

DIS and SIS in neutrino scattering

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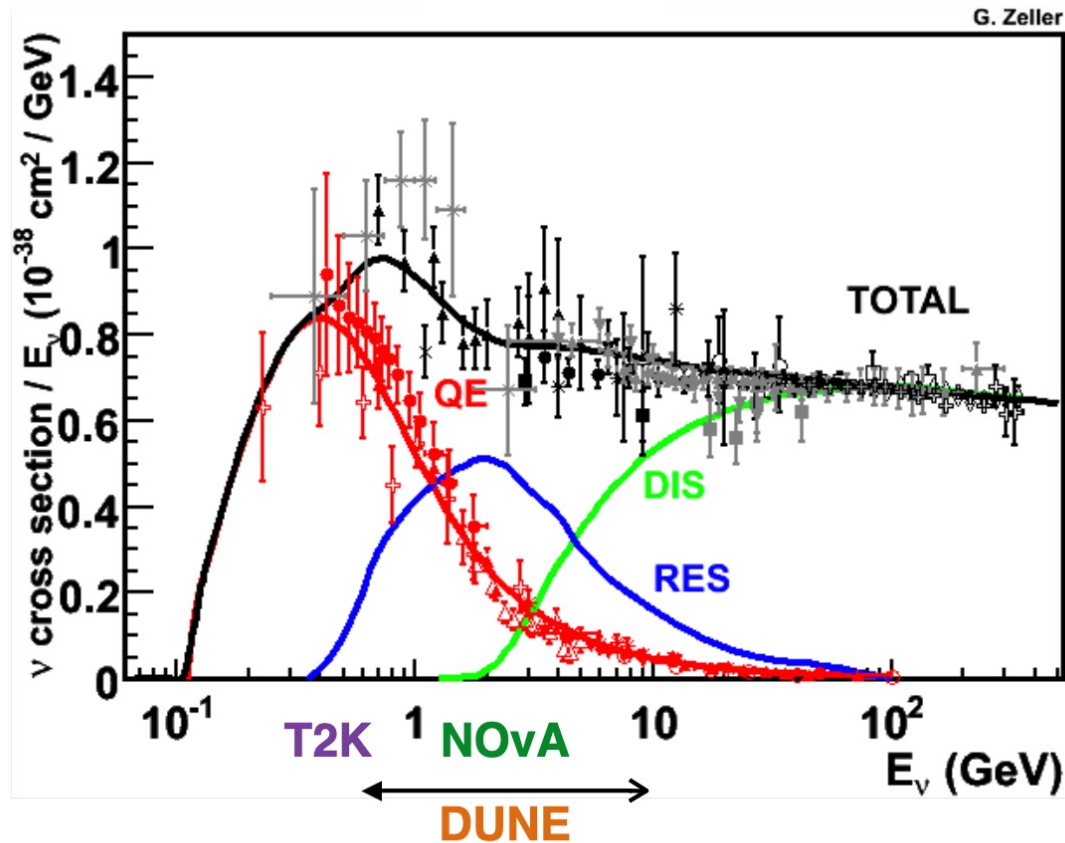
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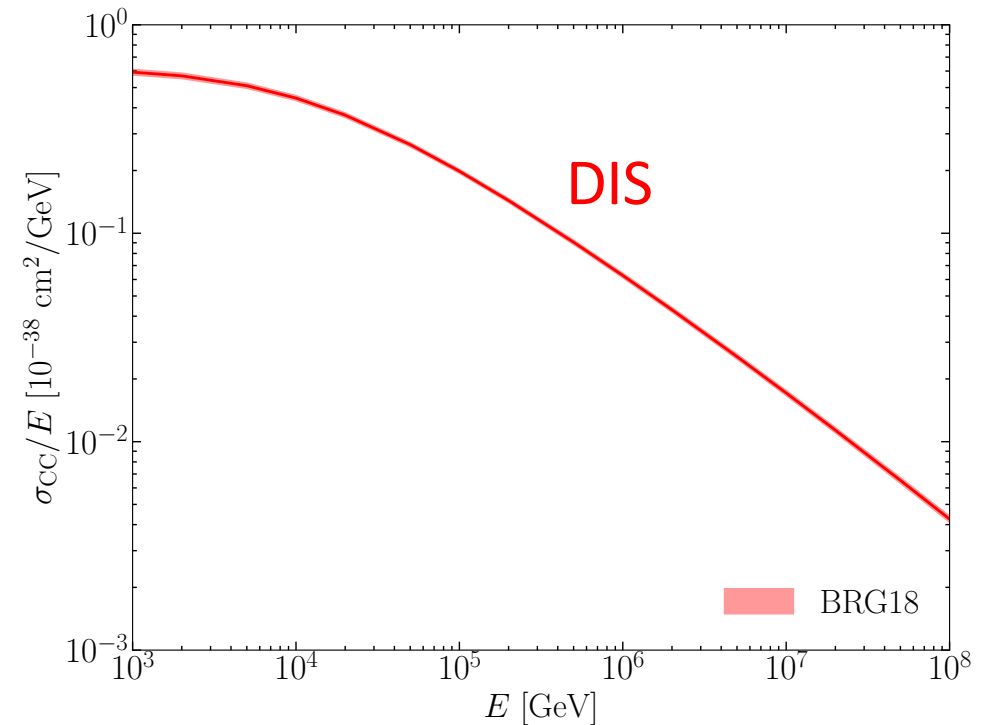
See Alfonso's talk yesterday.

Neutrino cross sections

QE=quasi-elastic, RES=resonant, DIS=deep inelastic scattering

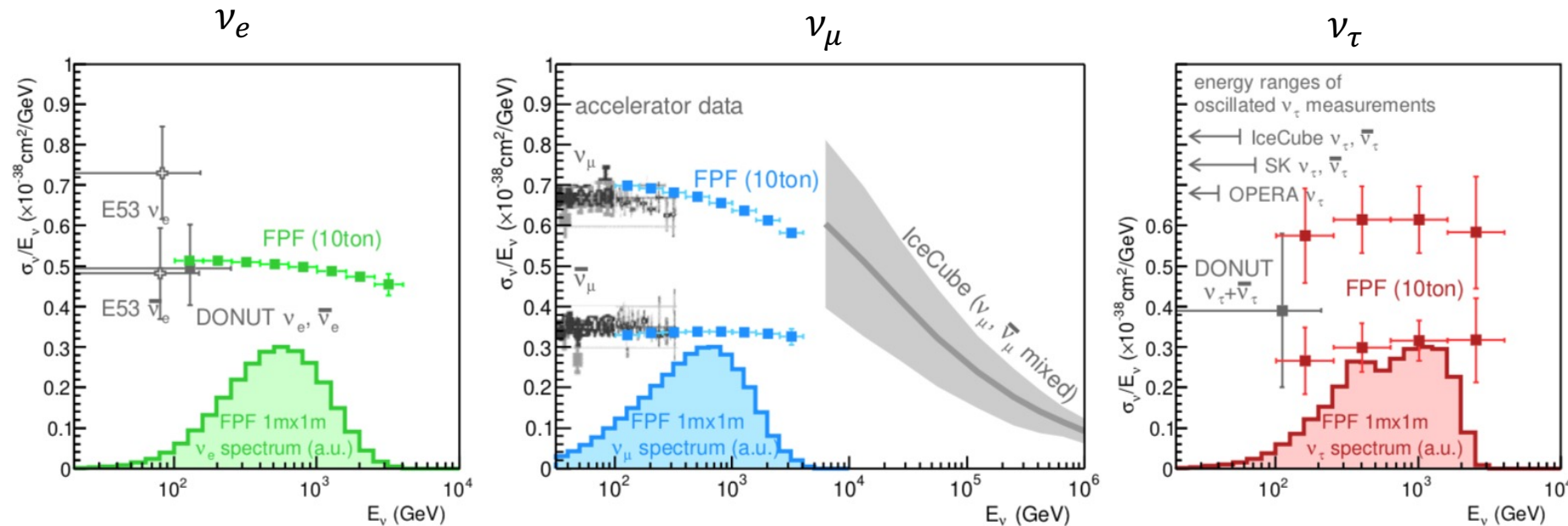


J.A. Formaggio, G. Zeller, Reviews of Modern Physics, 84 (2012)



BGR18 = Bertone, Gauld & Rojo, JHEP 01 (2019) 217
see also MHR, Ann Rev Nucl Part Sci 2023

Neutrino cross sections with hypothetical FPF



Feng et al., J Phys G 3 (2023) 030501

Shown here: current measurements, plus potential for future Forward Physics Facility (FPF) measurements (statistical uncertainty only).
 FPF neutrinos mostly $E > 100$ GeV, but still many events below 100 GeV.
 What is the role of low Q ?

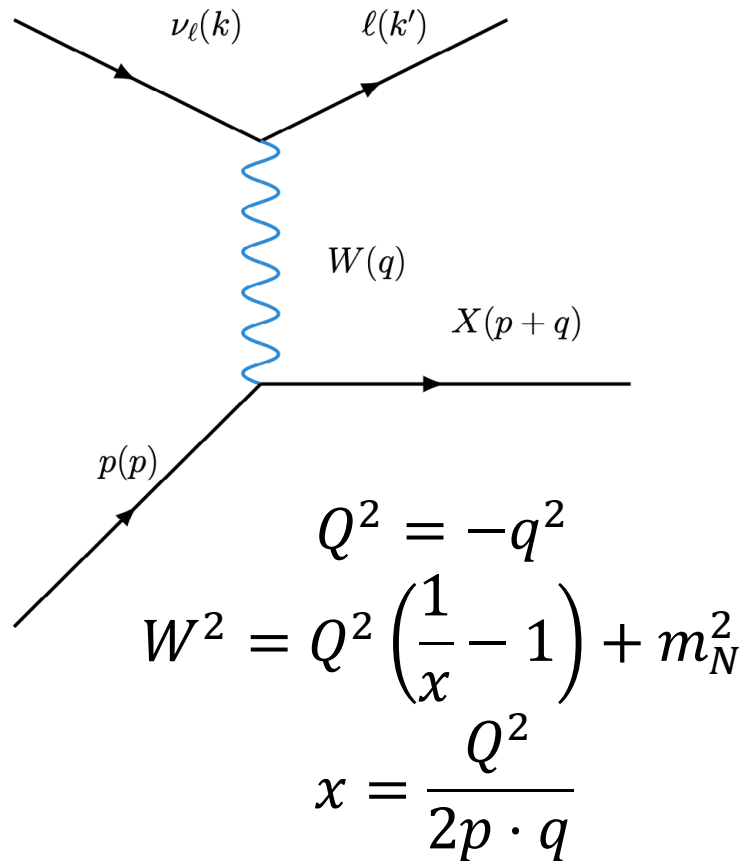
FPF Interactions:

$$\sim 10^5 \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$$

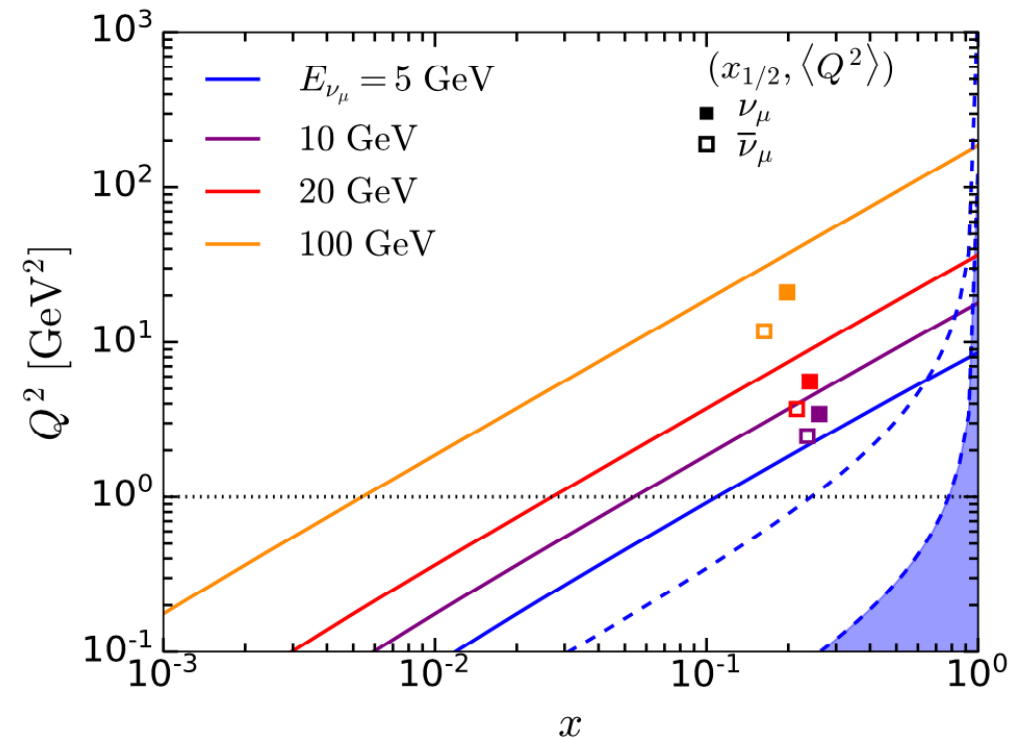
$$\sim 10^6 \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

$$\sim 10^3 \nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

Inelastic cross sections



MHR, *Eur.Phys.J.ST* 230 (2021) 24, 4419-4431



shaded: not inelastic
 dashed: $W = 2$ GeV
 solid: limit for (x, Q^2)

squares: avg values
 @ fixed energies

SIS, DIS, soft DIS

$E = 7 \text{ GeV}$

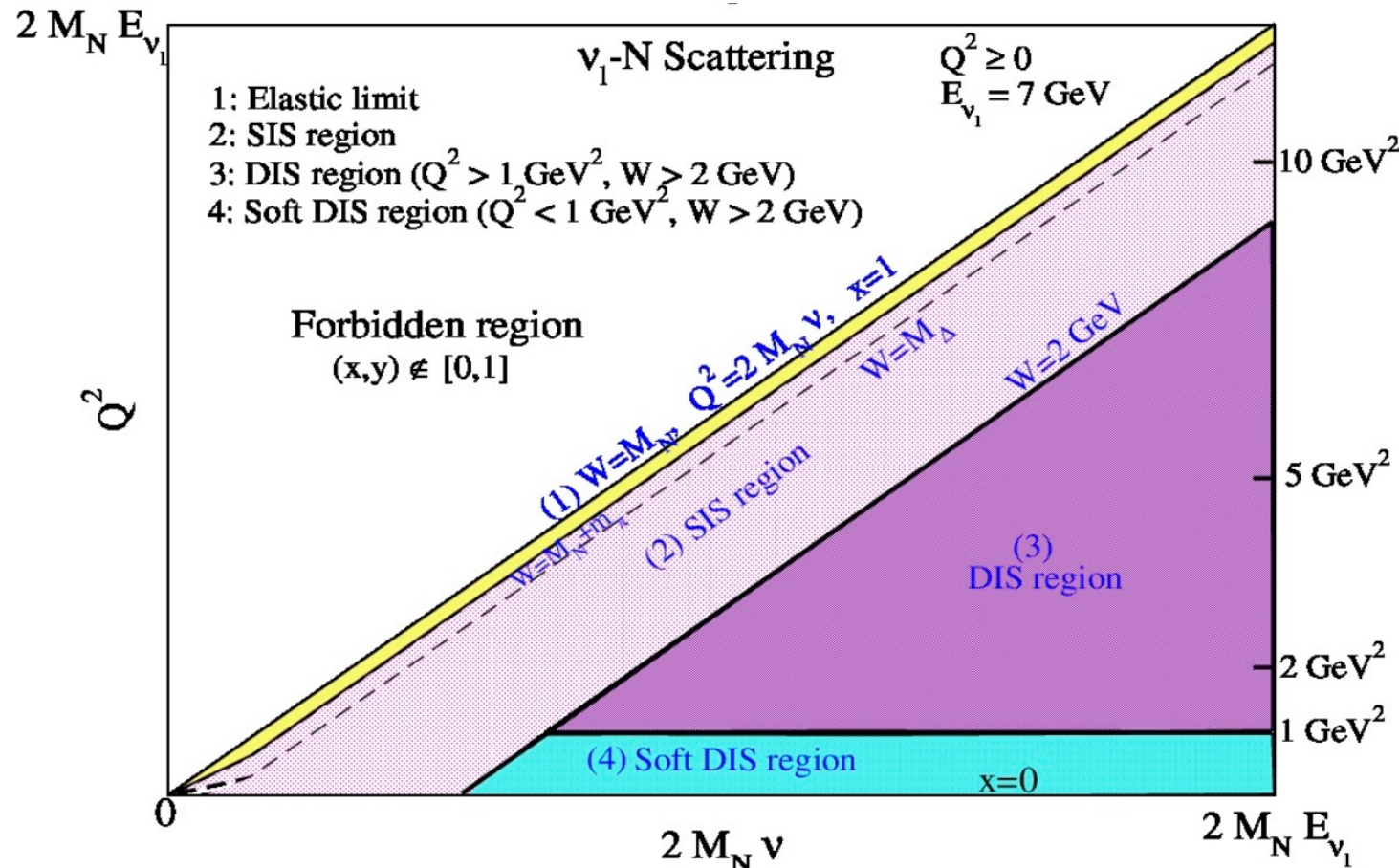


Fig: Morfin & Athar, 2006.08603

Interest here: low Q^2 structure functions for inclusive cross sections

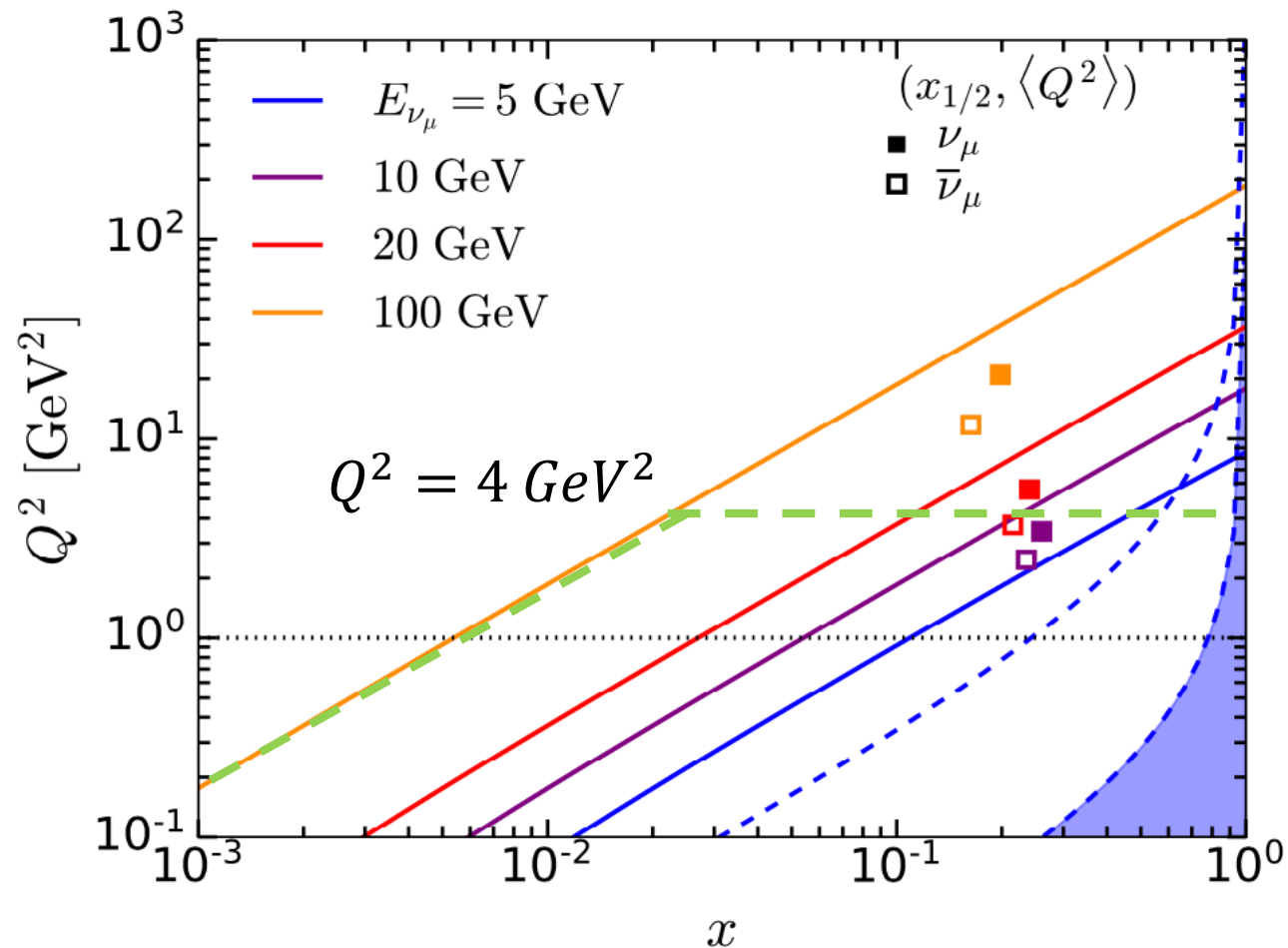
Look at inclusive meson production, Morfin and Athar have:

- All $Q^2, W < 2 \text{ GeV}$ – SIS
- $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2, W > 2 \text{ GeV}$ – DIS
- $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2, W > 2 \text{ GeV}$ – “soft” DIS

Where:

- SIS – resonant and non-resonant pion production
- DIS – (more or less) pert QCD with partons
- soft DIS – not scattering with quarks

Low Q^2 structure functions

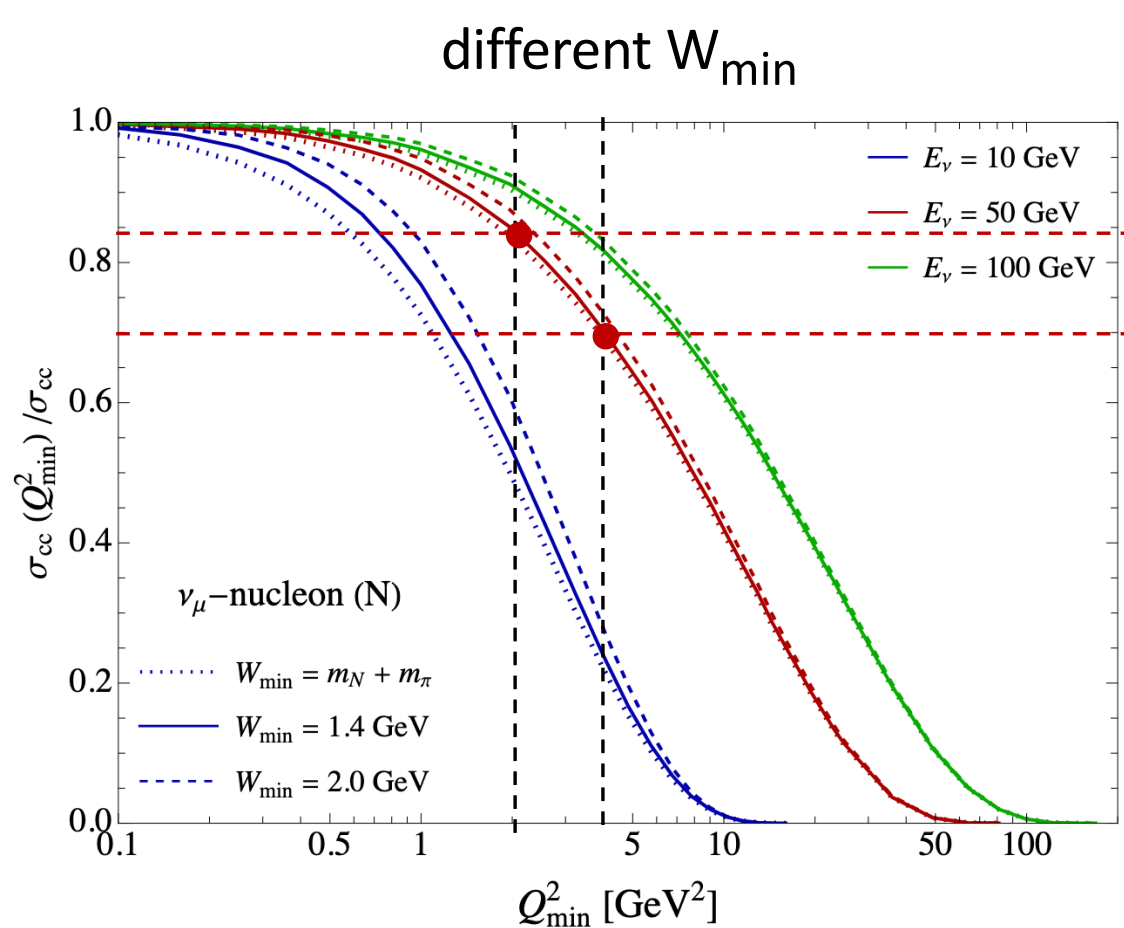


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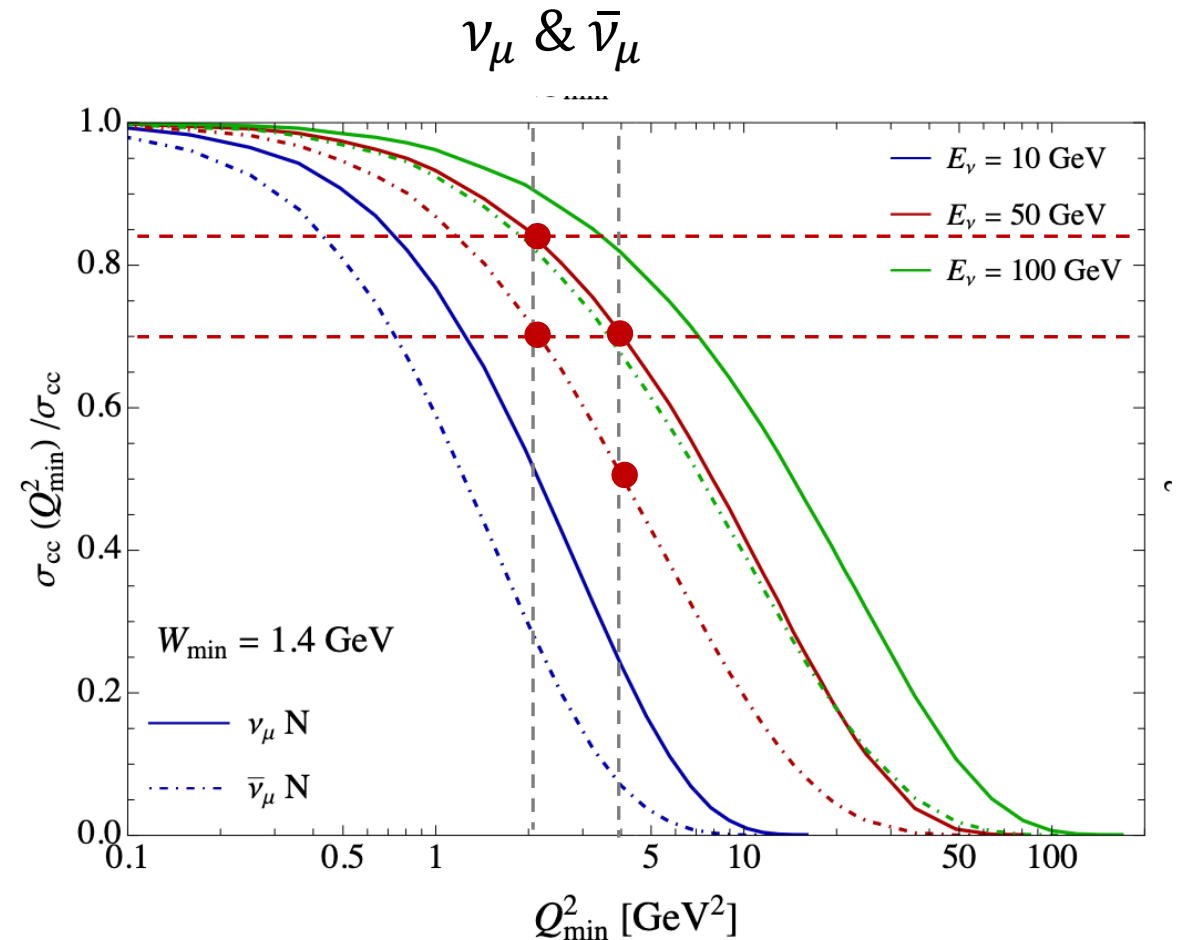
interested in $Q^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, away from the resonance region

$$W^2 = Q^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) + m_N^2$$

Q^2 dependence of CC cross section



Low Q^2 important even when $W > W_{\min}$.



$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ more sensitive to low Q^2 than ν_μ .

Differential cross section

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{dx dy} = \frac{G_F^2 M E_\nu}{\pi(1 + Q^2/M_W^2)^2} \left(y^2 x F_1(x, Q^2) + (1 - y) F_2(x, Q^2) \right. \\ \left. \pm xy \left(1 - \frac{y}{2}\right) F_3(x, Q^2) \right),$$

Structure function strategies:

- Must match PDF approach at high Q^2 .
- Go directly to neutrino data and make fits (Candido... Garcia Soto et al. NNSF ν)
- Use EM scattering as a guide, correct EM to CC, and for PCAC.
 - Bodek-Yang (BY) more directly tied to PDFs, standard implementation without PCAC.
 - We “patch and match” with parameterized (but theory-guided) structure functions from Capella et al. (CKMT).

Plan

- Brief review of Bodek-Yang prescription.
- Walk through what we have done with CKMT approach to get neutrino structure functions.
- Discussion points.

Bodek-Yang prescription

- Keep parton picture.
 - Advantage: use parton composition to go from EM to weak structure functions
 - Disadvantage: parton picture not relevant at low Q^2
- GRV98 go to low Q^2 – modify with new x and Q^2 variables:

$$F_2^{\text{EM}} = \sum e_q^2 \xi_w (\tilde{q}(\xi_w, Q^2) + \tilde{\bar{q}}(\xi_w, Q^2))$$

$$\xi_w = \frac{2x(Q^2 + B)}{Q^2(1 + \rho) + 2Ax}$$

$$\xi_{wc} = \frac{2x(Q^2 + B + m_c^2)}{Q^2(1 + \rho) + 2Ax}$$

$$A = 0.538 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$B = 0.305 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\rho = (1 + 4M_N^2 x^2 / Q^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\tilde{u}_v = \frac{(1 - G_D^2) \cdot (Q^2 + C_{2vu})}{Q^2 + C_{1vu}} u_v \quad (\text{also extra valence factors})$$

$$\tilde{d}_v = \frac{(1 - G_D^2) \cdot (Q^2 + C_{2vd})}{Q^2 + C_{1vd}} d_v$$

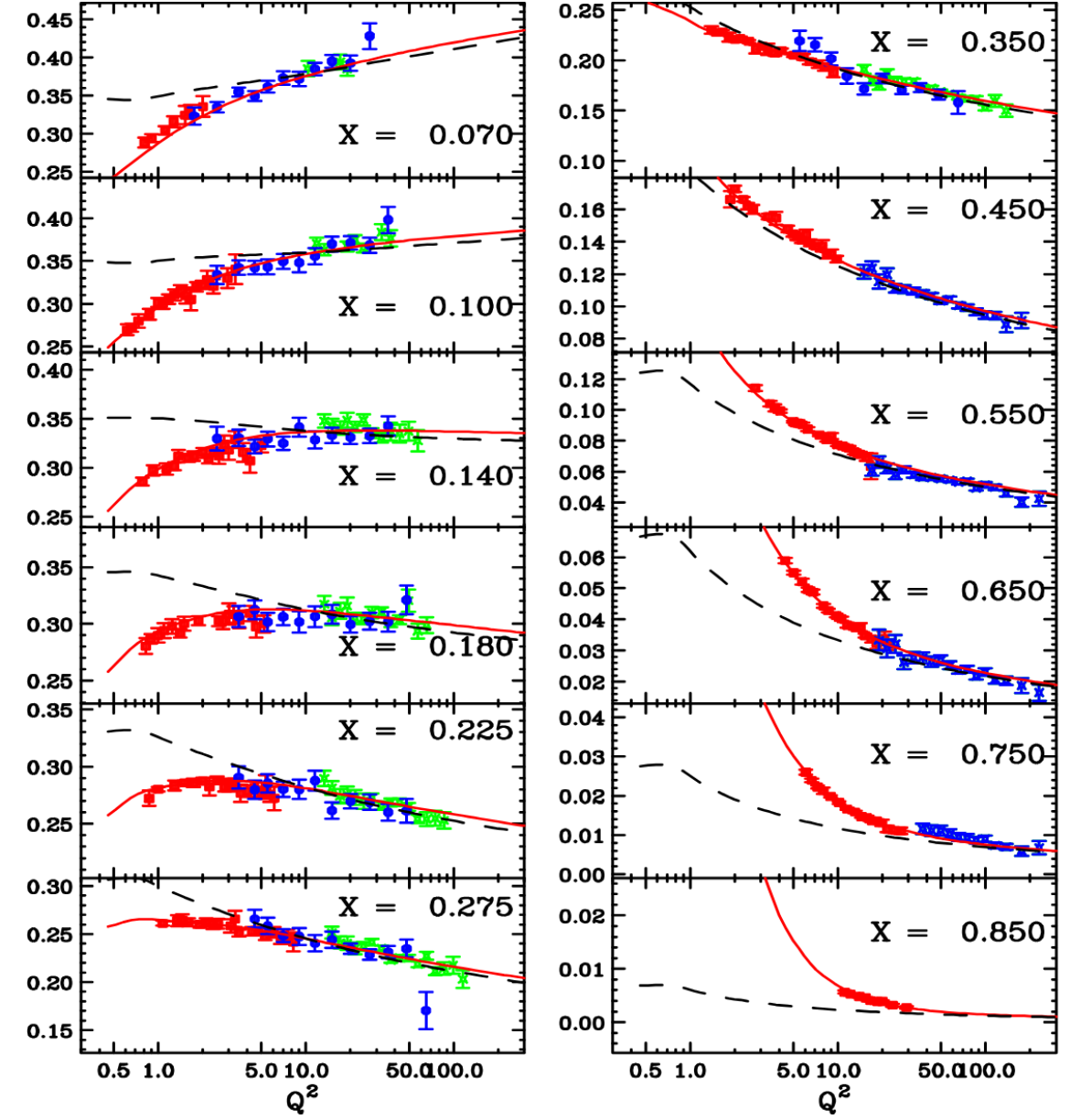
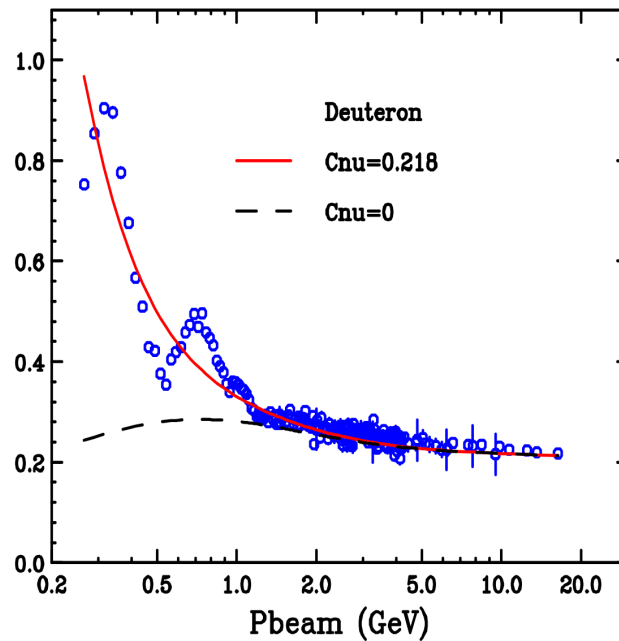
$$\tilde{u} = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + C_{su}} \bar{u} \quad (\text{and sim. for } \tilde{\bar{d}}, \tilde{\bar{s}})$$

GRV98 LO PDFs, modified Nachtmann variable (more below), freeze below $Q_0^2 = 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$, then multiplied by Q^2 dependent K-factors). See Bodek, Park, Yang, Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. 139, 113 (2005)

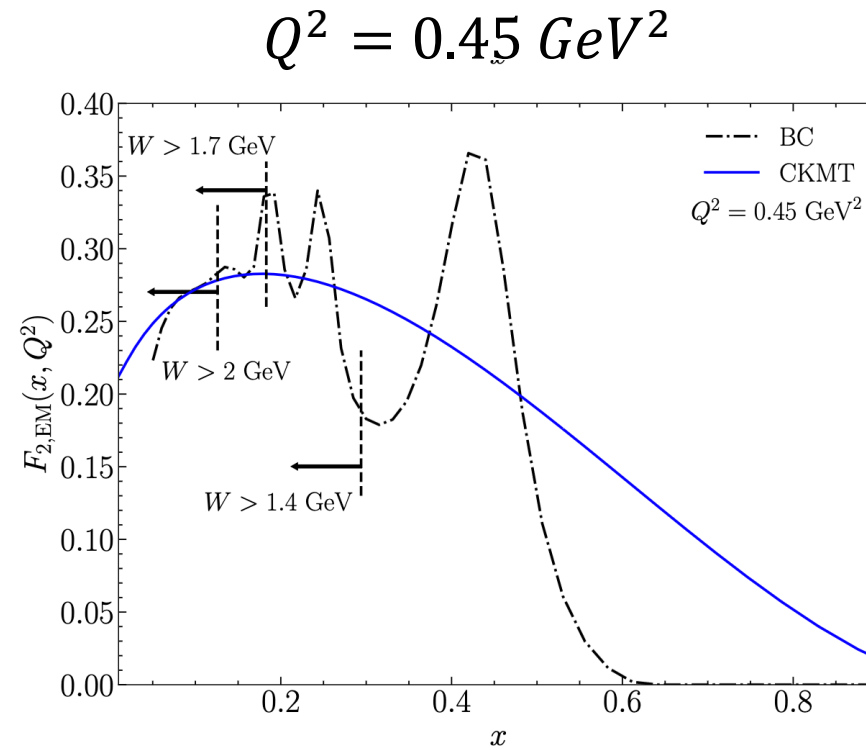
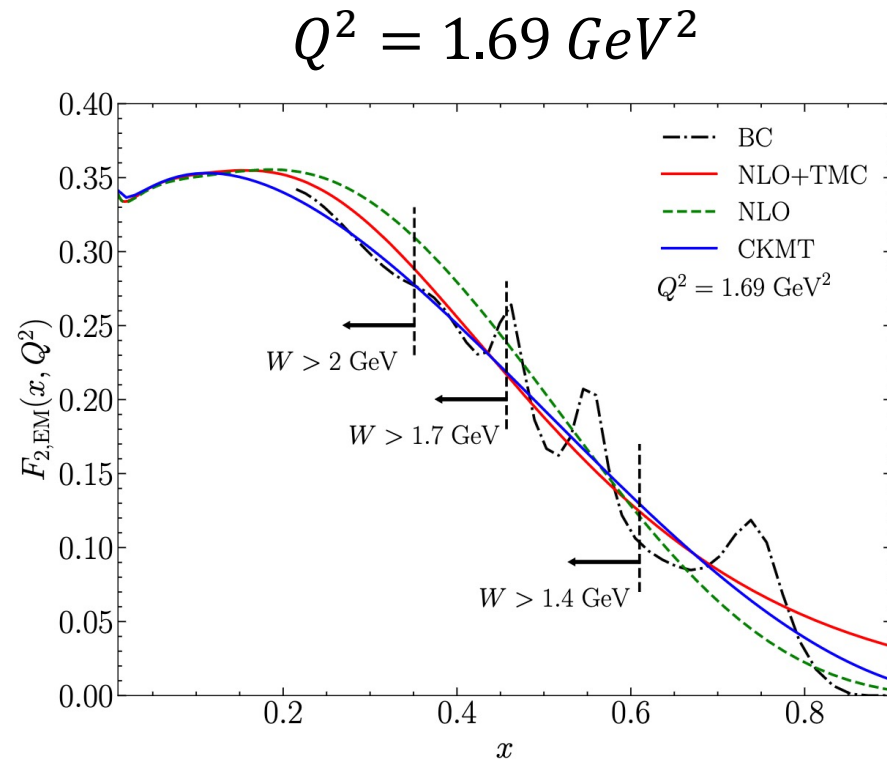
Bodek-Yang prescription

$F_2(x, Q^2)$ for deuteron, fit with solid red line.
Dashed – GRV98LO

$Q^2=0$ limit,
extra valence factor



CKMT to ν : start with EM structure functions



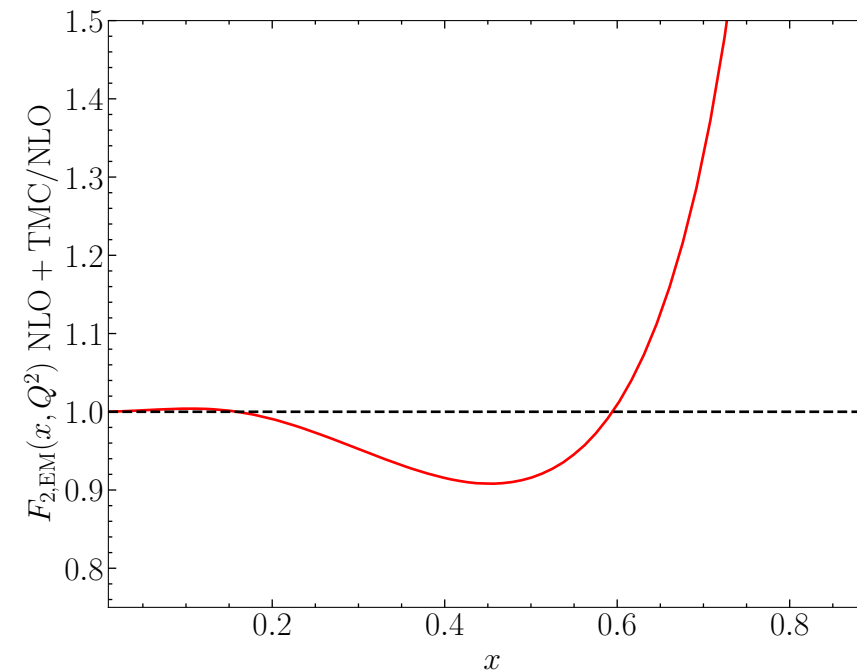
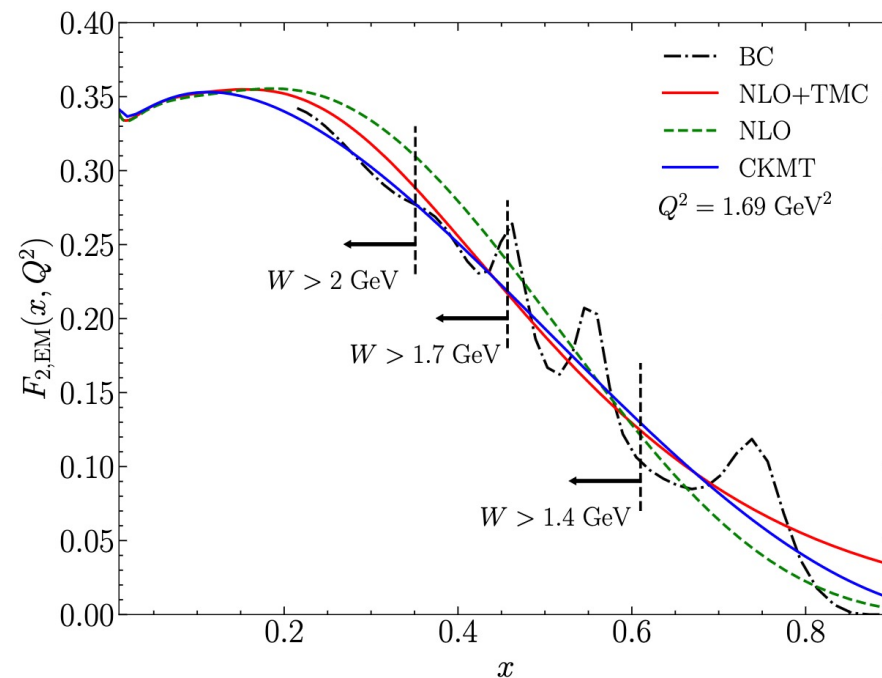
- BC=Bosted, Christy, Phys. Rev. C 81, 055213 (2010) parametrization of EM data.
- TMC is parton distribution function (PDF) approach that includes target mass (nucleon target) corrections, see e.g., Schienbein et al. J Phys G 35 (2008) 053101. See also Ruiz et al, Prog Part Nucl Phys 136 (2024) 104096
- CKMT= Capella et al. Phys. Lett. B 337, 358 (1994) phenomenological fit to averaged EM data.

$$W^2 = Q^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) + m_N^2$$

NLO, NLO+TMC

$$F_2^{\text{TMC}}(x, Q^2) = \frac{x^2}{\xi^2 r^3} F_2^{(0)}(\xi, Q^2) + \frac{6M^2 x^3}{Q^2 r^4} h_2(\xi, Q^2) + \frac{12M^4 x^4}{Q^4 r^5} g_2(\xi, Q^2)$$

- kinematic corrections
- $kT < M$ corrections
(collinear) Ellis, Furmanski, Petronzio, NPB212 (1983) 24



Nachtmann variable: $\xi = \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 M^2 / Q^2}}$

$$r = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4x^2 M^2}{Q^2}}$$

Bodek-Yang:

$$\xi_w = \frac{2x(Q^2 + B)}{Q^2(1 + r) + 2Ax}$$

CKMT EM structure functions

Currently looking at improvements.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{2,\text{EM}}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) &= F_2^{\text{sea}}(x, Q^2) + F_2^{\text{val}}(x, Q^2) \\
 &= Ax^{-\Delta(Q^2)}(1-x)^{n(Q^2)+4} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + a} \right)^{1+\Delta(Q^2)} \\
 &\quad + Bx^{1-\alpha_R}(1-x)^{n(Q^2)} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + b} \right)^{\alpha_R} \\
 &\quad \times \left(1 + f(1-x) \right) .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$n(Q^2) = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + c} \right) ,$$

$$\Delta(Q^2) = \Delta_0 \left(1 + \frac{2Q^2}{Q^2 + d} \right)$$

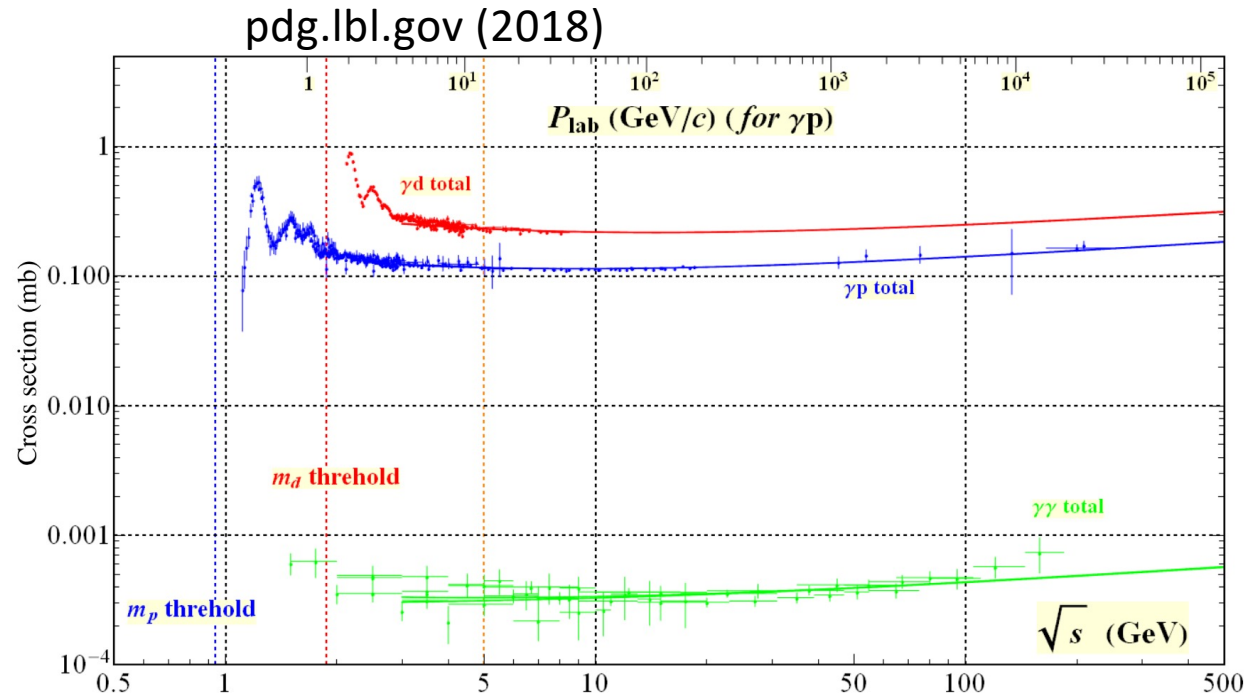
Capella et al. Phys. Lett. B 337, 358 (1994)

Also Kaidalov & Merino, Eur.Phys. J. C10, 153 (1999)

Δ_0	α_R	a [GeV ²]	b [GeV ²]	c [GeV ²]	d [GeV ²]
0.07684	0.4150	0.2631	0.6452	3.5489	1.1170
Process		A	B	f	
EM F_2		0.1502	1.2064	0.15	

B and f from valence counting rules.

Photon-proton scattering – low Q^2



$$\sigma_{\gamma p} = A_{\Delta_0} (W^2)^{\Delta_0} + B_{\alpha_R} (W^2)^{\alpha_R - 1}$$

$$W^2 = Q^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) + m_N^2$$

$$\frac{Q^2}{x} \rightarrow W^2$$

$$\sigma_{\gamma^* p}(W^2, Q^2) = \sigma_T + \sigma_L \simeq \frac{4\pi^2\alpha}{Q^2} F_2(x, Q^2)$$

F_2 scales as Q^2 as $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$.

CKMT:

$$\Delta_0 \simeq 0.077$$

$$\alpha_R = 0.415$$

Large x

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{2,\text{EM}}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) &= F_2^{\text{sea}}(x, Q^2) + F_2^{\text{val}}(x, Q^2) \\
 &= Ax^{-\Delta(Q^2)}(1-x)^{n(Q^2)+4} \\
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 &\quad + Bx^{1-\alpha_R}(1-x)^{n(Q^2)} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + b} \right)^{\alpha_R} \\
 &\quad \times \left(1 + f(1-x) \right) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(0) &= \frac{3}{2} \text{ (dual parton model power)} \\
 n(4 \text{ GeV}^2) &= 2.3 \\
 n(10 \text{ GeV}^2) &= 2.6
 \end{aligned}$$

one extra power of $(1-x)$ for
down quark

naïve counting rules for partons:
 $n=3$ for valence
 $n=7$ for sea

Conversion to neutrino CC scattering

- Valence and sea normalization factors:
 - Conserved vector current dictates the low Q behavior of structure function for EM. Adapt A , B and f for neutrino scattering. B & f from valence counting at 2 GeV^2 , A from sea relations.
 - Ad hoc implementation of PCAC correction, so far.

$$\sigma_{\gamma p}^{\text{tot}}(W^2) = \frac{4\pi^2\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{Q^2} F_{2,\text{EM}}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2)|_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\simeq 4\pi^2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \left[\frac{A}{a} \left(\frac{W^2}{a} \right)^{\Delta_0} + \frac{B(1+f)}{b} \left(\frac{W^2}{b} \right)^{\alpha_R-1} \right],$$

Capella et al. Phys. Lett. B 337, 358 (1994)

$$F_L^{\text{PCAC}} = \frac{f_\pi^2 \sigma_\pi(W^2)}{\pi} f_{\text{PCAC}}(Q^2)$$

$$f_{\text{PCAC}}(Q^2) = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\text{PCAC}}^2} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\sigma_\pi \simeq X(W^2)^\epsilon + Y(W^2)^{-\eta_1}$$

Kulagin & Petti, Phys. Rev. D 76, 094023 (2007)

Similar behavior to CKMT $p\gamma$

$$\epsilon \simeq \Delta_0, \quad \eta_1 \simeq \alpha_R - 1$$

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νN xF_3		9.3955×10^{-3}	2.4677	0.5962	
$\bar{\nu} N$ xF_3		9.3955×10^{-3}	-2.4677	0.5962	

B_ν and f_ν , from valence counting rules.

For A_ν , pick to match NLO+TMC at $Q^2=10$ GeV².

F_3 : valence plus small (strange) sea component, normalized to match NLO+TMC, GLS sum rule.

Crude longitudinal structure function.

From pion scattering, functional form, match at $Q^2 = 0$:

$$A^{\text{PCAC}} = 0.147$$

$$B^{\text{PCAC}} = 0.256$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{2,\text{CC}}^{\text{PCAC}} = & \left[A^{\text{PCAC}} x^{-\Delta(Q^2)} (1-x)^{n(Q^2)+4} \right. \\
 & \times \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + a} \right)^{\Delta(Q^2)} \\
 & + B^{\text{PCAC}} x^{1-\alpha_R} (1-x)^{n(Q^2)} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + b} \right)^{\alpha_R-1} \\
 & \left. \times (1 + f(1-x)) \right] f_{\text{PCAC}}(Q^2) \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

Weak structure functions

For $Q^2 > Q_0^2$ use PDFs, NLO QCD and target mass corrections (TMC):

$$F_{2,CC}(x, Q^2) = \sum_{q, q'} 2x(q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}'(x, Q^2)) \rightarrow F_{2,CC}^{\text{NLO}+\text{TMC}}(x, Q^2)$$

For $Q^2 < Q_0^2$ use phenomenological parameterization:

$$F_{2,CC}(x, Q^2) = \left[F_{2,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) + F_{2,CC}^{\text{PCAC}}(x, Q^2) \right] \text{ times normalization at } Q_0^2$$

Weak structure functions

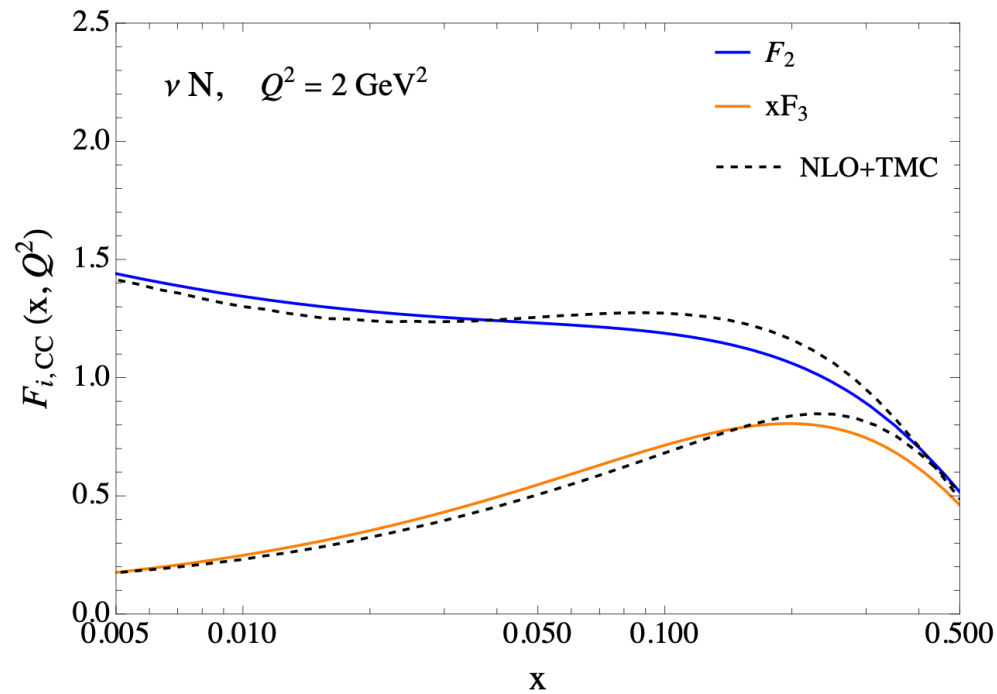
Patch and match at $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, for $Q^2 < Q_0^2$:

$$F_{2,CC}(x, Q^2) = \left[F_{2,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) + F_{2,CC}^{\text{PCAC}}(x, Q^2) \right] \times \frac{F_{2,CC}^{\text{NLO+TMC}}(x, Q_0^2)}{F_{2,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q_0^2)},$$

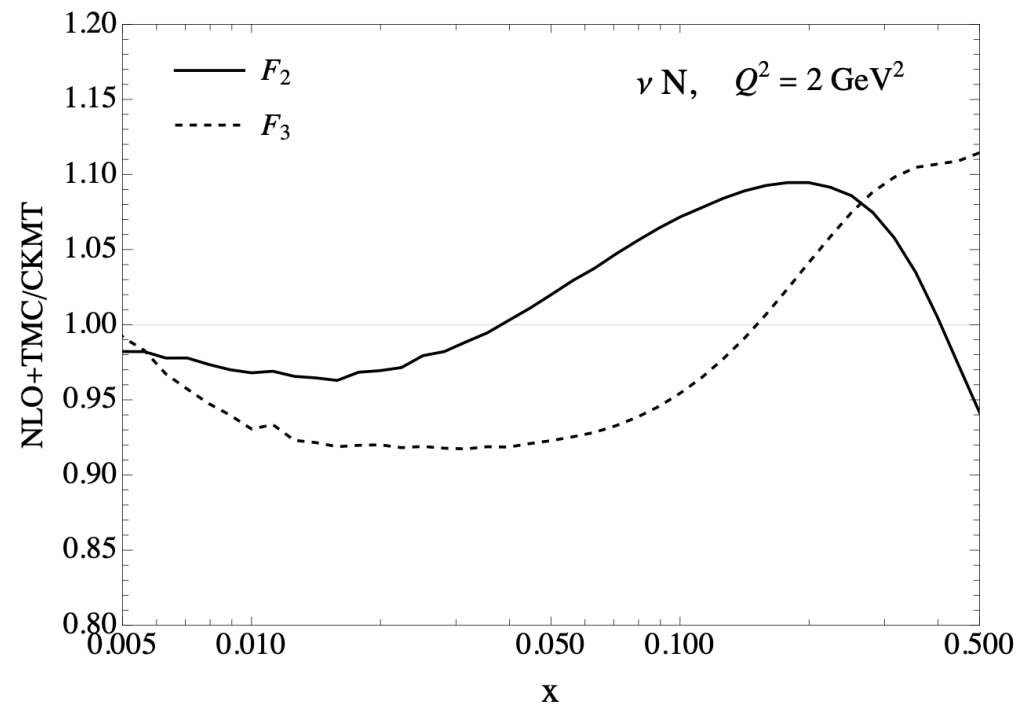
“CKMT+PCAC-NT”
no PCAC: “CKMT-NT”

- Compare with Bodek-Yang prescription
- Compare with NNSFv structure function inputs, where NNPDF fitting methodology for low Q structure functions is used. See Candido et al., JHEP 05 (2023) 149 and Alfonso Garcia Soto (here!).
- We have started with isoscalar nucleons.

Normalization factors



Before matching, at $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$.



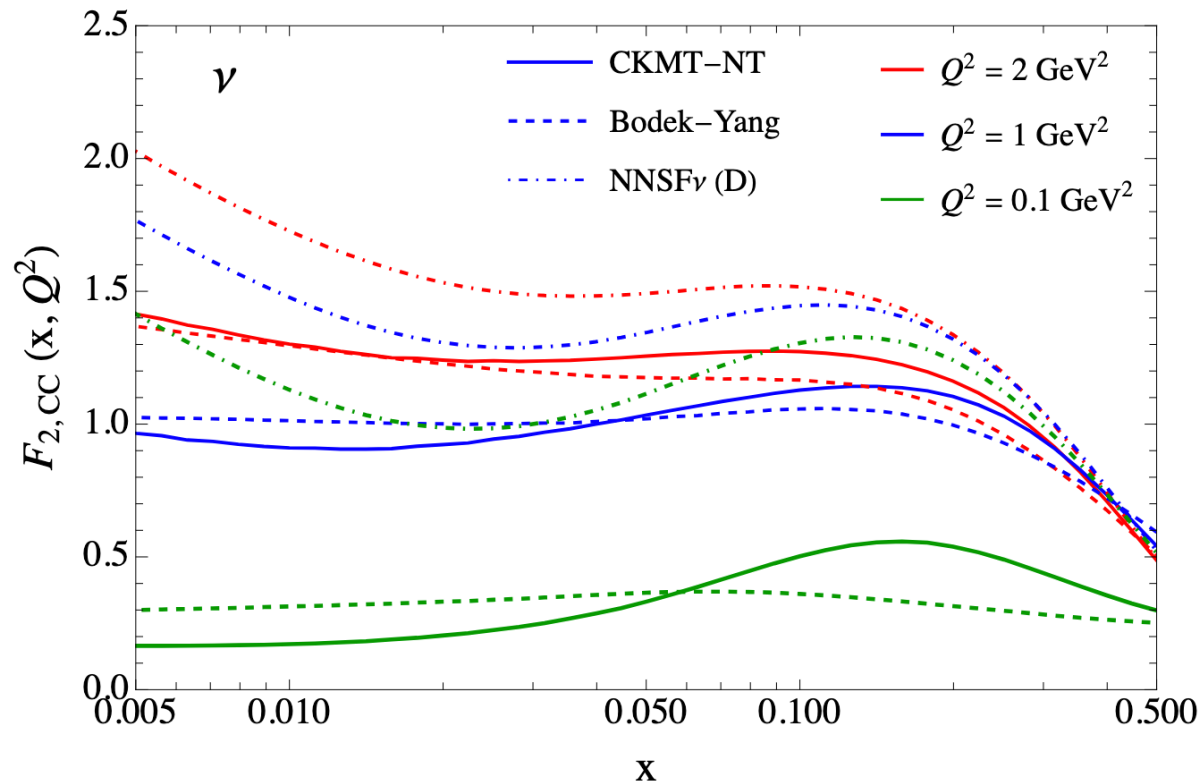
Relative normalization at $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$.

Weak structure functions

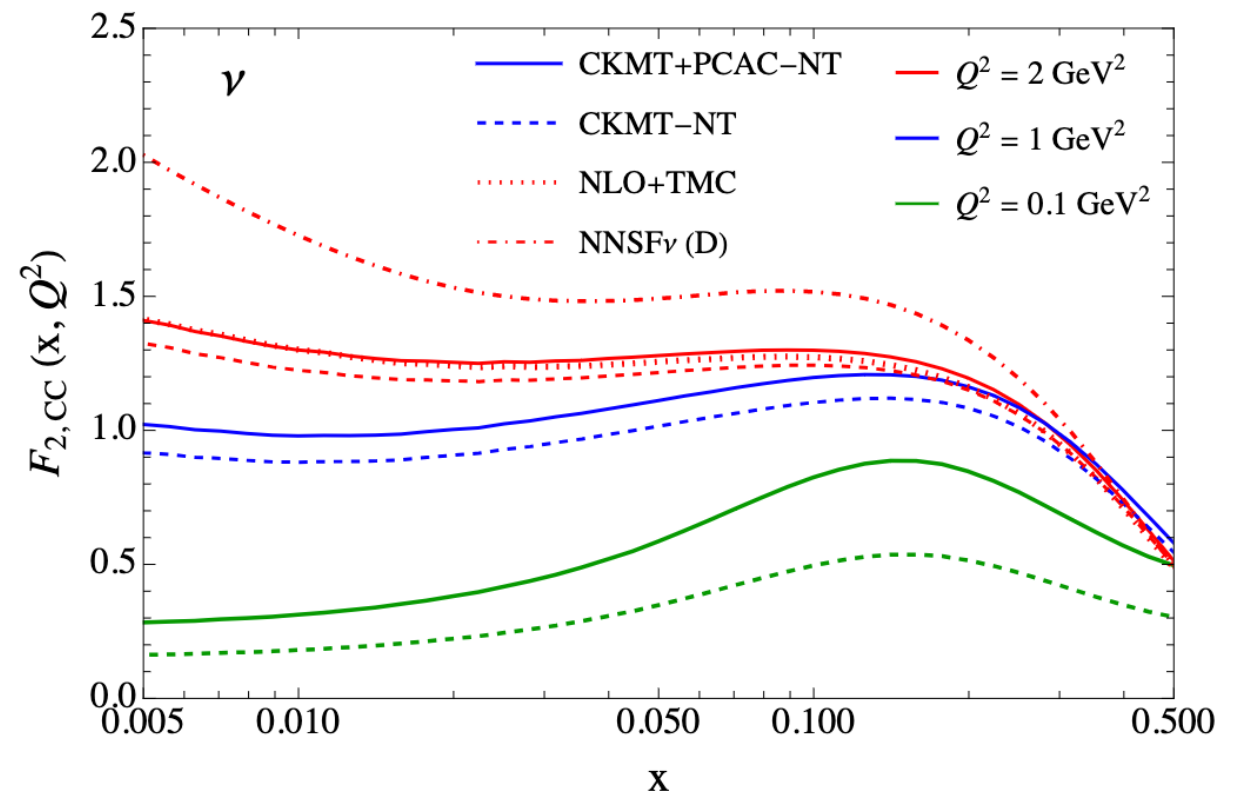
$Q_0^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ isoscalar nucleon targets

$Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

comparisons of approaches



with and without PCAC correction



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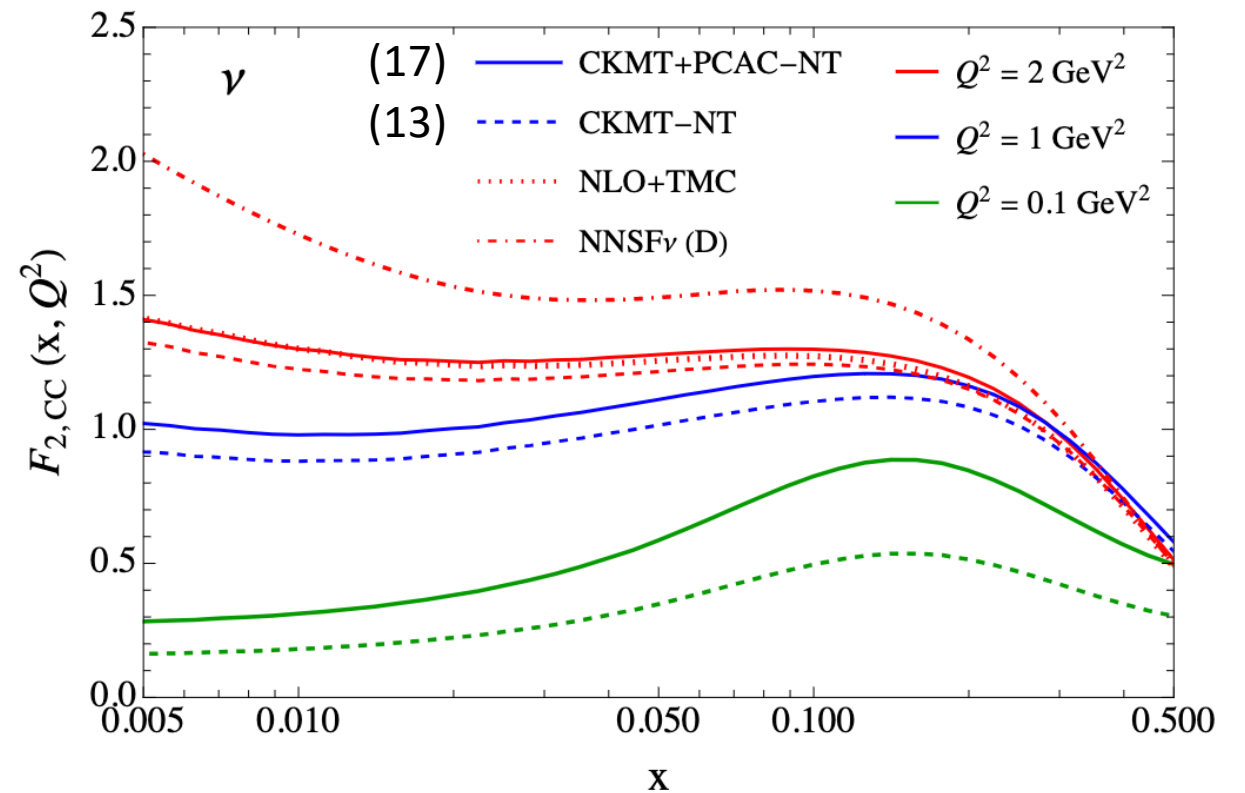
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CKMT+PCAC-NT

$$F_{2,CC}(x, Q^2) = \left[F_{2,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) + F_{2,CC}^{\text{PCAC}}(x, Q^2) \right] \times \frac{F_{2,CC}^{\text{NLO+TMC}}(x, Q_0^2)}{F_{2,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q_0^2)}, \quad (17)$$

CKMT-NT

$$F_{i,CC}(x, Q^2) = F_{i,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q^2) \frac{F_{i,CC}^{\text{NLO+TMC}}(x, Q_0^2)}{F_{i,CC}^{\text{CKMT}}(x, Q_0^2)}, \quad (13)$$

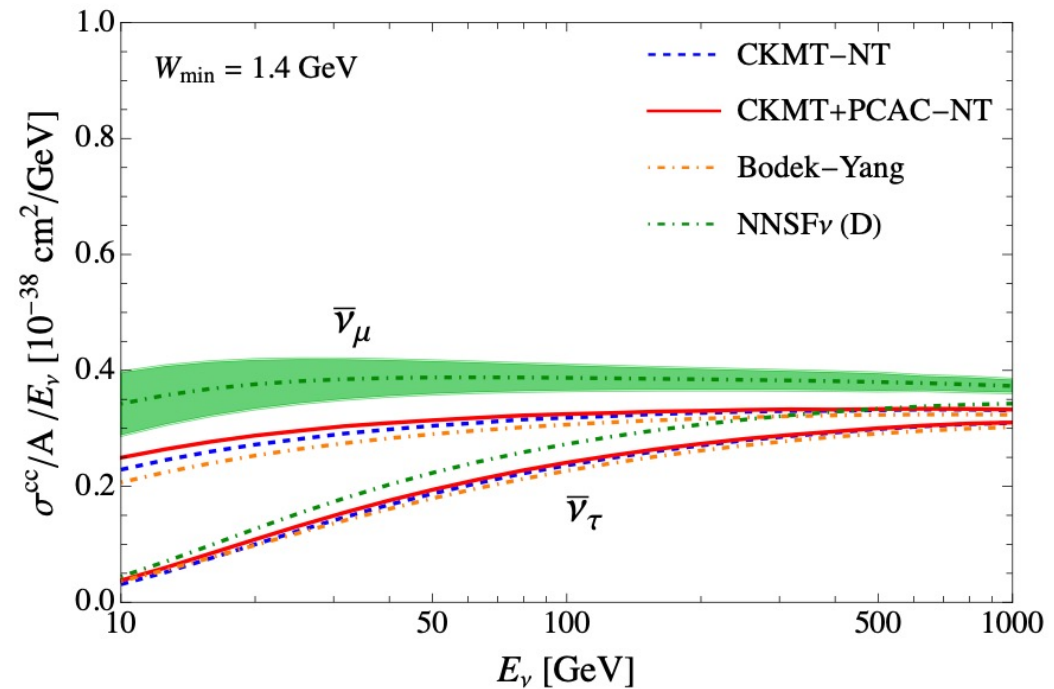
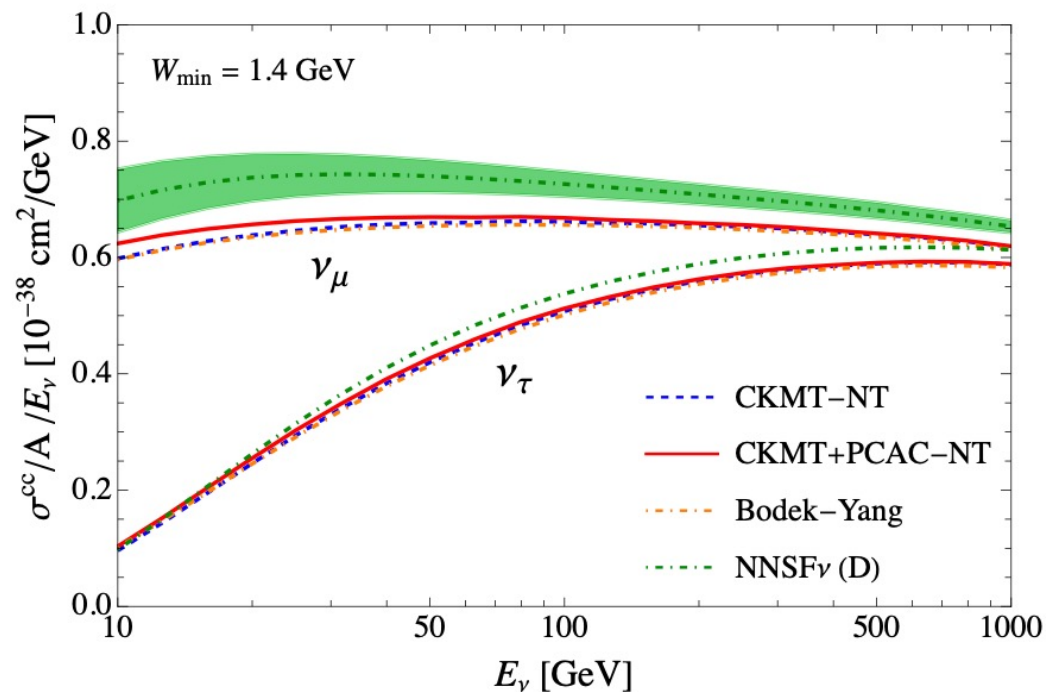


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DIS CC for $\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\tau$ for isoscalar targets

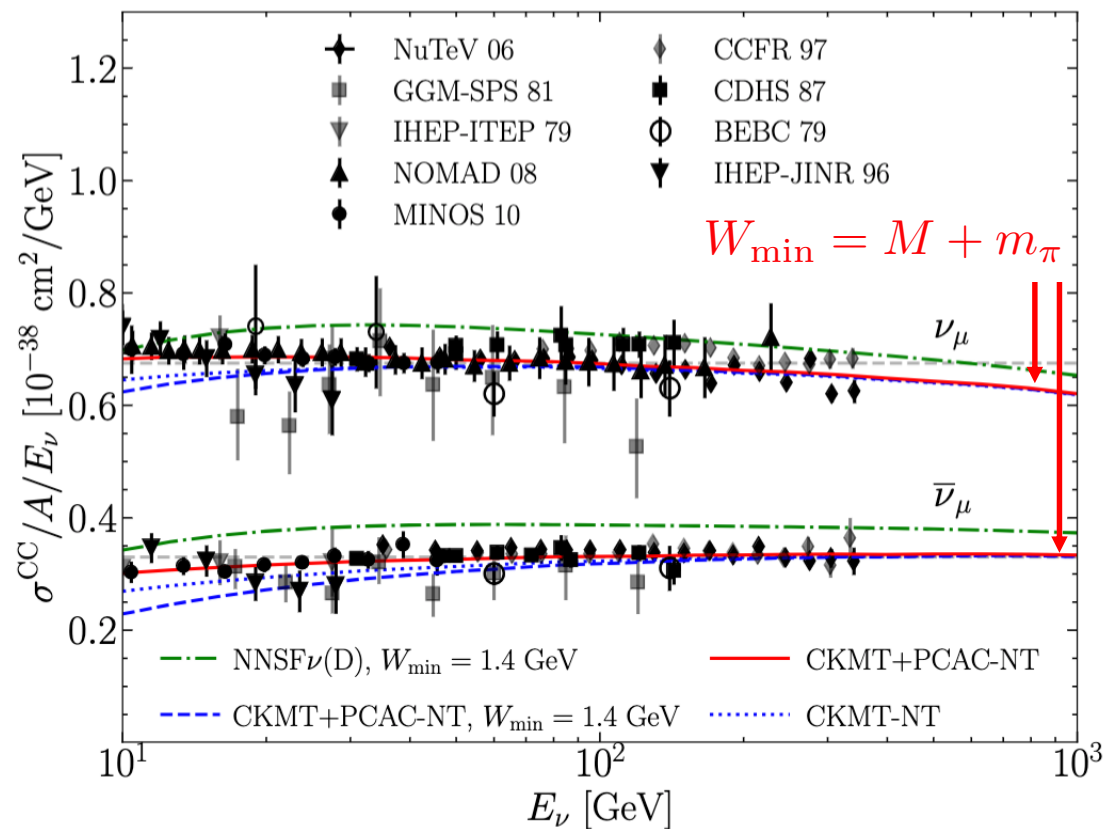
- CKMT+PCAC-NT extrapolation of EM fit plus PCAC corrections Jeong & Reno, Phys Rev D 108 (2023) 113010
- NNSFv using NNPDF fitting methodology for low Q structure functions with green error band Candido ... Garcia ... et al *JHEP* 05 (2023) 149
- Bodek-Yang prescription Bodek, Park, Yang, Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. 139, 113 (2005)



DIS CC , $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu$ for D, Fe

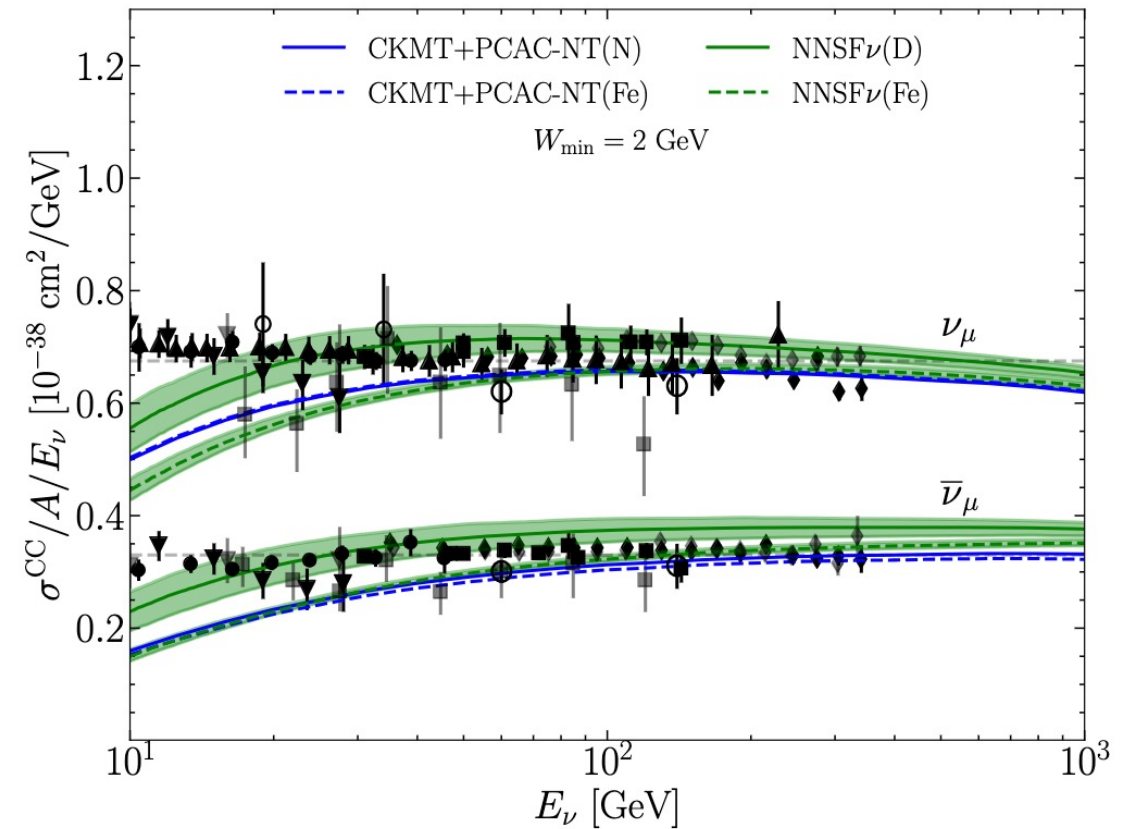
note: many nuclear targets for experiments

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better agreement between approaches with Fe

$W_{\min} = 2 \text{ GeV}$

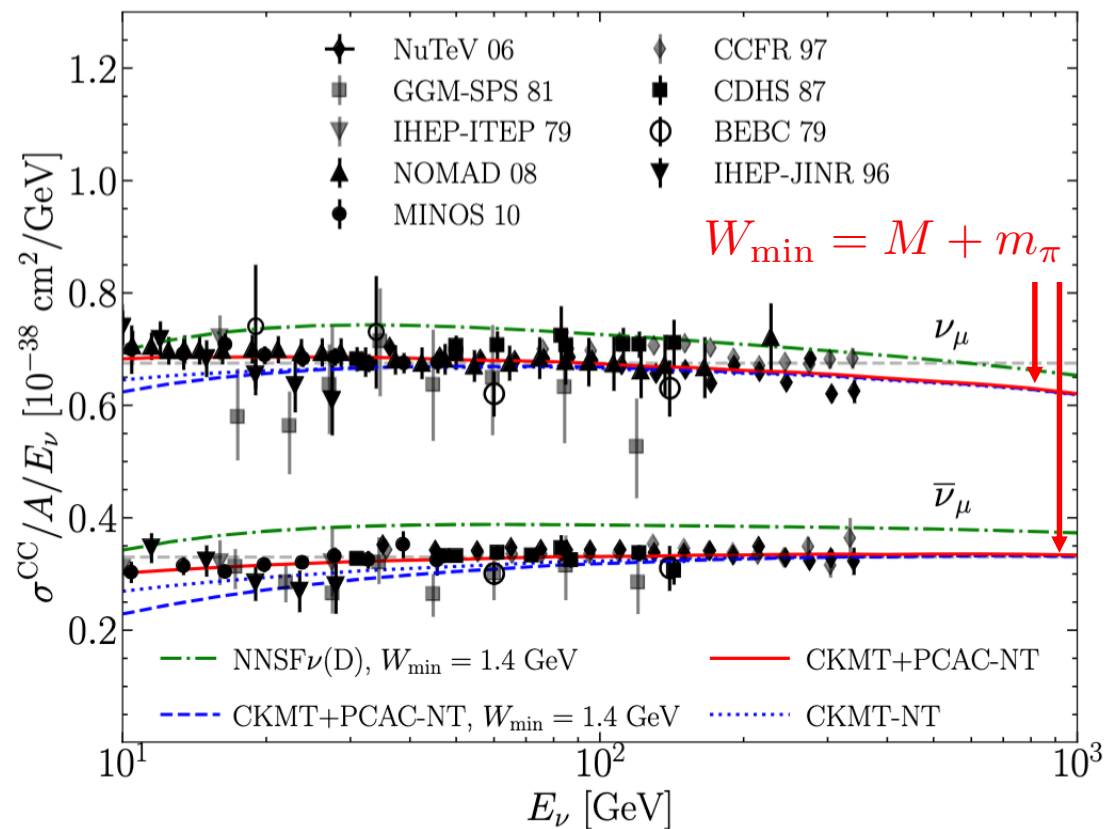


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DIS CC , $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu$ for D

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Difference between blue-dashed and red is averaged “SIS” contribution.

Dotted blue – no PCAC but otherwise equivalent to the red curve.

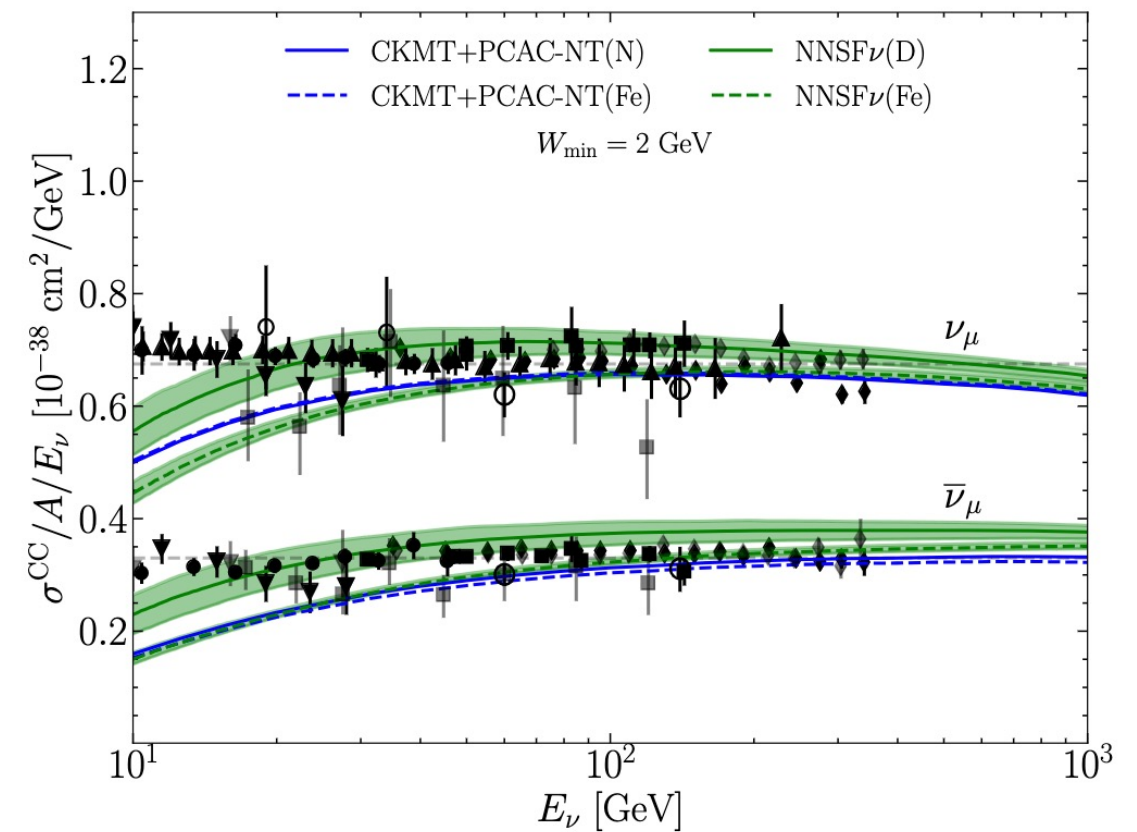
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DIS CC , ν_μ , $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ for Fe

- Blue solid and dashed – nCTEQ15 PDFs for D, Fe
 - Very little change with Fe.
- Upper green – D, lower green – Fe
 - Much bigger difference.
 - Neutrino data – not with light nuclei.

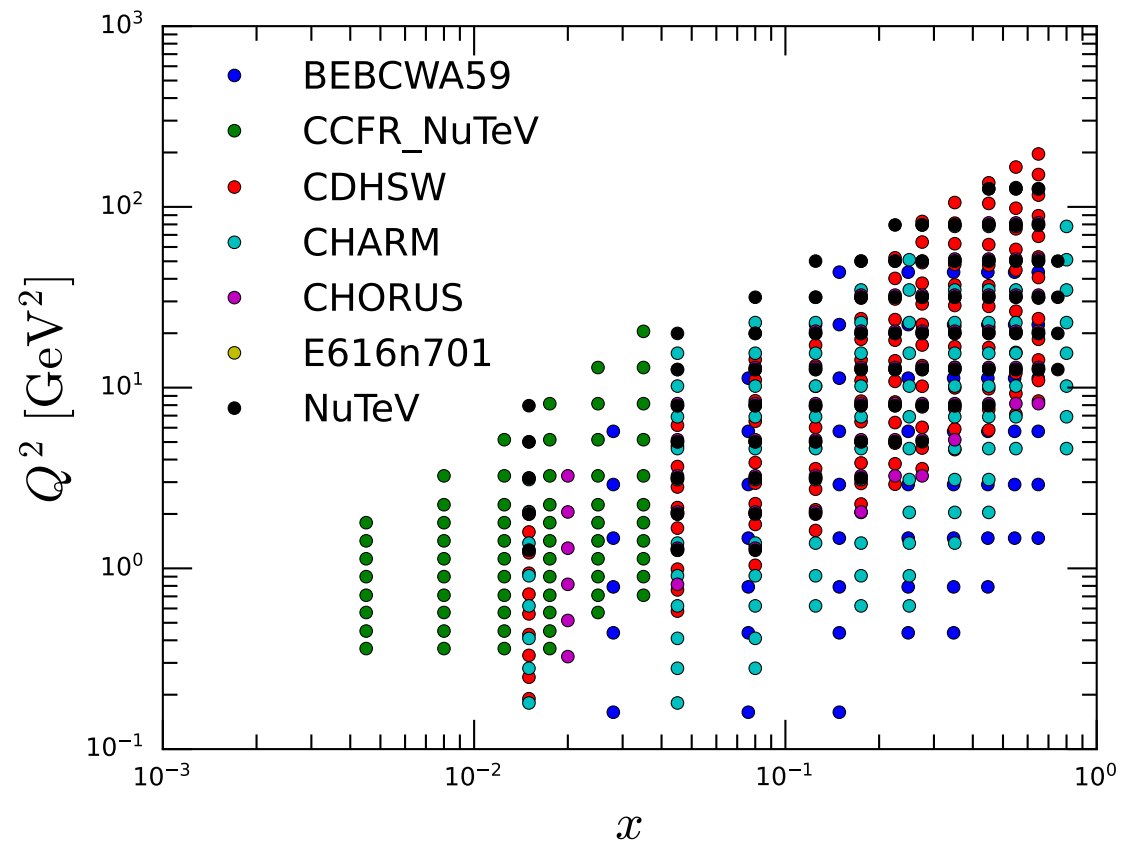
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Neutrino data



Nuclear targets:

Ne – BEBC

Fe - CDHS, CCFR, NuTeV

CuCO3 – CHARM ($A \sim 20$)

Remarks

- Based on our CKMT+PCAC (patched and matched) extrapolation, the fraction contribution of low Q , $W < 2$ GeV for $E > 100$ GeV in CC cross section is small, but is larger for low E , depends on W .
 - $E = 50$ GeV, $W_{\min} = 1.4$ GeV, $Q^2 < 2$ GeV² accounts for $\sim 15\%$ of the ν_μ CC cross section, $\sim 30\%$ of the $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC cross section.
- Thus, even above $W = 1.4, 2$ GeV, modeling low Q structure functions for $E < 100$ GeV is useful for FPF experiments, can have implications for DUNE. There will be 10's of thousands of $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC events at a potential future FPF in the energy range of 50-100 GeV in the high luminosity era.

More remarks

- The NNSFv structure function extrapolations to deuterium don't agree with our inputs.
 - Are nuclear corrections different for weak and EM scattering?
 - Small-x behavior is very different!
- CKMT+PCAC as implemented can be improved, or is there a better way?
 - Extensive fits to HERA data (ALLM), but hard to see how to convert to weak structure functions.
 - What is the right way to implement PCAC? We did a crude job.

ALLM

$$F_2 = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + m_0} (F_2^{IP} + F_2^{IR})$$

$$F_2^{IP} = c_{IP} * x_{IP}^{a_{IP}} (1 - x_{Bj})^{b_{IP}}$$

$$F_2^{IR} = c_{IR} * x_{IR}^{a_{IR}} (1 - x_{Bj})^{b_{IR}}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_{IP}} = 1 + \frac{W^2 - m_p^2}{Q^2 + p_1} \quad \text{where } m_p \text{ is the proton mass}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_{IR}} = 1 + \frac{W^2 - m_p^2}{Q^2 + p_2}$$

$$t = \ln \left(\frac{\ln \frac{Q^2 + p_3}{p_4}}{\ln \frac{p_3}{p_4}} \right)$$

$$c_{IP} = p_5 + (p_5 - p_6) \left[\frac{1}{1 + t^{p_7}} - 1 \right]$$

$$a_{IP} = p_8 + (p_8 - p_9) \left[\frac{1}{1 + t^{p_{10}}} - 1 \right]$$

$$b_{IP} = p_{11} + p_{12} t^{p_{13}}$$

$$c_{IR} = p_{14} + p_{15} t^{p_{16}}$$

$$a_{IR} = p_{17} + p_{18} t^{p_{19}}$$

$$b_{IR} = p_{20} + p_{21} t^{p_{22}} .$$

HHT-ALLM

see <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.03187>

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