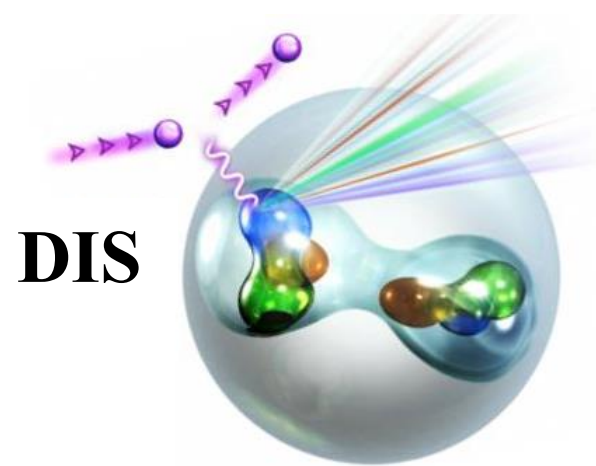
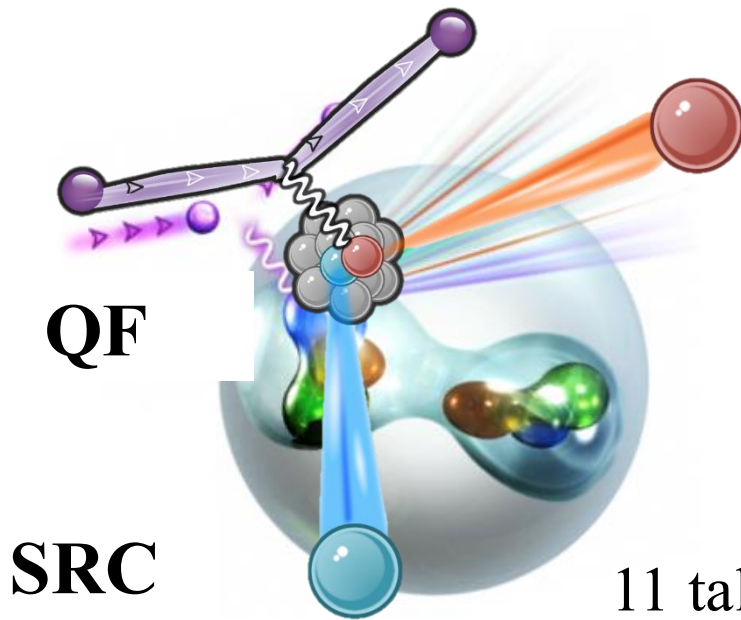


# Topical Session (SRC-EMC) - Introduction



**SRC**

**DIS**

**EMC effect**

11 talks Thur / Fri



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# It's All About Resolution



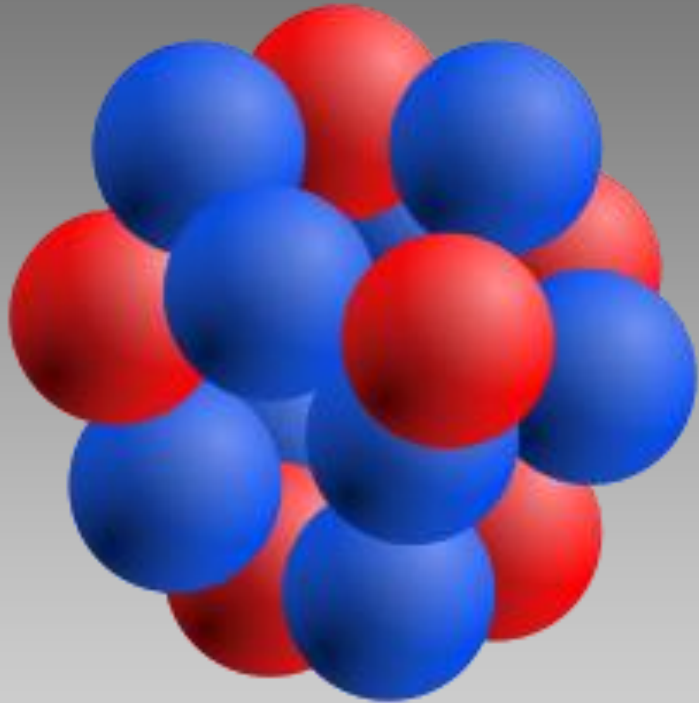
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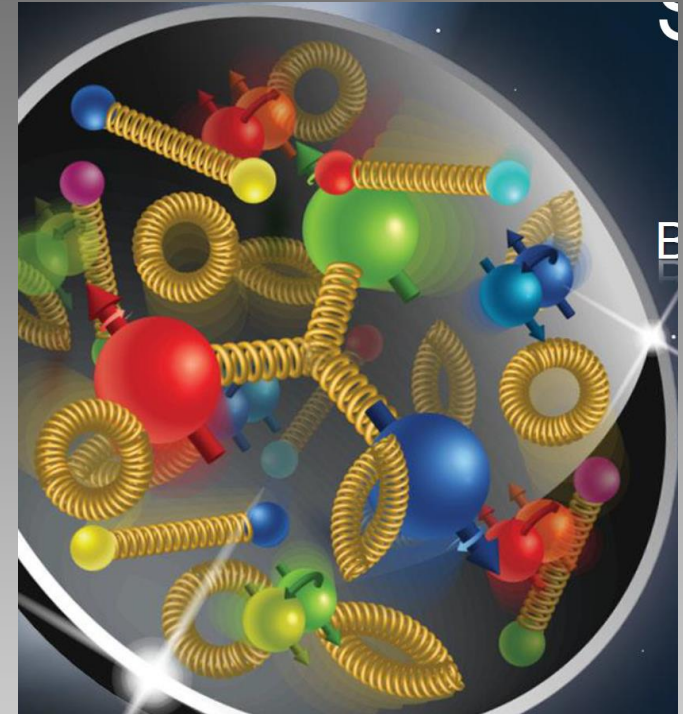
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# It's All About Resolution



$$B.E \sim 1\% M_N$$

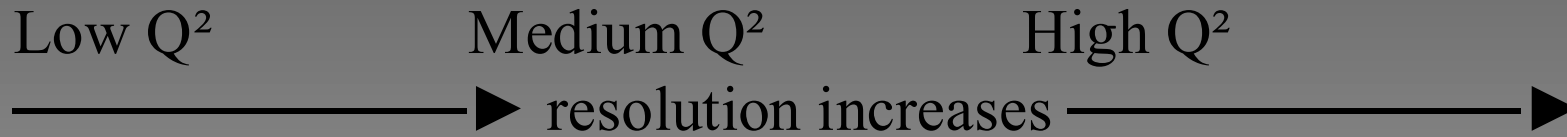
**Low energy nuclear physics**



Confinement  $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

**high energy particle physics**

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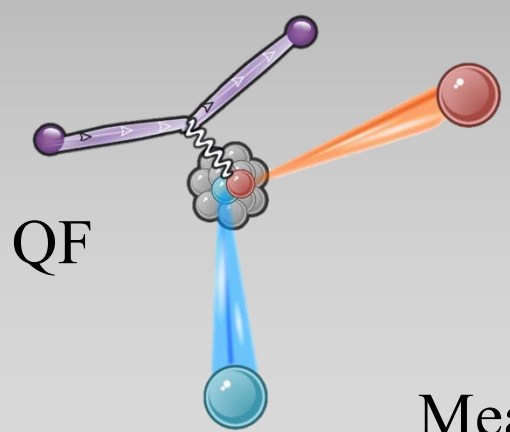


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Nucleus

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Nucleons

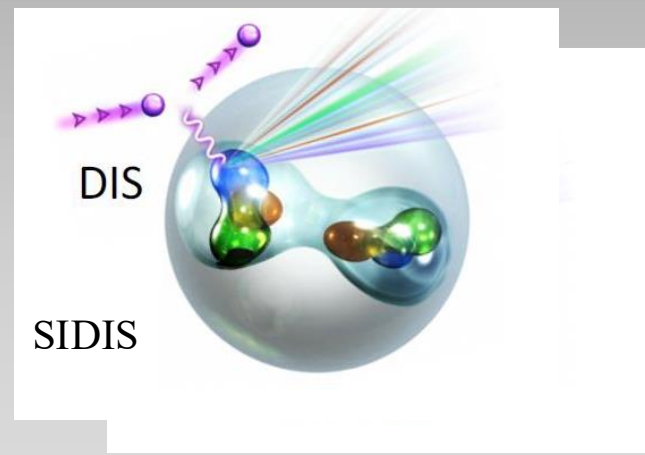
[quarks]  
quarks + gluons

<sup>Galube</sup>  
**Same nucleus. Different resolution. Different physics.**



QF

Mean Field  
Shell models  
Effective field ...



DWIA

QCD

Glauber

## **SRC-EMC**

**Session** | **Location:** Bldg. 66 Auditorium

3:30 – 4:00 PM

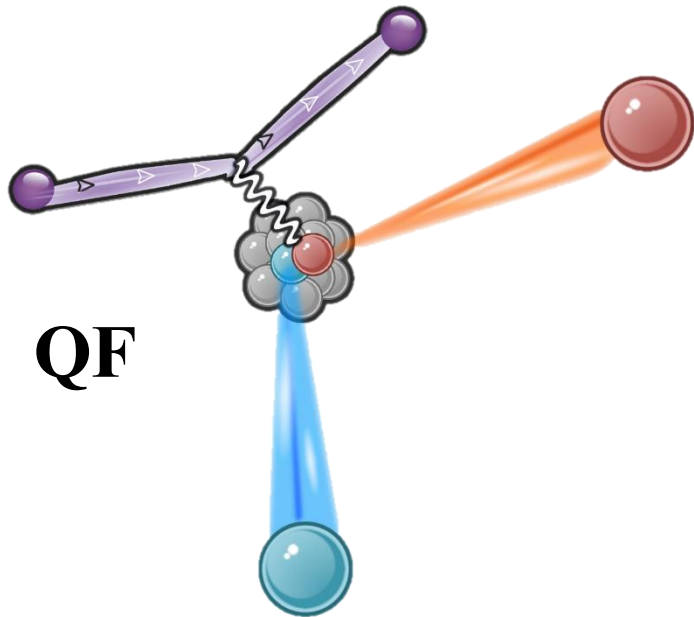
**QCD Properties of Nucleons and Nuclei (20+10min)**

### **Speaker**

Leonid Frankfurt

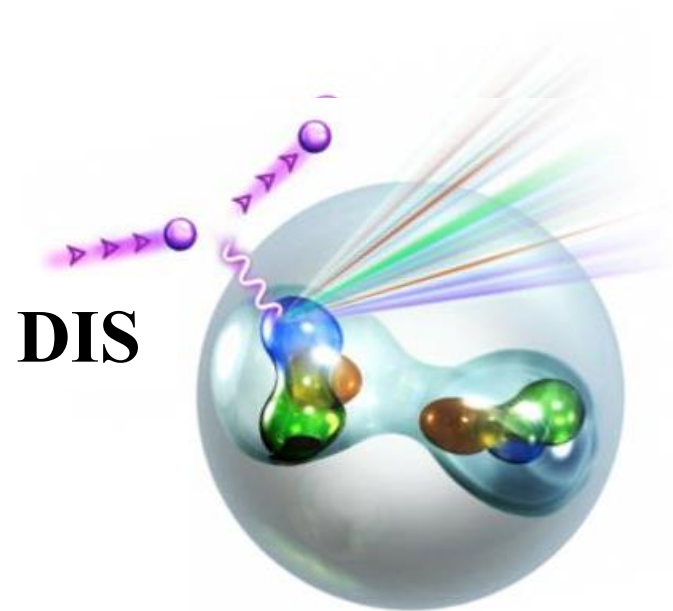


# Bound and Free Nucleon Structure



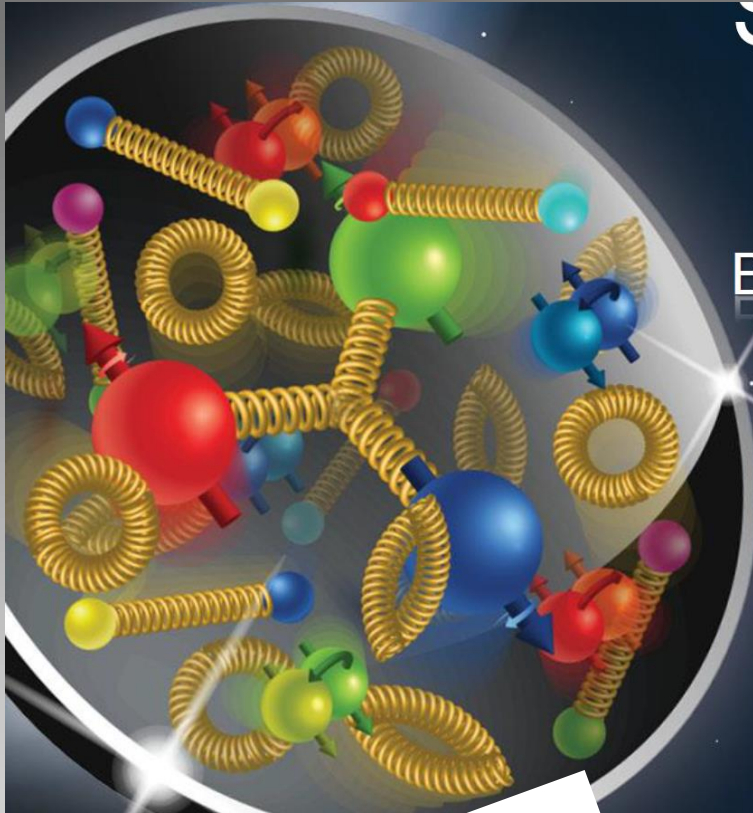
**QF**

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**DIS**

# DIS



Valance quarks

sea quarks

anti quarks

gluons



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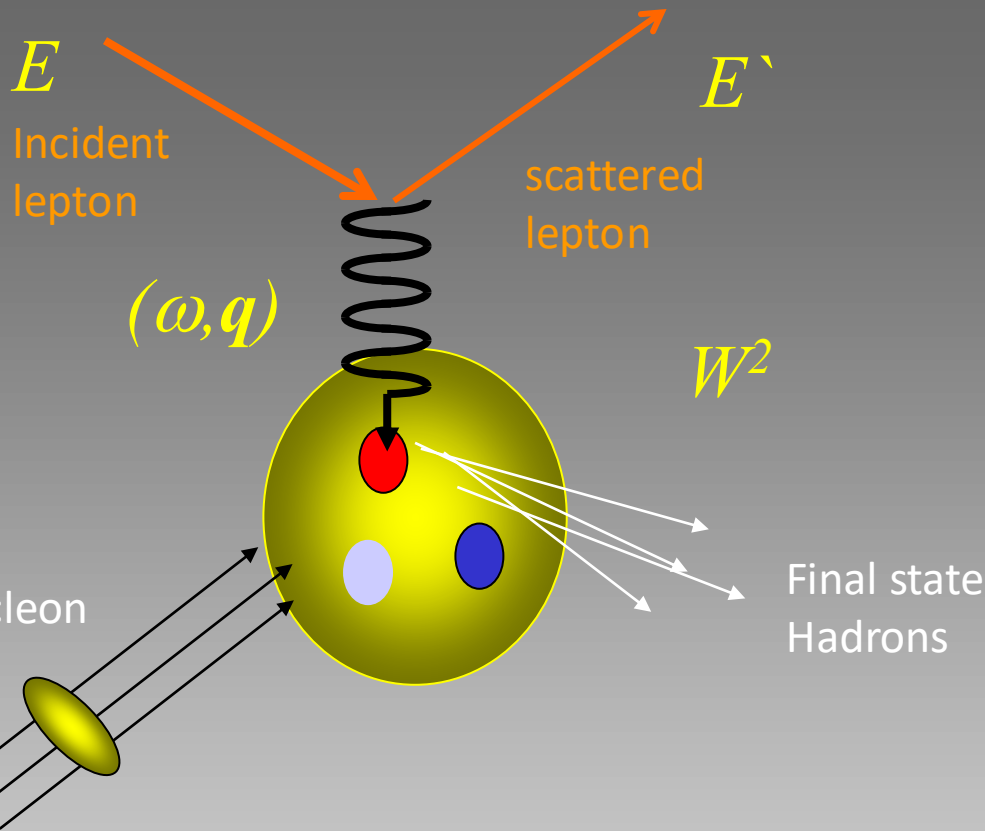
All these particles you cannot see. That's what drove me to drink. But now I can see them.

Structure functions  
&  
TMD  
GPDF

Adapted from Rolf



# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



$$Q^2 = -q_\mu q^\mu = q^2 - \omega^2$$

$$\omega = E' - E$$

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m\omega} \quad \left( = \frac{Q^2}{2(q \cdot p_T)} \right)$$

$$0 \leq x_B \leq 1$$

Electrons, muons, neutrinos

SLAC, CERN, HERA, FNAL, JLAB

$E, E'$  5-500 GeV

$x_B$  gives the fraction of nucleon momentum carried by the struck parton

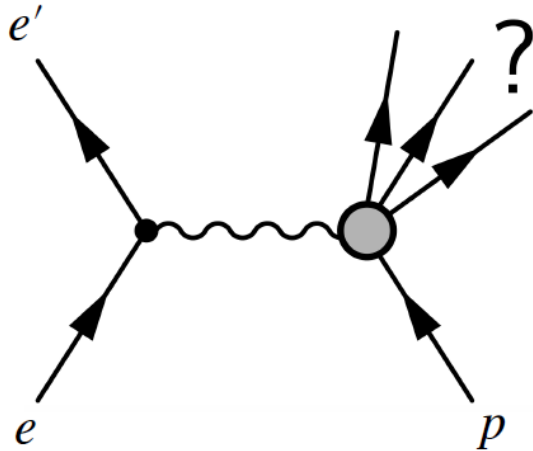
$Q^2$  5-50 GeV<sup>2</sup>

Information about nucleon vertex is contained in  $F_1(x, Q^2)$  and  $F_2(x, Q^2)$ , the unpolarized structure functions

$w^2_{9} > 4$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

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$$0 \leq x_B \leq 1$$

The fraction of nucleon momentum carried by the struck parton.

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$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2} \right\} F_2^P(x, Q^2)$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma^A}{dx dQ^2} \right\} F_2^A(x, Q^2)$$

# Is the distribution of partons in bound nucleons same as in free nucleons ?

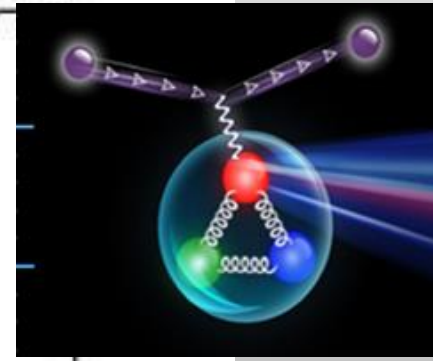
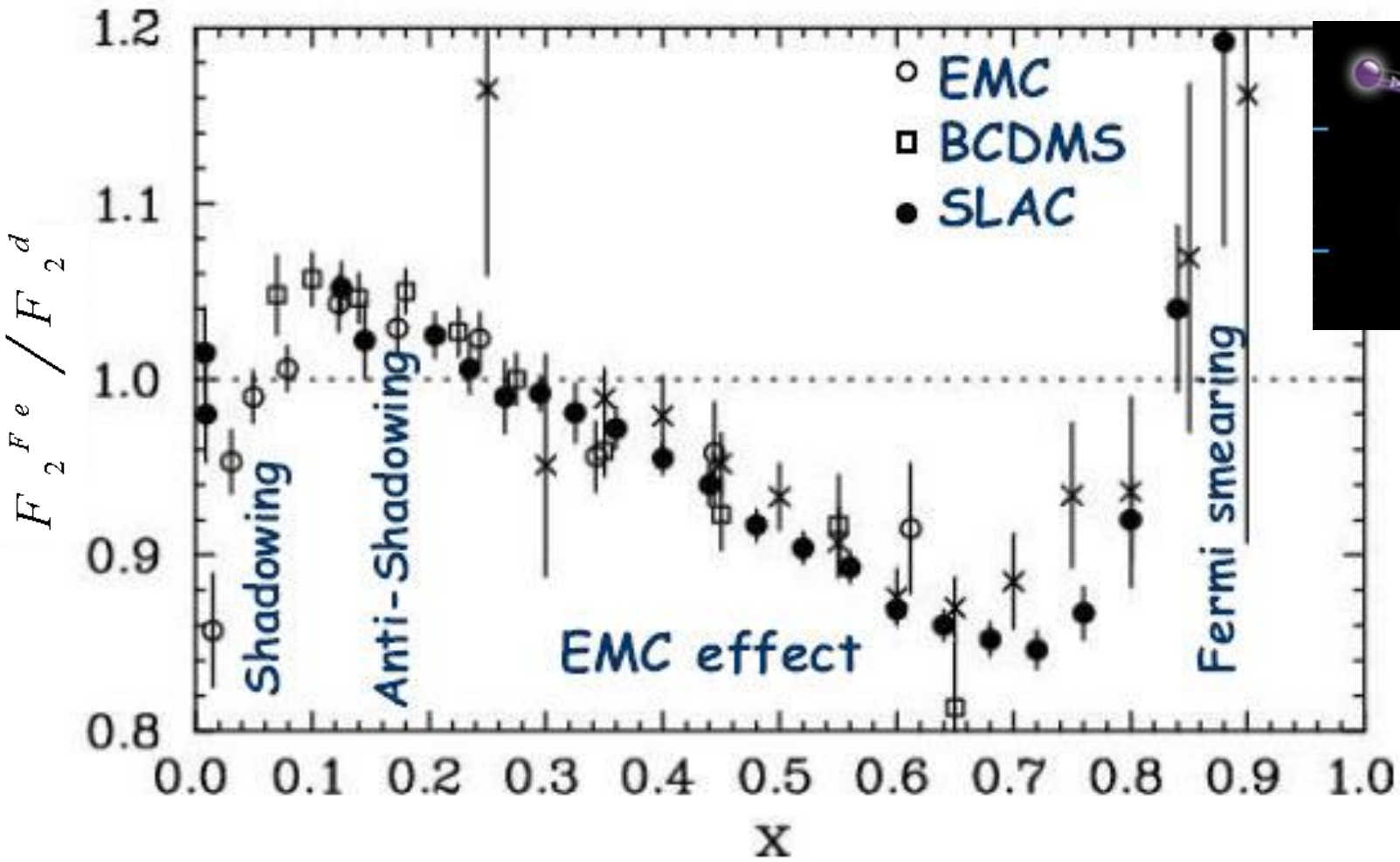
$$F_2^A(x, Q^2) = Z \cdot F_2^p(x, Q^2) + N \cdot F_2^n(x, Q^2)$$



$$F_2^d(x, Q^2) = F_2^p(x, Q^2) + F_2^n(x, Q^2)$$

**free neutron?**

# The European Muon Collaboration (EMC) effect



Aubert et al., PLB (1983)  
 PLB (1990); Gomez et al.  
 (2018)

$$F_2^A \neq Z \cdot F_2^p + N \cdot F_2^n$$

Alfredo et al., PLB (1988); Allasia et al.,  
 2009); Schmookler et al., Submitted

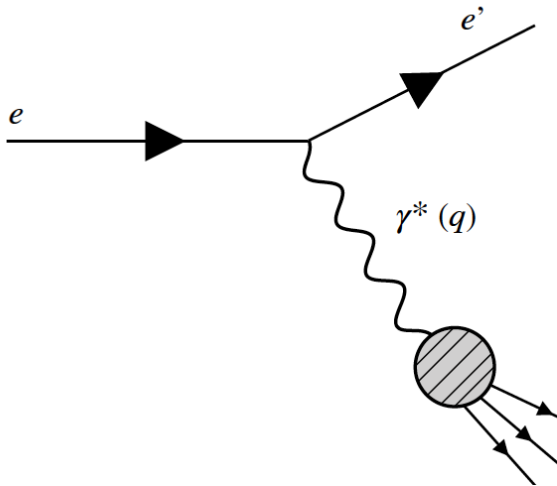
After 40 years no consensus on cause

Close  
 nucleons



ct

# SIDIS Semi Inclusive DIS



Fragmentation Function:

$$\sigma_{SIDIS} \sim PDF \otimes D_q^h(z, p_T)$$

$$z = E_\pi / \omega$$

## Parton model

$$\sigma_p^{\pi^\pm} \propto 4u_p(x_B)D_u^\pm(z) + d_p(x_B)D_d^\pm(z) + \text{~~(sea contributions)~~}$$

$$\sigma_n^{\pi^\pm} \propto 4u_n(x_B)D_u^\pm(z) + d_n(x_B)D_d^\pm(z) + \text{~~(sea contributions)~~}$$

Isospin symmetry (i.e.  $D_u^\pm = D_d^\mp = D^\pm$ )

$$r = \frac{D^-}{D^+} = \frac{4\frac{u}{d} - (\sigma_p^{\pi^+}/\sigma_p^{\pi^-})}{4\frac{u}{d}(\sigma_p^{\pi^+}/\sigma_p^{\pi^-}) - 1}$$

$$r = \frac{4 - (\sigma_d^{\pi^+}/\sigma_d^{\pi^-})}{4(\sigma_d^{\pi^+}/\sigma_d^{\pi^-}) - 1} \text{ for the deuteron!}$$

4:00 – 4:15 PM

**Study of superfast quarks using Jefferson Lab 11 GeV data (10+5min)**

**Speaker**

Sebastian Moran

4:15 – 4:30 PM

**Extracting d/u at large x using SIDIS at CLAS12 (10+5min)**

**Speaker**

Jason Phelan

and more about the structure and properties of bound nucleons  
(neutrons)

9:00 – 9:30 AM

**Results from MARATHON Experiment (20+10min)**

**Speaker**

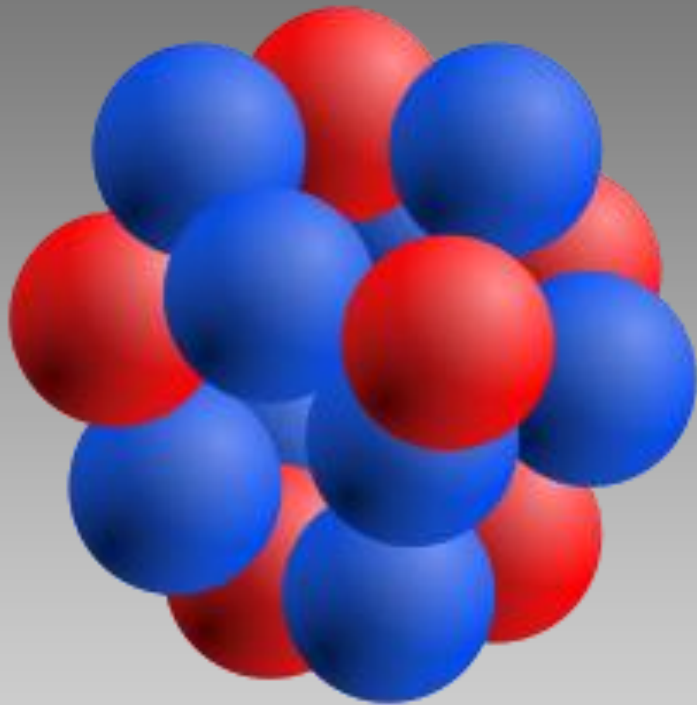
John Arrington

9:30 – 10:00 AM

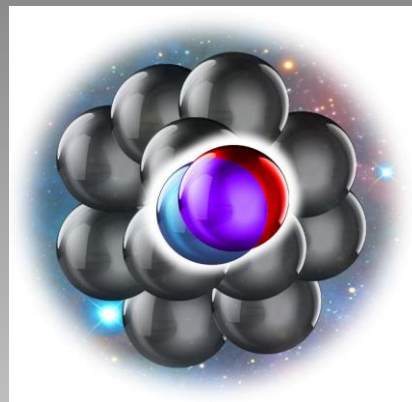
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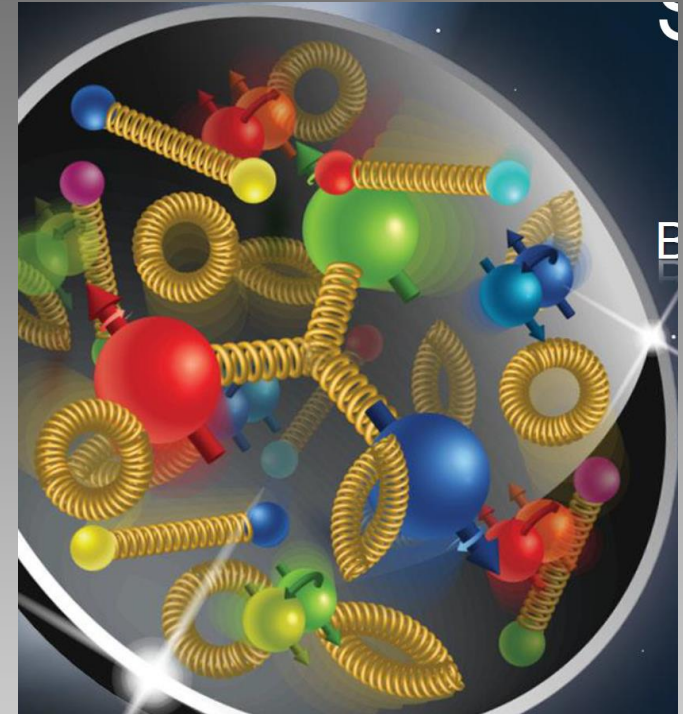
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B.E  $\sim 10$  Mev



$\sim 100$  MeV



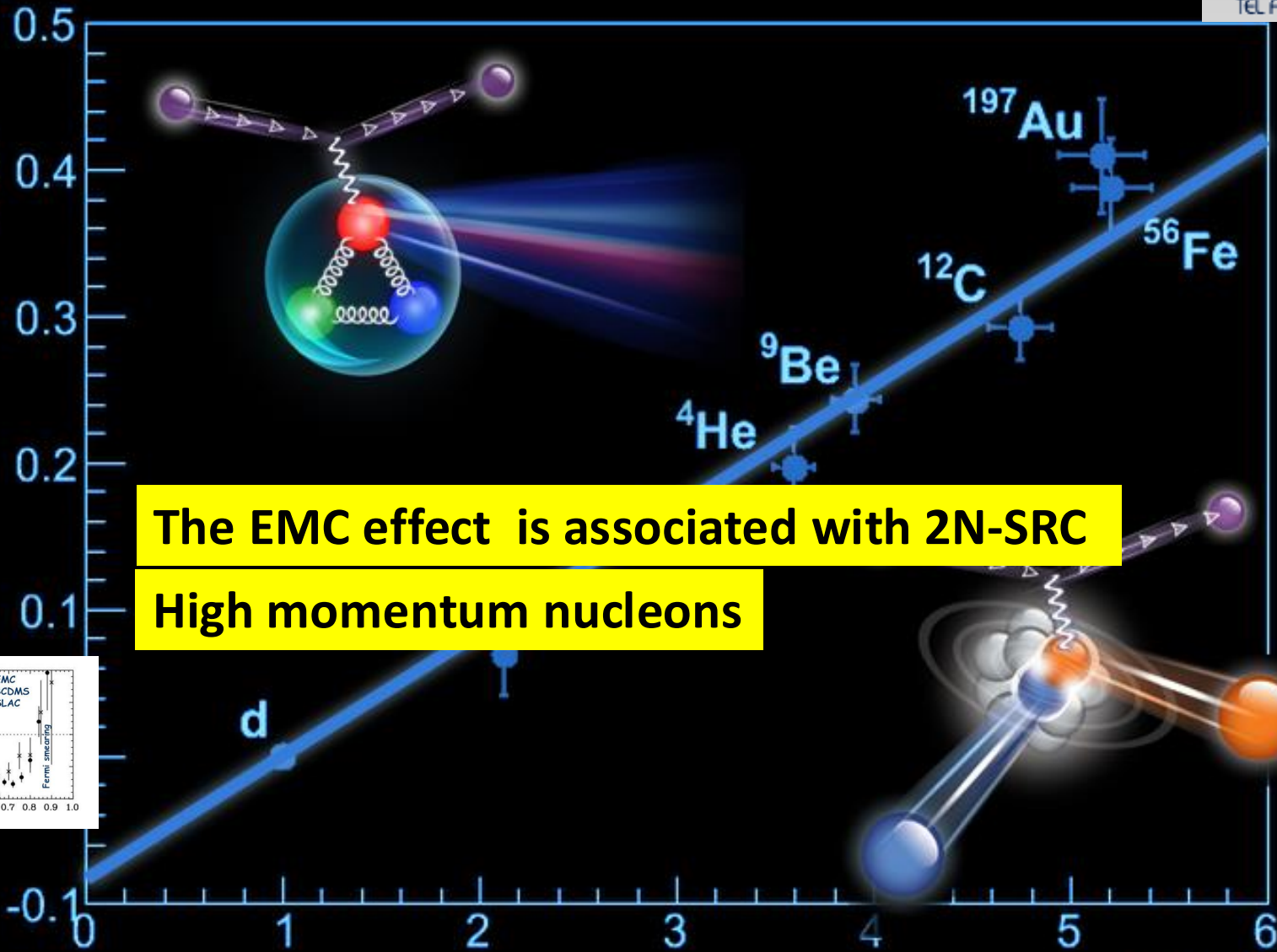
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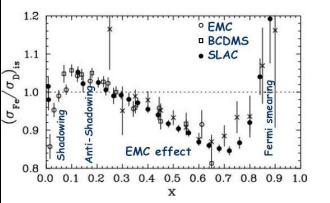
$-dR_{EMC}/dx$



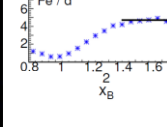
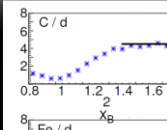
The EMC effect is associated with 2N-SRC

High momentum nucleons

EMC

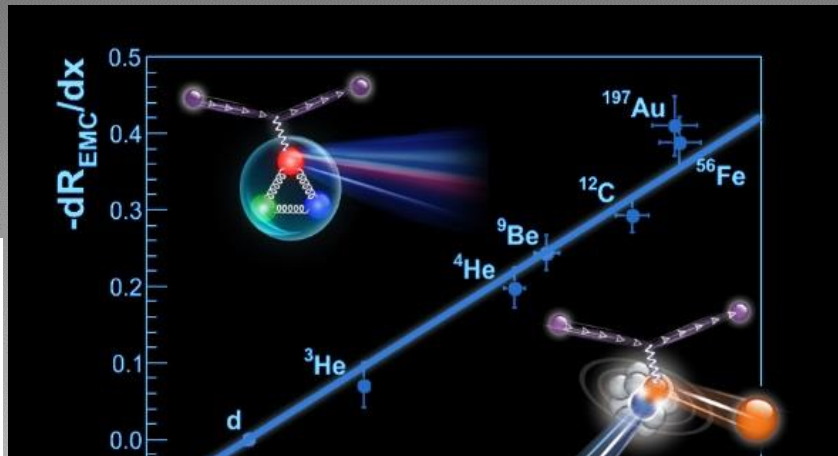
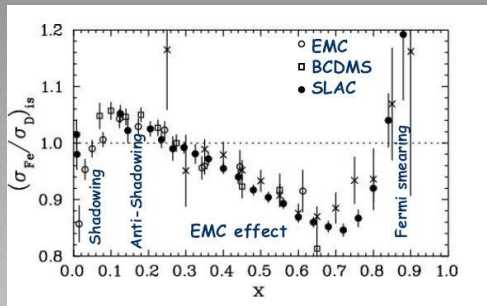


$C/d$



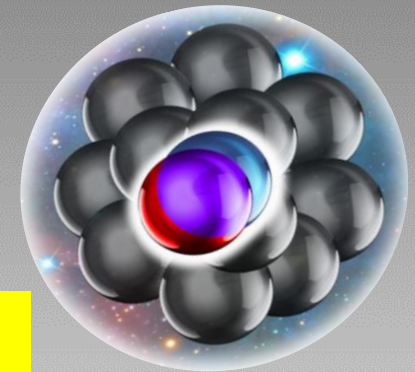
$a_2(A/d)$  SRC

# EMC



If both EMC and 2N-SRC are associated high-momentum nucleons

# 2N SRC



# nucleon structure

# SRC



# Summary of SRC results

In nuclei the momentum distribution of nucleons can be divided into two distinct regions

$$k < \sim 0.8 k_F$$

Mean field region

Single nucleons

$$k > 1.5 k_F$$

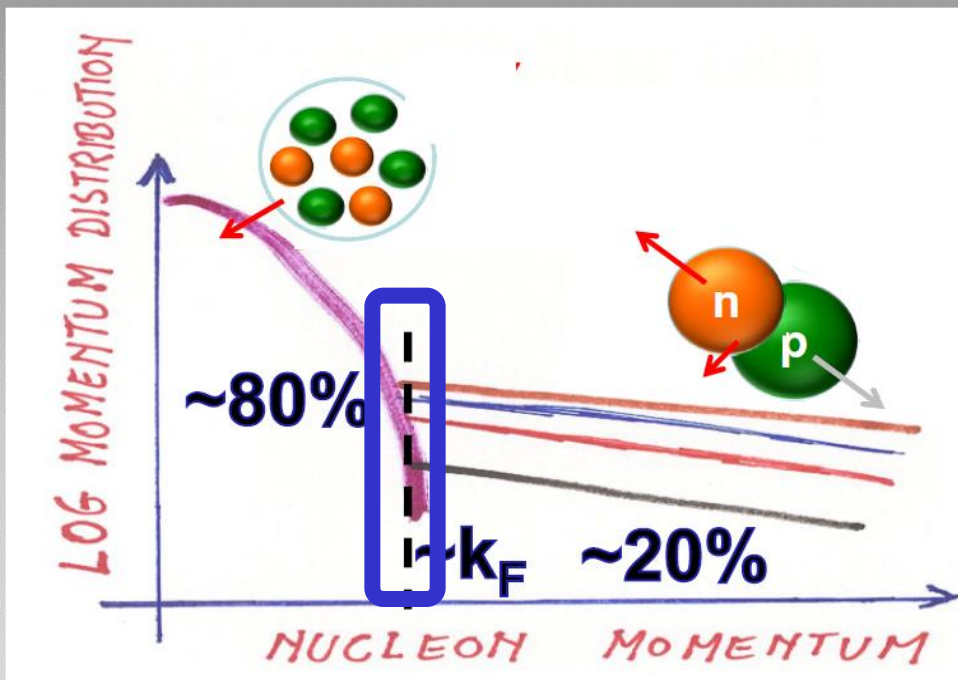
Correlated / high momentum region

SRC pairs

SRC domain

~20% of the nucleons scaling  
Universality  
np-SRC dominance (tensor force)

Protons have a greater probability than neutrons to be above the Fermi sea.

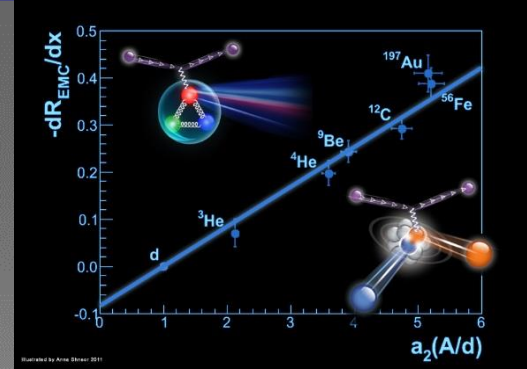


E. Piasetzky et al., PRL. 97 (2006) 162504.

R. Subedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008).

A. Schmidt et al., Nature ( )

## If EMC is associate with 2N SRC:



- \* Nucleon is normally normal except when close to another nucleon.
- \* Small number of universal strongly modified nucleons.

**SRC universality →**

**Universal modification of the bound nucleon structure function (same for all nuclei).**

**Universal function (data from all nuclei) can be used to extract  $F_2^n$**

**SRC np-dominance →**

**For nuclei with  $N > Z$**

**More protons larger EMC effect.**

**More Neutrons Saturation.**

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^d} = \underbrace{(n_{SRC}^A - N n_{SRC}^d)}_{\text{A Dependent}} \underbrace{\frac{\Delta F_2^p + \Delta F_2^n}{F_2^d}}_{\text{Universal!}} + \underbrace{(Z - N) \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^d} + N}_{\text{A Dependent}}$$

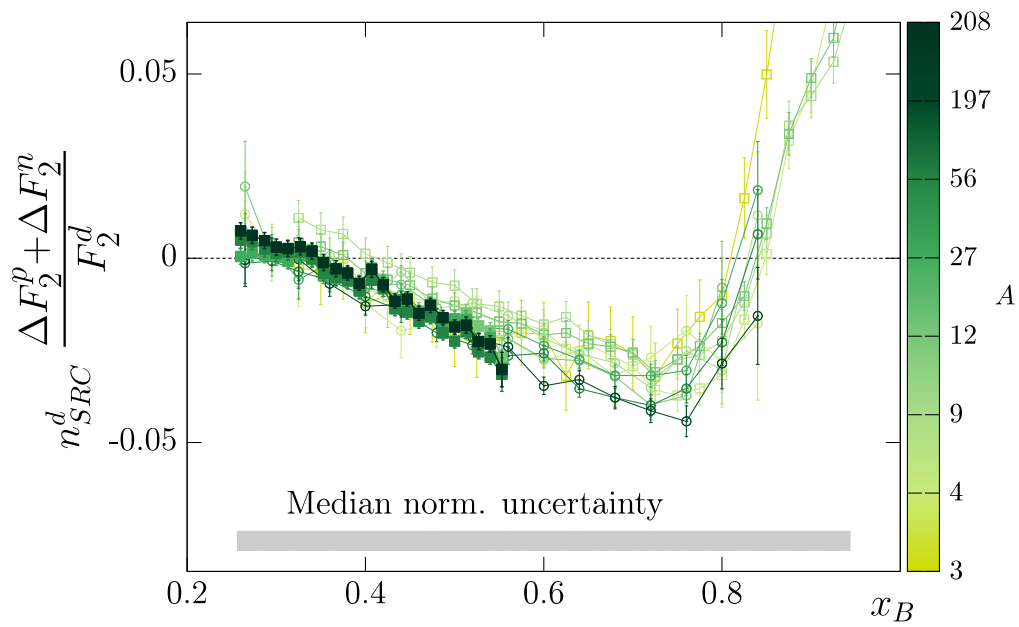
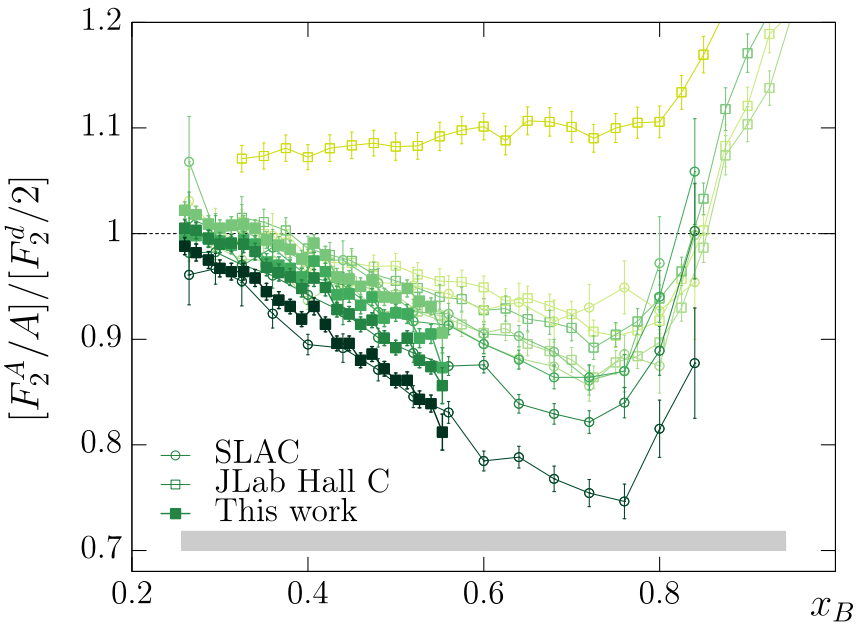
**A Dependent**

**Universal!**

**A Dependent**



$$\Delta F_2^N = F_2^{N*} - F_2^N$$



Schmookler, Duer, and Schmidt et al., Nature 566 (2018) 354-358

**SRC Universality!**

# Extracting nPDFs

$$F_2^A \neq Z \cdot F_2^p + N \cdot F_2^n$$

## Data

DIS

DY

W Z production

**SRC inspire  
nCTEQ**

Only pairs are  
universally modified

Fit well non DIS data

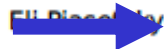
Fit well large and low XB  
beyond the EMC range

PRD 103, 114015 (2021)

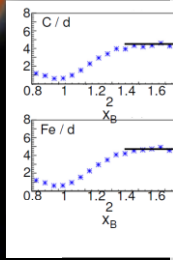
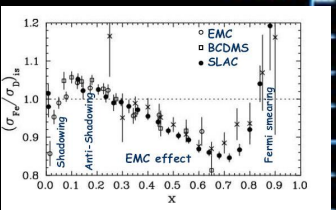
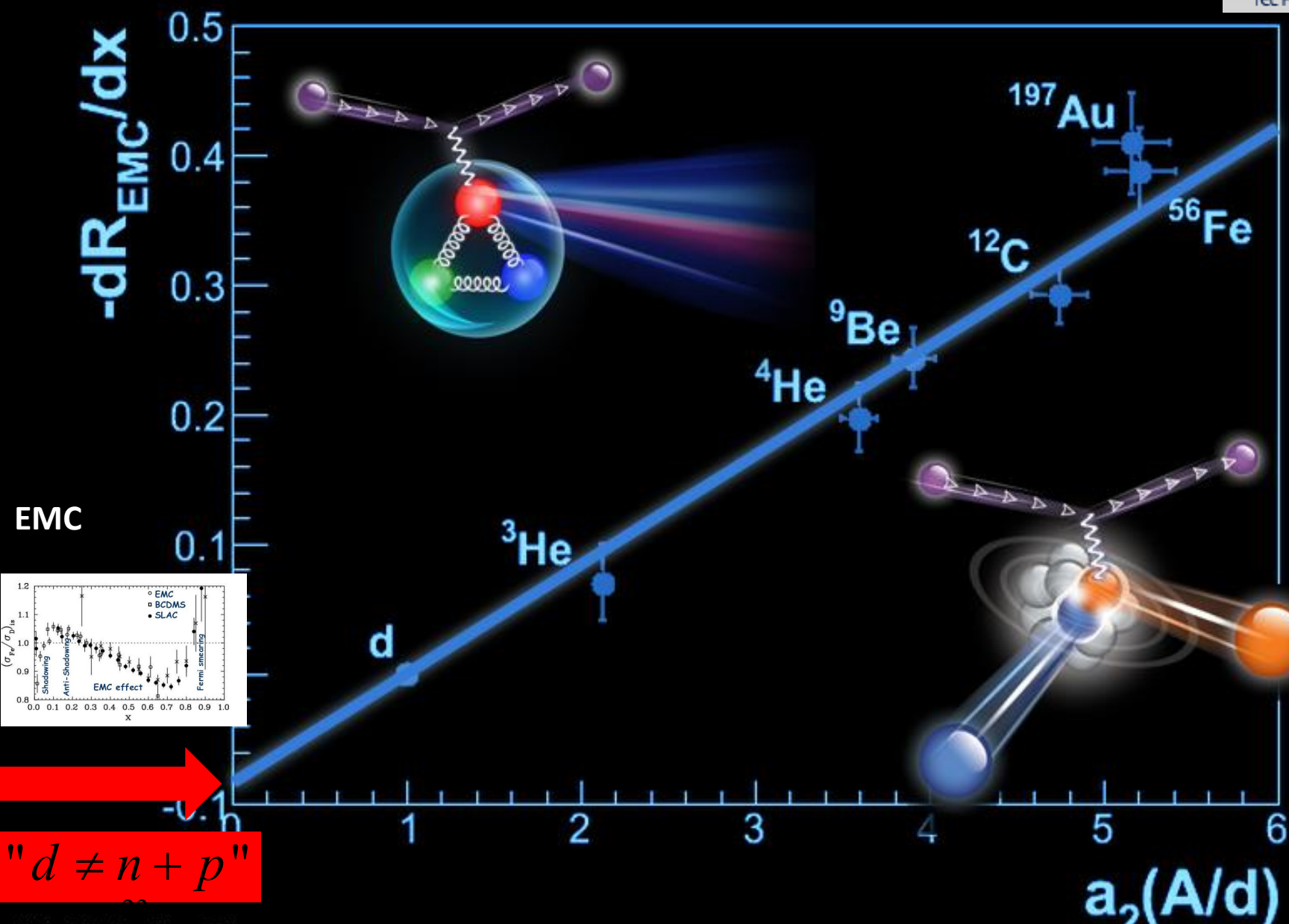
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**Modification of Quark-Gluon Distributions in Nuclei by Correlated Nucleon Pairs  
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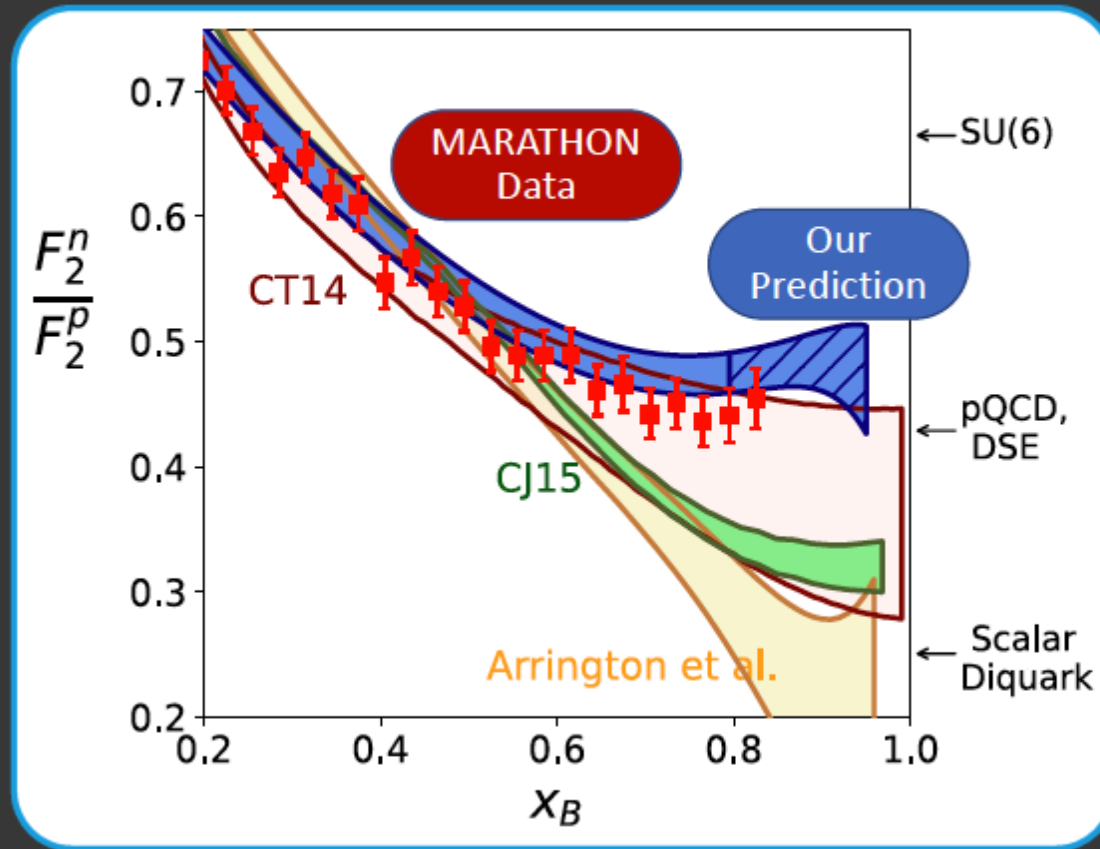
Speaker



Andrew Denniston → Eli → Andrew Denniston



# Verified Predictions!



**MARATHON Data:** Abrams et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2022)

**Our Prediction:** Segarra et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2020)

9:00 AM

## SRC-EMC

Session | Location: Bldg. 66 Auditorium

9:00 – 9:30 AM

**Results from MARATHON Experiment (20+10min)**

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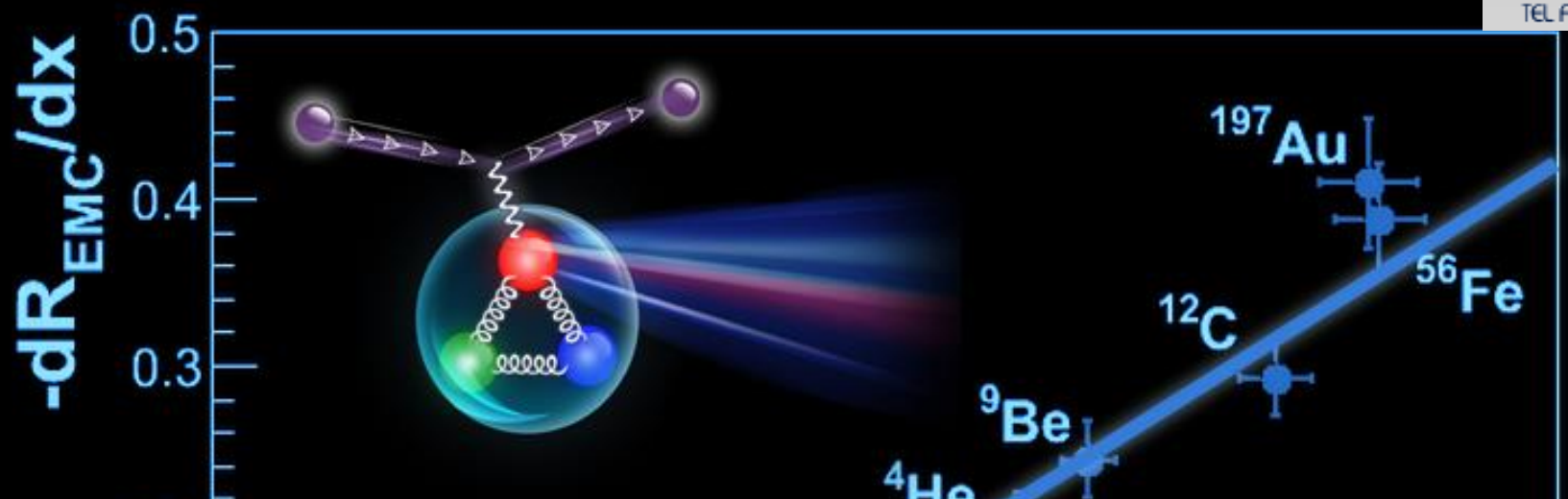
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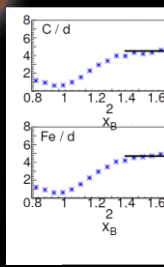
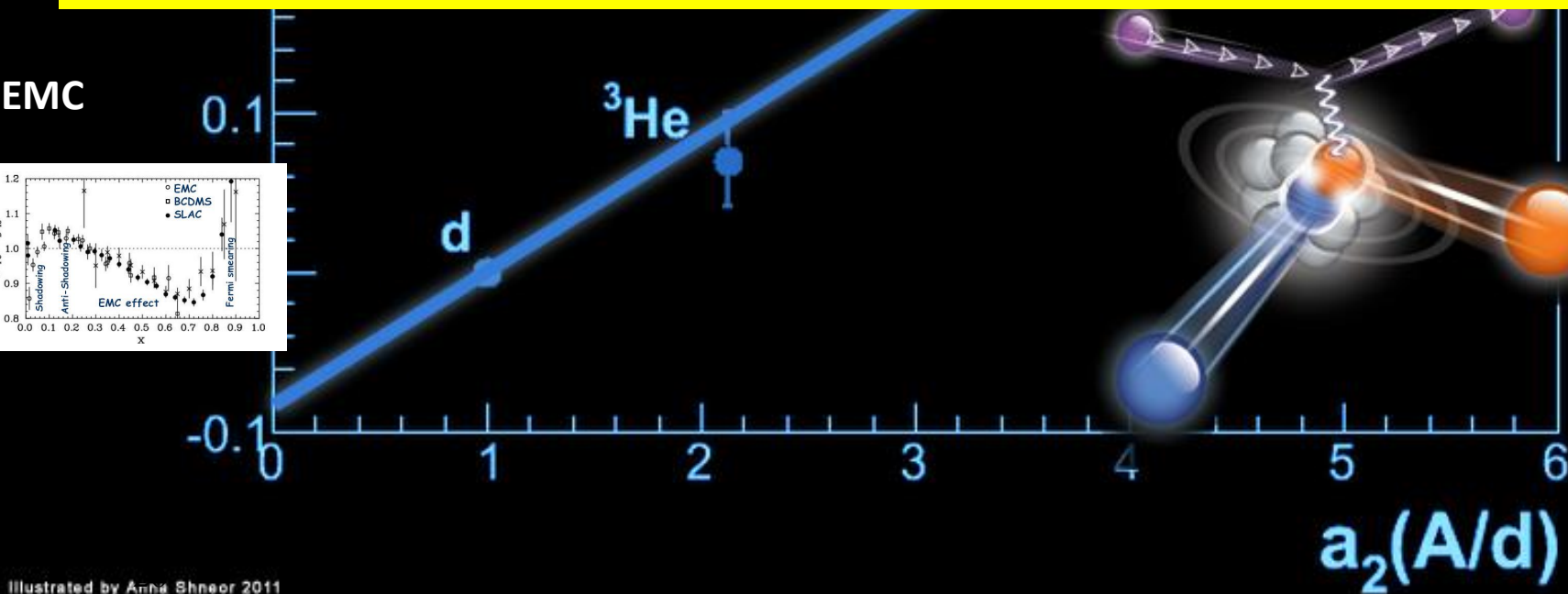
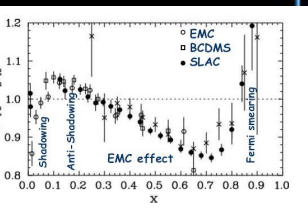
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**Is the EMC effect associated with large momentum nucleons ?**

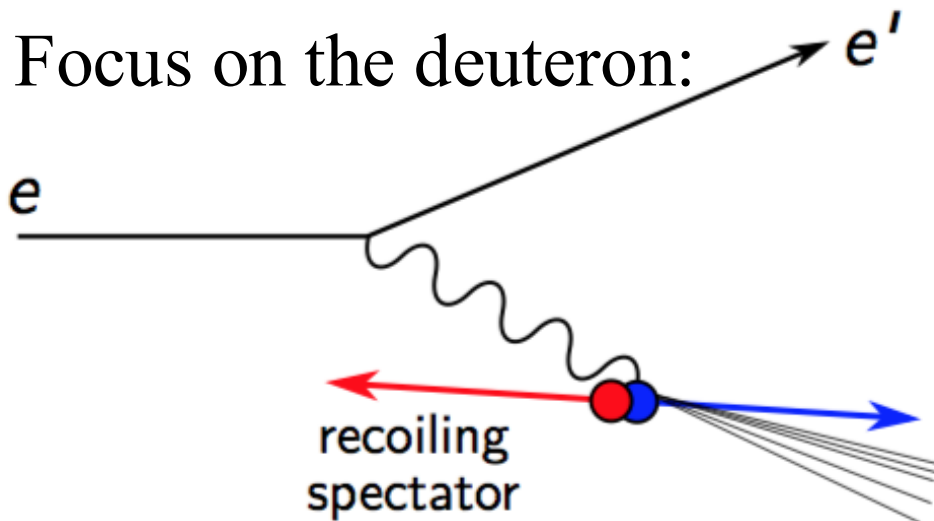
EMC



SRC

# Is the EMC effect associated with large momentum nucleons ?

Hypothesis can be verified by measuring DIS off Deuteron tagged with high momentum recoil nucleon



10:00 - 10:30 AM

**Results from BAND Experiment (20+10min)**

**Speaker**

Natalie Wright

11:00-11:15 AM

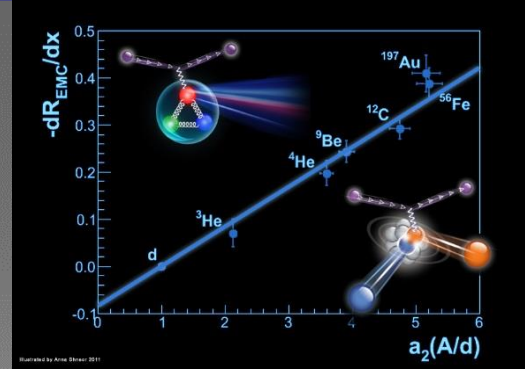
**The LAD Experiment (10+5min)**

**Speaker**

## If EMC is associate with 2N SRC:

\*Protons are more medium modified than neutron ( $N > Z$  nuclei).

EMC effect is isospin dependent



11:15 - 11:30 AM

**Flavor Dependence of the EMC Effect in  $^3\text{He}/^3\text{H}$  (10+5min)**

**Speaker**

Michael Nycz

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Using polarization observables to study medium modifications (20+10min)**

**Speaker**

Mark Dalton

12:00 - 12:30 PM

**XEM2 Studies of EMC Isospin Dependence (20+10min)**

**Speaker**

Tyler Hague

**A long and exciting  
session ahead!**



Adapted from Hen Colq.