# Extraction of the $^{12}$ C Longitudinal ( $R_L$ ) and ( $R_T$ ) Nuclear Electromagnetic Response Functions from *all* Electron Scattering Measurements on Carbon

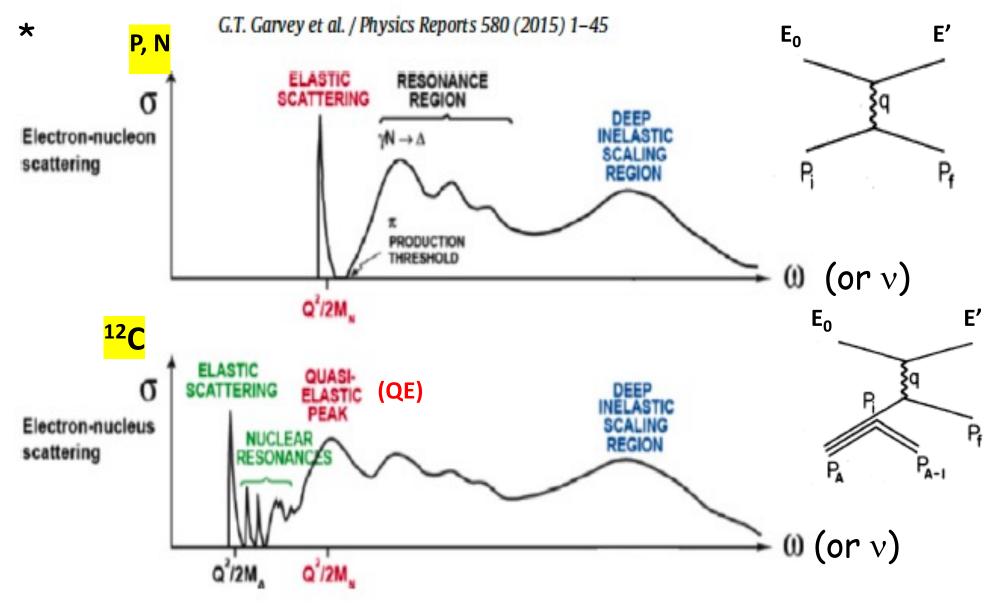
- 1. Testing first principle nuclear theory predictions
- 2. Provide a platform for verification of electron and neutrino MC generators over the entire kinematic range of interest

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Nuclear corrections affect enhance the Transverse Response ( $R_T$ ) and quench the Longitudinal Response ( $R_L$ ) in QE scattering. There are three different formalisms to parametrize these two responses. (1)  $R_L$  and  $R_T$  (2)  $F_1$  and  $F_L$  (3)  $\sigma_L$  and  $\sigma_T$ . In this analysis we use  $R_L$  and  $R_T$ .

## **Nuclear Physics**

This description is primarily used in the nuclear excitation and QE regions. The electron scattering differential cross section is written in terms of longitudinal  $(\mathcal{R}_L(Q^2, \nu))$  and transverse  $(\mathcal{R}_T(Q^2, \nu))$  nuclear response functions [24] energy transfer =  $\nu$  (or  $\omega$ )

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\nu d\Omega} = \sigma_M [AR_L(Q^2, \nu) + BR_T(Q^2, \nu)] \quad (20)$$

where  $\sigma_M$  is the Mott cross section,  $A = (Q^2/\mathbf{q}^2)^2$  and  $B = \tan^2(\theta/2) + Q^2/2\mathbf{q}^2$ .

#### **Particle Physics**

This description is primarily used in the inelastic continuum region. In the one-photon-exchange approximation, the spin-averaged cross section for inclusive electron-proton scattering can be expressed in terms of two structure functions as follows

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_M [W_2(W^2, Q^2) + 2\tan^2(\theta/2)W_1(W^2, Q^2)]$$

$$\alpha^2 \cos^2(\theta/2) = 4\alpha^2 E'^2$$

$$\sigma_M = \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2(\theta/2)}{[2E_0 \sin^2(\theta/2)]^2} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \cos^2(\theta/2)$$
 (10)

Q<sup>2</sup> = 4-momentum transfer squared

$$Q^{2} = (-q)^{2} = 4E_{0}E'\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2},$$

$$\nu = E_0 - E'.$$

W<sup>2</sup> = final state invariant mass squared

$$W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2$$

q<sup>2</sup> = 3-momentum transfer squared

$$\mathbf{q}^2 = Q^2 + \nu^2$$

 $E_x$  = Excitation energy

$$E_x = \nu - \nu_{elastic}$$

$$x = Q^2/(2M\nu)$$
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$$\mathcal{F}_1 = MW_1 \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_2 = \nu W_2.$$

$$\mathcal{F}_L(x, Q^2) = \mathcal{F}_2\left(1 + \frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2}\right) - 2x\mathcal{F}_1,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_T(\mathbf{q}, \nu) = \frac{2\mathcal{F}_1(\mathbf{q}, \nu)}{M}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_L(\mathbf{q}, \nu) = \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{Q^2} \frac{\mathcal{F}_L(\mathbf{q}, \nu)}{2Mx}$$



- We have initiated a program to extract RL and RT values on various nuclei using all available data. Here we report on our extraction for Carbon.
- We extract extract RL and RT in all regions, nuclear elastic, nuclear excitations, quasielastic, resonance region and inelastic scattering.
- We extract at 18 values of fixed Q<sup>2</sup> values  $0 < Q^2 < 3.45 \text{ GeV}^2$  as a function of energy transfer v.
- And at 18 values of fixed values of 3-momentum transfer 0.1 < q < 2.78 GeV as a function of v
- We energy transfer v, from v=0 to the end of the resonance region W=2.0 GeV

For Carbon we use 16,000 electron scattering and photproduction cross sections

#### Goals:

- Test first-principle nuclear theories at fixed values of Q<sup>2</sup> and **q**.
- Use extracted RL and RT values to validate MC generators
  Since we covers all kinematic regions this is a much preferable way than comparison with a few cross section measurements in a limited sets of kinematic regions.
- Where there is no data, we provide the values from our universal fit to all electron scattering data.
   The fit will be also be made available for validation of electron and neutrino MC generators

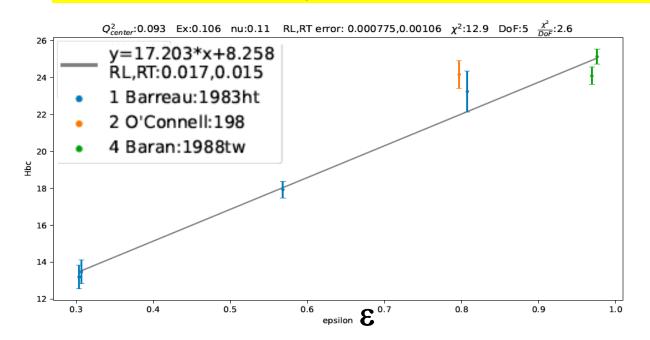
## \* First Step: Christy- Bodek Universal Fit (needed for this analysis))

- We update the Bosted-Christy fit to all of the world's electron scattering data on H, D and nuclear targets to include the lowest values of energy transfer v and q<sup>2</sup> (for <sup>12</sup>C we fit ~16,000 electron scattering and photoabsorption cross sections.
- We fit for: QE cross section (including Transverse Enhancement/MEC and longitudinal low q Quenching). Resonance and pion production, DIS, nuclear excitations, elastic scattering data. Since the cross sections span a large range of energies and scattering angles, we extract both the longitudinal RL and transverse RT contributions, and also get the Coulomb Sum Rule.
- We parameterize both the Enhancement of the Transverse QE cross section and the Quenching of the Longitudinal QE cross section. We extract the most precise Coulomb Sum rule as a function of q and compare to theoretical calculations.
- The fit can be used in lieu of data to benchmark Monte Carlo predictions (e.g. for e-H, e-D and e-<sup>12</sup>C and e-<sup>1</sup>O cross sections, and to is being used compute radiative corrections for electron scattering experiments..

## \* NEW: Individual $R_L R_T$ extractions (Rosenbluth plots)

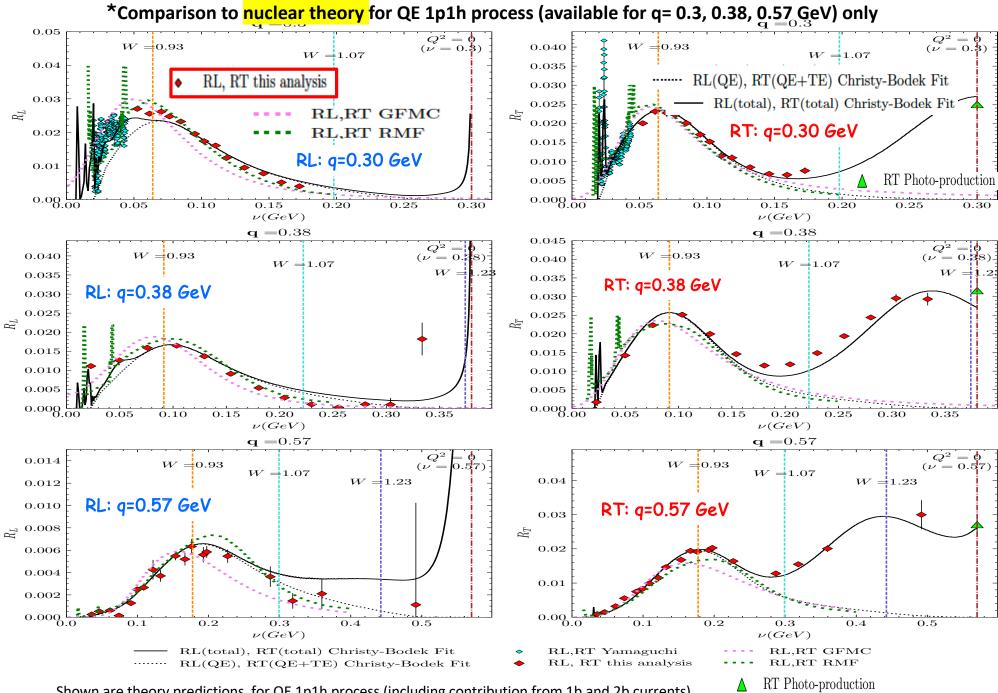
We apply Coulomb corrections in the analysis. We bin all cross sections in bins of q (we also do it for bins in Q<sup>2</sup>) and apply bin centering corrections using the universal fit. Bin centers are at:

- 18 **q** values: 0.100, 0.148, 0.167, 0.205, 0.240, 0.300, 0.380, 0.475, 0.570, 0.649, 0.756, 0.991, 1.659, 1.921, 2.213, 2.500, 2.783, 3.500 GeV
- 18 Q<sup>2.</sup> values: 0.00 (photoproduction), 0.010, 0.020, 0.026, 0.040, 0.056, 0.093, 0.120, 0.160, 0.265, 0.38, 0.50, 0.80, 1.25, 1.75, 2.25, 2.75, 3.25, 3.75 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Bin centering correction in  $\mathbf{q}$  (or  $Q^2$ ). For v < 50 MeV we bin-center the data in bins of Excitation energy  $\mathbf{E}_x$ , and for v > 50 MeV we bin-center the data in bins of  $\mathbf{W}^2$ . We then perform Rosenbluth fits versus virtual photon polarization  $\varepsilon$  extract  $\mathbf{R}_L$  and  $\mathbf{R}_T$ . Later convert Ex and  $\mathbf{W}^2$  to v.
- 2. The universal fit includes all **16,000 cross sections**, The individual R<sub>L</sub> R<sub>T</sub> only use a **subset of the data** in which for the same values v and Q<sup>2</sup> there is data spanning a a significant range of angles. Therefore the Universal Fit provide RL and RT for a more extended kinematic range



E = virtual
photon
polarization

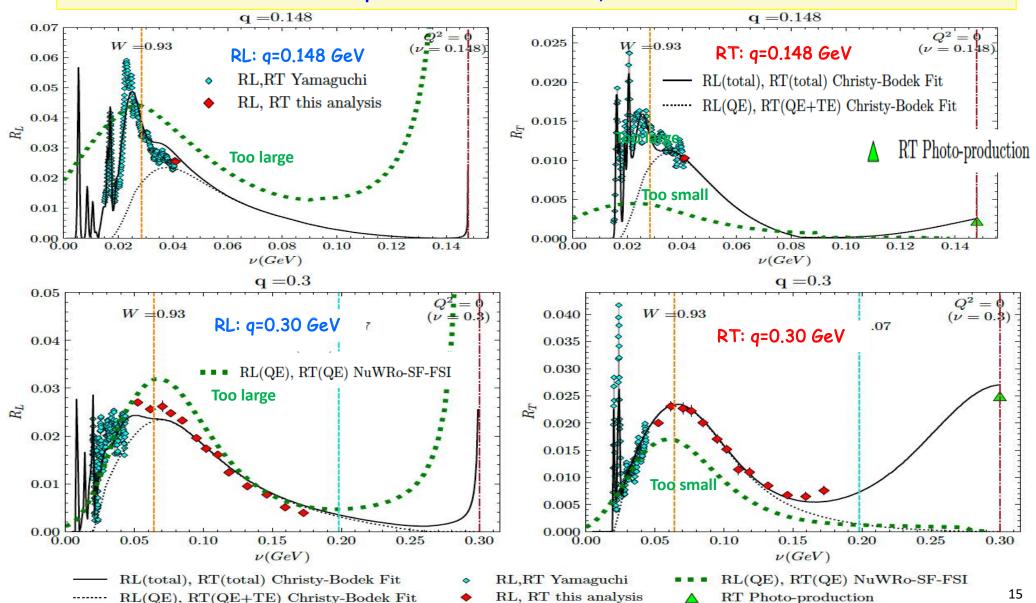
$$\epsilon = \left[1 + 2(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right]^{-1}$$



Shown are theory predictions for QE 1p1h process (including contribution from 1b and 2b currents). GFMC (Green's Function Monte Carlo – first principle)........ No nuclear states ED-RMF (Energy Depending Relativistic mean field ............ Nuclear states grouped at 2 values of fixed

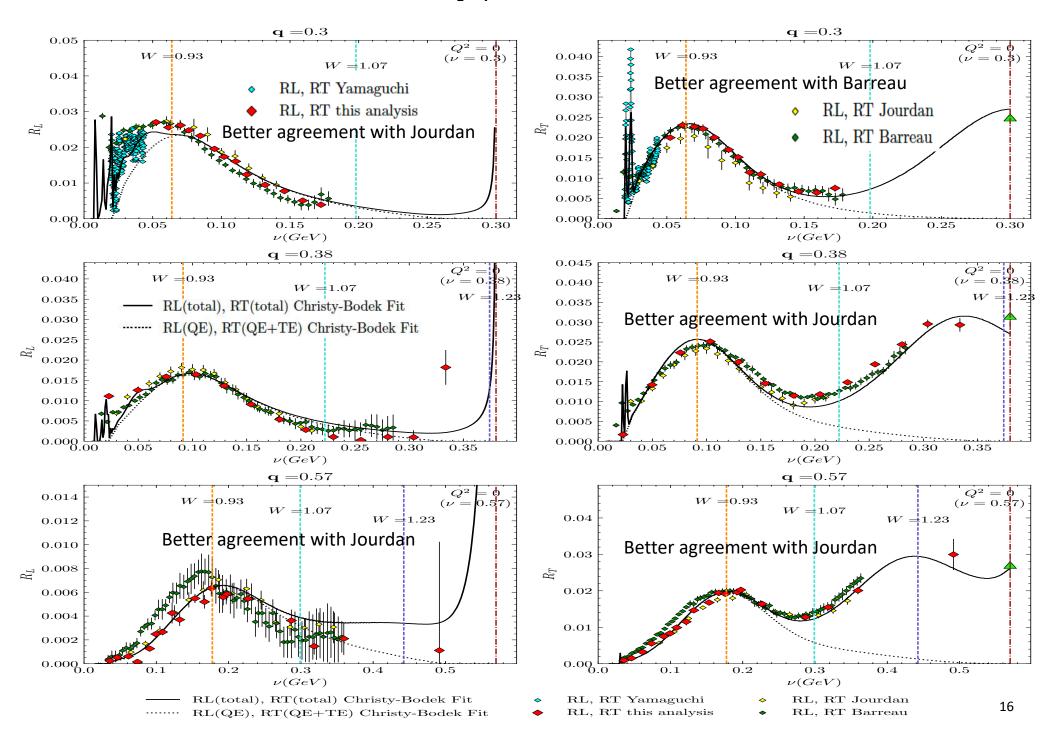
#### \* Comparison to NuWRo Neutrino MC generator for QE (in electron scattering mode)

NuWRo; R<sub>L</sub> is too high (needs longitudinal quenching), R<sub>T</sub> is too low (needs Transverse Enhancement/MEC). No nuclear excitations are modeled in any NuWRo. Note: NuWRo has Transverse Enhancement/MEC in neutrino but not in electron mode. ---If MEC is implemented in electron mode, these data can be used to validate the model.

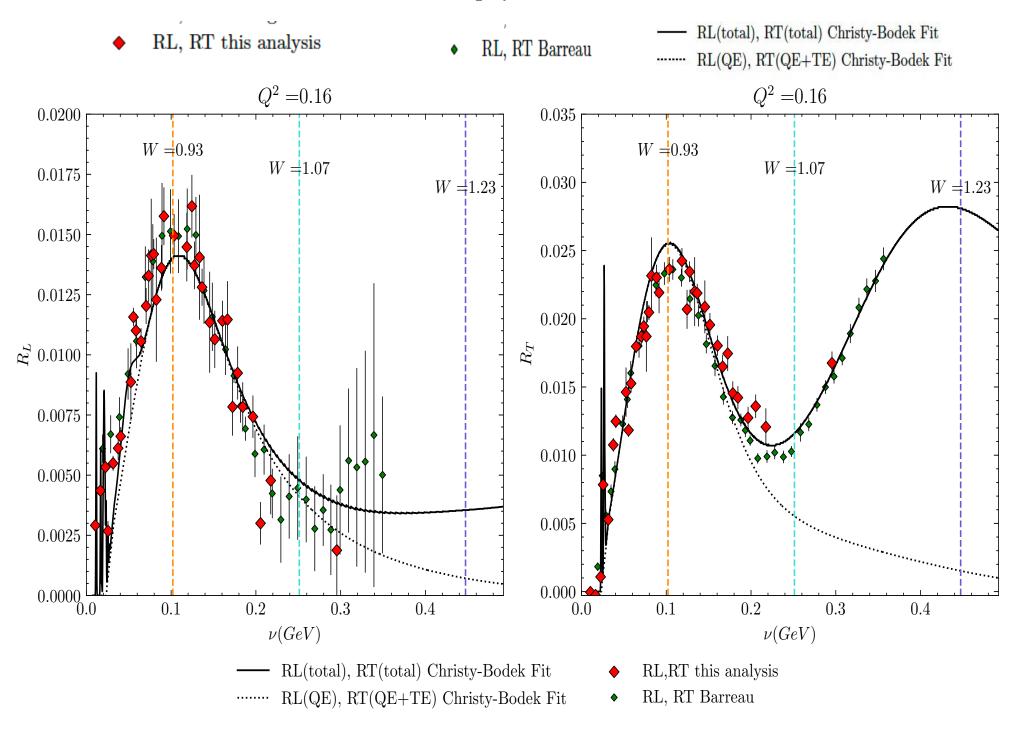


Comparisons with GENIE (in electron mode) will be available shortly

#### Comparison to previous $R_L R_T$ extractions q = 0.3, 0.38, 0.57 GeV



#### Comparison to previous $R_L R_T$ extractions $Q^2 = 0.16 \text{ GeV}^2$



### Comments

- The extracted RL and RT are in good agreement with the Christy-Bodek Universal Fit. The fit can be used for validation of MC generators over a more extended range of q and v.
- The Christy-Bodek fit includes Longitudinal Quenching at low q and Transverse
   Enhancement at intermediate q. It also includes nuclear excitations
- The  $\Delta$  (1.23 GeV) peak is only seen in R<sub>T</sub> (since the  $\Delta$  is mostly Transverse).
- For fixed **q** the maximum value of v is v=q (where  $R_T$  can also be extracted from photoproduction data).
- Validation of Neutrino Generator NuWRo in electron model: NuWRo only models
   QE with a spectral function, and adds Final State Interaction (FSI)
- NuWRo (spectral function) requires FSI for better agreement with the data.
- However, even with FSI for q<0.3 GeV NuWRo overestimates R<sub>L</sub> (requires Longitudinal Quenching)
- NuWRo underestimates  $R_T$  (in neutrino mode it has Transverse Enhancement/MEC, but not in electron mode).
- Nuclear excitations are not included

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## Conclusions

- The 18 R<sub>L</sub> and R<sub>T</sub> extractions cover a large kinematic range. The values are in excellent agreement with the Christy-Bodek Universal fit to all cross section values. The universal fit covers an even larger kinematic range.
- The R<sub>L</sub> and R<sub>T</sub> measurements as well as the universal fit provide a simple way to validate electron and neutrino MC generators over the entire kinematic range of interest.
- Good agreement in the QE region with nuclear theory for 3 values of q.
   Predictions for all other values of q not yet available.

#### In Supplemental Materials we will provide

Tables of the extracted values of R<sub>L</sub> and R<sub>T</sub>

- Tables of the Christy-Bodek Universal fit values for  $R_L$  and  $R_T$  for the 18 q and  $Q^2$  values. The contributions of nuclear excitations, QE, transverse enhancement and inelastic scattering will be listed separately.
- Code for the Christy-Bodek Universal fit

## Backup

