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Double-Differential ν_μ Charged Current Quasi-Elastic-Like Cross Section on Plastic Scintillator in Muon Momentum from MINERvA

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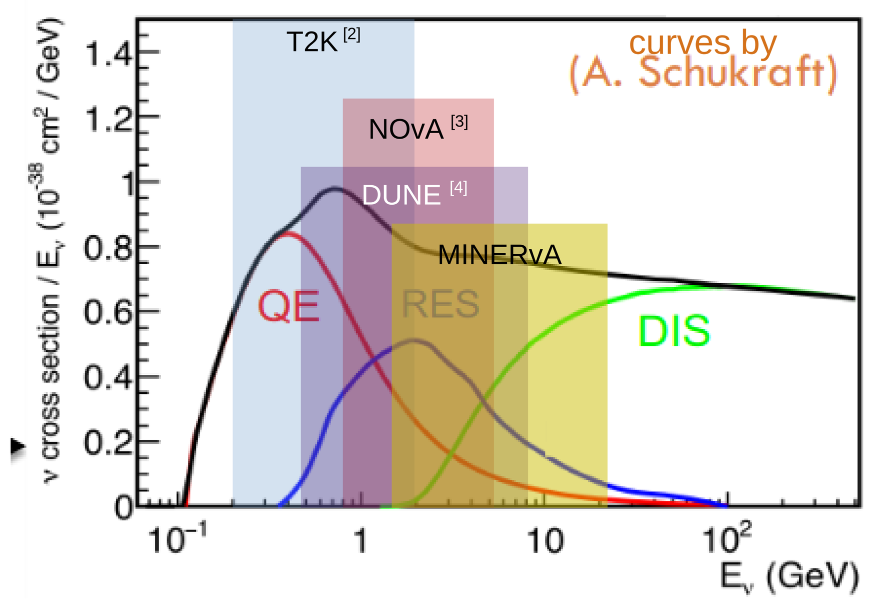
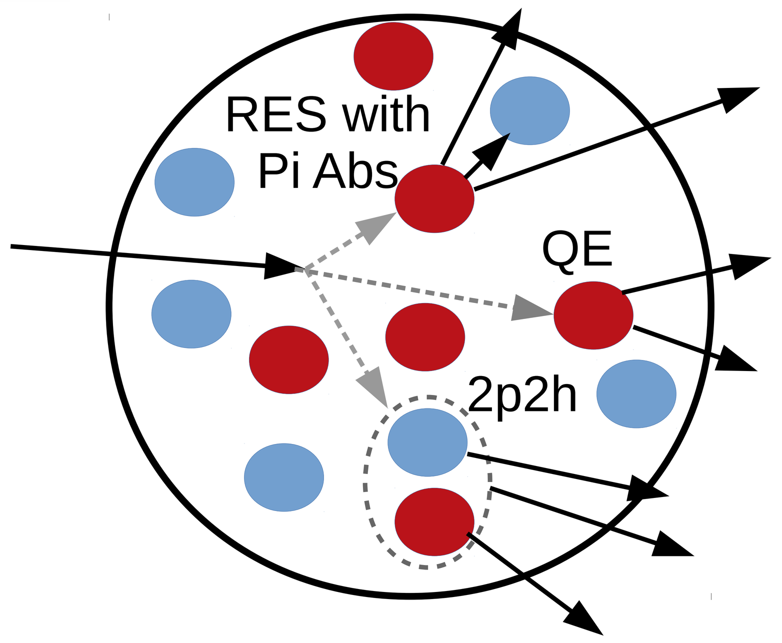
CCQE in Neutrino Oscillation Experiments

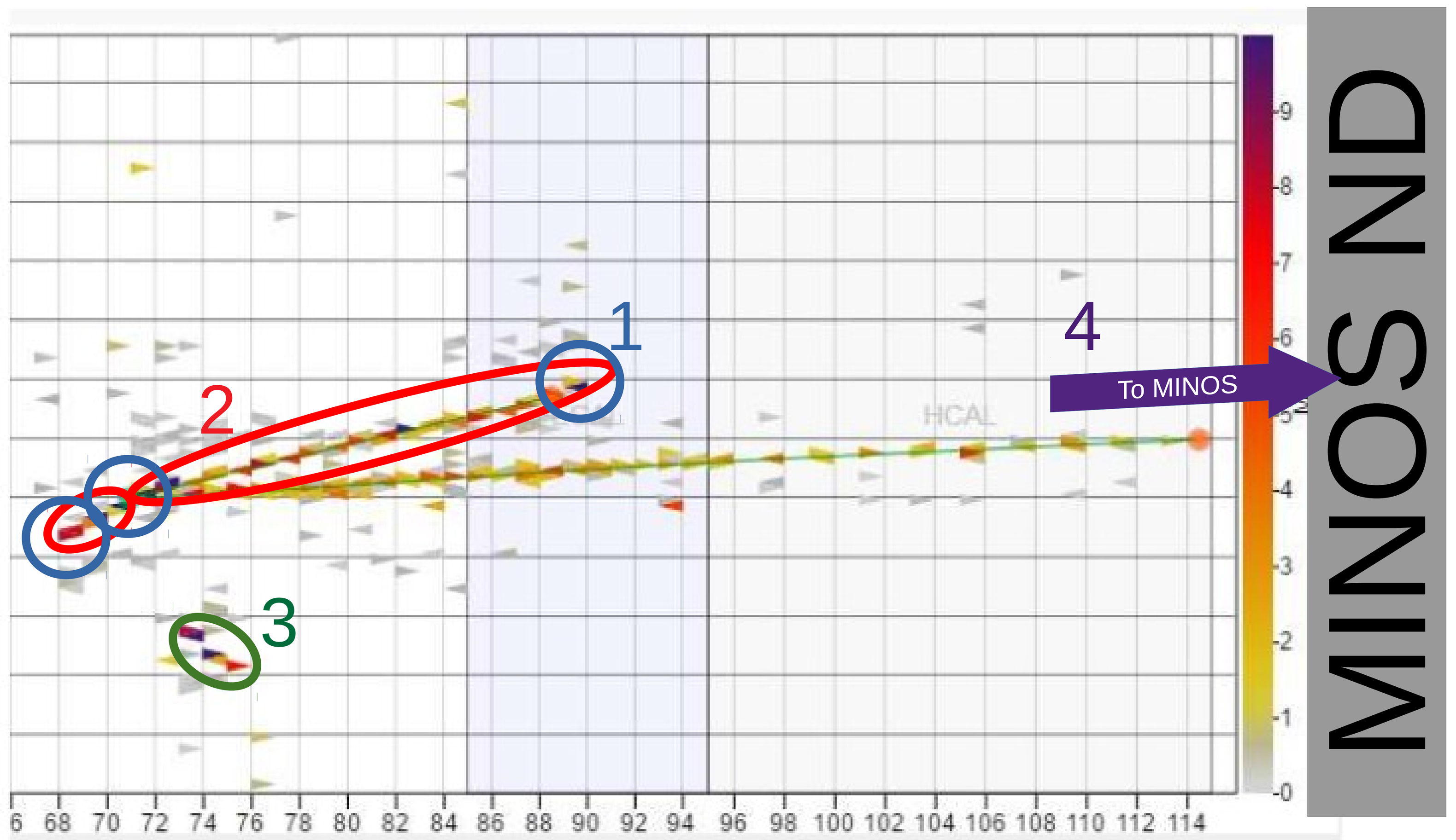
- Oscillation experiments measure
  - **number of neutrinos**
  - **energy**
- Large fraction of events at low E_ν are CCQE
- Can get energy from just lepton kinematics
- How is CCQE defined? $\nu + n \rightarrow \mu + p$
- Experimentally, measure **Quasi-elastic-like**
  - Require only muon and nucleons
  - Can't detect low energy or interacting mesons





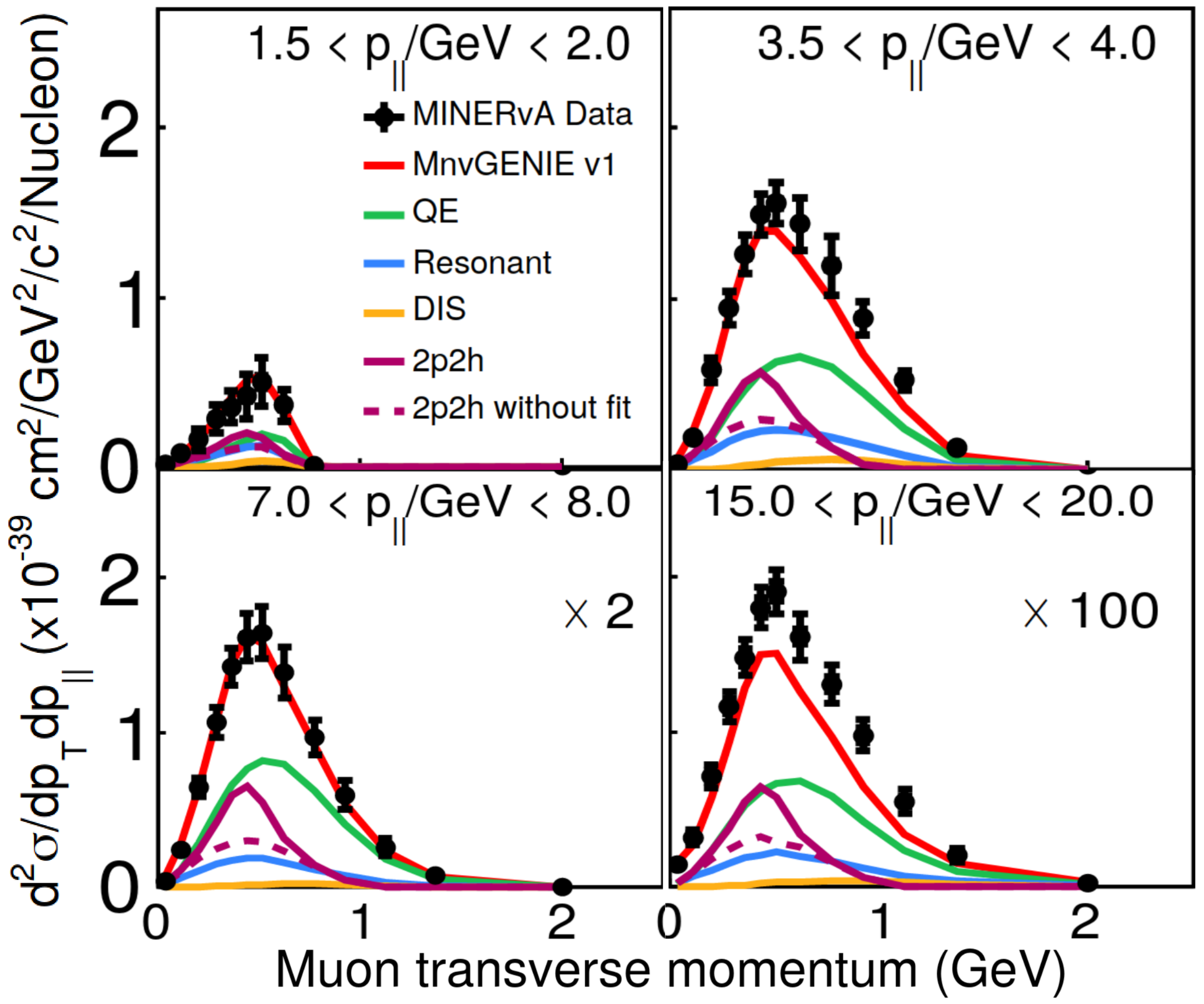
MINERvA CCQE-like Selection

- FNAL NuMI beam at $<E_\nu>$ ~6 GeV
- No charged pions
  1. **Veto Michel electrons**
  2. **Check dE/dx on hadron tracks**
- No neutral pions
  3. **1 disconnected cluster at most**
- Untracked energy < 500 MeV
  - Excludes 150mm around the vertex
- **4. Muon acceptance in MINOS**
  - Muon angle w.r.t. beam < 20 degrees
  - $p_{||}$ > 1.5 GeV/c



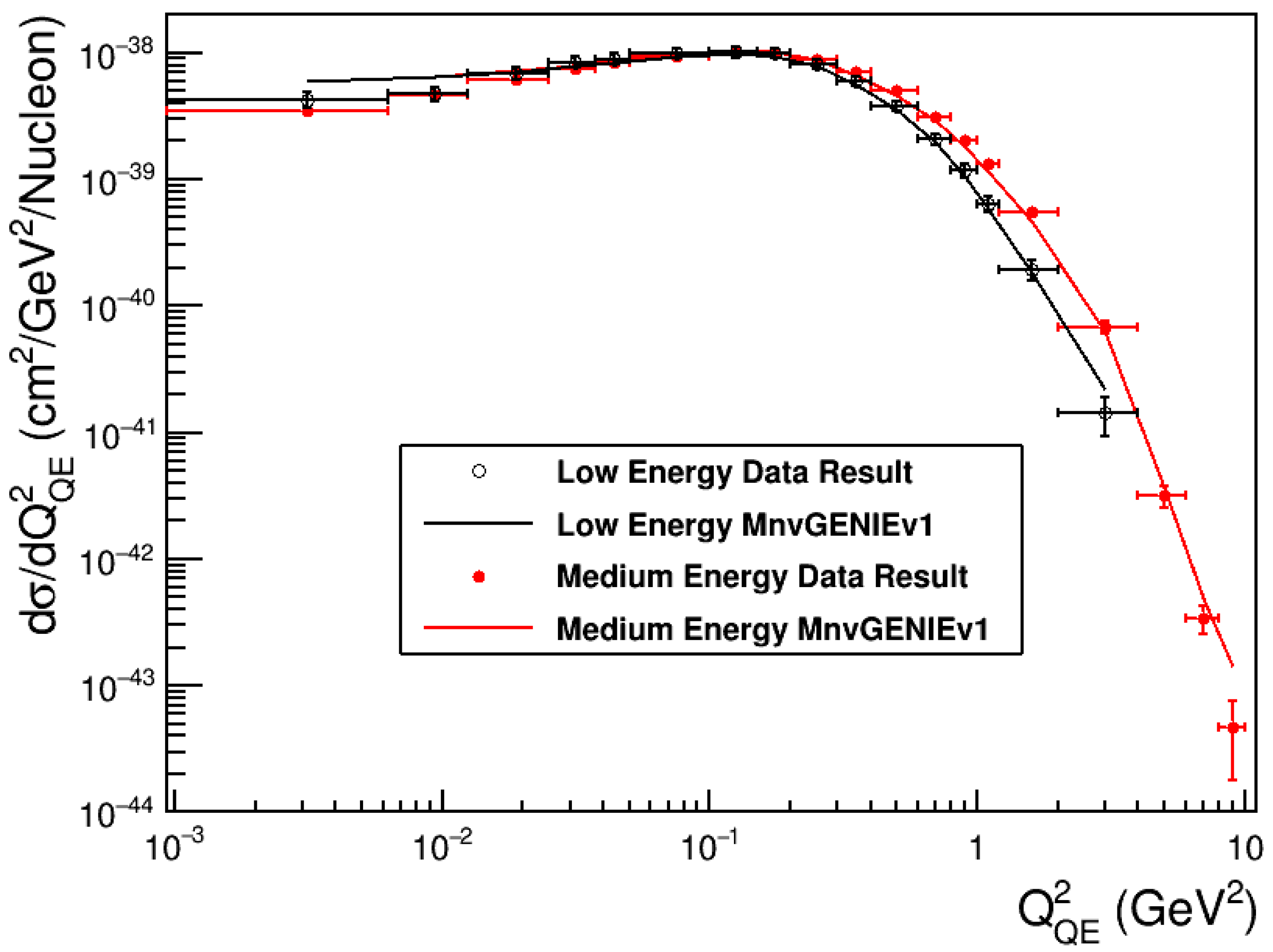
Double-Differential Cross Section

- Large phase space: 4/15 bins on 1.5 GeV < $p_{||}$ < 20 GeV shown
- 2p2h tune improves agreement in some $p_{||}$ bins
- Generally shifted toward higher p_T



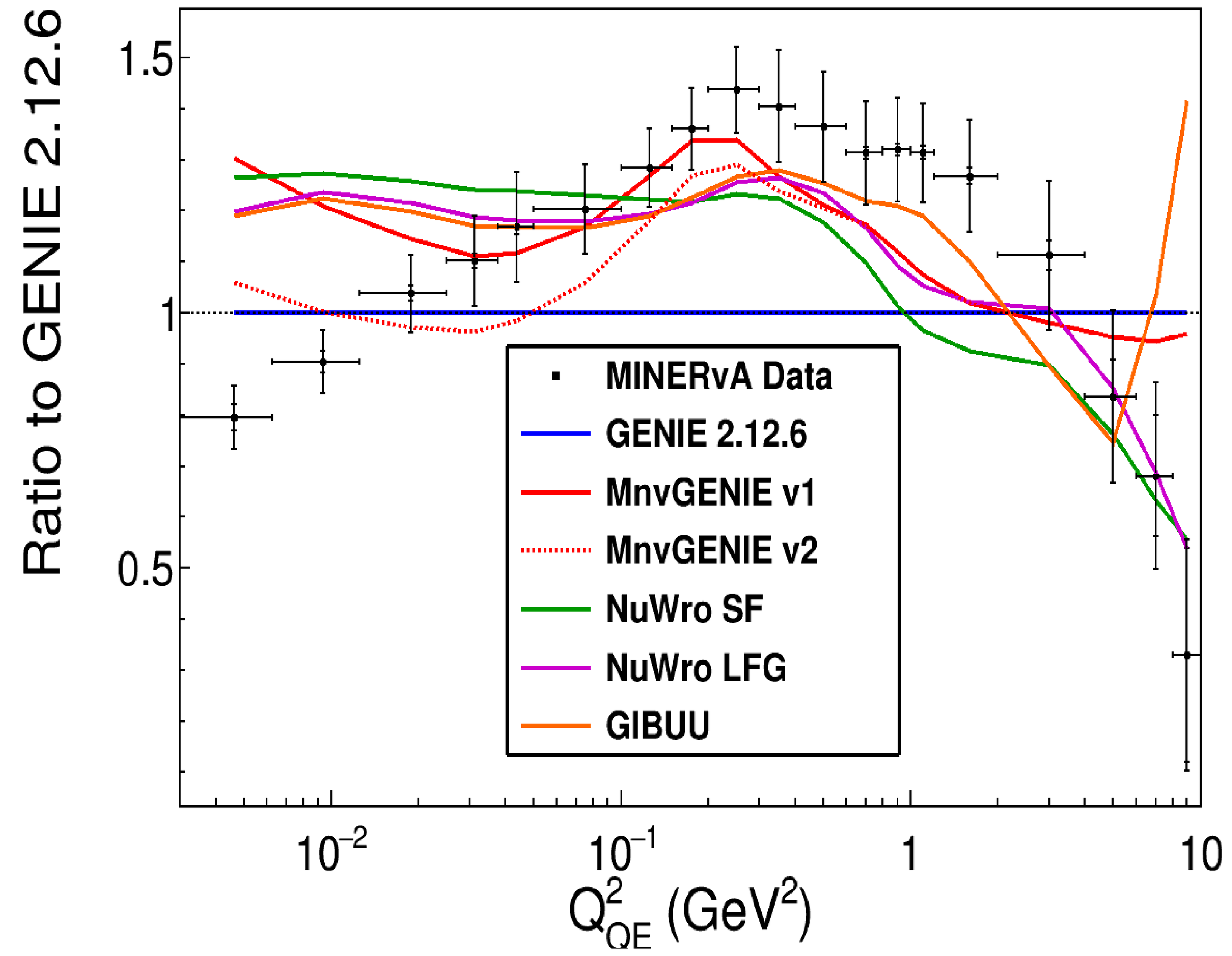
Differential Cross Section in Q^2_{QE}

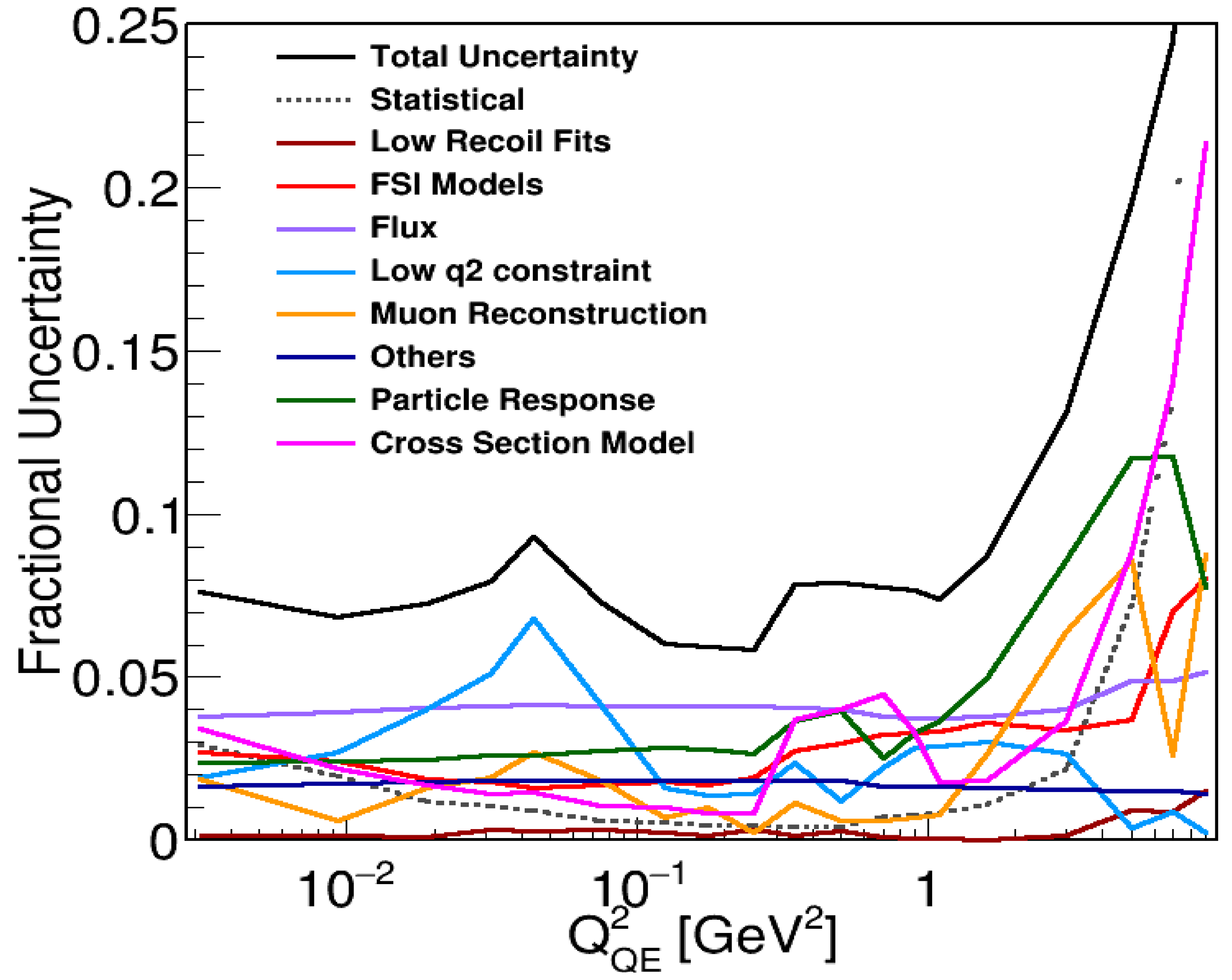
- 4 decades of Q^2
- Cross sections match despite different energy regimes → dipole form factor effective
- Medium Energy more sensitive at high Q^2_{QE}
- ~8% uncertainty averaged in Q^2_{QE}



Model Comparison

- No model has the right shape at both low and high Q^2_{QE}
- MnvGENIEv1[1] = GENIE 2.12.6 + Valencia RPA + Valencia 2p2h[5] + low recoil fit + nonresonant pion tune
- MnvGENIEv2 = MnvGENIEv1 + low Q^2 pion tune [6]





Conclusions

- New phase space in Q^2
- Better phase space breakdown in $p_{||}$ and p_T
- Enabled by high statistics, so stay tuned for 3D results [6]

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