

# QCD and Nuclear Medium Effects: Theory overview

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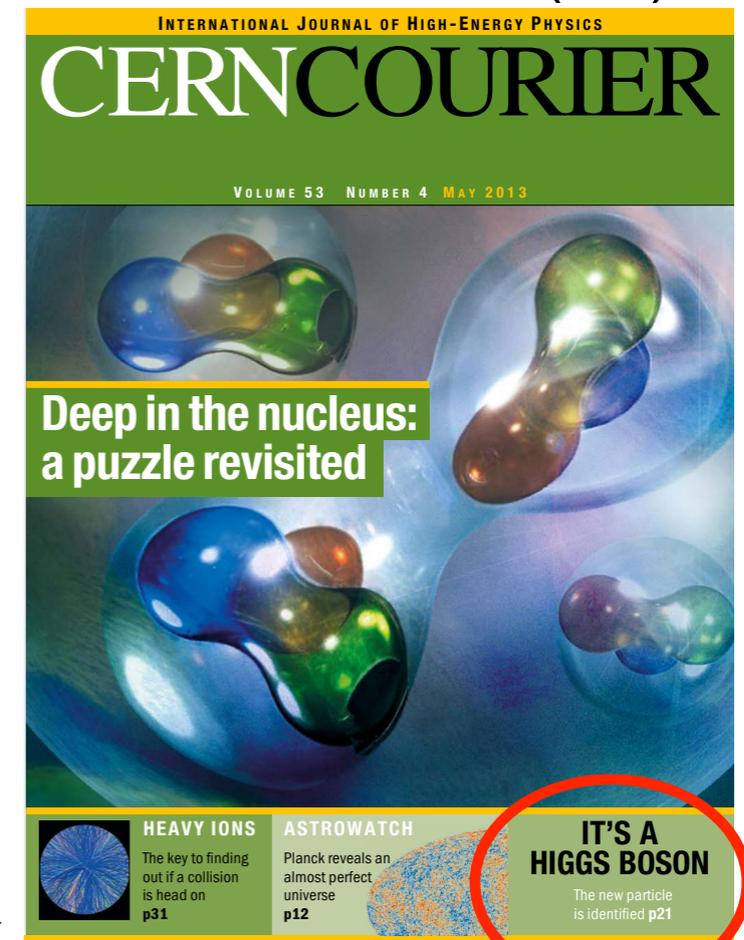
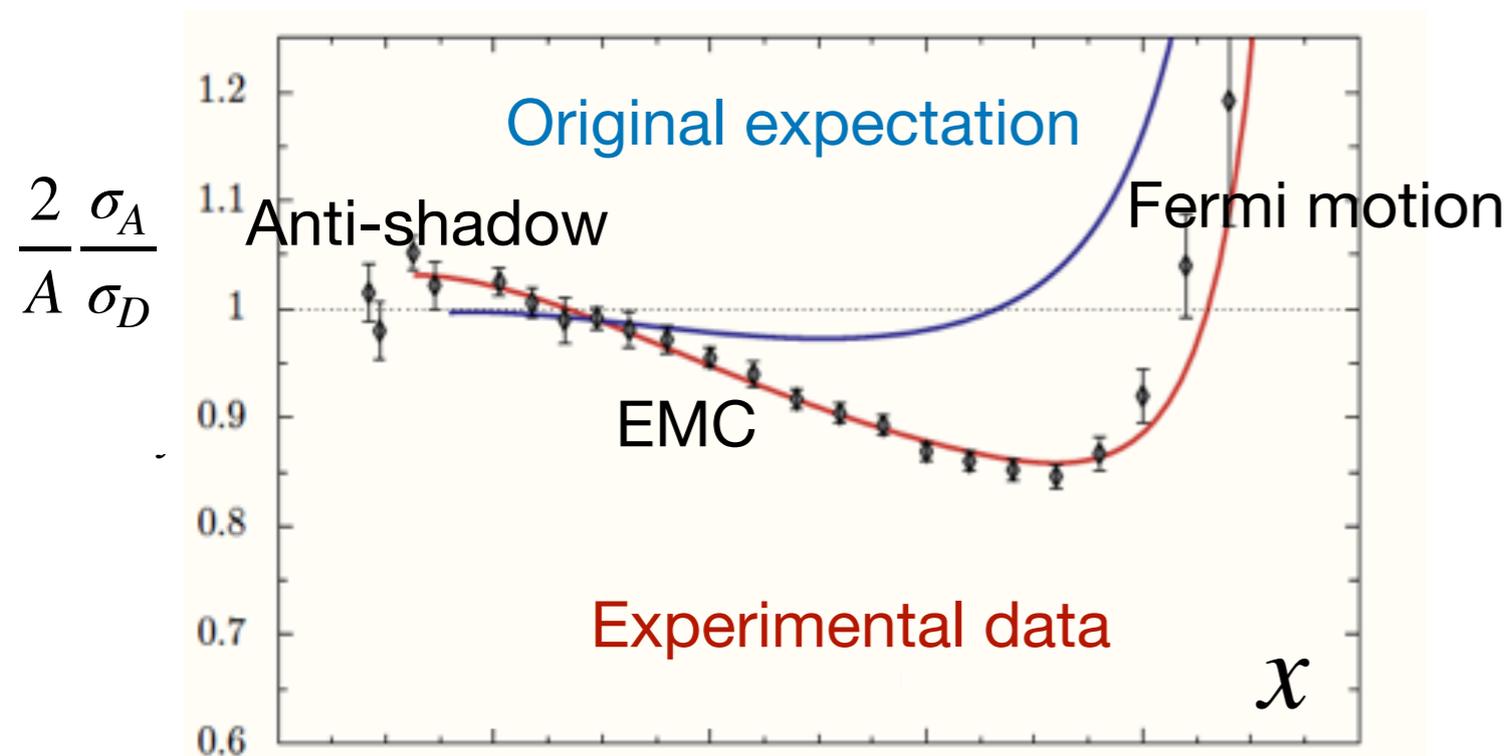
- Nucleon is composite object made of quarks, anti-quarks and gluons
- How is the nucleon structure changed in the nucleus?
- EMC effect-nuclear modification of nucleon structure function - nucleon IS modified
- Color transparency -suppression of final state interactions in coherent processes
- Relationship between EMC effect and Color Transparency?
- Can 22 GeV help? YES

# Recent thoughts on the EMC (1982) effect

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Higinbotham, Miller, Hen, Rith  
CERN Courier 53N4('13)24



Effect is small, for x between 0.3 and 0.7 linear decrease with x

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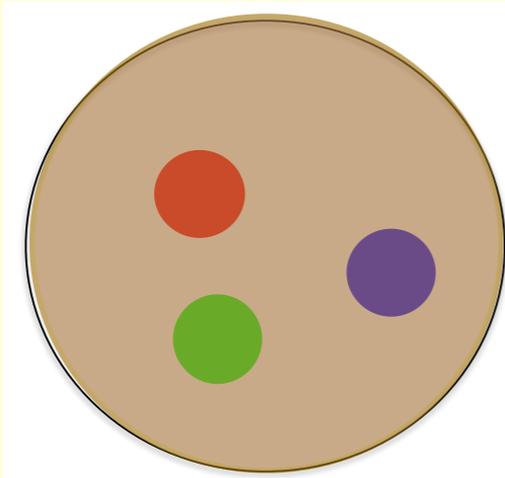
Drell-Yan Data

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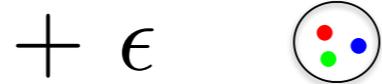
# Quark structure of nucleon

Frankfurt-  
Strikman

BLC



PLC



+  $\epsilon$   
gives high  $x$   
 $q(x)$

Schematic

two-component  
nucleon model:

Blob-like config: BLC

Point-like config: PLC

PLC doesn't interact with nucleus  
Energy diff increased, PLC  
suppressed

$$q_M = q + 1/2 q_B (\epsilon_M - \epsilon) (f(x) - 1)$$

$$\epsilon_M < \epsilon, \frac{df}{dx} > 0, \frac{q_M}{q} = 1 + \text{function that decreases with } x$$

$$f(x) = \frac{PLC(x)}{BLC(x)}$$

$$\epsilon_M - \epsilon \propto \text{virtuality}$$

Basic idea- suppression of PLC is source of EMC effect

what is  $f(x)$

# Previous model not complete: Needs specific x-dependence for BLC & PLC

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Light-front holographic QCD and emerging confinement 

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Joshua Erlich<sup>d</sup>

LFQCD -good description of  
much data

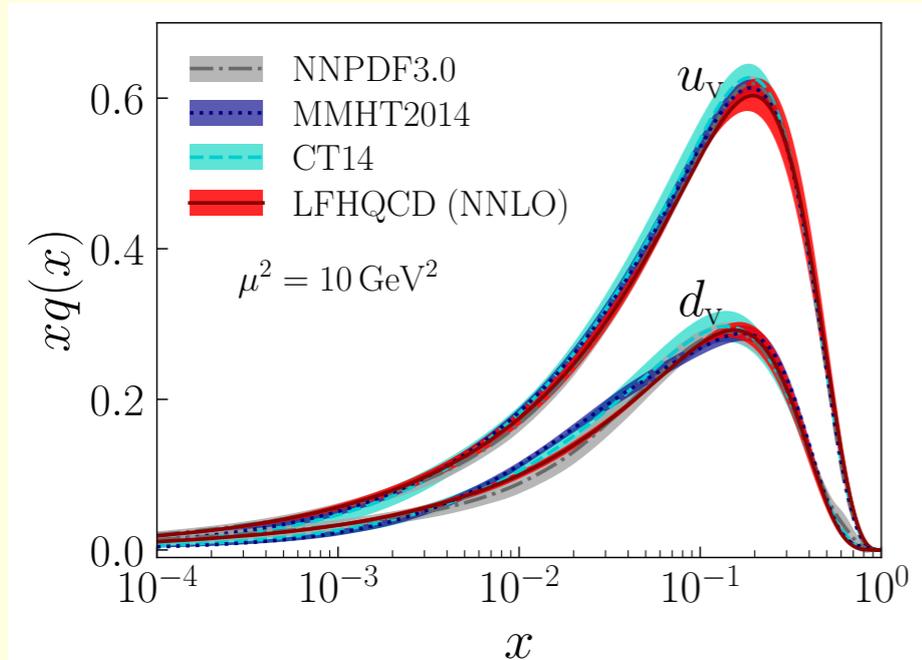
## Universality of Generalized Parton Distributions in Light-Front Holographic QCD

Guy F. de Téramond,<sup>1</sup> Tianbo Liu,<sup>2,3</sup> Raza Sabbir Sufian,<sup>2</sup> Hans Günter Dosch,<sup>4</sup> Stanley J. Brodsky,<sup>5</sup> and Alexandre Deur<sup>2</sup> PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **120**, 182001 (2018)

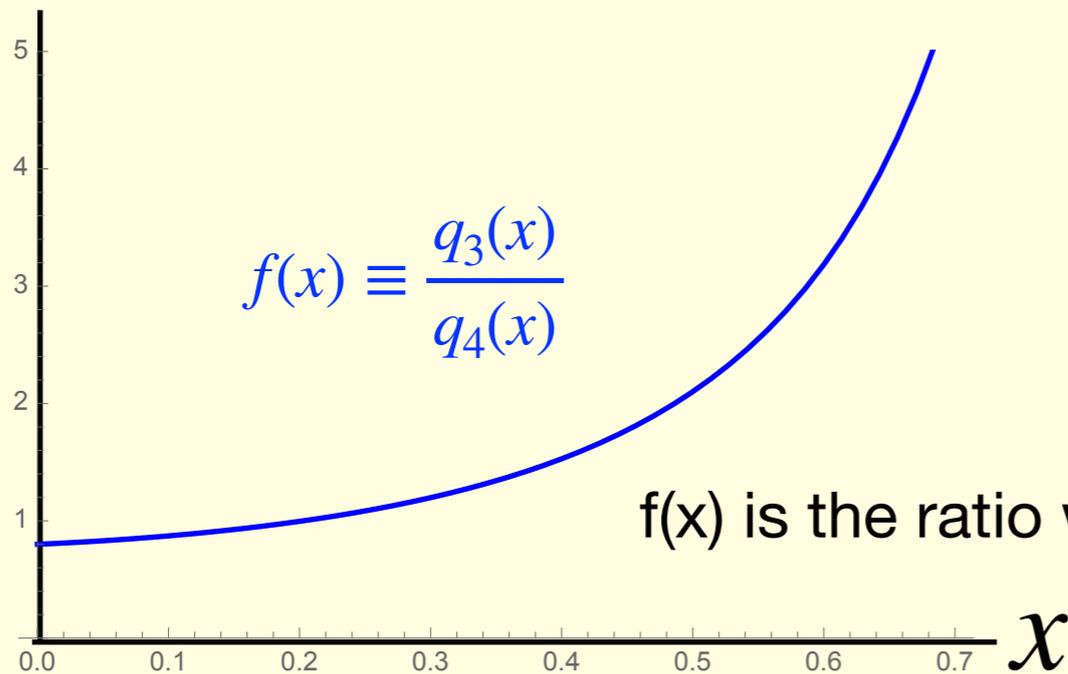
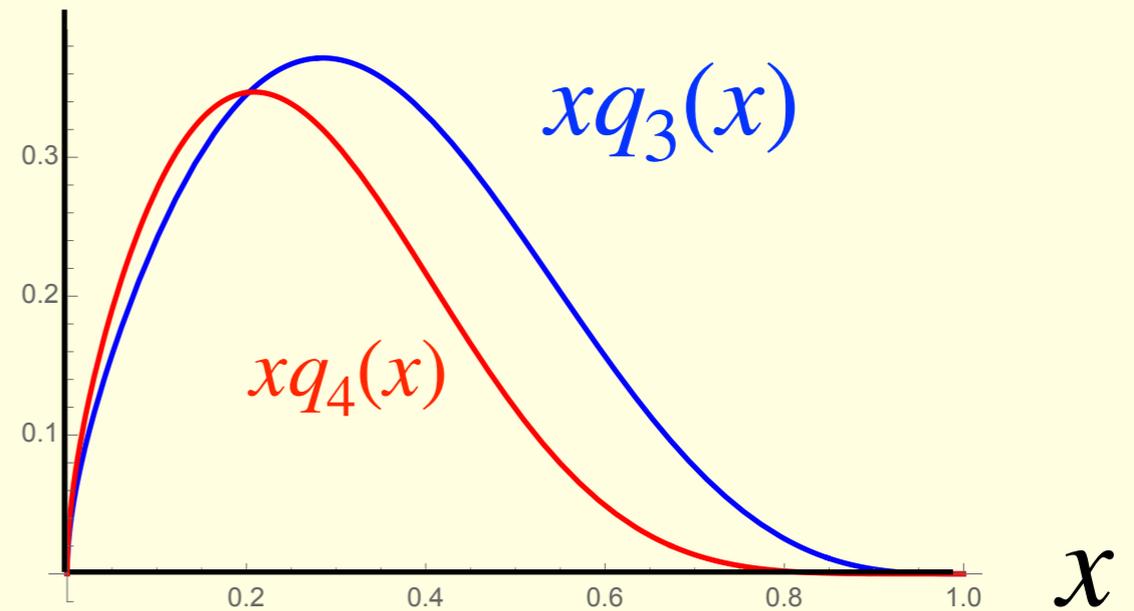
- 4 dimensional QFT equivalent to 5 dim. **gravitational theory- space time is bent** (Maldecena conjecture), **holographic dual**
- Bottom up procedure: construct four dimensional light front wave equation that has holographic dual
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# Nucleon pdf : $\Psi_N^2 = 3/2(q_3 + q_4)$

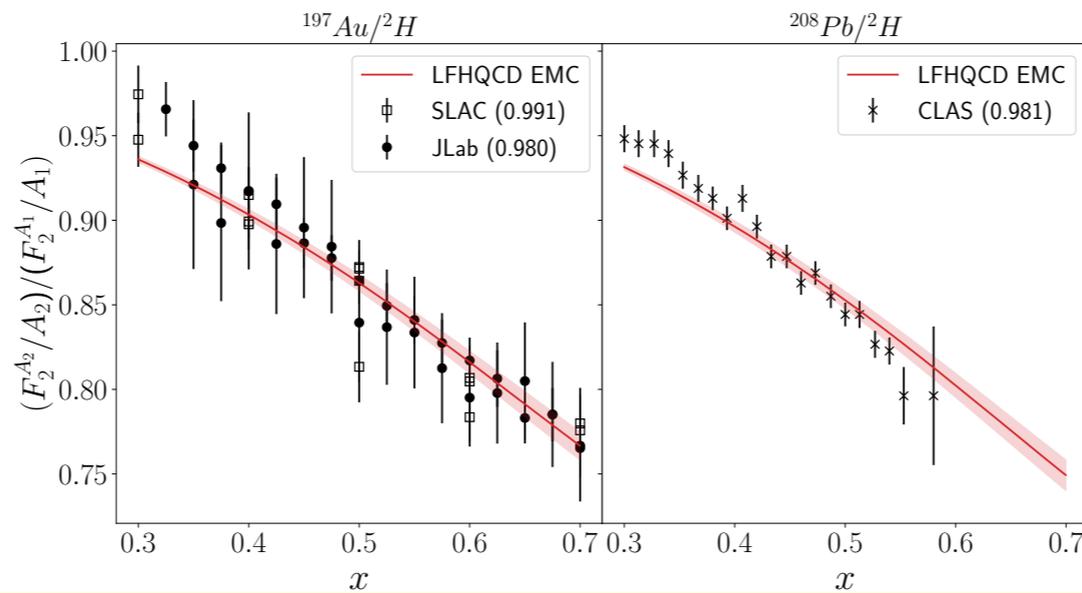
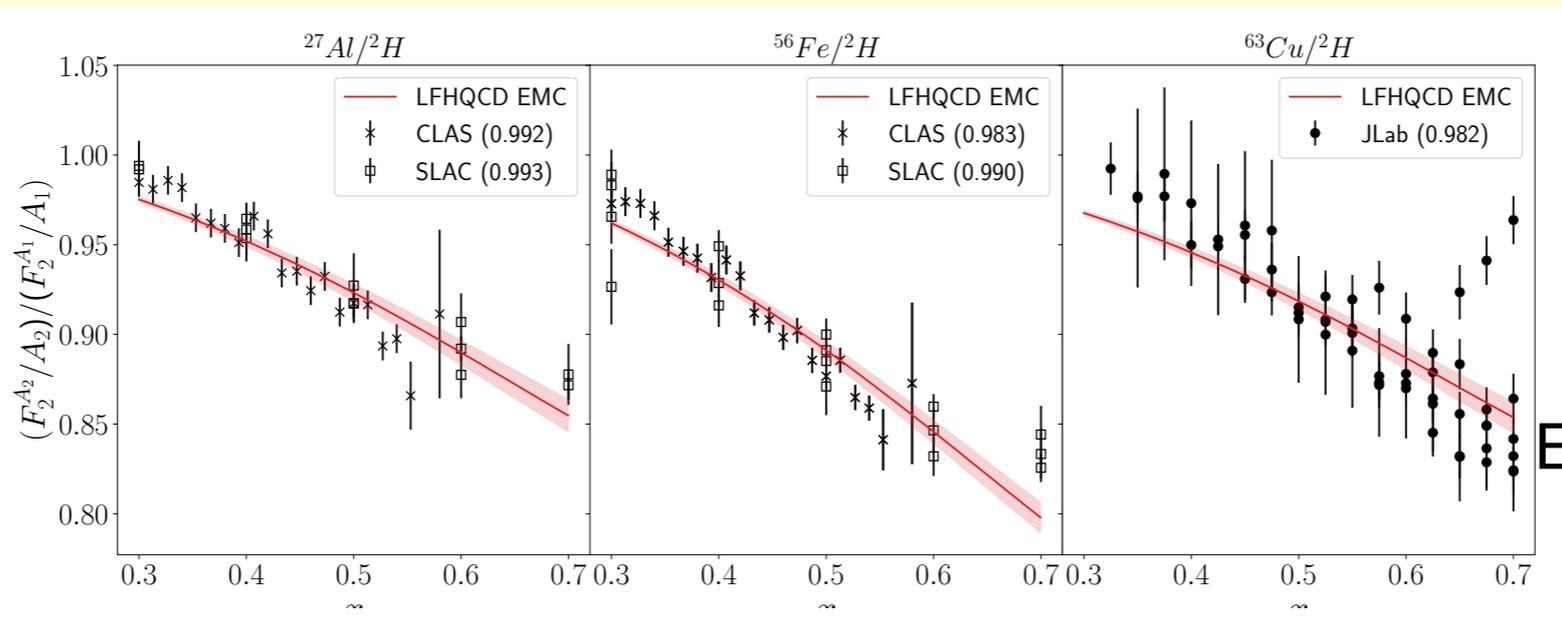
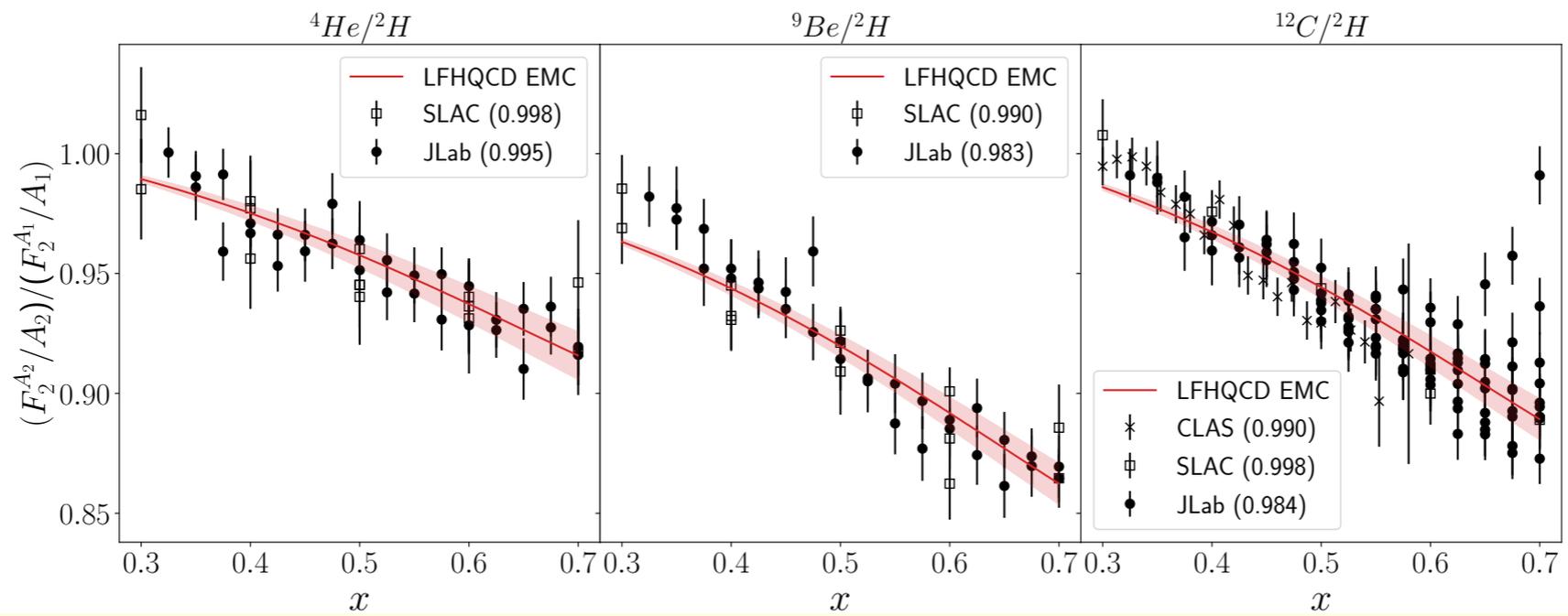
3 means 3 partons, 4 is 4 partons



PRL 120,182001 gets good fit  
3 is PLC, 4 is BLC

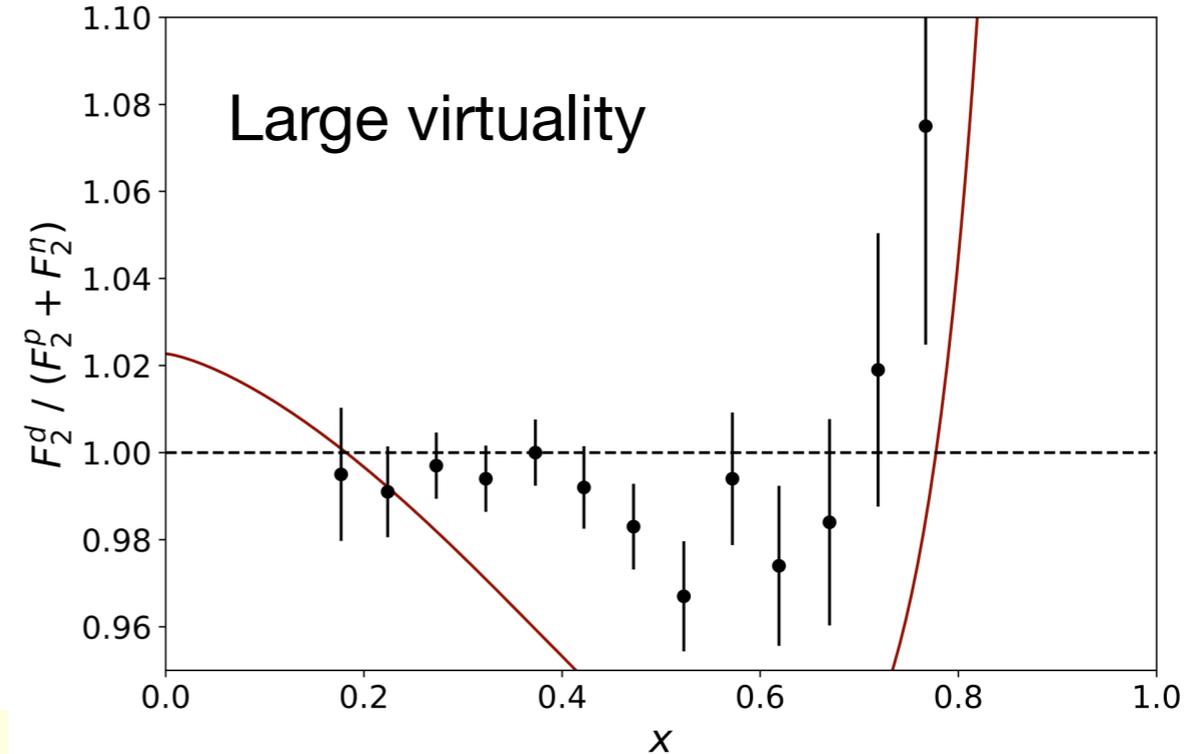
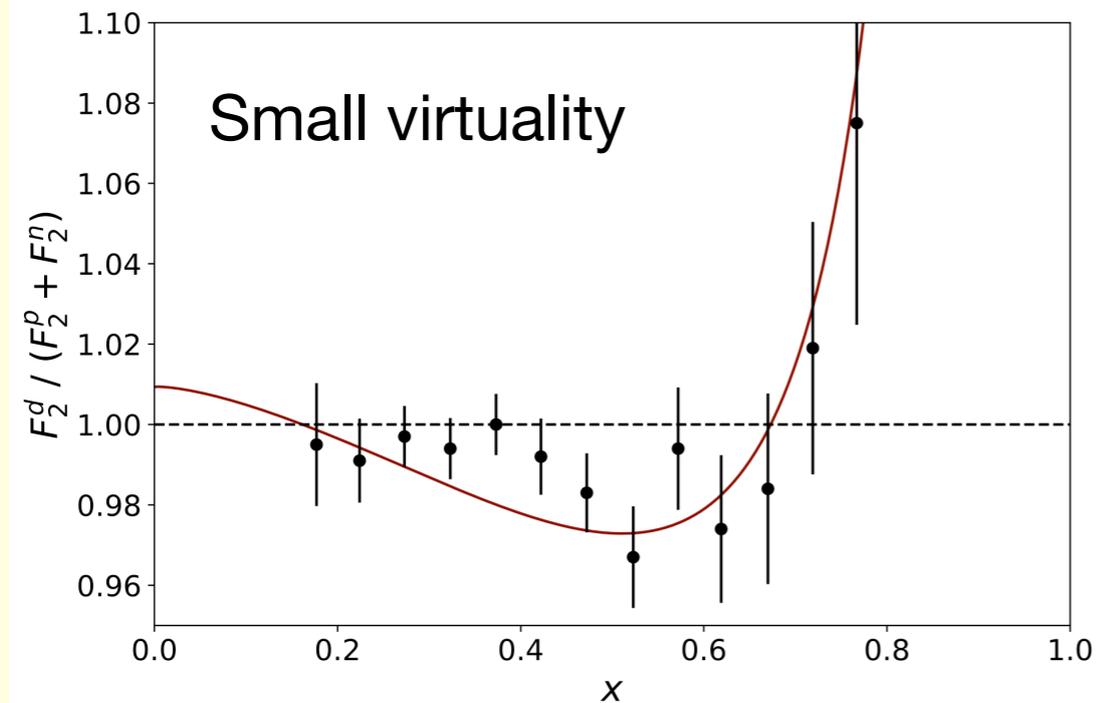


$f(x)$  is the ratio we needed to understand the EMC effect



Virtuality ( $A$ )  
Is large  
Consistent with  
EMC-SRC correlation

# Anti-shadowing?



Bump at low x comes from baryon conservation- larger virtuality means larger bump at low x

22 GeV remove higher twist??

# Summary of EMC

- Basic model is suppression of point like configurations, PLC
- Light front holographic QCD, based duality with a gravitational theory in 5 dimensions provides distribution functions  $(x)$  for PLC and BLC components
- $x$  dependence accounts for EMC effect
- Values of parameter  $\delta$  need to describe data indicate large virtuality is needed, so SRC explanation seems favored over mean field- consistent with EMC-SRC correlation seen at JLab
- Anti-shadowing comes from baryon conservation



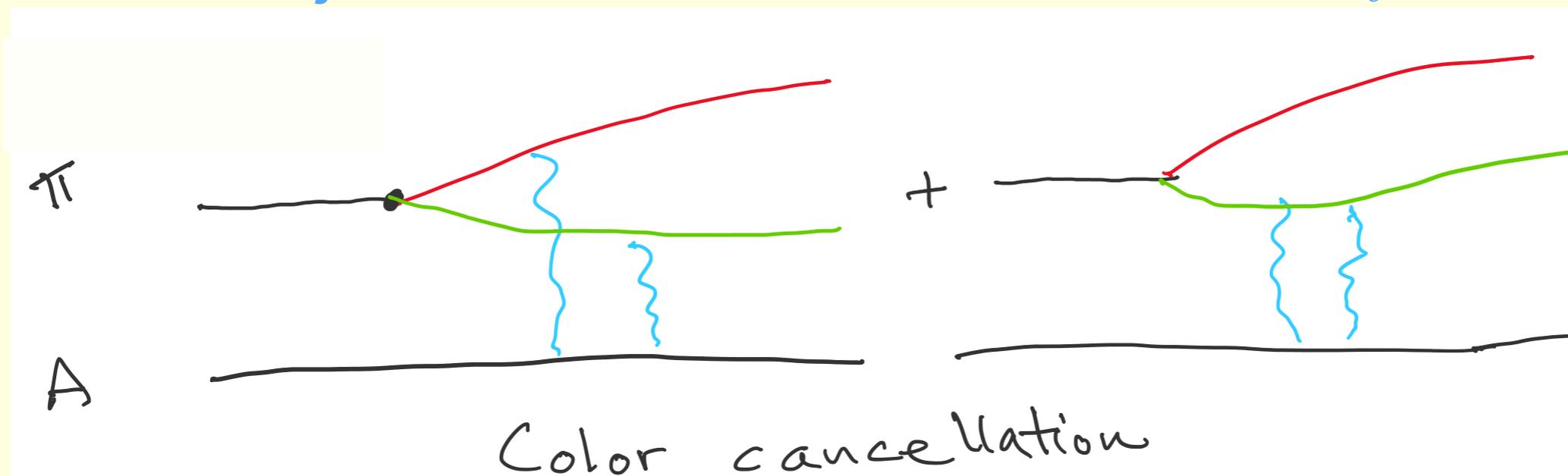
Dmitriy (Dima) Kim

# Color Transparency

Color transparency- reduced initial/final state interactions in coherent reactions

1. high-momentum transfer reactions make point-like color singlet states PLC

2. Small objects have small cross sections  $Im f \propto b^2$



Diffractive  
Dissociation

3. PLC are not eigenstates-expand as they move  
Frankfurt & Strikman, Jennings & Miller

2,3 must be true, 1 is interesting ? -



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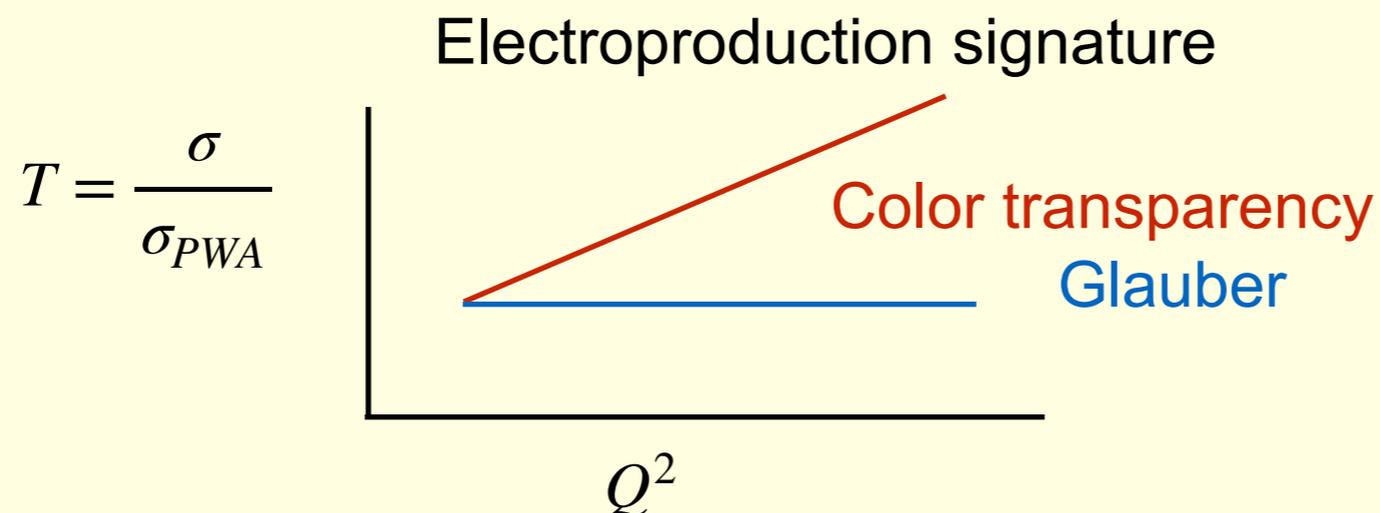
# Color Transparency Idea

## Why interesting?

- new dynamical phenomena- turn off strong interactions
- are PLCs made? -high  $Q^2$ -exclusives
- nuclear physics implications of PLC- nucleon modified- EMC effect

Problem- expansion time-  $\tau_{\text{expansion}} = \frac{2P}{\Delta M^2}$

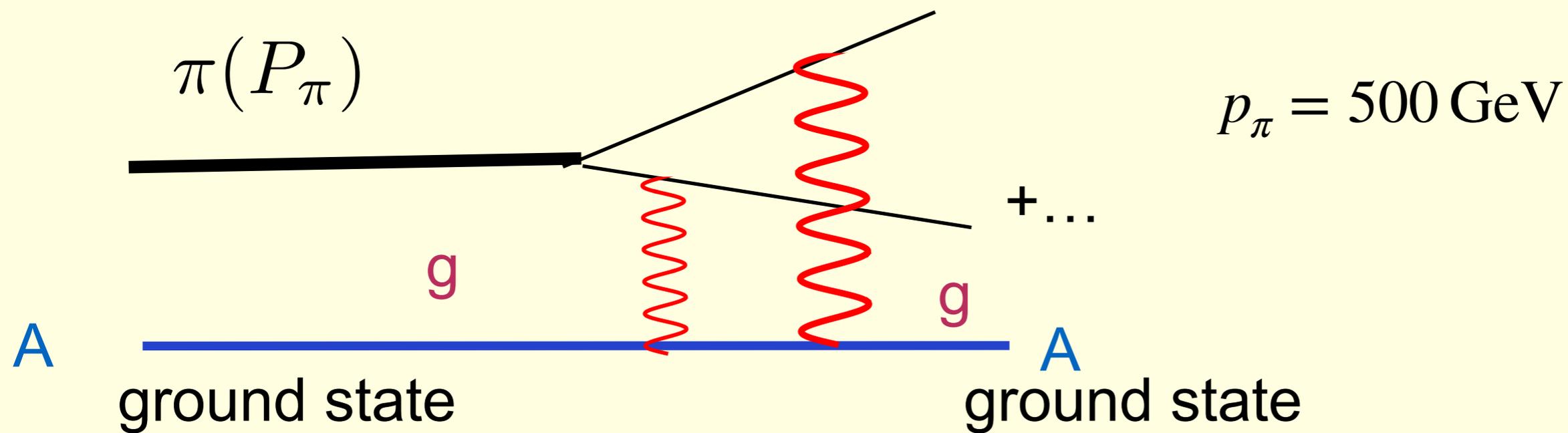
P is momentum of outgoing particle, higher is better  
JLab 22 would be a big improvement



$$\pi + N(A) \rightarrow \text{“2 high transverse momentum jets”} + N(A)$$

The one that worked

D. Ashery PRL 104, 86,4773



- final state  $q\bar{q}$  becomes 2 high rel. moment jets, select PLC component of pion

- $\pi \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  before hit target, no expansion

- one interaction

- Coherent process- enhanced!

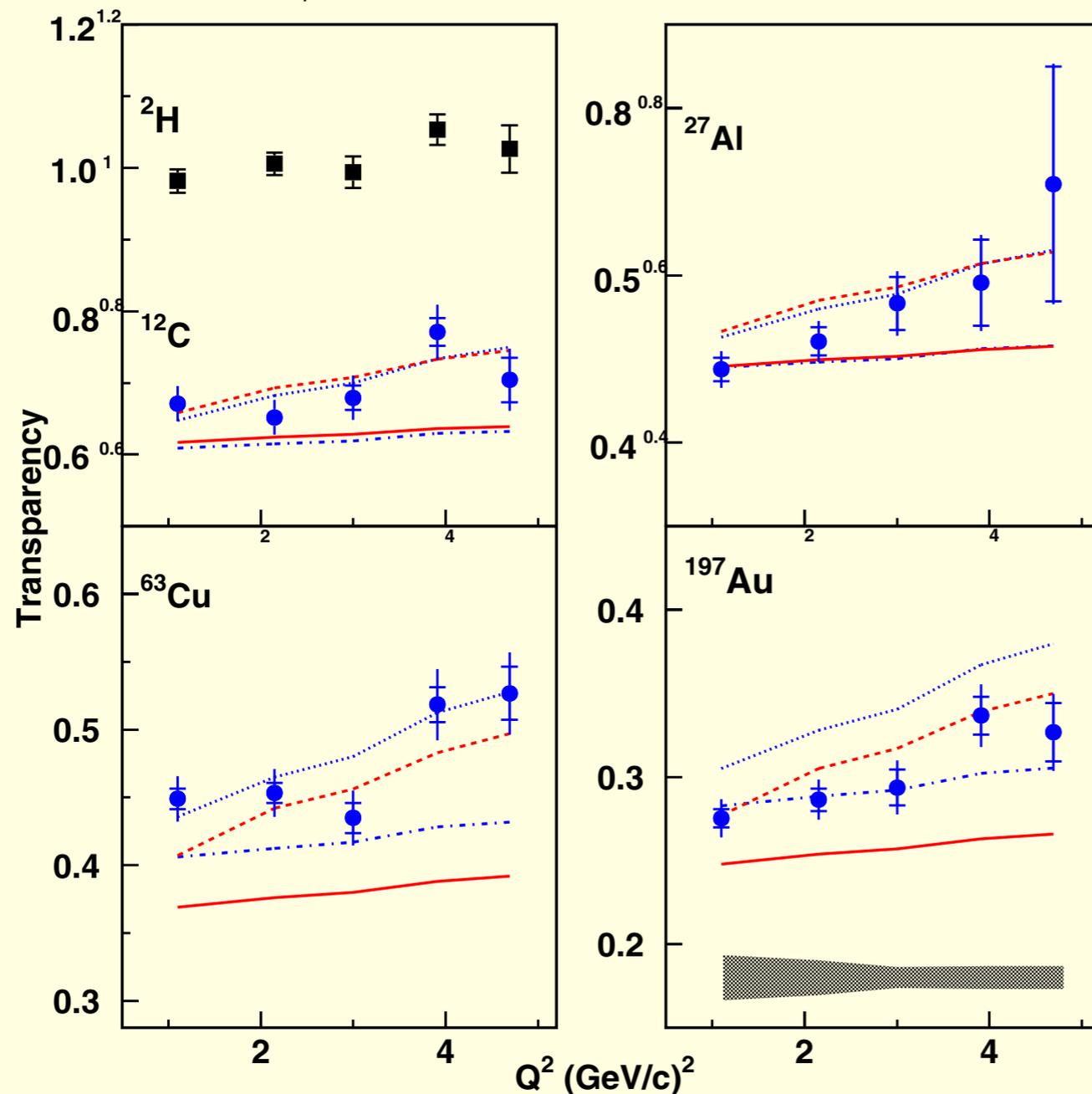
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$$\mathcal{M}(\text{forward}) \propto A, \sigma_A \propto A^2 * A^{-2/3} = A^{4/3} + \text{positive corrections}$$

## Measurement of Nuclear Transparency for the $A(e, e'\pi^+)$ Reaction

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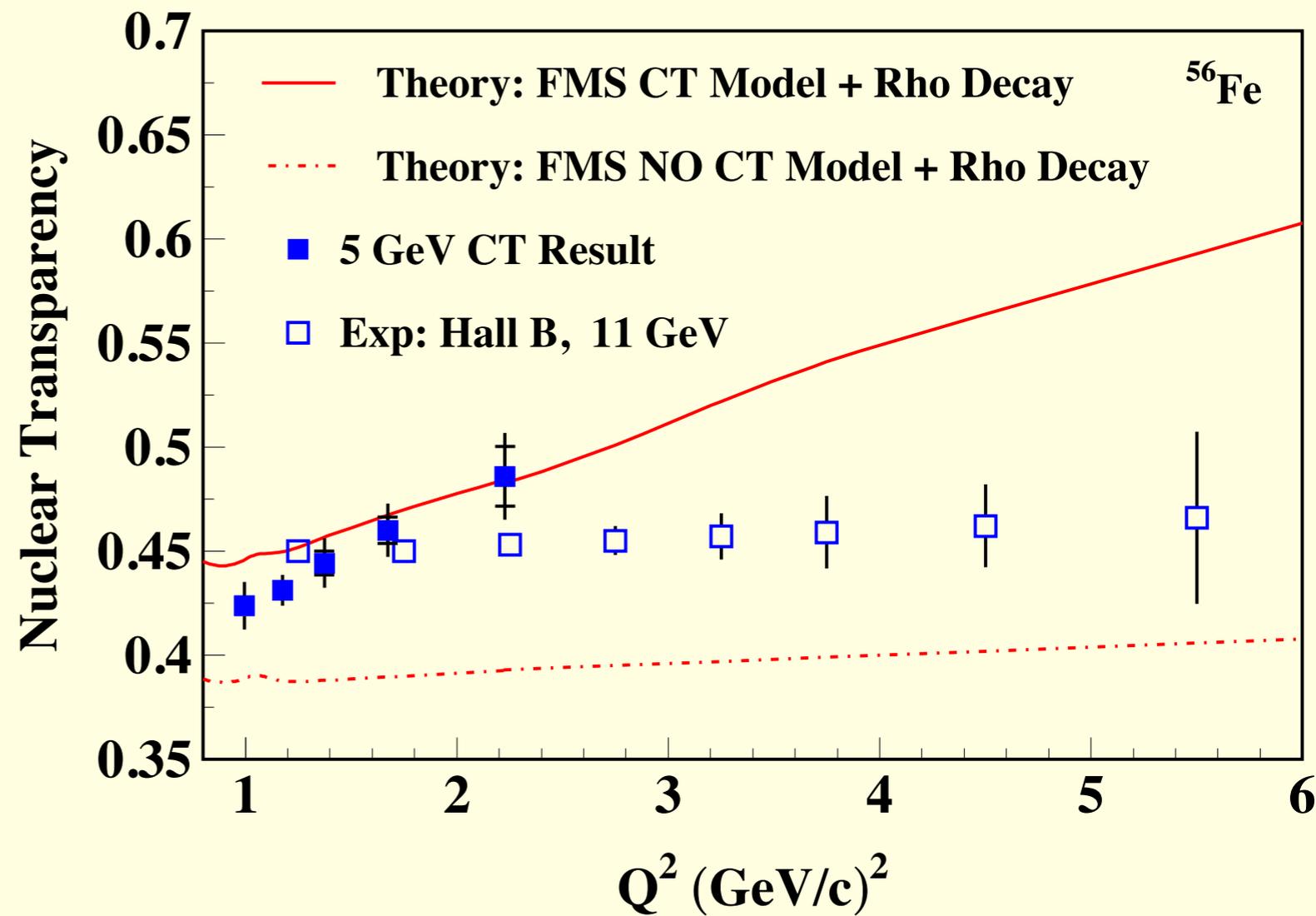
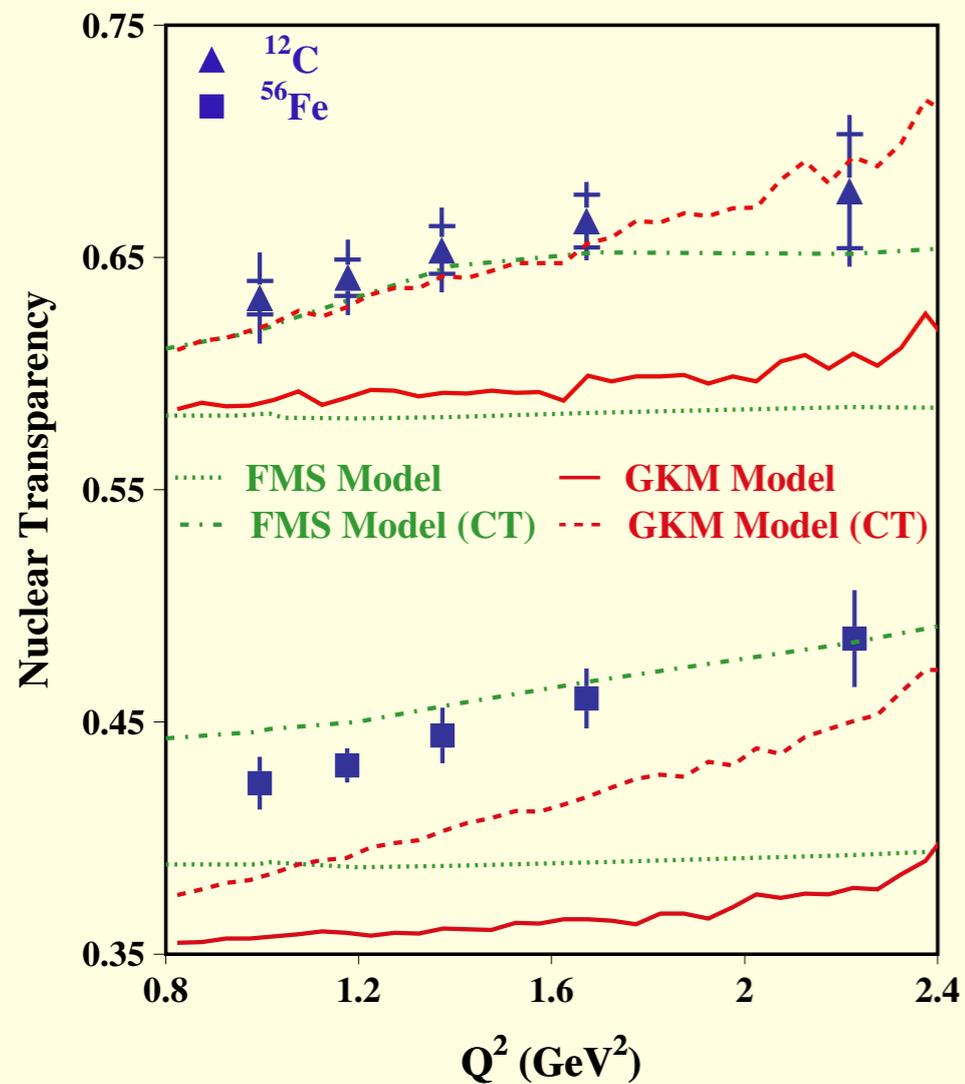
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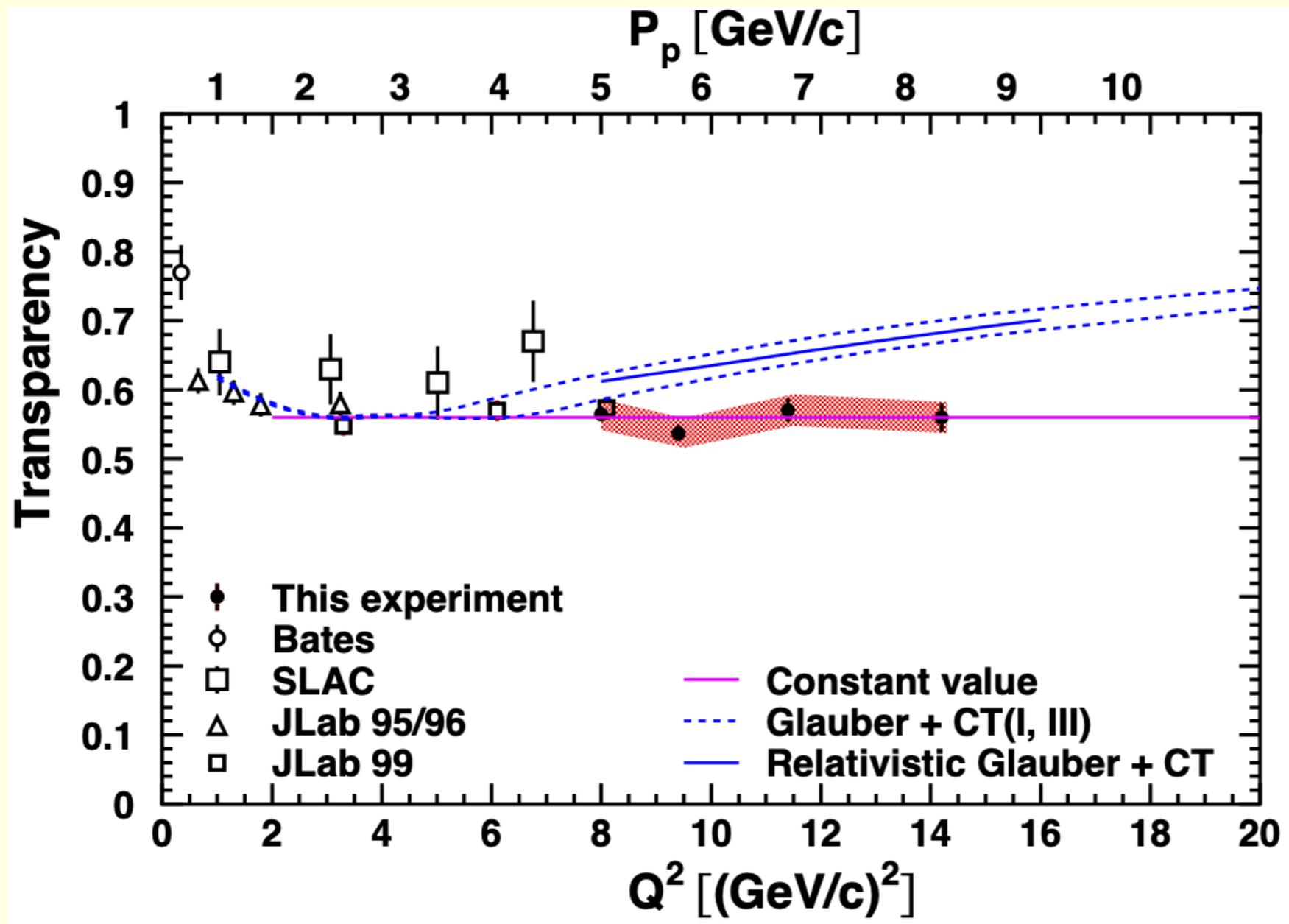
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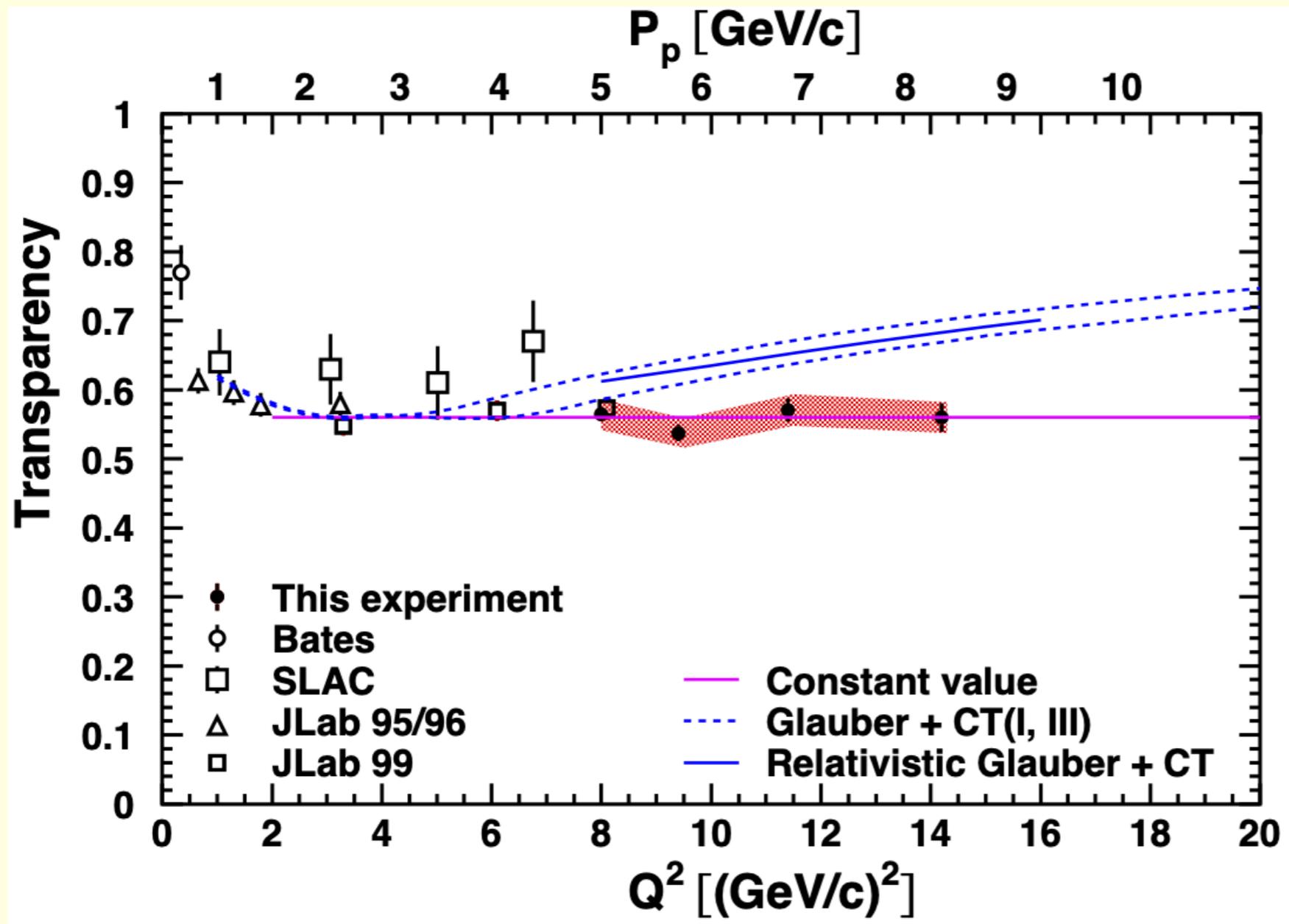
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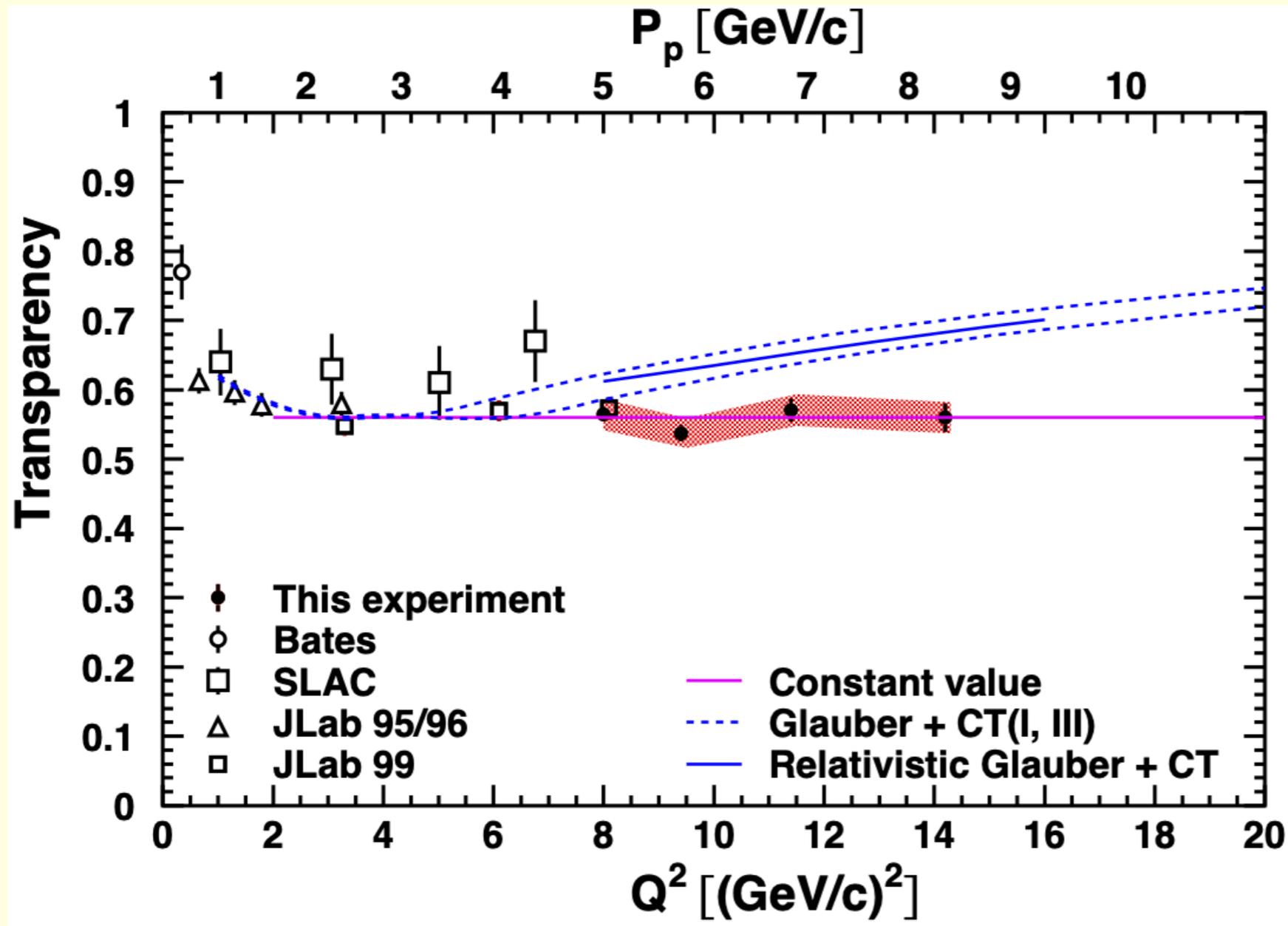
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# JLab: expansion is the problem

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Goal: evaluate effects of expansion with new approach

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Light front (LF) wave functions of Holographic QCD:

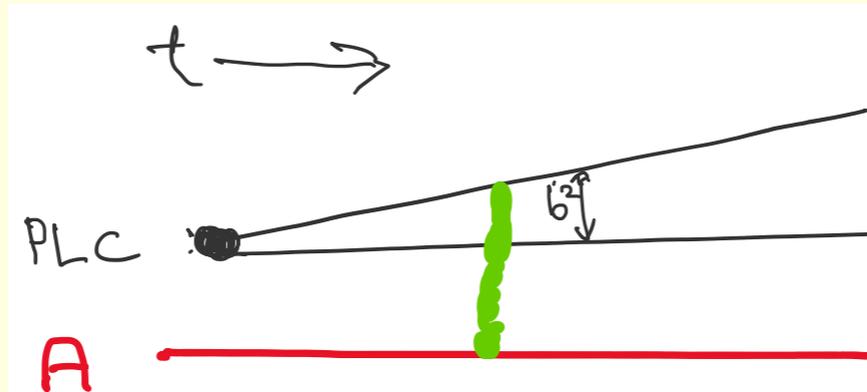
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First semiclassical approximation: quantum loops &  $m_q = 0$   
relativistic bound-state equation reduced to effective LF Schroedinger eq.

We used holographic wave functions to compute the expansion time

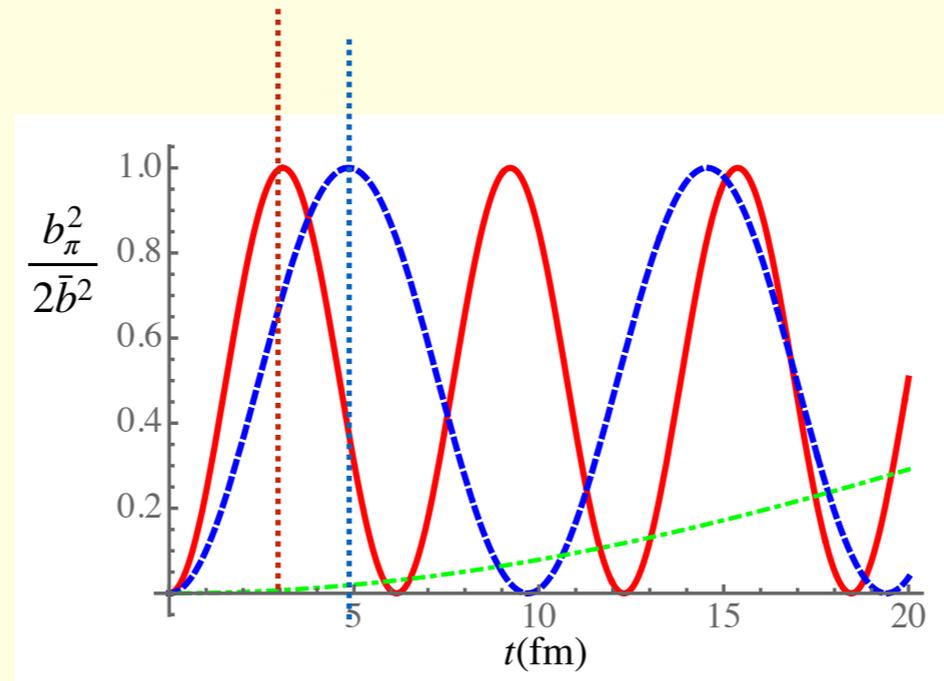
# Time dependence

- Use path integral formalism to get  $\tau$  development operator  $K(t)$
- $$b^2(t) \equiv \frac{\langle \Psi_{00} | b^2 K(t) | \text{PLC} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{00} | \text{PLC} \rangle}$$
- Effective size of PLC moving thru nucleus
- First-order in multiple scattering  $b(0) = 0$ , here



# Meson results- expansion time , $t_E$ : vertical lines

Pion:  $t_E$  between 2 and 5 fm in exp.  
CT seen more Likely



Expansion does not occur for Flab Experiment

FIG. 2.  $\frac{b_\pi^2}{2\bar{b}^2}$ . Solid (red)  $P_\pi^+ = 5.5$  GeV, Dashed (blue)  $P_\pi^+ = 8.8$  GeV, Dot-dashed (green)  $P_\pi^+ = 100$  GeV.  $t$  is in units of fm

Rho:  $t_E$  between 2 fm for exp.  
CT less likely  
Higher energy would see CT

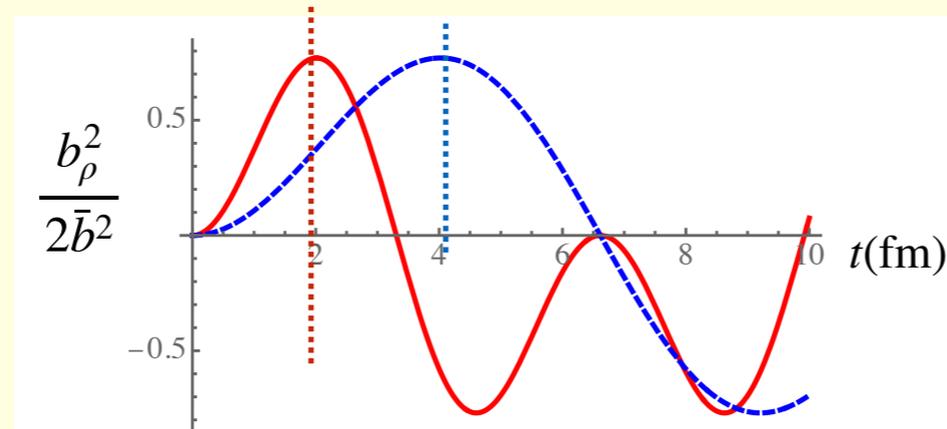


FIG. 3.  $\frac{b_\rho^2}{2\bar{b}^2}$ . Solid (red)  $P_\rho^+ = 6$  GeV, Dashed (blue)  $P_\rho^+ = 12$  GeV.  $t$  is in units of fm

# Proton results & Conclusion

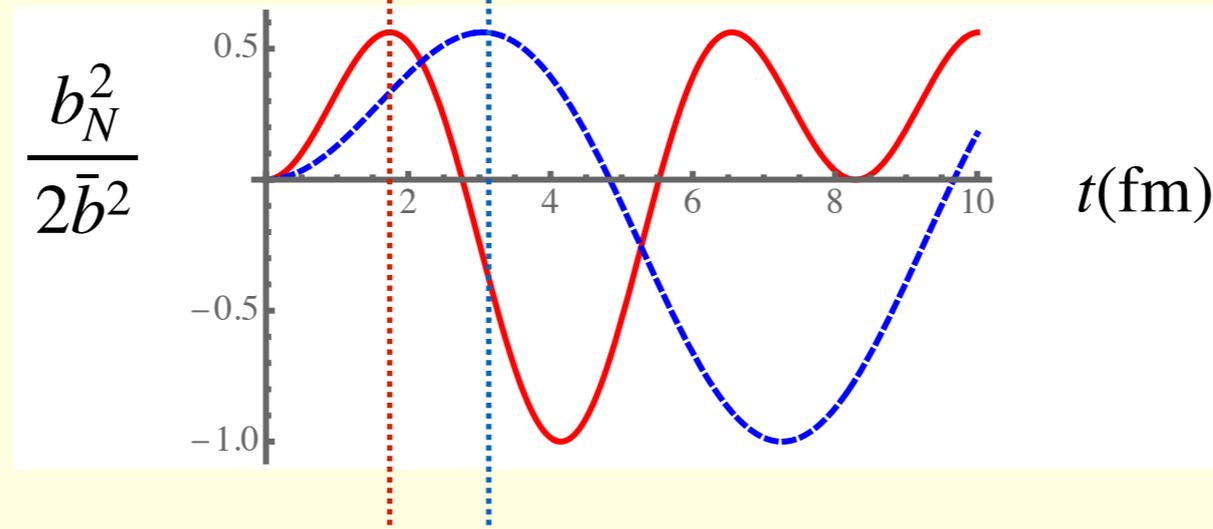


FIG. 4.  $\frac{b_N^2}{2\bar{b}^2}$  Solid (red)  $P_N^+ = 8$  GeV, Dashed (blue)  $P_N^+ = 14$  GeV.  $t$  is in units of fm.

$t_E$  ranges between 2 and 3fm . For  $^{12}\text{C}$  CT should have seen as rise in transparency ratio

Expansion is not excuse for lack of CT in (e,e'p)

Conclude PLC is not formed

Feynman mechanism is responsible for proton em form factor at high  $Q^2$

Best future search  $(e, e'\pi)$   $(e, e'\rho)$   $(e, e'\psi)$ ,  $(e, e', \psi')$

Connection with EMC in our model- PLC is not really point-like ,

High x is not directly correlated with small distance

The size of the  $\tau = 3$  term not much smaller than  $\tau = 4$

# Spares follow

♡ Coherent peak is well resolved:

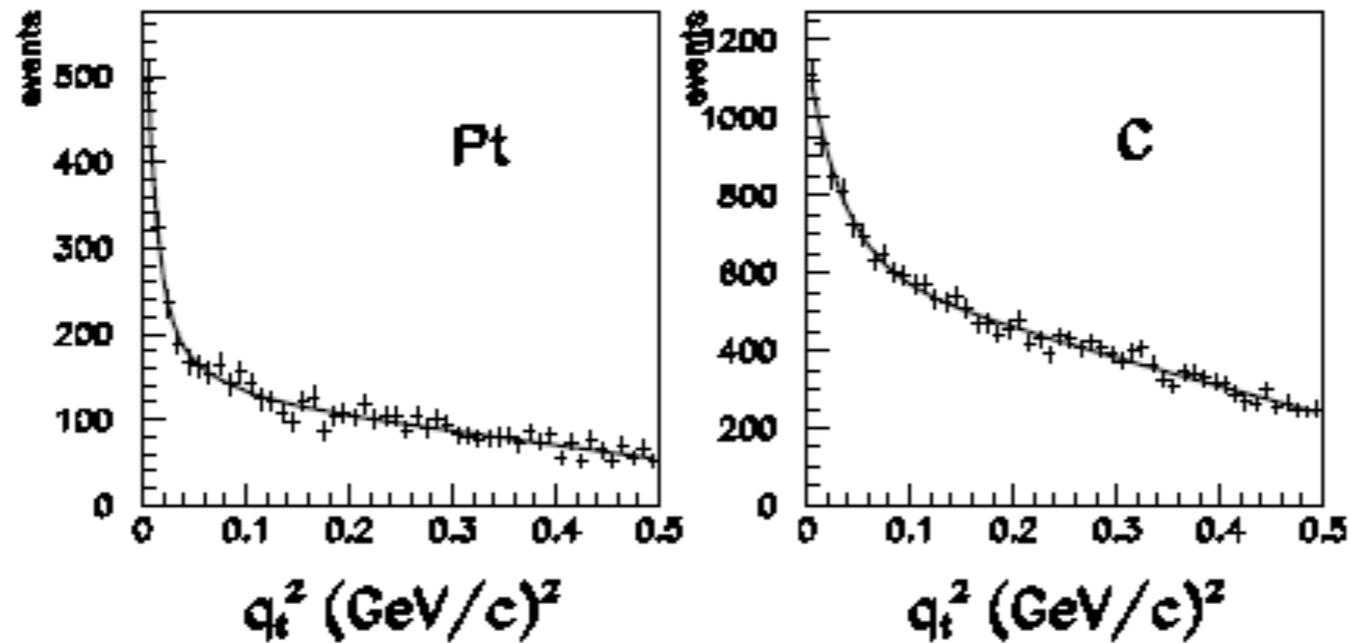


TABLE I. The exponent in  $\sigma \propto A^\alpha$ , experimental results for coherent dissociation and the color-transparency predictions.

$k_t$ bin GeV/c	$\alpha$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{stat}}$	$\Delta\alpha_{\text{sys}}$	$\Delta\alpha$	$\alpha$ (CT)
1.25–1.5	1.64	$\pm 0.05$	+0.04 –0.11	+0.06 –0.12	1.25
1.5–2.0	1.52	$\pm 0.09$	$\pm 0.08$	$\pm 0.12$	1.45
2.0–2.5	1.55	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.12$	$\pm 0.16$	1.60

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♡♡ Observed A-dependence  $A^{1.61 \pm 0.08}$  [C  $\rightarrow$  Pt]

FMS prediction  $A^{1.54}$  [C  $\rightarrow$  Pt] for large  $k_t$  & extra small enhancement for intermediate  $k_t$ .

For soft diffraction the Pt/C ratio is  $\sim 7$  times smaller!!

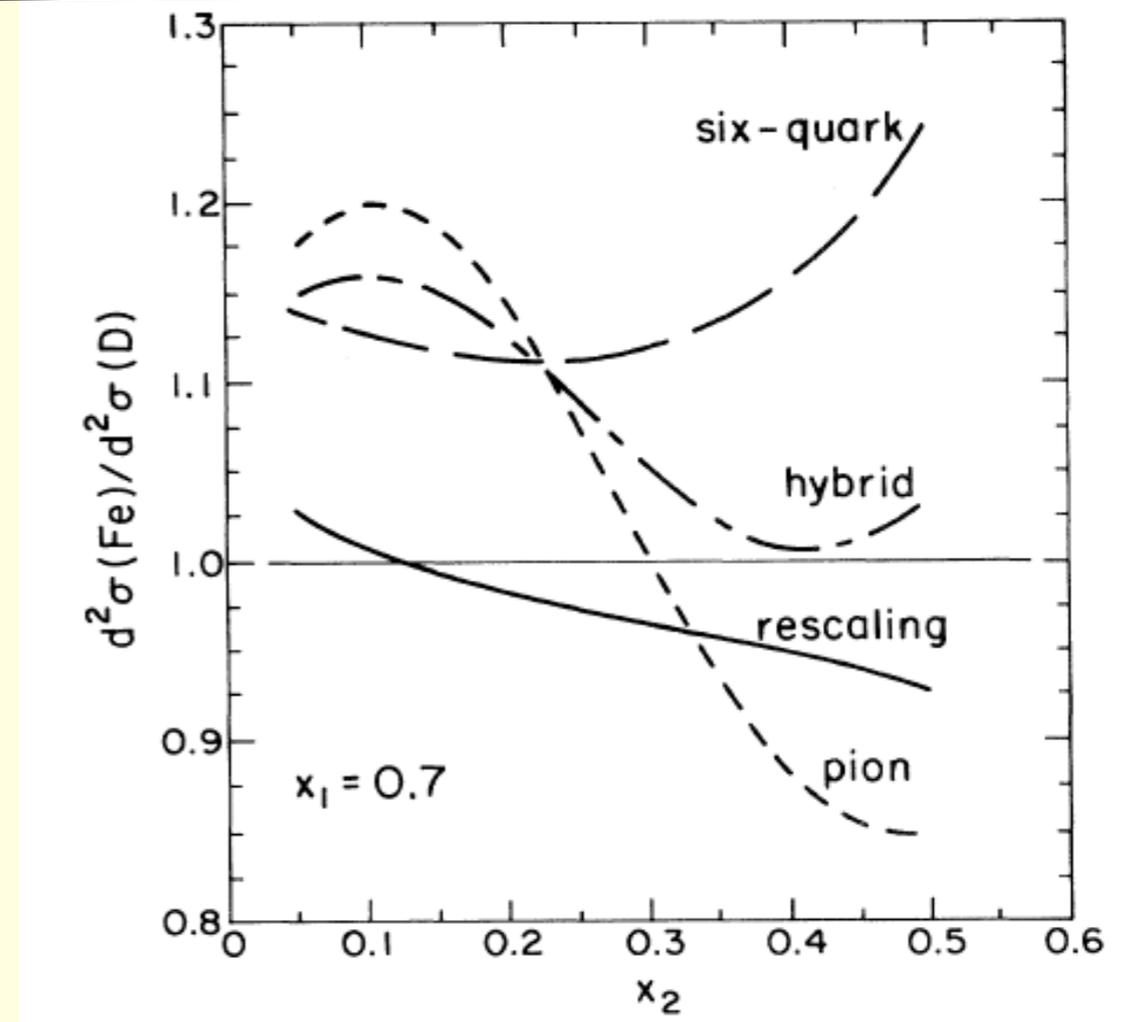
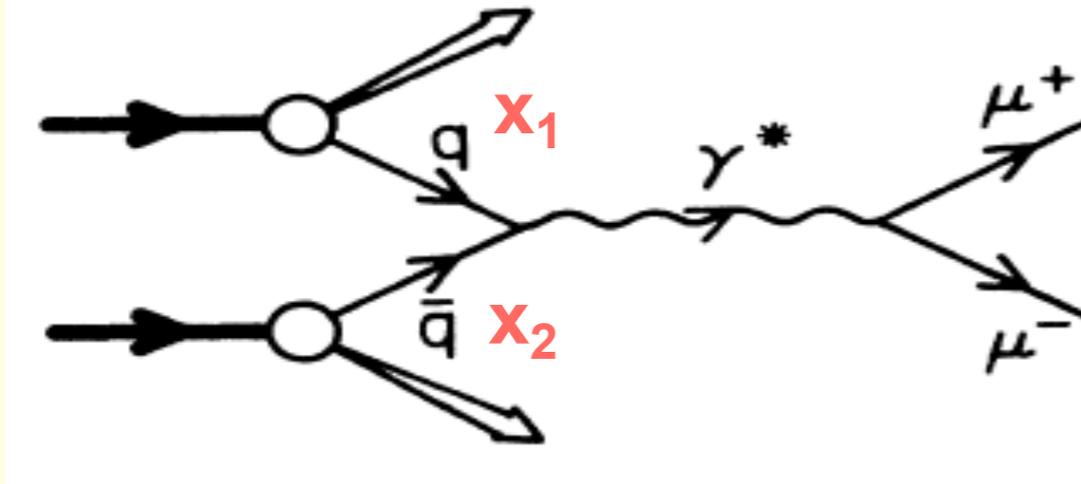
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$$P_A^+ = P_N^+ + P_\pi^+ = M_A$$

$P_\pi^+ / M_A = .04$ , explain EMC, sea enhanced

try Drell-Yan, Bickerstaff, Birse, Miller 84

proton( $x_1$ ) nucleus( $x_2$ )



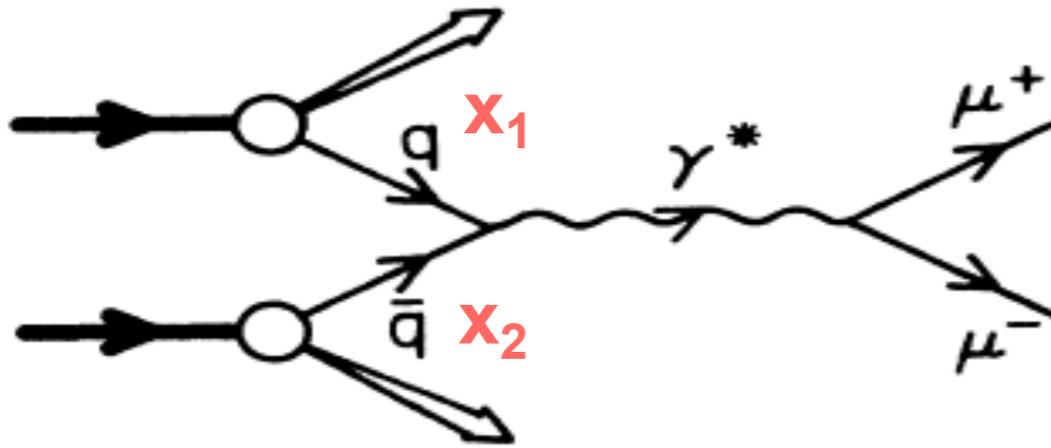
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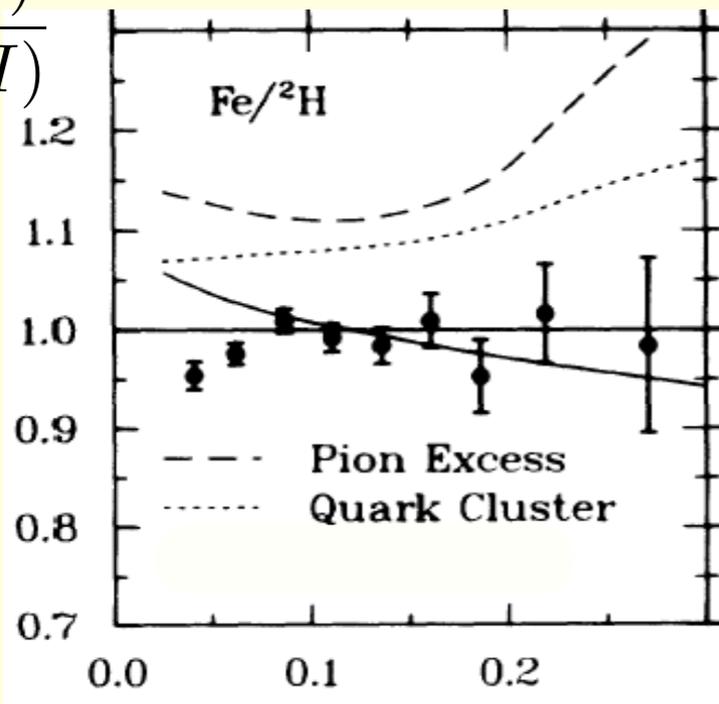
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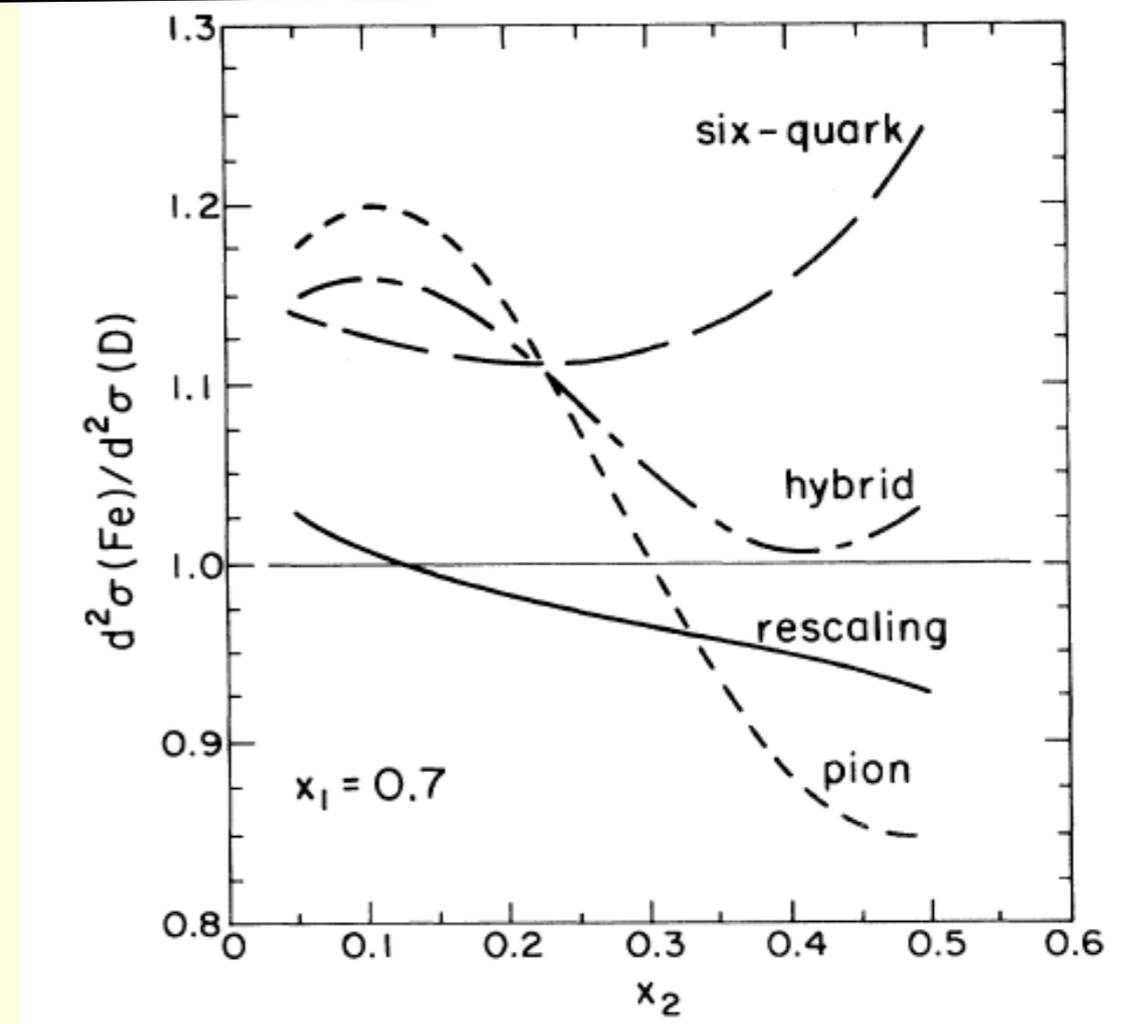
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$$\frac{\sigma_{DY}(\text{Fe})}{\sigma_{DY}({}^2\text{H})}$$



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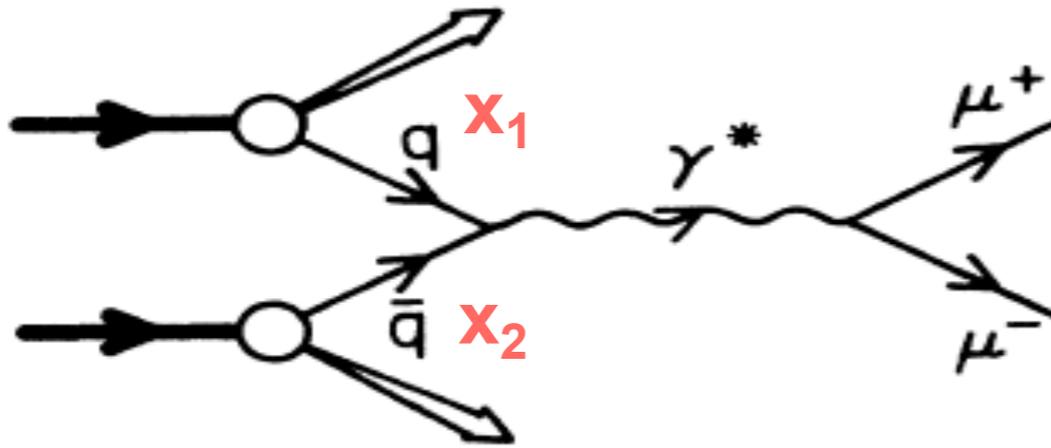
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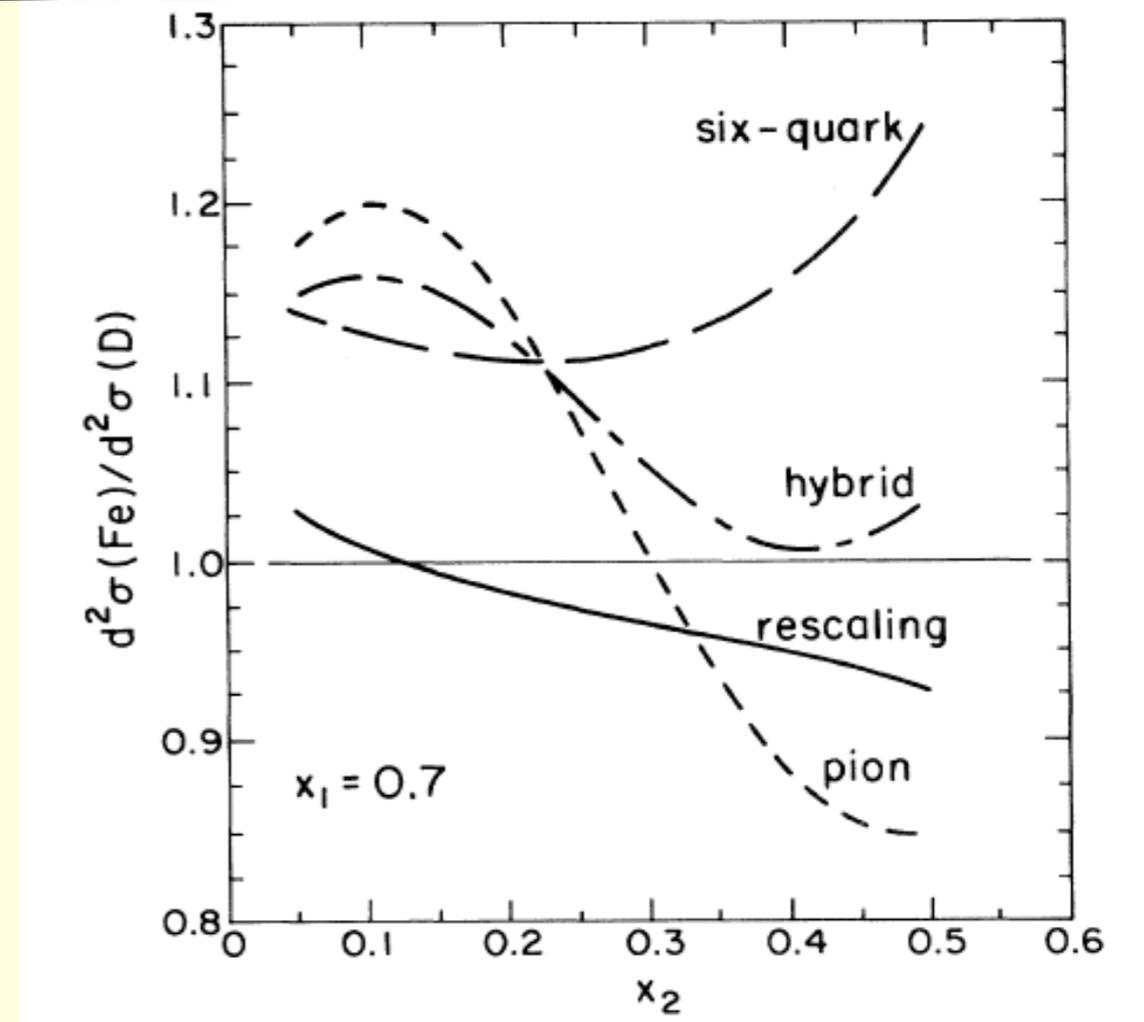
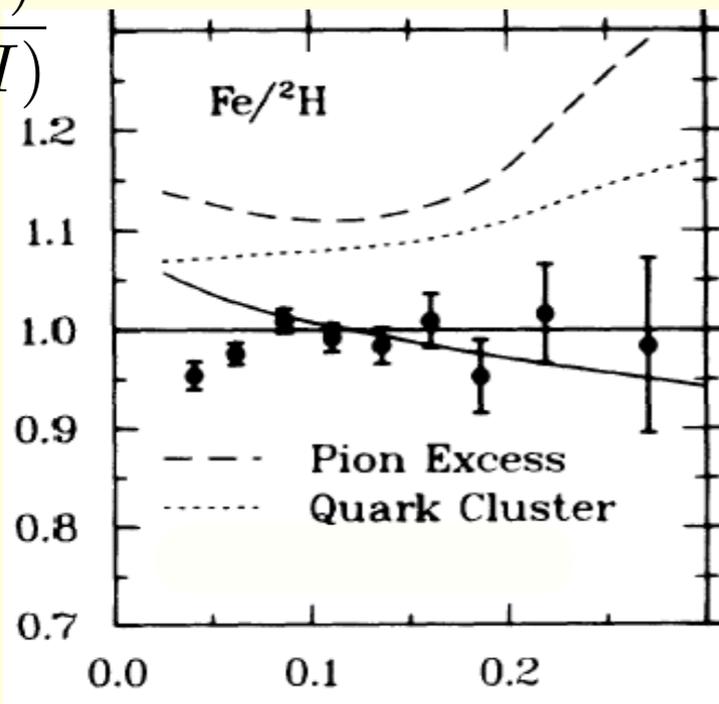
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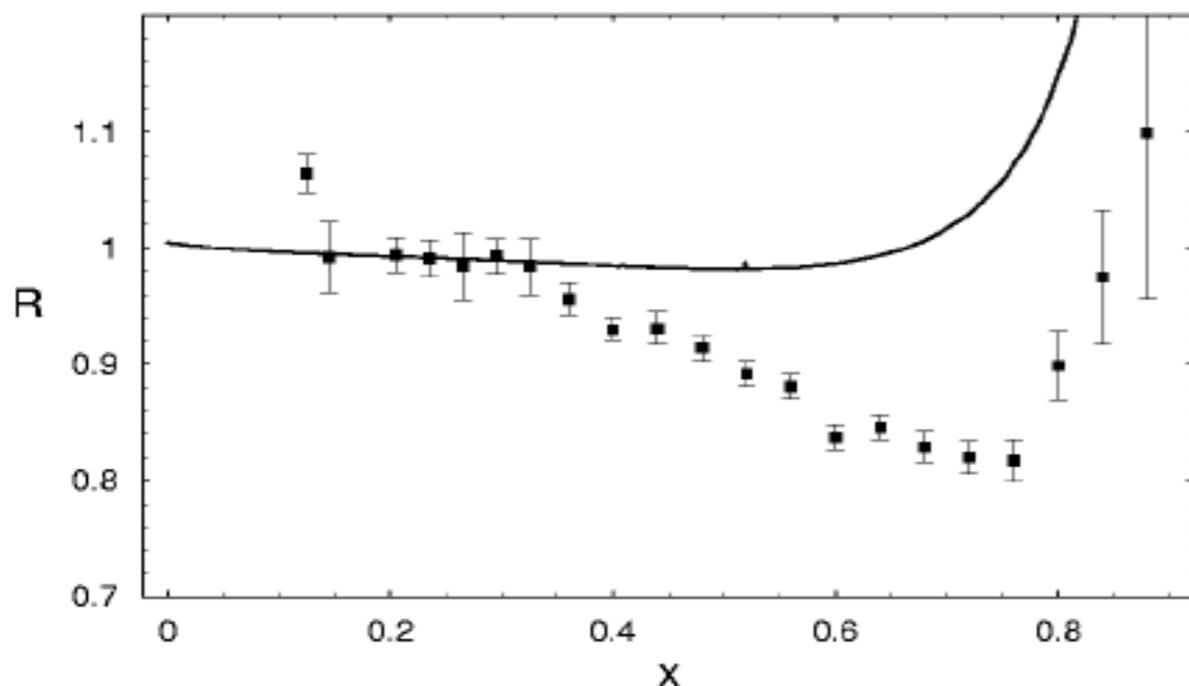
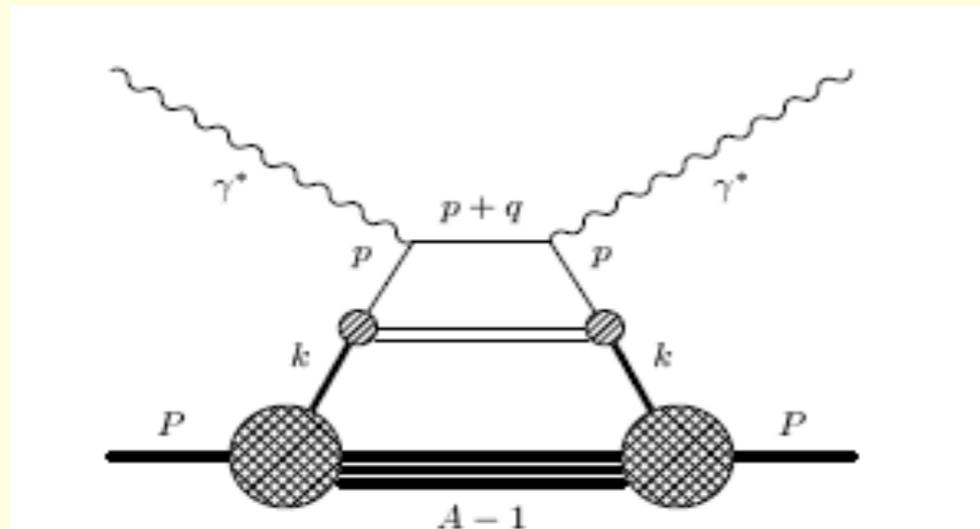
Bertsch, Frankfurt, Strikman "crisis"

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# One thing I learned since '85

- Nucleon/pion model is not cool

Deep Inelastic scattering from nuclei-nucleons  
only free structure function



Binding causes no  
EMC effect

- Hugenholz van Hove theorem nuclear stability implies (in rest frame)

$$P^+ = P^- = M_A$$

- $P^+ = A(M_N - 8 \text{ MeV})$

- average nucleon  $k^+$   
 $k^+ = M_N - 8 \text{ MeV}$ , Not much spread

$$F_{2A}/A \sim F_{2N} \text{ no EMC effect}$$

Momentum sum rule-  
matrix element of energy  
momentum tensor