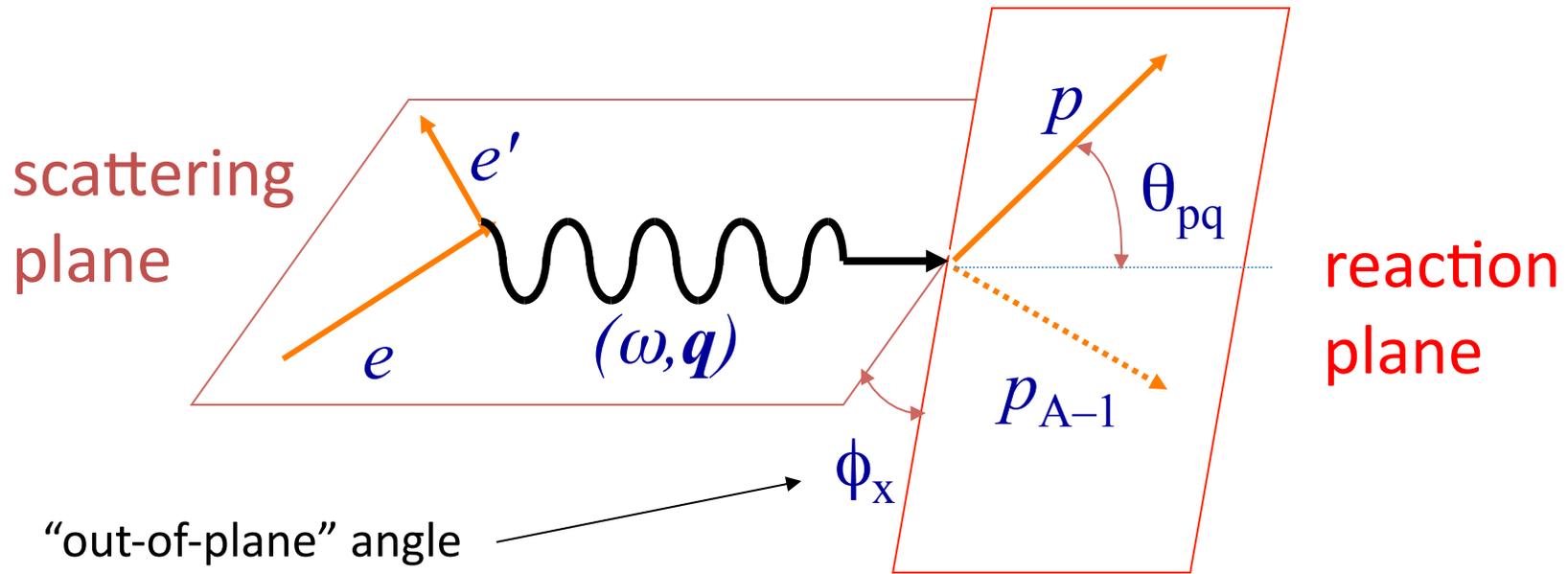




**Measurement of Two- and Three-Nucleon  
Short-Range Correlations in Nuclei**

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# Quasi-Elastic Scattering Kinematics



Energy transfer:

$$\omega = e - e'$$

Four-momentum transfer:

$$Q^2 \equiv -q_\mu q^\mu = \mathbf{q}^2 - \omega^2$$

Missing momentum:

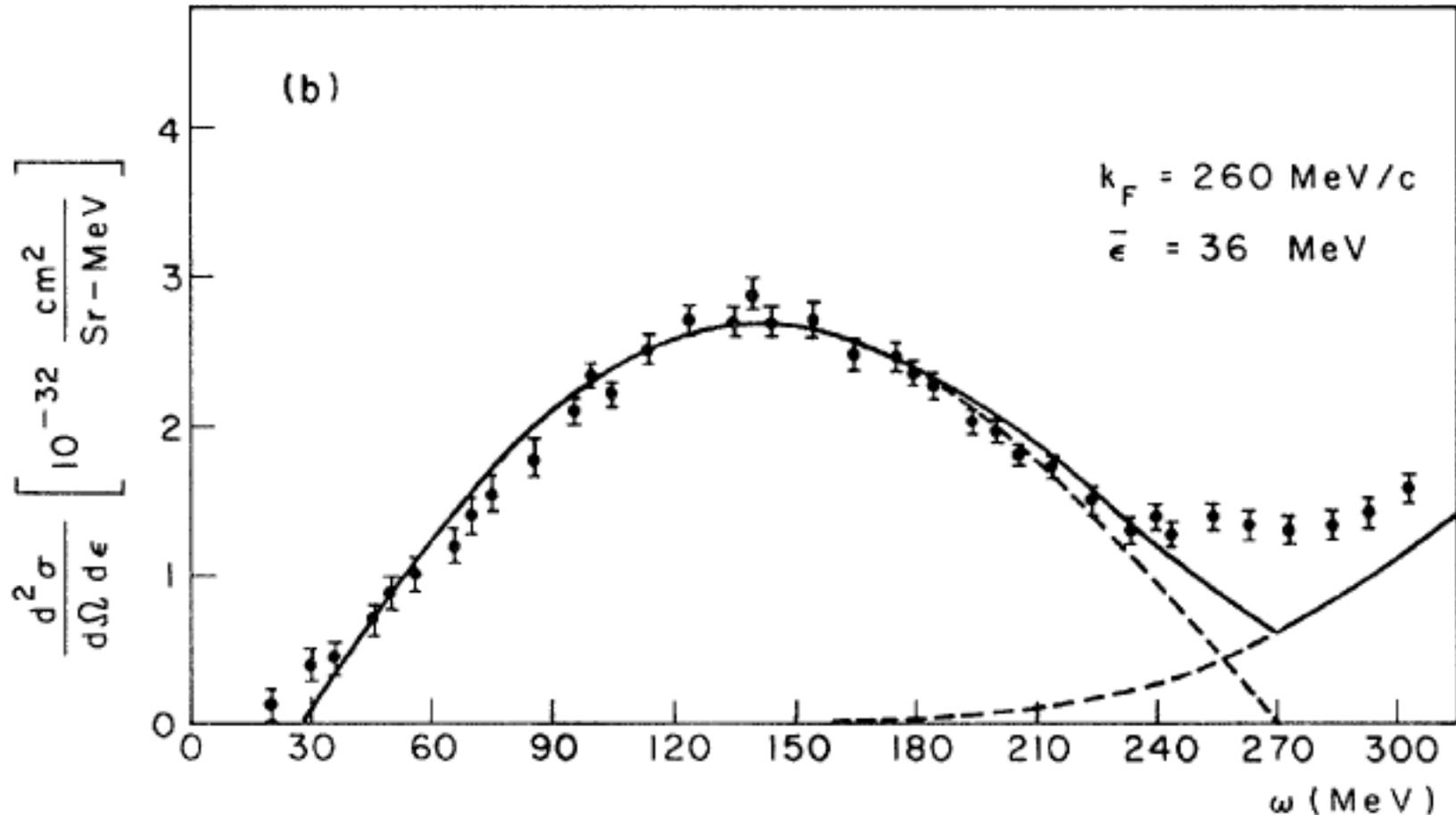
$$\mathbf{p}_m = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_{A-1}$$

**Bjorken x:**

$$x_B = Q^2 / 2m\omega \text{ (just kinematics!)}$$

# Nuclear Fermi Momenta

E. Moniz, I. Sick, R. Whitney, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **26** (1971) 445.



Fitted with Fermi Gas Model and nice got the **shape** of Quasi-Elastic peak.  
NOTE: Missing low omega, high omega, and needs a normalization factor.

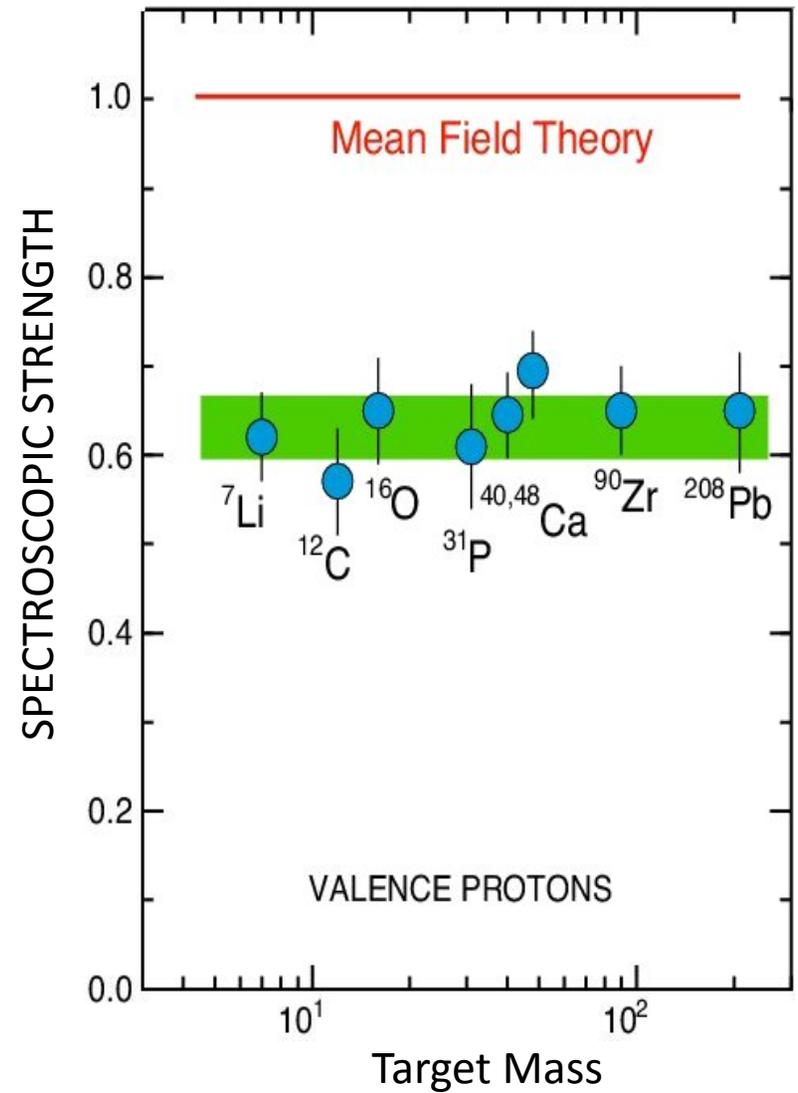
# Classic (e,e'p) Results

L. Lapikas, Nucl. Phys. **A553** (1993) 297. (Review Article)

## Independent-Particle Shell-Model

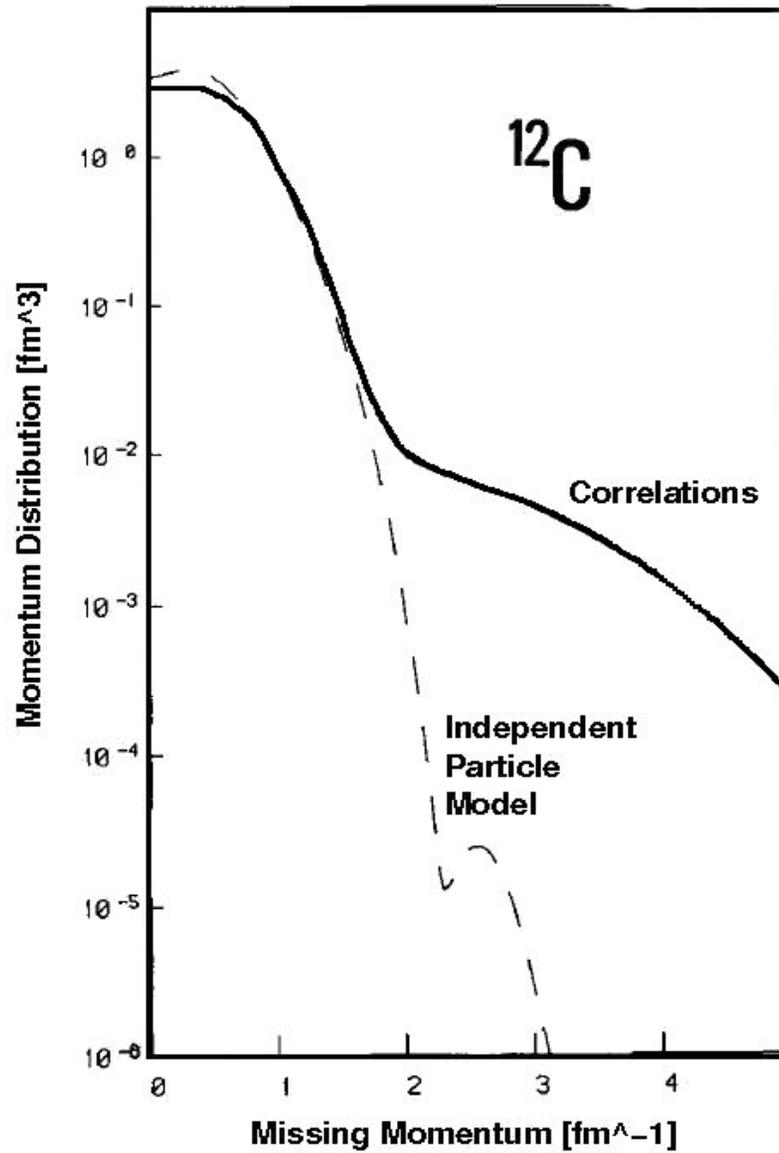
is based upon the assumption that each nucleon moves independently in an average potential (**mean field**) induced by the surrounding nucleons

The (e,e'p) data for knockout of valence and deeply bound orbits in nuclei gives spectroscopic factors that are **60 – 70%** of the mean field prediction.



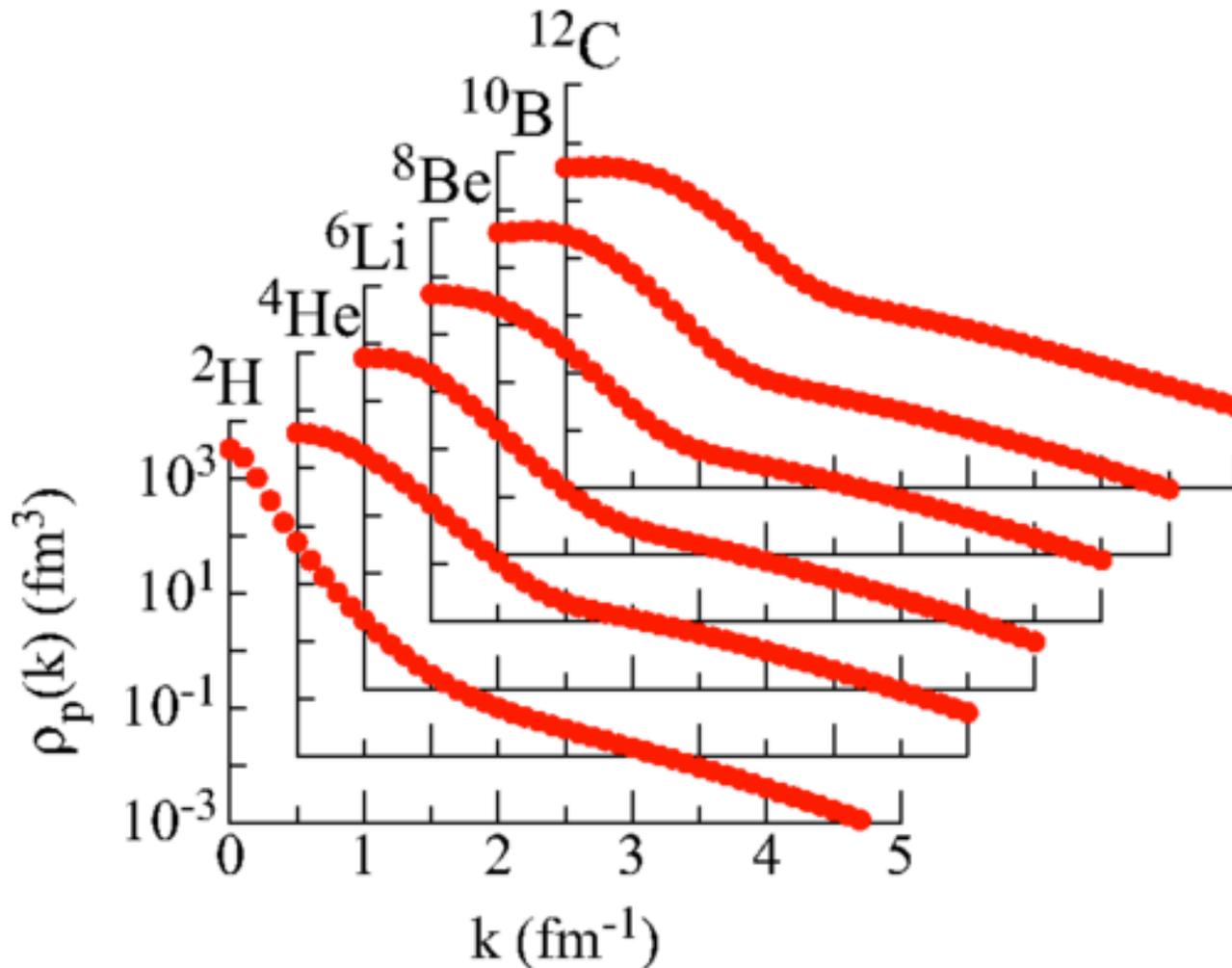
# Classic Momentum Distribution

O. Benhar et al., Phys. Lett. **B** 177 (1986) 135.

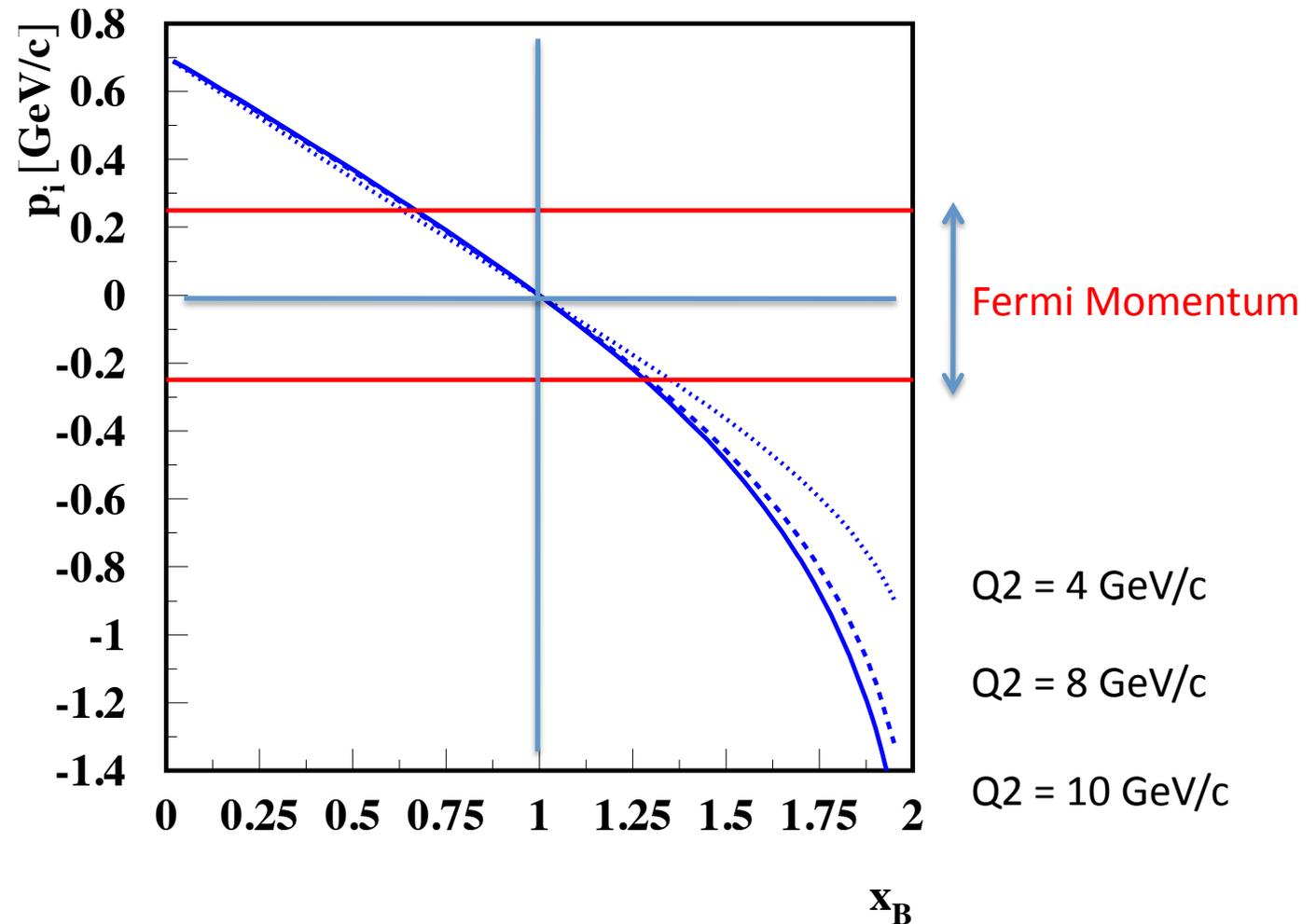


# Modern AV18 and Urbana-X Results

R. Wiringa, R. Schiavilla, S. Pieper, and J. Carlson, Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 024305.



# D(e,e')pn Minimum Missing Momentum

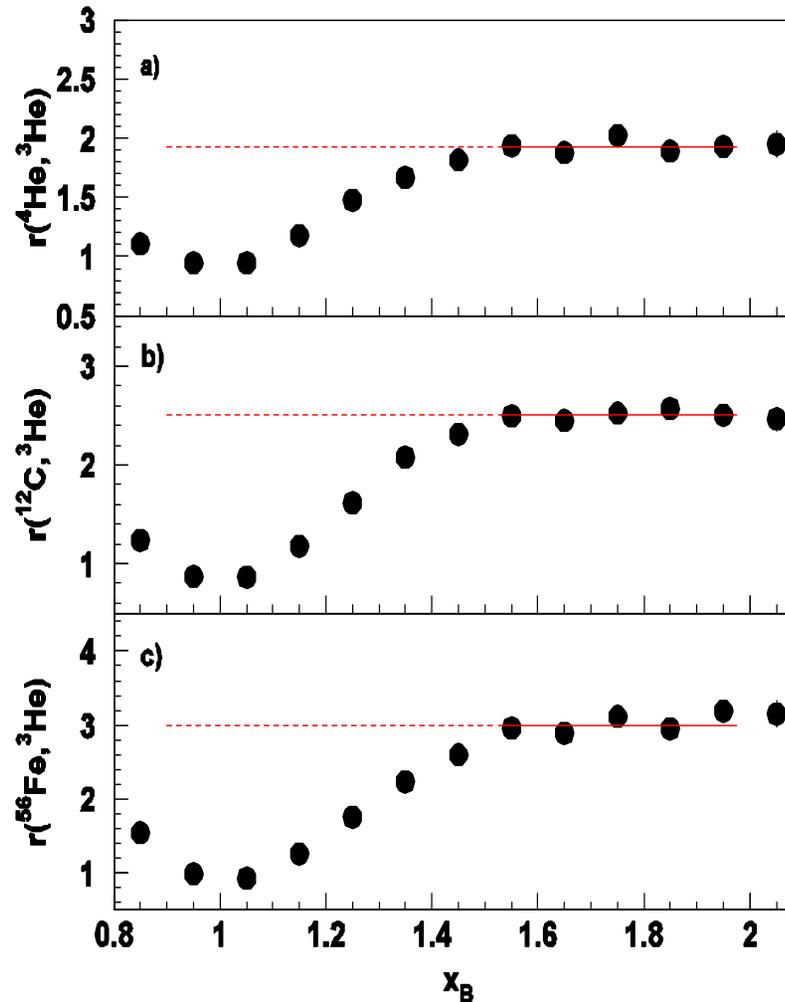


Shows the minimum initial nucleon momentum that can cause the final state electron to be in  $x > 1$  kinematics. ( $x > 1$  is forbidden for scattering from a stationary nucleon)

# Nuclear Scaling Plateaus from CLAS

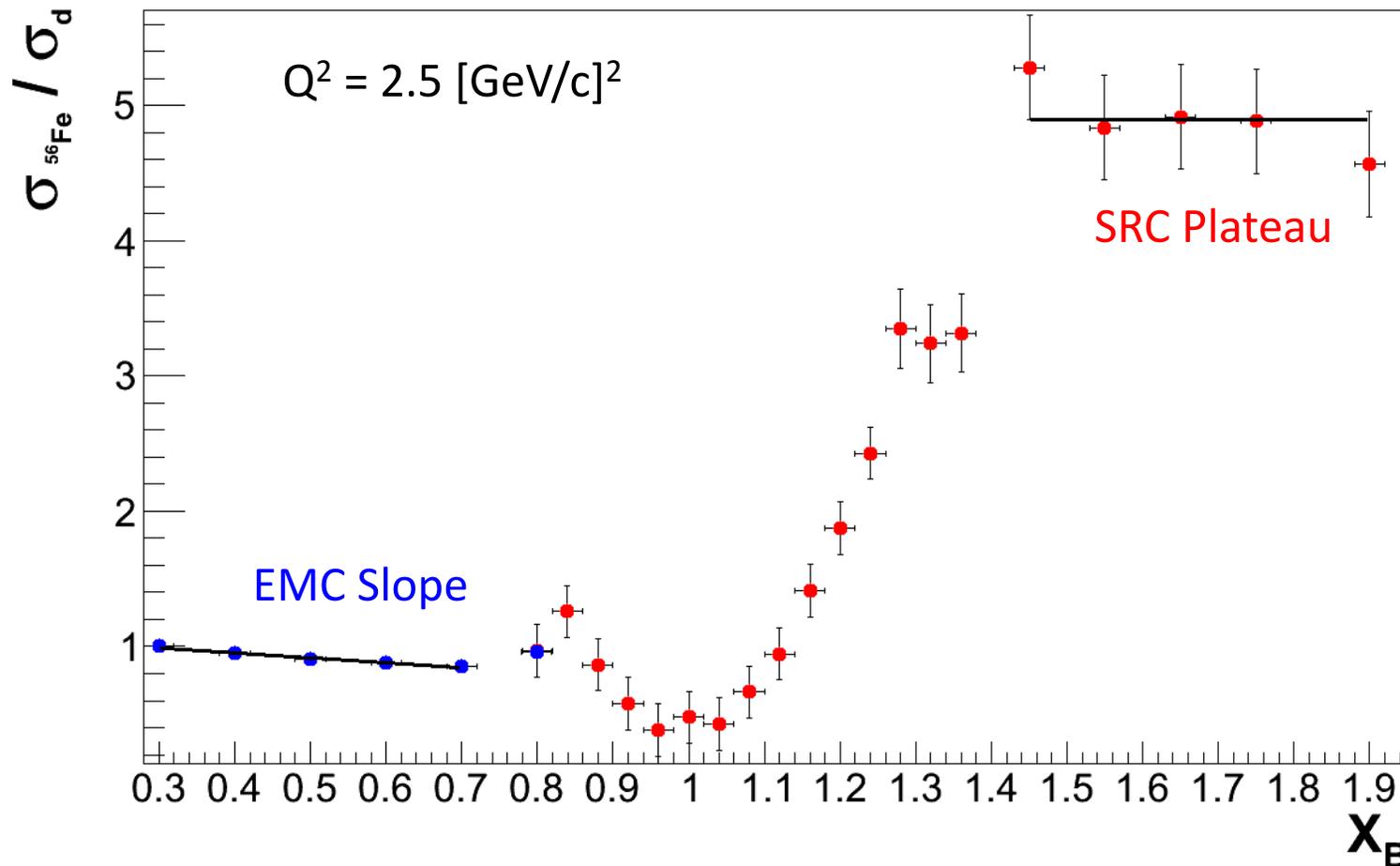
K. Sh. Egiyan *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **68** (2003) 014313.

Originally done with SLAC data by Frankfurt *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **48** (1993) 2451.



# Connections To Other Physics

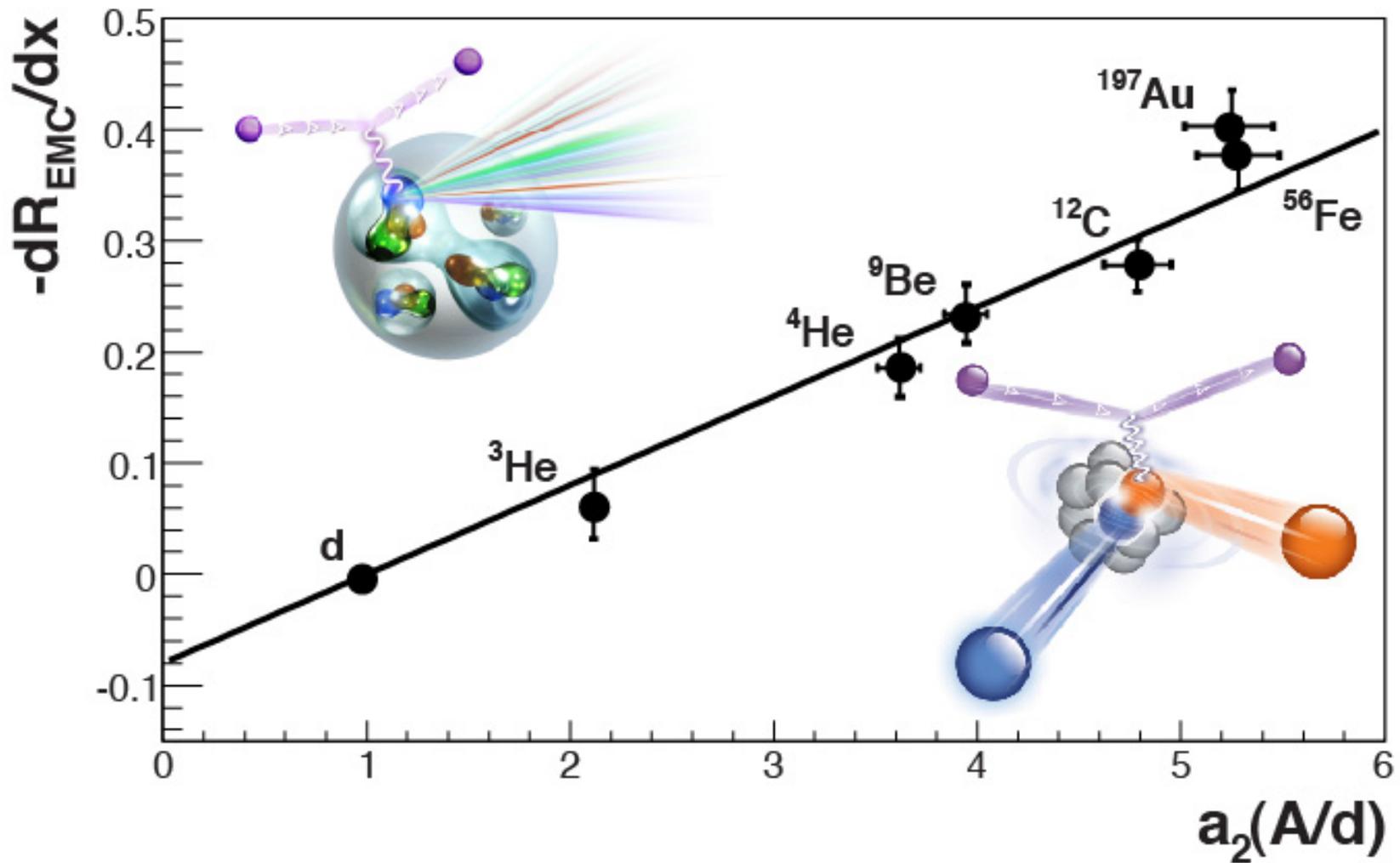
D. Higinbotham *et al.*, arXiv:1003.4497



- Scaling plateaus are likely due to proton-nucleon **local density** correlations
- EMC could also be due to local effects in the nuclear medium.

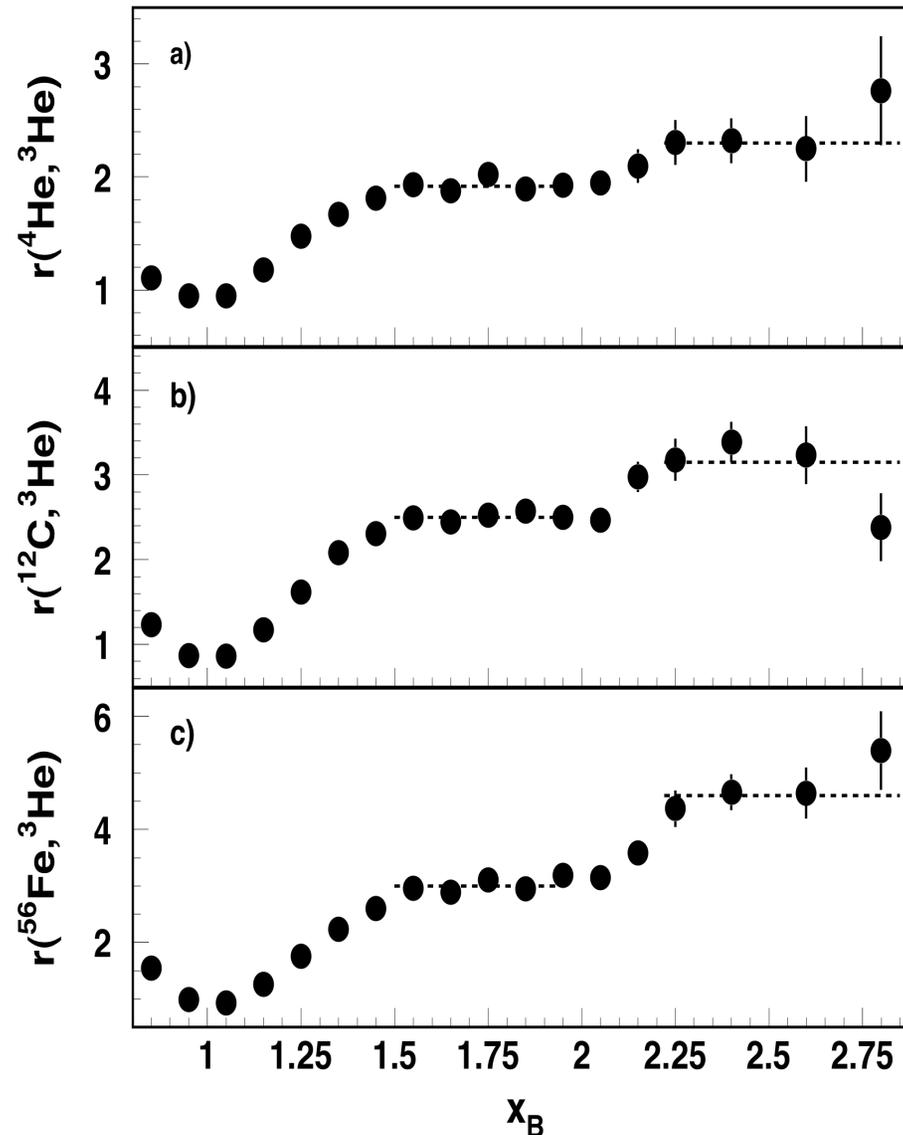
# SRC and EMC Correlation

L. Weinstein *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** (2011) 052301.



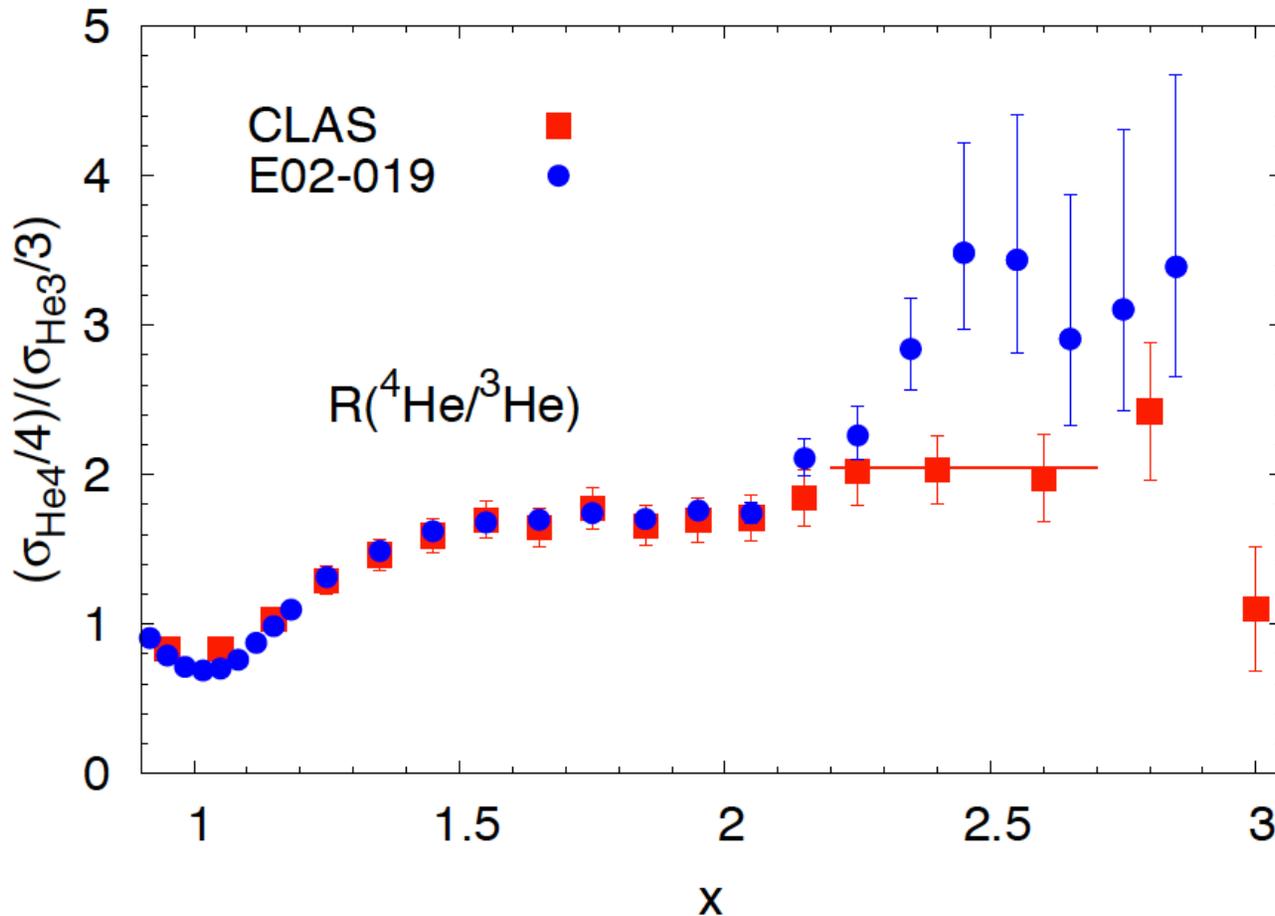
# Three Nucleon Correlations

K. Sh. Egiyan *et al.* (CLAS), Phys. Rev. Lett. **96** (2006) 082501.



# Hall C $x > 2$ Data Gives Different Result

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

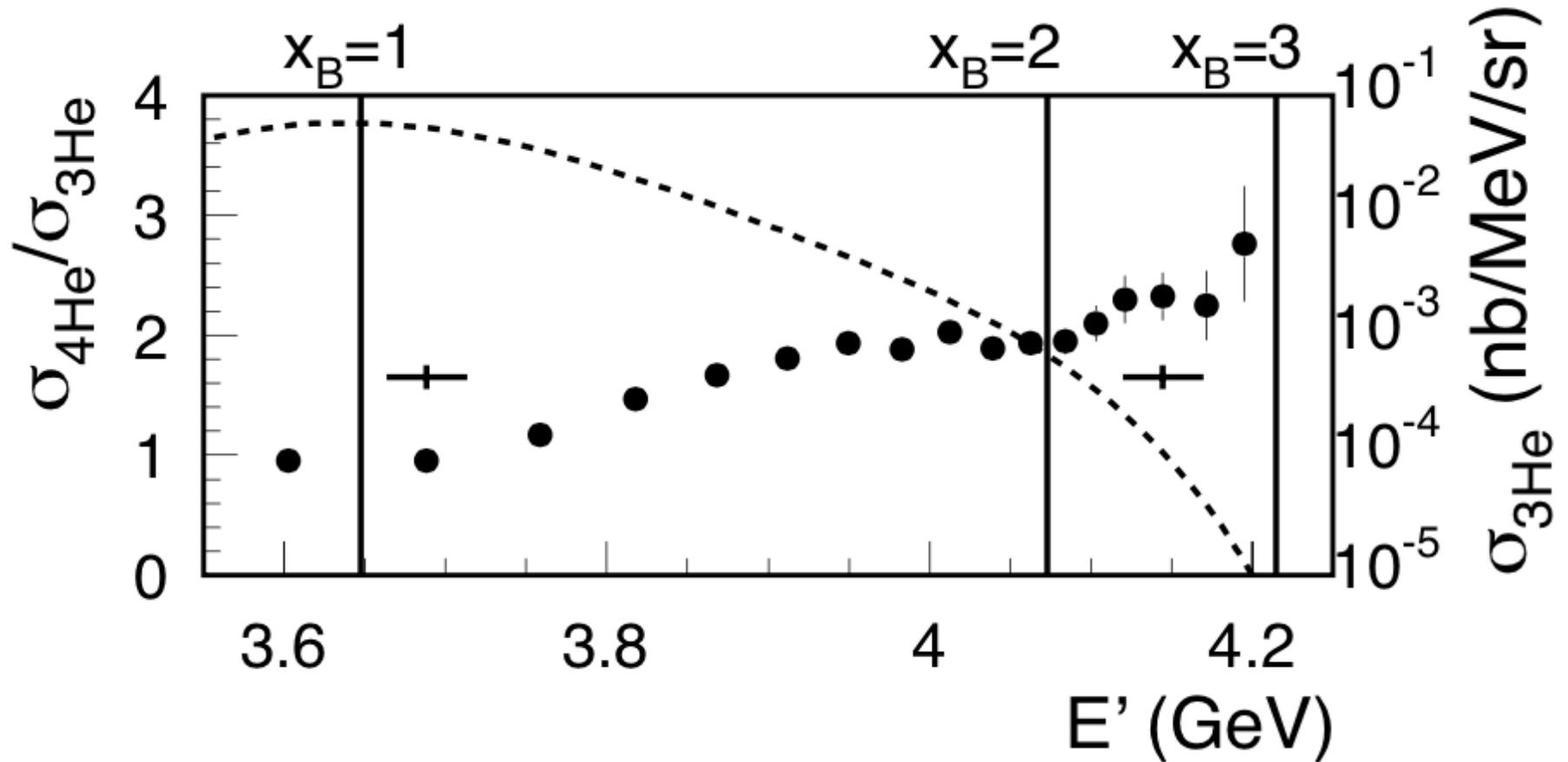


CLAS: mean 1.6 [GeV/c]<sup>2</sup>  
Hall C: 2.9 [GeV/c]<sup>2</sup>

- Up to  $x_B=2.2$  nice agreement in both the QE region and SRC regions.
- Note: the stat. error of the CLAS data seems to be almost the same  $x_B = 2.2$  & 2.4 ?!

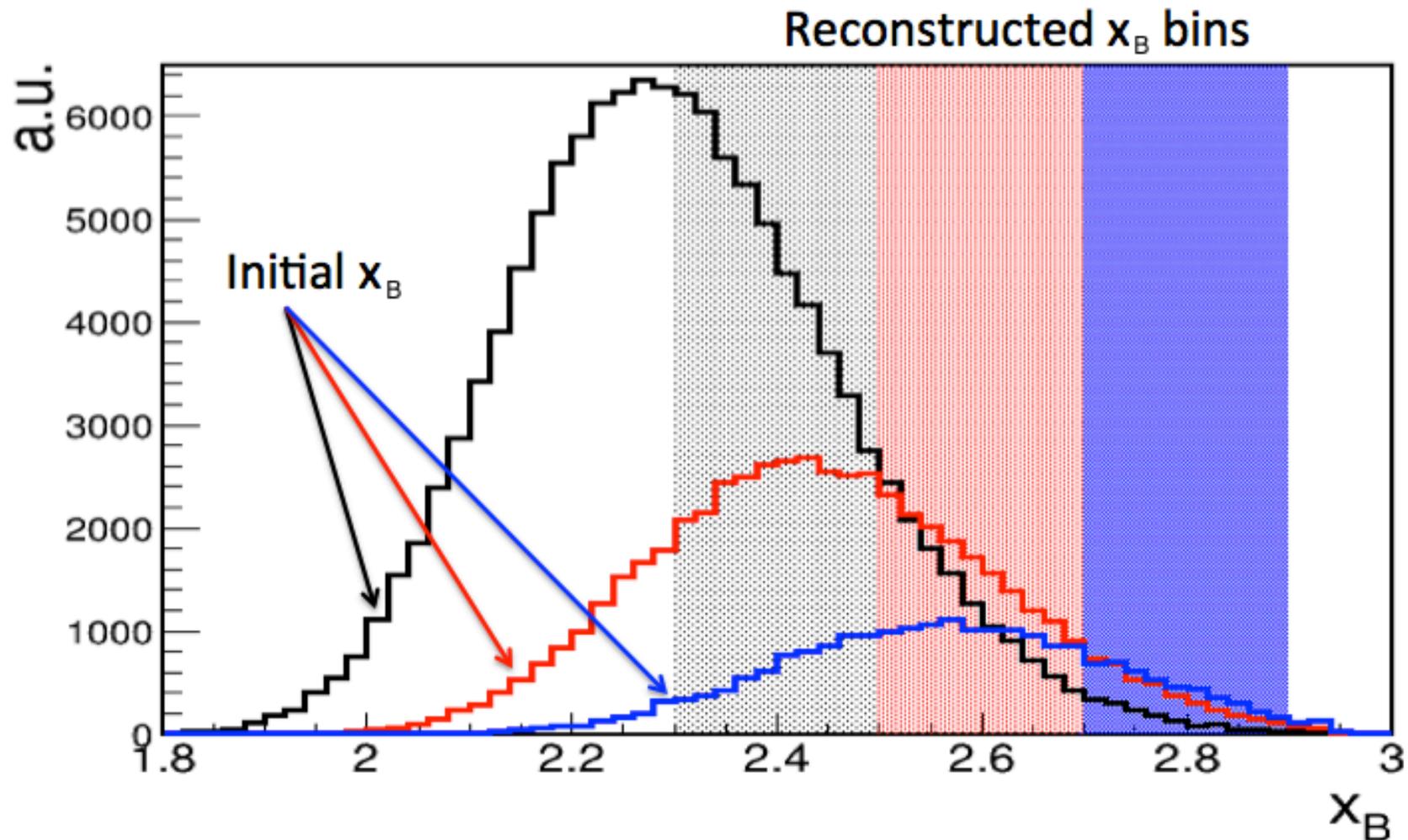
# Plotting CLAS Results vs. $E'$

D. Higinbotham and O. Hen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **114** (2015) 169201.



# Reverse Engineering Where Events Came From

D. Higinbotham and O. Hen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **114** (2015) 169201.



Shifts for  $^4\text{He}$  are different, making it necessary to go back to the original data as only ratios were published. Also note, that for these bins, Egiyan *et. al* only has ten's of events.

# Draft of New Hall A $x > 2$ Data

Analysis by Zhihong Ye.

## Search for three-nucleon short-range correlations in nuclei

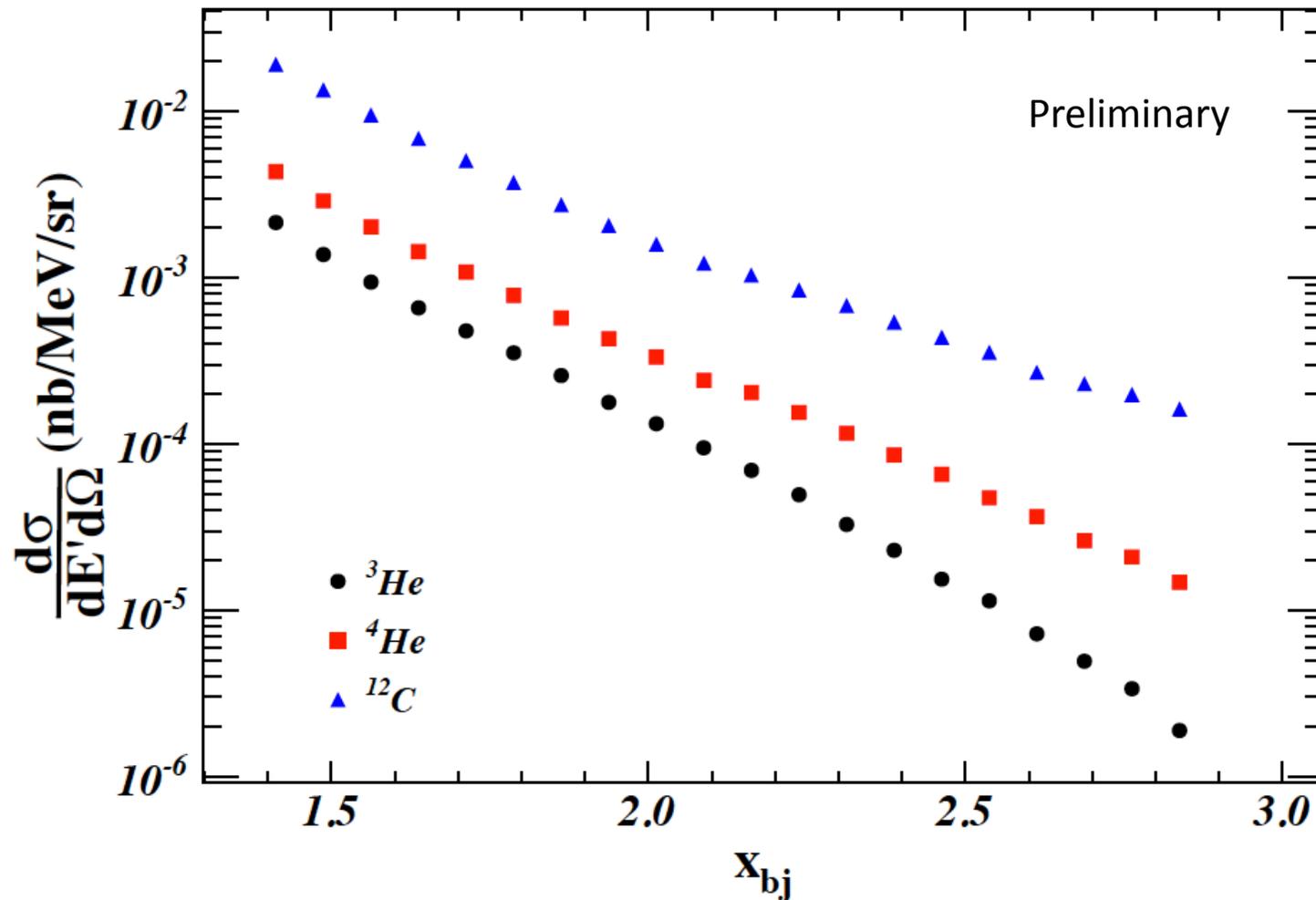
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(The Jefferson Lab Hall A Collaboration)

Goal to have a draft for the collaboration to review by the end of the summer!

# Preliminary Hall A Cross Sections

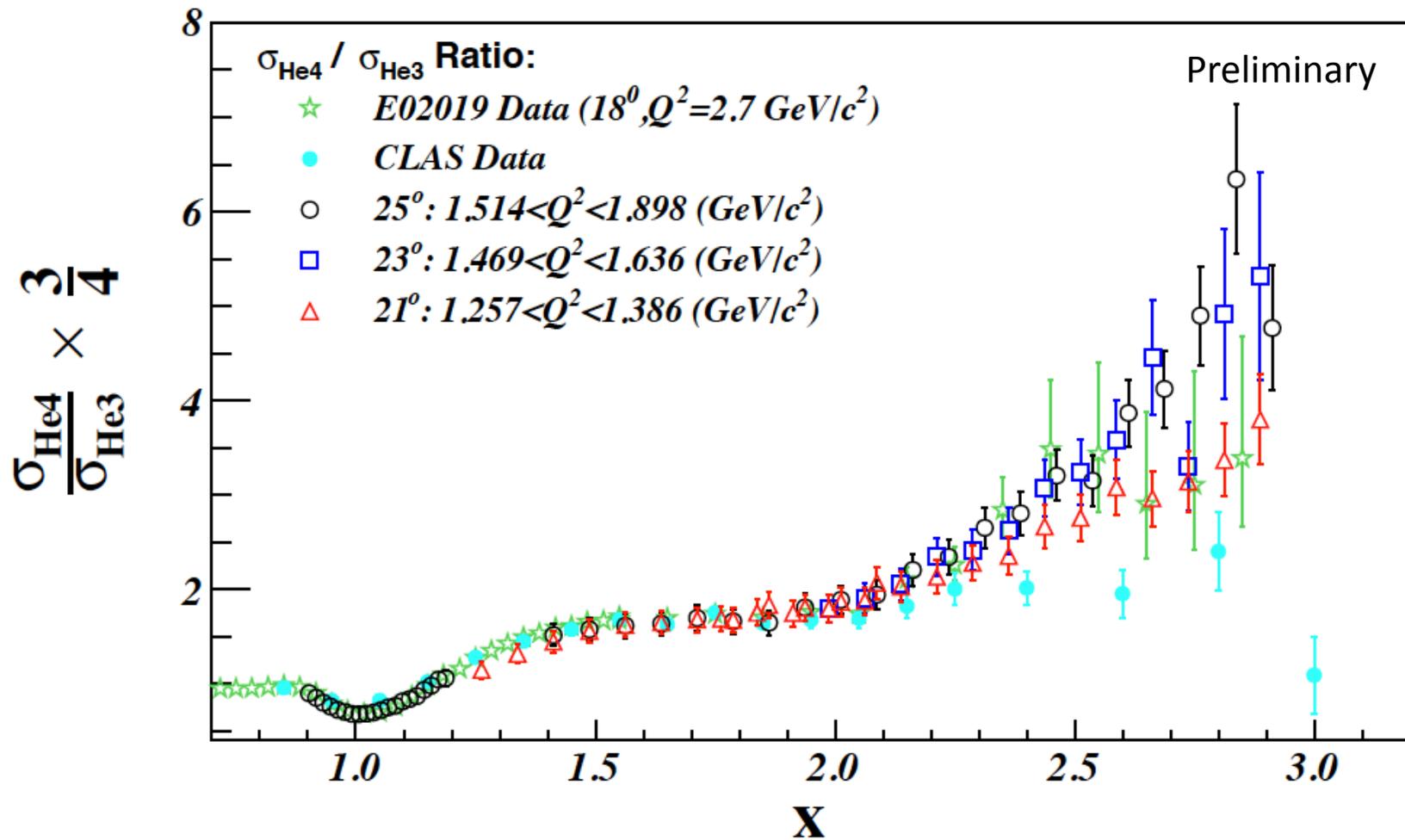
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Highest two  $x_B$  points not yet shown.

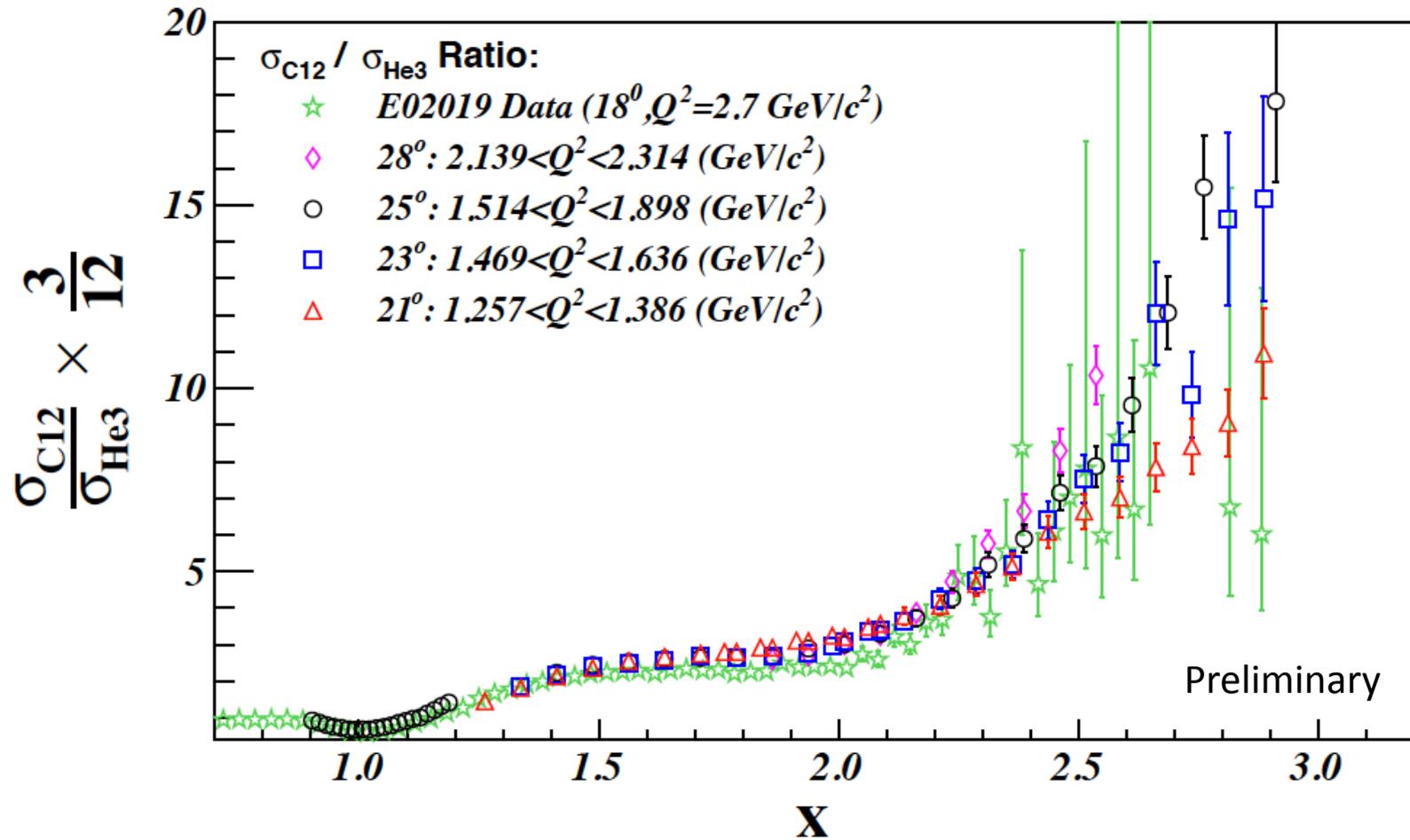
# Preliminary Results

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# Summary

- Classic  $A(e,e'p)A-1$  cross section results pointed to the need for correlations to be included in the initial-state.
- The experimental problem for many years was how to find direct evidence of these states.
- Now many  $x_B > 1$  experiments,  $(e,e')$  ratios as well as  $(e,e'pN)$ , have shown evidence for the two-nucleon, high-momentum states.
- And these high-momentum states seem to nicely link to the magnitude of the deep inelastic EMC effect.
- **BUT the signature of three nucleon-correlations is proving elusive.**
- Saving the half-*million dollar* Calcium results for next time.