

# Quark fragmentation in the cold nuclear medium

*using kaons and nuclei to discover the mechanisms of hadronization*

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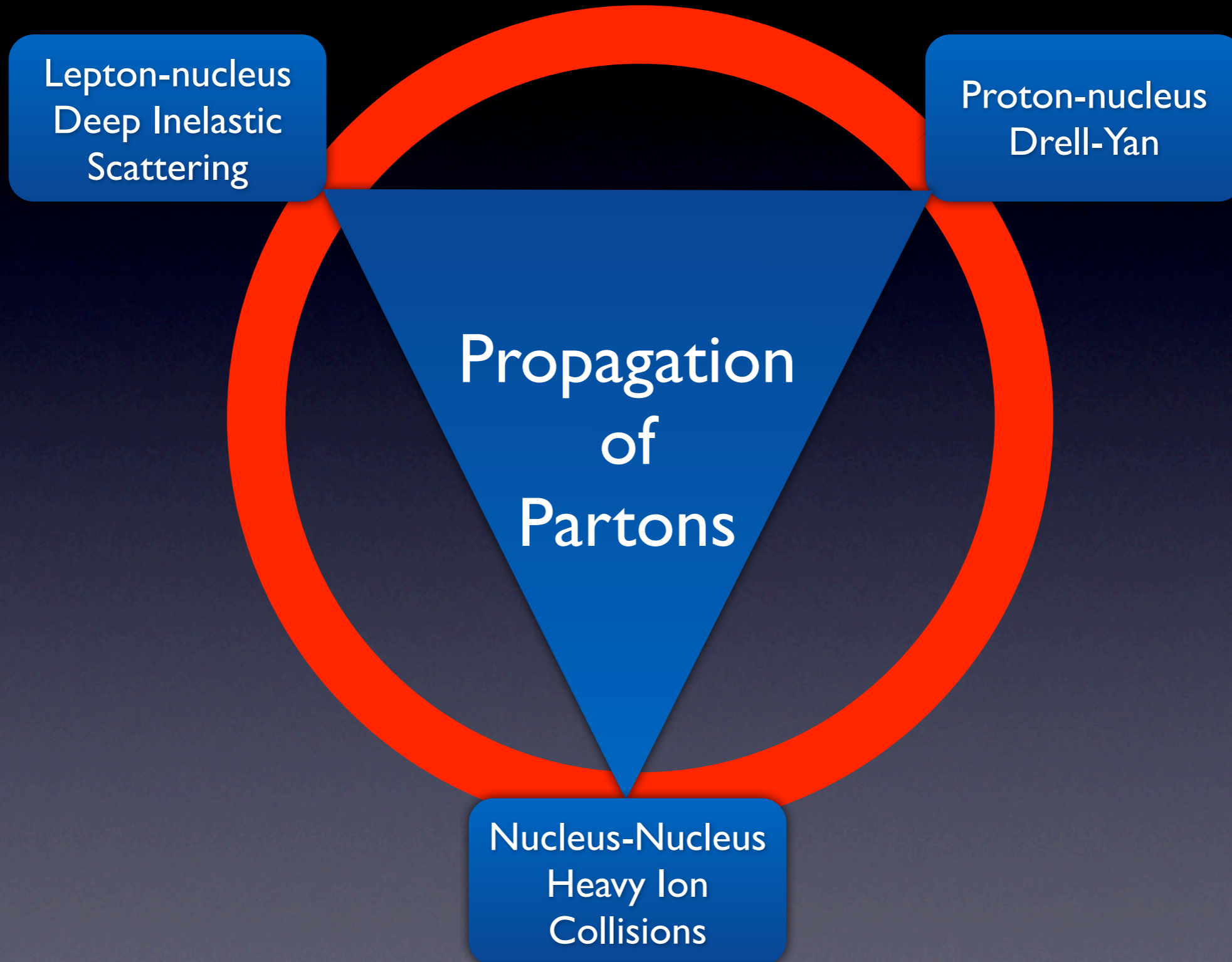
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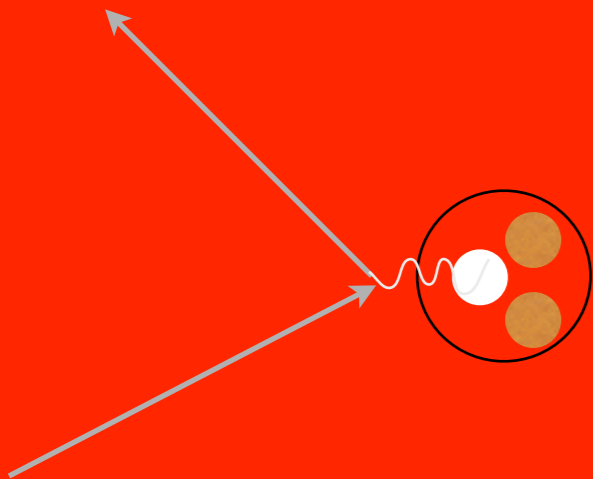
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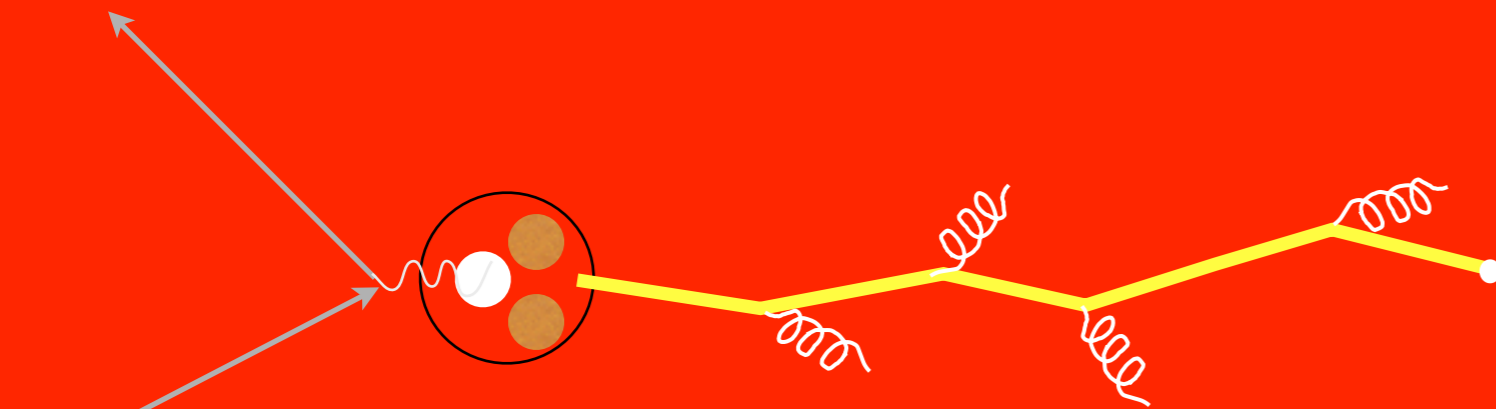
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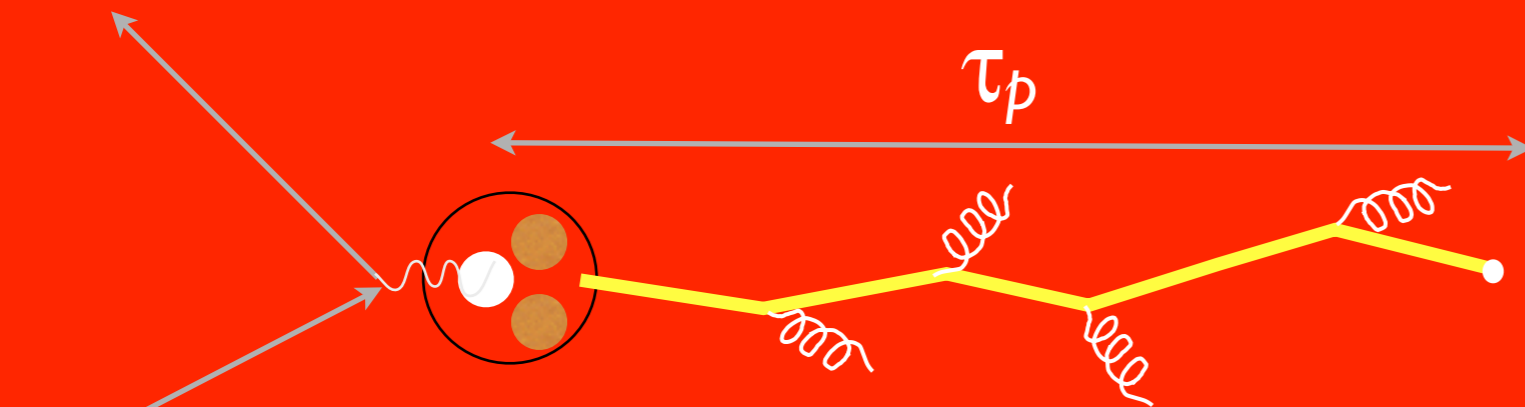
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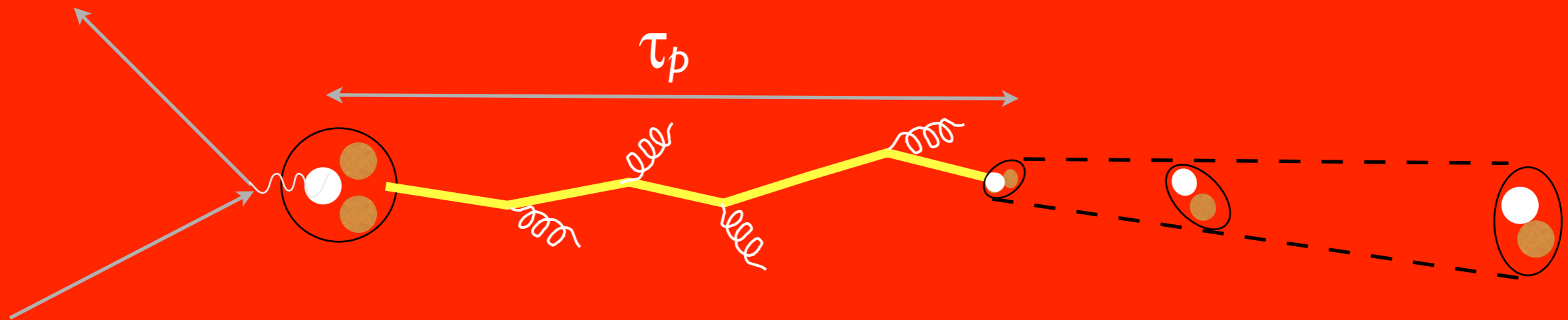


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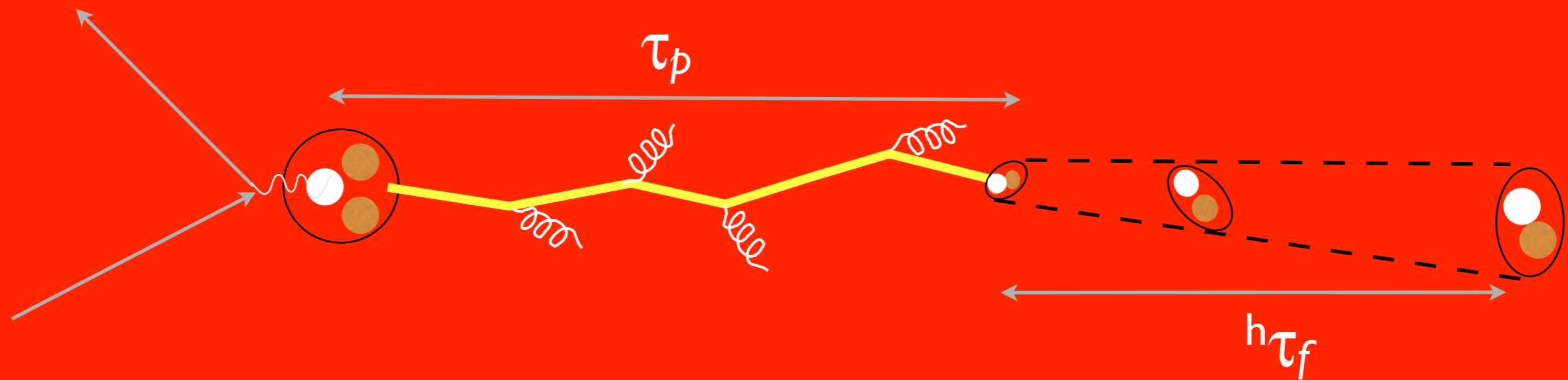
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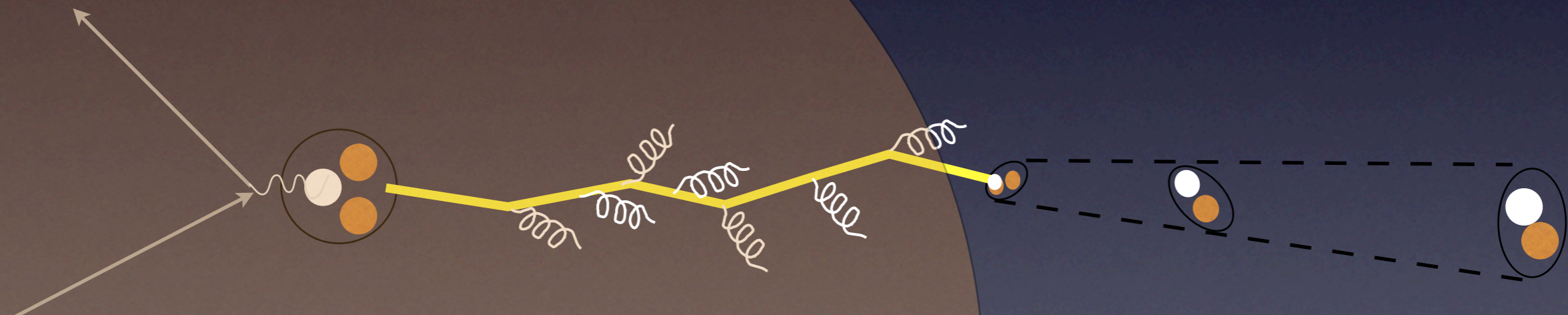


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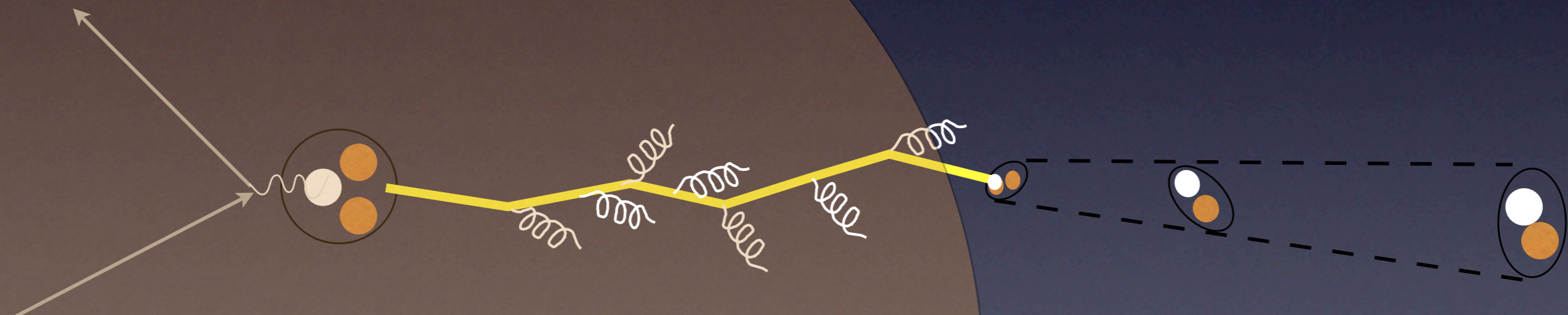
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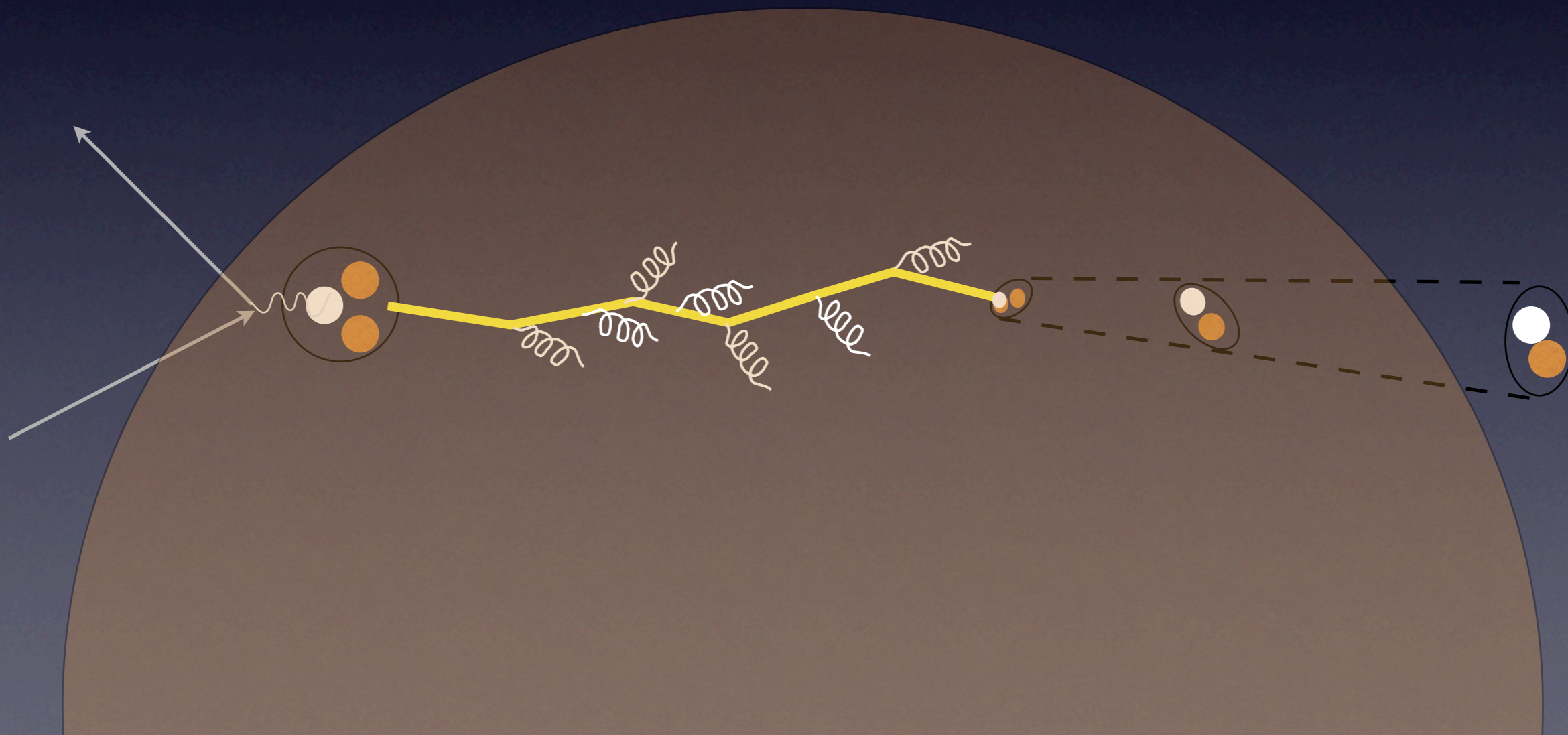
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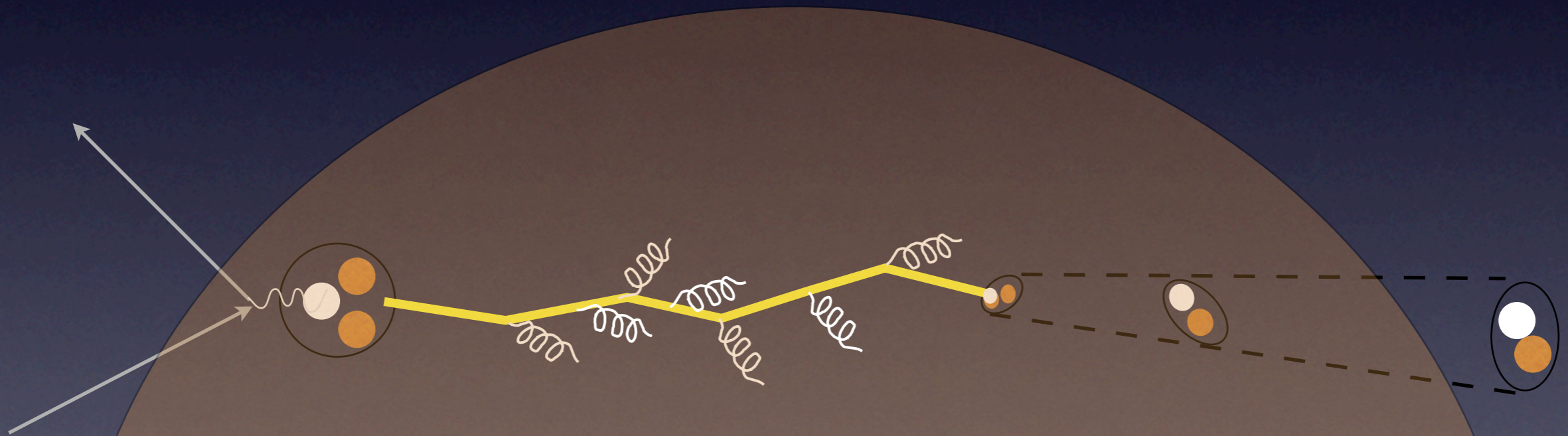
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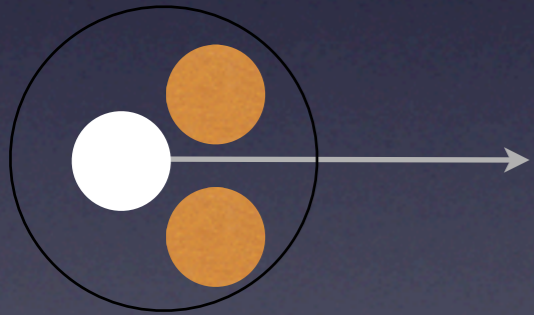
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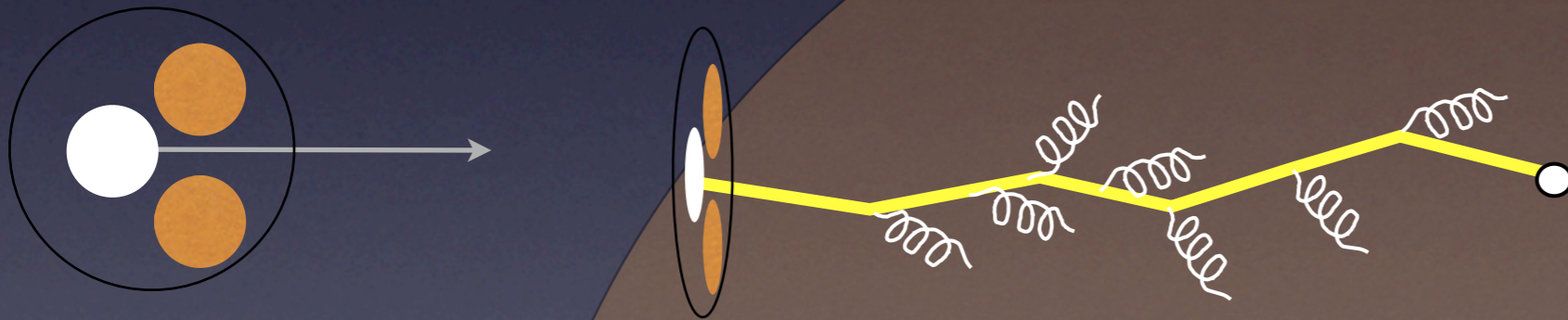
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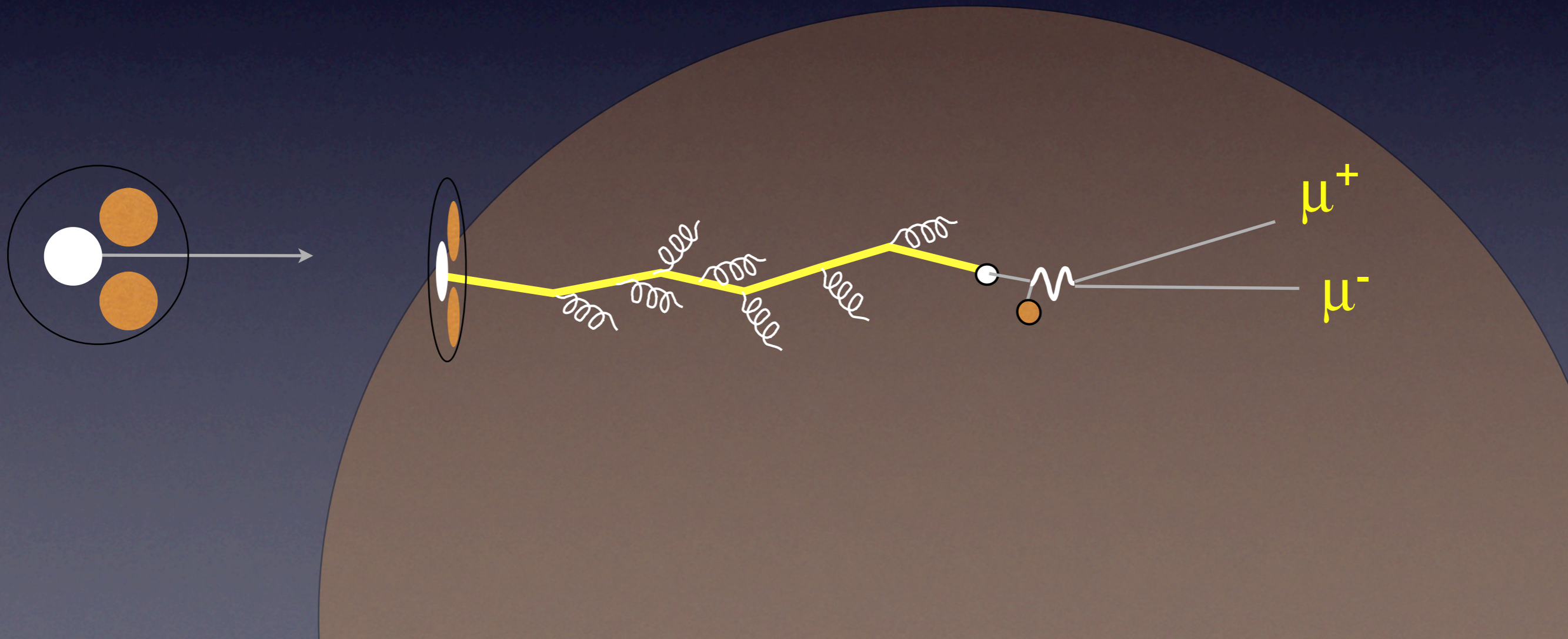
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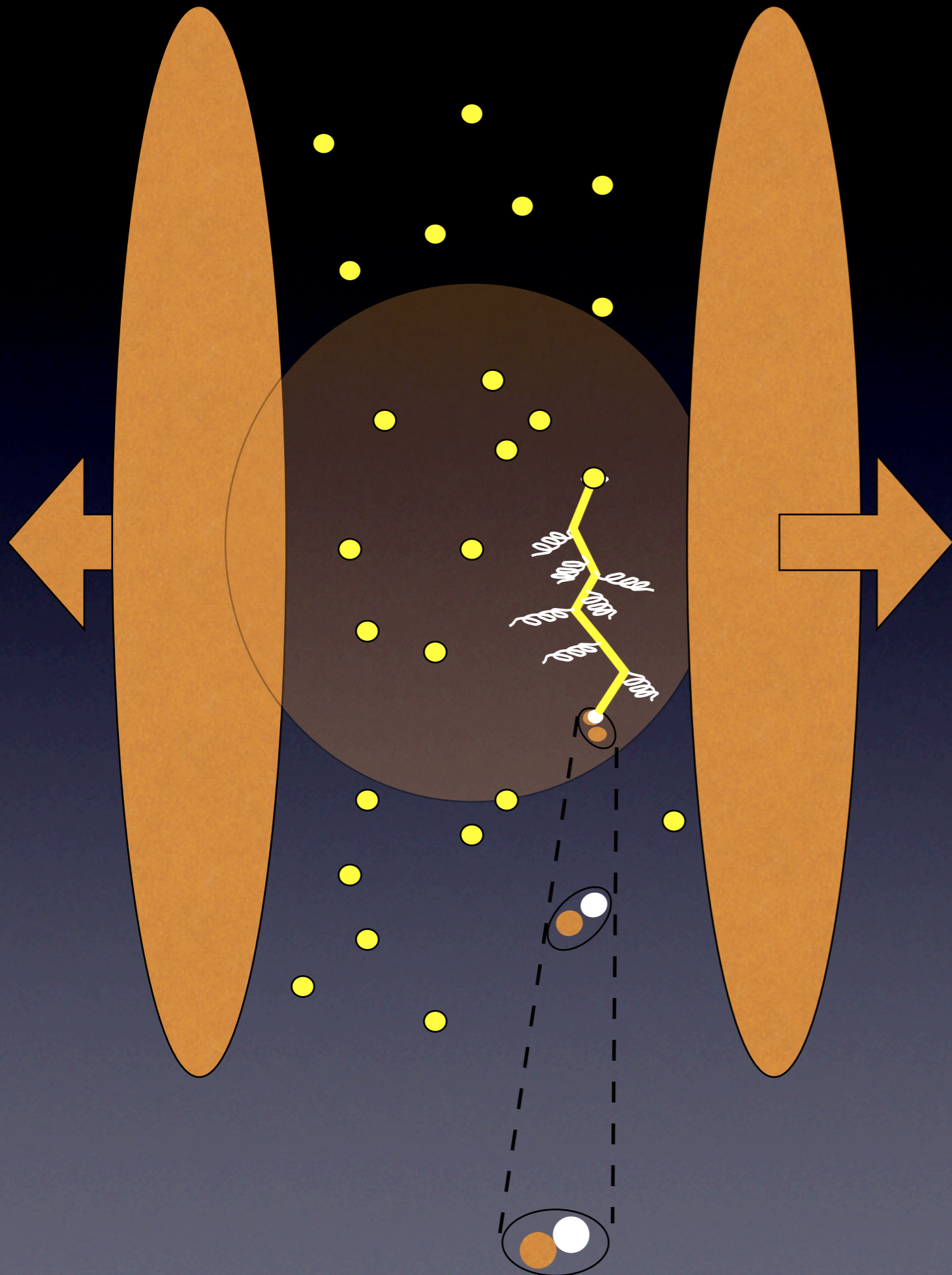
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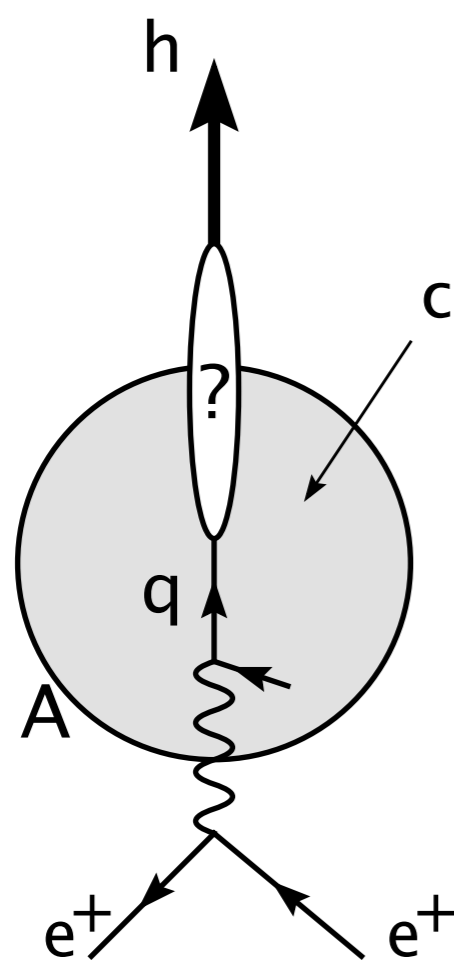




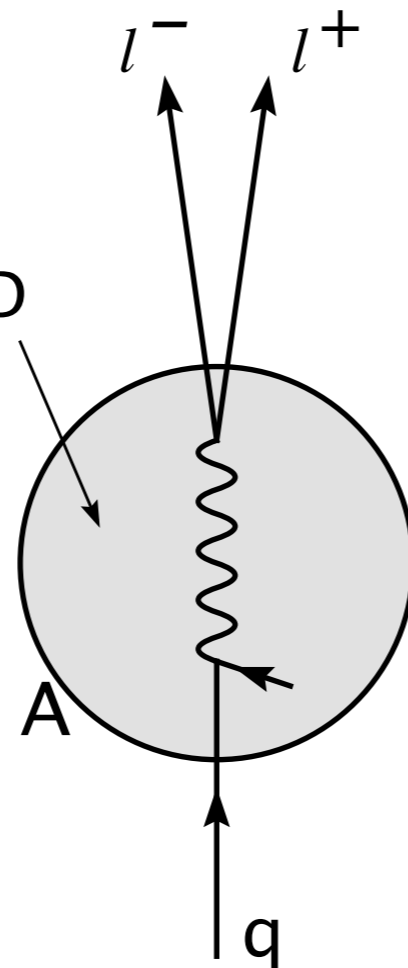
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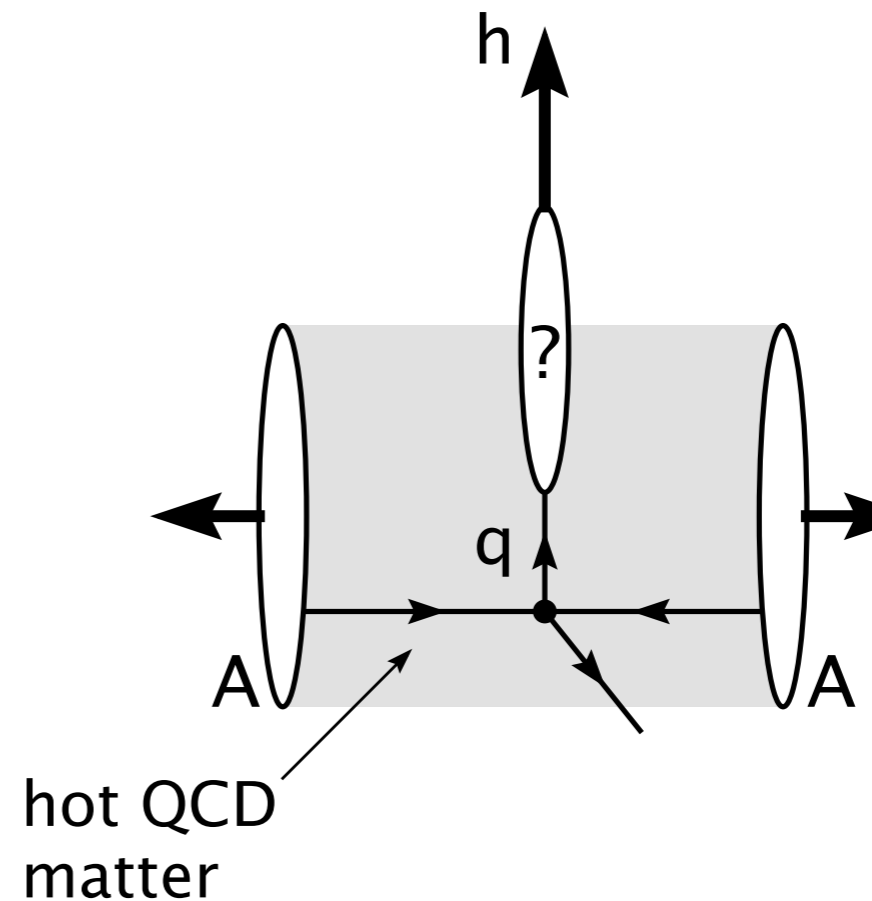
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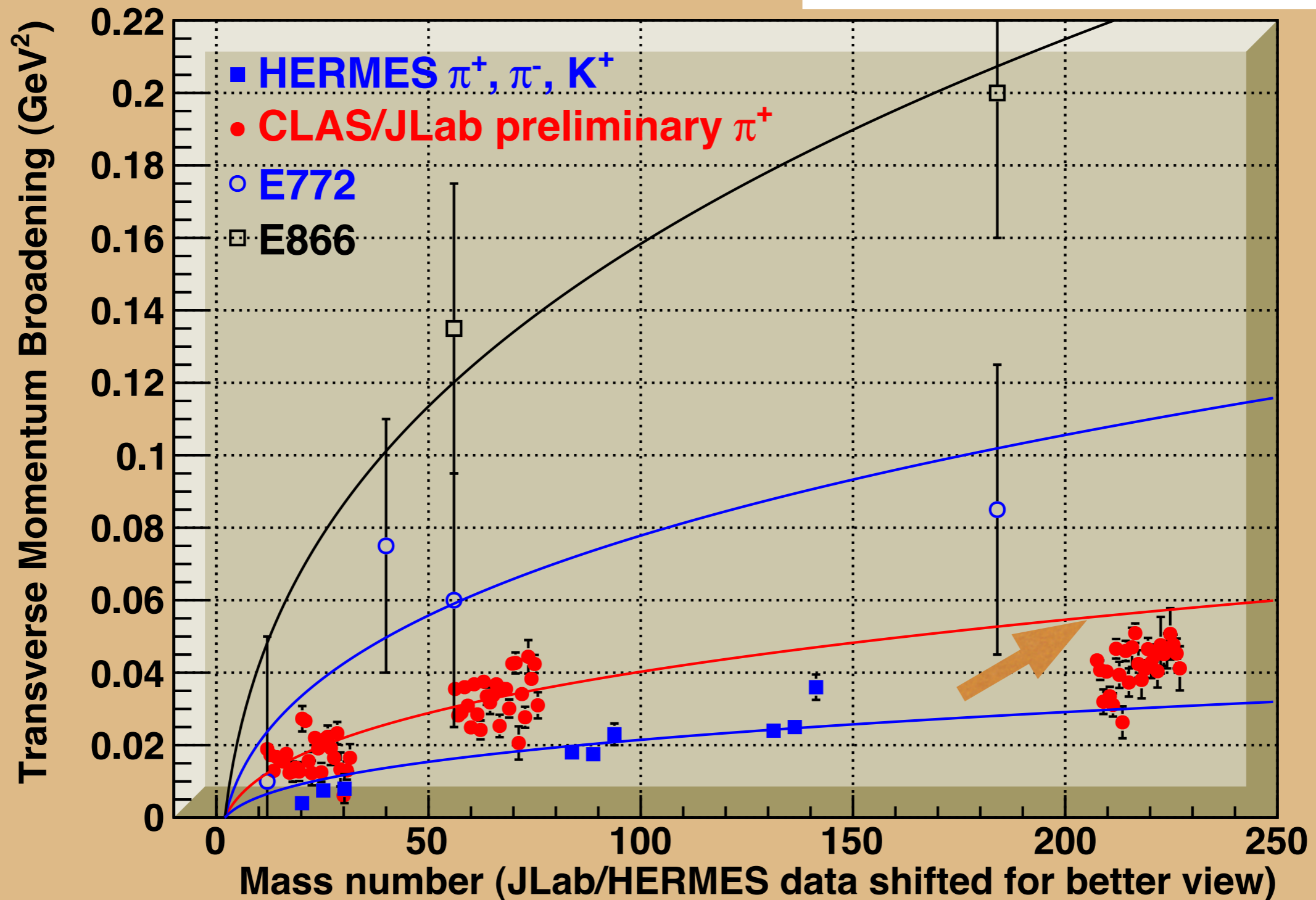
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*p.s., note connection to the quark model and hadron structure!*

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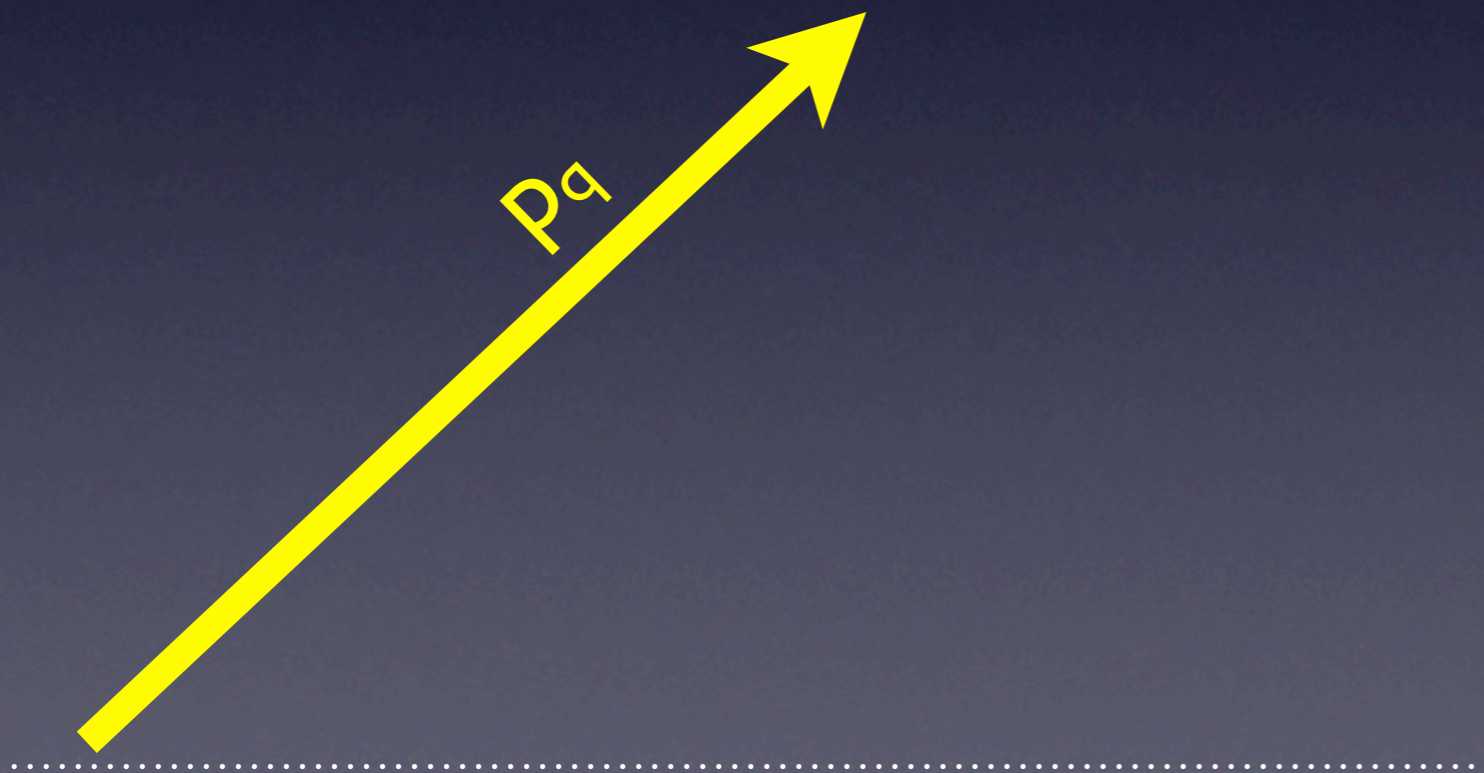
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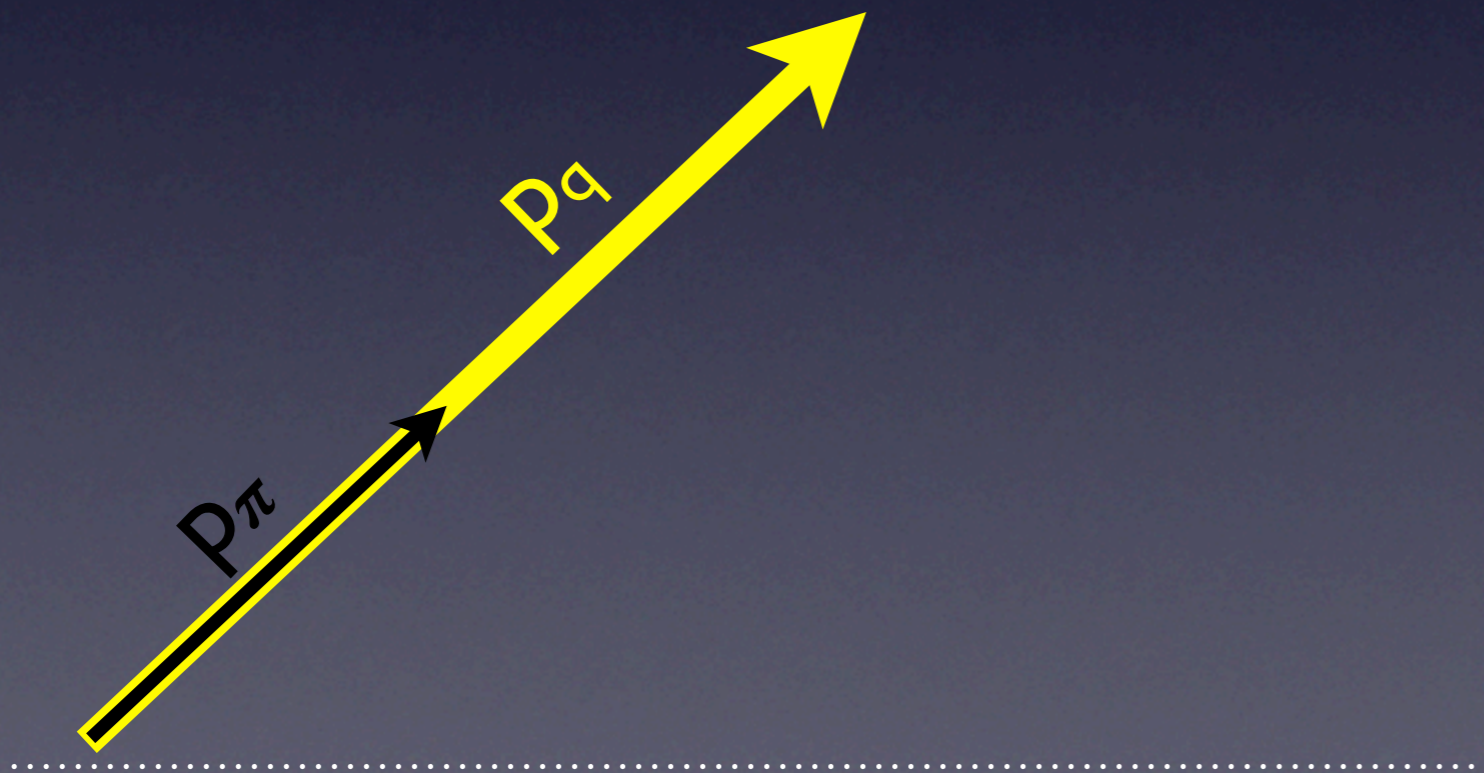
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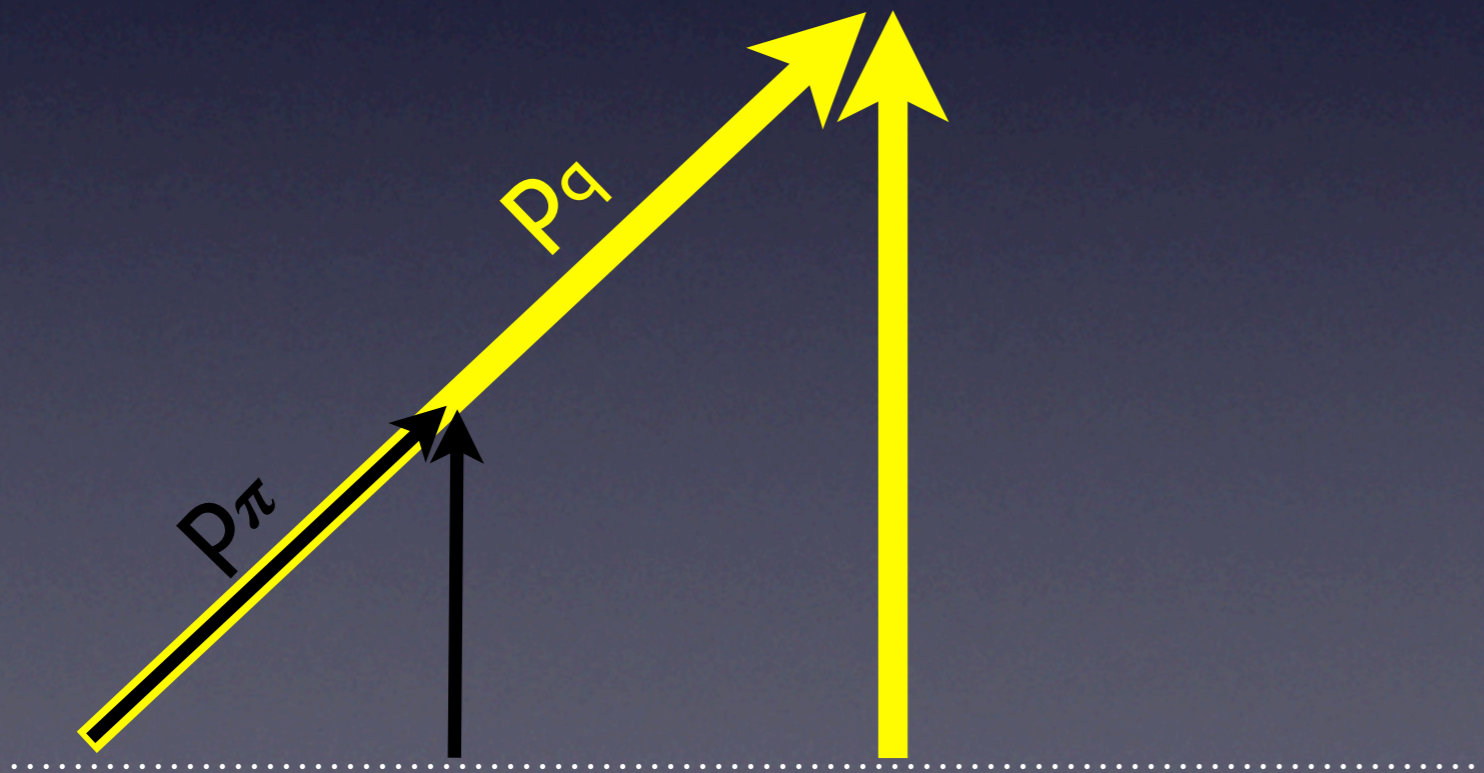
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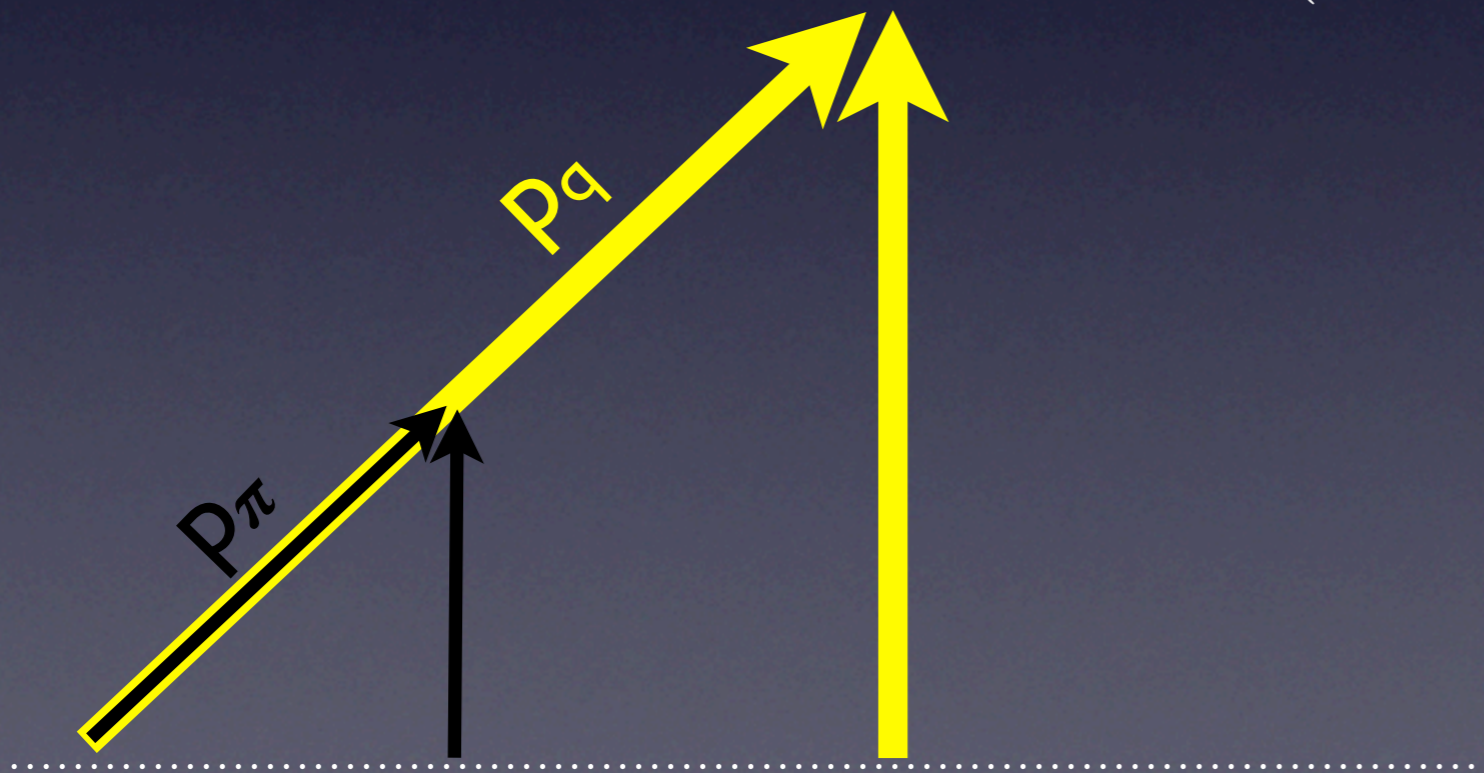
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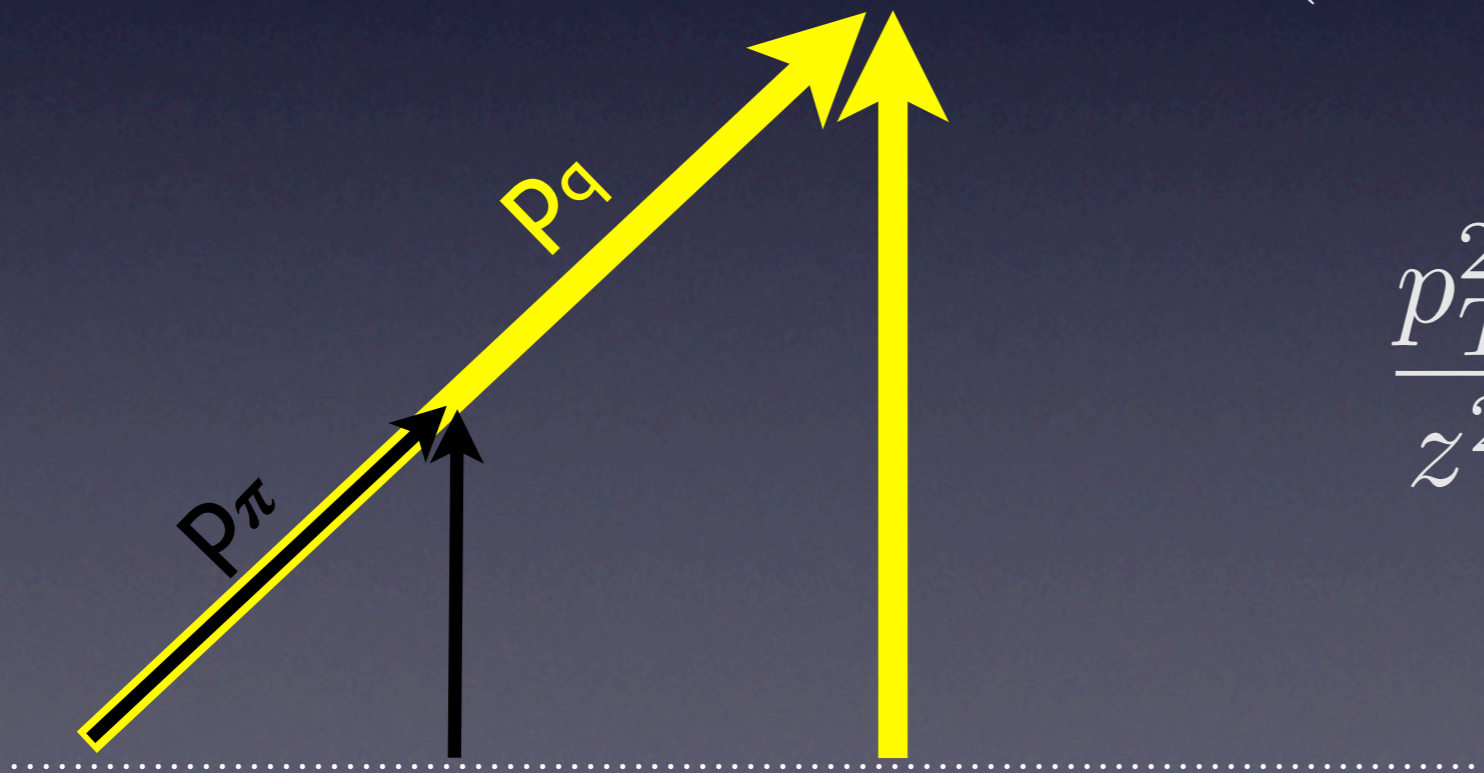
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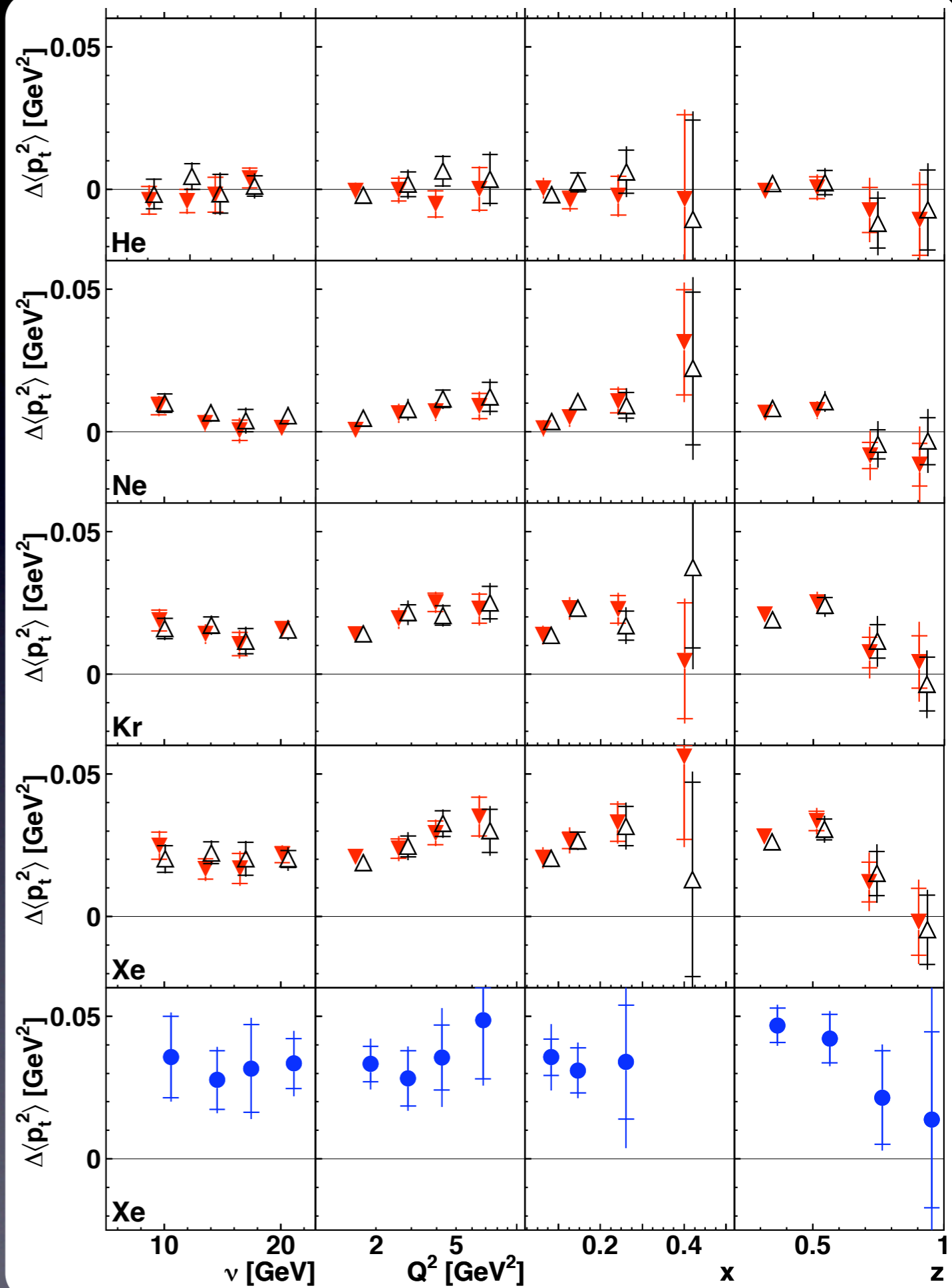
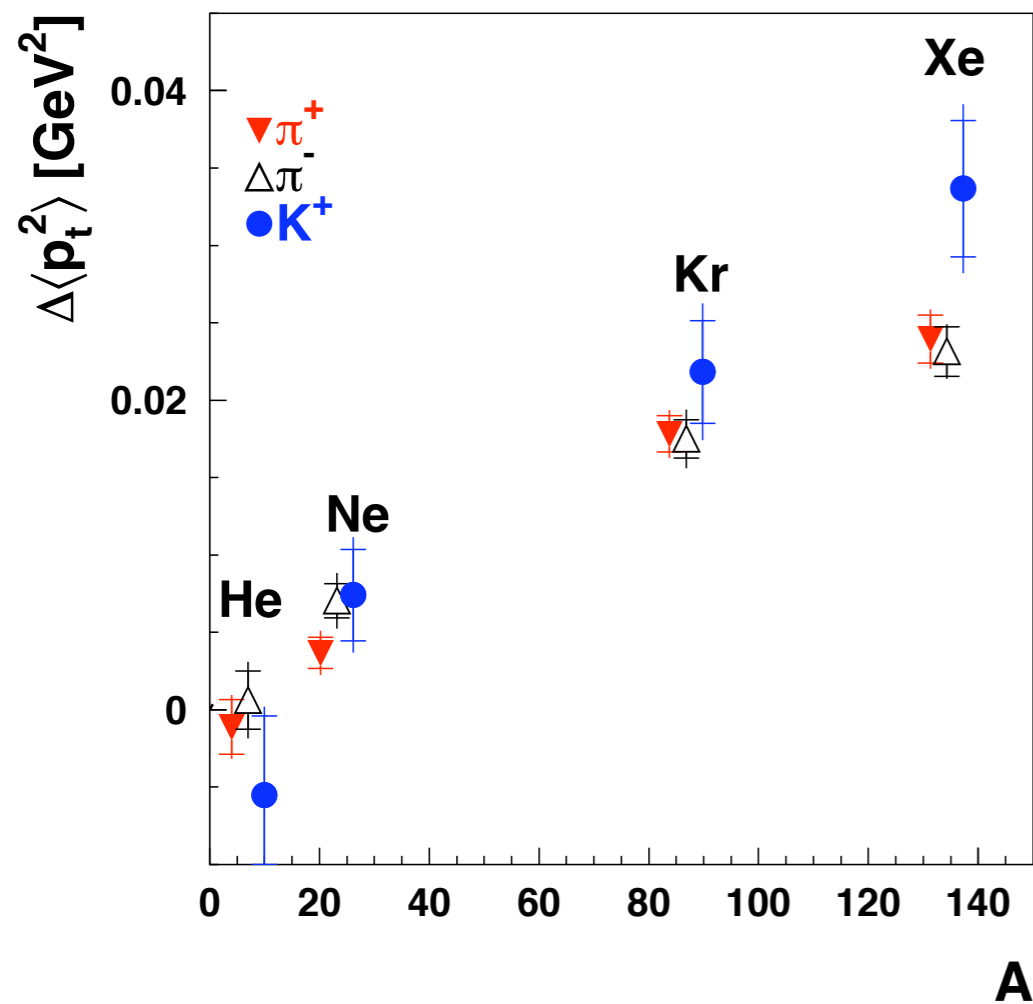
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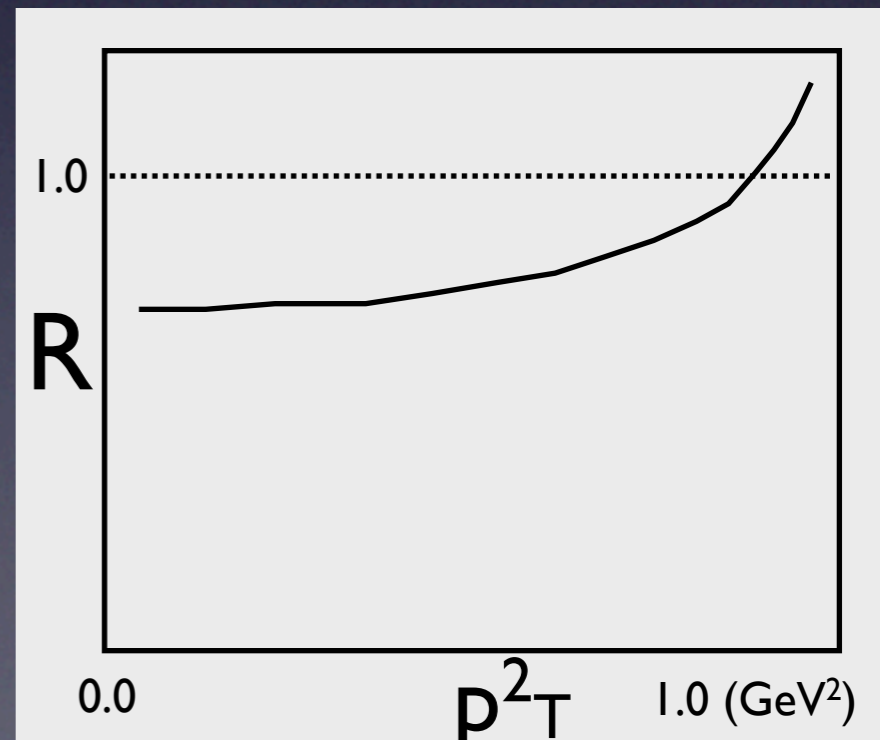
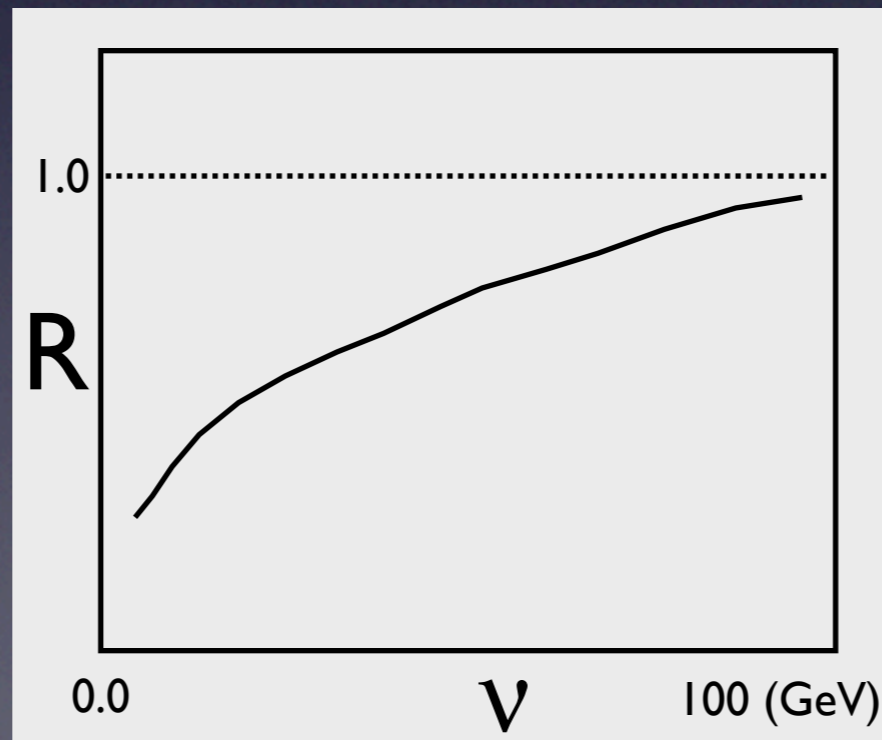
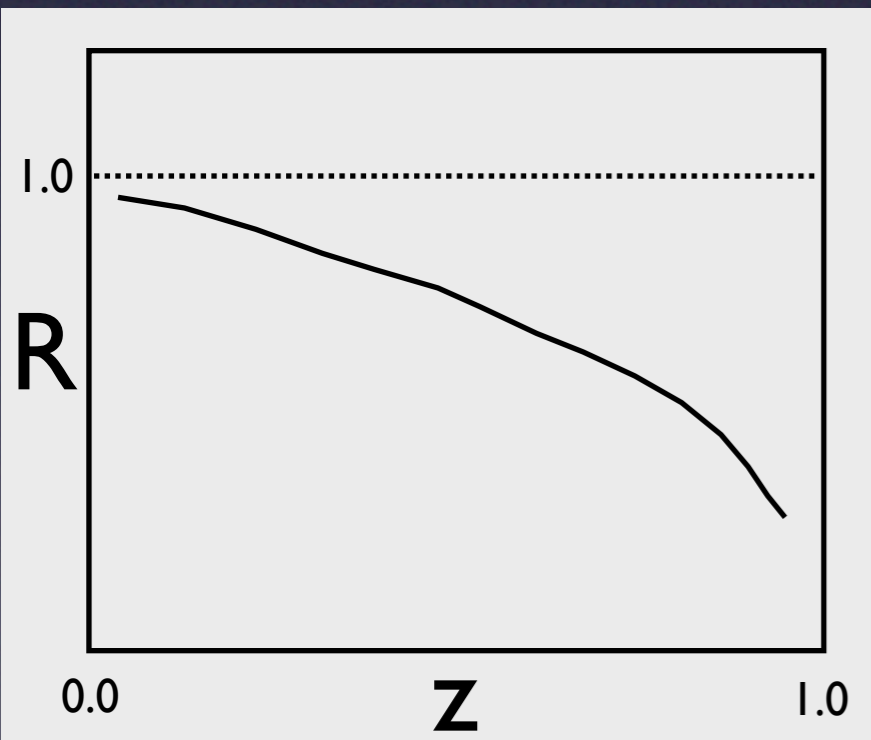
# Hermes $p_T$ broadening data

World's first comparison between pion and  $K^+$   $p_T$  broadening



$$R_M^h(z, \nu, p_T^2, Q^2, \phi) = \frac{\left\{ \frac{N_h^{DIS}(z, \nu, p_T^2, Q^2, \phi)}{N_e^{DIS}(\nu, Q^2)} \right\}_A}{\left\{ \frac{N_h^{DIS}(z, \nu, p_T^2, Q^2, \phi)}{N_e^{DIS}(\nu, Q^2)} \right\}_D}$$

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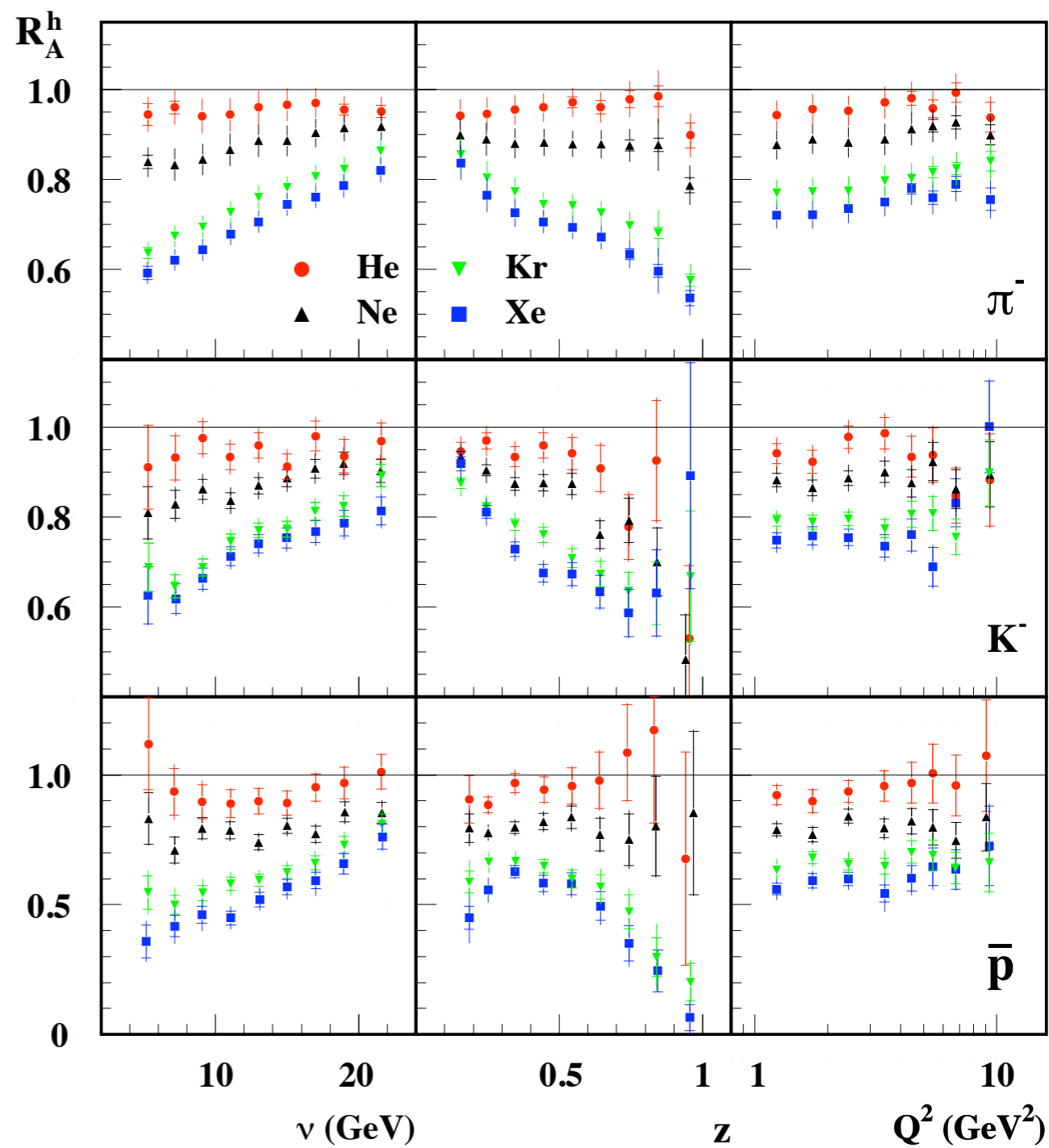
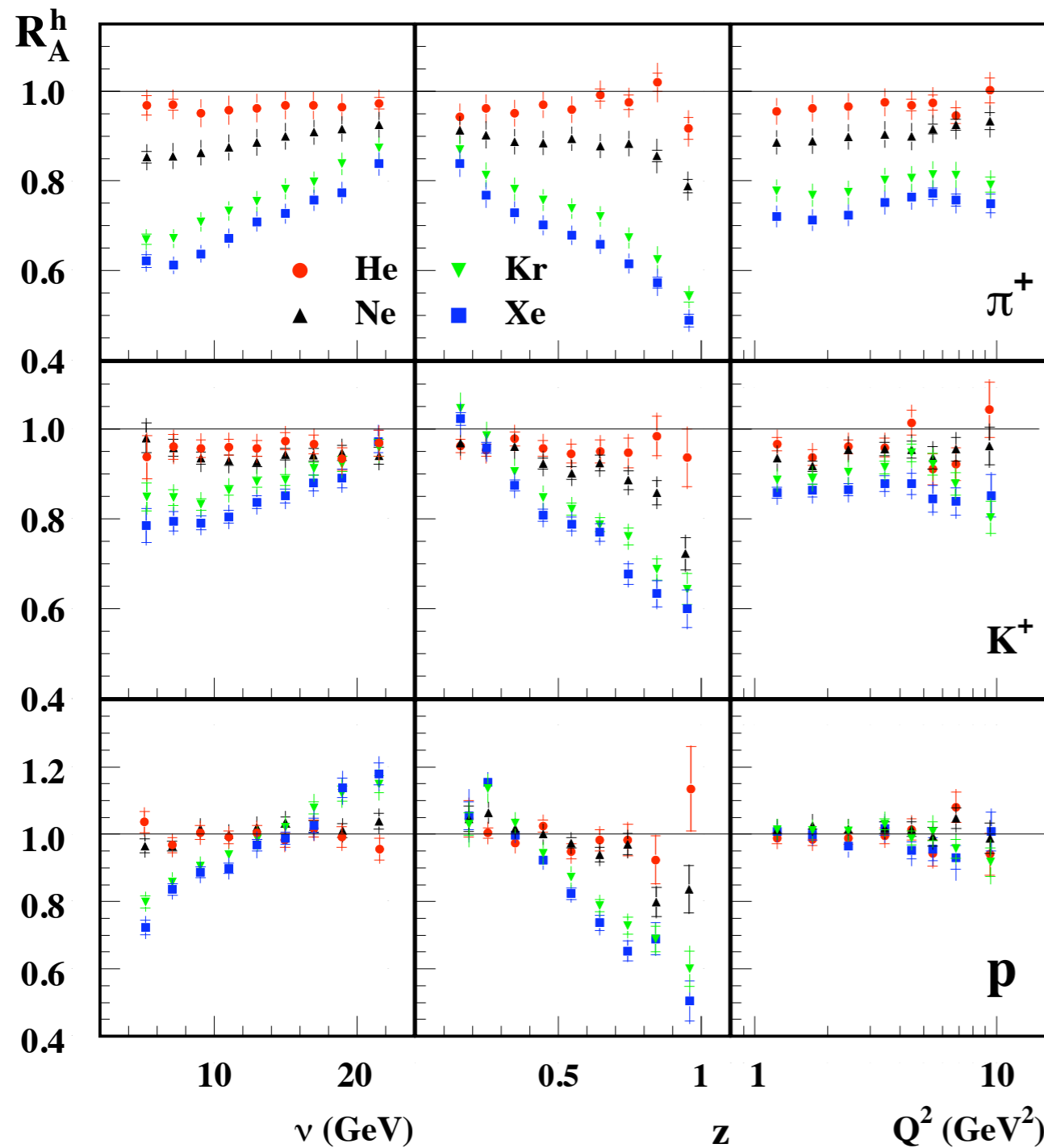
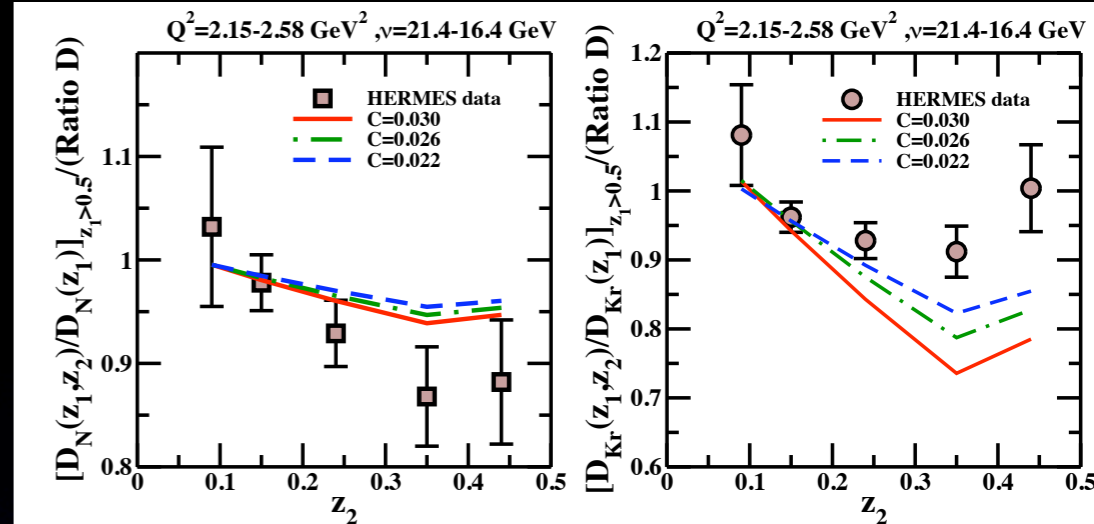


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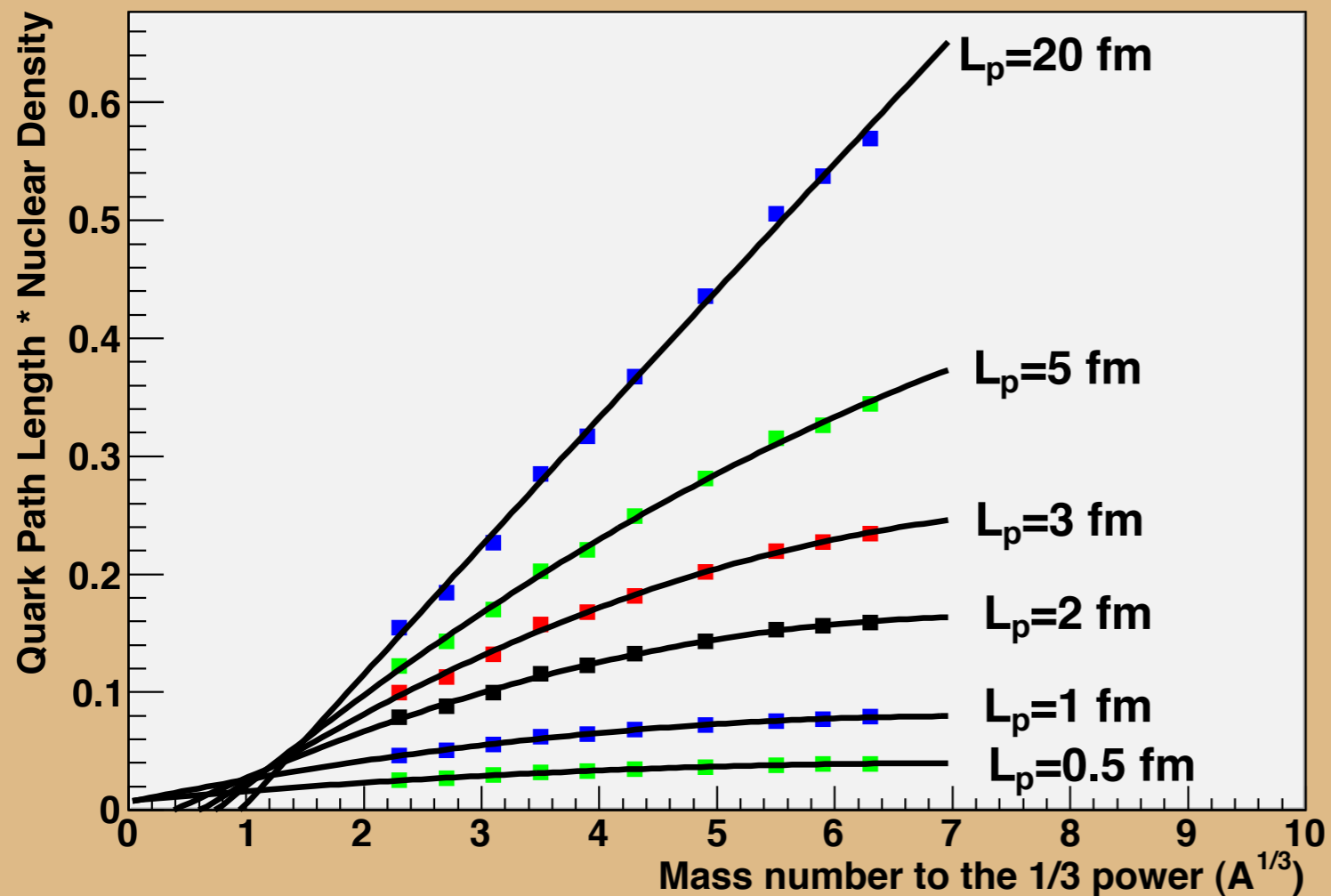
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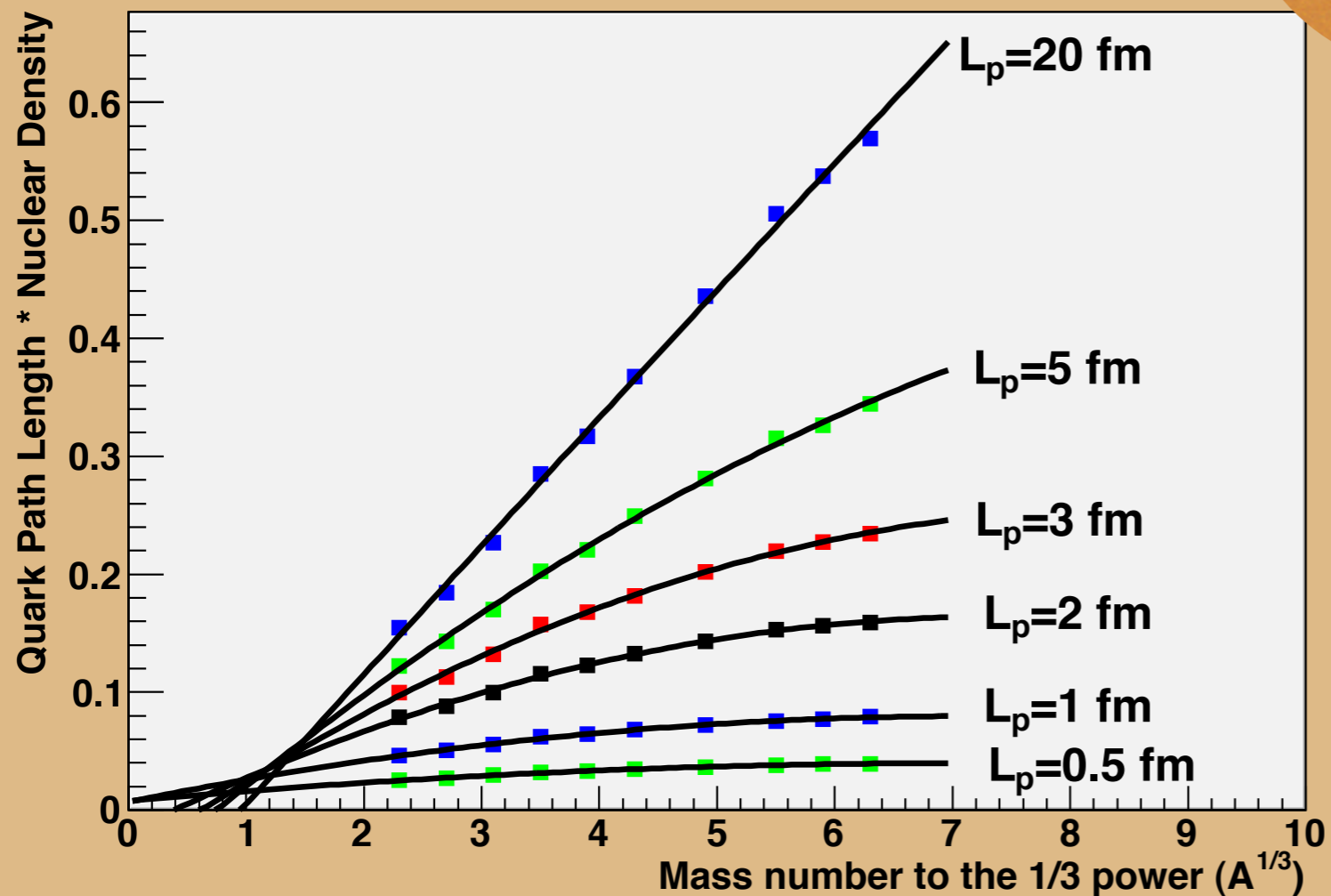
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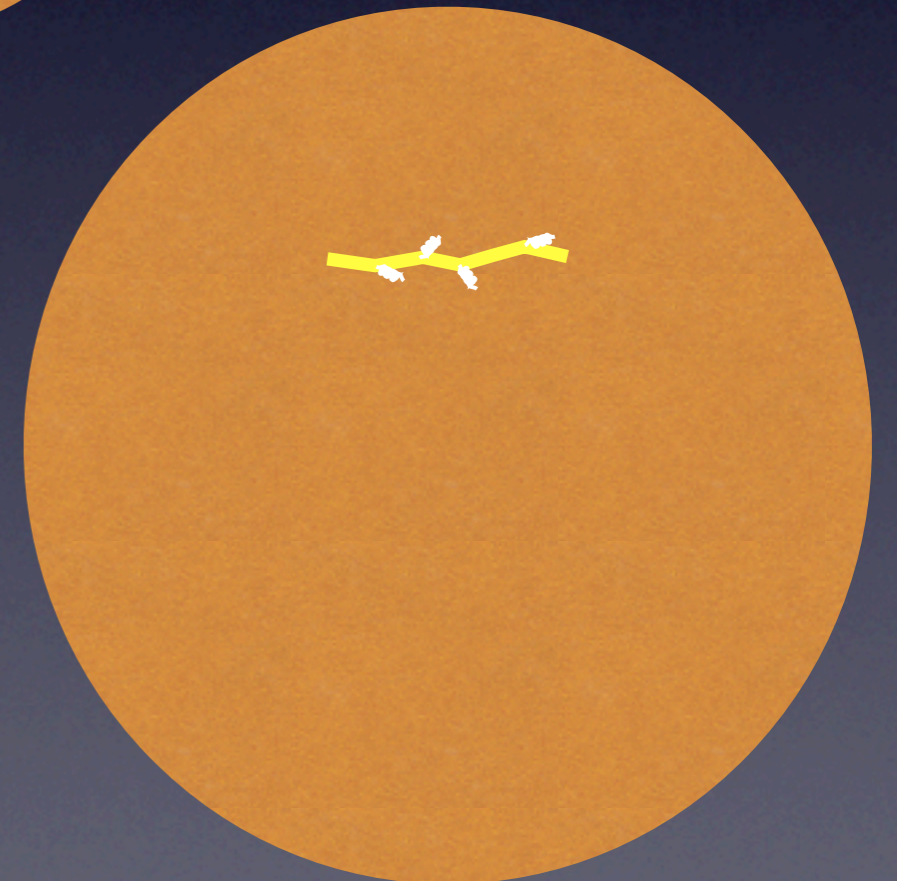
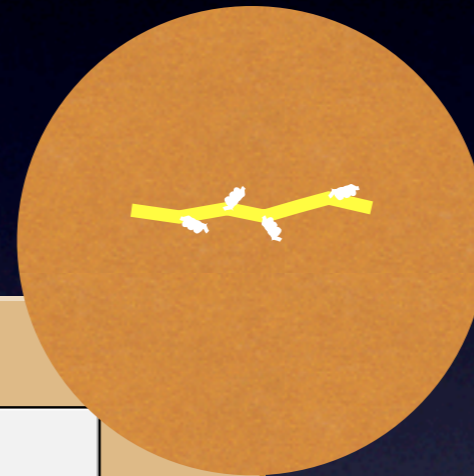
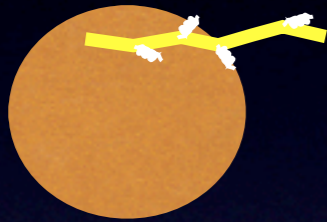


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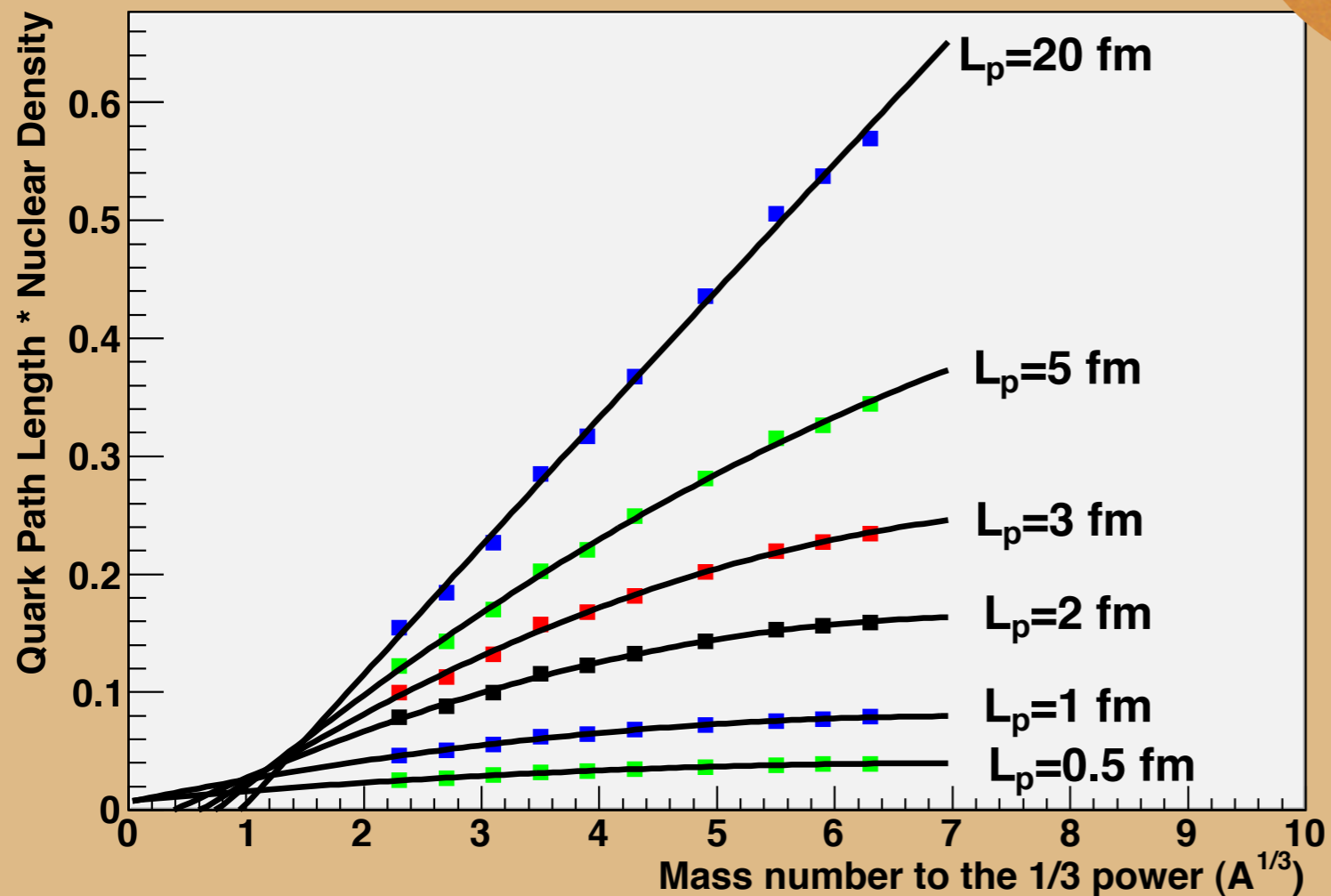
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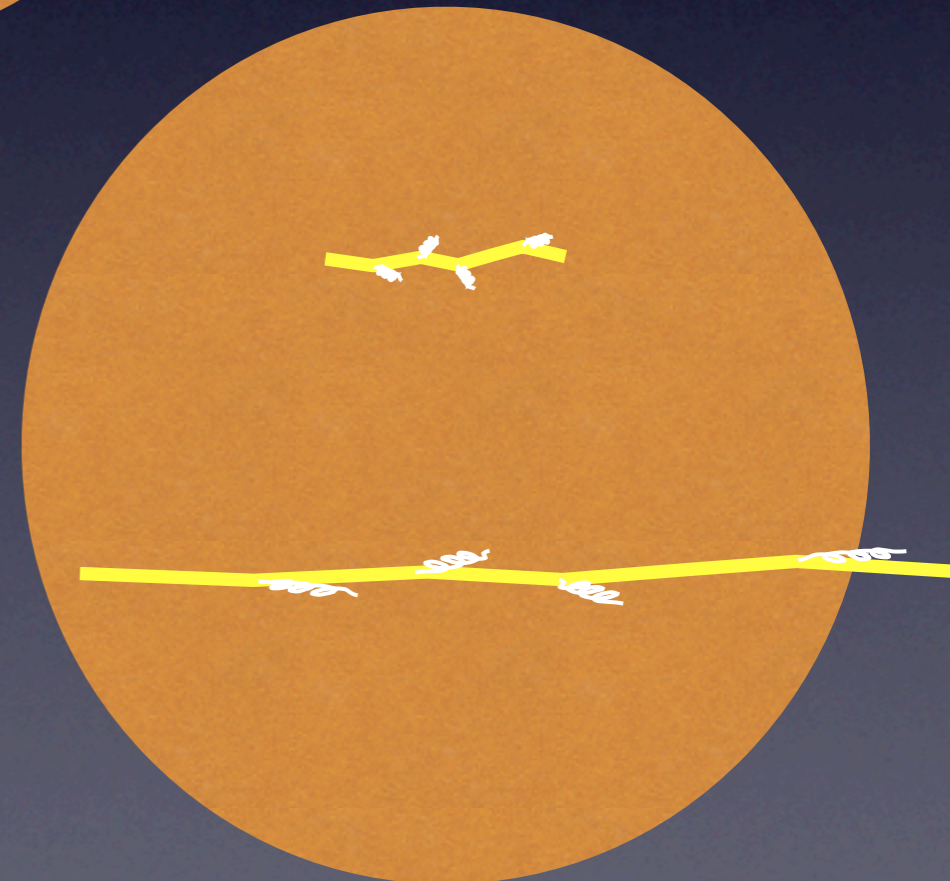
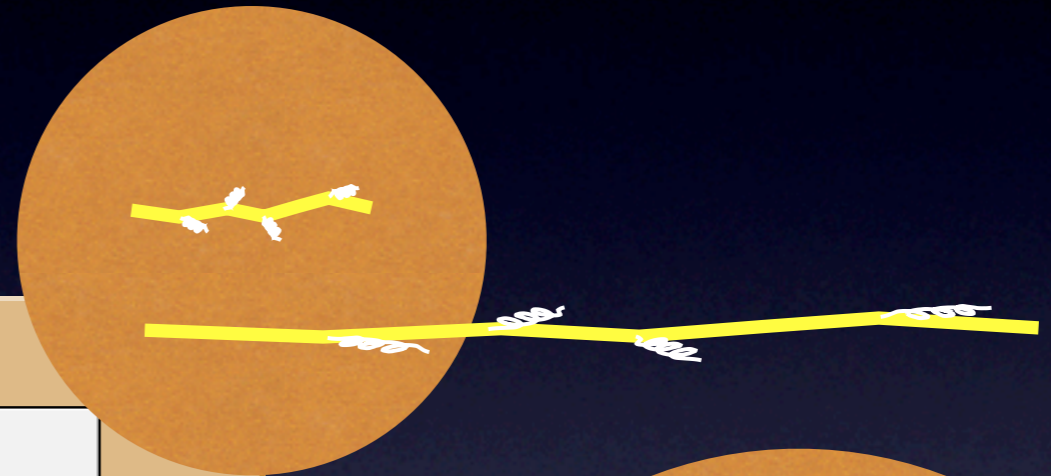
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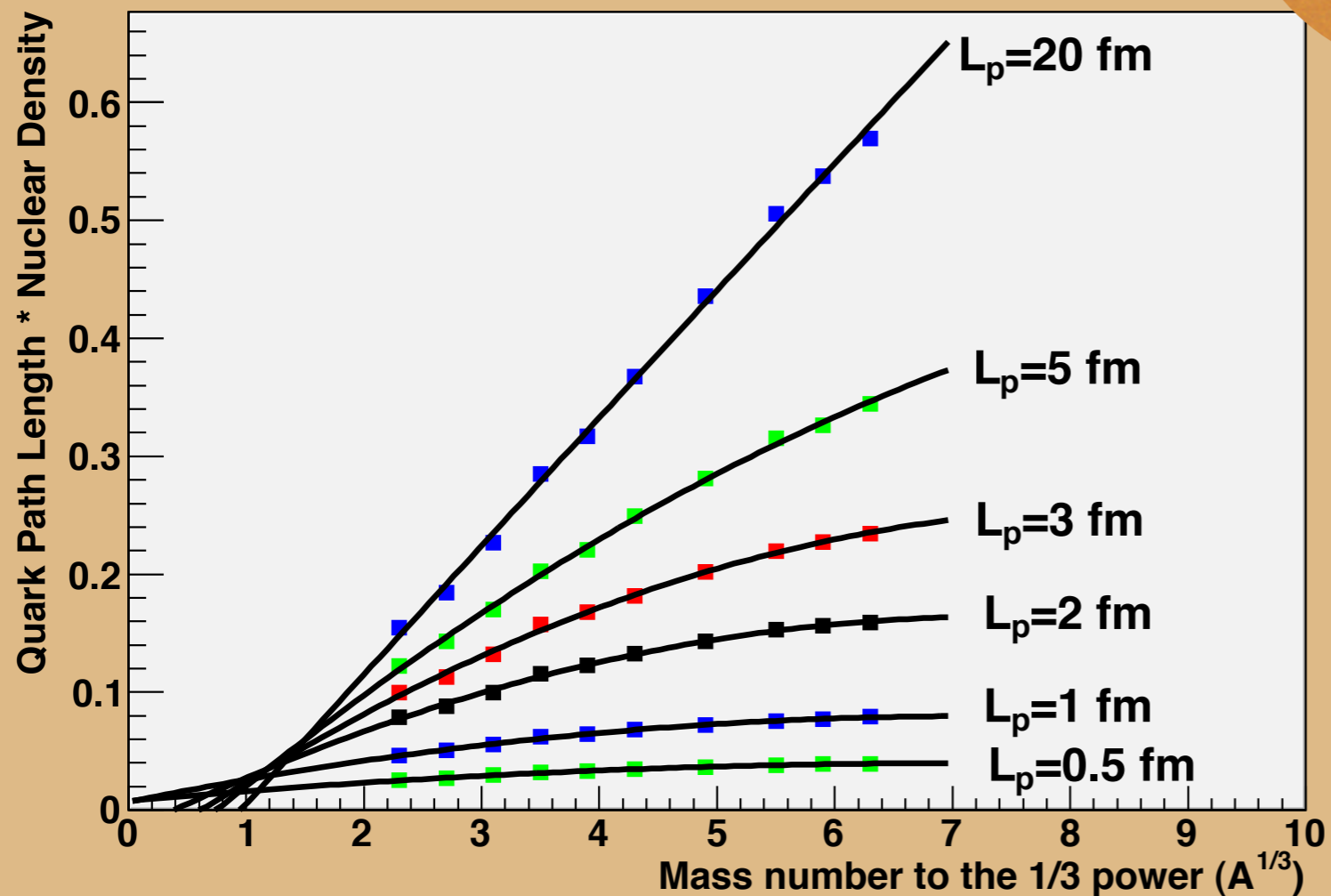
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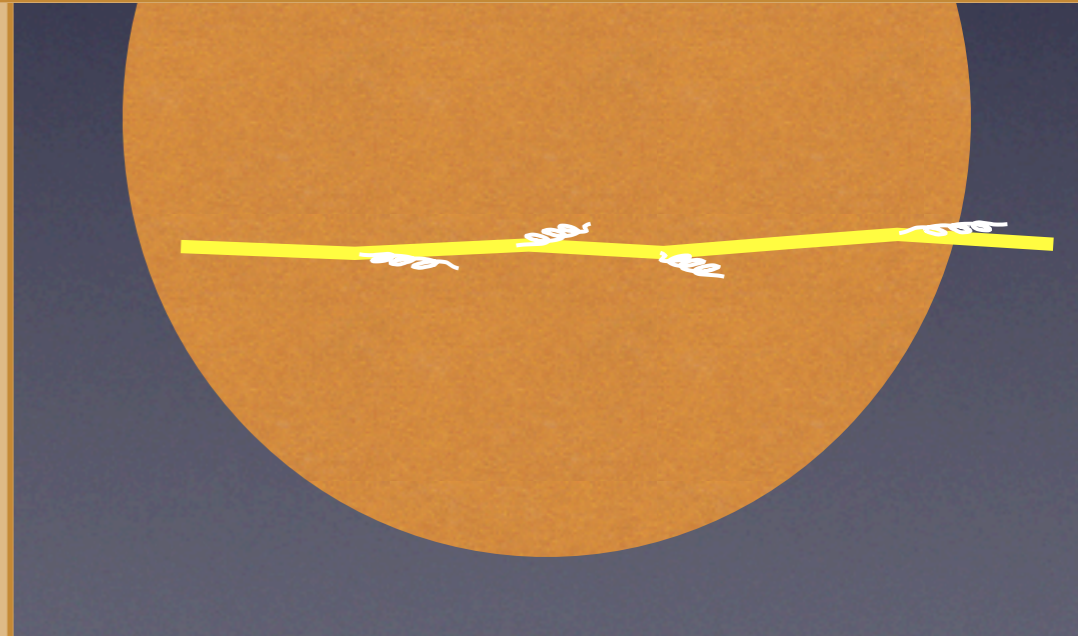
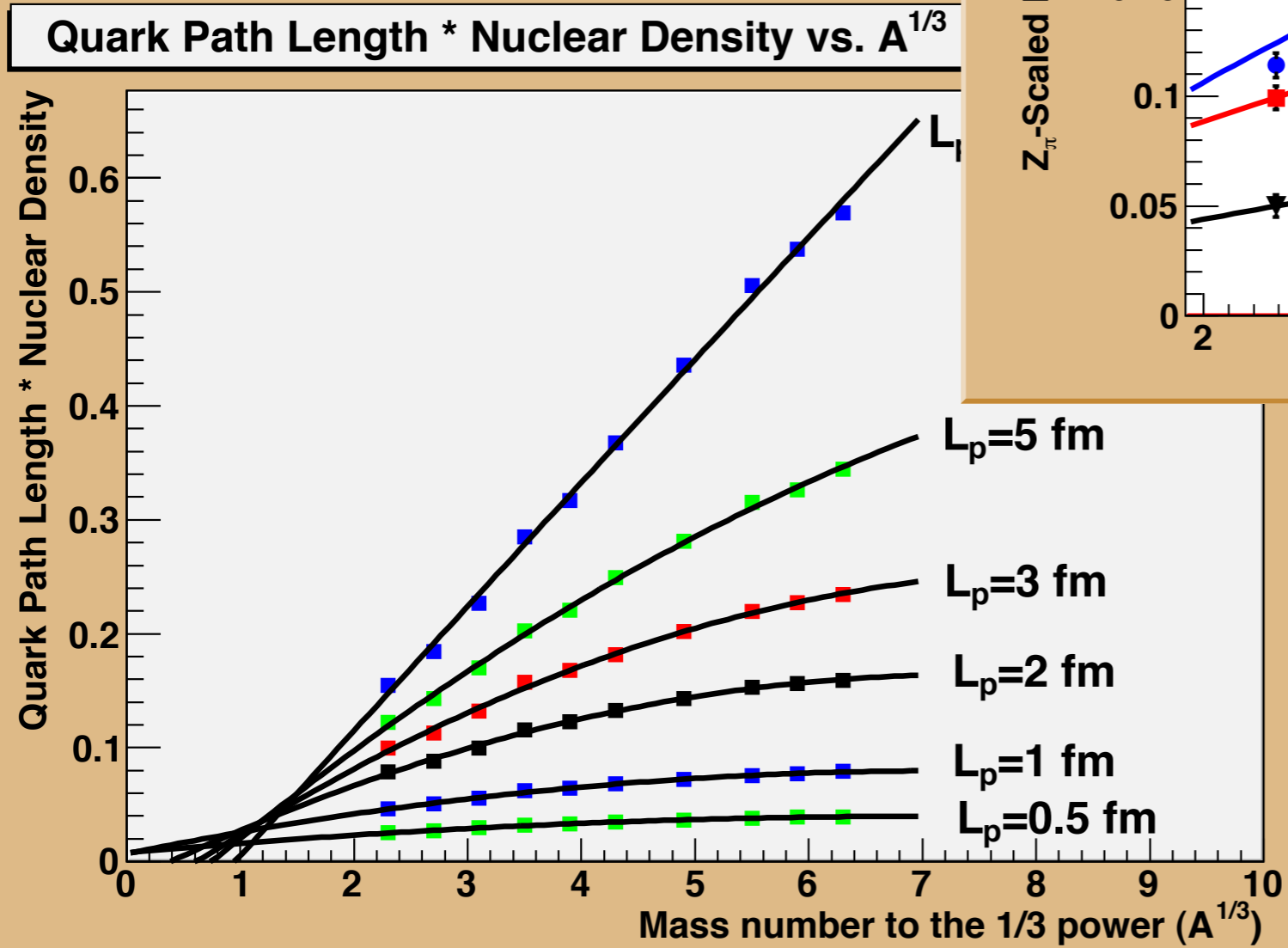
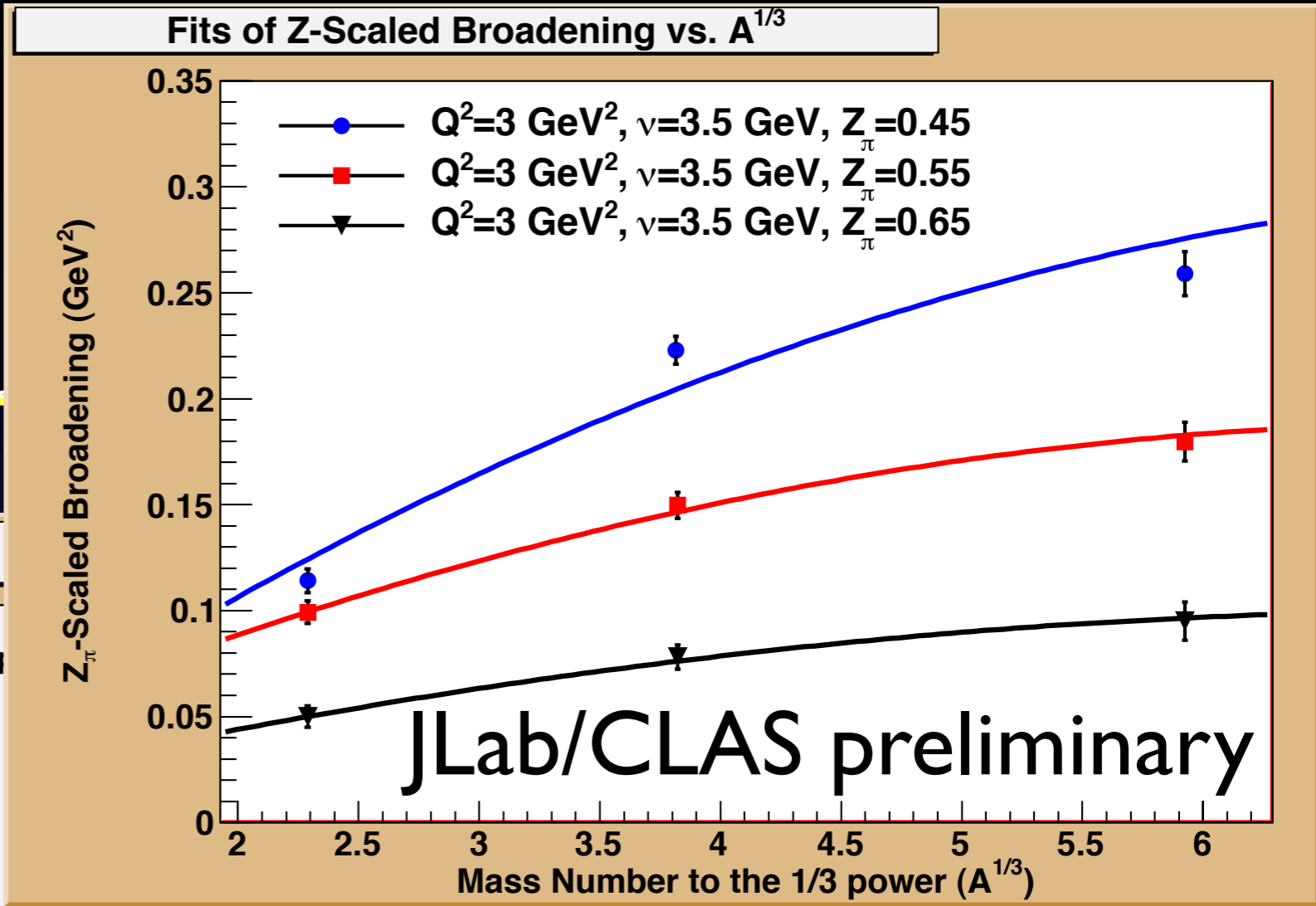
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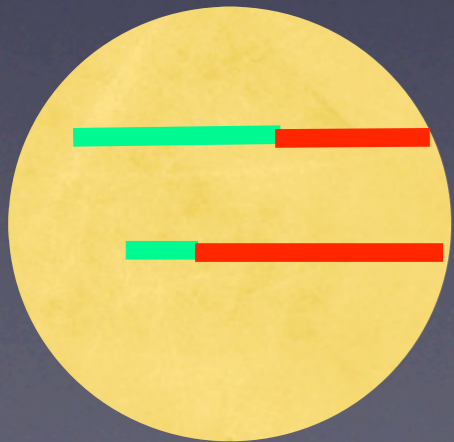
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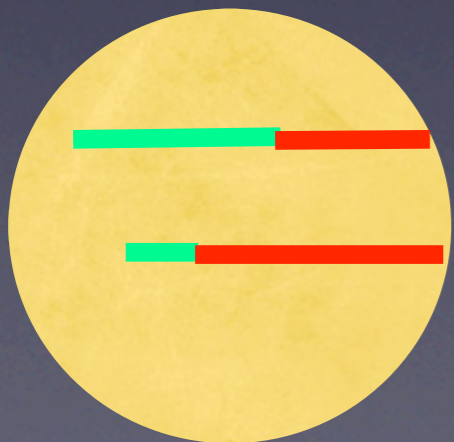


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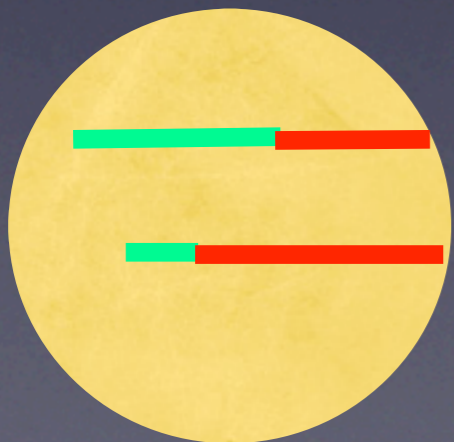
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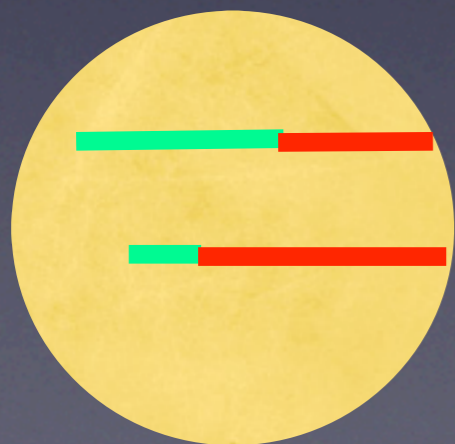
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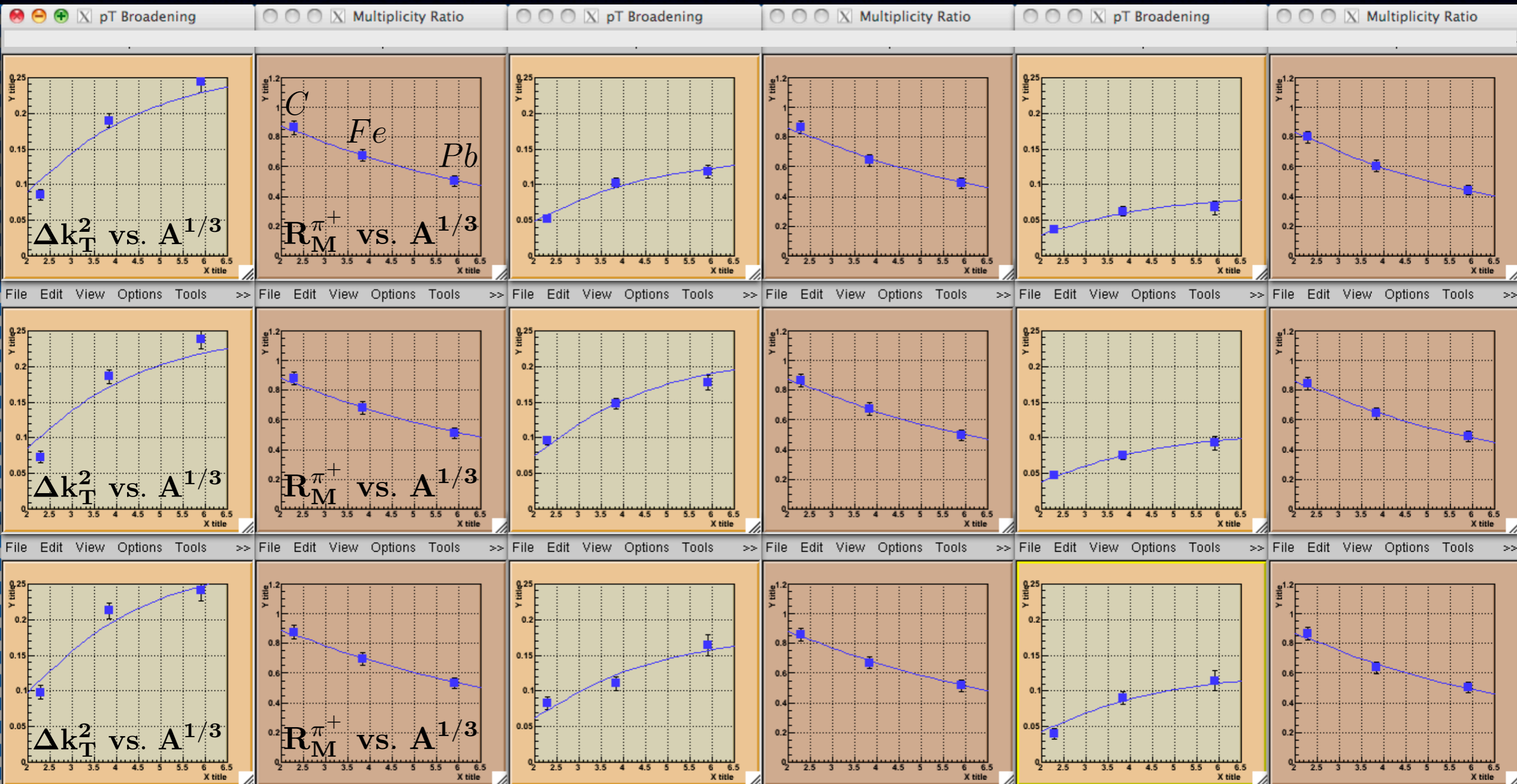
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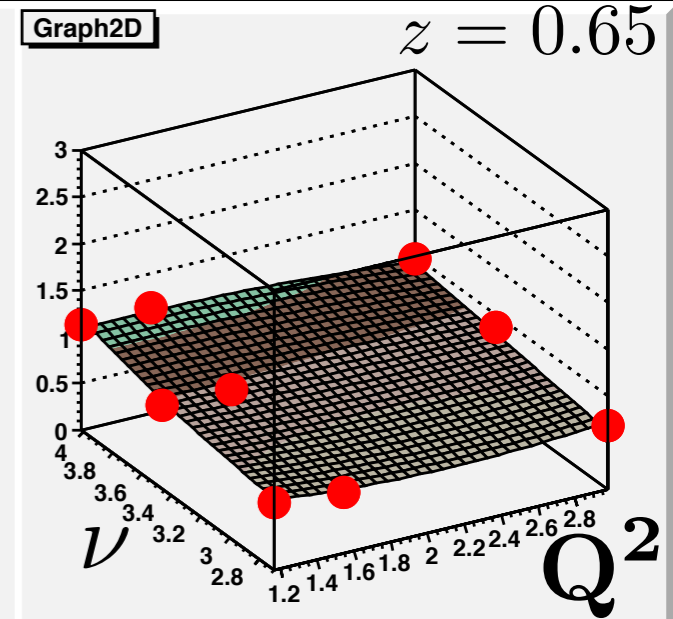
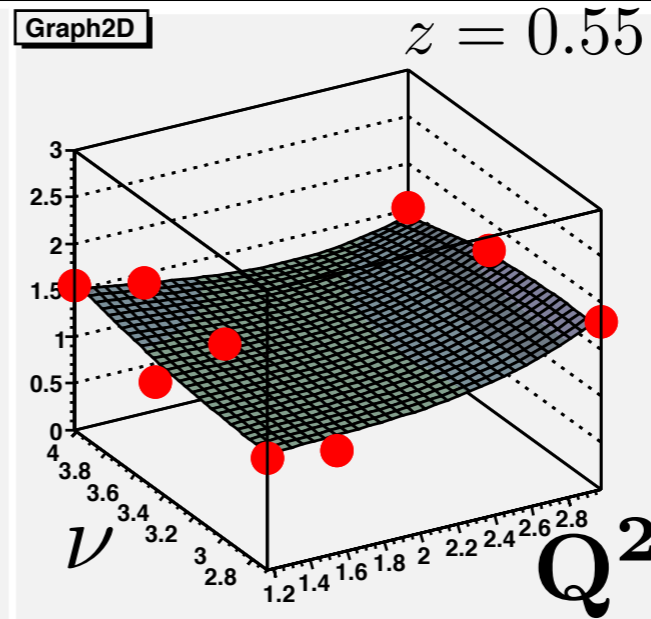
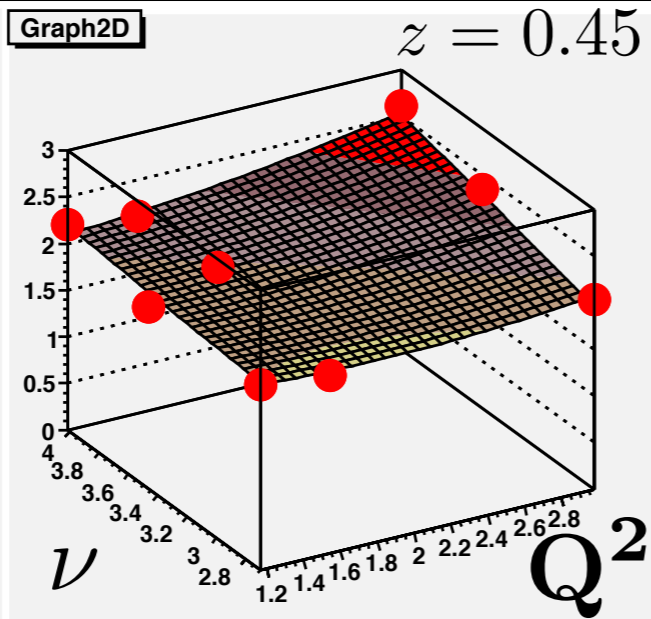
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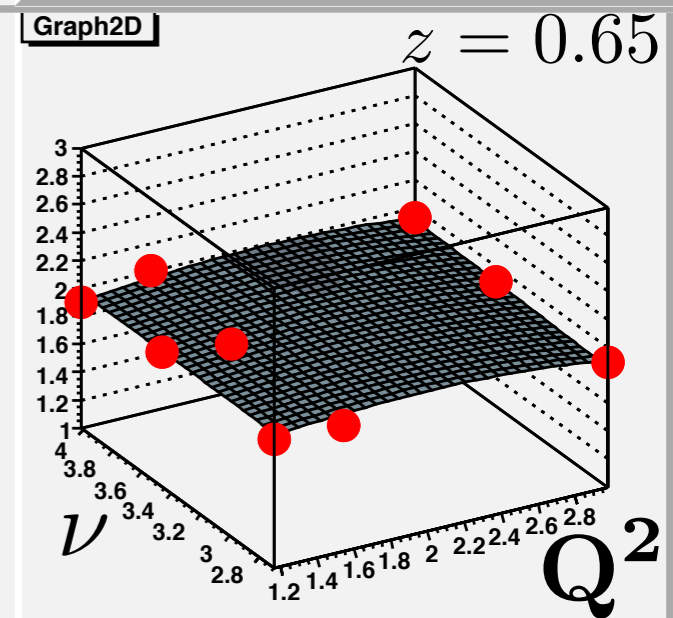
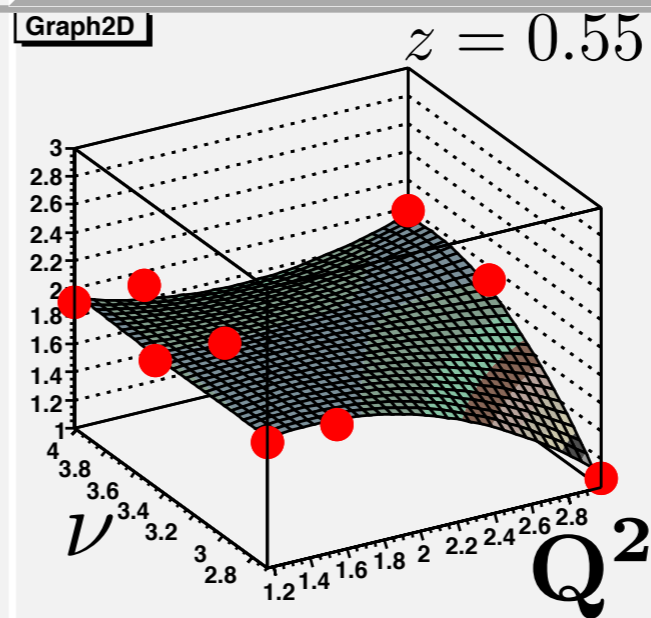
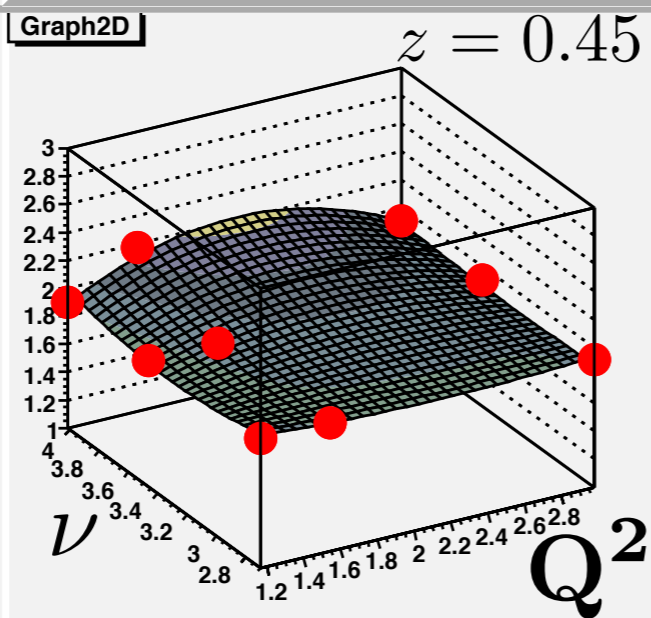
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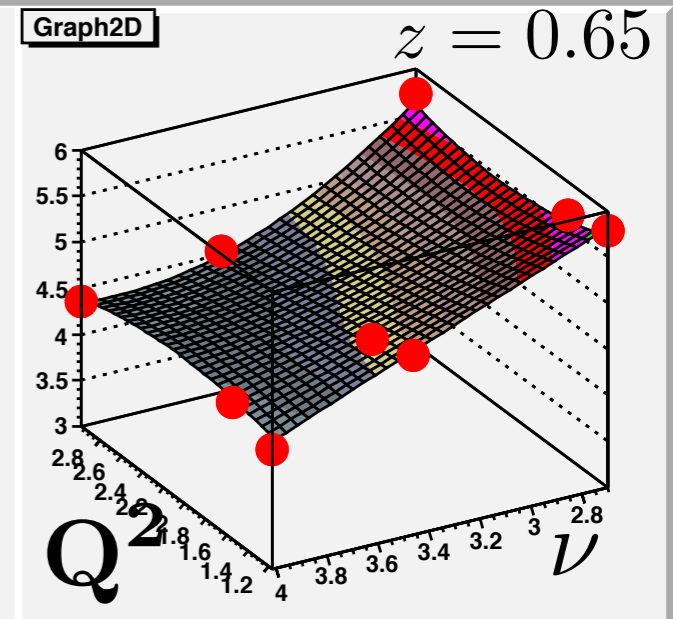
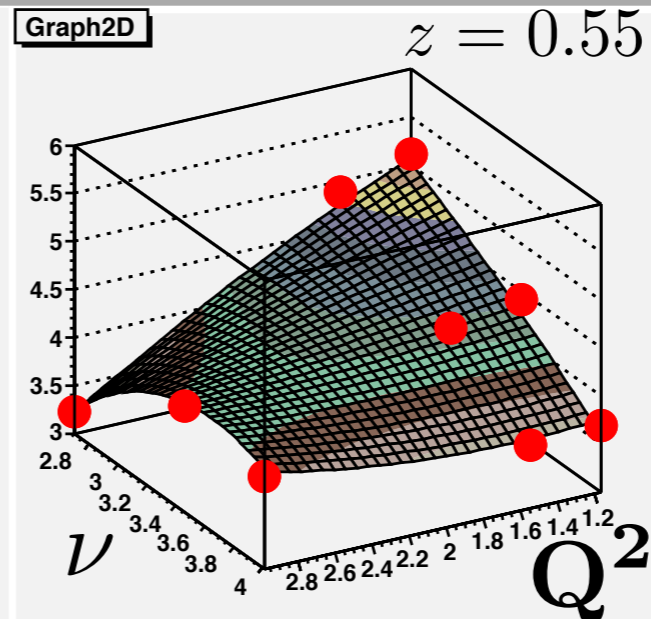
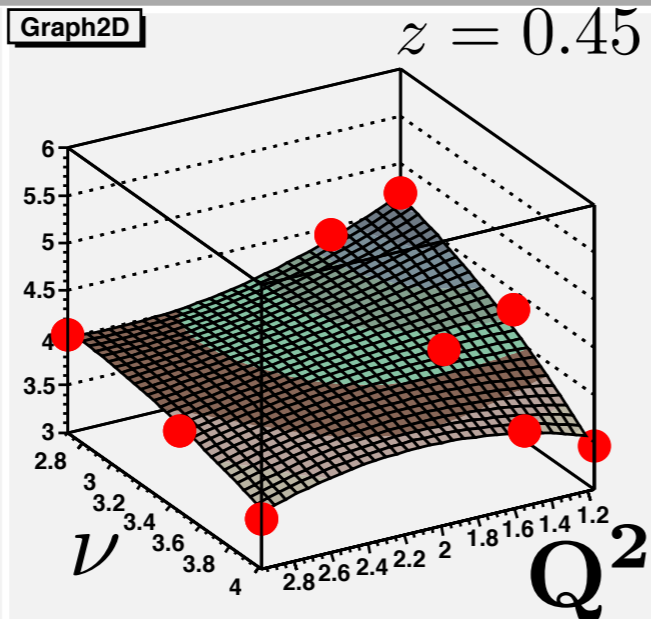
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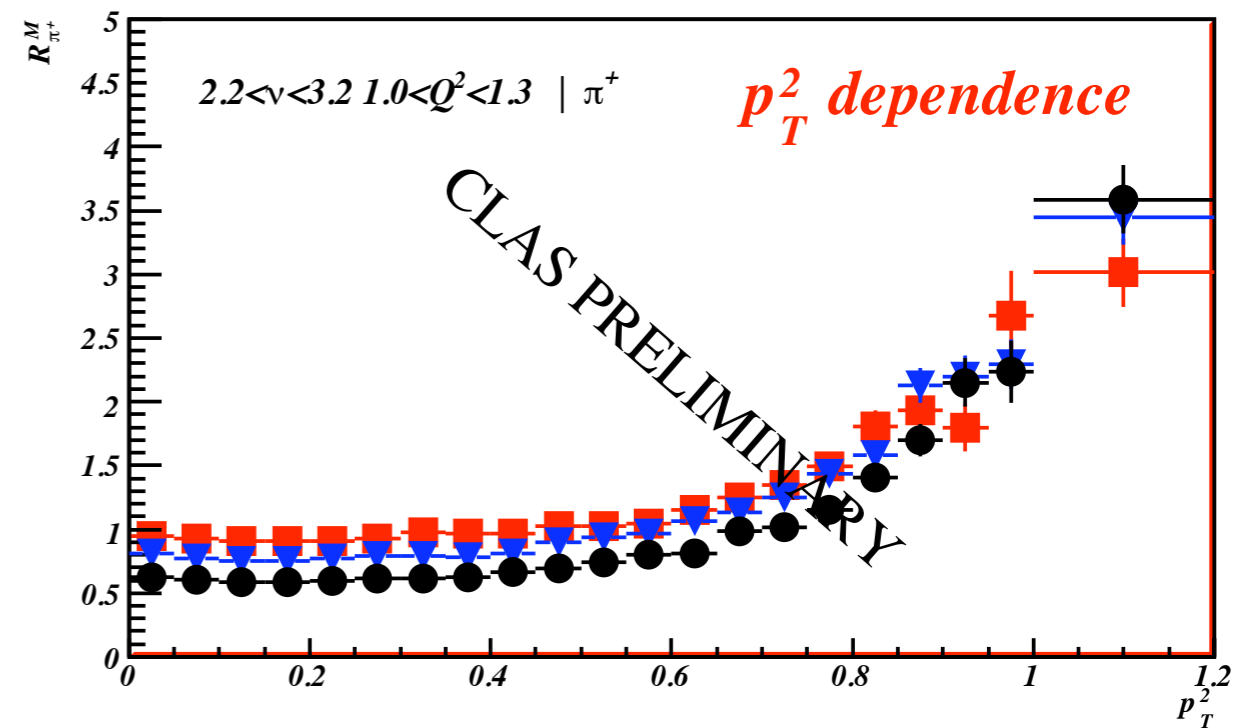
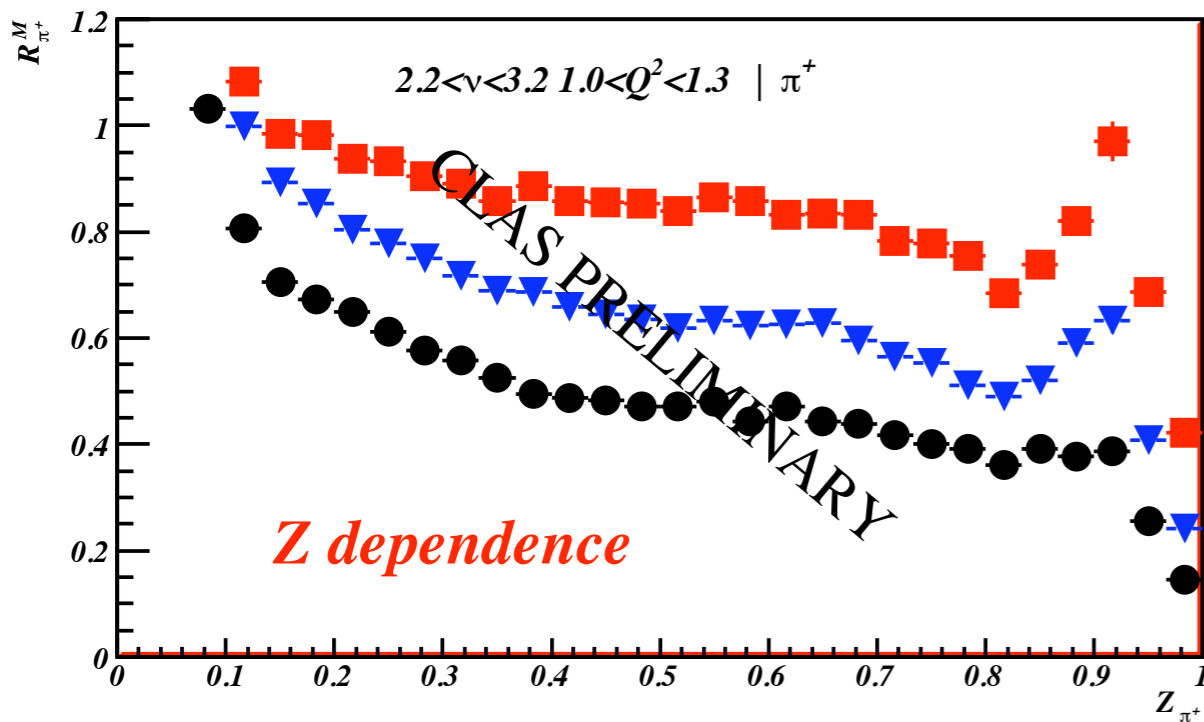
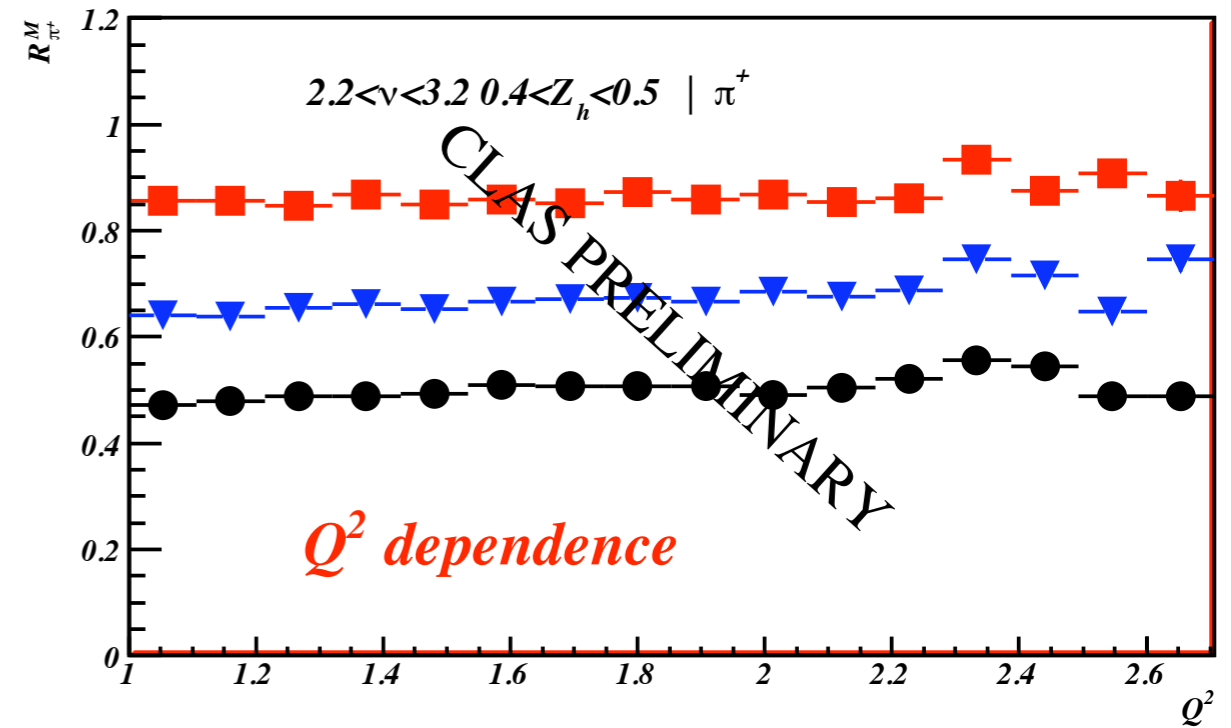
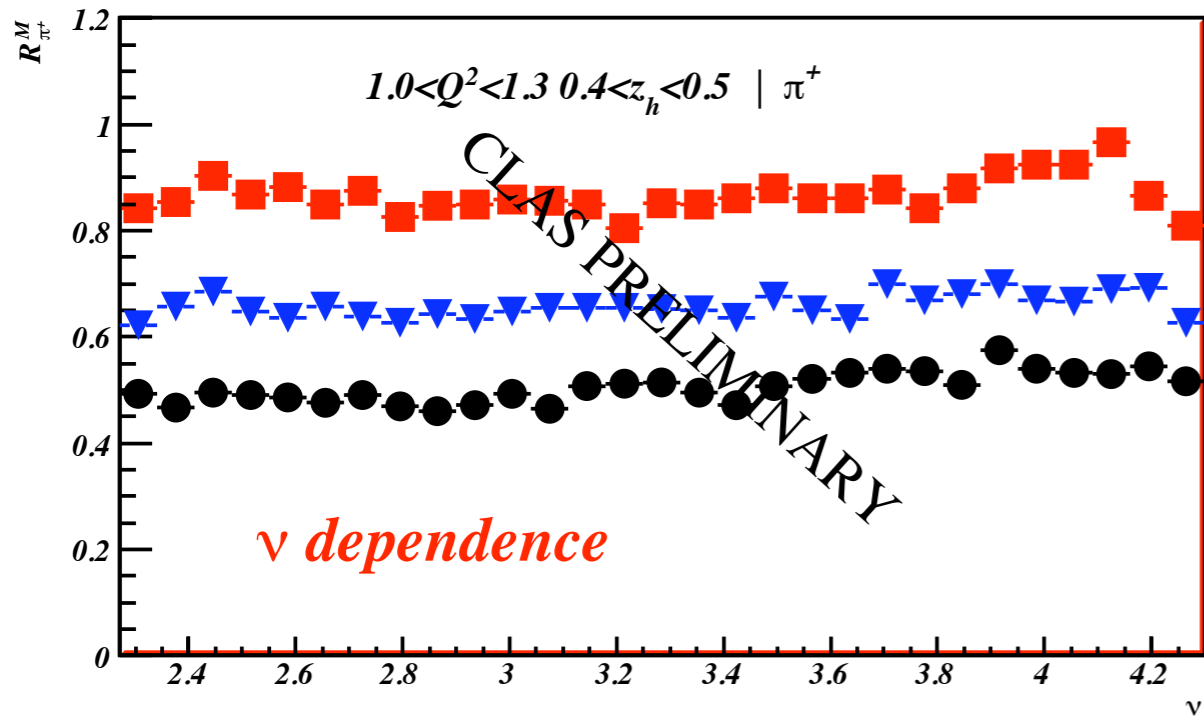
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# JLab/CLAS 3-D preliminary data



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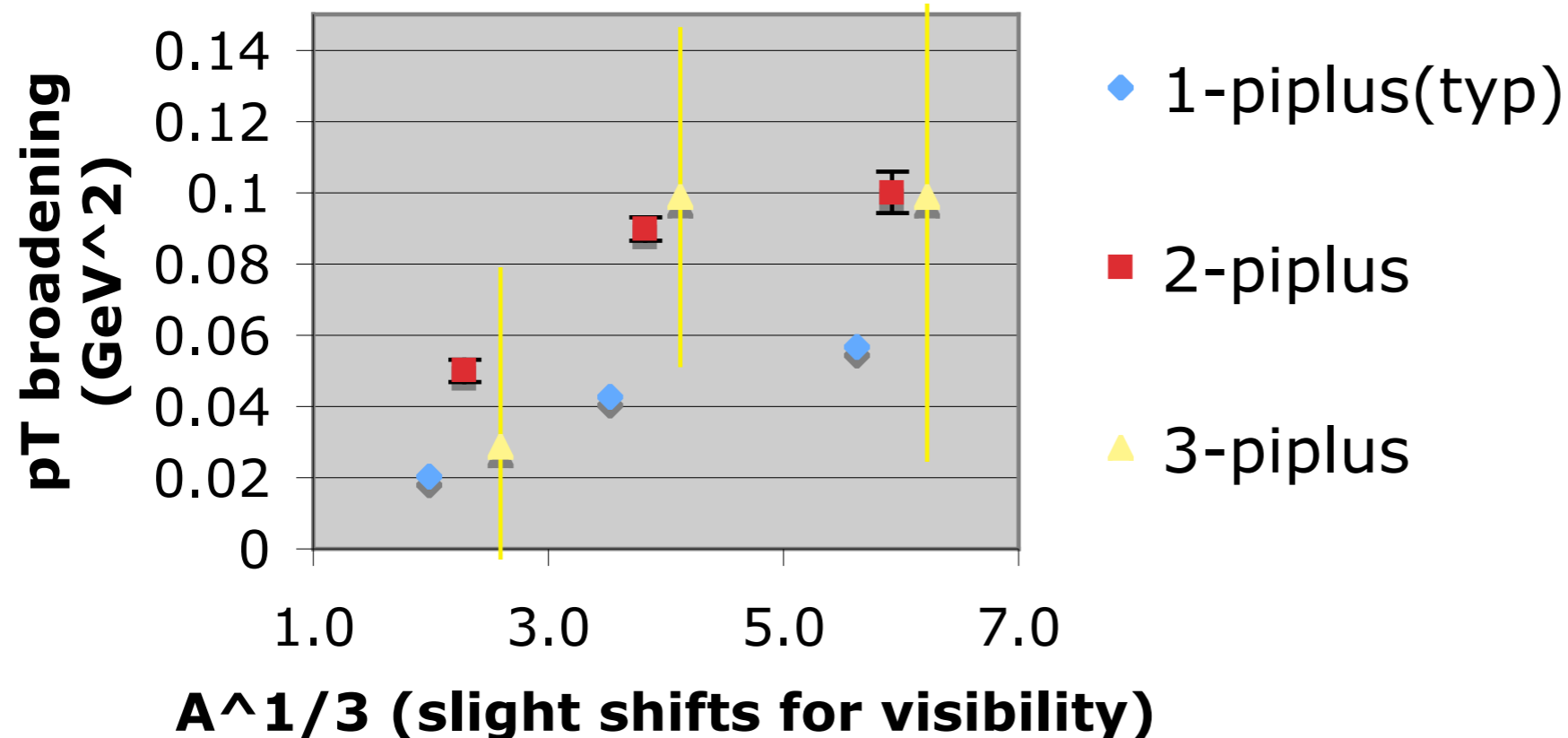
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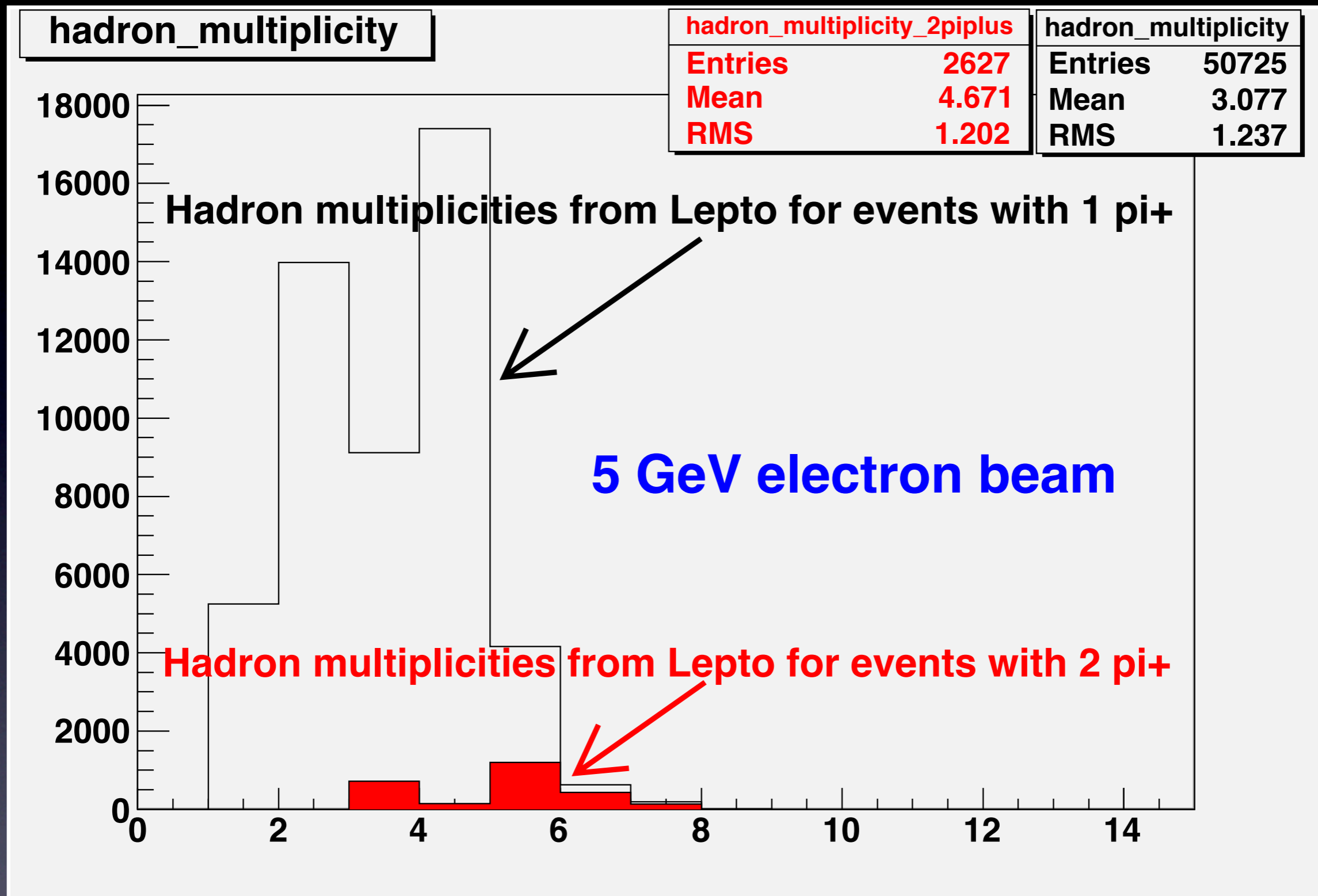
Requiring multiple pions allows studies of higher-multiplicity states - feasible because of high luminosities

10X higher luminosities for CLAS12!

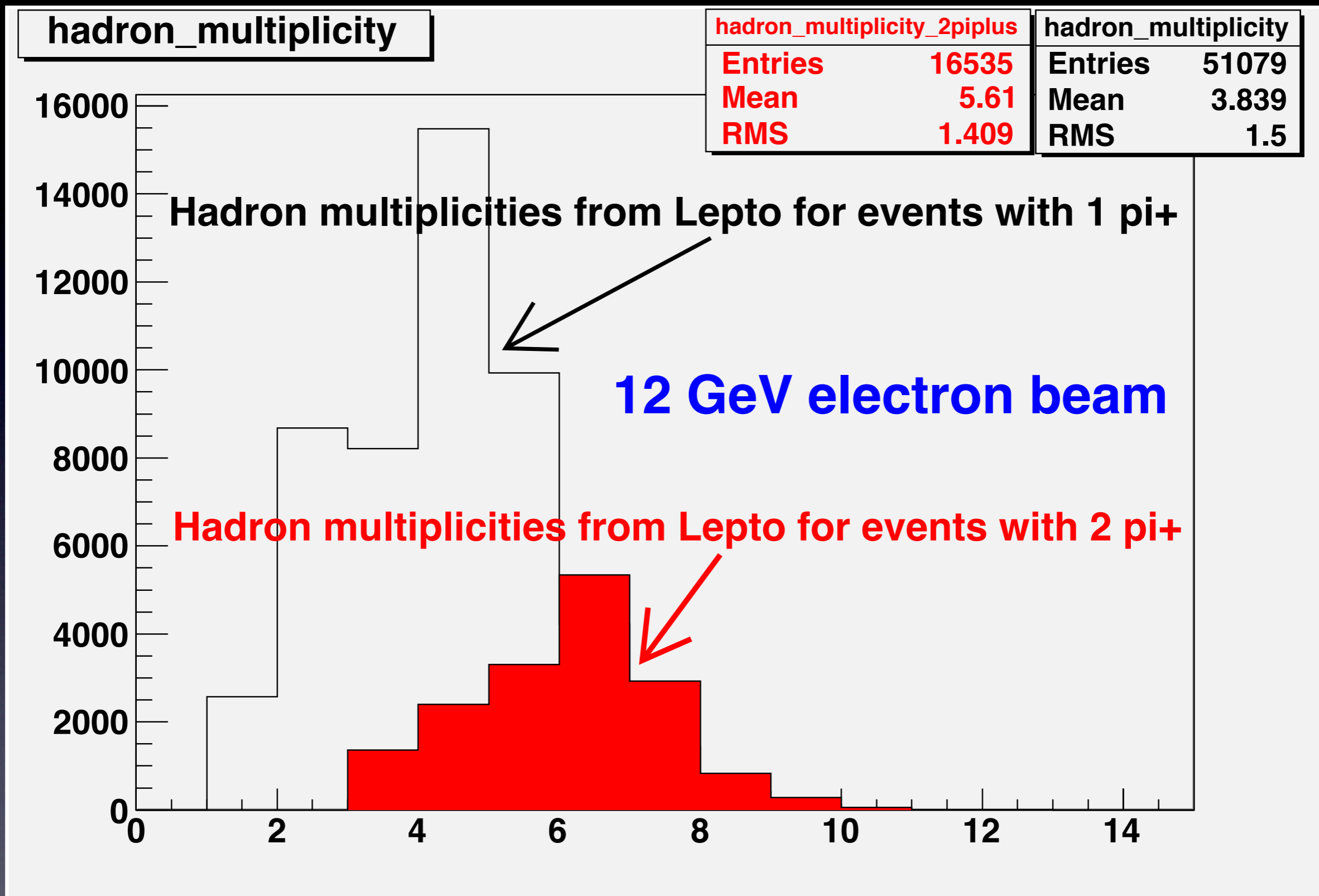
## Broadening vs. pi+ multiplicity



JLab/CLAS  
5 GeV data

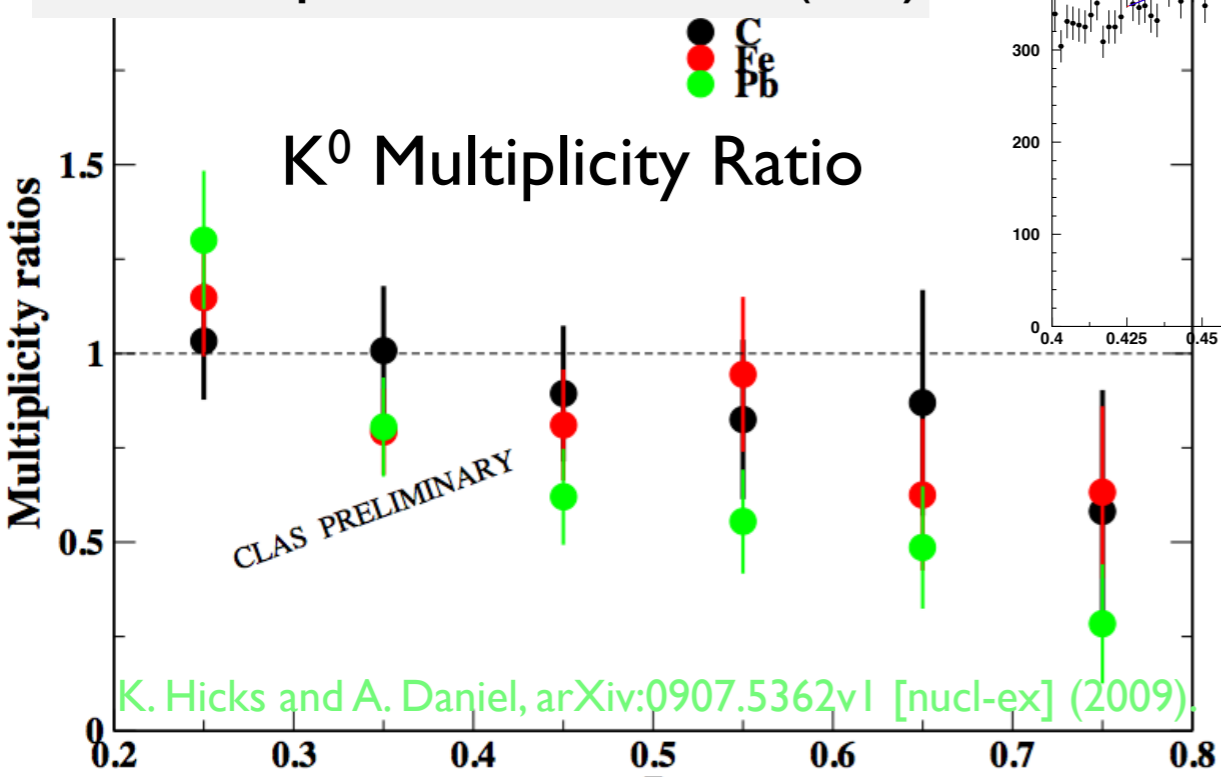
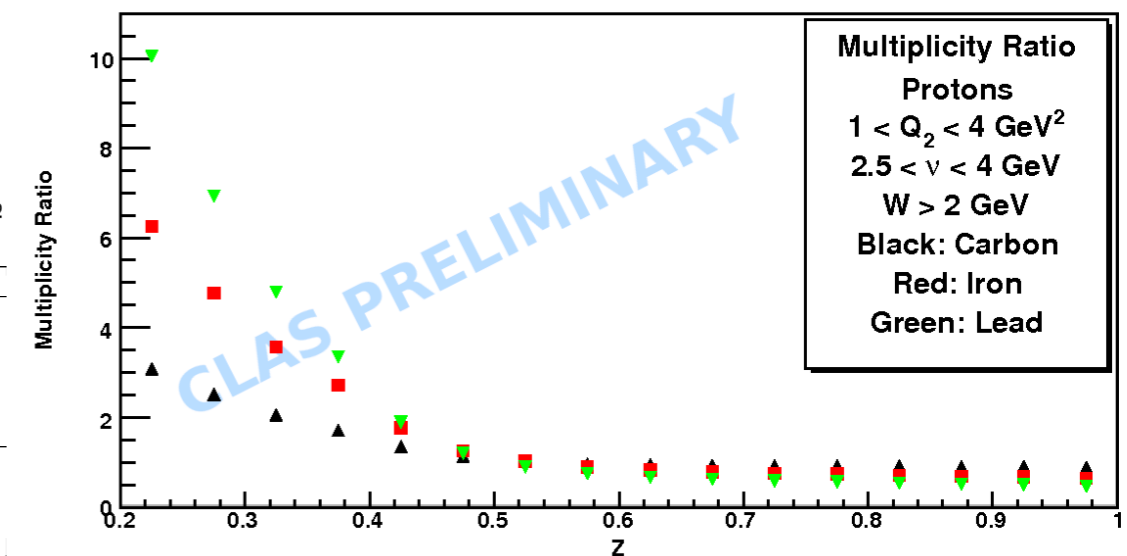
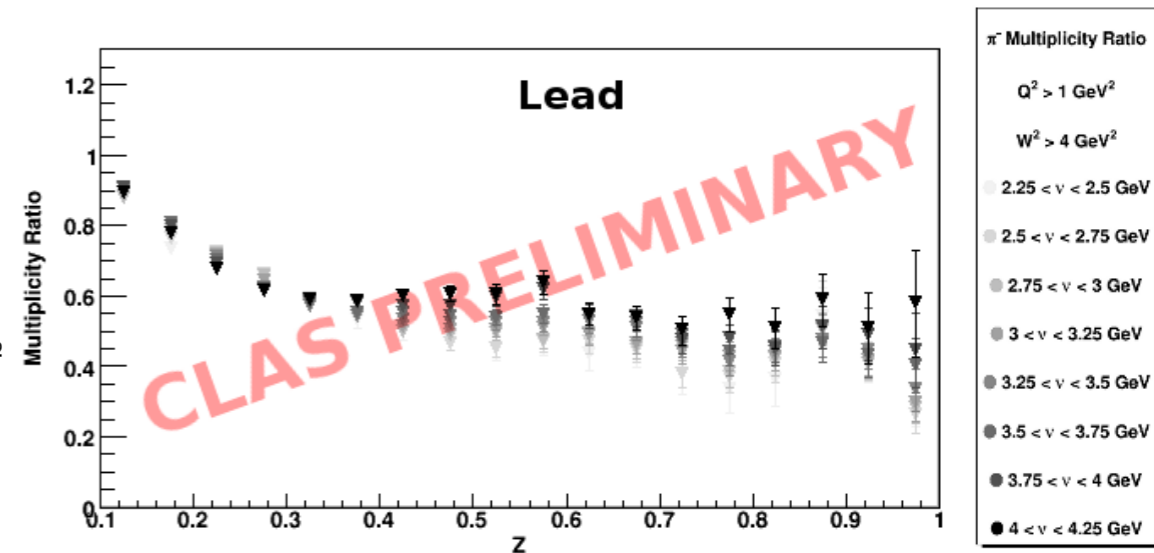
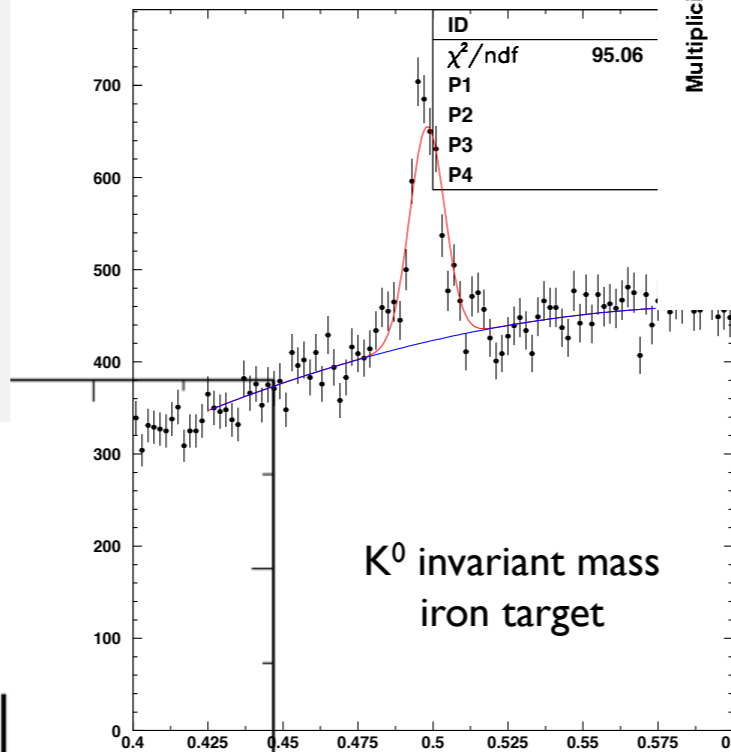
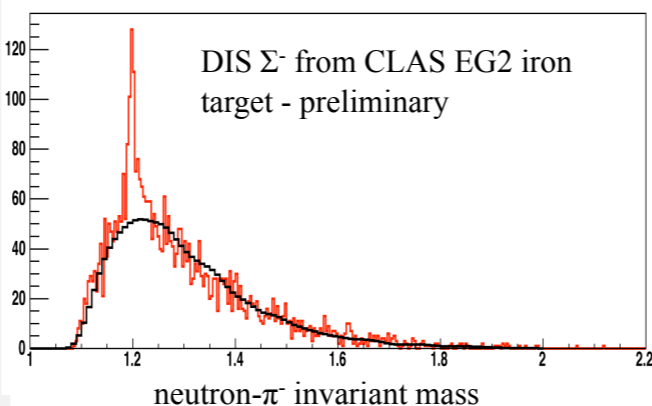
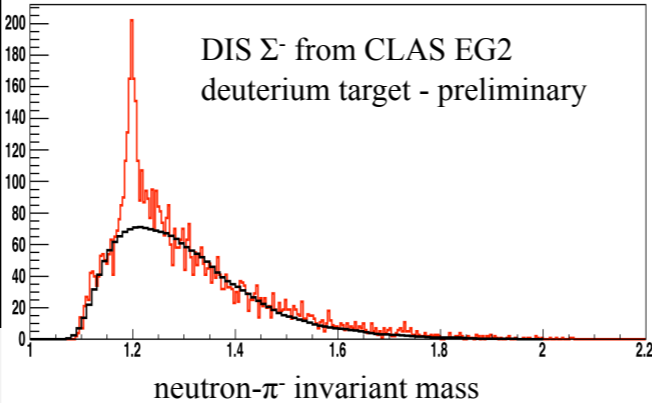
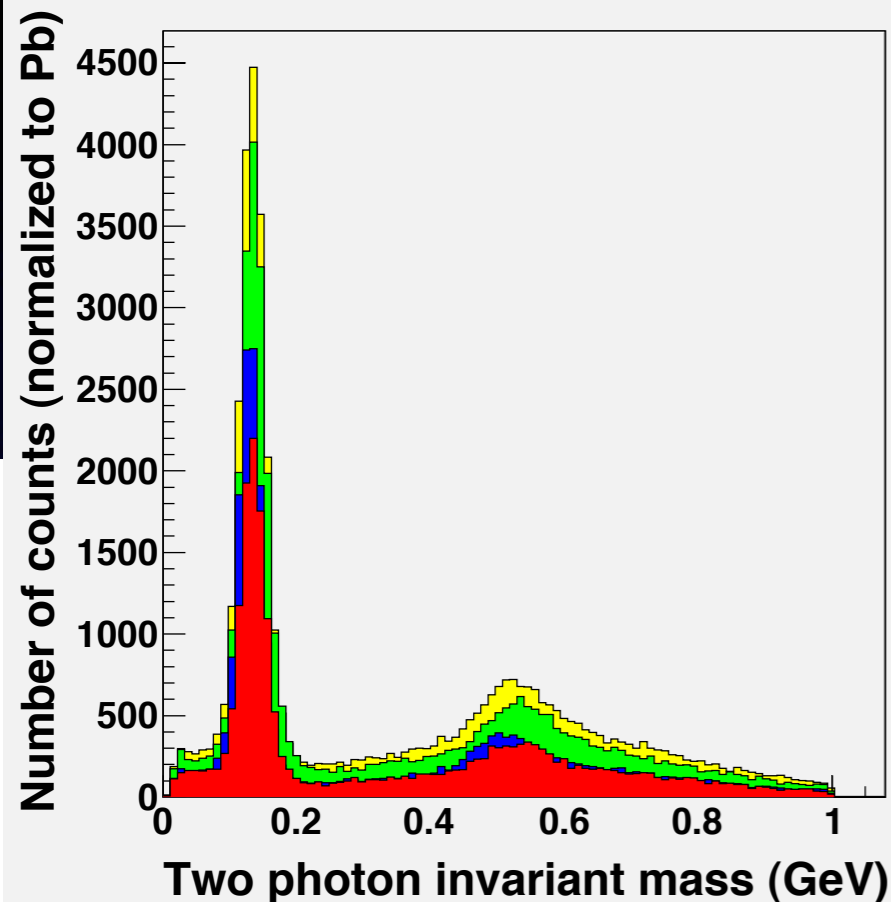


Higher multiplicity may correlate with more in-medium interactions, in analogy with 'centrality' in RHI



At 12 GeV, more reach to explore multiplicity dependence

# CLAS 5 GeV data under analysis



pions,  $K^0$ ,  $K^+$  (lower energy), eta, omega, lambda, sigma

# What is the importance of kaons in these studies?

- Provide important continuity between CLAS12 measurements and HERMES measurements
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- Kaons have smaller cross section than pions - absorption scenario: multiplicity ratio should be larger for kaons - energy loss scenario: opposite trend (based on shapes of fragmentation functions for kaon and pion).
- Will reduce backgrounds on all channels where strangeness is involved, such as lambda baryons or phi mesons.
- $\sim 3$  orders of magnitude more integrated luminosity than Hermes, so one can study the details of the  $K^+ K^-$  comparison as a function of several kinematic variables simultaneously.

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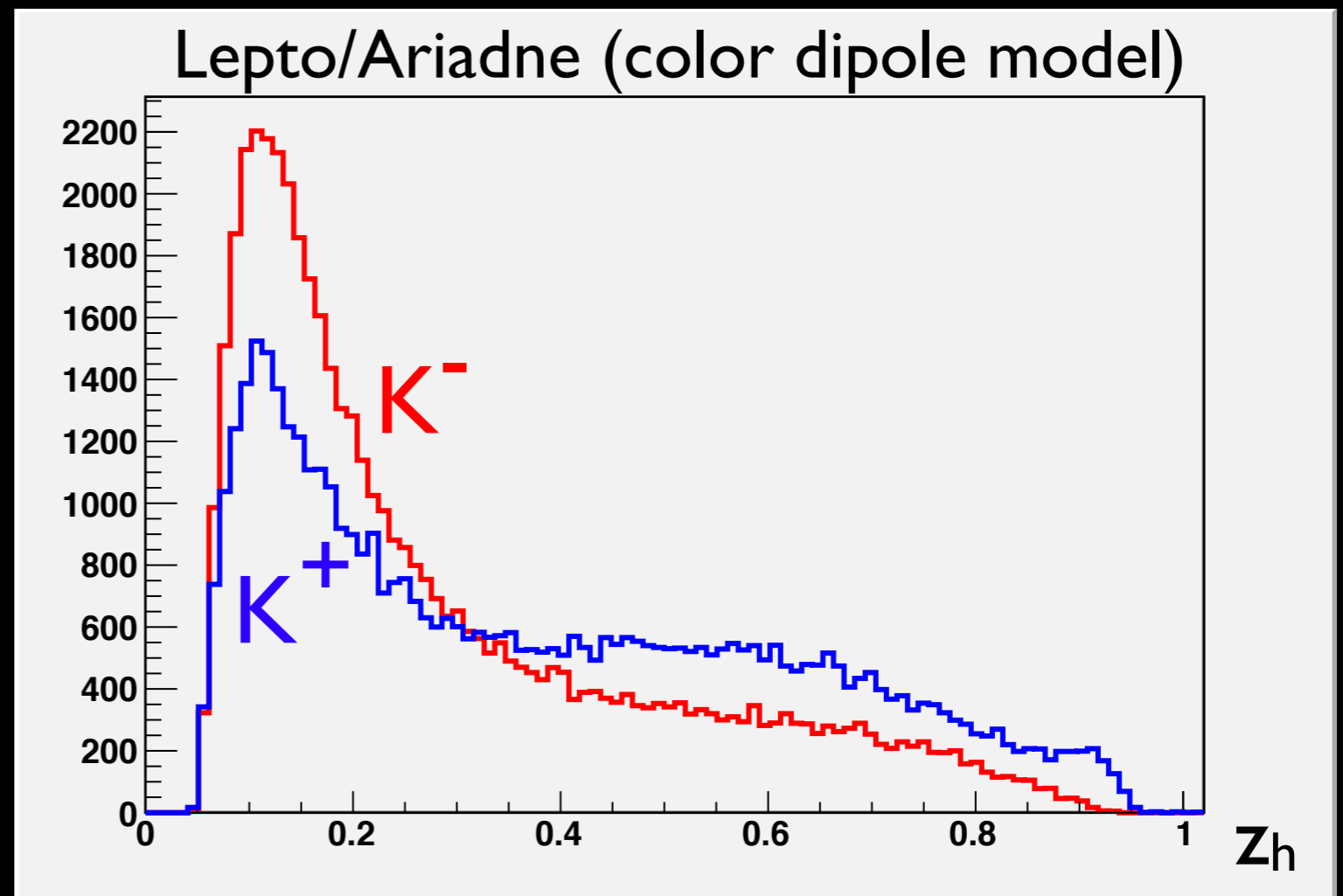
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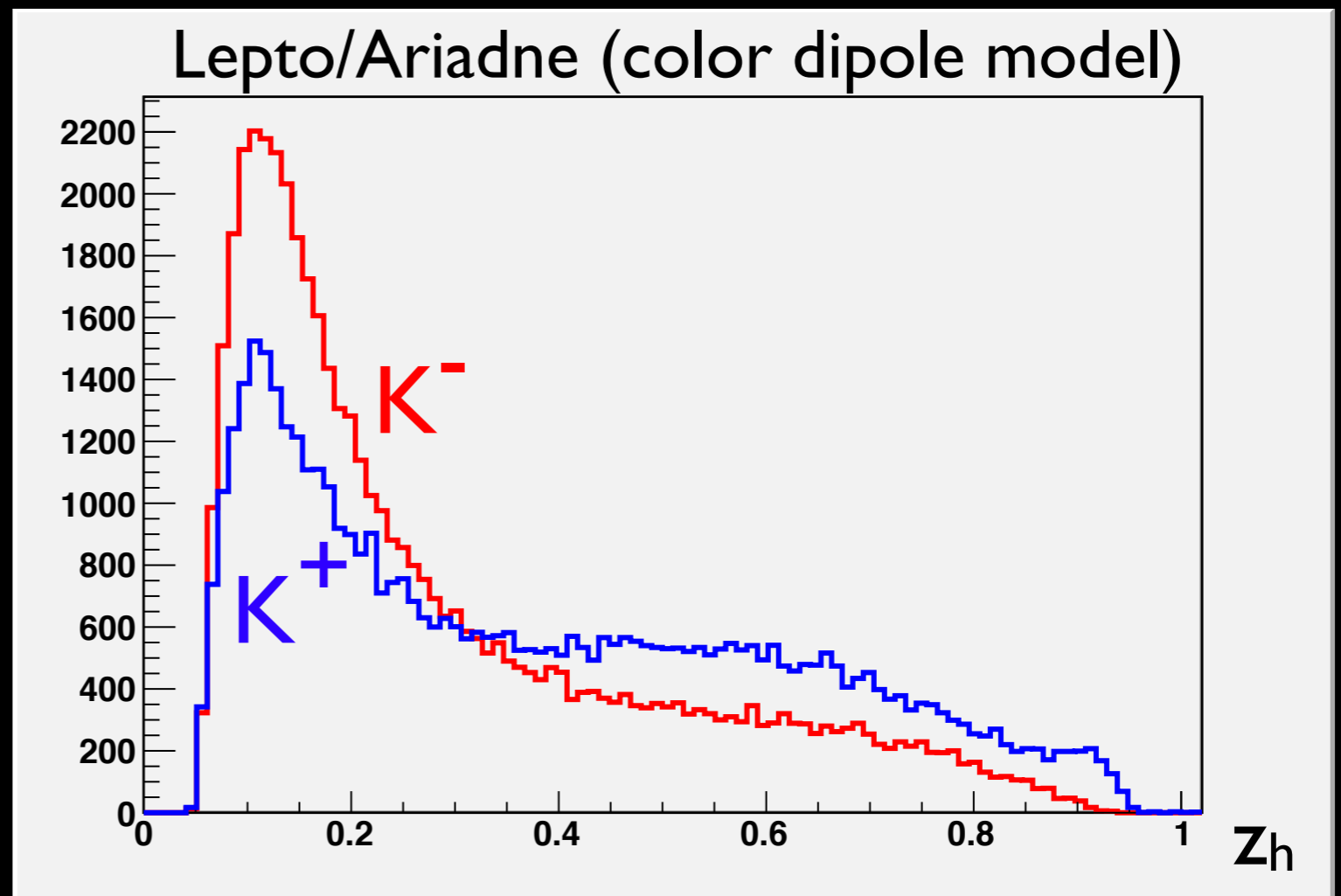
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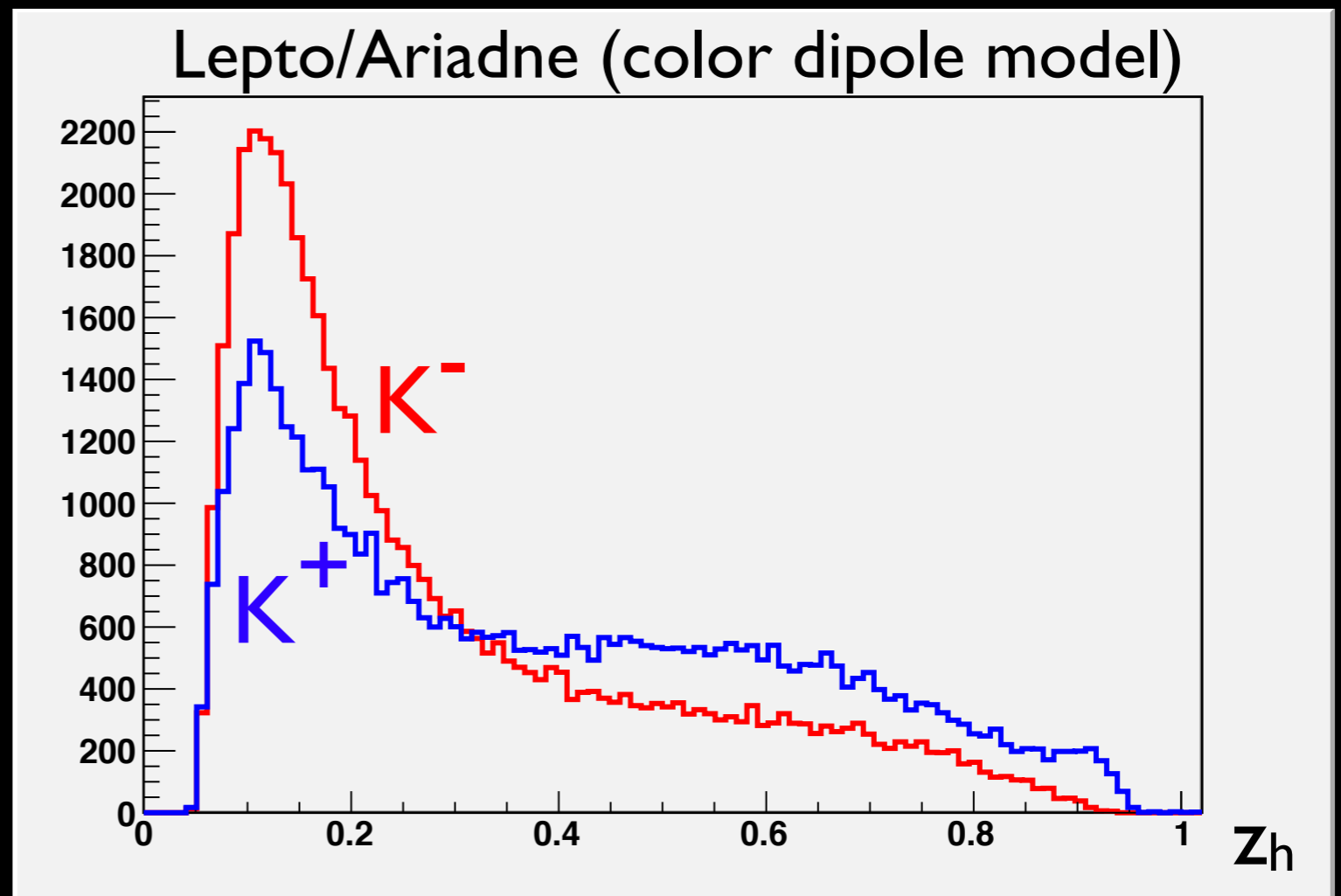
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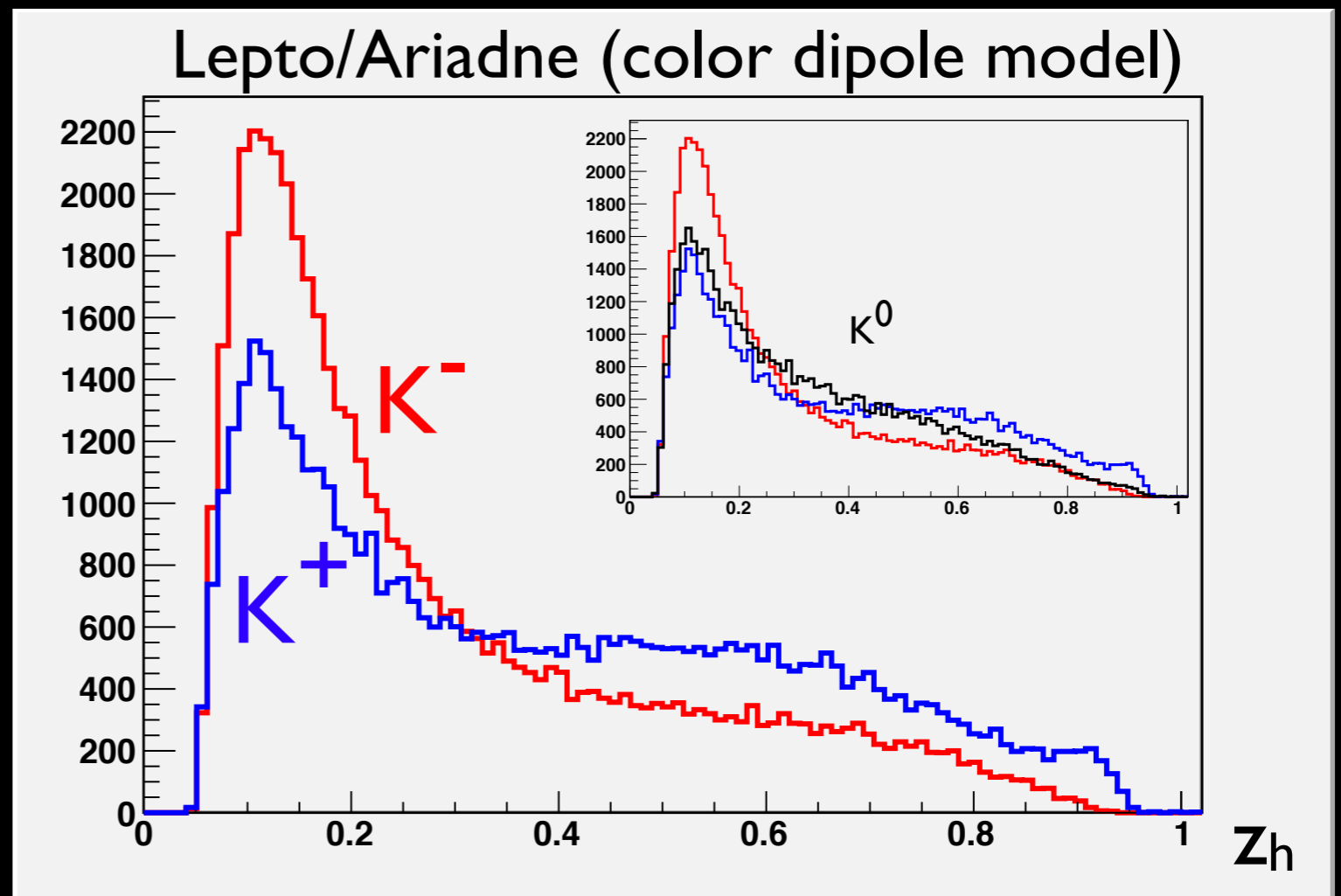
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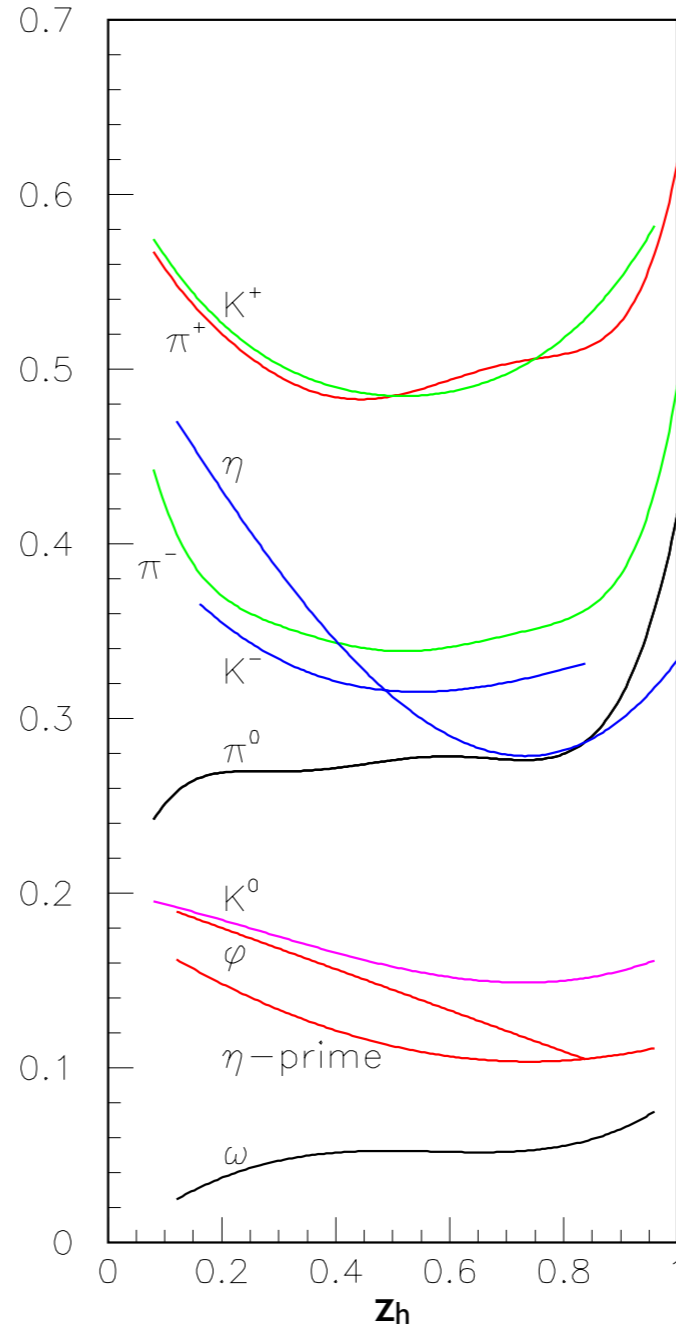
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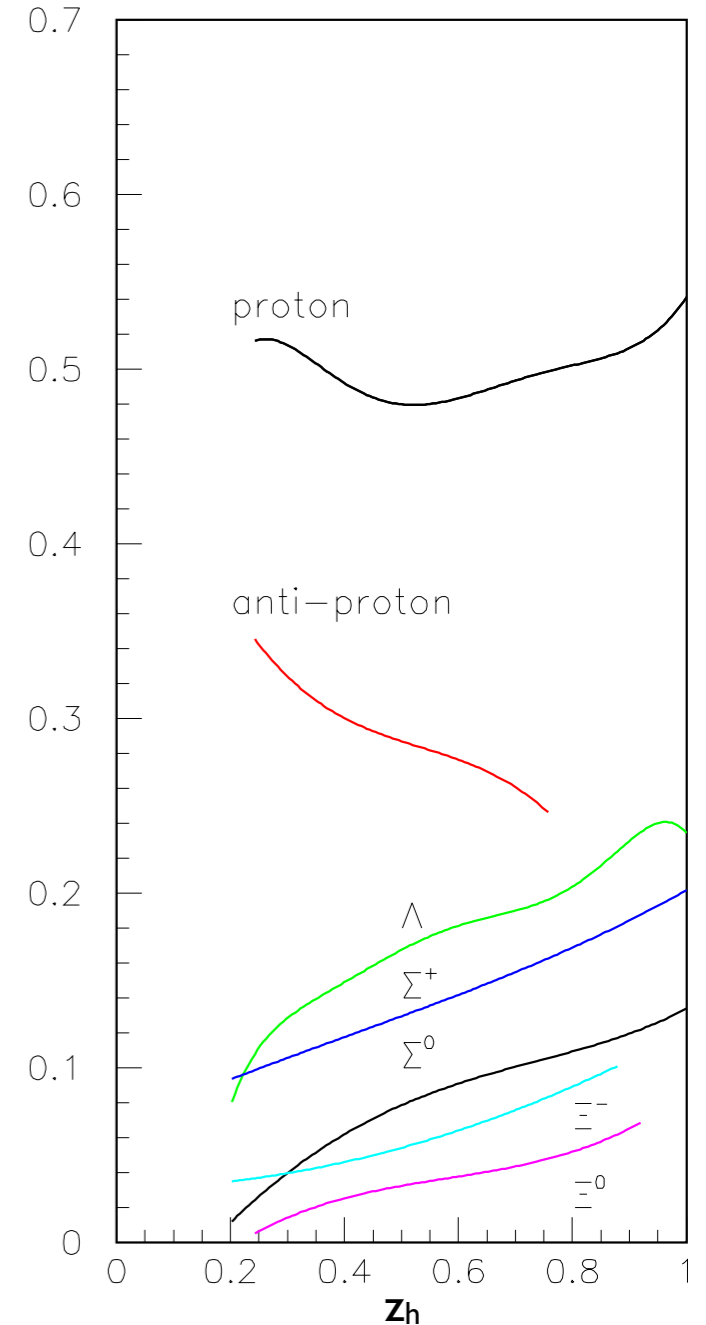
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# Examples of Experimental Data and Theoretical Predictions



# Mechanisms of Hadronization

*Examples of recent theory progress*

- First fully quantum-mechanical calculation of in-medium hadronization
- Perturbative fragmentation via the KPPS-Berger model (KPPS, *Phys. Lett. B*662:117-122, 2008, arXiv:0706.3059v1 [hep-ph])
- Path-integral formulation of quantum mechanics (LCGF)
  - phases and interferences; all relevant timescales
  - includes the probability of prehadron production both inside and outside the medium

*Inner/outer interference generates hadron 'attenuation': in-medium interactions affect overlap of dipole to pion wave function*

B.Z. Kopeliovich, H.-J. Pirner, I.K. Potashnikova, Ivan Schmidt, A.V. Tarasov, O.O. Voskresenskaya, *Phys. Rev. C*78:055204, 2008 arXiv:0809.4613v2 [hep-ph]

# Conclusions

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  - Hermes data the first with hadron-specific information
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