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# HUGs Lecture notes:



## Topic:

# Nuclear Structure and Short-Range Correlations Via Electron Scattering Probes

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# Lectures format

## □ Cover the basics level for PhD students

- Little formalism, more conception
- Including Basic Experimental information
- Experimental Results and their interpretations

## □ Style

- Informal, encouraging the interaction
- Interrupt any time for questions

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# Lectures Outlines:

## Lecture1+2:

- Overview of an electron scattering probe
- Elastic scattering
  - Charge distribution
  - Form factors
- Quasi-elastic scattering
  - Overview of nuclear structure
  - $(e,e')$ ,  $\gamma$ -scaling
  - $(e,e'p)$  Single nucleon and shell structure

## Lecture 3:

- Introduction to Short Range Correlations
- Short-range Correlation Studies
  - $(e,e')$  measurements
  - $(e,e'NN)$  measurement
  - Neutron-rich nuclei

## Lecture4+5:

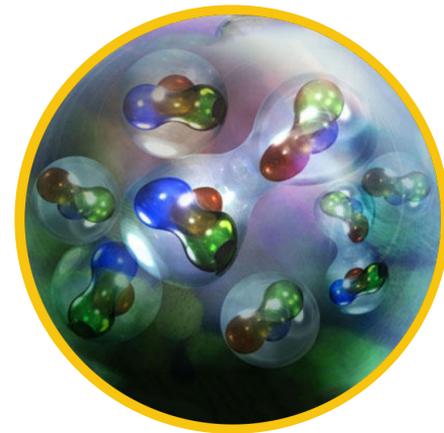
- Nucleon-Nucleon (NN) interactions
  - $(e,e'p)$  measurement on  $A=3$
- Short Range Correlations and EMC effect
- Proton visualization

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# Electron Scattering: Nuclear Microscope

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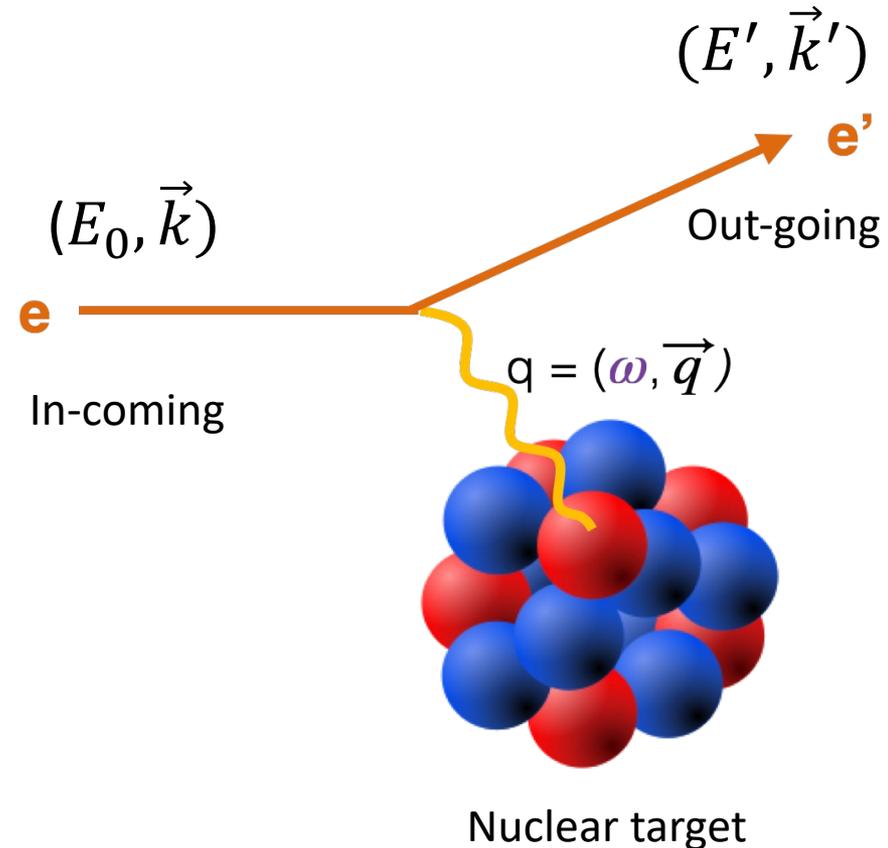


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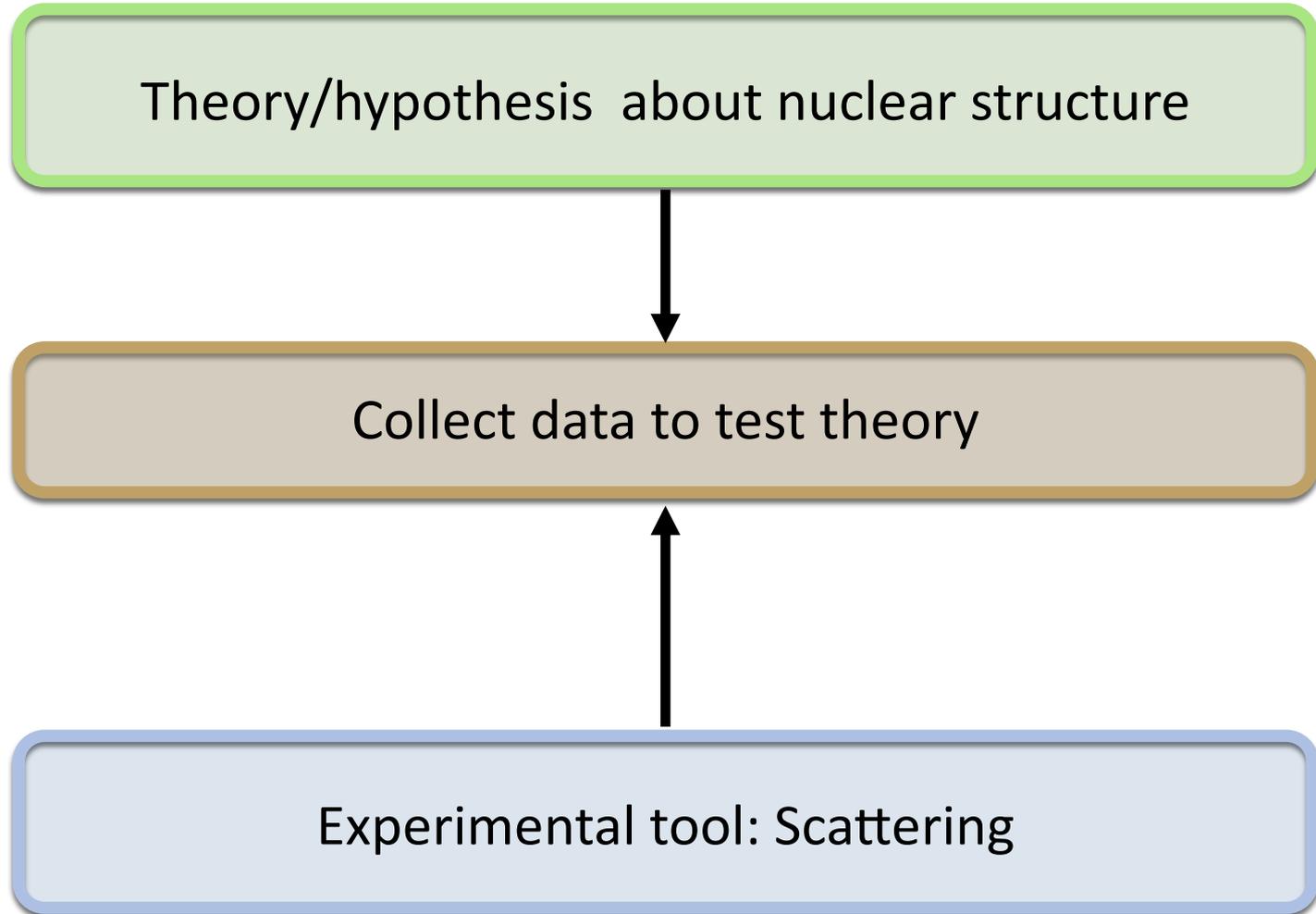
**Goal:** Study the internal structure (and dynamics) of complex objects

**Means:**

- Using high energy electron scattering off nuclear target
- Detecting final states particles
- Using detected particle's information to infer the nuclear structure

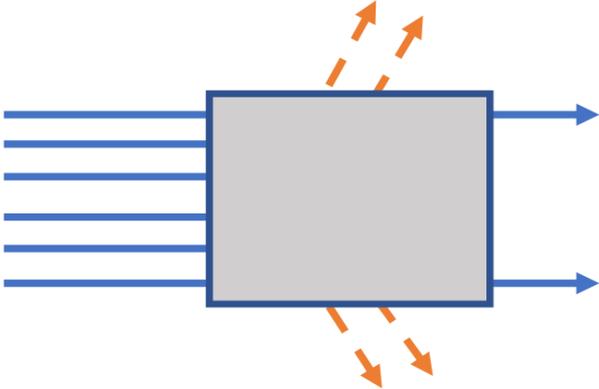


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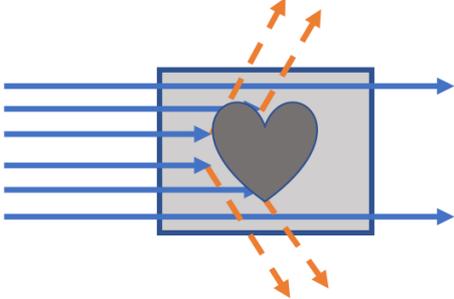
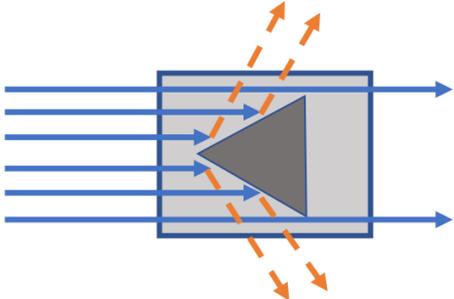
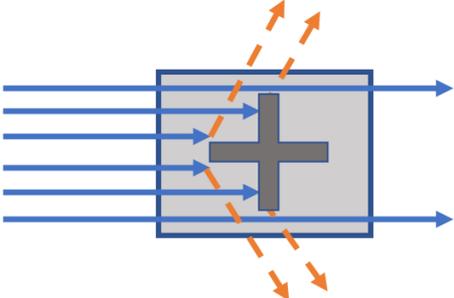


# Determine Internal Structure with Scattering

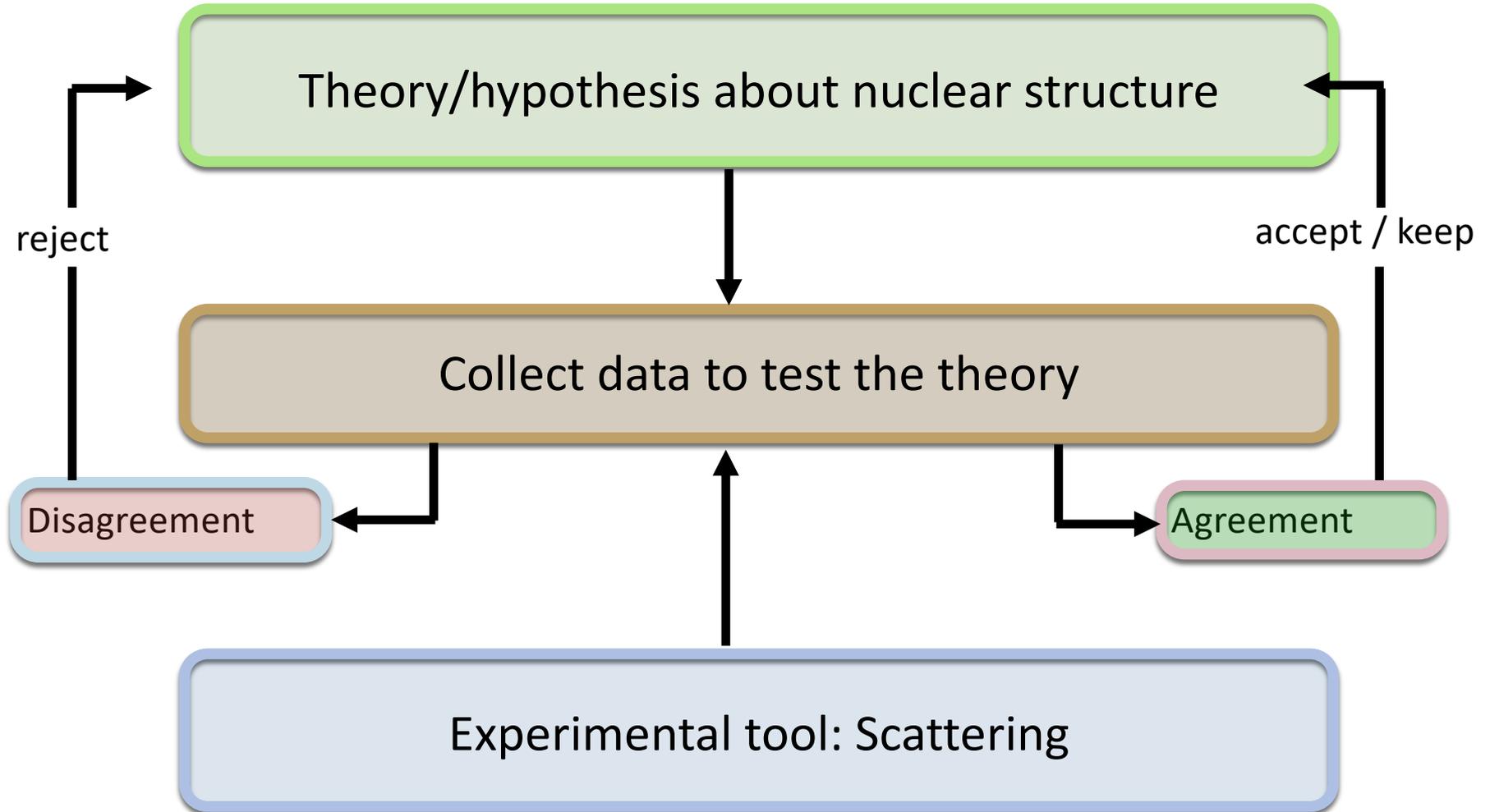
Measured



Hypotheses



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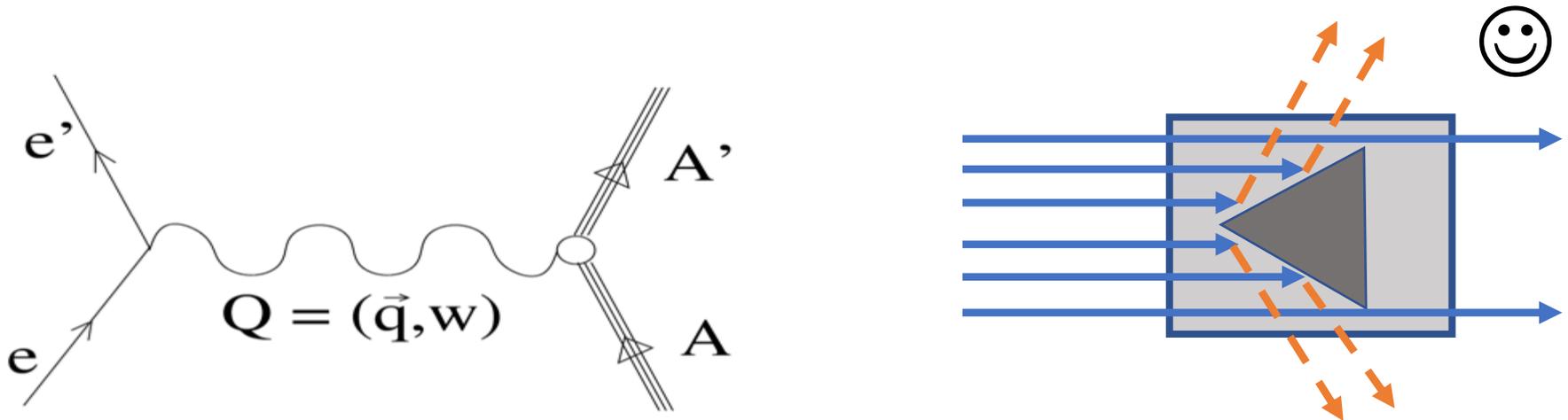
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**Means:** Using high energy electron scattering

Reaction determined by kinematic variables:

- $Q^2 = -q^2$  Interaction-Scale
- $x_B = Q^2/(2m_p v)$  Dynamics
- $\omega(\nu) = E - E'$  Energy transfer

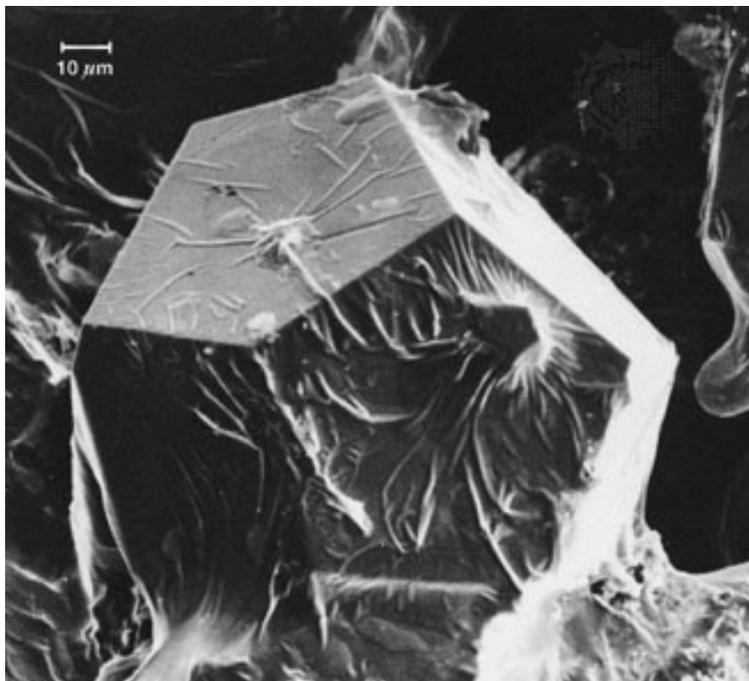


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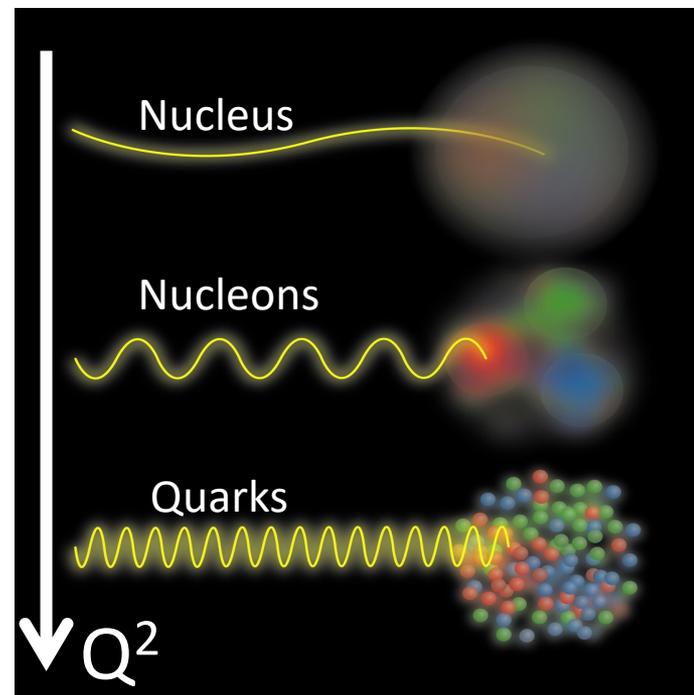
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100s eV – 100s keV:  
Material structure



100s MeV – 10s GeV:  
Nuclear structure

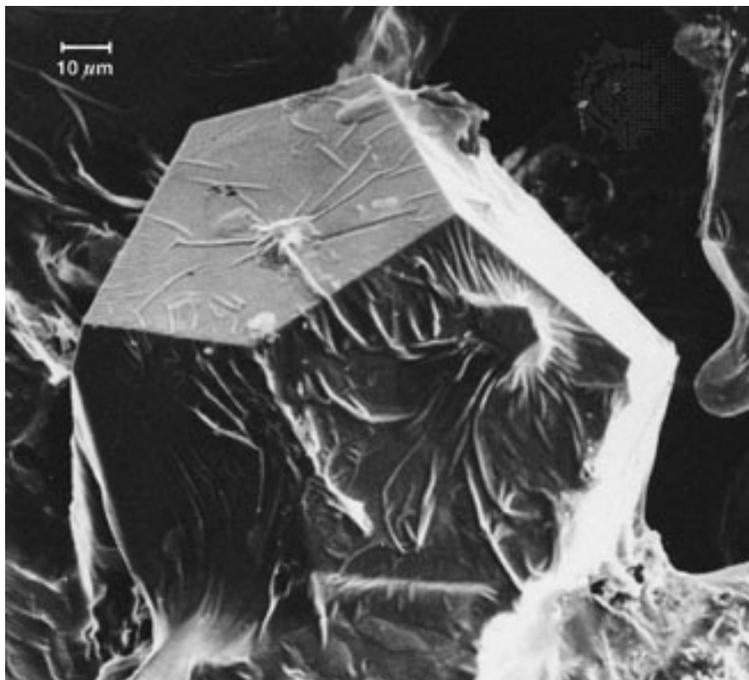


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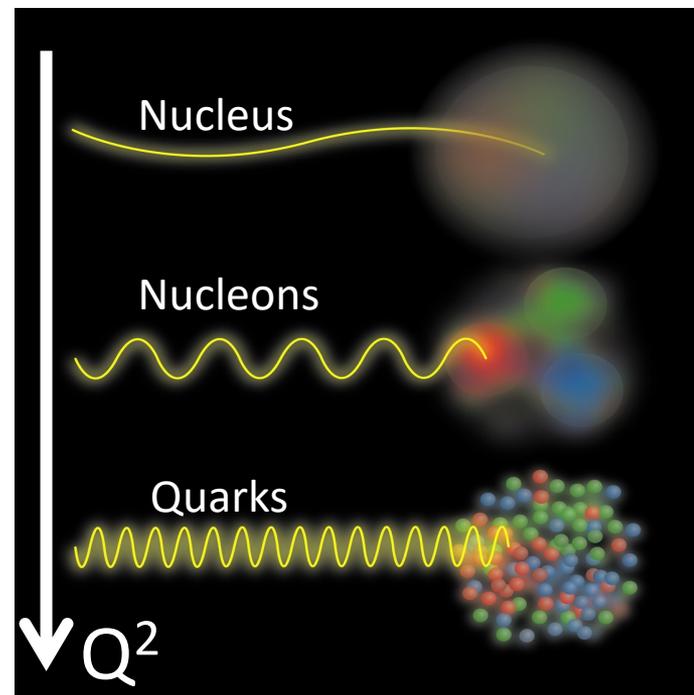
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Energy  
=  
Resolution !

# Energy vs length

Select spatial resolution and excitation energy independently

- Photon energy  $\nu$  determines excitation energy
- Photon momentum  $q$  determines spatial resolution:  $\lambda \approx \frac{\hbar}{q}$

Three cases:

## □ Low $q$

- Photon wavelength  $\lambda$  larger than the nucleon size ( $R_p$ )

## □ Medium $q$ : $0.2 < q < 1$ GeV/c

- $\lambda \sim R_p$
- Nucleons resolvable

## □ High $q$ : $q > 1$ GeV/c

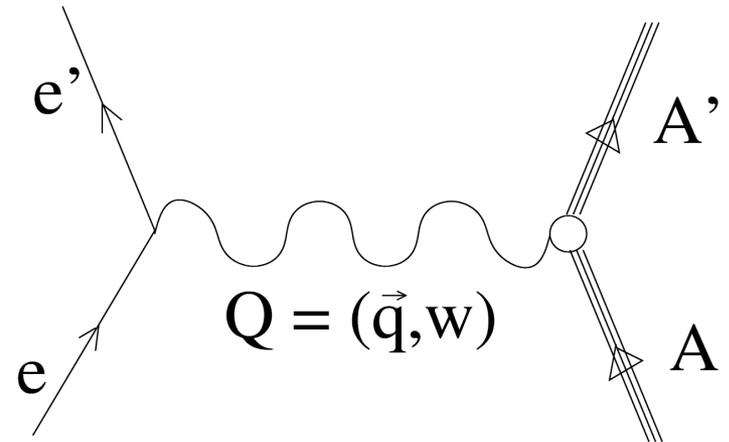
- $\lambda < R_p$
- Nucleon structure resolvable

# Why use electrons?

- ❑ Probe structure understood (point particles)
- ❑ Electromagnetic interaction understood (QED)
- ❑ Interaction is weak ( $\alpha = 1/137$ )
  - ❑ Theory works!
    - ❑ First Born Approx / one photon exchange
  - ❑ Probe interacts only once
  - ❑ Study the entire nuclear volume

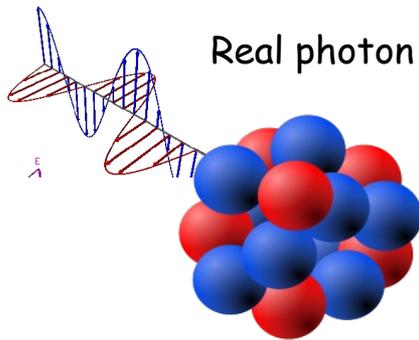
**BUT:**

- ❑ Cross sections are small
- ❑ Electrons radiate



# It's all photons!

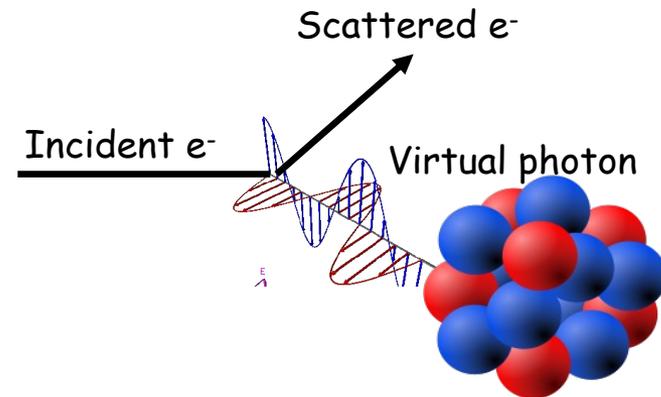
- An electron interacts with a nucleus by exchanging a single **virtual photon**.



**Real photon:**

Momentum  $q = \text{energy } v$

Mass =  $Q^2 = |\mathbf{q}|^2 - v^2 = 0$



**Virtual photon:**

Momentum  $q > \text{energy } v$

$Q^2 = -q_\mu q^\mu = |\mathbf{q}|^2 - v^2 > 0$

Virtual photon "has mass"!

( $v$  and  $\omega$  are both used for energy transfer)

# Electron beams need ...

- ❑ High **energy**
  - $q \sim 2E \sin(\theta_e/2)$
  - $\Delta x < 0.2 \text{ fm} \rightarrow q > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
  
- ❑ High **duty cycle** (no large beam current variation)
  - Reduces accidental coincidences for multiparticle detection
  - Reduces detector rates, multiple hits, ...
  
- ❑ High **intensity** (since cross sections are small)
  
- ❑ High **resolution** to separate nuclear levels
  
- ❑ High **polarization** (for spin asymmetry measurements)

# Luminosities

## □ Electron beam luminosity:

- Number of electrons per unit of time (s)
- $\mathcal{L}_B [s^{-1}] = \frac{I_B}{q_e} = \frac{N_e}{s}$

## □ Target Luminosity (Thickness):

- Number of particles (N = Nucleon/Nuclear) in a unit of area
- $\mathcal{L}_T [cm^{-2}] = \rho_v \left[ \frac{g}{cm^{-3}} \right] \times \frac{L [cm]}{A} \times N_{Av} = \frac{N_N}{cm^2}$

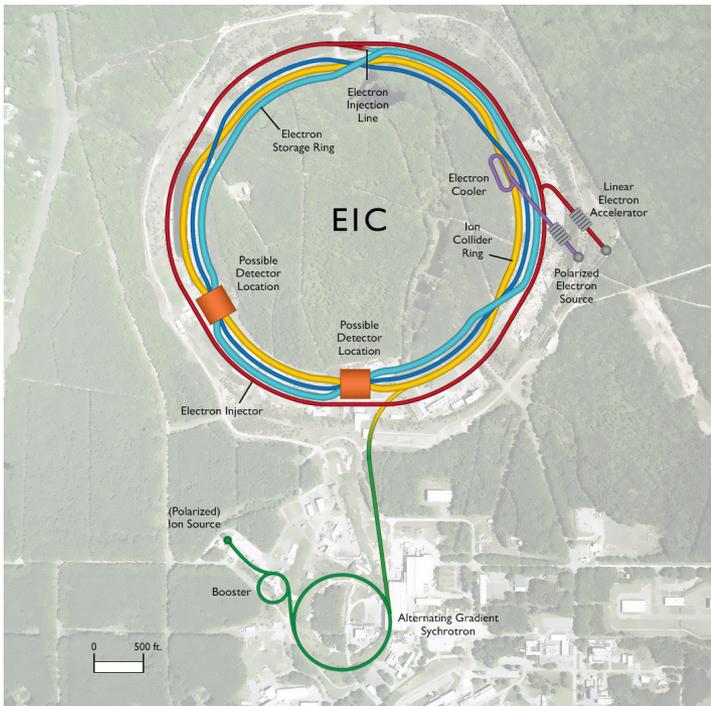
## □ Total (integrated) luminosity:

- Number of eN interactions per unit of time, per unit of area
- $\mathcal{L} [s^{-1} cm^{-2}] = \mathcal{L}_B \times \mathcal{L}_T$

## □ Event rate: $N_{evt} = \mathcal{L} \times \sigma$

- Determines how much time you need to measure a reaction with a given cross-section  $\sigma [cm^2]$

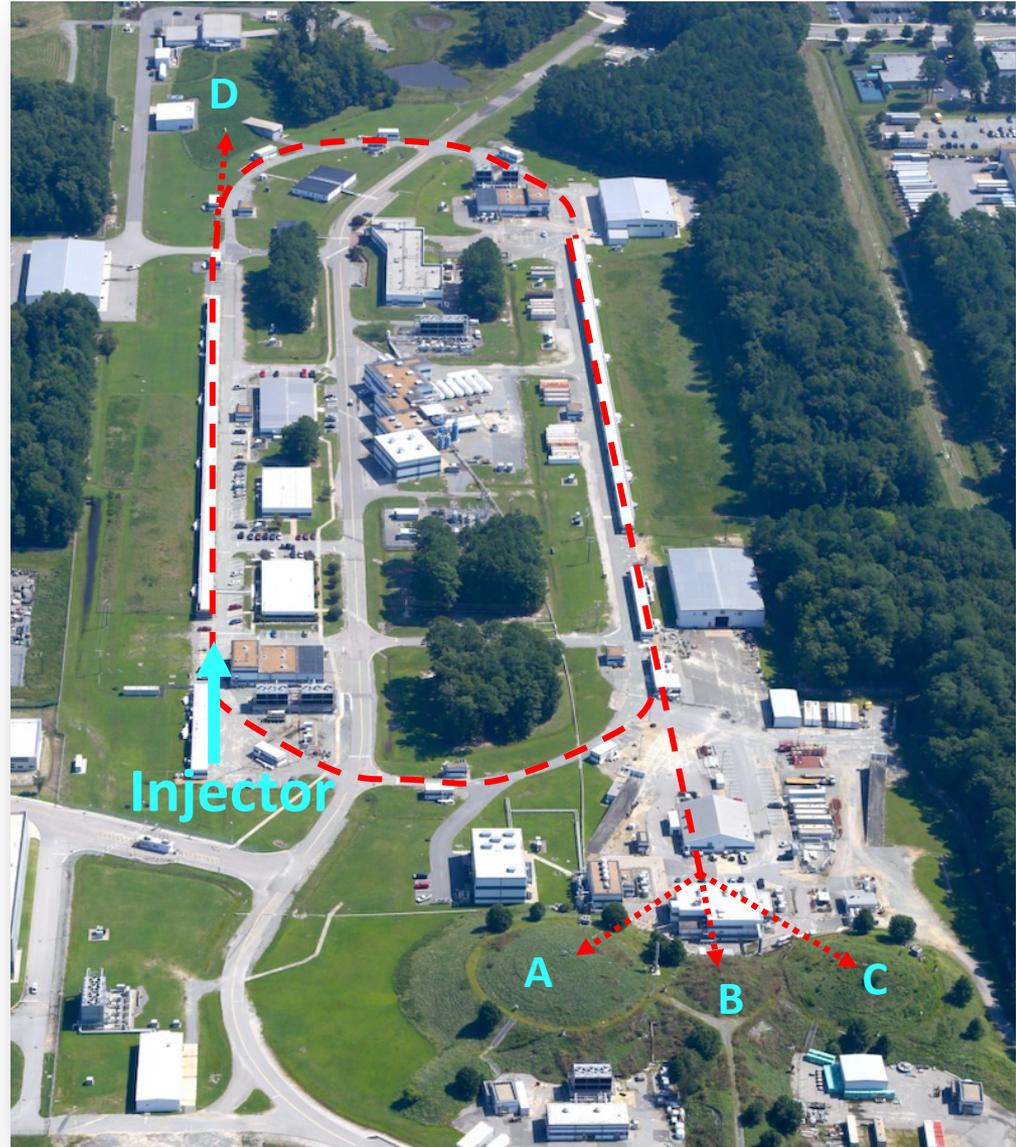
# Electron Accelerators - Worldwide



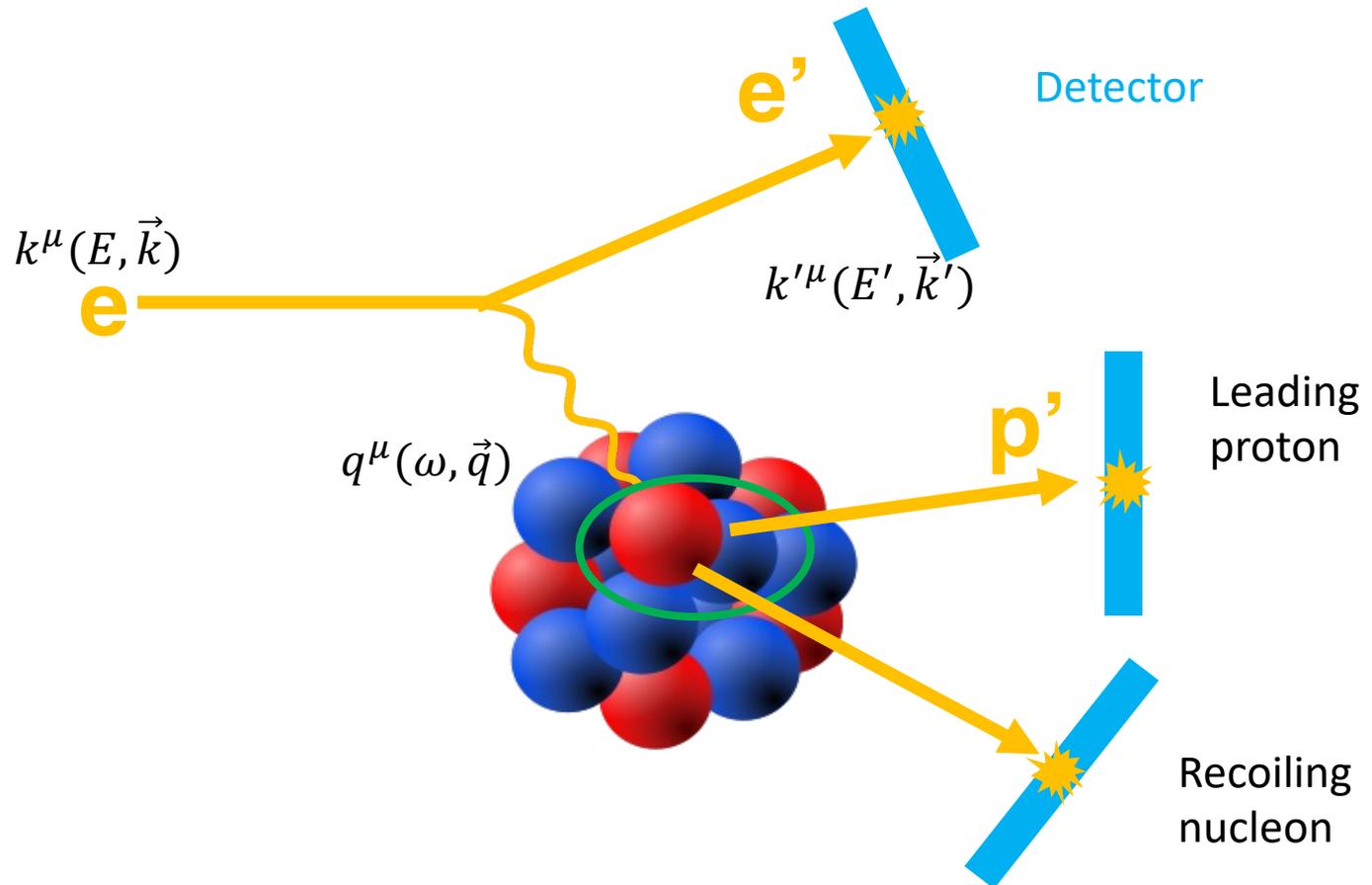
+ many others (past and present)

# Jefferson Lab

- ❑ Virginia, USA
- ❑ 1- 11 GeV Electron beam
- ❑ Polarized beams and targets (spin study)
- ❑ 4 experimental halls

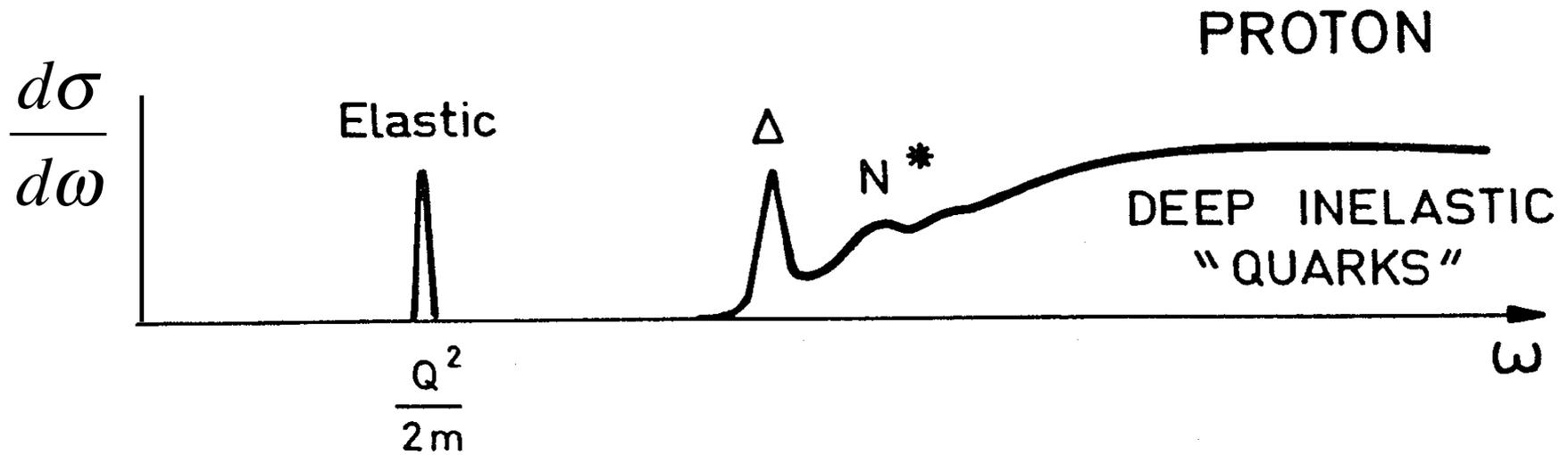


# Different electron scattering channels



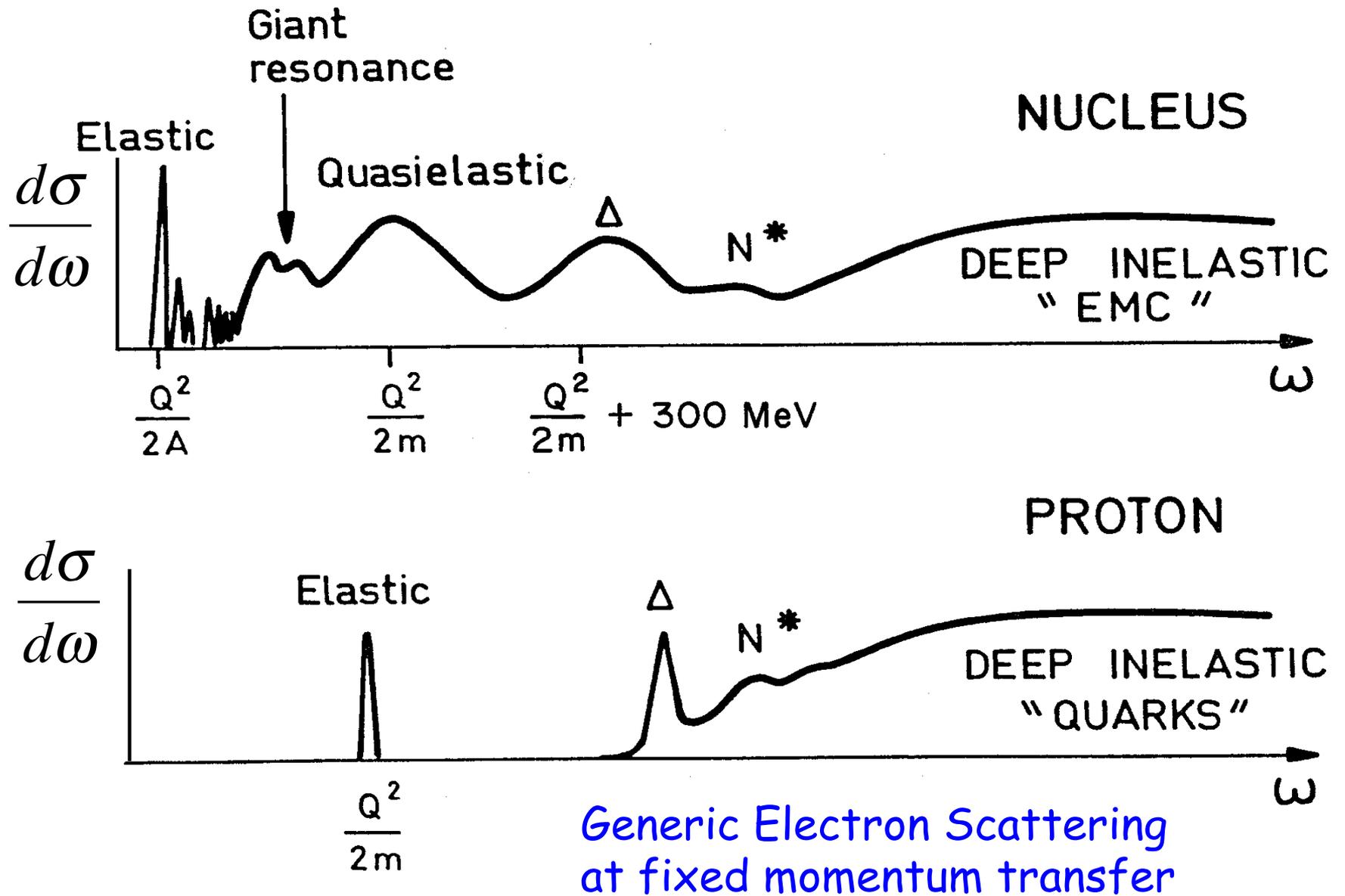
- $(e, e')$ : Detect only scattering electron ( $e'$ )
- $(e, e'P)$ : Detect  $e'$  and knock-out proton
- $(e, e'NN)$ : Detect  $e'$  and two knock-out nucleon

# (e,e'): Energy transfer defines physics

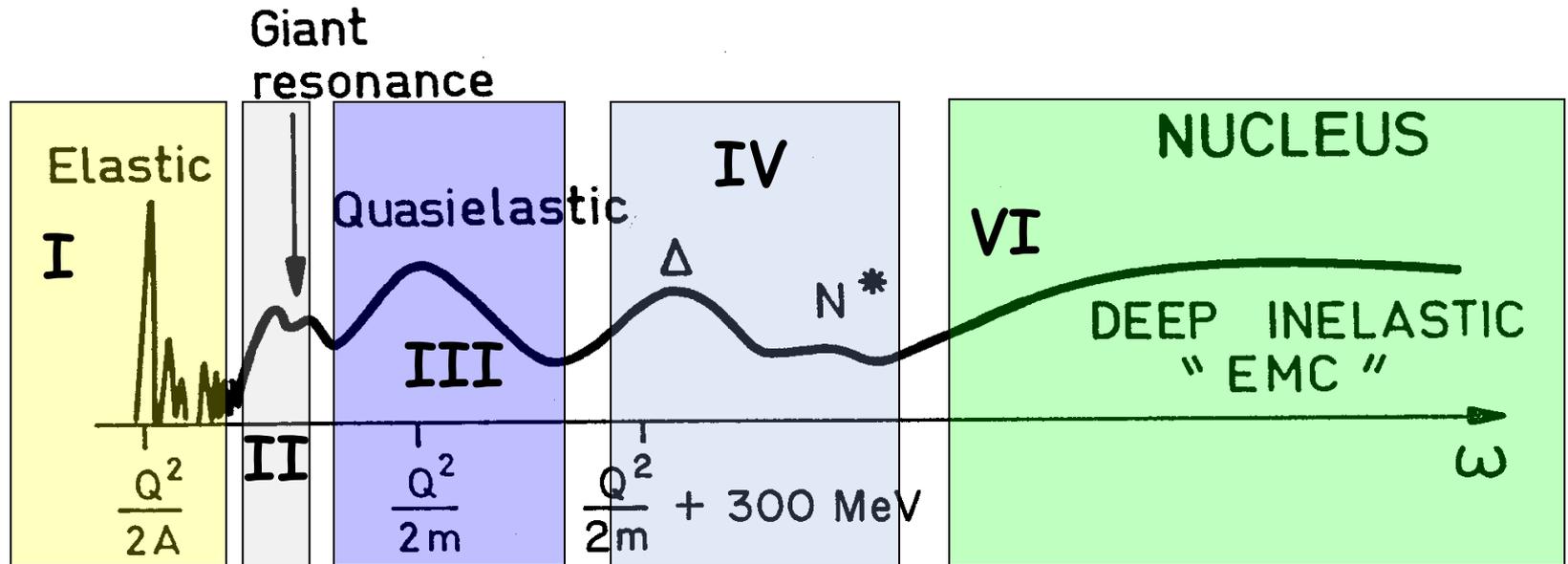


Generic Electron Scattering  
at fixed momentum transfer

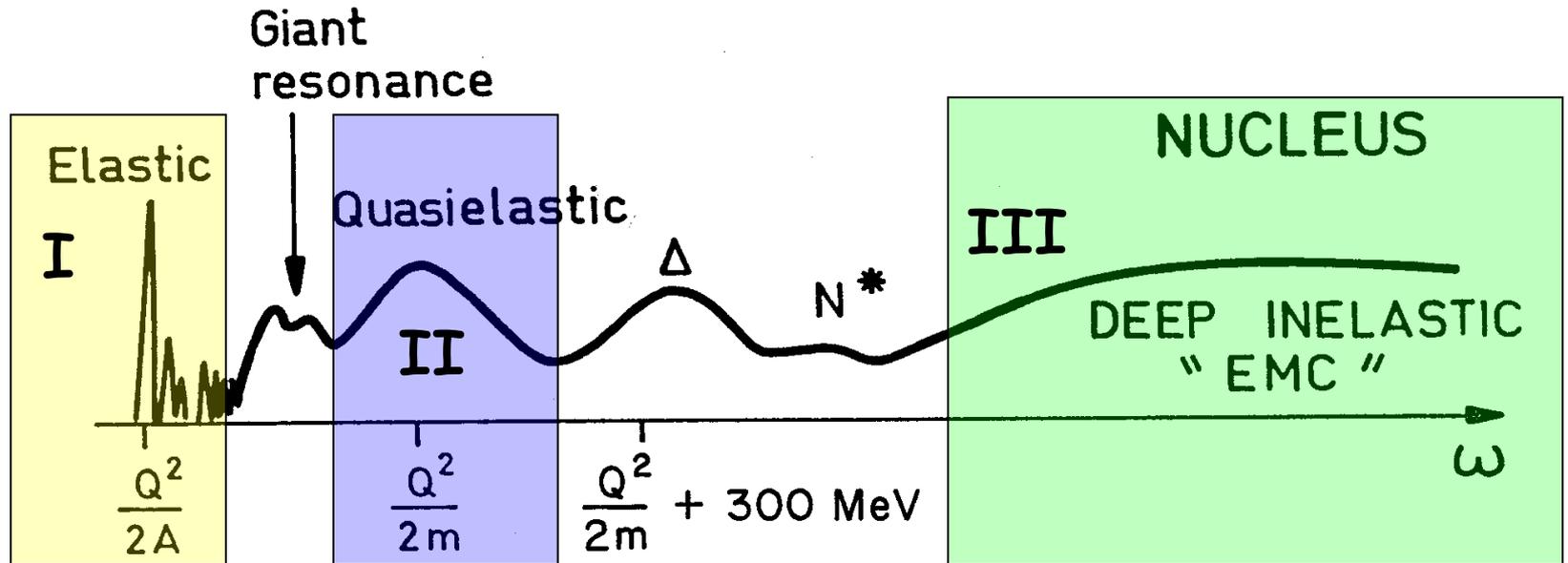
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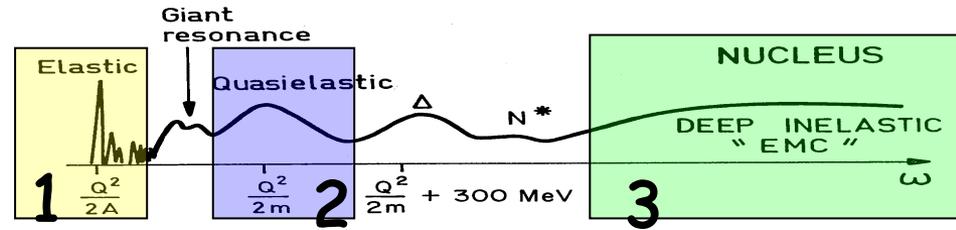
# Everything is interesting...



...But we will focus on 3 regions

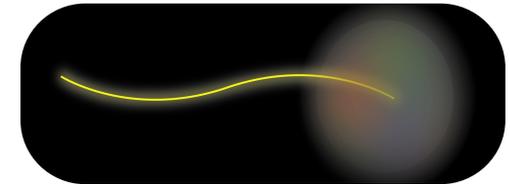


# Experimental Goals



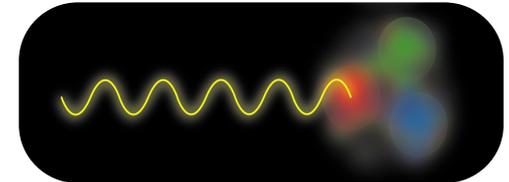
## 1. Elastic

- structure of the nucleon/nucleus
  - Form factors, charge distributions



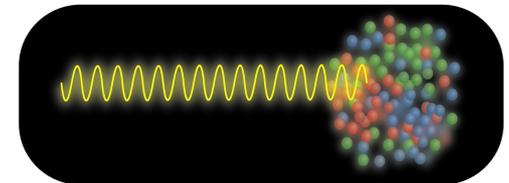
## 2. Quasi-elastic (QE)

- Shell structure
  - Momentum distributions
  - Occupancies
- Short Range Correlated nucleon pairs

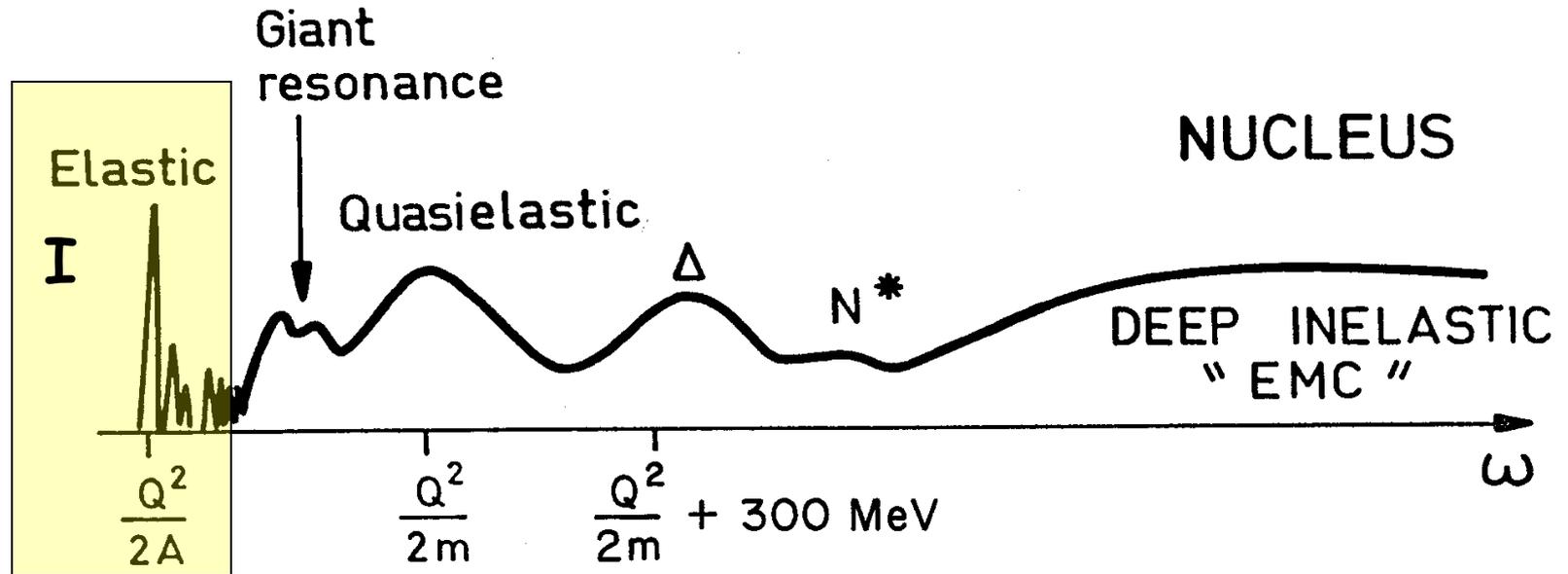


## 3. Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

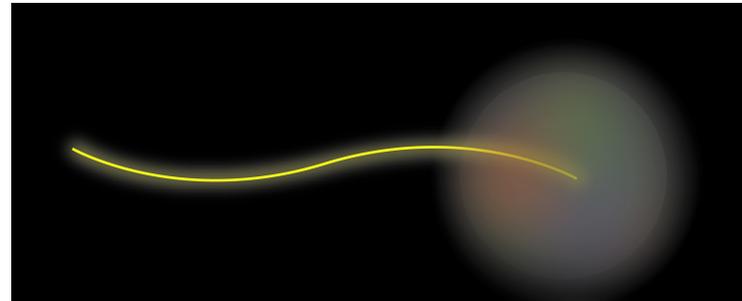
- The EMC Effect and Nucleon modification
- Quark Hadronization in nuclei



# Quick Overview: Elastic



- Elastic scattering
  - Charge distribution
  - Form Factors

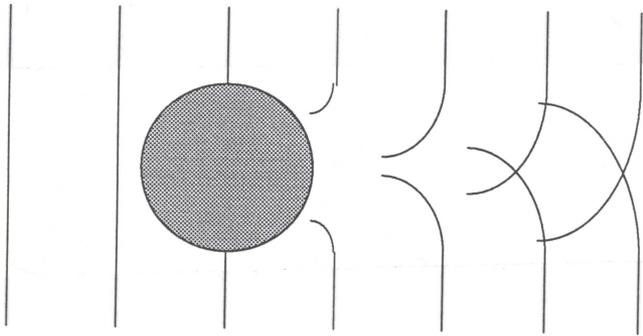


# Electrons as Waves

Scattering process is quantum mechanical

De broglie wavelength:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$



Electron energy:

$$E_e \approx pc$$

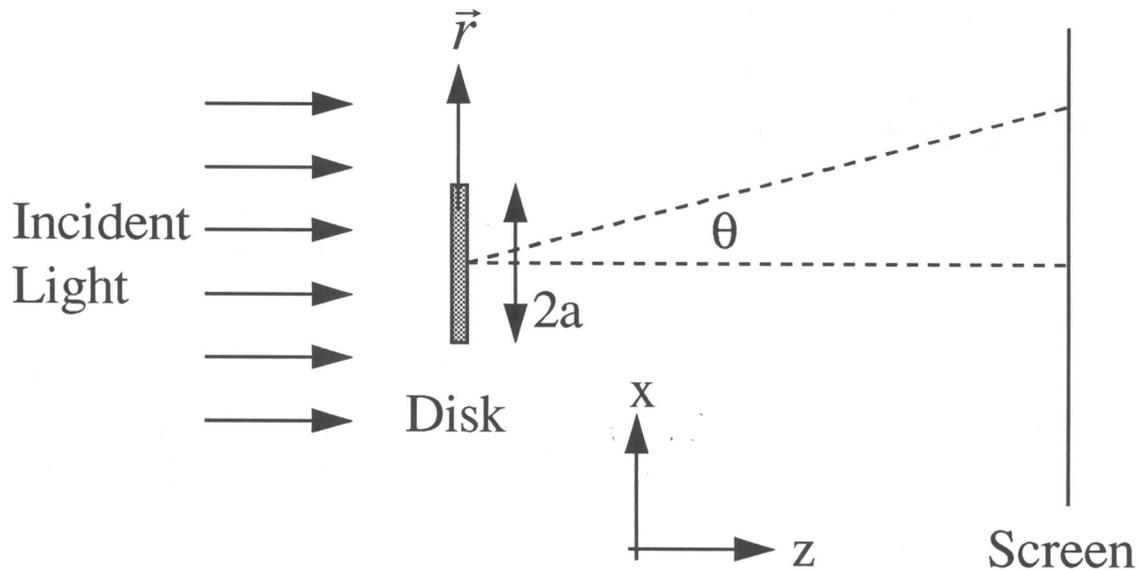
$$\hbar c = 197 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}$$

$\lambda$  resolving “scale”:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi(197 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm})}{E_e}$$

# Simple analogy for elastic electron scattering....

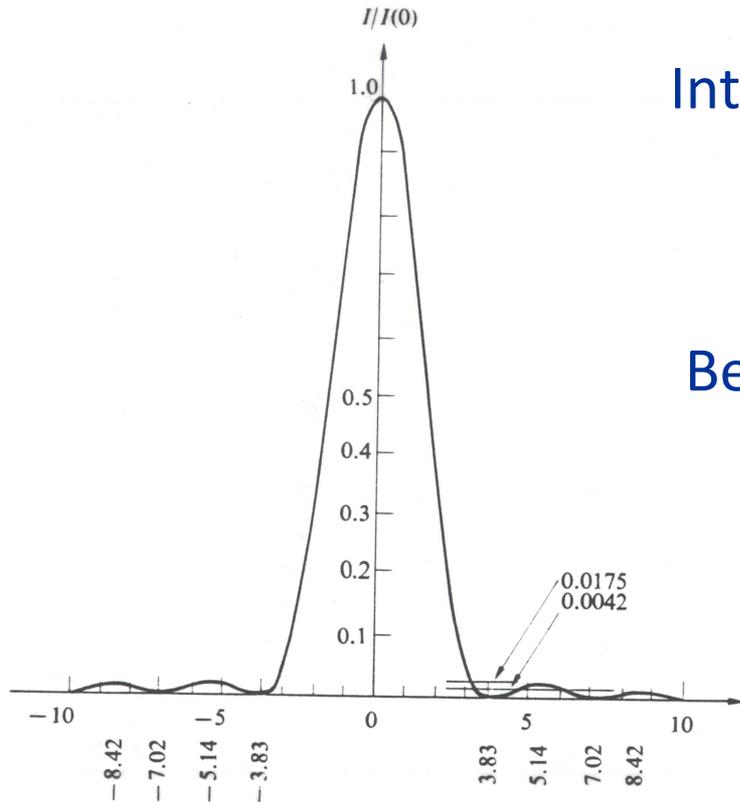
## Classical Fraunhofer Diffraction



Amplitude of wave at screen:

$$\Phi \propto \int_0^a \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(ibr \cos \phi) r d\phi dr$$

# Classical Fraunhofer Diffraction



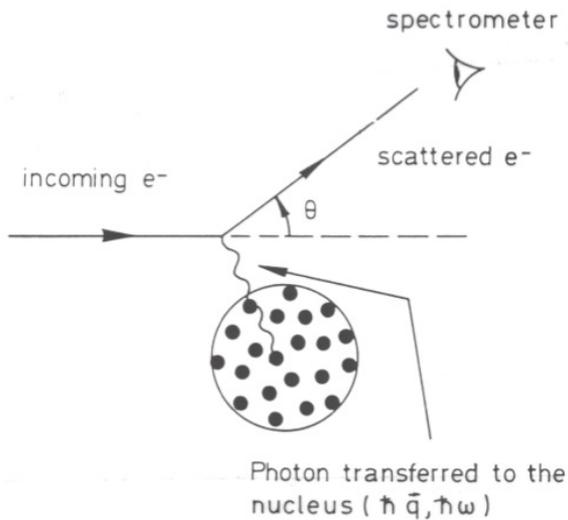
Intensity:  $\Phi^2 \propto \left( \frac{J_1 \left( \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \sin \theta \right)}{\sin \theta} \right)^2$

Minima occur at zeroes of Bessel function. 1<sup>st</sup> zero:  $x = 3.8317$

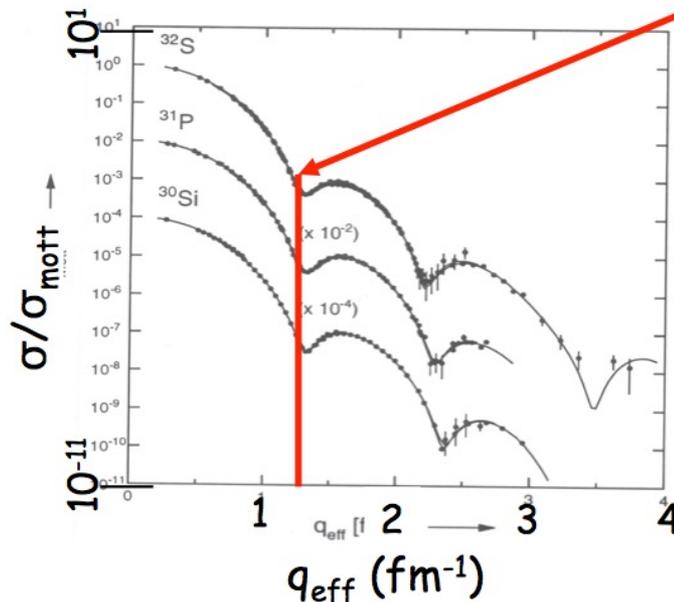
...some algebra...

Hence  $2a \approx \frac{1.22\lambda}{\sin \theta_{min}}$

# Example: $^{30}\text{Si}(e,e')$



**Cross Section  $\Leftrightarrow$  Charge Form Factor**



**1<sup>st</sup> minimum =  $1.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$**

**$\rightarrow \theta = 32.8^\circ$**

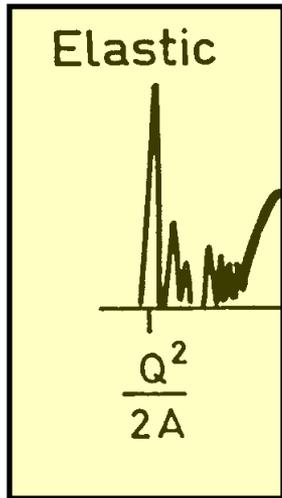
**Electron energy =  $454.3 \text{ MeV}$**

**$\rightarrow \lambda = 2.73 \text{ fm}$**

**Calculated radius =  $3.07 \text{ fm}$**

**Measured rms radius =  $3.19 \text{ fm}$**

# Elastic Electron Scattering from Nuclei (done formally)



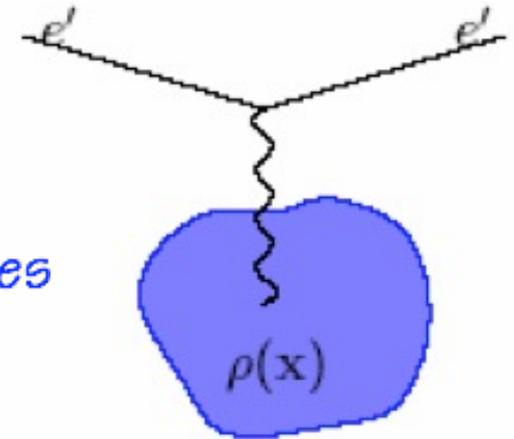
## Fermi's Golden Rule

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M_{fi}|^2 D_f$$

$M_{fi}$ : scattering amplitude

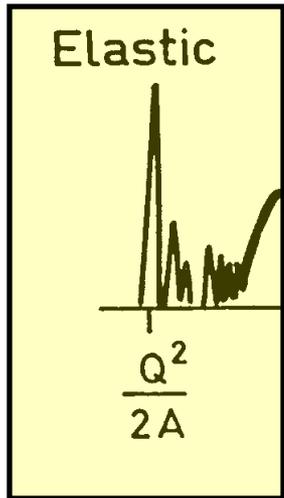
$D_f$ : density of the final states  
(or phase factor)

$$\begin{aligned} M_{fi} &= \int \Psi_f^* V(x) \Psi_i d^3x \\ &= \int e^{-k_f \cdot x} V(x) e^{-k_i \cdot x} d^3x \\ &= \int e^{iq \cdot x} V(x) d^3x \end{aligned}$$



Plane wave approximation for incoming and outgoing electrons  
Born approximation (interact only once)

# Elastic Electron Scattering from (spin-0) Nuclei



## Form Factor and Charge Distribution

Using Coulomb potential from a charge distribution,  $\rho(x)$ ,

$$V(x) = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(x')}{|x-x'|} d^3x'$$

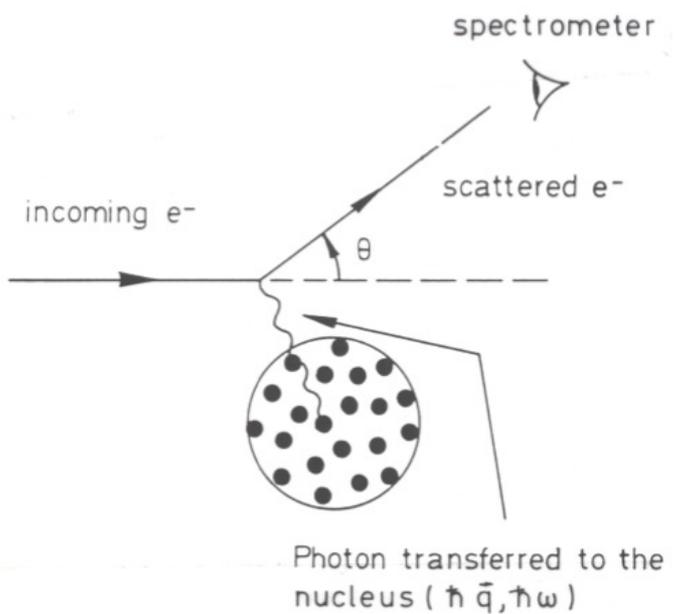
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$$F(q) = \int e^{iq \cdot x'} \rho(x') d^3x'$$

Charge form factor  $F(q)$  is the **Fourier transform** of the charge distribution  $\rho(x)$

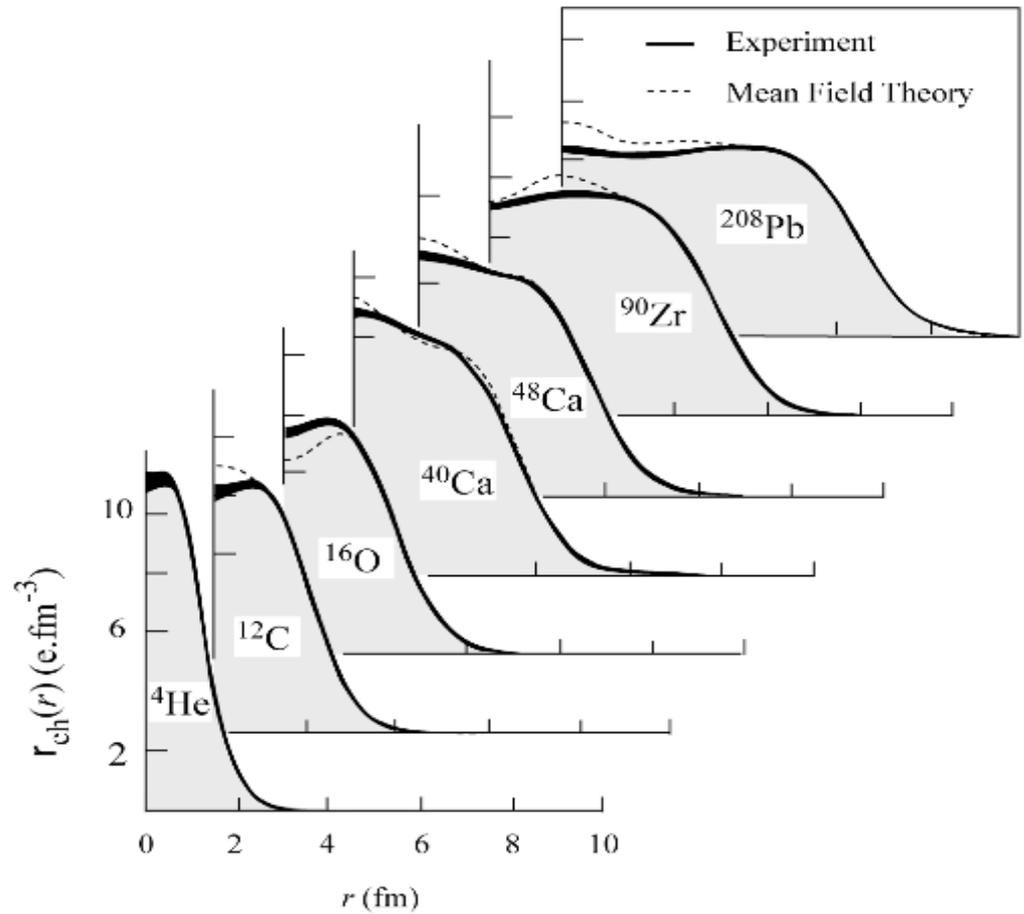
# Elastic (e,e') Scattering

## Cross-section $\Rightarrow$ Charge distributions

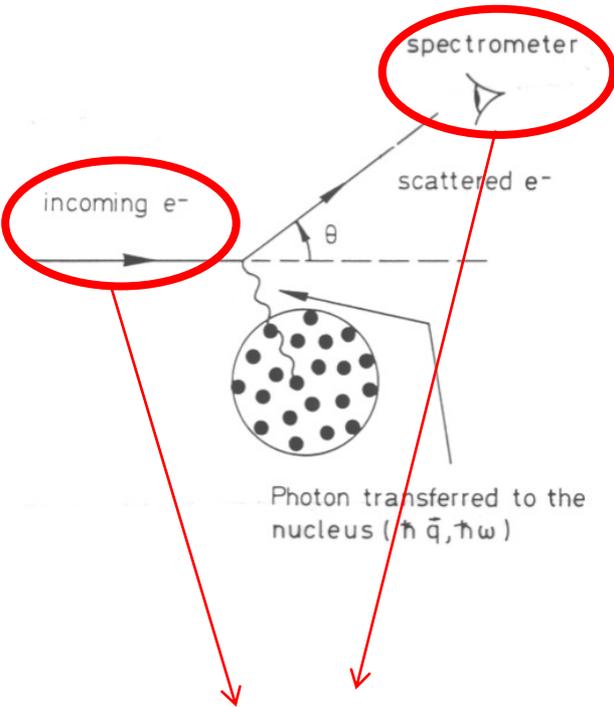


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{mott} |F(q)|^2$$

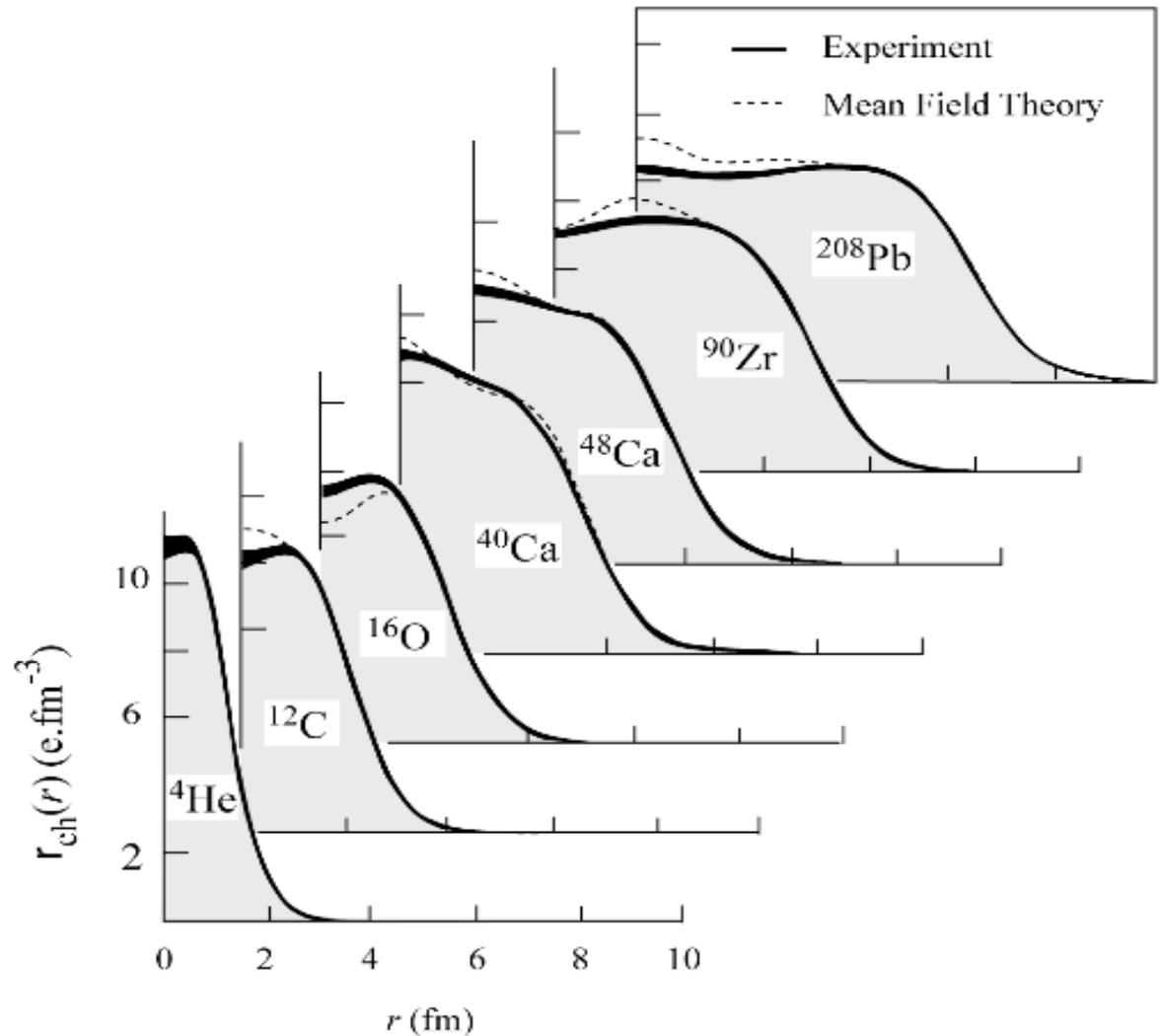
**Charge Distribution,**  
 **$r_{CH}(r)$ , is a Fourier**  
**Transform of the Charge**  
**Form Factor,  $F(q)$**



# Diffraction Measurements of Small Radii

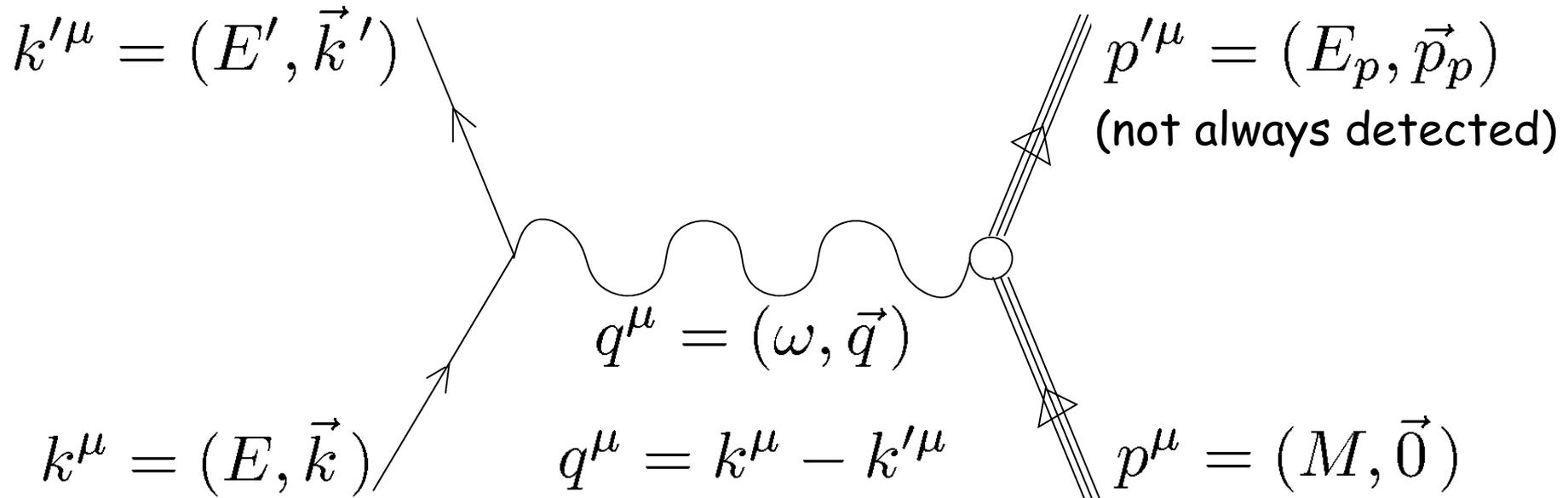


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Million Dollar  
Machines**



# From Intuition to Formalism

## Lab frame kinematics



## Invariants:

$$p^\mu p_\mu = M^2$$

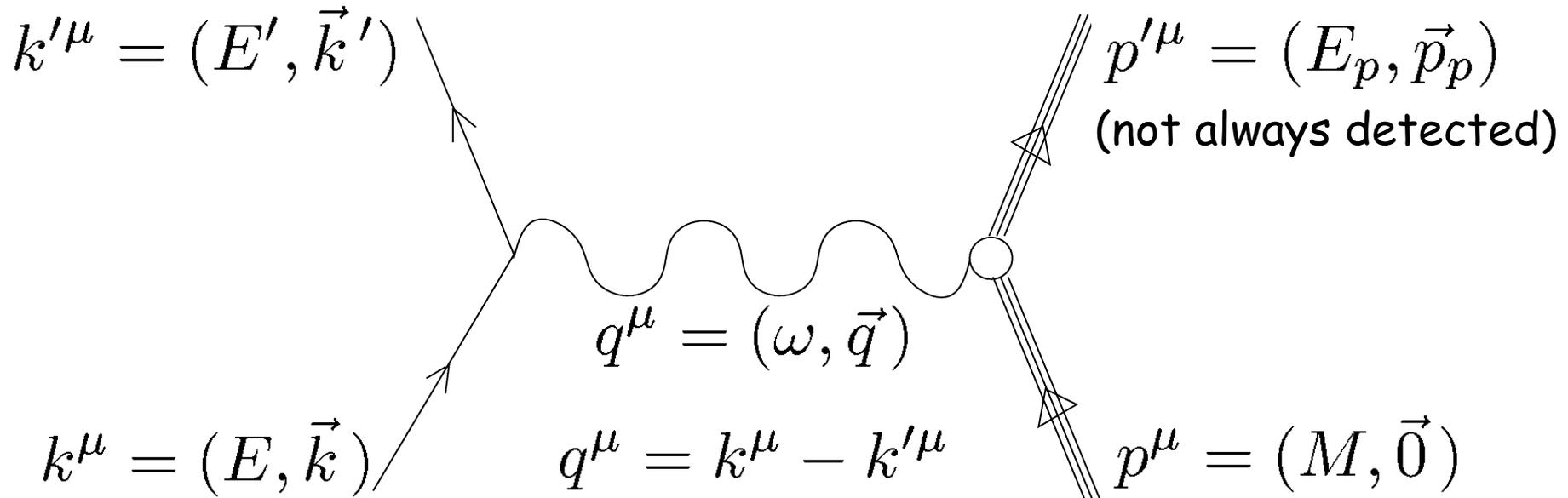
$$p_\mu q^\mu = M\omega$$

$$Q^2 = -q^\mu q_\mu = |\vec{q}|^2 - \omega^2$$

$$W^2 = (q^\mu + p^\mu)^2 = p'_\mu p'^\mu$$

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# From Intuition to Formalism (Elastic)

Mott cross-section:  $\sigma_M = \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)}{4E^2 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)}$

# From Intuition to Formalism (Elastic)

Recoil factor

Form factors

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_M \left( \frac{E'}{E} \right) \left\{ \left[ F_1^2(Q^2) + \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} \kappa^2 F_2^2(Q^2) \right] + \frac{Q^2}{2M^2} [F_1(Q^2) + \kappa F_2(Q^2)]^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right\}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

nucleons

- $F_1, F_2$ : Dirac and Pauli form factors
- $G_E, G_M$ : Sachs form factors (electric and magnetic)
  - $G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \tau F_2(Q^2)$
  - $G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$

$\tau = Q^2/4M^2$   
 (more standard definition of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ )

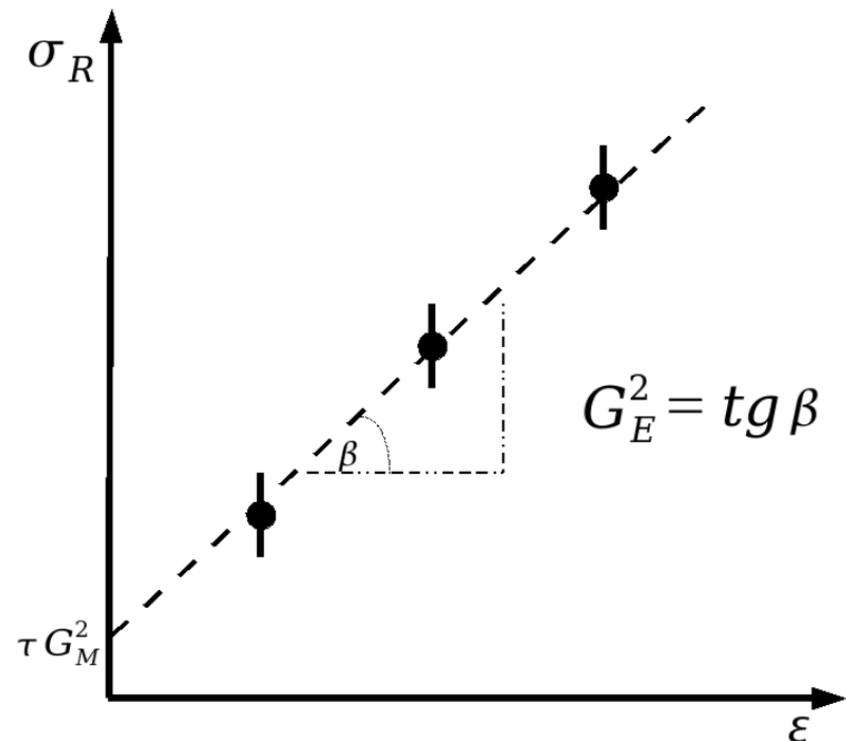
# Form Factors: Unpolarized Cross-Sections

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} G_E^2 + G_M^2 = \frac{\varepsilon(1+\tau)}{\tau} \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} / \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott+recoil} \right]$$

At a fixed Q<sup>2</sup>

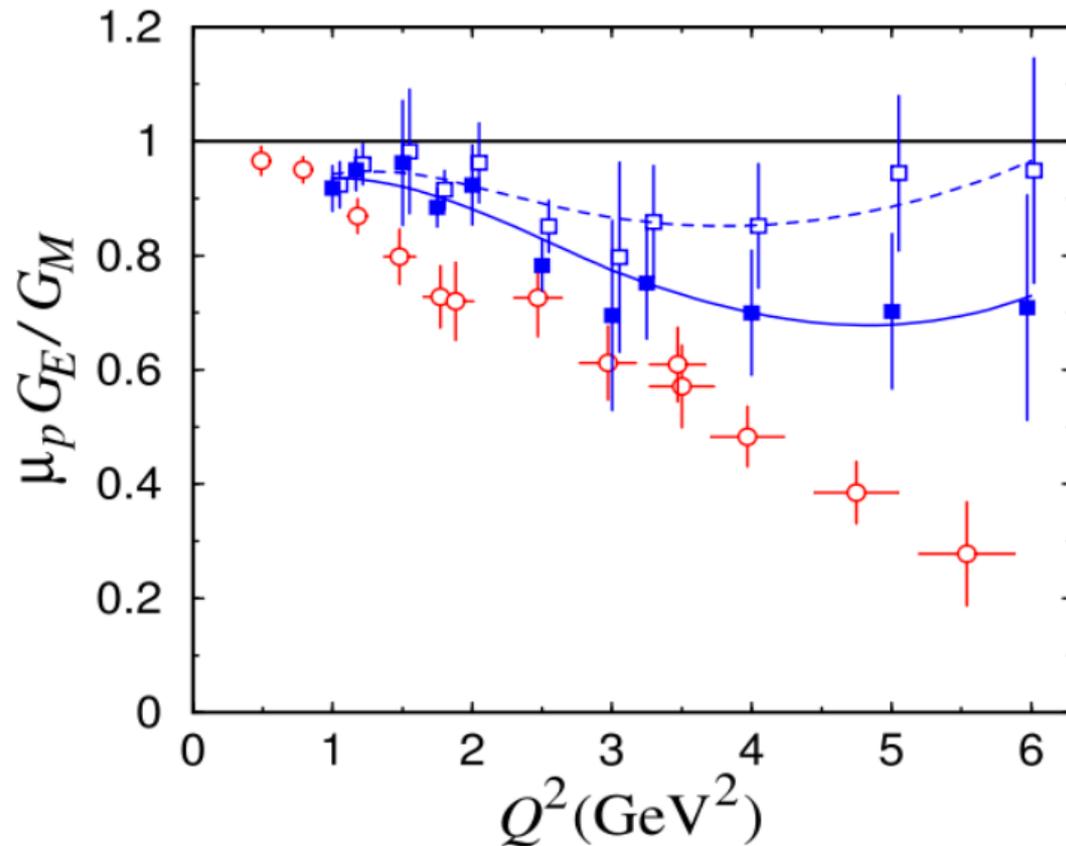
$$\varepsilon = \left[ 1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \left( \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

Rosenbluth Separation method



# Form Factors: Recoil polarization method

$$\frac{G_E^2}{G_M^2} = \frac{-P_x}{P_z} \frac{E+E'}{2M} \tan(\theta/2)$$

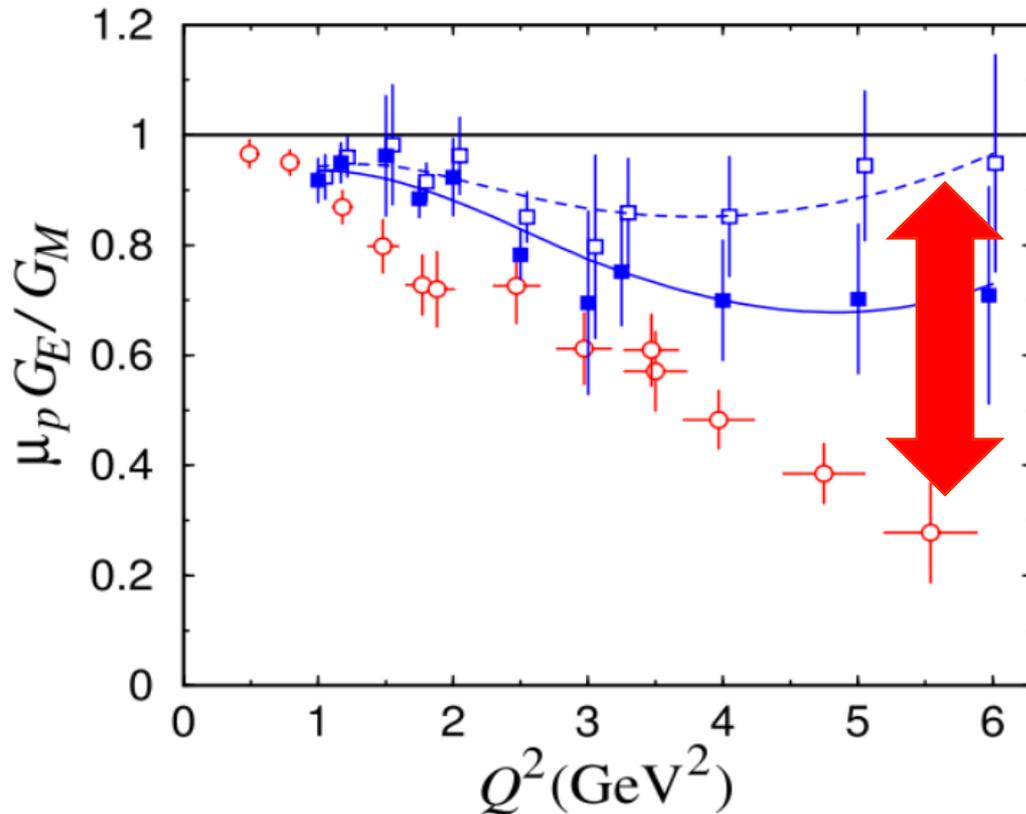


Rosenbluth method

Recoil Polarization method

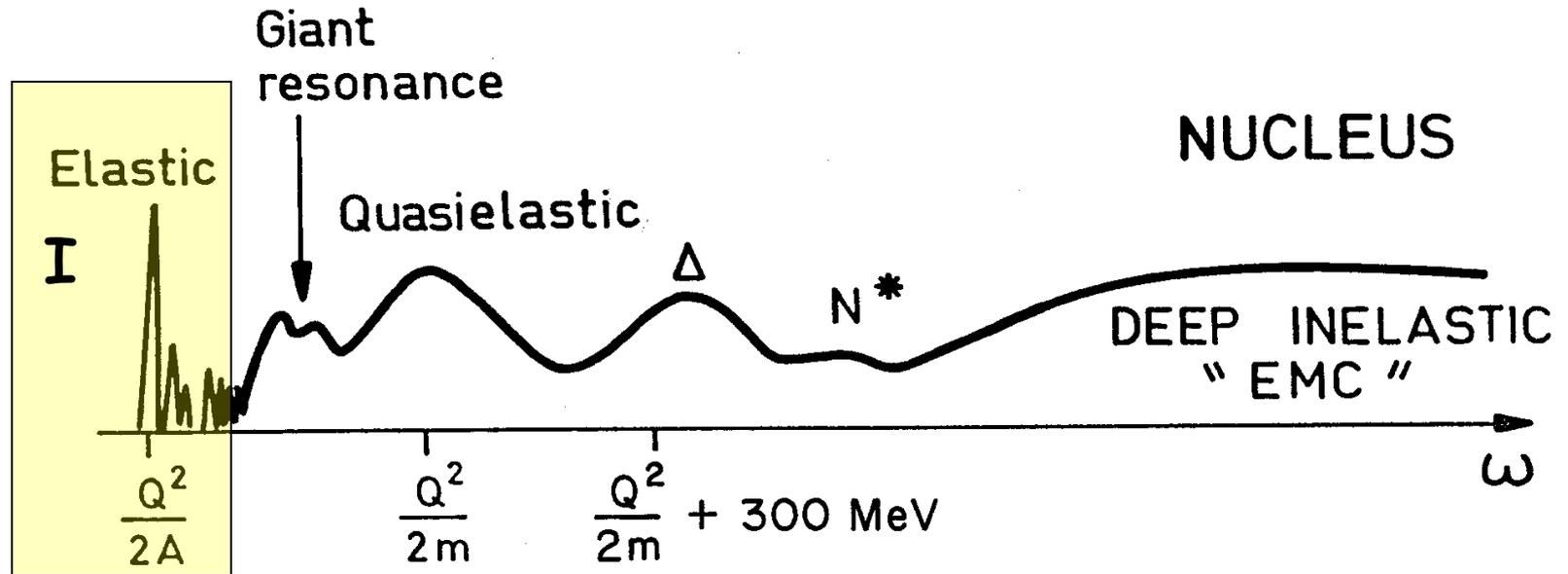
# Form Factors: Polarization Transfer

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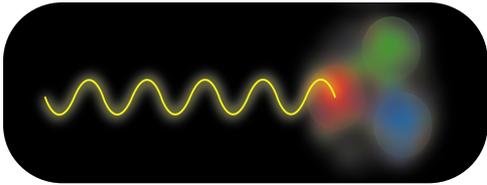
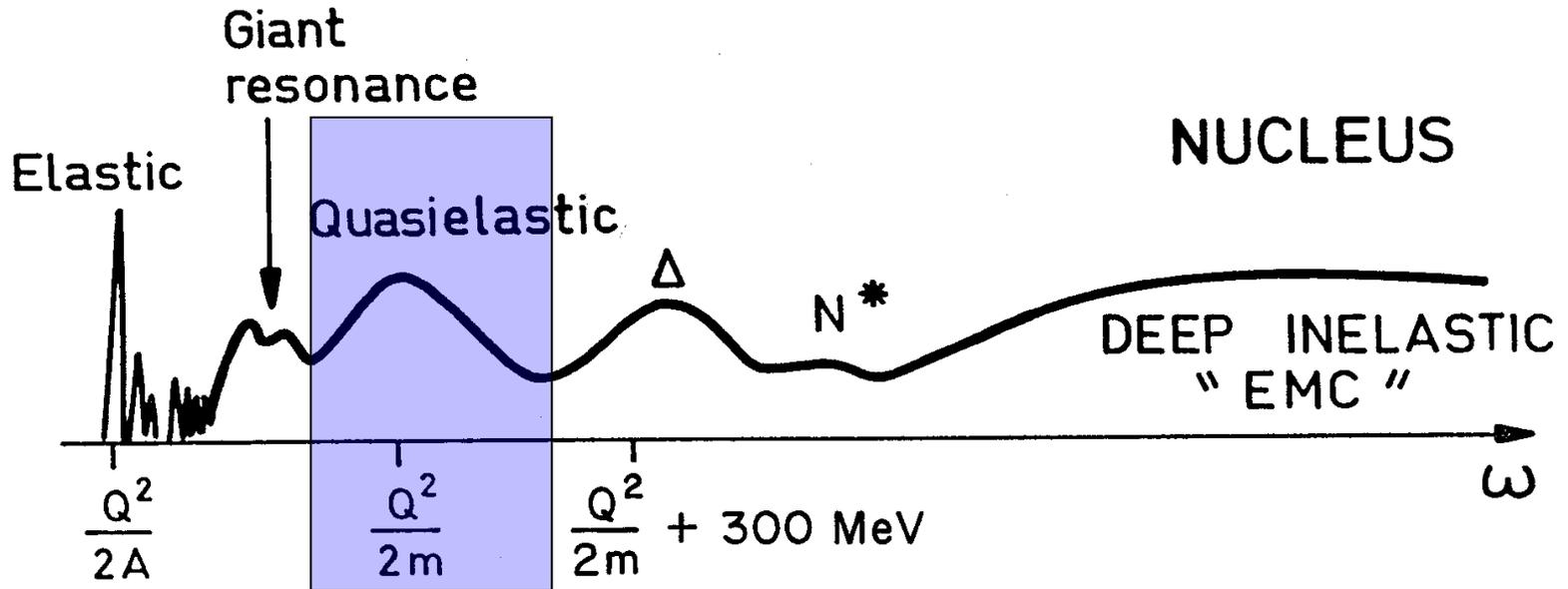
**LARGE Discrepancy!**  
(2 photon exchange?)

# Elastic scattering summary



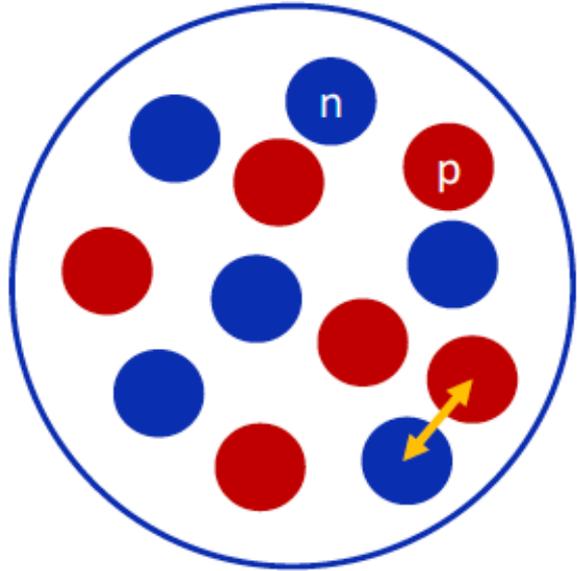
- Measurements of charger distribution for nucleon and nucleus
- Measurement for the electromagnetic form factor of Nucleon.

# Quick overview: Quasi-elastic scattering

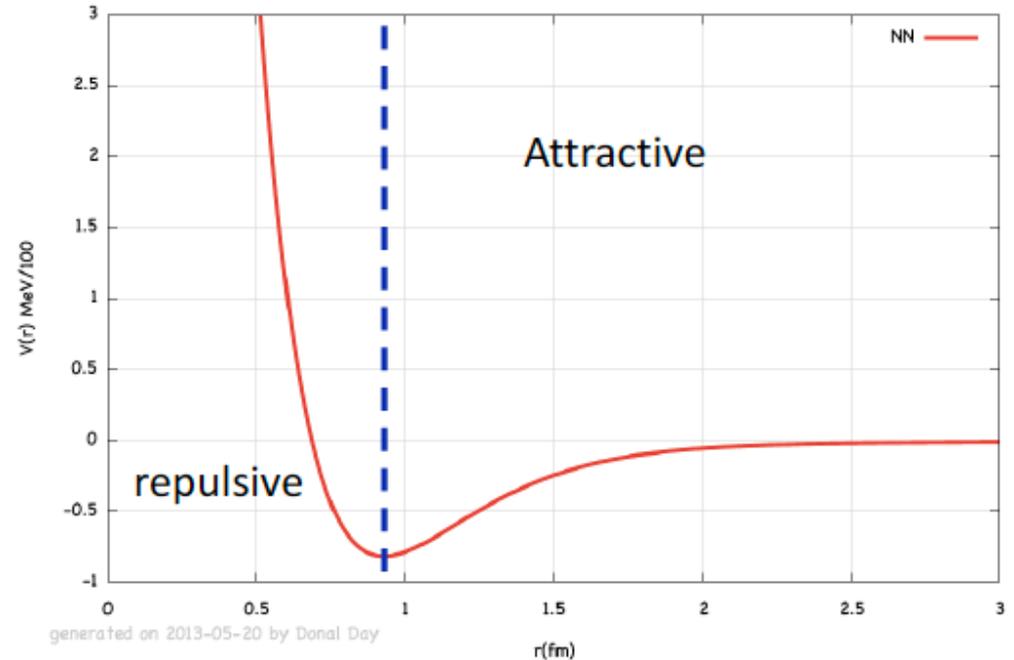


- Shell structure
  - Momentum distributions
  - Occupancies
- Short Range Correlated nucleon pairs

# Nuclear structure and NN potential



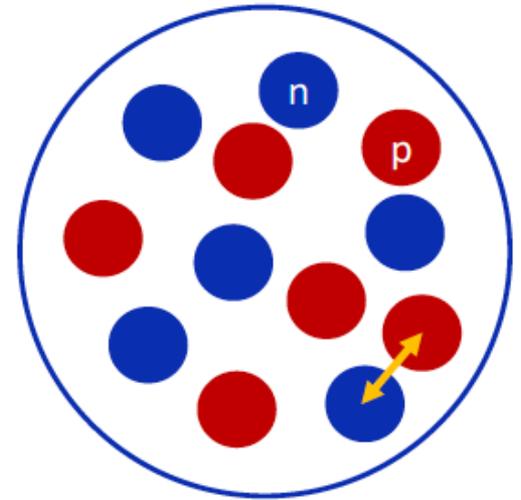
Nucleon-Nucleon (NN) potential



- Attractive force: Moderate distance
- Repulsive force: Short distance

# ... In Principle

- ❑ Nucleons are bound: Energy distribution,  $n(E)$
- ❑ Nucleons are not static: Momentum distribution,  $n(k)$
- ❑ Spectral function: Probability of finding a nucleon inside nuclei with a given energy and momentum,  $S(E, k)$



Many-Body Hamiltonian:

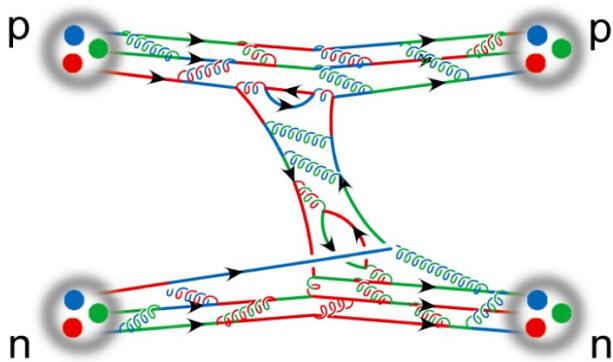
$$H = \sum_{i=1}^A T + \sum_{i<j}^A V_{2N}(i,j) + \sum_{i<j<k}^A V_{3N}(i,j,k) + \dots$$

# Challenging Many-Body Problem

## 1. Many-body Schrödinger equation

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

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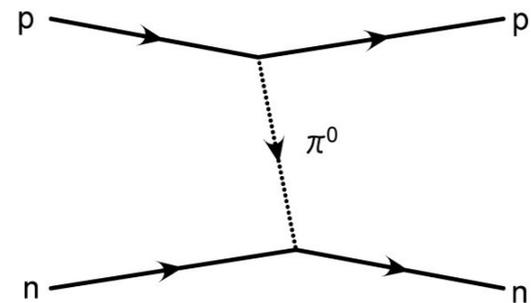
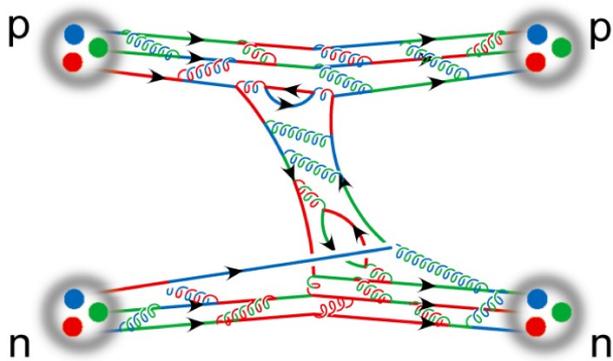


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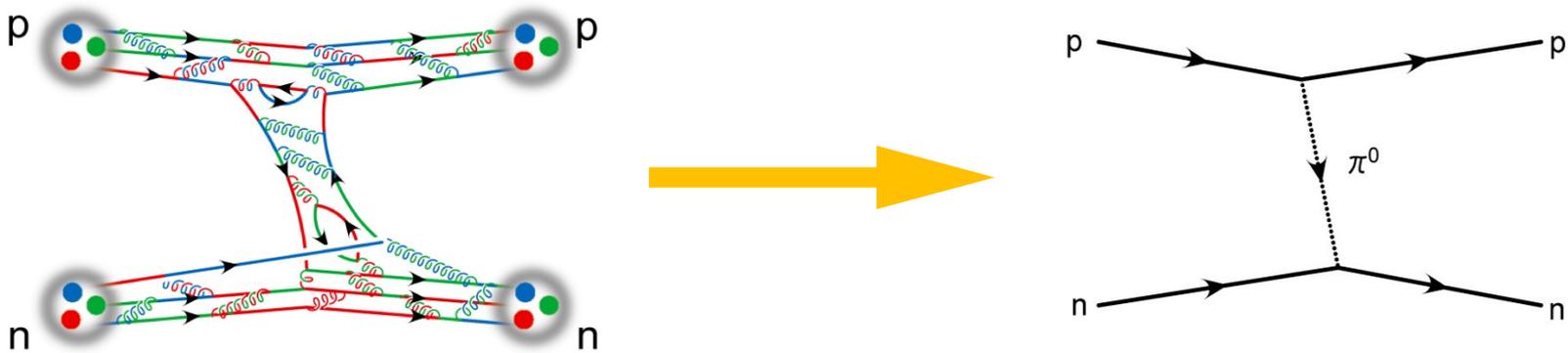


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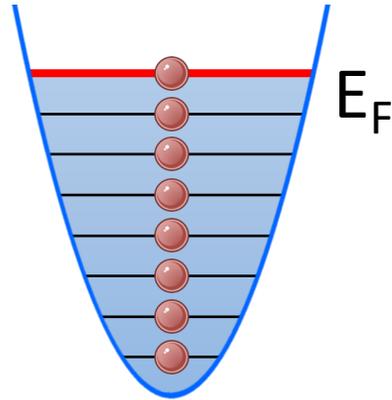
→ **Effective Models** 
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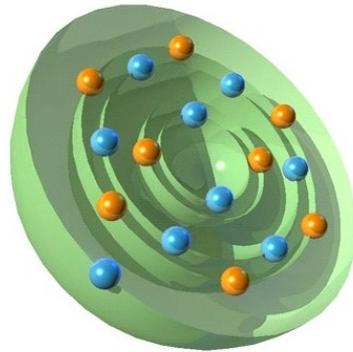


# What is a Nucleus ?

Fermi  
Gas  
Model

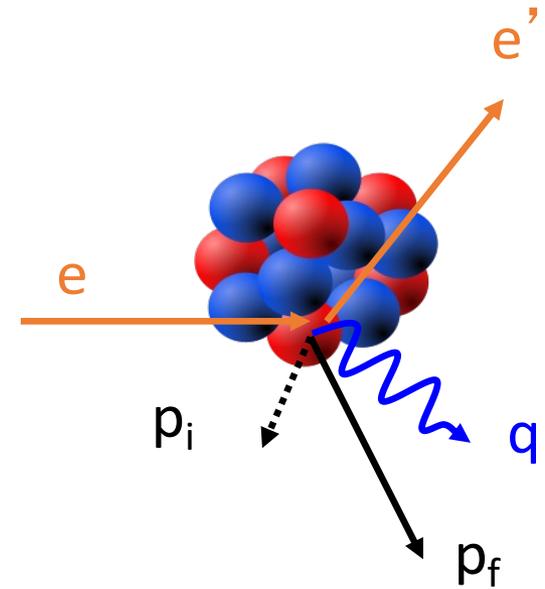


Shell  
Model



# Fermi gas model:

how simple a model can you make?



Initial nucleon energy:  $KE_i = p_i^2 / 2m_p$

Final nucleon energy:  $KE_f = p_f^2 / 2m_p = (\vec{q} + \vec{p}_i)^2 / 2m_p$

Energy transfer: 
$$\nu = KE_f - KE_i = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2m_p} + \frac{\vec{q} \cdot \vec{p}_i}{m_p}$$

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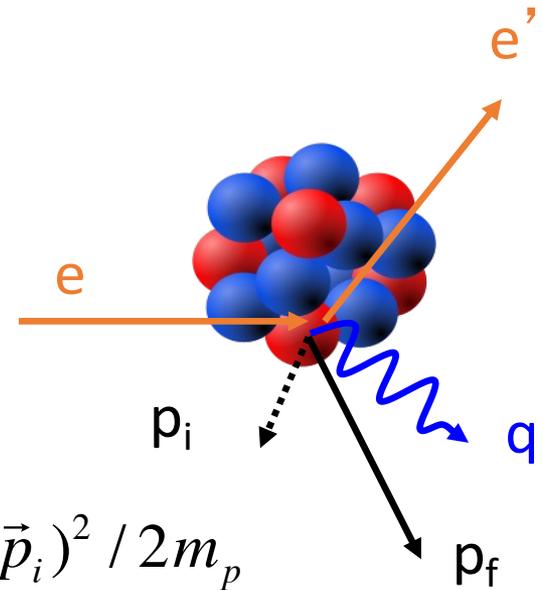
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Energy transfer: 
$$v = KE_f - KE_i = \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2m_p} + \frac{\vec{q} \cdot \vec{p}_i}{m_p}$$

Expect:

- Peak centroid at  $v = q^2/2m_p + \epsilon$
- Peak width  $2qp_{\text{fermi}}/m_p$
- Total peak cross section =  $Z\sigma_{ep} + N\sigma_{en}$



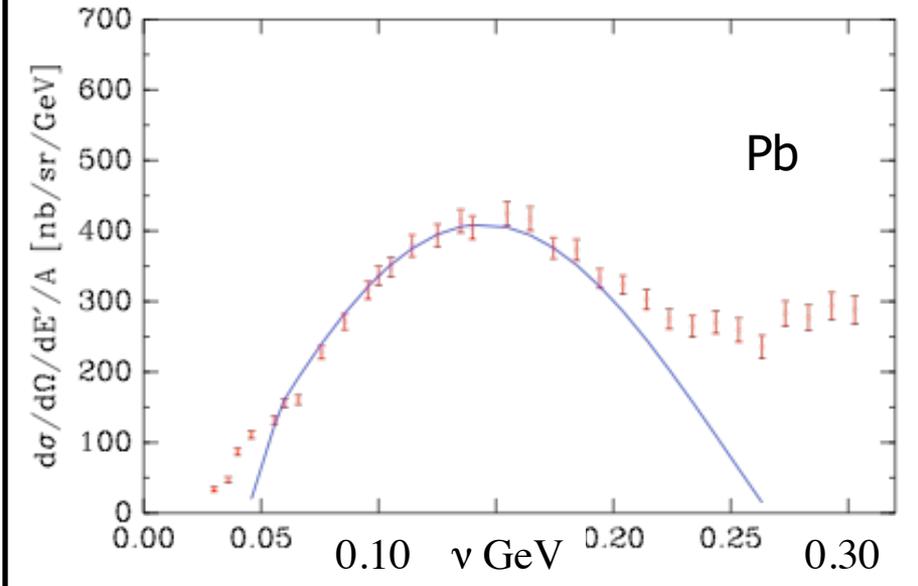
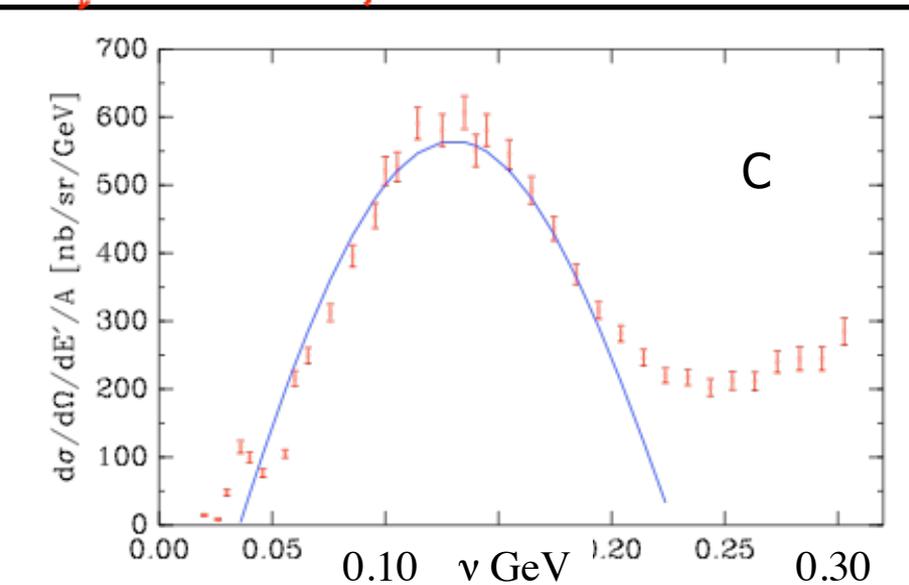
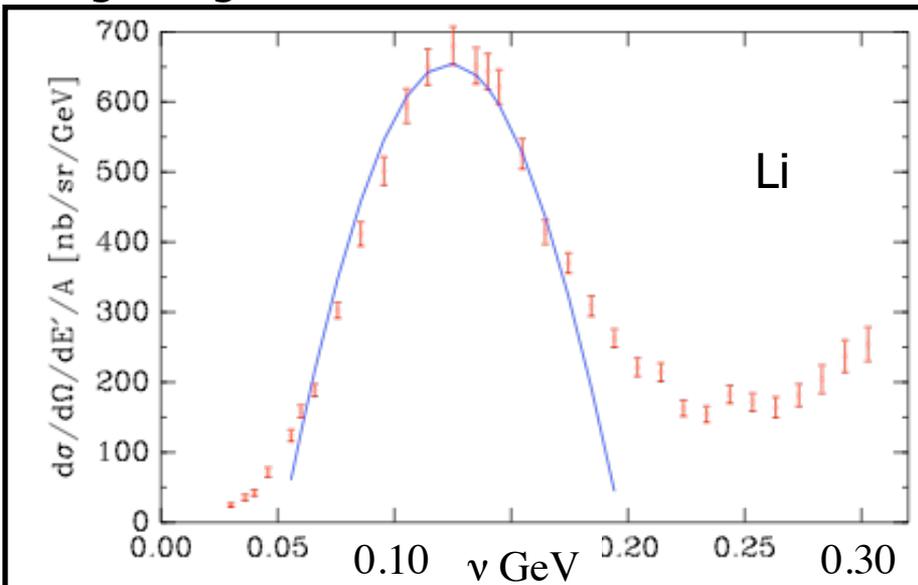
# Early 1970s Quasi-elastic Data

500 MeV, 60 degrees

R.R. Whitney et al.,  
PRC 9, 2230 (1974).

-> getting the bulk features

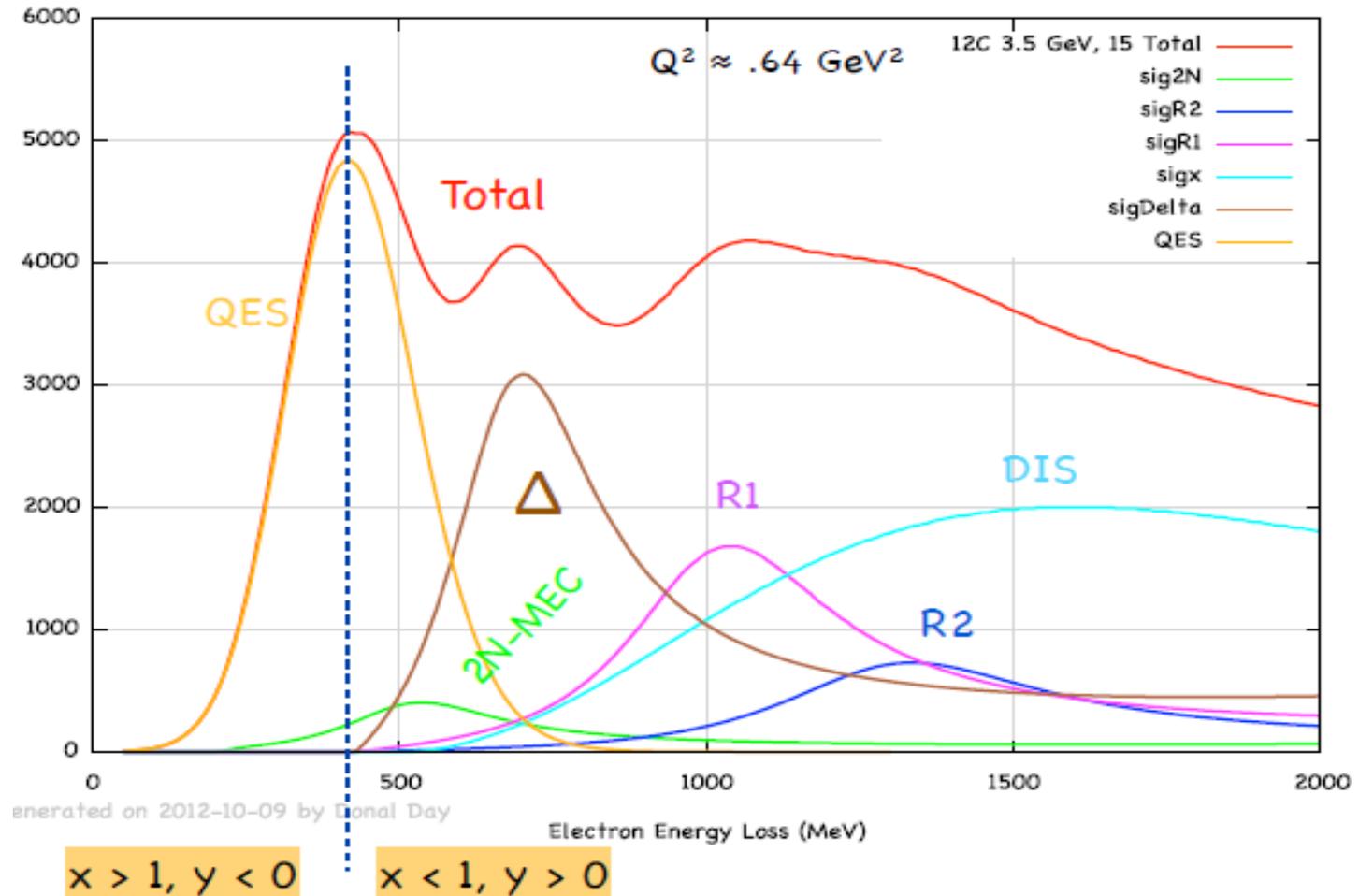
$\vec{q} \approx 500 \text{ MeV}/c$



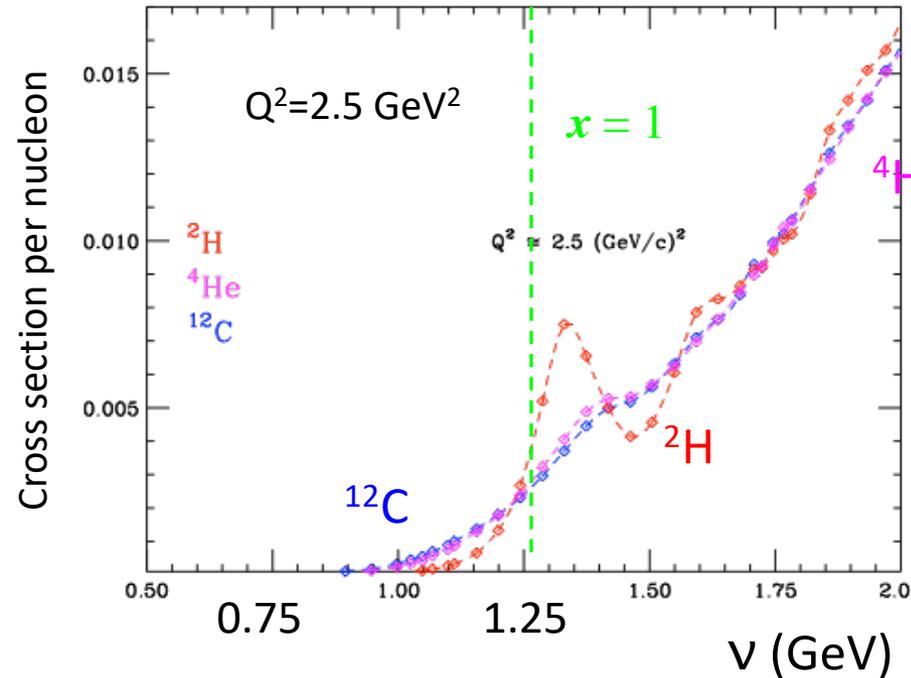
Nucleus	$k_F$ MeV/c	$\bar{\epsilon}$ MeV
${}^6\text{Li}$	169	17
${}^{12}\text{C}$	221	25
${}^{24}\text{Mg}$	235	32
${}^{40}\text{Ca}$	251	28
<i>nat</i> Ni	260	36
${}^{89}\text{Y}$	254	39
<i>nat</i> Sn	260	42
${}^{181}\text{Ta}$	265	42
${}^{208}\text{Pb}$	265	44

compared to Fermi model: fit parameter  $k_F$  and  $\epsilon$

# Inclusive (e,e') Quasi-elastic scattering



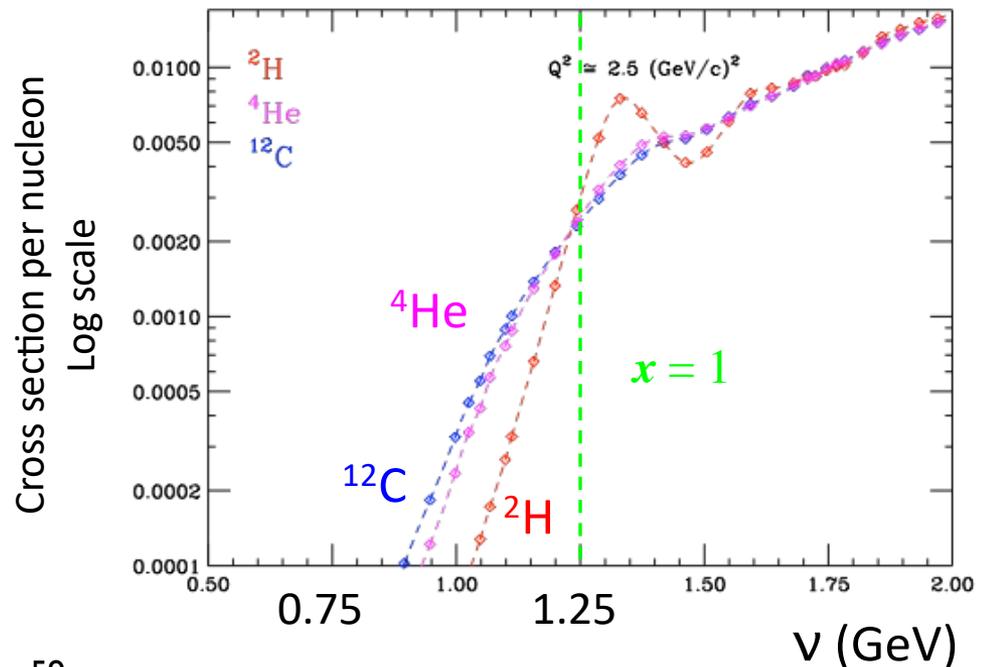
# Nuclear mass (A) dependence



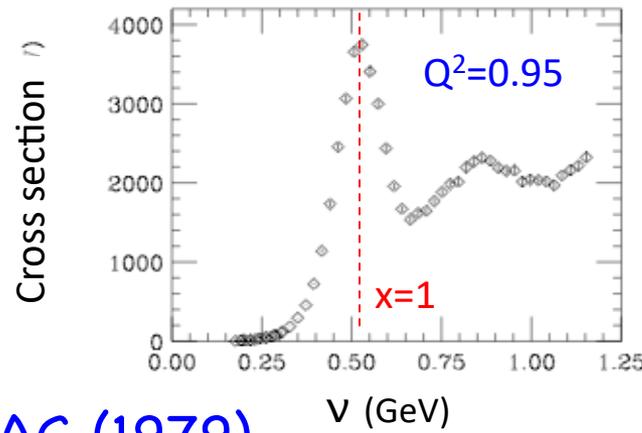
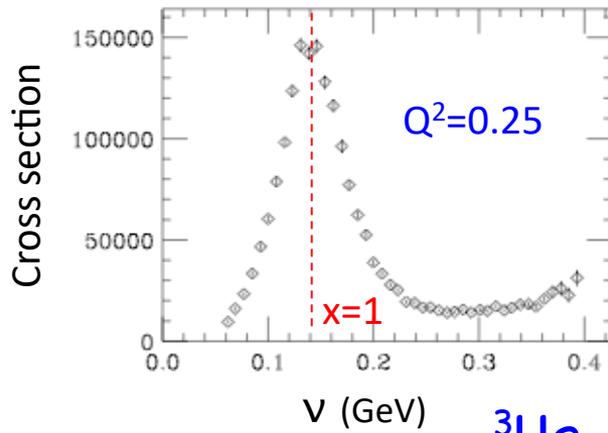
Heavier nucleus

- higher nucleon momenta
- broadened peak

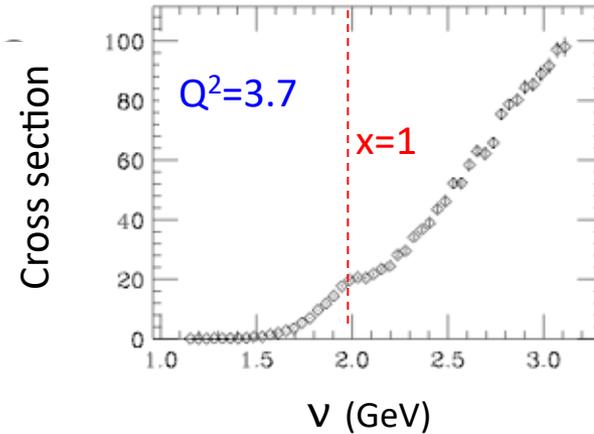
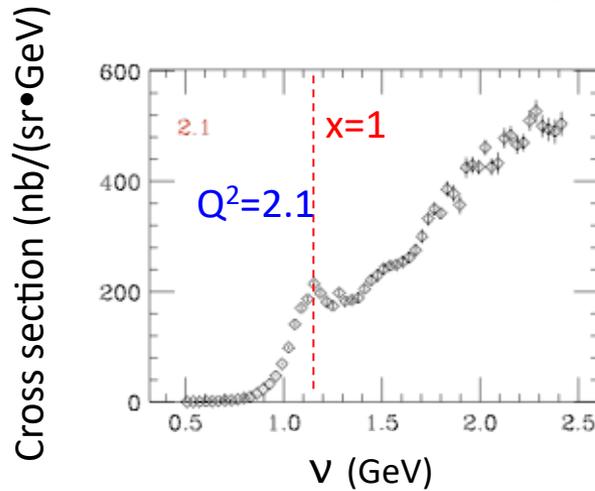
(same plot, log scale)



# $Q^2$ dependence



$^3\text{He}$  SLAC (1979)

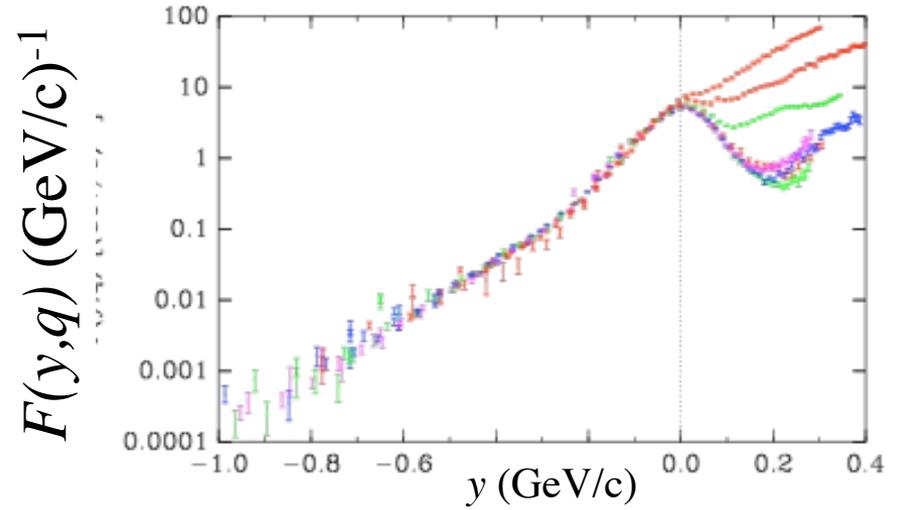
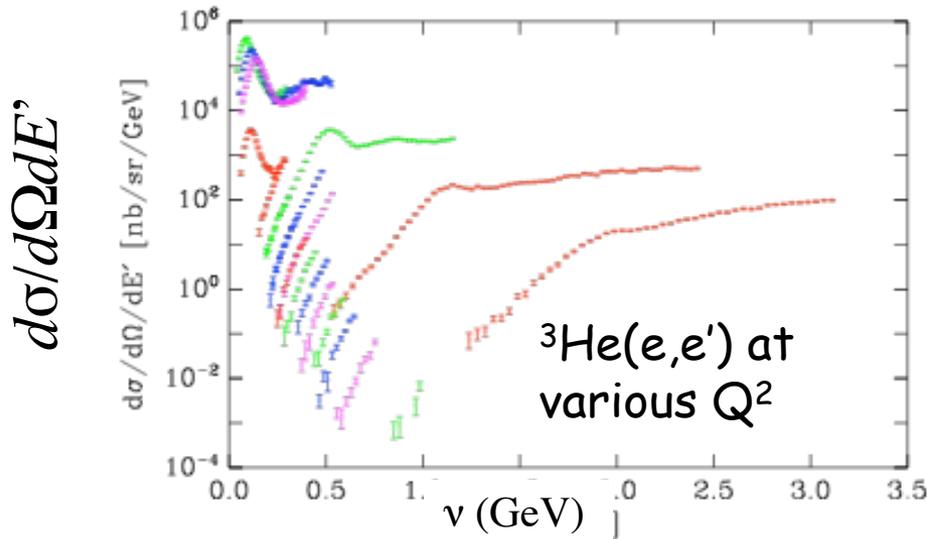


- As  $Q^2 \gg 1$  inelastic scattering from the nucleons begins to dominate
- Quasi Elastic scattering is still dominant at low energy transfer, even at high  $Q^2$

# Scaling

- The dependence of a cross-section, in certain kinematic regions, on a single variable.
  - **scaling** validates the scaling assumption.
  - **Scale-breaking** indicates new physics.
- At moderate  $Q^2$  and  $x > 1$  we expect to see evidence for **y-scaling**, indicating that the electrons are scattering from quasifree nucleons
  - $y$  = minimum momentum of struck nucleon
- At high  $Q^2$  we expect to see evidence for **x-scaling**, indicating that the electrons are scattering from quarks.
  - $x = Q^2/2mv =$  fraction of nucleon momentum carried by struck quark (in infinite momentum frame)

# $\gamma$ -scaling in inclusive electron scattering from $^3\text{He}$



$$F(y) = \frac{\sigma^{\text{exp}}}{(Z\tilde{\sigma}_p + N\tilde{\sigma}_n)} \cdot K$$

$$n(k) = -\frac{1}{2\pi y} \frac{dF(y)}{dy}$$

**Assumption:** scattering takes place from a quasi-free proton or neutron in the nucleus.

$y$  is the momentum of the struck nucleon parallel to the momentum transfer:

$$y \approx -q/2 + mv/q \text{ (nonrelativistically)}$$

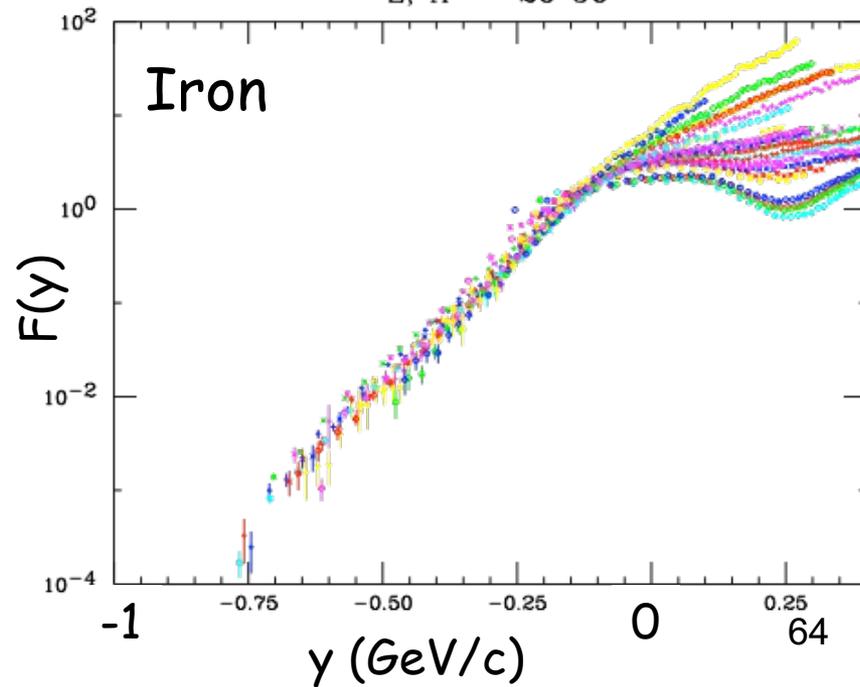
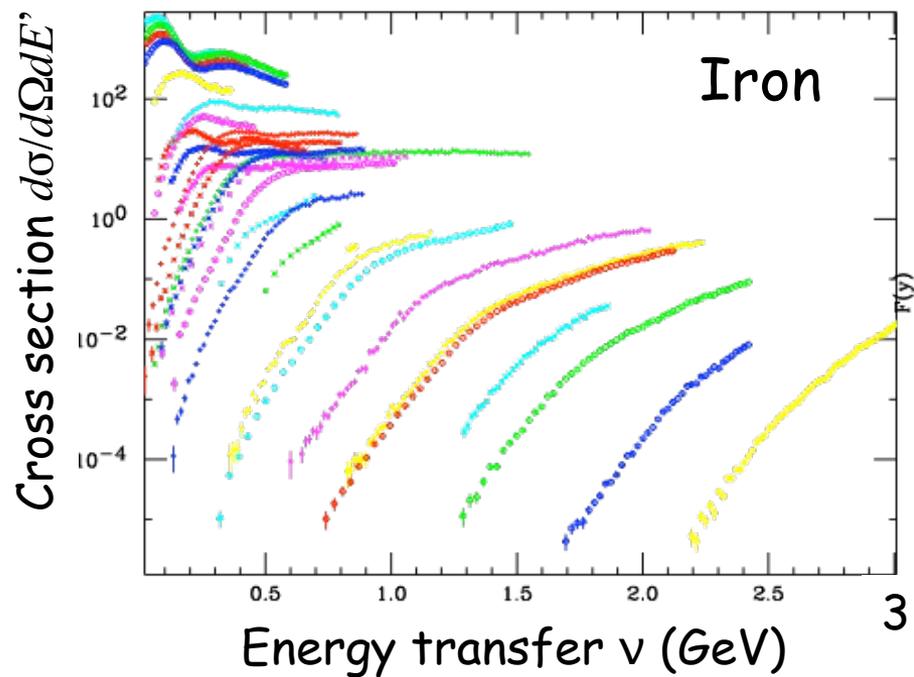
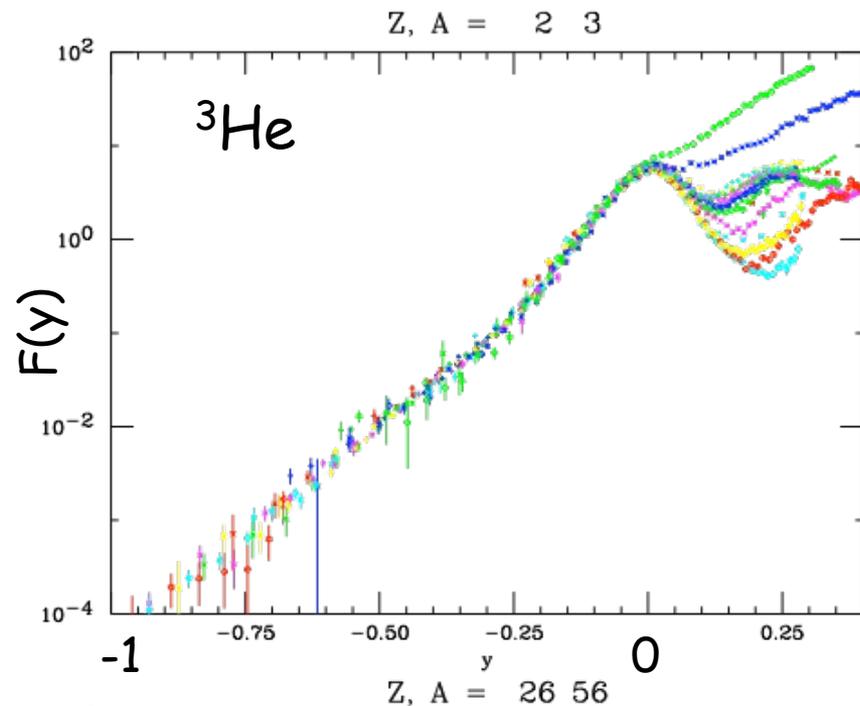
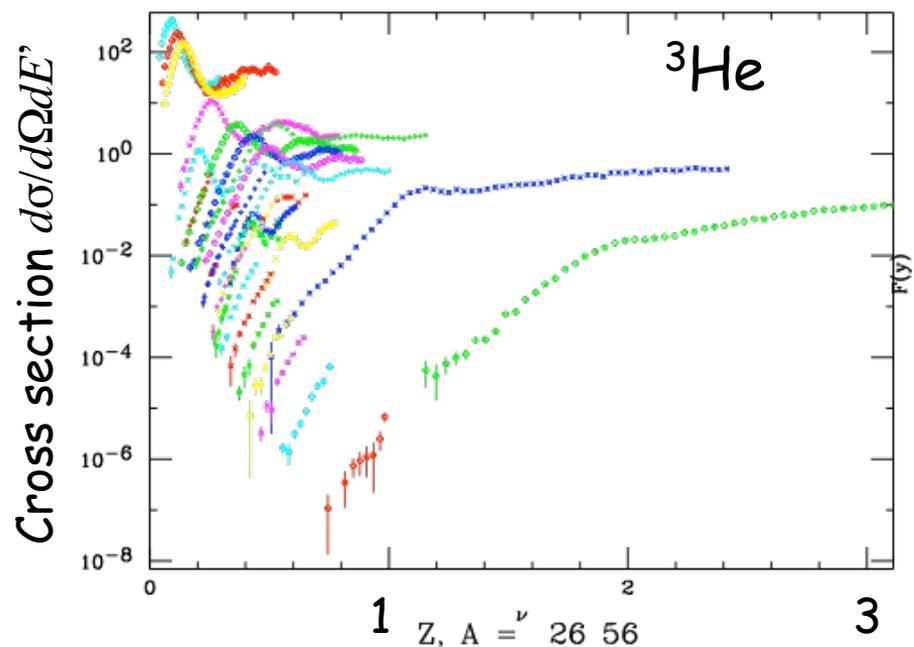
IF the scattering is quasifree, then  $F(y)$  is the integral over all perpendicular nucleon momenta (nonrelativistically).

**Goal:** extract the momentum distribution  $n(k)$  from  $F(y)$ .

# Assumptions & Potential Scale Breaking Mechanisms

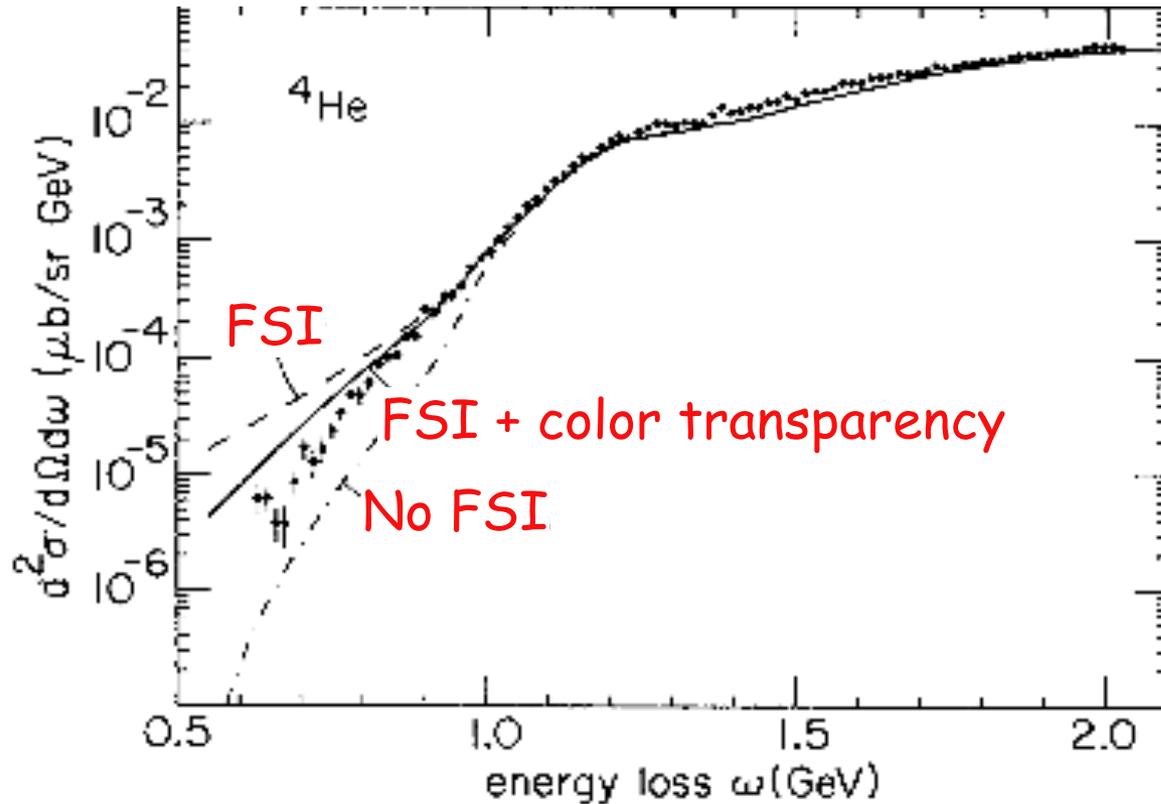
- No Final State Interactions (FSI)
- No internal excitation of (A-1)
- Full strength of Spectral function can be integrated over at finite  $q$
- No inelastic processes (choose  $\gamma < 0$ )
- No medium modifications (discussed later)

Y-scaling works!



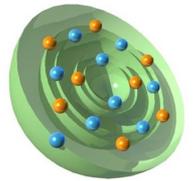
# Final State Interactions (FSI) complicate this simple picture

${}^4\text{He}(e,e')$  at 3.595 GeV,  $30^\circ$



Benhar et al. PRC 44, 2328  
Benhar, Pandharipande, PRC 47,  
2218  
Benhar et al. PLB 3443, 47

# Independent particle shell model

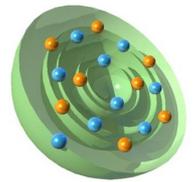


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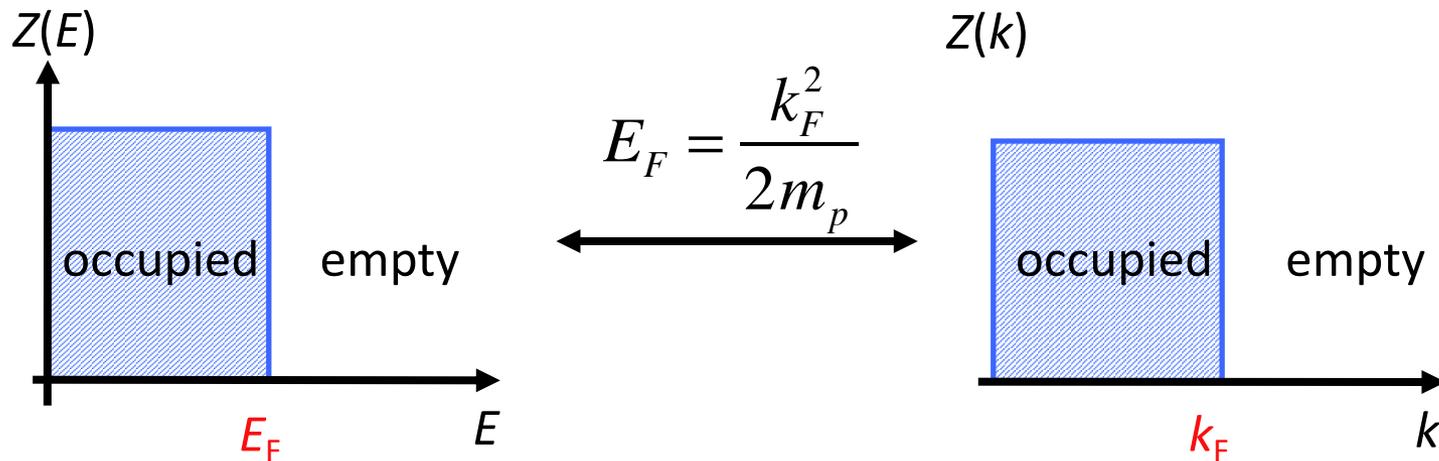
## Assumptions:

- ❑ Nucleon moves in a mean-field created by surrounding nucleons
- ❑ No interaction at a short distance
- ❑ Nucleons fill up distinct energy level defined by quantum numbers, highest energy level is called Fermi-energy, corresponding to Fermi-momentum

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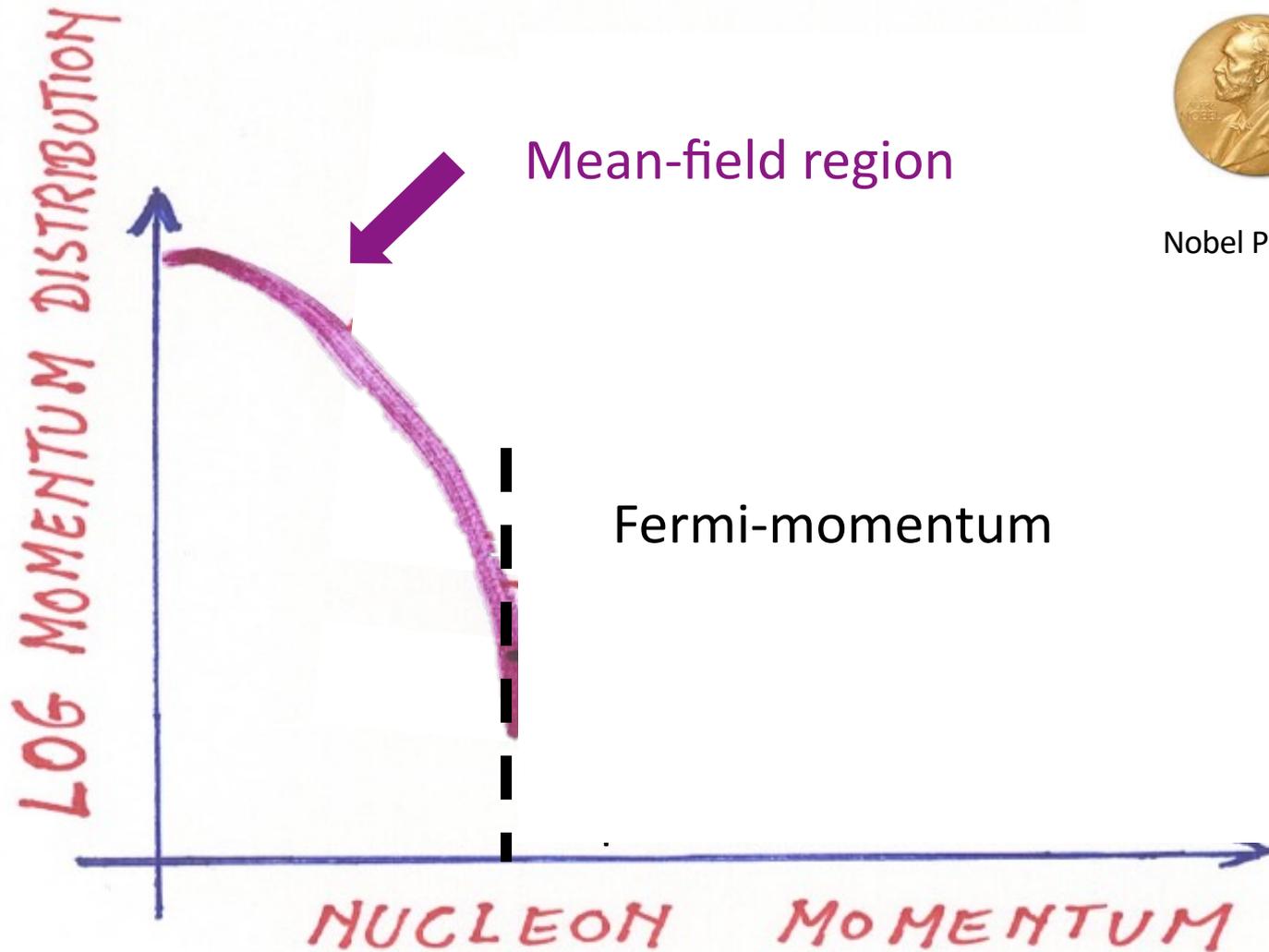


## Pauli's principle:

- Forbids nucleon scattering to occupied shell: Suppressed the nucleon interaction

- Ground state energies
- Excitation Spectrum
- Spins
- Parities
- ...

# Momentum distribution:



Nobel Prize 1963

# Detect the knocked out nucleon (e,e'p)

coincidence experiment

measure: momentum, angles

electron energy:  $E_e$

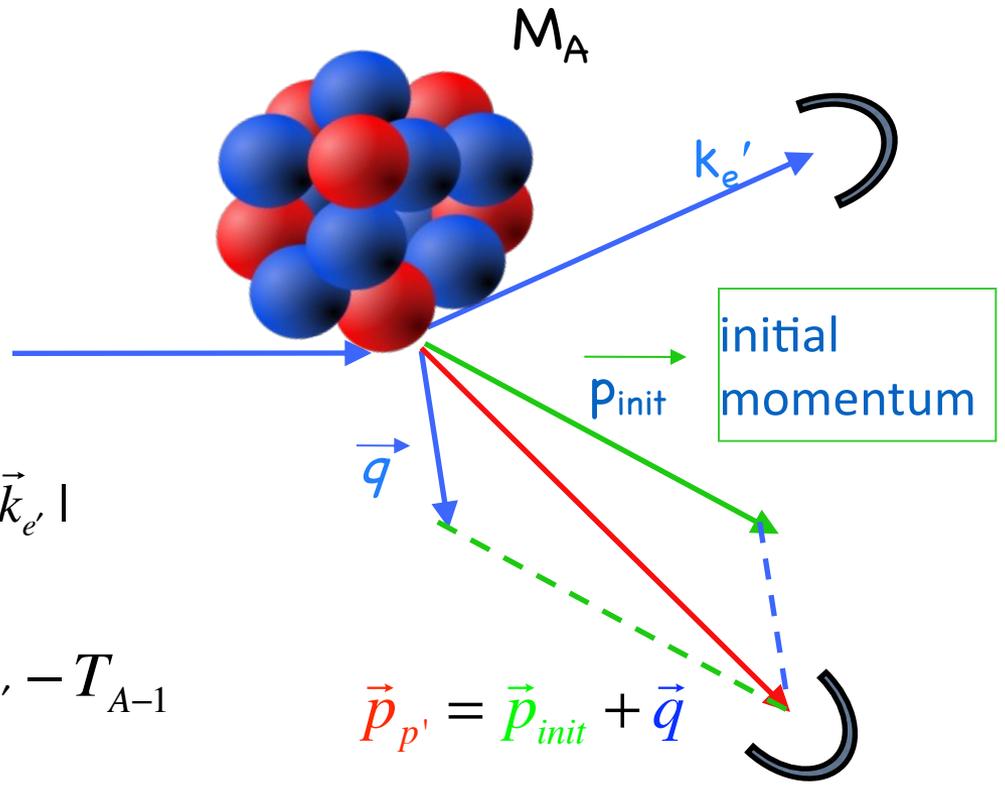
proton:  $\vec{p}_{p'}$

scattered electron:  $\vec{k}_{e'}$   $E_{e'} = |\vec{k}_{e'}|$

reconstructed quantities:

missing energy:  $E_m = \nu - T_{p'} - T_{A-1}$

missing momentum:  $\vec{p}_m = \vec{q} - \vec{p}_{p'}$



$$\vec{p}_{p'} = \vec{p}_{init} + \vec{q}$$

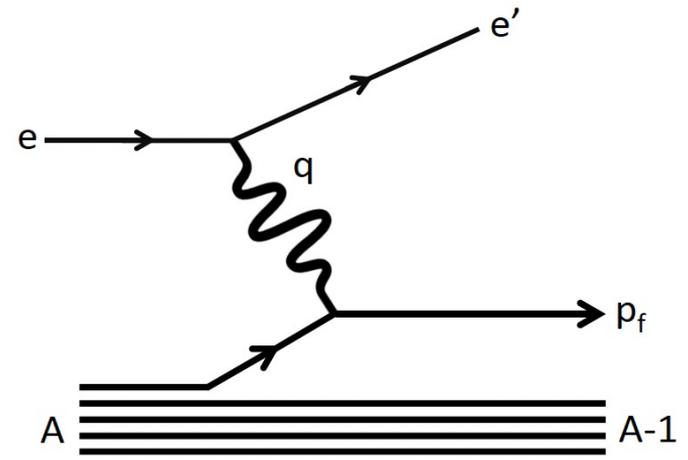
in Plane Wave Impulse Approximation (PWIA):

direct relation between measured quantities and theory:

$$|E| = E_m \quad \vec{p}_{init} = -\vec{p}_m$$

# (e,e'p) Plane Wave Impulse Approximation (PWIA)

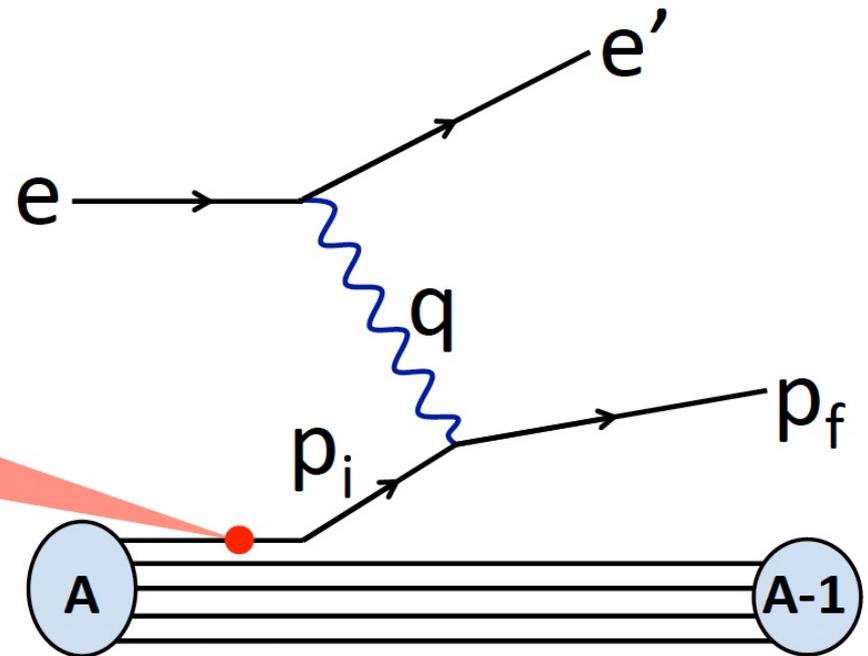
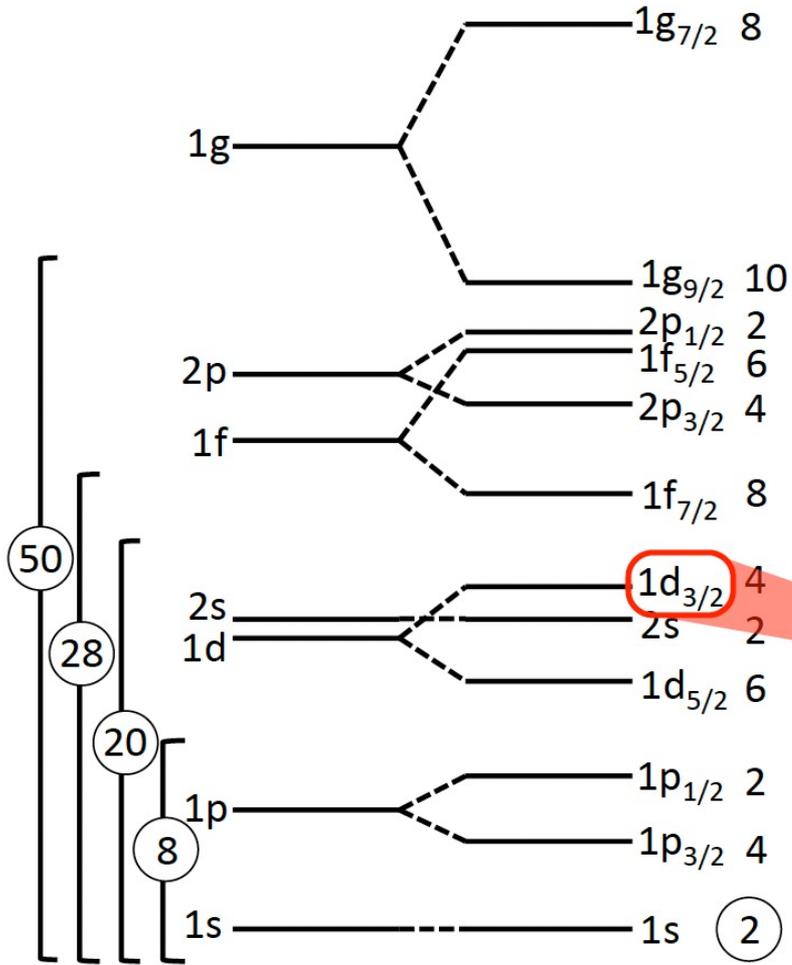
1. Only one nucleon absorbs the virtual photon
2. That nucleon does not interact further
3. That nucleon is detected



Cross-section factorization

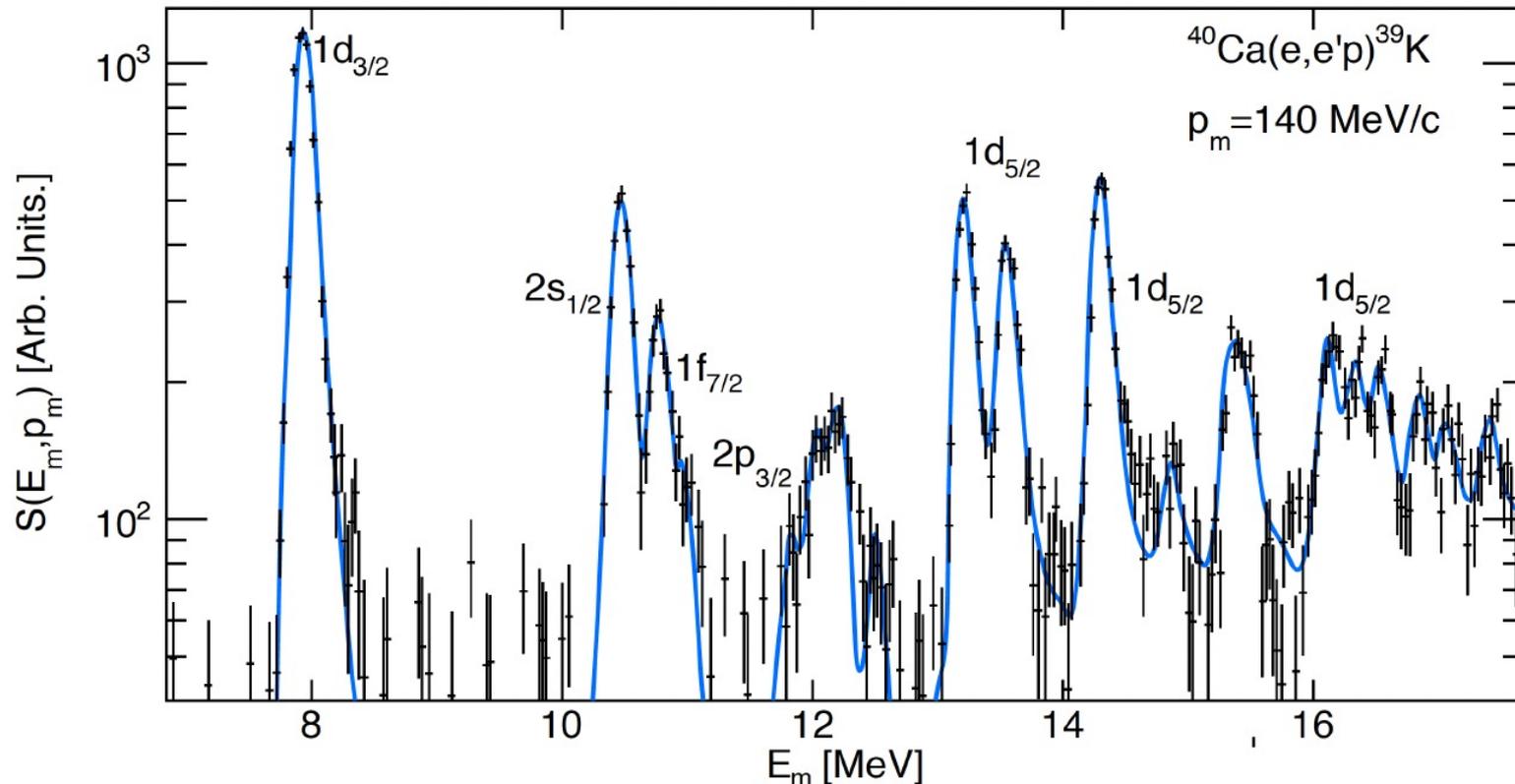
$$\sigma = K \sigma_{ep} S(|\vec{P}_i|, E_i)$$

# (e,e'p) scattering off shell orbitals



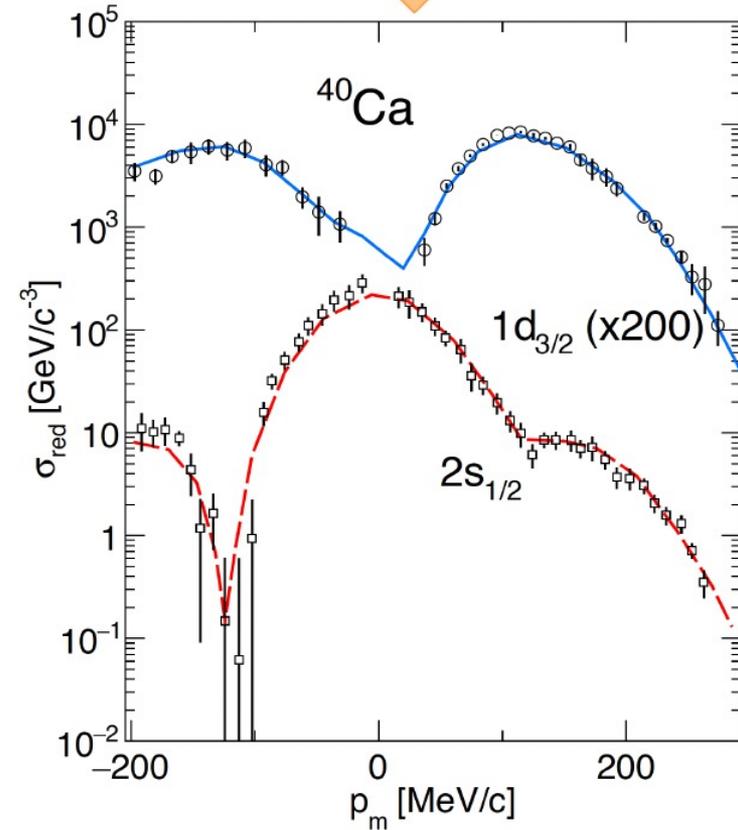
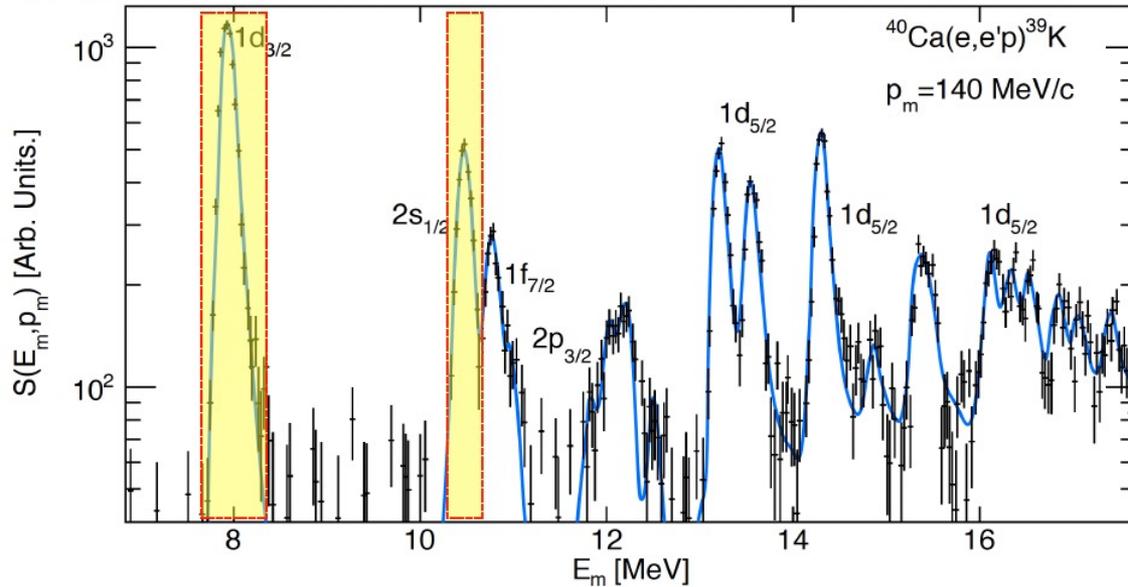
# (e,e'p) scattering off shell orbitals

The missing energy spectrum shows shells occupancy



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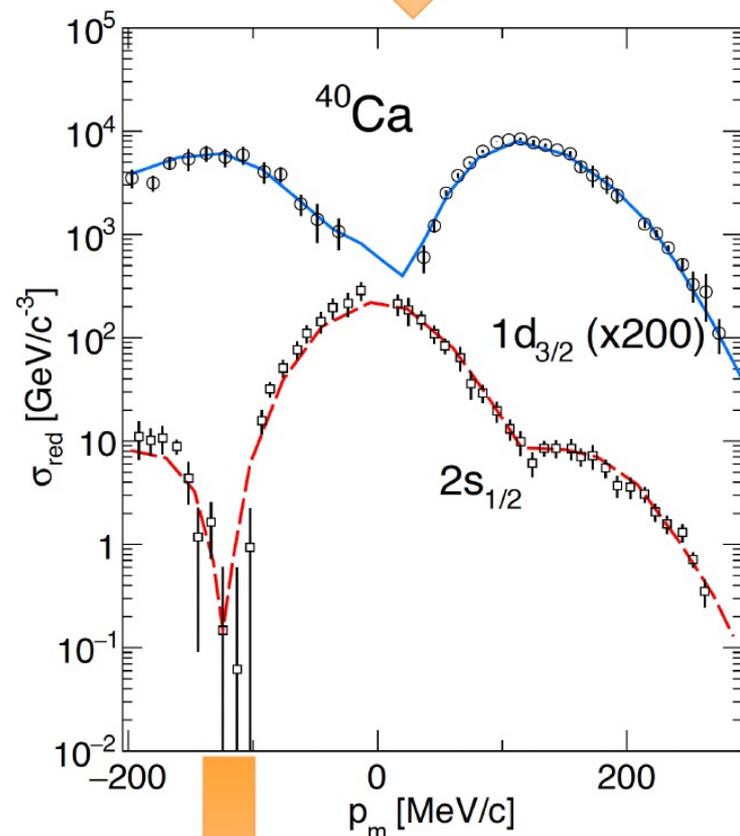
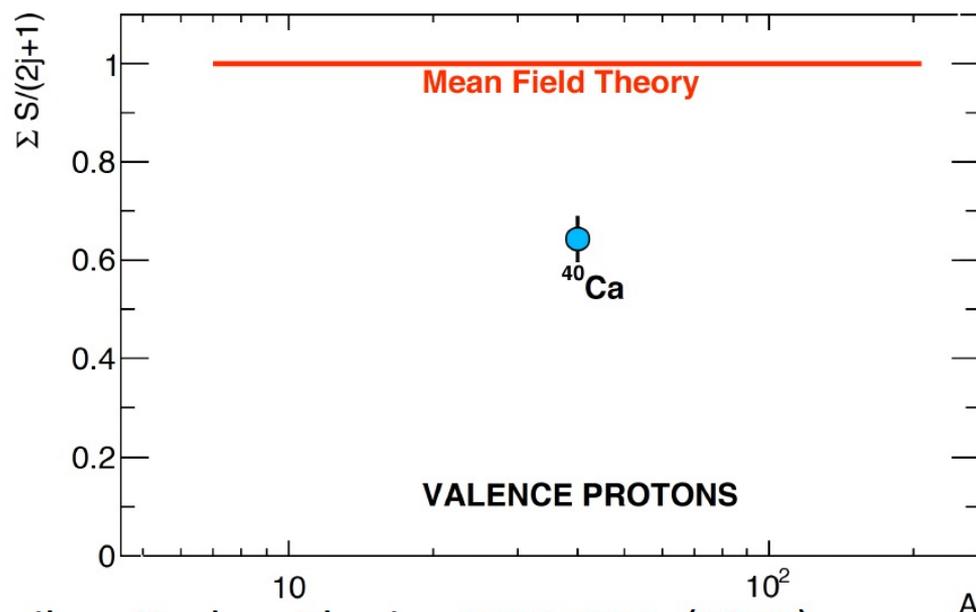
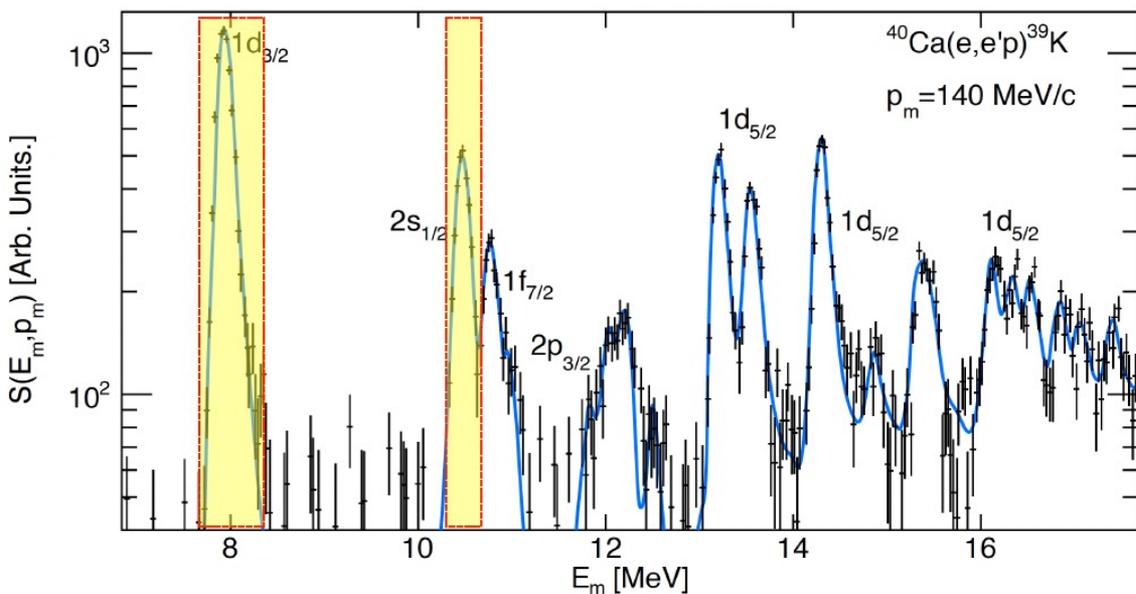
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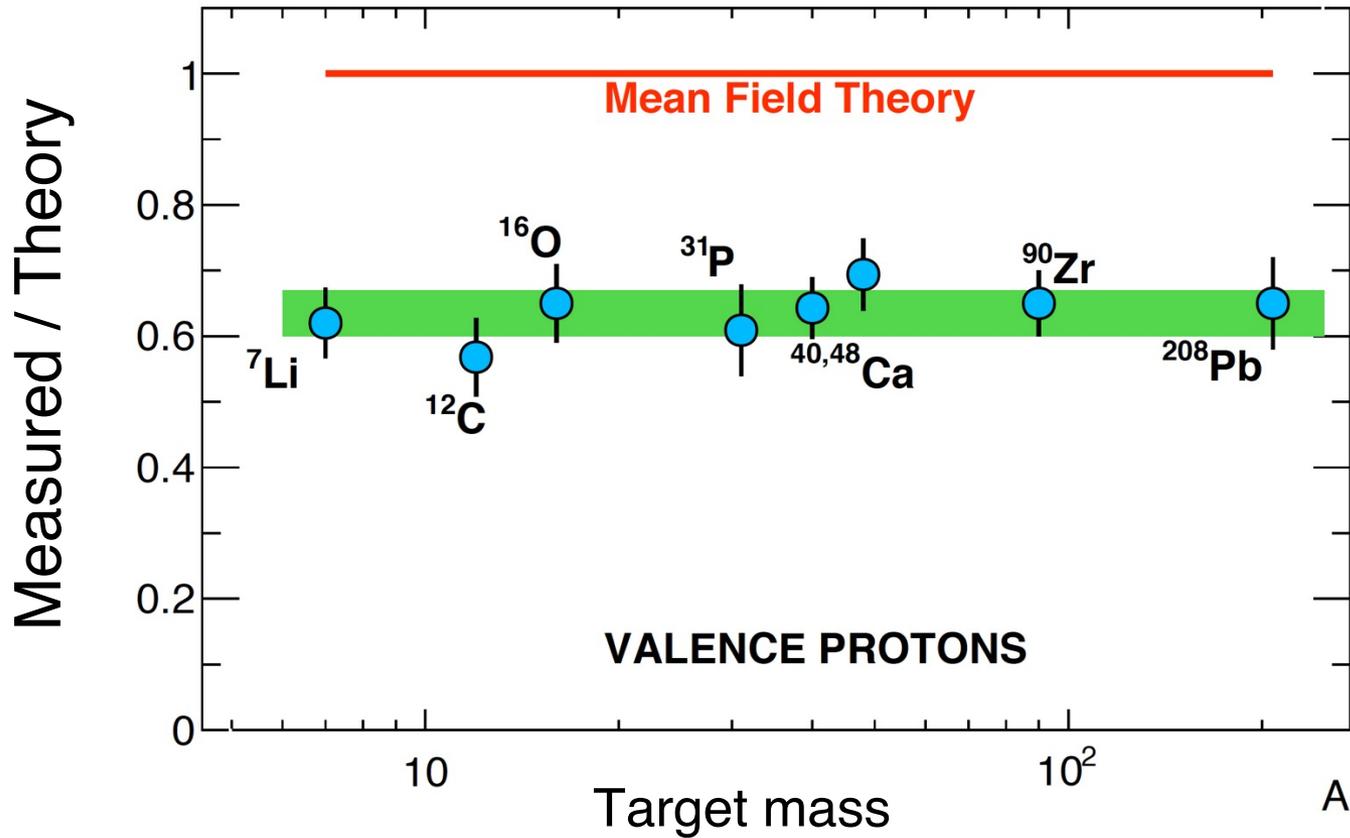
Compare to Shell Model predictions:

- Shapes well described
- Normalization...

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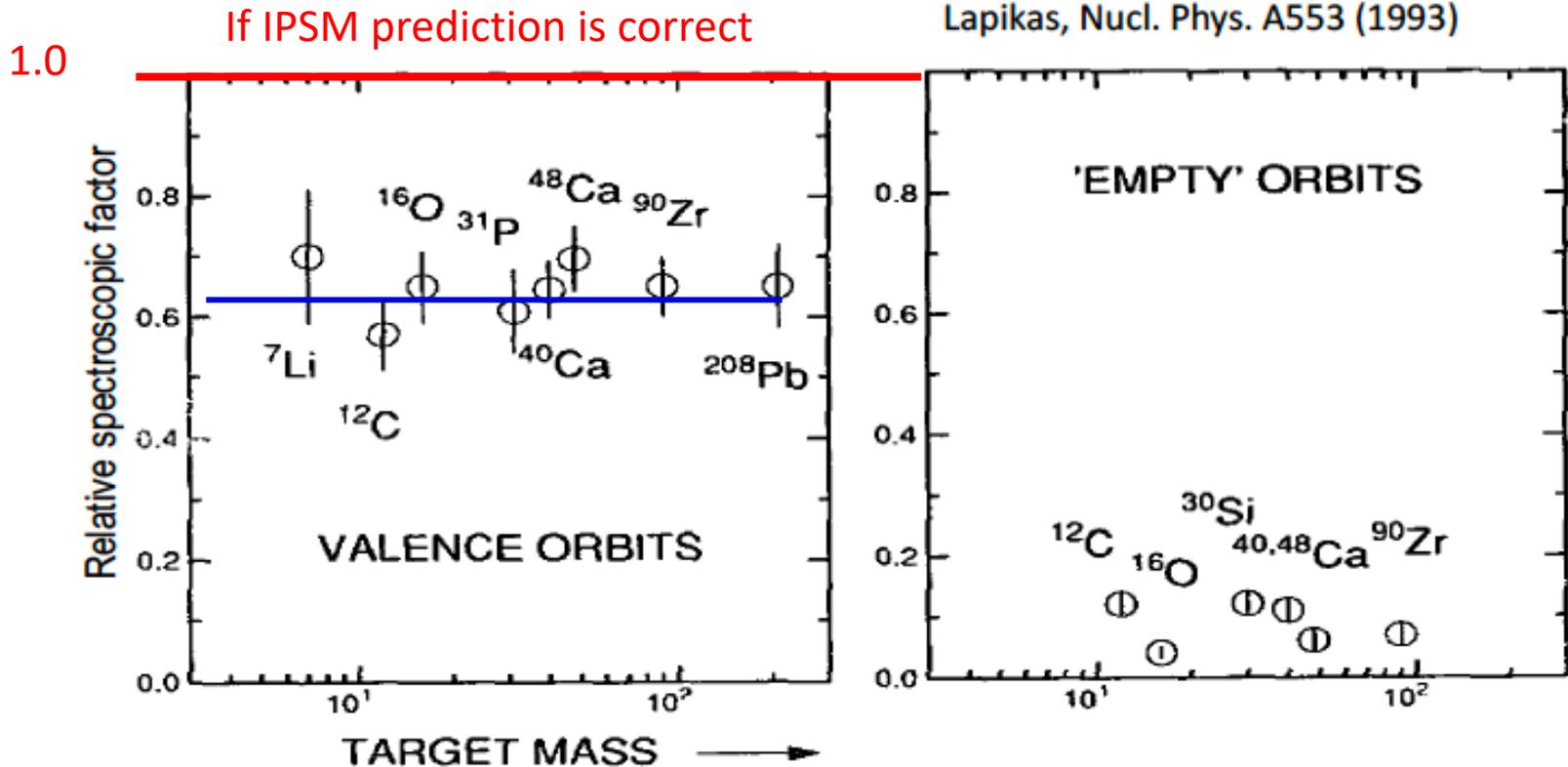


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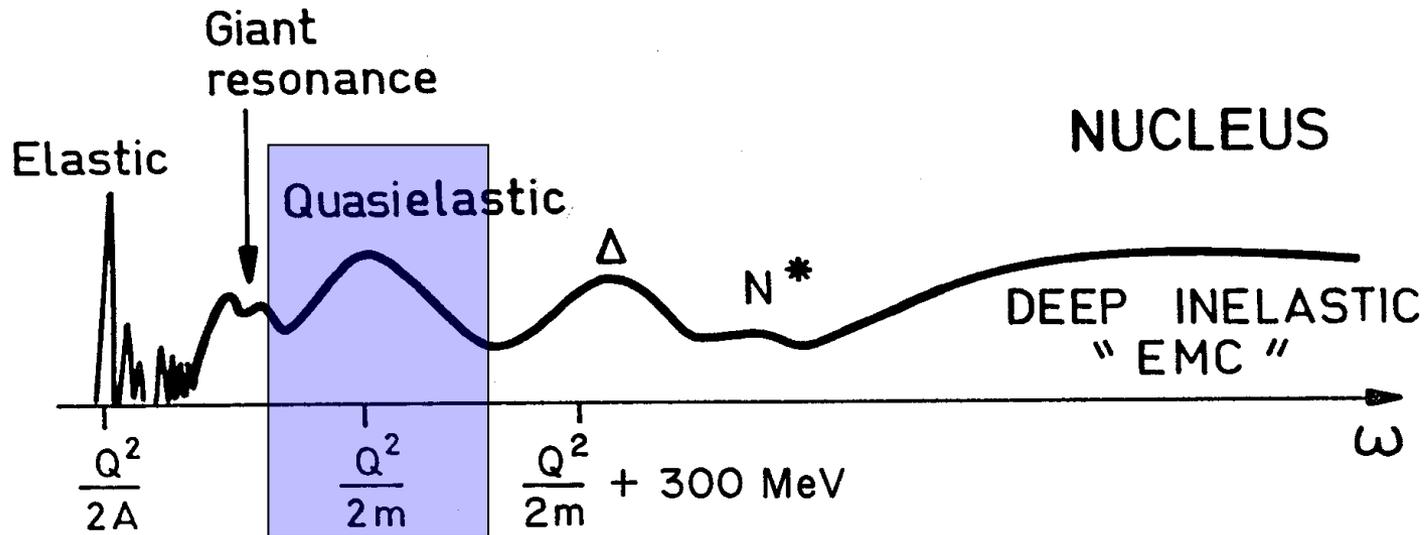
- Some strength was detected in the shell above the fermi edge which is predicted to be empty In IPSM


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- ❑ Long range correlations can not account for the spectroscopic factor difference
- ❑ Short Range Correlations (SRCs) is possible solution

## Welcome to SRCs

# Quasi-elastic Summary



- Measures shell structure directly
- Provide information on nucleon momentum distribution
- Nucleon went missing, provide the hint to SRCs