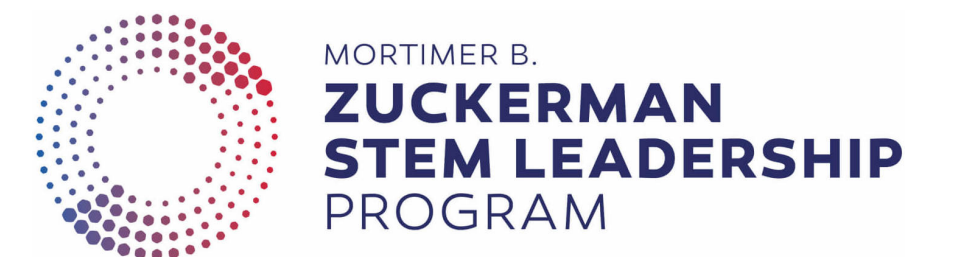


# Nucleon structure with tagged DIS

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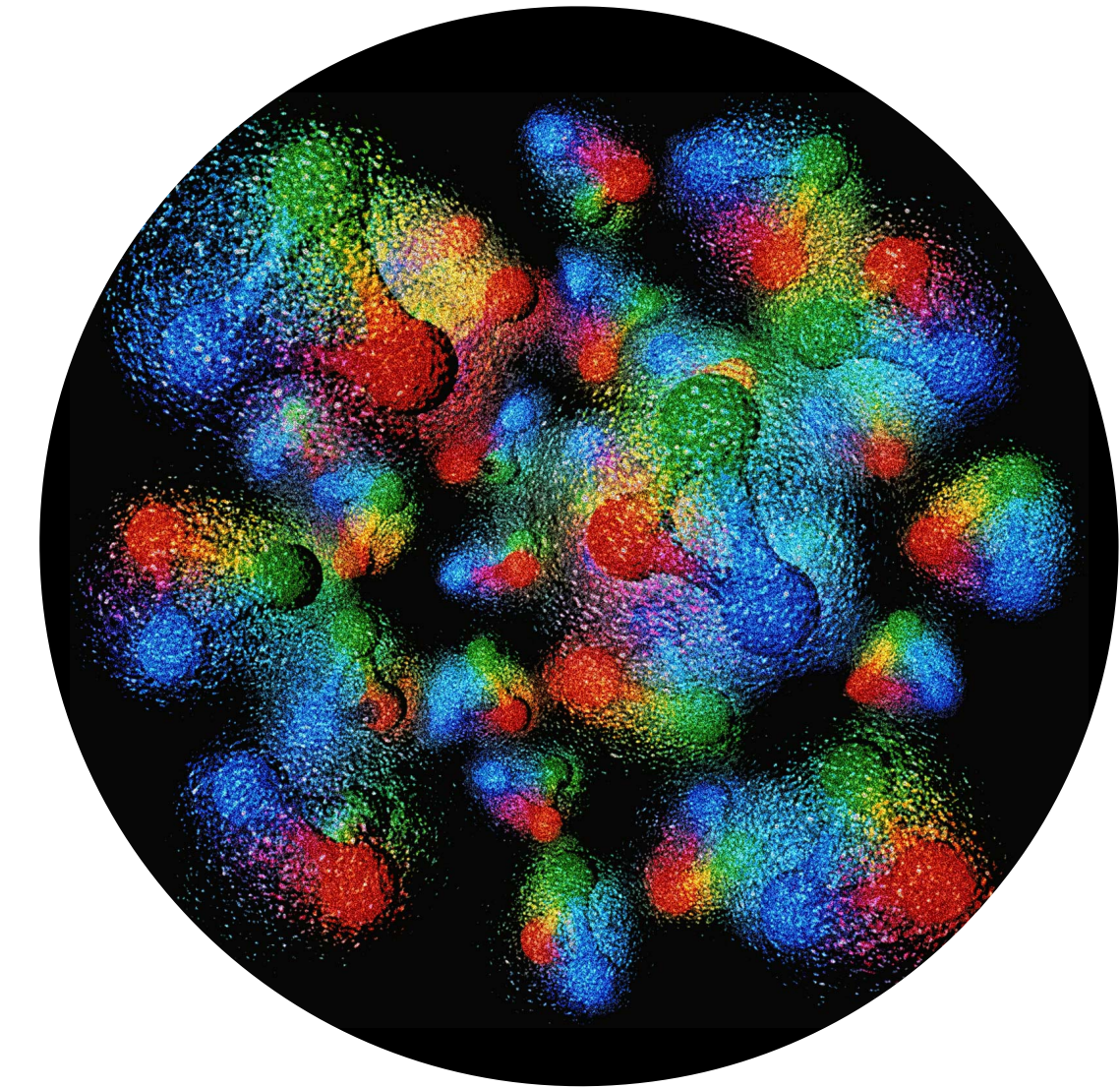
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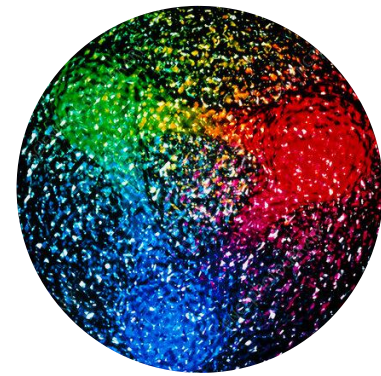
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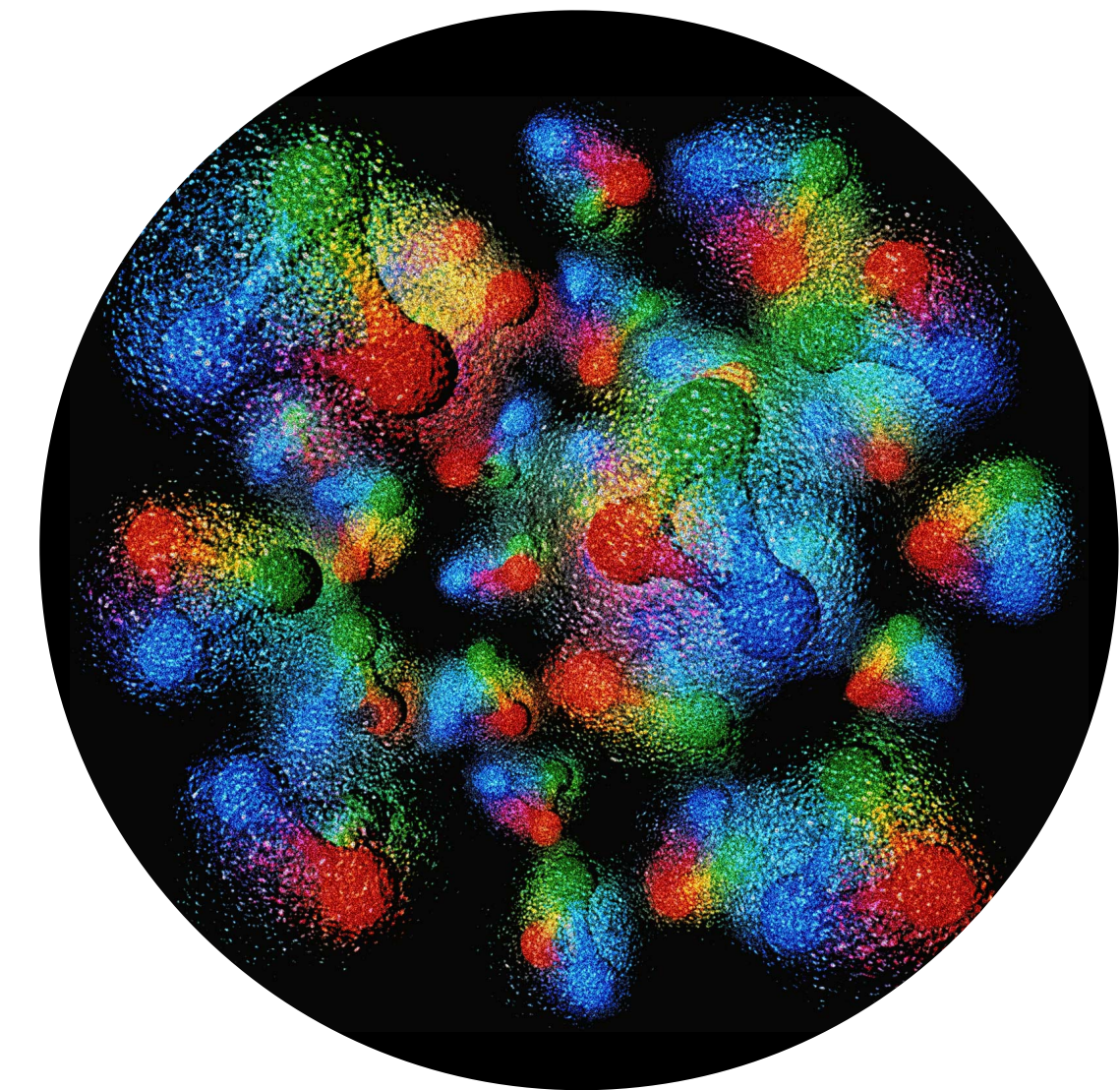


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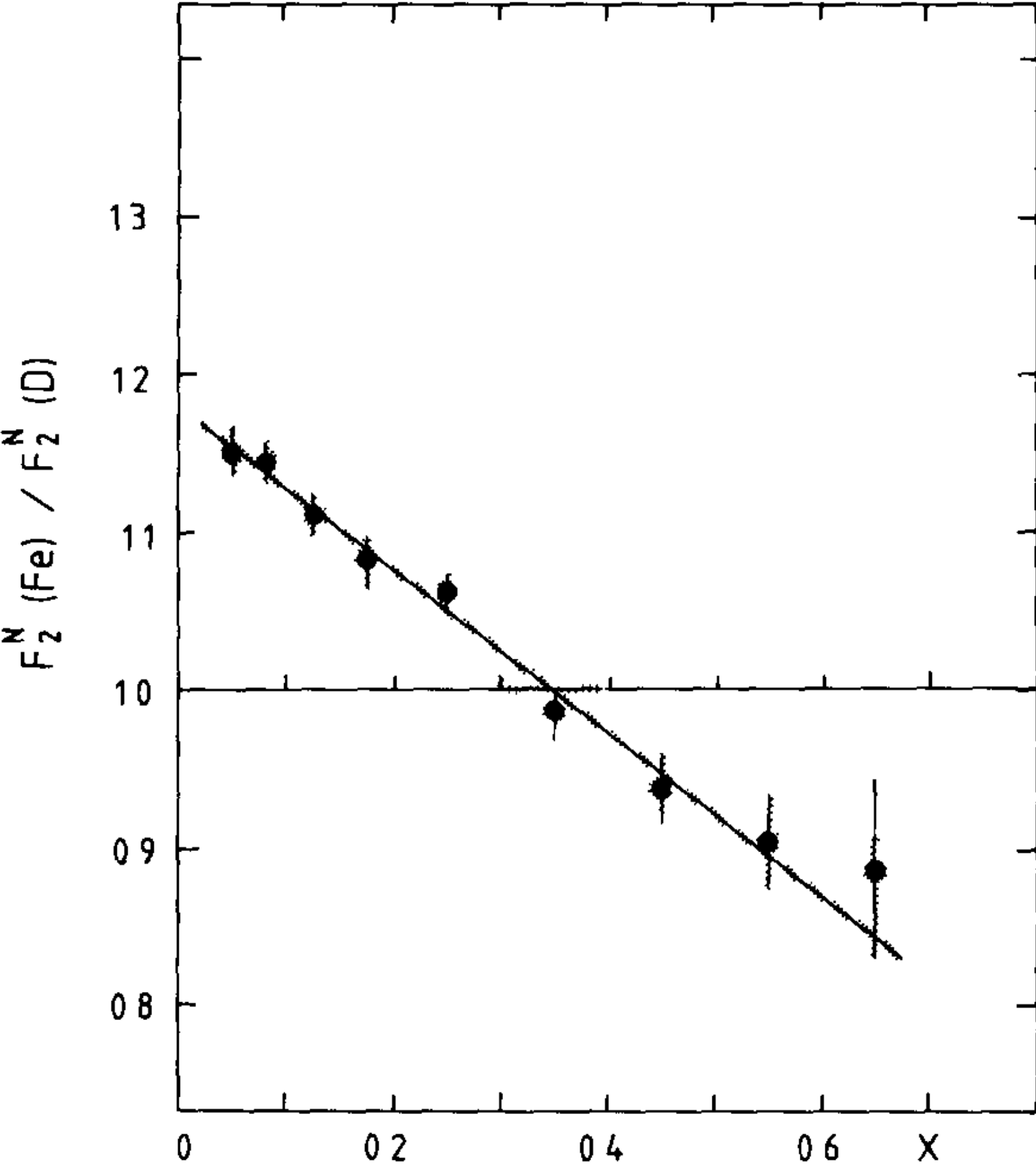


Naive intuition says that MeV-scale binding shouldn't impact GeV-scale parton dynamics



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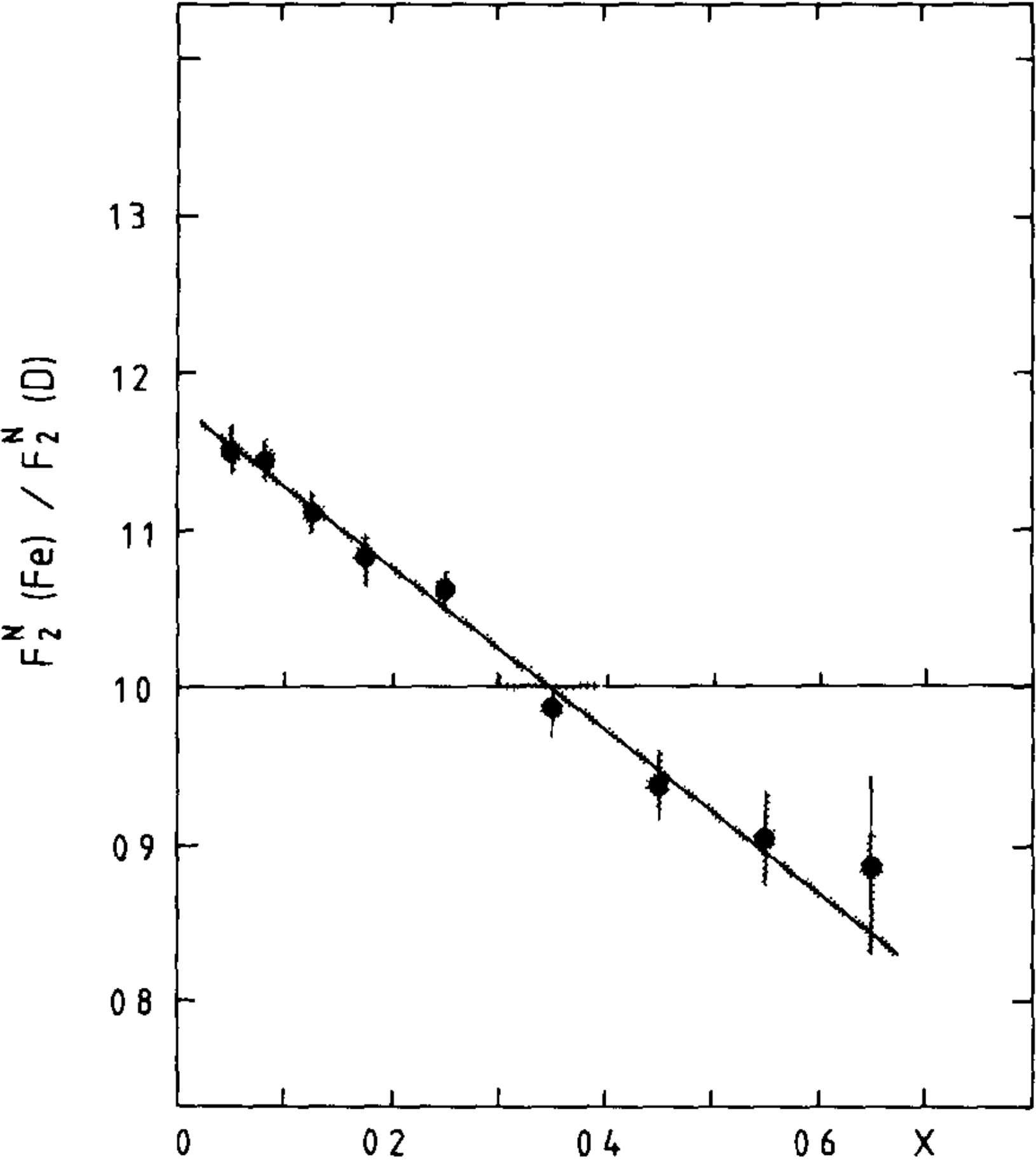
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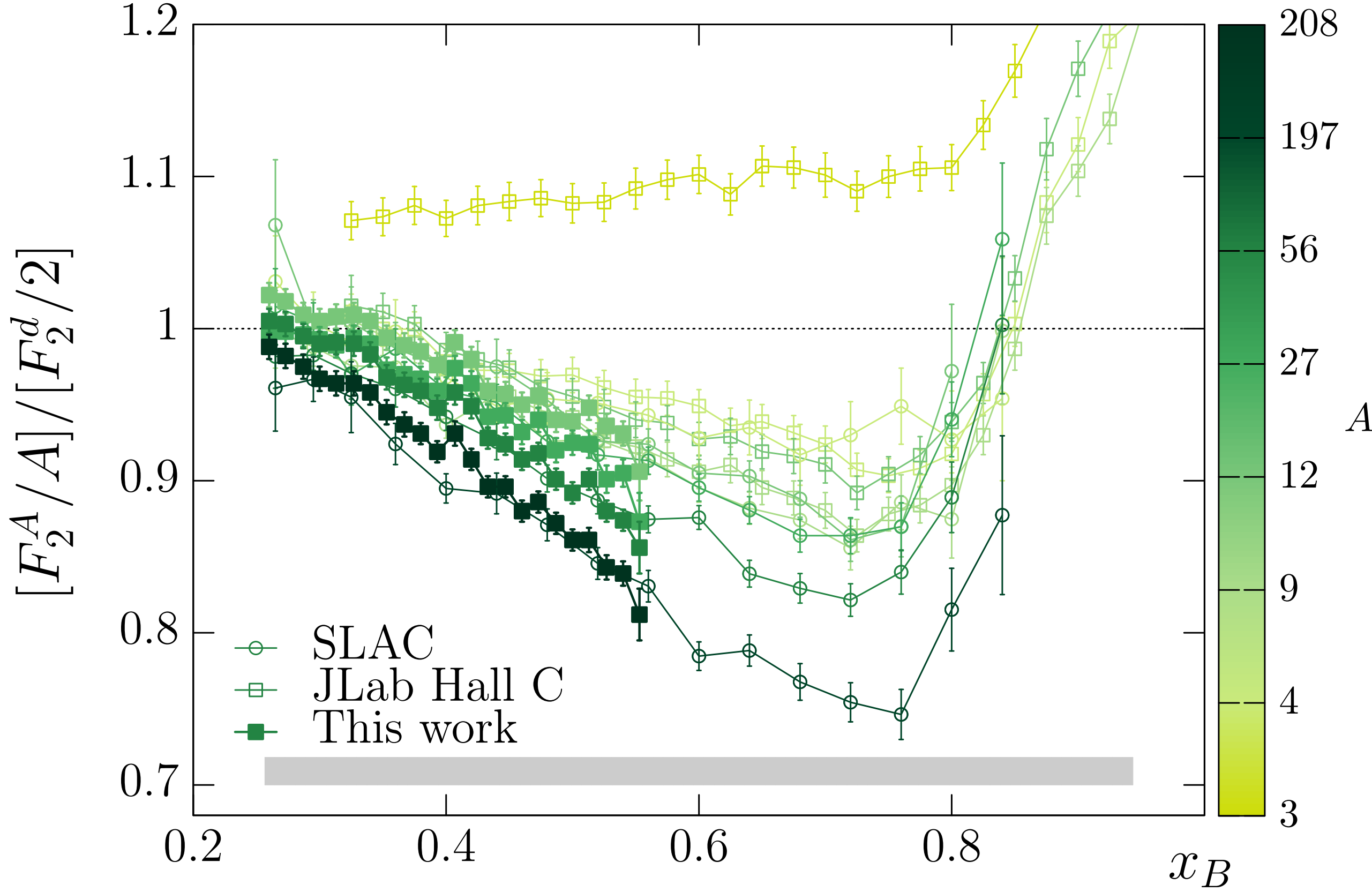
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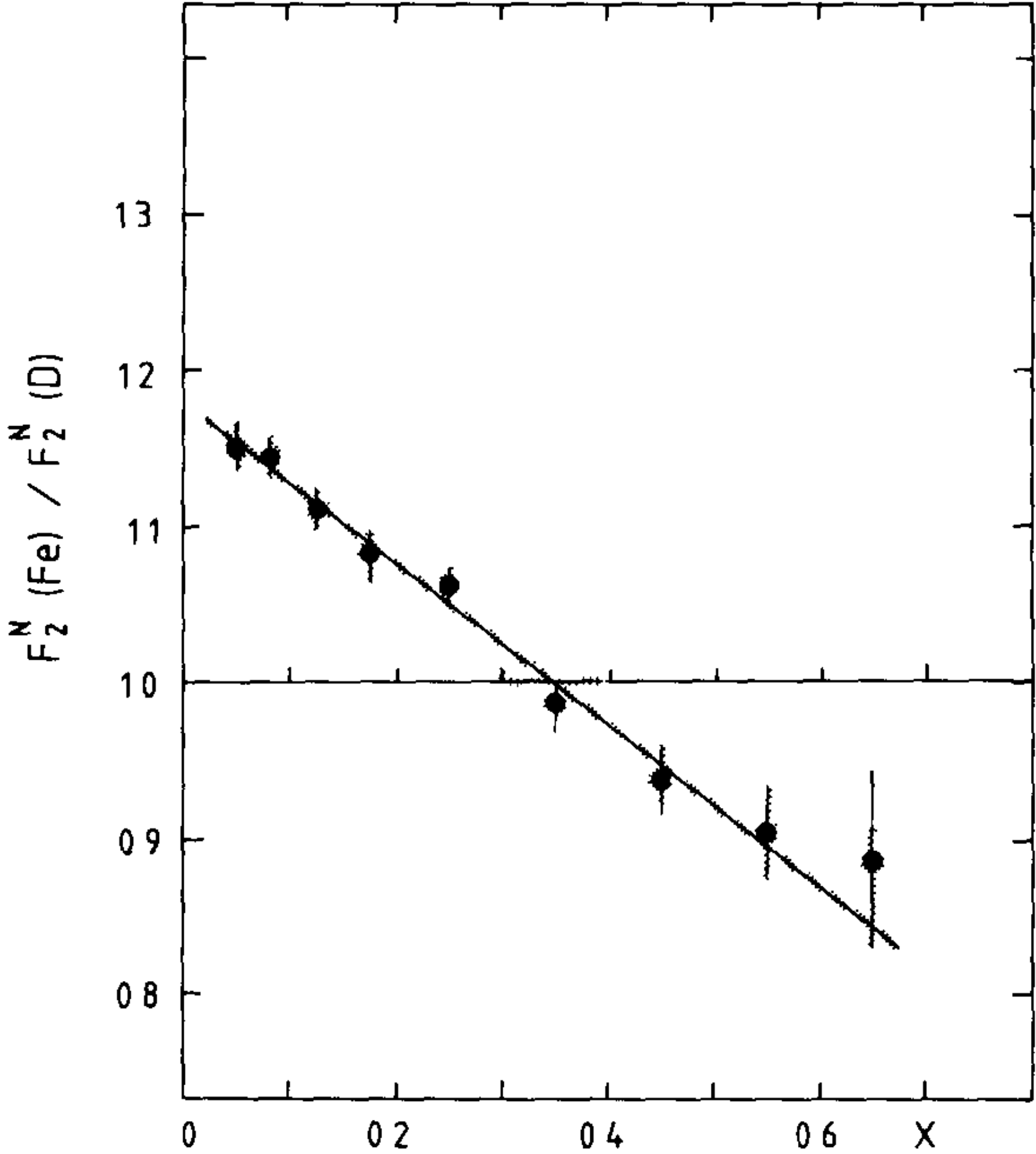


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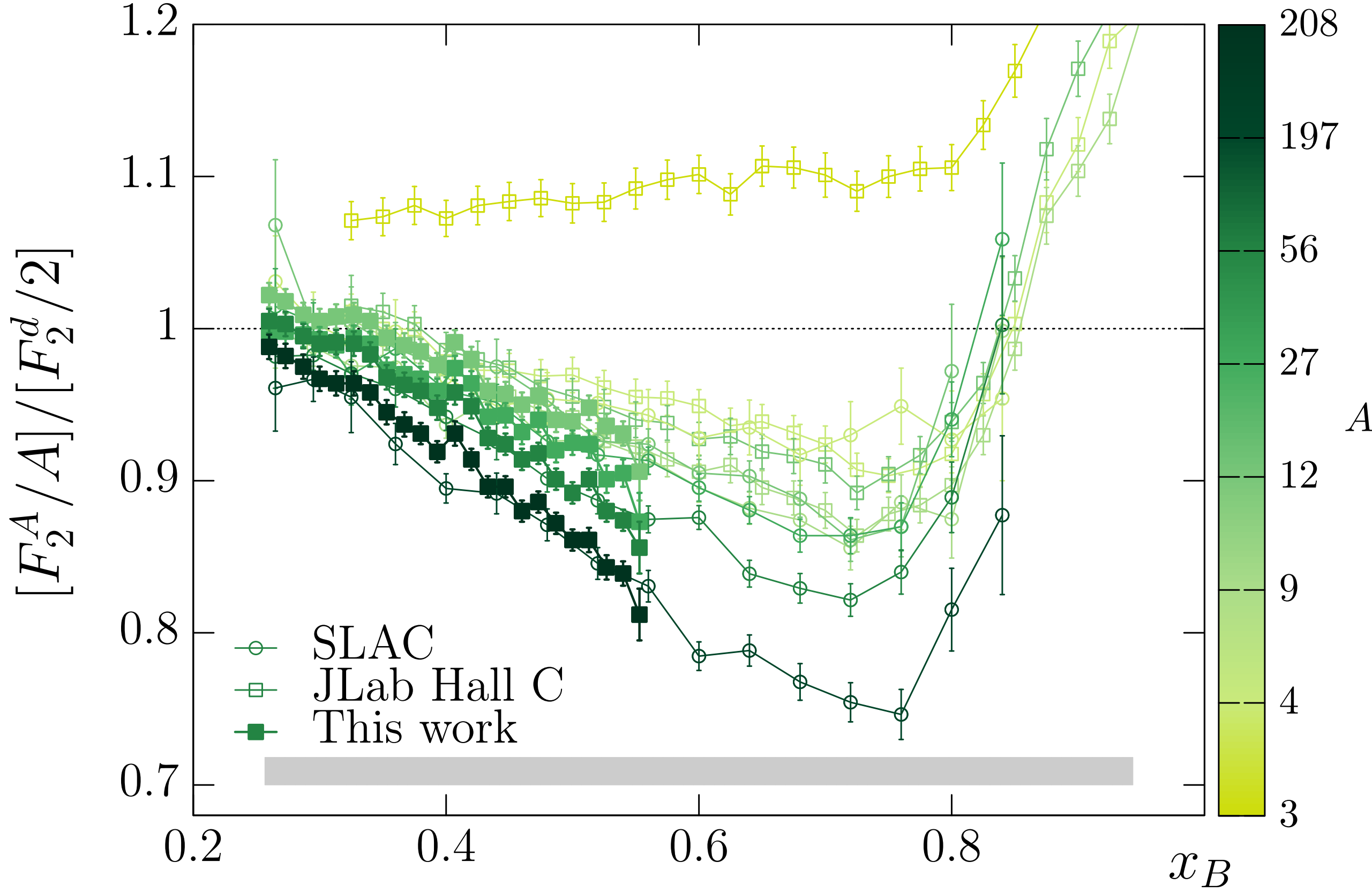


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MAY NOT BE WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE

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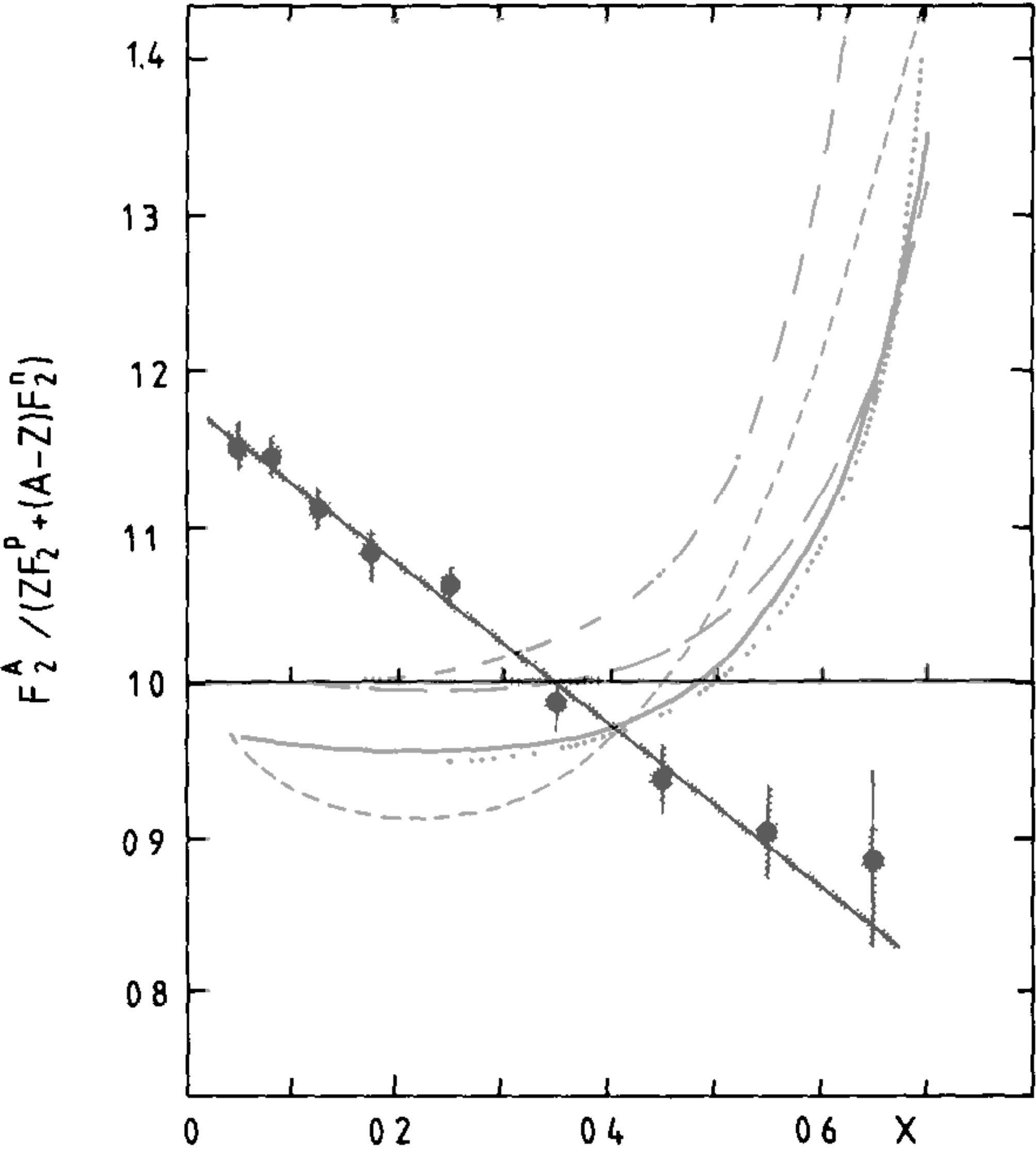
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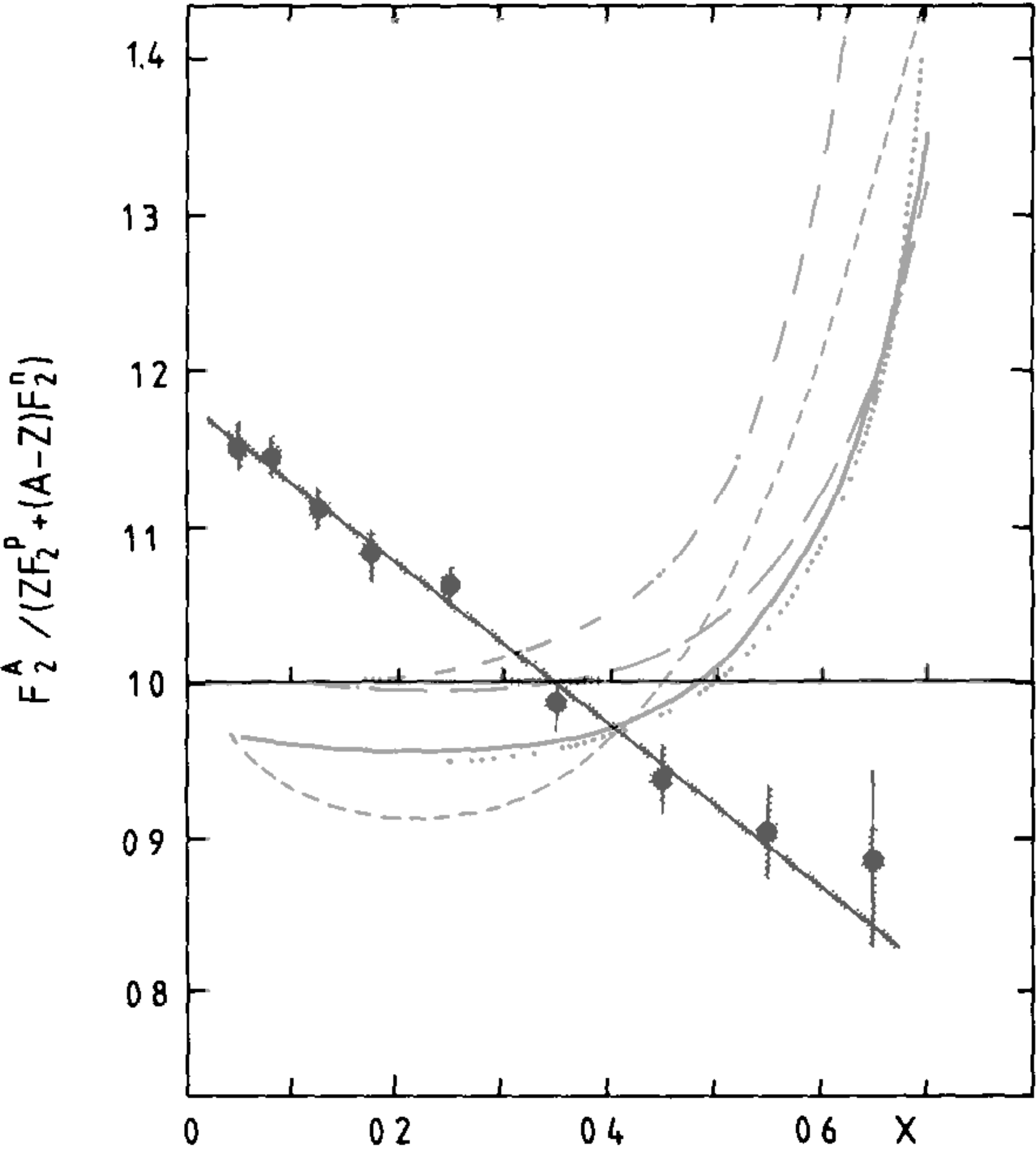
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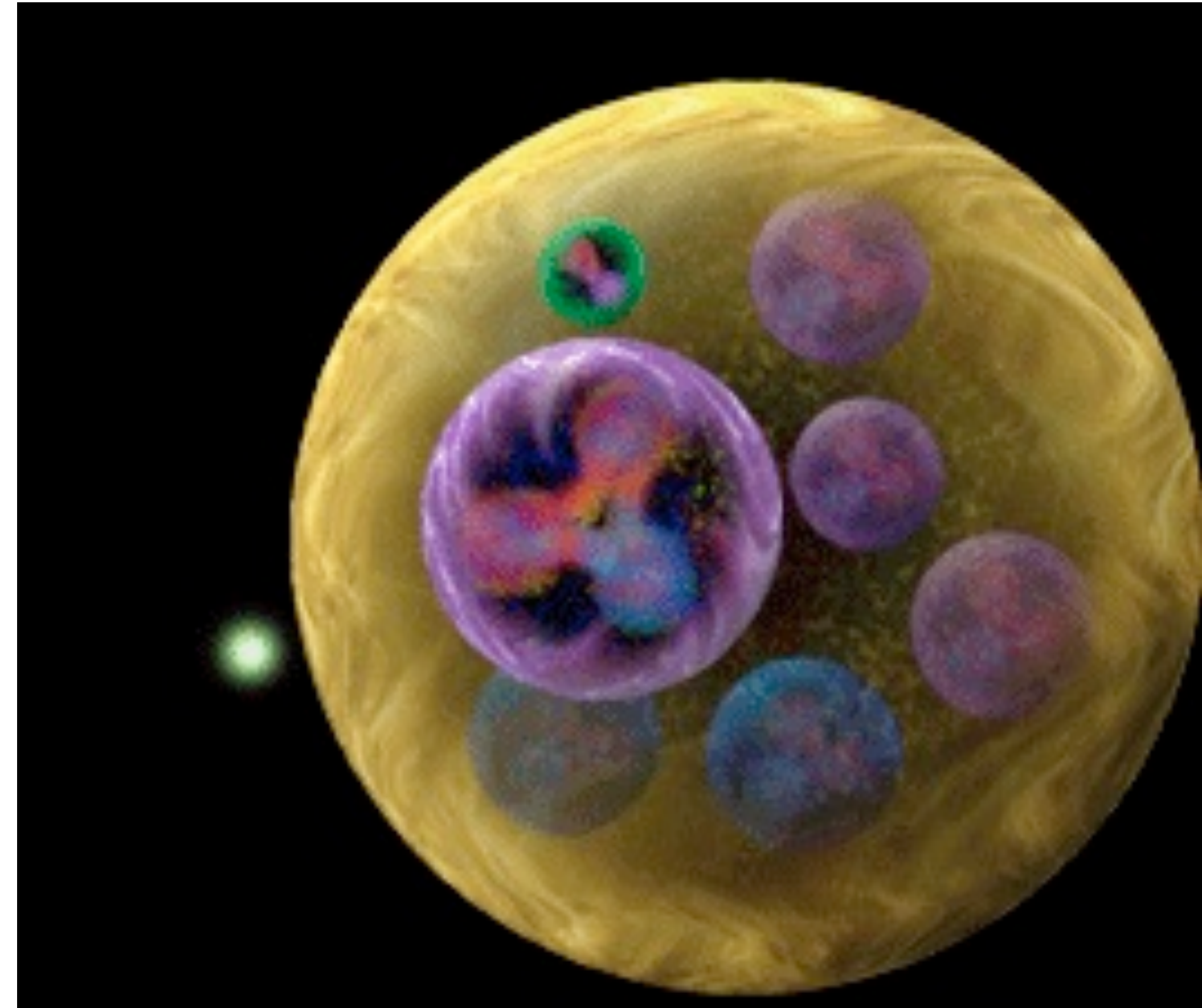
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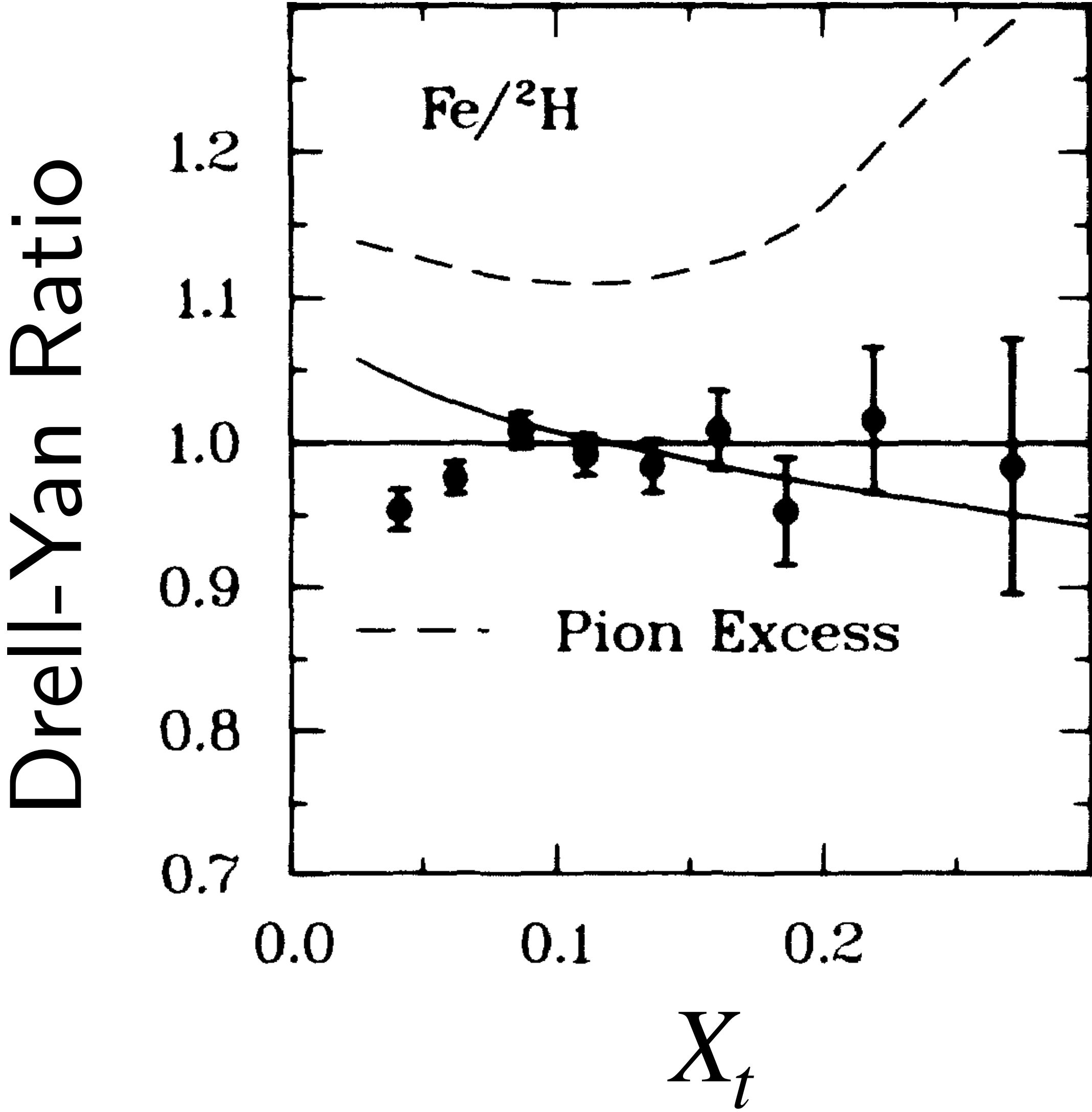




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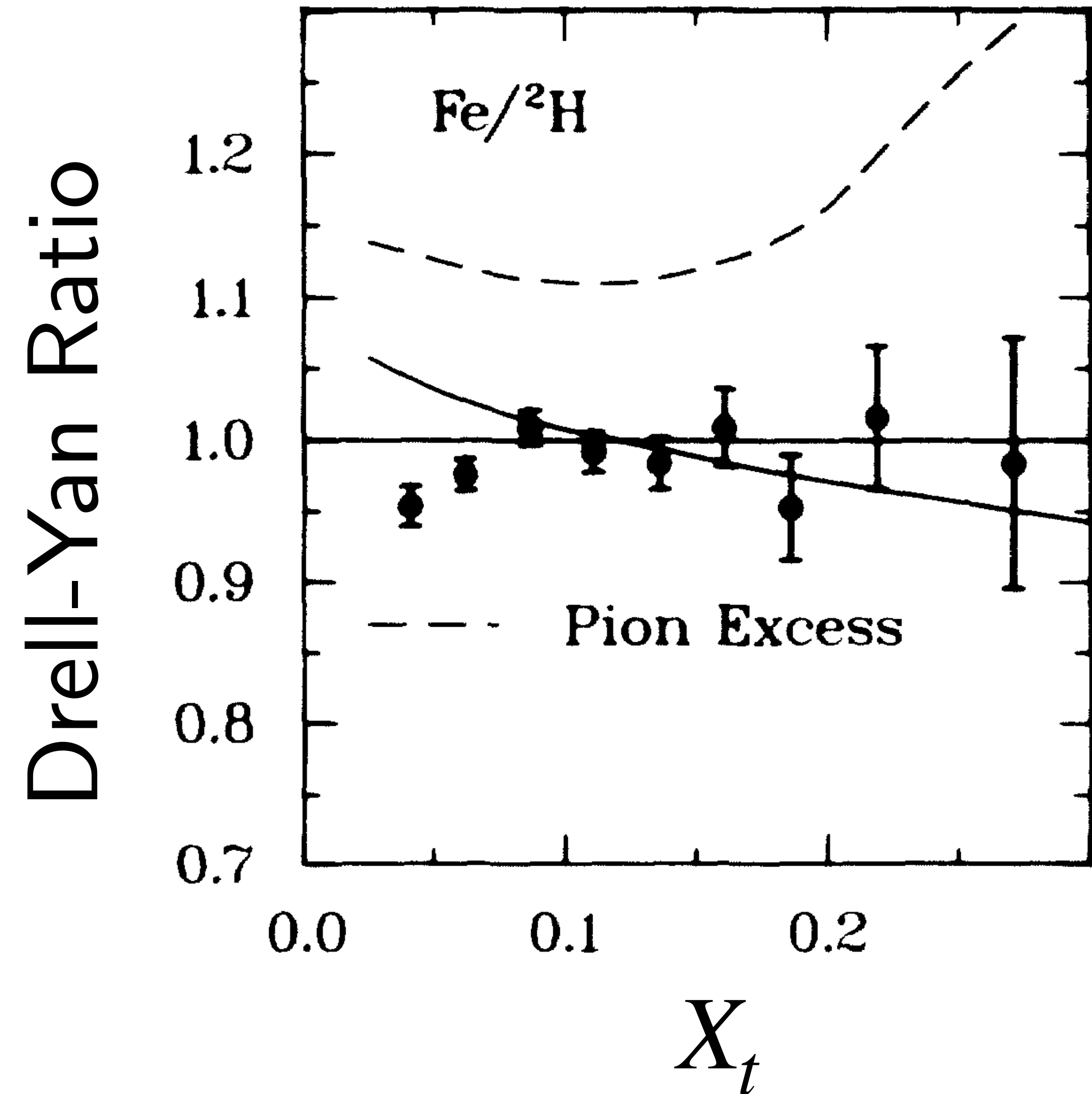


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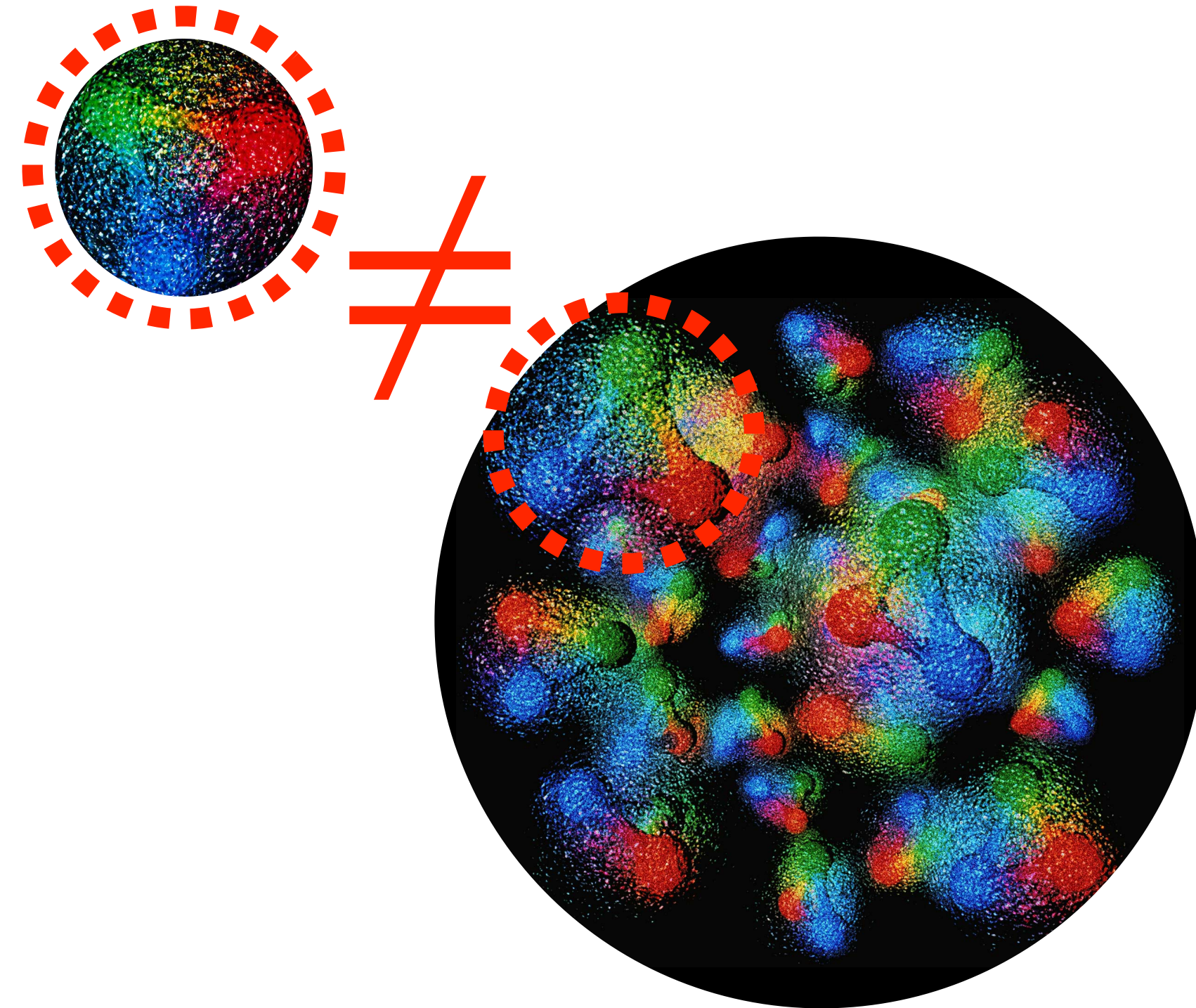
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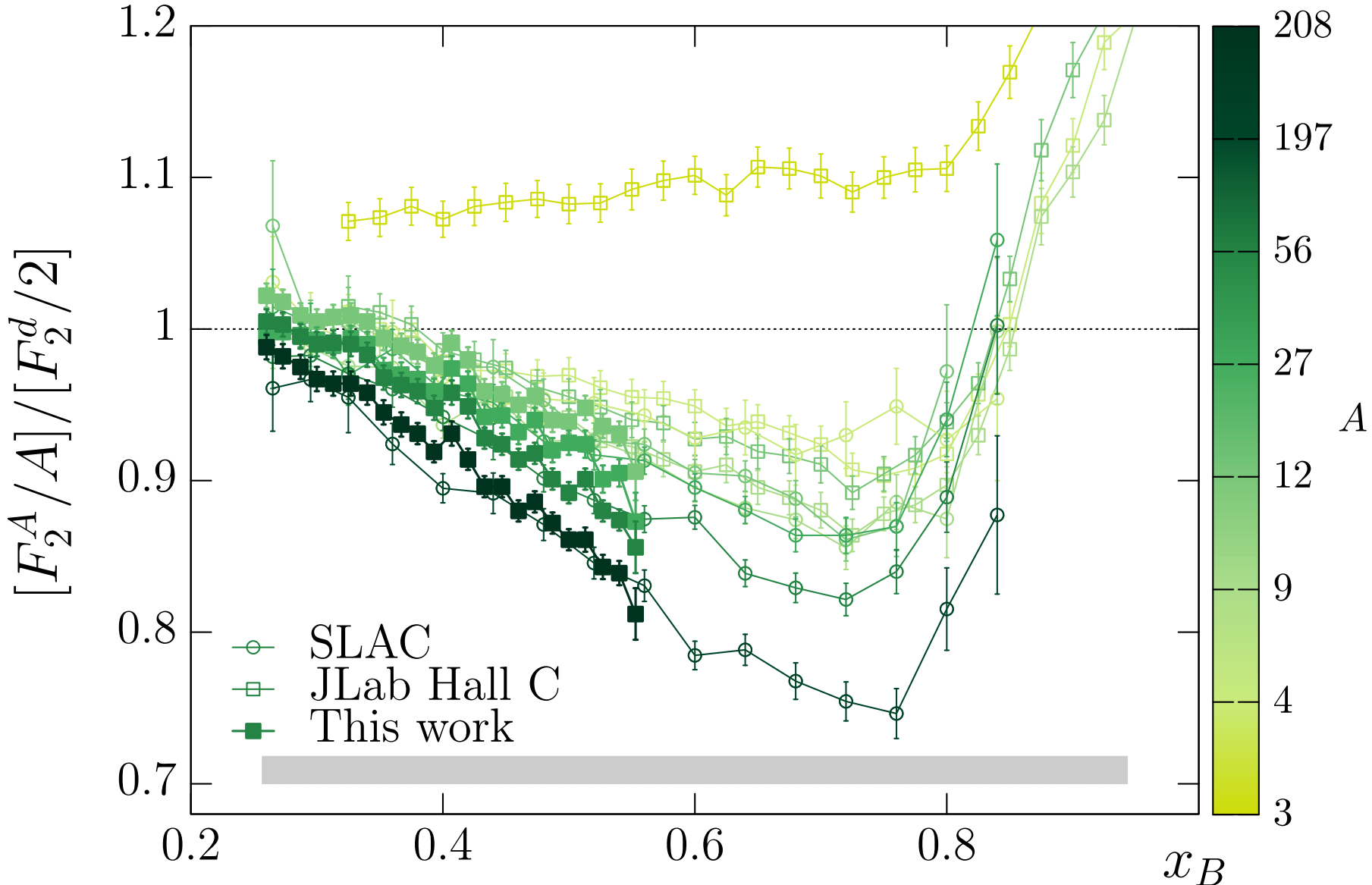


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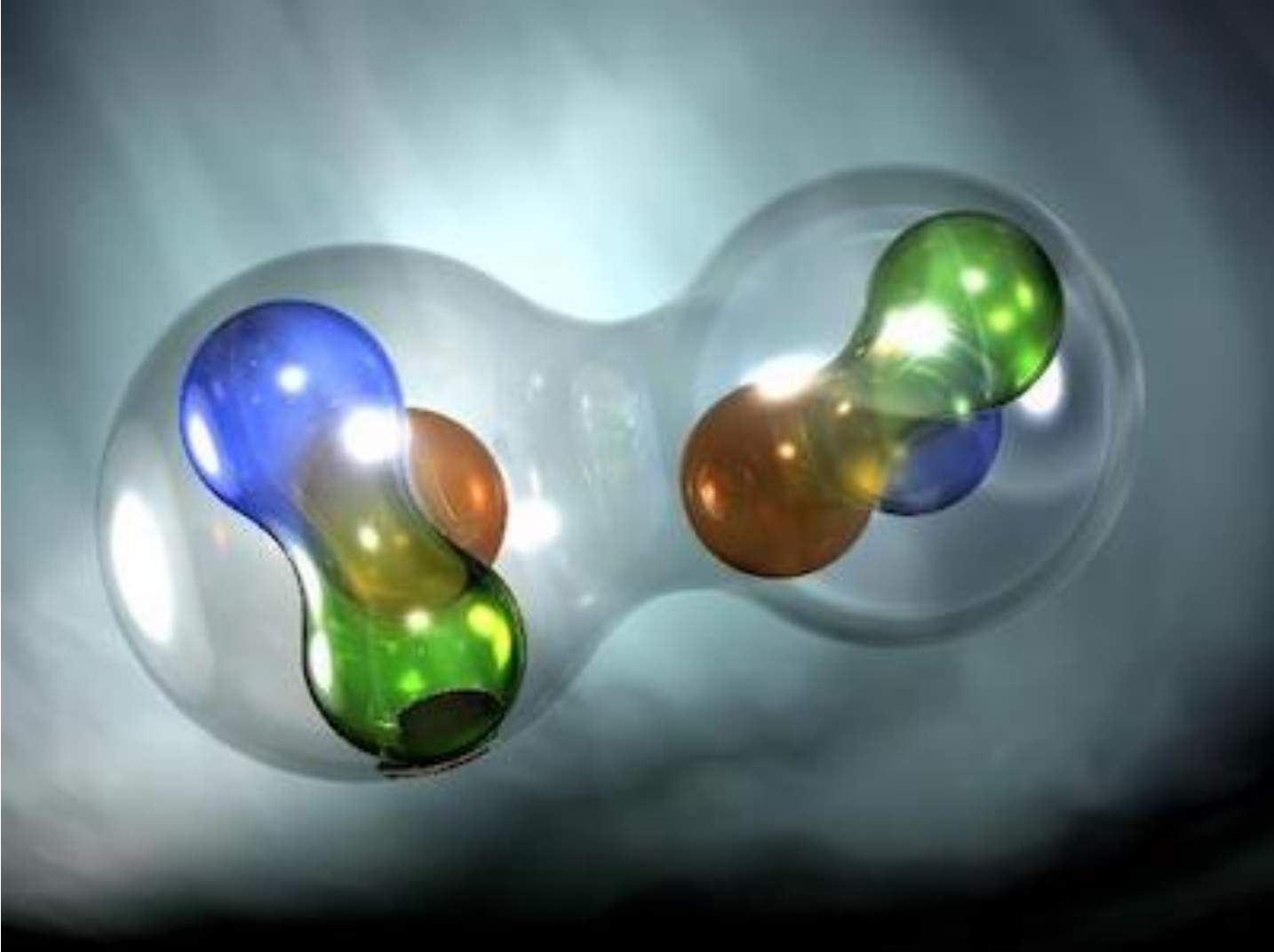
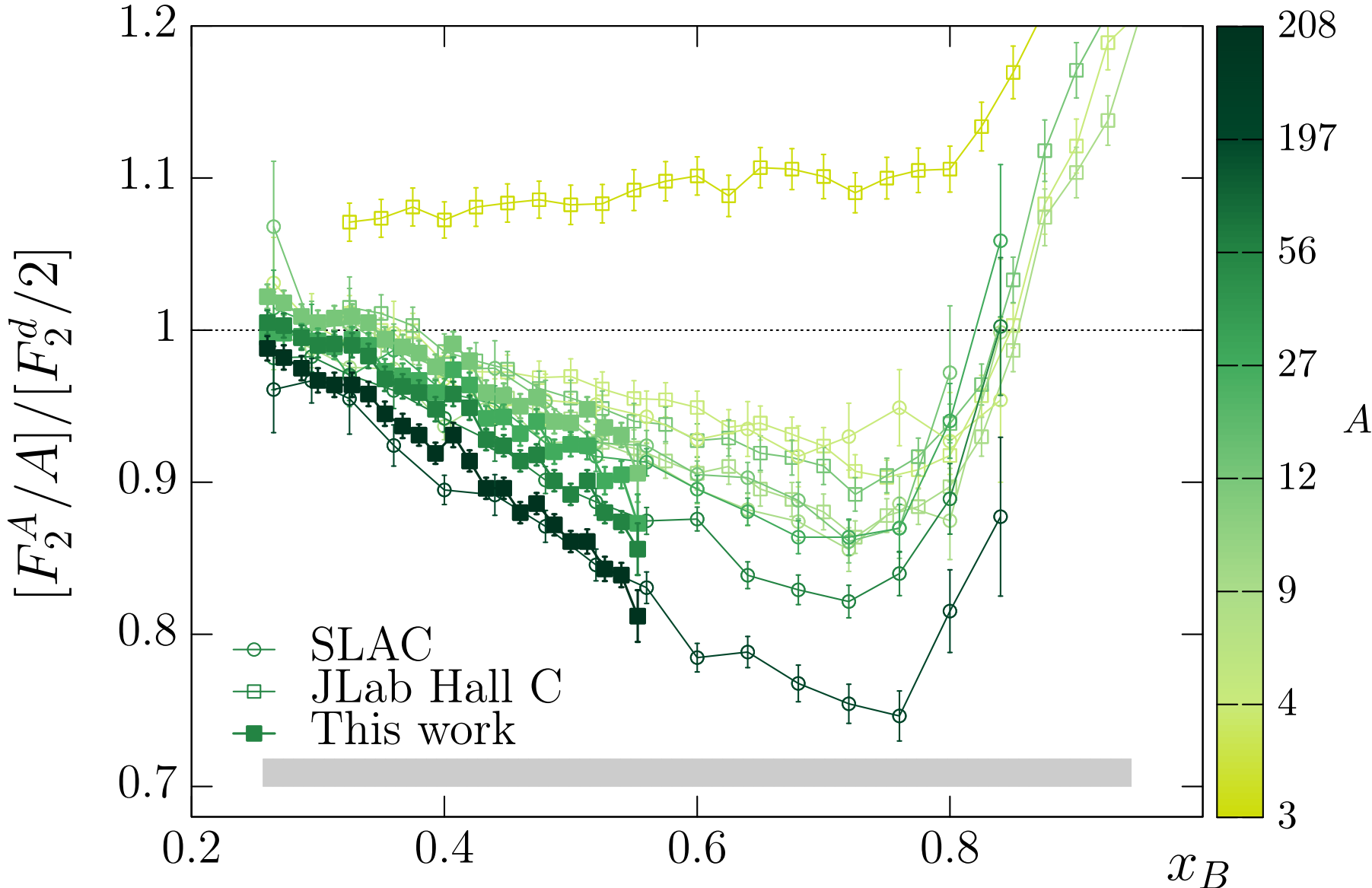
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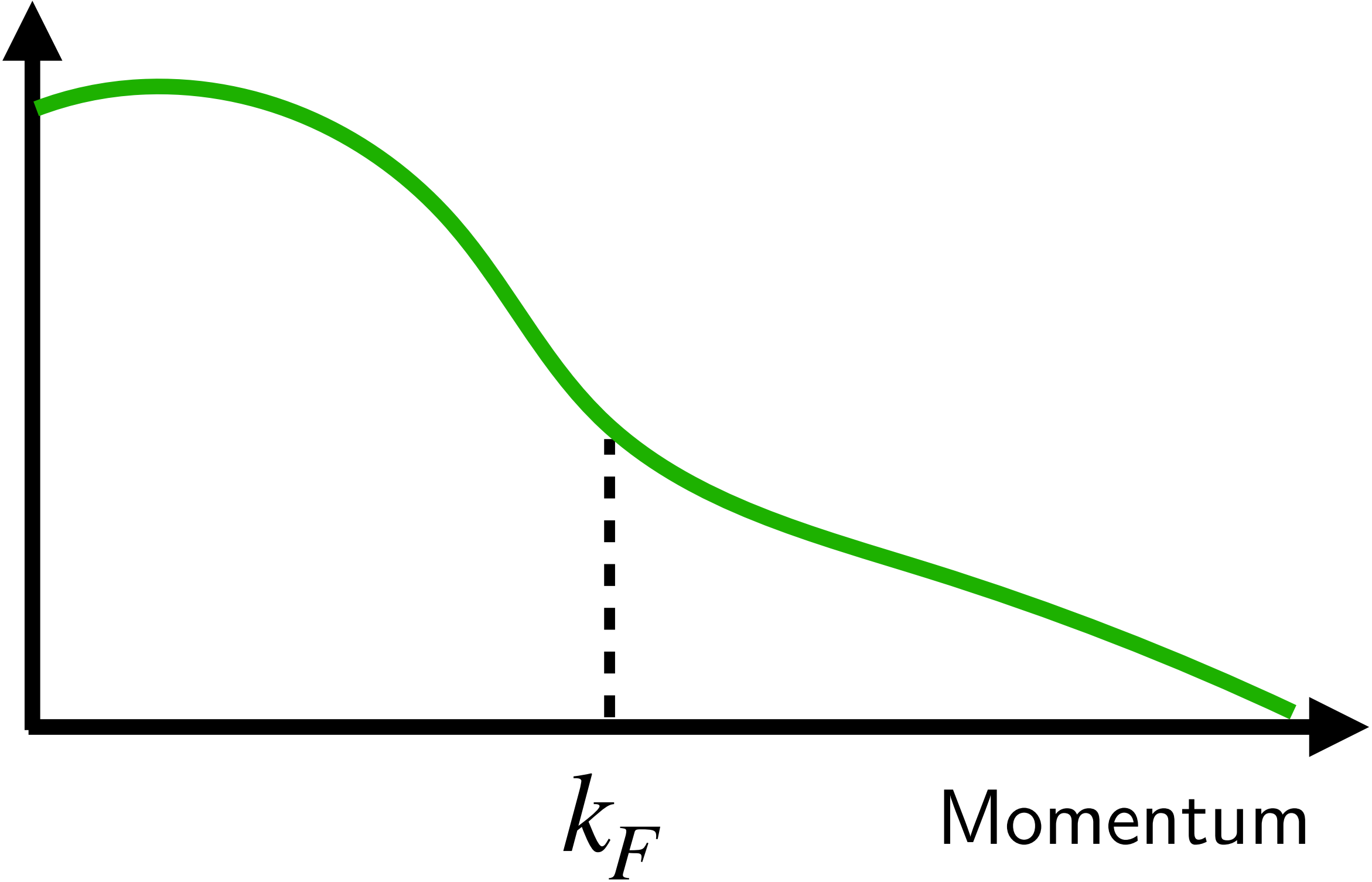
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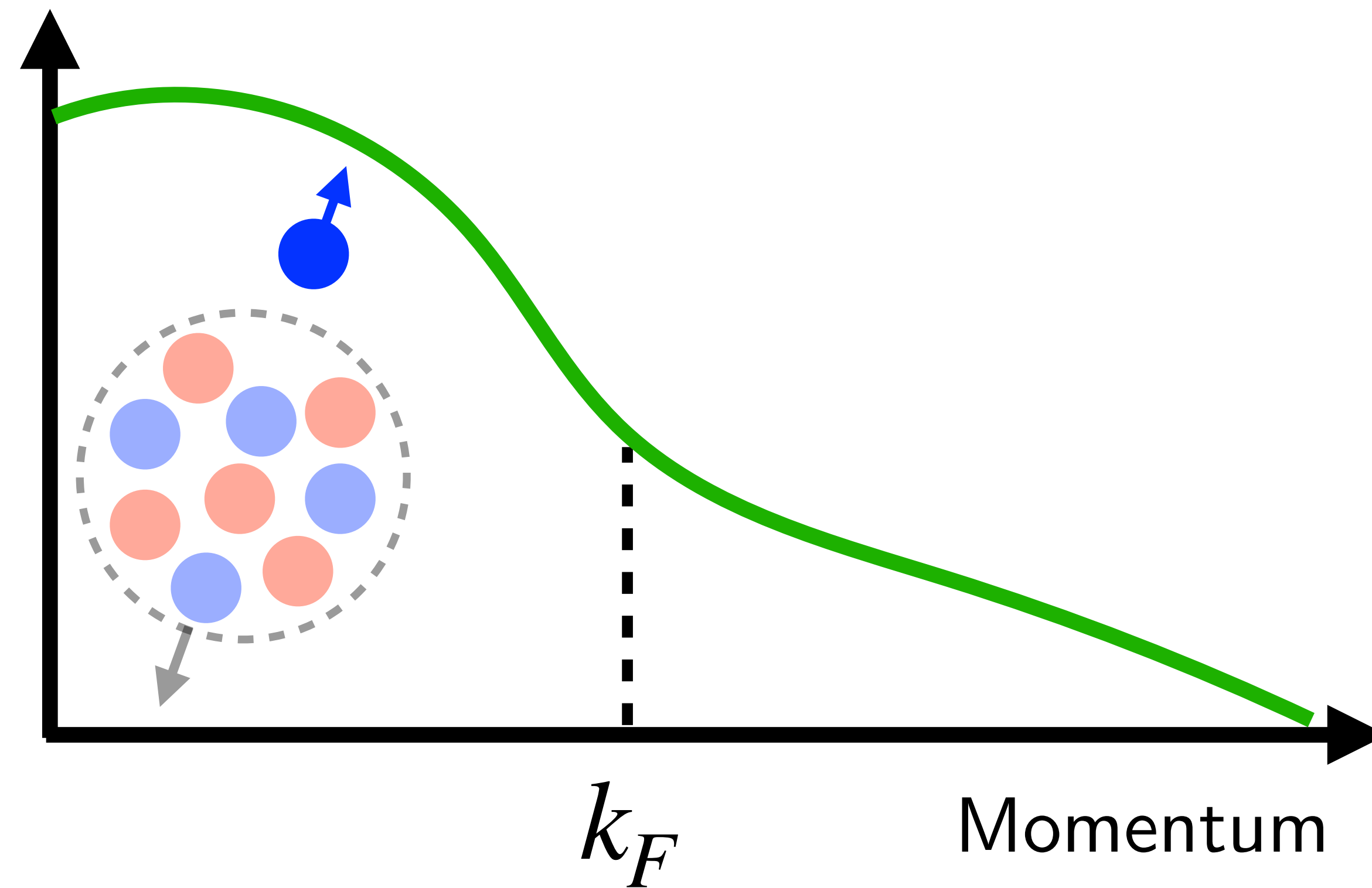
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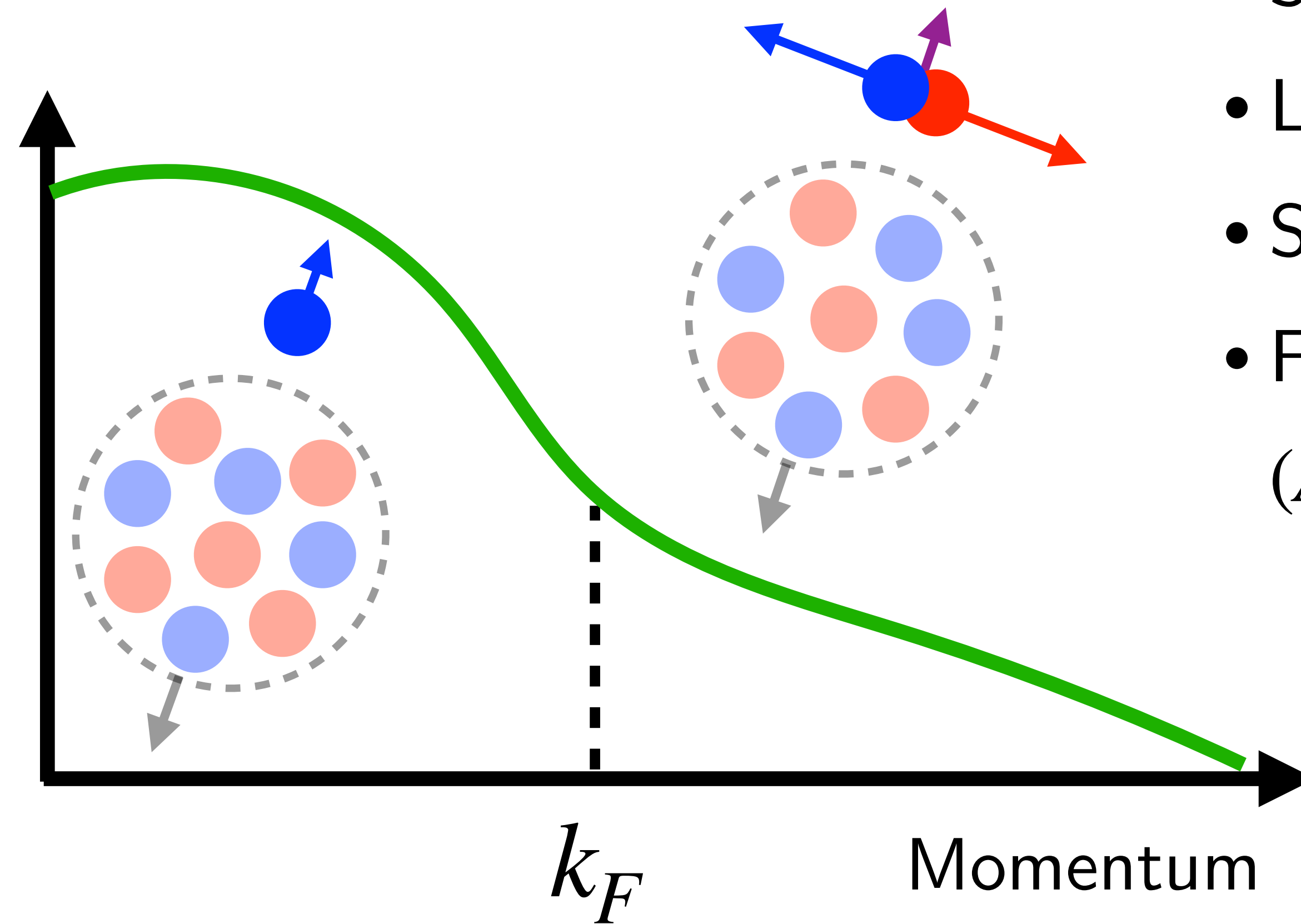




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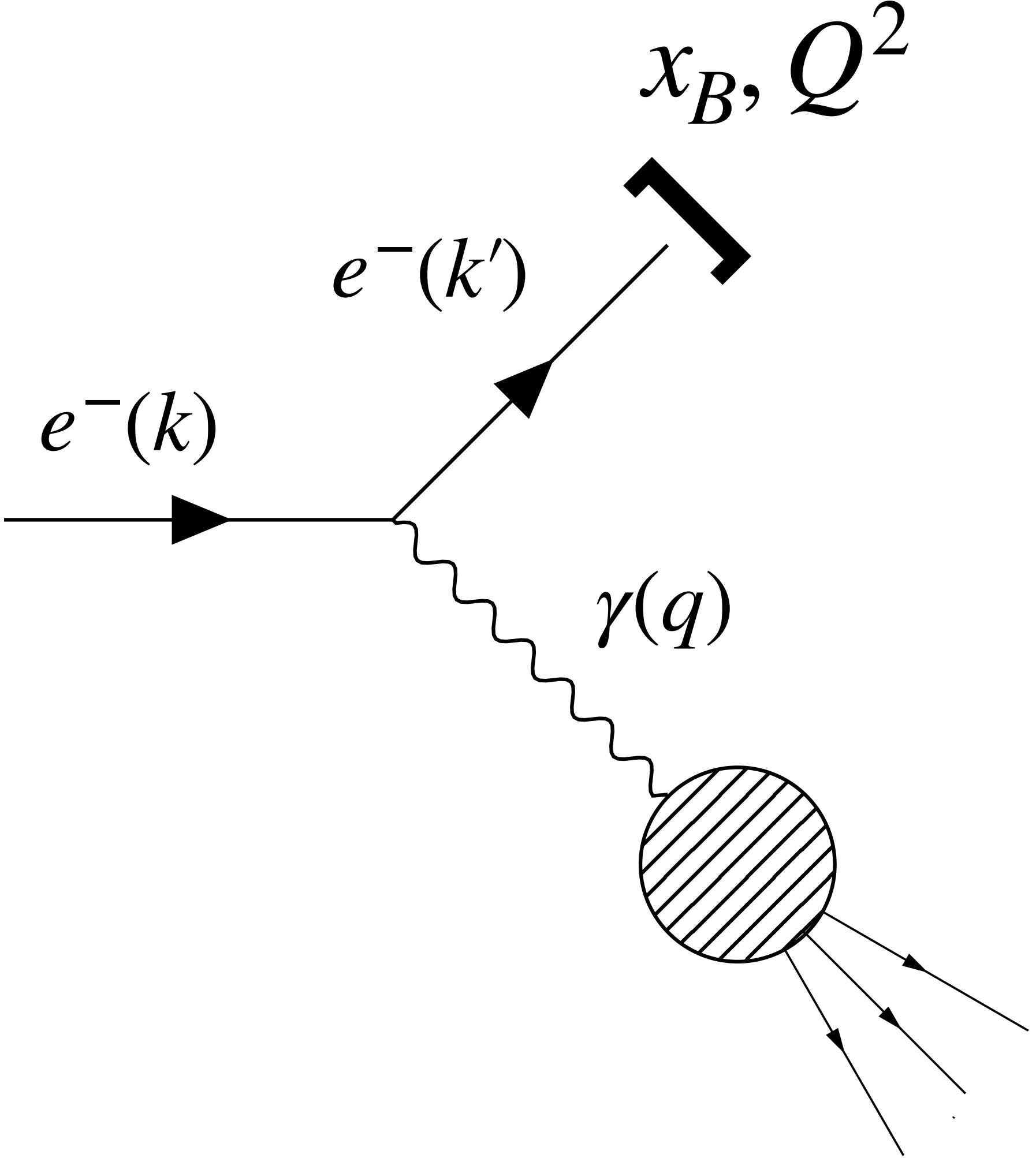
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Short-range correlated nucleons

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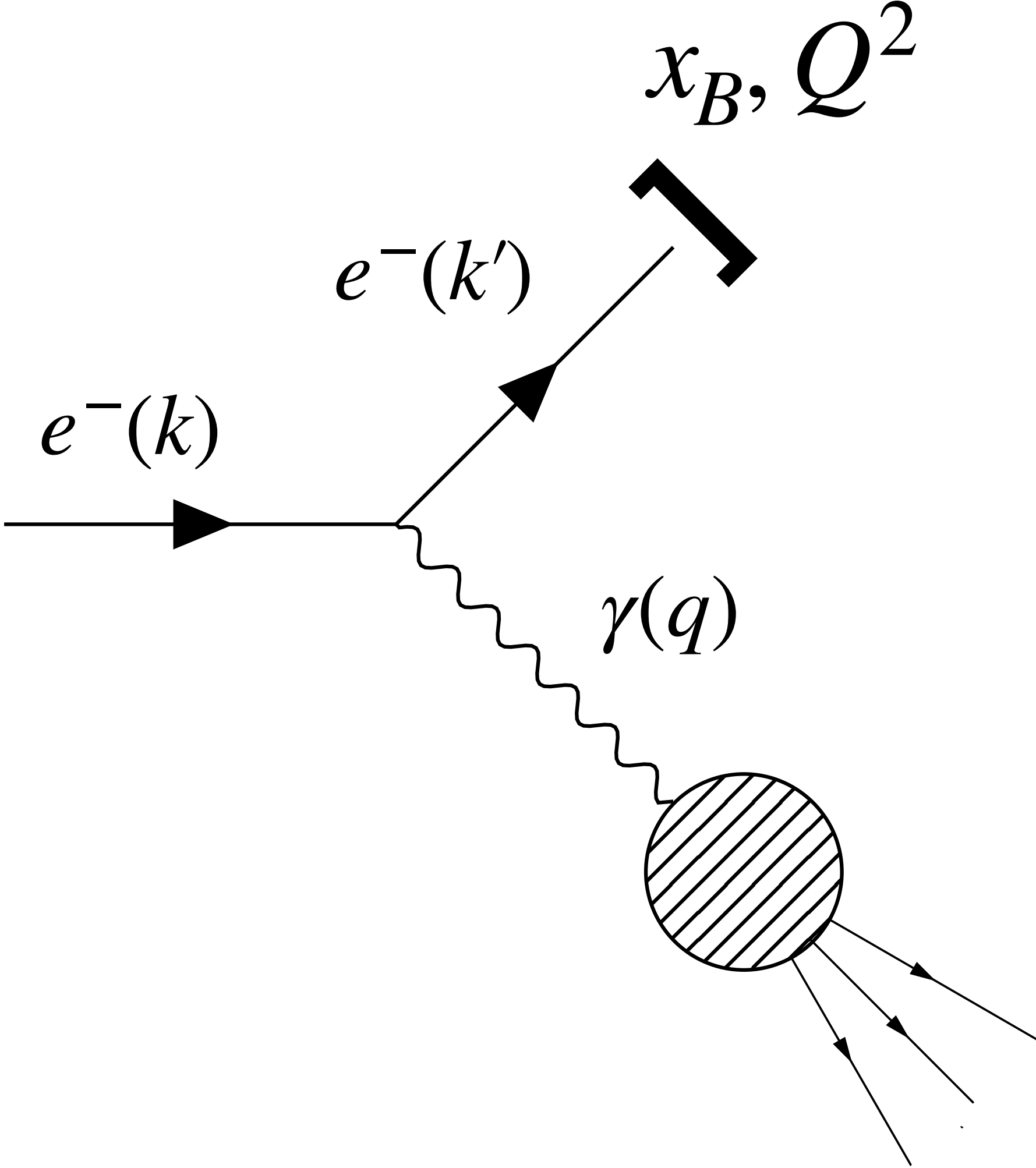


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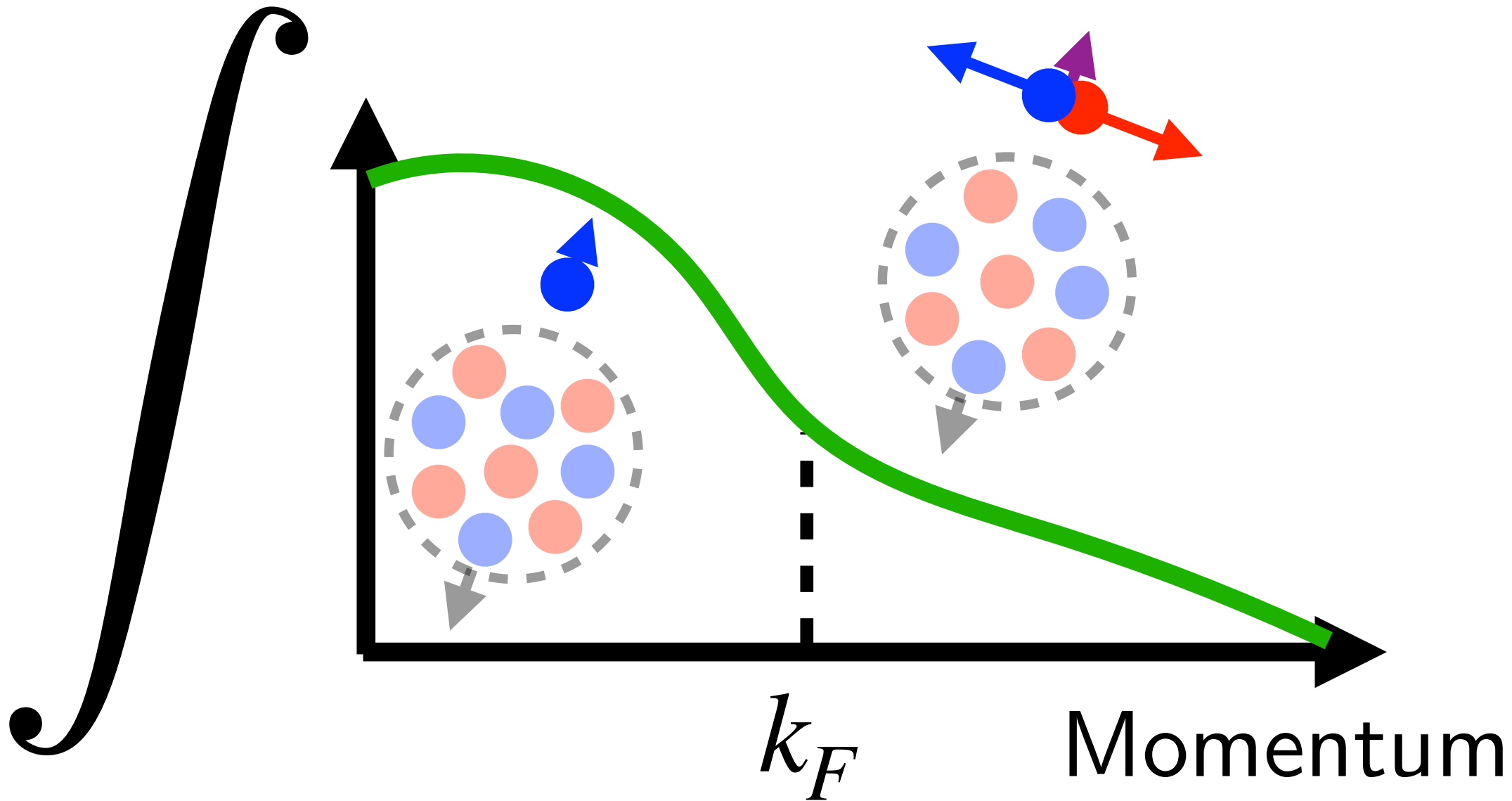


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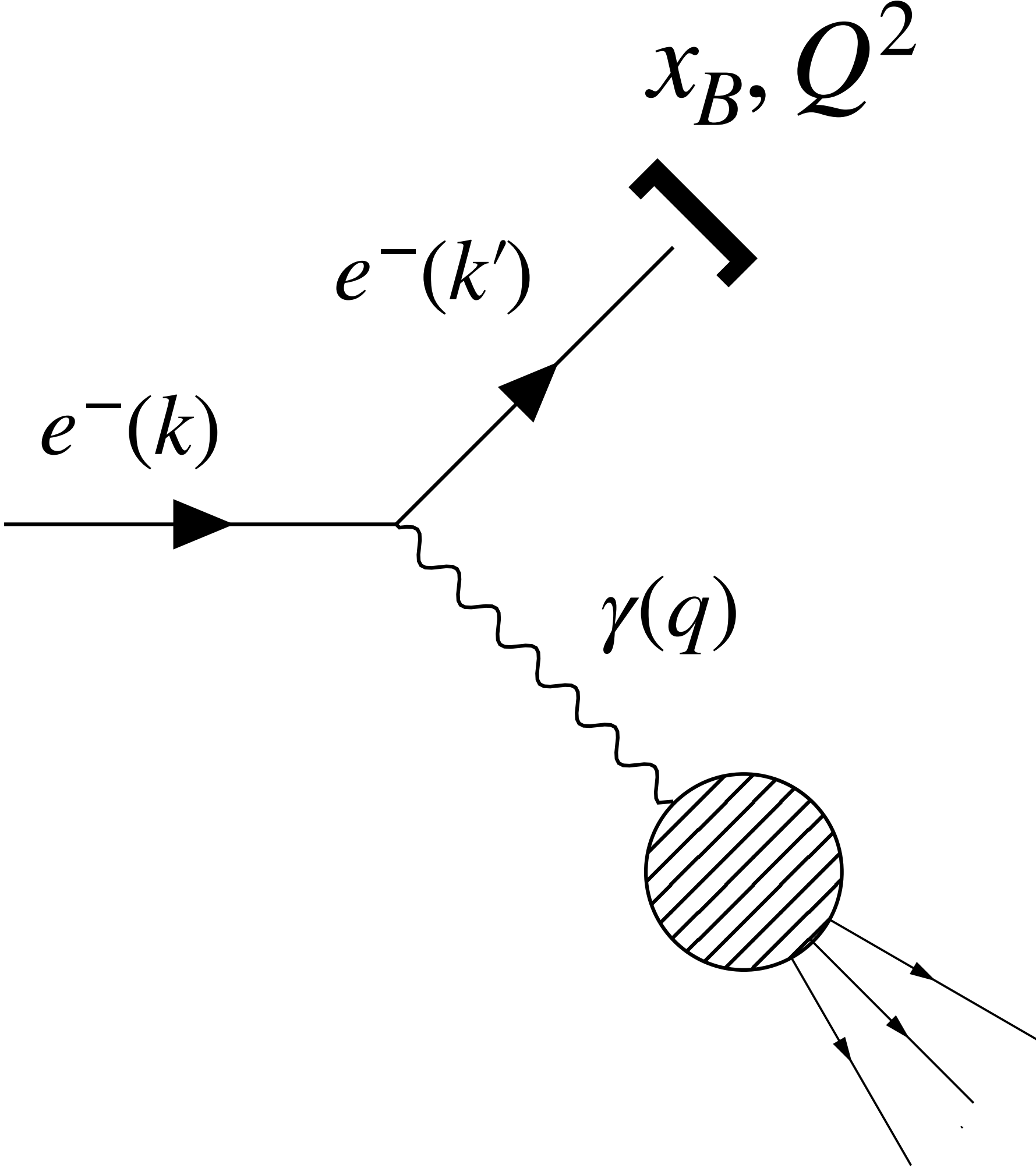
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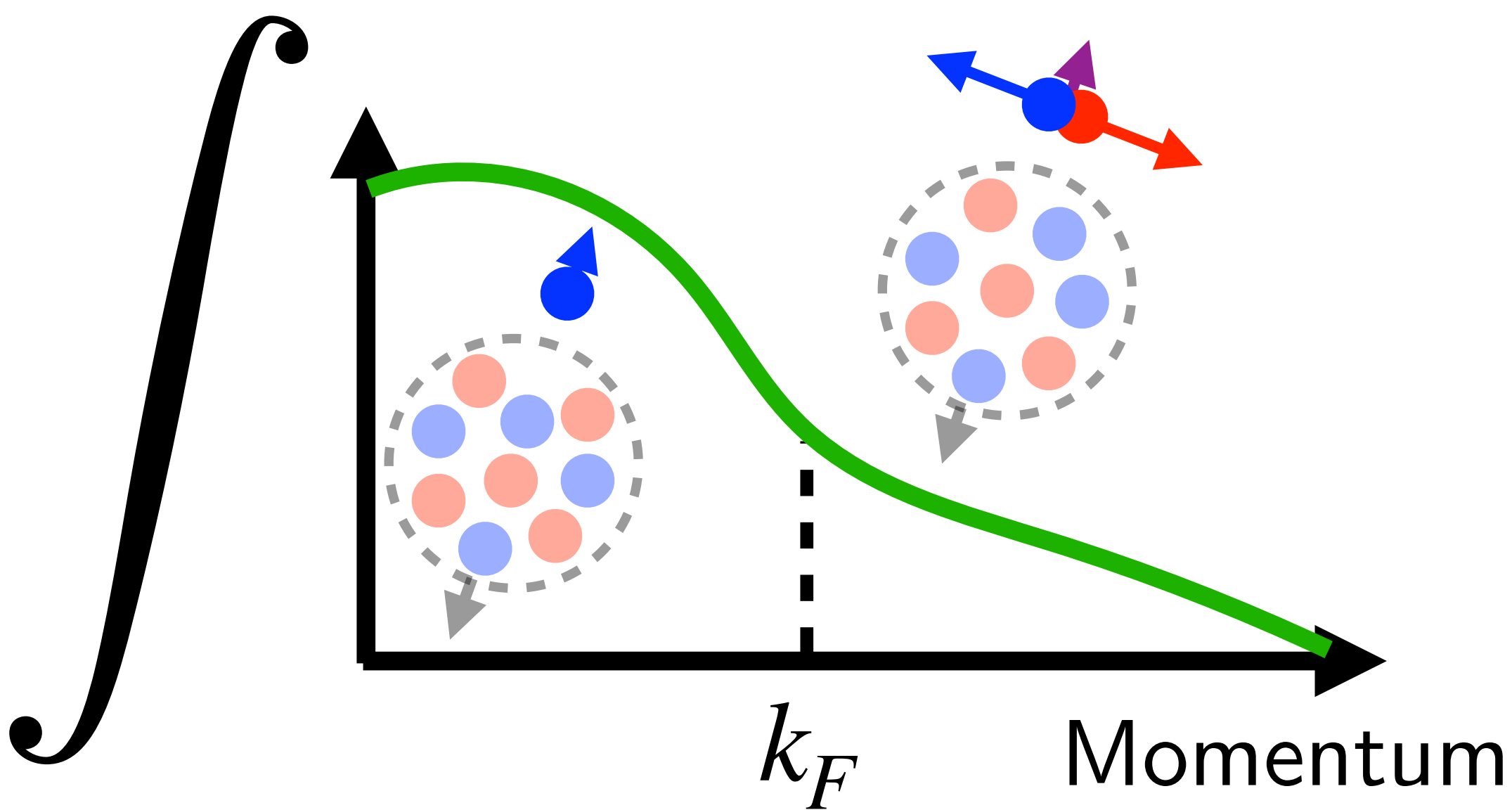


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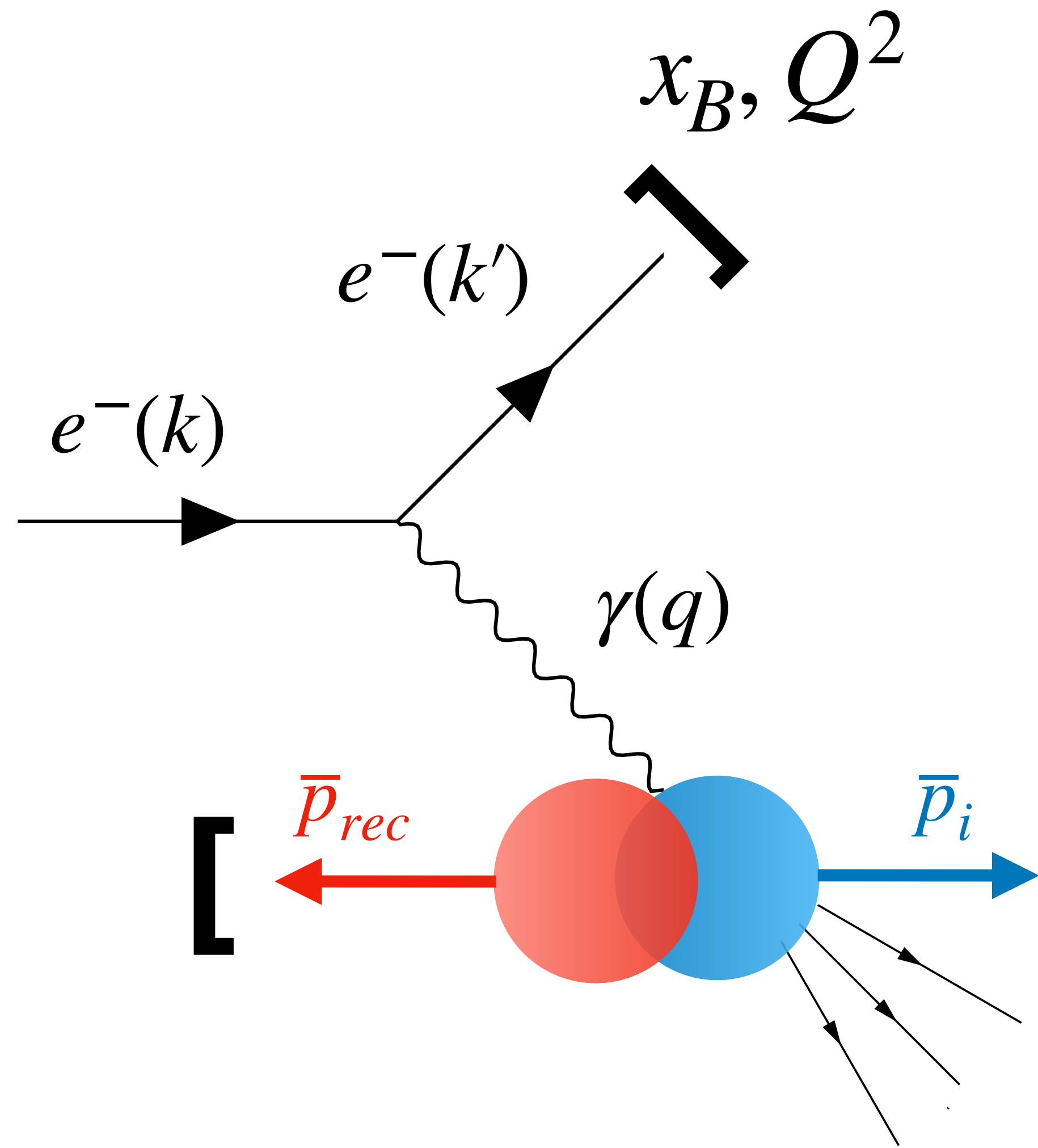
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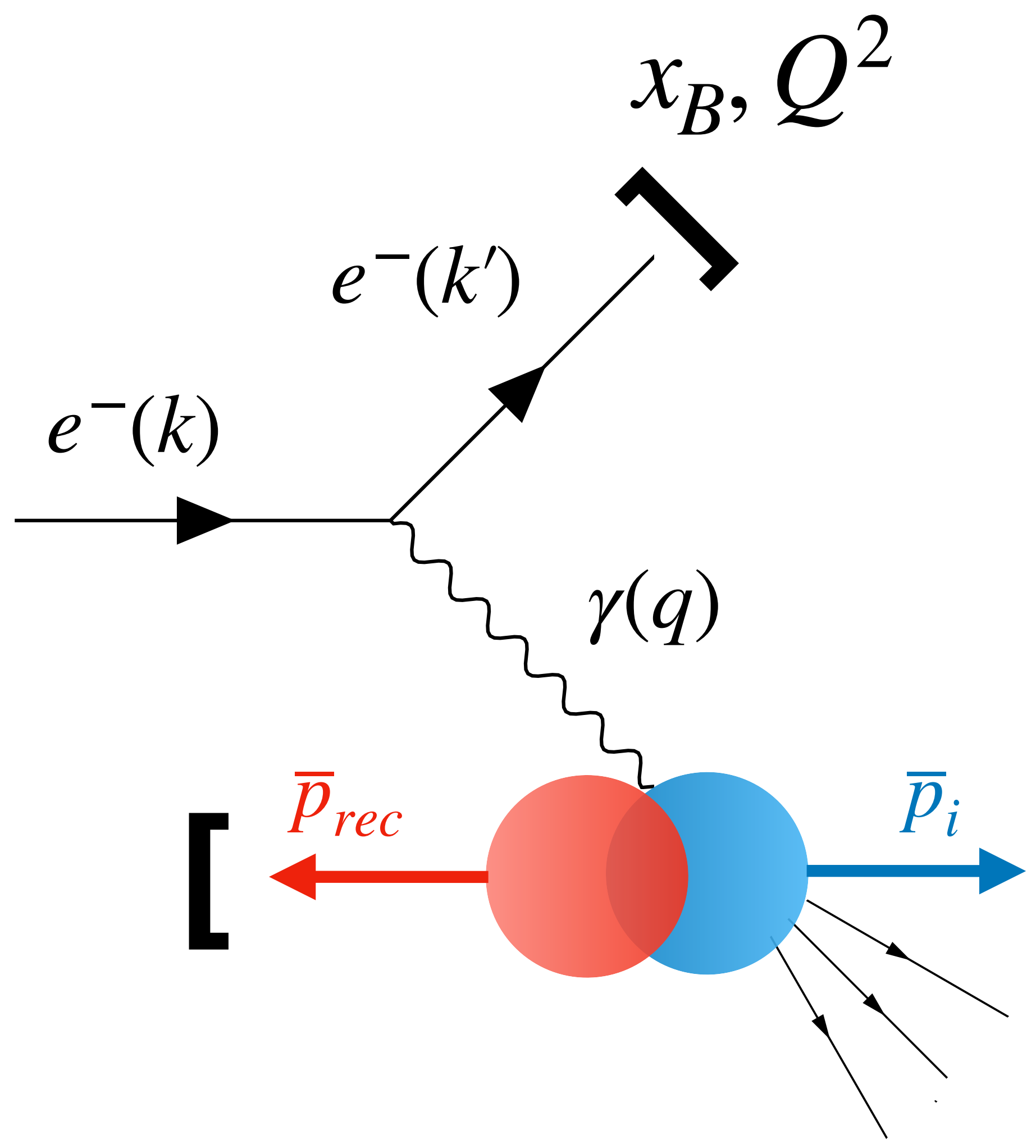


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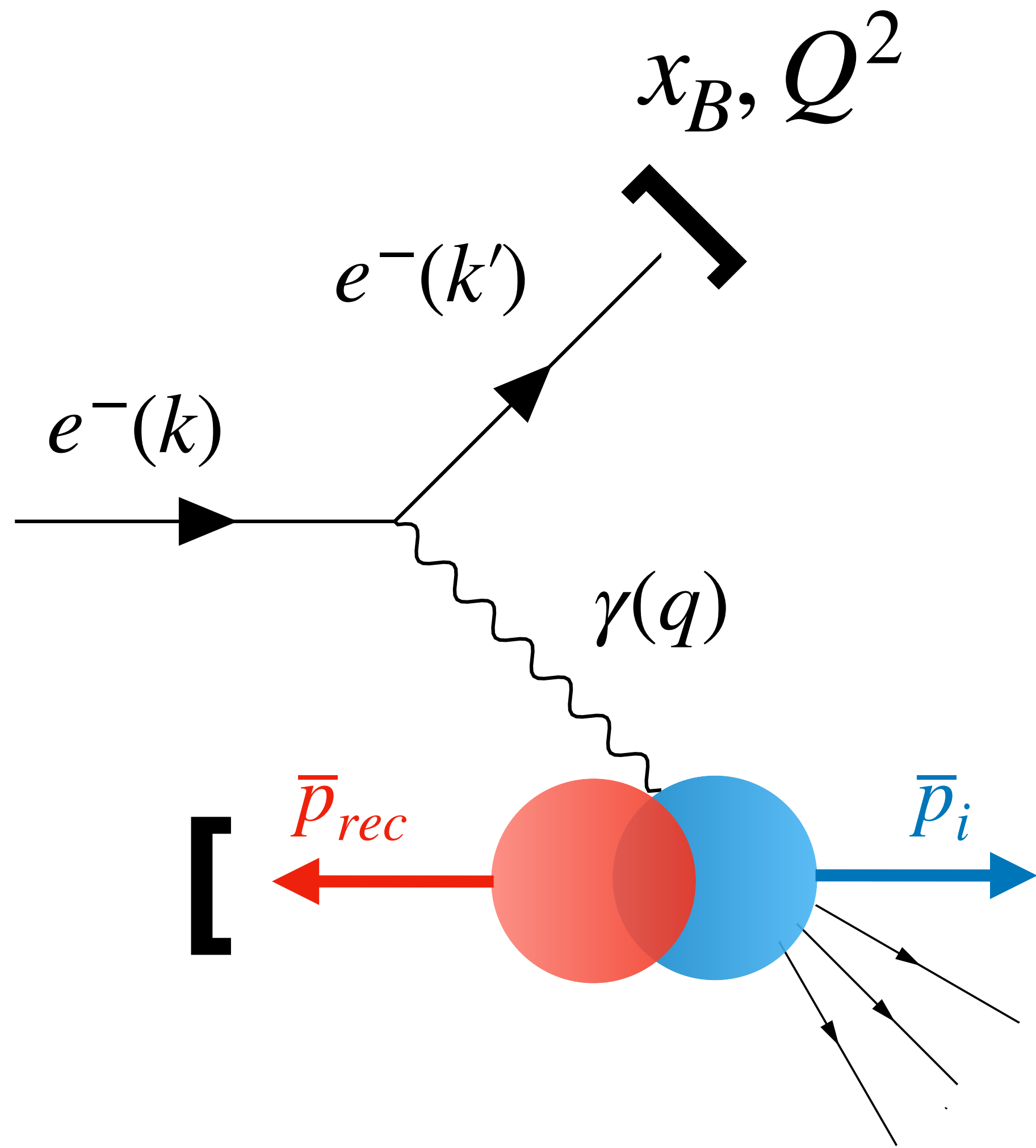


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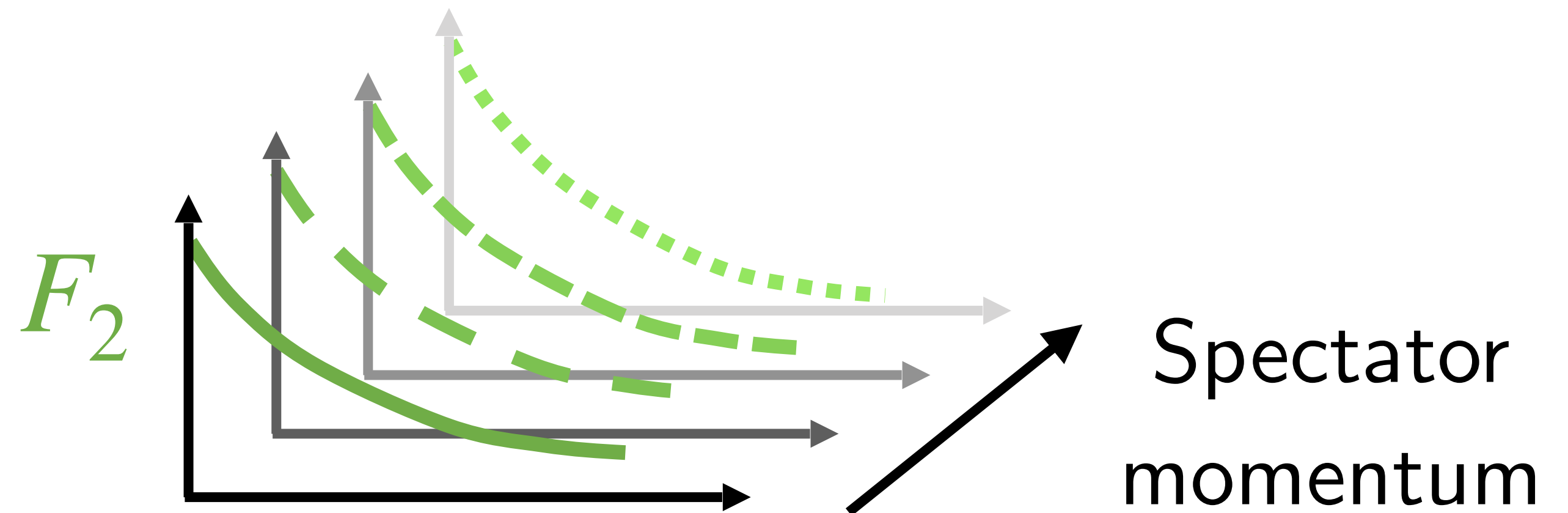
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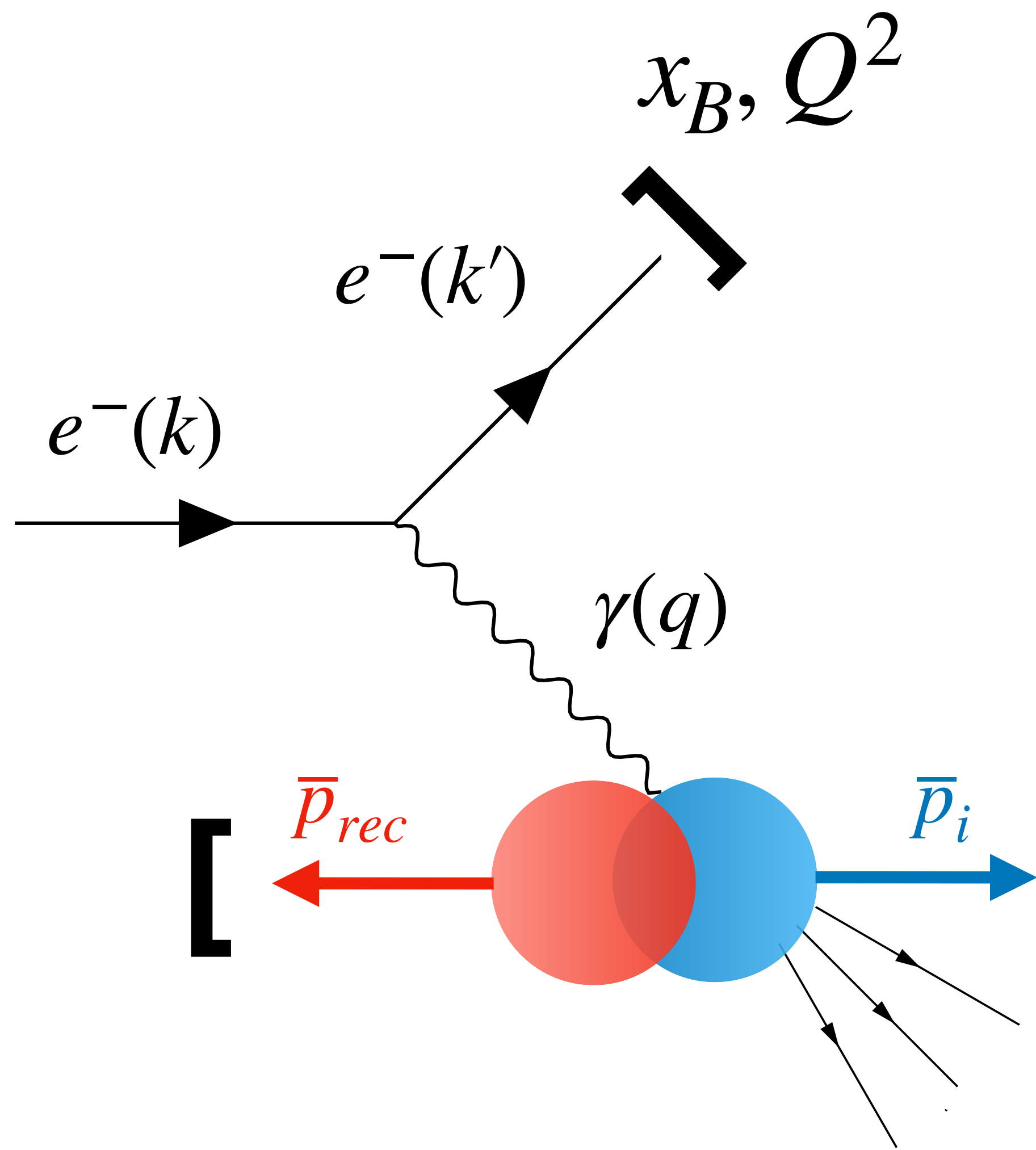
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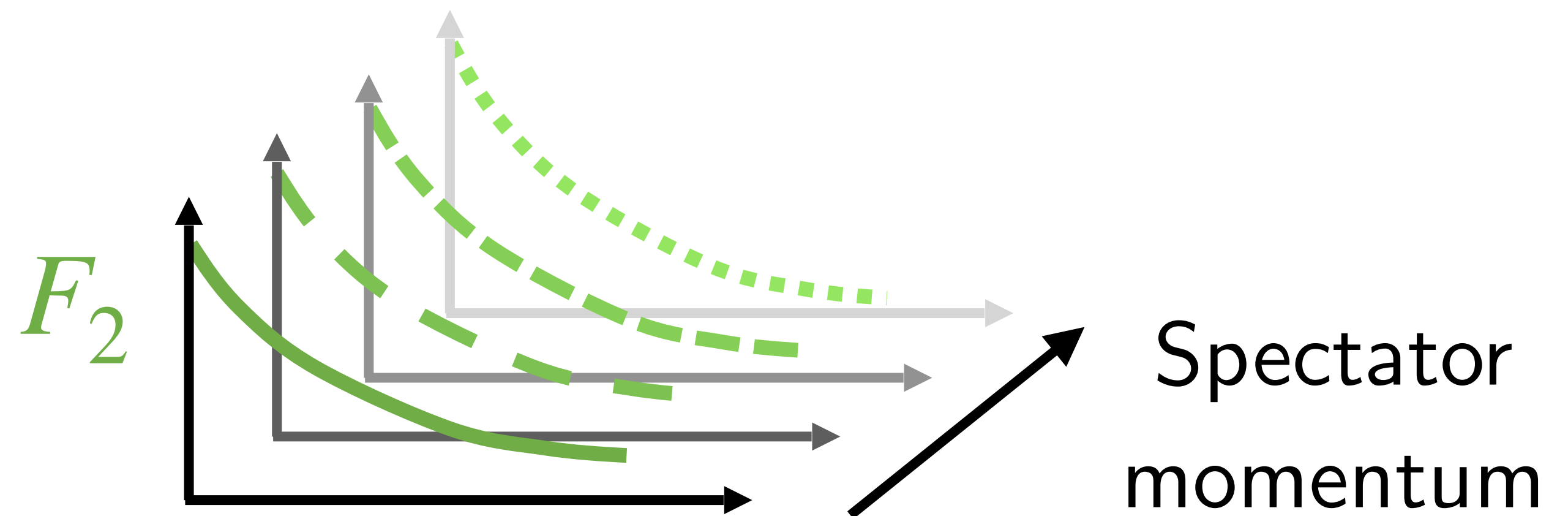
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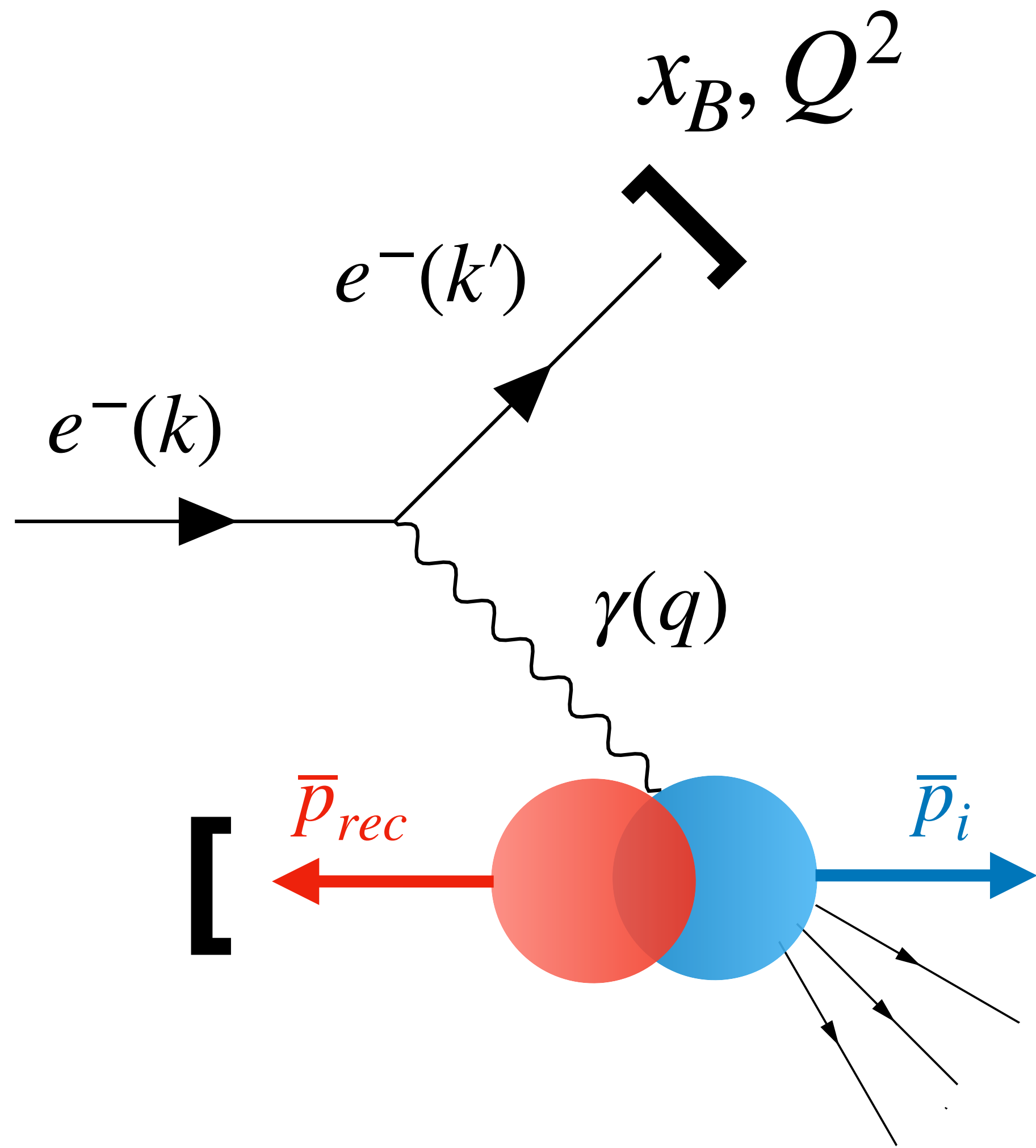
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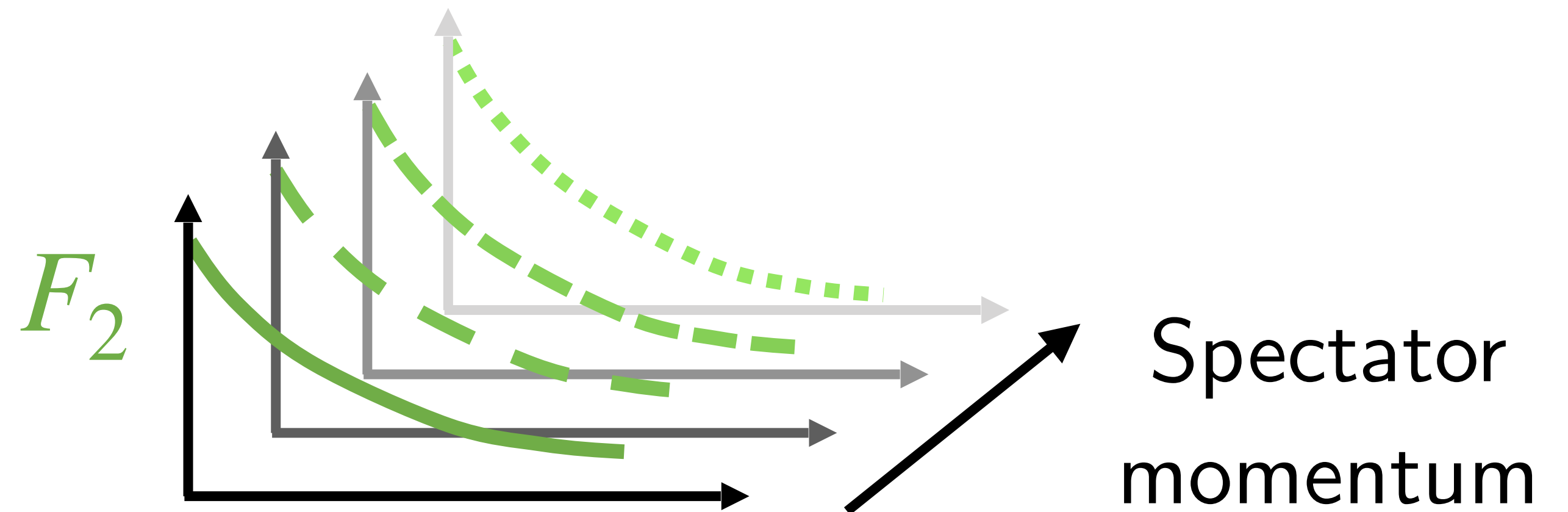
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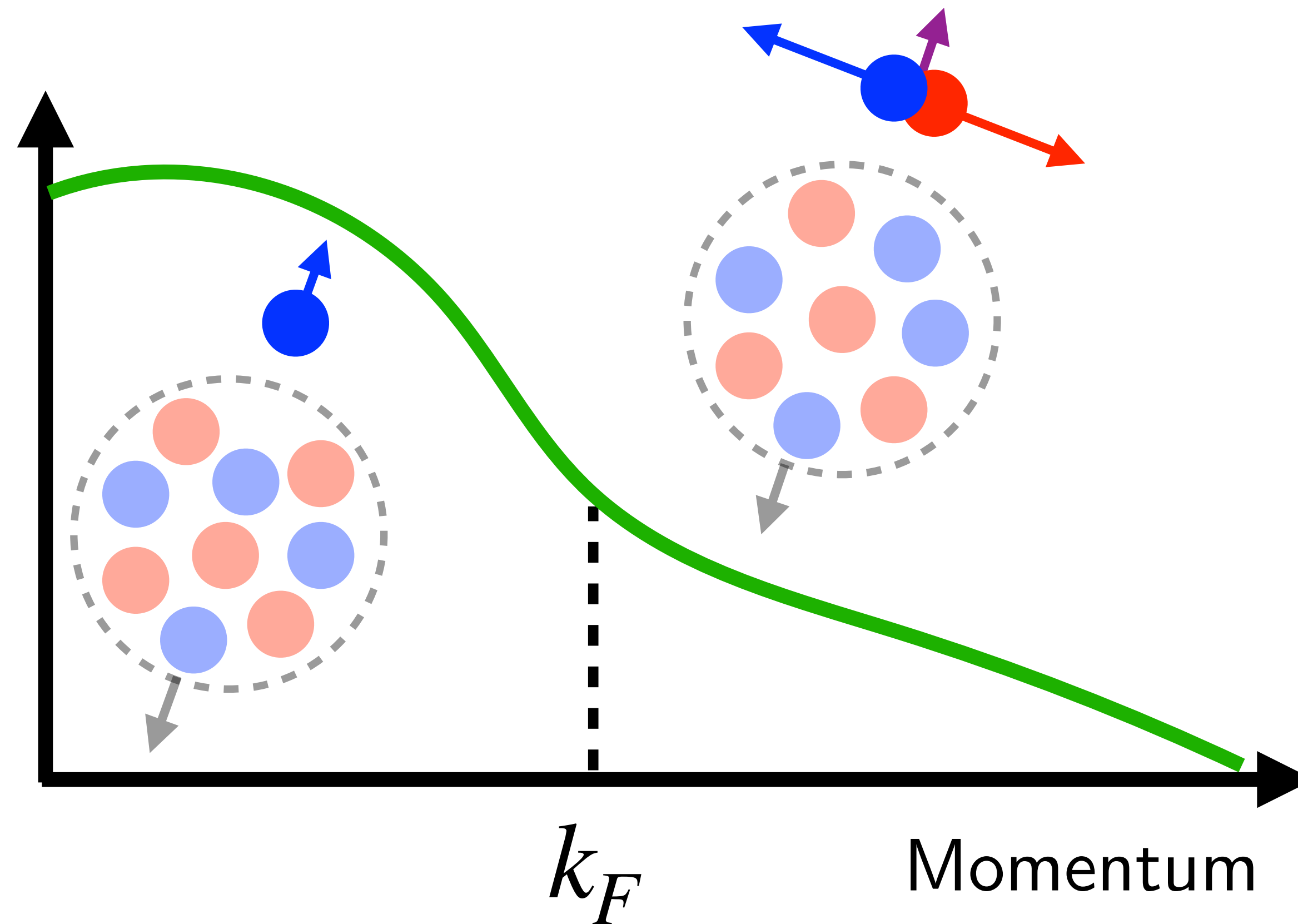
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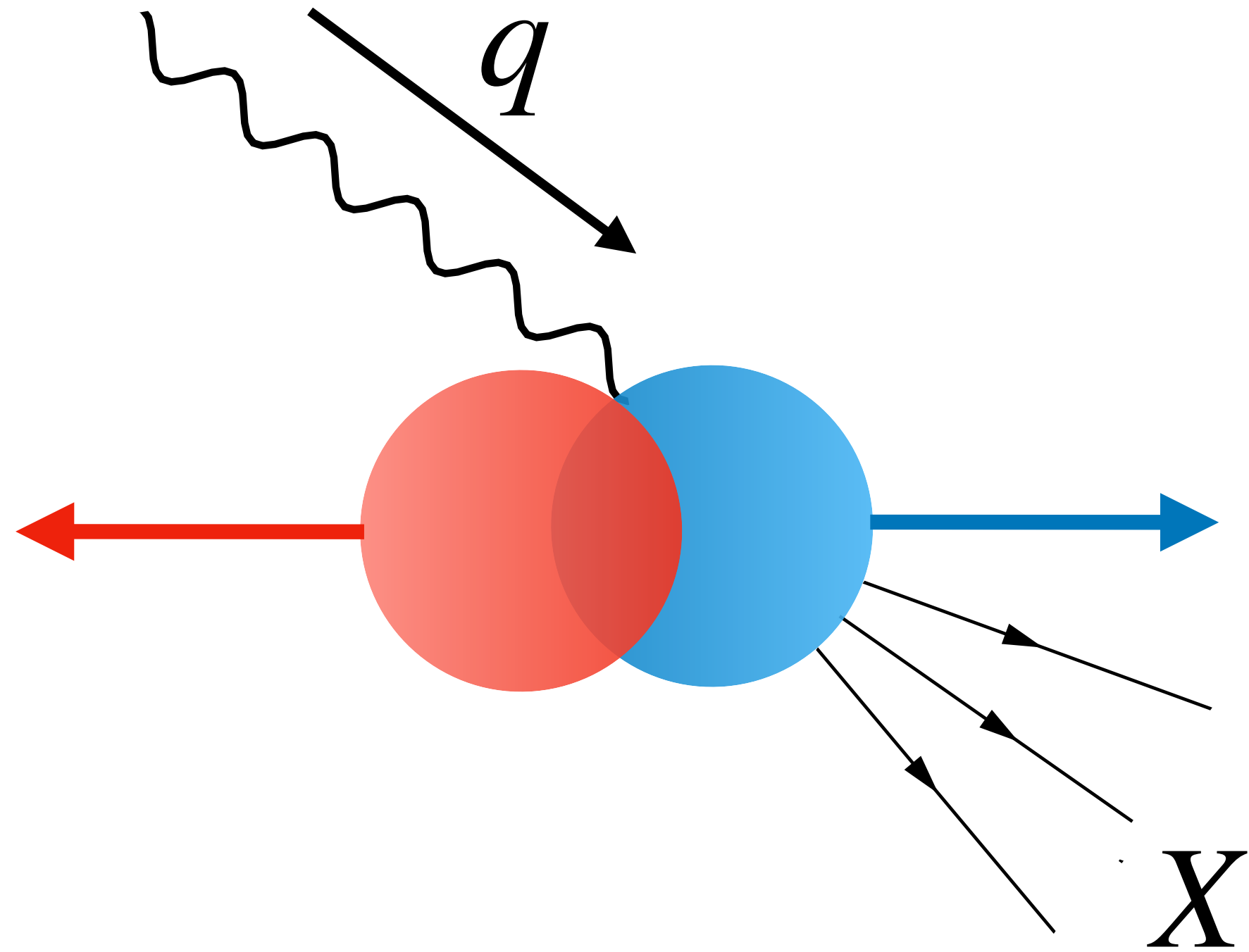
# Tagged DIS turns wavefunction into laboratory for nucleons of various off-shellness

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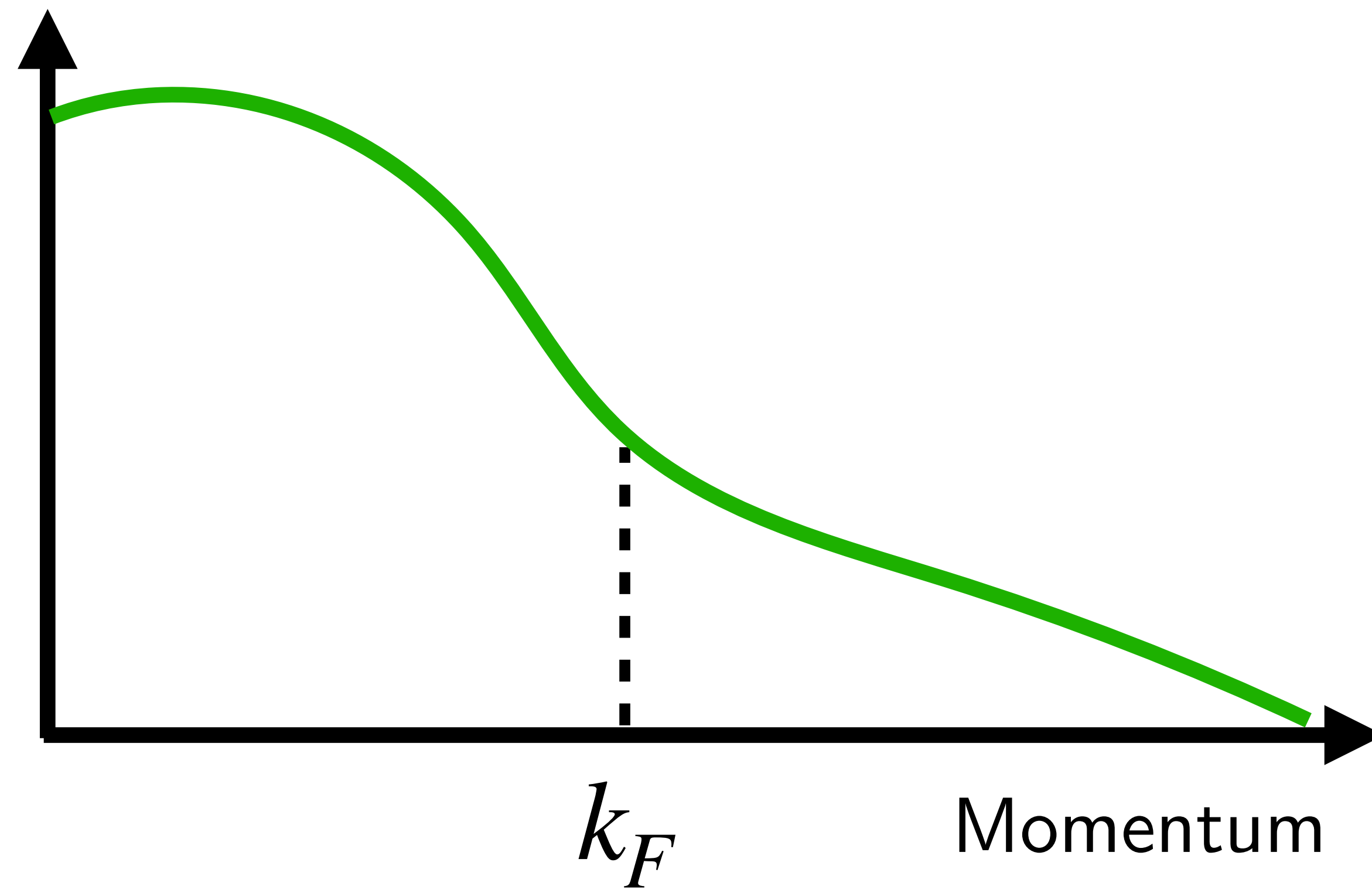
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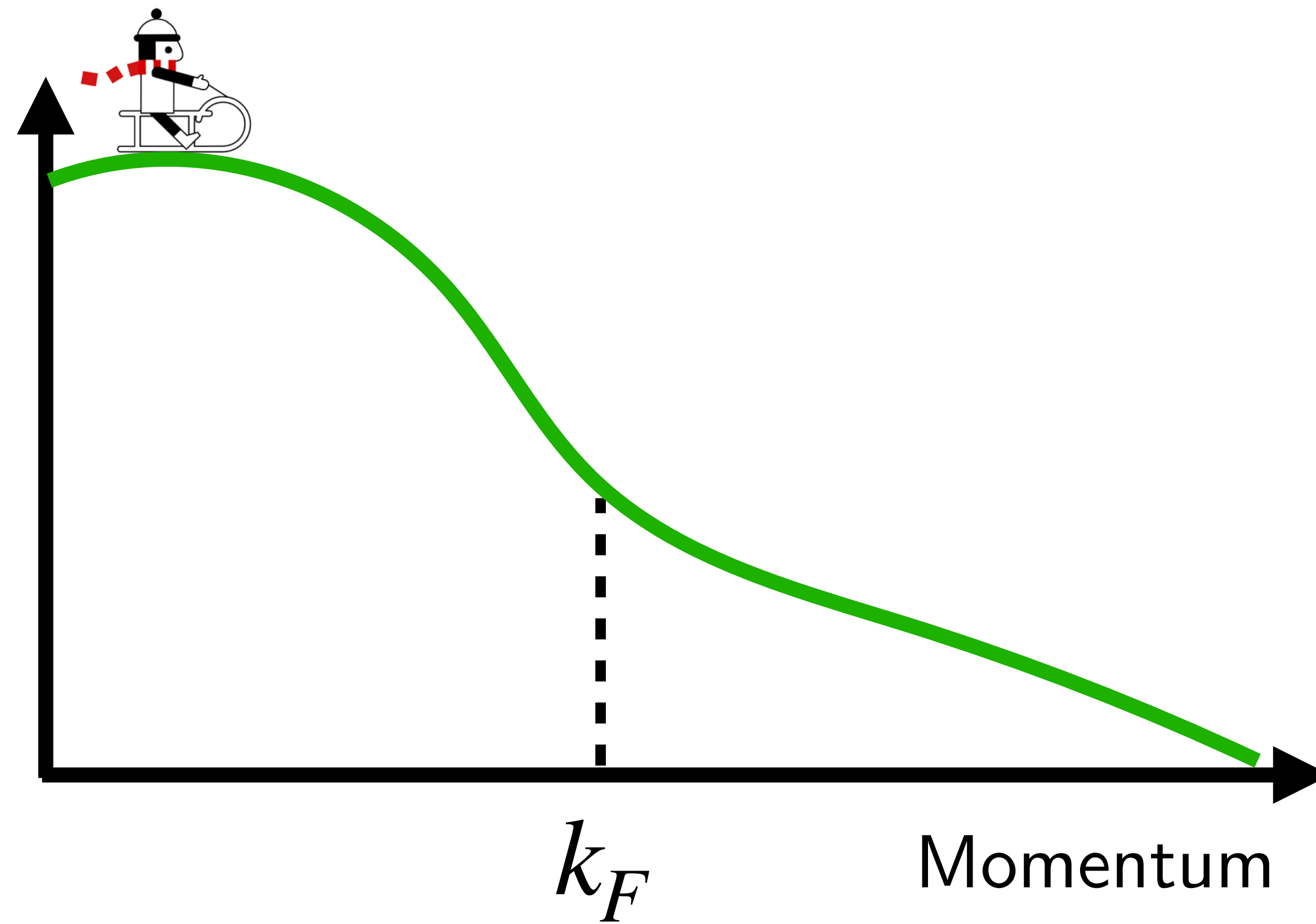
# Mitigating final state interactions



- Final state  $X$  goes in direction of  $q$ 
  - Look at backward-going spectators
- FSI calculations largely independent of  $x$ 
  - Form ratios of kinematic points



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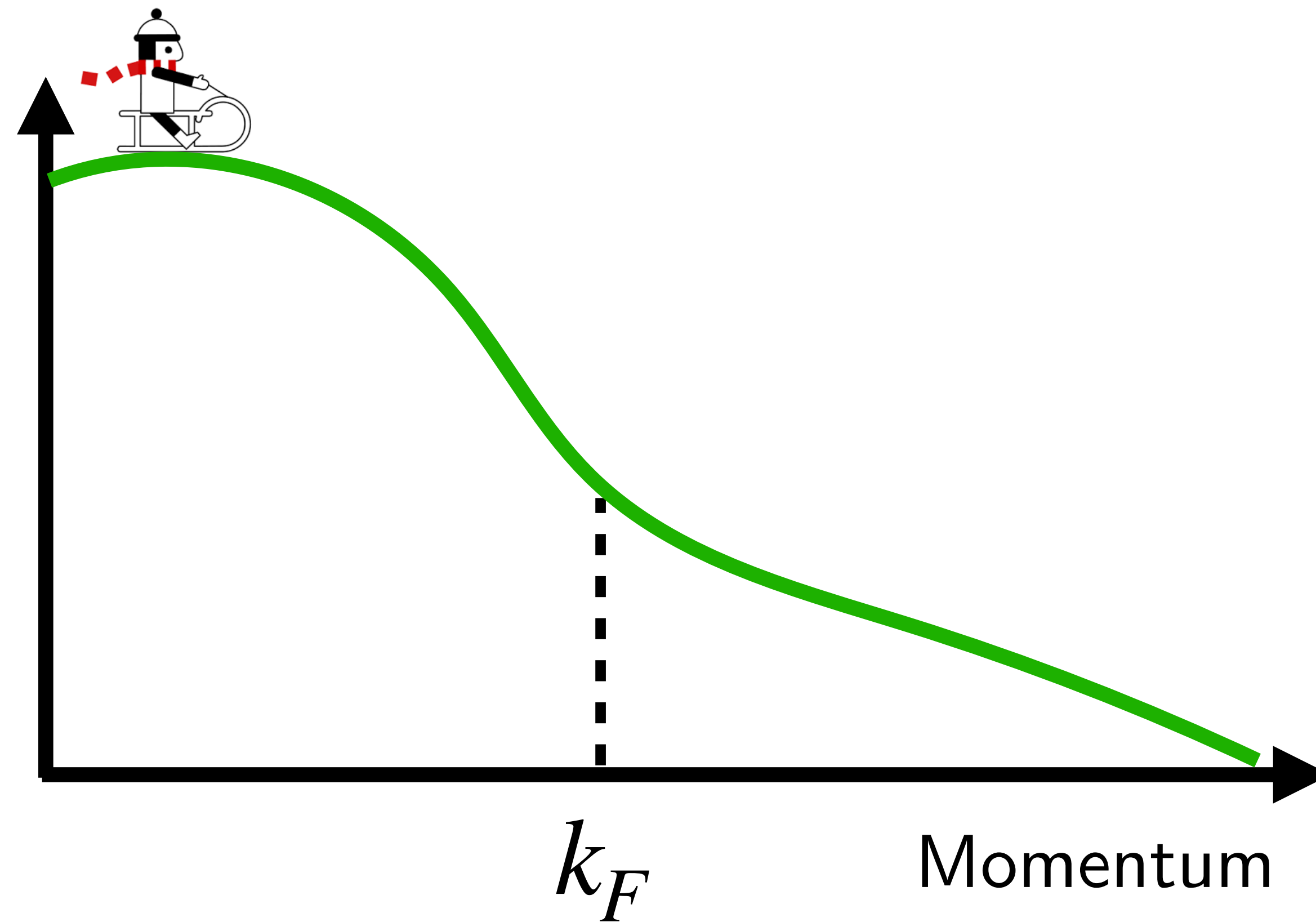




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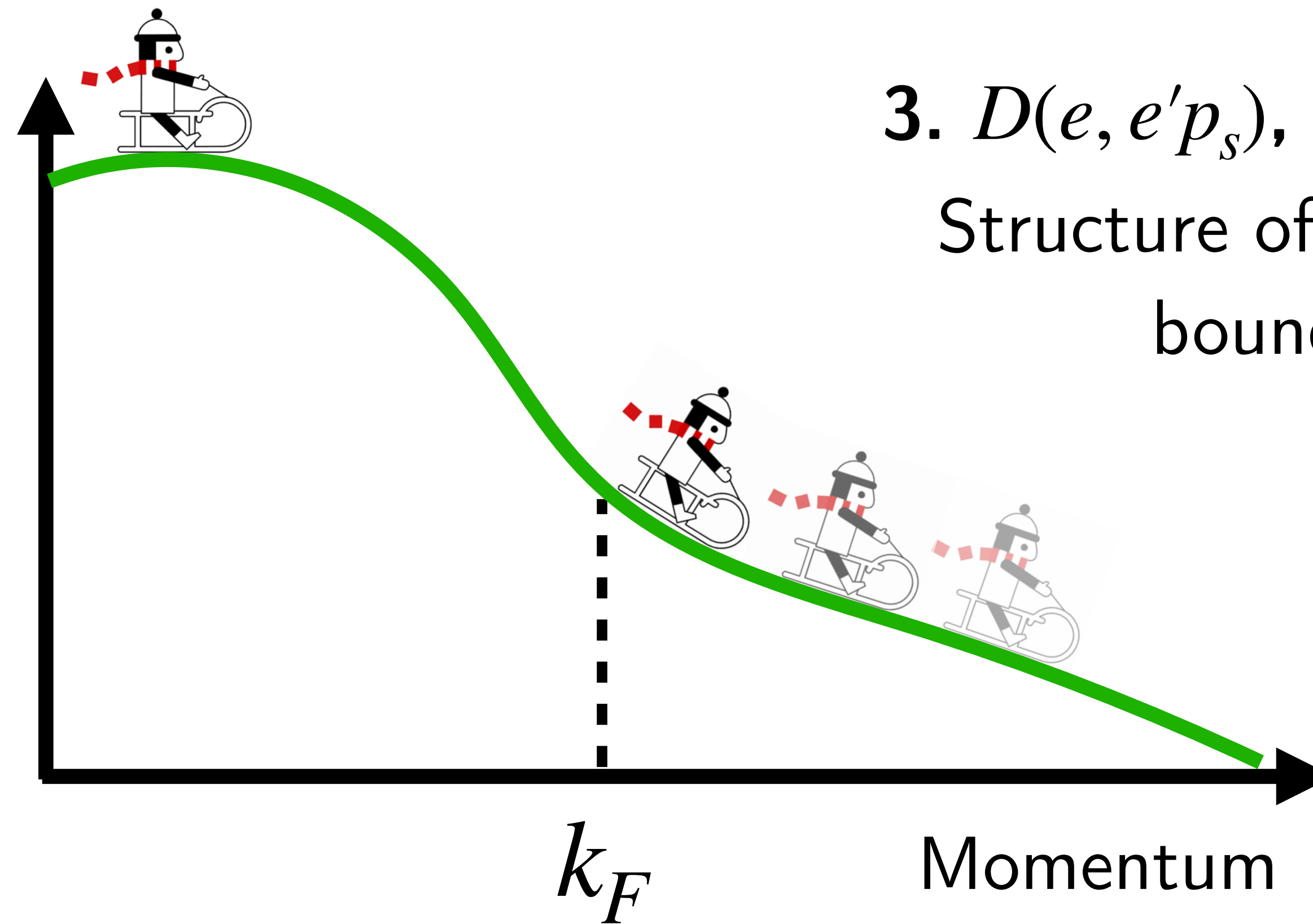
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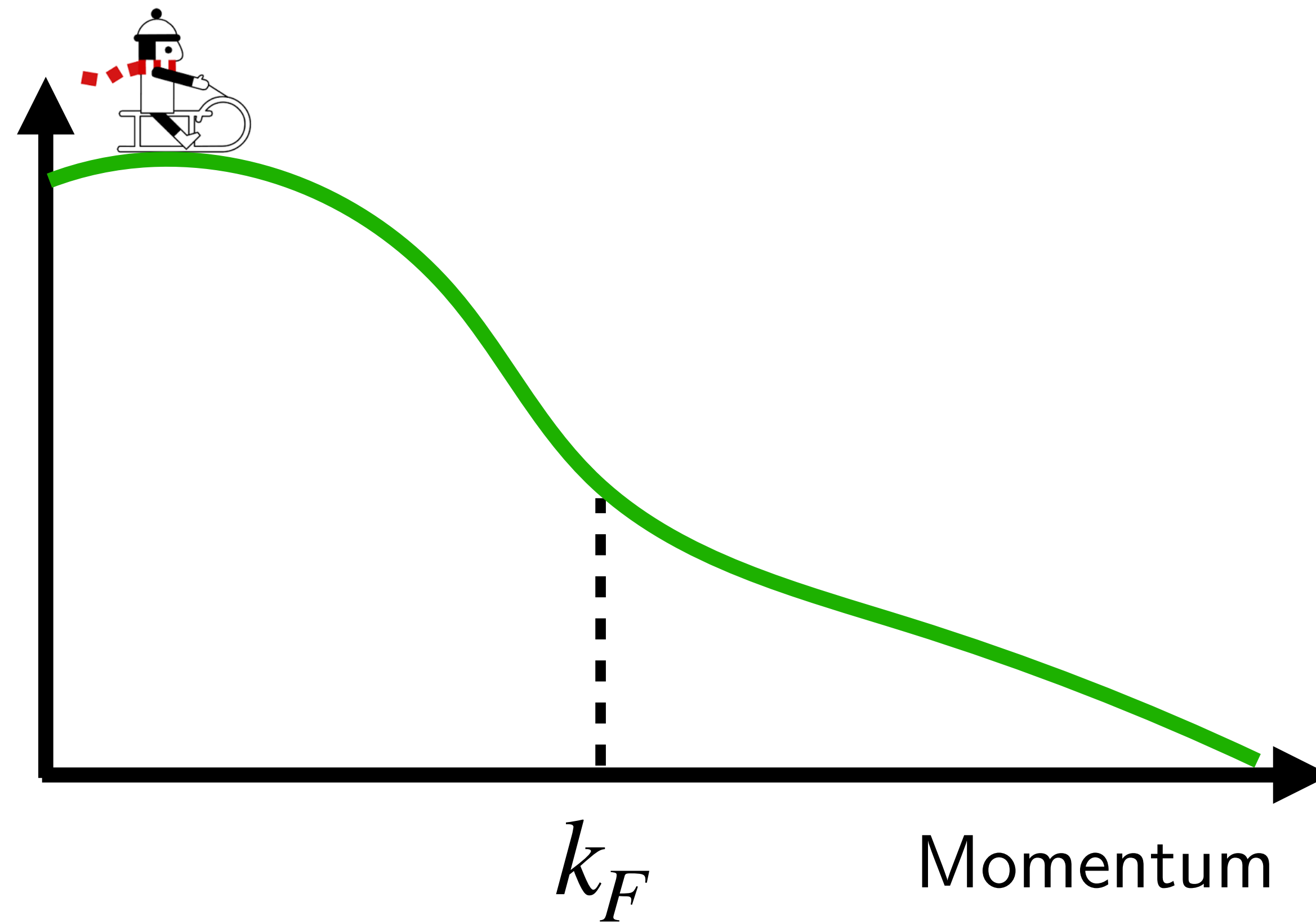
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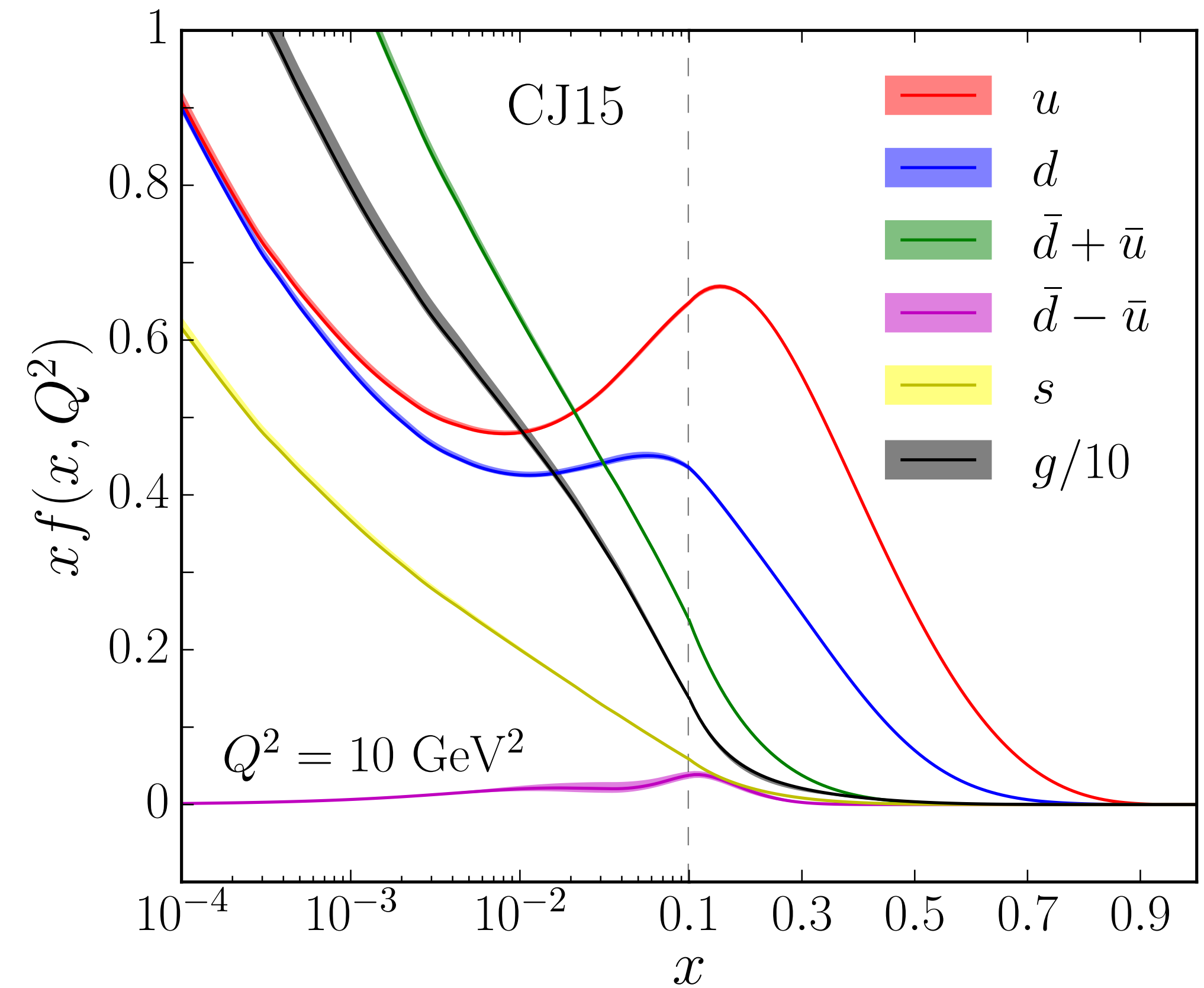


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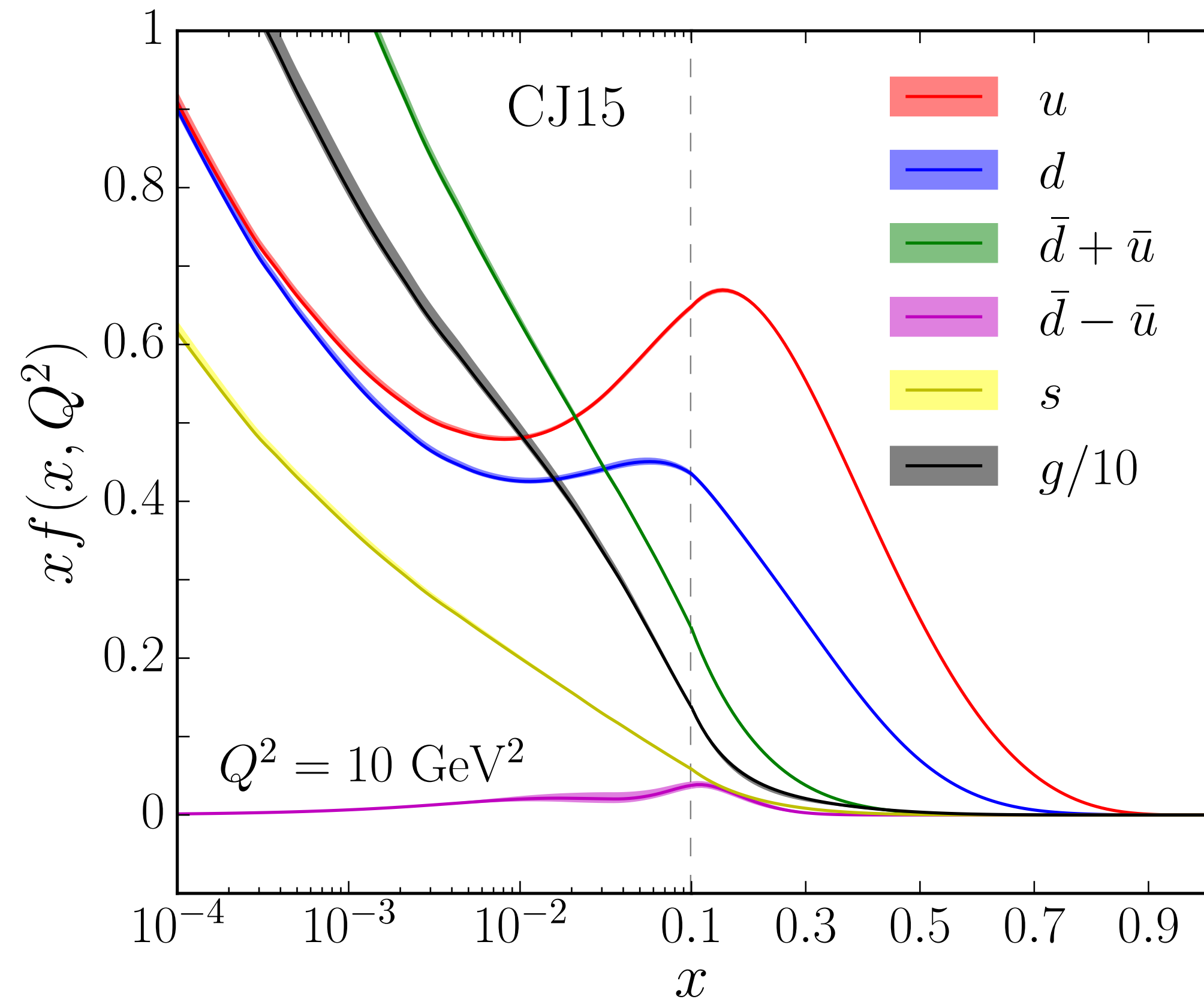
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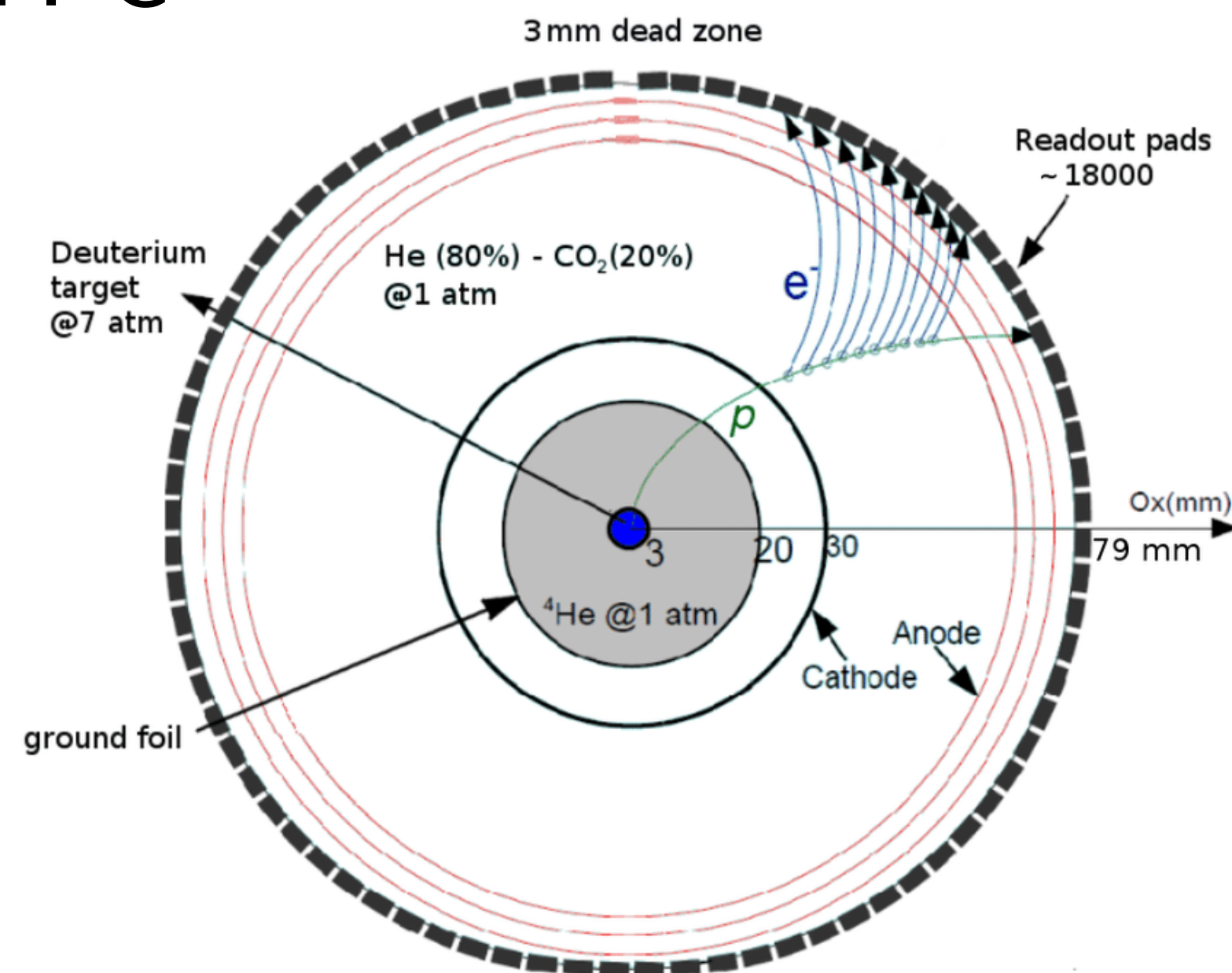


- Methods:
  - Extract from nuclear structure functions with nuclear corrections
  - Use tagged DIS to extract structure of barely-off-shell neutrons in deuterium



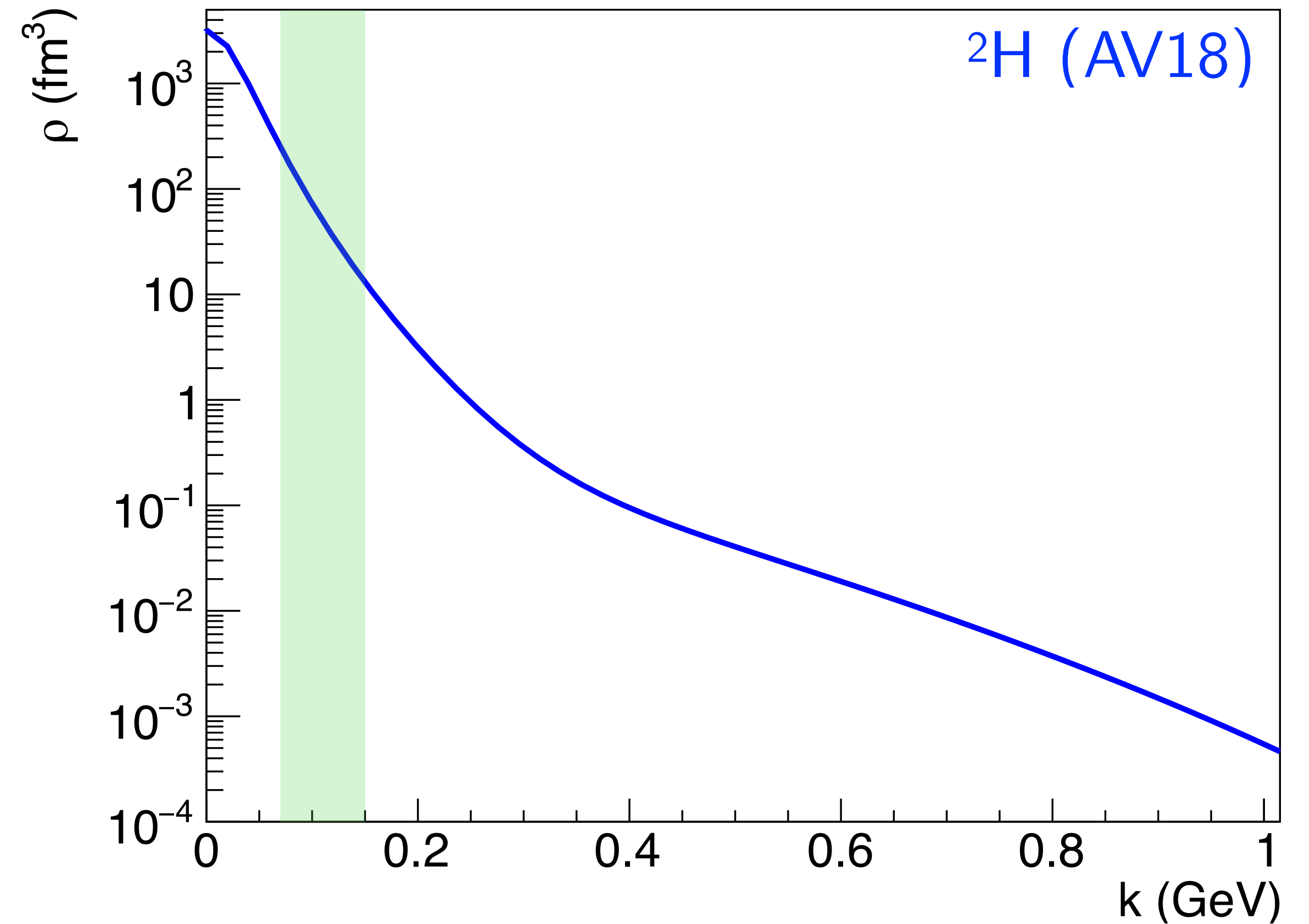
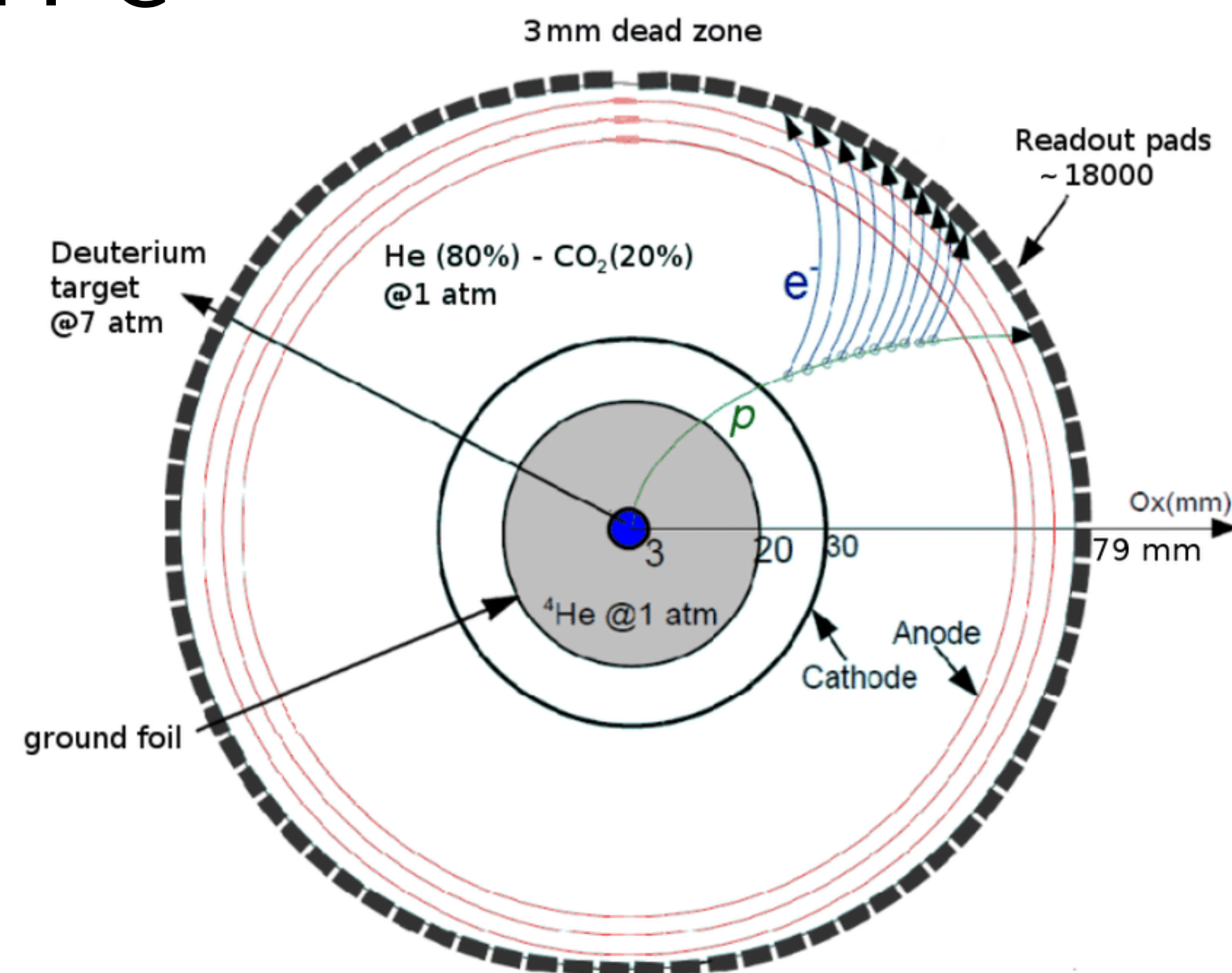
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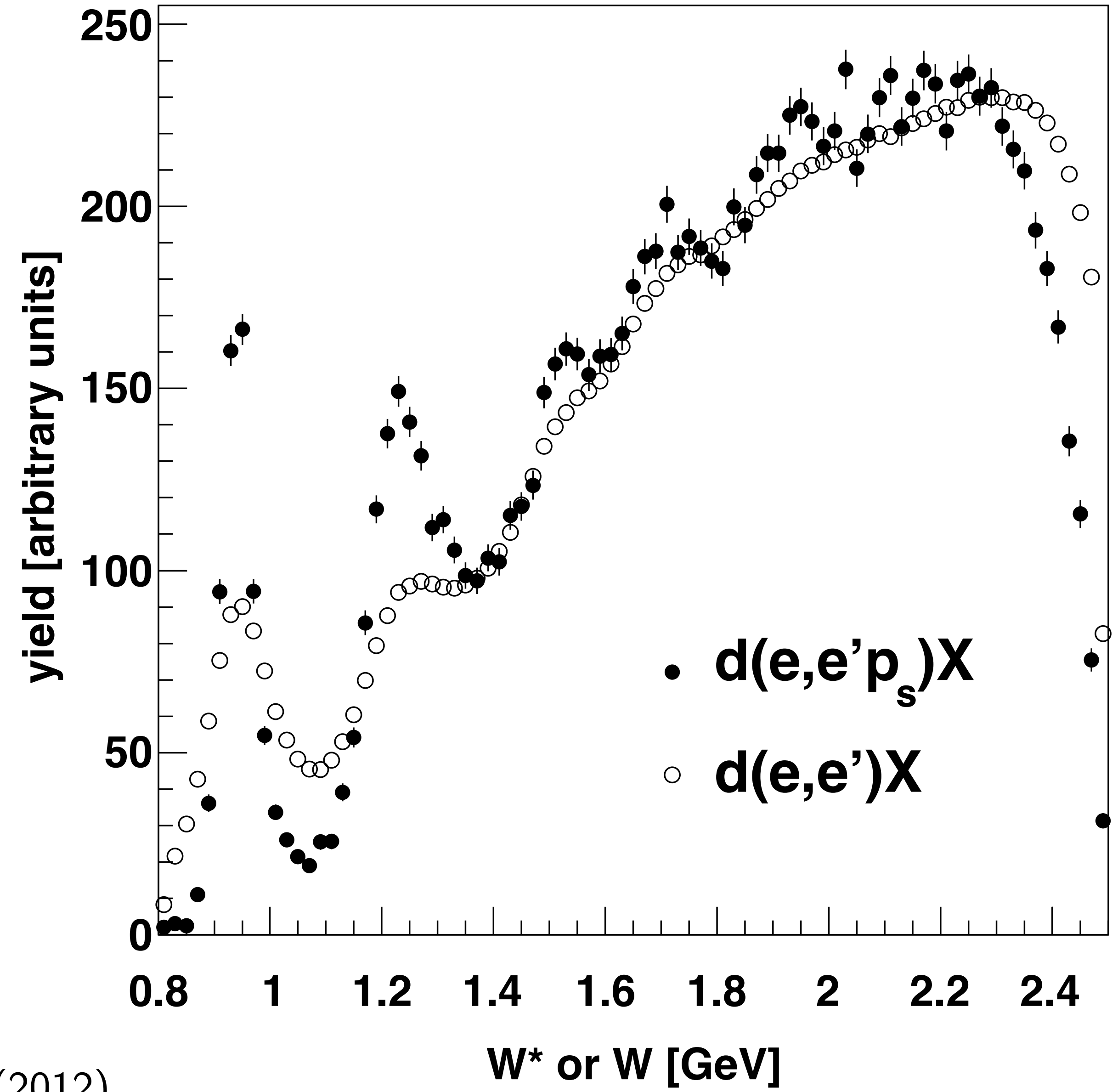


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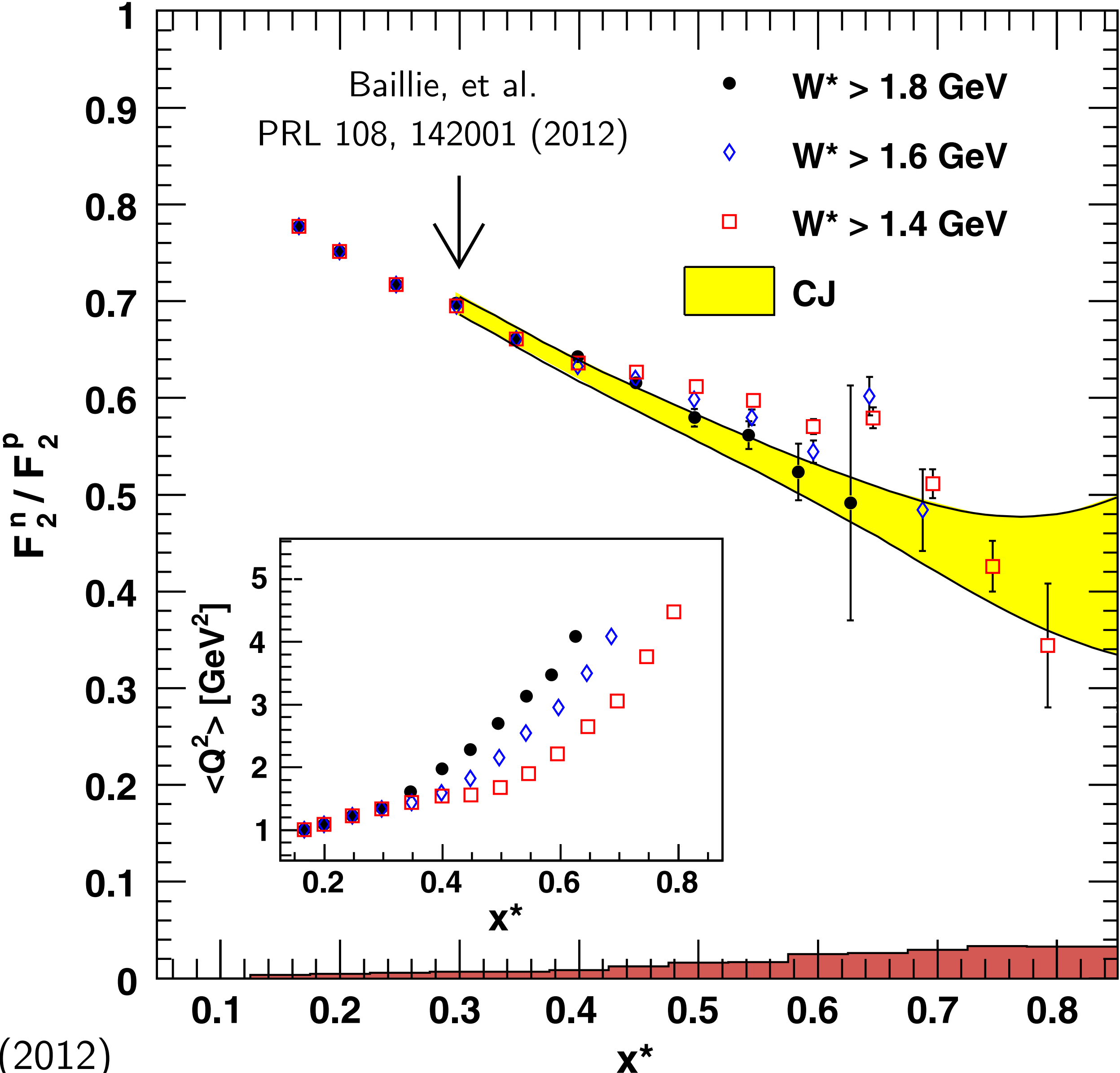
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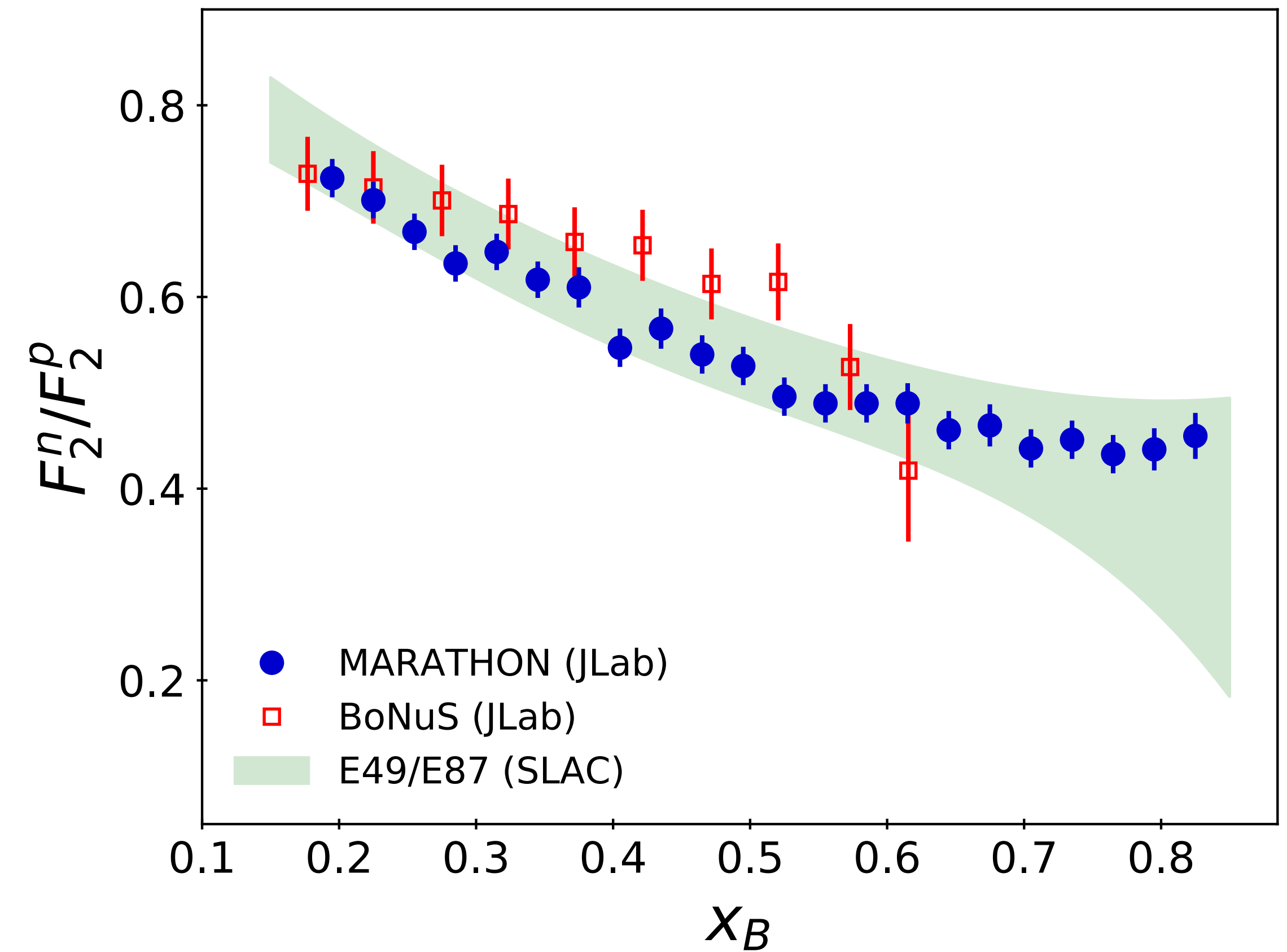
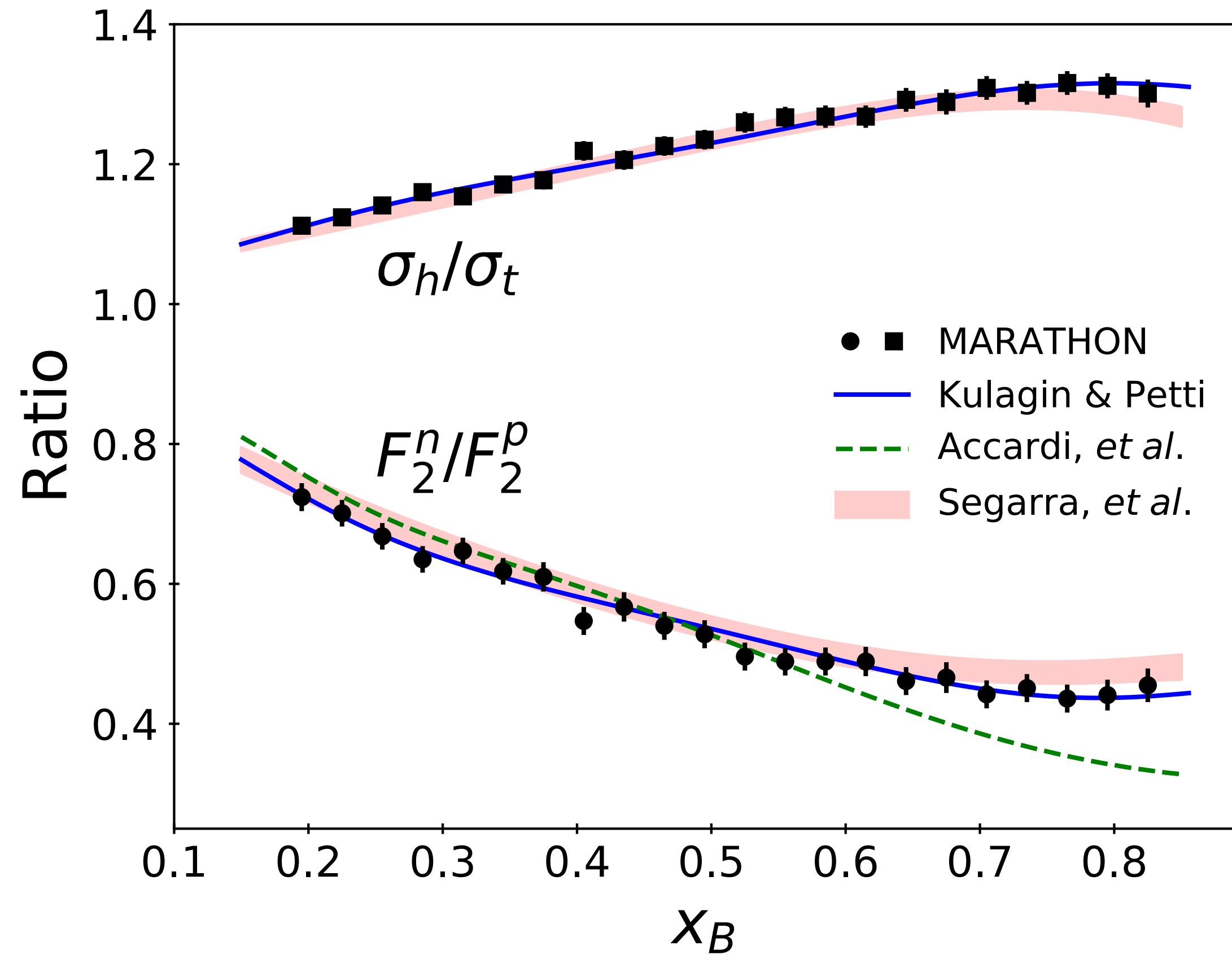


# BoNuS results



# Compared to latest nuclear correction extraction

Adapted from Abrams, et al. PRL 128, 132003 (2022)

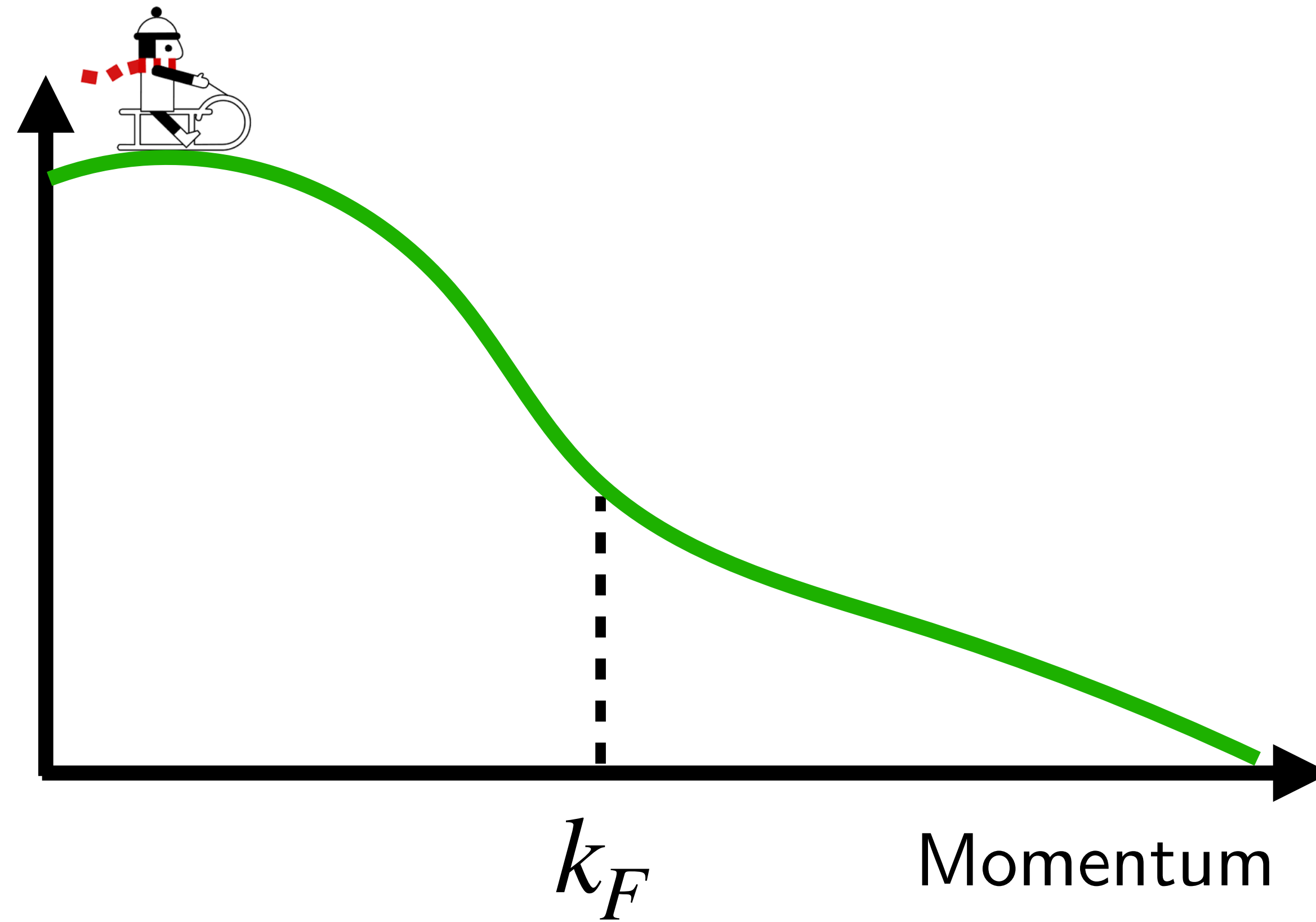


- MARATHON extraction from  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^3\text{H}$  ratio
- Only need to account for relative nuclear corrections in  $A = 3$  nuclei



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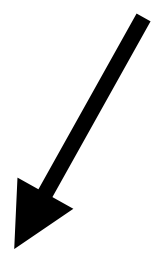
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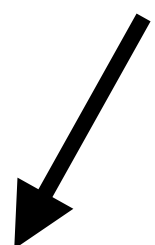
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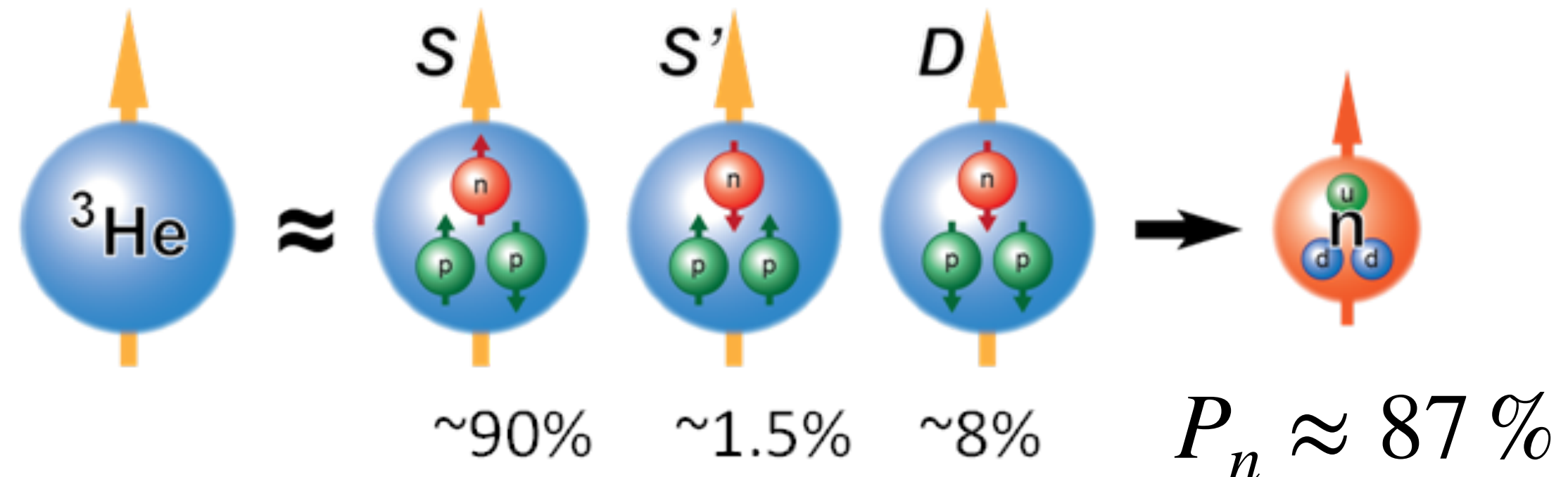
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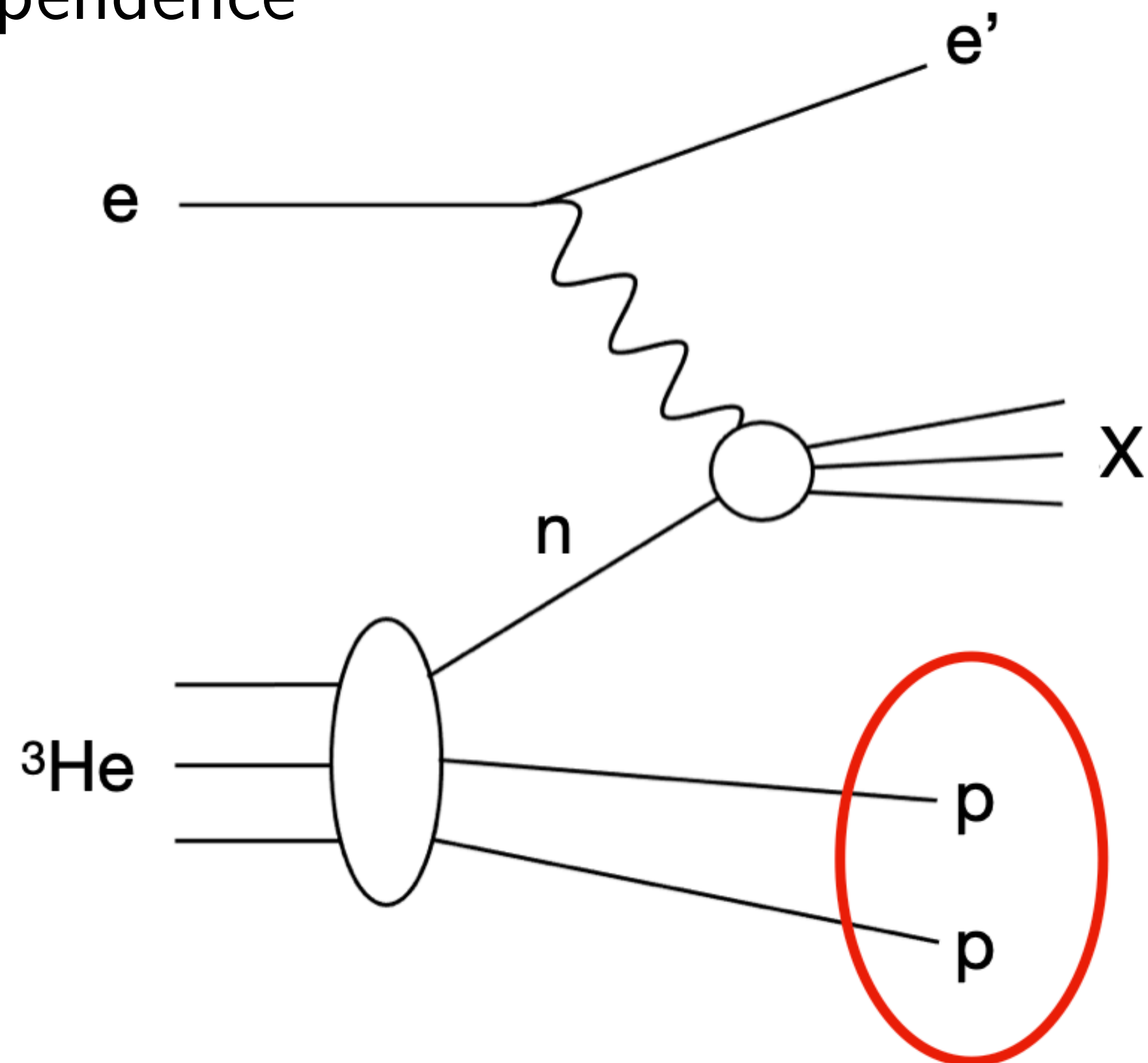
Can extract  $A_1^n$  from inclusive  $A_1^{3He}$

$$A_1^n \approx \frac{1}{P_n} \frac{F_2^{3He}}{F_2^n} (A_1^{3He} - 2P_p \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{3He}} A_1^p)$$

Nuclear corrections introduce large uncertainties!

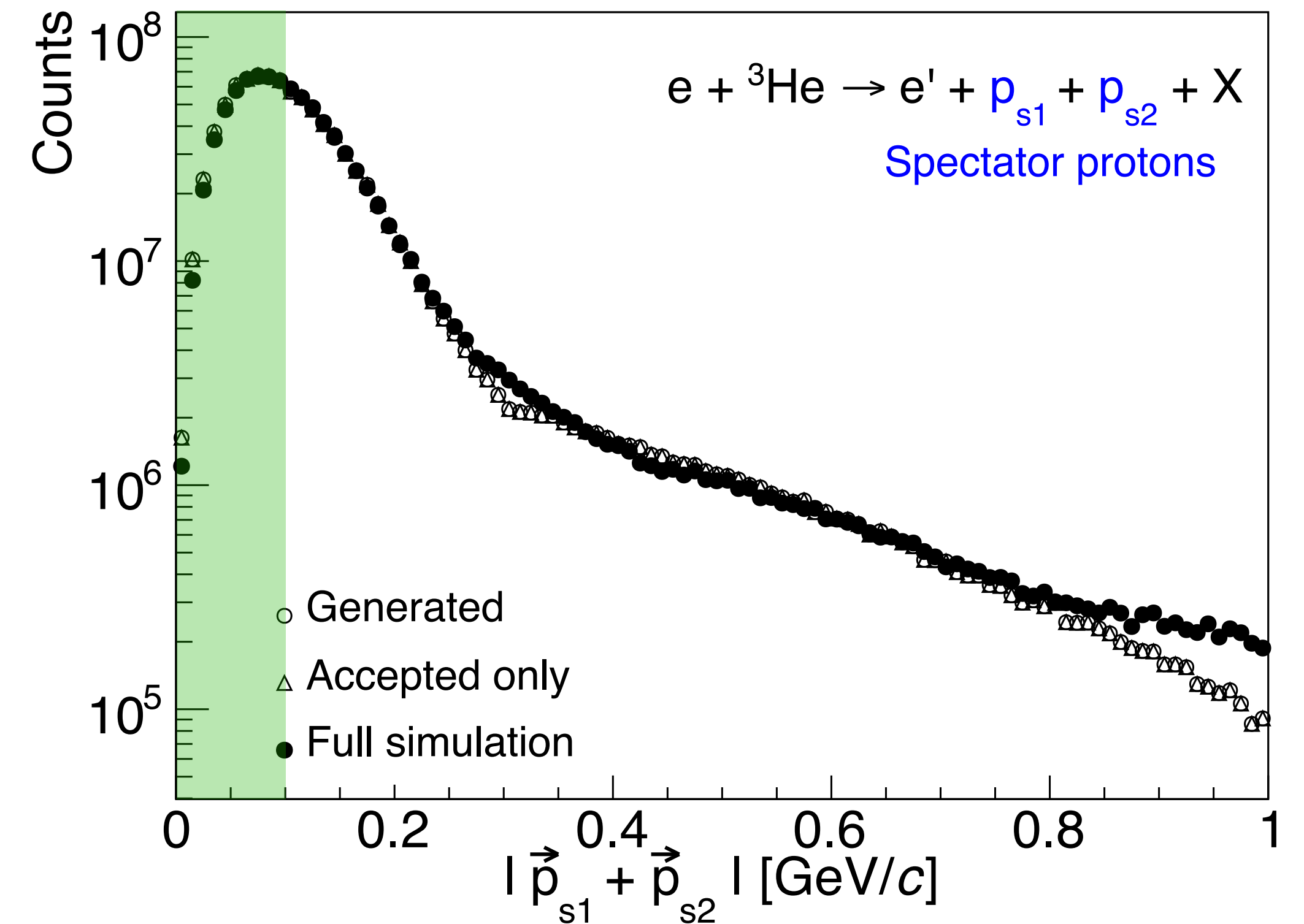
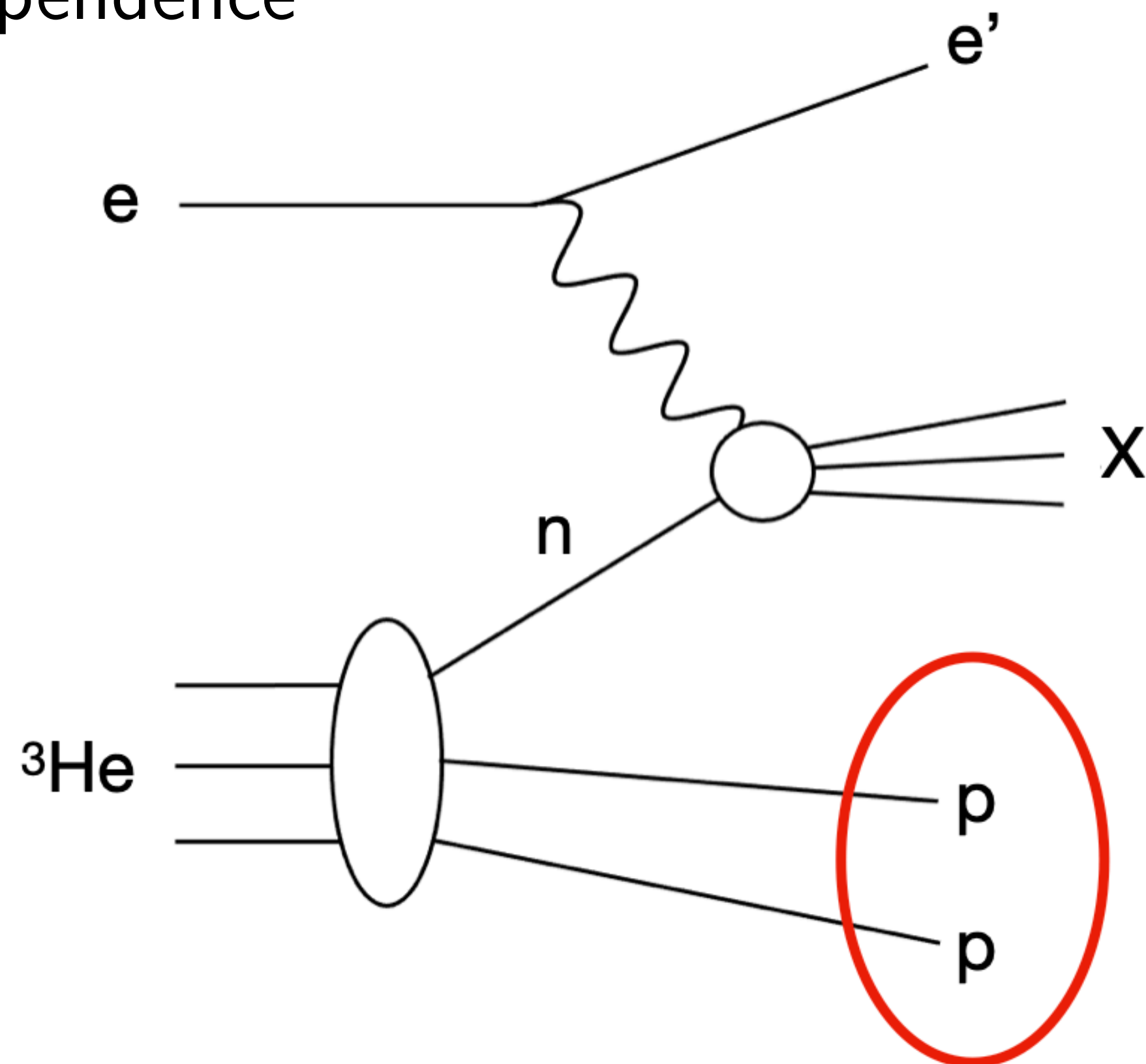
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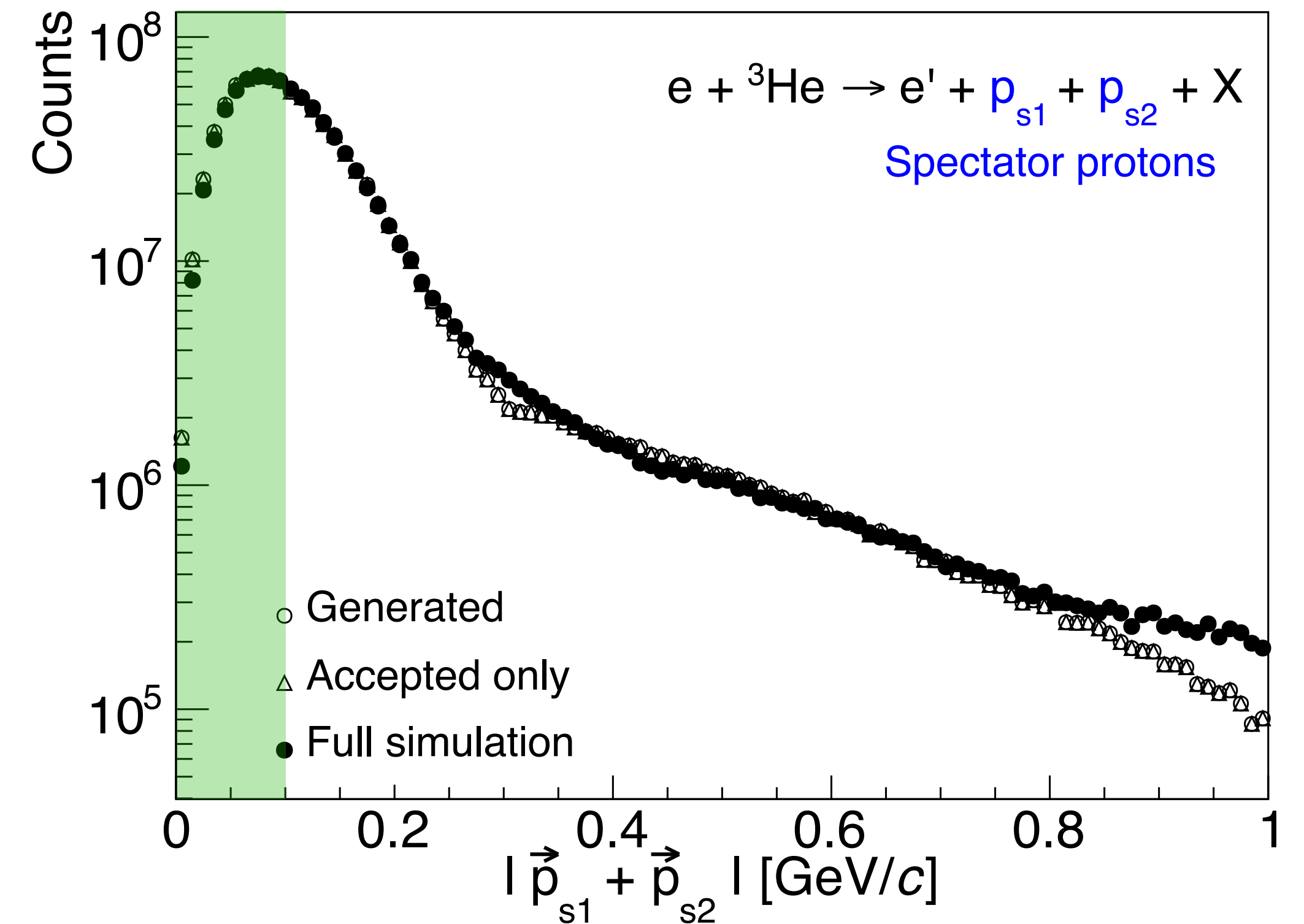
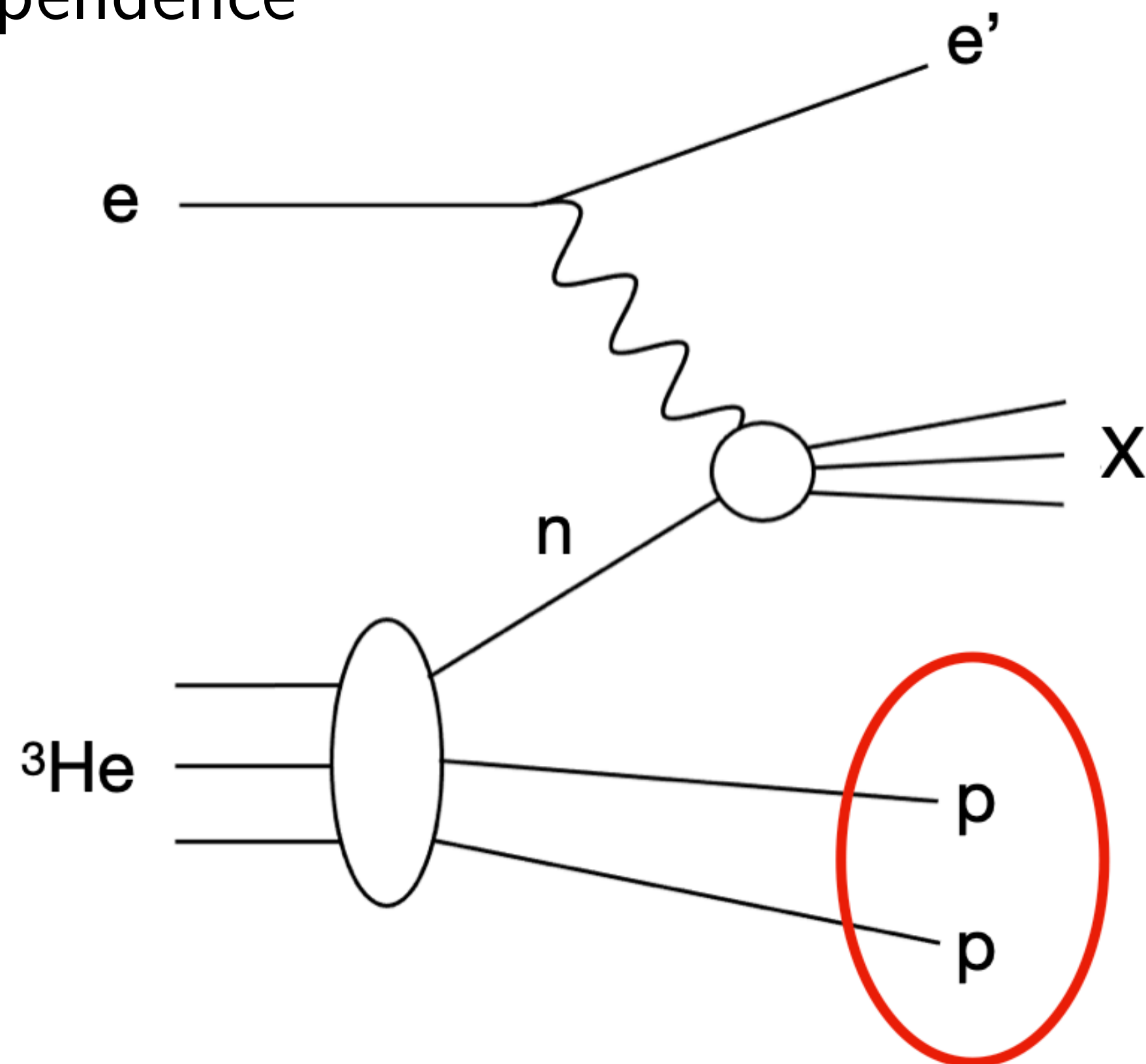
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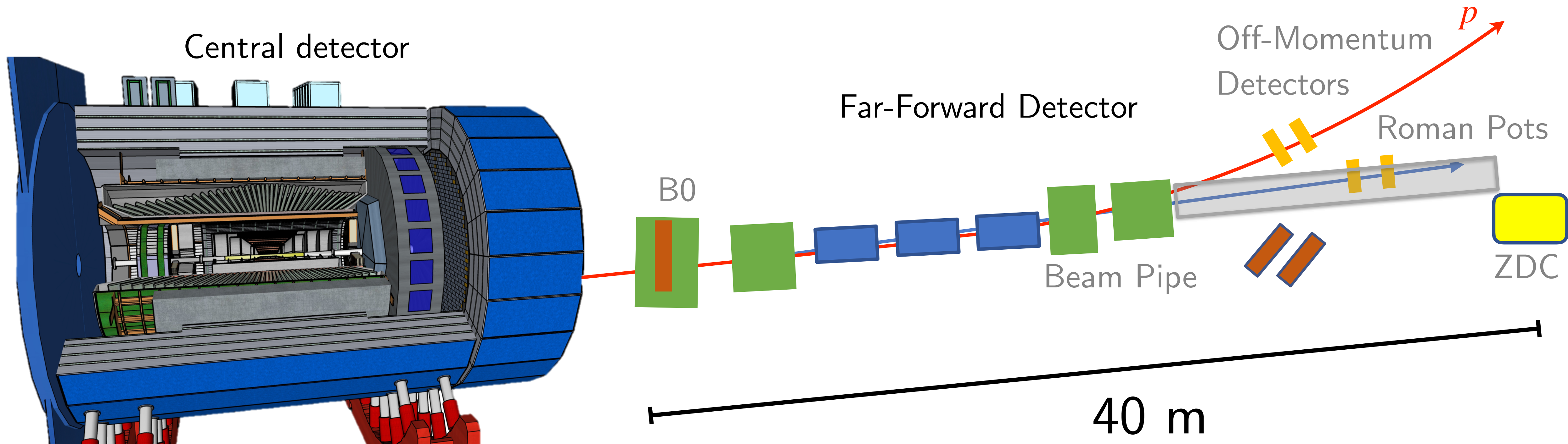
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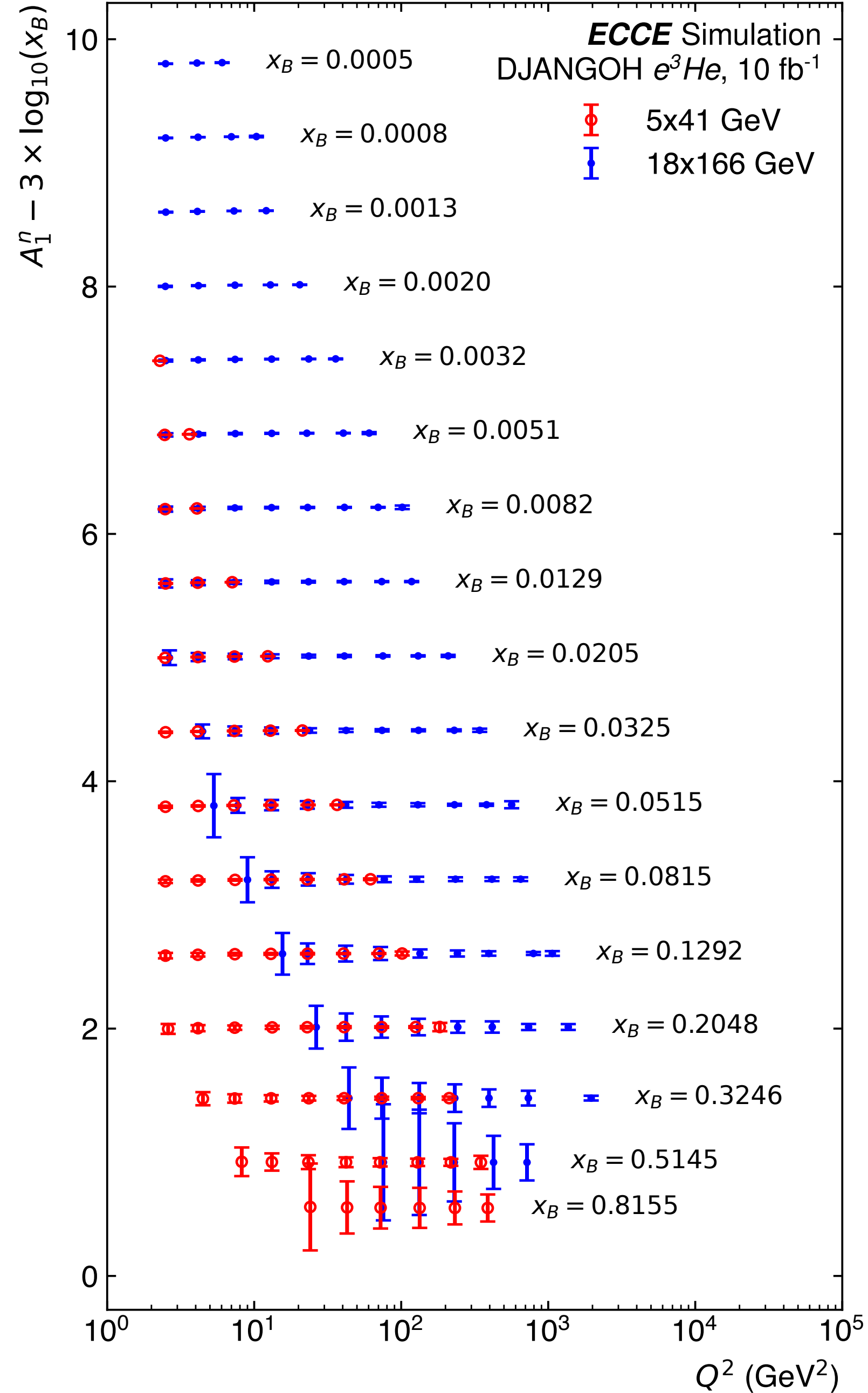
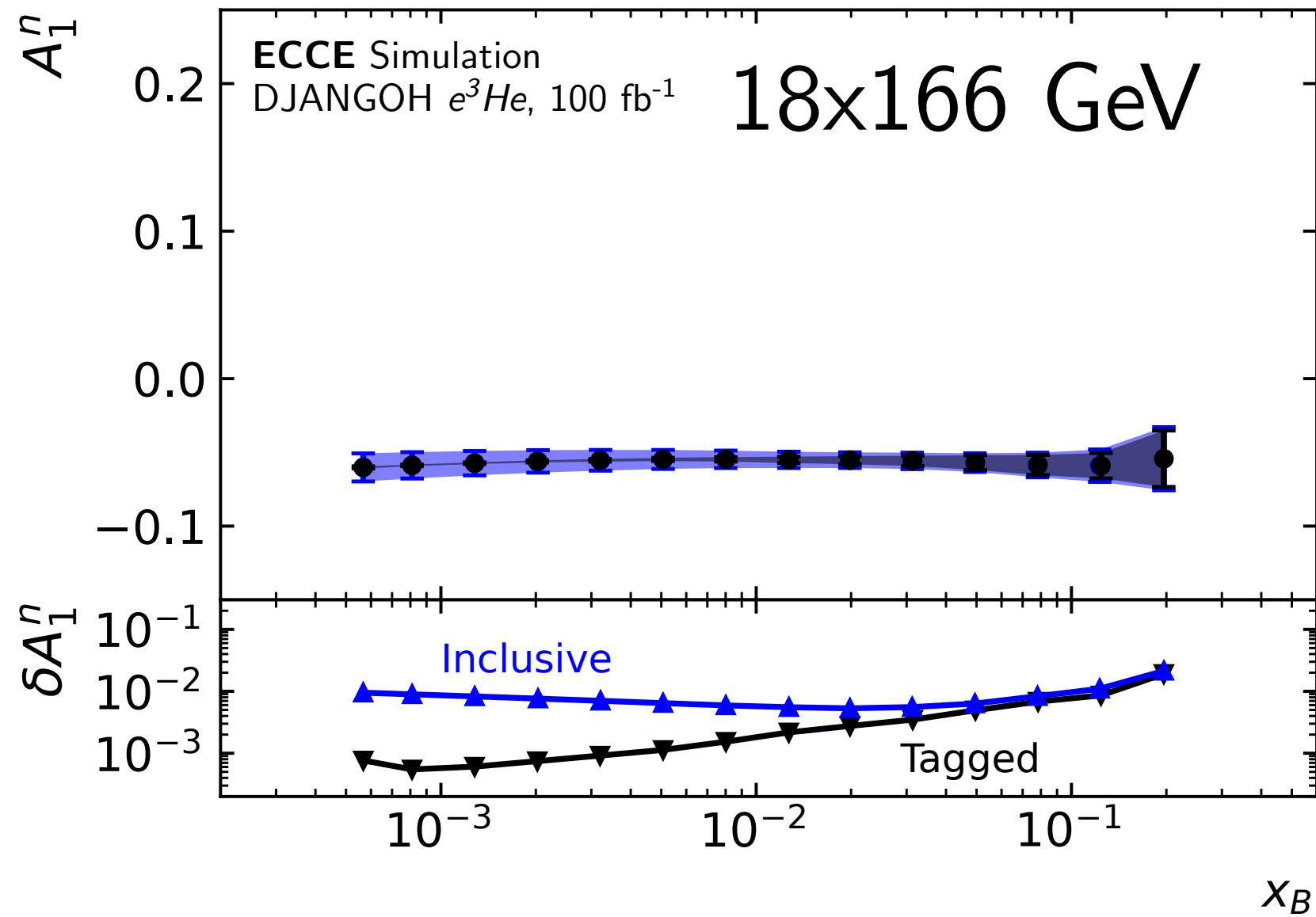
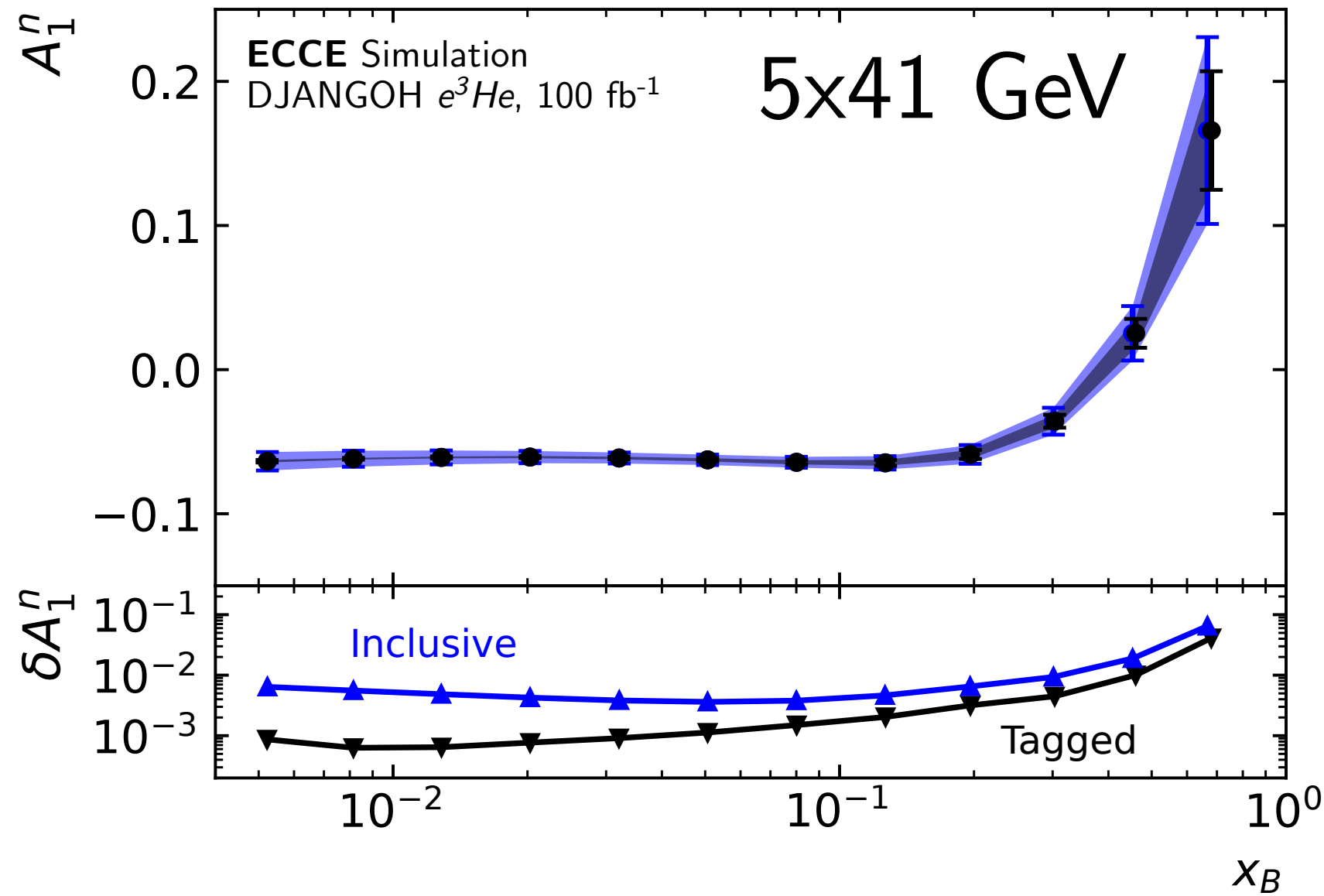
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# Double spectator tagging at the EIC



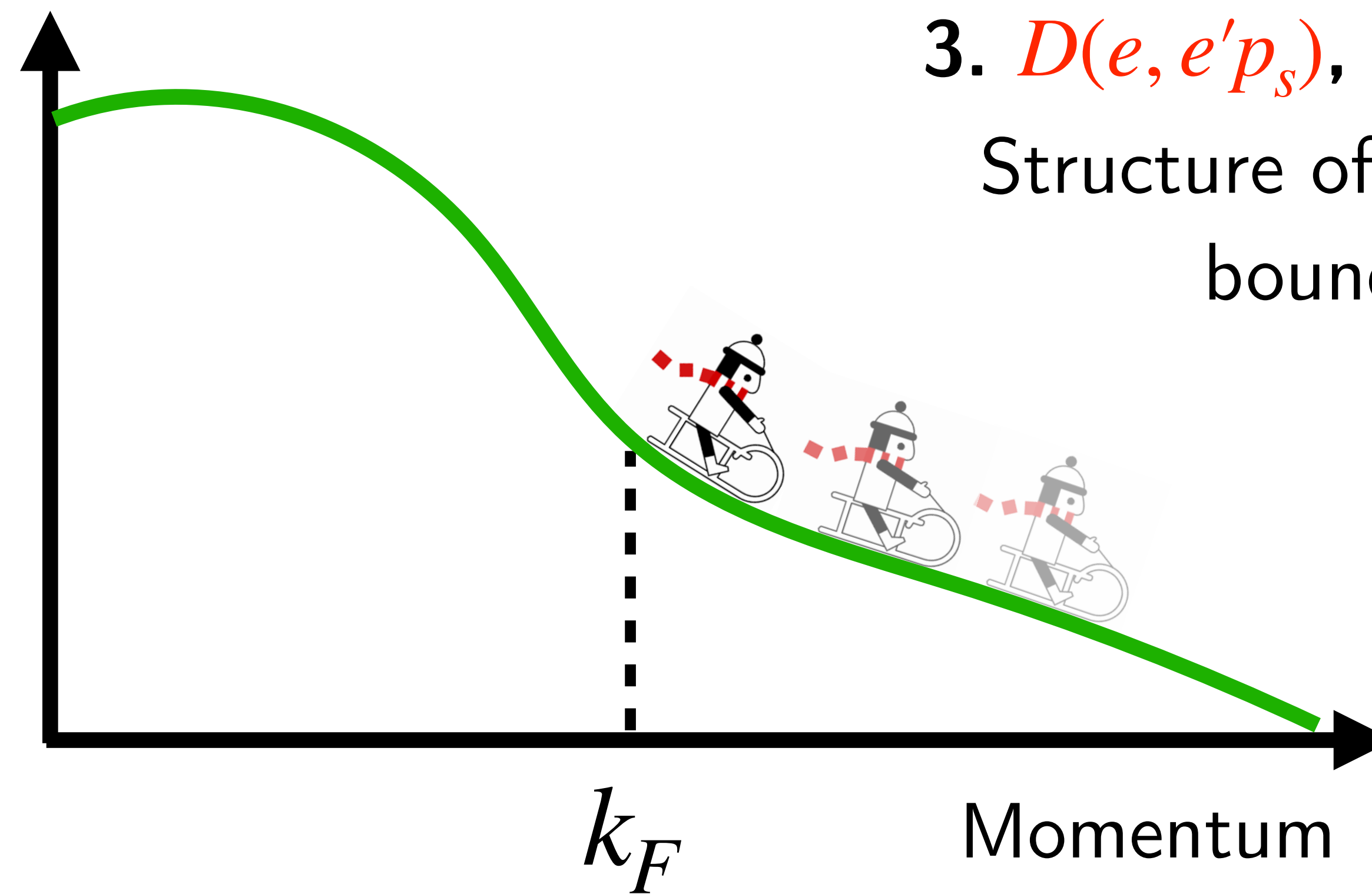
- Low-momentum protons in ion rest frame highly boosted in lab frame
- Electron to central detector
- Protons to far-forward detector

# Projected results



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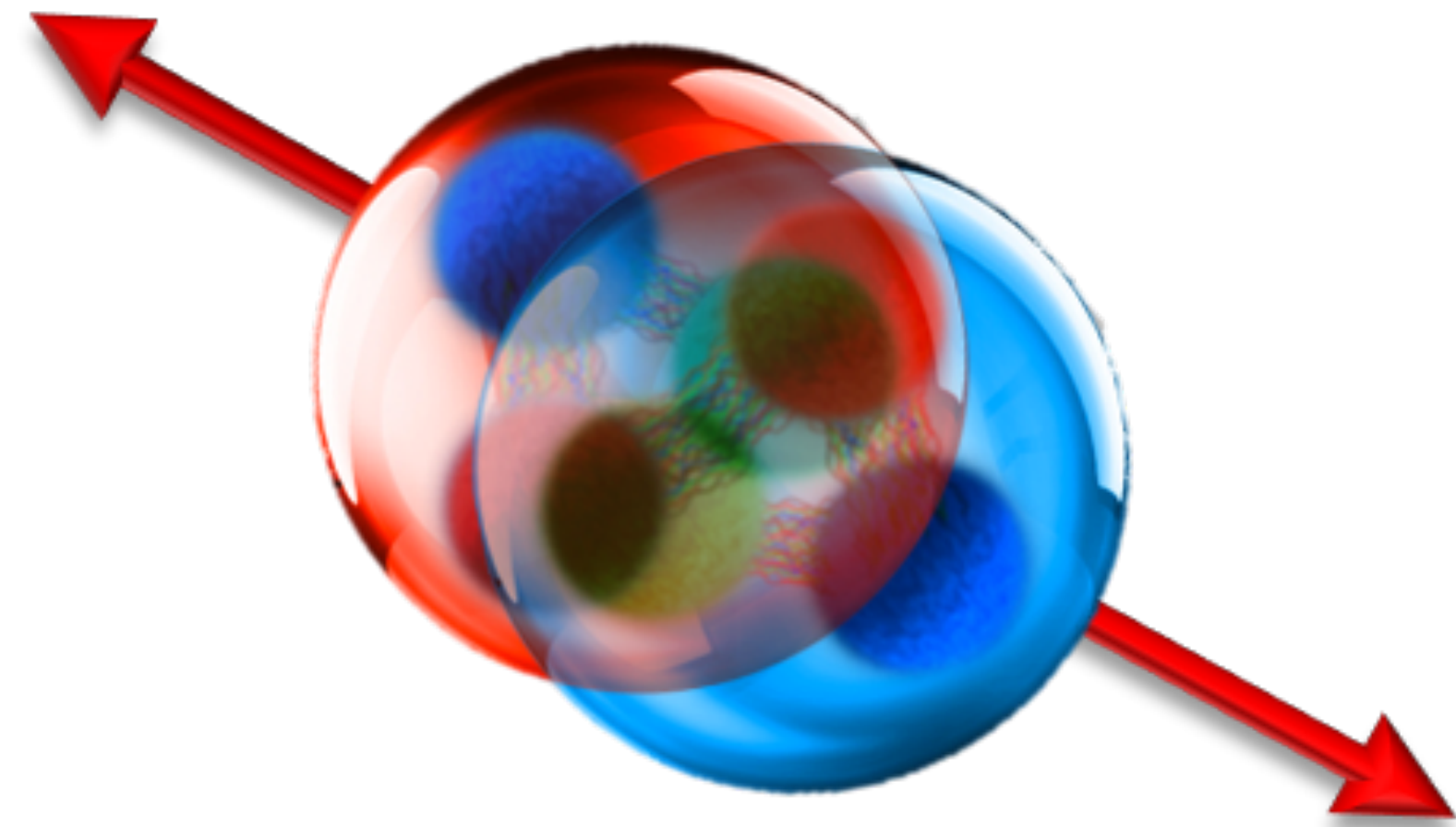
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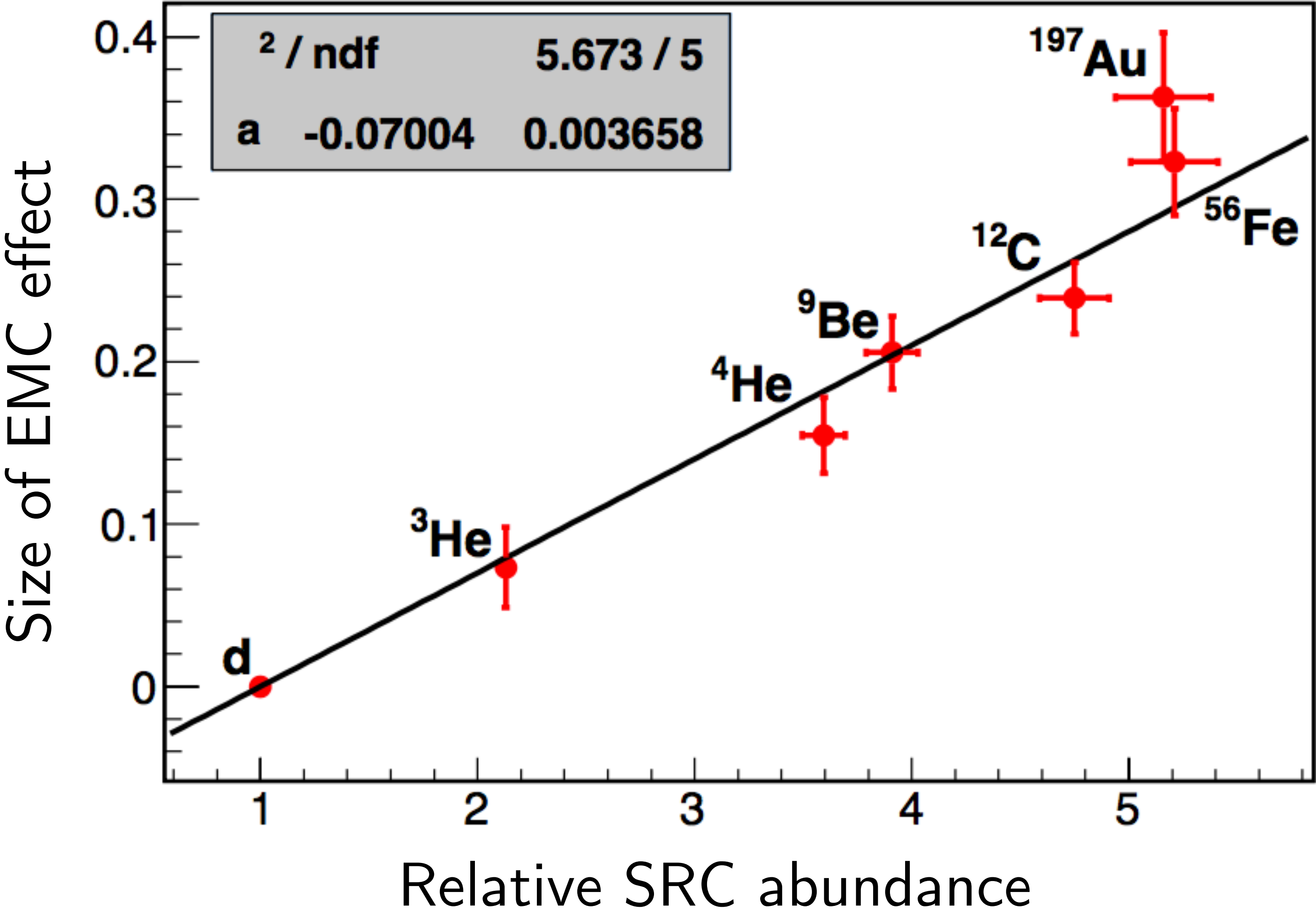


# Short-range correlations

- Fluctuation of nucleon pairs into short-range, strongly interacting state
- Predominantly  $np$  pairs with universal deuteron-like scaling
- Produces high-momentum ( $>k_F$ ) tail
- Scale separated from the rest of the nucleus



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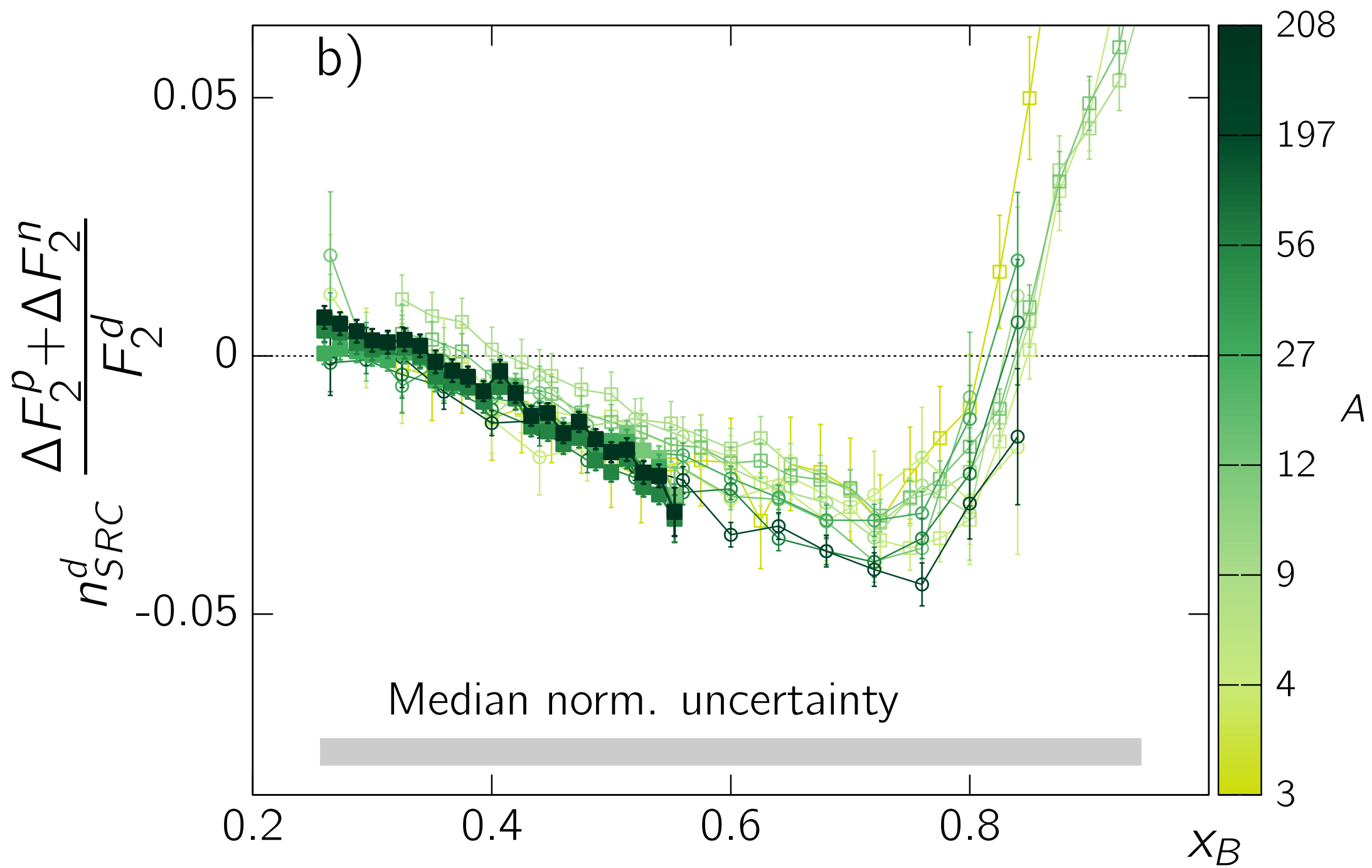
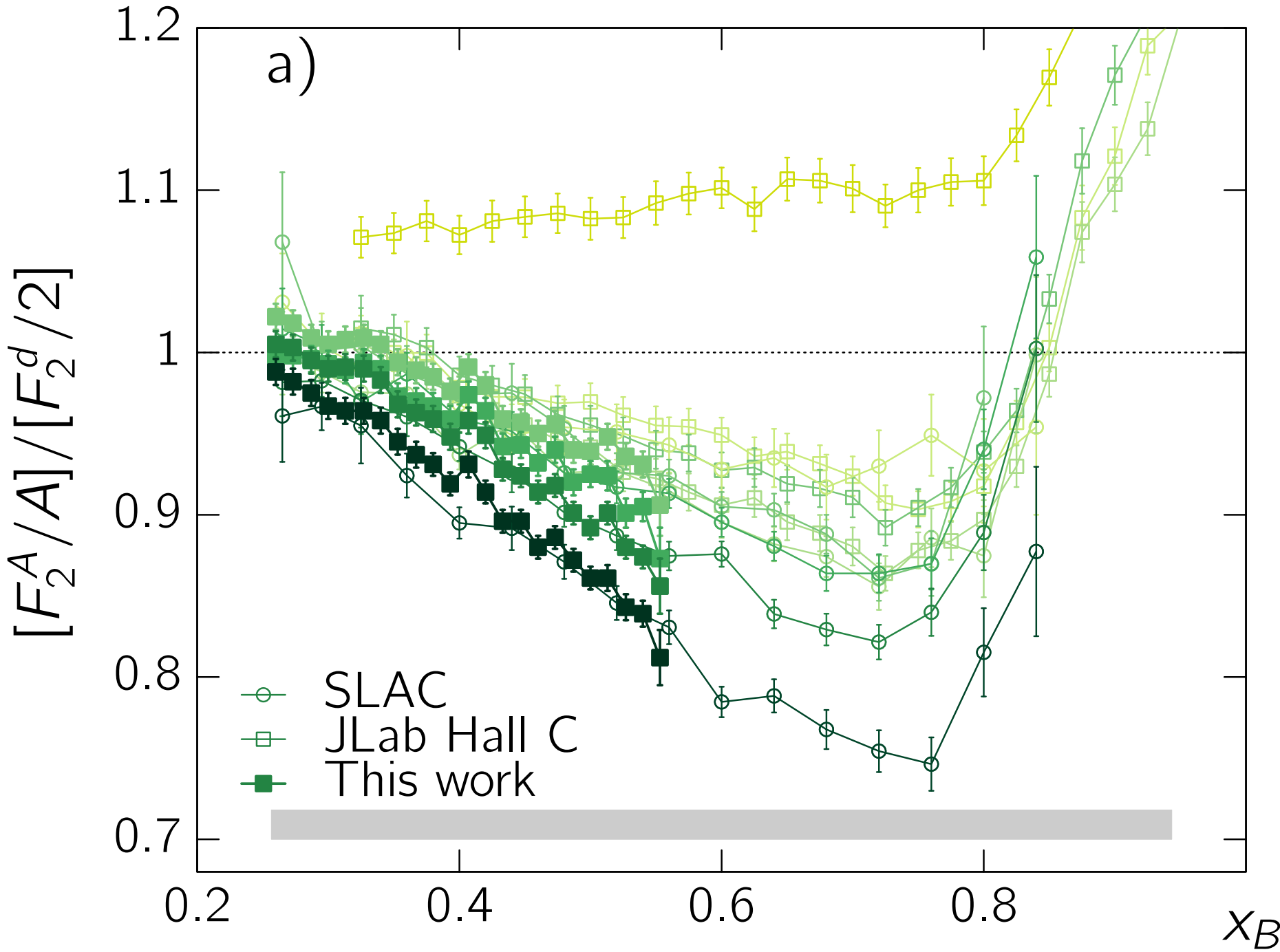
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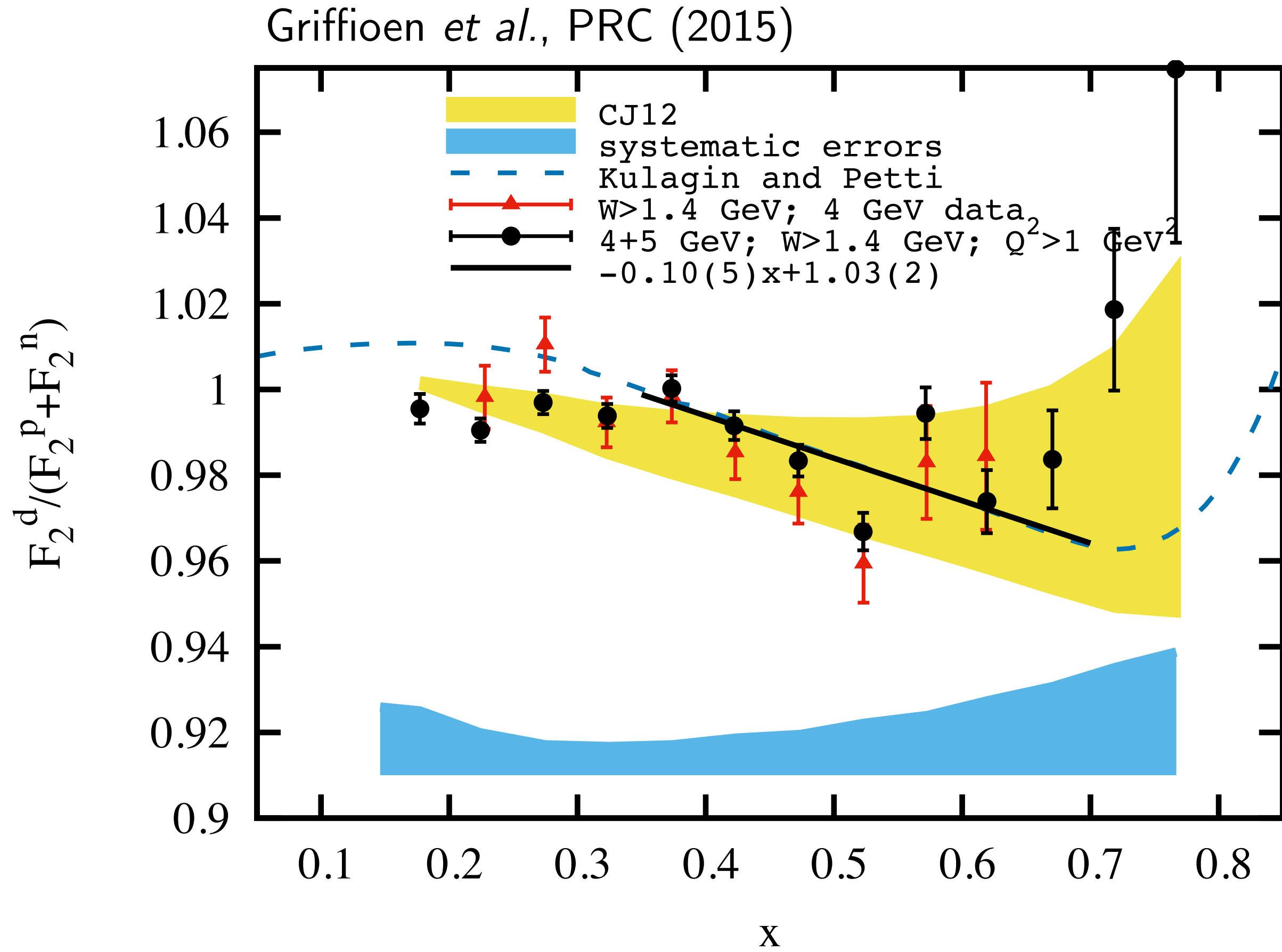
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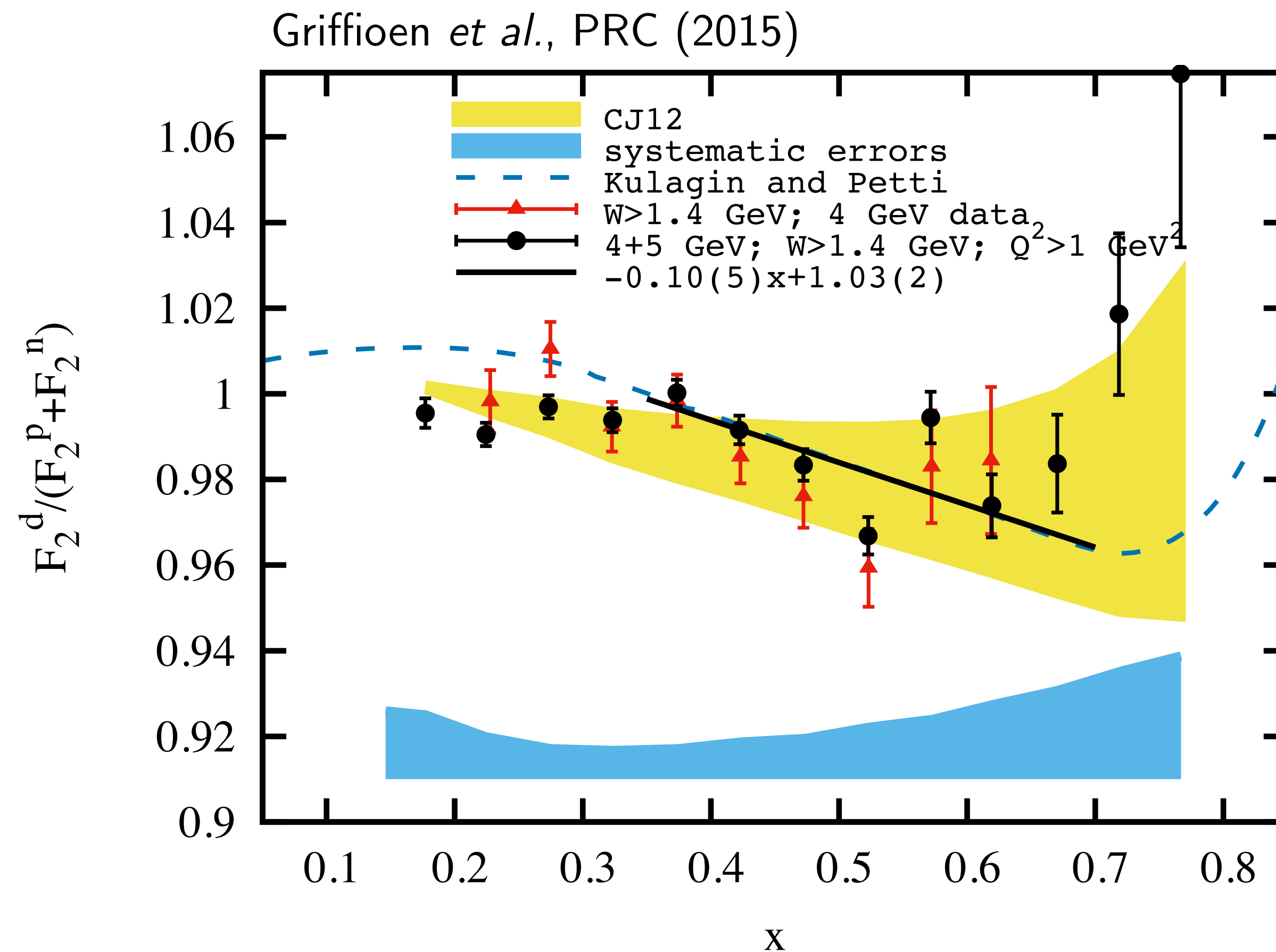


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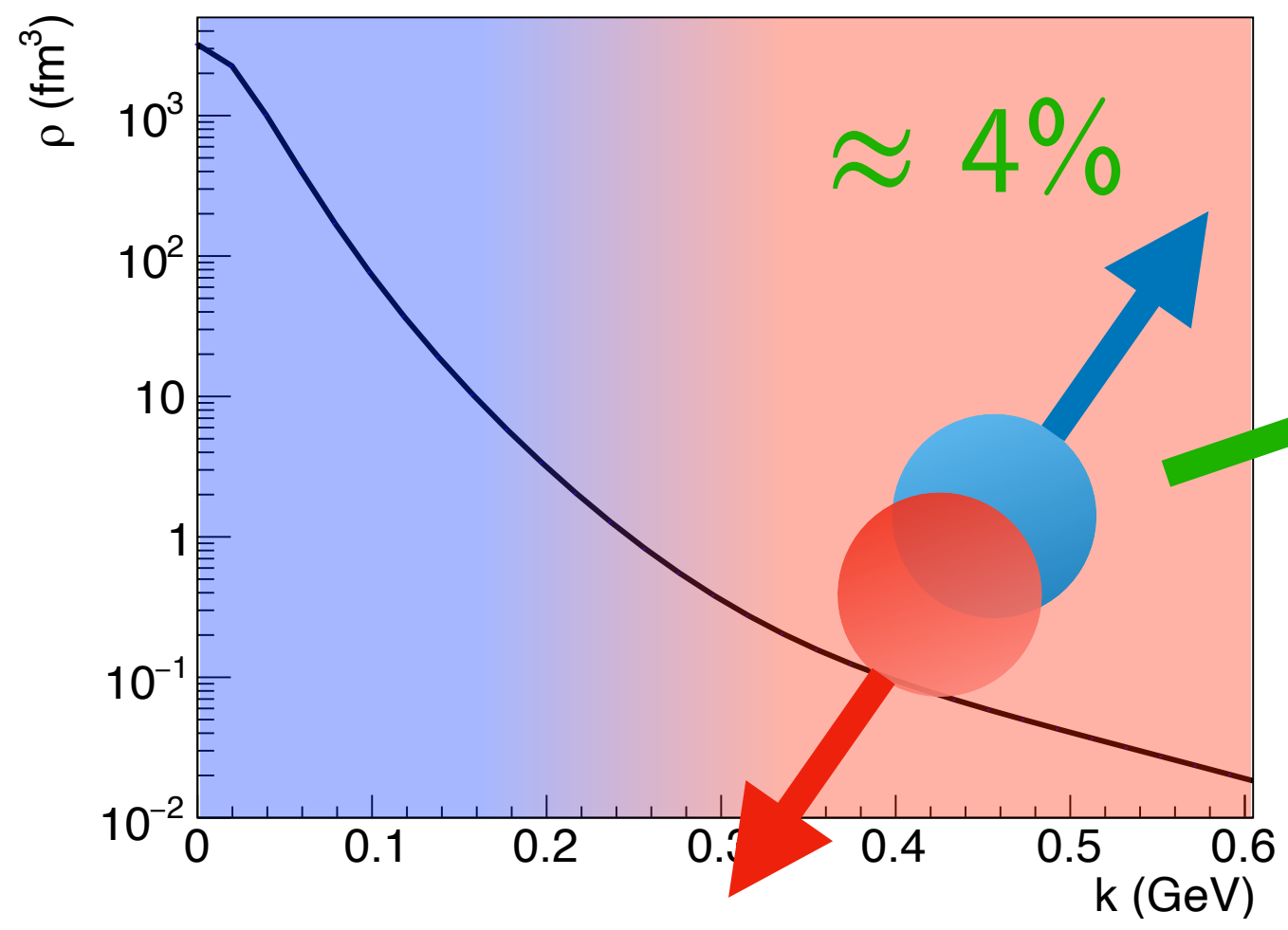
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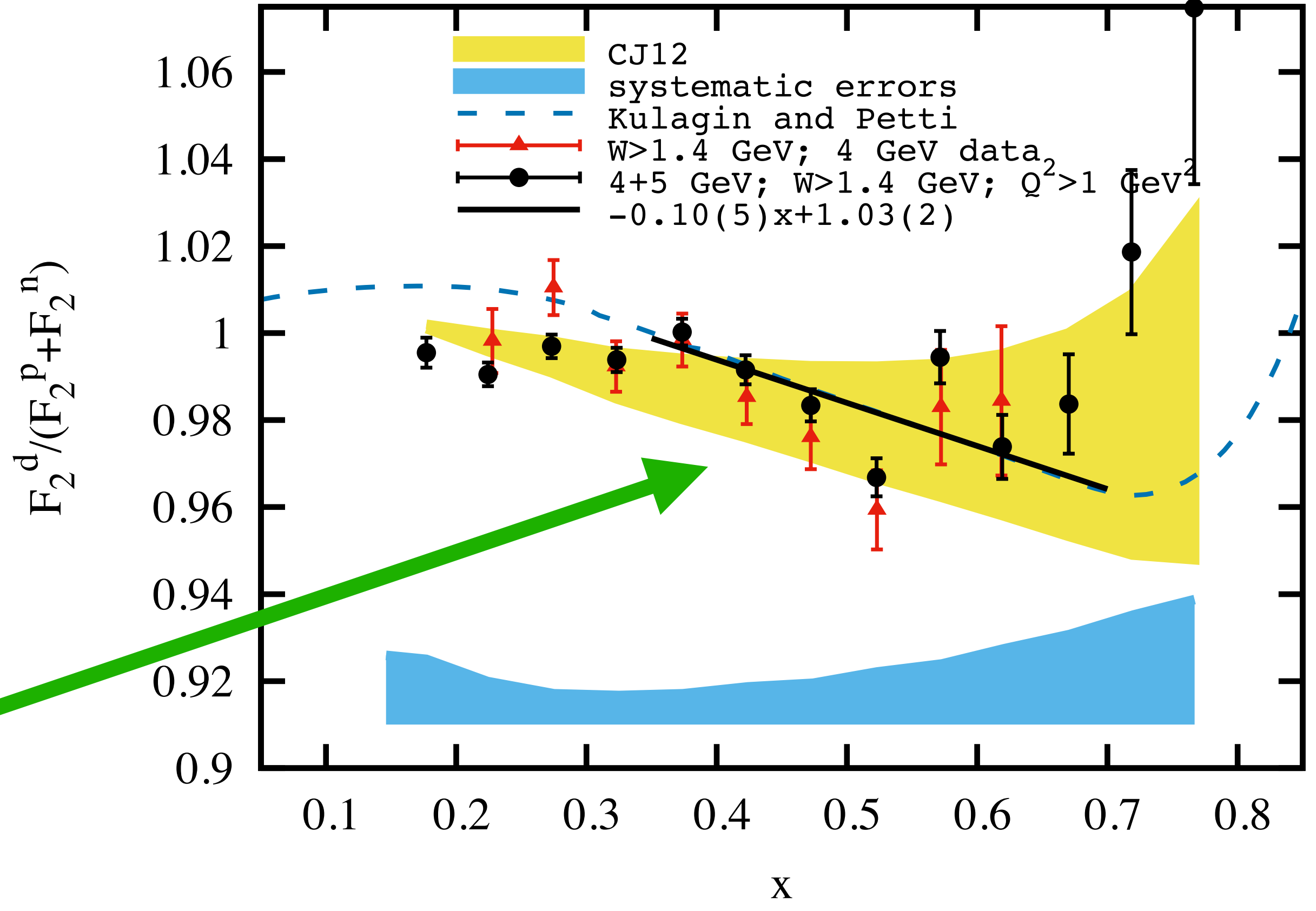


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- But SRC states are rare!
- Expect large effect in these states

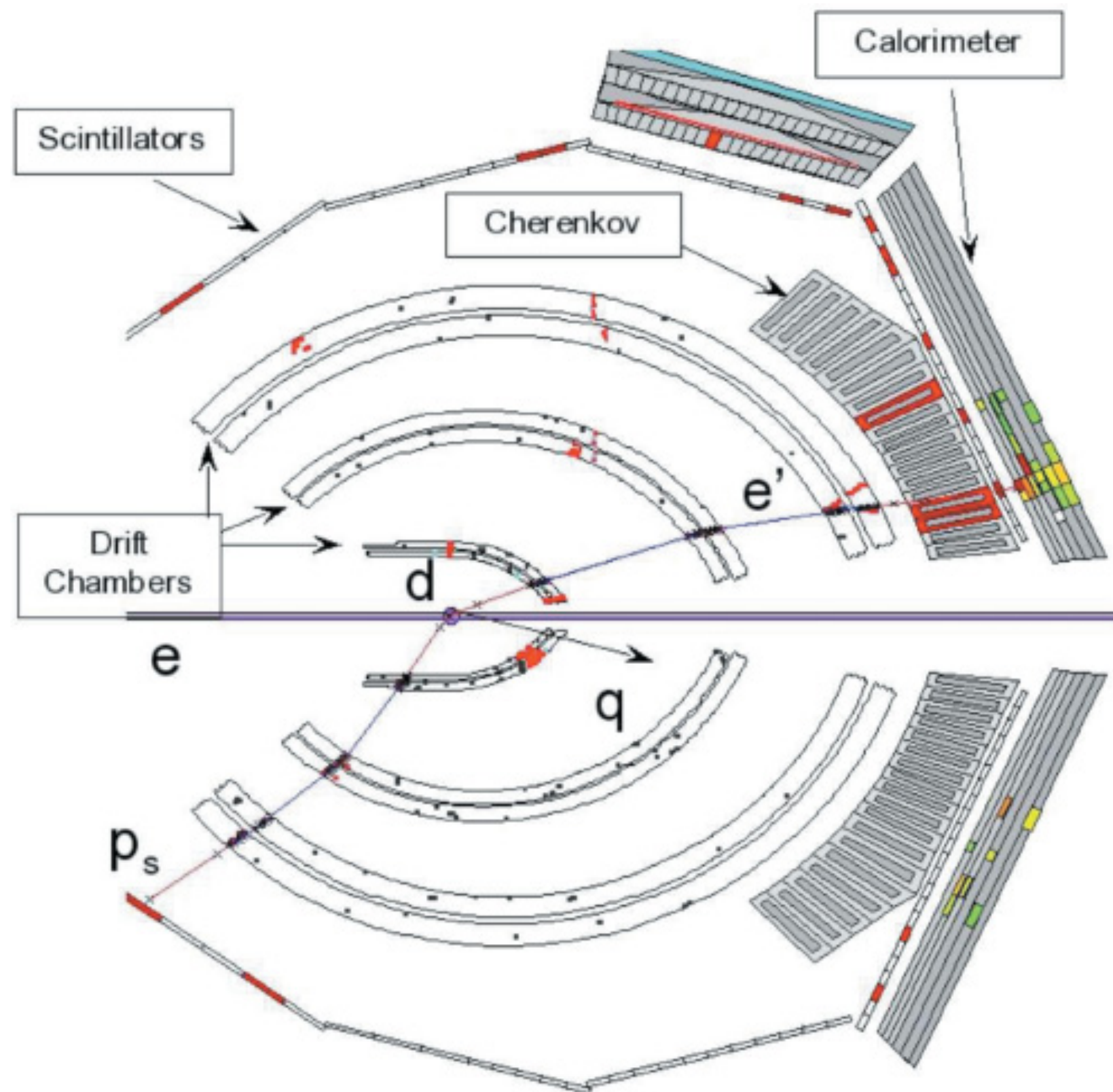


Griffioen *et al.*, PRC (2015)



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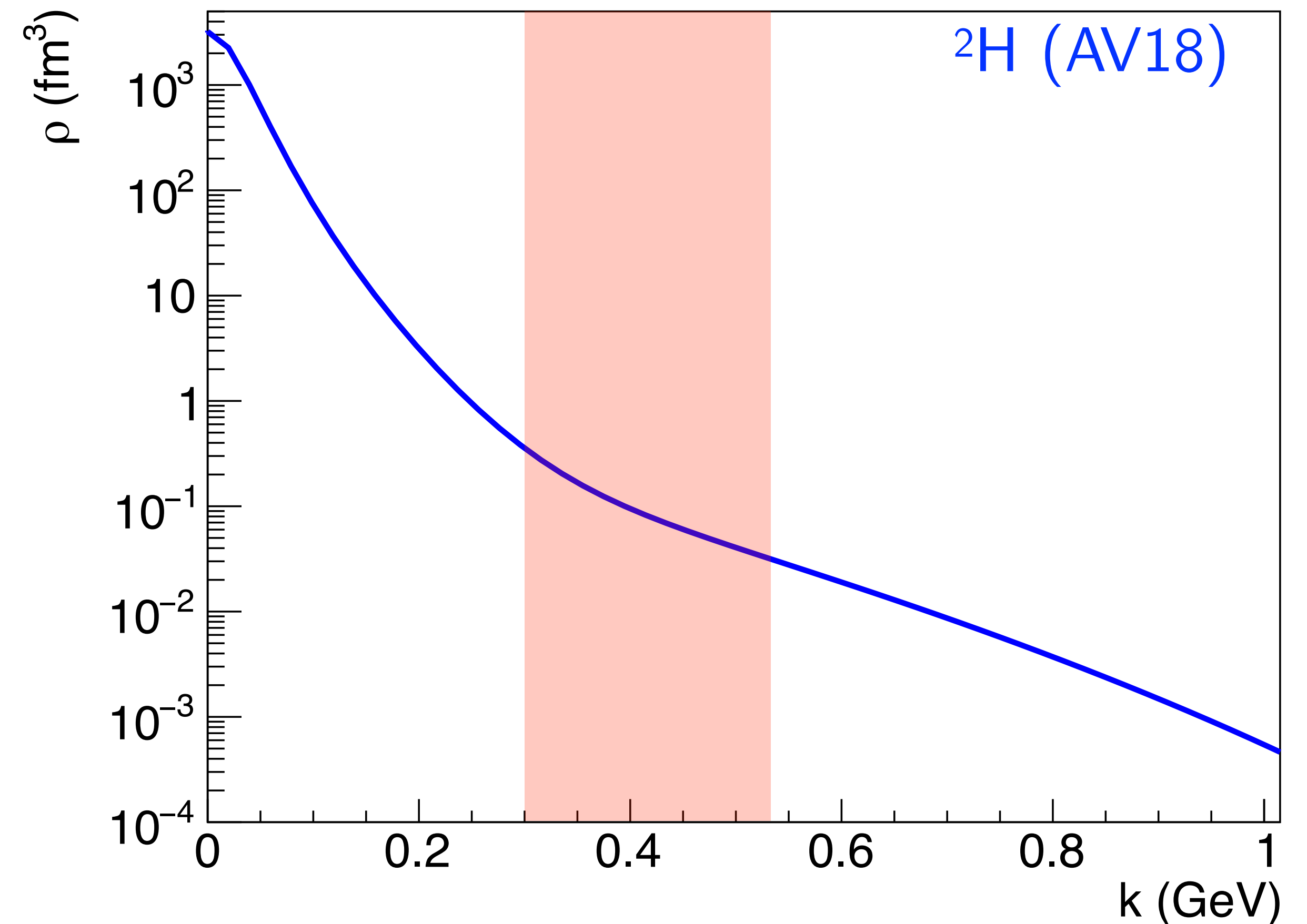
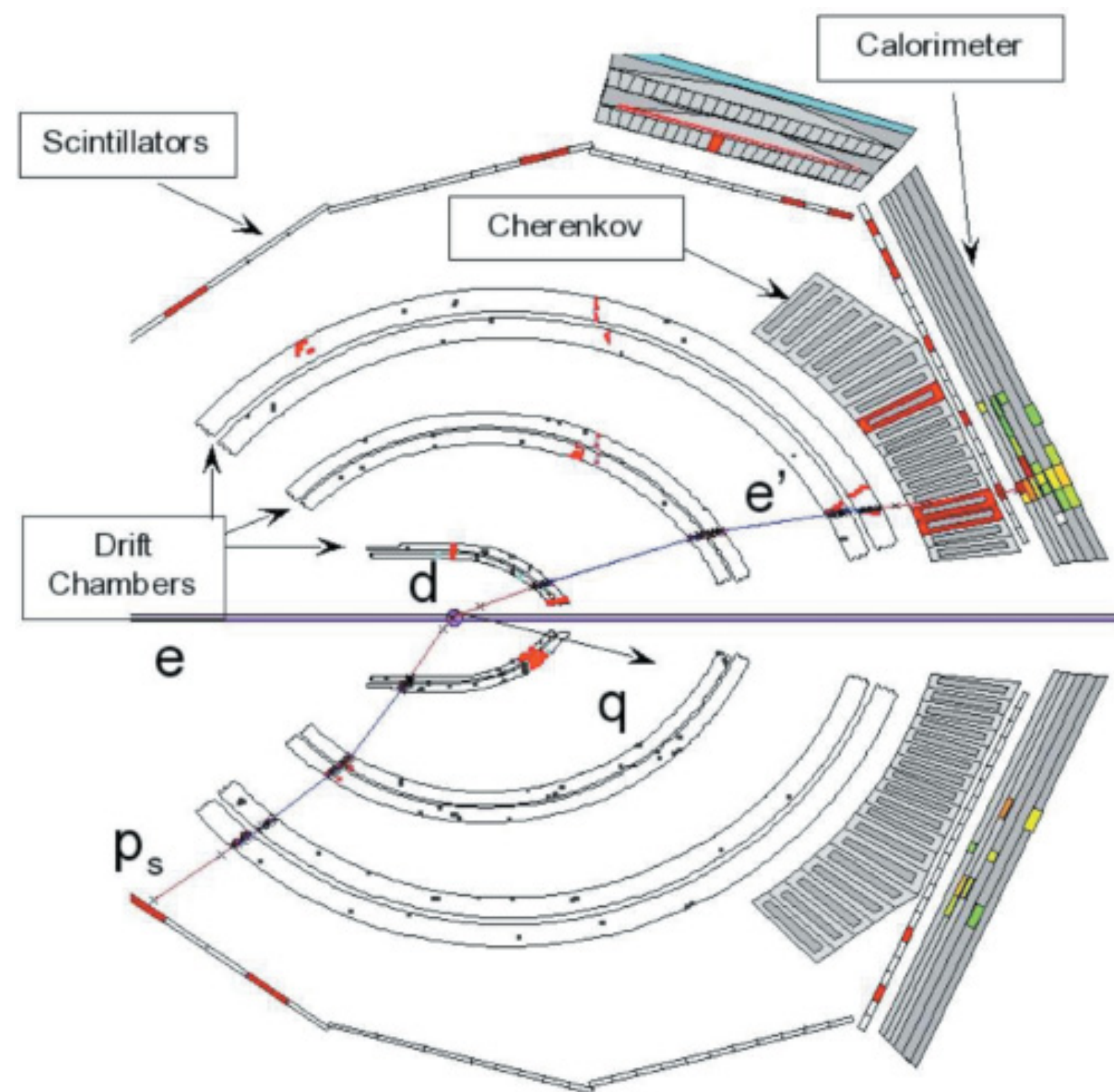
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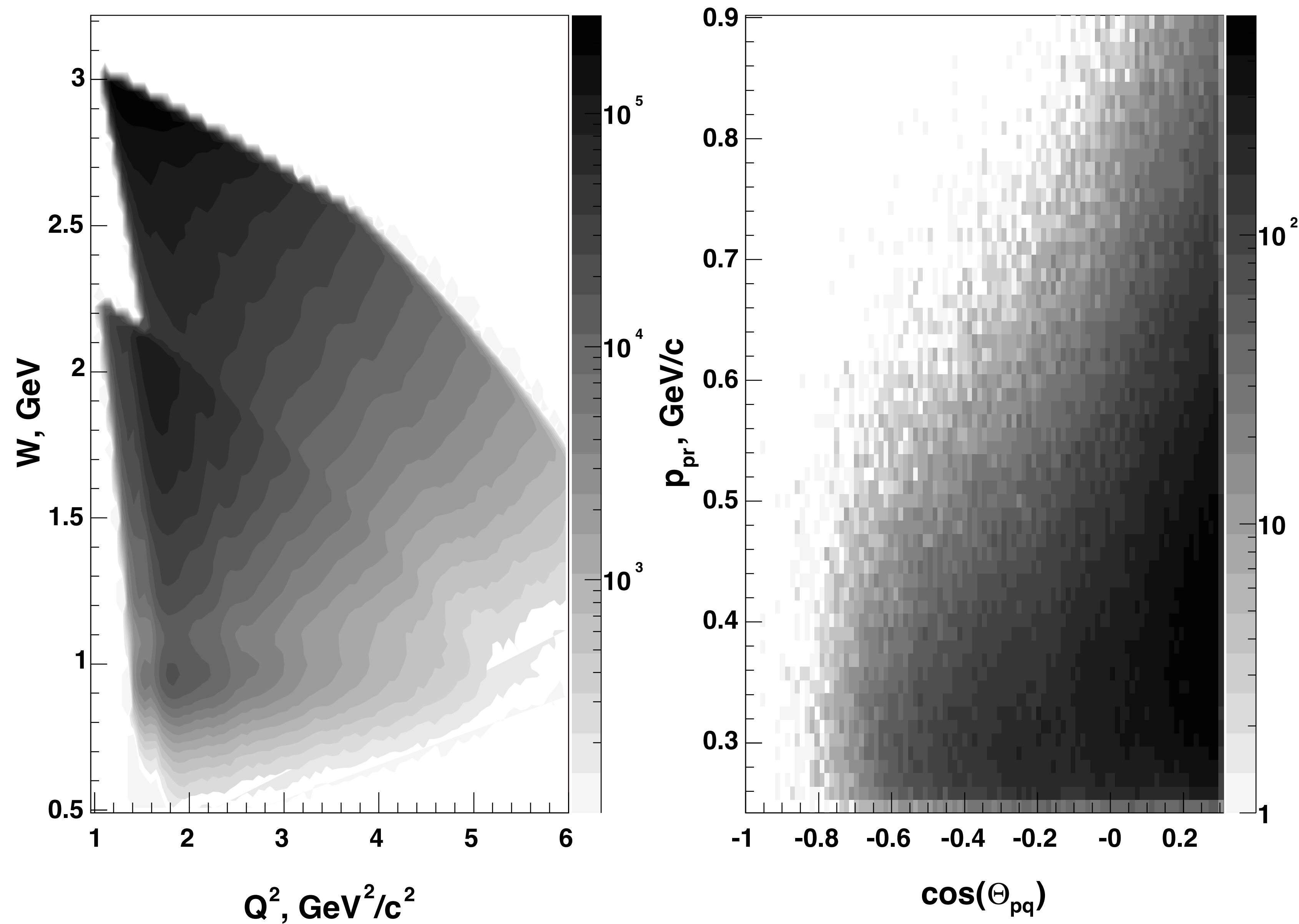


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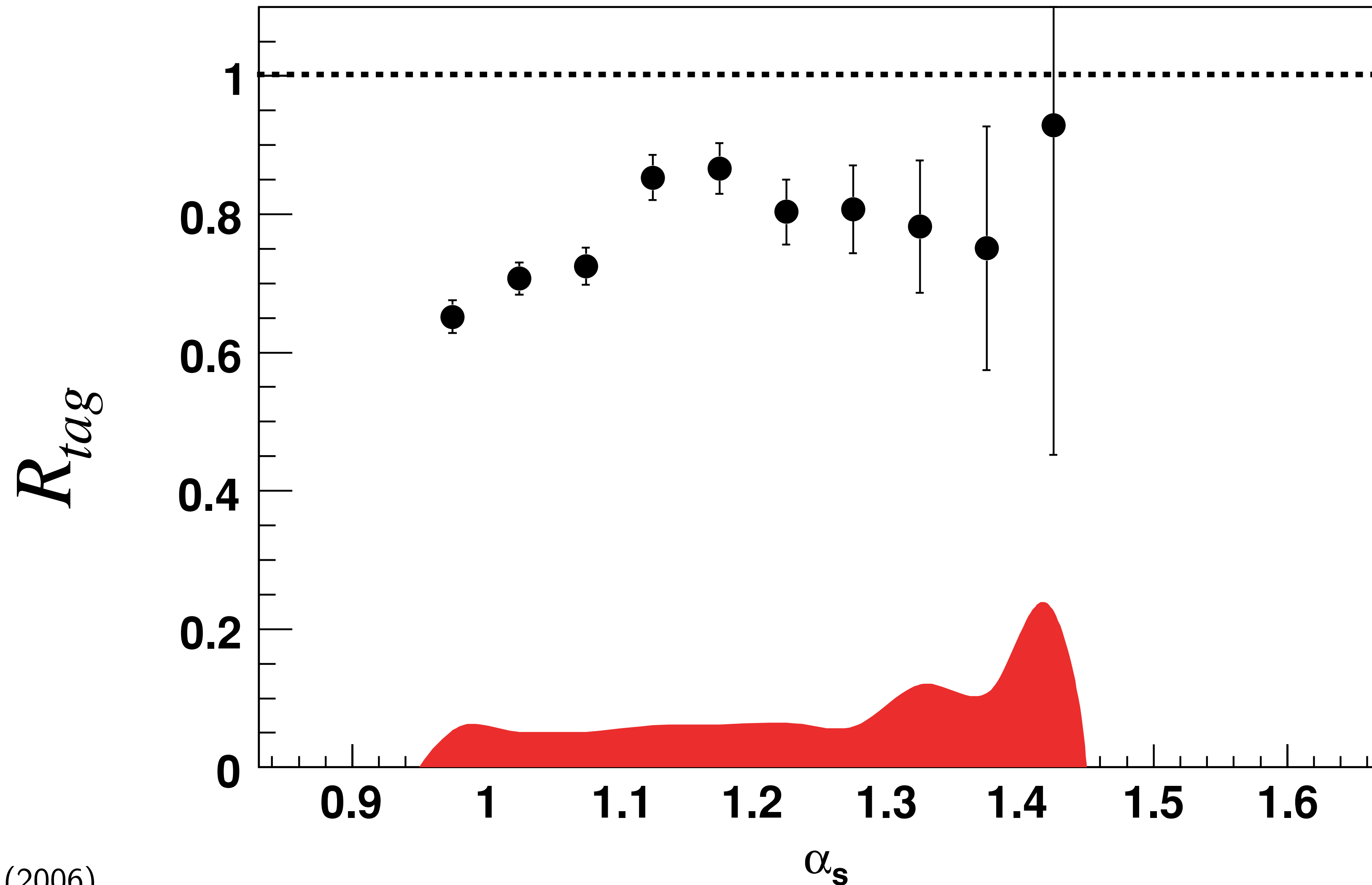


$D(e, e'p_s)$  kinematic coverage was limited

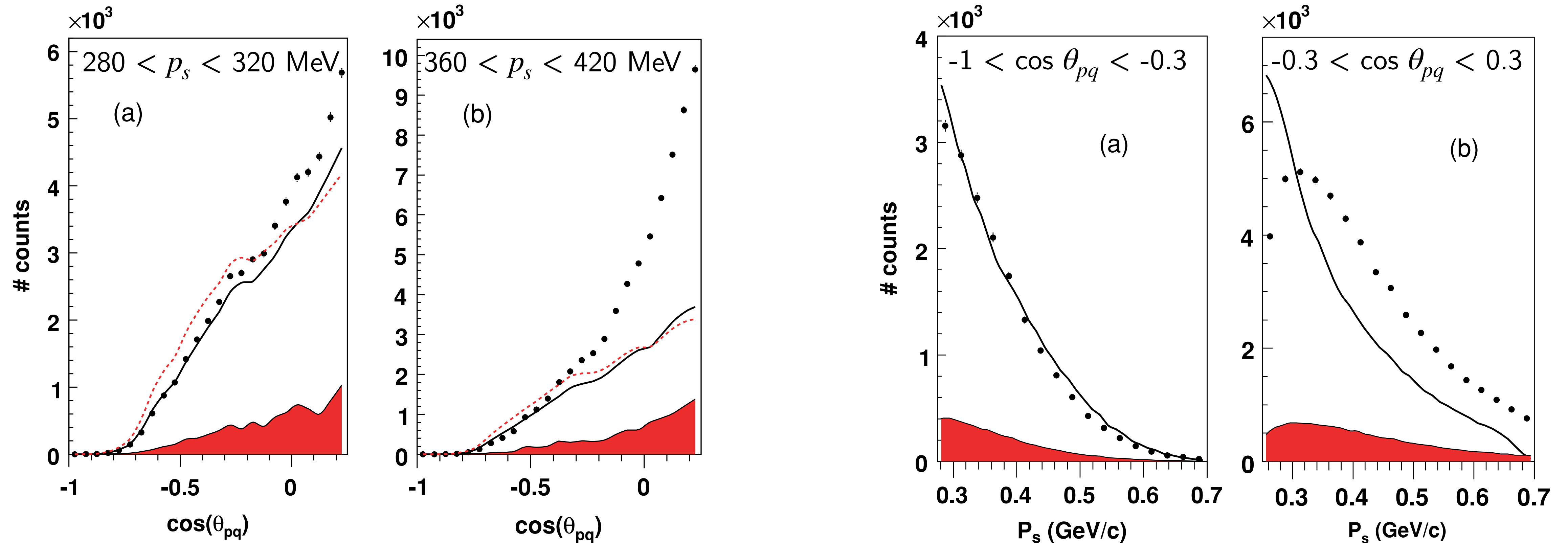


# $D(e, e'p_s)$ results

$$R_{tag} = \frac{F_2^n^*(x = 0.55) / F_2^n^*(x = 0.25)}{F_2^n(x = 0.55) / F_2^n(x = 0.25)}$$



# $D(e, e'p_s)$ seemed to validate FSI predictions

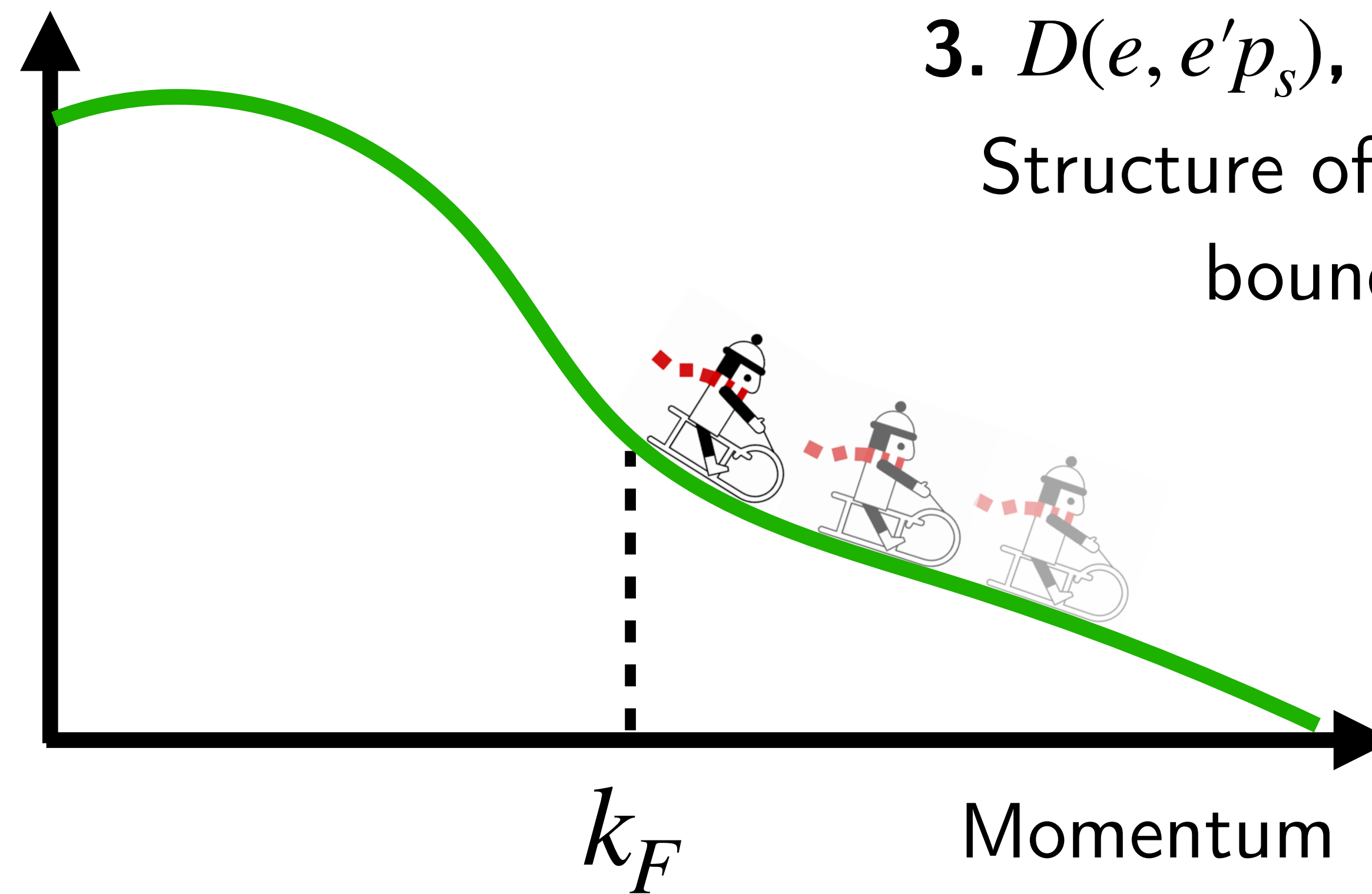


- Good agreement between data and PWIA at backward angles
- Enhancement in data (due to FSI?) at perpendicular angles



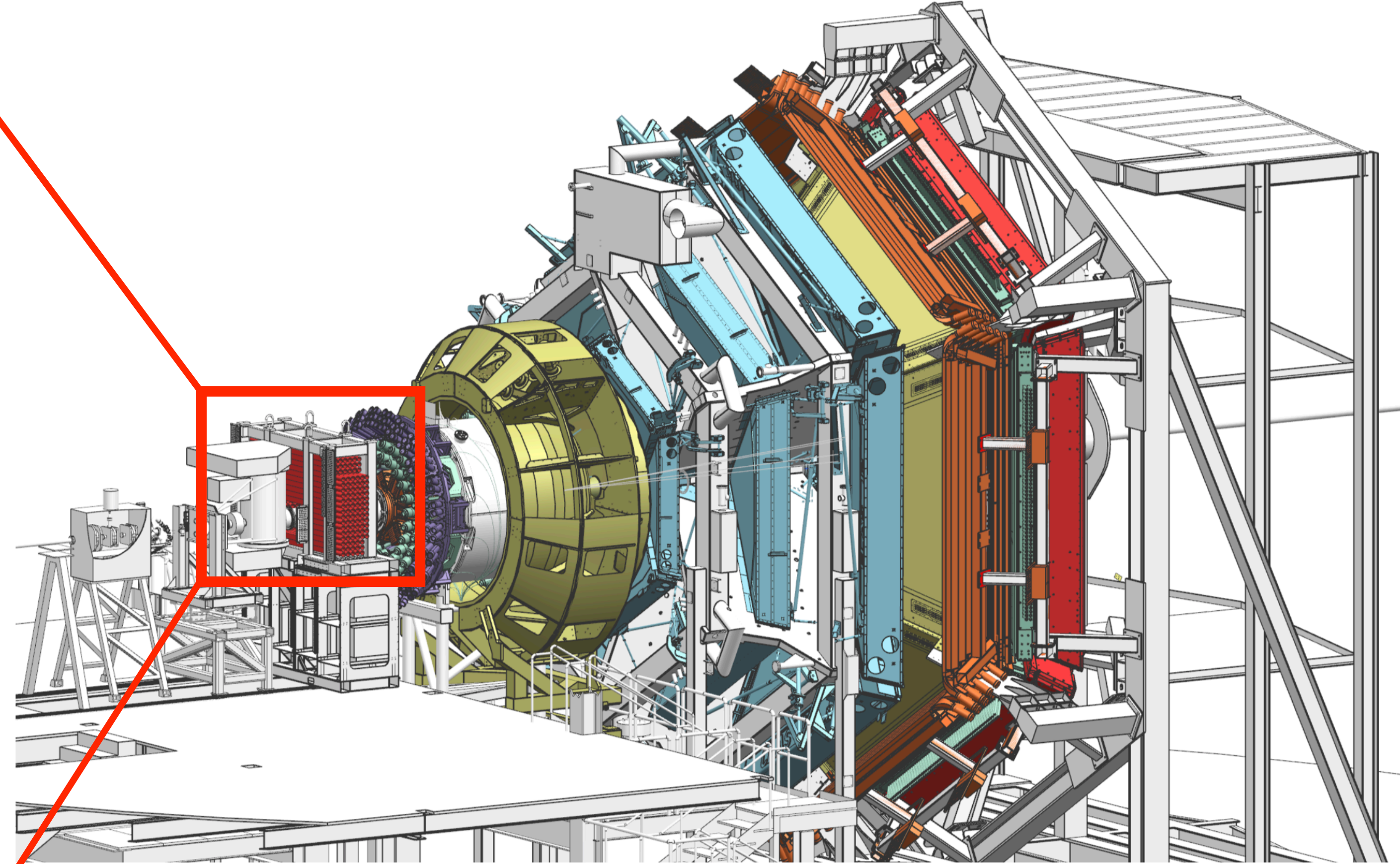
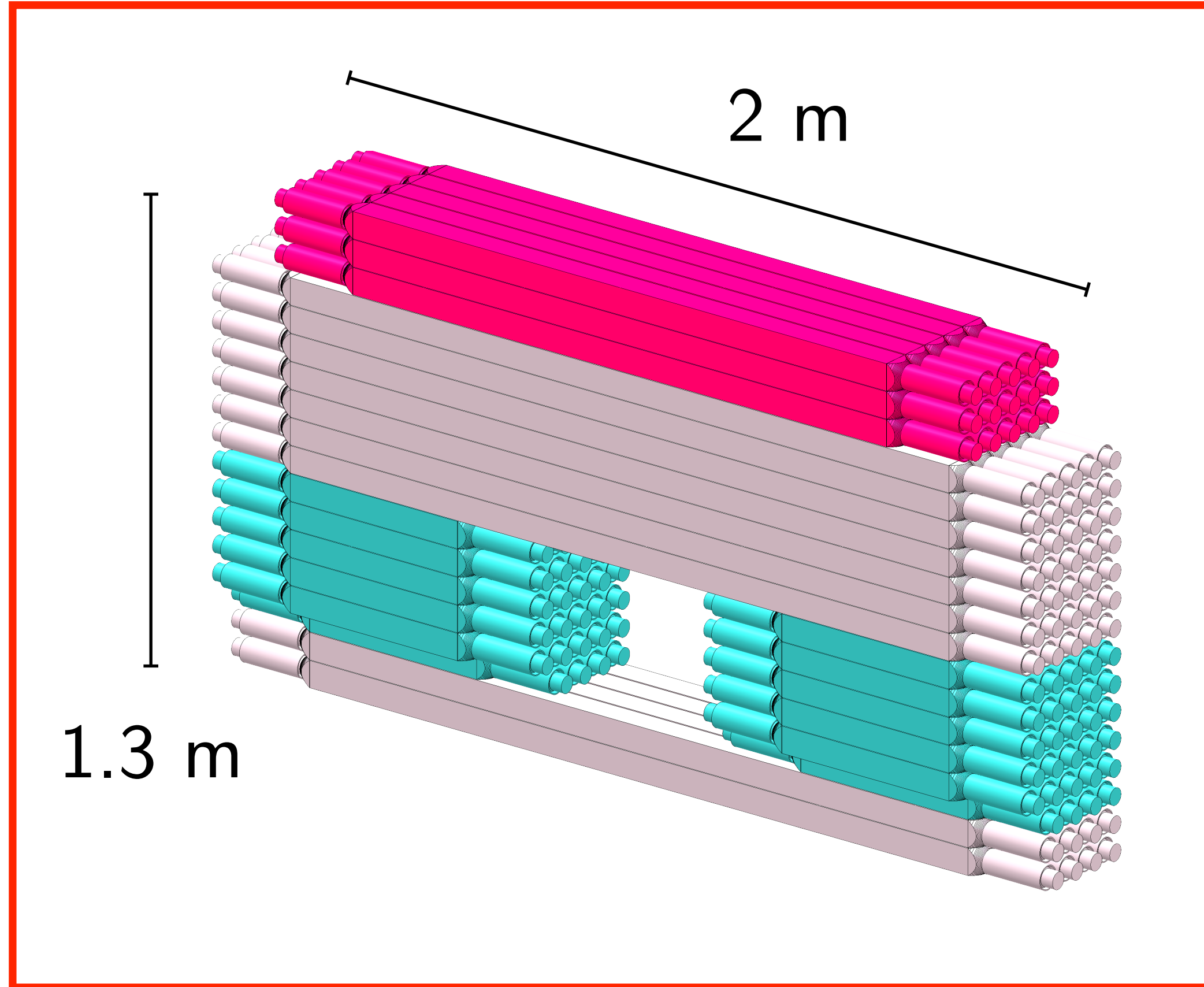
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# BAND (Backward Angle Neutron Detector)



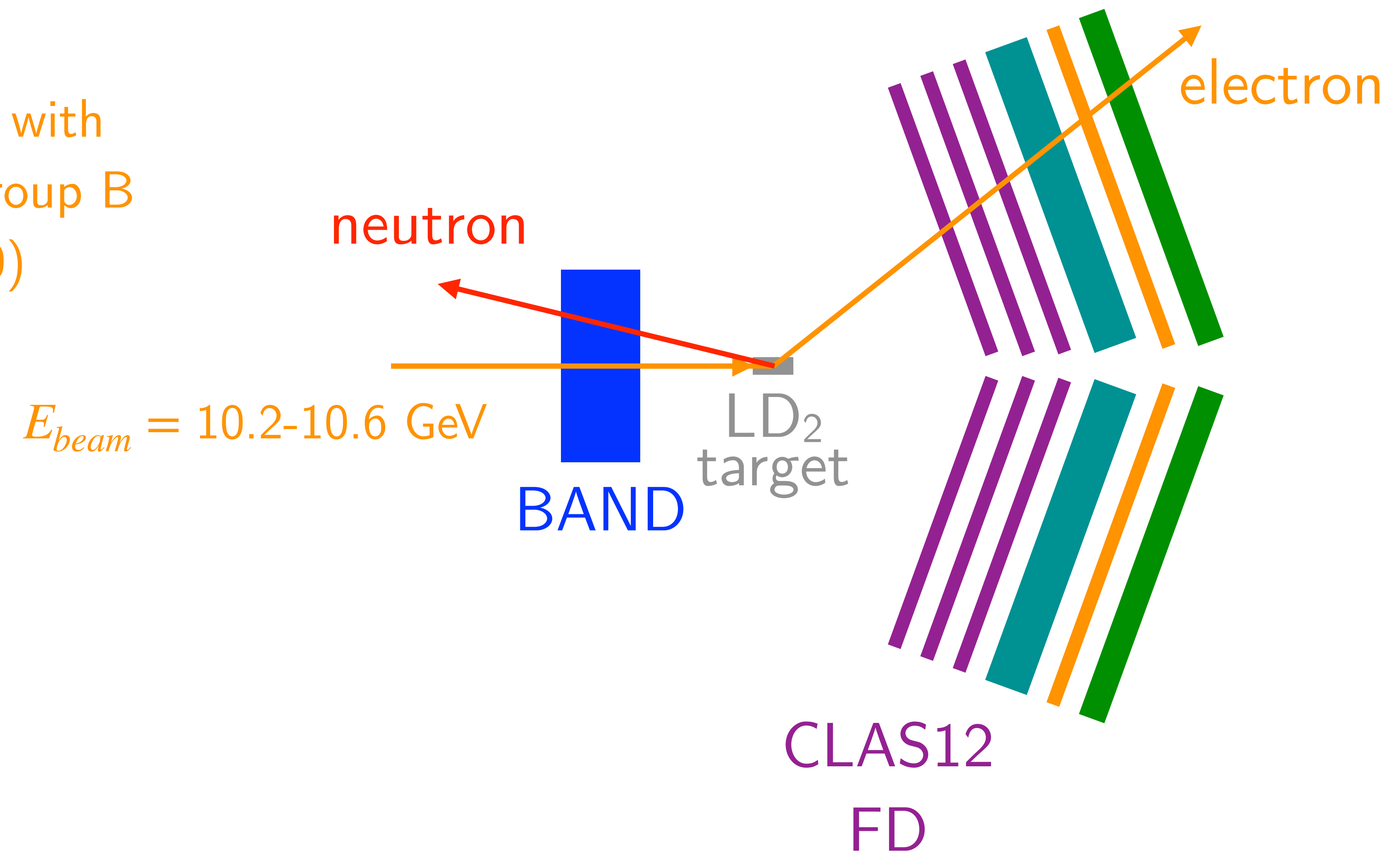
- 116 plastic scintillator bars + veto layer
- $\approx 3$  m upstream of target

Segarra et al., NIMA 978, 164356 (2020)

Denniston et al., NIMA 973 164177 (2020)



Collected data with  
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$$E_{beam} = 10.2-10.6 \text{ GeV}$$

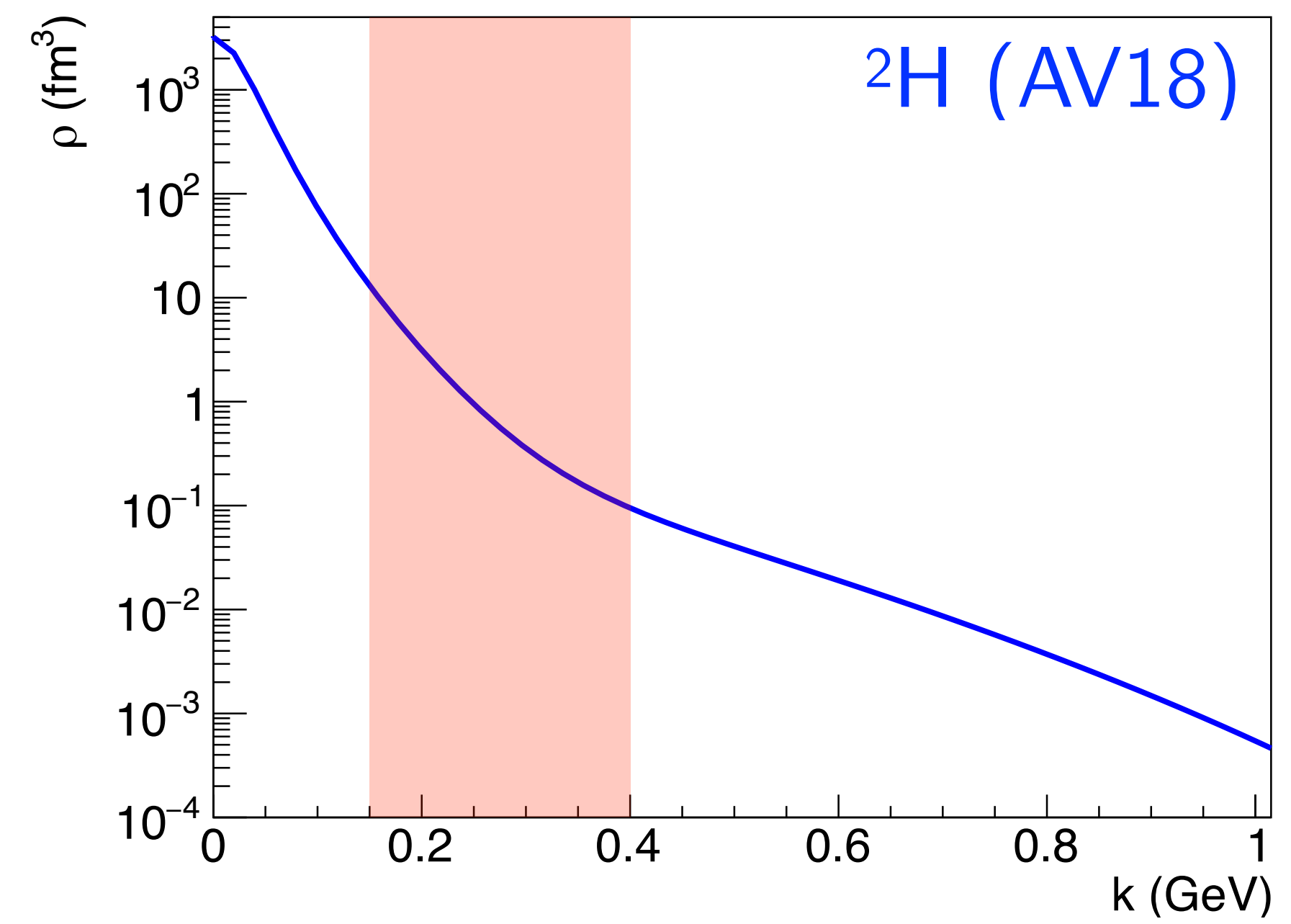
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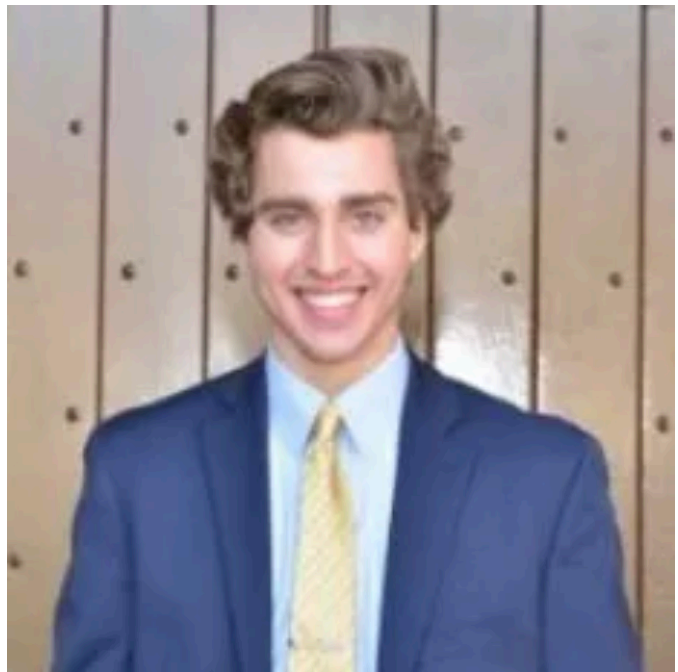
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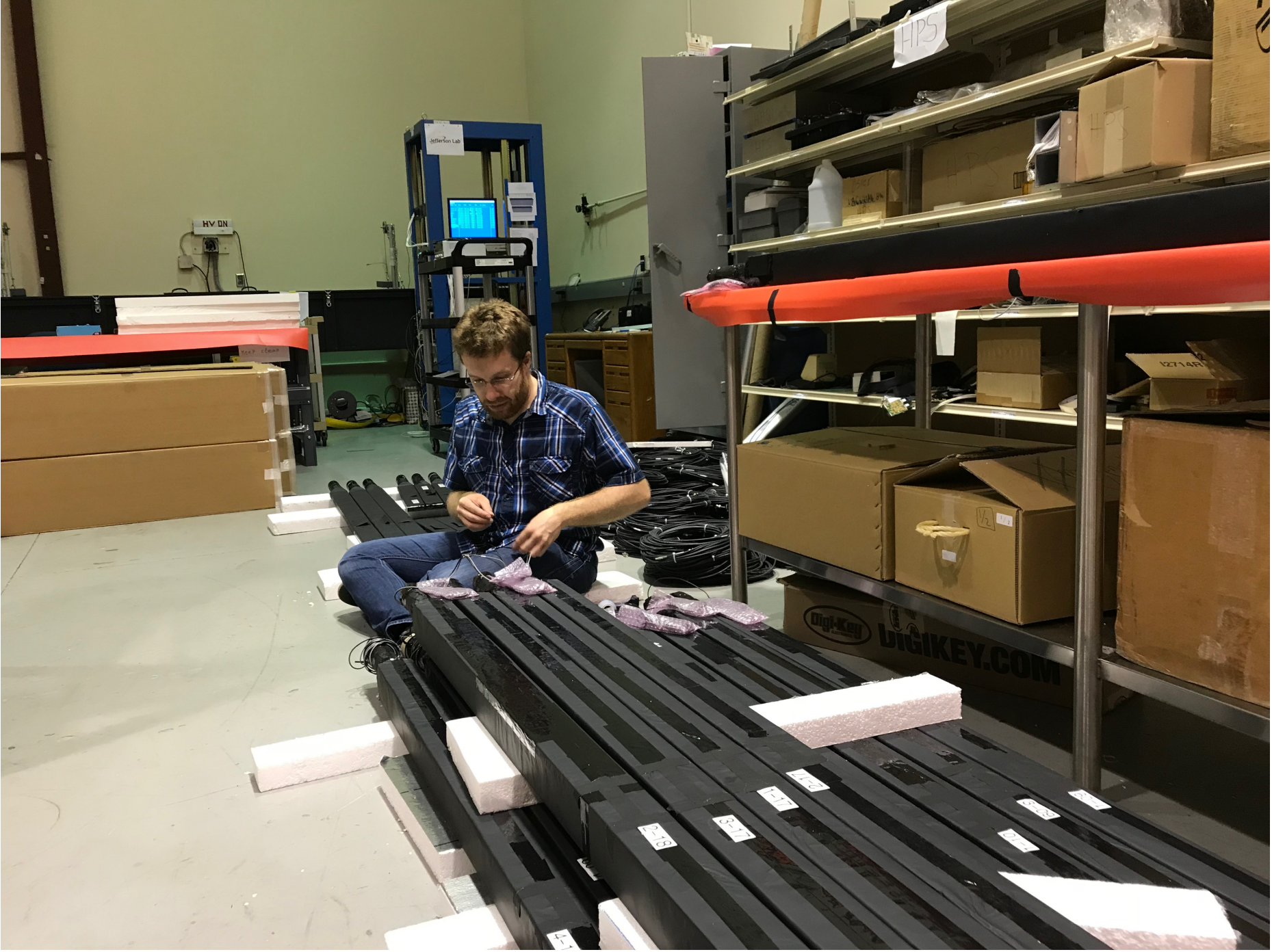
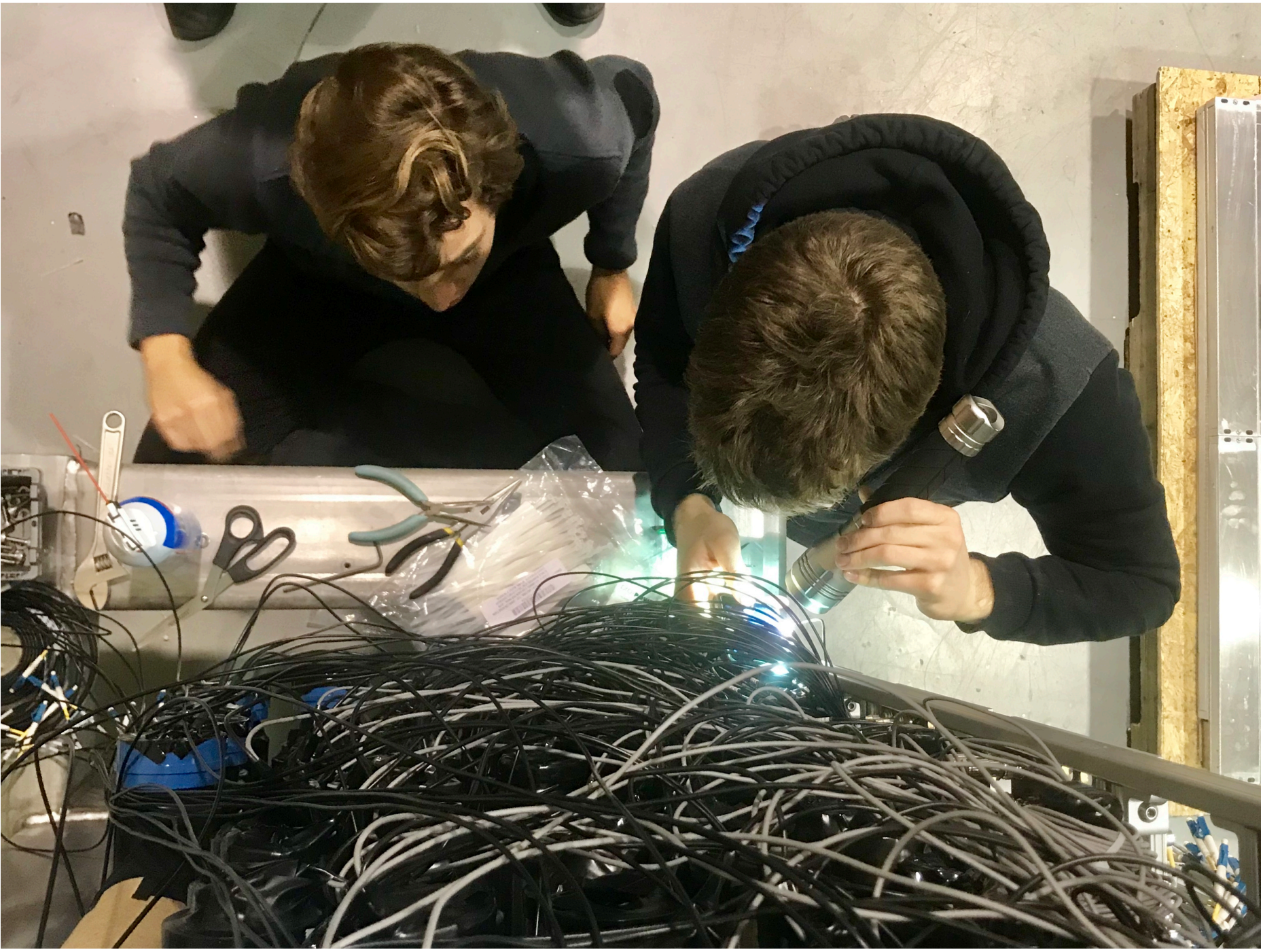
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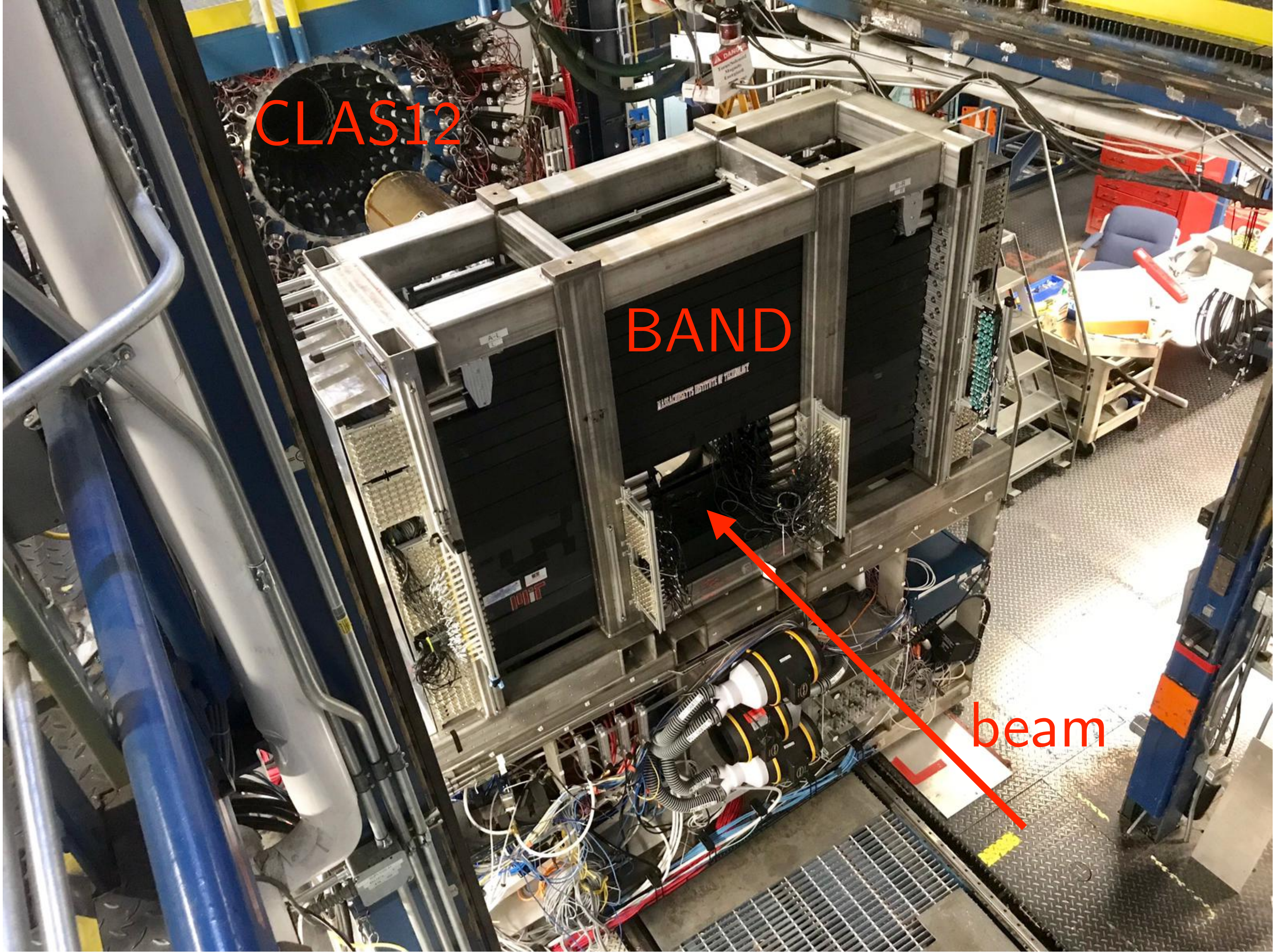


# BAND construction





# BAND in Hall B





# PWIA theory calculation for tagged DIS

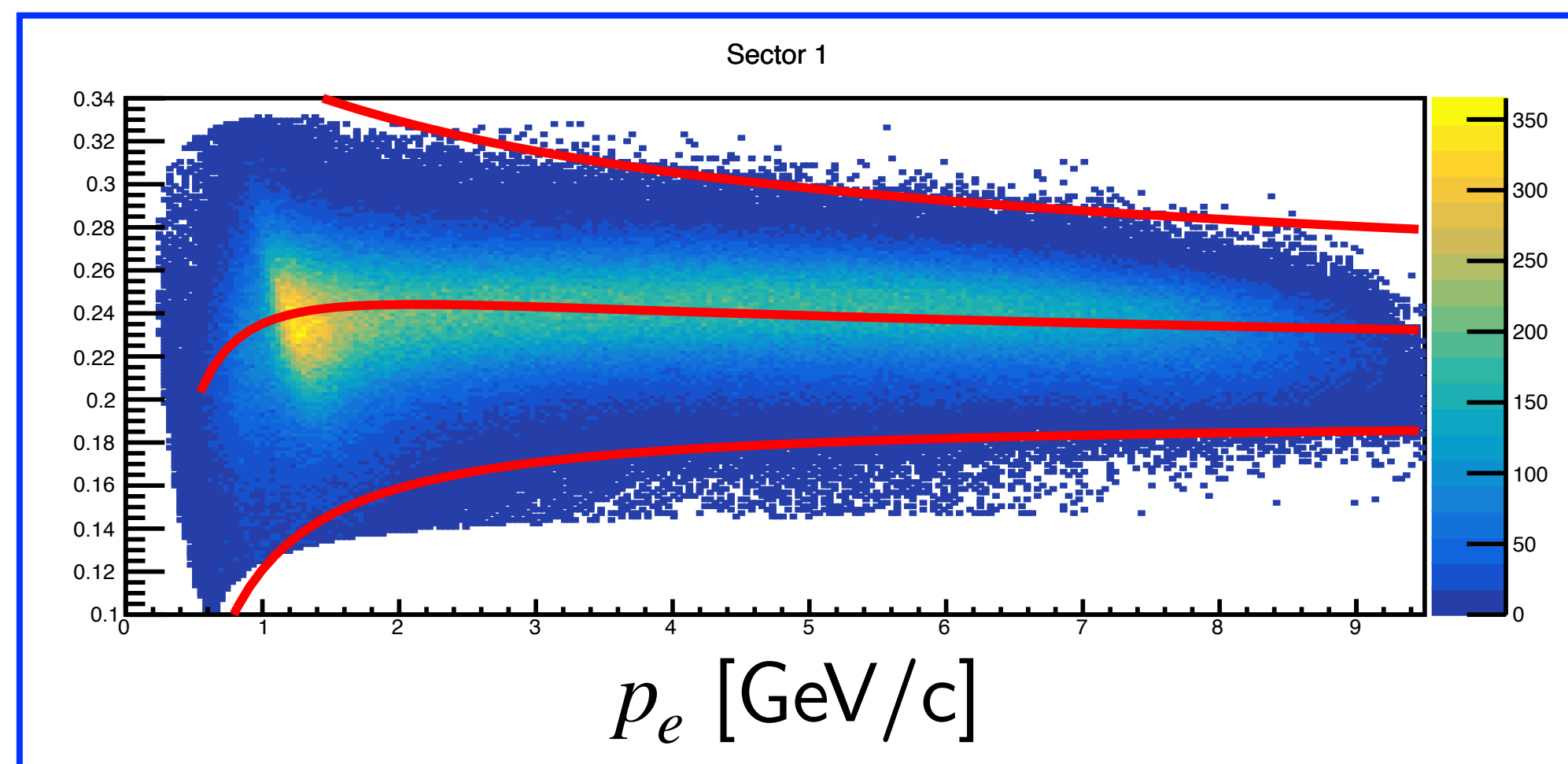
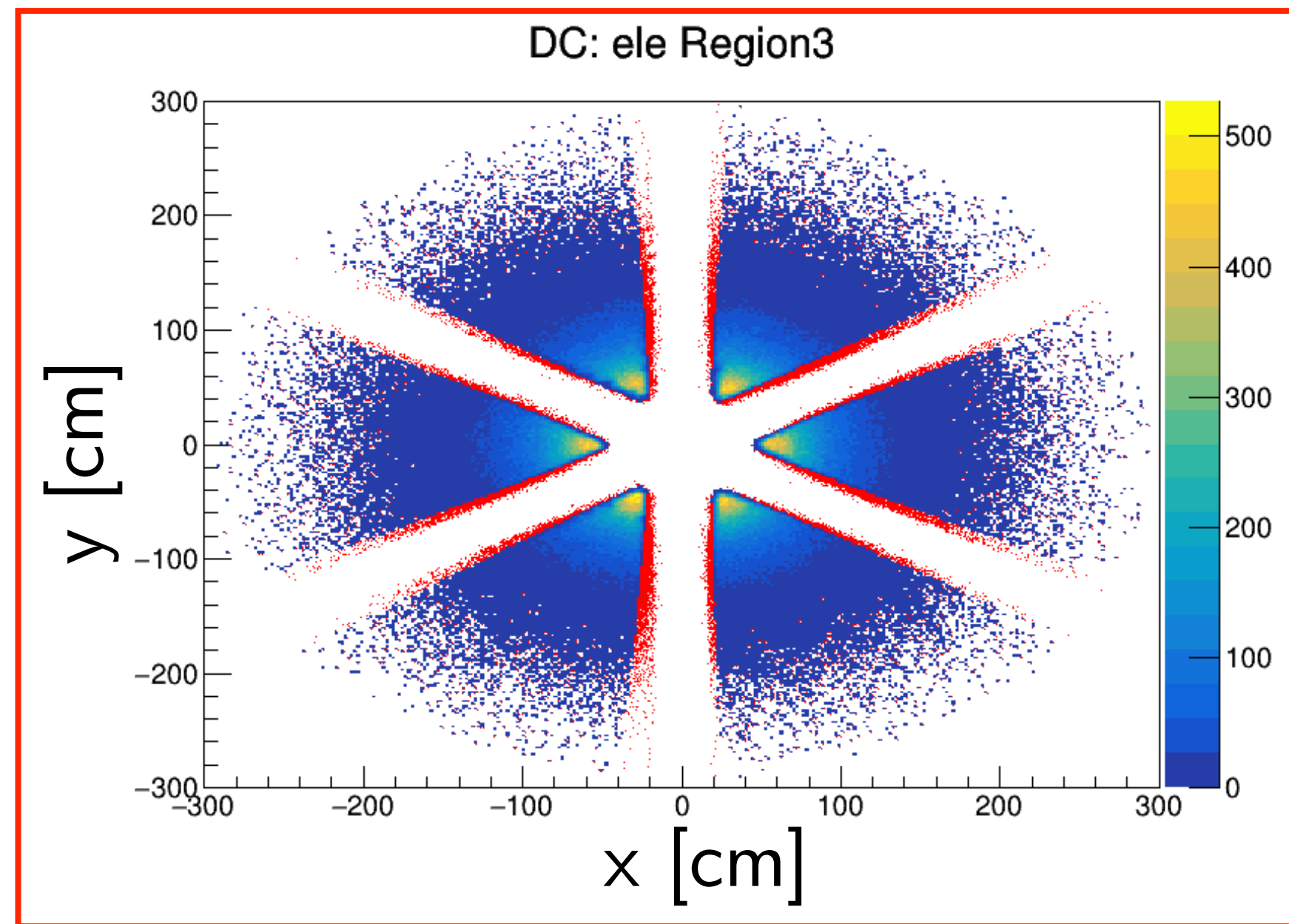
- Non-asymptotic cross section model by Strikman & Weiss

PRC 97, 035209 (2018):

$$d\sigma[eD \rightarrow e'n_s X] = K \frac{2S(\alpha_s, p_{sT})}{2 - \alpha_s} \times F_2$$

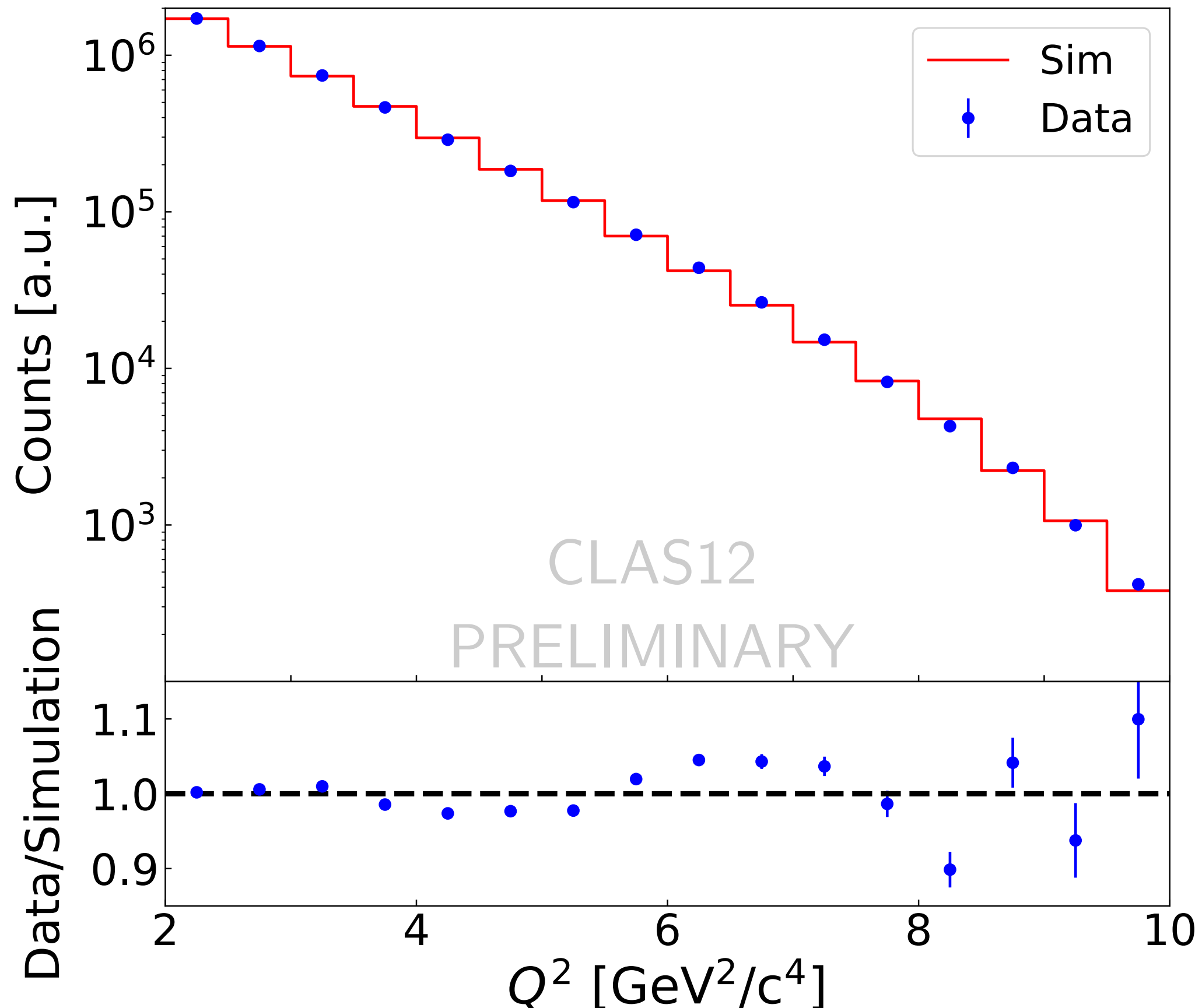
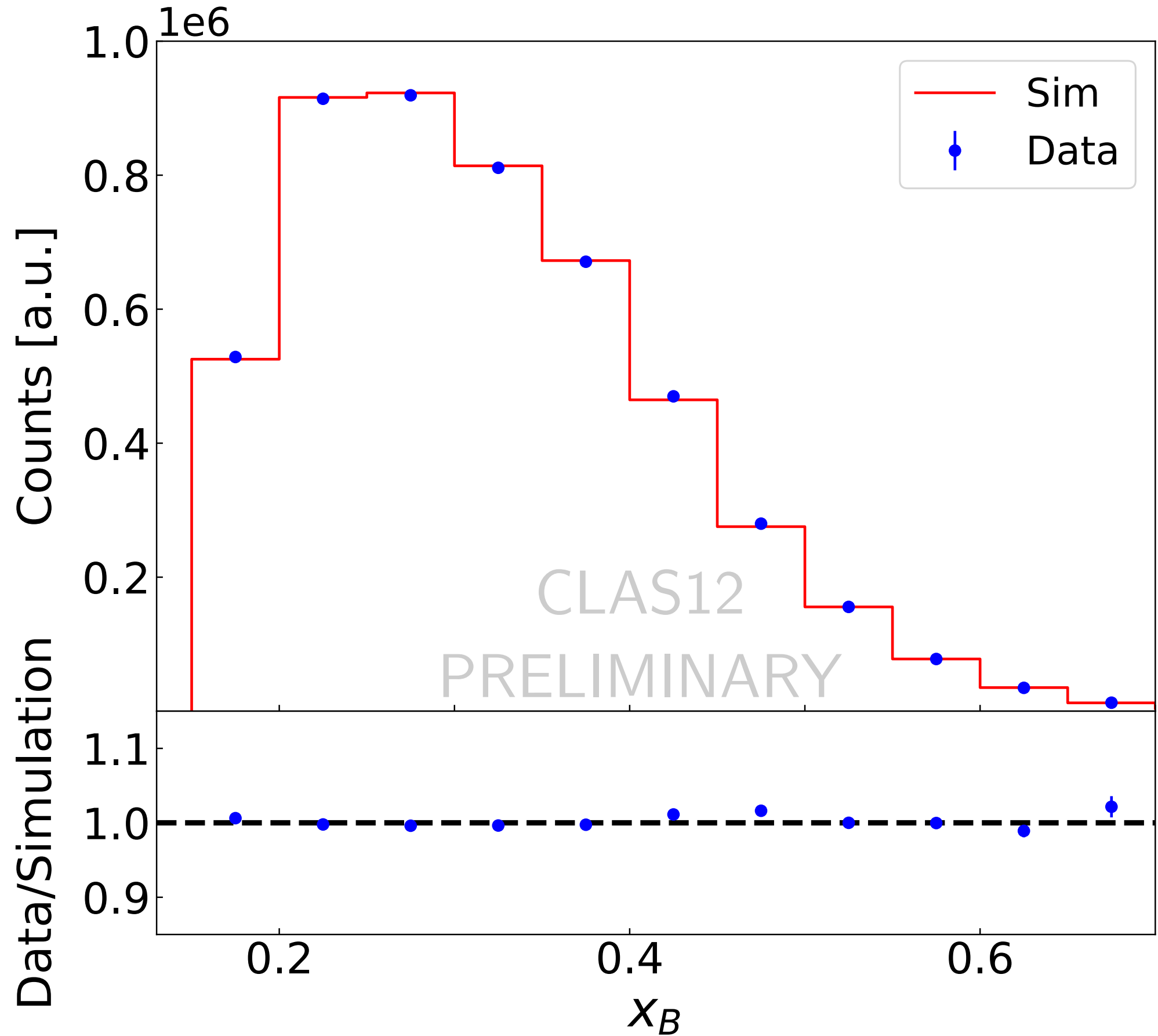
- Kinematic factors
- Deuterium spectral function (momentum distribution of bound protons)
- Free proton structure functions (no EMC modification!)
- Simulate generated events (with QED radiation) in GEANT4

# CLAS12 electron selection



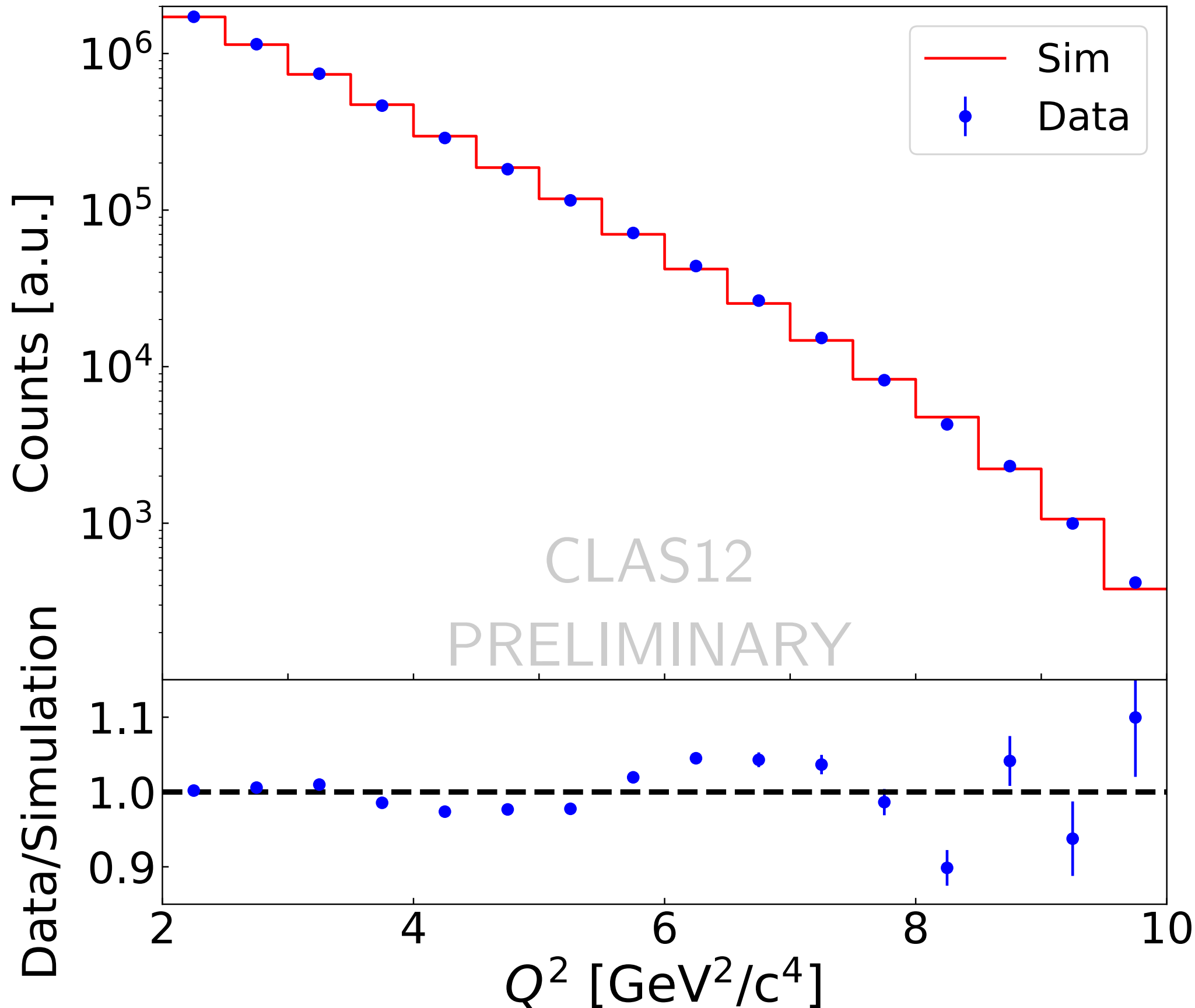
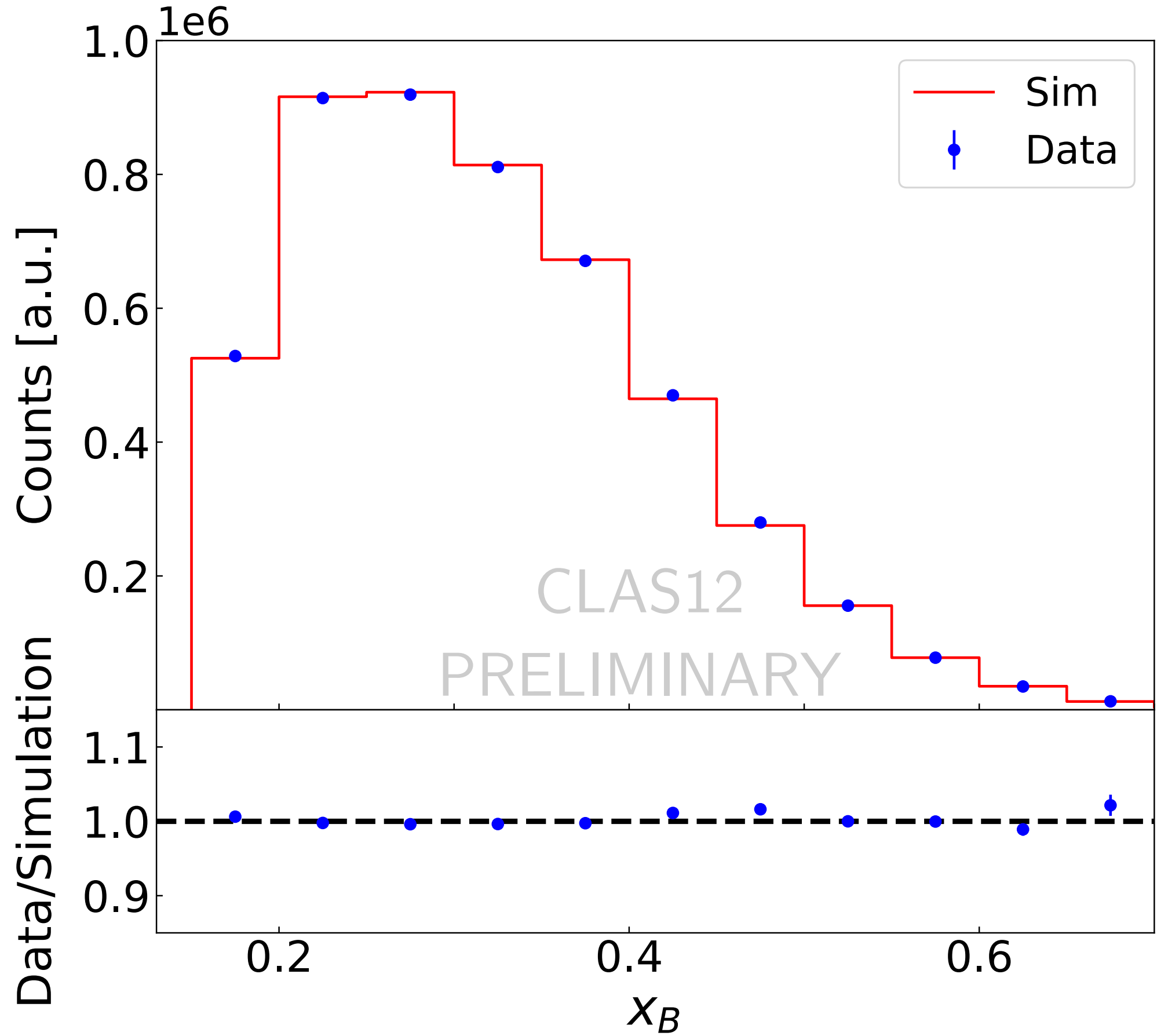
- DC fiducial cuts
- ECAL/PCAL fiducial cuts
- Sampling fraction vs.  $E_{PCAL}$  ( $\pm 5\sigma$ )
- Sampling fraction vs.  $p_e$  ( $\pm 5\sigma$ )
- $0.17 < E/p_e < 0.3$  GeV  
( $0.2 < E/p_e$  for  $p_e > 4.5$  GeV)

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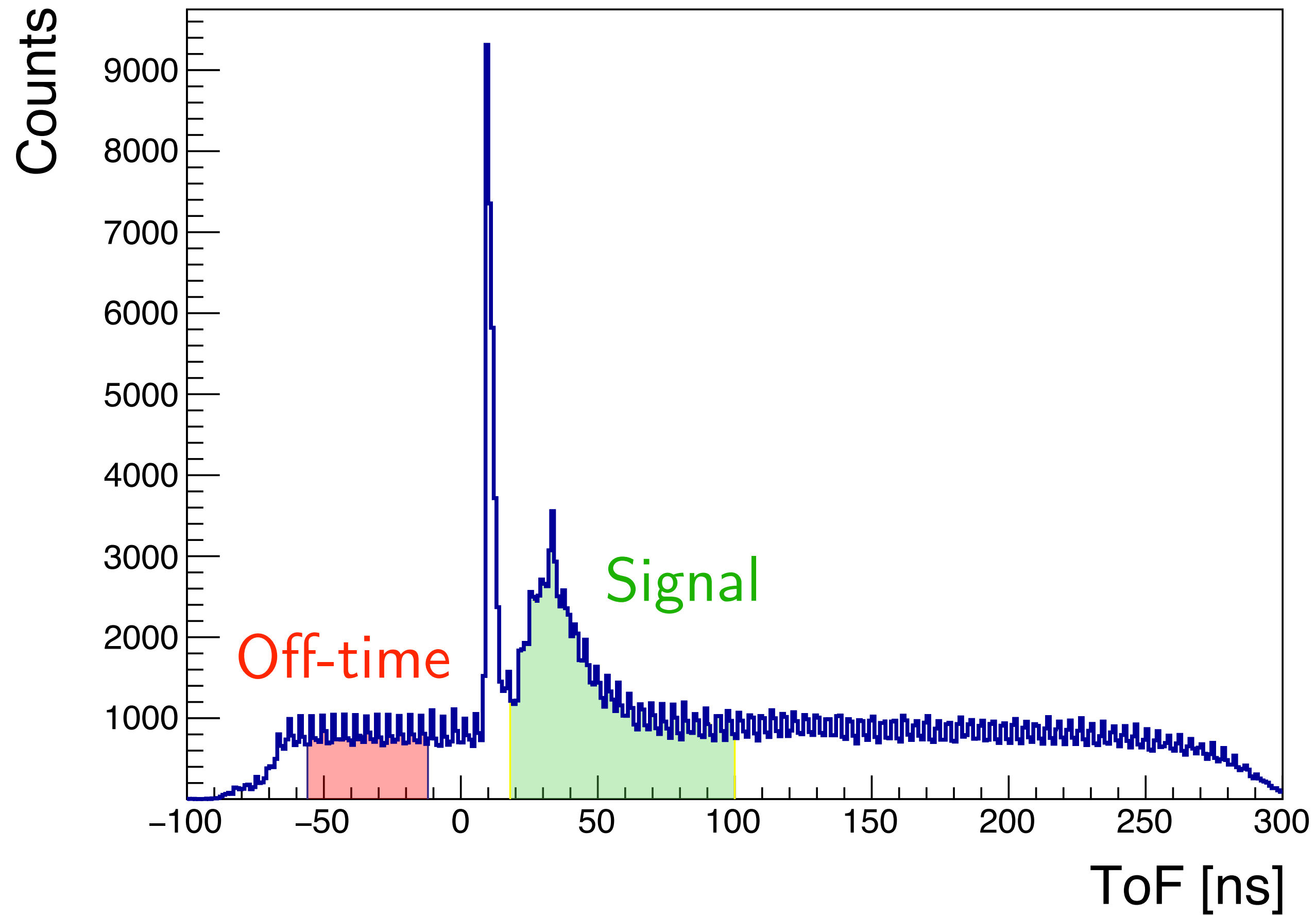
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# BAND background subtraction



- Event-mix off-time neutrons with inclusive electrons
- Account for 4 ns beam bunch structure

# Tagged DIS

$$E_{dep} > 10 \text{ MeVee}$$

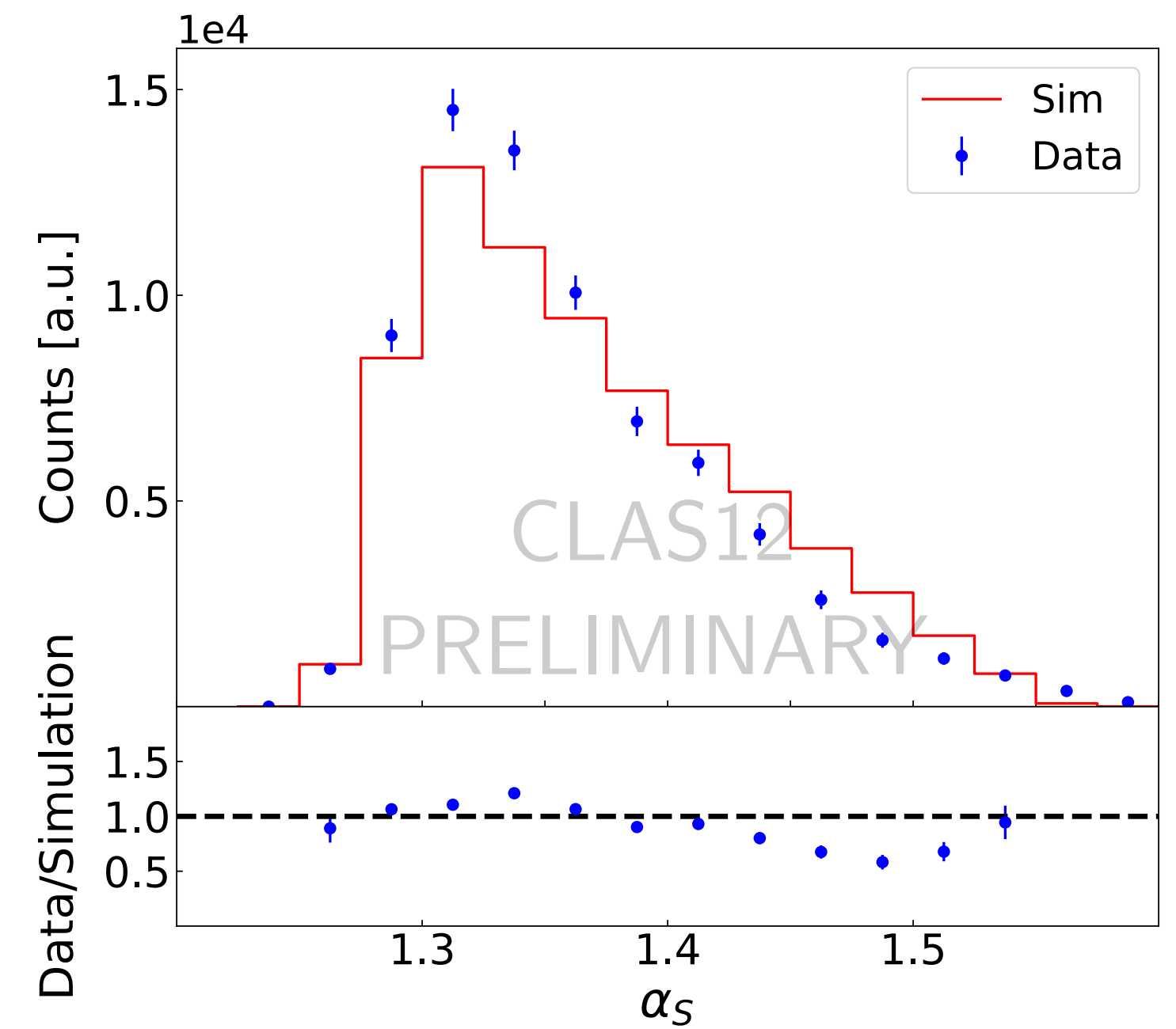
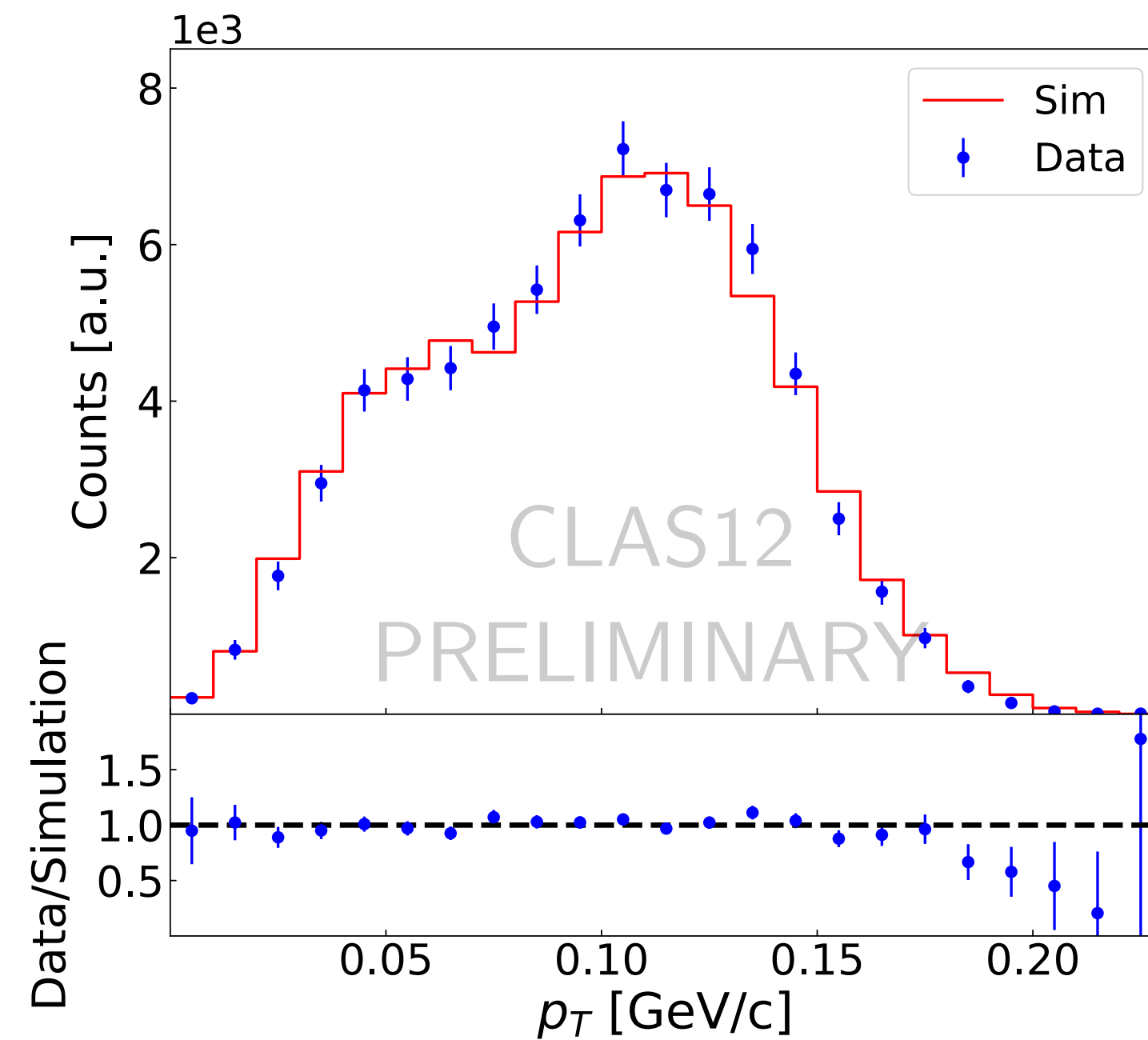
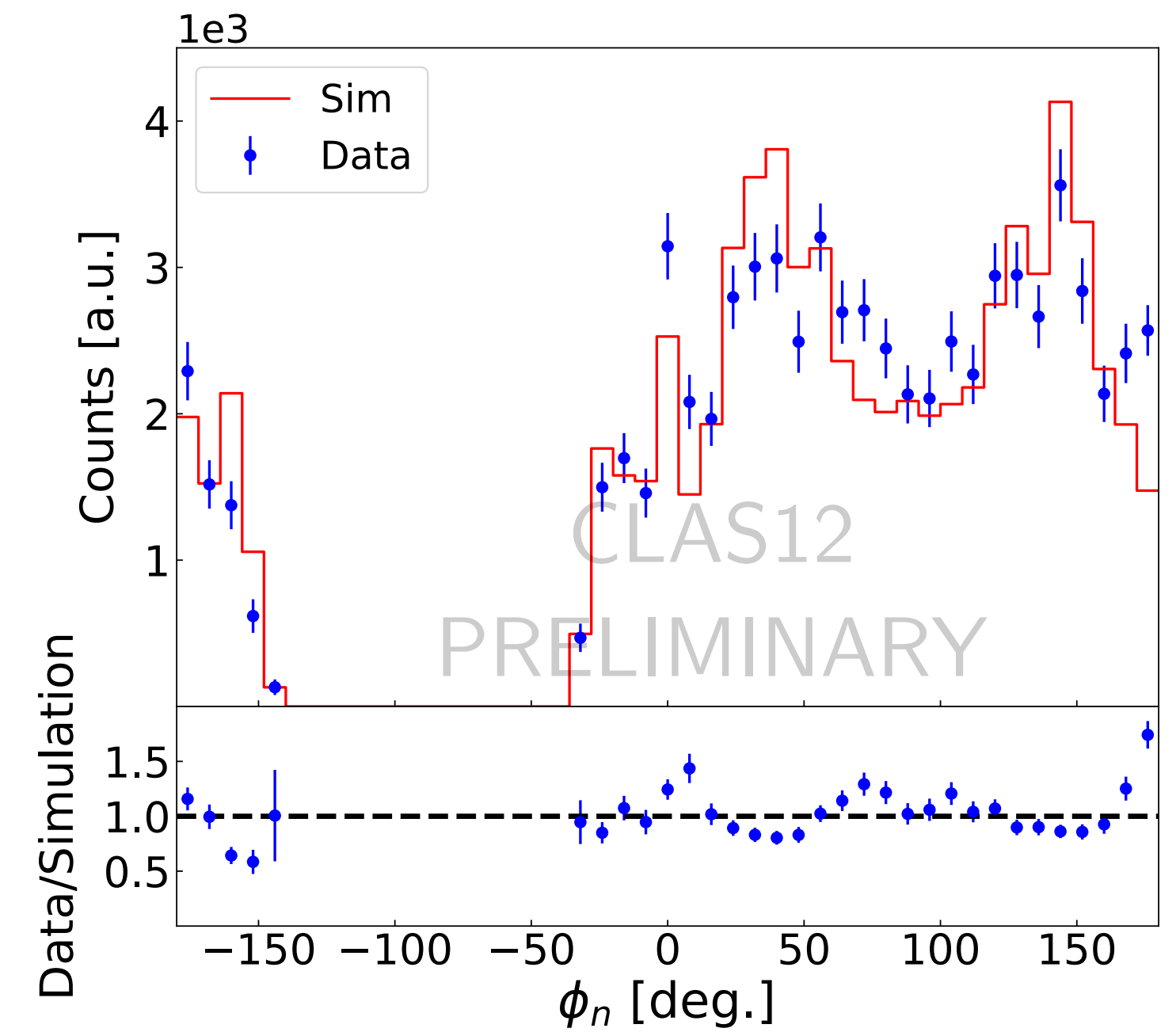
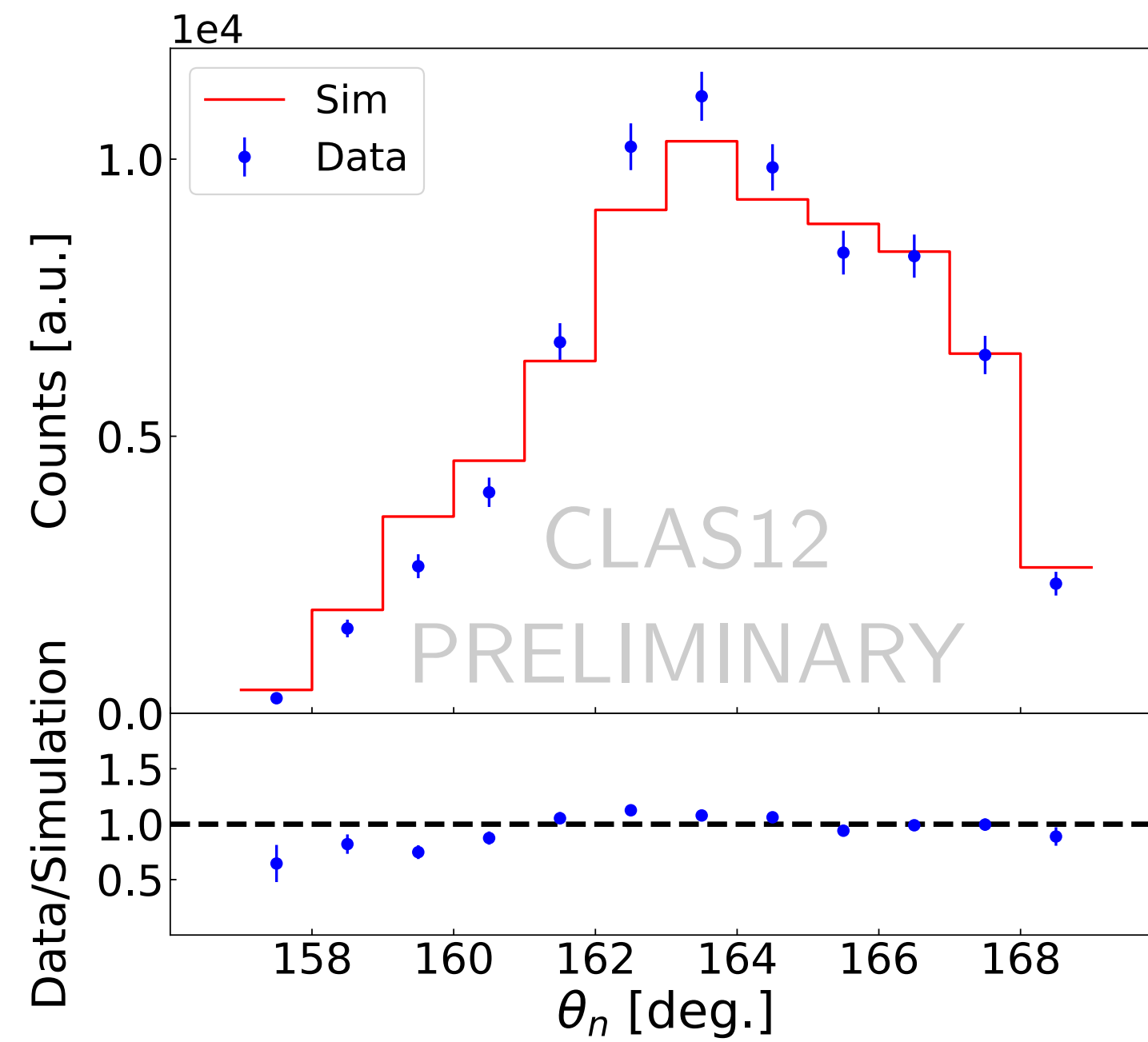
$$p_n > 0.25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\theta_n < 168.5^\circ$$

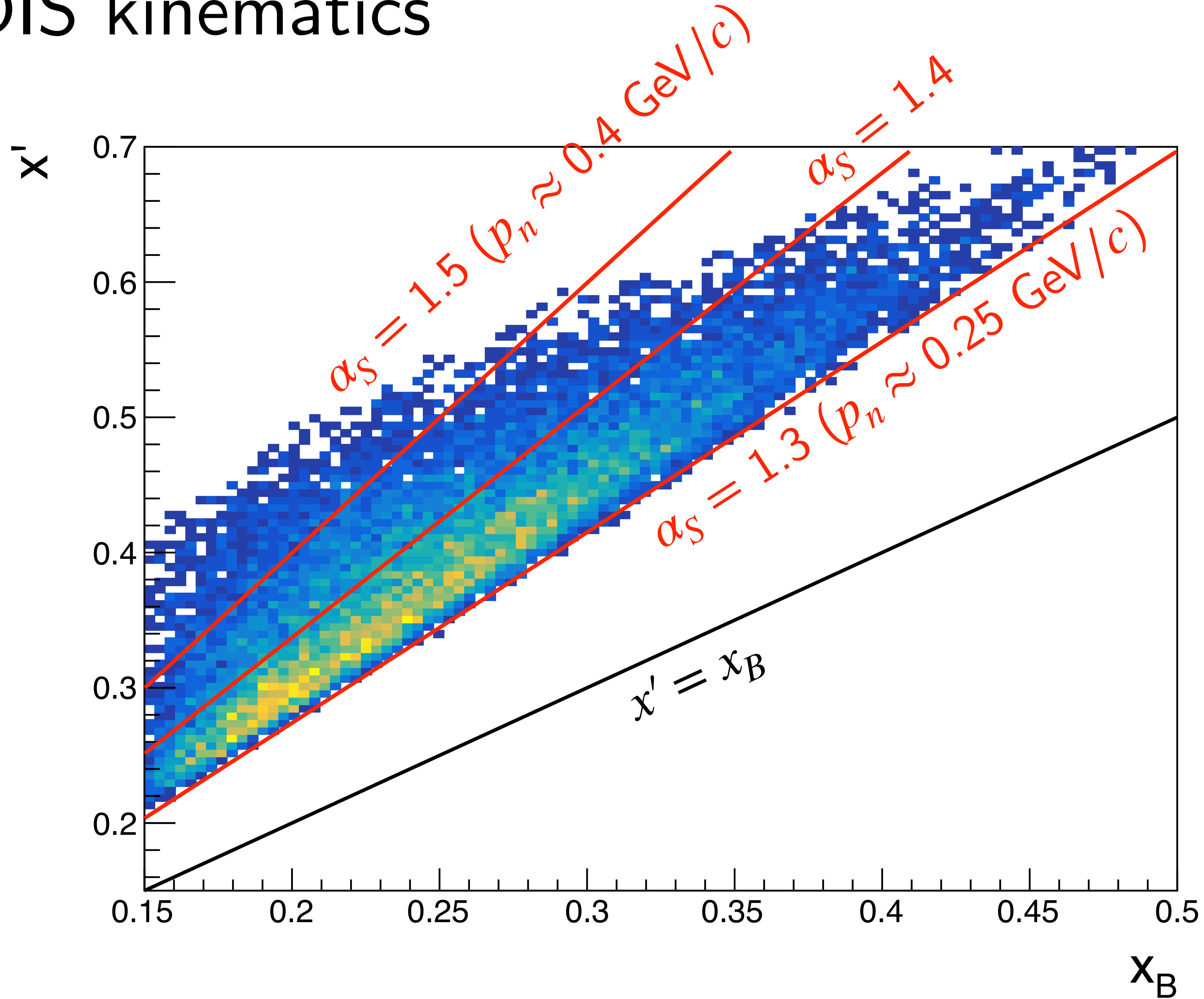
$$W' > 1.8 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\alpha_s > 1.2$$

$$\cos \theta_{nq} < -0.8$$

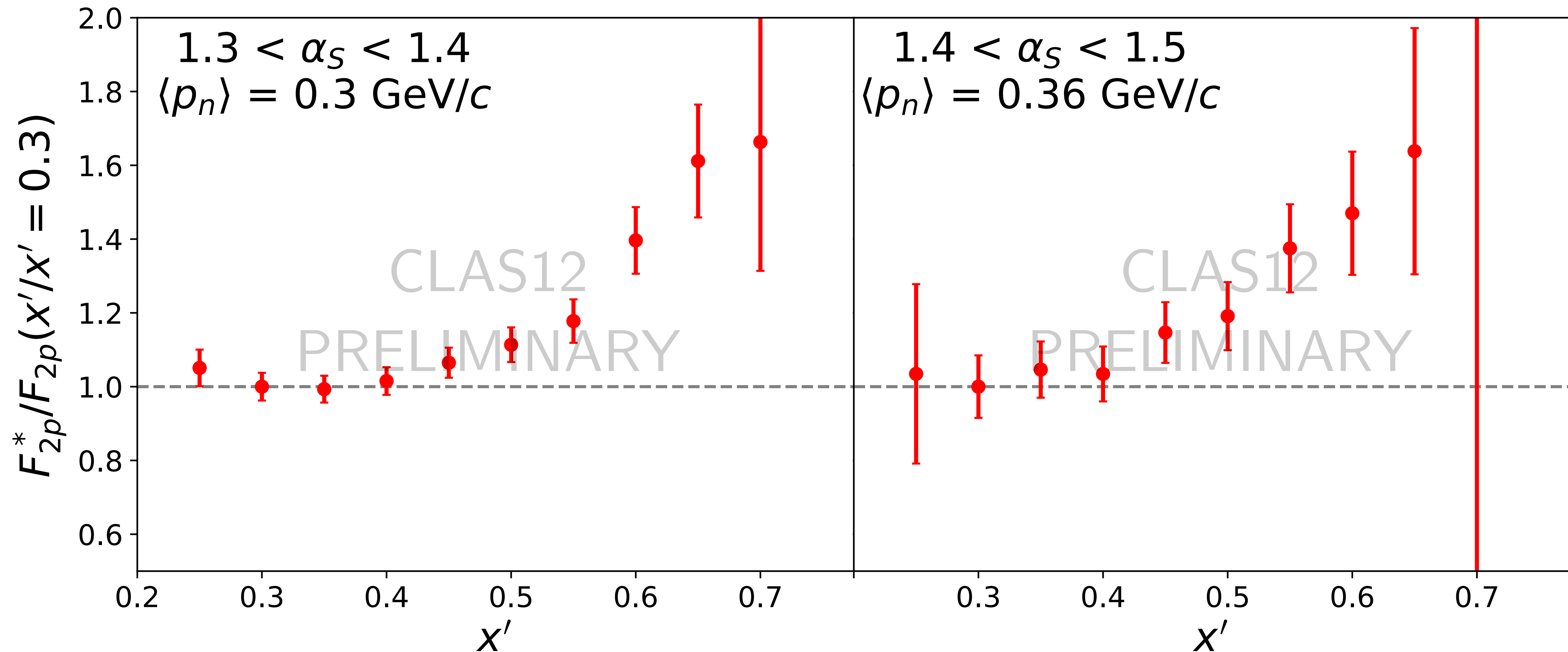


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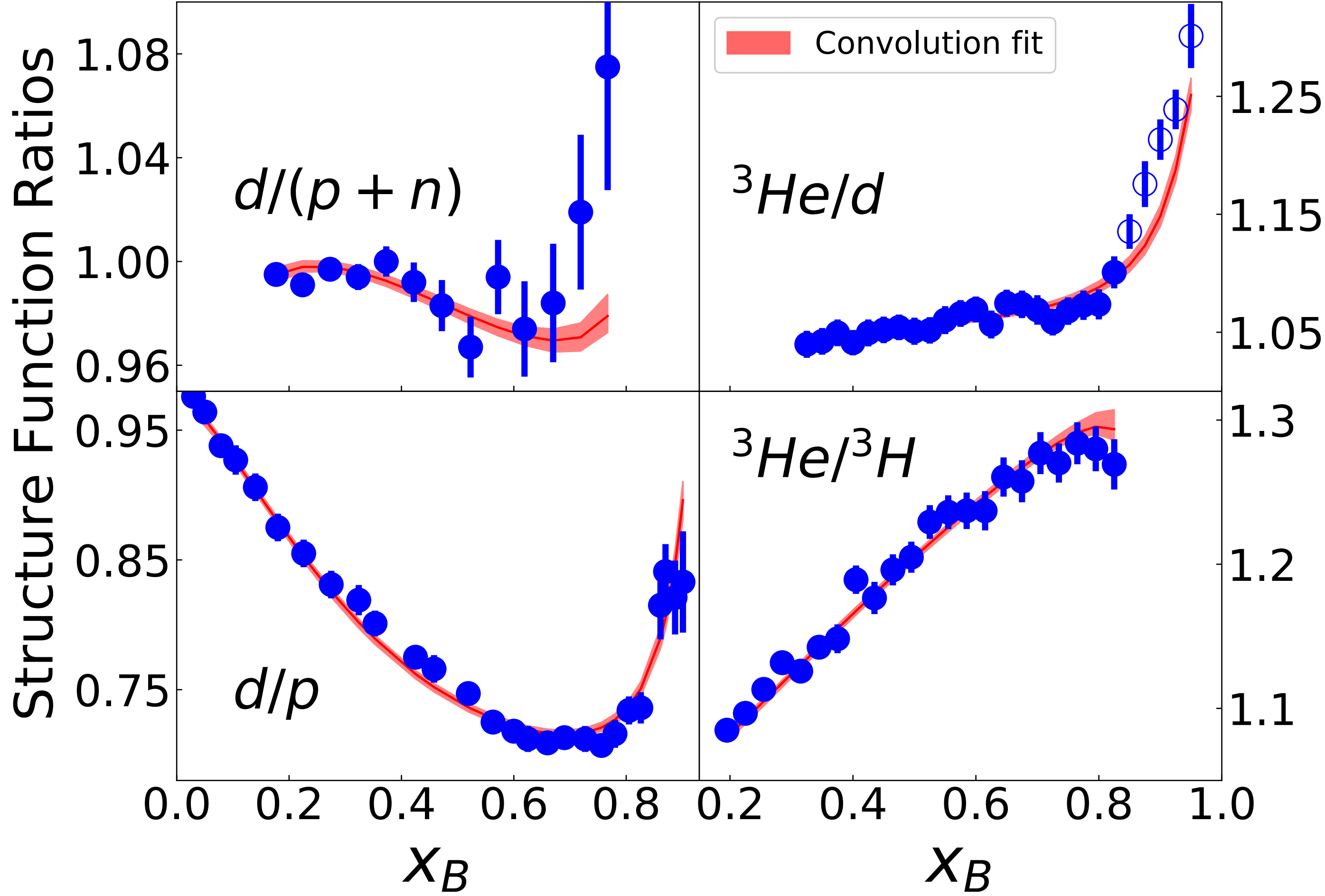
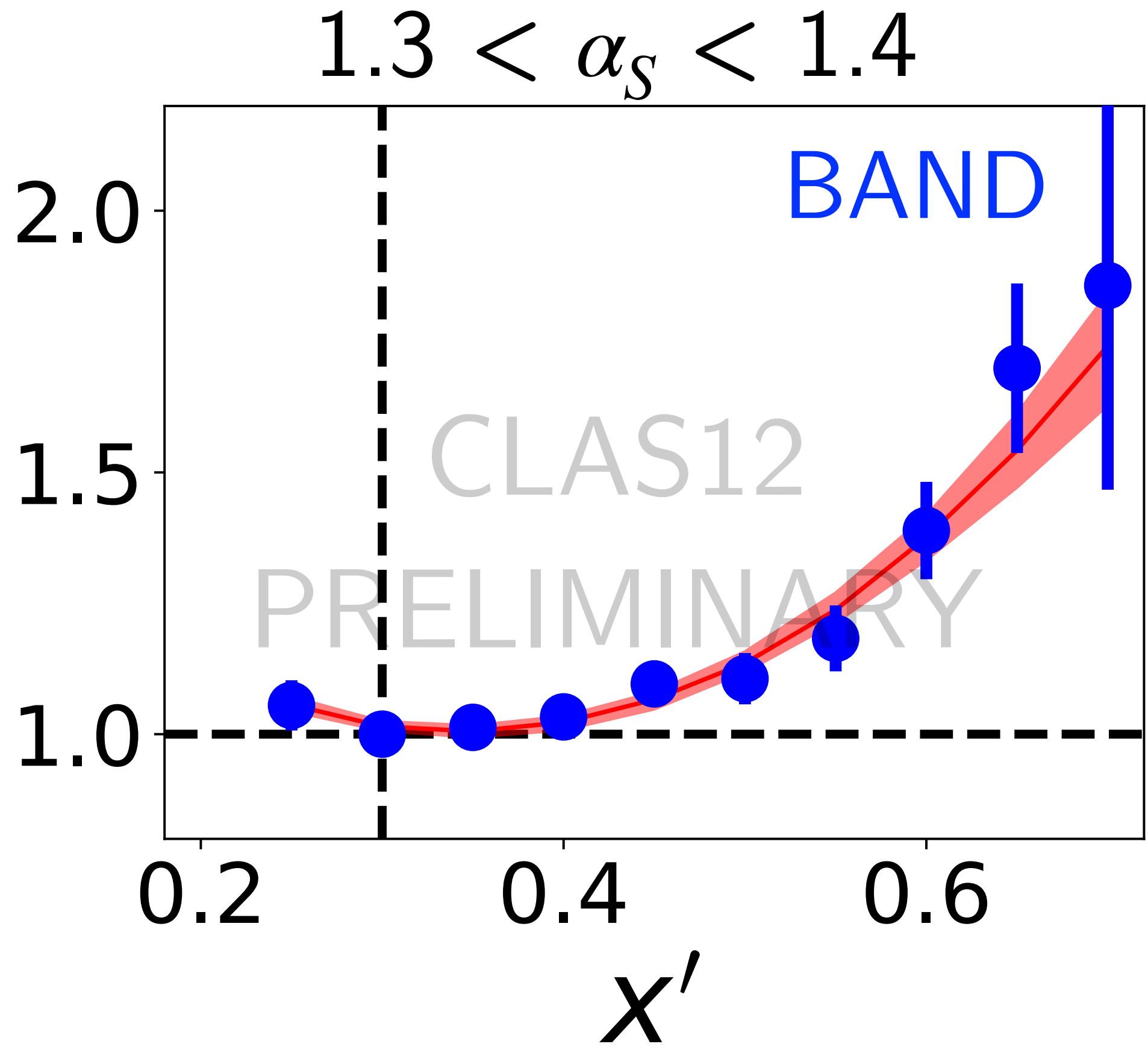


# Tagged DIS double ratio



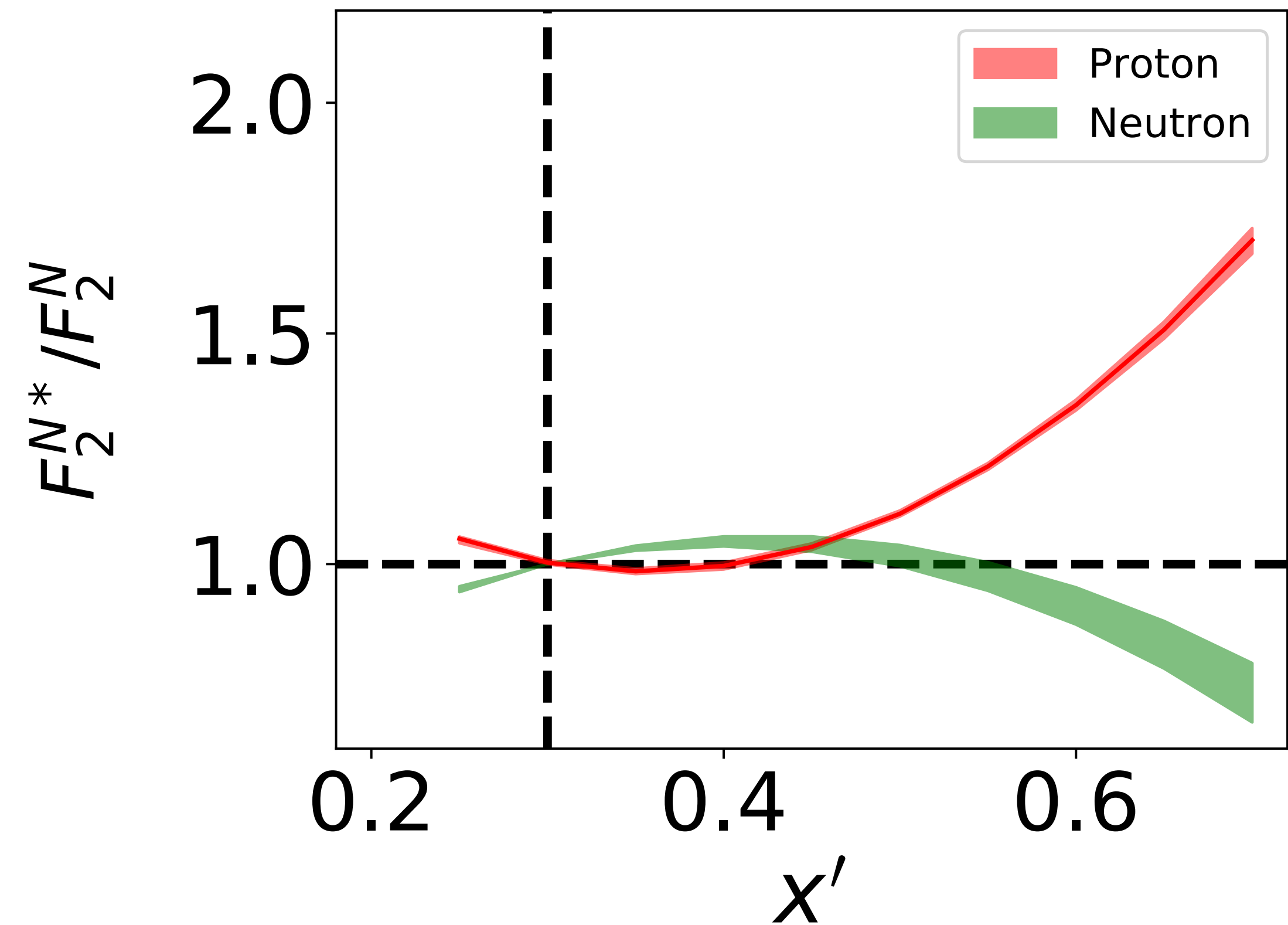
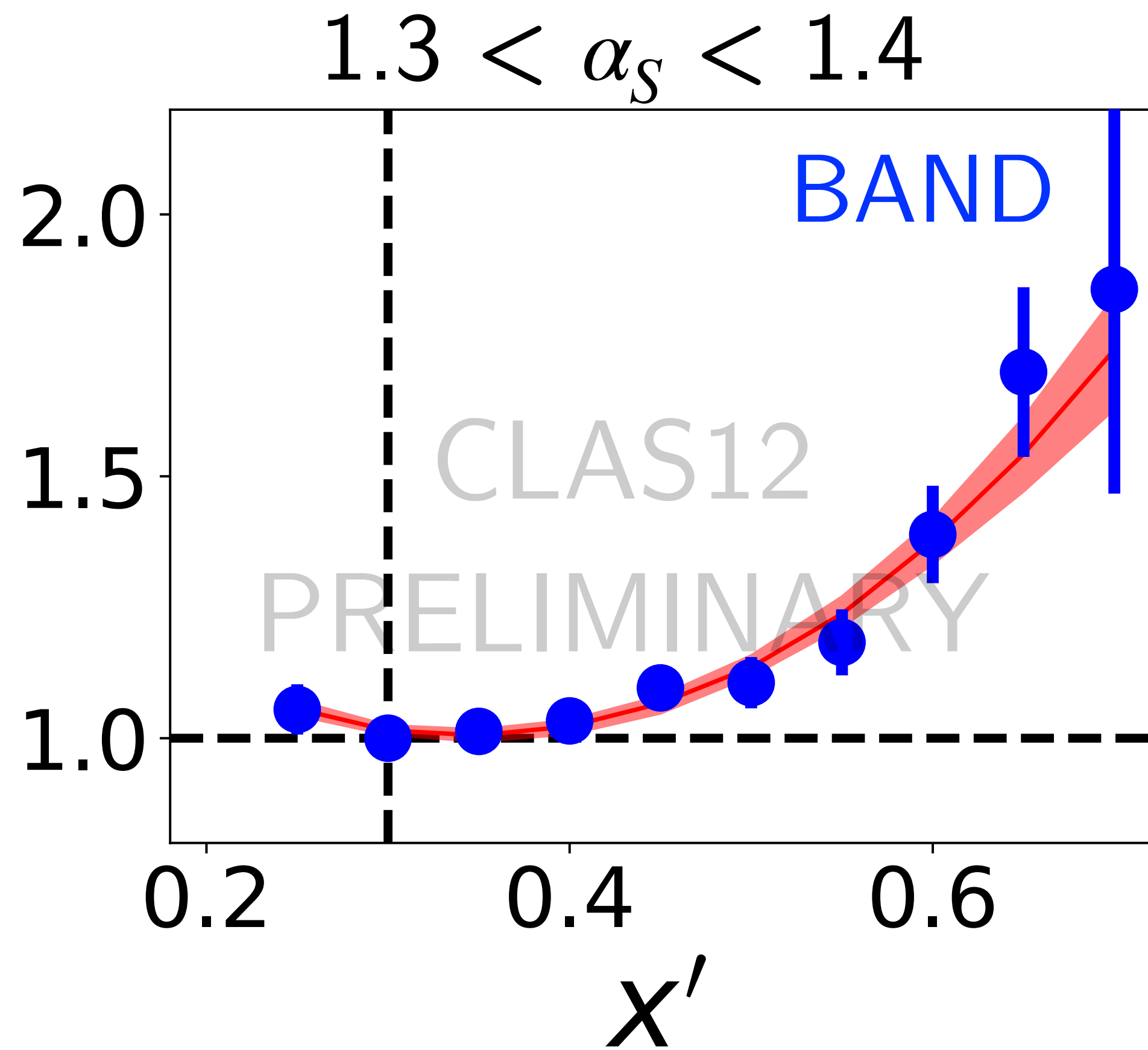
Large,  $x'$ -dependent effect in high- $\alpha_S$  protons

# Result consistent with inclusive measurements of light nuclei...



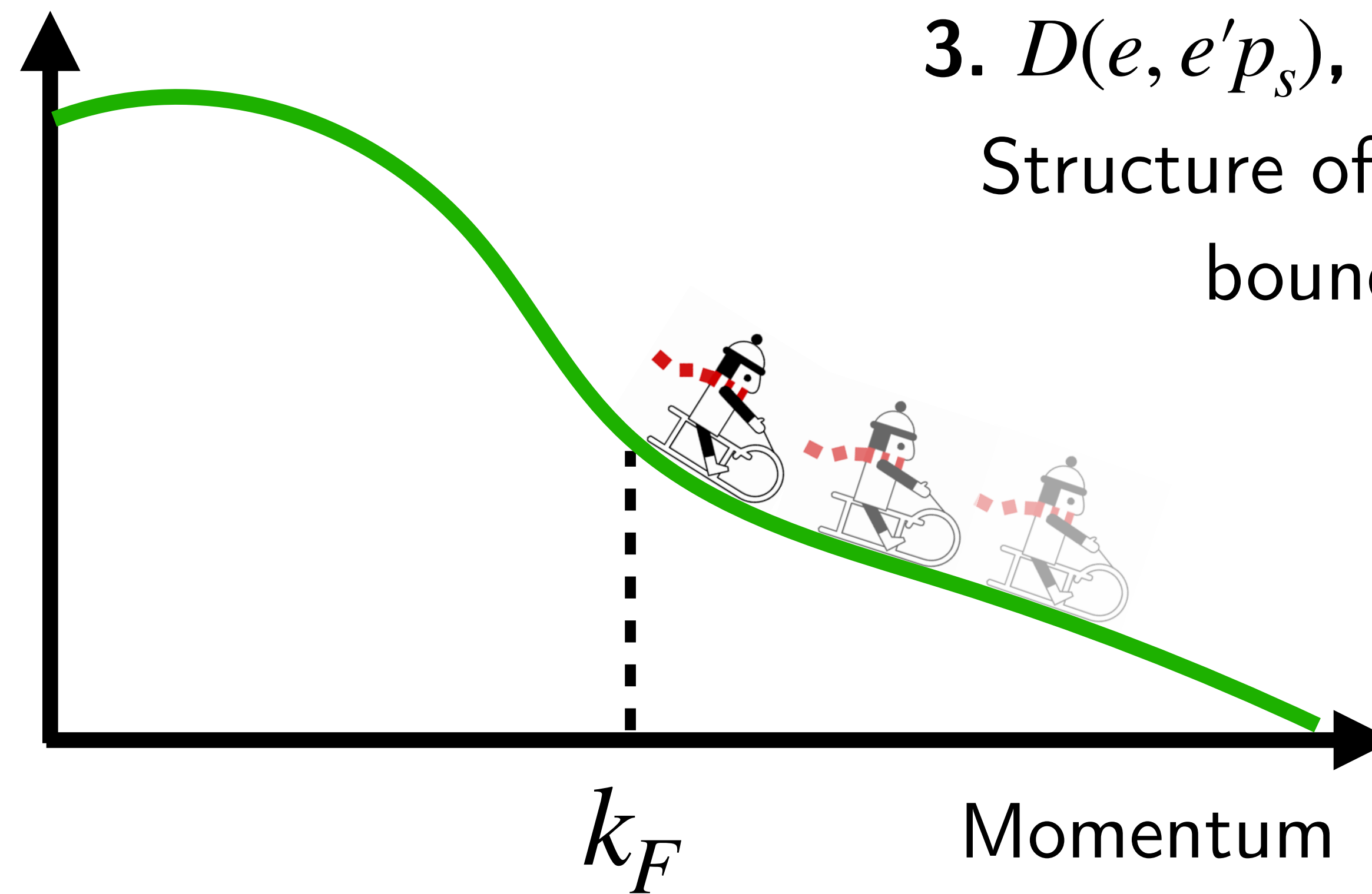
$$F_2^A(x_B) = \frac{1}{A} \int_{x_B}^A \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^0 dv F_2^P(x') \left[ Z\rho_p(\alpha, v) + N\rho_n(\alpha, v) \frac{F_2^n(x')}{F_2^P(x')} \right] \times (1 + v f^{os}(x'))$$

...and gives a prediction for bound *neutron* structure!

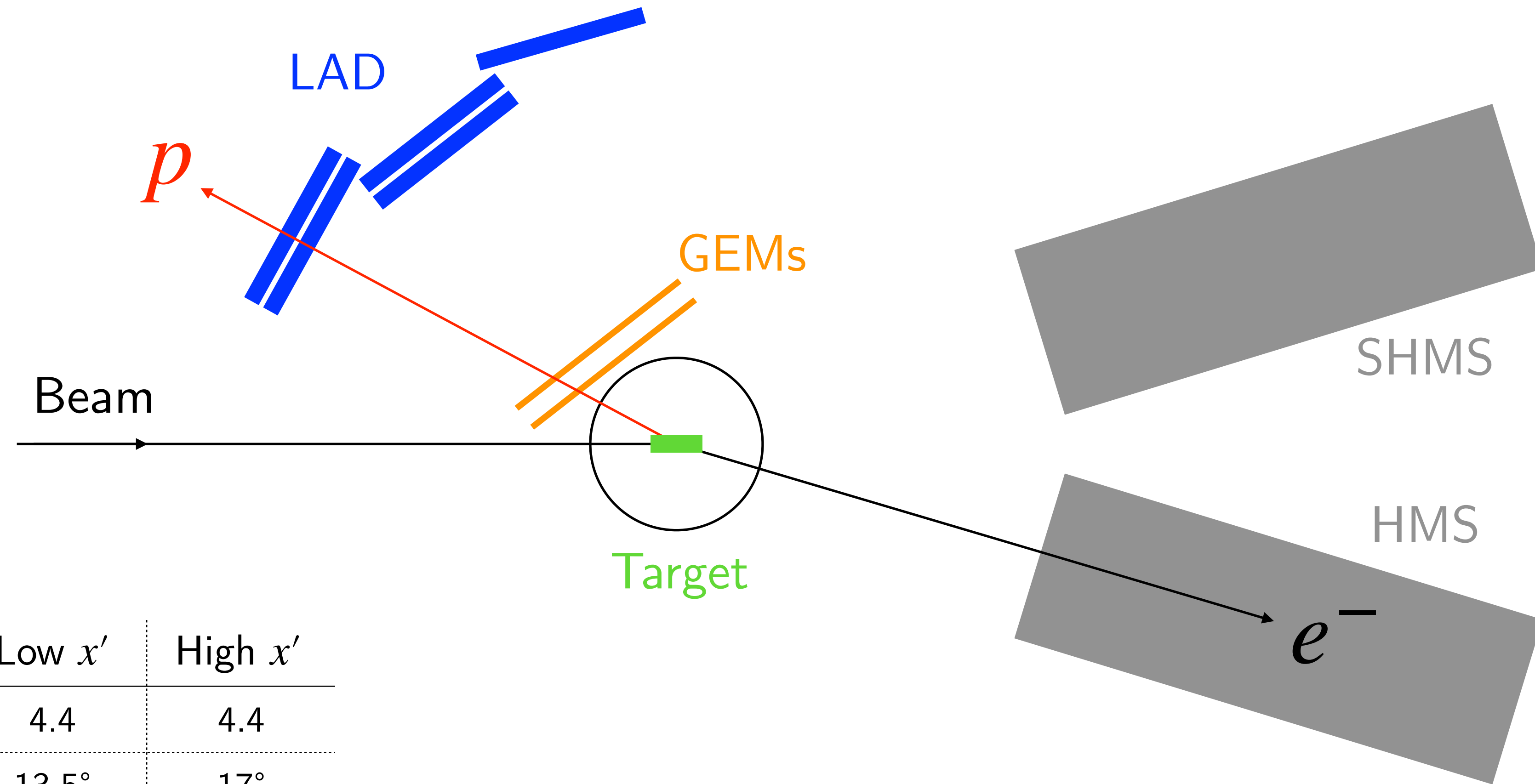


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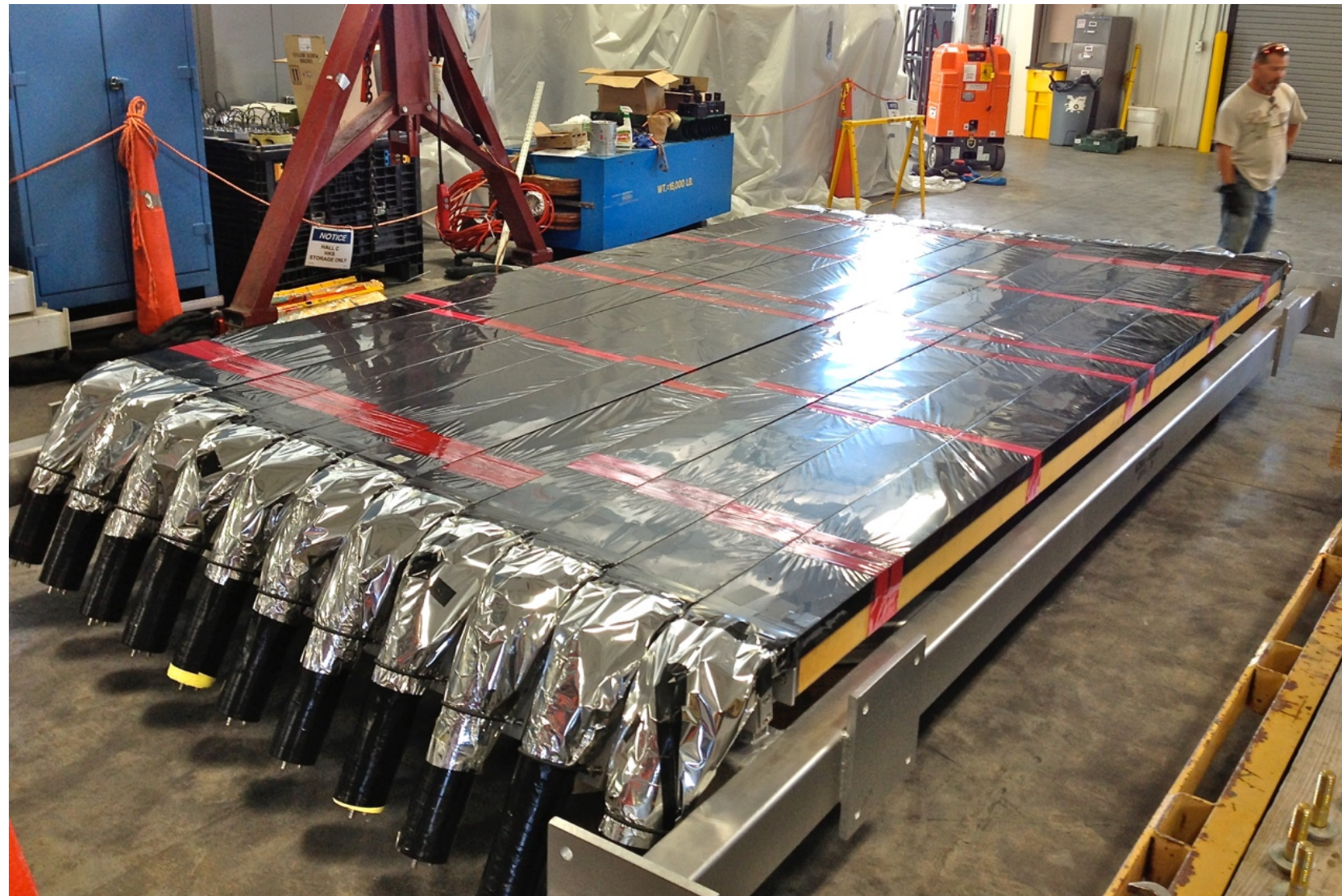


	Low $x'$	High $x'$
$E'$ (GeV)	4.4	4.4
$\theta_e$	13.5°	17°
$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	2.7	4.2
$x_B$	0.22	0.34

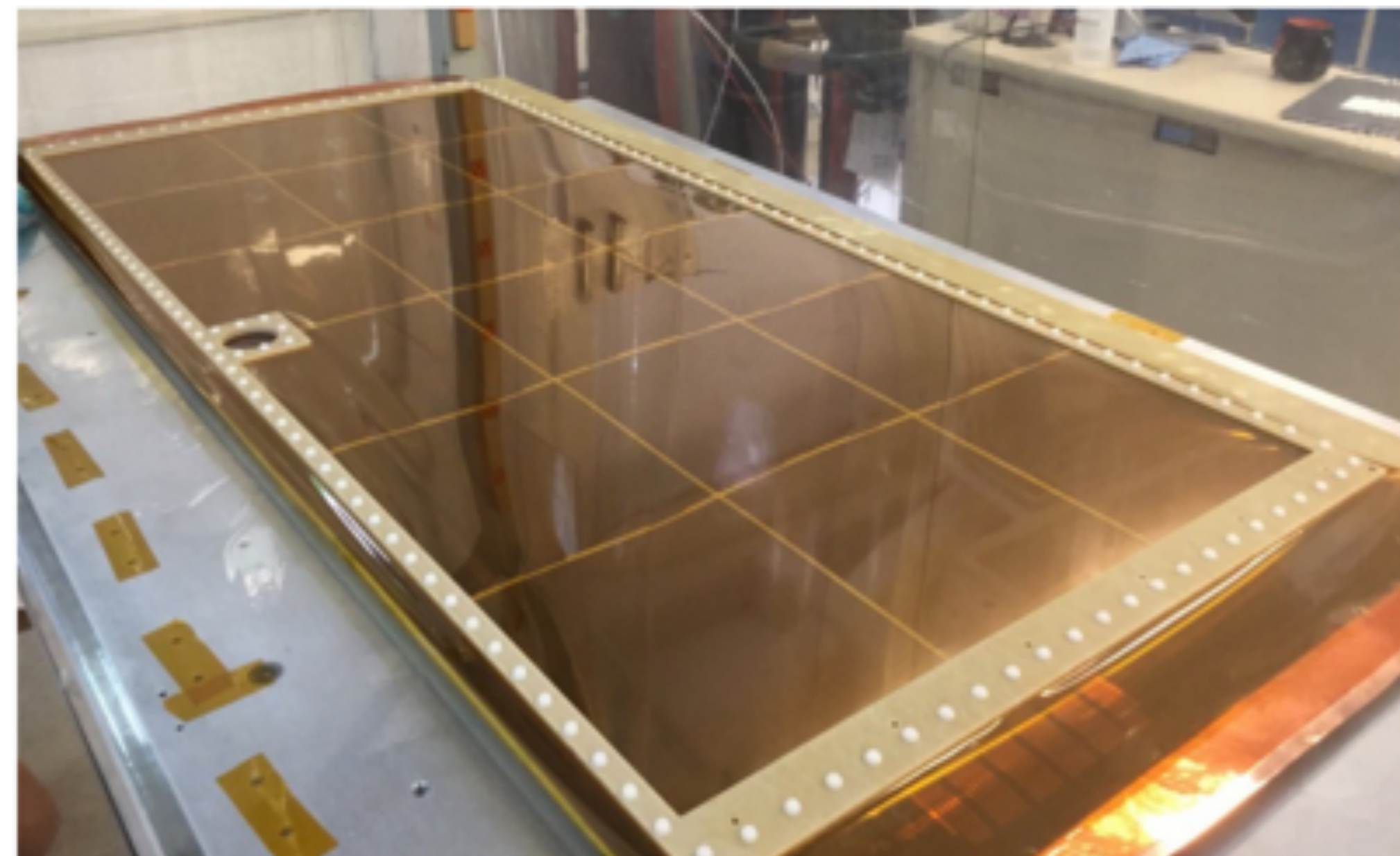
- 1  $\mu\text{A}$  at 10.9 GeV
- Scattered electron to HMS/SHMS
- Recoil proton to LAD



# LAD hardware



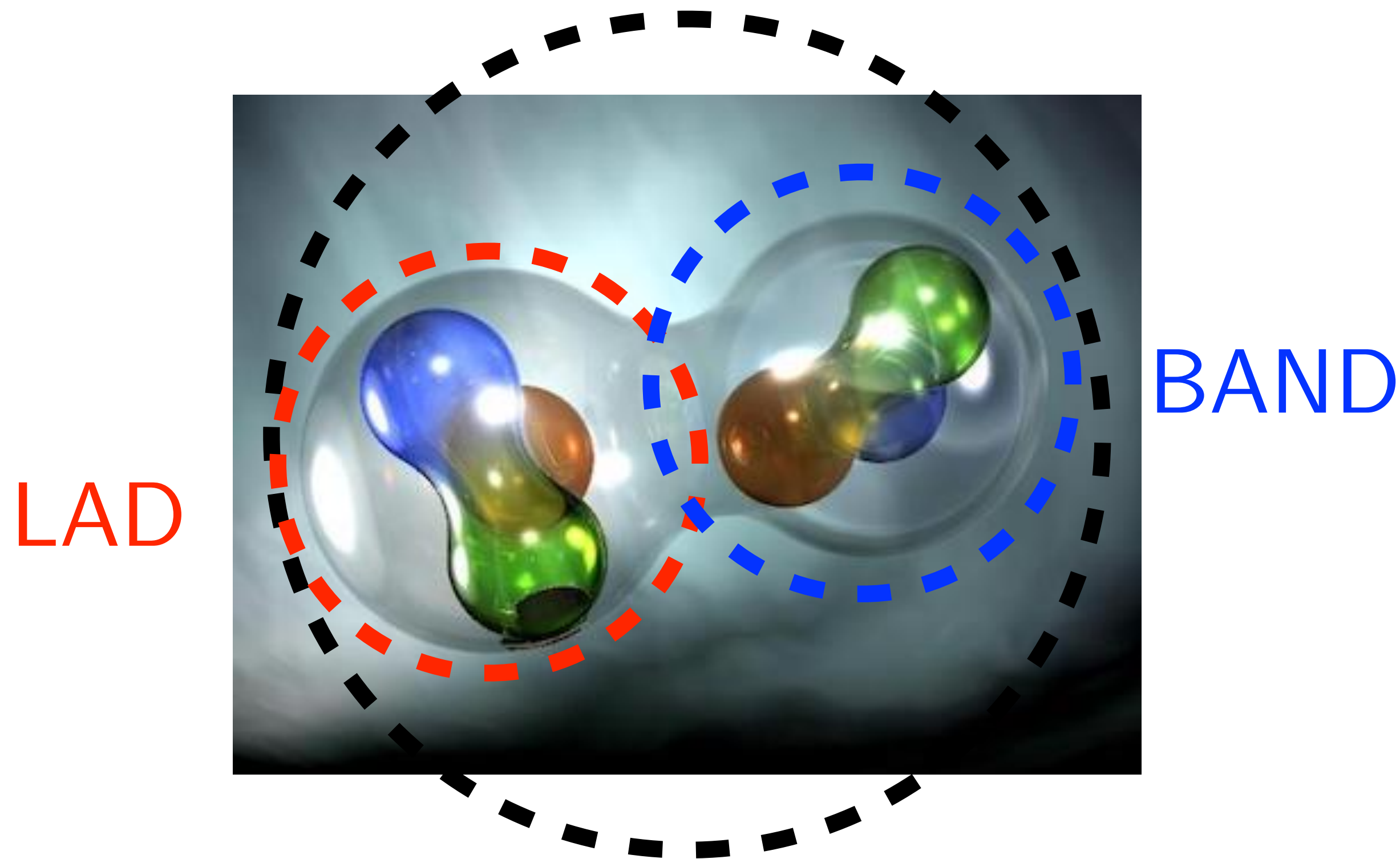
- Proton detection:
  - 5 panels of refurbished CLAS TOF scintillators
  - Proton ID using  $dE/dX$  vs. TOF
  - Proton momentum from TOF
- Proton vertexing:
  - Repurposed PRad GEMs
  - Active area 120 x 55 cm<sup>2</sup>





# LAD is critical cross check of tagged measurements

Inclusive



- Inclusive + BAND + LAD overconstrains deuterium
- BAND and LAD must show consistent modification of bound protons/neutrons
- Hope to achieve lower recoil momentum and angles than BAND
- Expected to run summer 2024

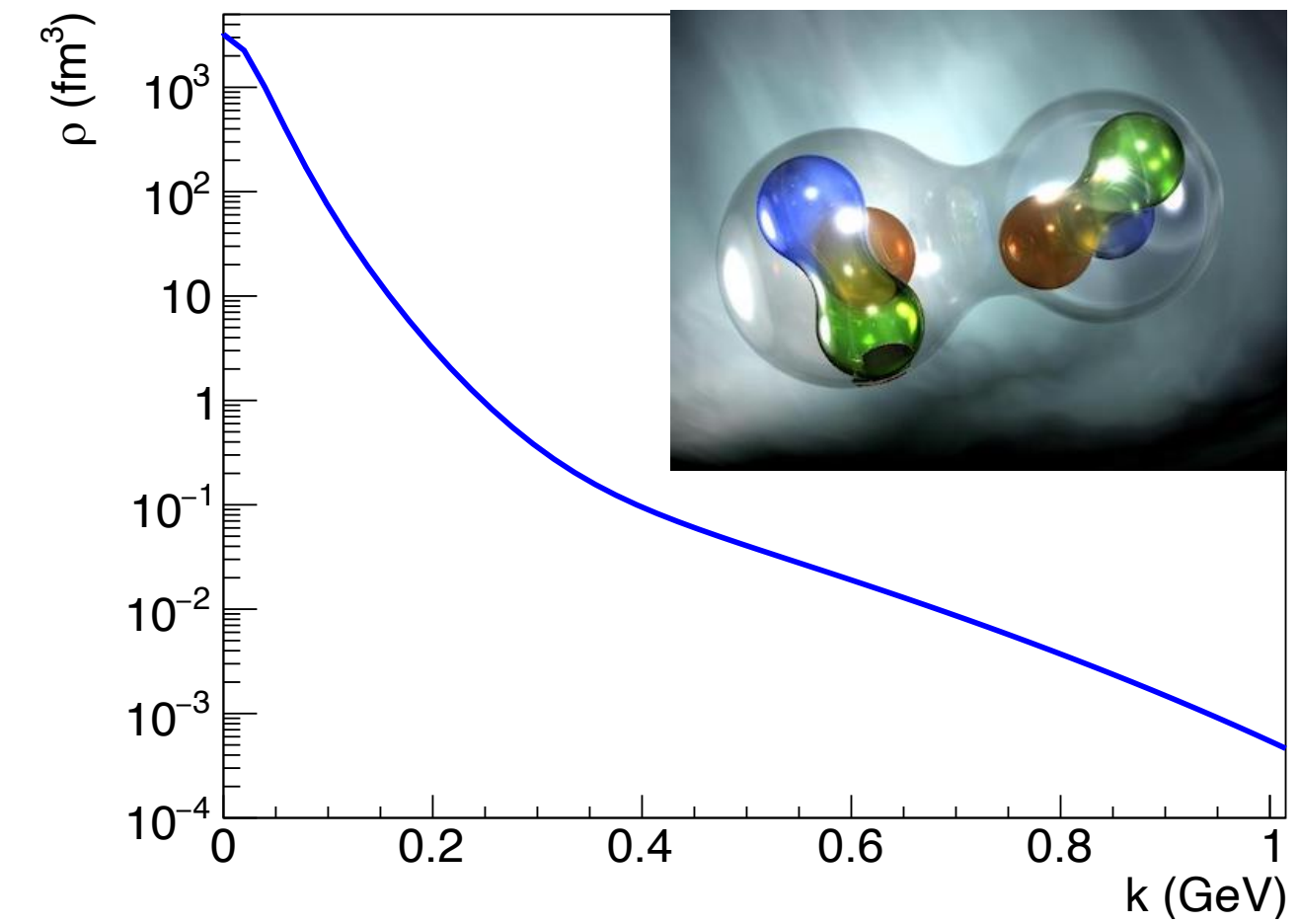
# Tagged DIS is just getting started!

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  - ${}^3\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}$  tagged DIS from  ${}^4\text{He}$
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  - BoNuS-style measurement of low-momentum neutrons in deuterium
- Tagging at EIC (beyond neutron spin structure)

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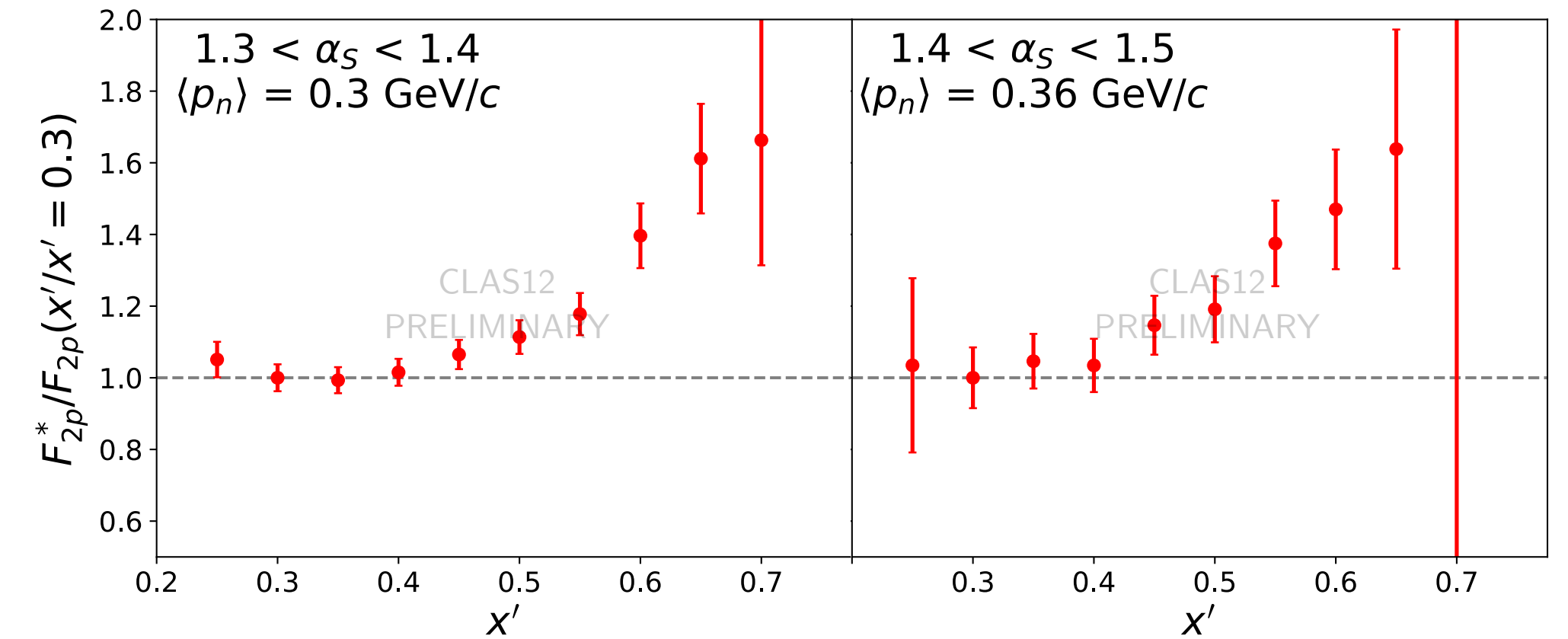
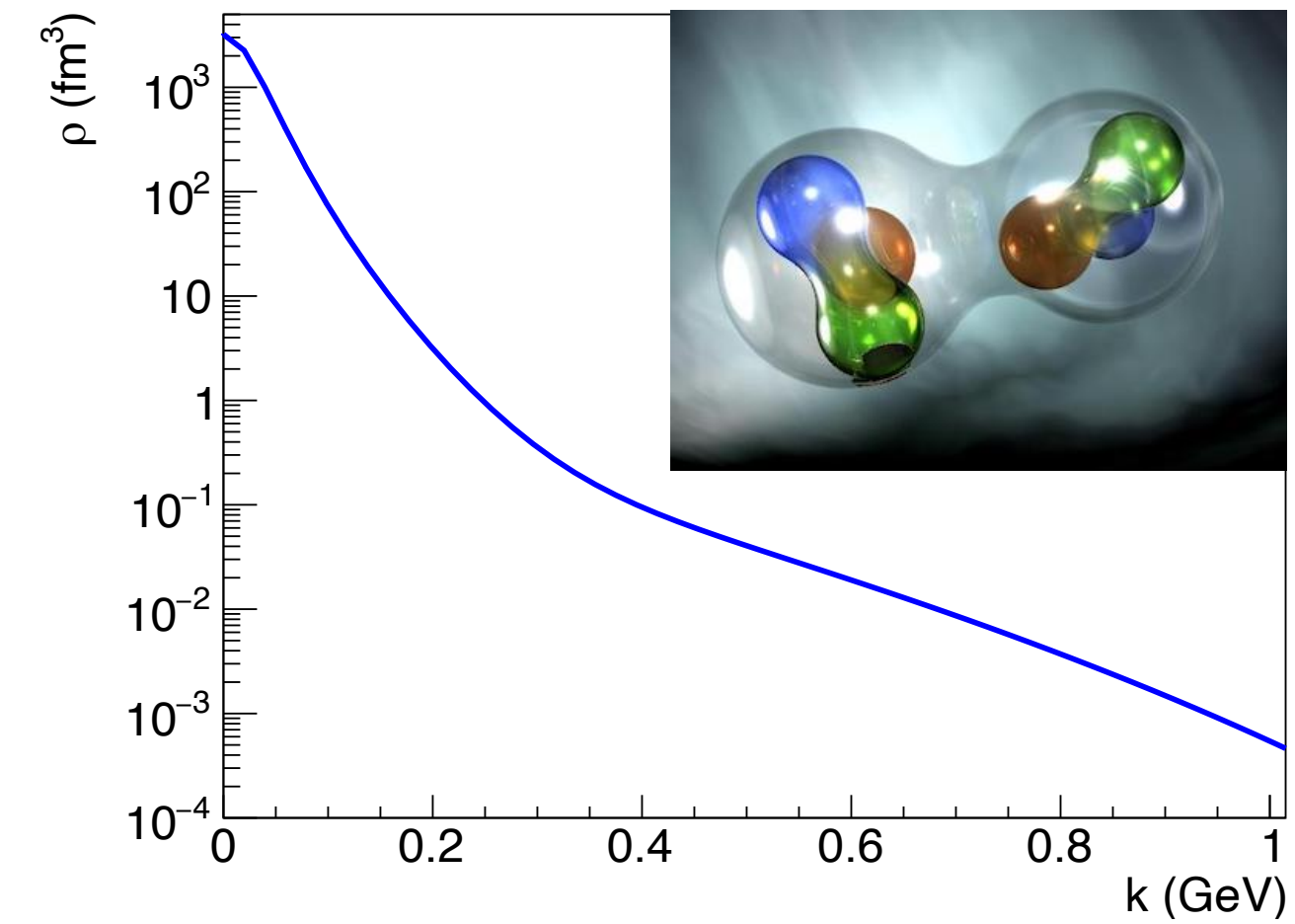
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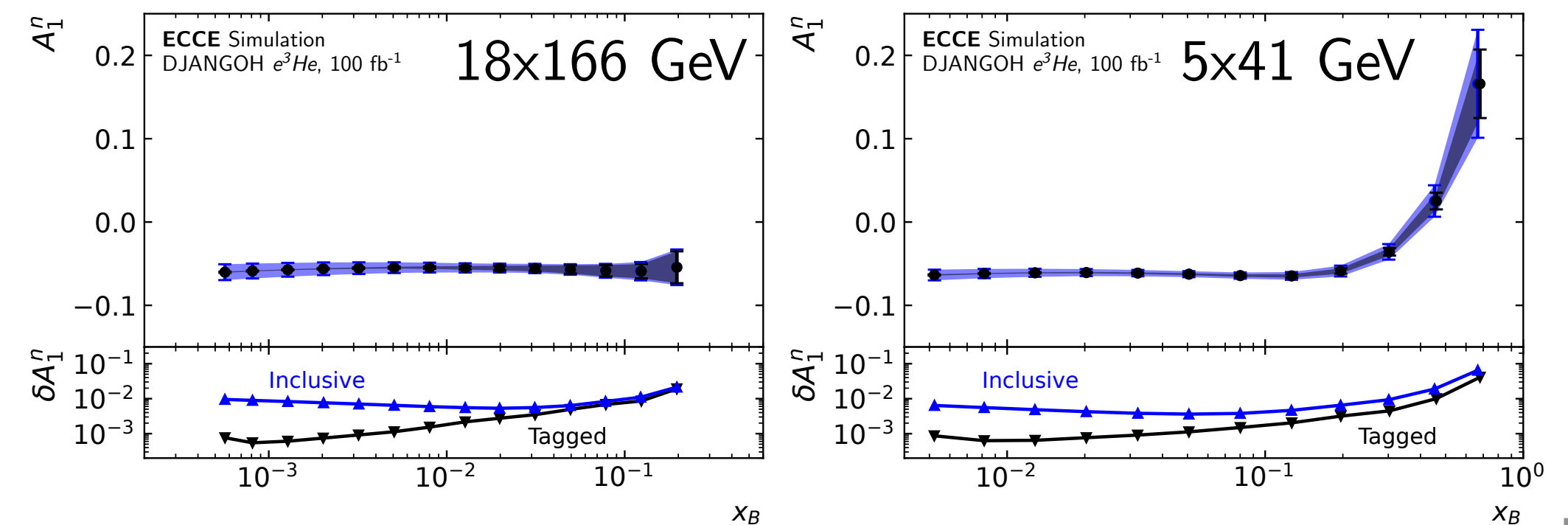
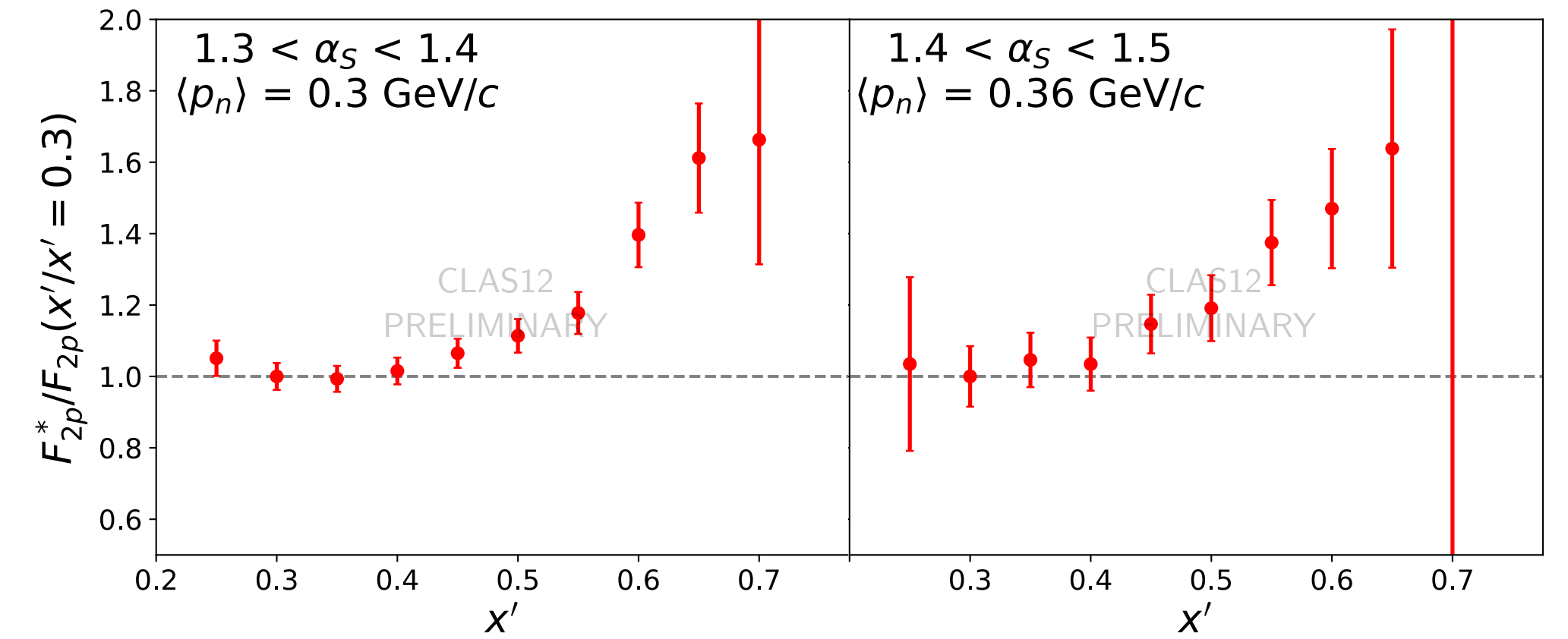
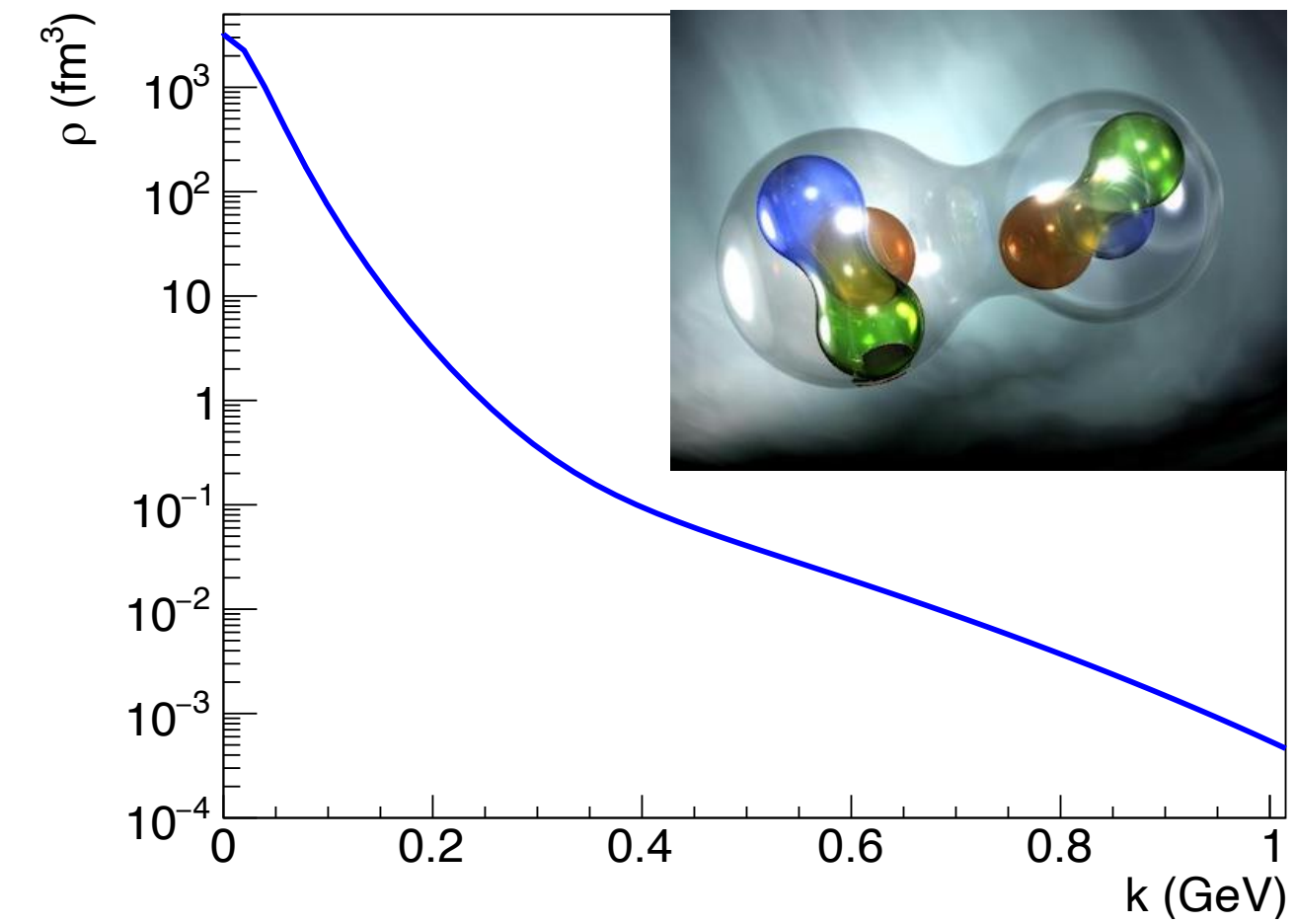
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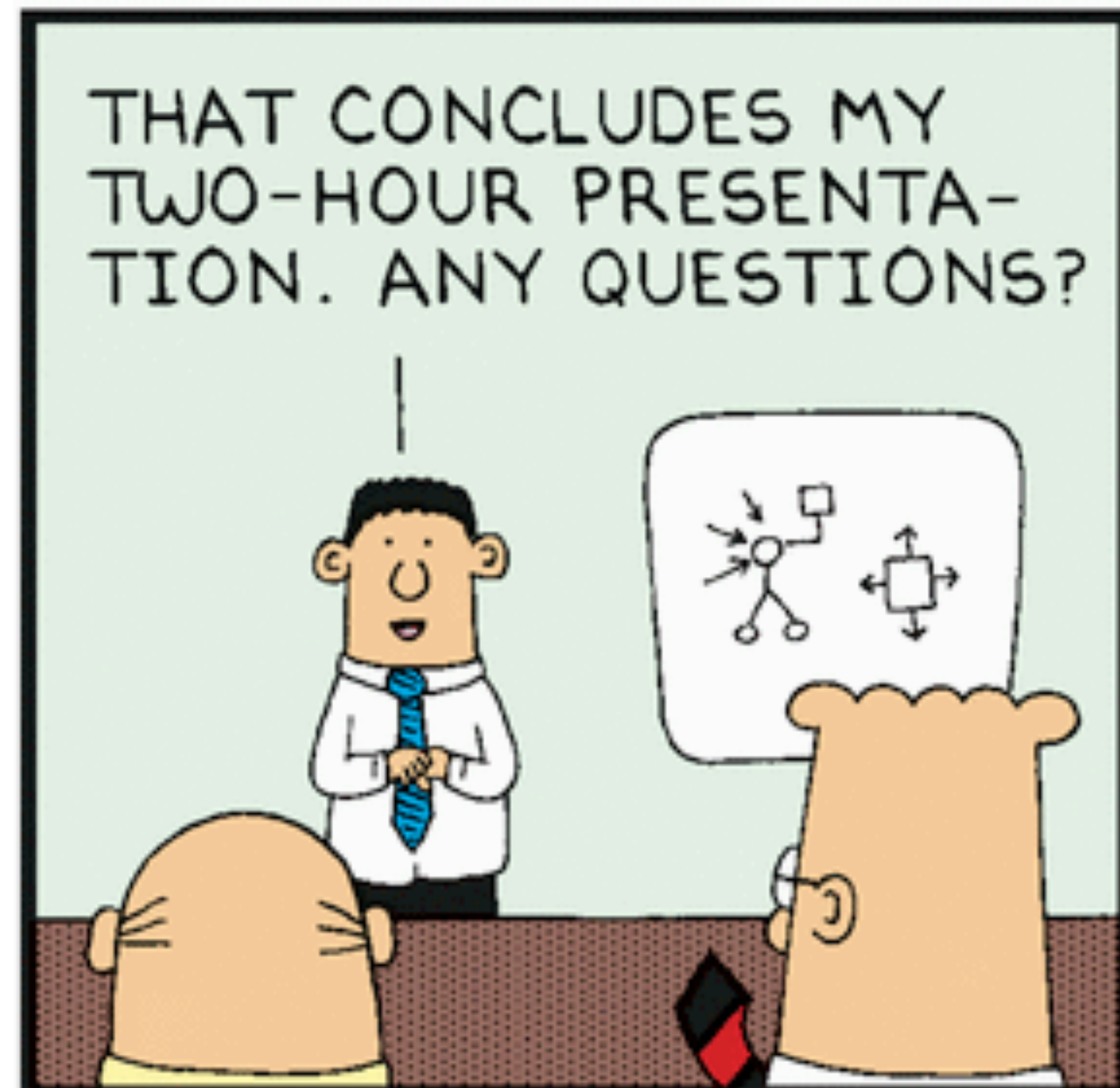


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- Rich tagged DIS program developing for JLab and EIC



# Questions?



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