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Introduction

Quasi-Elastic (QE): knockout of a nucleon without breaking / exciting it.

An important process in energies relevant for neutrino oscillations ($E_v=0.3-3$ GeV).

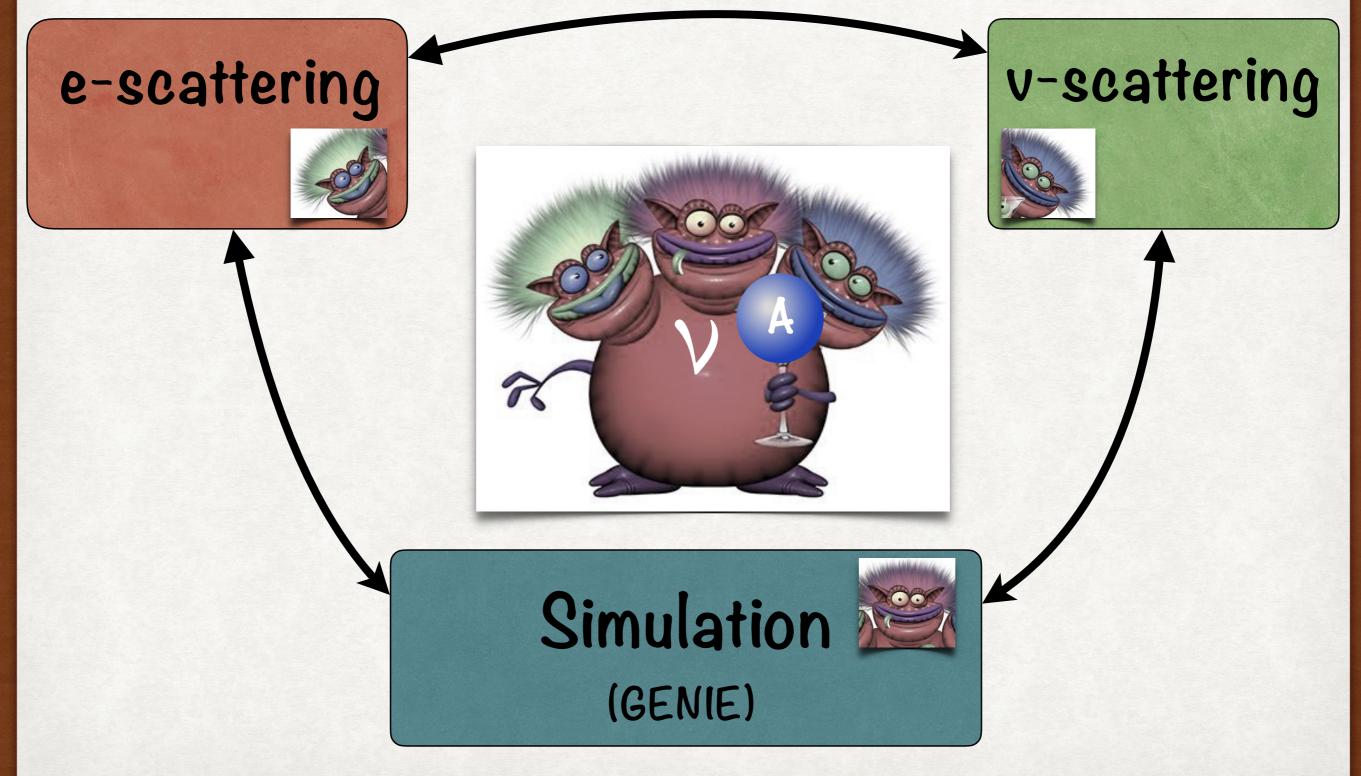
Dominates e-scattering in the same energy range.

This talk

1. Identify v- and e- induced QE events.

2. Reconstruct the incident beam energy.

We try to develop a global view of QE interactions





electron scattering



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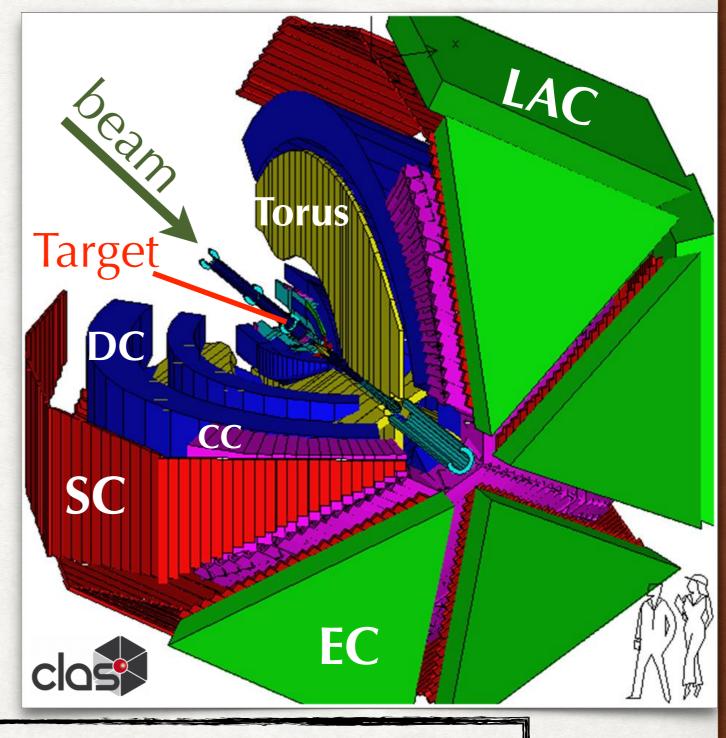


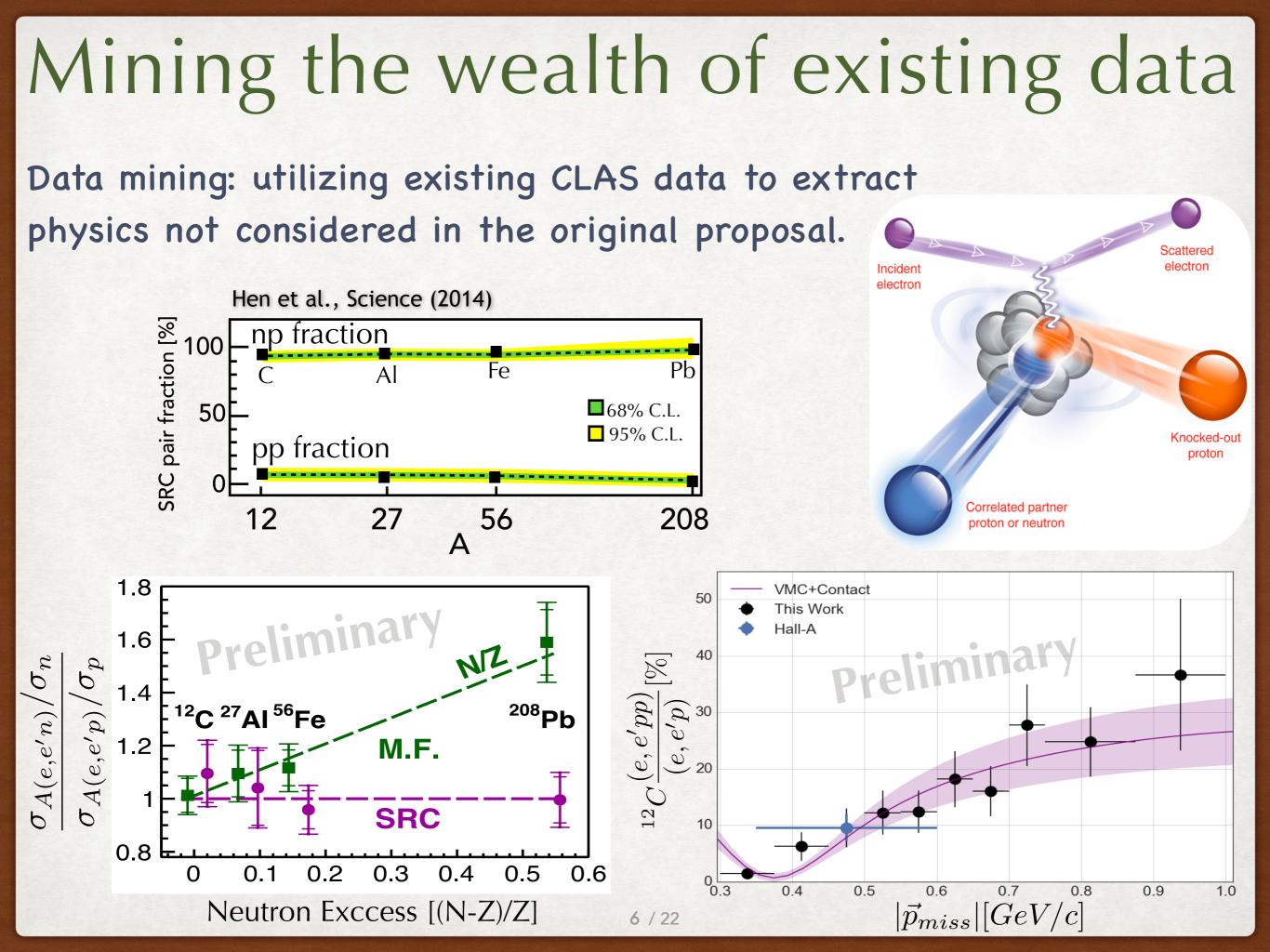


CLAS @ Jefferson Lab

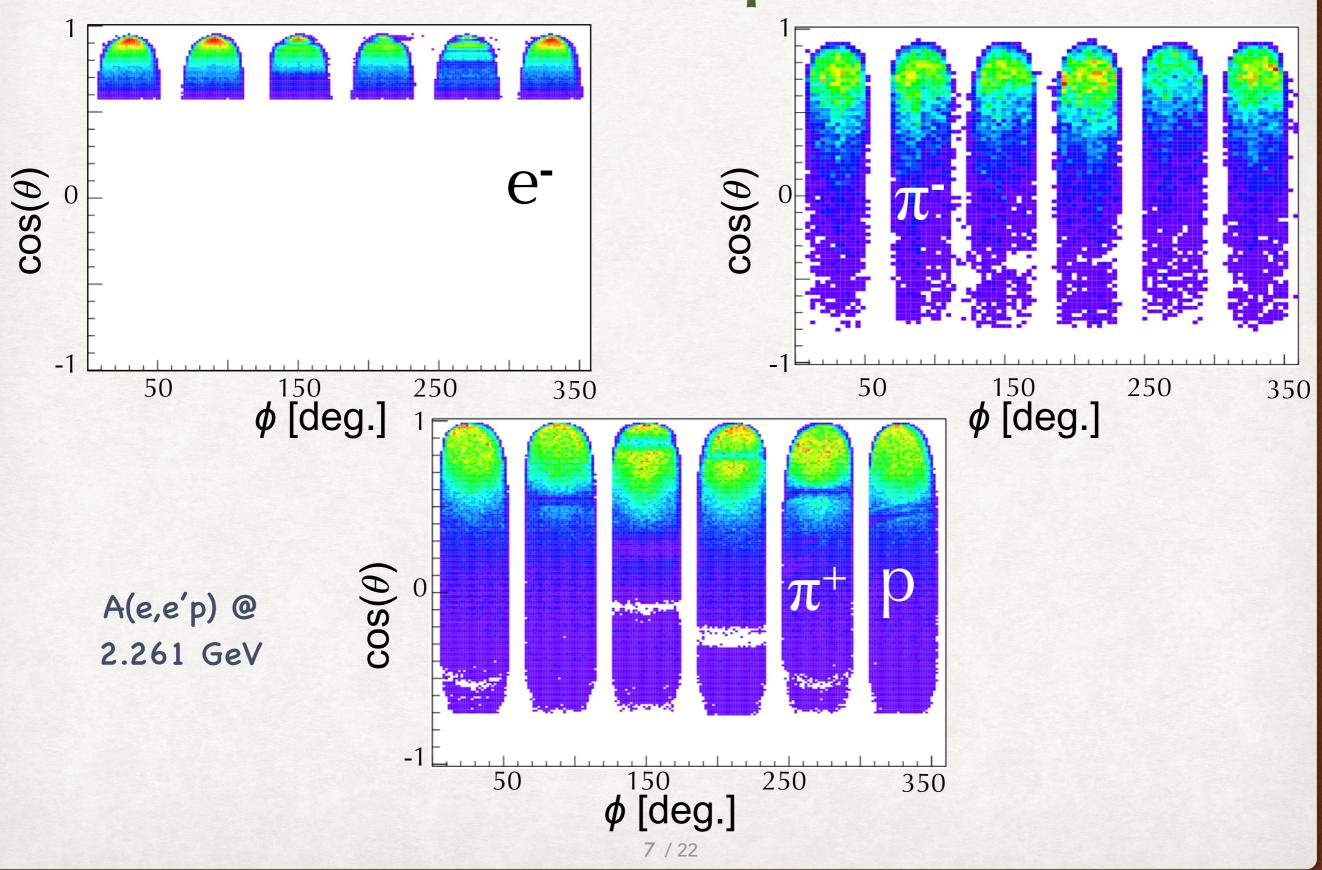
- 🗳 1 5 GeV electron beam.
- $\stackrel{\checkmark}{=}$ (almost) 4π acceptance.
- Toroidal field + tracking, TOF, Cerenkov, and EM Calorimeter charged particles 8-143°
- $\stackrel{\smile}{=}$ Low threshold (\sim 300 MeV/c).
- EM Calorimeter (8-75°) and TOF (8-143°)
 Neutral particles.
- 🗳 Open trigger.

e-scattering data / σ_{Mott} = 'neutrino like' data





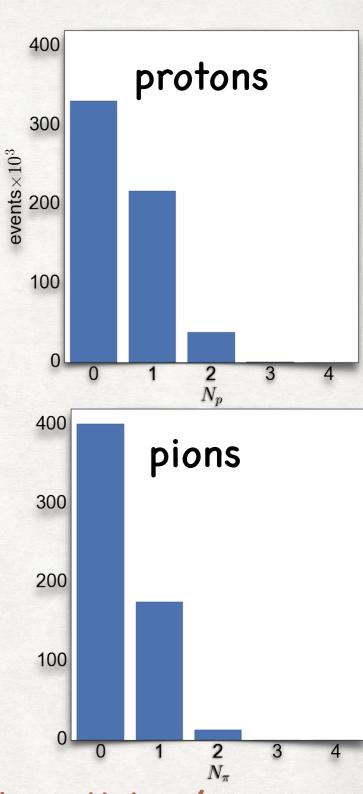
CLAS acceptance



Event selection

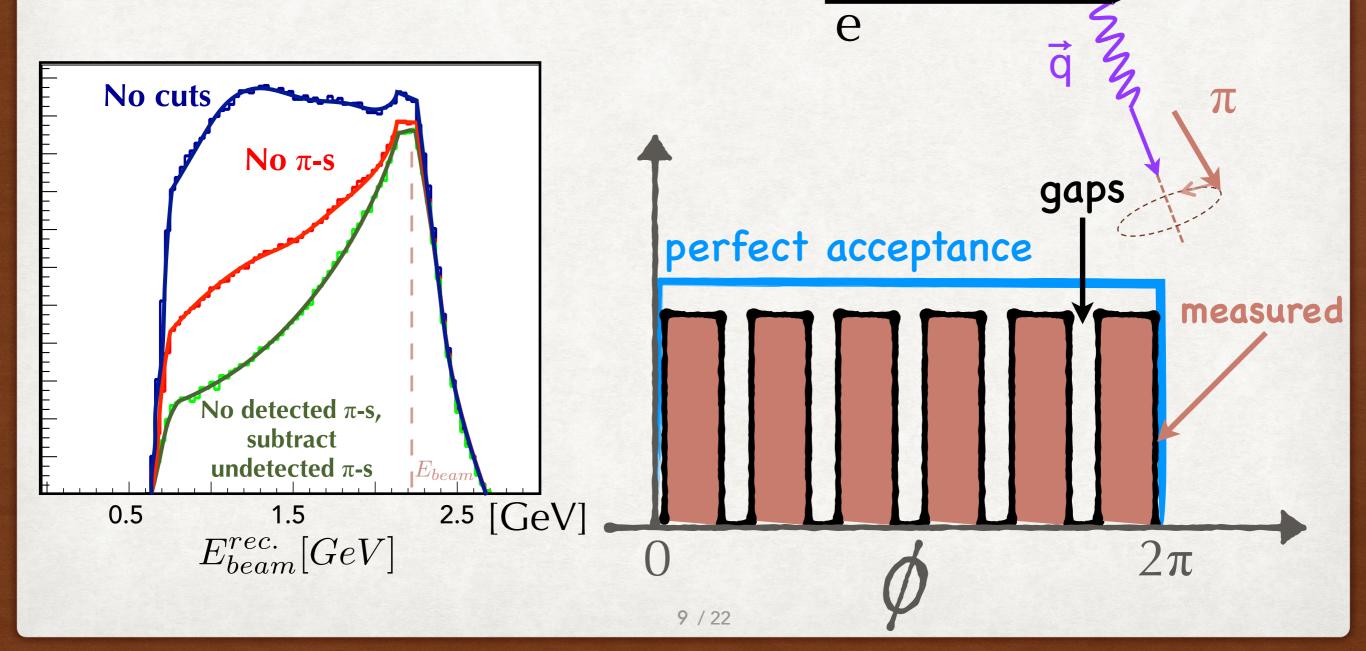
- Signal (e,e'p):
 - ☑ 1 electron

 - In other charged particles (above 300 MeV/c)
 - \bigcirc no neutral hits in calorimeter from π^0 decay
- Background:
 - Signal criteria except with additional undetected particles (e.g. (e,e'p π) where the π is undetected).



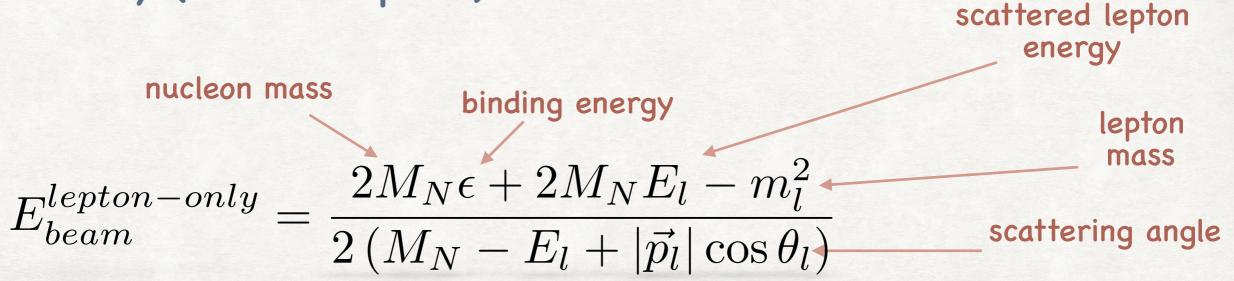
π subtraction

Background subtraction: take (e,e'p π) events, rotate π around \vec{q} and estimate probability for undetected π i.e. (e,e'p) π .



Incident energy reconstruction

lepton only (QE assumption):

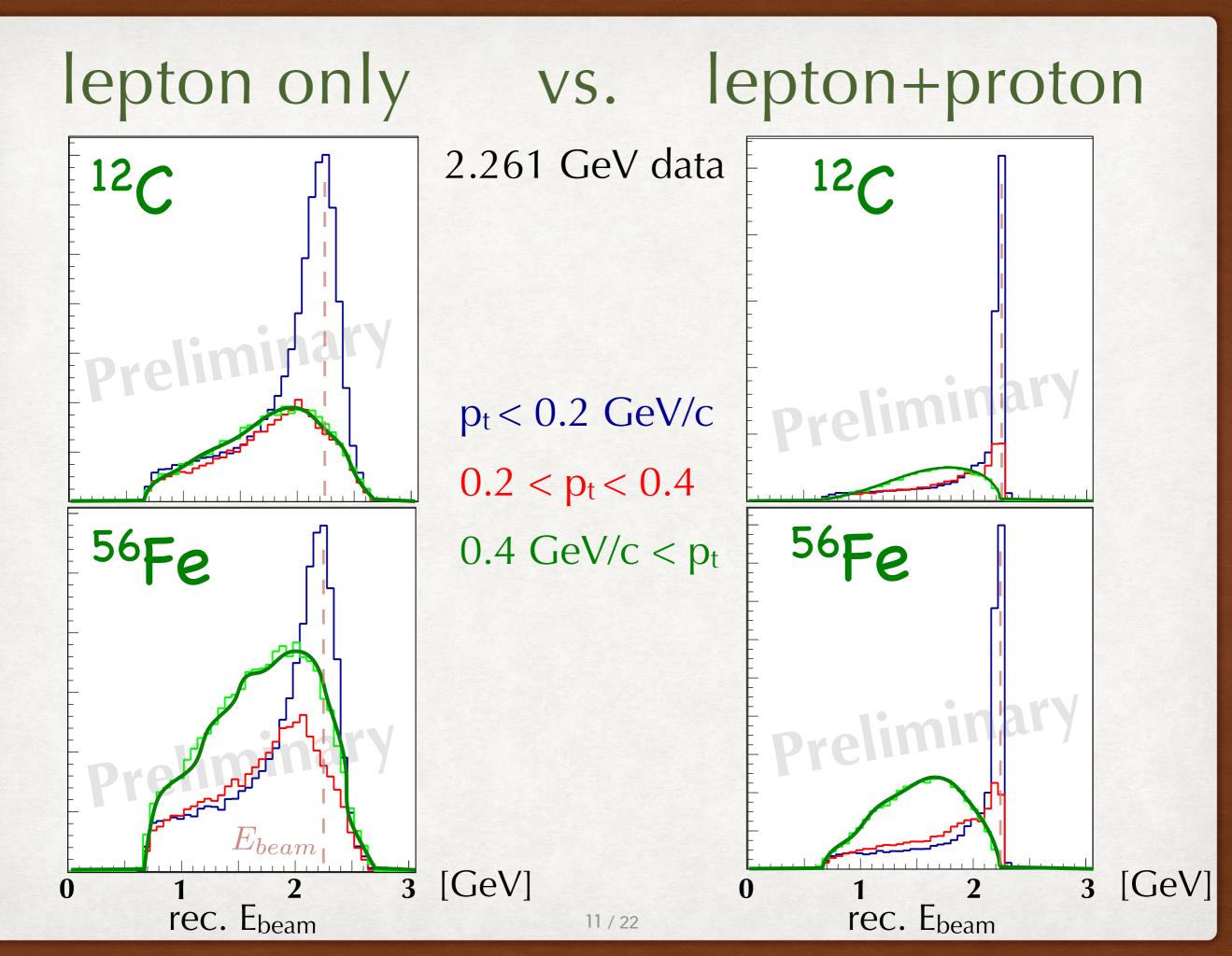


better with protons (calorimetry):

$$E_{beam}^{lepton-proton} = E_l + T_p + S_p + T_{A-1}$$

even better with cuts on transverse momentum (p_t):

$$p_t = (\vec{p}_{e'} + \vec{p}_p)_t < k_F$$



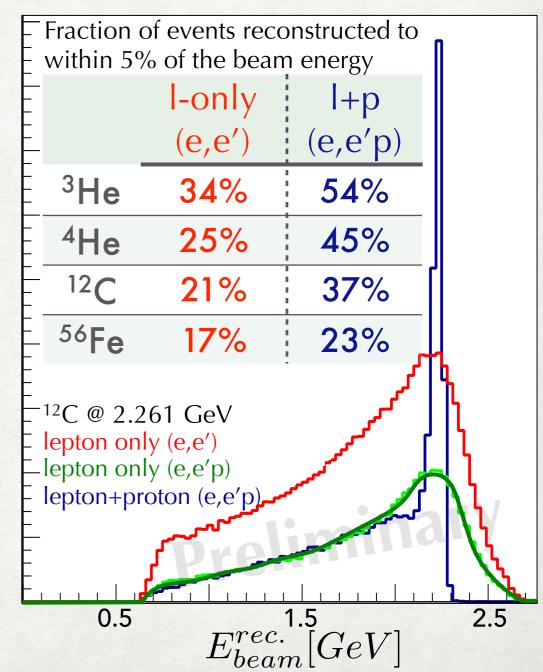
Intermediate summary

e-data allows testing models of vector-interactions, FSI etc.

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- Crucial input for high-precision v-studies.
- CLAS data-mining offers pioneer studies. A dedicated experiment is proposed for JLAB 12 GeV.
- Only 20-40% of Oπ events reconstruct the beam energy within 5%.

Generator comparisons in progress.

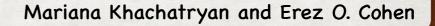




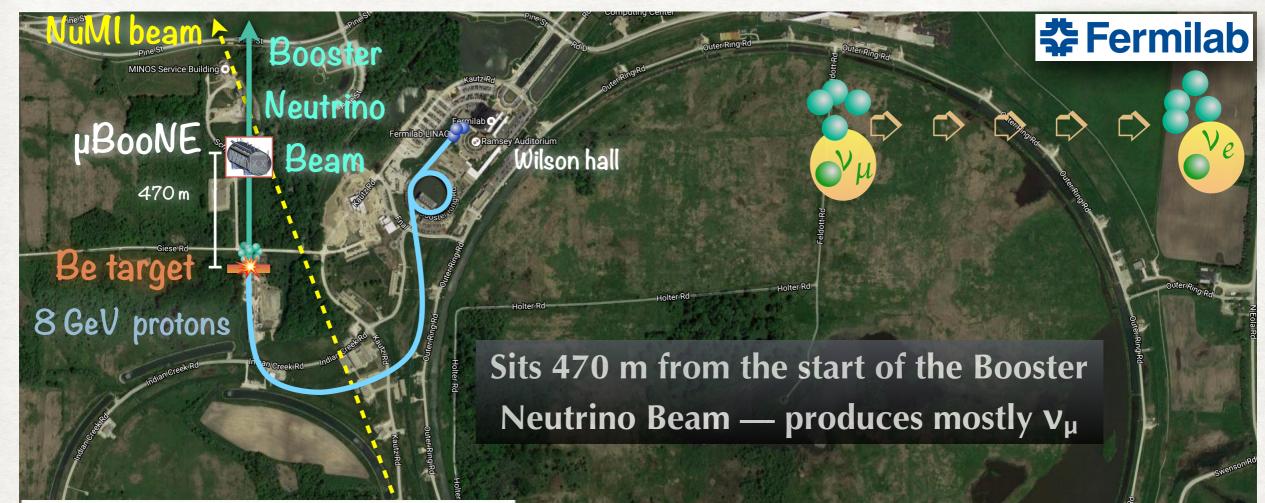
neutrino scattering







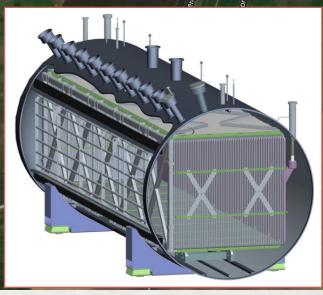
MicroBooNE



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See review of MicroBooNE by Andy Furmansky

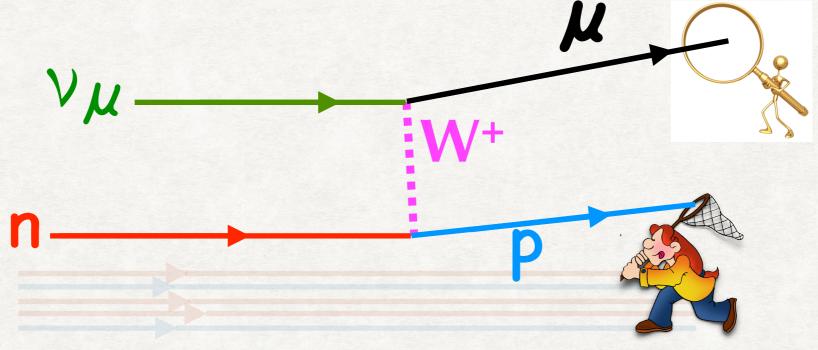


CCQE



<u>Charge-Current Quasi-Elastic</u>

Knockout of a single nucleon by a charged boson without breaking / exciting the nucleon.



We discuss three samples:

- \downarrow 1µ1p events: only one µ and one p reconstructed in µB.
 - events subset with a enhanced CCQE contribution.
 - \bigcirc events subset with good reconstructed E_{ν} .

Analysis path

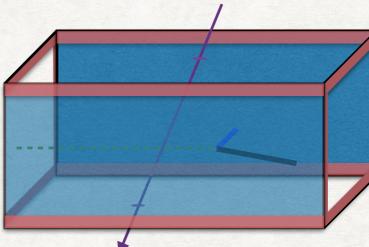
 \checkmark Identify 1µ-1p pairs with a common vertex.

- Remove background, e.g. cosmic, other pairs, misreconstruction... (maximize purity).
- Minimize the good events loss (maximize efficiency).
- compare MC and DATA to improve selection techniques and study systematics.
 - extract physics observables, e.g. form-factors parameters, cross-section etc.

Methodology

Use a cocktail of MC signal and cosmic DATA overlay, and collect all pairs of reconstructed tracks that start at close proximity

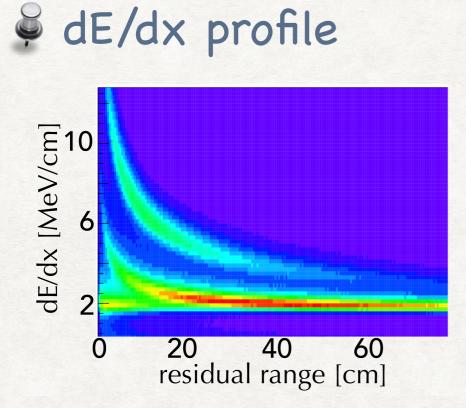
Define a Fiducial Volume to remove cosmic background



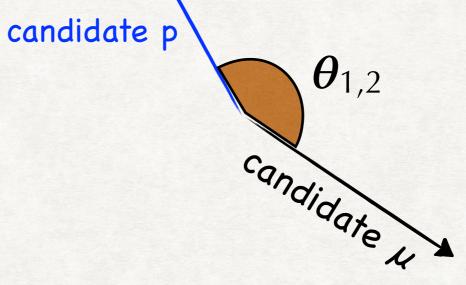
3 < x < 250 cm |y| < 110 cm 5 < z < 1045 cm

✓ for 1 / 1 MC signal to Cosmic data BG combination, Signal (1µ1p) / Background (cosmic, other pairs...) ≈ 1 / 7 i.e. very poor without application of any selection cuts.

Detector level cuts



collinearity

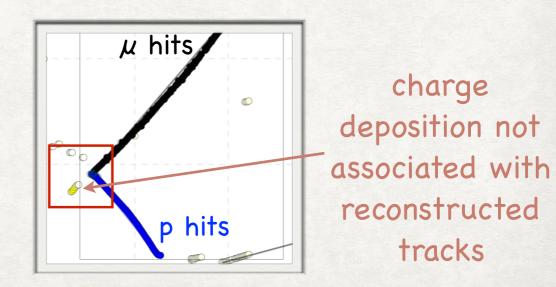




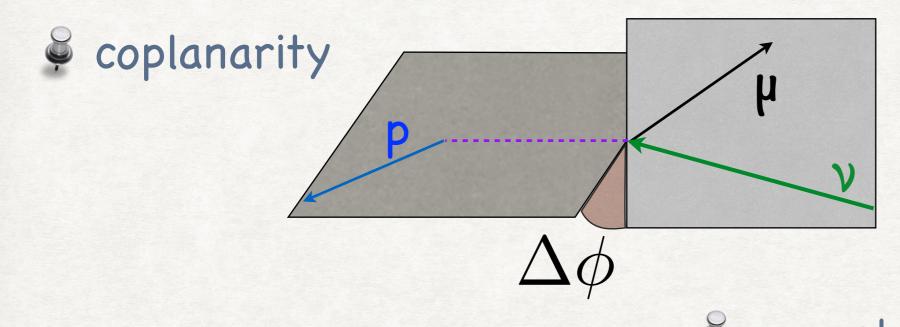
🗳 track length



ΔQ around vertex



Kinematical cuts: signatures of QE scattering



momentum

reconstructed angle between p and q

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transverse momentum imbalance

 $\vec{p_t} = (\vec{p_\mu} + \vec{p_p})_\perp$

Events selection cuts

Cocktail combination 1 MC signal/1 Cosmic data BG event

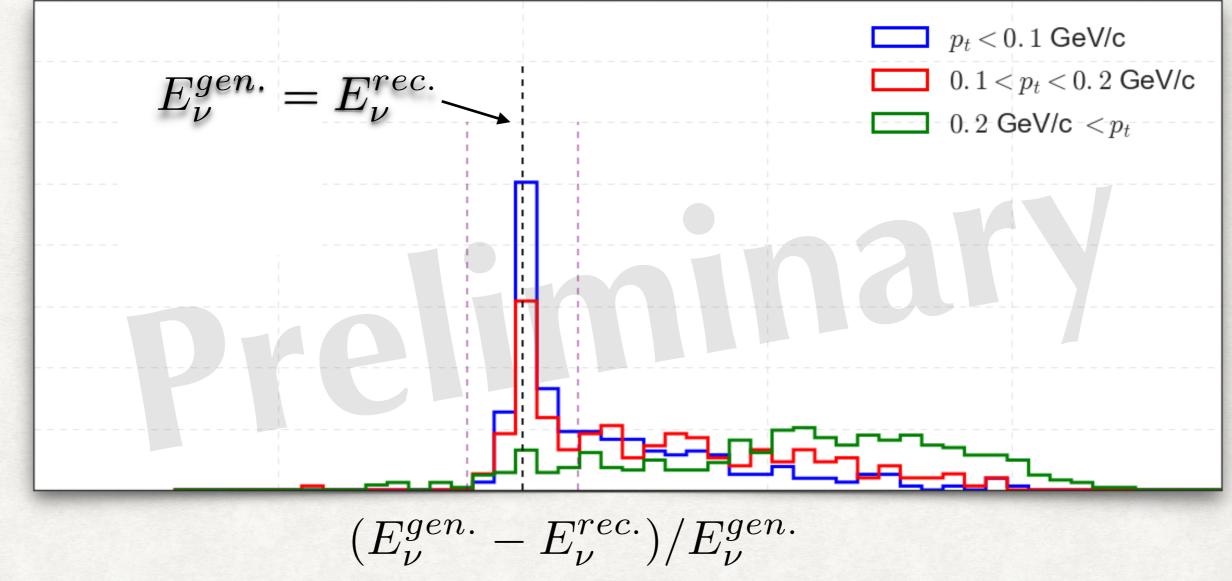
cuts	cosmic	other pairs	1µ-1p	enhanced QE	purity 1µ1p
No cuts	100%	100%	100%	100%	O(13%)
detector	few %	O(40%)	O(45%)	O(70%)	O(70%)
kinematics	<1%	O(2%)	O(20%)	O(55%)	O(95%)

After these cuts O(95%) 1µ1p pairs in this cocktail, out of which 1/2 are enhanced QE.

We do not consider uncorrelated cosmic backgrounds.

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reconstruct E_{ν} of $1\mu 1p$ events $\vec{p}_{\nu} \cdot \hat{z} = E_{\mu} + T_p + S_n + T_{A-1}$



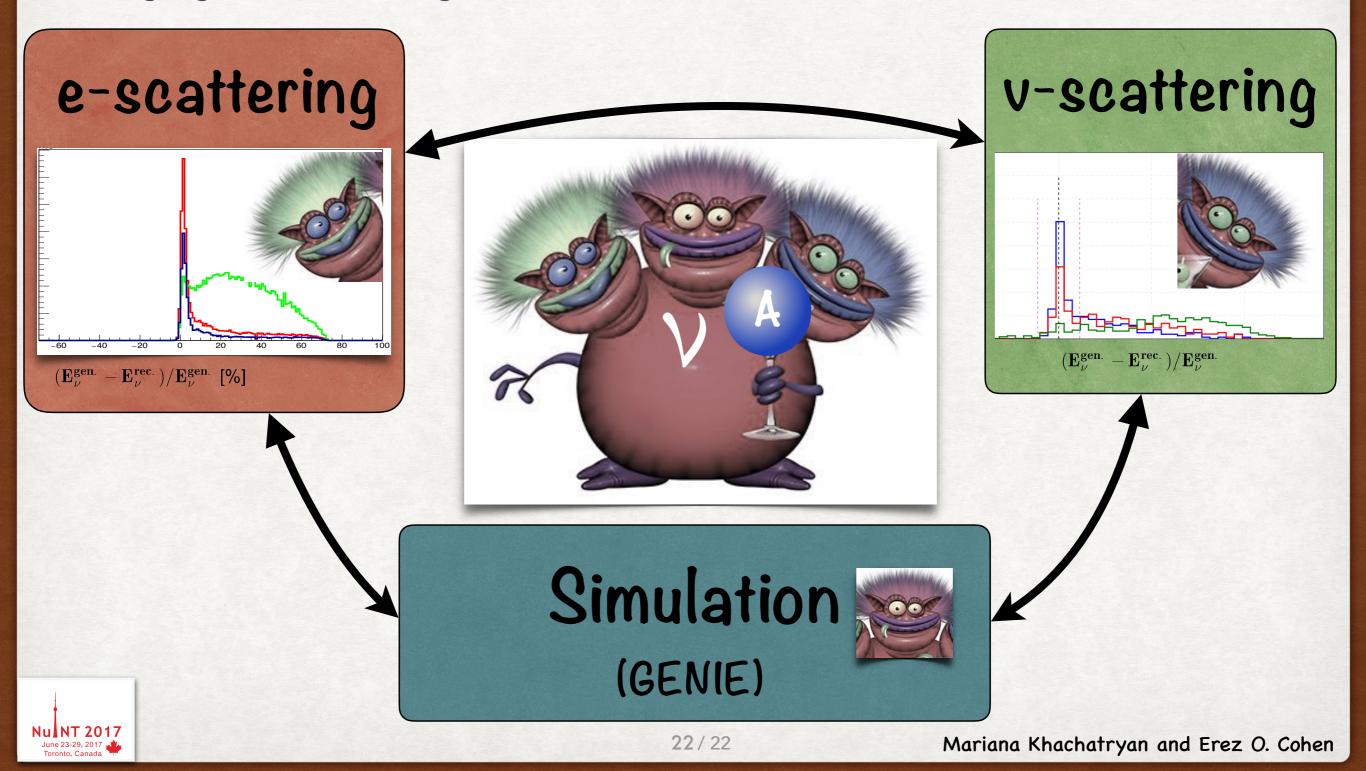
 \bigcirc The tail is mostly associated with large P_t events.

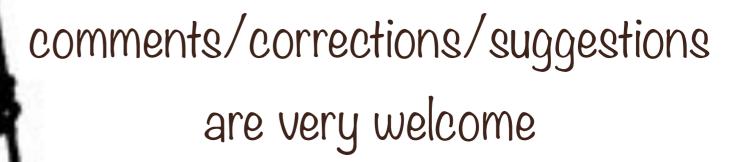
This conclusion is re-enforced by the e-scattering analysis.

Summary



Leveraging the advantages from each direction





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