

Short-range correlation physics at low RG resolution

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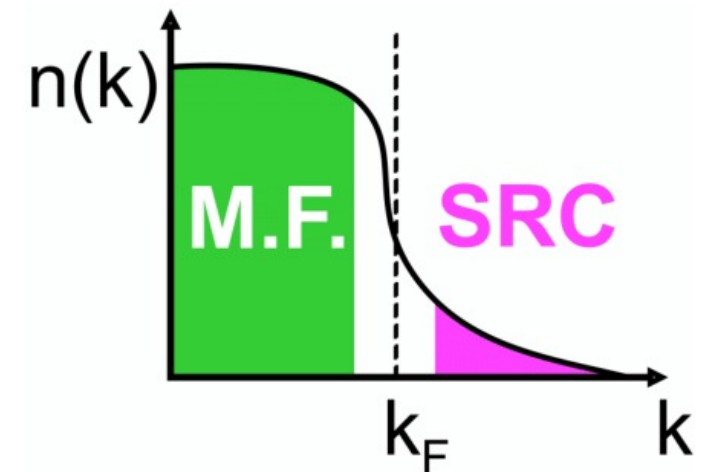
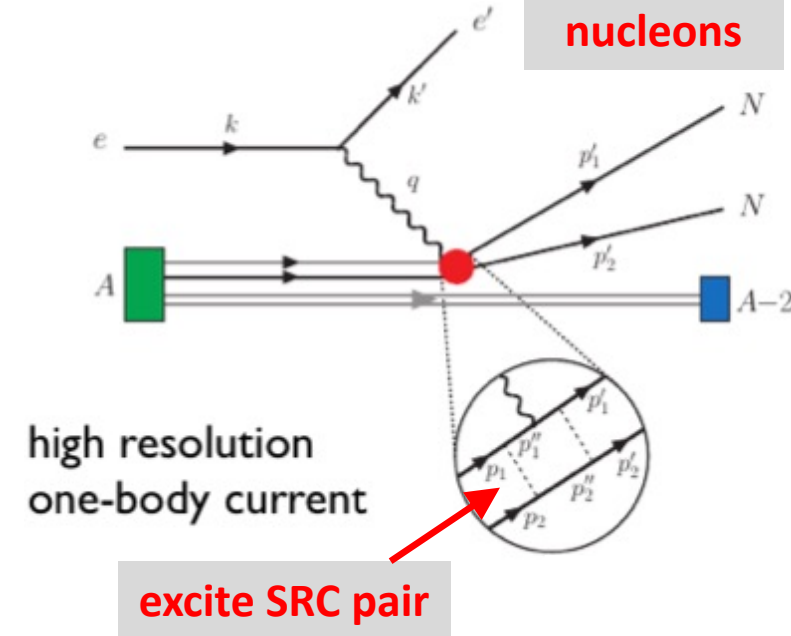
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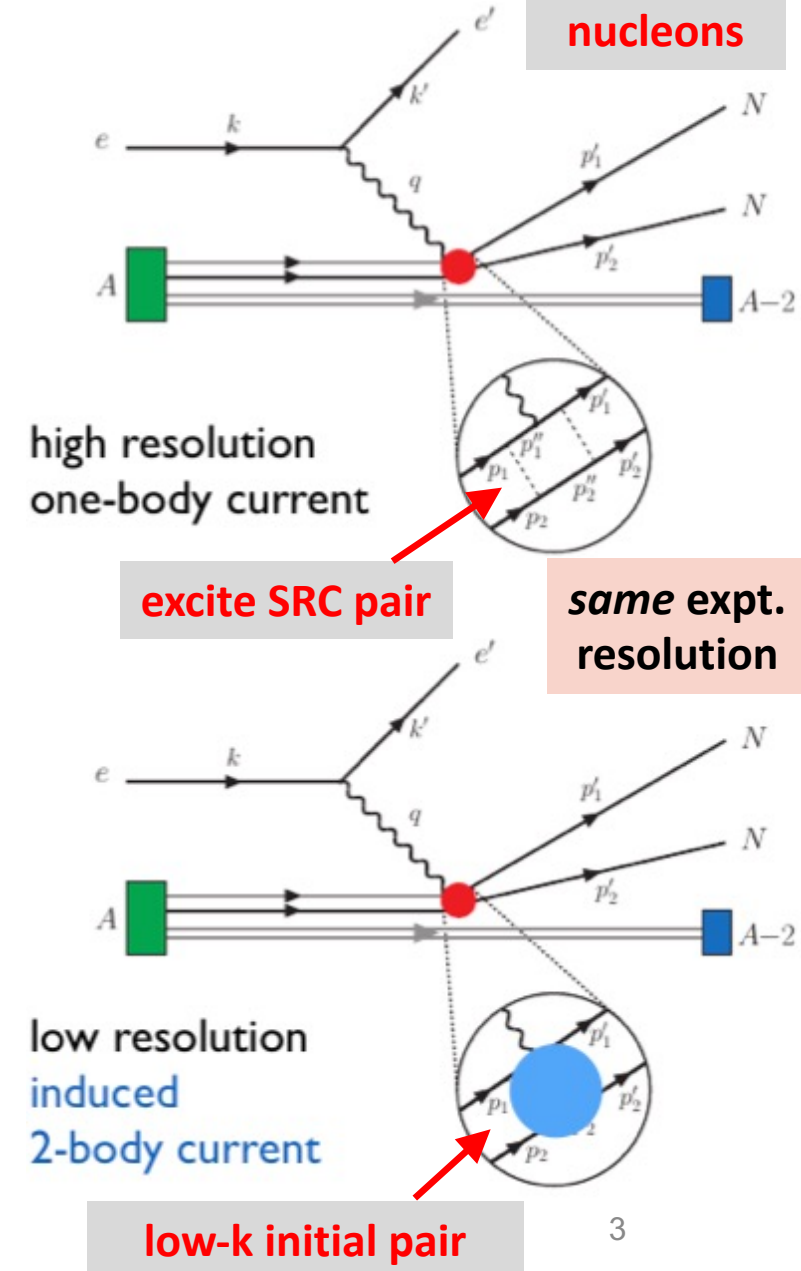
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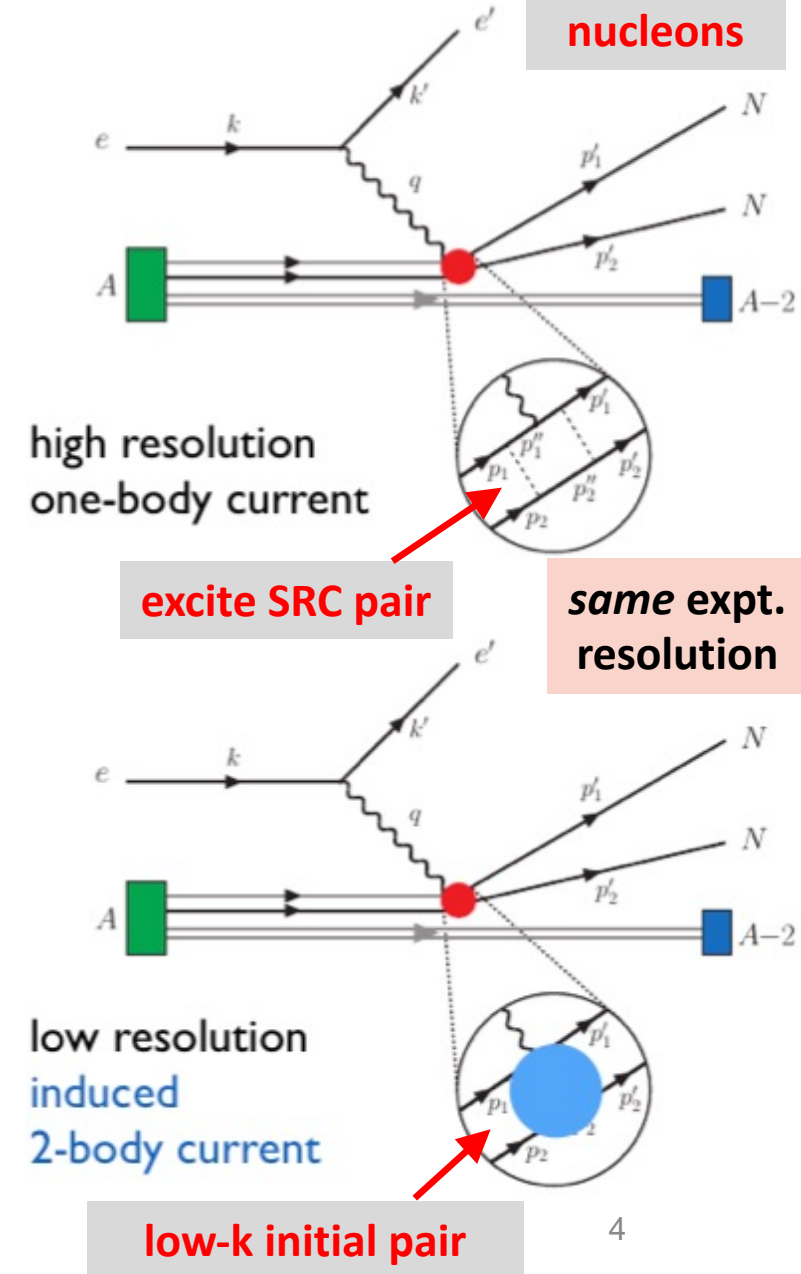
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- Experimental resolution (set by momentum of probe) is the same in both pictures**
- Same observables but different physical interpretation!**



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- AV18 wave function has significant SRC
- What happens to the wave function at low RG resolution?
- Use SRG to unitarily evolve to low RG resolution where λ gives the decoupling scale

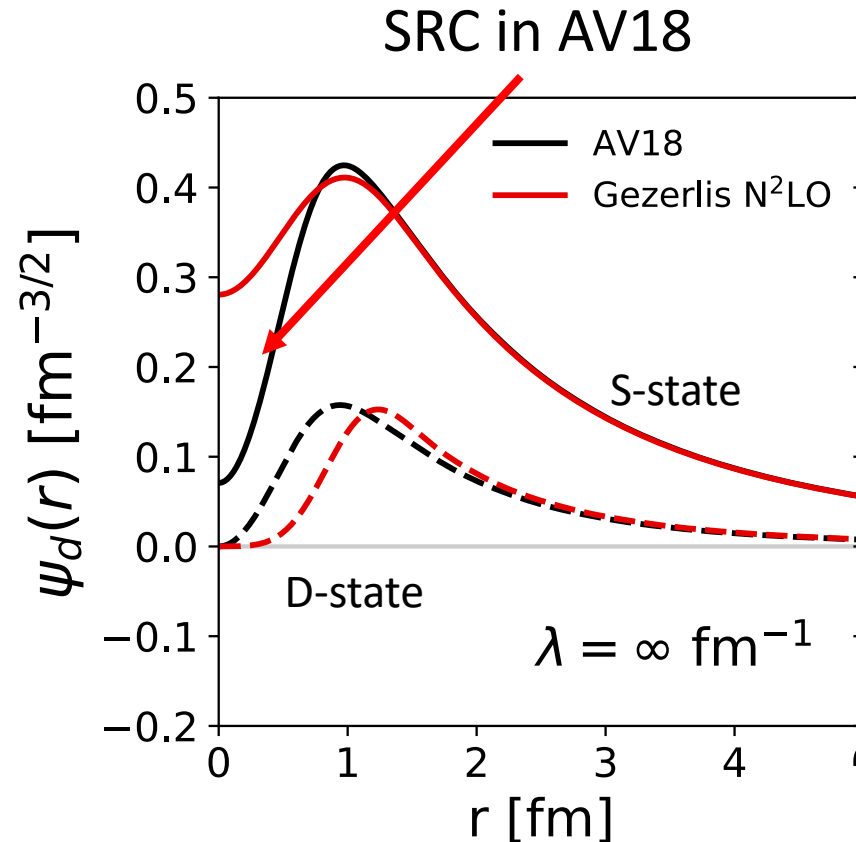


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- SRC physics in AV18 is gone from wave function at low RG resolution
- Deuteron wave functions become soft and D-state probability goes down
- Observables such as asymptotic D-S ratio are the same

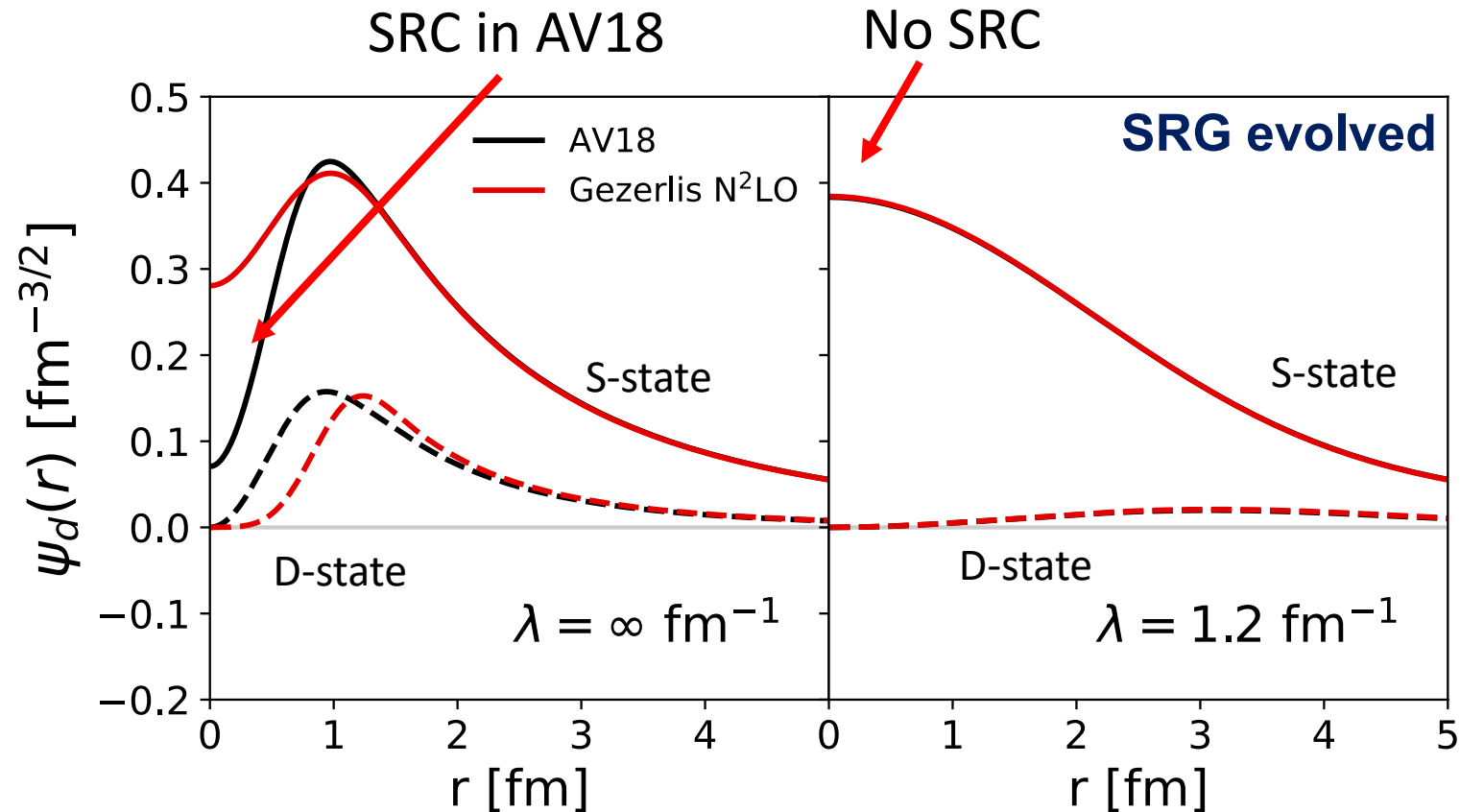


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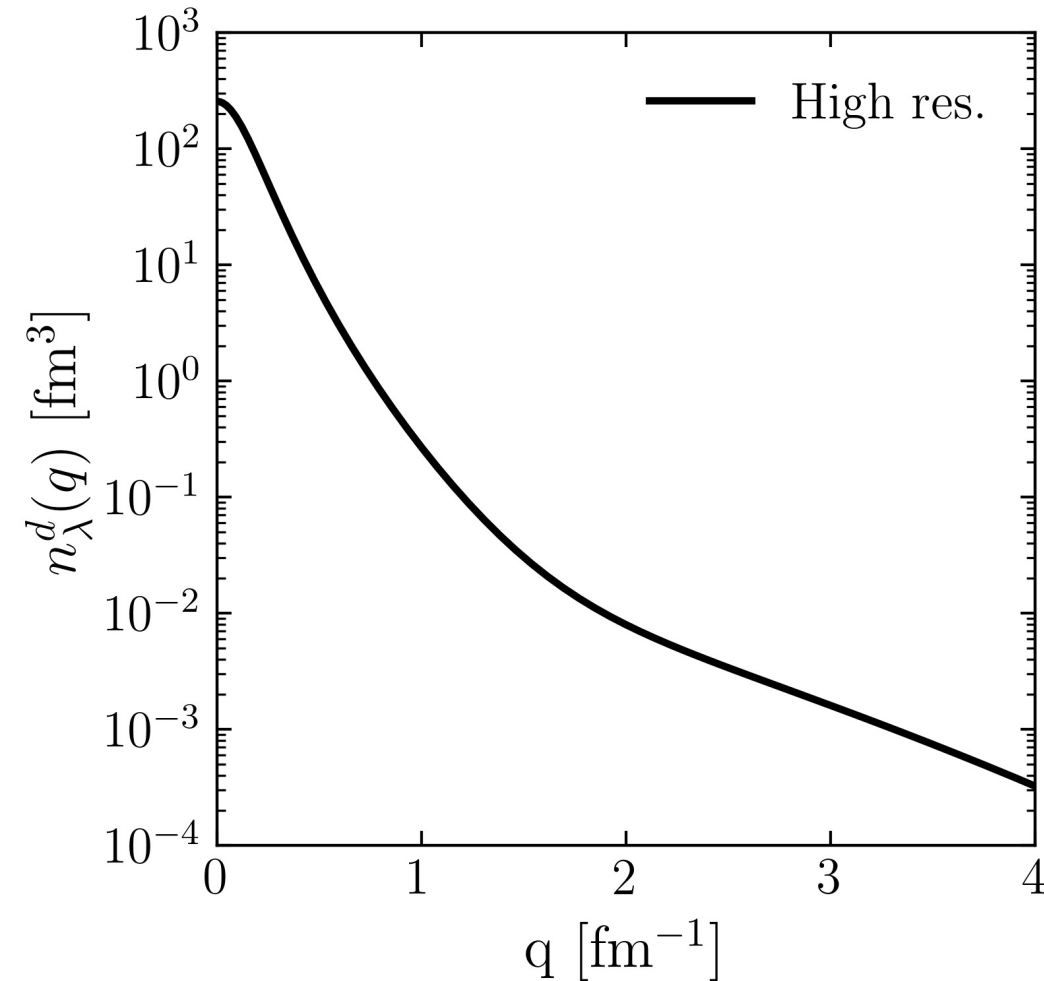
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- SRC physics shifts to the operators $\langle \psi_f^{hi} | U_\lambda^\dagger U_\lambda O^{hi} U_\lambda^\dagger U_\lambda | \psi_i^{hi} \rangle$
- Apply SRG transformations to momentum distribution operator

$$n^{hi}(\mathbf{q}) = a_q^\dagger a_q$$

$$U_\lambda = 1 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \delta U_\lambda^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} + \mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} - \mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} - \mathbf{k}'} a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} + \mathbf{k}'} + \dots$$

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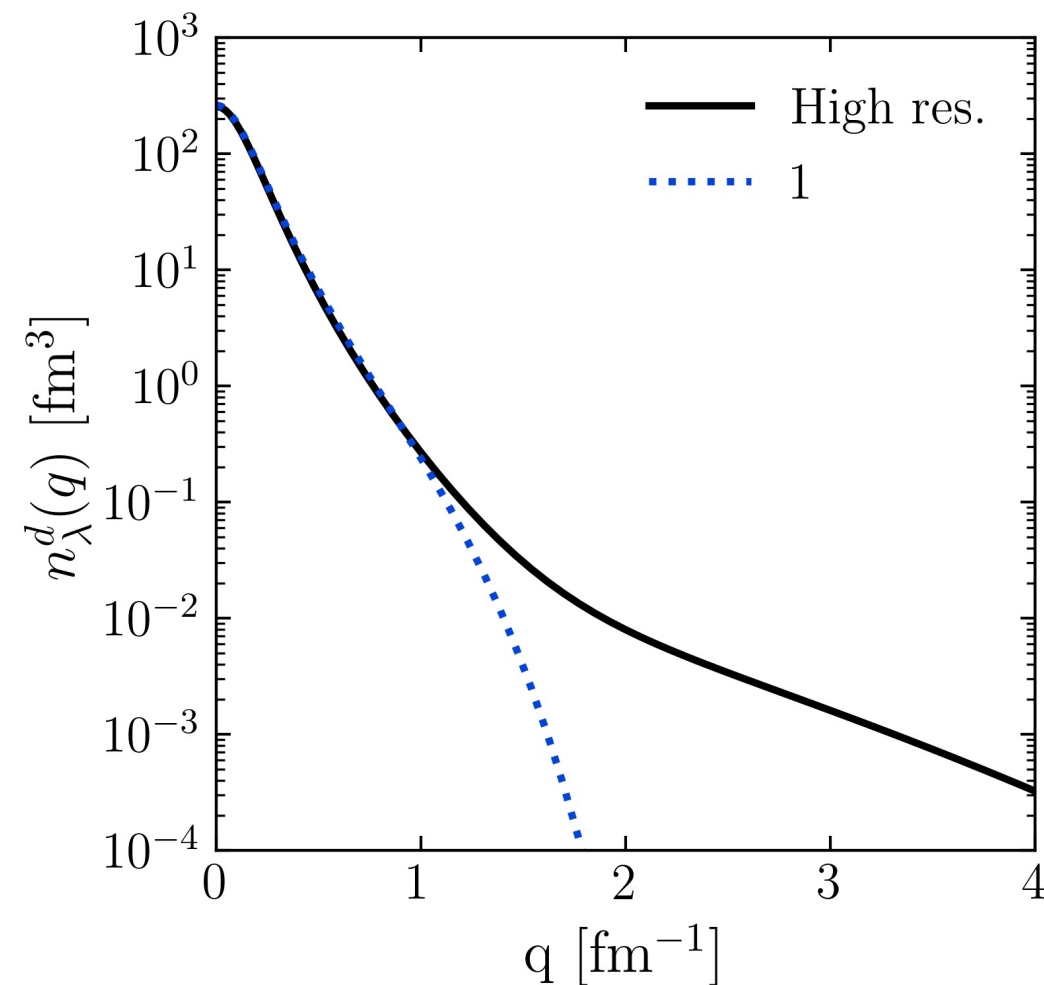
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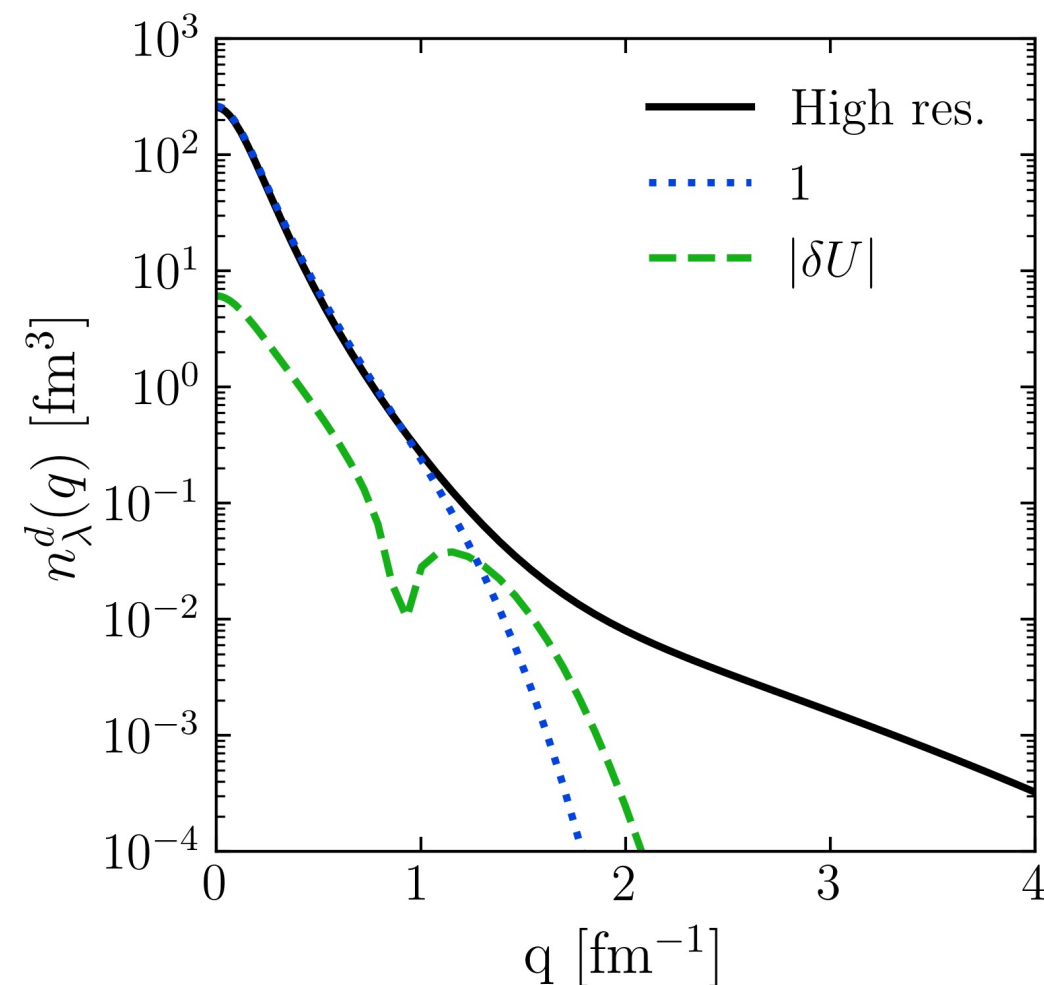
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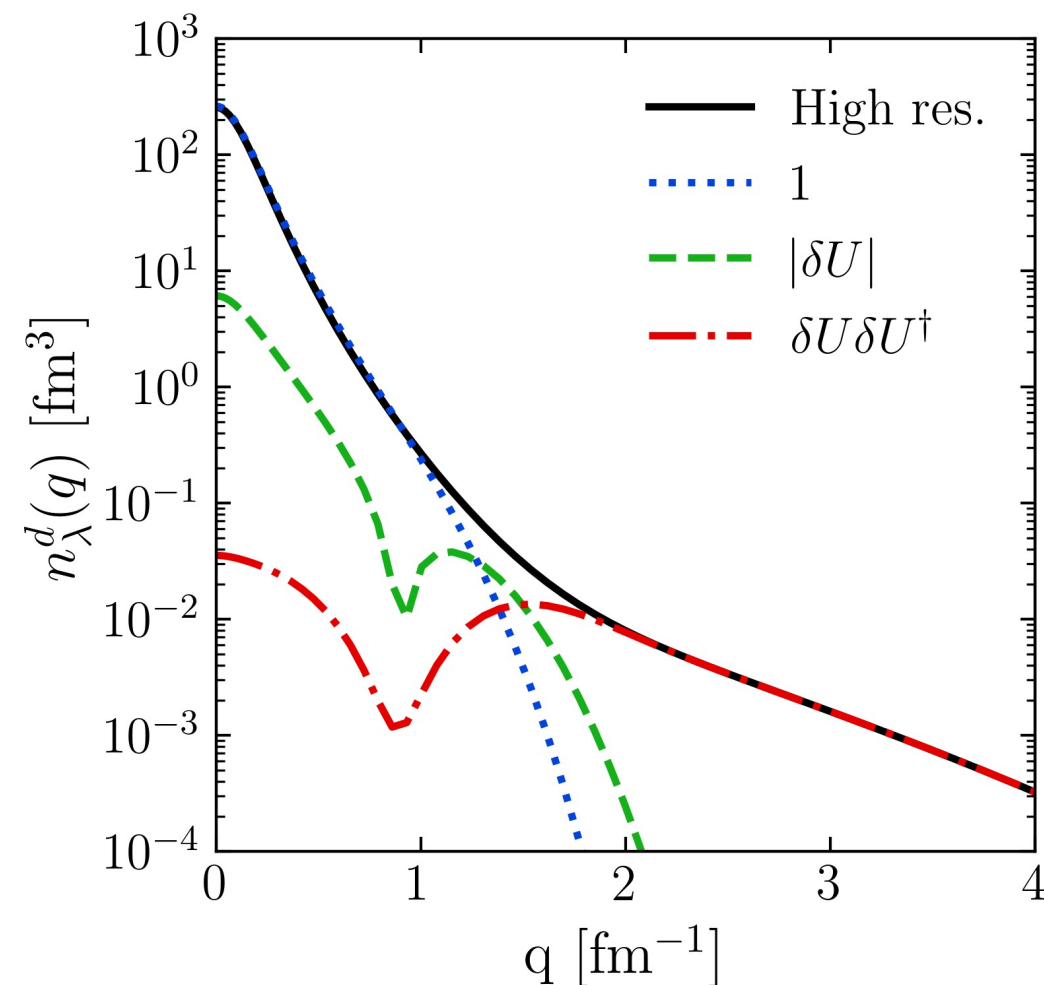
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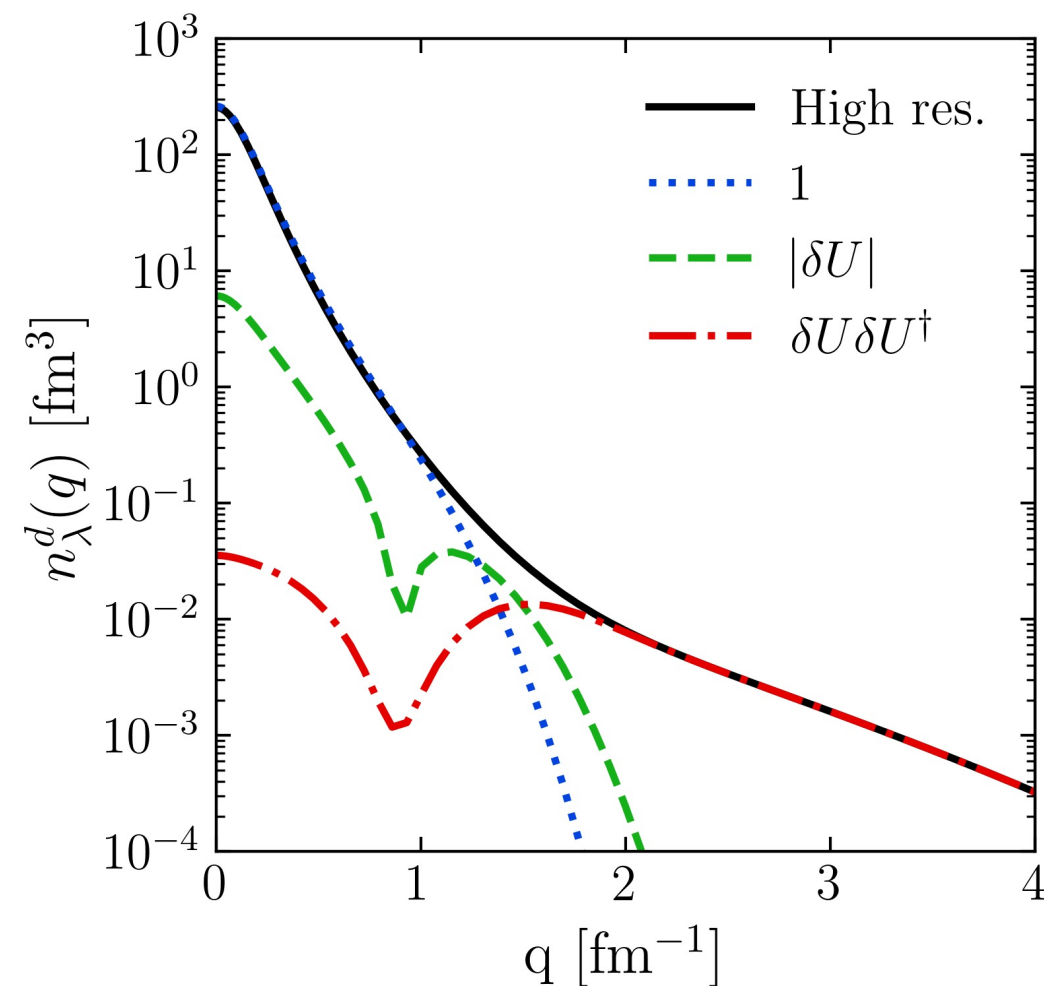
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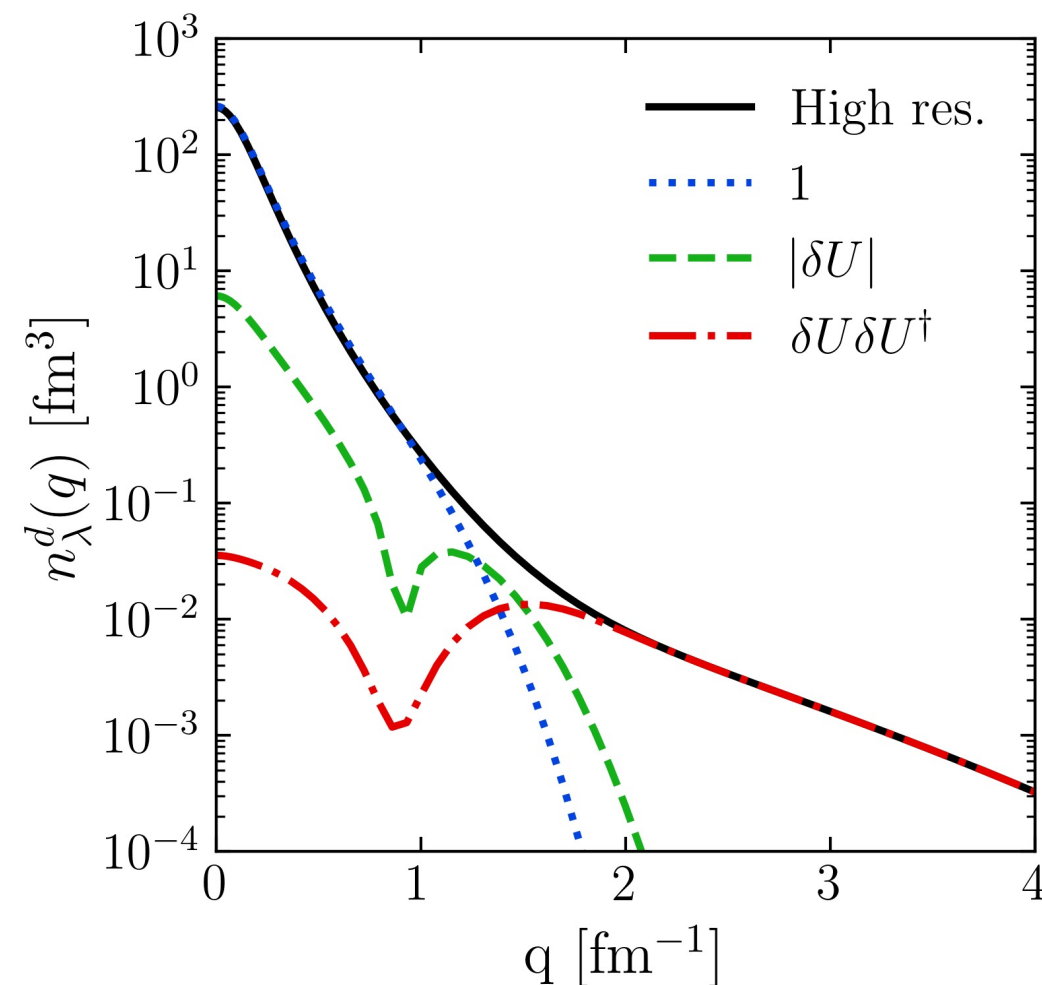


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Factorization: $\delta U_\lambda(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \approx F_\lambda^{lo}(\mathbf{k}) F_\lambda^{hi}(\mathbf{q})$

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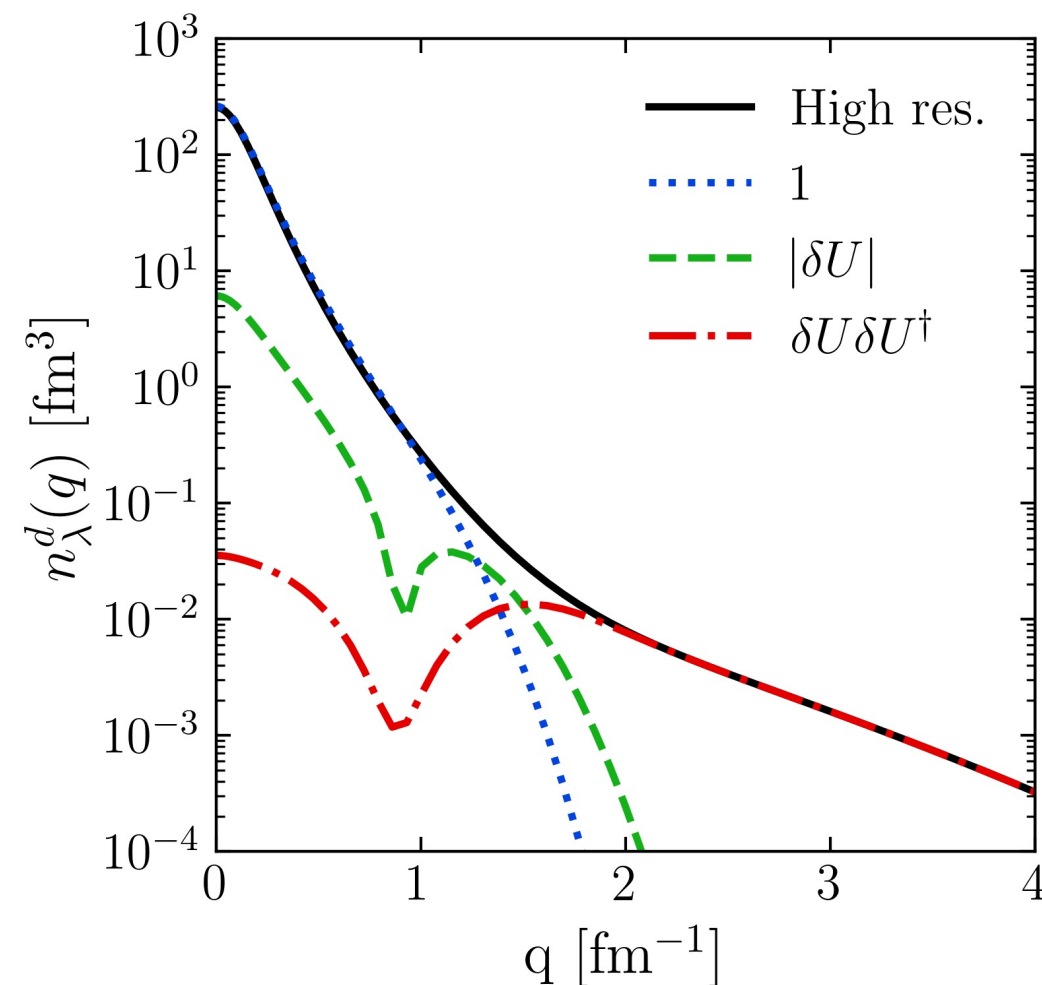


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Apply this strategy to nuclear momentum distributions using local density approximation (LDA)! $F_\lambda^{hi}(\mathbf{q})$

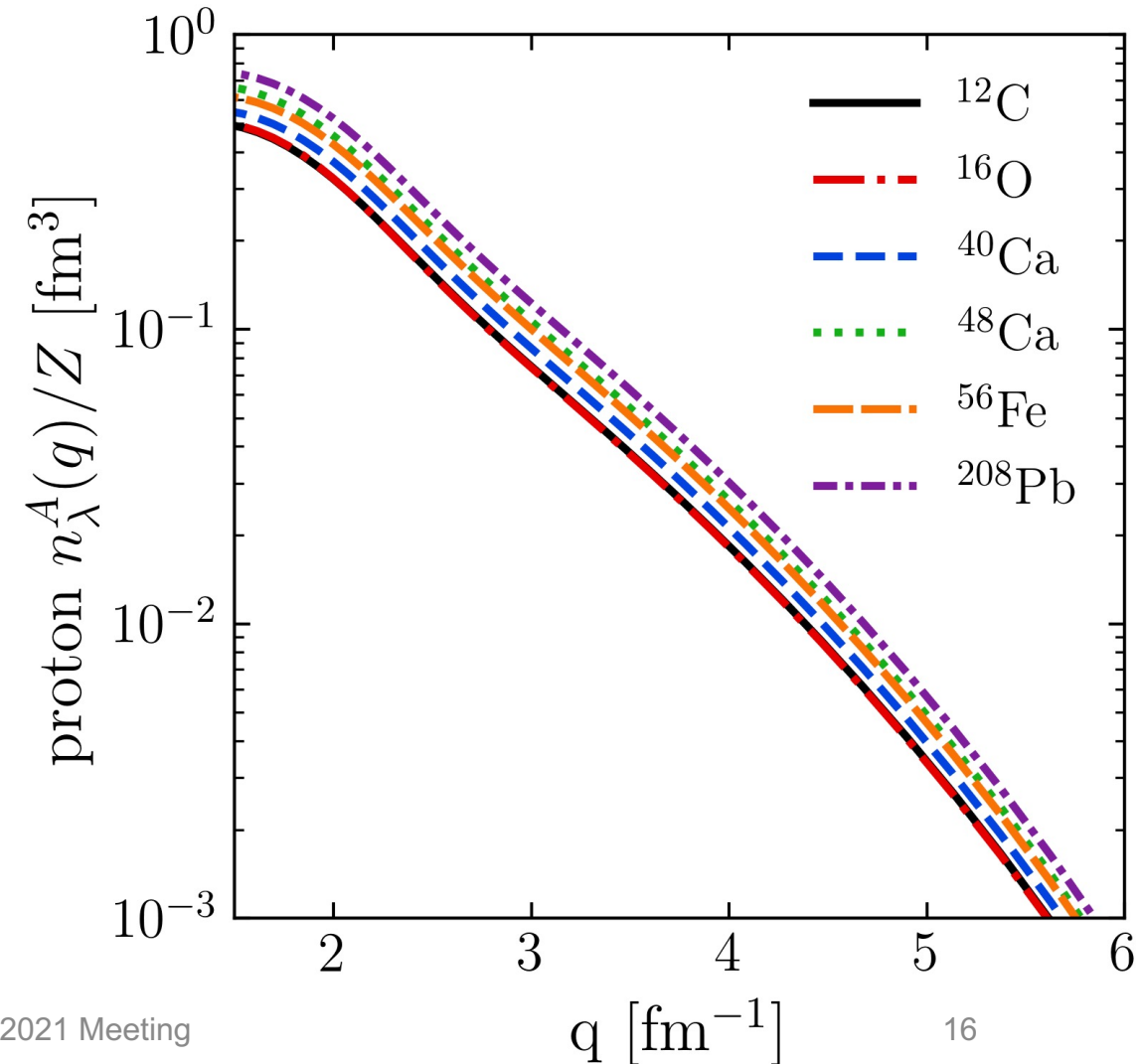
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LDA results

- **Universality**

- High- q tail collapses to universal function $\approx |F_\lambda^{hi}(\mathbf{q})|^2$ fixed by 2-body

Fig. 4: Proton momentum distribution under LDA with AV18, $\lambda = 1.35 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, and densities from Skyrme potential SLy4 using the HFBRAD code¹.



LDA results

- Low RG resolution calculations reproduce momentum distributions of AV18 data¹ (high RG resolution calculation)
- Low RG works well with simple approximations and is systematically improvable

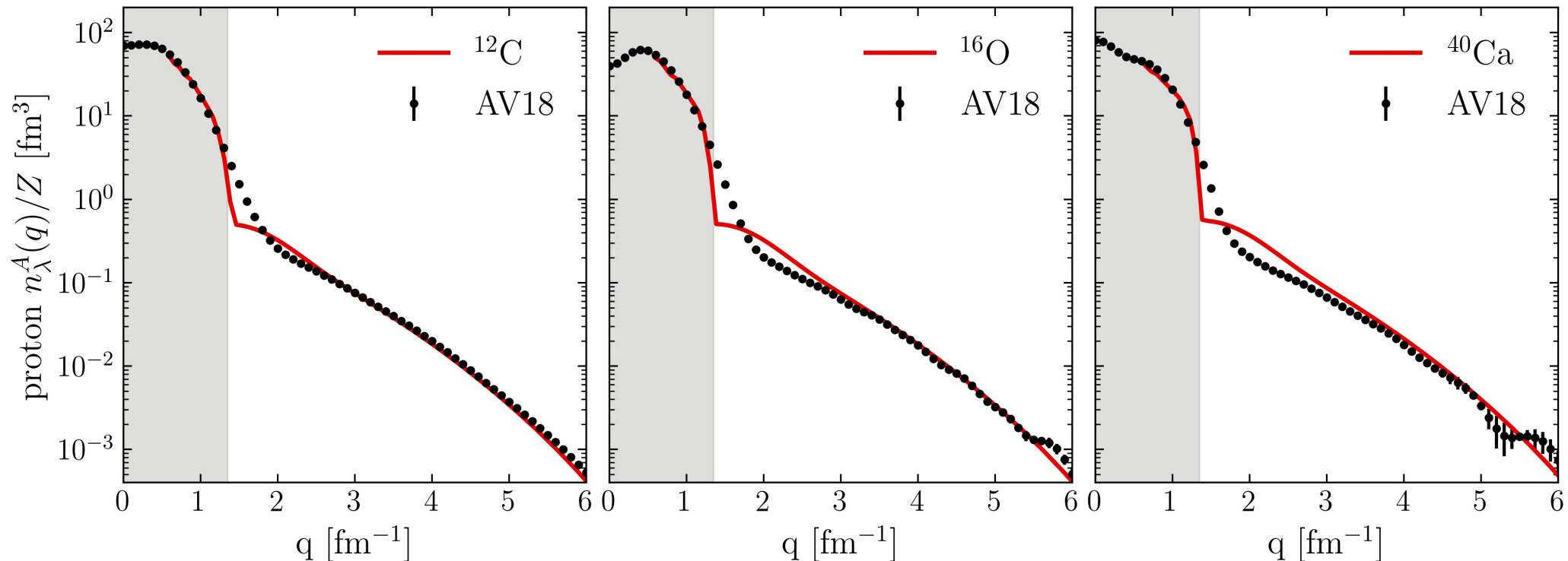


Fig. 5: Proton momentum distributions for ^{12}C , ^{16}O , and ^{40}Ca under LDA with AV18 and $\lambda = 1.35$ fm⁻¹.

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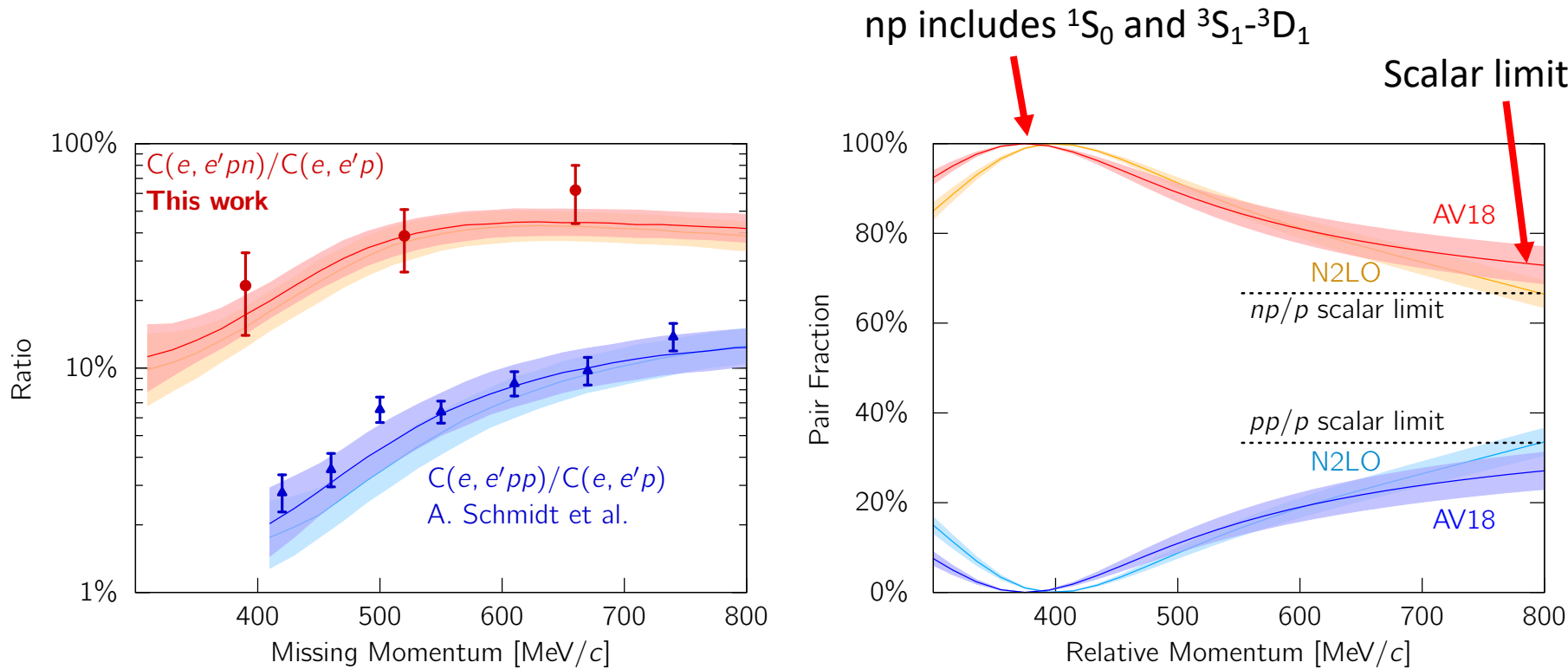
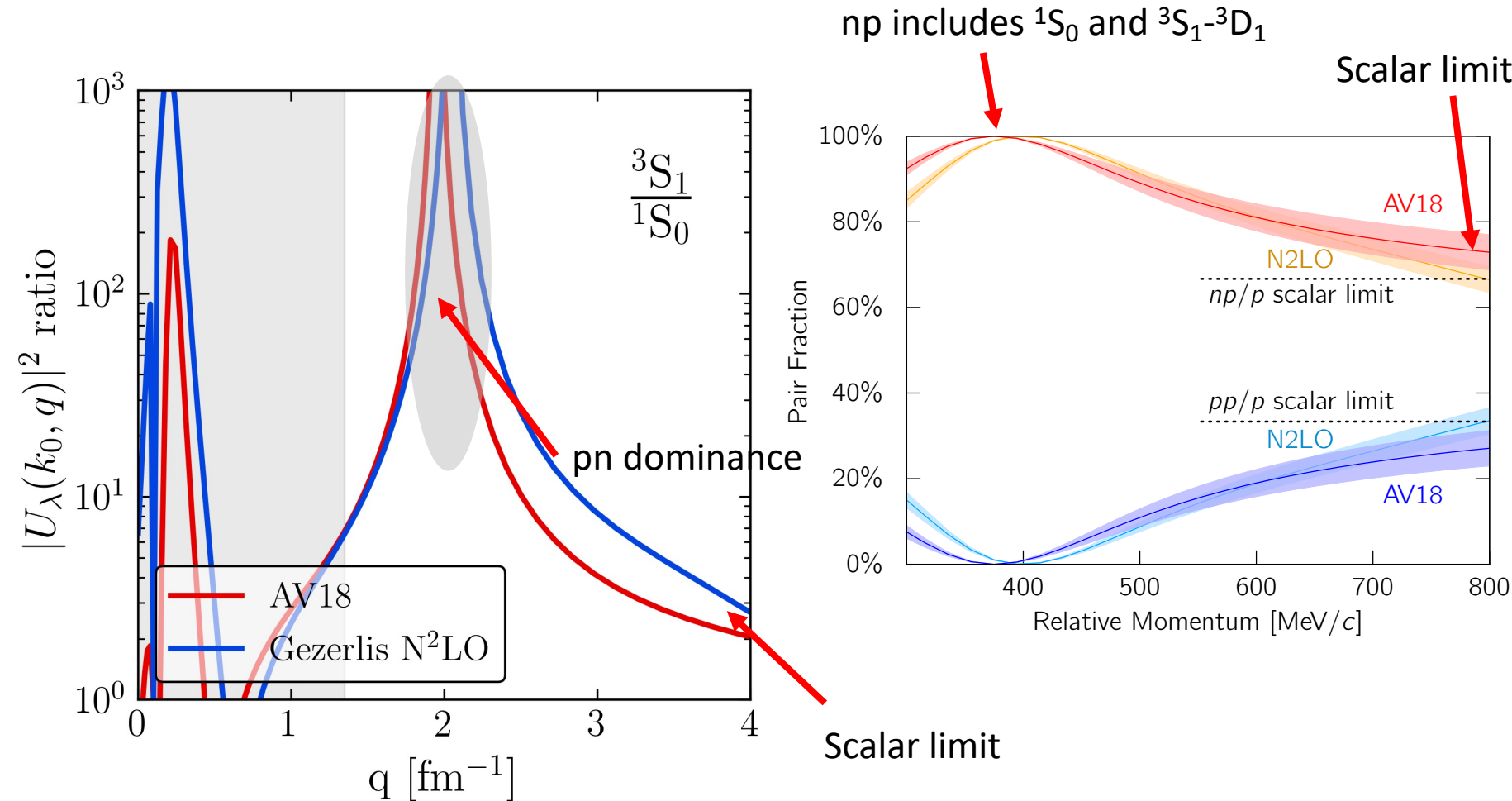


Fig. 6: (a) Ratio of two-nucleon to single-nucleon electron-scattering cross sections for carbon as a function of missing momentum. (b) Fraction of np to p and pp to p pairs versus the relative momentum. Figure from CLAS collaboration publication¹.

- At **high RG resolution**, the tensor force and the repulsive core of the NN interaction kicks nucleon pairs into SRCs
- np dominates because the tensor force requires spin triplet pairs (pp are spin singlets)
- **Do we describe this physics at low RG resolution?**

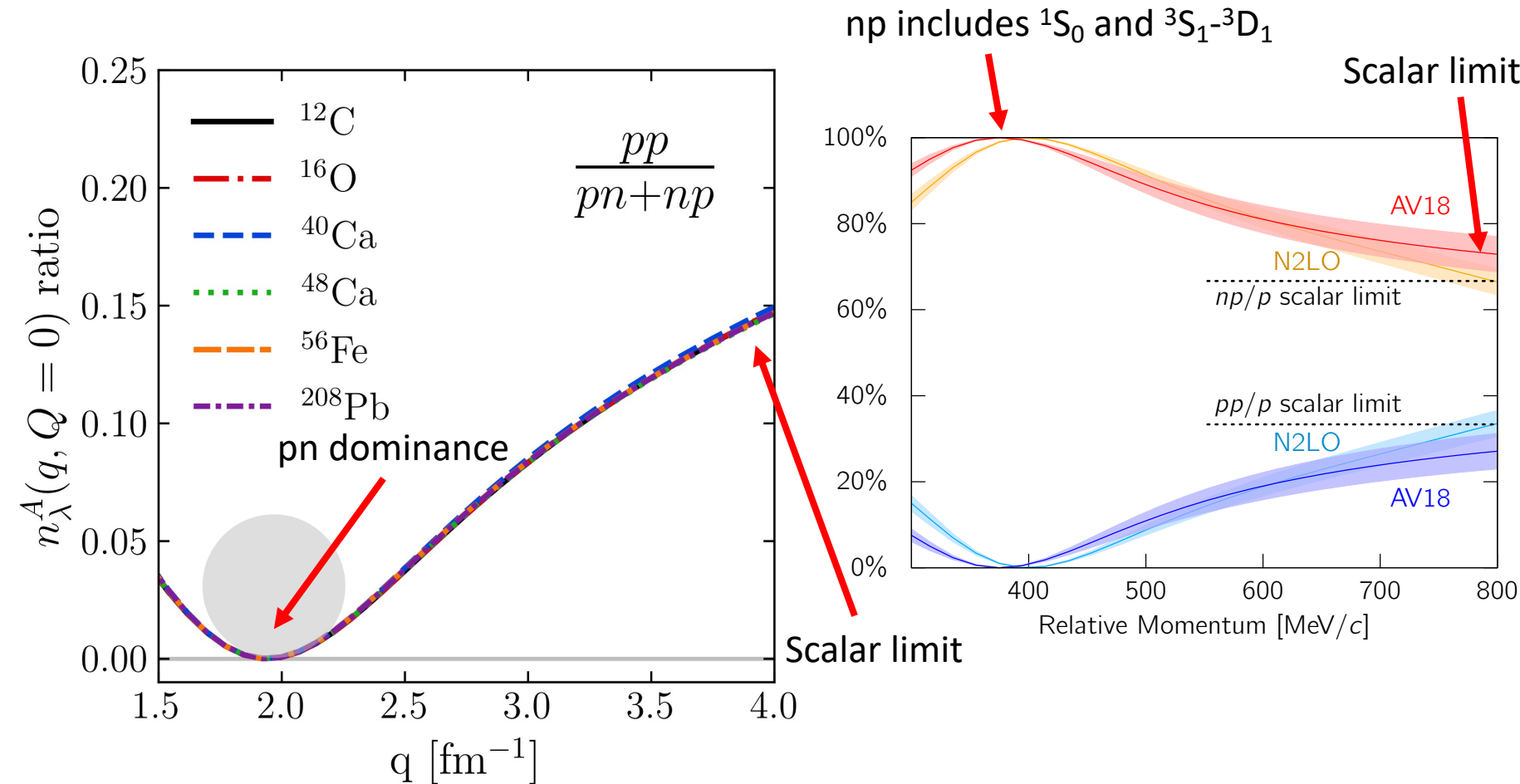
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- At **low RG resolution**, SRCs are suppressed in the wave function
- Consider the ratio of 3S_1 - 3D_1 to 1S_0 evolved momentum projection operator $a_q^\dagger a_q$
- **This physics is established in the 2-body system!**
- **Can apply to any nucleus!**

Fig. 7: 3S_1 to 1S_0 ratio of SRG-evolved momentum projection operators $a_q^\dagger a_q$.

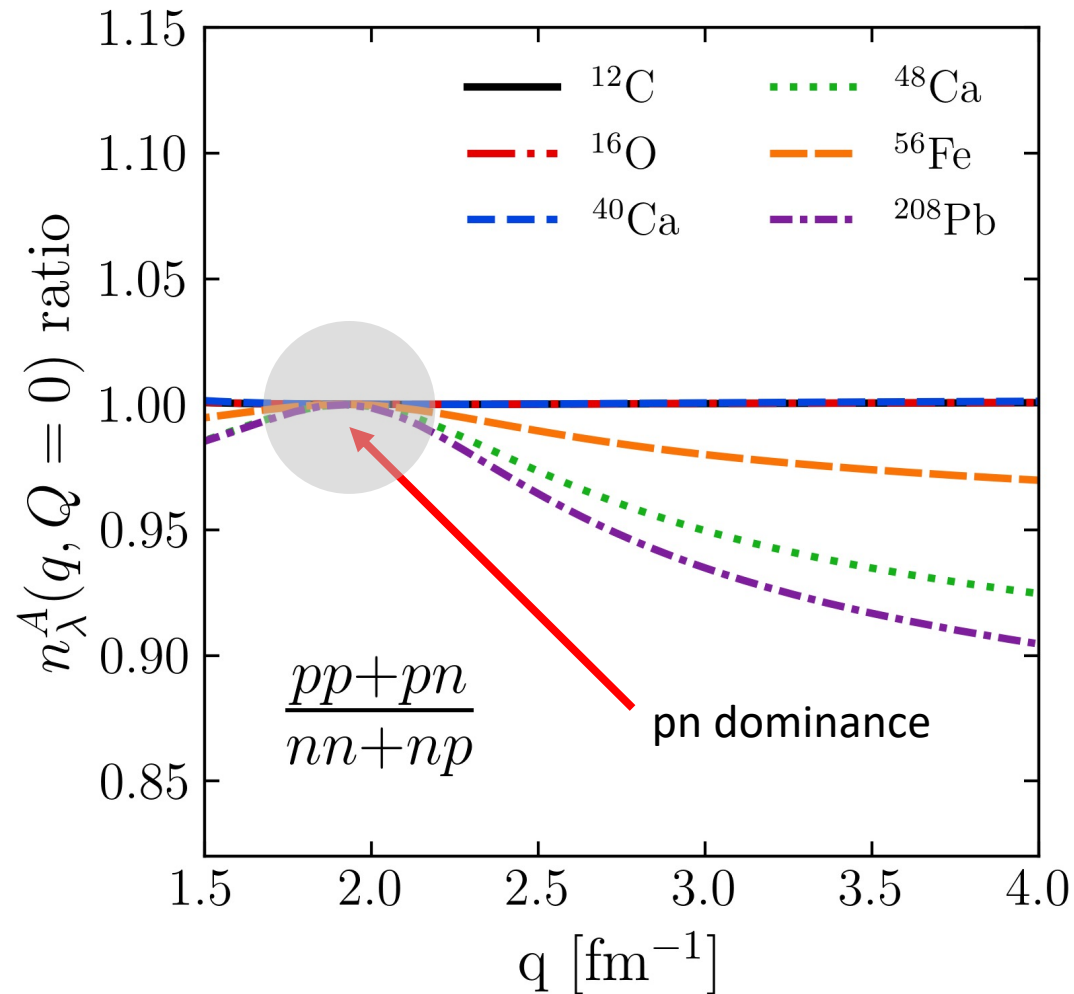
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- Reproduces the characteristics of cross section ratios using **low RG resolution** operator with simple approximations

Fig. 8: pp/pn ratio of pair momentum distributions under LDA with AV18 and $\lambda = 1.35$ fm⁻¹.

LDA results



- Ratio ~ 1 independent of N/Z in pn dominant region
- Ratio < 1 for nuclei where $N > Z$ and outside pn dominant region

Fig. 9: $(pp+pn)/(nn+np)$ ratio of pair momentum distributions under LDA with AV18 and $\lambda = 1.35 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.

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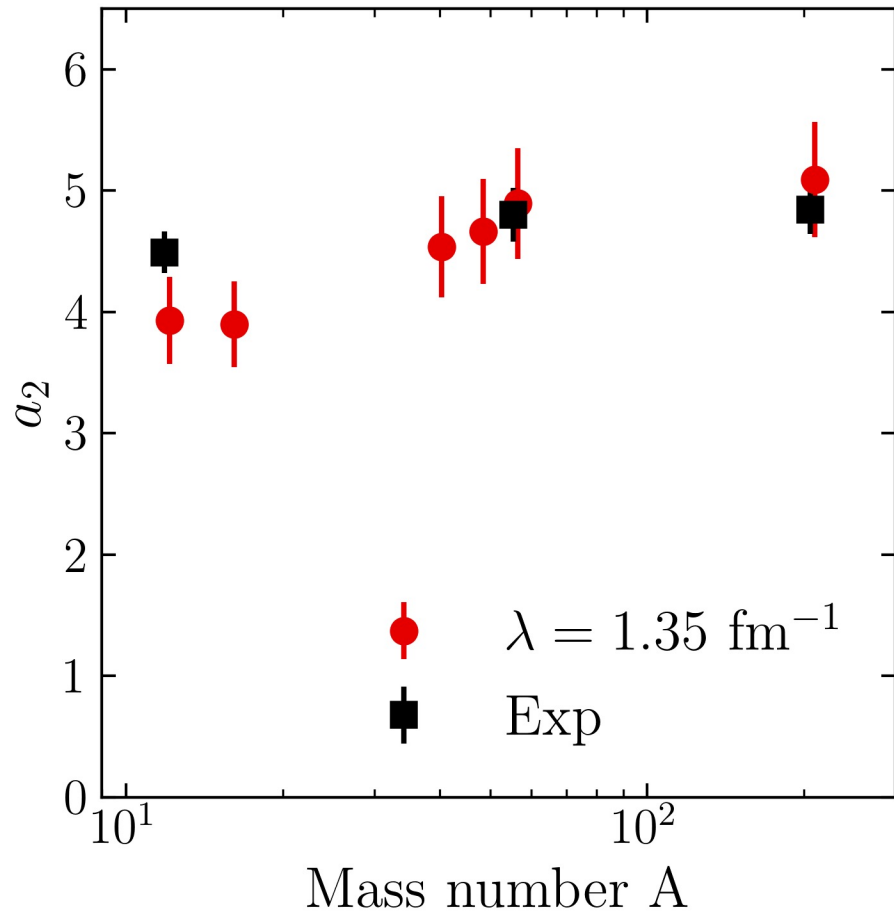


Fig. 10: a_2 scale factors using single-nucleon momentum distributions under LDA with AV18 and $\lambda = 1.35 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ compared to experimental values¹.

- SRC scale factors

$$a_2 = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P^A(q)}{P^d(q)} \approx \frac{\int_{\Delta p^{high}} dq P^A(q)}{\int_{\Delta p^{high}} dq P^d(q)}$$

where $P^A(q)$ is the single-nucleon probability distribution in nucleus A with error bars from varying Δp^{high}

- Good agreement with experiment¹ and LCA calculations².

¹B. Schmookler et al. (CLAS), Nature **566**, 354 (2019)
²J. Ryckebusch et al., Phys. Rev. C **100**, 054620 (2019)

Summary and outlook

- Simple approximations work and are systematically improvable at low RG resolution
- Results suggest that we can analyze high-energy nuclear reactions using low RG resolution structure (e.g., shell model) and consistently evolved operators
 - Matching resolution scale between structure and reactions is crucial!
- Ongoing work:
 - Extend to cross sections and test scale/scheme dependence of extracted properties
 - Further investigate how final state interactions and physical interpretations depend on the RG scale
 - Apply to more complicated knock-out reactions (SRG with optical potentials)

Extras

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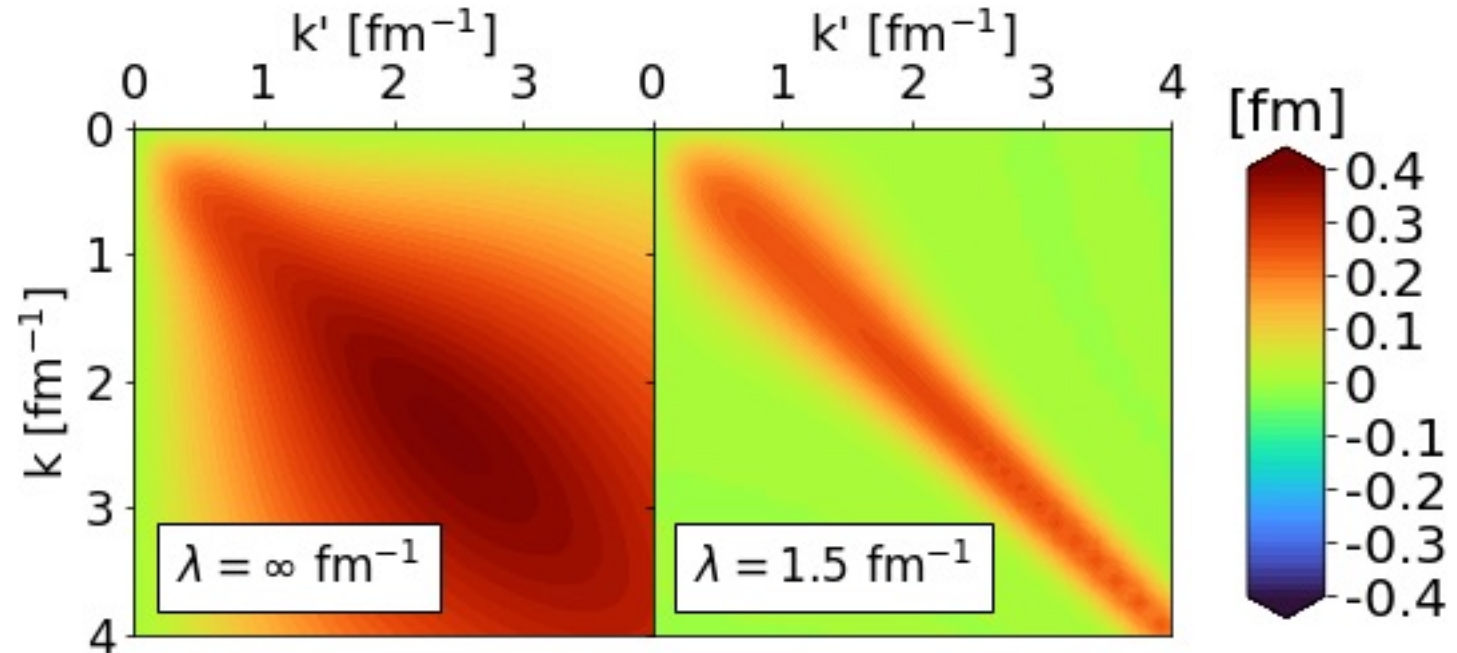


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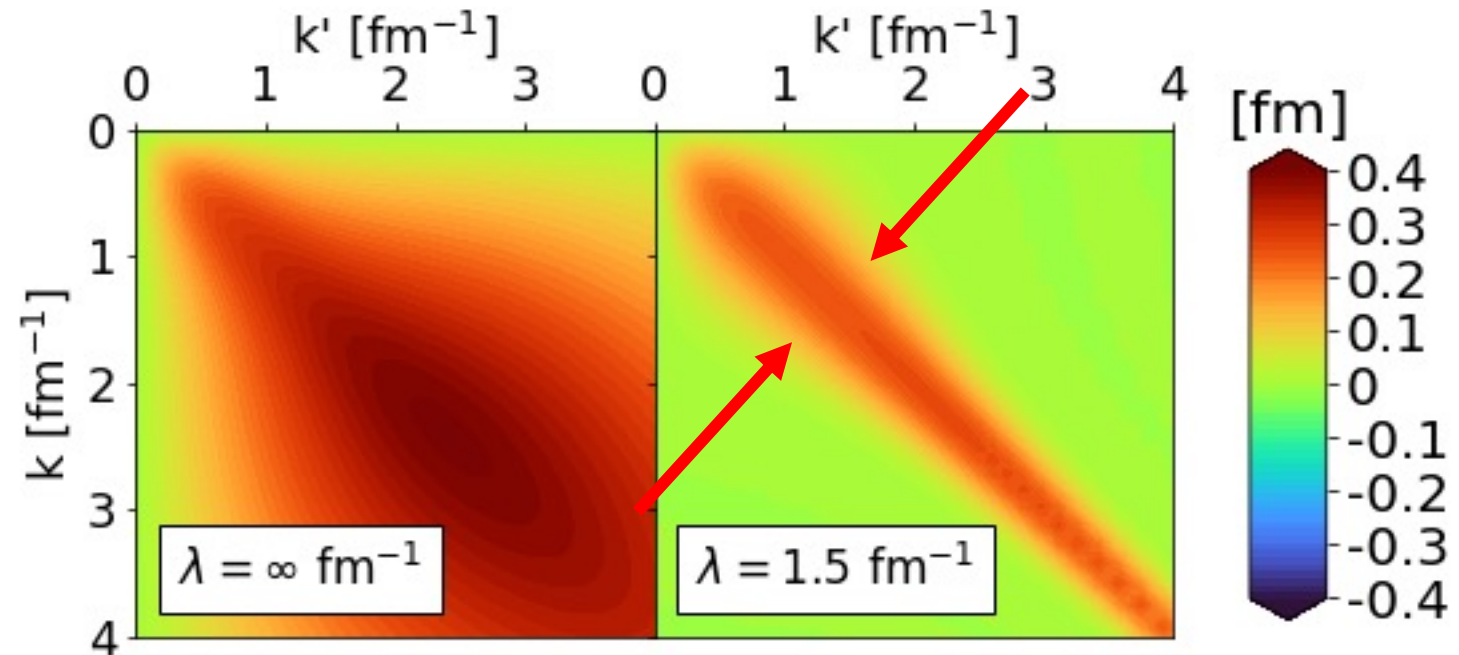


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