

# 3N SRCs, irreducible 3N forces and their implication on neutron star EOS

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# Nuclear Dynamics at Short Distances

Probing NN and NNN Interactions at  $< 1\text{fm}$  and their influence on the nuclear structure at short distances.

## For NN interactions

- *Identification of NN interaction in the nuclear dynamics*
- *Intermediate – short distance tensor forces*
- *Isospin dependence of the tensor forces*
- *NN repulsive core*
- *Hadron-quark transition in the core*
- *non-nucleonic components, hidden color, gluons*

## For NNN interactions

- *Identification of NNN interaction in the nuclear dynamics*
- *Evaluation of irreducible 3N forces*
- *Evaluation of non-nucleonic component in NNN interactions*

## Modern NN Potentials

$$V^{2N} = V_{EM}^{2N} + V_{\pi}^{2N} + V_R^{2N}$$

$$V_R^{2N} = V^c + V^{l^2} L^2 + V^t S_{12} + V^{ls} L \cdot S + v^{ls^2} (L \cdot S)^2$$

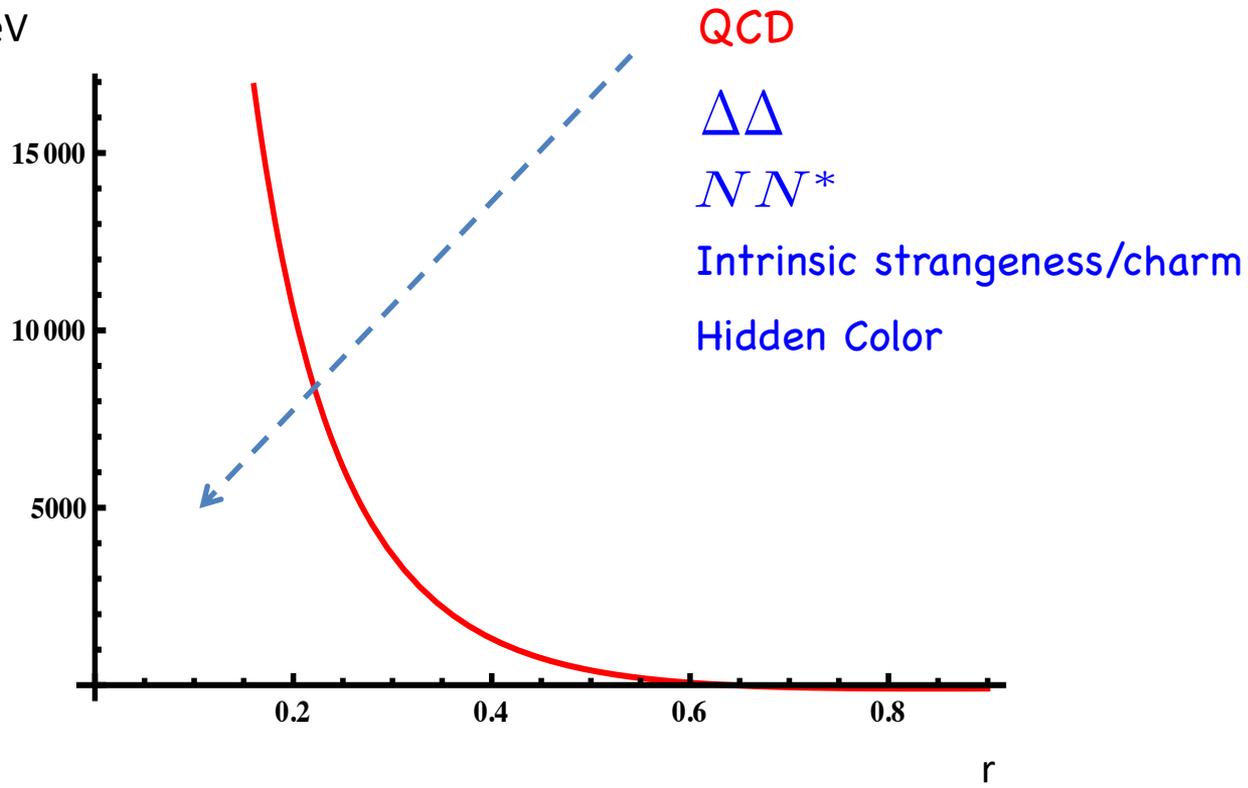
$$V^i = V_{int,R} + V_{core}$$

$$V_{core} = \left[ 1 + e^{\frac{r-r_0}{a}} \right]^{-1}$$

60's

Hans Bethe 1961: More intellectual energy is spent on nuclear physics than on all other issues taken together during entire human history.

Vc, MeV



~80% hidden color  
Brodsky, Ji, Lepage, PRL 83

$$\Psi_{T=0,S=1}^{6q} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} \Psi_{NN} + \sqrt{\frac{4}{45}} \Psi_{\Delta\Delta} + \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} \Psi_{CC}$$

$$\Psi_{CC} \equiv \Psi_{N_c N_c}$$

The NN core can be due to the orthogonality of

$$\langle \Psi_{N_c, N_c} | \Psi_{N, N} \rangle = 0$$

# From NN Interaction to Nuclear & Nuclear Matter Structure

“Standard” Nuclear Physics Approach

A-body Schroedinger equation interacting through NN -potential

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

Mean Field Approximation

$$\left[ -\frac{\nabla_N^2}{2m} + V_{HF}(x) \right] \psi_N(x) = E_N \psi_N(x)$$

Hartree-Fock potential will smear out main properties NN potential 1990s

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Ab Initio Calculations

**NonRelativistic**

***Little Predictive Power***

## Conceptually: How to probe nuclei at short nucleon separations

- Probe bound nucleons at **large** internal momenta
- Need high energy probes to resolve such nucleons **in** nuclei  
*in high energy nuclear processes*

### # Theory of High Energy eA Scattering:

I. High-Energy approximations – small parameter

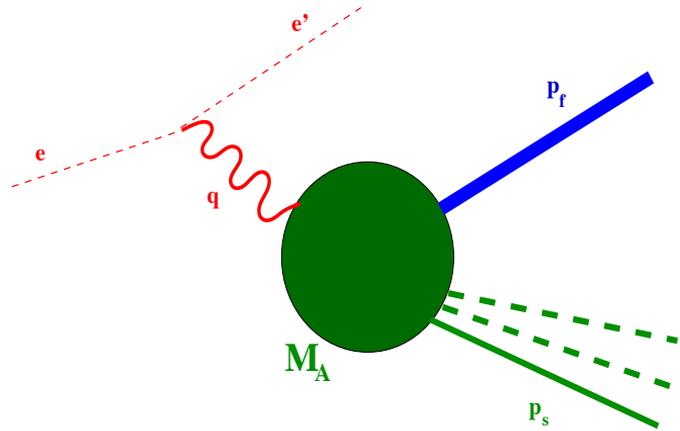
II. Emergence of Effective Theory – diagrammatic method

III. Light-Front Wave Function of Nucleus – relativism

IV. From Schroedinger Equation to LF Diagrams – LF-wavefunction + scattering

V. Emergence of small distance nuclear dynamics – predictions

# I. High Energy Approximations:



$$|\vec{q}| = q_3 \sim p_{f3} \gg p \sim M_N$$

$$Q^2 \geq \text{few GeV}^2$$

Both for **QE/DIS**

- Emergence of the **small parameter**

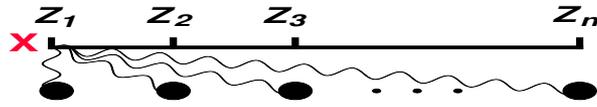
$$\frac{q_-}{q_+} = \frac{q_0 - q_3}{q_0 + q_3} \ll 1 \quad \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_-}{q_+}\right)$$

$$\frac{p_{f-}}{p_{f+}} = \frac{E_f - p_{f3}}{E_f + p_{f3}} \ll 1 \quad \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p_{f-}}{p_{f+}}\right)$$

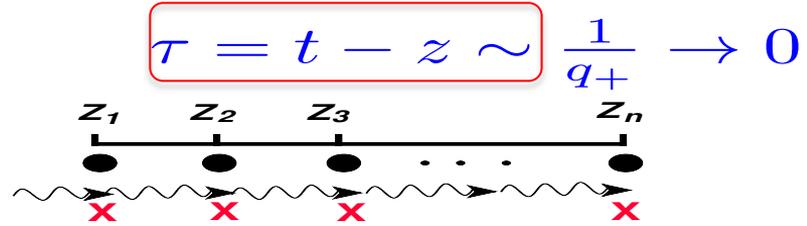


# III. Light-Front Wave Function of the Nucleus

## - Emergence of the light-front dynamics



(a)



(b)

$$\tau = t - z \sim \frac{1}{q_+} \rightarrow 0$$

- 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 times

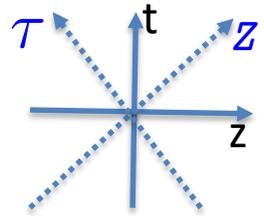
$$\Psi(z_1, t_1; z_2, t_2; z_3, t_3 \dots ; z_n, t_n)$$

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

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

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

$$Z_i = t_i + z_i$$



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

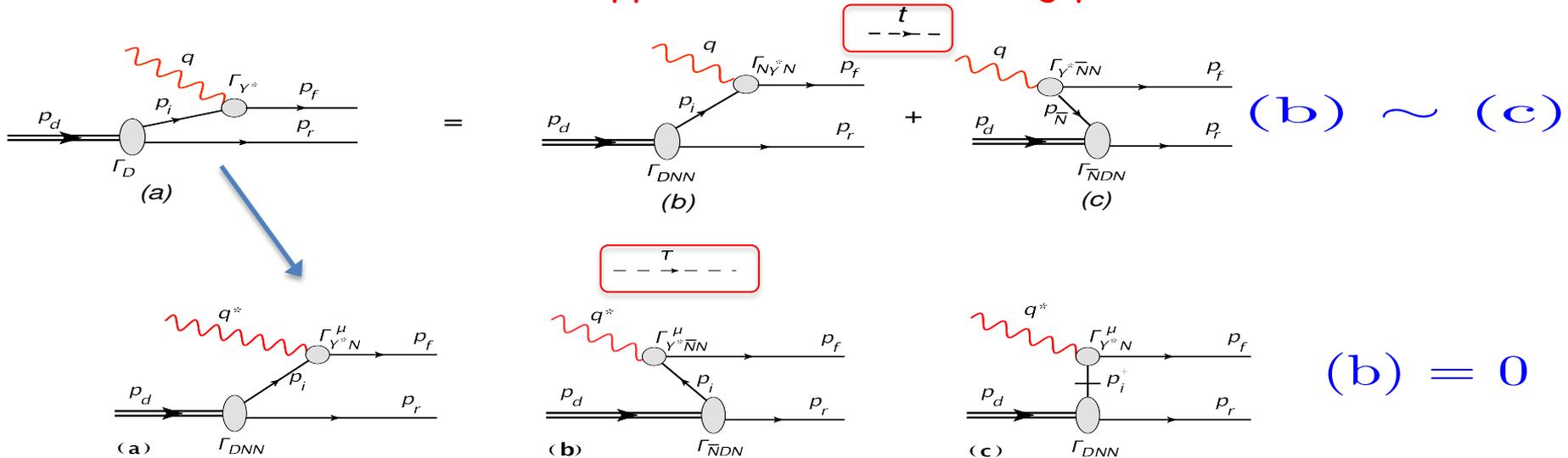
- in the momentum space

Variables

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

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

- How the LF wave function appears in the scattering process



# IV From Schroedinger Equation -> Light-Front Wave Function

Schroedinger eq.



Lipmann-Schwinger Eq.

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

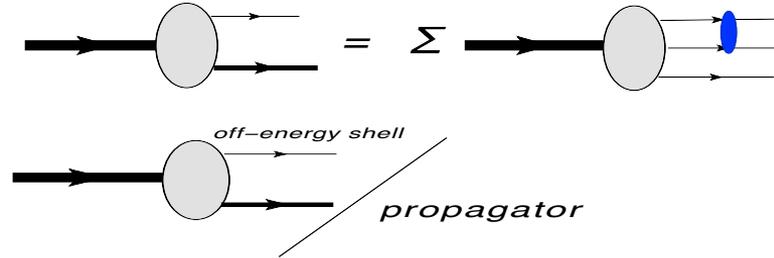
$$\left( \sum_i \frac{k_i^2}{2m} - E_b \right) \Phi(k_1, \dots, k_A) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \int U(q) \Phi(k_1, \dots, k_i - q, \dots, k_j + q, \dots, k_A) d^3q$$

Lipmann-Schwinger Eq



$\dagger$ - ordered diagrammatic method

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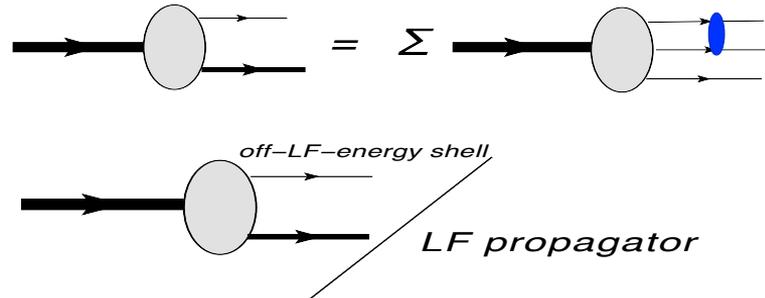
$$\Phi(k_1, \dots, k_A) = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{k_i^2}{2m} - E_b} \Gamma_{A \rightarrow N, A-1}$$

Weinberg Eq



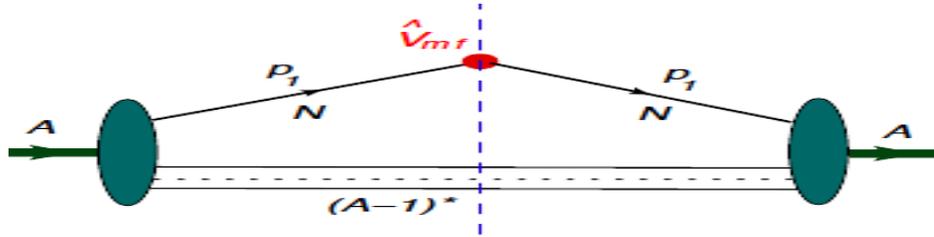
$\mathcal{T}$  - ordered diagrammatic method

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



$$\Phi_{LF}(k_1, \dots, k_A) = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{k_{i\perp}^2 + m^2}{\alpha_i} - M_A^2} \Gamma_{A \rightarrow N, A-1}$$

# Spectral Function Calculations



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

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

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

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

# V. Emergence of small distance nuclear dynamics

-start with A-body Lipman Schwinger/Weinberg type equation for nuclear wave function interacting through NN -potential

$$\phi_A(k_1, \dots, k_n, \dots, k_A) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \int \sum_{i \neq j} V_{ij}(q) \phi_A(k_1, \dots, k_i - q, \dots, k_j + q, \dots, k_A) \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3}}{\sum_{i=1}^A \frac{k_i^2}{2m_N} - E_B}$$

$$k = p, \frac{p^2}{2m} \gg E_B, k_i - q = p - q \approx 0 \rightarrow q \approx p, k_j + q \approx k_j + p \approx 0 \rightarrow k_i \approx -k_j \approx p$$

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

$$\phi_A^{(2)}(\dots p, \dots) \sim \frac{1}{p^2} \int \frac{V_{NN}(q)V_{NN}(p)}{(p-q)^2} d^3 q$$

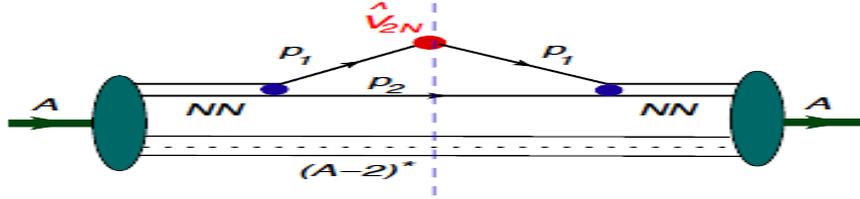
- IF:  $V_{NN} = q^{-n}$  with  $n > 1$  and is finite range  $q_{min}$

$$\phi_A^{(2)}(\dots p, \dots) \sim \frac{V(p)}{p^2} \int_{q_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{dq}{q^n}$$

$$\phi_A^{(2)} \ll \phi_A^{(1)}$$

Frankfurt, Strikman 1988  
Frankfurt, MS, Strikman 2008

# 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

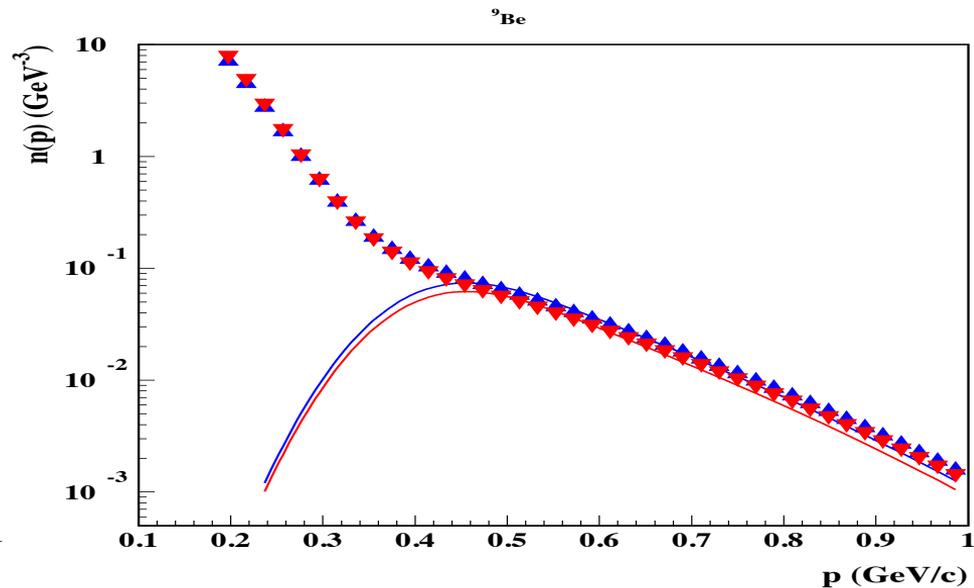
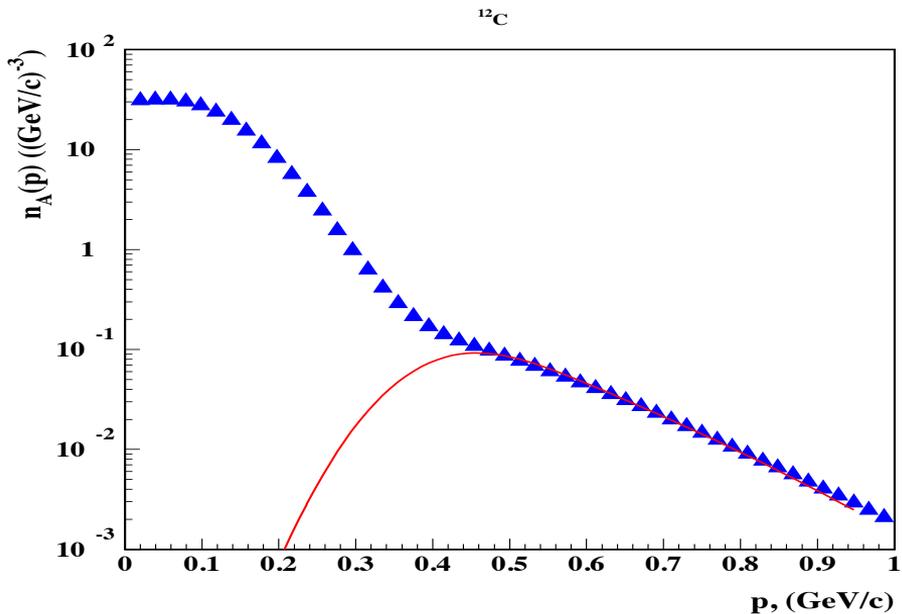
$$\rho_A(\alpha_N, p_{N,\perp}) = \int P_A(\alpha_N, p_{N,\perp}, \tilde{M}_N^2) \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{M}_N^2$$

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

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

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

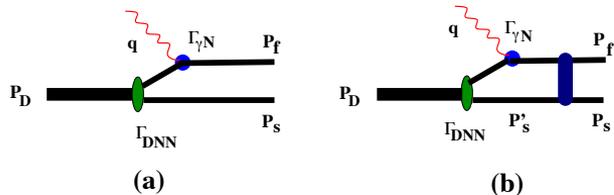
# 2N SRC model Non Relativistic Approximation



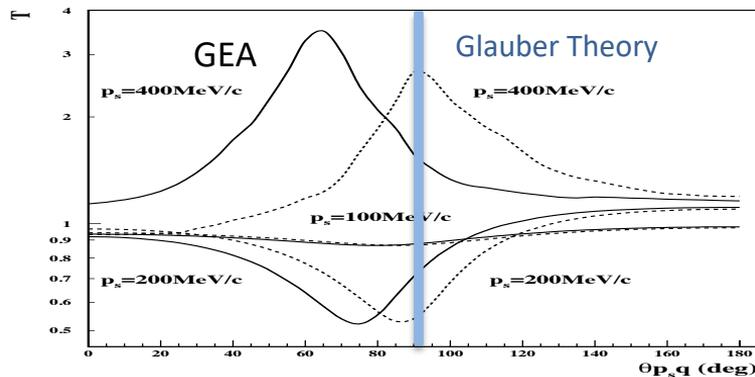
# Predictions made within the described approach

- Different location for maximum of FSI compared to Glauber model Frankfurt, MS., Strikman, PRC 1997, MS PRC2010
- Nuclear scaling due to 2N SRCs at: Frankfurt, Strikman Phys Rep.88  
Frankfurt, Day, Strikman, MS PRC1993
- pn dominance in 2N SRCs: Piasezky, MS, Frankfurt, Strikman, Watson PRL2006
- High momentum sharing in asymmetric nuclei MS PRC2014, ArXiv2012
- New Structure in the deuteron and non-nucleonic components MS & F.Vera ArXiv2022
- Nuclear scaling for 3N SRCs MS, Day, Frankfurt, Strikman PRC2019  
Frankfurt, Day, MS, Strikman PRC2023
- Relation between 3N and 2N SRCs

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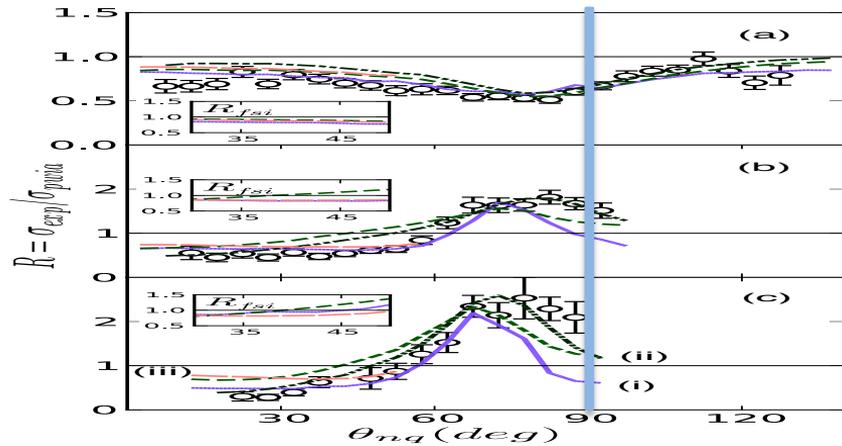
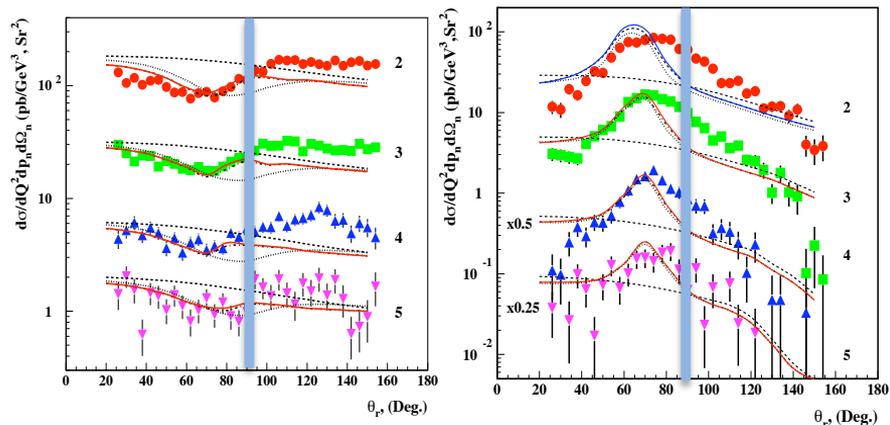
Frankfurt, MS, Strikman, PRC 1997



K. Egiyan et al PRL 2008

Unfactorized calculations MS PRC 2020

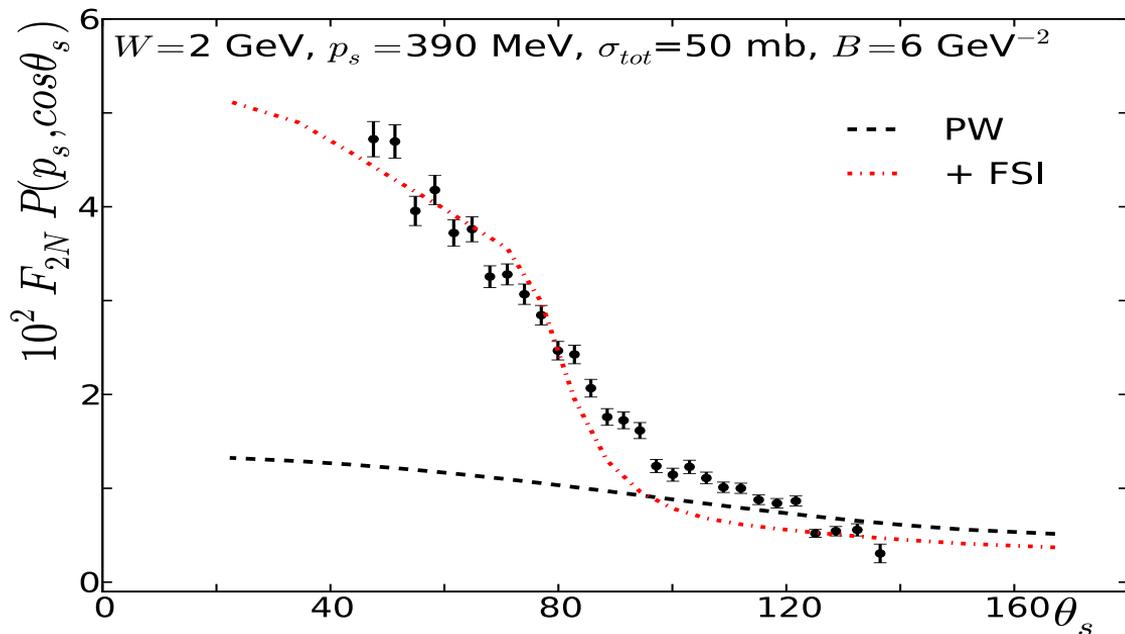
W. Boeglin et al PRL 2011



# Extension to DIS:

$$e + d \rightarrow e' + p_s + X$$

W.Cosyn & M.Sargsian, PRC 2011



# - Nuclear scaling due to 2N SRCs at:

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

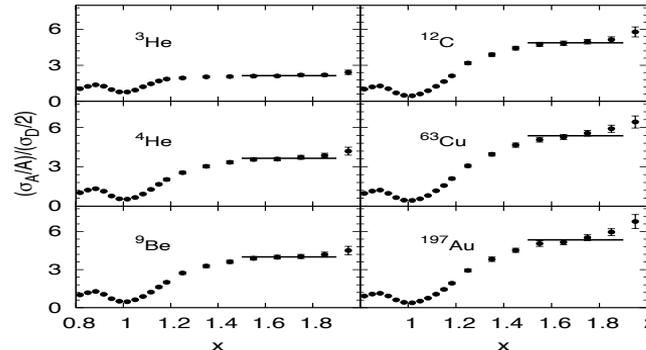
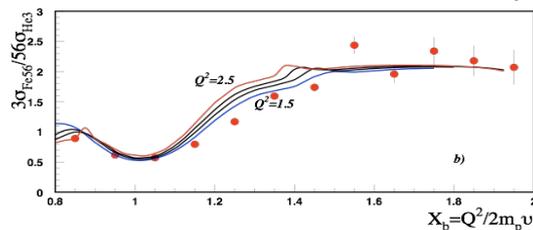
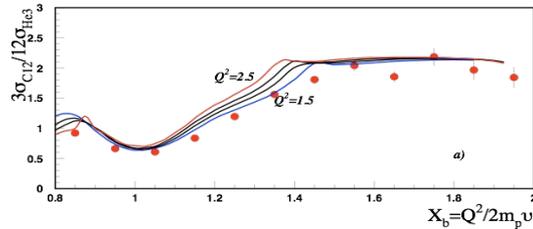
$$\alpha_{2N} = 2 - \frac{q_- + 2m_N}{2m_N} \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{W_{2N}^2 - 4m_N^2}}{W_{2N}} \right) \quad 1.3 \leq \alpha_{2N} \leq 1.5$$

Frankfurt, Strikman Phys. Rep, 1988  
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$$\rho_A(\alpha) \approx a_2(A, z) \rho_{NN}(\alpha)$$

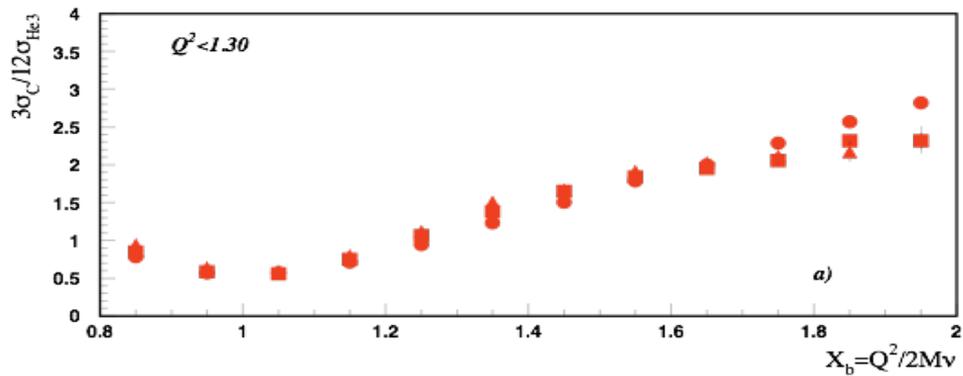
$$\frac{2\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{ed}} \approx a_2(A, Z) \quad 1.3 \leq \alpha_{2N} \leq 1.5$$

$A(e, e')$

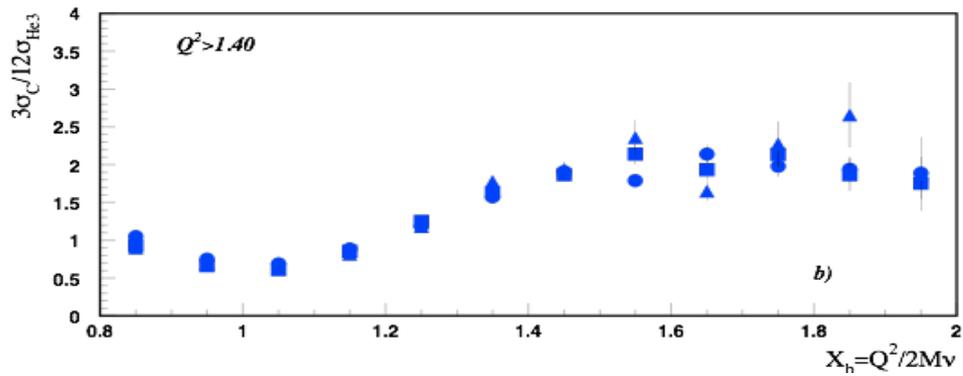


Egiyan et al, 2002, 2006  
 Fomin et al, 2011

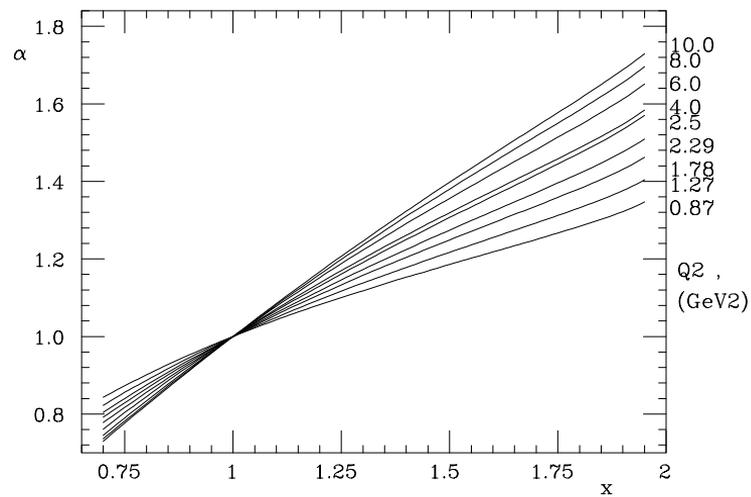
$A(e,e')$



$\alpha_{2N} < 1.3$



$\alpha_{2N} > 1.3$

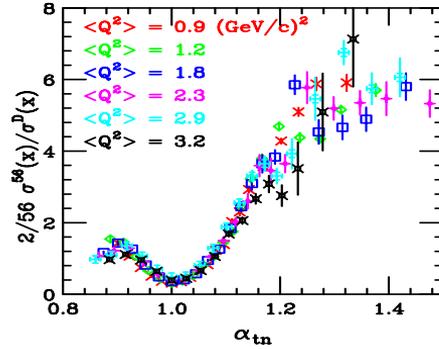
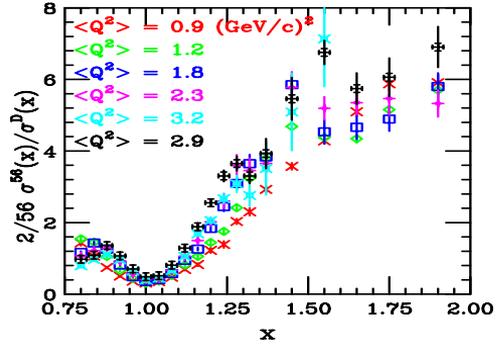


# X vs $\alpha_{2N}$ Dependences

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

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

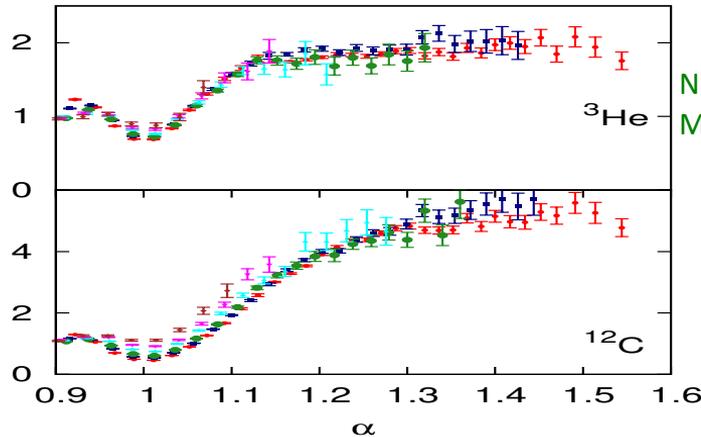
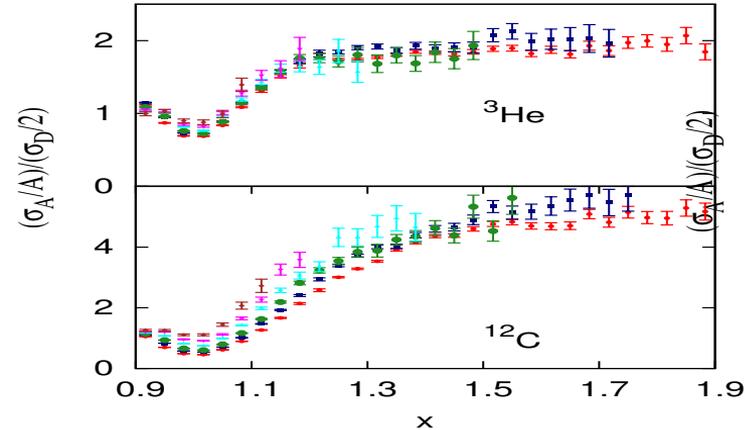
$$\alpha_{2N} = 2 - \frac{q_{-} + 2m_N}{2m_N} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_{2N}^2 - 4m_N^2}{W_{2N}}} \right)$$



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

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

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



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

# $a_2$ '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
$^3\text{He}$	0.33	$2.07 \pm 0.08$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$		$2.13 \pm 0.04$
$^4\text{He}$	0	$3.51 \pm 0.03$	$3.3 \pm 0.5$	$3.38 \pm 0.2$	$3.60 \pm 0.10$
$^9\text{Be}$	0.11	$3.92 \pm 0.03$			$3.91 \pm 0.12$
$^{12}\text{C}$	0	$4.19 \pm 0.02$	$5.0 \pm 0.5$	$4.32 \pm 0.4$	$4.75 \pm 0.16$
$^{27}\text{Al}$	0.037	$4.50 \pm 0.12$	$5.3 \pm 0.6$		
$^{56}\text{Fe}$	0.071	$4.95 \pm 0.07$	$5.6 \pm 0.9$	$4.99 \pm 0.5$	
$^{64}\text{Cu}$	0.094	$5.02 \pm 0.04$			$5.21 \pm 0.20$
$^{197}\text{Au}$	0.198	$4.56 \pm 0.03$	$4.8 \pm 0.7$		$5.16 \pm 0.22$

# - pn dominance in 2N SRCs:

for large  $k > k_{Fermi}$

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

Theoretical analysis of BNL Data  $A(p, 2p)X$  reaction  
 E. Piasezky, MS, L. Frankfurt,  
 M. Strikman, J. Watson PRL, 2006

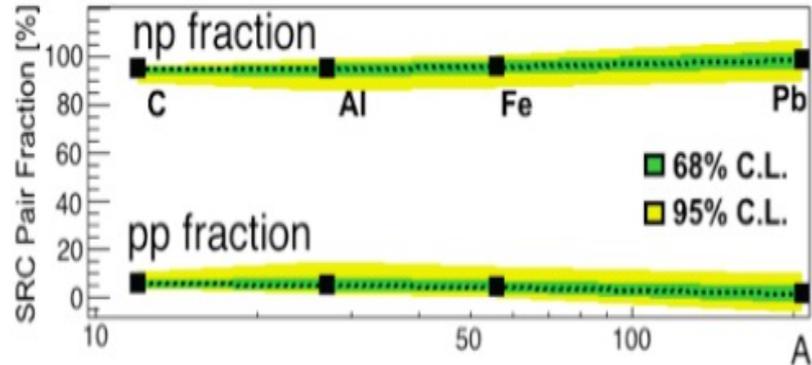
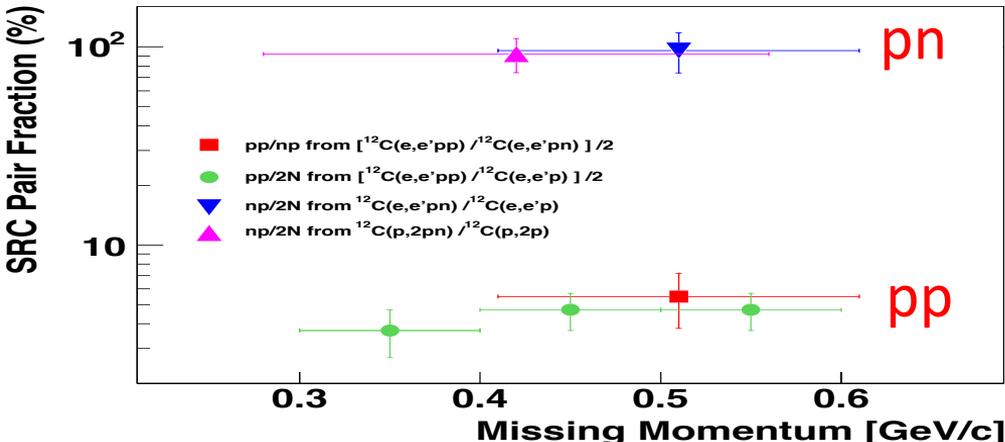
$$\frac{P_{pp}}{P_{pn}} \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{pn/pX}) = 0.04^{+0.09}_{-0.04}$$

Factor of 20  
 Expected 4  
 (Wigner counting)

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

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

O. Hen, MS, L, Weinstein et.al. Science, 2014



# - High momentum sharing in asymmetric nuclei

- Dominance of pn Correlations  
(neglecting pp and nn SRCs)

Two properties were predicted

MS, arXiv:1210.3280, 2012  
Phys. Rev. C 2014

**First Property:** Approximate Scaling Relation

$$x_p \cdot n_p^A(p) \approx x_n \cdot n_n^A(p) = \frac{a_{pn}}{2}(A, Z)n_d(p)$$

$$\text{where } x_p = \frac{Z}{A} \text{ and } x_n = \frac{A-Z}{A}.$$

**Second Property:** Inverse Fractional Dependence of High Momentum Component

$$n_{p/n}^A(p) \approx \frac{1}{2x_{p/n}} a_2(A, y) \cdot n_d(p) \quad n_{p/n}^A(p) \approx \frac{1}{2(x_{p/n})^\gamma} a_2(A, y) \cdot n_d, \quad \gamma \leq 1$$

Minority component has more high momentum fraction

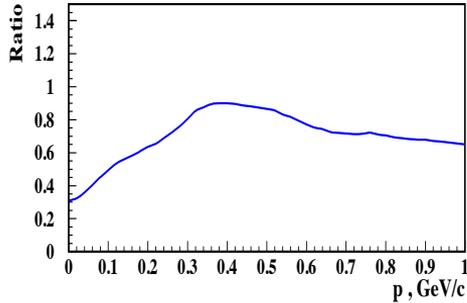
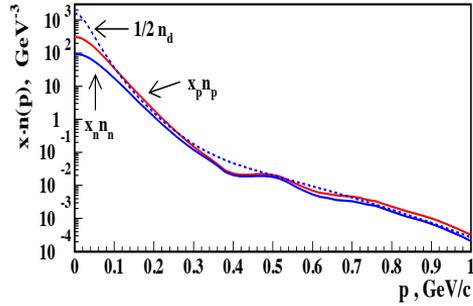
$$\gamma \approx 0.85 \text{ for } {}^3\text{He}$$

$$\gamma \approx 1.00 \text{ for } {}^9\text{Be}, {}^{10}\text{B}$$

$$P_{p/n}(A, y) = \frac{1}{2x_{p/n}} a_2(A, y) \int_{k_F}^{\infty} n_d(p) d^3p$$

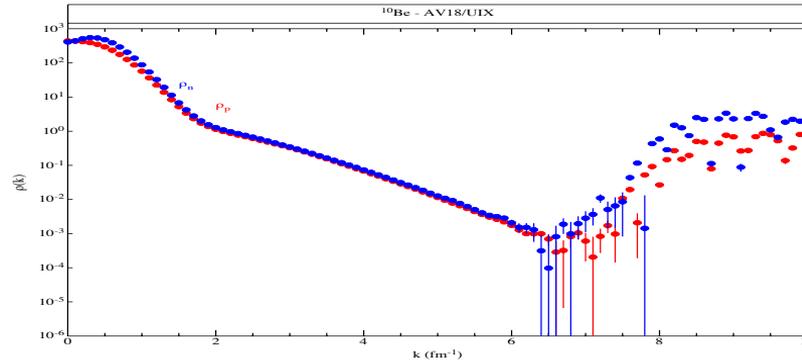
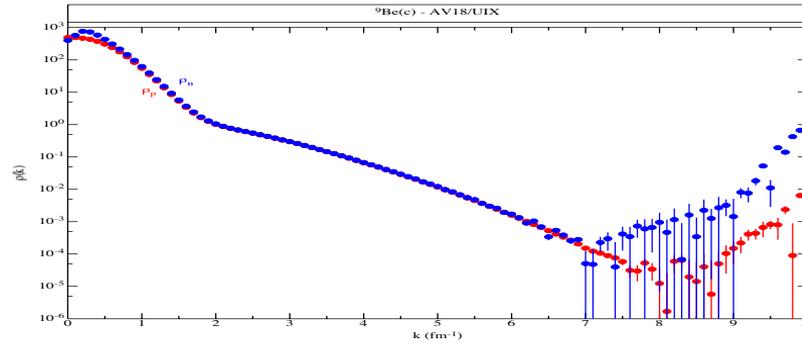
First Property:  $x_p \cdot n_p^A(p) \approx x_n \cdot n_n^A(p)$

$^3\text{He}$



Be9,B10 Variational Monte Carlo Calculation: Robert Wiringa 2013

<http://www.phy.anl.gov/theory/research/momenta/>



# Predictions: High Momentum Fractions

MS,arXiv:1210.3280,2012  
Phys. Rev. C 2014

$$P_{p/n}(A, y) = \frac{1}{2x_{p/n}} a_2(A, y) \int_{k_F}^{\infty} n_d(p) d^3p$$

$y = |x_p - x_n|$

A	P <sub>p</sub> (%)	P <sub>n</sub> (%)
12	20	20
27	23	22
56	27	23
197	31	20

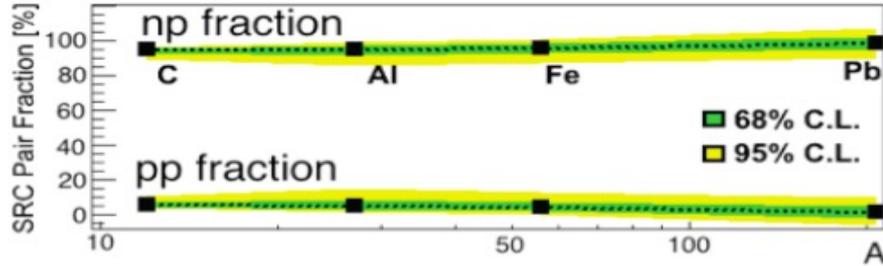
Table 1: Kinetic energies (in MeV) of proton and neutron

A	y	$E_{kin}^p$	$E_{kin}^n$	$E_{kin}^p - E_{kin}^n$
<sup>8</sup> He	0.50	30.13	18.60	11.53
<sup>6</sup> He	0.33	27.66	19.06	8.60
<sup>9</sup> Li	0.33	31.39	24.91	6.48
<sup>3</sup> He	0.33	14.71	19.35	-4.64
<sup>3</sup> H	0.33	19.61	14.96	4.65
<sup>8</sup> Li	0.25	28.95	23.98	4.97
<sup>10</sup> Be	0.2	30.20	25.95	4.25
<sup>7</sup> Li	0.14	26.88	24.54	2.34
<sup>9</sup> Be	0.11	29.82	27.09	2.73
<sup>11</sup> B	0.09	33.40	31.75	1.65

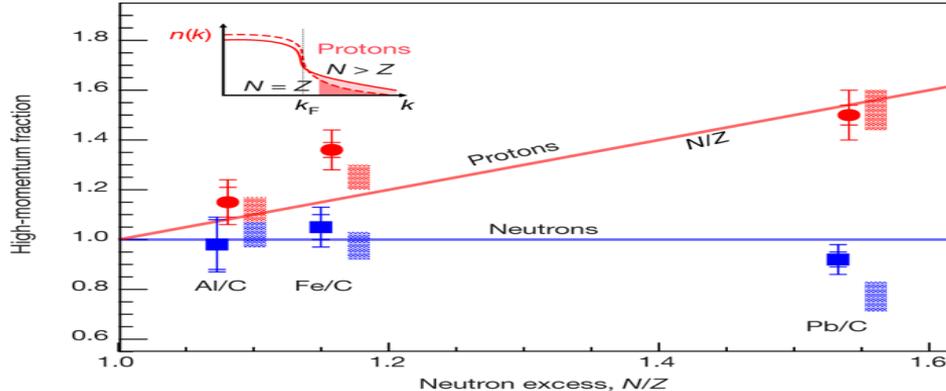
# - Experimental Verification of Momentum Sharing Effects

## - pn dominance persist for heavy nuclei

O. Hen, MS, L, Weinstein et.al. Science, 2014

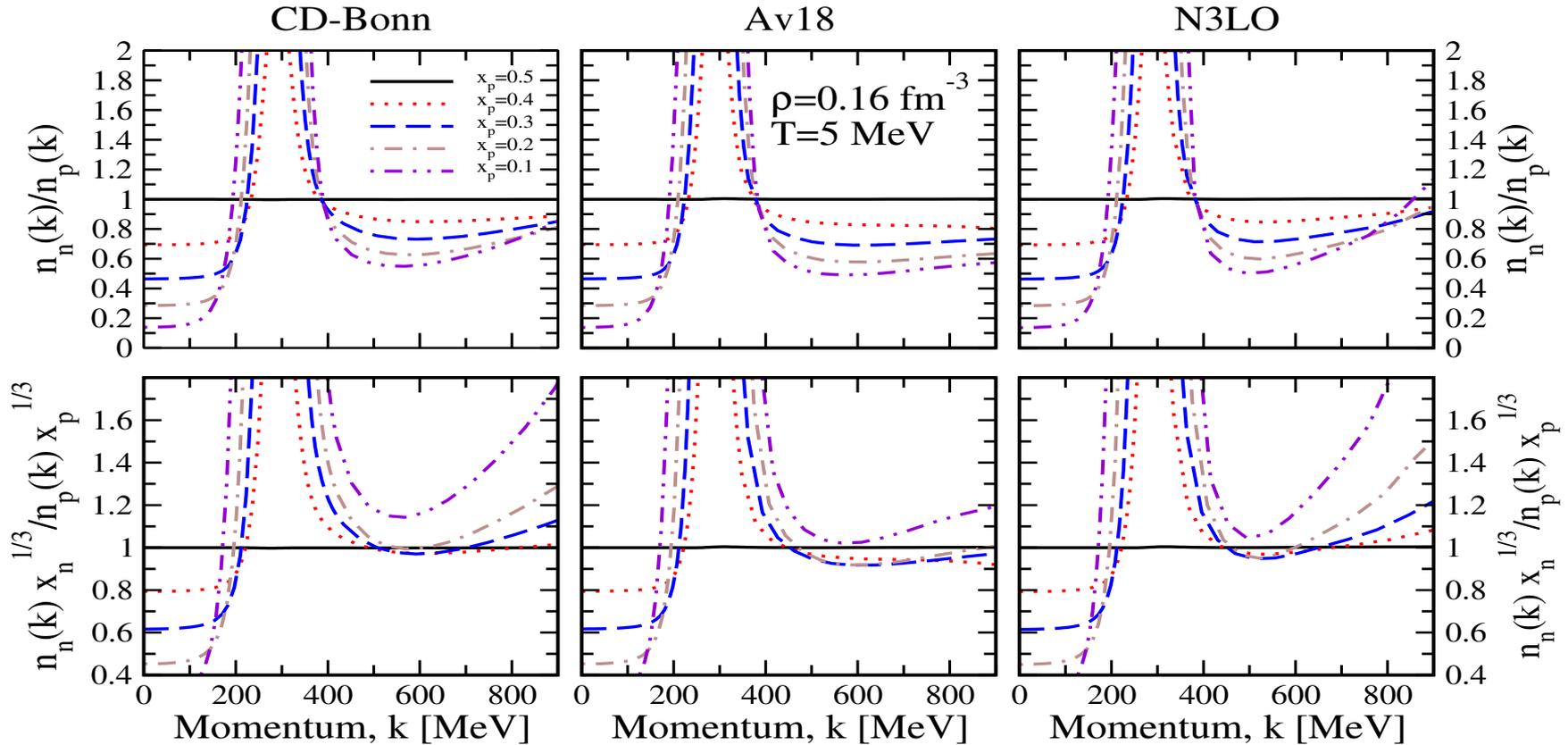


Duer et al, Nature 2018



# Asymmetric Nuclear Matter Calculations

A.Rios, A. Polls and W. H. Dickhoff,  
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## Monday's talk

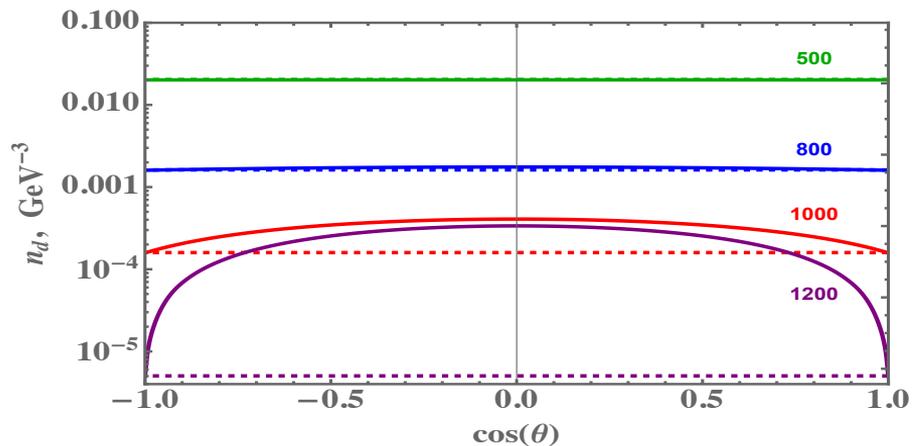
$$\psi_d^{\lambda_d}(\alpha_1, k_t, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \sum_{\lambda_1'} \phi_{\lambda_2}^\dagger \sqrt{E_k} \left[ \frac{U(k)}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \sigma \mathbf{s}_d^{\lambda_d} - \frac{W(k)}{\sqrt{4\pi}\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{3(\sigma \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{s}_d^\lambda)}{k^2} - \sigma \mathbf{s}_d^\lambda \right) + (-1)^{\frac{1+\lambda_d}{2}} P(k) Y_1^{\lambda_d}(\theta, \phi) \delta^{1,|\lambda_d|} \right] \frac{\epsilon_{\lambda_1, \lambda_1'}}{\sqrt{2}} \phi_{\lambda_1'}$$

$$U(k) = \frac{2\sqrt{4\pi}\sqrt{E_k}}{3} \left[ \Gamma_1 \left( 2 + \frac{m_N}{E_k} \right) + \Gamma_2 \frac{k^2}{m_N E_k} \right]$$

$$W(k) = \frac{2\sqrt{4\pi}\sqrt{2E_k}}{3} \left[ \Gamma_1 \left( 1 - \frac{m_N}{E_k} \right) - \Gamma_2 \frac{k^2}{m_N E_k} \right]$$

$$P(k) = \sqrt{4\pi} \frac{\Gamma_5(k) \sqrt{E_k}}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{k^3}{m_N^3}$$

$$n_d(k, k_\perp) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\lambda_d=-1}^1 |\psi_d^{\lambda_d}(\alpha, k_\perp)|^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( U(k)^2 + W(k)^2 + \frac{k_\perp^2}{k^2} P^2(k) \right)$$



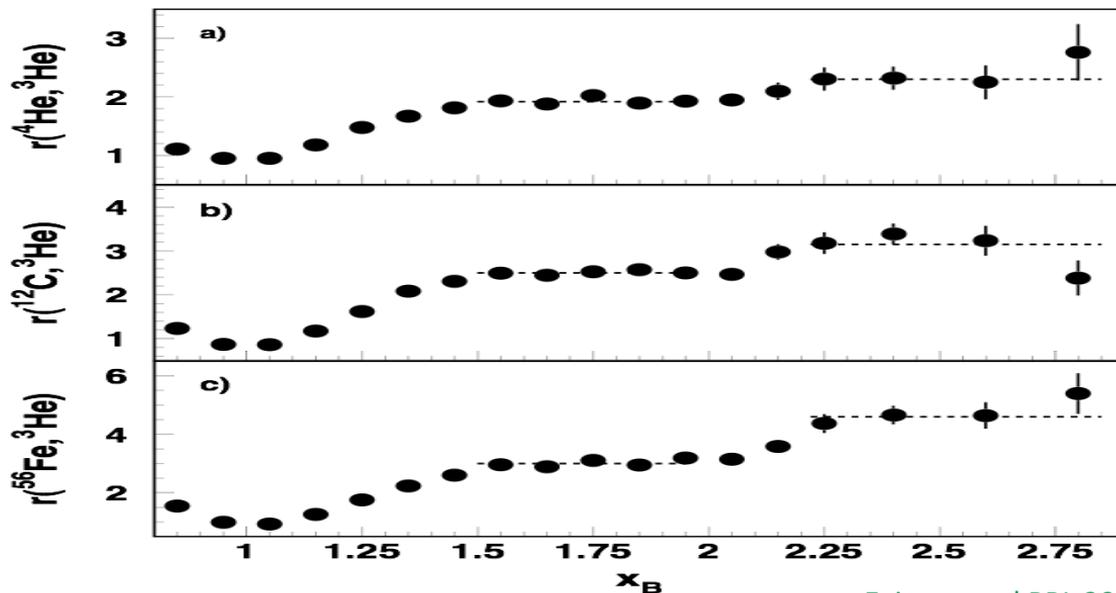
Looking for the Plateau in Inclusive Cross Section Ratios  $x > 2$

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

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

2N SRCs

3N SRCs

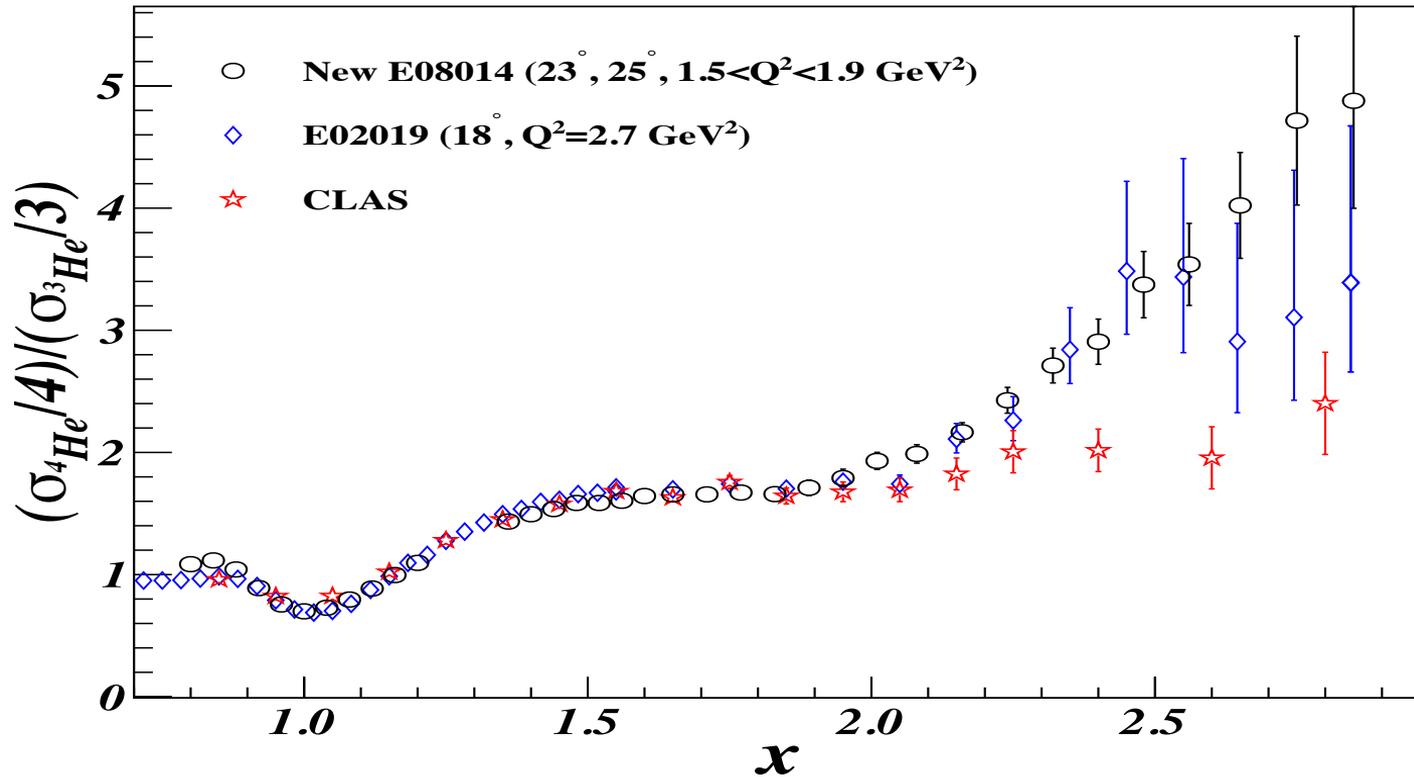


$Q^2 = 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

# Three Nucleon Short Range Correlations

Z. Ye, et al, 2017

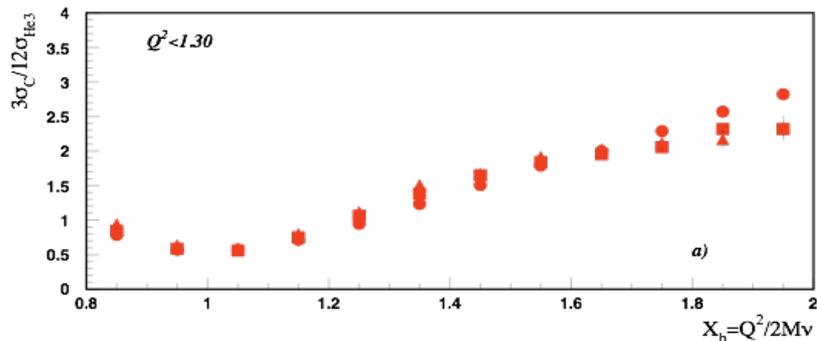
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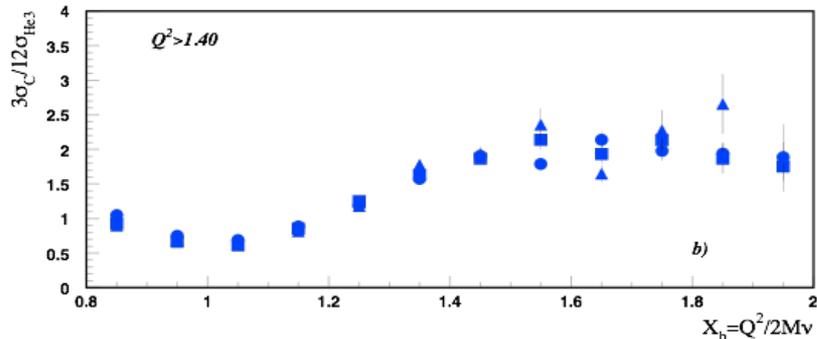
Do we really measure momentum fractions:  $\alpha$  relevant for 3N SRCs?

Remember for 2N SRCs the onset of scaling was related to  $\alpha$

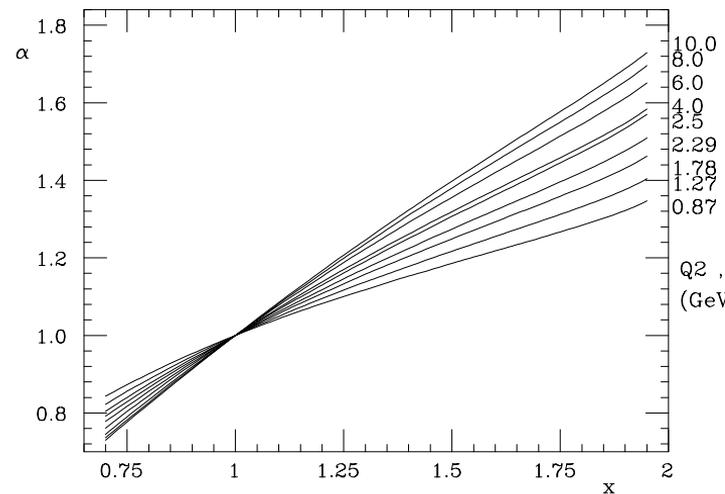
$A(e,e')$



$\alpha_{2N} < 1.3$



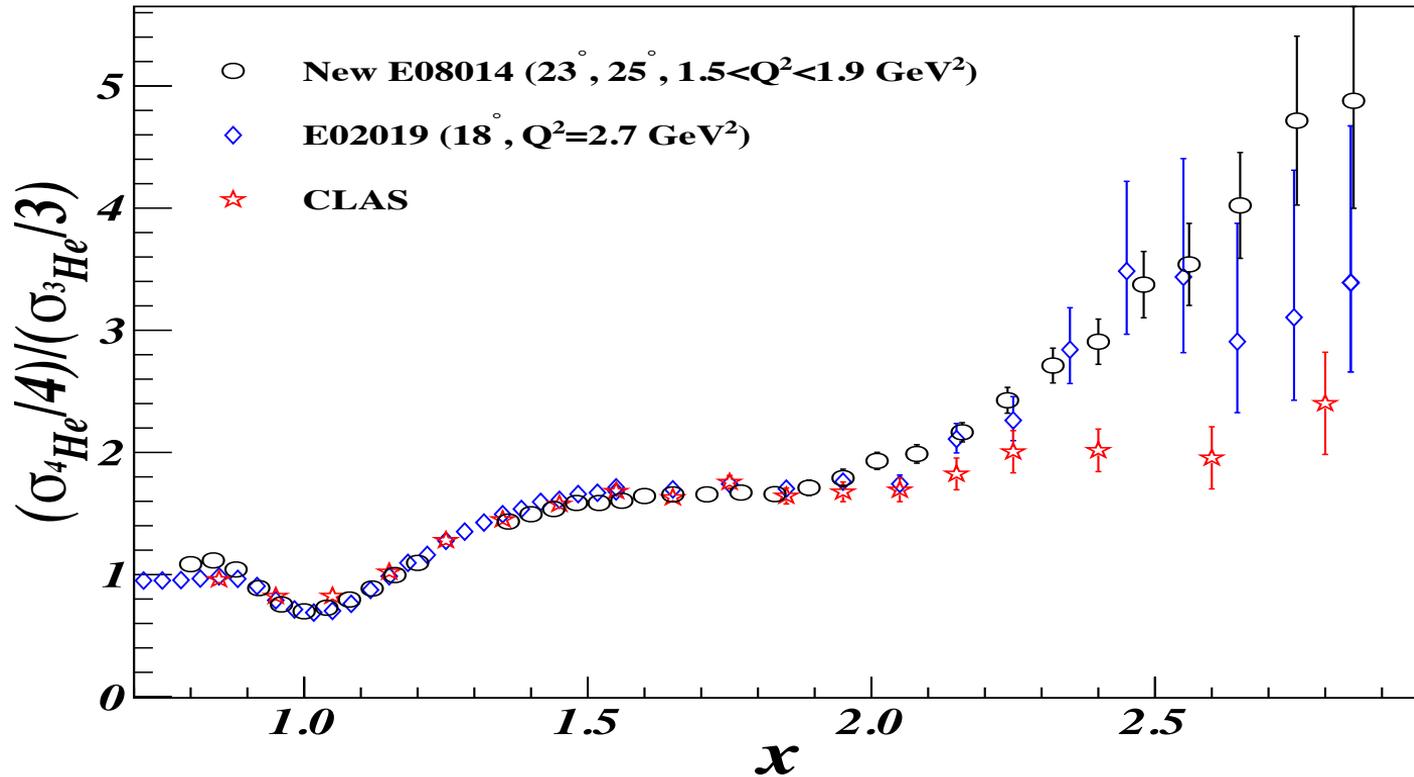
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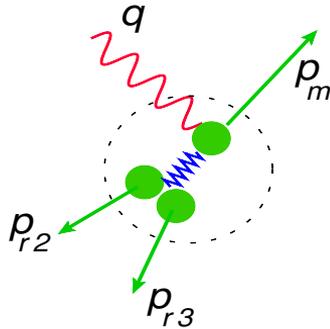
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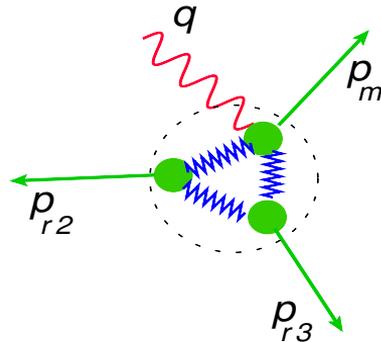
## 3N SRCs:

Proper Variables of 3N SRC are

- the Light Front Momentum Fraction:  $\alpha = \frac{p_N^+}{p_{3N}^+}$
- transverse momentum:  $p_\perp$



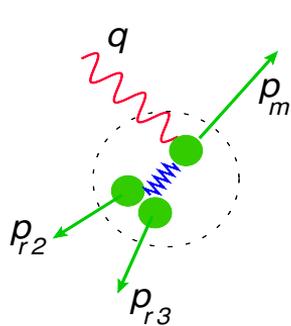
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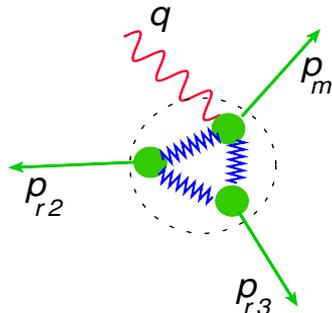
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# 3N SRCs in Inclusive $A(e,e')X$ Reactions

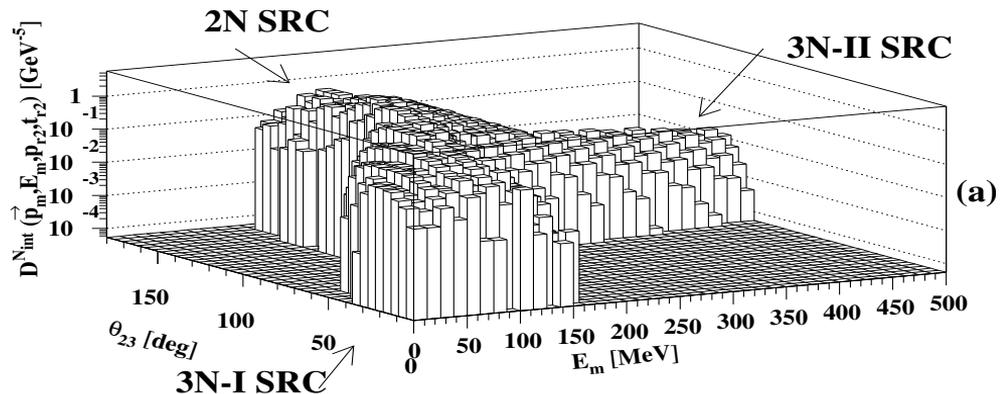
$$\sigma_{eA} = \sum \sigma_{eN} \cdot \rho_A(\alpha) \quad \text{where} \quad \rho_A(\alpha) = \int \rho_A(\alpha, p_{\perp}) d^2 p_{\perp}$$



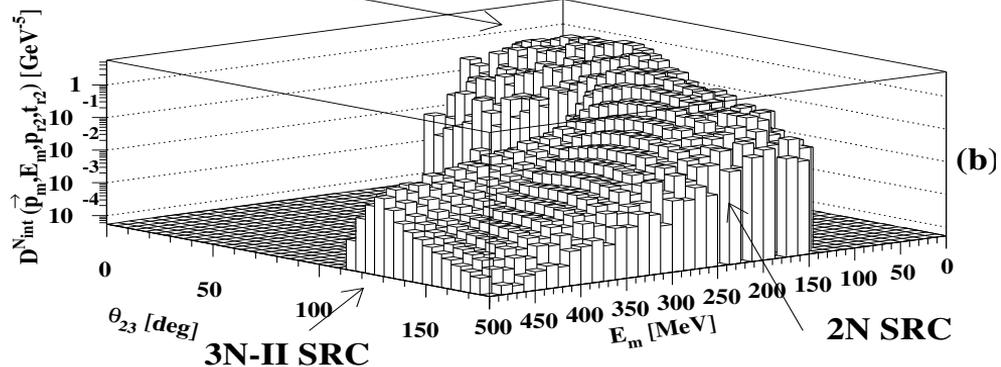
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M.S. Abrahamyan, Frankfurt,  
Strikman, Phys. Rev. C 2005

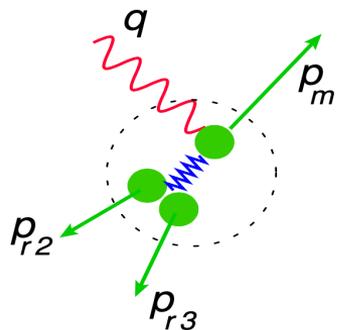
$$p_m > 700 \text{ MeV}/c$$

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

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

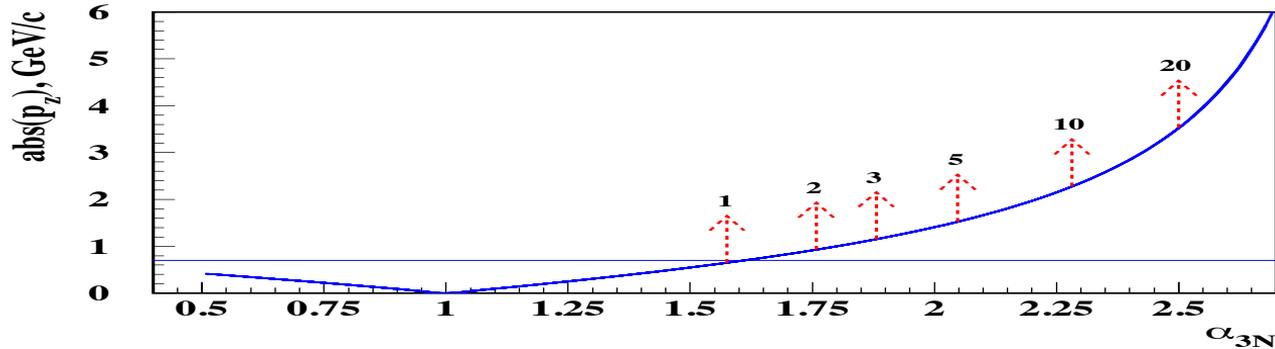
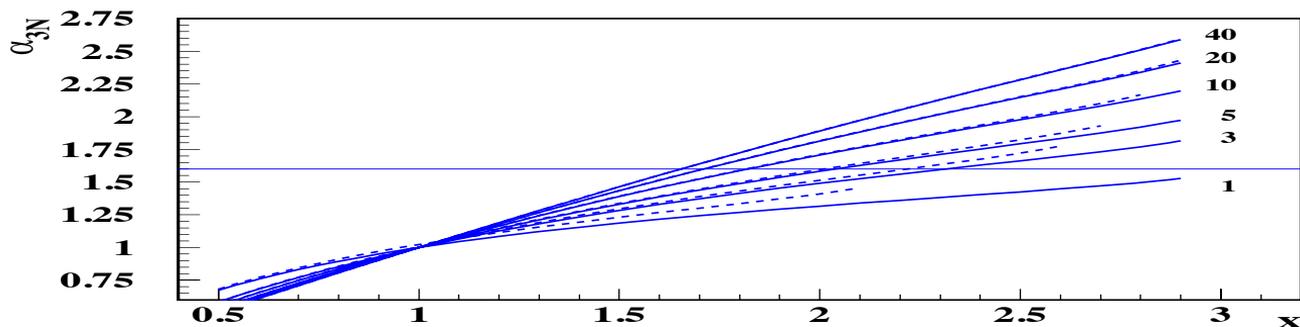
$$q + 3m_N = p_f + p_s$$

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

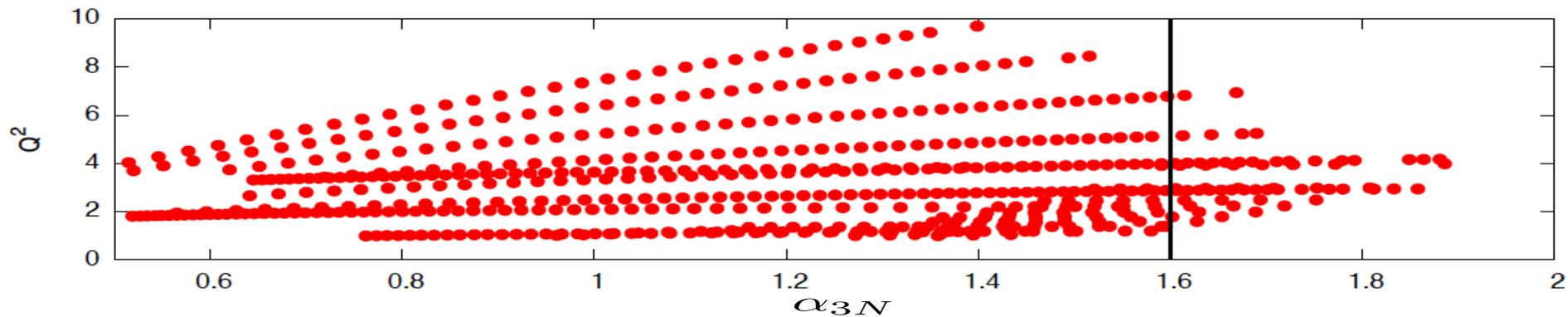


$$\alpha_{3N} > 1.6$$

$$p_i^{\min} \geq 700 \text{ MeV}/c$$



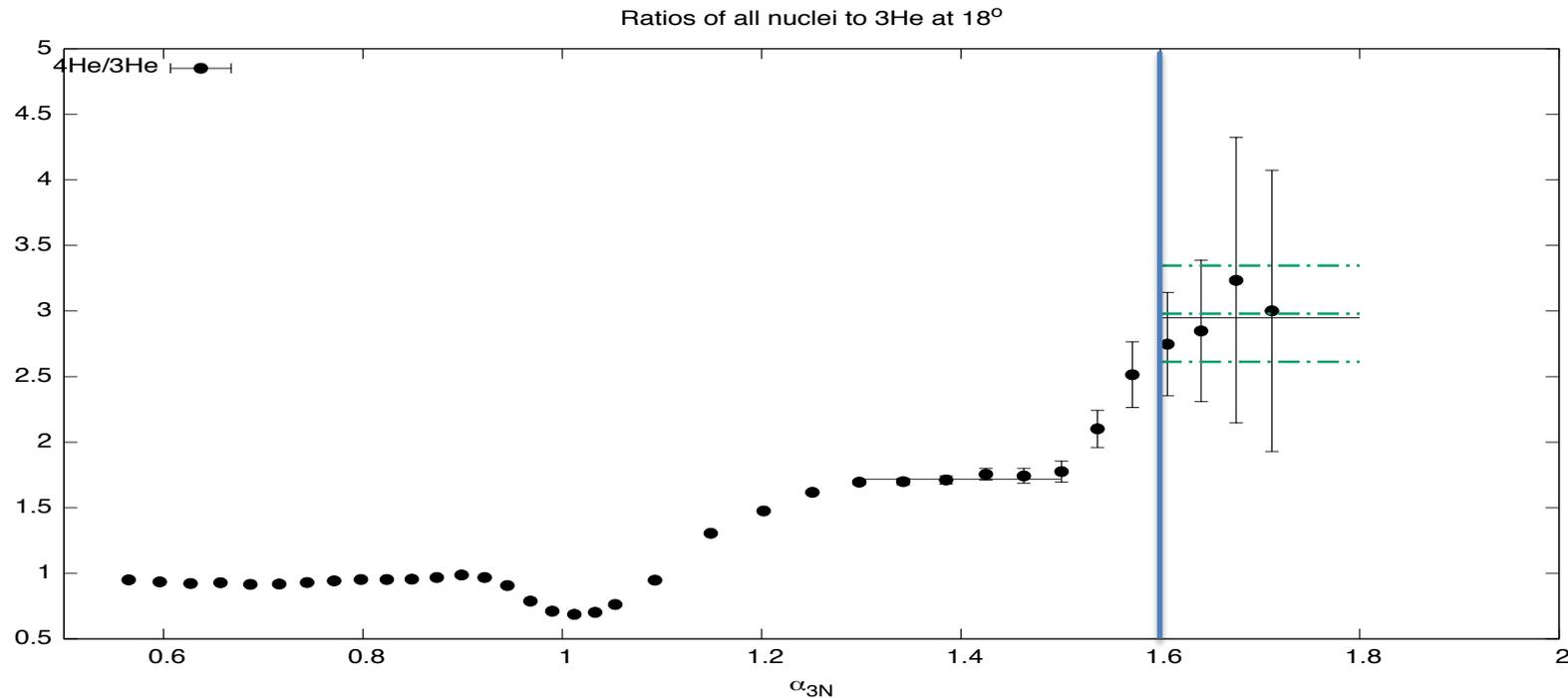
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# 3N SRCs

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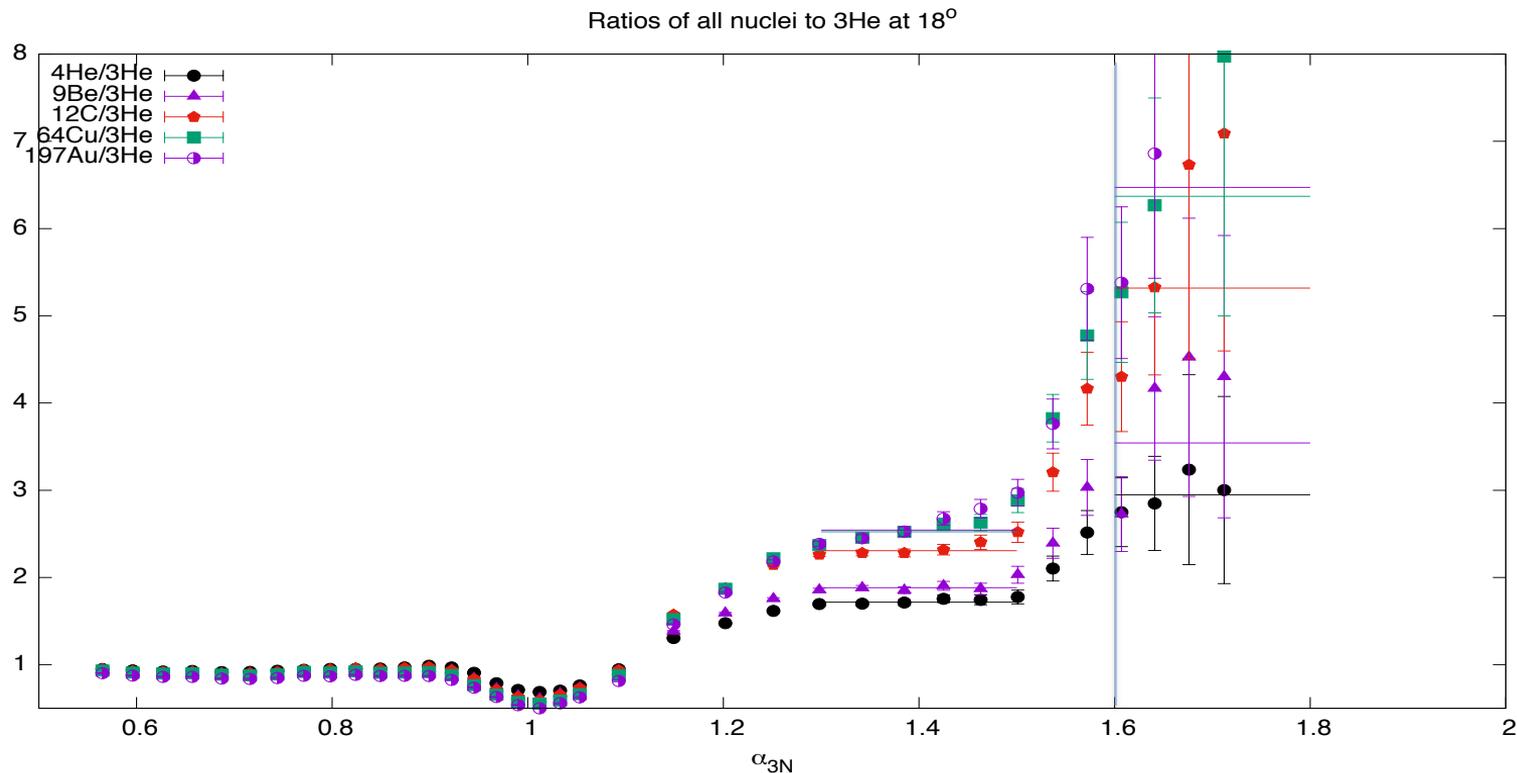
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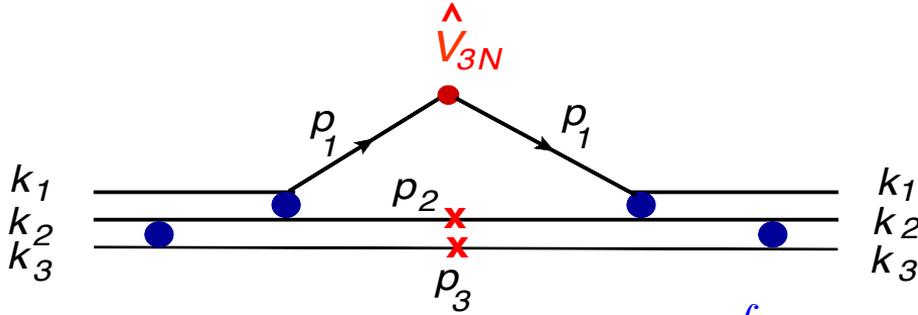


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# 3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution

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

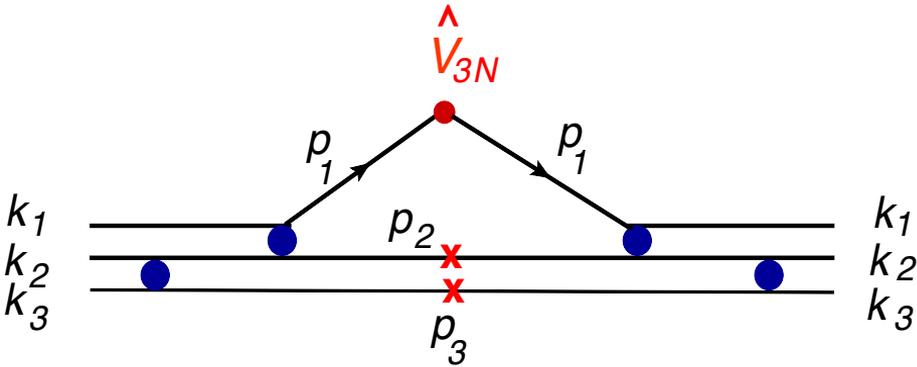
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{A,3N}^N(\alpha_1, p_{1,\perp}, s_1, \tilde{M}_N) &= \sum_{s_2, s_3, s_2', \tilde{s}_2'} \int \bar{u}(k_1) \bar{u}(k_2) \bar{u}(k_3) \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger \frac{u(p_2', \tilde{s}_2') \bar{u}(p_2', \tilde{s}_2')}{p_2'^2 - M_N^2} \\
 &\times \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger \frac{u(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} u(p_2, s_2) \left[ 2\alpha_1^2 \delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 3) \delta^2(p_{1\perp} + p_{2\perp} + p_{3\perp}) \delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - M_N^{3N,2}) \right] \\
 &\times \bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN} \frac{u(p_2', s_2') \bar{u}(p_2', s_2')}{p_2'^2 - M_N^2} u(p_3, s_3) \bar{u}(p_3, s_3) \Gamma_{NN \rightarrow NN}^\dagger u(k_1) u(k_2) u(k_3) \\
 &\times \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \frac{d^2 p_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\alpha_3}{\alpha_3} \frac{d^2 p_{3\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3}, \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

# 3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution



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

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

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

## 3N SRC Observables:

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

- Observable:  $R_3(A, Z) = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{e^3He}} \Big|_{\alpha_{3N} \geq \alpha_{3N}^0} = 1.6$

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

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

- Using:  $\rho_{3N}^A(\alpha) \sim a_2(A)^2$  and charge symmetry

$$a_3(A, Z) = \frac{a_2(A)^2}{a_2^p(^3He)a_2^n(^3He)},$$

## 3N SRC Observables:

- using 
$$a_3(A, Z) = \frac{a_2(A)^2}{a_2^p(^3He)a_2^n(^3He)},$$

- and 
$$n_{p/n}^A(p) \approx \frac{1}{2(x_{p/n})^\gamma} a_2(A, y) \cdot n_d, \quad \gamma \leq 1 \quad \text{form MS: PRC2014}$$

- obtains: 
$$a_2^n(^3He) = \frac{a_2(^3He)}{2(1/3)^\gamma} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2^p(^3He) = \frac{a_2(^3He)}{2(2/3)^\gamma},$$

- Relate: 
$$R_3(A, Z) = a_3(A, Z) \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} = 4 \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^\gamma \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} \left(\frac{a_2(A, Z)}{a_2(^3He)}\right)^2 = 4 \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^\gamma \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} R_2^2(A, Z)$$

- Where: 
$$R_2(A, Z) = \frac{3}{A} \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{\sigma_{e^3H}} \Big|_{1.3 < \alpha_{3N} < 1.5} = \frac{a_2(A)}{a_2(^3He)}$$

for  $Q^2 \sim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $\sigma_{ep} \approx 3\sigma_{en}$  and for  $^3He$   $\gamma \approx 0.85$ .

$$R_3(A, Z)|_{\alpha_{3N} > 1.6} \approx 0.96 R_2(A, Z)^2 \approx R_2(A, Z)^2|_{1.3 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.5}.$$

$$\alpha_{3N} \approx \alpha_{2N}$$

# 3N SRC model

$$R_2 = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}(\alpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(\alpha_{3N})}$$

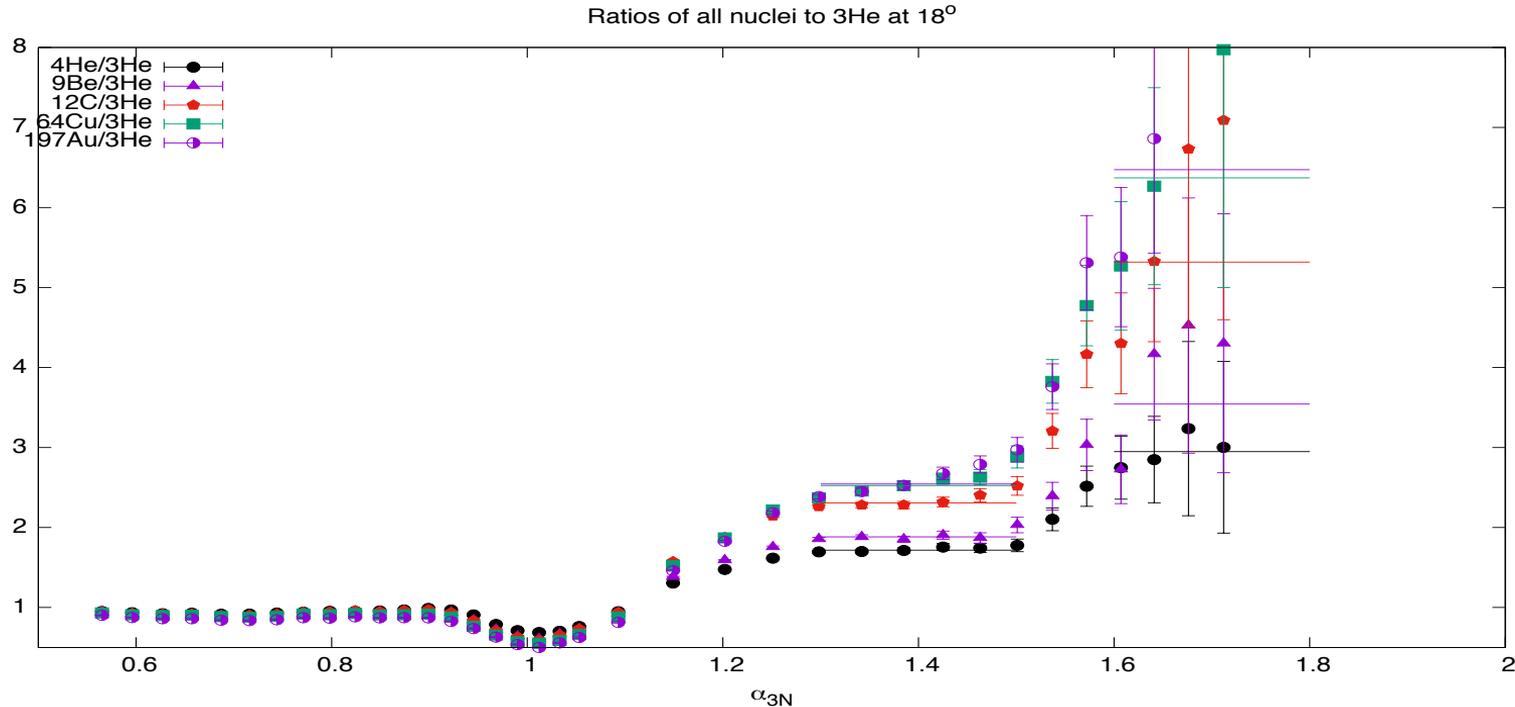
$$1.3 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.5$$

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

$$R_3 = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}(\alpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(\alpha_{3N})}$$

$$1.6 \leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.8$$

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



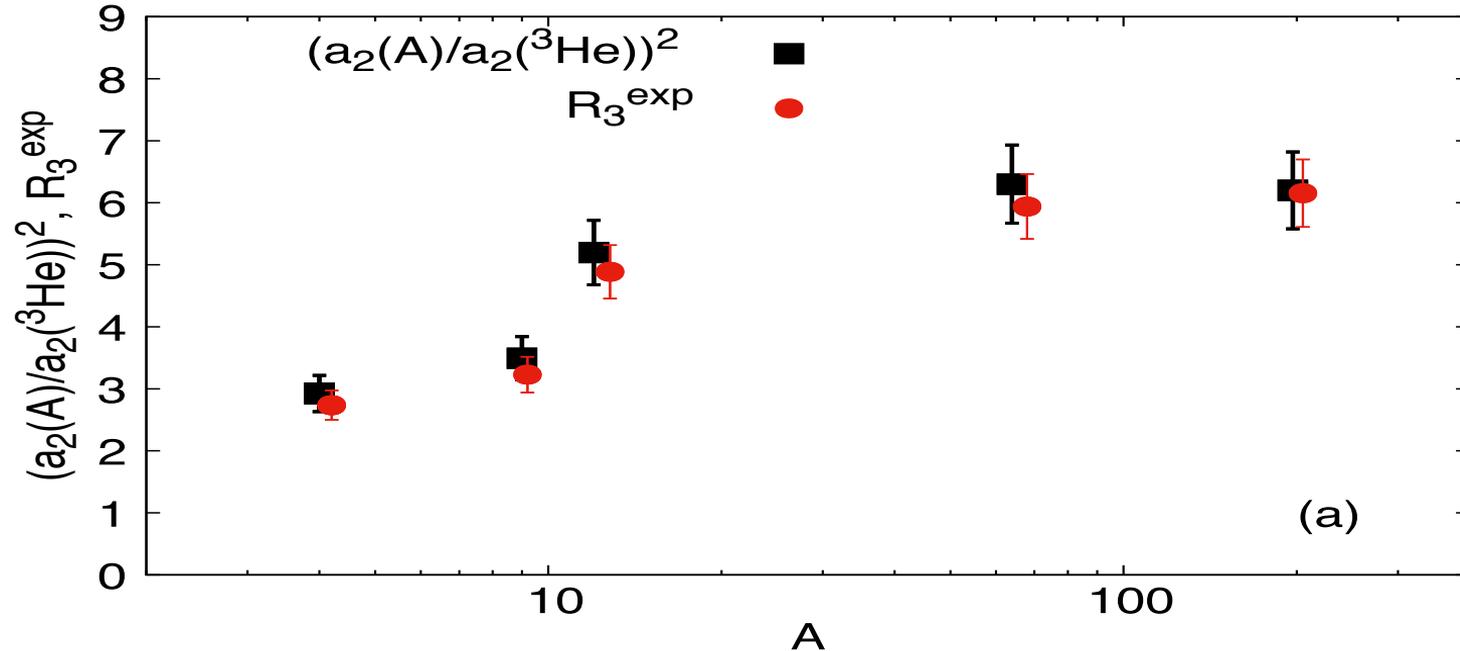
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$$1.6 \leq \alpha_{3N} < 3$$

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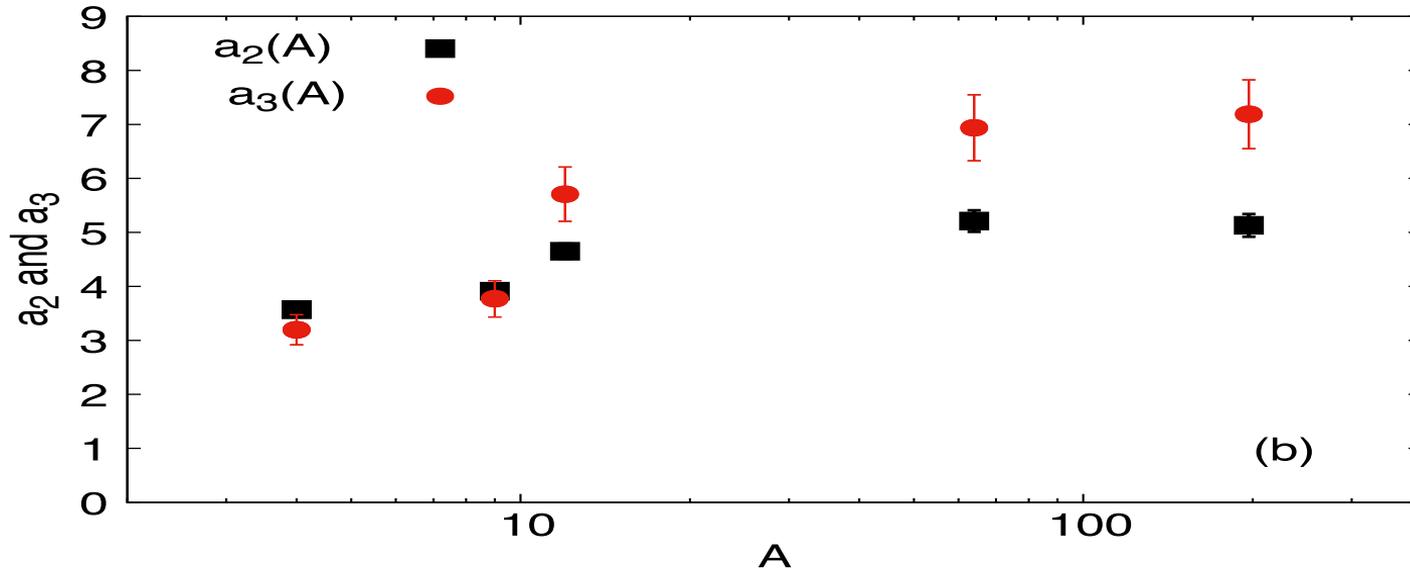
$$R_3(A) = R_2(A)^2$$



## 3N SRC model

Defining: 
$$a_3(A, Z) = \frac{3}{A} \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{(\sigma_{e3He} + \sigma_{e3H})/2}$$

One relates: 
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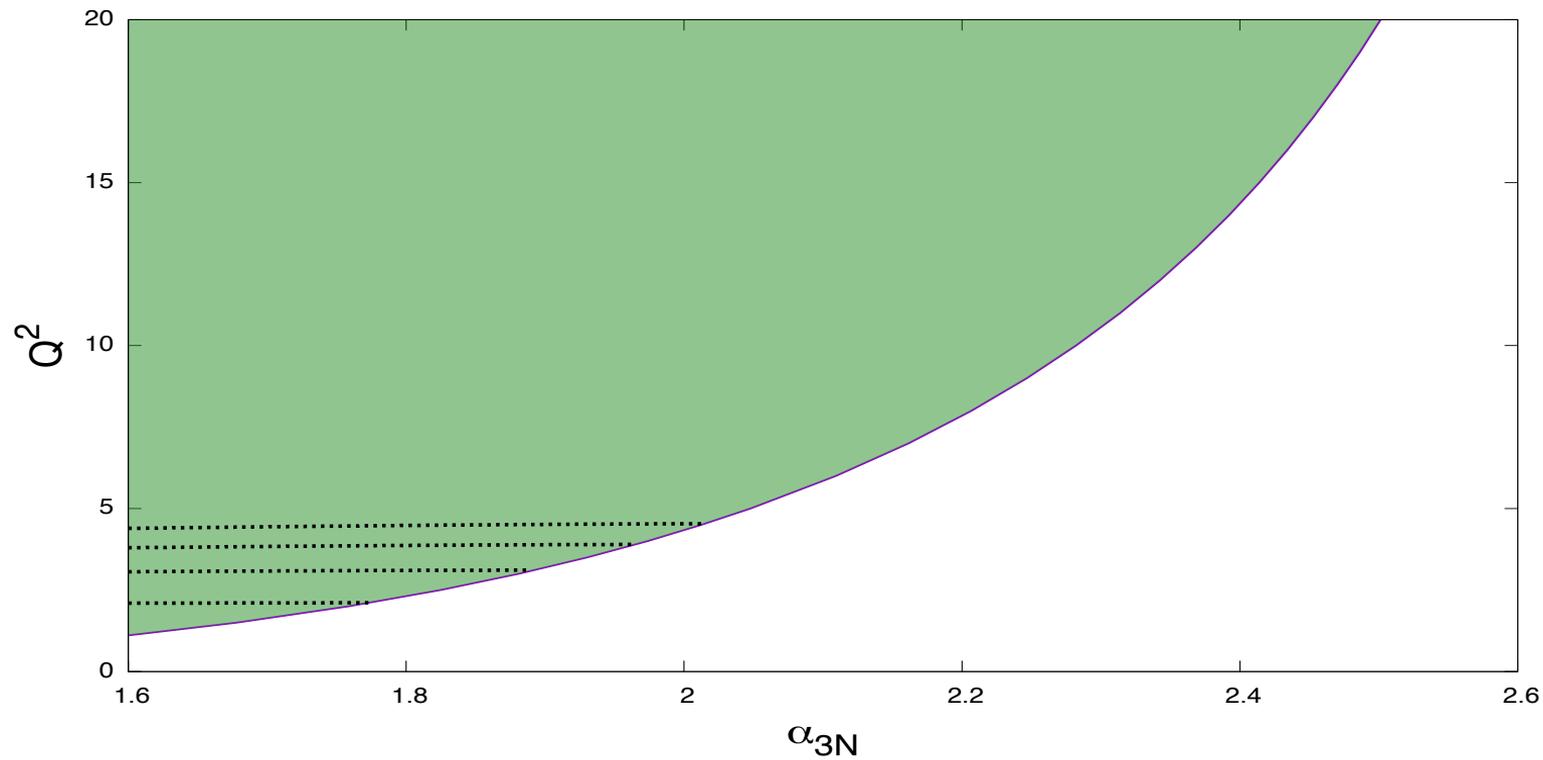
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A	$a_2$	$R_2$	$R_3^{\text{exp}}$	$a_3$
3	$2.13 \pm 0.04$	1	NA	NA
4	$3.57 \pm 0.09$	$1.68 \pm 0.03$	$2.74 \pm 0.24$	$3.20 \pm 0.28$
9	$3.91 \pm 0.12$	$1.84 \pm 0.04$	$3.23 \pm 0.29$	$3.77 \pm 0.34$
12	$4.65 \pm 0.14$	$2.18 \pm 0.04$	$4.89 \pm 0.43$	$5.71 \pm 0, 50$
64	$5.21 \pm 0.20$	$2.45 \pm 0.04$	$5.94 \pm 0.52$	$6.94 \pm 0.77$
197	$5.13 \pm 0.21$	$2.41 \pm 0.05$	$6.15 \pm 0.55$	$7.18 \pm 0.64$

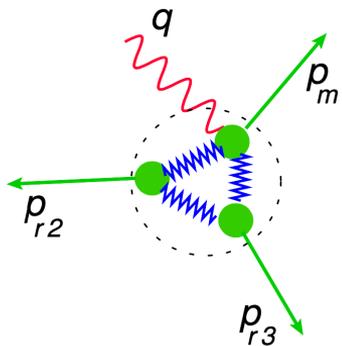
## 3N SRC Summary & Outlook

- Proper variable for studies of 2N and 3N SRS are Light-Cone momentum fractions:  $\alpha_{2N}, \alpha_{3N}$
- 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  $\alpha_{3N}$  region
- Reaching  $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$  will allow to reach:  $\alpha_{3N} > 2$

# 3N SRC Outlook

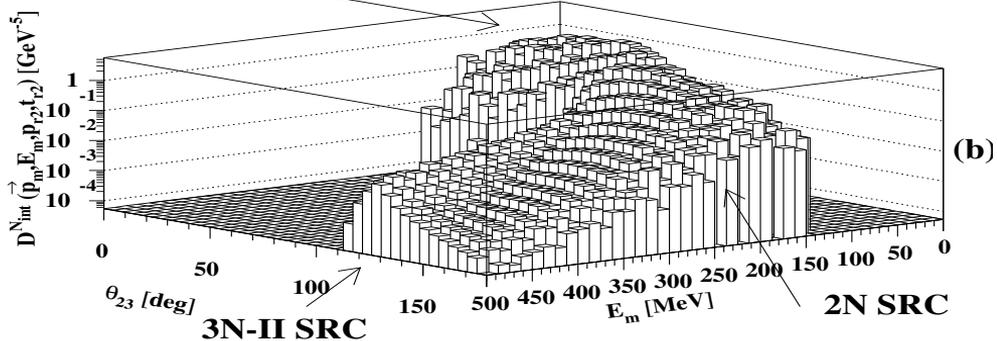
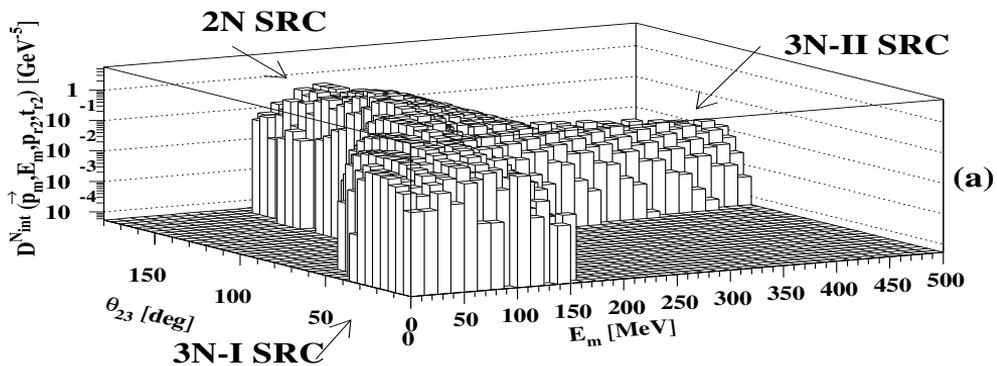


# What about type II 2N SRCs

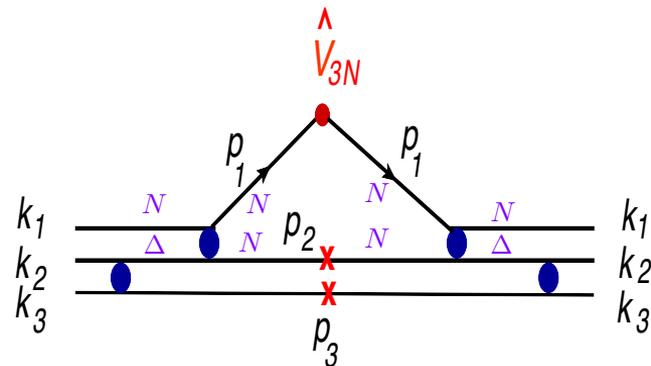
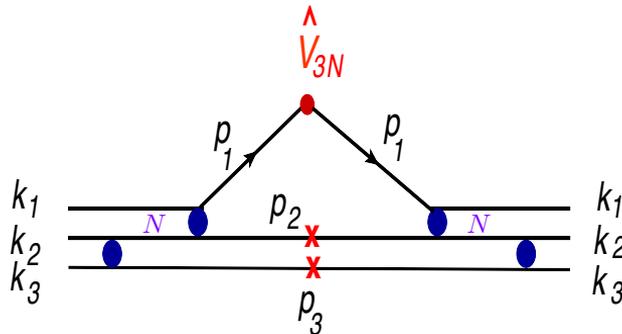
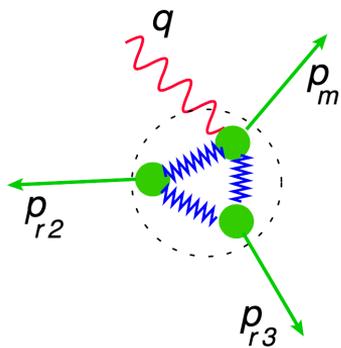


$$p_m > 700 \text{ MeV}/c$$

$$E_m > 300 \text{ MeV}$$



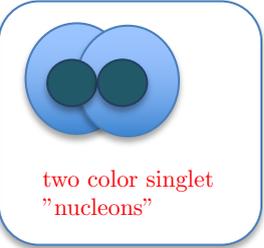
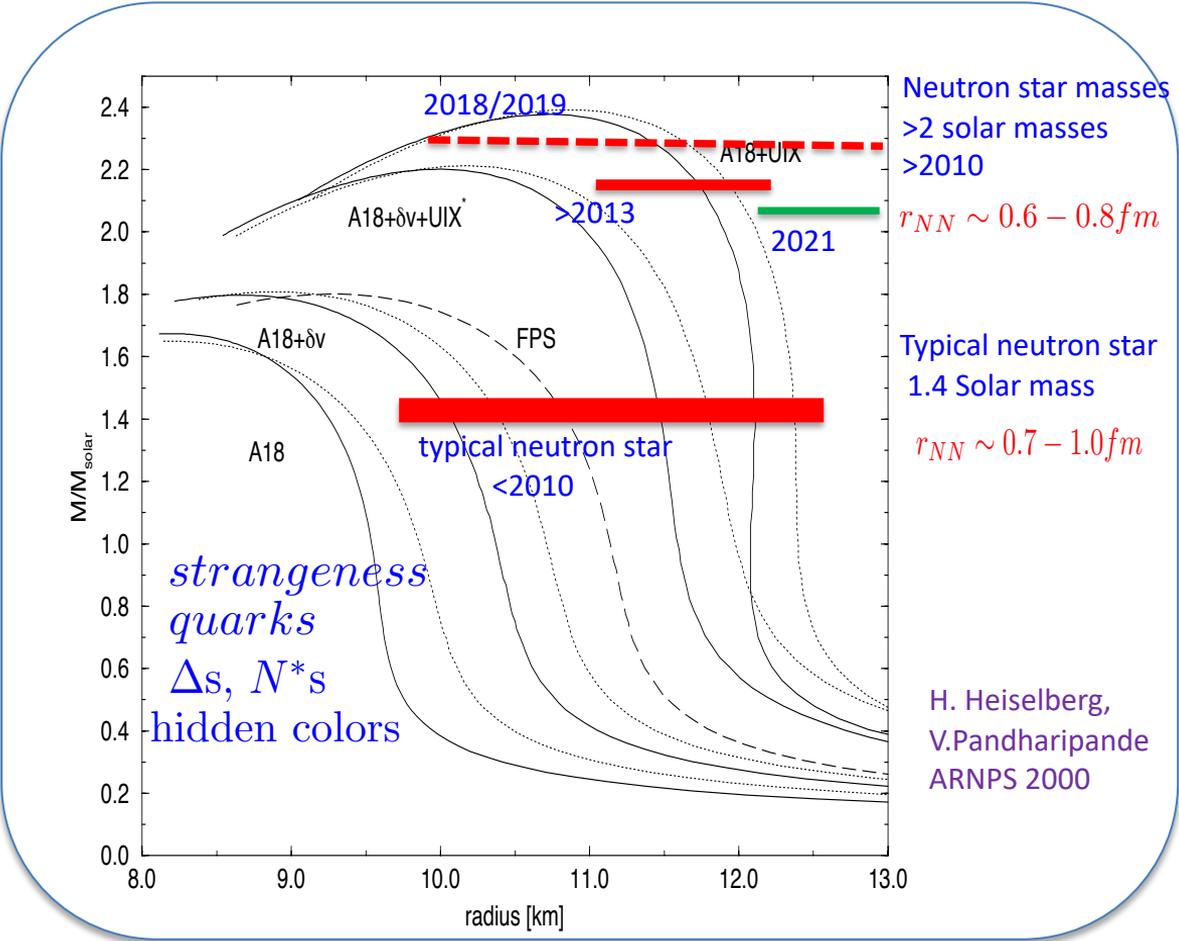
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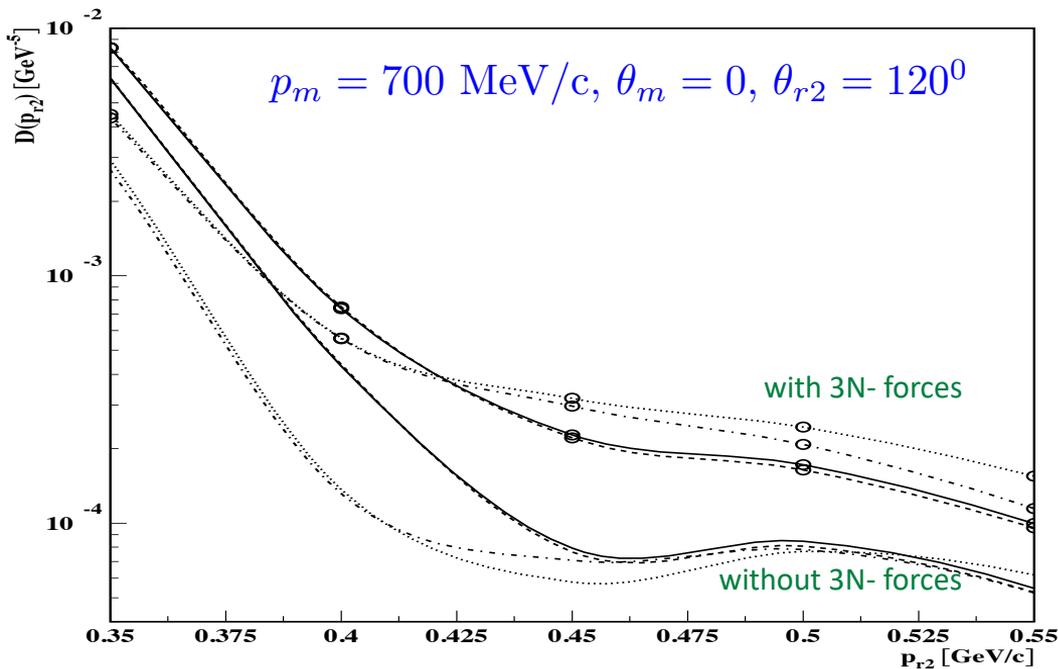
Irreducible 3N-Force

- Introduced first to describe binding energy of  $^3\text{H}$  [Wigner – Phys. Rev. 1933](#)
- In ordinary cases accuracy of 1% needed to disentangle the 3N-Force effects in low energy phenomena [Friar Nucl.Phys.A - 2001](#)
- Significant contribute to the equation of state of dense nuclear matter. [Heiselberg & Pandharipande ARNPS 2000](#)

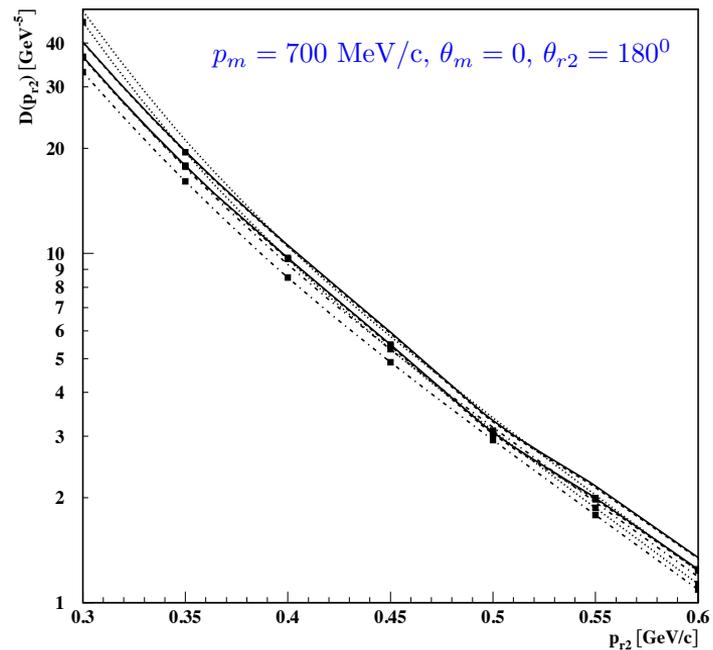
# "Unreasonable" Persistence of Nucleons



Calculation of  $e + 3\text{He} \rightarrow e' p_f + p_{r1} + p_{r2}$  In high Q2 kinematics



MS, Abrahamyan, Frankfurt Strikman, PRC 2005



Wave functions

Nogga, Kievsky, Kamada, Gloeckle et al, PRC2003

## Outlook – on 3N-Forces

- Detailed exploration of triple-coincidence scattering on  $^3\text{He}$  may allow to isolate and measure the strength of the 3N-Forces

# 3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution

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