

# New results on short-range correlations

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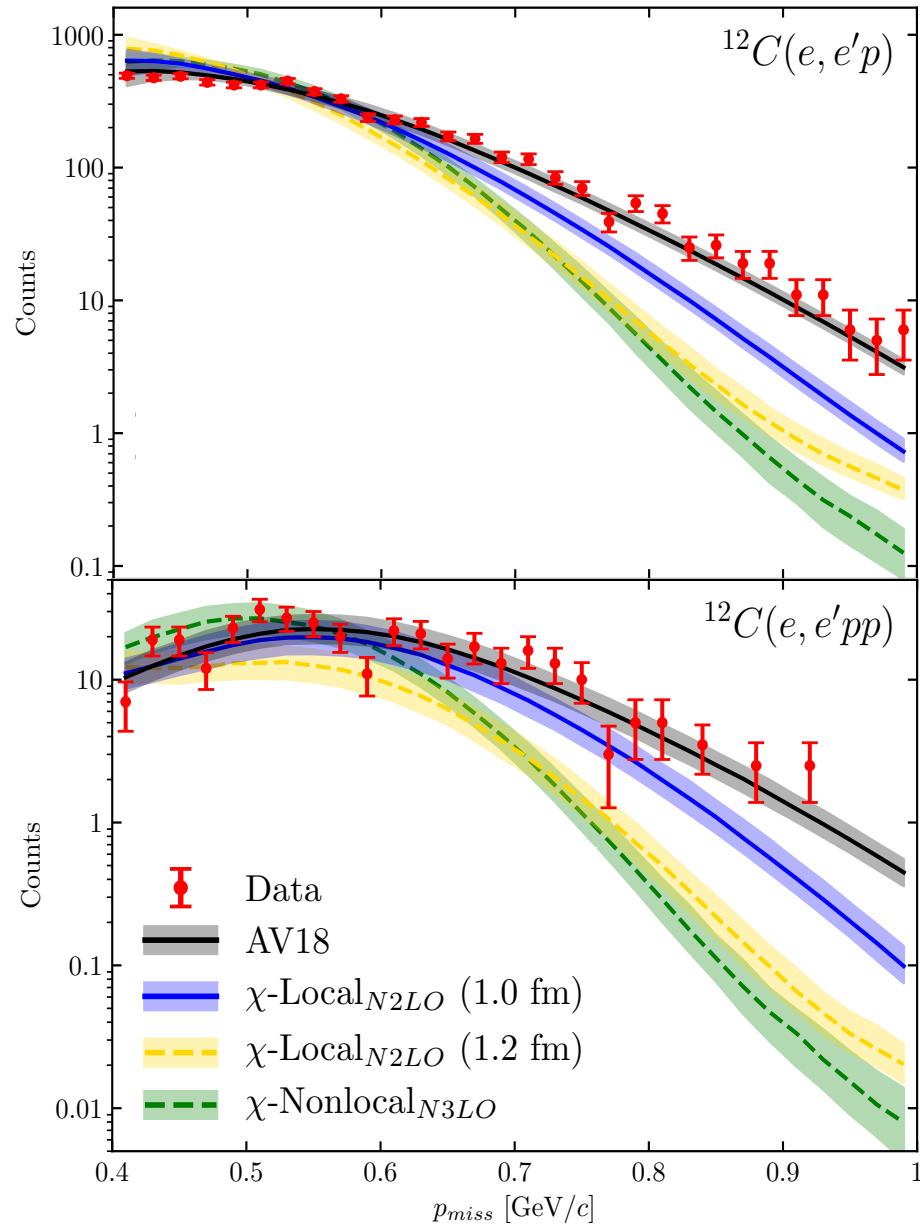


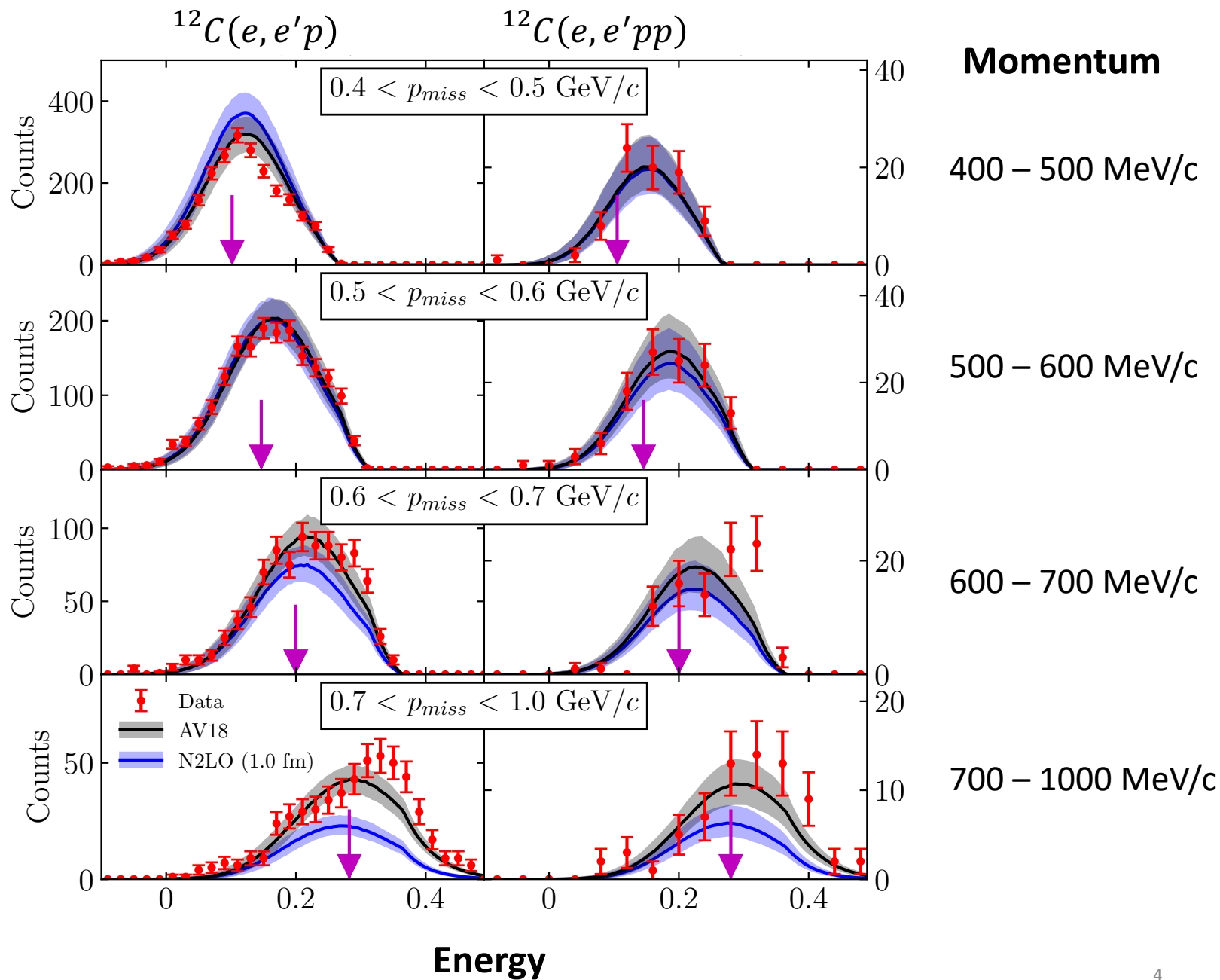
Lepton Interactions With Nucleons  
and Nuclei, Elba, Italy, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.

# Starting from the end...

Measurements of exclusive electron scattering reactions can test, and constrain, the NN interaction and many-body theory.







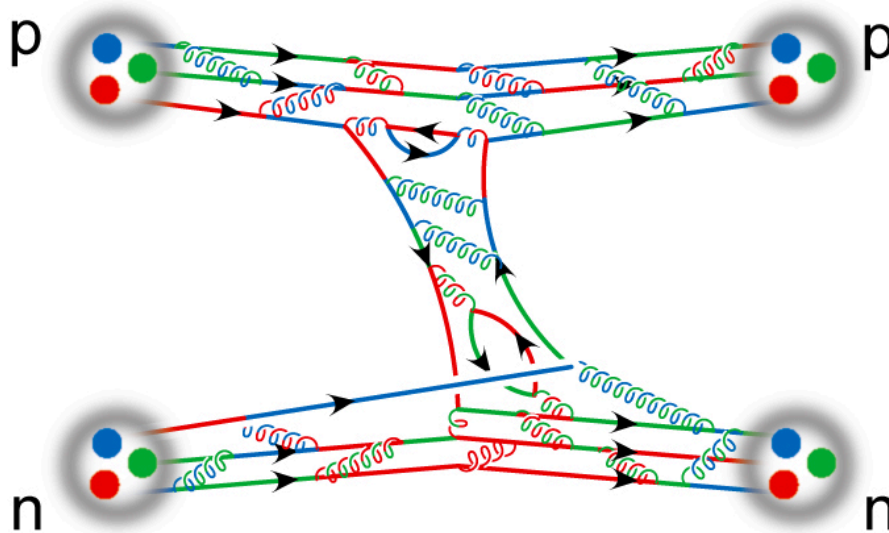
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$$\sum_i \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \nabla_i^2 \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N, t) \right\} + U(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N, t)$$

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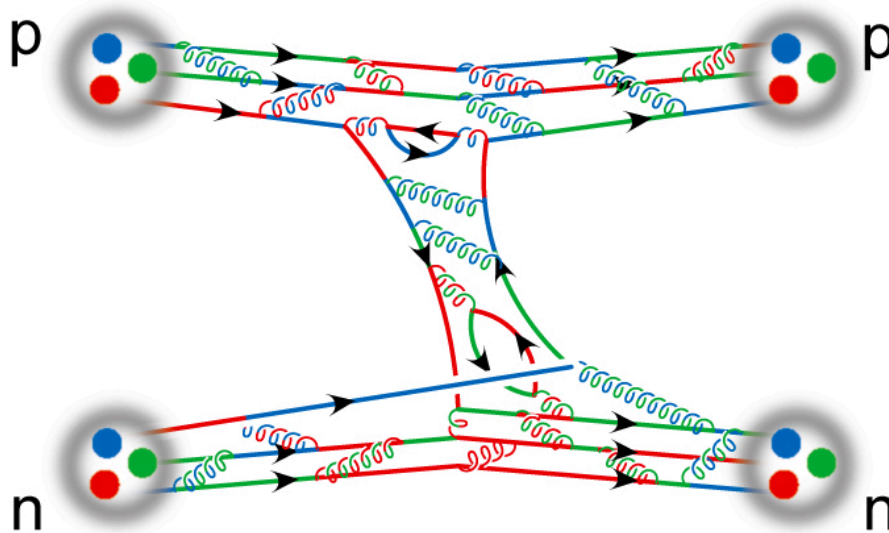


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→ Numerical Technics (Quantum Monte Carlo, Lattice, Coupled Clusters, ...)

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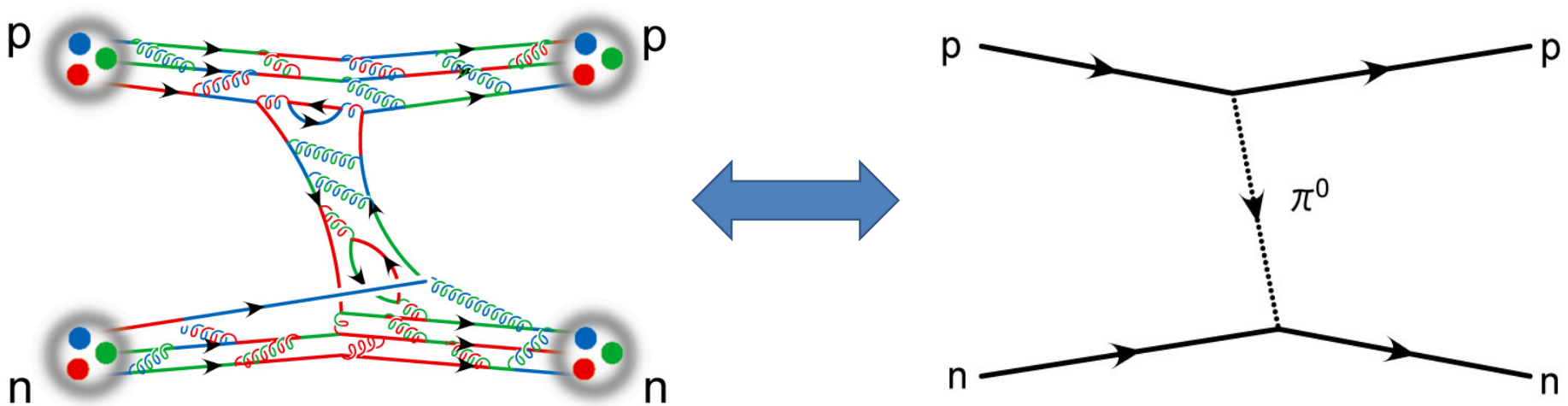


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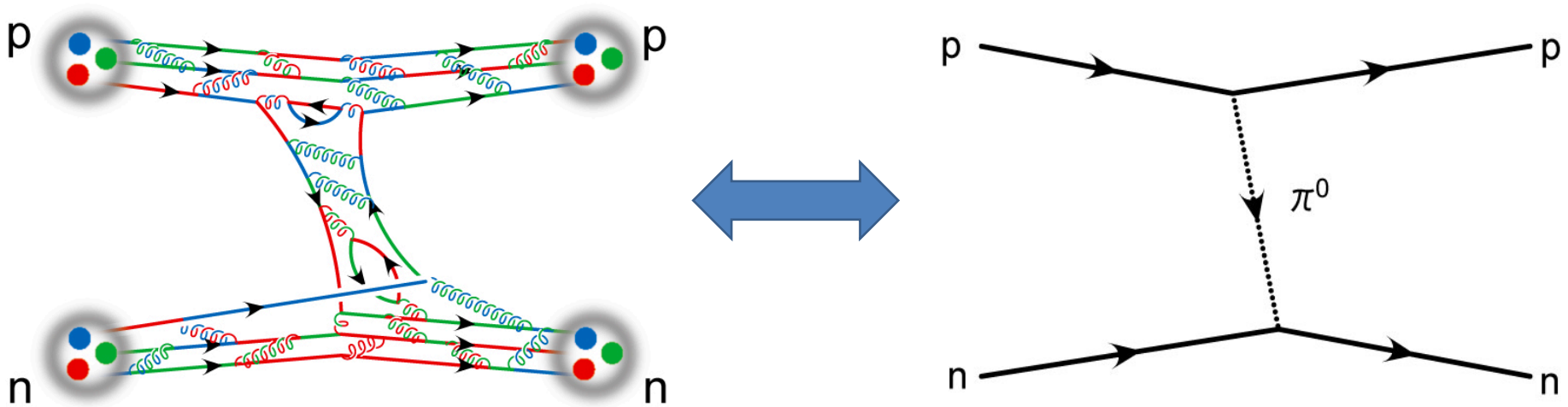


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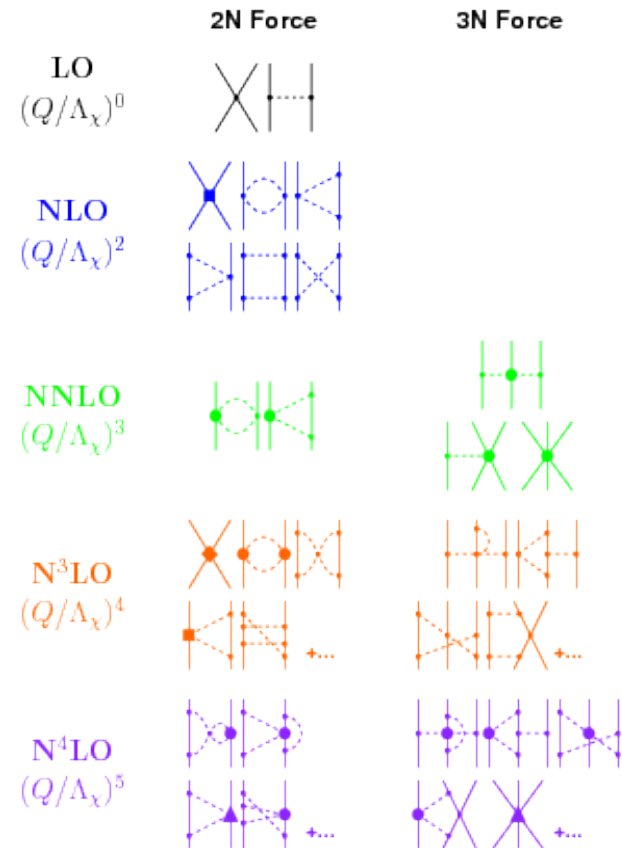
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# The Nuclear Interaction

Many ways to derive an effective interaction.

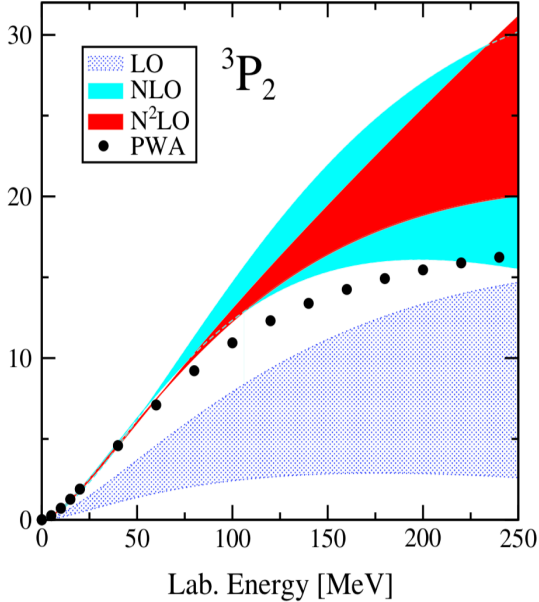
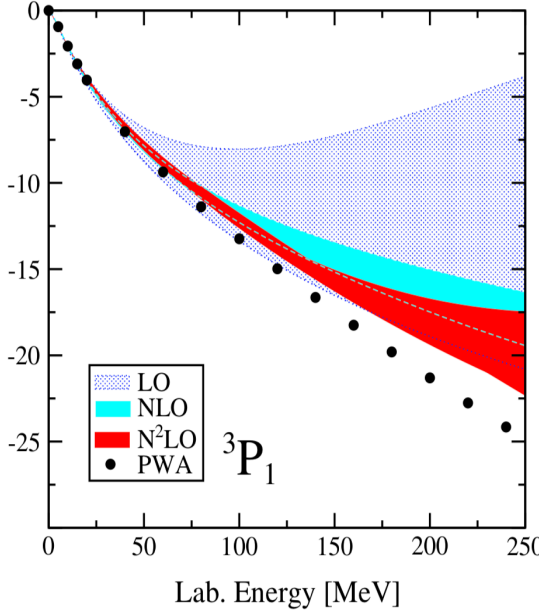
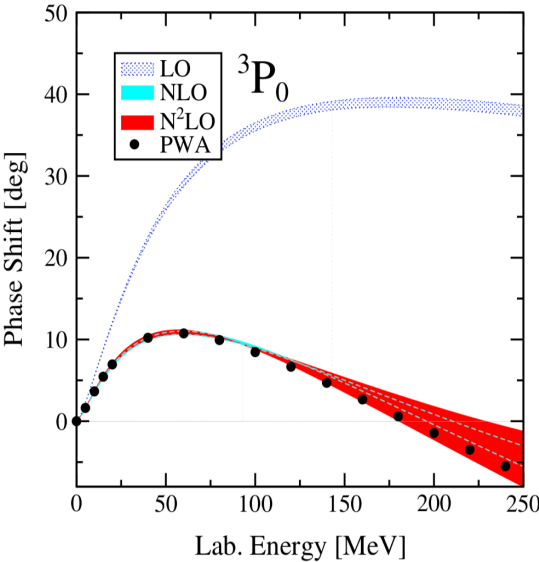
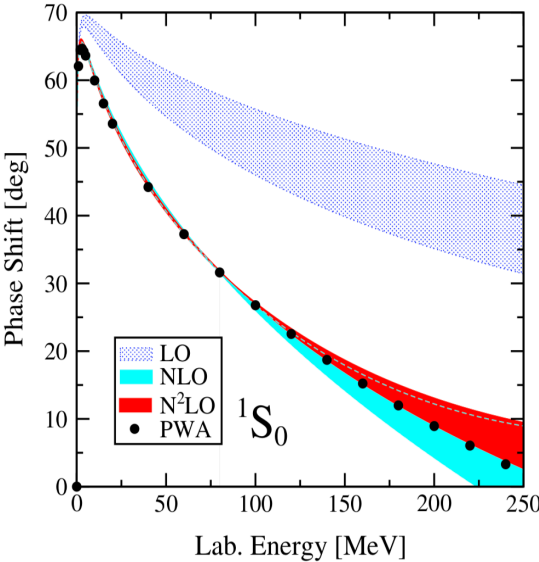
All models contain experimentally determined parameters.





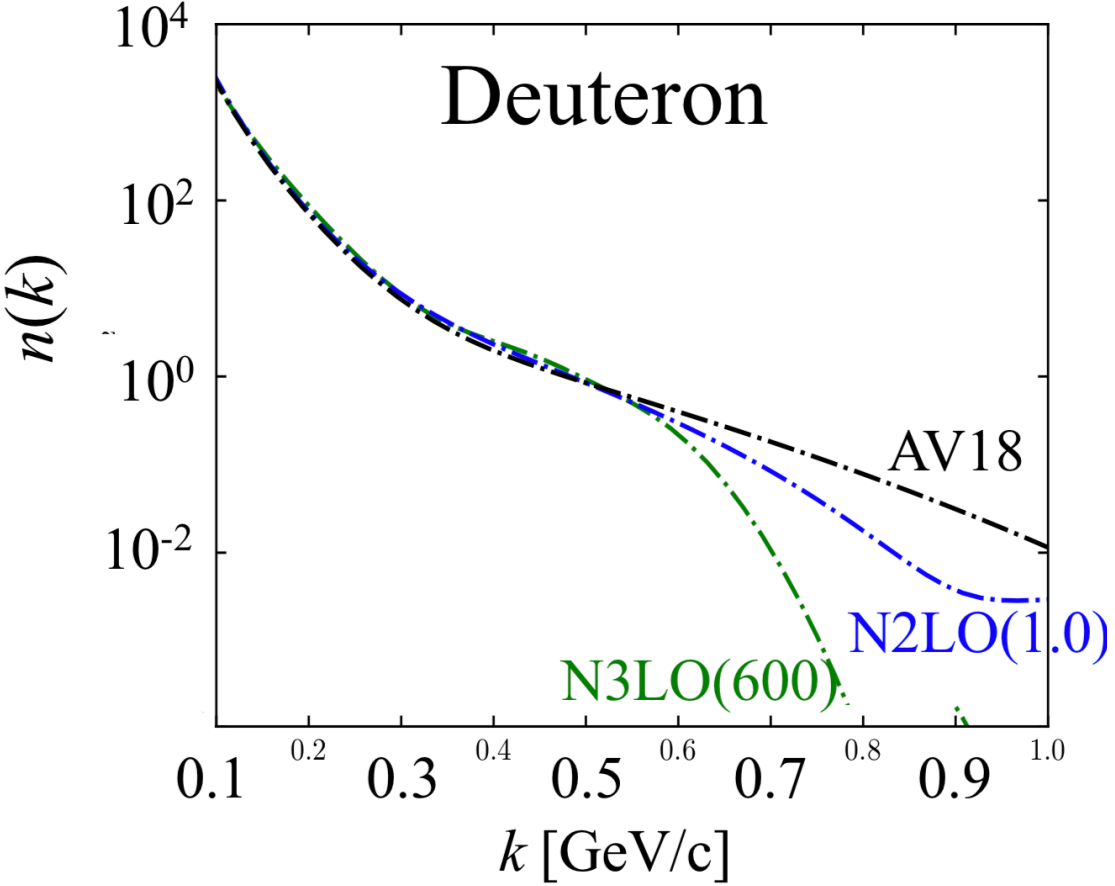
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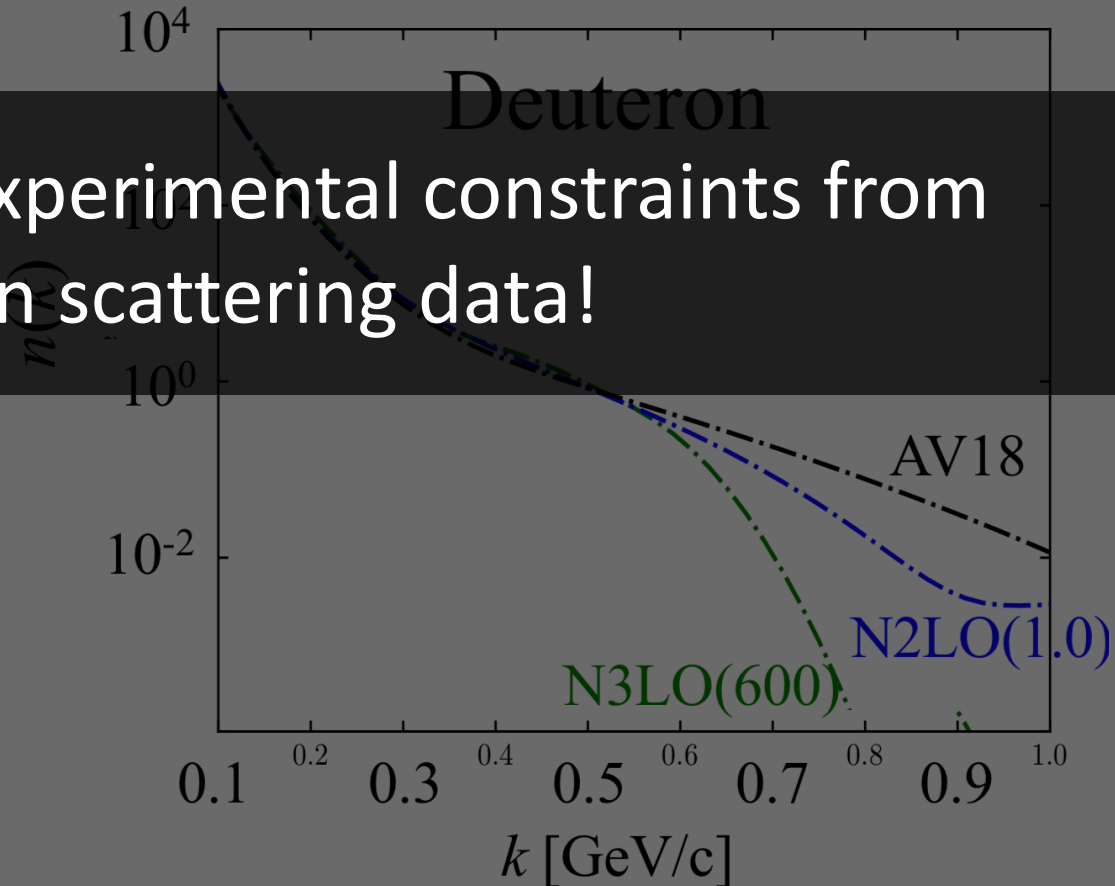


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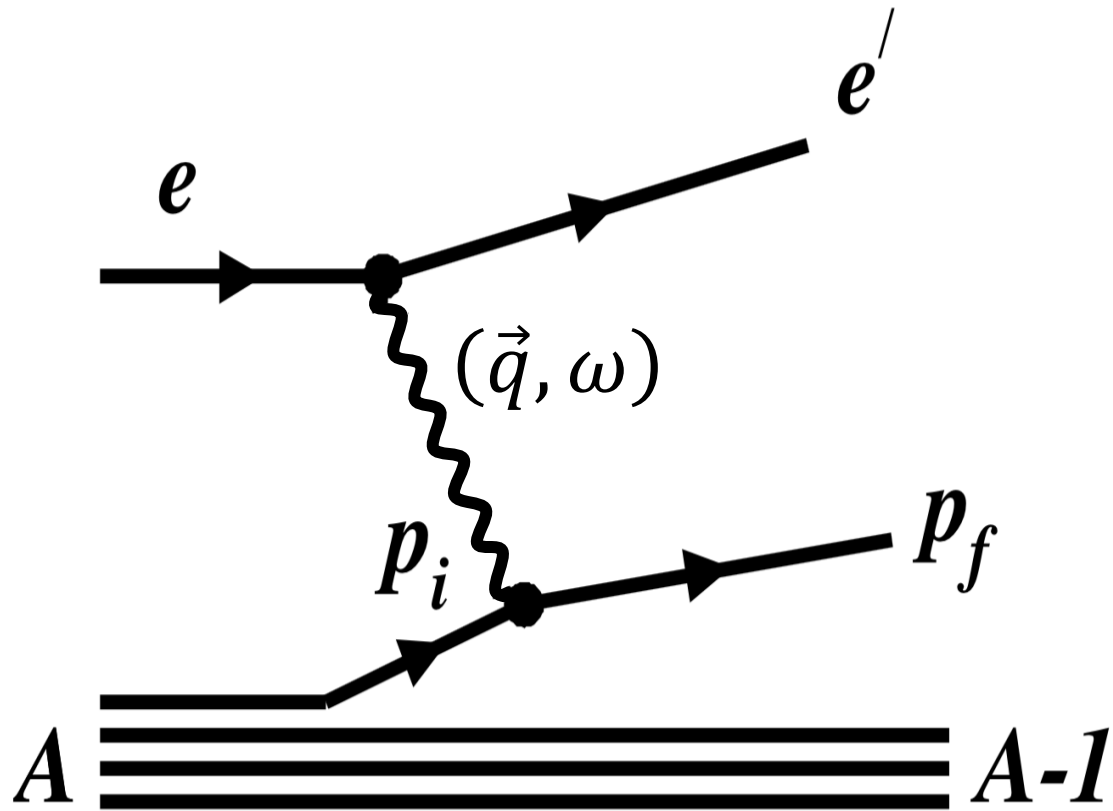
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**We provide new experimental constraints from  
electron scattering data!**

**No significant constrains  
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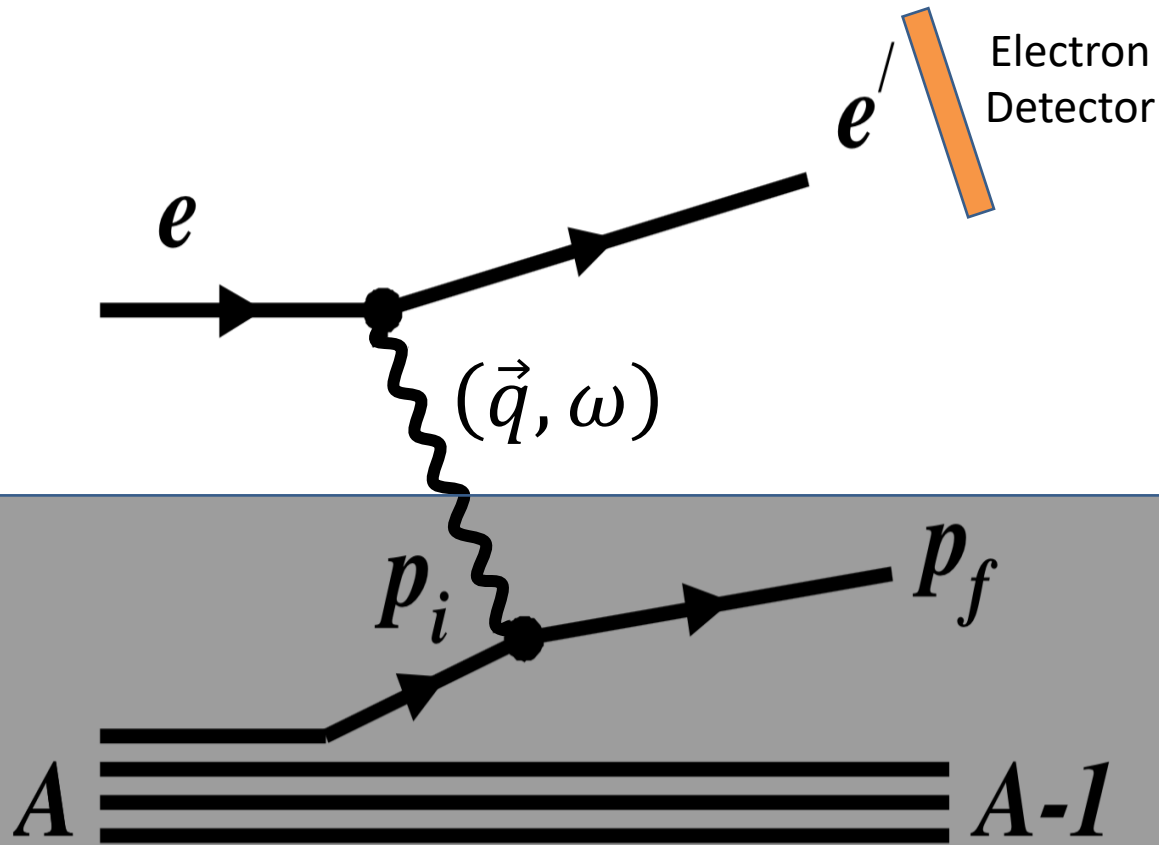


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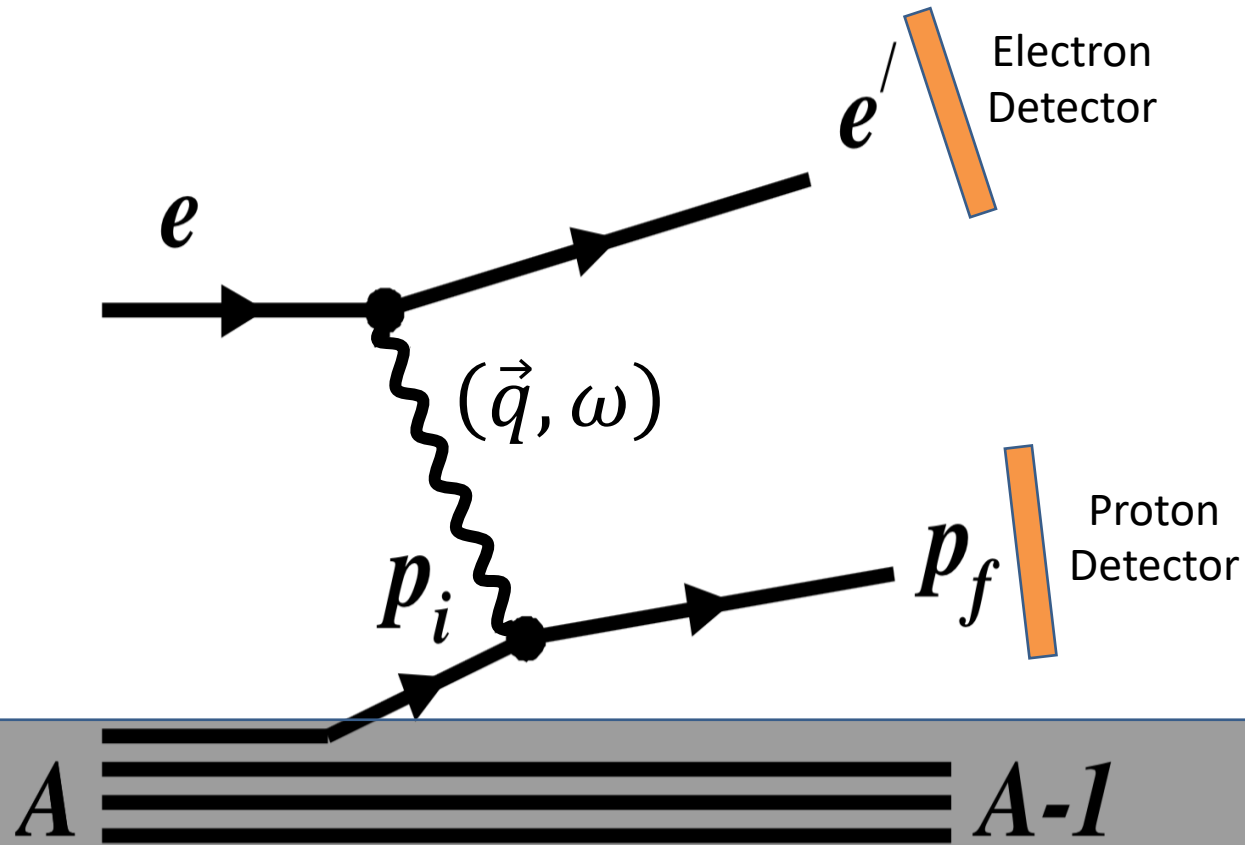




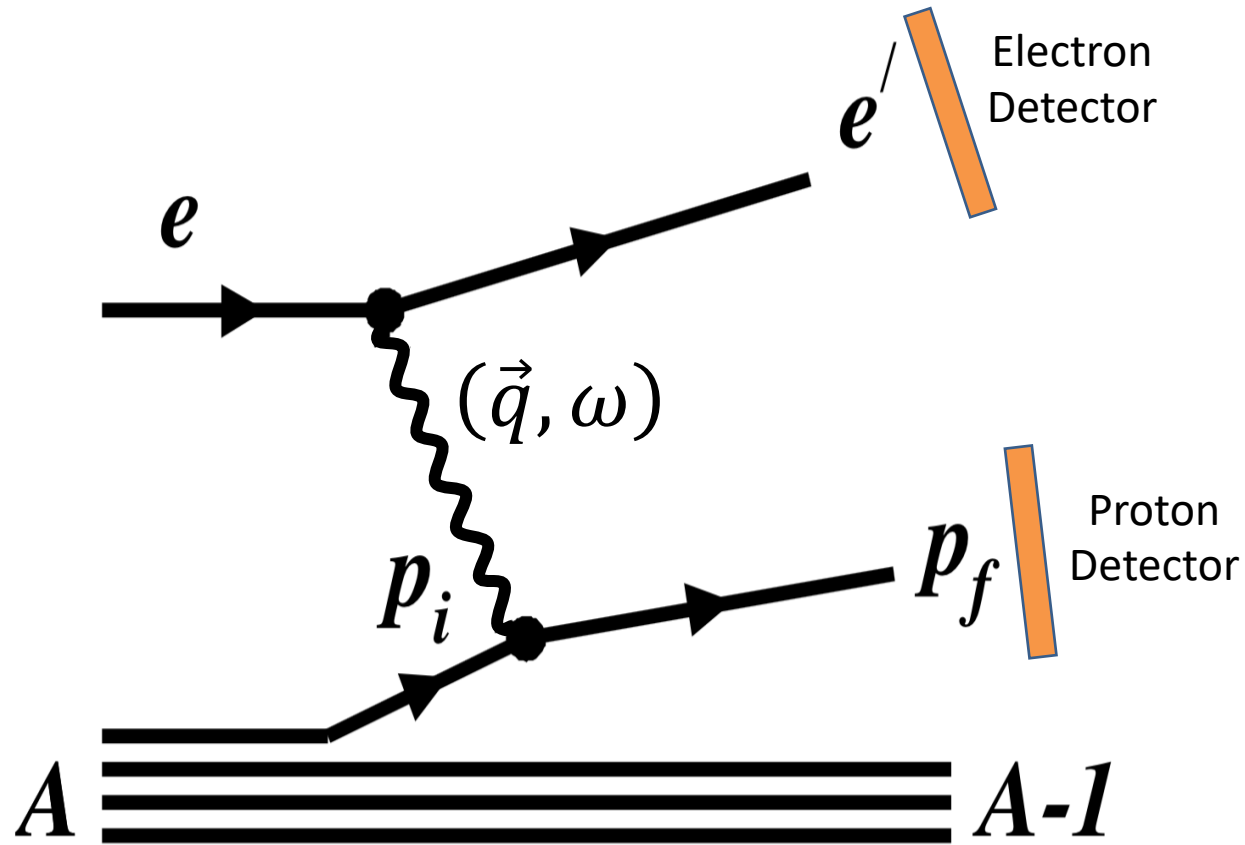
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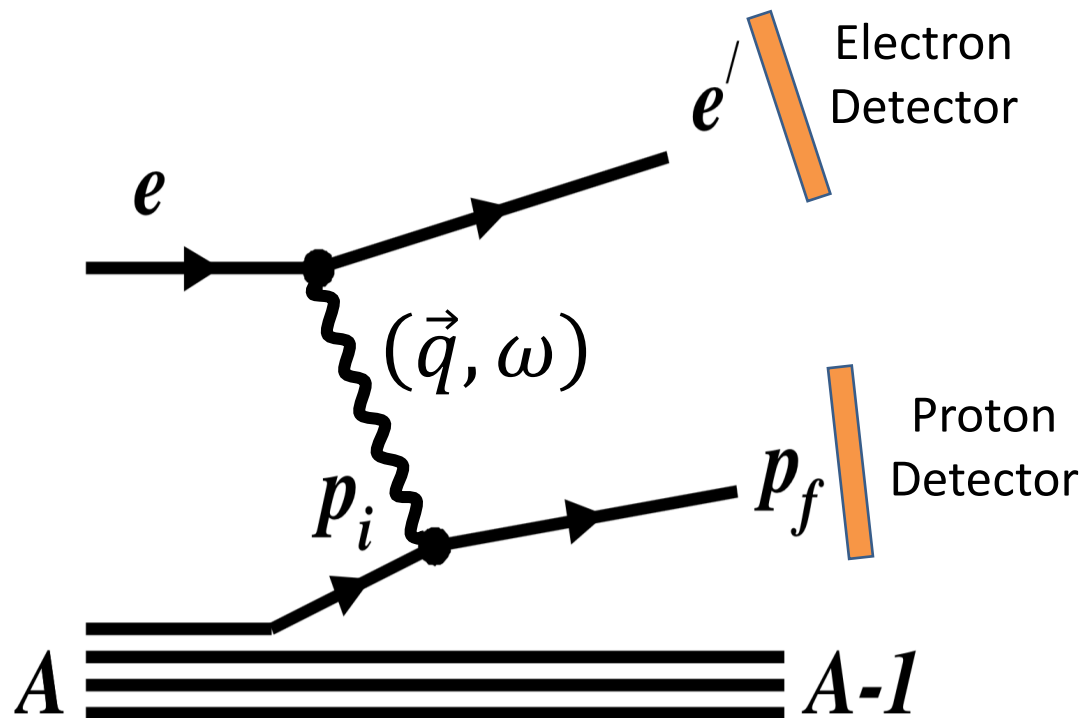
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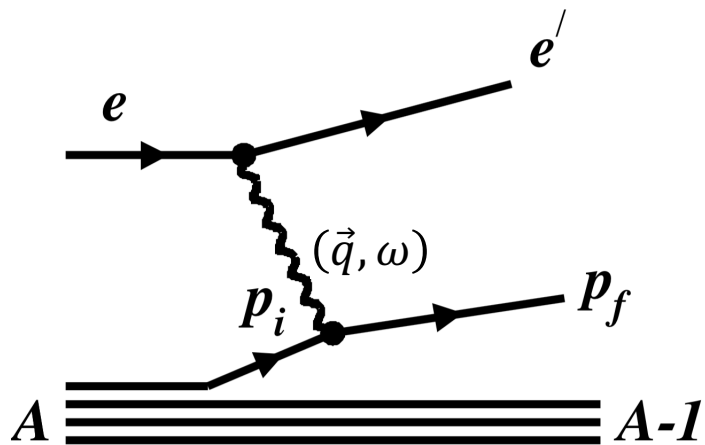
- Probability of finding a proton with  $P_i$  in the nucleus
- X Probability for  $P_i$  to absorb  $q$  (momentum transfer)





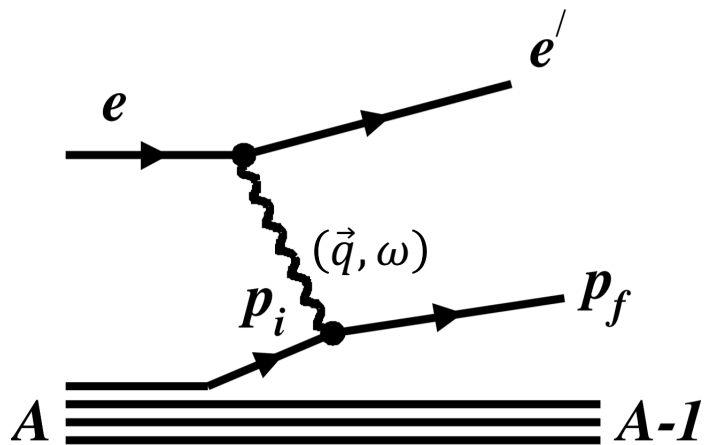
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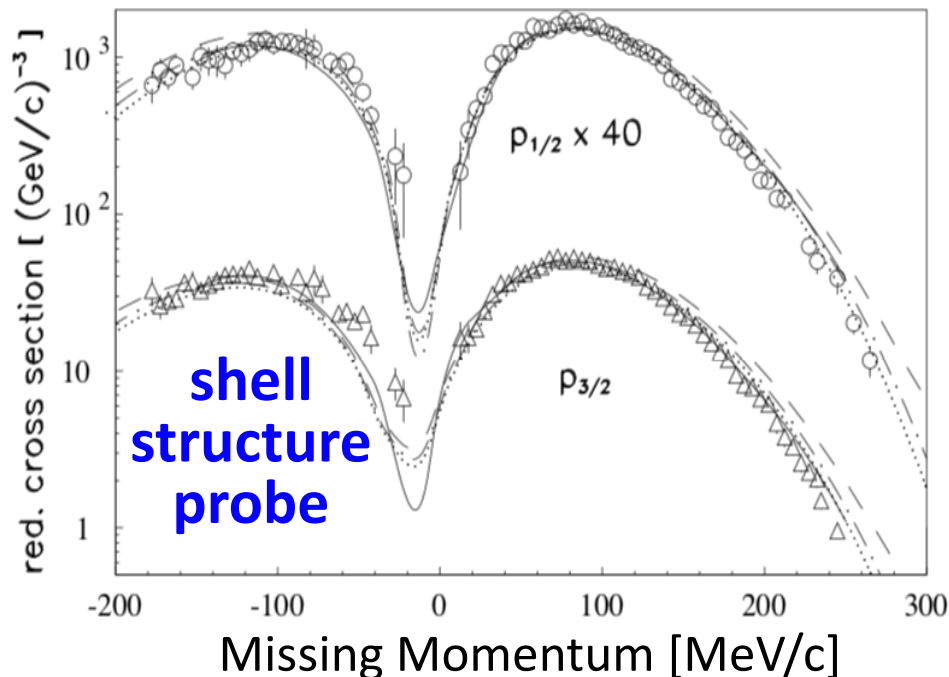
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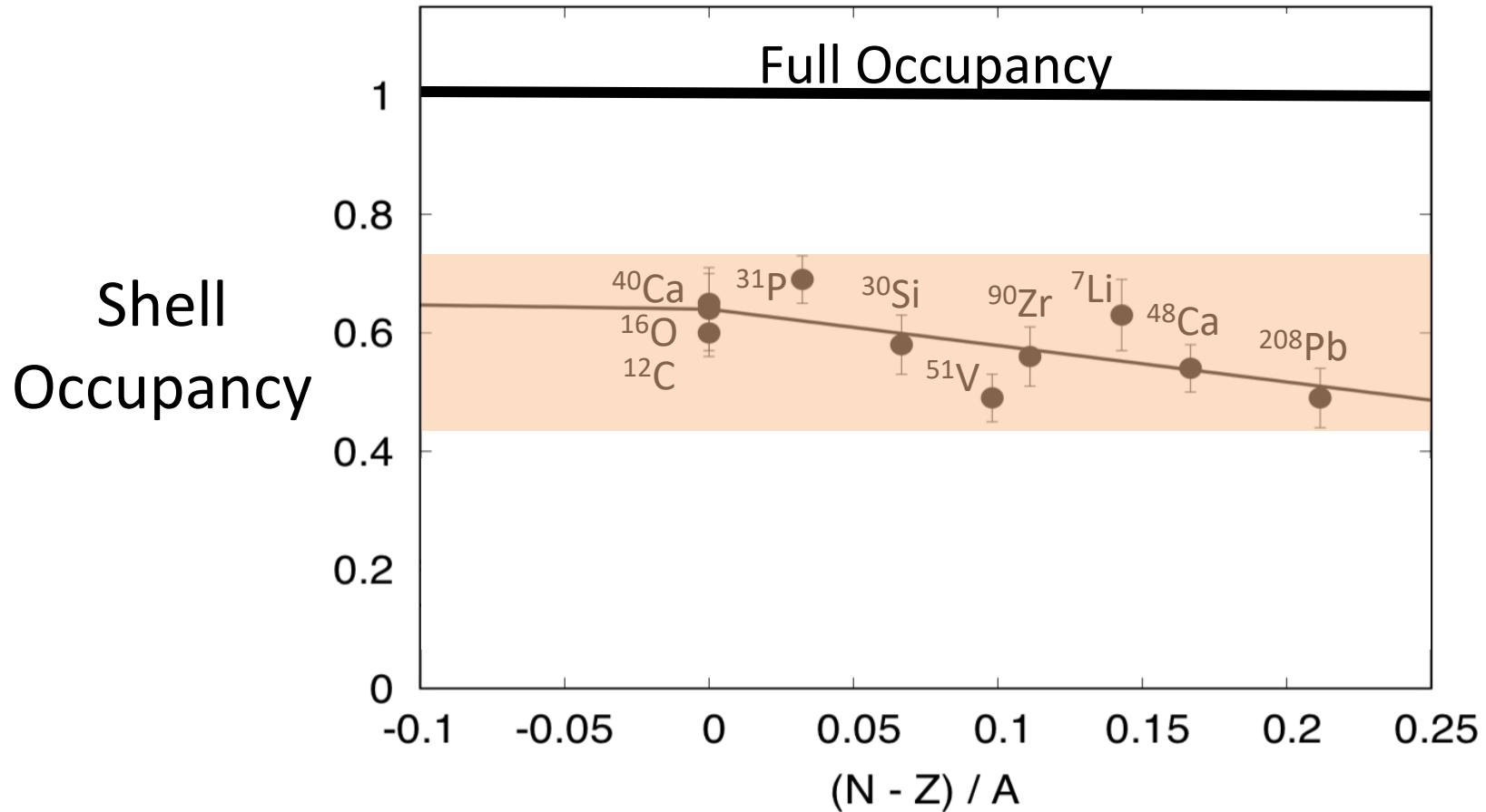


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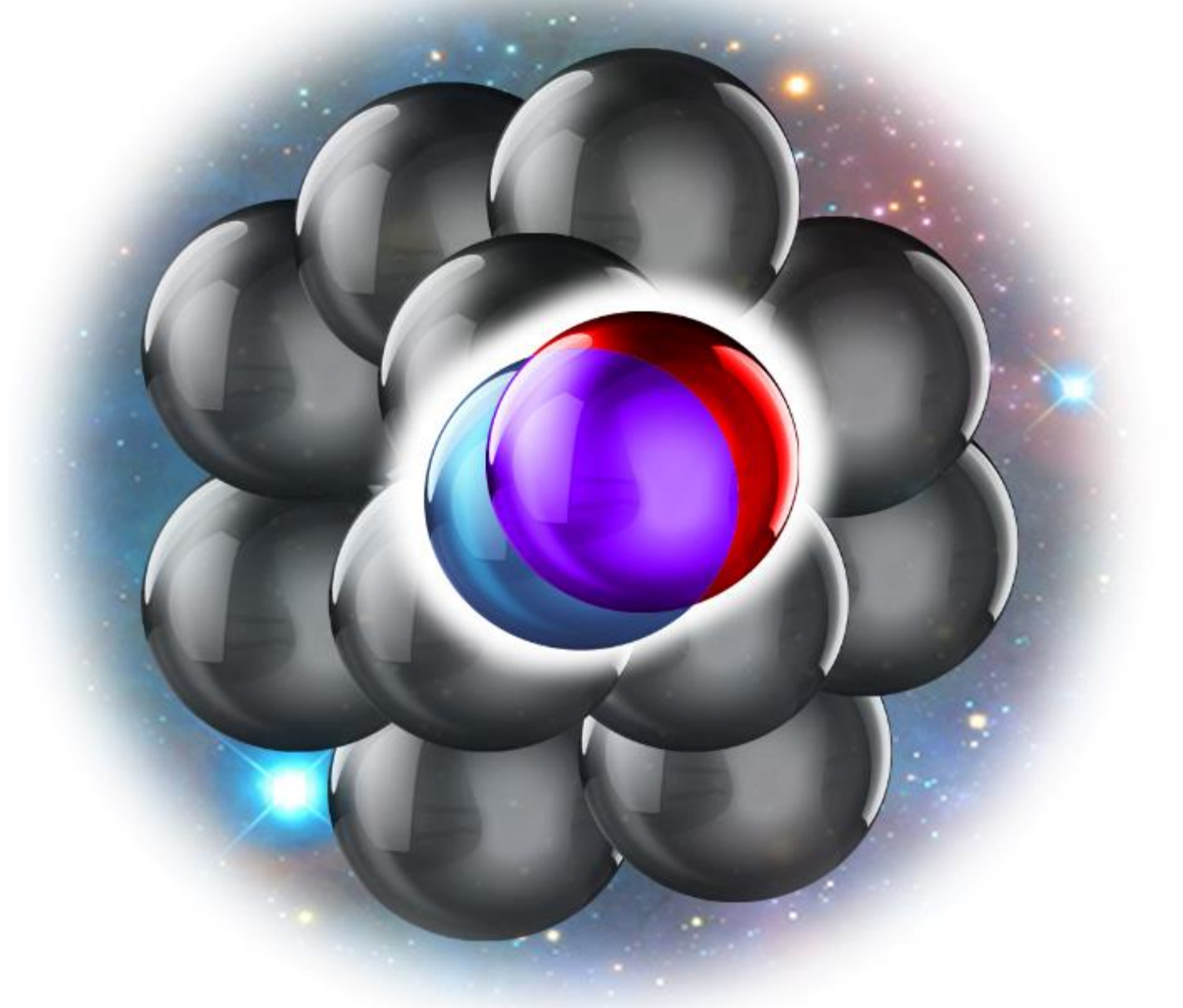
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# But.... Shells are not fully occupied!



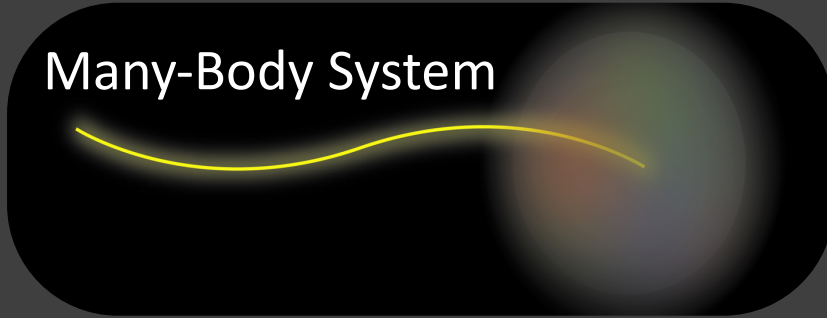
# Short-Range Correlations (SRC)



# Today: Short-Ranged Interactions Across Resolutions

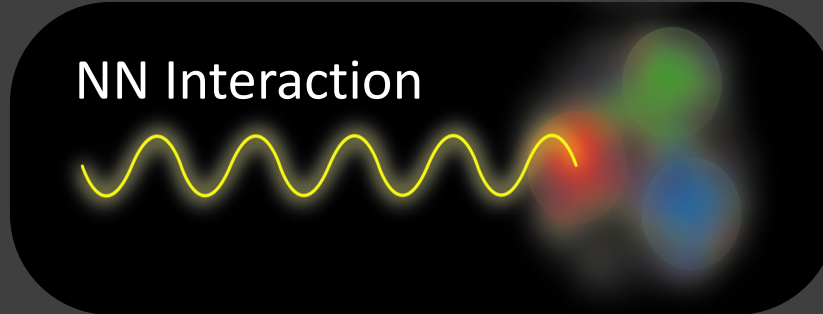
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Many-Body System



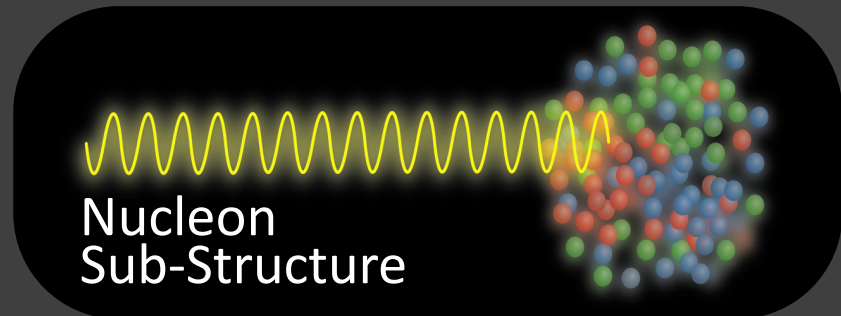
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NN Interaction



(3)

Nucleon  
Sub-Structure



# Focus on 2018/19 results

## Data:

- Nature 566, 354 (2019)
- Nature 560, 617 (2018)
- PRL 122, 172502 (2019)
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- arXiv: 1811.01823  
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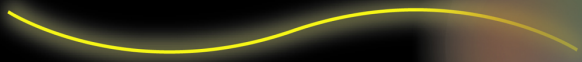
## Theory:

- Phys. Lett. B 791, 242 (2019)
- Phys. Lett. B 793, 360 (2019)
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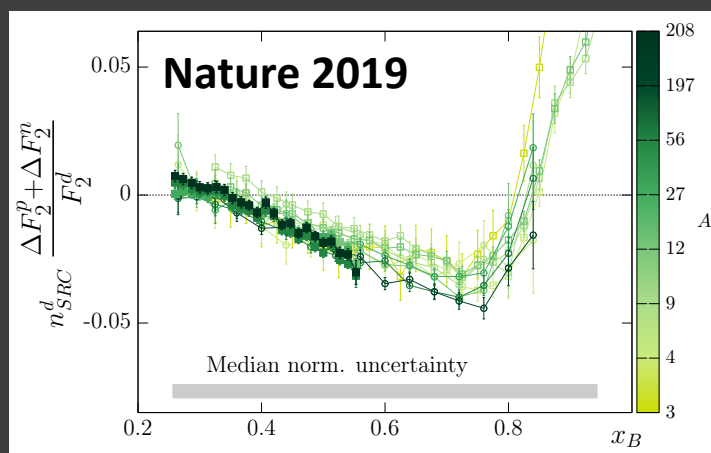
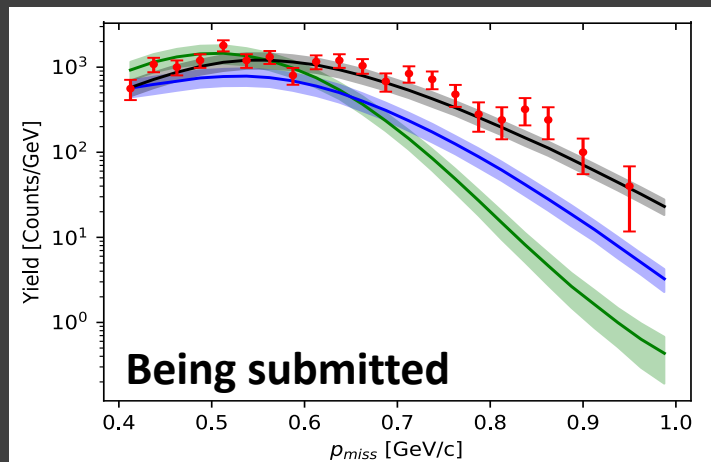
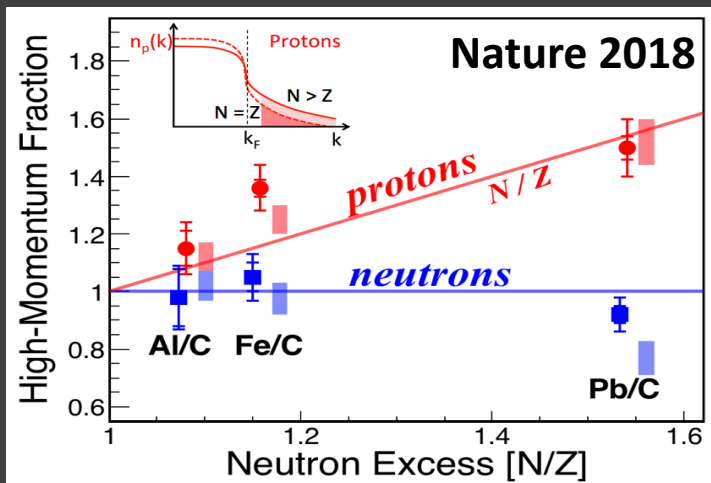
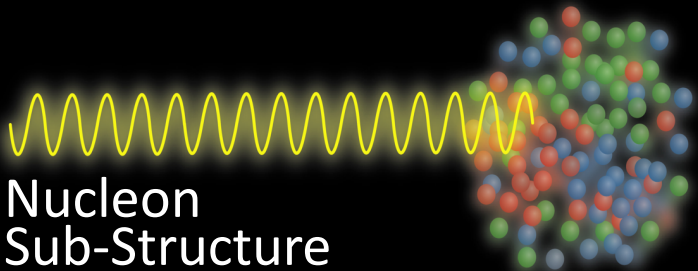
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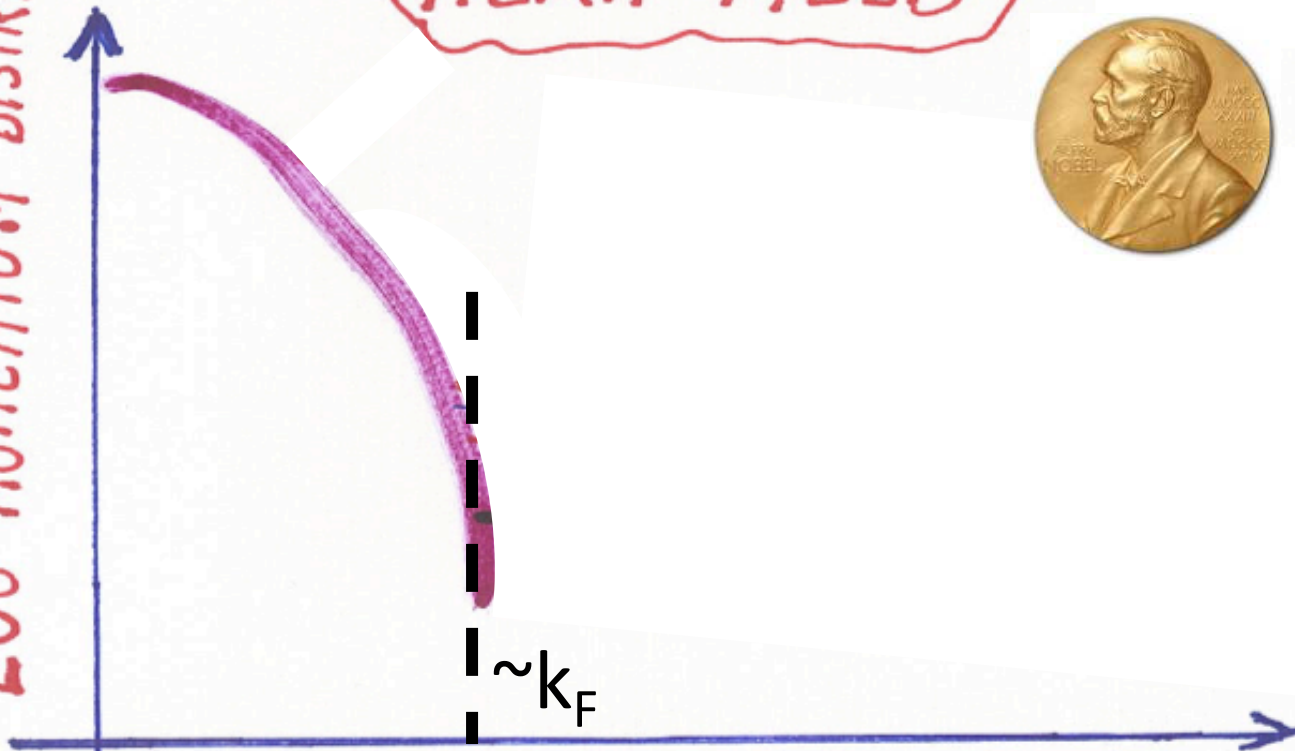


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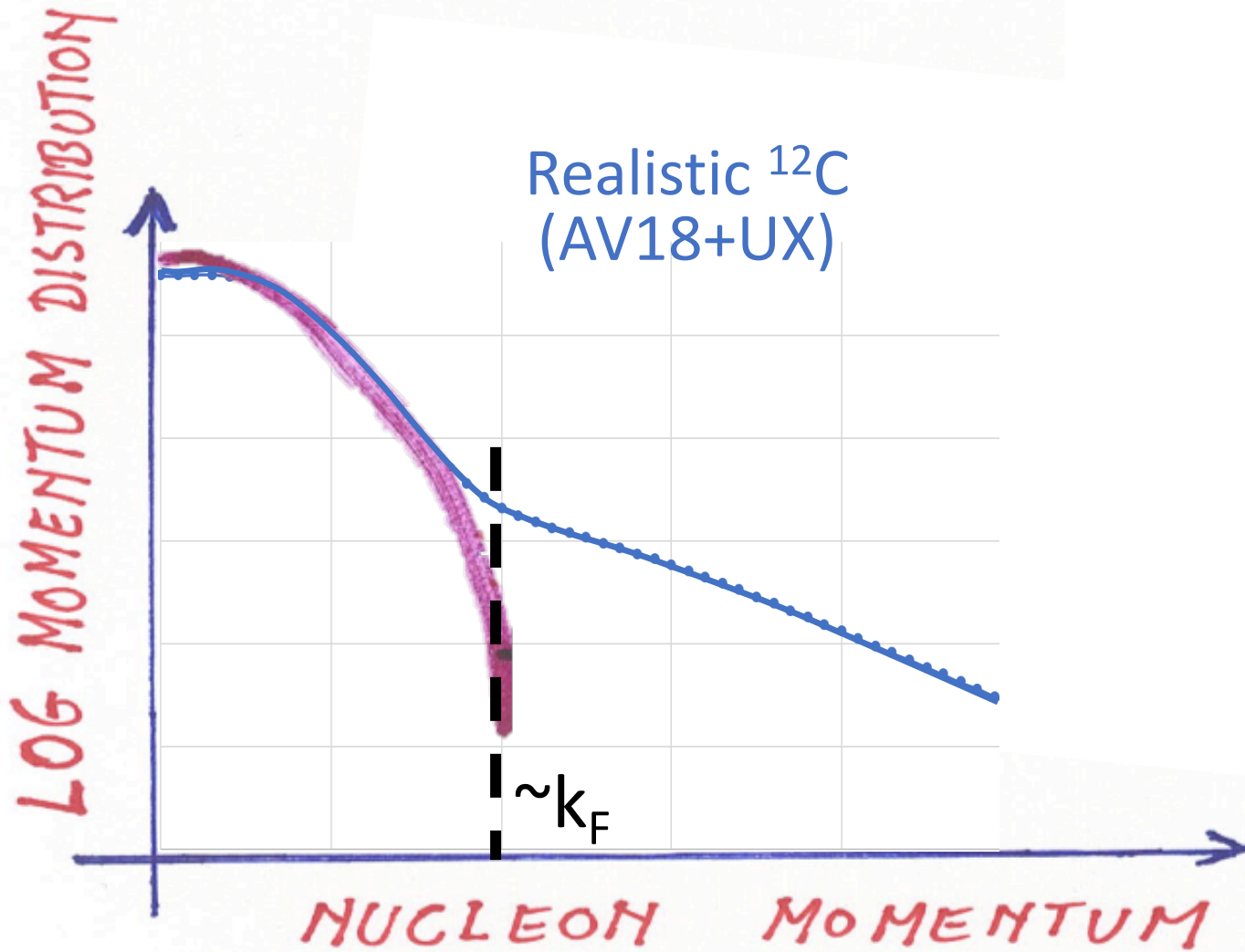


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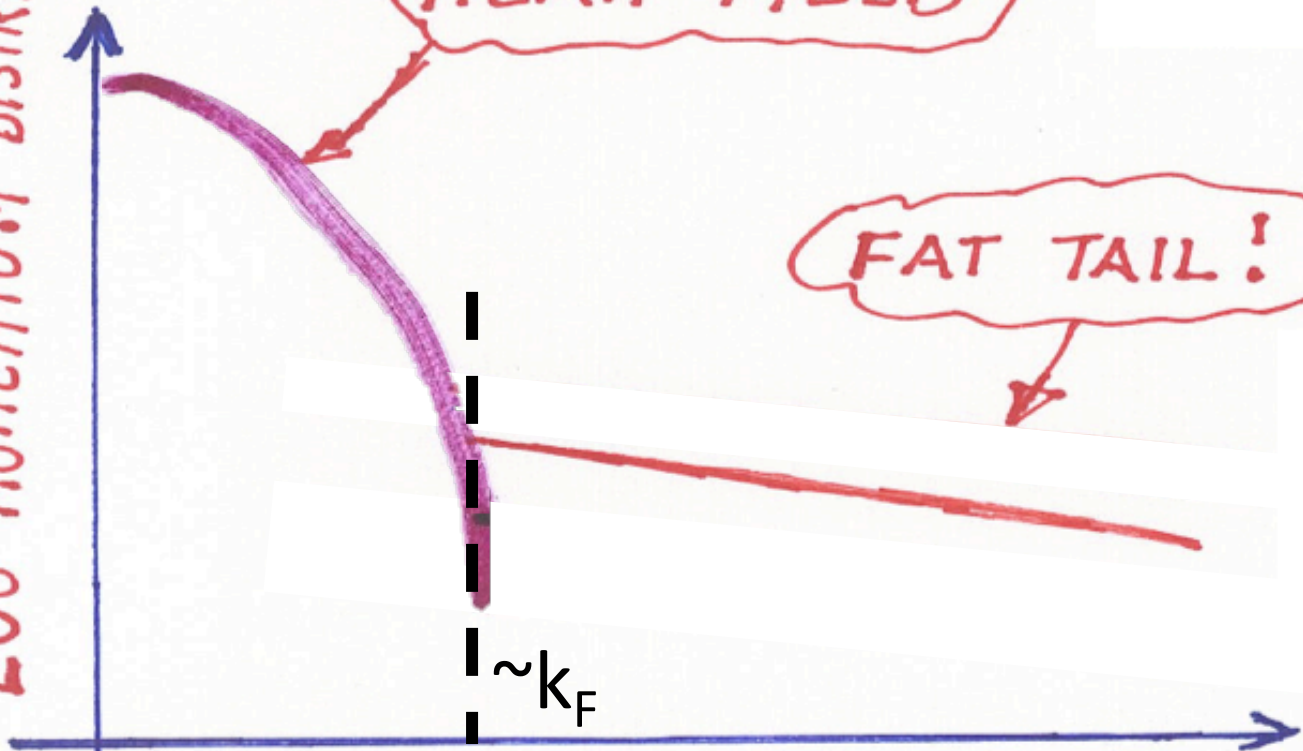
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NUCLEON MOMENTUM





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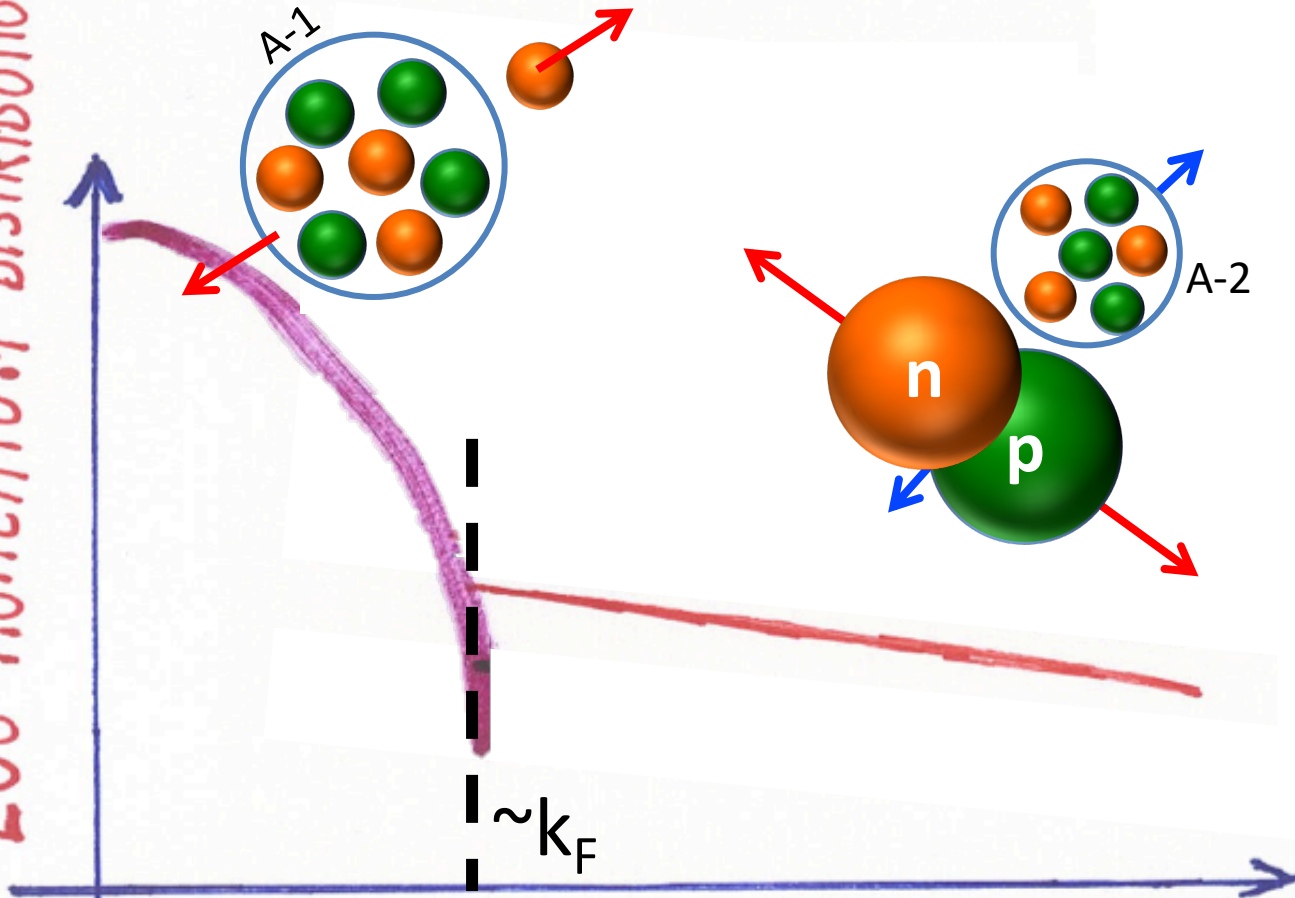
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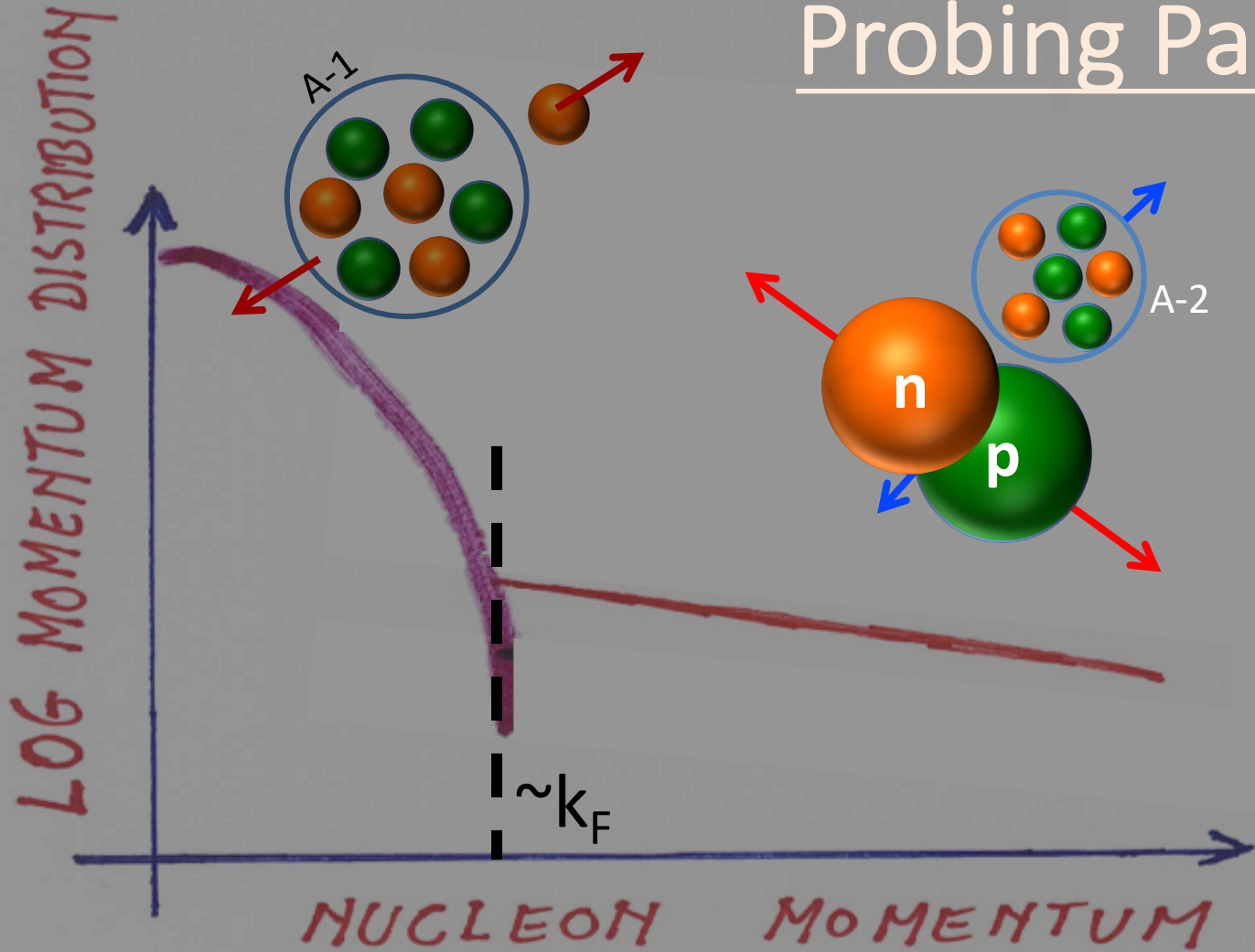


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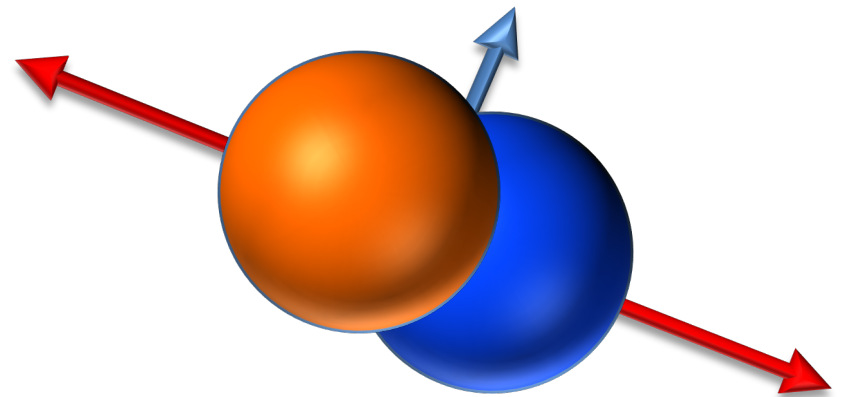
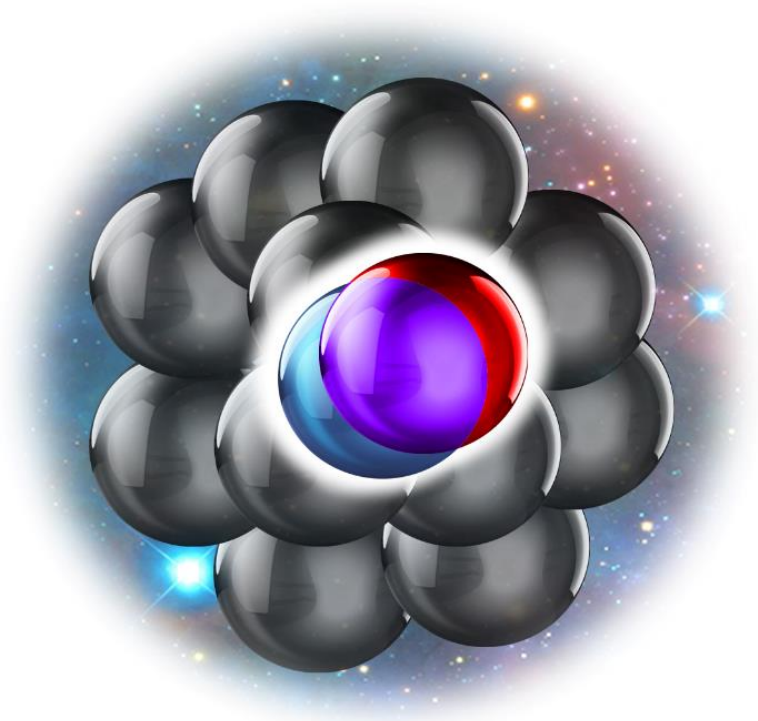
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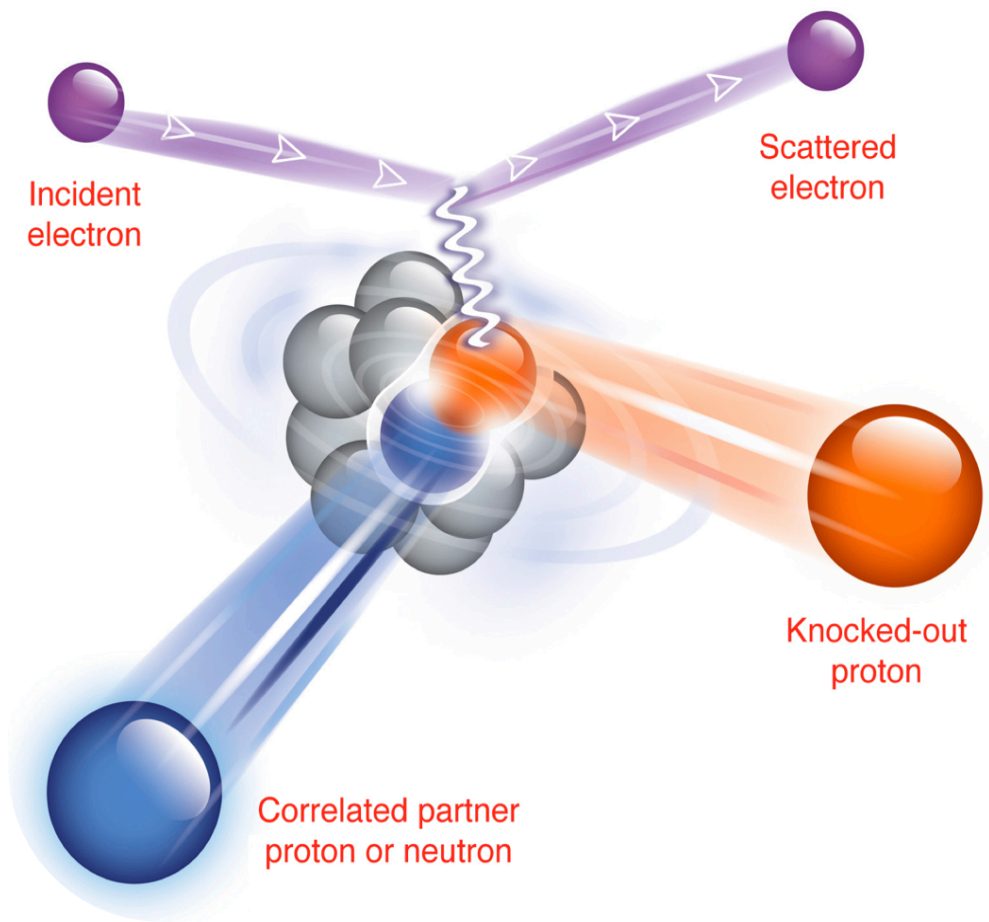


# Nucleon pairs that are close together in the nucleus

Momentum space: *high relative* and *low c.m.*  
*momentum*, compared to the Fermi momentum ( $k_F$ )

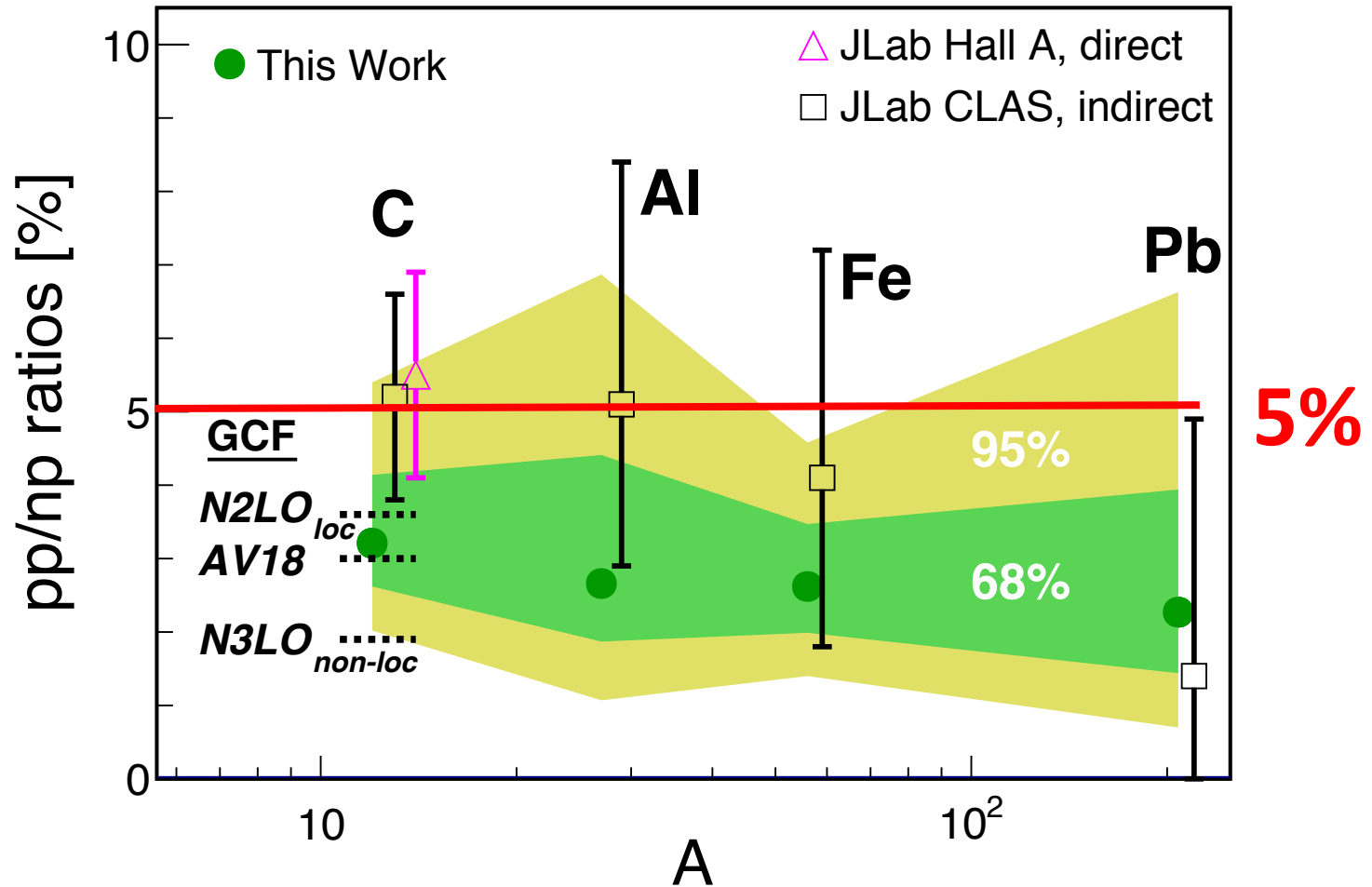


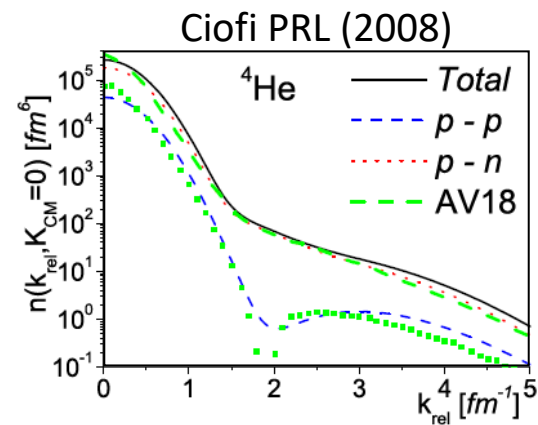
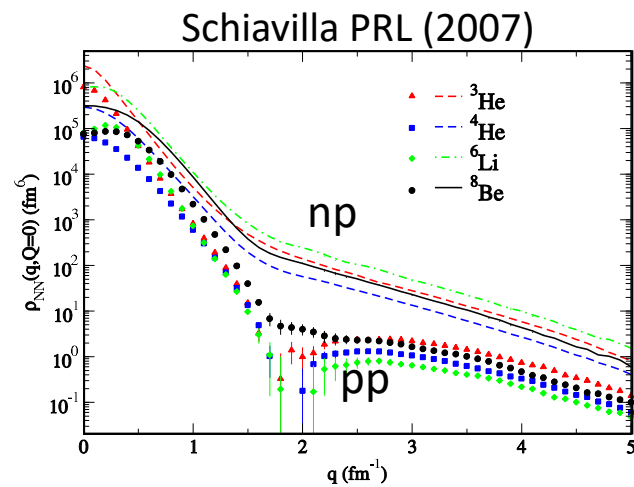
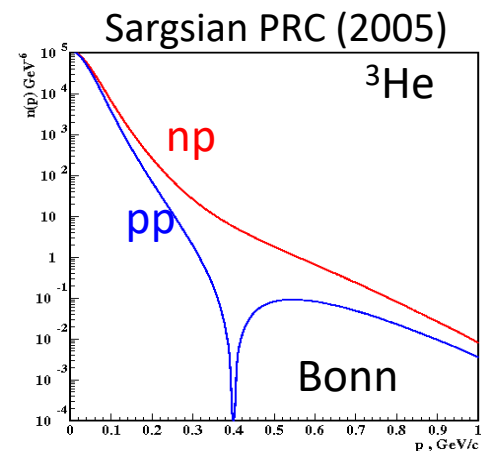
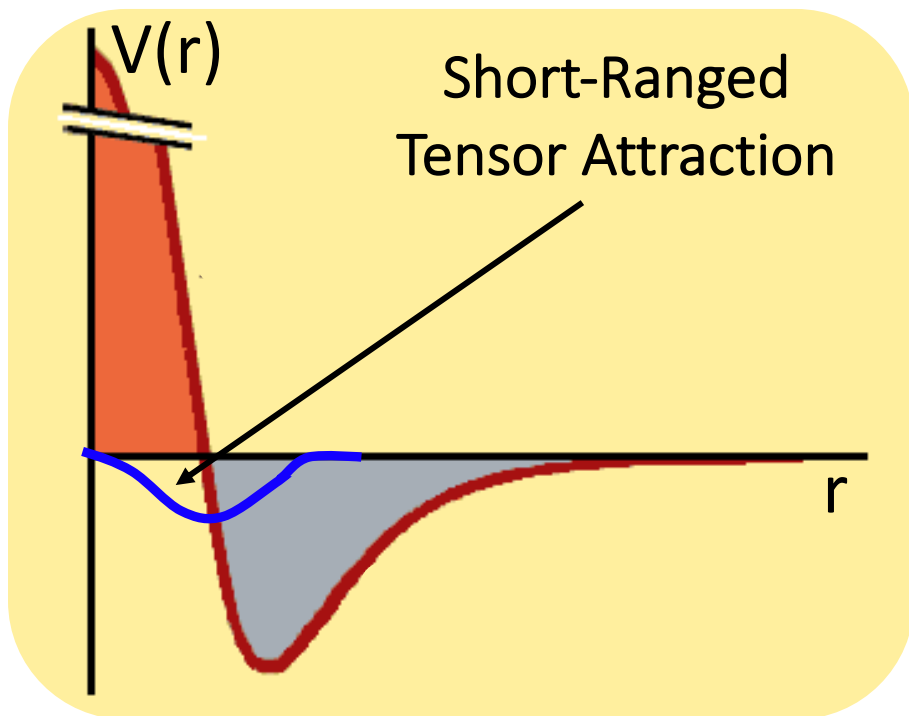
Breakup the pair =>  
Detect **both** nucleons =>  
Reconstruct 'initial' state



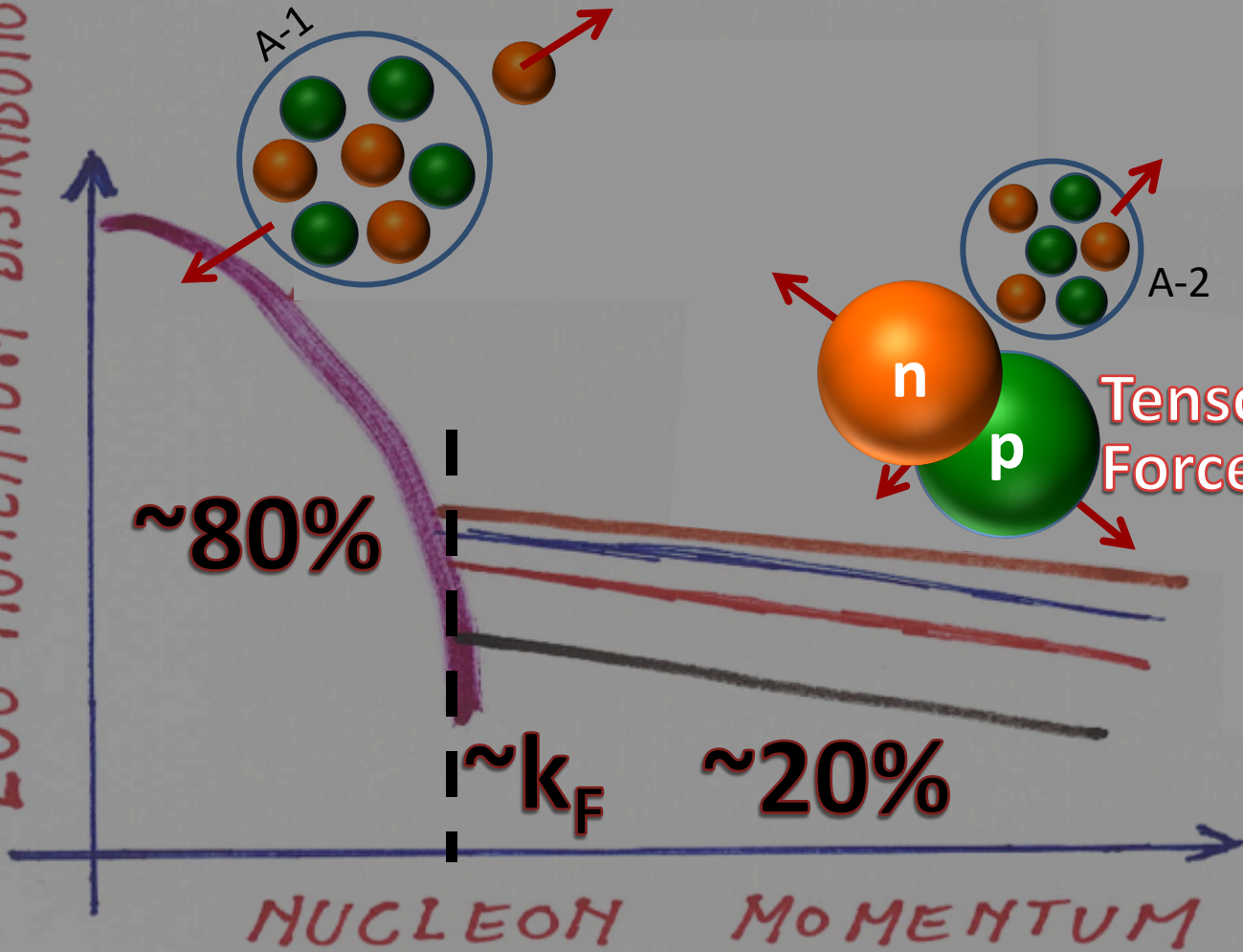


# np dominance





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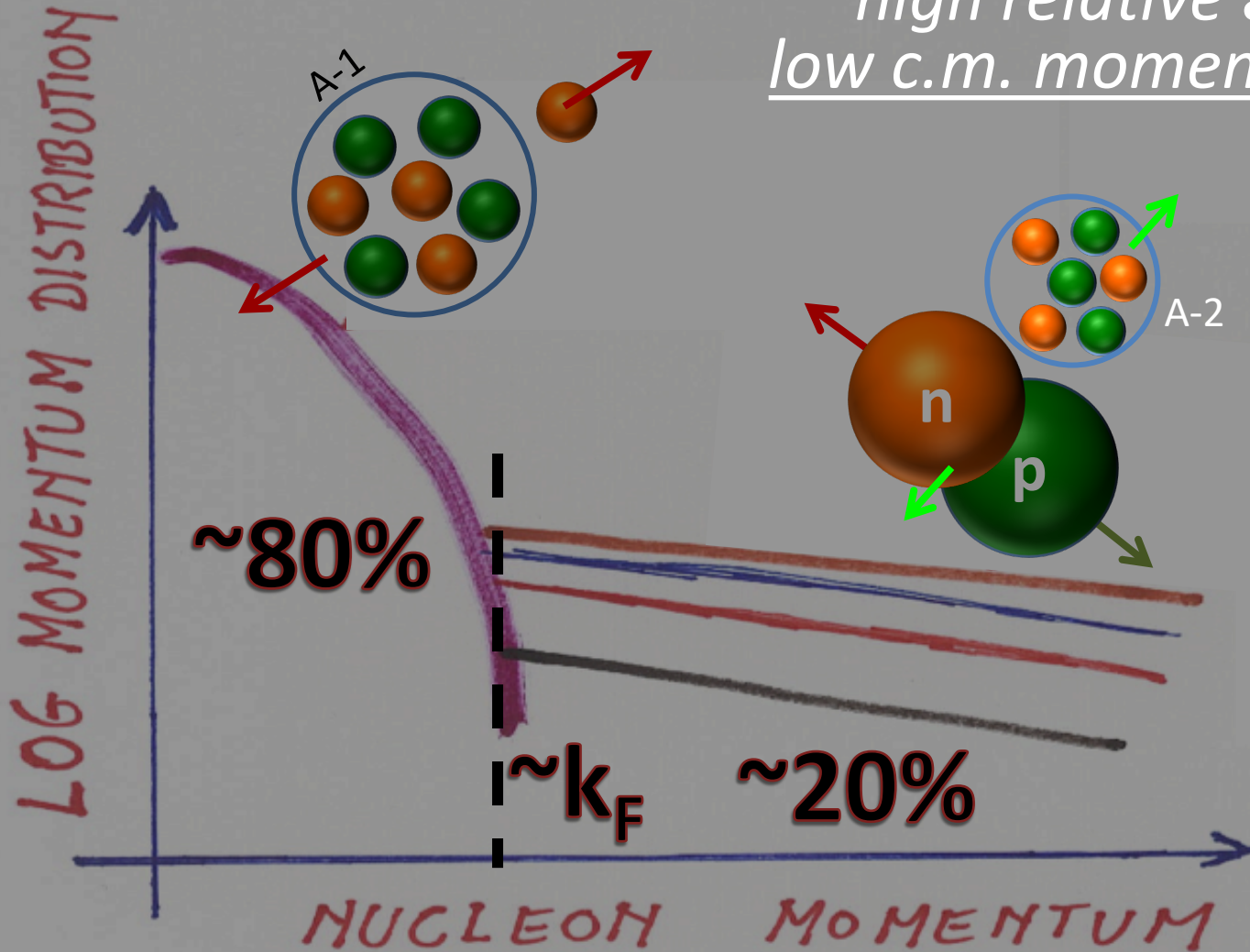
$\sim 80\%$

$\sim k_F$

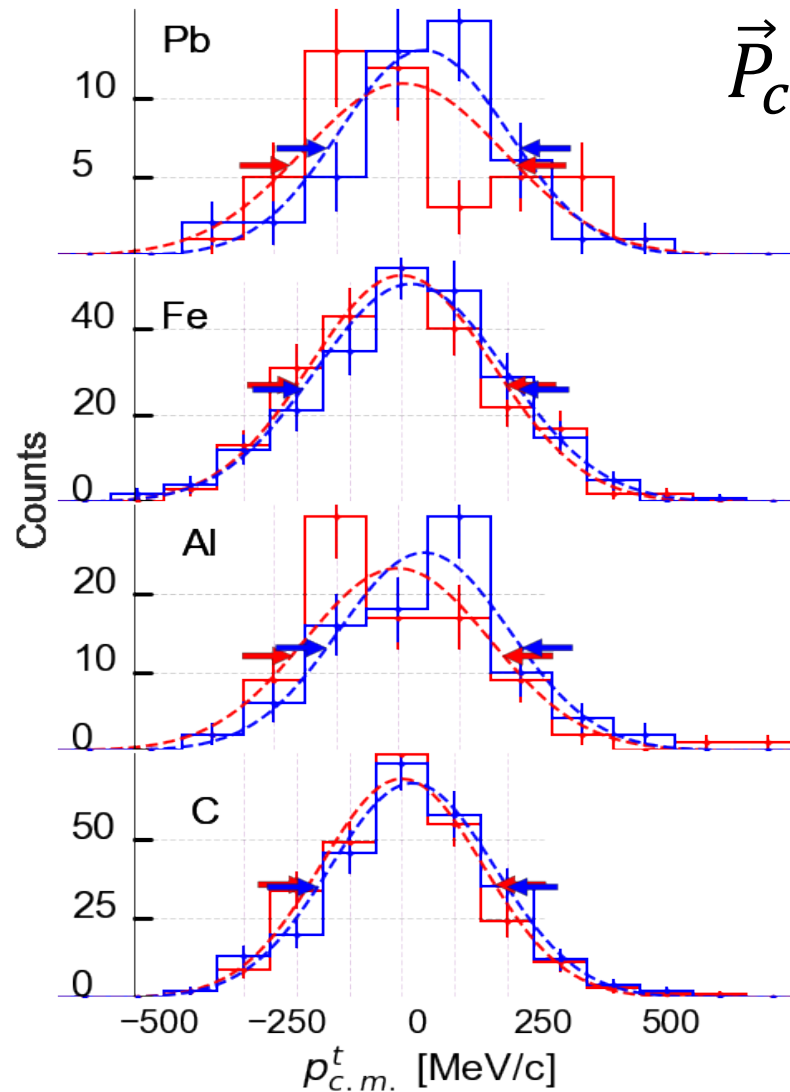
$\sim 20\%$

NUCLEON MOMENTUM

“high relative and low c.m. momentum”



# Low Pair C.M. Motion

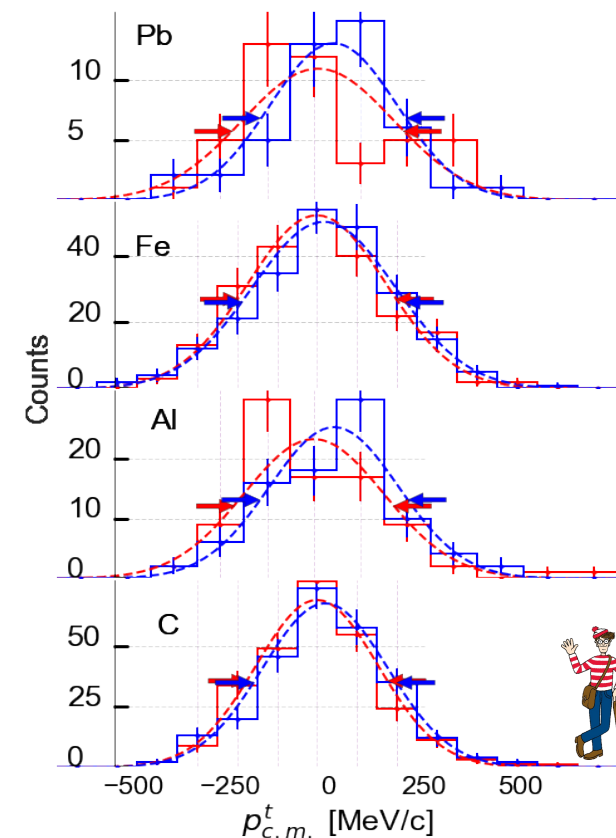
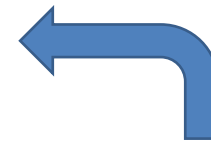
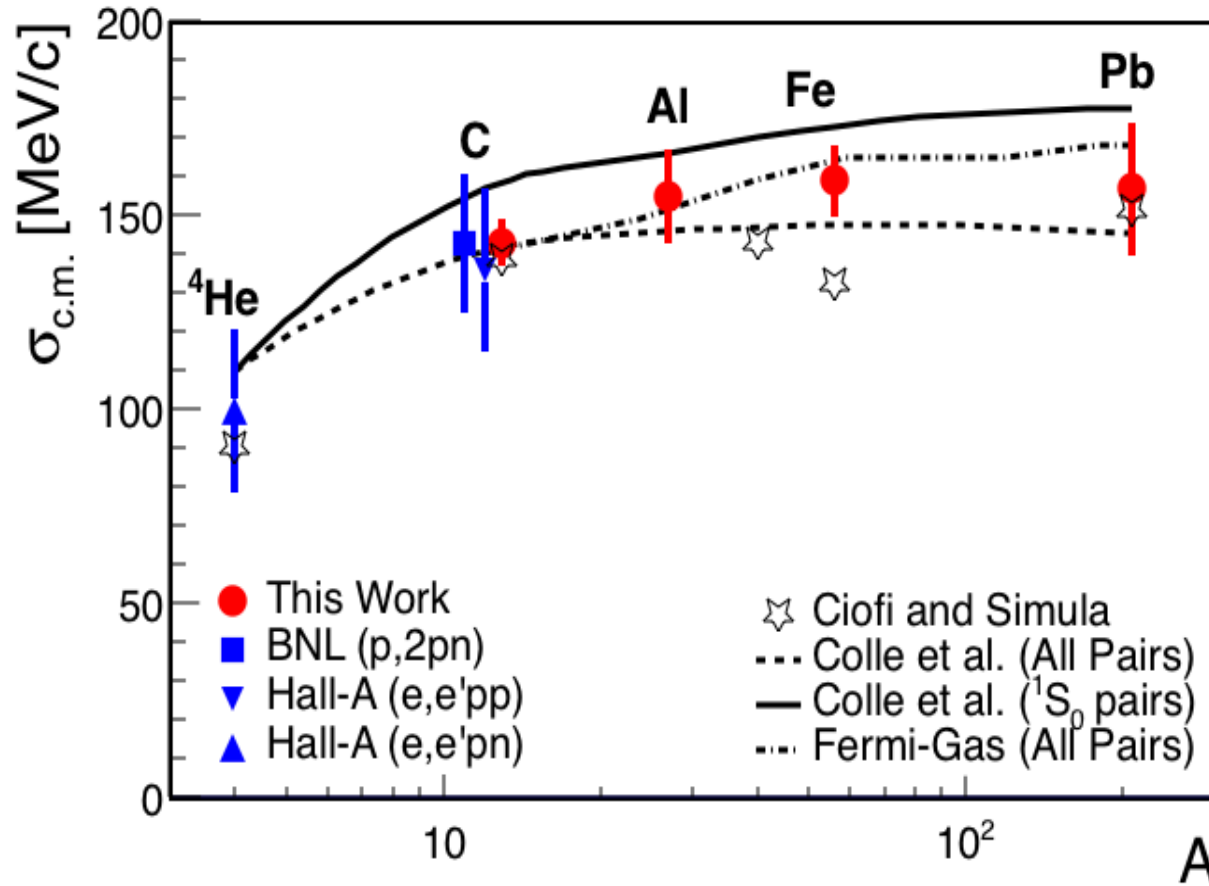


$$\vec{P}_{C.M.} = \vec{P}_{N1} + \vec{P}_{N2}$$

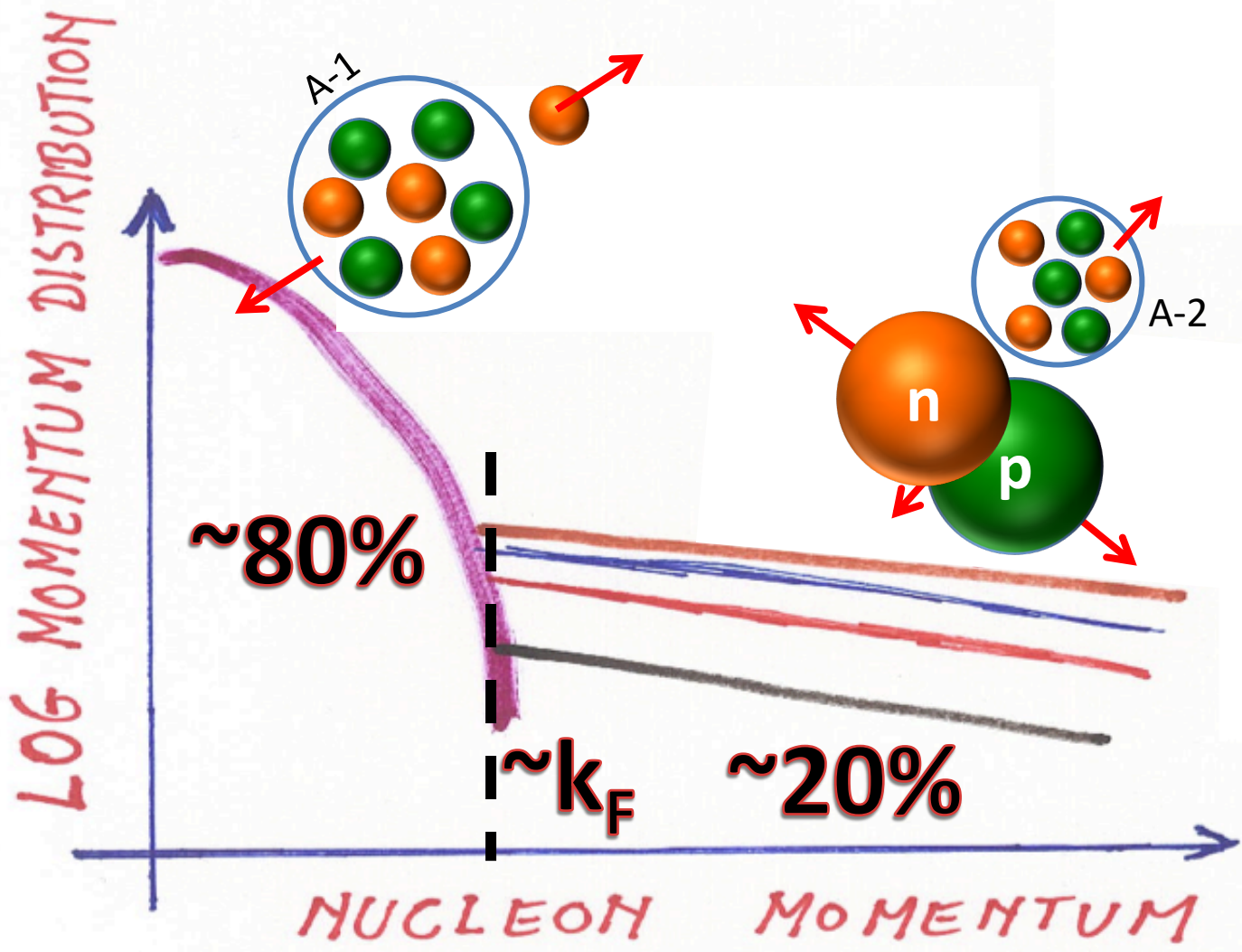


Cohen, PRL (2018).

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# Going neutron rich:

## What do excess neutrons do?

don't  
correlate?

correlate with  
core protons?

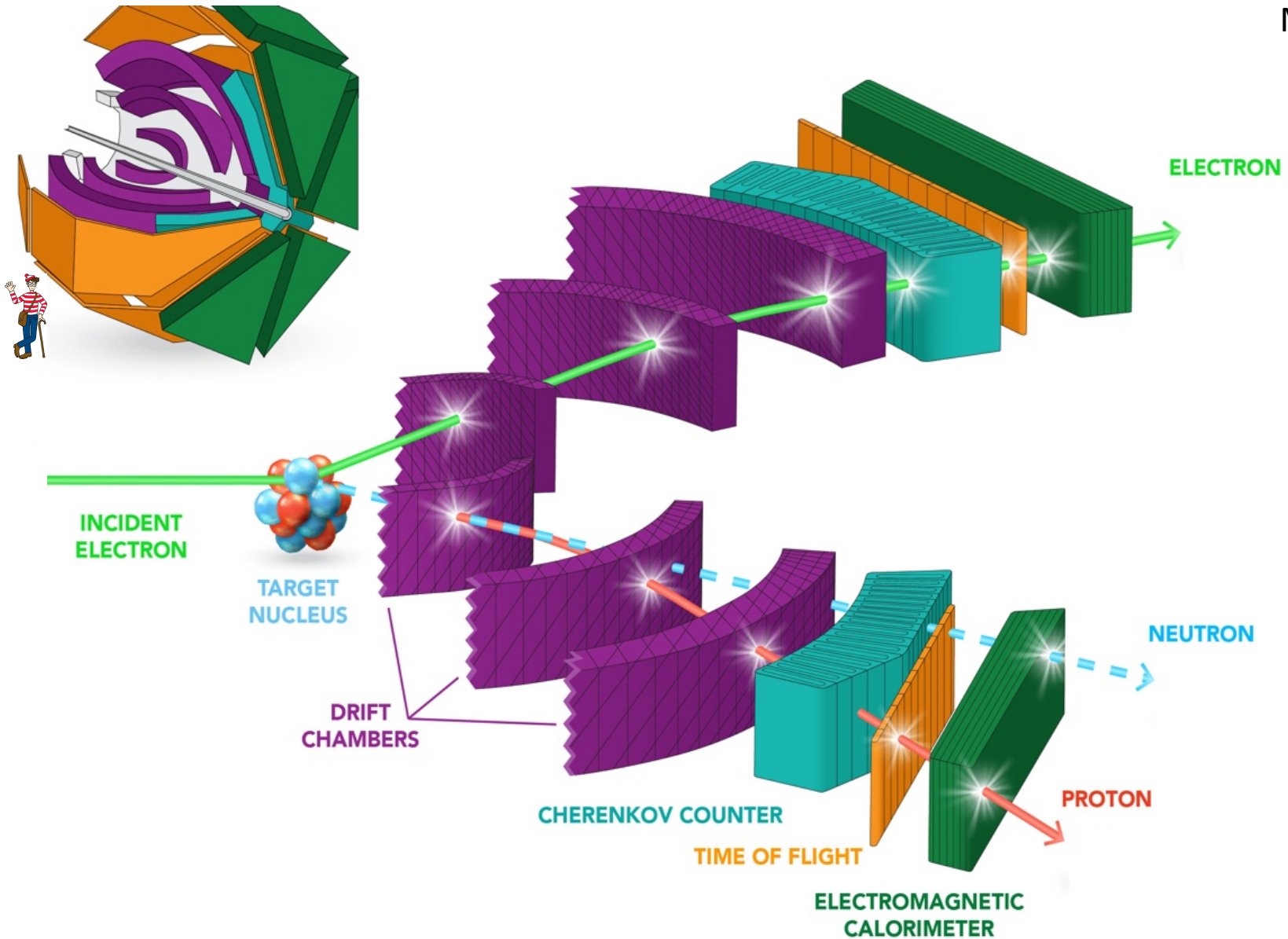
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# Proton vs. Neutron Knockout

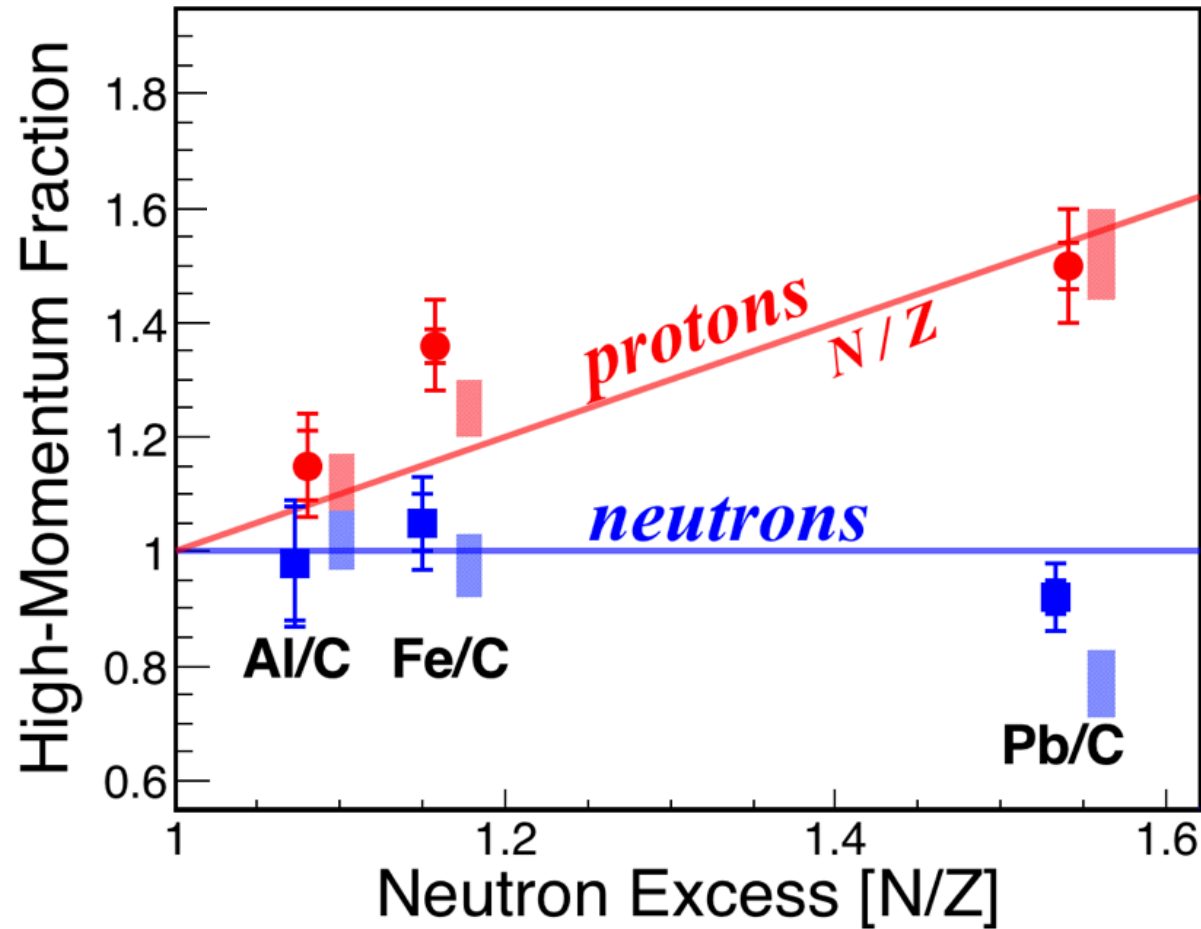


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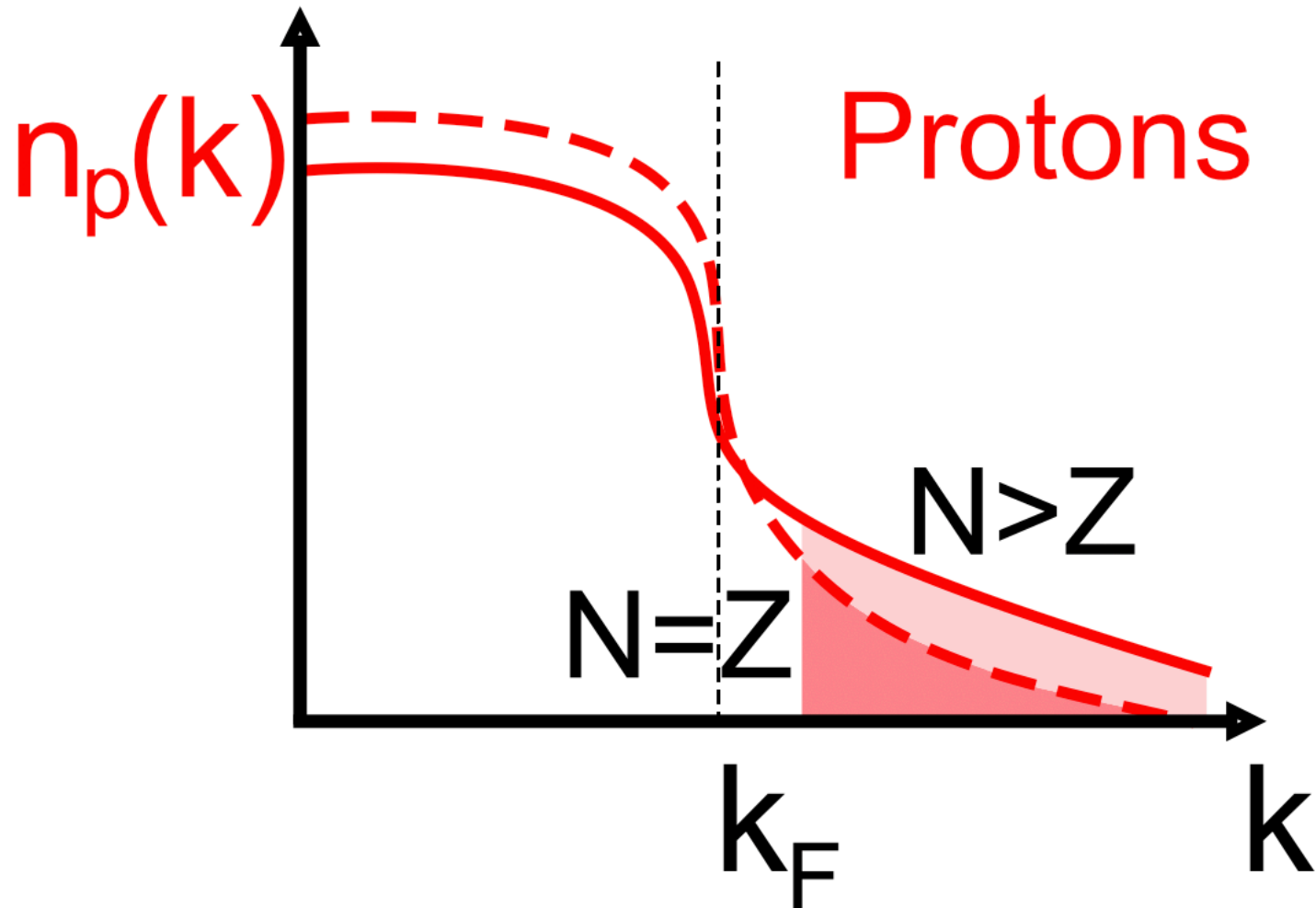


# Correlation Probability: Neutrons saturate Protons grow



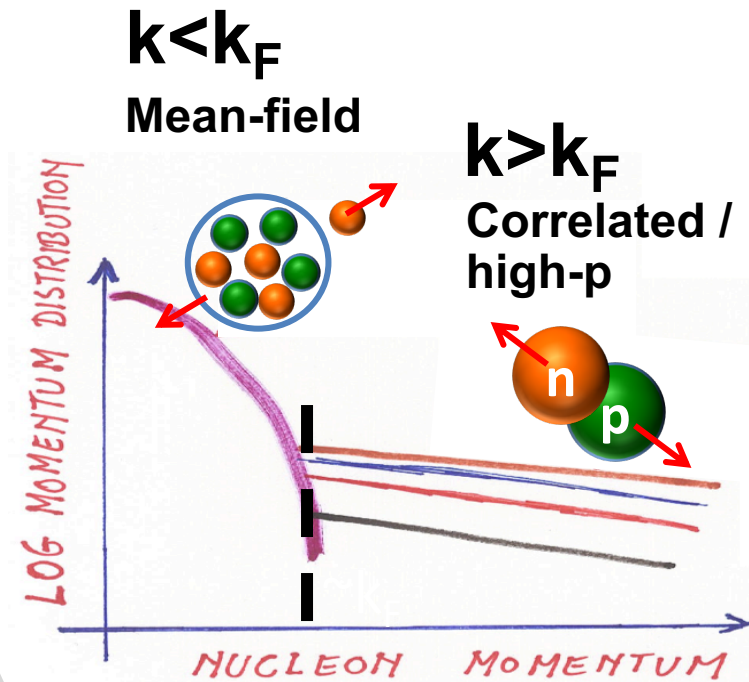
Duer et al., Nature (2018)

# Protons 'Speed-Up' In Neutron-Rich Nuclei



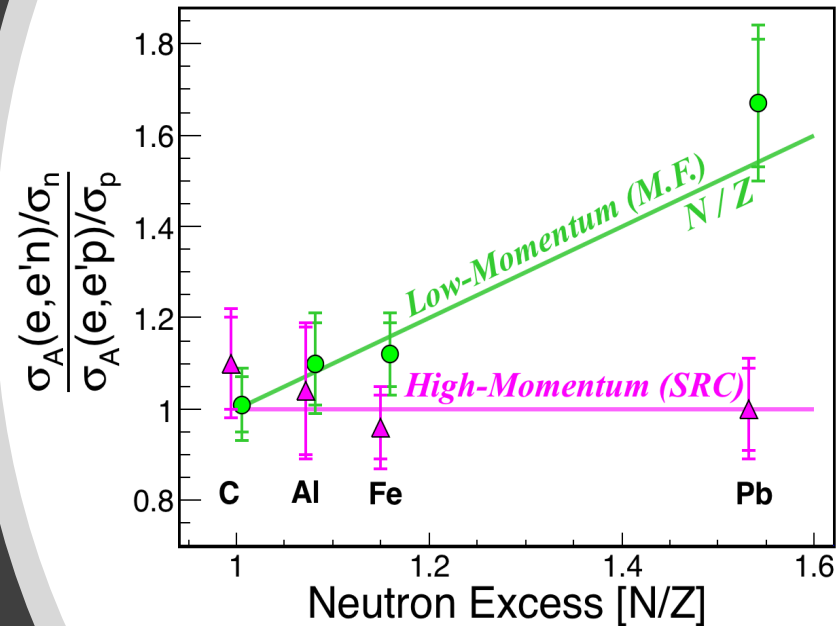
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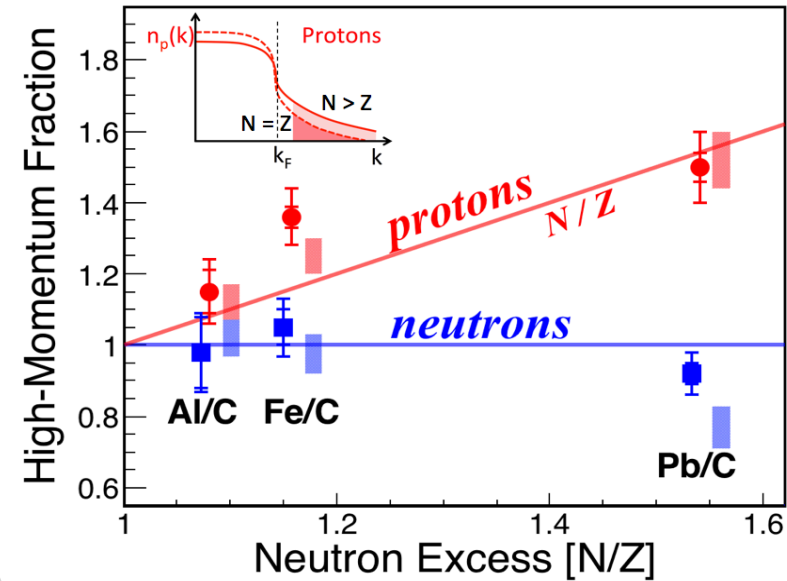
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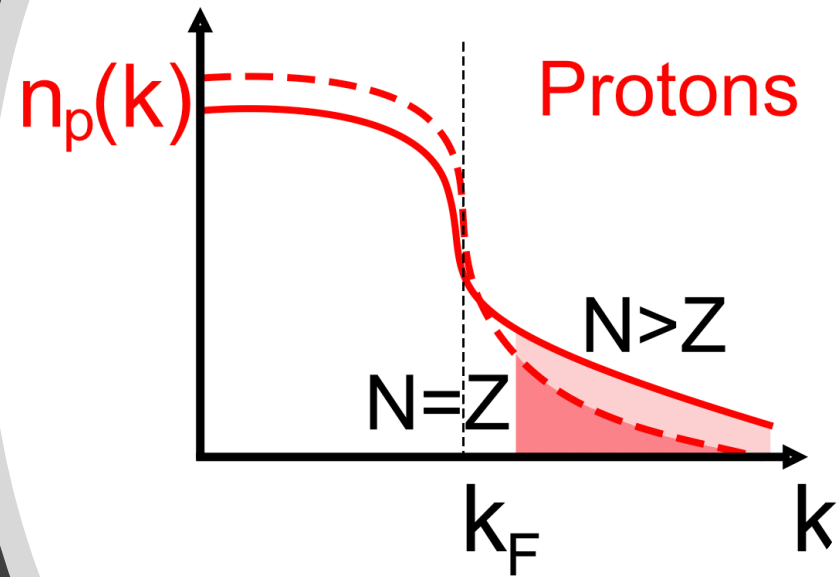
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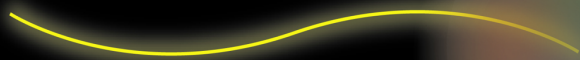


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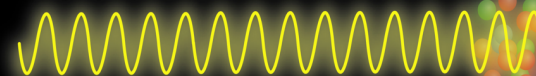
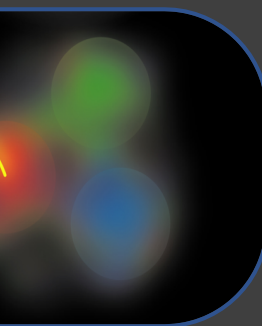
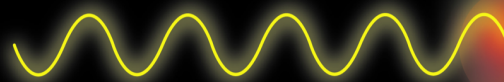
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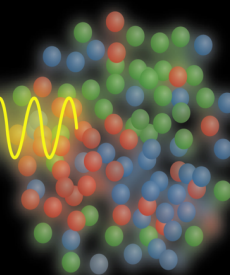
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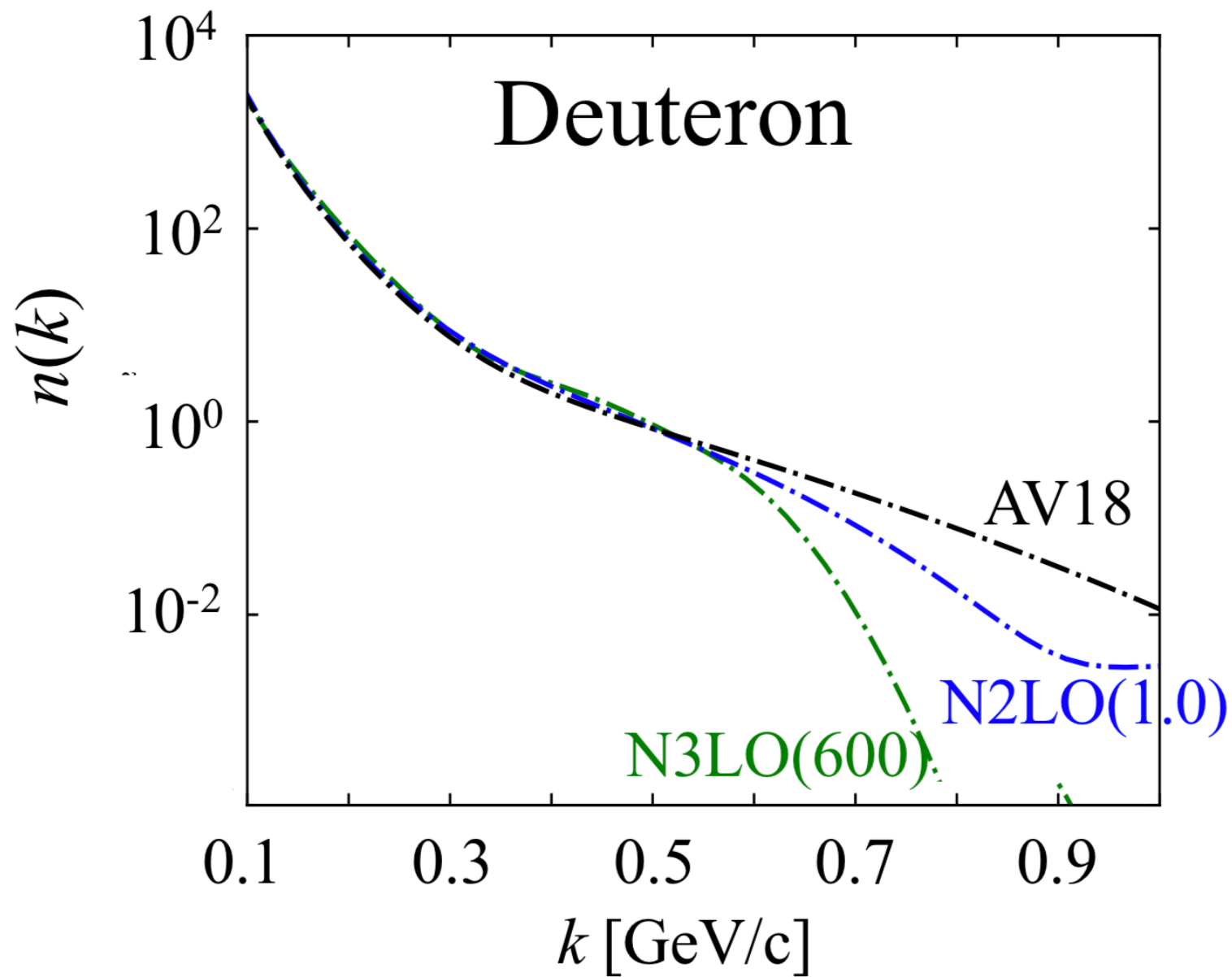
Short-Ranged  
Interaction



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# Probing the NN Interaction

- Measure one- and two-nucleon knockout cross-sections.
- Compare with calculations using different NN interactions.
- See which one works best

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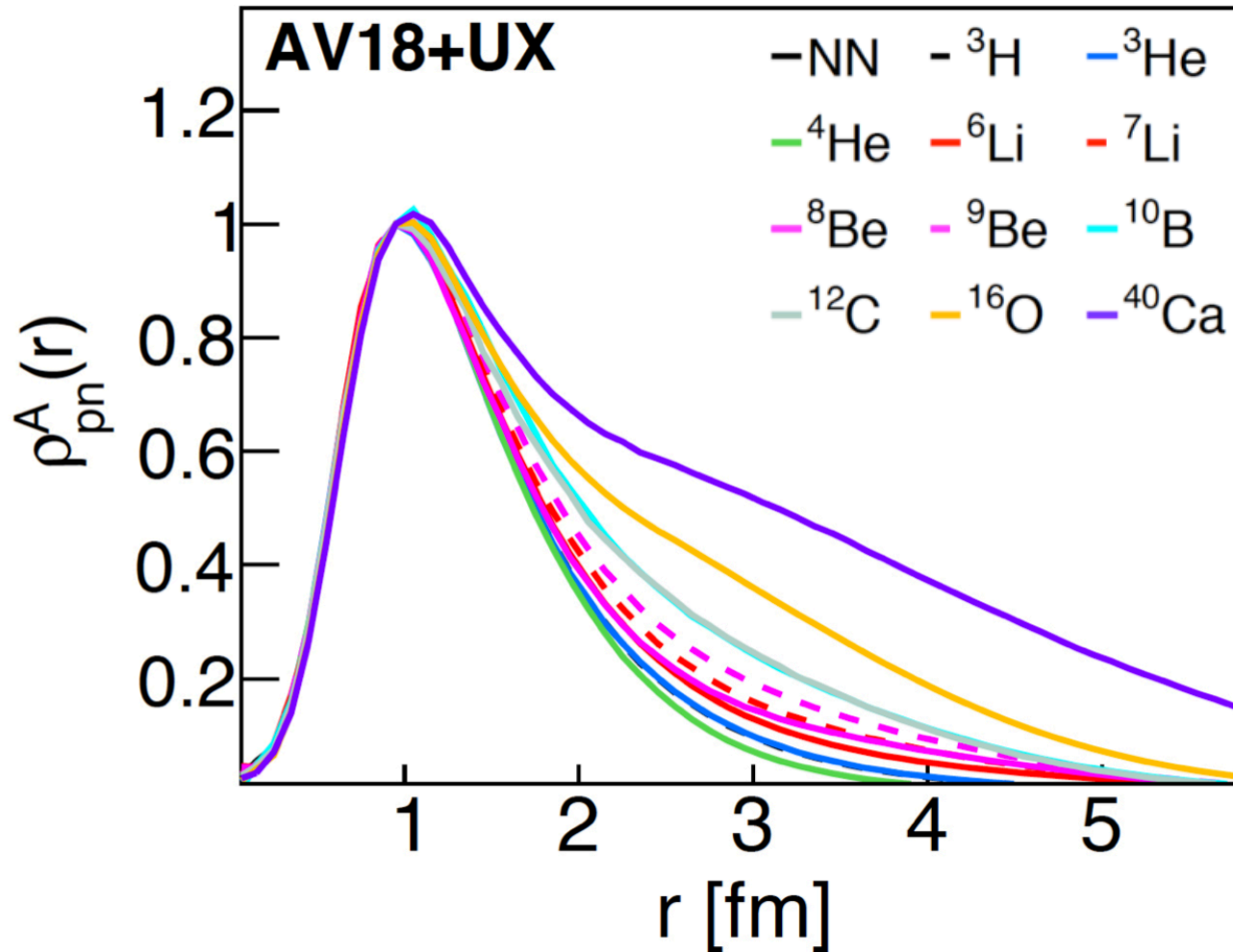
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# Scale and Scheme Independence and Position-Momentum Equivalence of Nuclear Short-Range Correlations

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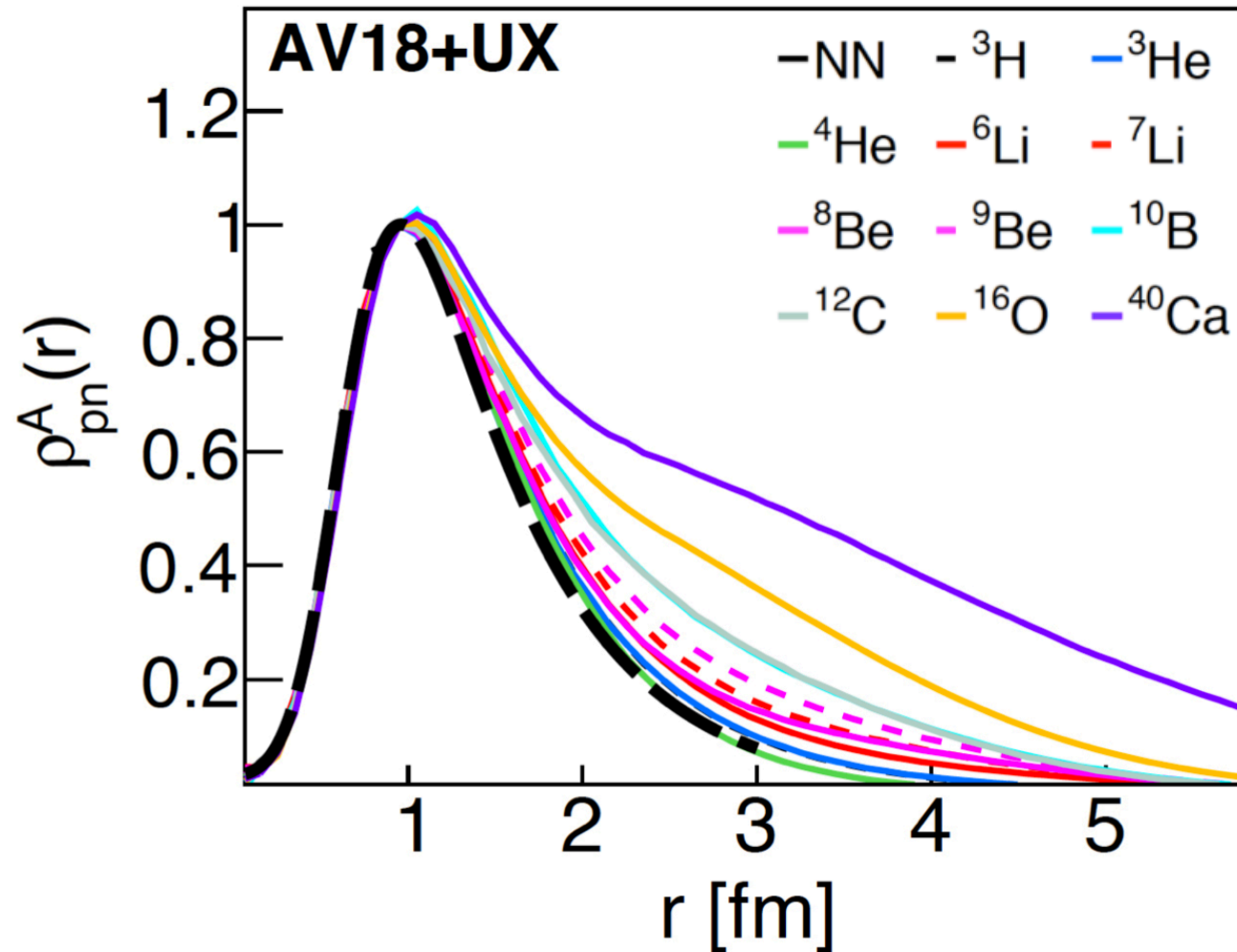
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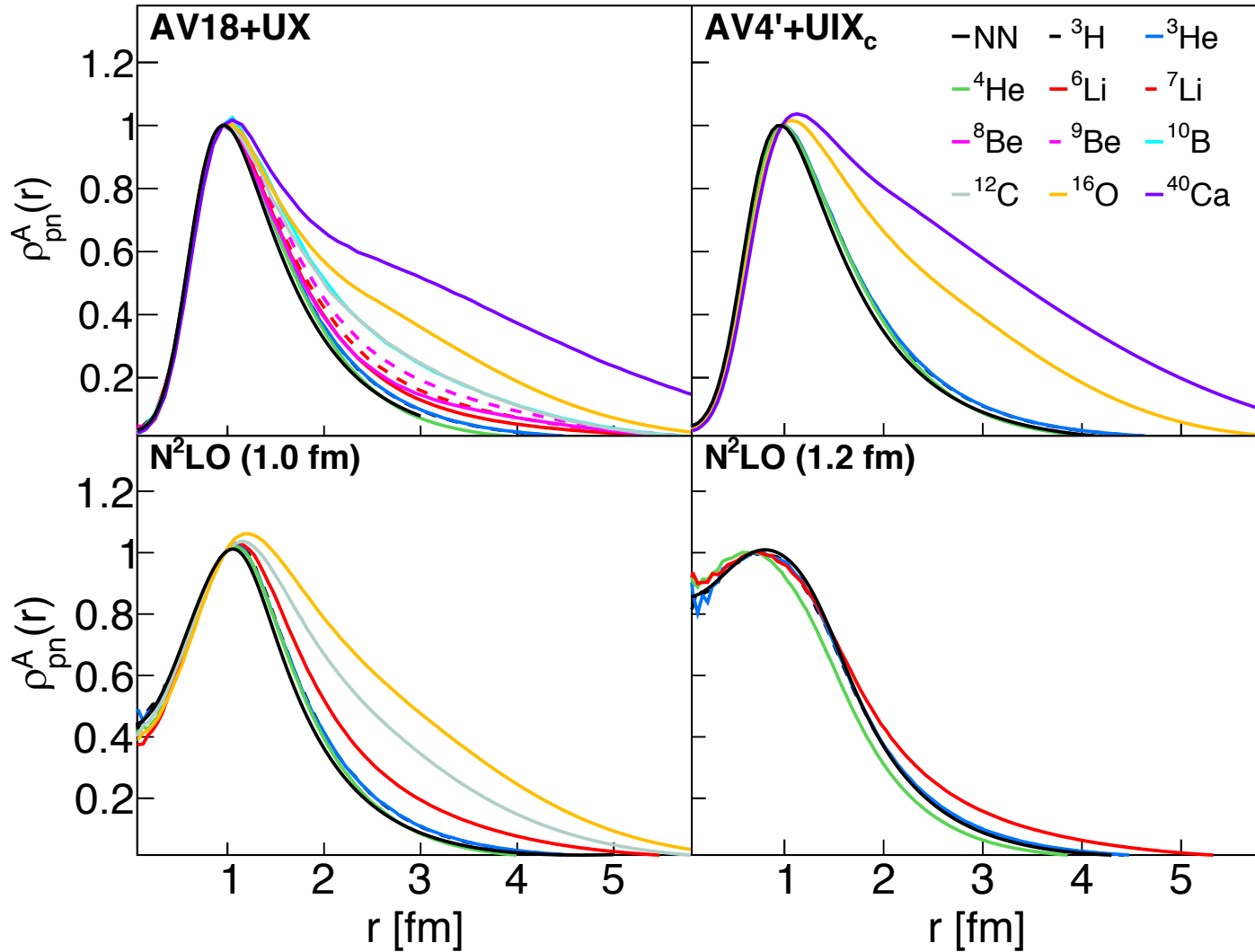




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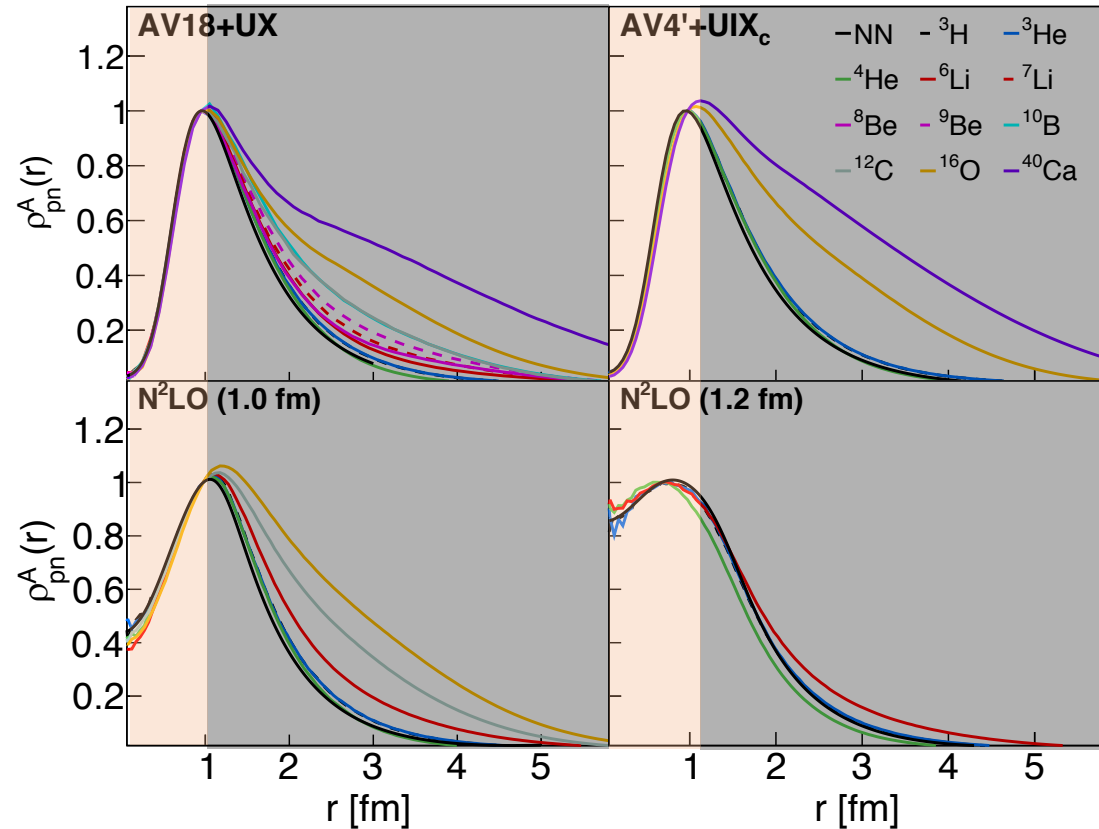


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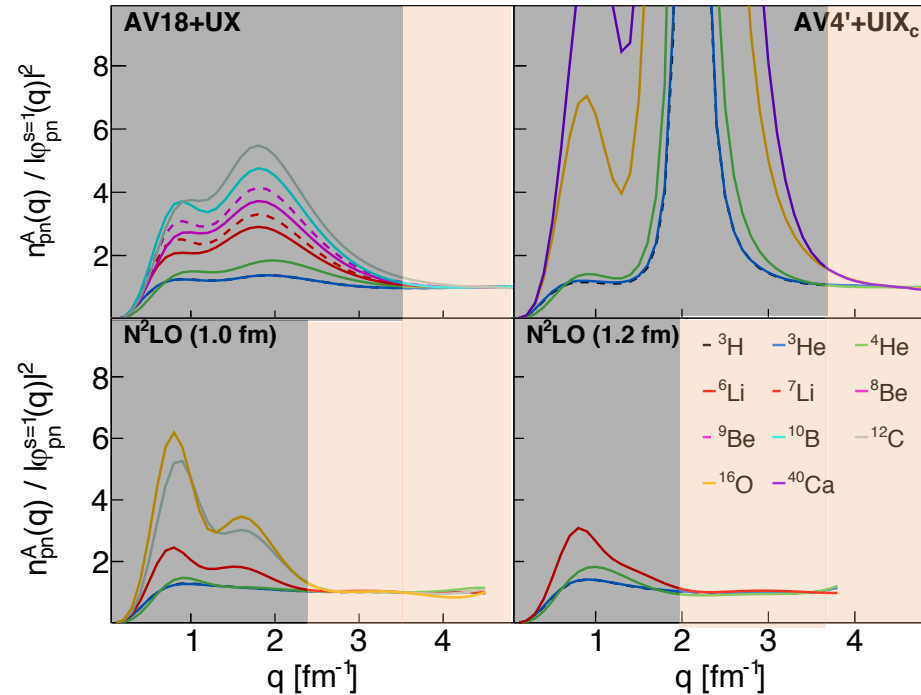
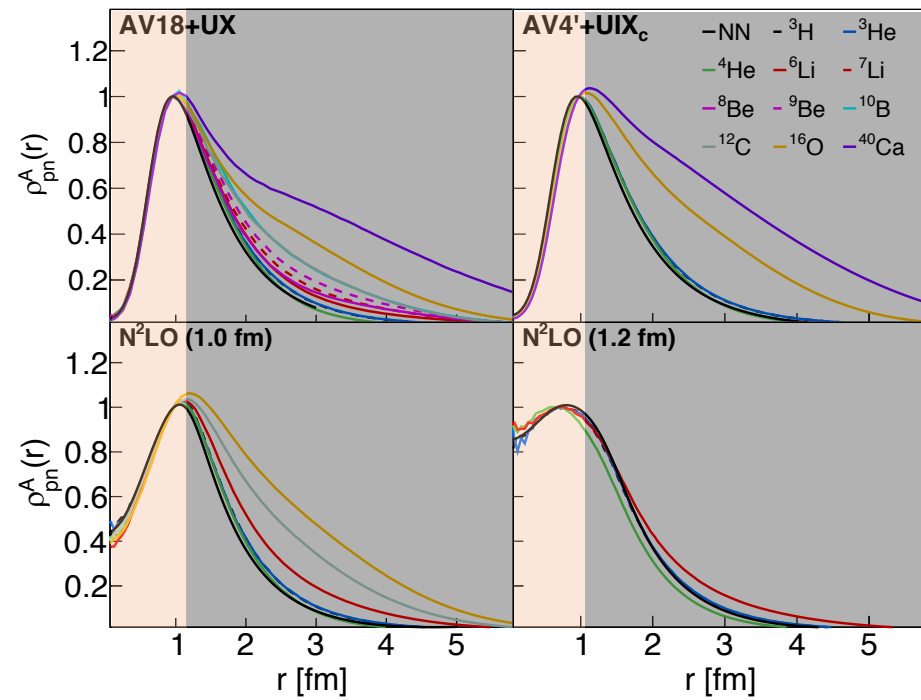


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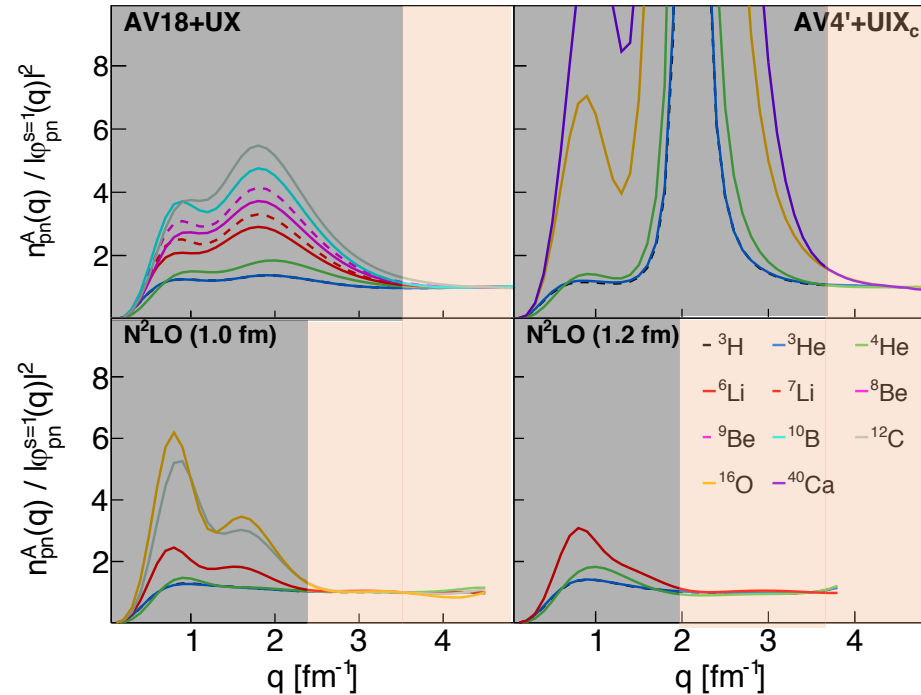
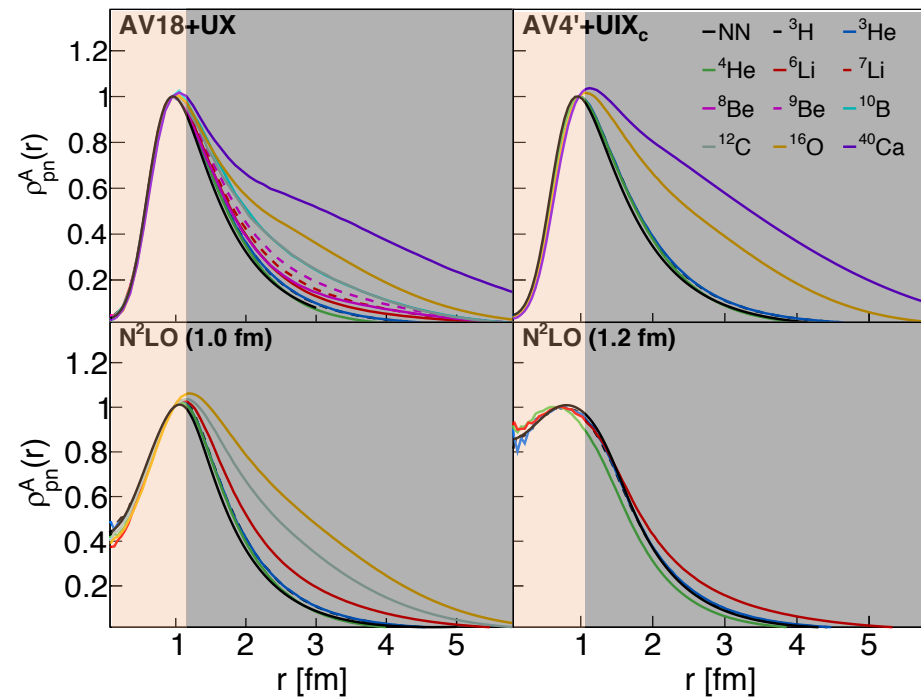
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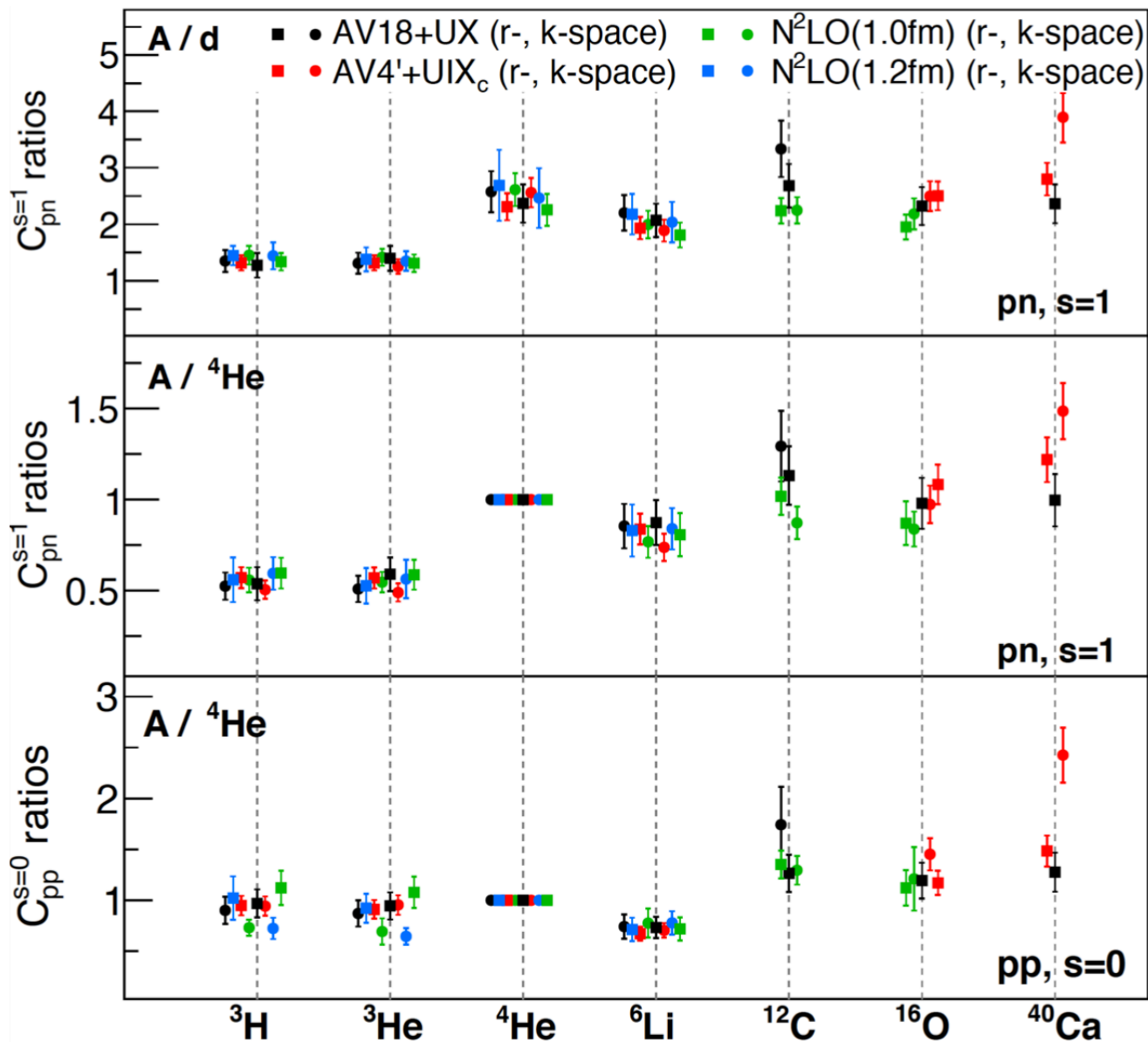
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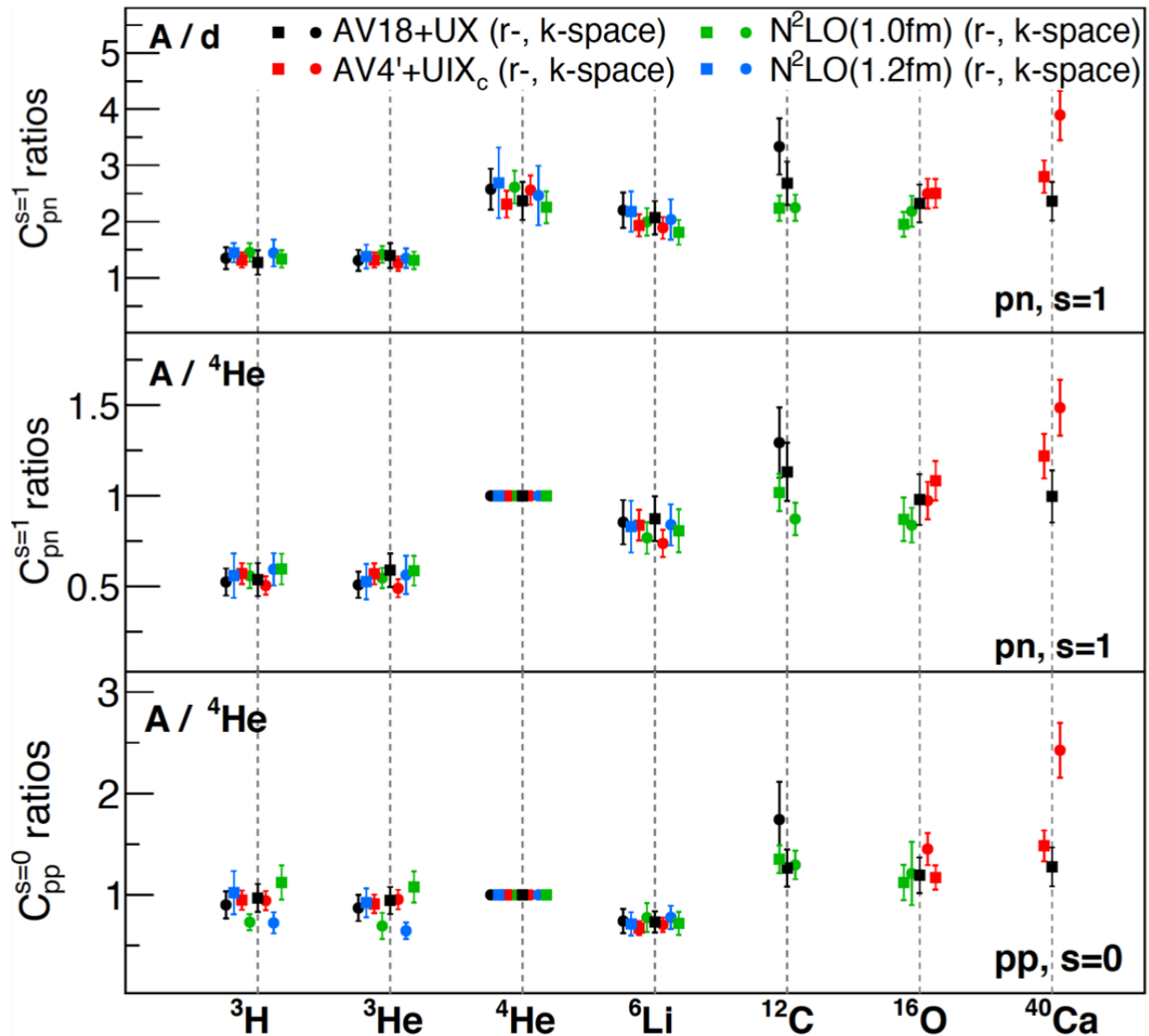
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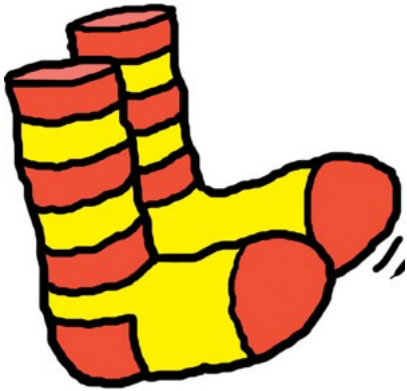




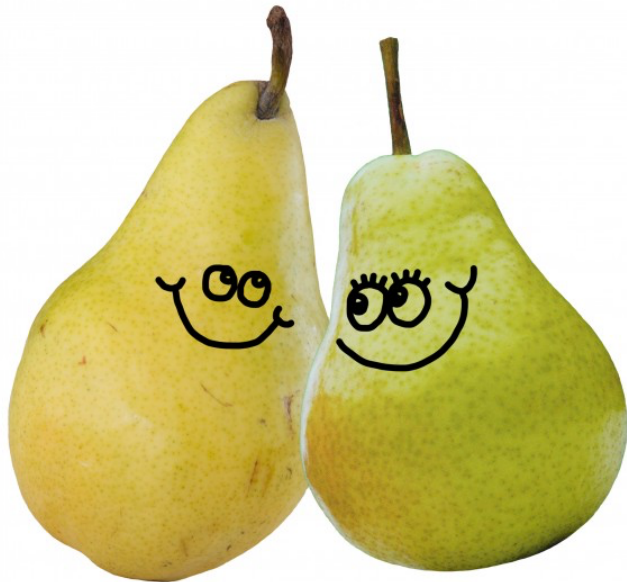
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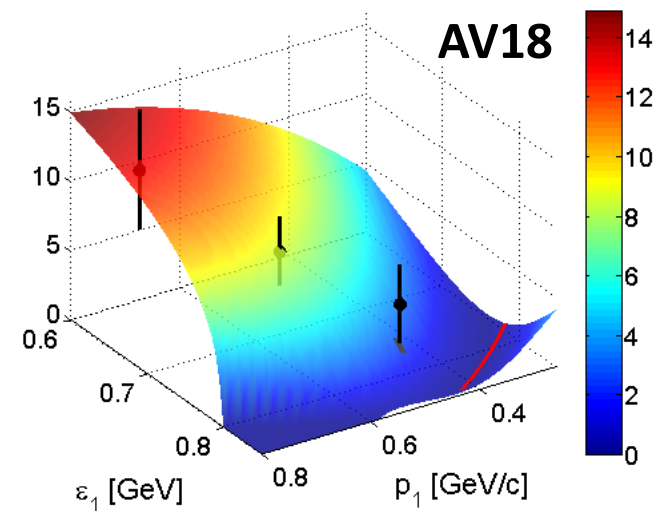
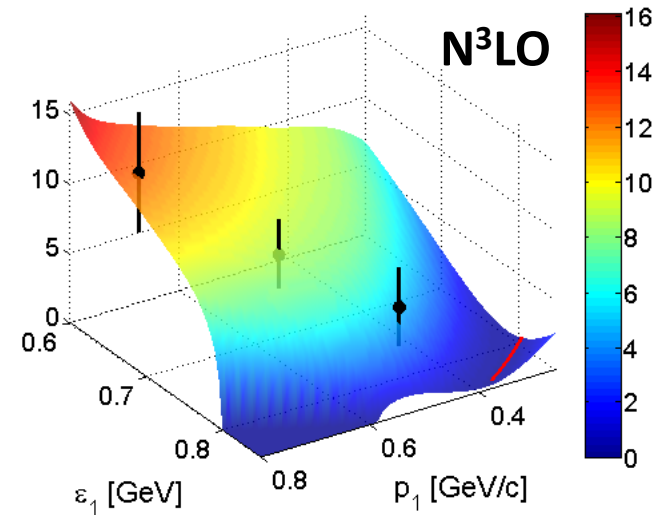
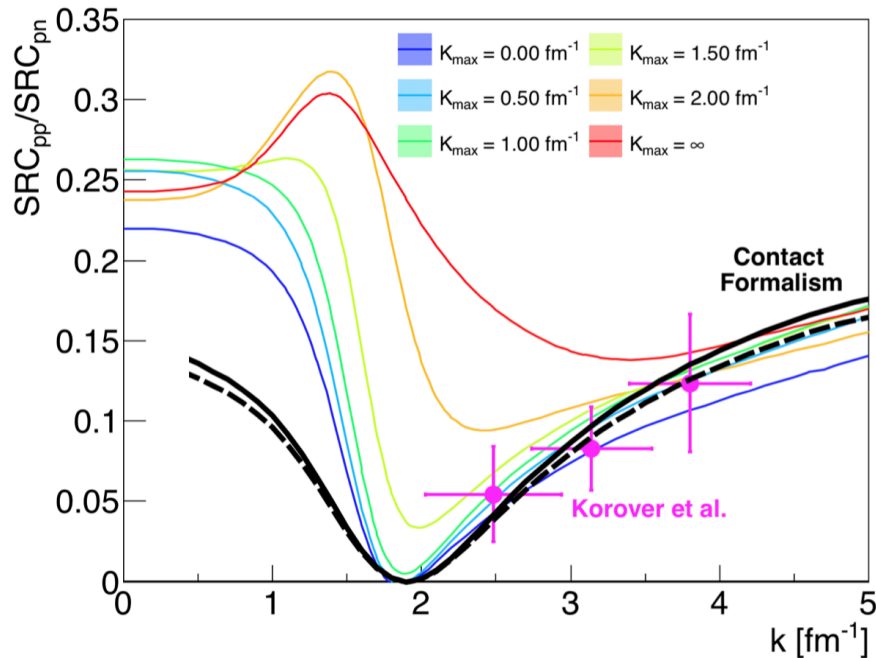
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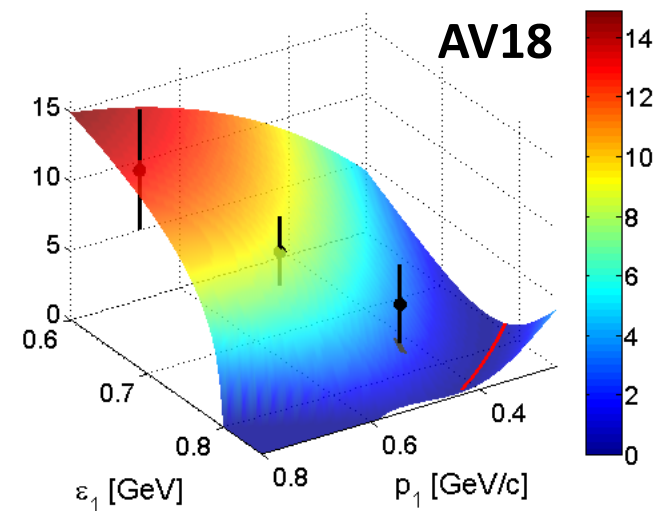
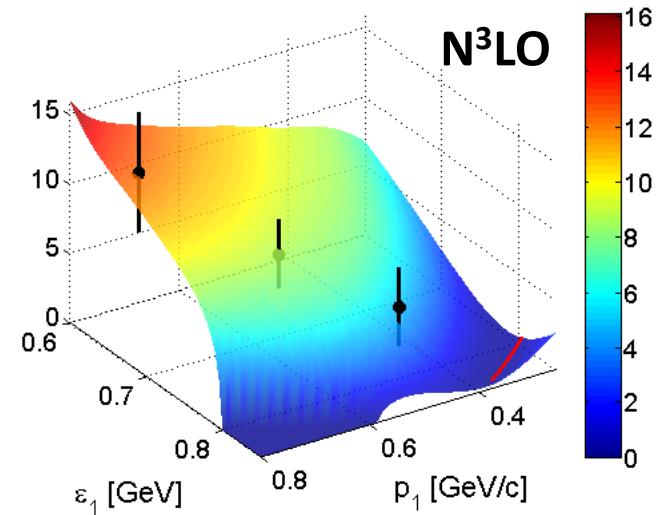
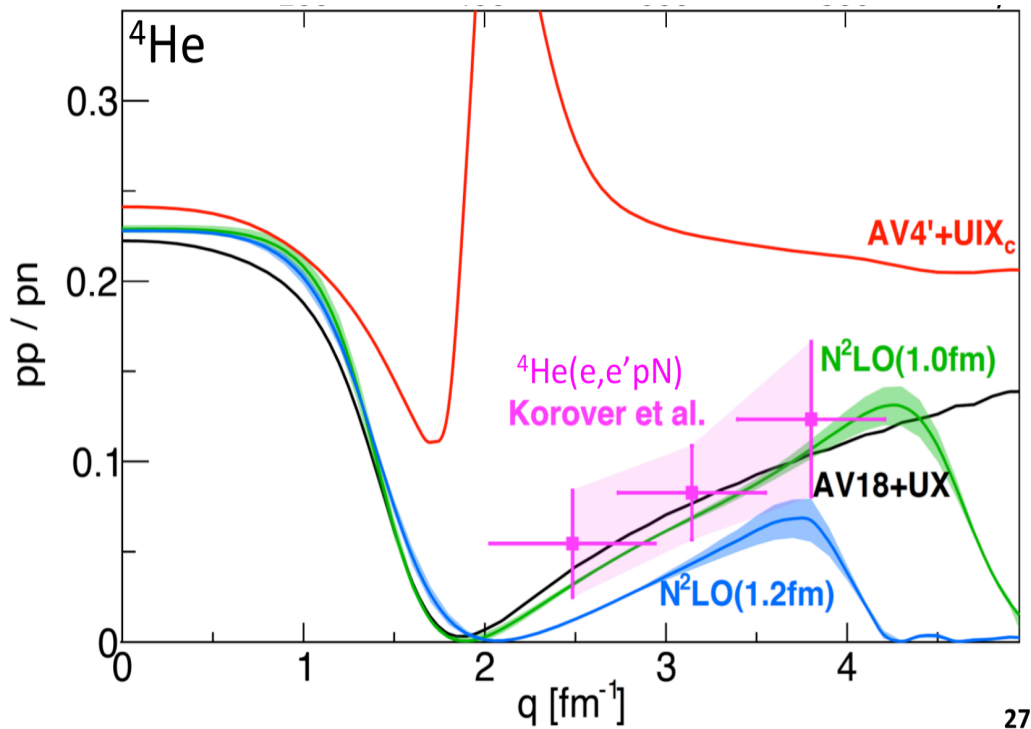
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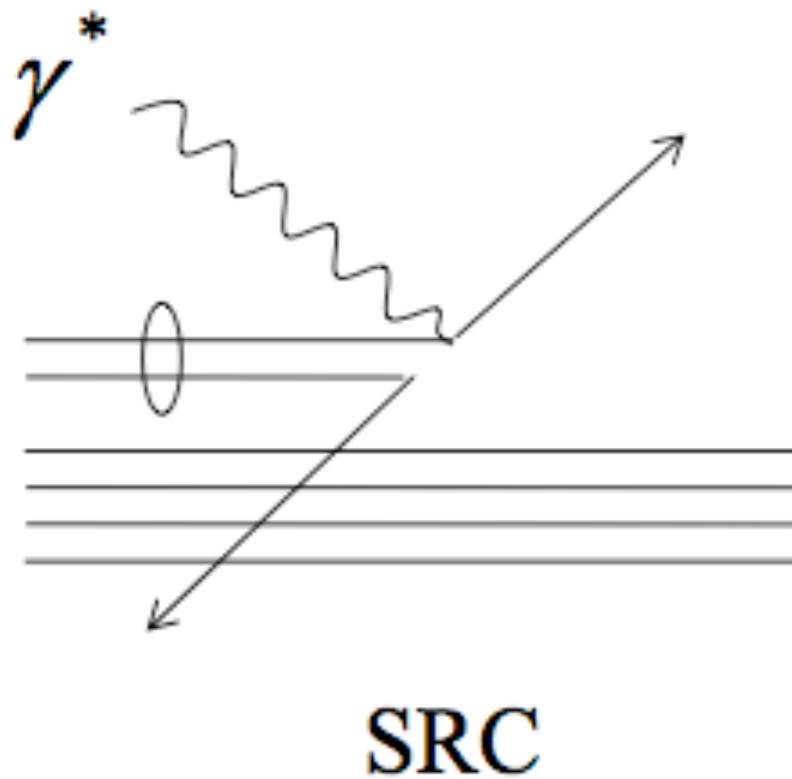


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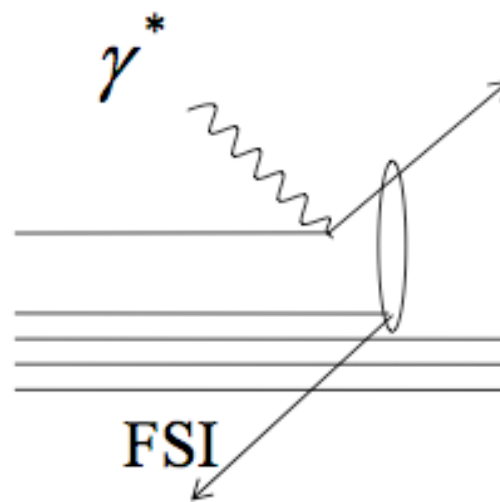
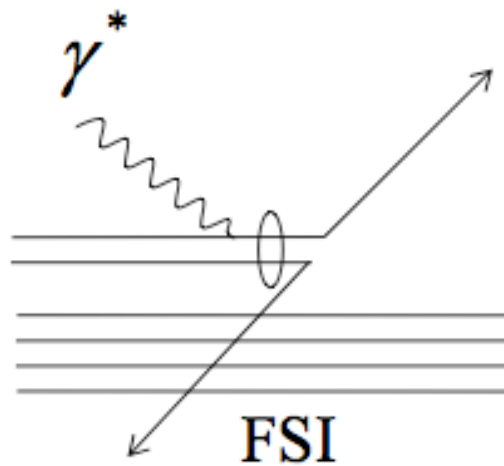
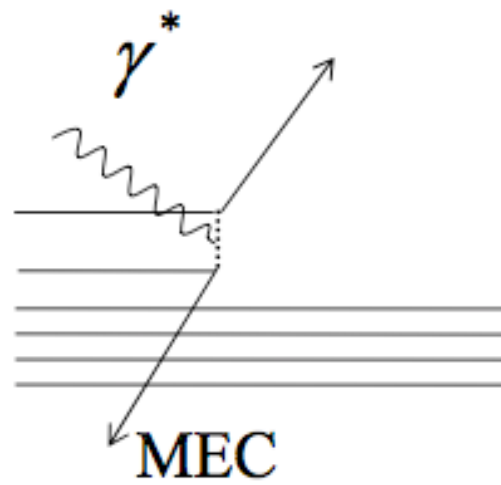
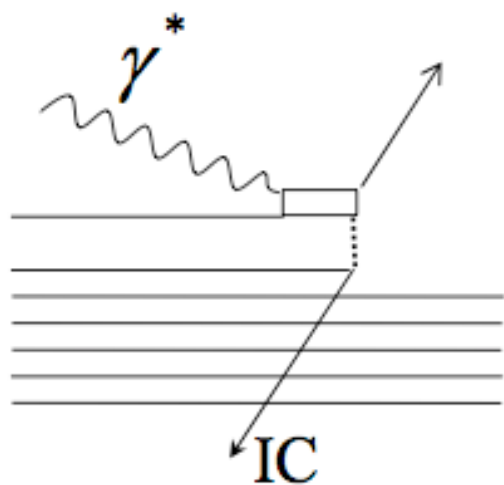
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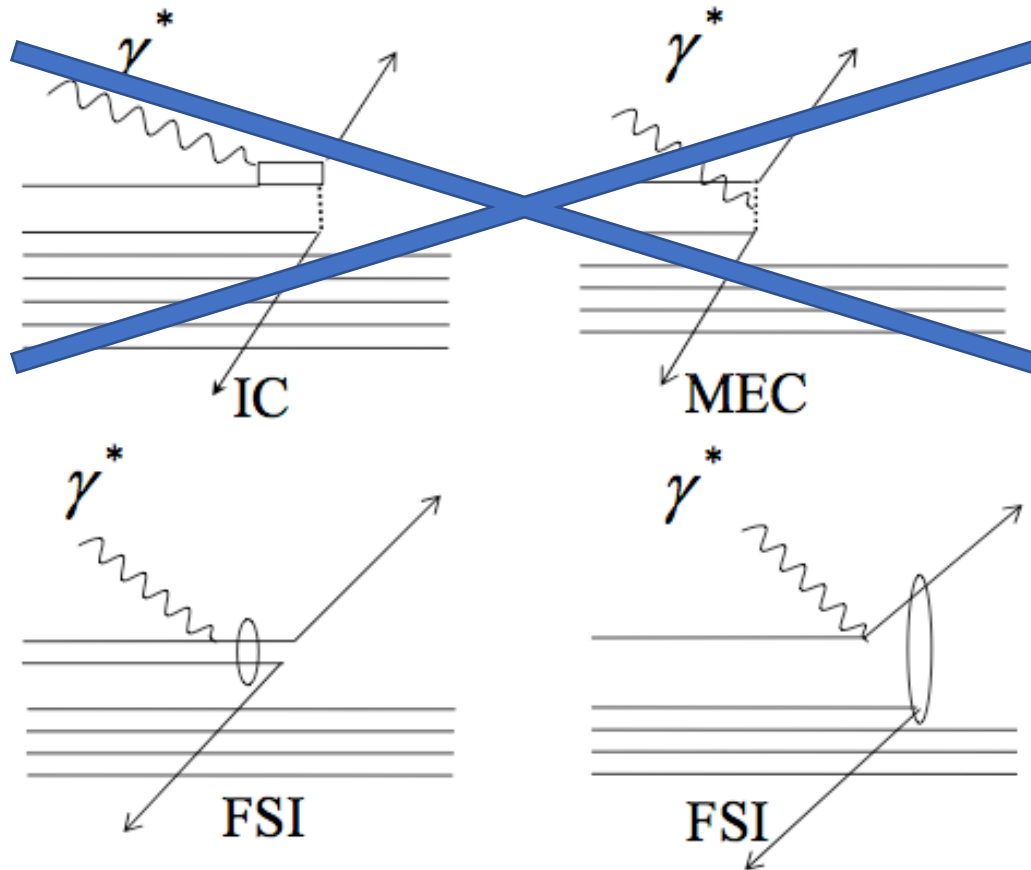
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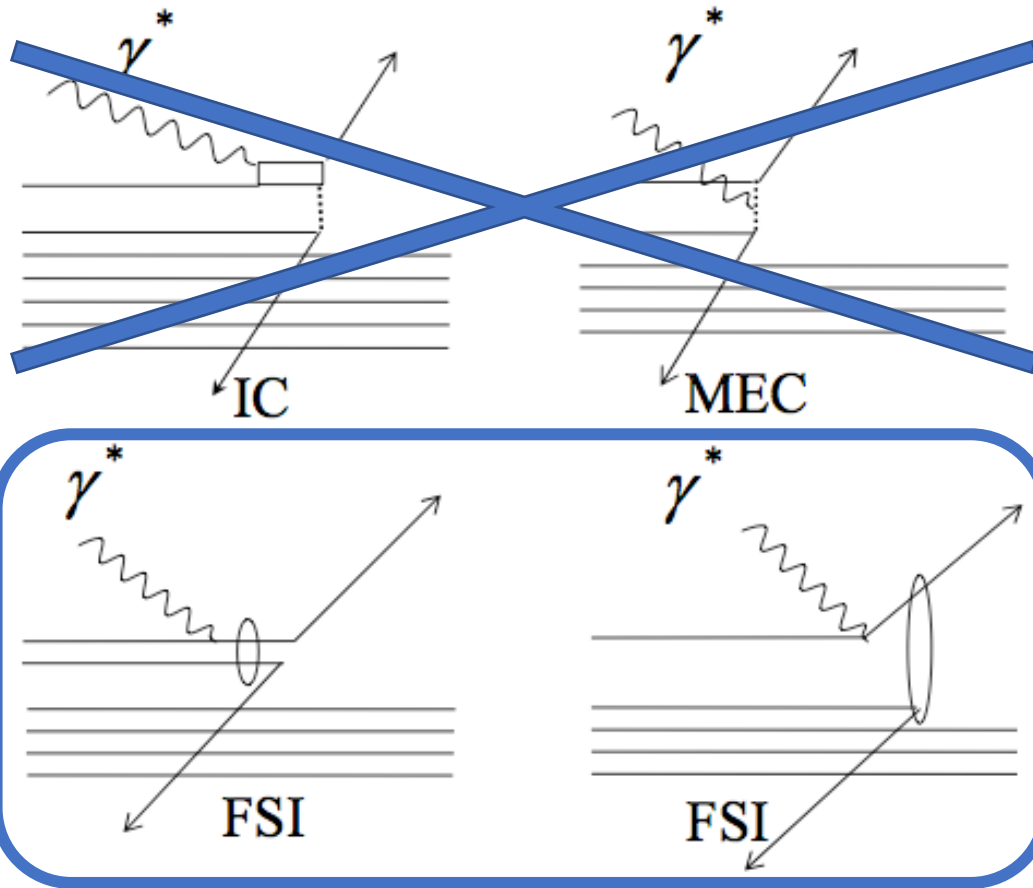


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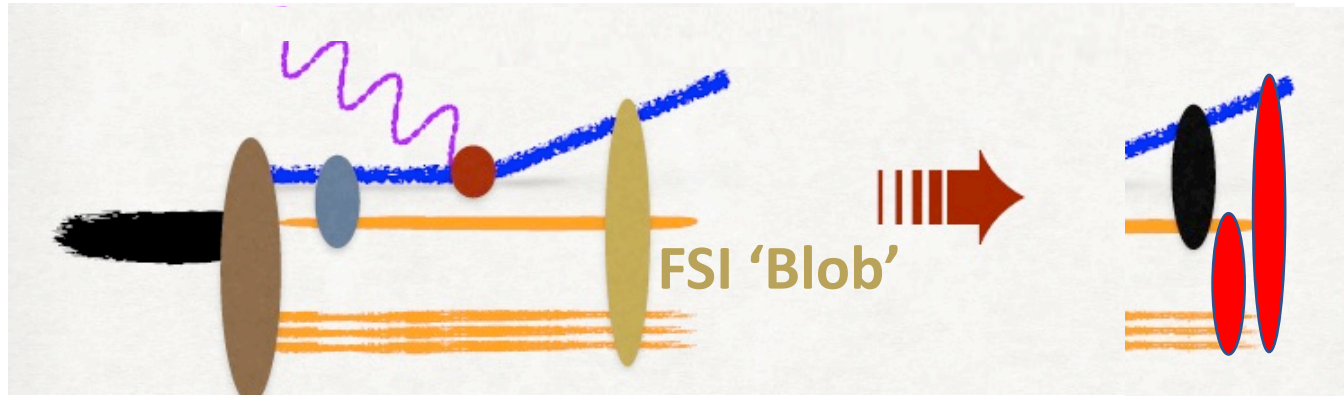


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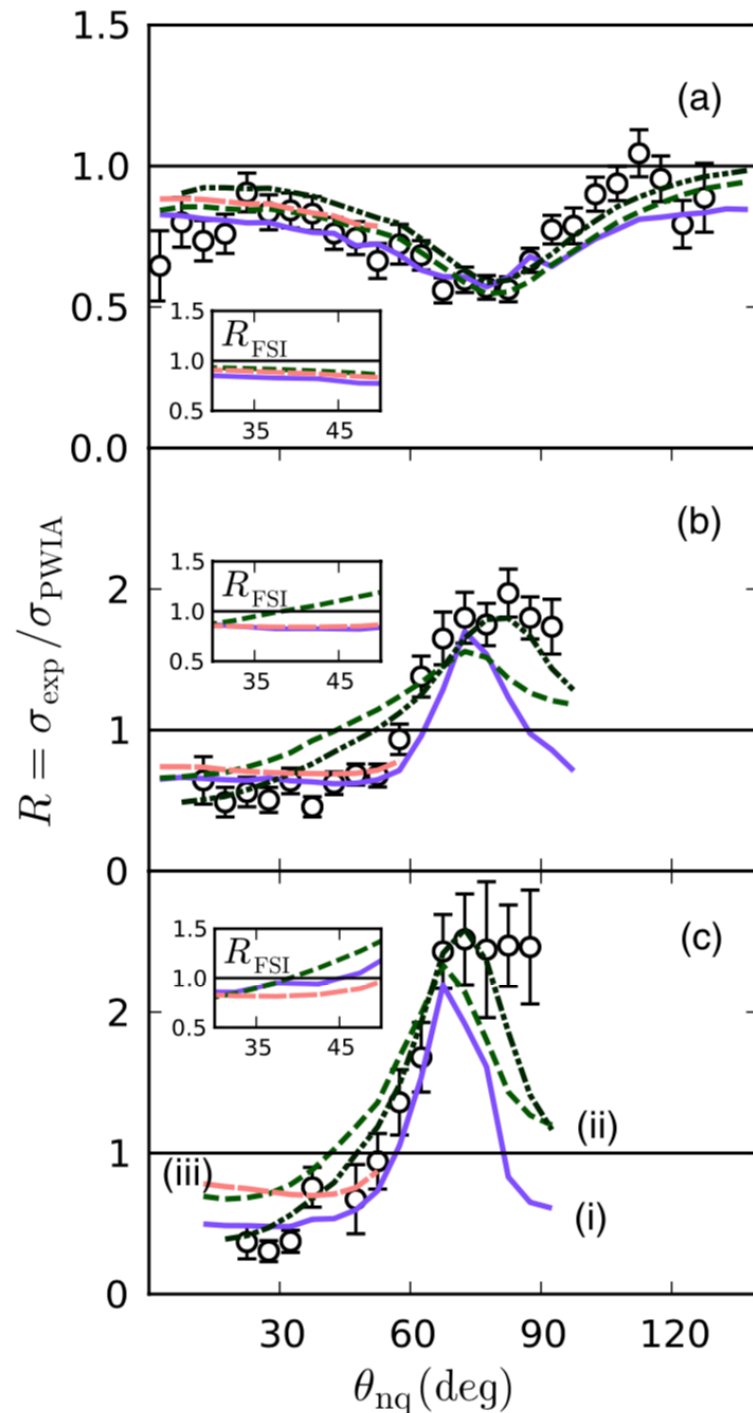
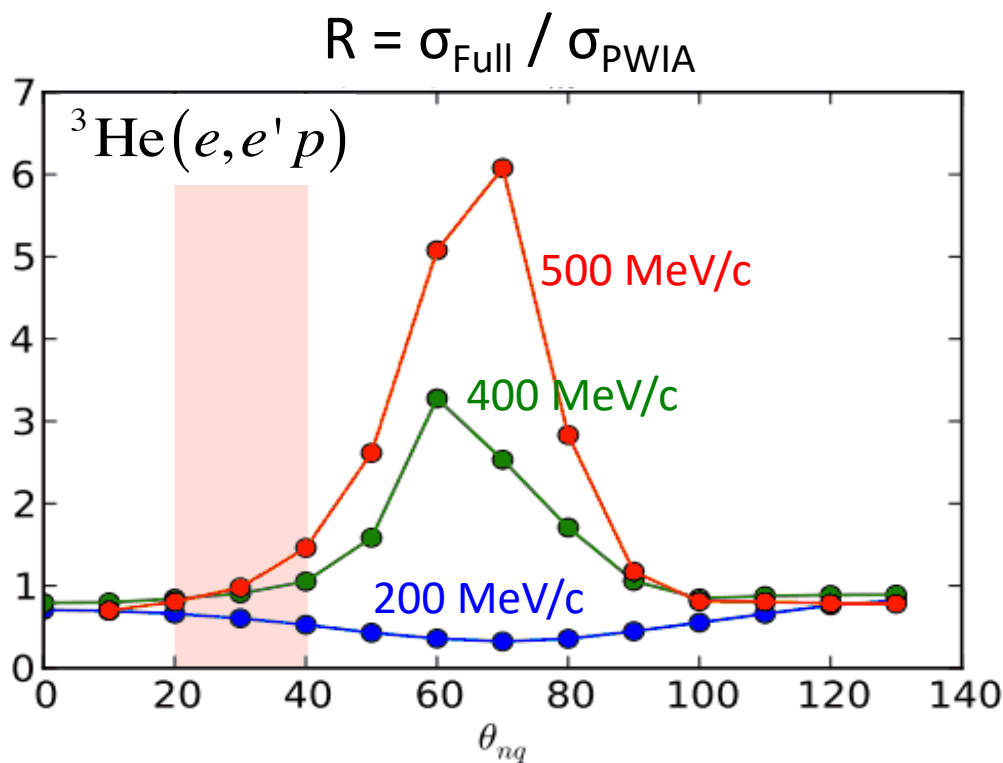


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Minimize by choosing  
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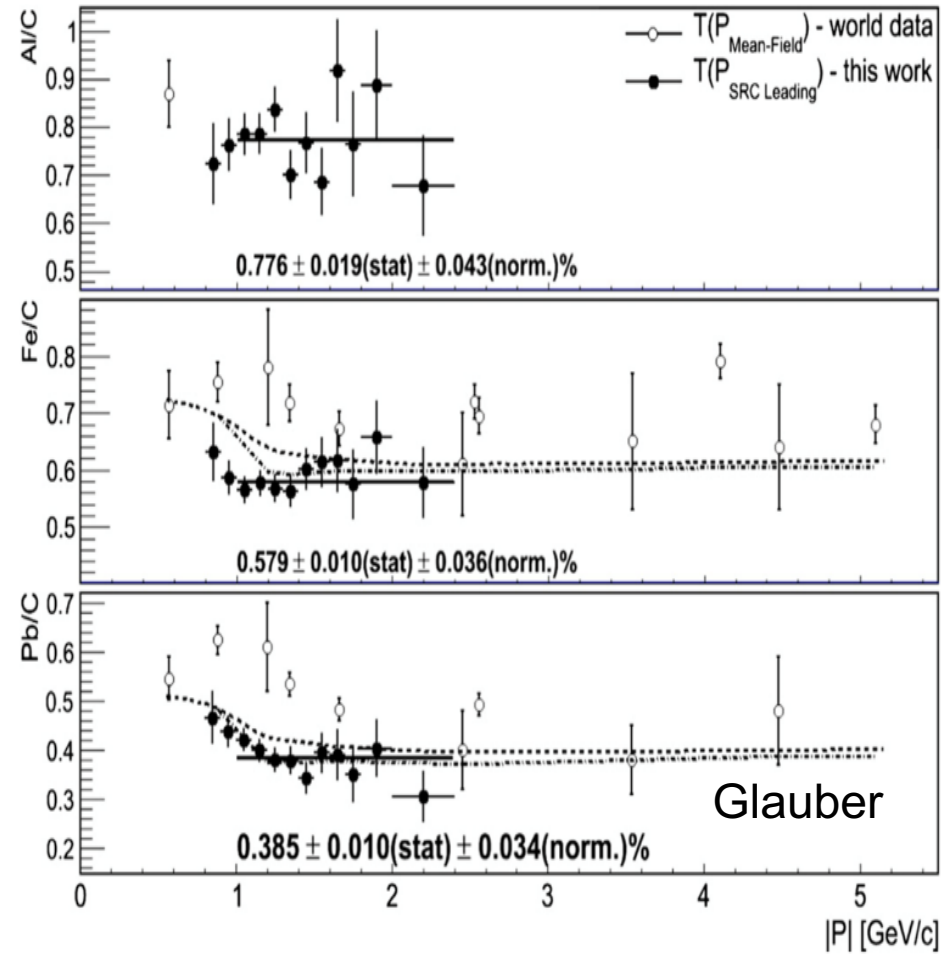
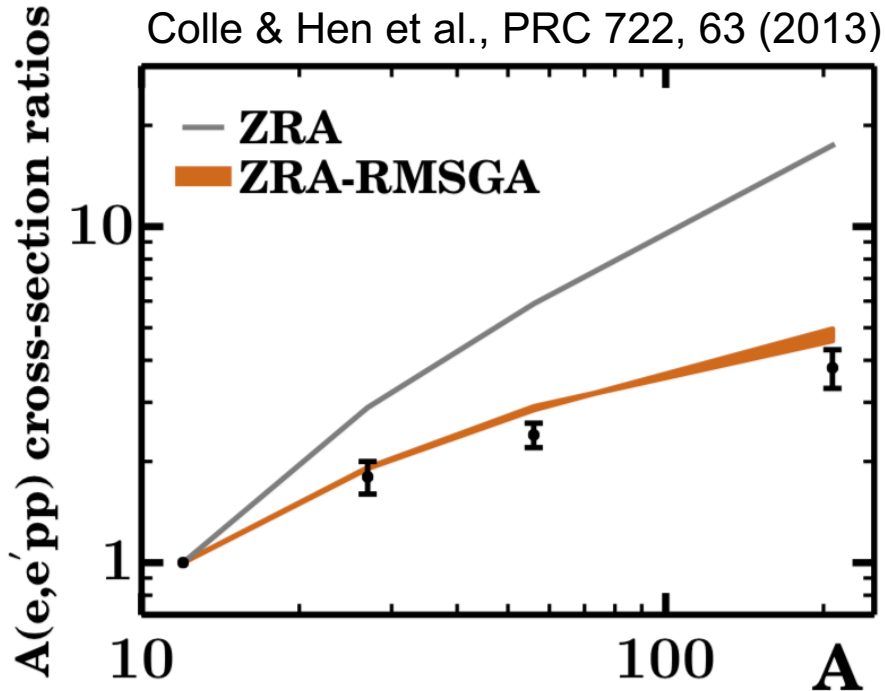


Attenuation:  
Calculate using Glauber.

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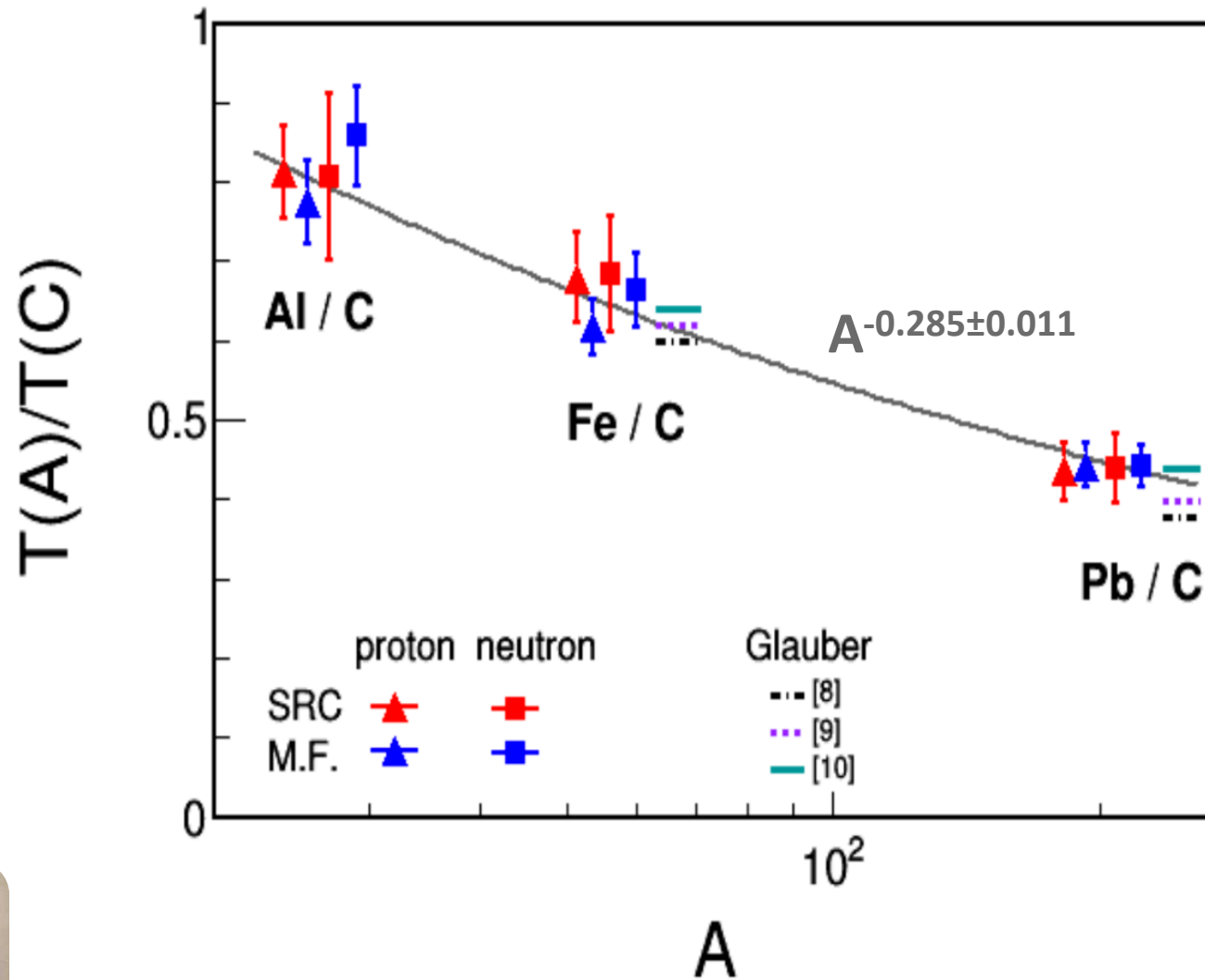
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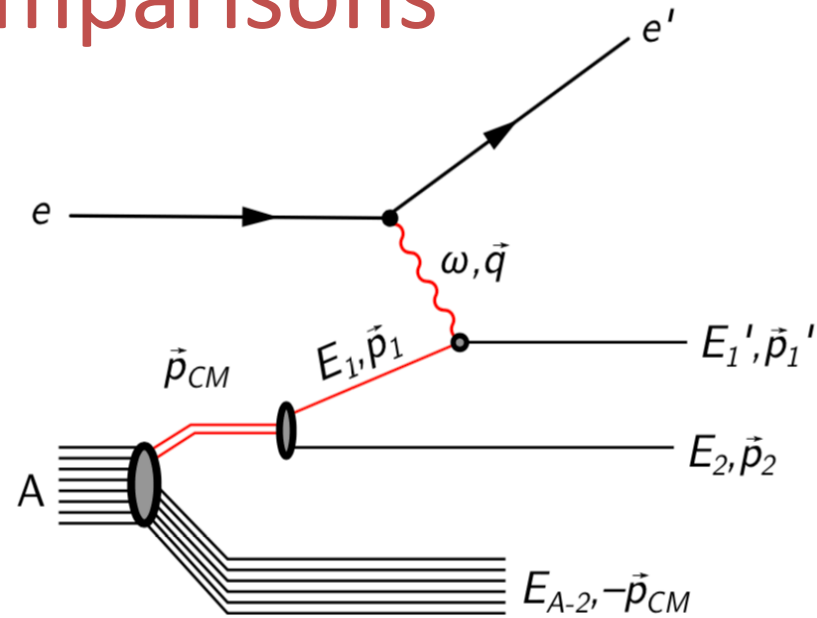
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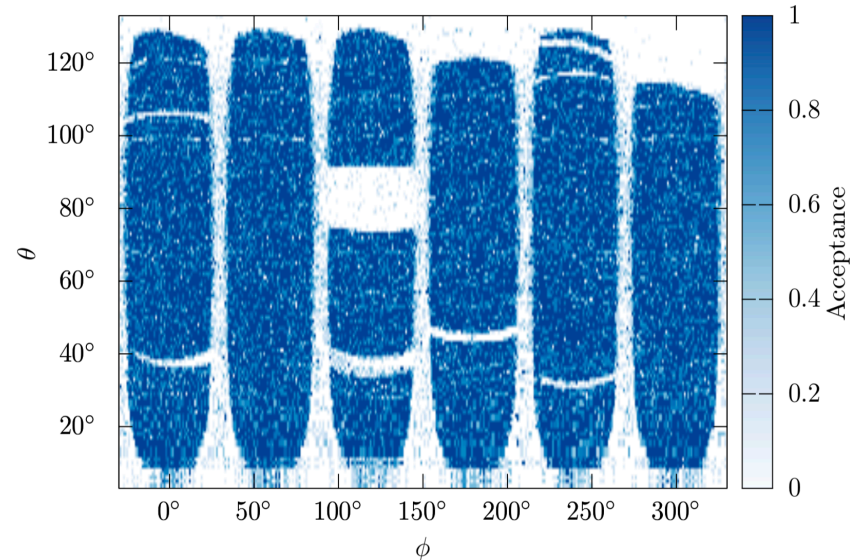
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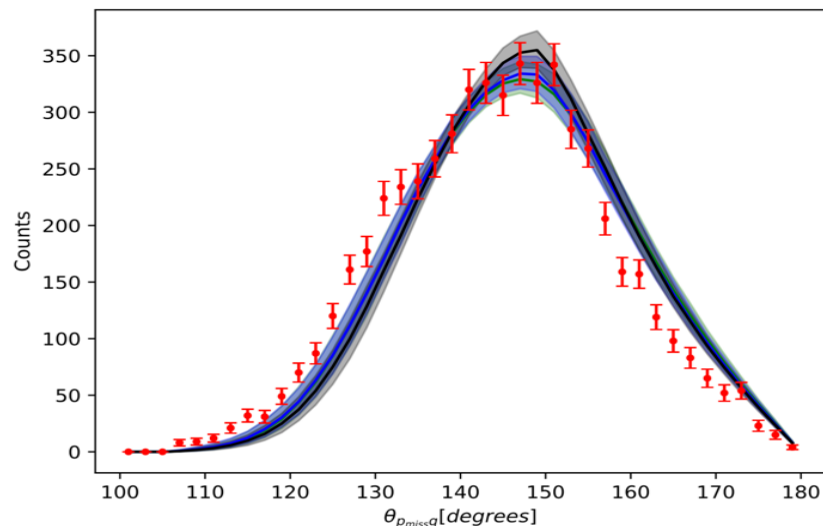
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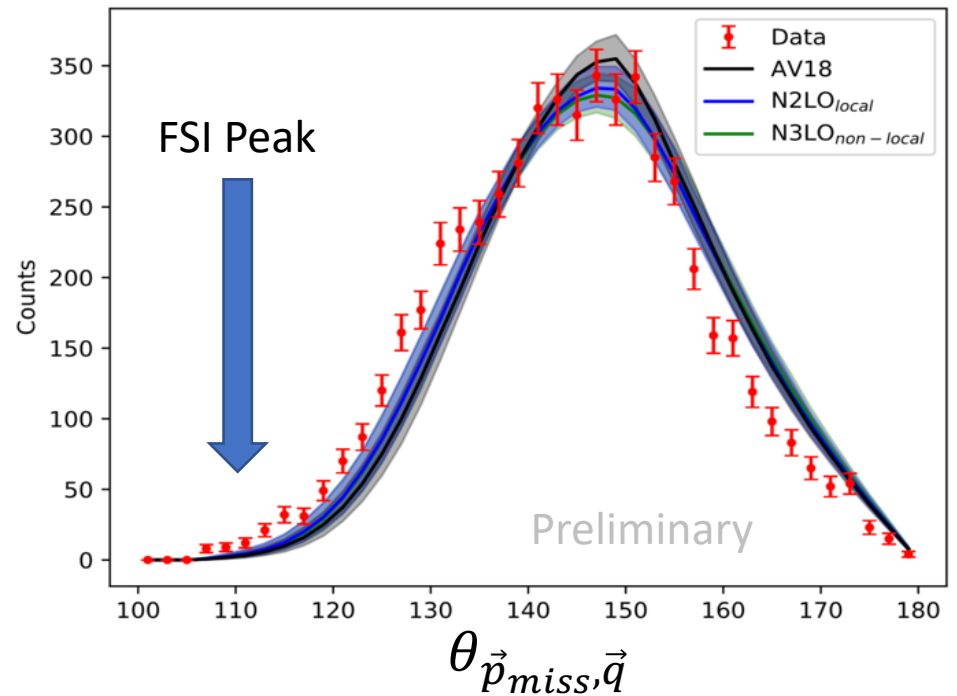
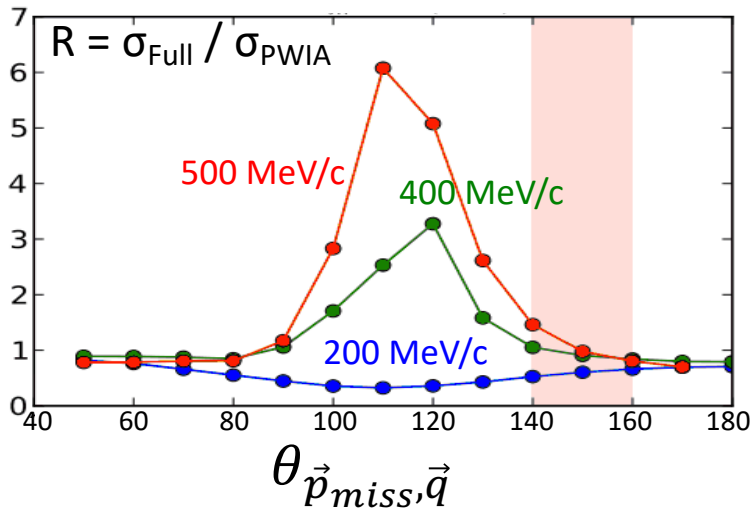
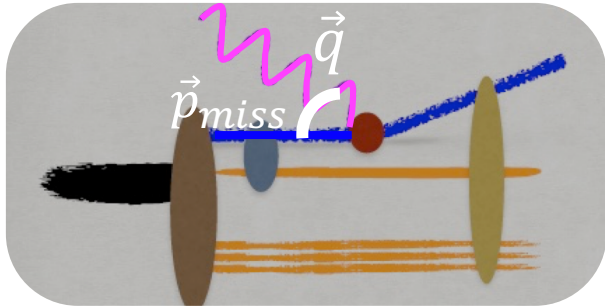
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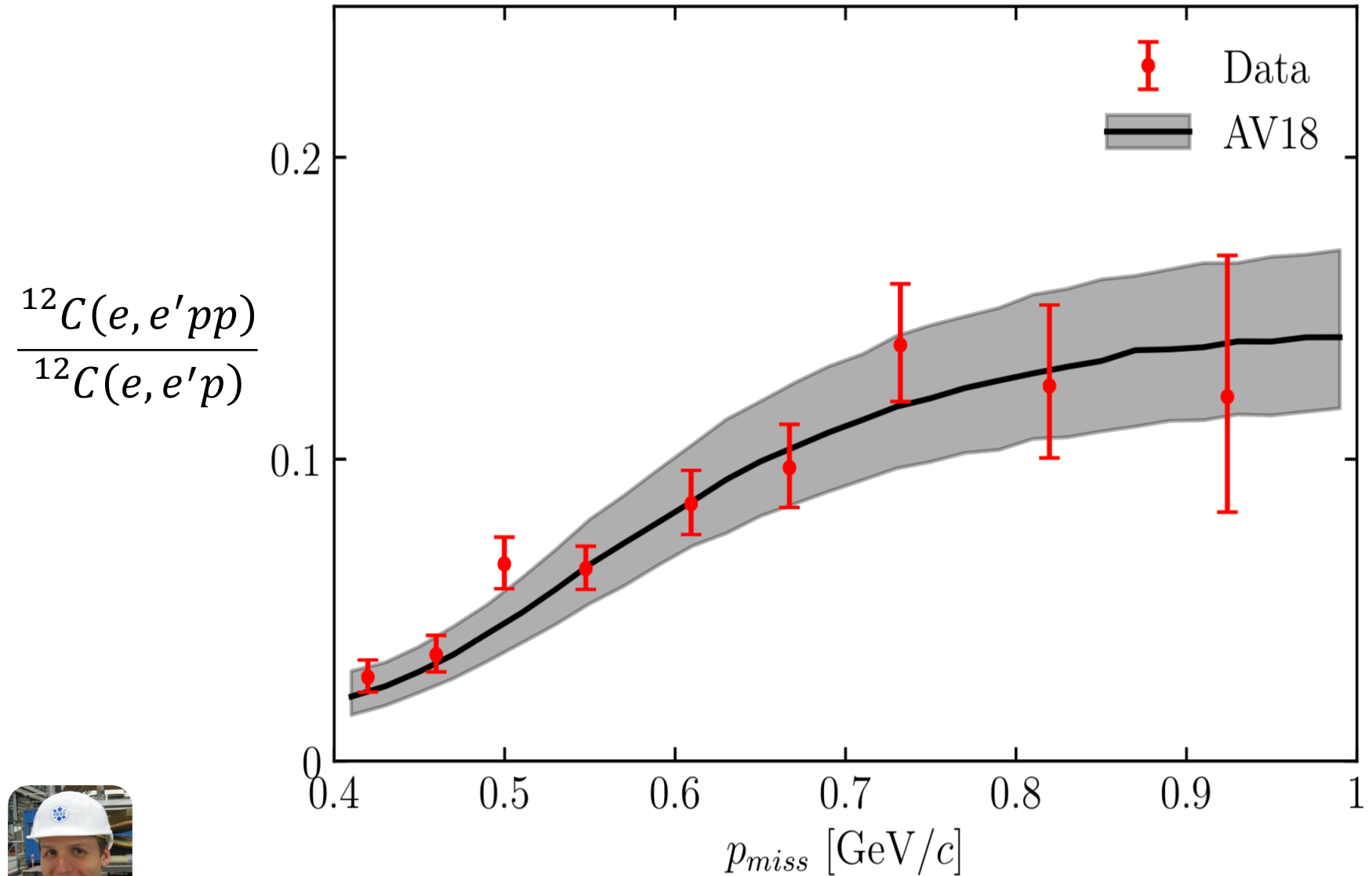




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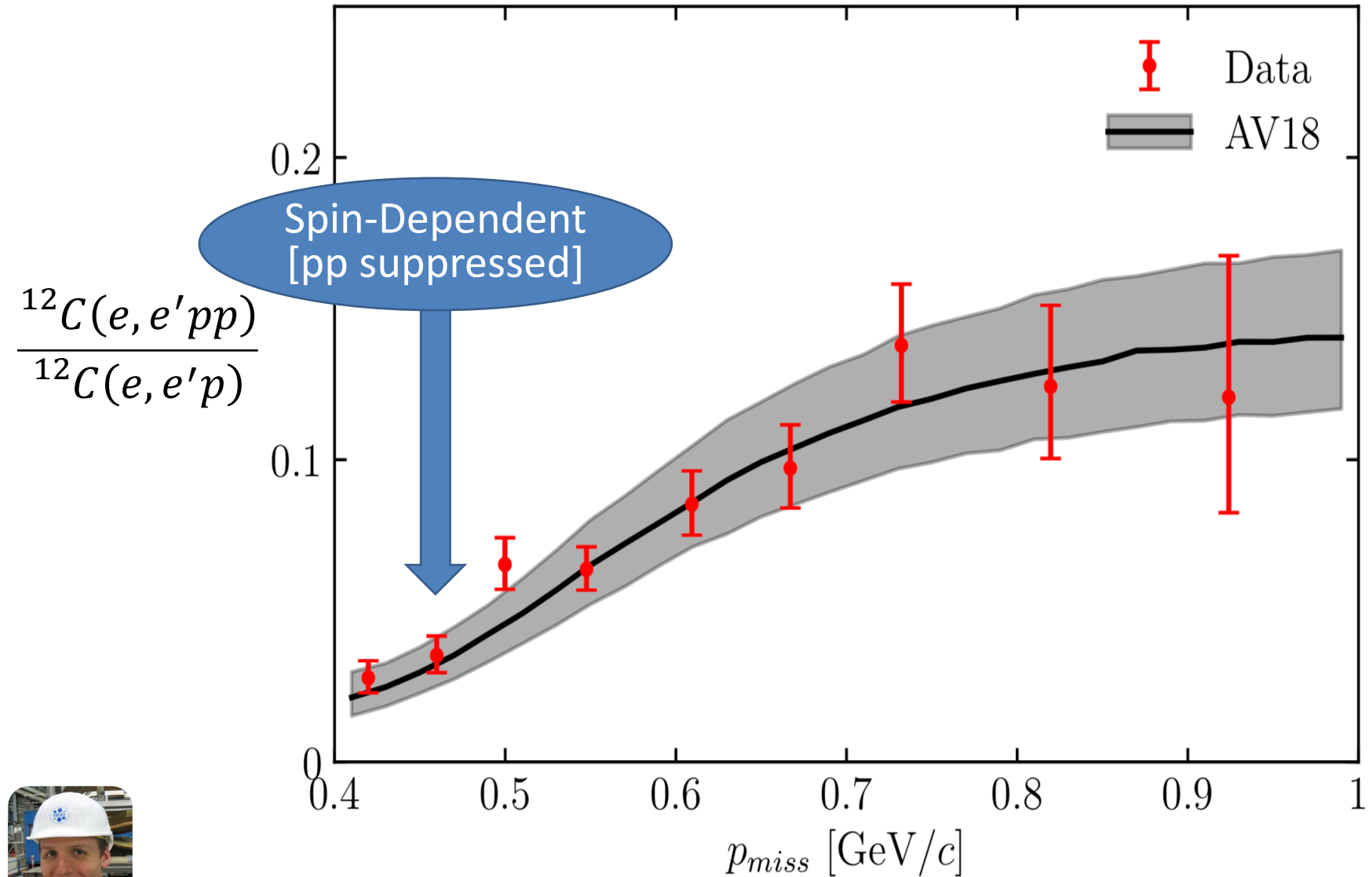


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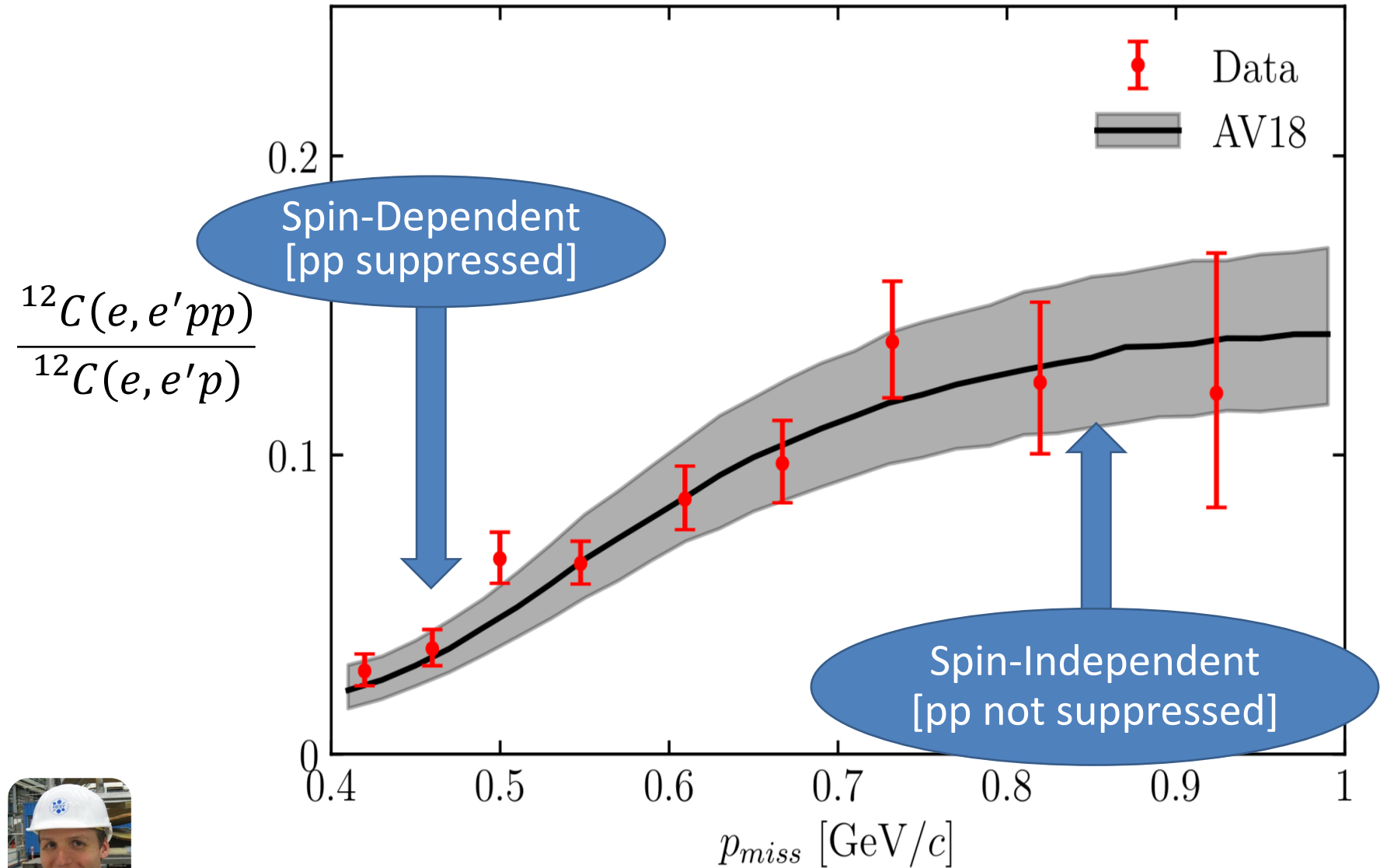
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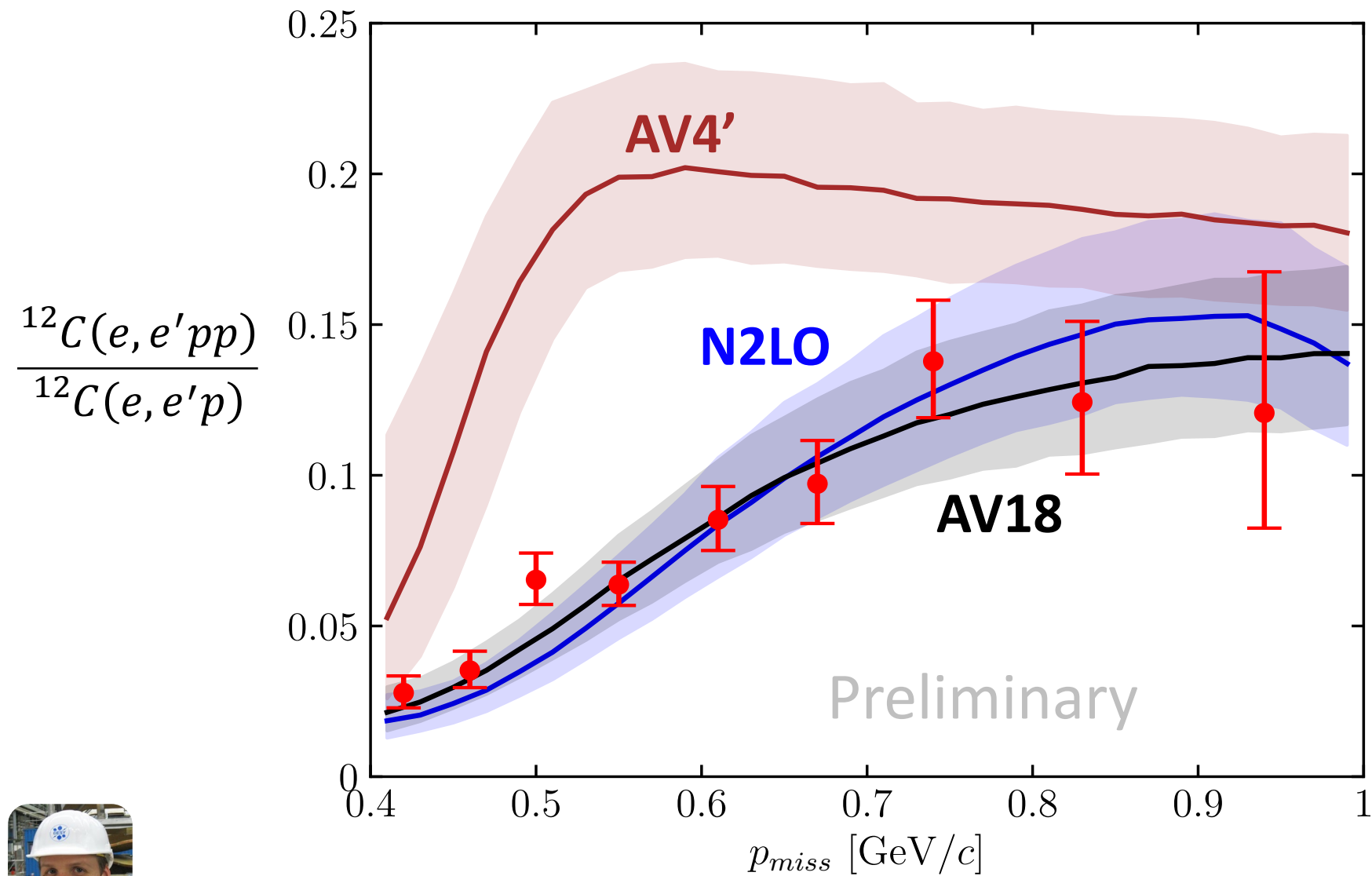
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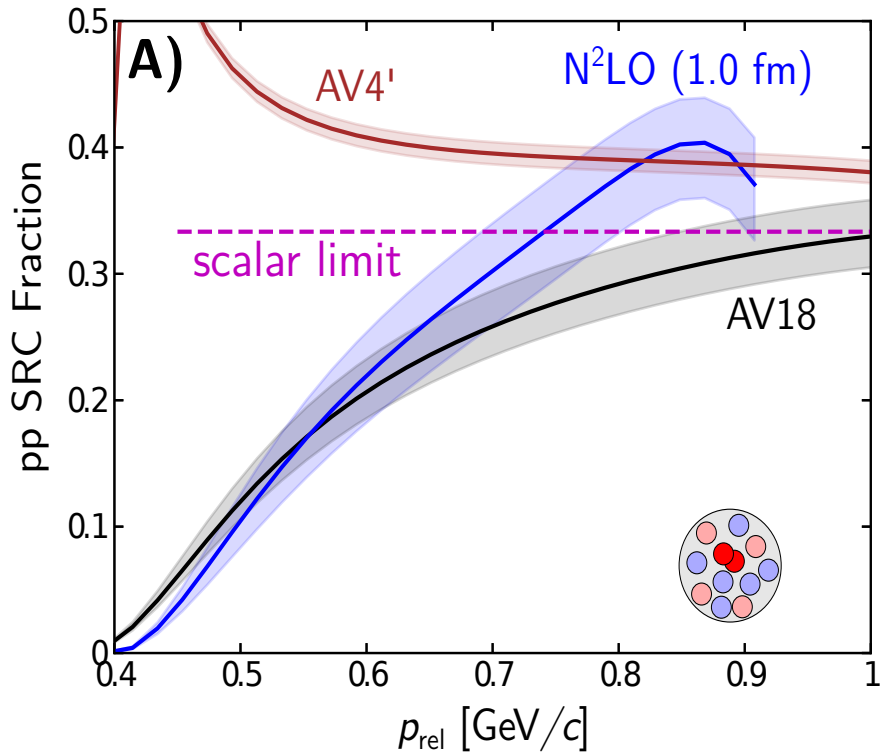
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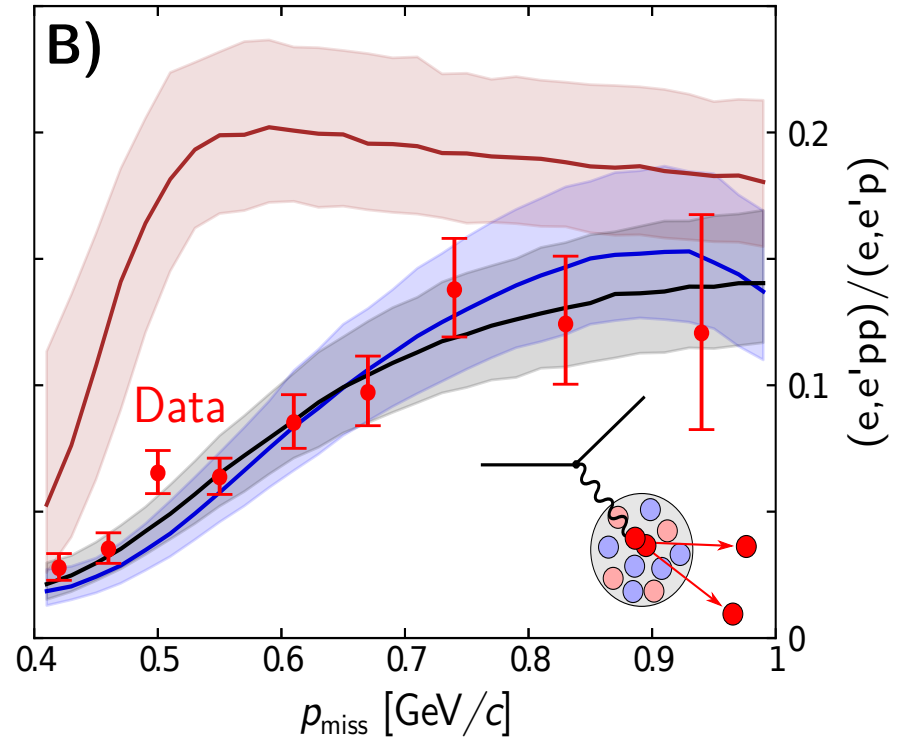
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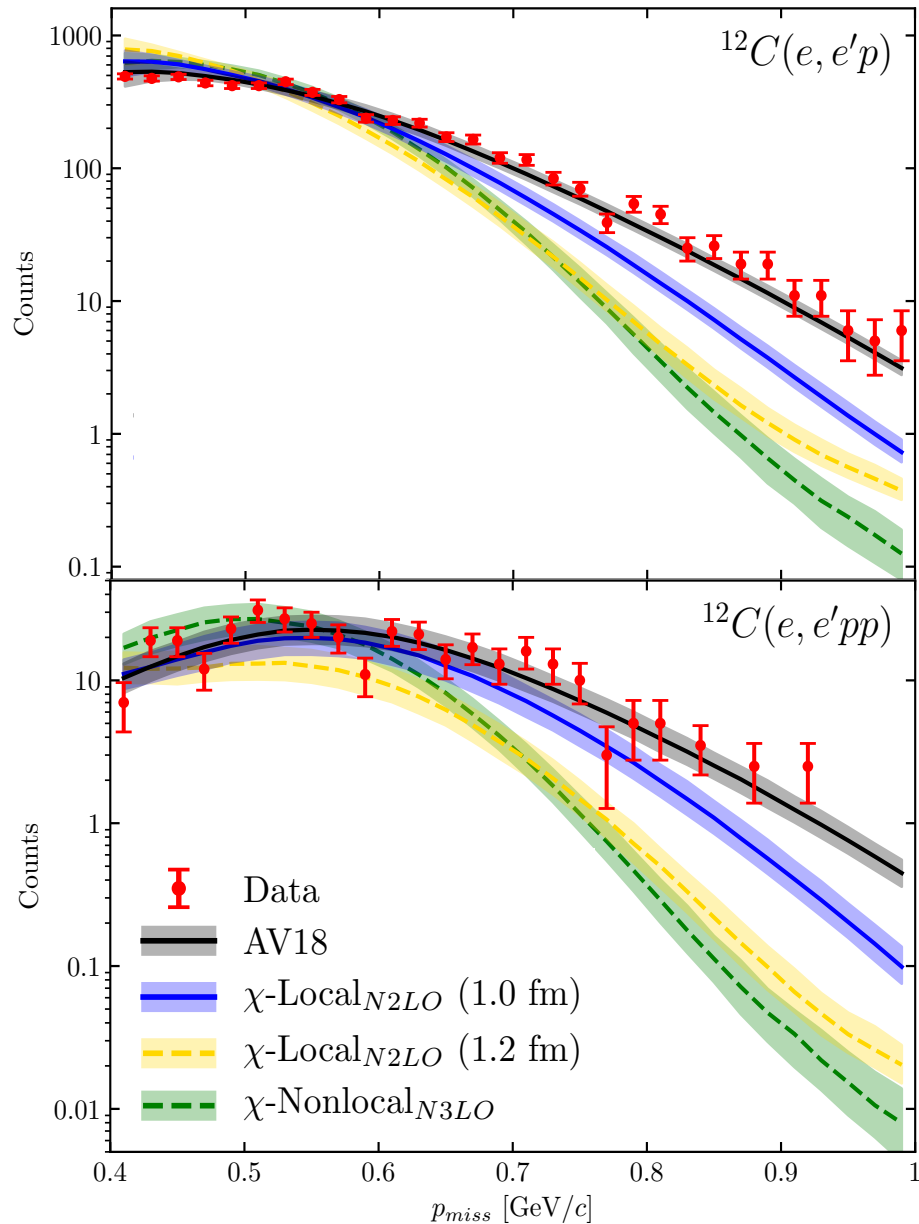


## SRC Break-up Data



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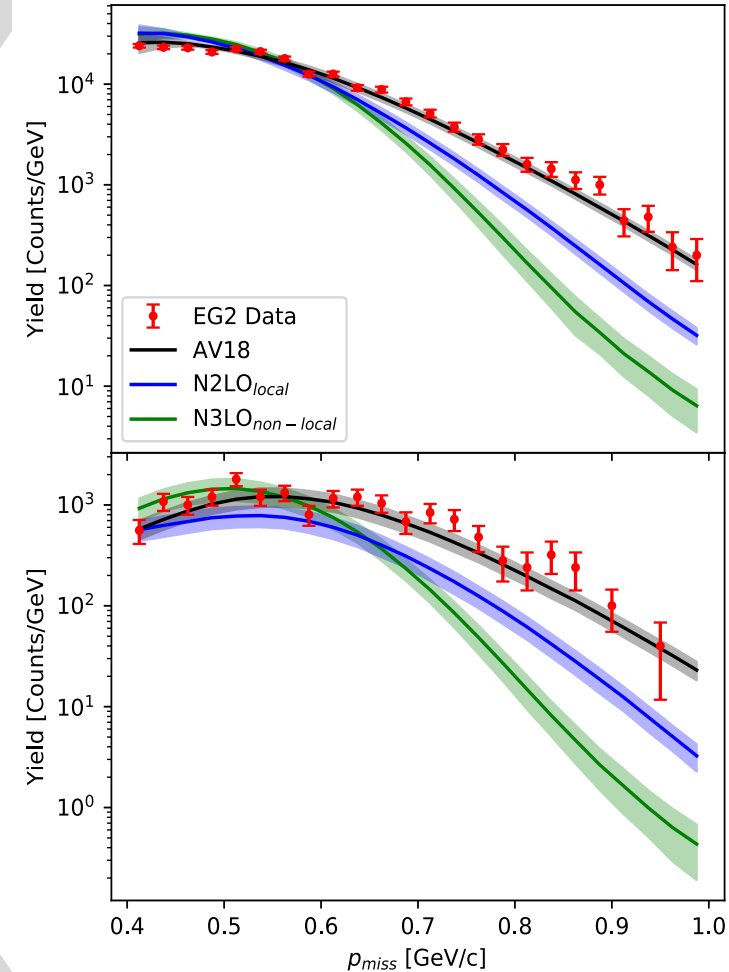




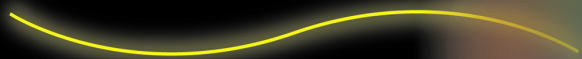
# Interim Summary

- Nuclear momentum distribution have two distinct regions.
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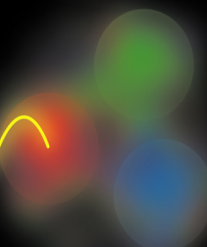
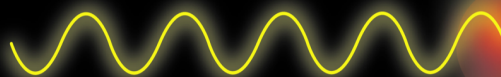
**+ First probe of NN models up to 1 GeV/c.**



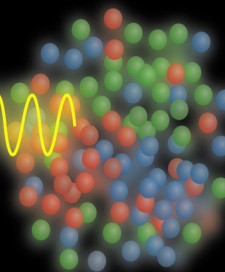
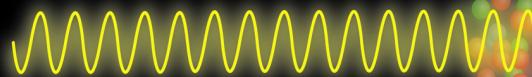
Many-Body System



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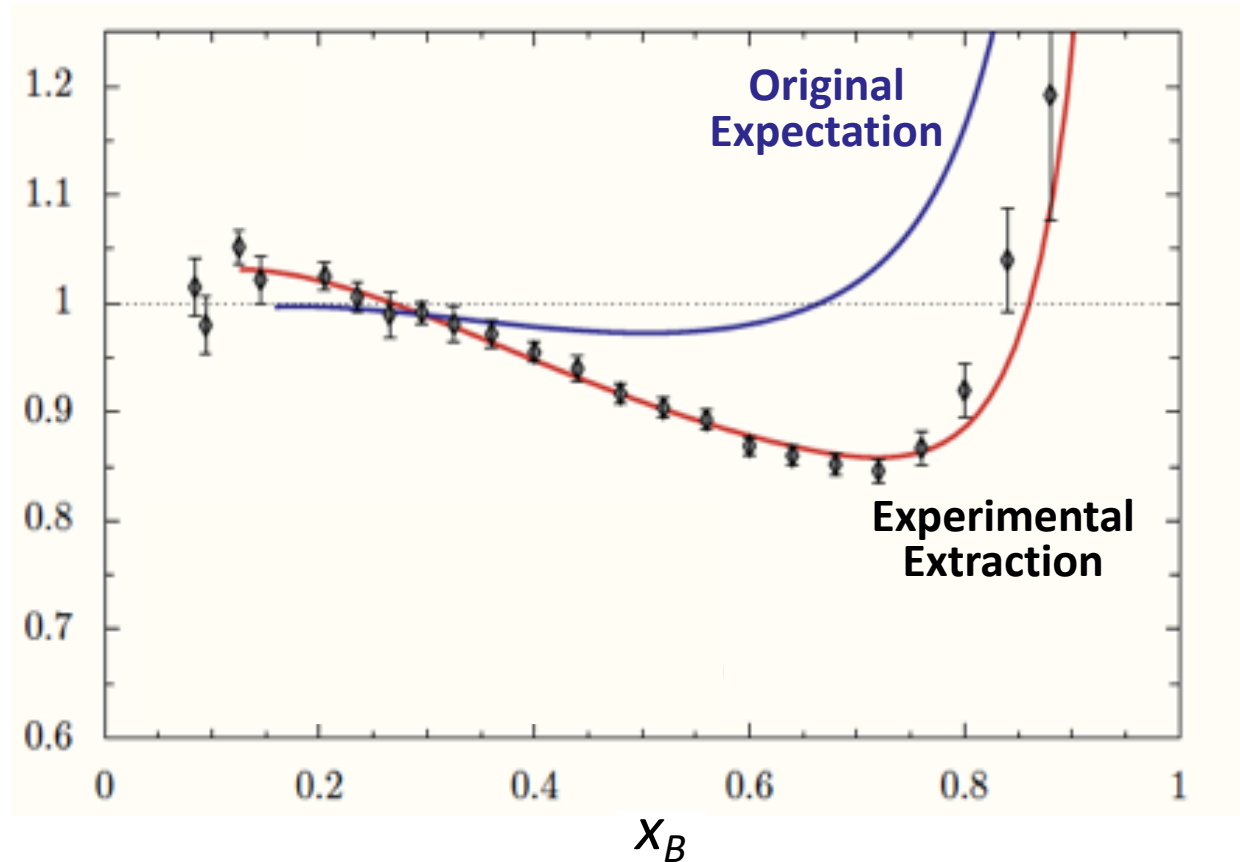


Quarks in  
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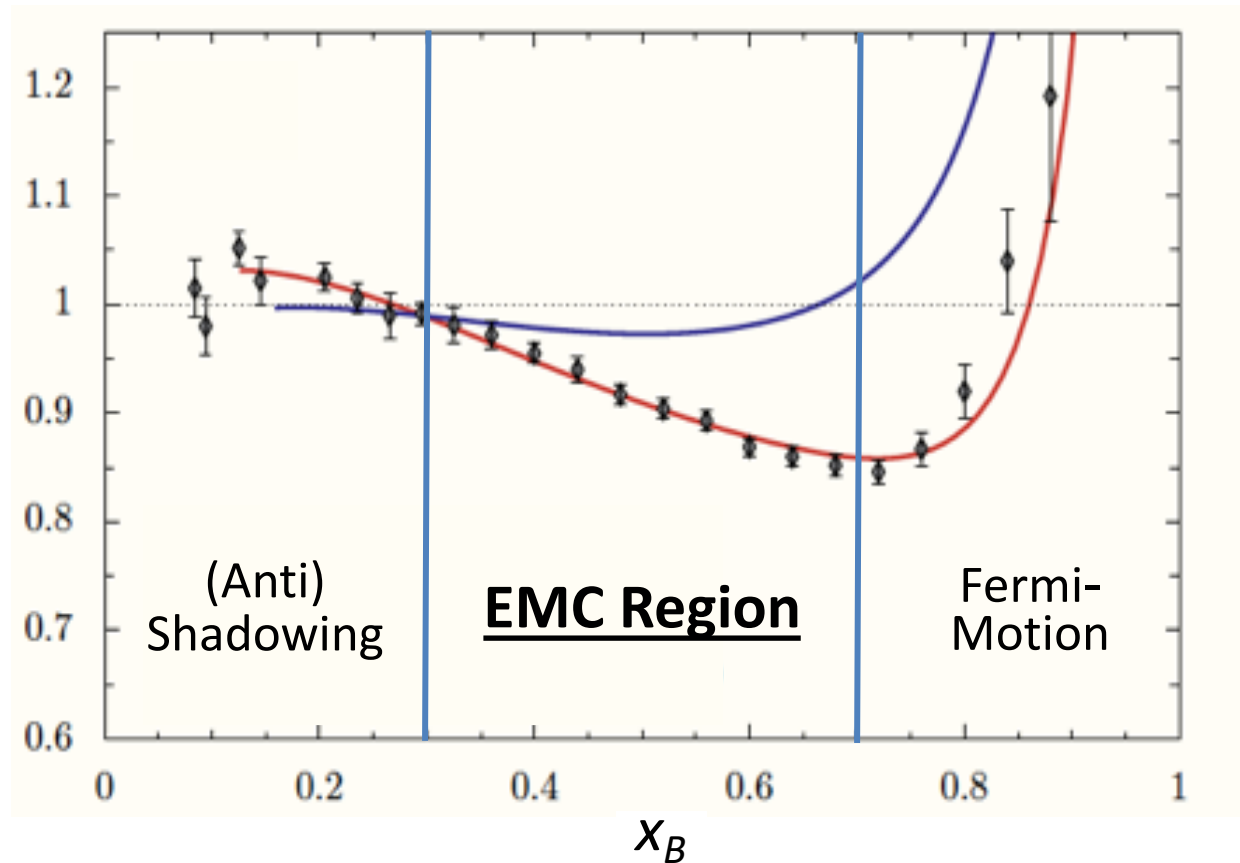
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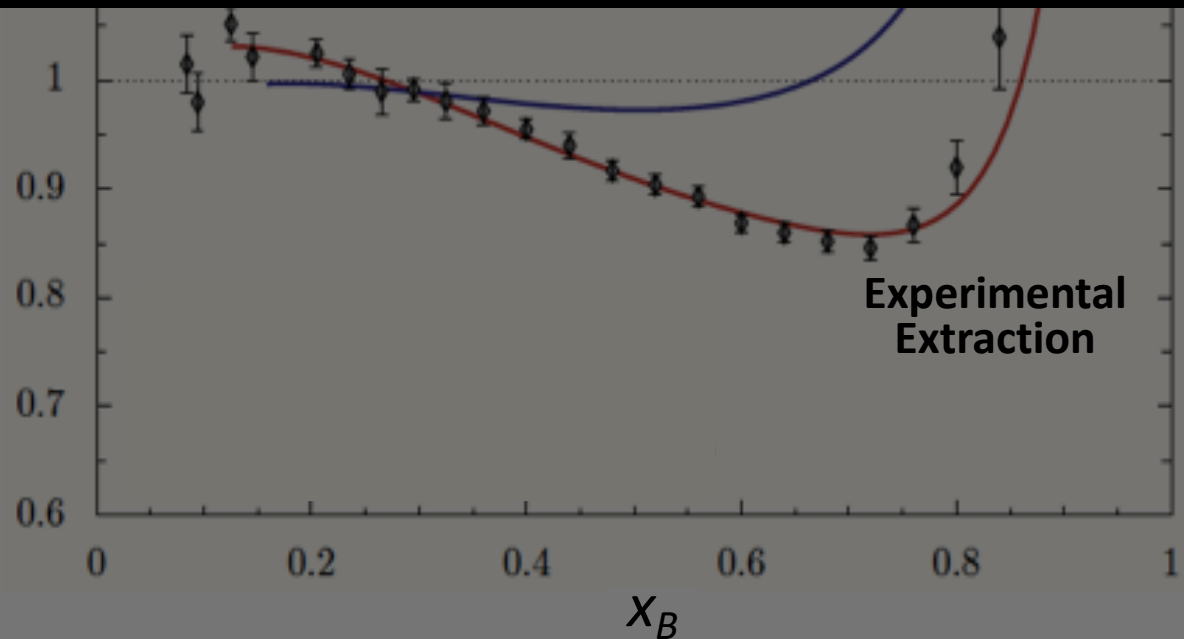
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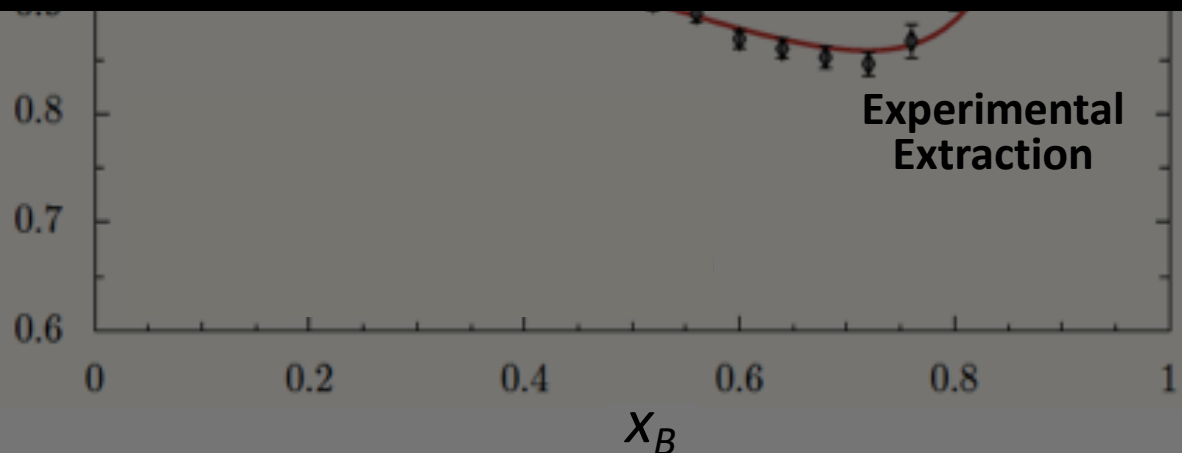
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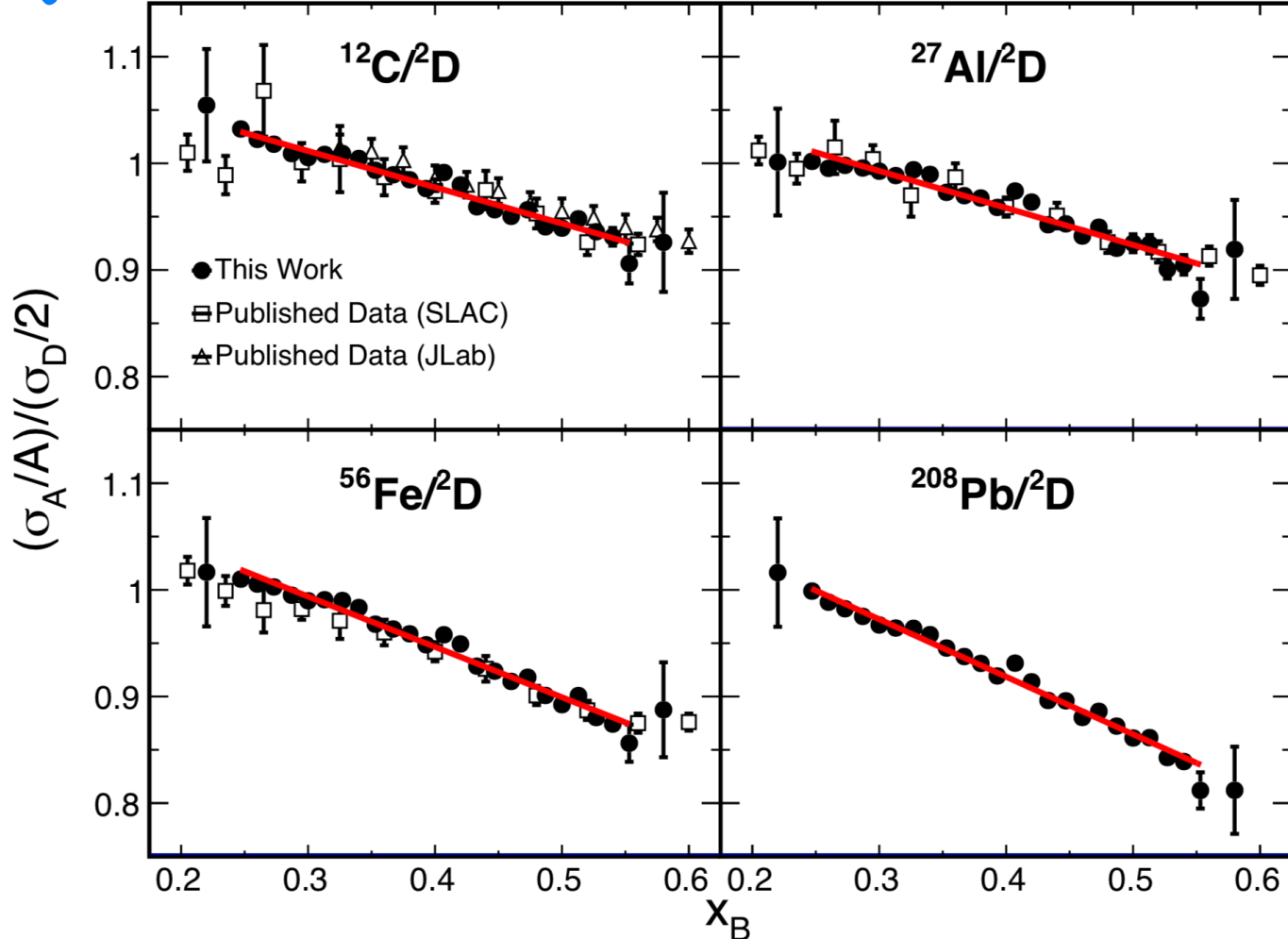
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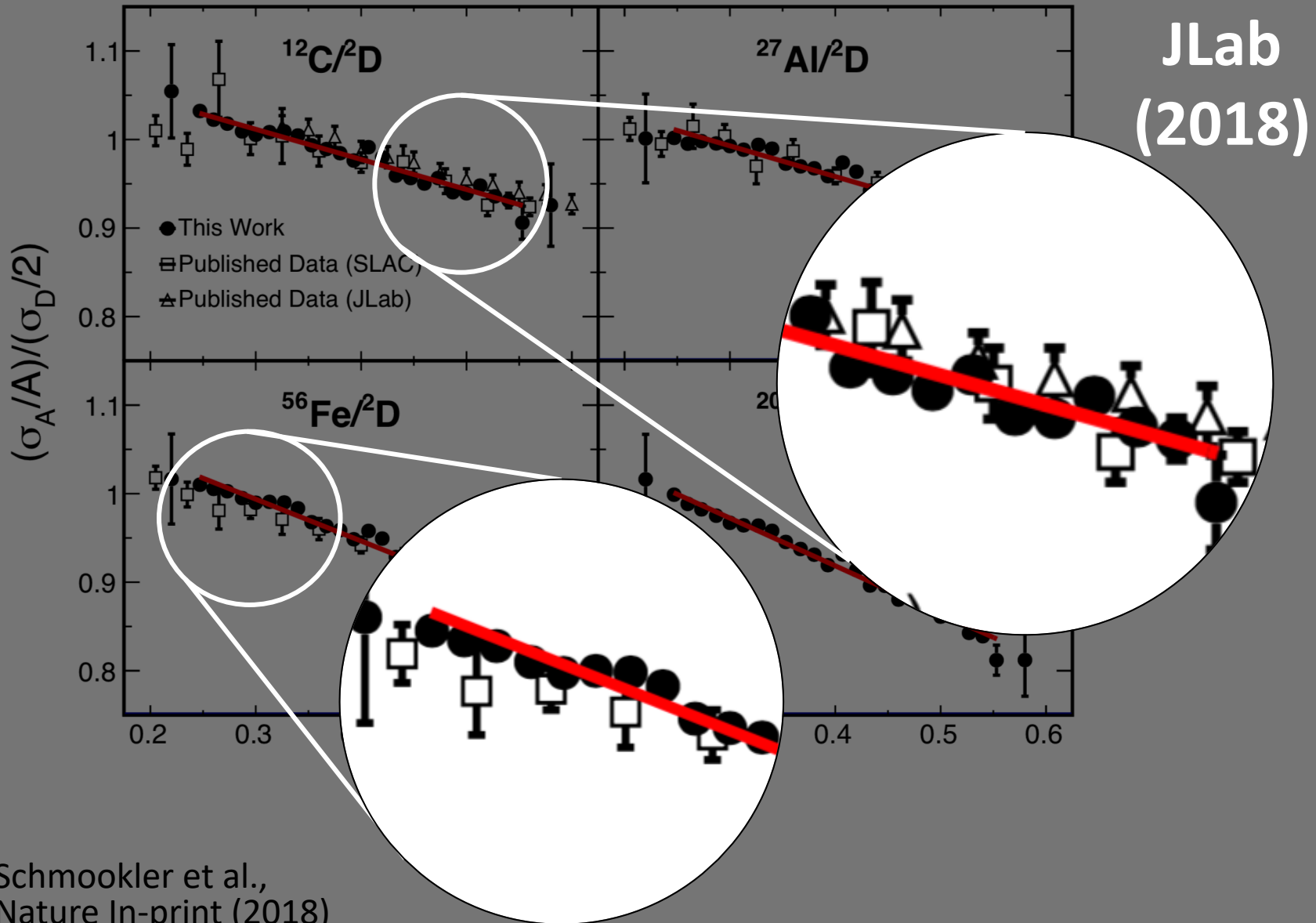
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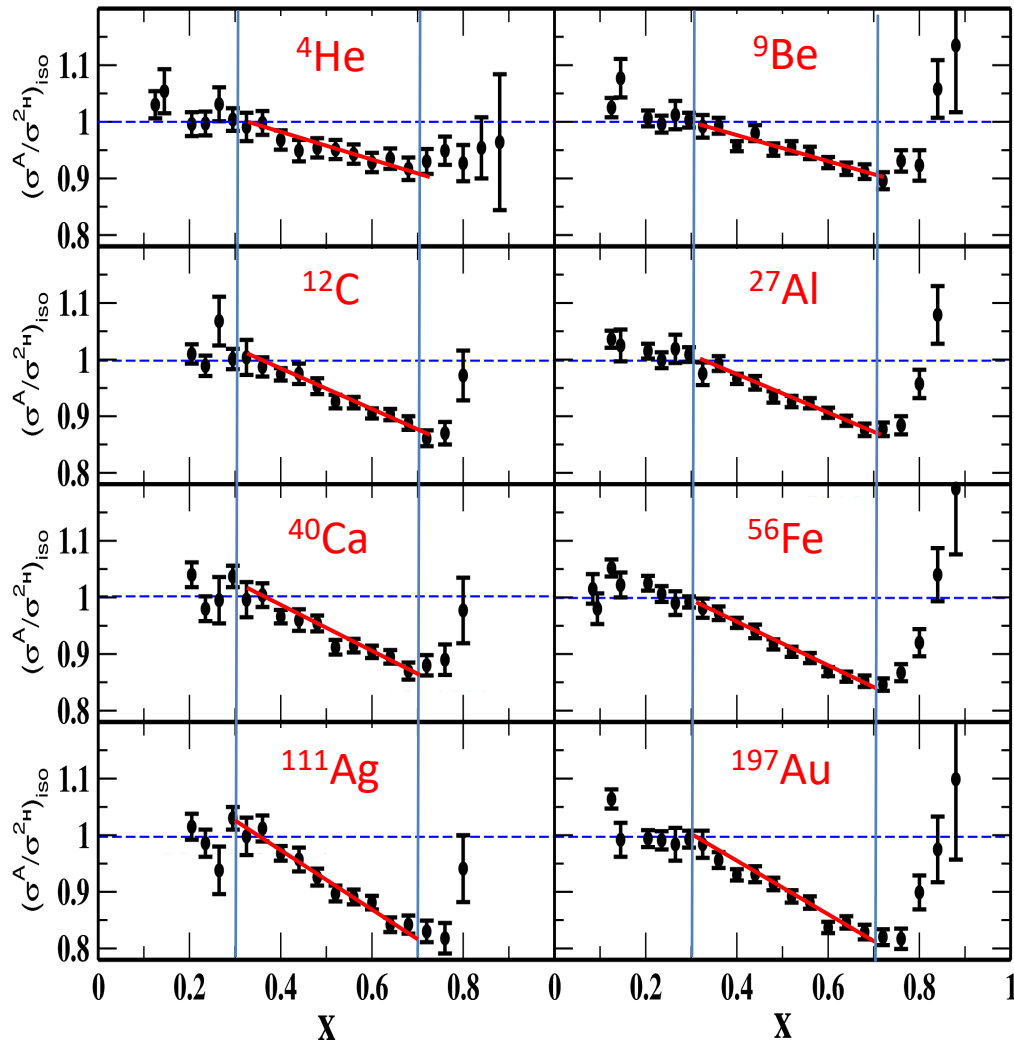
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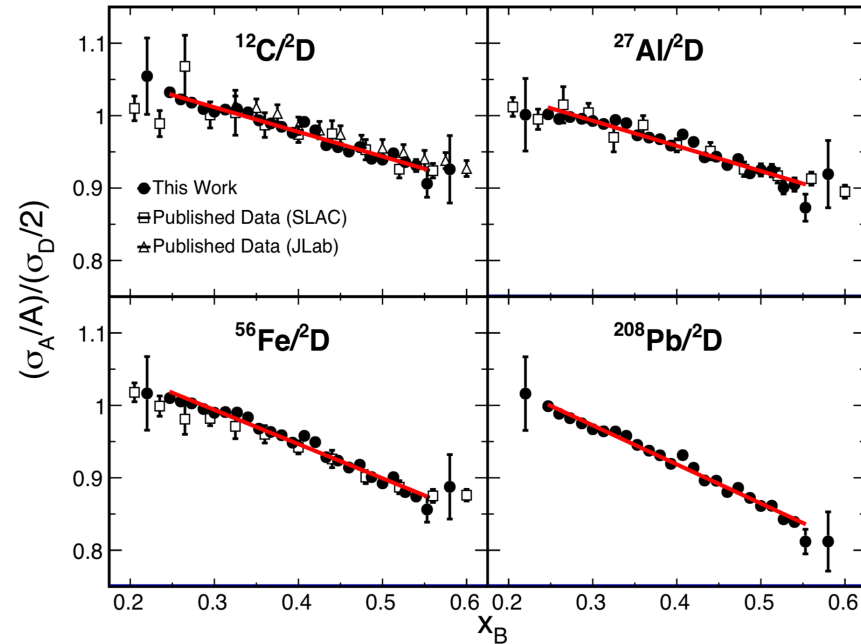
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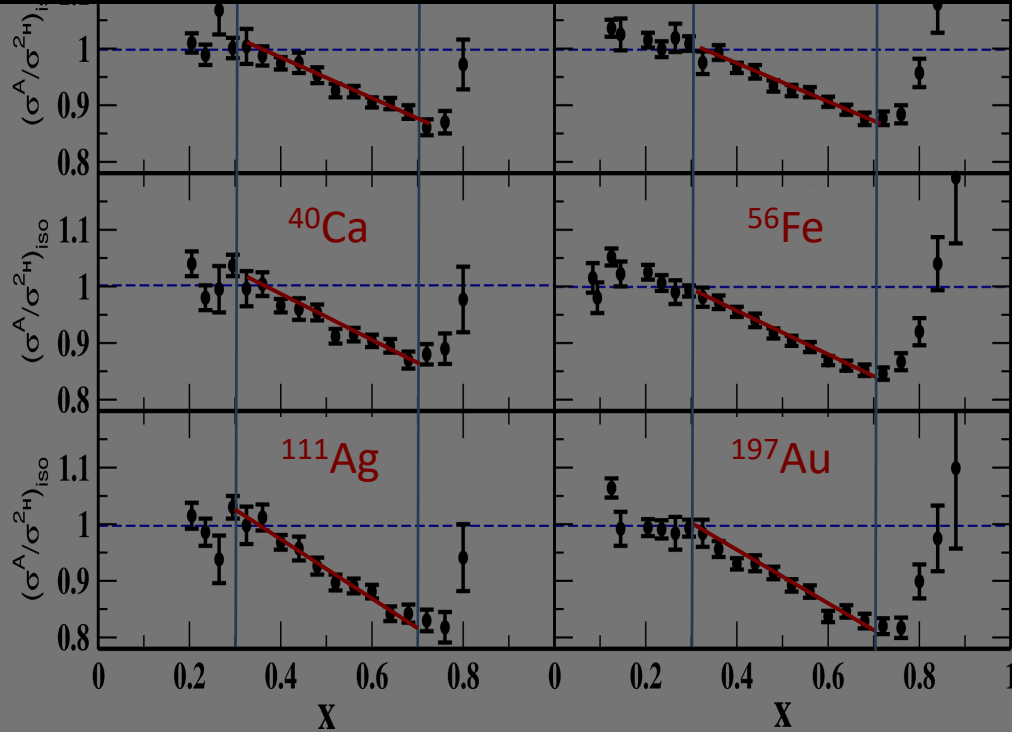
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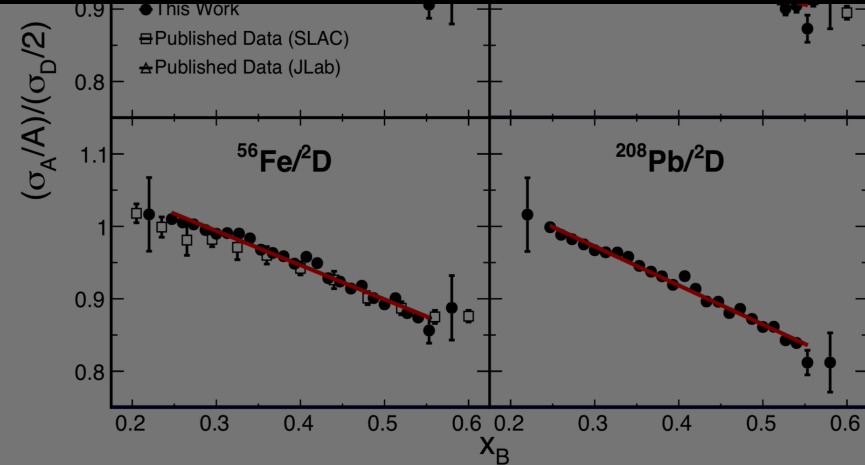
# 'Global' EMC Data

## Effect drive by nuclear structure & dynamics



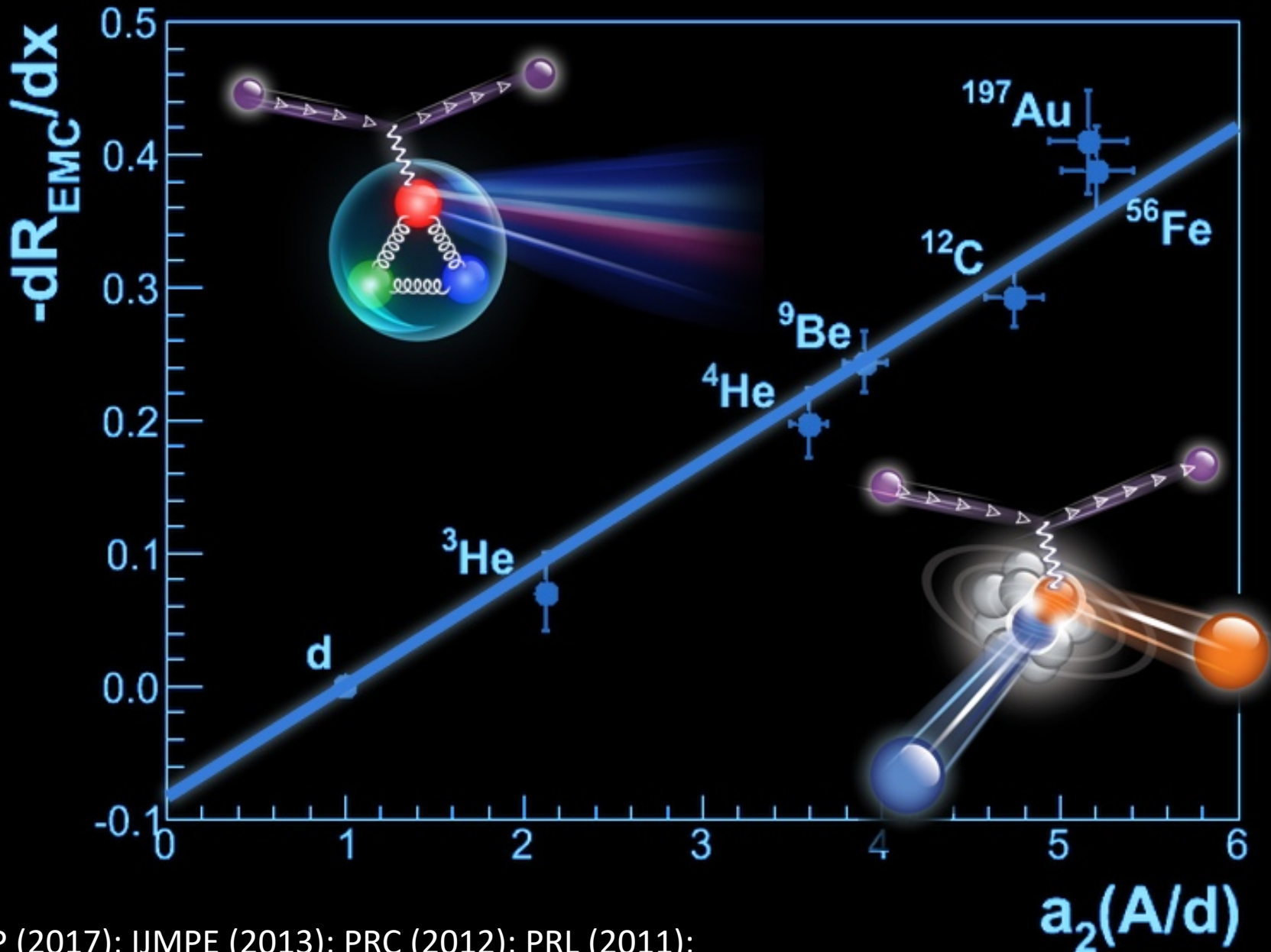
Gomez PRD (1994)

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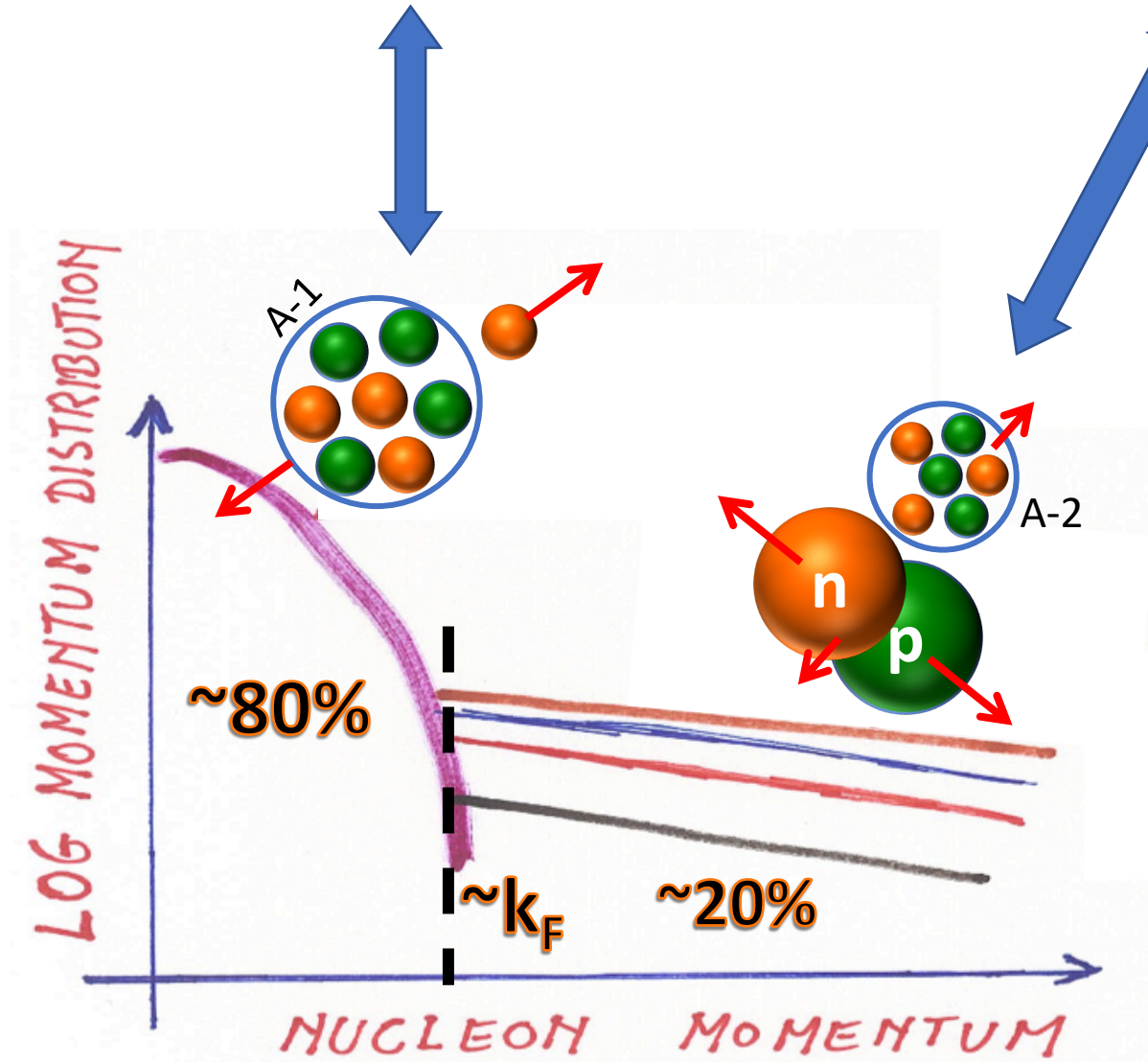


Schmookler, Nature  
In-processing (2018)

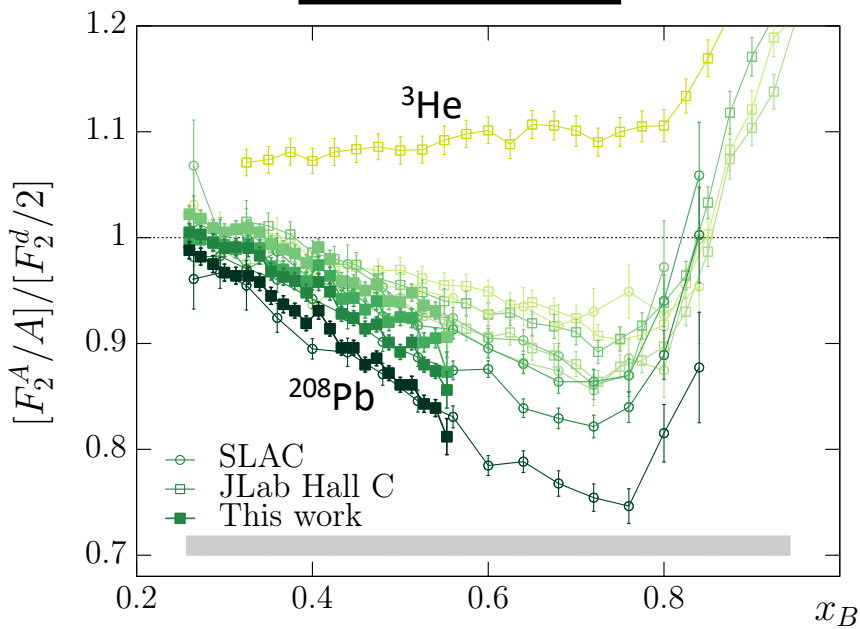
# EMC – SRC Correlation



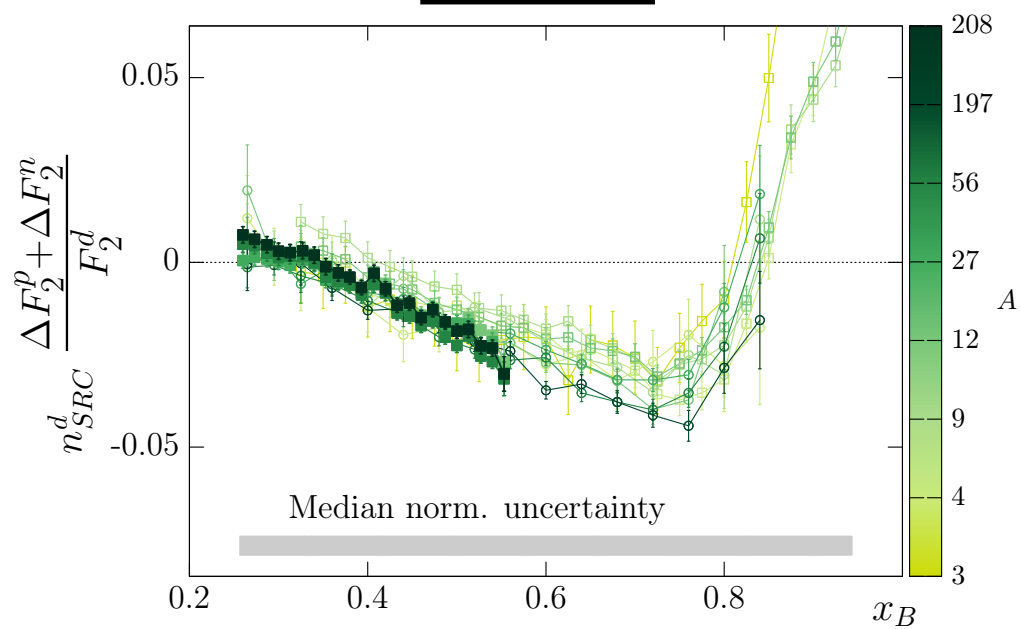
**Bound = 'quasi Free' + Modified SRCs**



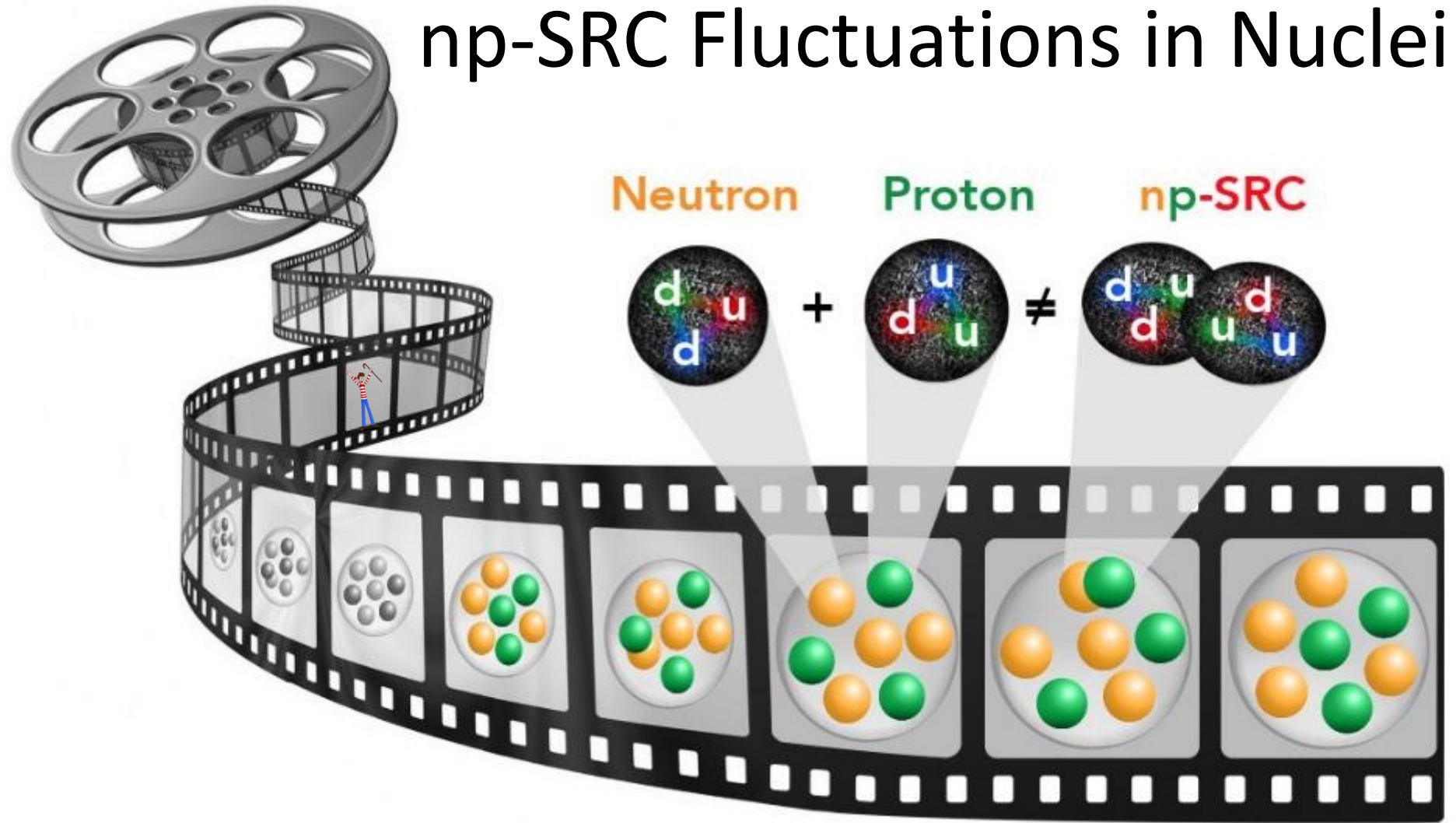
## All Nucleons



## SRC Pairs



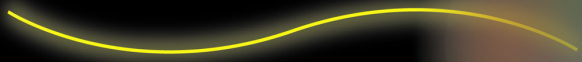
# np-SRC Fluctuations in Nuclei





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Many-Body System



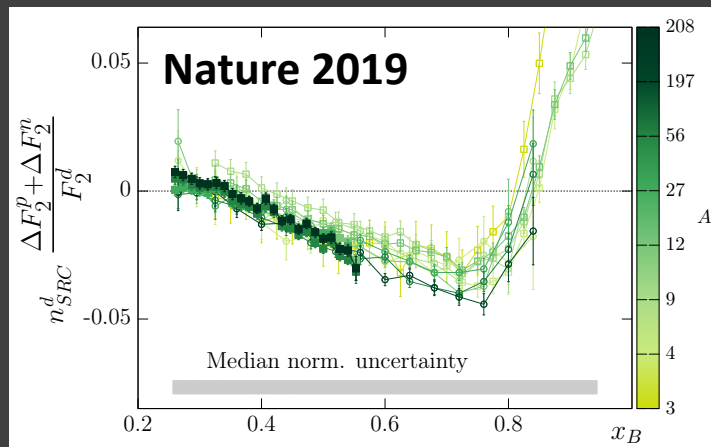
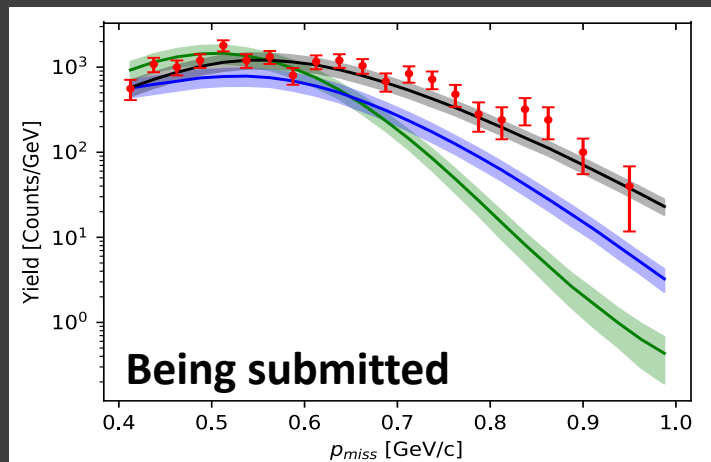
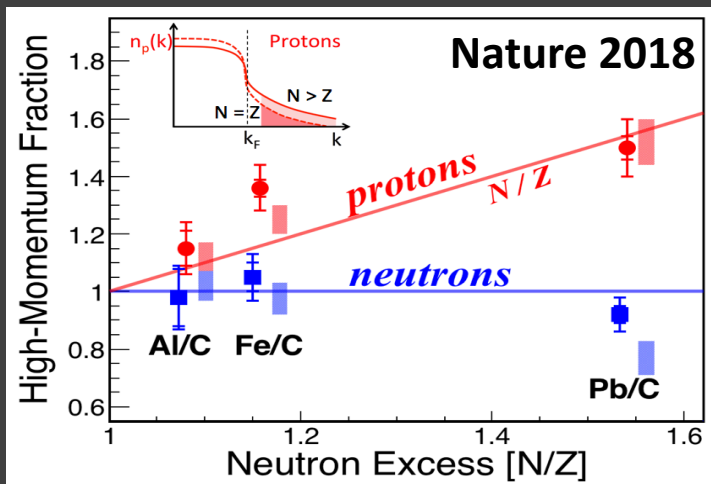
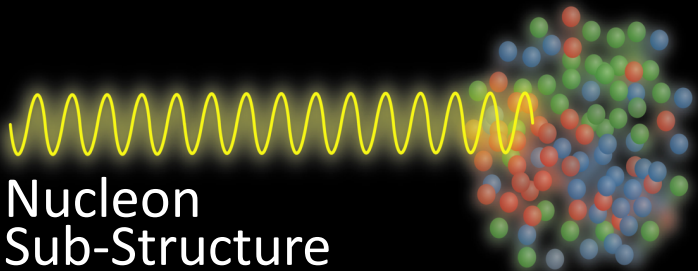
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NN Interaction

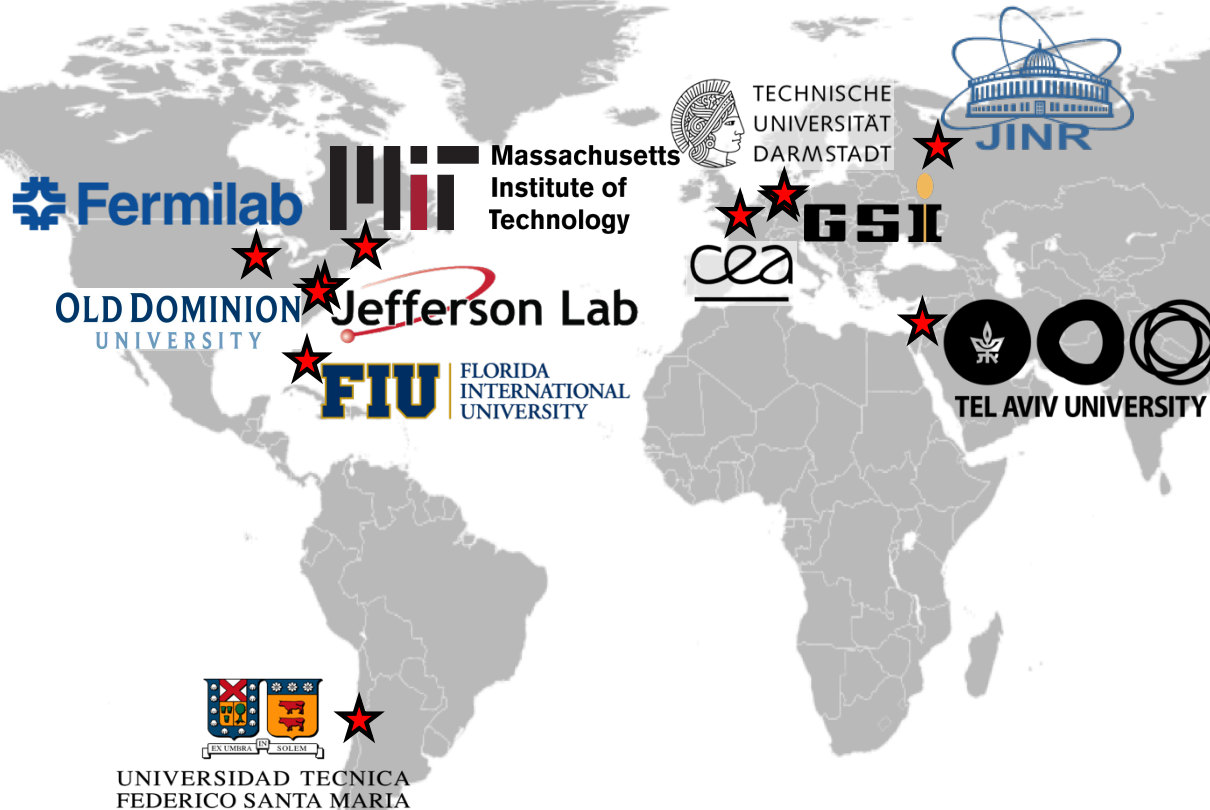


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Nucleon Sub-Structure



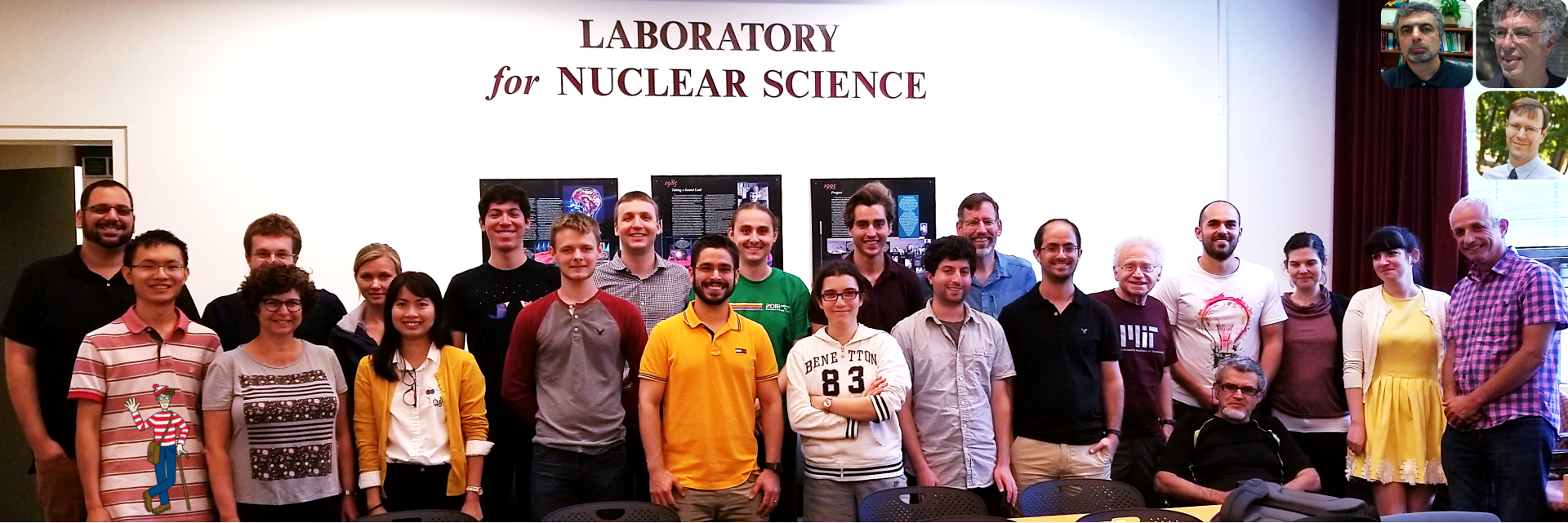
# The SRC World



+ Many Theory Collaborators: UW, Penn State, Huji, Gent, FIU, Perugia, ...



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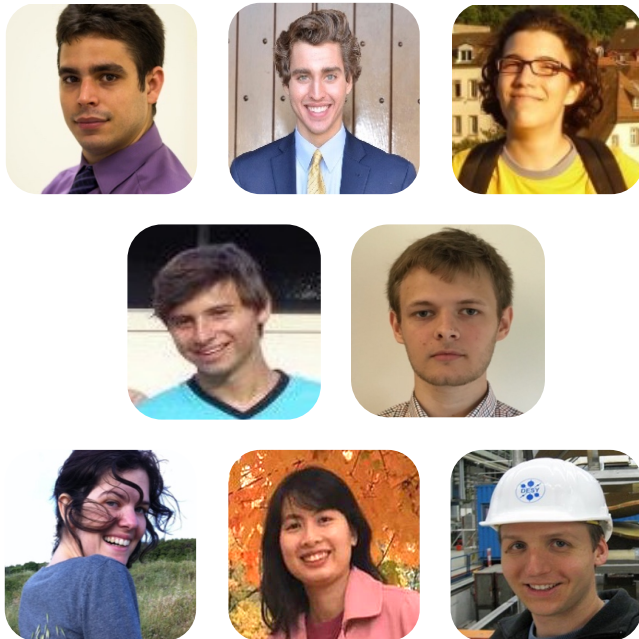
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