

Parton distributions of light nuclei within the Poincaré covariant light- front approach

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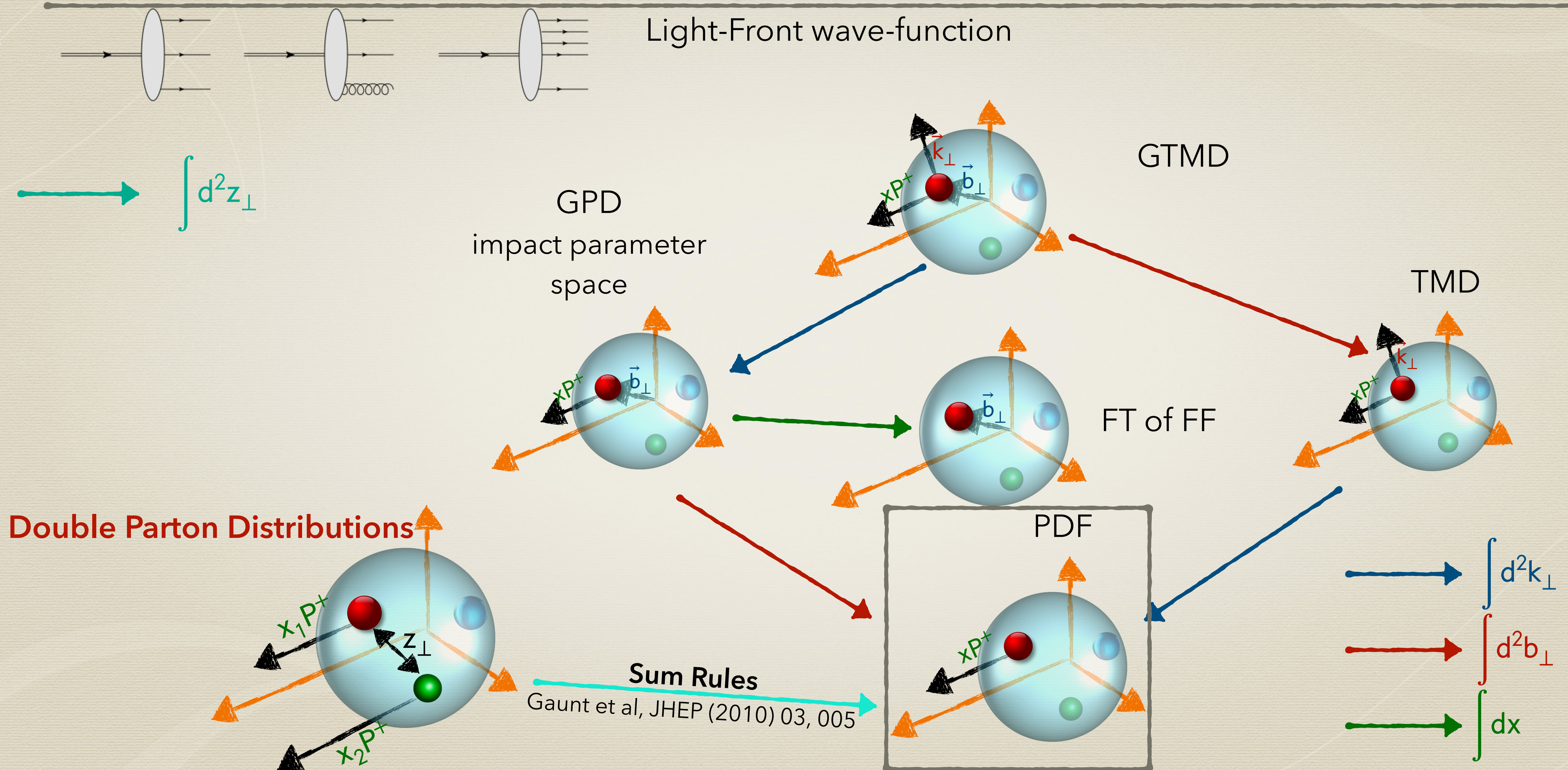


Outline

-  The EMC effect
-  ^3He TMDs (Light Cone Momentum Distributions)
-  Polarized ^3He Structure functions
-  ^3He and ^4He GPDs
-  Coherent J/ψ electro-production on light-nuclei and multiparticle effects
-  Double parton scattering on light-nuclei @EIC

Conclusions

Multidimensional picture of hadrons



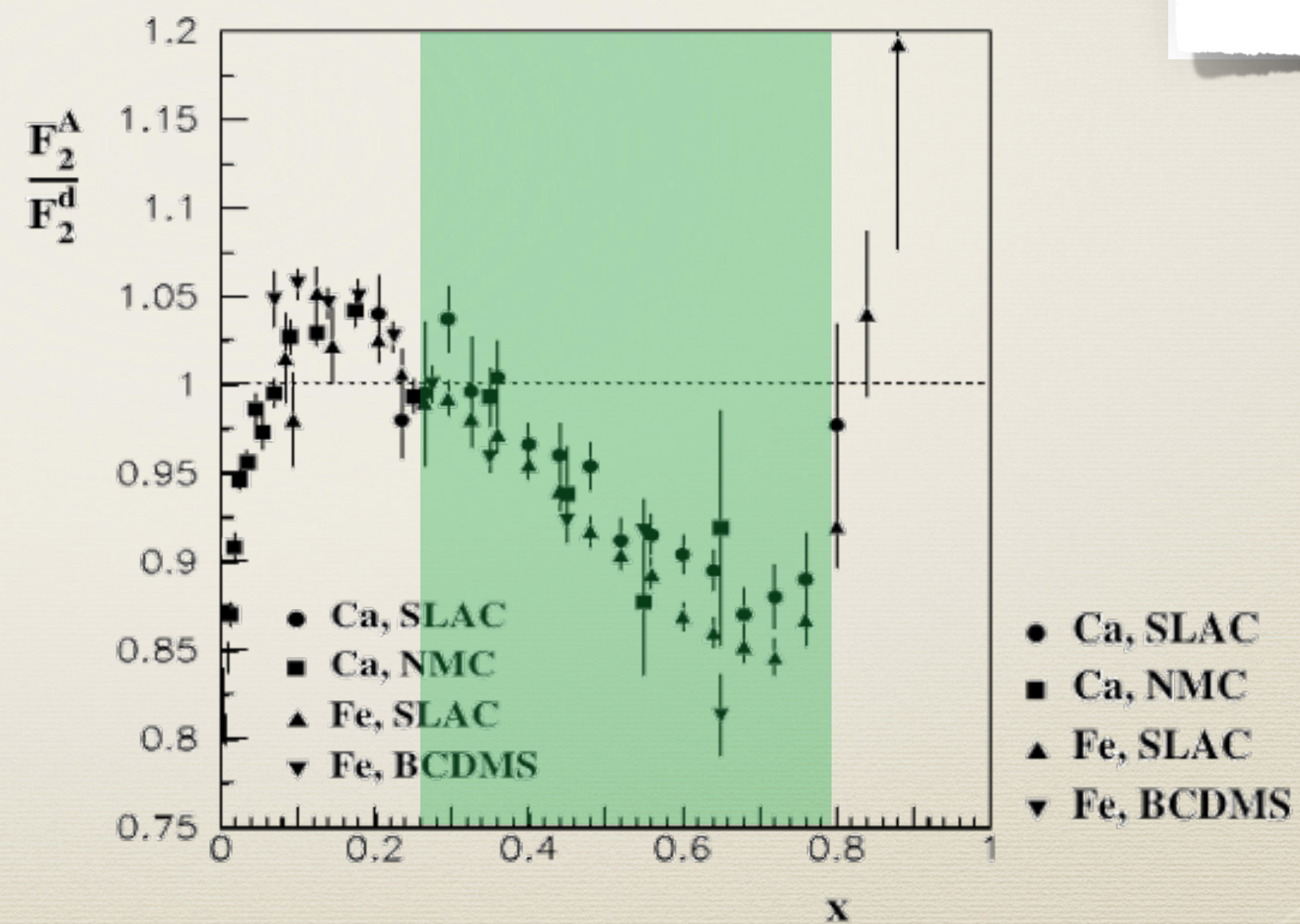
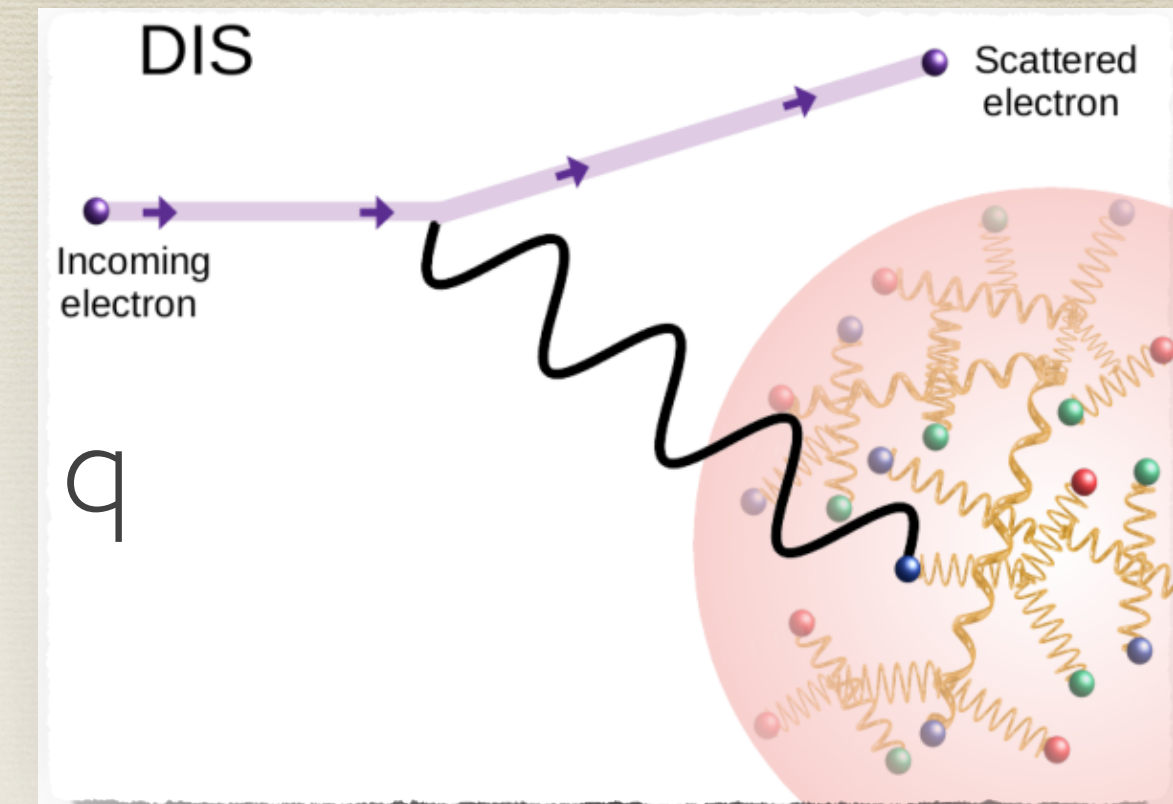
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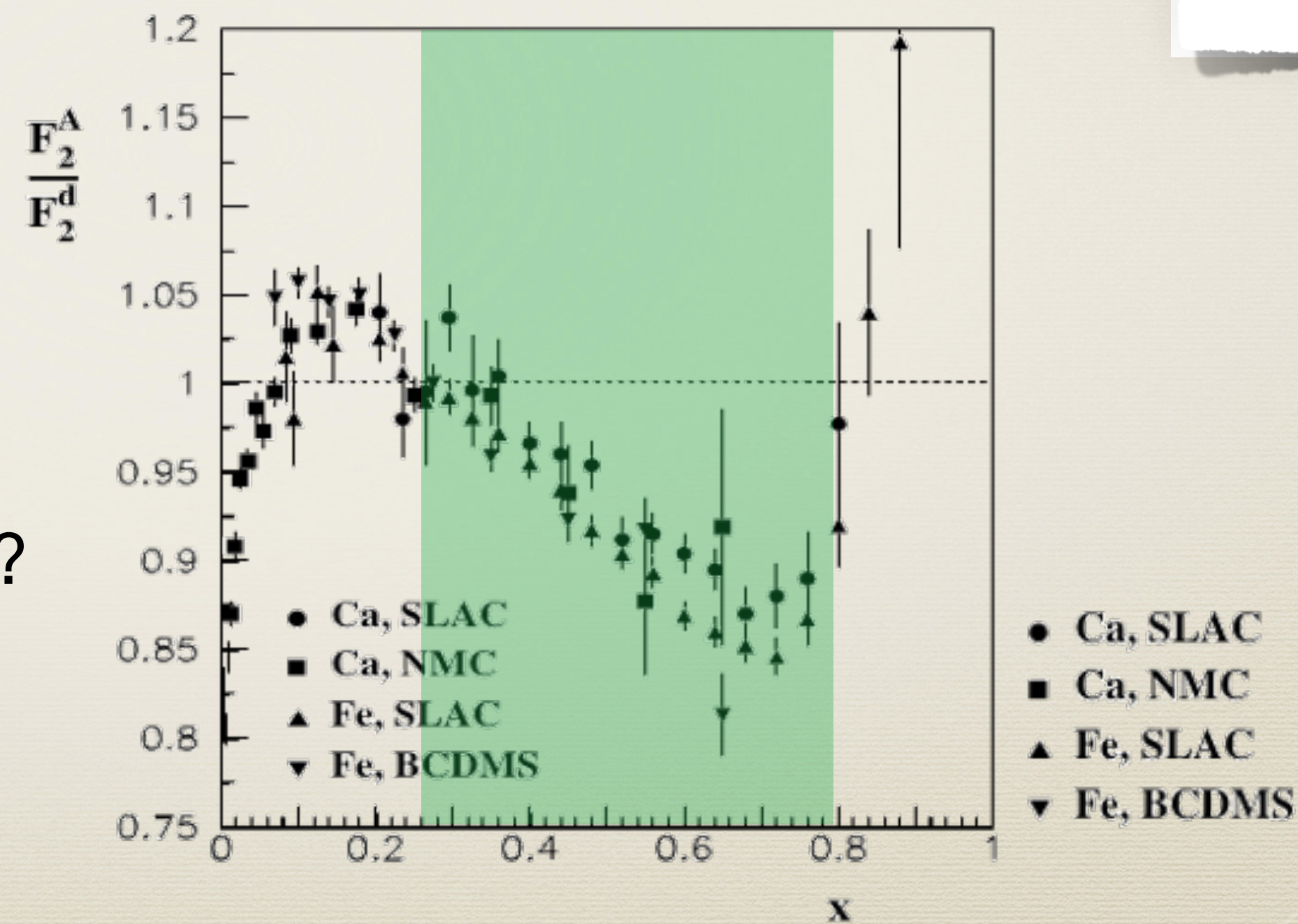
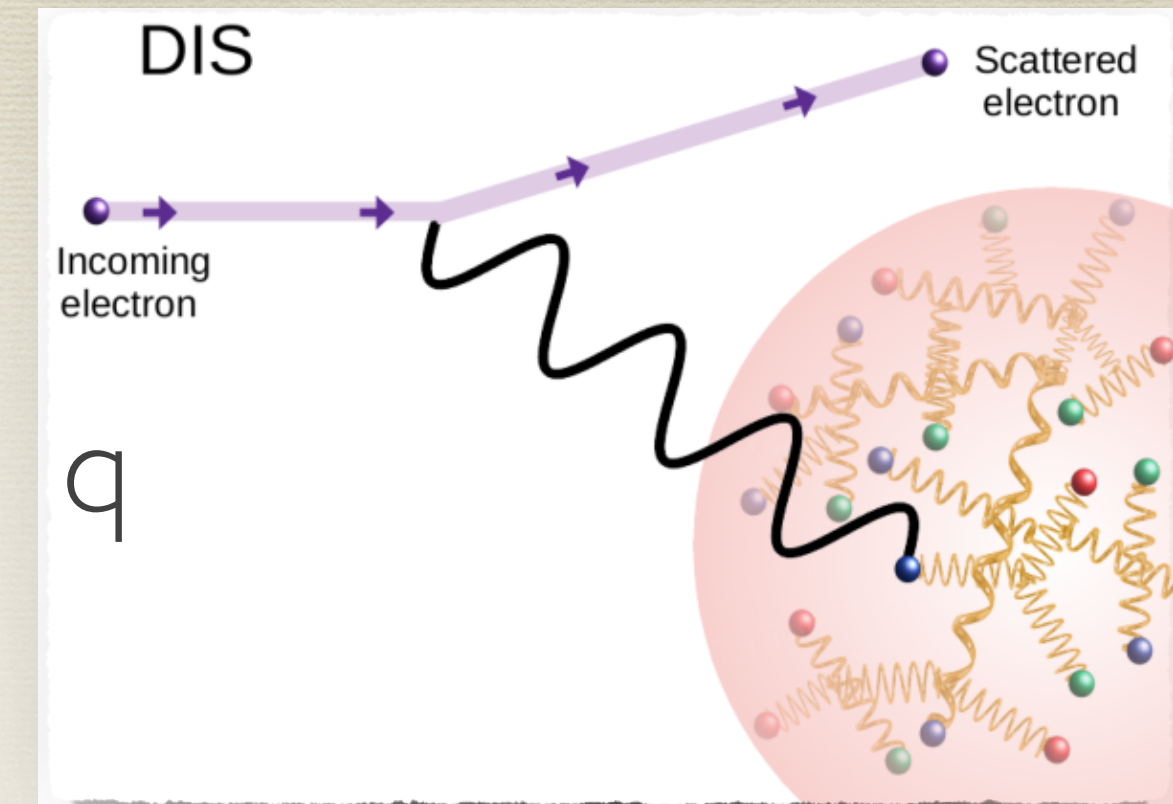
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Naive parton model interpretation:

"Valence quarks, in the bound nucleon, are in average slower than in the free nucleon"

Is the bound proton bigger than the free one??

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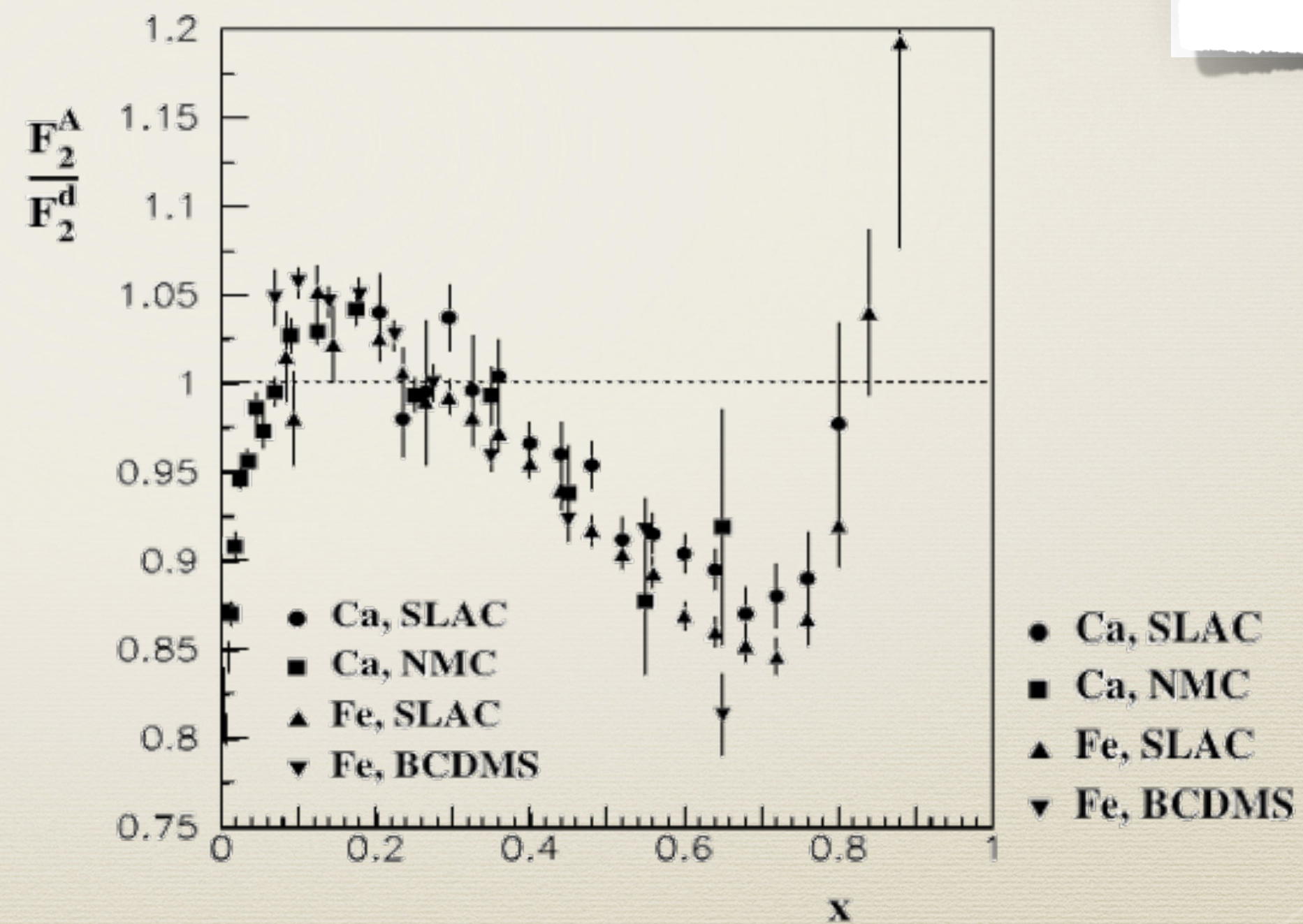
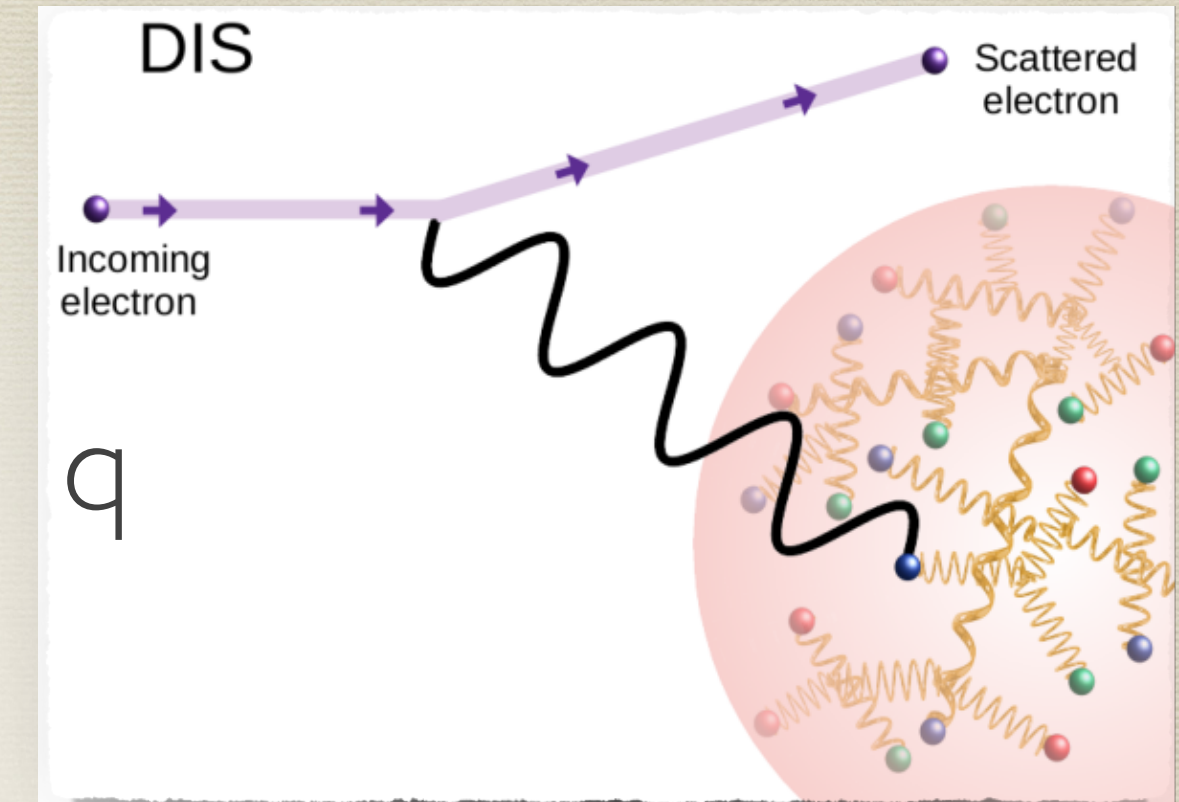
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Explanation (exotic) advocated: confinement radius bigger for bound nucleons, quarks in bags with 6, 9,..., 3A
quark, pion cloud effects... Alone or mixed with conventional ones...

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Conventional calculations:



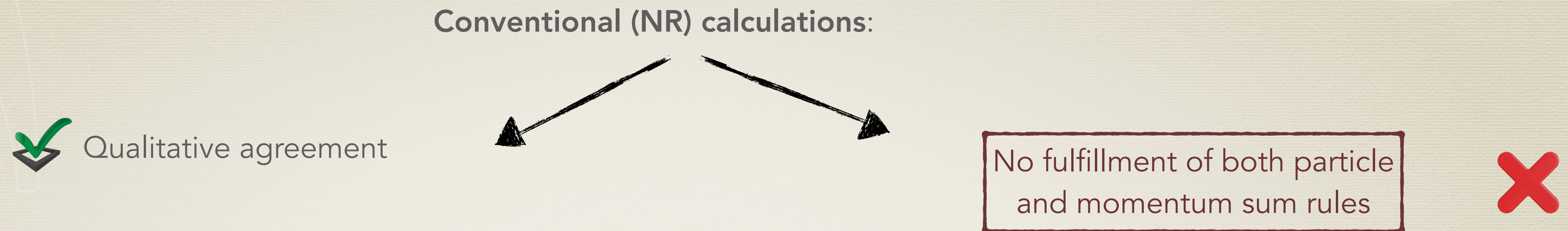
Qualitative agreement



No fulfillment of both particle
and momentum sum rules



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In general, the lack of the **Poincarè covariance** and **macroscopic locality*** generates **biases for the study of genuine QCD effects** (nucleon swelling, exotic quark configurations ...)

Macroscopic locality (= **cluster separability** (relevant in nuclear physics)): i.e. observables associated to different space-time regions must commute in the limit of large space like separation (i.e. causally disconnected).

In this way, when a system is separated into disjoint subsystems by a sufficiently large space like separation, then the subsystems behave as independent systems

B.D.Keister and W.N.Polyzou, Adv.Nucl.Phys. 20 (1991), 225-479

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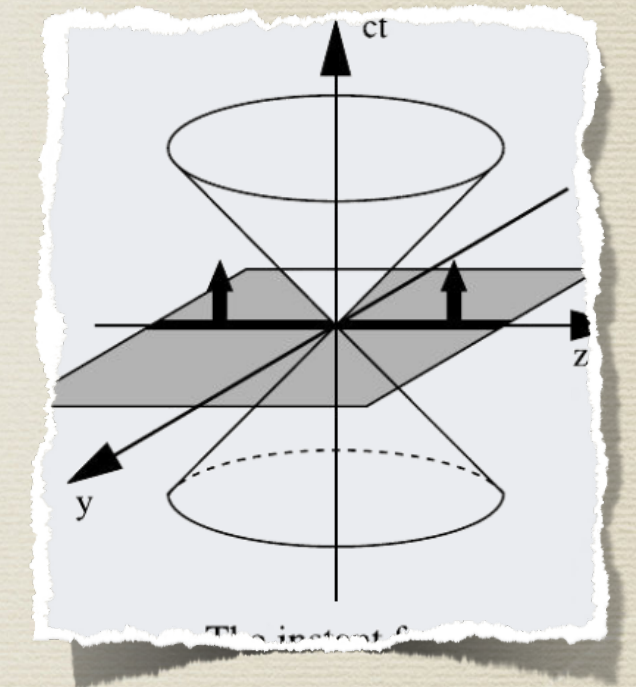
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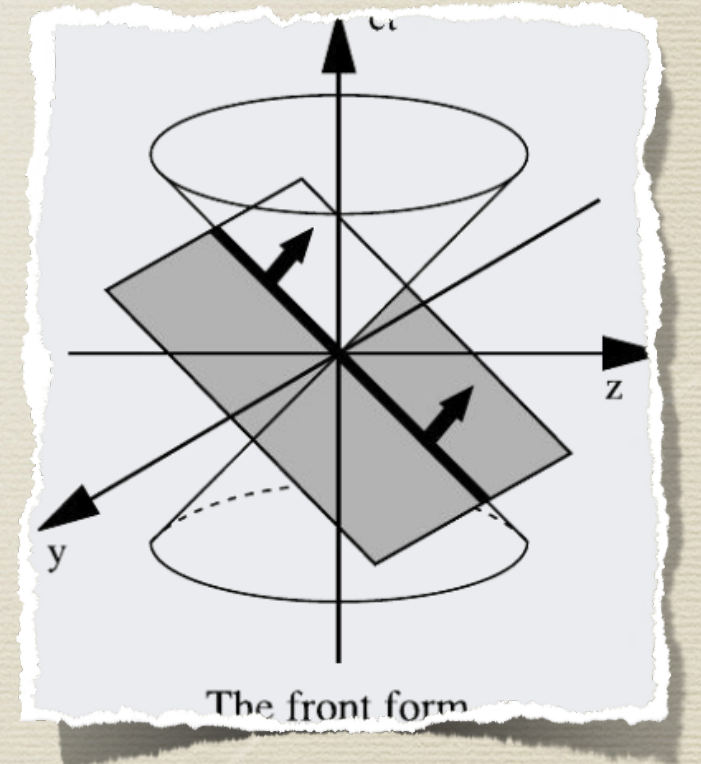


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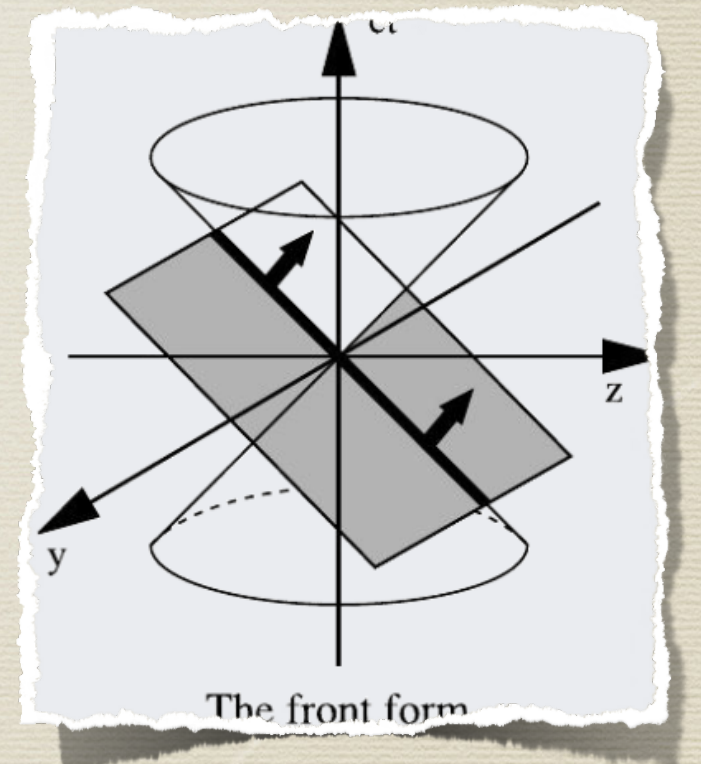
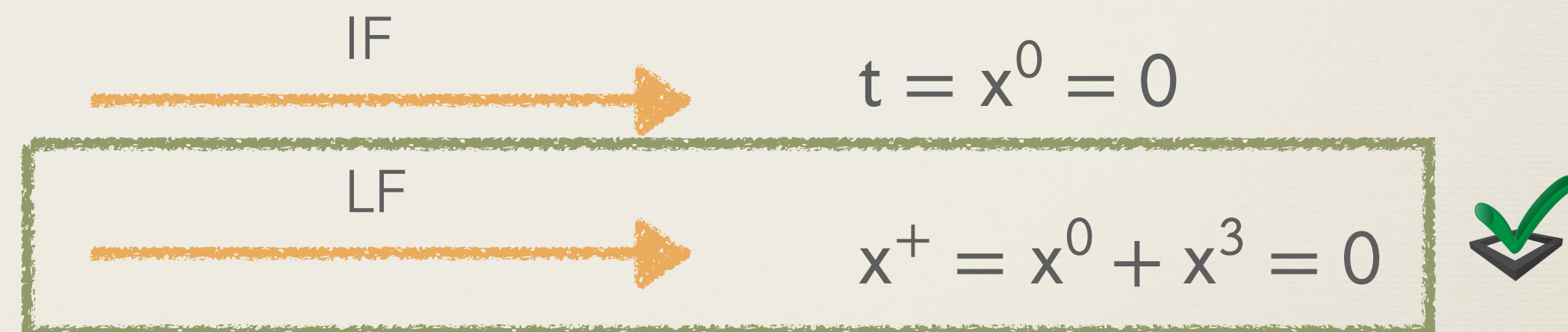
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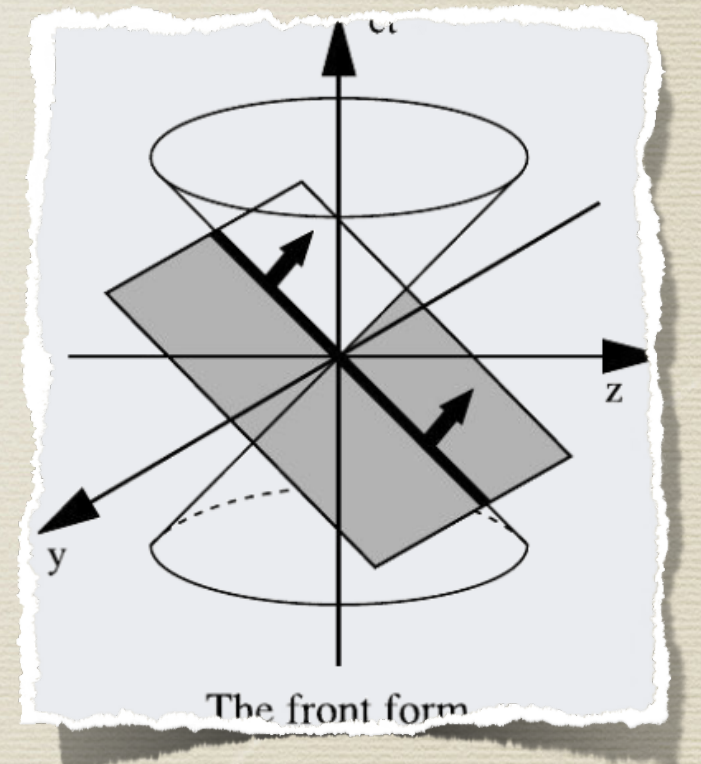
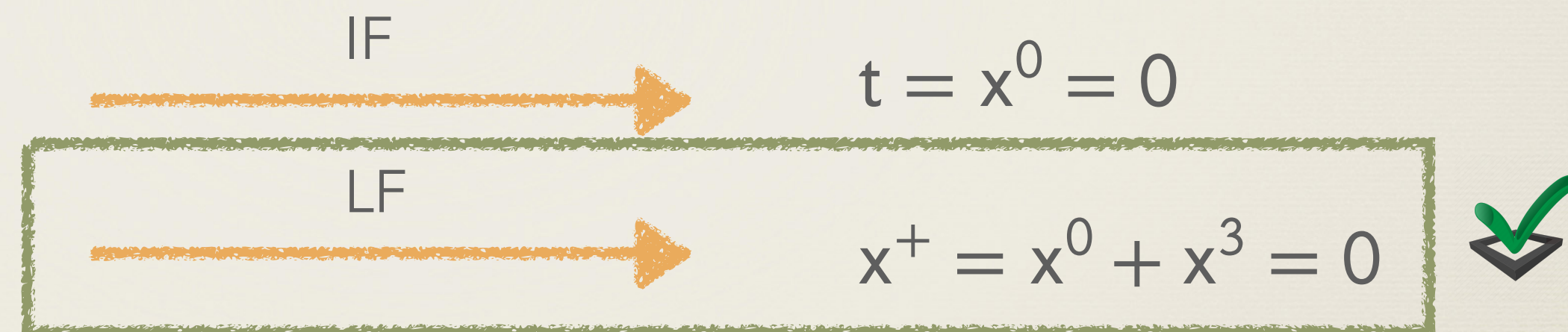
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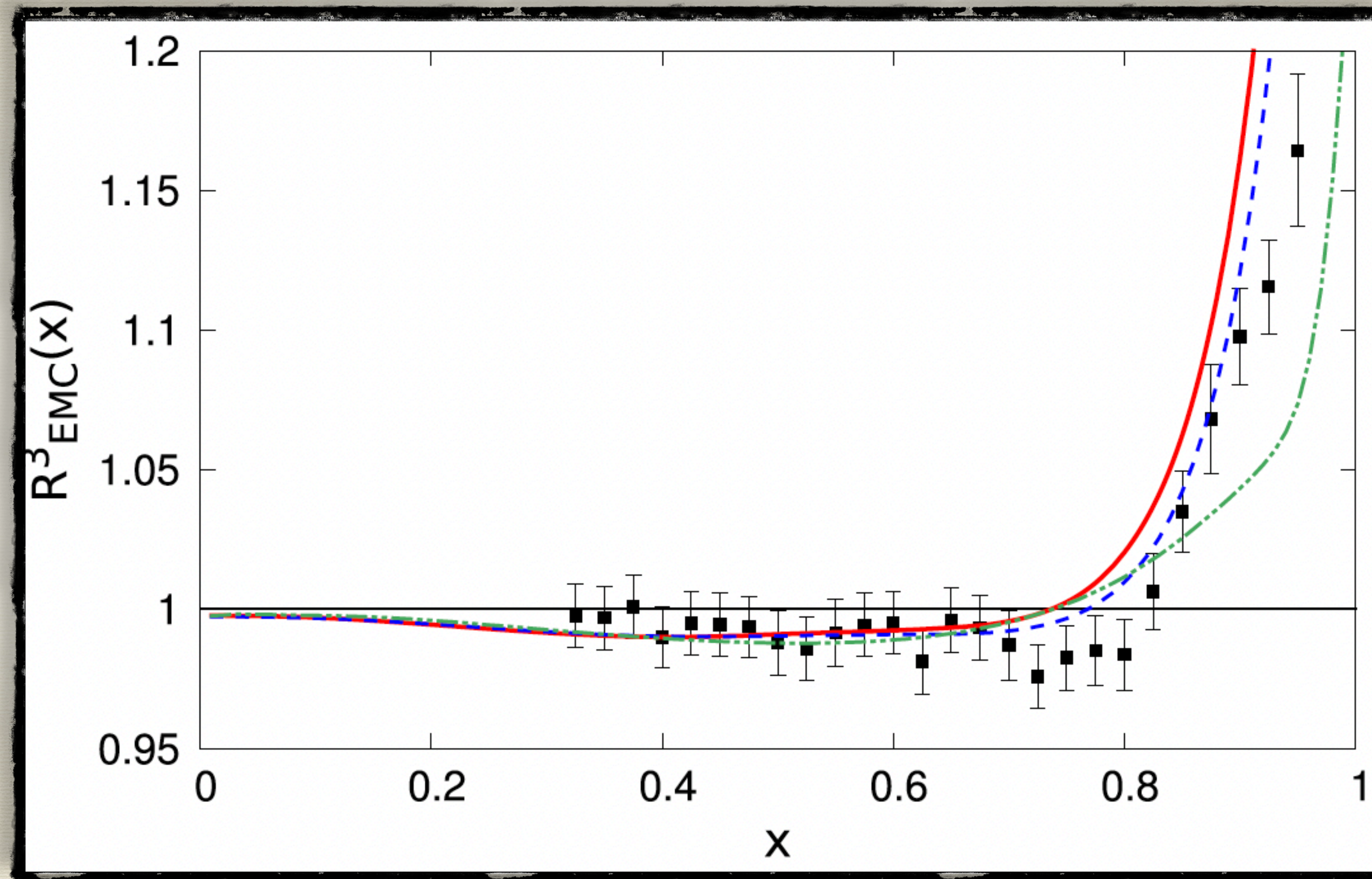
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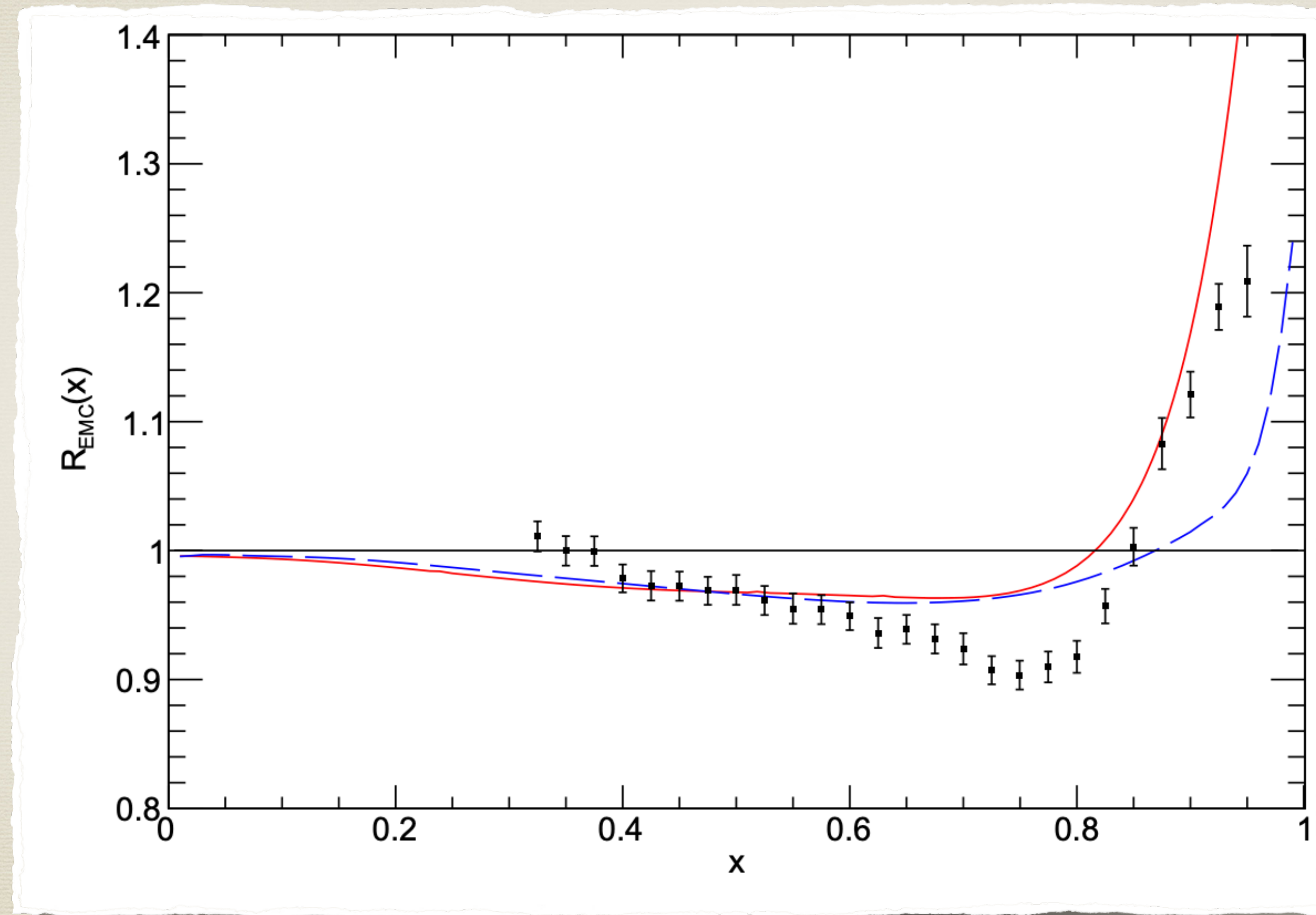
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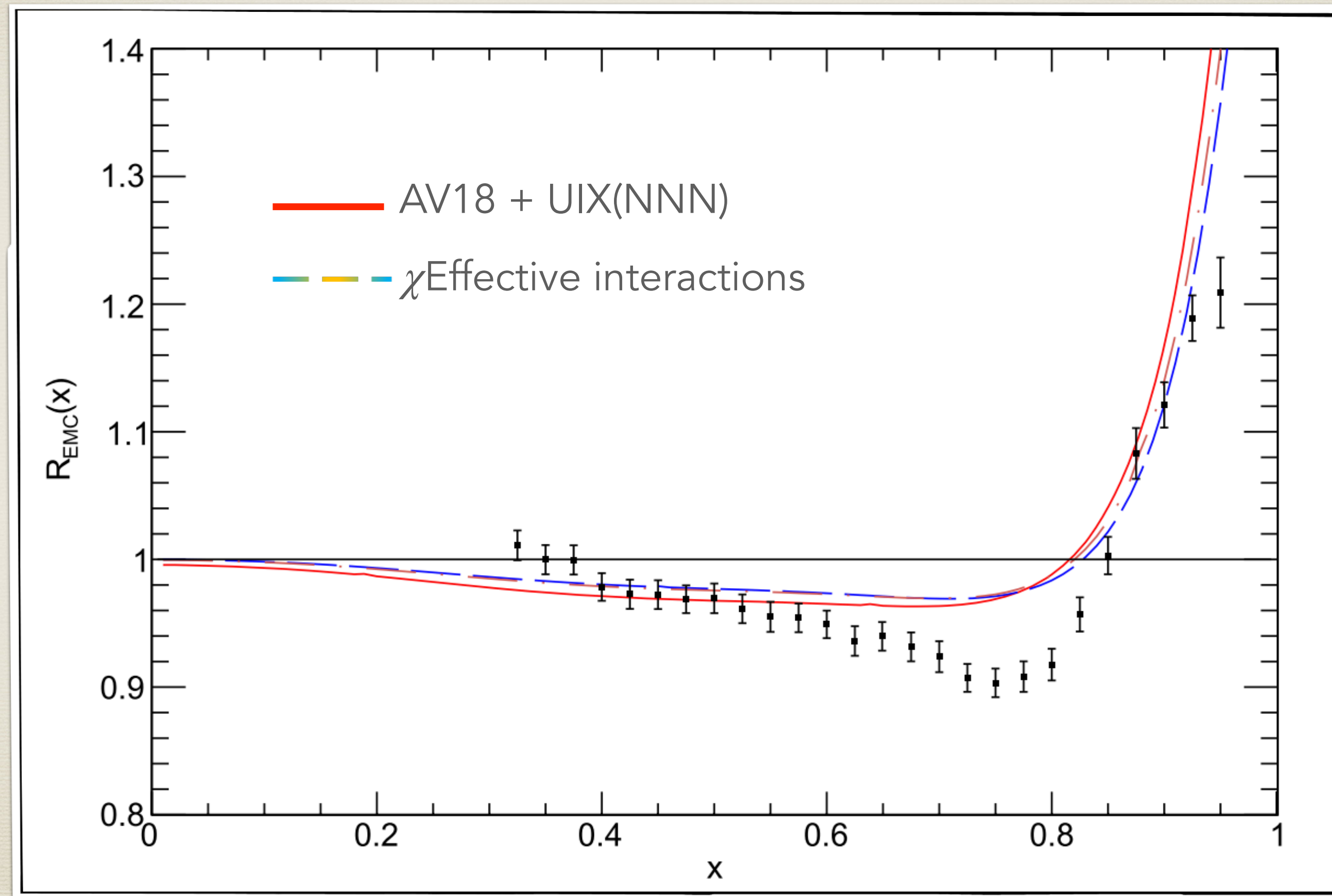
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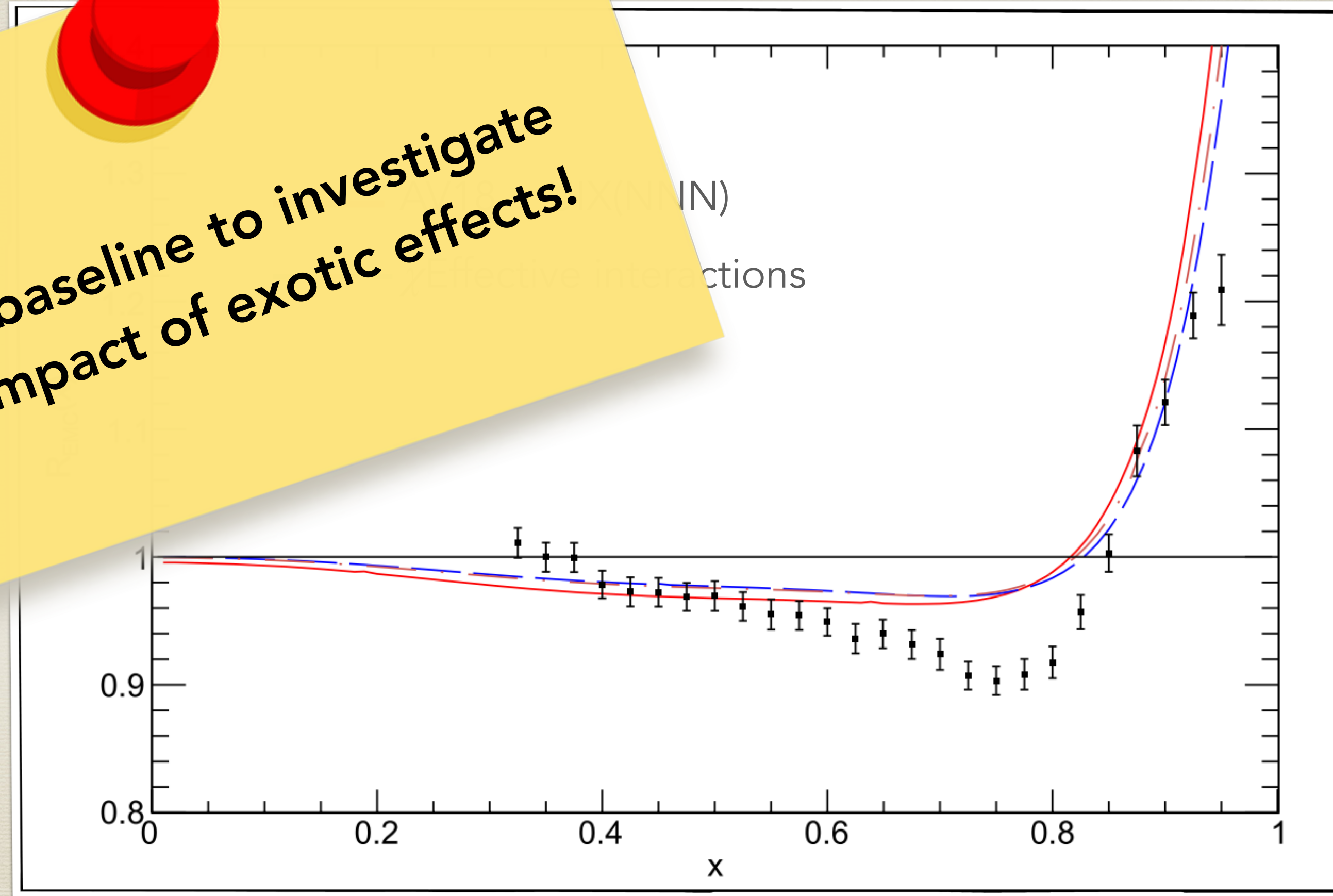
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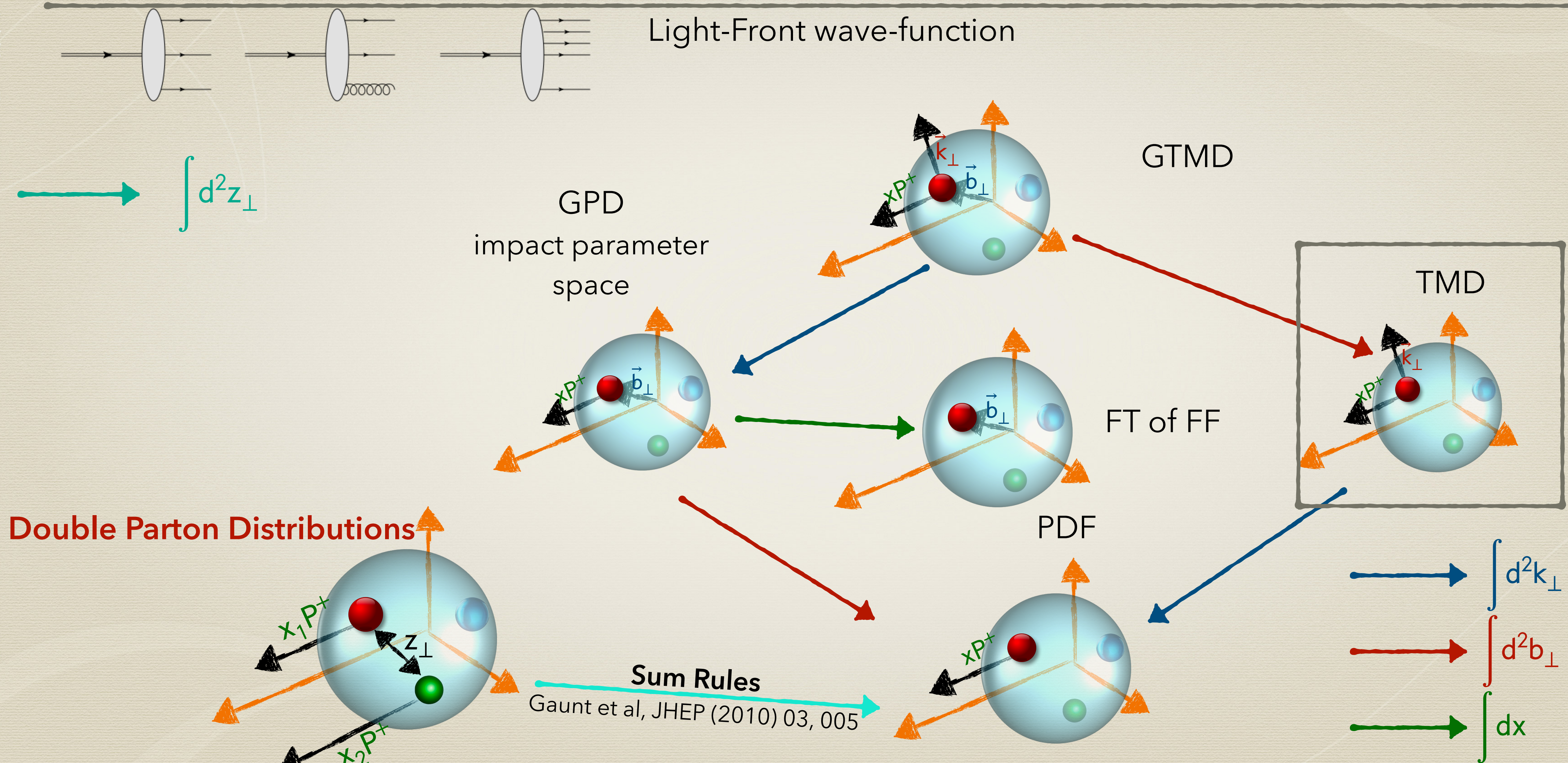
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Multidimensional picture of hadrons



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Let p be the momentum in the laboratory of an off-mass-shell fermion, with isospin τ , in a bound system of A fermions with total momentum P and spin S . The fermion correlator in terms of the LF coordinates is:

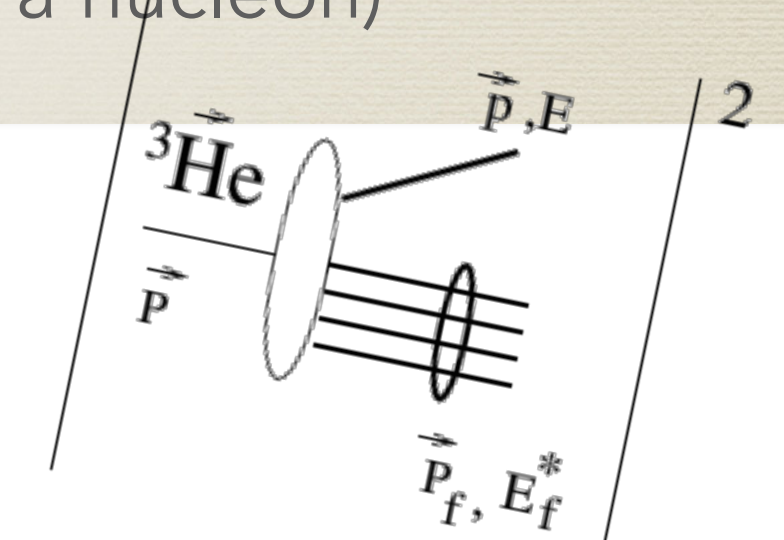
[e.g., Barone, Drago, Ratcliffe, Phys. Rep. 359, 1 (2002)]

$$\Phi_{\alpha,\beta}^{\tau}(p, P, S) = \frac{1}{2} \int d\xi^- d\xi^+ d\xi_T e^{i p \xi} \langle P, S, A | \bar{\psi}_{\beta}^{\tau}(0) \psi_{\alpha}^{\tau}(\xi) | A, S, P \rangle$$

$|A, S, P\rangle =$ the A -particle state

$\psi_{\alpha}^{\tau}(\xi) =$ the particle field (e.g. a nucleon of isospin τ in a nucleus, or in valence approximation a quark in a nucleon)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{\tau P}(p, P, S) &= \frac{(\not{p}_{on} + m)}{2m} \Phi^{\tau}(p, P, S) \frac{(\not{p}_{on} + m)}{2m} = \dots \\ &= \frac{2\pi (P^+)^2}{(p^+)^2 4m} \frac{E_S}{\mathcal{M}_0[1, (23)]} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \{ u_{\alpha}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \sigma') \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma'\sigma}^{\tau}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \epsilon, S) \bar{u}_{\beta}(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \sigma) \} \end{aligned}$$



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The correlation function at the leading twist is given by

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The functions A_j , \tilde{A}_j ($j = 1, 2, 3$) can be obtained by proper traces of $\Phi(p, P, S)$ and Γ matrices. Integrals of A_j , \tilde{A}_j on p^+ and p^- :

$$\mathcal{O}[A_j] = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dp^+ dp^-}{(2\pi)^4} \delta[p^+ - xP^+] P^+ [A_j]$$

give the six time reversal even transverse momentum distributions (TMDs)

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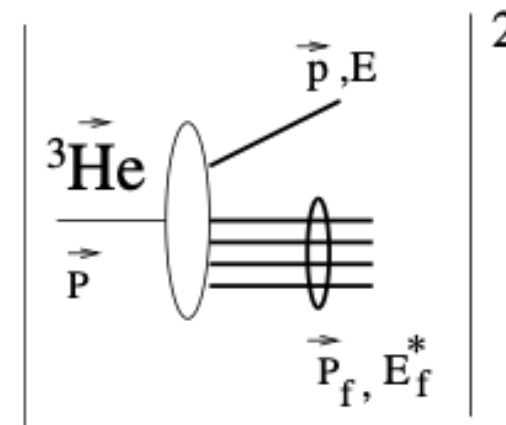
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It works for any three-body $J = 1/2$ system in valence approx!

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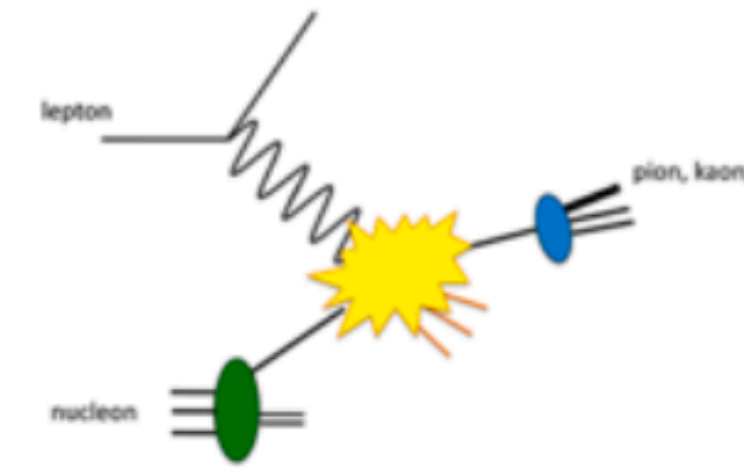
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- p, p, n
- $(e, e' p)$ reactions
- p detection
- PW Impulse Approximation
- spin-dep response functions
- light-cone momentum distributions
- norms, effective polarizations



proton

- u_v, u_v, d_v
- SIDIS
- no q_v detection, fragmentation...
- leading twist
- TMDs
- PDFs
- charges (axial, tensor...)

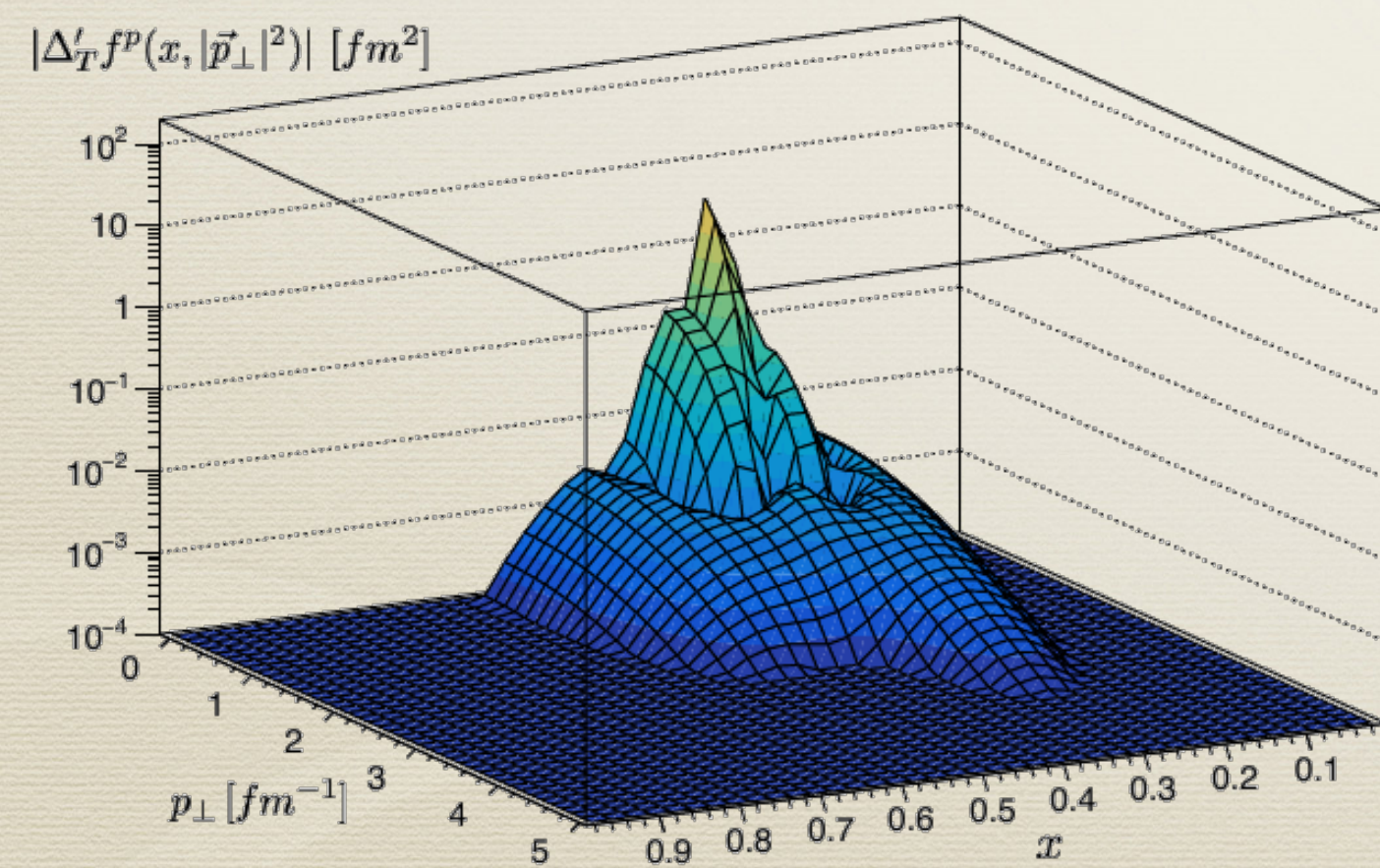
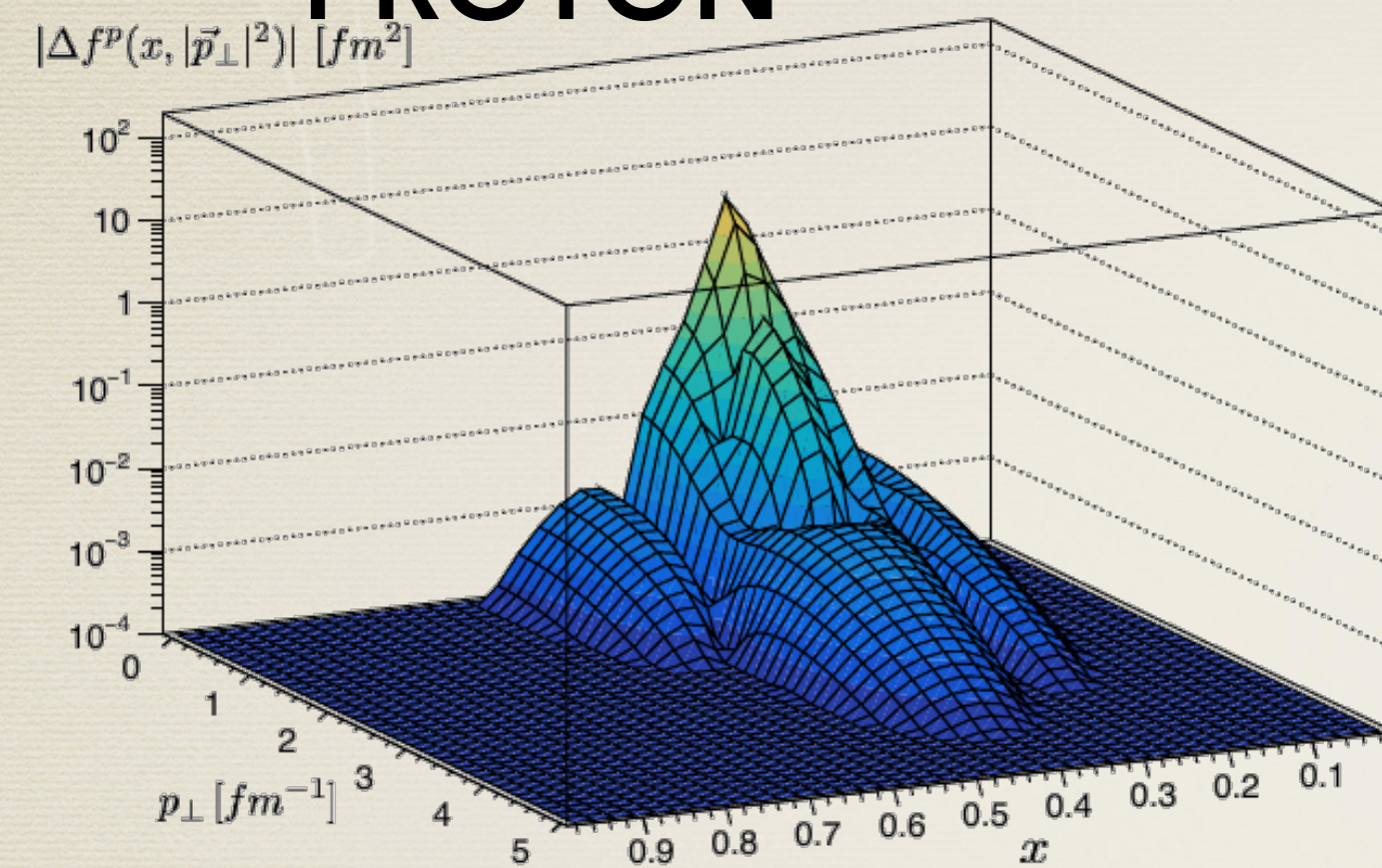


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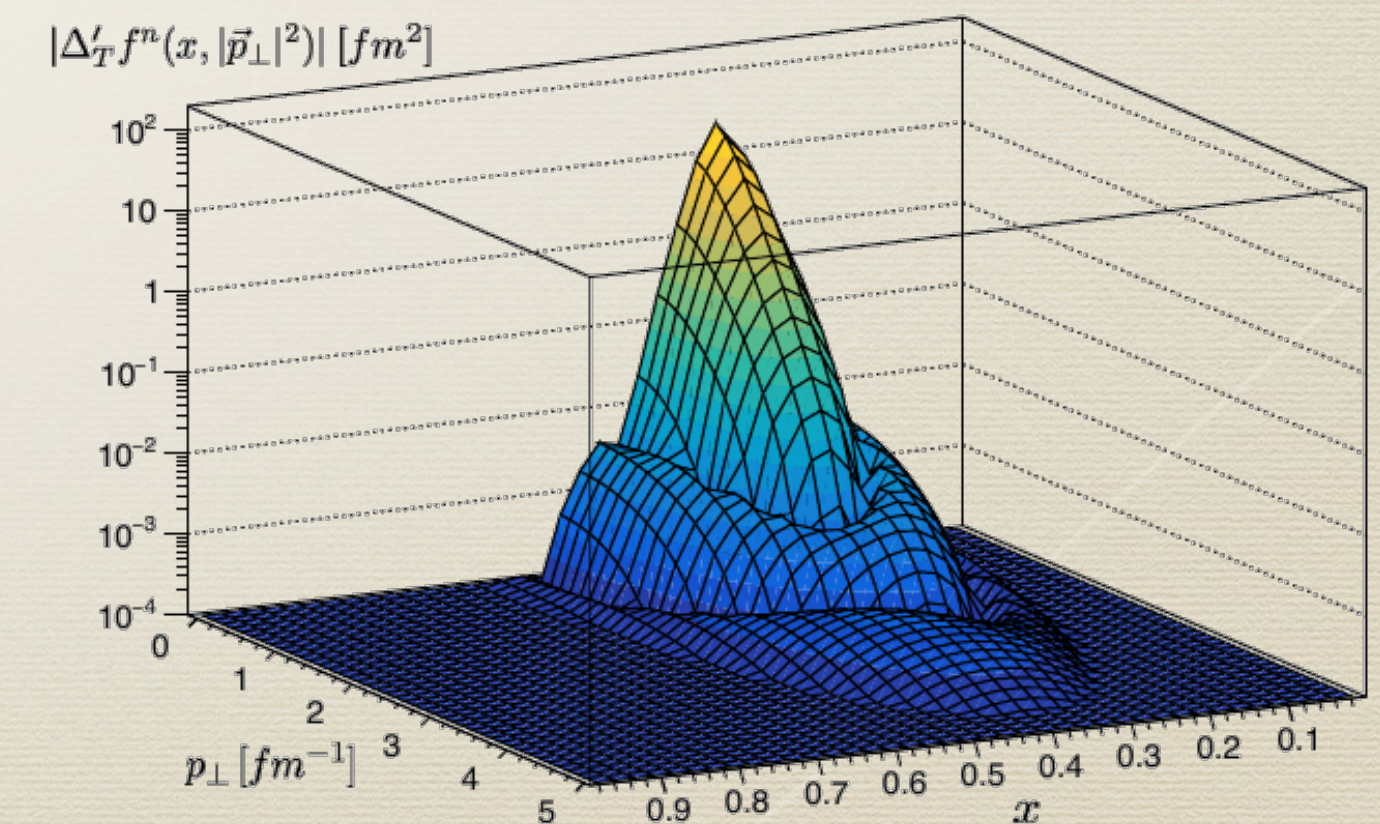
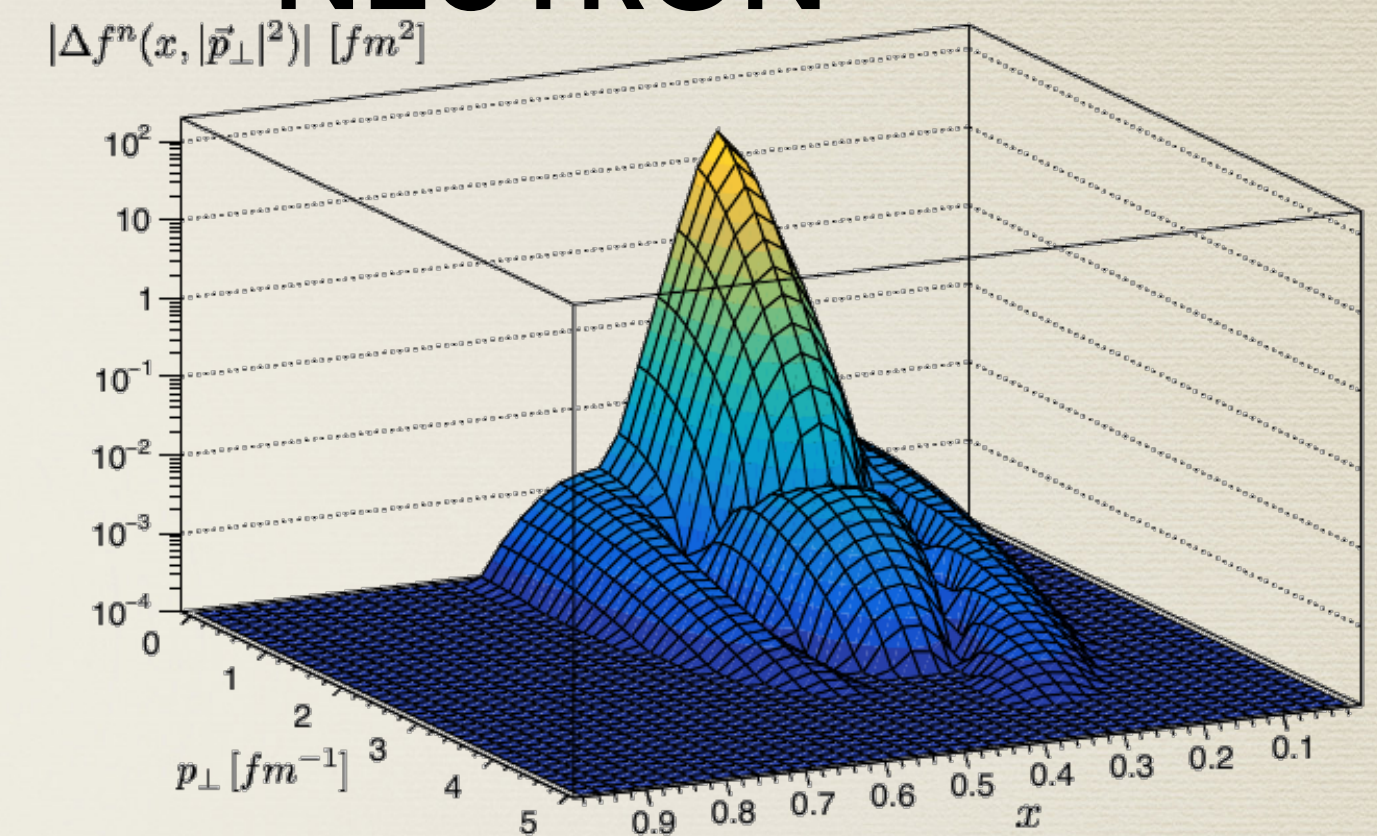
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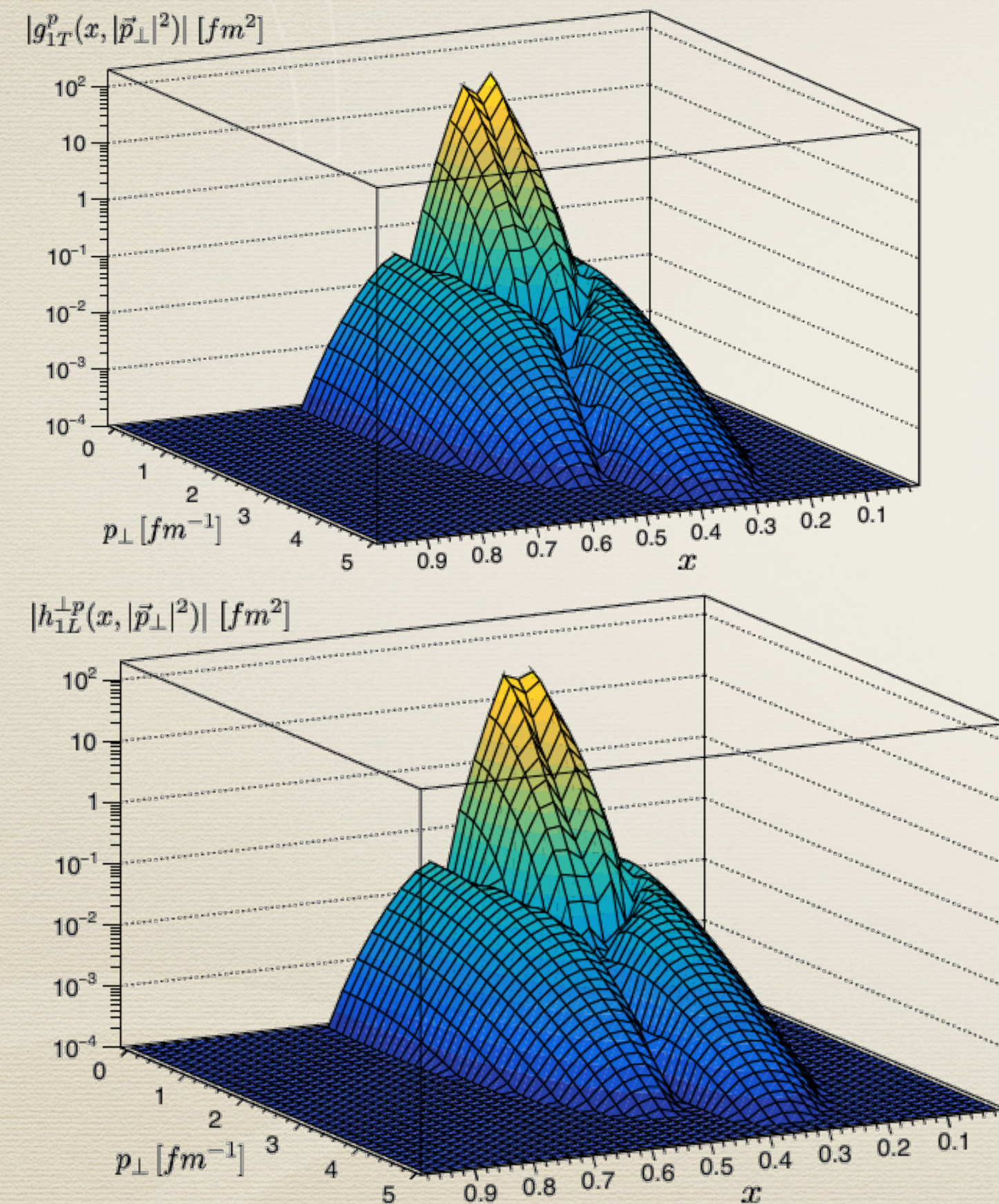
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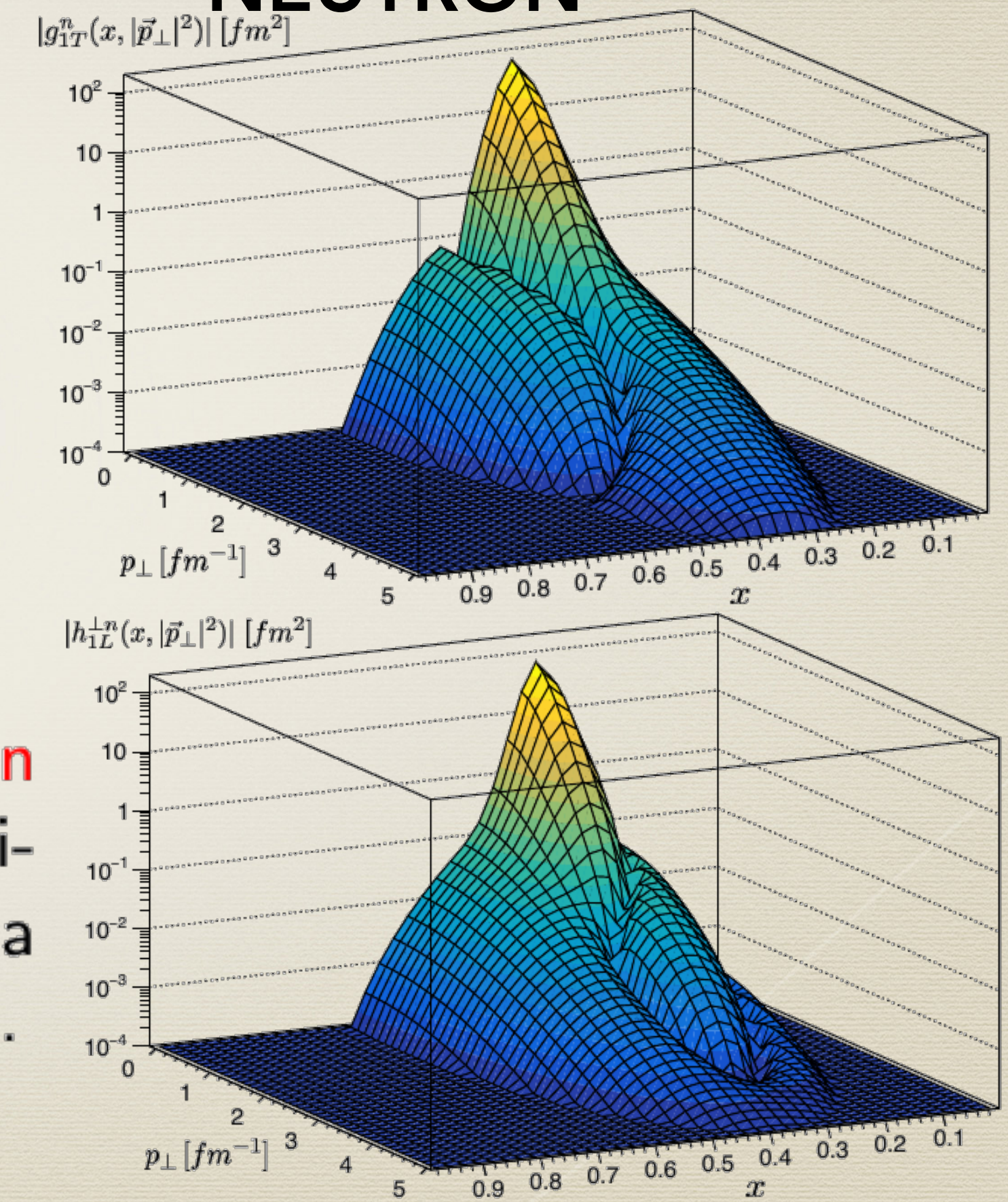
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Spin-dependent SF

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For the numerical calculations we have used:

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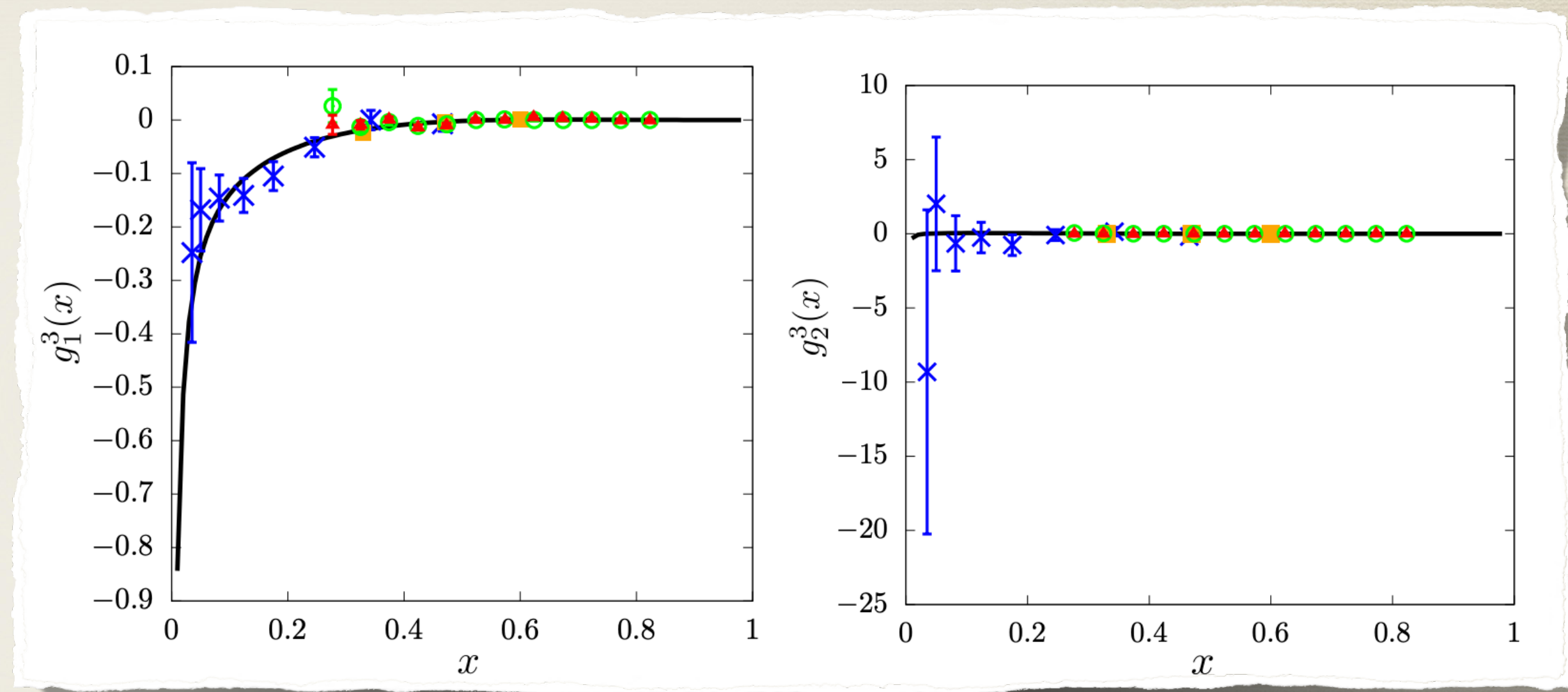
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Also in this case there are no free parameters and the ^3He w.f. corresponding to the Av18 potential has been used



- Full lines: our calculations
- Experimental analyses:
 - a) crosses: P. L. Anthony et al. (E142), Phys. Rev. D 54, 6620 (1996)
 - b) squares: X. Zheng et al. (JLab Hall A), PRL 92, 012004 (2004)
 - c) empty: D. Flay et al. (Jefferson Lab Hall A), Phys. Rev. D 94, 052003 (2016)

Some recent works...

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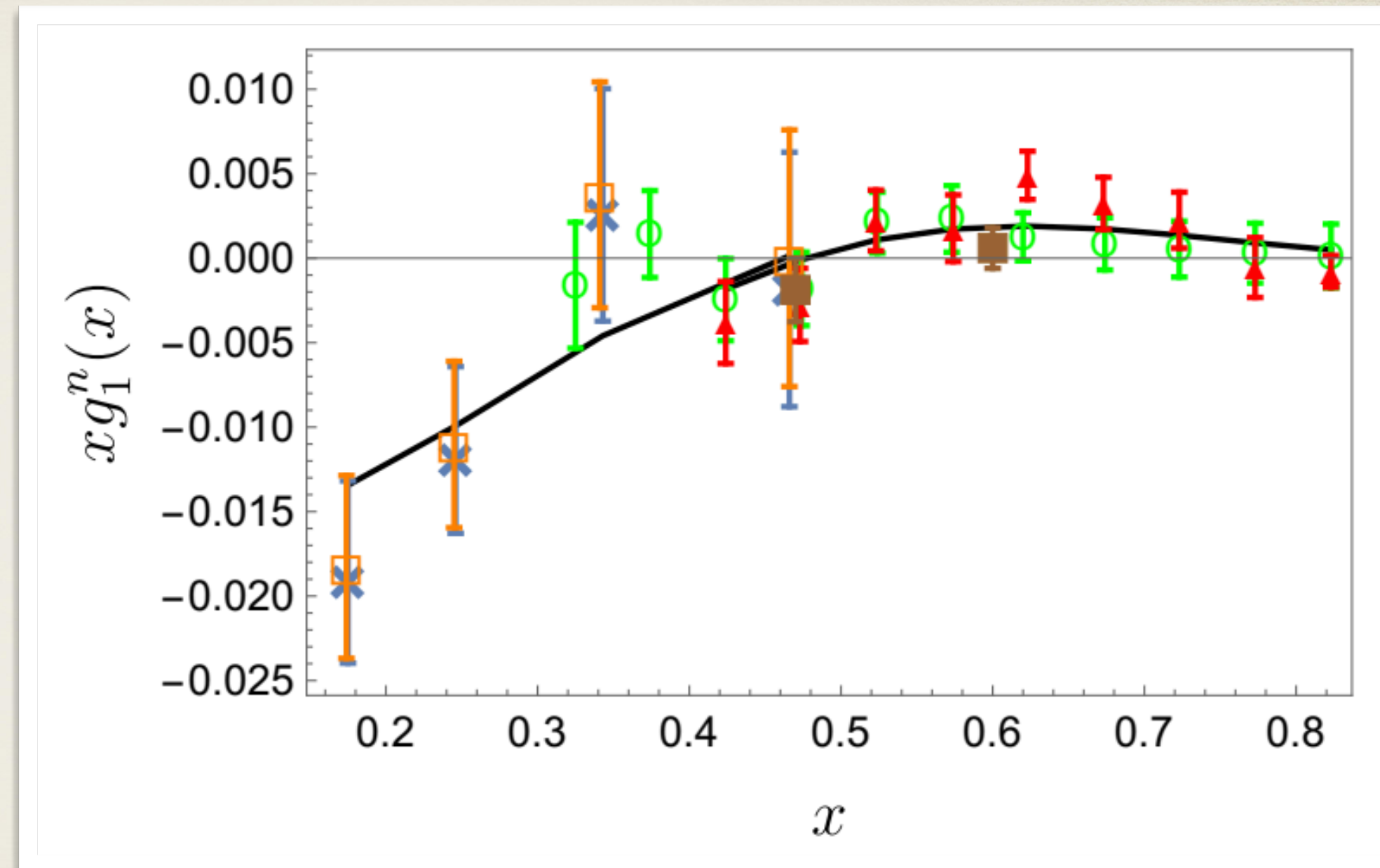
Extraction of the neutron spin dependent structure from ^3He data:

$$\bar{g}_j^n(x) = \frac{1}{p_j^n} [g_j^3(x) - 2p_j^p g_j^p(x)] \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

with the effective polarizations obtained from the ^3He w.f.

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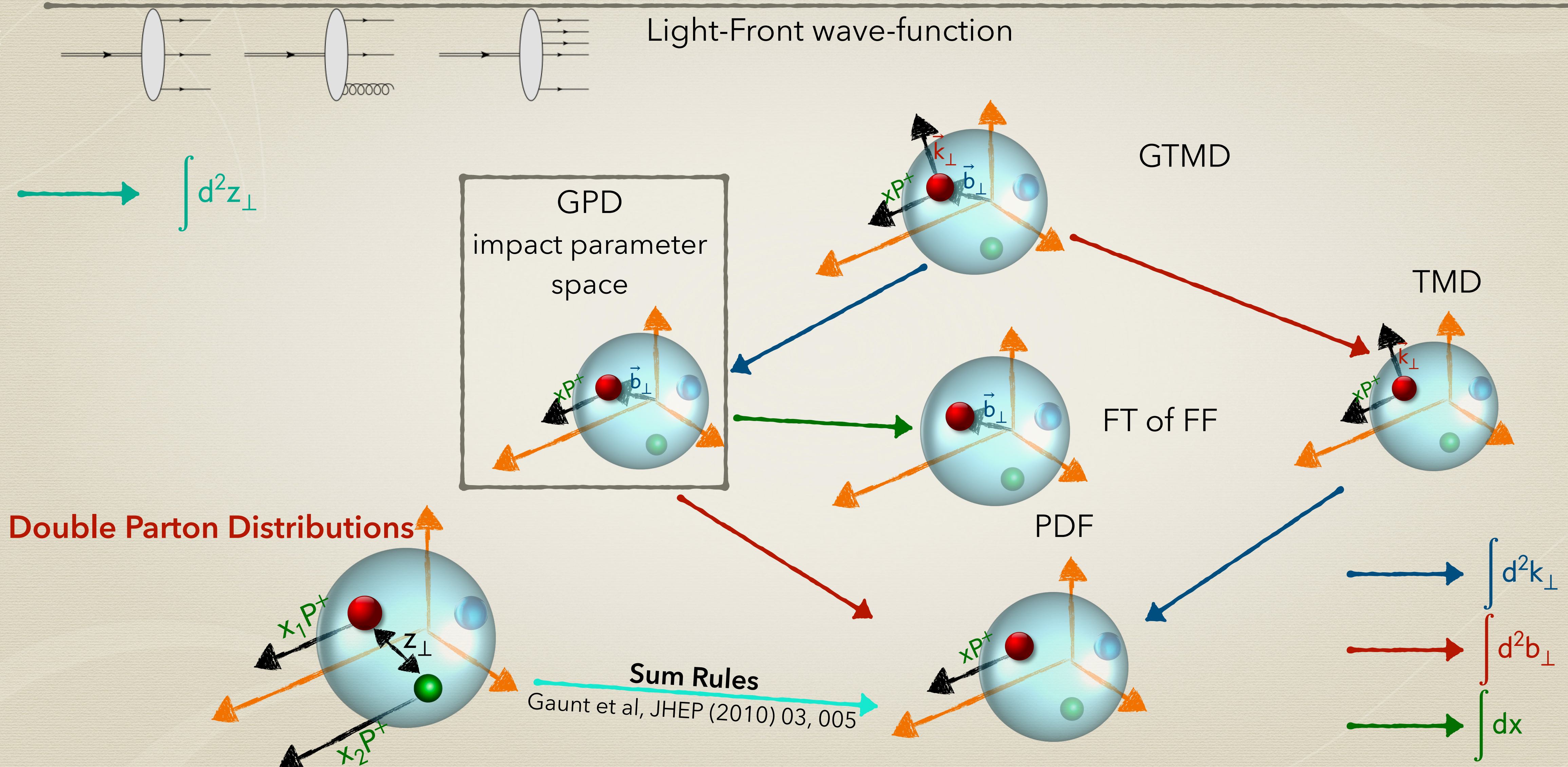


Points: extracted from ^3He data using our formula

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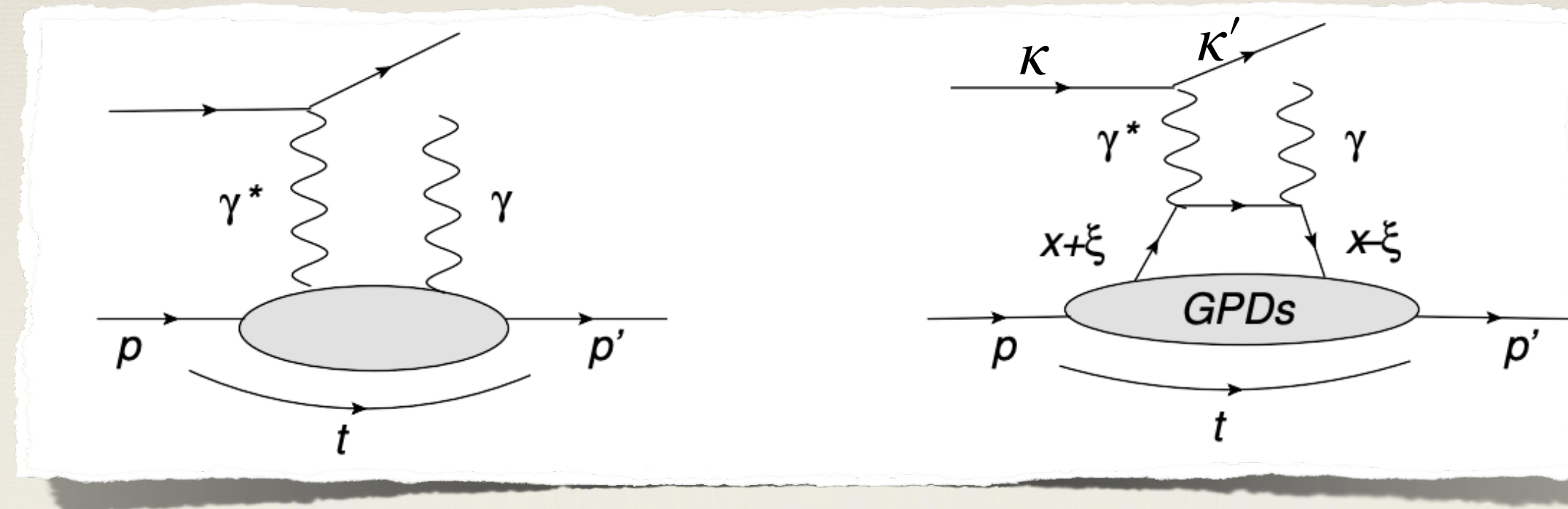
The ^3He spin structure is makes this nucleus unique to extract the neutron distributions!

Multidimensional picture of hadrons



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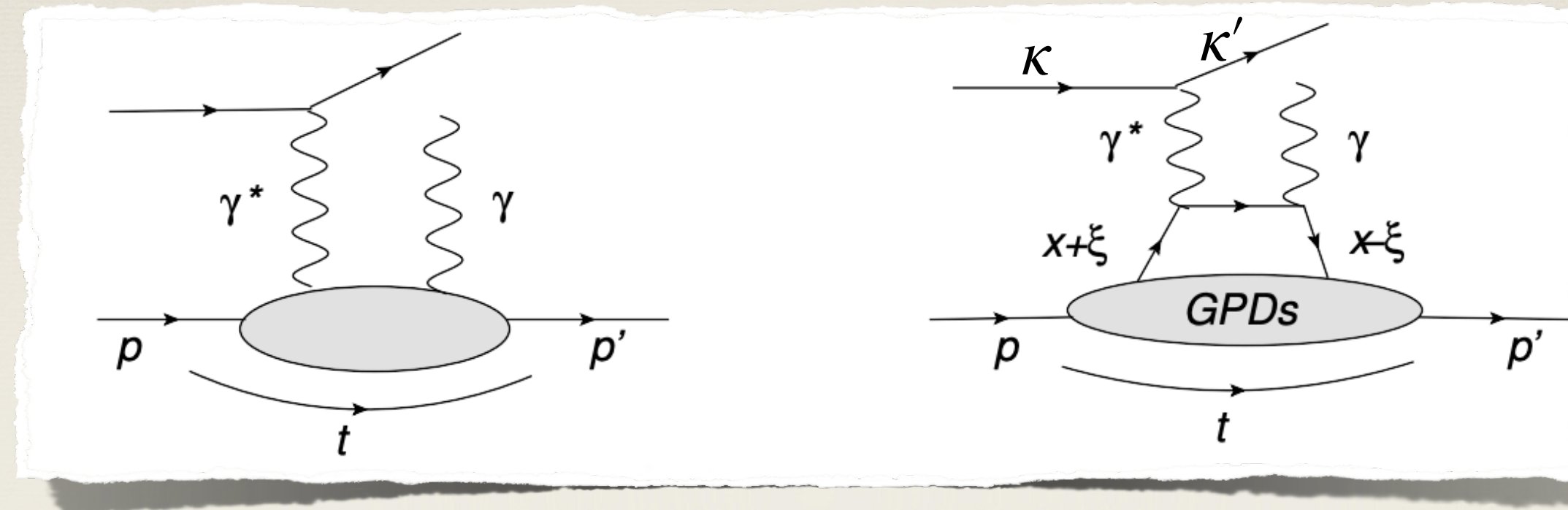
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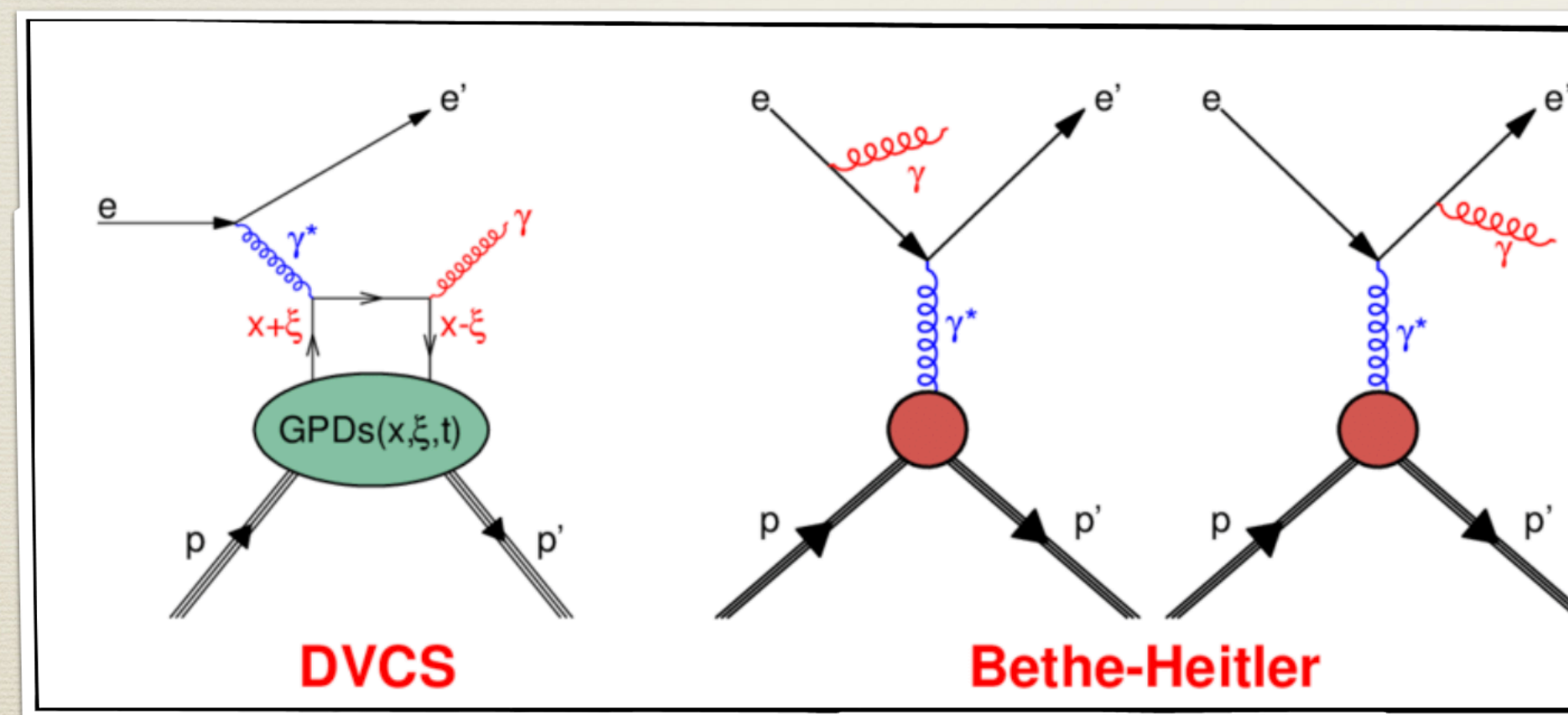
$$\frac{1}{2\bar{p}^+} \left[H_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \gamma^+ u(p, \lambda) + E_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \frac{i\sigma^{+\nu} \Delta_\nu}{2M} u(p, \lambda) \right]$$

at leading twist and for 1/2 spin target (the scale dependence is omitted)

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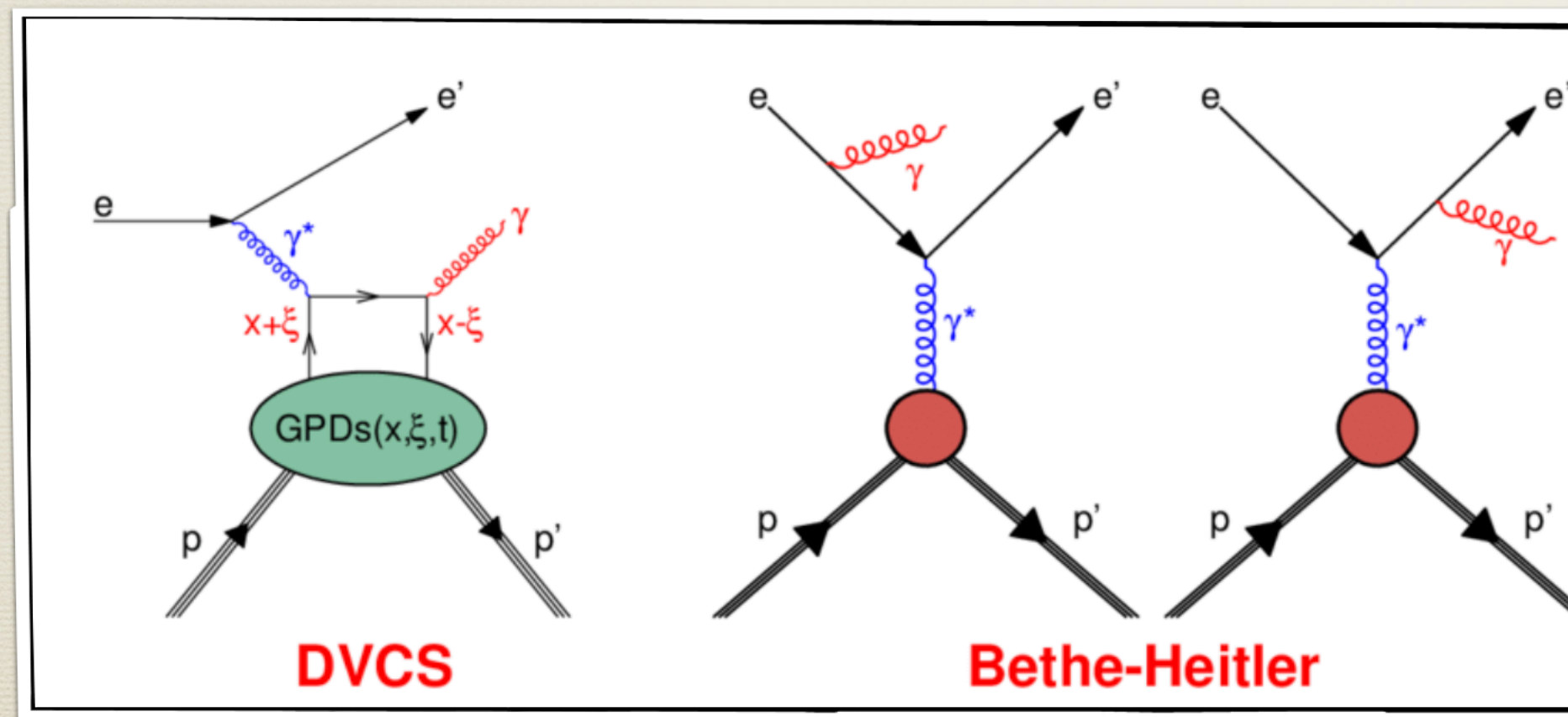
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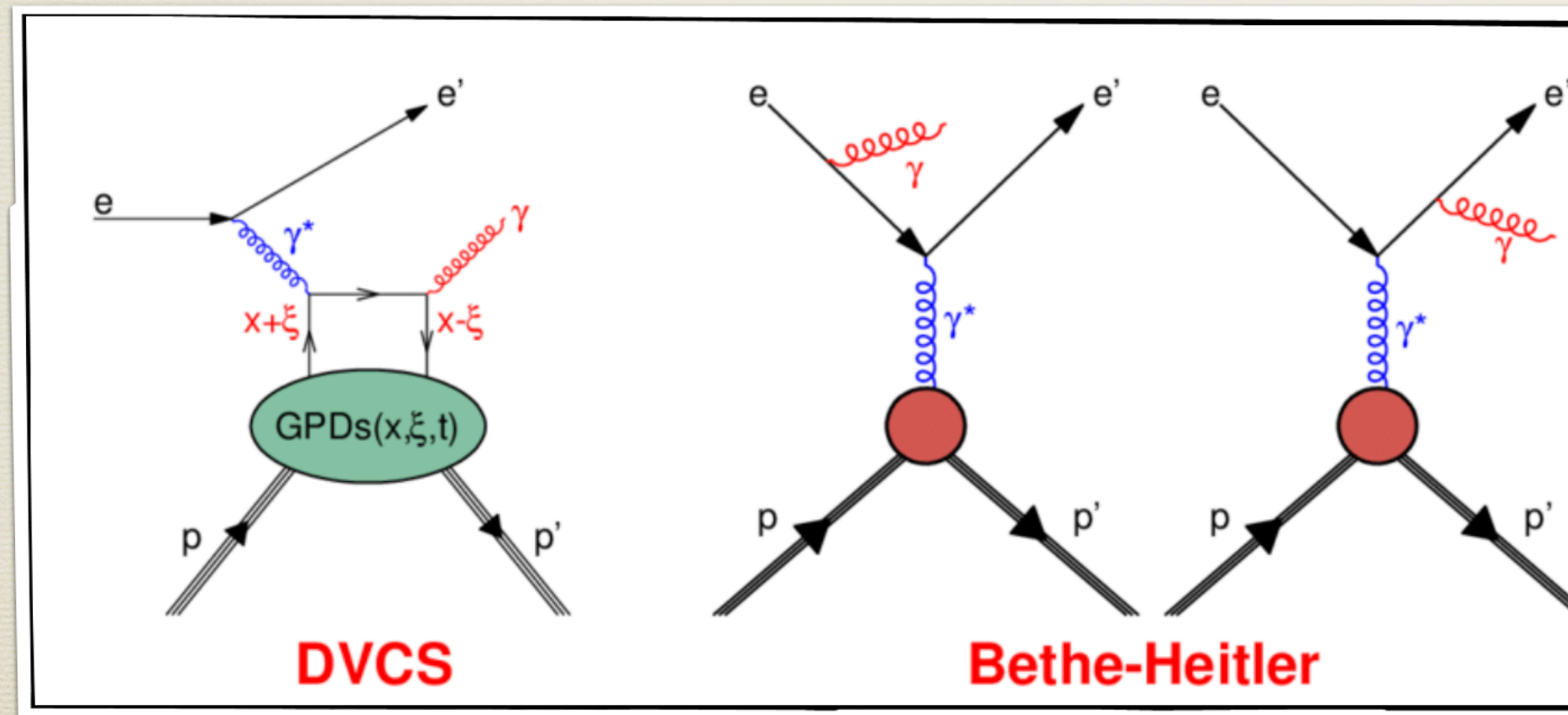
$$\mathcal{T}_{DVCS} \text{ function of } \mathcal{F}_{q(g)}(\xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{\overbrace{F_{q(g)}(x, \xi, t)}^{\text{GPD} = H, E, \dots}}{x \pm \xi + i\epsilon}$$

Compton Form Factors (CFFs)

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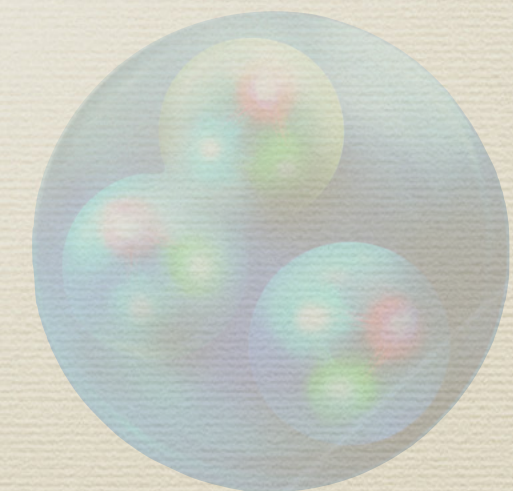
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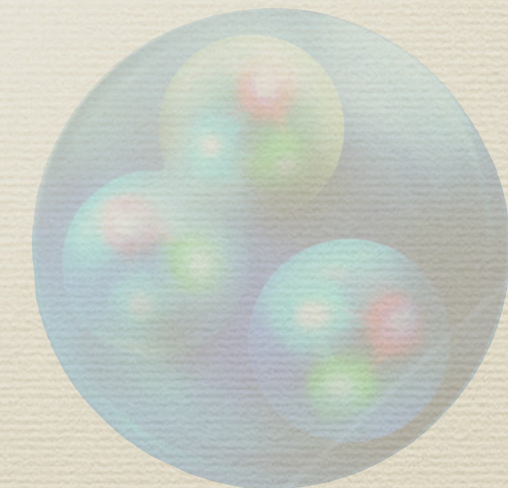
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Nuclear tomography!



why is it important?

GPDs as solution to the EMC effect?

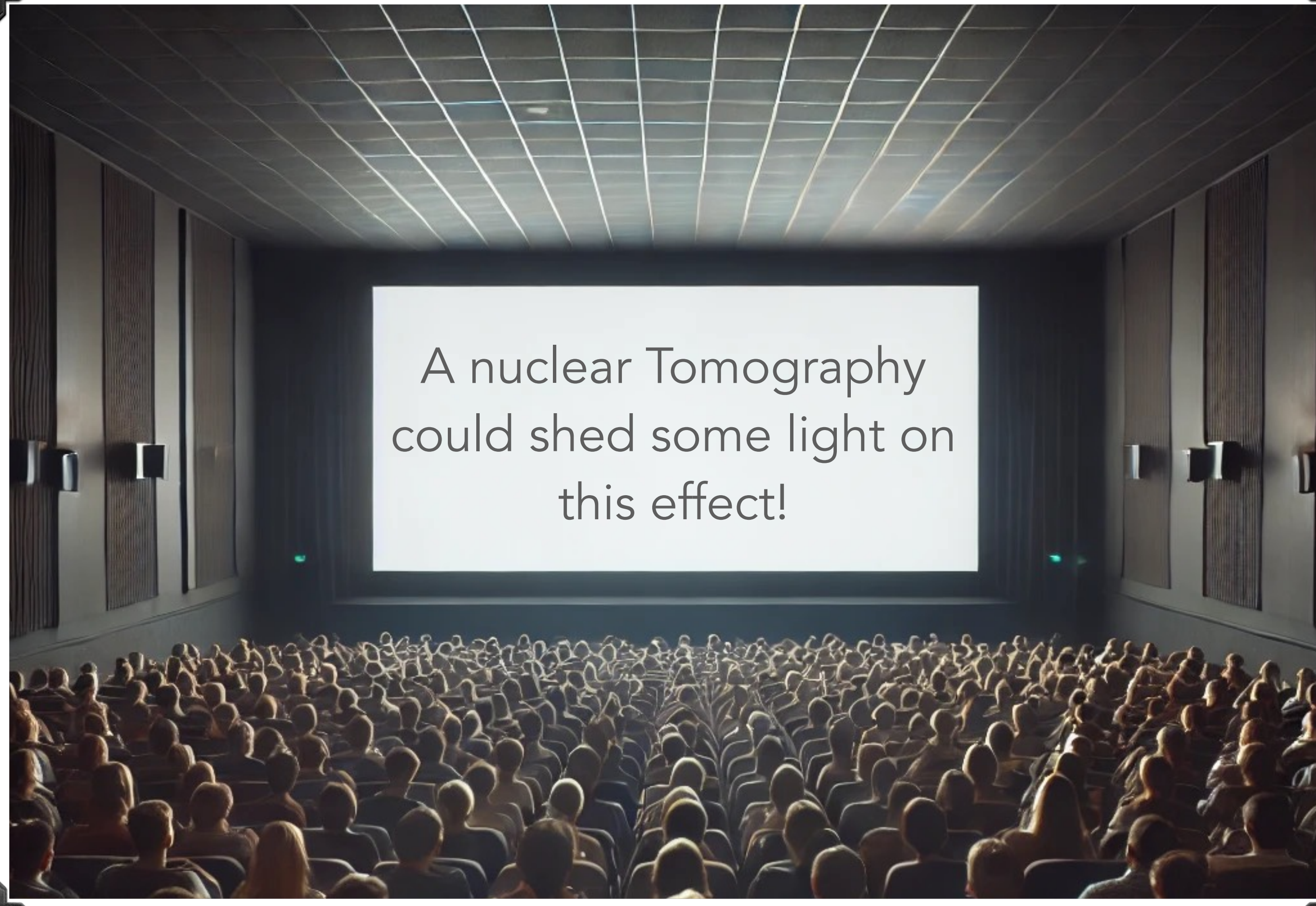
In DIS off a nuclear target

$$0 \leq x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \leq \frac{M_A}{M} \simeq A$$

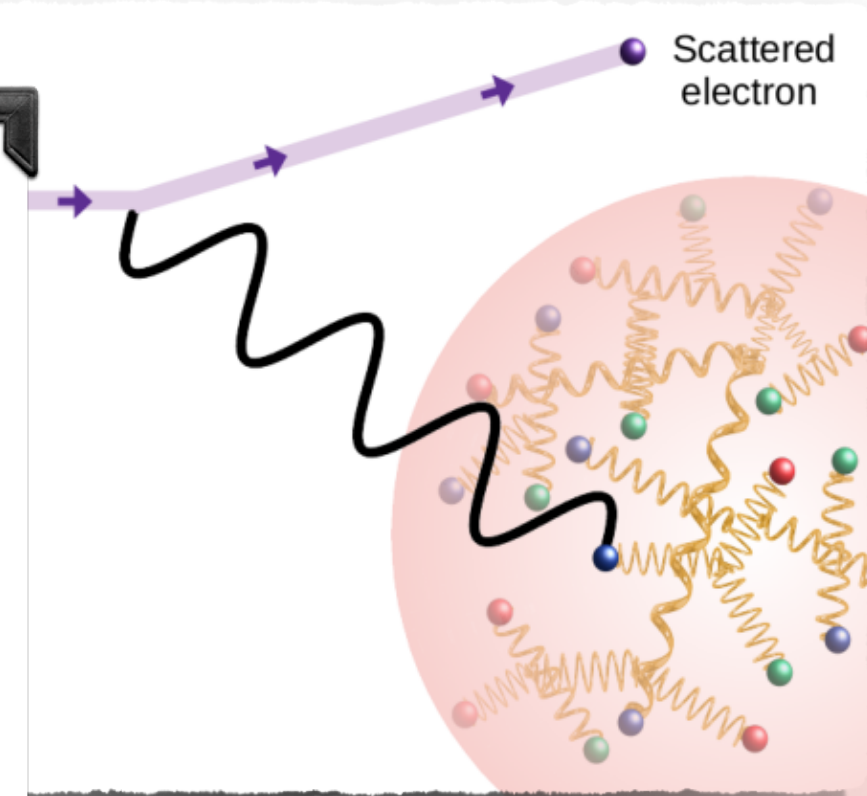
- $x \leq 0.3$ "Shadowing, anti-coherence effects, the photons belonging to different partons belonging to different nucleons"
- $0.2 \leq x \leq 0.8$ "EMC (binding) effect, mainly valence quarks involved"
- $0.8 \leq x \leq 1$ "Fermi motion"

Small effect! Several models
(**E**veryone's **M**odel is **C**ool)

Collinear information could be extracted



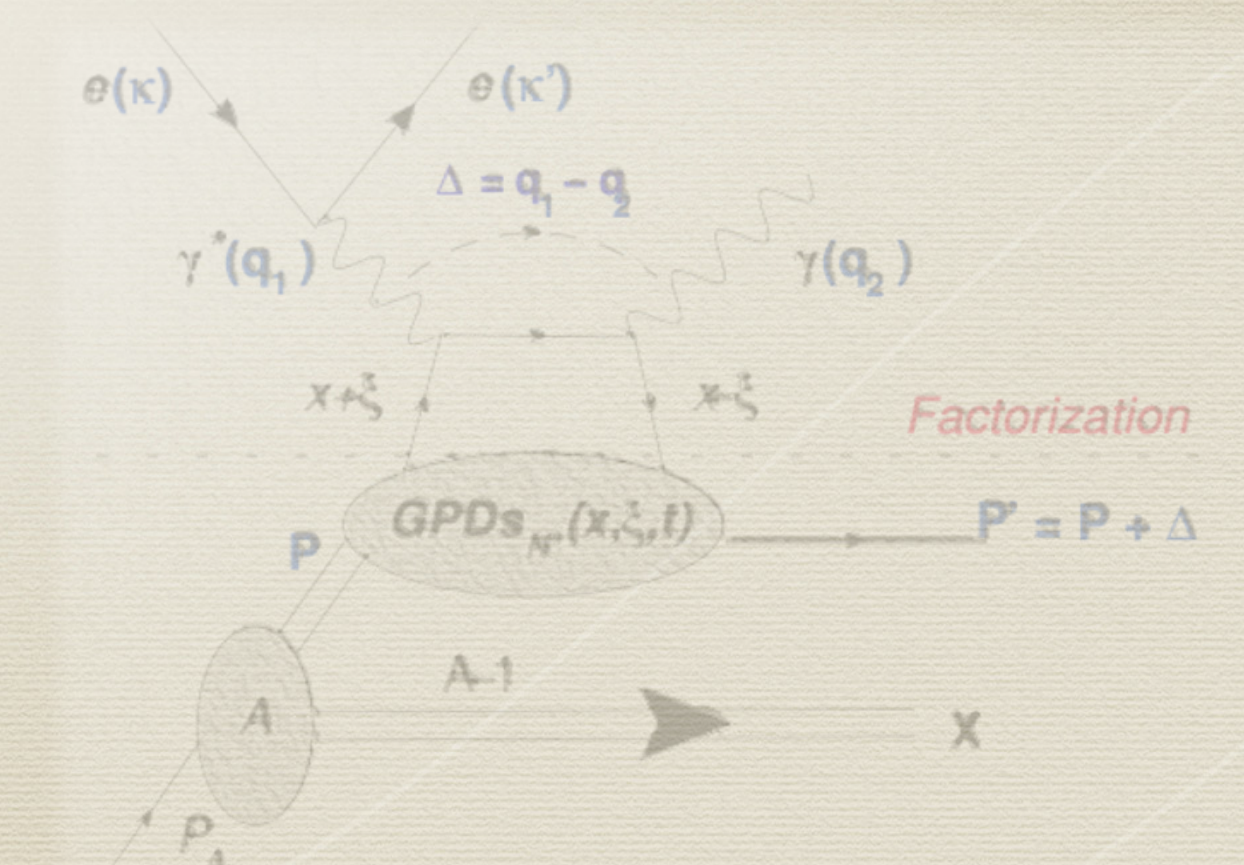
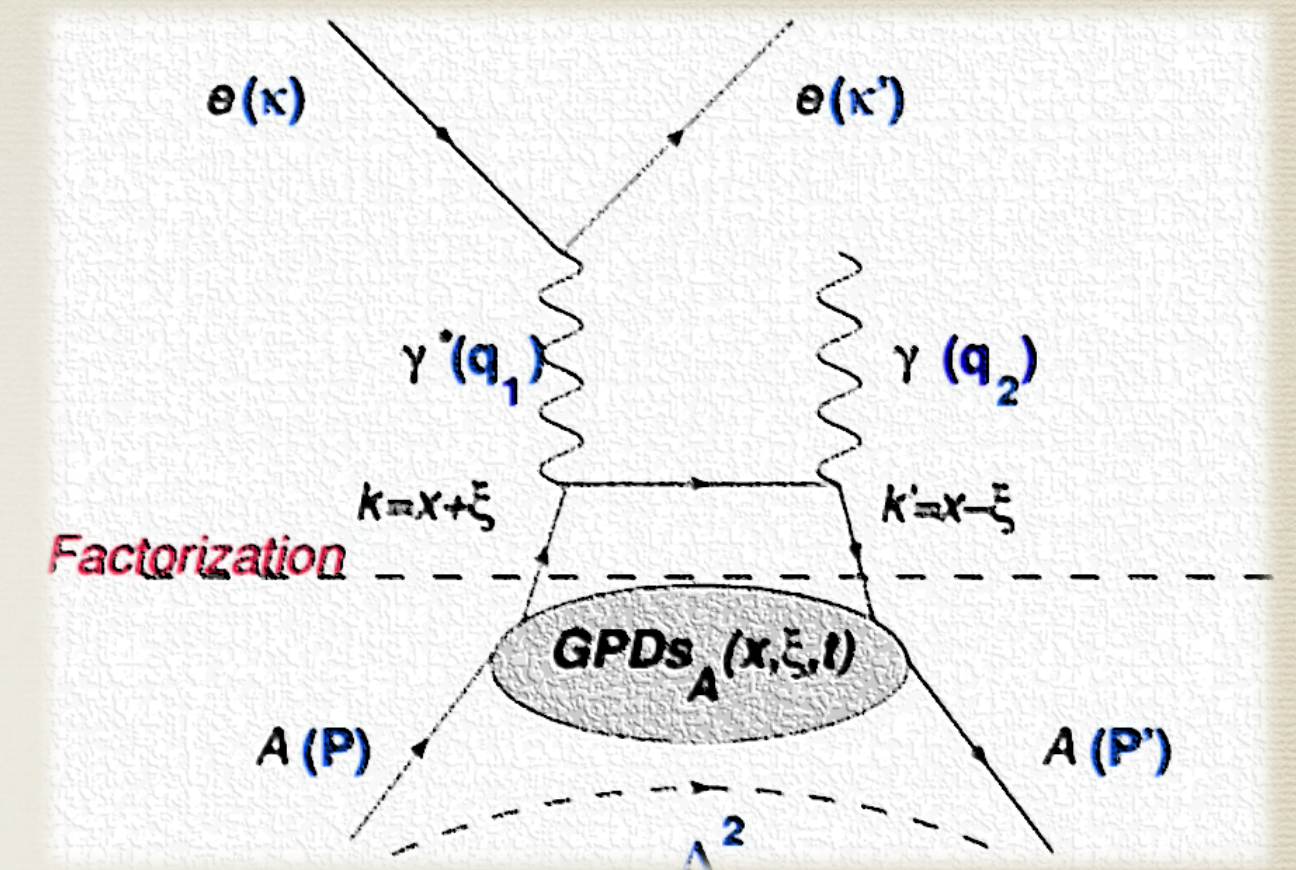
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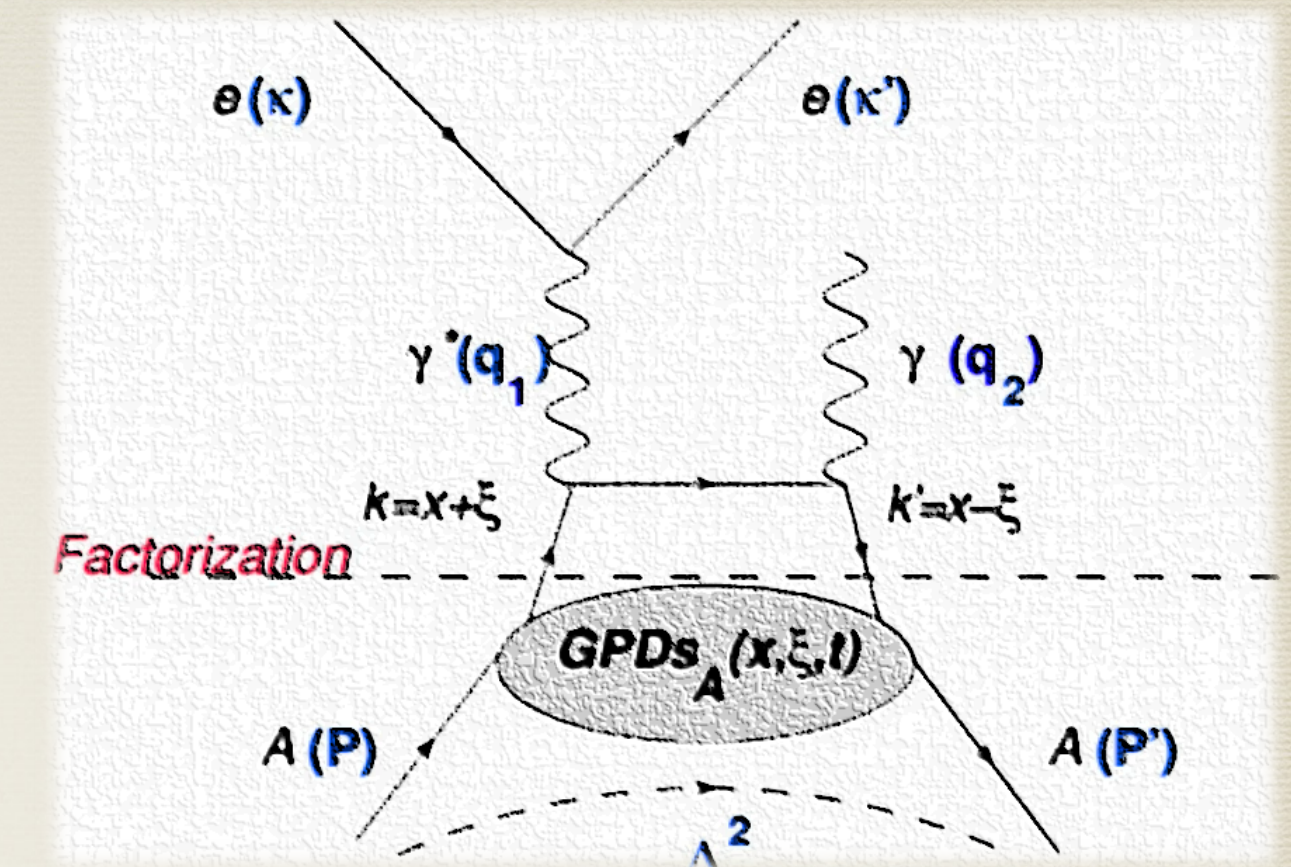
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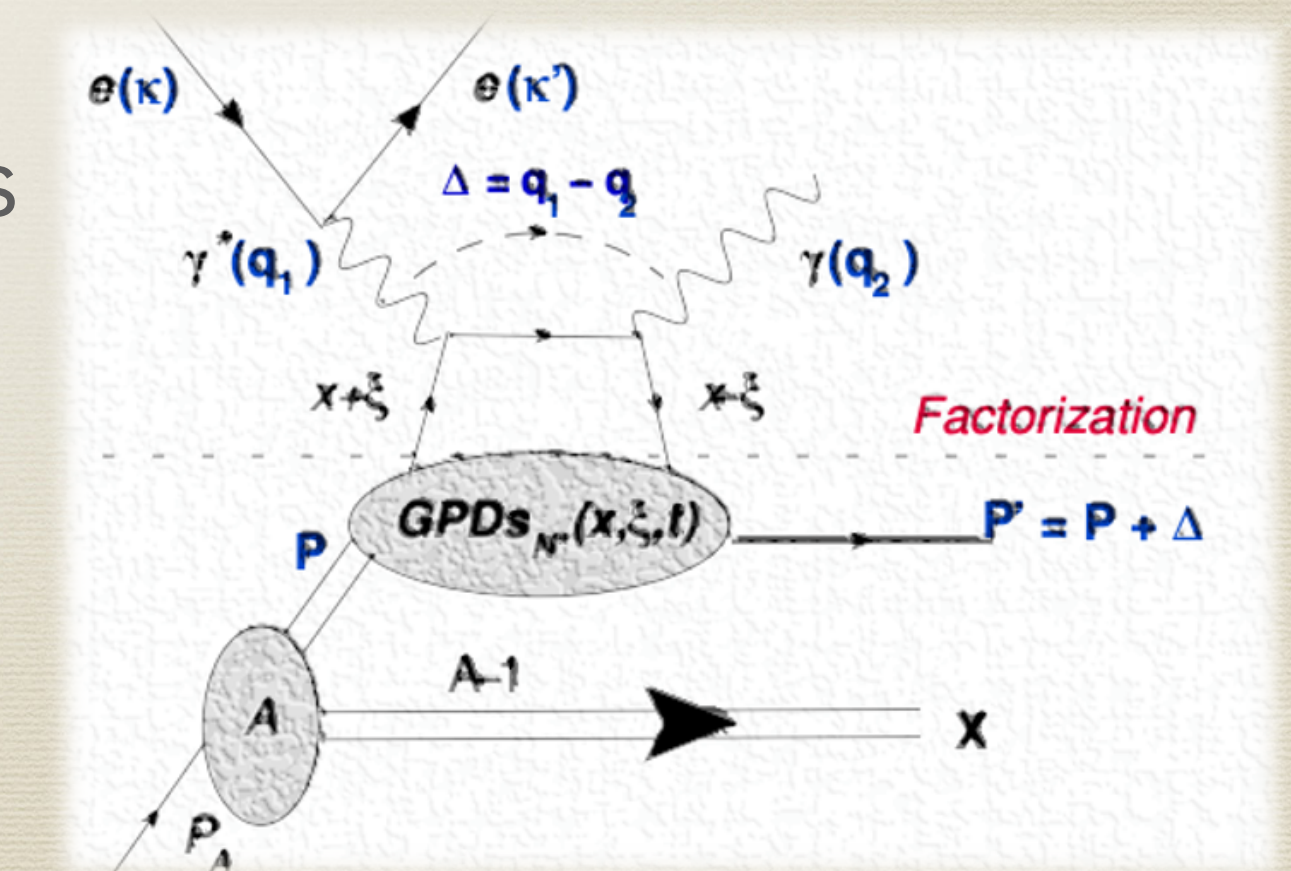
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Incoherent channel → we access the GPDs of the bound nucleons
Same distribution of the free one?
Tomography of the bound nucleon



An Impulse Approximation for the coherent case

The leading twist ^3He and ^4He GPDs:

$$H_q^A(x, \xi, t) \sim \sum_{n=P,N} \int \frac{dz}{z} h^{A,n}(z, \xi, t) H_q^n\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{\xi}{z}, t\right)$$

free nucleon GPD H

we used the e Goloskokov-Kroll model (EPJA 47 212 (2014))

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$$h^{A,n}(z, \xi, t) = \int dE d\vec{p} \underbrace{P_n^A(\vec{p}, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta}, E)}_{\text{Nuclear off-diagonal spectral function}} \delta \left(z - \frac{\bar{p}^+}{\bar{p}^+} \right)$$

$$P_n^A(\vec{p}, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta}, E) \sim \sum_{S, \sigma_n} \rho(E) \underbrace{\langle \vec{P} + \vec{\Delta} S | \vec{P} - \vec{p} E, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta} \sigma_n \rangle \langle \vec{p} \sigma_n, \vec{P} - \vec{p} E | \vec{P} S \rangle}_{\text{Spin dependent off-diagonal spectral function}}$$

$$P_{SS, \sigma_n \sigma_n}^{A,n}(\vec{p}, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta}, E)$$

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GPDs and binding effects for ^3He

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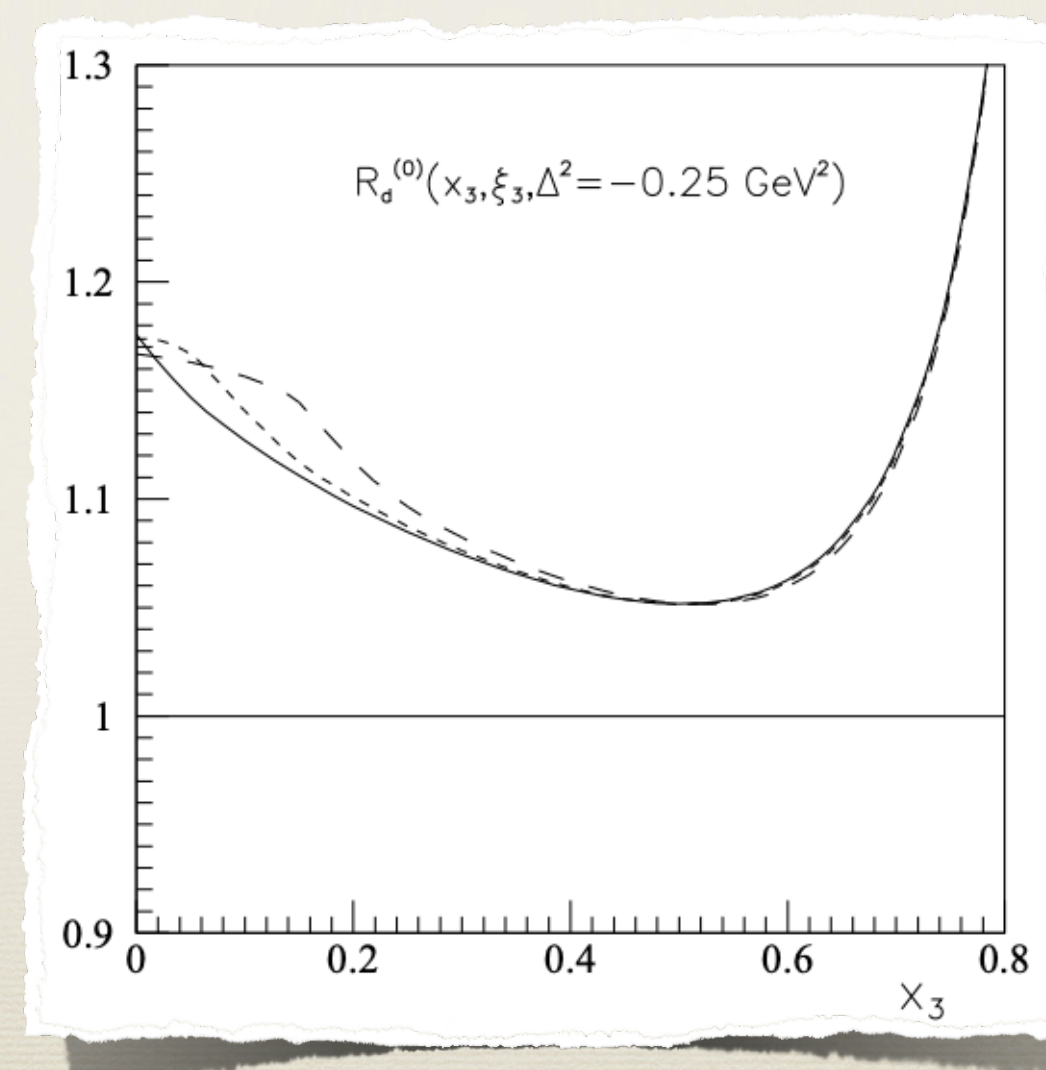
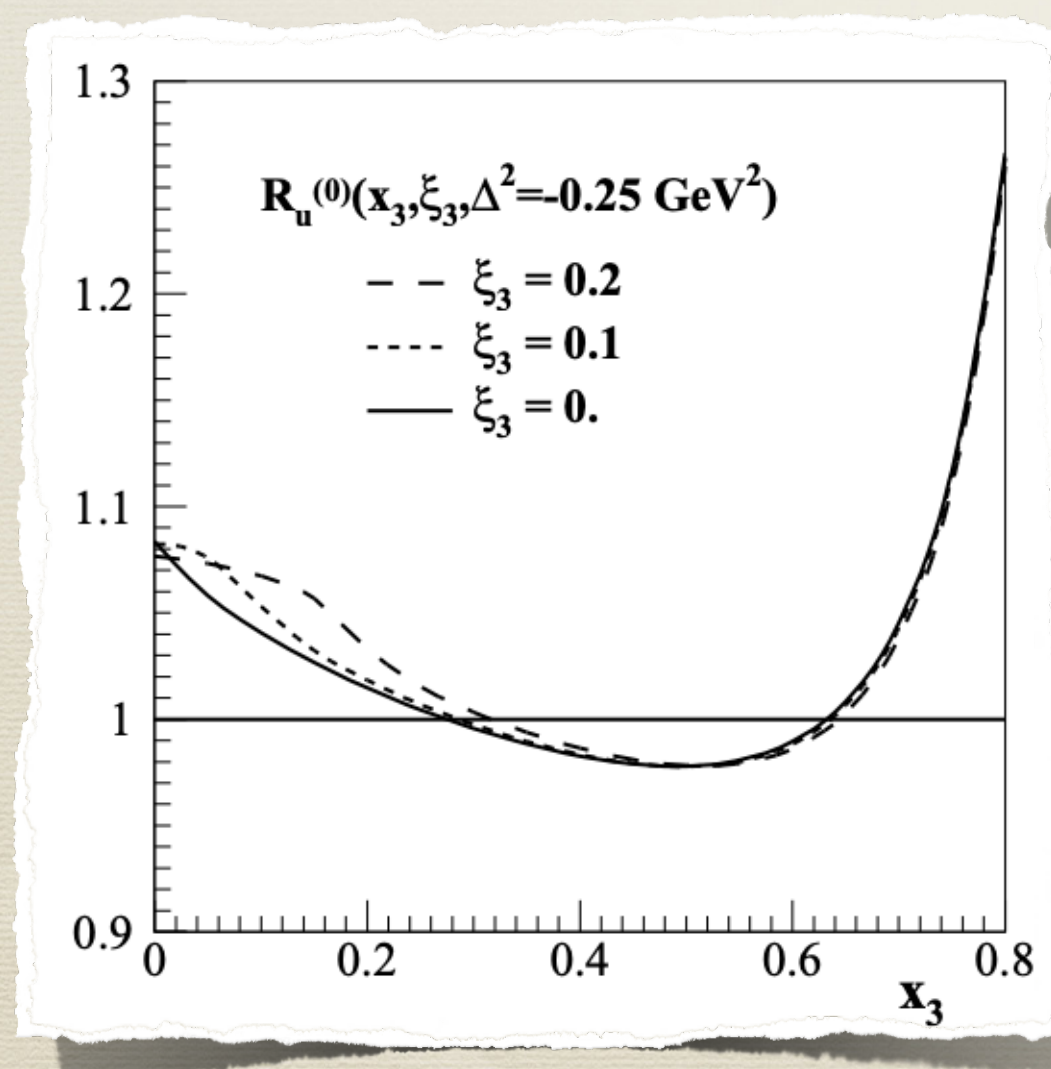
$$R_q^{(0)}(x, \xi, \Delta^2) = \frac{H_q^3(x, \xi, \Delta^2)}{2H_q^{3,p}(x, \xi, \Delta^2) + H_q^{3,n}(x, \xi, \Delta^2)}$$

$$H_q^{3,N}(x, \xi, \Delta^2) = \tilde{H}_q^N(x, \xi) \boxed{F_q^3(\Delta^2)}$$

charge FF



The ratio is equal to 1 if there is no binding!



- Effect grows with ξ and t
- 5 % to 10 % binding effect between $x = 0.4$ and 0.7 - much bigger than in the forward case;

Asymmetries for ^3He

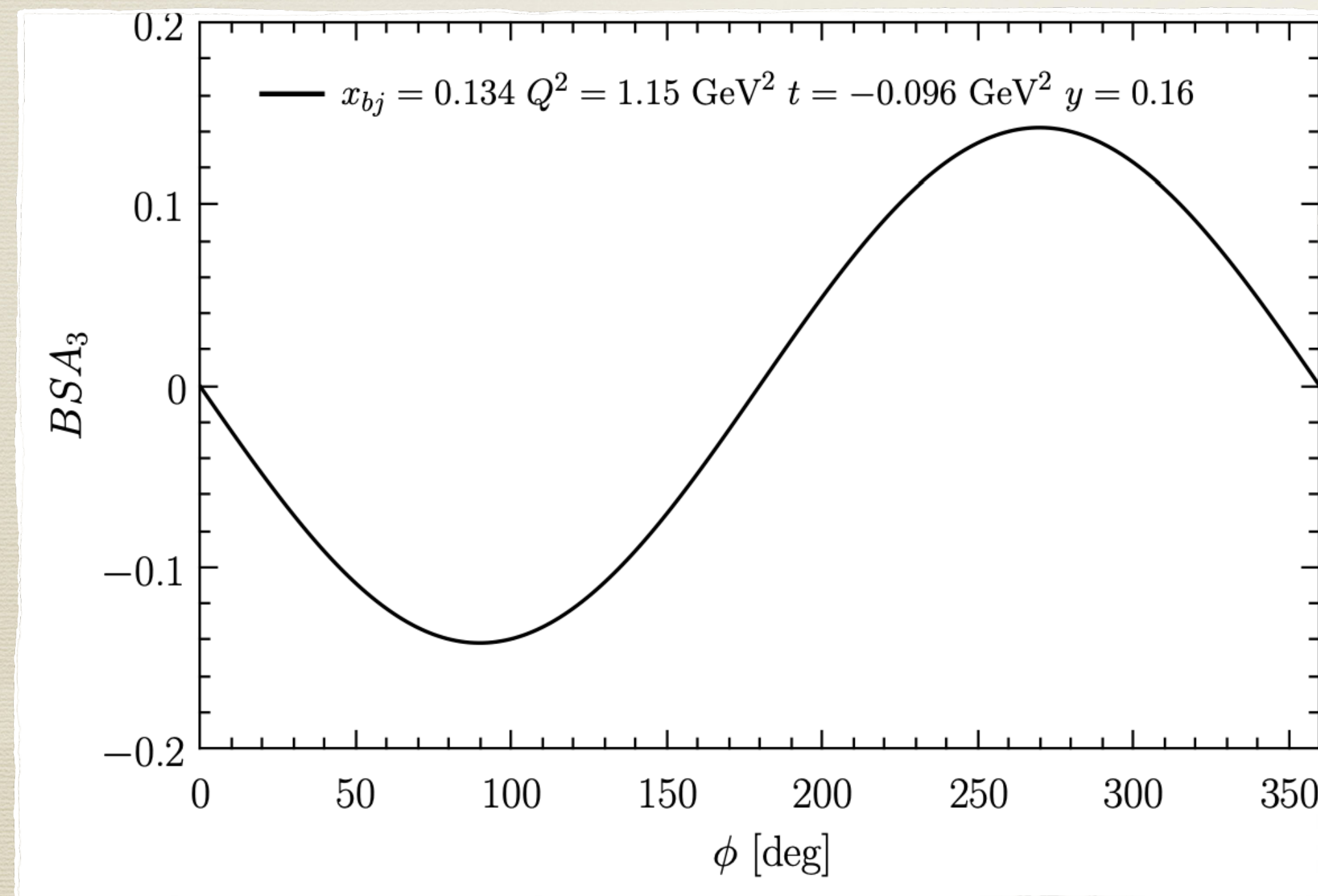
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The BSA:

$$\text{BSA}_3 \sim \pm \frac{x_{Bj}}{y} \frac{s_1^I}{c_0^{BH}} \sin(\phi)$$

Variables:

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- c_0^{BH} depends on EM FFs
- s_1^I depends on Imaginary part of CFFs



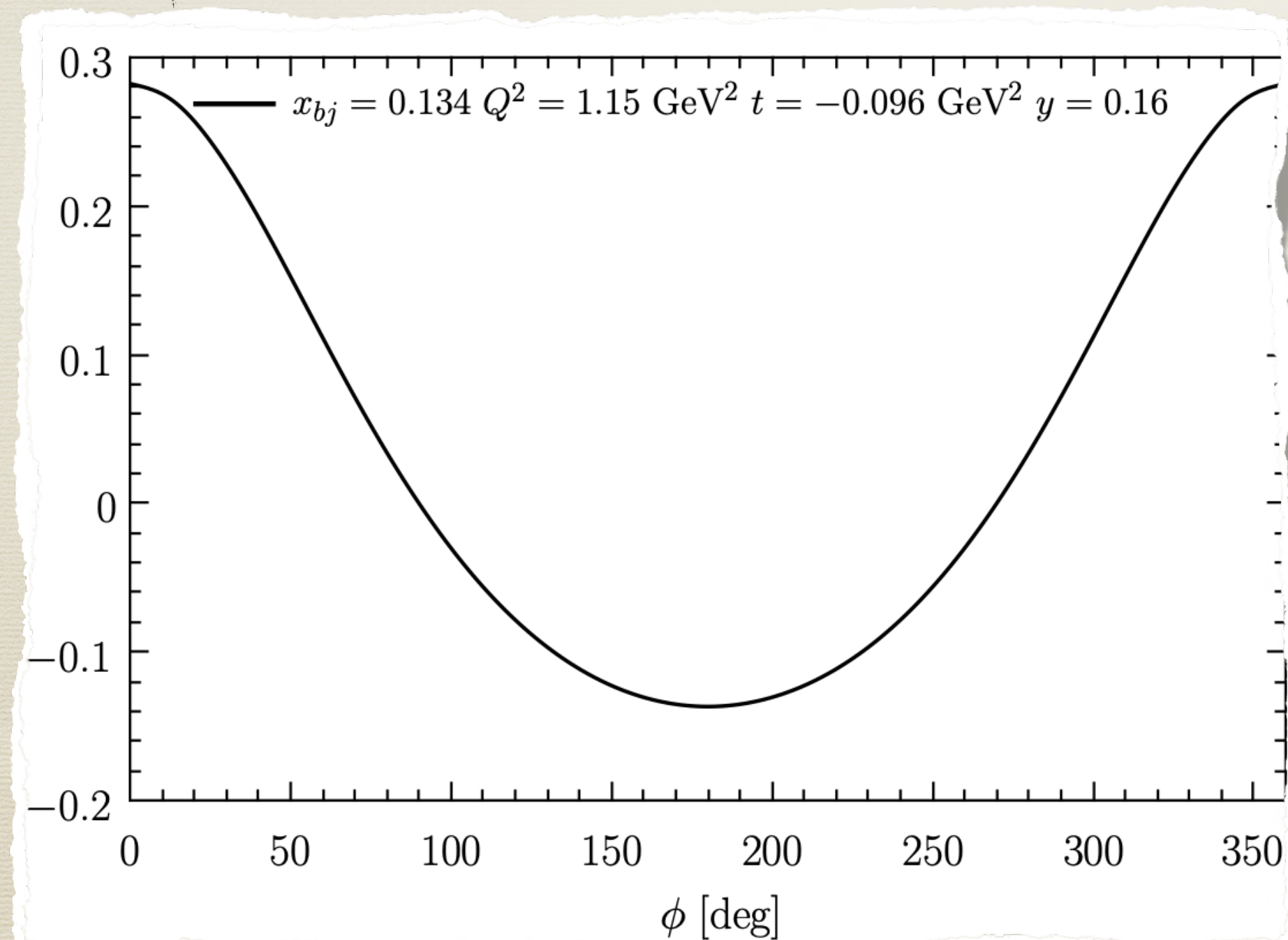
$$\Im \mathcal{H}_A(\xi, t) = \sum_{q=u,d,s} e_q^2 (H_q^A(\xi, \xi, \Delta^2) - H_q^A(-\xi, \xi, \Delta^2))$$

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The BCA:

$$\text{BCA}_3(\phi) = \frac{x_B(1 + \epsilon^2)^2}{y} \frac{c_1^I \cos(\phi)}{c_0^{BH} + c_1^{BH} \cos(\phi)}$$



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- ϕ = the azimuthal angle between the lepton plane and the recoiled nucleus
- c_0^{BH} and c_1^{BH} depend on EM FFs
- $\epsilon = 2x_{Bj}M_3/Q$
- c_1^I depends on Real part of CFFs

Real part of CFFs are essential quantities!

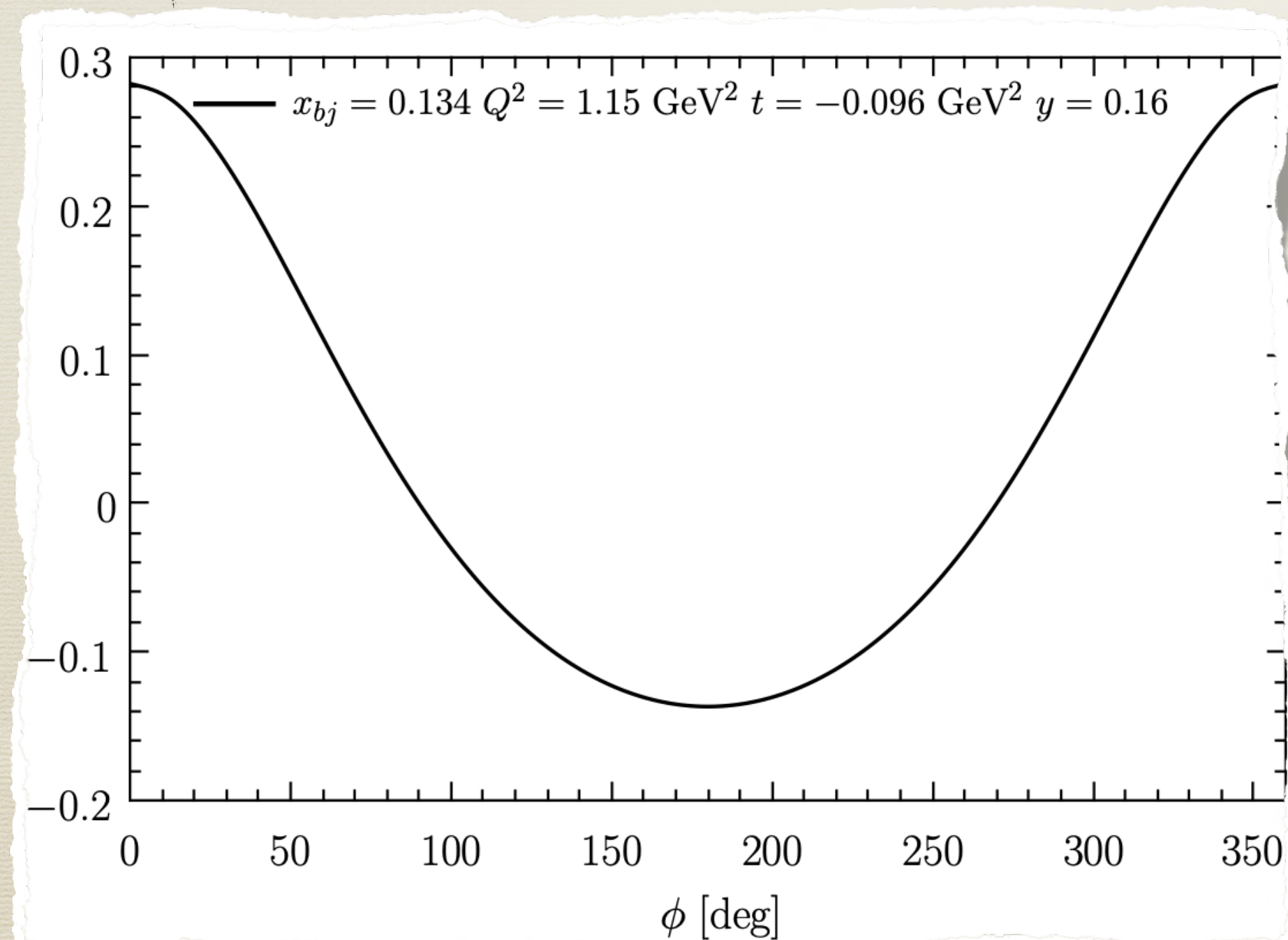
$$\Re \mathcal{F}(\xi, t) \propto \mathcal{P} \int_0^1 dx \Im \mathcal{F}(x, t) \left[\frac{1}{x + \xi} + \frac{1}{x - \xi} \right] - \delta_t$$

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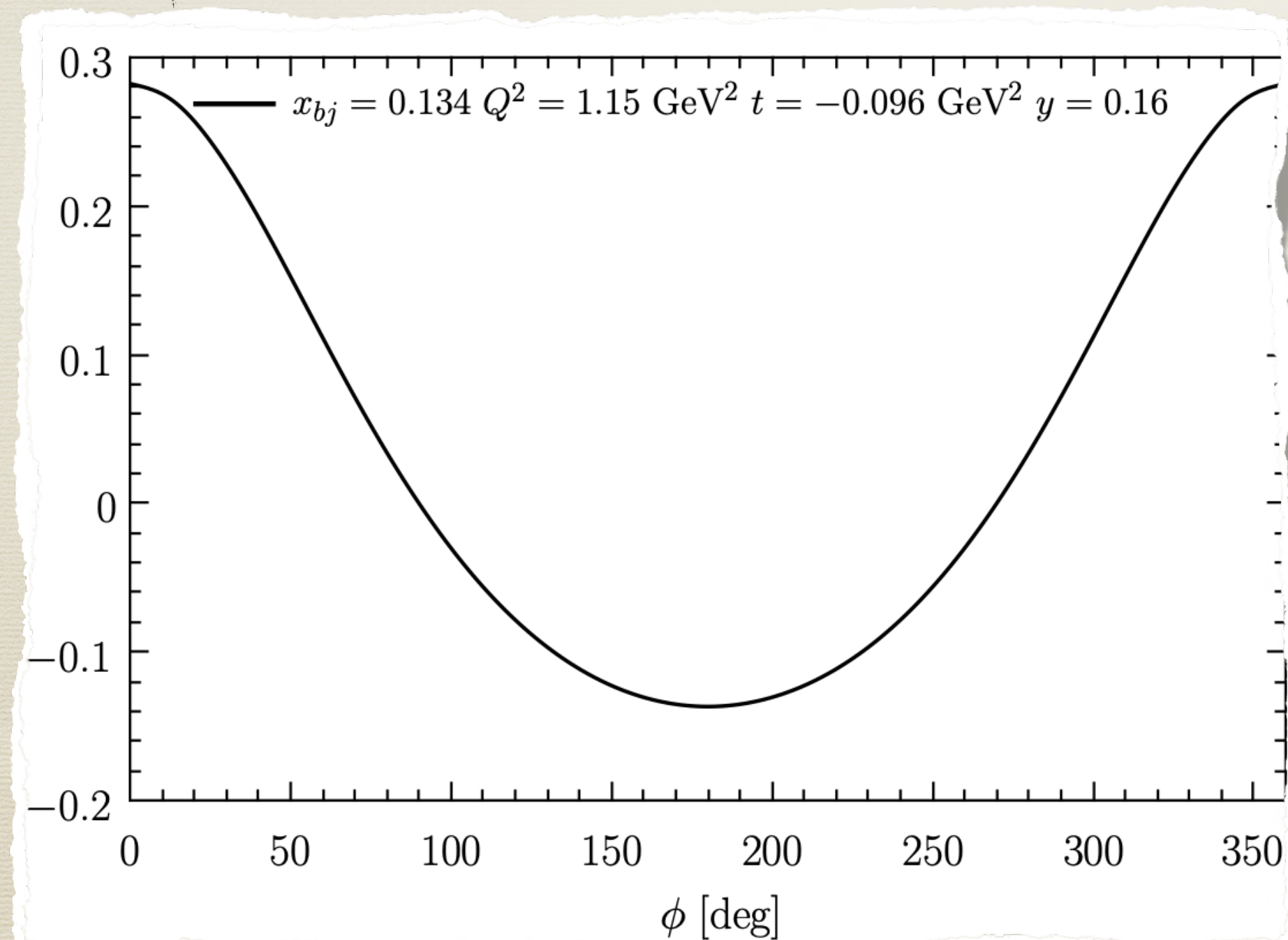
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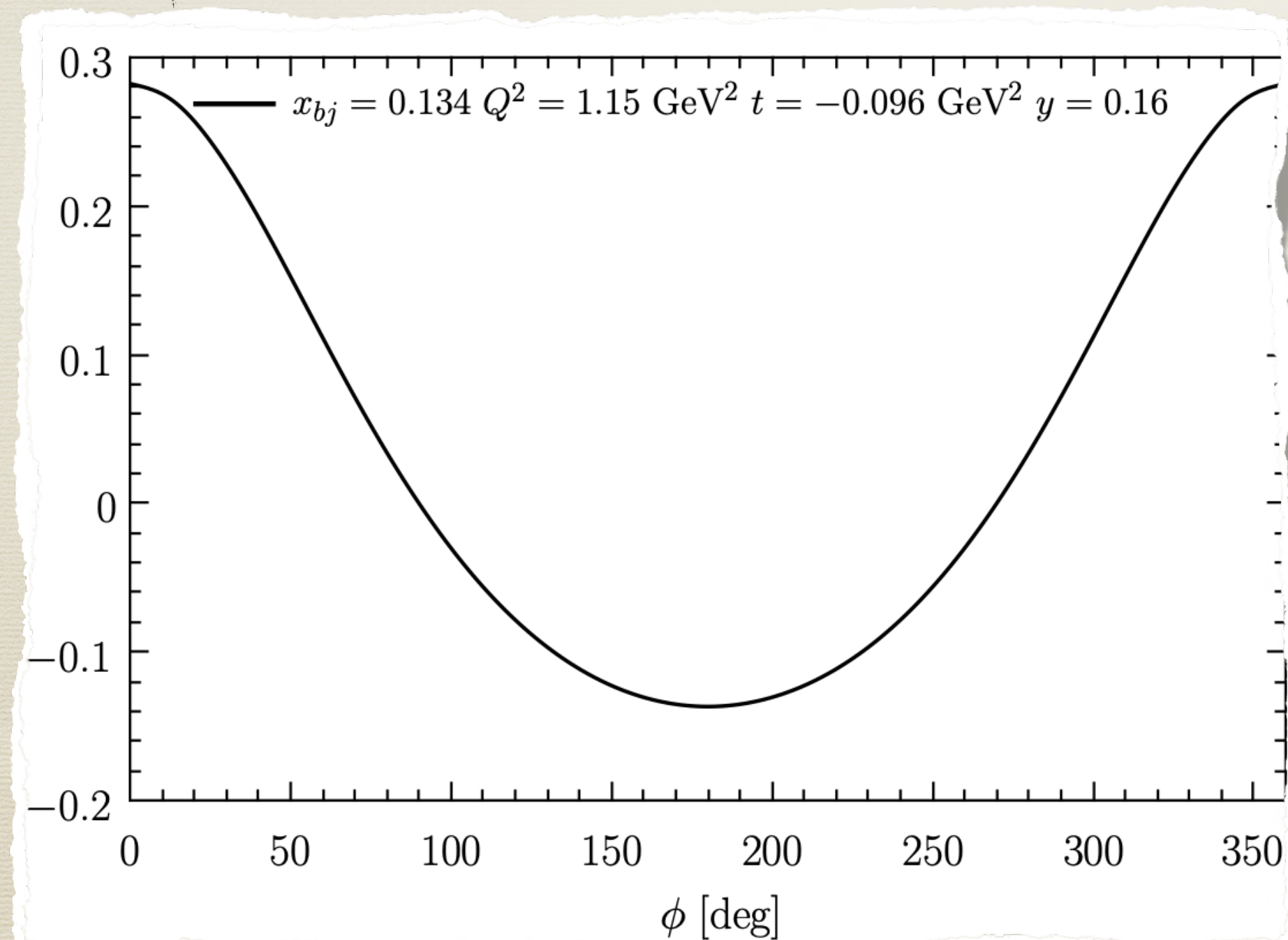
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BCA can be extracted from positron initiated deeply virtual Compton scattering

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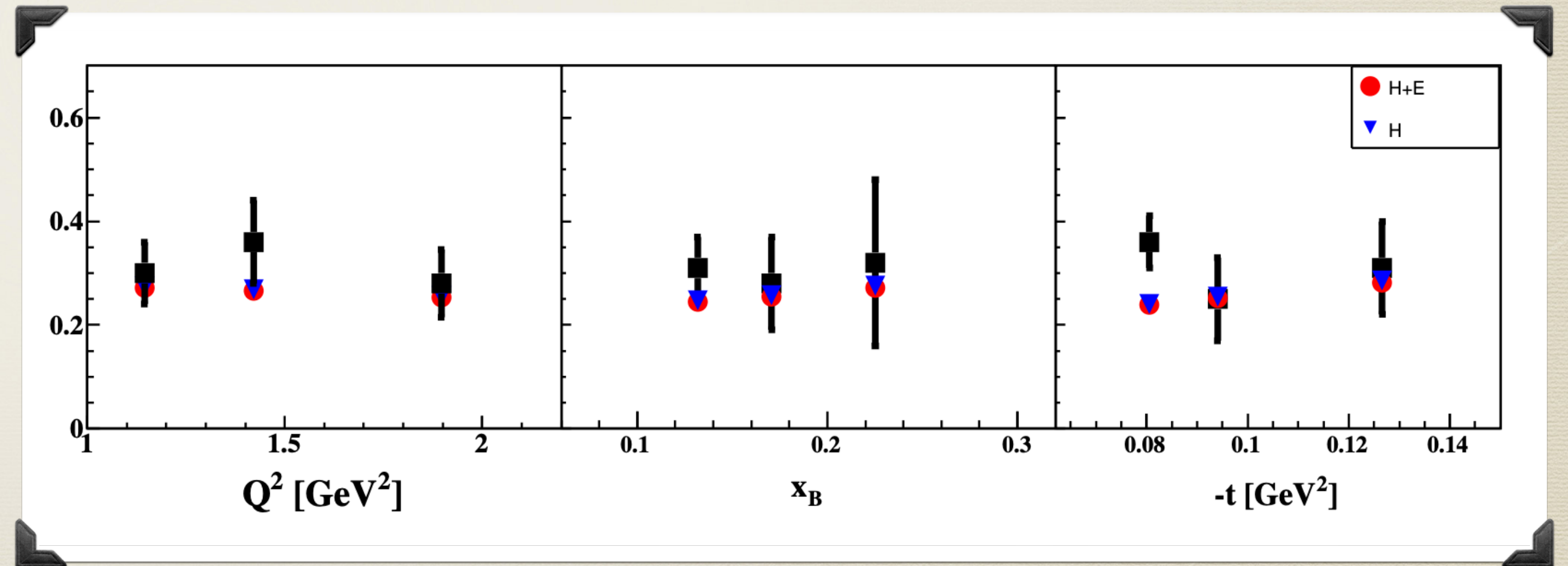
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■ JLab data: Hattawy et al, PRL 119 (2017), 202004

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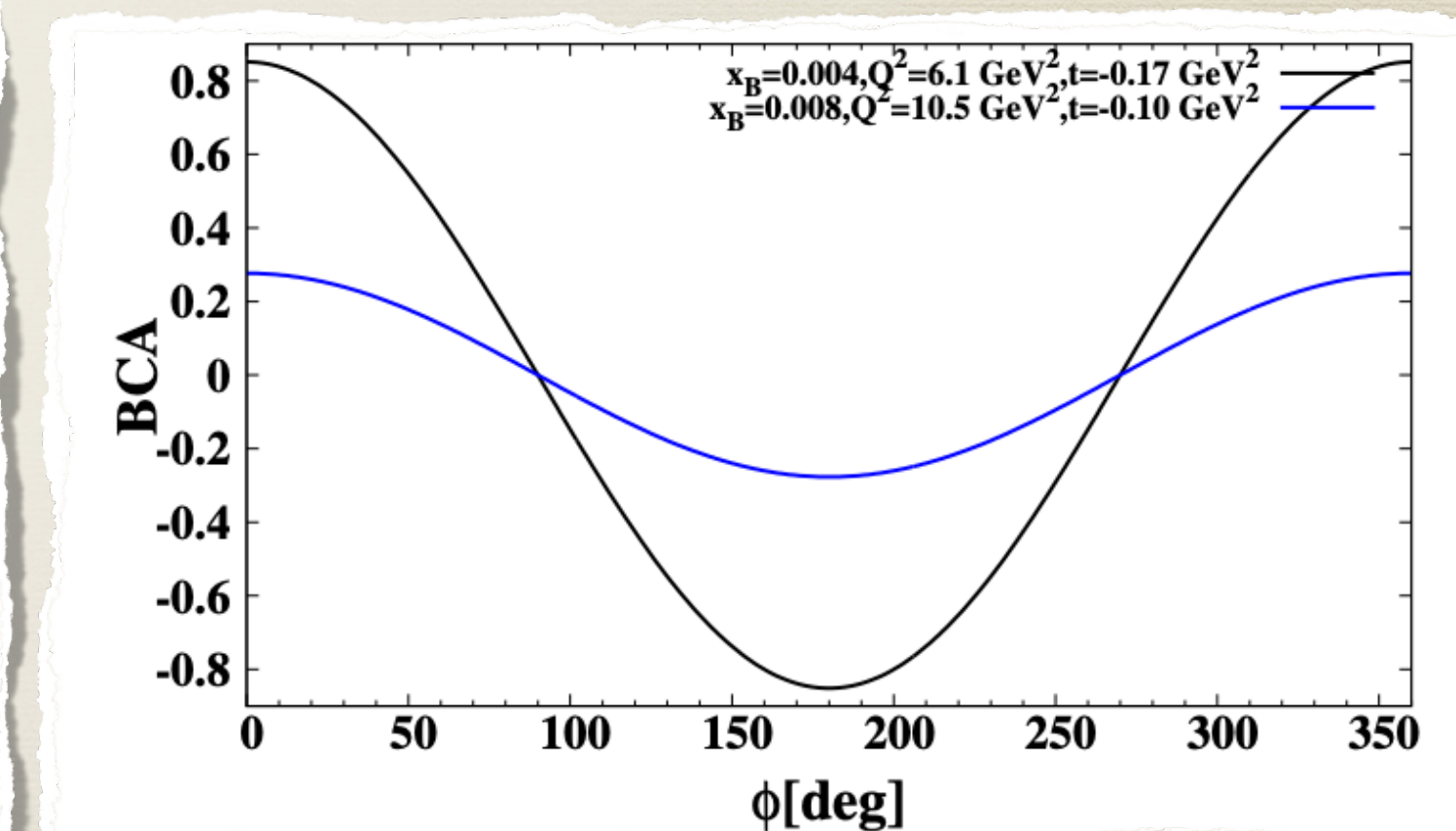
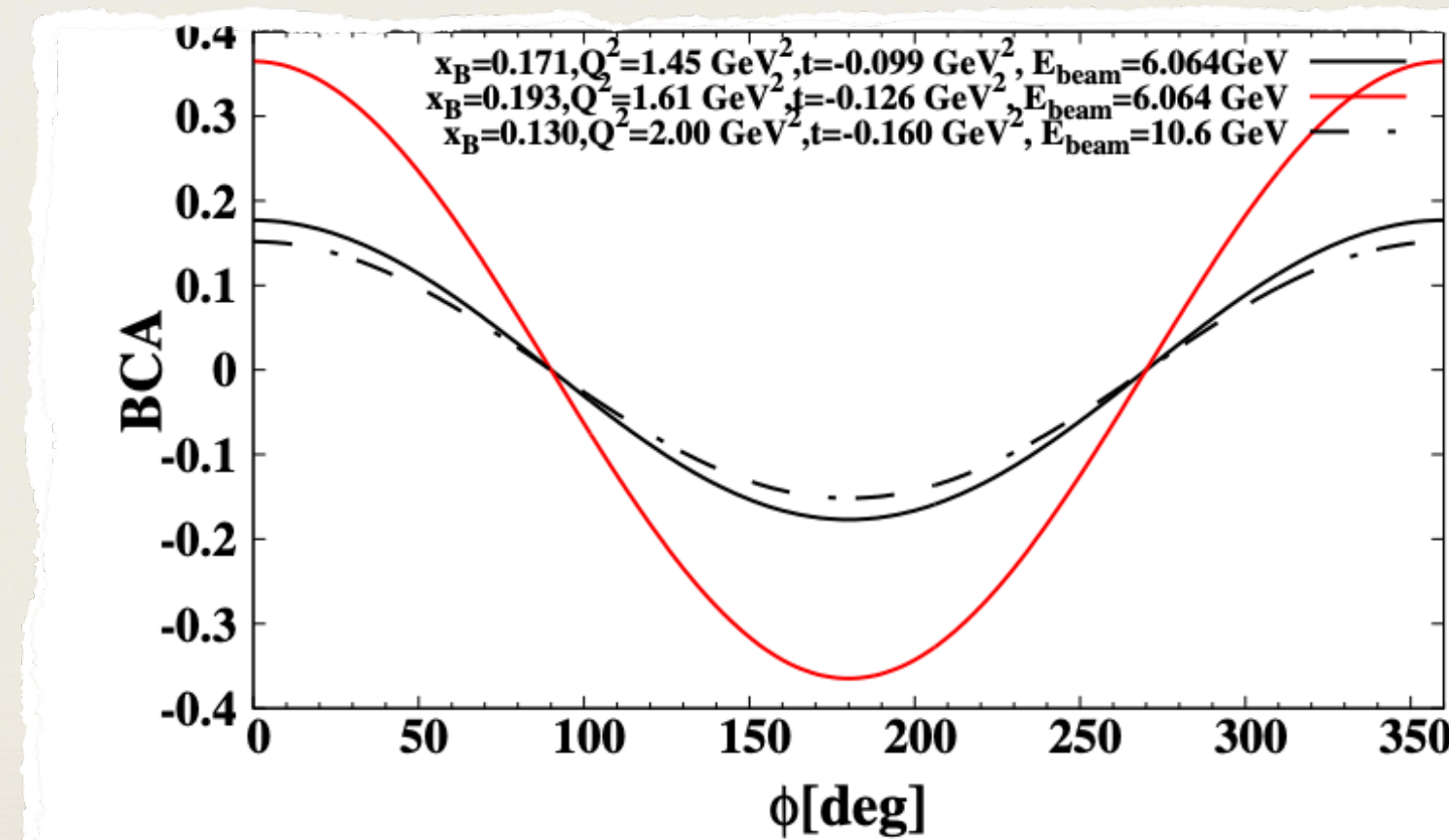
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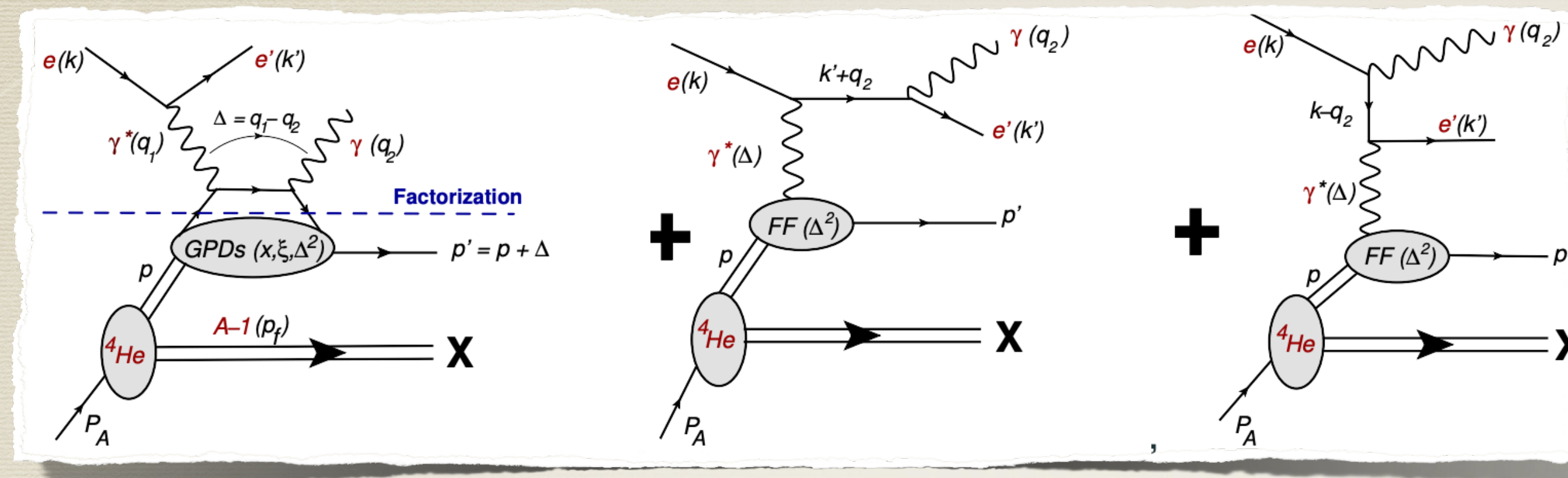
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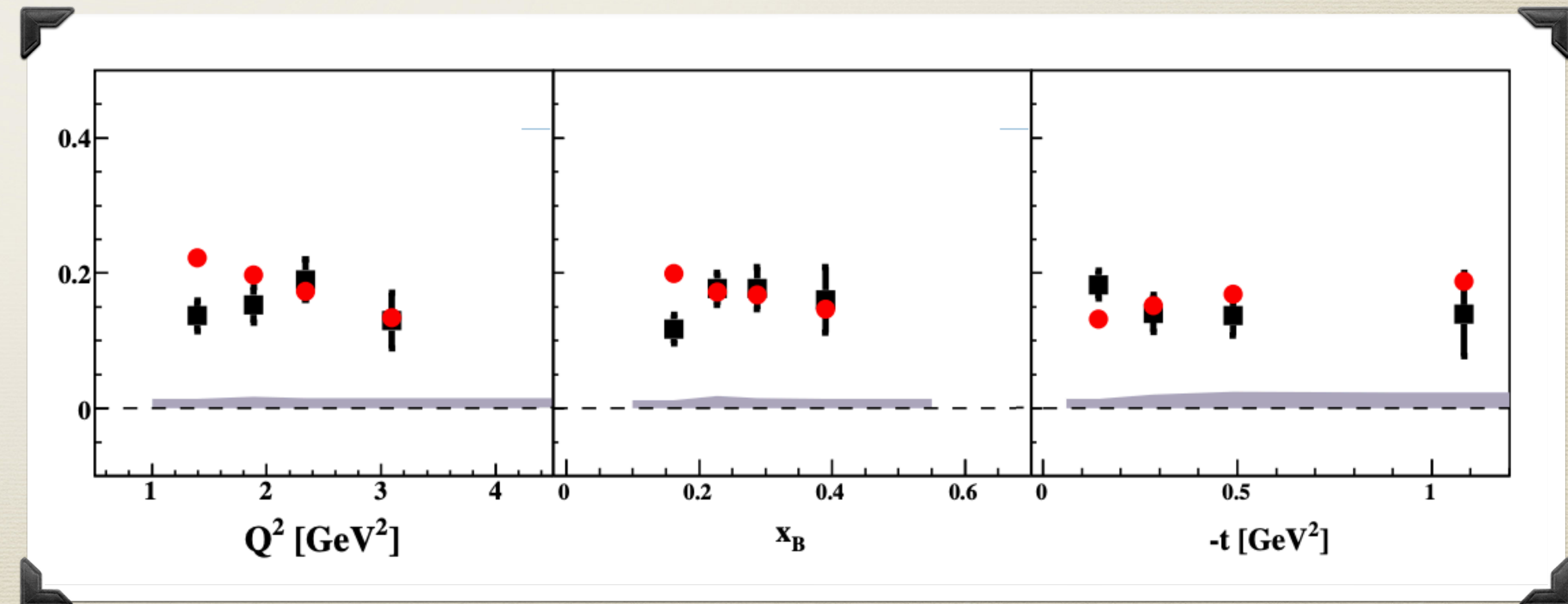
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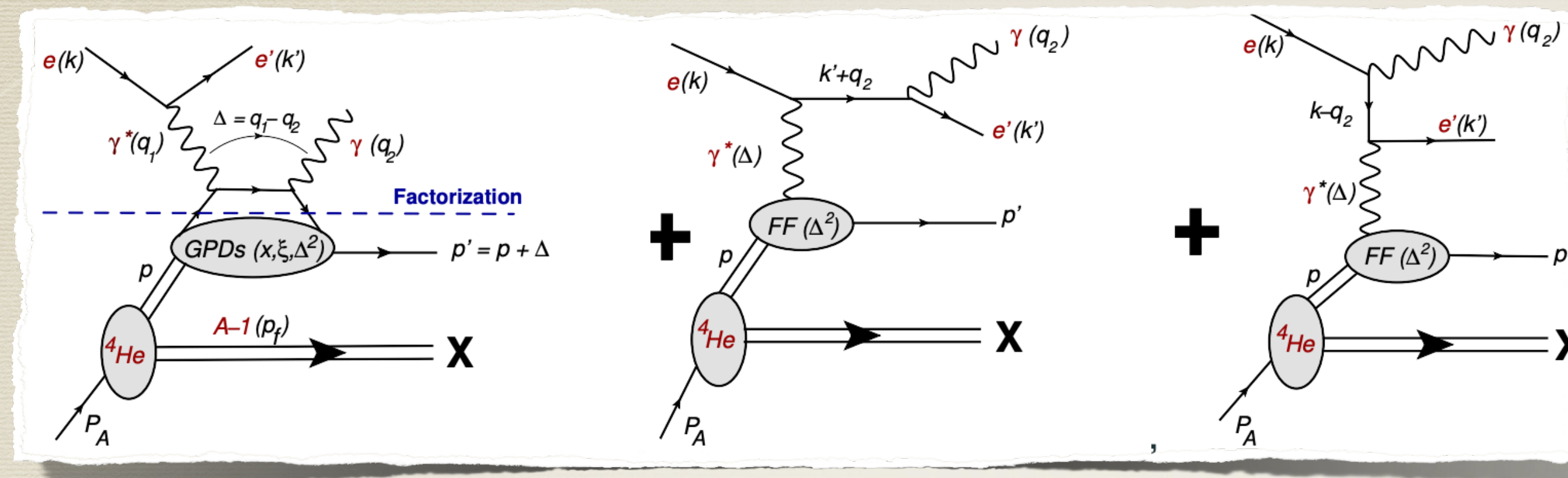
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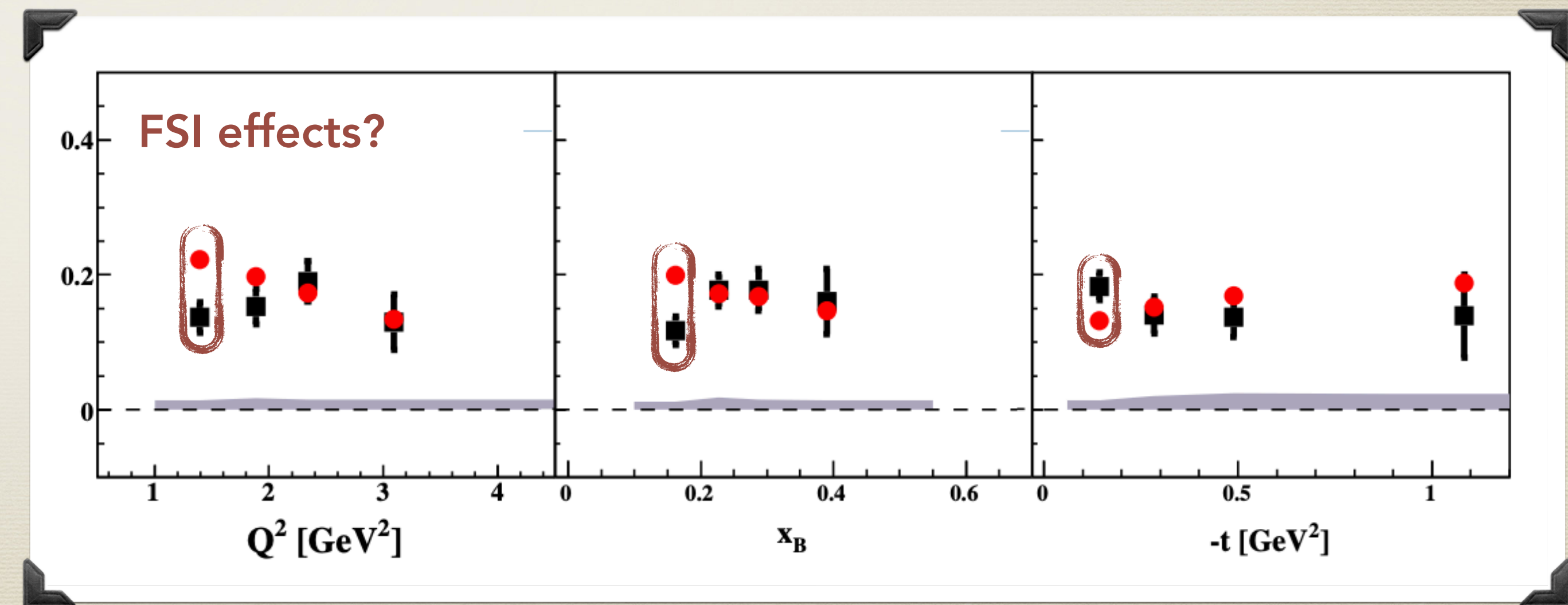
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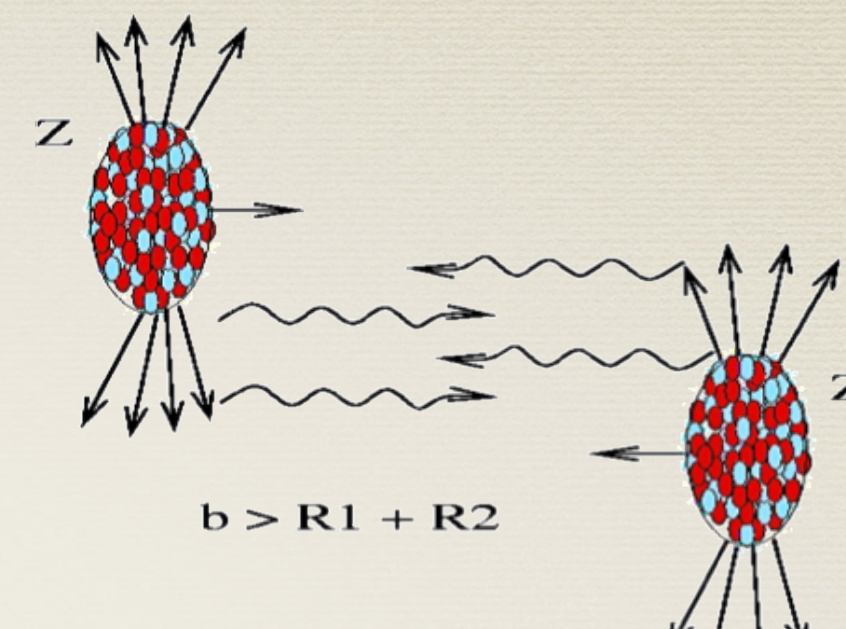
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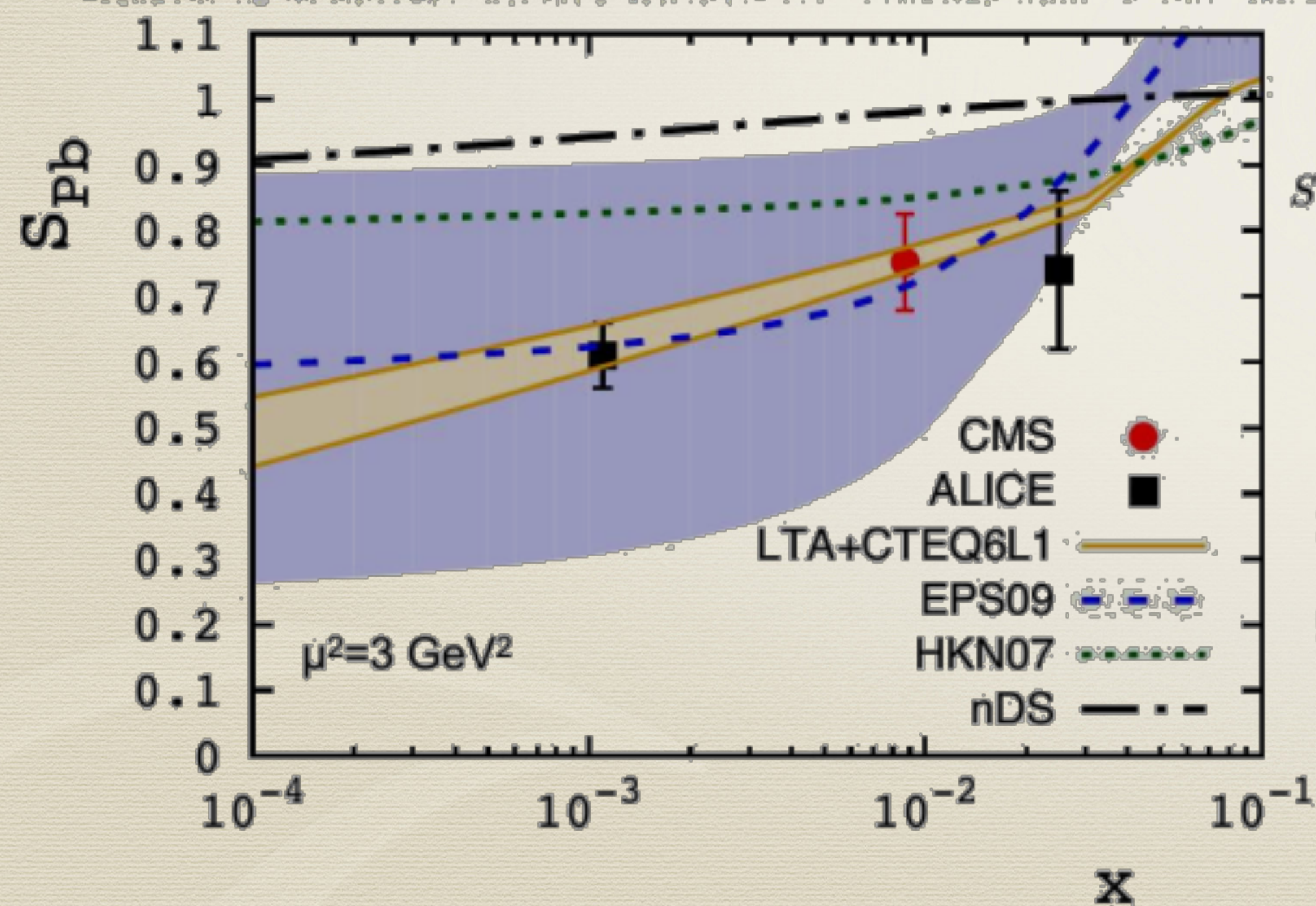
J/ψ electroproduction on light-nuclei

Gluon shadowing in UPC collisions @ LHC

Large (up to 40%) Leading twist (LT) shadowing in:
 $\gamma + \text{Pb/Au} \rightarrow \rho(J/\psi) + \text{Pb/Au}$ Explained/predicted
(Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman Phys. Rep. 512 (2012) 255)



Abbas et al. [ALICE], EPJ C 73 (2013) 2617; CMS Collab., PLB 772 (2017) 489 → suppression factor S_{Pb}



$$S(W_{\gamma p}) = \left[\frac{\sigma_{\gamma \text{Pb} \rightarrow J/\psi \text{Pb}}}{\sigma_{\gamma \text{Pb} \rightarrow J/\psi \text{Pb}}^{\text{IA}}} \right]^{1/2} = \kappa_{A/N} \frac{G_A(x, \mu^2)}{AG_N(x, \mu^2)}$$

LTA: Guzey, Zhalov JHEP 1310 (2013) 207
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 nDS: de Florian, Sassot, PRD 69 (2004) 074028

Introduction. Studies of nuclear shadowing have a long history [1–5]. In quantum mechanics and in the eikonal limit, it is manifested in the total hadron-nucleus cross section being smaller than the sum of individual hadron-nucleon cross sections. In essence, this is due to simultaneous interactions of the projectile with $k \geq 2$ nucleons of the nuclear target, leading to a reduction (shadowing) of the total cross section. In this frame-

J/ψ electroproduction on light-nuclei

- Problem:
@ EIC/LHC it is challenging to measure coherent scattering at $t \neq 0$ for $A \approx 200$; Large coherence length: information on interactions with many nucleons, in average
- Solution:
use the lightest nuclei, especially ^3He and ^4He , to study coherent effects for interactions with exactly 2 nucleons in the range of $0 < -t < 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.

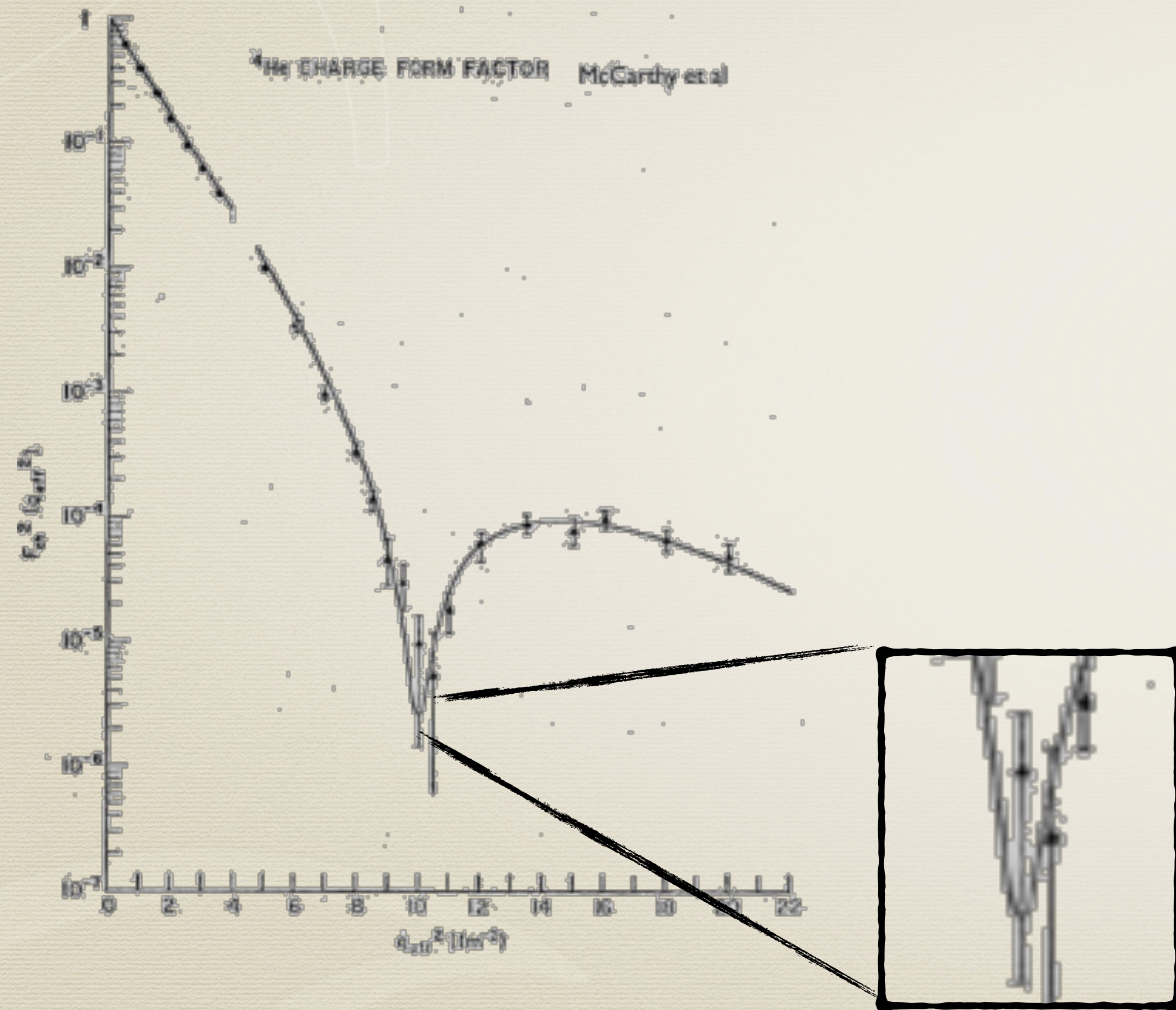
Complementary measurements with light ion beams @ the EIC:

- Scattering off 2 and 3 nucleons can be separately probed
- no excited states -> easy to select coherent events

Here:

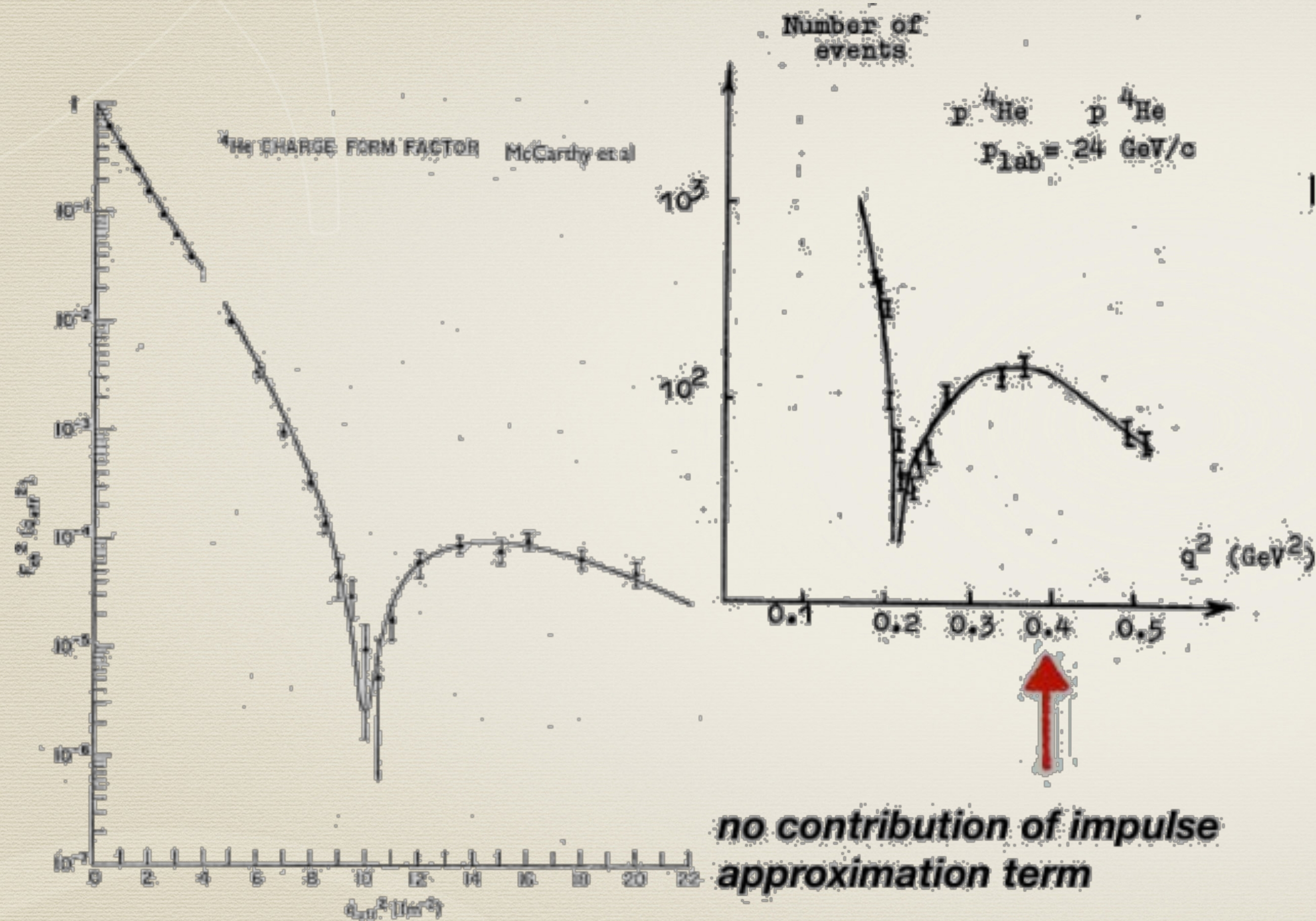
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multinucleon interactions, gluon shadowing for hard processes

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$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma^* A \rightarrow V A}}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma^* N \rightarrow V N}}{dt}(t=0) \left| F_1(t) e^{(B_0/2)t} + \sum_{k=2}^4 F_k(t) \right|^2$$

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$$F_1(q) = 4\Phi_1(q) \quad f(q_l) = \text{scattering amplitude for } J/\Psi N \rightarrow J/\Psi N$$

$$A_{k>1} = \frac{\langle \sigma^k \rangle}{\langle \sigma \rangle} \frac{(1 - i\eta)^k}{1 - i\eta_0}; \text{ the same used in UPC studies!}$$

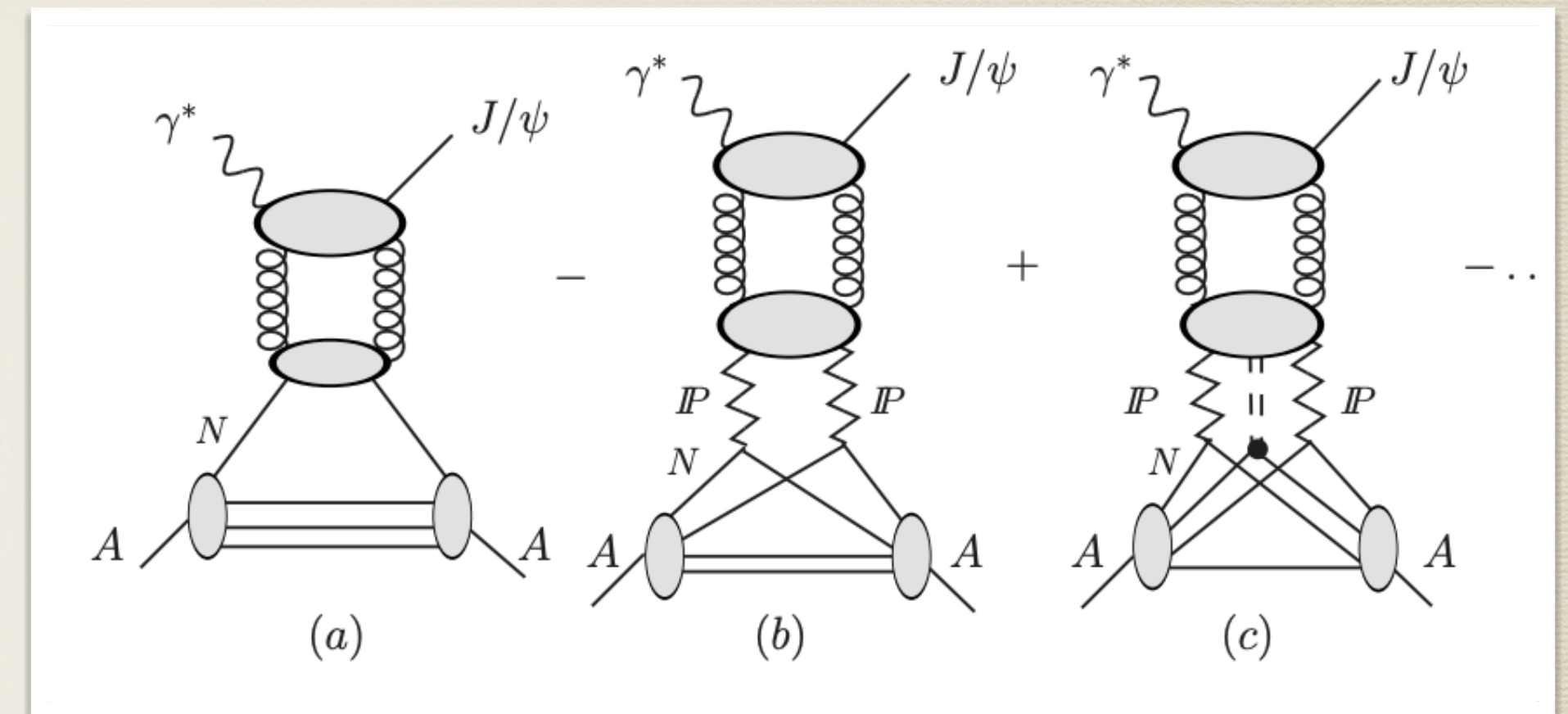
Parameters:

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- η (η_0) = $\text{Re}(f)/\text{Im}(f)$ for $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p$ ($J/\psi p \rightarrow J/\psi p$)
- moments $\langle \sigma^i \rangle$ chosen for the specific final state and the specific kinematics
(Guzey et al. PRC 93 (2016) 055206).

The model has been tested in J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs at the LHC (V. Guzey and M. Zhalov, JHEP 10, 207 (2013))

- Φ_k “k-body form factor”, is the nuclear input

LT parton shadowing for J/ψ coherent production off He (gluon GPDs in He)
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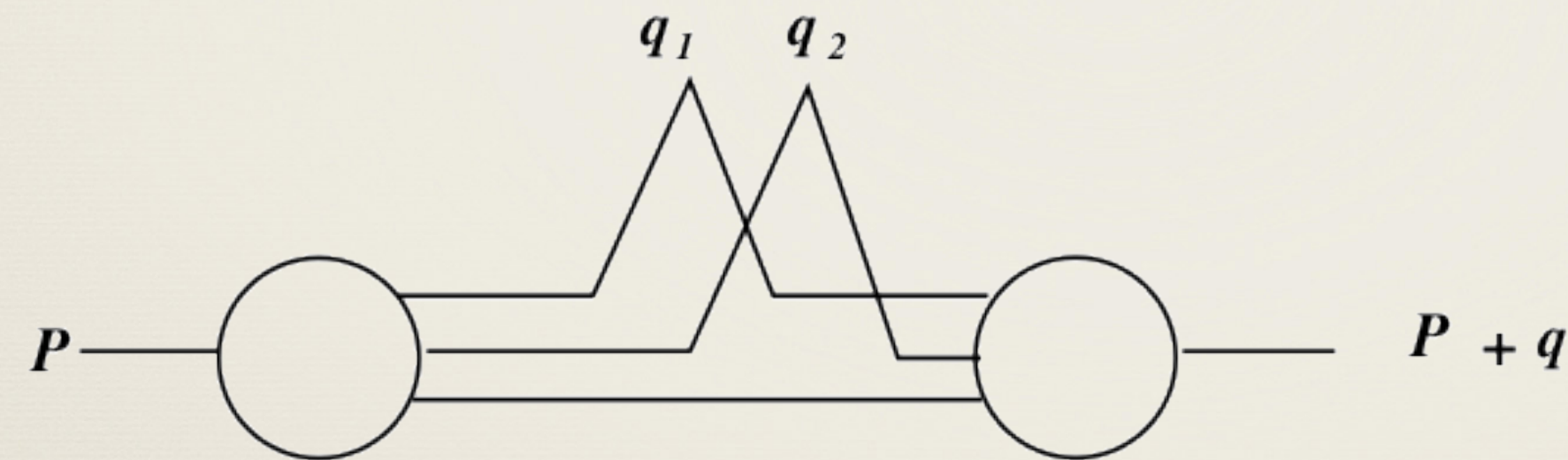


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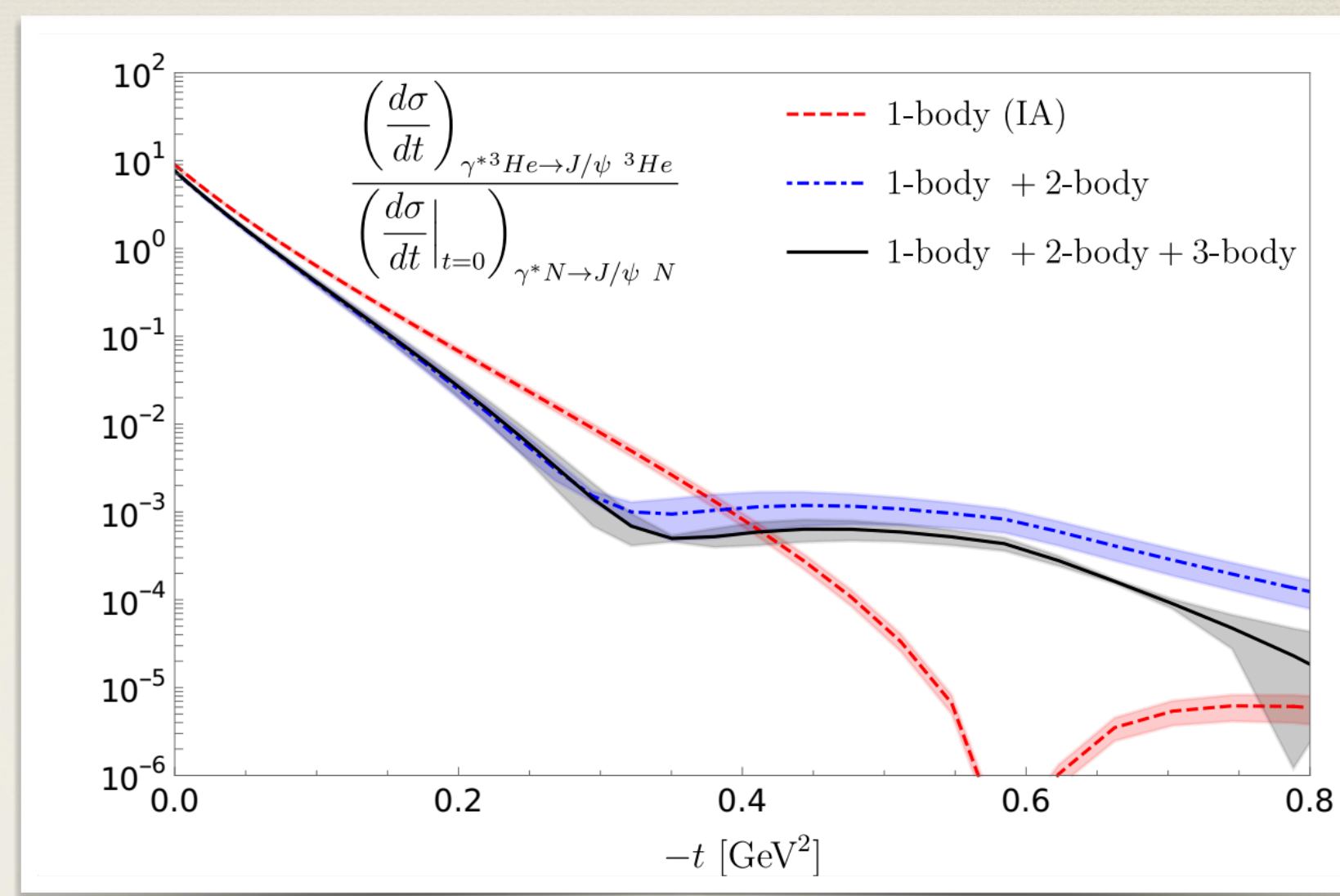
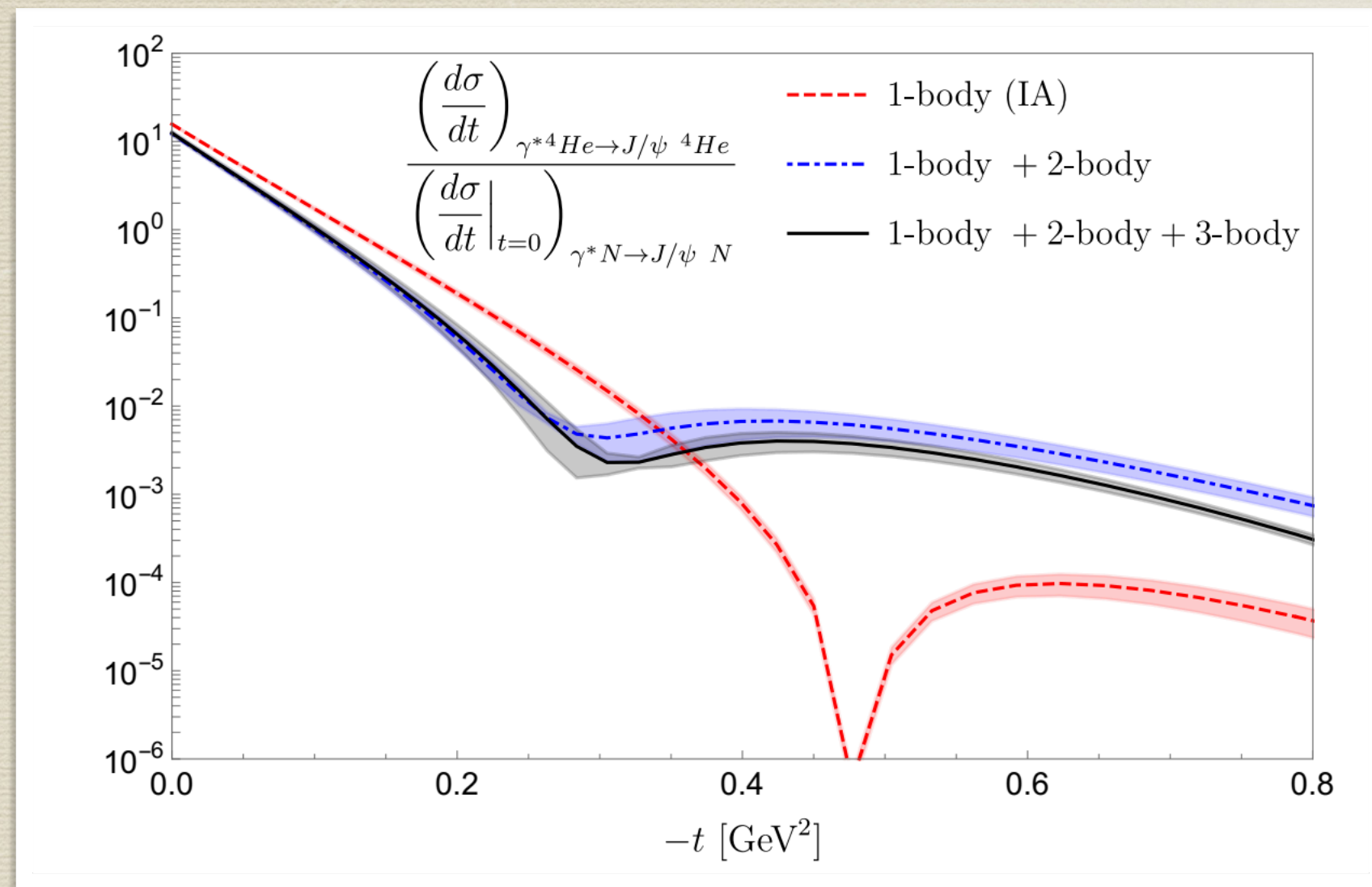
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a) Av18 for ^3He b) the N4LO chiral potential (D. R. Entem, R. Machleidt, Y. Nosyk, Phys. Rev. C 96, 024004 (2017)) for ^4He

✚ Example of Φ_2 :



✚ we remark that $\Phi_2(k_\perp, -k_\perp)$ is the same quantity appearing in the double parton scattering

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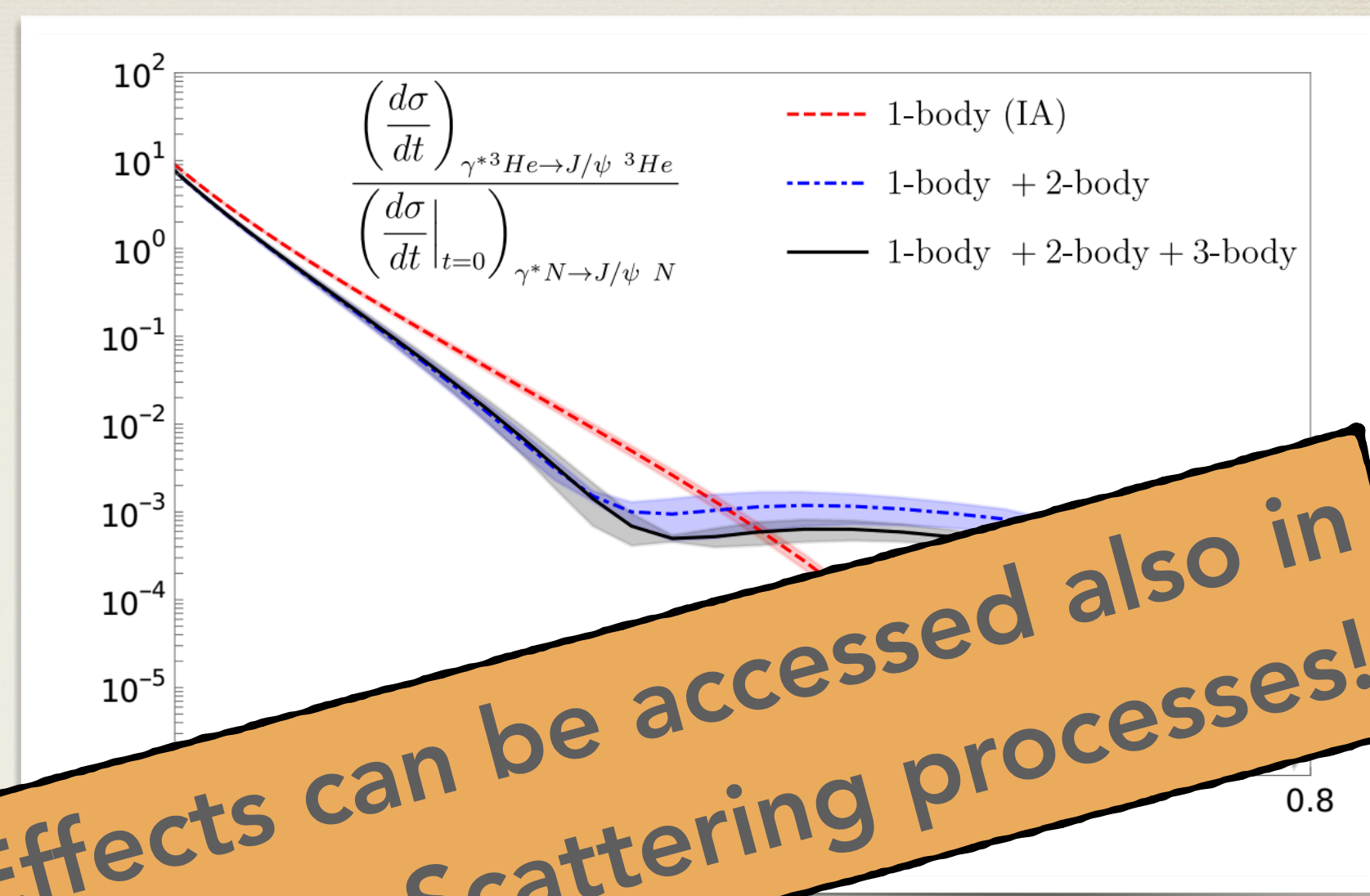
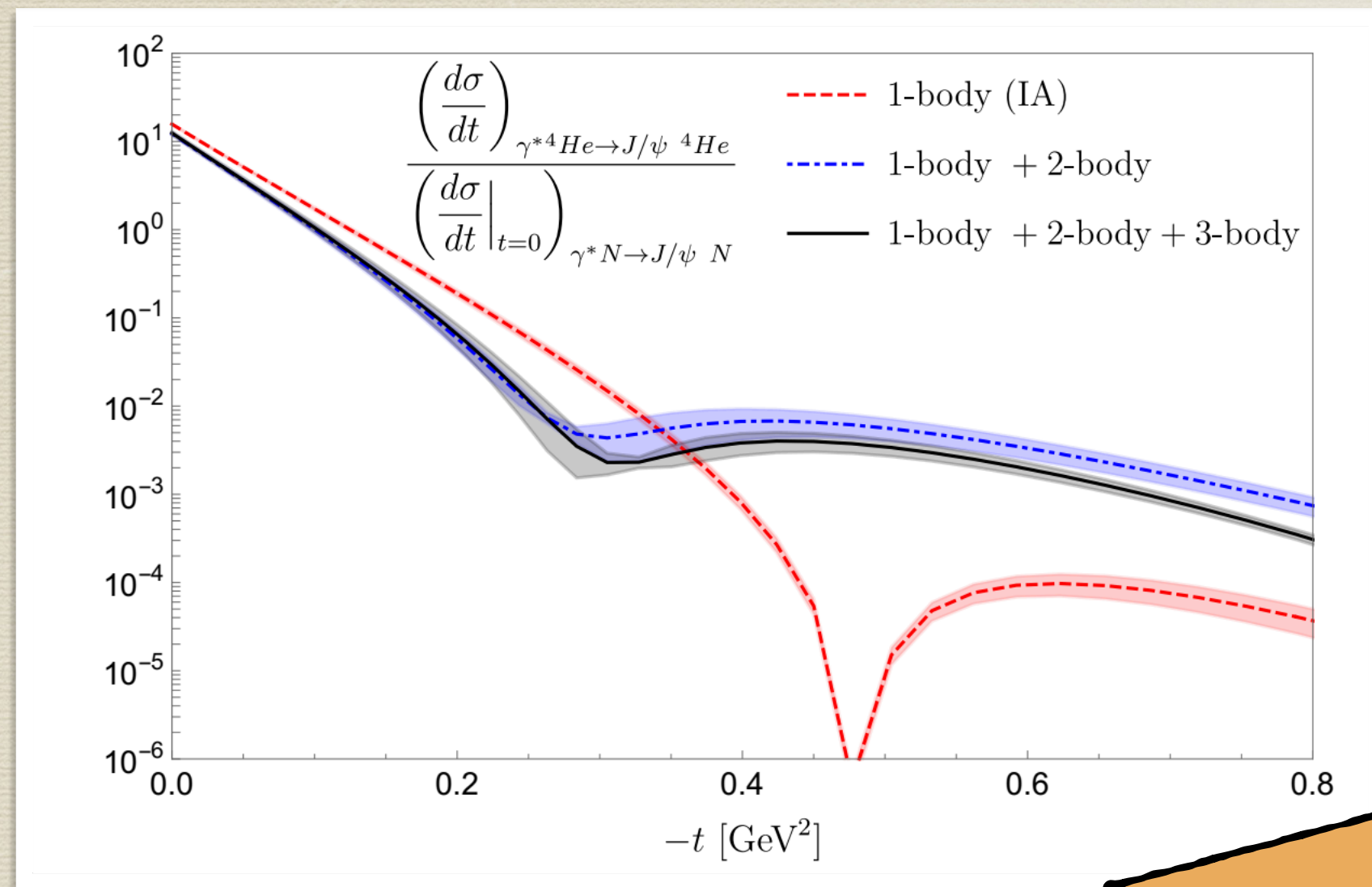
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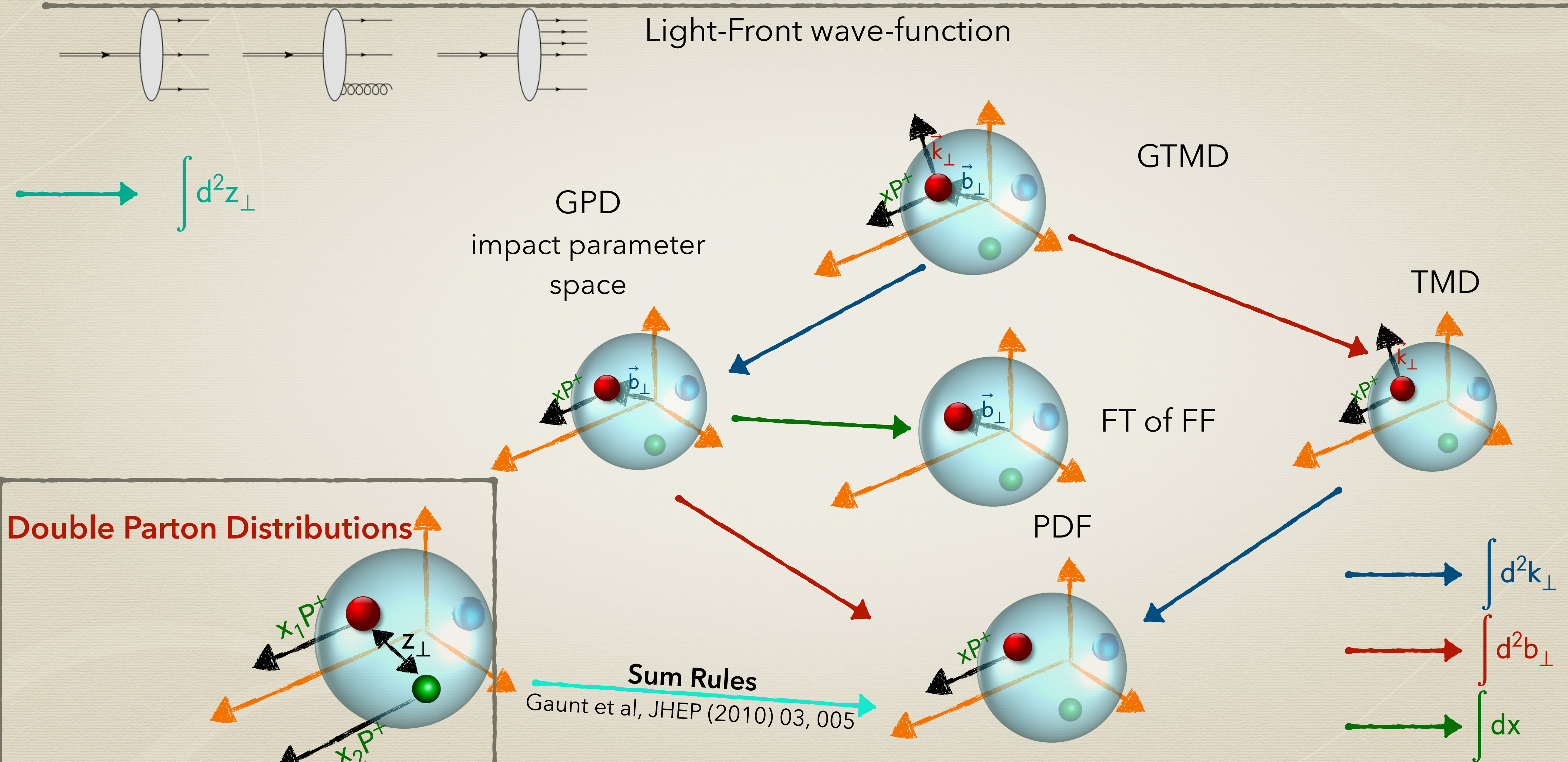
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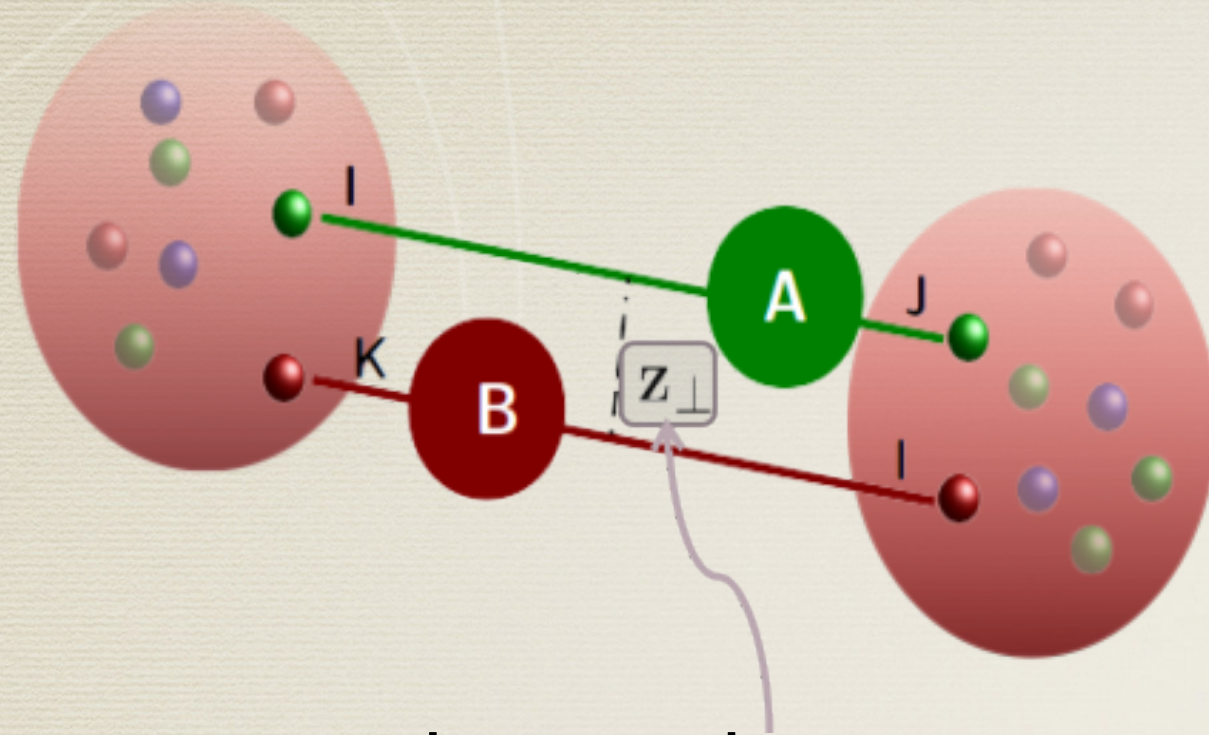
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Multidimensional picture of hadrons



Double Parton Scattering

Multiparton interaction (MPI) can contribute to the, pp, pA and AA cross section @ the LHC:



Transverse distance between two partons

$$d\sigma \propto \int d^2z_{\perp} \underbrace{F_{ij}(x_1, x_2, z_{\perp}, \mu_A, \mu_B) F_{kl}(x_3, x_4, z_{\perp}, \mu_A, \mu_B)}$$

Double Parton Distribution (DPD)

N. Paver and D. Treleani, *Nuovo Cimento* **70A**, 215 (1982)

Mekhfi, *PRD* **32** (1985) 2371

M. Diehl et al, *JHEP* **03** (2012) 089

$$\begin{aligned} F_{ij}^{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}(x_1, x_2, \vec{k}_{\perp}) &= (-8\pi P^+) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \int d\vec{z}_{\perp} e^{i\vec{z}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{k}_{\perp}} \\ &\times \int \left[\prod_l^3 \frac{dz_l^-}{4\pi} \right] e^{ix_1 P^+ z_1^- / 2} e^{ix_2 P^+ z_2^- / 2} e^{-ix_1 P^+ z_3^- / 2} \\ &\times \langle \lambda, \vec{P} = \vec{0} | \hat{O}_i^1 \left(z_1^- \frac{\bar{n}}{2}, z_3^- \frac{\bar{n}}{2} + \vec{z}_{\perp} \right) \hat{O}_j^2 \left(z_2^- \frac{\bar{n}}{2} + \vec{z}_{\perp}, 0 \right) | \vec{P} = \vec{0}, \lambda \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{O}_i^k(z, z') = \bar{q}_i(z) \hat{O}(\lambda_k) q_i(z')$$

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Results for W, Jet productions...

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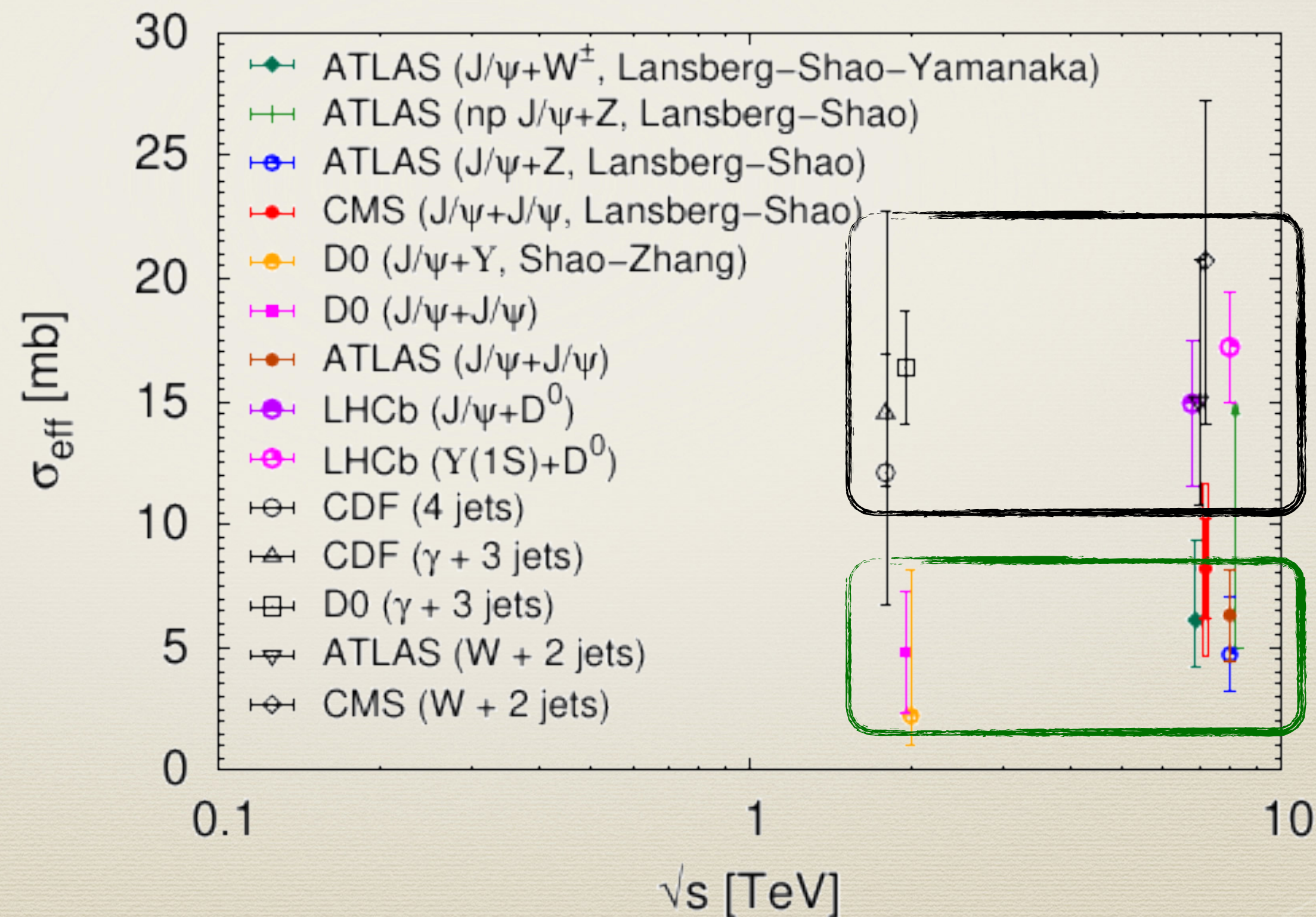
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predicted by all models!

M.R. et al PLB 752,40 (2016)

M. Traini, M. R. et al, PLB 768, 270 (2017)

M. R. et al, Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.11, 114030



First observation of same sign WW via DPS:

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 12.2^{+2.9}_{-2.2} \text{ mb}$$

[CMS coll.], PRL 131 (2023) 091803

$$\sigma^{\text{DPS}} \sim 6.28 \text{ fb}$$

New analysis of same sign WW via DPS:

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[ATLAS coll], arXiv:2505.08313

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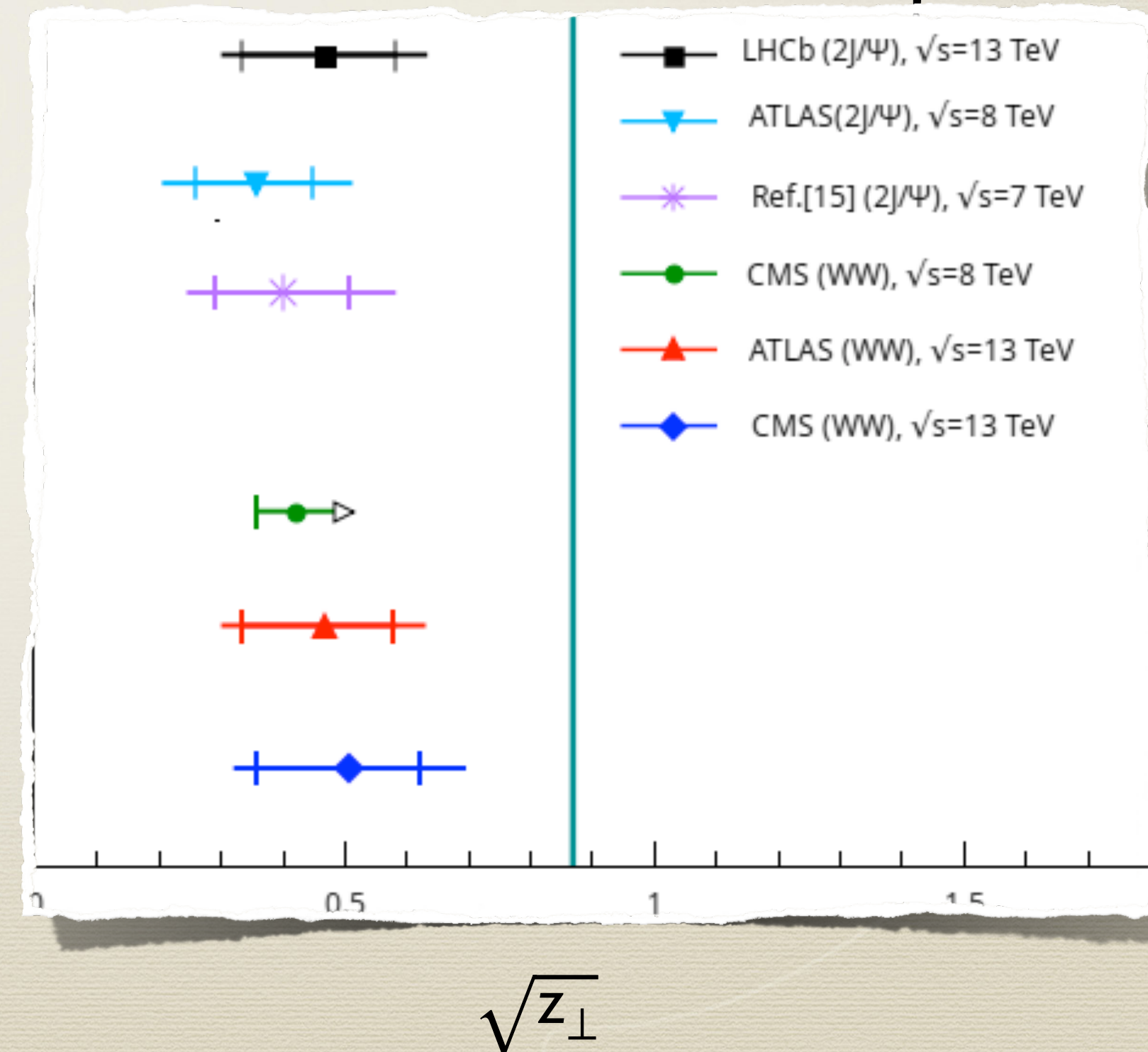
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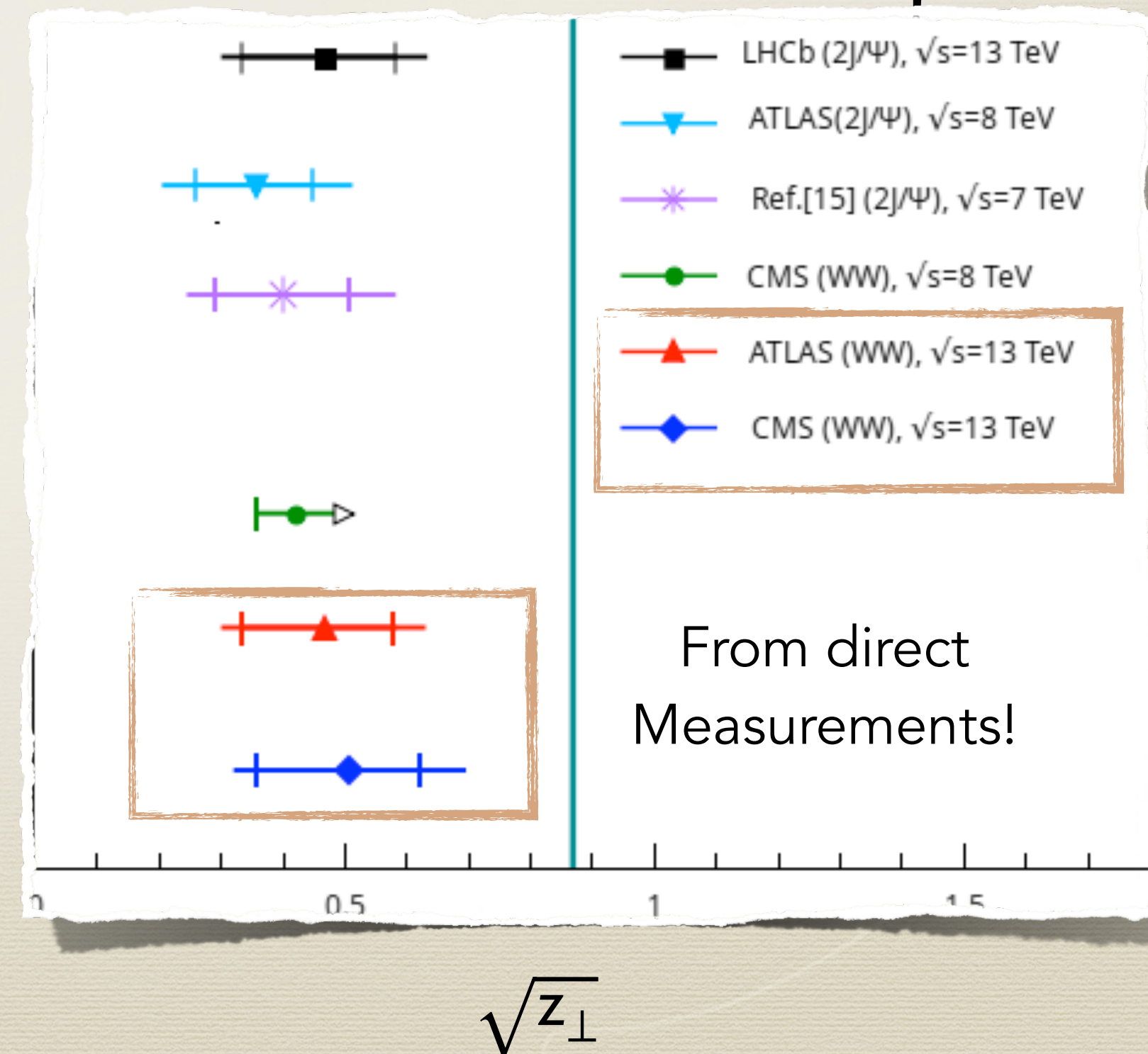
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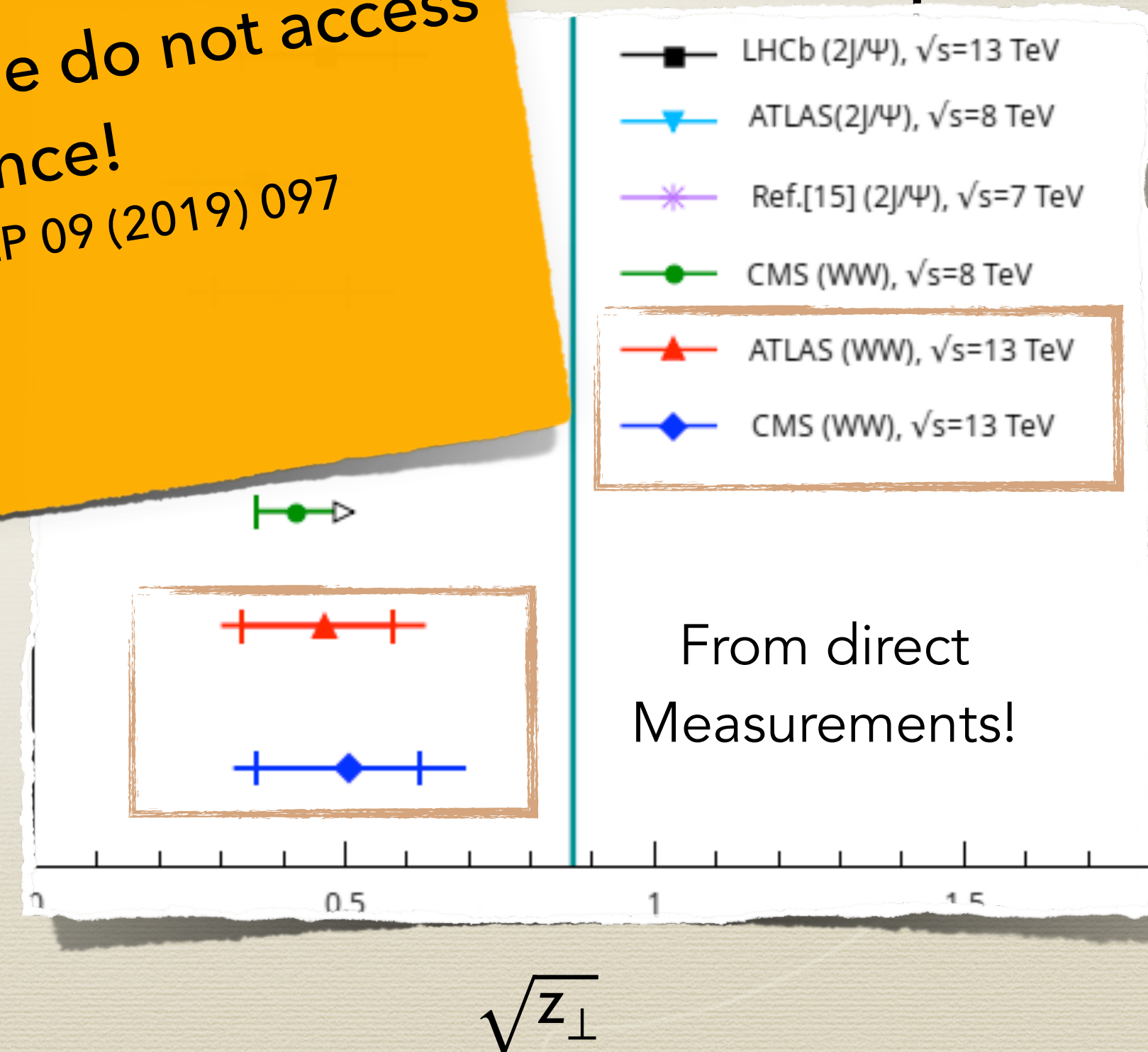
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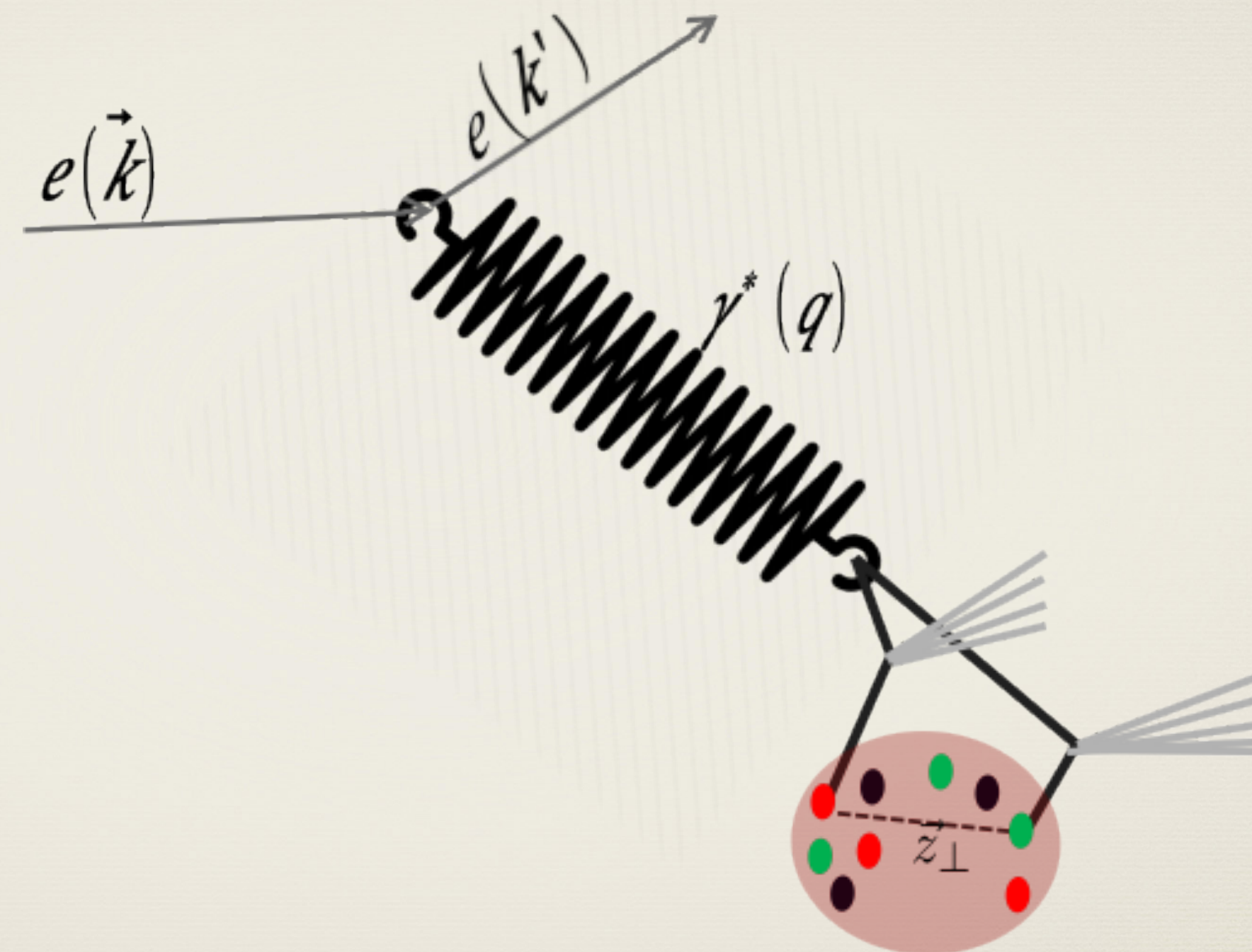
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DPS in $\gamma - p$ interactions

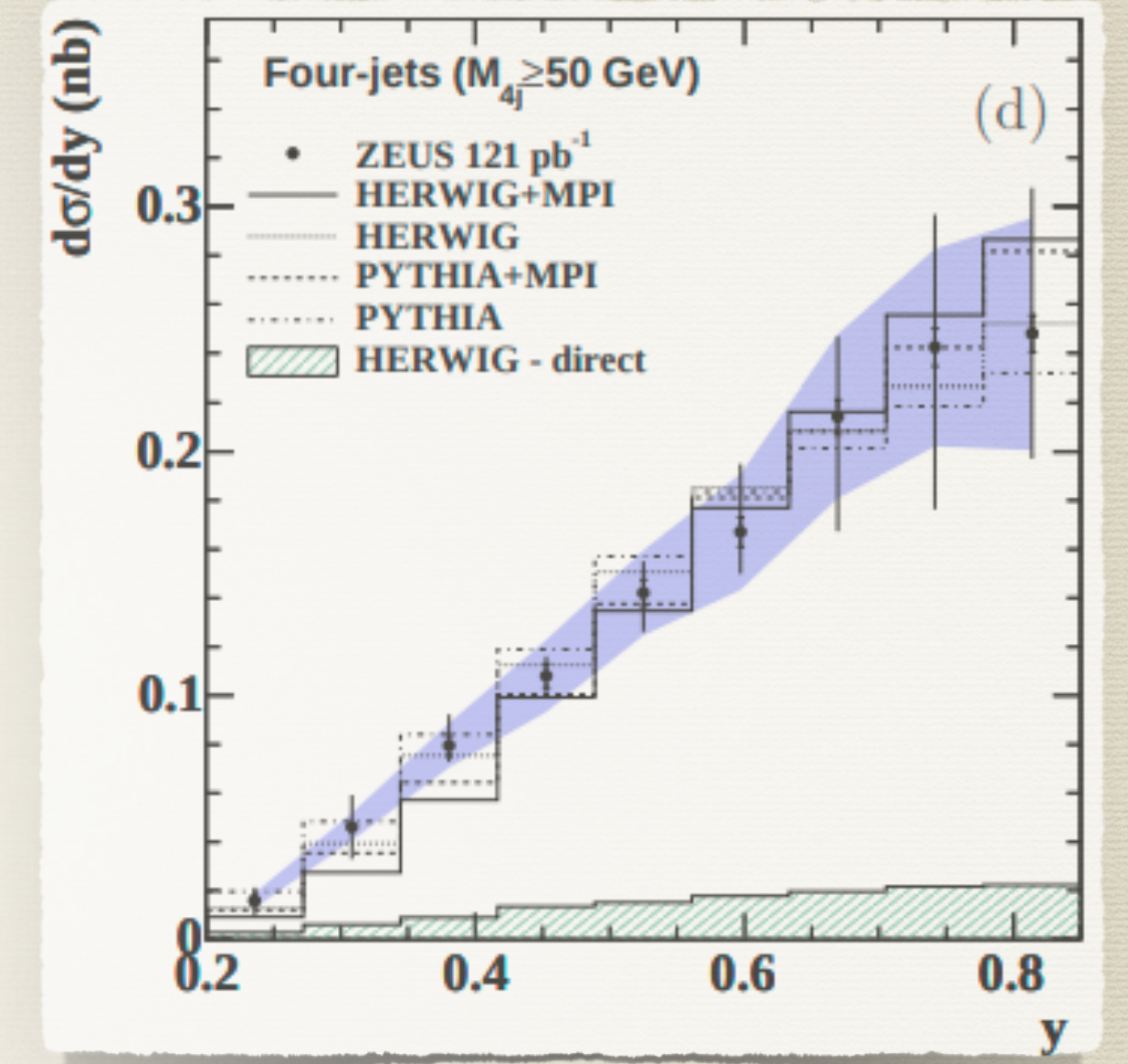
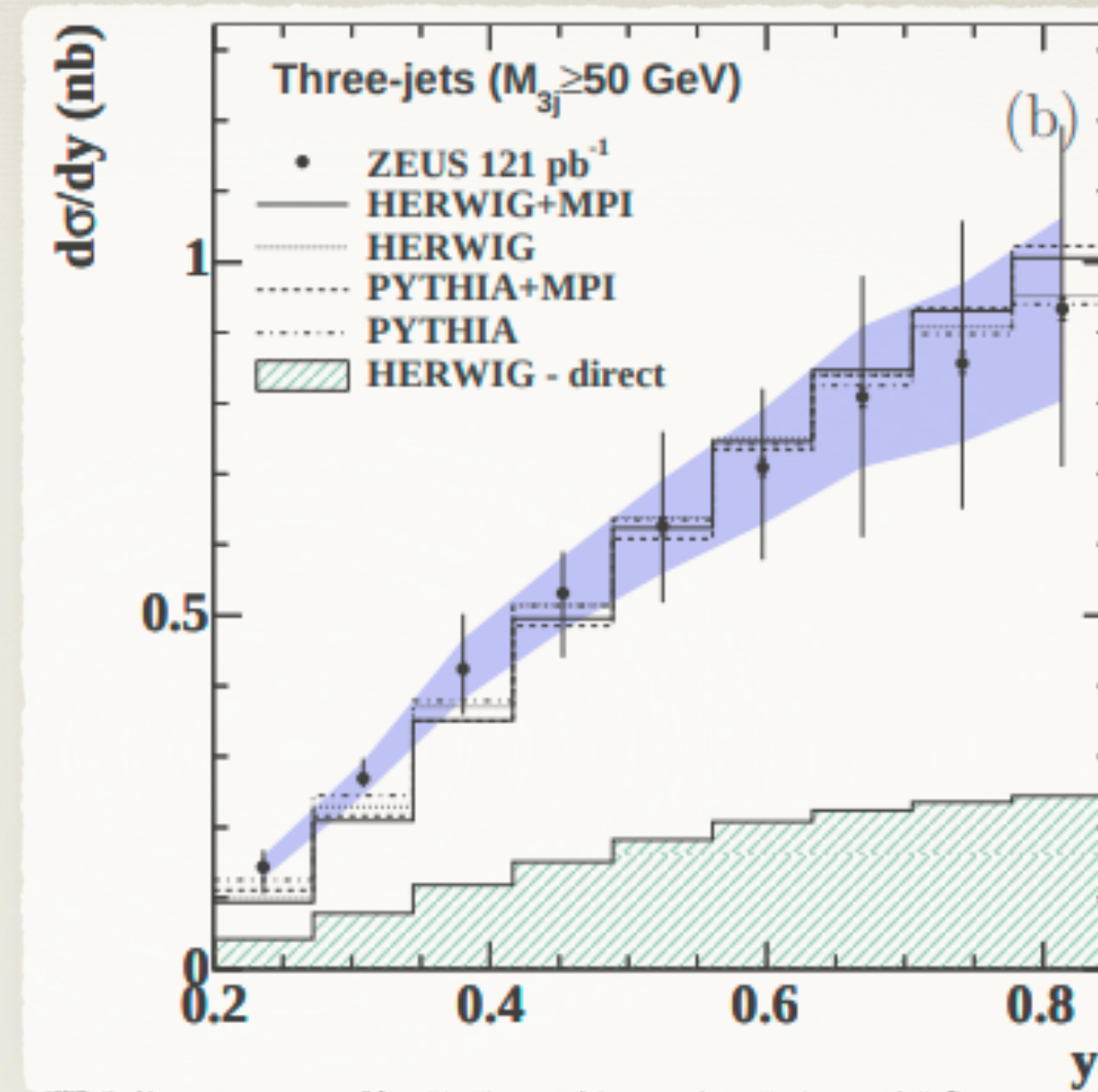
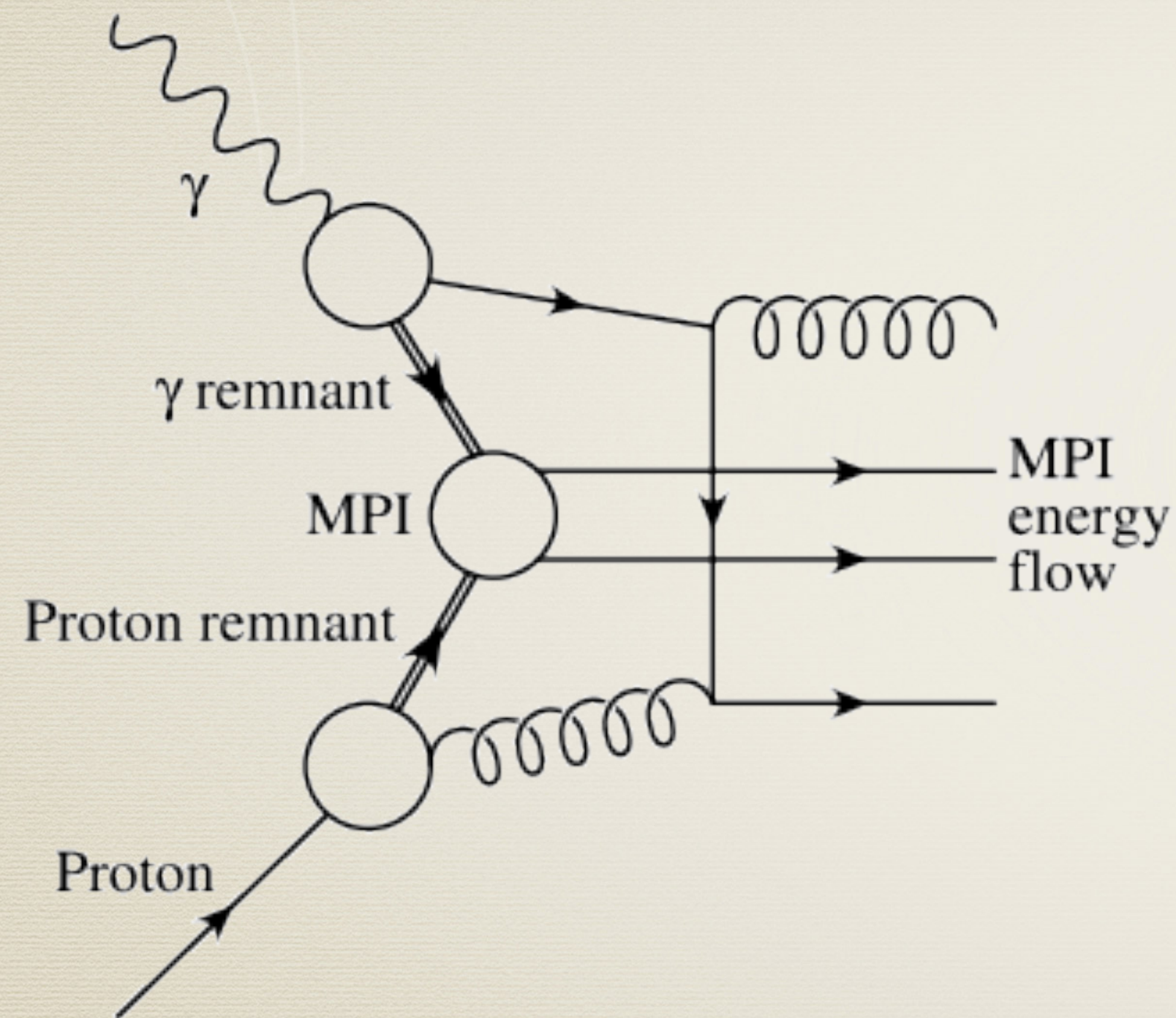
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M. R. and F. A. Ceccopieri, PRD 105 (2022) L011501

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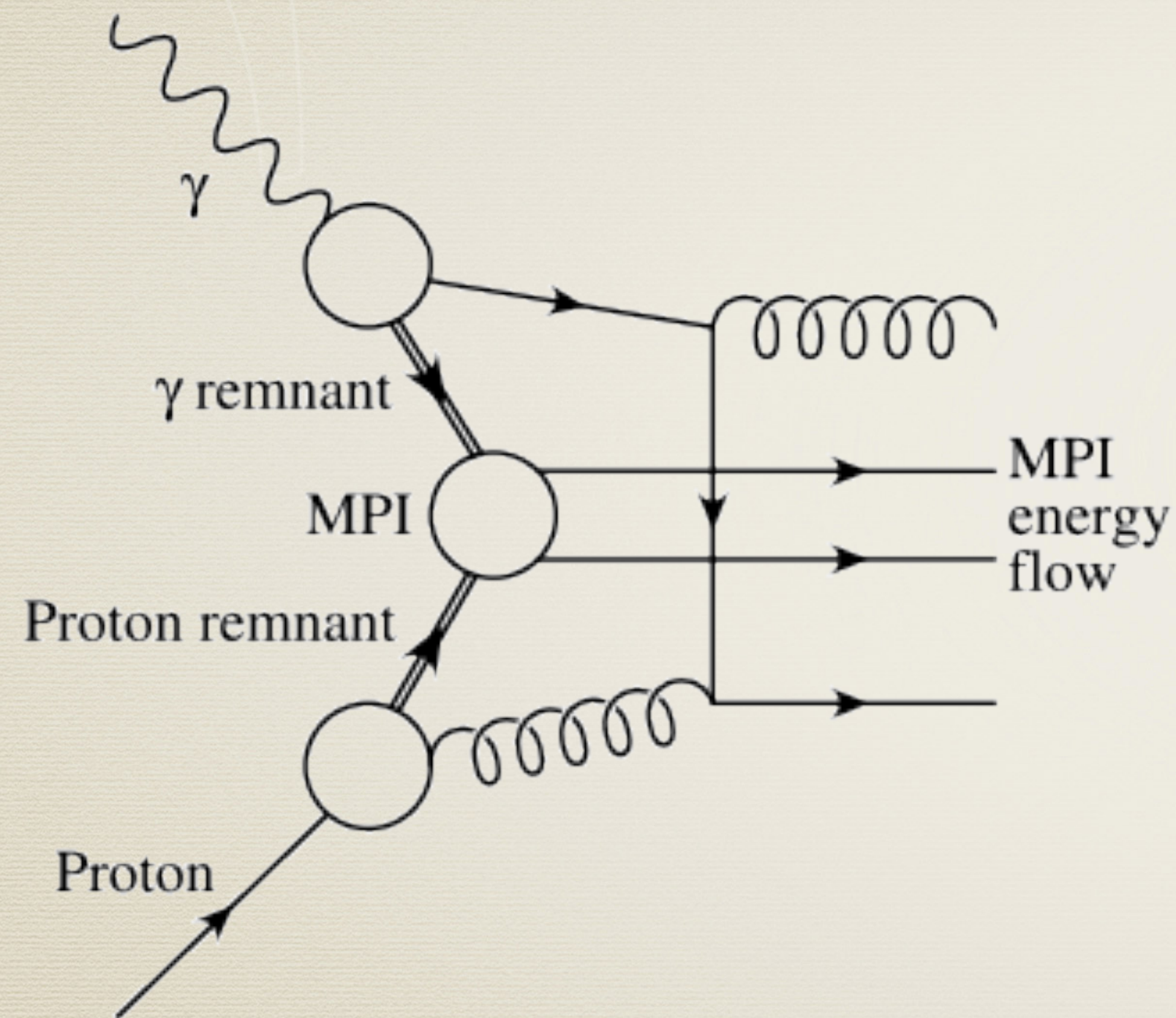
J. R. Forshaw et al, Z phys. C 72, 637

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Flux Factor
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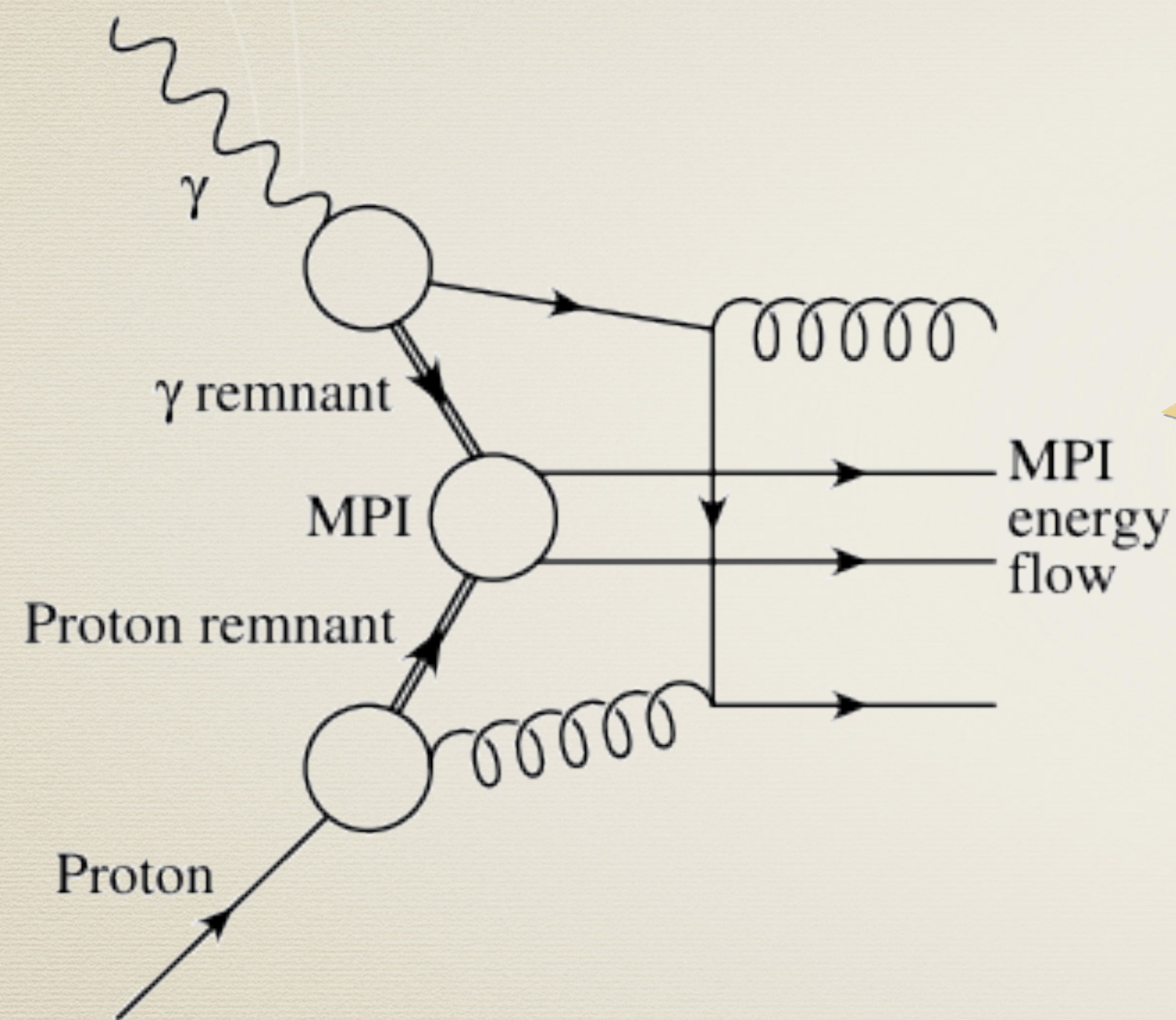
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The $\gamma - p$ effective cross-section

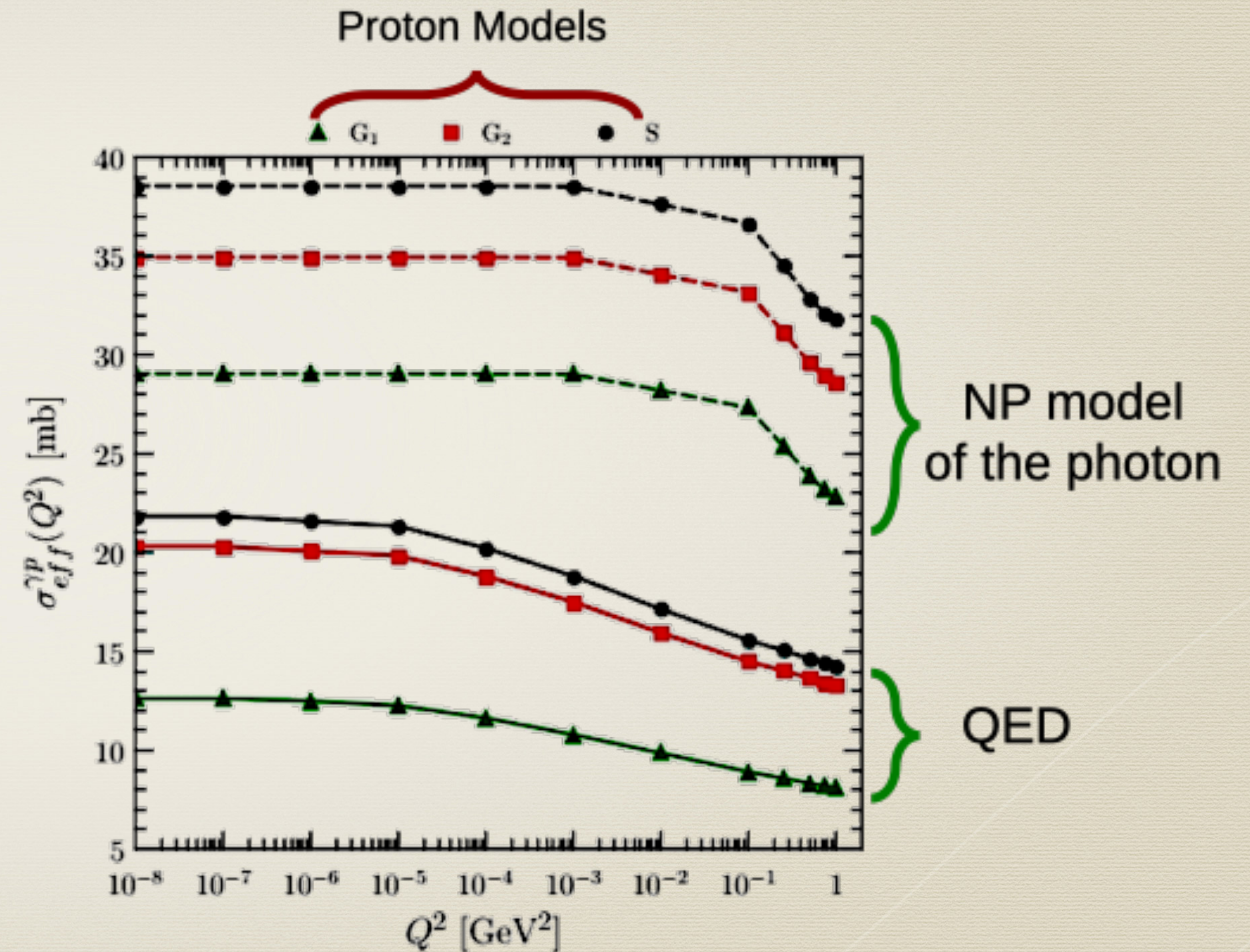
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$$1 \quad [\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\gamma p}(Q^2)]^{-1} = \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi^2)} T_p(k_{\perp}) T_{\gamma}(k_{\perp}; Q^2)$$

2 $T_p(k_{\perp})$ proton EFF

3 ψ/γ Photon WF

The effective cross-section depends on the photon virtuality! (NEW)



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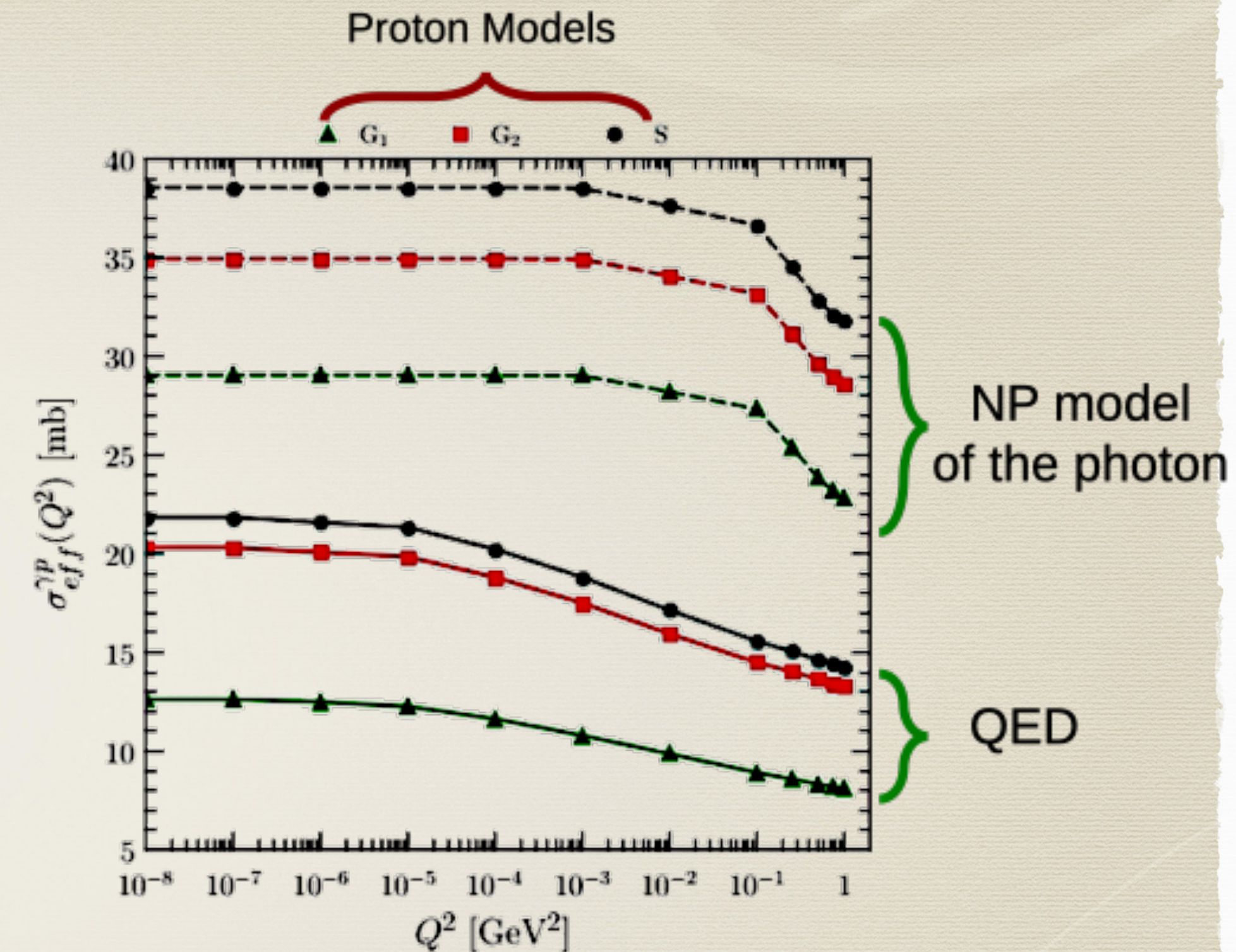
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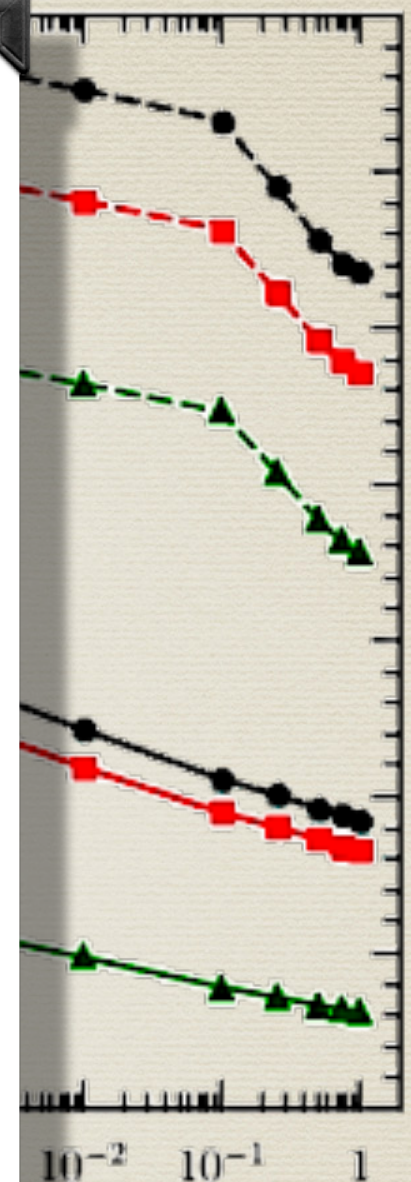
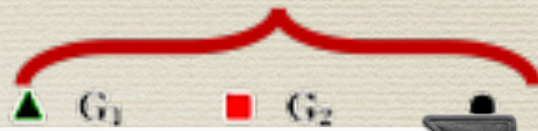
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Photon		[GeV ²]	[GeV ²]	[GeV ²]	[%]
NP Model	G ₁	35.1	18.6	53.7	40
	G ₂	29.1	15.2	44.3	33
	S	26.4	13.7	40.1	30
QED	G ₁	87.8	54.3	142.1	101
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Proton Models



NP model of the photon

QED

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A key to the proton structure

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The effective cross section can be also written in terms of probability distribution:

$$\left[\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\gamma p}(Q^2) \right]^{-1} = \int d^2 z_{\perp} \tilde{F}_2^p(z_{\perp}) \tilde{F}_2^{\gamma}(z_{\perp}; Q^2)$$

* $\tilde{F}_2^A(z_{\perp})$ = prob. distr. of finding two partons at given transverse distance

We can expand the distribution related to the photon:

$$\tilde{F}_2^{\gamma}(z_{\perp}; Q^2) = \sum_n C_n(Q^2) z_{\perp}^n$$

Coefficients determined in a given approach describing the photon structure

$$\left[\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\gamma p}(Q^2) \right]^{-1} = \sum_n C_n(Q^2) \langle z_{\perp}^n \rangle_p$$

Mean value of the transverse distance between two partons in the PROTON

If we could measure $\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\gamma p}(Q^2)$ we could access NEW INFORMATION ON THE PROTON STRUCTURE

DPS in pA collisions

For DPS in pA and AA collisions the following references were missing:

- 1) Same-sign WW production in proton-nucleus collisions at the LHC as a signal for double parton scattering
D. d'E. & A. Snigirev, PLB 718 (2013) 1395-1400
- 2) Enhanced J/ψ production from double parton scatterings in nucleus-nucleus collisions at the Large Hadron Collider
D. d'E. & A. Snigirev, PLB 727 (2013) 157-162
- 3) Pair production of quarkonia and electroweak bosons from double-parton scatterings in nuclear collisions at the LHC
D. d'E. & A. Snigirev, Nucl. Phys. A 931 (2014) 303-308

and for TPS:

Triple-parton scatterings in proton-nucleus collisions at high energies
D. d'E. & A. Snigirev, EPJC 78 (2018) 5, 359

DPS in pA collisions

$$F_{a_1 a_2}(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{y}_\perp) = 2p^+ \int \frac{dz_1^-}{2\pi} \frac{dz_2^-}{2\pi} dy^- e^{i(x_1 z_1^- + x_2 z_2^-)p^+} \\ \times \langle A | \mathcal{O}_{a_2}(0, z_2) \mathcal{O}_{a_1}(y, z_1) | A \rangle$$

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DPS in pA collisions

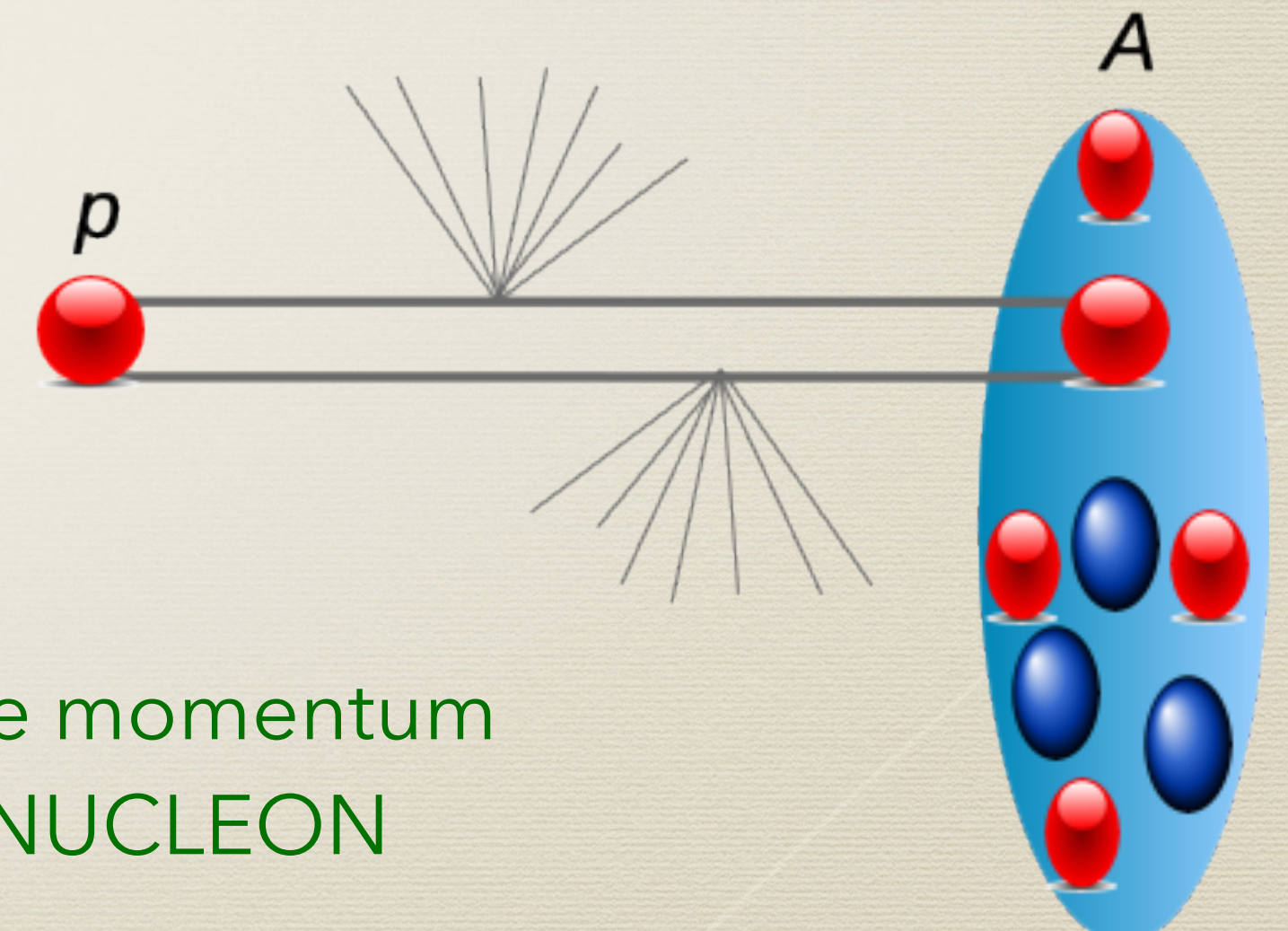
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DPD of the nucleon inside the nucleus

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Momentum fraction carried by a NUCLEON
Light-Cone Momentum Distribution
Transverse momentum of the NUCLEON

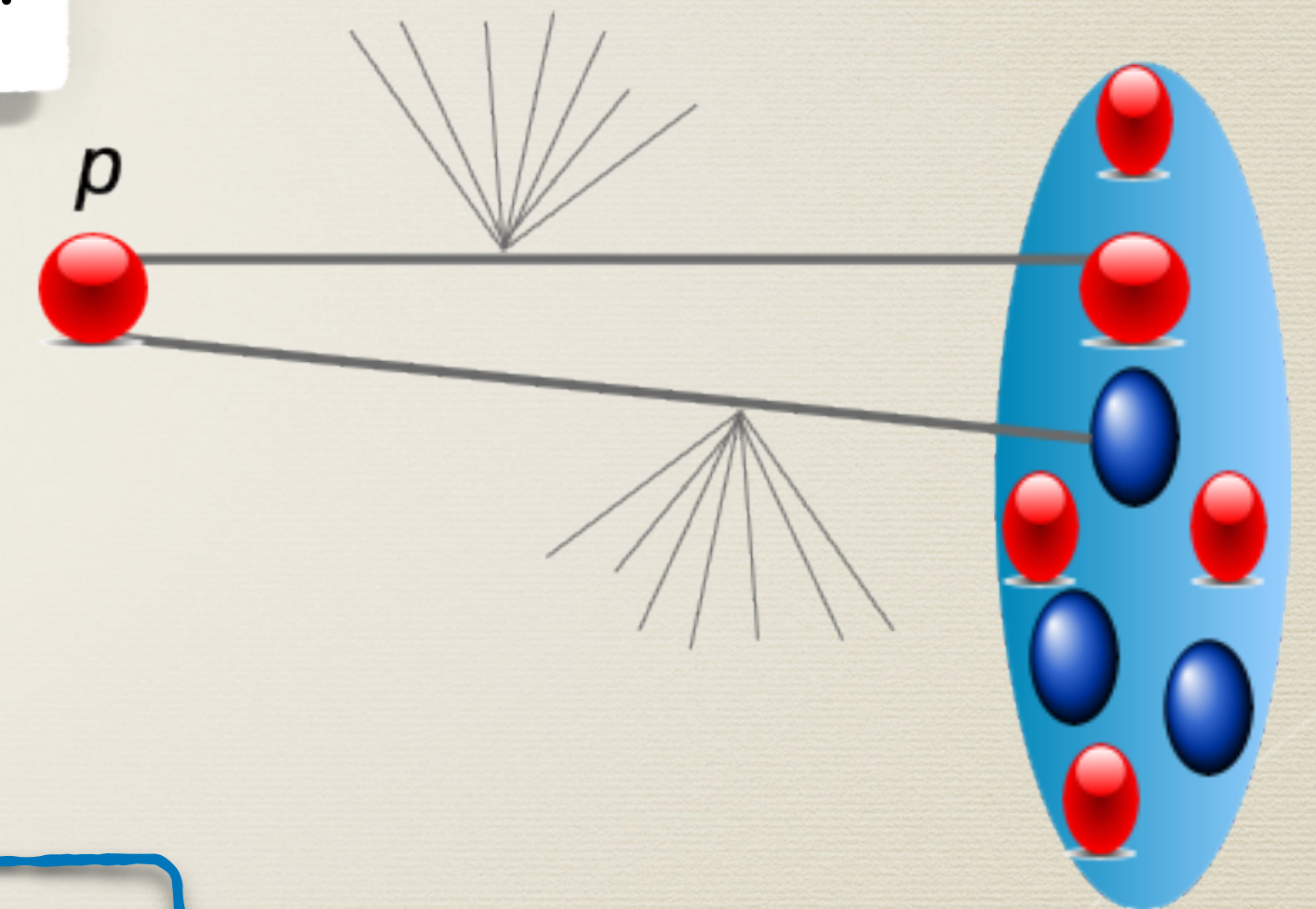
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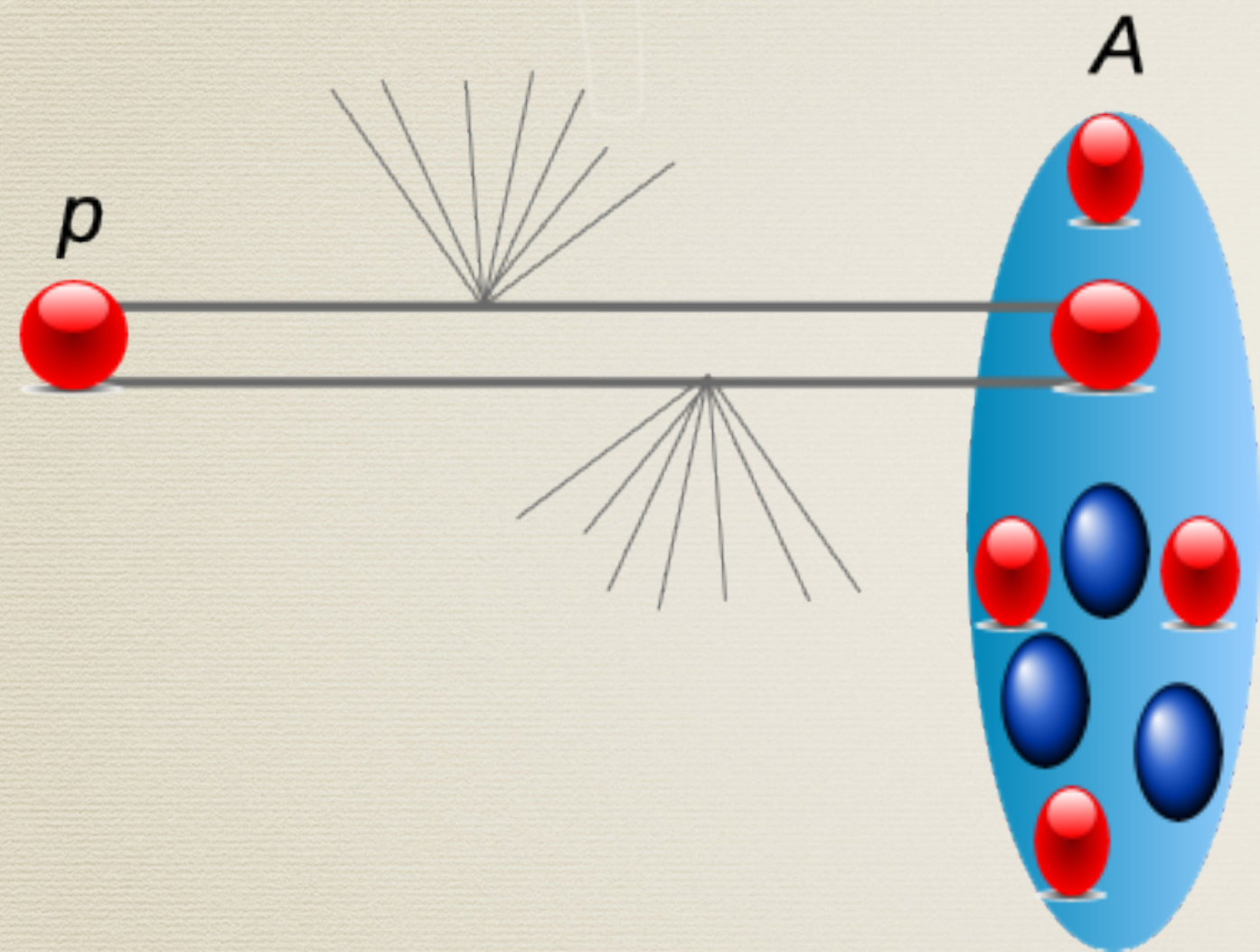


$$\tilde{F}_{a_1 a_2}^2(x_1, x_2, \vec{k}_\perp) \propto \int \frac{1}{\xi_1 \xi_2} \prod_{i=1}^{i=A} \frac{d\xi_i d^2 p_{ti}}{\xi_i} \delta\left(\sum_i \xi_i - A\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_i \mathbf{p}_{ti}\right) \psi_A^*(\xi_1, \xi_2, \mathbf{p}_{t1}, \mathbf{p}_{t2}, \dots) \times \psi_A(\xi_1, \xi_2, \mathbf{p}_{t1} + \vec{k}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_{t2} - \vec{k}_\perp, \dots) G_{a_1}^{N_1}\left(x_1/\xi_1, |\vec{k}_\perp|\right) G_{a_2}^{N_2}\left(x_2/\xi_2, |\vec{k}_\perp|\right)$$

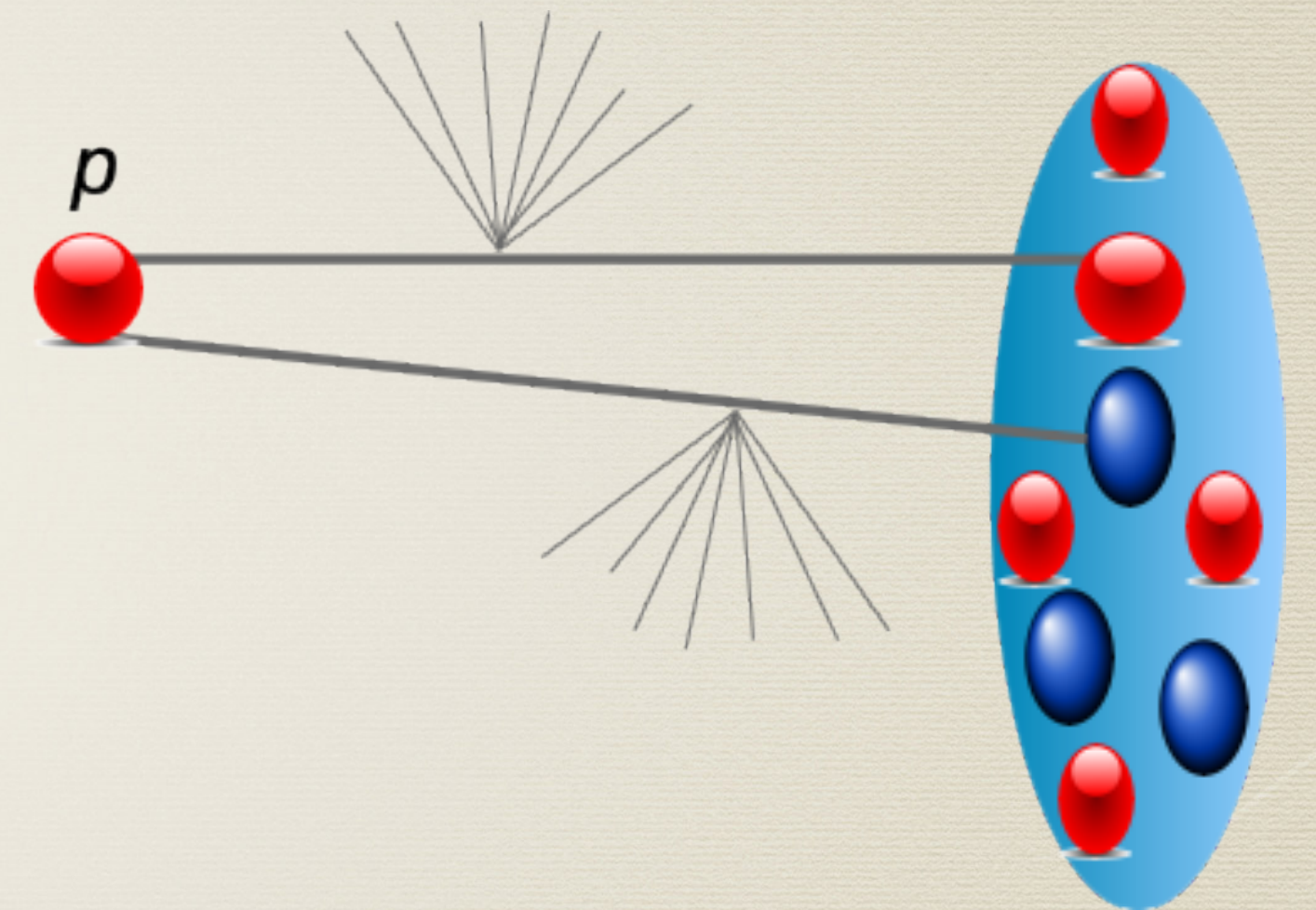
Nucleus wf

Nucleon GPD

DPS in pA collisions

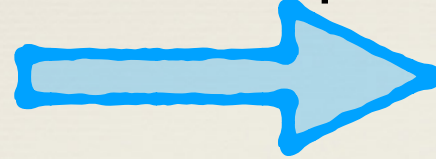


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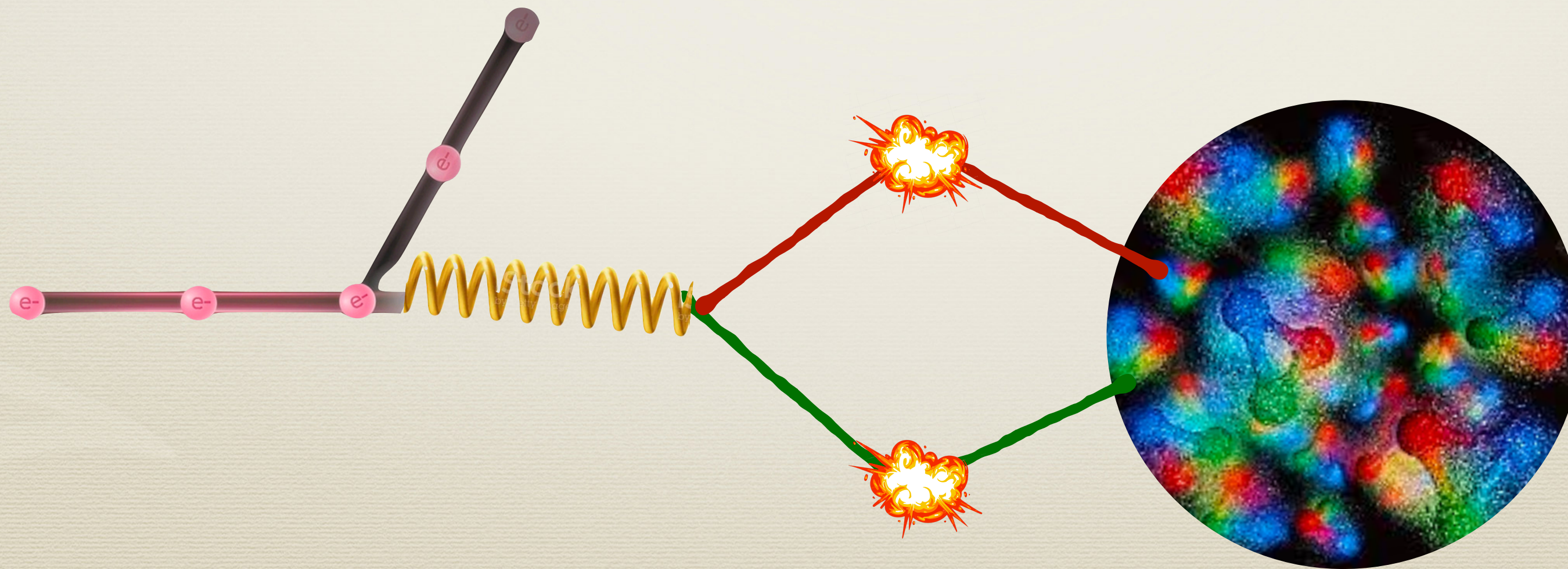


DPS in γA collisions with light nuclei?

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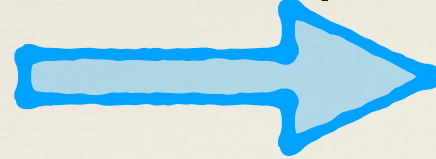
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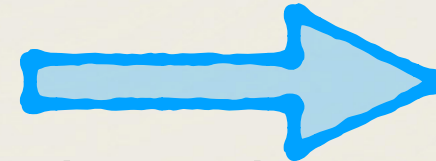


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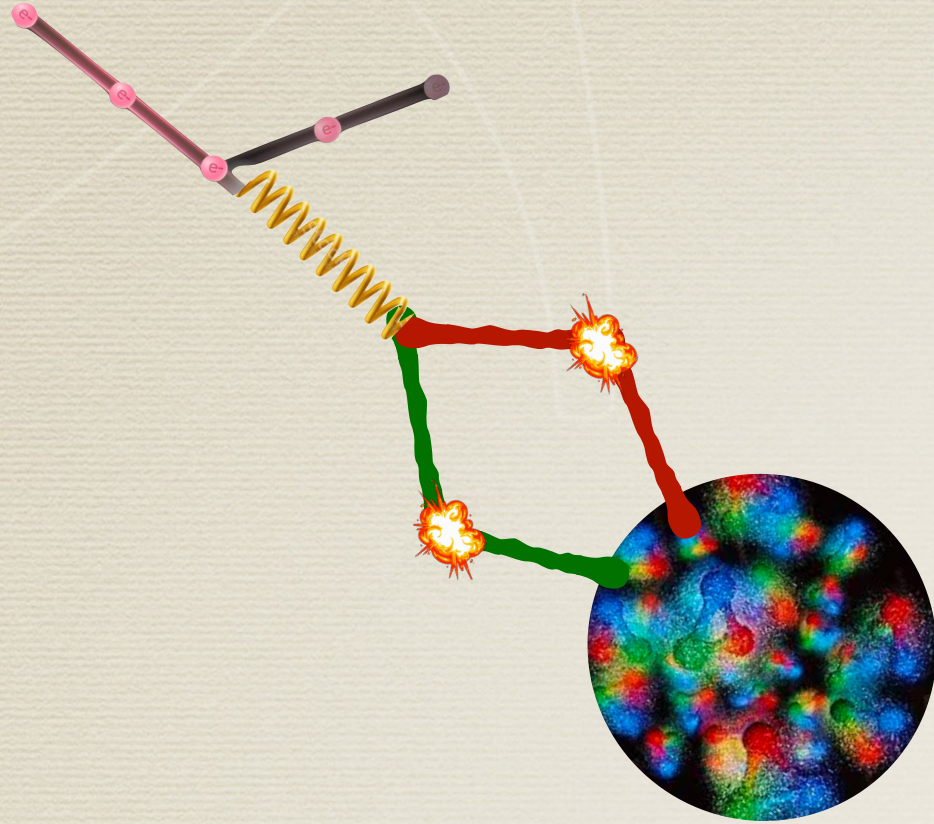
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- 1) In γA the DPS2 will not contain any DPD of the proton  this mechanism can now be viewed as a background that can be evaluated if we properly treat the photon (as previously discussed) and the Nuclear geometry
- 2) For light nuclei these calculations can be done starting from realistic wave-function (Av18 or chiral potential)!

Could we access the DPD of bound nucleons? Double EMC effect?

DPS1 in γA collisions with light nuclei

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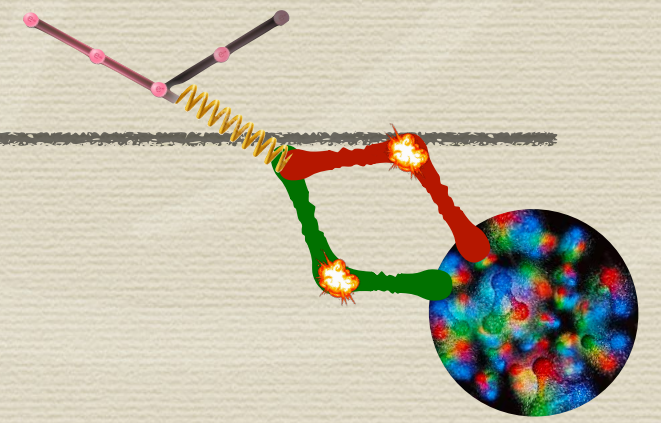


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The nuclear light-cone distribution can be evaluated with realistic wave-function (from Av18 +UIV potential) in a fully relativistic and Poincaré covariant approach for:

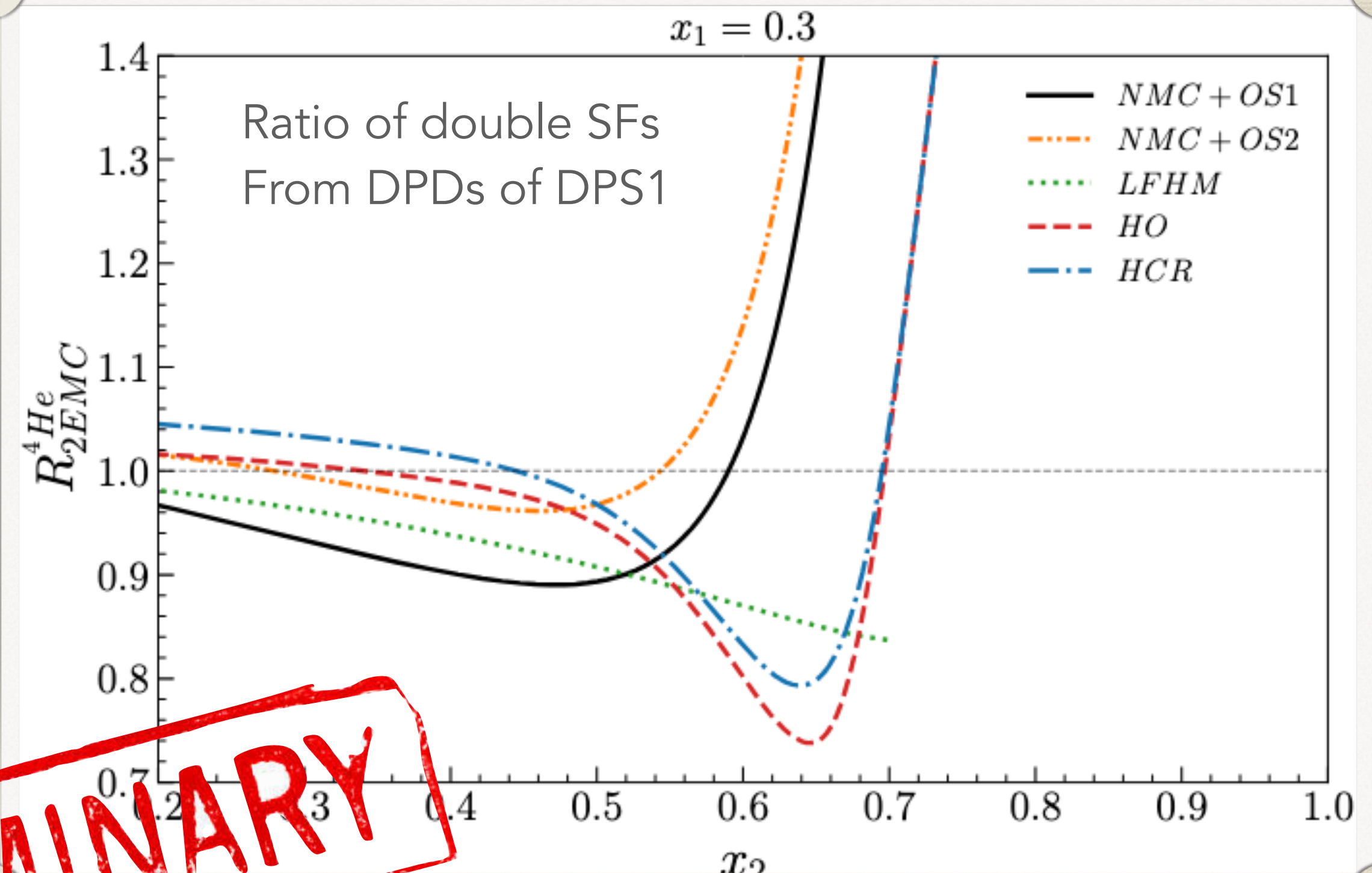
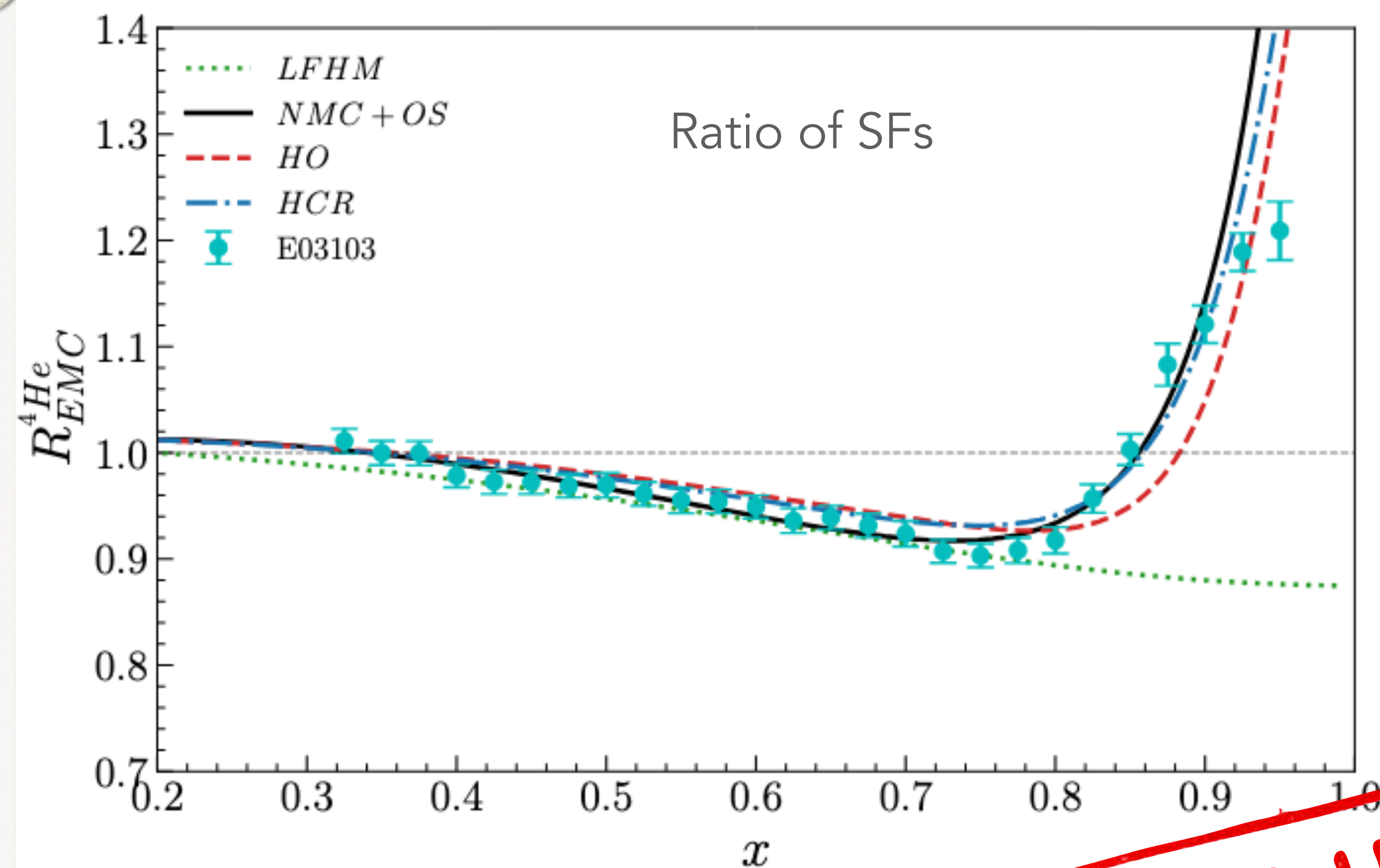
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- 2) He^3 in e.g. **A. Del Dotto et al, PRC 95, 014001 (2017), M.R. et al, PLB 839 (2023), 137810**
- 3) 4He from **F. Fornetti, E. Pace, M. R., G. Salmé, S. Scopetta and M. Viviani, PLB 851 (2024), 138587**

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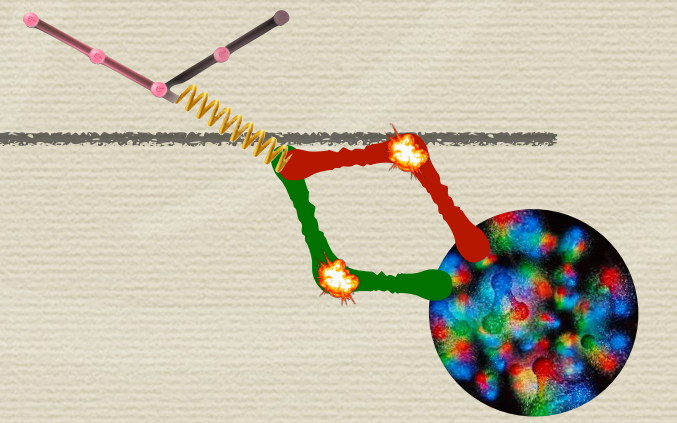
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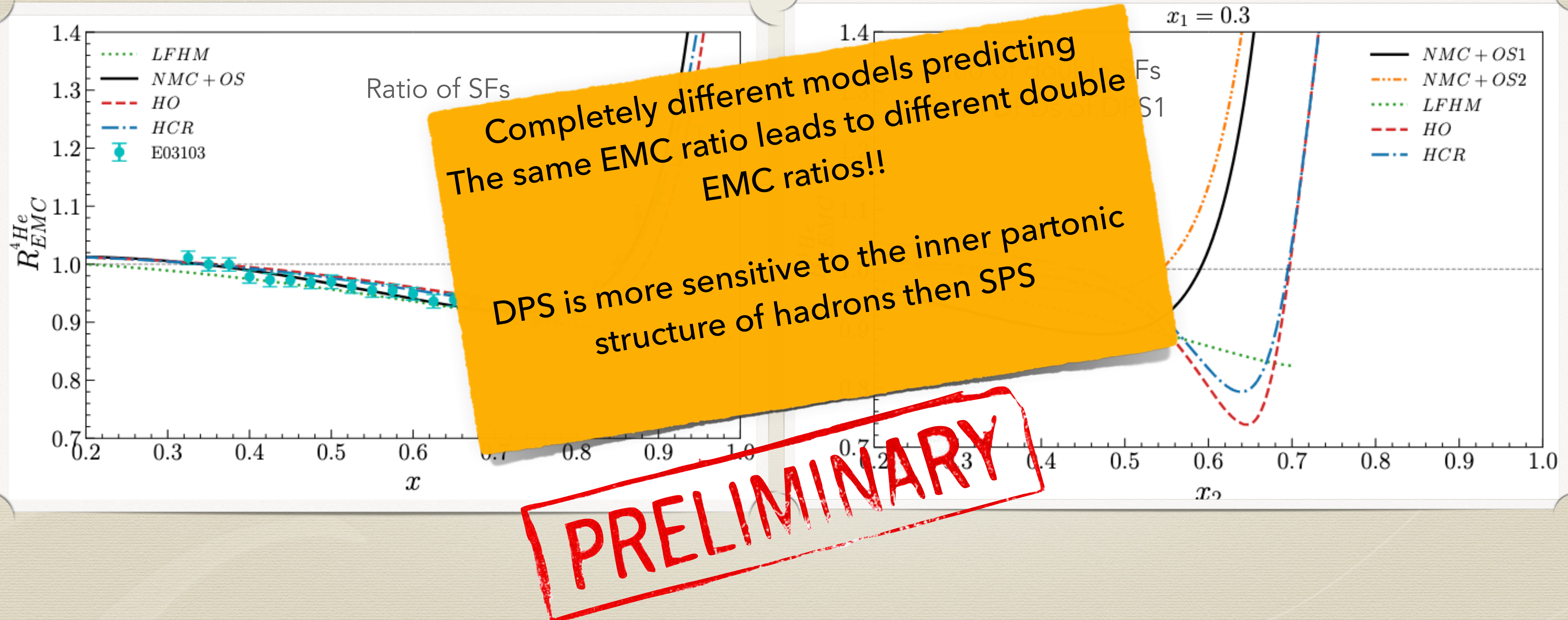
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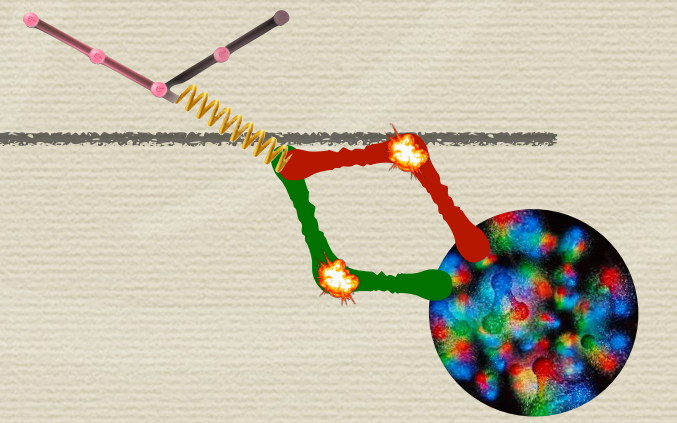


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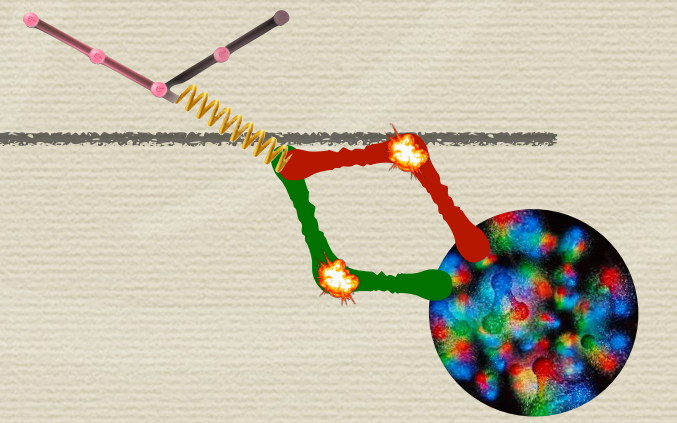
DPS2 in γA collisions with light nuclei



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DPS2 in γA collisions with light nuclei



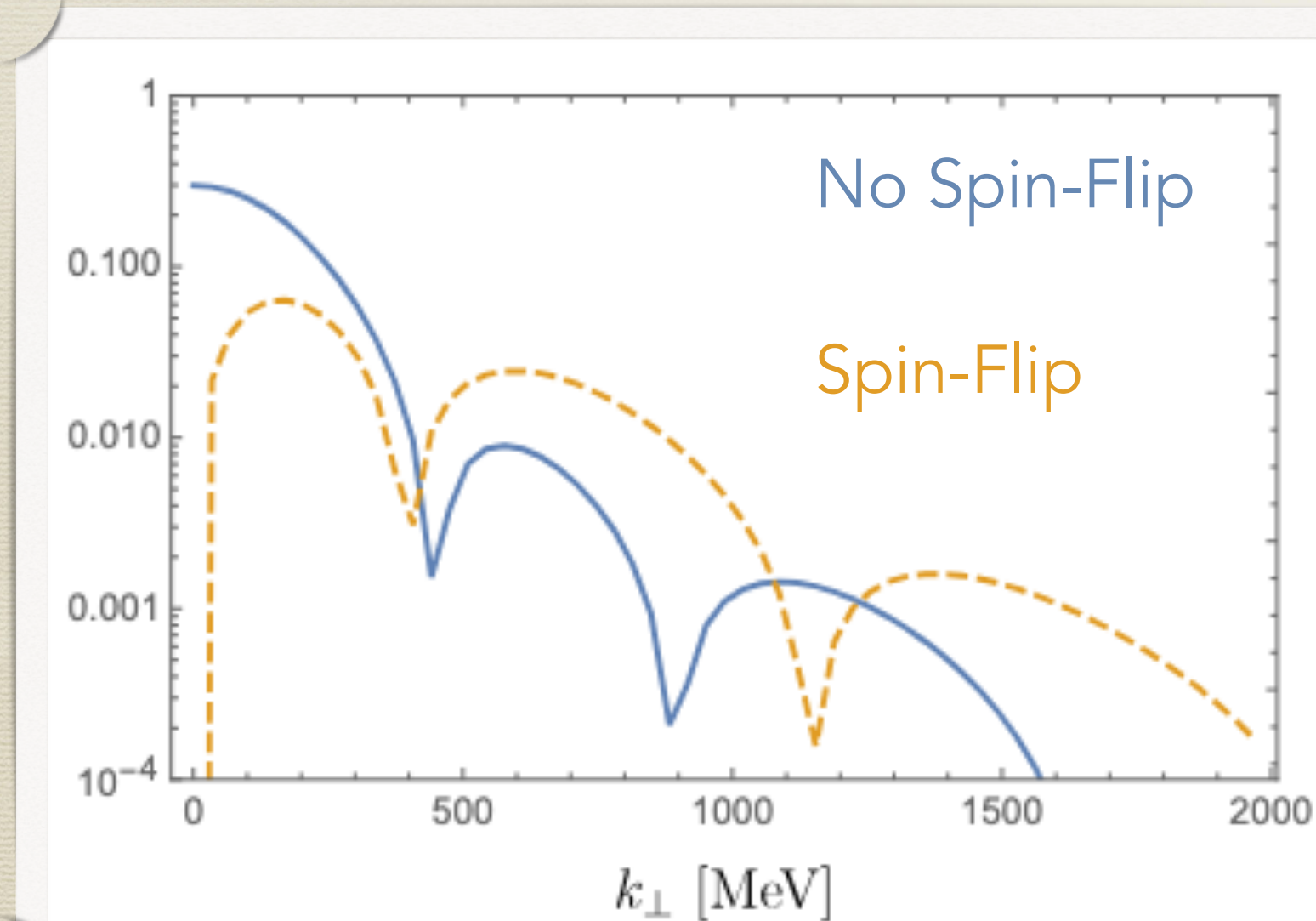
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Off-forward
LC momentum distribution

Standard LC correlator parametrized by GPDs

We address the possible role of nucleon spin-flip effects for the first time!



We have:

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DPS in γA collisions with light nuclei

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Nuclear 2-body form factor

Calculated for ^3He and ^4He in:

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Nuclear

**WE HAVE A LINK BETWEEN
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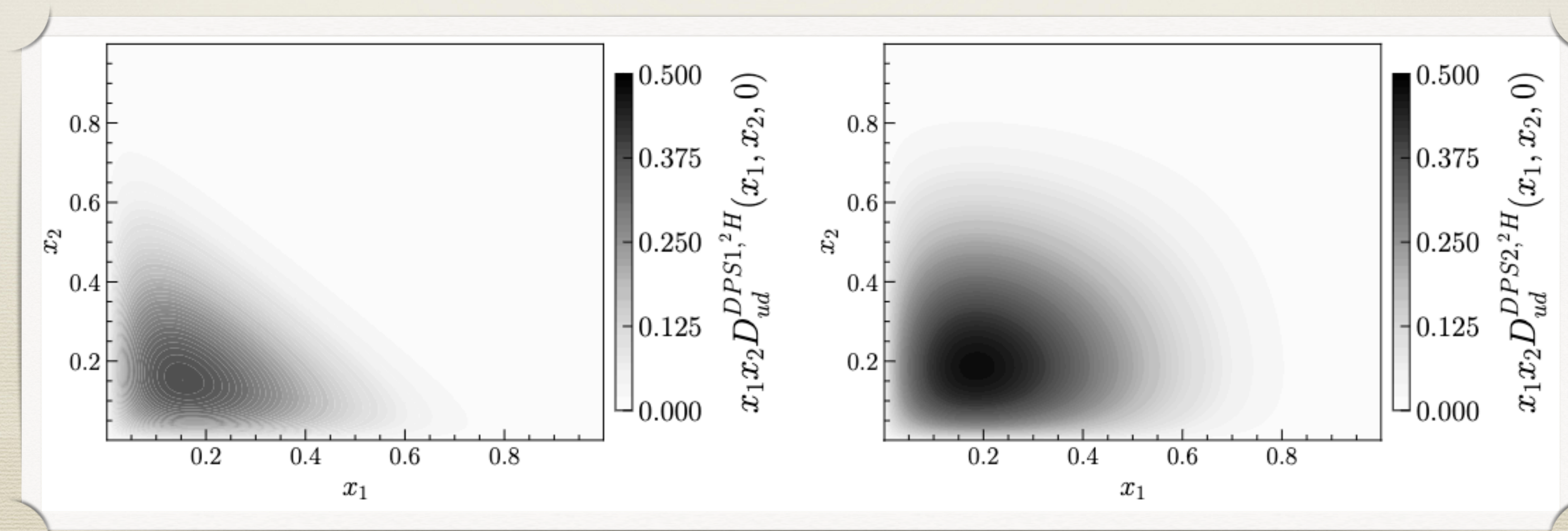
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1) For DPS1 we used the product of PDFs as phenomenological nucleon DPDs (standard strategy)

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Full deuteron DPDs at $k_\perp = 0$:



Conclusions

■ EMC of light-nuclei within a Poincaré covariant LF approach

- ✓ We developed a rigorous formalism for the calculation of nuclear SFs, TMD LCMDs, spin-dependent SFs and DPDs involving only nucleonic DOF with the conventional nuclear physics
- ✓ For ^3He we obtain results in agreement with experimental data for the EMC effect.
- ✓ For the deviations from experimental data could be ascribed to genuine QCD effects:
our results provide a reliable baseline to study exotic phenomena
- ✓ The approach has been successfully applied to the calculation of spin-dependent SFs

■ NR calculations

- ✓ Calculation of the ^4He GPDs which are in good agreement with data (both for coherent and incoherent) channels
- ✓ Calculation of the ^3He GPDs and predictions for asymmetries for the positron beam JLab upgrade
- ✓ Calculation of the J/ψ electro-production of ^3He and ^4He including effects beyond IA

■ To do next

- Application of the approach to calculate the EMC effect of heavier nuclei (^6Li starting project)
- Calculate the Double Parton Scattering cross-section of light-nuclei

An Impulse Approximation for the coherent case

The leading twist ^3He GPD E:

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$$\underbrace{H_q^A(x, \xi, t) + E_q^A(x, \xi, t)}_{\tilde{G}_q^A(x, \xi, t)} \sim \sum_{n=P,N} \int \frac{dz}{z} \bar{h}^{A,n}(z, \xi, t) \left[\underbrace{H_q^n\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{\xi}{z}, t\right) + E_q^n\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{\xi}{z}, t\right)}_{\tilde{G}_q^n\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{\xi}{z}, t\right)} \right]$$

The integral gives the ^3He magnetic FF

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$$\bar{h}^{A,n}(z, \xi, t) = \int dE d\vec{p} \left[P_{+-,+}^{A,n}(\vec{p}, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta}, E) - P_{+-,-}^{A,n}(\vec{p}, \vec{p} + \vec{\Delta}, E) \right] \delta\left(z - \frac{\bar{p}^+}{\bar{p}_+}\right)$$

the spectral functions have been evaluated by means of a realistic treatment based on Av18 wave functions (w.f. from **A. Kievsky et al NPA 577, 511 (1994), A. Kievsky et. al, PRC 56, 64 (1997)**).

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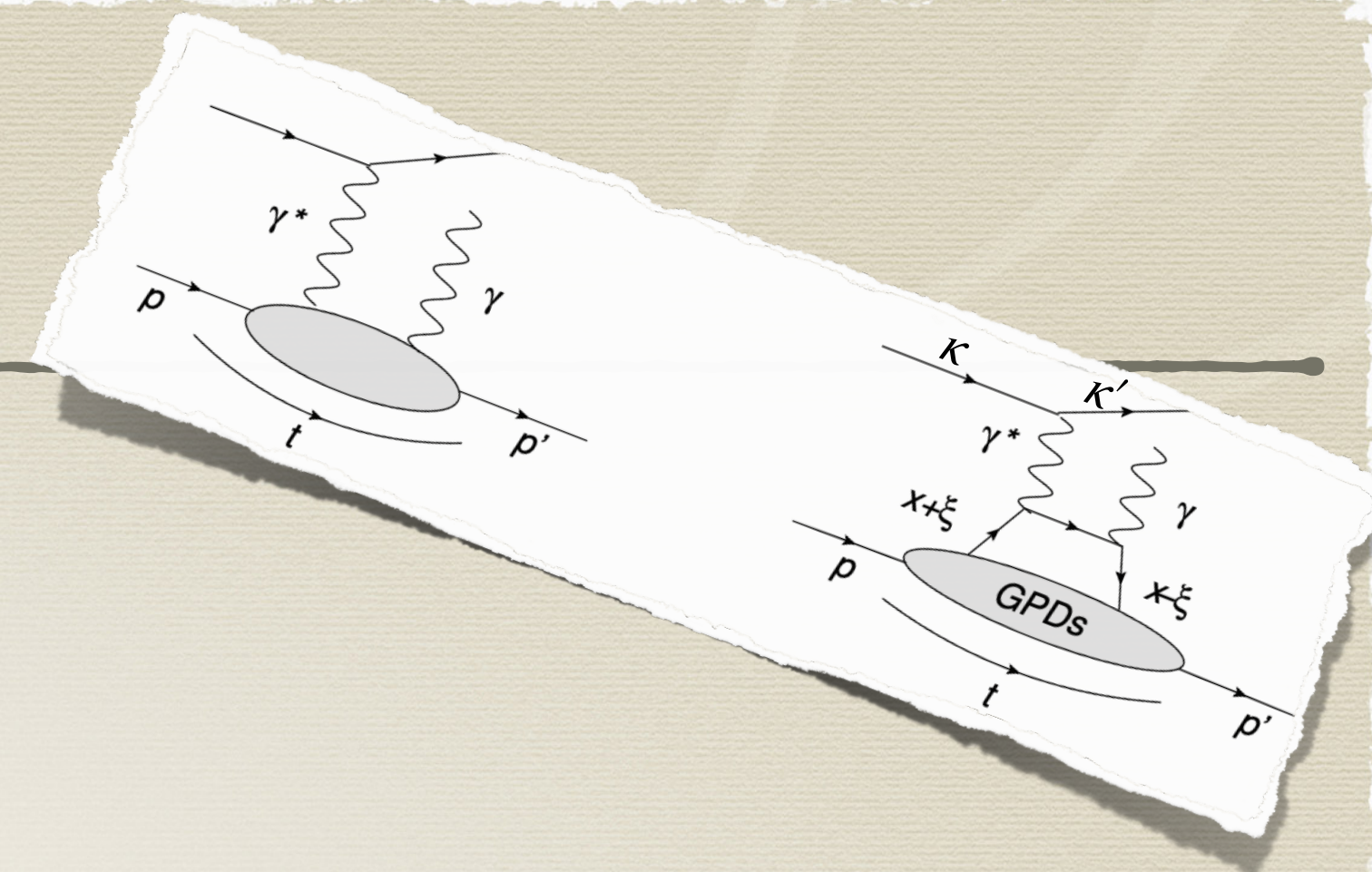
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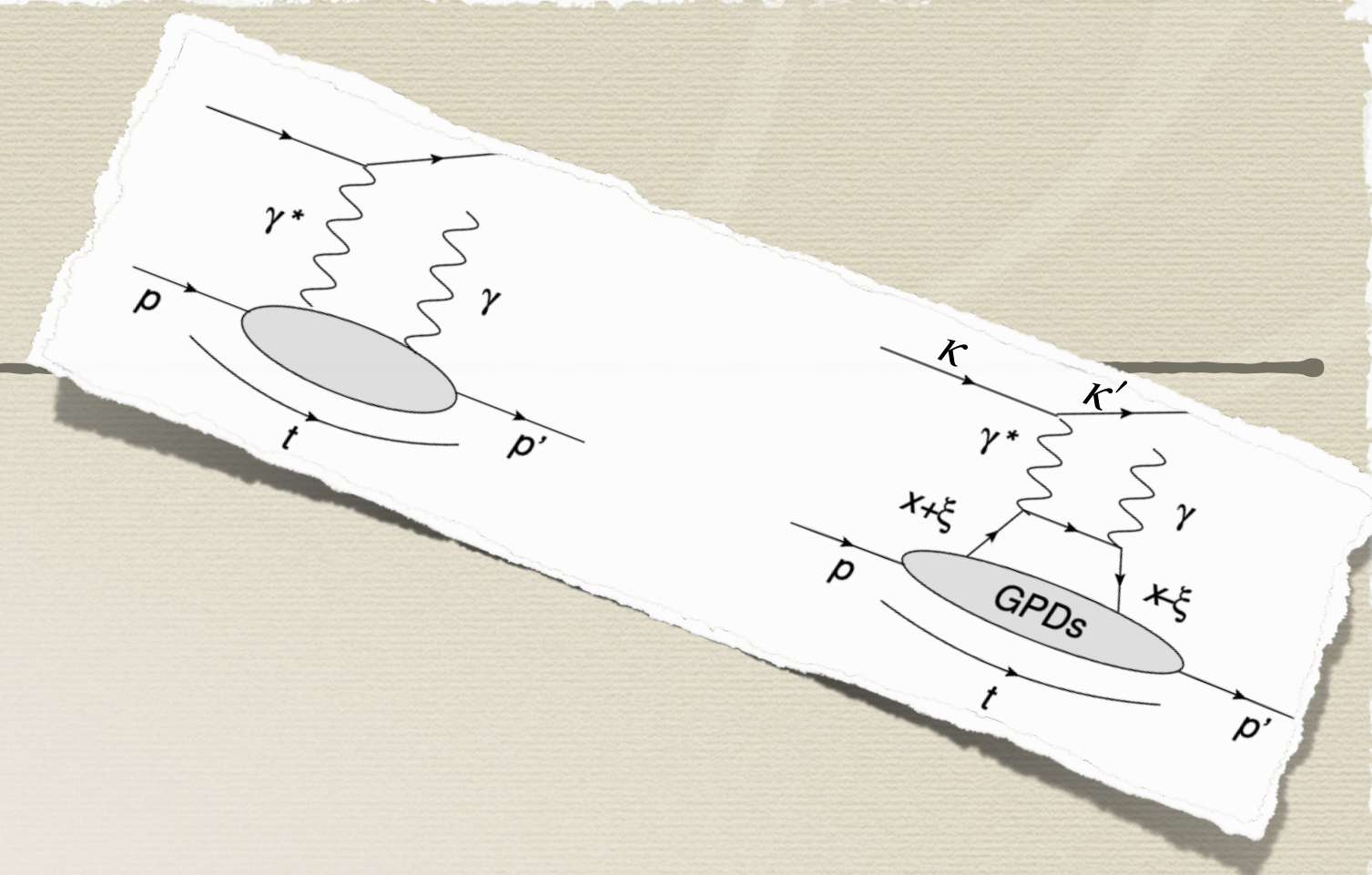
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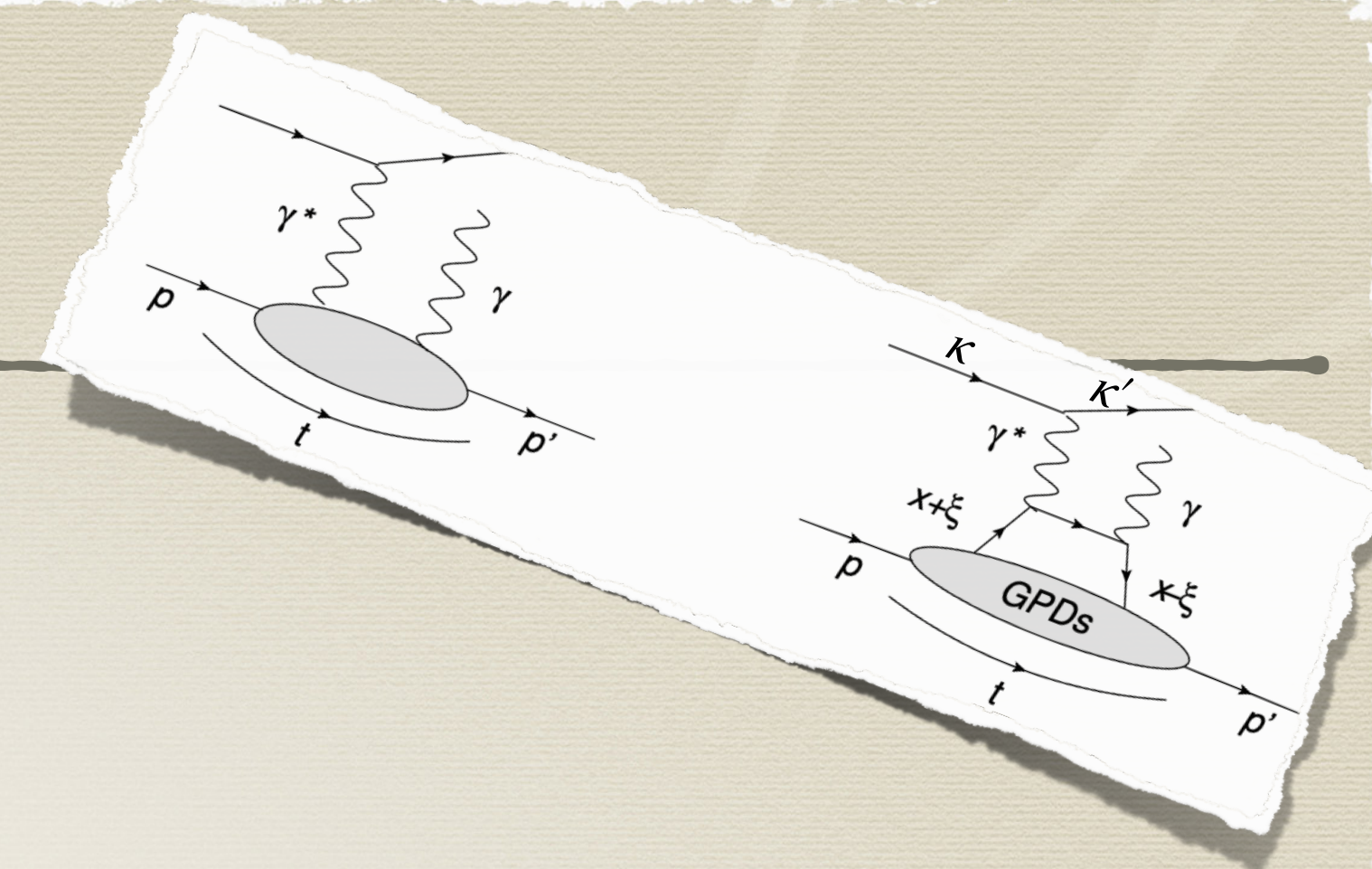
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GPDs properties

- The Fourier Transform of GPDs at $\xi = 0$ have a probabilistic interpretation

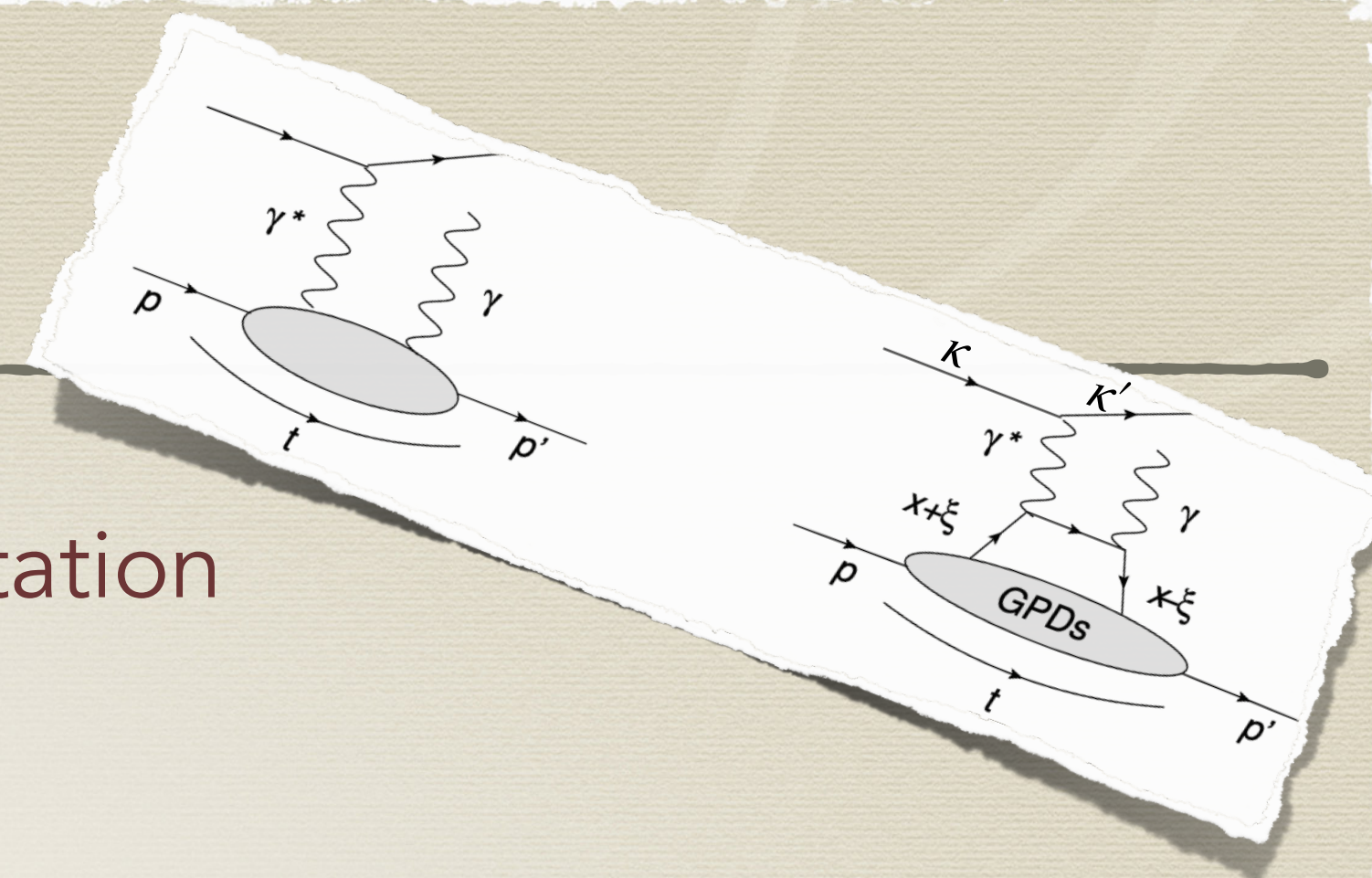
$$\rho_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i \vec{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} H_q(x, 0, t) + \dots \quad \text{Hadron tomography}$$

- Moments of GPDs $\int dx \, x^n \text{GPDs}$ are related to **gravitational form factors**

Mechanical properties of hadrons

- Ji's sum rule:

$$\langle J_q \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 dx \, x \left[H_q(x, \xi, 0) + E(x, \xi, 0) \right] \quad \text{Solution to the proton spin crisis?}$$



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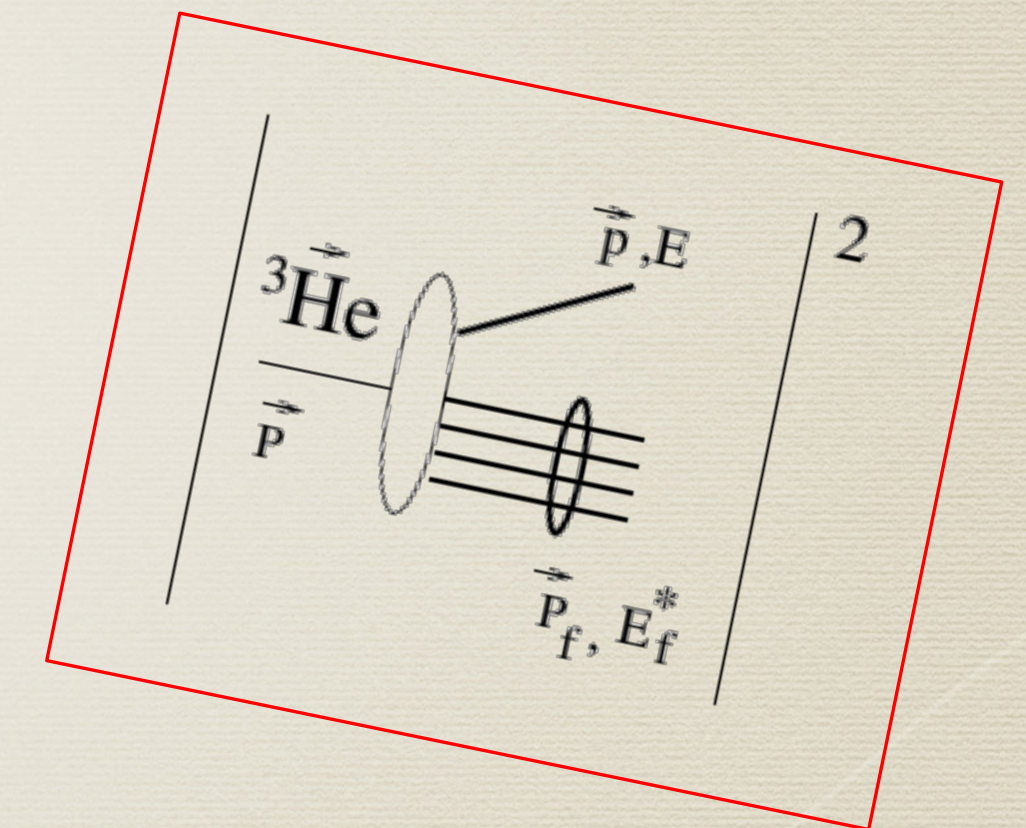
From a theoretical point of view, we need:

a description of the nuclear dynamics which retains as many general properties as possible...

... leading to realistic procedures to *extract* the Nucleon (neutron) structure

In the presented approach the key quantity is the nuclear **SPECTRAL FUNCTION**
(Nucleon Green's function in the medium)

$$P_{\sigma'\sigma}(k, E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \Im m \left\{ \langle \Psi_{gr} | a_{\mathbf{k},\sigma'}^\dagger \frac{1}{E - \mathbf{H} + i\epsilon} a_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} | \Psi_{gr} \rangle \right\}$$



Quite familiar in nuclear Physics; in hadron physics one introduces the LC correlator:

$$\Phi^\tau(x, y) = \langle \Psi_{gr} | \bar{\psi}_\tau(x) \mathcal{W}(\hat{n} \cdot A) \psi_\tau(y) | \Psi_{gr} \rangle$$

Our point: in valence approximation, one can relate $P_{\sigma'\sigma}(k, E)$ (given in a Poincaré covariant framework) and $\Phi^\tau(x, y)$

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- In Instant form (initial hyperplane $t=0$), one can couple spins and orbital angular momenta via Clebsch-Gordan (CG) coefficients. In this form the three rotation generators are independent of the interaction.
- To embed the CG machinery in the LFHD one needs unitary operators, the so-called Melosh rotations that relate the LF spin wave function and the canonical one. For a particle of spin $(1/2)$ with LF momentum $\tilde{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \{k^+, \vec{k}_\perp\}$

$$|\mathbf{k}; \frac{1}{2}, \sigma\rangle_c = \sum_{\sigma'} \underbrace{D_{\sigma', \sigma}^{1/2}(R_M(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}))}_{\text{Wigner rotation for the } J=1/2 \text{ case}} |\tilde{\mathbf{k}}; \frac{1}{2}, \sigma'\rangle_{LF}$$

Wigner rotation for the $J=1/2$ case

- $R_M(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})$ is the Melosh rotation connecting the intrinsic LF and canonical frames, reached through different boosts from a given frame where the particle is moving

$$D^{1/2}[R_M(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})]_{\sigma'\sigma} = \chi_{\sigma'}^\dagger \frac{m + k^+ - i\sigma \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{k}_\perp)}{\sqrt{(m + k^+)^2 + |\mathbf{k}_\perp|^2}} \chi_\sigma = {}_{LF}\langle \tilde{\mathbf{k}}; s\sigma' | \mathbf{k}; s\sigma \rangle_c$$

N.B. If $|\mathbf{k}_\perp| \ll k^+, m \rightarrow D_{\sigma'\sigma} \simeq I_{\sigma'\sigma}$

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The **Spectral Function**: probability distribution to find inside a bound system a particle with a given $\tilde{\kappa}$ when the rest of the system has energy ϵ , with a polarization vector \mathbf{S} :

$$\mathcal{P}_{\sigma'\sigma}^T(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon, \mathbf{S}) = \rho(\epsilon) \sum_{JJ_z \alpha} \sum_{Tt} {}_{LF} \langle tT; \alpha, \epsilon; JJ_z; \tau\sigma', \tilde{\kappa} | \Psi_{\mathcal{M}}; ST_z \rangle \langle ST_z; \Psi_{\mathcal{M}} | \tilde{\kappa}, \sigma\tau; JJ_z; \epsilon, \alpha; Tt \rangle_{LF}$$

$$|\Psi_{\mathcal{M}}; ST_z\rangle = \sum_m |\Psi_m; S_z T_z\rangle D_{m,\mathcal{M}}^J(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

Euler angles of rotation from the z-axis to the polarization vector \mathbf{S}

$$|\Psi_m; S_z T_z\rangle = |j, j_z; \epsilon^3; \frac{1}{2} T_z\rangle \quad \text{three-body bound eigenstate of } M_{BT}(123) \sim M^{NR}$$

$|\tilde{\kappa}, \sigma\tau; JJ_z; \epsilon, \alpha; T\tau\rangle_{LF}$ tensor product of a plane wave for particle 1 with LF momentum $\tilde{\kappa}$ in the **intrinsic reference frame of the $[1 + (23)]$ cluster** times the **fully interacting state of the (23) pair of energy eigenvalue ϵ** . It has eigenvalue

$$\mathcal{M}_0(1, 23) = \sqrt{m^2 + |\kappa|^2} + E_S \quad E_S = \sqrt{M_S^2 + |\kappa|^2} \quad M_S = 2\sqrt{m^2 + m\epsilon}$$

and **fulfills the macroscopic locality** (Keister, Polyzou, Adv. N. P. 20, 225 (1991)).

$$\tilde{\kappa} = (\kappa^+ = \xi \mathcal{M}_0(1, 23), \mathbf{k}_\perp = \kappa_\perp)$$

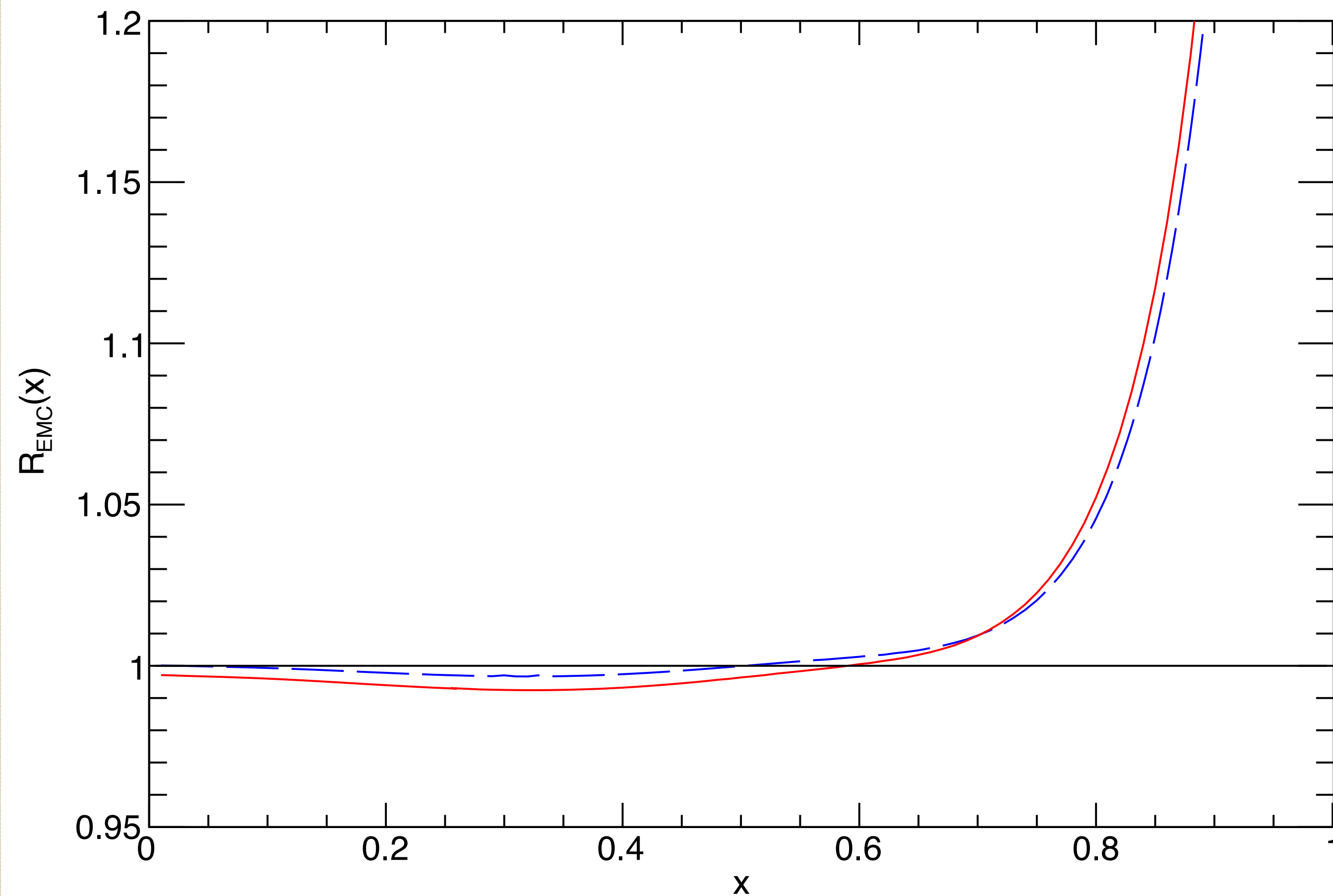
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The LF overlaps for ^3He SF in terms of the IF ones are

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\langle T\tau; \alpha, \epsilon; JJ_z; \tau_1\sigma, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}}_{< \tilde{\mathbf{k}} | \times 2N \text{ state}} \underbrace{|j, j_z; \epsilon_3; \frac{1}{2} T_z\rangle}_{3N \text{ bound state}}_{LF} = \sum_{\tau_2\tau_3} \int d\mathbf{k}_{23} \sum_{\sigma'_1} D^{\frac{1}{2}}[\mathcal{R}_M(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})]_{\sigma\sigma'_1} \\
 & \sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2E(\mathbf{k})} \sqrt{\frac{\kappa^+ E_{23}}{k^+ E_S}} \sum_{\sigma''_2, \sigma''_3} \sum_{\sigma'_2, \sigma'_3} \mathcal{D}_{\sigma''_2, \sigma'_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_{23}, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_2) \mathcal{D}_{\sigma''_3, \sigma'_3}(-\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_{23}, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_3) \\
 &_{IF} \langle T, \tau; \alpha, \epsilon; JJ_z | \mathbf{k}_{23}, \sigma''_2, \sigma''_3; \tau_2, \tau_3 \rangle \langle \sigma'_3, \sigma'_2, \sigma'_1; \tau_3, \tau_2, \tau_1; \mathbf{k}_{23}, \mathbf{k} | j, j_z; \epsilon_3; \frac{1}{2} T_z \rangle_{IF}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Results similar to ${}^3\text{He}$ and ${}^4\text{He}$

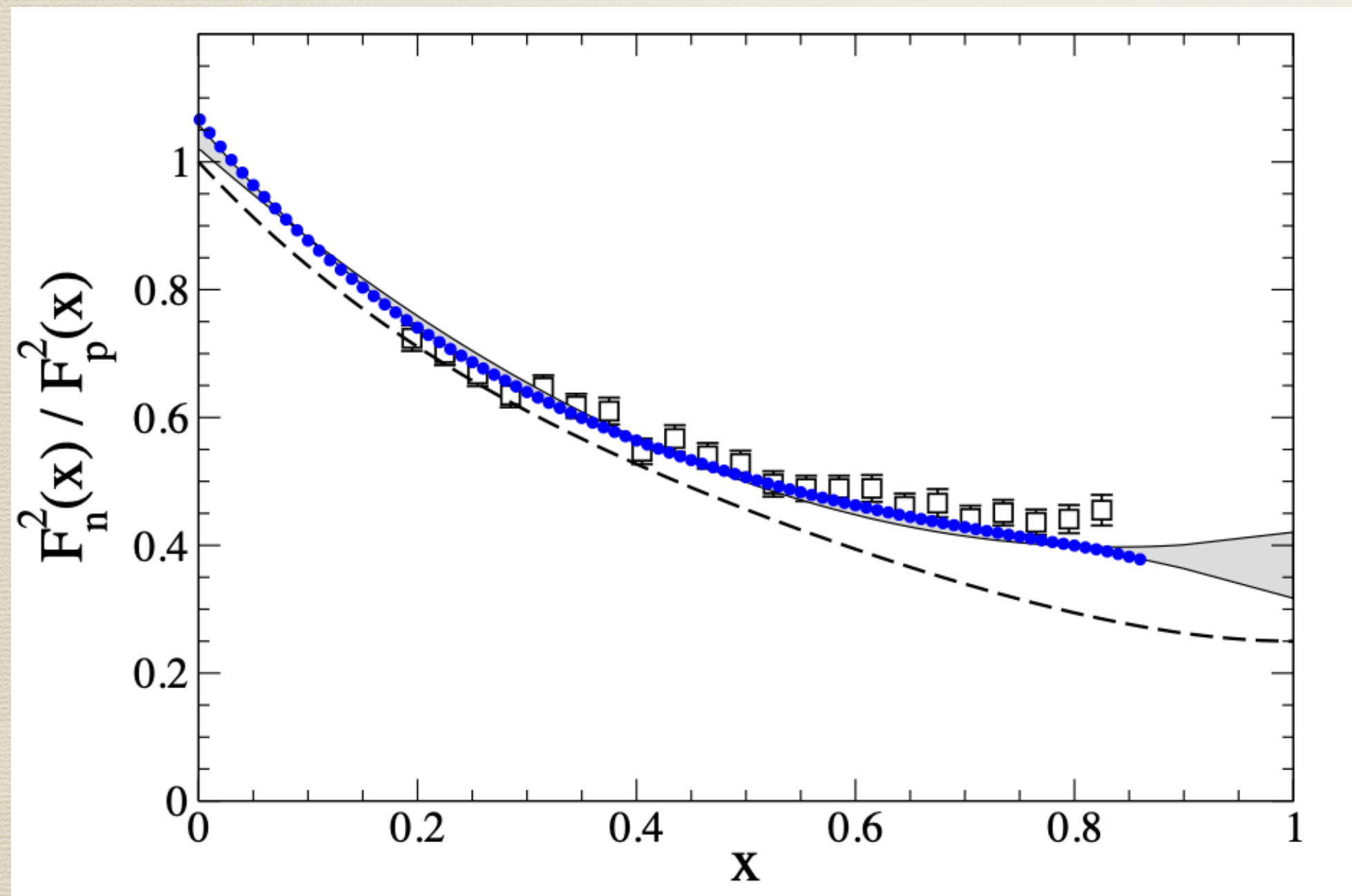
Solid line: Av18/UIX; Dashed-line: NVIb/UIX

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MARATHON coll. : experimental data of the super-ratio $R^{ht}(x) = F_2^{3He}(x)/F_2^{3H}(x)$

3He : 2p + n; 3H : n + 2p

Is possible to extract the ratio $F_2^n(x)/F_2^p(x)$ through the super-ratio



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Dashed line: ratio from SMC collaboration
Empty squares: MARATHON extraction
Solid line: cubic and conic extractions from F_2^p SMC parametrization, fitted to MARATHON data

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* E.Pace, M.Rinaldi, G.Salmè and S. Scopetta, **Phys. Scr.** **95**, 064008 (2020)

$$W_A^{s,\mu\nu} = \sum_N \sum_\sigma \oint d\epsilon \int \frac{d\kappa_\perp d\kappa^+}{2(2\pi)^3 \kappa^+} \frac{1}{\xi} P^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon) w_{N,\sigma}^{s,\mu\nu}(p, q)$$

hadronic tensor of the nucleon

Unpolarized LF spectral function:

$$P^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2j+1} \sum_{\mathcal{M}} P_{\sigma\sigma}^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon, \mathbf{S}, \mathcal{M})$$

$W_A^{s,\mu\nu}$ is parametrized by the SFs $F_2^A(x)$ and $F_1^A(x)$:

$$F_2^A(x) = -\frac{1}{2} x g_{\mu\nu} W_A^{s,\mu\nu} = \sum_N \sum_\sigma \int d\epsilon \int \frac{d\kappa_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\kappa^+}{2\kappa^+} P^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon) F_2^N(z)$$

Free nucleon SF

Where $x = \frac{Q^2}{2P_A \cdot q}$ and $\xi = \frac{\kappa^+}{\mathcal{M}_0[1; 2, 3, \dots, A-1]}$ with $z = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q} = \frac{p}{P_A^+} \frac{x}{\xi}$

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In the Bjorken limit $\int d\epsilon \int d\kappa^+ = \int d\kappa^+ \int d\epsilon$ so we can use the **light-cone momentum distribution (LCMD)** instead of the **LF spectral function** *

$$\text{LCMD: } f_1^N(\xi) = \oint d\epsilon \int \frac{d\kappa_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\kappa^+} P^N(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \epsilon) \frac{E_s}{1-\xi} = \int d\mathbf{k}_\perp n^n(\xi, \mathbf{k}_\perp)$$

LF momentum distribution:

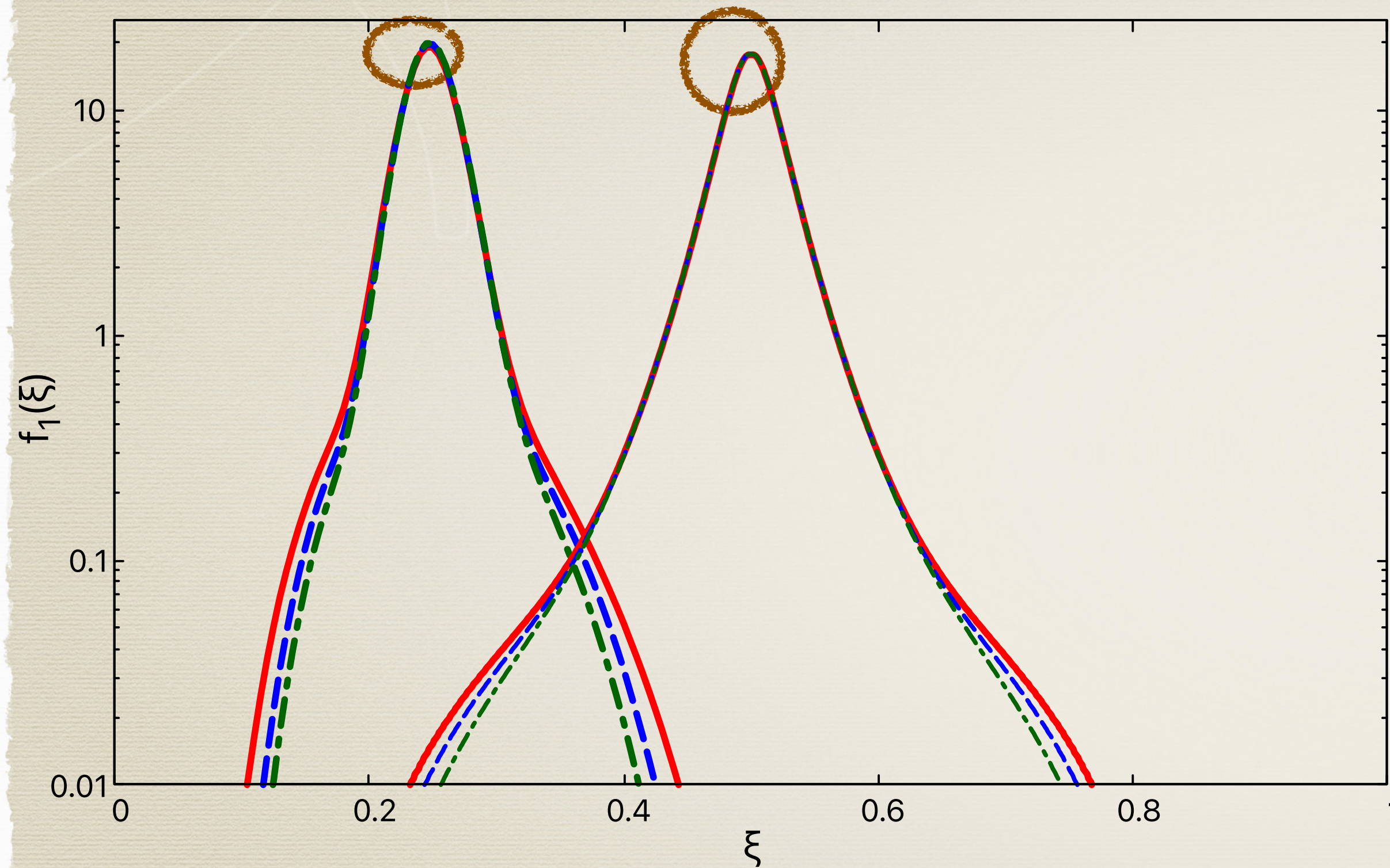
$$n^N(\xi, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \prod_{i=2}^{A-1} [d\mathbf{k}_i] \left| \frac{\partial k_z}{\partial \xi} \right| \mathcal{N}^N(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{A-1})$$

Squared nuclear wave function. Thanks to the BT construction, one is allowed to use the NR one

Determinant of the Jacobian matrix. LF boost: effect of a Poincaré covariance approach

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The distributions are peaked at $1/A$ with an accuracy of $1/1000$:



- The tails of the distributions are generated by the **short range correlations (SRC)** induced by the potentials (i.e the **high-momentum content** of the 1-body momentum distribution)
- The tails of the LC momentum distribution calculated by the **Av18/UIX** potential is larger than the ones obtained by the **χ EFT** potentials for both ${}^4\text{He}$ and deuteron

F.F. E.Pace, M.Rinaldi, G.Salmè, S.Scopetta and M.Viviani, ***Phys.Lett.B* 851 (2024)**

LC momentum distribution for ${}^4\text{He}$ (peaked at 0.25) and deuteron (peaked at

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For the **polarized DIS** we need to calculate the **antisymmetric** part of the **hadronic tensor**:

$$W_A^{a,\mu\nu} = \sum_N \sum_\sigma \oint d\epsilon \int \frac{d\kappa d\kappa^+}{2(2\pi)^3 \kappa^+} \frac{1}{\xi} \boxed{P_\sigma^N(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \epsilon, \mathbf{S}, \mathcal{M})} \boxed{w_{N,\sigma}^{a,\mu\nu}(p, q)}$$

hadronic tensor of the nucleon

Spin-dependent LF spectral function

$W_A^{a,\mu\nu}$ is parametrized by the the **spin-dependent SFs (SSFs)** $g_1^A(x, Q^2)$ and $g_2^A(x, Q^2)$

As for the unpolarized case, in the **Bjorken limit** we can write a **convolution formula** for the **SSFs**:

$$g_j^A(x) = \sum_N \int_{\xi_m}^1 d\xi \left[g_1^N(z) l_j^N(\xi) + g_2^N(z) h_j^N(\xi) \right], j = 1, 2$$

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The **spin-dependent LCMD** $l_j^N(\xi)$ and $h_j^N(\xi)$ are related to the **transverse momentum-**

We used the **TMDs** for 3He calculated with the **Av18** potential in Ref. **[1]**

GRSV parametrization [2] for the $g_1^N(x)$ SSF

$g_2^N(x)$ extracted by $g_1^N(x)$ with the **Wandzura-Wilczek** formula [3]:

$$g_2^N(x) = -g_1^N(x) + \int_x^1 dy \frac{g_1^N(y)}{y}$$

[1] R.Alessandro. A.Del Dotto. E.Pace. G.Perna. G.Salmè and S.Scopetta. **Phvs.Rev.C 104(2021) 6.065204**

[2] M. Glück. E. Reva. M. Stratmann. and W. Vogelsand. **Phvs. Rev. D 63. 094005 (2001)**

[3] S. Wandzura and F. Wilczek. **Phvs. Lett. B 72. 195 (1977)**

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One can **approximate** this equation using that $l_j^N(\xi), h_j^N(\xi)$ are **peaked** around $\xi \simeq 1/A$ and so

$$g_j^{\bar{n}}(x) = \frac{1}{p_j^n} \left[g_j^{^3He}(x) - 2p_j^p g_j^p(x) \right]$$

Where the **effective polarization** p_j^N are **integral** of the **TMDs** $\Delta f(\xi, k_\perp)$ and $\Delta'_T f(\xi, k_\perp)^*$

$$p_1^N = \int_0^1 d\xi \int d\mathbf{k}_\perp \Delta f(\xi, k_\perp) \text{ and } p_2^N = \int_0^1 d\xi \int d\mathbf{k}_\perp \Delta'_T f(\xi, k_\perp)$$

We compared our extraction of the **neutron SSFS** with the one of the **GRSV parametrization** and with the **NR extraction**, obtained through the effective polarizations calculated from a NR

Neutron GPDs from ^3He

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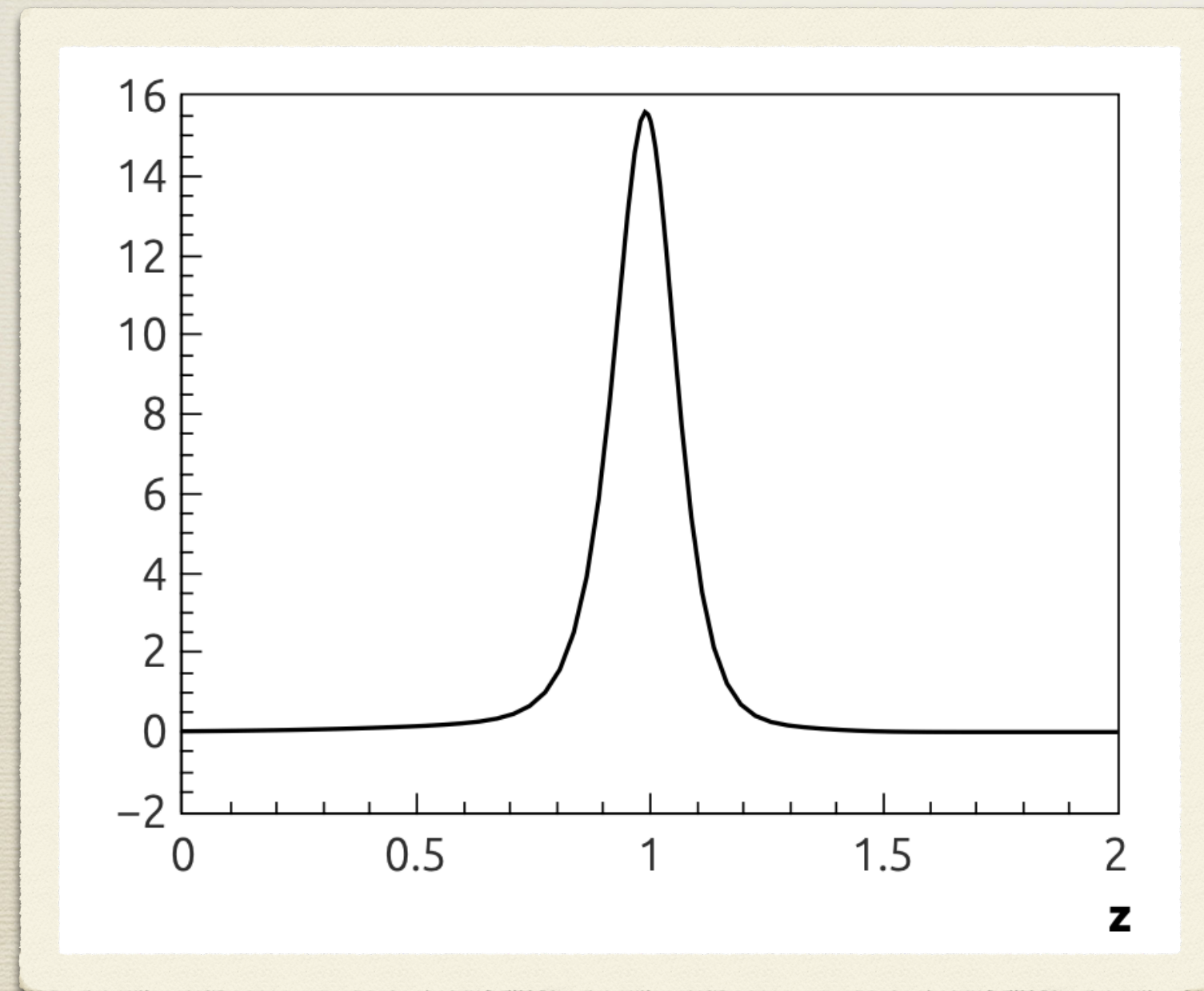
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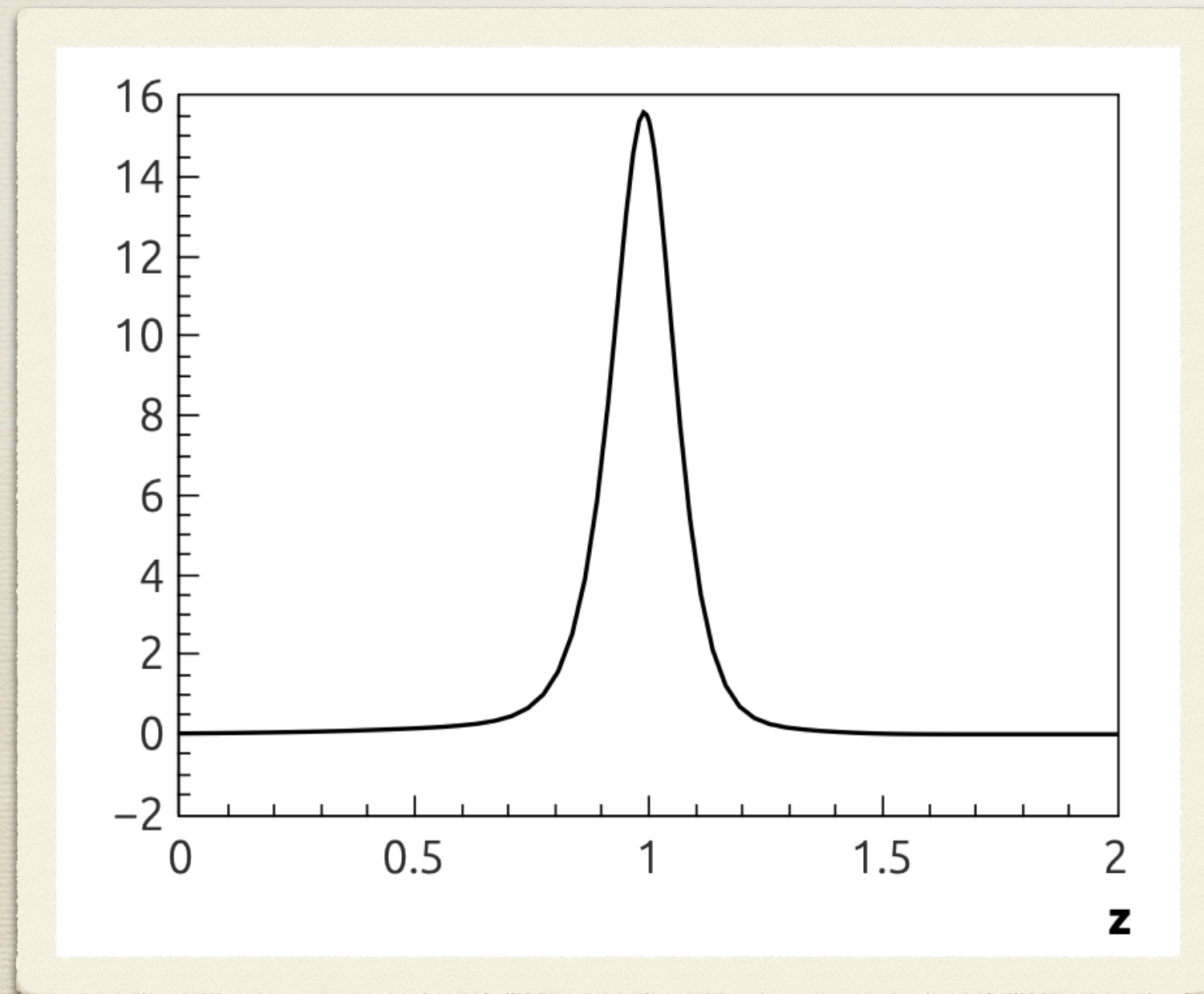
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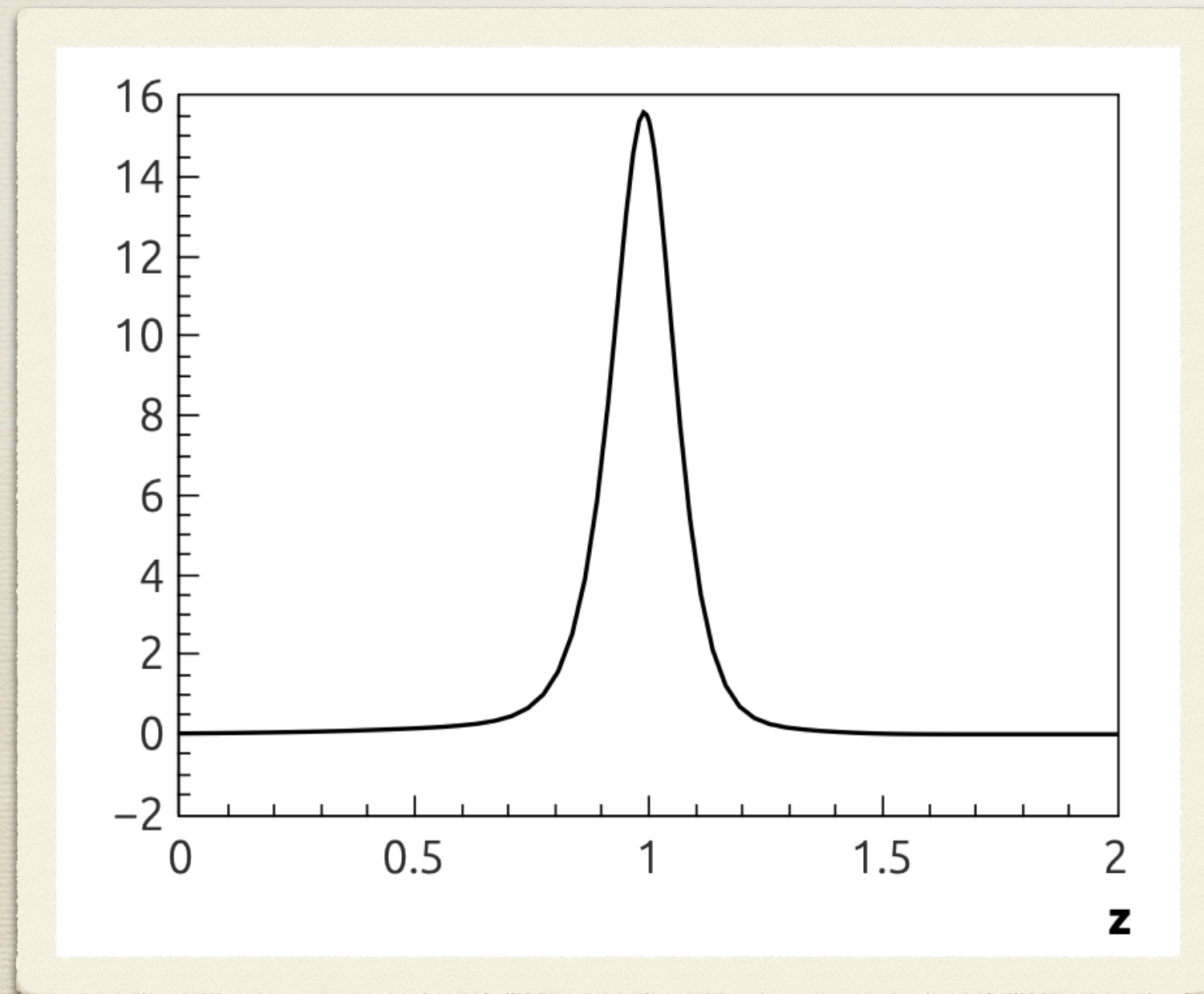
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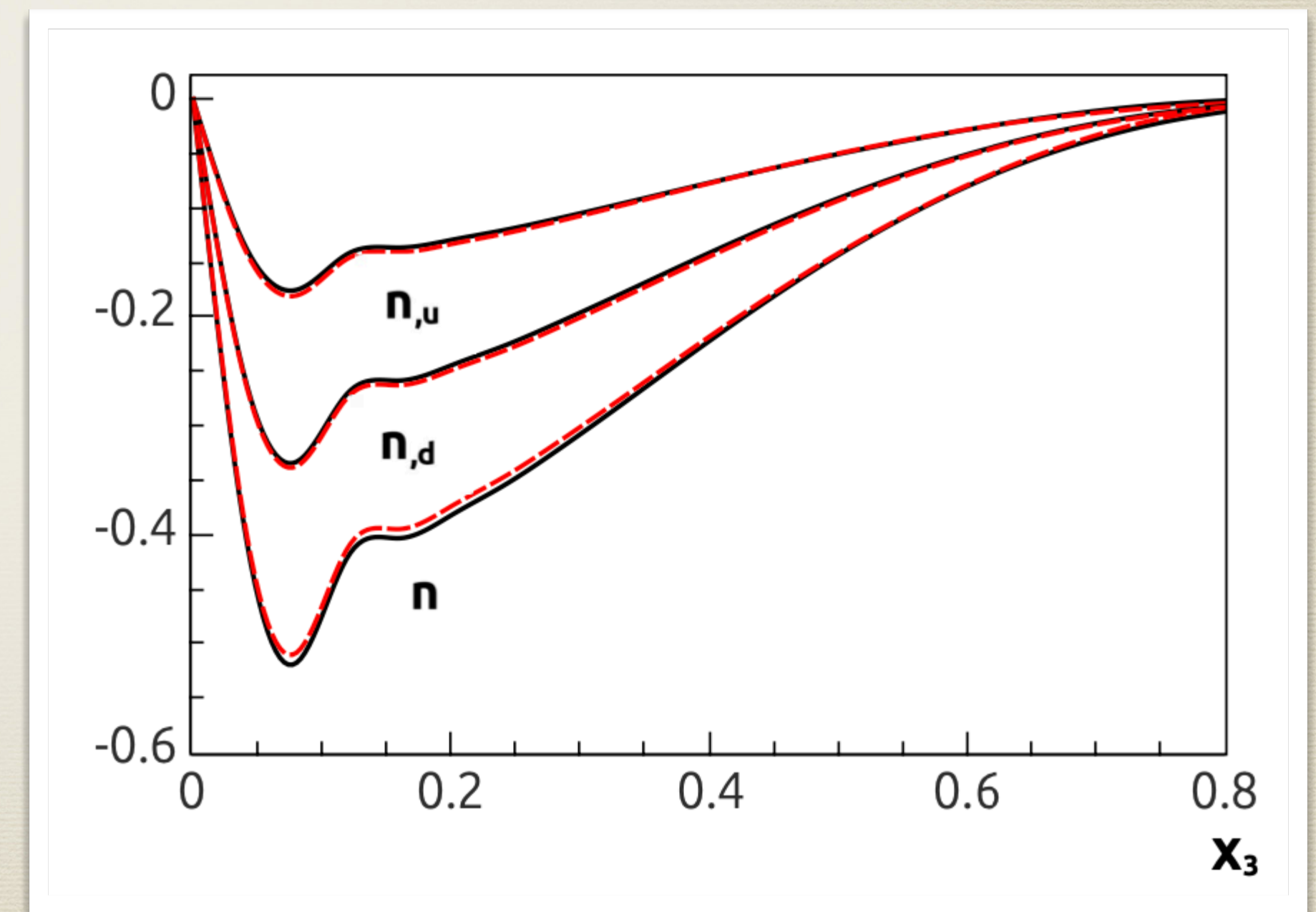
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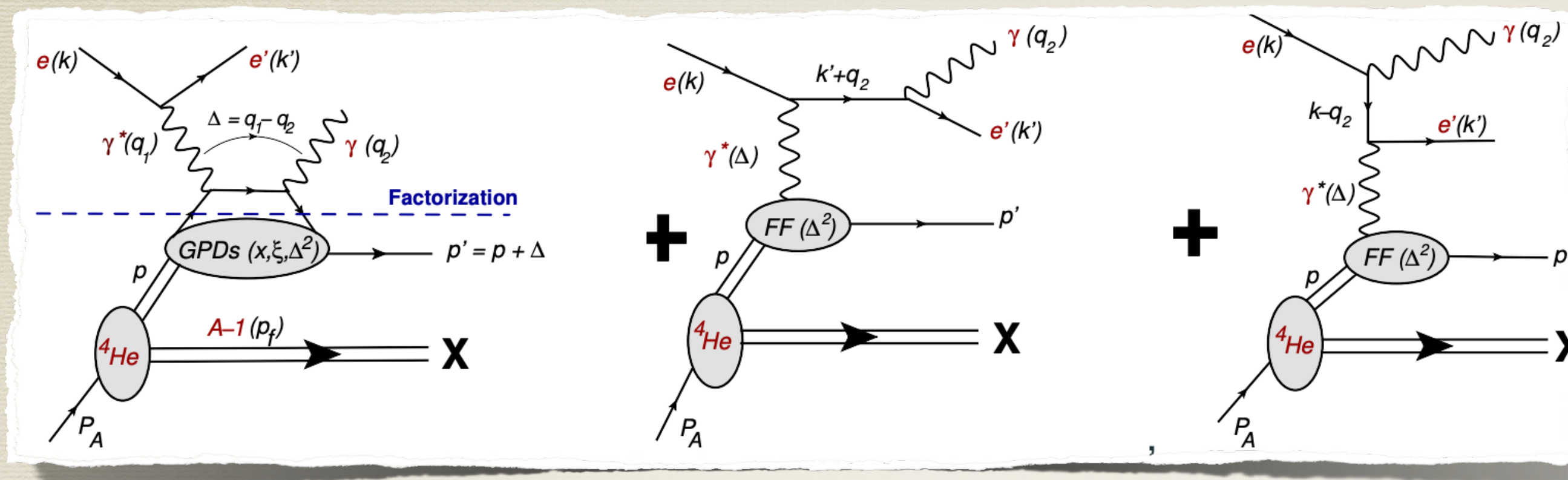
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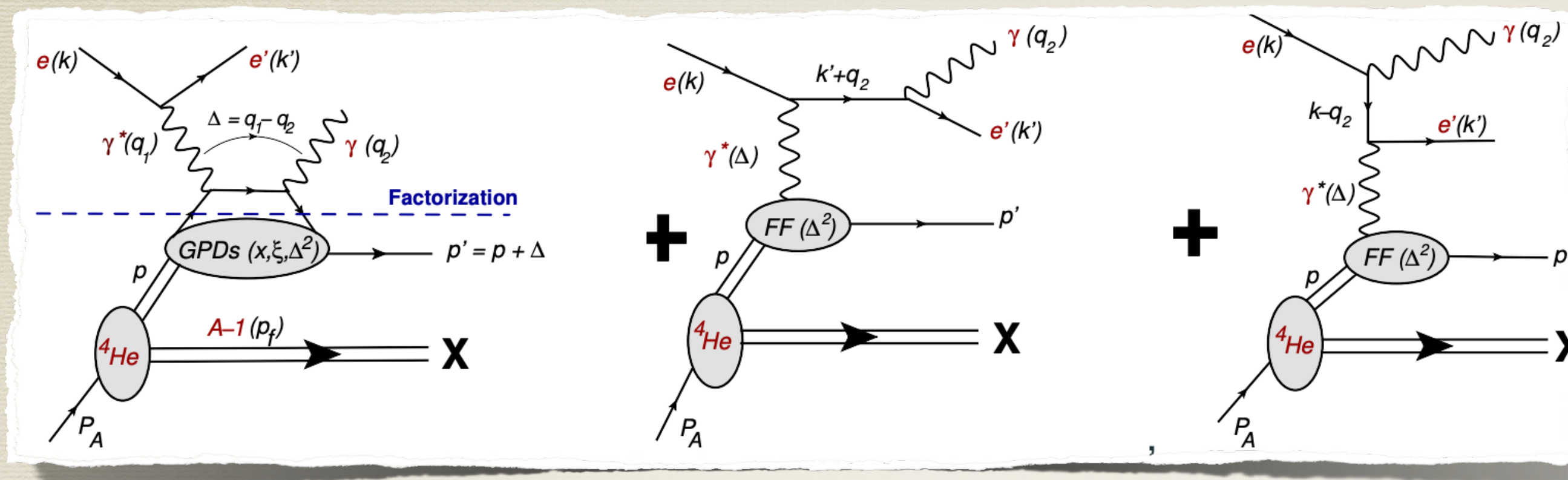
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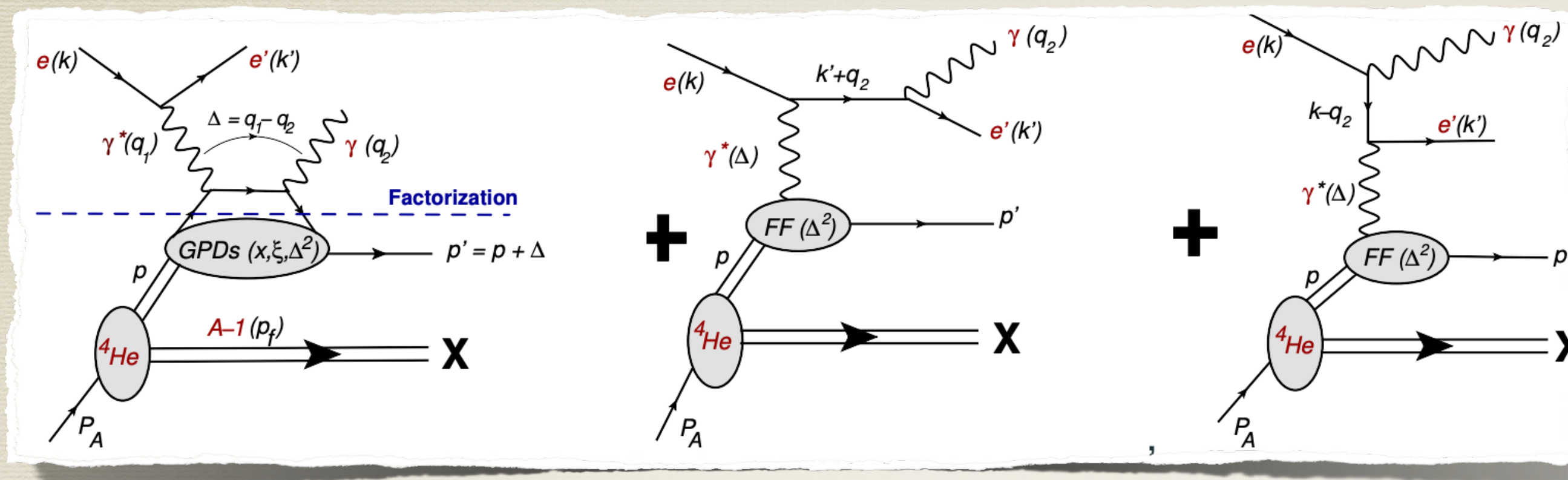
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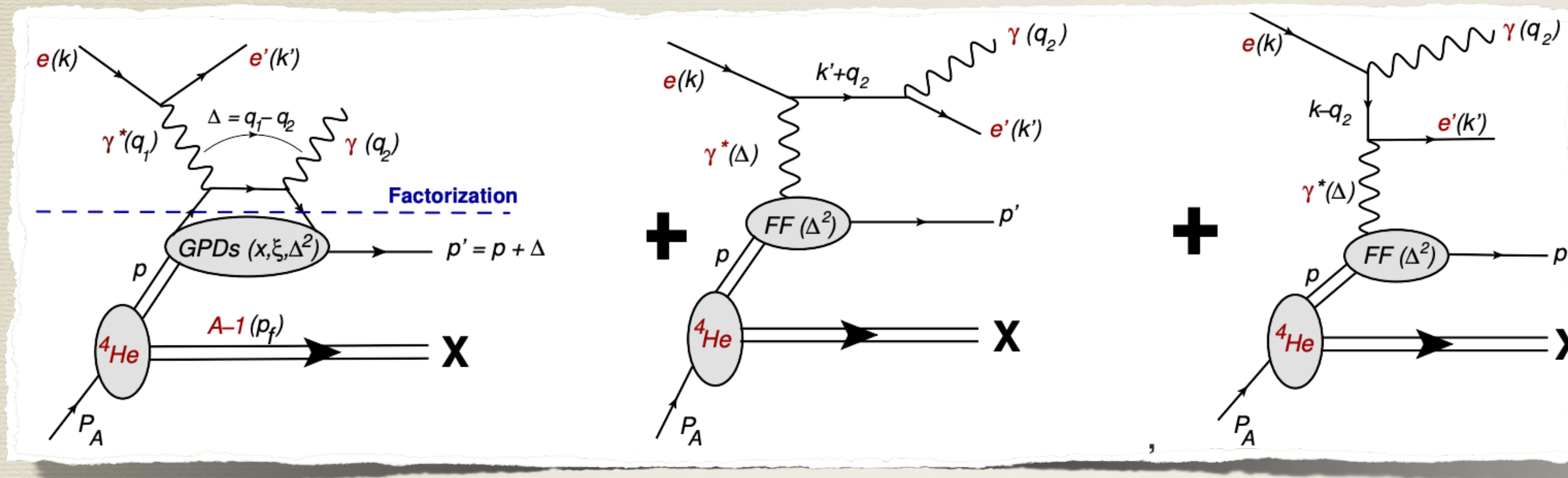
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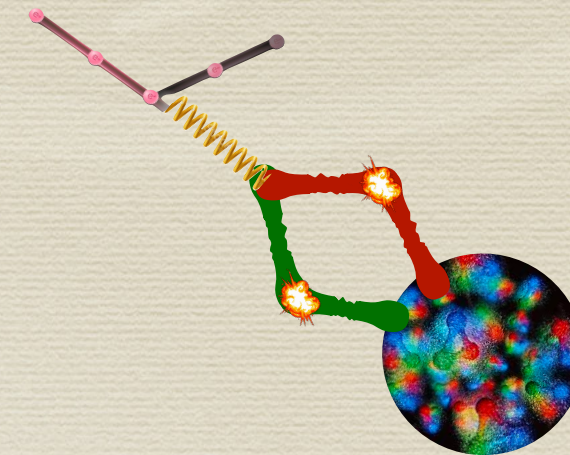
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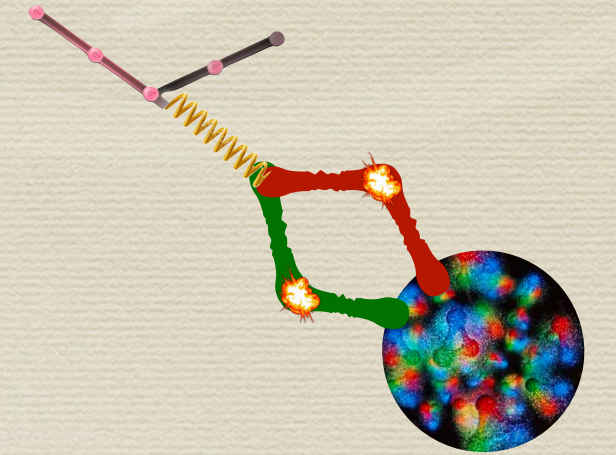
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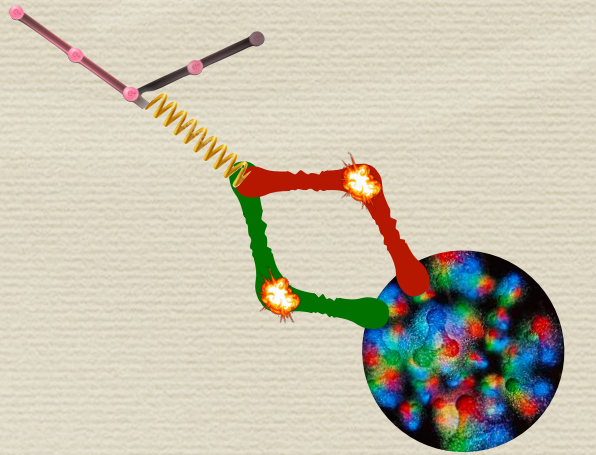
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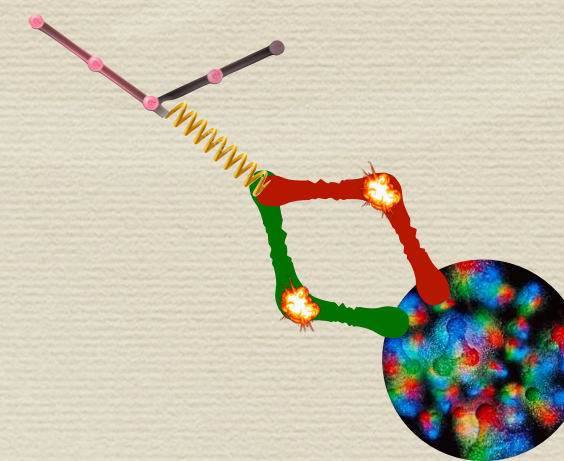
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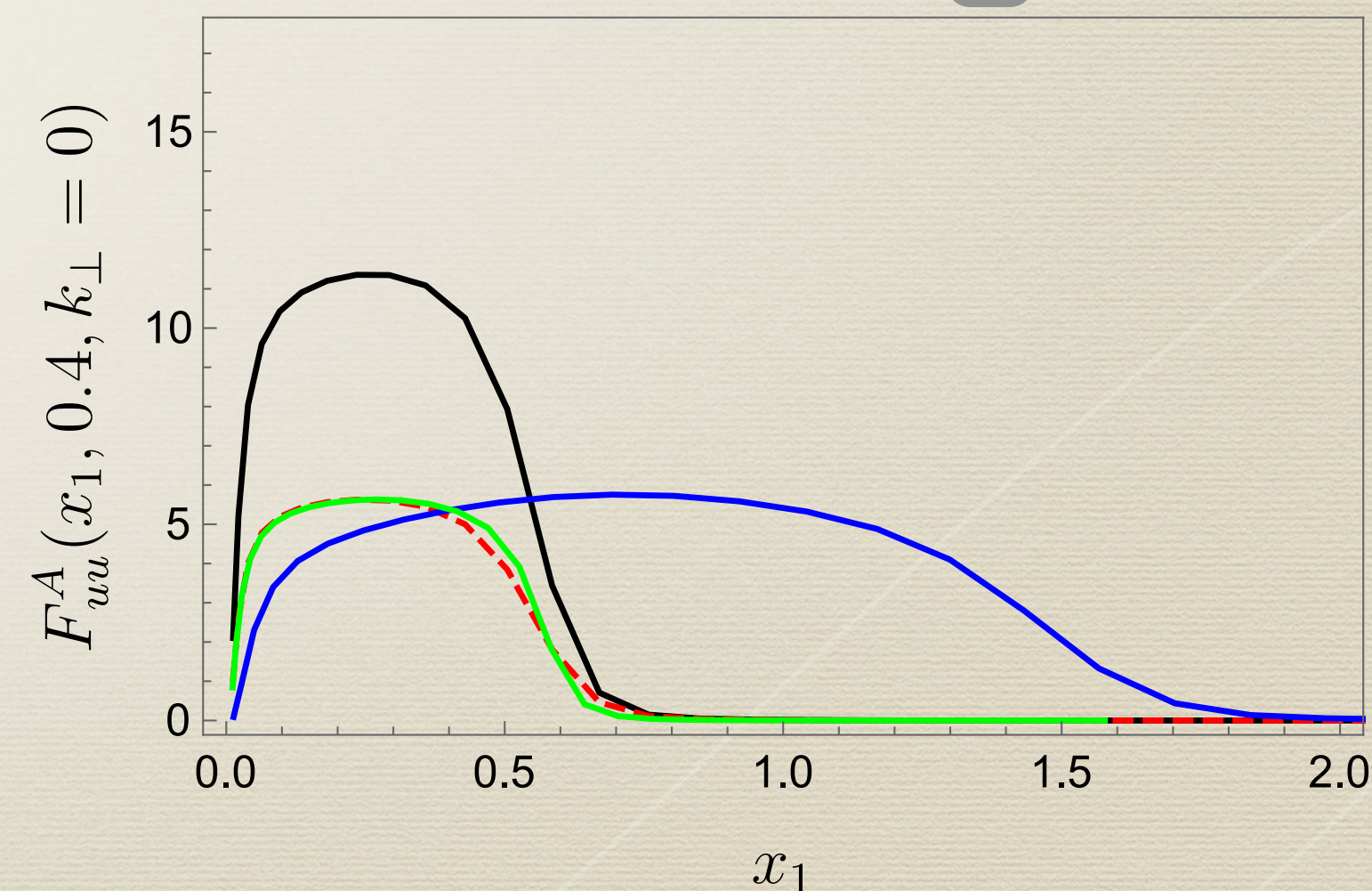
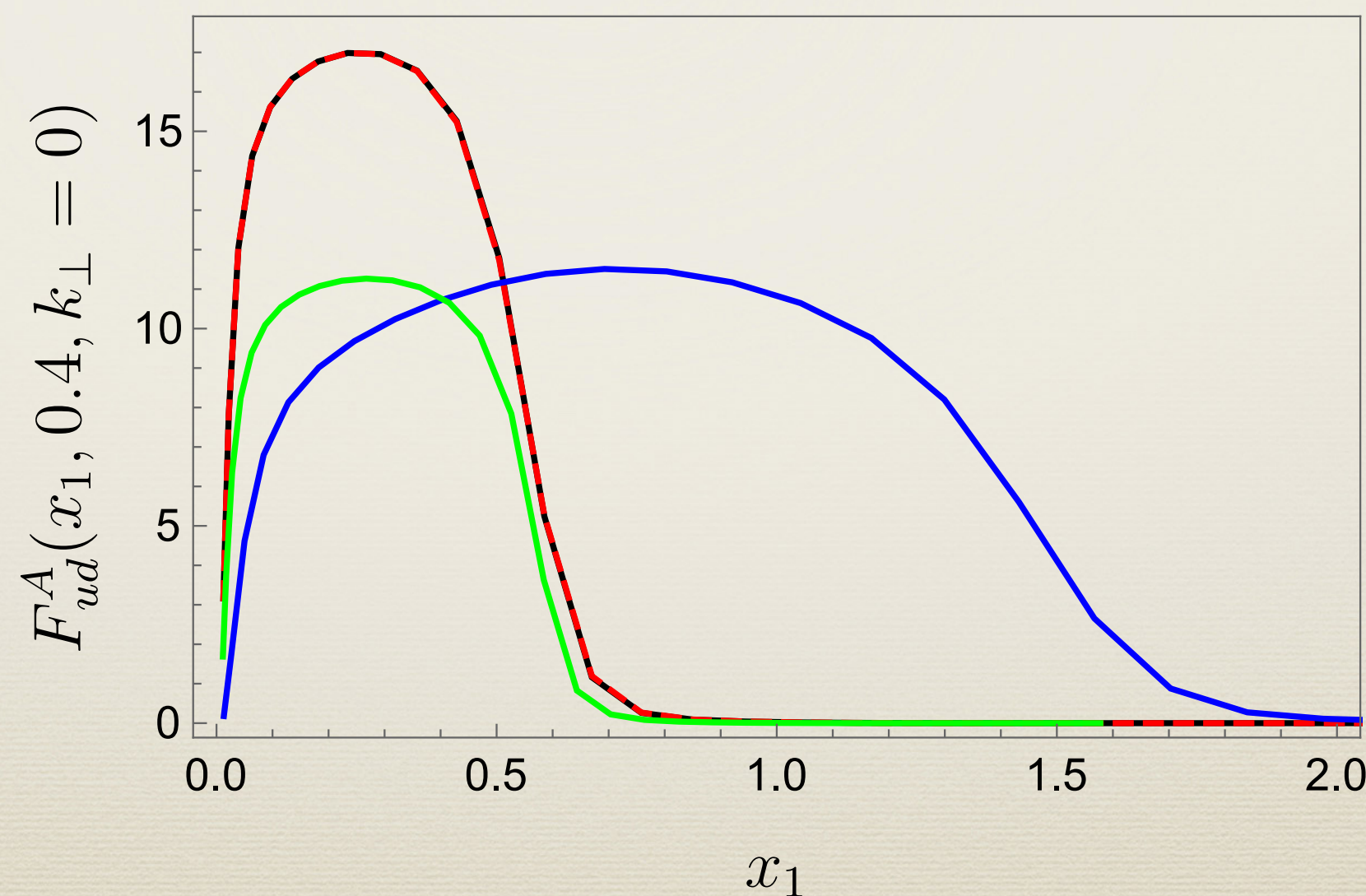
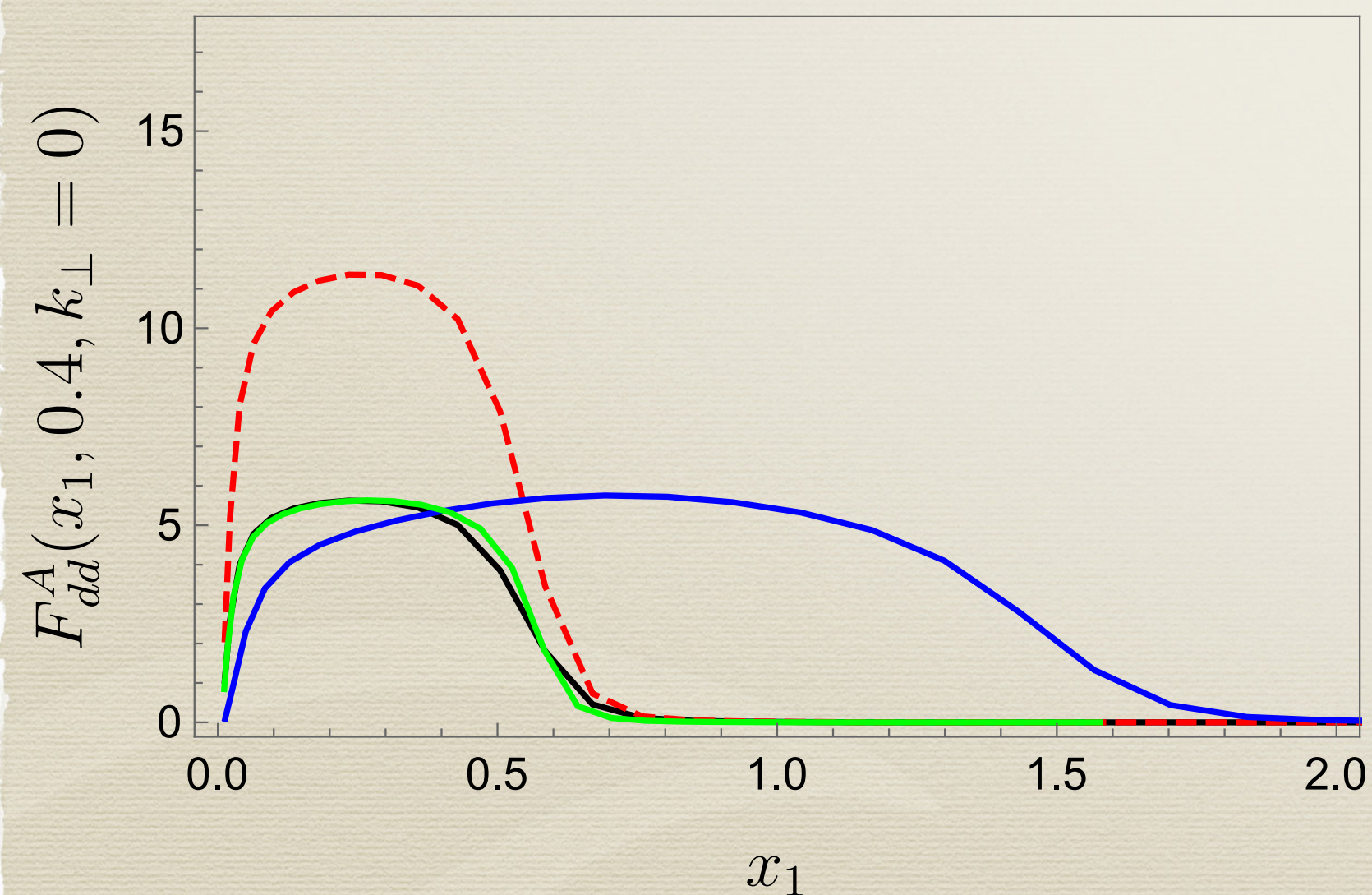
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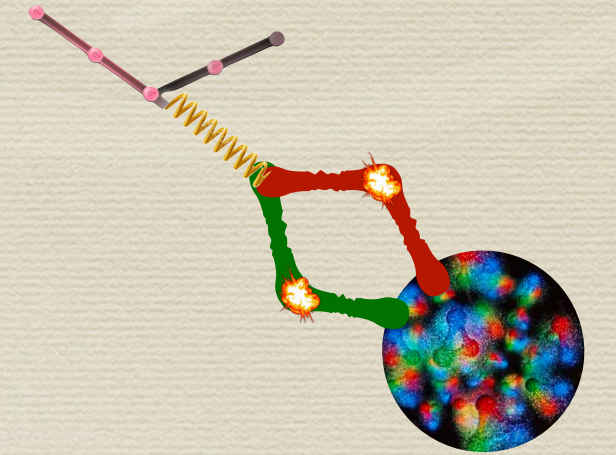
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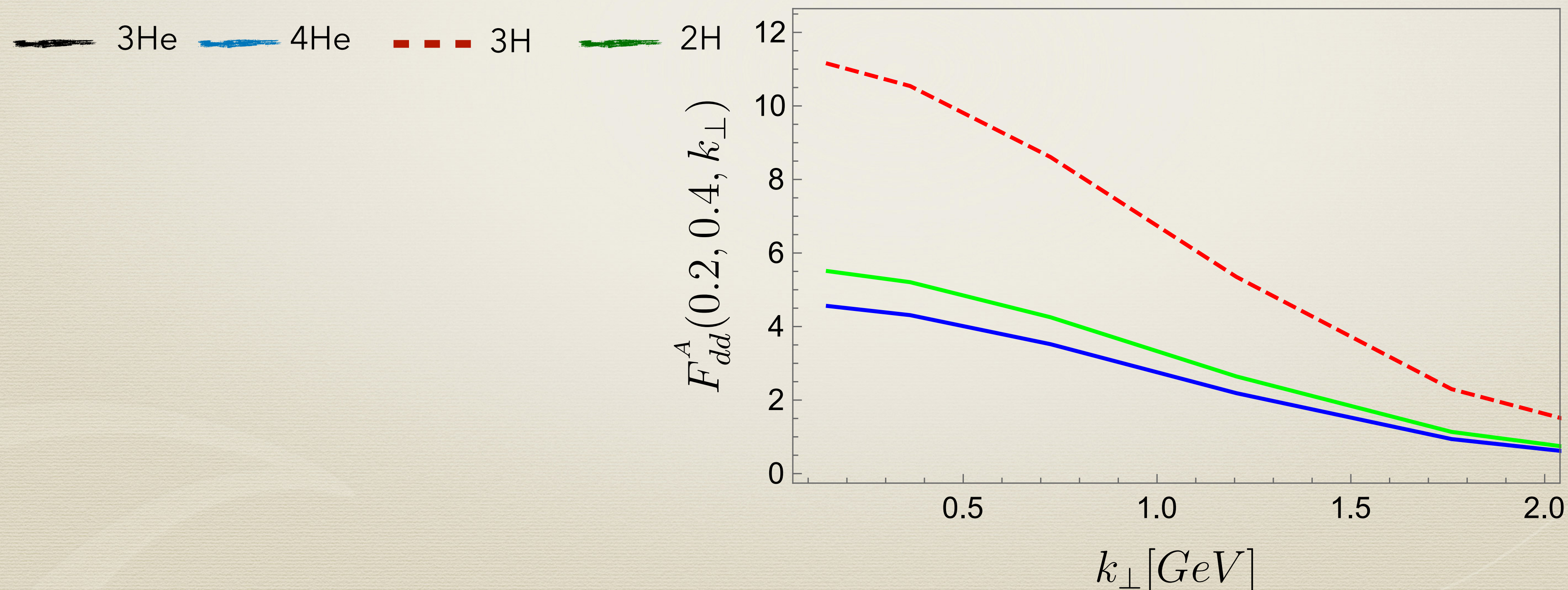


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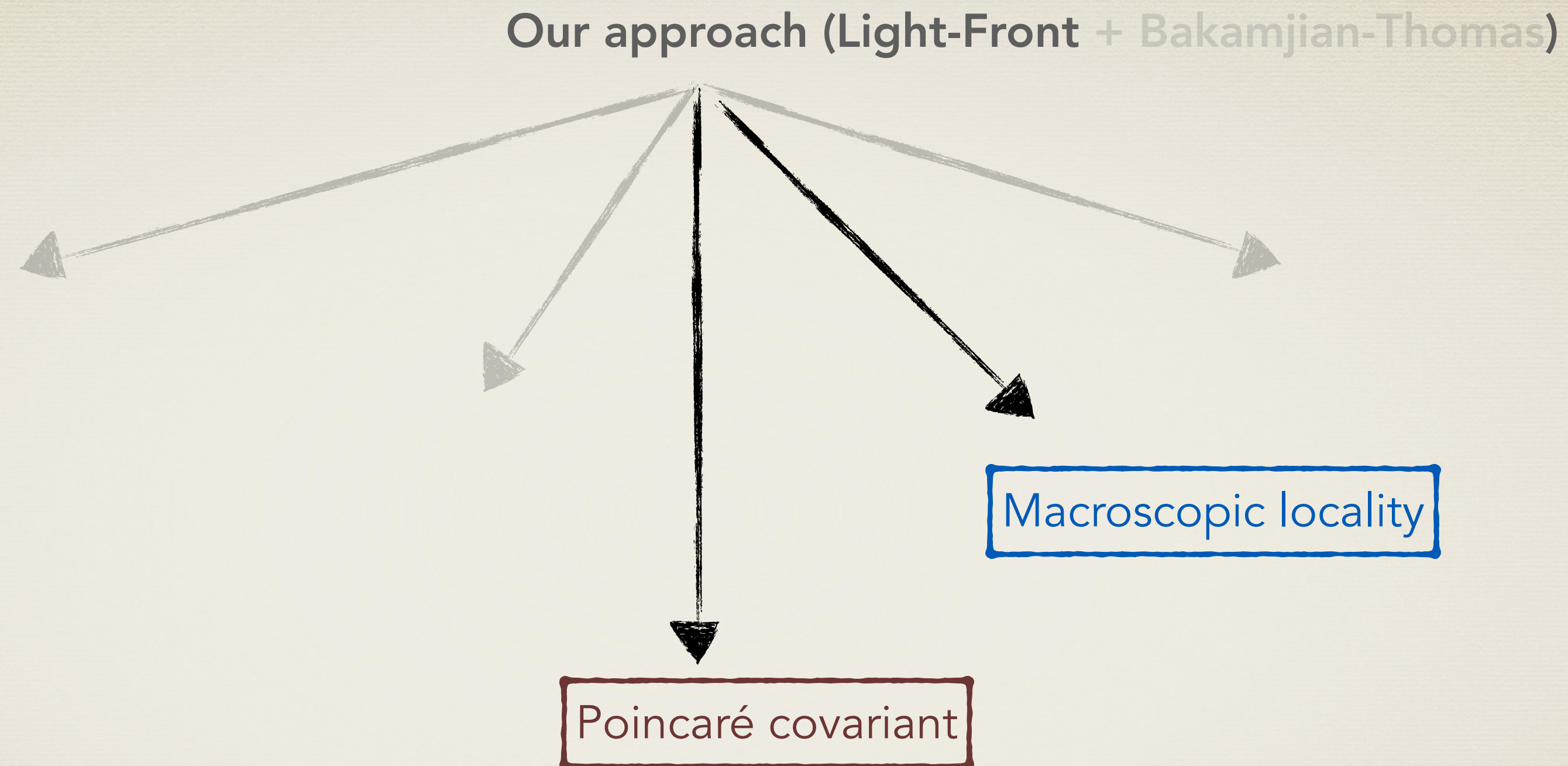
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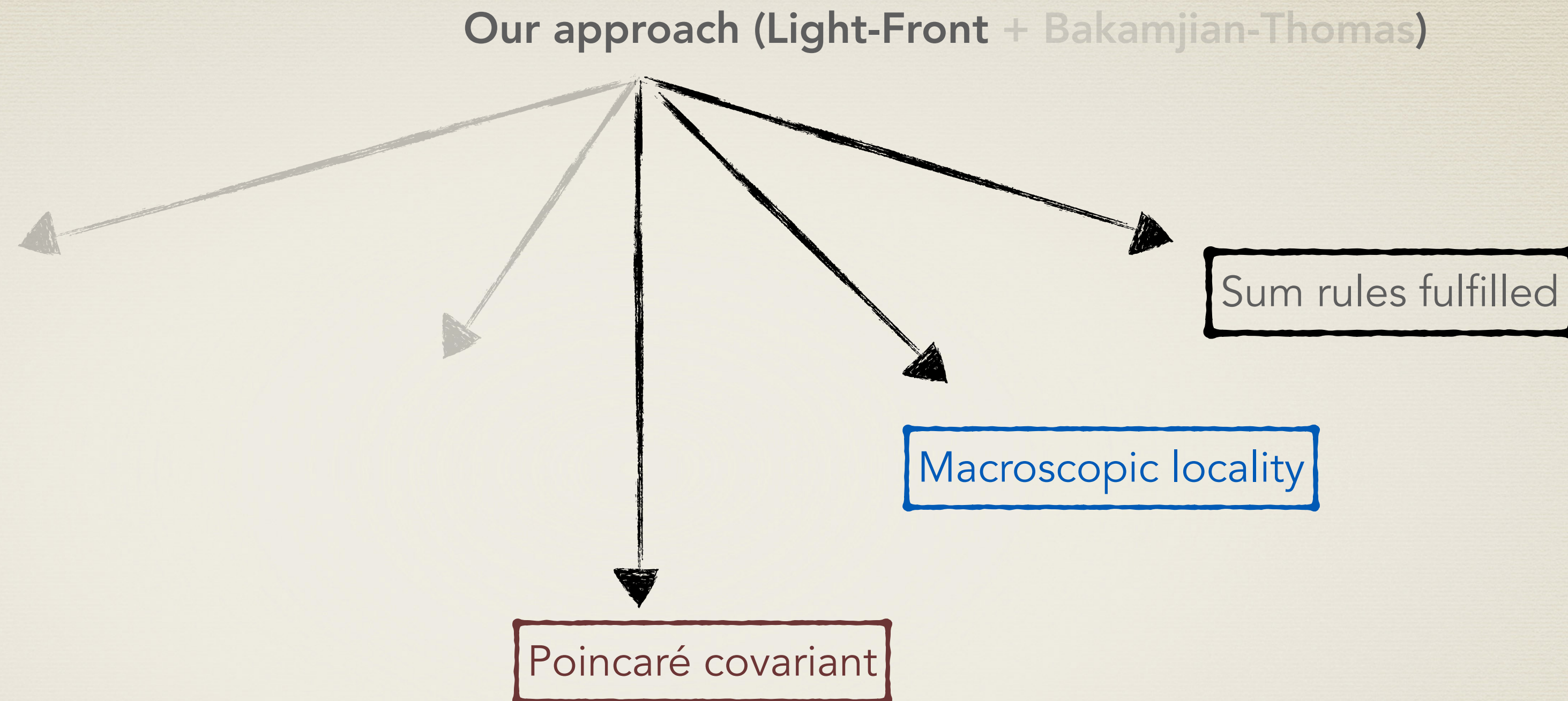


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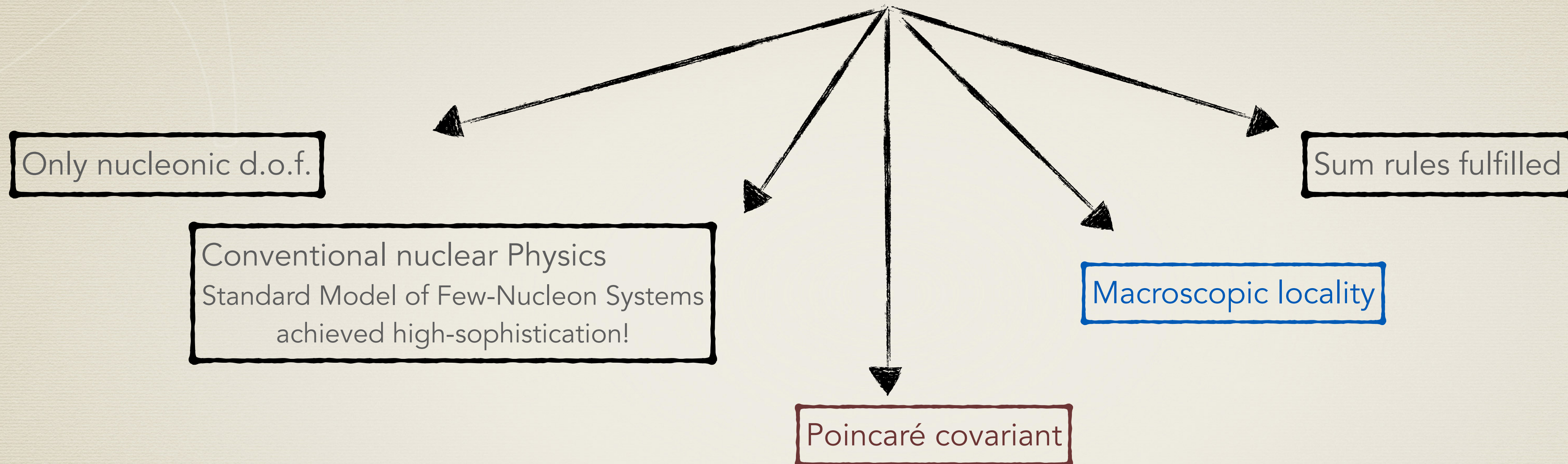
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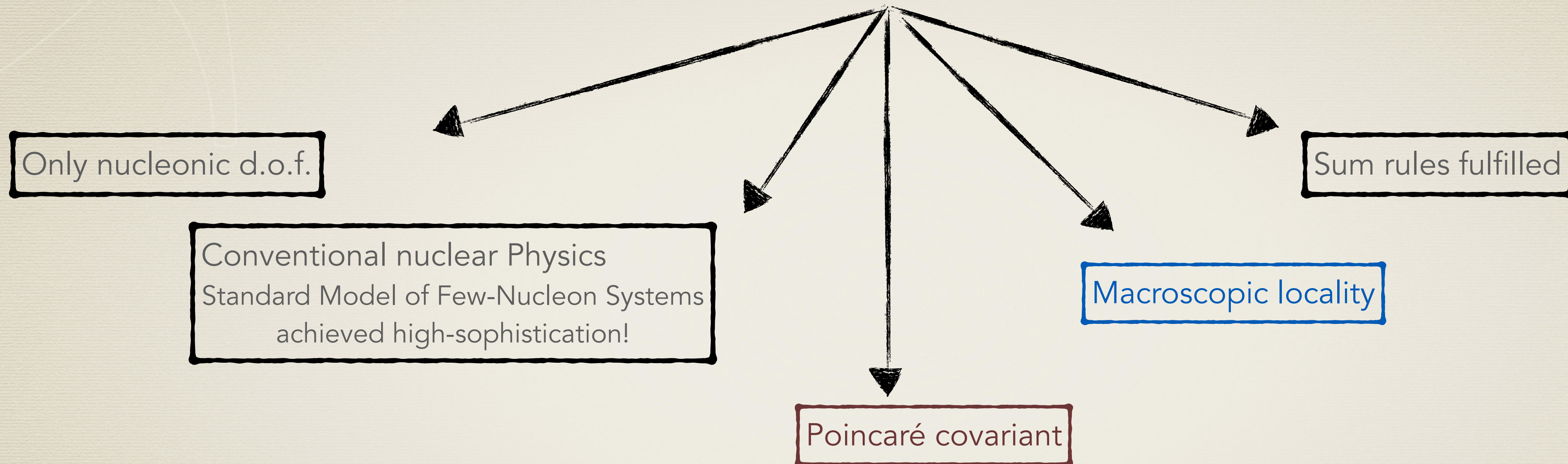
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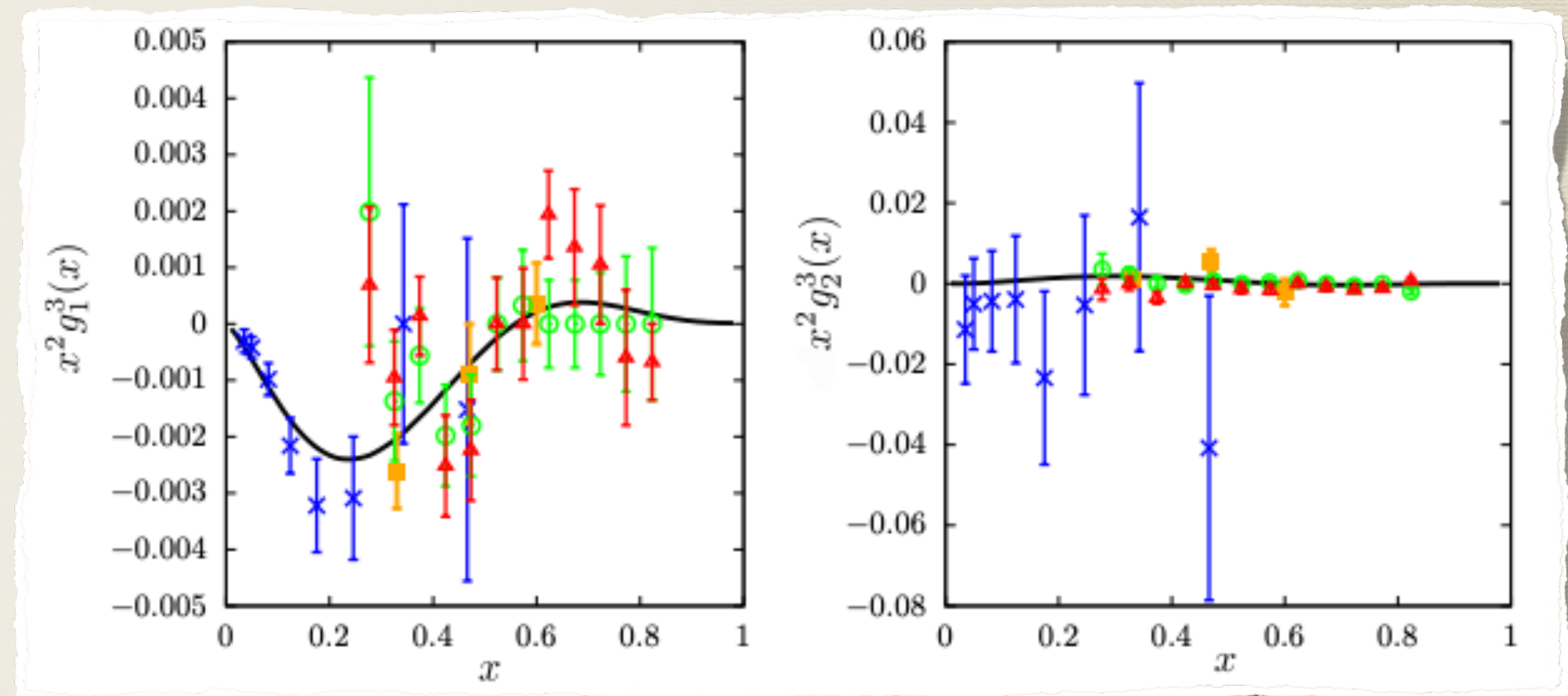
Results

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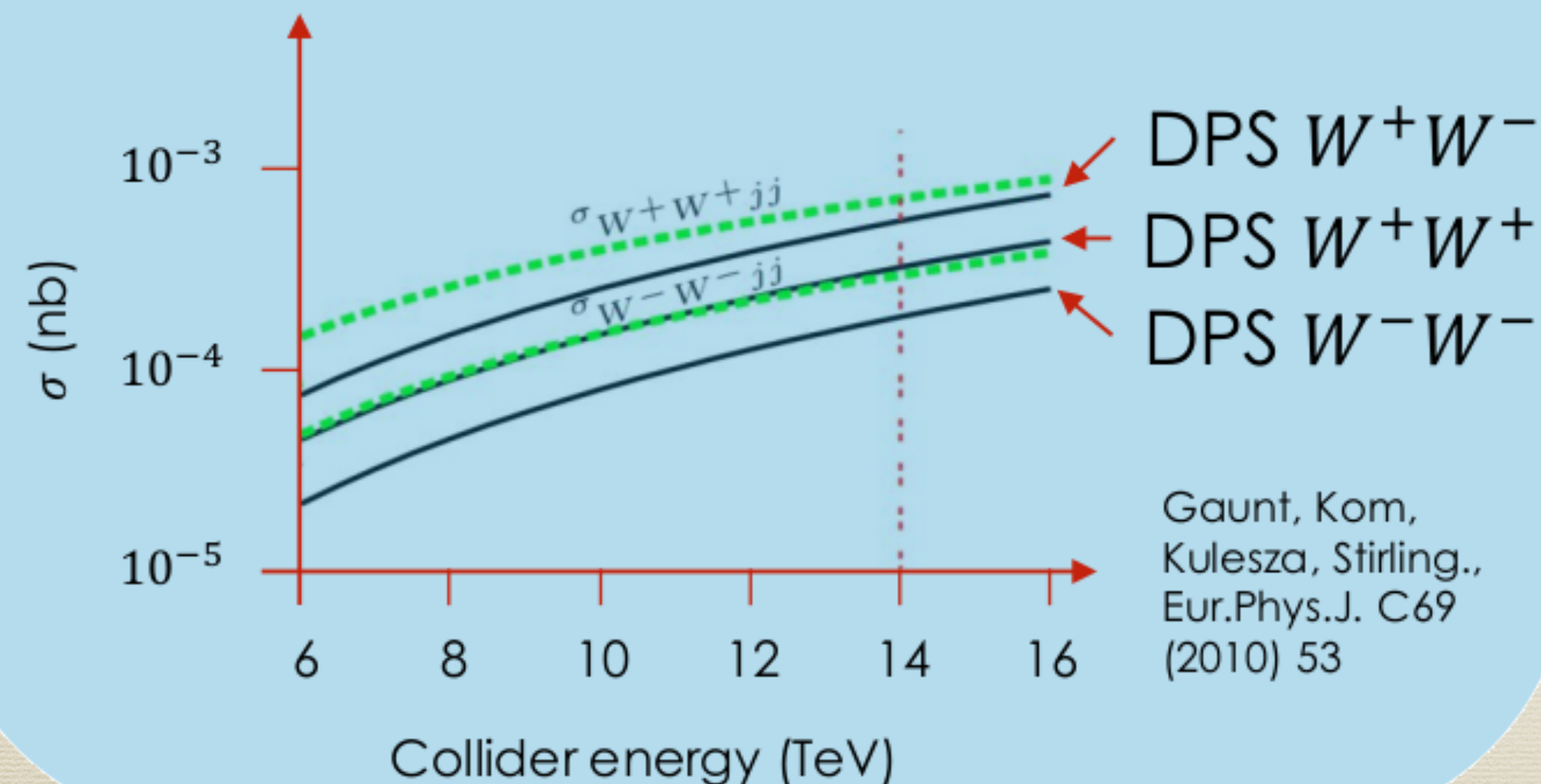
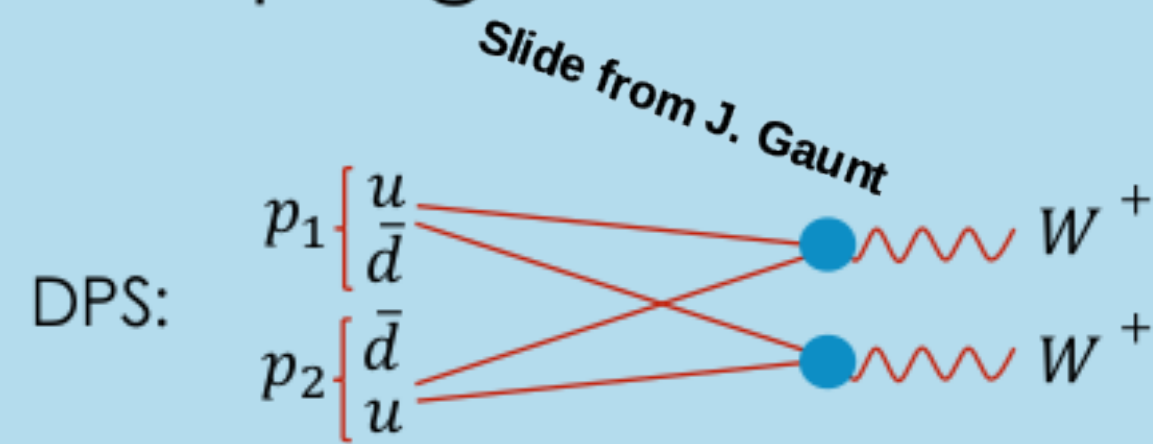
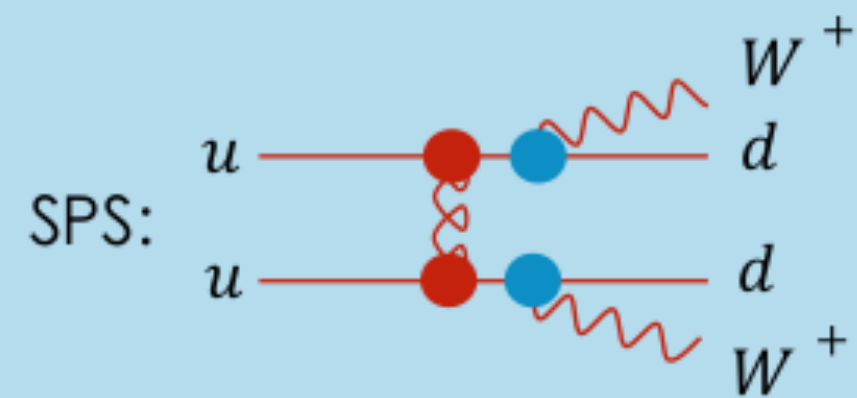
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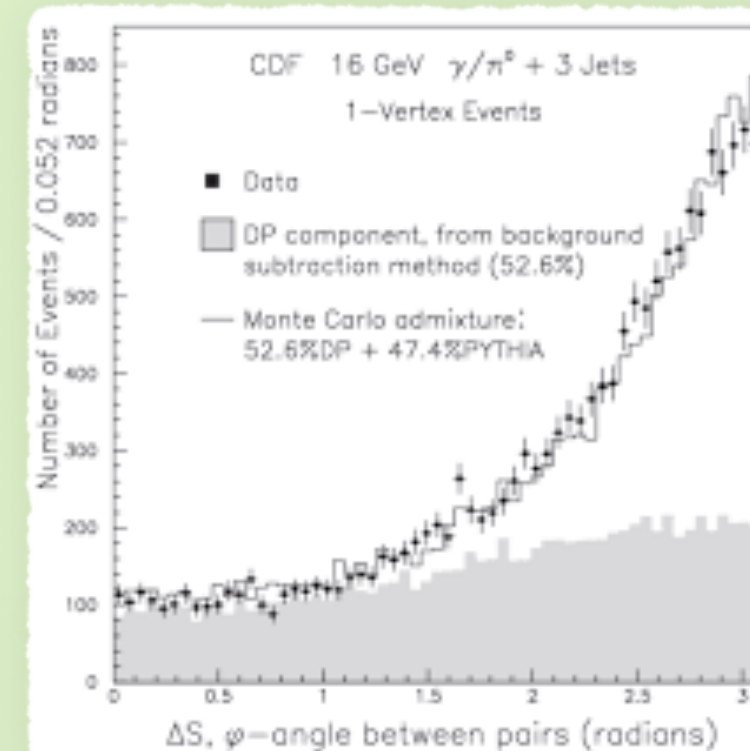
- Full lines: our calculations
- Experimental analyses:
 - a) crosses: P. L. Anthony et al. (E142), Phys. Rev. D 54, 6620 (1996)
 - b) squares: X. Zheng et al. (JLab Hall A), PRL 92, 012004 (2004)
 - c) empty: D. Flay et al. (Jefferson Lab Hall A), Phys. Rev. D 94, 052003 (2016)

Where and Why DPS?

DPS can give a significant contribution to processes where SPS is suppressed by small/multiple coupling constants:

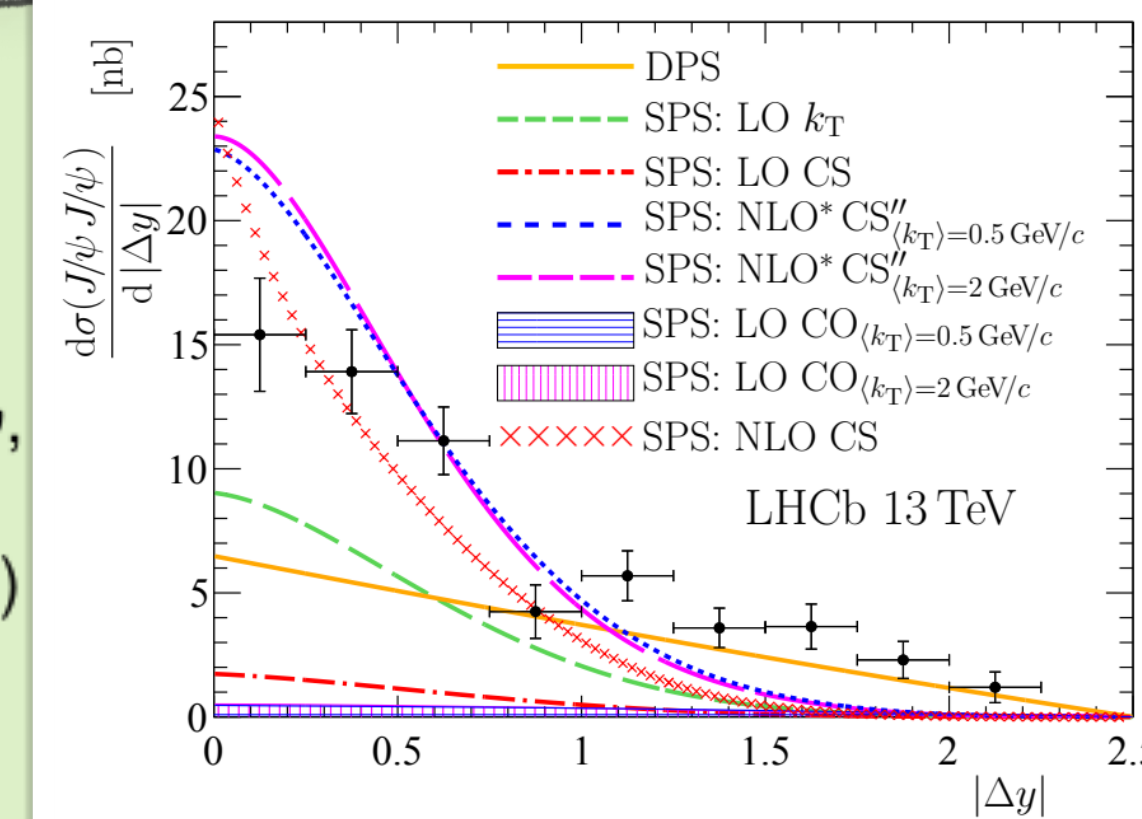


...or in certain phase space regions

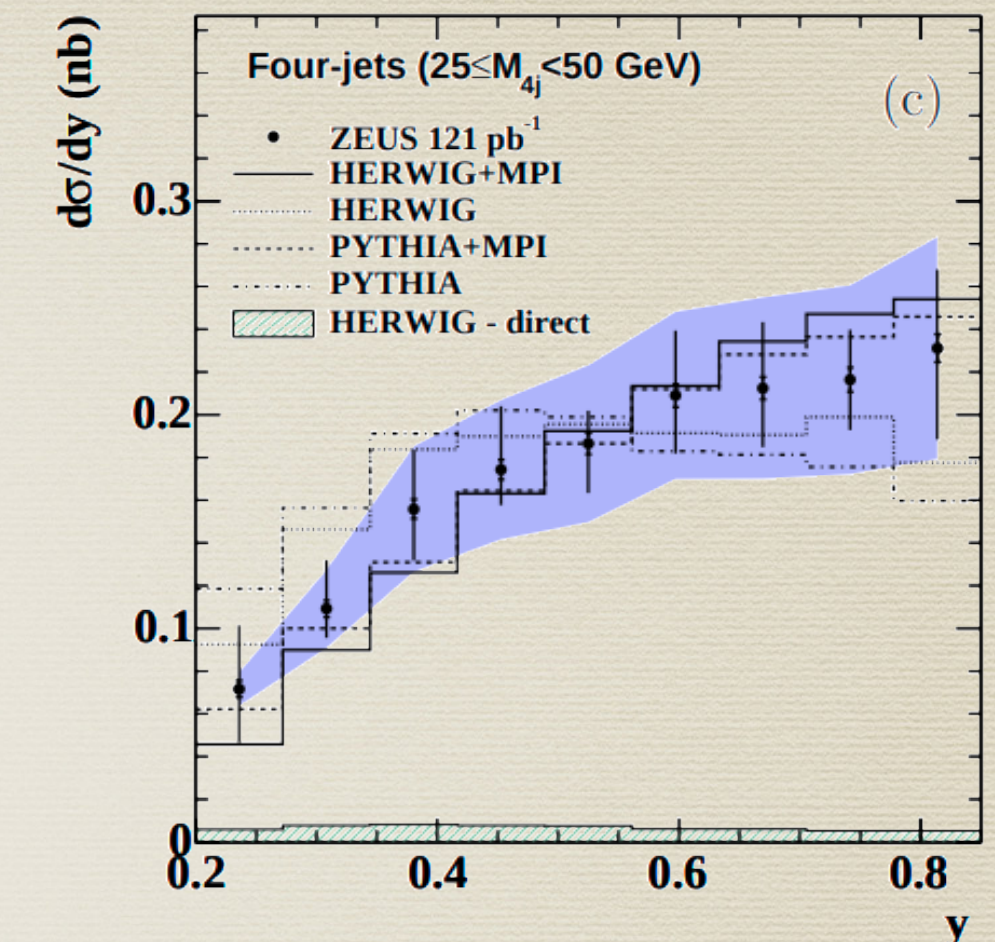


CDF, $\gamma + 3j$,
 Phys.Rev. D56
 (1997) 3811-3832

LHCb,
 double J/ψ ,
 JHEP 06,
 047, (2017)



in ep Colliders?



HERA data, ZEUS coll,
 Nucl. Phys. B 729, 1 (2008)

Access to:
 - double parton correlations
 - the transverse distance distribution of partons!!
 all UNKNOWN

Nuclear SFs and EMC ratio

To calculate the EMC ratio $R_{EMC}^A(x) = \frac{F_2^A(x)}{F_2^d(x)}$ for any nucleus A, we need the nuclear SFs.

Within our approach we have:

$$F_2^A(x) = \sum_N \int_{\xi_{min}}^1 d\xi \quad F_2^N \left(\frac{mx}{\xi M_A} \right) f_A^N(\xi)$$

* ξ = longitudinal momentum fraction carried by a nucleon in the nucleus

1) in the Bjorken limit we have the LCMD: $f_1^N(\xi) = \oint d\epsilon \int \frac{d\kappa_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\kappa^+} P^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon) \frac{E_s}{1-\xi}$

Unpolarized LF spectral function:
 $P^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2j+1} \sum_{\mathcal{M}} P_{\sigma\sigma}^N(\tilde{\kappa}, \epsilon, \mathbf{S}, \mathcal{M})$

2) **Procedure:**

a) we choose a **parametrization** for $F_2^p(x)$

b) we use the **MARATHON data** (MARATHON Coll., Phys. Rev. Lett 128 (2022) 13,132003)

for the parametrization of the ratio $\frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p}$ to get F_2^n

^4He CFFs

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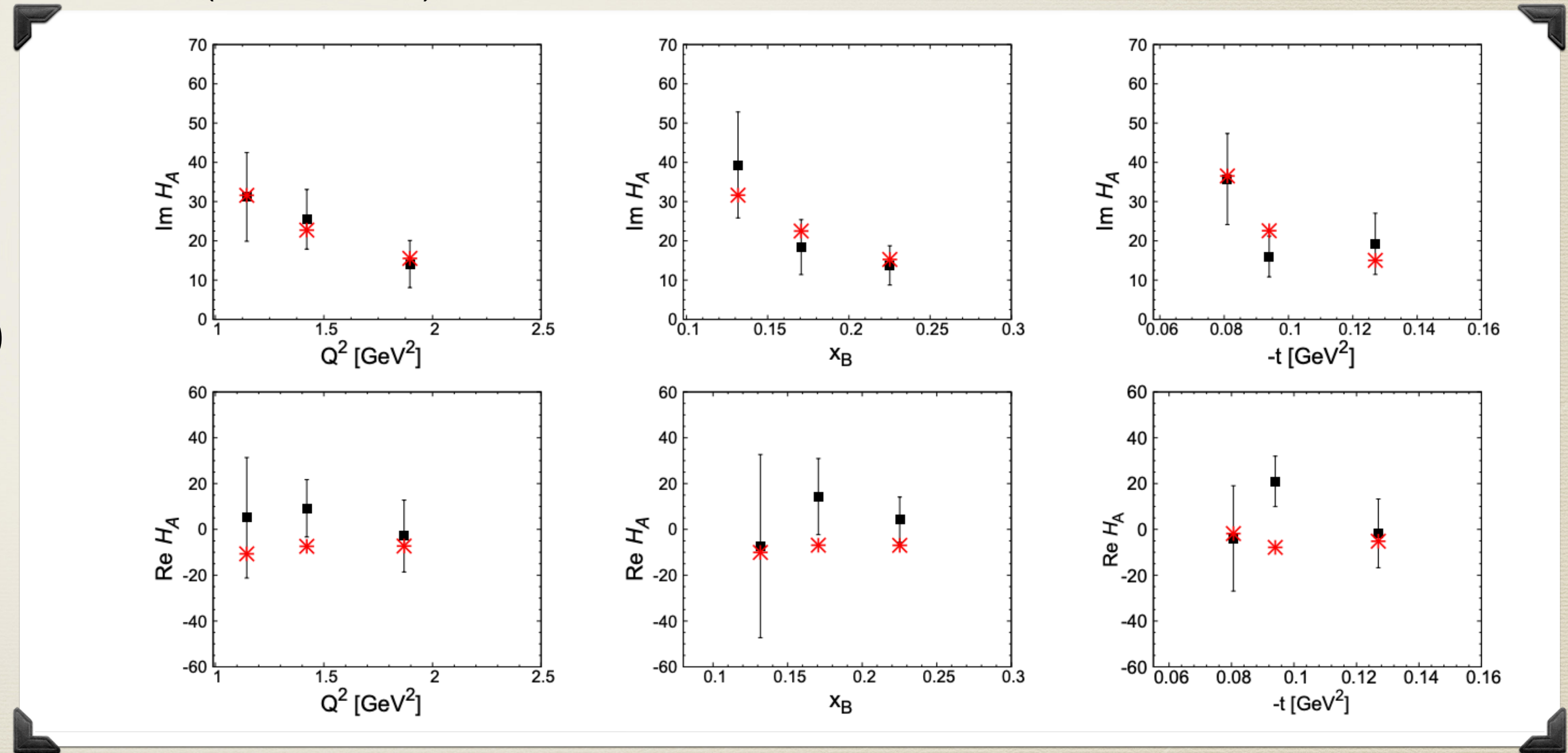
For ^4He ($J=0$) we have only GPD:

$$H_q^4(x, \xi, \Delta^2) = \sum_N \int_{|x|}^1 \frac{dz}{z} h_N^4(z, \xi, \Delta^2) \quad \mathbf{H}_q^N\left(\frac{x}{\zeta}, \frac{\xi}{\zeta}, \Delta^2\right) \quad \text{with: } \mathbf{H}_q^N(x, \xi, t) = \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \left[H_q^N(x, \xi, t) - \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi^2} E_q^N(x, \xi, t) \right]$$

We define:

- ✓ $H^4(x, \xi, t) = \sum_q e_q^2 H_q^4(x, \xi, t)$
- ✓ $\text{Im} \mathcal{H}_A(\xi, t) = H^4(\xi, \xi, t) - H^4(-\xi, \xi, t)$
- ✓ $\text{Re} \mathcal{H}_A(\xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{H^4(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon}$
- ✓ $\alpha_i(\phi)$ A. V. Belitsky et al., PRD (2009)

*details on spectral functions in Backup slides



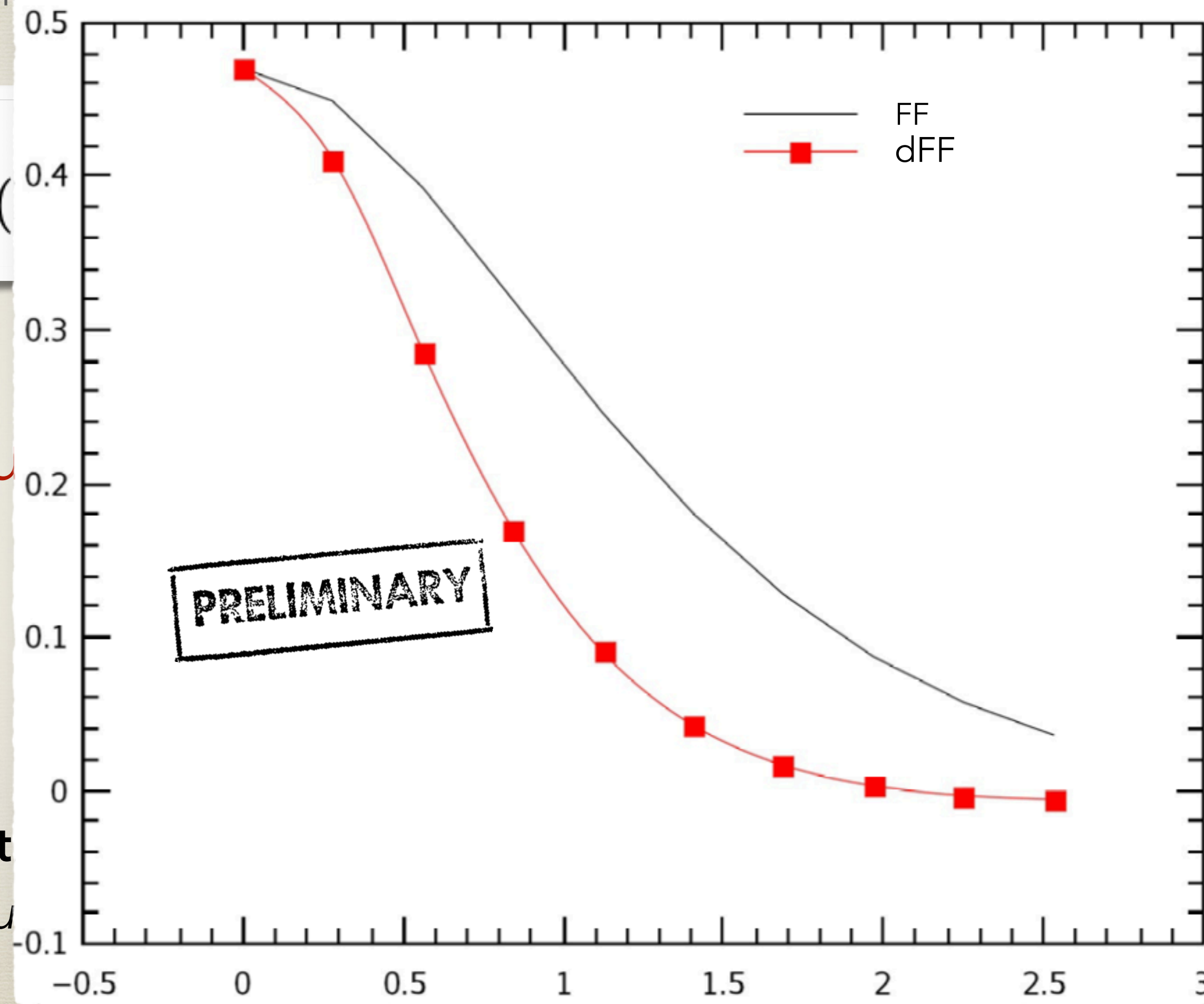
■ JLab data: Hattawy et al, PRL 119 (2017), 202004

DPS in γA collisions with light nuclei

Before closing let us mention that the integral over ξ and ξ' yields the nuclear two body form factor:

$$F_{A,\tau_1,\tau_2}^{double}$$

Nu



Calculated for ^3He and ^4He in:

V. Guzey, M.R., S. Scopetta, M. St
He4 and He3 at the EIC: probing Nu

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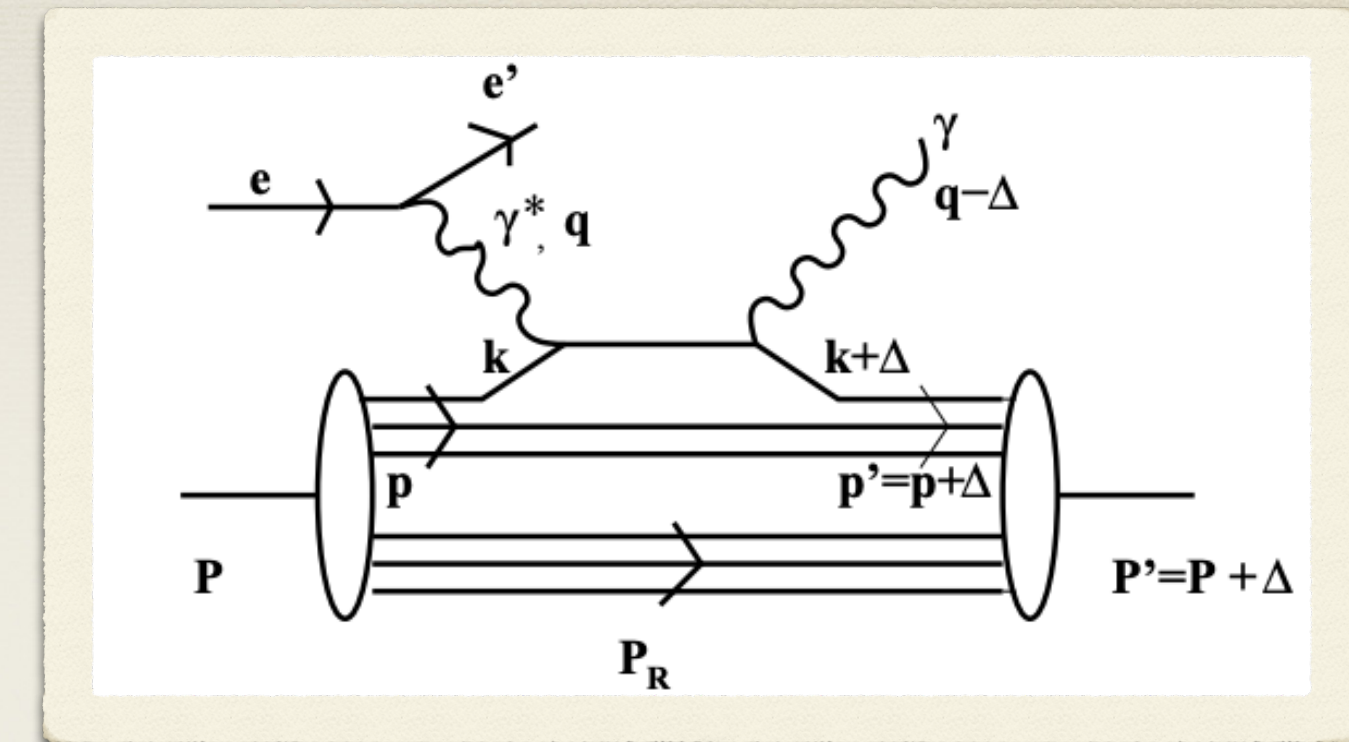
An Impulse Approximation for the coherent case

- We consider only nucleonic d.o.f.
- Nucleons are kinematically off-shell:

$$p_0 = M_A - \sqrt{M_{A-1}^{*2} + \vec{p}^2} \simeq M - E - T_{rec} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}^2 \neq \mathbf{M}^2$$

Here the **Removal Energy** $E = |E_A| - |E_{A-1}| - E^*$

- The photon interacts with a nucleon but then we measure the nucleus!

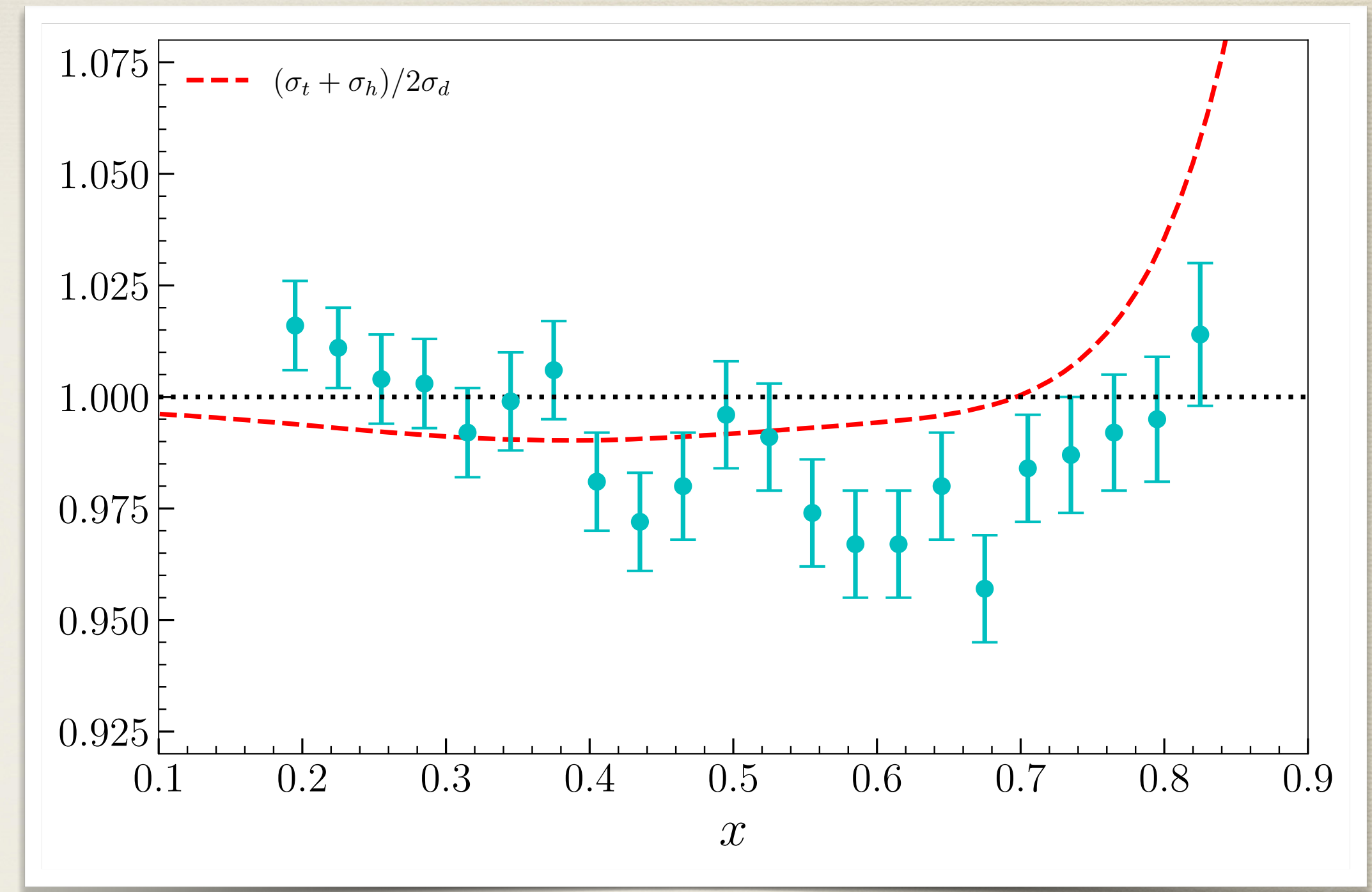
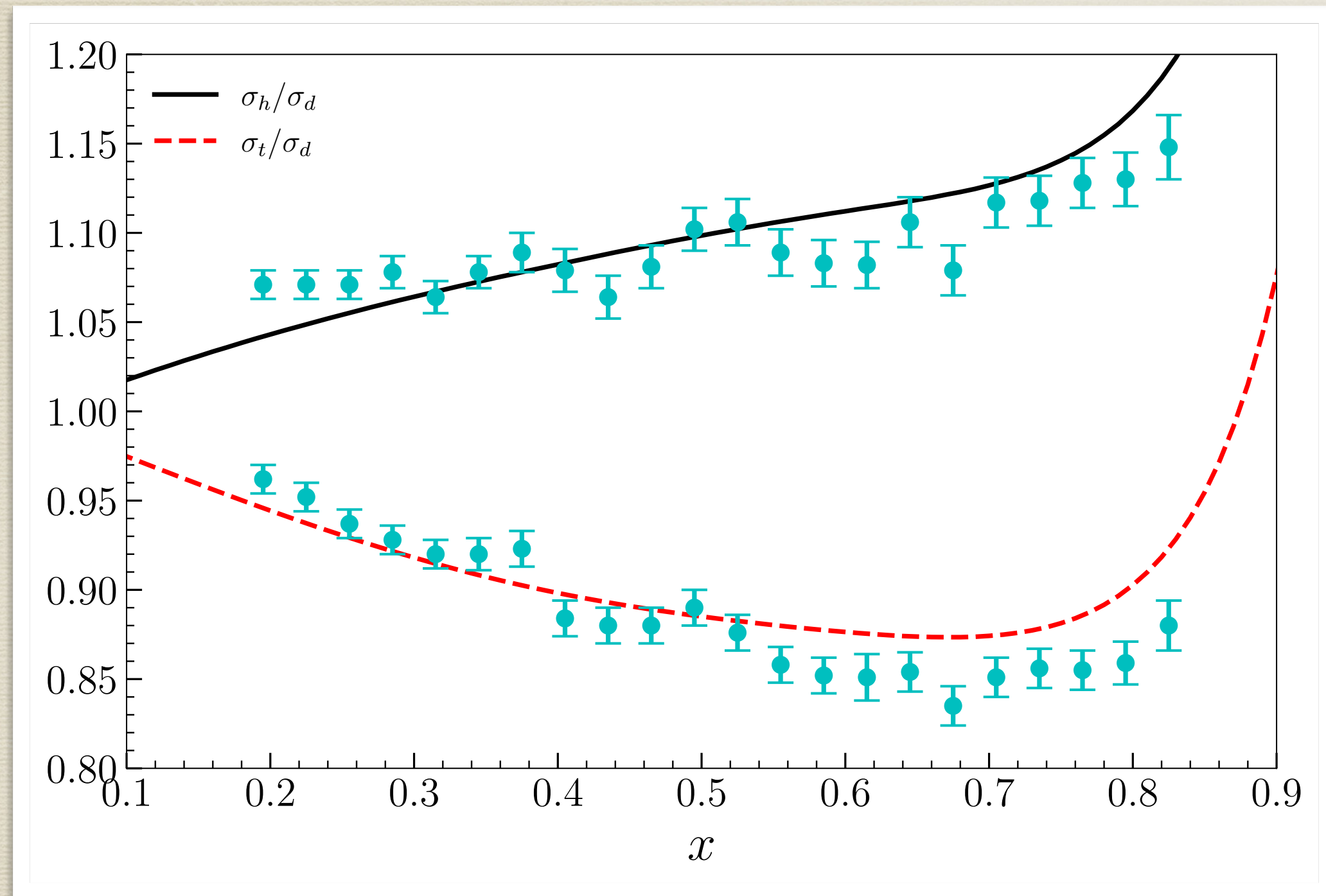


$$\text{GPD}^A \sim \sum_{n=P,N} h_{\text{GPDs}}^{A,n} \otimes \text{GPD}^n$$

Free nucleon GPD

Nuclear Light-Cone momentum distribution

Recent (ongoing) calculations



Data from:

D. Abrams, H. Albataineh, B.~S. Aljawrneh,...,et al,

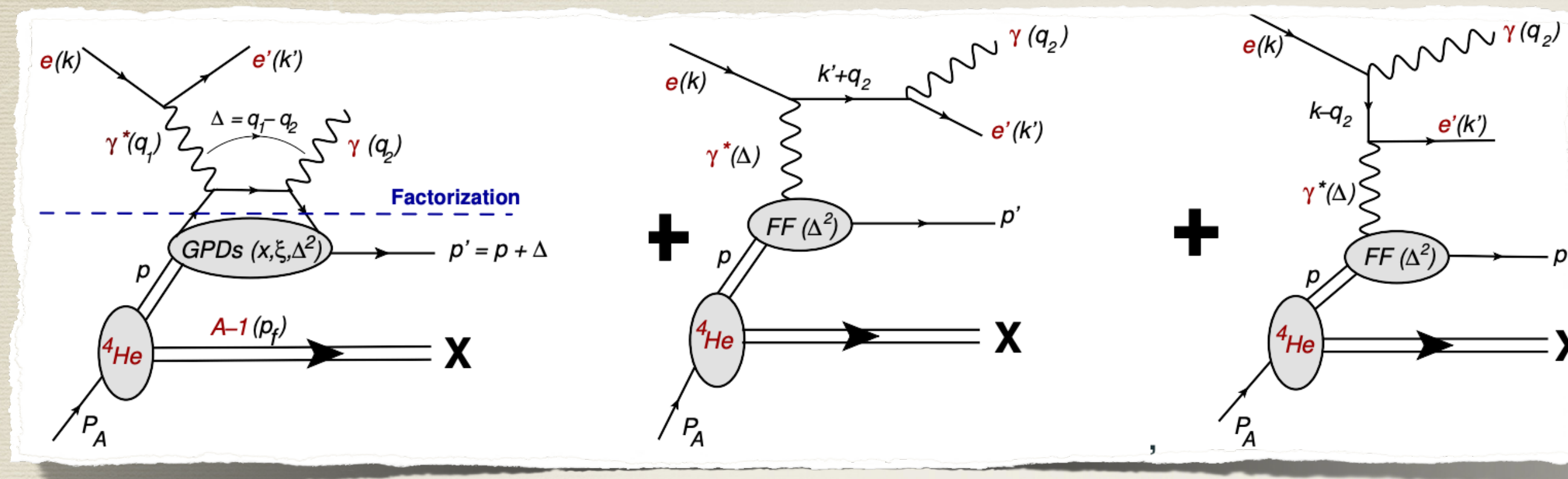
“The EMC Effect of Tritium and Helium-3 from the JLab MARATHON Experiment,”

[arXiv:2410.12099 [nucl-ex]].

Incoherent DVCS off ^4He

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In this case we detect a nucleon:



The nucleon is off-shell:

$$p_0 = M_A - \sqrt{M_{A-1}^{*2} + \vec{p}^2} \sim M_N - E - T_{\text{ref}} \Rightarrow p^2 \neq m^2$$

In a frame where the target nucleus is at rest, the cross section and its azimuthal dependence are expressed in terms of a convolution formula.

- the **diagonal** spectral function P^{4He} of the inner nucleons

$$d\sigma_{Incoh}^{\pm} = \int_{exp} dE d\vec{p} \frac{p \cdot k}{p_0 |\vec{k}|} P^{4He}(\vec{p}, E) d\sigma_b^{\pm}(\vec{p}, E, K)$$

- the DVCS cross section off a bound proton