

# Universality of Short Range Correlations in Nuclei

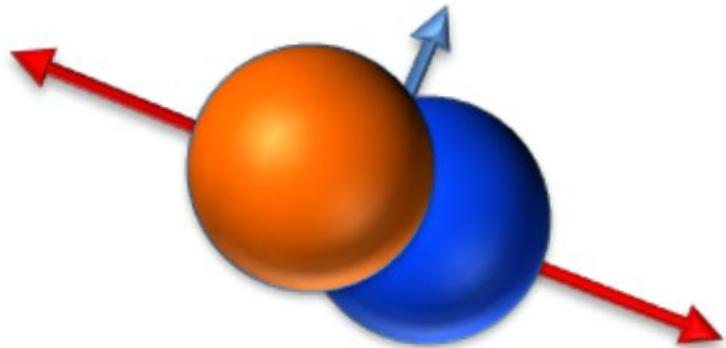
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Short range, short lived,  
highly correlated pairs

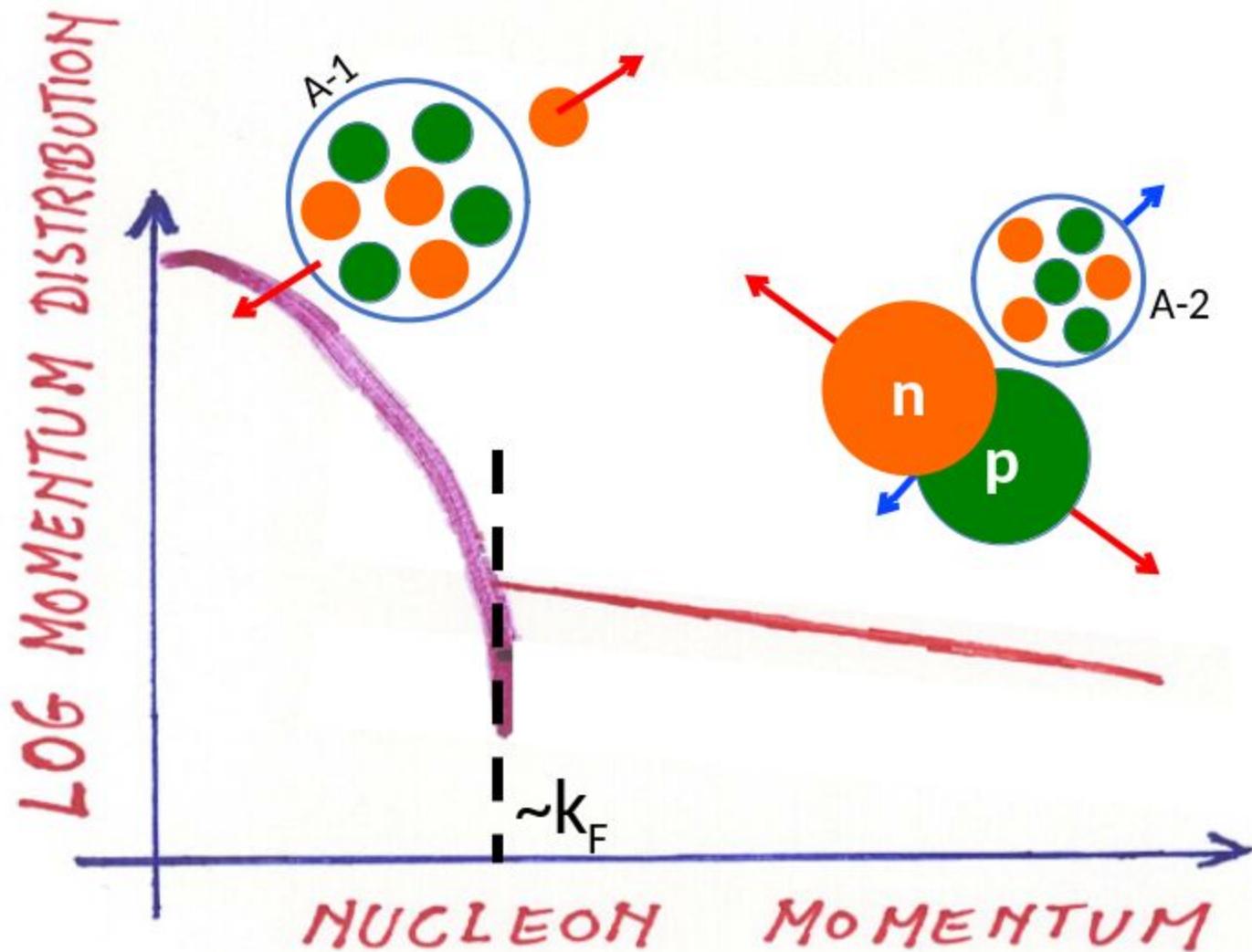


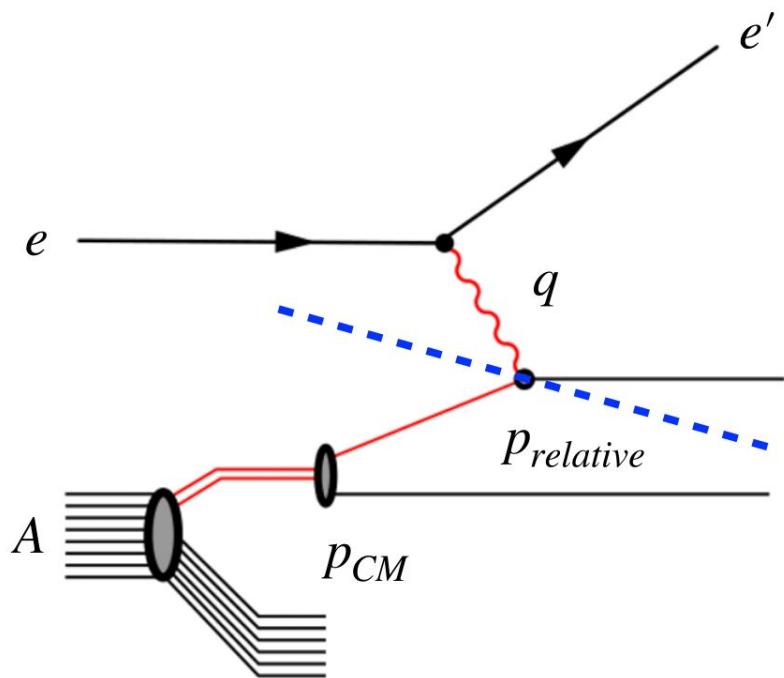
r-space

High **relative** momentum  
Low center of mass momentum



k-space





$$\sigma = \sigma_{e,N}(q) \times S(p_i, p_{rec})$$

### Reaction

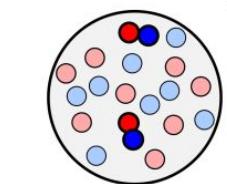
- High-energy
- 1-body operator
- Kinematics- and probe- dependent

### Ground-State

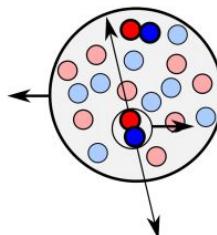
- Low-energy
- 2-body dynamics
- Universal

# Generalized Contact Formalism (GCF)

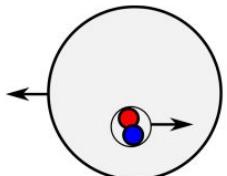
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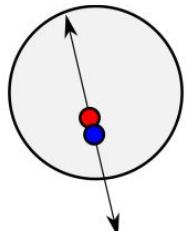
SRC Component of  
the Wave-Function



Center of  
Mass Motion



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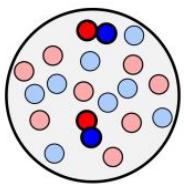


$$\sigma = \sigma_{eN}(q) \cdot C_A^{NN} \cdot |\phi(p_{rel})|^2 \cdot n(p_{CM})$$

NN sum over (np,pp,nn)

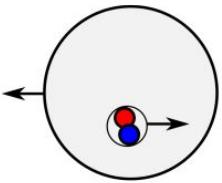
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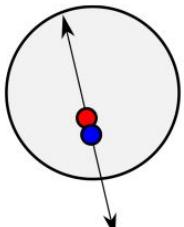
SRC dominate for  $p > 350 \text{ MeV}/c$

Center of Mass Motion

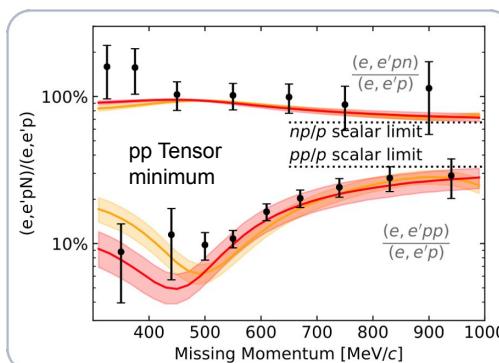
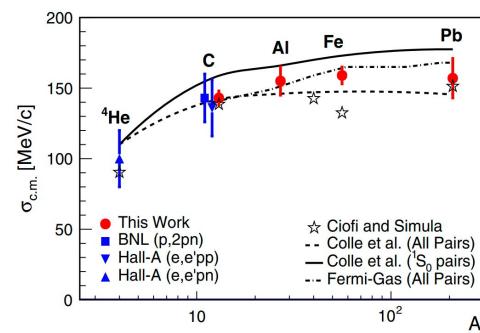
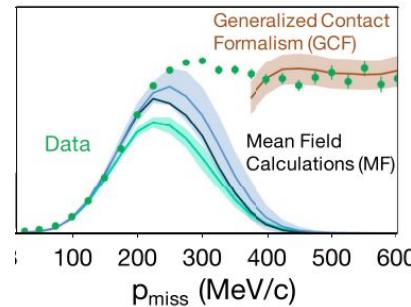


Measured  $P_{CM}$  motion

Pair Interaction

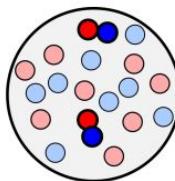


tensor to scalar transition  
neutron-proton pairs dominate



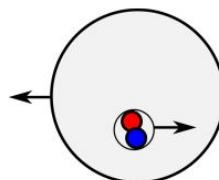
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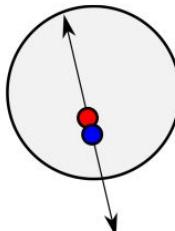
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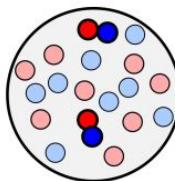


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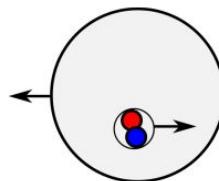
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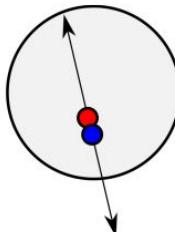
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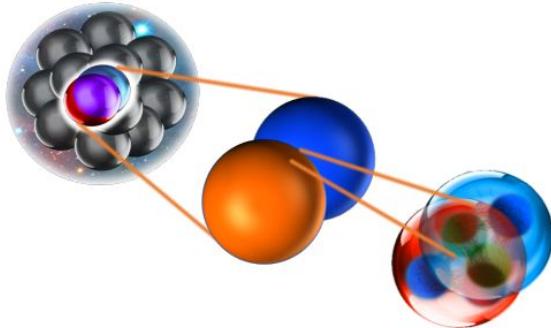
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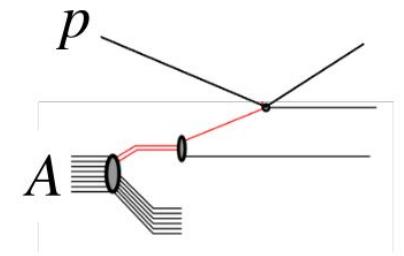
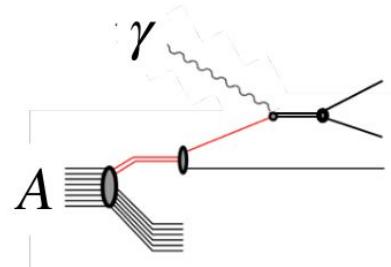
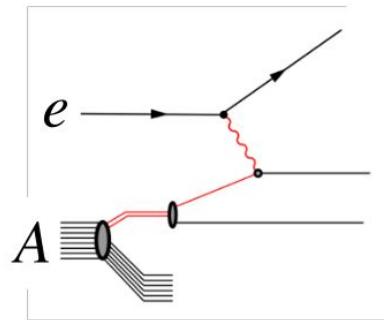
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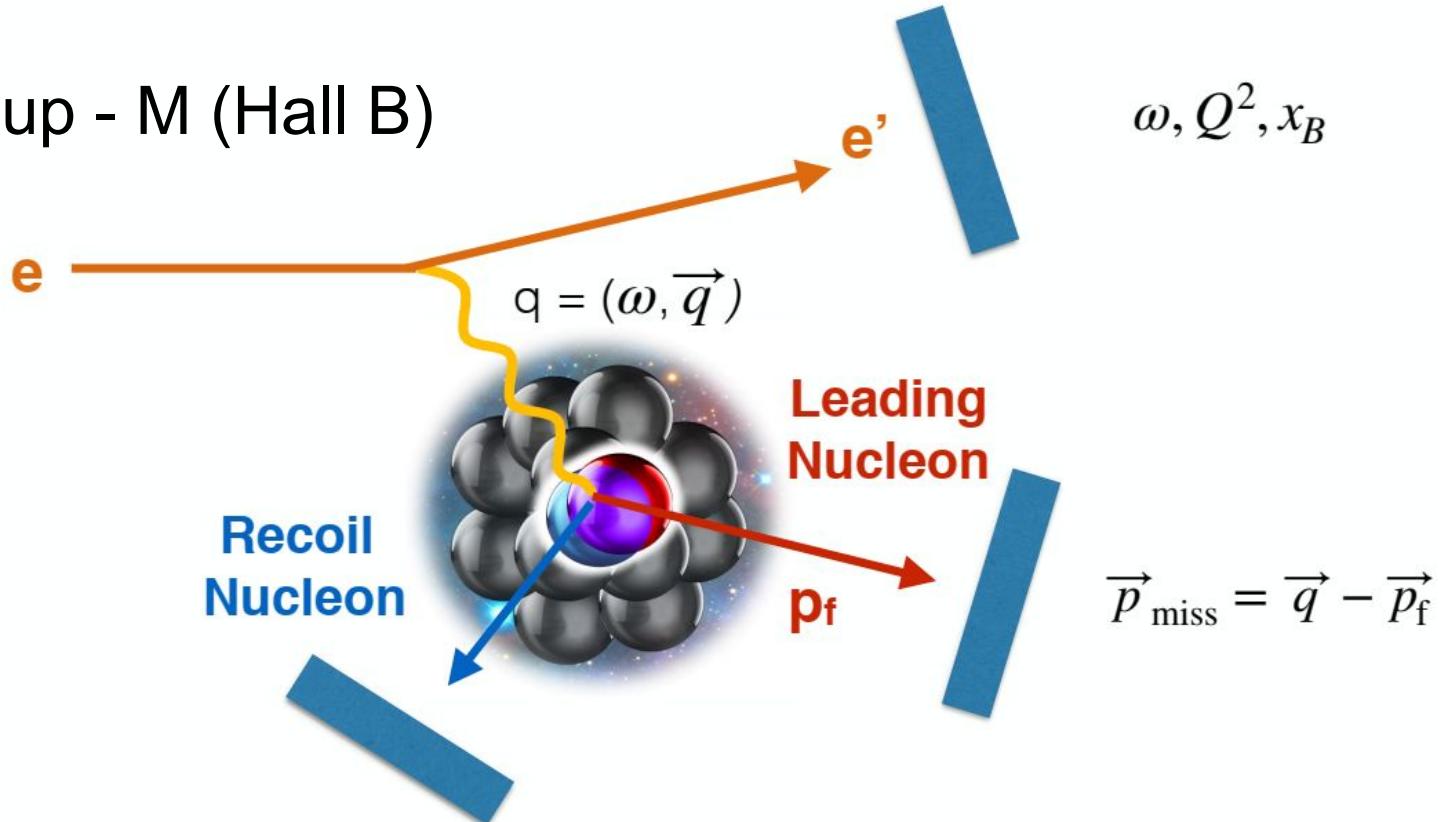
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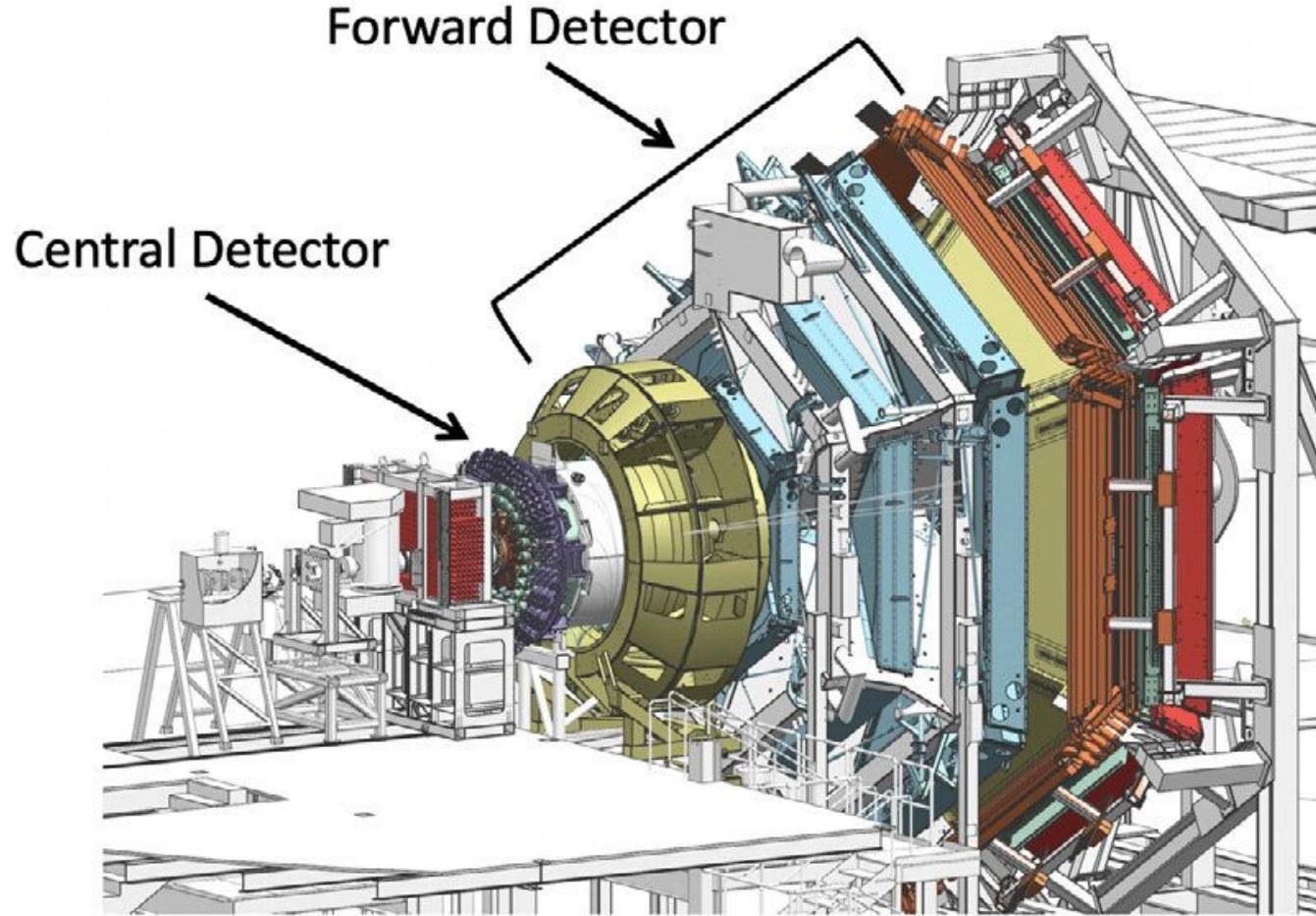


# Run Group - M (Hall B)



- $(e, e')$  inclusive
- $(e, e'N)$
- $(e, e'NN)$

**CLAS12 Detector (Hall B)**  
CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer for operation at 12 GeV @ JLAB



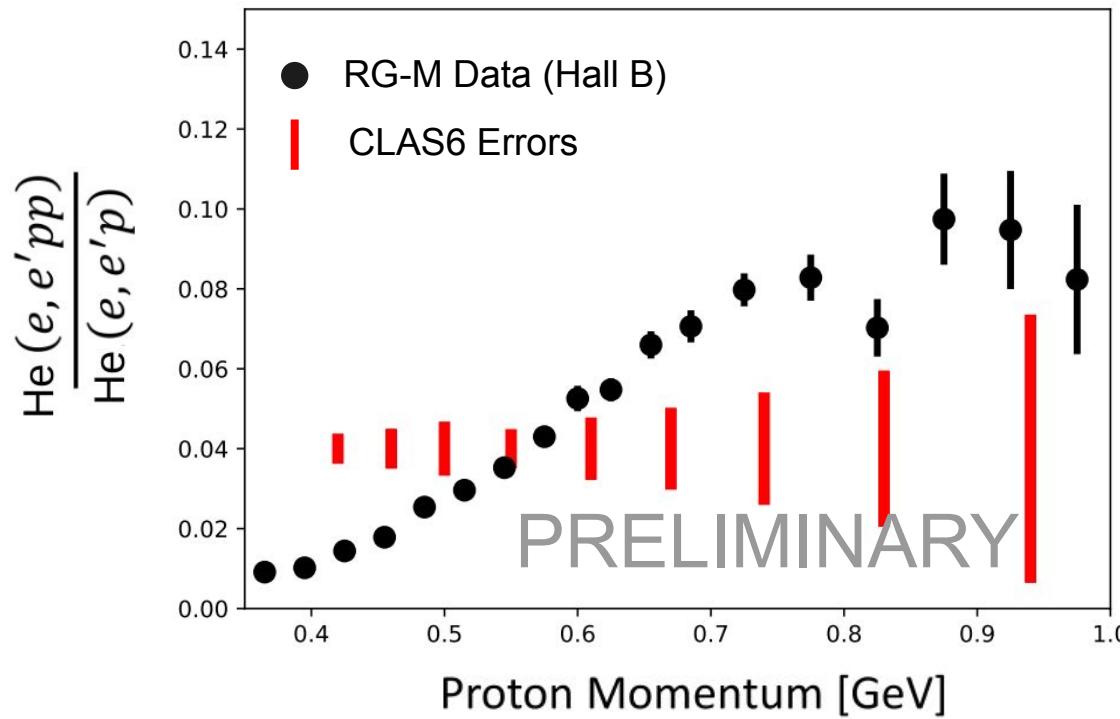
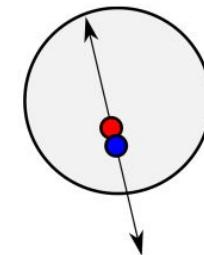
# Run Group-M (RGM)

- Ran November 2021 - February 2022
- (H, D,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{120}\text{Sn}$ )
- Fully calibrated
- ~55% data reconstruction (finishing within a ~month)



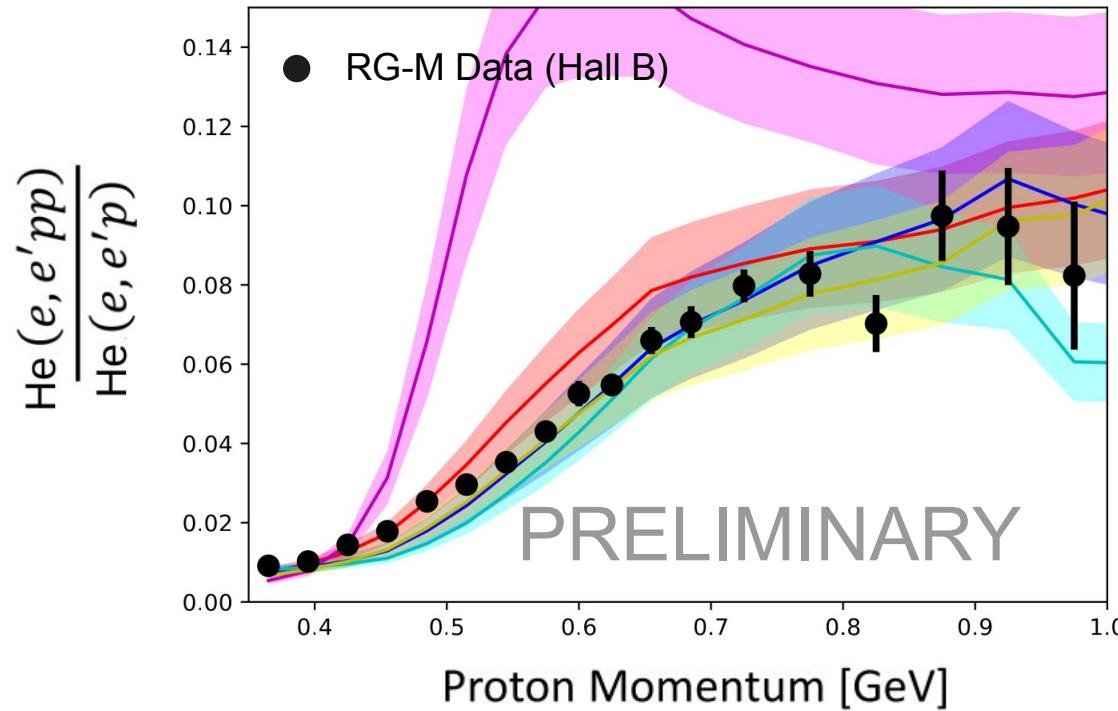
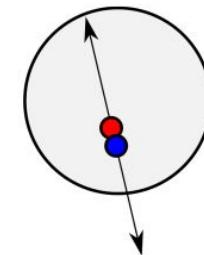
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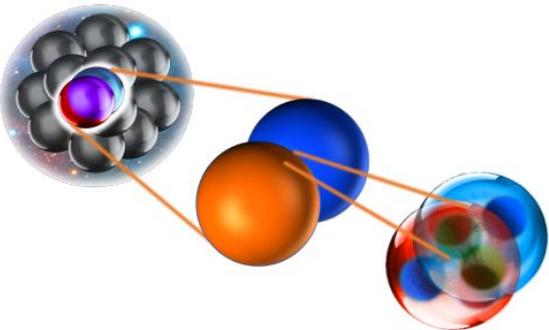


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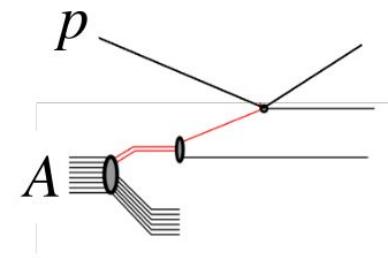
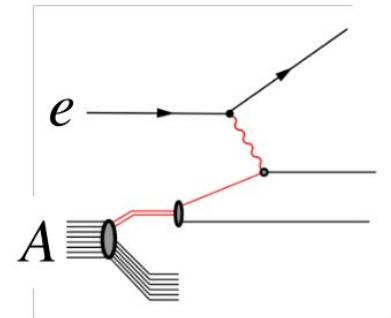
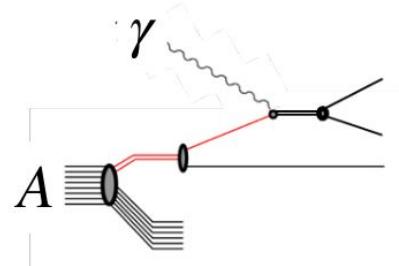
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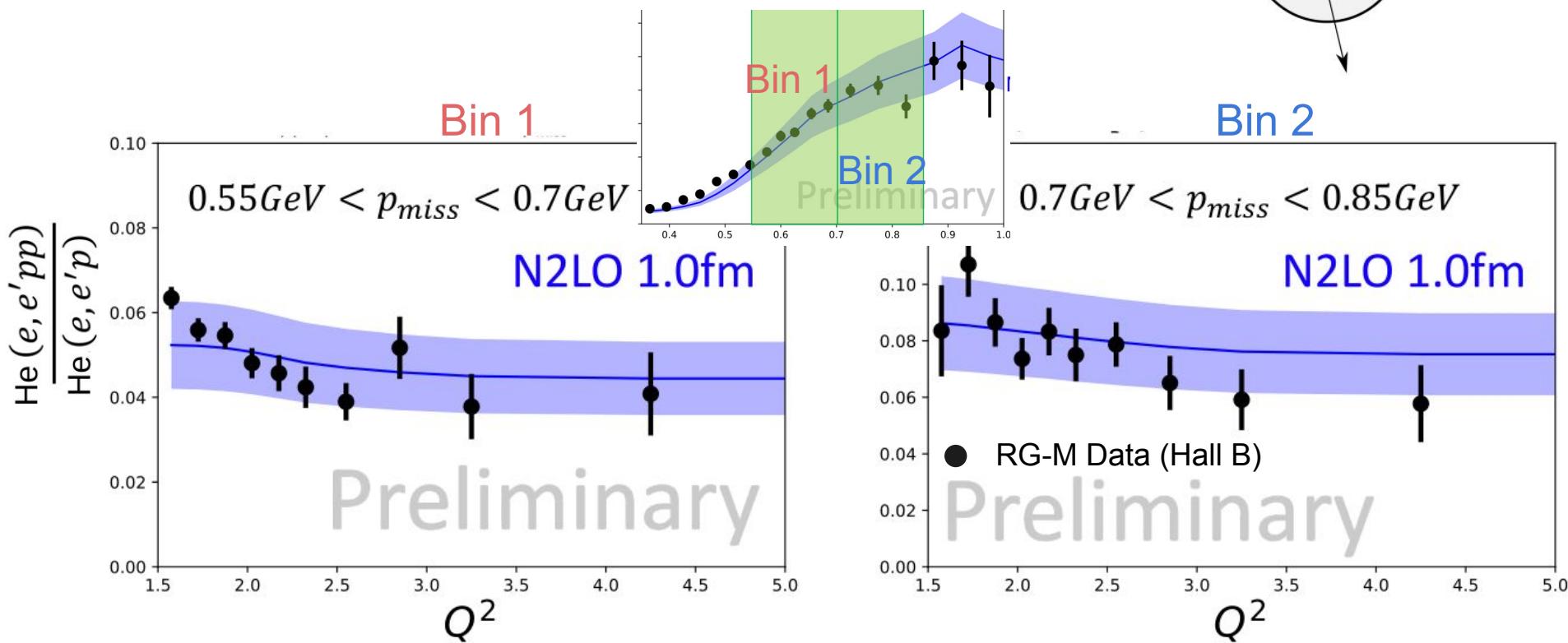
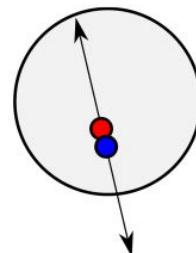
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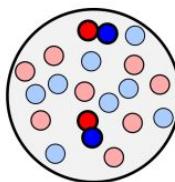


# Scale independence of Pair Interaction



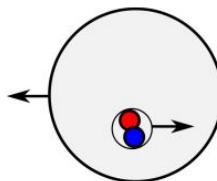
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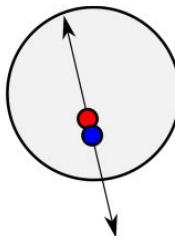
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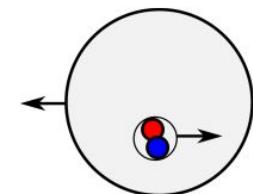


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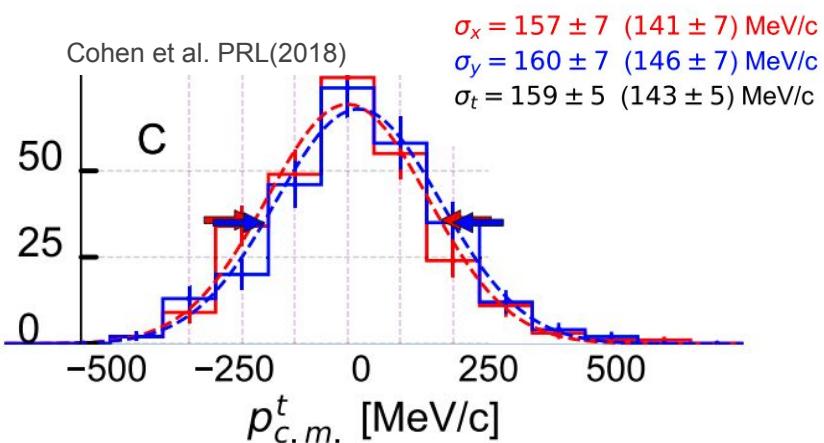
Scale (Q<sub>2</sub>) independence of SRC observables

# Precision C.M. motion

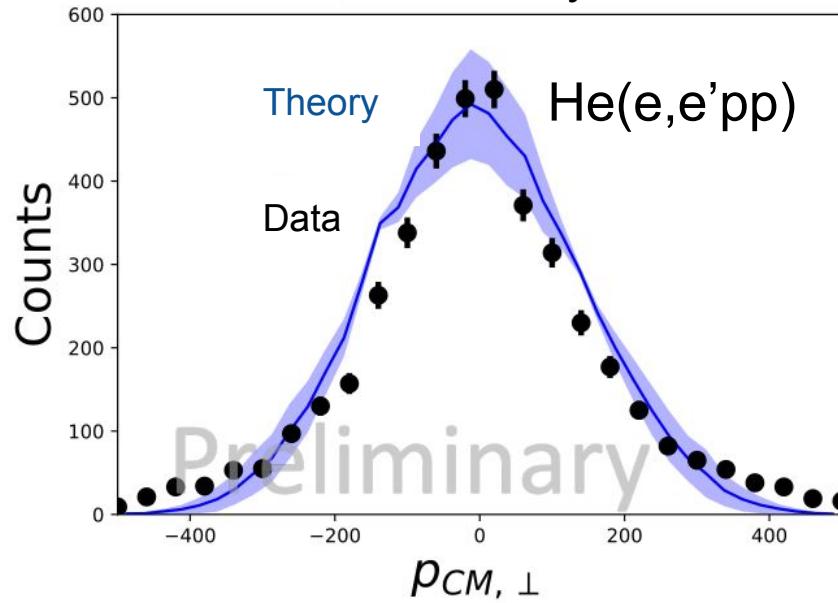
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CLAS6 Data

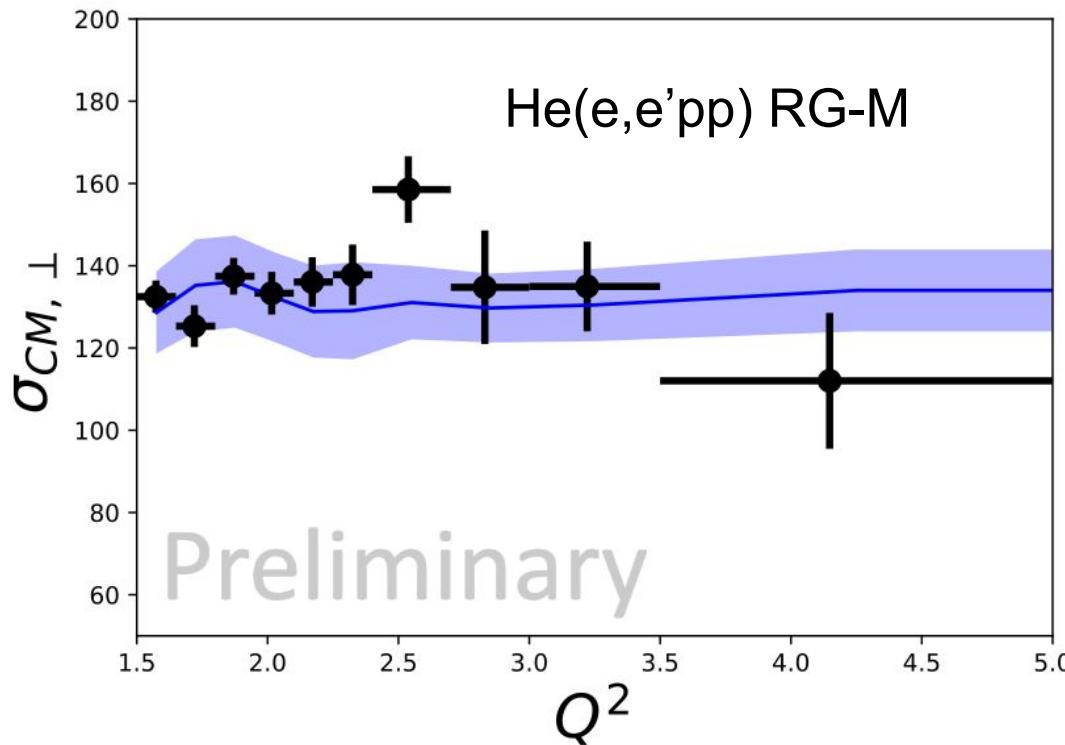
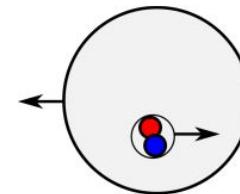


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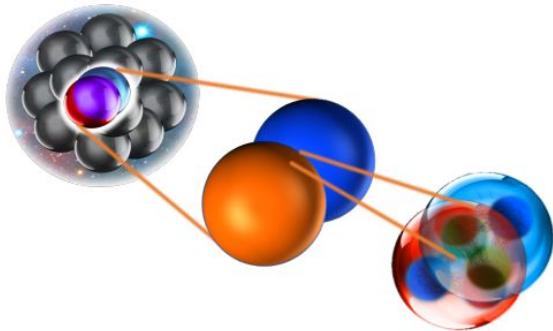


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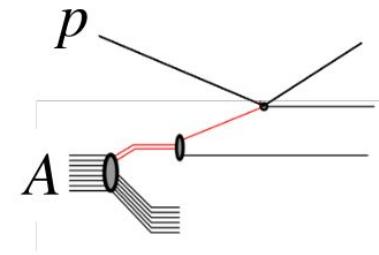
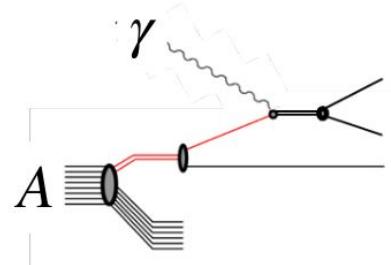
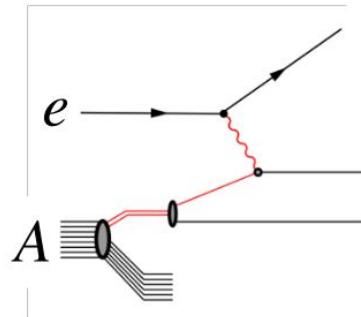


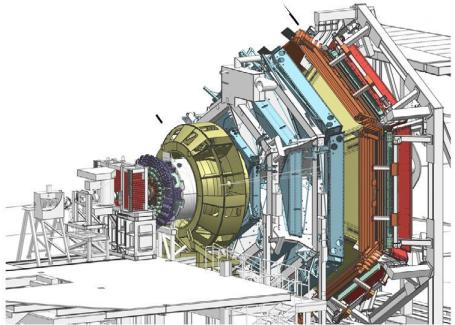
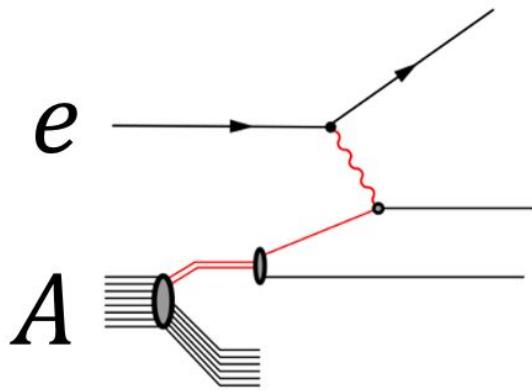
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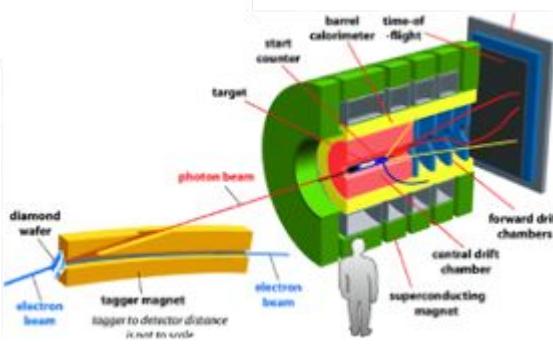
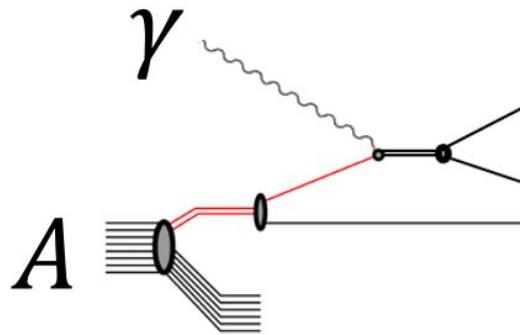
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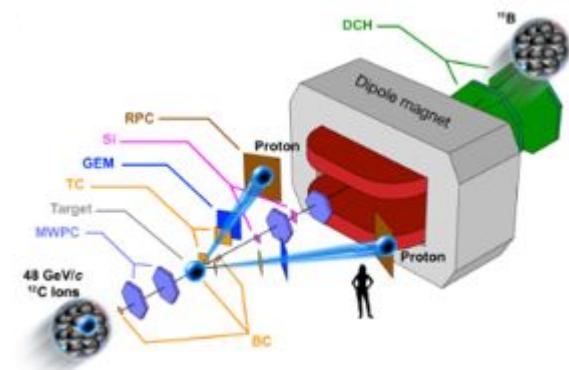
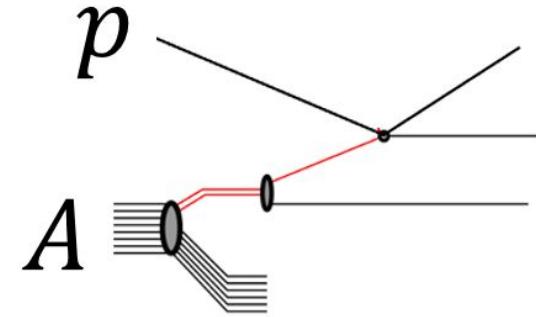




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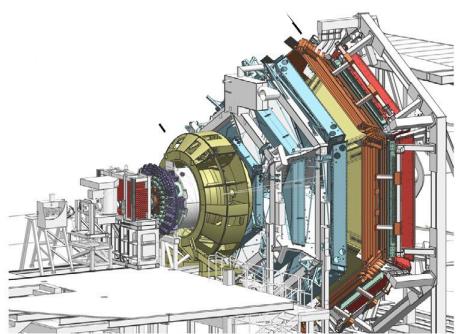
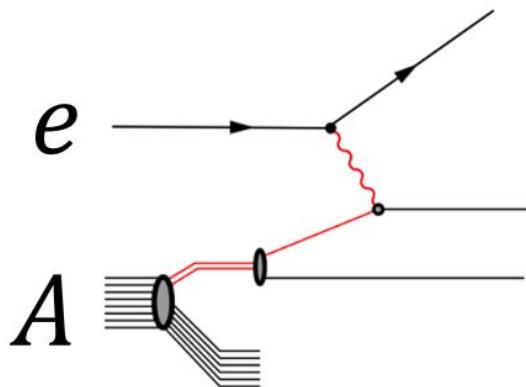


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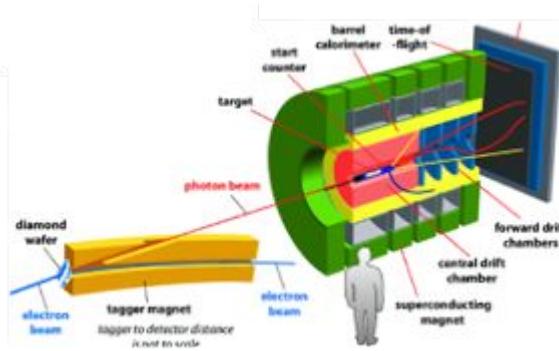
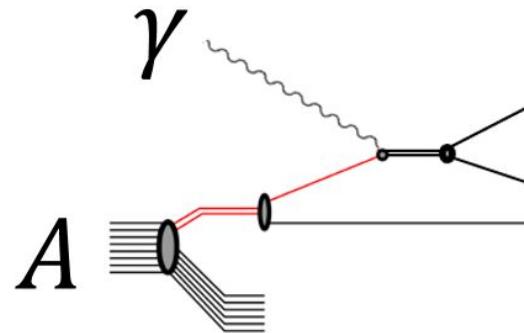


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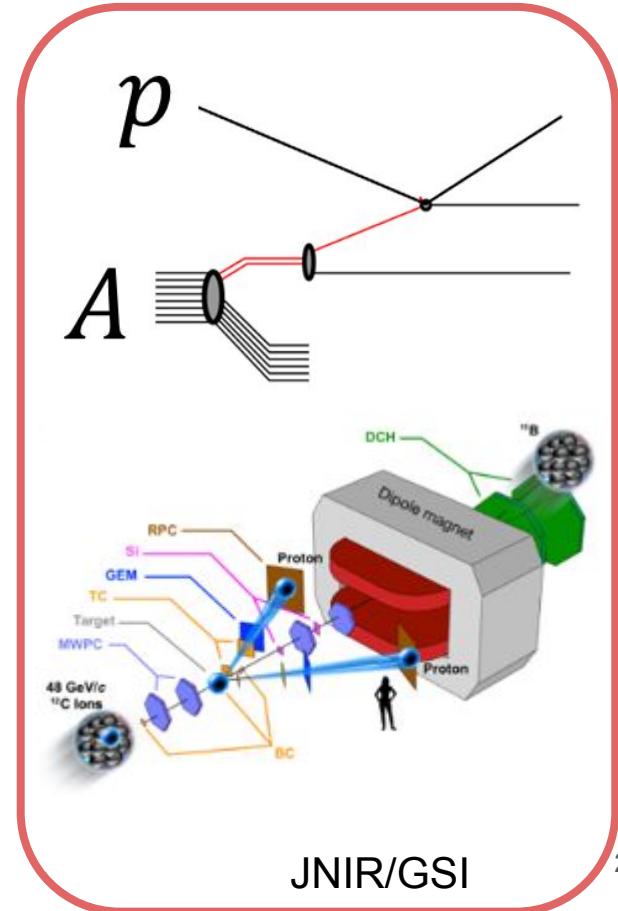
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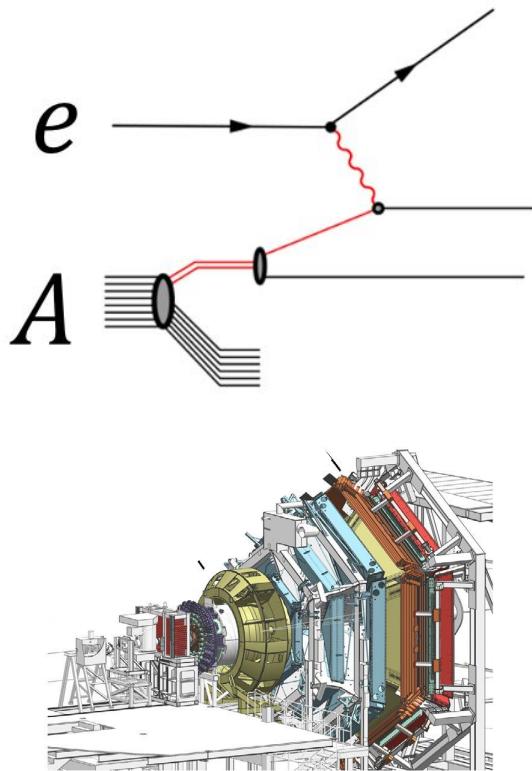
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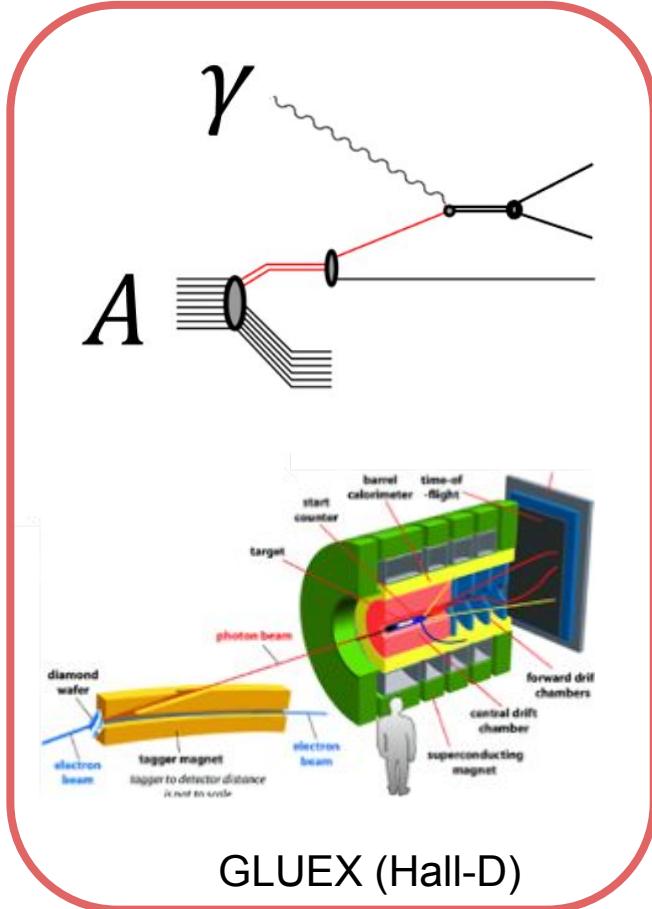
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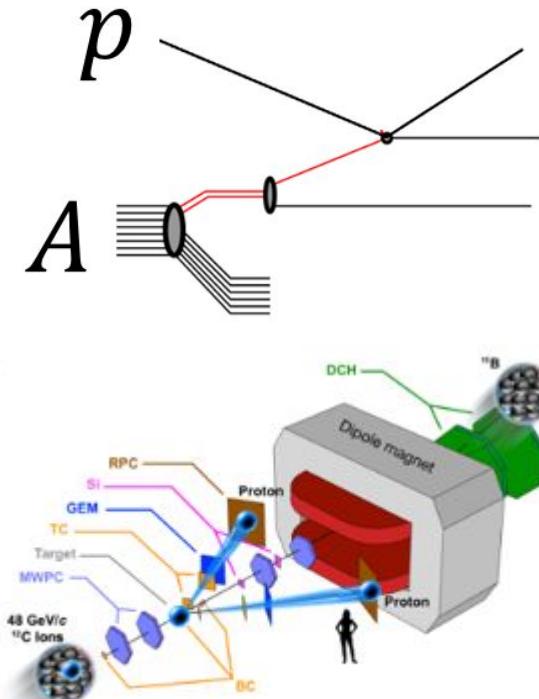
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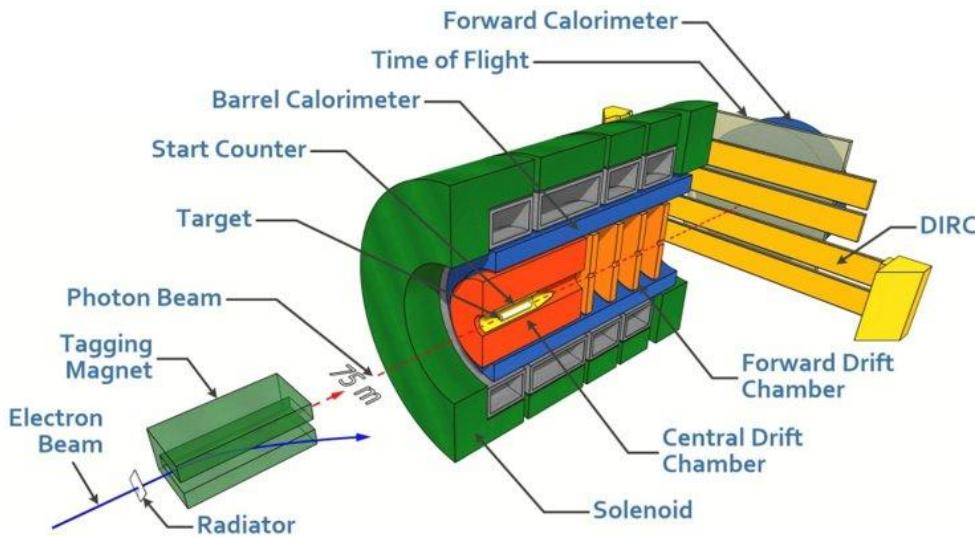


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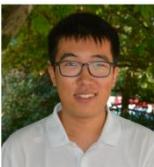


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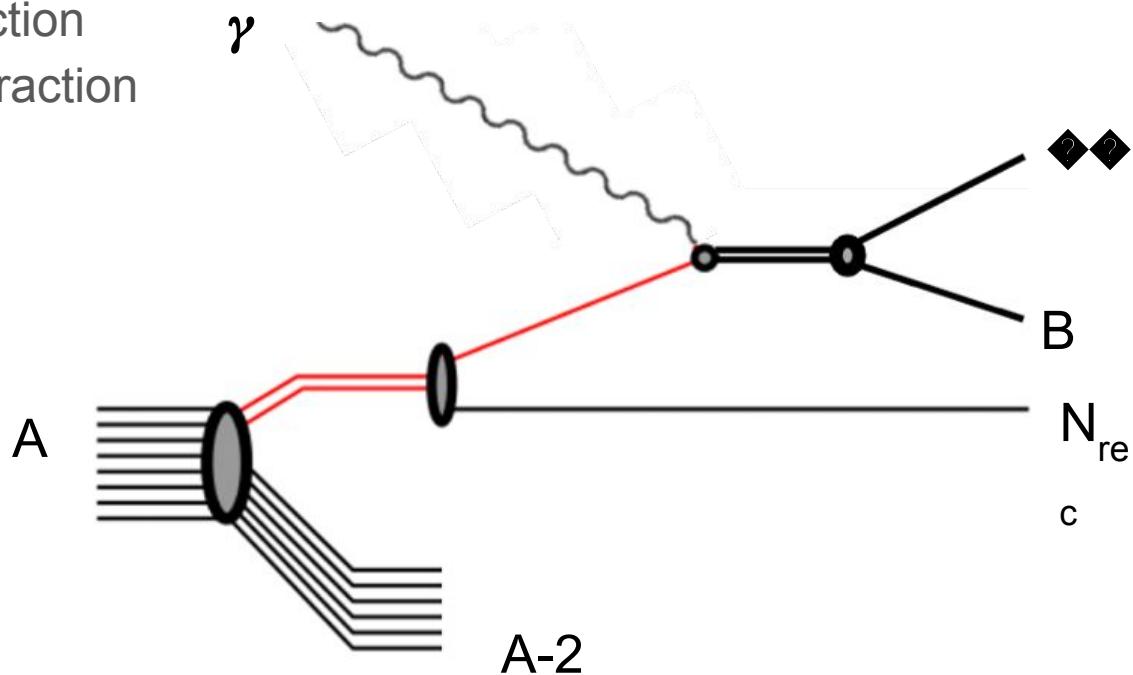


- Data taken in Fall 2021
- 10.8 GeV e- beam incident on diamond radiator
- Photon emitted via coherent bremsstrahlung
  - Scattered electron tagged
- D, He, C targets
- Particles detected in large acceptance GlueX spectrometer



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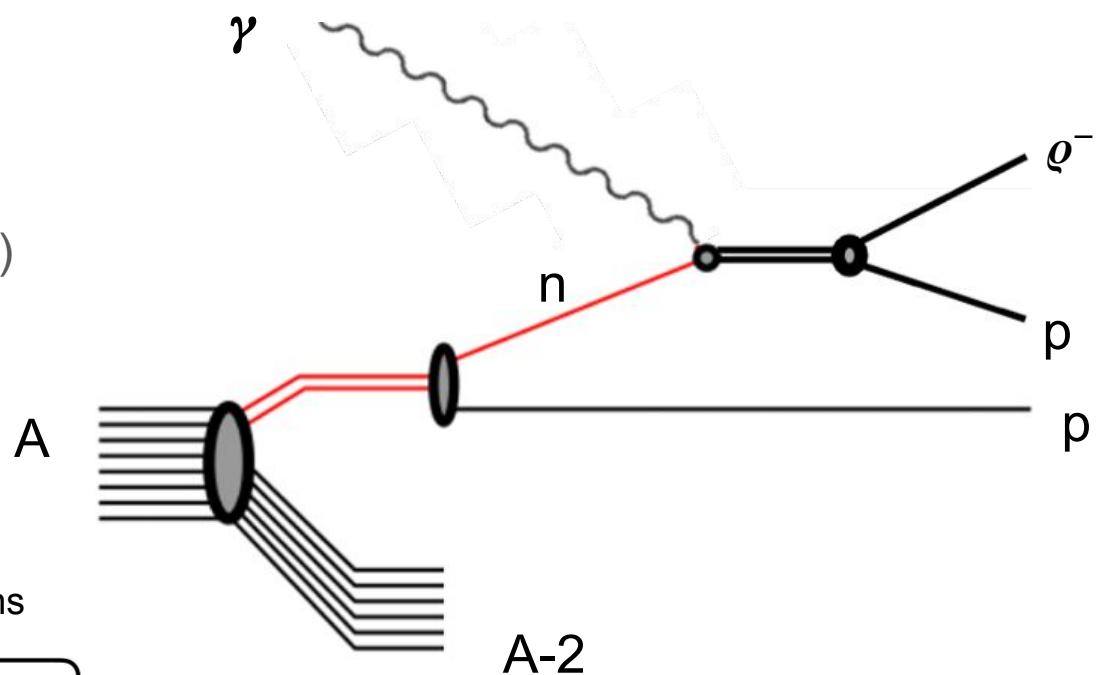
- Quasi-elastic photoproduction
- hard photon-nucleon interaction
- Many meson+baryon final-states are possible



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- $\rho^-$  photoproduction
- Initial state neutron
- $\rho^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0$  decay

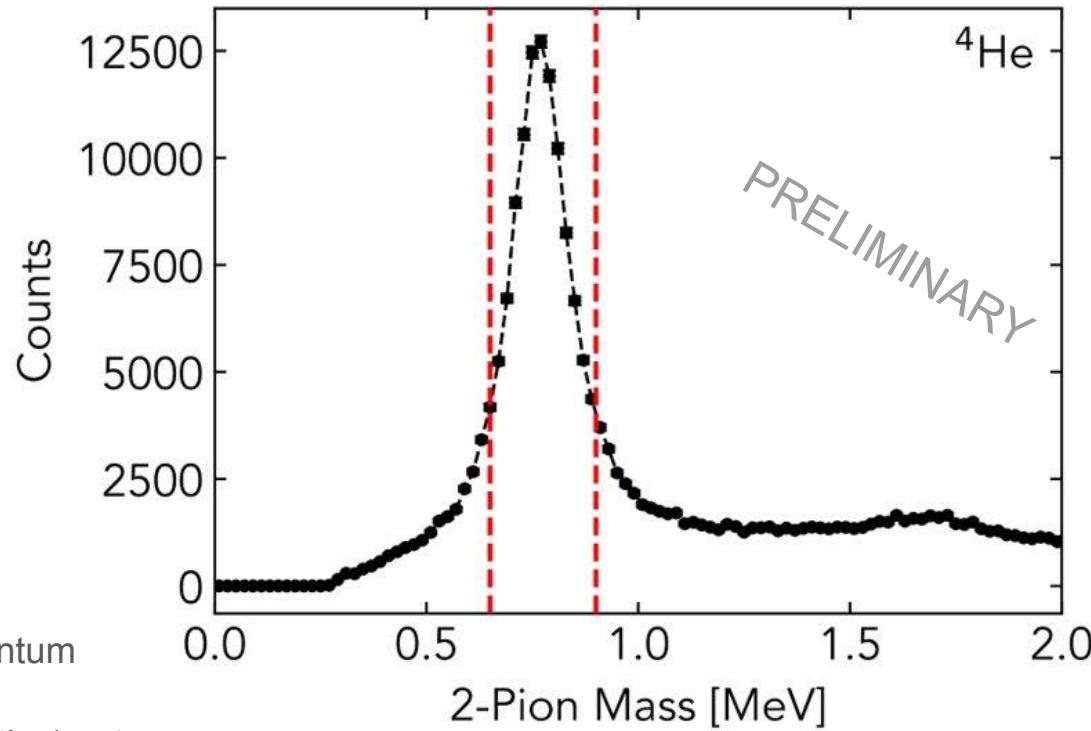
Exclusive detection of  $(\gamma, \rho^- pp)$



Compare to PWIA + GCF calculations

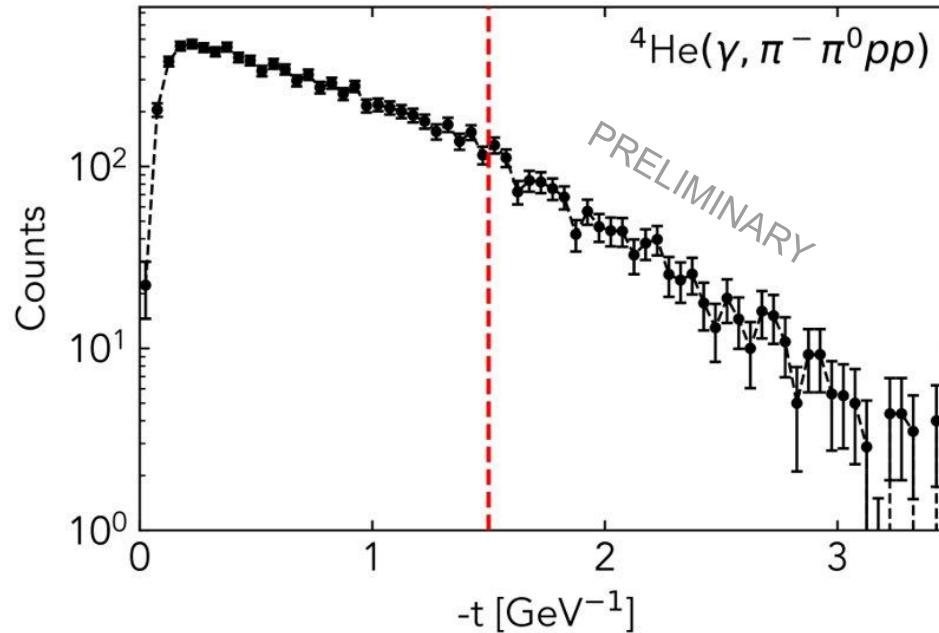
$$\sigma = \sigma(\gamma n \rightarrow \rho^- p) \times S(p_i, p_{rec})$$

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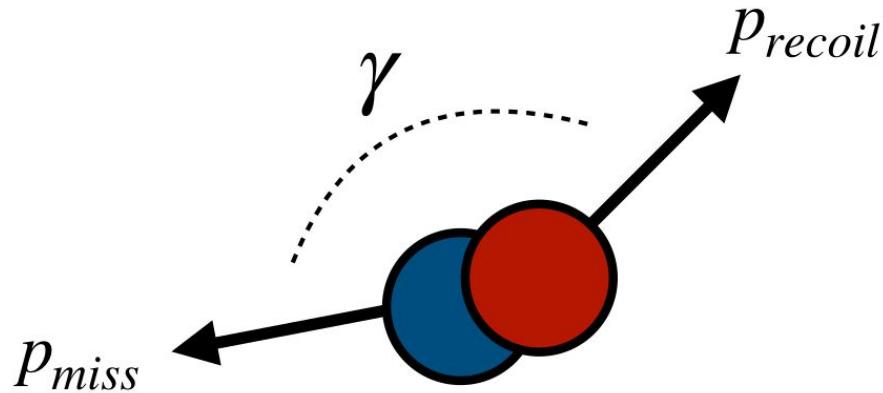
- High relative momentum
- $\rho^-$  meson mass
- Background (diffractive) cuts

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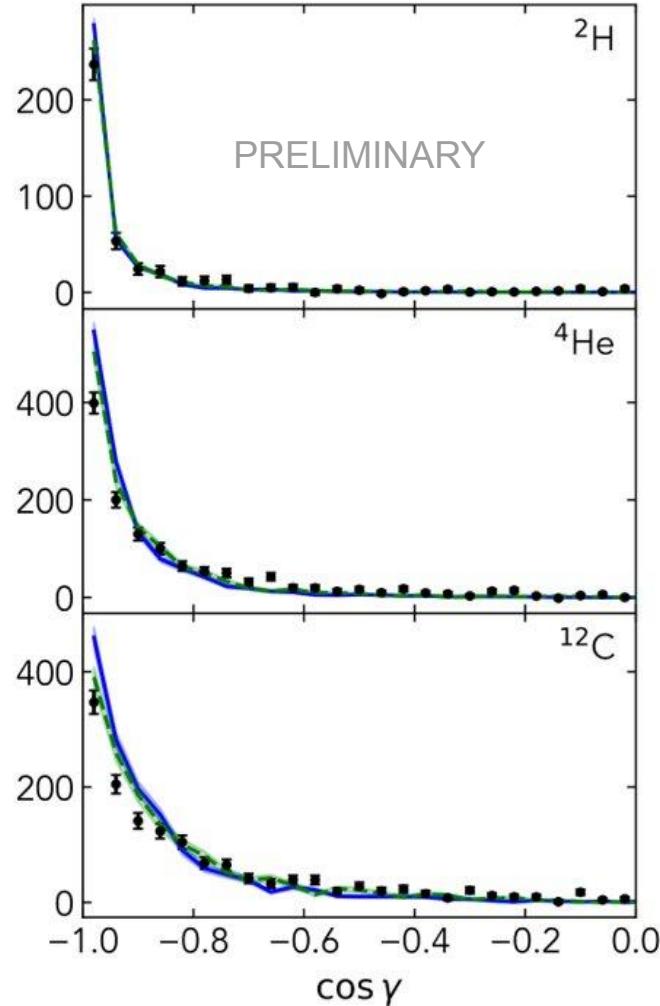


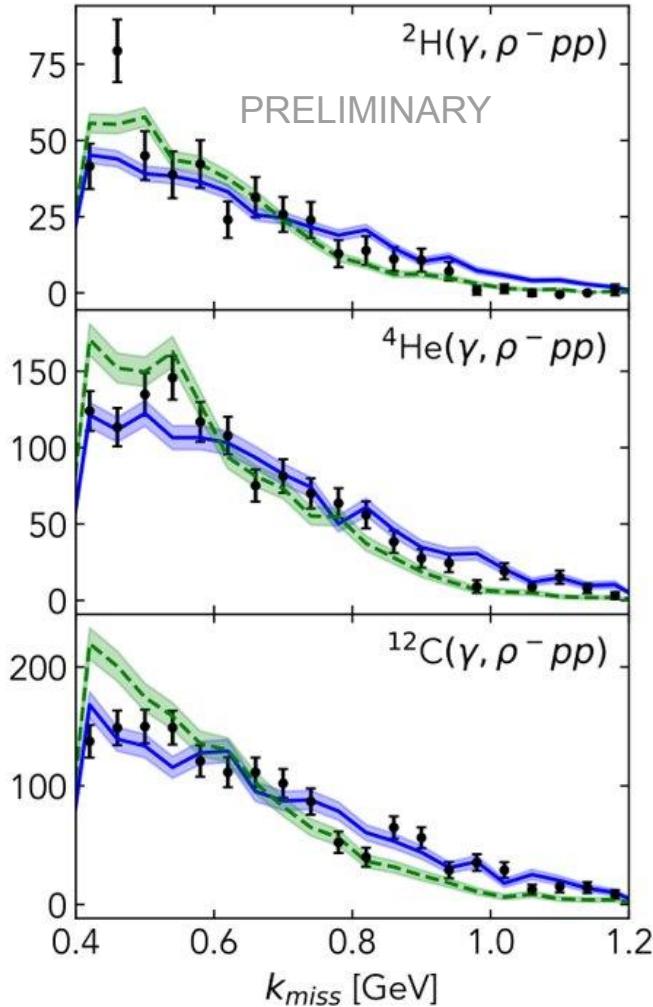
- High momentum-transfer  $|t|, |u| > 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

# SRC Pair Opening Angle



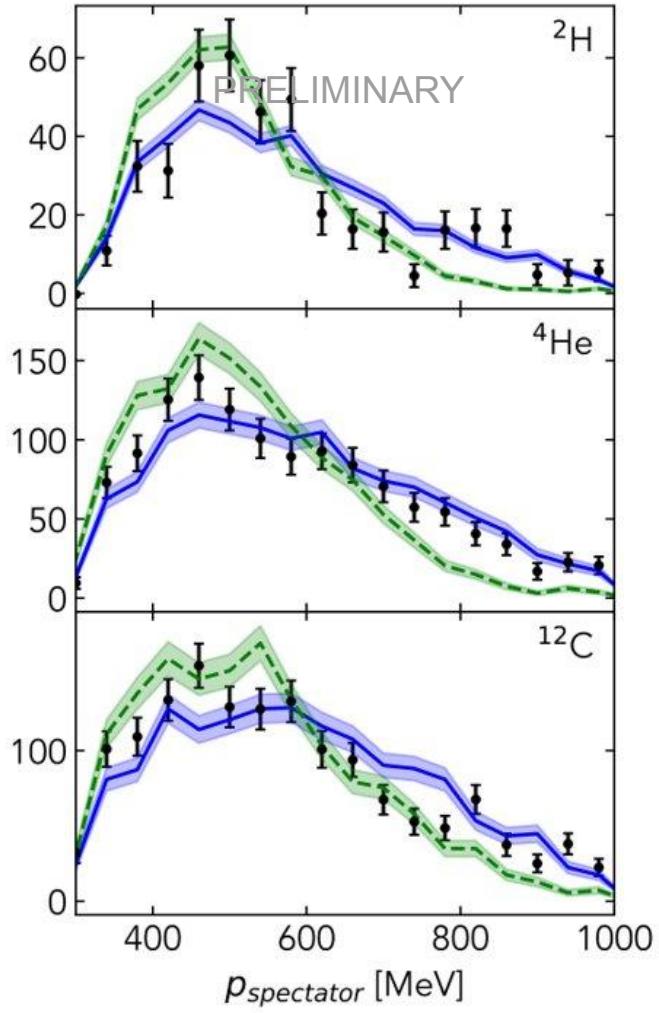
- Reconstruct angle between initial-state neutron and spectator proton
- All nuclei show clear back-to-back correlation





# Initial Neutron Momentum

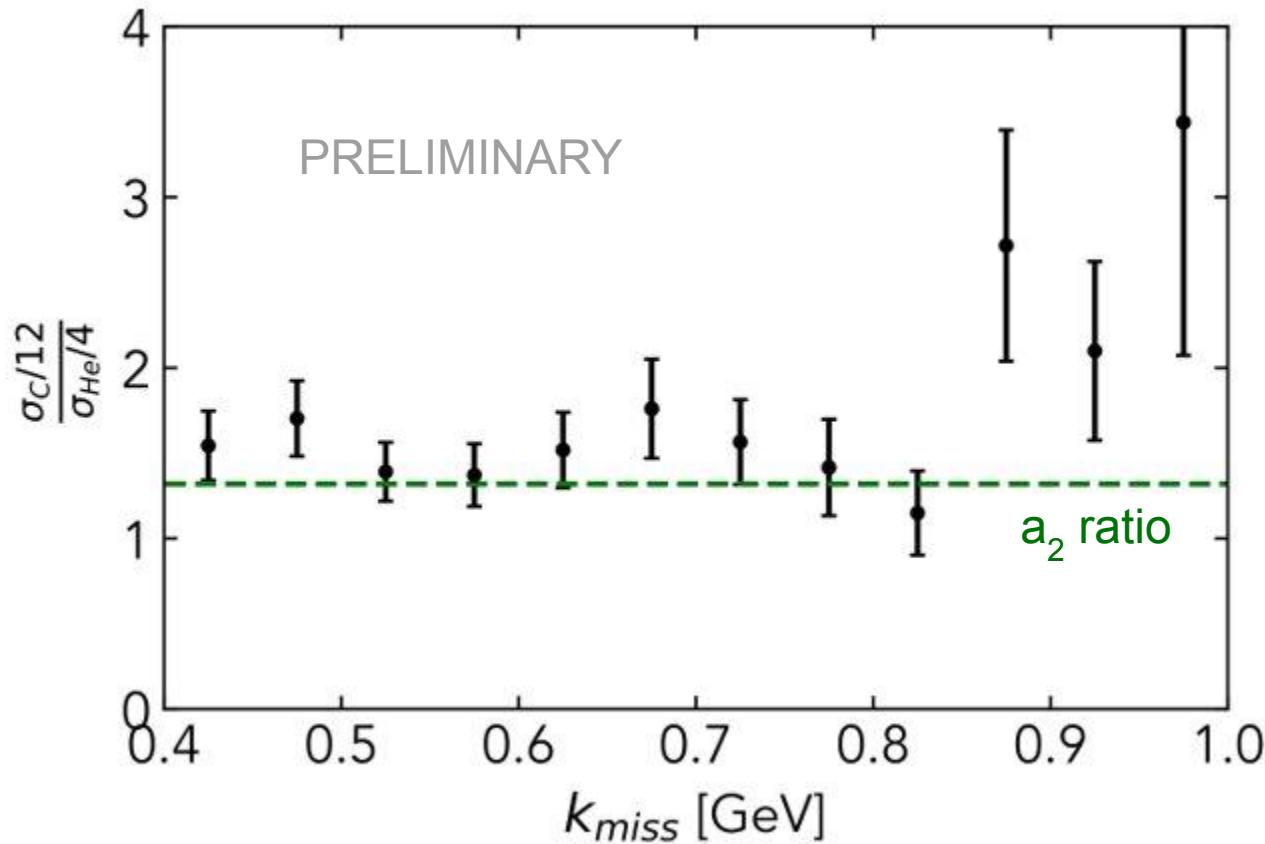
- Initial neutron momentum sensitive to short distance NN interaction
- Momentum distribution well described
- Agreement with AV18 predictions similar to that for electron-scattering data



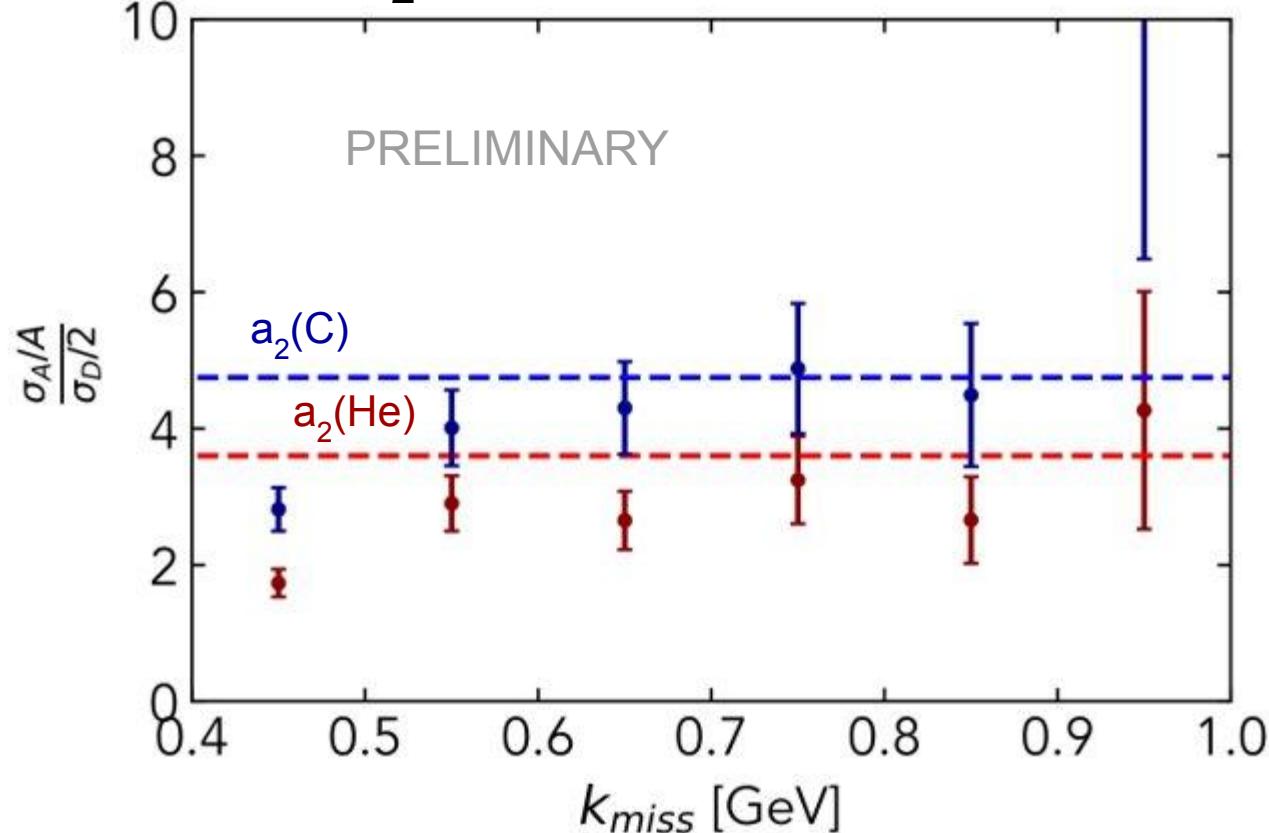
## Initial Proton Momentum

- Spectator momentum also well reconstructed but may be subject to rescattering
- Calculation of FSI using cascade models can help identify regions of large FSI

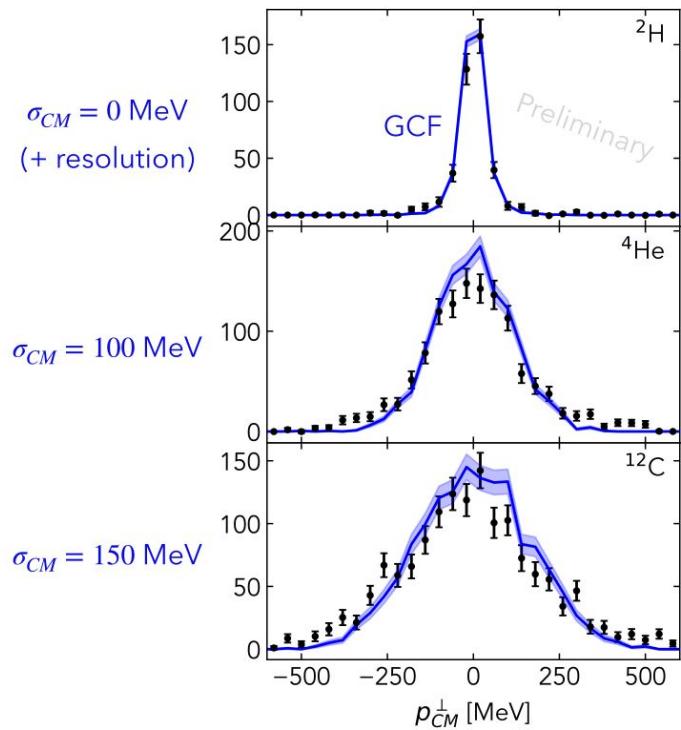
# SRC Abundances ( $a_2$ ratio) (Hall-D)



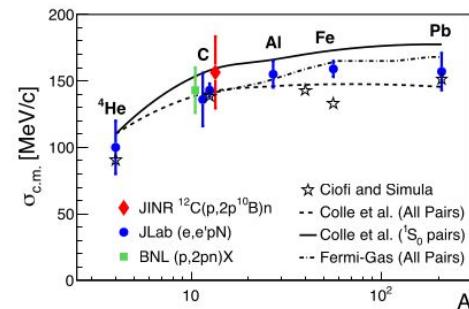
# SRC Abundances ( $a_2$ ) (Hall D)



# Center of Mass Motion



- Transverse C.M. component minimized FSI and other effects
- General trends agree with A but more detailed analysis need to be done

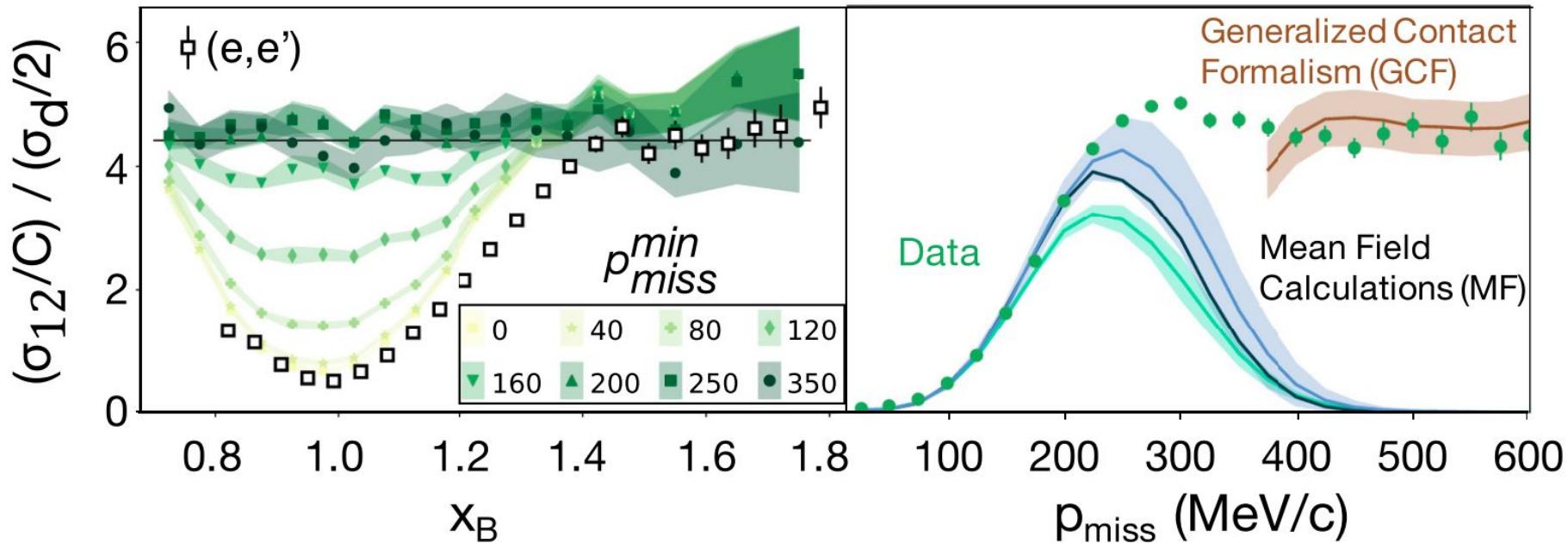


# Conclusions

- Preliminary results indicate SRC observables exhibit scale and probe universality
- Further analysis precision SRC studies (inclusive, semi-inclusive, exclusive)
- Looking forward to possibly exclusive measurements of 3N SRCs
- Lots of data to analyze and work to be done

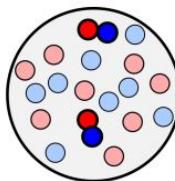
Thank you!

# Backup Slides



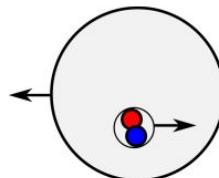
# next generation questions...

Pair Abundance



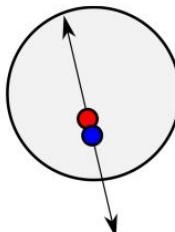
Where are pairs formed?  
Which nucleons pair?  
Do 3N SRC exist?

Center of  
Mass Motion



Precision COM measurements

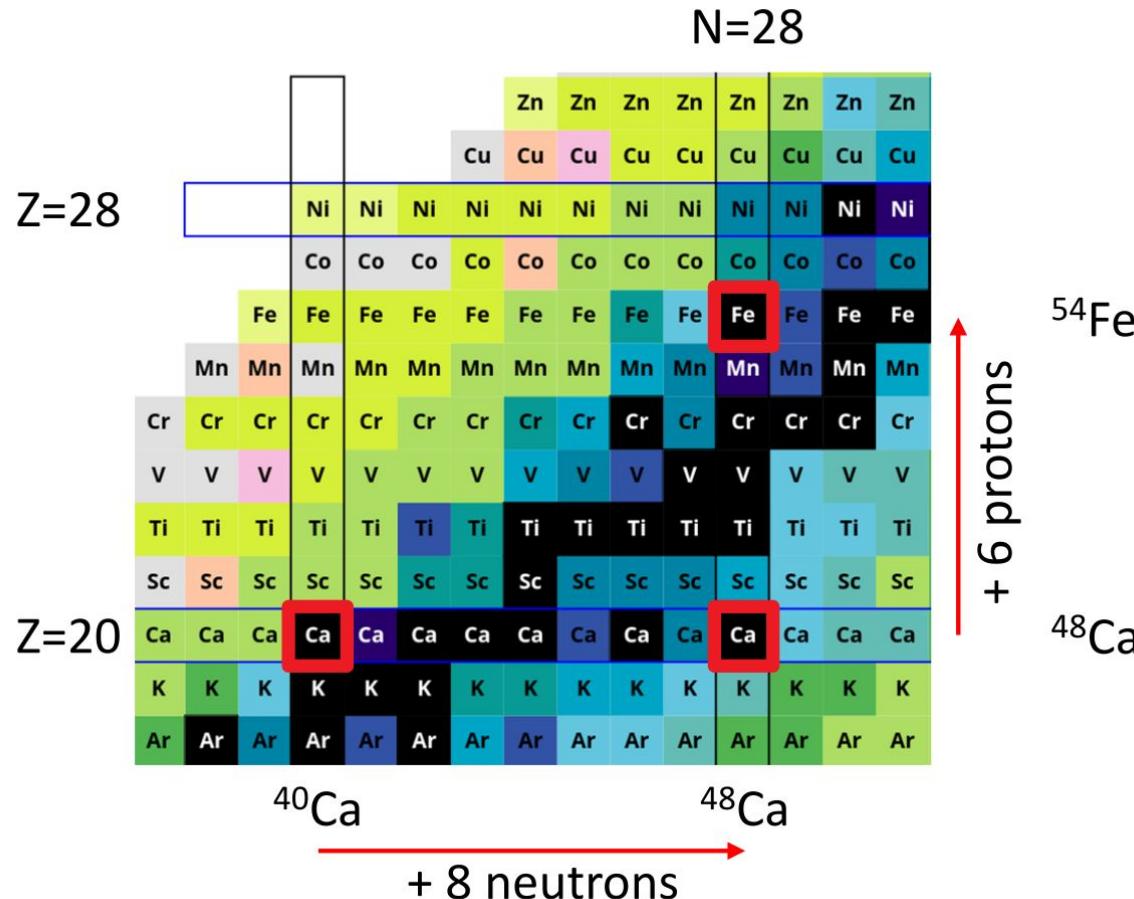
Pair Interaction

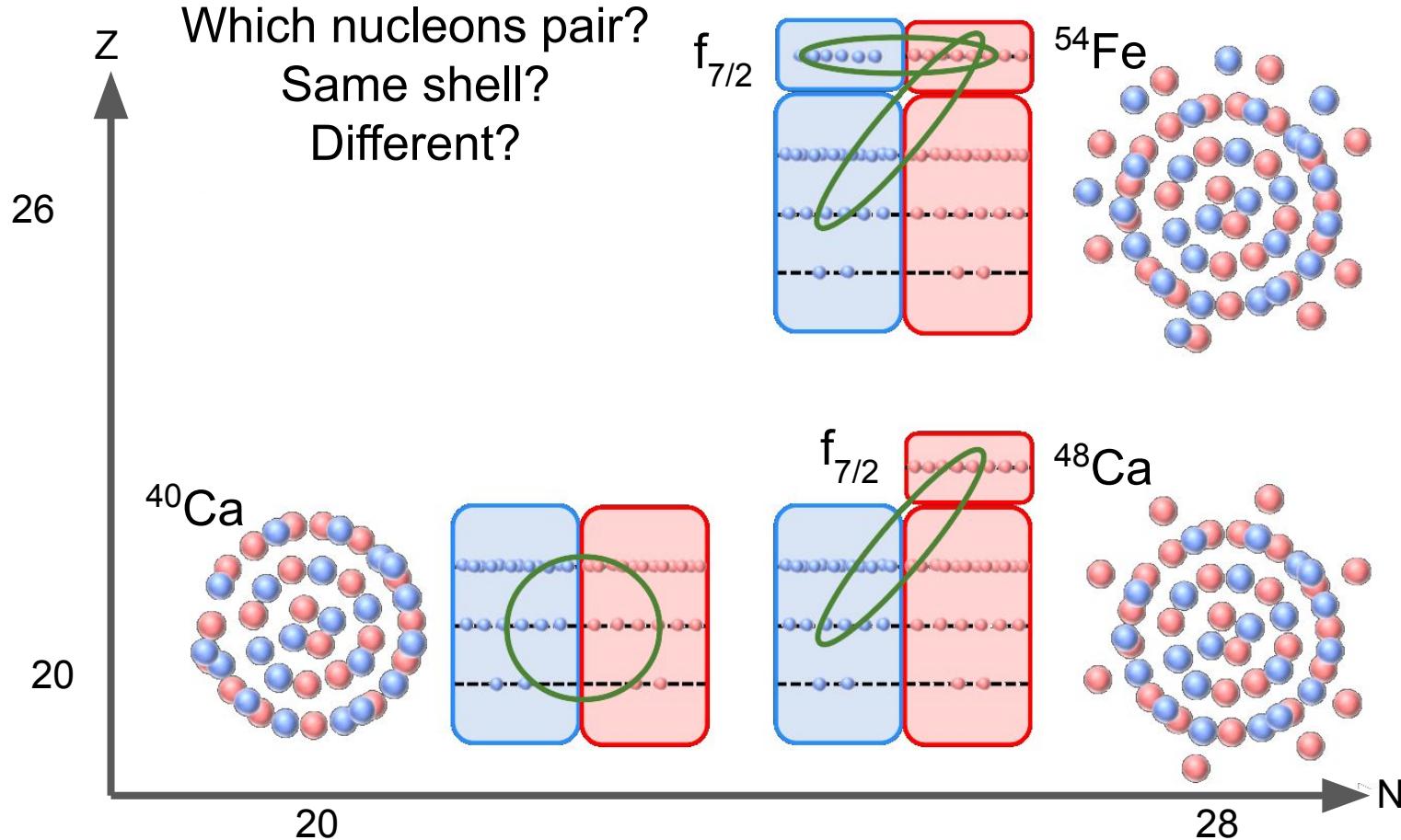


Precision NN interaction at short distances

Scale (Q<sub>2</sub>) independence of SRC observables

# SRC in Asymmetric Nuclei CaFe Exp. (Hall C)

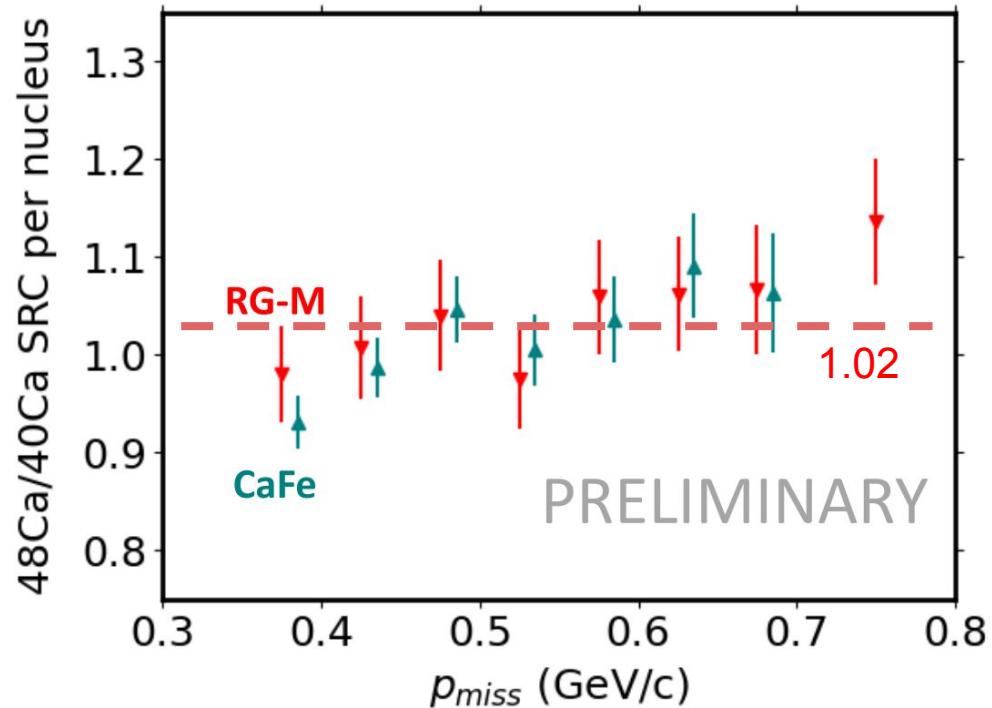




# CaFe and RG-M

- CaFe (Hall C)
  - 11 GeV:  $^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{54}\text{Fe}$
  - Small aperture spectrometers
  - Separate Mean field and SRC kinematic settings
  - (e,e'p) only
- RG-M (Hall B)
  - 6 GeV : C,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{120}\text{Sn}$
  - CLAS12
  - (e,e'p), (e,e'pN)

# RG-M and CaFe Agreement

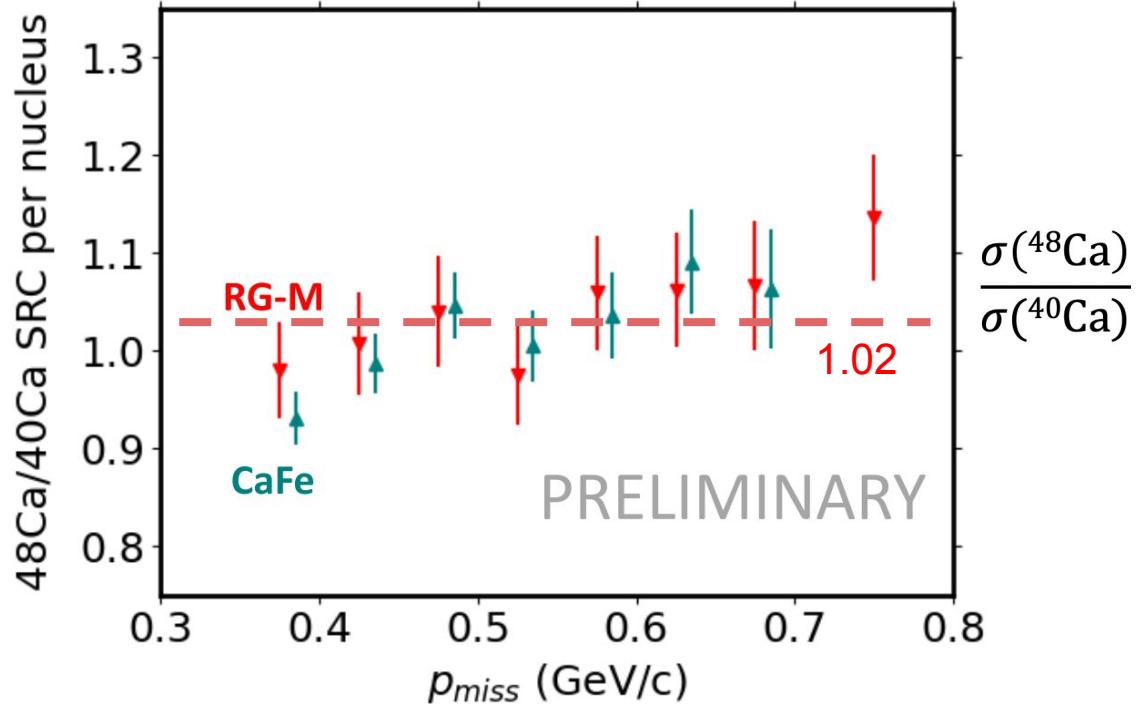


PRELIMINARY No systematic errors.	Integrated Ratios $^{48}\text{Ca}/^{40}\text{Ca}$ SRC per proton
RG-M (Hall B)	1.03 (2)
CaFe (Hall C)	1.02 (1)

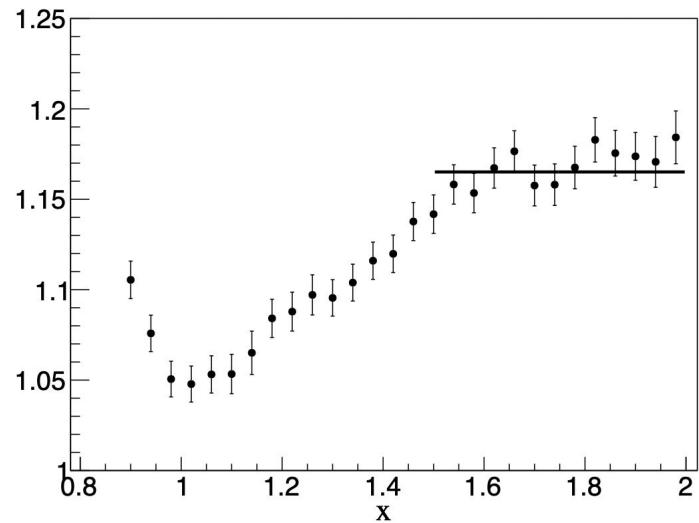
CaFe:  
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Dien Nguyen (JLAB)

RG-M  
Julian Kahlbow (MIT)  
Ron Wagner (Tel Aviv U.)

# $(e,e')$ and $(e,e'p)$ disagreement?



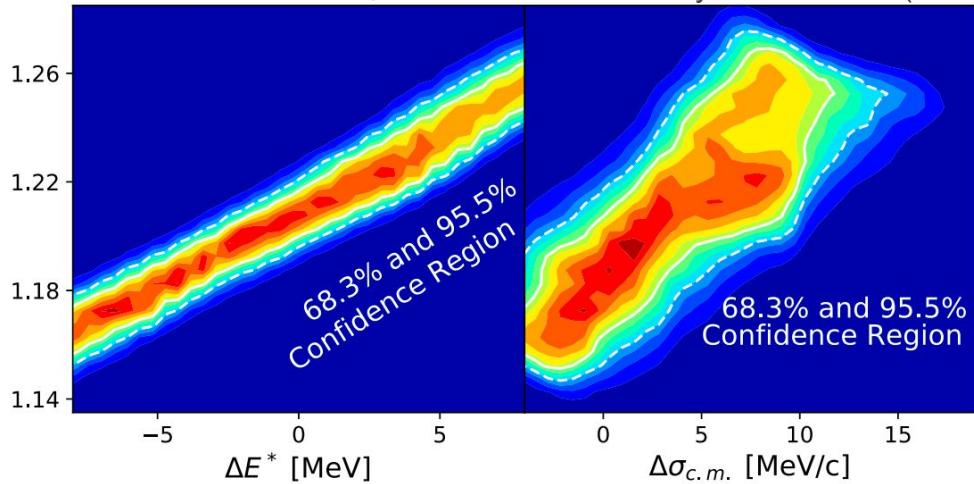
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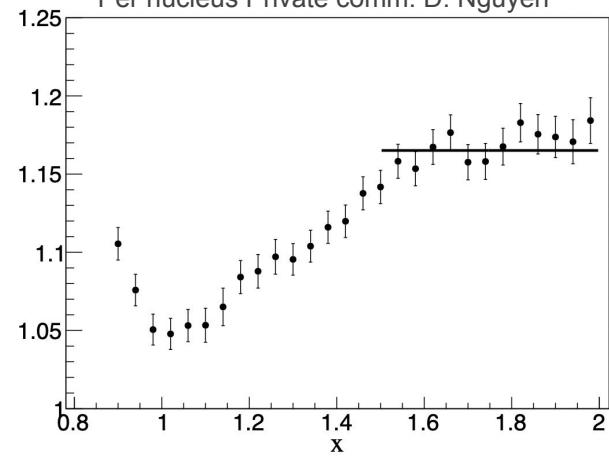
# (e,e') cross section ratio is NOT the SRC pair ratio!

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SRC pair ratio



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Varying model parameters changes SRC pair ratio by 10%  
(e,e') measures (np, pp, nn) pairs