

New Results on Three-Nucleon Short-Range Correlations

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Abstract:

- Calculation of High-Energy Nuclear Processes.
- Applying to Two-Nucleon SRC Studies
- Probing Three-Nucleon SRCs: new results

I. Calculation of High Energy Nuclear Processes

Emergence of High Energy Dynamics

- Short Range Nucleon Correlations(SRCs) are important feature of Nuclear Dynamics
- Transition from hadronic to quark-gluon degrees of freedom in cold-nuclei “should happen” through SRCs
- 3N SRCs are essential for high density cold dense nuclear matter relevant to Neutron Star dynamics in the core
- Internal momenta relevant to SRCs $p \sim M_N$ - Relativistic
- Such states are probed in high energy processes: high energy approximations can be applied in description of SRC dynamics

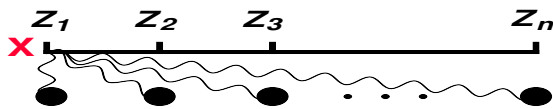
High Energy Approximations:

- High Energy: $|\vec{q}| = q_3 \gg p \sim M_N$ **QE/DIS** $Q^2 \geq \text{few GeV}^2$

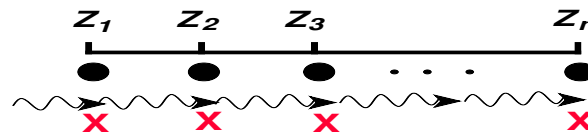
- Emergence of the **small parameter**

$$\frac{q_-}{q_+} = \frac{q_0 - q_3}{q_0 + q_3} \ll 1 \quad \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_-}{q_+}\right)$$

- Emergence of the **light-front dynamics** $\tau = t - z \sim \frac{1}{q_+} \rightarrow 0$



(a)



(b)

- non relativistic case: due to Galilean relativity
observer X can probe all n-nucleons at the **same time**

$$\Psi(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_n, t)$$

- relativistic case: **observer X** probes all n-nucleons at different **n times**

$$\Psi(z_1, t_1; z_2, t_2; z_3, t_3 \dots; z_n, t_n)$$

- **observer riding the light-front X** probes all n-nucleons at same light-cone time:

$$\Psi_{LF}(Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, \dots, Z_n, \tau)$$

$$\tau = t_1 - z_1 = t_2 - z_2 = \dots = t_n - z_n$$

$$Z_i = t_i + z_i$$

Light-Front wave function of the Nucleus

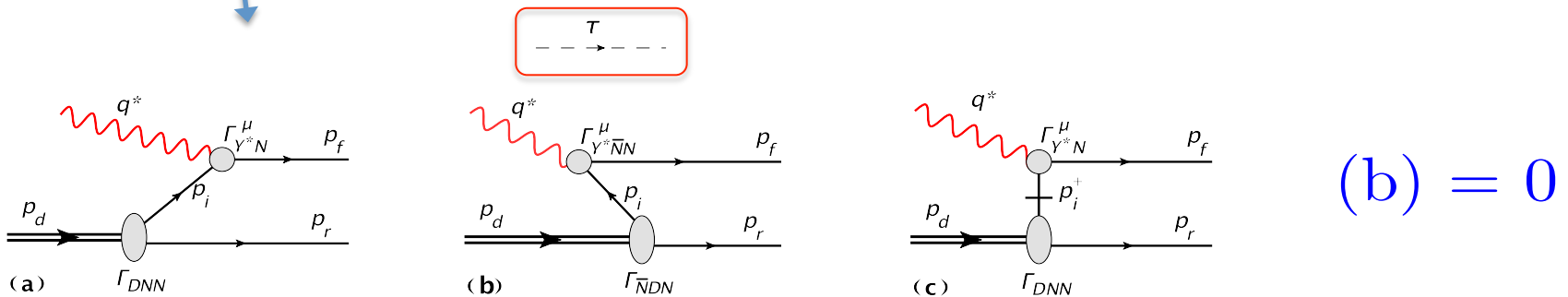
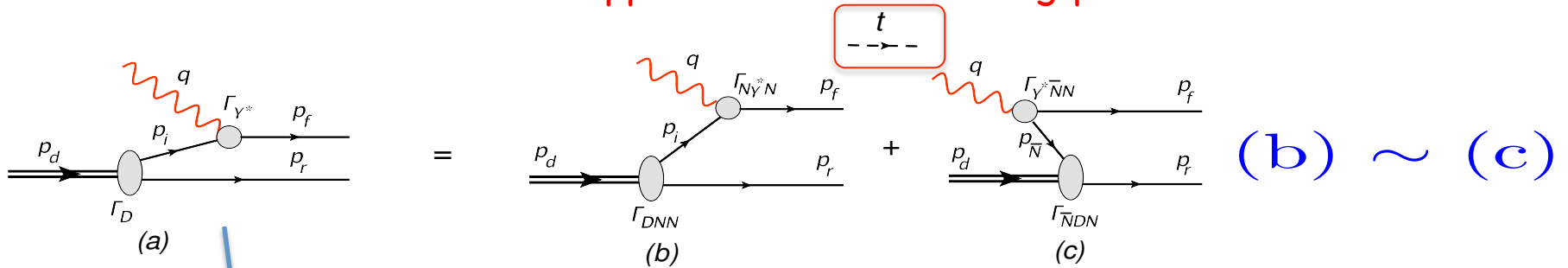
$$\Psi_{LF}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \mathcal{Z}_3, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_n, \tau)$$

- in the momentum space

$$\Psi_{LF}(\alpha_1, p_{1\perp}; \alpha_2, p_{2\perp}; \alpha_3, p_{3\perp}; \dots, \alpha_n, p_{n\perp})$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{p_{i-}}{p_{A-}/A}$$

- How the LF wave function appears in the scattering process



From Schroedinger Equation -> Feynman Diagrams-> Light-Front Wave Function

Schroedinger eq.



Lipmann-Schwinger Eq.

$$\left[-\sum_i \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} V(x_i - x_j) \right] \psi(x_1, \dots, x_A) = E\psi(x_1, \dots, x_A)$$

$$\left(\sum_i \frac{k_i^2}{2m} - E_b \right) \Phi(k_1, \dots, k_A) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \int U(q) \Phi(k_1, \dots, k_i - q, \dots, k_j + q, \dots, k_A) d^3q$$

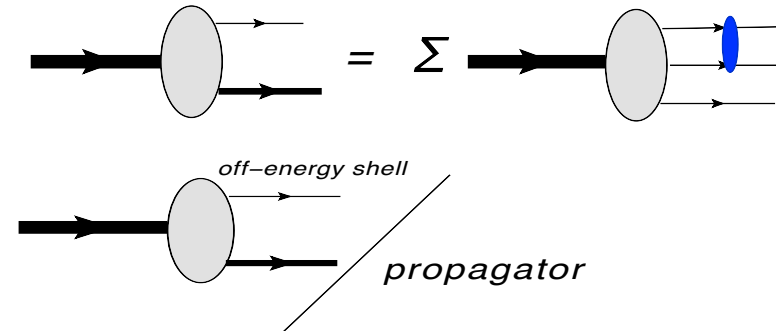
Lipmann-Schwinger Eq



t- ordered diagrammatic method

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$$\Phi(k_1, \dots, k_A) = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{k_i^2}{2m} - E_b} \Gamma_{A \rightarrow N, A-1}$$



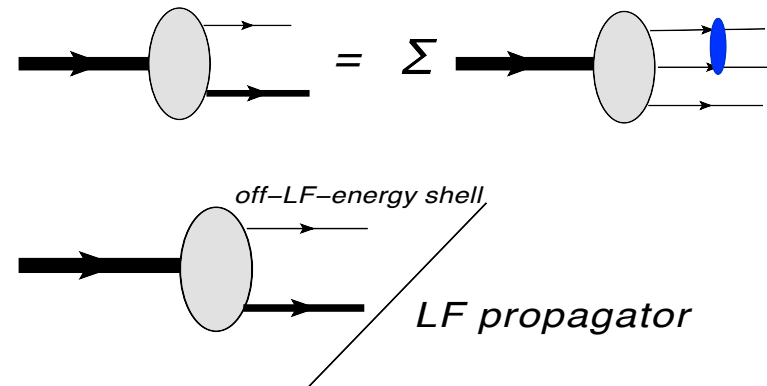
Weinberg Eq



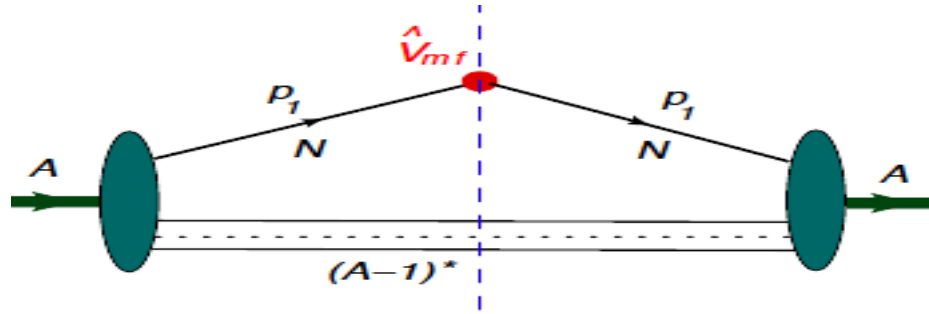
T - ordered diagrammatic method

$$\left(\sum \frac{k_{i\perp}^2 + m^2}{\alpha_i} - M_A^2 \right) \Phi_{LF}(k_1, \dots, k_A) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \int U_{LF}(q) \Phi_{LF}(k_1, \dots, k_A) \prod \frac{d\alpha_i}{\alpha_i} d^2k_{i\perp}$$

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Spectral Function Calculations



$$S_A^{MF} = -Im \int \chi_A^\dagger \Gamma_{A,N,A-1}^\dagger \frac{p_1 + m}{p_1^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \hat{V}^{MF} \frac{p_1 + m}{p_1^2 - m^2 + i \times \epsilon} \left[\frac{G_{A-1}(p_{A-1})}{p_{A-1}^2 - M_{A-1}^2 + i\epsilon} \right]^{on} \Gamma_{A,N,A-1} \chi_A \frac{d^4 p_{A-1}}{i(2\pi)^4}$$

$$\hat{V}^{MF} = ia^\dagger(p_1, s_1) \delta^3(p_1 + p_{A-1}) \delta(E_m - E_\alpha) a(p_1, s_1)$$

$$\psi_{N/A}(p_1, s_1, s_A, E_\alpha) = \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1) \Psi_{A-1}^\dagger(p_{A-1}, s_{A-1}, E_\alpha) \Gamma_{A,N,A-1} \chi_A}{(M_{A-1}^2 - p_{A-1}^2) \sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2E_{A-1}}}$$

$$S_A^{MF}(p_1, E_m) = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{s_1, s_{A-1}} |\psi_{N/A}(p_1, s_1, s_A, E_\alpha)|^2 \delta(E_m - E_\alpha)$$

Emergence of Short-Range Correlations

- Back to Lipmann-Schwinger Equation

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- Assume: **system is dilute**

- Assume: $U_{NN}(q) \sim \frac{1}{q^n}$ with $n > 1$

- then the k dependence of the wave function for $k^2/2m_N \gg |E_B|$

$$\Phi^{(1)}(k_1, \dots, k_c, \dots, -k_c, \dots, k_A) \approx \frac{U_{NN}(k_c)}{k_c^2} F_A(k_1, \dots, \dots, \dots, k_A)$$

$$\Phi^{(2)}(\dots k_c, \dots) \sim \frac{1}{k_c^{2+n}} \int \frac{1}{q^n} dq$$

- For large k_c $\Phi^{(2)}(k_c) \ll \Phi^{(1)}(k_c)$

Amado, 1976

Frankfurt, Strikman 1981

- The same is true for relativistic equations as:
Bethe-Salpeter or Weinberg Light Cone Equations

- From $\Phi^{(1)}(k_1, \dots, k_c, \dots, -k_c, \dots, k_A) \approx \frac{U_{NN}(k_c)}{k_c^2} F_A(k_1, \dots, \dots, \dots, k_A)$ follows

for large $k > k_{Fermi}$

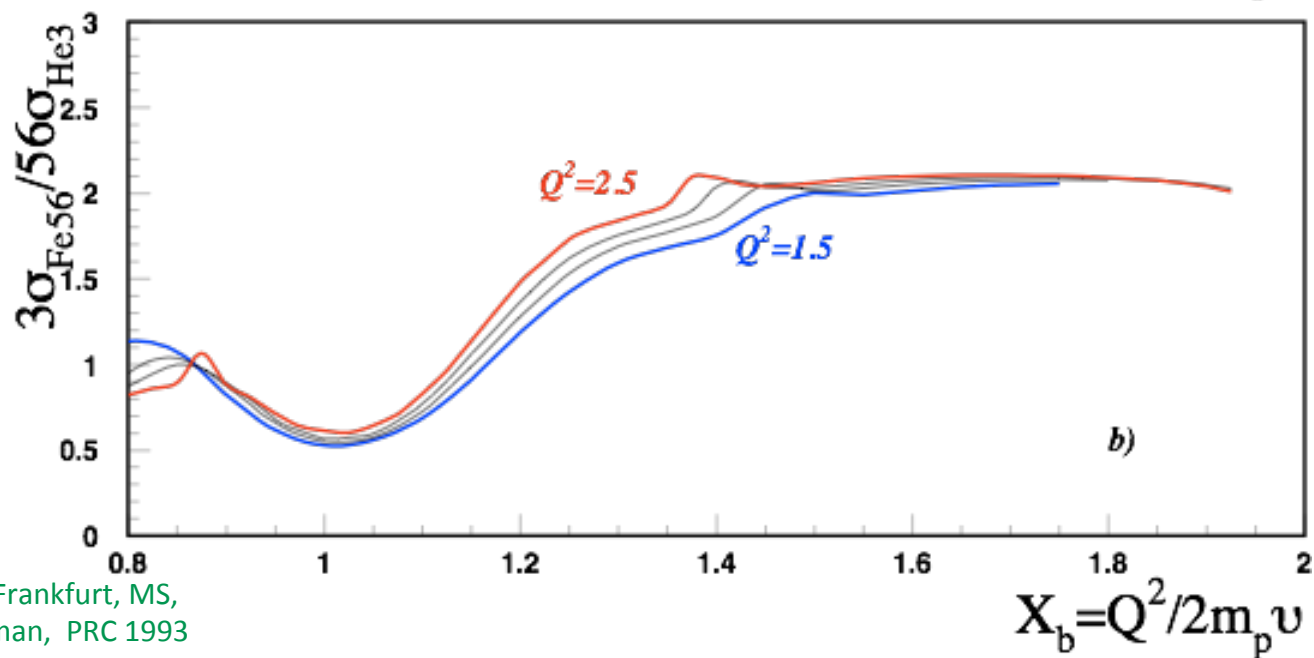
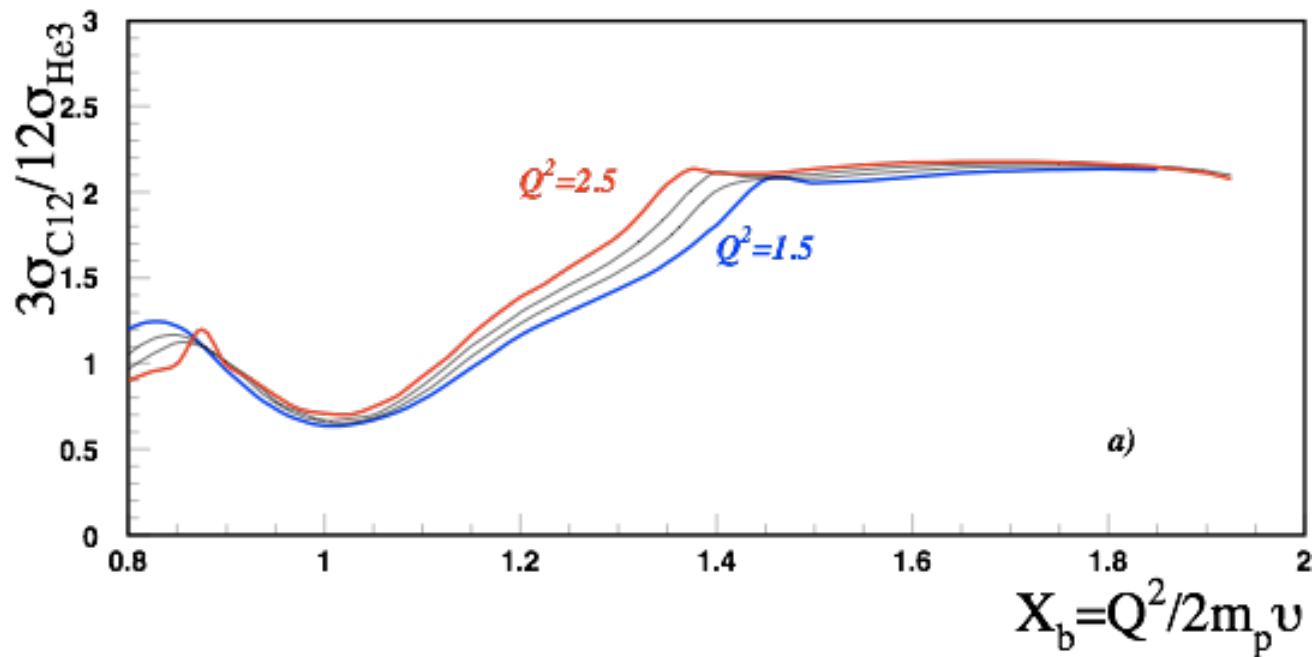
$$n_A(k) \approx a_{NN}(A) n_{NN}(k)$$

Frankfurt, Strikman Phys.
Rep, 1988
Day, Frankfurt, Strikman,
MS, Phys. Rev. C 1993

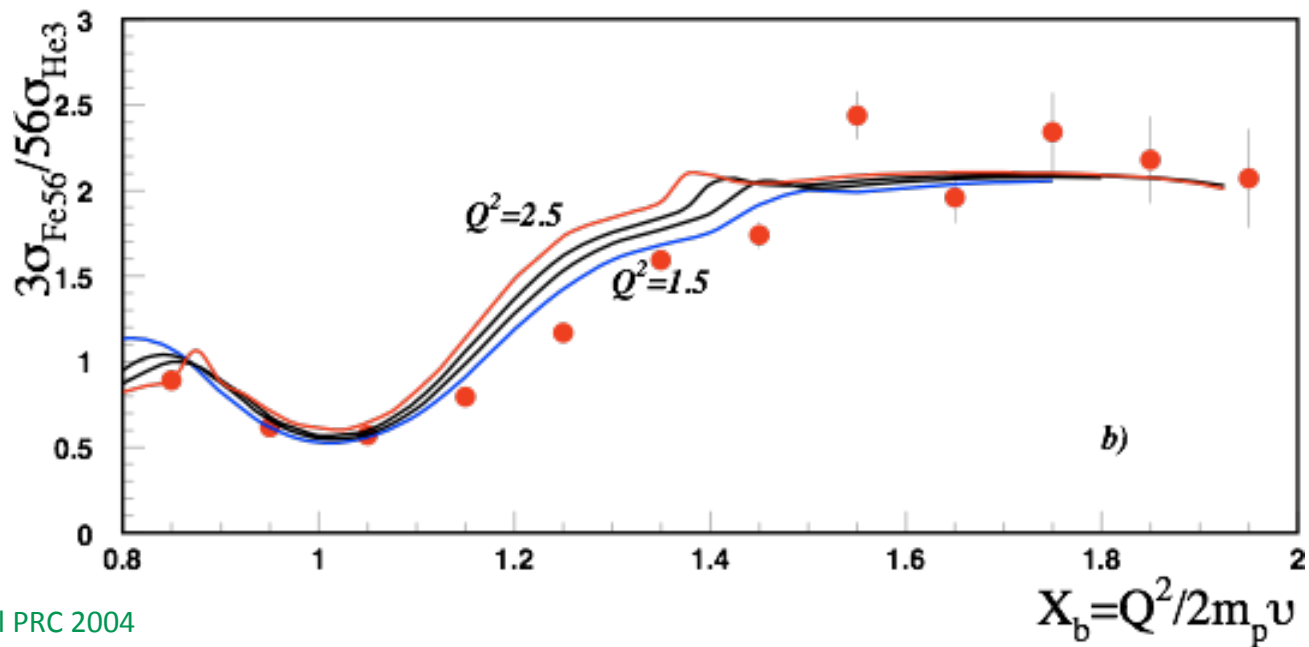
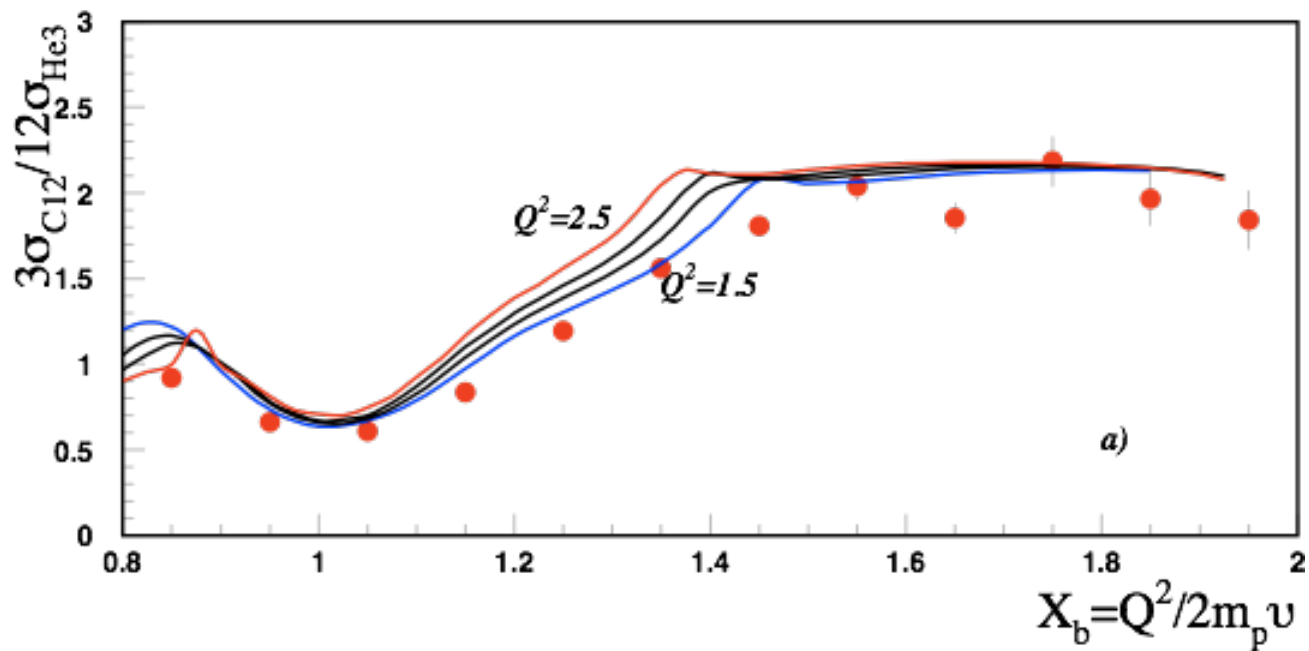
- Experimental observations

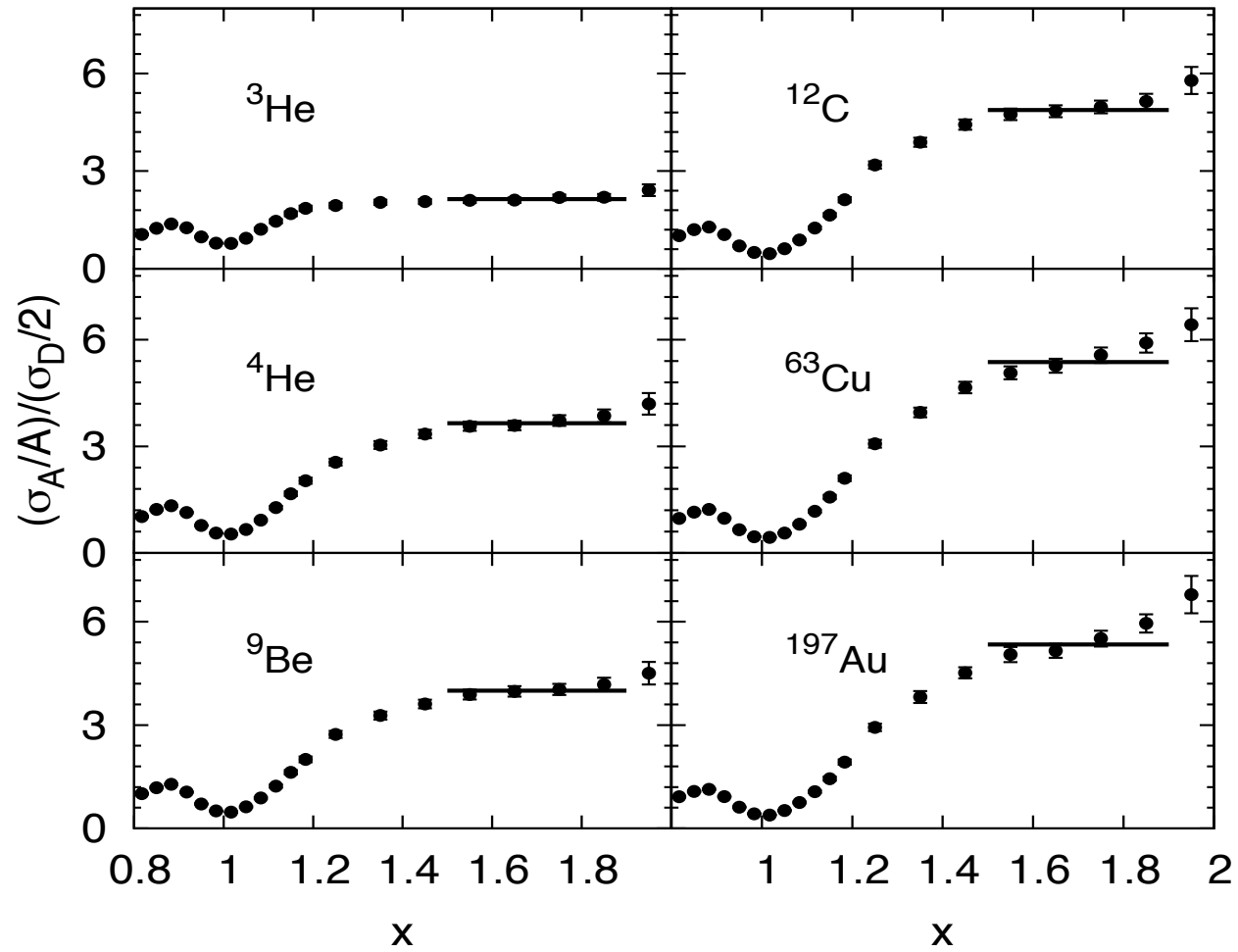
Egiyan et al, 2002, 2006
Fomin et al, 2011

$A(e,e')$

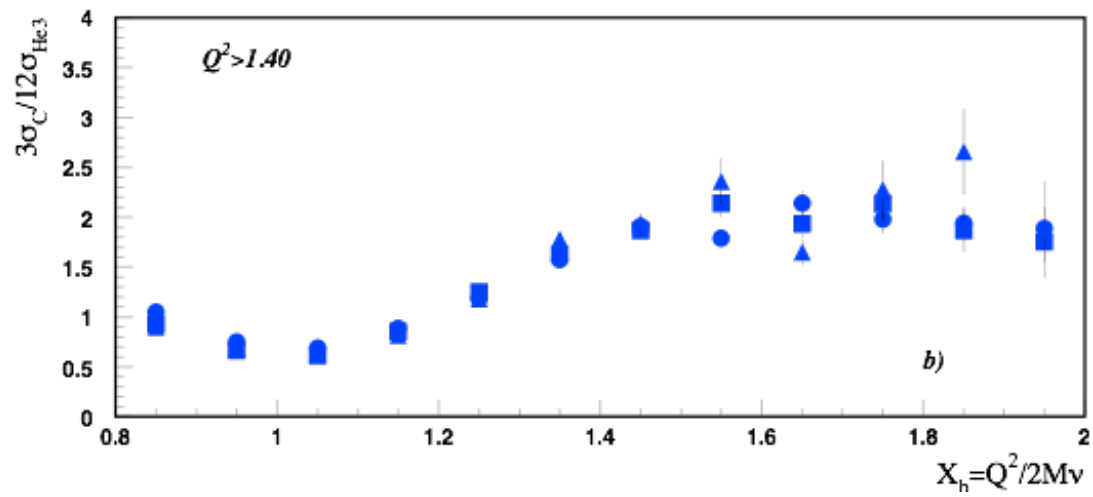
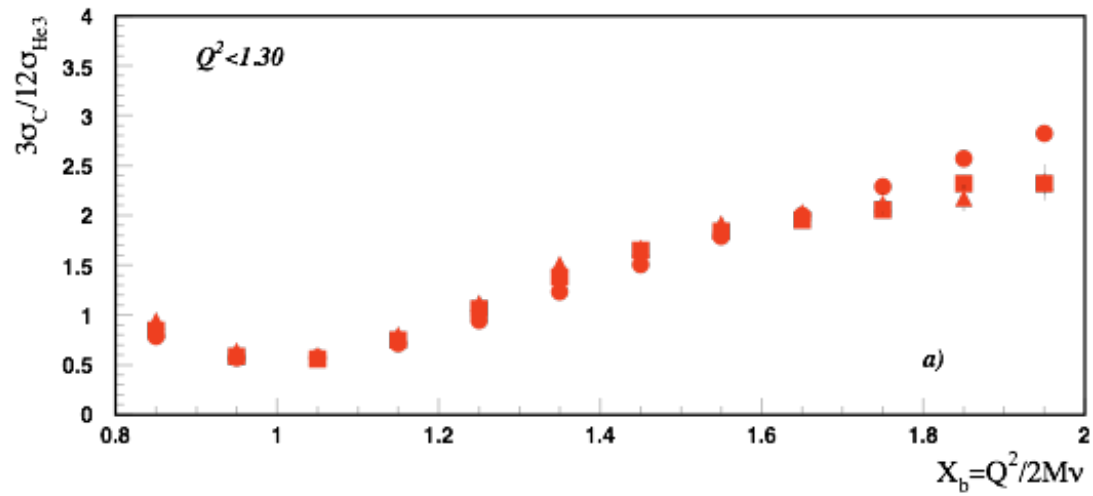


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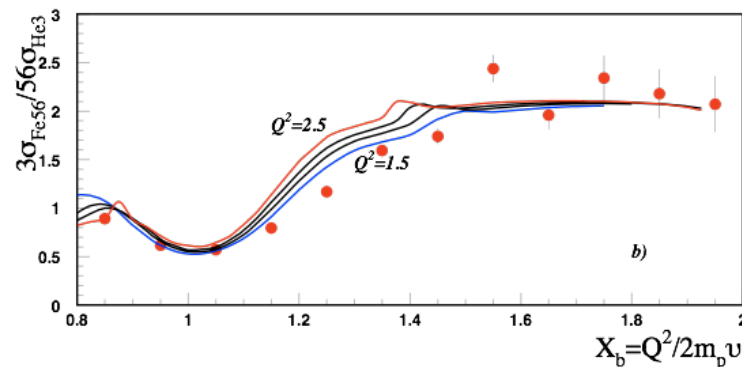
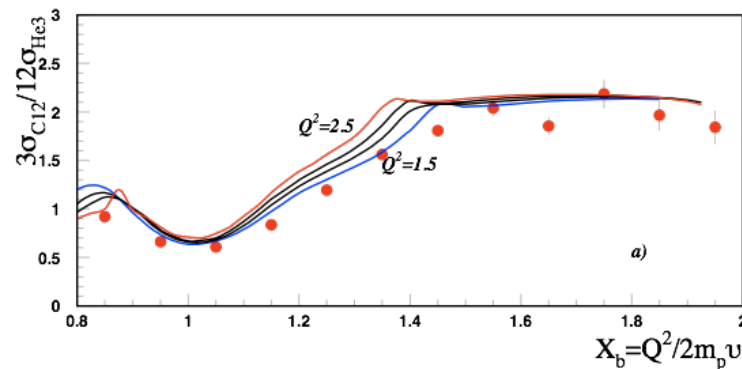


Meaning of the scaling values

$$R = \frac{A_2 \sigma[A_1(e, e')X]}{A_1 \sigma[A_2(e, e')X]}$$

For $1 < x < 2$ $R \approx \frac{a_2(A_1)}{a_2(A_2)}$

$A(e, e')$



meaning of
x value

a2's as relative probability of 2N SRCs

Table 1: The results for $a_2(A, y)$

A	y	This Work	Frankfurt et al	Egiyan et al	Famin et al
^3He	0.33	2.07 ± 0.08	1.7 ± 0.3		2.13 ± 0.04
^4He	0	3.51 ± 0.03	3.3 ± 0.5	3.38 ± 0.2	3.60 ± 0.10
^9Be	0.11	3.92 ± 0.03			3.91 ± 0.12
^{12}C	0	4.19 ± 0.02	5.0 ± 0.5	4.32 ± 0.4	4.75 ± 0.16
^{27}Al	0.037	4.50 ± 0.12	5.3 ± 0.6		
^{56}Fe	0.071	4.95 ± 0.07	5.6 ± 0.9	4.99 ± 0.5	
^{64}Cu	0.094	5.02 ± 0.04			5.21 ± 0.20
^{197}Au	0.198	4.56 ± 0.03	4.8 ± 0.7		5.16 ± 0.22

2. Dominance of the (pn) component of SRC

for large $k > k_{Fermi}$

$$n_A(k) \approx a_{NN}(A)n_{NN}(k)$$

$$P_{pn/pX} = 0.92^{+0.08}_{-0.18}$$

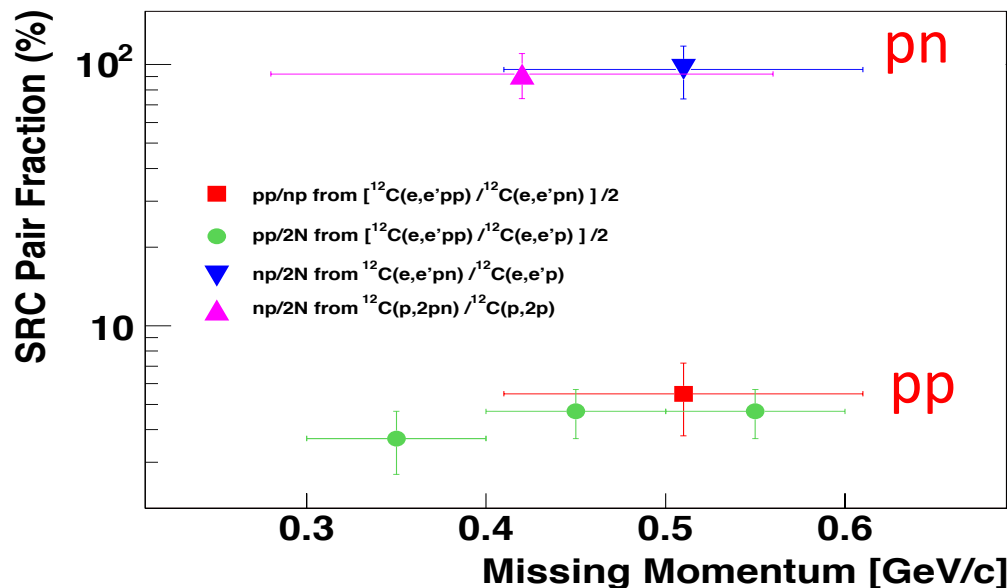
Theoretical analysis of BNL Data

$$\frac{P_{pp}}{P_{pn}} \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{pn/pX}) = 0.04^{+0.09}_{-0.04}$$

E. Piasezky, MS, L. Frankfurt,
M. Strikman, J. Watson PRL, 2006

$$P_{pp/pn} = 0.056 \pm 0.018$$

Direct Measurement at JLab R.Subdei, et al Science, 2008



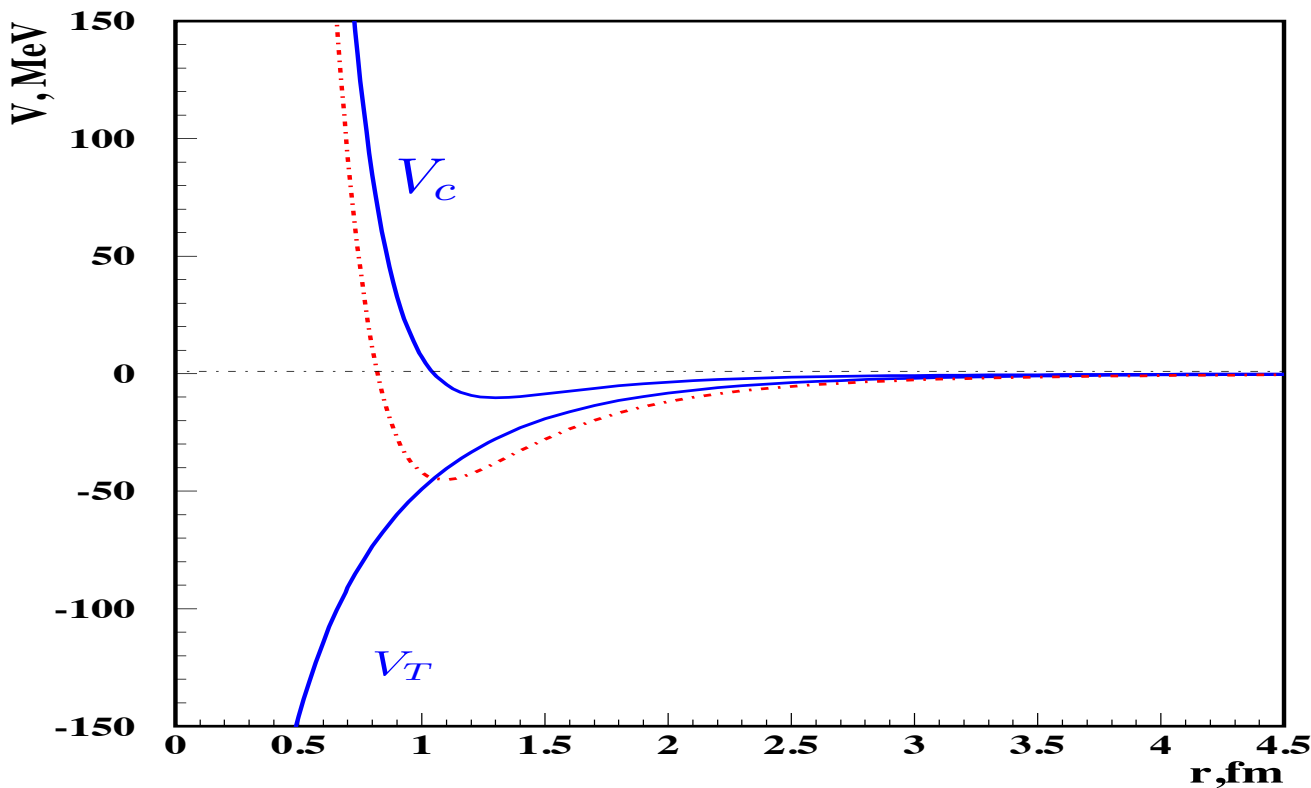
Factor of 20

Expected 4
(Wigner counting)

Theoretical Interpretation

$$\phi_A^{(1)}(k_1, \dots, k_i = p, \dots, k_j \approx -p, \dots, k_A) \sim \frac{V_{NN}(p)}{p^2} f(k_1, \dots, \dots)$$

$$n_A(k) \approx a_{NN}(A)n_{NN}(k)$$



Explanation lies in the dominance of the tensor part in the NN interaction

$$V_{NN}(r) \approx V_c(r) + V_t(r) \cdot S_{12}(r) + V_{LS} \cdot \vec{L} \vec{S}$$

$$S_{12} = 3(\sigma_1 \cdot \hat{r})(\sigma_2 \cdot \hat{r}) - \sigma_1 \sigma_2$$

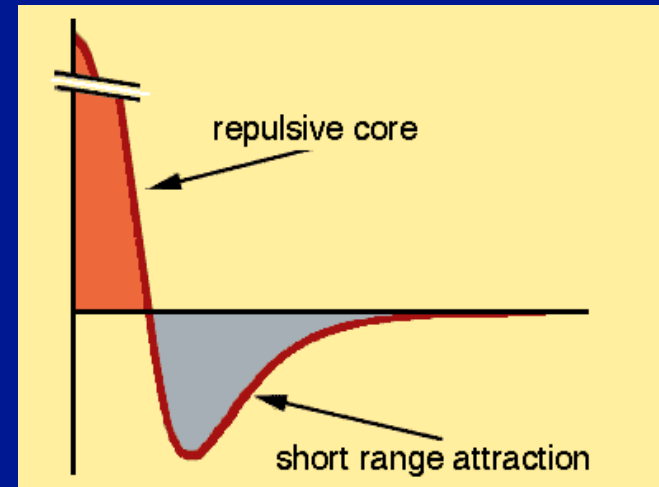
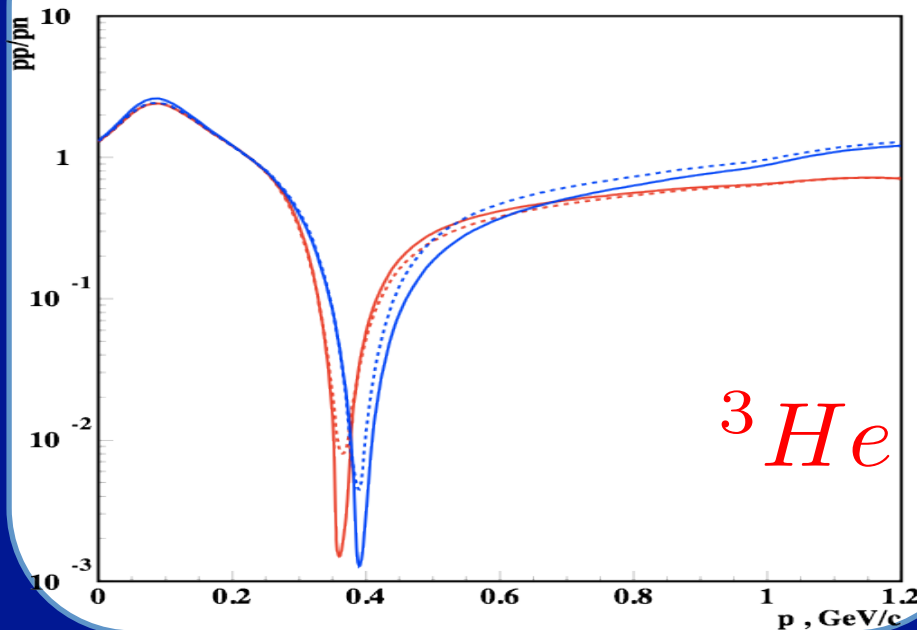
$$S_{12}|pp\rangle = 0$$

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M.S, Abrahamyan, Frankfurt, Strikman PRC, 2005



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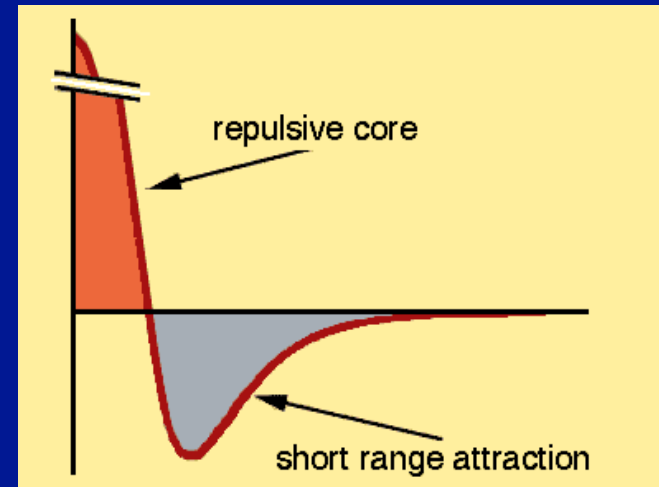
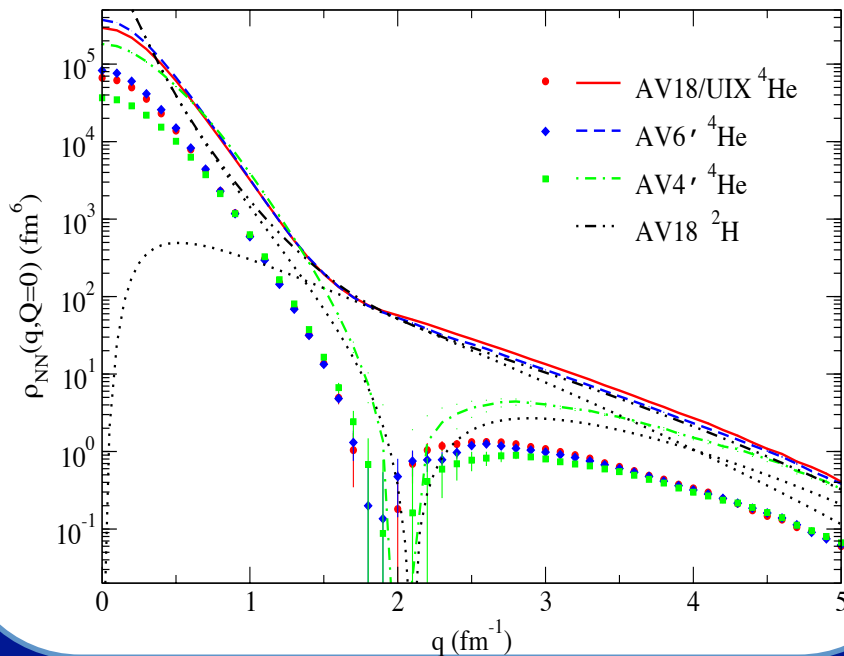
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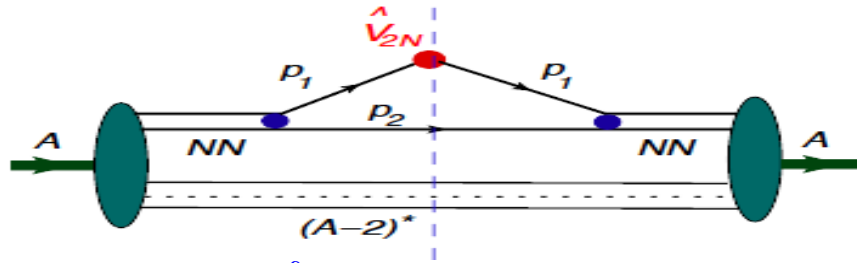
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Sciavilla, Wiringa, Pieper, Carlson PRL,2007



2N SRC model



$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{A,2N}^N(\alpha_1, p_{1,\perp}, \tilde{M}_N^2) &= \sum_{s_2, s_{NN}, s_{A-2}} \int \chi_A^\dagger \Gamma_{A \rightarrow NN, A-2}^\dagger \chi_{A-2}(p_{A-2}, s_{A-2}) \\
 &\times \frac{\chi_{NN}(p_{NN}, s_{NN}) \chi_{NN}^\dagger(p_{NN}, s_{NN})}{p_{NN}^2 - M_{NN}^2} \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger \frac{u(p_1, s_1) u(p_2, s_2)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} \\
 &\times \left[2\alpha_1^2 \delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_{A-2} - A) \delta^2(p_{1,\perp} + p_{2,\perp} + p_{A-2,\perp}) \delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - \tilde{M}_N^{(2N),2}) \right] \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_2, s_2)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} \\
 &\times \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN} \frac{\chi_{NN}(p_{NN}, s_{NN}) \chi_{NN}^\dagger(p_{NN}, s_{NN})}{p_{NN}^2 - M_{NN}^2} \chi_{A-2}^\dagger(p_{A-2}, s_{A-2}) \Gamma_{A, NN, A-2} \chi_A \\
 &\times \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \frac{d^2 p_{2,\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\alpha_{A-2}}{\alpha_{A-2}} \frac{d^2 p_{A-2,\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

O. Artiles & M.S. Phys. Rev. C 2016

$$\rho_A(\alpha_N, p_{N,\perp}) = \int P_A(\alpha_N, p_{N,\perp}, \tilde{M}_N^2) \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{M}_N^2$$

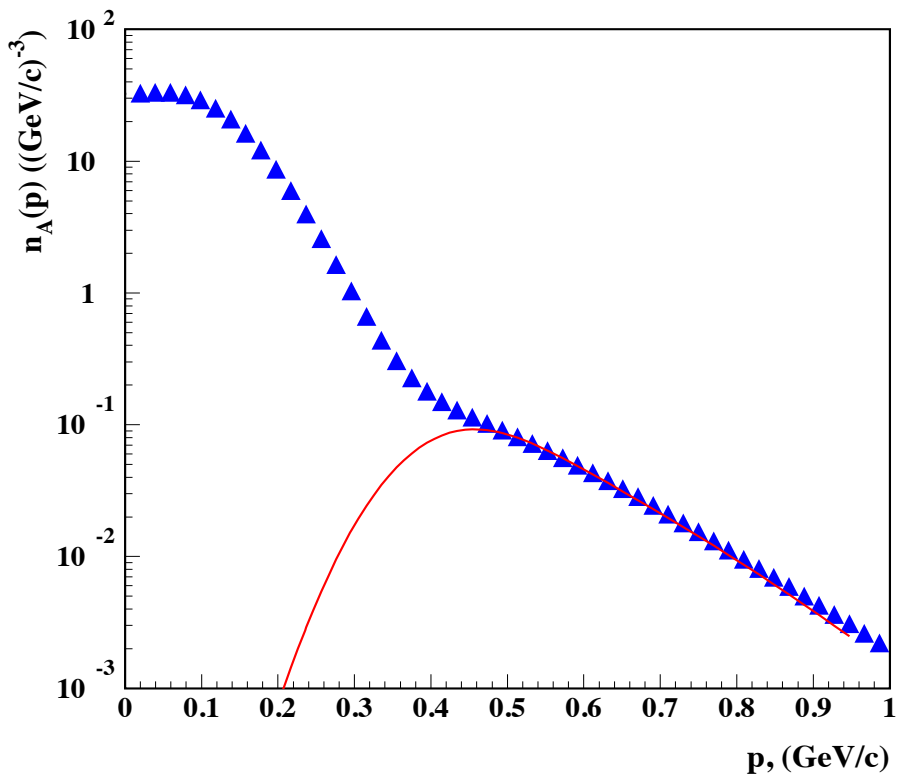
$$\psi_{pn}^{LF}(\alpha, p_\perp) \approx C \psi_d^{LF}(\alpha, p_\perp)$$

$$\psi_{2N}^{s_{NN}}(\beta_1, k_{1,\perp}, s_1, s_2) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(2\pi)^3} \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN} \cdot \chi_{NN}(p_{NN}, s_{NN})}{\frac{1}{2} [M_{NN}^2 - 4(M_N^2 + k_1^2)]}$$

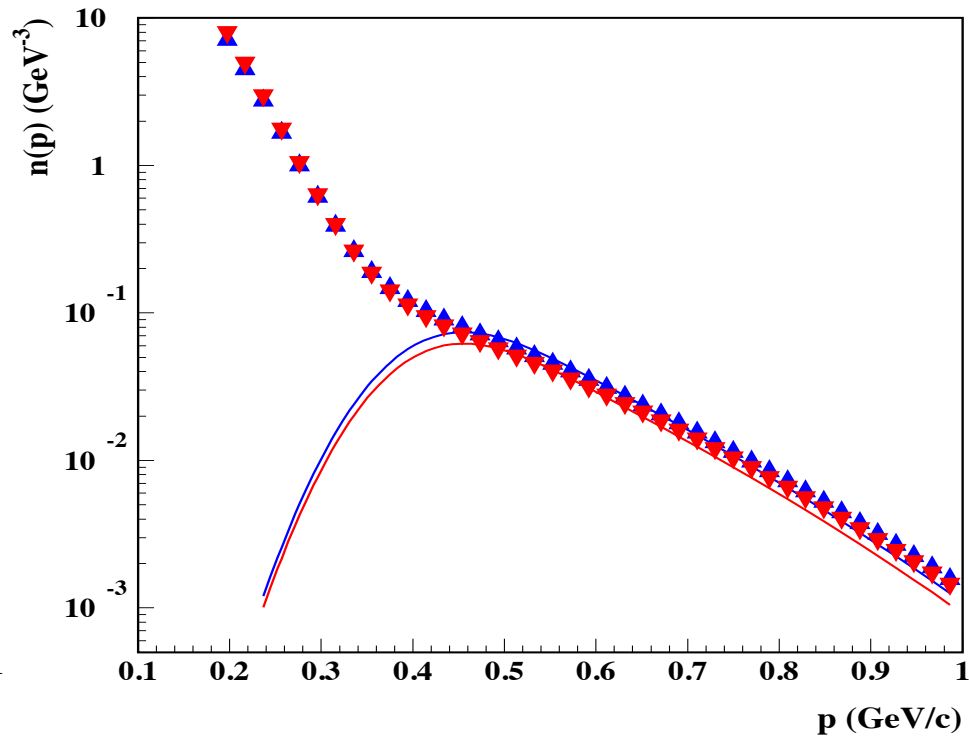
$$\psi_{CM}(\alpha_{NN}, k_{NN,\perp}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{A-2}{2}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(2\pi)^3} \frac{\chi_{NN}^\dagger(p_{NN}, s_{NN}) \chi_{A-2}^\dagger(p_{A-2}, s_{A-2}) \Gamma_{A \rightarrow NN, A-2} \chi_A^{s_A}}{\frac{2}{A} [M_A^2 - s_{NN, A-2}(k_{CM})]}$$

2N SRC model Non Relativistic Approximation

^{12}C



^9Be



2N SRCs:

Proper Variables of 2N SRC are

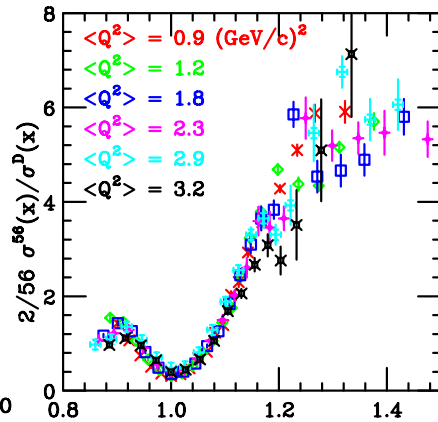
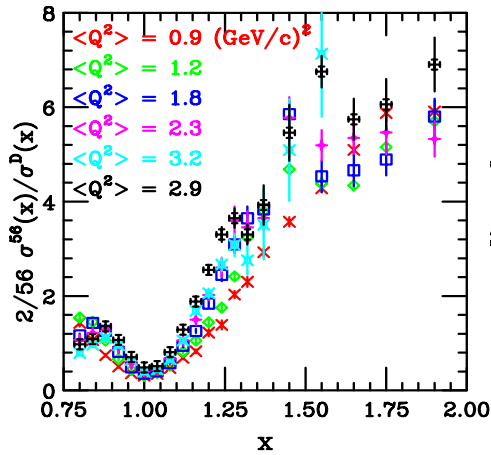
- the Light Front Momentum Fraction: $\alpha = \frac{p_N^+}{p_{NN}^+}$
- transverse momentum: p_{\perp}

Back to inclusive $A(e,e')X$ scattering

$$\sigma_{eA} = \sum \sigma_{eN} \cdot \rho_A(\alpha) \quad \text{where} \quad \rho_A(\alpha) = \int \rho_A(\alpha, p_{\perp}) d^2 p_{\perp}$$

$$1.3 \leq \alpha_{2N} \leq 1.5$$

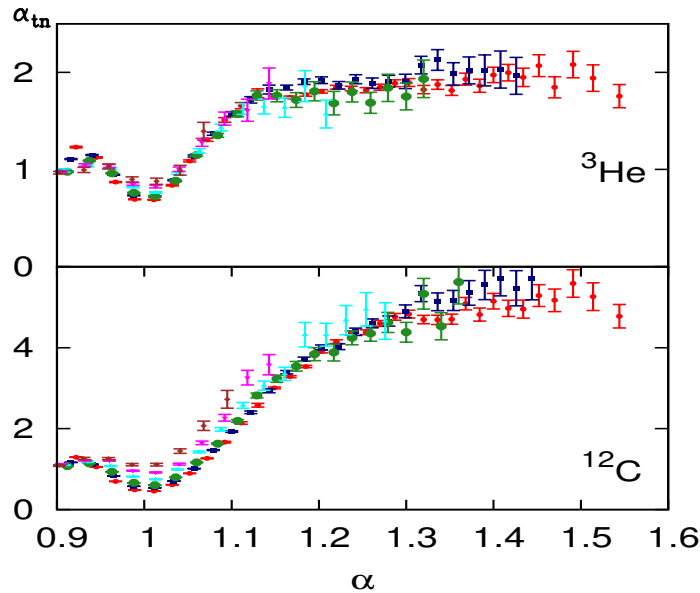
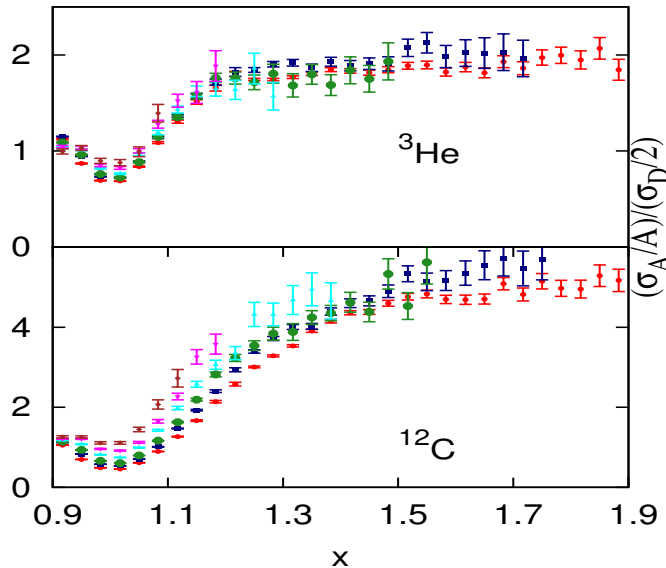
$$\alpha_{2N} = 2 - \frac{q_- + 2m_N}{2m_N} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{W_{2N}^2 - 4m_N^2}}{W_{2N}} \right)$$



$$\alpha \mid Q^2 \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow x$$

$$\alpha \mid x \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1$$

J.Arrington, D.Higinbotham
G.Rosner, M.S. Prog. PNP 2012

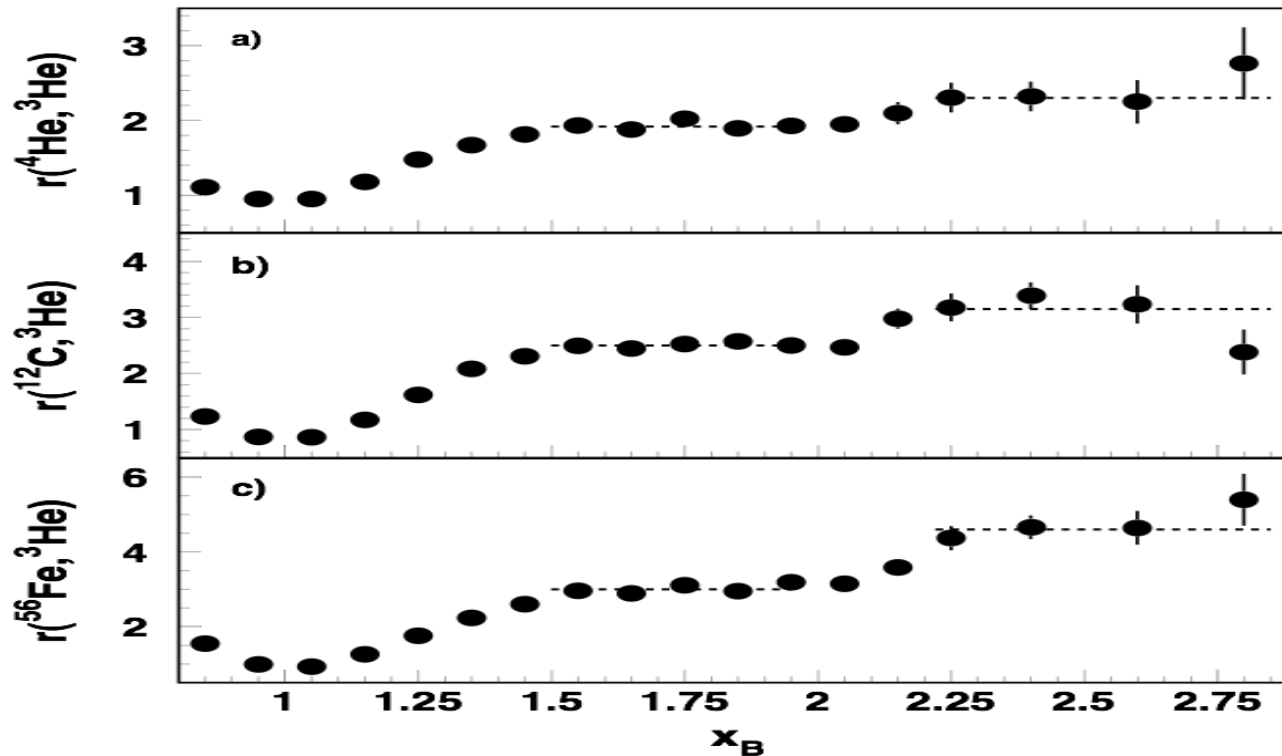


N.Fomin, D.Higinbotham
M.S., P.Sovignon ARNPS, 2017

Towards Three Nucleon Short Range Correlations

Looking for the Plateau in Inclusive Cross Section Ratios $x > 2$

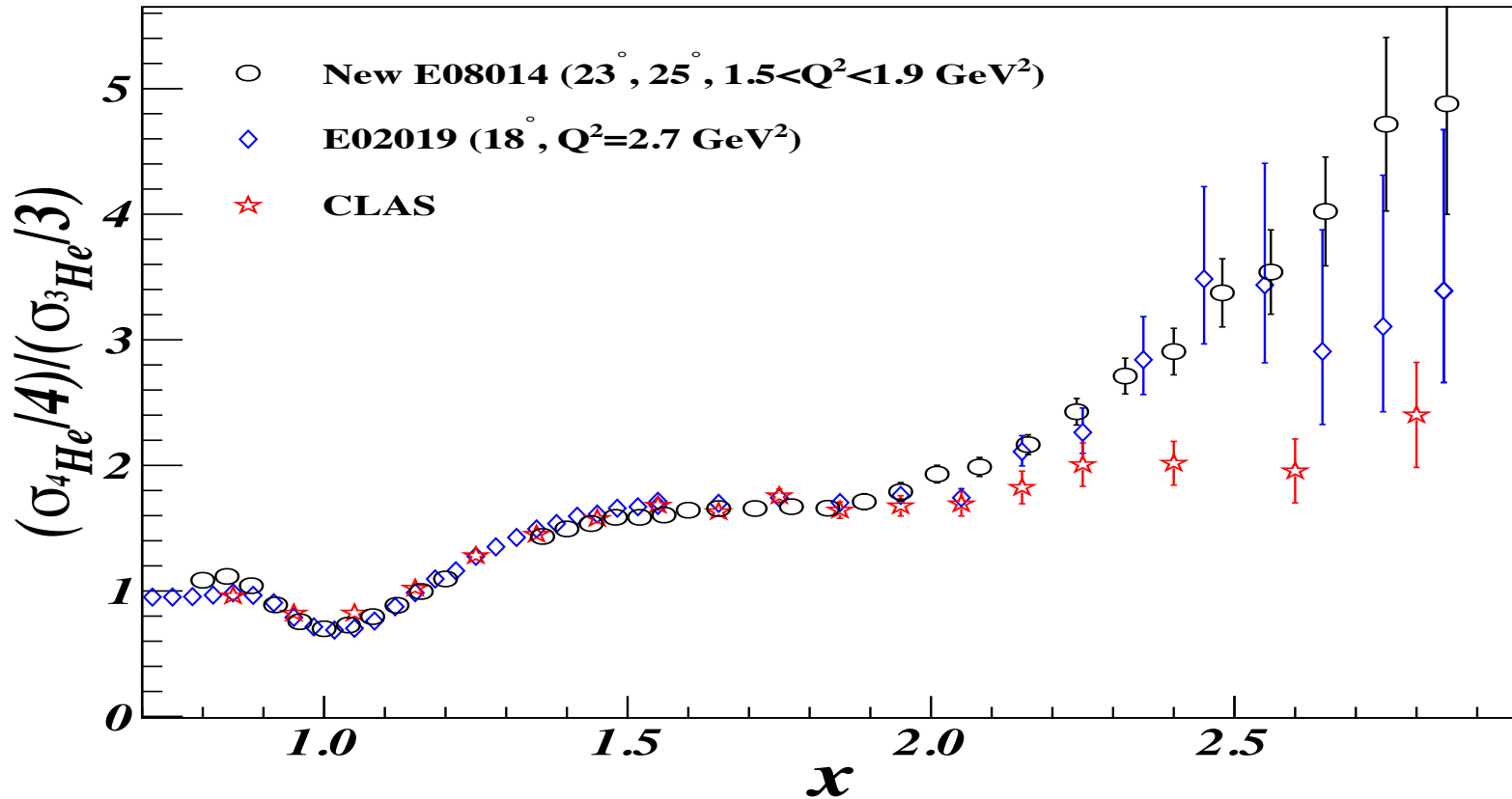
For $1 < x < 2$ $R \approx \frac{a_2(A_1)}{a_2(A_2)}$ For $2 < x < 3$ $R \approx \frac{a_3(A_1)}{a_3(A_2)}$



Three Nucleon Short Range Correlations

Z. Ye, et al, 2017

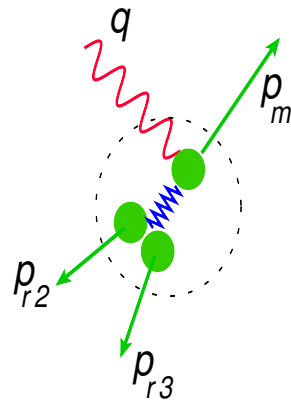
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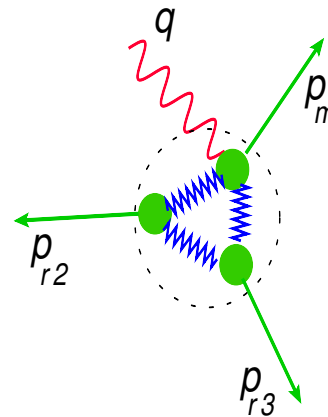
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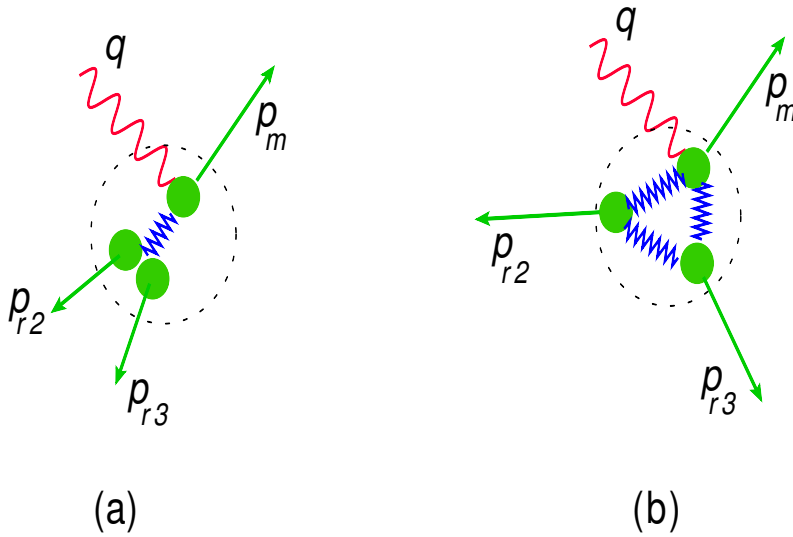


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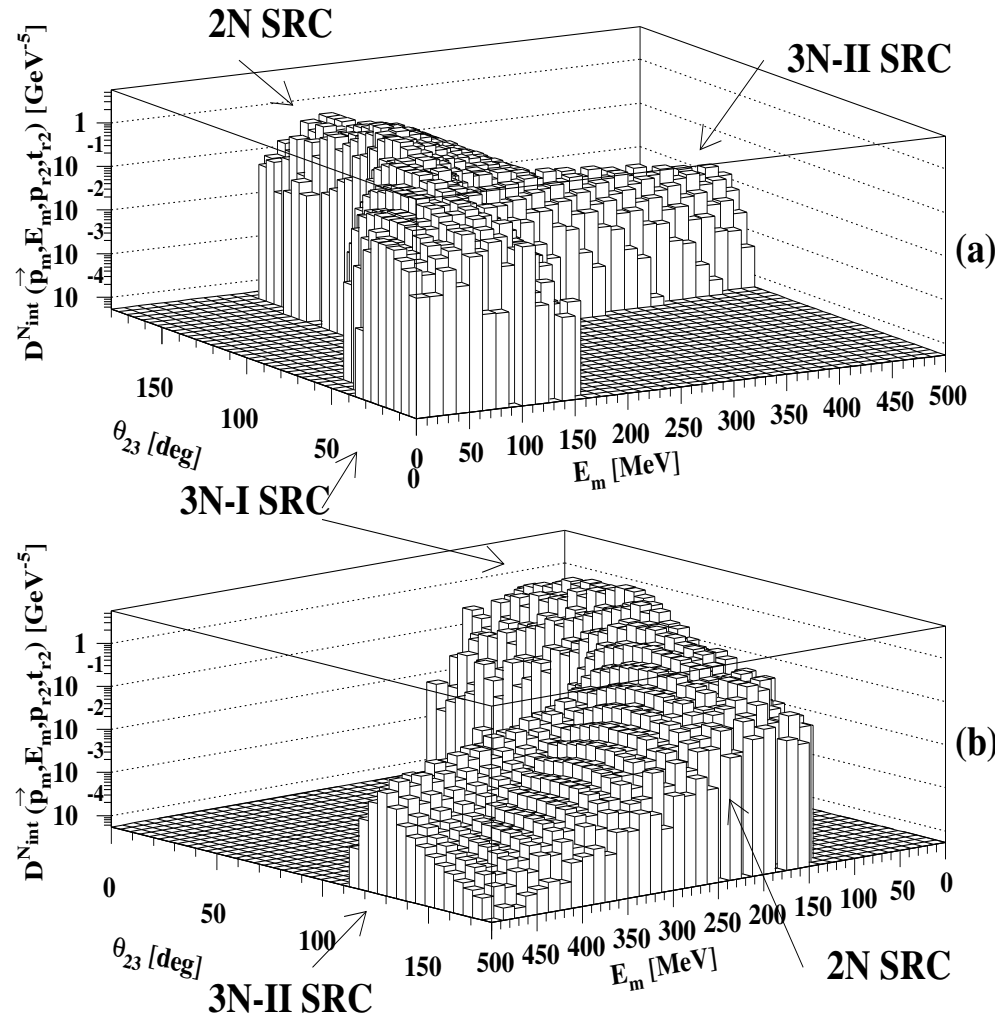


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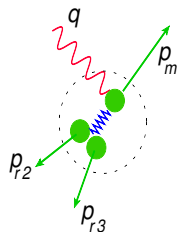


3N SRC model $\sigma_{eA} = \sum \sigma_{eN} \cdot \rho_A(\alpha)$ where $\rho_A(\alpha) = \int \rho_A(\alpha, p_\perp) d^2 p_\perp$

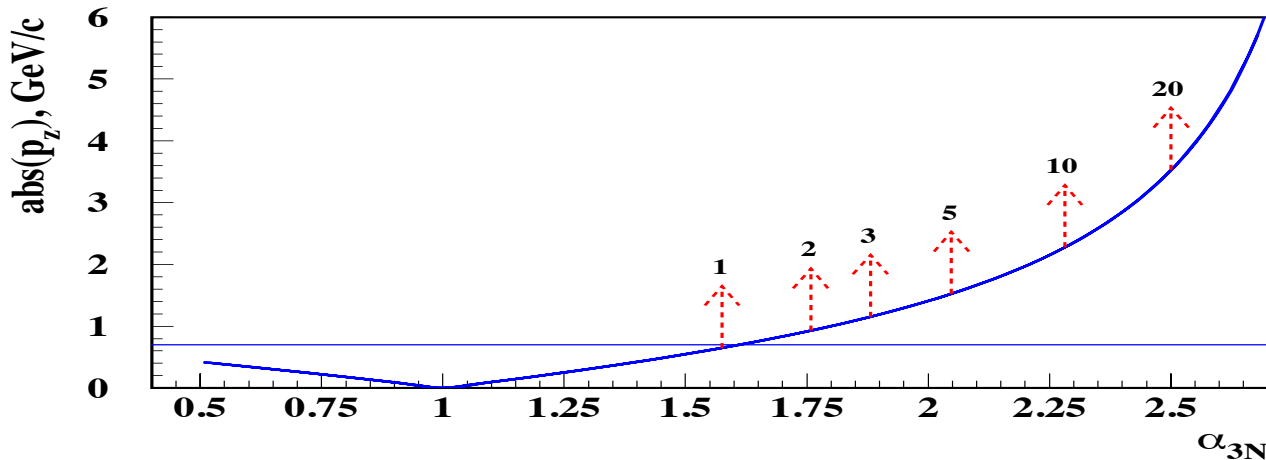
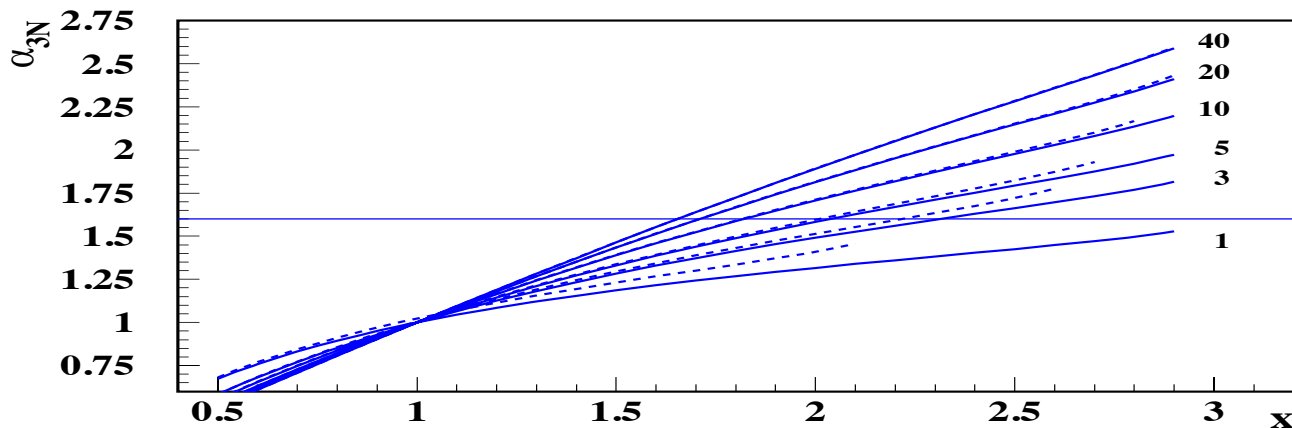
$$1.6 \leq \alpha_{3N} < 3$$

$$q + 3m_N = p_f + p_s$$

$$\alpha_{3N} = 3 - \frac{q_- + 3m_N}{2m_N} \left[1 + \frac{m_S^2 - m_N^2}{W_{3N}^2} + \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{(m_S + m_n)^2}{W_{3N}^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(m_S - m_n)^2}{W_{3N}^2}\right)} \right]$$



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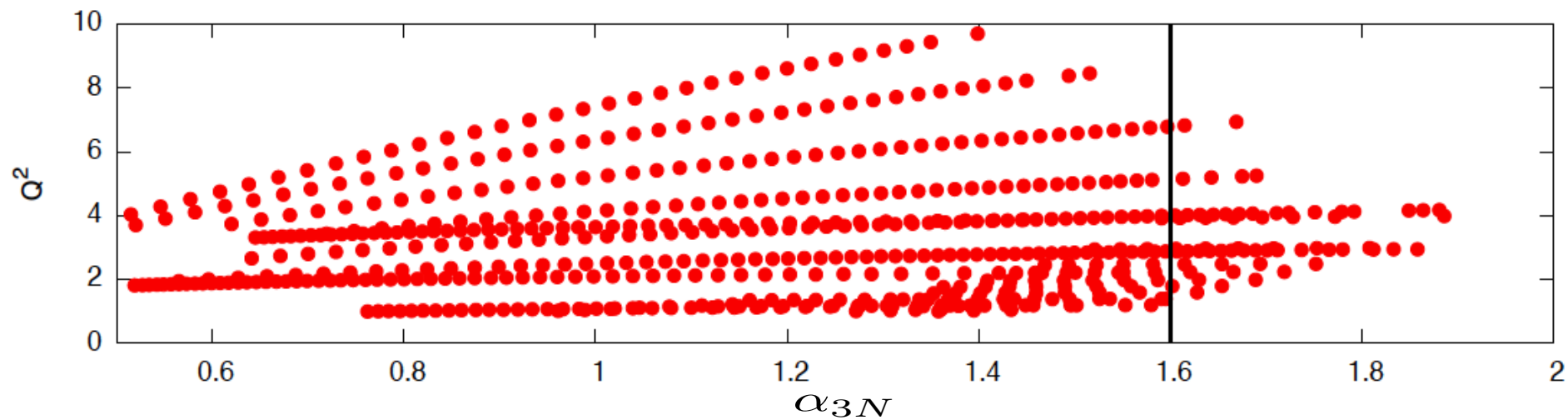
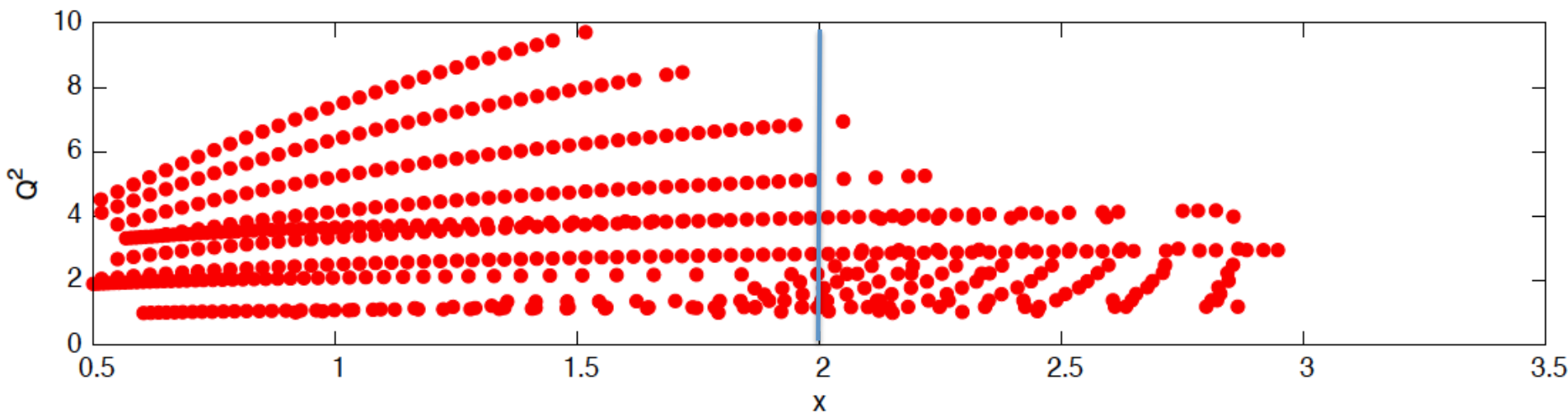


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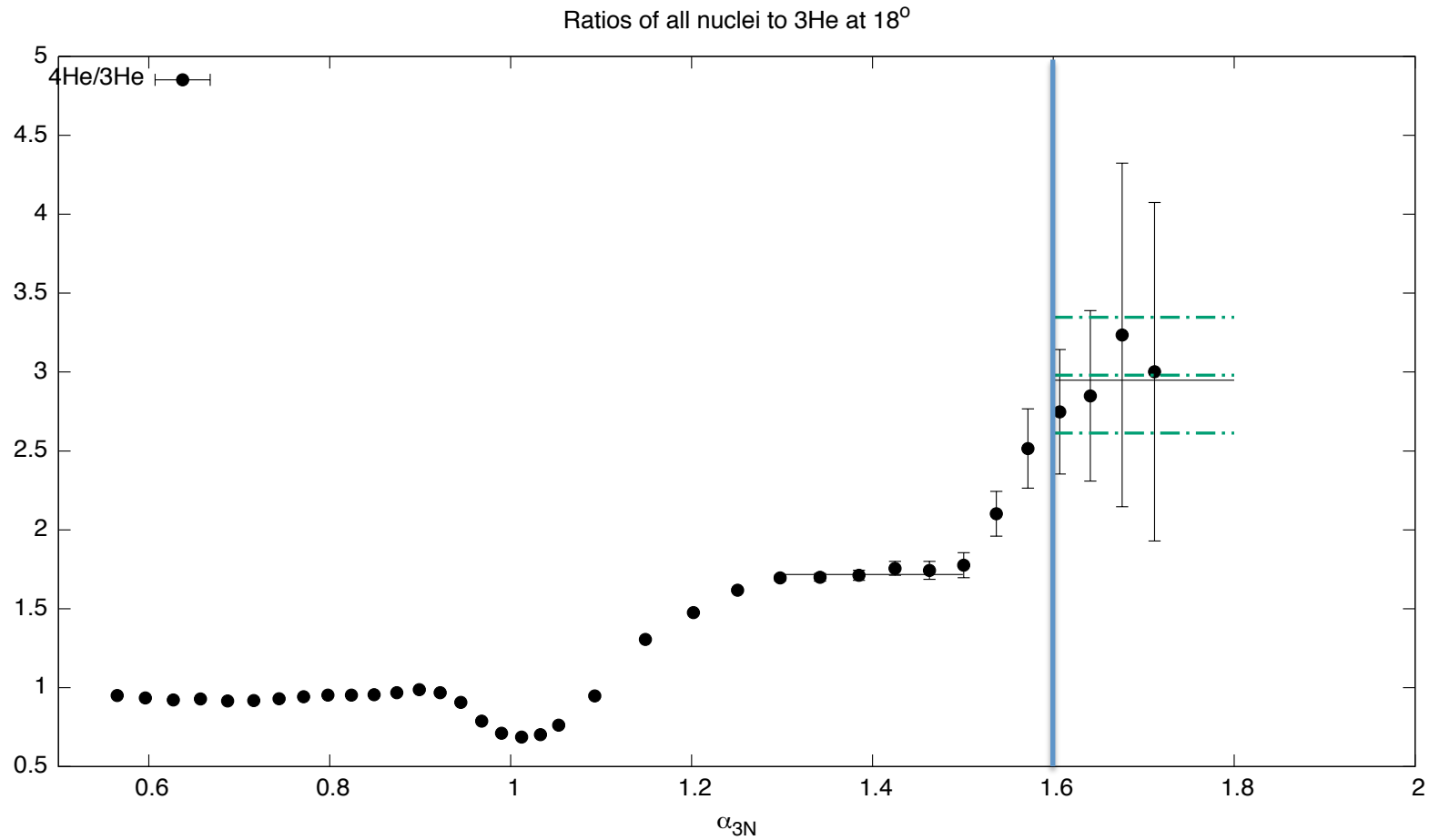
${}^3\text{He}$ World Data Set for $Q^2 > 1$



3N SRCs

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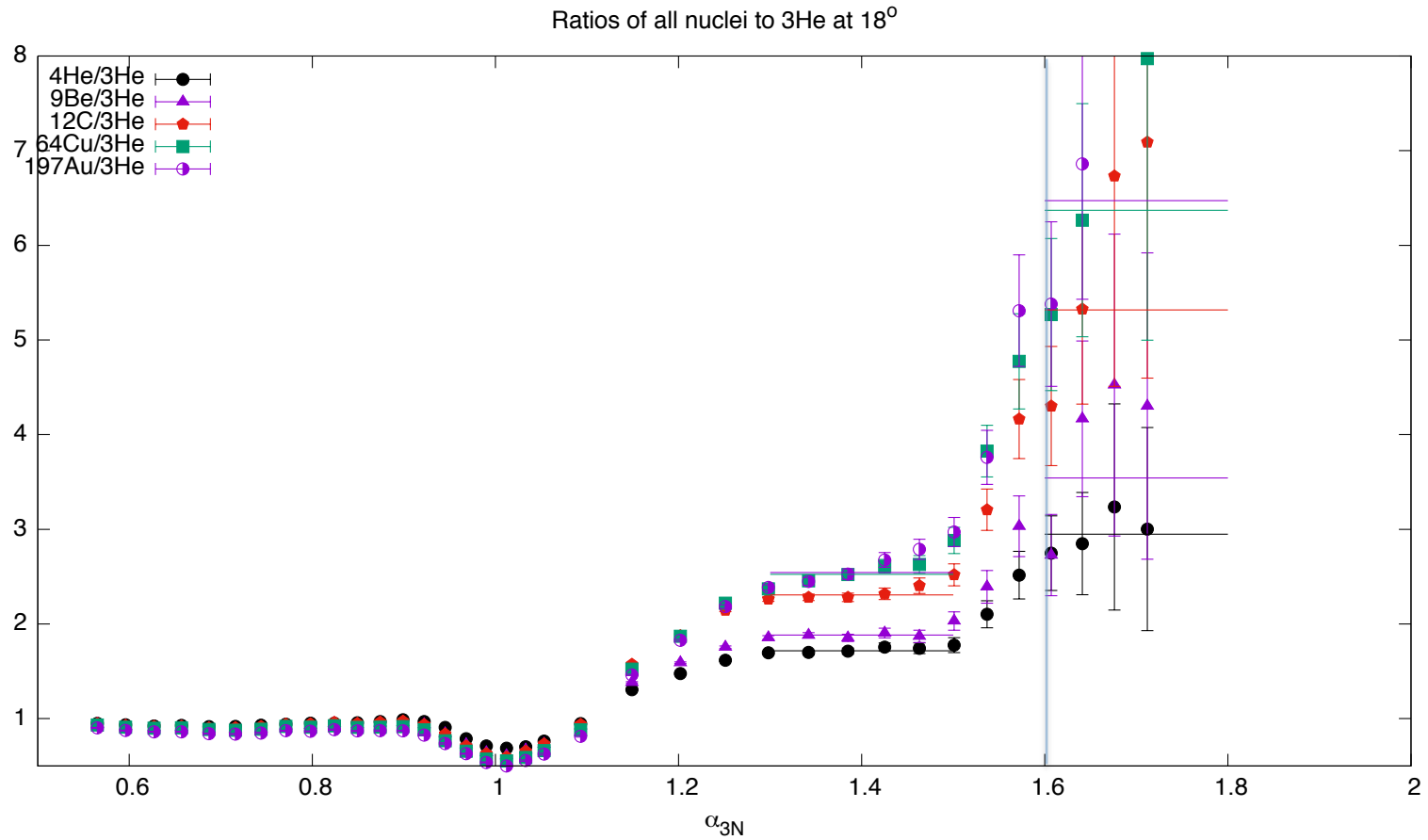
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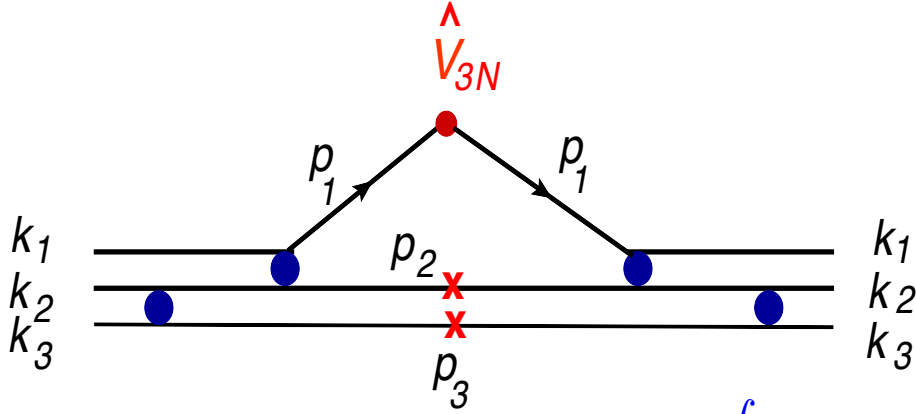


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3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution

A.Freese, M.S., M.Strikman, Eur. Phys. J 2015

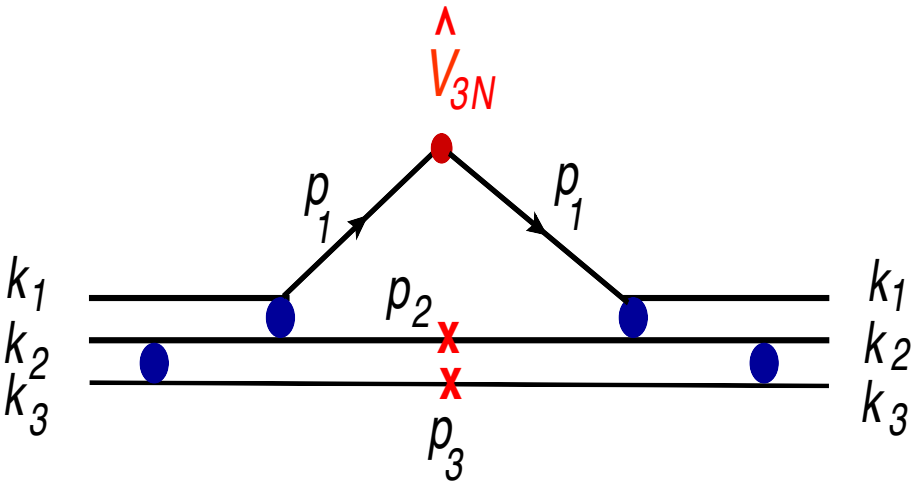
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{A,3N}^N(\alpha_1, p_{1,\perp}, s_1, \tilde{M}_N) &= \sum_{s_2, s_3, s_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'}} \int \bar{u}(k_1) \bar{u}(k_2) \bar{u}(k_3) \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger \frac{u(p_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'}) \bar{u}(p_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'})}{p_{2'}^2 - M_N^2} \\
 &\times \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger \frac{u(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} u(p_2, s_2) \left[2\alpha_1^2 \delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 3) \delta^2(p_{1\perp} + p_{2\perp} + p_{3\perp}) \delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - M_N^{3N,2}) \right] \\
 &\times \bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN} \frac{u(p_{2'}, s_{2'}) \bar{u}(p_{2'}, s_{2'})}{p_{2'}^2 - M_N^2} u(p_3, s_3) \bar{u}(p_3, s_3) \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger u(k_1) u(k_2) u(k_3) \\
 &\times \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \frac{d^2 p_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\alpha_3}{\alpha_3} \frac{d^2 p_{3\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3}, \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{A,3N}^N(\alpha_1, p_{1,\perp}, \tilde{M}_N) &= \int \frac{3 - \alpha_3}{2(2 - \alpha_3)^2} \boxed{\rho_{NN}(\beta_3, p_{3\perp}) \rho_{NN}(\beta_1, \tilde{k}_{1\perp})} 2\delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 3) \\
 &\delta^2(p_{1\perp} + p_{2\perp} + p_{3\perp}) \delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - M_N^{3N,2}) d\alpha_2 d^2 p_{2\perp} d\alpha_3 d^2 p_{3\perp}, \tag{1}
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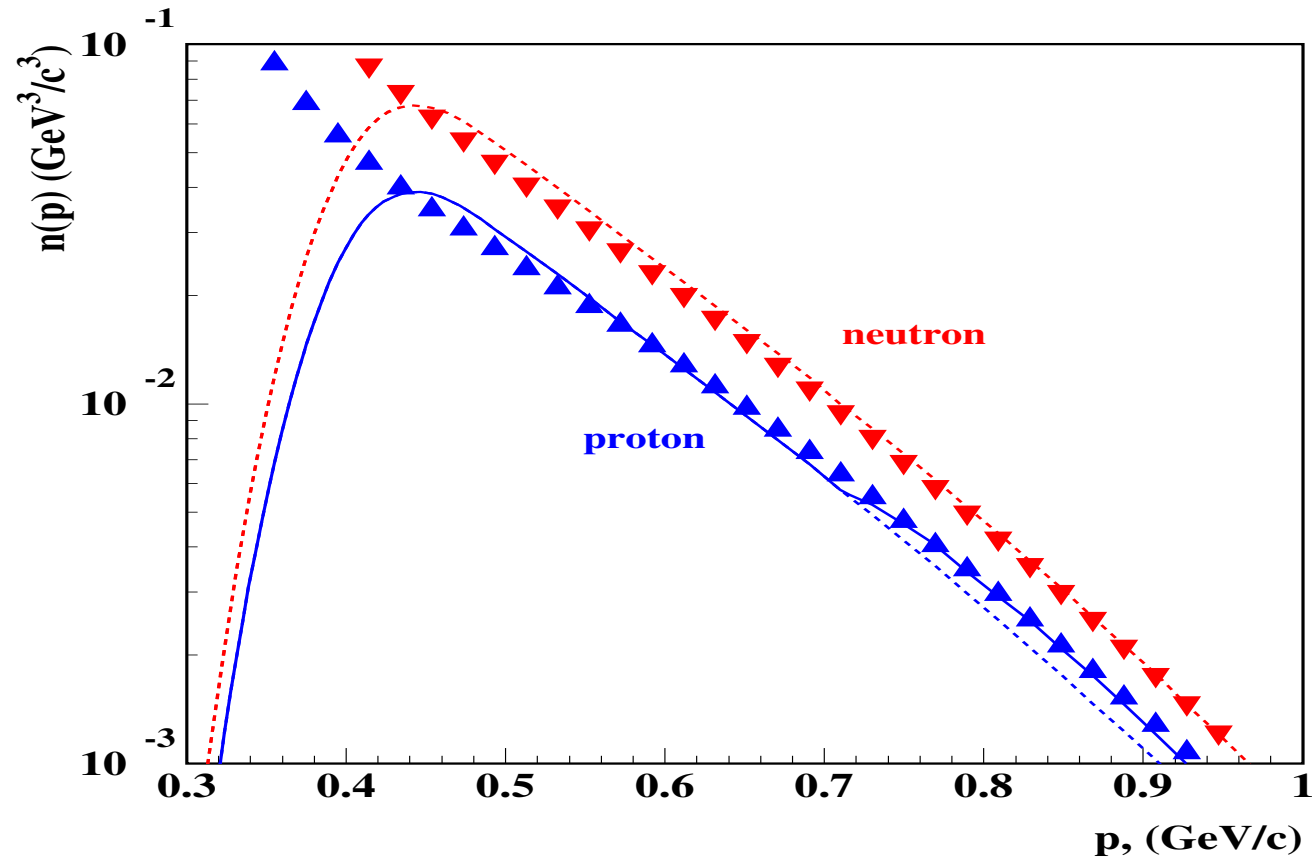
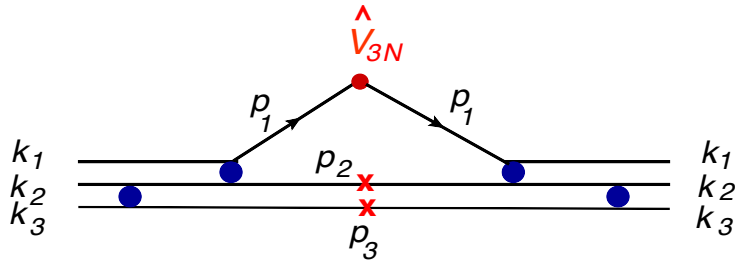


$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_{3N}(\alpha_1) = & \int \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{3 - \alpha_3}{(2 - \alpha_3)^3} \rho_{pn}(\alpha_3, p_{3\perp}) \rho_{pn} \left(\frac{2\alpha_2}{3 - \alpha_3}, p_{2\perp} + \frac{\alpha_1}{3 - \alpha_3} p_{3\perp} \right) + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{3 - \alpha_2}{(2 - \alpha_2)^3} \rho_{pn}(\alpha_2, p_{2\perp}) \rho_{pn} \left(\frac{2\alpha_3}{3 - \alpha_2}, p_{3\perp} + \frac{\alpha_1}{3 - \alpha_2} p_{2\perp} \right) \right] \delta \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i - 3 \right) \\
 & d\alpha_2 d^2 p_{2\perp} d\alpha_3 d^2 p_{3\perp}, \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

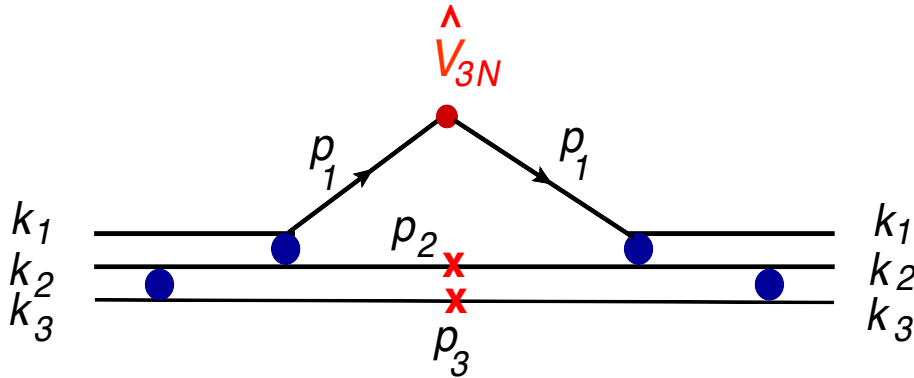
$$\rho_{pn}(\alpha, p_{\perp}) \approx a_2(A) \rho_d(\alpha, p_{\perp})$$

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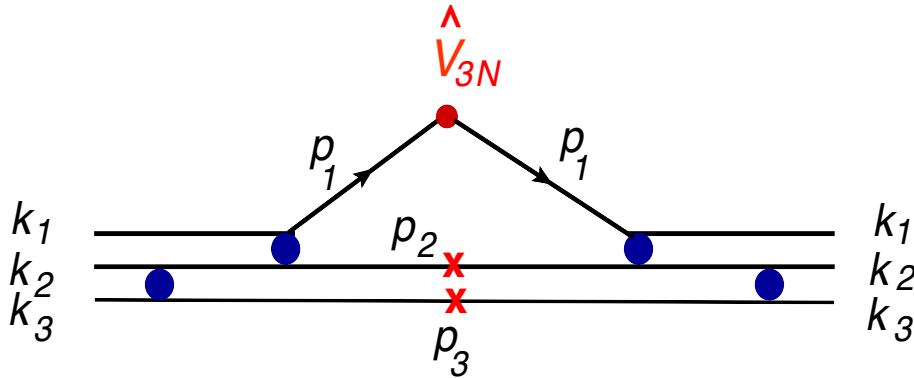


$$-\rho_{3N} \sim a_2(A, z)^2$$

- ppp and nnn strongly suppressed compared with ppn or pnn
- pp/nn recoil state is suppressed compared with pn

$$R_3(A, Z) = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} \left(\frac{a_2(A, Z)}{a_2(^3He)} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} R_2^2(A, Z),$$

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$$-\rho_{3N} \sim a_2(A, z)^2$$

- For $A(e, e')$ X reactions: $\sigma_{eA} = \sum_N \sigma_{eN} \rho_{3N}(\alpha_{3N})$

- Defining: $R_3(A, Z) = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{e^3He}} \Big|_{\alpha_{3N} \geq \alpha_{3N}^0}$

- We predict: $R_3(A, Z) = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} \left(\frac{a_2(A, Z)}{a_2(^3He)} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} R_2^2(A, Z),$

- Where: $R_2(A, Z) = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{e^3He}} \Big|_{1.3 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.5}$ where: $\alpha_{3N} \approx \alpha_{2N}$

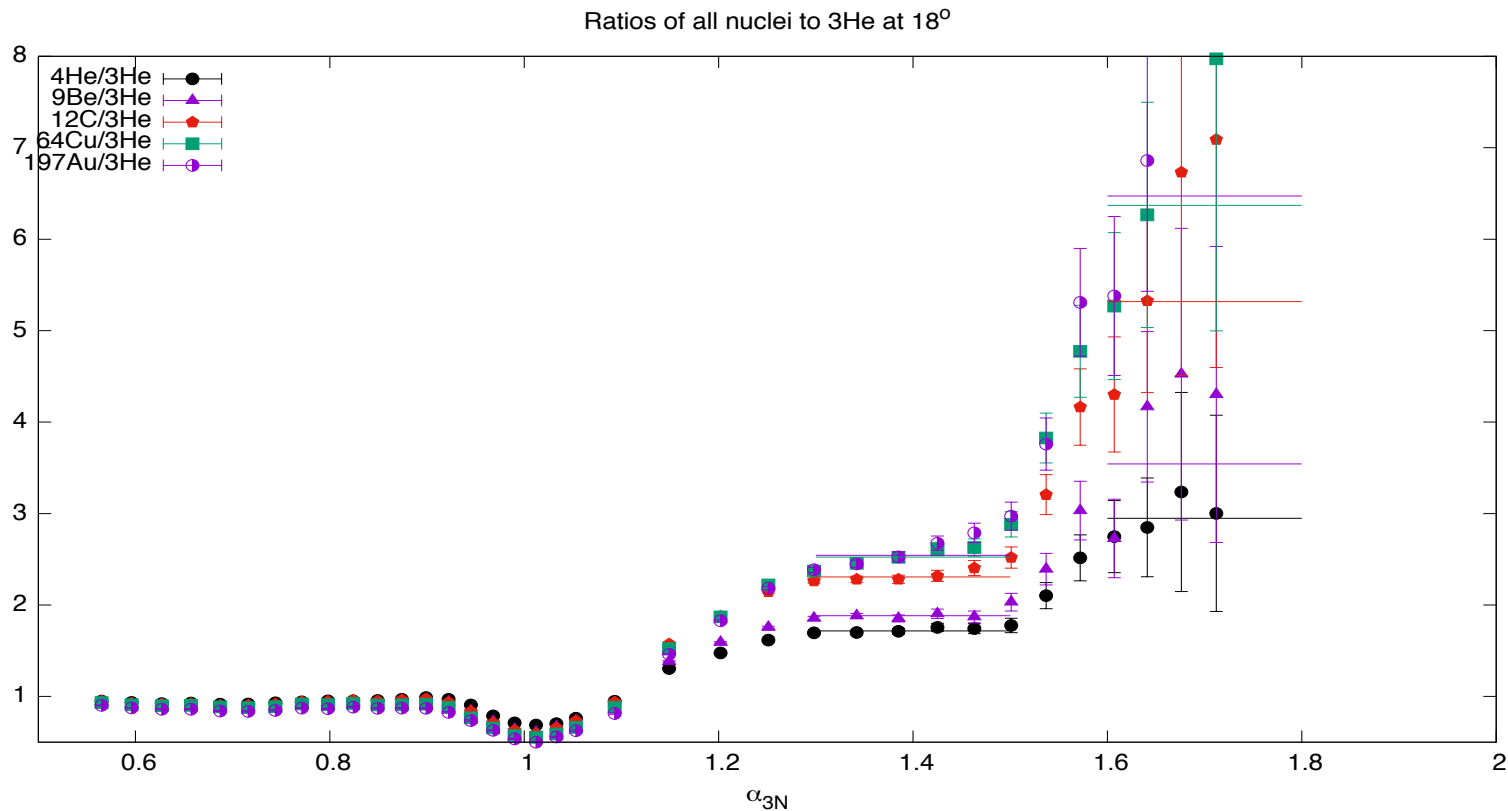
3N SRC model

$$R_2 = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}(\alpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(\alpha_{3N})} \quad 1.3 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.5$$

$$1.6 \leq \alpha_{3N} < 3$$

$$R_3 = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}(\alpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(\alpha_{3N})} \quad 1.6 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.8$$

$$R_3(A, Z) \approx R_2(A, Z)^2$$



3N SRC model

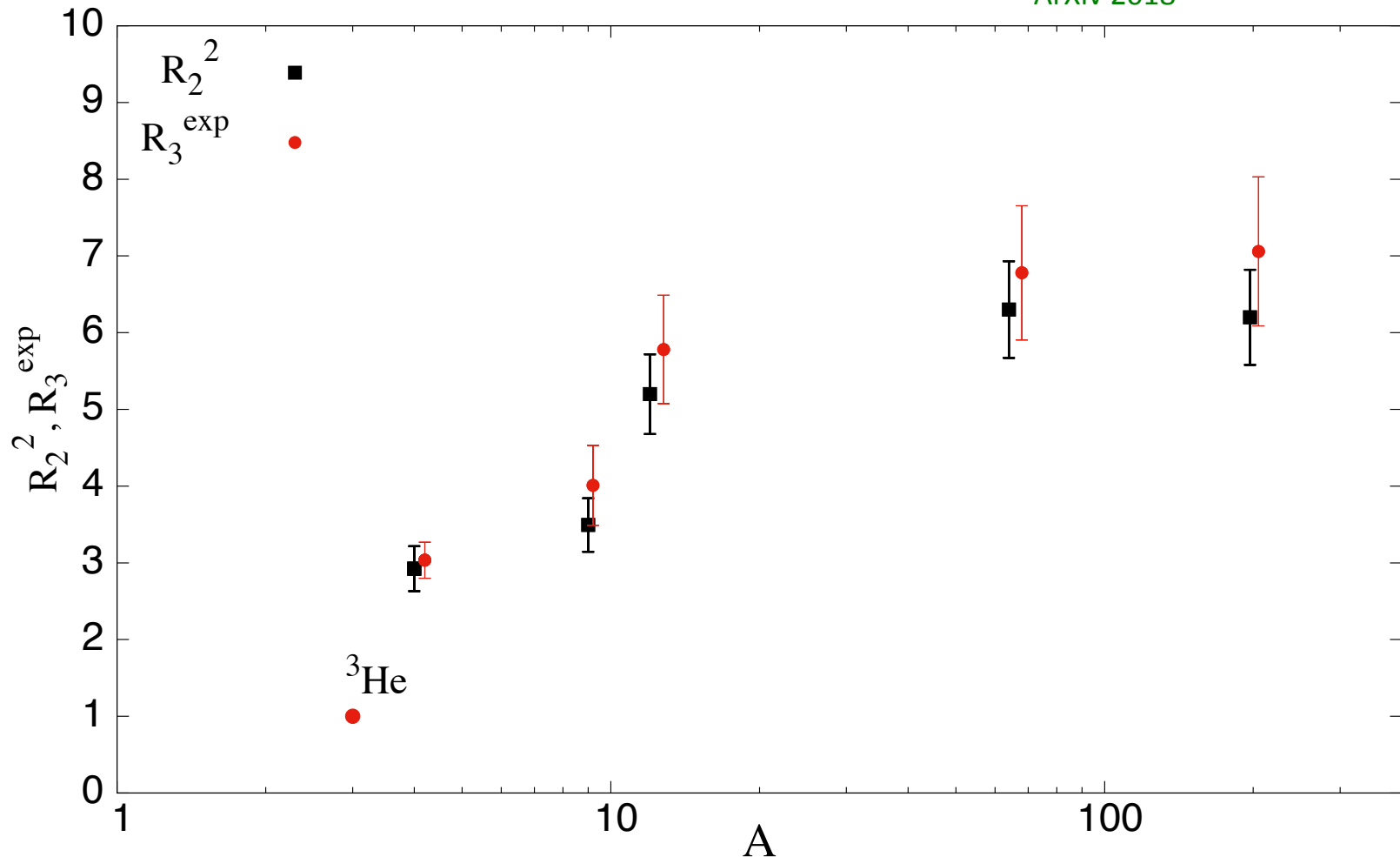
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$$R_3(A) = R_2(A)^2$$

D.Day, L.Frankfurt, M.S, M.Strikman
ArXiv 2018



3N SRC model

Defining:
$$a_3(A, Z) = \frac{3}{A} \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{(\sigma_{e^3He} + \sigma_{e^3H})/2}$$

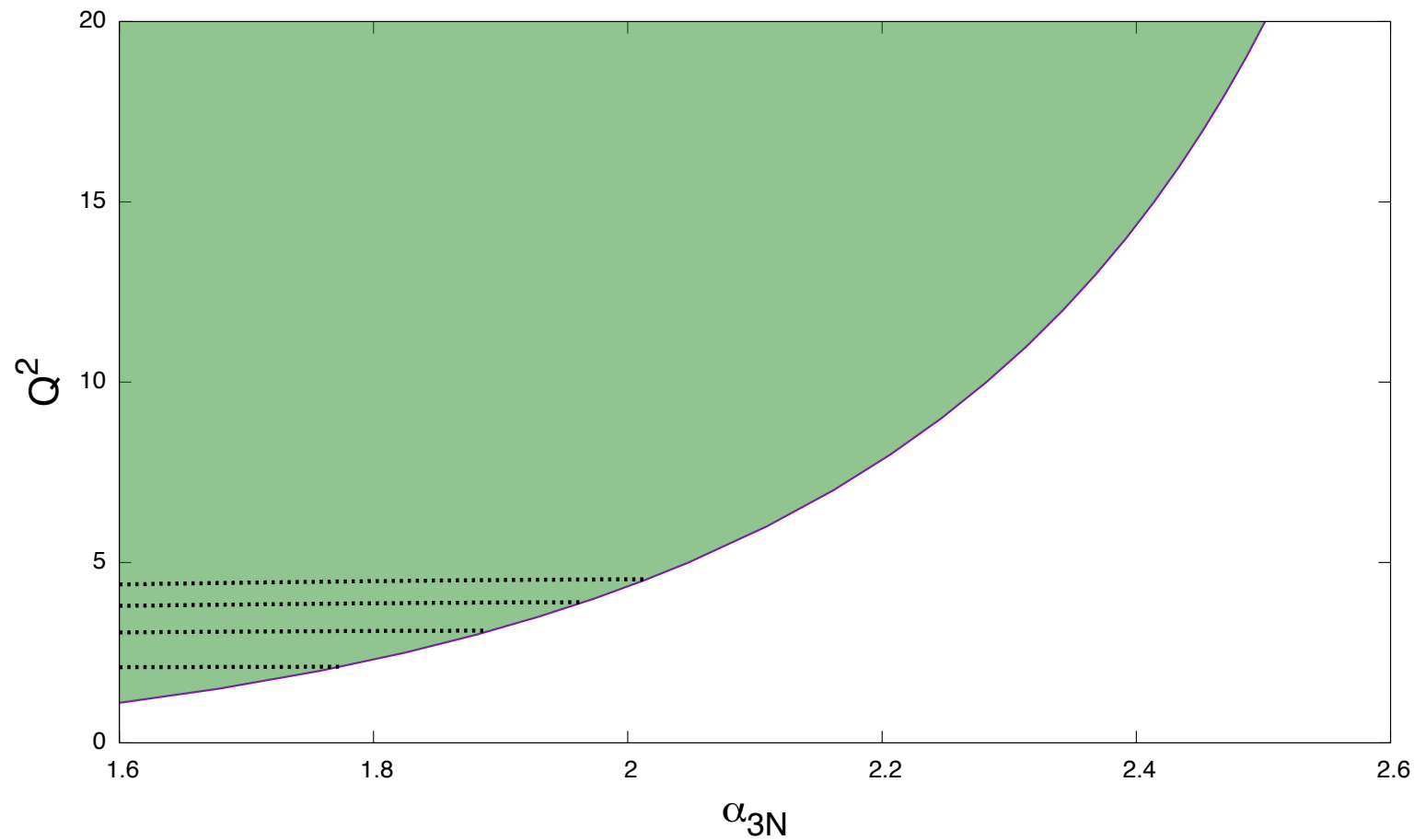
One relates:
$$a_3(A, Z) = \frac{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3}{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2} R_3(A, Z)$$

A	a ₂	R ₂	R ₂ ^{exp}	R ₂ ²	R ₃ ^{exp}	a ₃
3	2.14 ±0.04	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
4	3.66 ±0.07	1.71 ±0.026	1.722 ±0.013	2.924 ±0.29	3.034 ±0.23	4.55 ± 0.35
9	4.00 ±0.08	1.84 ±0.027	1.878 ±0.018	3.38 ±0.38	4.01 ±0.52	6.0 ± 0.78
12	4.88 ±0.10	2.28 ±0.027	2.301 ±0.021	5.2 ±0.5	5.78 ±0.71	8.7 ± 1.1
27	5.30 ±0.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
56	4.75 ±0.29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
64	5.37 ±0.11	2.51 ±0.027	2.502 ±0.024	6.3 ±0.63	6.780 ±0.875	10.2 ± 1.3
197	5.34 ±0.11	2.46 ±0.028	2.532 ±0.026	6.05 ±0.6	7.059 ±0.970	10.6 ± 1.5

3N SRC Summary & Outlook

- Proper variable for studies of 2N and 3N SRS are Light-Cone momentum fractions: α_{2N}, α_{3N}
- In 2N SRC region: $\alpha_{2N} \approx \alpha_{3N}$, so α_{3N} is good for all region
- It seems we observed first signatures of 3N SRCs in the form of the “scaling”
- Existing data in agreement with the prediction of: $R_3(A, Z) \approx R_2(A, Z)^2$
- Unambiguous verification will require larger Q^2 data to cover larger α_{3N} region
- Reaching $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ will allow to reach: $\alpha_{3N} > 2$

3N SRC Outlook



For finite Q^2 - 2N SRCs

