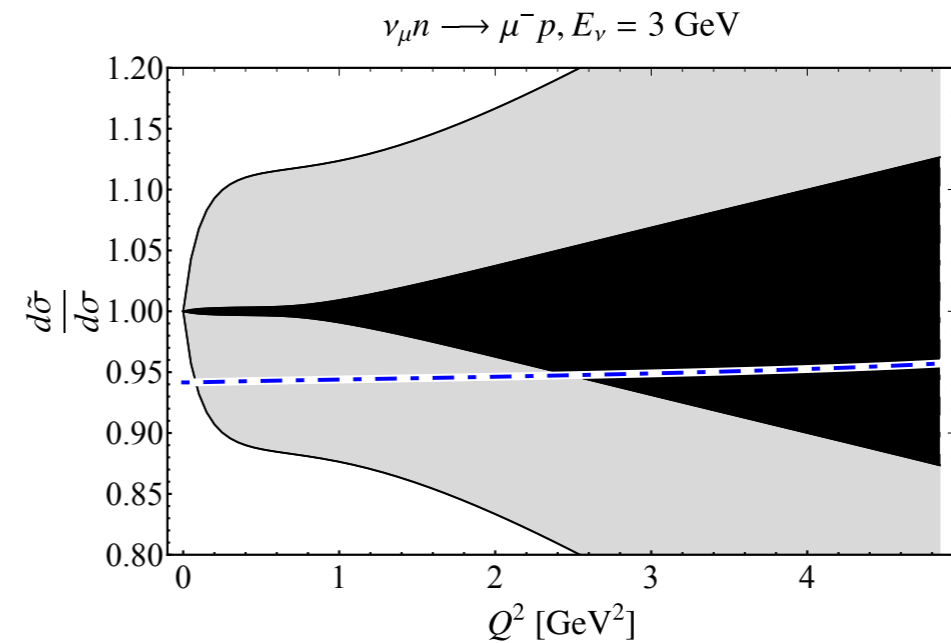
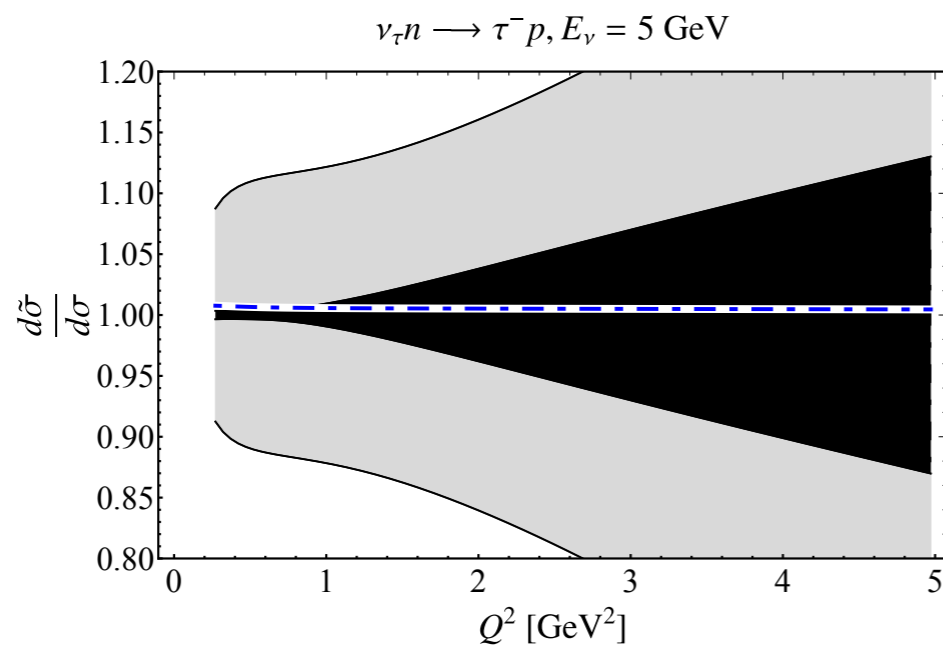
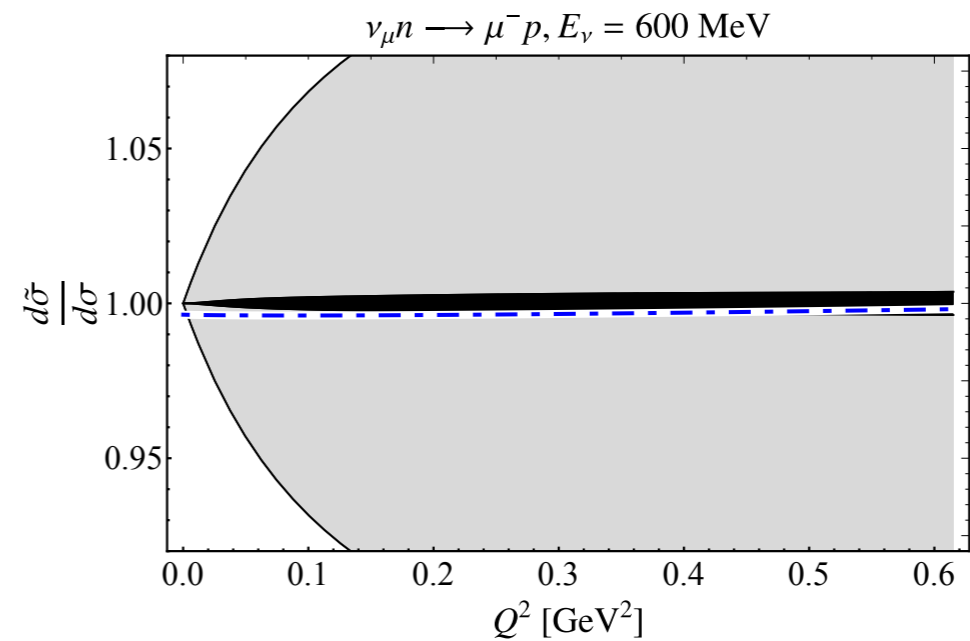
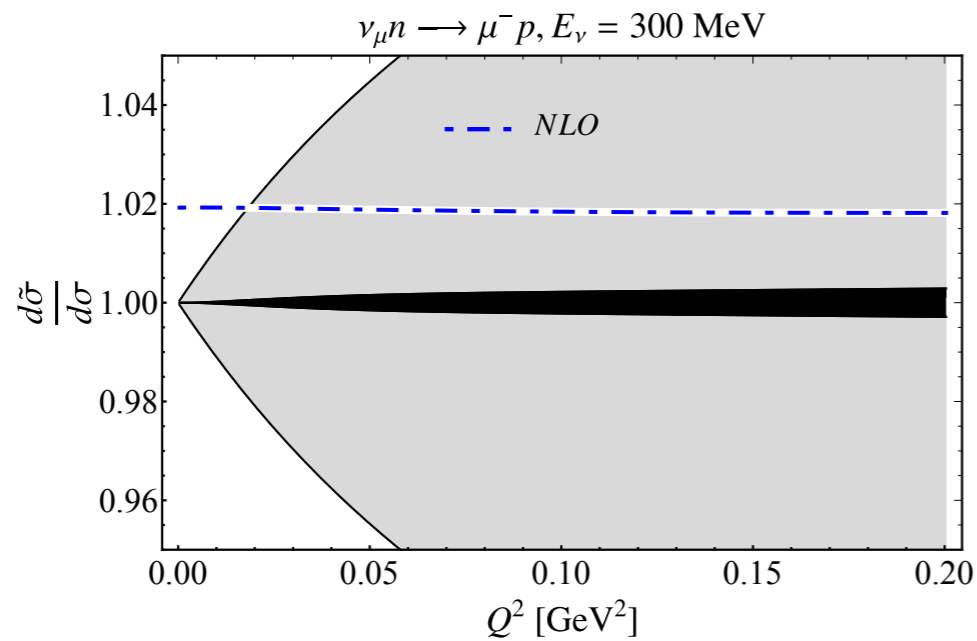
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QED virtual and real

# Unpolarized cross section

- QED virtual corrections + 1 soft photon with energy below 10 MeV

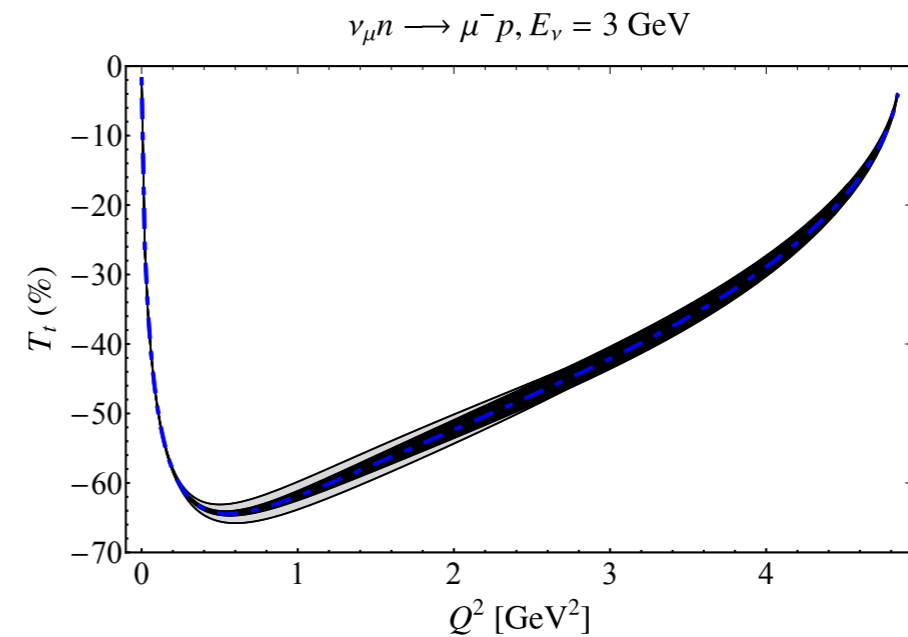
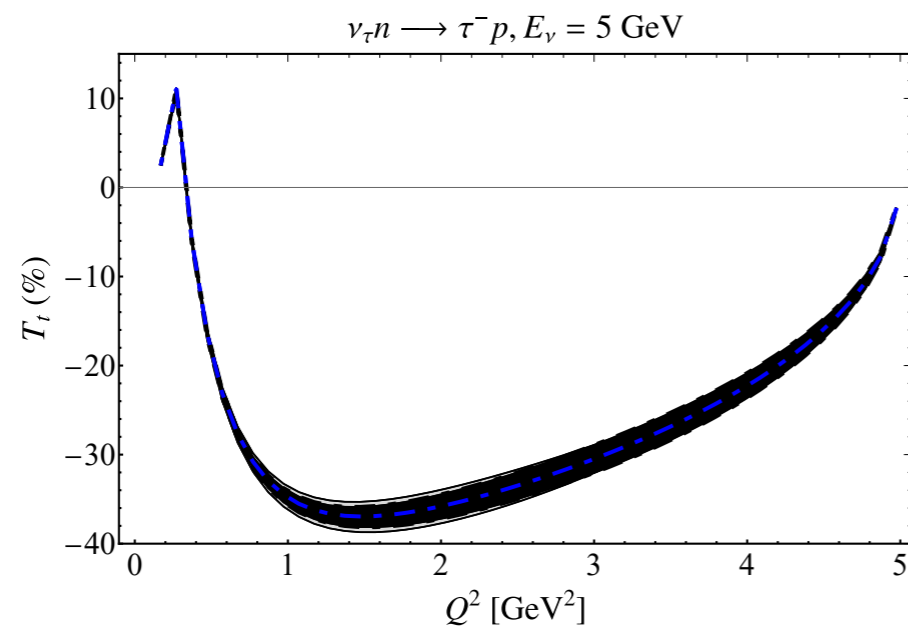
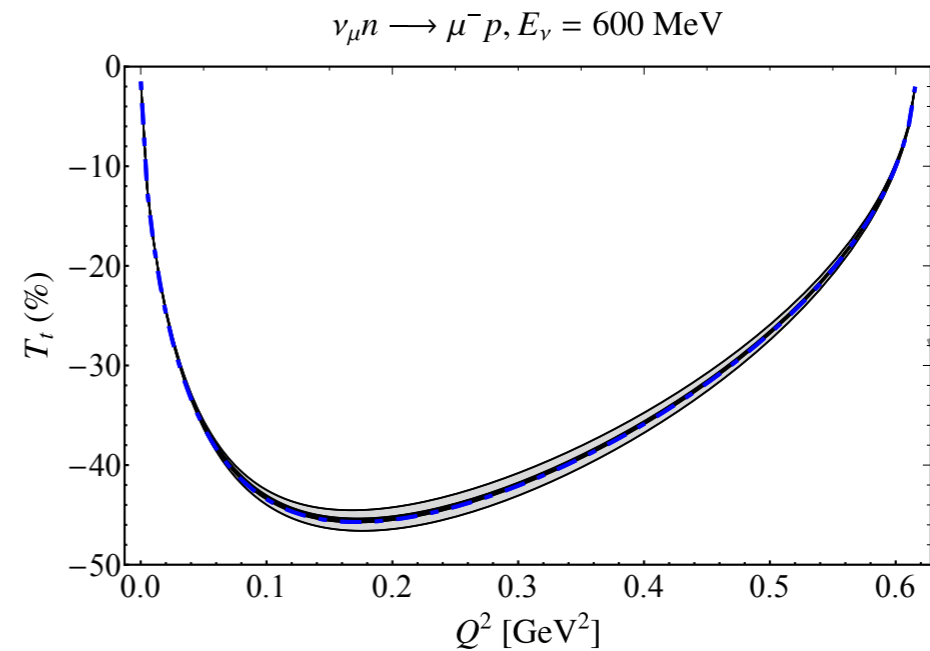
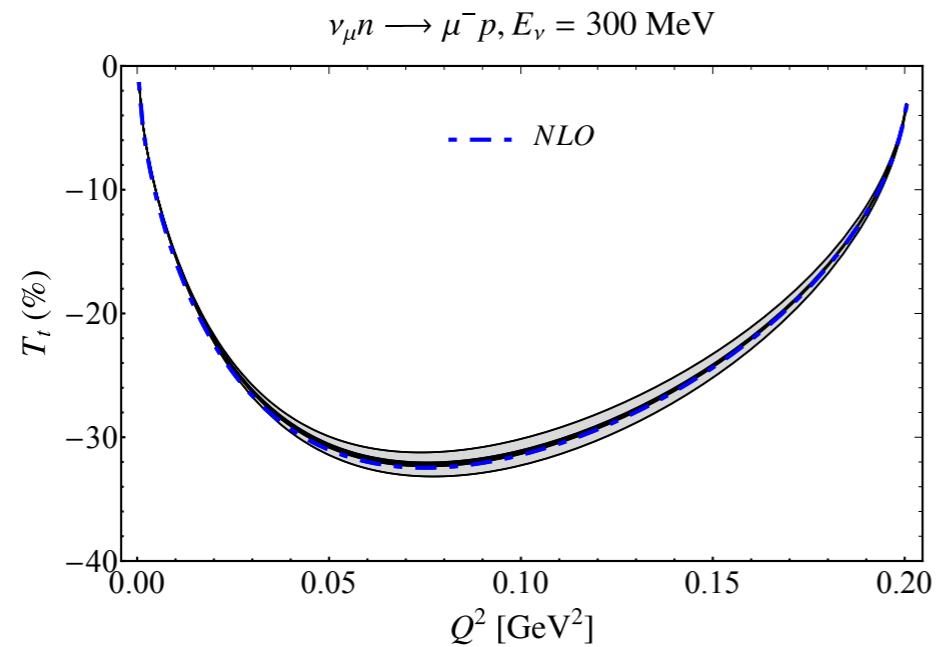


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- muon flavor: sizable corrections at low and high energies

# Transverse target asymmetry

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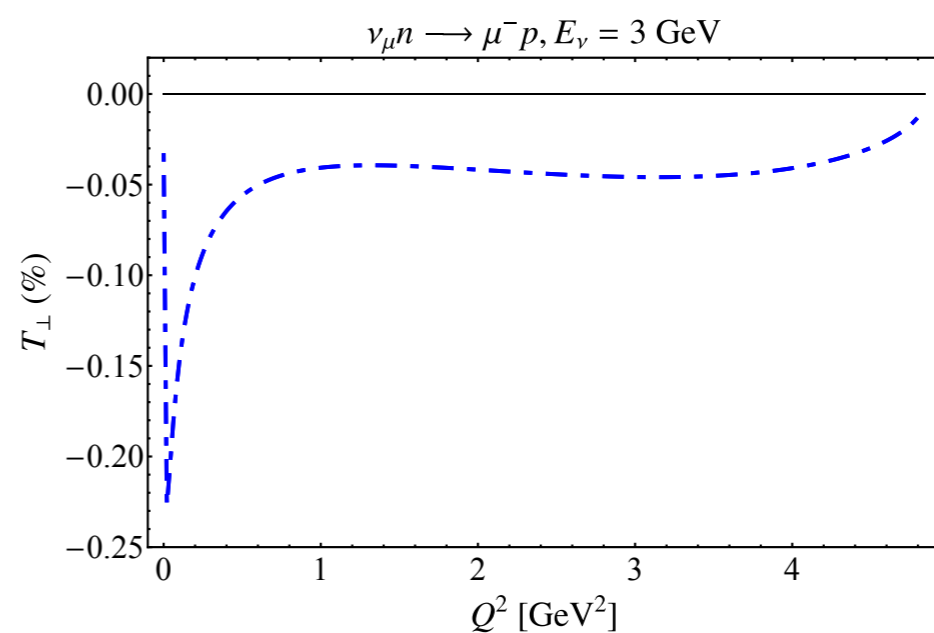
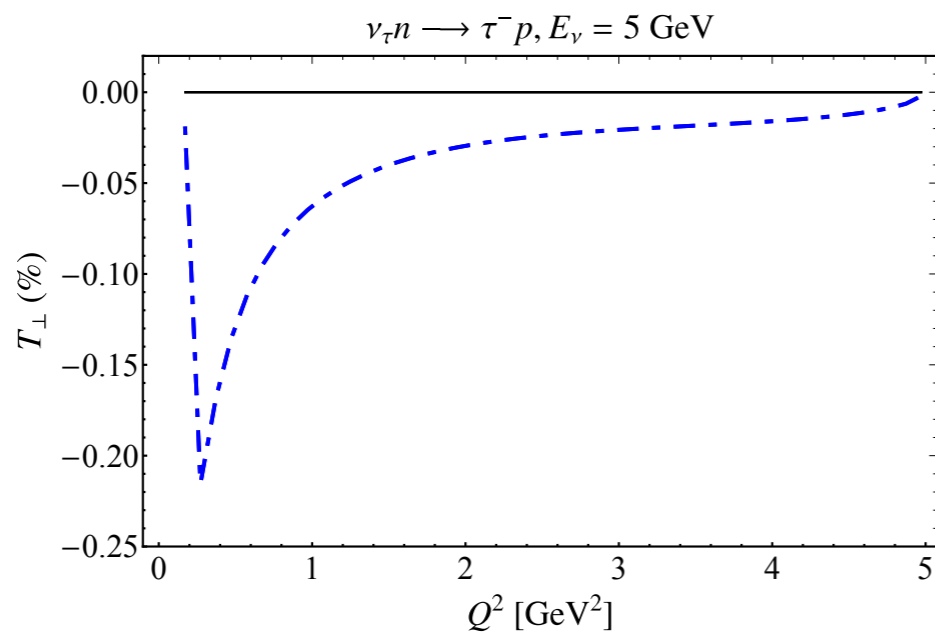
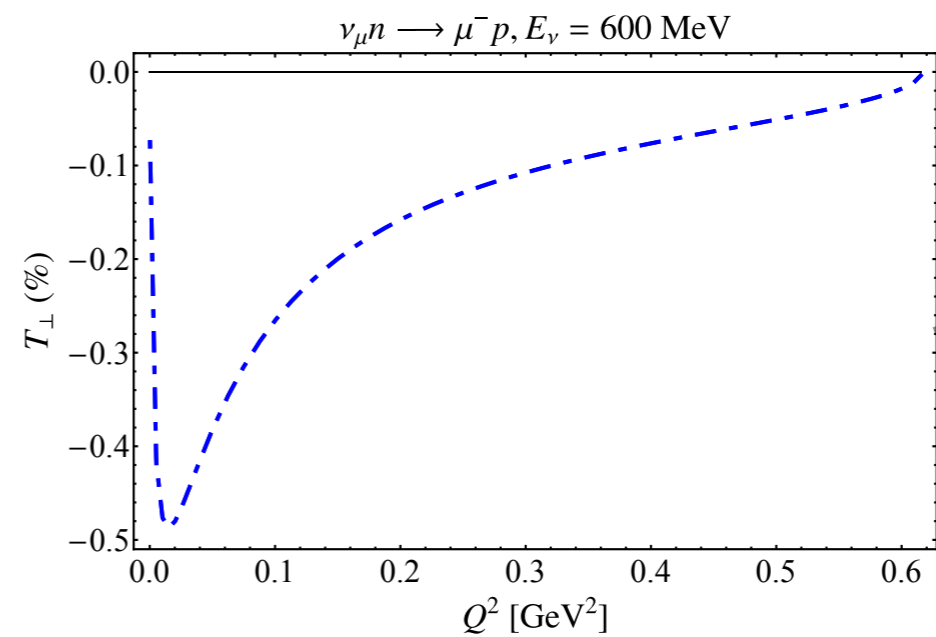
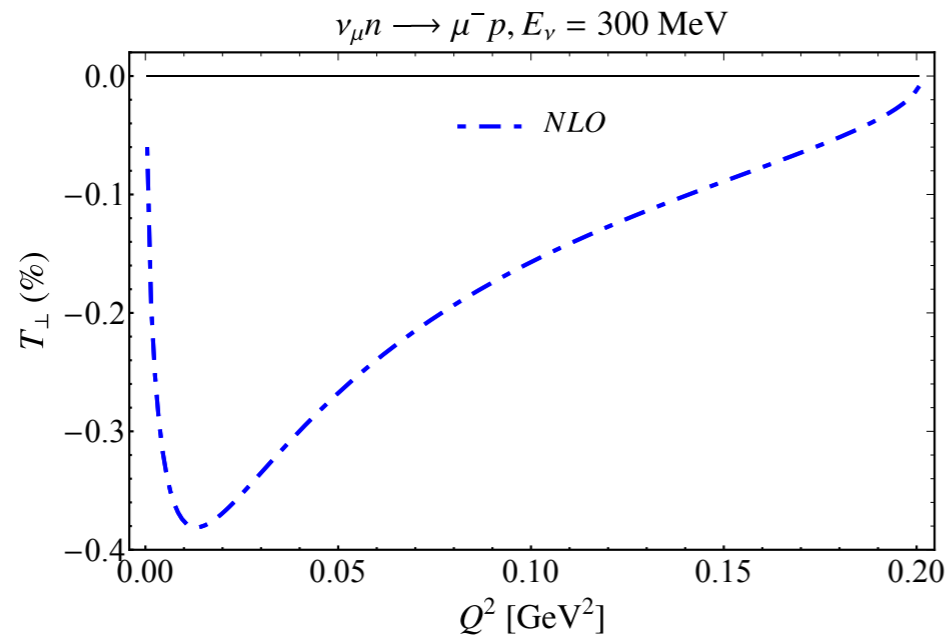


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- negligible radiative corrections

# Transverse target asymmetry 2

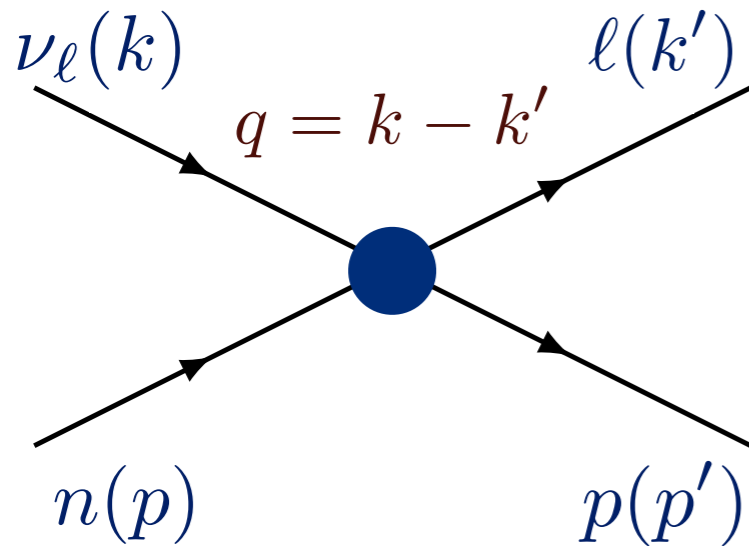
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- radiative corrections: SSA with normal to the scattering plane spin

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# Constraints from MINERvA data

- Standard Model scaling with lepton mass, dipole  $Q^2$  dependence

- nucleon form factors from experimental data

A.S. Meyer, M. Betancourt, R. Gran, and R.J. Hill, PRD (2016)  
 Kaushik Borah, Gabriel Lee, Richard J. Hill, and O. T., PRD (2021)

- rigorous error propagation to 68% confidence intervals

	$\Re f_3$	$\Re f_T$	$\Re f_{A3}$	$\Re f_R$
$\bar{\nu}p$ scattering	$88.4^{+33.5}_{-58.0}$	$-0.5^{+5.0}_{-4.8}$	$-1.0^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ & $1.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$-80.1^{+40.6}_{-26.0}$
beta decay	$0.0 \pm 1.8$	$-9.3 \pm 10.3$	$0.0 \pm 0.075$	

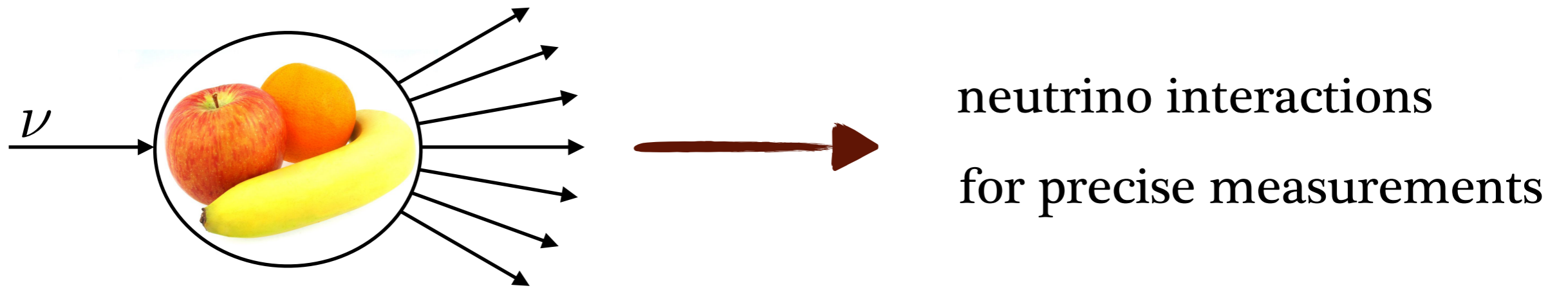
  

	$\Im f_3$	$\Im f_T$	$ \Im f_{A3} $	$ \Im f_R $
$\bar{\nu}p$ scattering	$-82.1^{+34.6}_{-23.8}$ & $82.1^{+23.8}_{-34.6}$	$0.0 \pm 4.9$	$1.00^{+0.29}_{-0.43}$	$69.9^{+20.9}_{-30.9}$
beta decay	$13.0 \pm 54.0$	$-1.9 \pm 15.4$		

- improvements for **tensor** and **scalar** interactions

- **first** constraints on muon-specific interactions at quark level

# Conclusions



- **MINERvA** data vs deuterium data and lattice QCD: within  $1\sigma$
- axial-vector form factor and radius at DUNE: **subpercent** precision
- unpolarized cross sections and **single-spin asymmetries (SSA)**
- **SSA** with spin in the scattering plane: radiative corrections **negligible**
- **MINERvA** hydrogen data: update on **tensor** and **scalar** interaction

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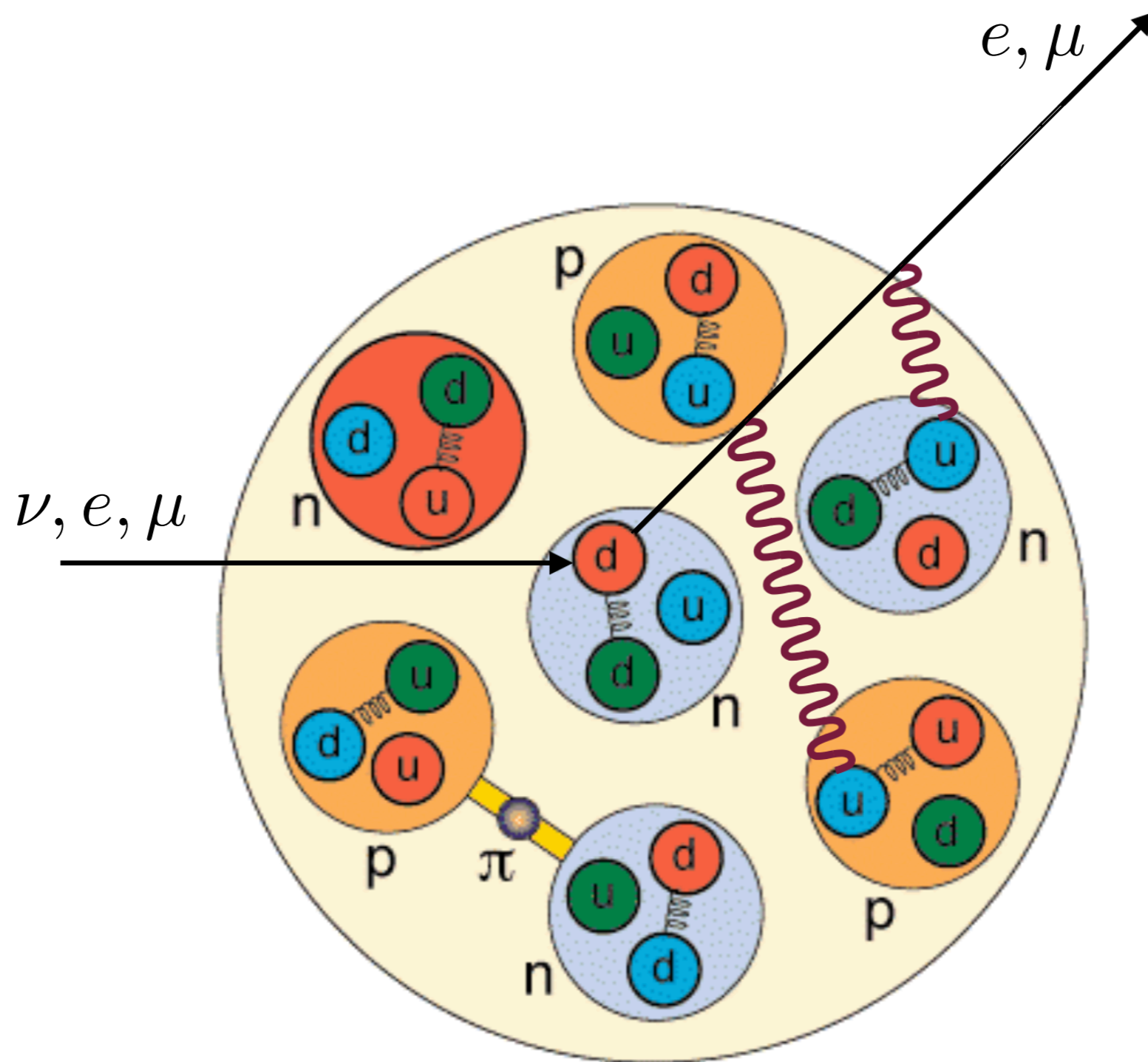
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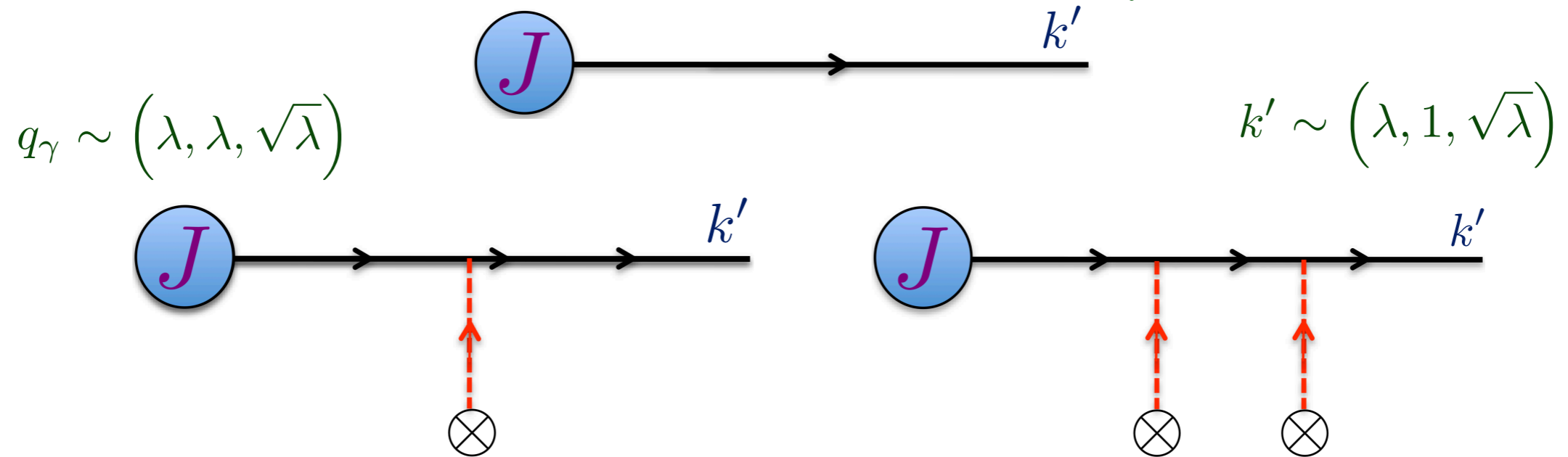


- charged lepton exchanges photons with nuclear medium

# SCET<sub>G</sub> formulation

- forward scattering is dominant process
- Glauber photons exchanged with a nuclear charge distribution

QCD: G. Ovanesian and I. Vitev, JHEP (2011)



- change: integral along final lepton direction over charge and potential

$$\delta\sigma_f \sim \int_{\text{lepton line}}^{\text{final}} \rho(z) dz \int \frac{d^2\vec{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} |v(\vec{q}_\perp)|^2 \left( \sigma_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}' - \vec{q}_\perp) - \sigma_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') \right)$$

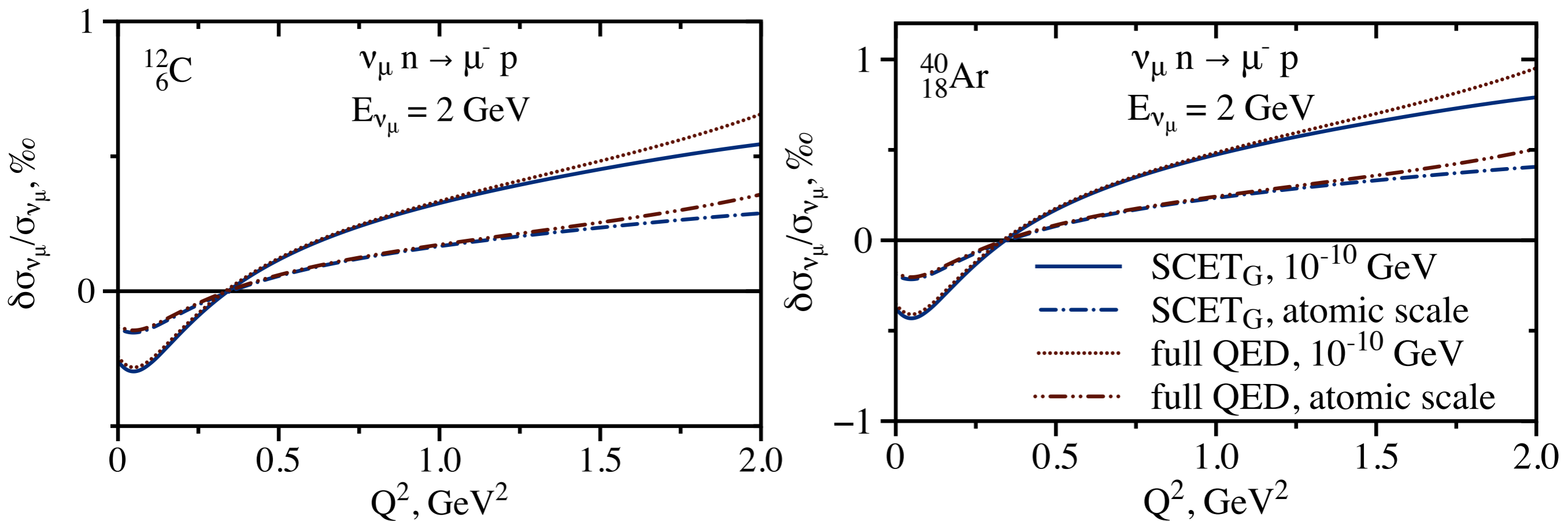
- leading-order cross sections are distorted
- EFT and full QED calculations are performed

# Neutrino scattering

IR regularization

$$v(q_{\perp}^2) = \frac{e^2}{q_{\perp}^2 + \lambda^2}$$

- relative correction per nucleon



flavor-independent at GeV energies

- permille-level distortion of cross sections:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  correction
- smaller correction to inclusive cross section

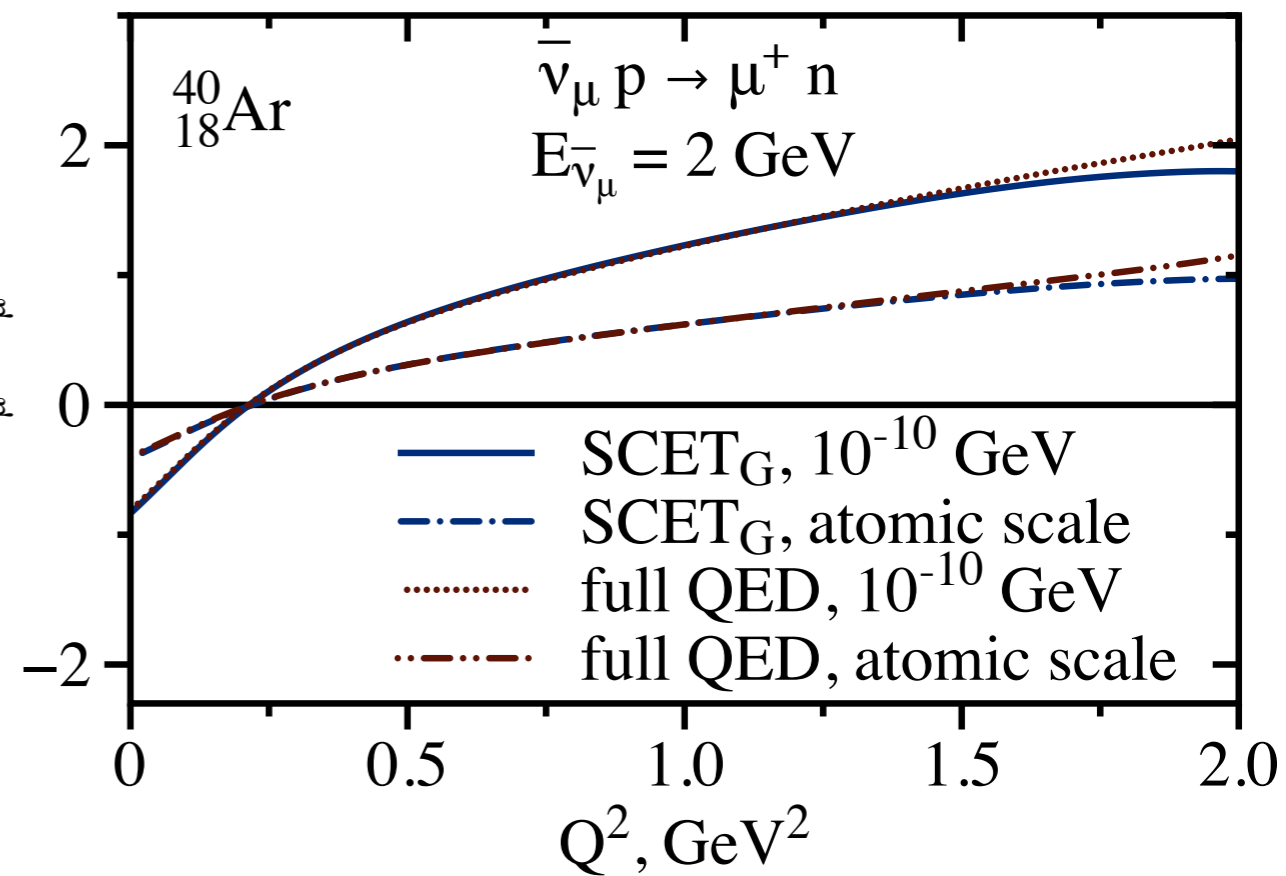
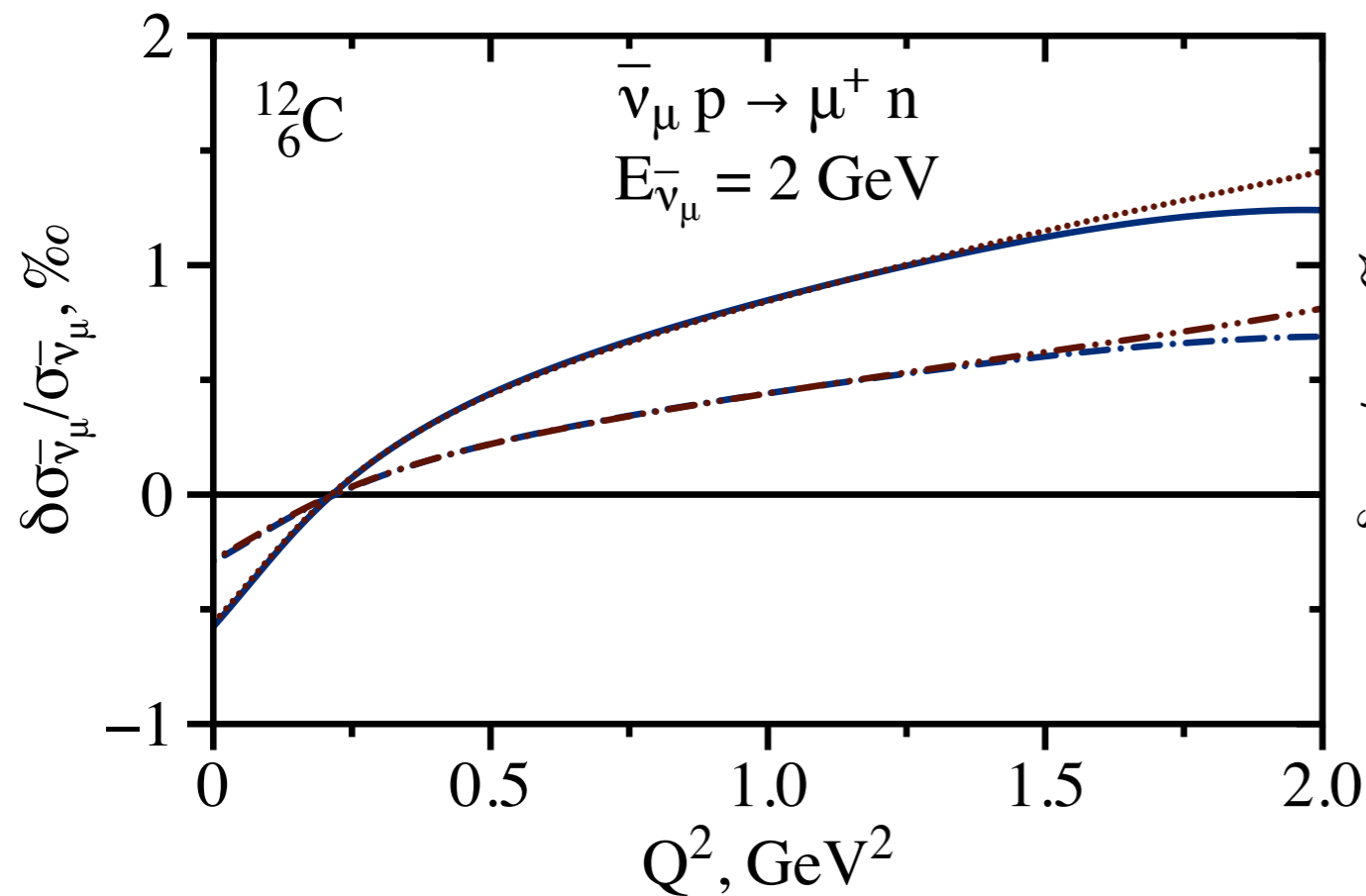


# Antineutrino scattering

- relative correction per nucleon

IR regularization

$$v(q_{\perp}^2) = \frac{e^2}{q_{\perp}^2 + \lambda^2}$$



flavor-independent at GeV energies

- permille-level distortion of cross sections:  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  correction
- larger correction than for neutrino scattering

# SCET<sub>G</sub> formulation

- forward scattering is dominant process
- Glauber photons exchanged with a nuclear charge distribution
- add initial-state exchanges, no interference with final-state exchanges
- change: integral along initial lepton direction over charge and potential

$$\delta\sigma_i \sim \int_{\text{lepton line}}^{\text{initial}} \rho(z) dz \int \frac{d^2\vec{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} |v(\vec{q}_\perp)|^2 \left( \sigma_0(\vec{k} + \vec{q}_\perp, \vec{k}') - \sigma_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') \right)$$

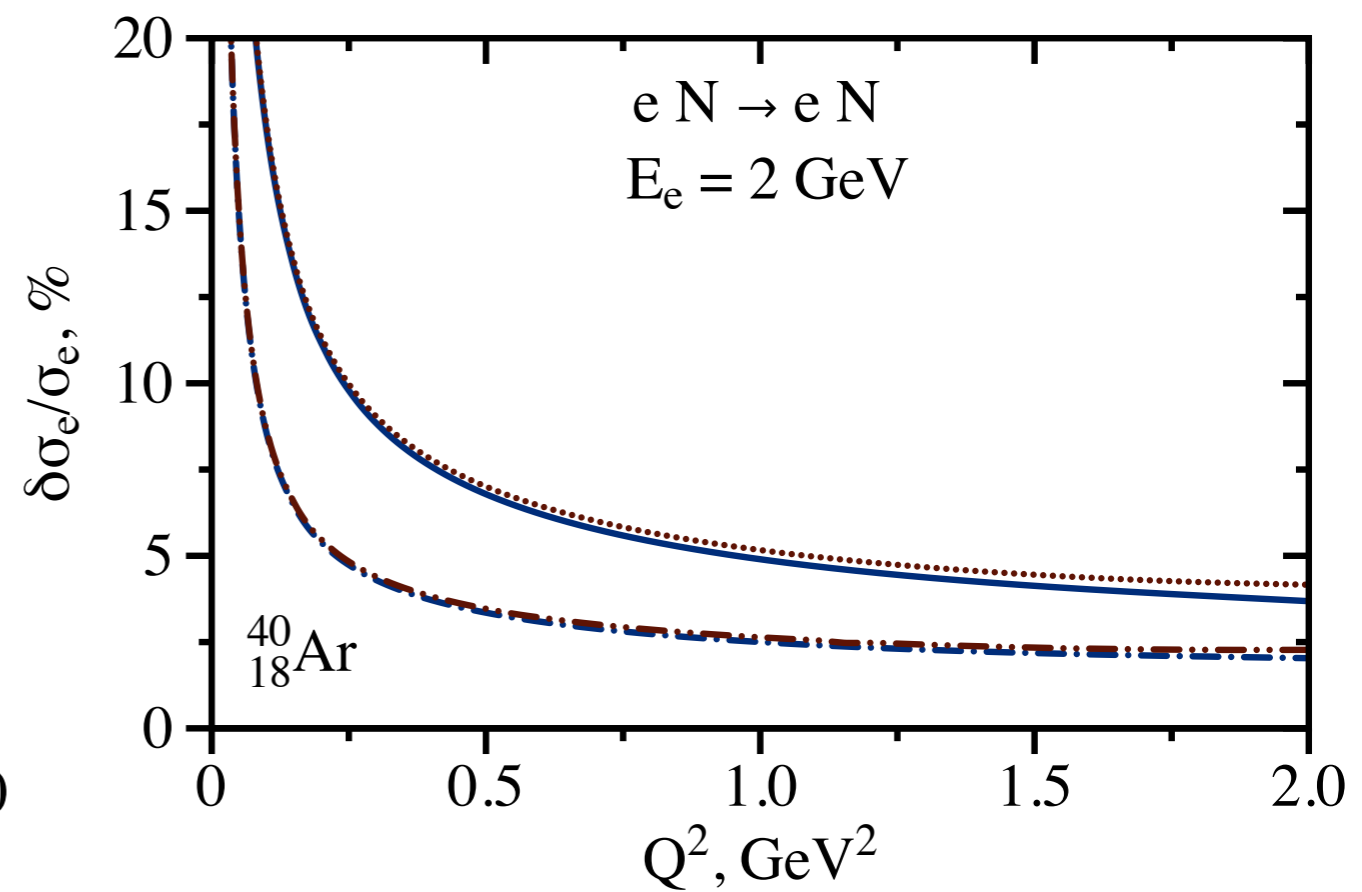
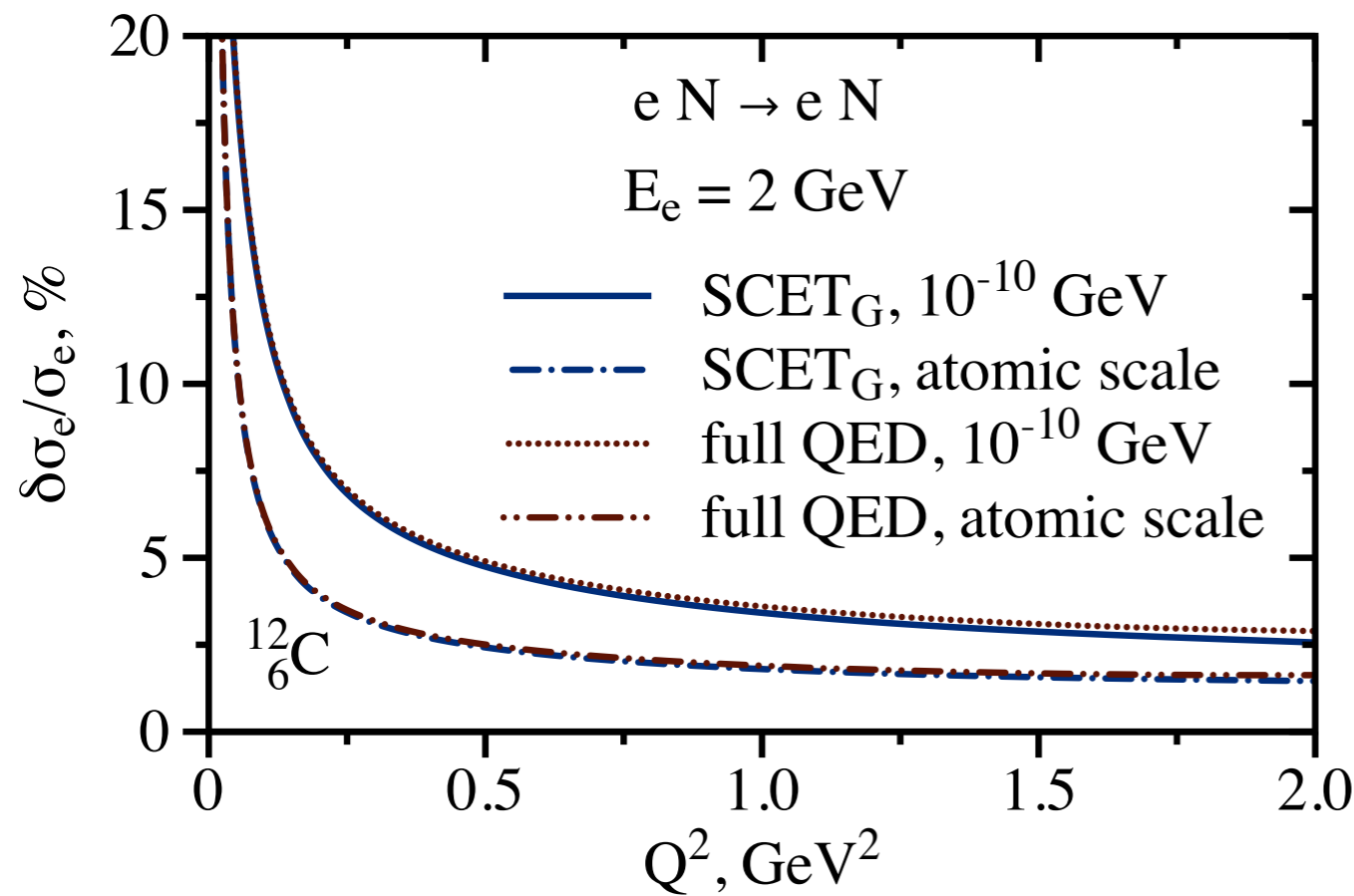
- change: integral along final lepton direction over charge and potential

$$\delta\sigma_f \sim \int_{\text{lepton line}}^{\text{final}} \rho(z) dz \int \frac{d^2\vec{q}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} |v(\vec{q}_\perp)|^2 \left( \sigma_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}' - \vec{q}_\perp) - \sigma_0(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') \right)$$

- leading-order cross sections are distorted
- EFT and full QED agree above the lepton mass scale

# Electron scattering

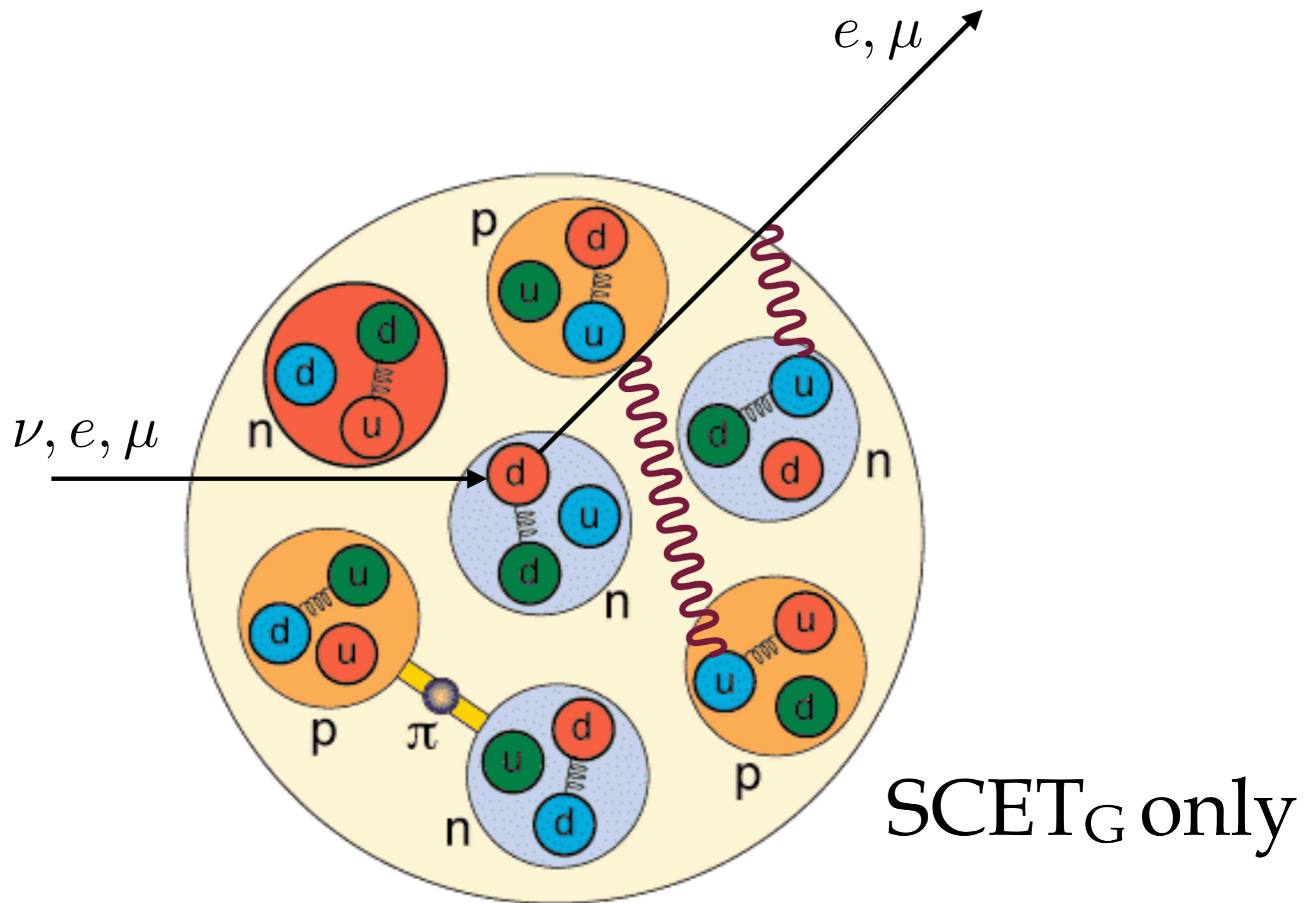
- relative correction per nucleus after incoherent sum over nucleons



O. T. and Ivan Vitev, Phys. Lett. B 805, 135466 (2022)

- **percent-level** at low momentum transfers:  $O(\alpha^2)$  correction
- **critical new effect** for electron scattering experiments

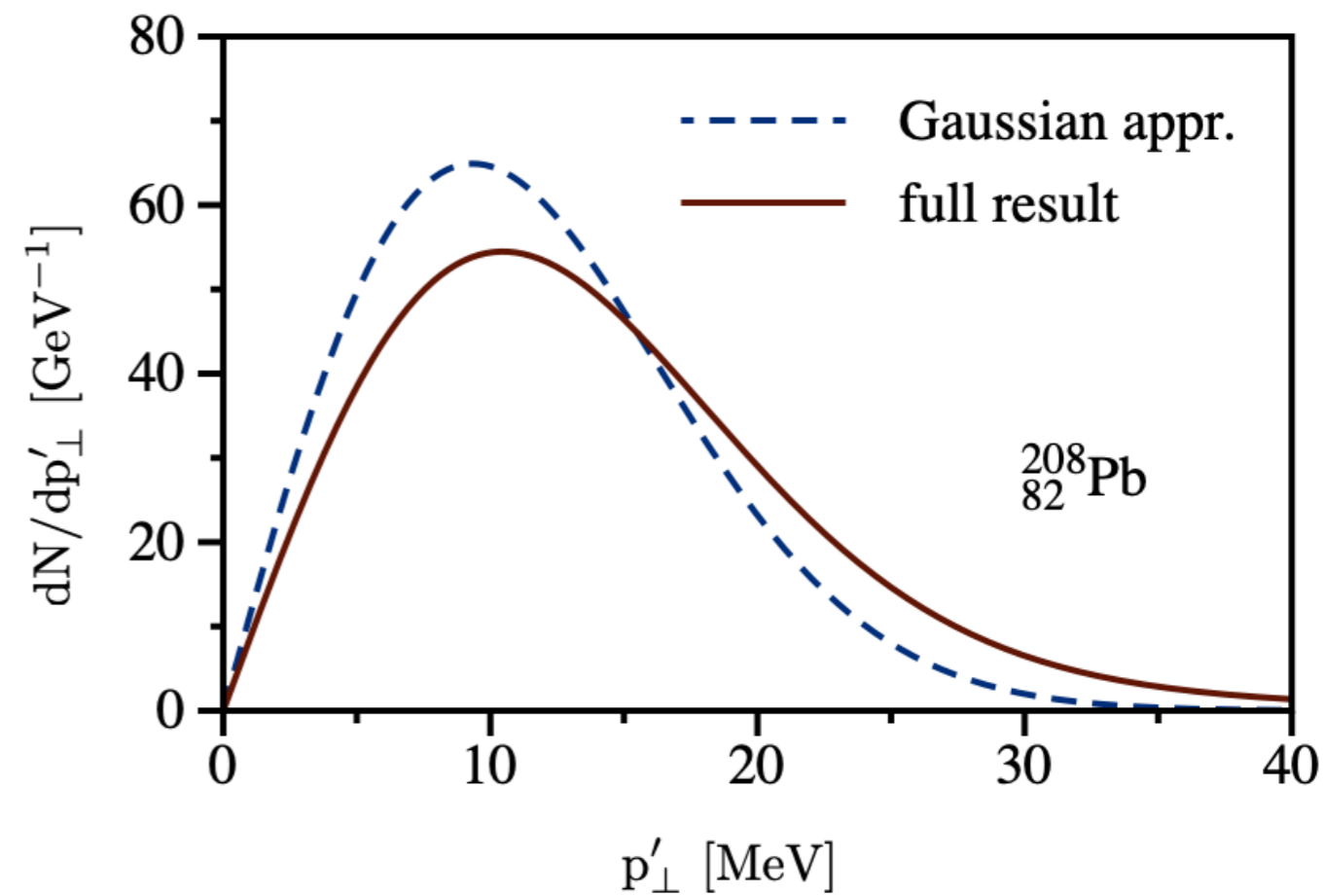
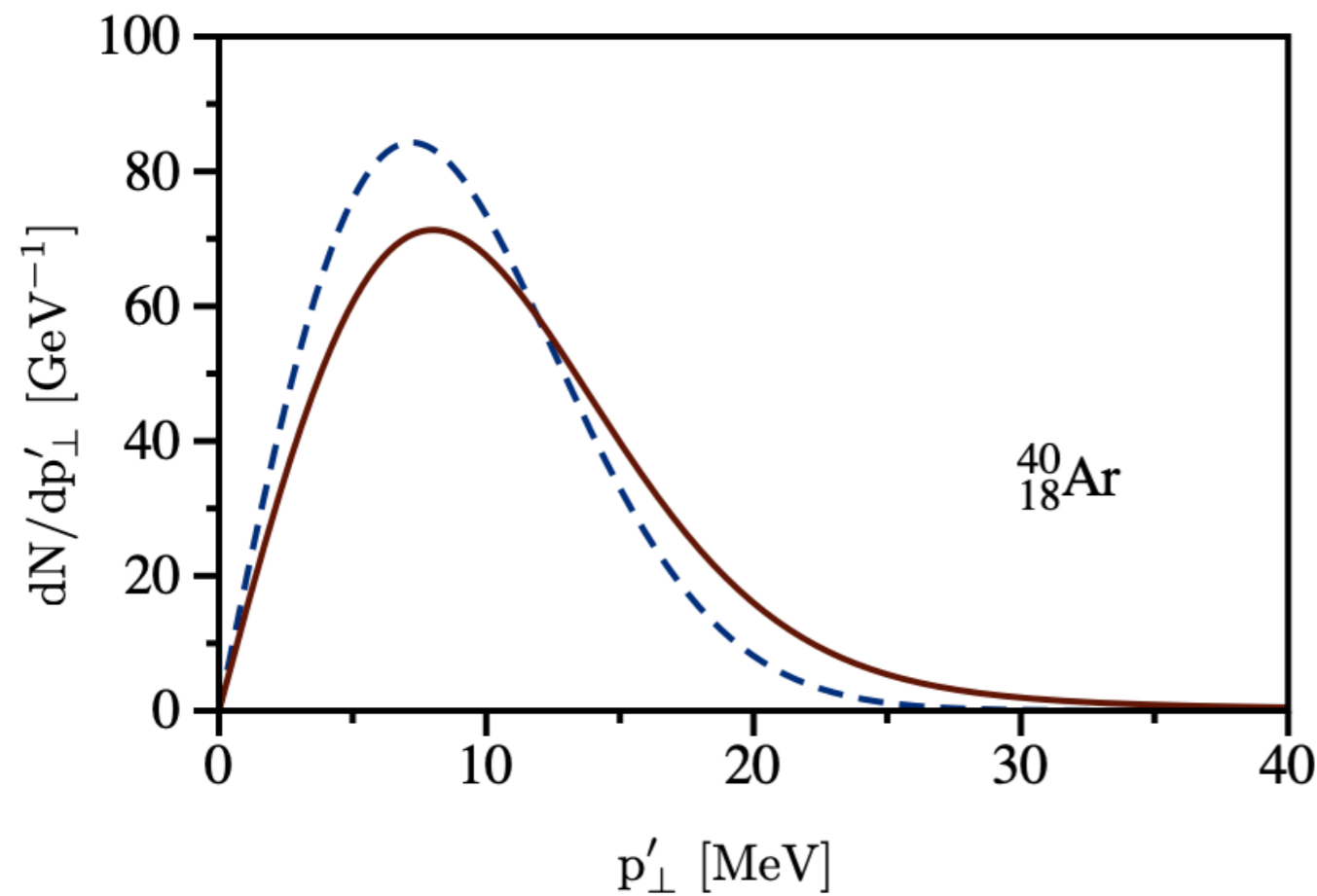
# QED medium effects



- >10000 interactions along the lepton trajectory resummed

# Broadening of electron tracks

- multiple re-scattering generates transverse momentum



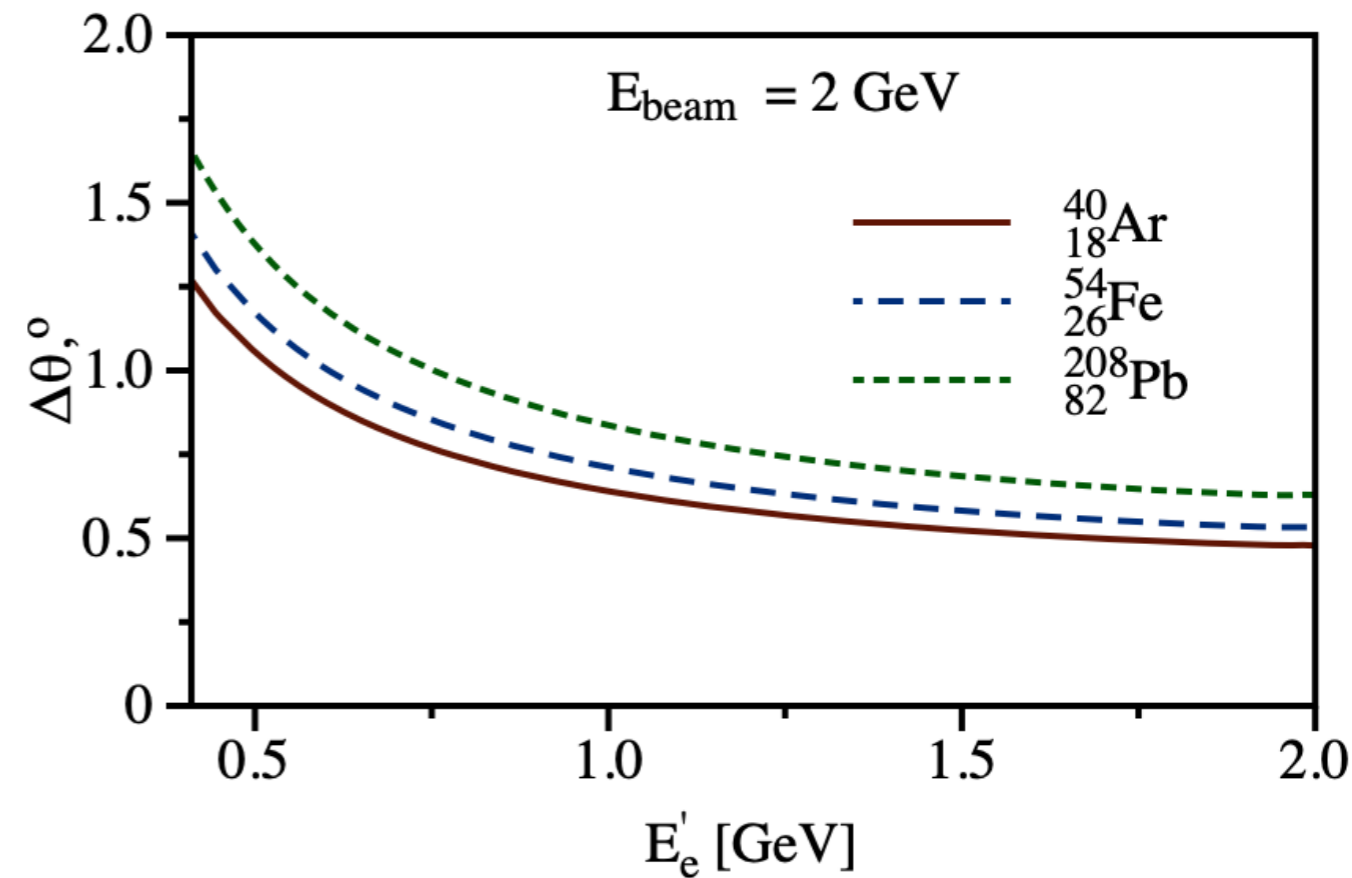
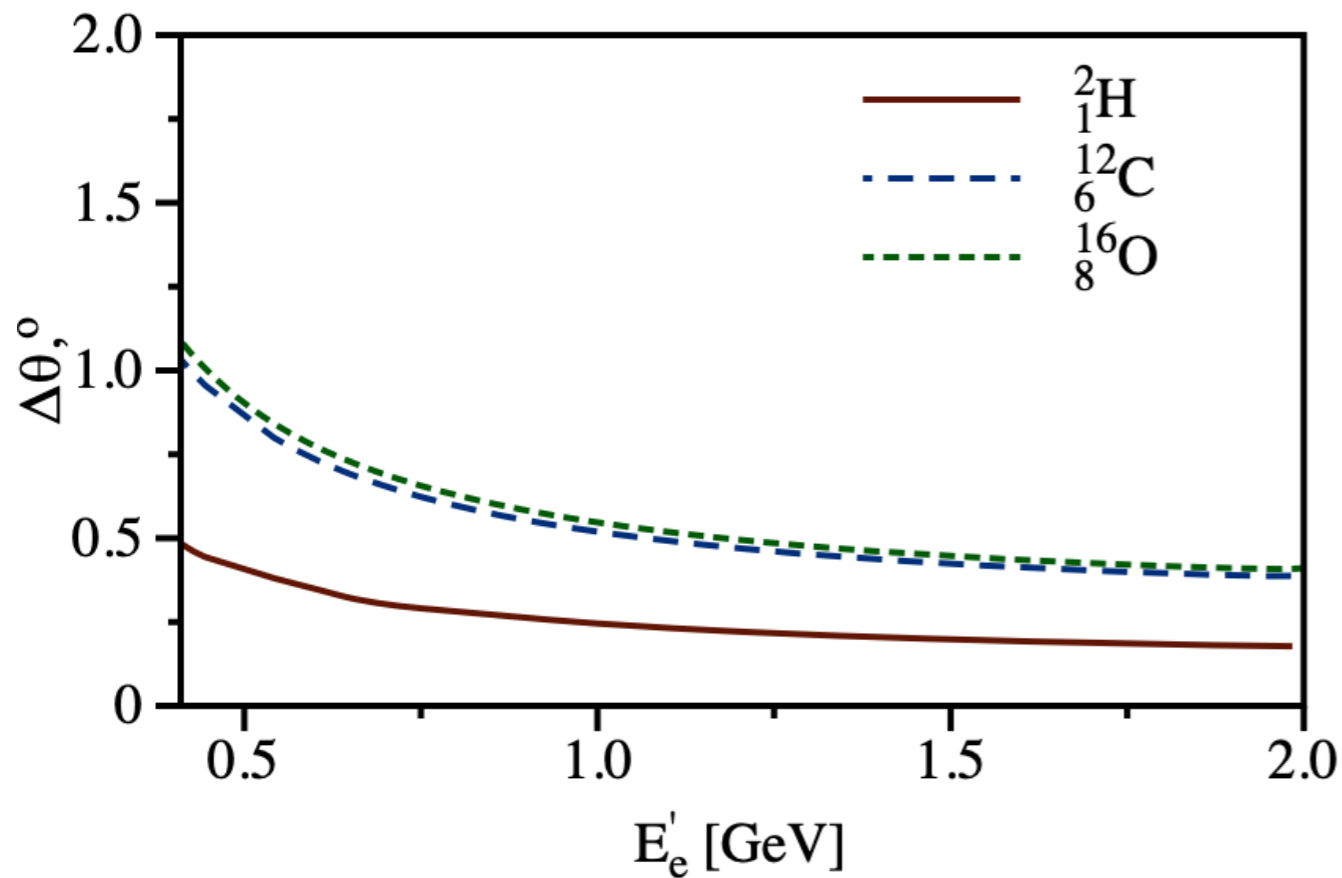
O. T. and Ivan Vitev, Phys. Rev. D 108 9, 9 (2023)

- exact resummation vs Gaussian approximation: nuclear size scale

- Glauber exchange induces 10-30 MeV transverse momentum

# Broadening of electron tracks

- r. m. s. deflection angle after multiple rescattering



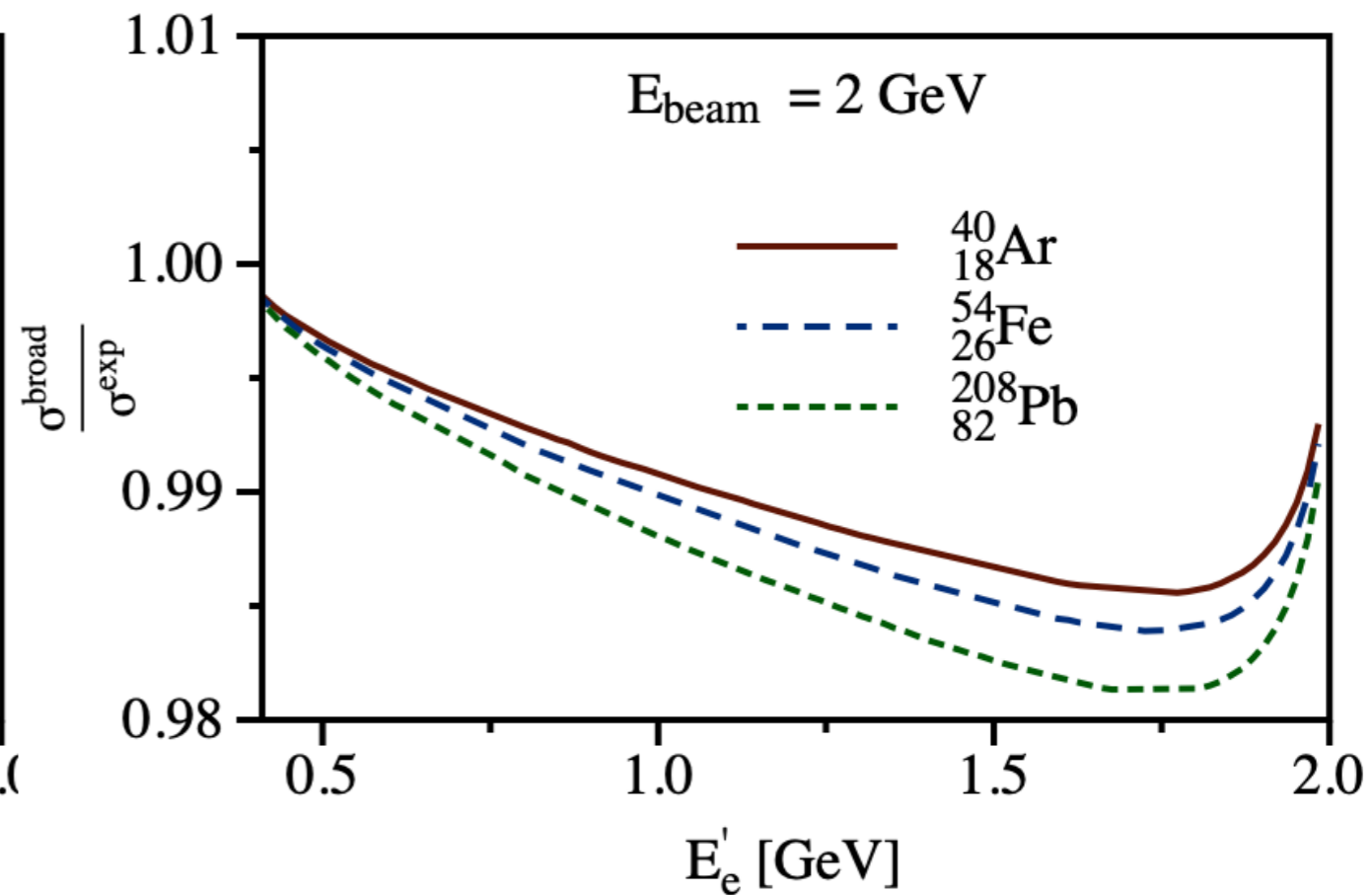
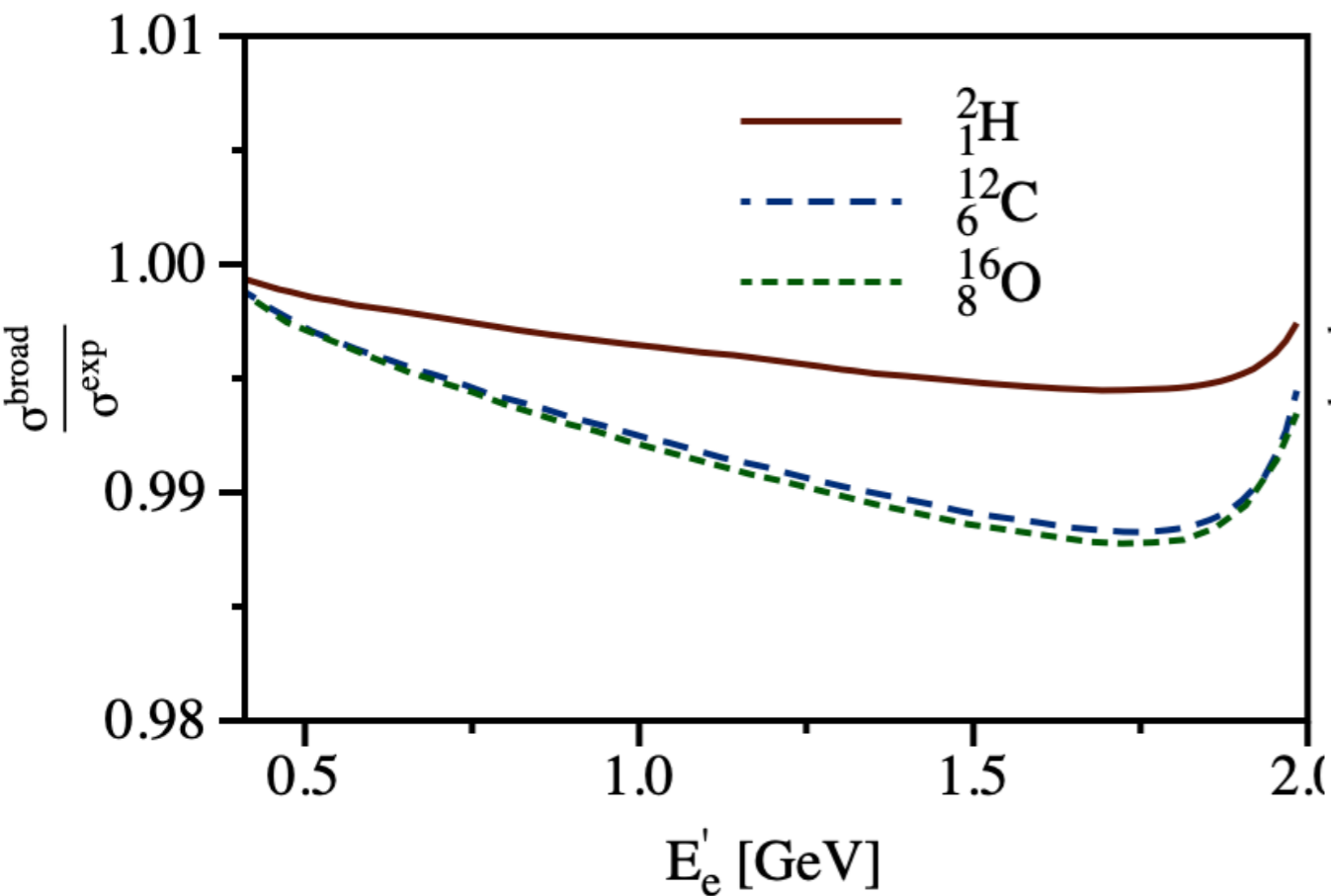
- nucleus approximated as sphere of constant density

- sizable deflection of electron tracks  $\sqrt{\langle (\Delta\theta)^2 \rangle} \sim 1/E$



# Effect on unpolarized cross section

- initial and final re-scattering is taken into account
- momentum transfer from electron kinematics



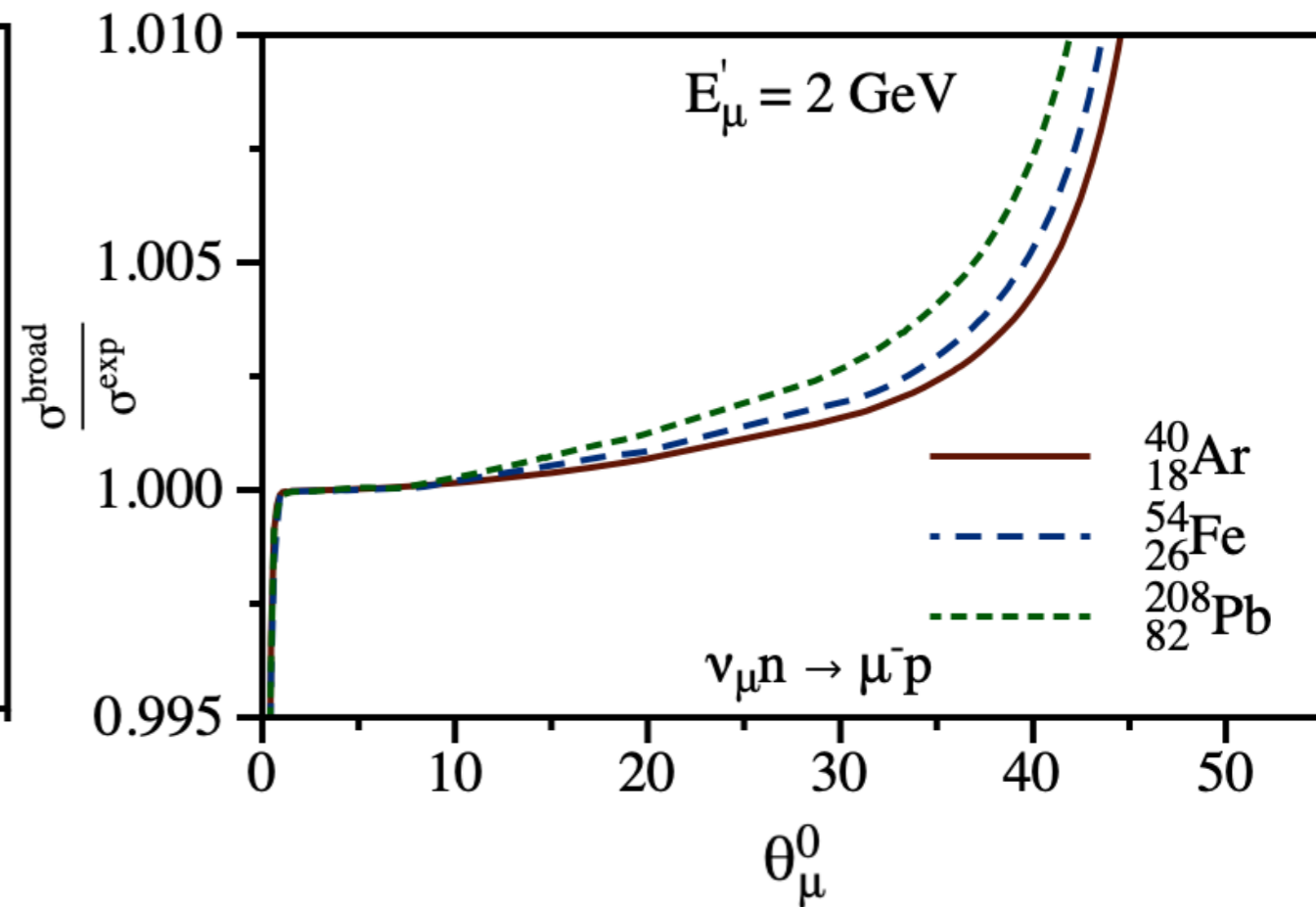
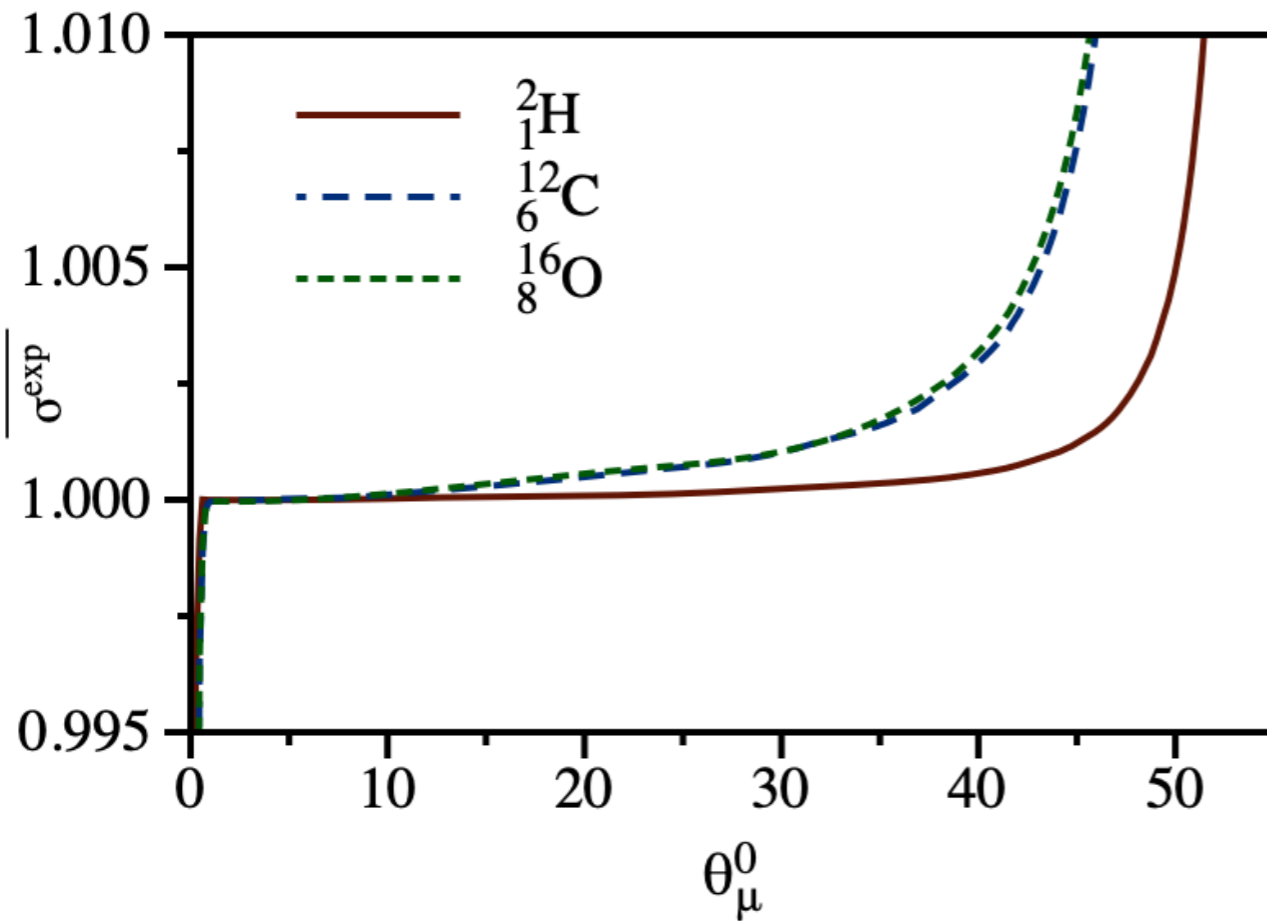
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- **percent-level** electron-nucleus cross-section suppression

# Effect on unpolarized cross section

- only final re-scattering present

$$E_{\nu}^r \approx \frac{E'_{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{E_B^2 - 2M_i E_B + m_{\mu}^2 + M_i^2 - M_f^2}{M_i - E_B}}{1 - \frac{E'_{\mu}}{M_i - E_B} (1 - \beta_{\mu} \cos \theta_{\mu})}$$



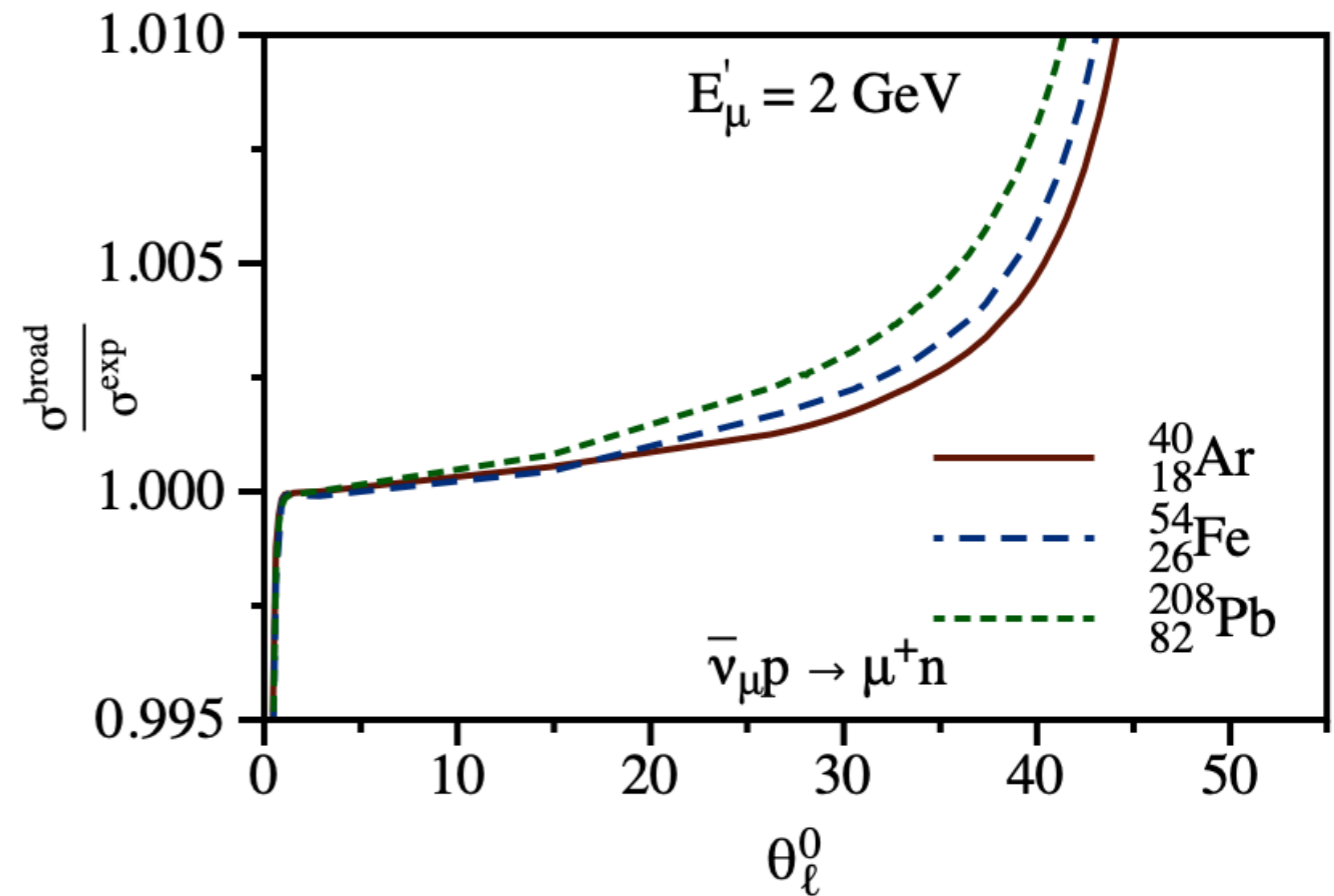
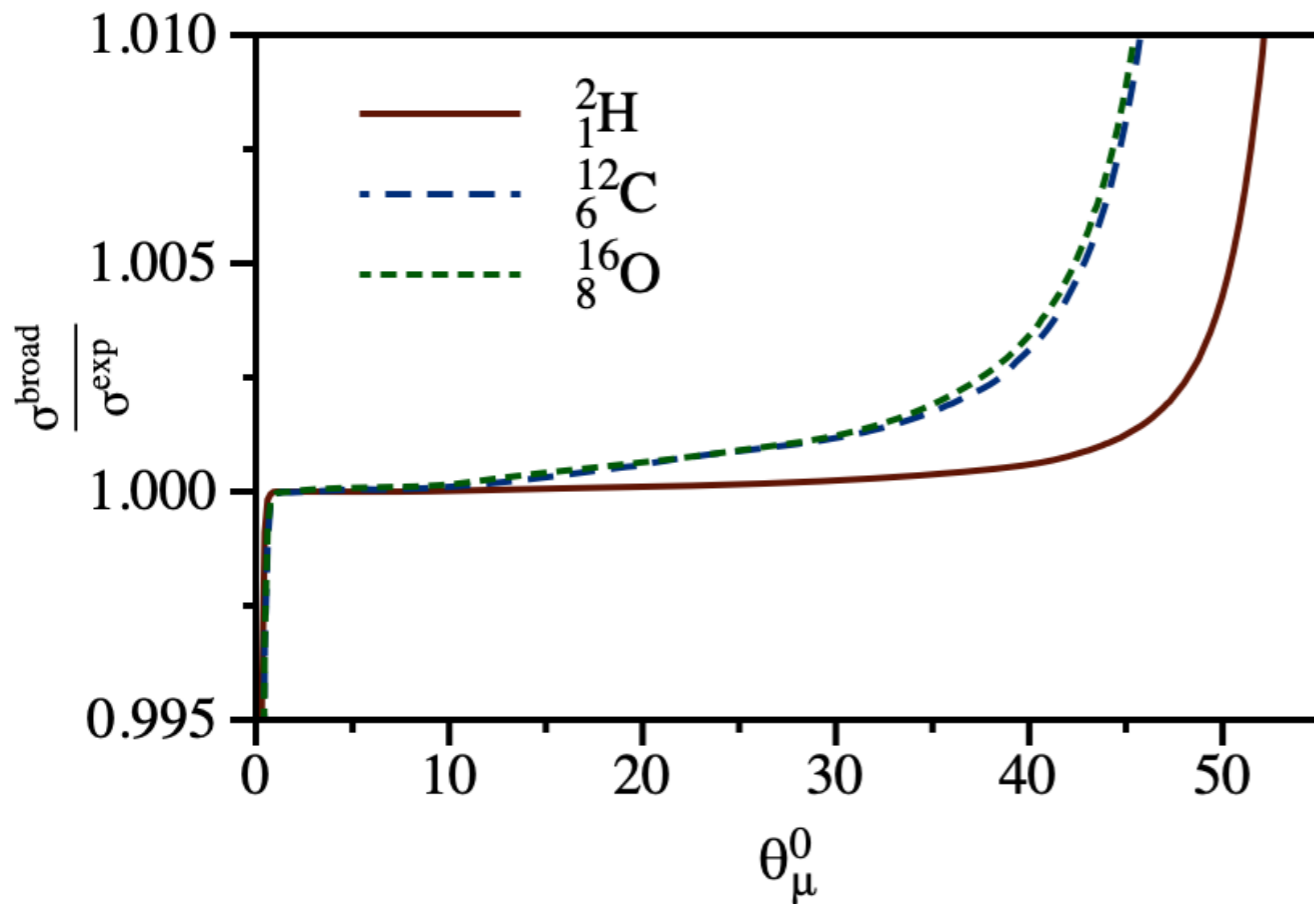
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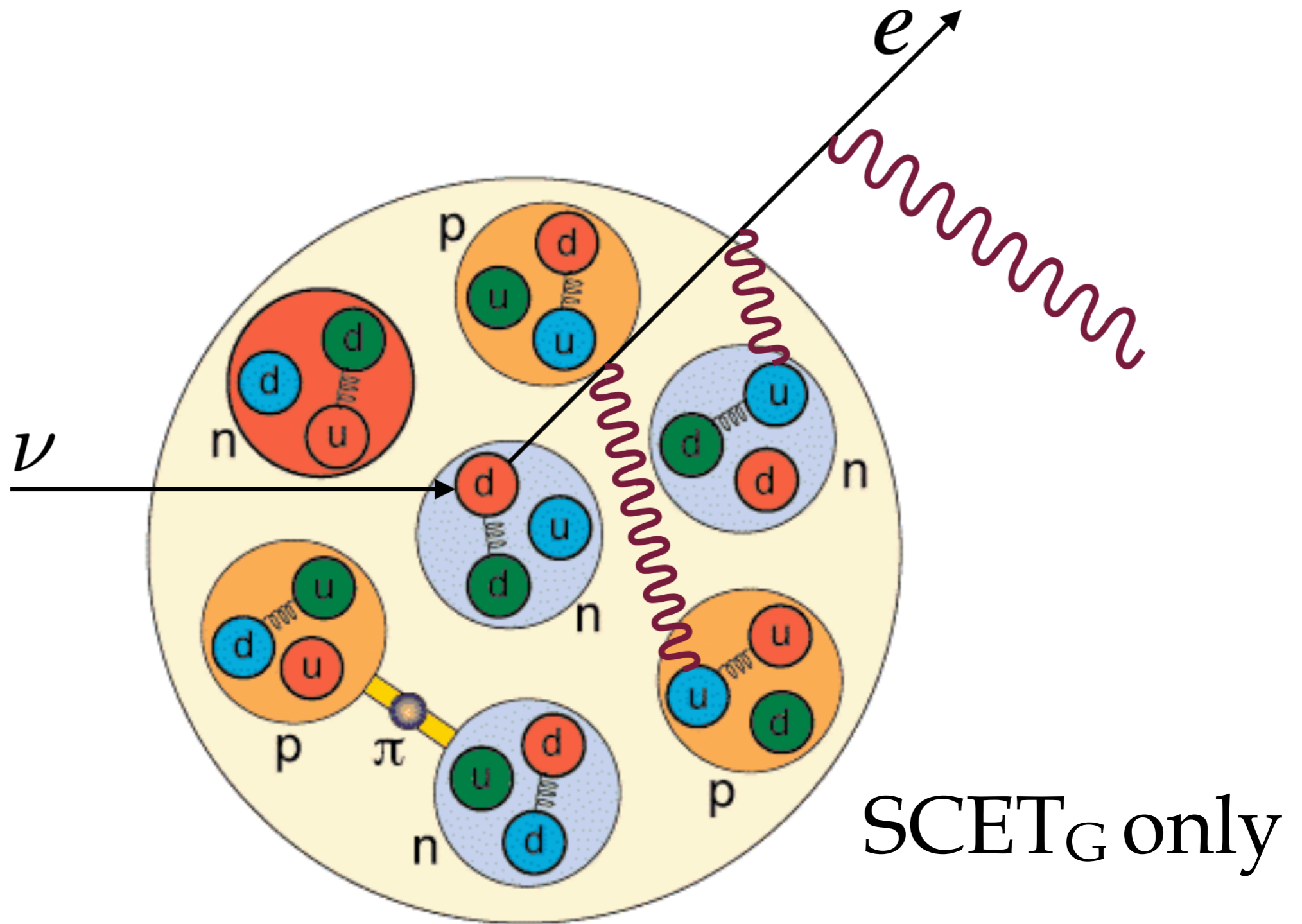
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- nucleus approximated as sphere of constant density

- antineutrino-nucleus: **percent-level** at kinematic endpoints

# QED medium-induced radiation



- >10000 interactions along the lepton trajectory resummed

# QED medium-induced radiation

broadening with radiation:  $p_T$  spectrum is multiplied with soft (collinear) function in vacuum for observables including soft (collinear) photons

soft (collinear) functions in vacuum:

O. T., Qing Chen, Richard J. Hill and Kevin S. McFarland, Nature Commun. 13 (2022), 1, 5286

O. T., Qing Chen, Richard J. Hill, Kevin S. McFarland and Clarence Wret  
editors suggestion in Phys. Rev. D (2022)

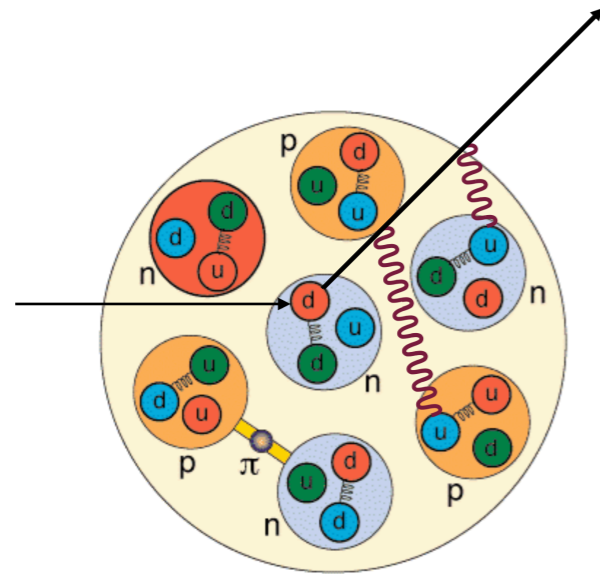
relative cross-section correction at each order in expansion on number of re-scatterings: the same for soft, collinear, and no-radiation cases

vanishing spectrum of soft or collinear medium-induced photons

O. T. and Ivan Vitev, Phys. Rev. D XXX X, X (2024)

- separation of scales: exact resummation of medium effects

# Conclusions



formulation of  
QED nuclear medium  
effects

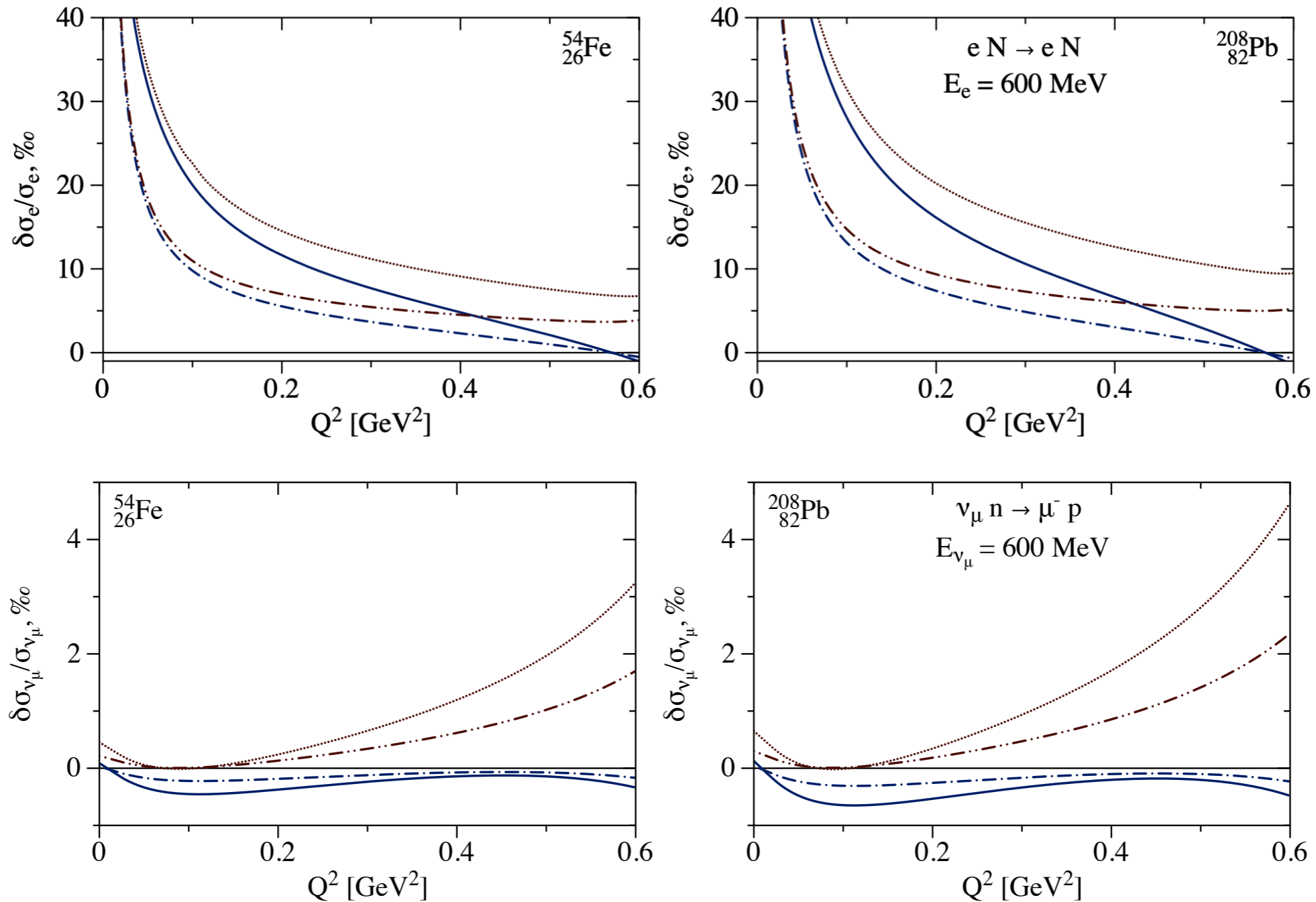
virtual corrections at 1st order in opacity: SCET<sub>G</sub> and full QED  
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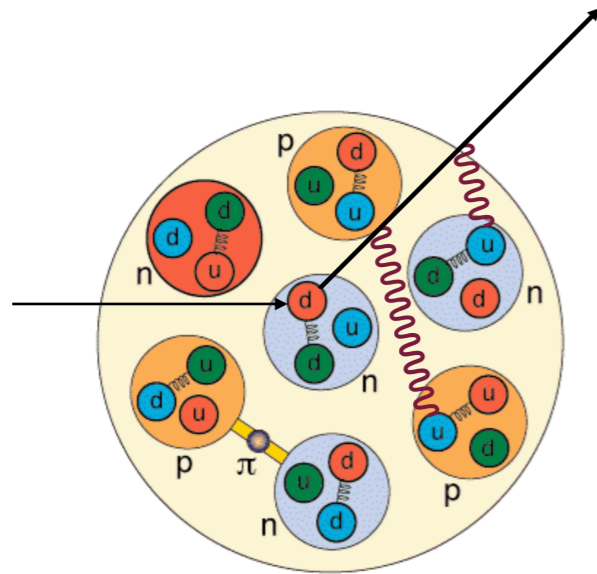
# Cross sections at 600 MeV beam energy

1st order in opacity



- QED and SCET<sub>G</sub> significantly differ at 100th of MeV energy

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found: a) sizable deflection of charged lepton tracks

b) multiple rescattering: %-level corrections at GeV energies

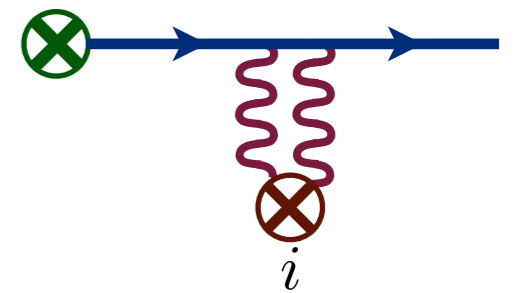
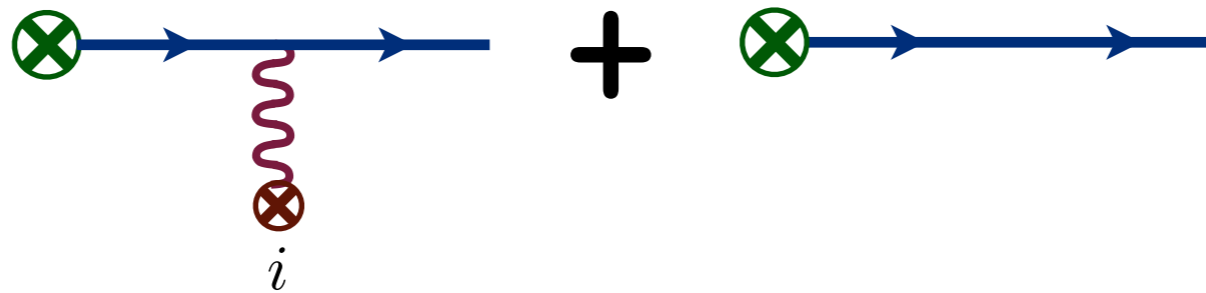
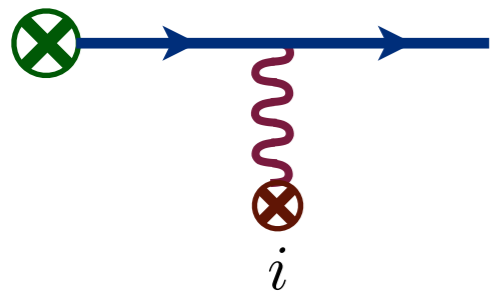
c) vanishing nuclear medium-induced photon energy spectra

d) radiation sizably (~10-20 %) modifies broadening

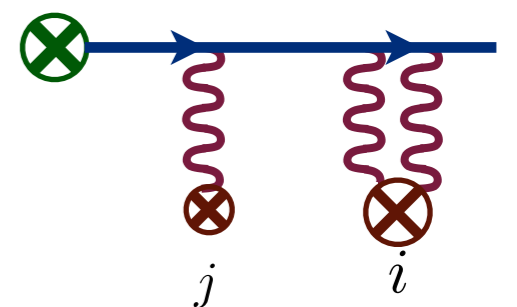
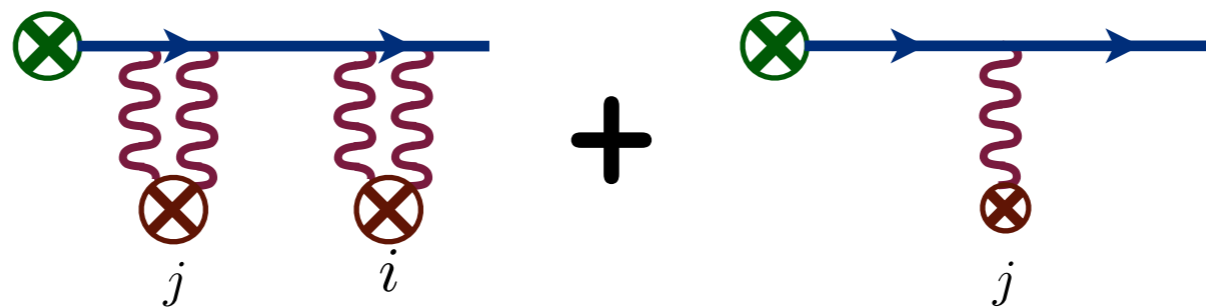
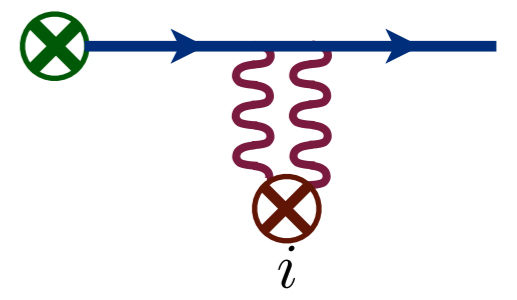
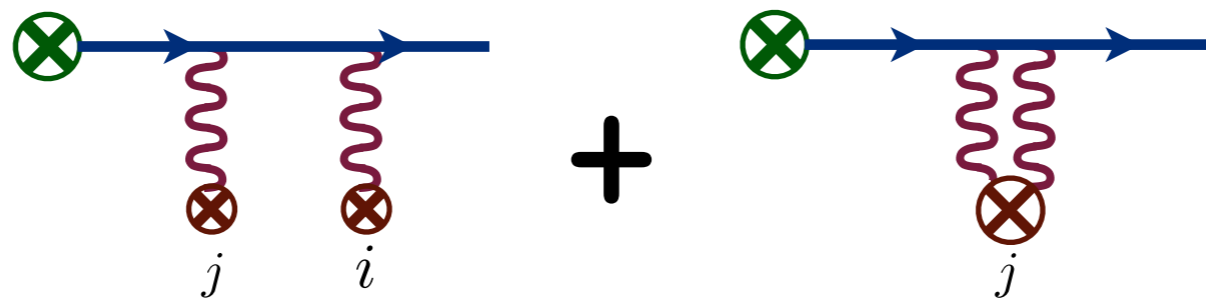
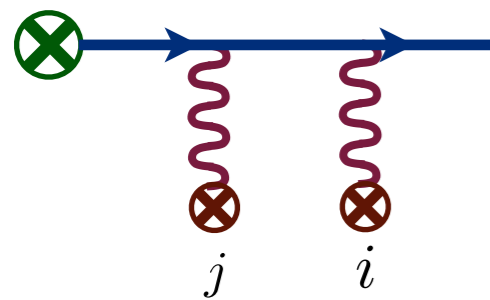
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# QED medium effects

1st order in opacity

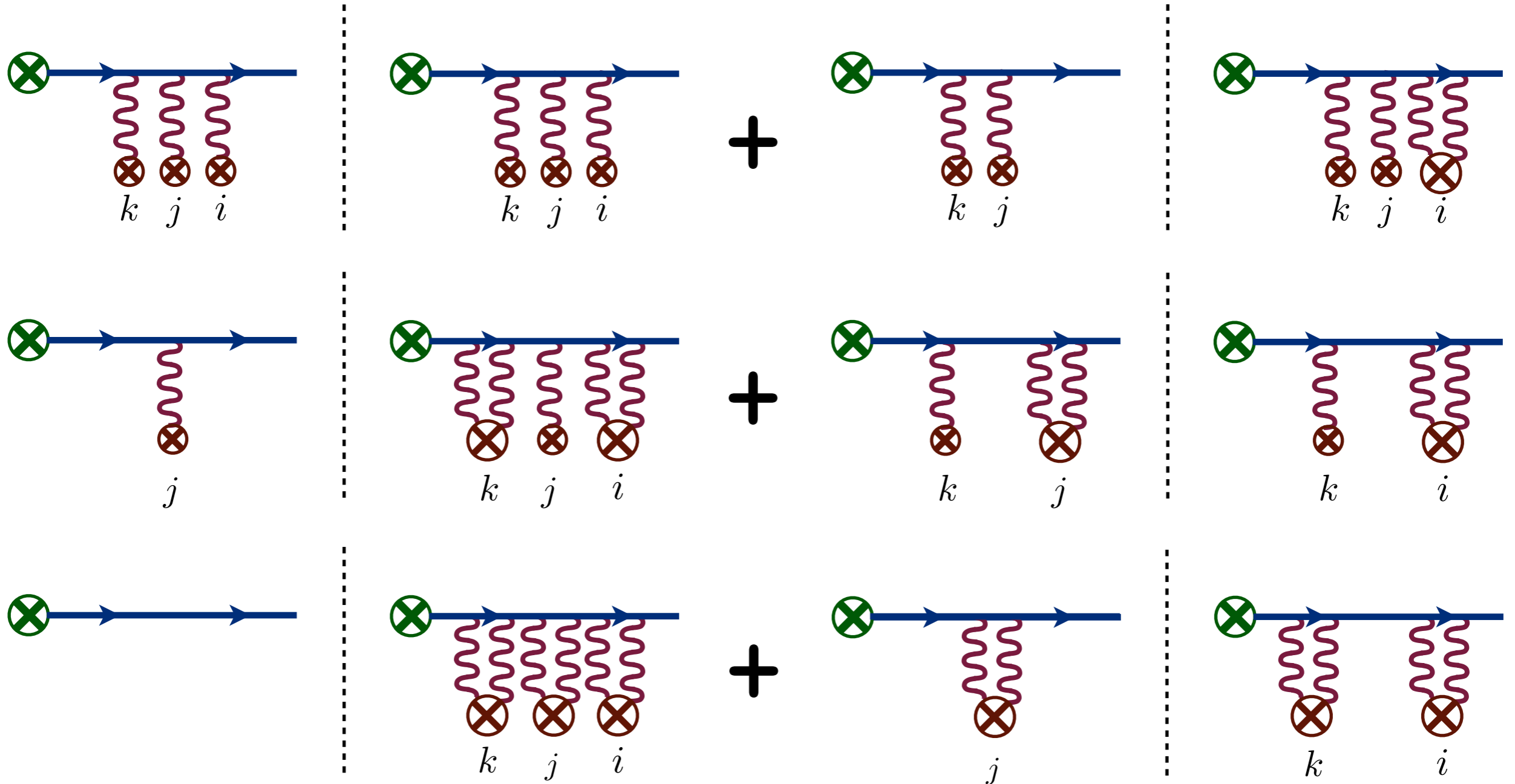


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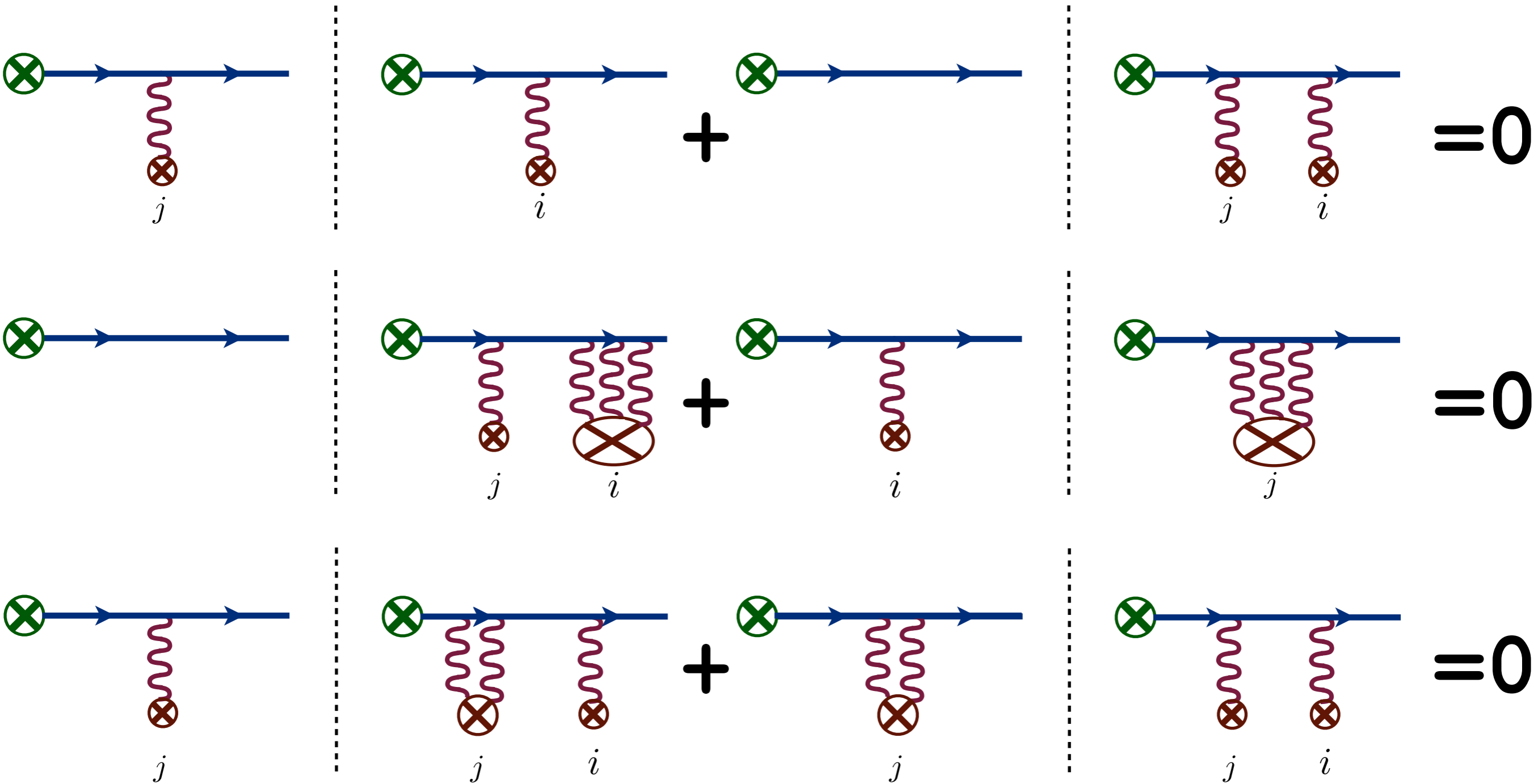
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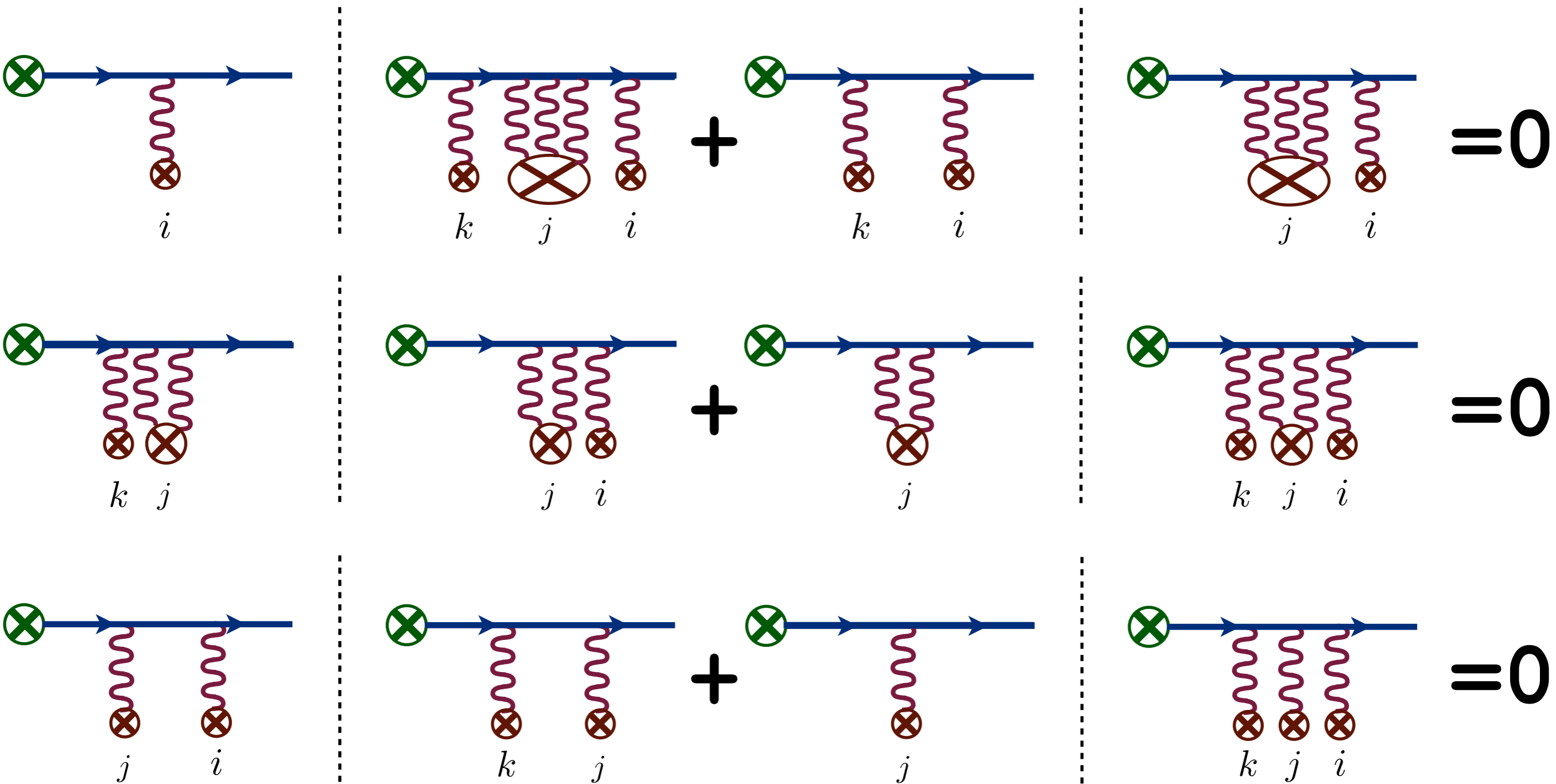
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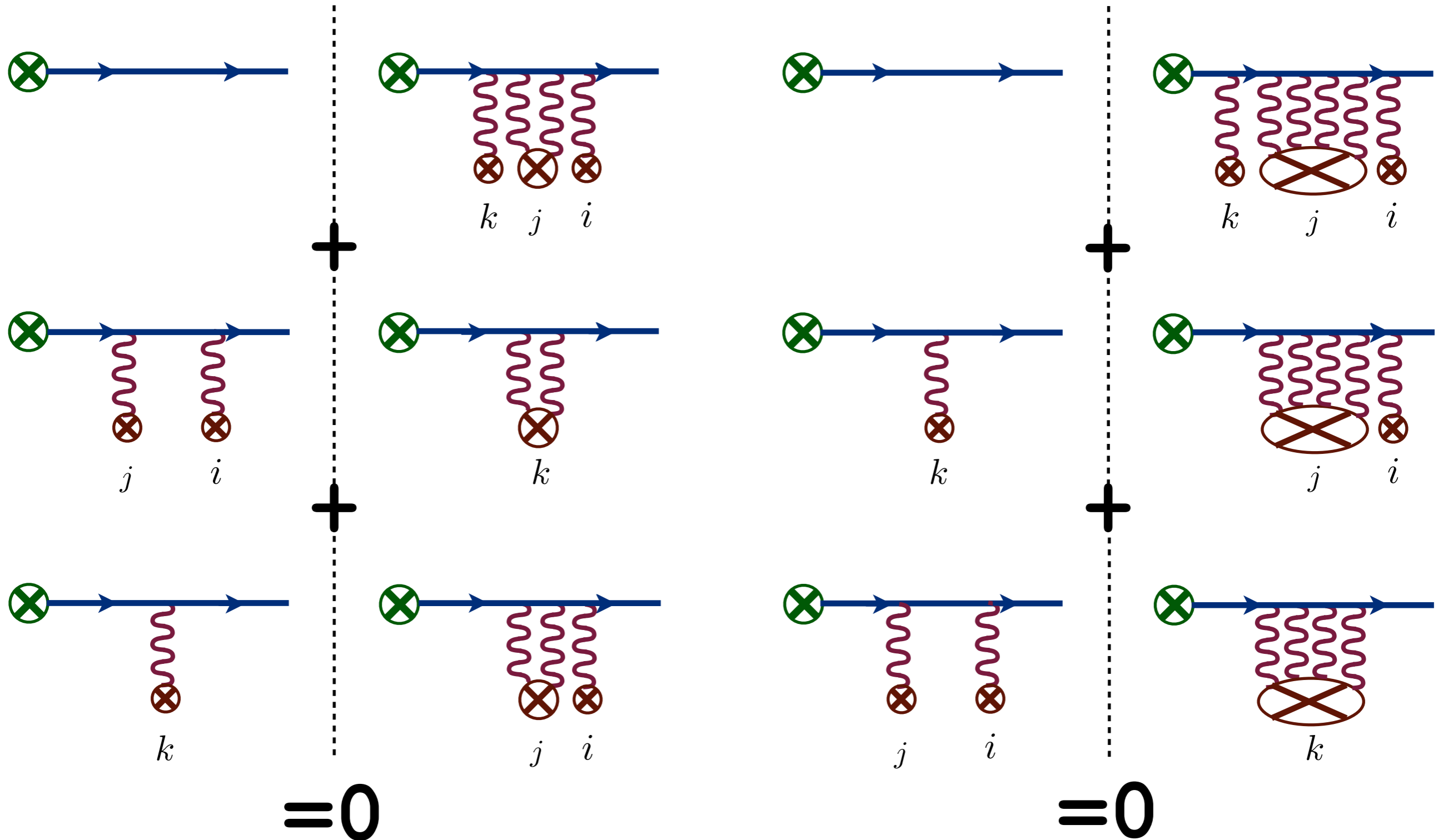
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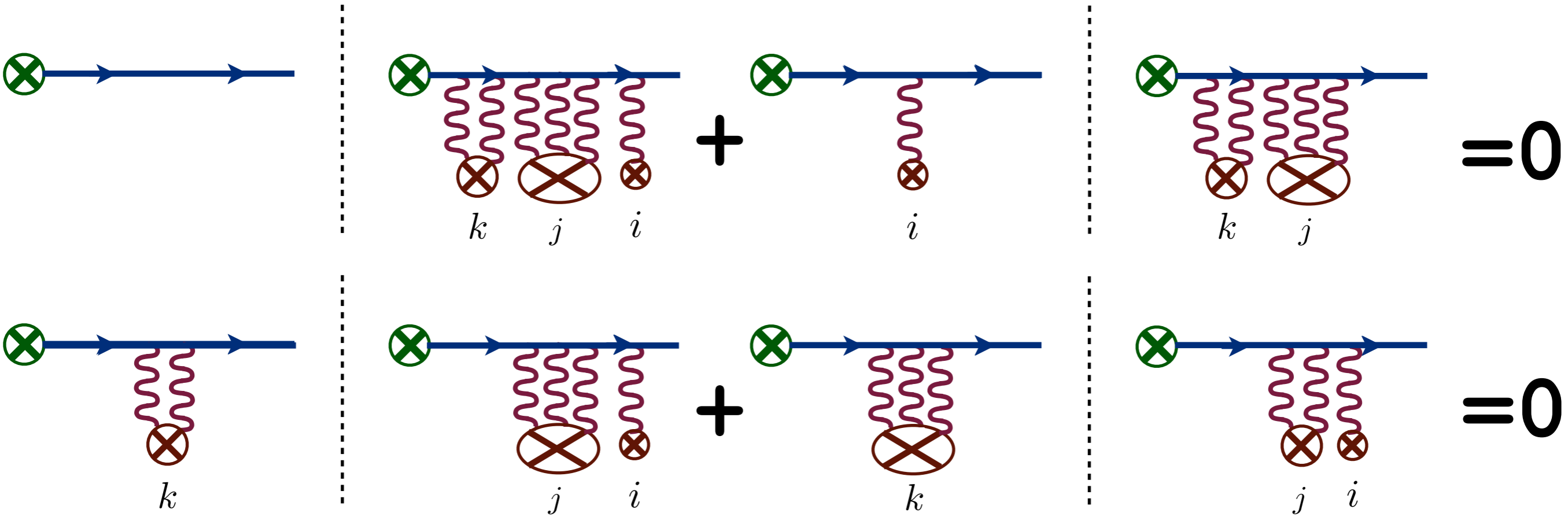
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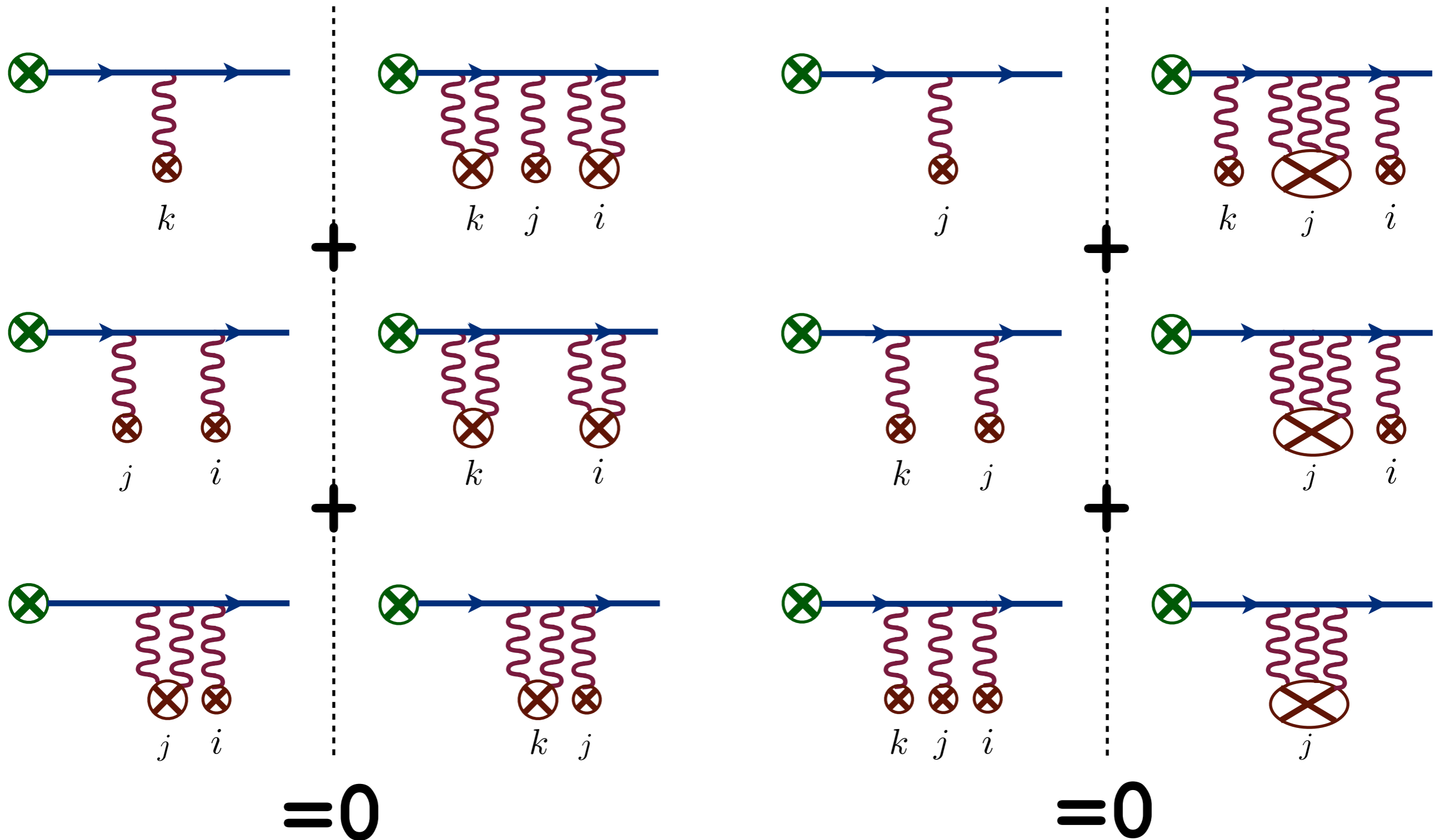
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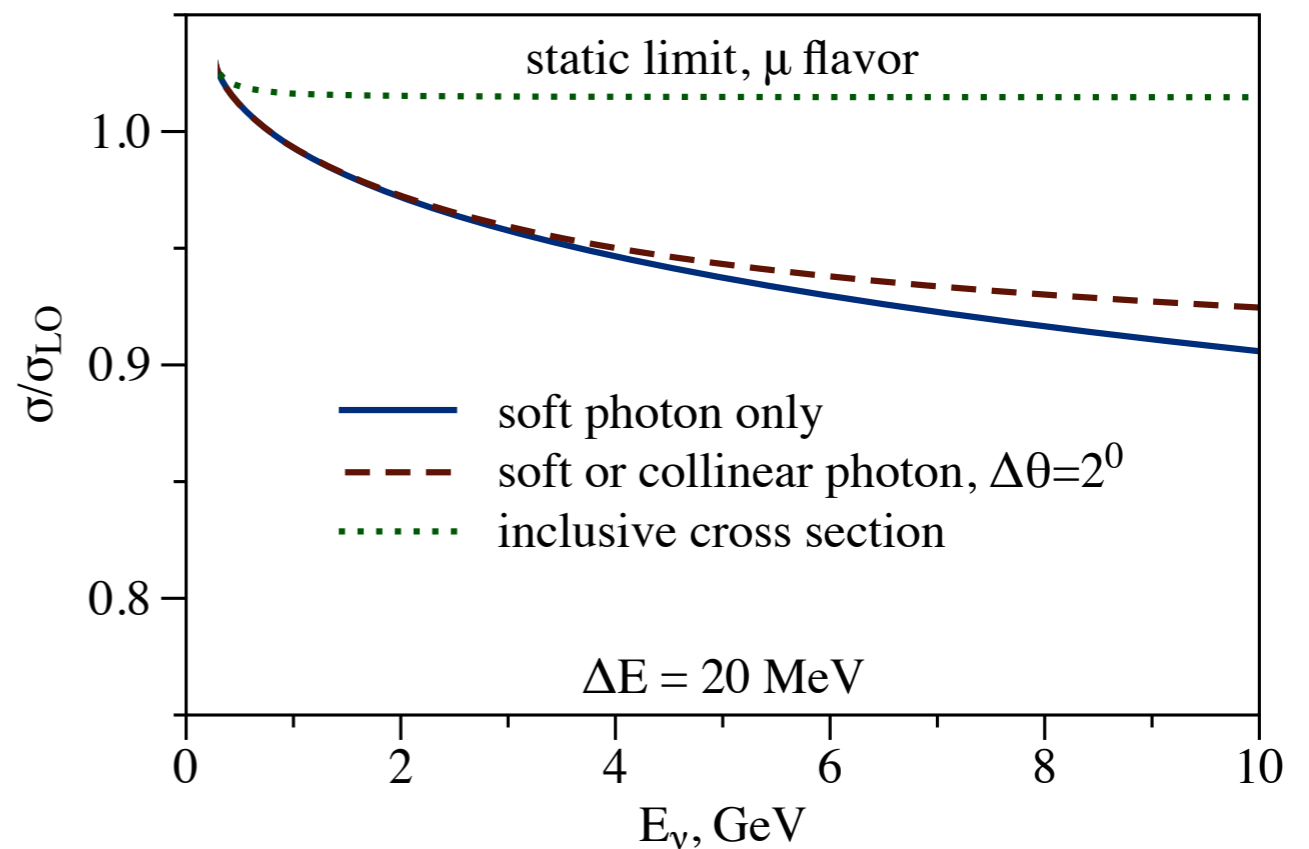
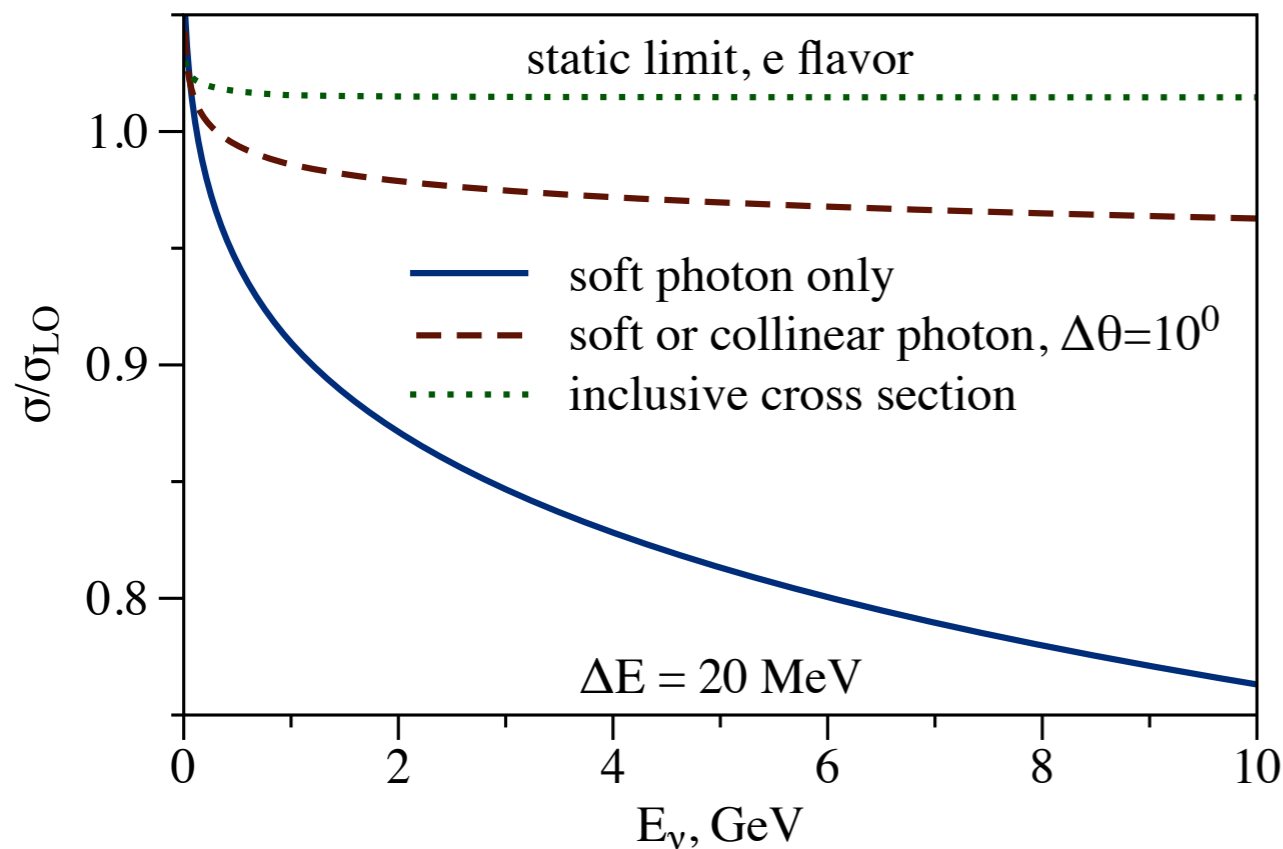
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# Static nucleon limit

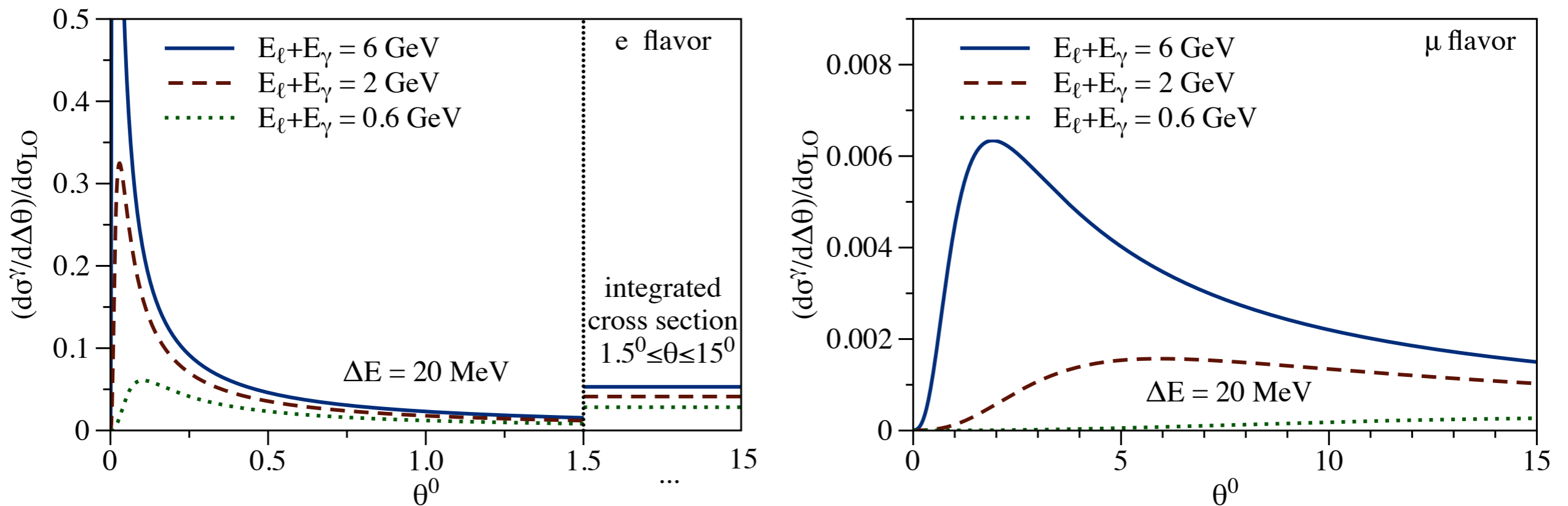
- formal limit of infinitely heavy nucleus  $m_\ell \ll E_\ell \ll M$
- provides correct soft and collinear logarithms
- soft-photon energy  $< 20$  MeV, jet size:  $10^\circ$  for electron and  $2^\circ$  for muon



- flavor-dependent effect, same for  $\nu_\ell n \rightarrow \ell^- p$  vs  $\bar{\nu}_\ell p \rightarrow \ell^+ n$
- collinear observable: cancellation of virtual vs real logs
- inclusive observables (+ $\gamma$ ): few % level, flavor independent

# Electron vs muon jets

- factorization for radiation of collinear photons
- cone angle is defined to lepton direction
- photons of energy  $> 20$  MeV, fixed energy in the cone



- flavor-dependent effect, same for  $\nu_\ell n \rightarrow \ell^- p$  vs  $\bar{\nu}_\ell p \rightarrow \ell^+ n$
- forward-peaked radiation for electron flavor
- negligible radiation for muons with shifted peak position

# Factorization approach

- cross section is given by **factorization formula**

$$d\sigma \sim S \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\mu} \right) J \left( \frac{m_\ell}{\mu} \right) H \left( \frac{M}{\mu} \right)$$

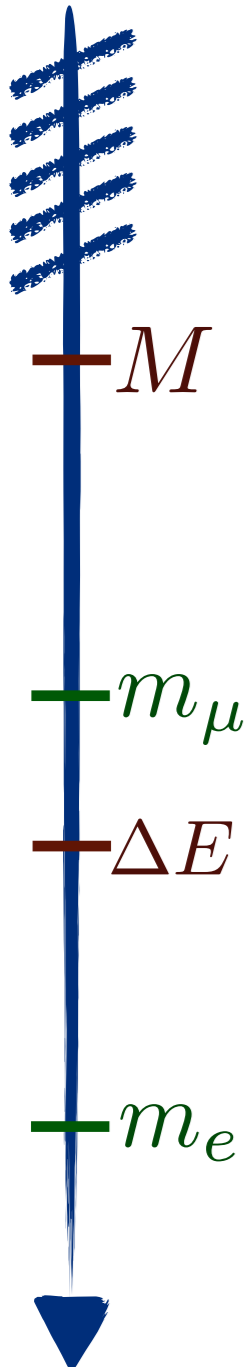
- determine **hard function** at hard scale by matching experiment or **hadronic model** to the theory with heavy nucleon

- **soft and collinear functions** are evaluated **perturbatively**

SCET power expansion parameter

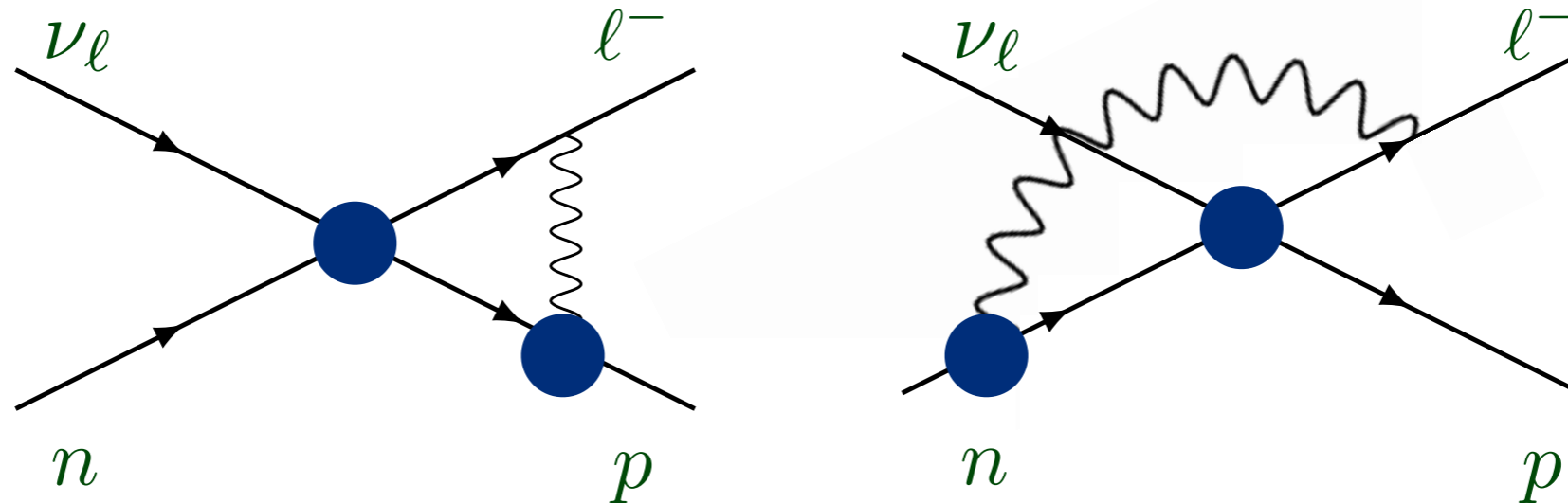
$$\lambda \sim \frac{m_\mu^2}{E_\nu^2} \sim (\Delta\theta)^2 \sim \frac{\Delta E}{E_\nu}$$

$\ln \lambda$  enhancements





# Hadronic model at GeV scale




- exchange of photon between the charged lepton and nucleons
- assume **onshell form** for each interaction with dipole form factors  
discussed for neutrino-nucleon scattering: Graczyk (2013)
- add **self energy** for charged particles
- reproduce soft and collinear regions of SCET

- best determination of hard function

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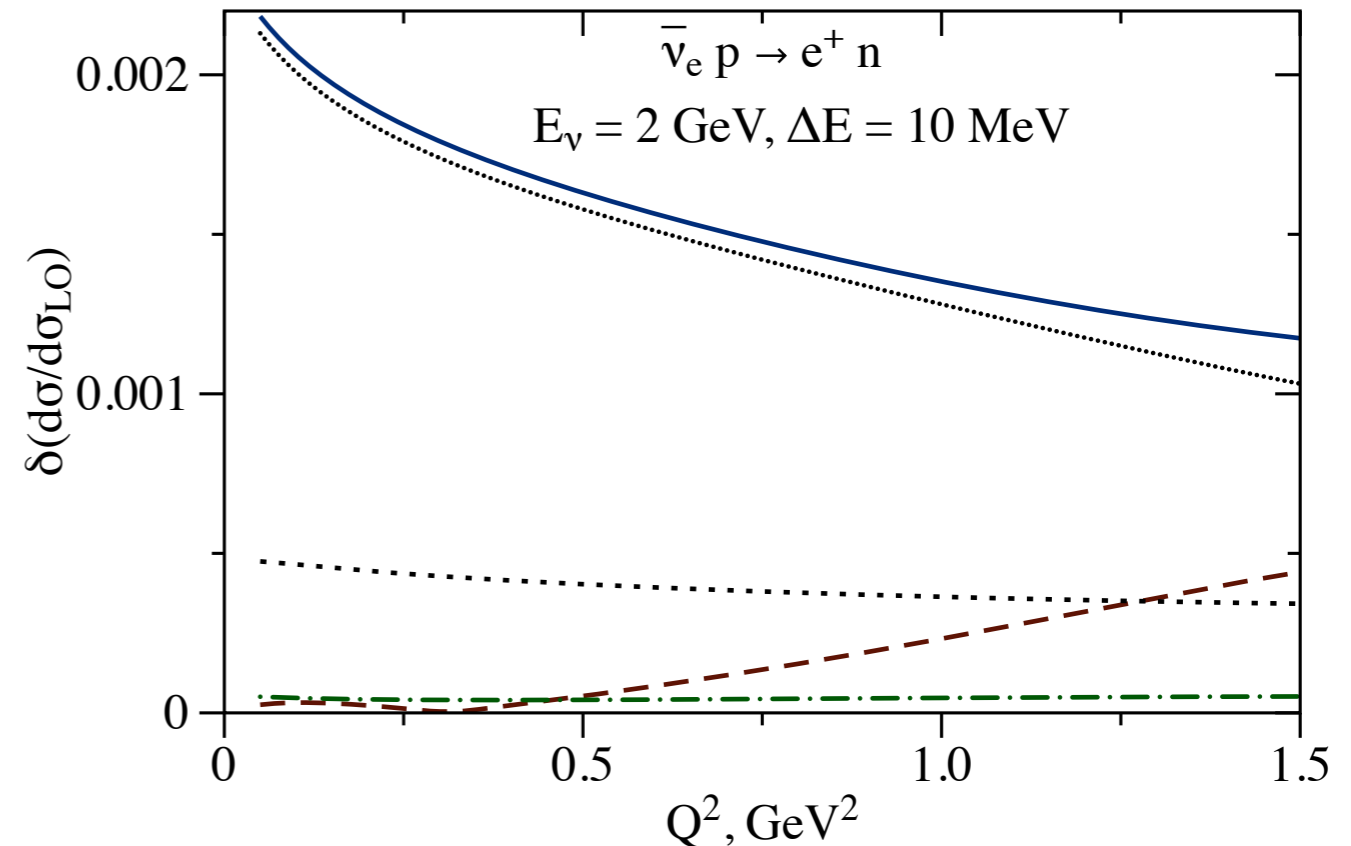
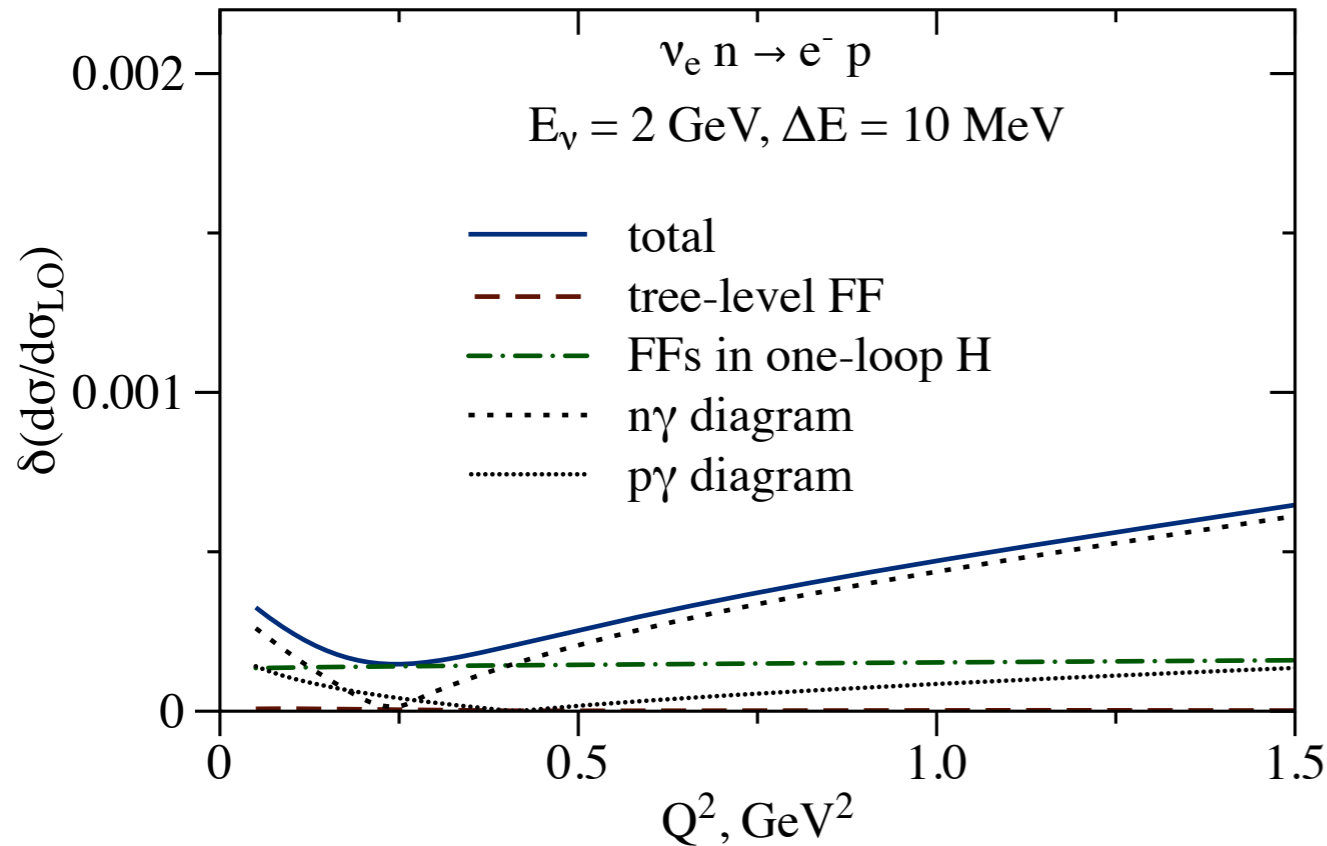
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  - **RGE evolution** of the hard function to scales  $\Delta E, m_\ell$
  - **soft and collinear functions** are evaluated **perturbatively**
  - calculate cross section at low energies accounting for **all large logs**  
ep scattering with soft radiation only: Richard J. Hill (2016)

- **soft and collinear functions** determined **analytically**
- **hard function** describes physics at GeV energies

# Error budget

- uncertainties from hard function



Meyer, Betancourt, Gran and Hill (2016)

- nucleon form factors

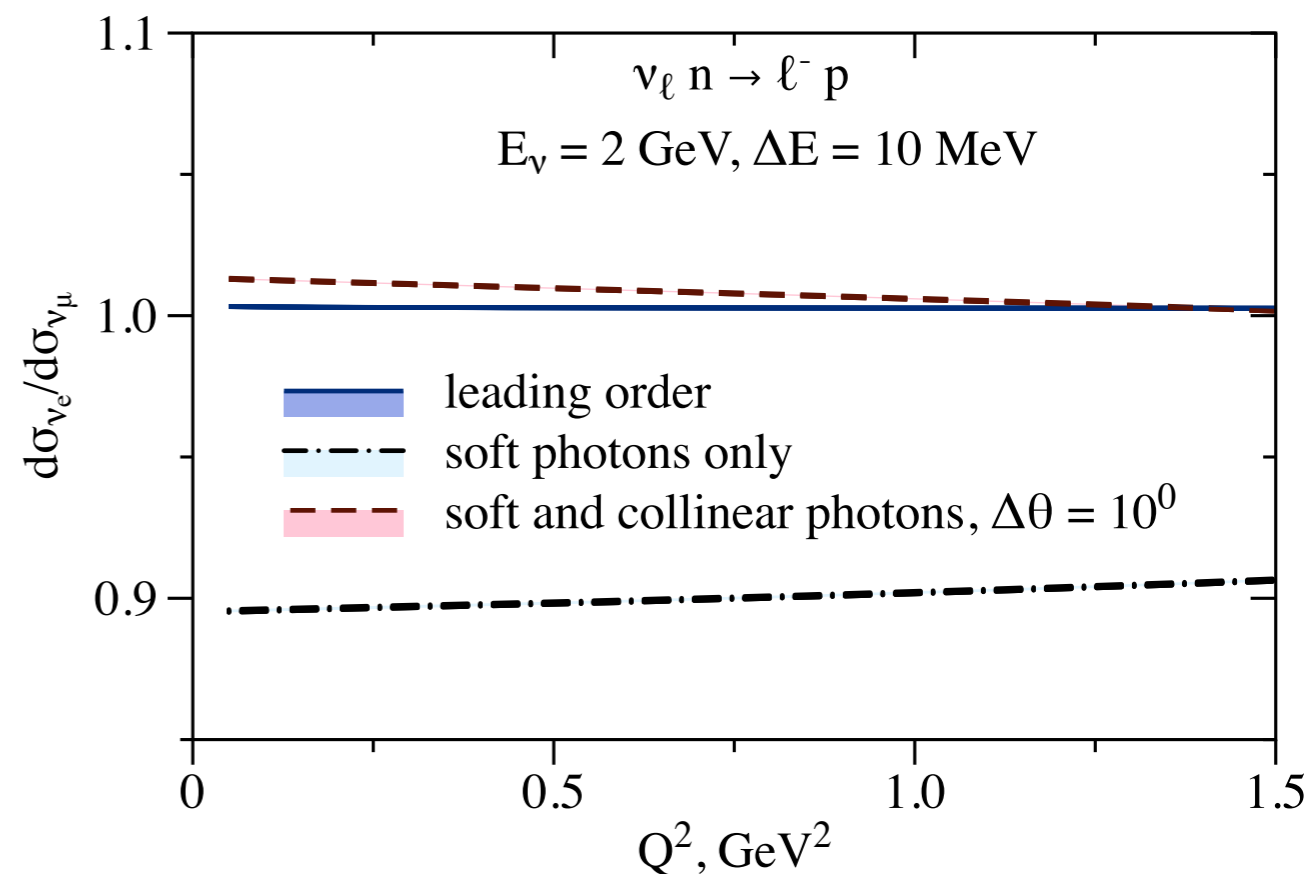
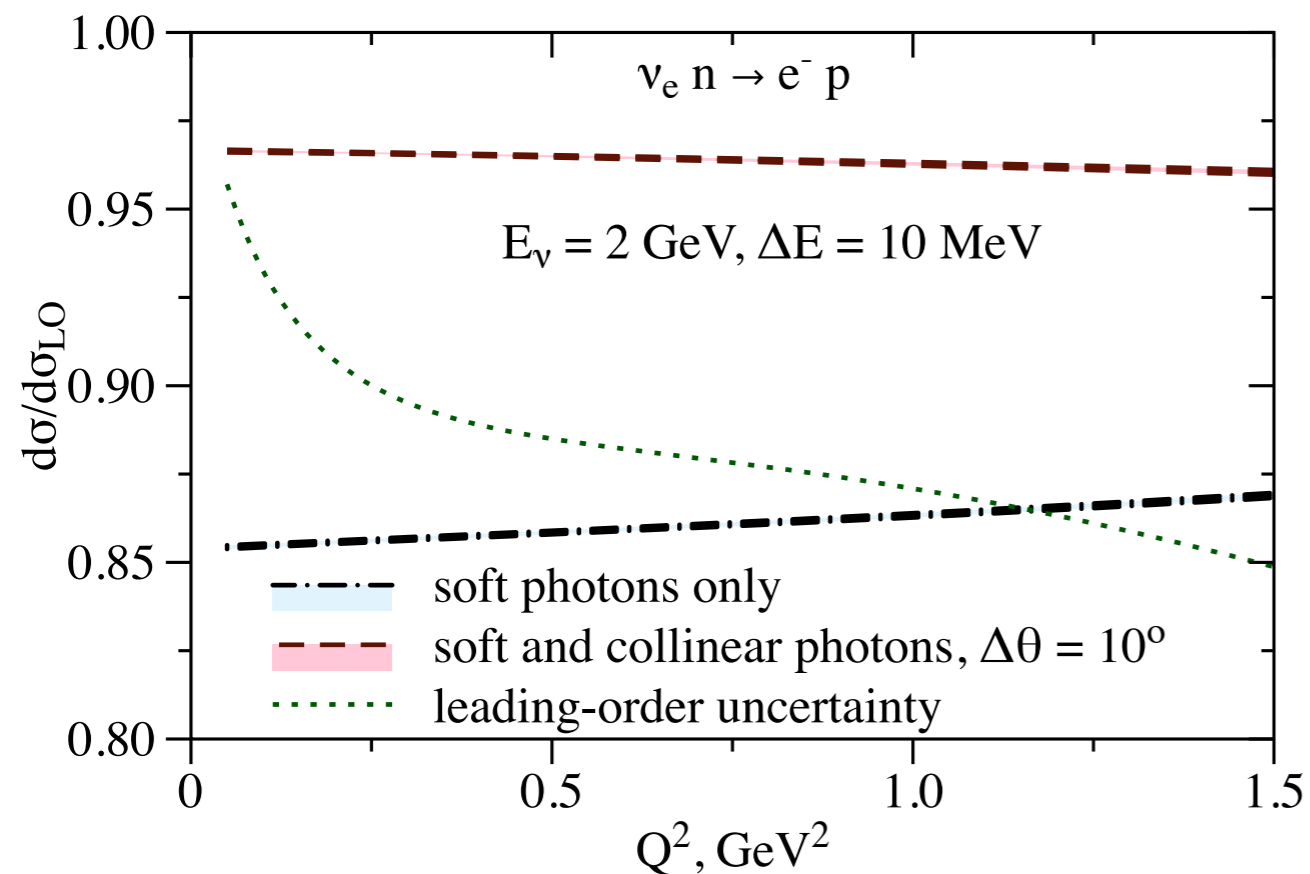
Kaushik Borah, Gabriel Lee, Richard J. Hill and O.T. (2020)

- add perturbative uncertainty by variation of scale

- uncertainty of permille level for the ratio to LO result

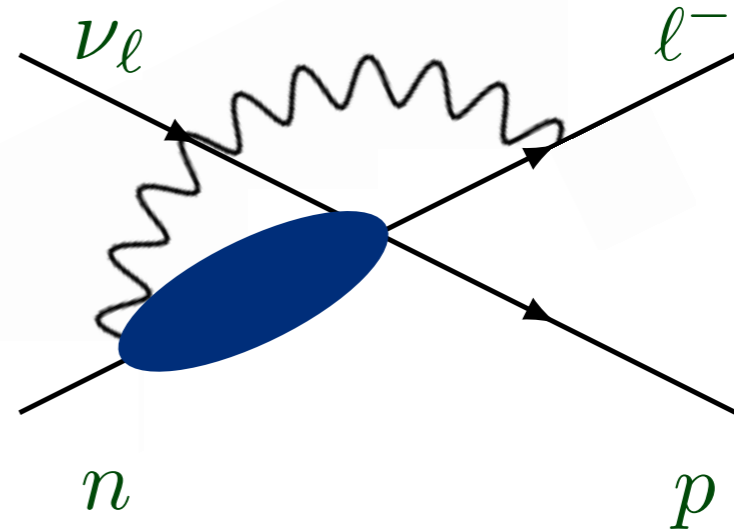
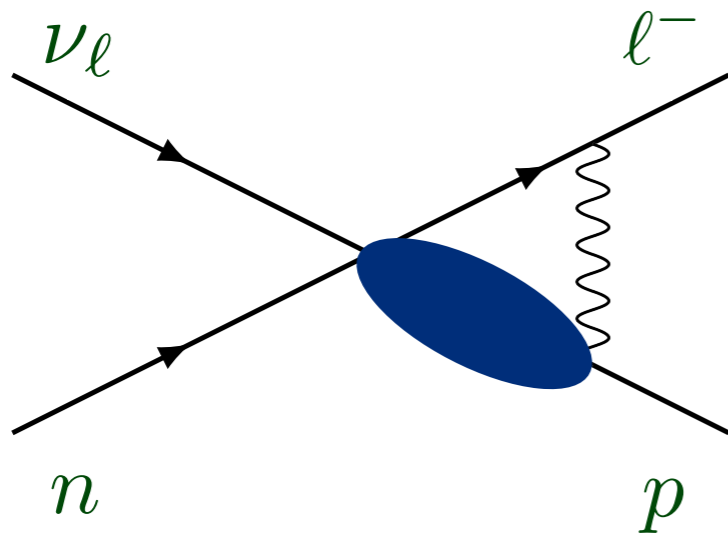
# Exclusive observables

- cancellation of uncertainties from hard function for  $e/\mu$  and ratio to LO

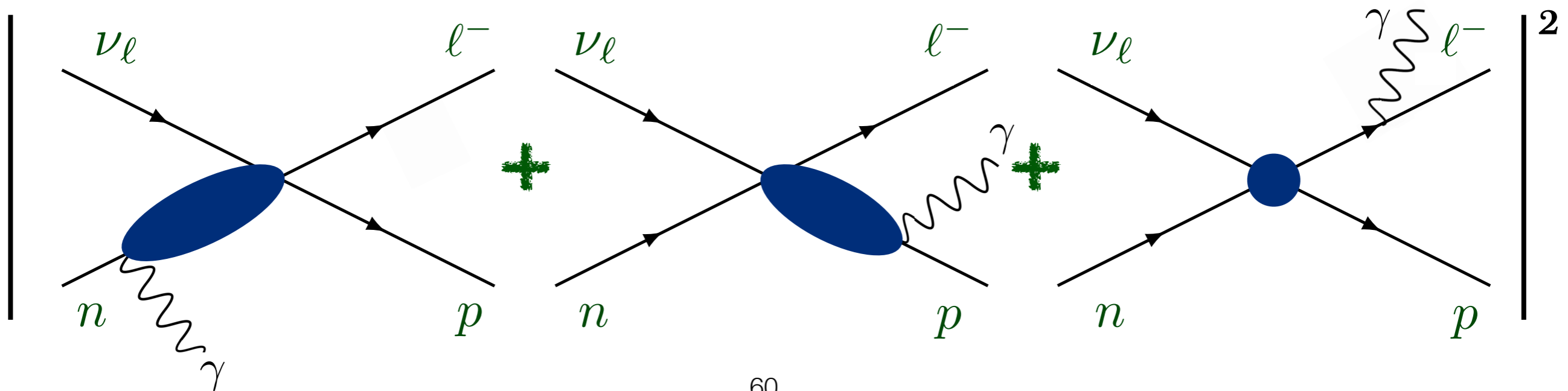


- ratios: cancellation of uncertainty from hard function

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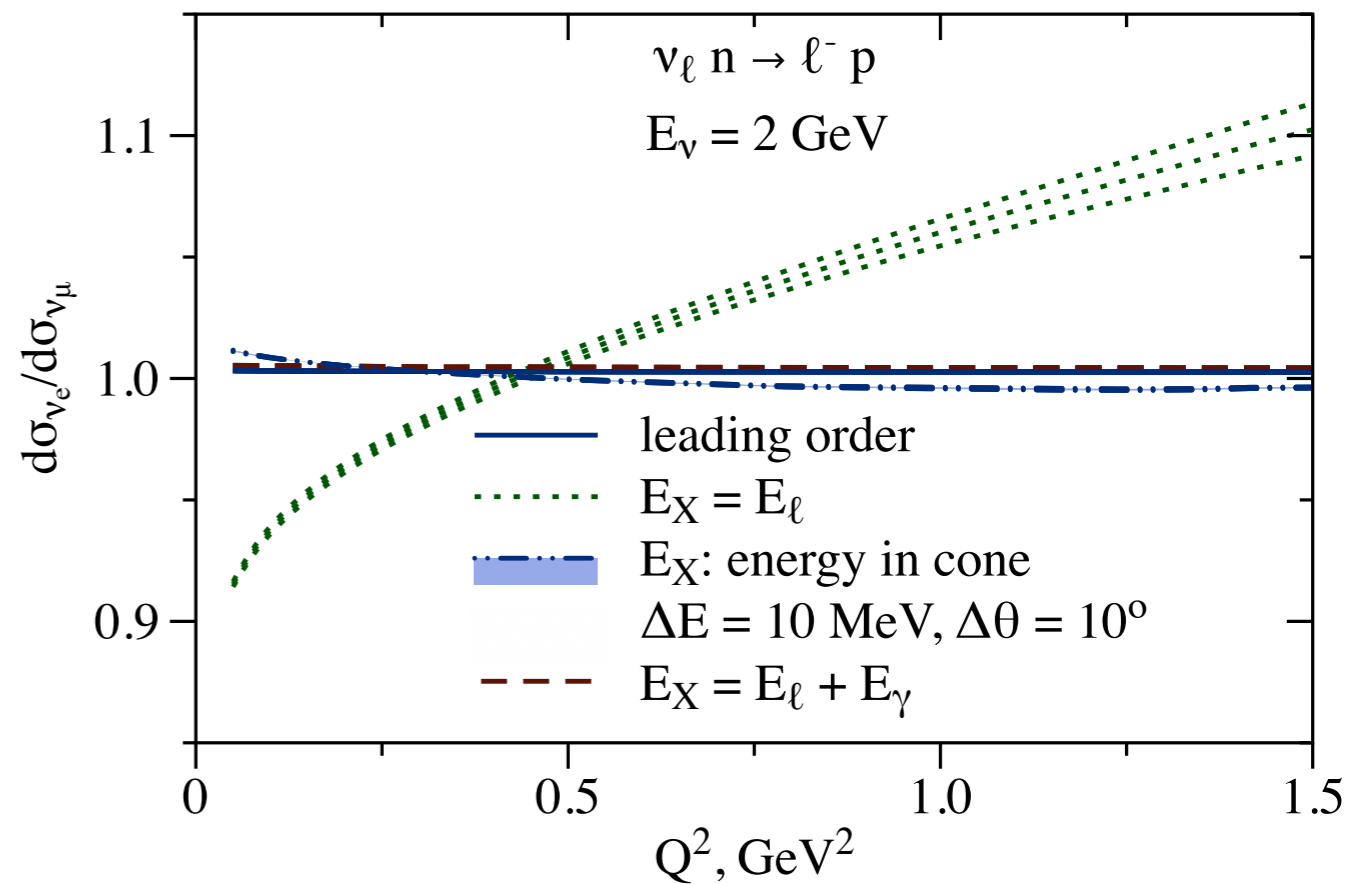
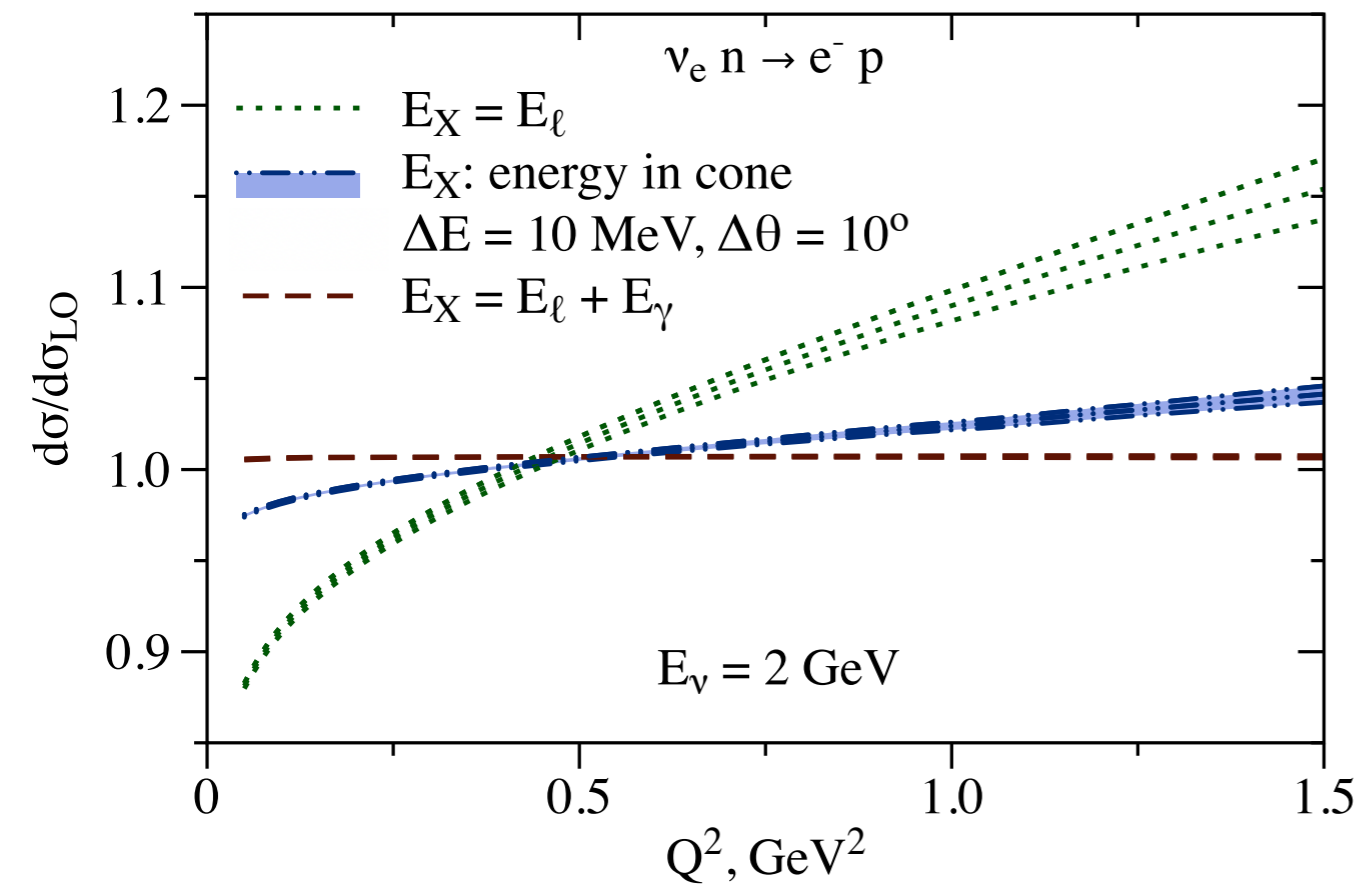


- the same gauge-invariant model for the real radiation
- arbitrary hard photons are part of the observable



# Inclusive observables

- kinematics  $Q^2 = 2M(E_\nu - E_X)$  is reconstructed with 3 different  $E_X$



- dependence on reconstruction of kinematics and cuts
- predict  $\sigma_{\nu_e}$  from  $\sigma_{\nu_\mu}$  measurements with neutrino beam



# Electron/muon ratio

	$E_\nu$ , GeV		$\left(\frac{\sigma_e}{\sigma_\mu} - 1\right)_{\text{LO}}$ , %	$\frac{\sigma_e}{\sigma_\mu} - 1$ , %
T2K/HyperK	0.6	$\nu$	$2.47 \pm 0.06$	$2.84 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.37$
		$\bar{\nu}$	$2.04 \pm 0.08$	$1.84 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.20$
NOvA/DUNE	2.0	$\nu$	$0.322 \pm 0.006$	$0.54 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.22$
		$\bar{\nu}$	$0.394 \pm 0.003$	$0.20 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.19$

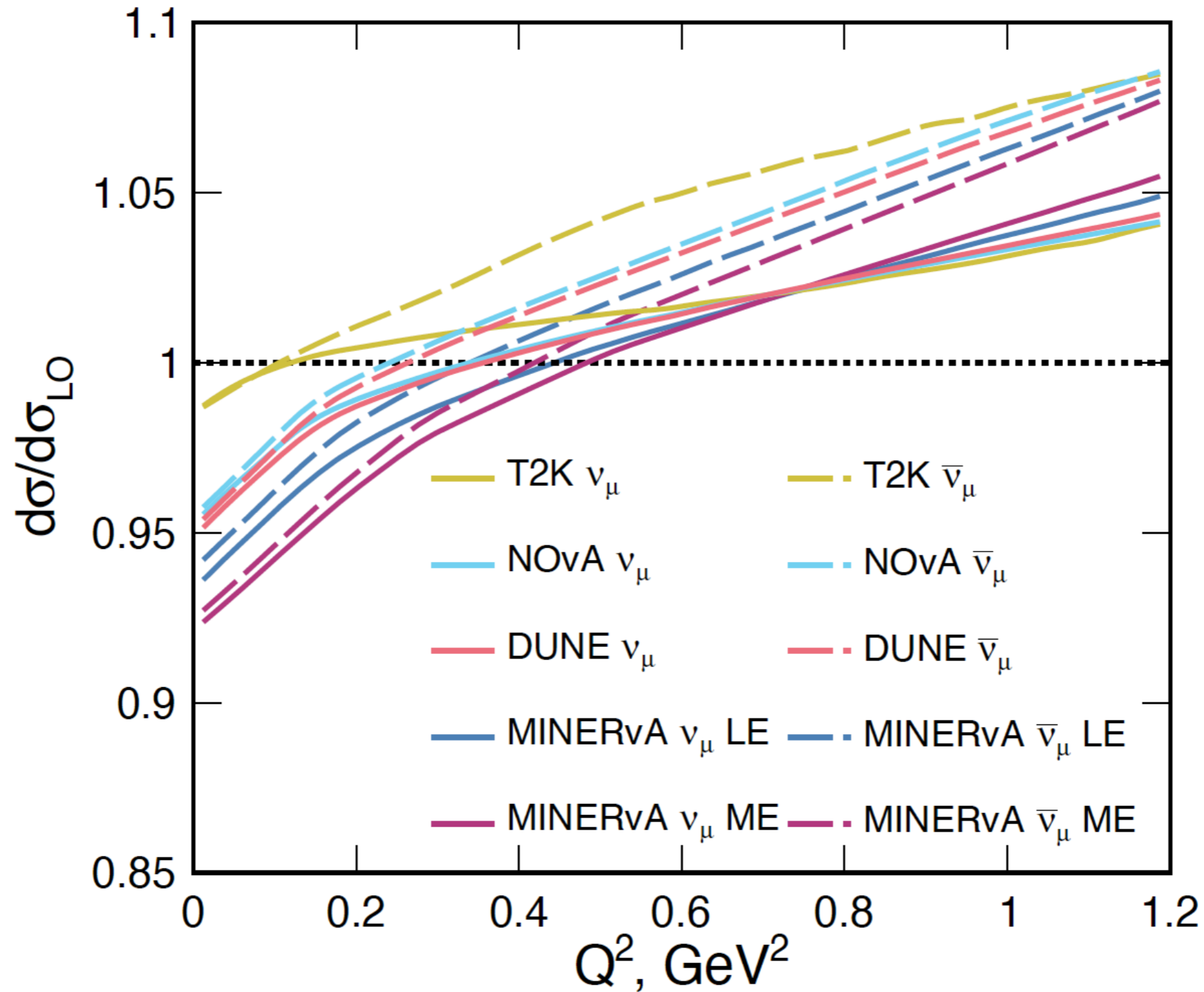
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$$\frac{\sigma(m_\ell \rightarrow 0)}{\sigma(m_\ell = 0)} \approx 1 + Am_\ell^2 + \alpha Bm_\ell^2 \ln m_\ell$$

- inclusive cross sections and flavor ratios determined by KLN
- nuclear effects: suppressed by expansion parameters squared



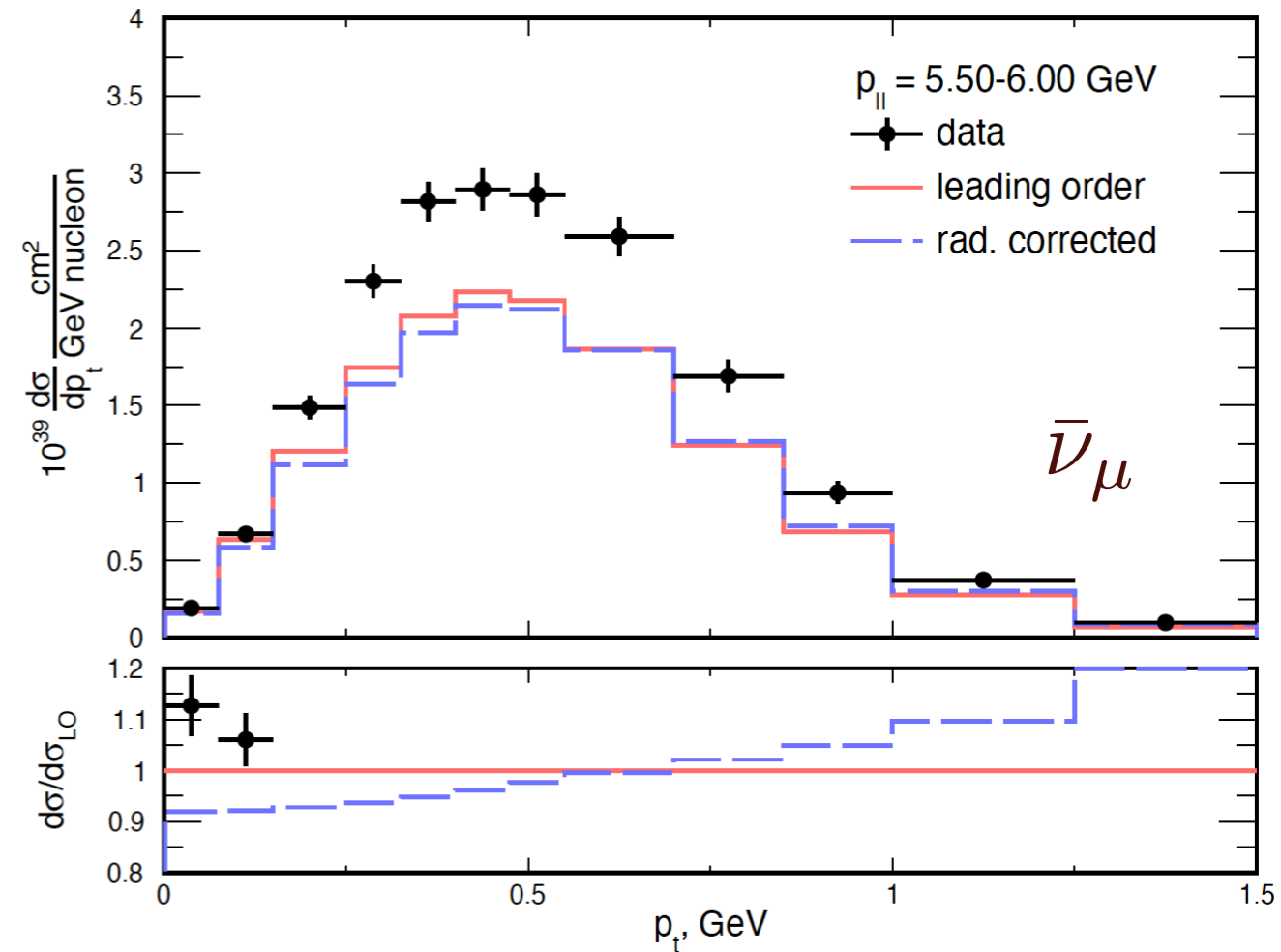
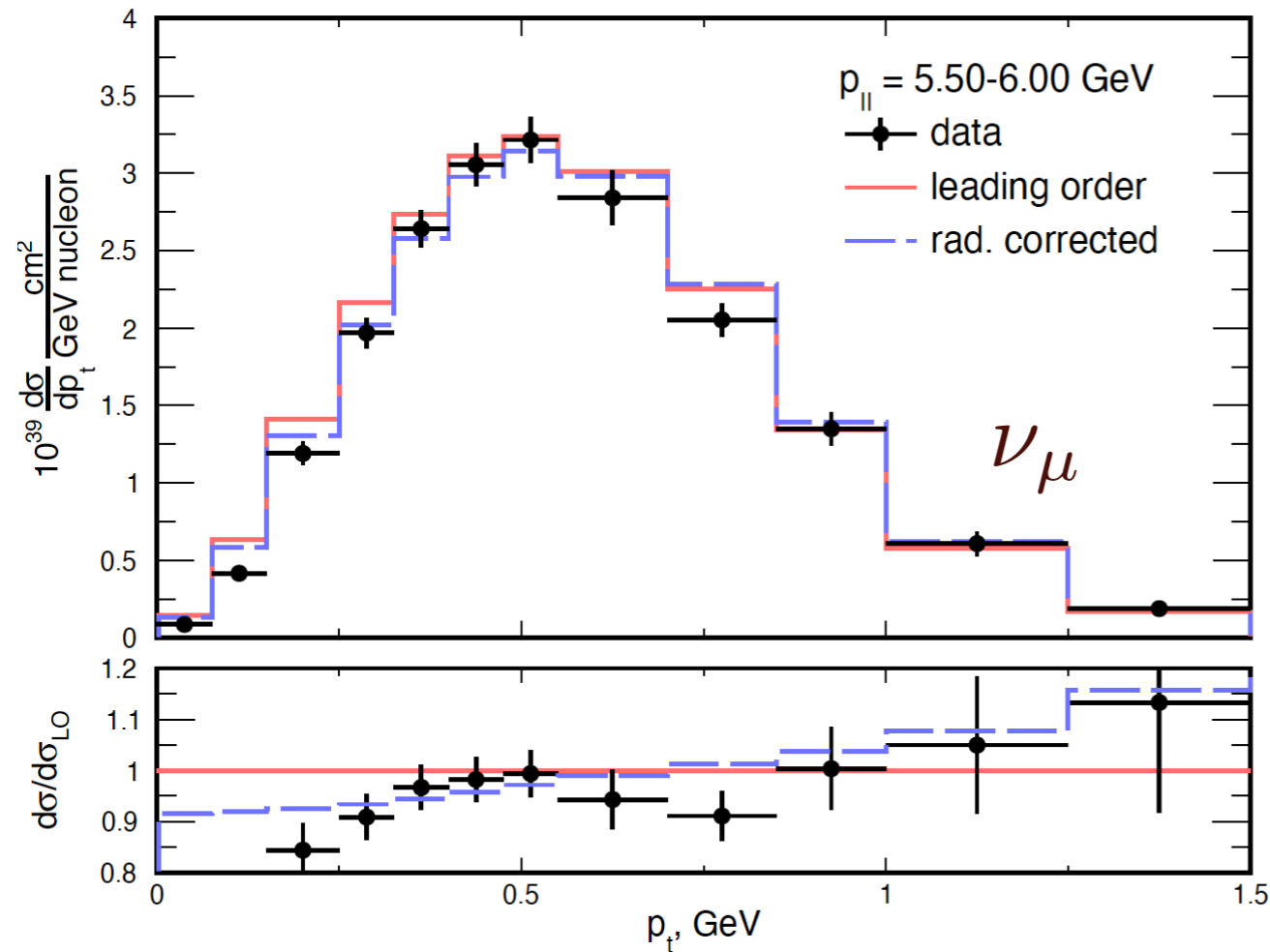
# Comparison to data



- lepton energy spectra with lepton kinematics
- NEUT generator + flux averaging

# Comparison to data

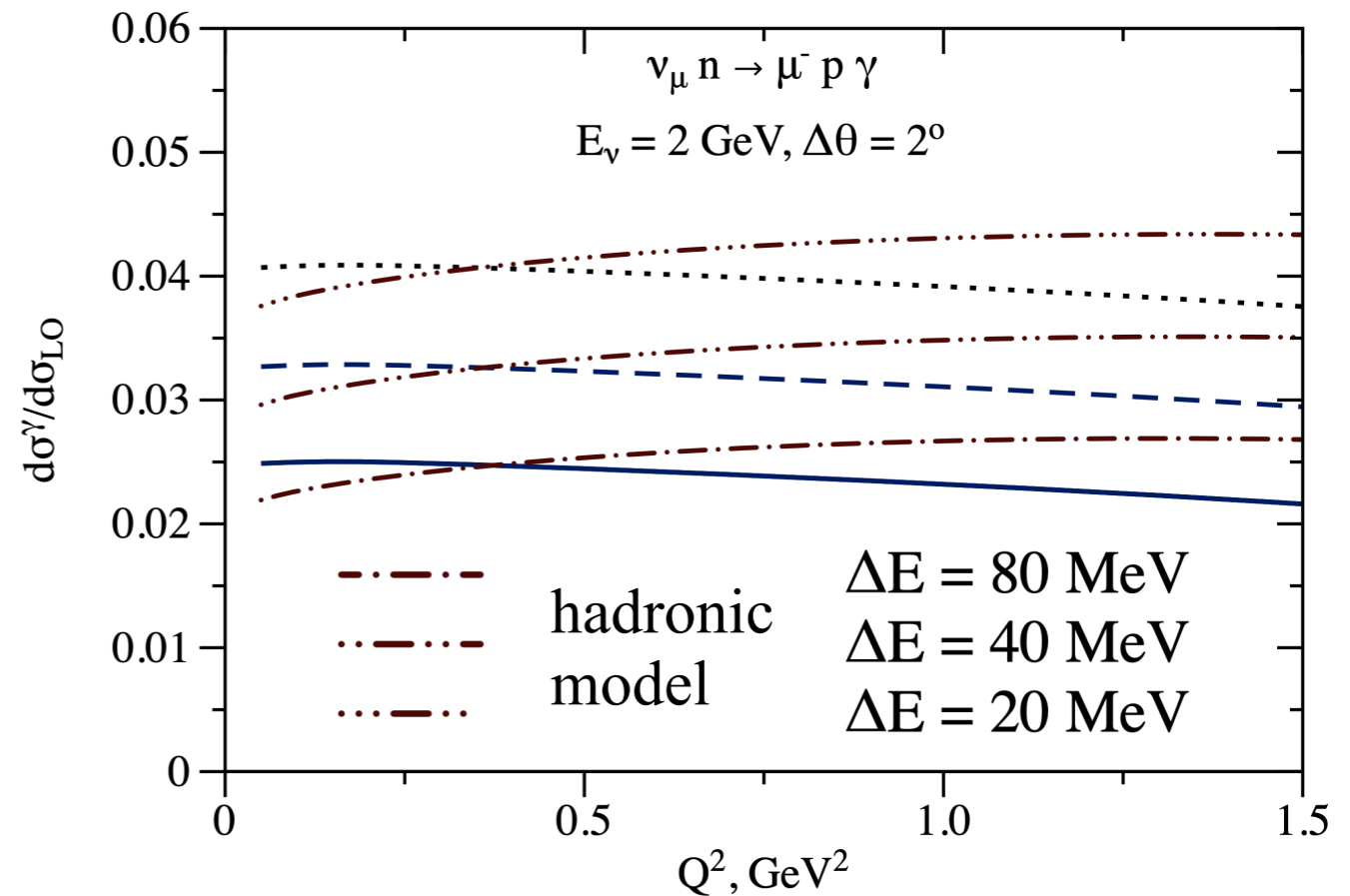
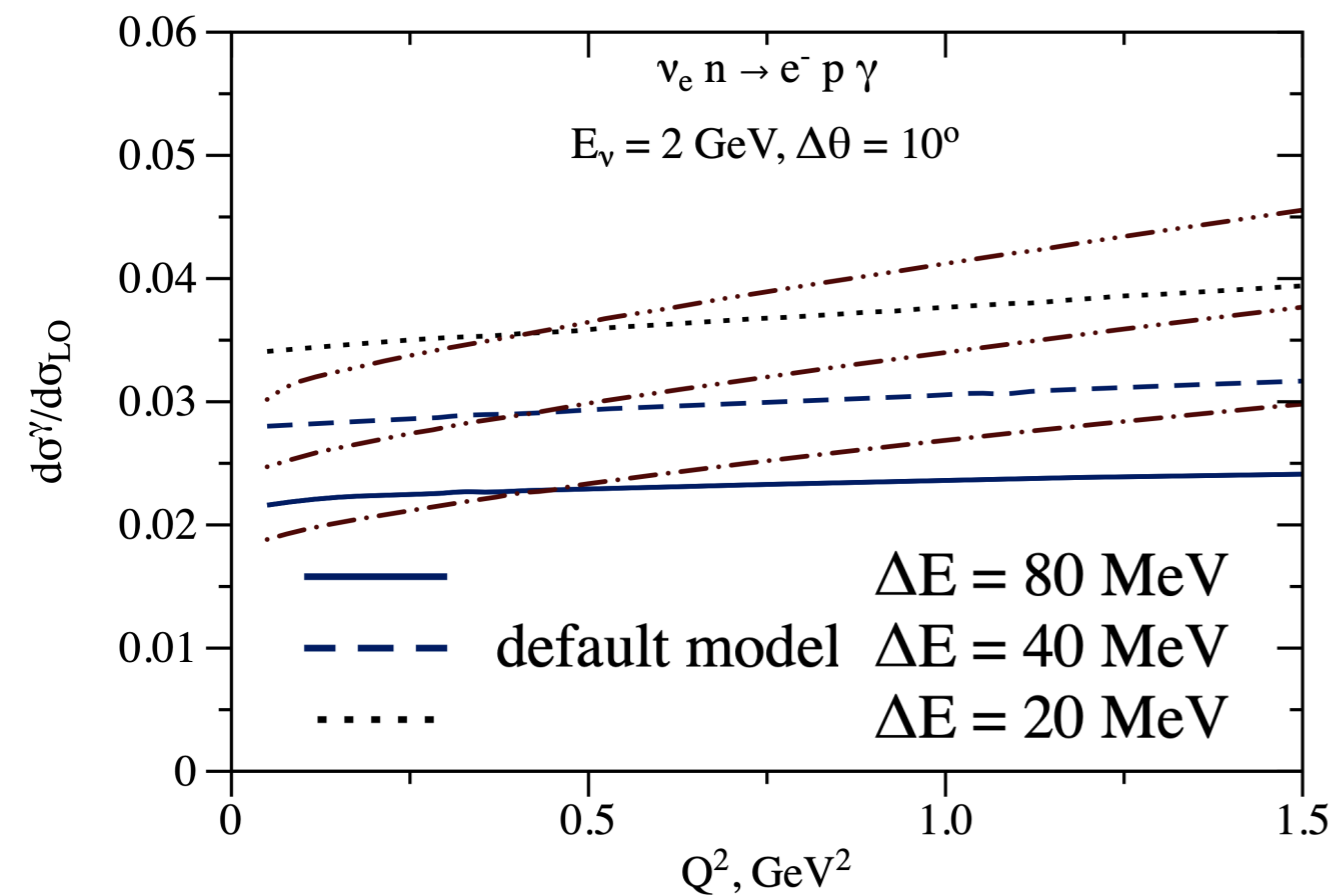
- medium-energy flux data from MINERvA@FERMILAB



- electron flavor: measurements are uncertain
- muon flavor: comparable to experimental precision

# Radiation of hard photons

- model-dependent description for radiation of hard photons



“Blunden calculation”

- photon energies are above 20, 40, and 80 MeV: default vs “SIFF”

“hadronic model”

- % -level radiation of non-collinear hard photons
- $10^{-4}$  flavor misidentification rate for NO $\nu$ A&T2K kinematics