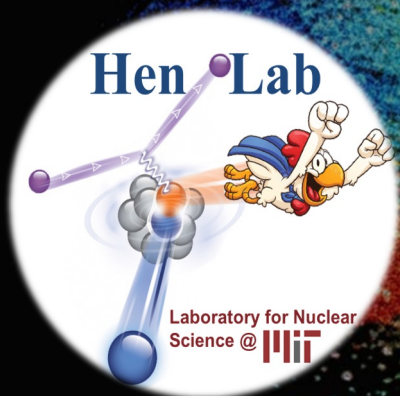


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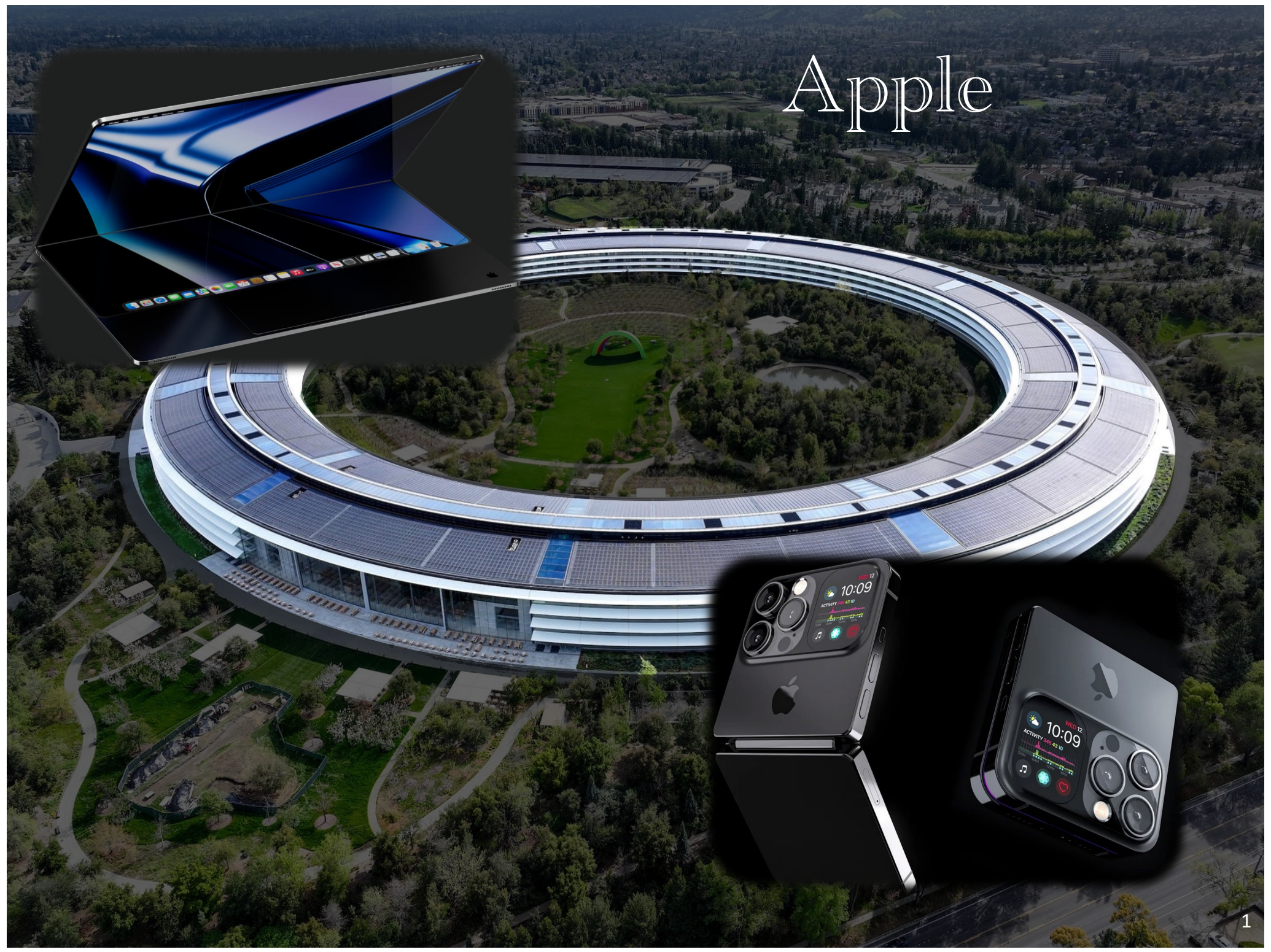


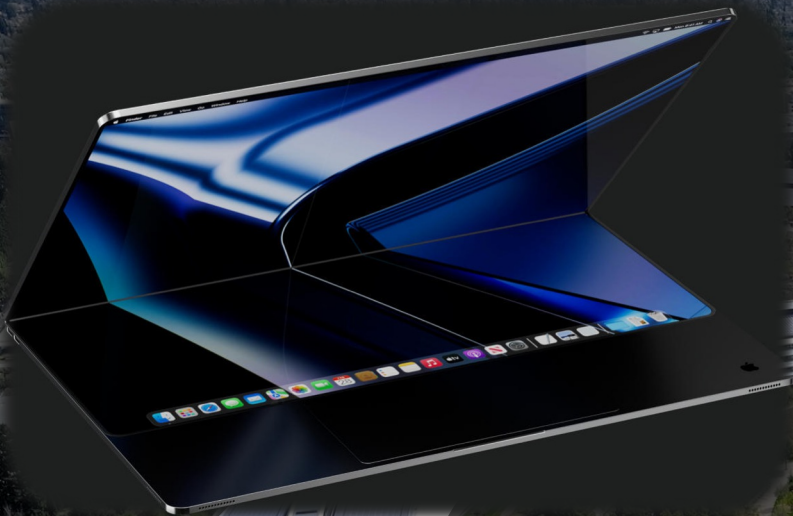


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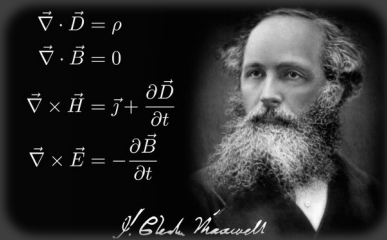
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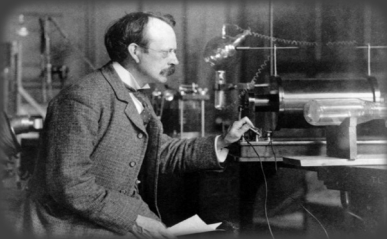


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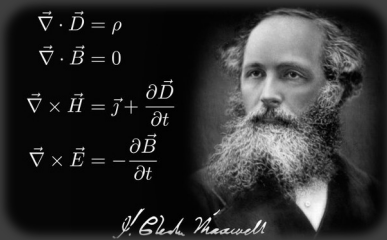
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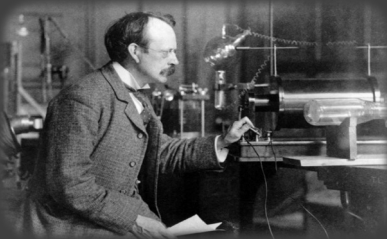
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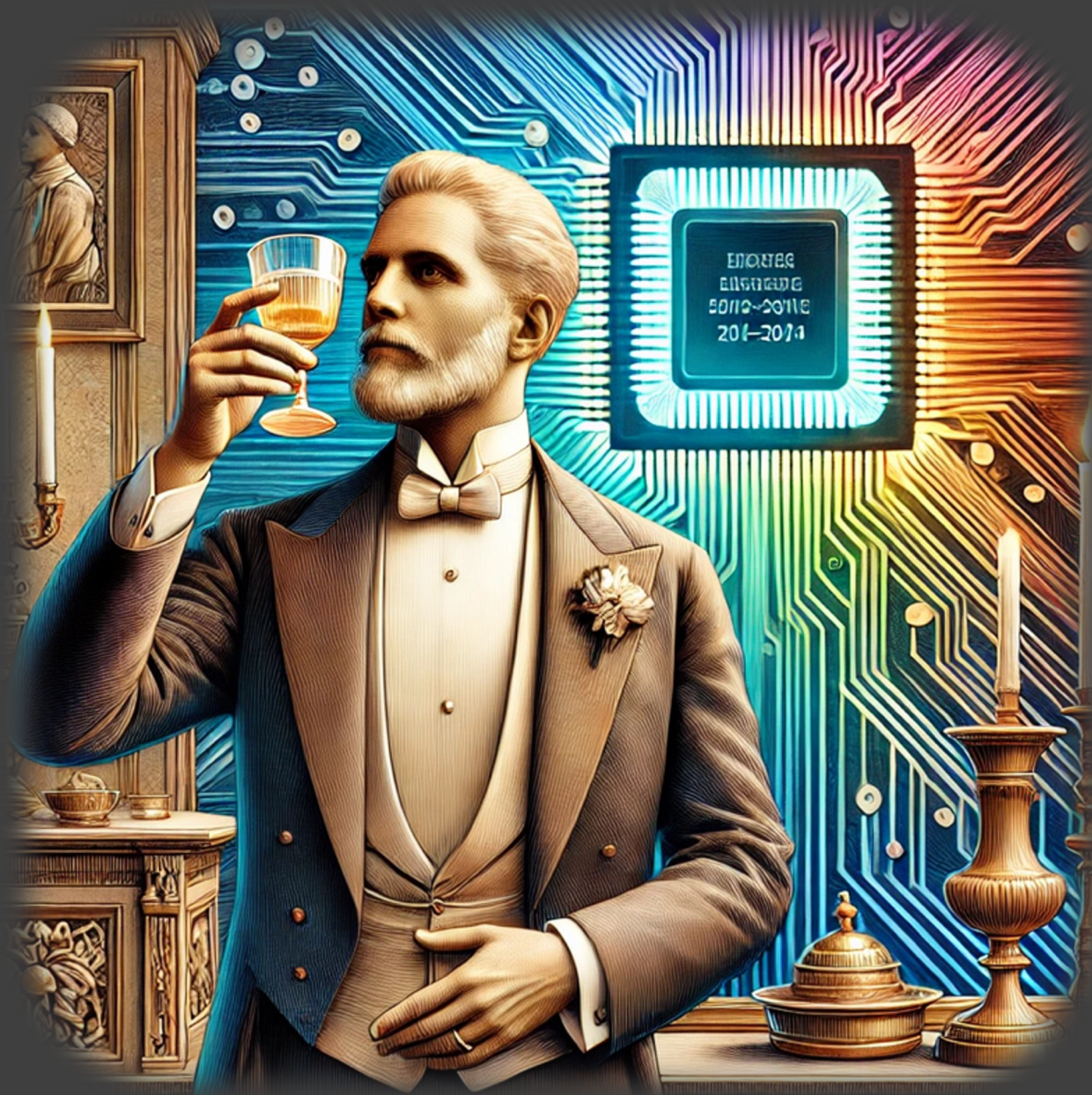
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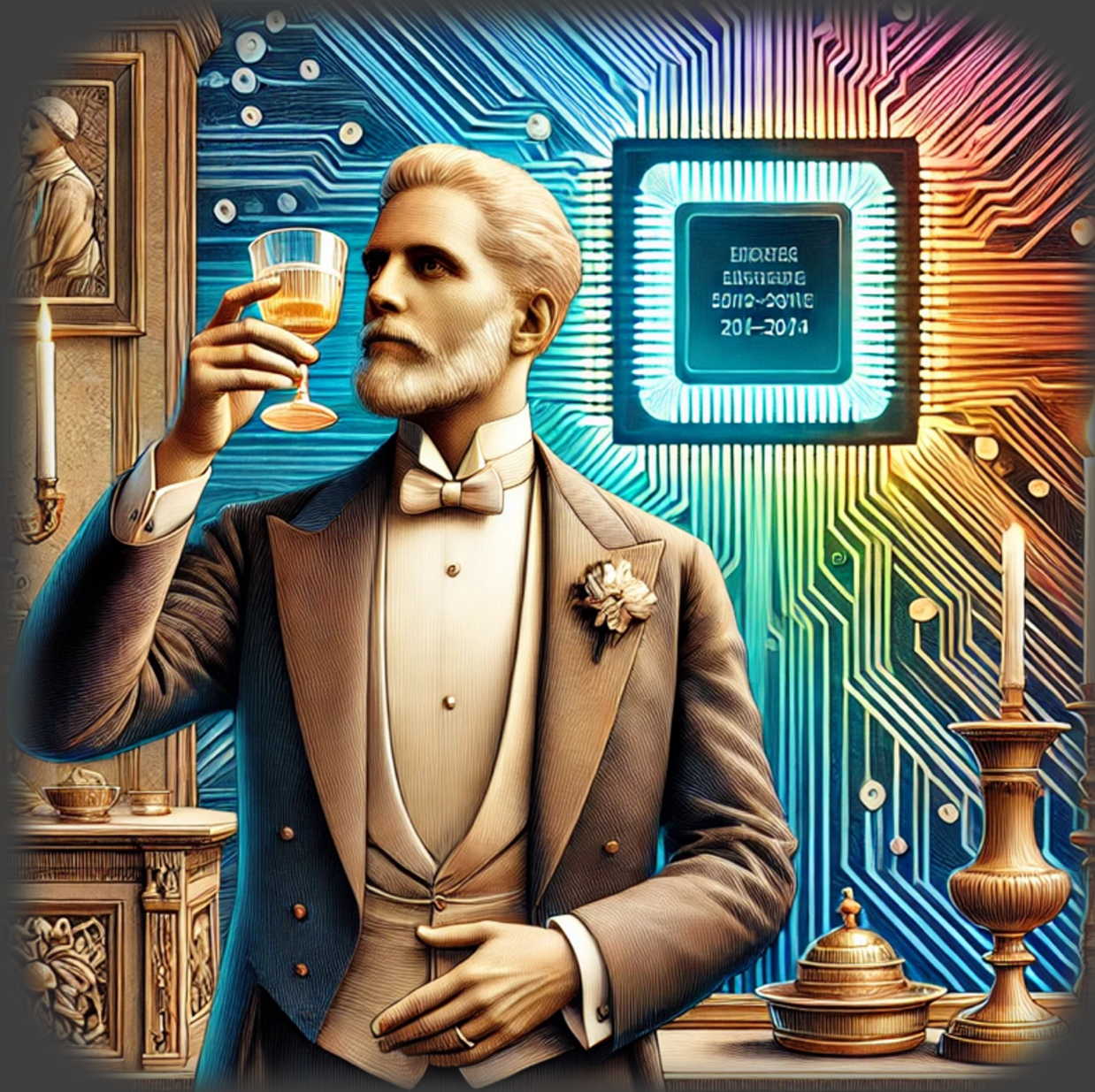
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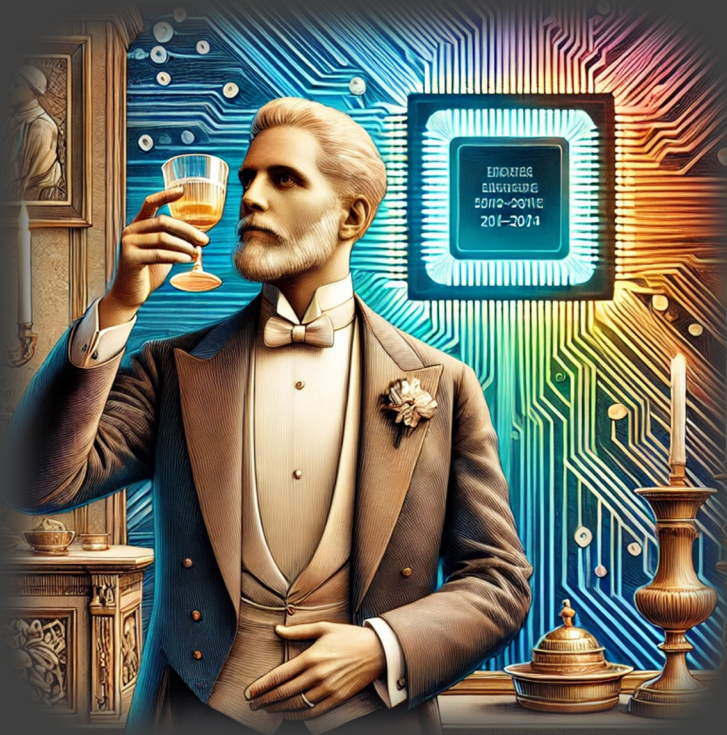
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Why do we care?

Because deeper understanding
= A better world!



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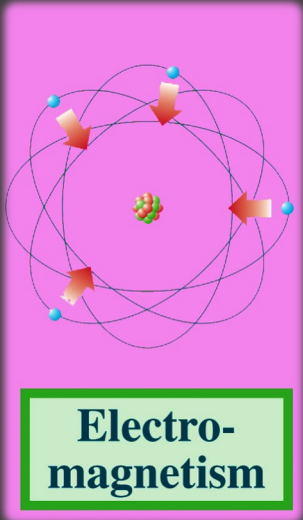
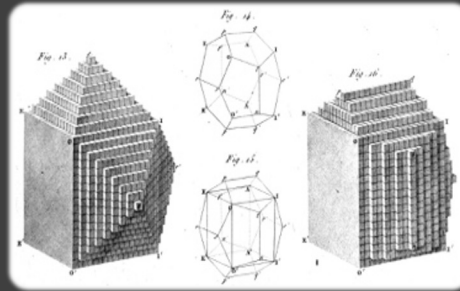
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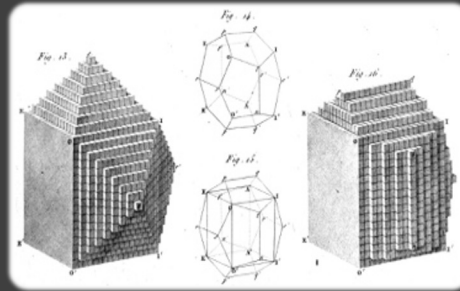
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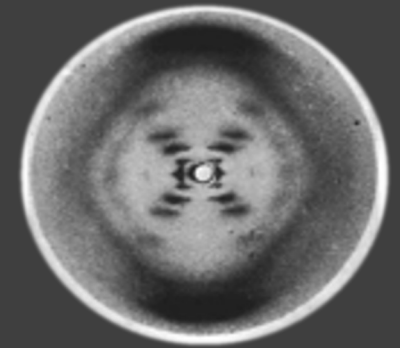
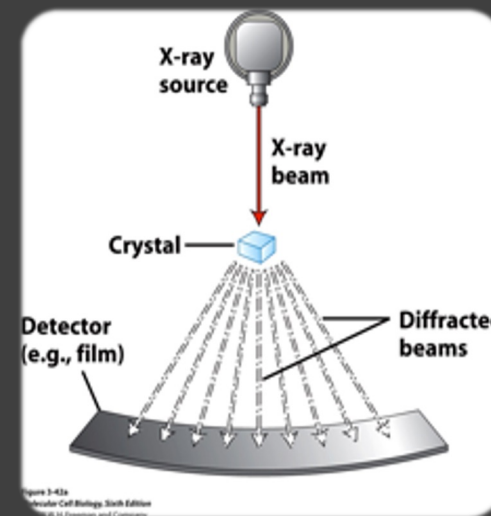
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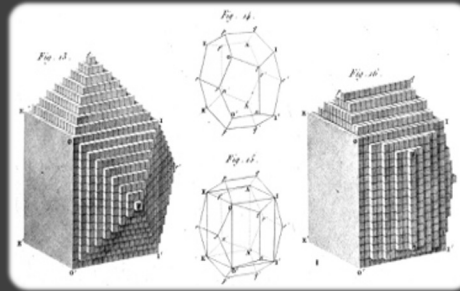
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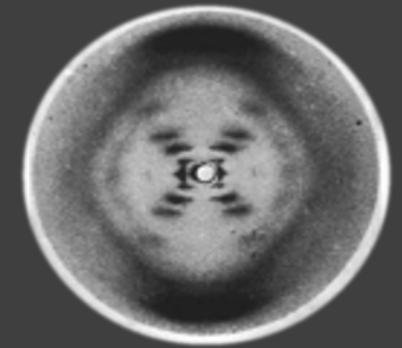
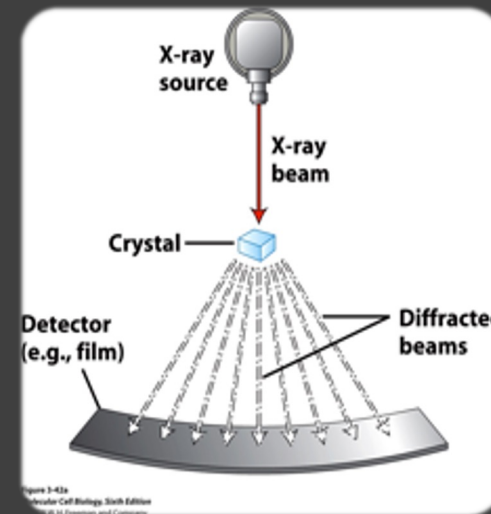
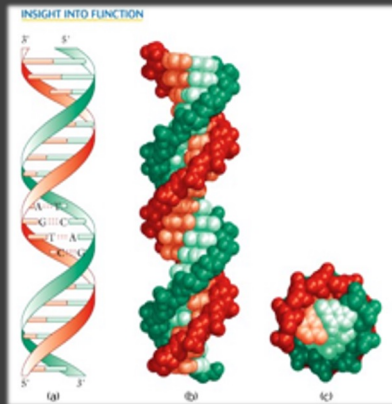
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Solid state physics,
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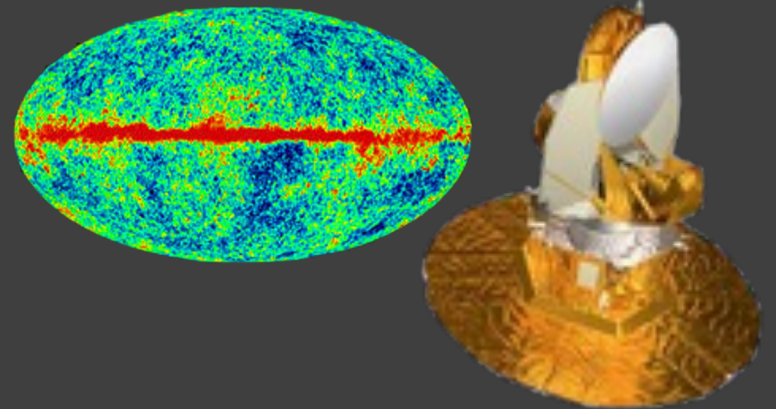


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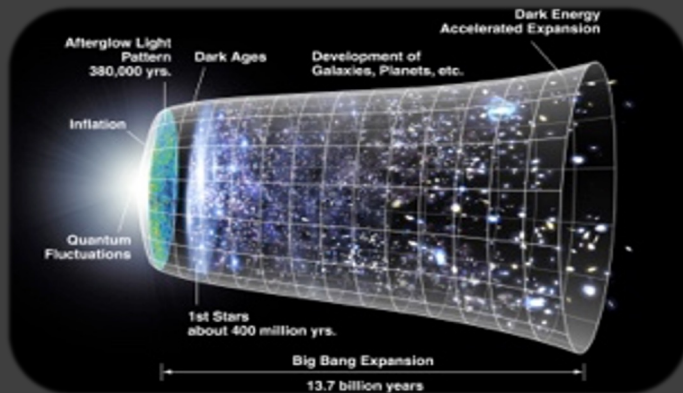
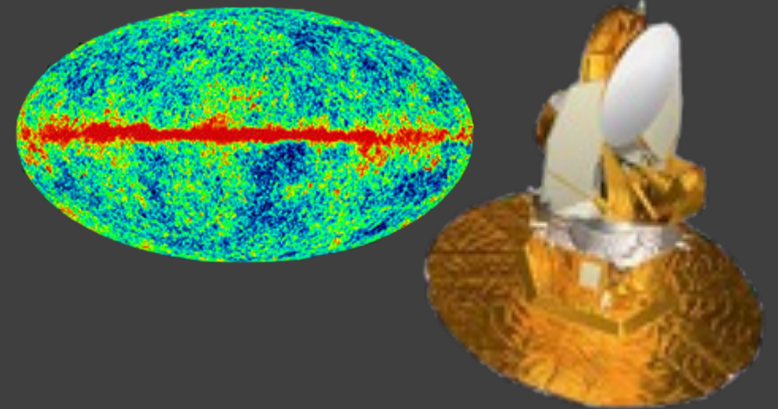
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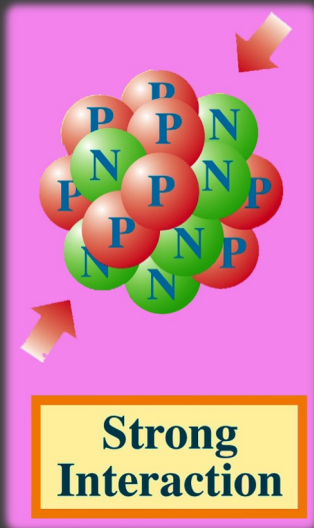
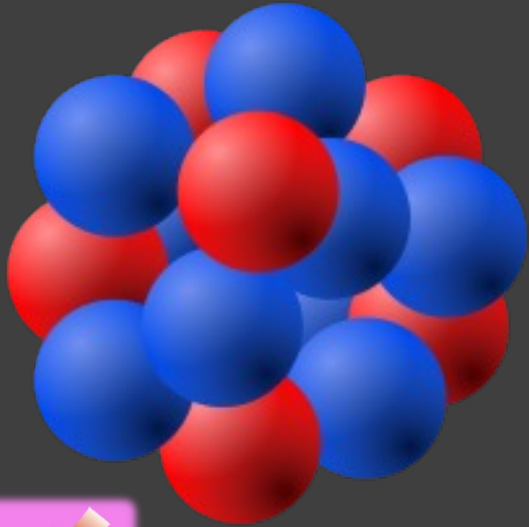


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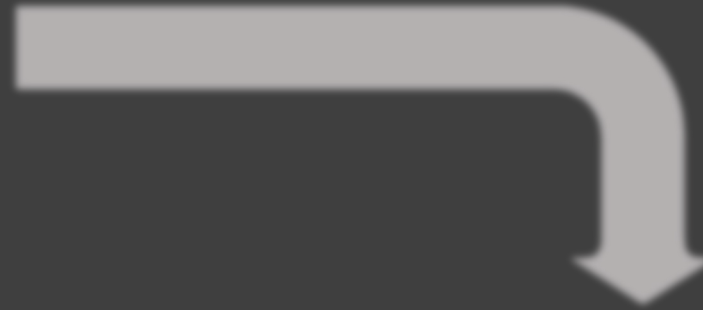
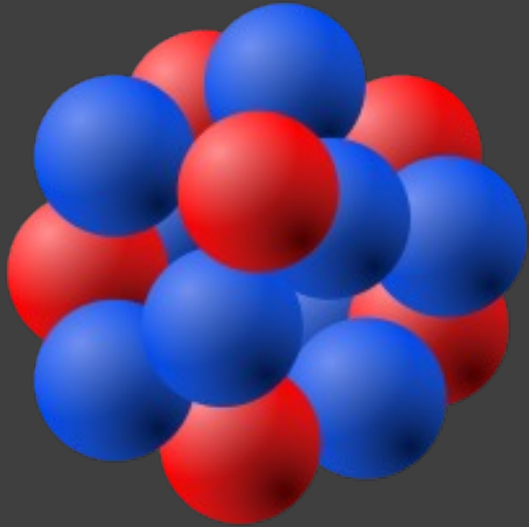


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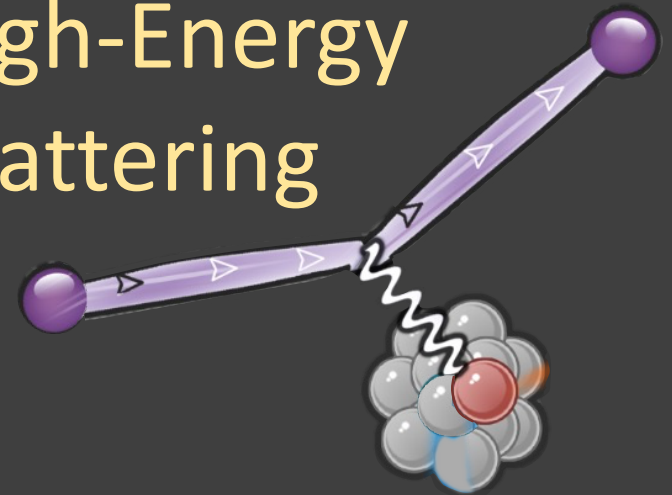
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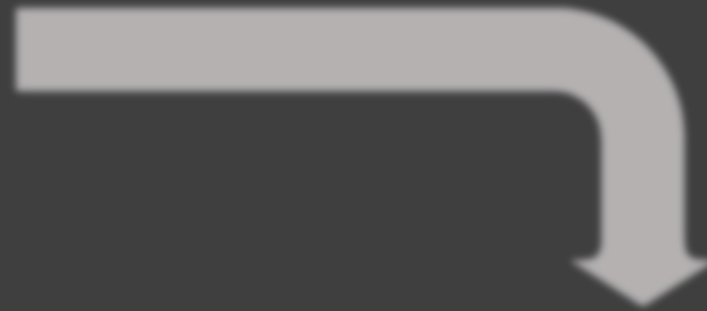
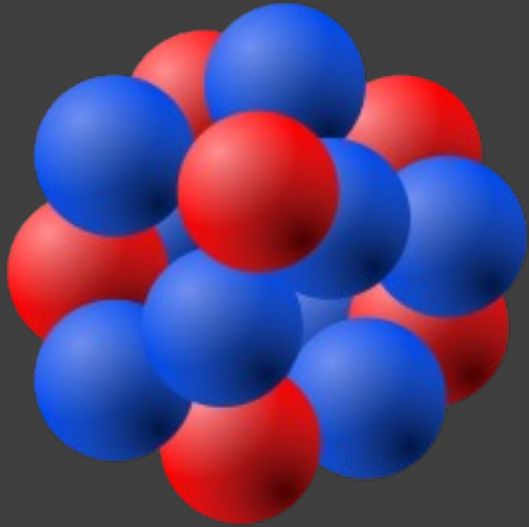
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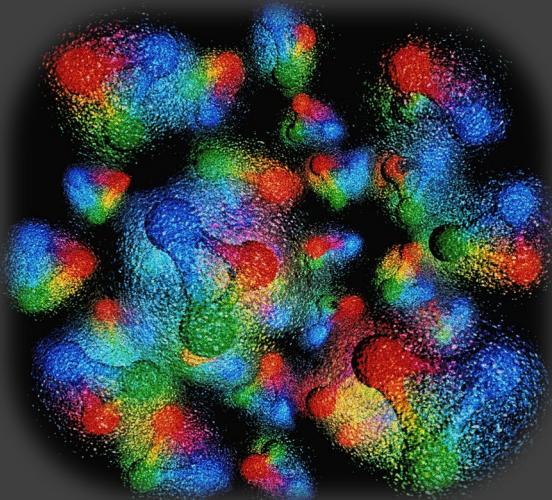
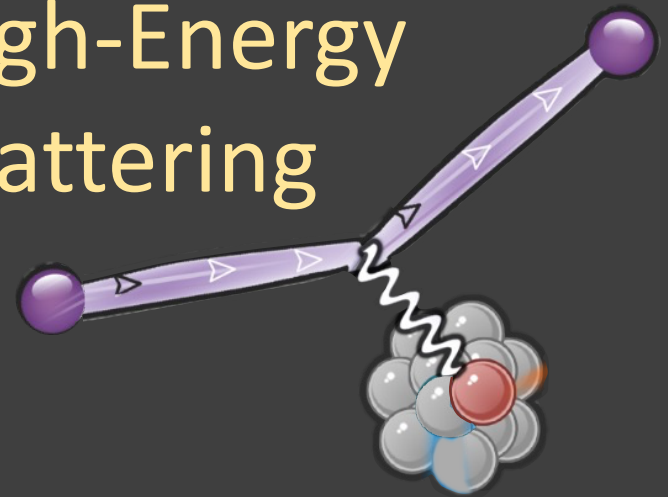
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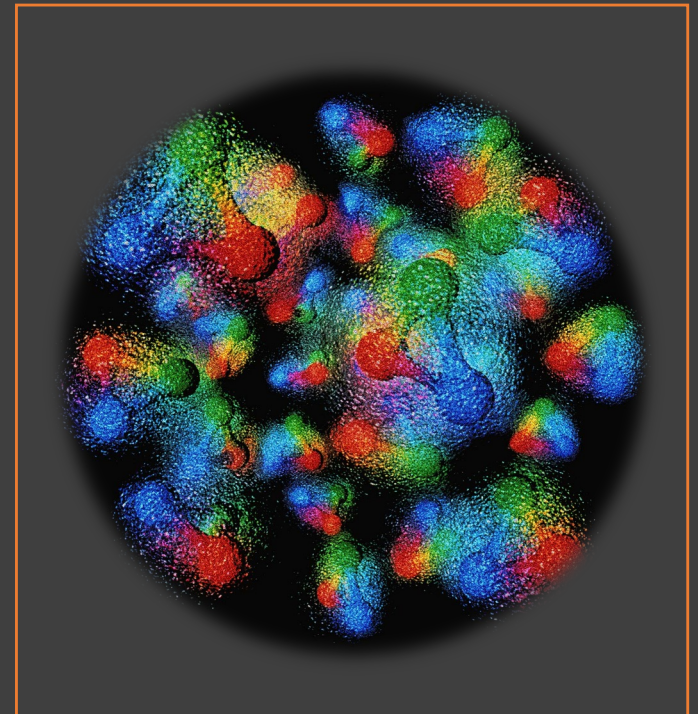
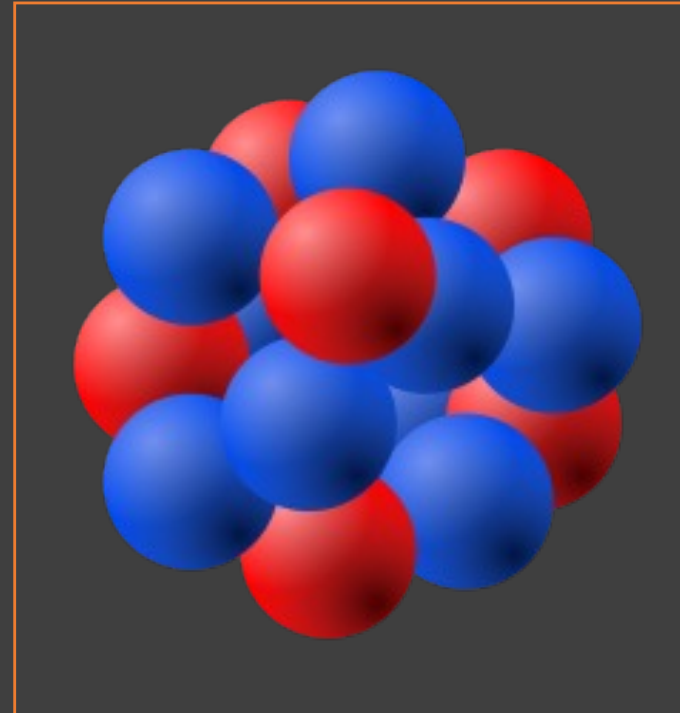
Standard Model

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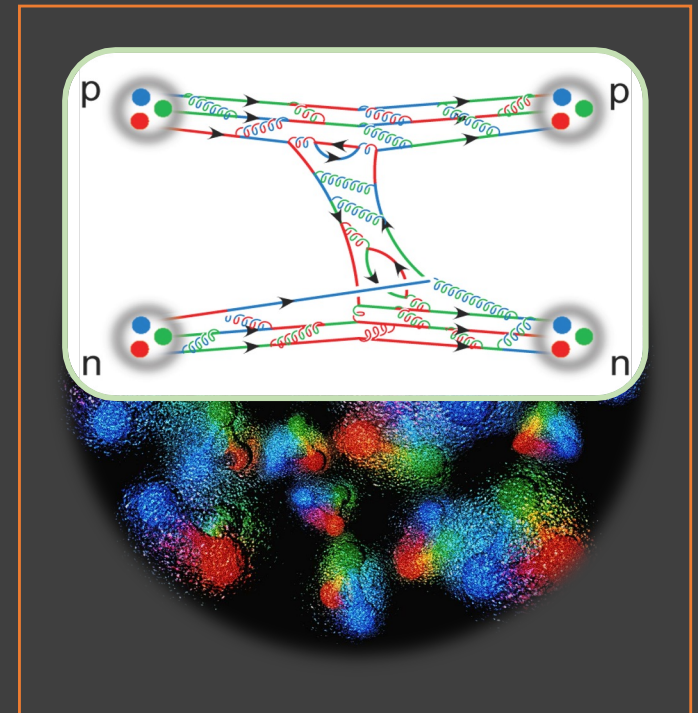
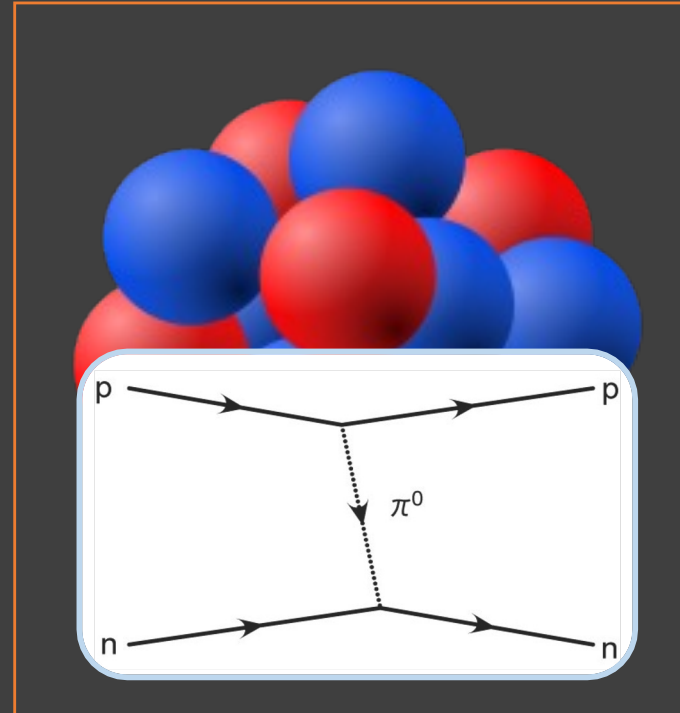


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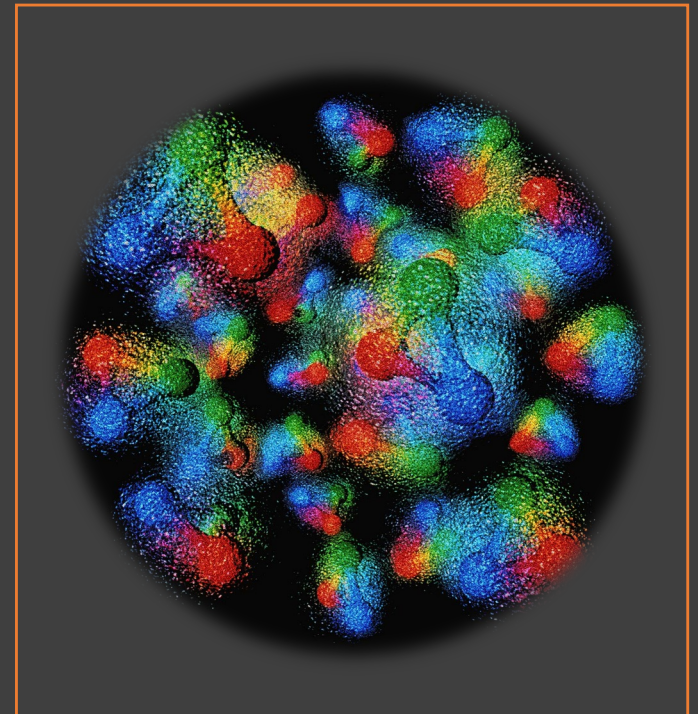
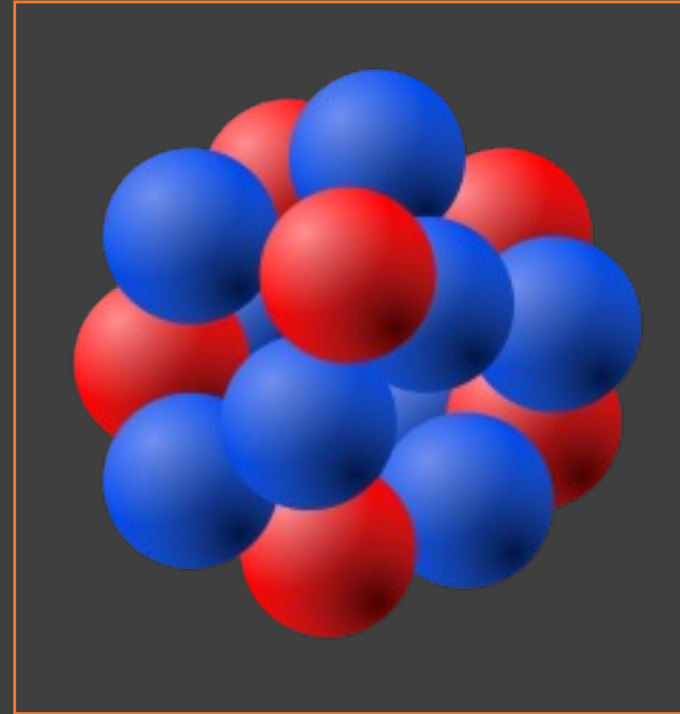


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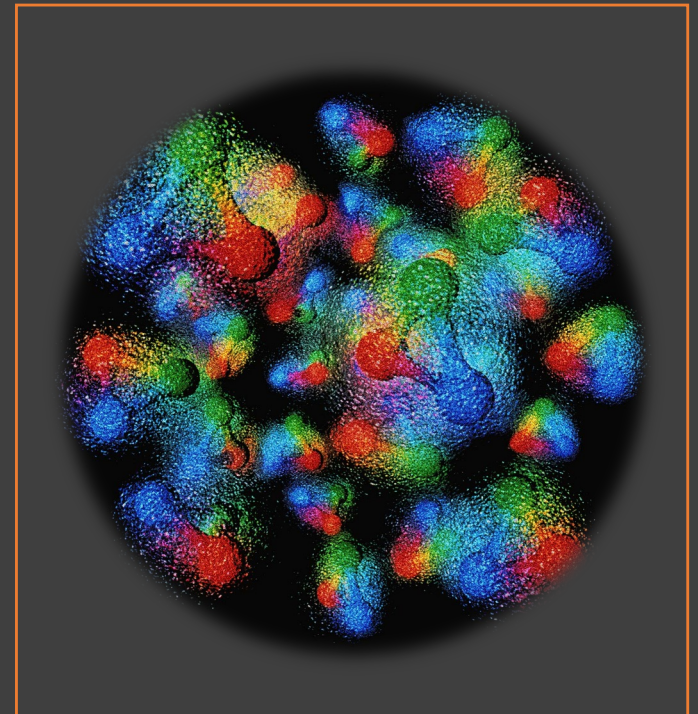
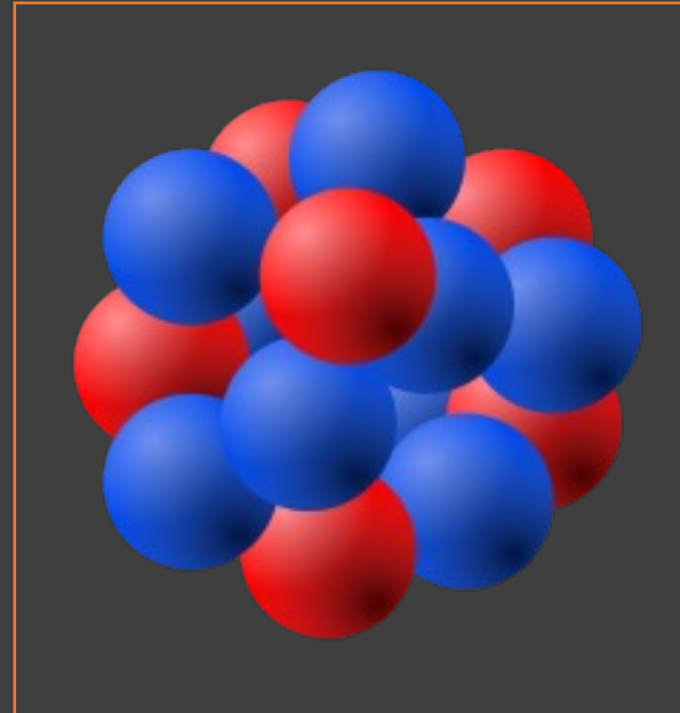


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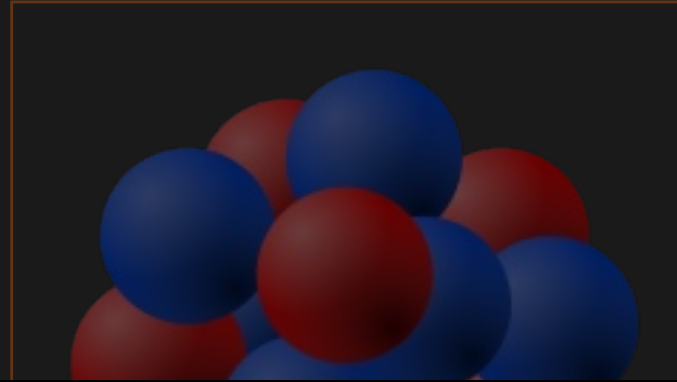
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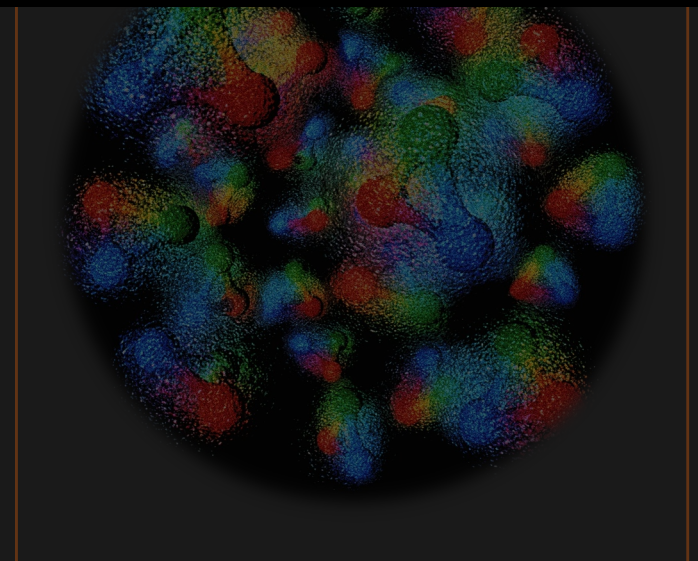


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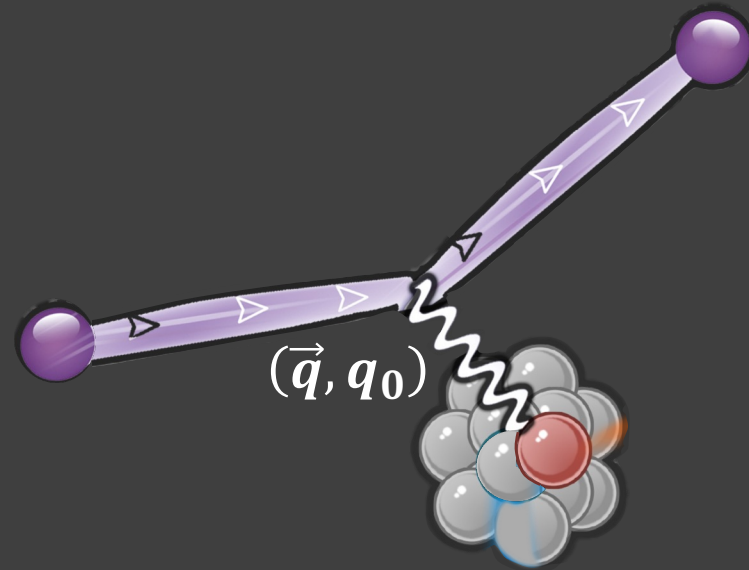
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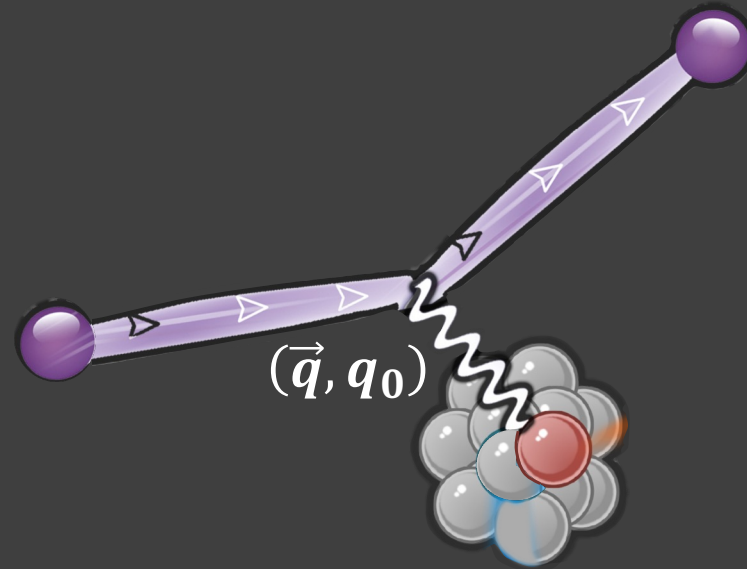


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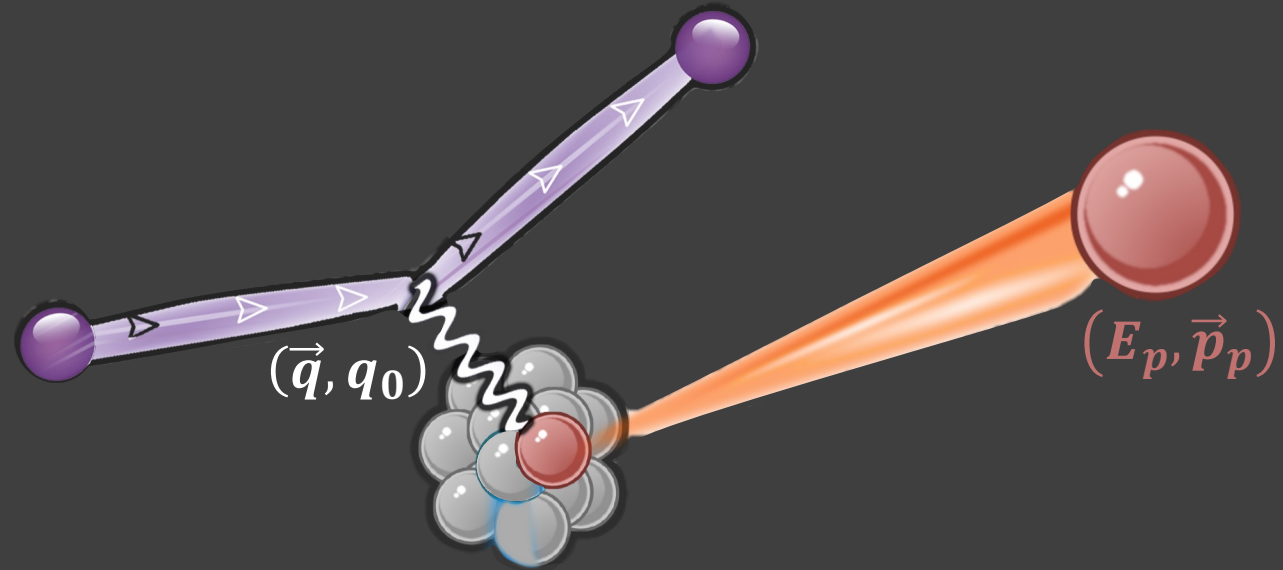


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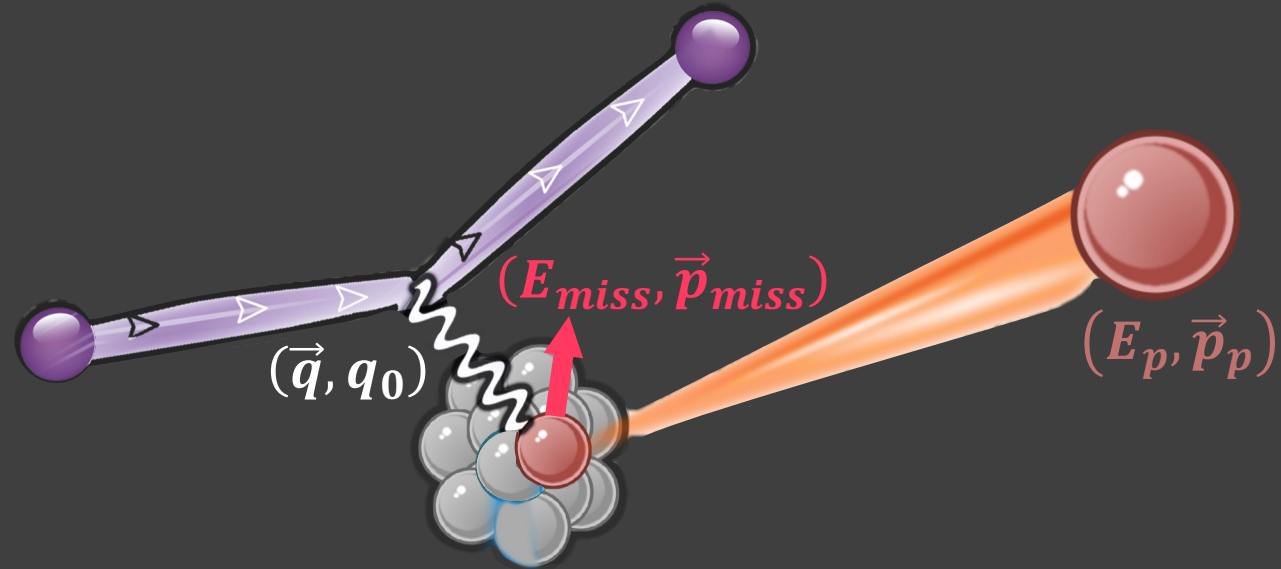
Reaction scale \gg Nuclear energy scale

$$q_0, \vec{q} > 1 \text{ GeV} \gg |V_{NN}|, 2 k_F$$

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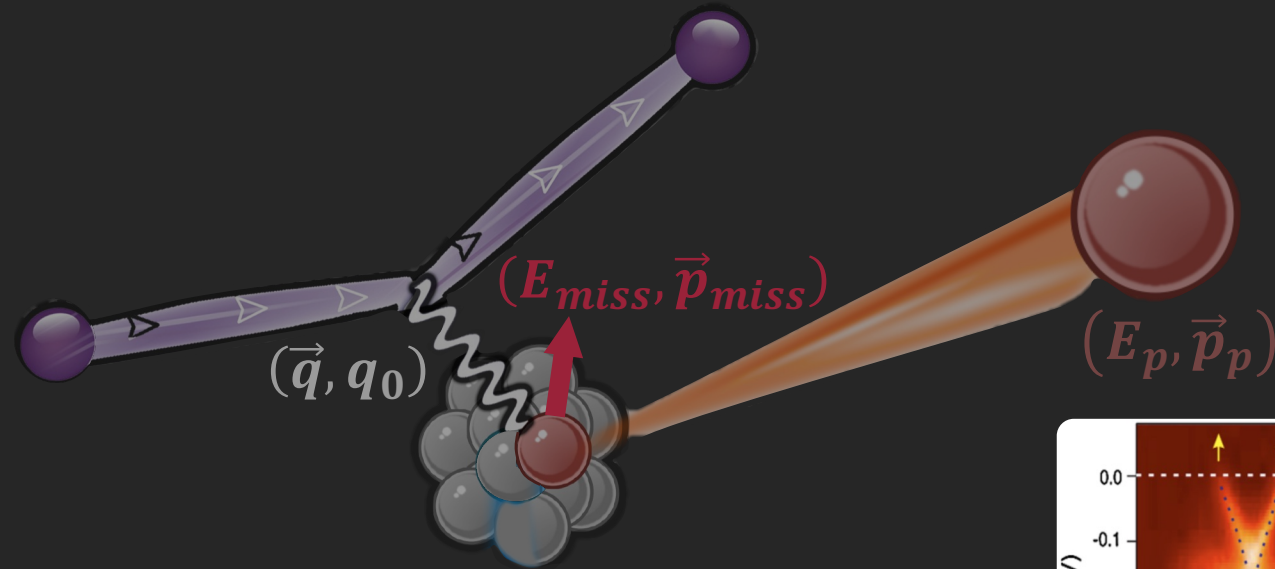


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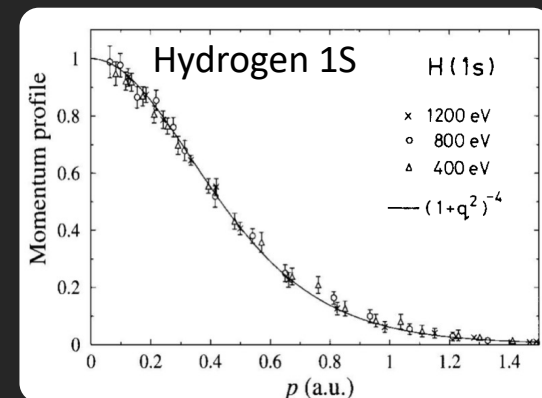
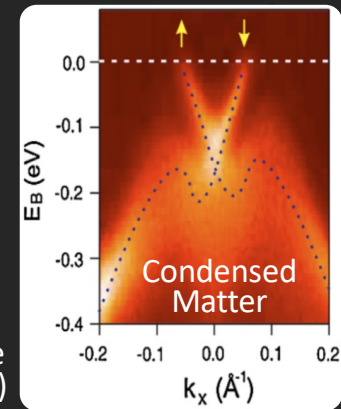
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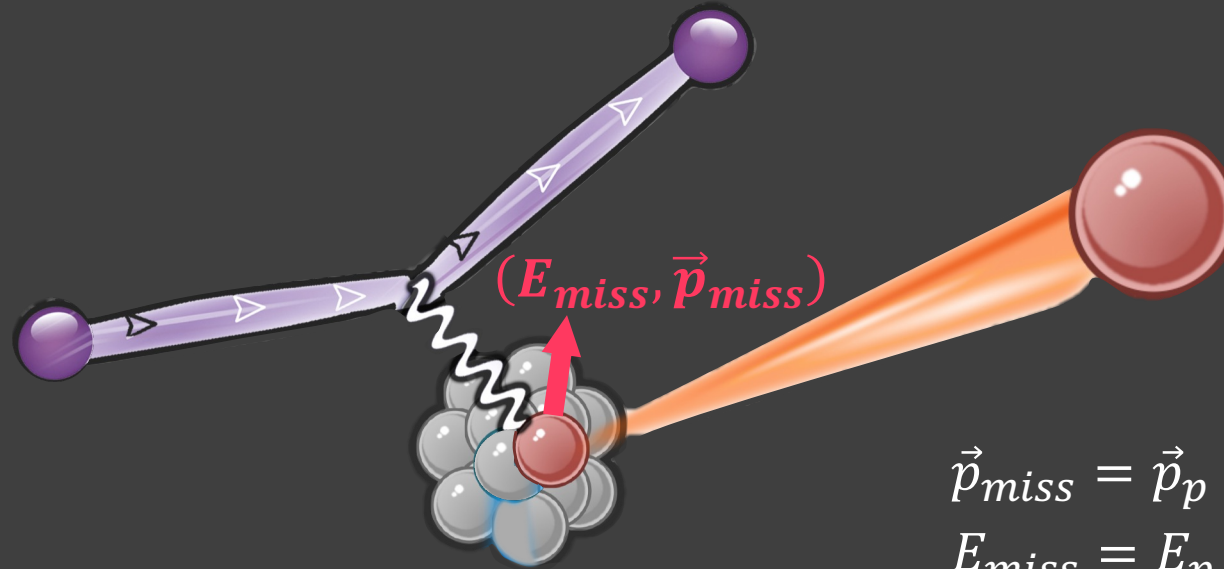
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(γ, e) ARPES: surface state bands (2009)



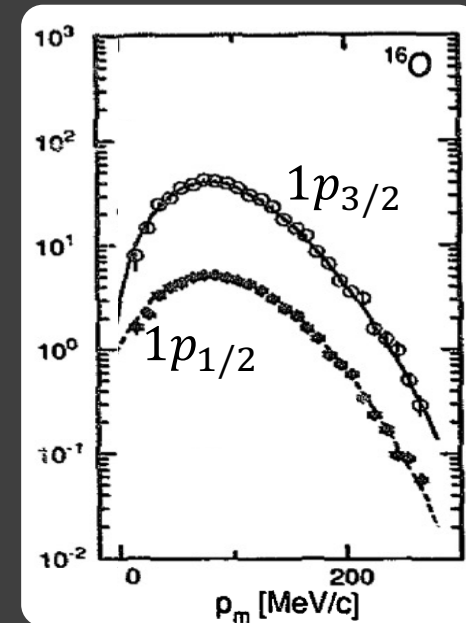
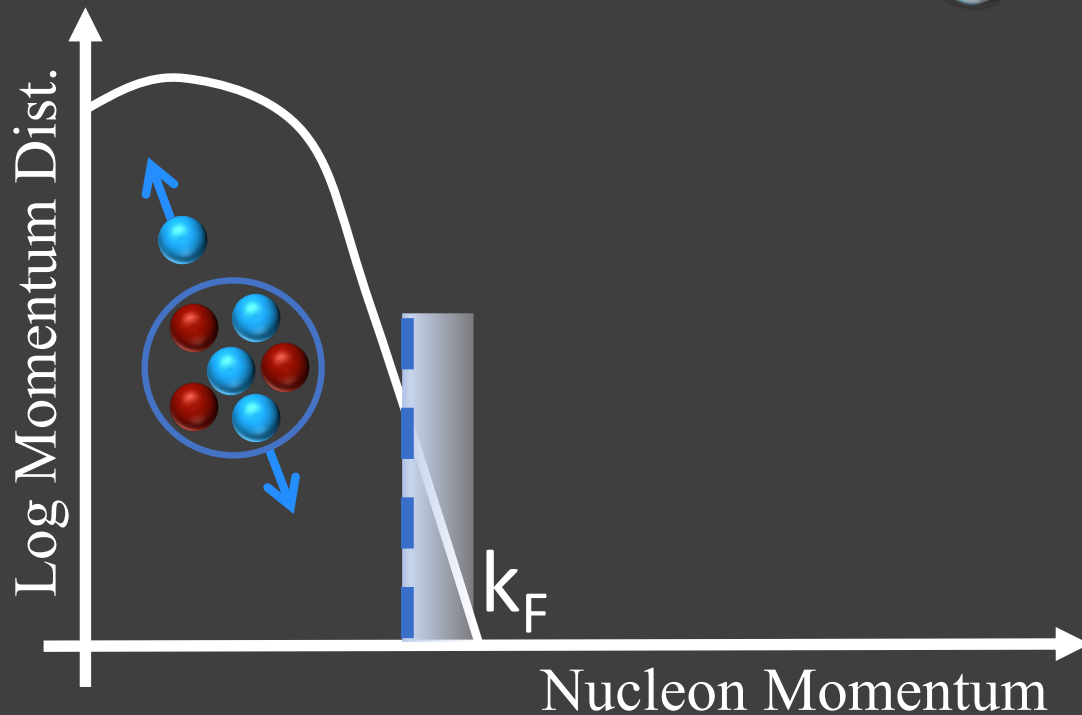
($e, 2e$) reduced cross-section (1981)

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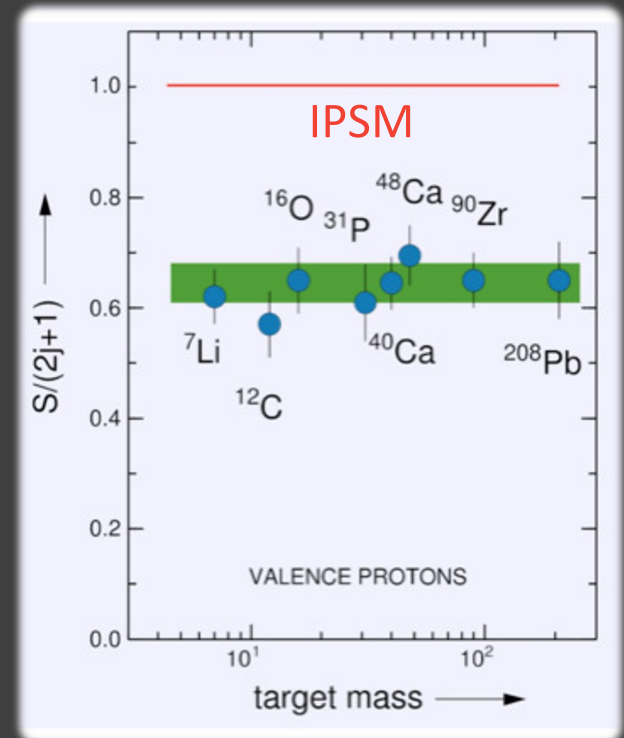
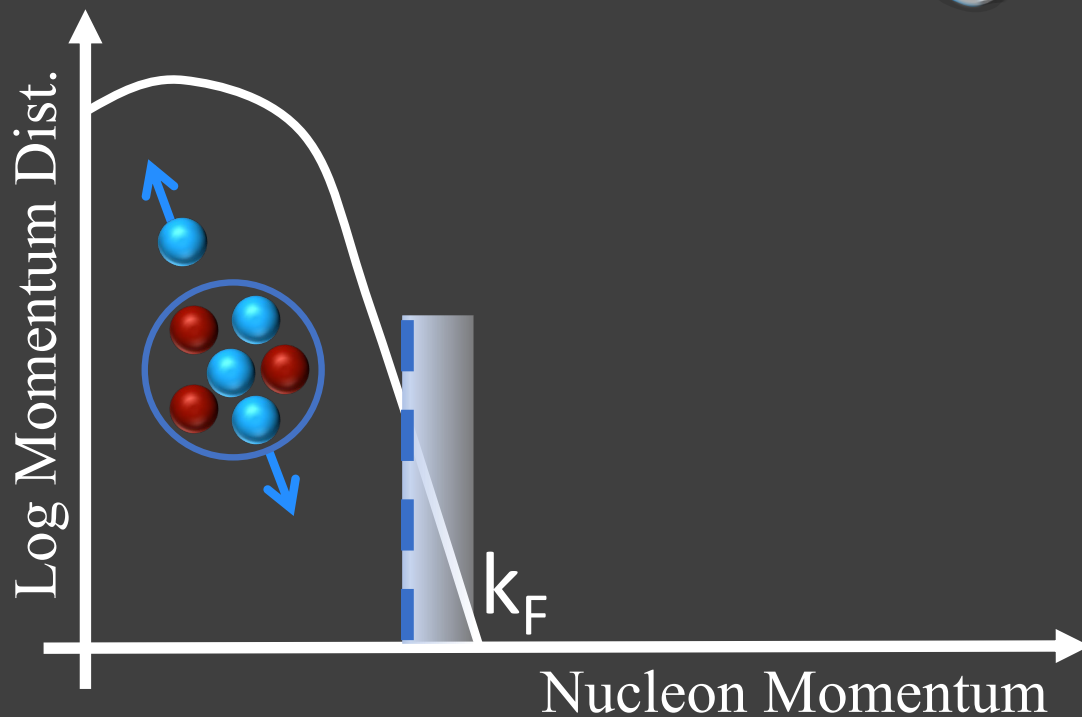
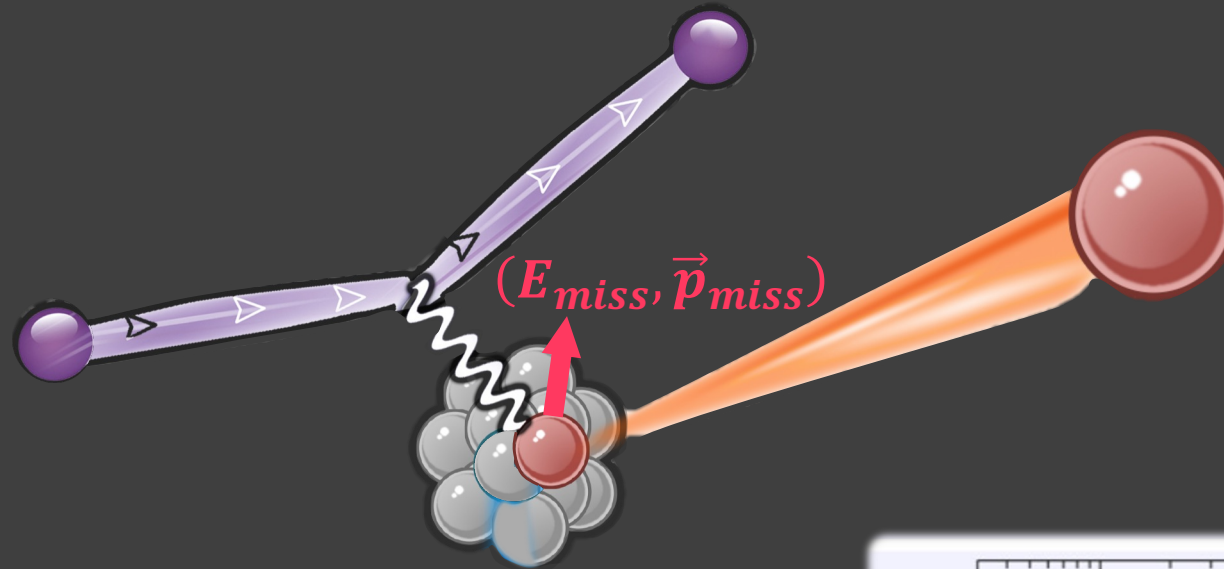


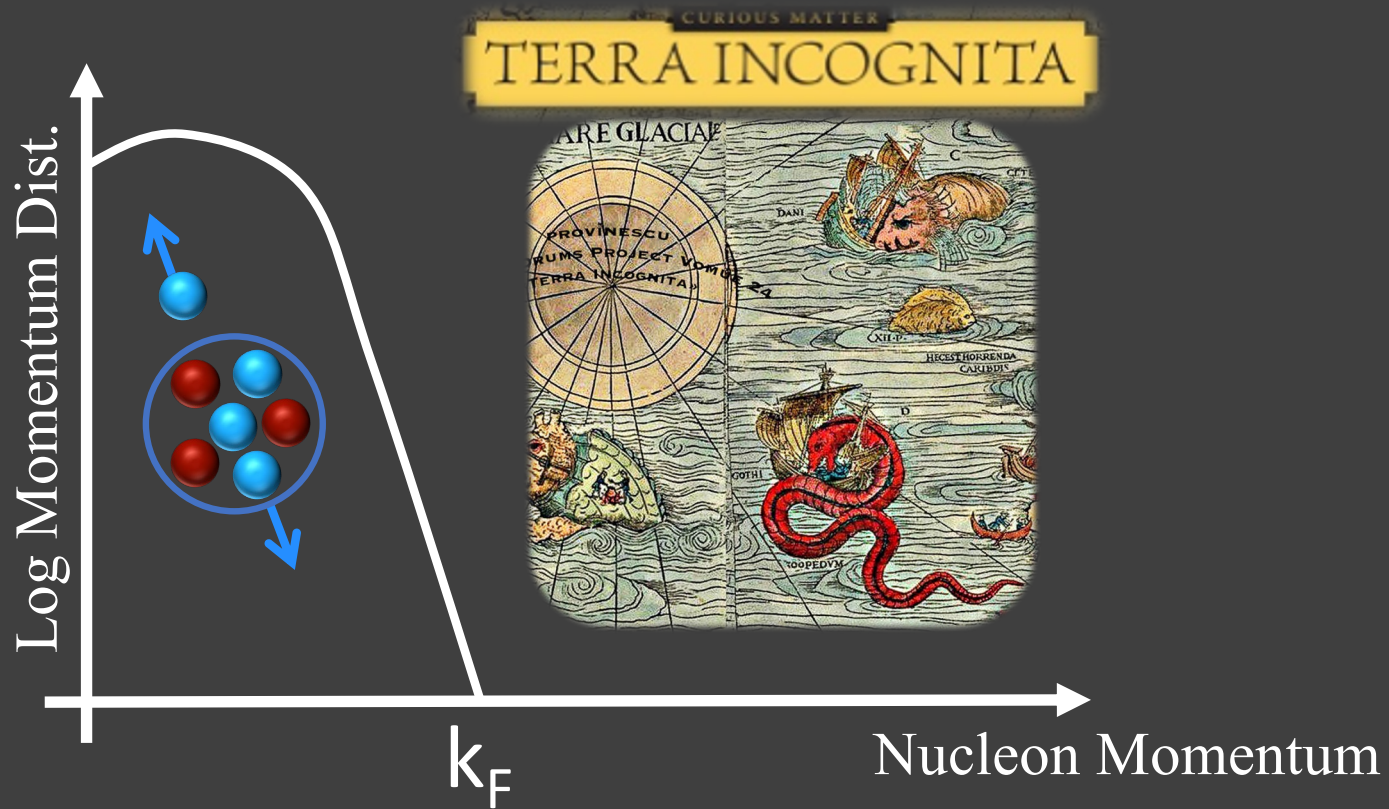
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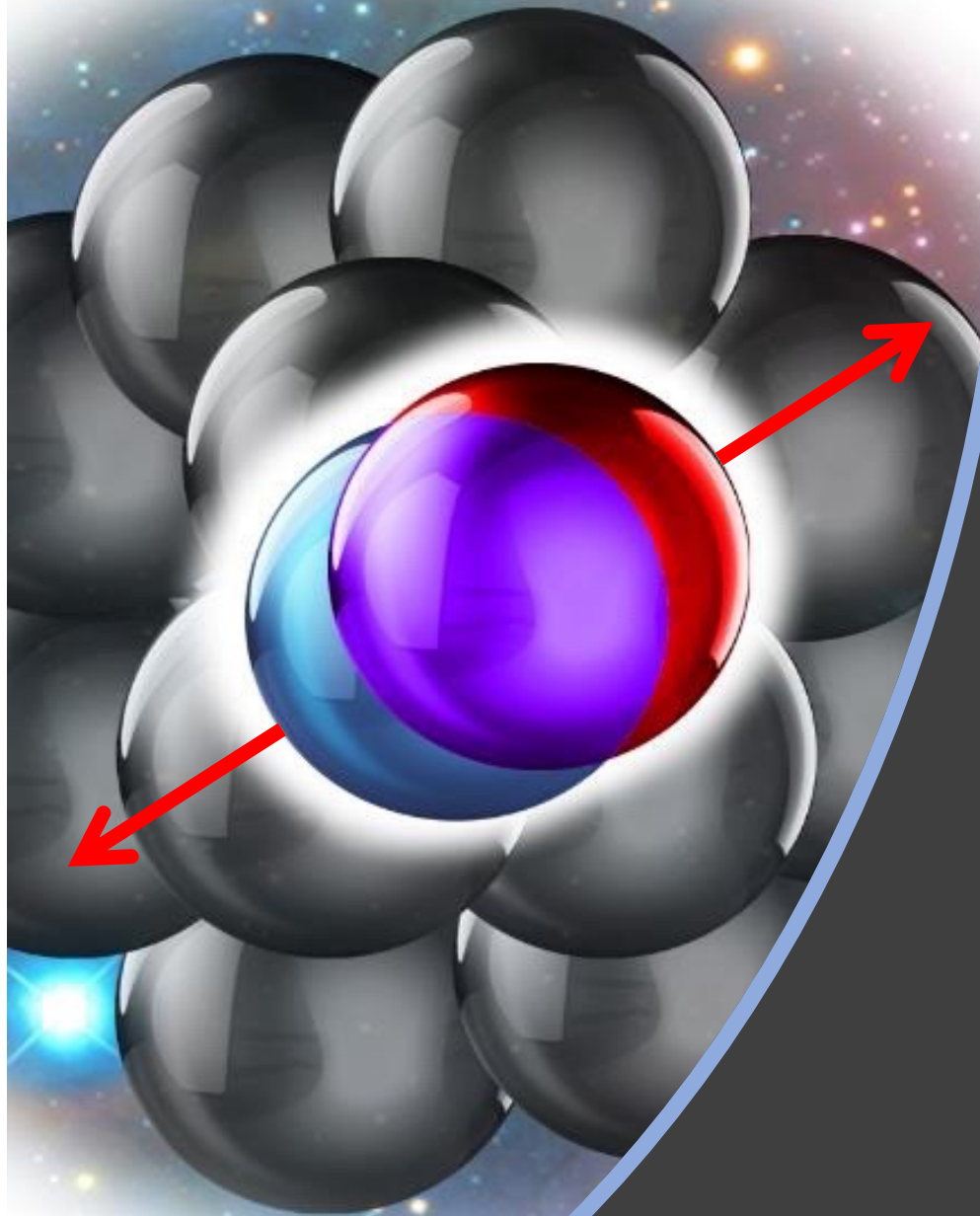
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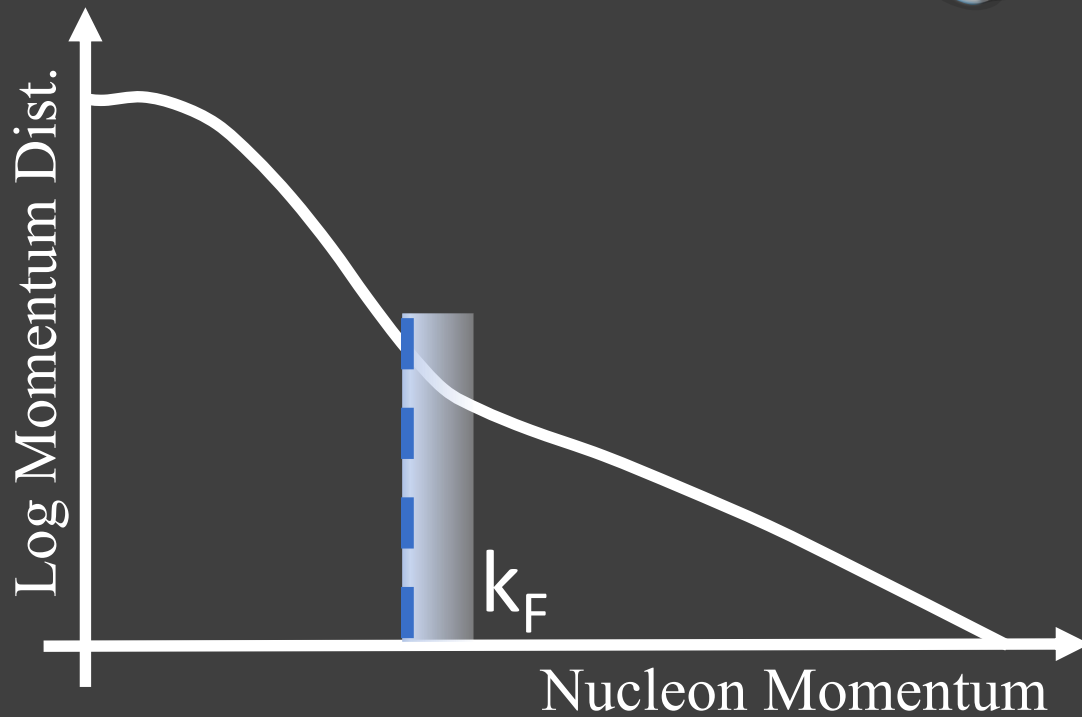
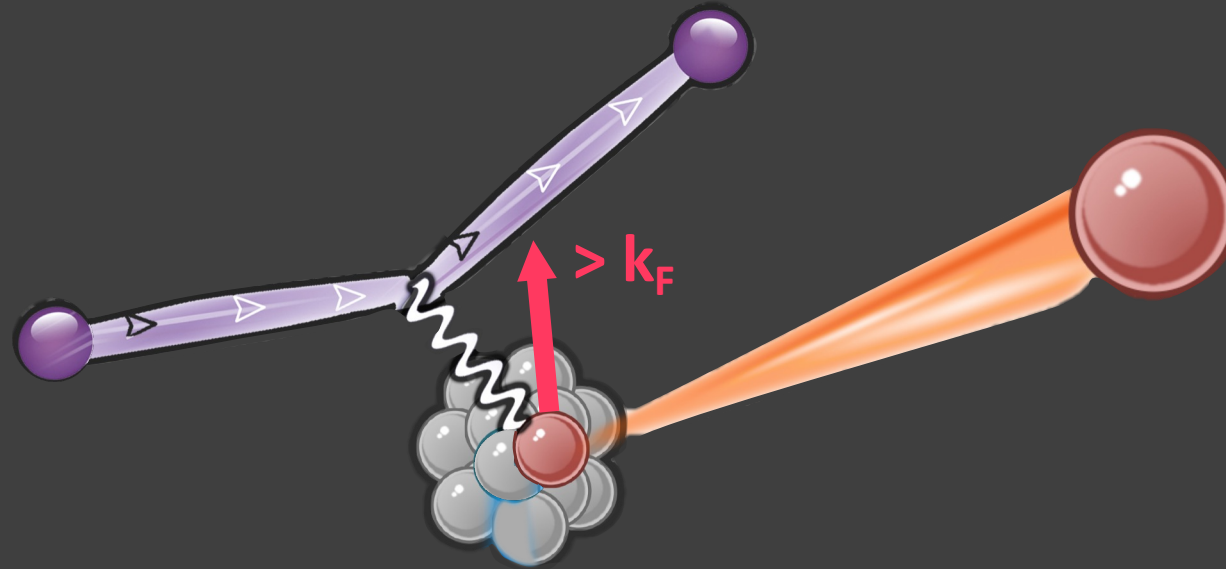


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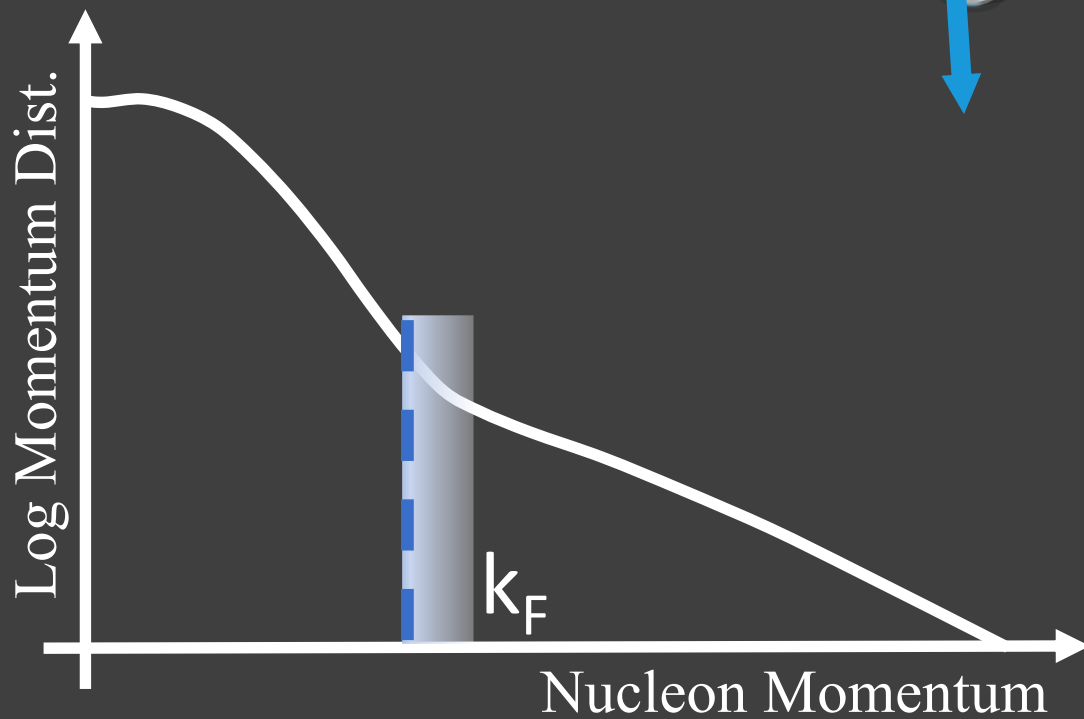
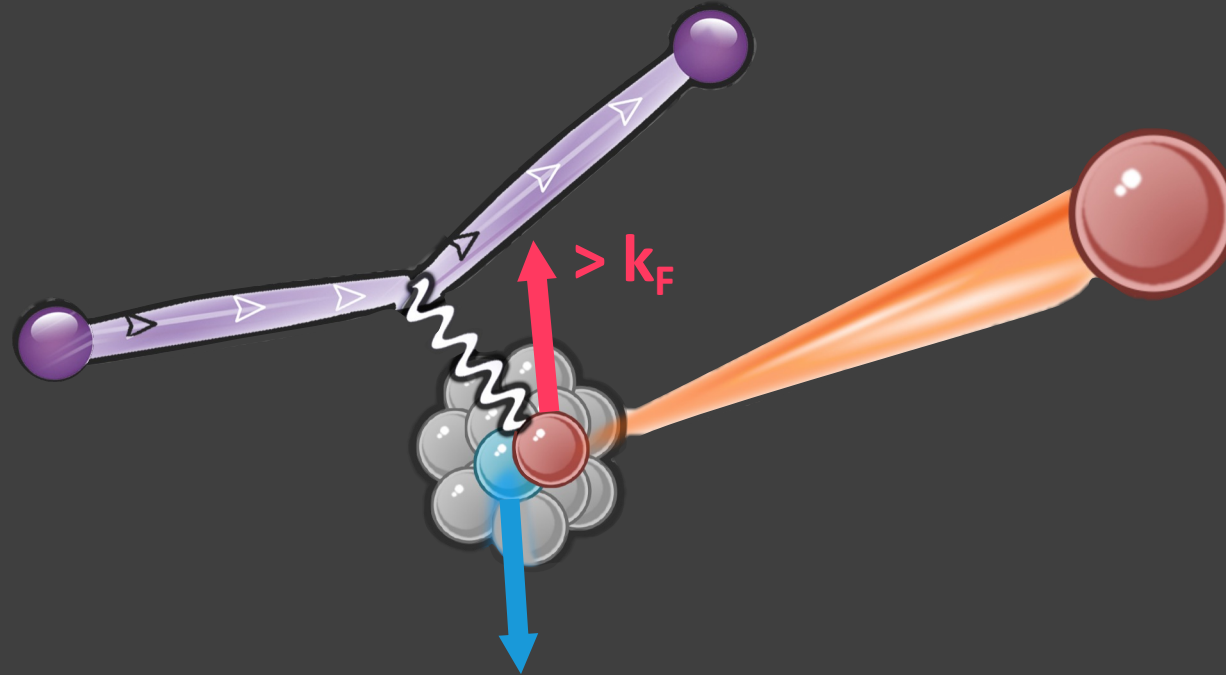
Fluctuations of close-
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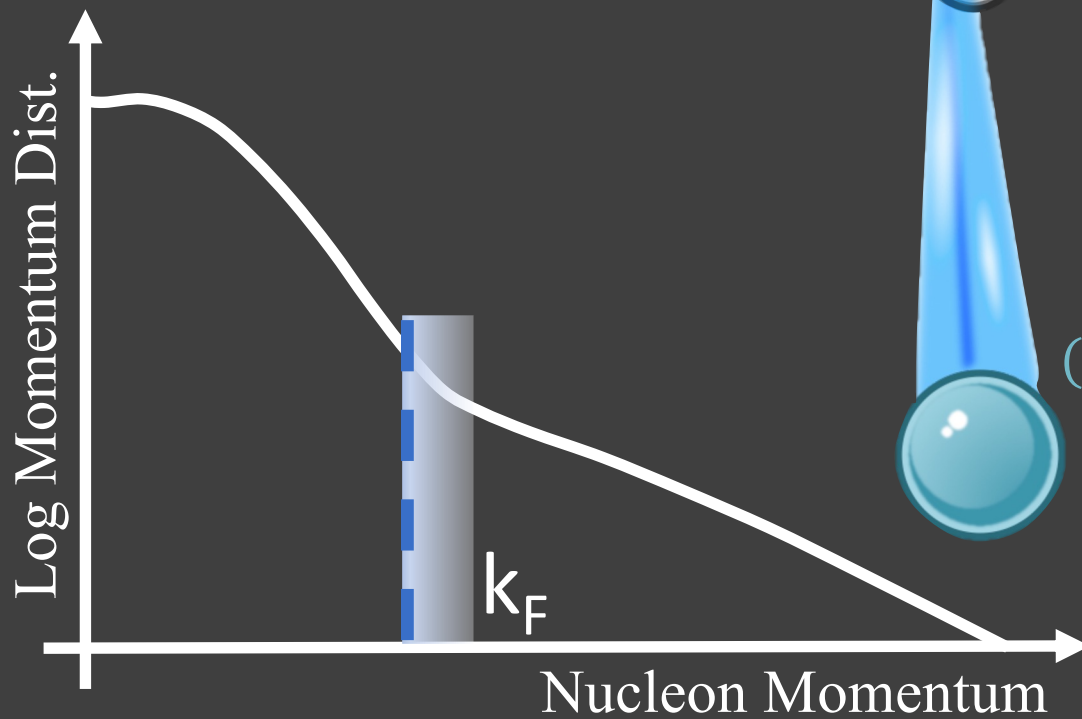
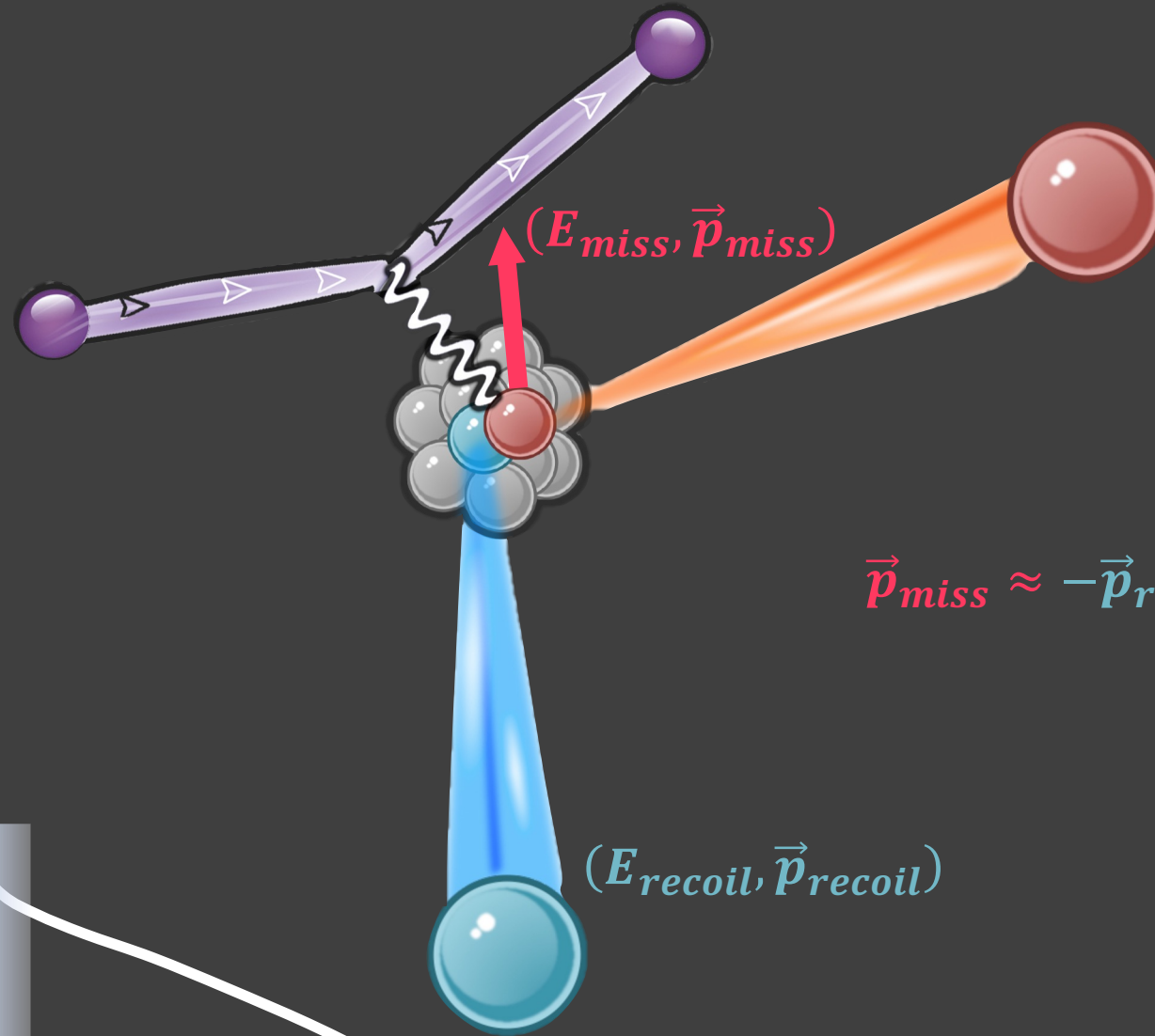
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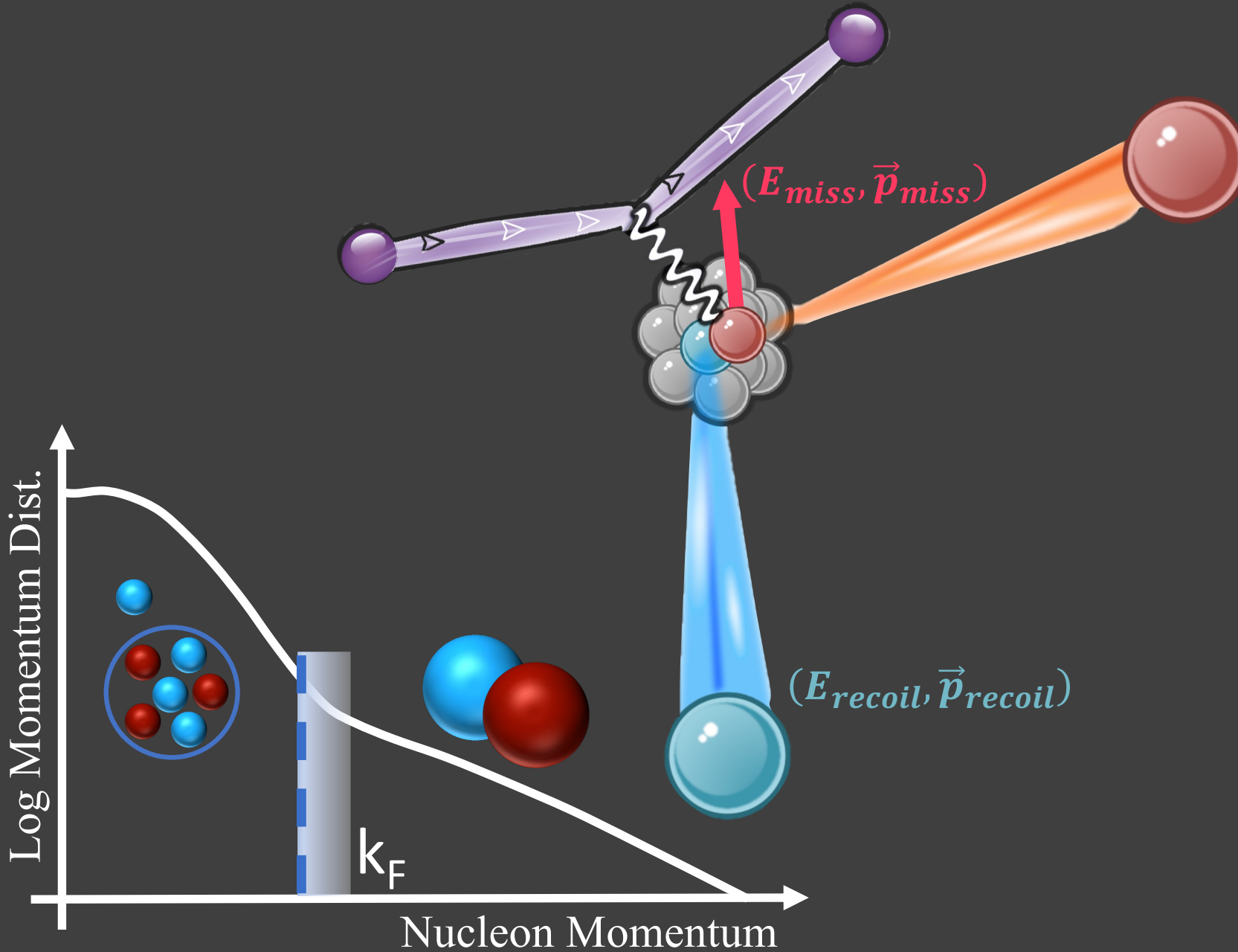
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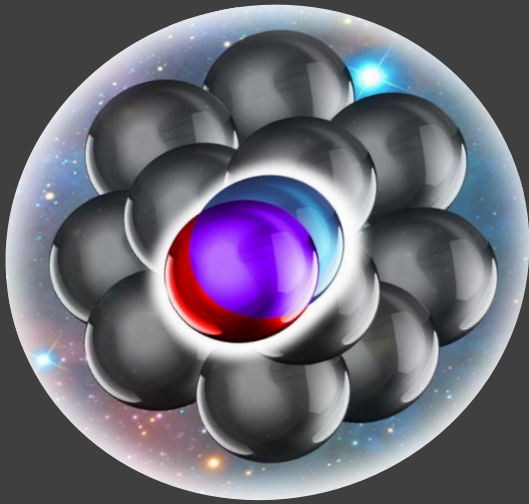
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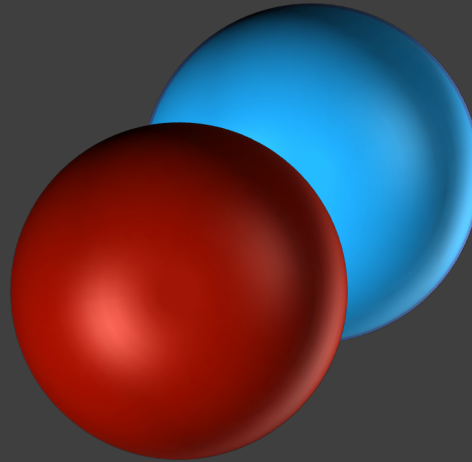
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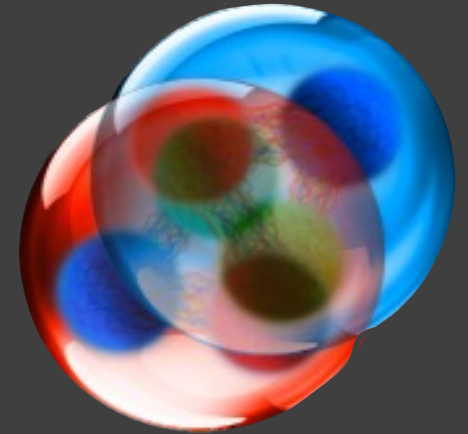
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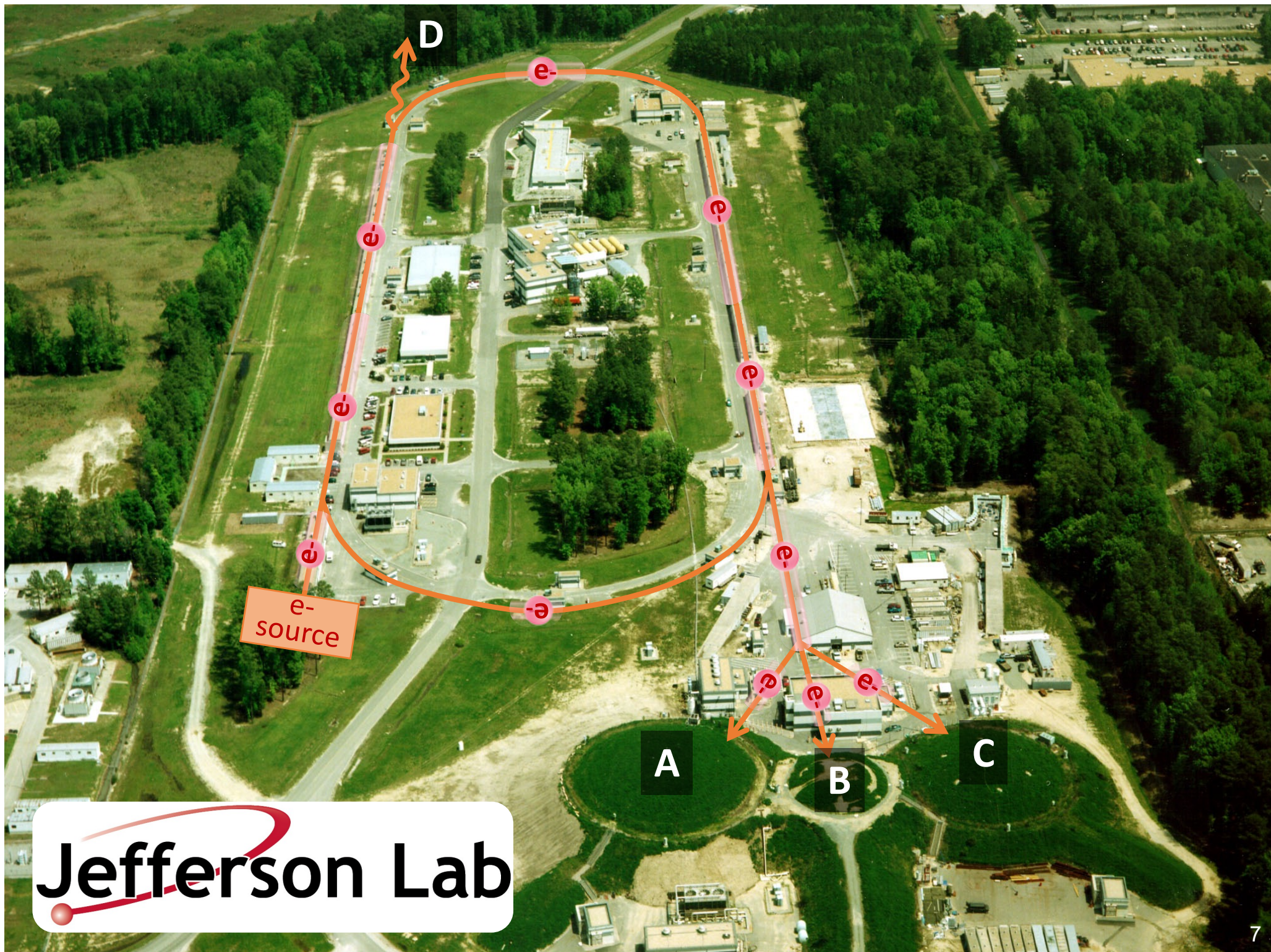


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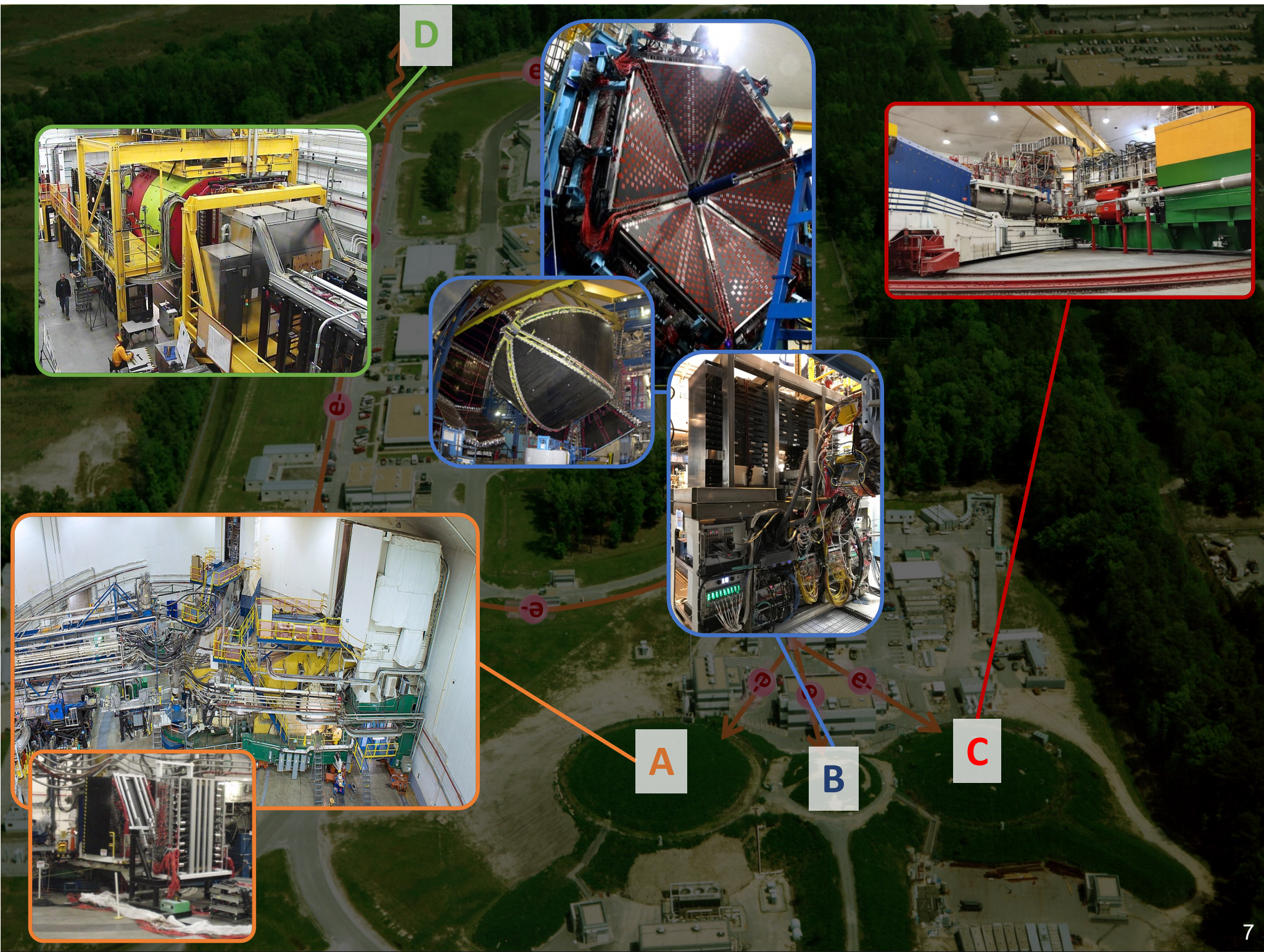


Quark-gluon structure of nuclei

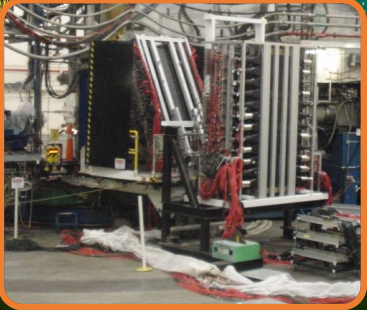
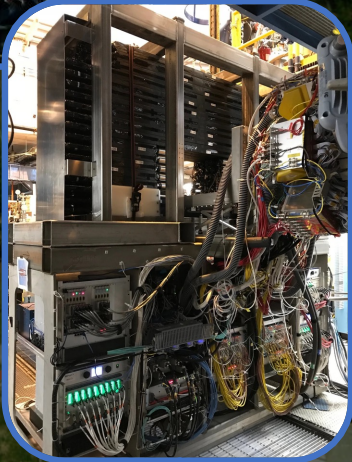
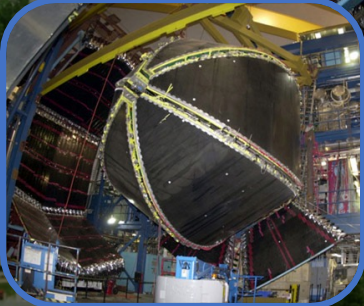
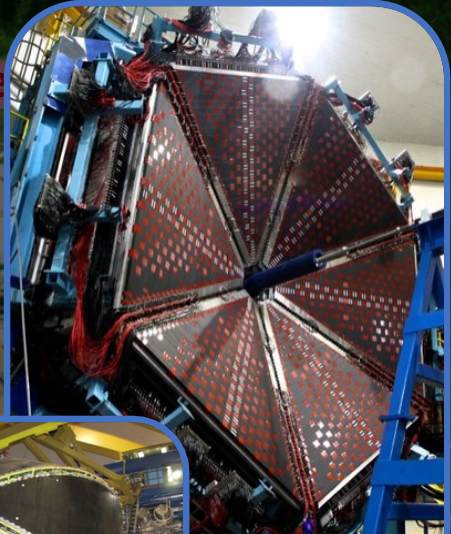




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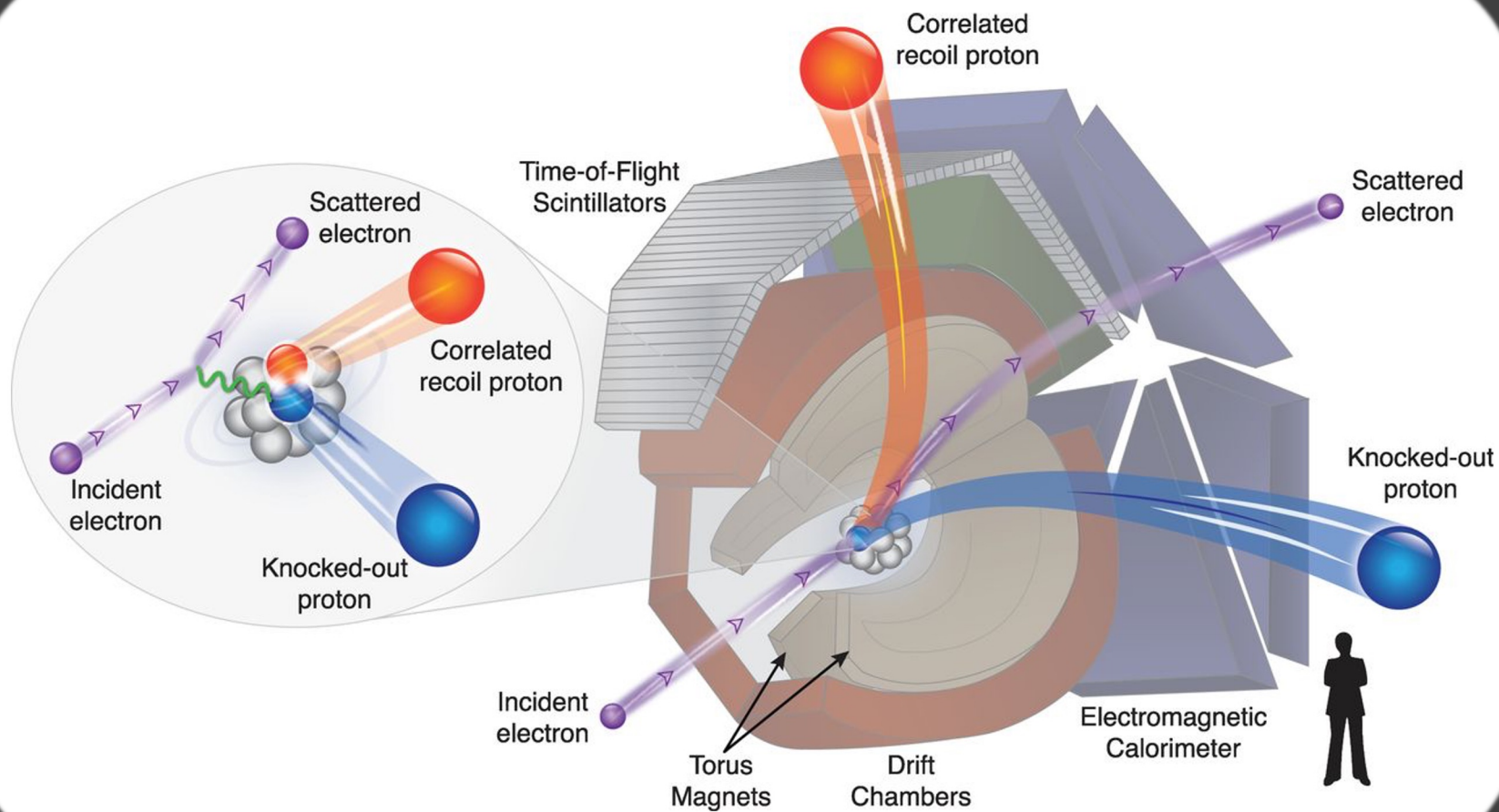


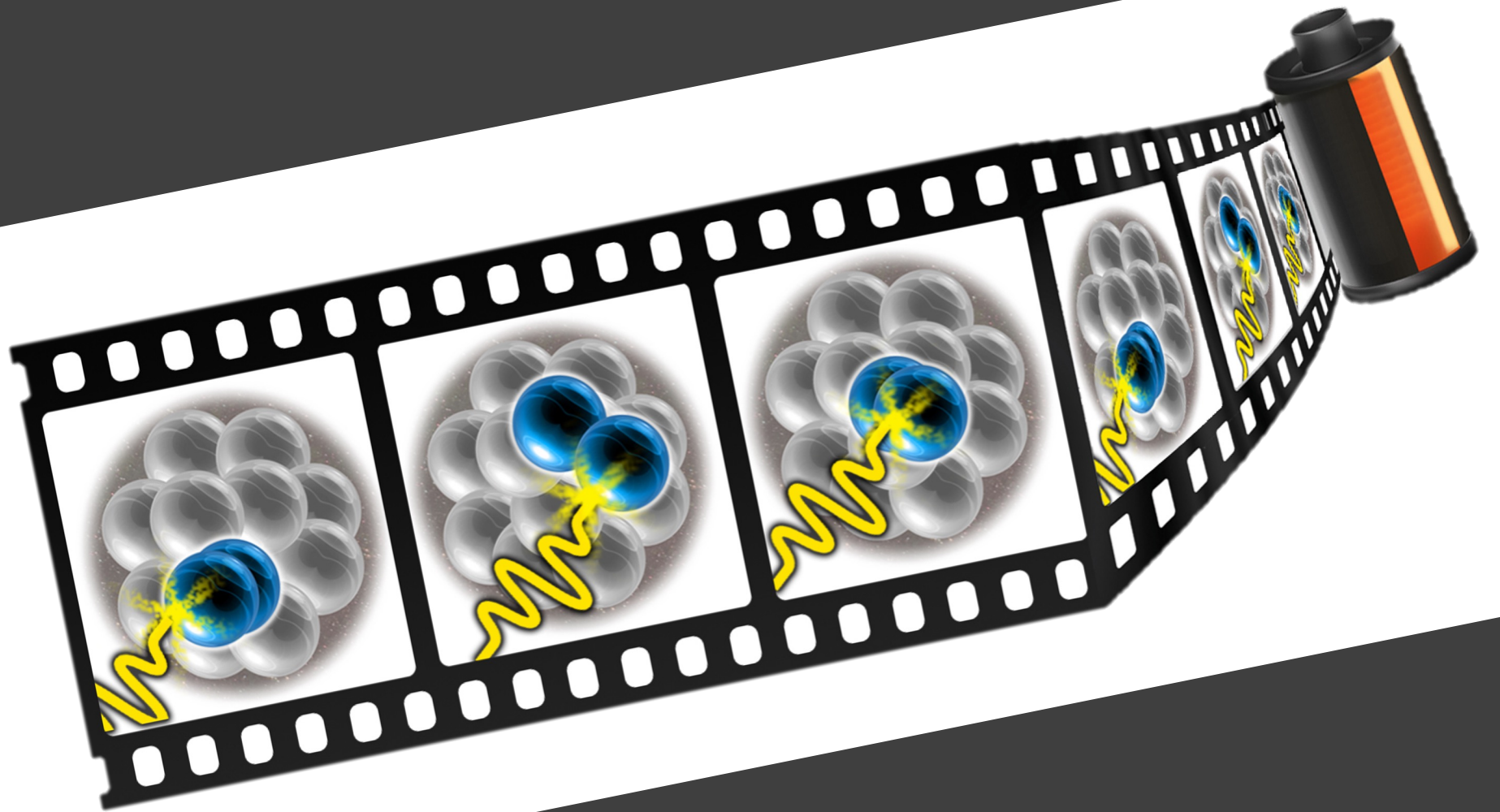
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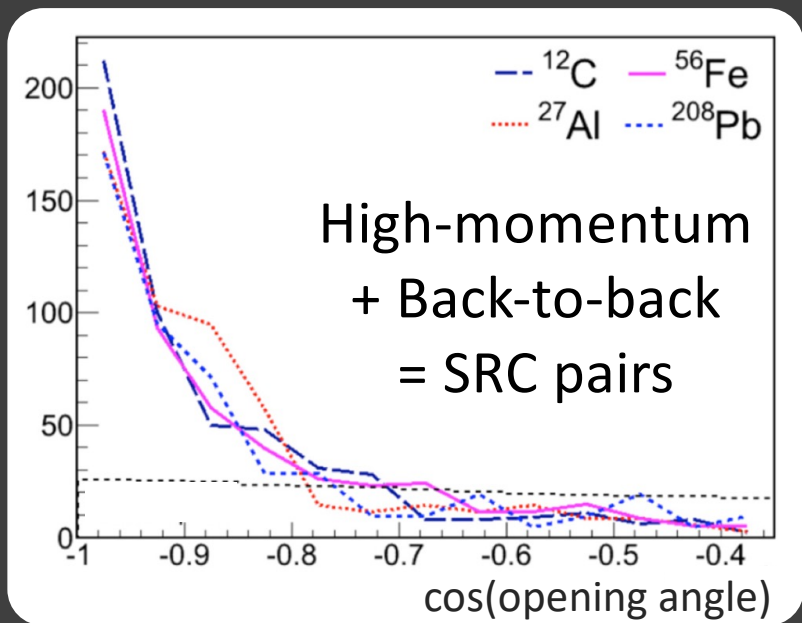
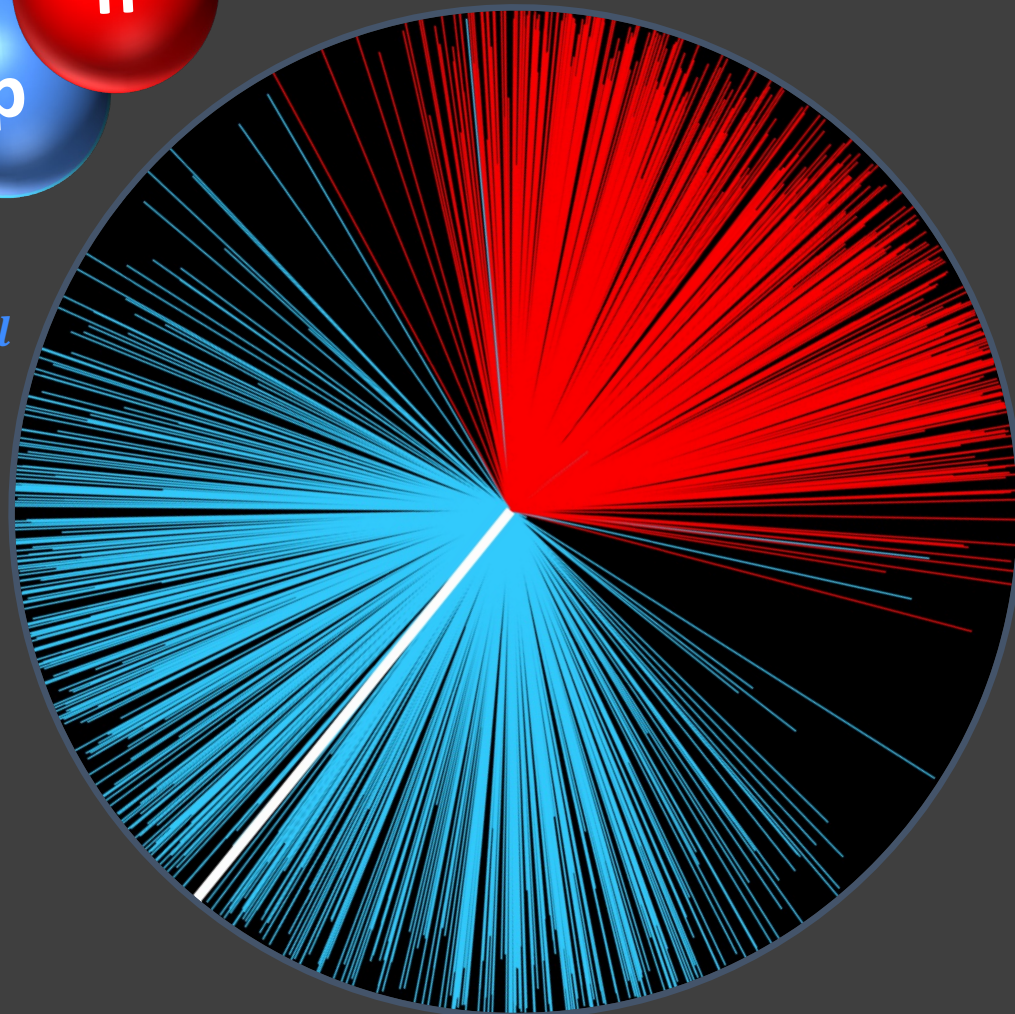
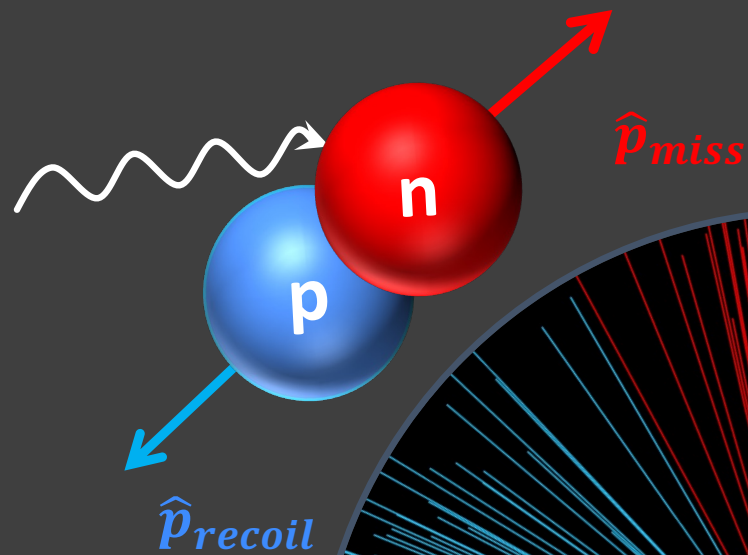
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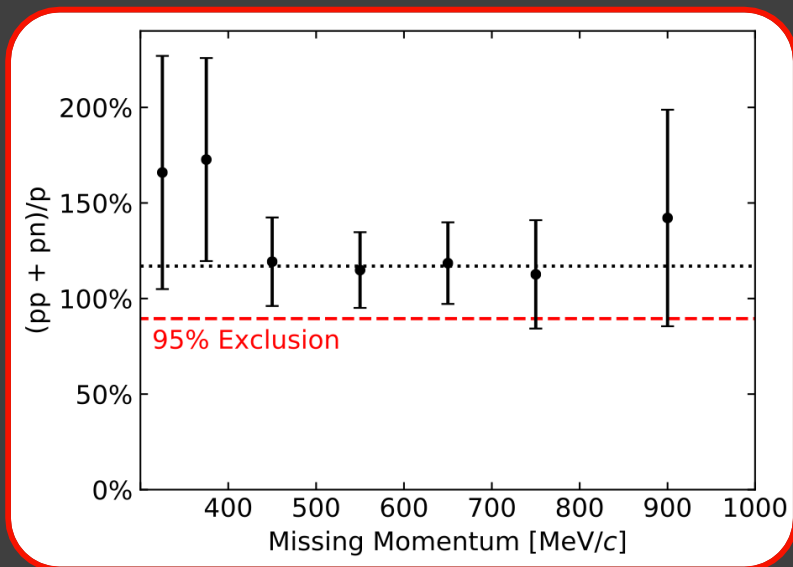




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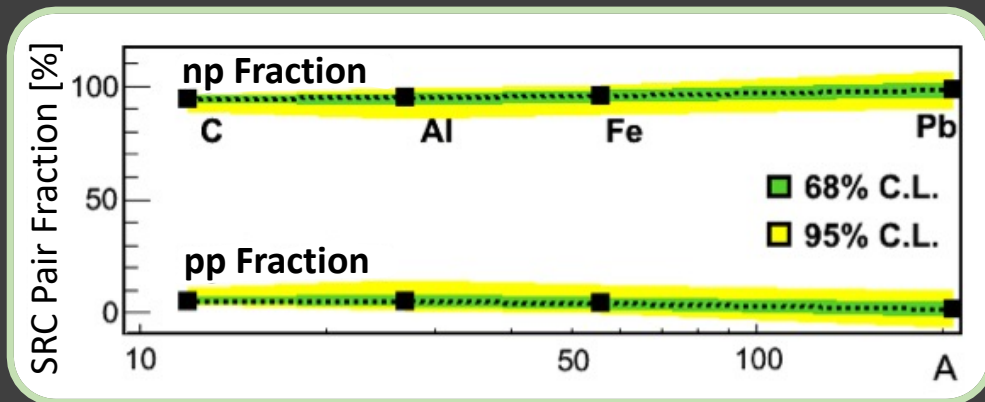
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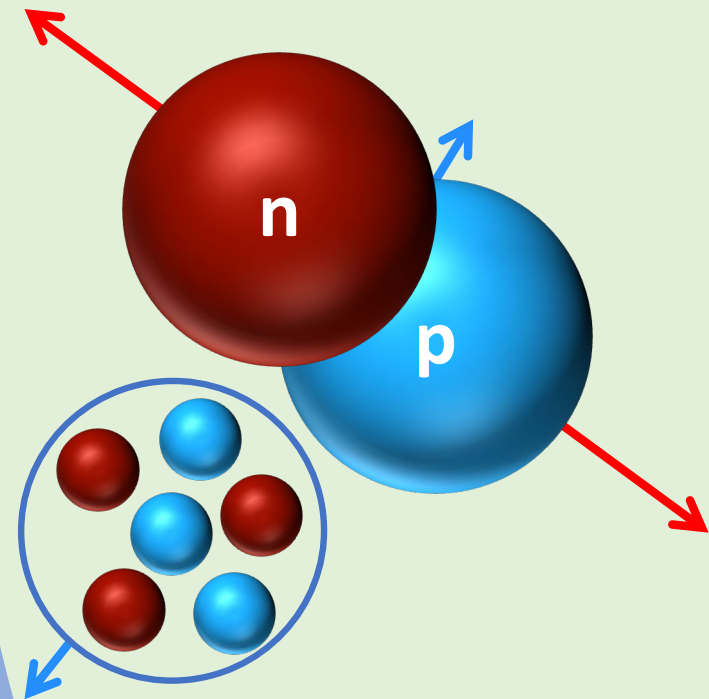
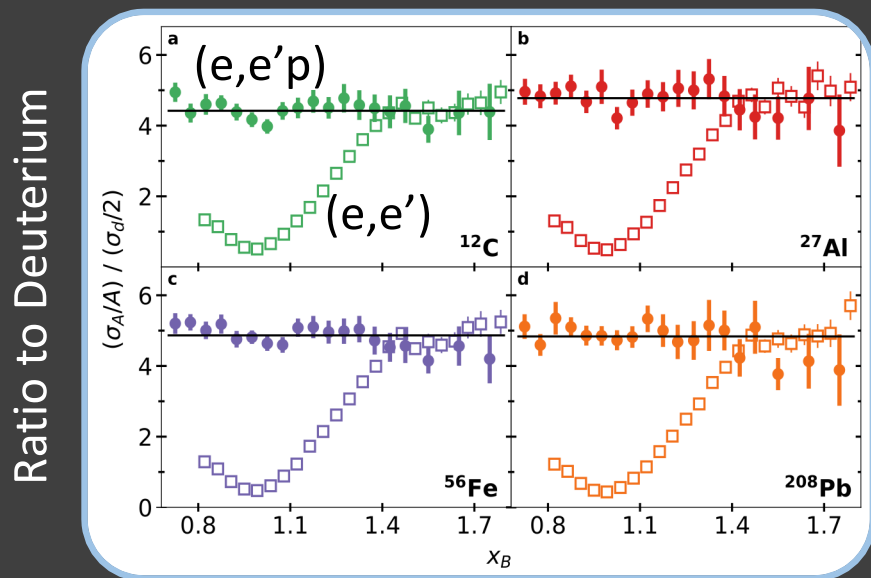
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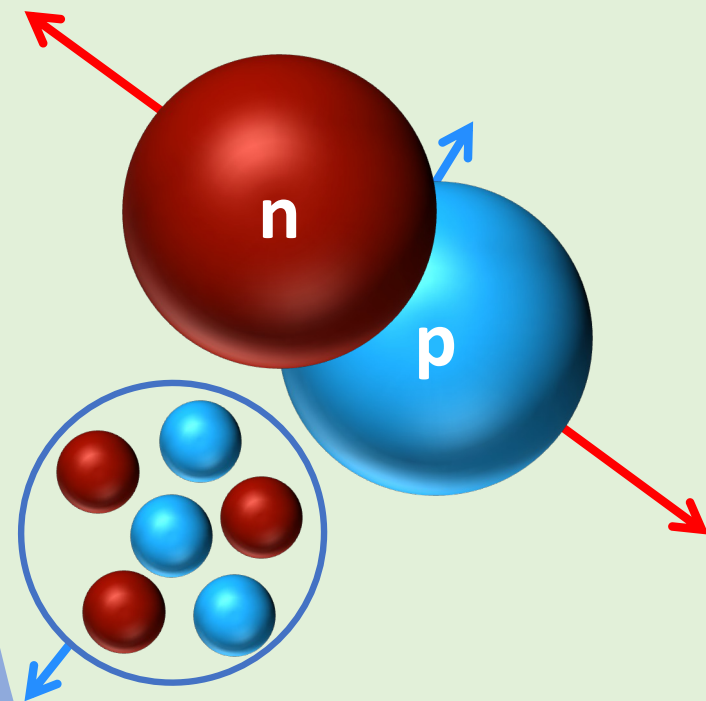
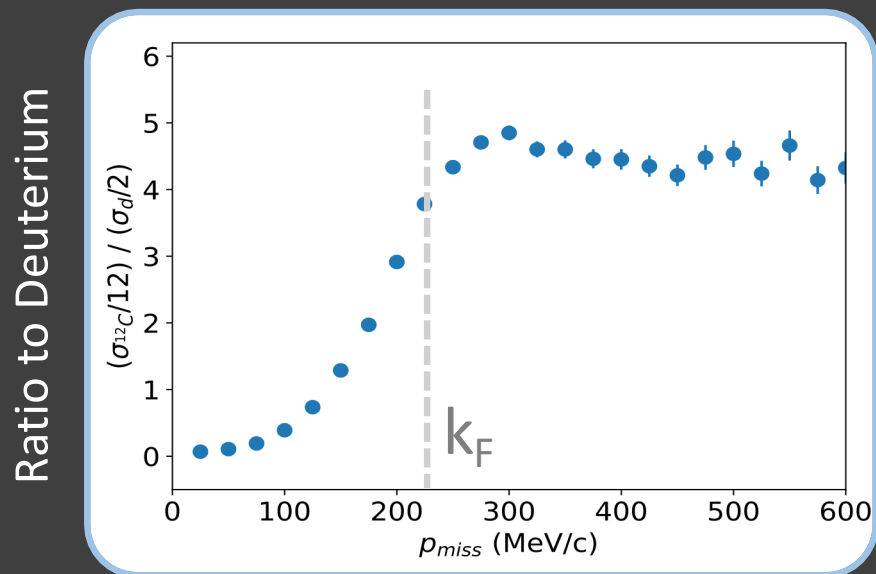
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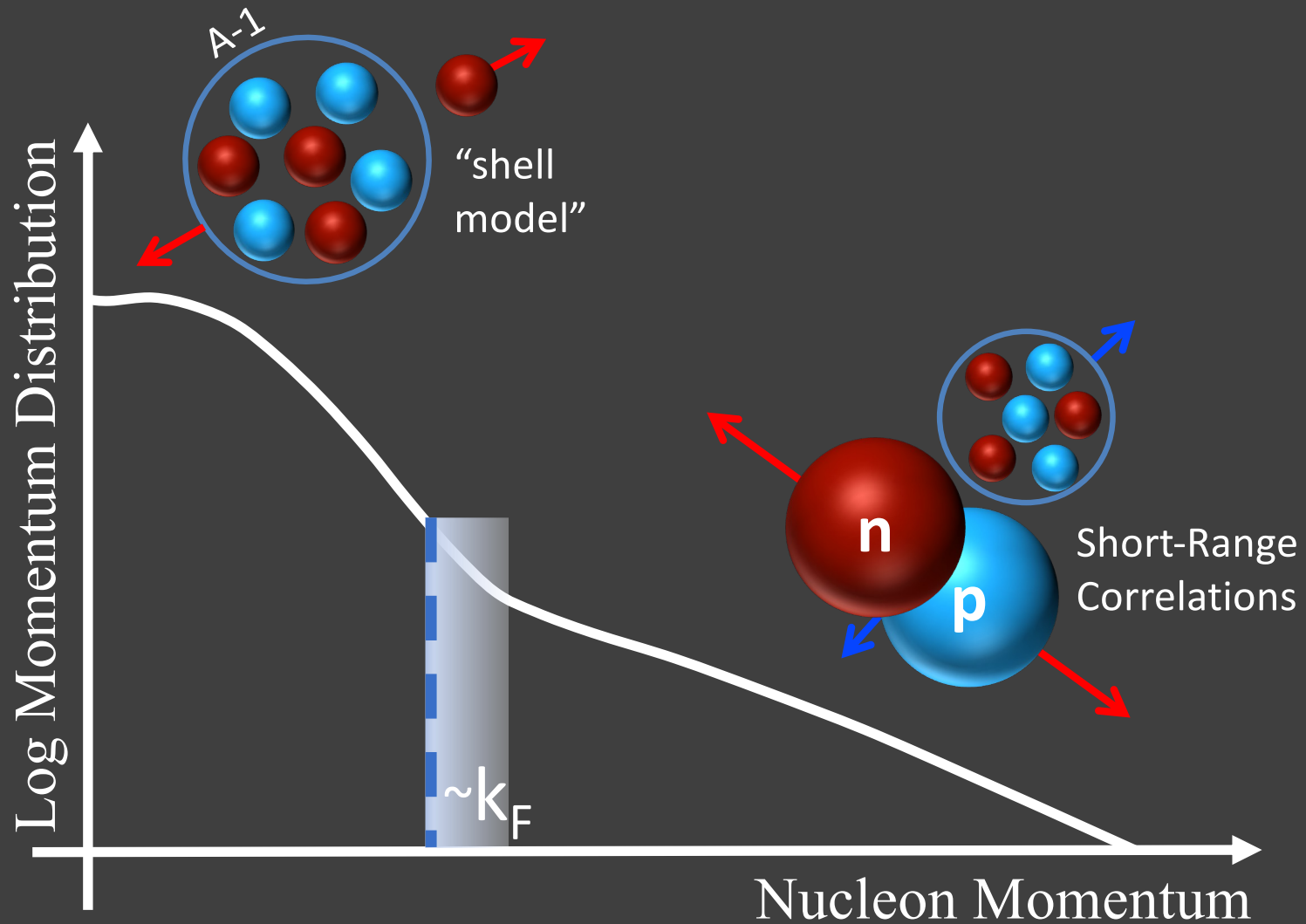


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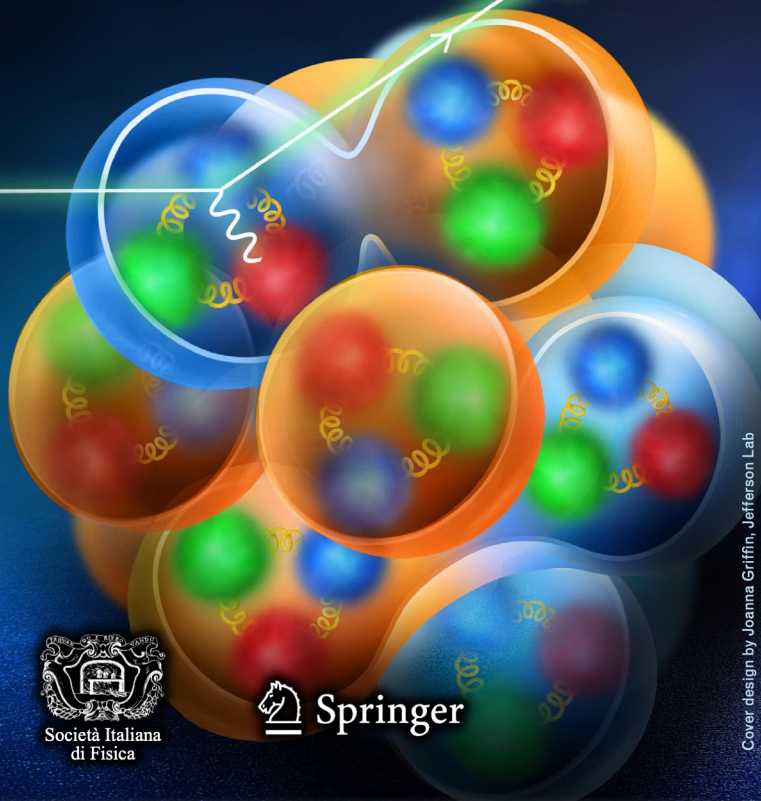
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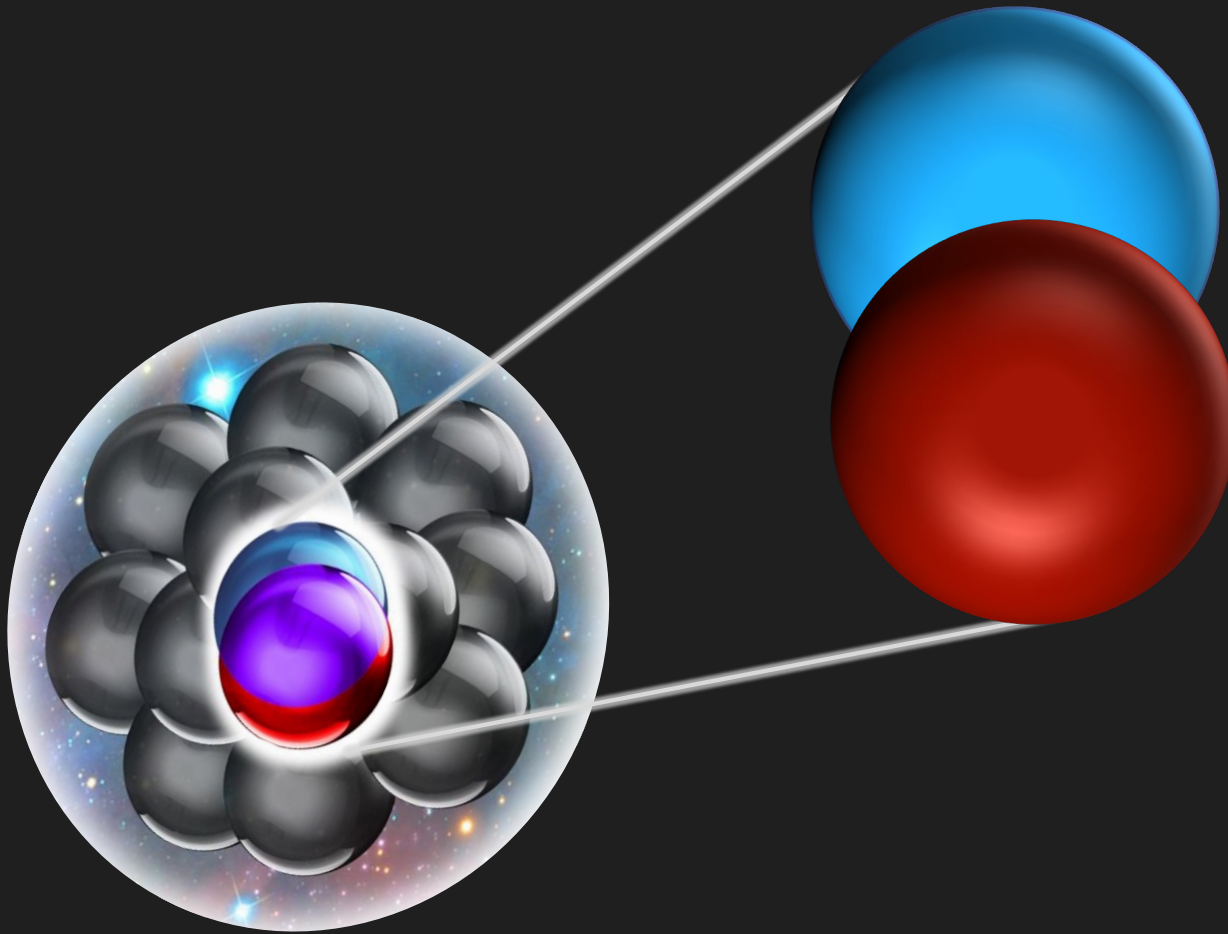
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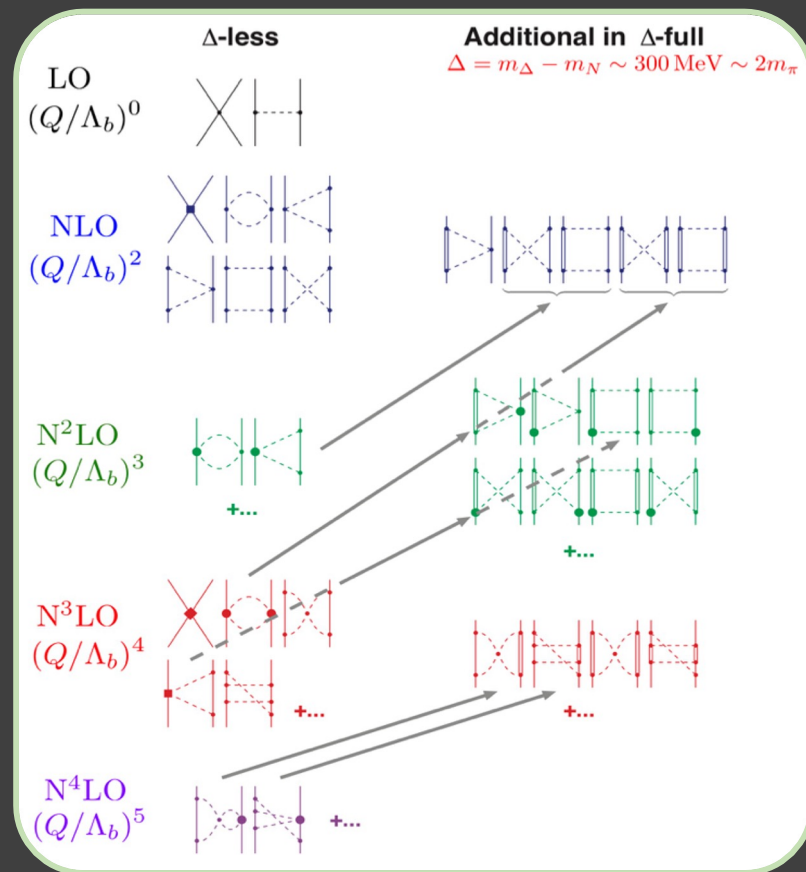
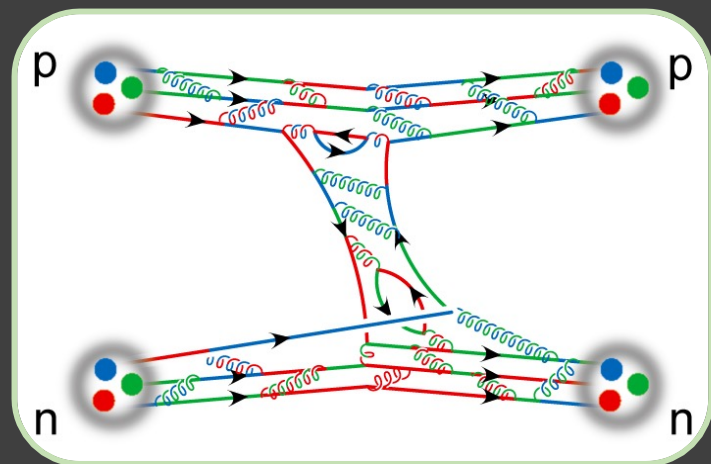
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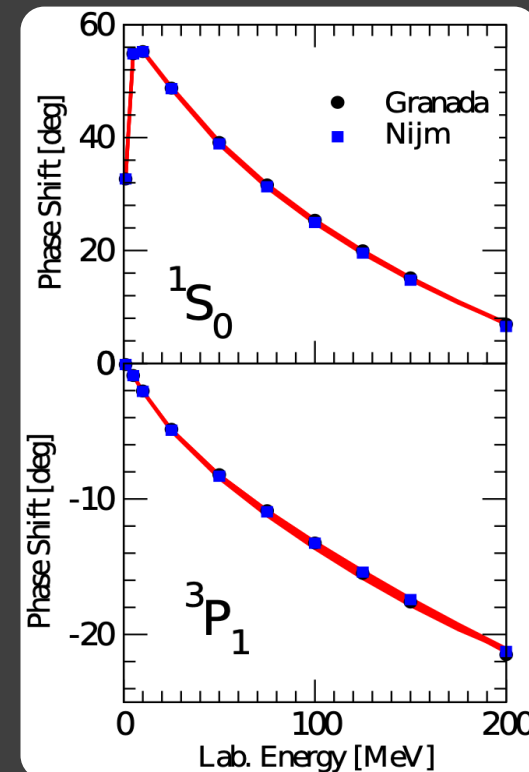
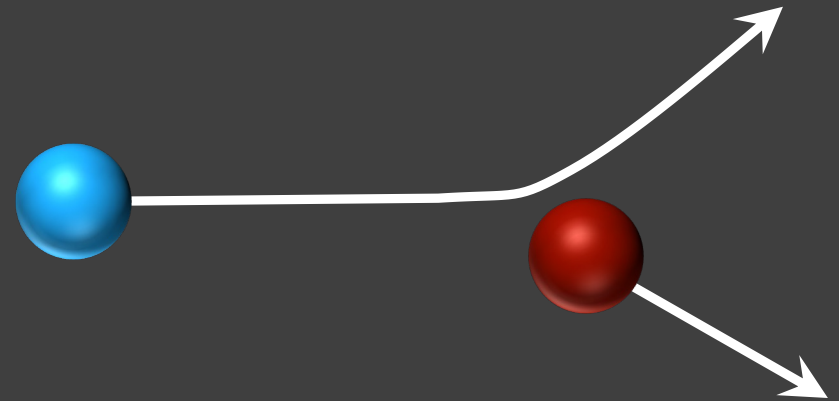


Effective Nucleon-Nucleon Interactions



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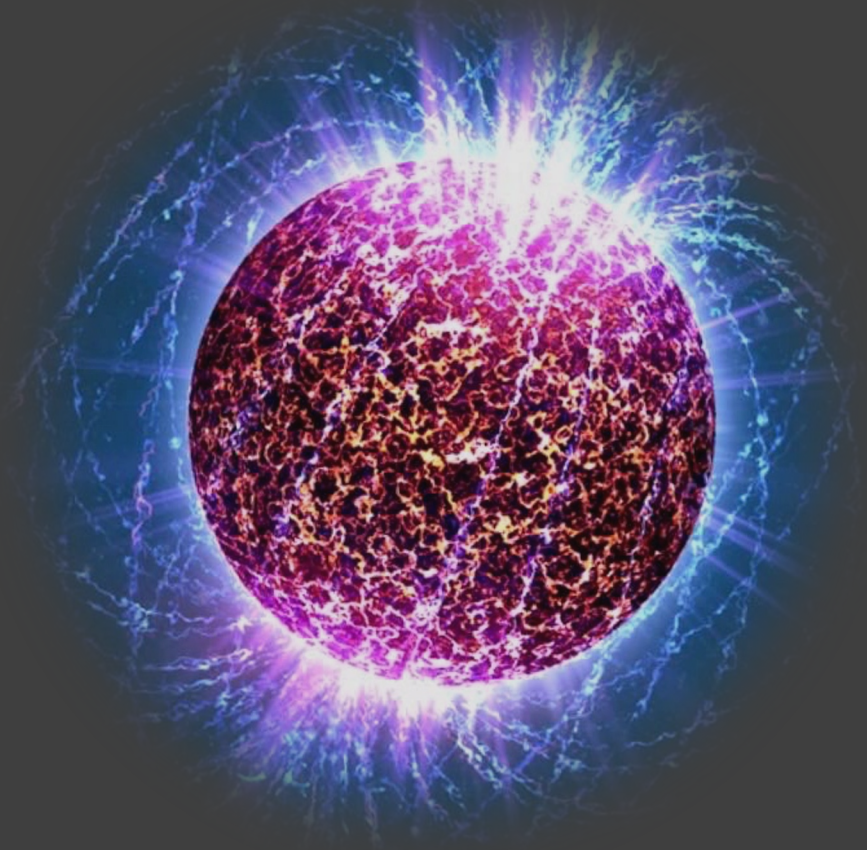
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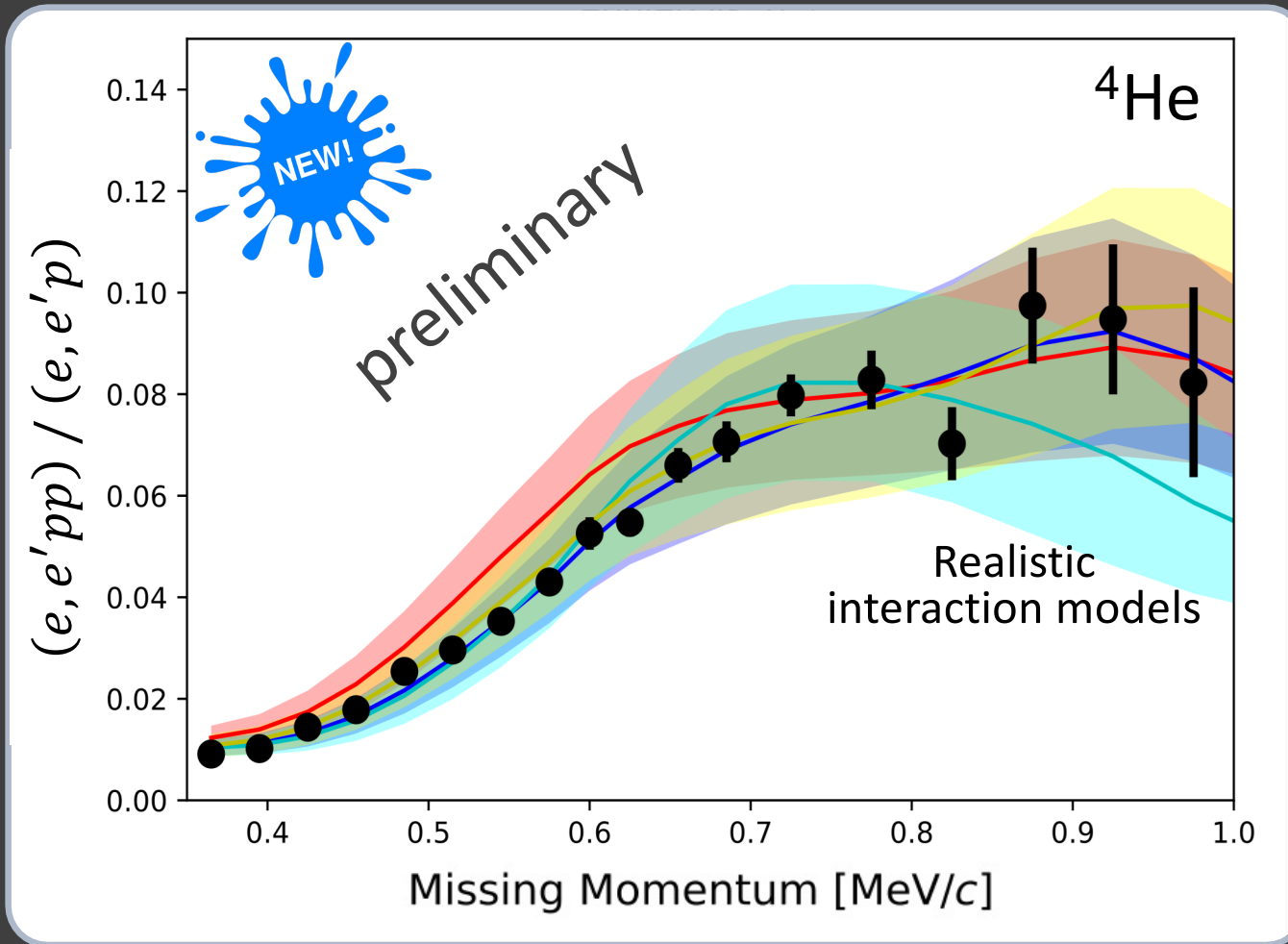
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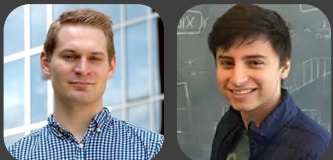


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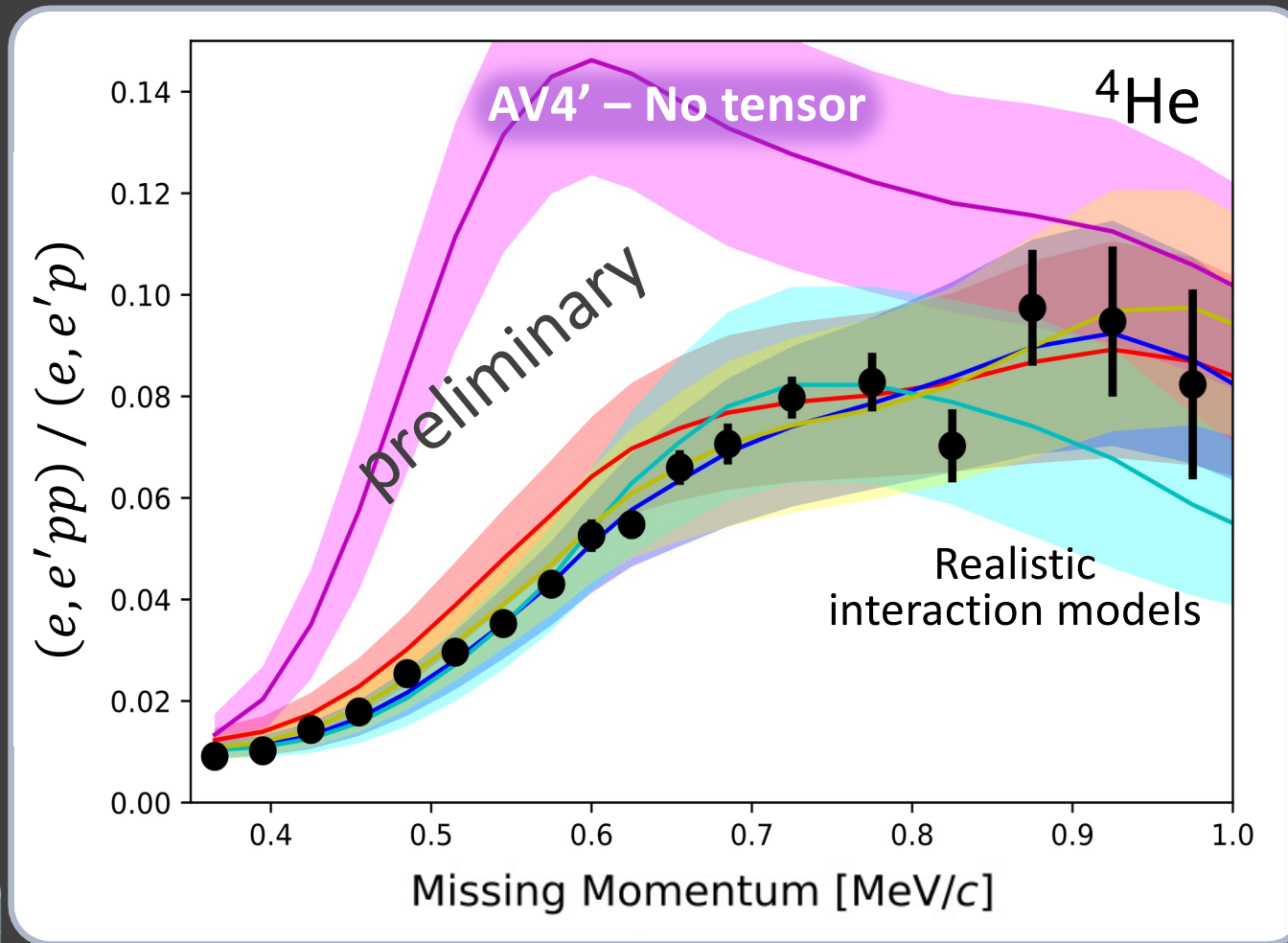
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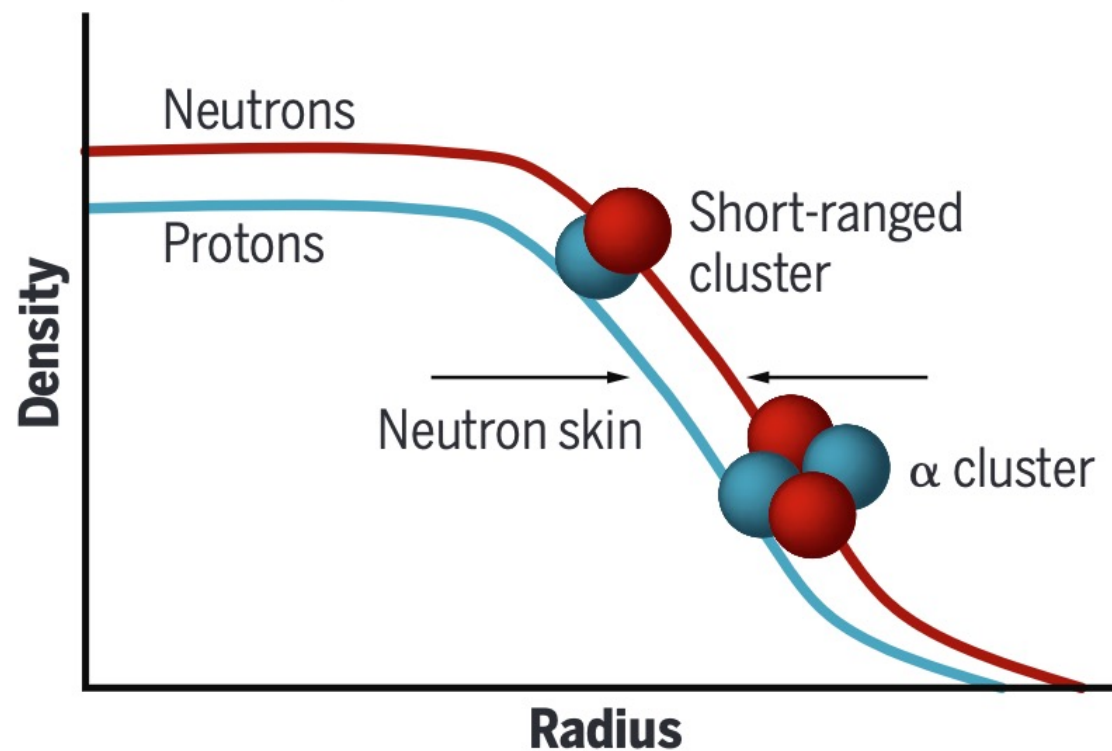


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From nuclear clusters to neutron stars

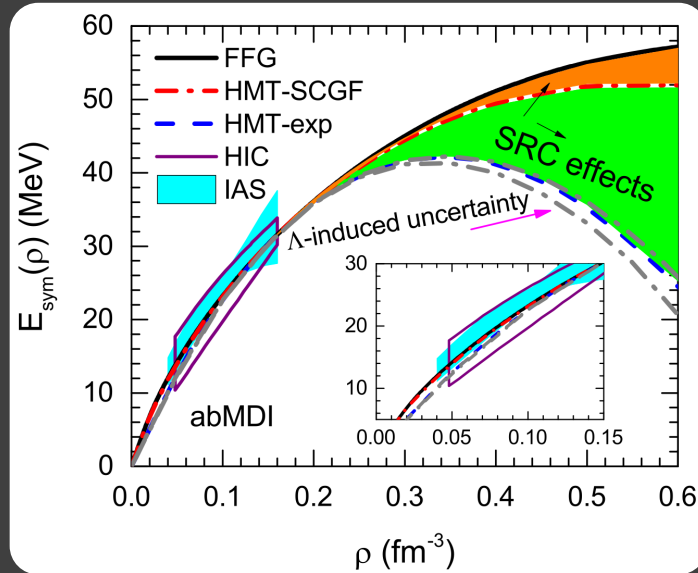
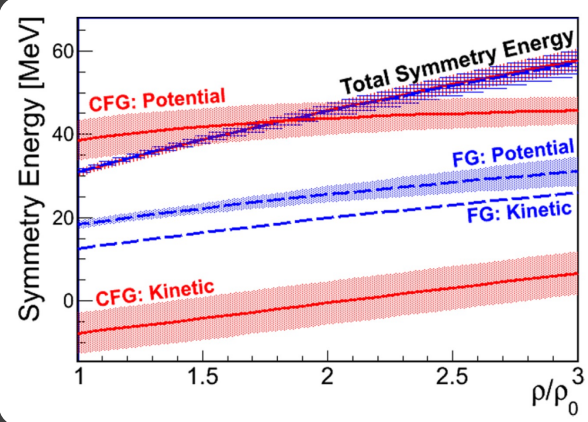
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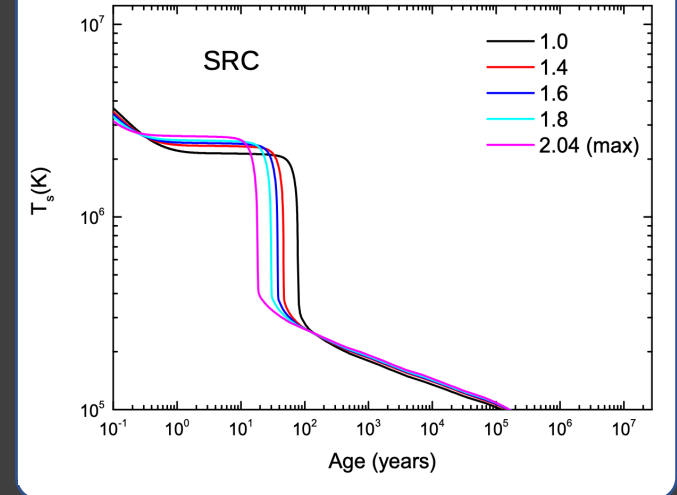
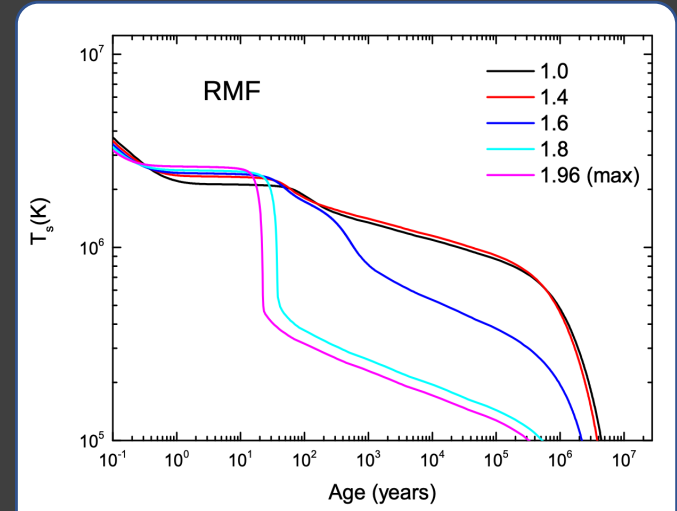
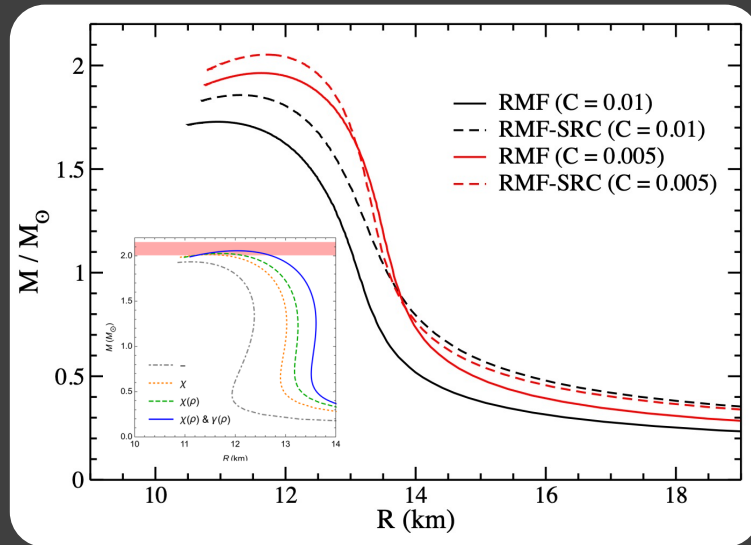
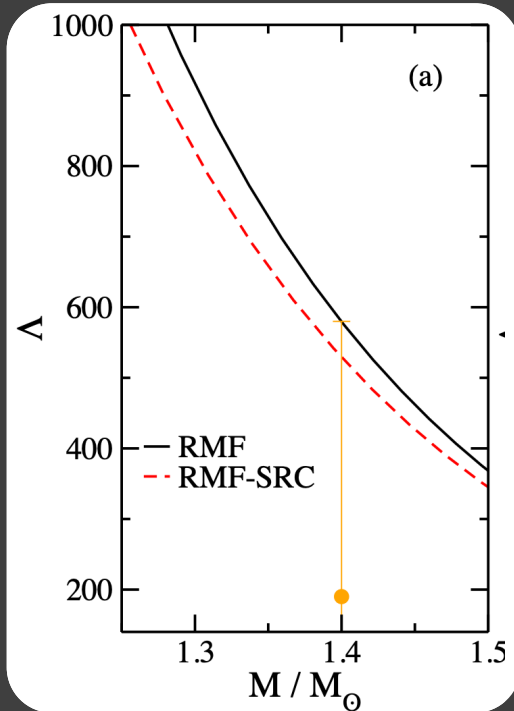


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Similar to extracting quark distributions from deep inelastic scattering data

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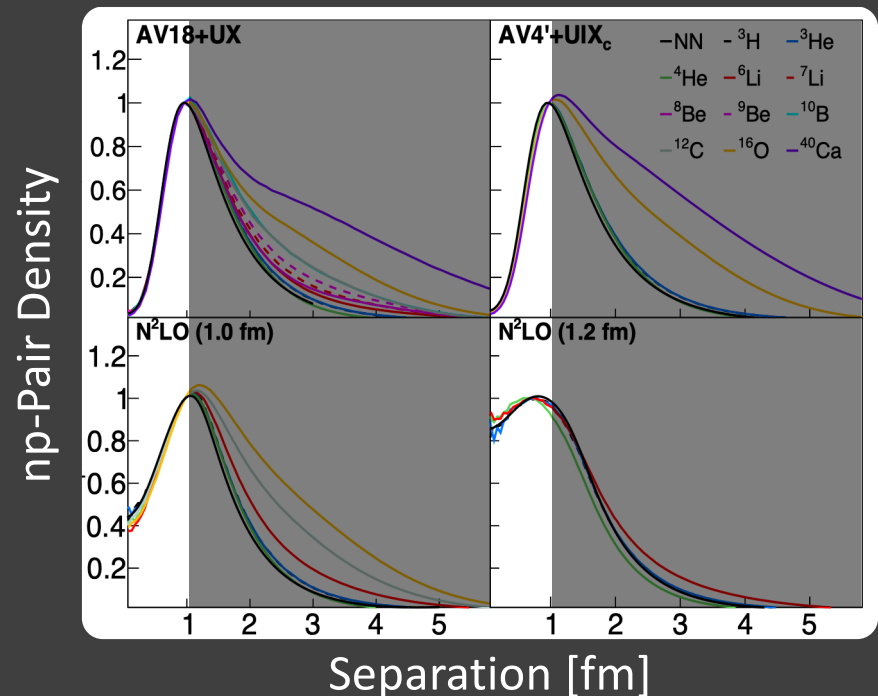
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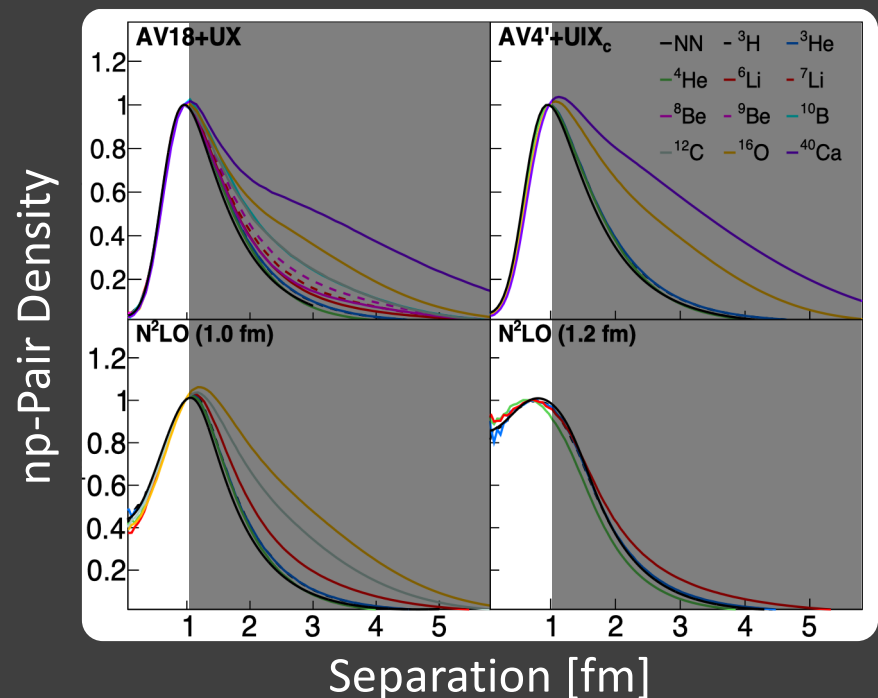
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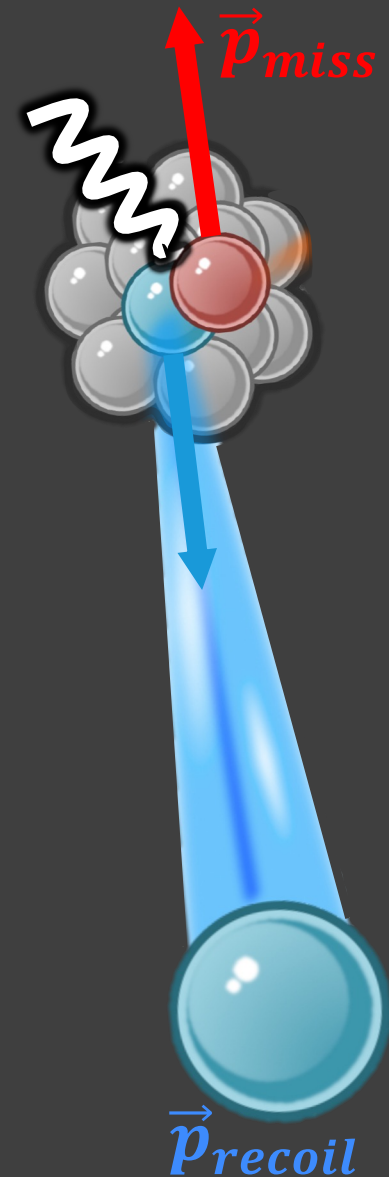
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Single-nucleon
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Pair distribution



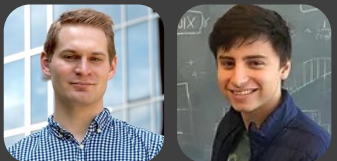
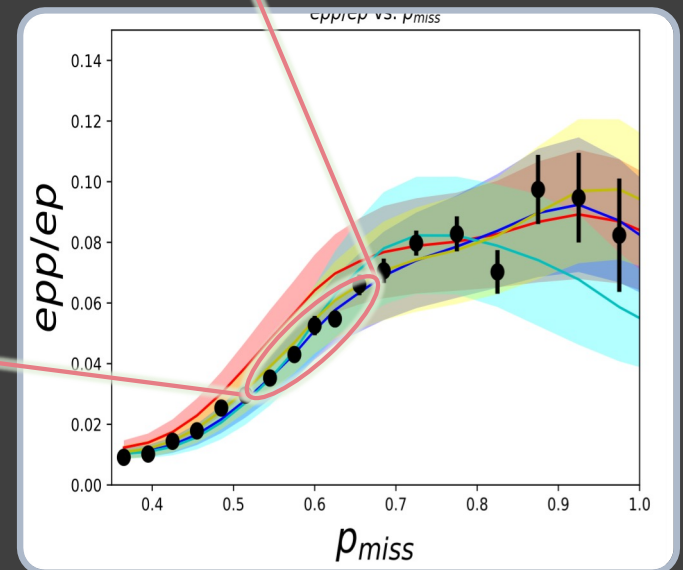
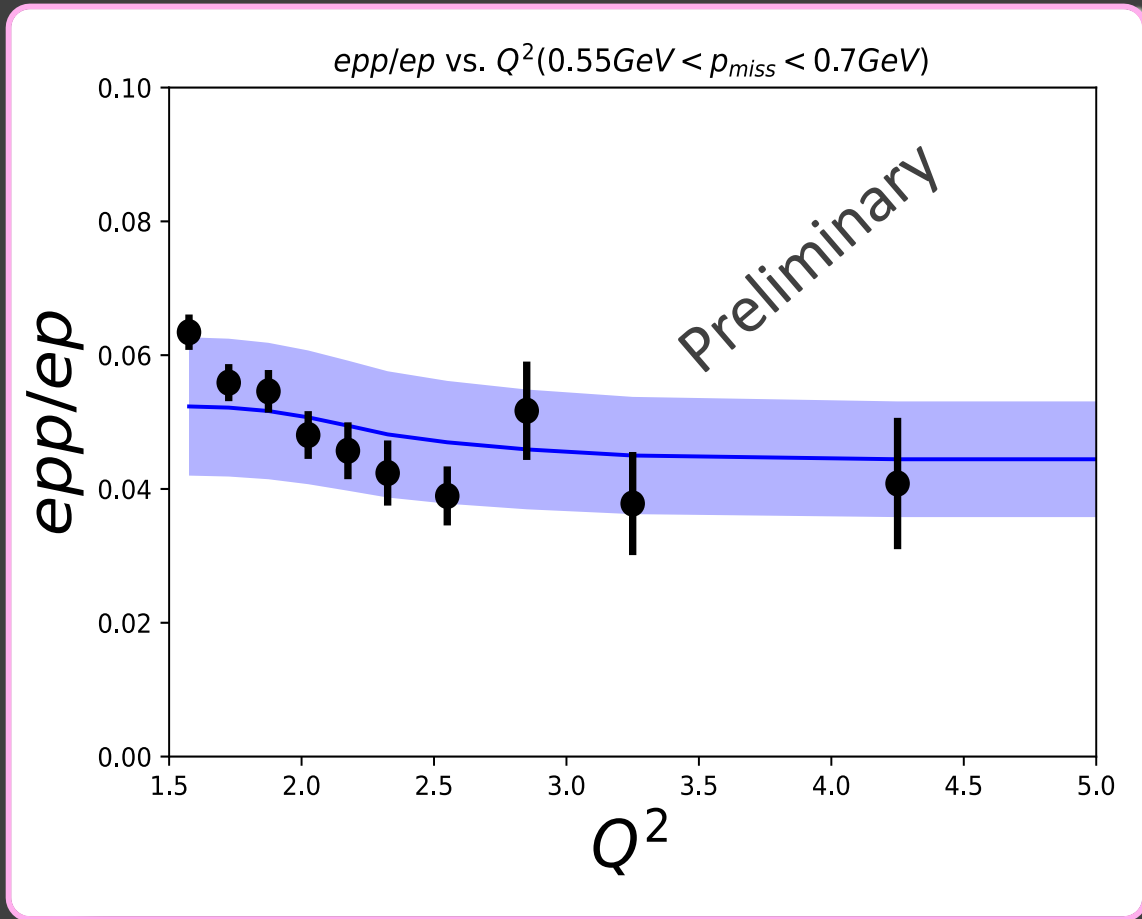
Double Factorization

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✓ Scale Independence



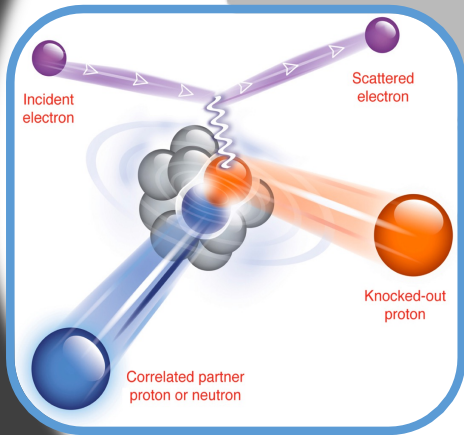
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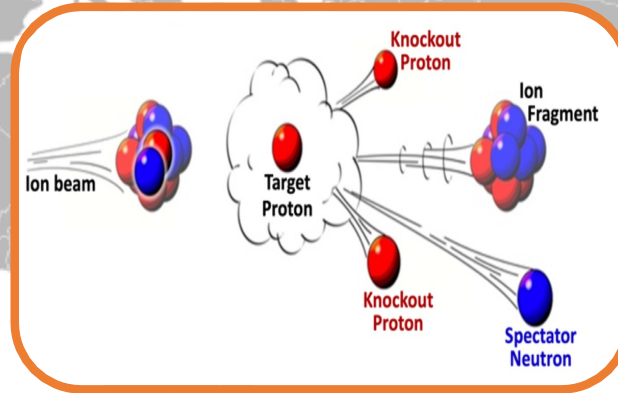
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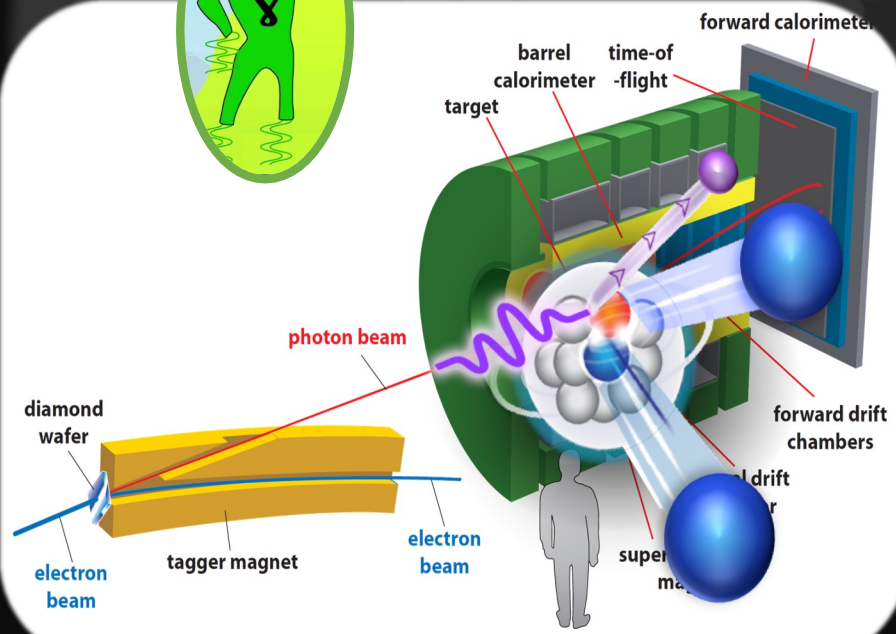
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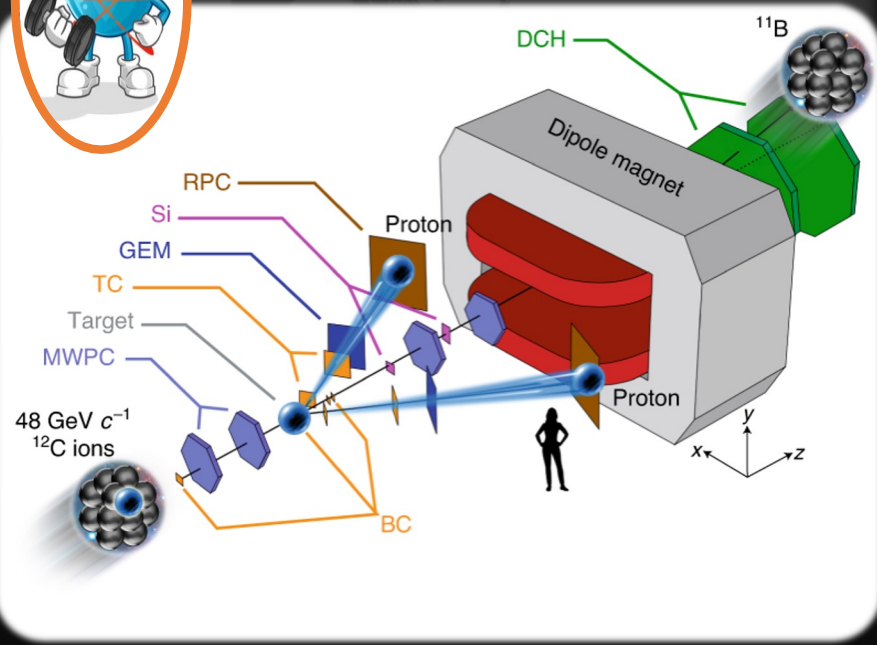
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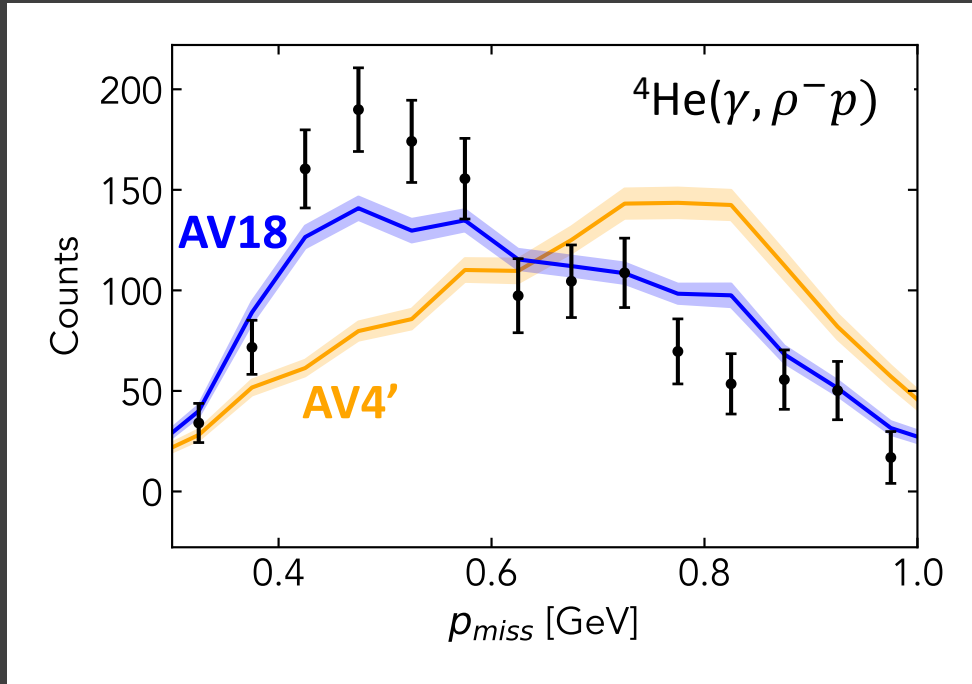
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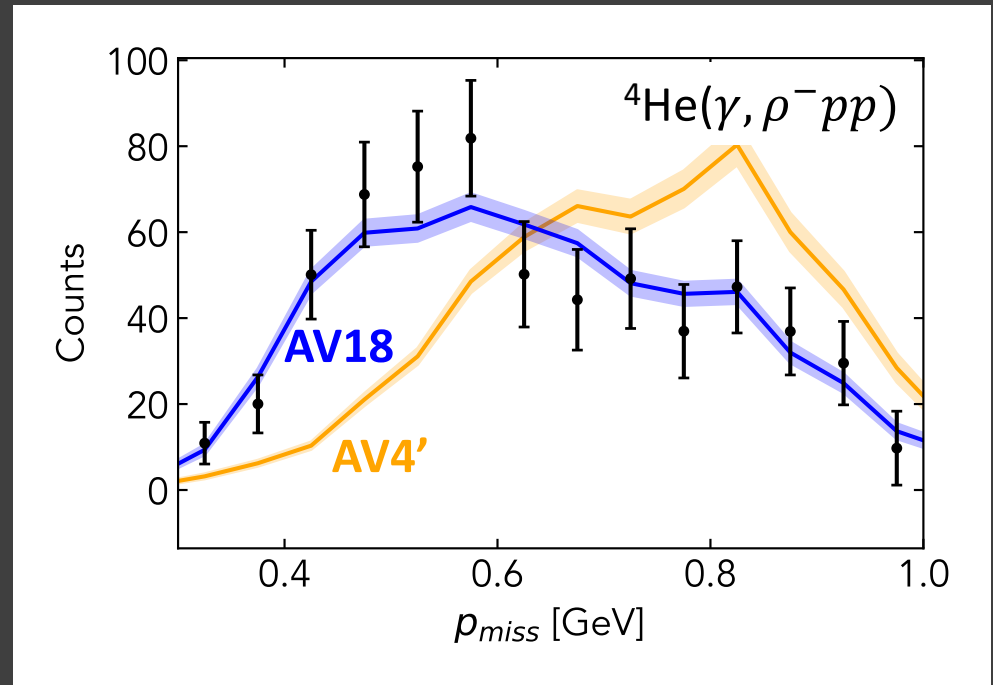
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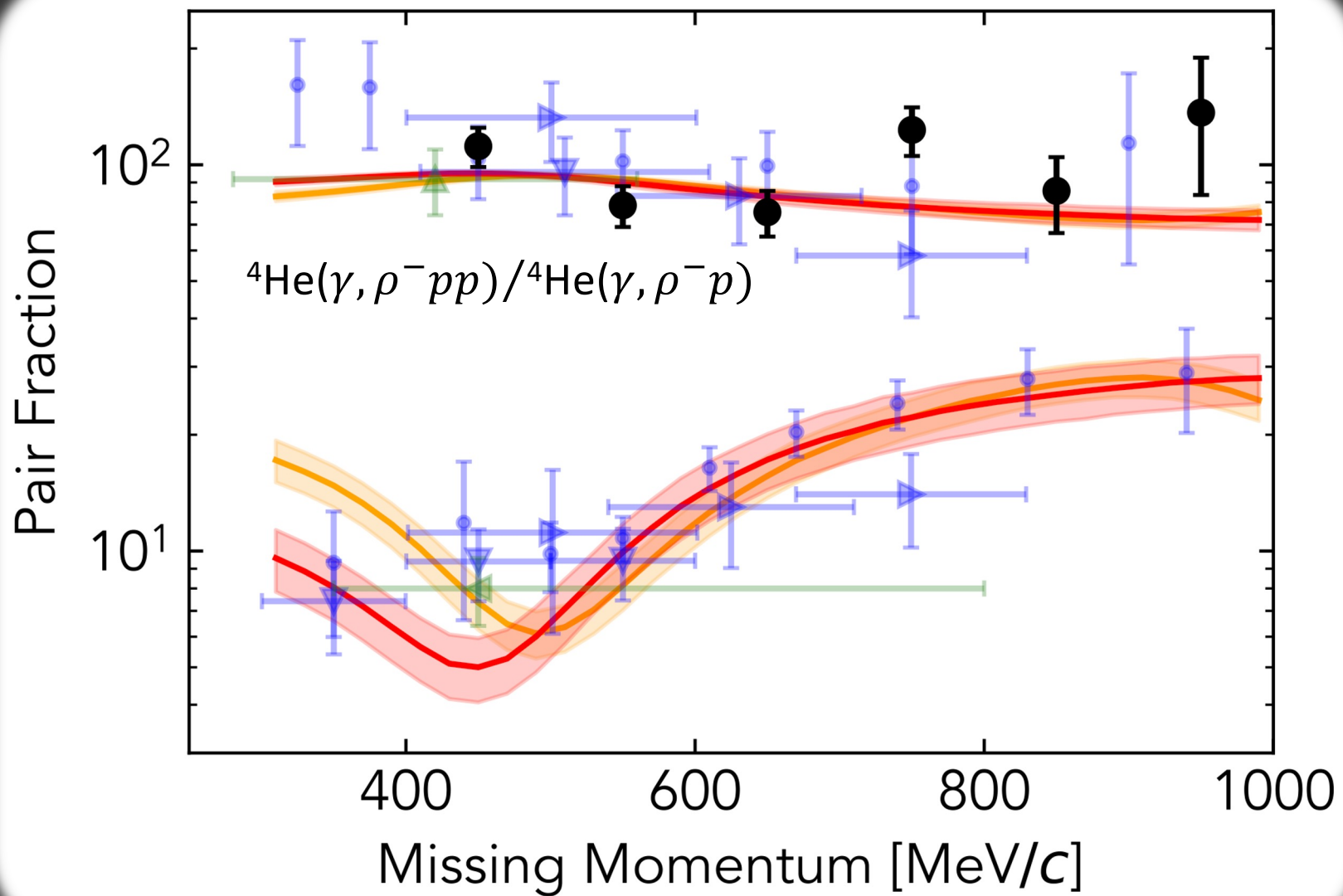
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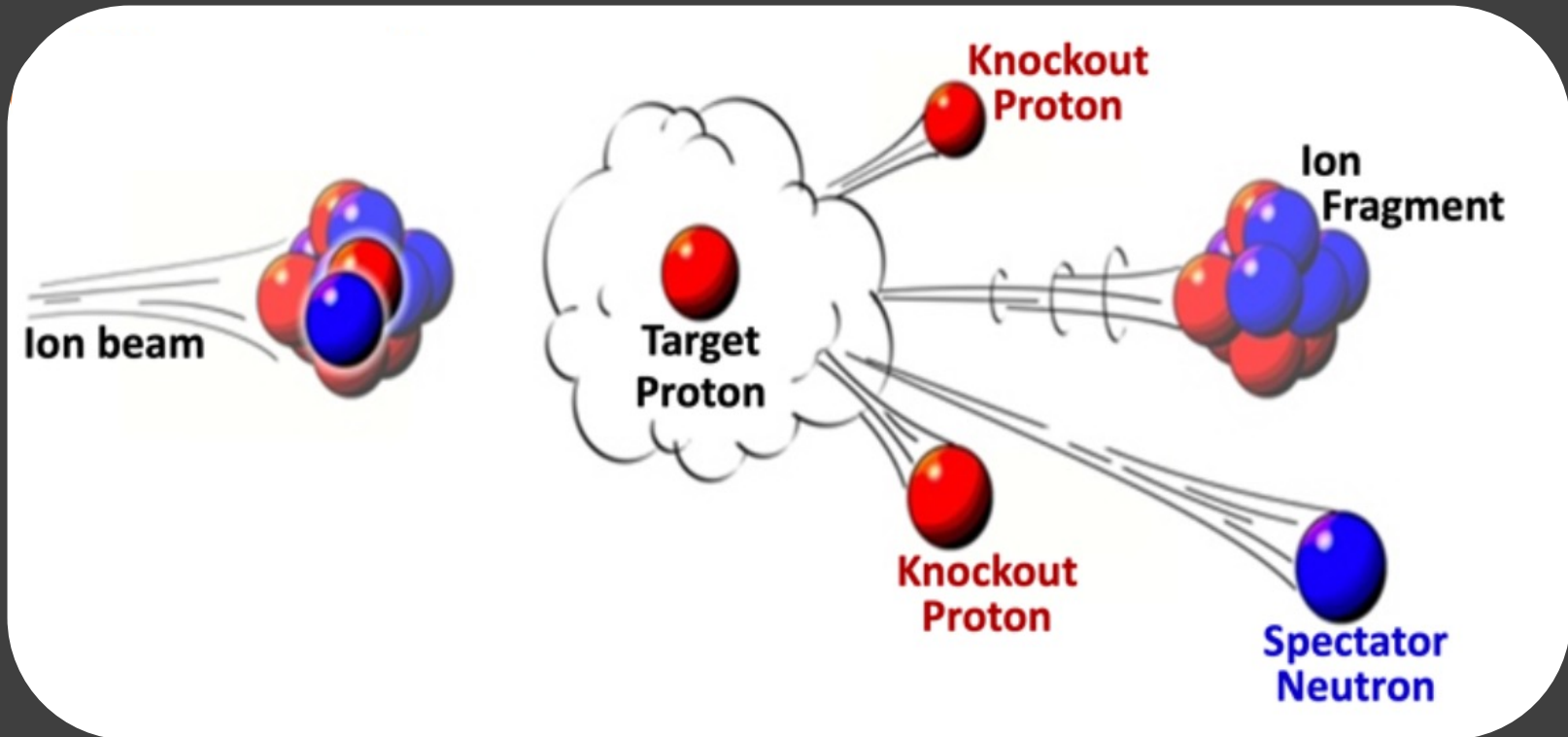
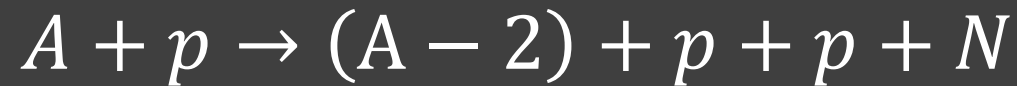
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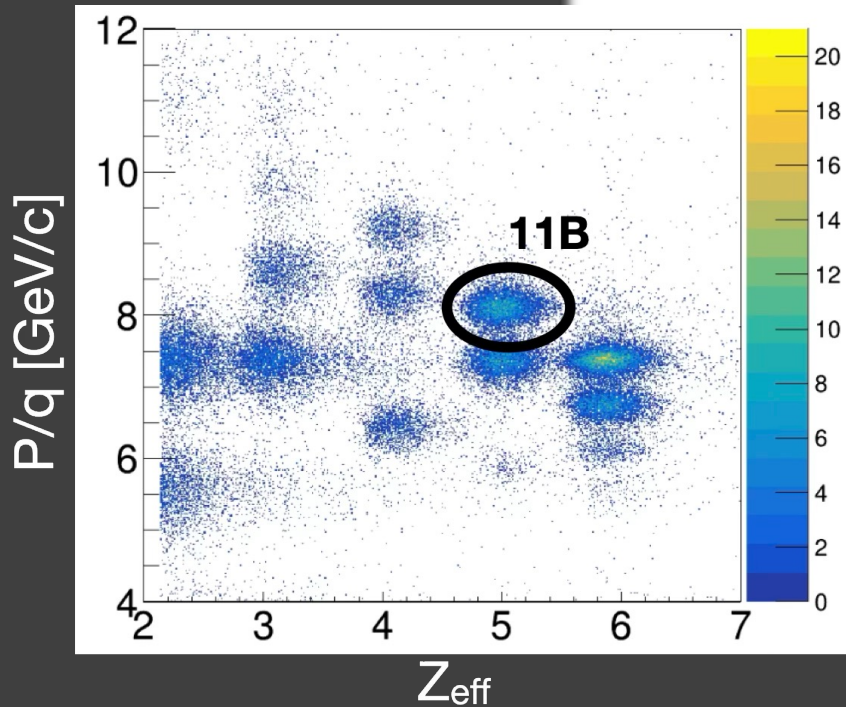
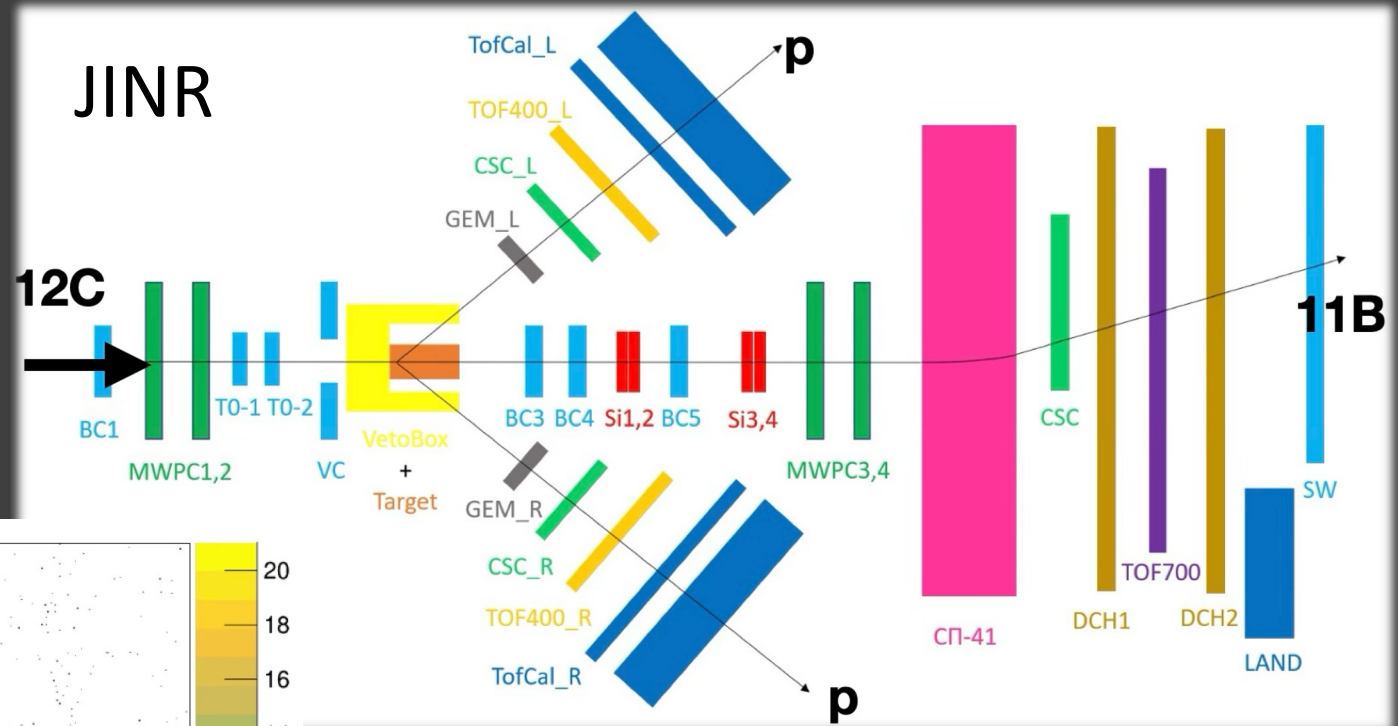
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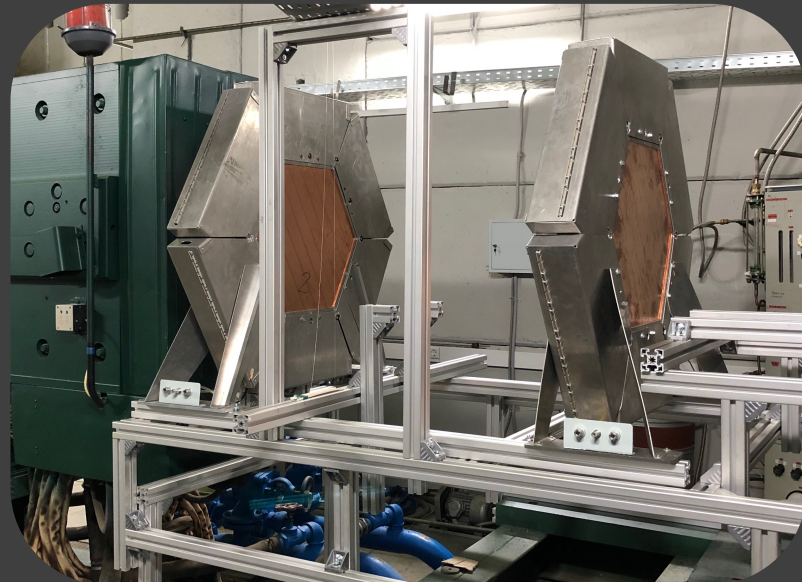
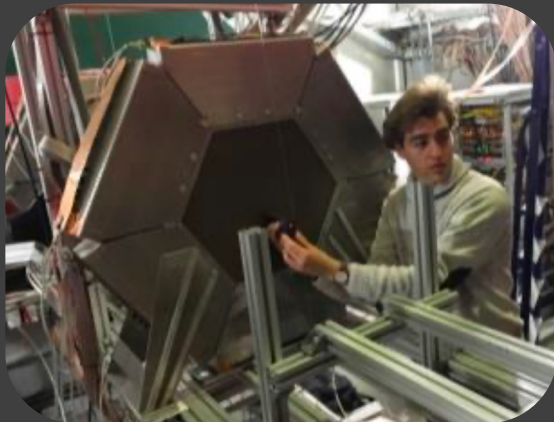
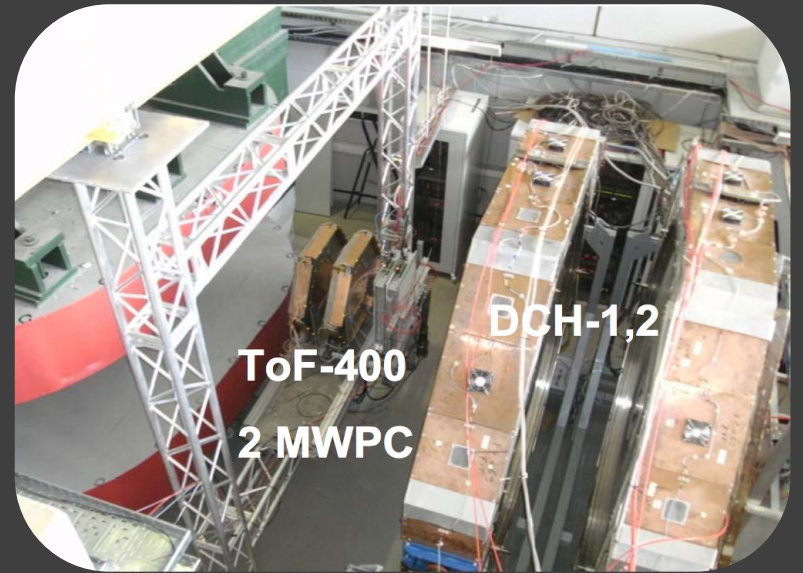
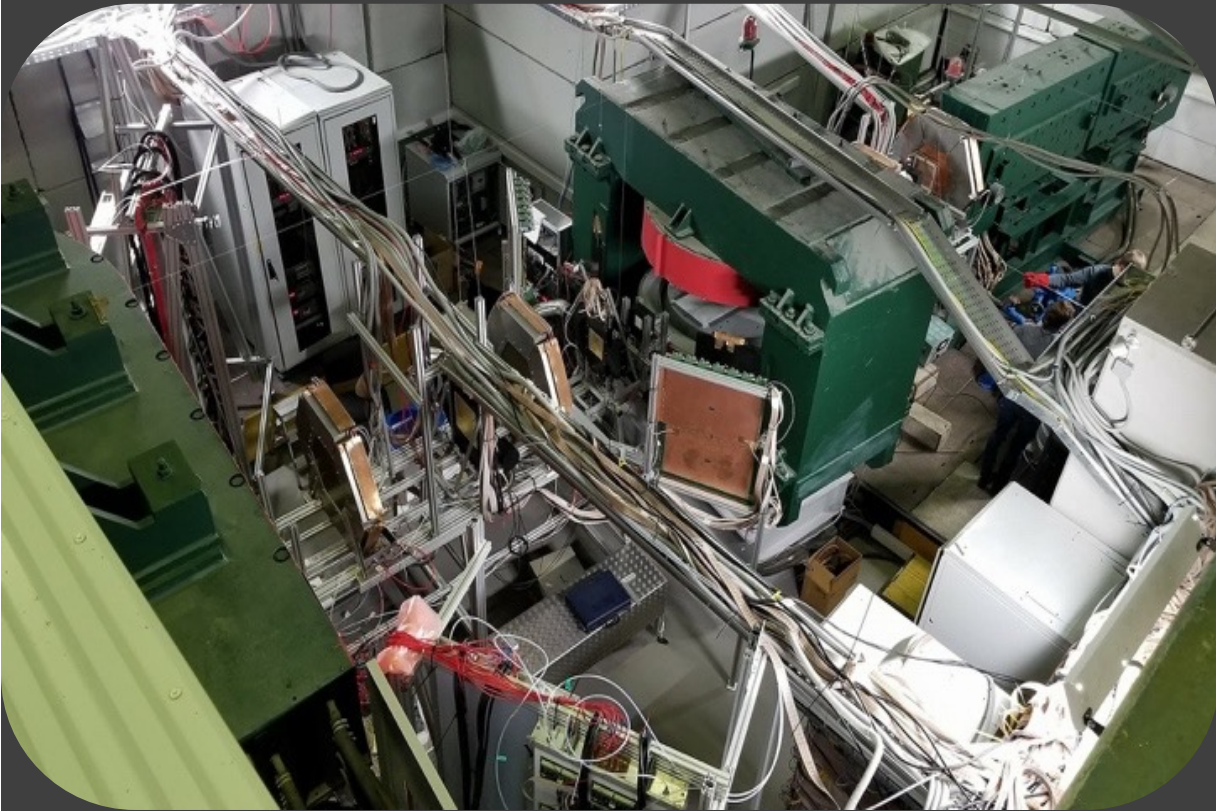
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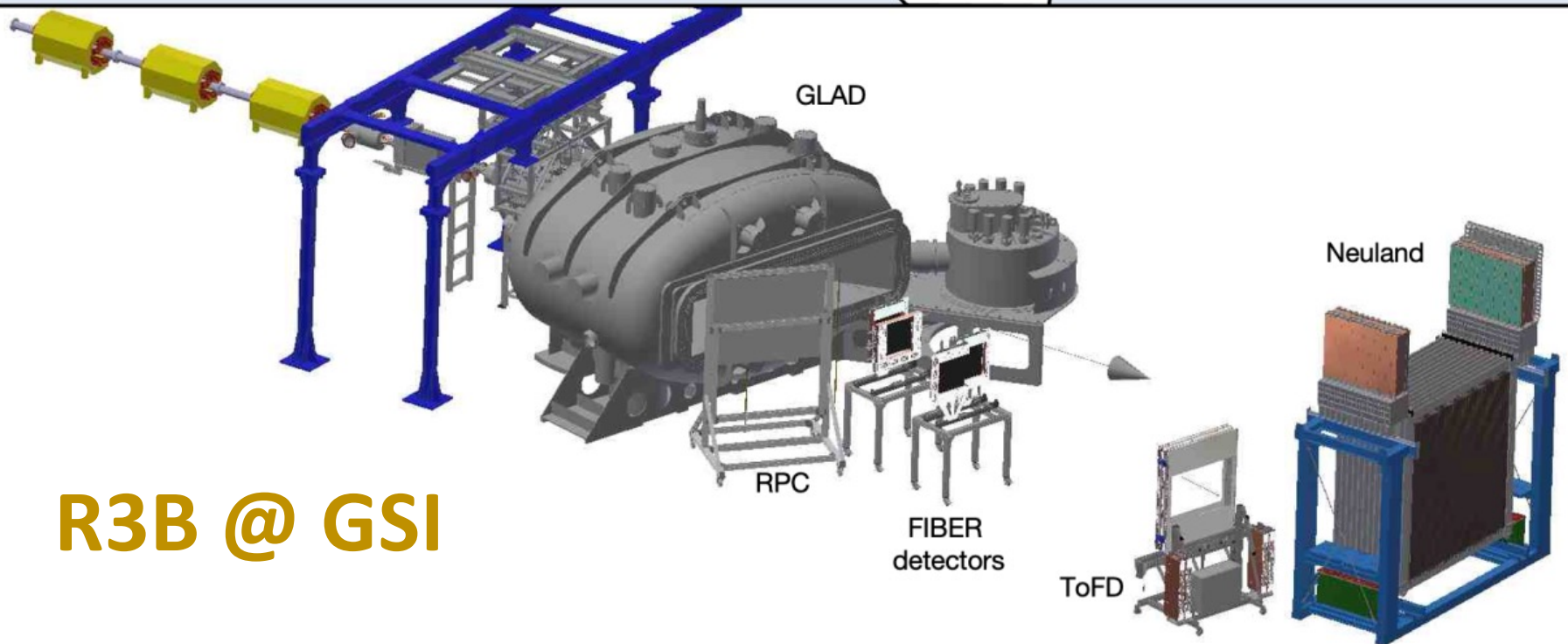
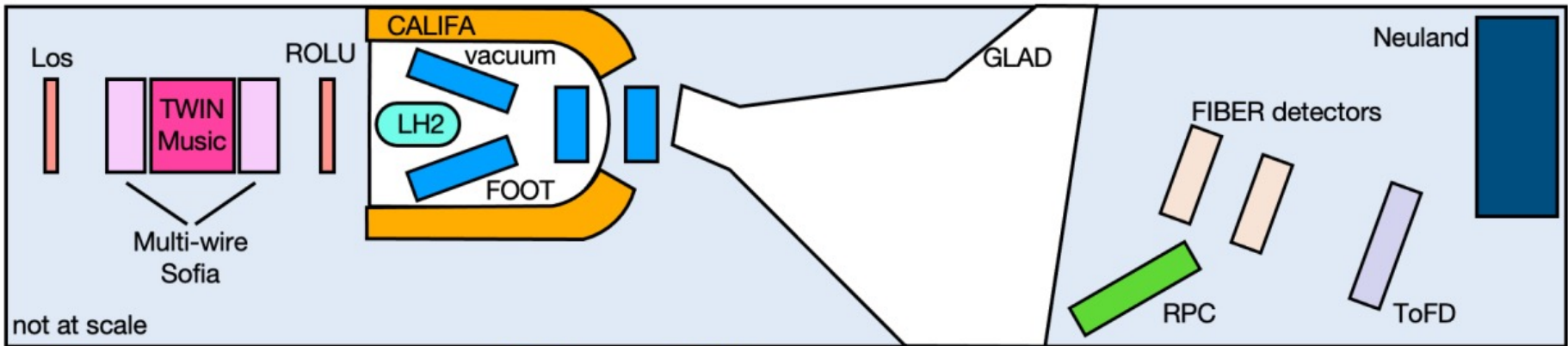
C(p,2p) in inverse kinematics



large momentum transfer ($\sim 90^\circ$ c.m.)



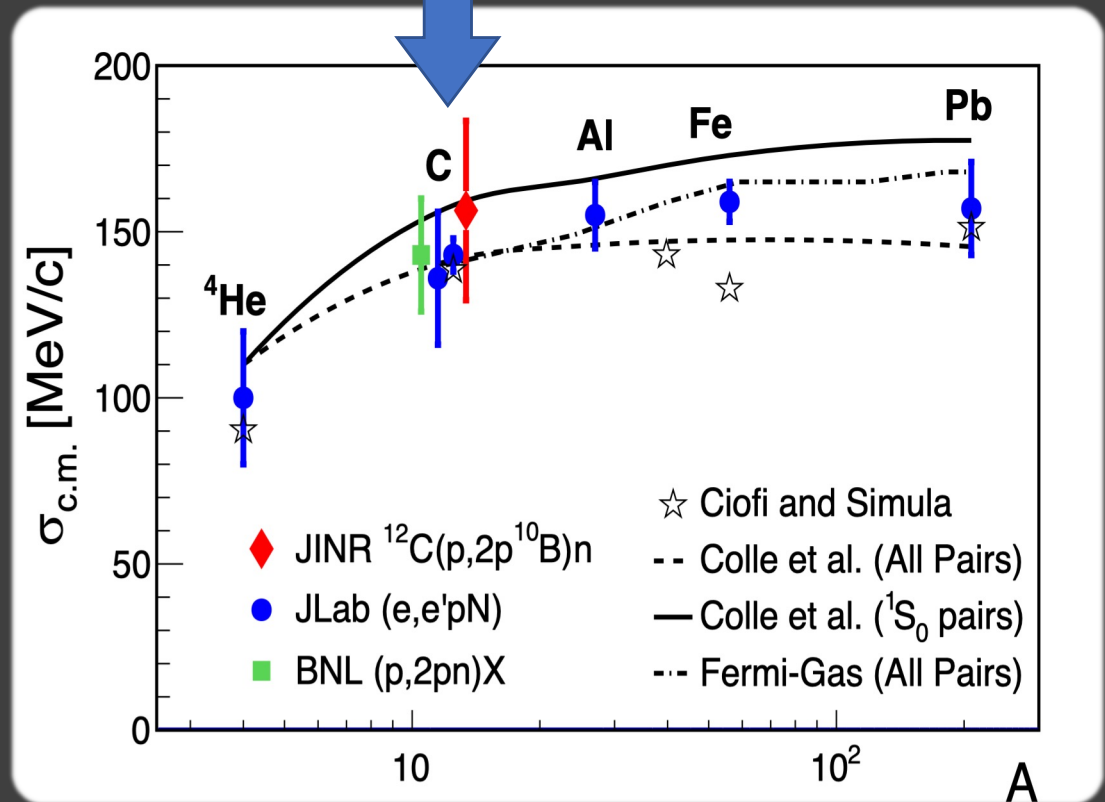
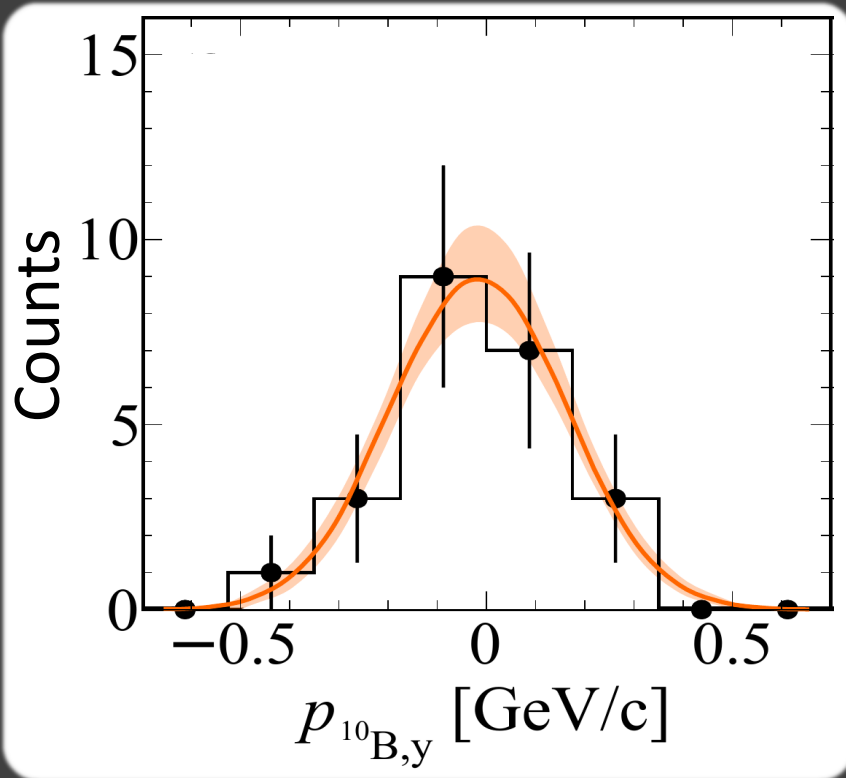
^{12}C & ^{16}C Beams!



R3B @ GSI

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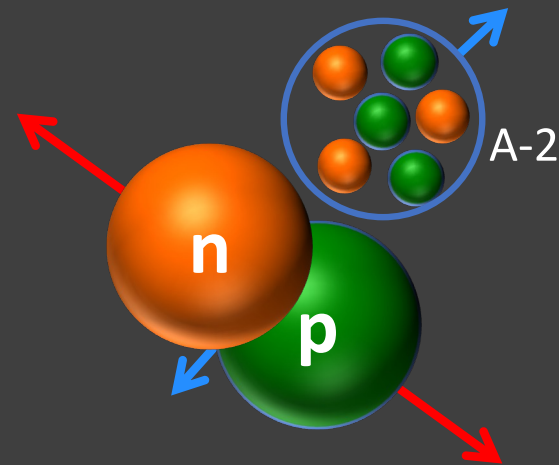
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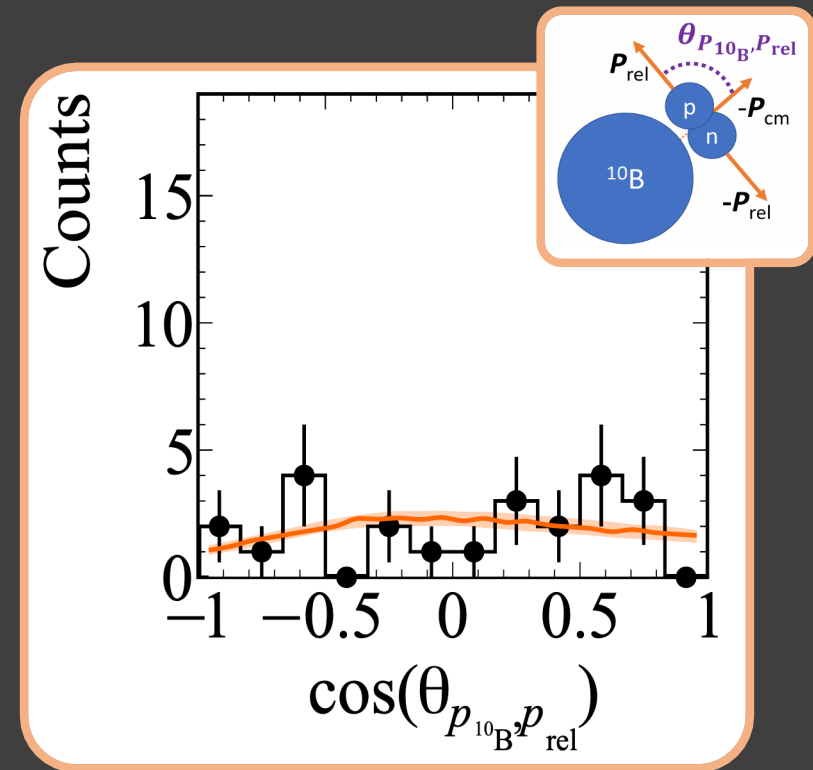
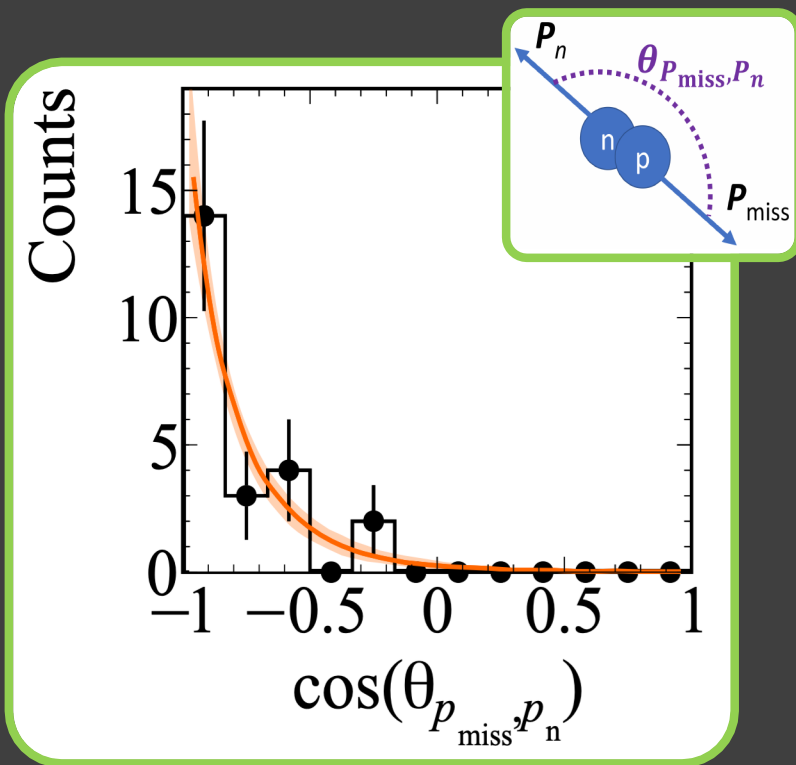
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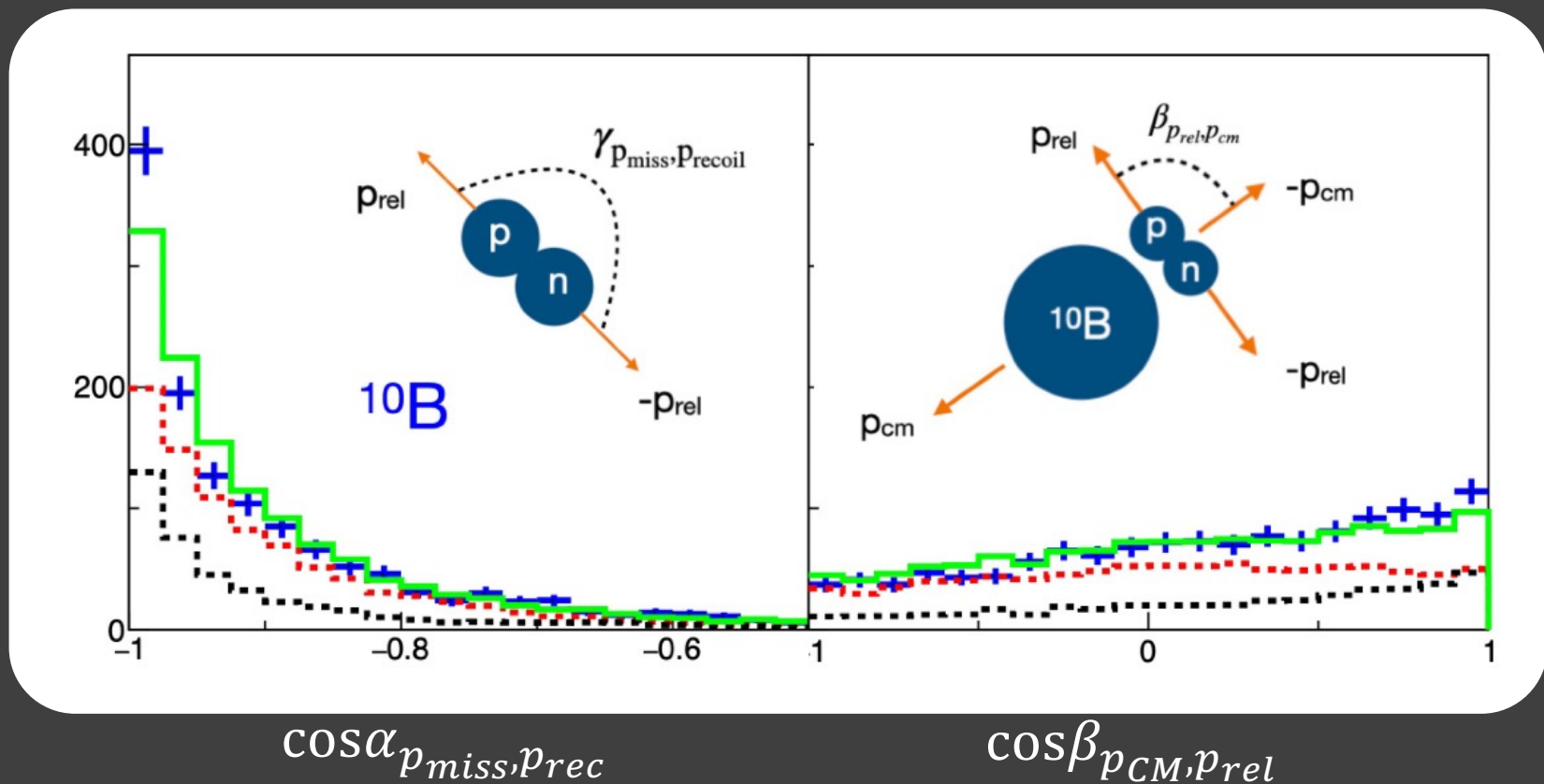
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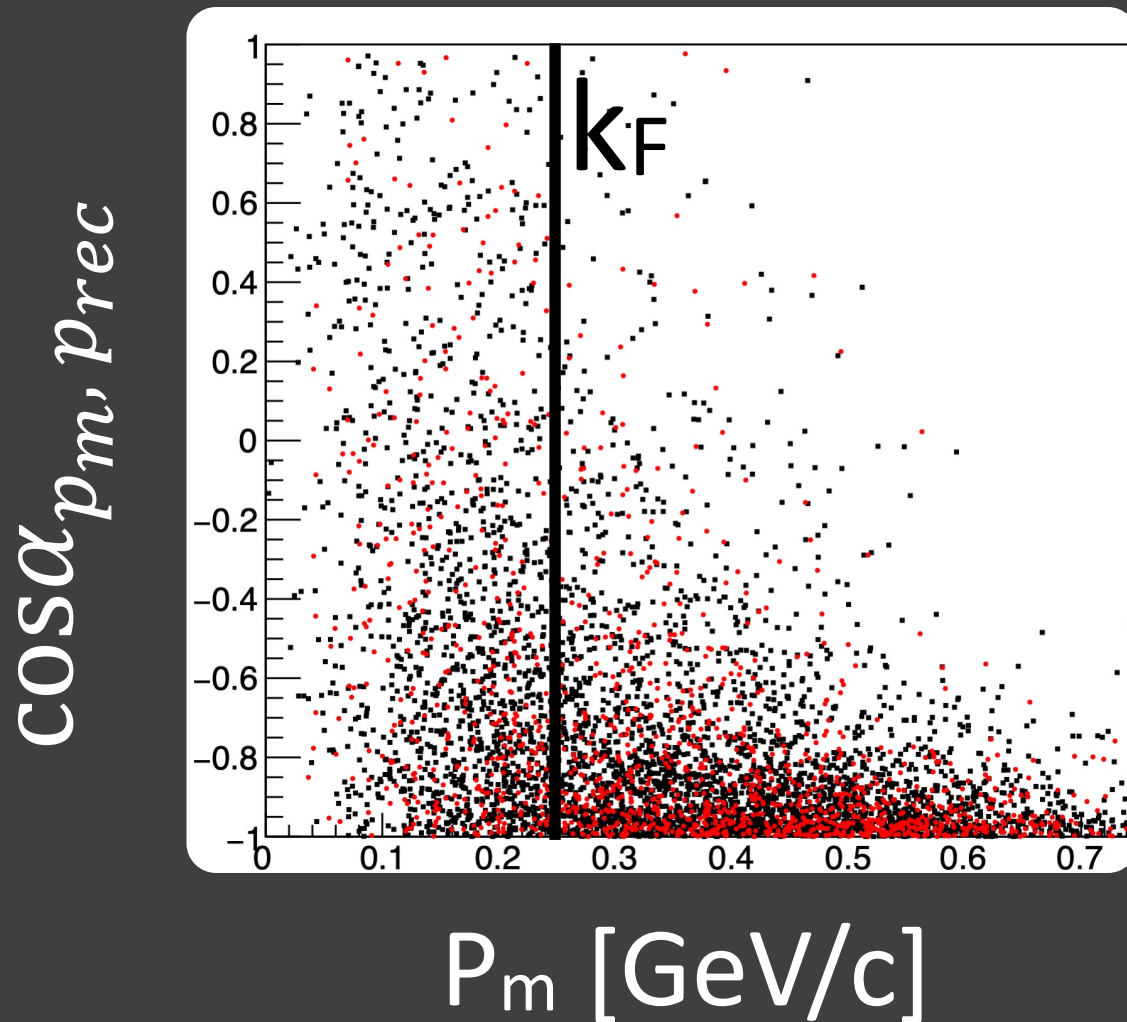


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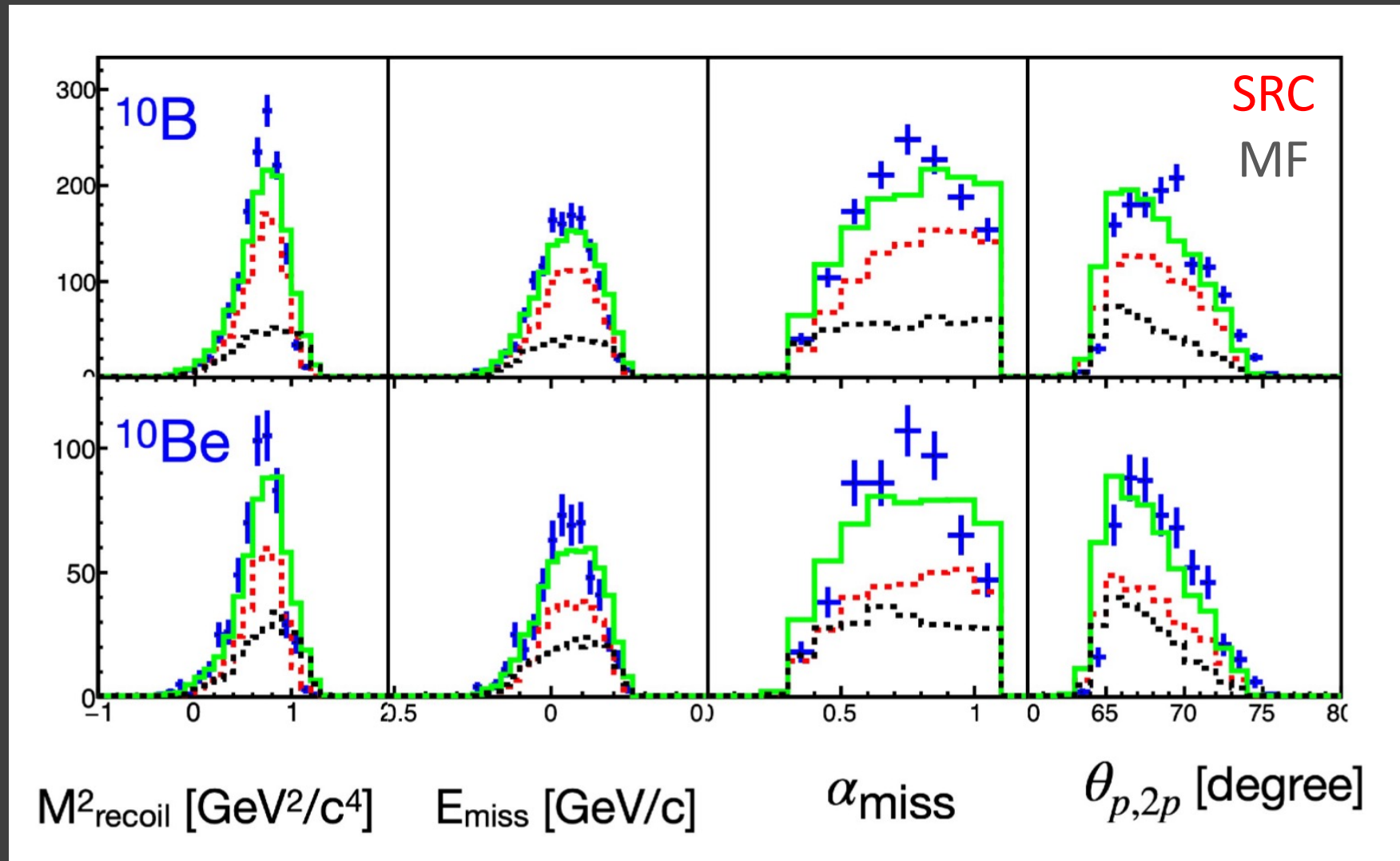
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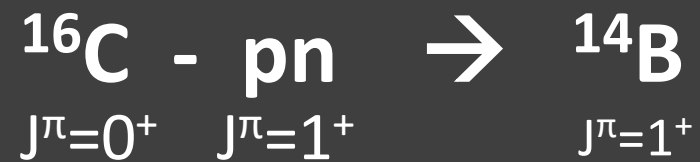
MF-to-SRC Transition



Good Data-Theory Agreement



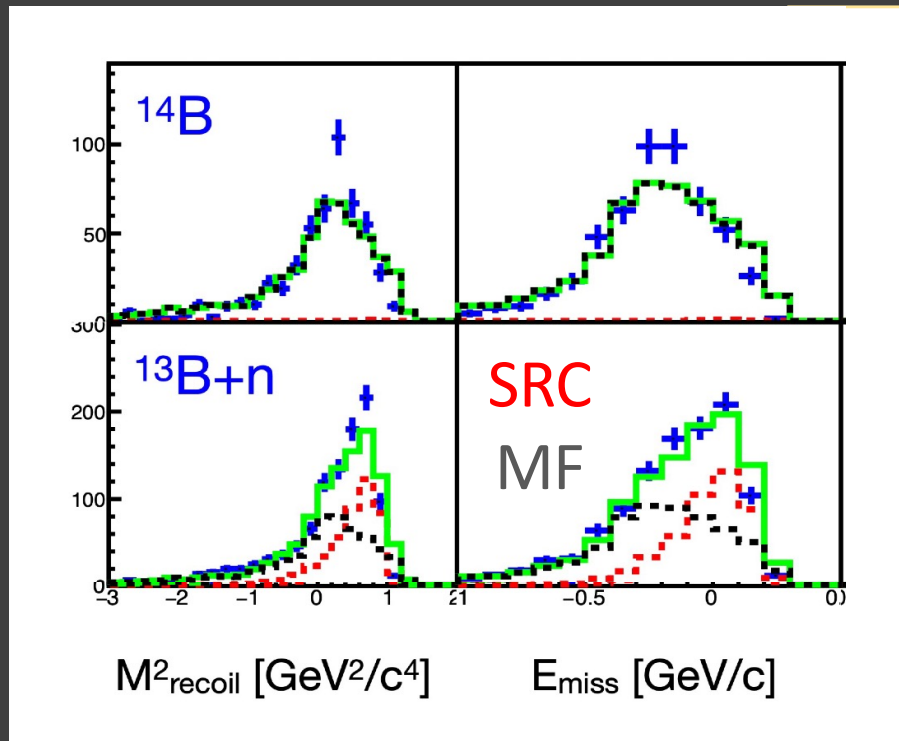
Deuteron Quantum States



E [MeV]	J ^π
0.0	2 ⁻
0.74	1 ⁻

¹⁴B bound states

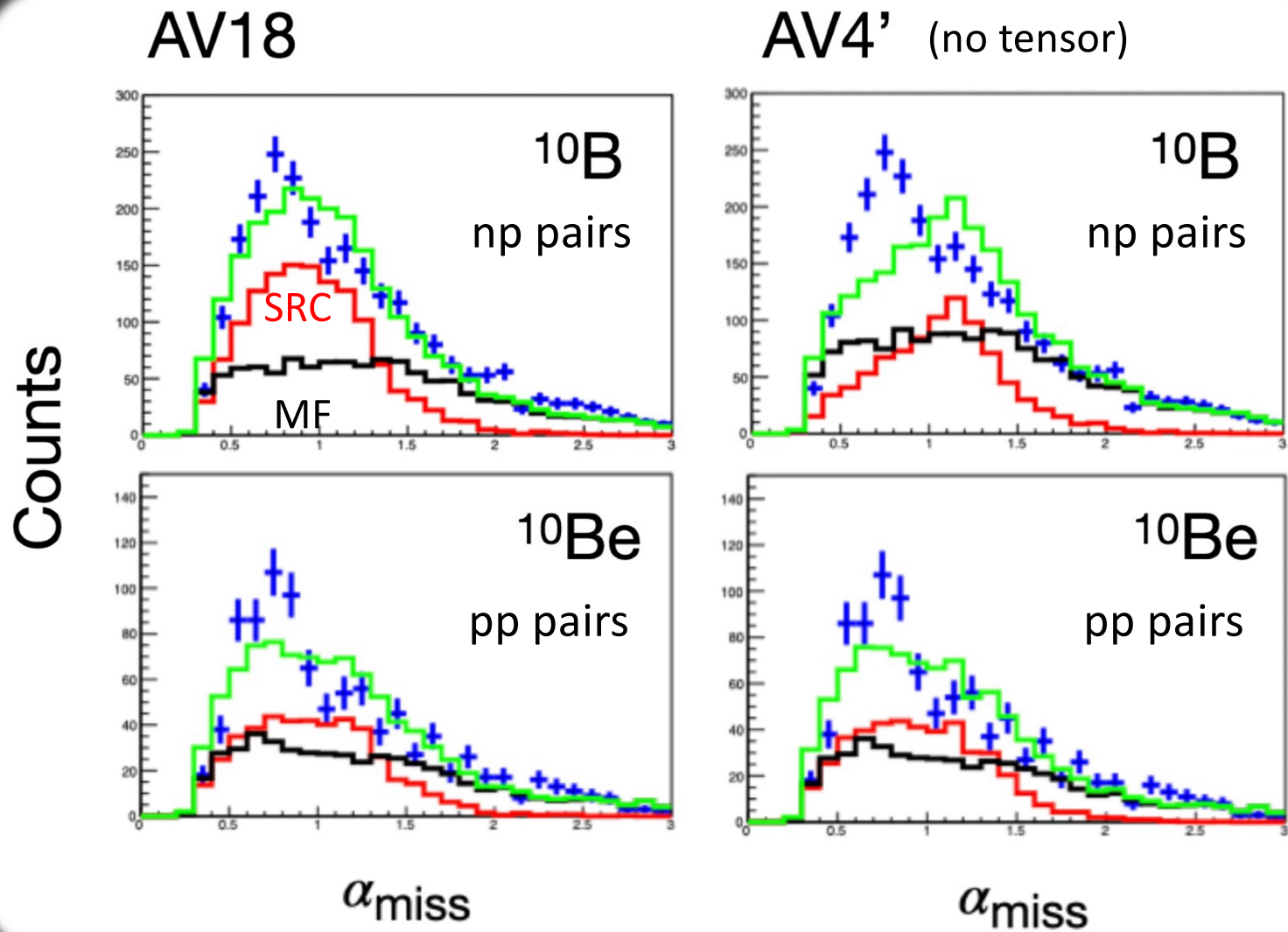
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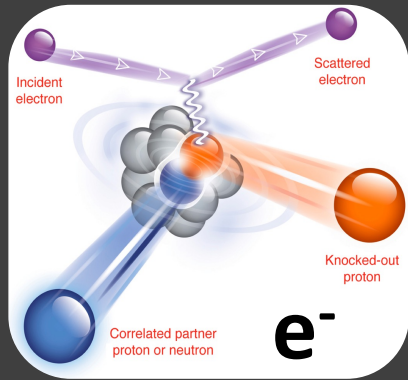
^{14}B : Mean-field only
because
 $^{16}\text{C} \rightarrow np + ^{14}\text{B}$
is blocked

$^{14}\text{B}^* \rightarrow ^{13}\text{B}+n$:
SRC contribute

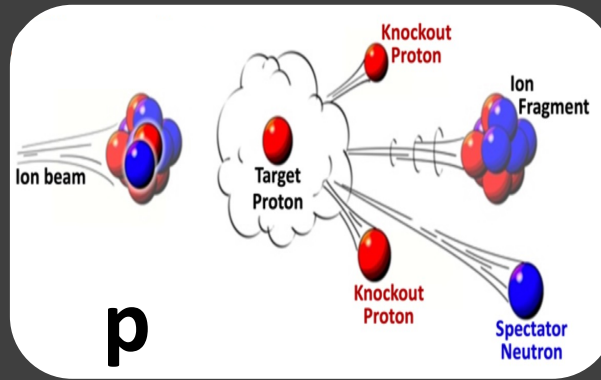
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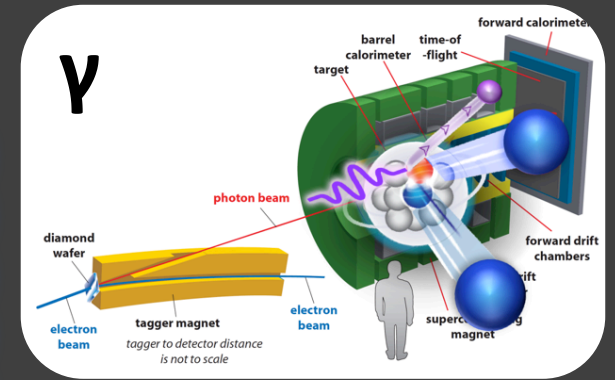
Results show universality!



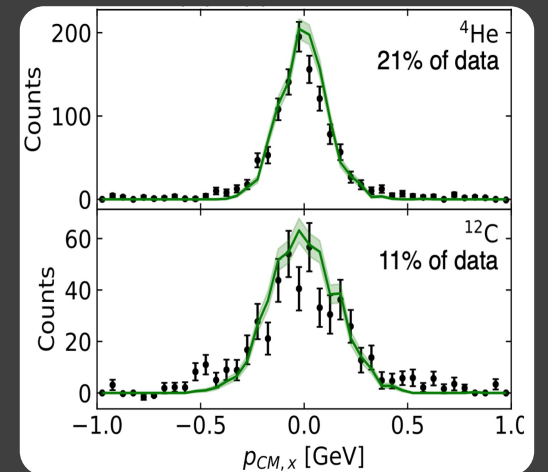
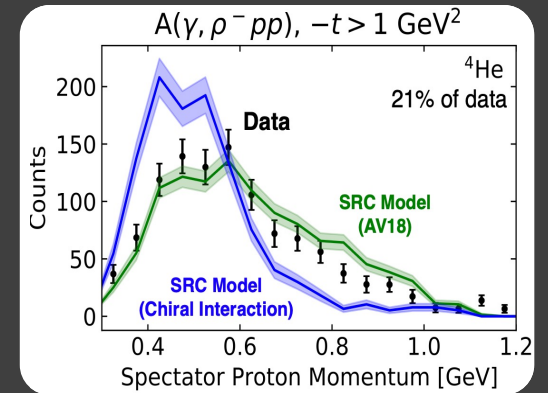
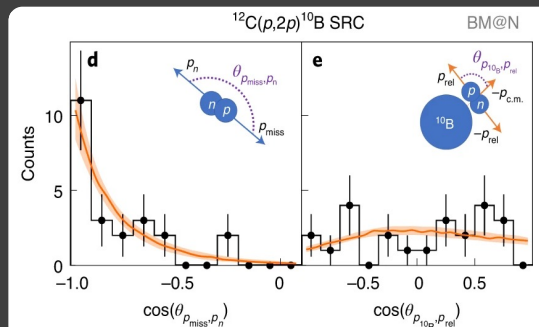
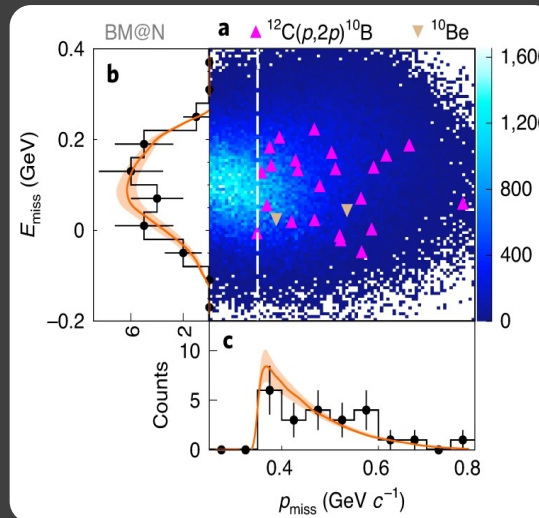
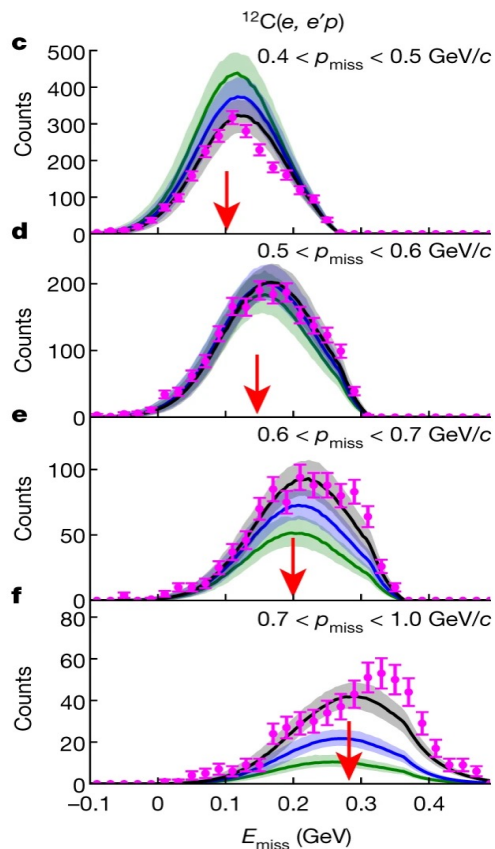
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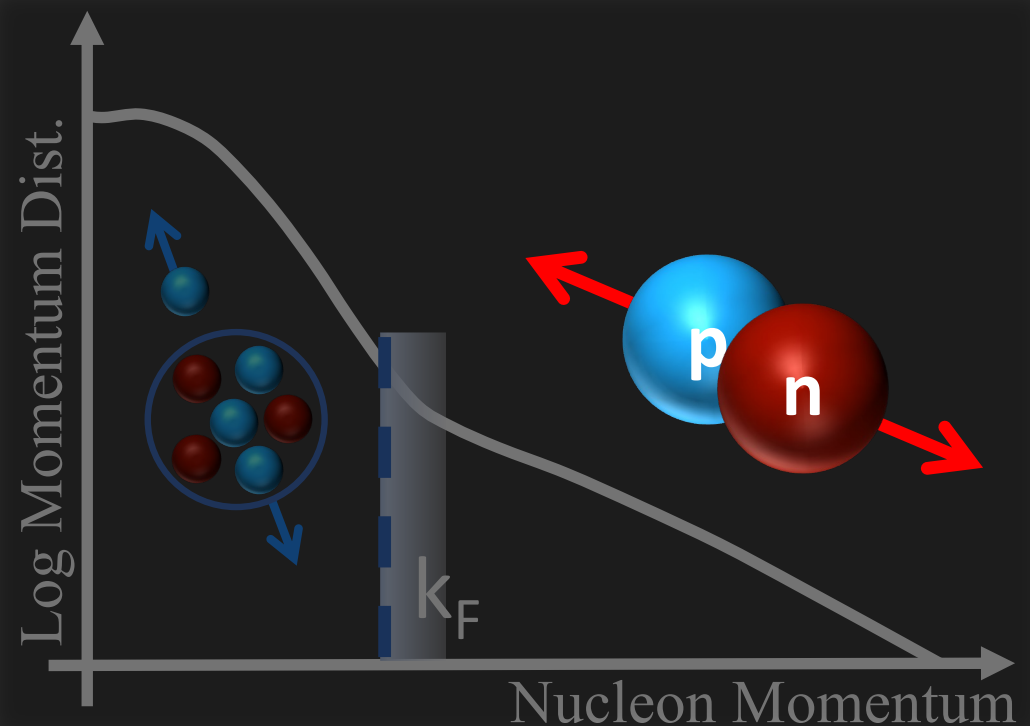


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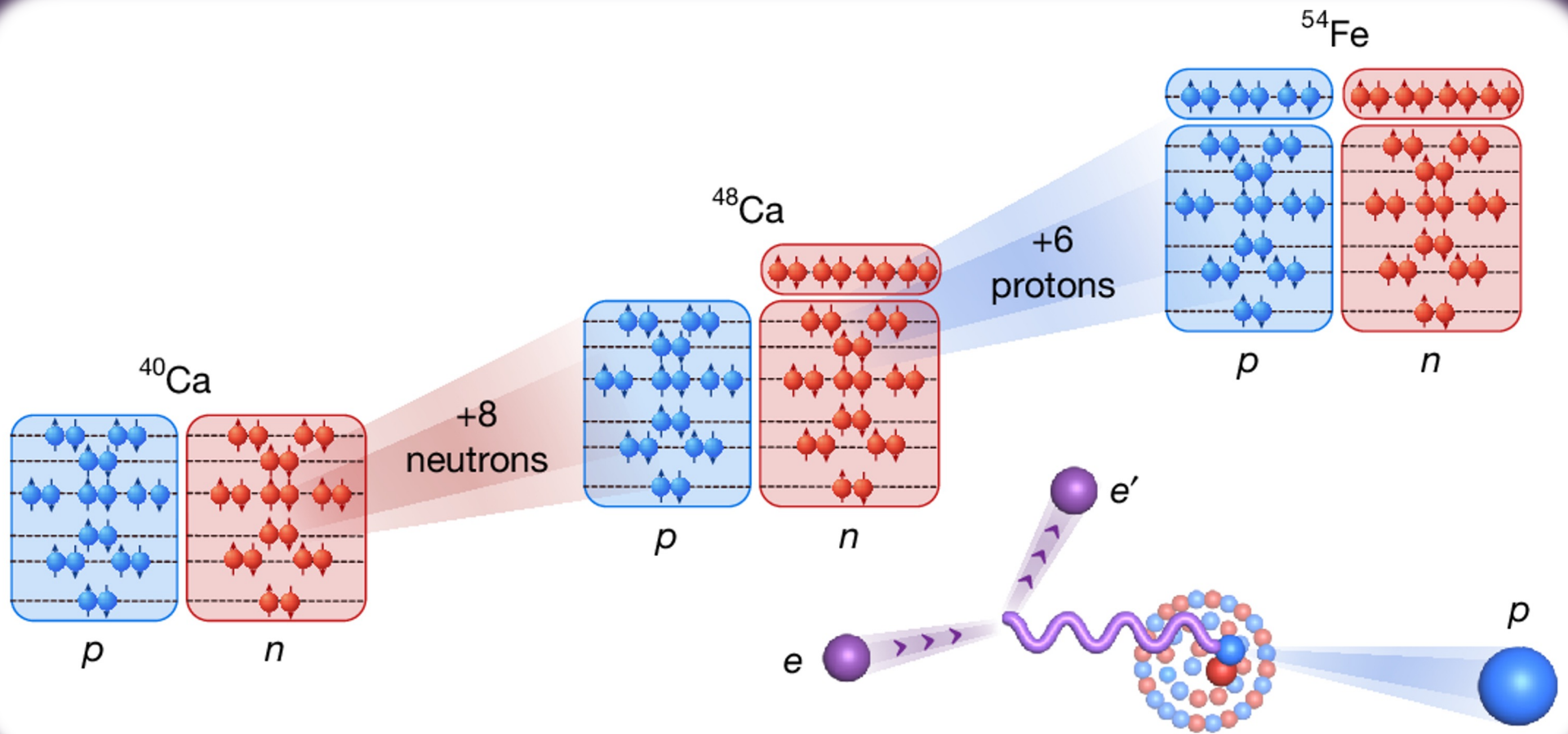


Short-Range Correlations Use the Nucleus as a lab for high-density matter states!

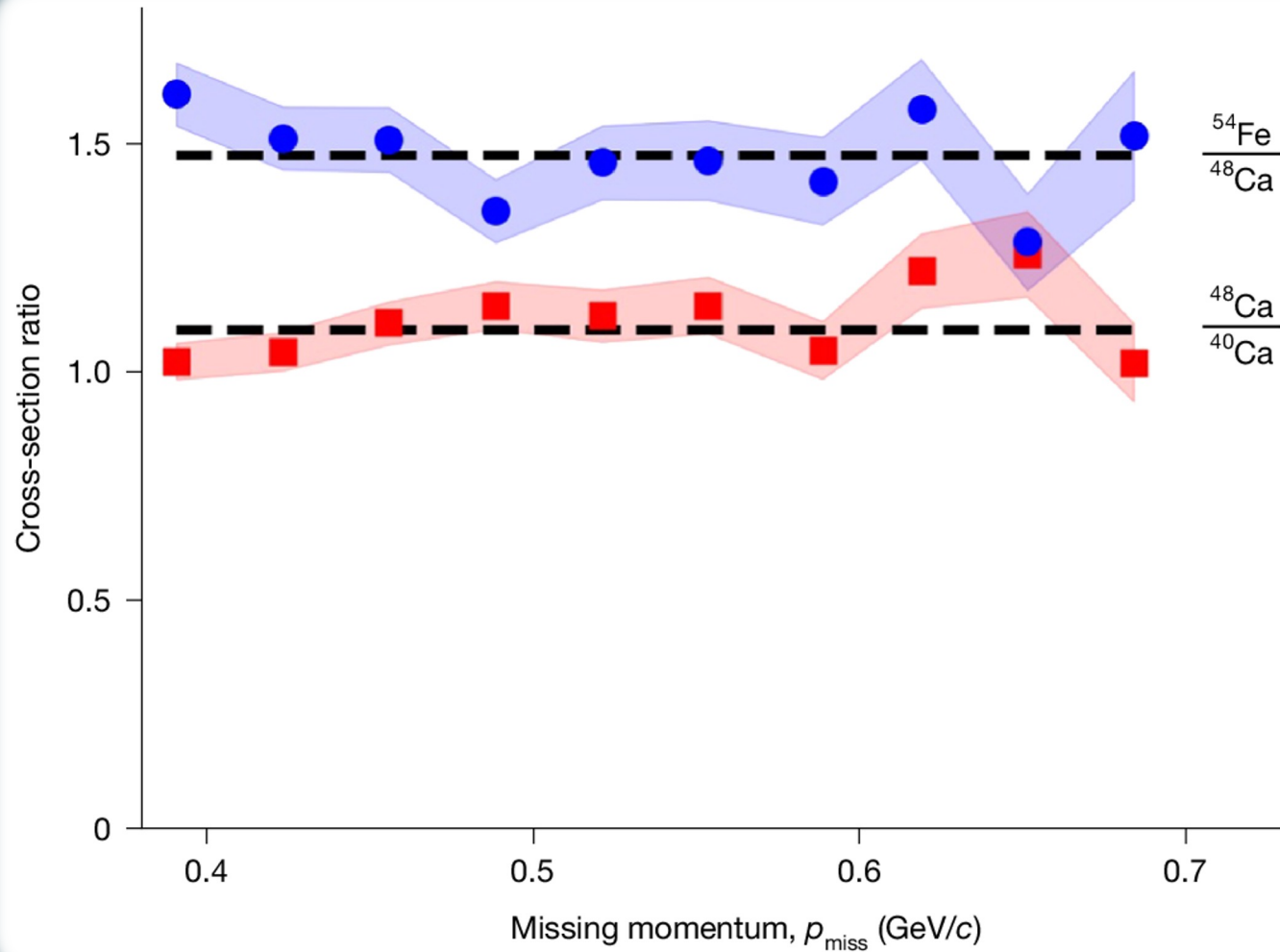
- Discovery of a universal (factorized) correlated phase
- First probe of the NN interaction core
- Asymmetry effects impact neutron stars



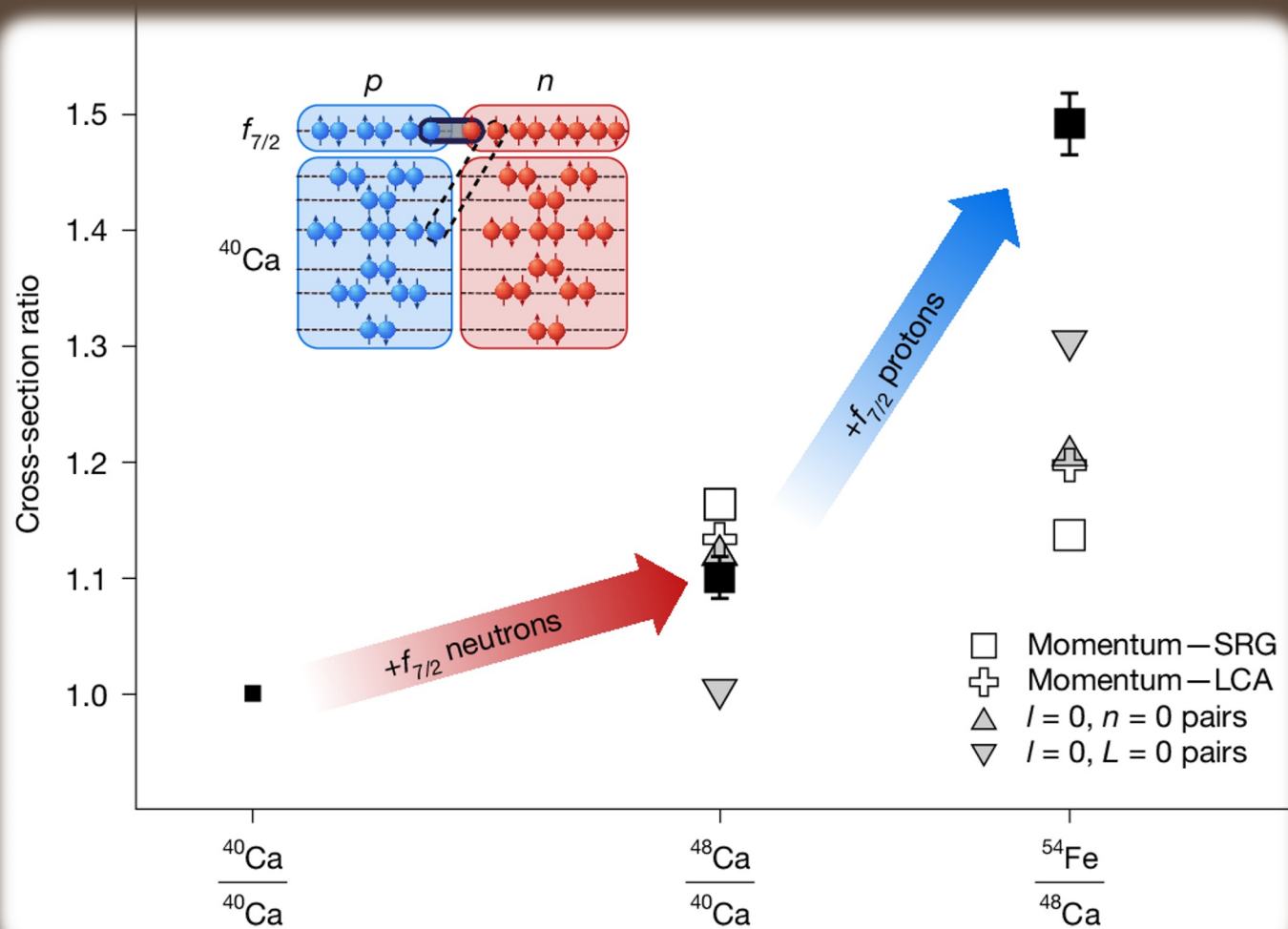
Understand Pair Formation: CaFe



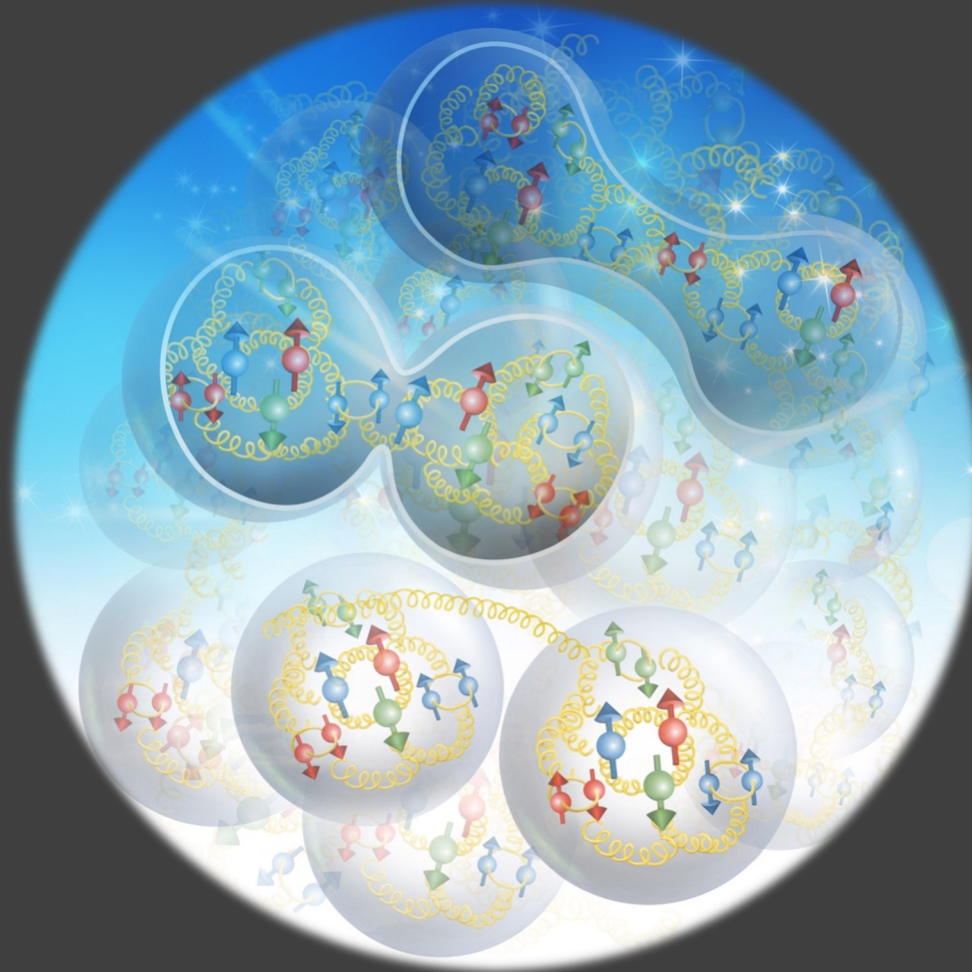
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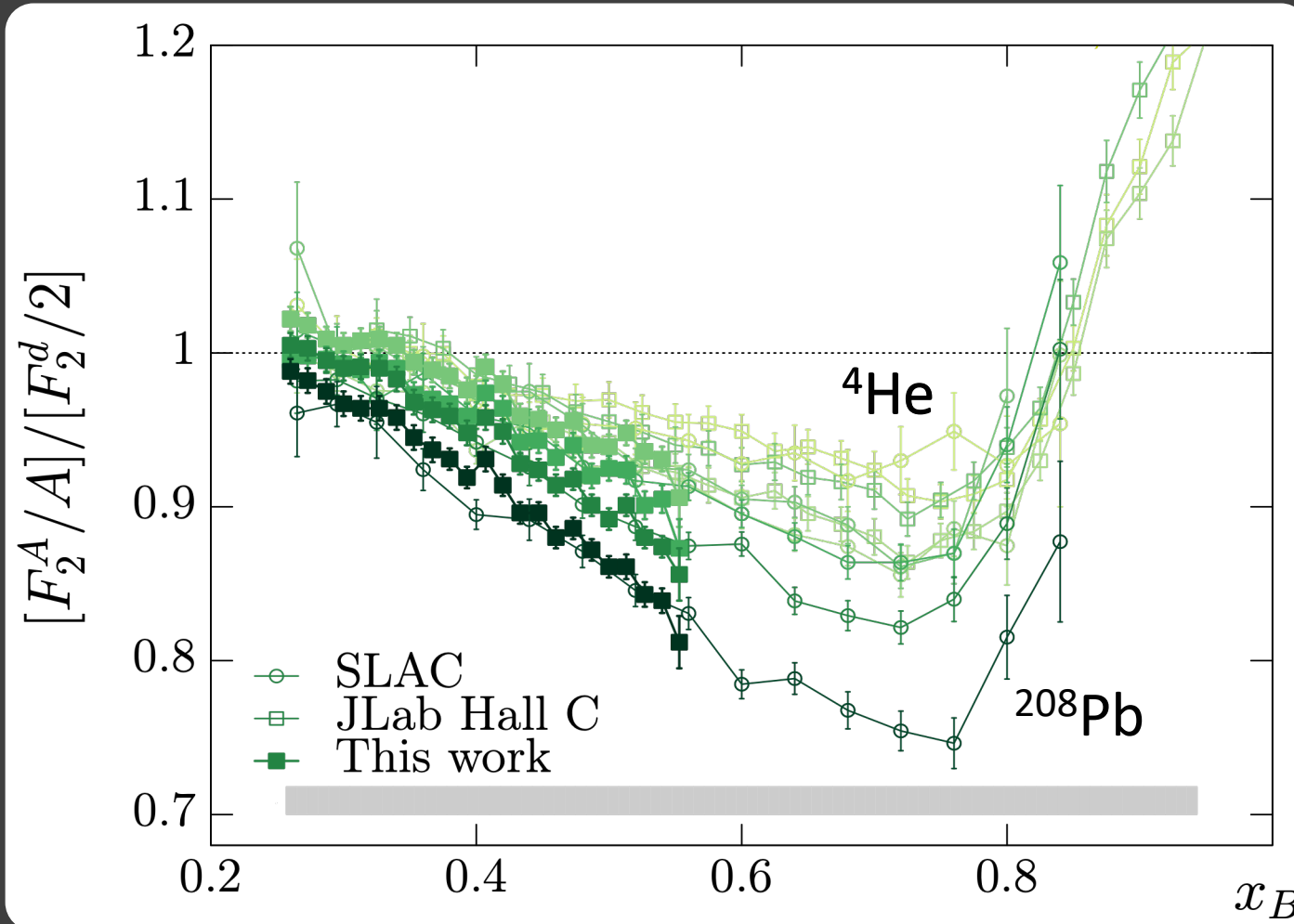
Same-Shell Pairing → New Quantum Selection Rules!



The Proton in the Nucleus



Quark Momentum Suppression in Nuclei (EMC Effect)

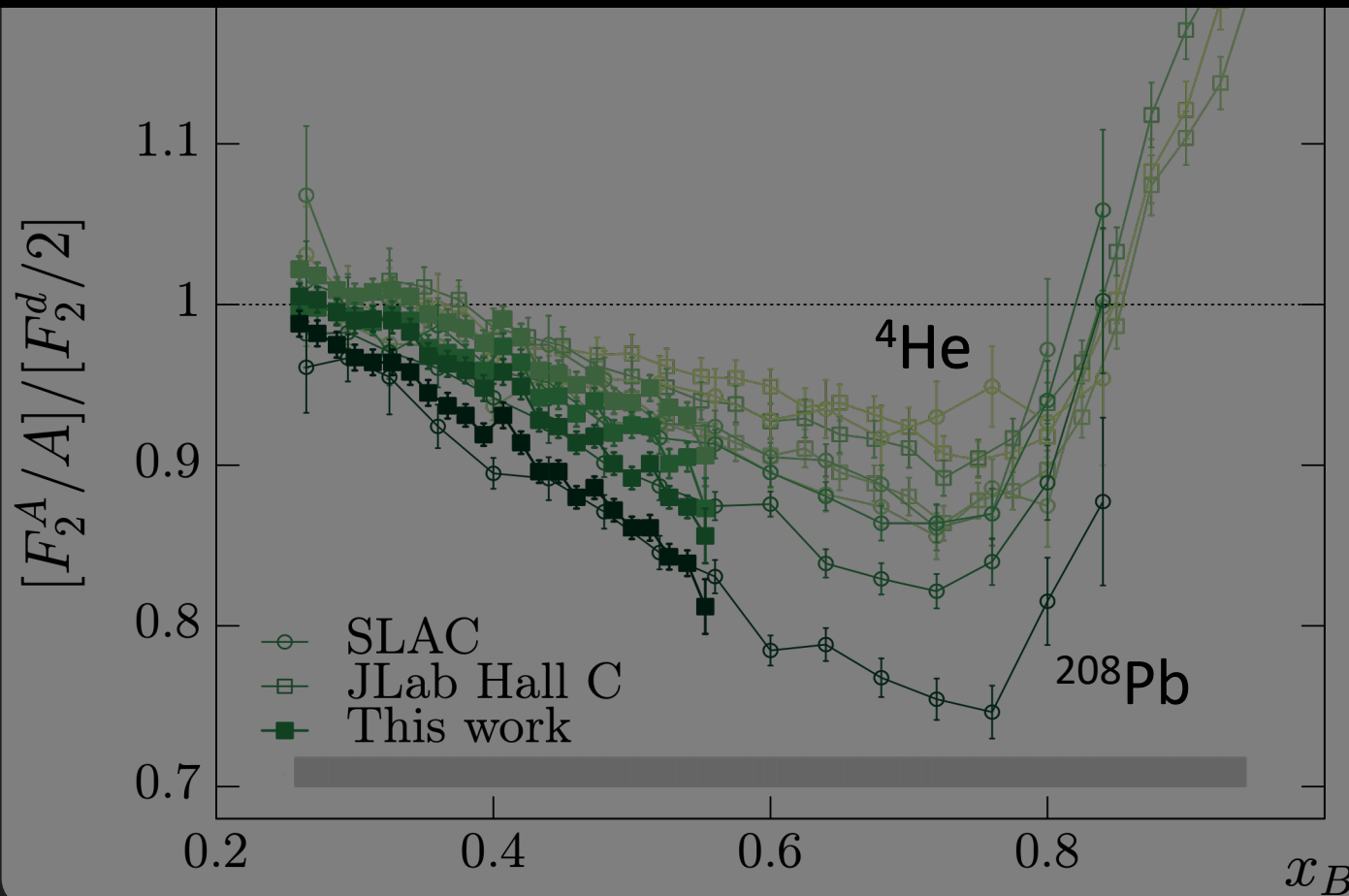


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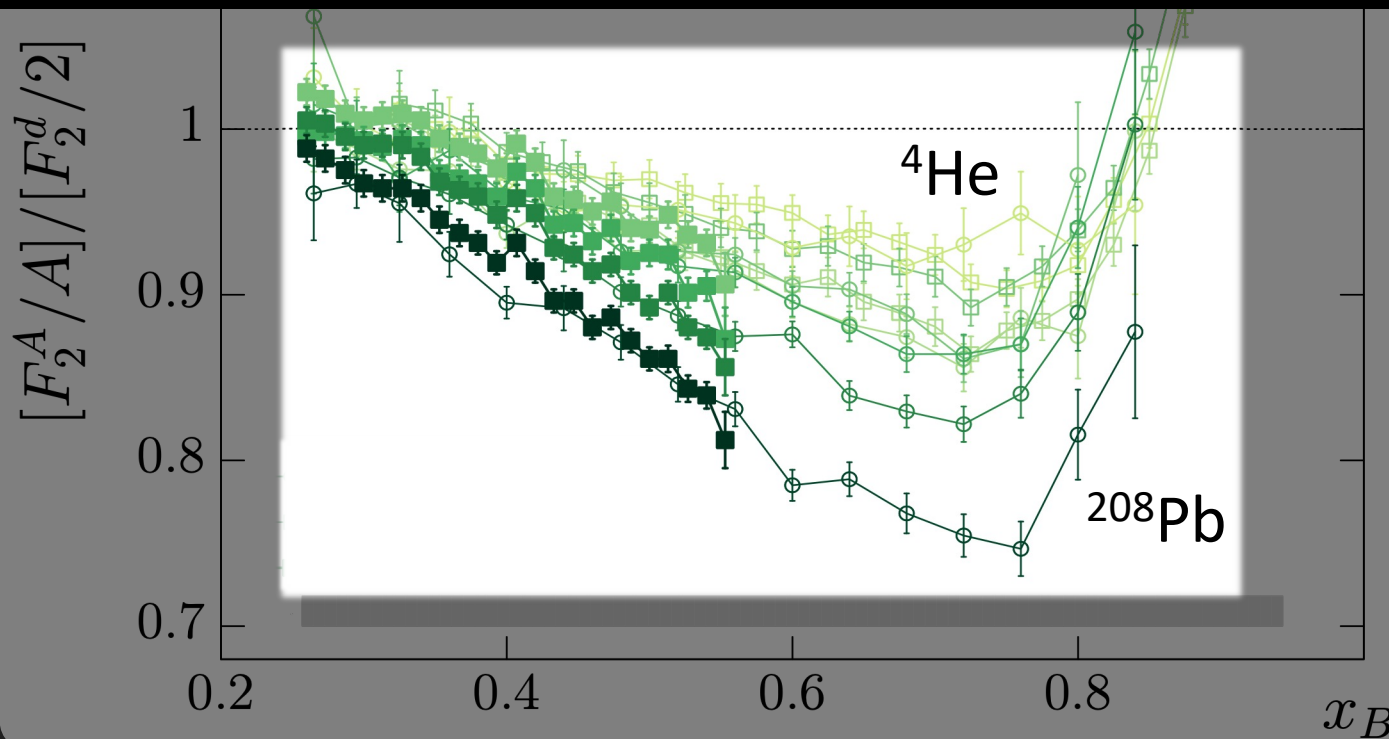


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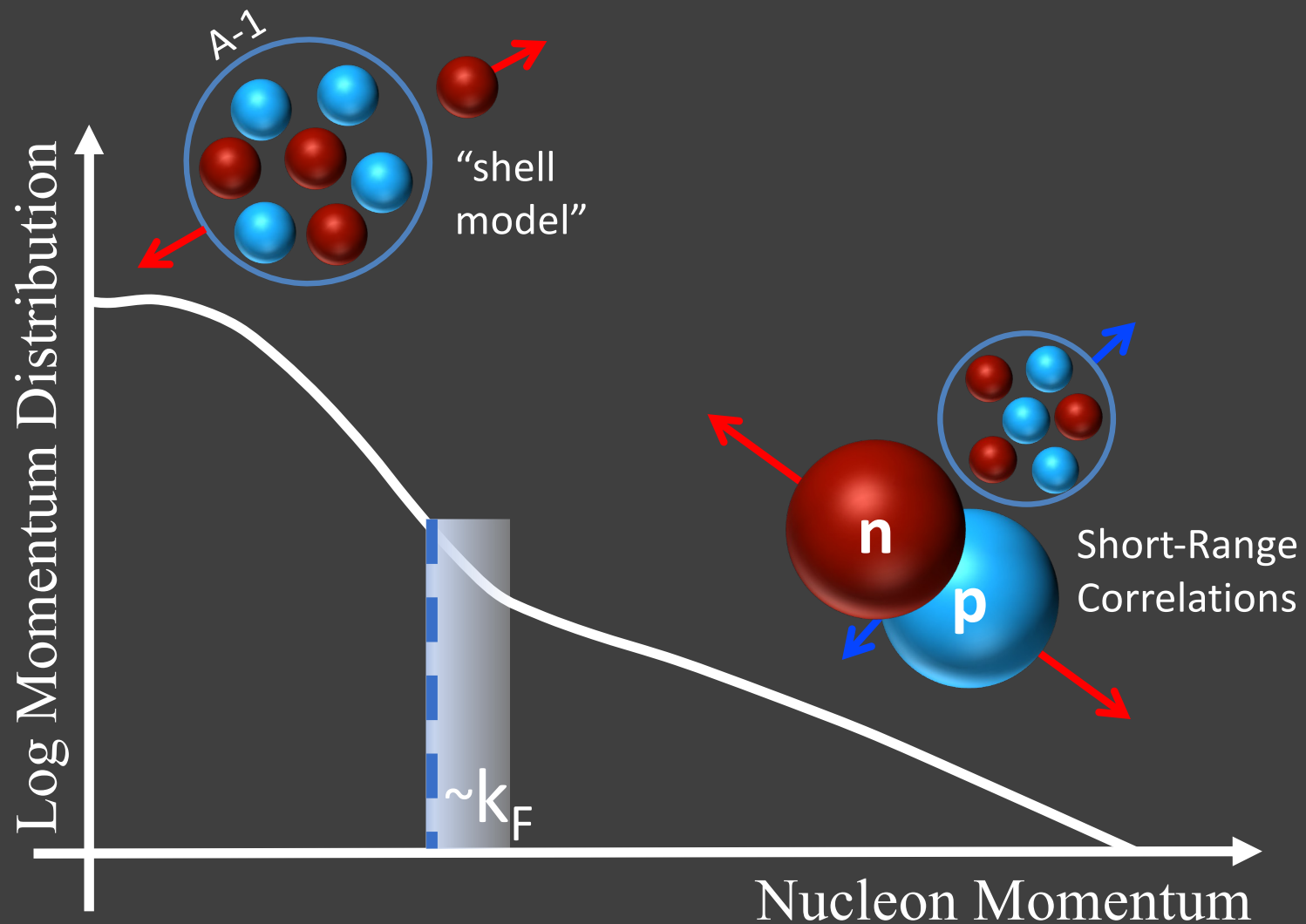
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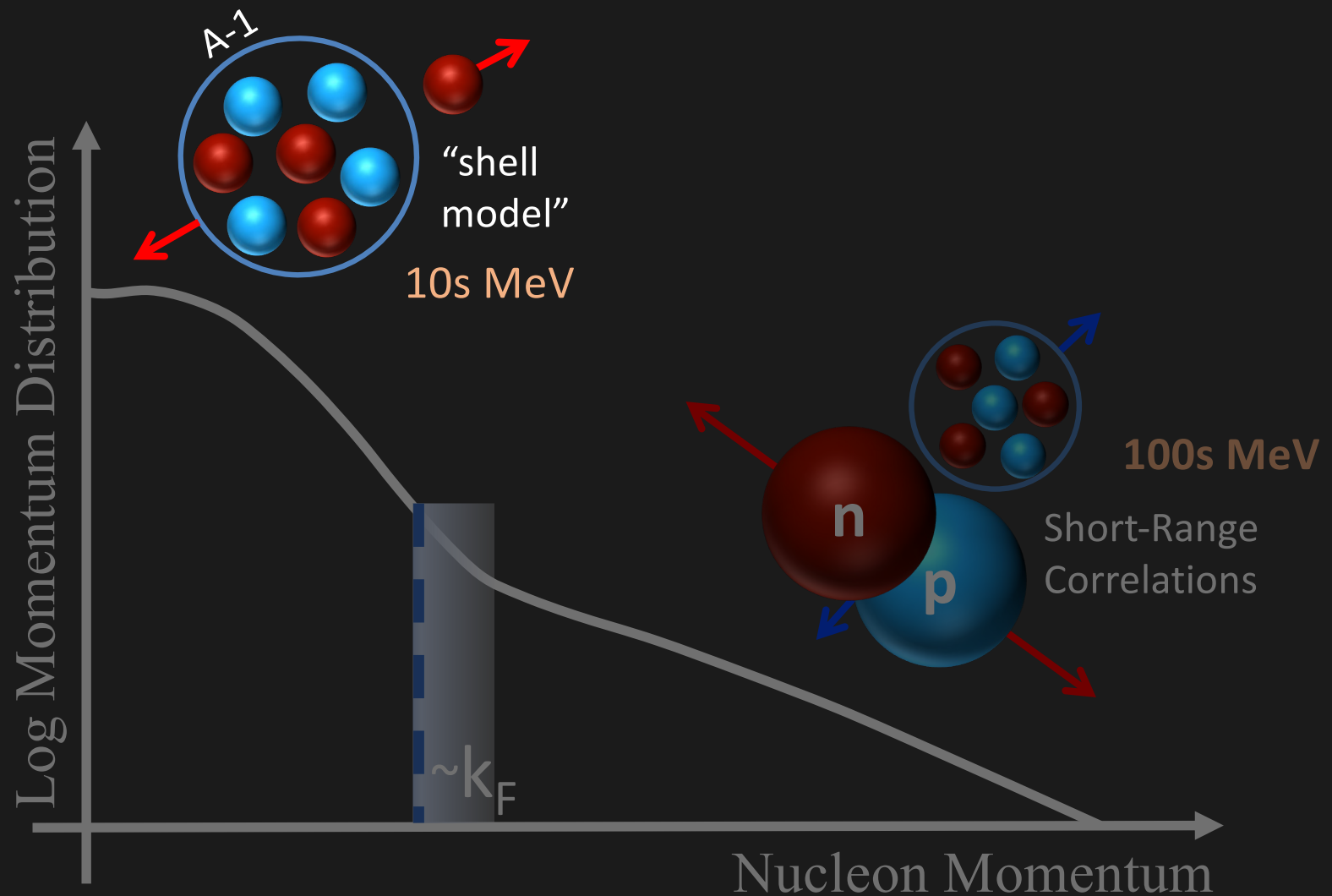
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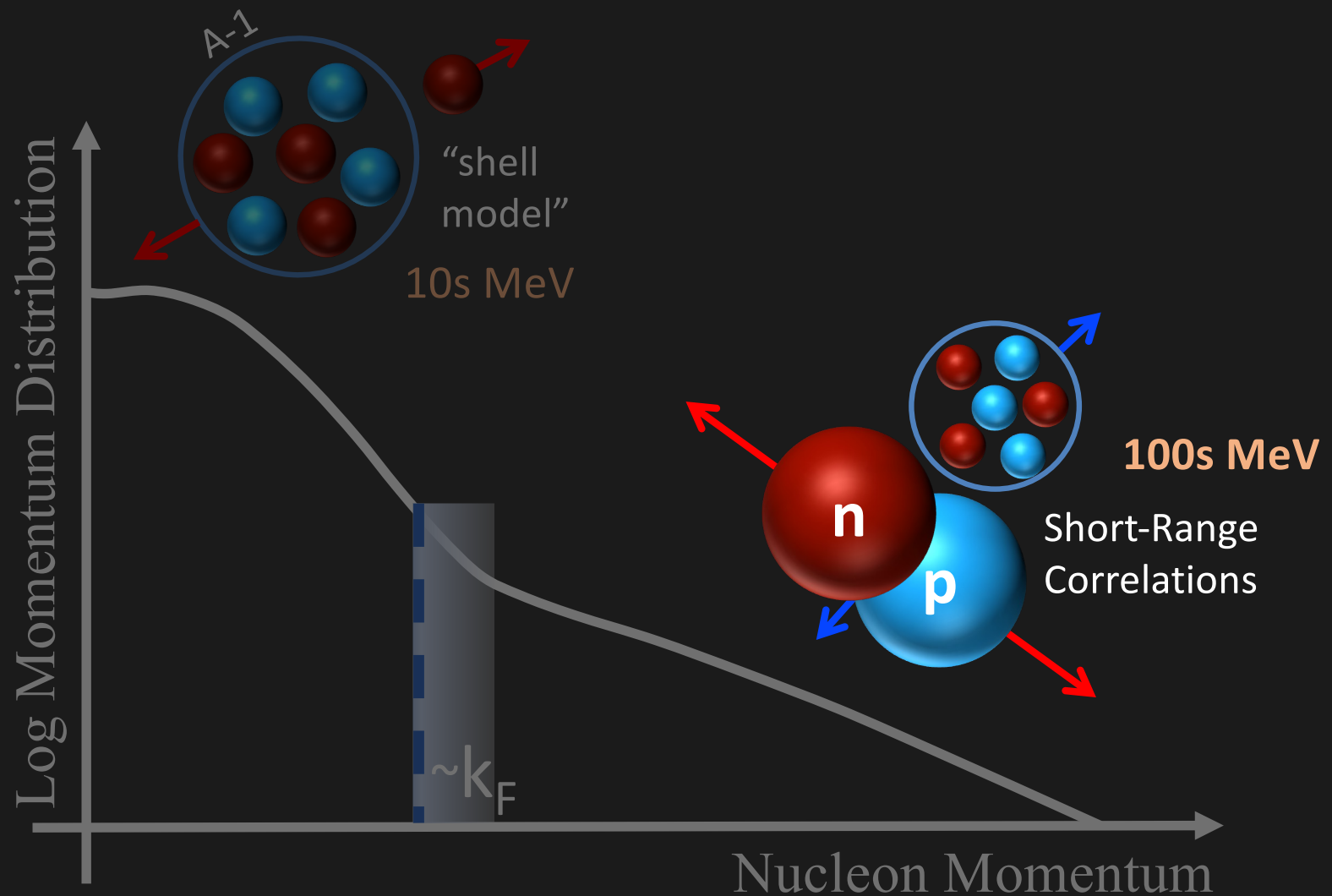
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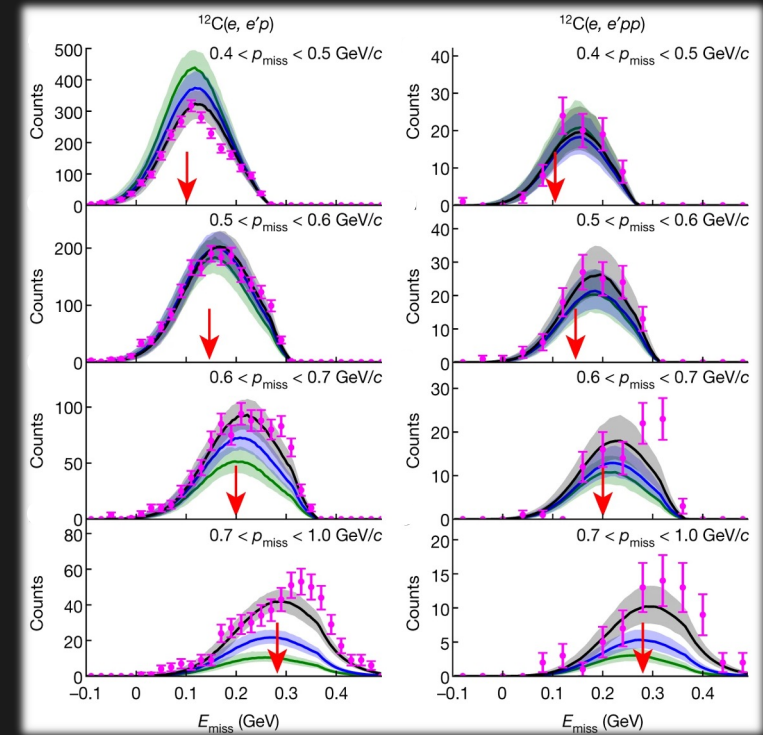
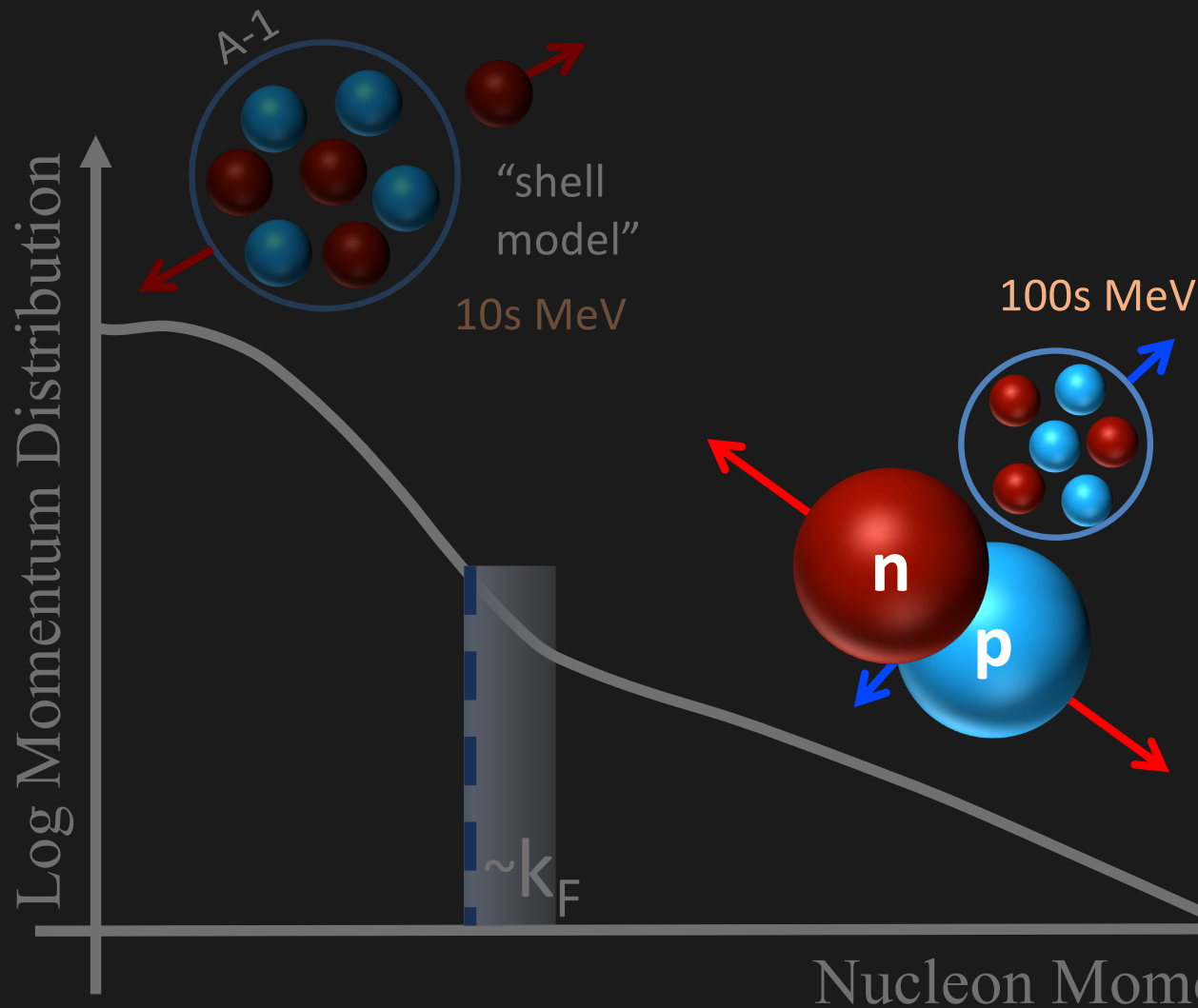
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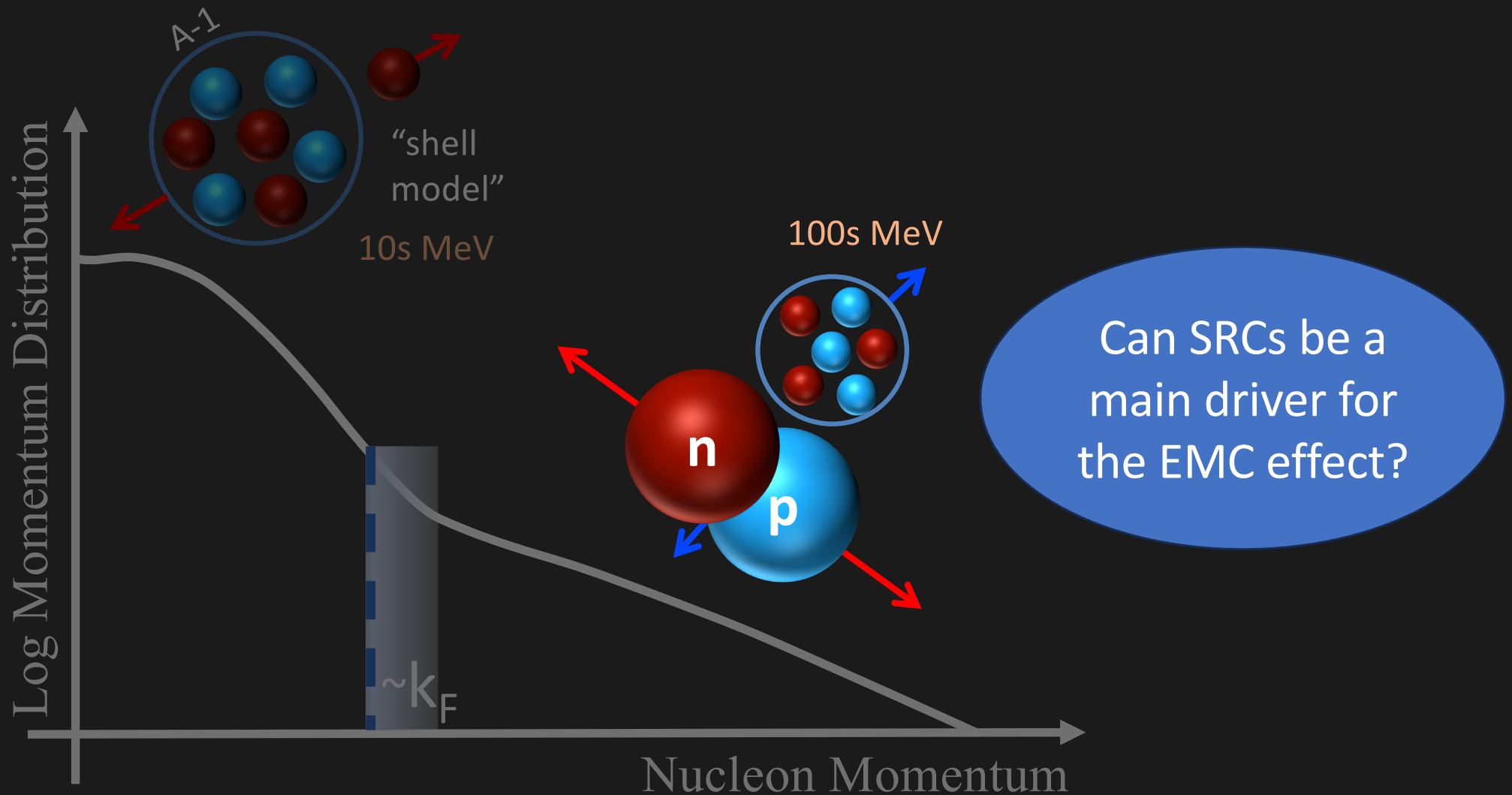


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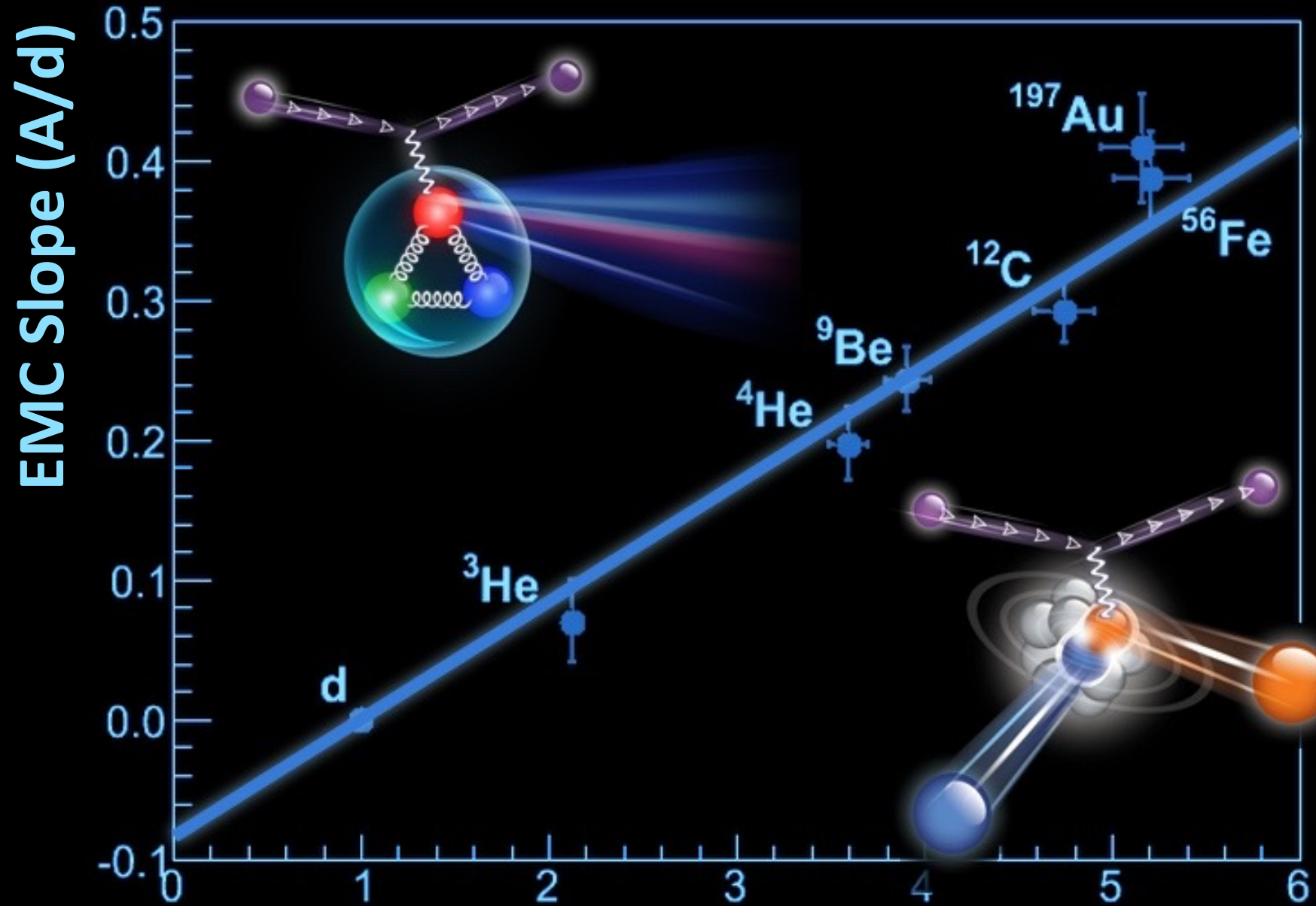


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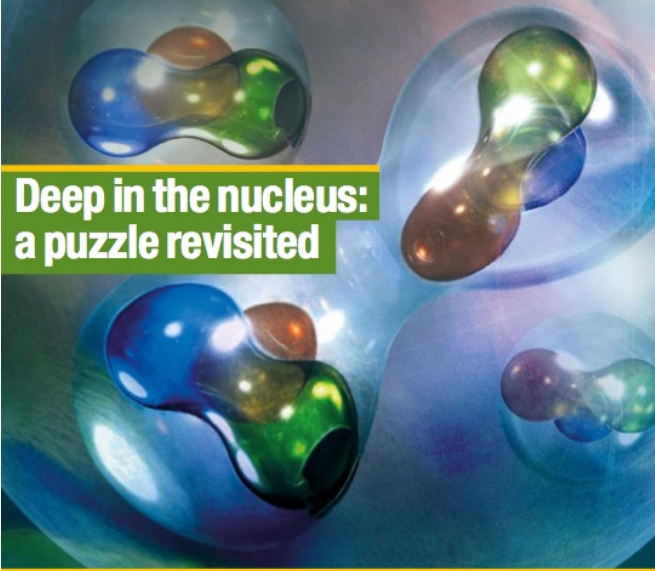


EMC – SRC Correlation



Nature (2019); RMP (2017); IJMPE
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SRC Fraction (A/d)



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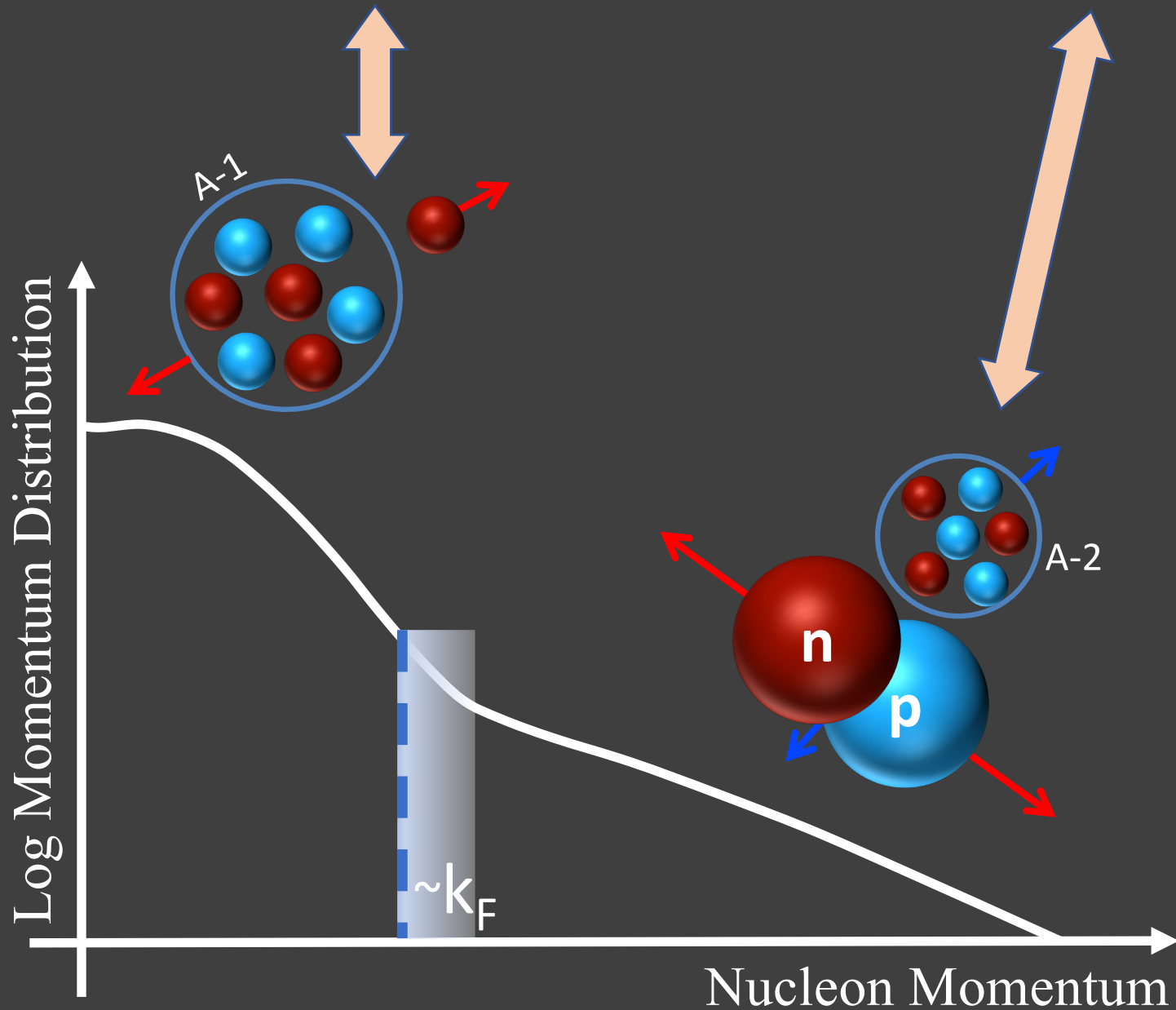
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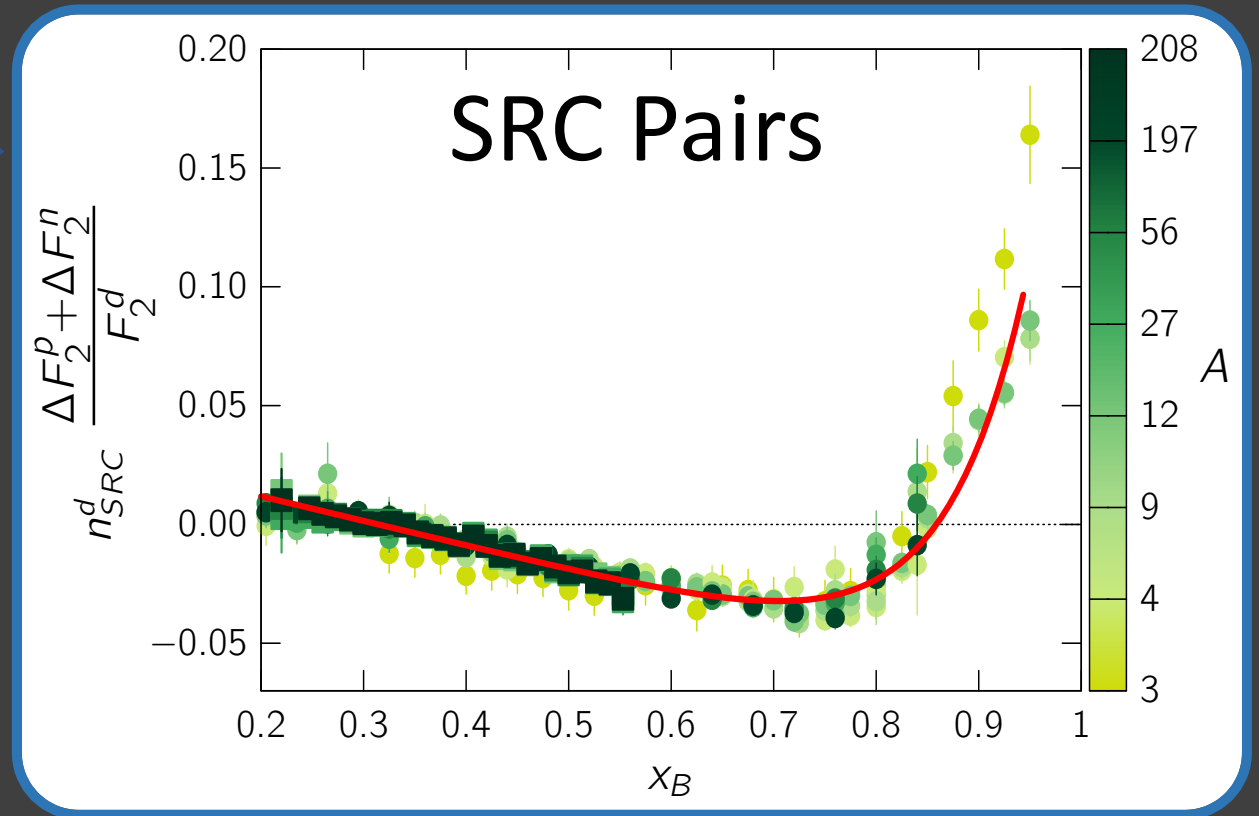
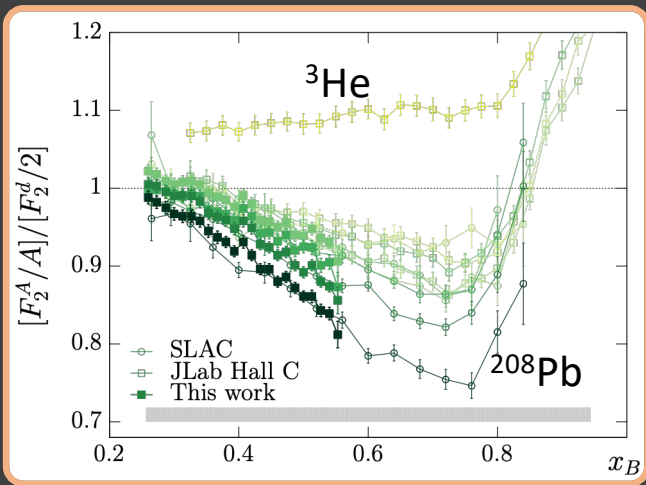


Bound = 'Quasi-Free' + Modified SRCs



SRC Universality!

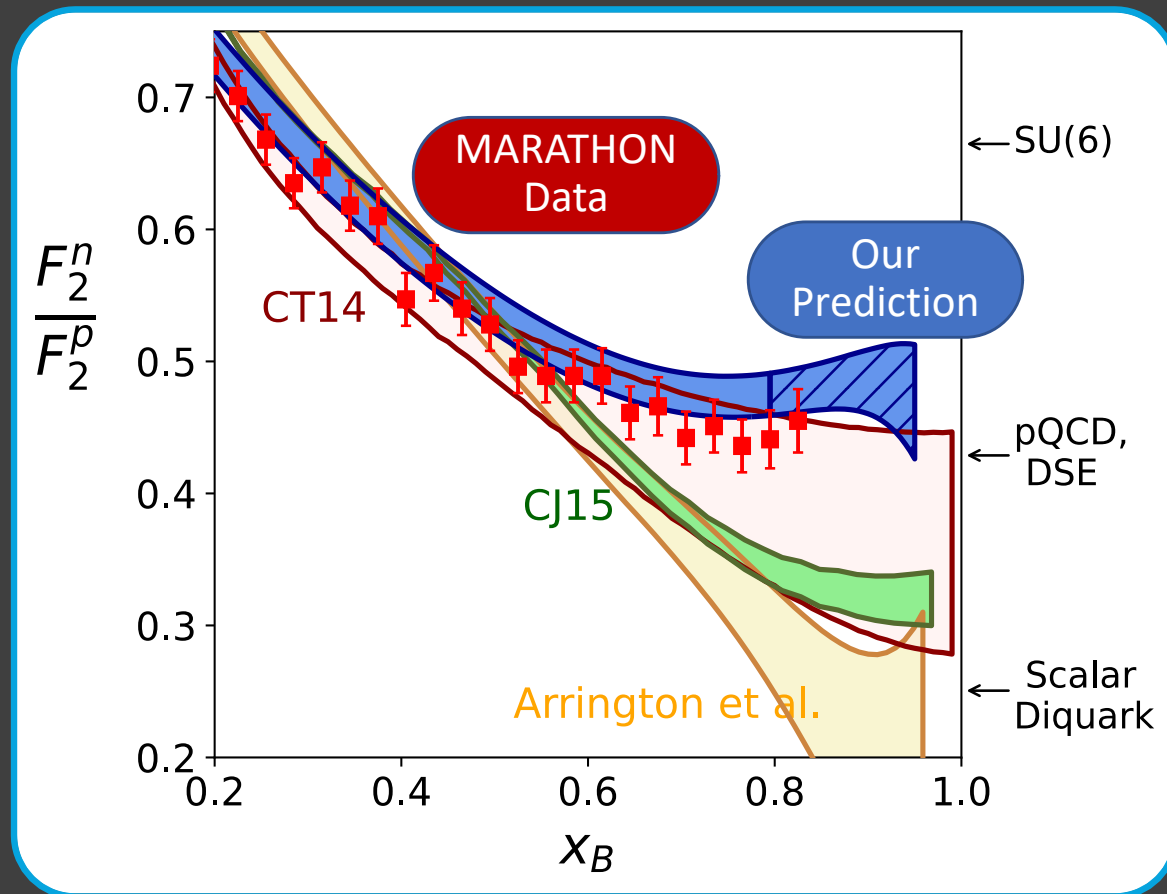
All Nucleons



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Verified Predictions!

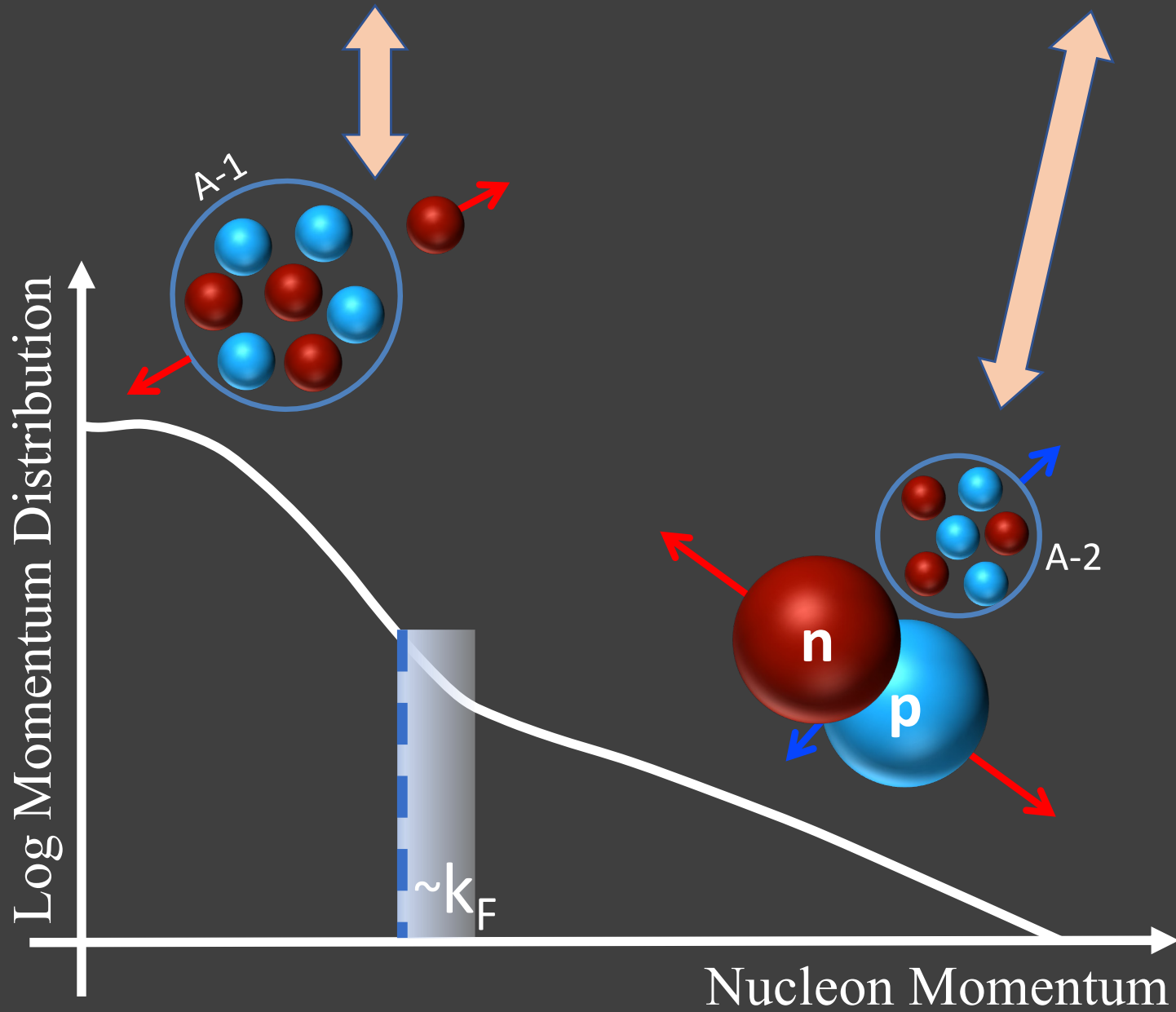


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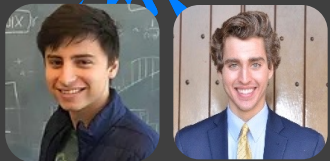


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Nuclear Quark-Gluon Distributions From Global Analysis

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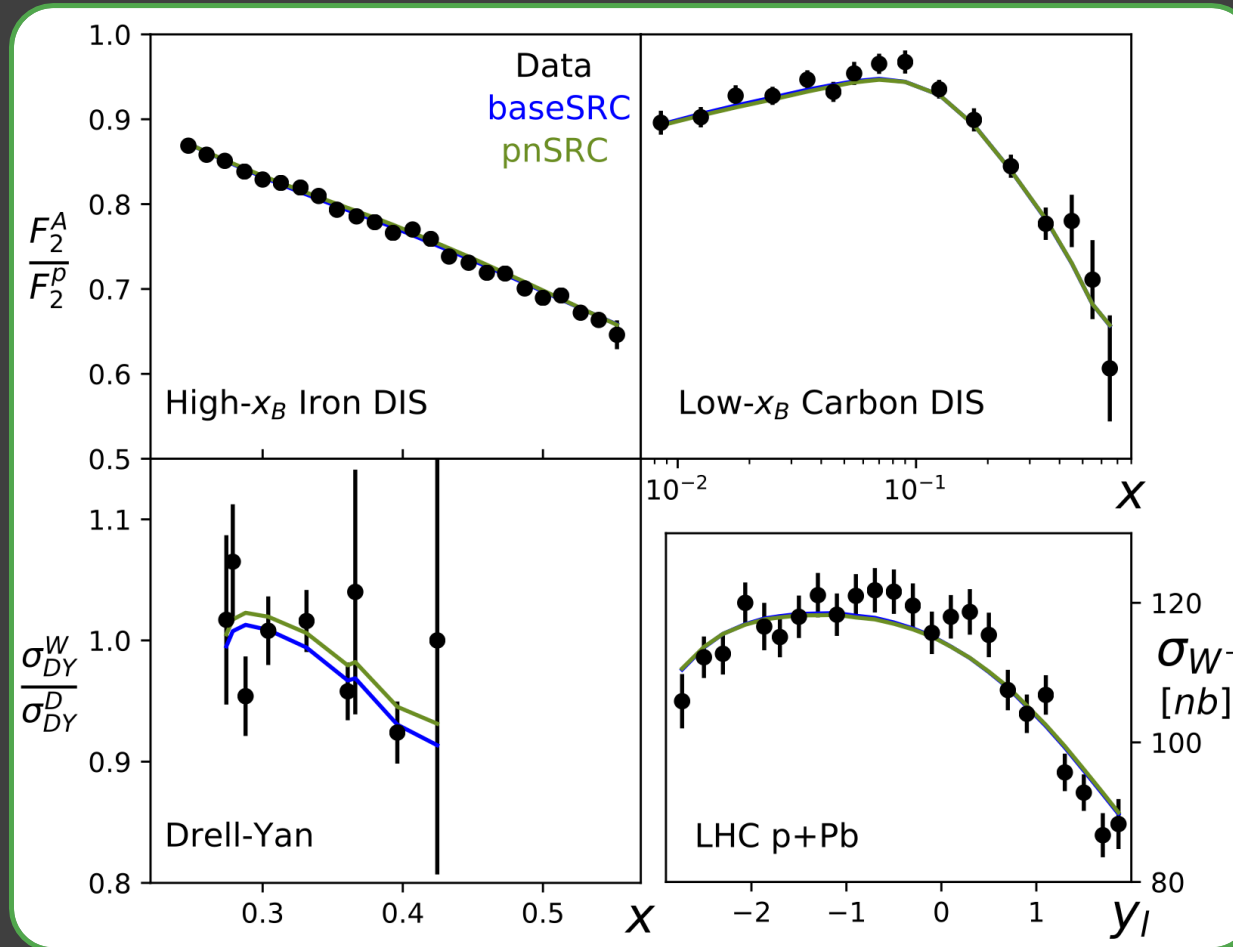
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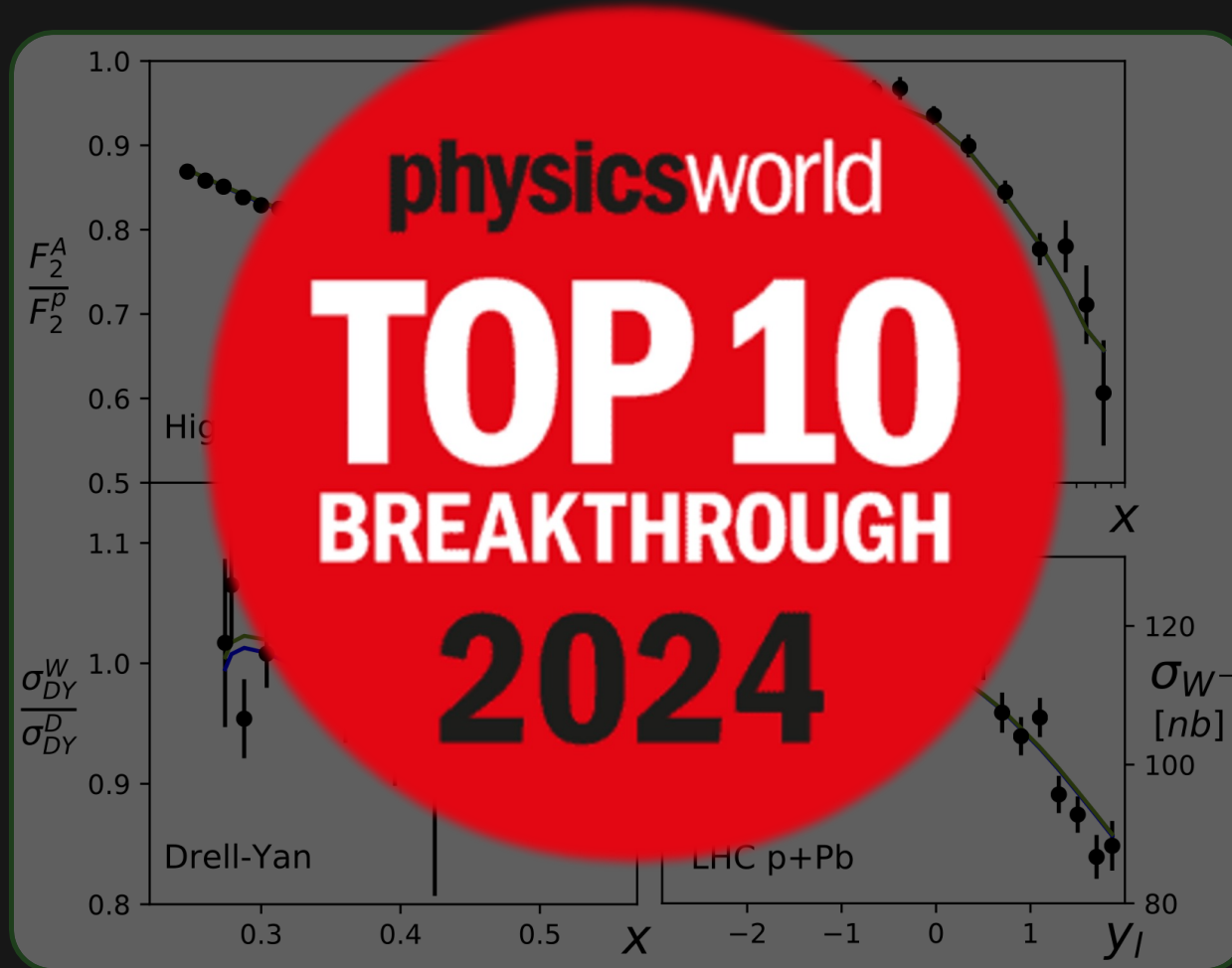


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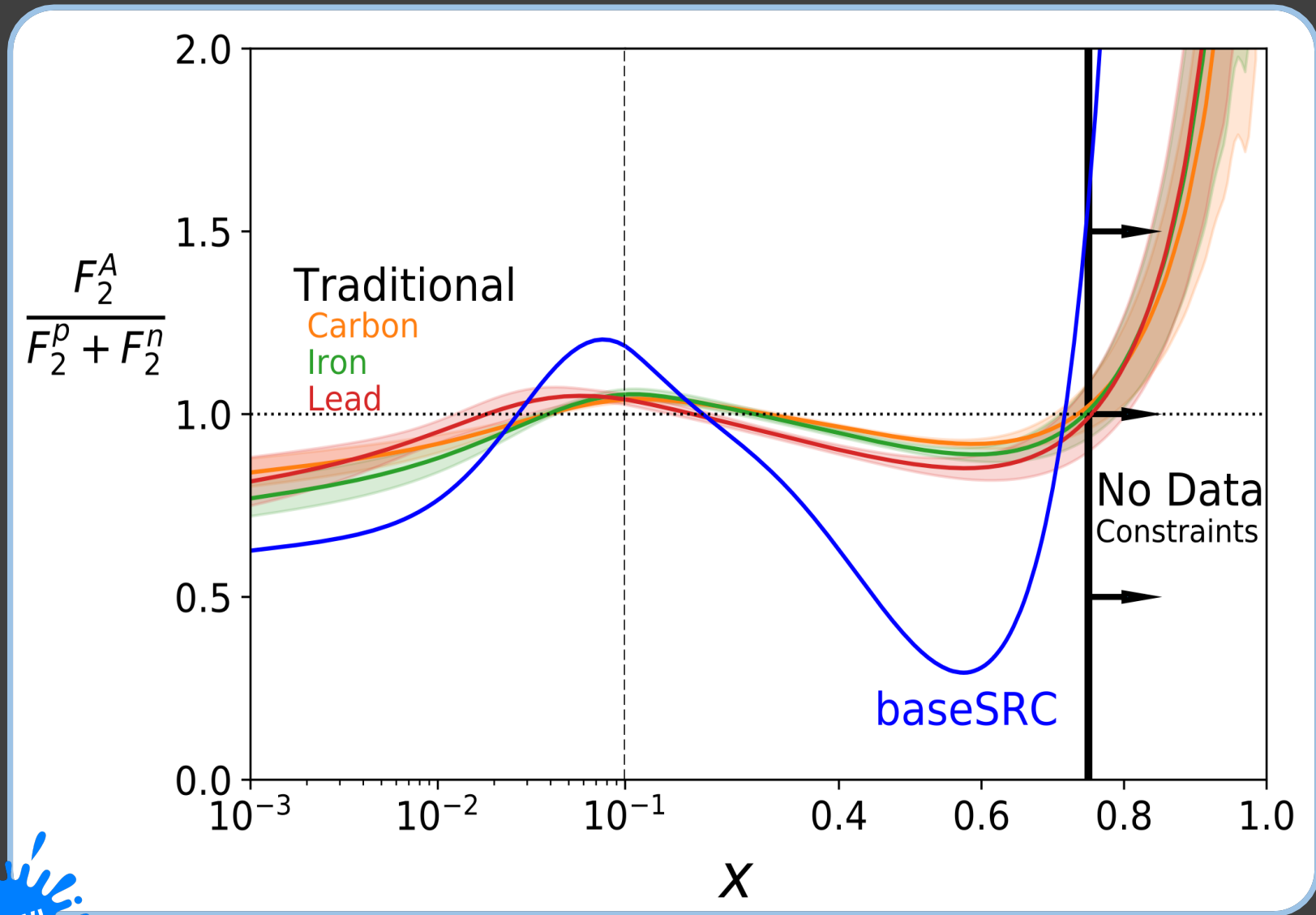


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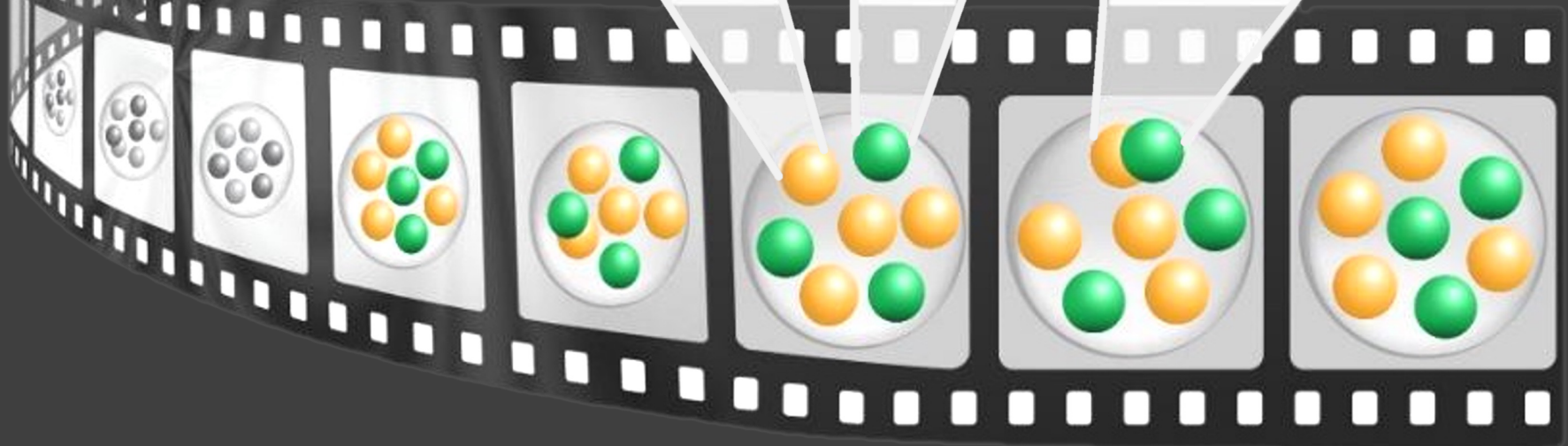
Nuclear Interactions Impact Nucleon Structure



Neutron

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Thank You!

