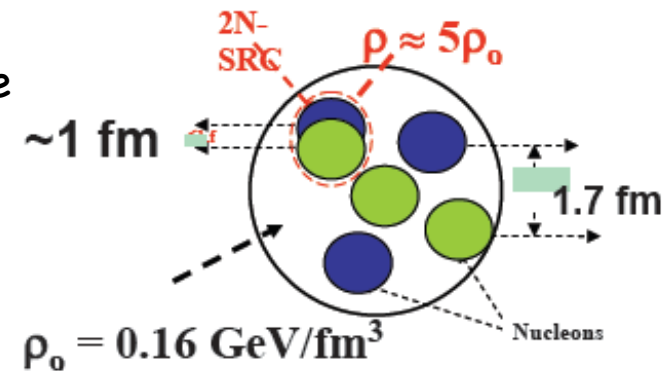


# JLab Nucleon-Nucleon Short-Range Correlations Program

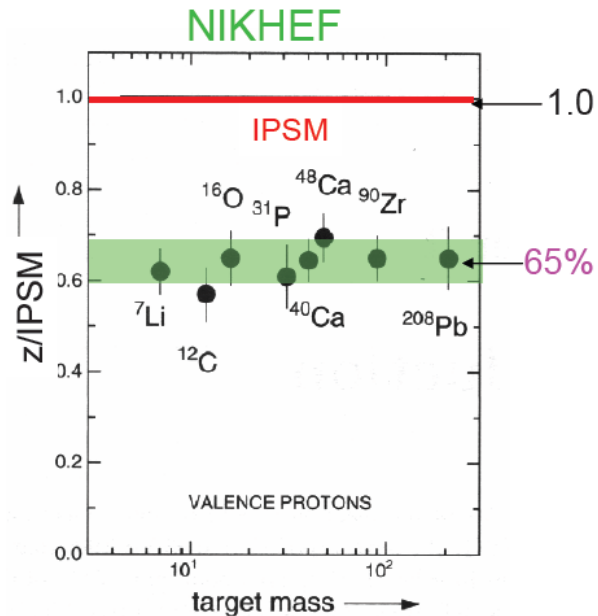
- What is N-N short-range correlations (SRC)
  - ❖ 2 nucleons with high relative momentum  $k_{\text{rel}} > k_{\text{F}}$  and small total (cm) momentum  $k_{\text{cm}} < k_{\text{F}}$
  - ❖ Associated with the high-momentum tail of the nucleon's momentum distribution
  - ❖ Very high cold local nuclear density
- Why is it interesting/important
- Favorable kinematics for studying SRC
- What have we done and what have we learned
- Implications to other fields
- Future program



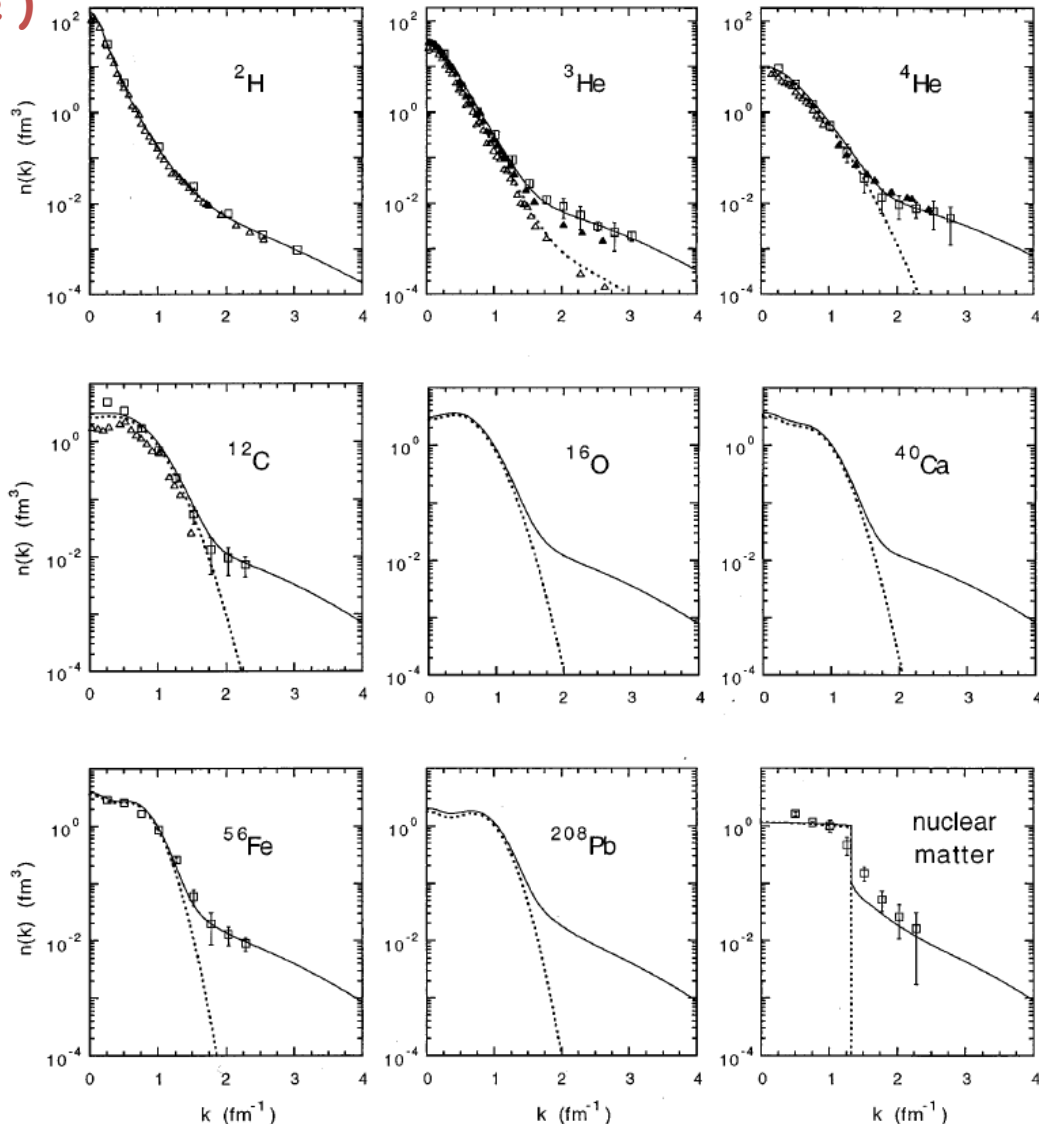
# Momentum Structure of Nuclei

## Momentum distributions from $A(e,e')$

- up to  $k_F$  distribution described well by fermions in a mean field
- Strength depleted from mean-field region to high momentum tail



- High-momentum tail is orders of magnitude larger than mean-field predictions
- Universal to all nuclei

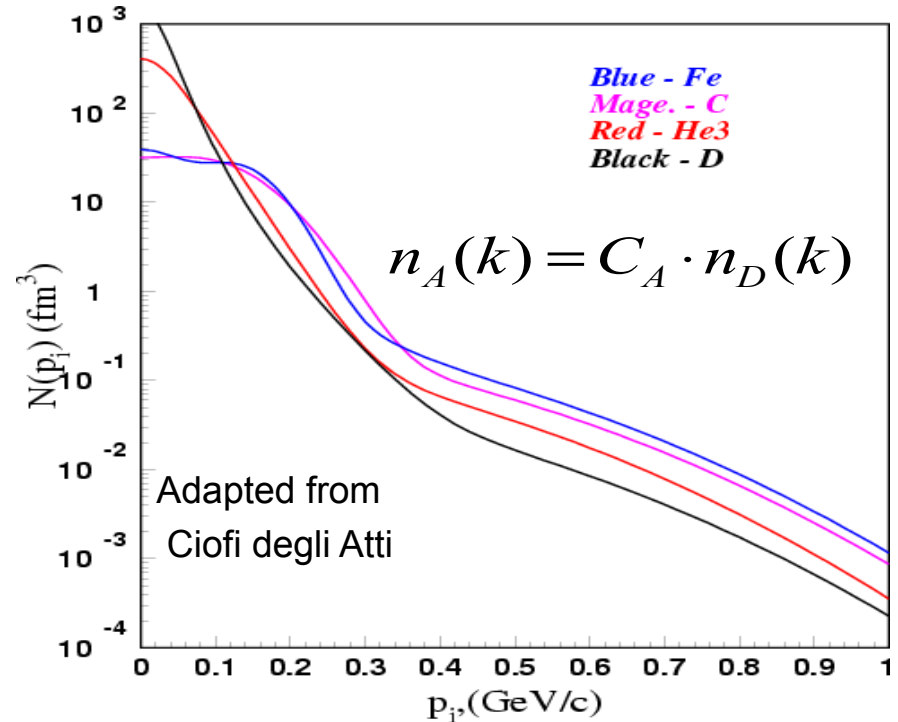


# The Nature of the High-Momentum Tail

- At high nucleon momenta, strength of tail is different for various nuclei but shapes of distributions are similar to that of deuteron – 2 nucleons with high relative and low CM momentum
- Short-Range correlations!

Percentage of nucleons in 2-nucleons SRC

Nucleus	% 2N corr.
d	$4.1 \pm 0.8$
$^3\text{He}$	$8.0 \pm 1.6$
$^4\text{He}$	$15.4 \pm 3.2$
$^{12}\text{C}$	$19.8 \pm 4.4$
$^{56}\text{Fe}$	$23.9 \pm 5.3$

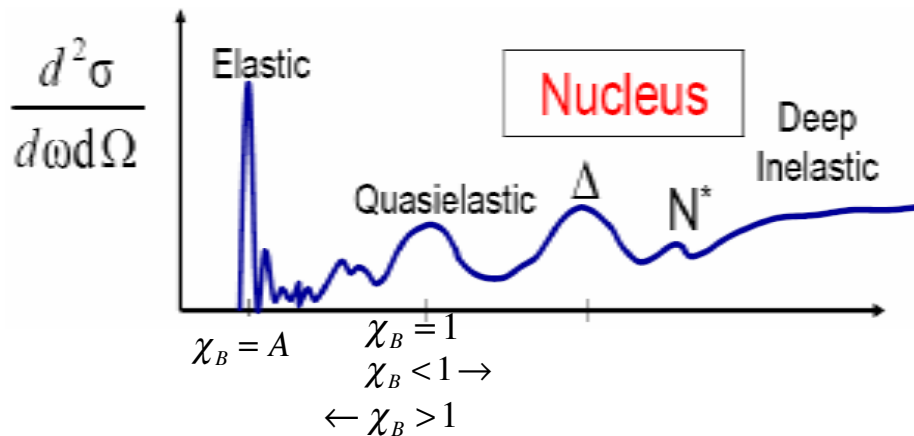


Short-range correlated nucleons carry ~70% of nucleons' kinetic energy

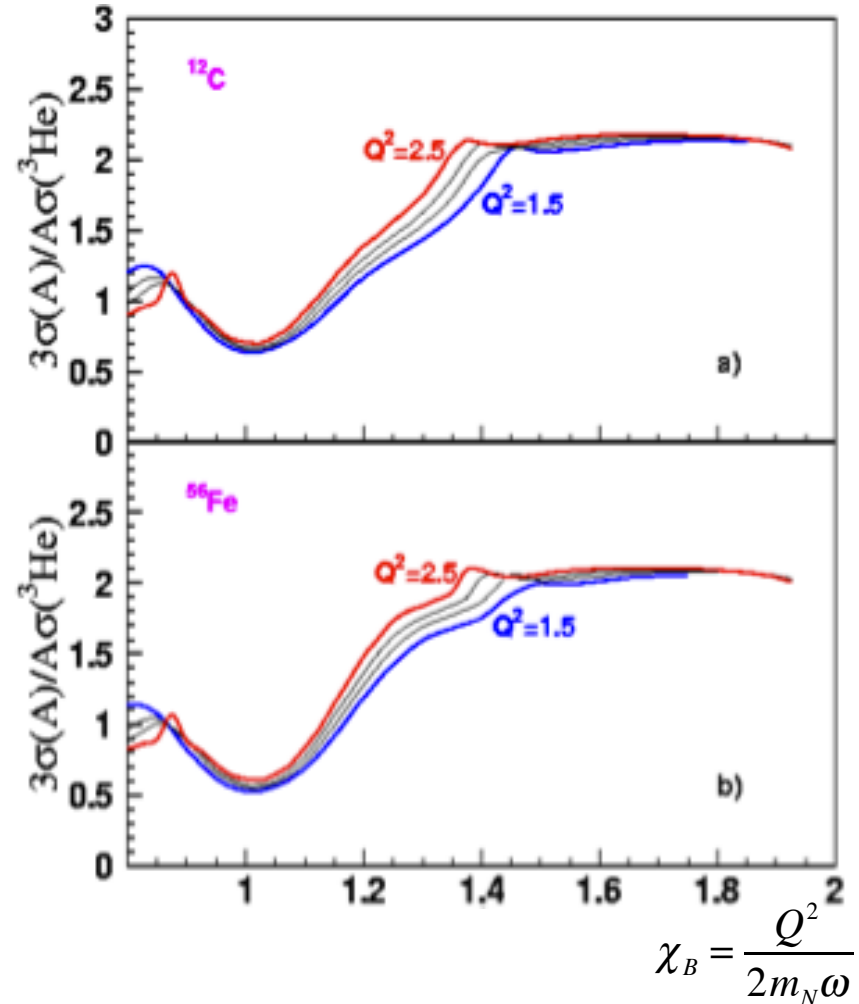
# Experimental Handle on SRC?

## Predictions by Frankfurt, Strikman, and Sargsian:

- In the high-momentum tail region, the **per-nucleon** inclusive cross-section ratio for nuclei to that of deuterium will scale (be flat) with the value of the ratio of the integrated  $n(p)$  strength
- Can be studied by measuring the inclusive  $A(e,e')$  x-section ratio as a function of  $x_B$  for  $x_B > 1$



$A(e,e')$



$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N\omega}$$

# What is the Story with $x_B > 1$ ?

## DIS

- $x_B$  is the fraction of momentum carried by struck quark
- $0 \leq x_B \leq 1$

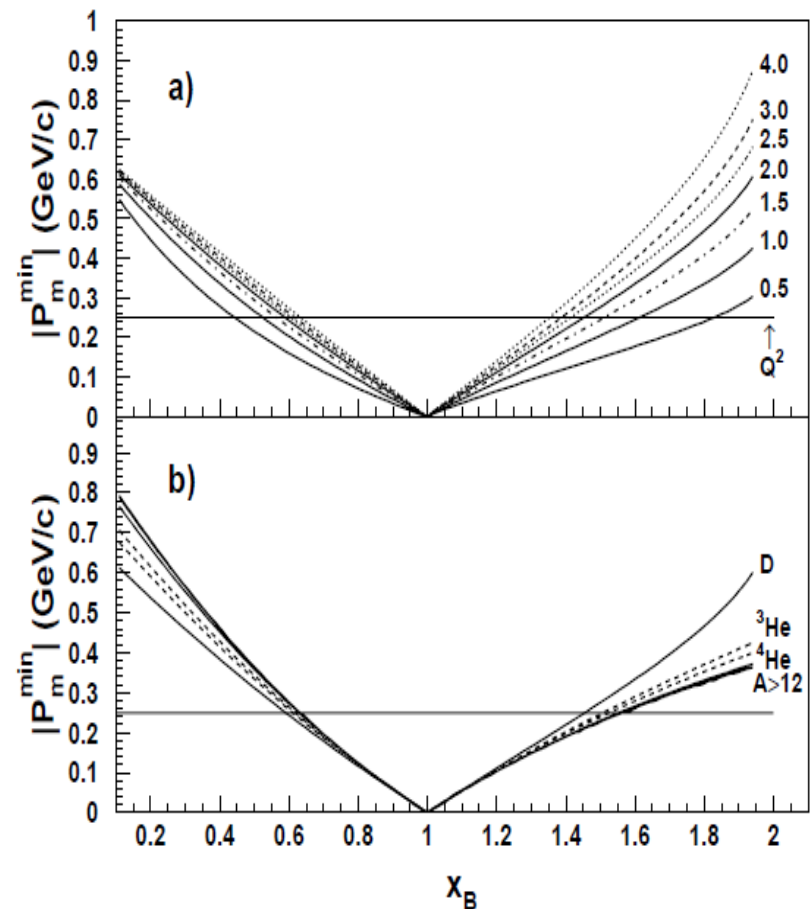
## Nuclear Reactions

- $x_B$  determines the number of nucleons involved in the reaction
- $0 \leq x_B \leq A$
- In  $A(e, e')$ ,  $x_B$  determines the minimum momentum of the struck nucleon
- Small contributions from MEC,  $\Delta$

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N \omega}$$

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

$$\omega = E' - E$$



# Preferred Kinematics for Studying SRC

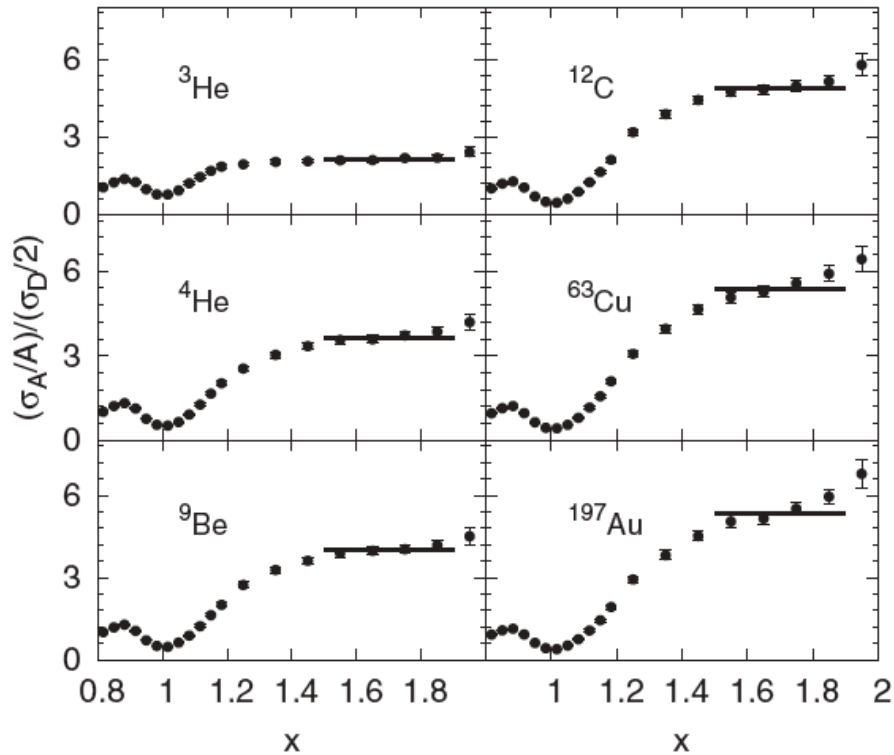
**We can select kinematics that minimize competing dynamical processes that mimic SRC**

- $Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ 
  - Minimize competing 2-body effects i.e. MEC
  - Minimize and provide handle on FSI
  
- Low  $\omega$  side of quasi-elastic peak
  - Minimize contribution from nucleon excitation i.e. pion production,  $\Delta$  and other resonances
  
- $x_B > 1$ 
  - Select minimum momentum of nucleon – can select nucleons in the high-momentum tail

# Universality of SRC (Scaling)

N. Fomin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **108** (2012) 092502

$$a_2(A/d) = \frac{\sigma(A)/A}{\sigma(d)/2}$$



A	$\theta_e = 18^\circ$	$\theta_e = 22^\circ$	$\theta_e = 26^\circ$	Incl. sub.
$^3\text{He}$	$2.14 \pm 0.04$	$2.28 \pm 0.06$	$2.33 \pm 0.10$	$2.13 \pm 0.04$
$^4\text{He}$	$3.66 \pm 0.07$	$3.94 \pm 0.09$	$3.89 \pm 0.13$	$3.60 \pm 0.10$
Be	$4.00 \pm 0.08$	$4.21 \pm 0.09$	$4.28 \pm 0.14$	$3.91 \pm 0.12$
C	$4.88 \pm 0.10$	$5.28 \pm 0.12$	$5.14 \pm 0.17$	$4.75 \pm 0.16$
Cu	$5.37 \pm 0.11$	$5.79 \pm 0.13$	$5.71 \pm 0.19$	$5.21 \pm 0.20$
Au	$5.34 \pm 0.11$	$5.70 \pm 0.14$	$5.76 \pm 0.20$	$5.16 \pm 0.22$
$\langle Q^2 \rangle$	$2.7 \text{ GeV}^2$	$3.8 \text{ GeV}^2$	$4.8 \text{ GeV}^2$	
$x_{\text{min}}$	1.5	1.45	1.4	

Additional data on  $A/d$  and  $A/{}^3\text{He}$  from SLAC, Hall B

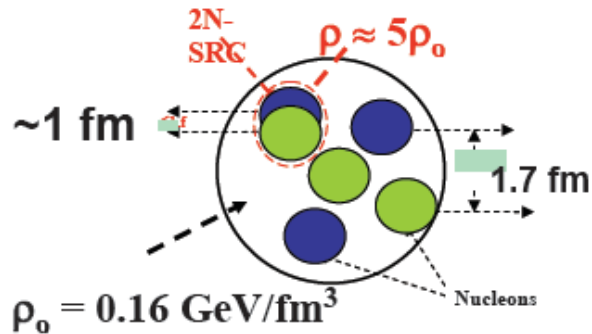
- **Note:** Can study 3-nucleons SRC in kinematics with  $x_B > 2$
- Data available, to be published

## Limitations of $A(e,e')$

- Cannot study relative momenta of nucleons in pair
- Cannot study CM motion of pair
- Cannot study isospin structure of pair
- Cannot study NN interactions at small distances

# Triple-Coincidence SRC Experiments

## Coordinate-space view of nucleus



- High local density

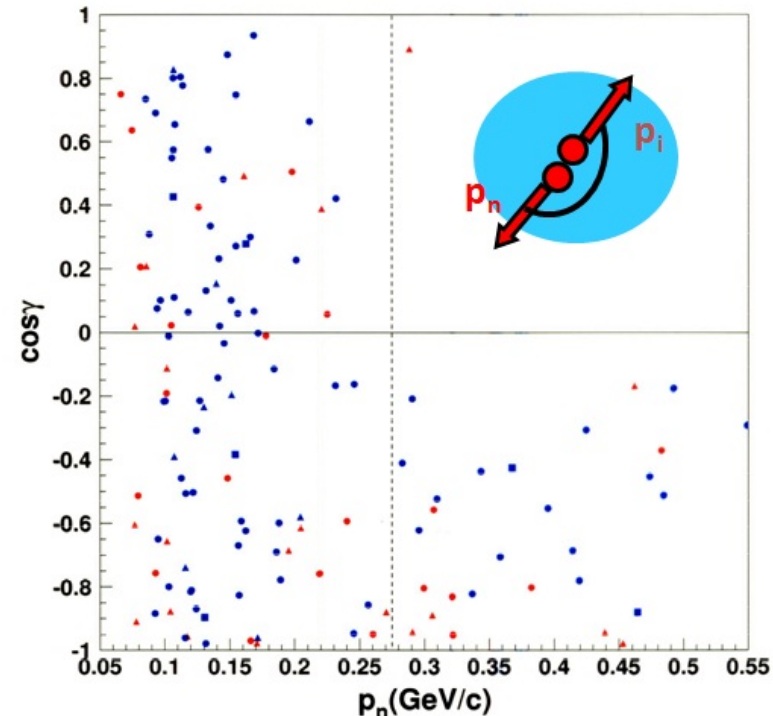
## Momentum-space view of 2N SRC

- "Deuteron-like" pair of nucleons with high relative momenta in opposite directions - "High" is above Fermi momentum,  $k_F$
- Pair has low CM momentum relative to  $k_F$
- When one of the pair's nucleons is kicked out in hard scattering, the second recoils out in the direction opposite to  $p_i$
- A-2 remains relatively undisturbed

## First experiment in BNL

Tang *et al.* PRL 042301 (2003)

$^{12}\text{C}(p,ppn)$

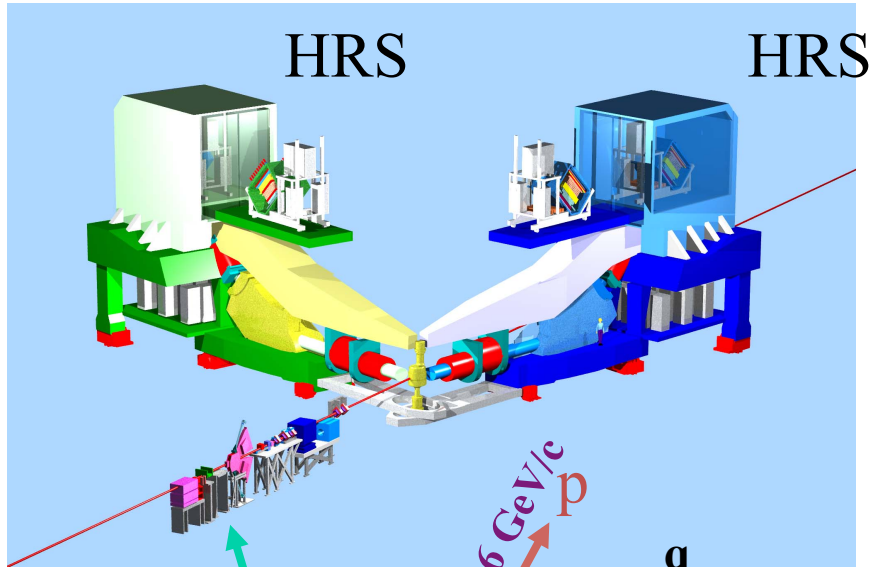


pn pair detected in opposite directions

$92_{-18}^{+8}$  of high  $p_i$  protons have a paired neutron



# First $^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pN)$ Experiment - JLab



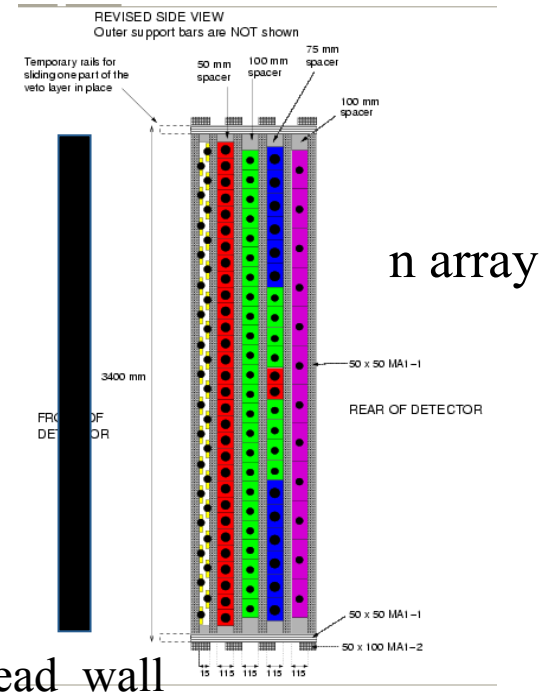
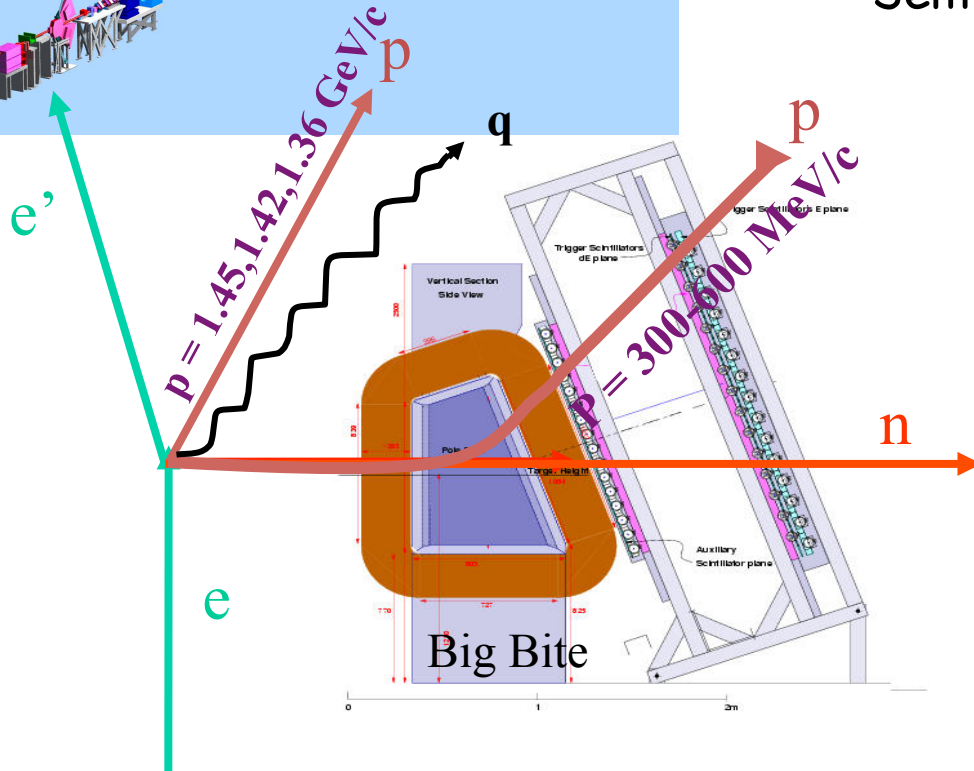
Use  $^{12}\text{C}(e,e'p)$  as a tag to measure  $^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pN)/^{12}\text{C}(e,e'p)$

**Optimized kinematics:**

$$Q^2 \approx 2.0$$

$$x_B \approx 1.2$$

"Semi anti-parallel" kinematics



# What Did We Measure?

- Almost all protons with  $p_i > k_F$  in  $^{12}\text{C}(e,e'p)$  have a paired proton or neutron with similar momentum in opposite direction

- CM momentum of pair  $\sigma_{\text{CM}} = 136 \pm 20$  MeV/c  $\{(\sigma_{\text{CM}}(\text{BNL}) = 143 \pm 17; \sigma_{\text{CM}}(\text{Ciofi degli Atti \& Simula}) = 139 \text{ MeV/c}\}$

R. Shneor *et al.*, PRL99, 072501 (2007)

$$\frac{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pp)}{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'p)} = 9.5 \pm 2\%$$

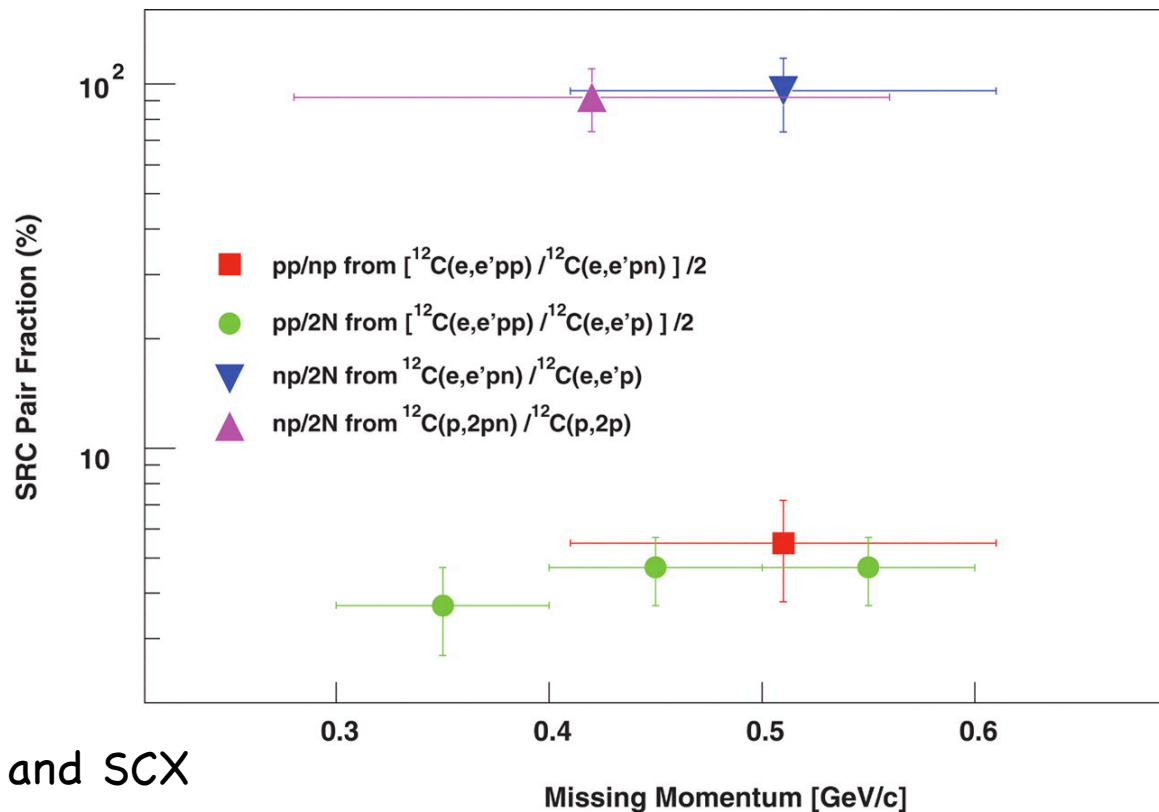
Corrected for acceptance

$$\frac{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pn)}{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'p)} = 96_{-23}^{+4}\%$$

$$\frac{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pn)}{{}^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pp)} = 9.0 \pm 2.5$$

Corrected for det. Efficiency and SCX

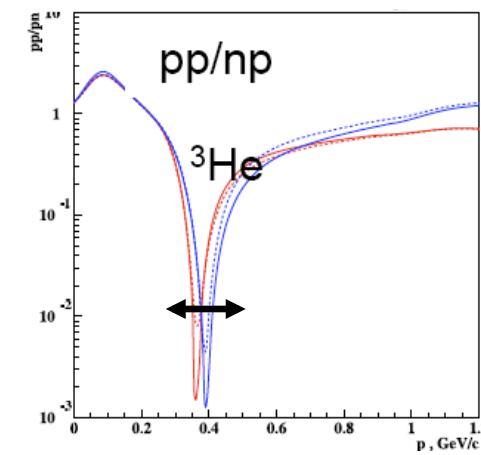
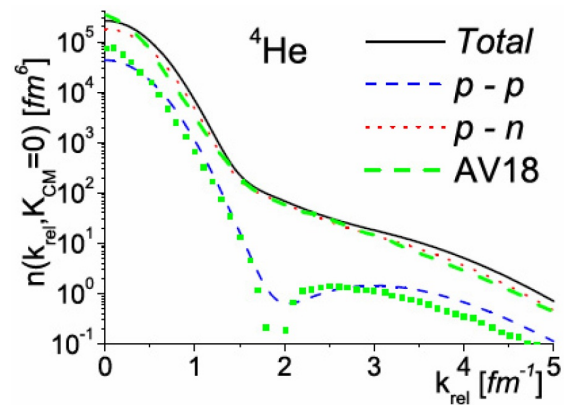
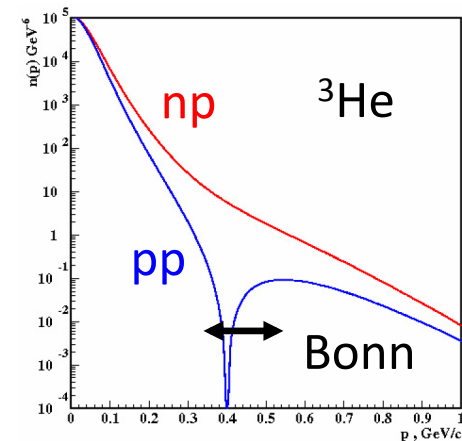
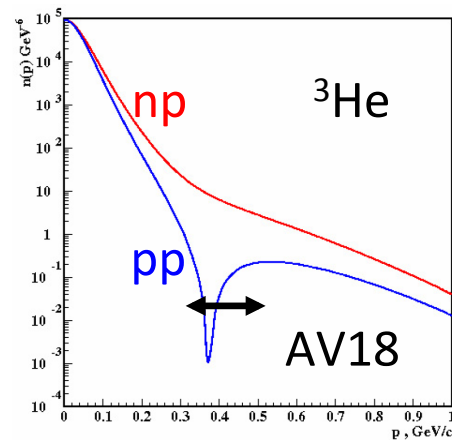
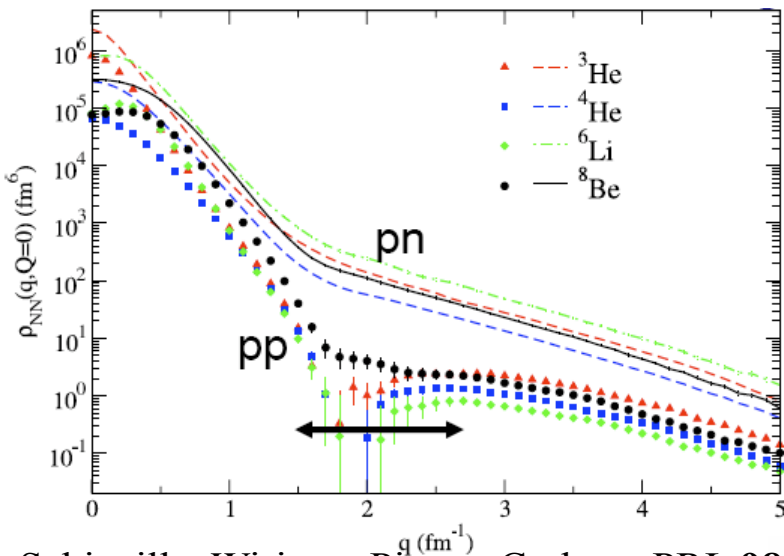
np SRC is ~18 times pp (nn) SRC!!!



R. Subedi *et al.*, Science 320 (5882), 1476 (2008)

# pp vs. pn Short-Range Correlated Pairs

Why are there  $\sim 18$  times more np than pp correlated pairs?



Schiavilla, Wiringa, Pieper, Carlson, PRL **98**, 132501 (2007)

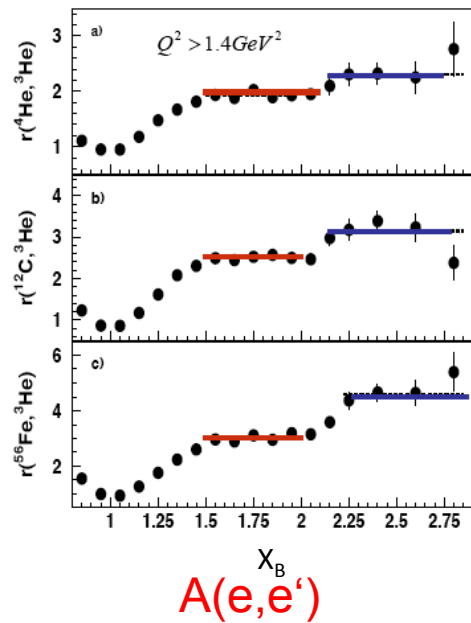
Excess strength in the np momentum distribution at 300-500 MeV/c due to short-range tensor NN potential

Ciofi degli Atti and Alvioli, PRL **100**, 162503 (2008)

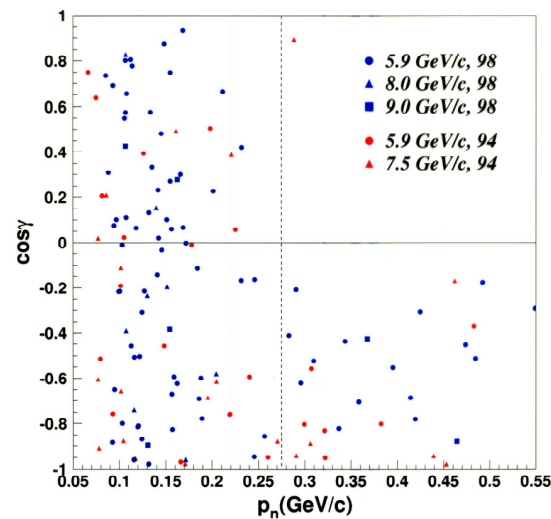
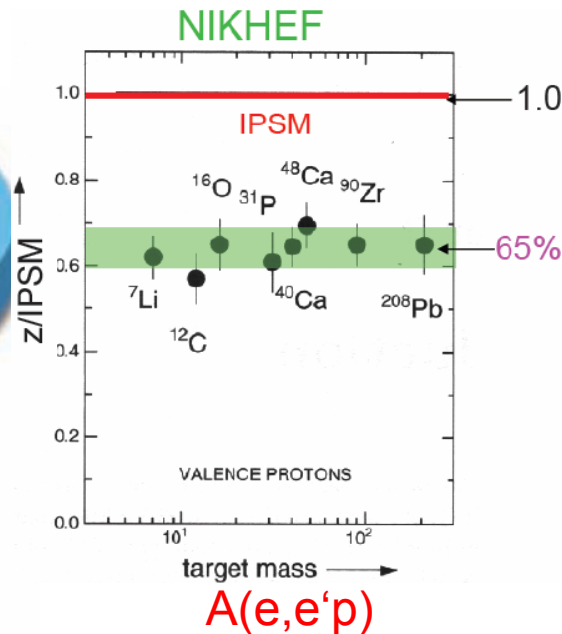
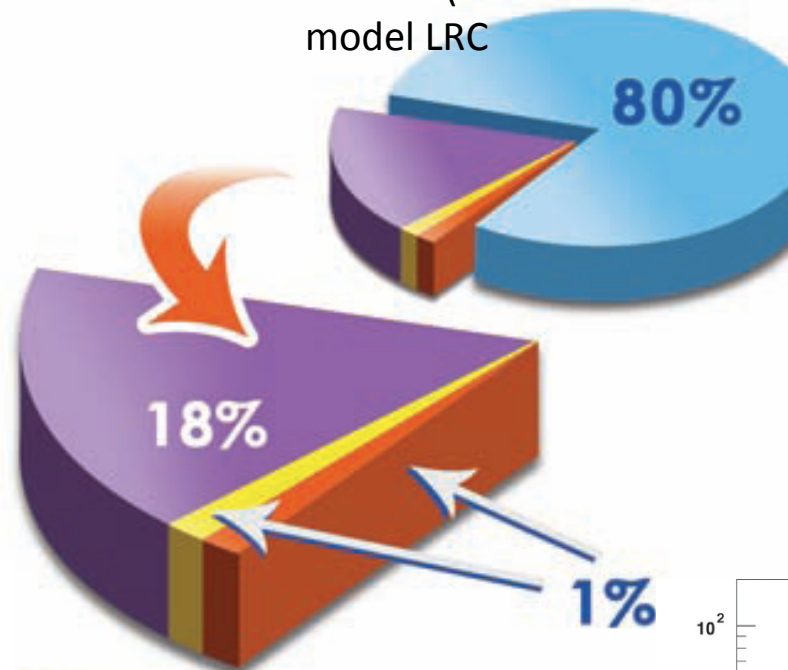
Sargsian, Abrahamyan, Strikman, Frankfurt PRC **71** 044615 (2005)

All calculations at  $Q=p_{CM}=0$   
 pn/pp ratio is smaller for larger  $p_{CM}$

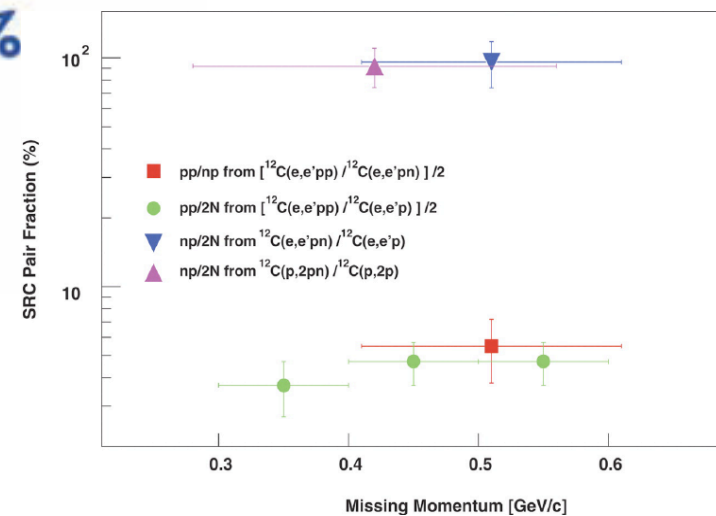
# Structure of $^{12}\text{C}$



Including  
10-15% (shell-  
model LRC



$^{12}\text{C}(p, 2pn)$

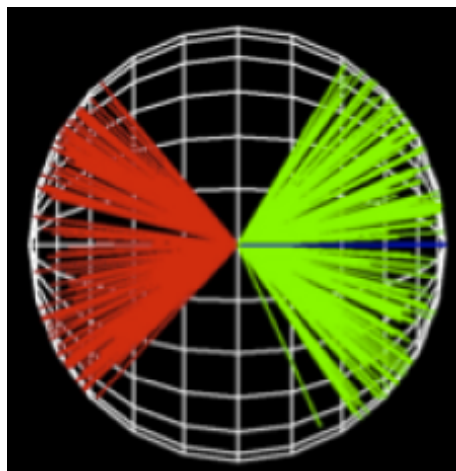
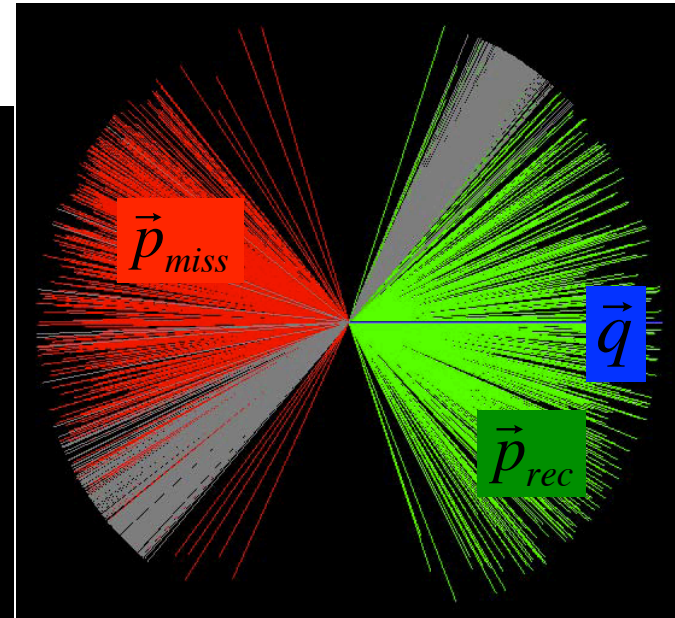
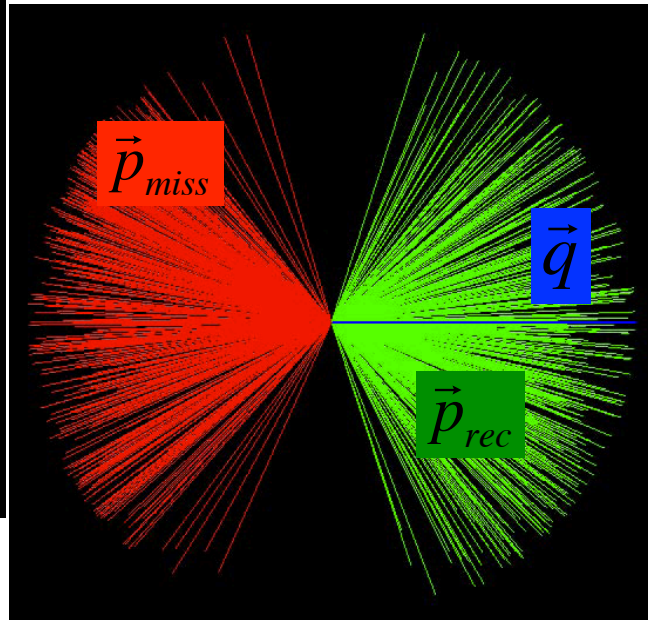
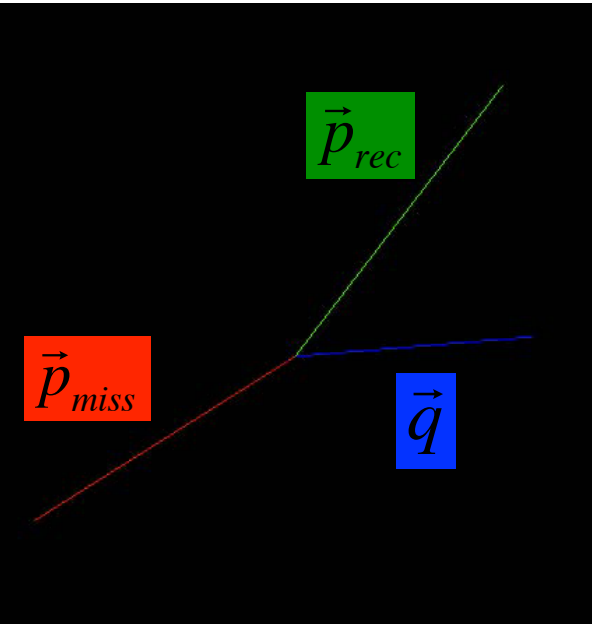


$^{12}\text{C}(e, e'pN)$

# SRC in Data Mining from CLAS E2

$$^{12}\text{C}(e, e'pp)$$

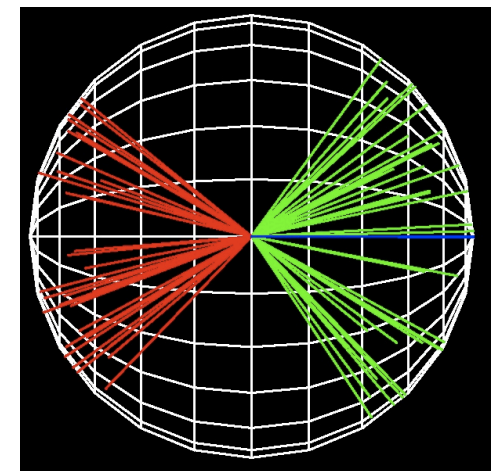
$\vec{p}_{miss}$  from  $^{12}\text{C}(e, e'p)$



Similar data from

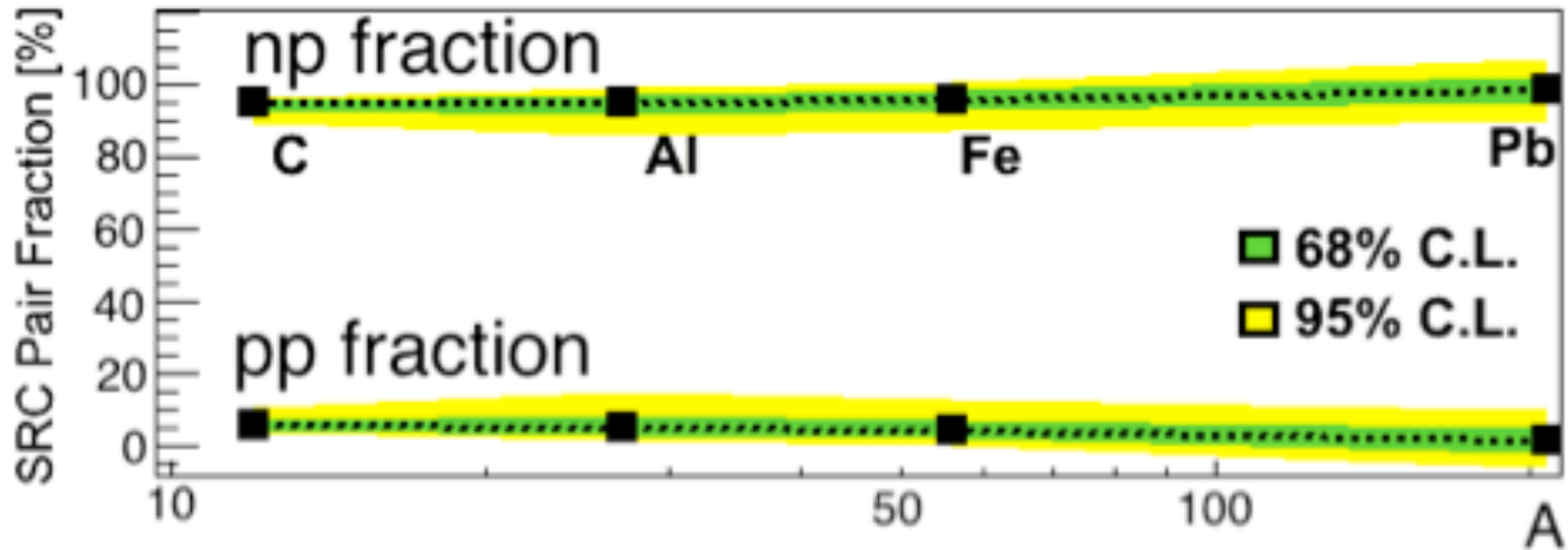
$^{56}\text{Fe}(e, e'pp)$

$^{208}\text{Pb}(e, e'p)$



Data from O. Hen, TAU

# Universal Behavior of SRC



At relative nucleon momenta  $300 \leq p_{\text{rel}} \leq 500$  MeV/c, where tensor force dominates, np pairs are about 90% all SRC pairs for symmetric and asymmetric nuclei

O. Hen *et al.*, submitted to Science

# JLAB Experiment E07-006

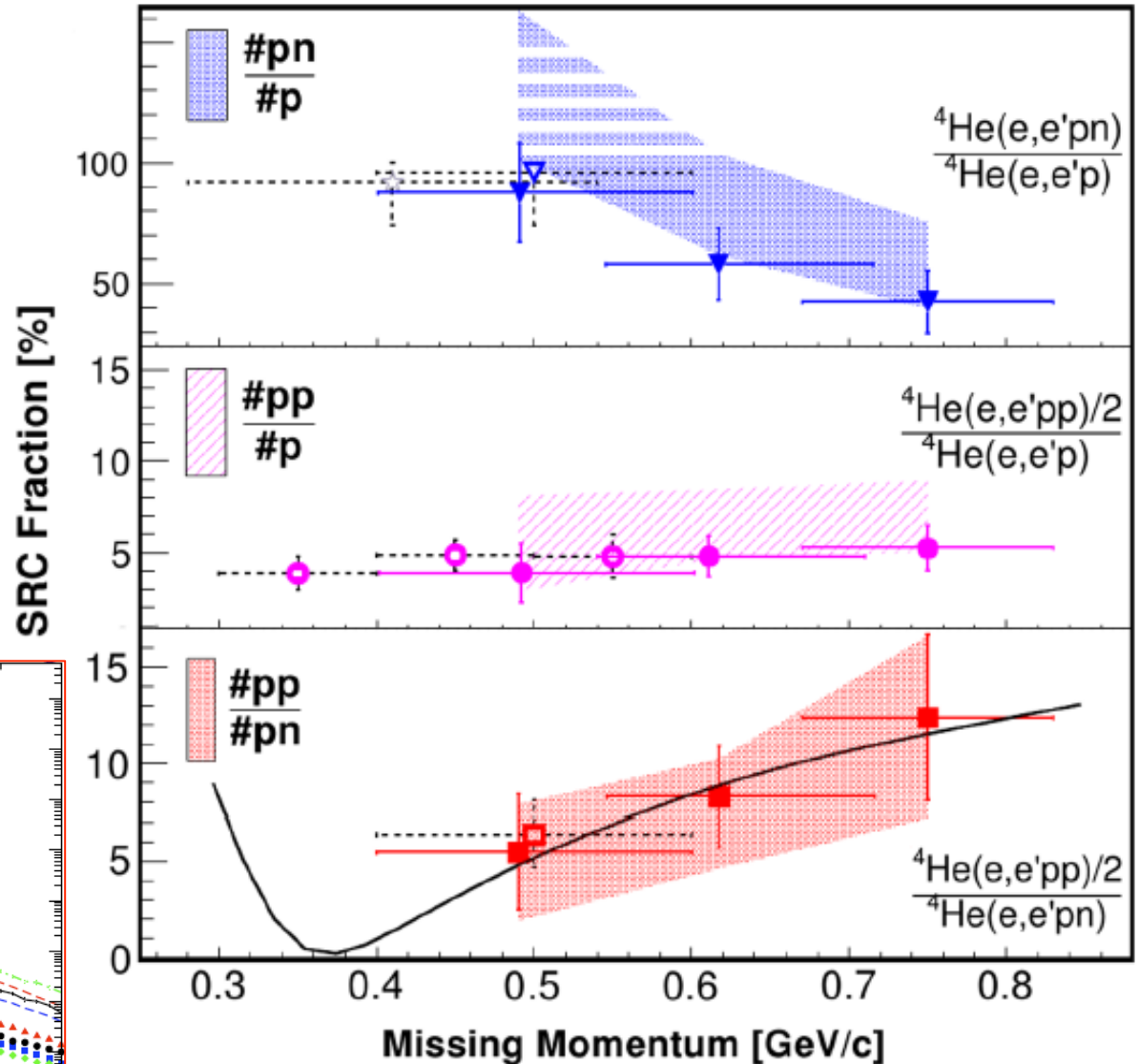
- Similar experimental set-up to  $^{12}\text{C}(e,e'pN)$  measurement
- $^4\text{He}$  target
- Measure  $^4\text{He}(e,e'pn)/^4\text{He}(e,e'p)$ ,  $^4\text{He}(e,e'pp)/^4\text{He}(e,e'p)$ ,  $^4\text{He}(e,e'pp)/^4\text{He}(e,e'pn)$  ratios
- Explore higher-momenta nucleons (smaller distances)

## Questions:

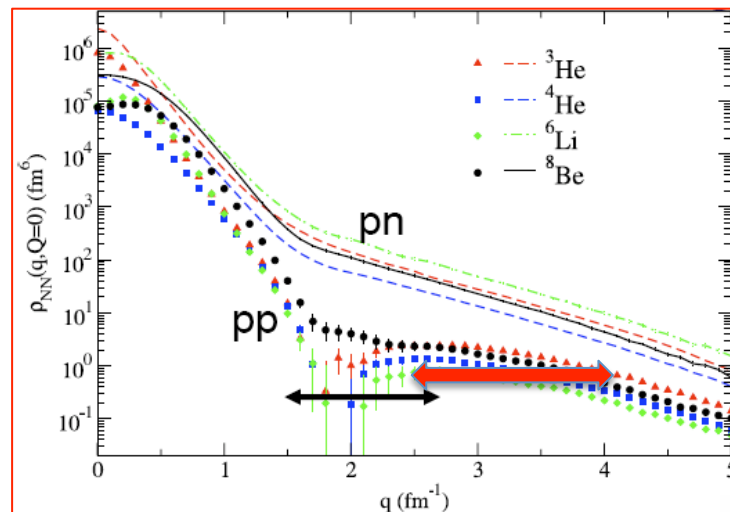
- Does pp/pn ratio change with relative momenta?
- Are there signs of repulsive core?
- Can we use  $A(e,e'N_{\text{recoil}})$  to study SRC
- Can the reactions be calculated?

# $^4\text{He}(e,e'pN)$ Just Published!

- $(e,e'pn)/(e,e'p)$  decreases with  $p_{\text{miss}}$
- $(e,e'pp)/(e,e'p)$  is flat
- $(e,e'pp)/(e,e'pn)$  increases with  $p_{\text{miss}}$
- Getting away from tensor force!
- $p_{\text{CM}} = 100 \pm 20$  MeV/c
- $(e,e'p_{\text{recoil}})$  in analysis - extract x-sections!



I. Korover *et al.*, PRL **113** 022501 (2014)





# Advantages and Limitations of $A(e,e'pN)$

- Very good control of kinematics
- Can measure pair relative momentum distribution – different components of NN potential
- Can measure pair CM momentum distribution
- Good handle on isospin structure of pair
- Provides more complete data for theory to construct, constrain and test theoretical models

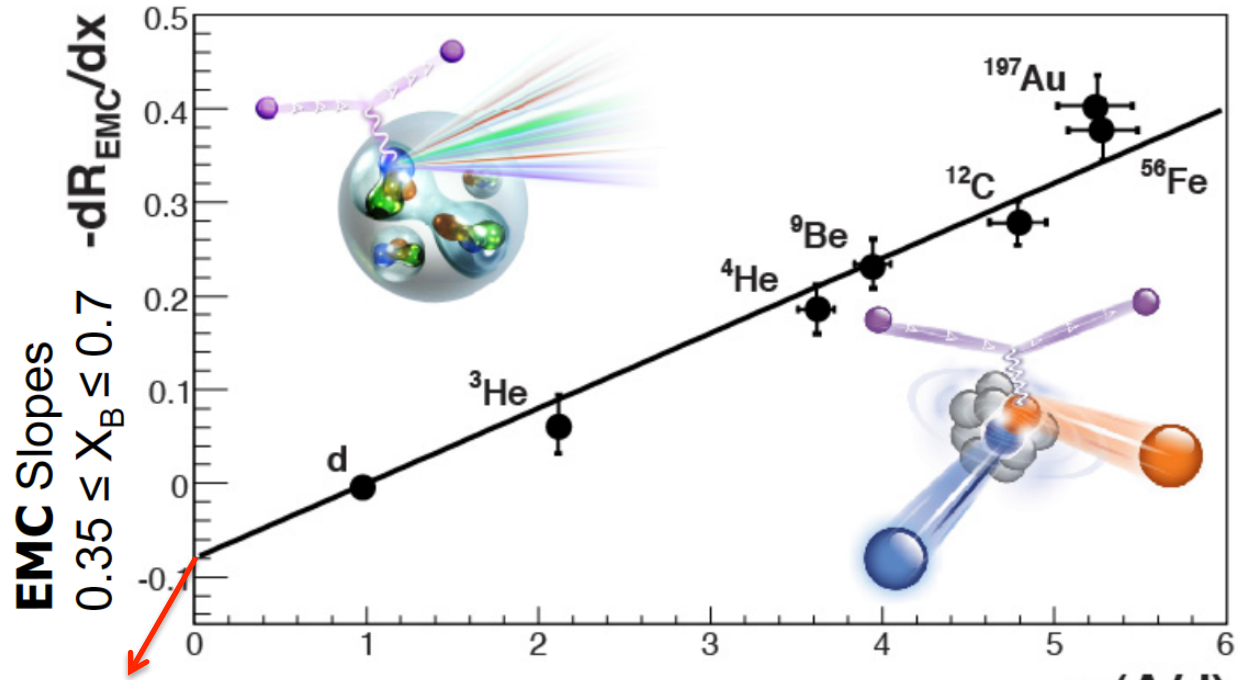
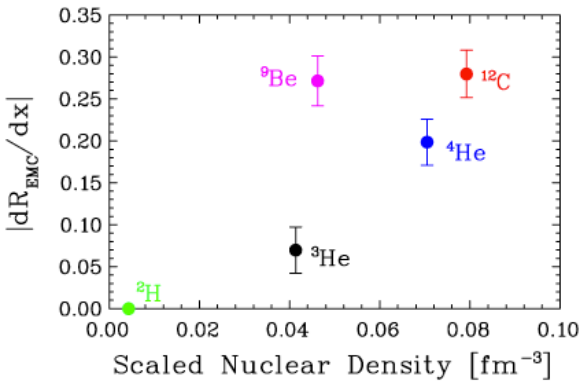
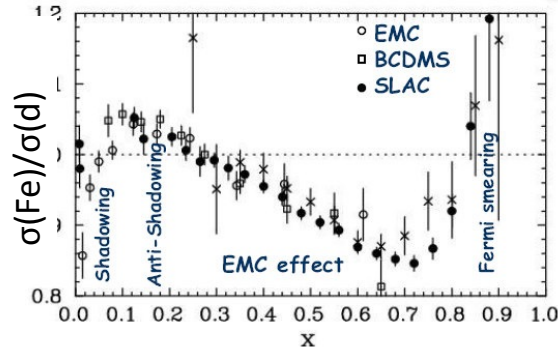
**BUT**

- Very low count rates – large statistical uncertainties
- Relatively small acceptance of recoiling nucleon (because of pair CM motion) – large extrapolations
- If using large acceptance spectrometers (i.e. CLAS), then need to integrate over wide kinematics
- Low neutron detection efficiencies – large extrapolations
- Very difficult to measure and calculate x-sections
- We are currently analyzing data to check whether it is sufficient to use the reactions  $A(e,e'p_{\text{recoil}})$  and  $A(e,e'n_{\text{recoil}})$ , including x-sections

# Long Reach of Short-Range Correlations

SRC have a very long reach with possible/probable implications to other aspects of nuclear, particle, and astrophysics

# Short-Range Correlations and EMC Effect



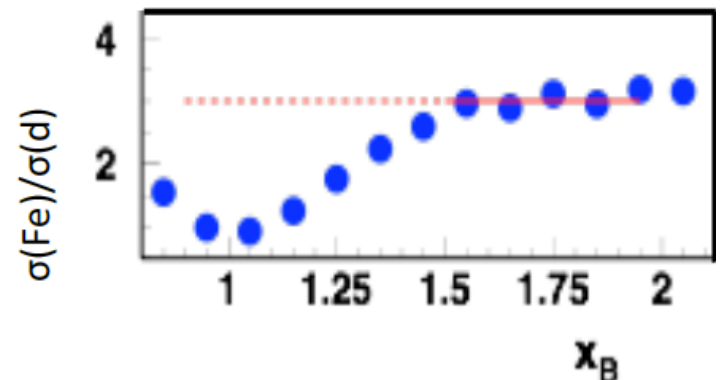
free p+n  
 $b = -0.084 \pm 0.004$   
 Constrains  $F_{2n}/F_{2p}$   
 for free n

**SRC** Scaling factors  $X_B \geq 1.4$   $a_2(A/d)$

L. Weinstein et al, PRL106, 052301 (2011)

O. Hen et al, PRC85, 047301 (2012)

- Both EMC effect and SRC related to high-momentum nucleons in nuclei
- Large modification of high-momentum nucleons – modification is a function of nucleons virtuality PR12-11-107



# Constraining the Free $F_{2n}/F_{2p}$ and $u/d$ PDFs

## Constraining the Free $F_{2n}/F_{2p}$

Using  $\frac{\sigma_d}{\sigma_p + \sigma_n} = 1 - a(x_p - b)$  for  $0.3 \leq x_p \leq 0.7$

Where  $a = |dR_{EMC}| = 0.07 \pm 0.004$ ;  
 $b = 0.34 \pm 0.02$

L. Weinstein *et al.*, PRL **106**, 052301 (2011)

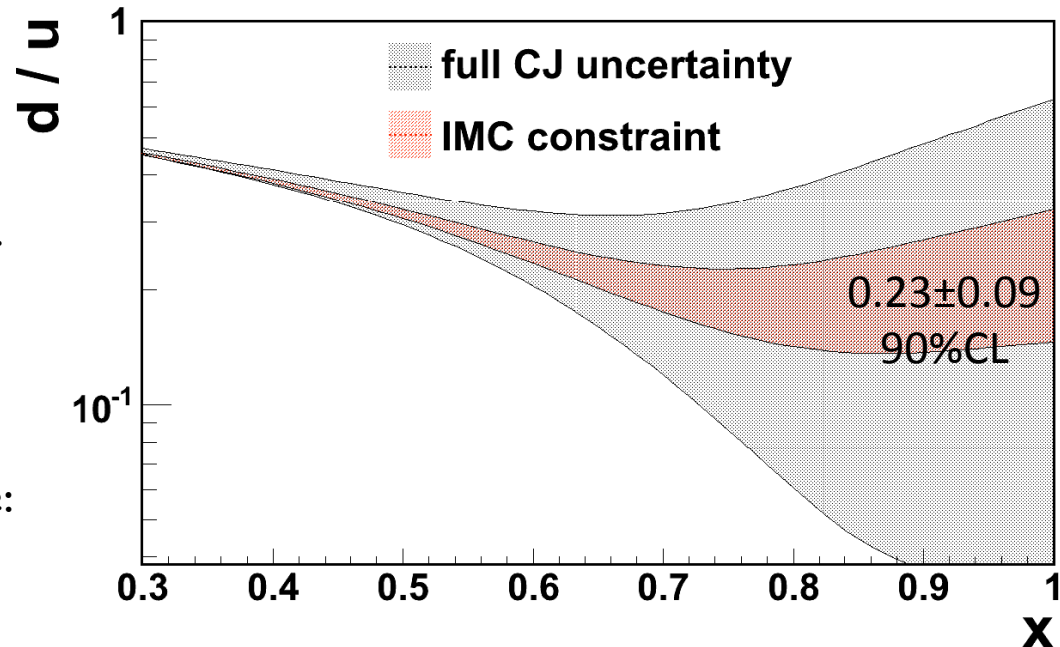
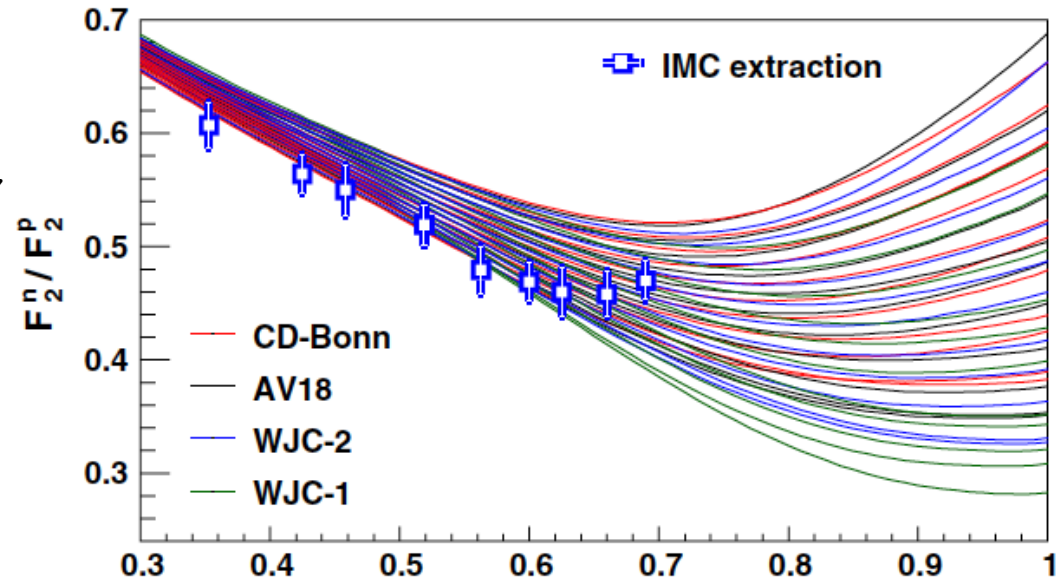
O. Hen *et al.*, PRD **84** 117501 (2011)

## Constraining $u/d$ PDF to $x_B=1$

CTEQ-JLab (CJ): A. Accardi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **84**, 014008 (2011)

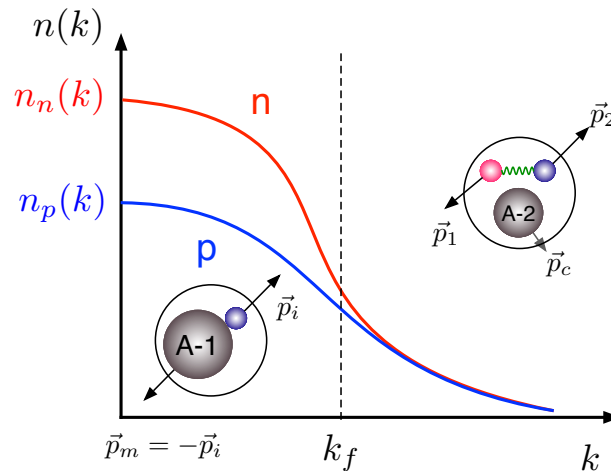
In-Medium Corrections: O. Hen *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **84** 117501 (2011)

Discussion of additional corrections see:  
 E. Piasezky, O. Hen and L. Weinstein,  
 arXiv:1209.0636 (2012)



# SRC in Asymmetric Nuclei

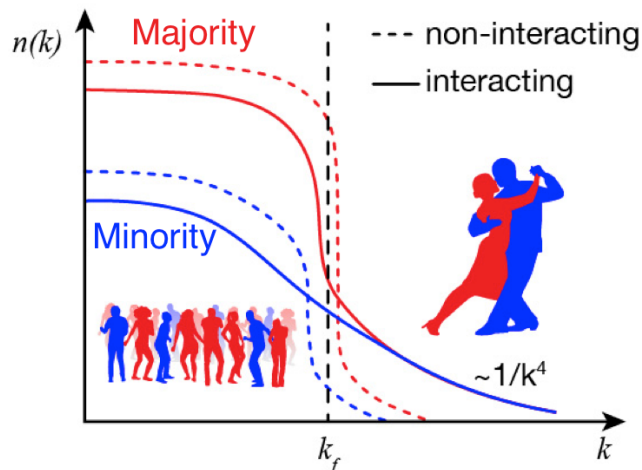
$p < k_f$   
Dominated by independent (mean-field) nucleons



$p > k_f$   
Dominated by nucleons belonging to SRC np pairs

- On average, the minority type of nucleons will have a larger internal momentum (kinetic energy) than the majority type nucleons.
- Can be tested experimentally!! PR12-13-012

Think of a dance party..



Nucleus	Asymmetry ( $N - Z$ )/ $A$	$\langle T_p \rangle$	$\langle T_n \rangle$	$\langle T_p \rangle / \langle T_n \rangle$
$^8\text{He}$	0.50	30.13	18.60	1.62
$^6\text{He}$	0.33	27.66	19.60	1.41
$^9\text{Li}$	0.33	31.39	24.91	1.26
$^3\text{He}$	-0.33	14.71	19.35	<b>0.76</b>
$^3\text{H}$	0.33	19.61	14.96	<b>1.31</b>
$^8\text{Li}$	0.25	28.95	23.98	1.21

# Additional Implications

## Possible Explanation of the NuTeV Anomaly

- $3\sigma$  difference between standard model prediction of  $\sin^2(\theta)_W$  and measurement in  $\nu$ -Fe scattering is due to faster average  $u$  than  $d$  due to SRC

I. C. Cloet, W. Benz, A. W. Thomas, PRL 102, 252301 (2009)

## Astrophysical Implications

- Constraining the kinetic symmetry energy, the per-nucleon average energy as a function of the fraction of protons, at saturation

C. Xu, A. Li, B.A. Li, J. of Phys:

Conference Series **420**, 012190 (2013)

I. Vidana, A. Polls, C. Providencia, Phys. Rev. C **84**, 062801(R) (2011)

A. Carbone, A. Polls, A. Rios, Euro. Phys. Lett. **97**, 22001 (2012)

- Equation-of-state of neutron stars

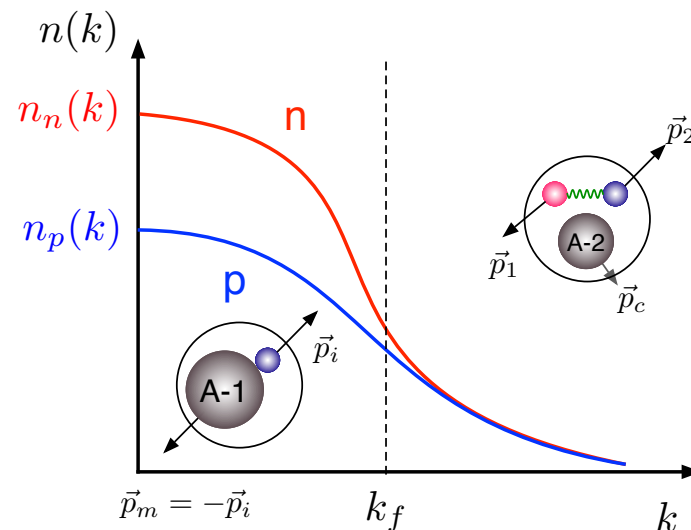
J. M. Lattimer and Y. Lim, Astro. Phys. J **771**, 51 (2013)

- Cooling rate of neutron stars

L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, M. Sargsian

# Future Experiments

- PR12-06-105: Inclusive Scattering from Nuclei at  $x > 1$  in the quasi-elastic and deeply inelastic regimes – systematic studies of  $A(e,e')$  on symmetric and asymmetric light, medium, and heavy nuclei to study SRC and EMC
- PR12-11-112: Precision studies of the isospin structure of 2N and 3N correlations using  ${}^3\text{He}(e,e')$  and  ${}^3\text{H}(e,e')$
- PR12-13-012: Extracting the protons and neutrons momentum distributions in  $A=3$  systems by measuring  ${}^3\text{H}(e,e'p)/{}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)$  for mean-field and SRC protons



# Future Experiments (cont.)

- PR12-11-107: Study of in-medium protons and neutrons  $F_2$  as a function of their virtuality with the reactions  ${}^2\text{H}(e, e' p_{\text{recoil}})$  and  ${}^2\text{H}(e, e' n_{\text{recoil}})$  for a range of recoil momenta (smaller and larger than  $k_F$ ) using HMS, SHMS and LAD
- LOI: Using the above setup, measure the “tagged” EMC effect for SRC recoiling nucleons in  ${}^4\text{He}(e, e' p_{\text{recoil}})$  and  ${}^4\text{He}(e, e' n_{\text{recoil}})$

Notes:

- Expect a flat “tagged” EMC ratio
- Expect a steep “tagged” to “untagged” ratio
- Preliminary “mined” data analysis (B. Schmookler, MIT) support these expectations



# Summary

- Extensive program using various reactions and targets
- Many possible far-reaching implications
- Exciting program ahead

# Summary and Outlook

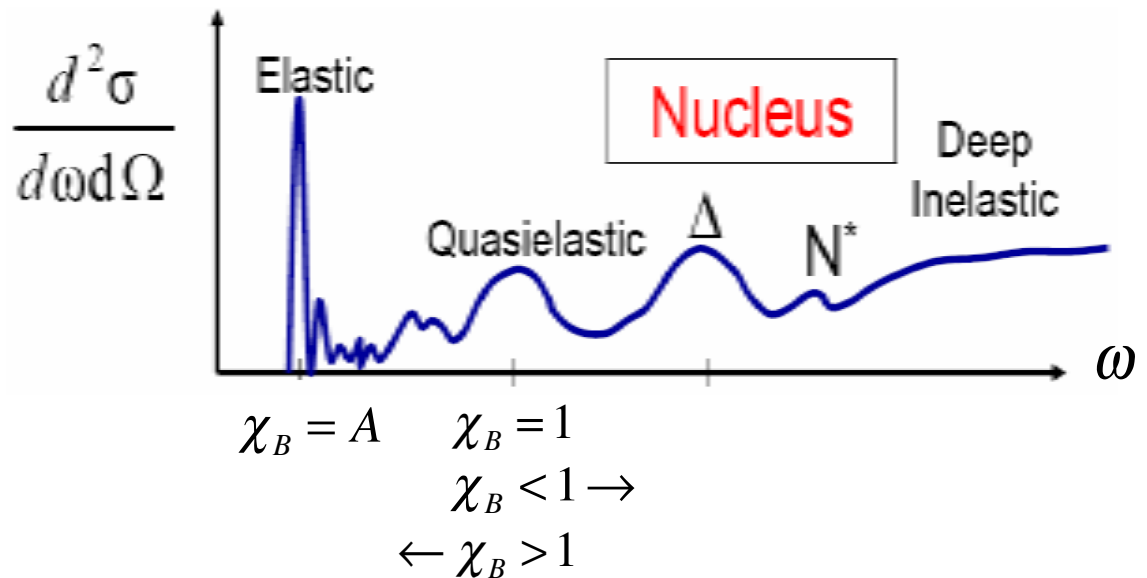
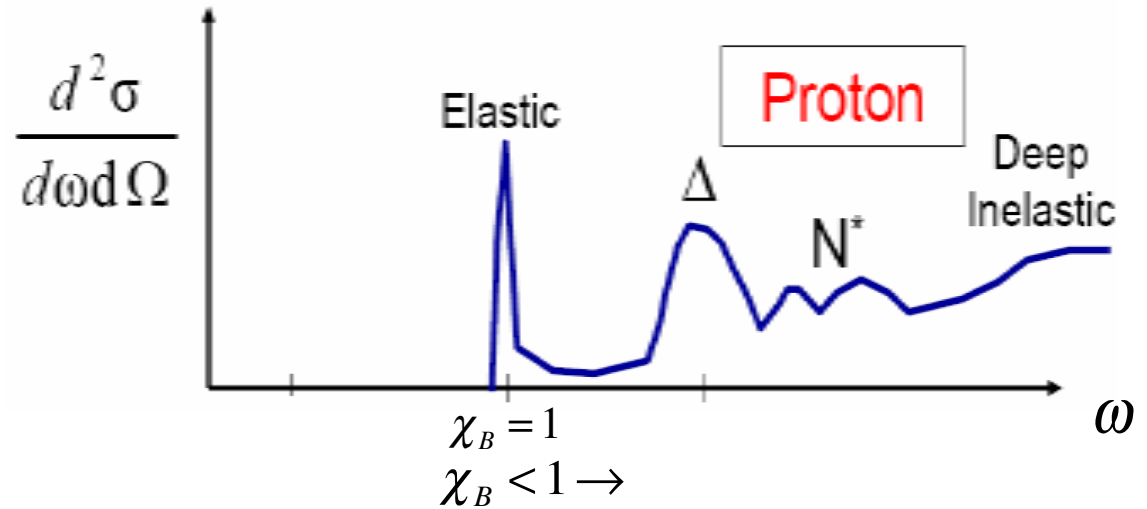
- Huge advances in the experimental studies of SRC in the last ~15 years
- Huge increase in theoretical interest and activities
- Electron inclusive, semi-inclusive, and triple-coincidence measurements are complementary
- SRC studies may have significant implications to our understanding of topics in nuclear physics, particle physics, and astrophysics
- Future studies possible using hadron beams, 12 GeV electron beam at JLAB, and electron-ion colliders
- Among future topics:
  - Systematic studies of symmetric and asymmetric nuclei using  $A(e,e')$
  - Possible studies of momentum distributions in  $^3\text{H}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  using  $A(e,e'p)$  – proposal
  - Delta-Delta correlations – L. Weinstein, M. Strikman
  - Three nucleon correlations using  $A(e,e')$  and  $A(e,e'pNN)$
  - Nucleon modifications in high-momentum pairs – approved proposal – S. Wood
  - EMC effect with tagged high-momentum recoiling nucleons – B. Schmookler
  - ....

# Inclusive Electron scattering

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N\omega}$$

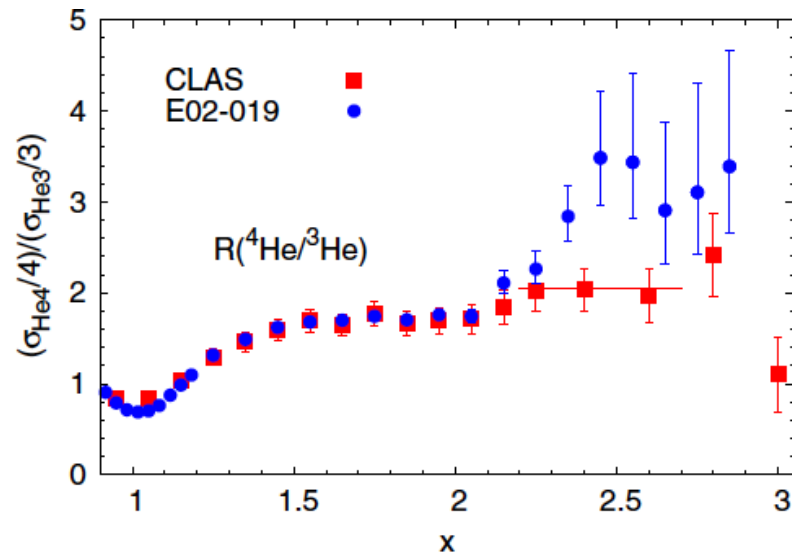
$$Q^2 = -q_\mu q^\mu = q^2 - \omega^2$$

$$\omega = E' - E$$



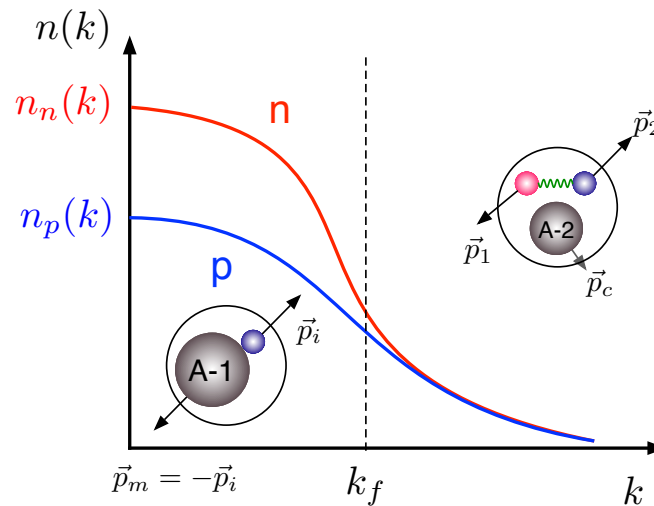
# Limitation of Inclusive Scattering in Studying SRC

- No way to study relative momentum of nucleons in pair
- No handle on pair CM momentum
- No handle on isospin structure of pair
- can't use to study N-N interactions at small distances
- And, not all is well..



# SRC in Asymmetric Nuclei

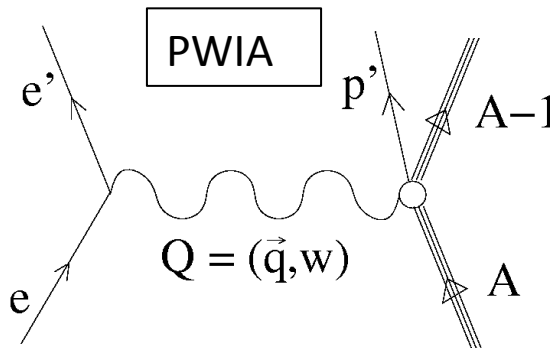
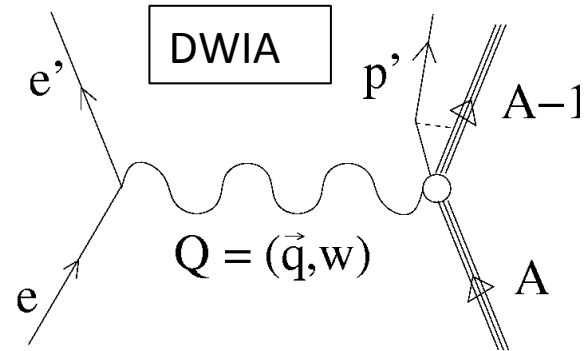
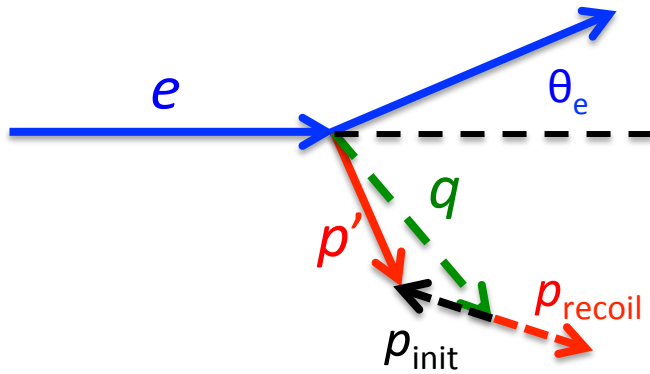
$p < k_f$   
 Dominated by  
 independent  
 (mean-field)  
 nucleons



$p > k_f$   
 Dominated by  
 nucleons  
 belonging to  
 SRC np pairs

- If there are fewer protons (neutrons) than neutrons (protons) then the protons (neutrons) should have higher average momentum and kinetic energy
- Can be tested experimentally - largest effect in  ${}^3\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}$
- Possible explanation to NuTeV anomaly if u quark moves faster than d quark
- if  $p_p > k_{Fermi}^p$  then possible affect on cooling rate of neutron stars

# Semi-inclusive scattering $A(e, e'p)$



## $A(e, e'p)$ formalism

$S(E_m, p_m)$ : probability of finding a nucleon with momentum  $p_m$  & separation energy  $E_m$

$\rho(p_m) = \int S(E_m, p_m) dE_m$  Nuclear momentum dist.

$$E_m = \omega - T_p - T_{A-1}$$

$$= \omega - T_p - \frac{p_m^2}{4m_p}$$

$$\vec{p}_m = \vec{q} - \vec{p}' = -\vec{p}_{init}$$

In PWIA:  $\frac{d^6\sigma}{d\omega d\Omega_e dE_m d\Omega_p} = \kappa \sigma_{ep} S(E_m, p_m)$

$K$  is a known kinematic factor  
 $\sigma_{ep}$  is the half-off-shell electron-proton elementary cross section

In DWIA:  $S_{red}(E_m, p_m, p') = \left[ \frac{d^6\sigma}{d\omega d\Omega_e dE_m d\Omega_p} \right] / [\kappa \sigma_{ep}]$

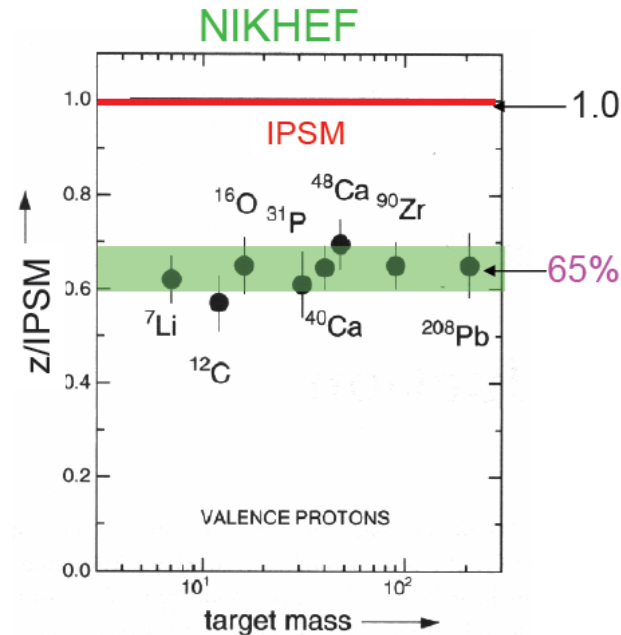
# Attractiveness of $A(e,e'p)$

- Can be used to measure spectral function of nuclei for specific shells
- Shape of spectral functions for  $k < k_F$  agrees well with shell-model predictions
- Occupation number is low by  $\sim 35\%$

$$Z_{\text{IPSM}} = 2j + 1$$

$$Z_{\alpha} = 4 \pi \int_0^{k_F} dE dk k^2 S(E, k)$$

single particle  
state  $\alpha$



- Strength is transferred from mean-field region to high-momentum region
- Correlations!
  - $\sim 15\%$  long-range correlations
  - $\sim 20\%$  short-range correlations

# 2bbu, 3bbu "Distorted" Spectral Functions

$$\frac{d^6\sigma}{dE_e dE_p d\Omega_e d\Omega_p} = K \cdot \sigma_{ep} \cdot S^D(E_m, p_m)$$

$$\eta(p_m) = \int \left( \frac{d^6\sigma}{dE_e dE_p d\Omega_e d\Omega_p} / K \cdot \sigma_{ep} \right) dE_m$$

Compare  $S^D(E_m, p_m)$ ,  $\eta(p_m)$  to model

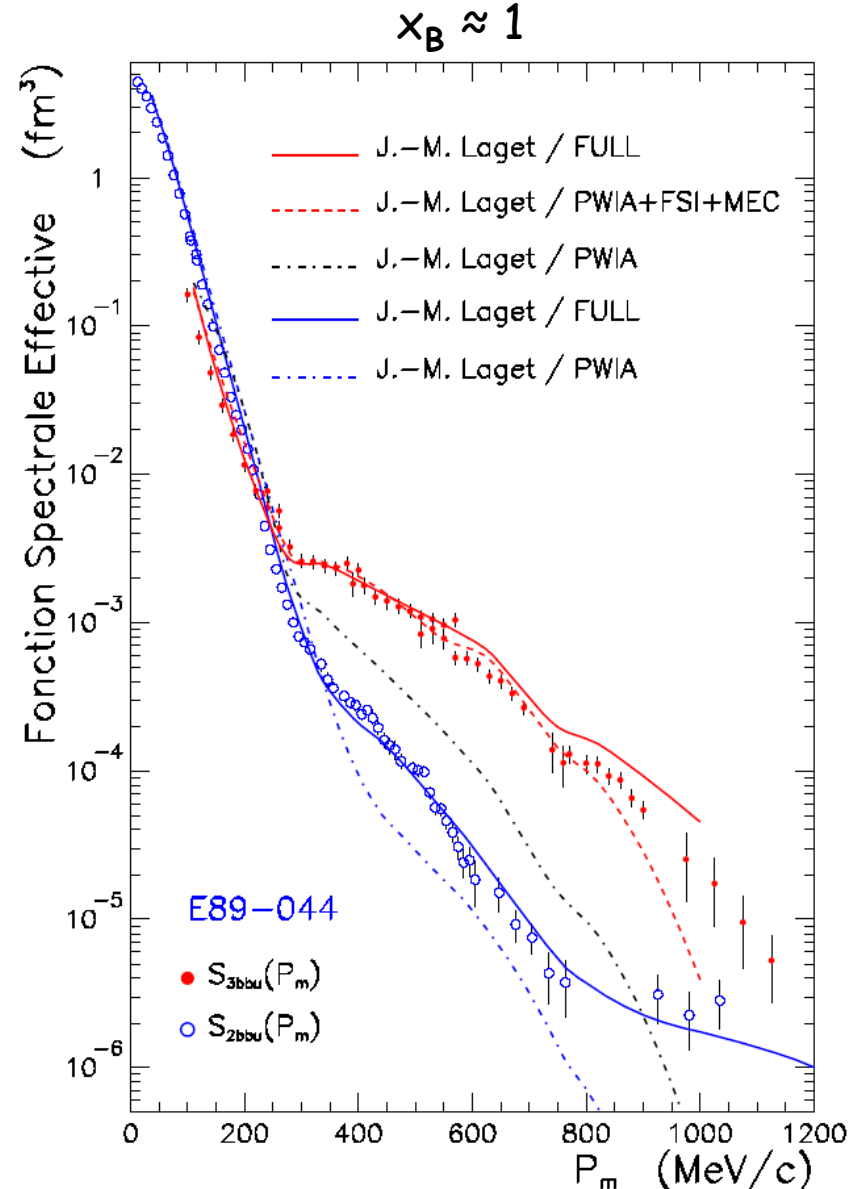
Performed with High  $Q^2$

Reduced MEC,  $\Delta$  contributions

At  $p_m > p_F$  distorted spectral function is much larger for 3bbu than for 2bbu due to correlations (SRC)

Calculations reproduce both 2bbu and 3bbu - confidence

No information about whether paired particle is proton or neutron



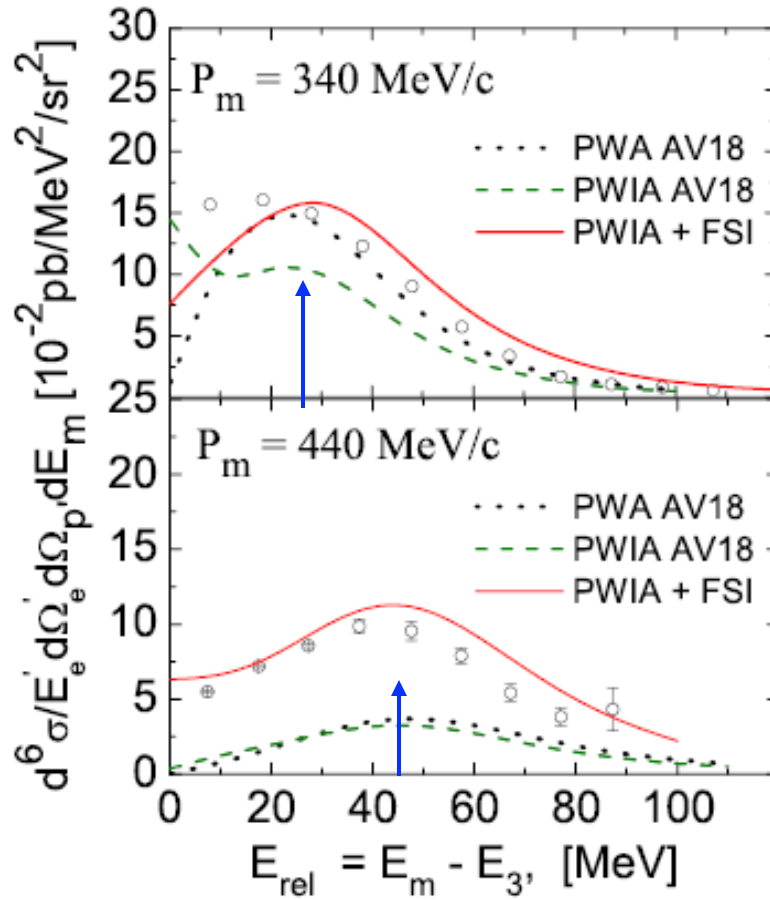


# ${}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)pn - 3\text{bbu}$ (High $E_m$ ) and High $p_m$

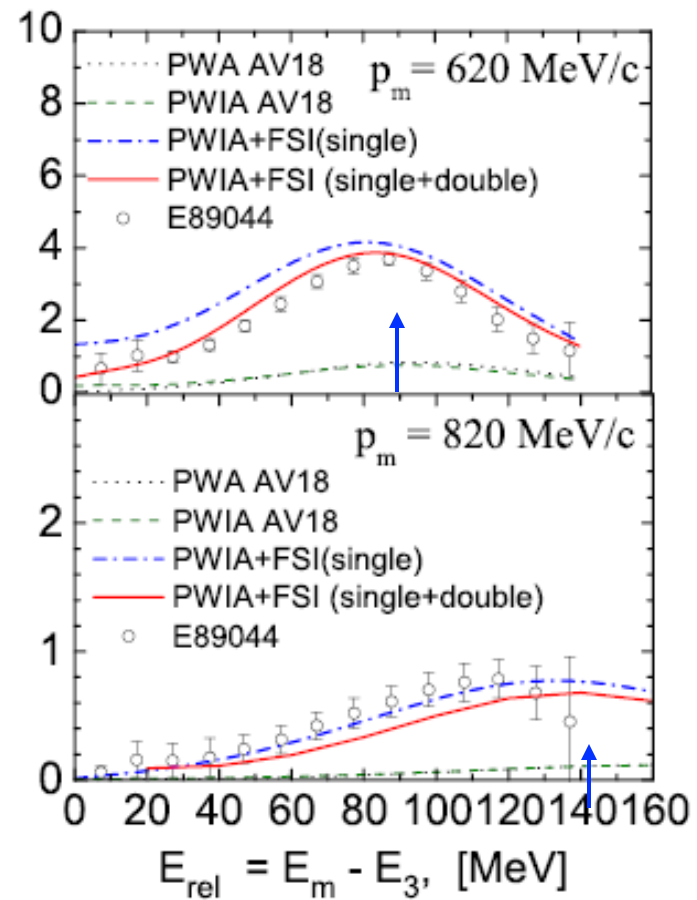
Pair SRC: large  $p_{\text{rel}}$ ; small  $p_{\text{CM}}$

$$\rightarrow E_m - E_{\text{th}} \approx \frac{P_m}{2M_N}$$

Low  $p_m$  (still  $> k_f$ ): correlations



High  $p_m$  dominated by FSI



Data: F. Benmokhtar *et al.*, PRL **94**, 082305 (2005)

Calculations: C. Ciofi degli Atti *et al.*

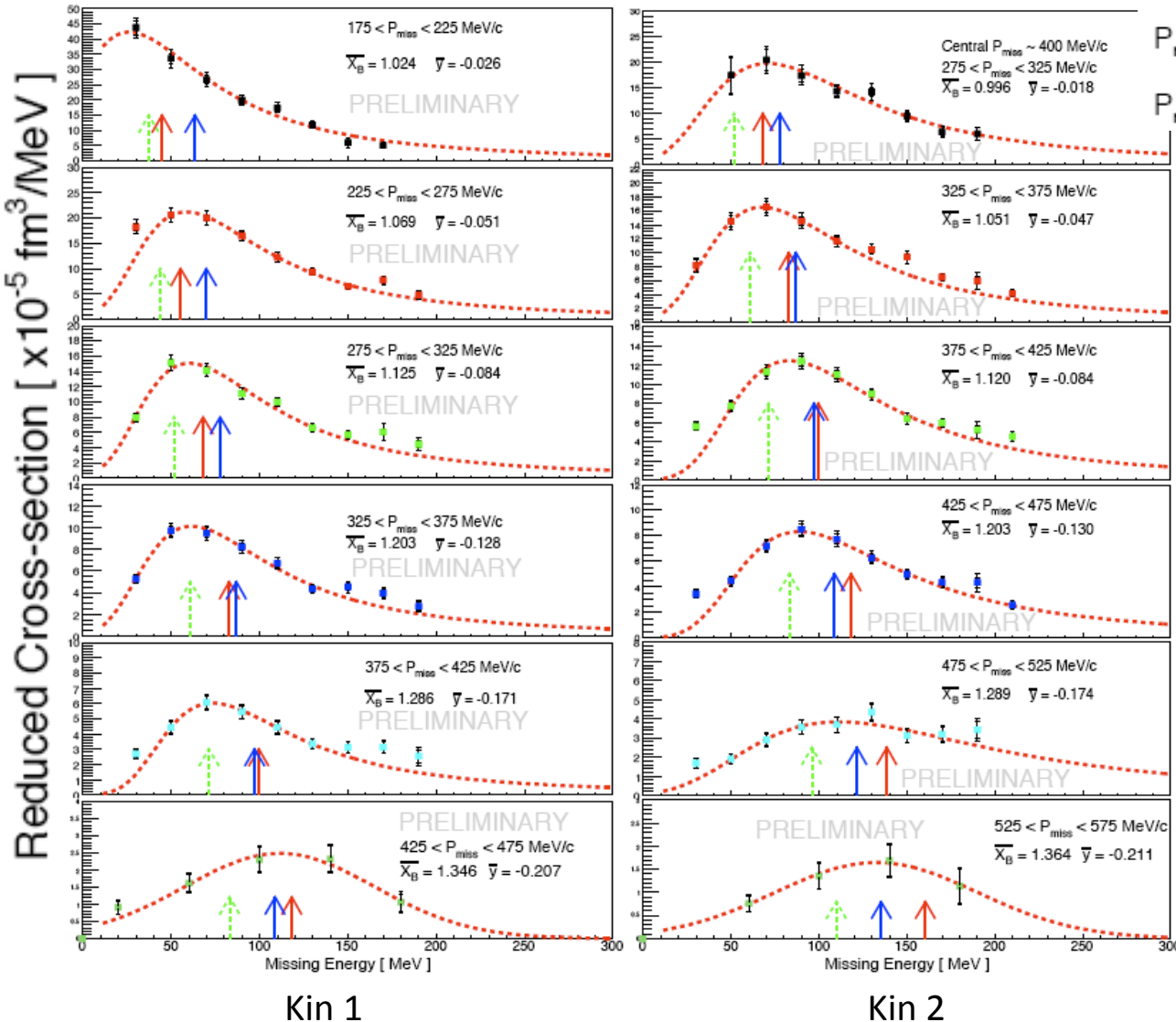
# Can We Really Extract Spectral Functions?

P. Monaghan, Ph.D. Thesis, MIT (2008)

$$E_m = \sqrt{\left(M_{A-2} + \sqrt{M_N^2 + p_r^2}\right)^2 - p_r^2} + M_p - M_A$$

$$P_r = 0.8 p_m$$

$$P_r = 0.8 p_m \text{ and } A-2=(A-2)+25 \text{ MeV}$$



Data at  $x_B > 1$

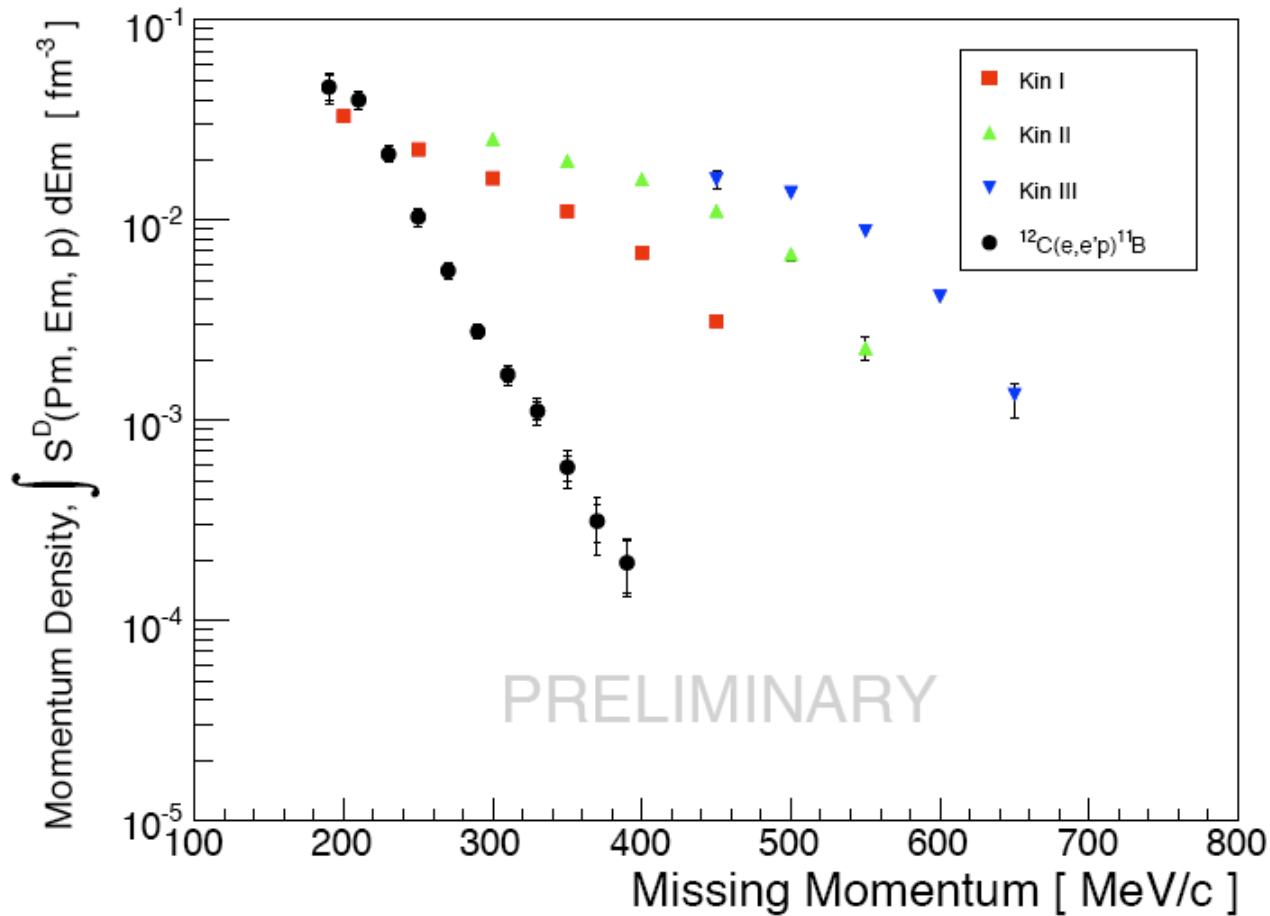
Kin 3 with higher  $p_m$  range also available

Extract "effective spectral function"  
 $S^D(E_m, p_m)$

Different  $S^D(E_m, p_m)$  for same  $E_m, p_m$  but from different kinematics!!!

Cross section does not factorize!!!

# Distorted Momentum Density



Not meaningful!! - different for different kinematics

Must compare to model calculations at different kinematics  
Or do non-factorized calculations - difficult!

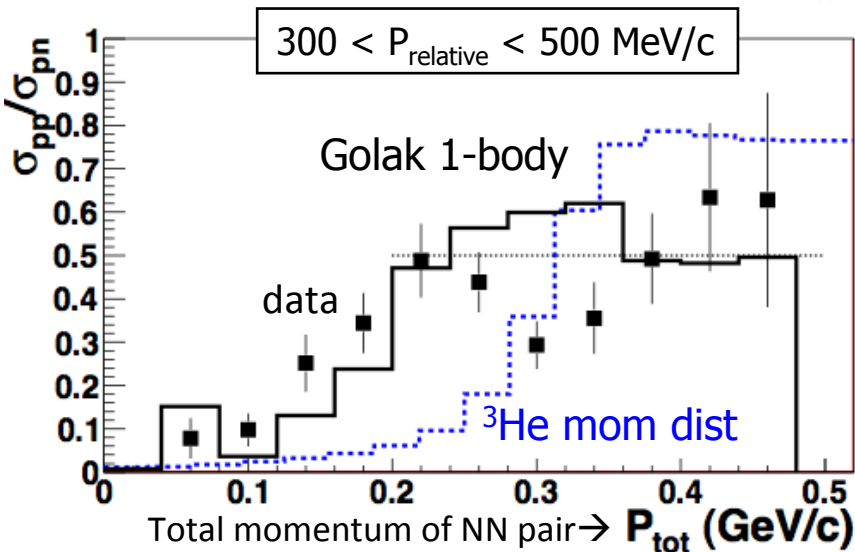
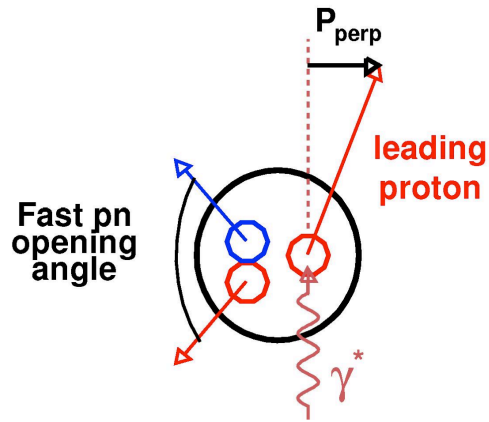
# Advantages and Limitations of $A(e,e'p)$

- Relatively easy to perform
- Can control kinematics well
- Reasonable count rate
- Can extract model-dependent spectral functions

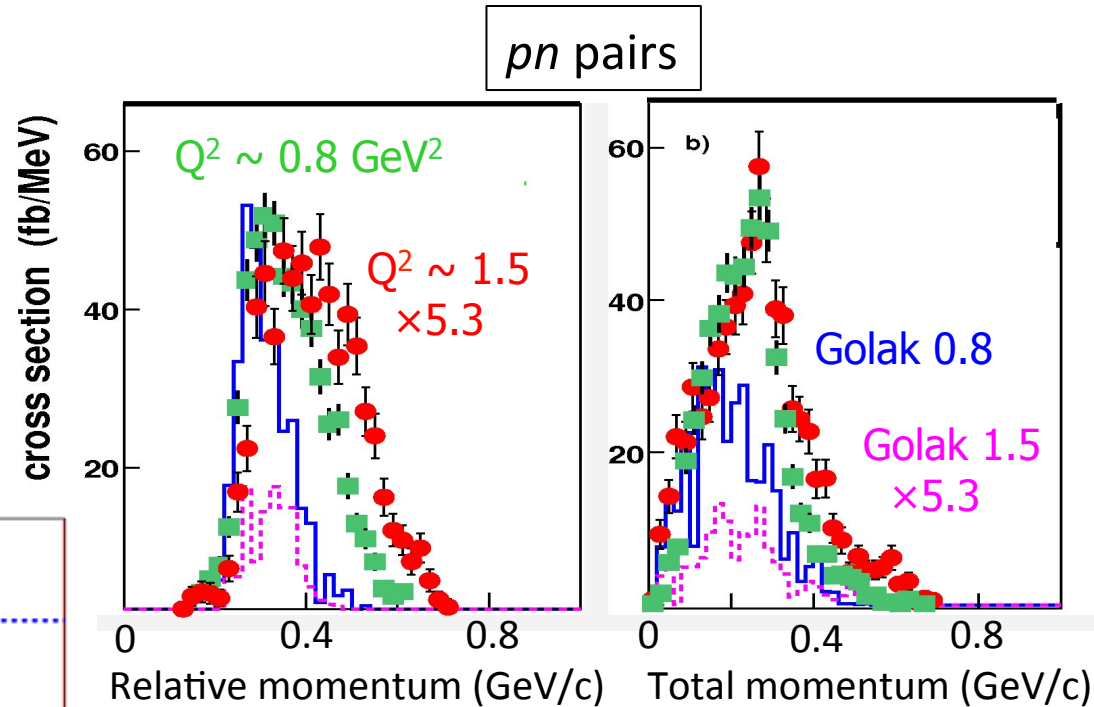
But

- FSI have a significant impact
- Must compare to model calculations
- Must perform non-factorized calculations - difficult
- No information on correlated partner
- No information on pair CM motion

# 3He(e,e'pp)n Short Range Correlations



$pn$  pairs dominate at small  $P_{\text{tot}}$  only  
 At small  $P_{\text{tot}}$ :  $pp$  pair in  $s$ -wave (no tensor)  
 $\rightarrow$  tensor correlations dominate here



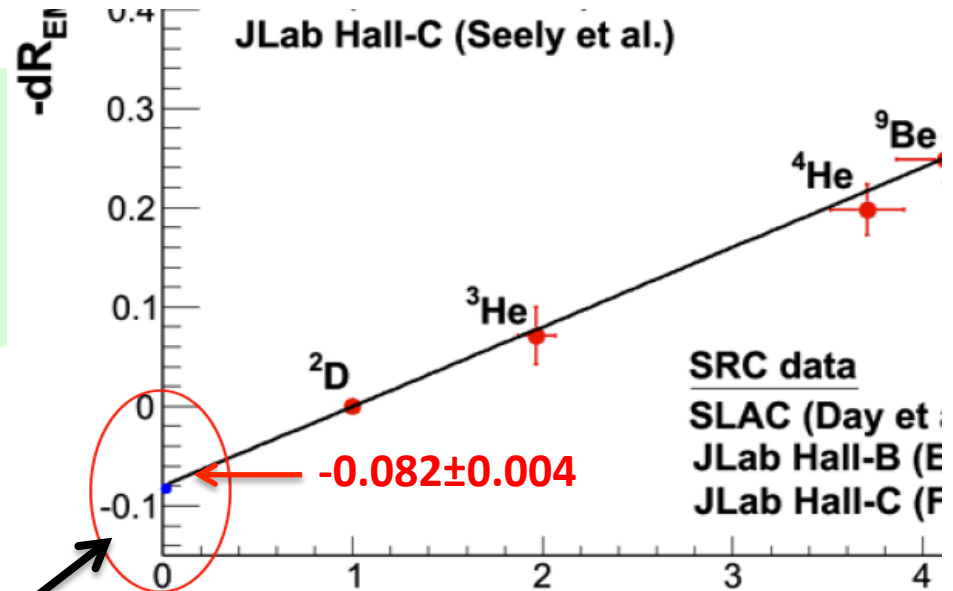
- Measured correlated pair momentum distributions
- Confirmed tensor dominance of SRC at small pair total momentum

# Explore Connection between EMC and

If we are right, we should measure a large EMC effect by selecting high-momentum nucleons!?

## Deuteron

- Is there an “EMC” effect in the deuteron?
- Is there a large “EMC” effect in the high-momentum tail of the deuteron?
- Does the structure function  $F_2$  depend on nucleon momentum (virtuality)?
- Consequences for  $F_{2n}$



$$\sigma_d^{DIS} \neq \sigma_p^{DIS} + \sigma_n^{DIS}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_d}{\sigma_p + \sigma_n} = 1 - (0.082 \pm 0.004)(0.6 - 0.31 \pm 0.04) \approx 0.976$$

$$\frac{\sigma_d}{\sigma_p + \sigma_n}(x_B = 0.6) \approx 0.976$$

$$\frac{\sigma_p^*}{\sigma_p} \approx \frac{\sigma_n^*}{\sigma_n} \approx \frac{2.4\%}{5\%} \approx 0.5$$

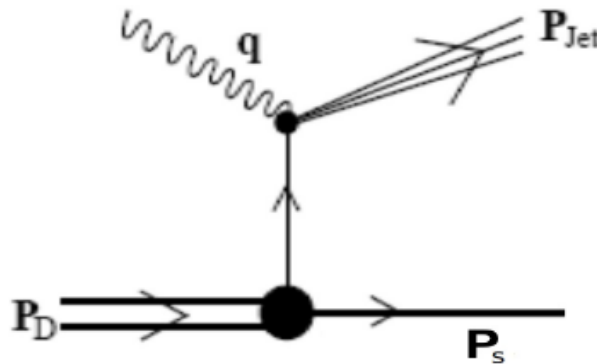
# Experimental Program at JLAB

Compare  $F_2$  in DIS off high-momentum nucleons to  $F_2$  of free nucleons

E12-11-107 – TAU, ODU, MIT, JLAB

## Experimental method

- Use **deuteron** as a target in DIS
- Tag high-momentum nucleons with high-momentum backward-recoiling (“spectator”) partner nucleon as in SRC using the reaction  $d(e, e' N_S)$



Utilize factorization of the  $d(e, e' n_s)$  cross section to SF and distorted momentum distribution.

# Experimental Method

Keeping the recoil kinematics fixed and measuring x-section ratios at 2 different  $\chi'$ , the ratio is:

$$\frac{d^4\sigma}{d\chi_1 dQ^2 d\vec{p}_S} \bigg/ \frac{d^4\sigma}{d\chi_2 dQ^2 d\vec{p}_S} = (K_1/K_2) \left[ F_2^*(\chi_1', \alpha_S, p_T, Q_1^2) / F_2^*(\chi_2', \alpha_S, p_T, Q_1^2) \right]$$

For  $\chi_1' \approx 0.45 - 0.6$  and  $\chi_2' \approx 0.3$  we shall measure:

$$F_2^*(\chi_1', \alpha_S, p_T, Q_1^2) / F_2^*(\chi_2', \alpha_S, p_T, Q_1^2) = \left( \frac{d^4\sigma}{d\chi_1 dQ^2 d\vec{p}_S} / K_1 \right) \bigg/ \left( \frac{d^4\sigma}{d\chi_2 dQ^2 d\vec{p}_S} / K_2 \right)$$

Integrating over  $\theta_{pq} > 107^\circ$  (small FSI), we'll compare the measured ratio  $f(\alpha_S)$  to the BONUS results for free neutron, and to the free proton SF in  $d(e, e' n_s)$



# Experimental Method (cont.)

- Minimize experimental and theoretical uncertainties by measuring cross-section ratios

$$\frac{\sigma_{DIS}(x'_{high}, Q_1^2, \vec{p}_s)}{\sigma_{DIS}(x'_{low}, Q_2^2, \vec{p}_s)} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{DIS}^{free}(x_{low}, Q_2^2)}{\sigma_{DIS}^{free}(x_{high}, Q_1^2)} \cdot R_{FSI} = \frac{F_2^{bound}(x'_{high}, Q_1^2, \vec{p}_s)}{F_2^{free}(x_{high}, Q_1^2)}$$

FSI correction factor

$$x'_{high} \geq 0.45$$

$$0.25 \geq x'_{low} \geq 0.35 \quad \text{No EMC is expected}$$

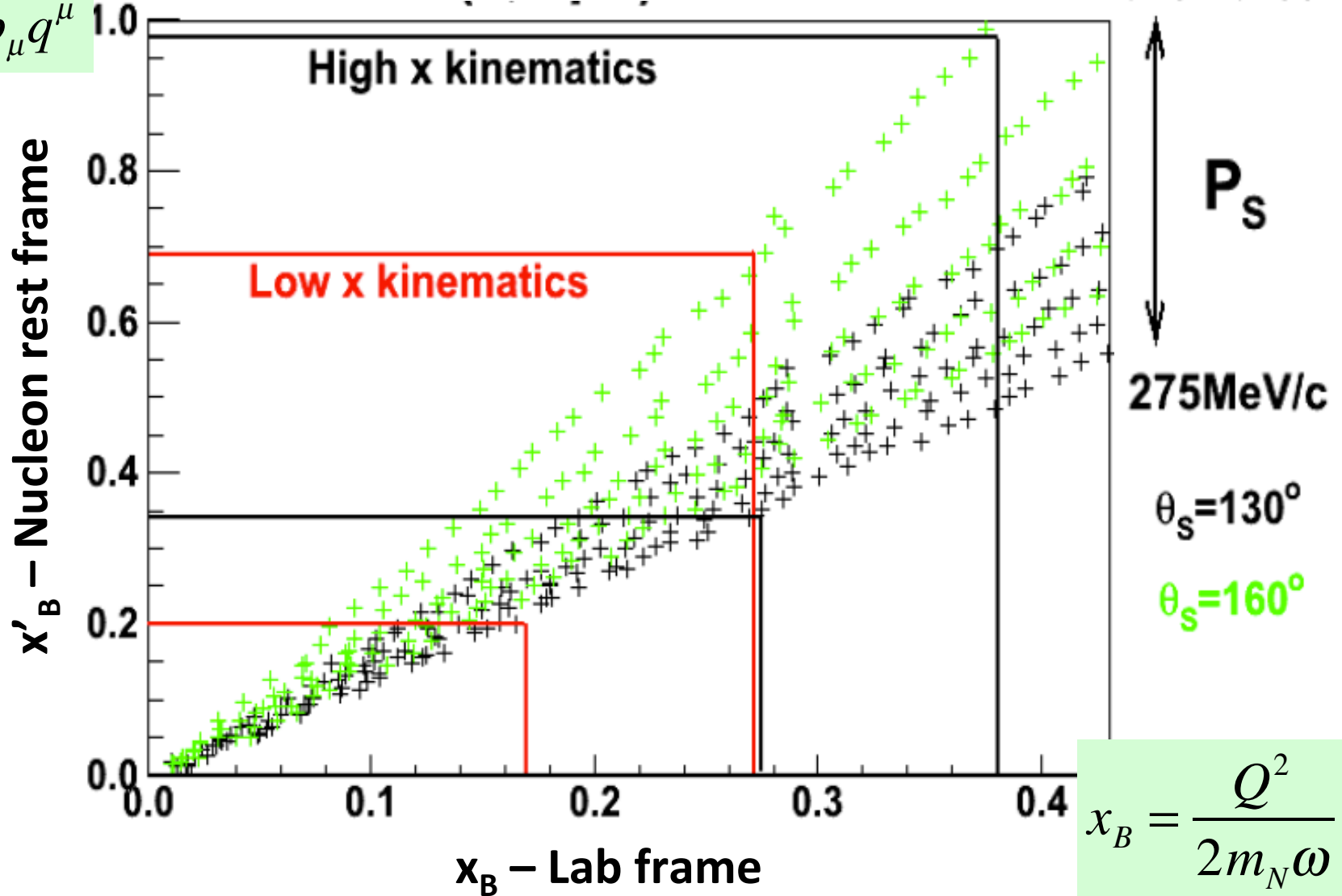
$$x'_B = \frac{Q^2}{2p_\mu q^\mu} \stackrel{\text{(For d)}}{=} \frac{Q^2}{2[(M_d - E_S)\omega + \vec{p}_S \cdot \vec{q}]}$$

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N \omega}$$

# $x_B'$ vs. $x_B$ (Why $x'$ ?)

$$x_B' = \frac{Q^2}{2p_\mu q^\mu}$$

D(e,e'N) no FSI



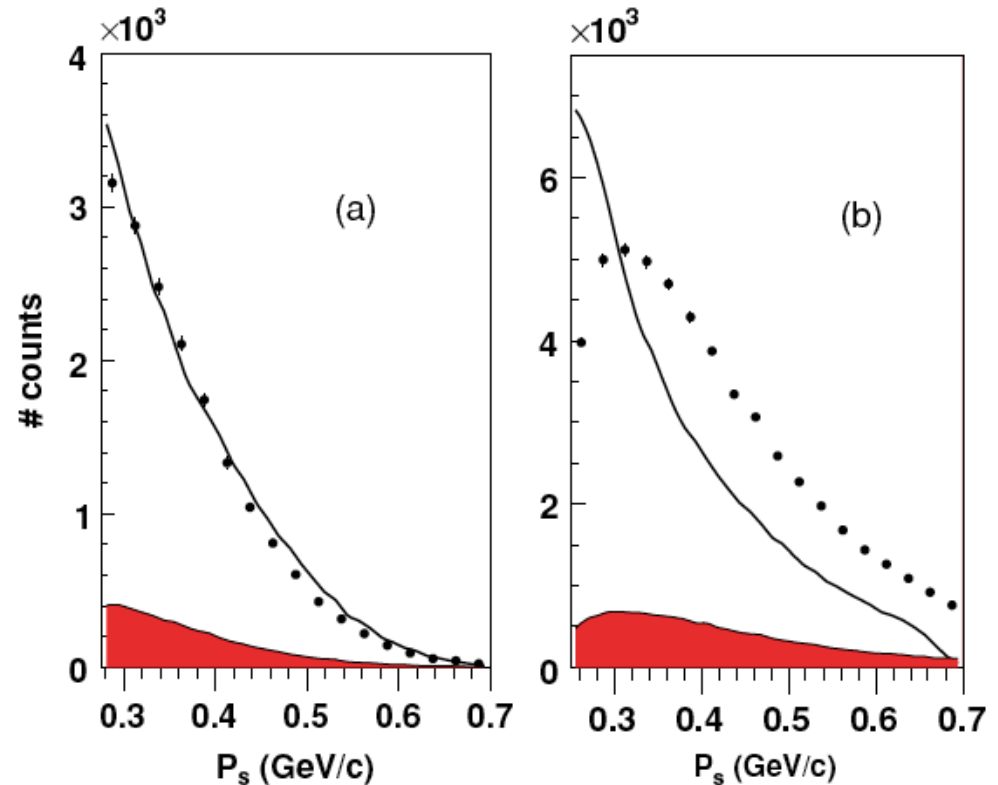
# How to Deal with FSI?

## We know that FSI:

- Decrease with  $Q^2$
- Increase with  $W'$
- Not sensitive to  $x'_B$
- Small for  $\theta_{pq} > 107^\circ$

## We shall:

- Involve theoretical colleagues
- Take data at large recoil angles
- Take data at  $90^\circ$
- Take data at two  $x'$
- Use low  $x'$  data to study FSI dependence on  $Q^2, W'^2, \theta_{pq}$



A. V. Klimenko *et al.*, PRC 73, 035212 (2006)

# Experimental Setup – Hall C

HMS and SHMS detect electrons

LAD detect recoiling nucleon

Central values of kinematics

Low  $x'$

$$E_{\text{in}} = 10.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E' = 4.4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\theta_e = 13.5^\circ$$

$$Q^2 = 2.65 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$|\vec{q}| = 6.7 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$\theta_q = -8.8^\circ$$

$$x = 0.217$$

High  $x'$

$$E_{\text{in}} = 10.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E' = 4.4 \text{ GeV}$$

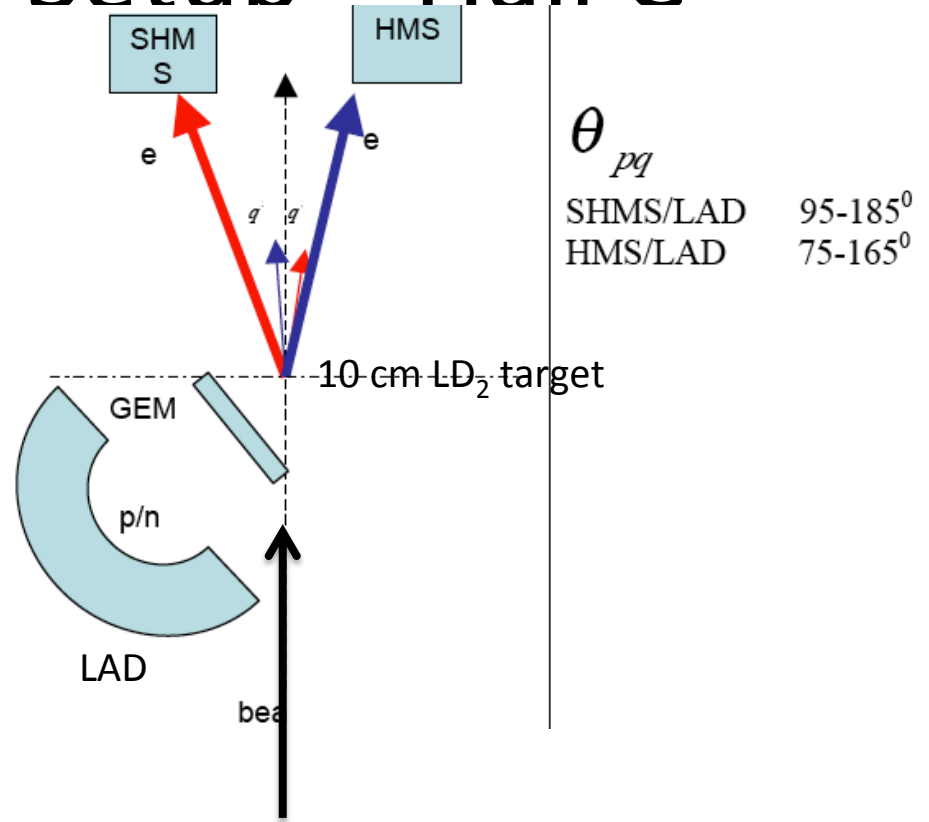
$$\theta_e = -17^\circ$$

$$Q^2 = 4.19 \text{ GeV}^2$$

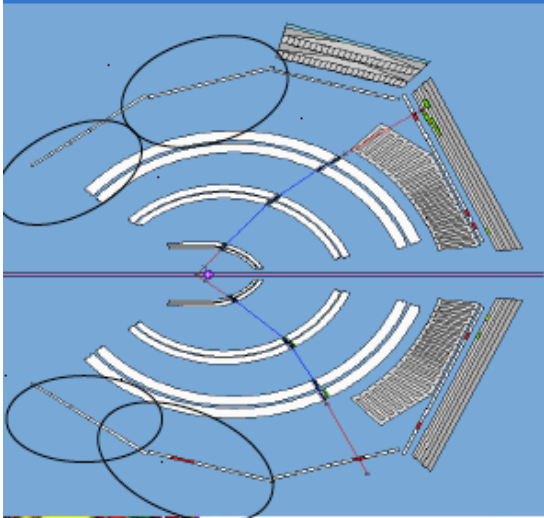
$$|\vec{q}| = 6.8 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$\theta_q = 10.8^\circ$$

$$x = 0.34$$

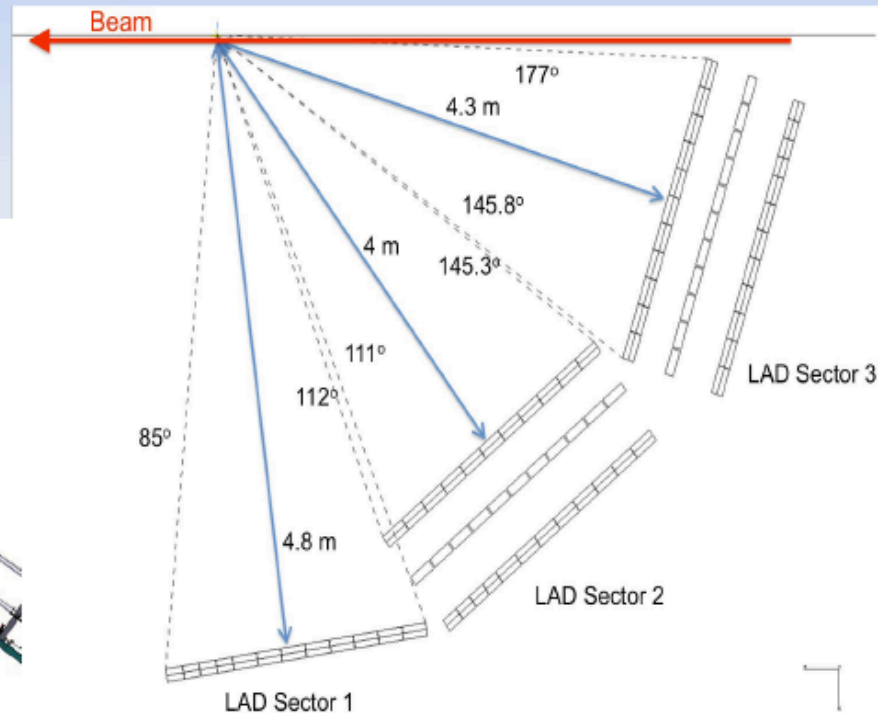
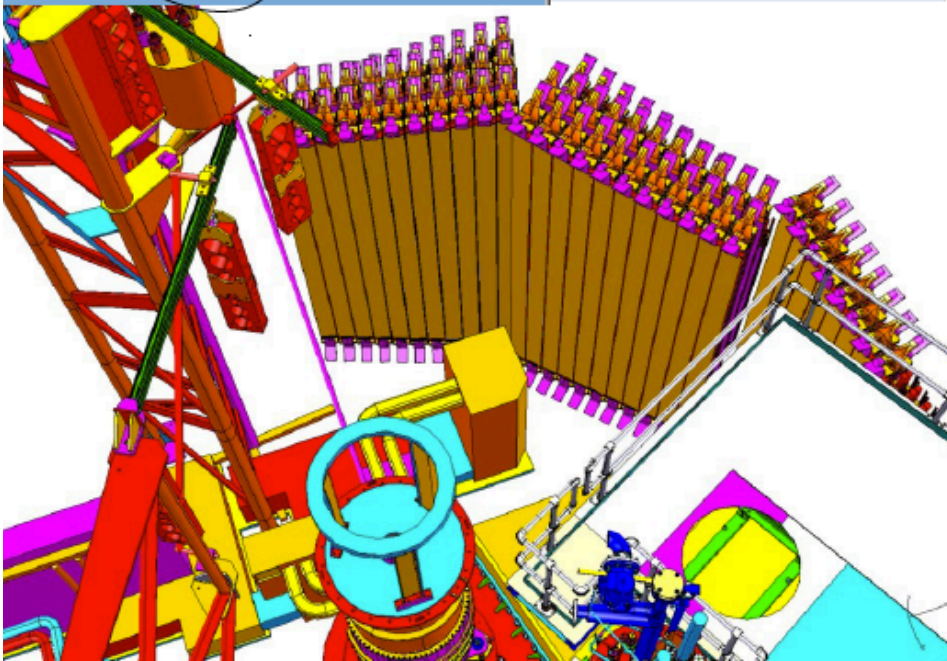


# Large acceptance Detector (LAD)

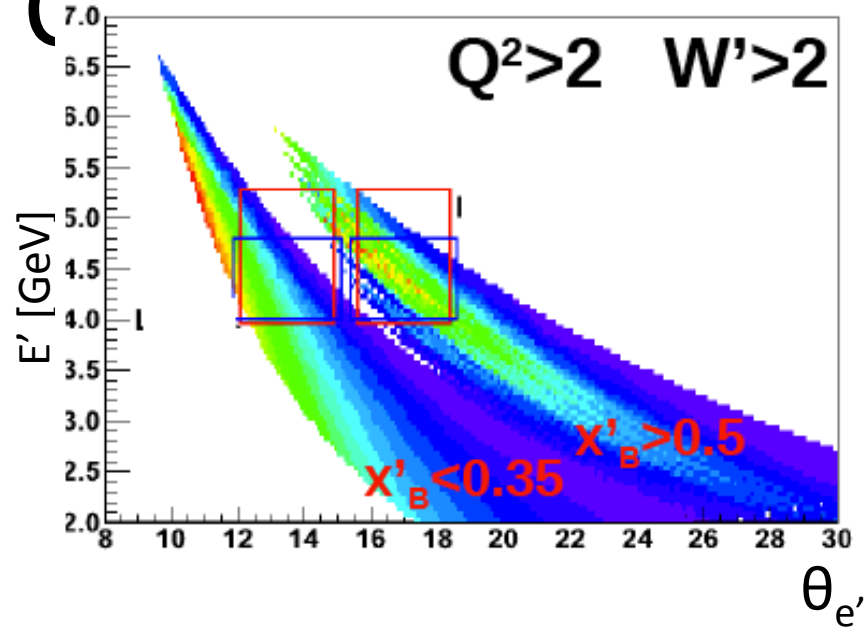
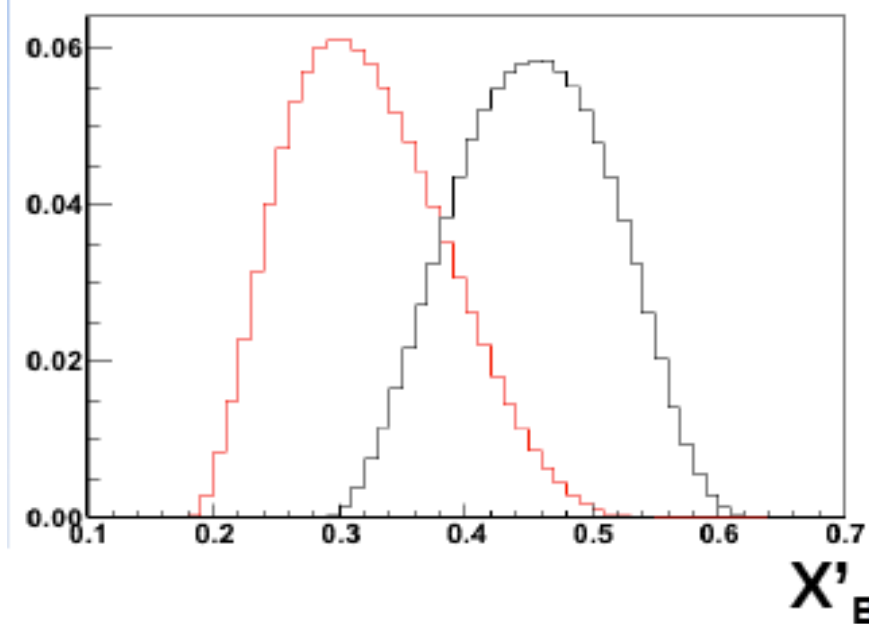


Use retired CLAS-6 TOF counters.  
132, 5-cm thick counters in 12 panels.

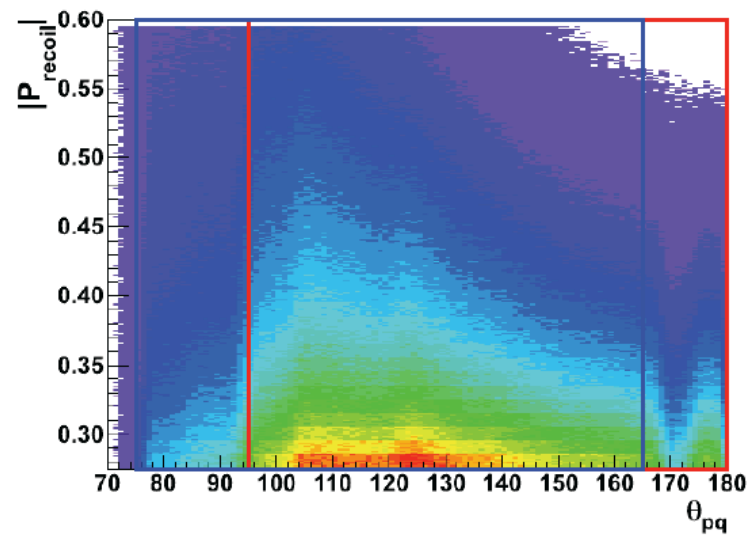
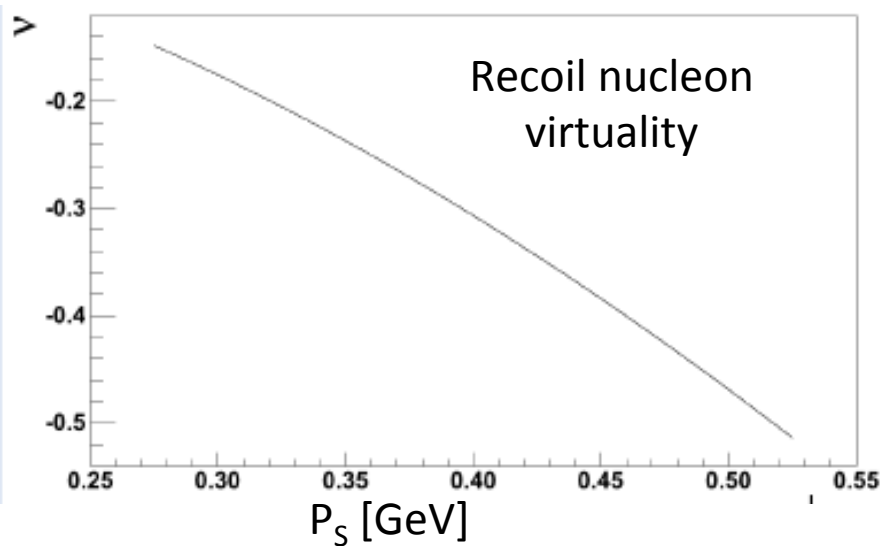
**1.5 sr, ~20% neutron detection efficiency**



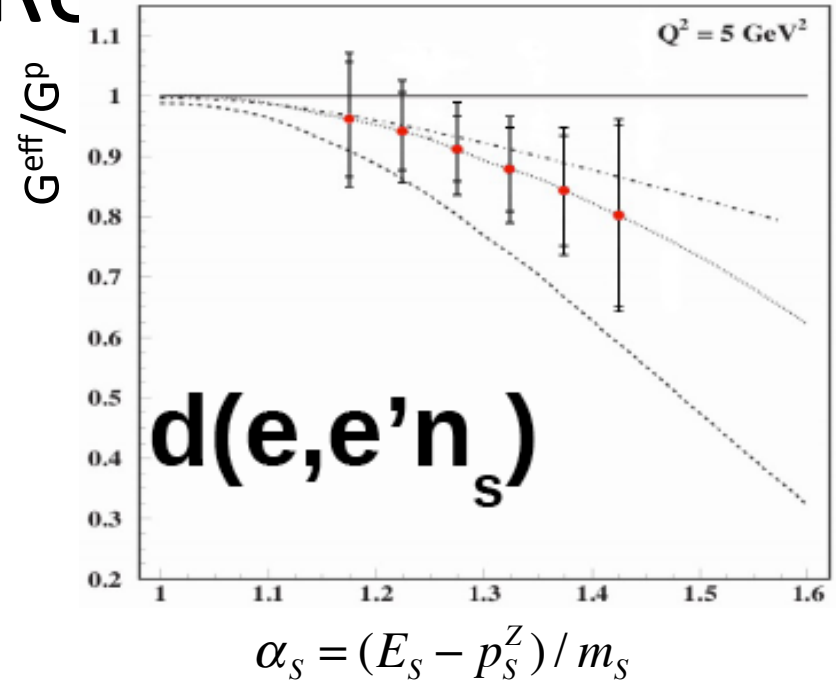
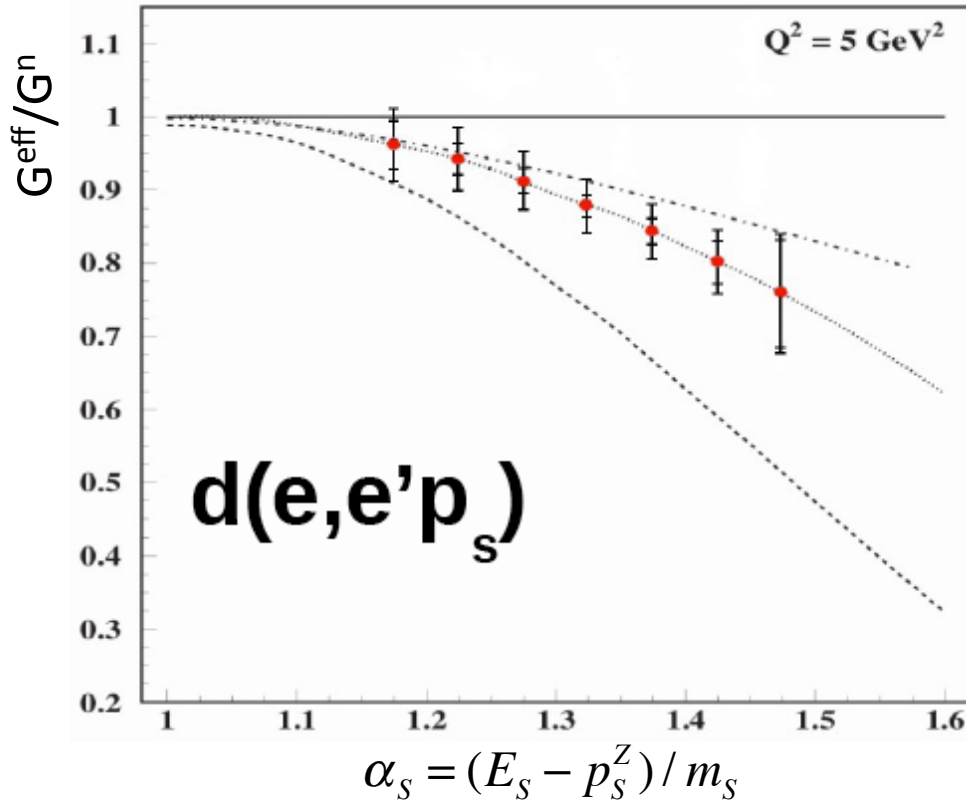
### Scattered electrons



### Recoiling nucleons



# Results



## Systematic uncertainty (4-7% total)

- SHMS and HMS efficiency and acceptances (1-2%)
- LAD efficiency (3% protons, 5% neutrons)
- Al walls subtraction (1%)
- FSI ratio (4%)
- Free nucleons structure functions ratio (1% protons, 4% neutrons)

# Summary – Nucleons Medium Modification

- SRC and EMC are linearly correlated
- We suggest that this correlation is because both phenomena are related to high-momentum nucleons
- We assume that highly virtual nucleons are modified
- E12-11-107 is approved to measure at JLAB the ratio of  $F_2$  for highly virtual nucleons to  $F_2$  of free nucleons in the deuteron
- Use spectator tagging to select highly virtual nucleons in DIS
- Minimize systematic uncertainties by measuring ratios
- This is not (yet) an EMC measurement



# Second Stage of Program - EMC

## Measuring EMC with Tagged High-Momentum Recoil Nucleons

LOI-11-104 - TAU, ODU, MIT, JLAB

### Basic idea of measurement

- Perform DIS ( $Q^2 > 2$ ;  $W > 2$ ) on high-momentum (virtuality) nucleons by tagging the high-momentum recoiling nucleons
- Remember, almost all high-momentum nucleons have a SRC partner!!
- Measure per-nucleon x-sections ( $p_S > 275$  MeV/c;  $\theta_{pq} > 110^\circ$ ) ratio of  $^4\text{He}$  to deuteron,  $\sigma[^4\text{He}(e,e'p_S)]/\sigma[d(e,e'p_S)]$ ,  $f(0.3 < x_B < 0.6)$

### Signal

- If EMC depend on virtuality,  $\sigma[^4\text{He}(e,e'p_S)]/\sigma[d(e,e'p_S)]$  should not depend on  $x_B$
- Magnitude of ratio should be  $a_{2N}(^4\text{He}/d) \approx 4$

# Basic Idea of Measurement (cont.)

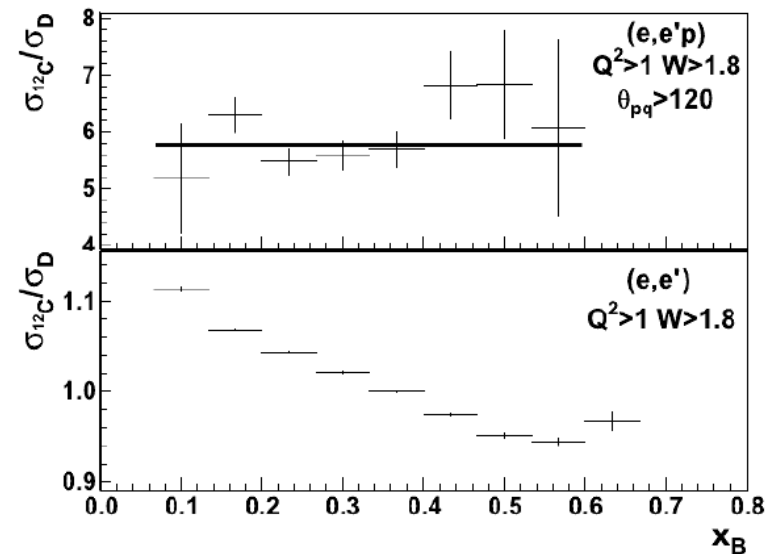
## Second Measurement

- Ratio of per-nucleon cross section,  $\sigma[{}^4\text{He}(e,e'p_s)]/\sigma[d(e,e')]$ , at the same kinematic range
- Only  $\sigma[{}^4\text{He}(e,e'p_s)]$  is tagged by  $p_s > 275$  MeV/c while  $\sigma[d(e,e')]$  is not!

## Signal

- Ratio depends on  $x_B$
- Shape similar to universal EMC shape **BUT signal is larger**

Experimental setup of both measurements will be similar to that of E12-11-107



CLAS data, very preliminary!  
Or Hen, TAU

Remember  $a_{2N}({}^{12}\text{C}/d) = 4.8 \pm 0.4$

# Summary - EMC

- LOI-11-104 plans to measure the doubly-tagged per-nucleon cross-sections ratio  $\sigma[{}^4\text{He}(e, e' p_s)] / \sigma[d(e, e' p_s)]$  for  $p_s > 275 \text{ MeV}/c$ ,  $\theta_{pq} > 110^\circ$ , and as  $f(0.3 < X_B < 0.6)$
- LOI-11-104 also plans to measure the singly-tagged per-nucleon cross-sections ratio  $\sigma[{}^4\text{He}(e, e' p_s)] / \sigma[d(e, e')]$  in the same conditions
- If the EMC effect is related to highly virtual nucleons, then both measurements will have a very unique signatures
- A full proposal will be submitted to the next JLAB PAC
- This **IS** an EMC measurement

Experimental setup for both measurements

