

# Liquid Argon Technology for Theorists

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# DUNE

4 10-kton liquid argon TPC

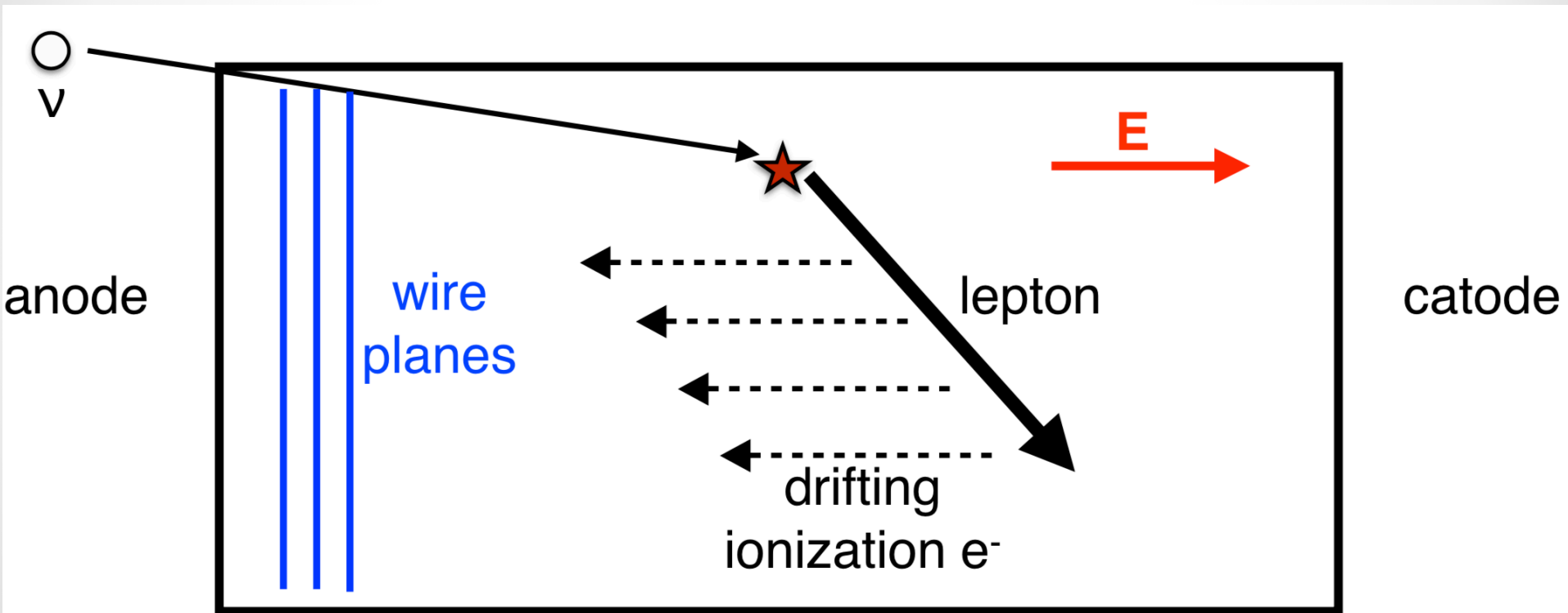


Figure: F. Capozzi  
Max Planck seminar,  
2017

Detects charged particles above thresholds

# Official experimental setup

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## Experiment Simulation Configurations Used in DUNE CDR

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*(Submitted on 30 Jun 2016)*

The LBNF/DUNE CDR describes the proposed physics program and experimental design at the conceptual design phase. Volume 2, entitled The Physics Program for DUNE at LBNF, outlines the scientific objectives and describes the physics studies that the DUNE collaboration will perform to address these objectives. The long-baseline physics sensitivity calculations presented in the DUNE CDR rely upon simulation of the neutrino beam line, simulation of neutrino interactions in the far detector, and a parameterized

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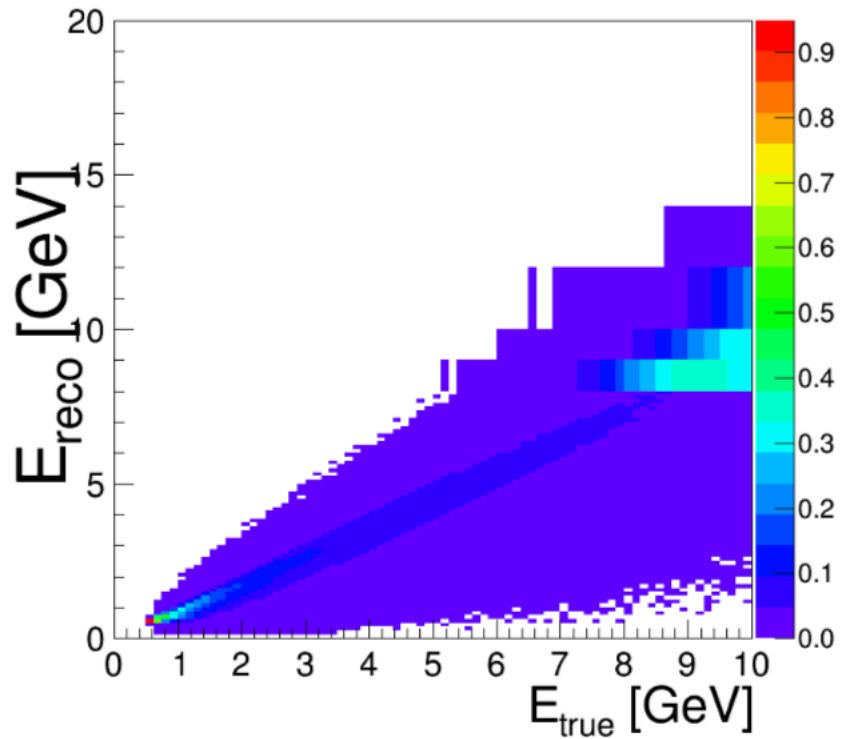
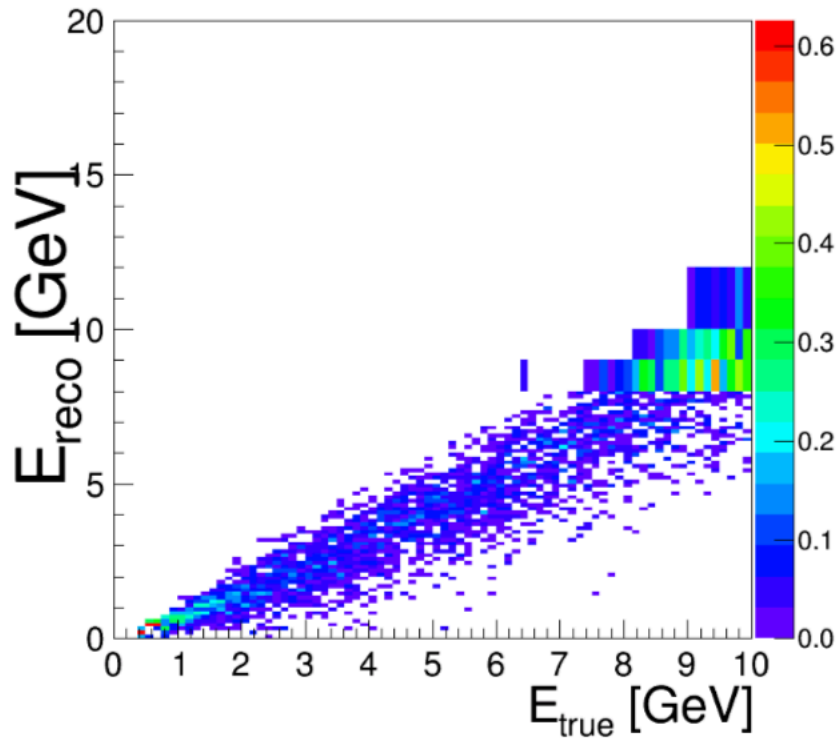
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DUNE 2016

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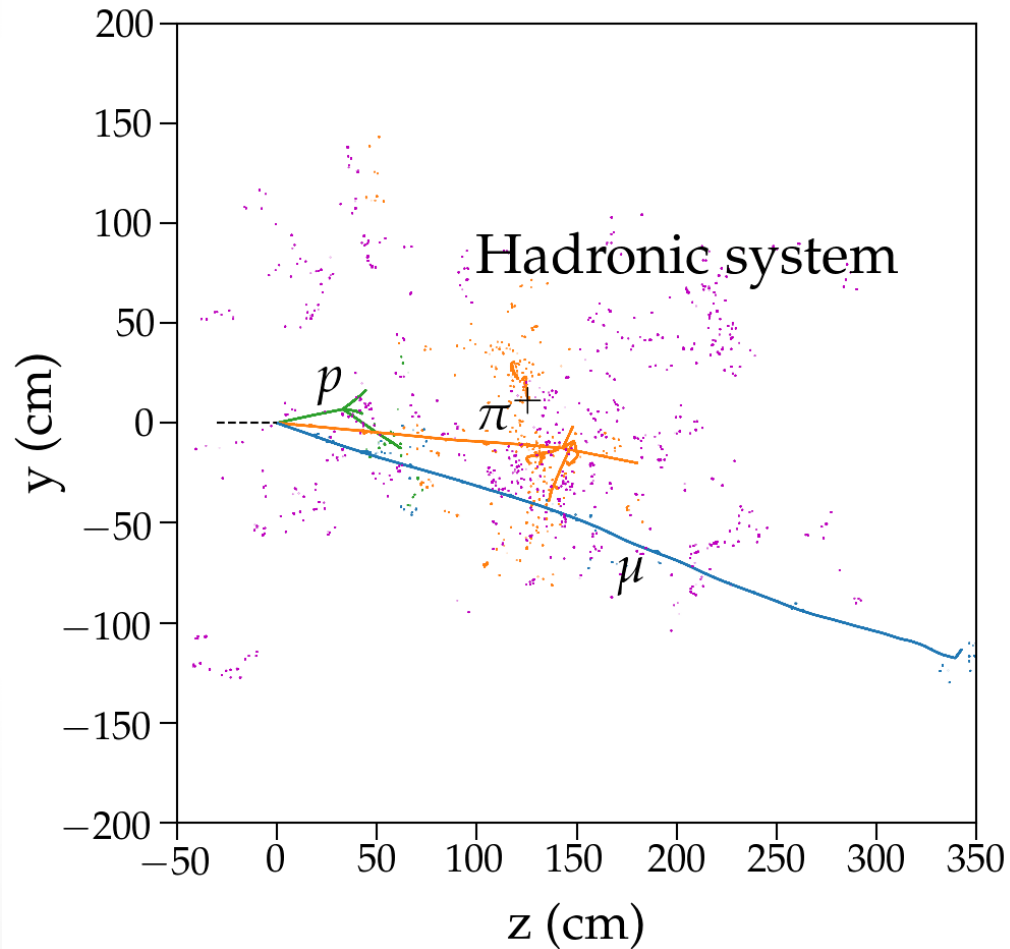


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# A neutrino event

Friedland & Li, 2018

Signal:  $\nu_l + A \rightarrow l + X$



What do particles do

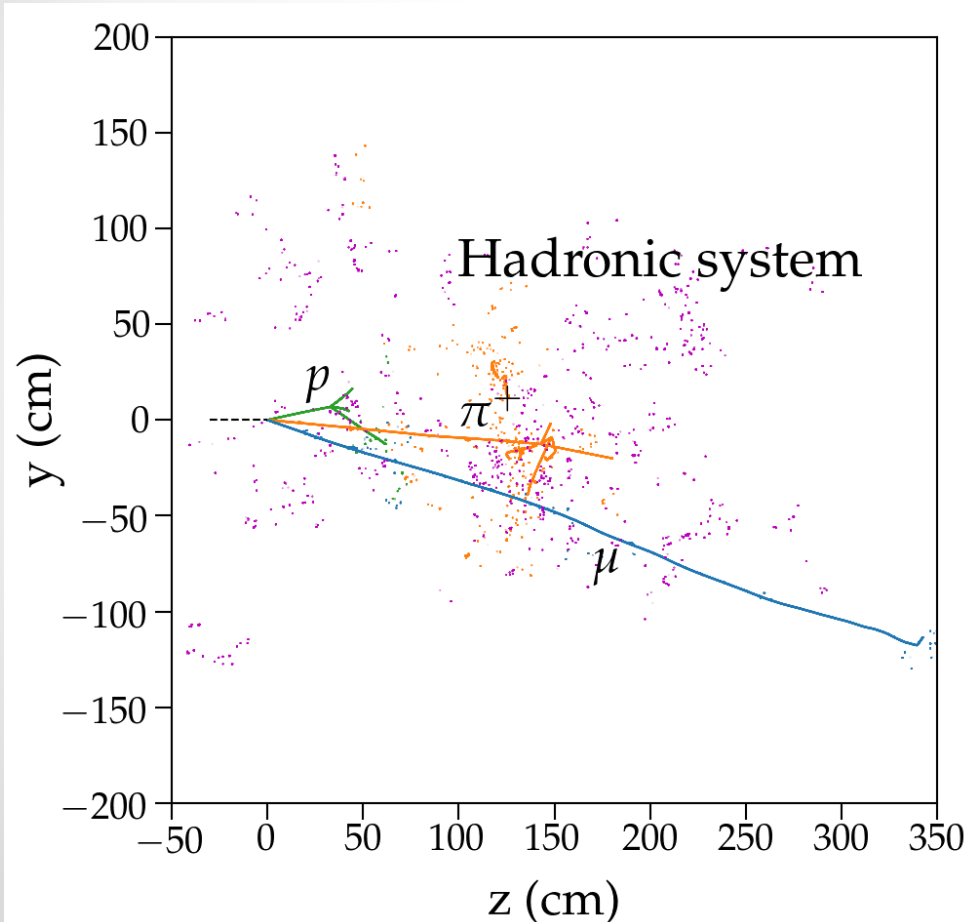
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# Ionization

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$$dE/dx \approx 2 \text{ MeV/g cm}^2$$

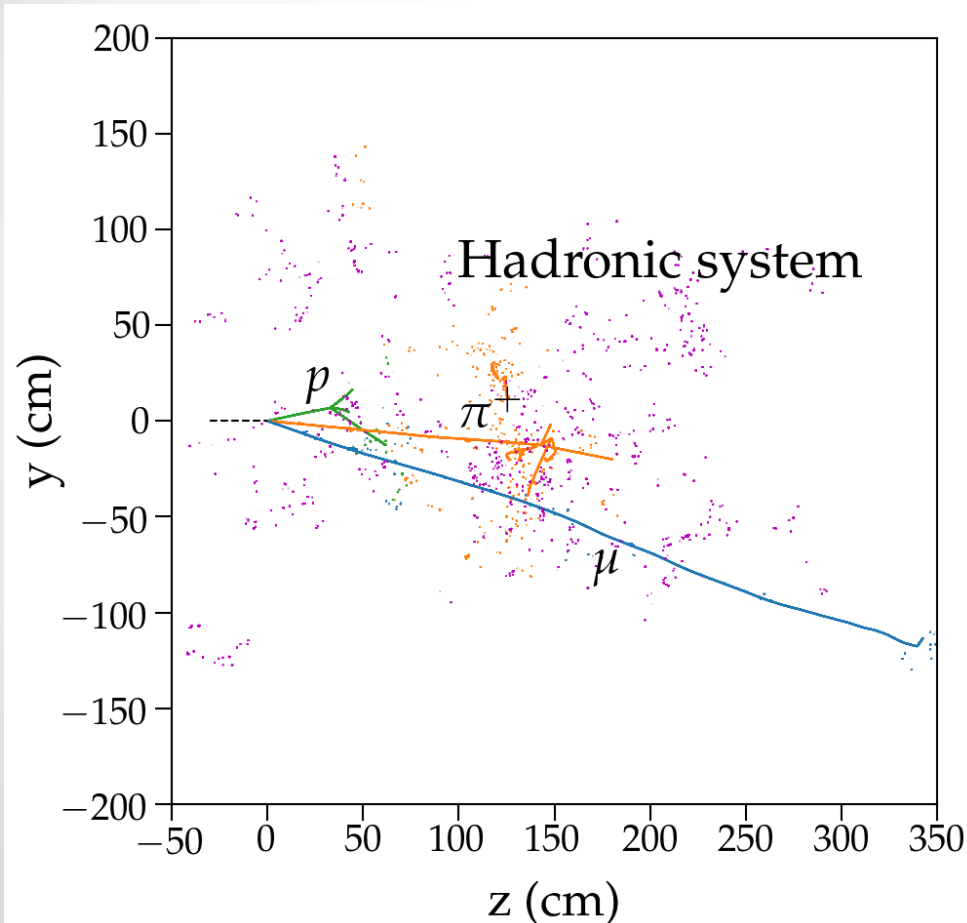


- Stable
- Energy ( $E$ )  $\approx$  Charge ( $Q$ )
- $l = \frac{E}{dE/dx}$
- Proton: large  $dE/dx$
- Recombination: small  $Q$

# Hadronic interaction

Friedland & Li, 2018

Interaction length  $\sim 1$  m



- Knock out several nucleons
- 10s MeV loss to binding E
- Highly stochastic

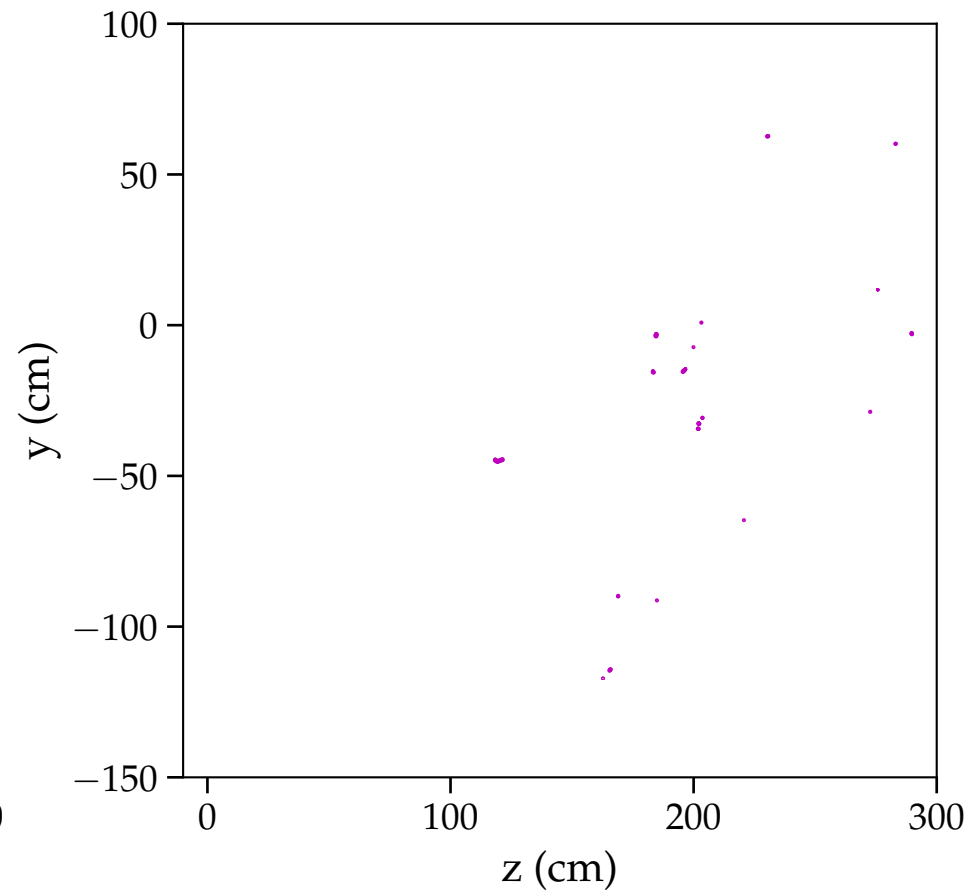
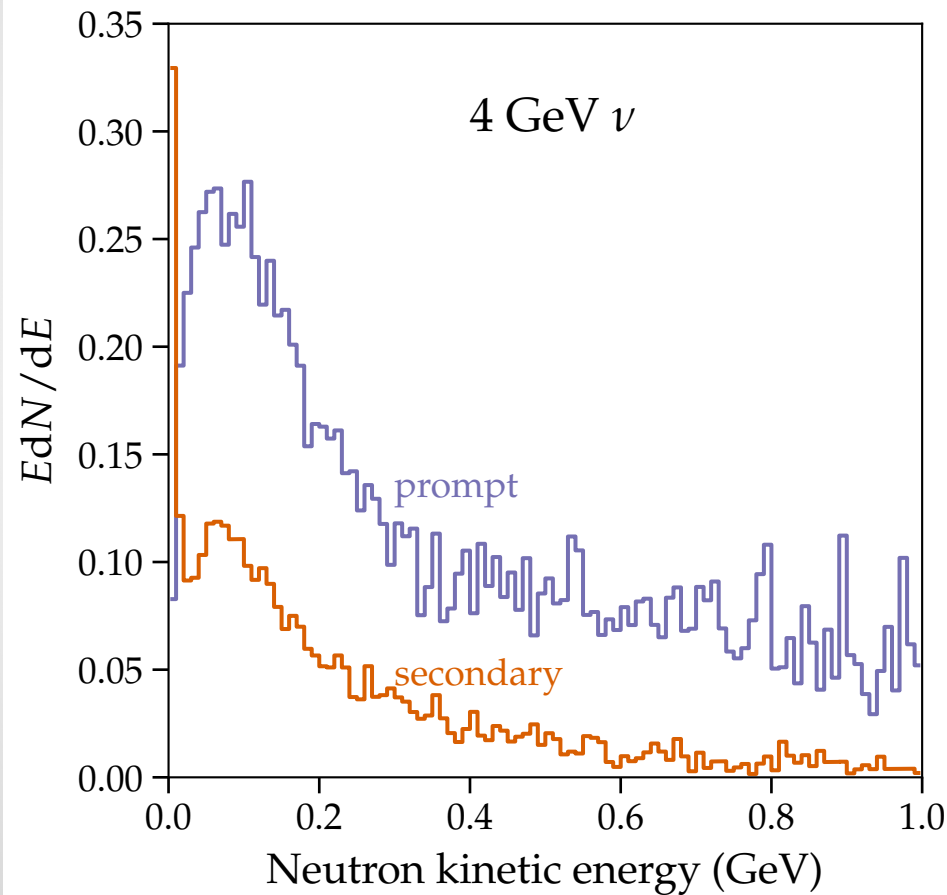
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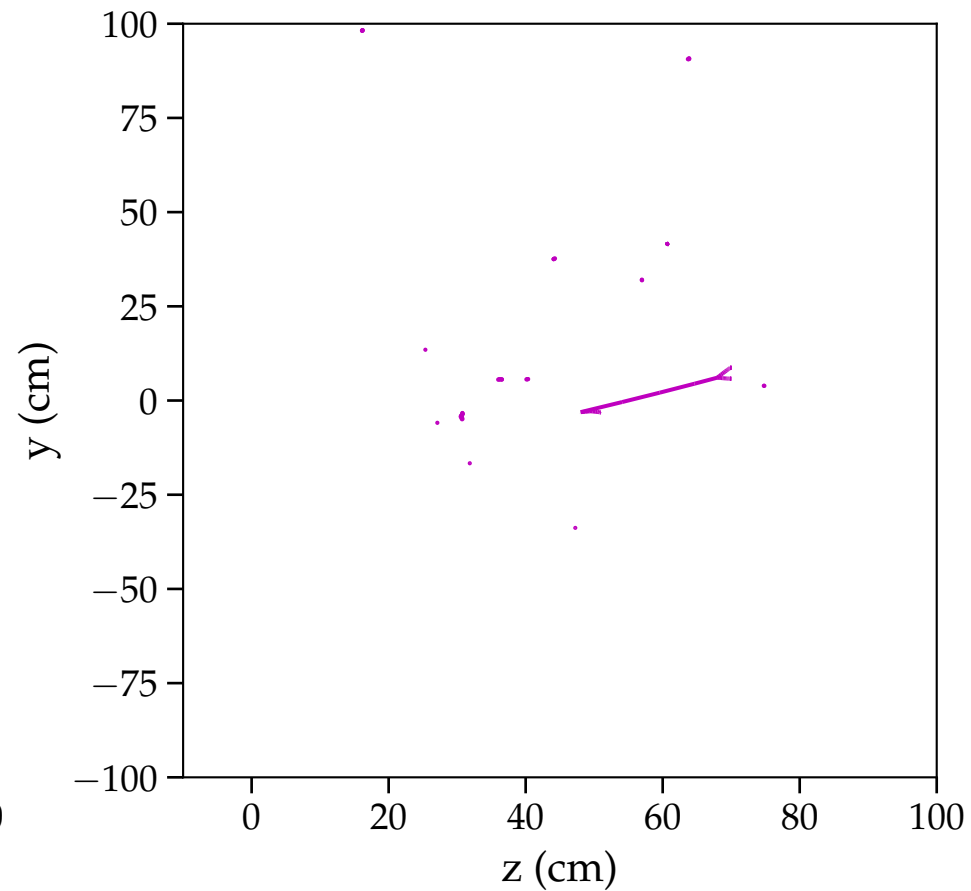
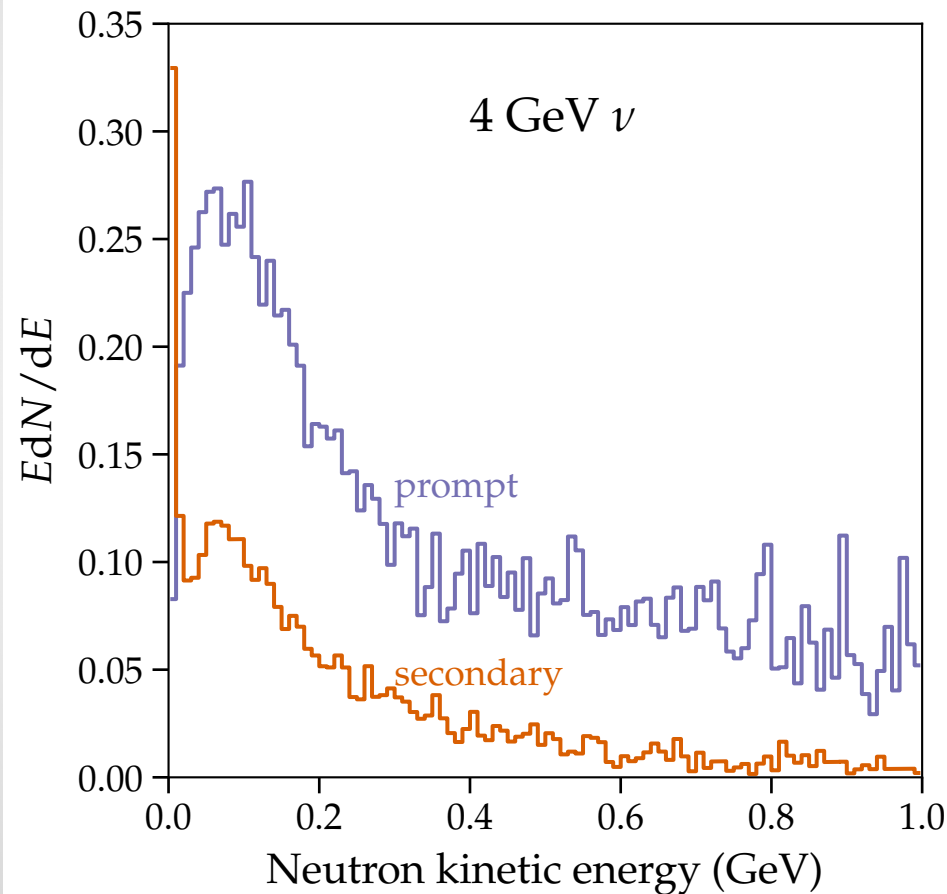
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Extremely challenging to reconstruct neutrons

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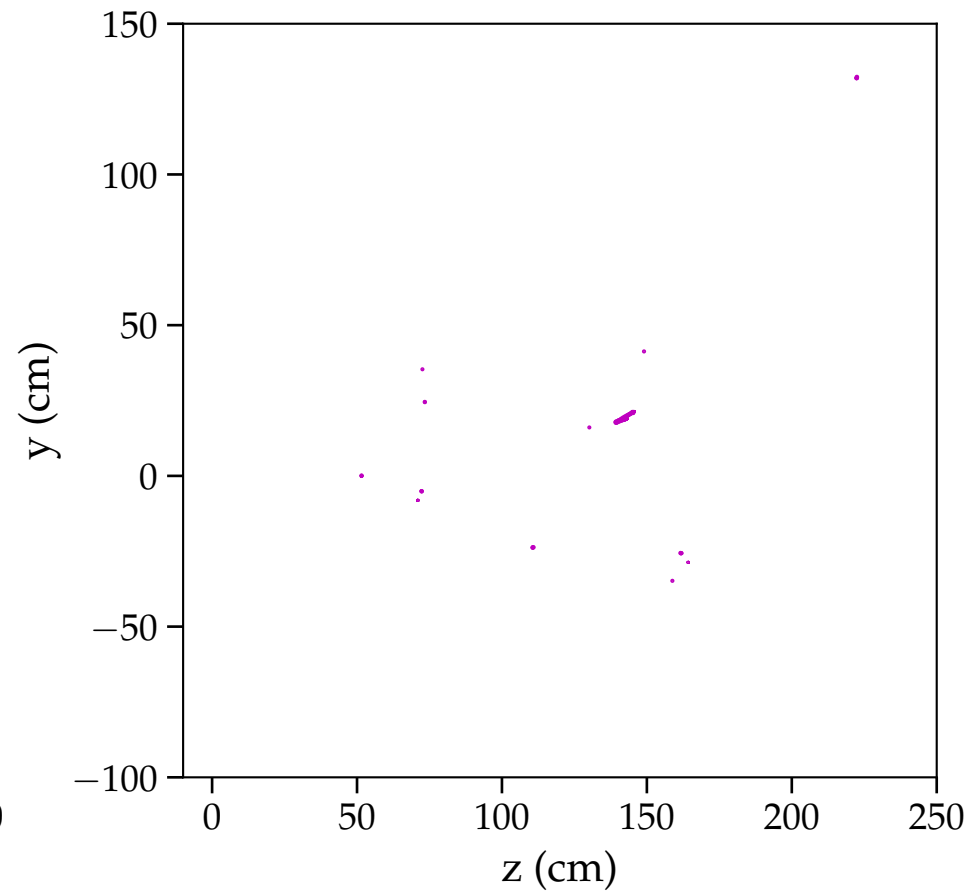
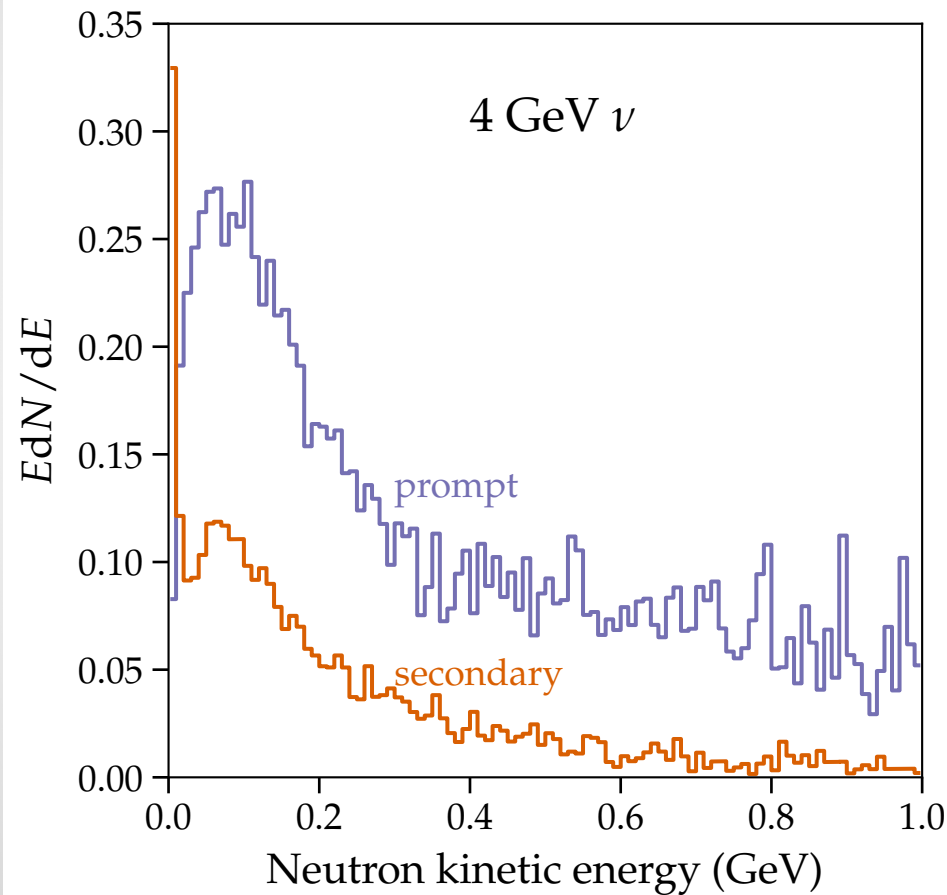
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# Experimental inputs

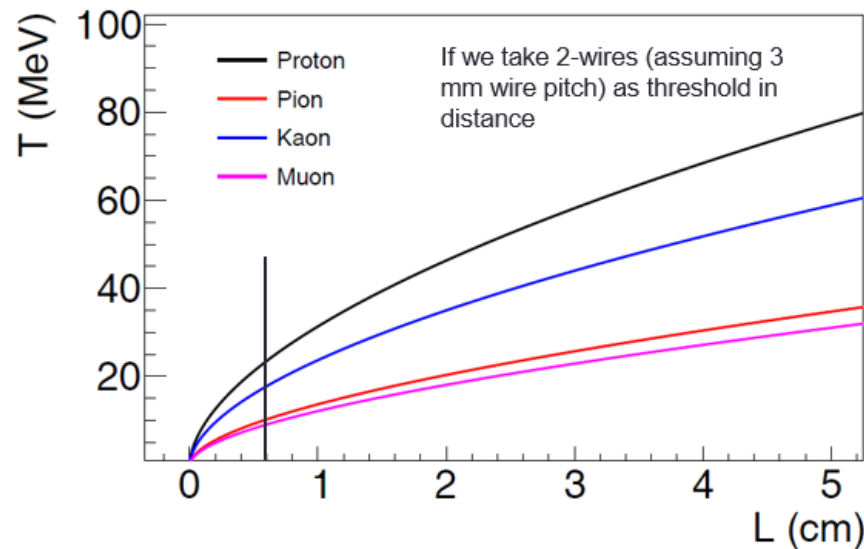
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# Thresholds

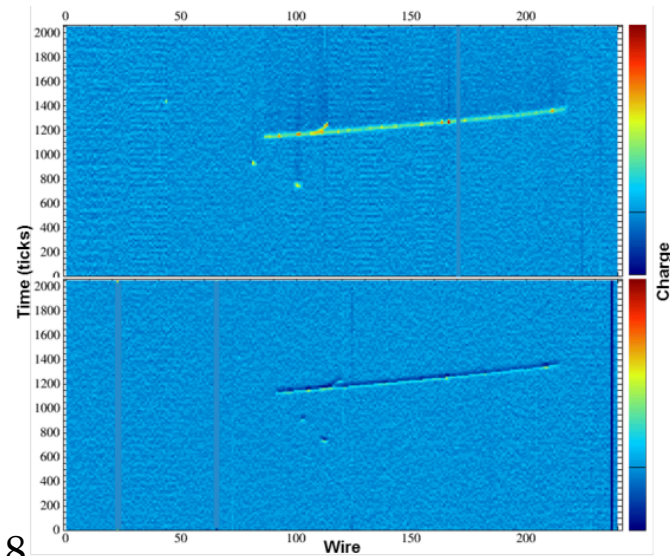
DUNE CDR 2

Figure from X. Qian Kinetic Energy vs. Residual distance

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ArgoNeuT  
detect  $E \leq 1$   
MeV



ArgoNeuT 2018



# Experimental performance

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# Calorimetric energy reconstruction

Signal:  $\nu_l + A \rightarrow l + X$

1. Separate an event into  $l$  and hadronic system
2.  $E_l$  : total collected charge  $\rightarrow$  energy
3.  $E_h$  : total collected charge  $\rightarrow$  energy
4.  $E_\nu = E_l + E_h$  or  $E_\nu = f(E_l, E_h)$

# Calorimetric energy reconstruction

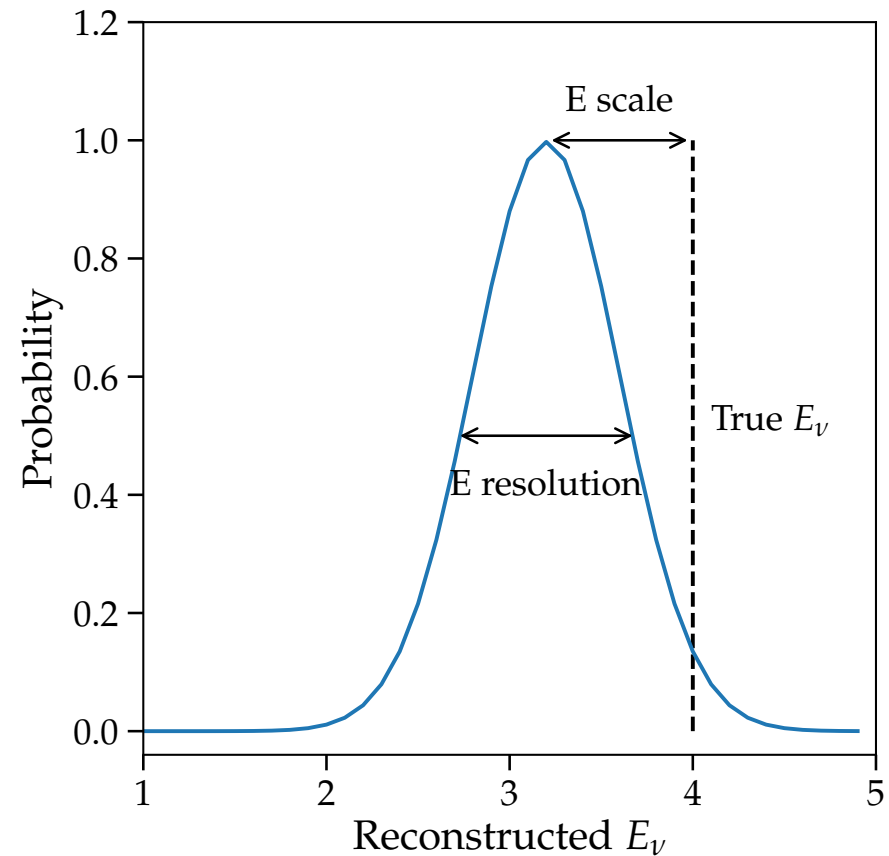
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1. Should work perfectly

$$\text{if } E_l \rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} \rightarrow Q$$

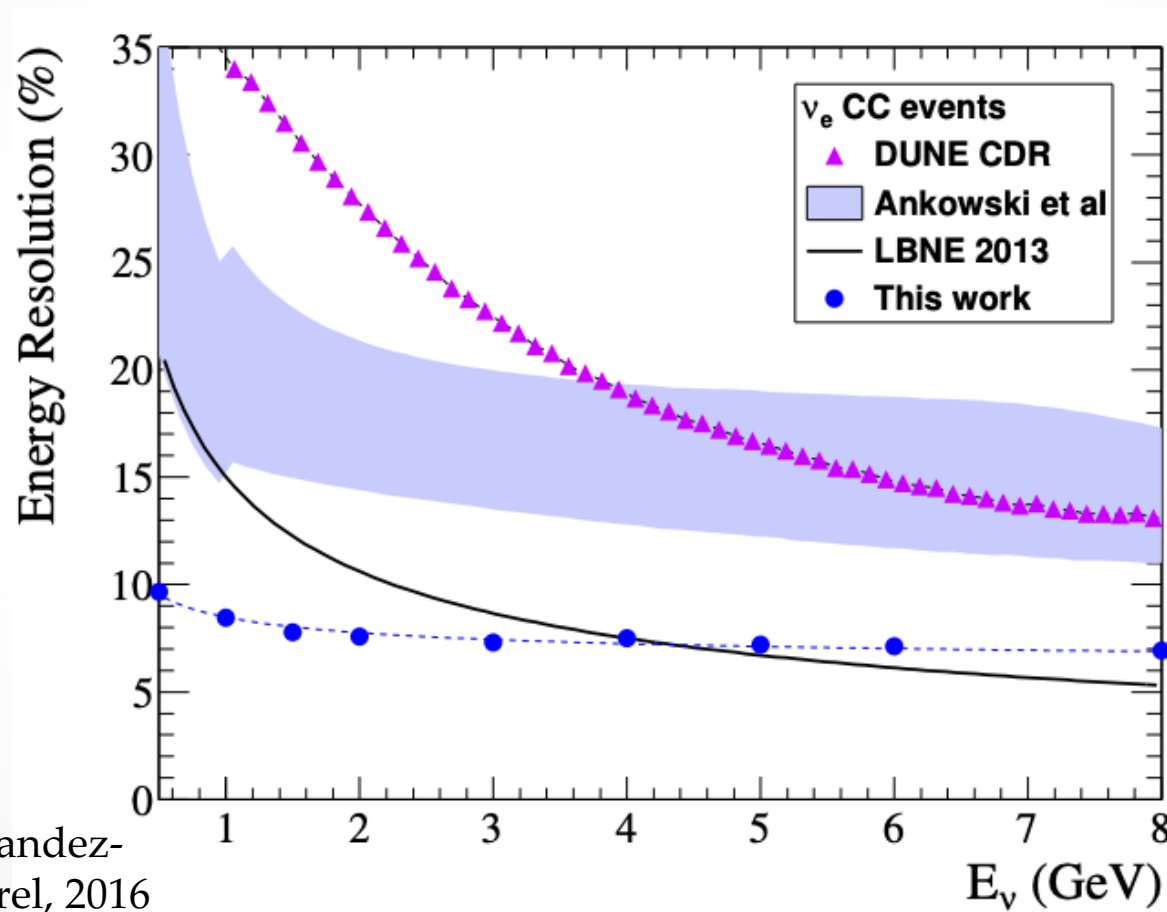
2. Problem arises

$$\text{if } E_h \rightarrow \begin{cases} dE/dx \\ \text{Missing energy} \end{cases}$$



# No consensus in the field

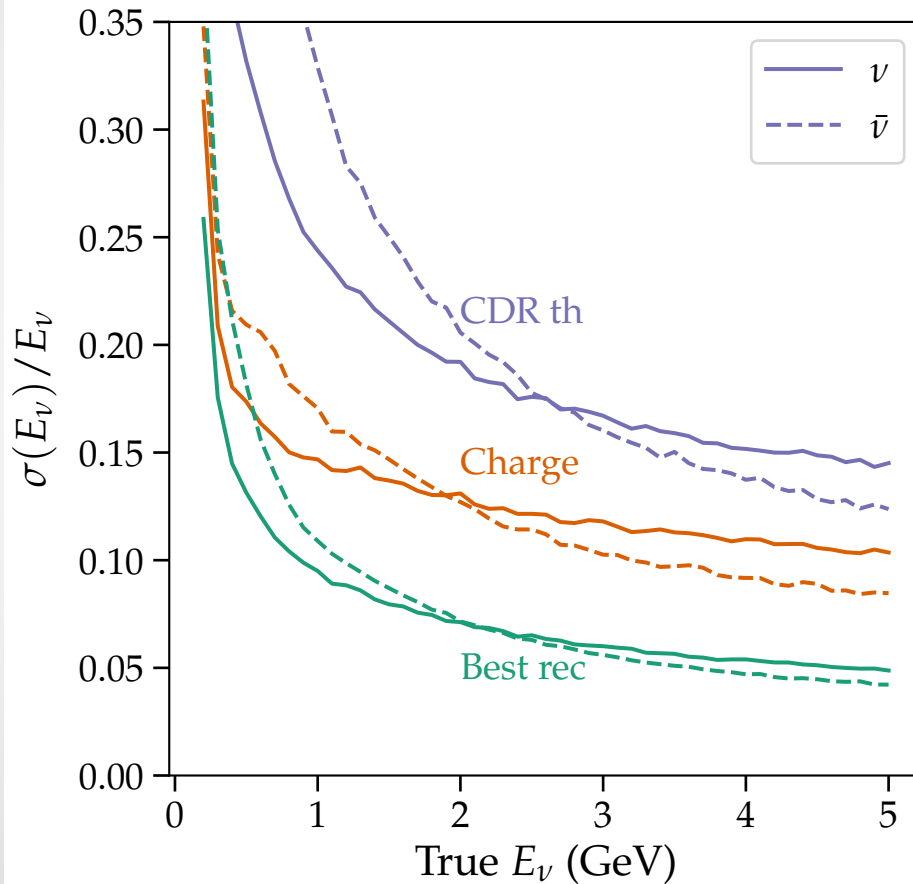
## Energy resolution from prior work



Romeri, Fernandez-Martinez & Sorel, 2016

# Energy reconstruction results

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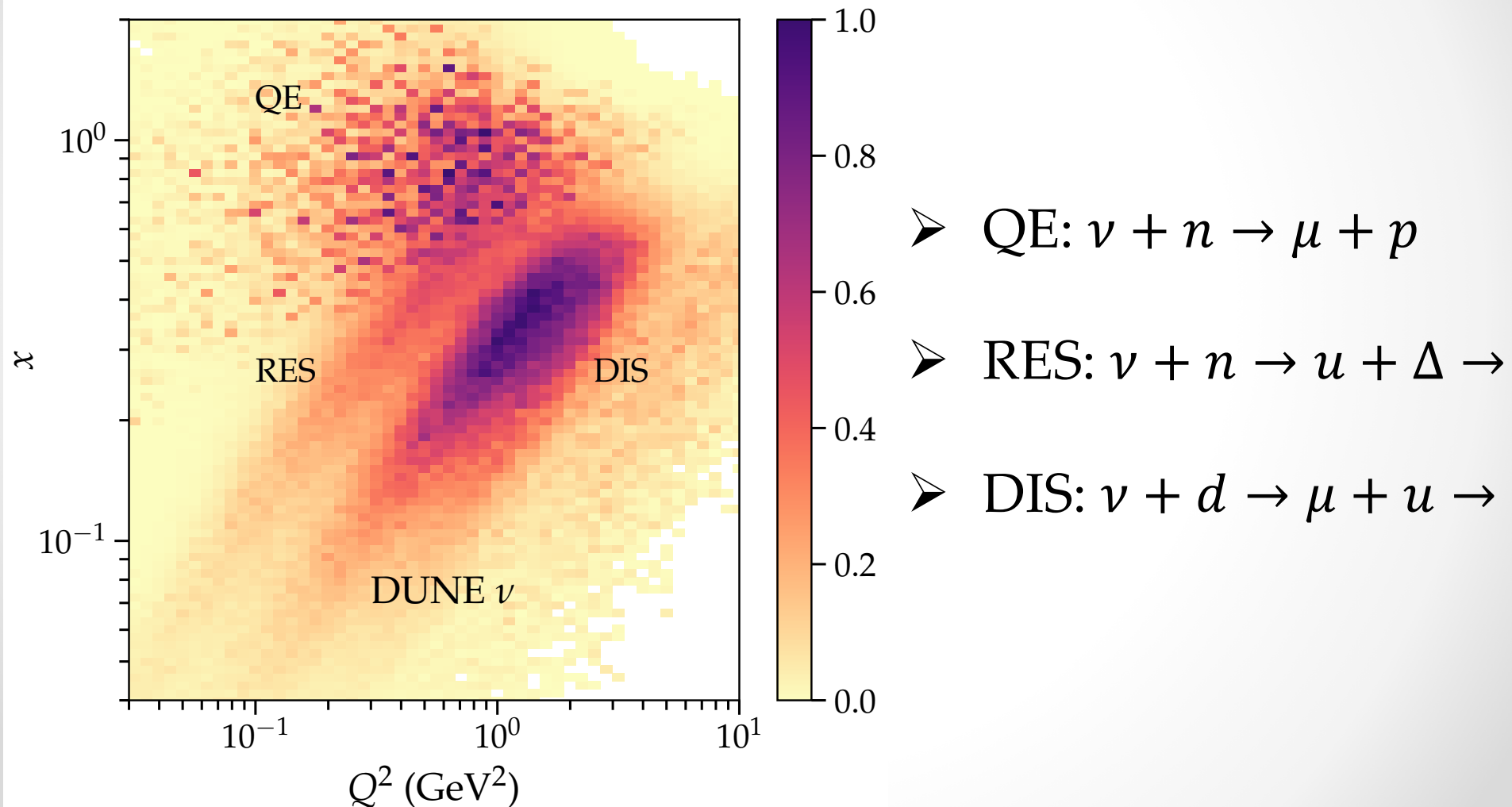
1. CDR th: method as it is
2. Charge: collect all charges with no thresh.
3. Best recon: no thresh., PID to correct for recombination

# Cross section

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# Neutrino-nucleus interaction

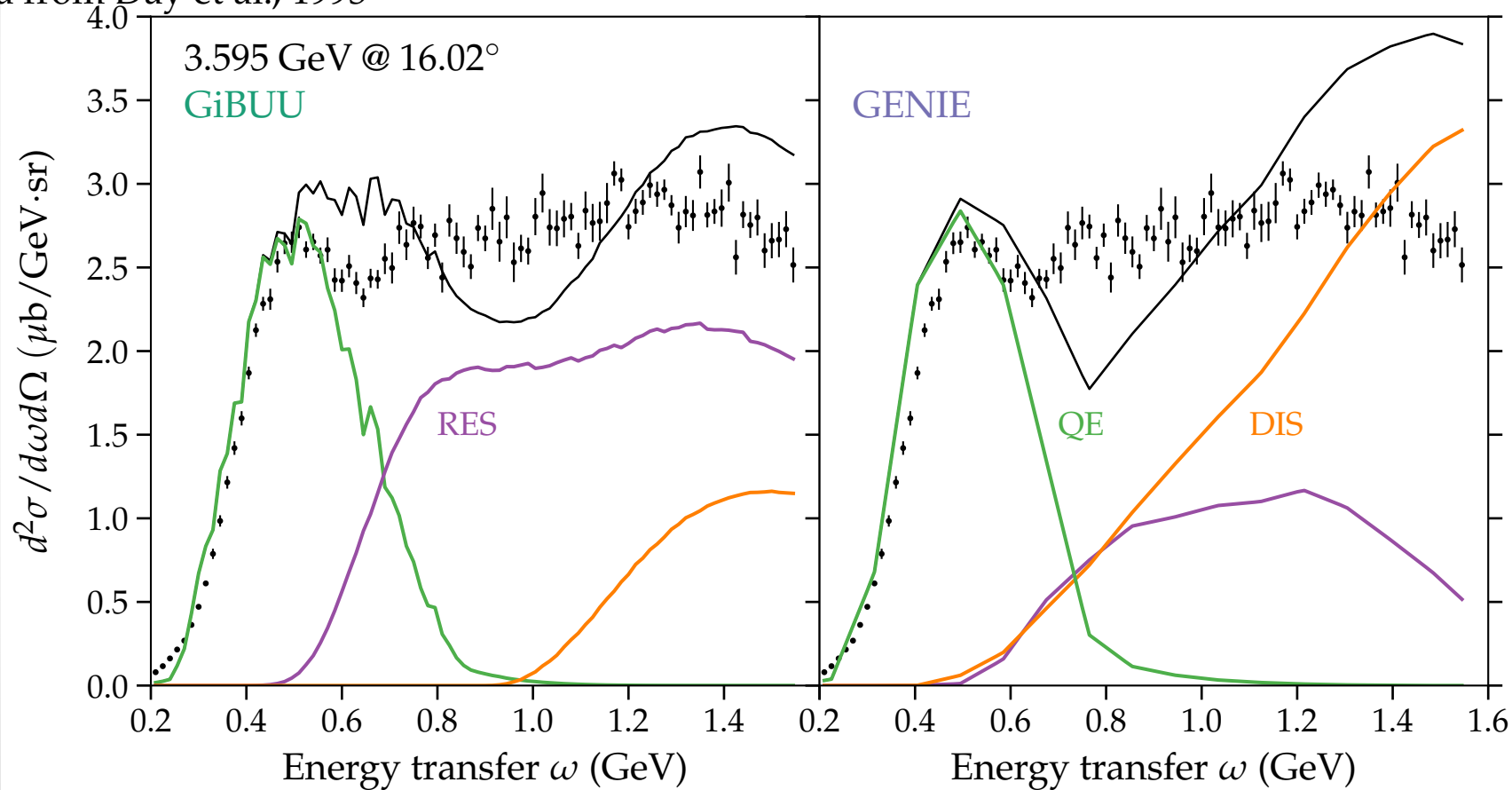
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# Status of cross section prediction

## Electron scattering: generator vs. data

Data from Day et al., 1993

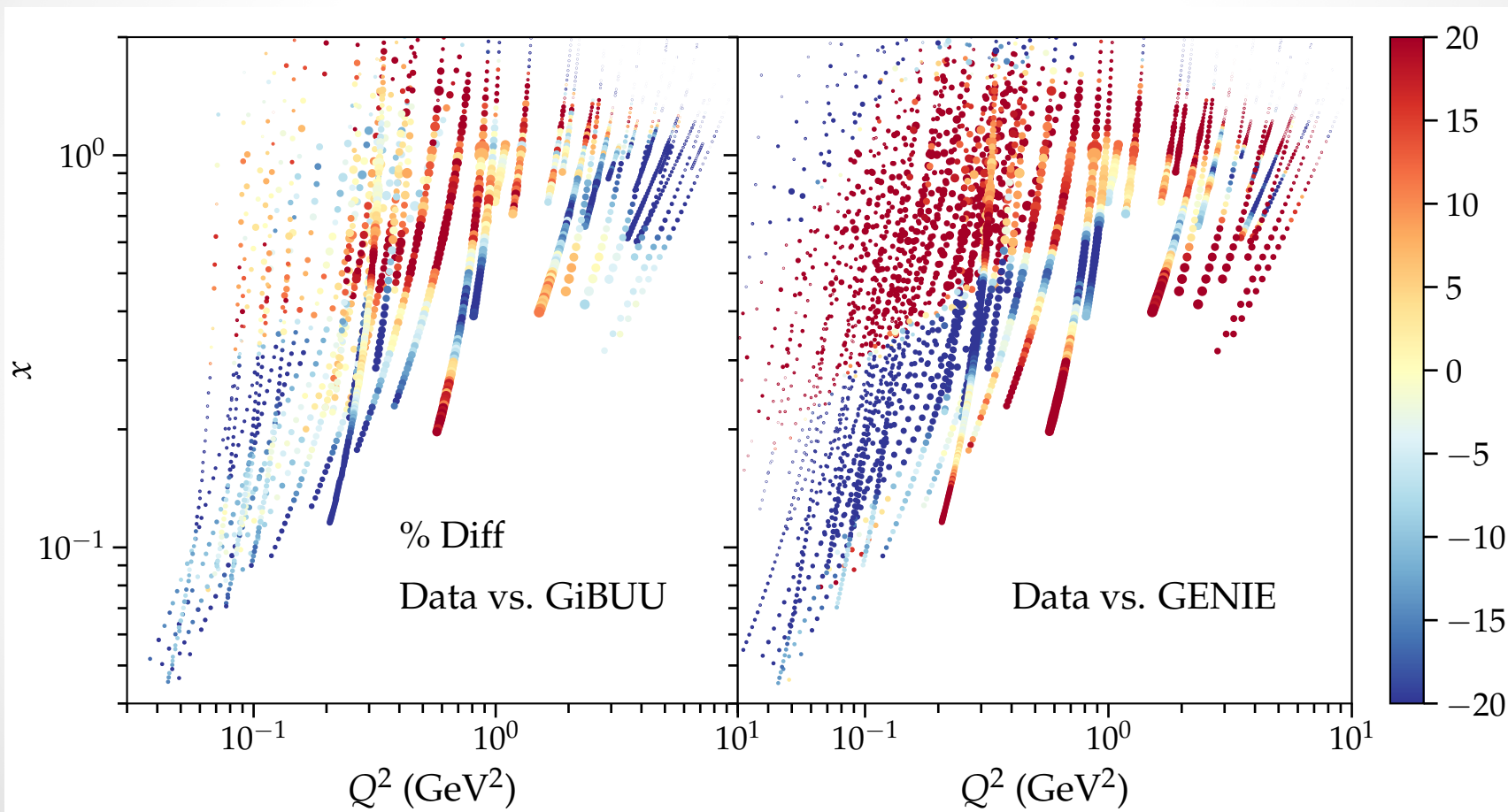


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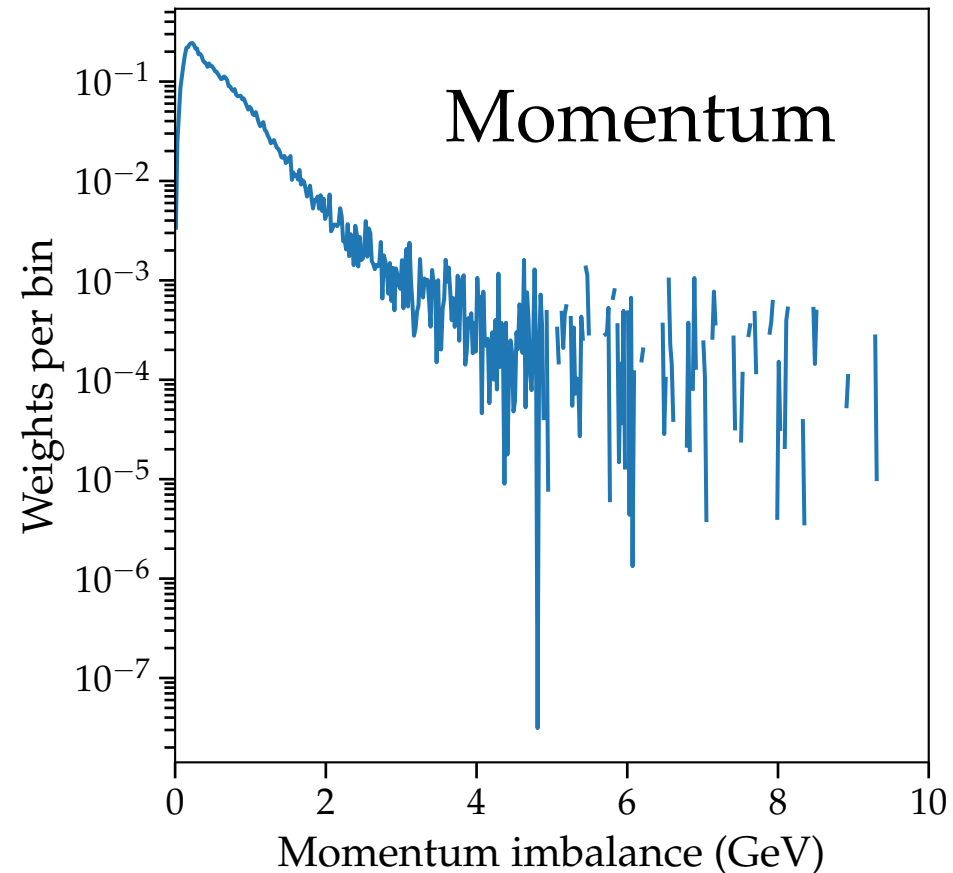
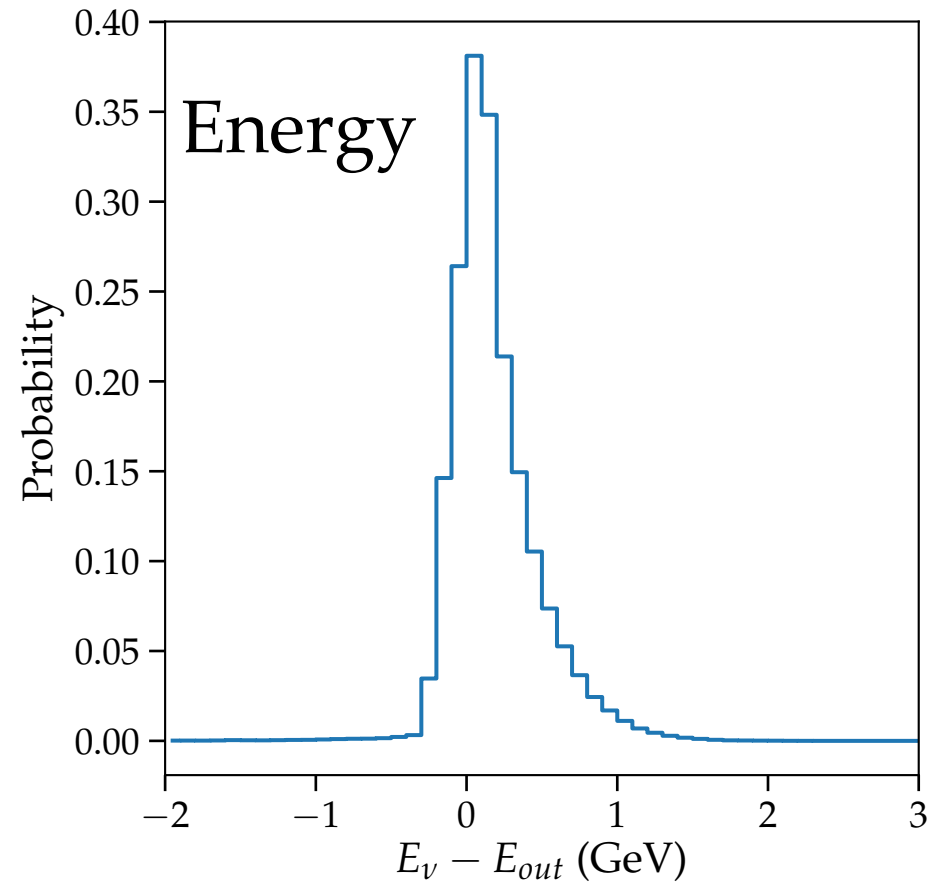


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# Conservation?

Four-momentum not conserved

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# Conclusions



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# Mailing list??

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GENIE, GiBUU, NuWro

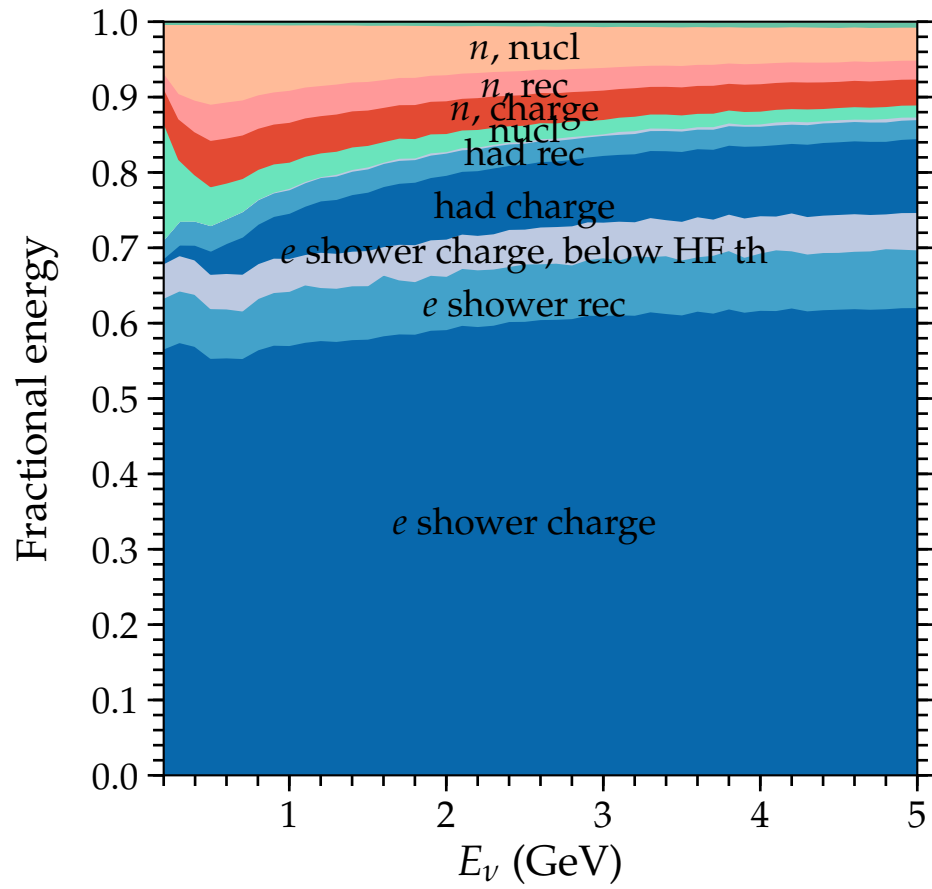
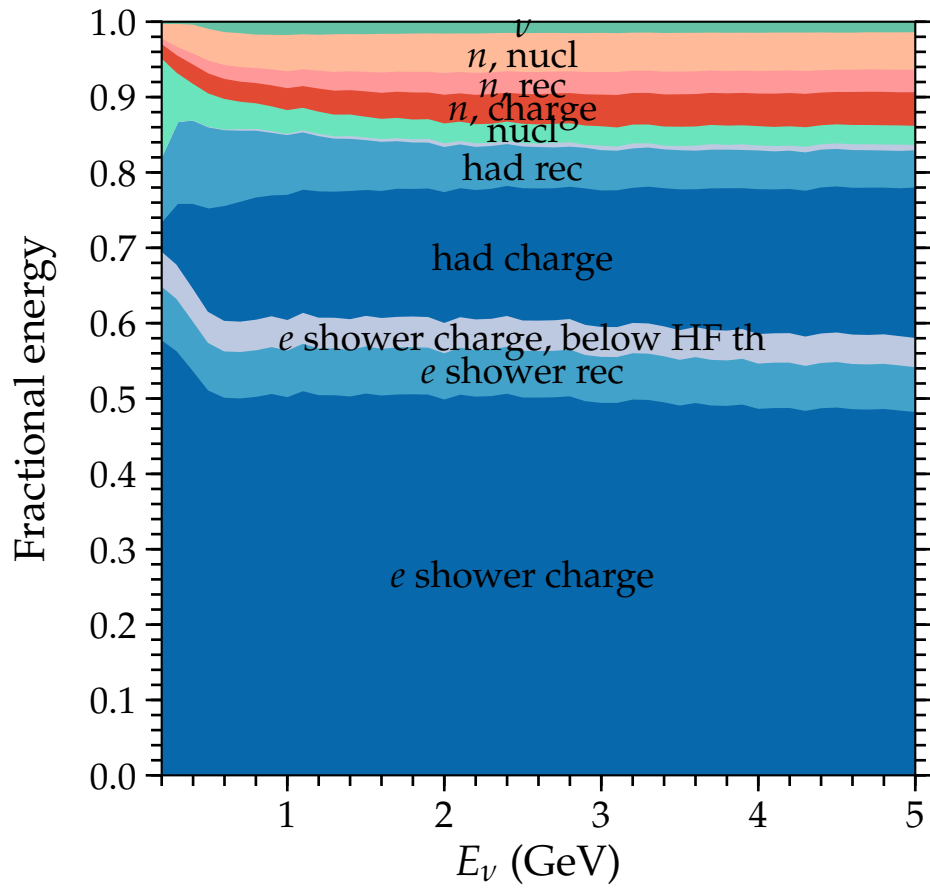
FLUKA, GEANT4

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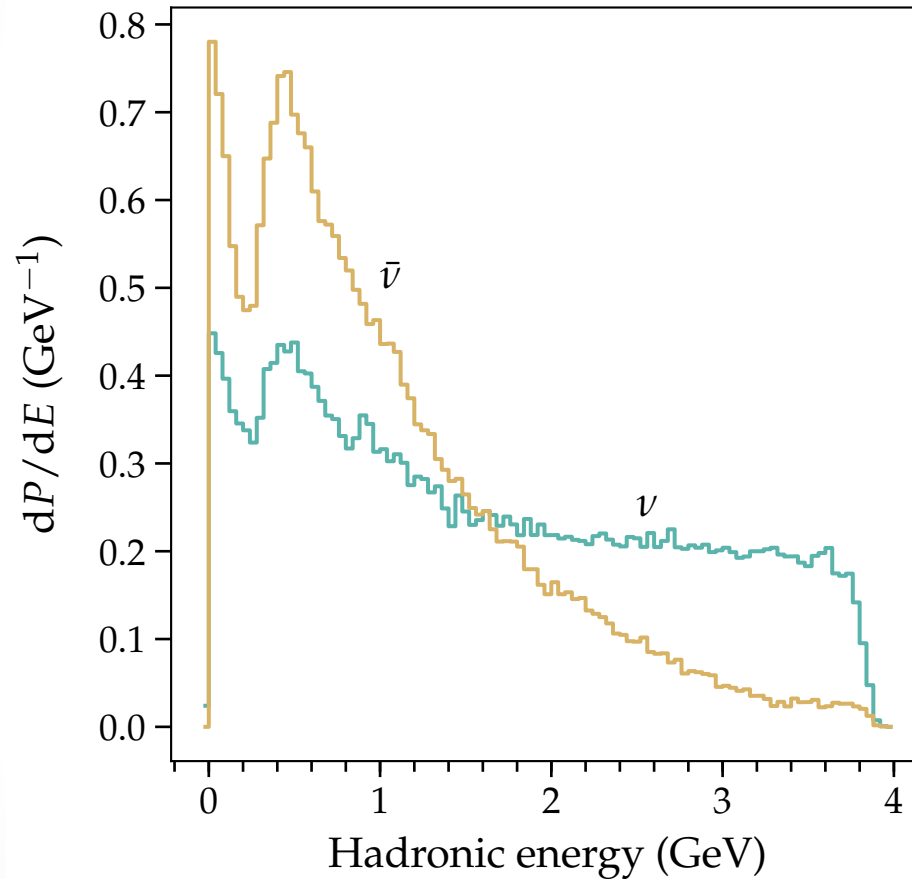
# Backup

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# Missing energy



# Hadronic energy



# Hadronic interaction

