

Partonic structure of nuclear medium

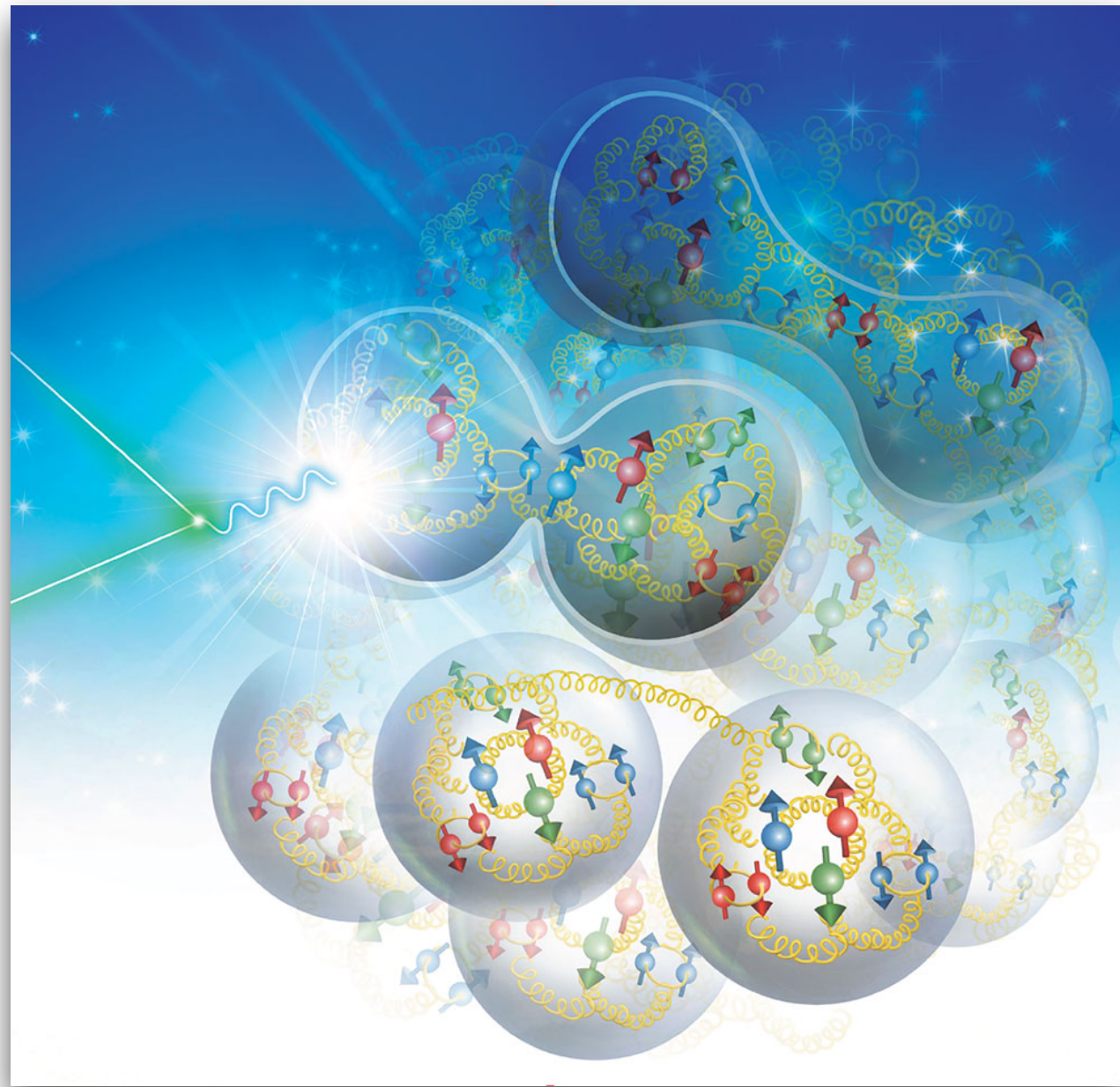
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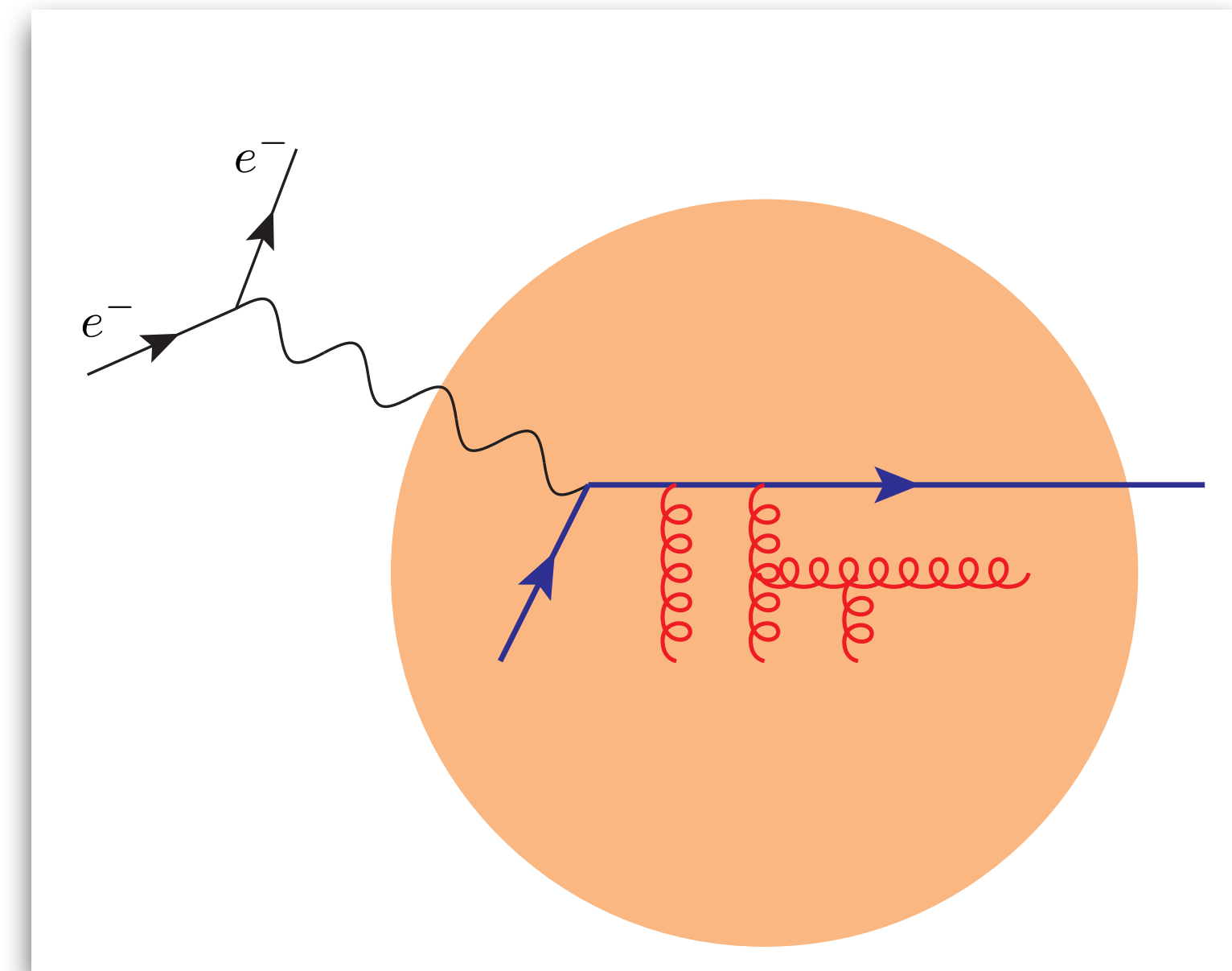


What is nuclear partonic structure?



Nuclear partonic structure

*Nuclear PDFs, Cronin effect,
SRC, Neutron skin...*



Multiple scattering in medium

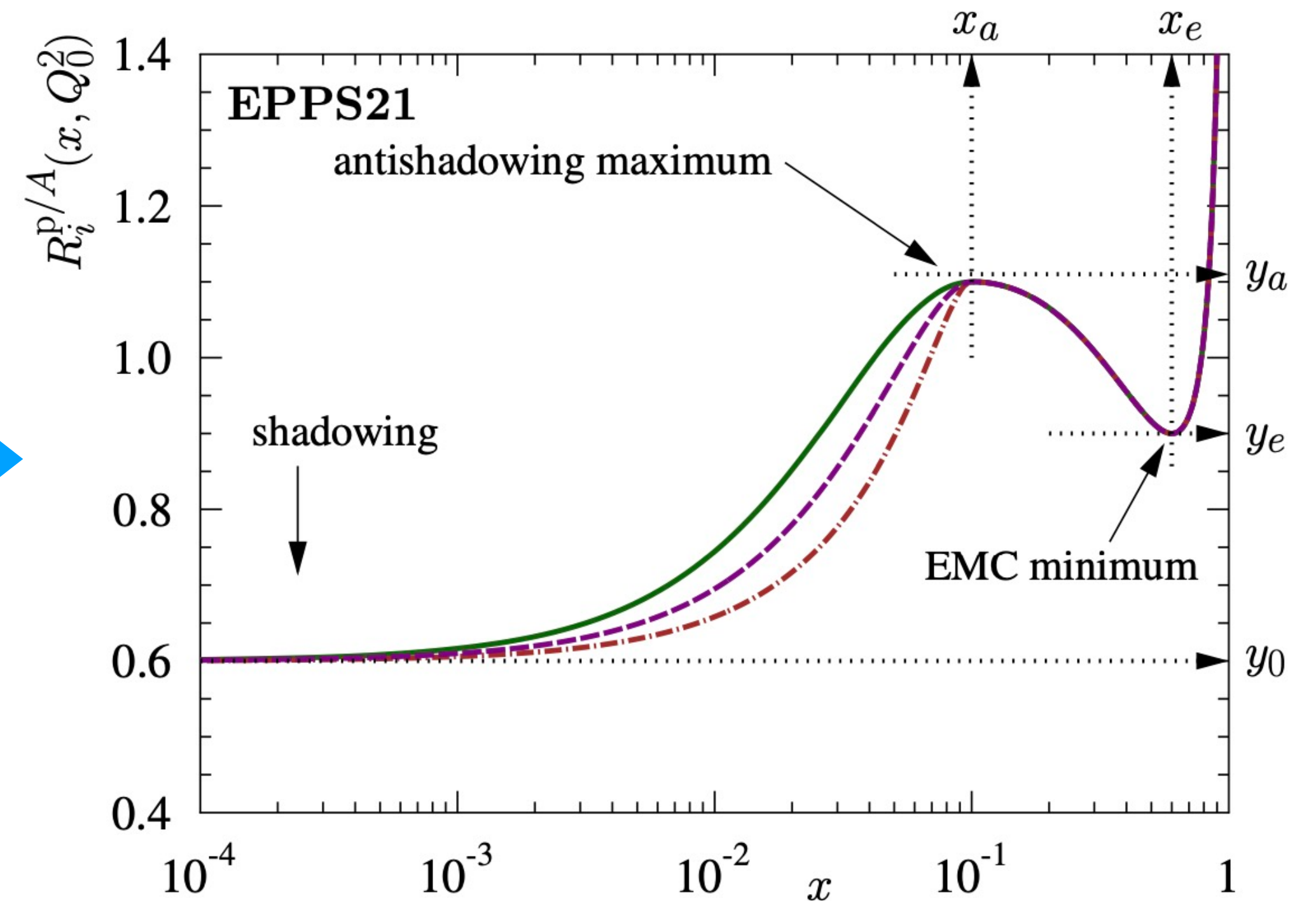
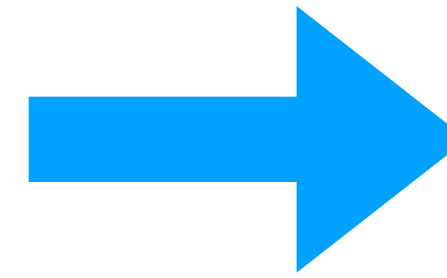
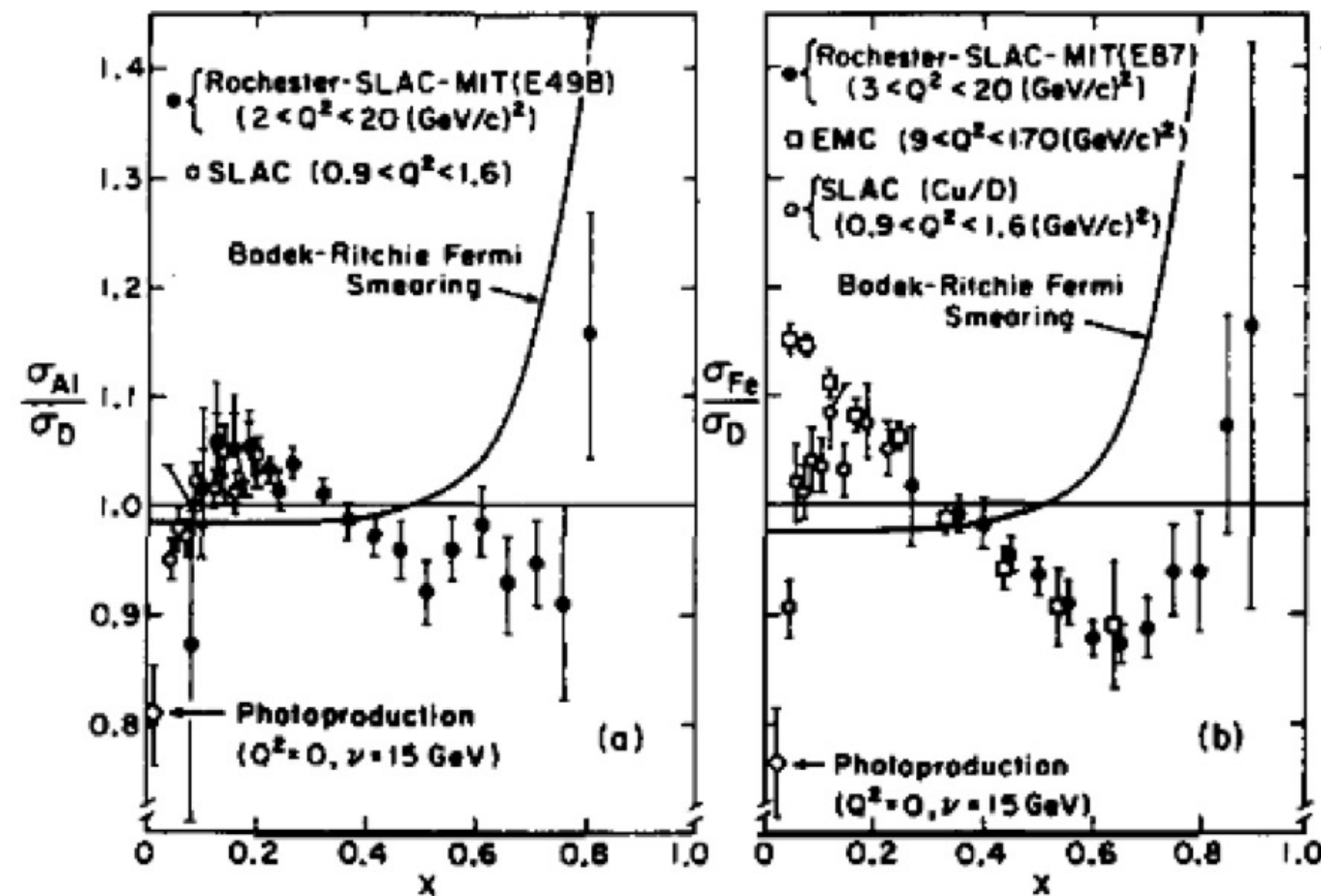
*Multiparton quantum correlation,
parton energy loss, ...*

- NPDFs can be accessed in pA and eA collisions, key input for event generators (PYTHIA, HIJING...)
- Nuclear structure is a critical intersection point between low-energy and high energy nuclear physics

Long standing problems of nuclear partonic structure

♦ One-dimensional nuclear partonic structure

Four Decades of the EMC Effect



Abstract

Using the data on deep inelastic muon scattering on iron and deuterium the ratio of the nucleon structure functions $F_2^N(Fe)/F_2^N(D)$ is presented. The observed x -dependence of this ratio is in disagreement with existing theoretical predictions.

$$R_i^A = \frac{f_{i/A}(x, Q^2)}{f_{i/p}(x, Q^2)}$$

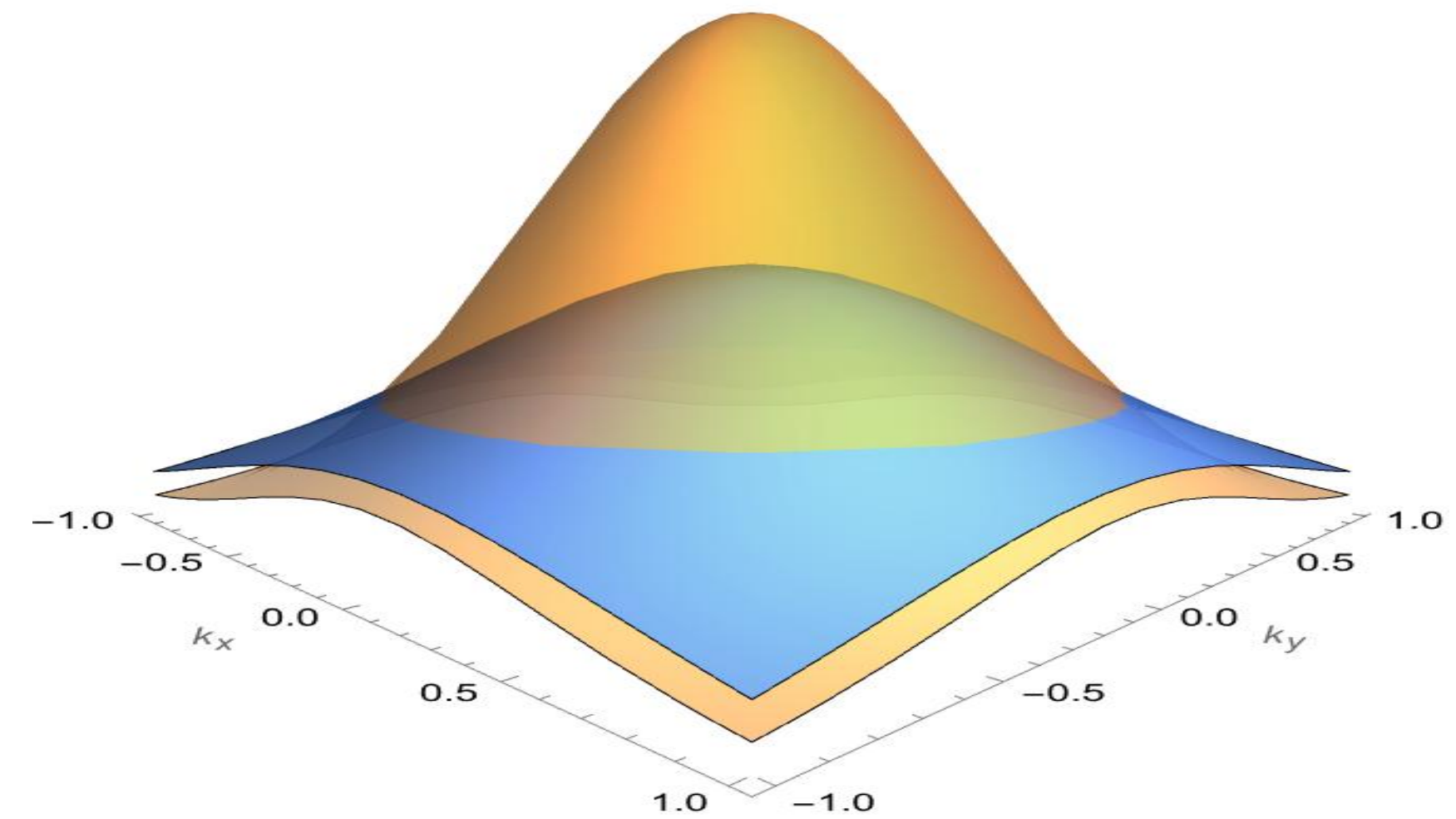
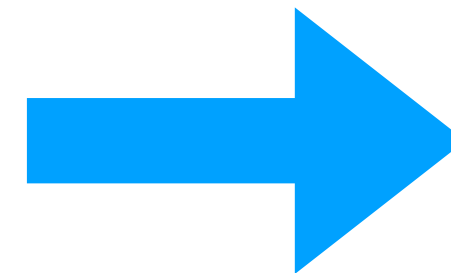
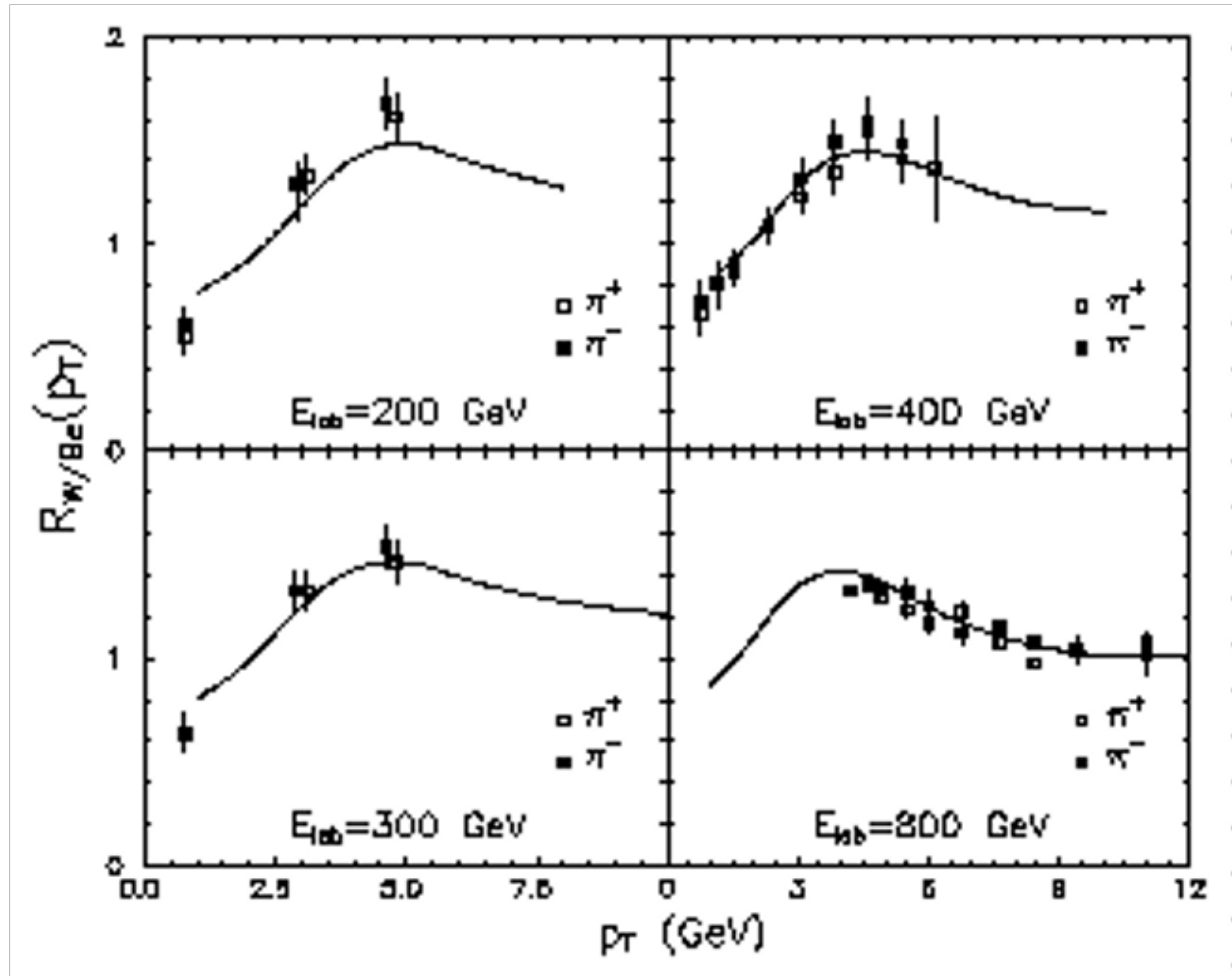
For recent review: Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2024. 74:1–41

Long standing problems of nuclear partonic structure

◆ Three-dimensional nuclear partonic structure

Cronin effect

- Naive Gaussian model



$$F_{i/p}(x, k_T) = f_{i/p}(x) \frac{e^{-k_T^2 / \langle k_T^2 \rangle}}{\pi \langle k_T^2 \rangle}, \quad \langle k_T^2 \rangle_A \rightarrow \langle k_T^2 \rangle_p + \left\langle \frac{2\mu^2 L}{\lambda} \right\rangle \xi^2$$

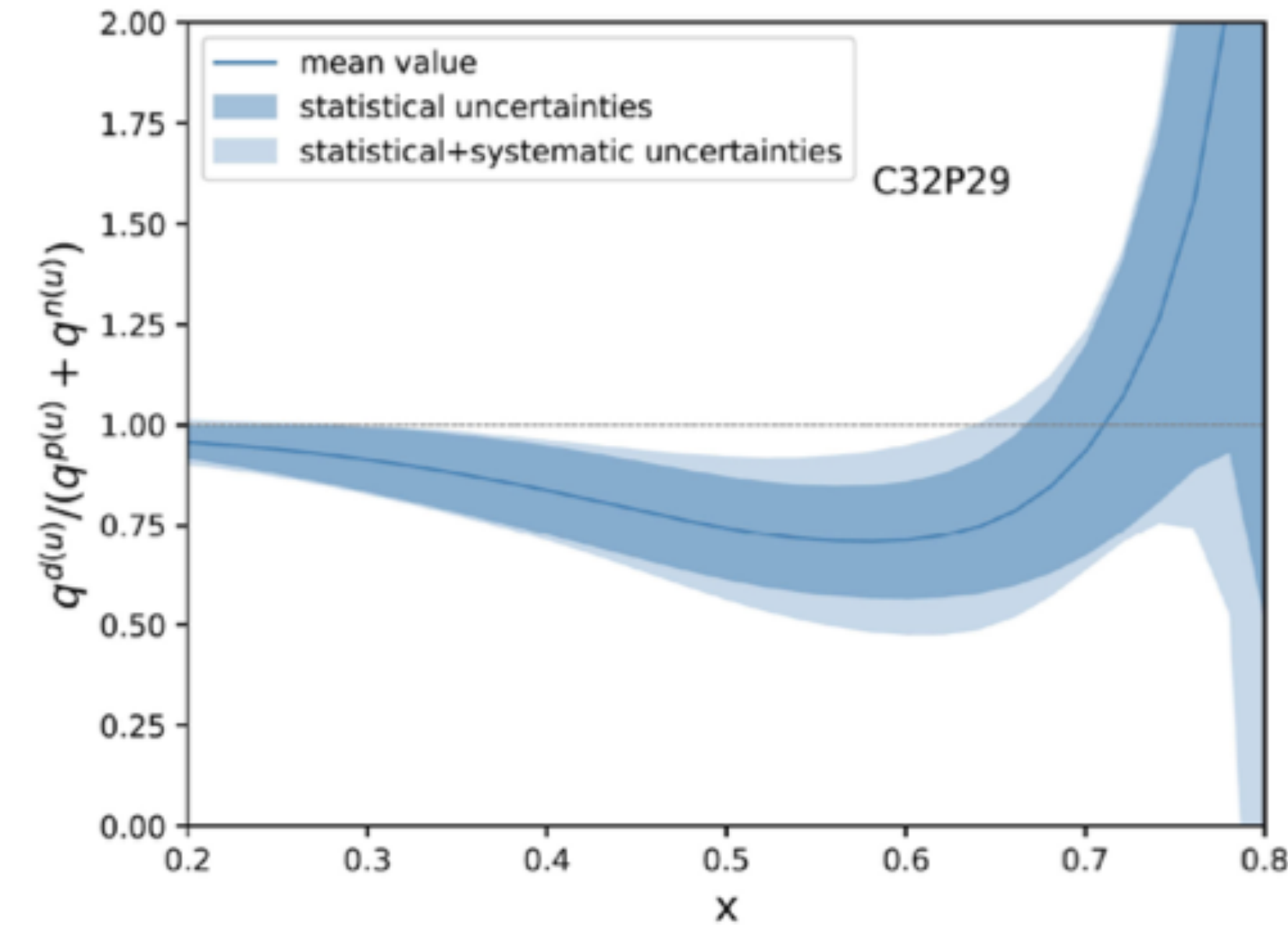
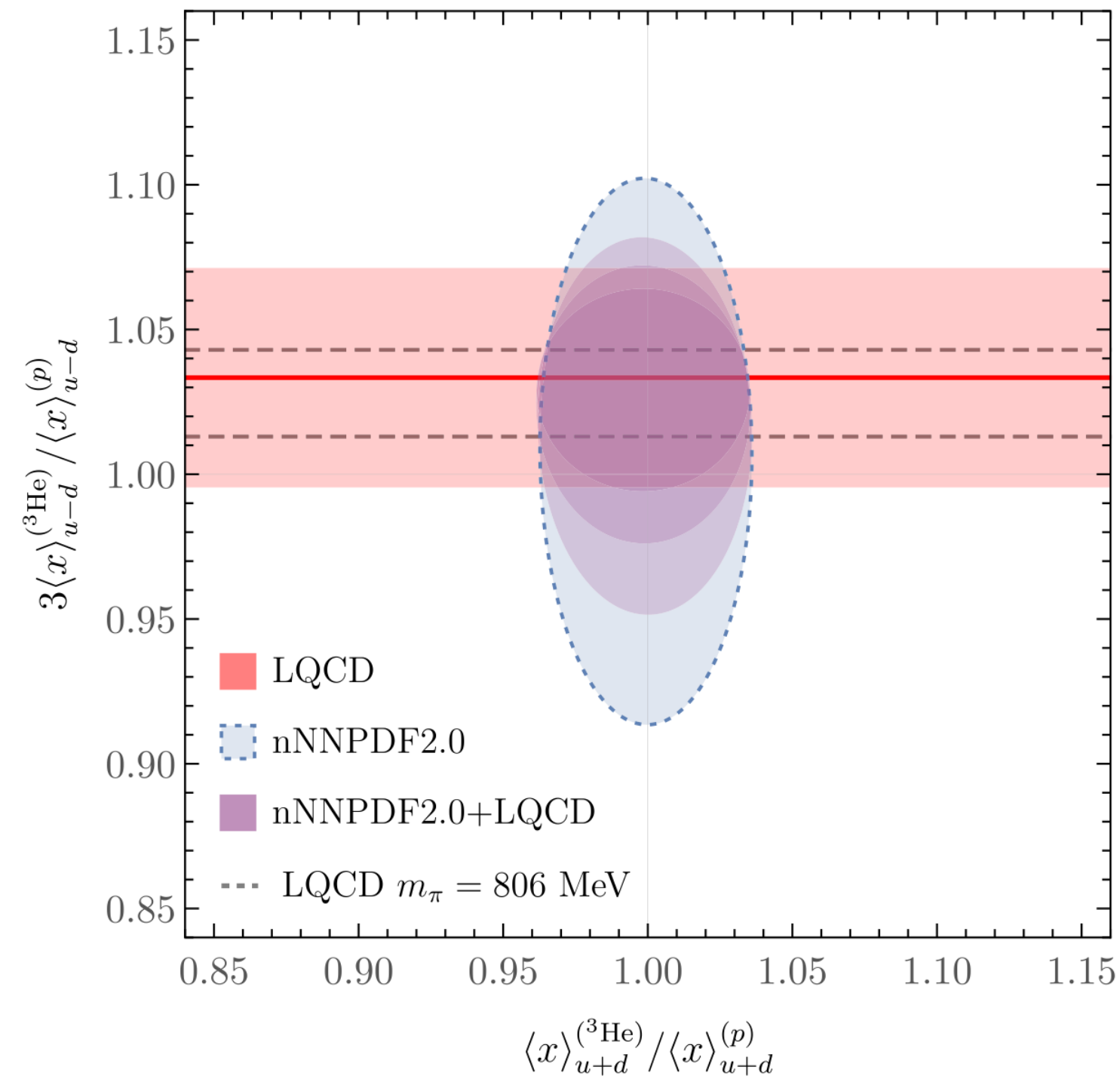
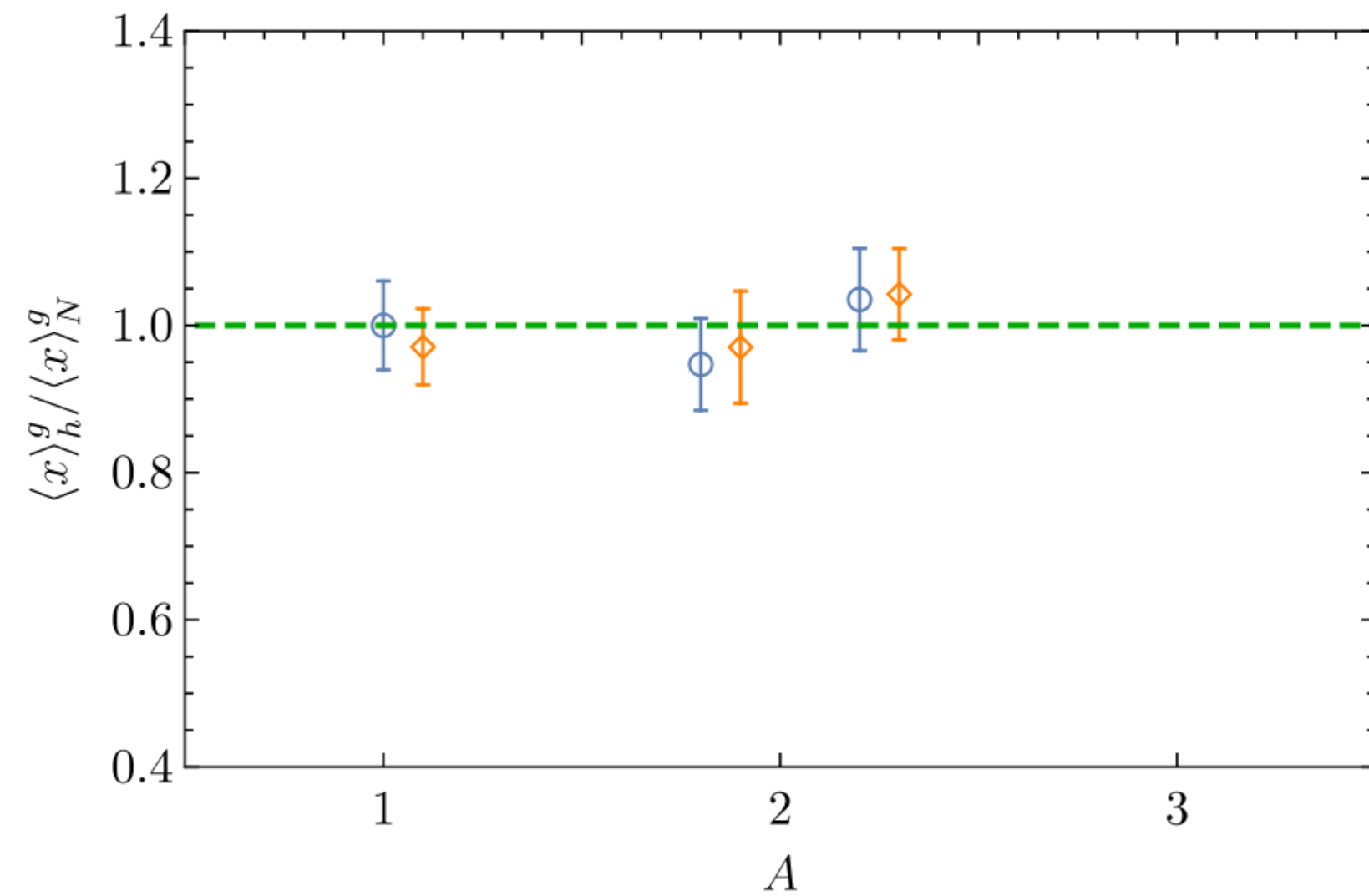
$p + A \rightarrow \text{hadron}(p) + X$

$$R(p_T) = \frac{B \, d\sigma_{pA}/d^2p_T}{A \, d\sigma_{pB}/d^2p_T}$$

E100 Collaboration, PRD 11, 3105 (1975)

Efforts from lattice QCD

◆ Limited to light nuclei $A \leq 3$ and unphysical pion masses



Less than 10% gluon EMC effect

NPL QCD Collaboration
PRD 96, 094512 (2017)

No significant EMC effect for u-d

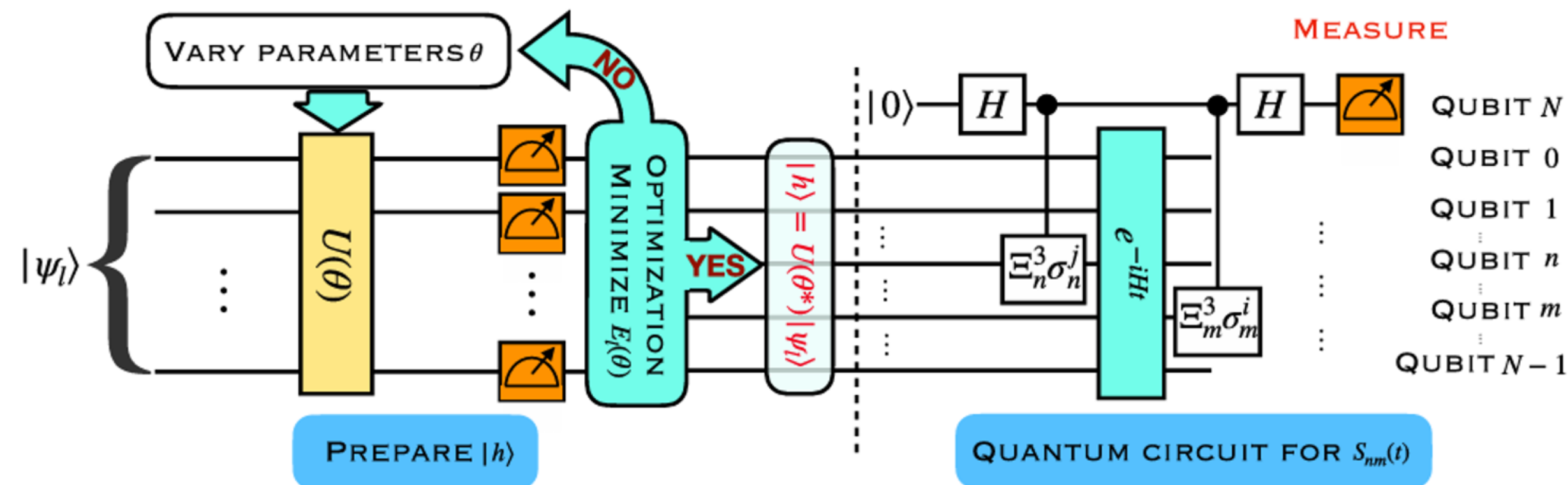
NPL QCD Collaboration
PRL 126, 202001 (2021)

No definitive conclusion

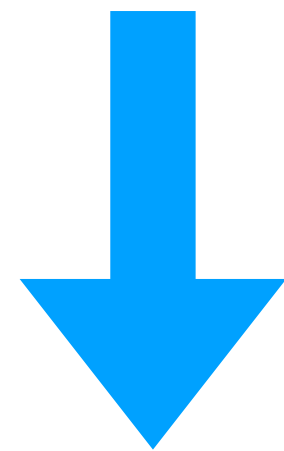
CLQCD Collaboration
PRD 111, 074506 (2025)

Promising future from quantum computing?

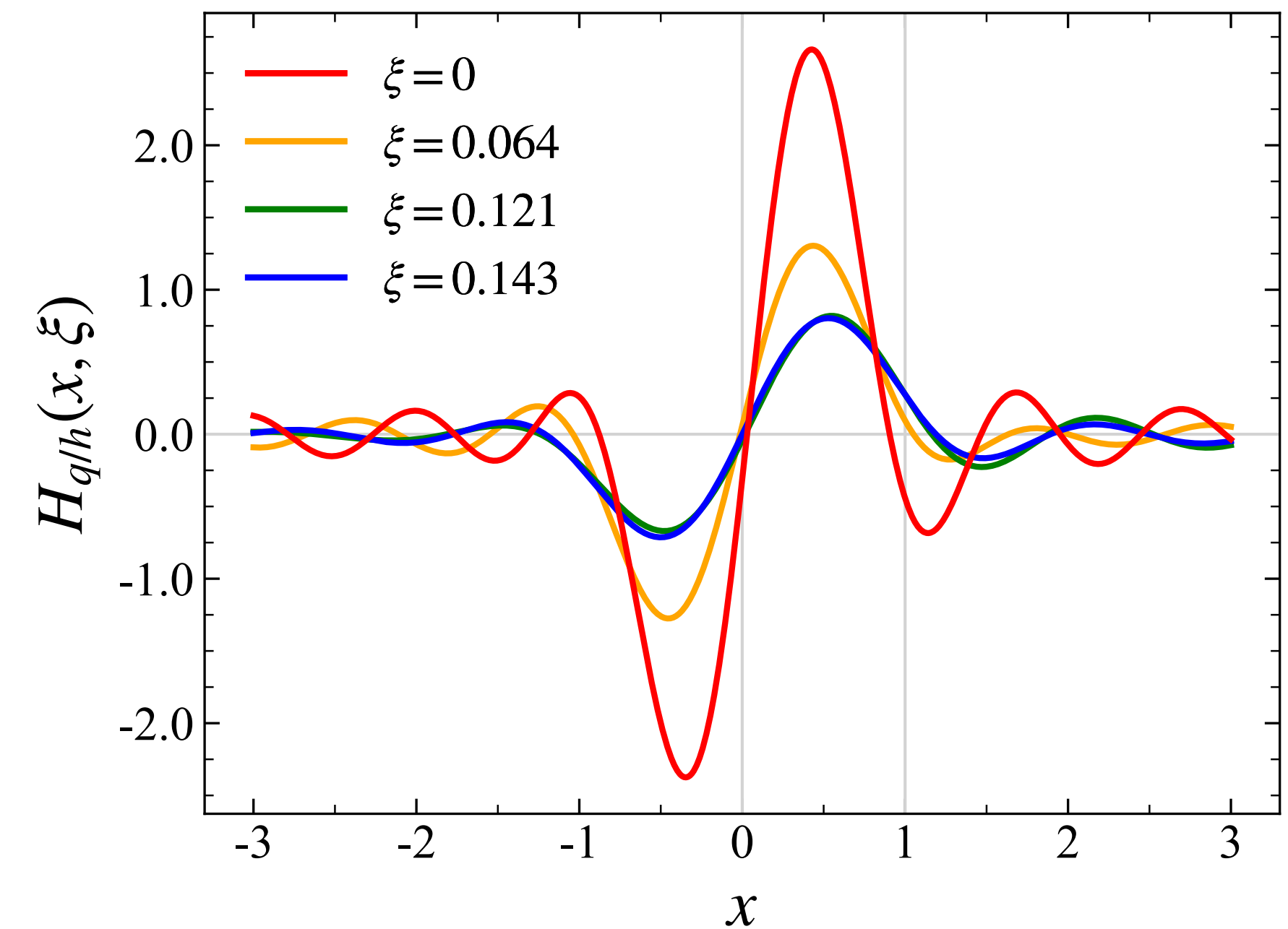
◆ Progress on hadron PDFs (QuNu)



$$f_{q/h}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ixp^+y^-} \langle h | \bar{\psi}(0) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \mathcal{W}(0, y^-) \psi(y^-) | h \rangle$$



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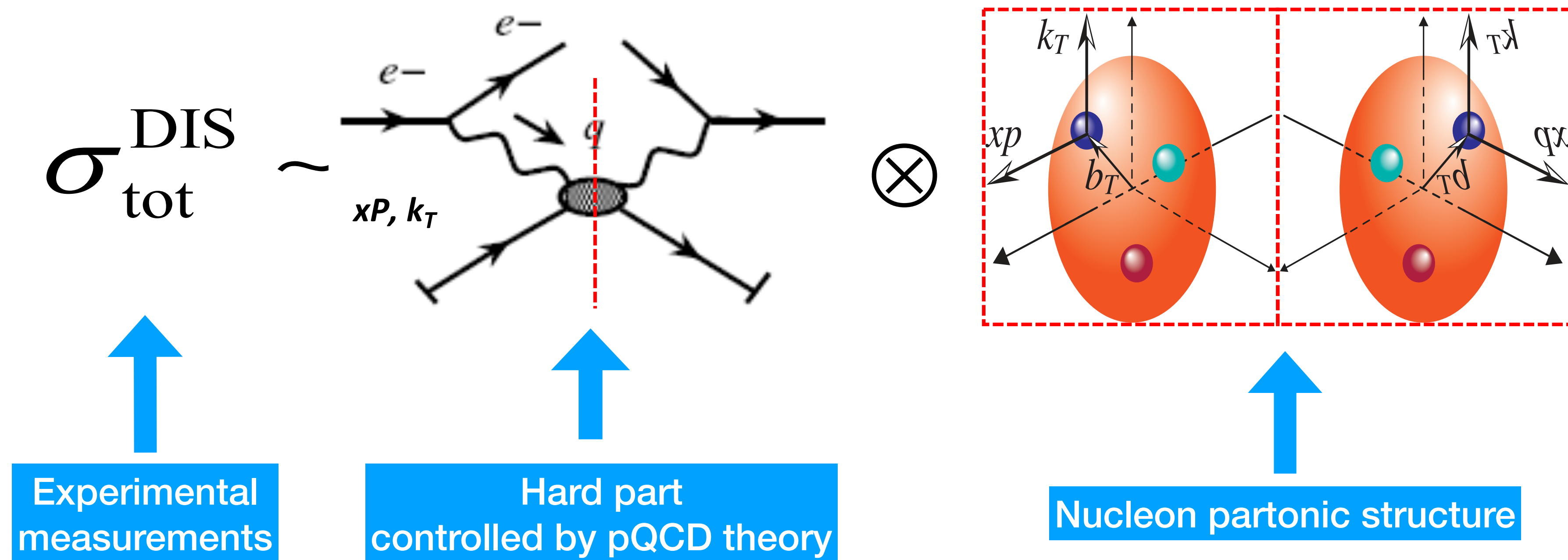


- PDF in NJL: PRD (letter, 2022)
- LCDA in NJL: SCPMA (2023)
- Scattering amplitude: PRD (2023)
- GPD in Schwinger: 2606.22602
- DIS in SU(2): 2606.17003
- Review in SCPMA (2025)

How to reliably probe the nuclear partonic structure?

- ◆ Indispensable joint efforts from experiments and **QCD theory**

QCD factorization theorem



How to reliably probe the nuclear partonic structure?

◆ Generalized QCD factorization - twist expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{phys}^h = & \overset{\text{perturbative expansion}}{\left[\alpha_s^0 C_2^{(0)} + \alpha_s^1 C_2^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 C_2^{(2)} + \dots \right]} \otimes T_2(x) \longrightarrow \text{Diagram 1} \\
 & \downarrow \text{Multiple scattering expansion} \\
 & + \frac{1}{Q} \left[\alpha_s^0 C_3^{(0)} + \alpha_s^1 C_3^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 C_3^{(2)} + \dots \right] \otimes T_3(x) \\
 & + \frac{1}{Q^2} \left[\alpha_s^0 C_4^{(0)} + \alpha_s^1 C_4^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 C_4^{(2)} + \dots \right] \otimes T_4(x) \longrightarrow \text{Diagram 2} \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

◆ The power suppressed high twist correction is enhanced by nuclear size

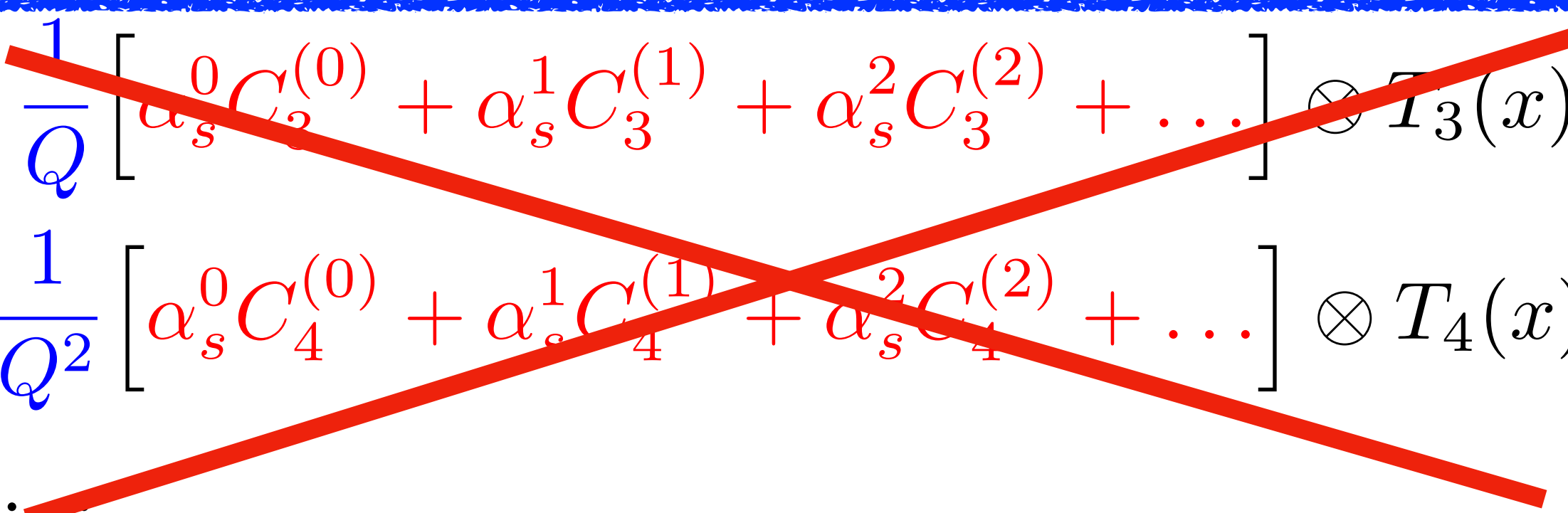
$$\frac{1}{Q^2} \rightarrow \frac{A^{1/3}}{Q^2}$$

J. Qiu, G. Sterman, NPB 1990

J. Qiu, X. Luo, PRD 1998

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◆ “standard” treatment in HEP: consider only leading twist nuclear partonic structure, assume the same hard scattering

Methodology for global extraction of PDFs

Fitting Framework

Construction of χ^2_{global} from χ^2_n

χ^2_n Construction

Generation of Theory Data

PDFs Evolution

Coefficient functions

Experimental Data

PDF Parametrization

Minimization of χ^2_{global}

Best fit

Hessian Matrix

Constructed sampling the χ^2_{global} function

Uncertainties

PDF eigen vectors set
using Hessian Method

MC Sampling of parameter space: new parameters introduced

理论

+

计算

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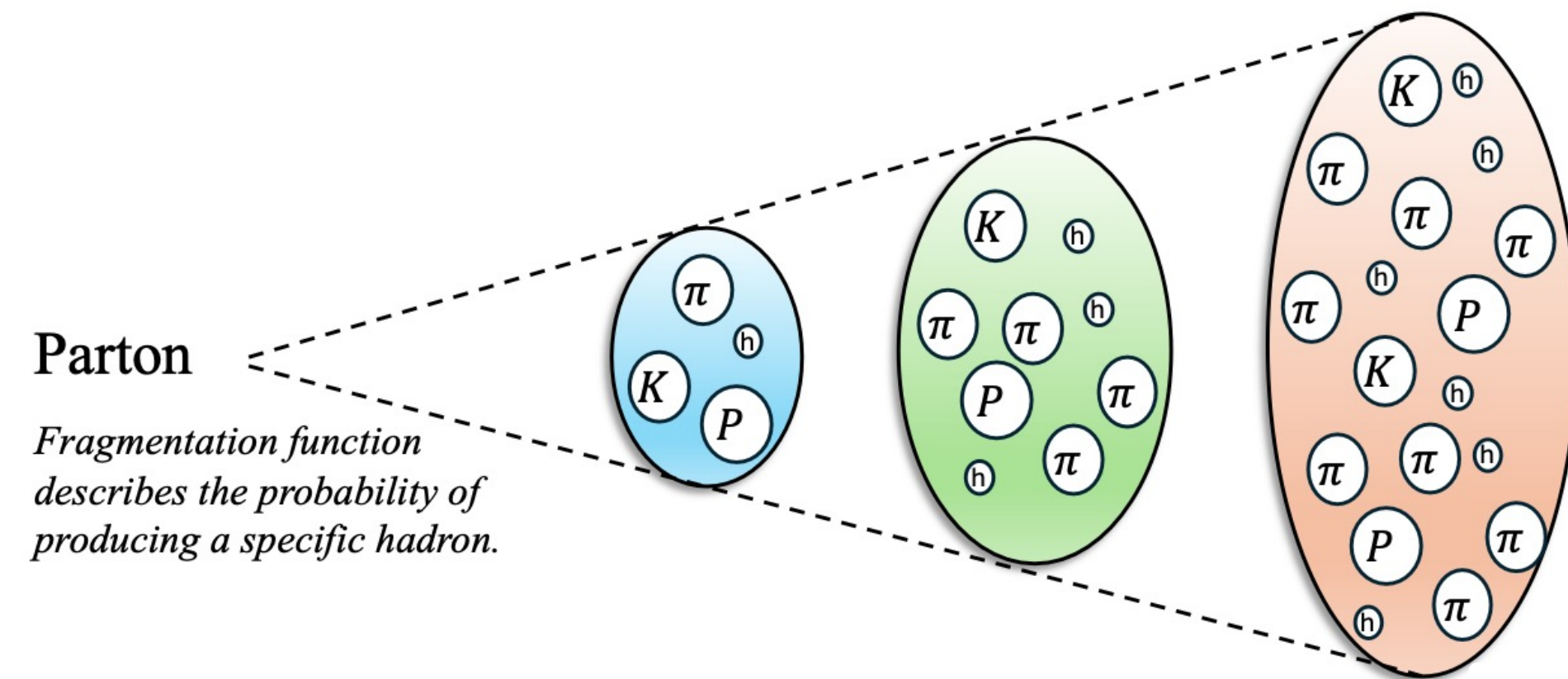
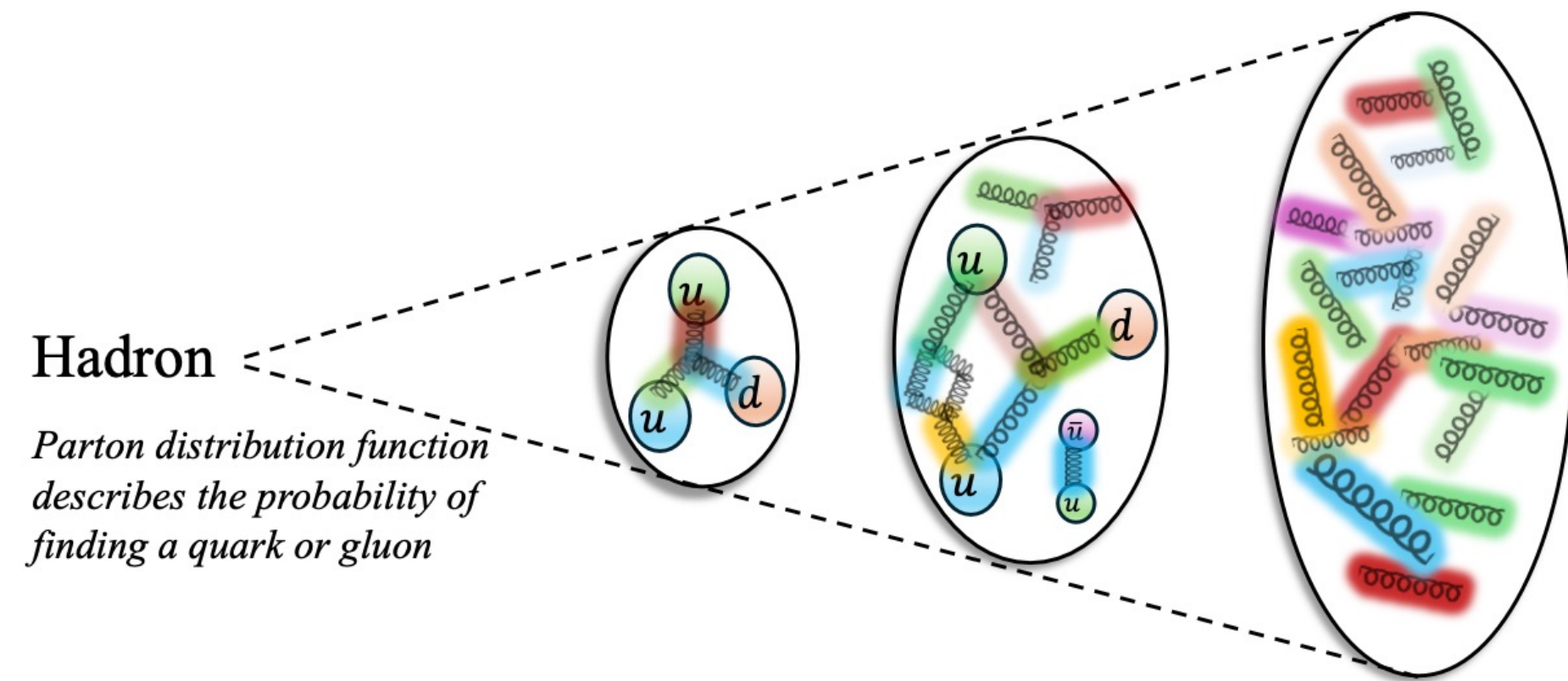
实验



Recent efforts from NPC collaboration

◆ Nonperturbative Physics Collaboration, start from 2023

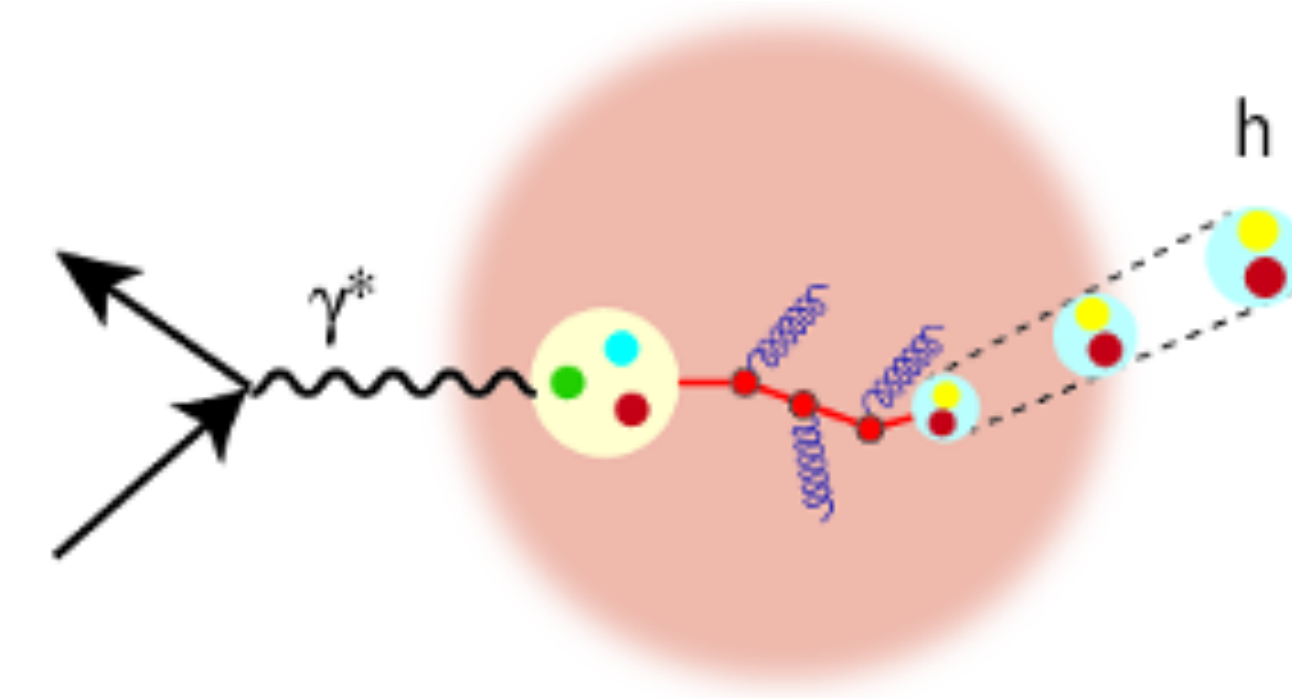
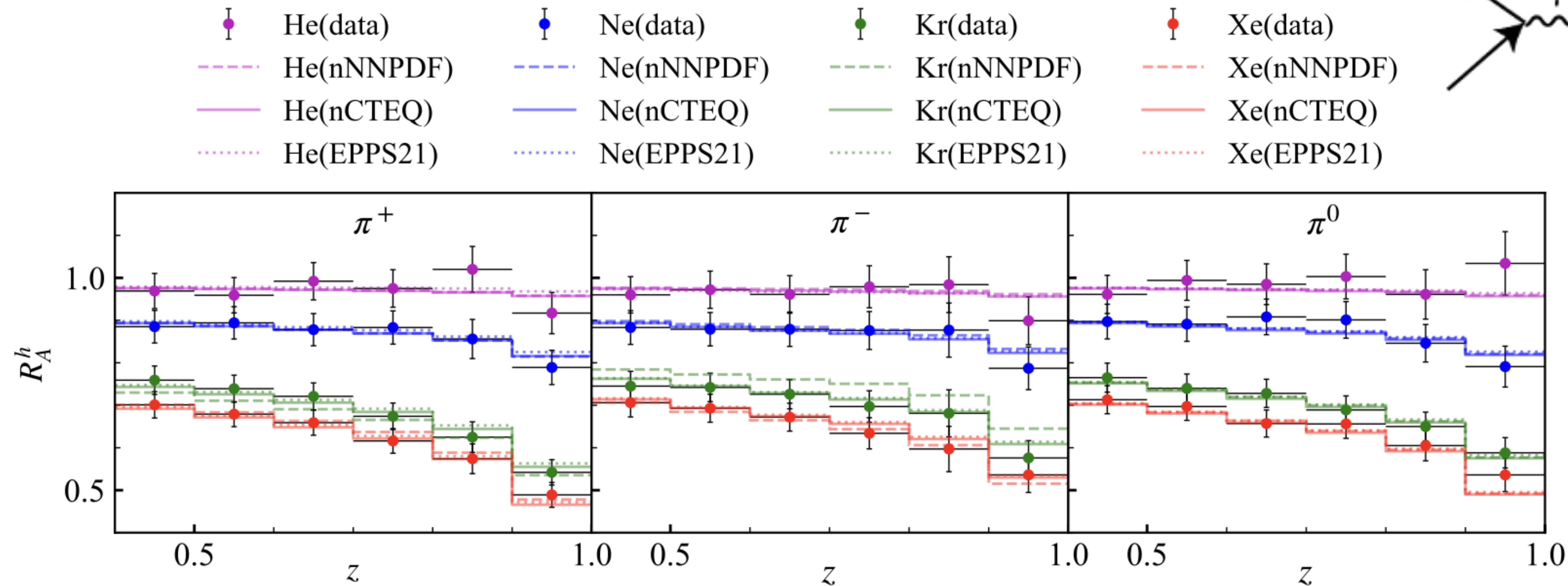
SJTU (高俊) + IMP (沈晓民、赵宇翔、周一雨) + SCNU (邢宏喜)



- ◆ Parton fragmentation in vacuum at NLO and N²LO (PRL 24, 25, PRD 24, 25)
- ◆ Parton fragmentation in e^+e^- at N³LO (杨通智等, PRL 25)
- ◆ Proton spin structure (on going)
- ◆ Parton distribution and fragmentation in nuclear medium (2607.08669)

Recent efforts from NPC collaboration

◆ Nuclear modified parton fragmentation



$$D_{i/A}^h(z, Q^2, \nu) = D_i^h(z, Q^2) - \mathcal{F}_A(A, \nu) \times D_i^{'h}(z, Q^2)$$

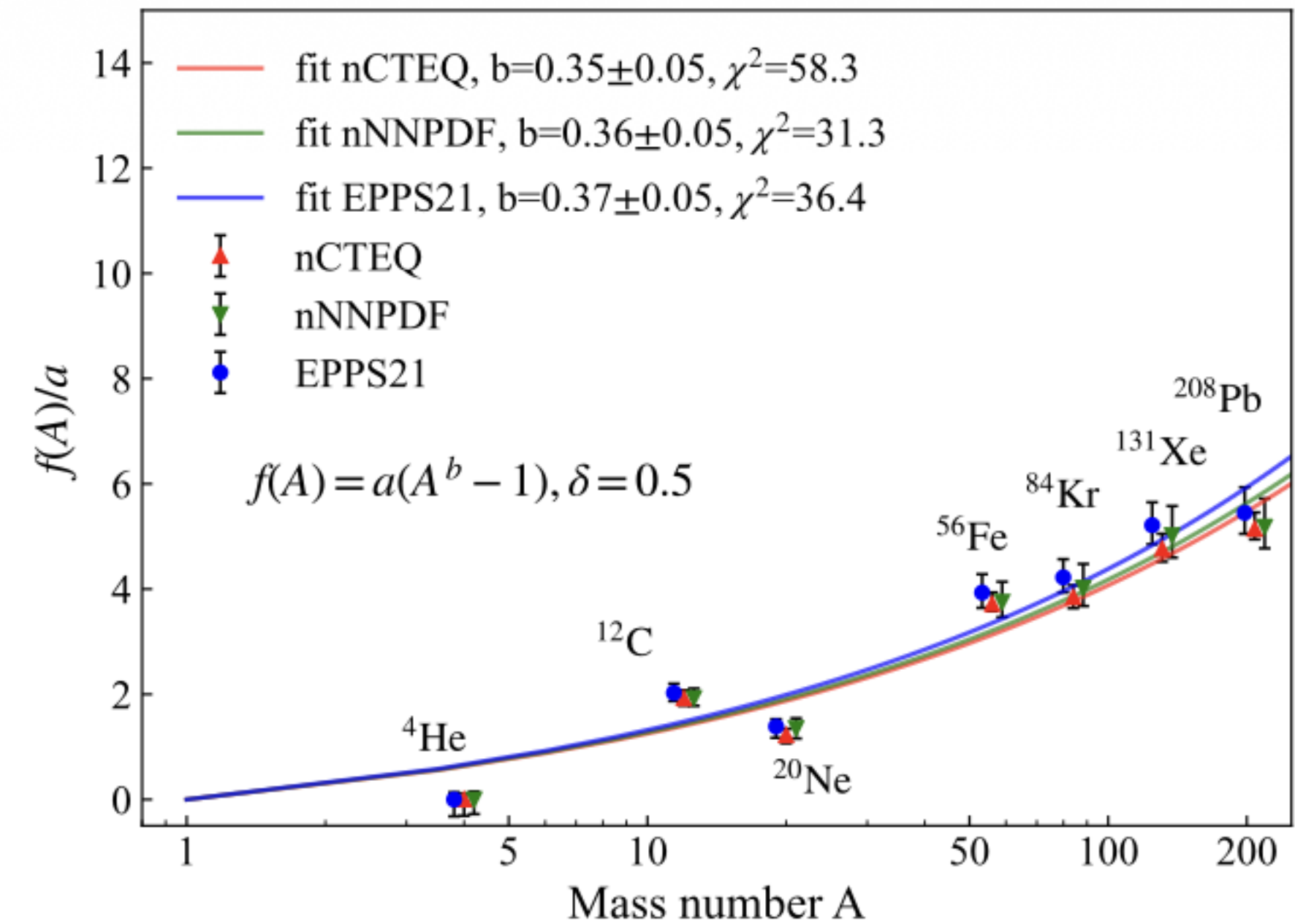
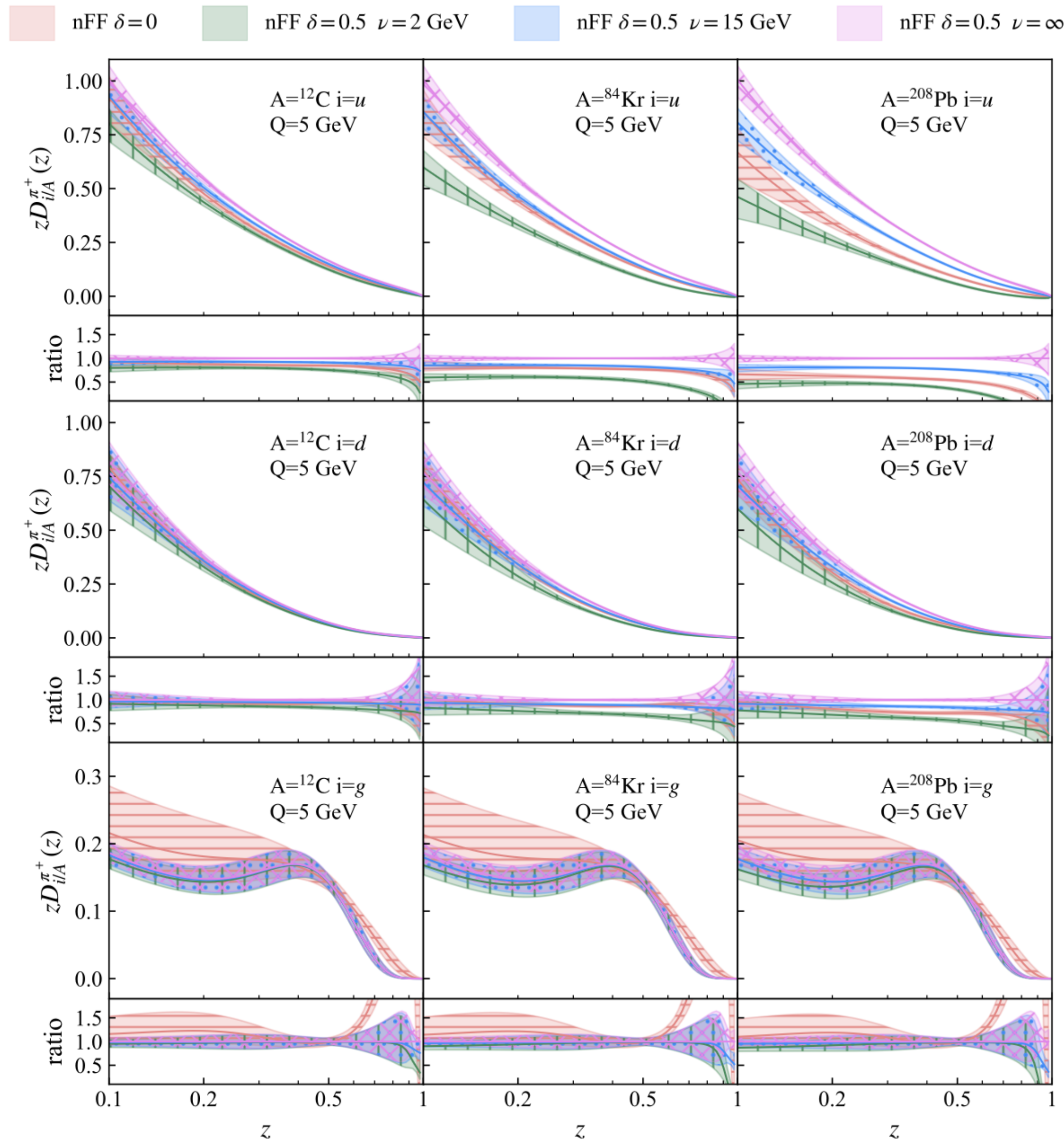
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NPC, 2607.08699

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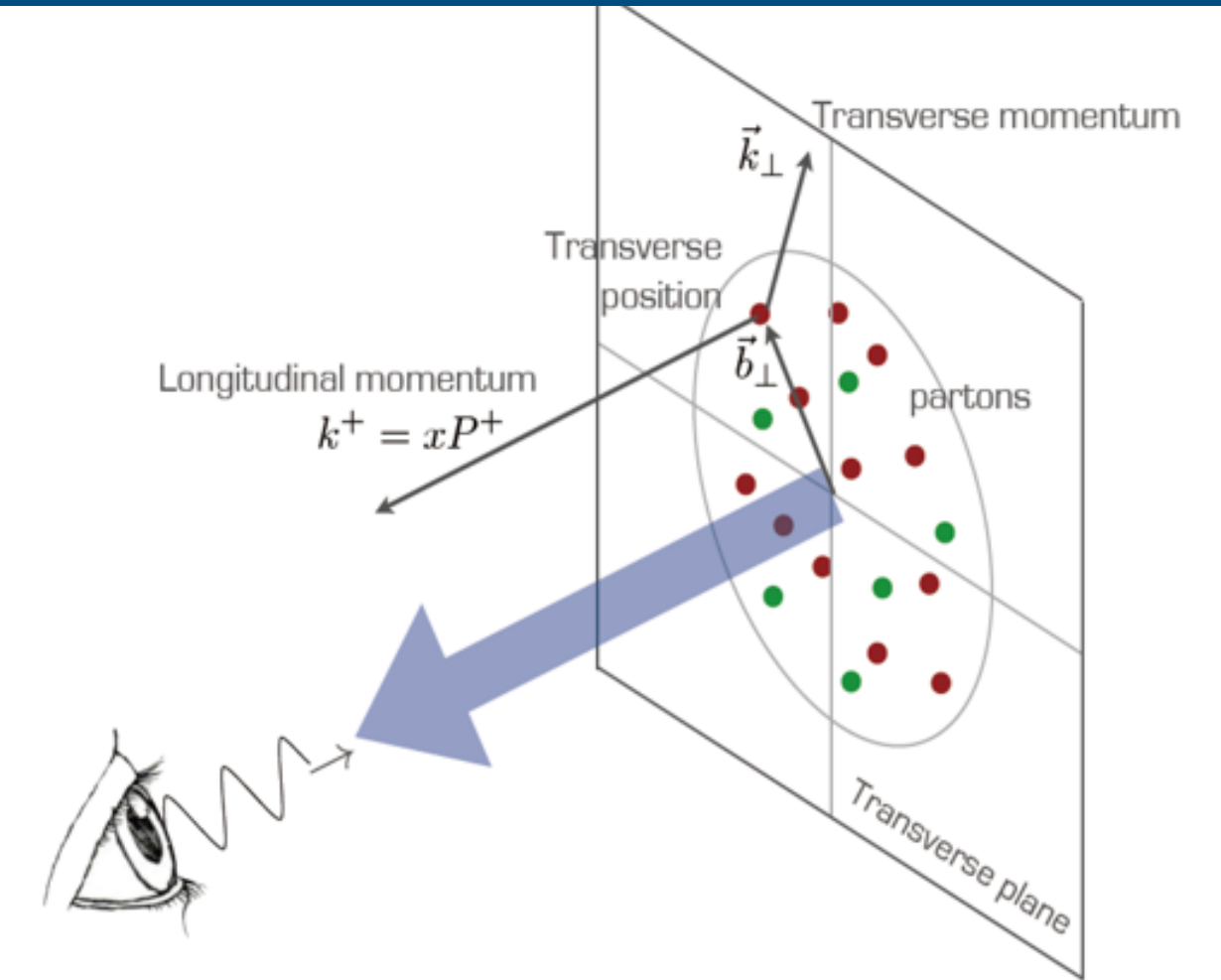
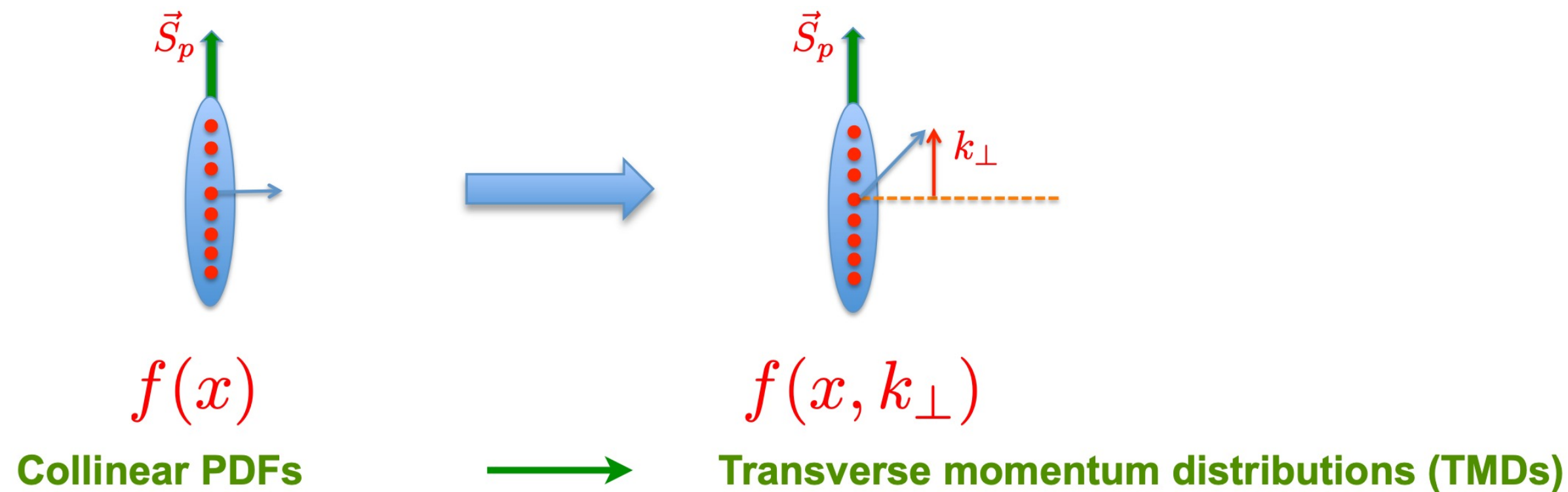


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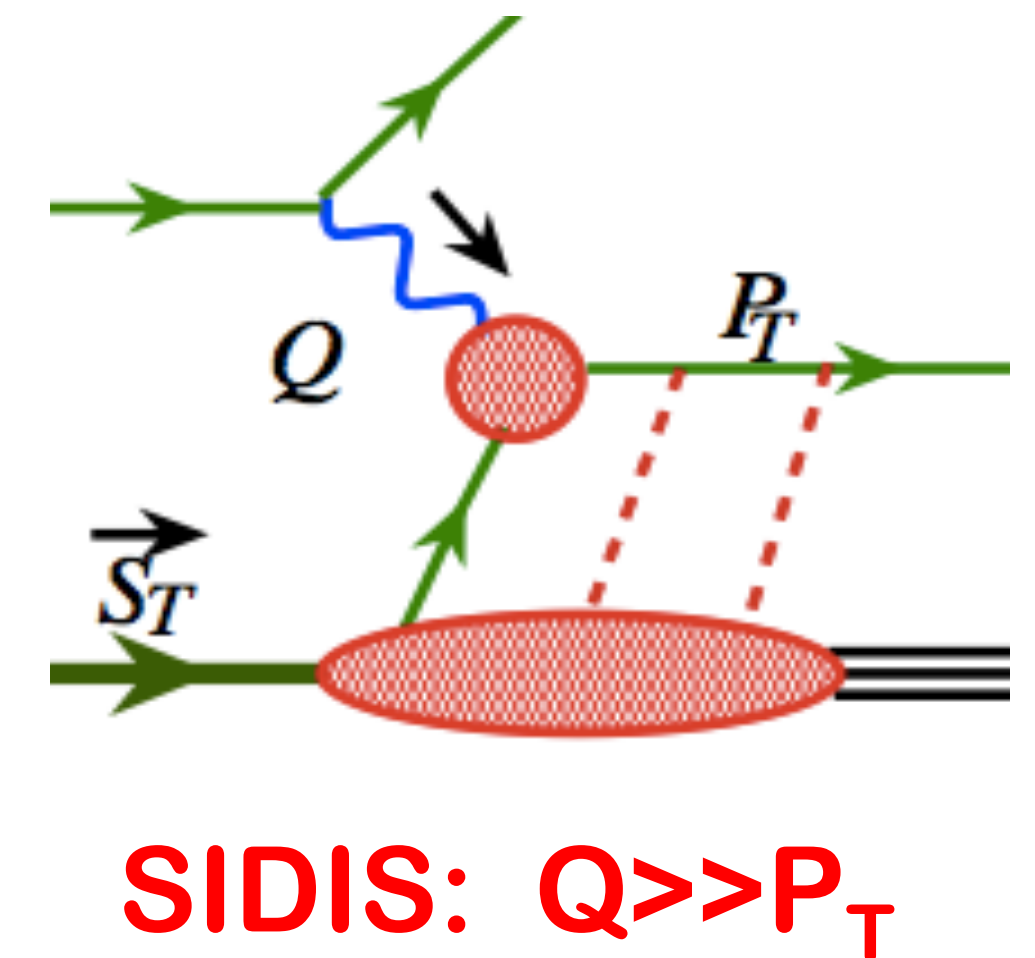
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Global analysis of nuclear TMD

◆ Transverse momentum dependent PDFs (TMDs)

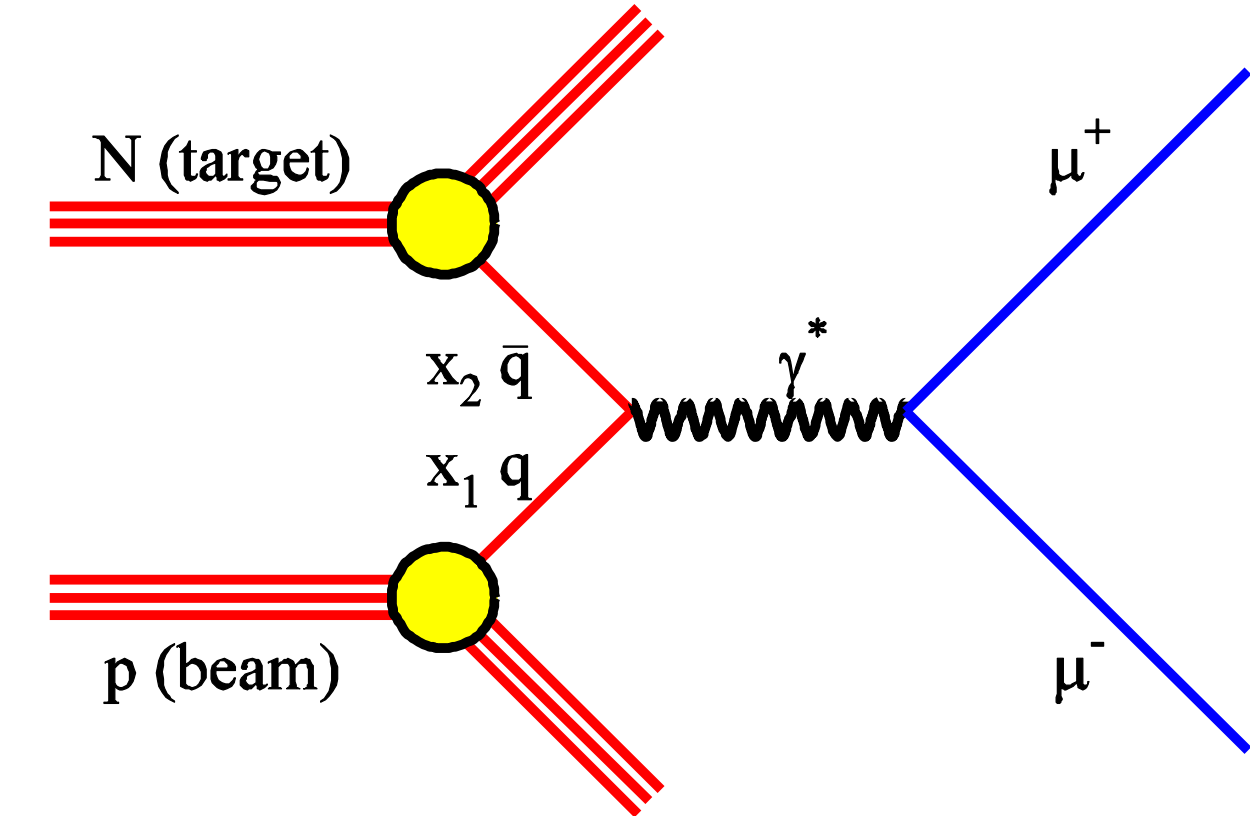
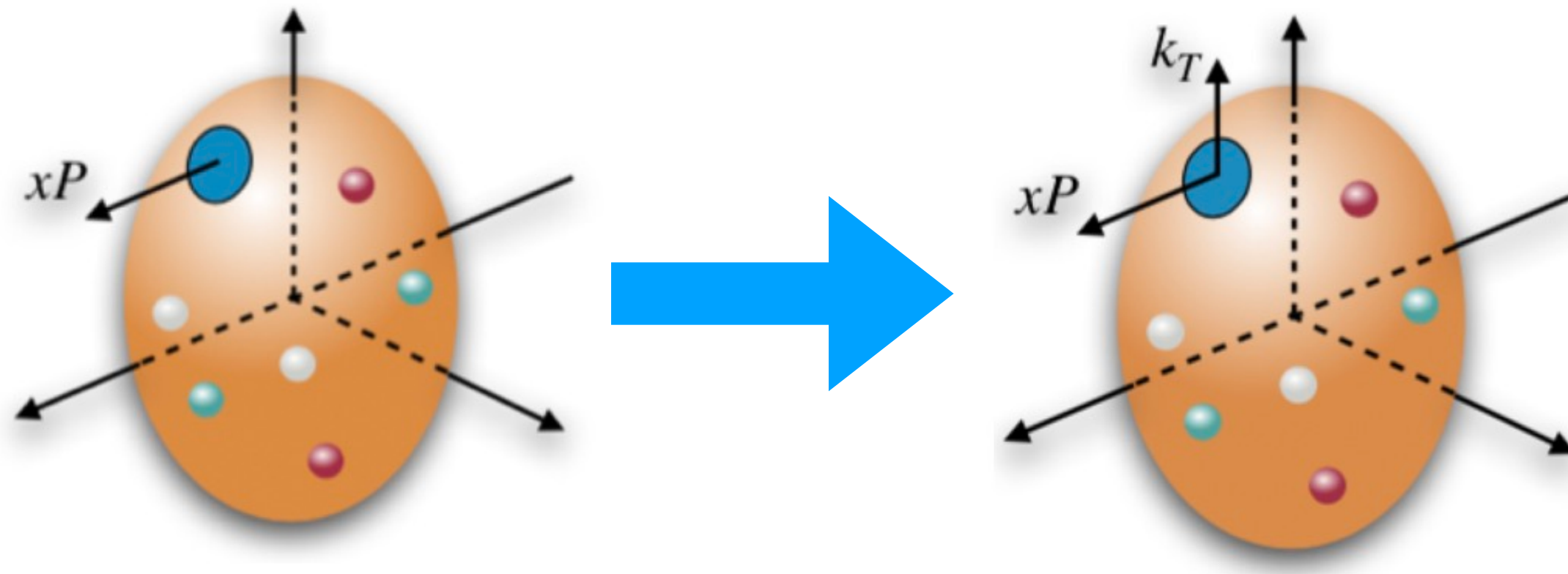


- Probing nucleon 3D structure requires two momentum scales
- Hard scale $Q_1 \gg 1/fm$ localizes the probes (particle nature of quarks/gluons)
- Soft scale $Q_2 \sim 1/fm$ accesses the transverse motion of quarks/gluons



Global analysis of nuclear TMD

◆ From collinear (1D) to TMD (3D)

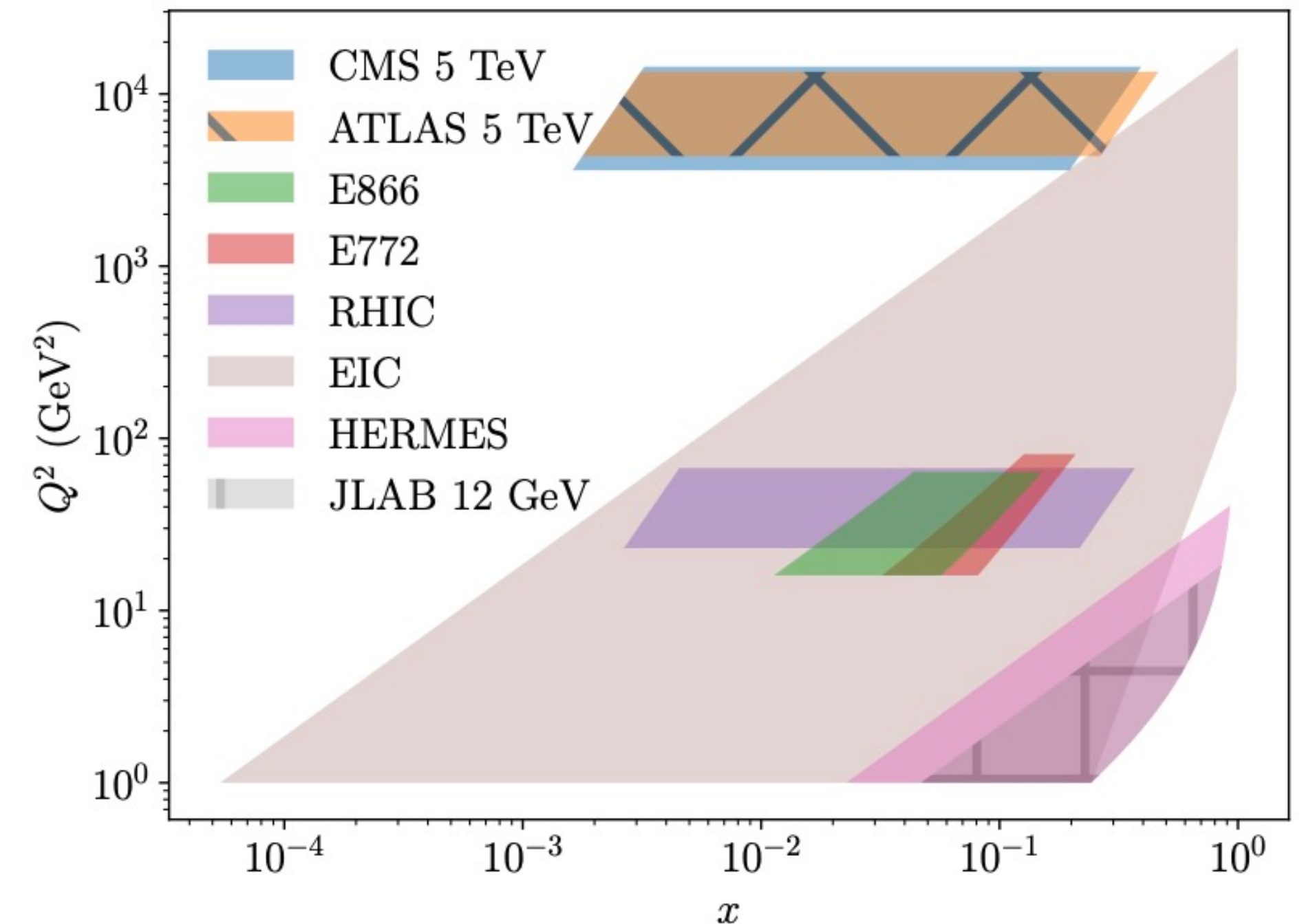


Drell-Yan Measurements

- $R_{AB} = \frac{d\sigma_A}{dq_\perp} / \frac{d\sigma_B}{dq_\perp}$
-E866
-E772
-Prelim. RHIC
- $d\sigma/dq_\perp$ (p Pb)
ATLAS
CMS

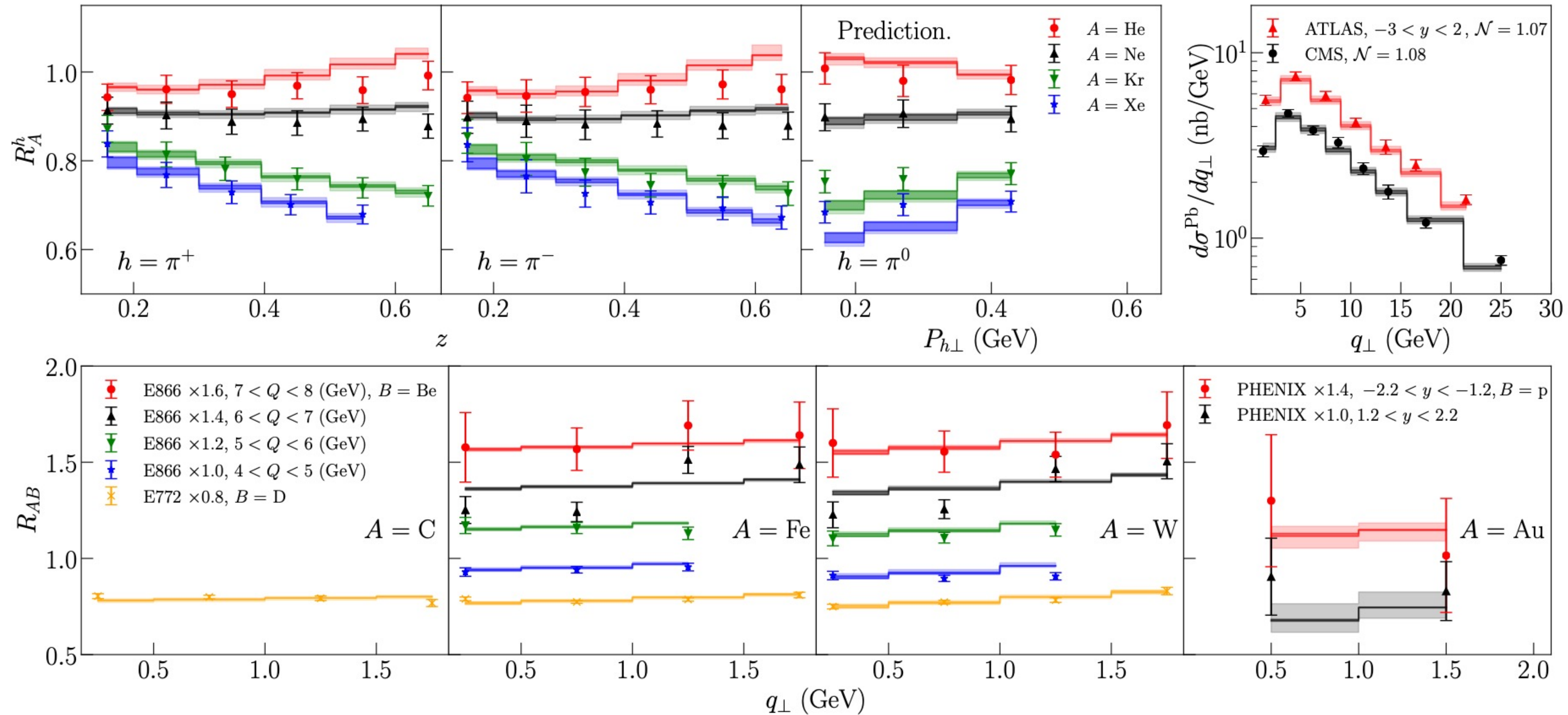
SIDIS Measurements

- Multiplicity ratio $R_h^A = M_h^A / M_h^D$.
-HERMES 2007
-Prelim. JLab
-Planned JLab
-Possible EIC.



Global analysis of nuclear TMD

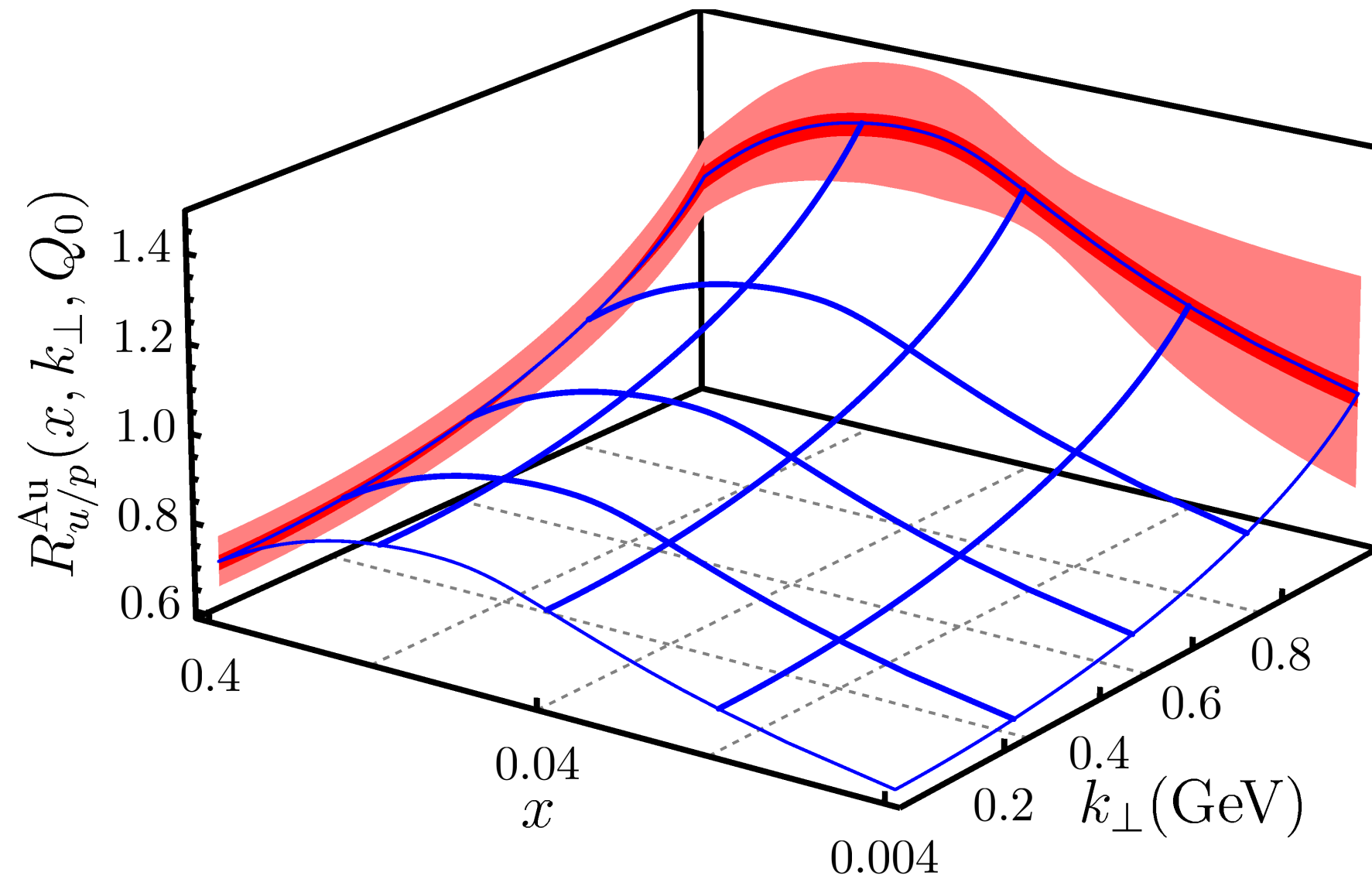
Alrashed, Anderle, Kang, Terry, **HX**, PRL 2022



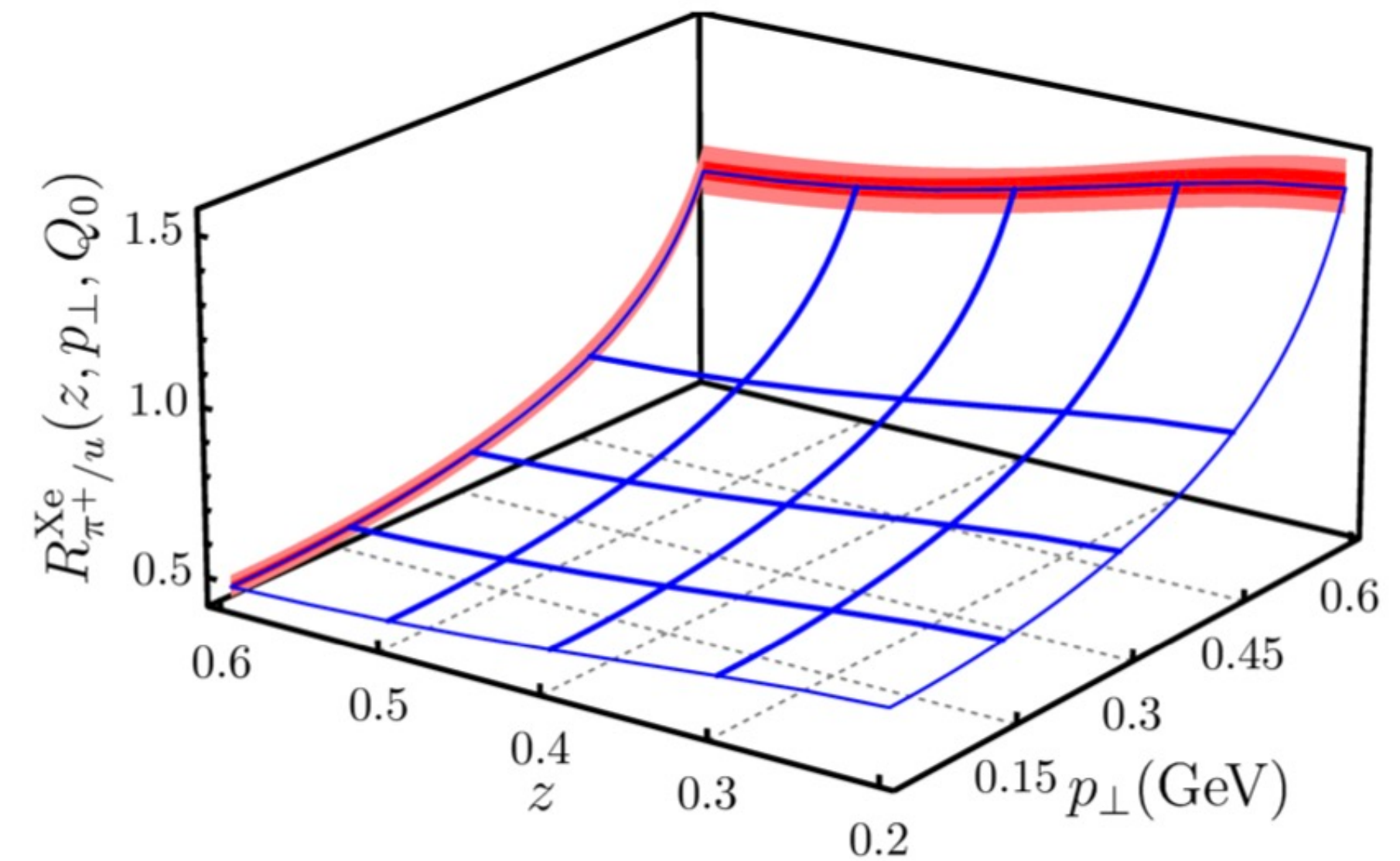
Reasonable good overall description on world data from HERMES, FNAL, RHIC, LHC

Three-dimension imaging in nuclei

$$R_{u/p}^{\text{Au}}(x, k_{\perp}, Q_0) = \frac{f_{u/p}^{\text{Au}}(x, k_{\perp}, Q_0)}{f_{u/p}(x, k_{\perp}, Q_0)}$$



$$\mathcal{R}_{\pi^+/u}^{\text{Xe}}(z, p_{\perp}, Q_0) = \frac{D_{\pi^+/u}^{\text{Xe}}(z, p_{\perp}, Q_0)}{D_{\pi^+/u}(z, p_{\perp}, Q_0)}$$



- **First time quantitative determination of nuclear TMDs**
- **Identification of transverse momentum broadening in nuclei**

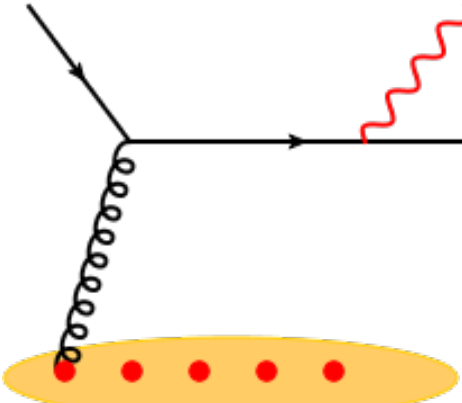
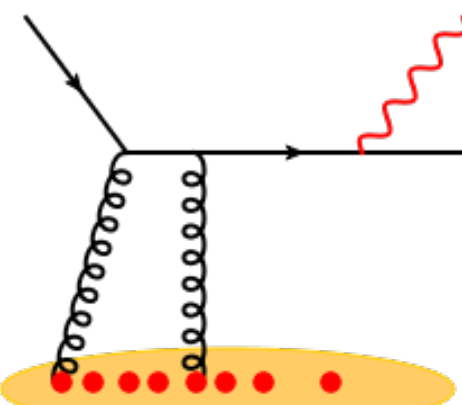
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Zhou, Kang, **HX**, 2609.xxxxx

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◆ The power suppressed high twist correction is enhanced by nuclear size

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NLO QCD factorization at twist-4:

Kang, Wang, Wang, **HX**, PRL 2014

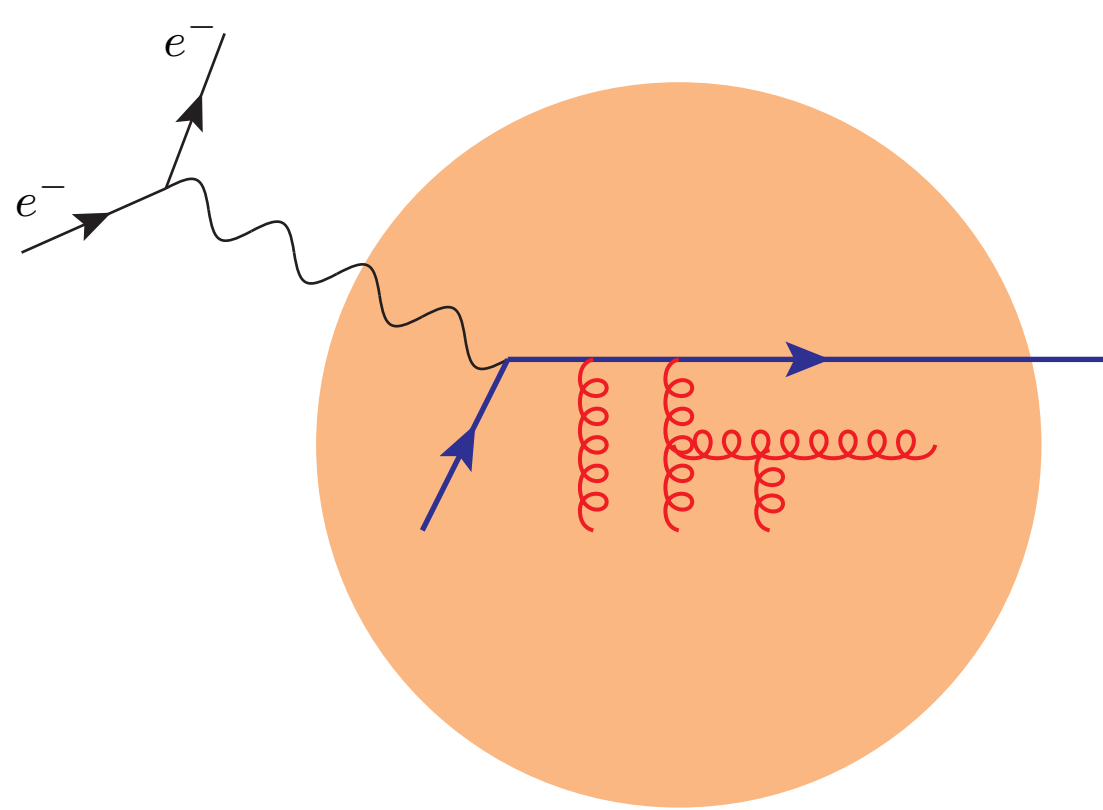
Kang, Qiu, Wang, **HX**, PRD 2016

High twist in nuclear medium

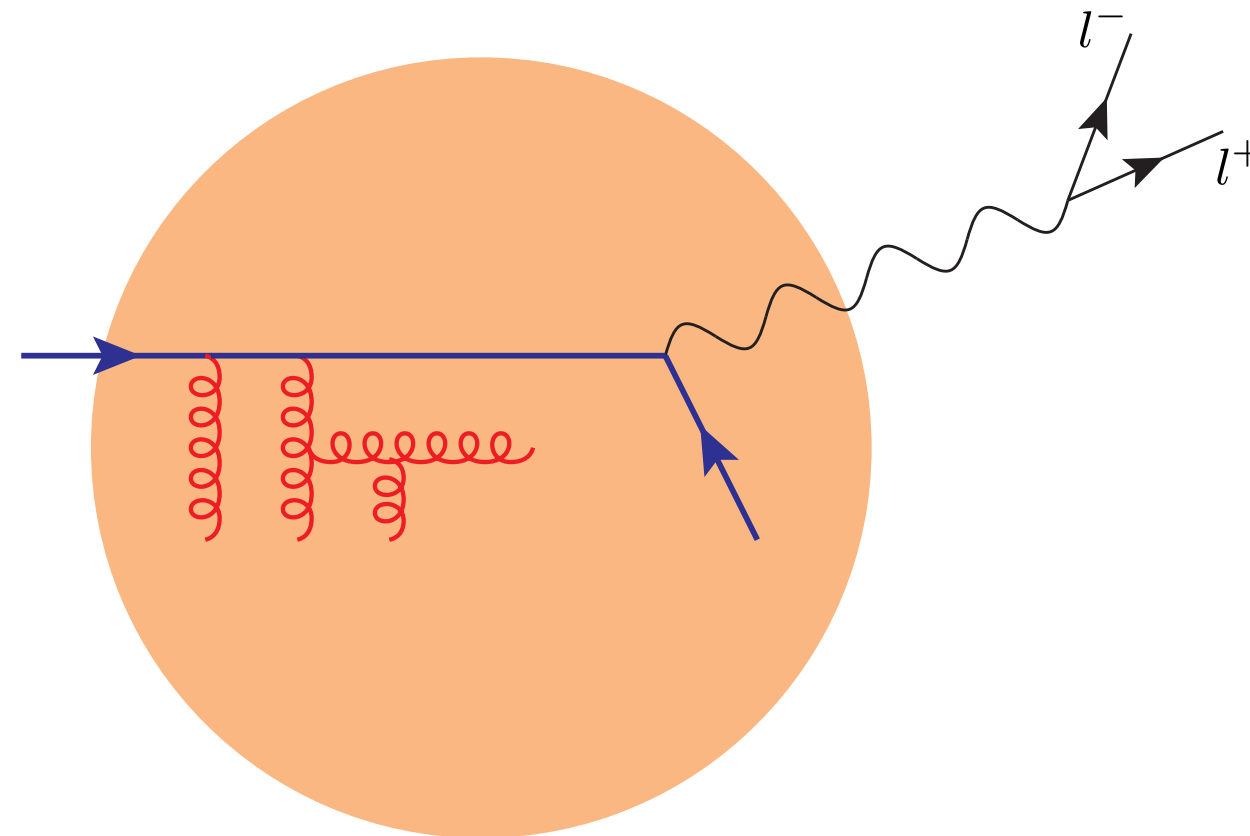
◆ Transverse momentum broadening in nucleus

$$\Delta\langle\ell_{hT}^2\rangle = \langle\ell_{hT}^2\rangle_{eA} - \langle\ell_{hT}^2\rangle_{ep} = \left(\frac{4\pi^2\alpha_s}{N_c}z_h^2\right) \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 T_{qg}(x_B, 0, 0) D_{h/q}(z_h)}{\sum_q e_q^2 f_{q/A}(x_B) D_{h/q}(z_h)}$$

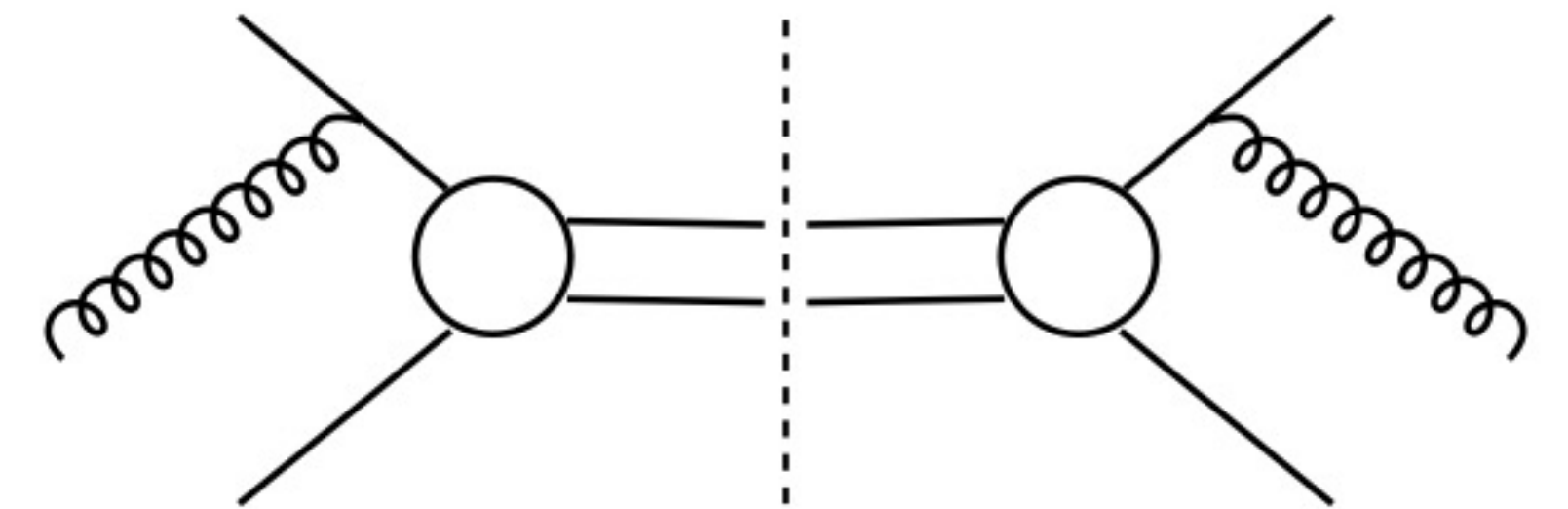
Jet transport parameter: $T_{qg}(x_B, 0, 0, \mu^2) \approx \frac{N_c}{4\pi^2\alpha_s} f_{q/A}(x_B, \mu^2) \int dy^- \hat{q}(\mu^2, y^-)$



SIDIS off nucleus



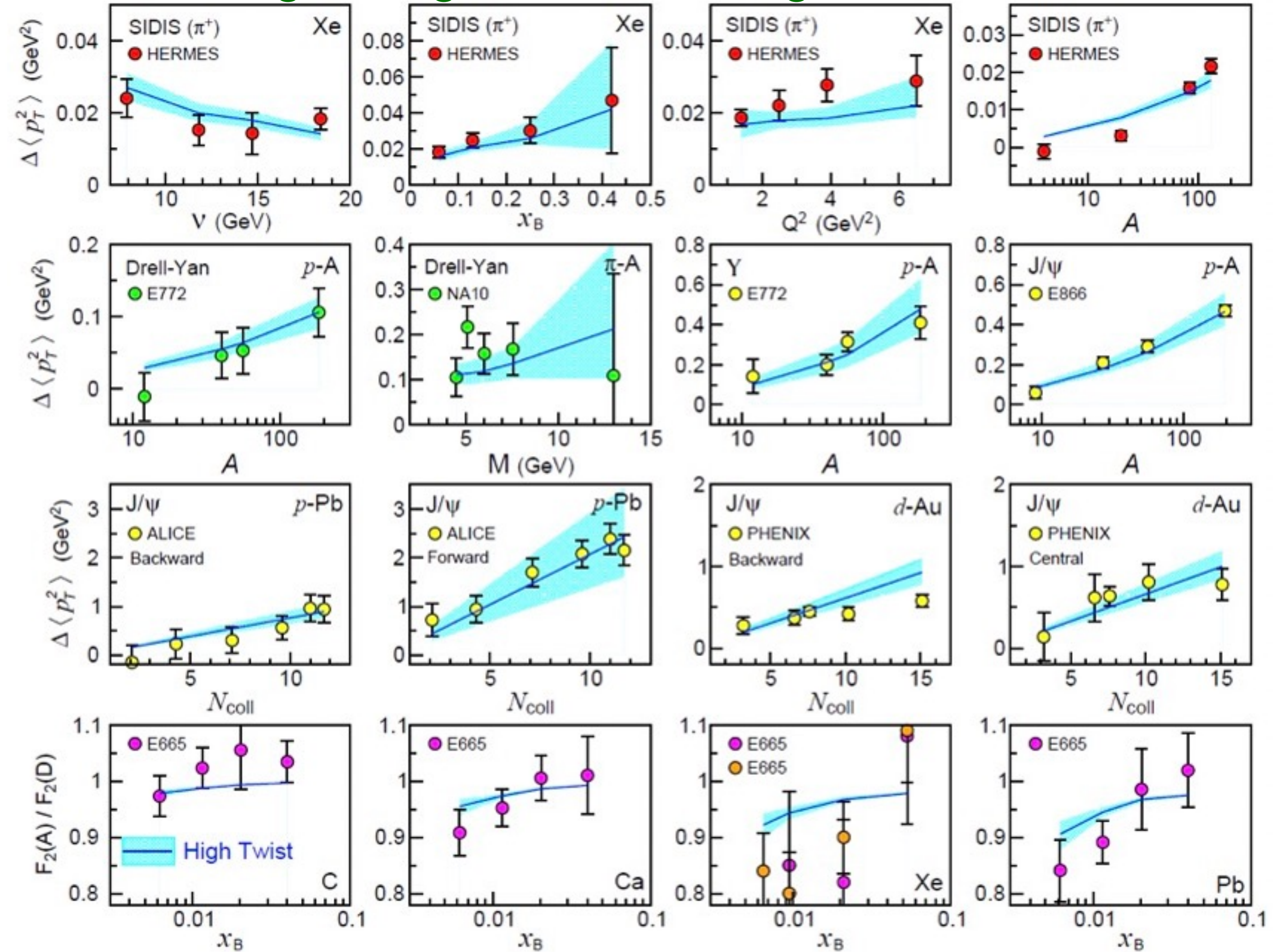
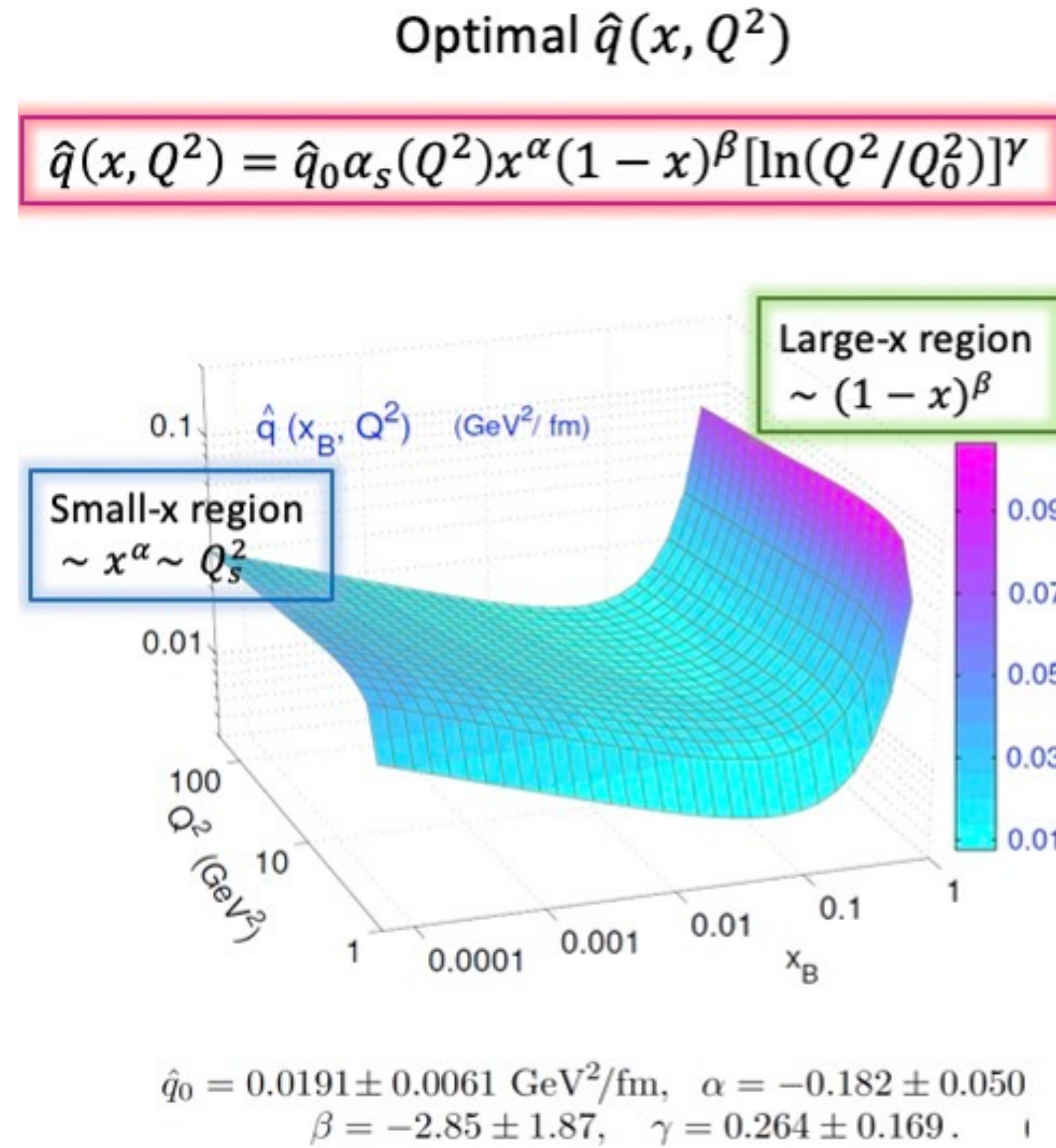
DY in pA



Heavy quarkonium in pA

Global analysis of jet transport parameter in CNM

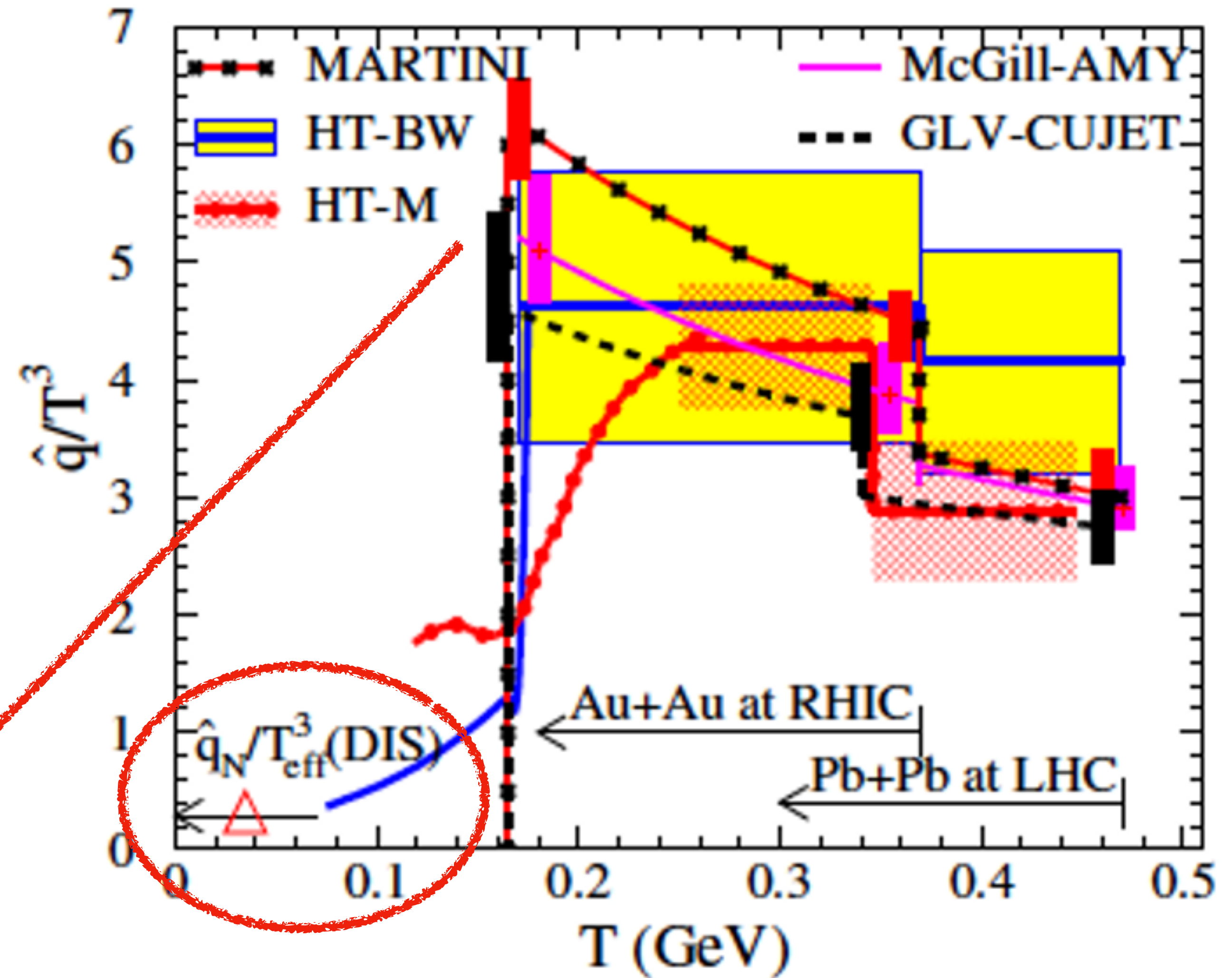
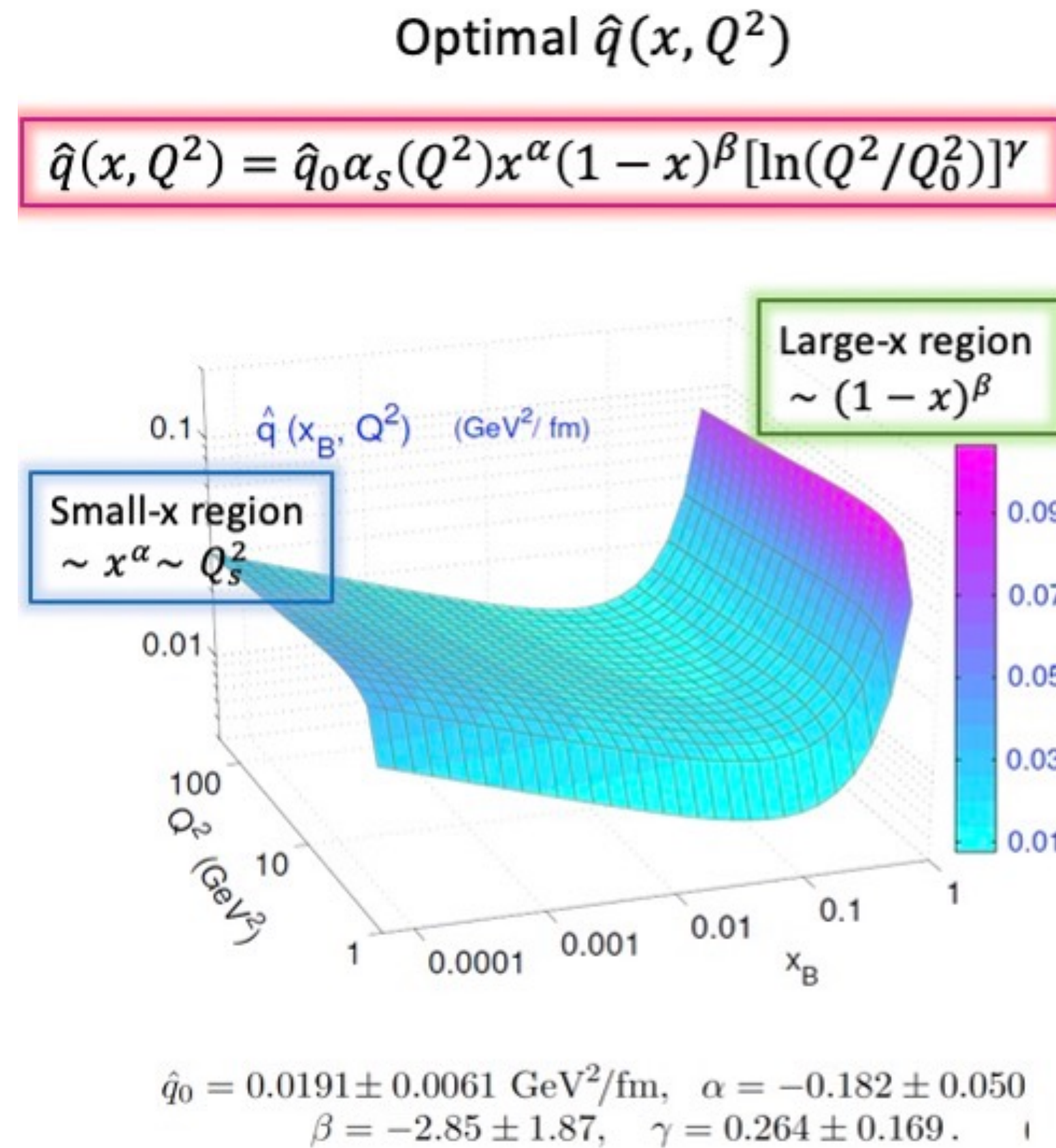
Ru, Kang, Wang, **HX** and Zhang, PRD 2021; CPC 2026



$\hat{q}$ in CNM is not a constant and order of magnitude smaller than QGP!

Global analysis of jet transport parameter in CNM

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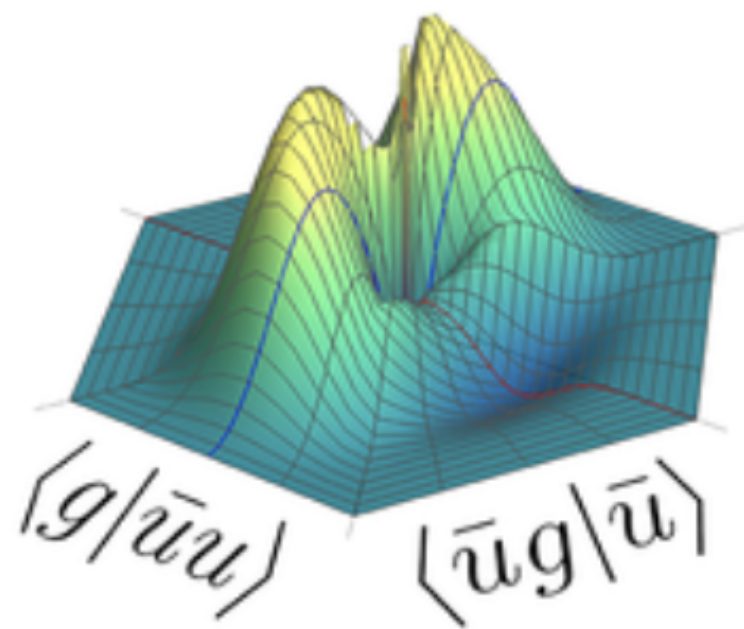
Jet transport at CEP? Holography QCD by M. Huang and D. Hou

High twist in nuclear medium

◆ What's the meaning of high-twist matrix element?

$$T_{qg}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ix_1 p^+ y^-} \int \frac{dy_1^- dy_2^-}{4\pi} e^{ix_2 p^+ (y_1^- - y_2^-)} e^{ix_3 p^+ y_2^-} \langle A | \bar{\psi}_q(0) \gamma^+ F_\sigma^+(y_2^-) F^{\sigma+}(y_1^-) \psi_q(y^-) | A \rangle$$

Quark-gluon quantum correlation in nucleus



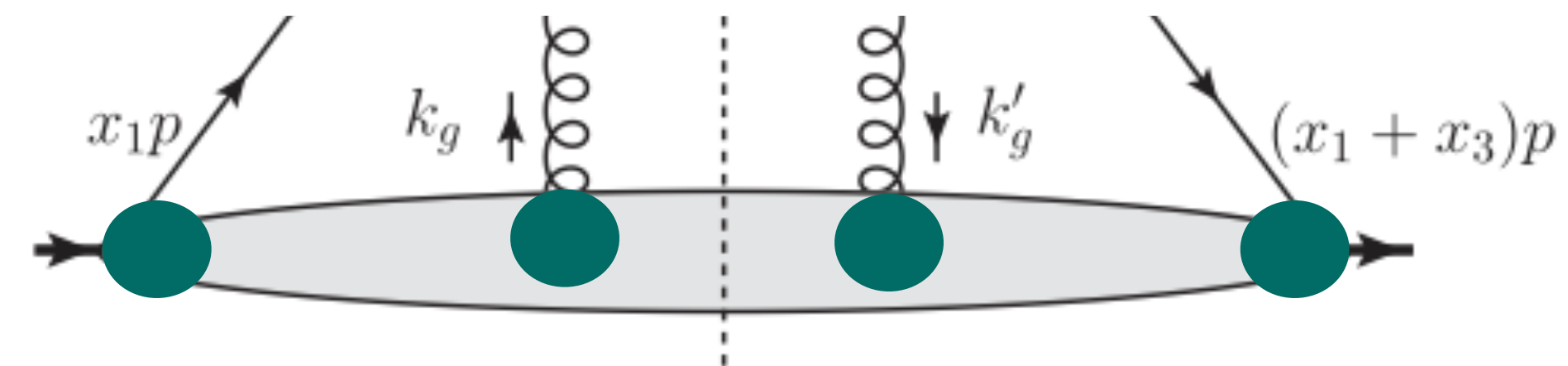
EDITORS' SUGGESTION

Determination of Quark-Gluon-Quark Interference within the Proton

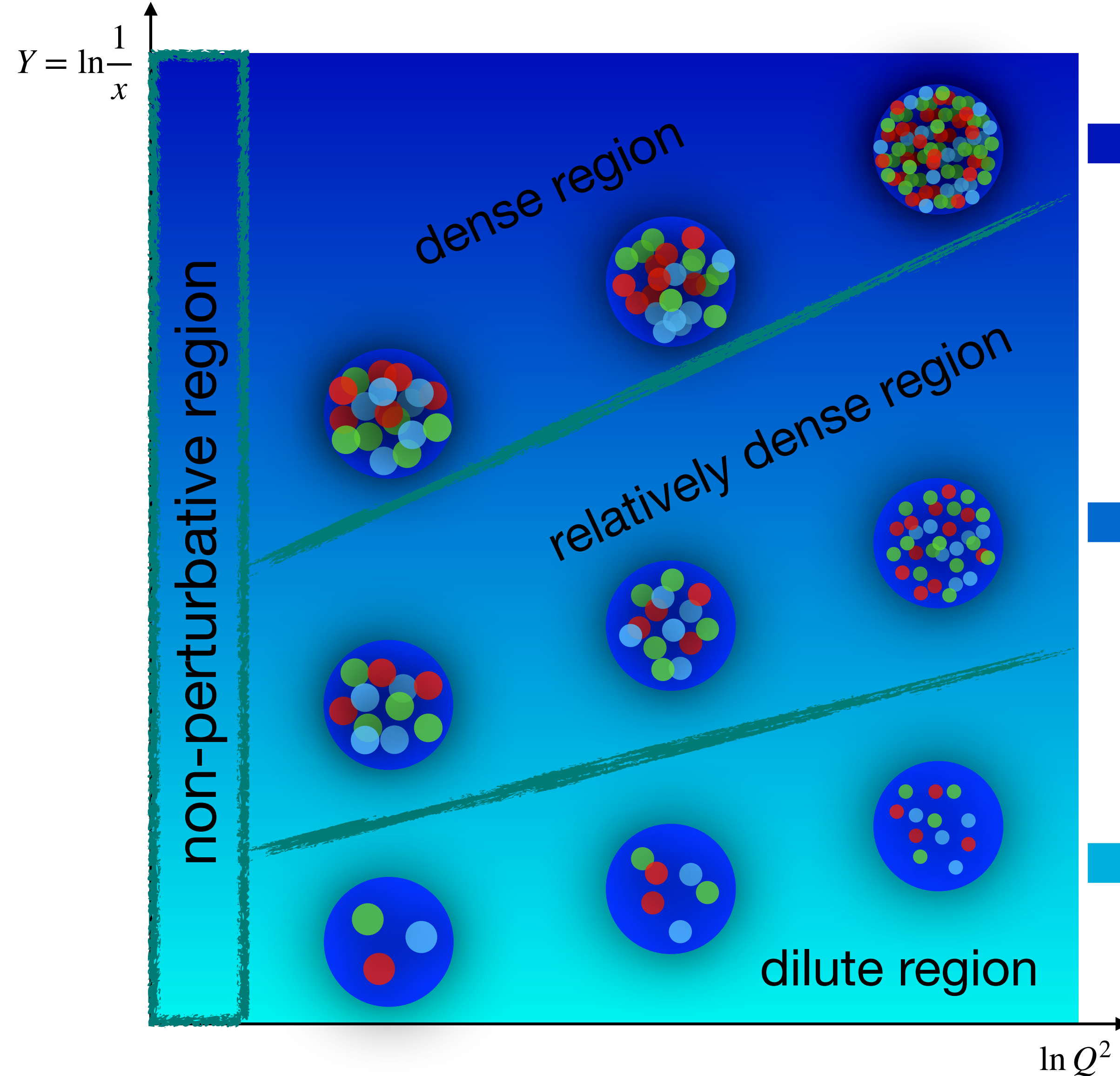
Alexey Vladimirov, Guillermo Portela, and Simone Rodini

Phys. Rev. Lett. **137**, 061902 (2026) - Published 3 August, 2026

A proof-of-concept global QCD fit finds the quark-gluon-quark interference comparable in size to polarized quark density contributions, which suggests a more quantum nature of the proton than assumed.



QCD “phase diagram” for nuclei



Dense region: $x \ll \mathcal{O}(1)$

Probing length $\lambda \sim 1/xp \gg L \sim A^{1/3}$

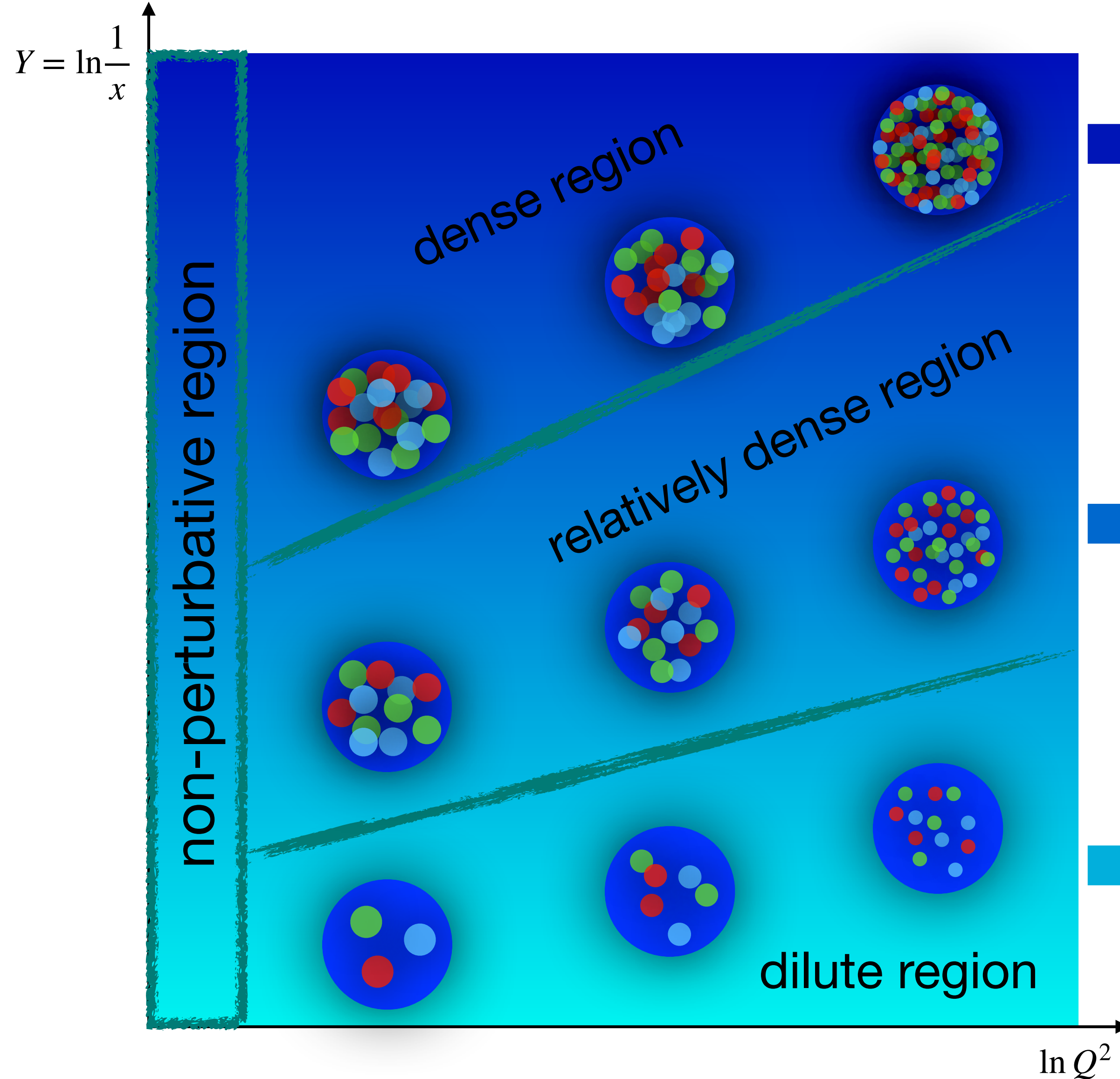
Relatively dense region: $x \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Probing length $\lambda \sim 1/xp \lesssim L \sim A^{1/3}$

Dilute region: $x \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Probing length $\lambda \sim 1/xp \ll L \sim A^{1/3}$

QCD factorization from dilute to dense region



Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

Wilson lines, nonlinear BK/JIMWLK evolution

See review: Gelis, Iancu, Venugopalan, 2003

High-twist formalism

Multi-parton correlation, DGLAP-type evolution

Qiu, Stermann, 1991

Kang, Wang, Wang, **Xing**, 2014

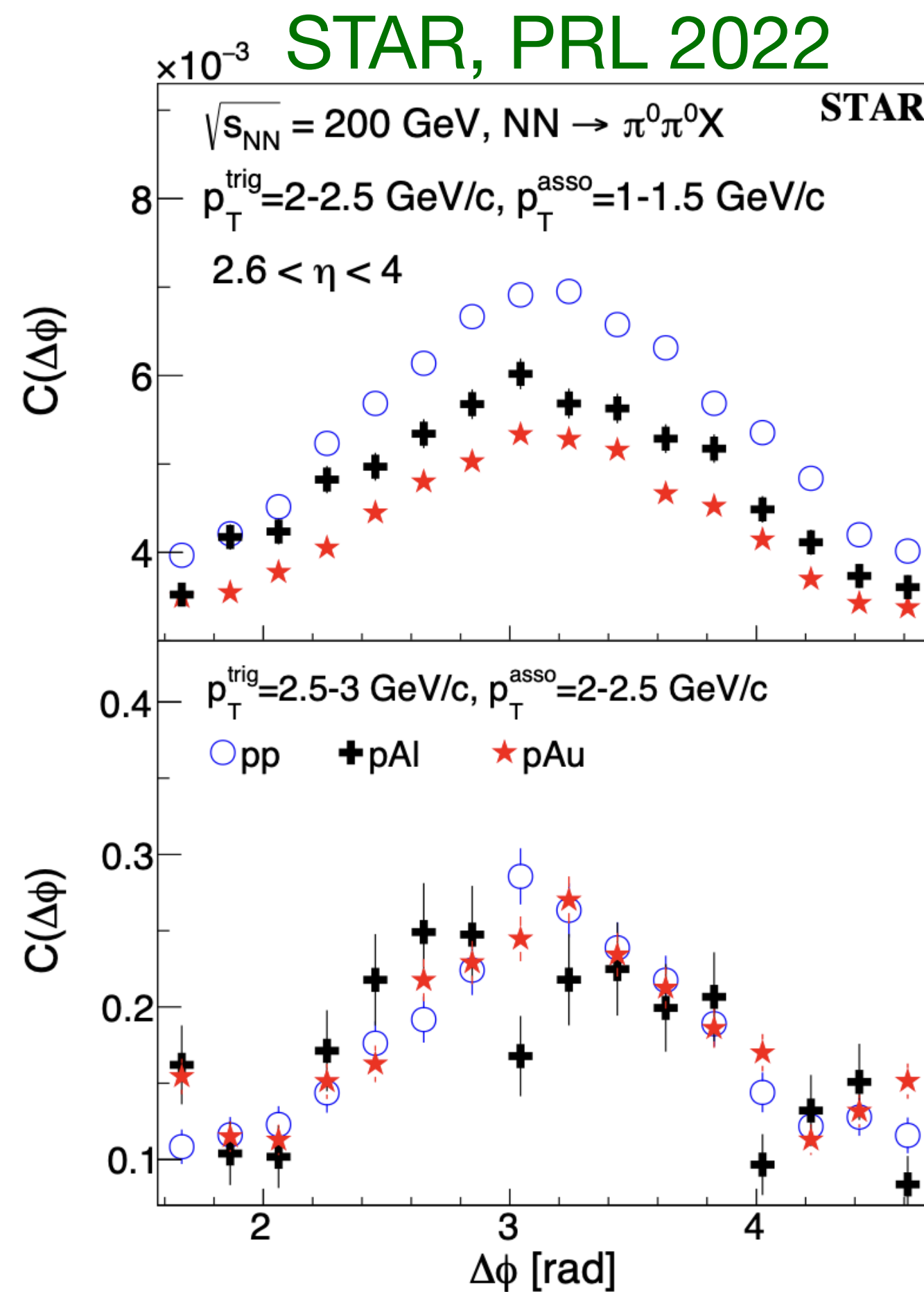
Leading twist collinear factorization

PDF, DGLAP evolution

Collins, Soper, 1981

CGC evidence from STAR?

◆ Dihadron correlation in pA collisions



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Evidence for Nonlinear Gluon Effects in QCD and Their Mass Number Dependence at STAR

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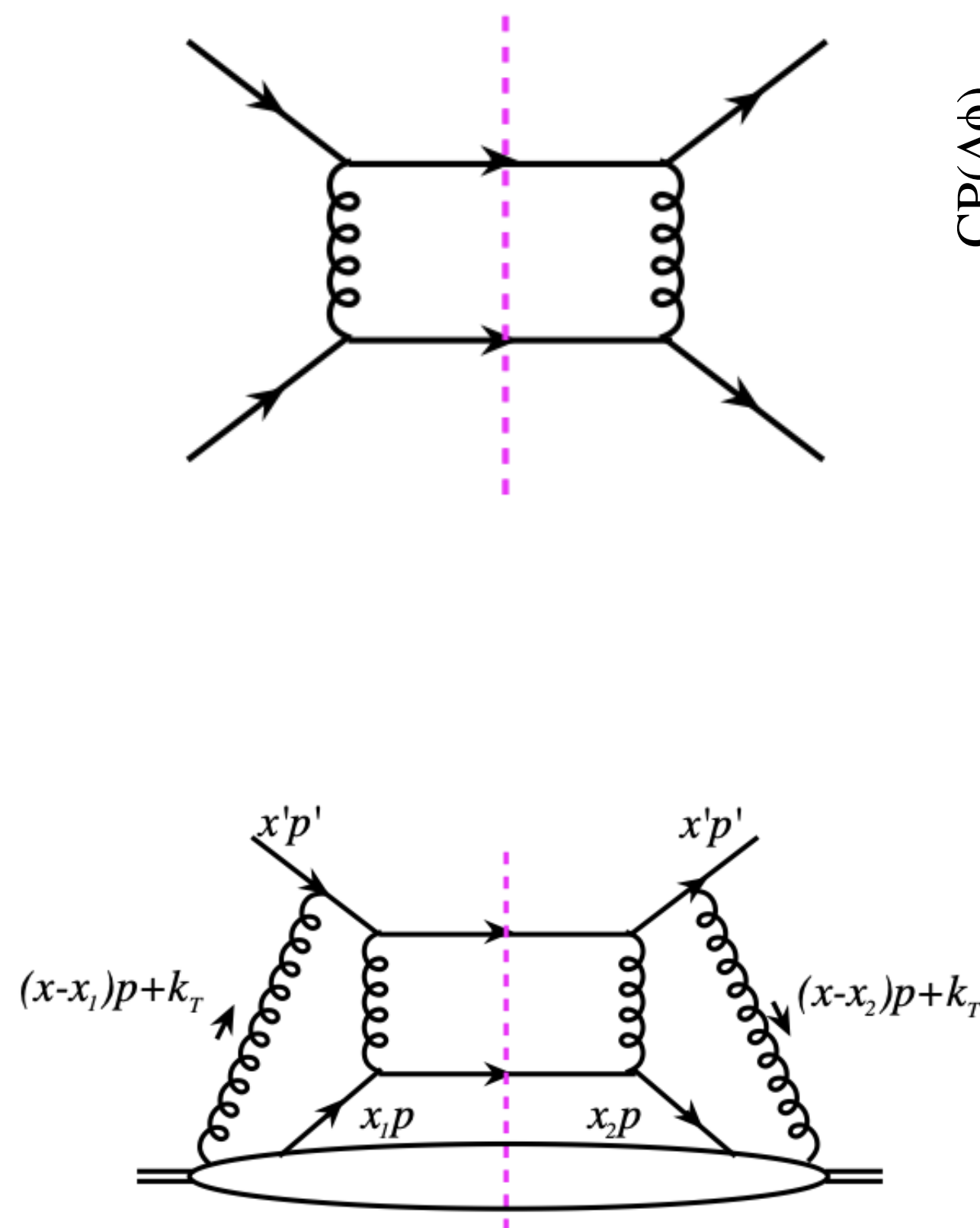
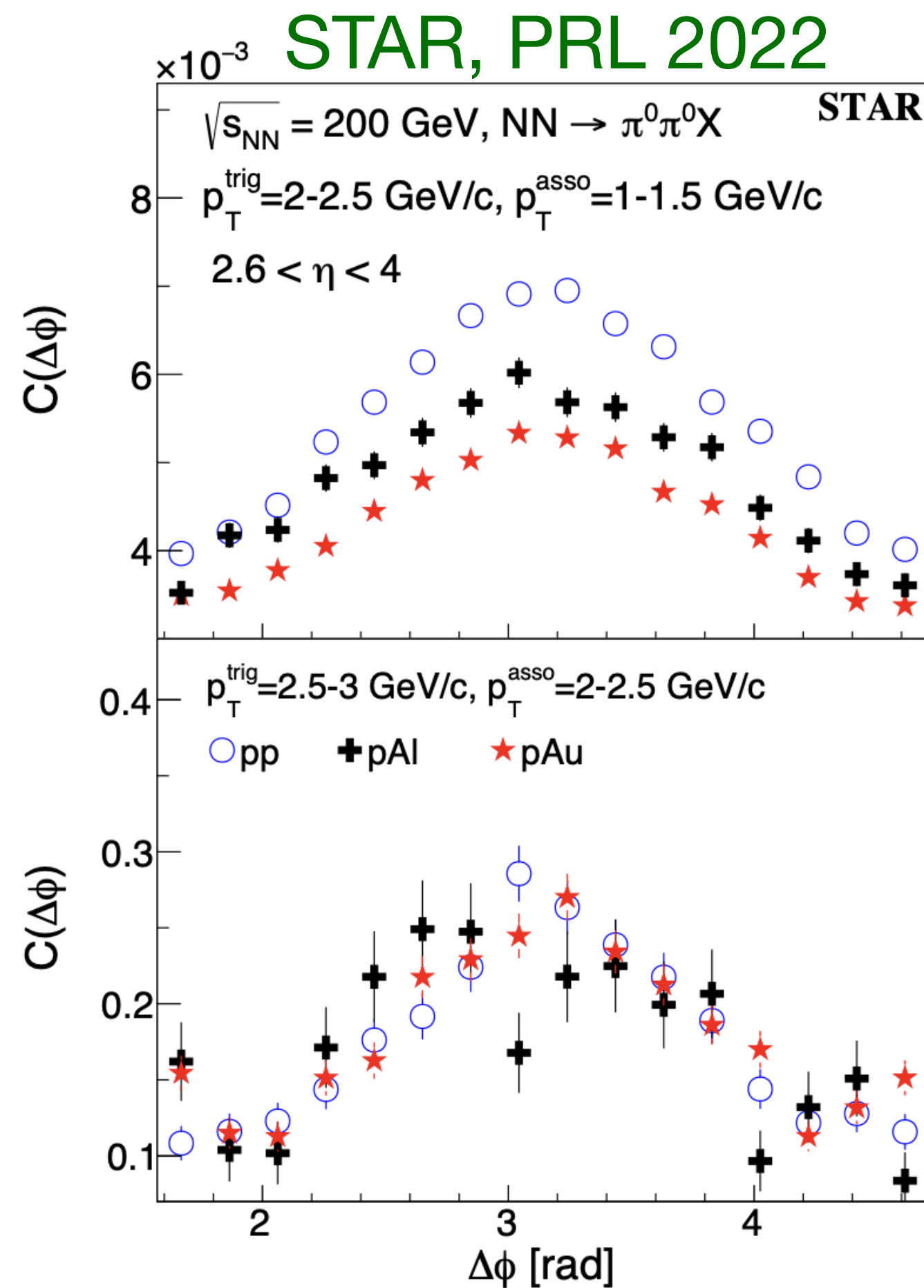
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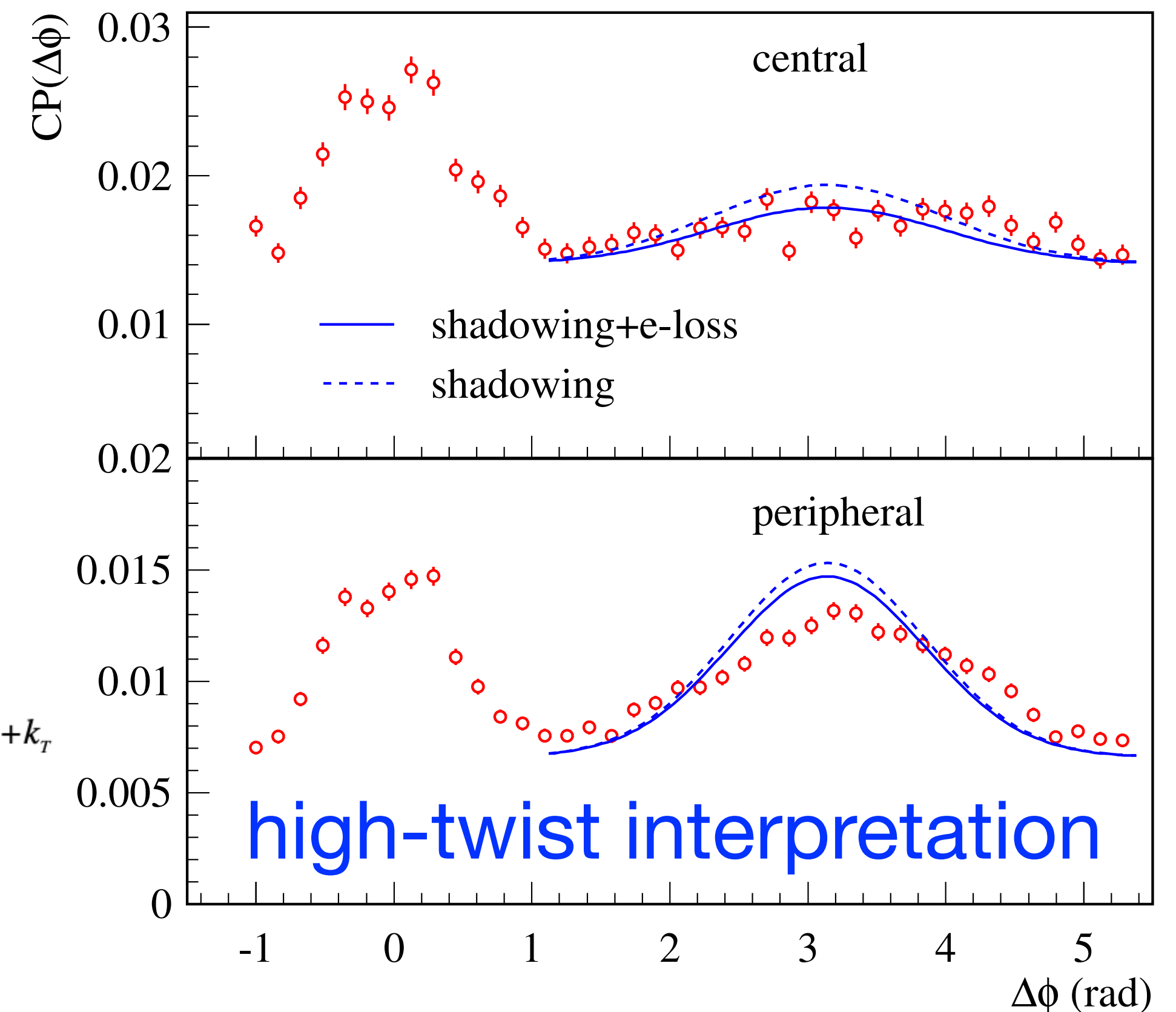
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CGC evidence from STAR?

◆ Dihadron correlation in pA collisions

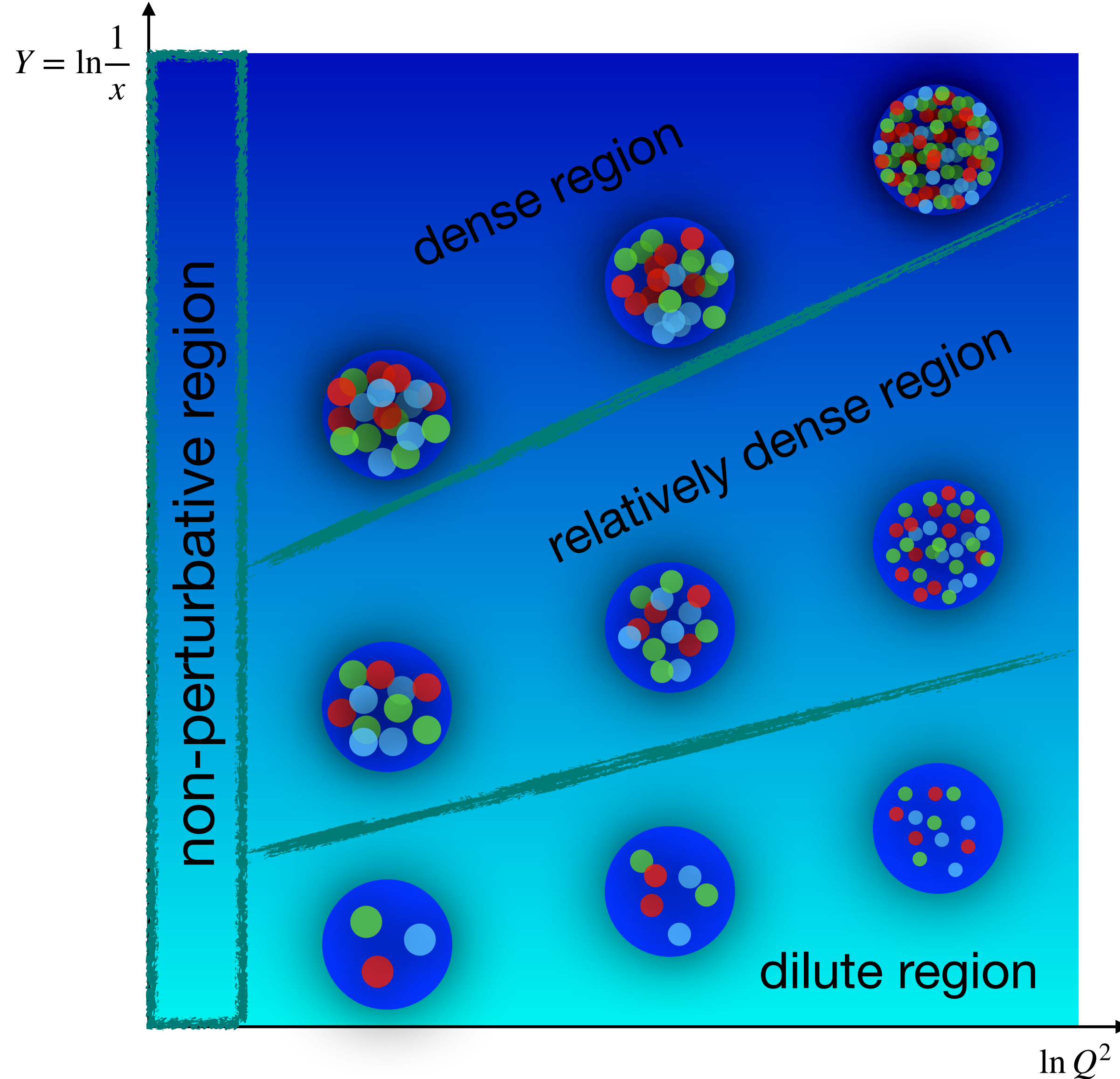


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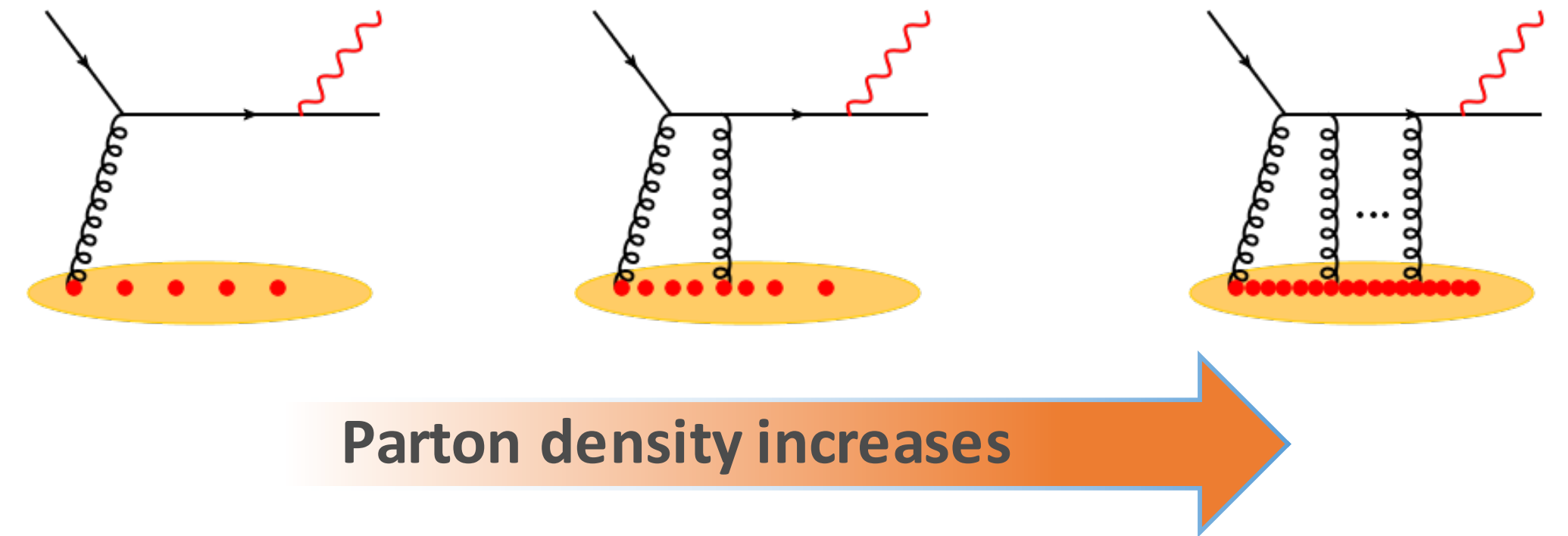


- Both CGC and high-twist expansion can describe the backward suppression and broadening, **which one is correct?**

A unified factorization from dilute to dense region



◆ Photon production in pA collisions



$$E_\gamma \frac{d\sigma^{\text{CGC}_{\text{sub}}}}{d^3\mathbf{p}_\gamma} \Big|_{p_{\gamma\perp} > Q_s} = E_\gamma \frac{d\sigma^{\text{LT}}}{d^3\mathbf{p}_\gamma} + E_\gamma \frac{d\sigma^{\text{T4}}}{d^3\mathbf{p}_\gamma} + \dots$$

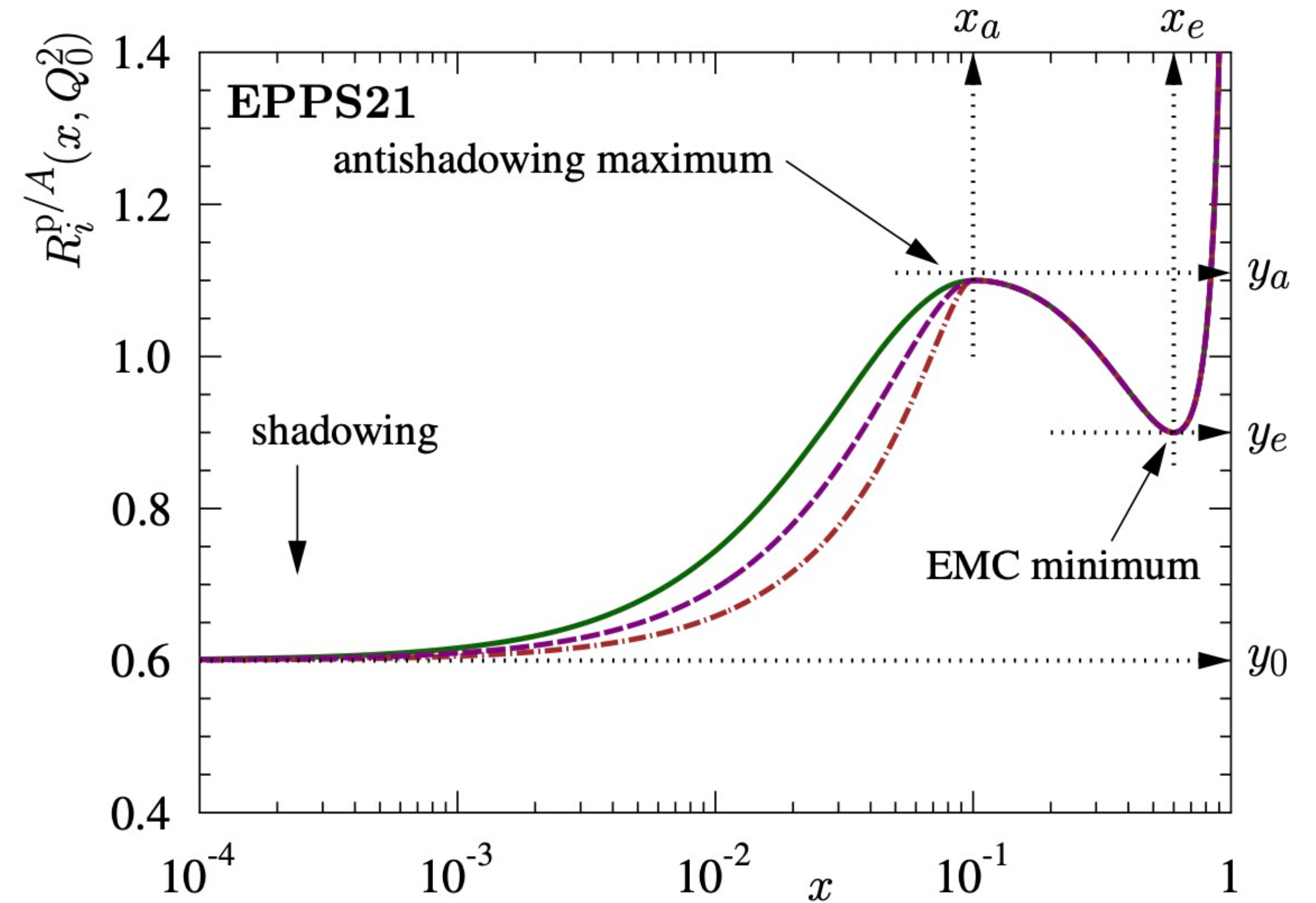
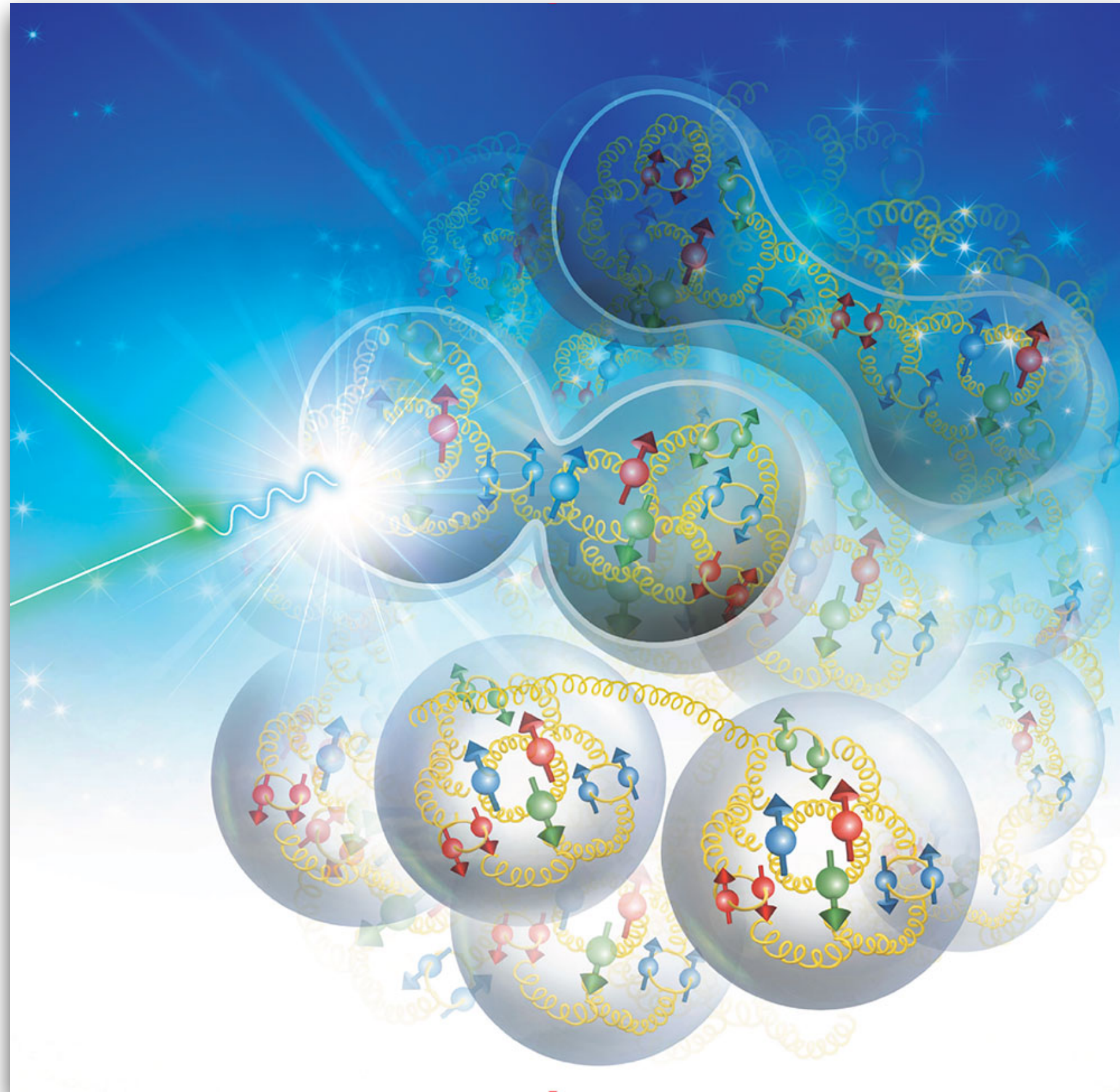
leading twist

twist-4

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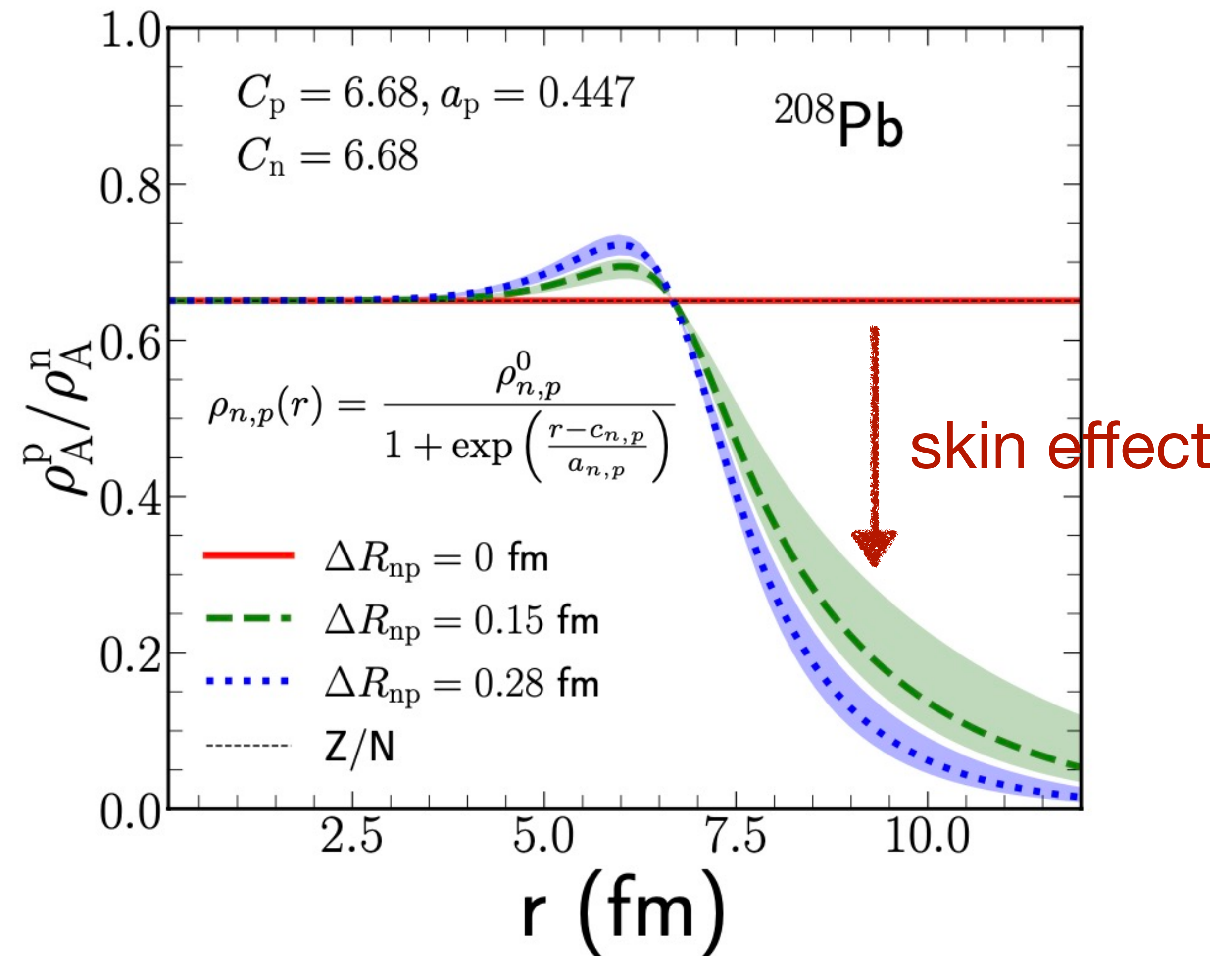
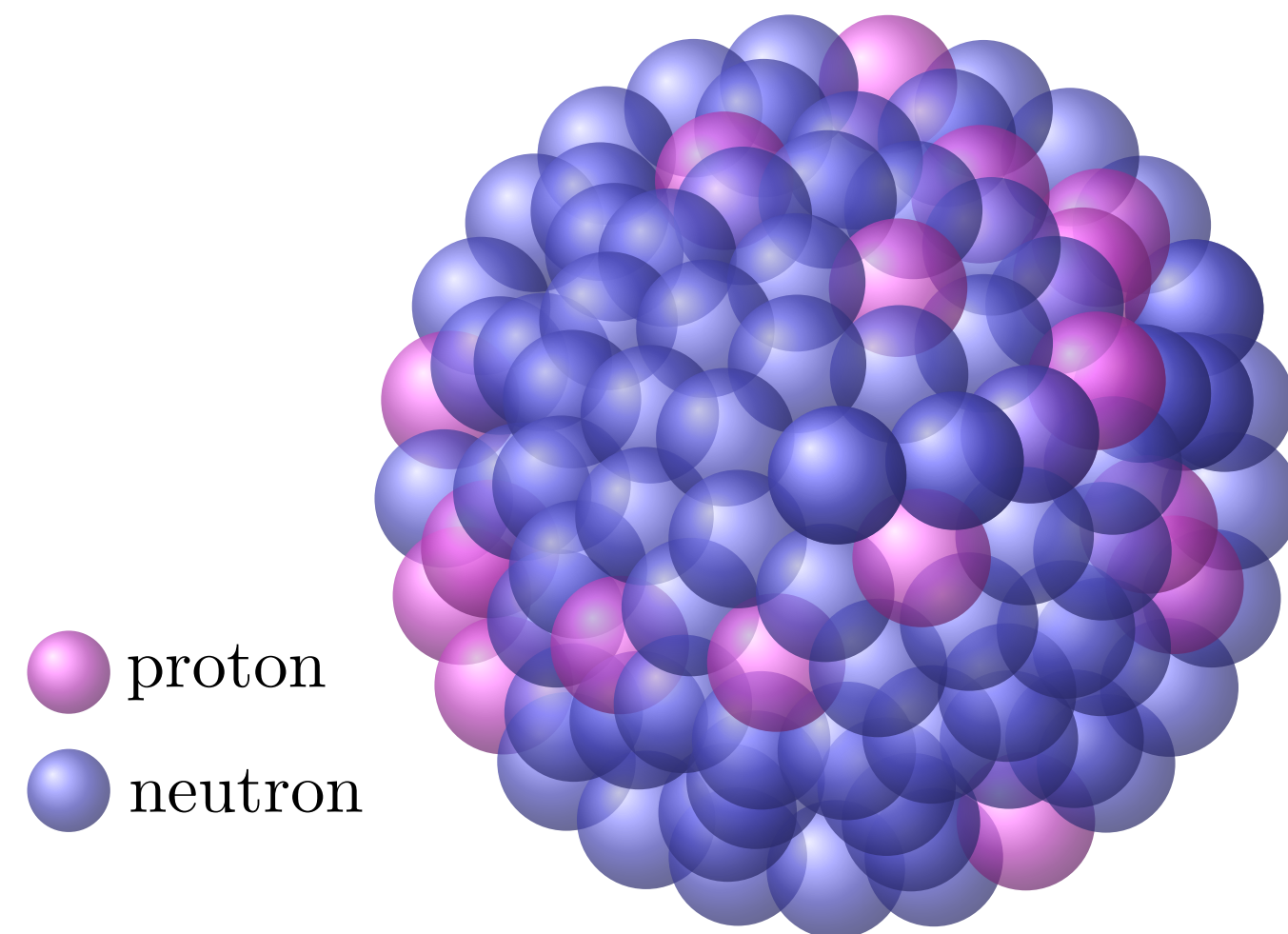
From partonic structure to nucleon structure



How to link the nuclear structure in two different scales?

Neutron skin

◆ Woods-Saxon nuclear distribution



Neutron skin from **elastic scattering**

◆ Current knowledge on neutron skin

$$\Delta R_{np} = R_n - R_p$$

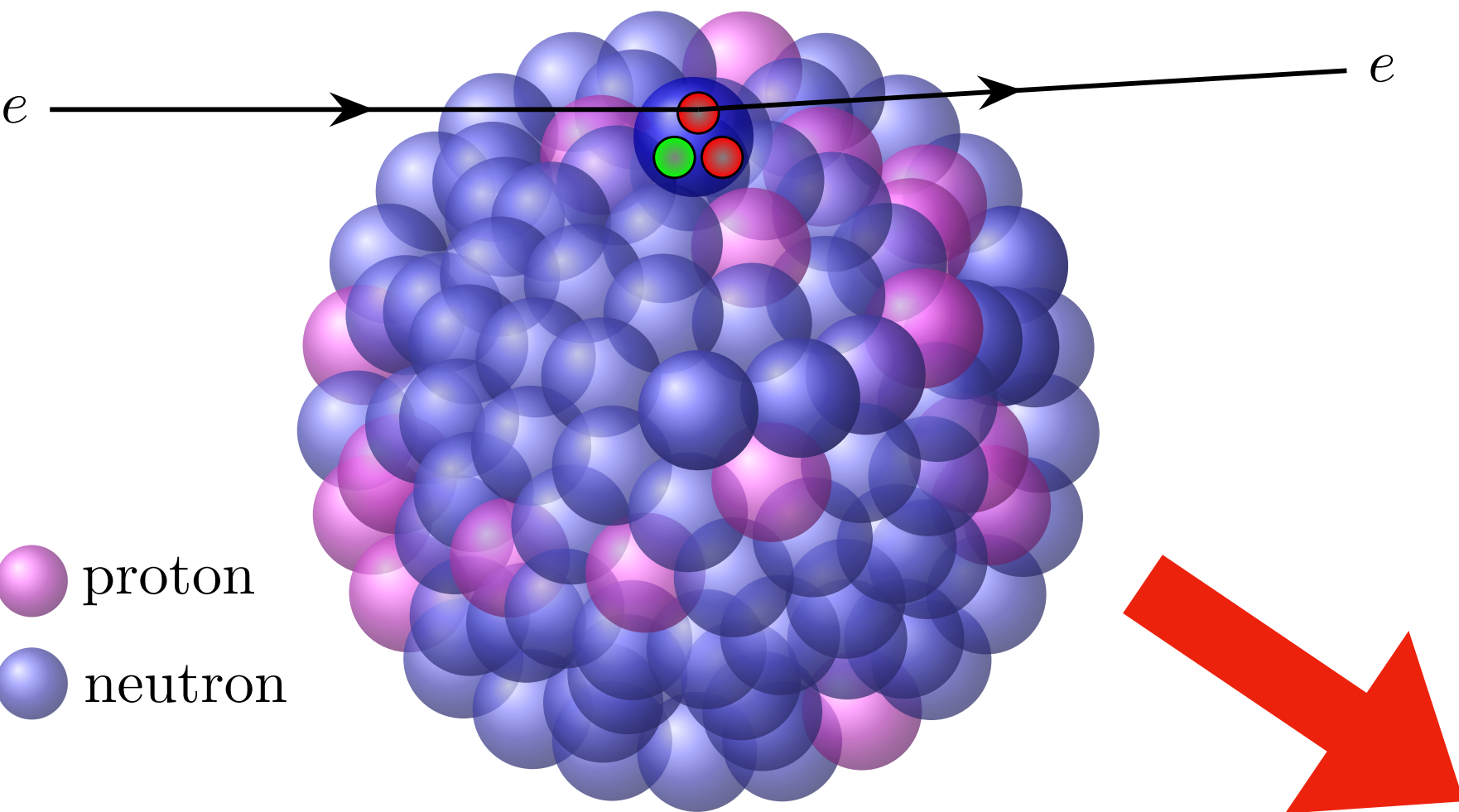


TABLE I. Values of the neutron skins in ^{208}Pb from a variety of experimental methods.

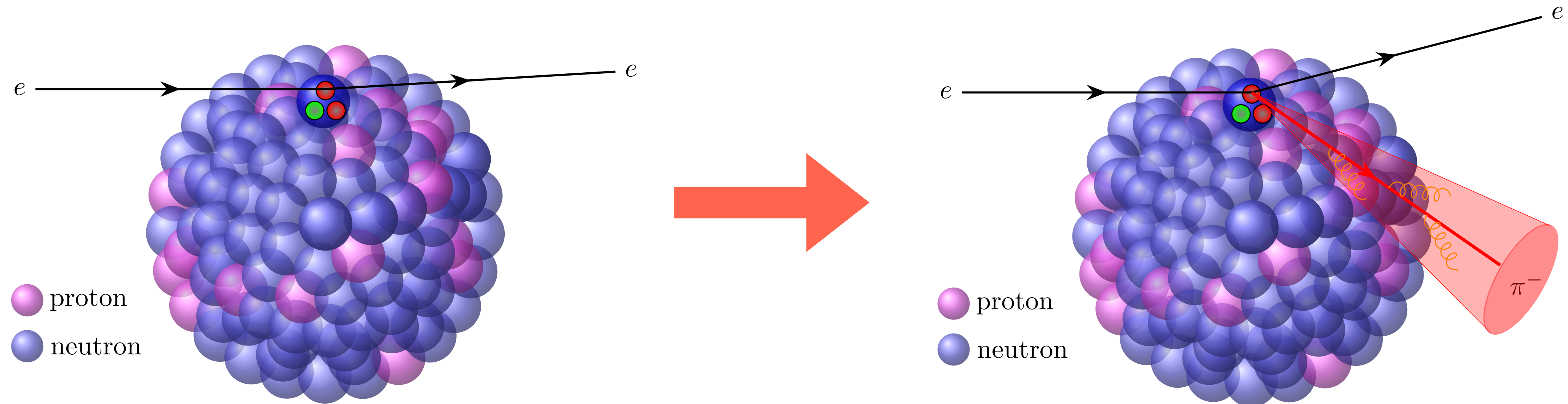
Type of measurement	Extracted neutron skin in ^{208}Pb
Proton-nucleus scattering [6]	0.083 - 0.111
Proton-nucleus scattering [7]	0.20 ± 0.04
Polarized proton-nucleus scattering [8]	0.16 ± 0.05
Polarized proton-nucleus scattering [9]	$0.211^{+0.054}_{-0.063}$
Pionic probes [10]	0.11 ± 0.06
Coherent π photoproduction [11]	$0.15 \pm 0.03^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$
Coherent π photoproduction [12]	$0.20^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$
Antiprotonic atoms [13]	$0.20 (\pm 0.04) (\pm 0.05)$
Antiprotonic atoms [14]	$0.16 (\pm 0.02) (\pm 0.04)$
Antiprotonic atoms [15]	0.15 ± 0.02
Electric dipole polarizability [16]	$0.13 - 0.19$
Electric dipole polarizability [17]	$0.165 (\pm 0.09)(\pm 0.013) (\pm 0.021)$
Electric dipole polarizability via polarized scattering at forward angle [18]	$0.156^{+0.025}_{-0.021}$
Pygmy dipole resonances [22]	0.18 ± 0.035
(α, α') GDR 120 MeV [23]	$0.19^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$
parity-violating electron scattering [19]	$0.33^{+0.16}_{-0.18}$
parity-violating electron scattering [20]	0.283 ± 0.071

crucial for constraining the fundamental properties of cold nuclear matter and the equation of state of neutron star

Neutron skin from **deep inelastic scattering**

- ◆ A new proposal in deep inelastic scattering at EIC

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Linking physics phenomena at both low and high collision energies

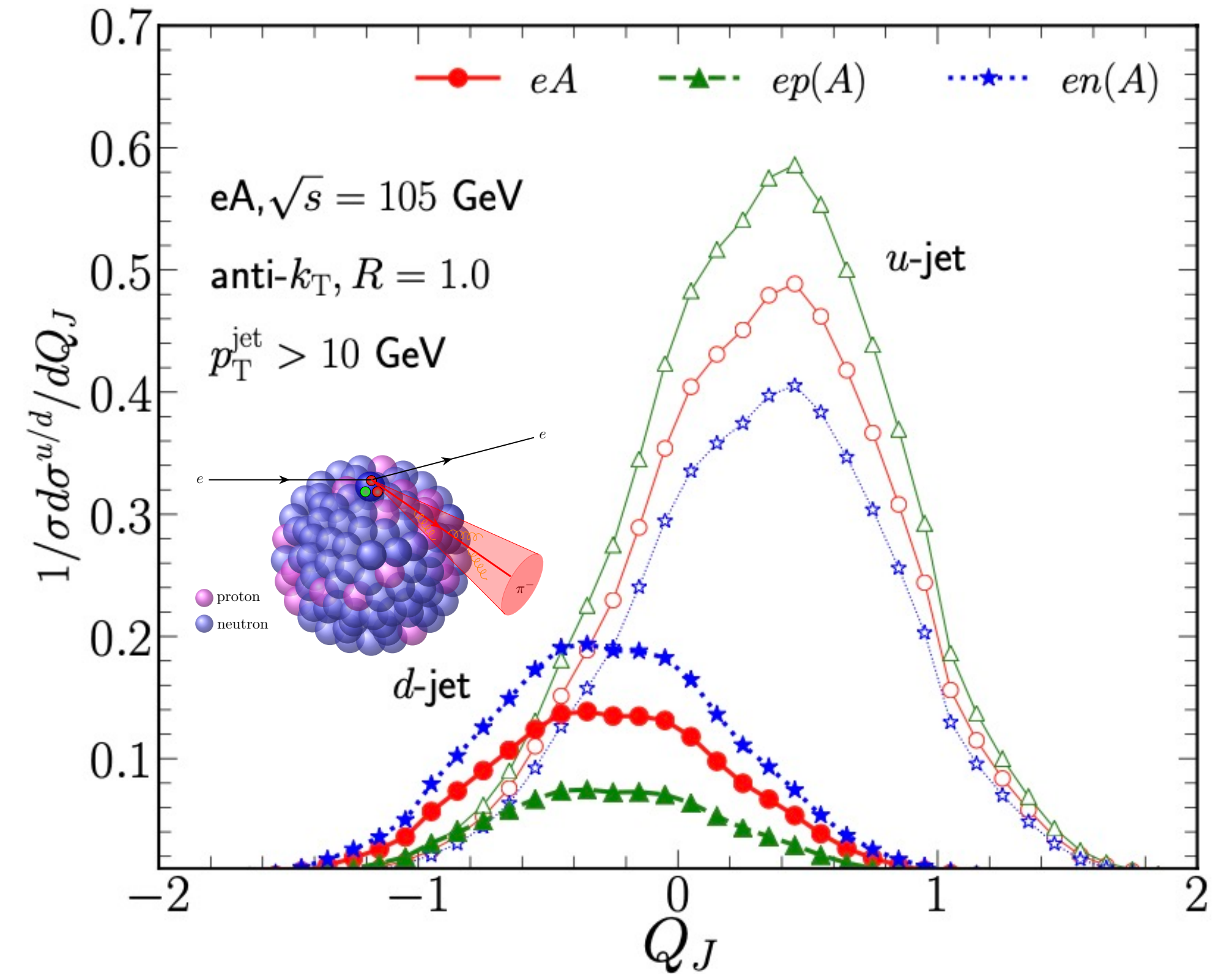
Neutron skin from **deep inelastic scattering**

◆ Jet charge in deep inelastic scattering

- TMD factorization

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ_J} = \sum_i e_i^2 \mathcal{F} \cdot \mathcal{T} \cdot \left\{ \tilde{f}_{i/A}(x, b_T) S_J(b_T, R) \right. \\ \left. \times H_{ei \rightarrow ei}(Q) \mathcal{G}_i(Q_J, p_T^J R) \right\},$$

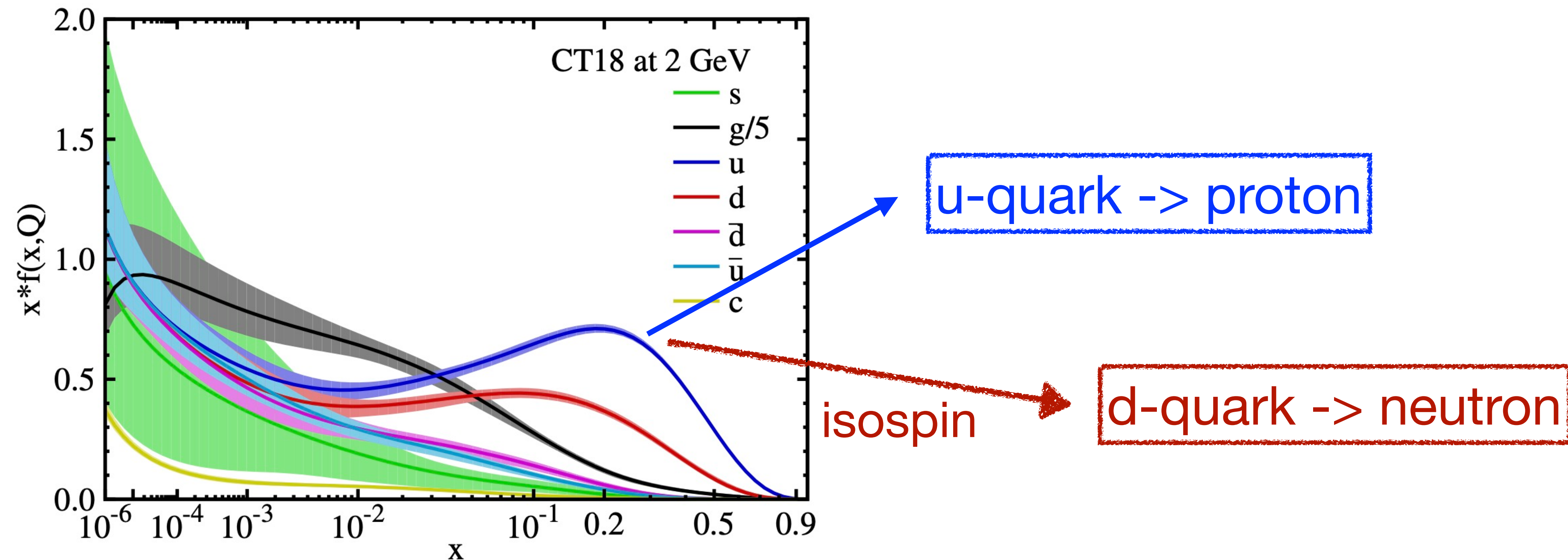
$$Q_J = \sum_{h \in \text{jet}} \left(\frac{p_T^h}{p_T^J} \right)^\kappa Q_h$$



Intrinsic correlation between final-state jet charge distribution and initial-state partonic distributions in nucleons

Neutron skin from **deep inelastic scattering**

- ◆ Using PDFs to tag flavor information of nucleon

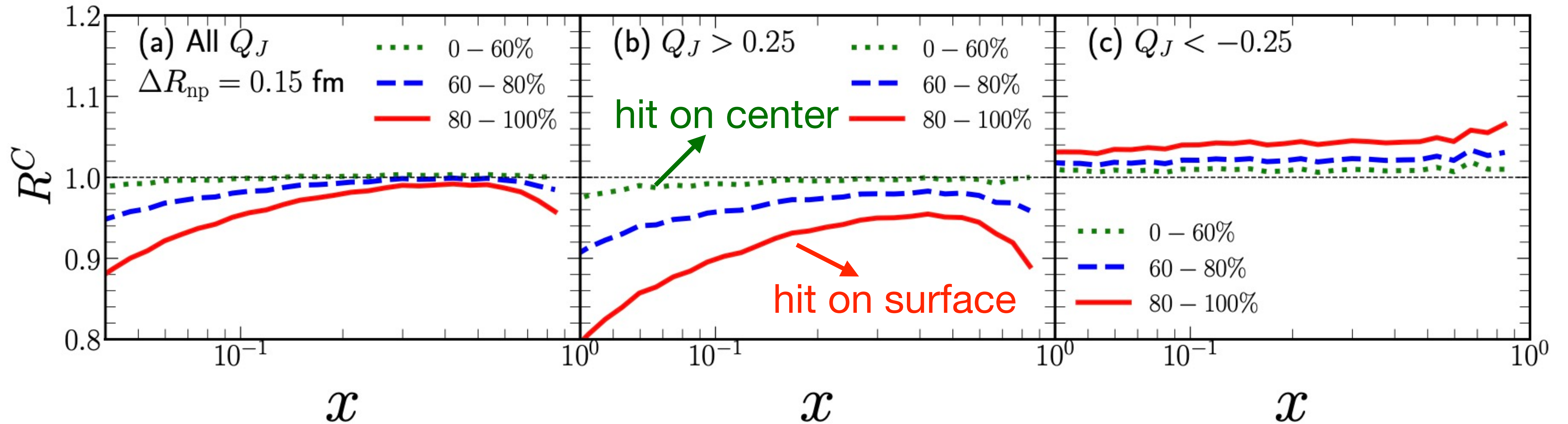


- Correlation between struck nucleon and PDFs using isospin symmetry

Neutron skin from **deep inelastic scattering**

◆ Centrality-dependent nuclear modification

$$R^C(x, Q_J) = \frac{d\sigma^C / dx dQ_J}{d\sigma^{\text{MB}} / dx dQ_J}$$



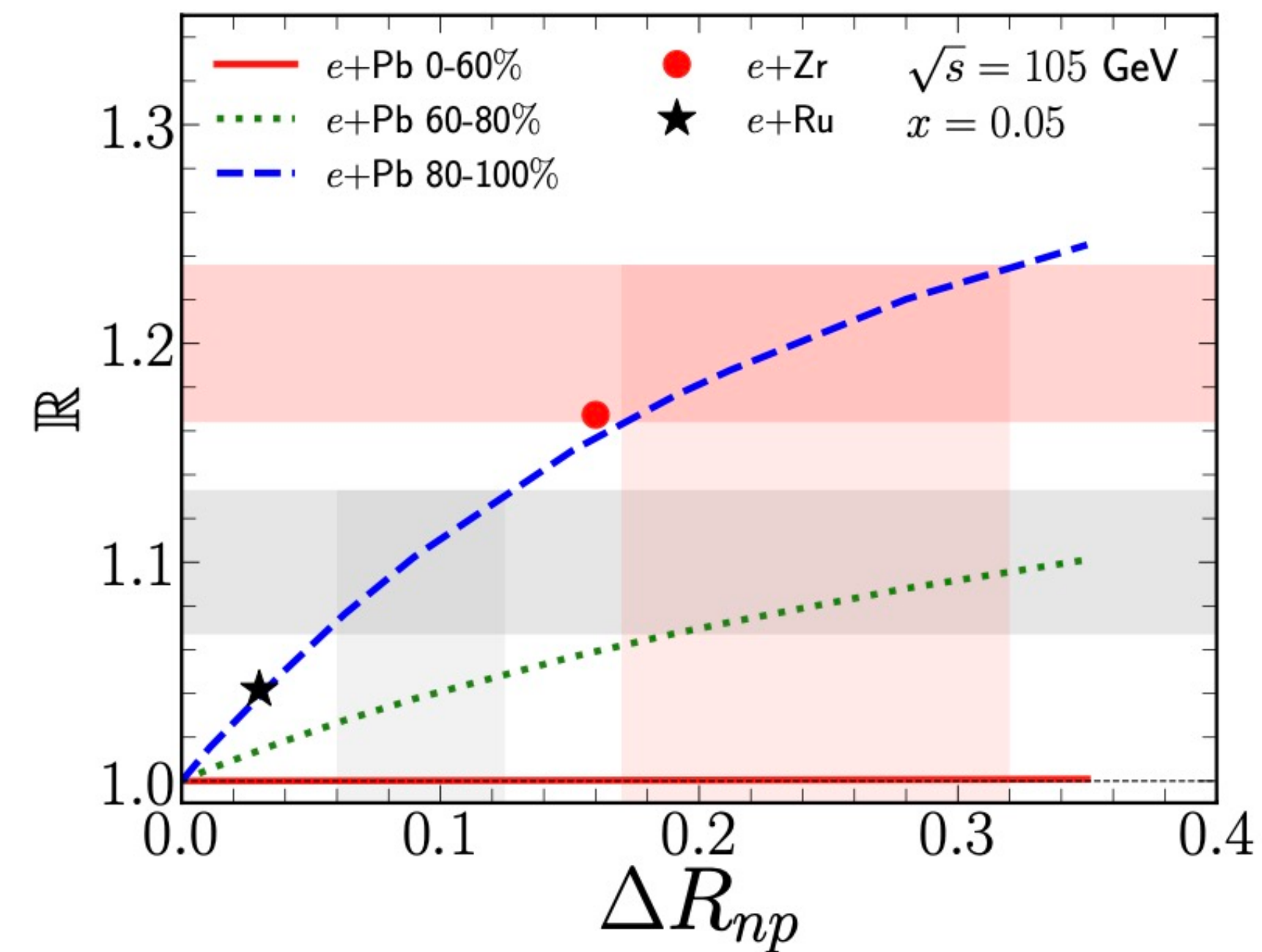
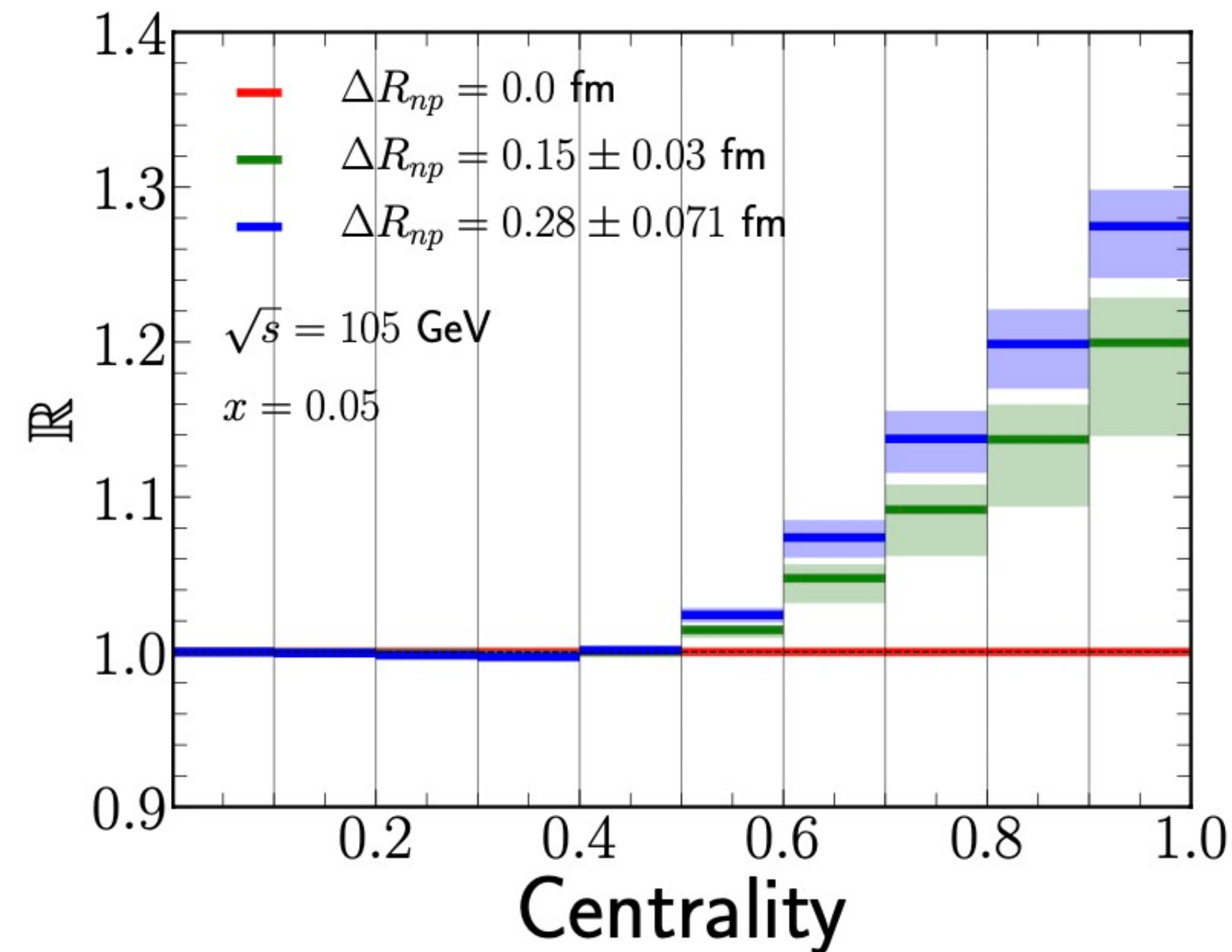
- Positive (negative) jet charge suppression (enhancement) in e+Pb collision
- A proxy for the spatial position of the struck nucleon within the nucleus

Neutron skin from **deep inelastic scattering**

◆ Centrality-dependent nuclear modification: double ratio

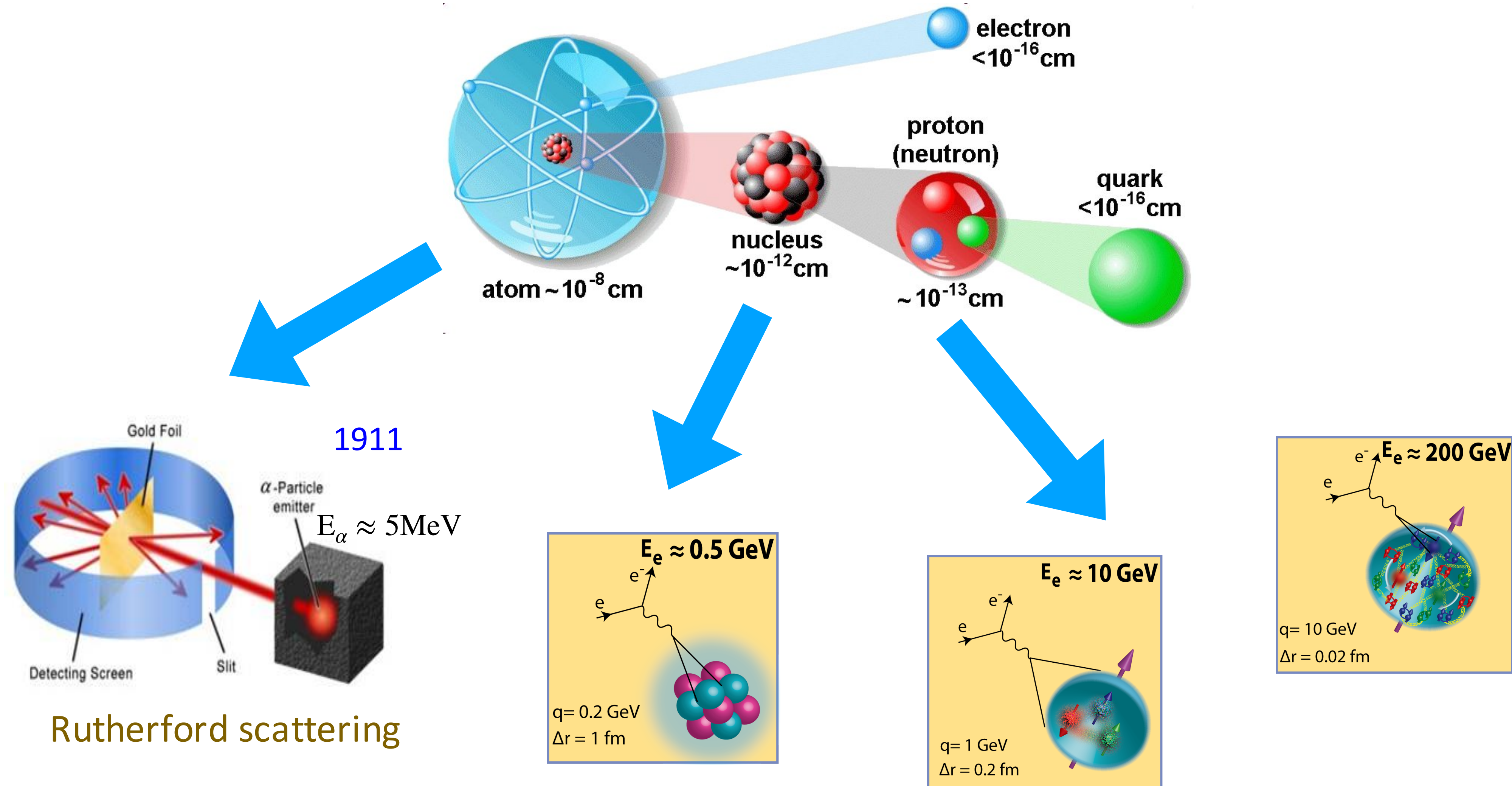
$$\mathbb{R} \equiv \frac{R^C(x, Q_J \leq -Q_c)}{R^C(x, Q_J \geq Q_c)} = \frac{d\sigma^C/dxdQ_J|_{Q_J \leq -Q_c}}{d\sigma^C/dxdQ_J|_{Q_J \geq Q_c}} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{MB}}/dxdQ_J|_{Q_J \geq Q_c}}{d\sigma^{\text{MB}}/dxdQ_J|_{Q_J \leq -Q_c}}$$

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- Jet charge distribution in eA DIS: a novel probe for high precision determination of neutron skin thickness
- Stay tuned for hard probes in HICs

Summary



Probing nuclear structure at different scales in high energy scatterings



Thanks for your attention!

Backup

◆ Nuclear PDFs

$$f_{i/A}(x, \mu; b) = \frac{T_A^p(b)}{T_A(b)} f_i^{p/A}(x, \mu) + \frac{T_A^n(b)}{T_A(b)} f_i^{n/A}(x, \mu)$$

Thickness function: $T_A(b) = \int dz \rho_A(r)$

◆ Woods-Saxon parameters

TABLE I. WS parameters and neutron skin thickness for $^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$, $^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$ and $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$ used in our numerical calculations.

nucleus	c_p [fm]	a_p [fm]	c_n [fm]	a_n [fm]	ΔR_{np}
$^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$ [7]	6.68	0.448	6.69	0.448	0
$^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$ [7]	6.68	0.448	6.69	$0.566^{+0.028}_{-0.045}$	0.15 ± 0.03
$^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$ [10]	6.68	0.448	6.69	$0.654^{+0.044}_{-0.046}$	0.28 ± 0.071
$^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$ [21]	5.06	0.493	5.075	0.505	0.03
$^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$ [21]	4.915	0.521	5.015	0.574	0.16

$$\rho_{n,p}(r) = \frac{\rho_{n,p}^0}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r - c_{n,p}}{a_{n,p}}\right)}$$

Nuclear partonic structure - 3D imaging

◆ TMD factorization for cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma^A}{dx dQ^2 dz d^2P_{h\perp}} = \sigma_0 H(Q) \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0\left(\frac{bP_{h\perp}}{z}\right) f_{q/n}^A(x, b; Q) D_{h/q}^A(z, b; Q)$$

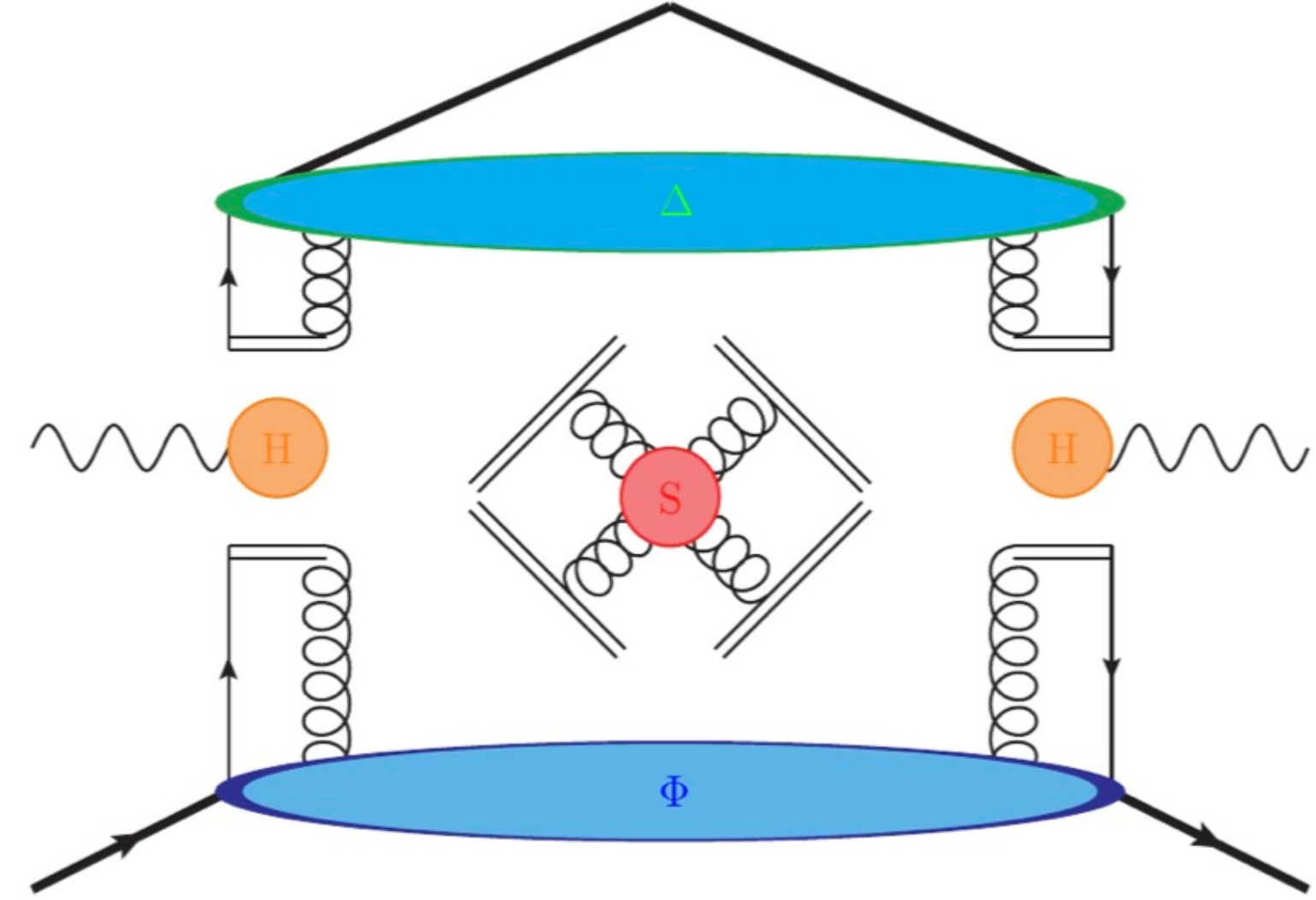
◆ TMDs

$$f_{q/n}^A(x, b; Q) = \left[C_{q\leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/n}^A \right] (x, \mu_{b_*}) \exp \left\{ -S_{\text{pert}}(\mu_{b_*}, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(b, Q, A) \right\}$$

$$D_{h/q}^A(z, b; Q) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\hat{C}_{i\leftarrow q} \otimes D_{h/i}^A \right] (z, \mu_{b_*}) \exp \left\{ -S_{\text{pert}}(\mu_{b_*}, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(b, z, Q, A) \right\}$$

Our assumptions

- Perturbative information is left unchanged by the nuclear medium.
 $C_{q\leftarrow i}$, $\hat{C}_{i\leftarrow q}$, and S_{pert} are unchanged.
- Non-perturbative information is modified.
 $f_{i/n}^A$, $D_{h/i}^A$, S_{NP}^D , and S_{NP}^f are altered.



Nuclear partonic structure - 3D

◆ **TMDs**

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Collinear Distributions

We use the EPPS16 parameterization for $f_{i/n}^A$ (NLO). EPPS, EPJC 2017

We use the LIKE_n parameterization for $D_{h/i}^A$ (NLO). Zurita, 2021

Perturbative order in our analysis

Work at NLO+NNLL for the TMDs.

Non-perturbative parametrization

$$S_{\text{NP}}^f(b, Q, A) = S_{\text{NP}}^f(b, Q) + a_N \left(A^{1/3} - 1 \right) b^2$$
$$S_{\text{NP}}^D(z, b, Q, A) = S_{\text{NP}}^D(z, b, Q) + b_N \left(A^{1/3} - 1 \right) \frac{b^2}{z^2}$$