

# Multi-messenger studies of nuclear short-range correlations (SRC)

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# Short-Range Correlations (SRCs) – close proximity nucleon pairs

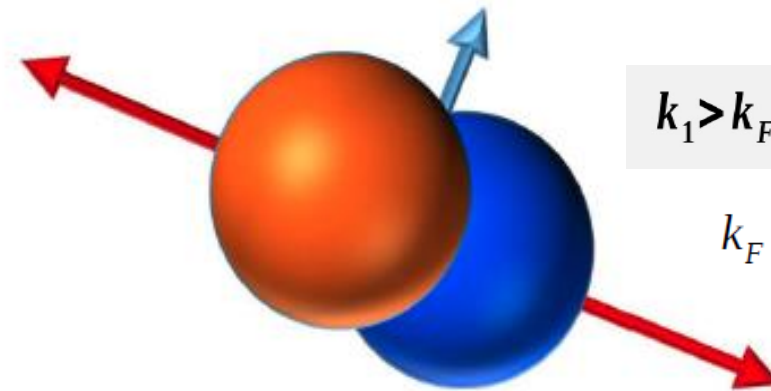
Short-range, short-lived,  
highly correlated nucleon pairs

$r \sim R$



**Position-space**

High momentum of correlated nucleons,  
low pair momentum



$$k_1 > k_F \quad k_2 > k_F \quad k_1 \simeq k_2$$

$$k_F \approx 250 \text{ MeV}/c$$

**Momentum-space**

# SRC Experiments and results

## 2018:

Nature 560, 617 (2018)  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 092501 (2018)  
 Phys. Lett. B 785, 304 (2018)  
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Nature 566, 354 (2019)  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 172502 (2019)  
 Phys. Lett. B 797, 134890 (2019)  
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## 2020:

Nature 578, 540 (2020)  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 212501 (2020)  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 092002 (2020)  
 Phys. Lett. B 805, 135429 (2020)  
 Phys. Lett. B 811, 135877 (2020)  
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## 2021:

Nature Physics 17, 693 (2021)  
 Nature Physics 17, 306 (2021)  
 Phys. Lett. B 820, 136523 (2021)  
 Phys. Rev. Research 3, 023240 (2021)  
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## 2022:

Phys. Rev. C 105, 034001 (2022)

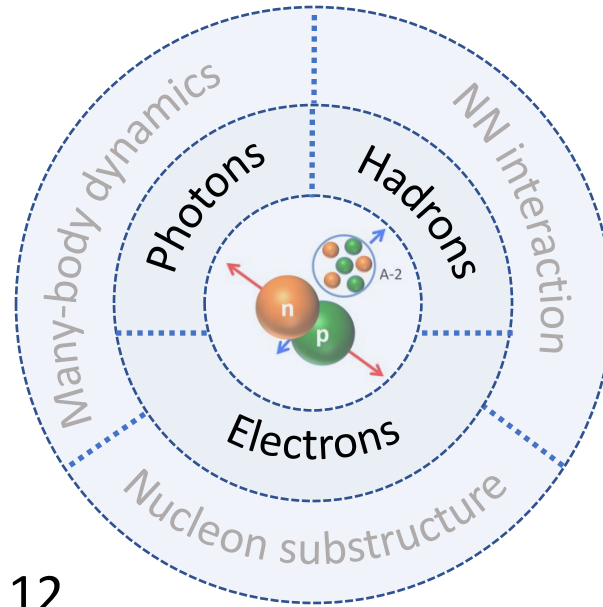
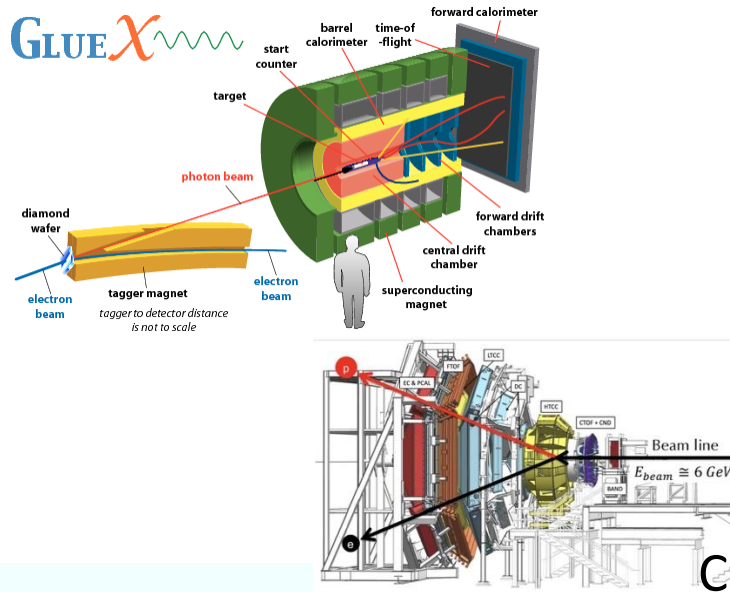
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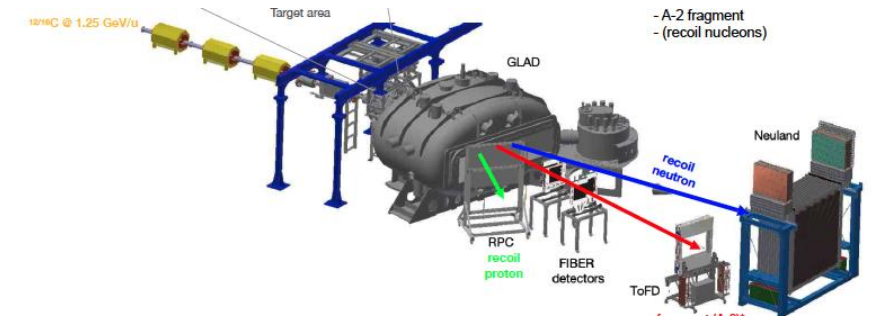
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Nucl. Phys. A 1047, 122874 (2024)  
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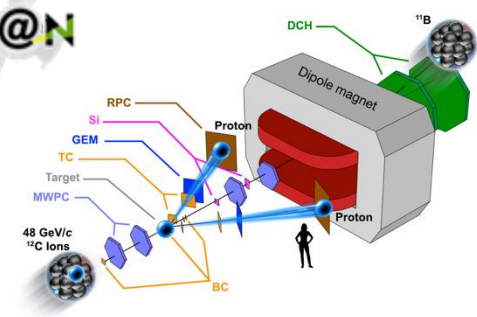


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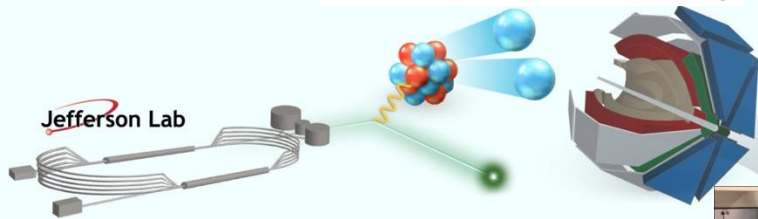
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## BM@N

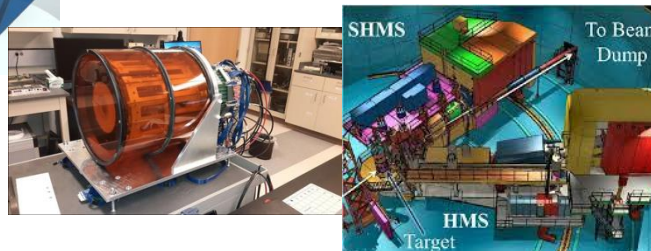


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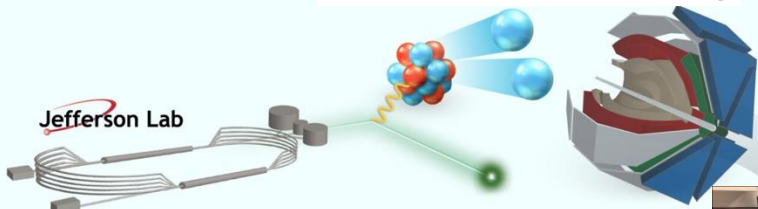
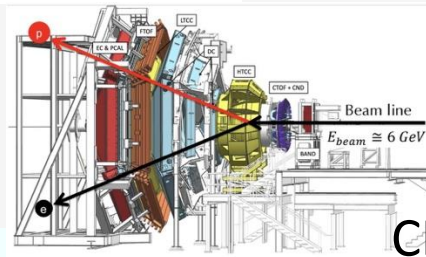
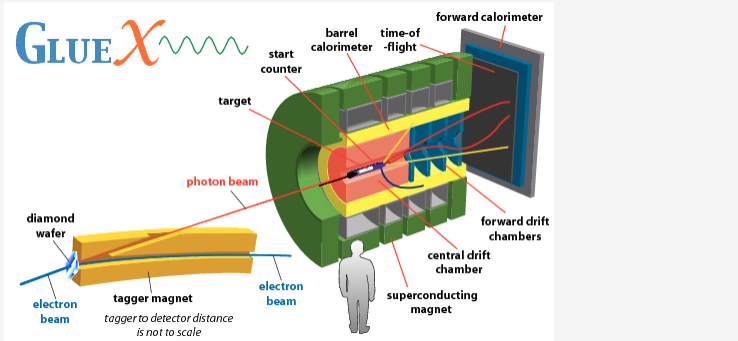
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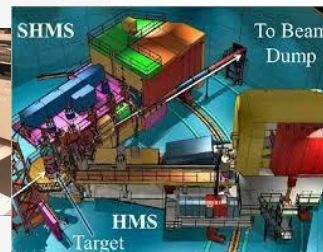
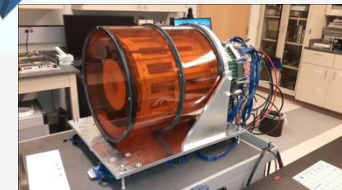
# SRC studies with leptons

# SRC studies with hadrons

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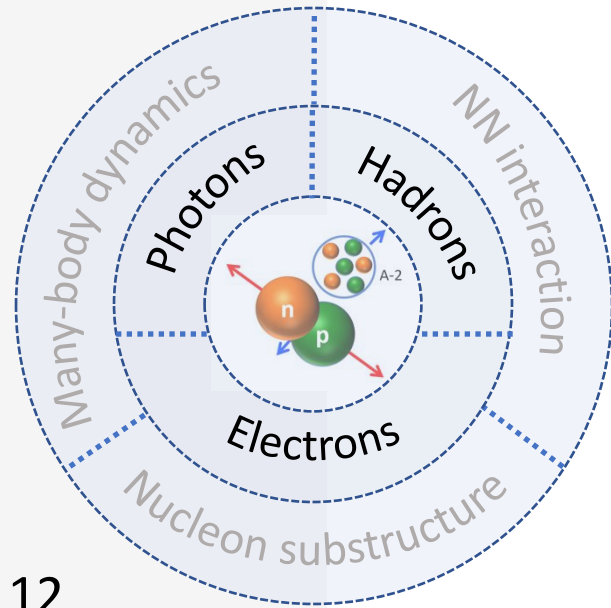


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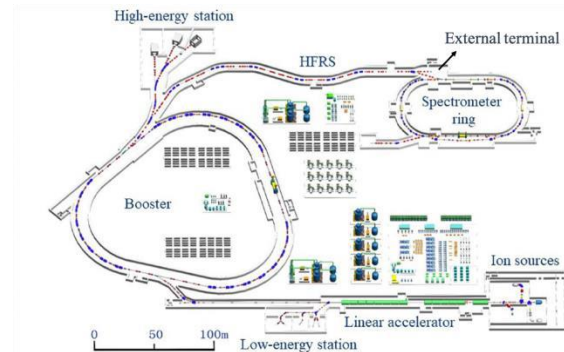
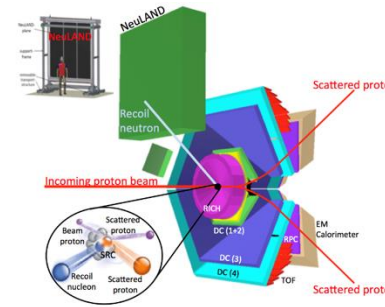
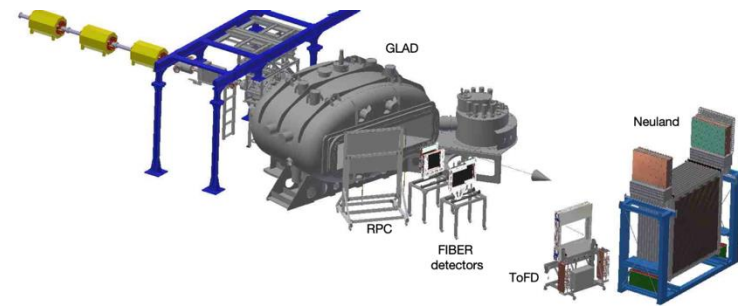
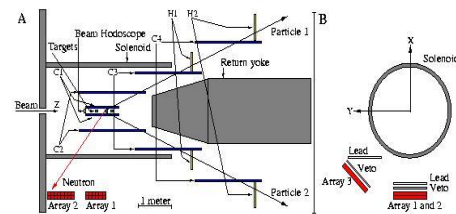
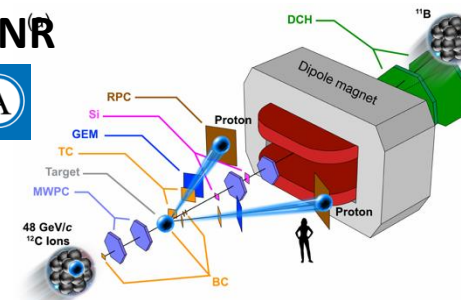
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R3B

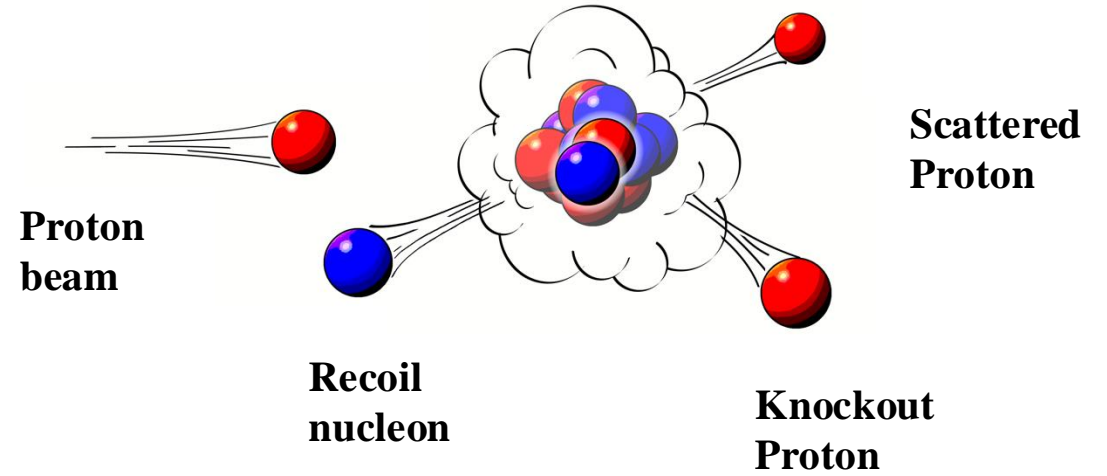
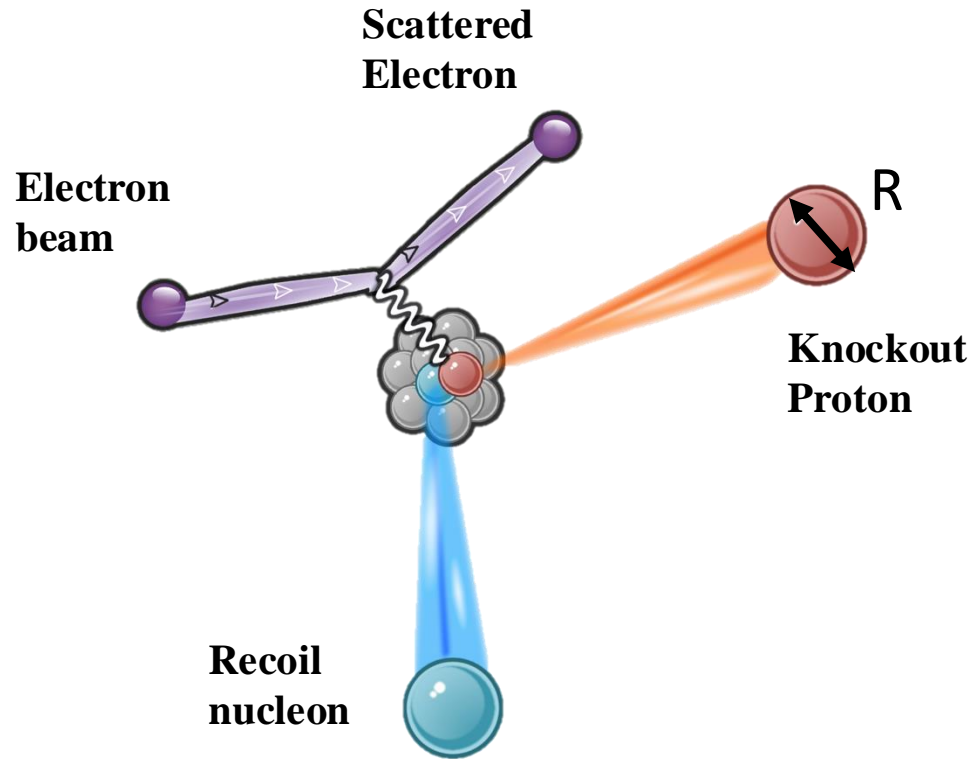
HADES

HIAF

JINR



# Study SRC with hard scattering



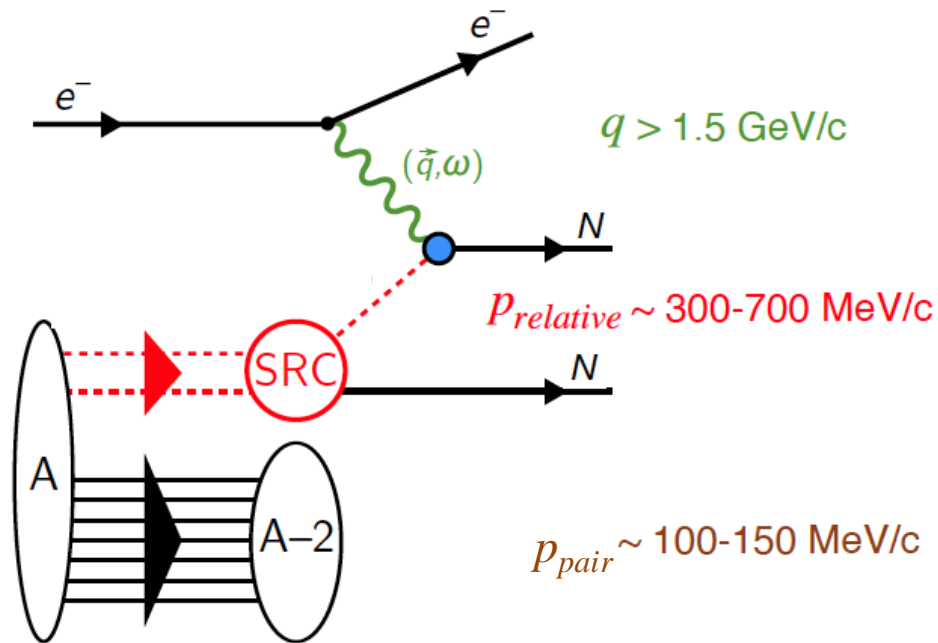
High energy: small de Broglie wavelength

$$\lambda < R$$

Large momentum transfer  $q$

$$q \cdot R < 1$$

# Scale Separation: $q \gg P_{relative} \gg P_{cm}$



**hard scattering**

PRC 92 (2015), PLB 780 (2018), PLB 791 (2019), PLB 792 (2019), JPG 47 (2020), Nature Physics 17 (2021), PRC 104 (2021), PRC 53 (1996), PRL 119 (2017)

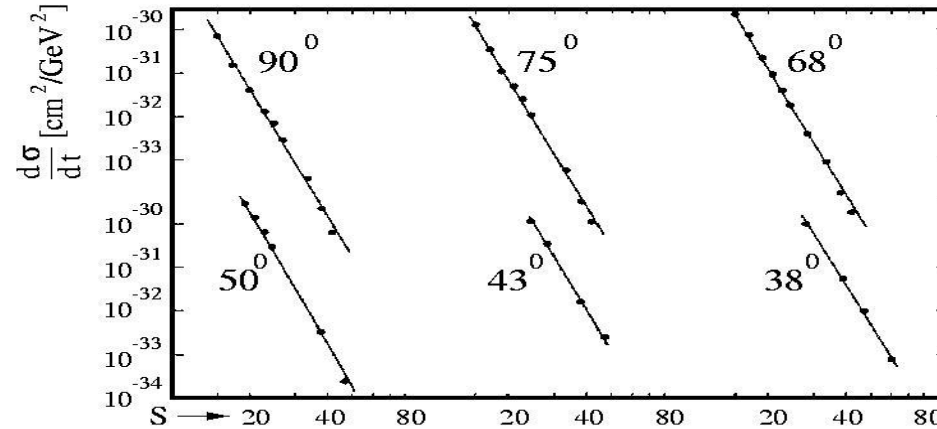
<b>Elementary eN cross section</b>	<b>Nuclear Contacts</b>	<b>Two-body wave function</b>	<b>Center of mass motion</b>
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$$\sigma_{eA} = \sigma_{eN}(q) \cdot \sum_{NN\text{-pairs}} \cdot C_A^{NN} \cdot |\phi(P_{relative})|^2 \cdot n(P_{pair})$$

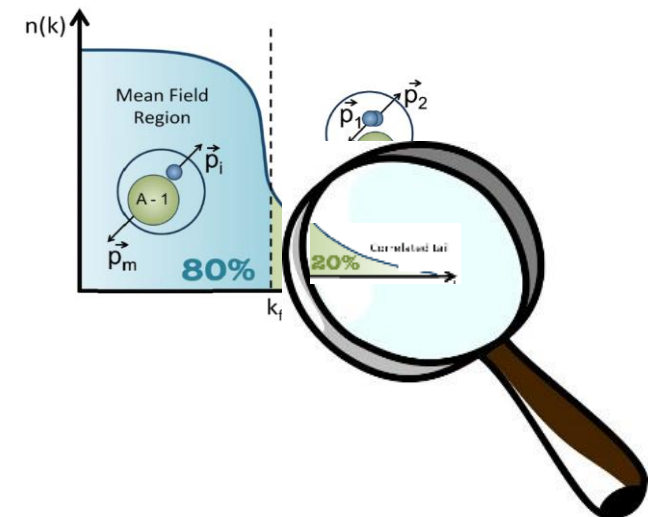
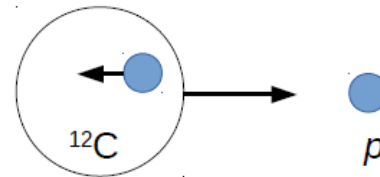
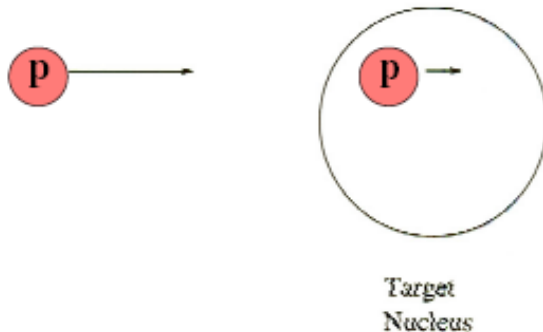
# Advantage of hadronic probes

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto s^{-10}$$

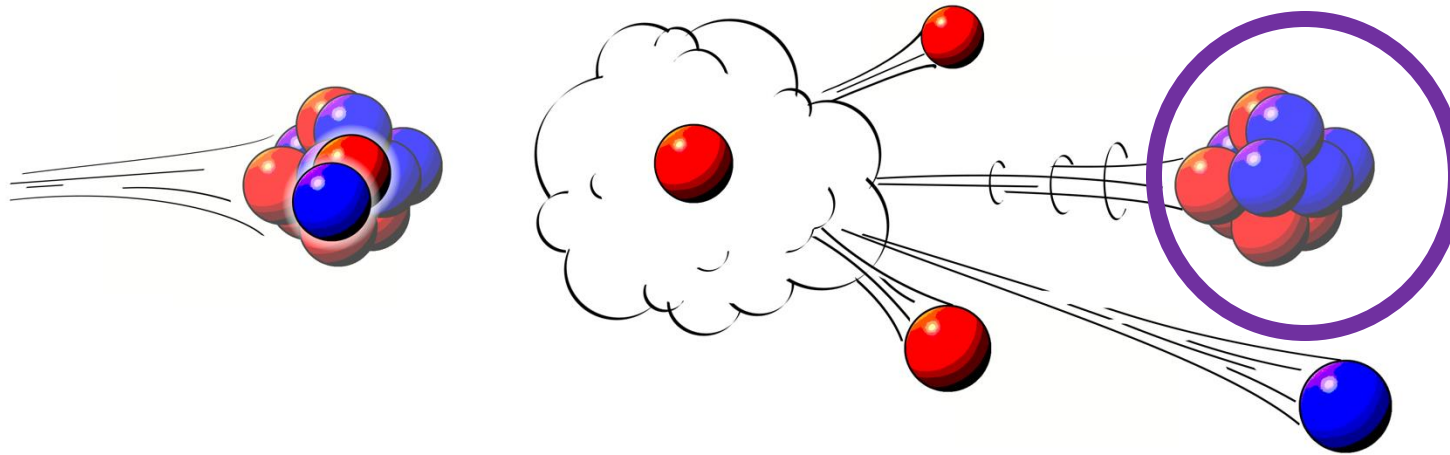
pp elastic scattering



QE pp scattering have a very strong preference for reacting with high-momentum nuclear protons (lower s)



# Advantages of inverse kinematics



Exotic unstable very asymmetric nuclei

Fully exclusive measurement

Suppress rescattering

More information on initial ground state

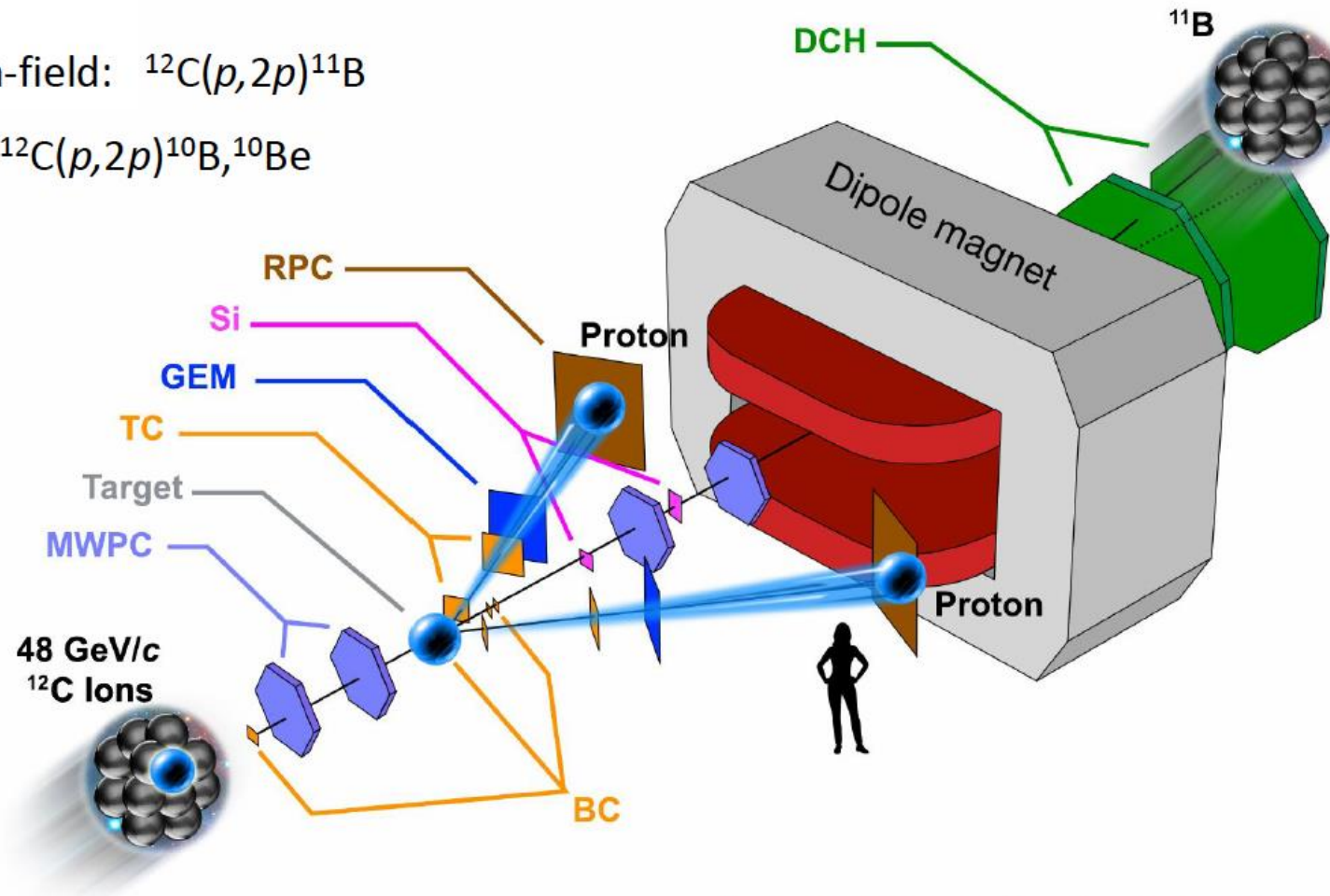
More information on reaction mechanism



# Experiment with hadronic probes at BM@N/JINR in inverse kinematics

Mean-field:  $^{12}\text{C}(p,2p)^{11}\text{B}$

SRC:  $^{12}\text{C}(p,2p)^{10}\text{B}, ^{10}\text{Be}$

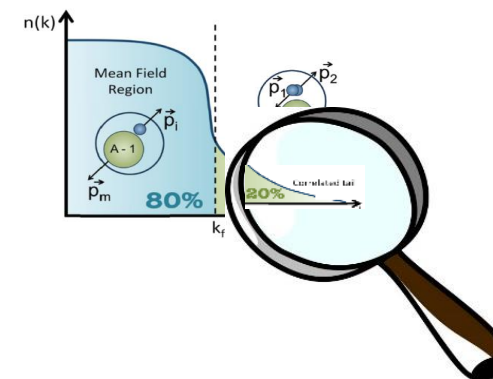
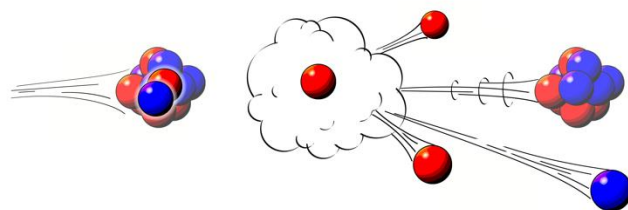


M. Patsyuk, JK et al. (BM@N), Nat. Phys. 17 (2021).

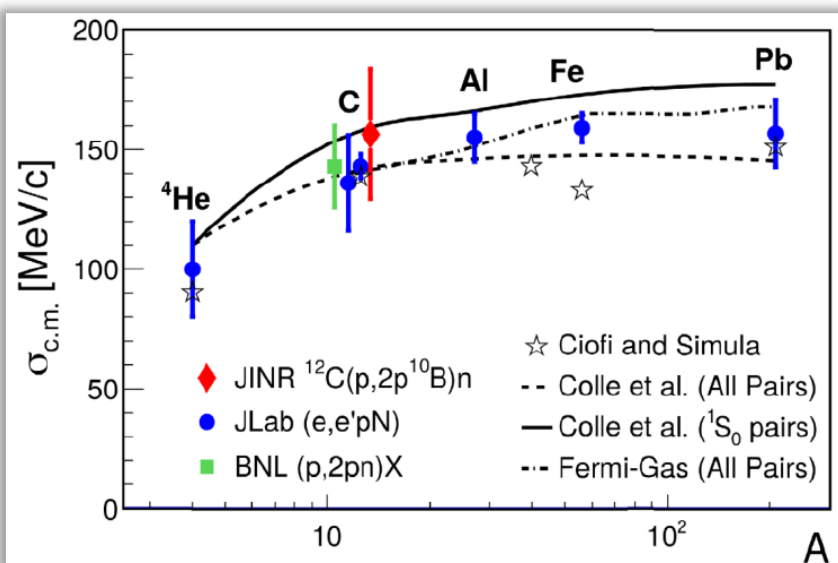
See talk by Timur Atovullaev on Friday Oct 4th at 9.50

## Why pA (summary)

- \* Large cross section , high beam intensity → **superior SRC statistic**
- \* Selects high momentum nucleons (SRC pairs)
- \* Allows **inverse kinematics**:



- Fully exclusive (including A-2)
- Suppress rescattering
- More information on the ground state
- More information on the reaction mechanism
- Access to exotic (very asymmetric) nuclei



- \* **Multimessenger study pA with eA and  $\gamma$ A**

# SRC studies with hadrons

## Fragmnet tagging

(R3B, JINR, HIAF, ALERT@CLAS12)

## Neutron-rich nuclei / isotopic chains

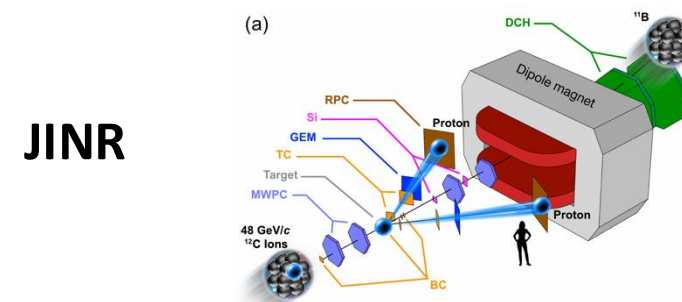
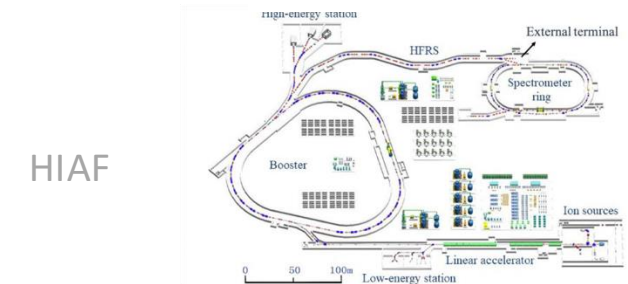
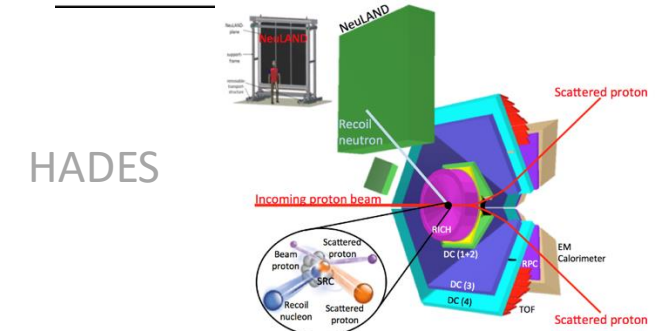
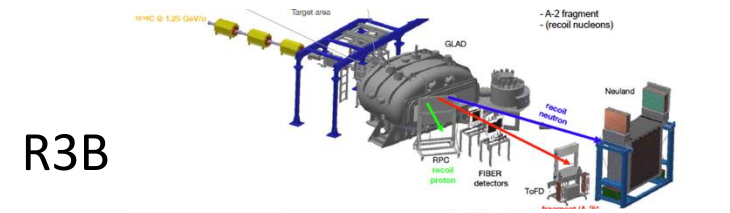
(R3B, CLAS12, HIAF)

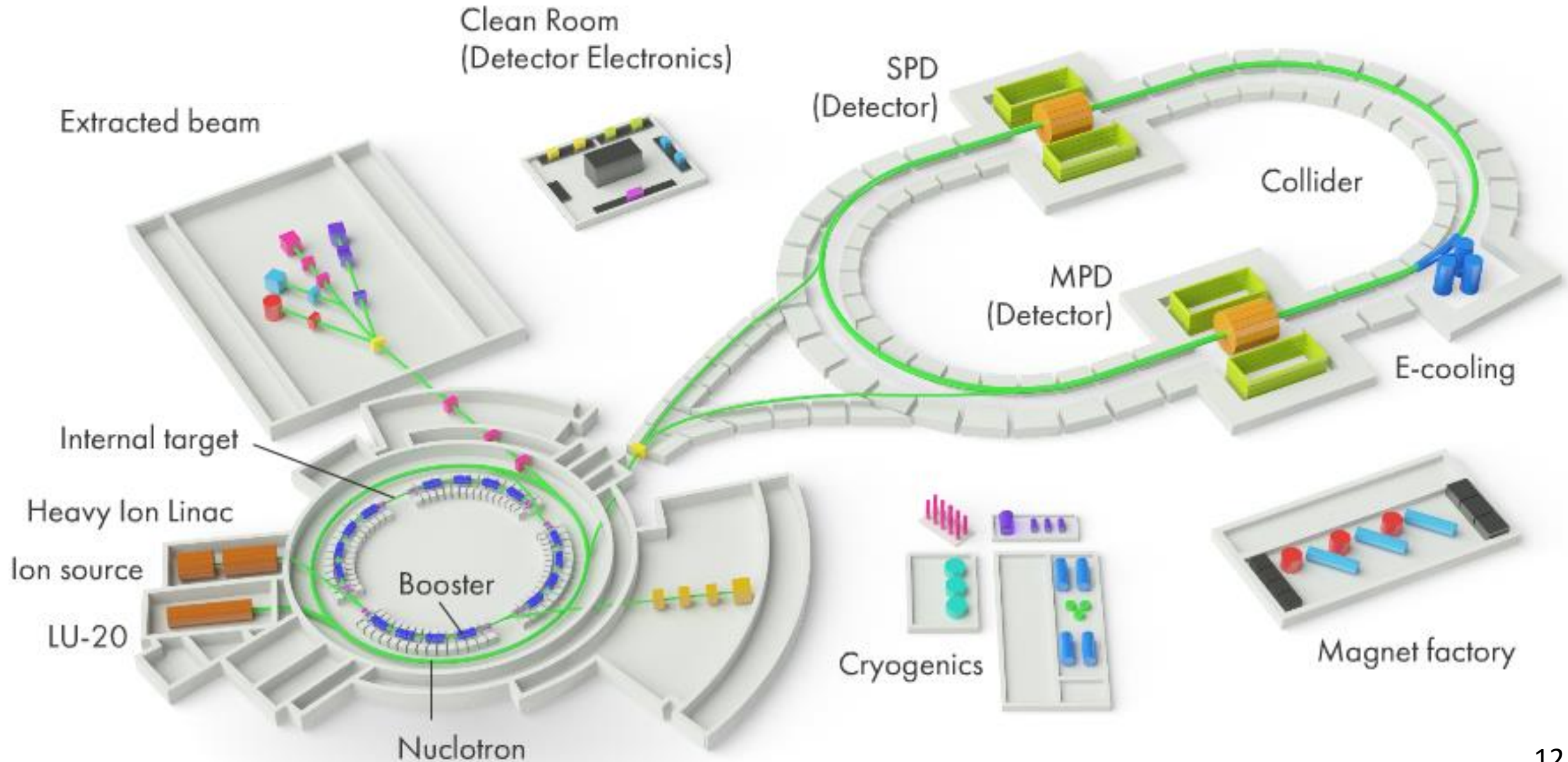
## Polarized probes

(JINR)

## High statistics

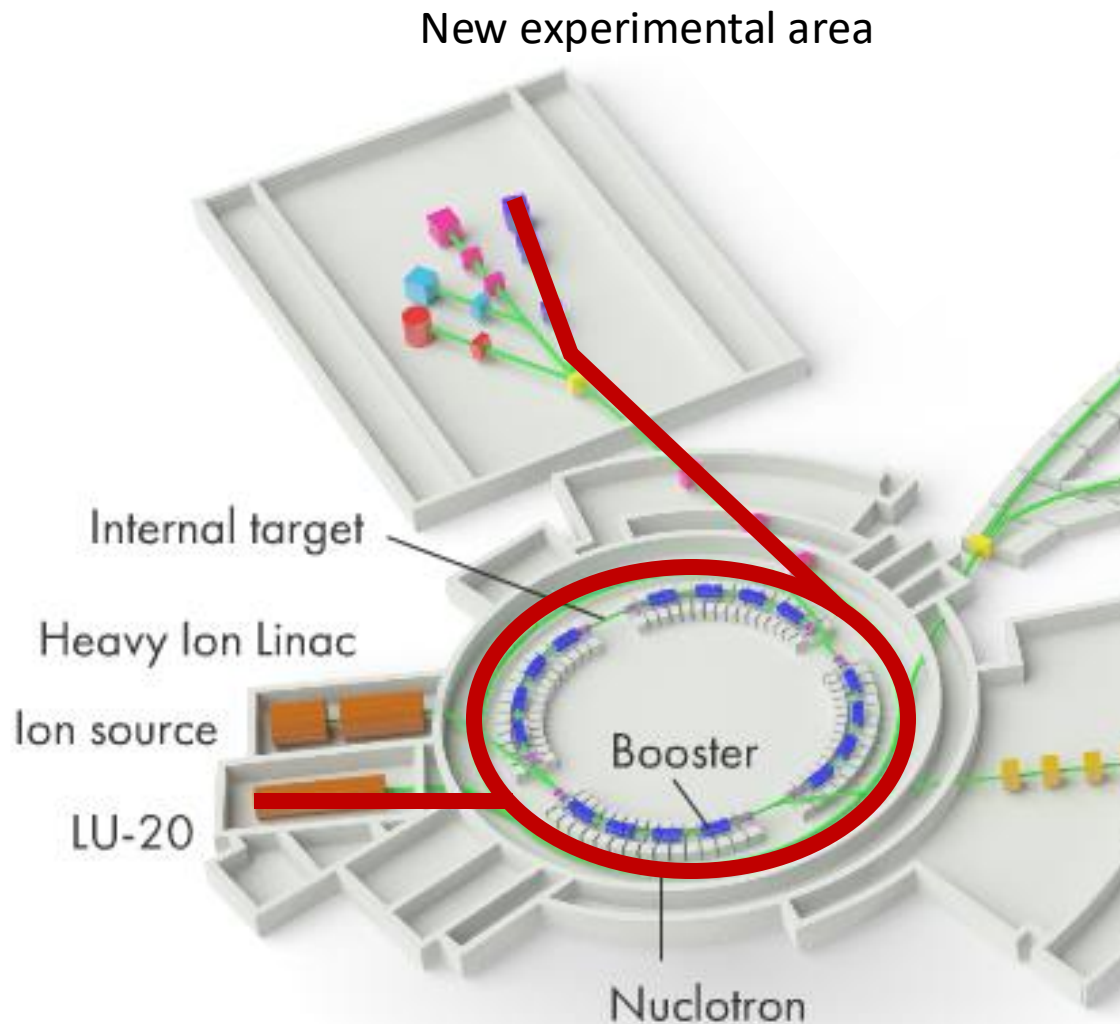
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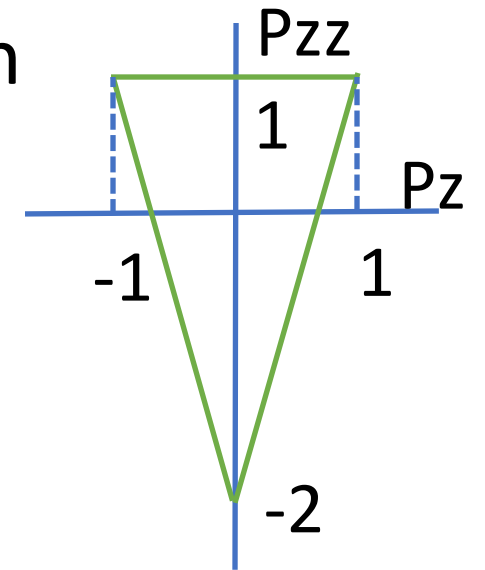


# New SRC experiment with tensor-polarized deuteron beam

d beam,  $p < 5.5$  GeV/c/nucleon,  
intensity  $10^6$  d/s

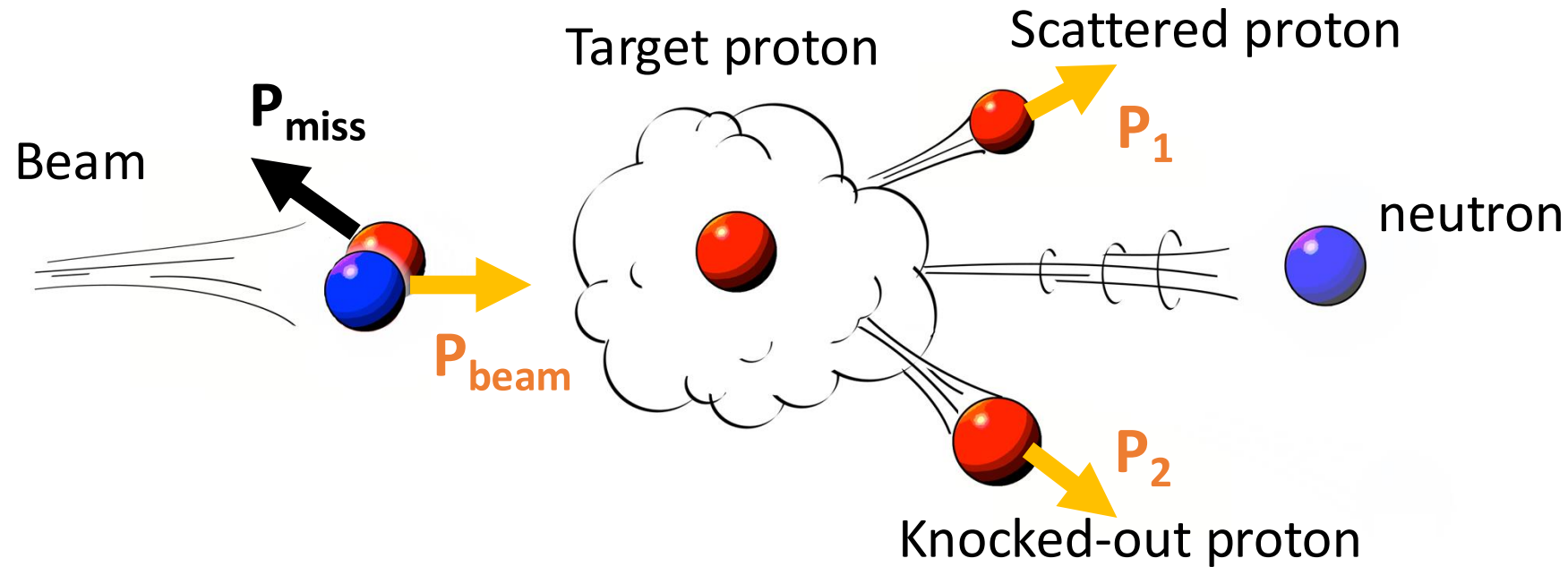


Various polarization configurations are available



Polarization can be changed every spill ( $\sigma_+$ ,  $\sigma_-$ ,  $\sigma_0$ )

# Quasi-free (p,2p) scattering

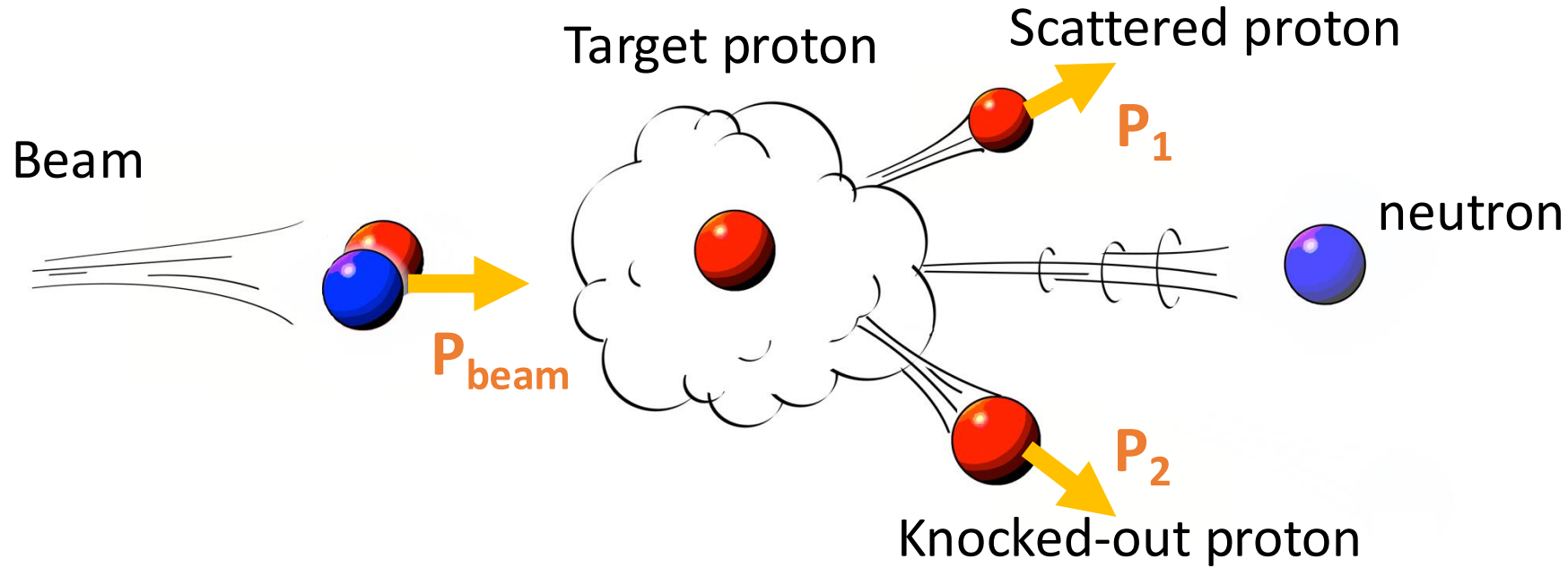


Reconstruct initial nucleon momentum  $P_{\text{miss}}$  from scattered particles

$$P_{\text{miss}} = P_1 + P_2 - P_{\text{beam}}$$

$\sim 90^\circ$  c.m. scattering

# $A_{zz}$ for hard quasi-free breakup of the deuteron: $\vec{d}(p, 2p)n$

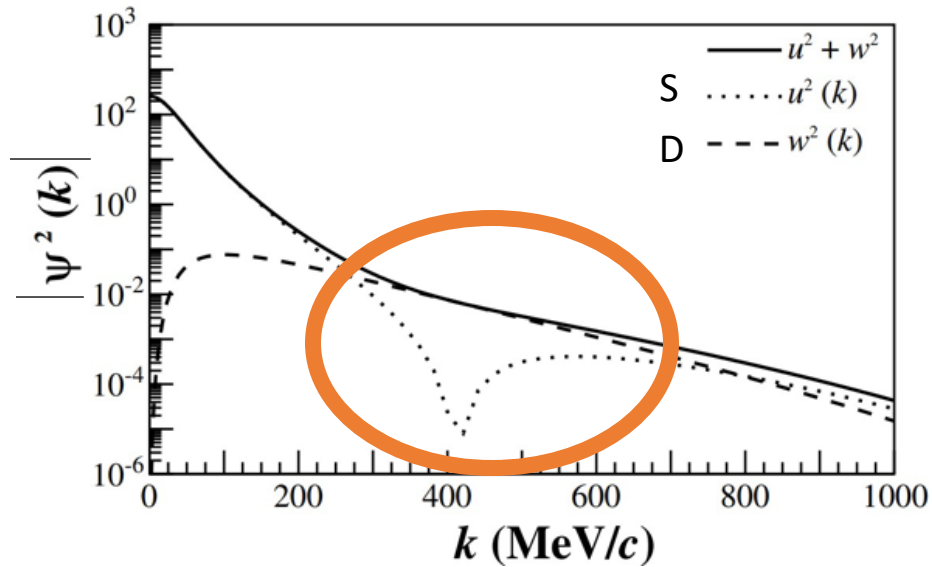


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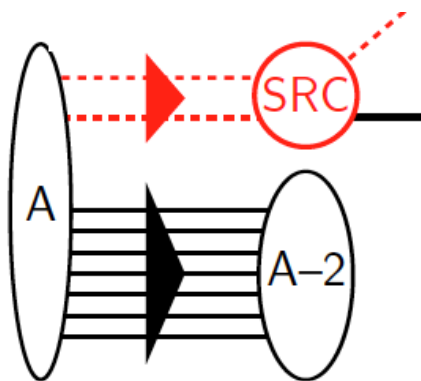
$$A_{zz} = \frac{(\sigma_- + \sigma_+ - 2\sigma_0)}{\sigma_{\text{unpol}}}$$

$\sigma_-$ ,  $\sigma_+$ ,  $\sigma_0$  – cross sections for different tensor polarization states

Tensor asymmetry has a better sensitivity to admixture of small w.f. component than  $\sigma$



$u(k)$  – S-wave,  $w(k)$  – D-wave



$$A_{zz} = \frac{(\sigma_- + \sigma_+ - 2\sigma_0)}{\sigma_{unpol}} \quad \sigma \sim u(k)^2 + w(k)^2$$

$$A_{zz} \sim \frac{\frac{1}{2}w^2(k) - u(k)w(k)\sqrt{2}}{u^2(k) + w^2(k)}$$

L. Frankfurt and M. Strikman, *Phys.Rept.* 160, 235 (1988)

V. G. Ableev, E. Stokovsky et. al, *Pis'ma Zh. Exp. Teor. Fiz.* 47, 11 (1988)

See talk by Misak Sargsian on Wed. Oct 2d at 14.45



# What can we study?

1. Relativistic description of the bound system



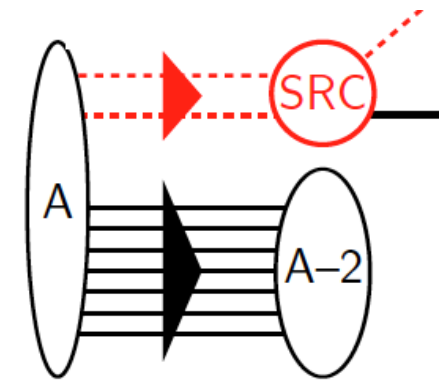
2. Ratio between S- and D-waves of the deuteron



3. Final state interactions in the high-momentum region



4. Non-nucleonic deuteron components in polarization measurements



# Relativistic description of the bound system

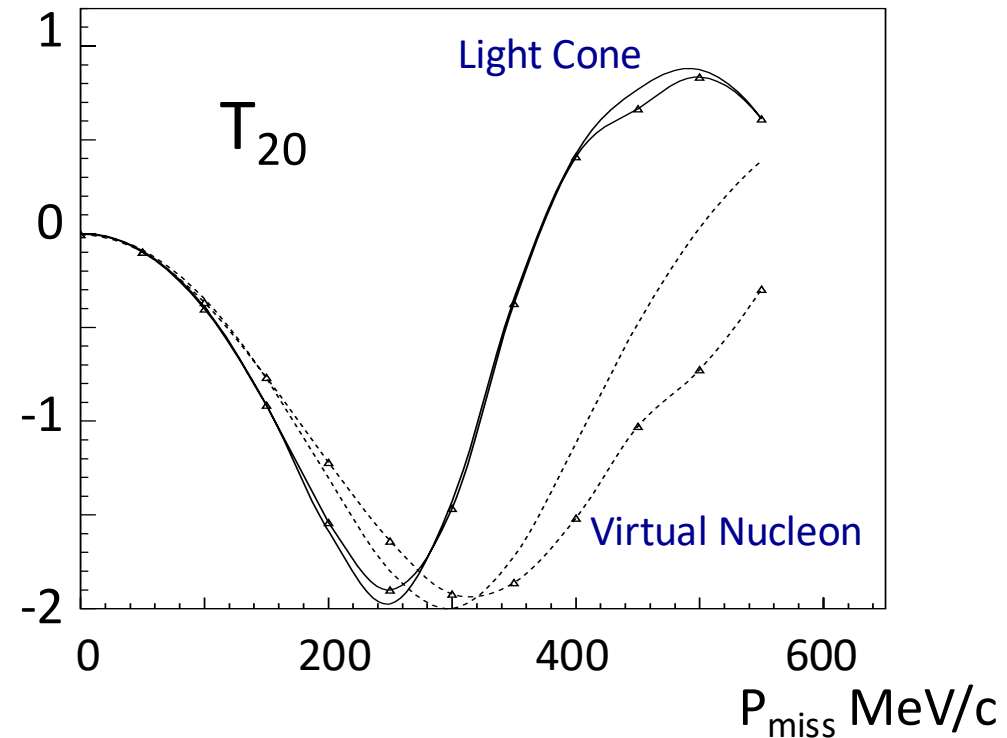
$$T_{20} \equiv \frac{1}{3} (\sigma(1, 1) + \sigma(1, -1) - 2 \cdot \sigma(1, 0))$$

$$\theta_{ps} = 180^\circ$$

Curves with triangles Include FSI

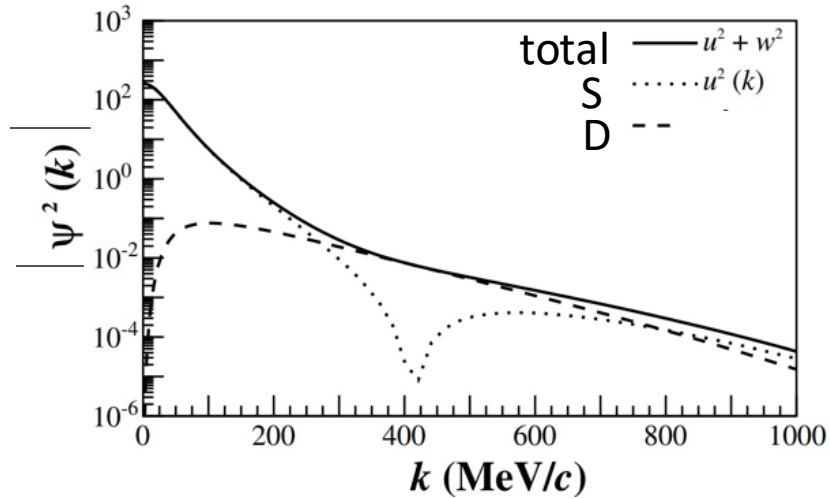
M.Sargsian & M.Strikman, 2002

*Work in Progress*



# Ratio between S- and D-waves of the deuteron

NN-potentials have different D-wave contribution

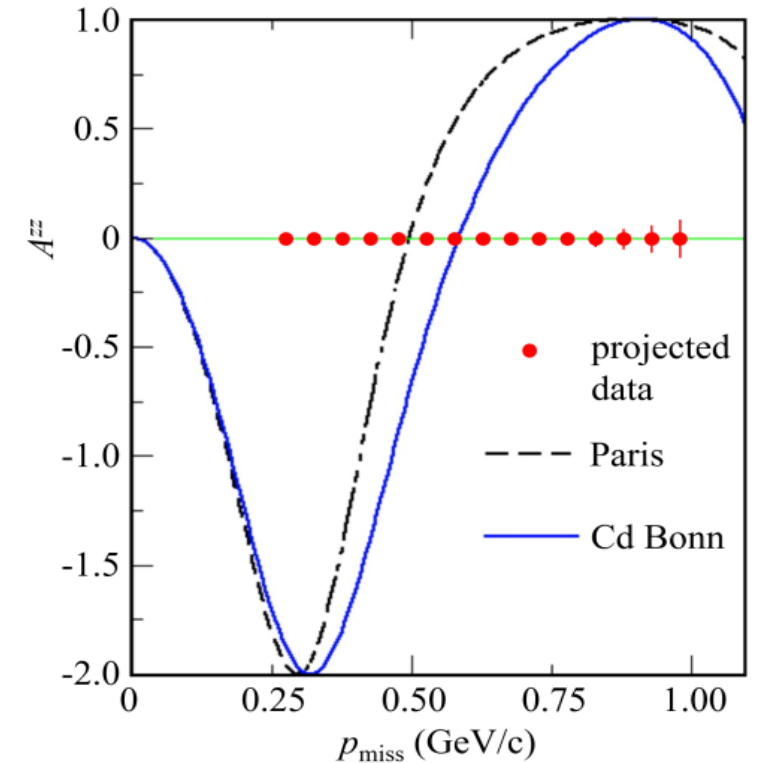


4.87% (e.g., CDBonn)

5.76% (e.g., AV18)

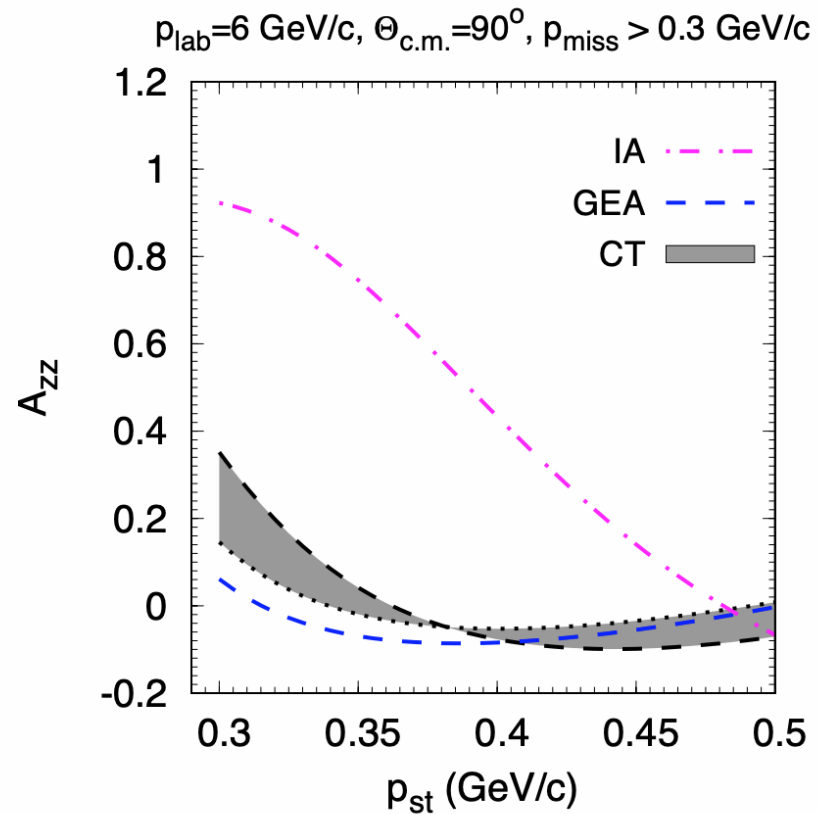
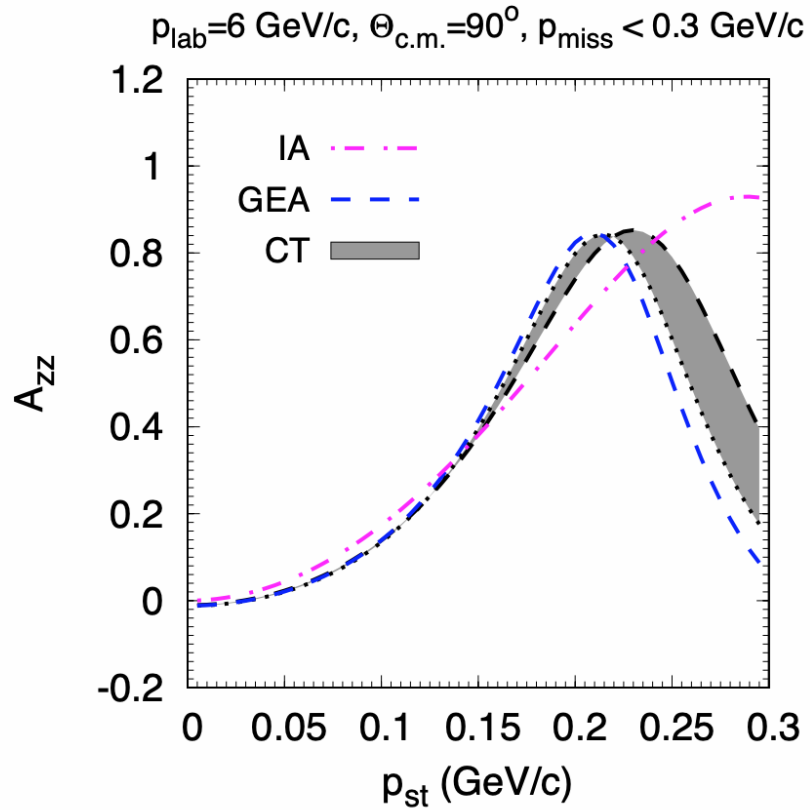
Leads to dramatic differences in relativistic description of the bound system!

Yu. Uzikov



Measure  $A_{zz}$  -> constrain S/D ratio for deuteron ?

# Impact of FSI



IA = Impulse Approximation

GEA = Generalized Eikonal Approximation

See talk by Alexey Larionov later today

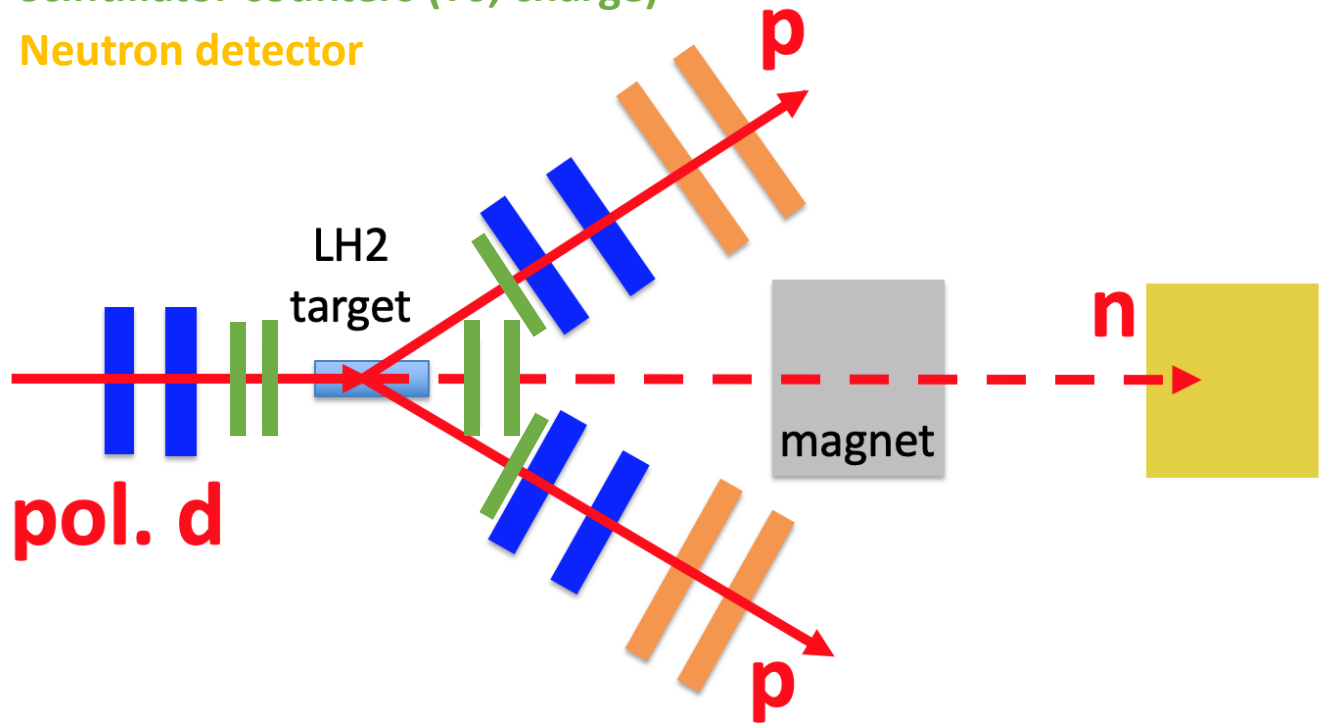
# Hard quasi-free breakup of the deuteron: $\vec{d}(p, 2p)n$

Time-of-flight detectors

Coordinate detectors

Scintillator counters (T0, charge)

Neutron detector



Two-arm spectrometer like 2022

A polarimeter separately or incorporated into the setup

Expected trigger rate < 5kHz based on single arm trigger



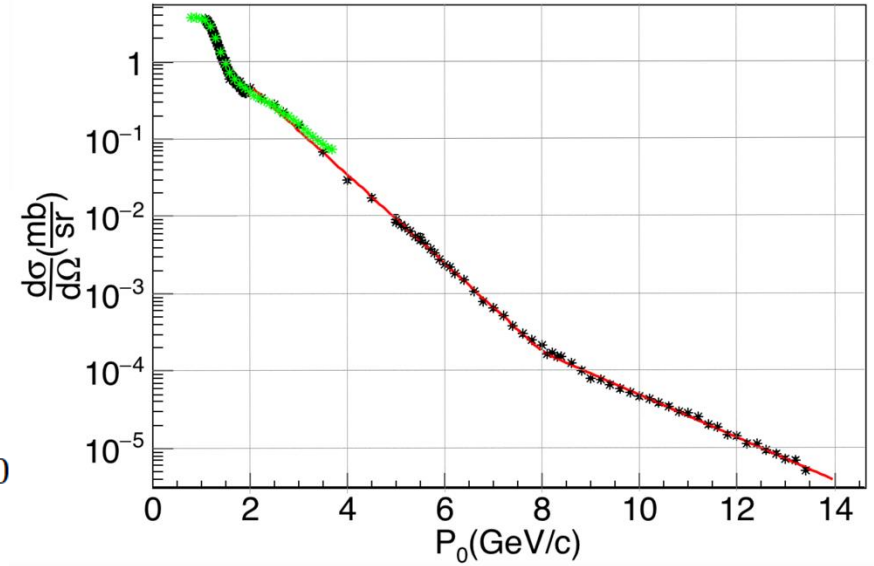
Applied for RSF-NSFC grant 2025-2027

# SRC event rate estimation

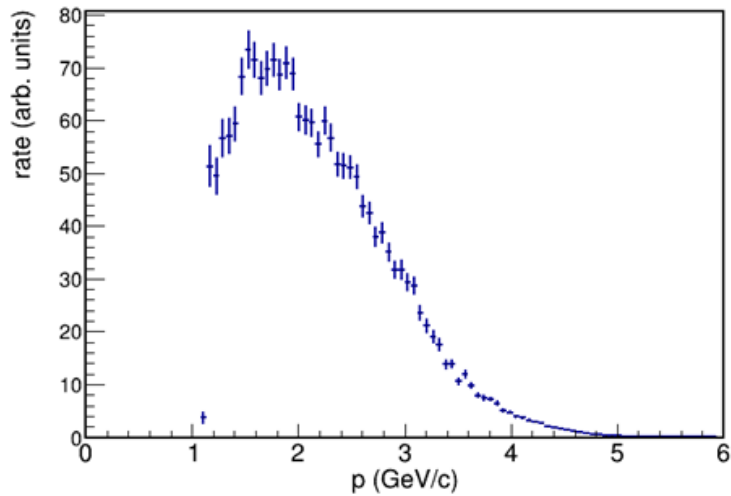
## GCF-based simulation

### Focus on the deuteron high-momentum tail:

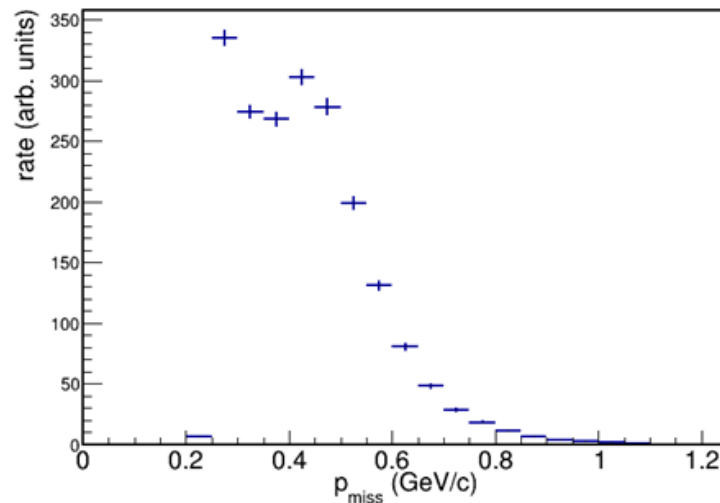
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data-based pp cross-section



Momentum of protons in the arms



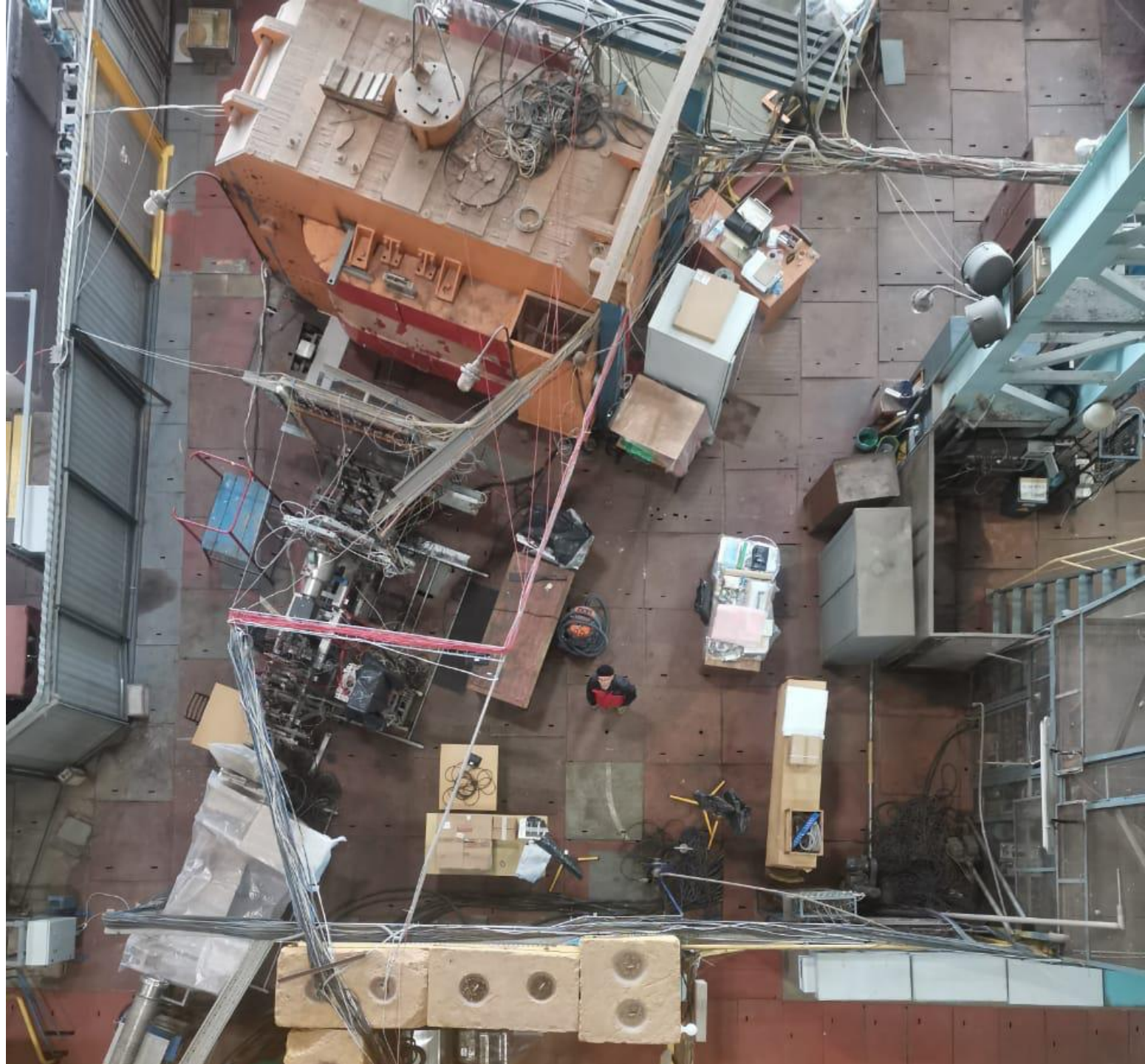
urQMD generator:

At  $10^6$  deuteron/s  
 $\sim 200$  coincidence triggers/s (4/5 with pions)

Trigger rate below the DAQ limit

# Experimental area

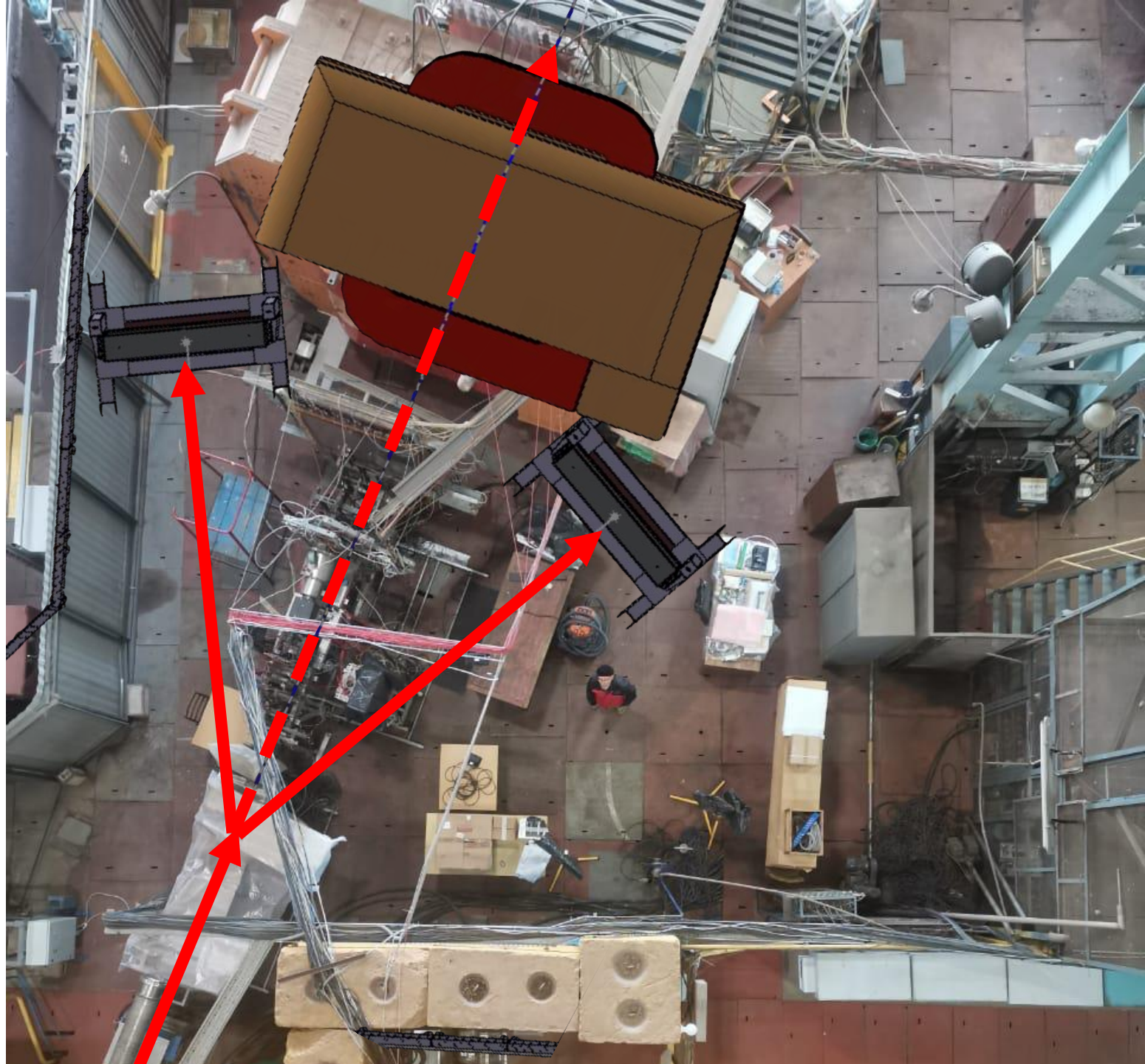
- CBM magnet will come in 1-2 years



First SRC experiment  
with polarized probes  
coming in a couple of  
years

We welcome new members/groups to

Gain practical experience  
Work with the polarization  
Test detectors/electronics





# Summary:

- $\vec{d}(p, 2p)n$  exclusive measurement in SRC kinematics aiming at  $A_{ZZ}$  at high  $P_{\text{miss}}$
- Two-arm spectrometer, JINR LH target + DAQ, new MWDC from China
- Can be done in the next couple of years complementing the world-wide SRC effort  
(ALERT with polarized target at JLab - 2025)

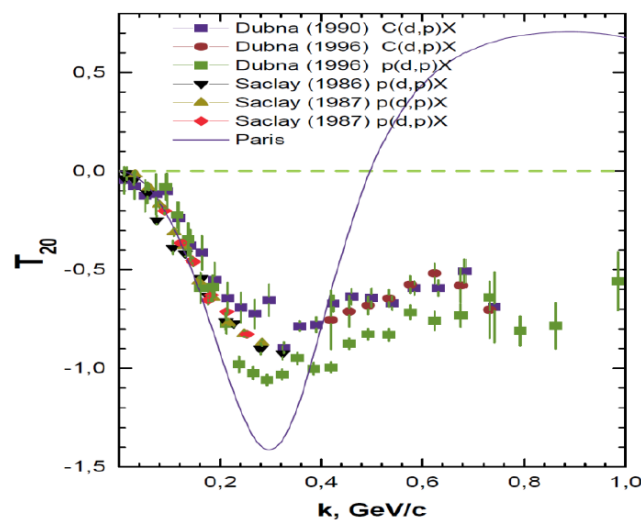
Thank you!



# Current world data on $T_{20}$

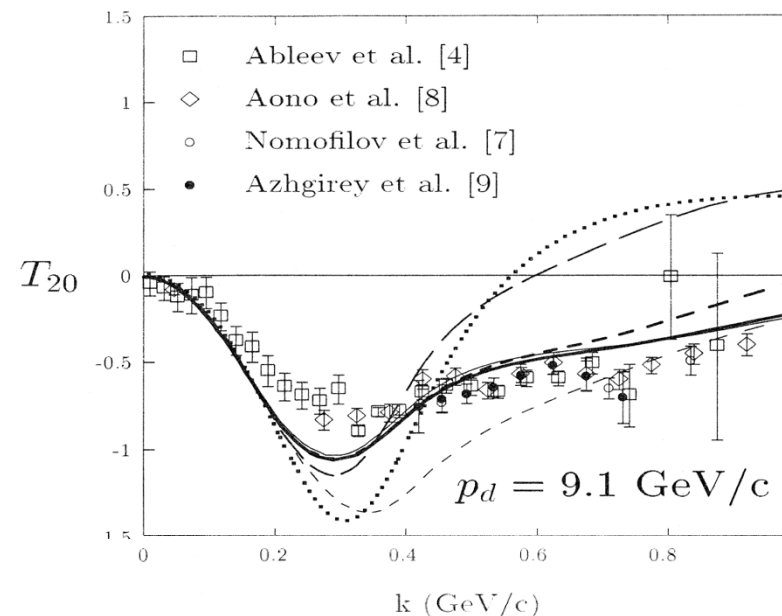
## Fragmentation of polarized d measured along the beam

Backward elastic dp and inclusive d breakup at 0 degrees (d,p)X



$$T_{20} = 2 \frac{n^- - n^+}{|\rho_{20}^+|n^- + |\rho_{20}^-|n^+} \quad (1)$$

where  $n^+$  and  $n^-$  are the numbers of protons for the "+" and "-" states of polarization, normalized to the corresponding monitor values.



Curves show results of calculations with the Nijm-I deuteron wave function in the framework of multiple scattering: with (bold solid line) and without quark exchange (short-dashed line); and IA: with (long dashed line) and without quark exchange (dotted line).