

Scale and scheme dependence in structure and reactions

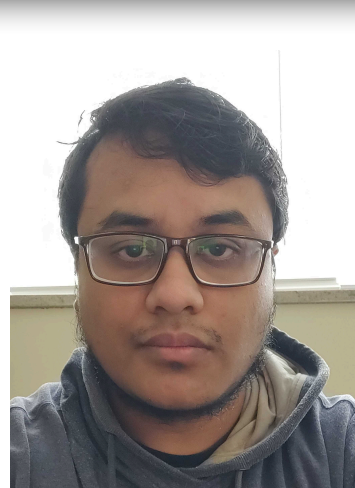
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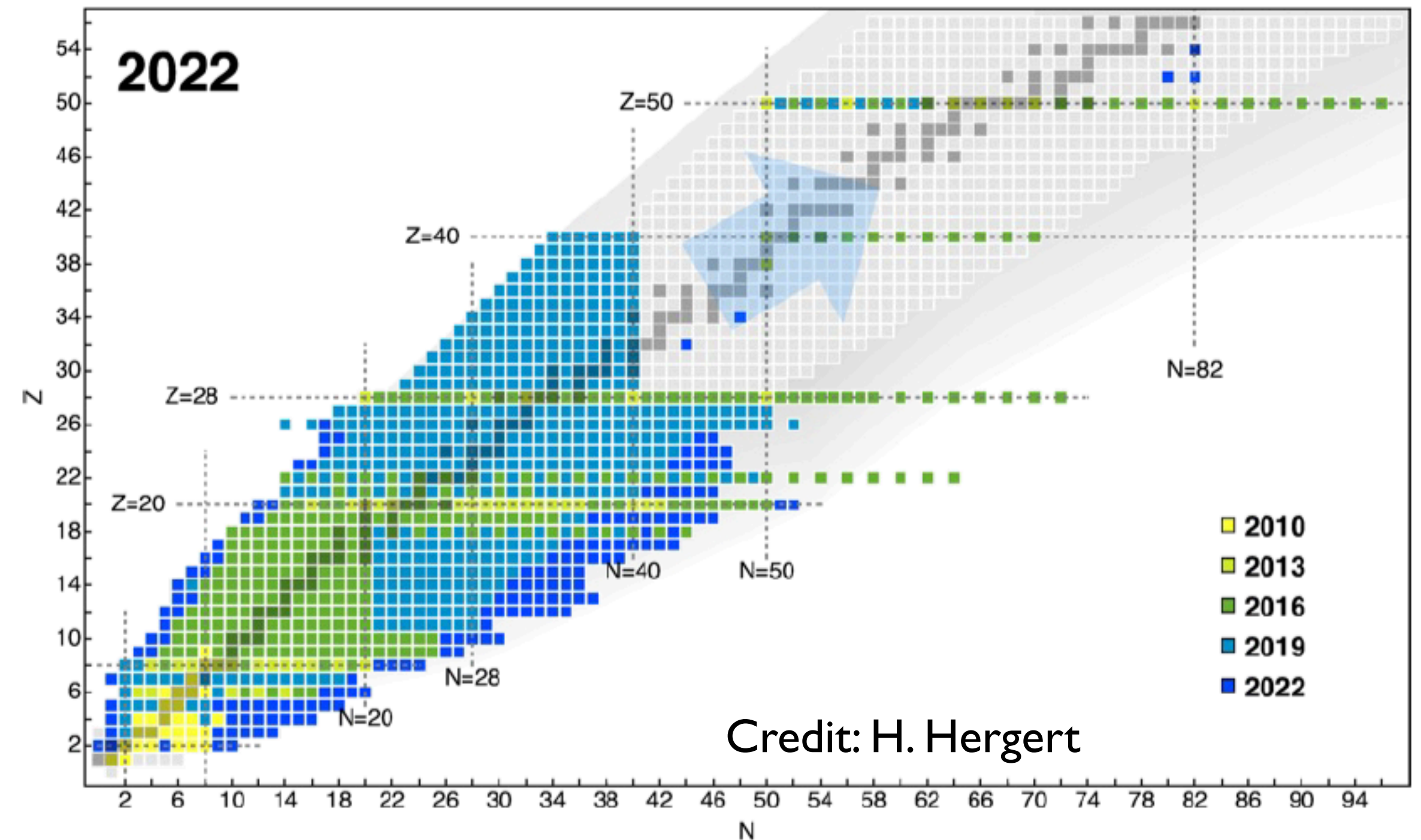
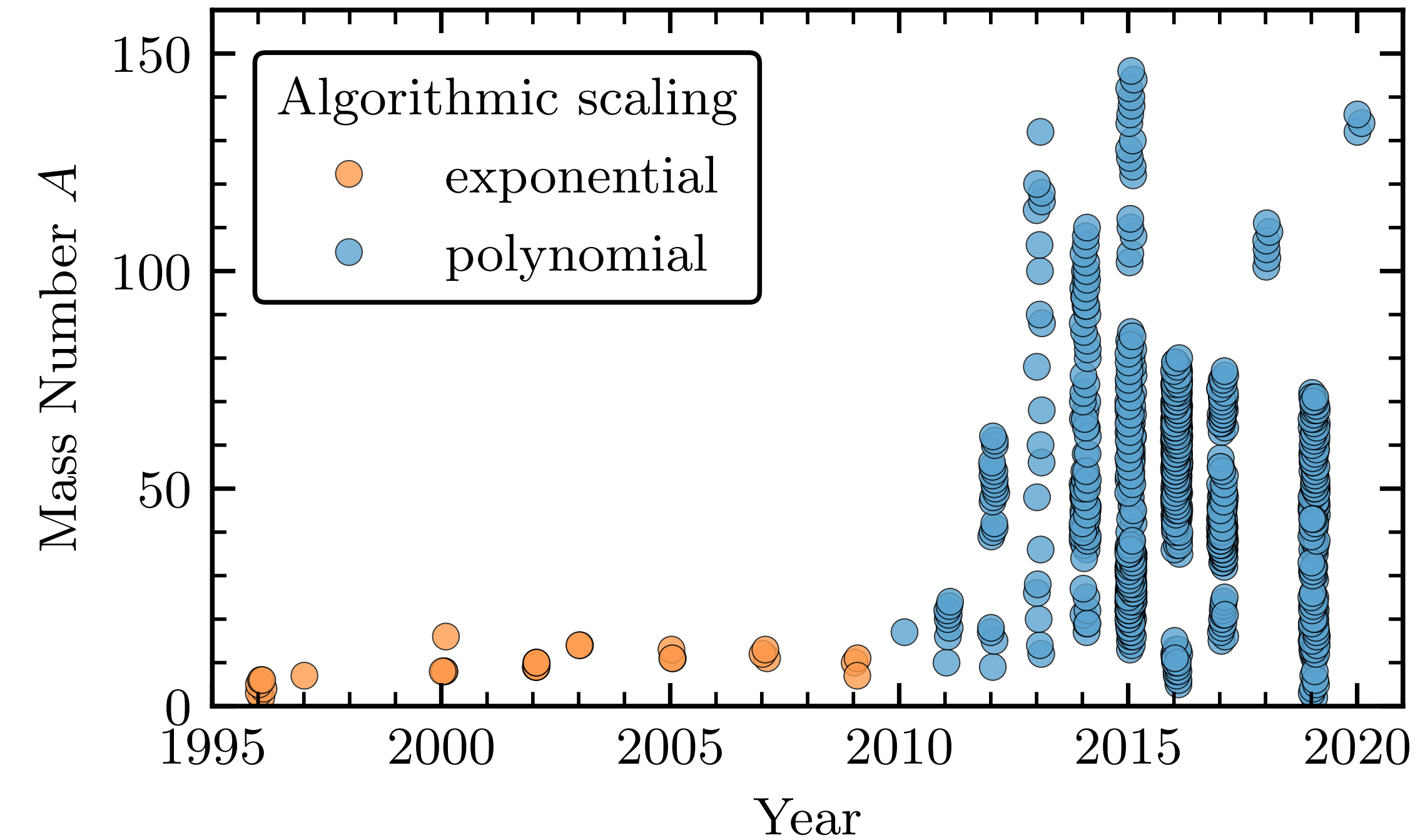
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Low and High RG Resolution Scale Pictures

Drischler & Bogner, *Few Body Syst.* **62**, 109



Explosive progress in ab-initio structure largely due to low resolution Hamiltonians
(See talks of Dean Lee, Jason Holt, Petr Navratil, Heiko Hergert, etc.)

What about operators that couple to external probes (**EW currents, optical potentials, etc.**) ?

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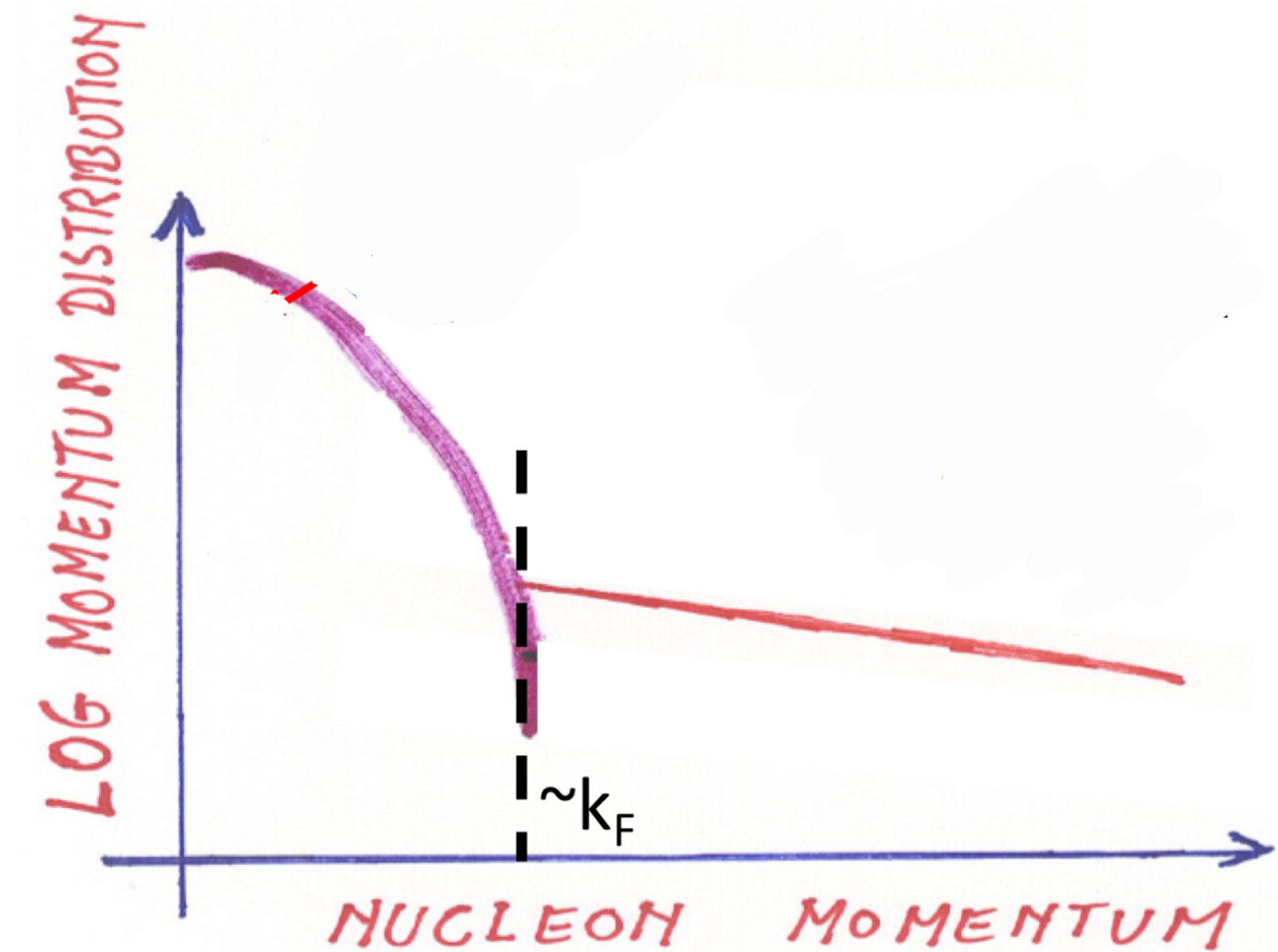
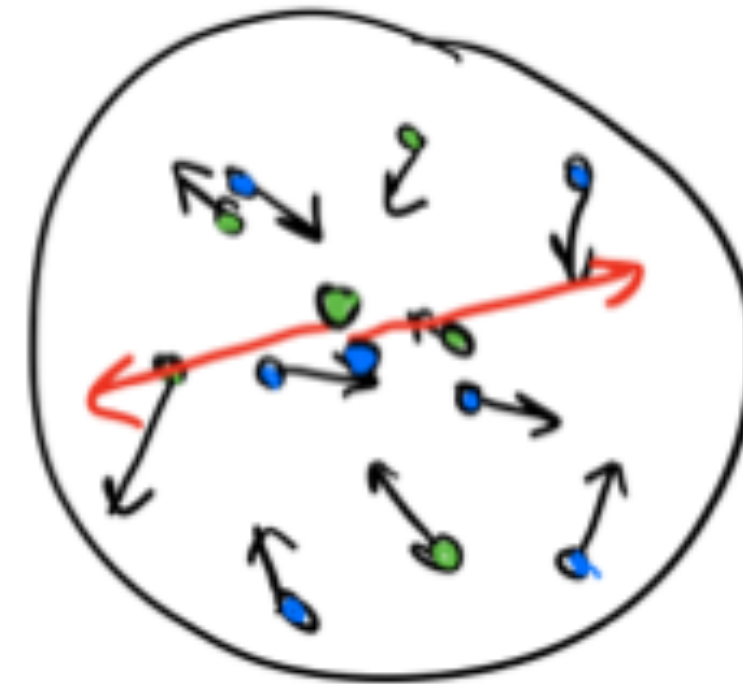
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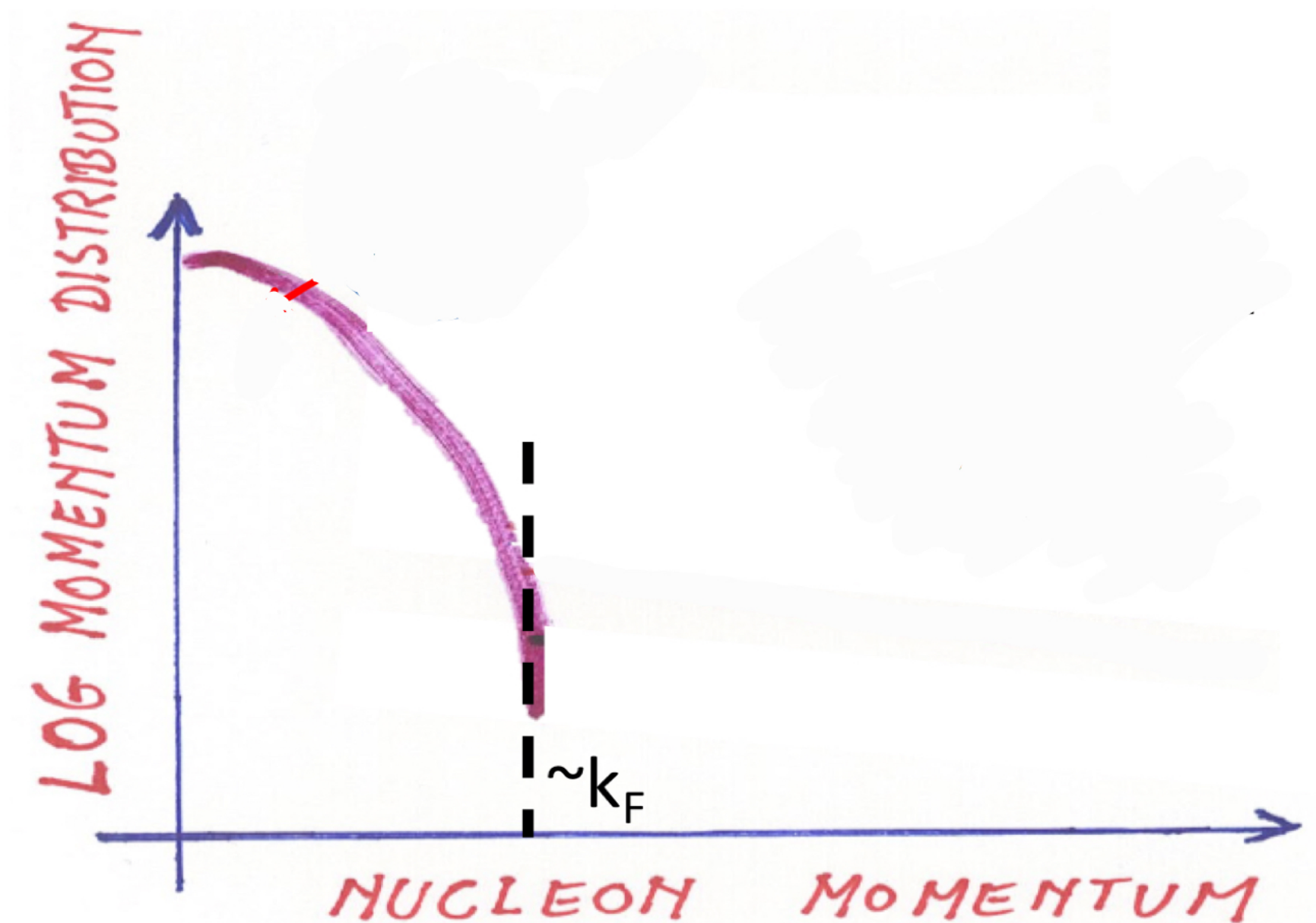
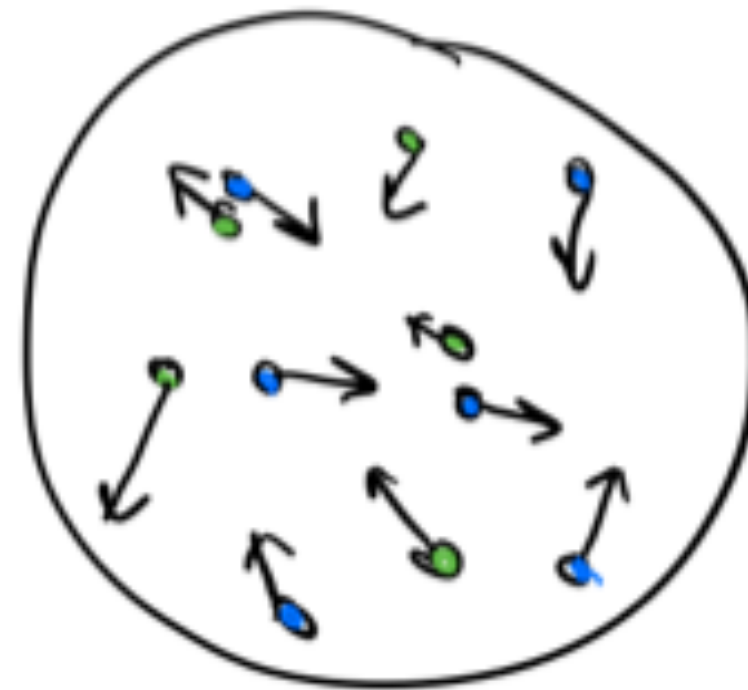
Low resolution picture:

resembles “mean field” picture

chiral EFT/soft interactions

shell model

DFT



no high-k tails ($k \gg k_F$)

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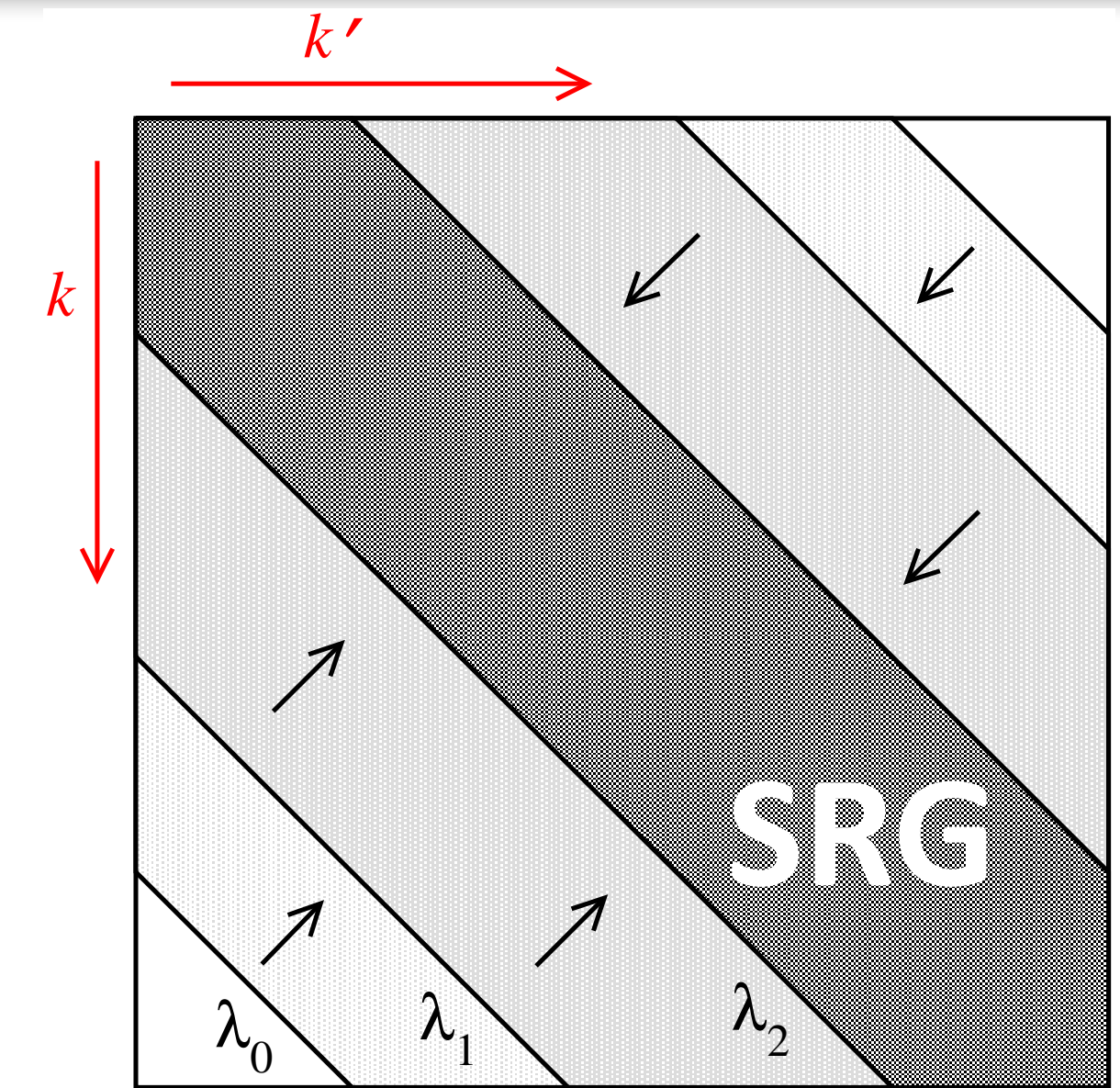


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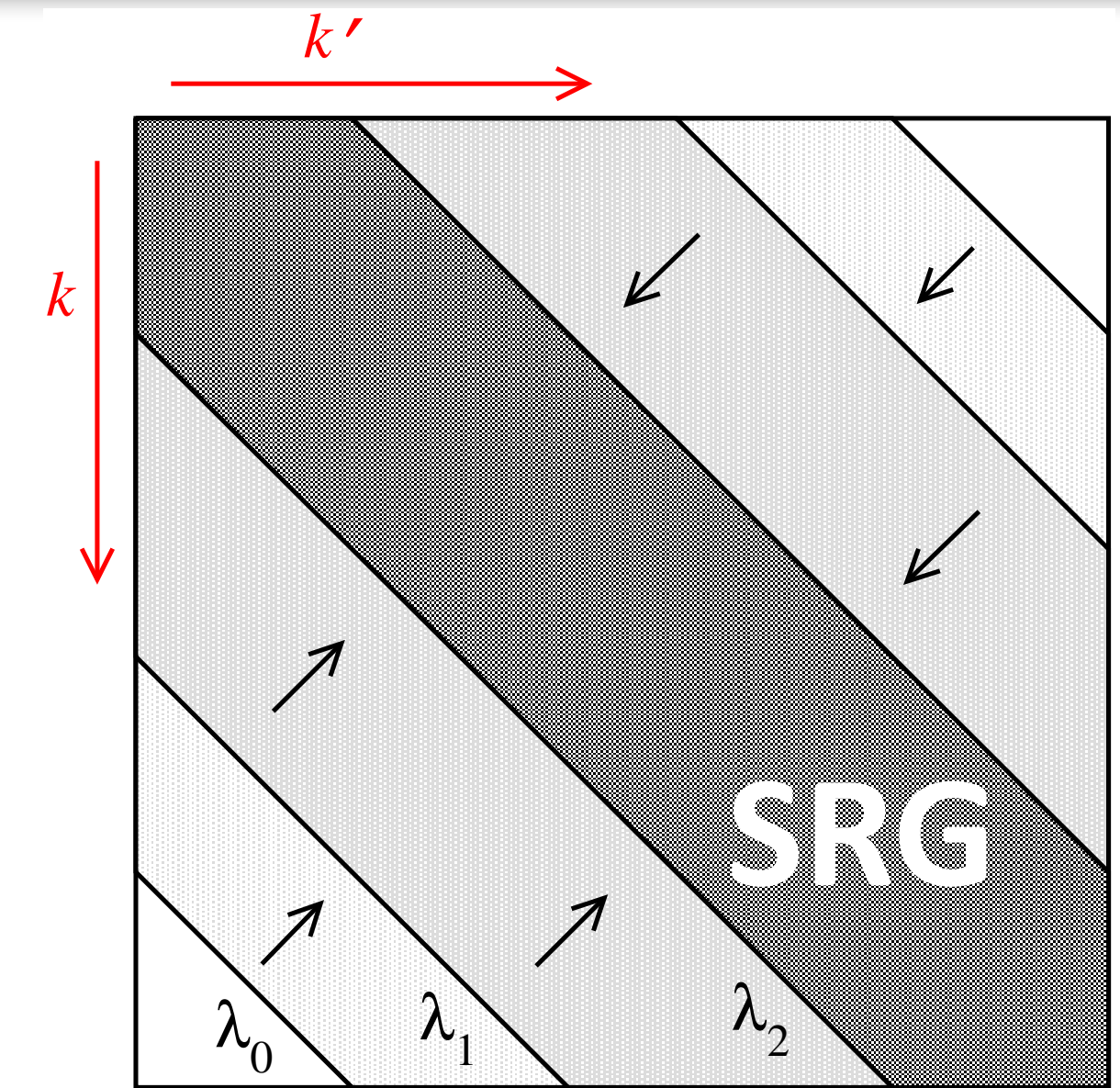


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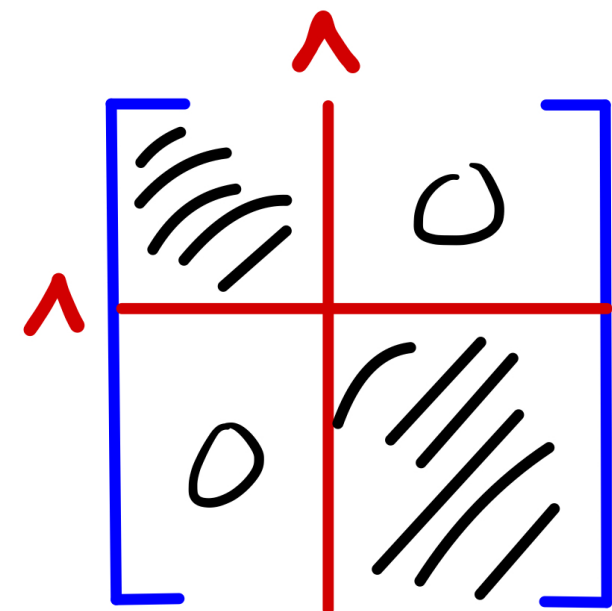
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Decoupling pattern of high- and low-k physics not unique (different “schemes”)

e.g.



Bogner, Furnstahl, Schwenk Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 2010

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General questions:

scale/scheme dependence of extracted properties? (e.g., SFs)

extract at one scale, evolve to another? (a-la Parton distribution functions)

how do FSIs, physical interpretations, etc. depend on RG scale?

Disclaimer

The examples I'll show concern SRC physics from high energy electron scattering and photoabsorption where one is probing the short-distance or high-momentum structure of nuclear wfs.

Extensions to nucleonic probes are in their infancy (e.g., behavior of optical potentials under RG evolution)

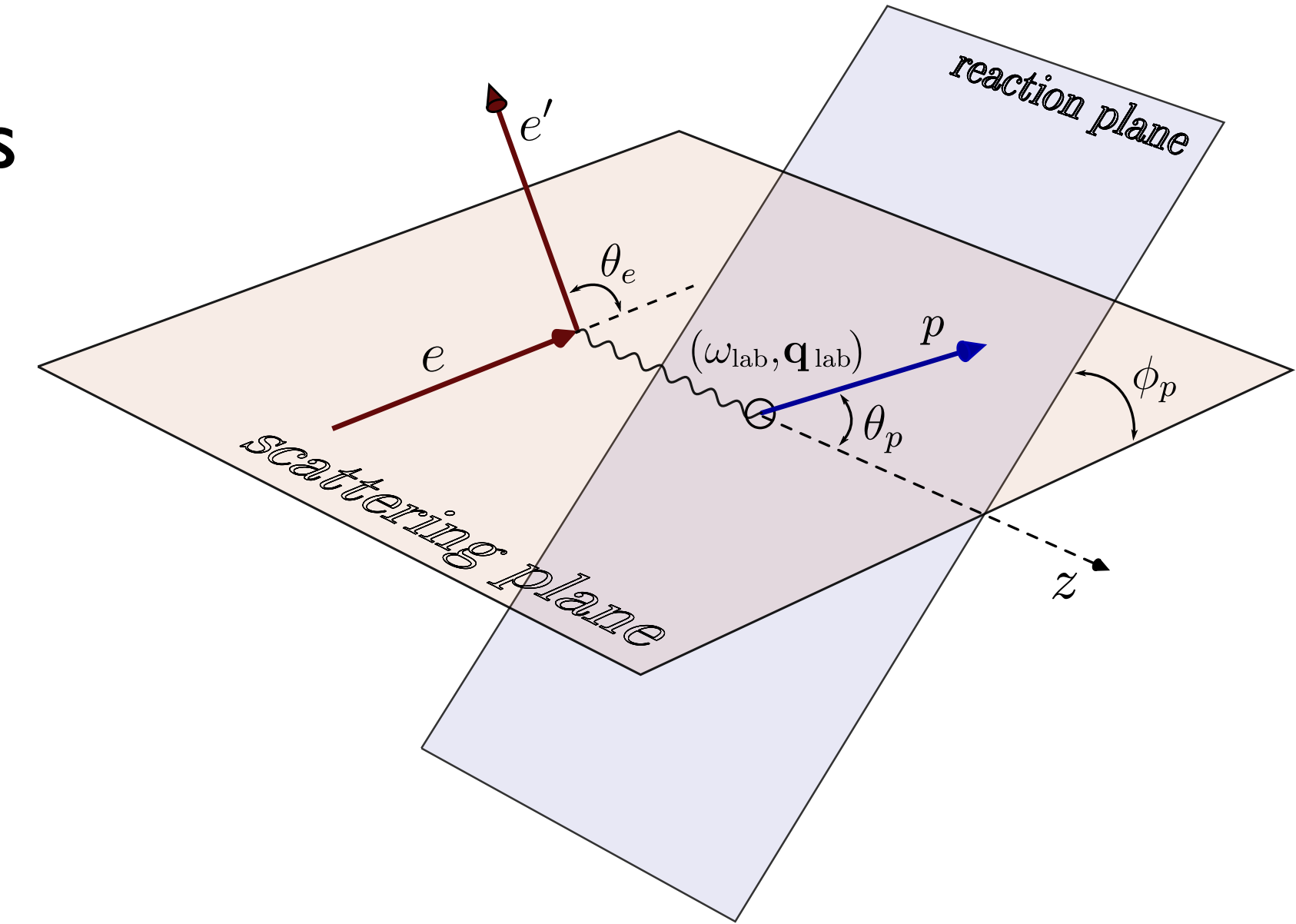
Still, matching structure and reactions to the same scale and scheme should be a desiderata for any consistent treatment of structure and reactions

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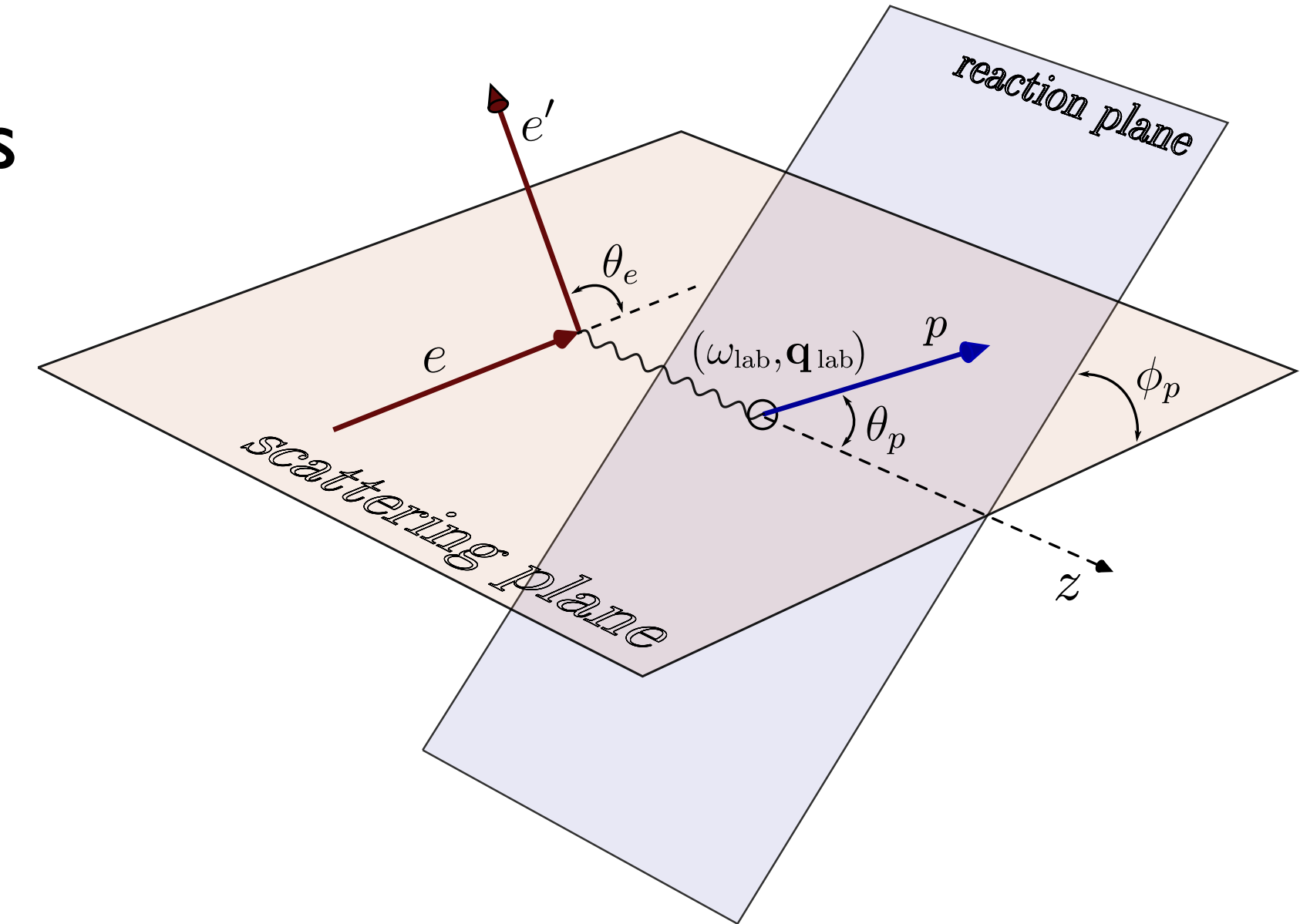


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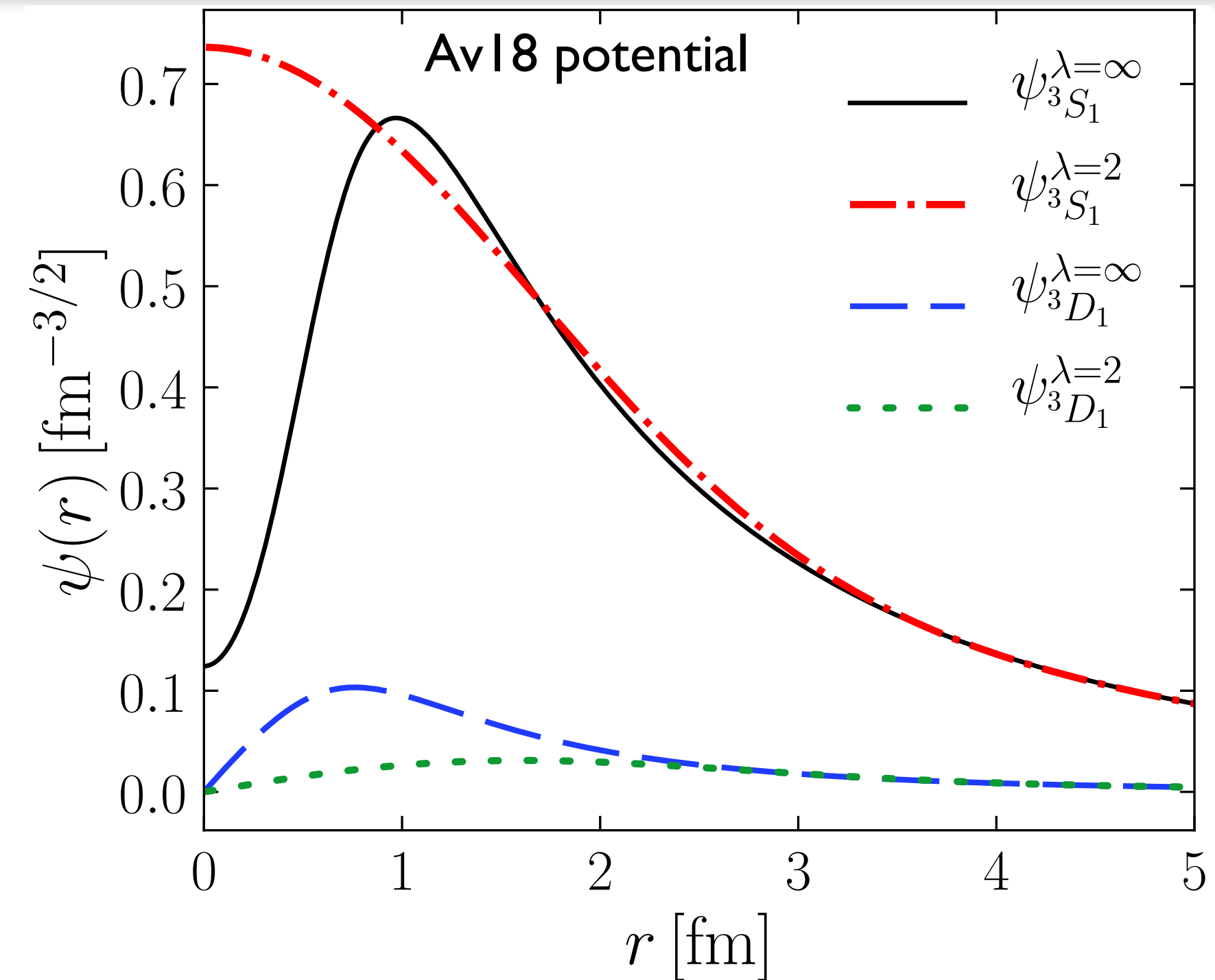
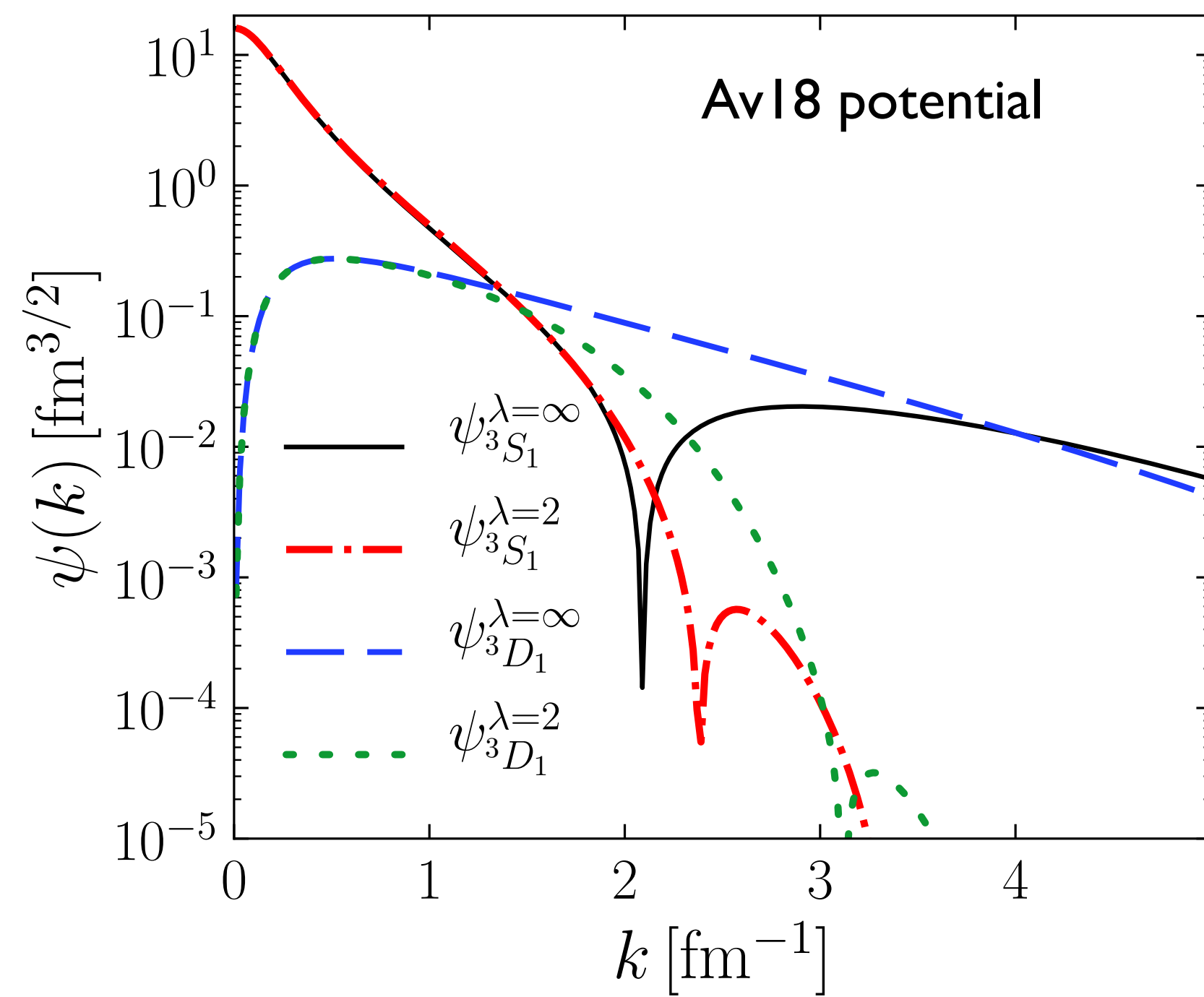
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- Components (deuteron wf, transition operator, FSI) scale-dependent, total is not.
- How do the components evolve? How do physical interpretations change? Are some resolution scales “easier” to calculate with?

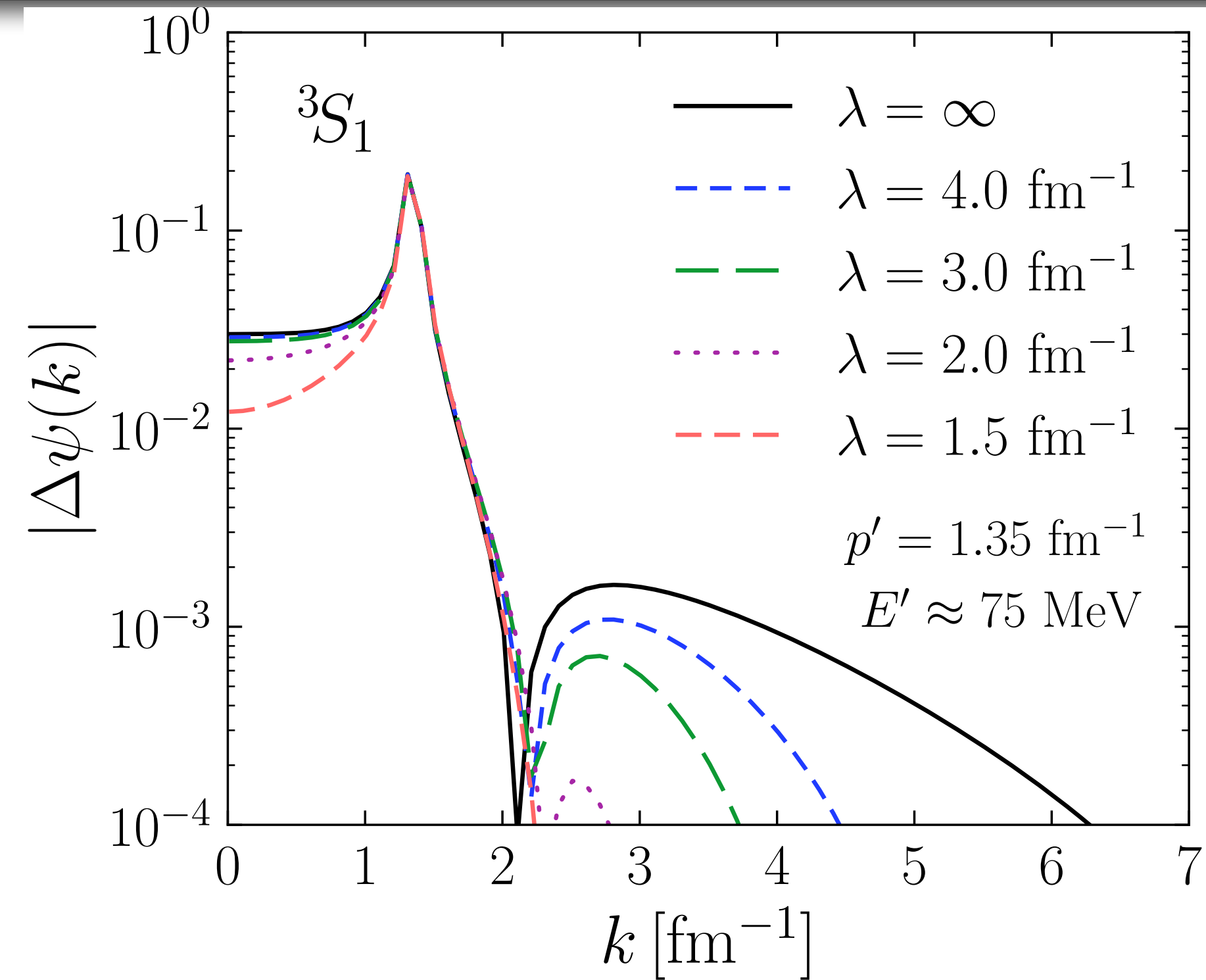
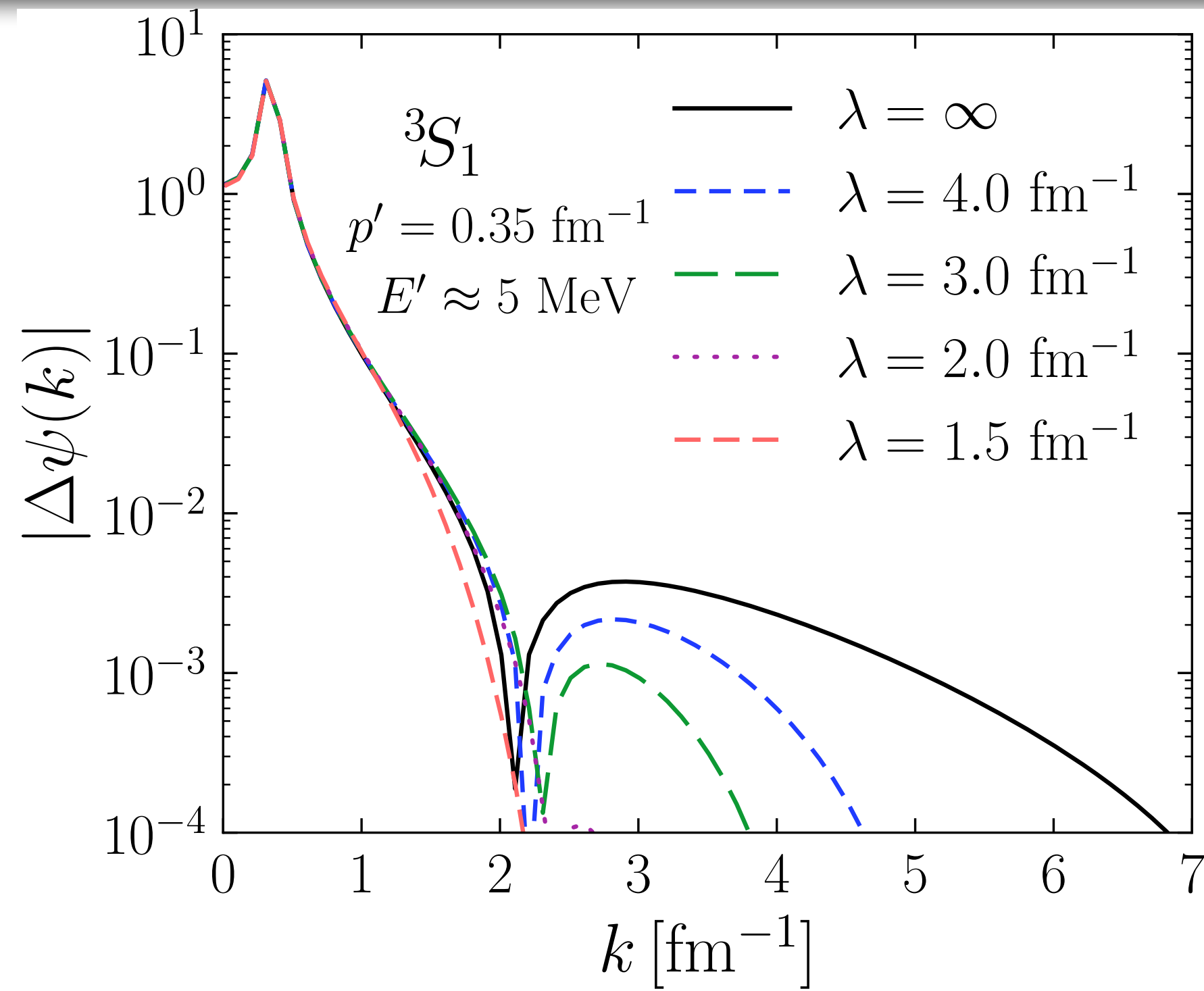
Deuteron wave function evolution



$k < \lambda$ components invariant \Leftrightarrow RG preserves long-distance physics

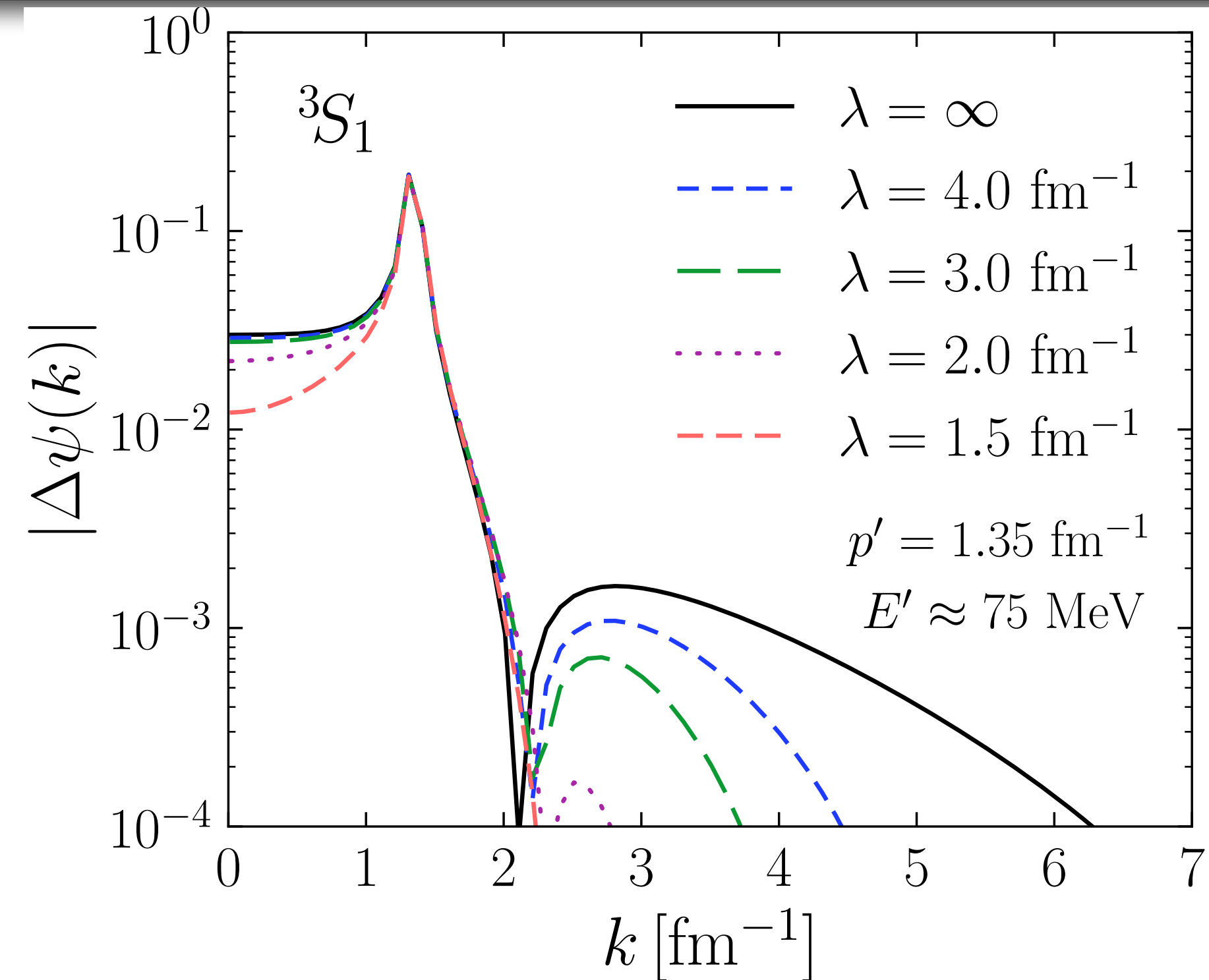
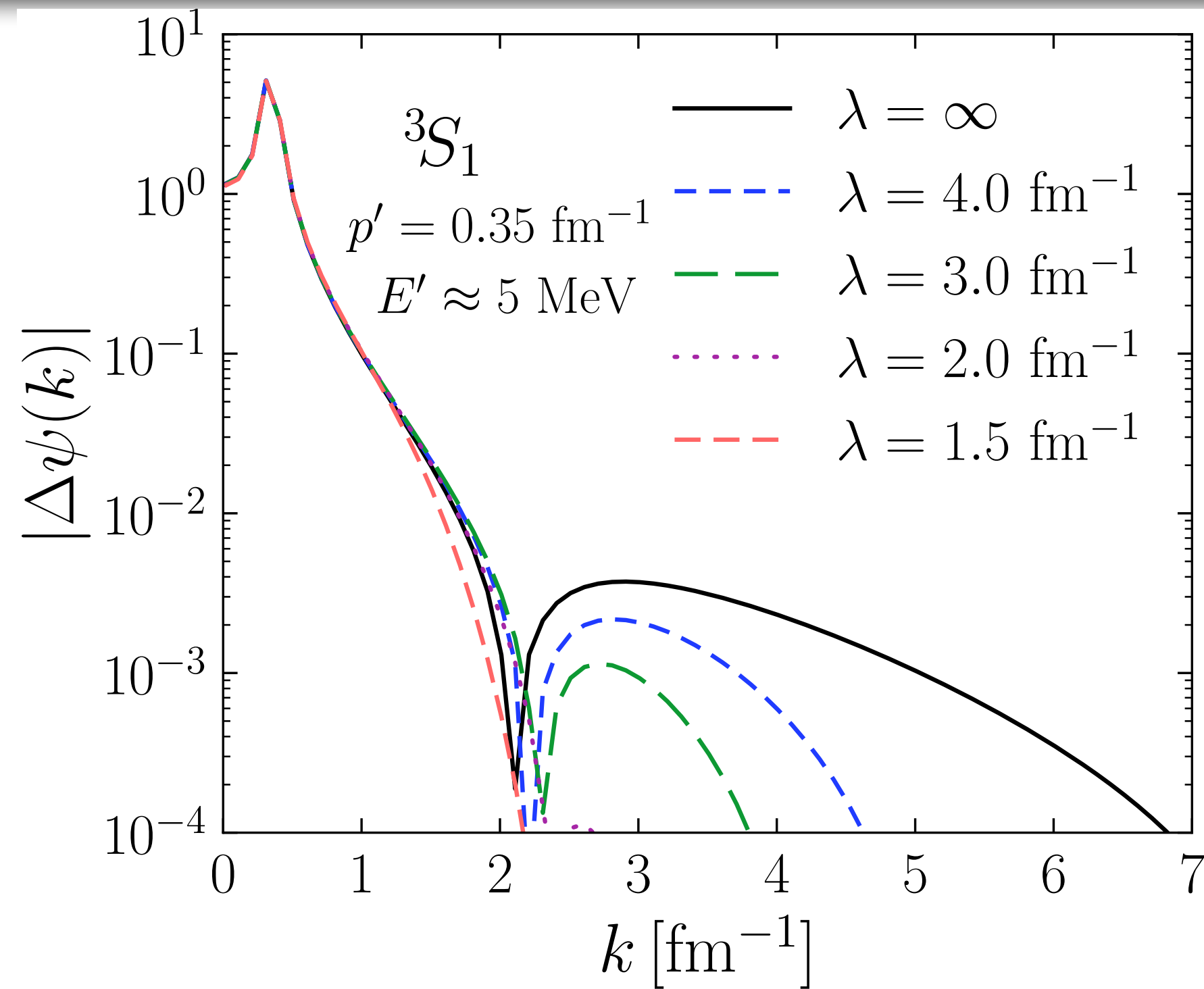
$k > \lambda$ components suppressed \Leftrightarrow short-range correlations blurred out

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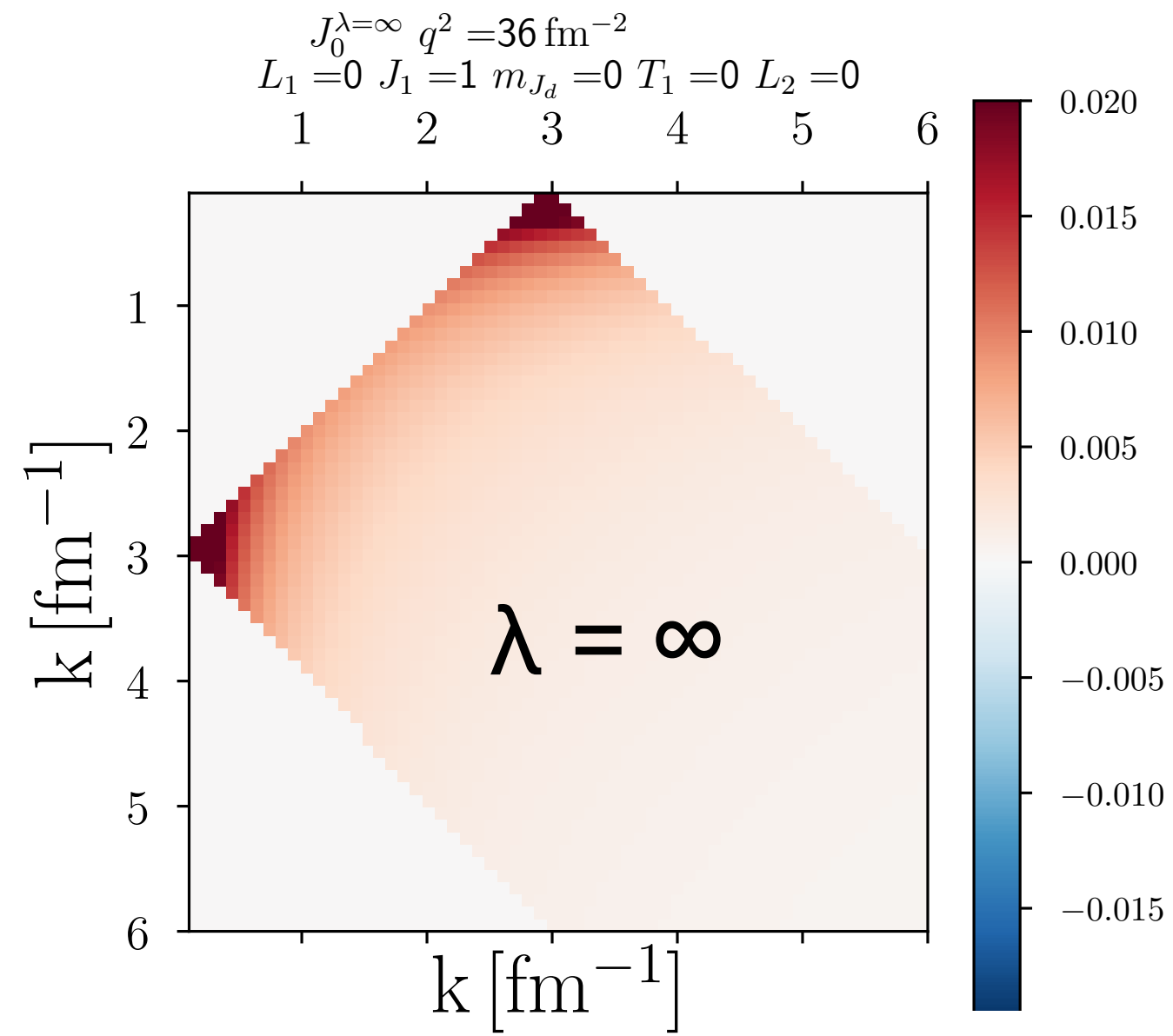
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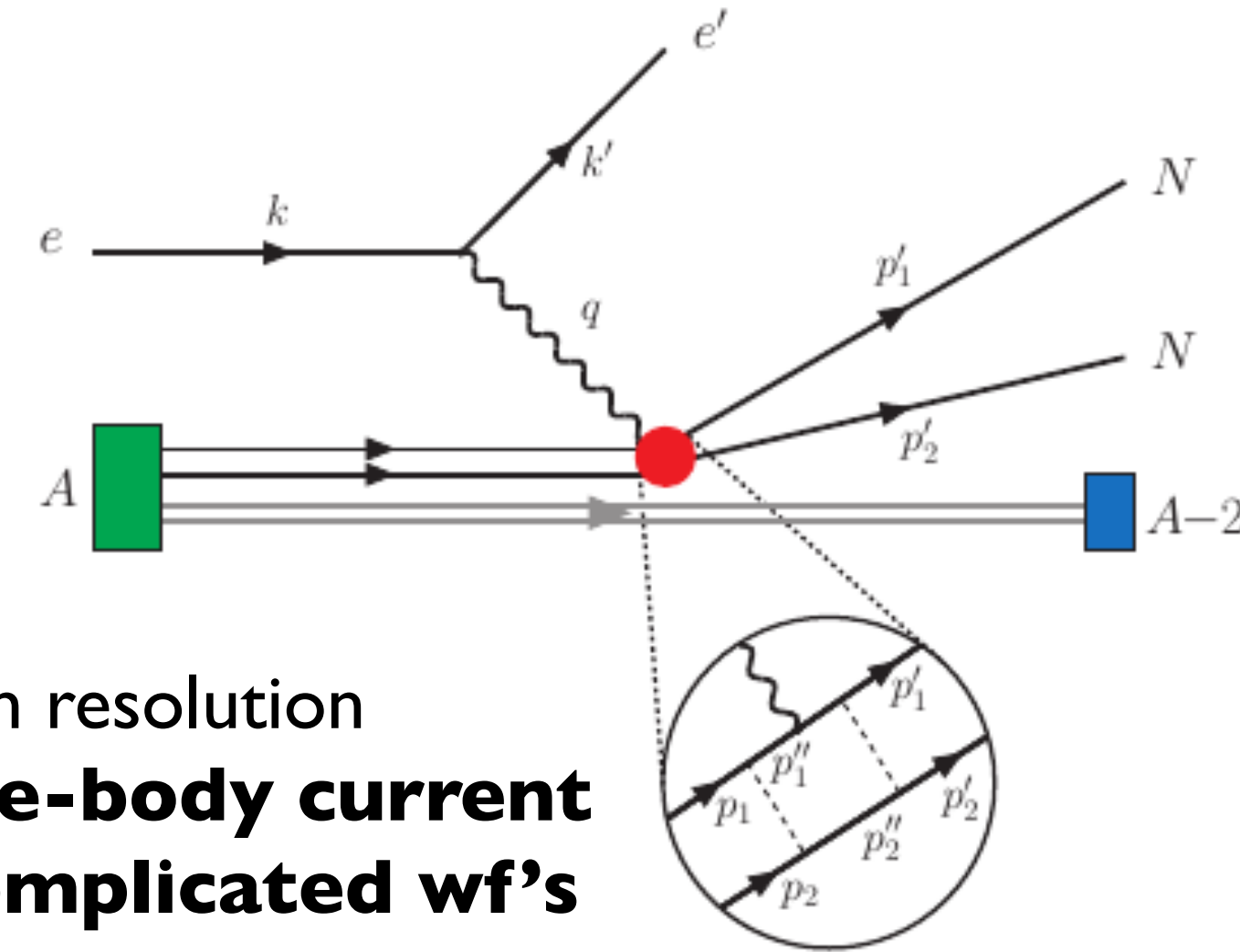
- For $p' \gtrsim \lambda$, $\Delta\psi_f^\lambda(p'; k)$ localized around outgoing p'

Scheme-dependent "local decoupling" Dainton et al. PRC 89 (2014)

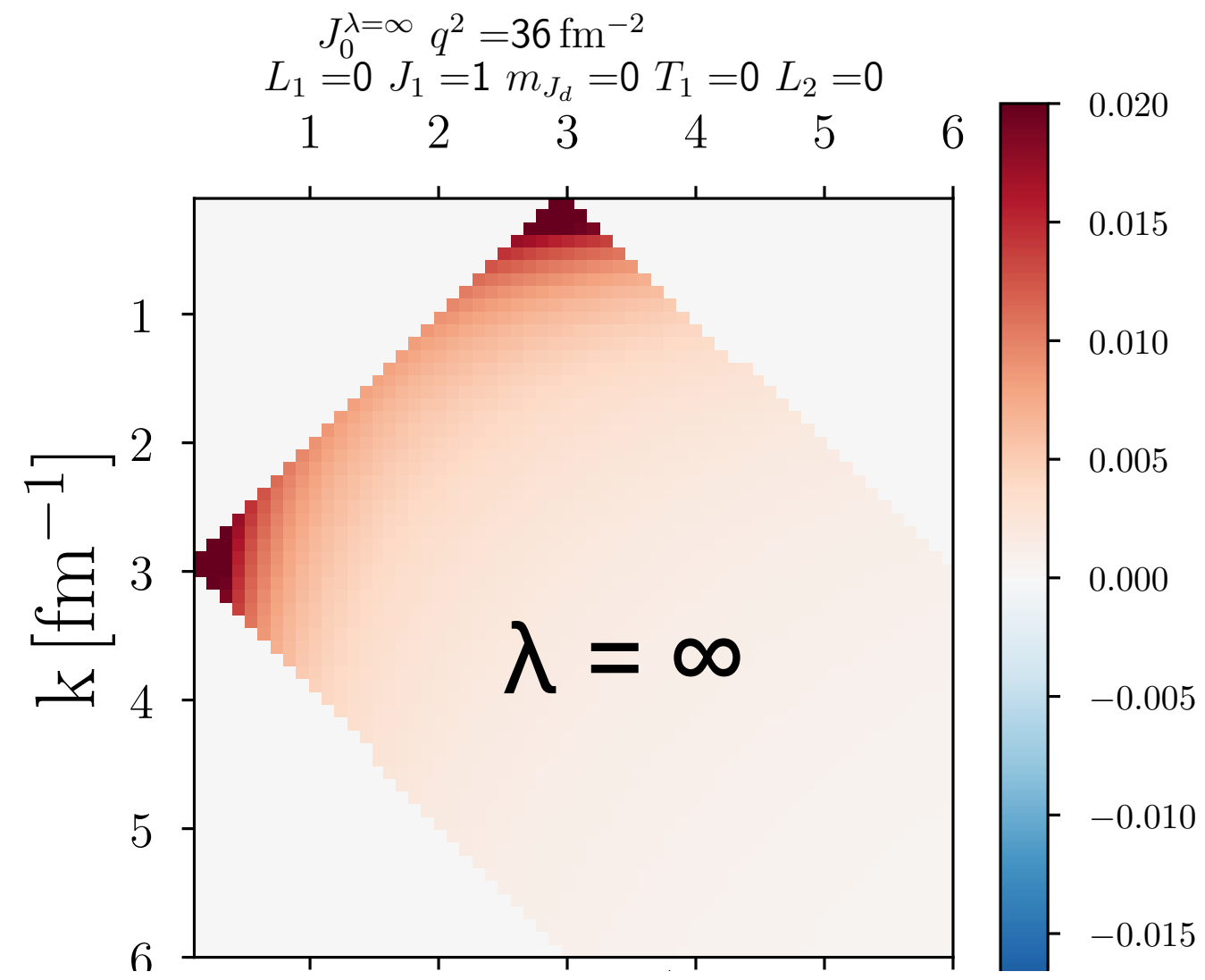
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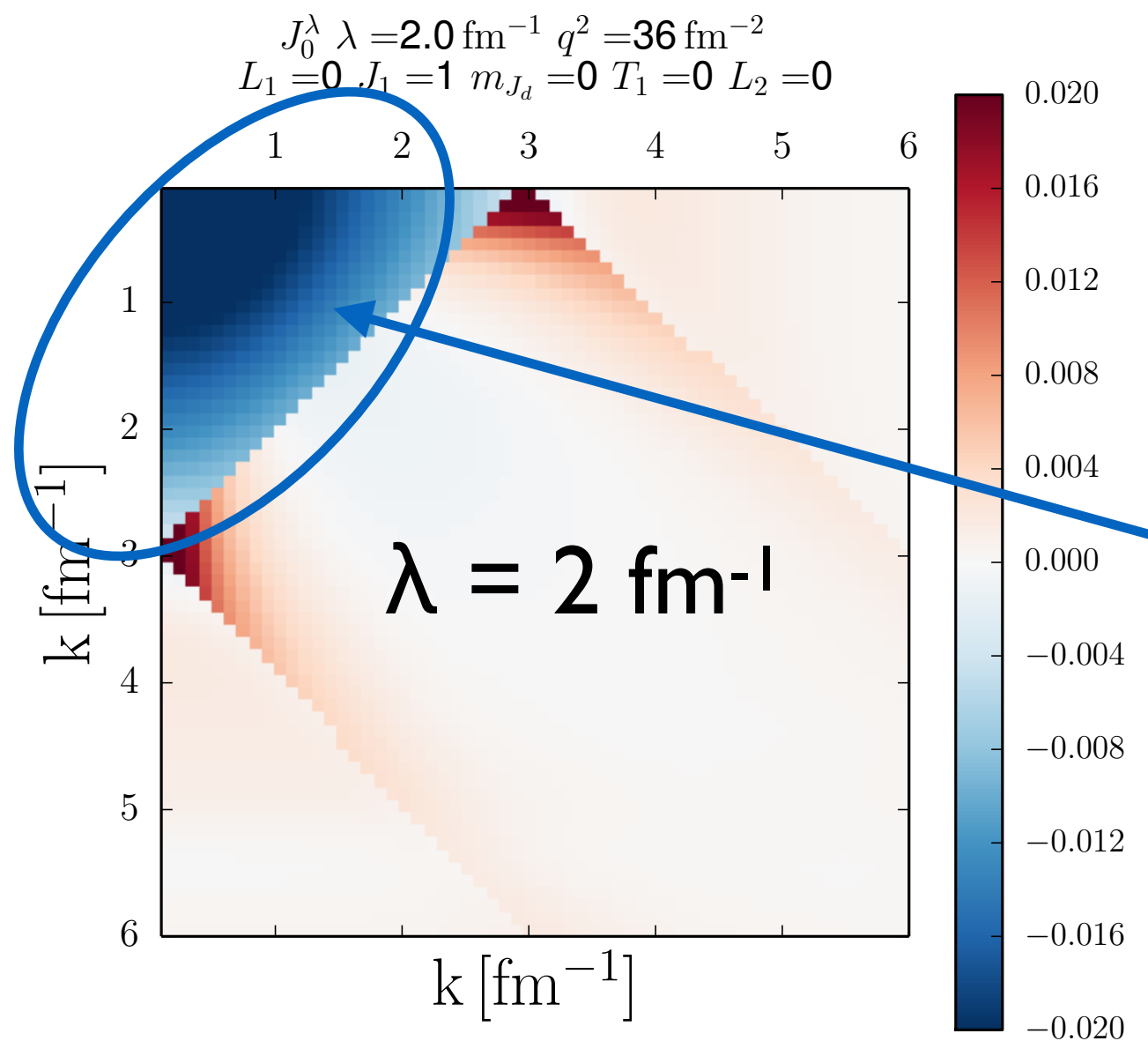
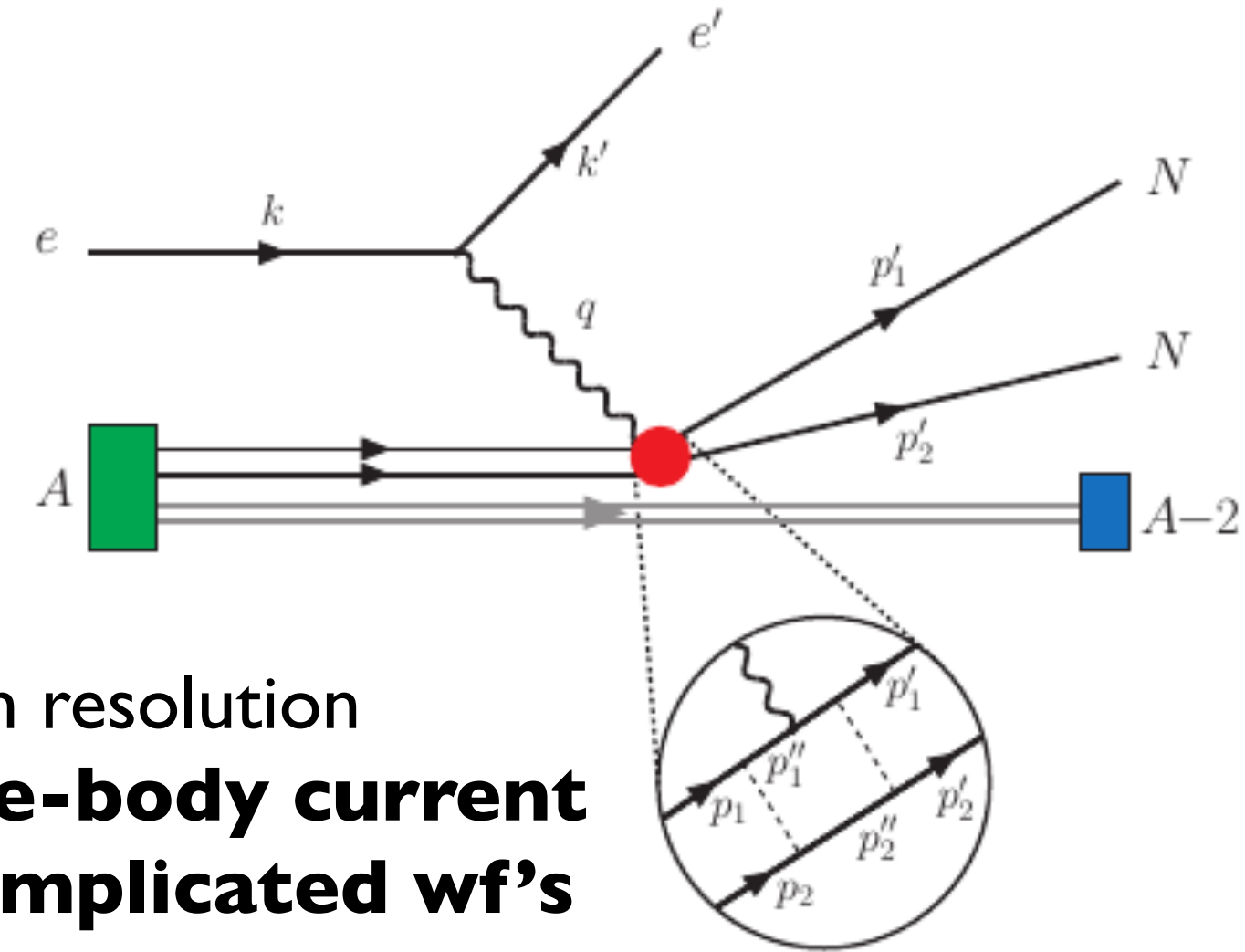
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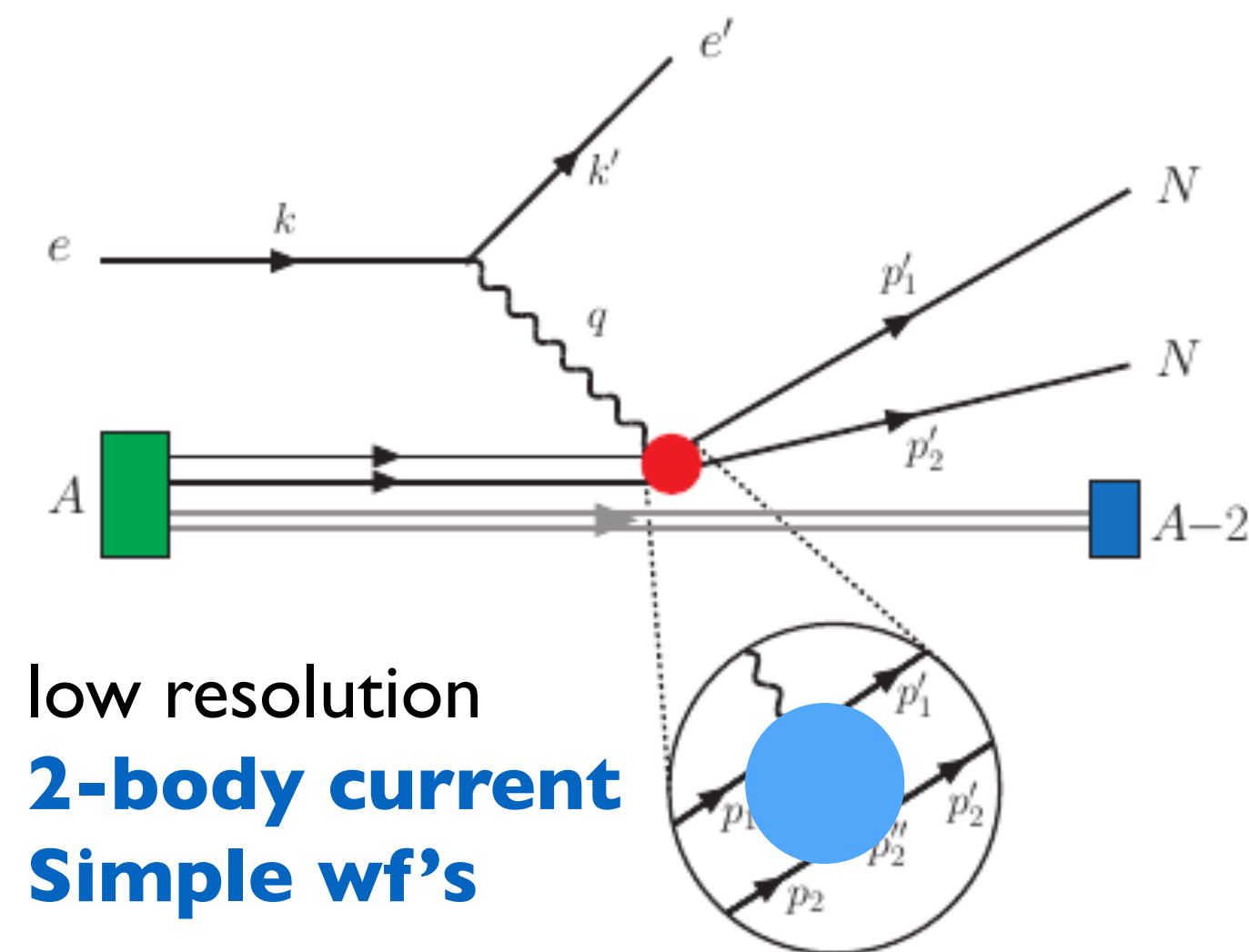
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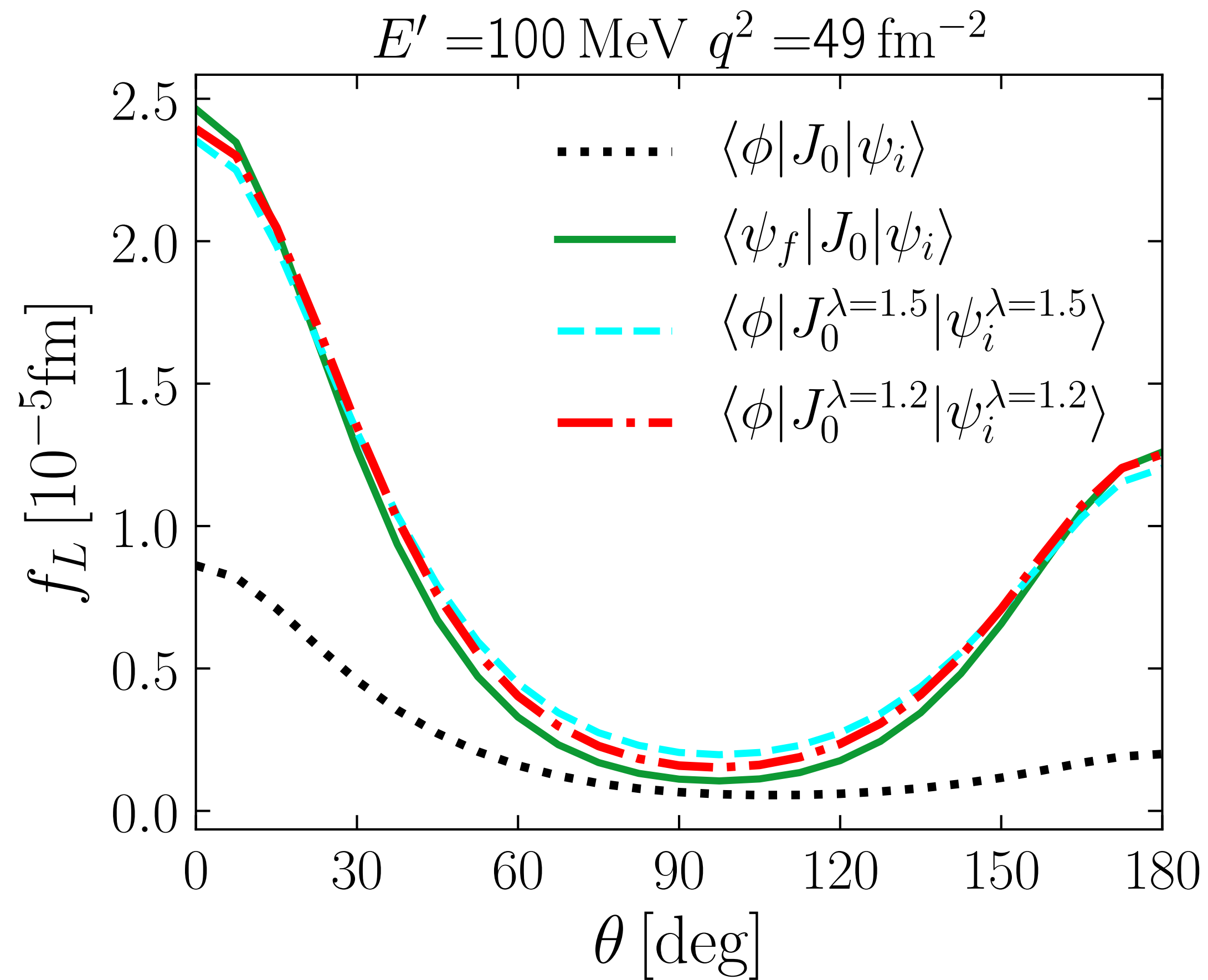


Smeared contact
operator (smooth)



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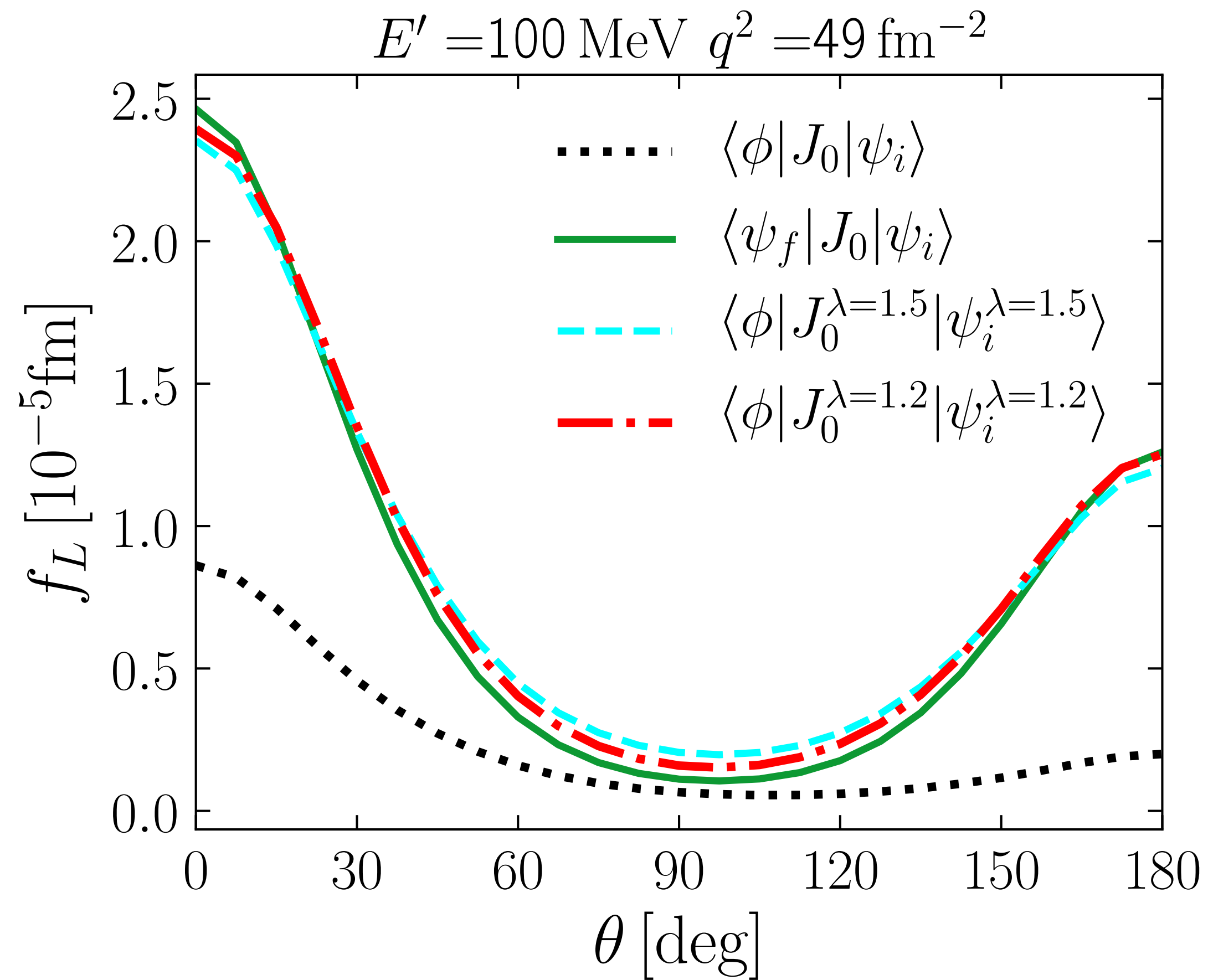
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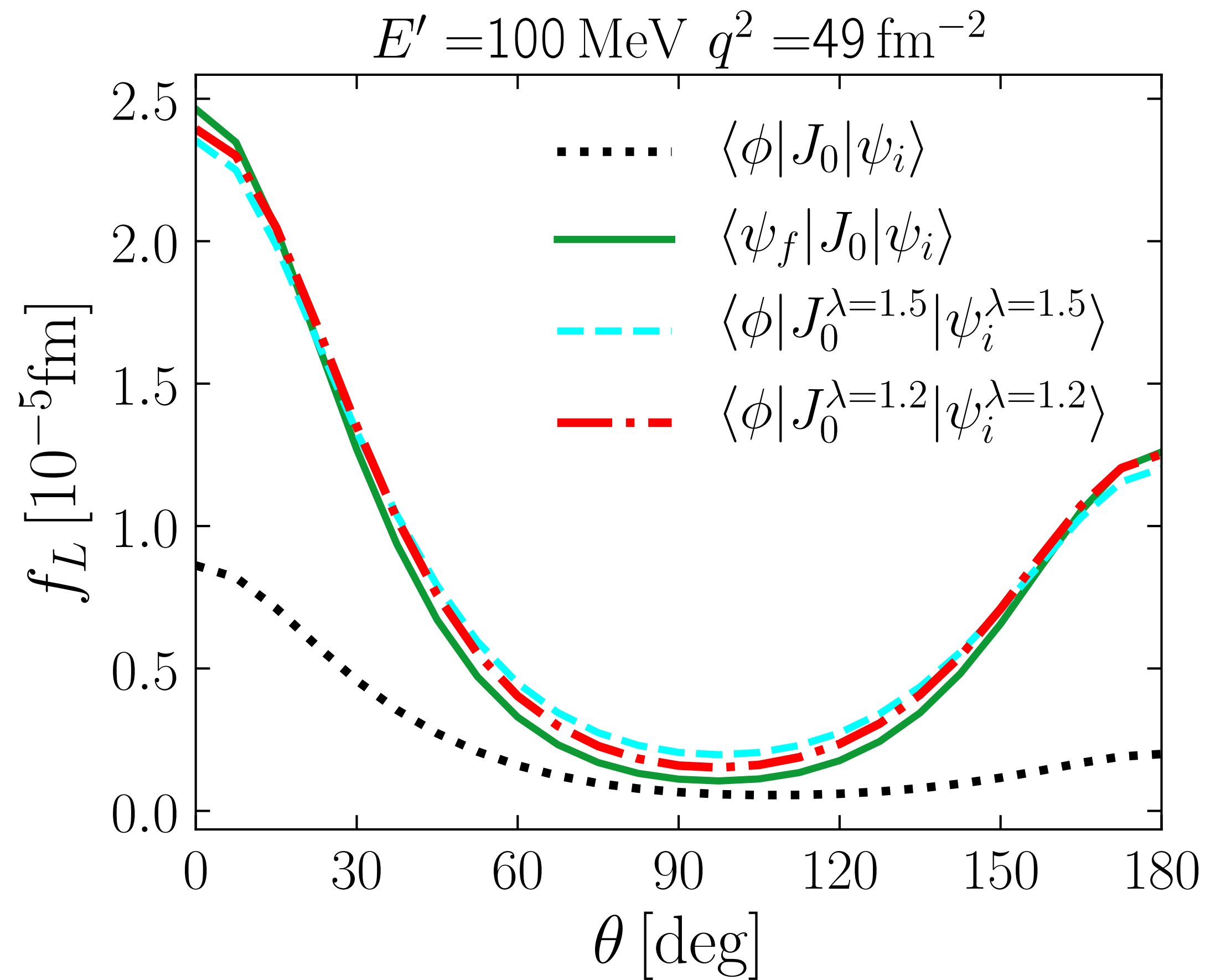


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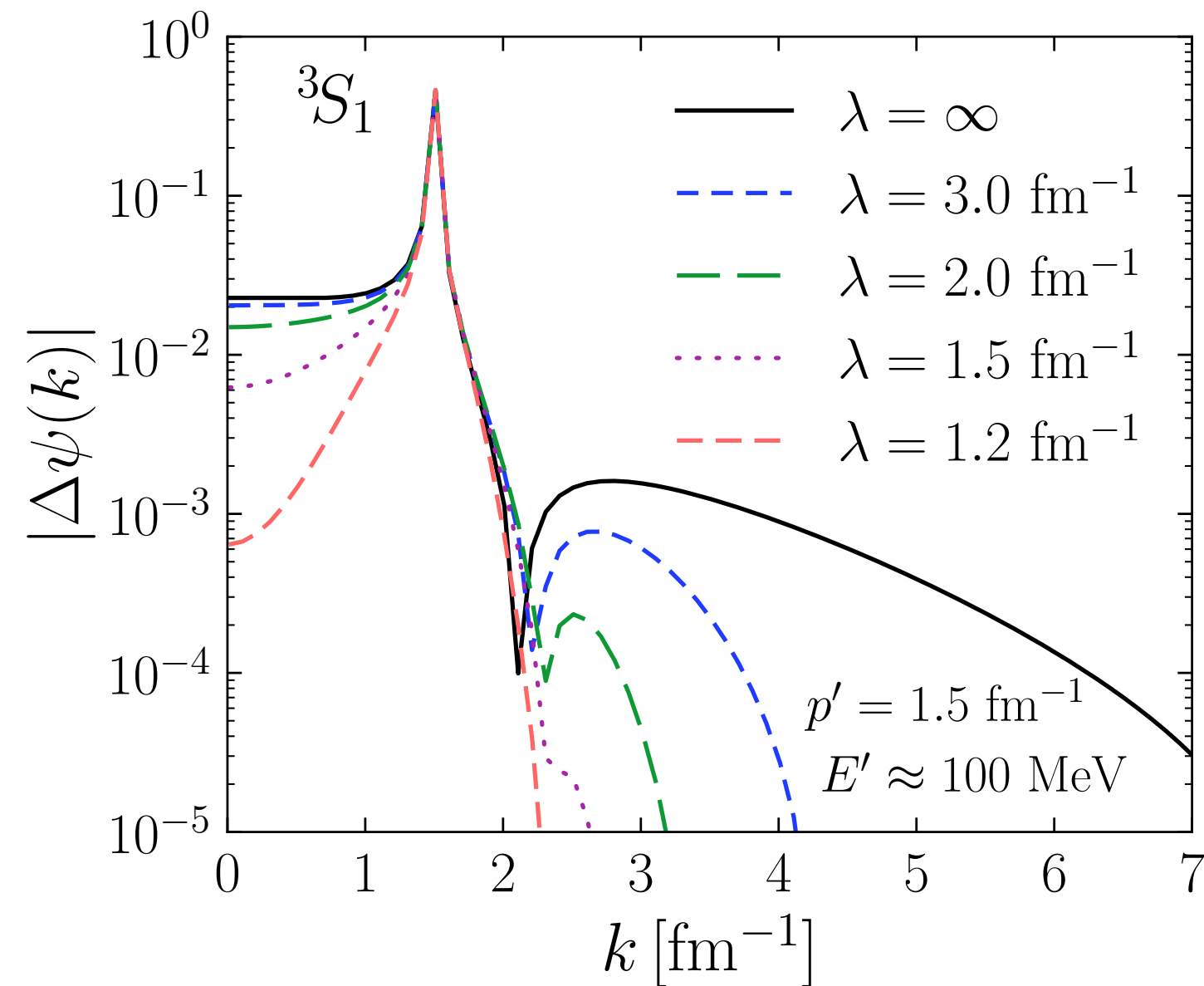
hard scattering processes
complicated in low resolution
($\lambda \ll q$) pictures

**Why are FSI so small at low λ
in these kinematics ?**

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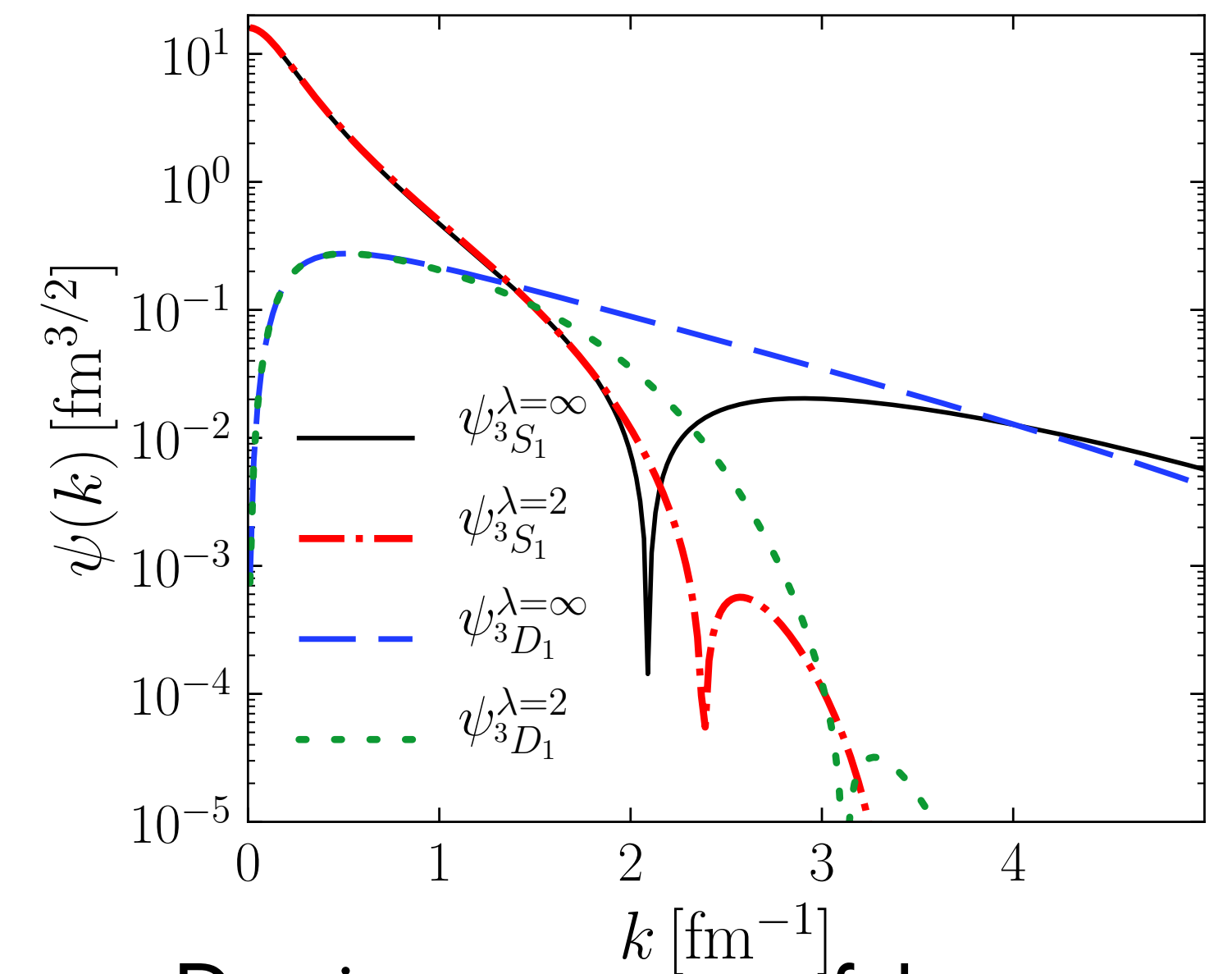


final state wf (FSI piece)



For $p' \gtrsim \lambda$, interacting part of final state wf localized at $k \approx p'$

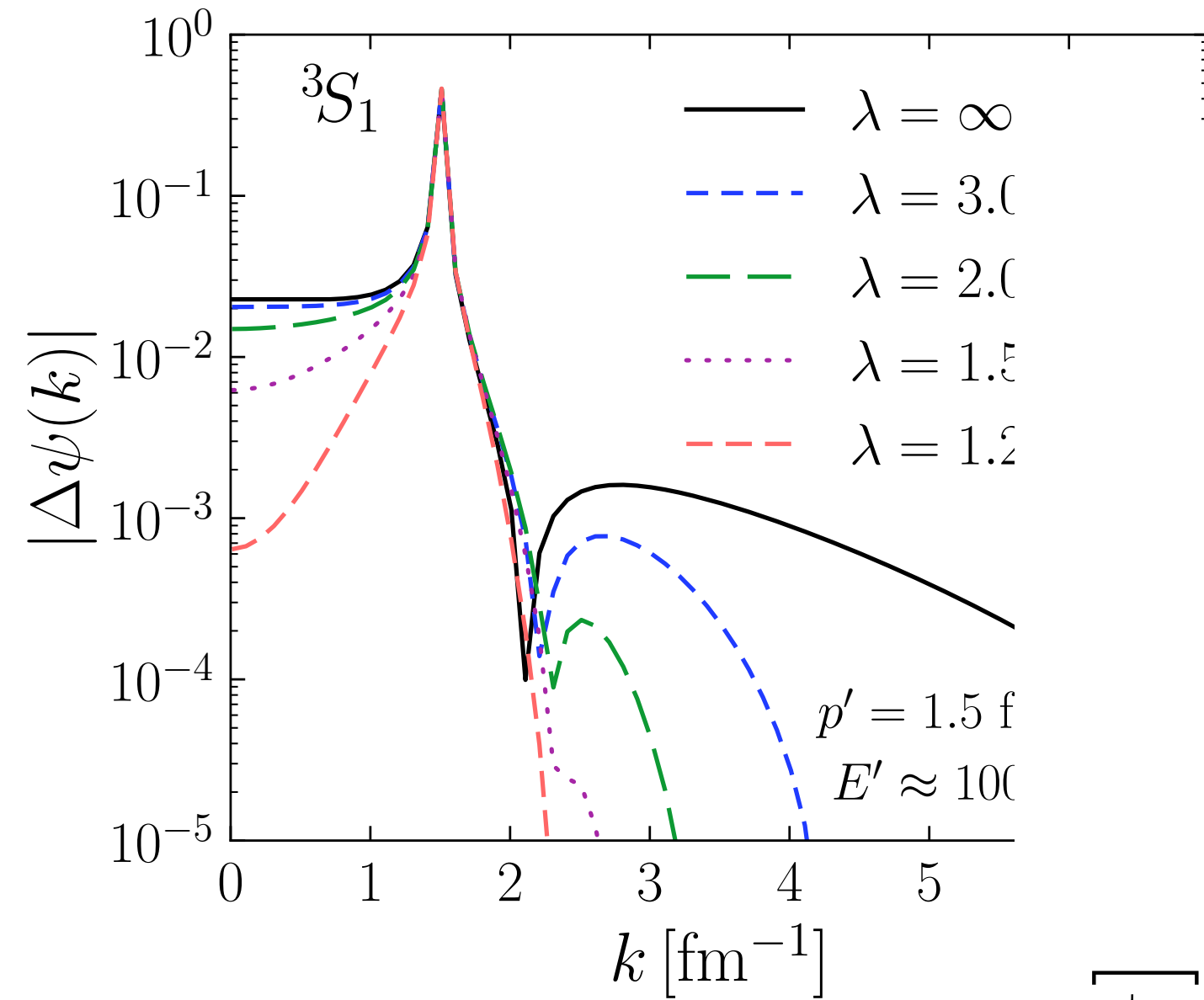
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Dominant support of deuteron wf at $k \lesssim \lambda$

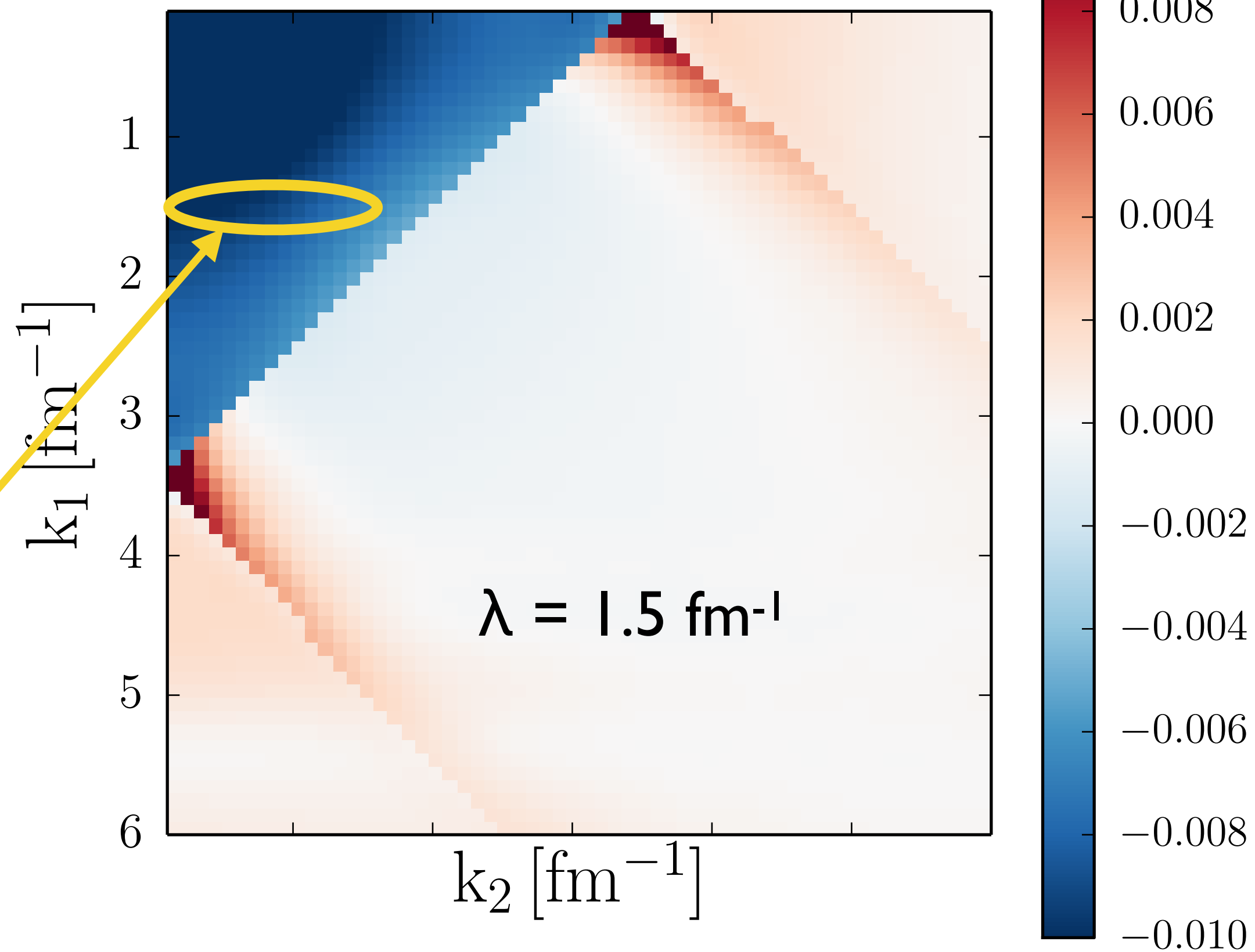
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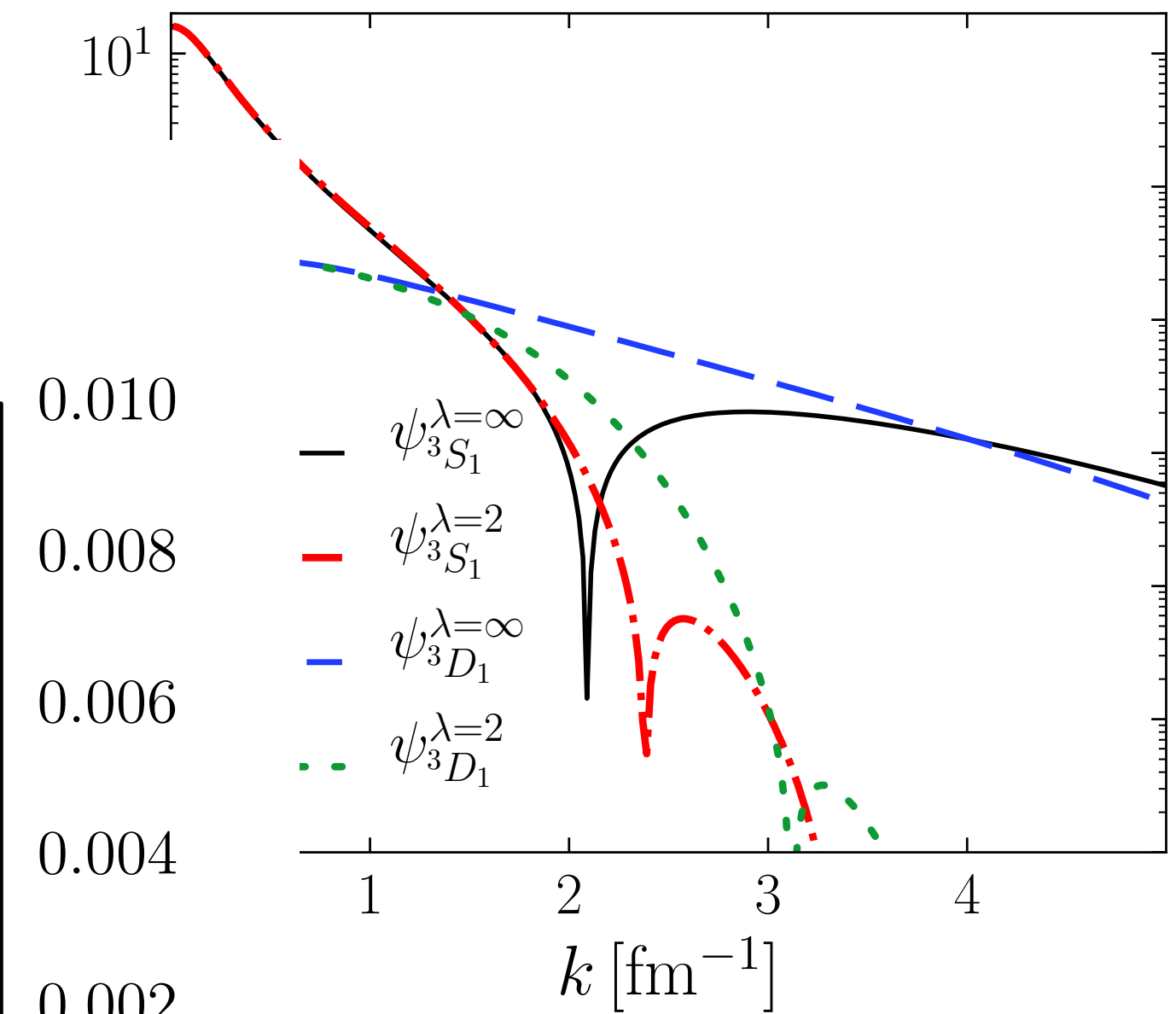


$J_q^\lambda(k', k)$
probed by
transition
(smooth and
non-singular)

$$\langle {}^3S_1; k_1 | J_0^{\lambda=1.5} | {}^3S_1; k_2 \rangle \quad q^2 = 49 \text{ fm}^{-2}$$



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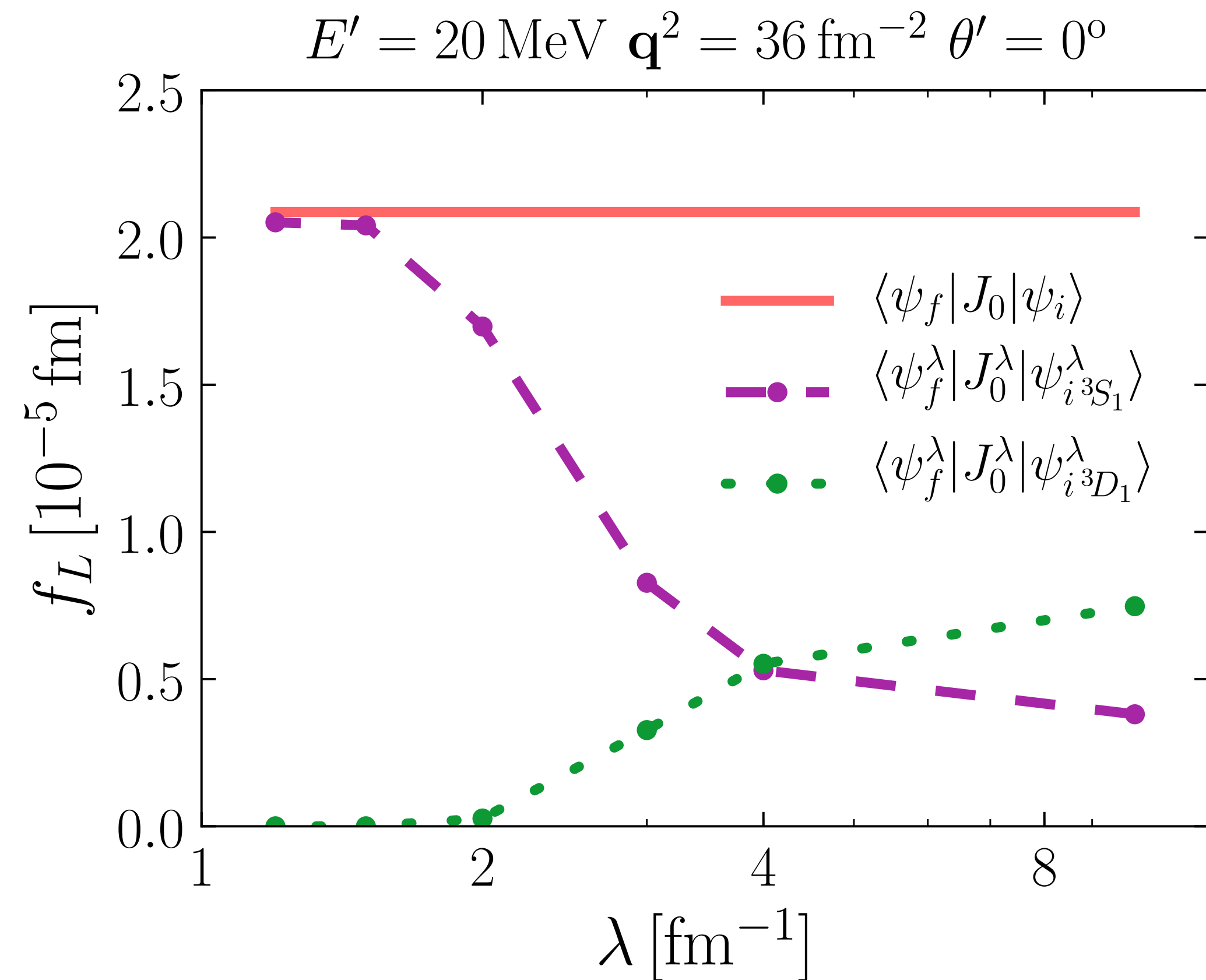
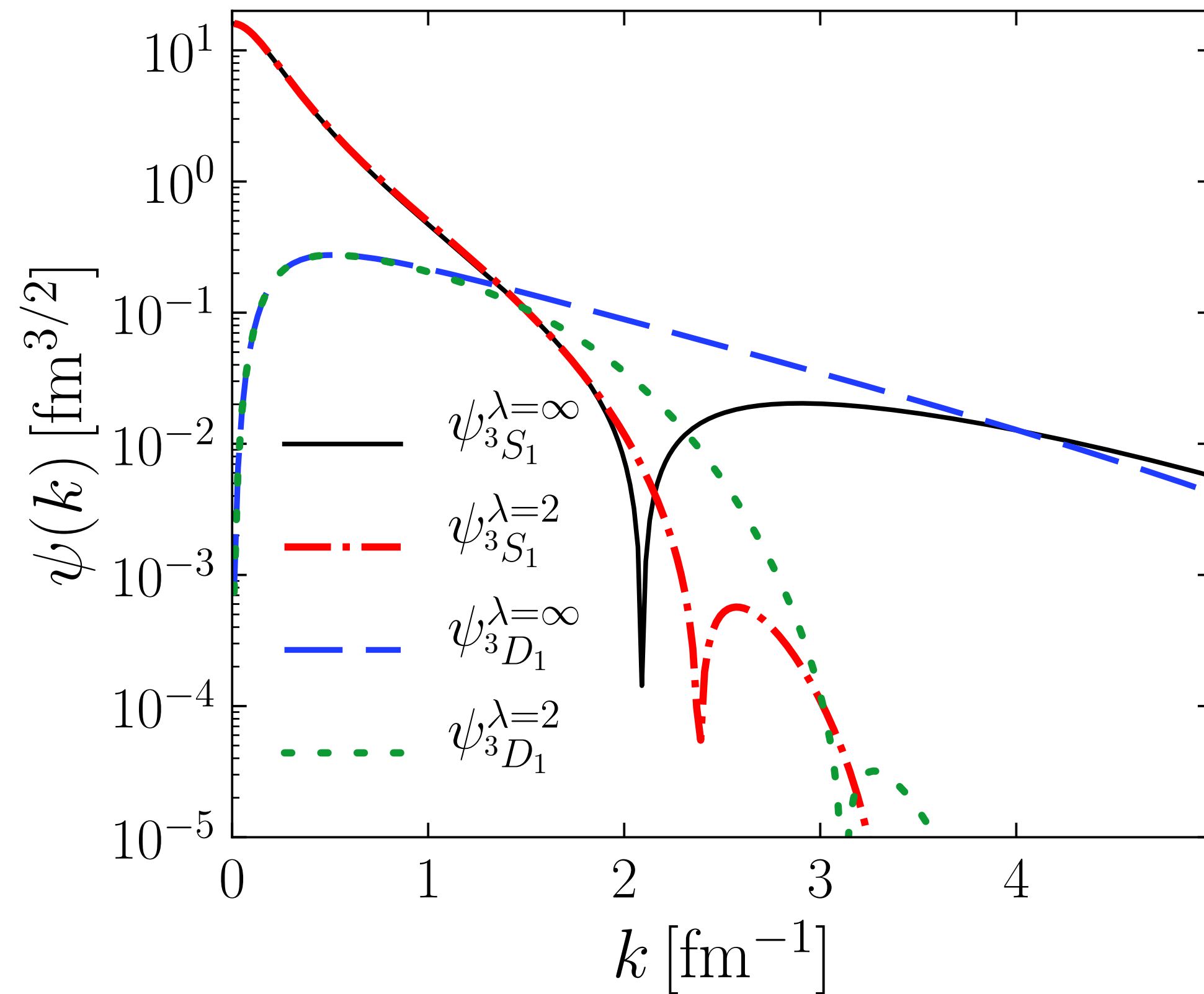
∴ FSI $\sim T(p', p')$
(small!)

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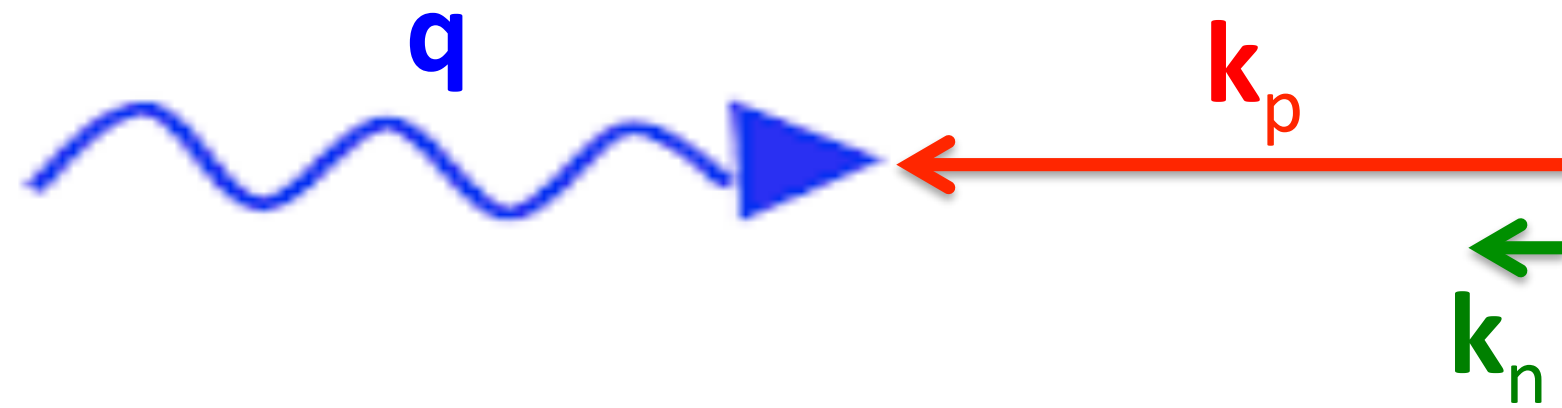
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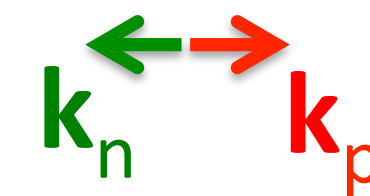
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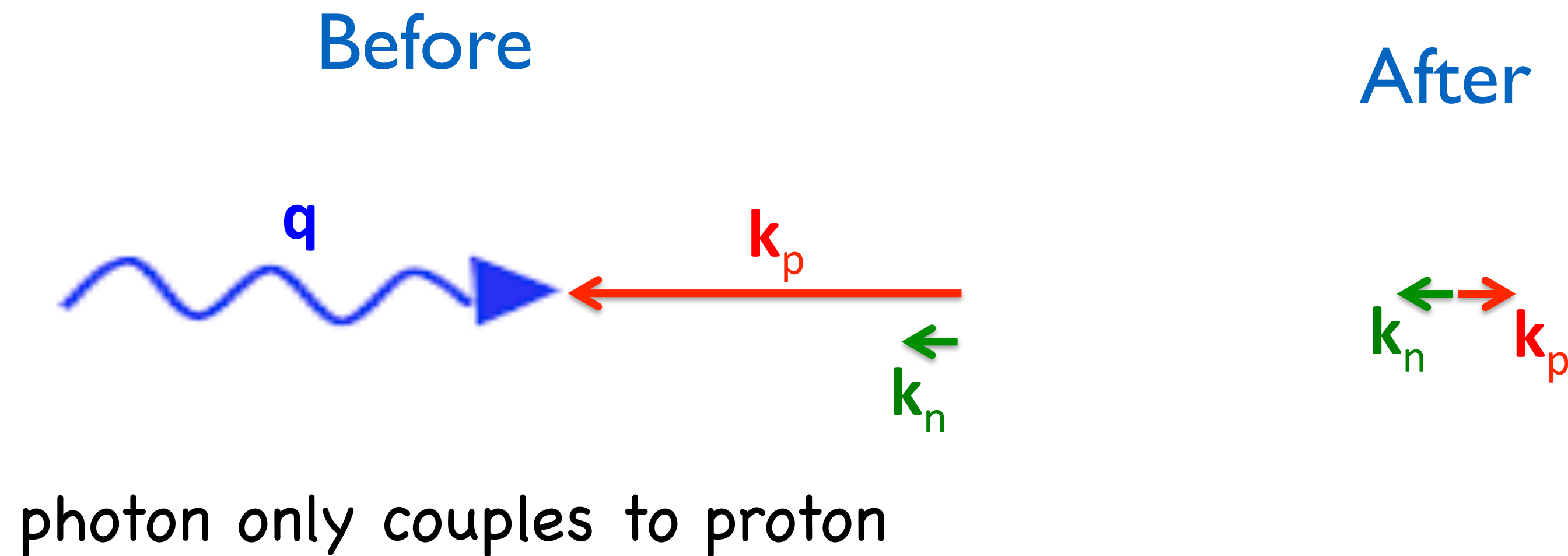
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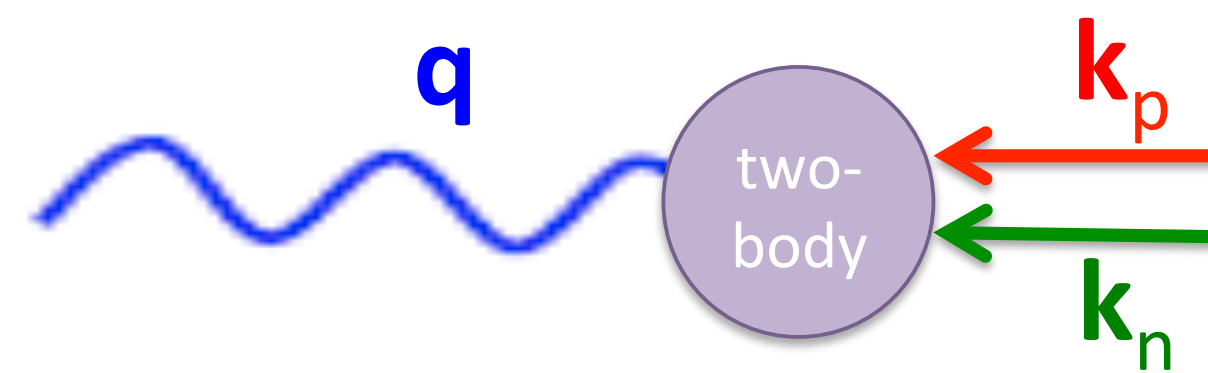


- ∴ proton has large momentum \Rightarrow initial large relative momentum
(i.e., SRC pair)

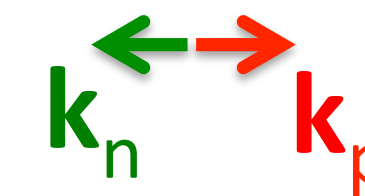
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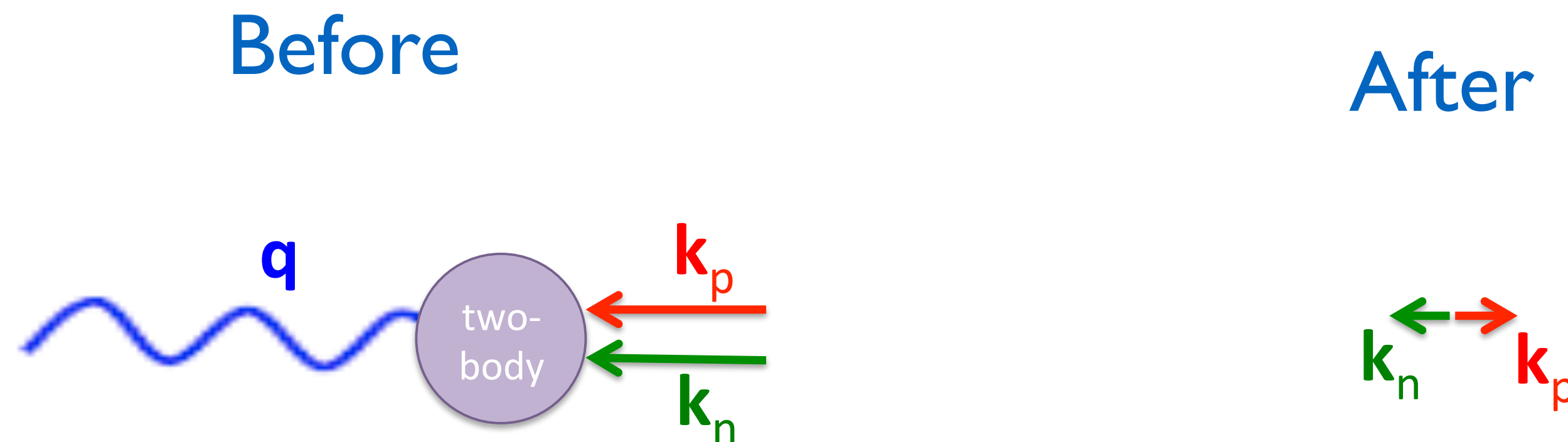


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no large relative momentum in evolved deuteron wf

1-body current makes no contribution

\therefore 2-body current mostly stops the low-relative momentum np pair

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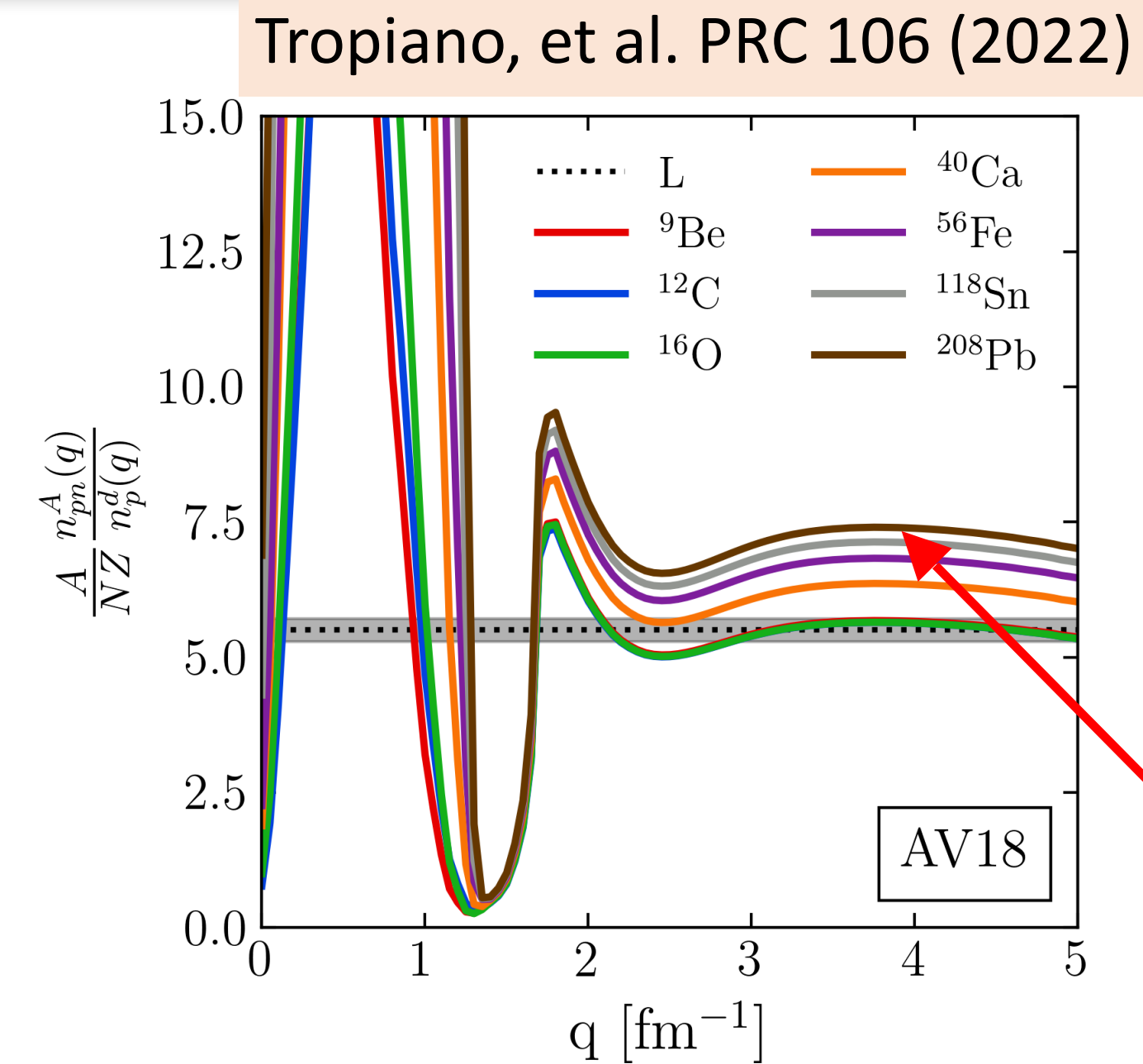
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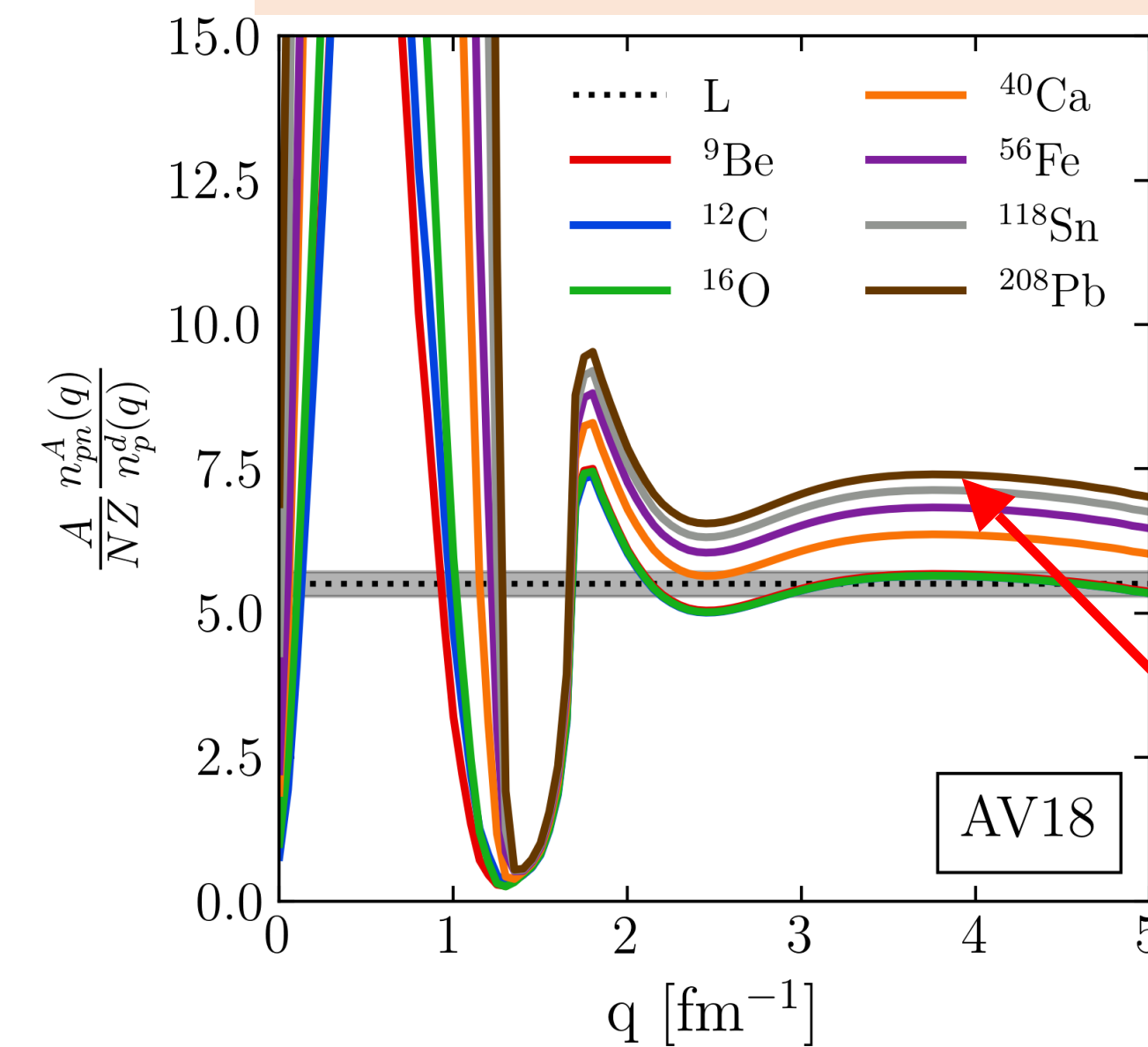
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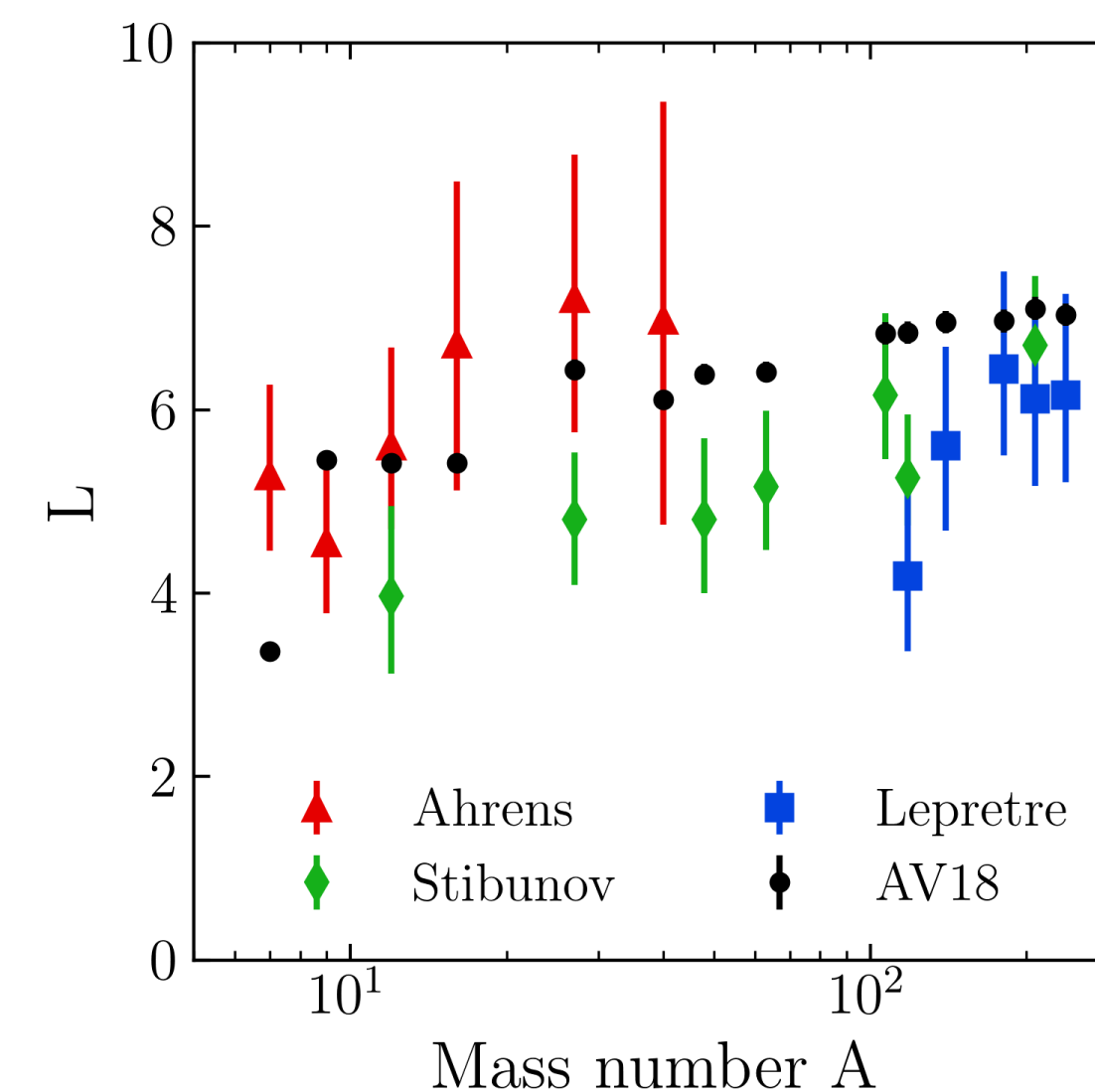
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Colored points: L extracted from data

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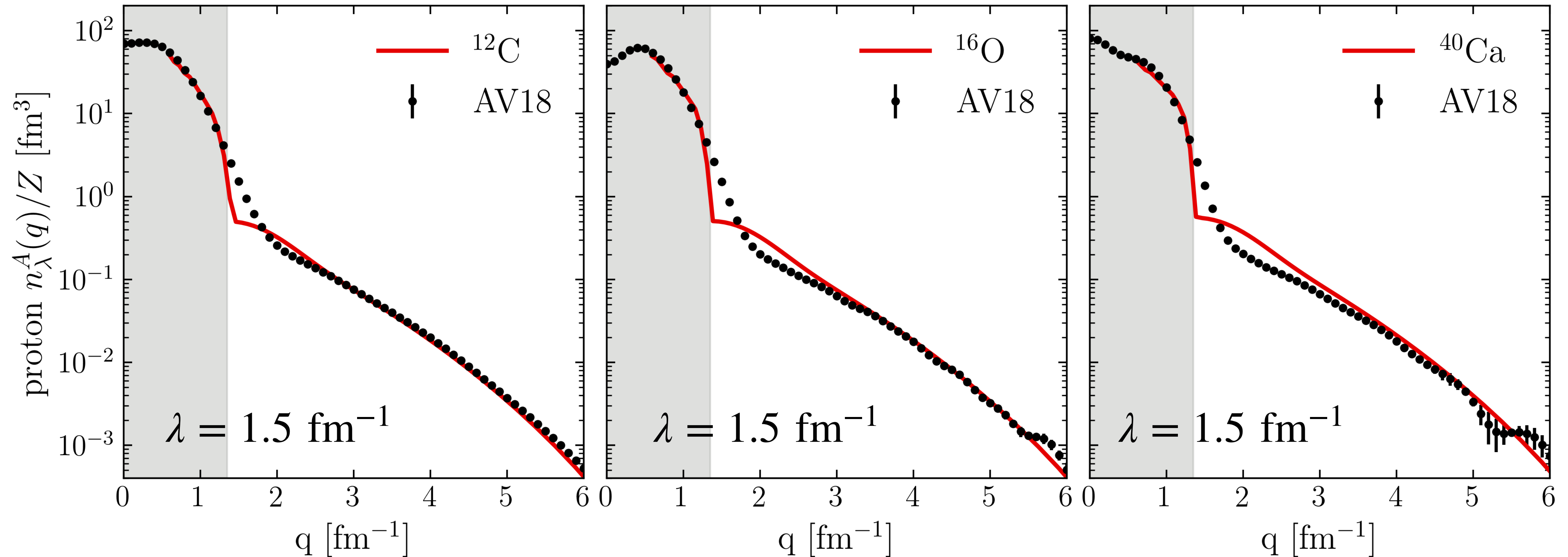
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Explains why tails in A-body scale off the deuteron (same q-dependence)

Easy to calculate since only have to evaluate a smeared contact operator in “simple” low resolution wf's (amenable to approximations)

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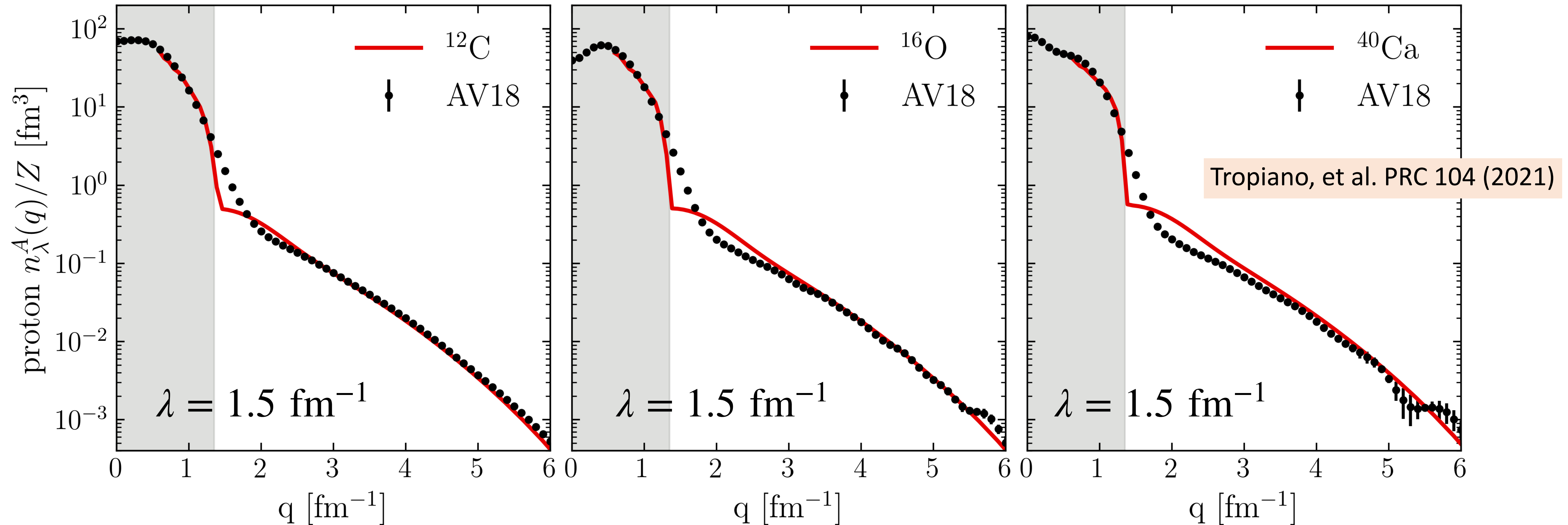
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Approximate low-resolution wf as HF treated in LDA

Decent reproduction of full VMC calculations with av18 (note: LDA breaks down at small q)

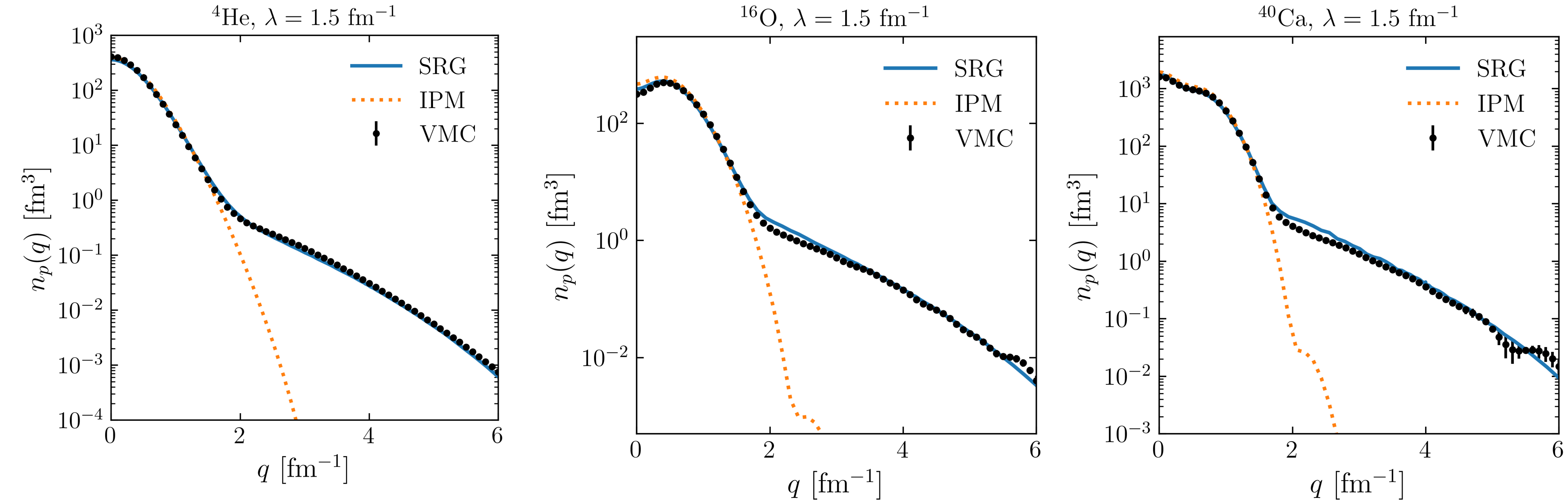
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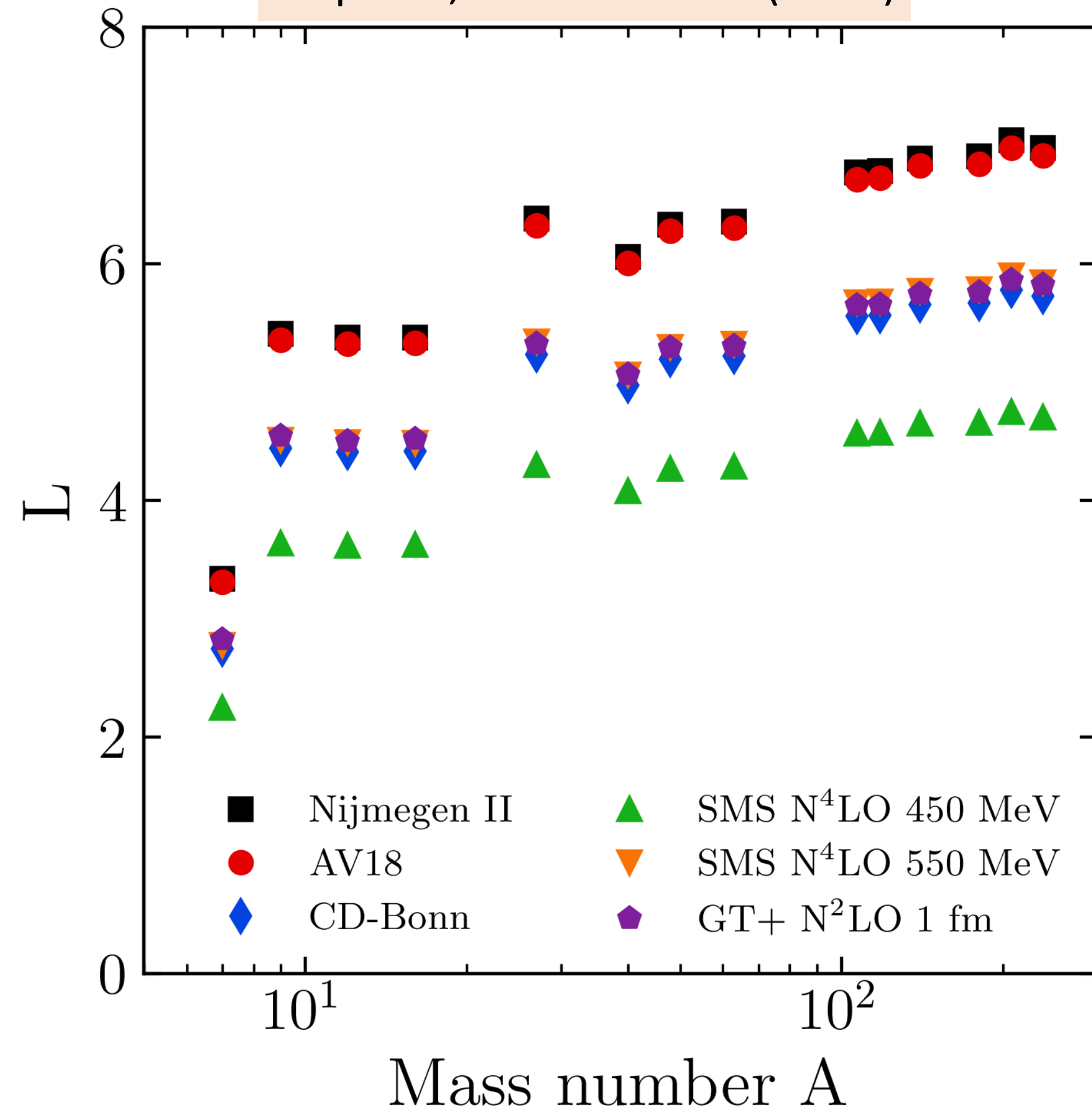


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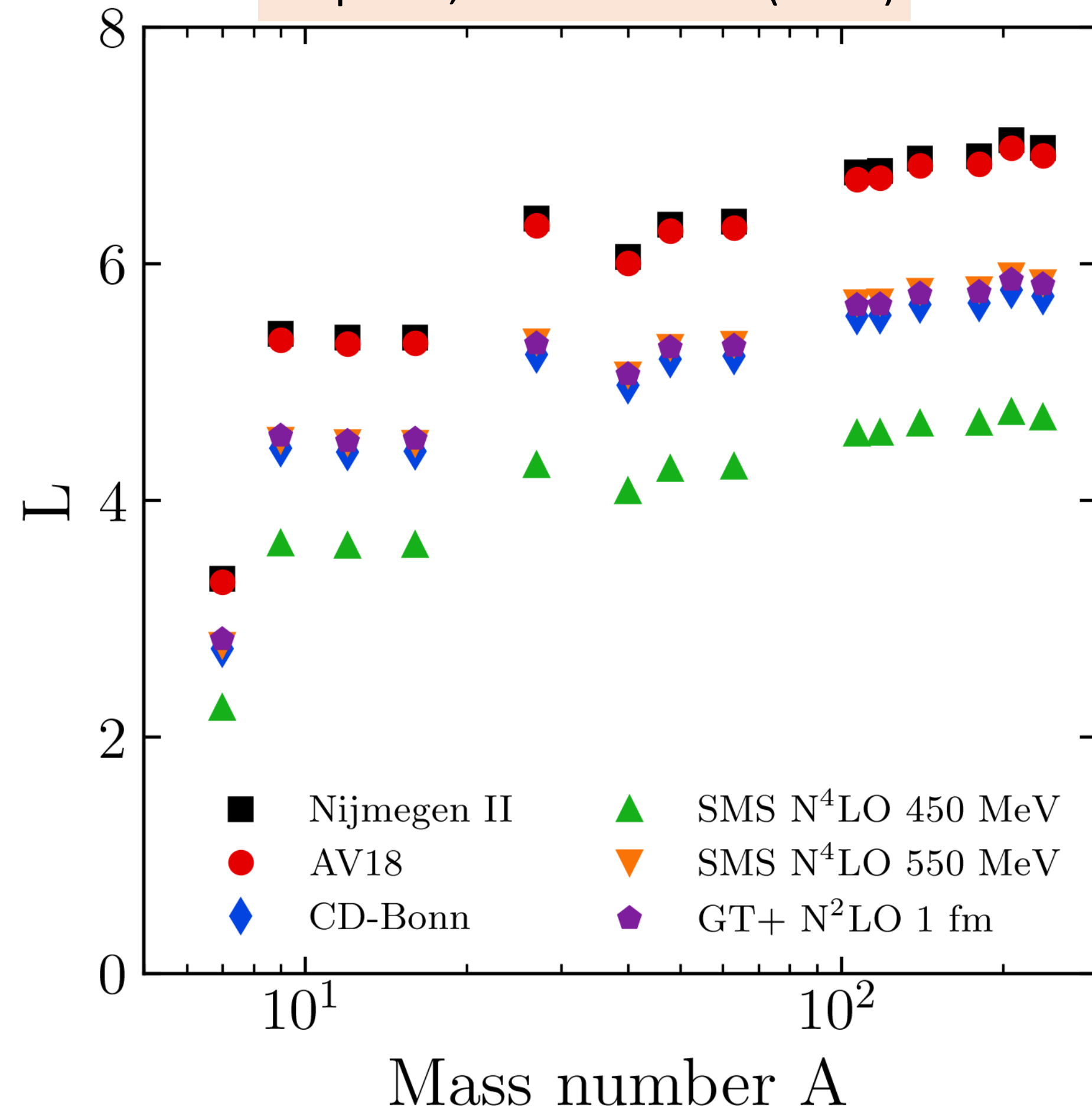


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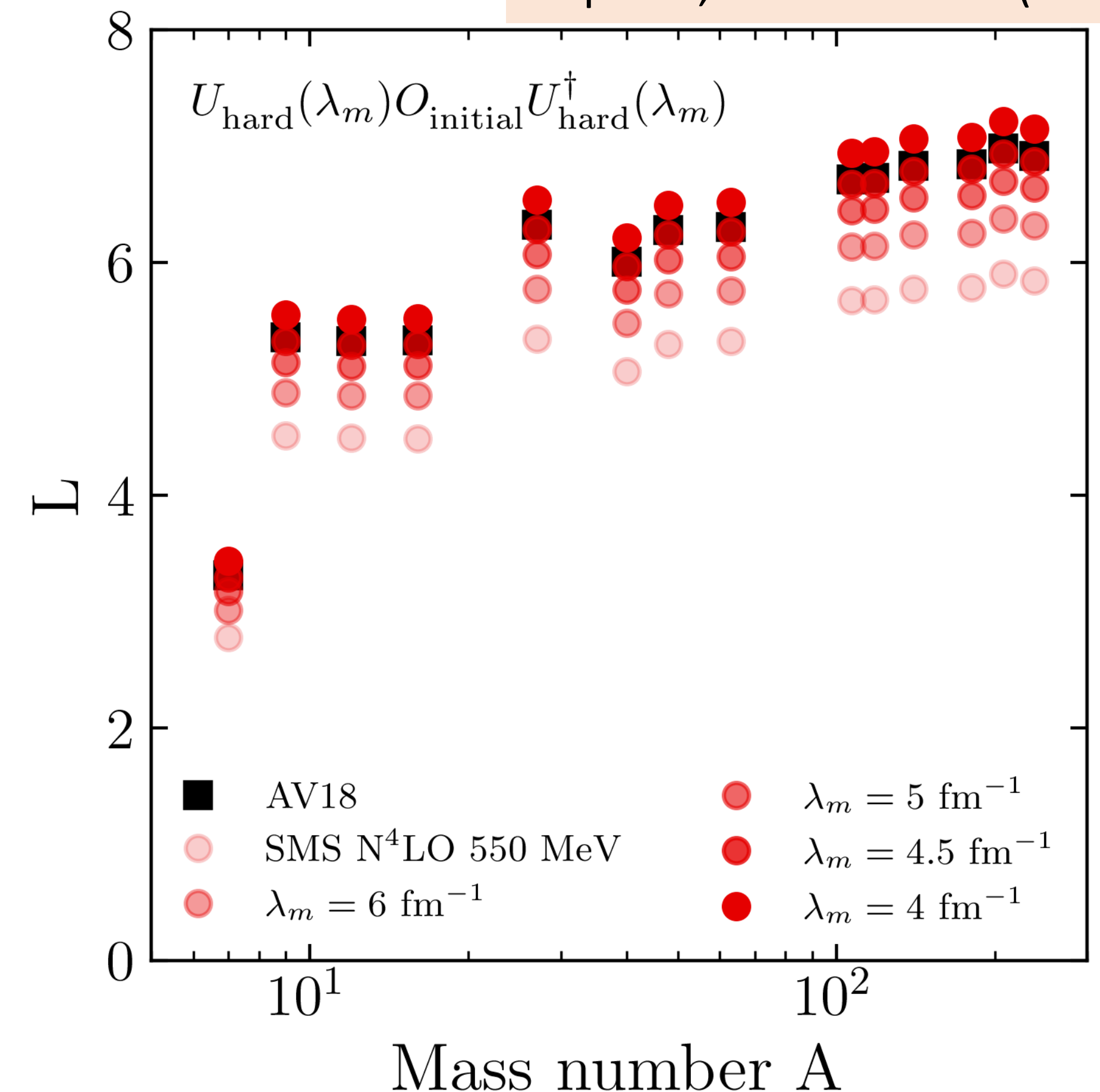
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Extras

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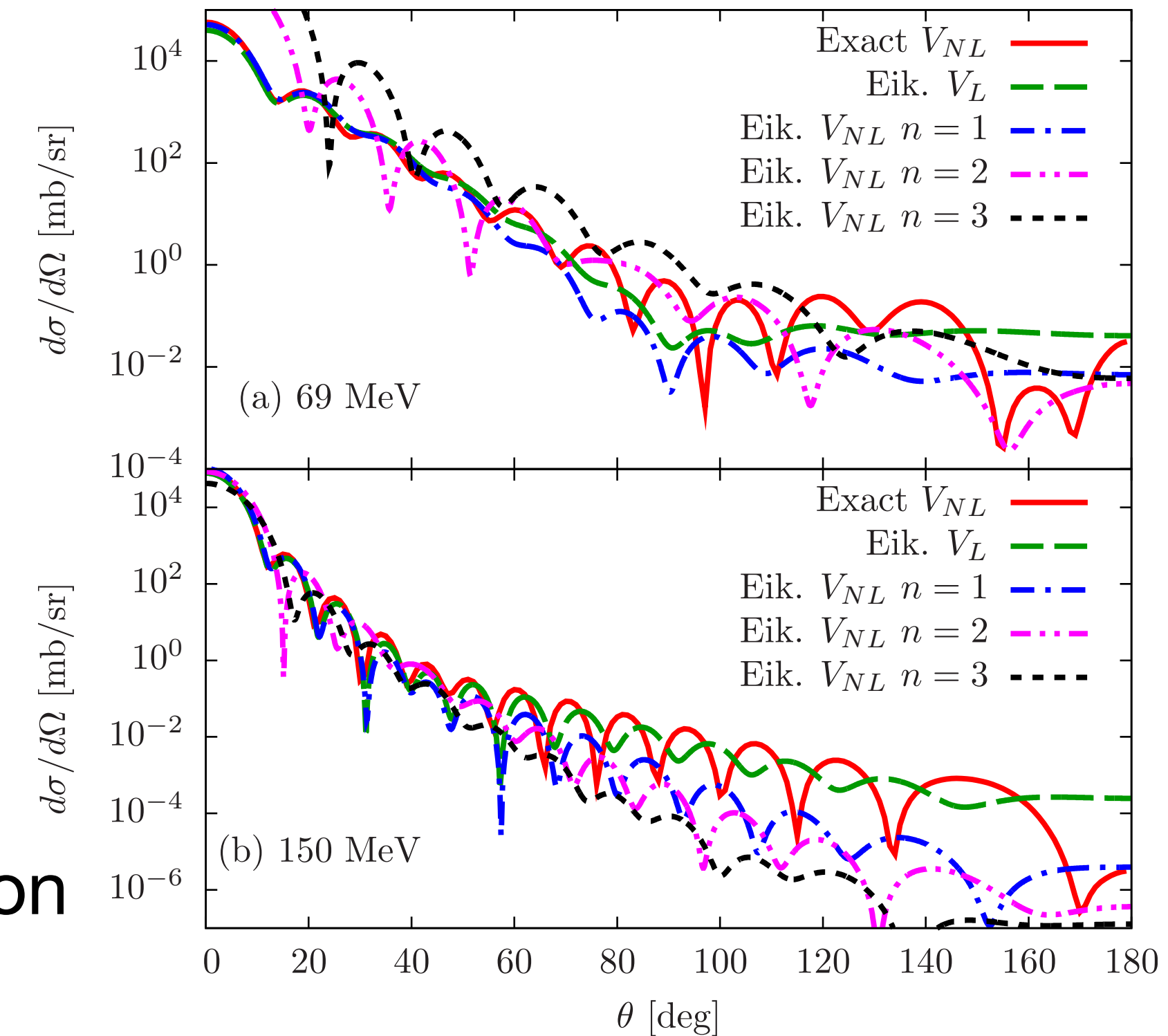
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Optical potentials inherently non-local from their microscopic definition

Moreover:

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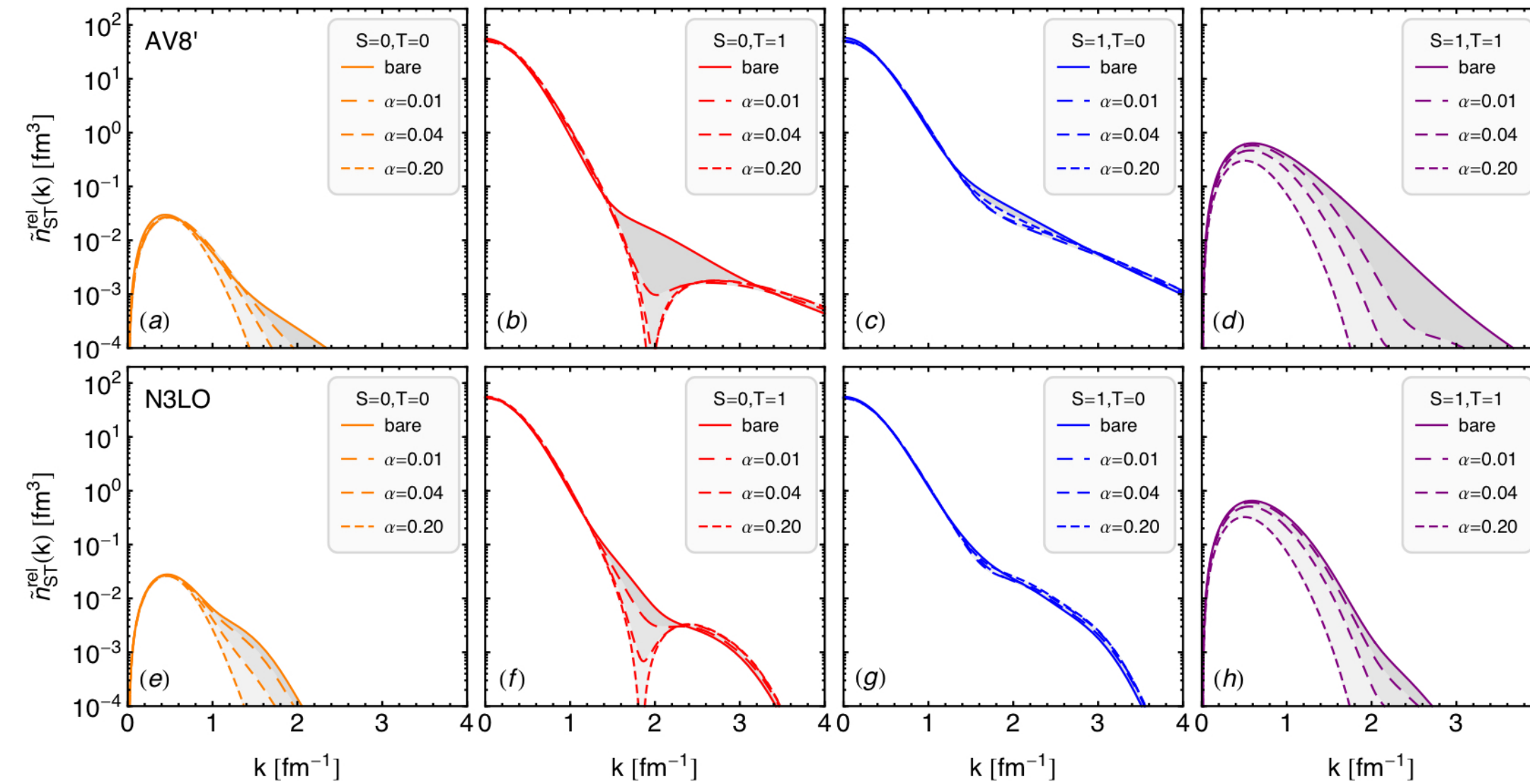
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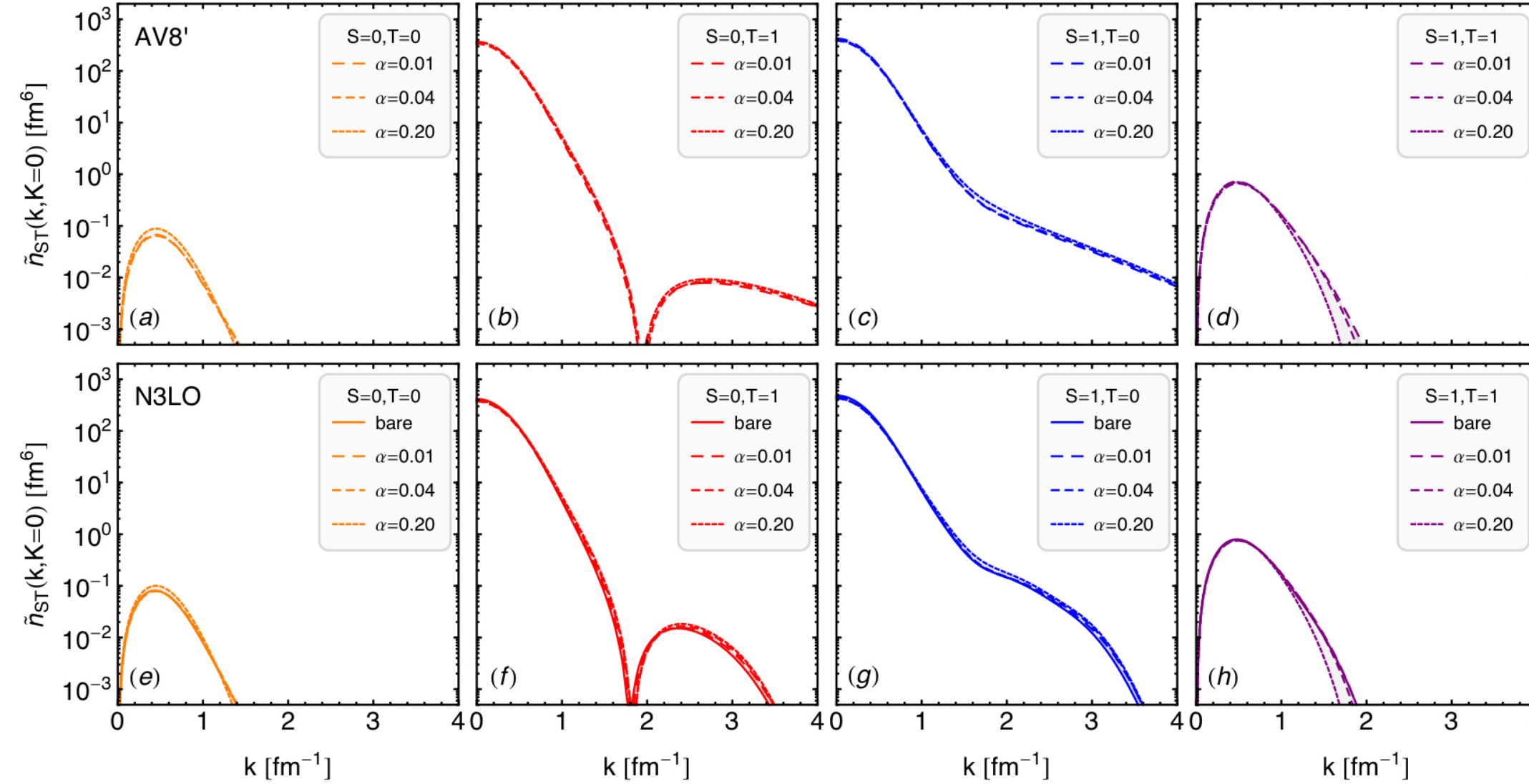
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cf. LCA, GCF, leading-order Brueckner, ...

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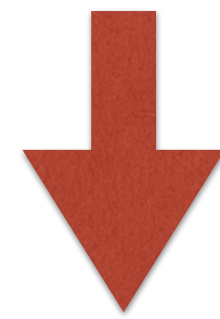
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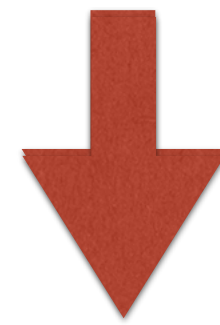


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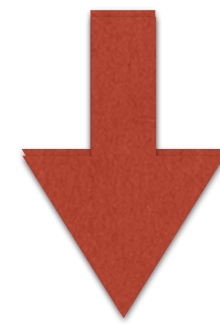
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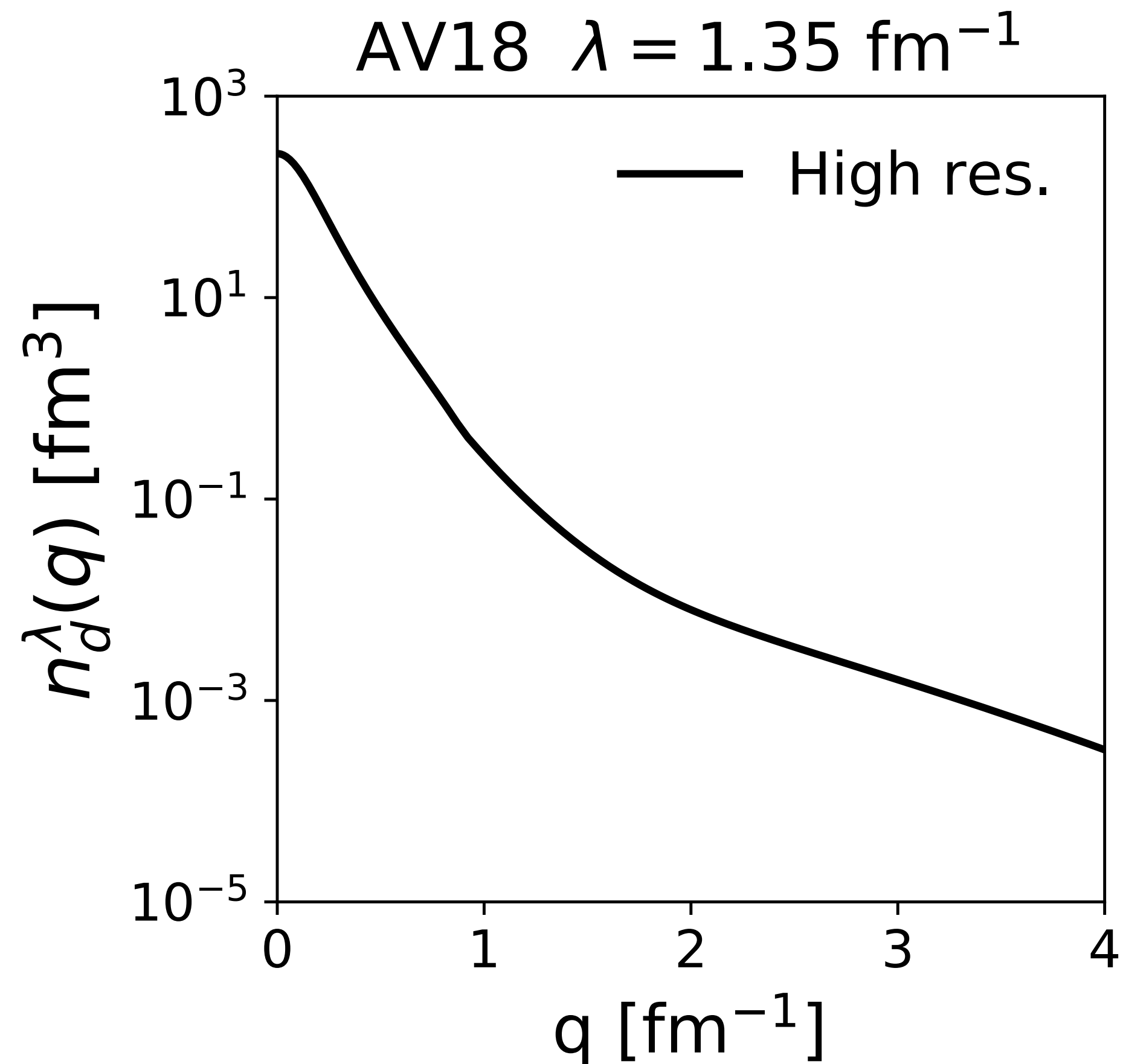
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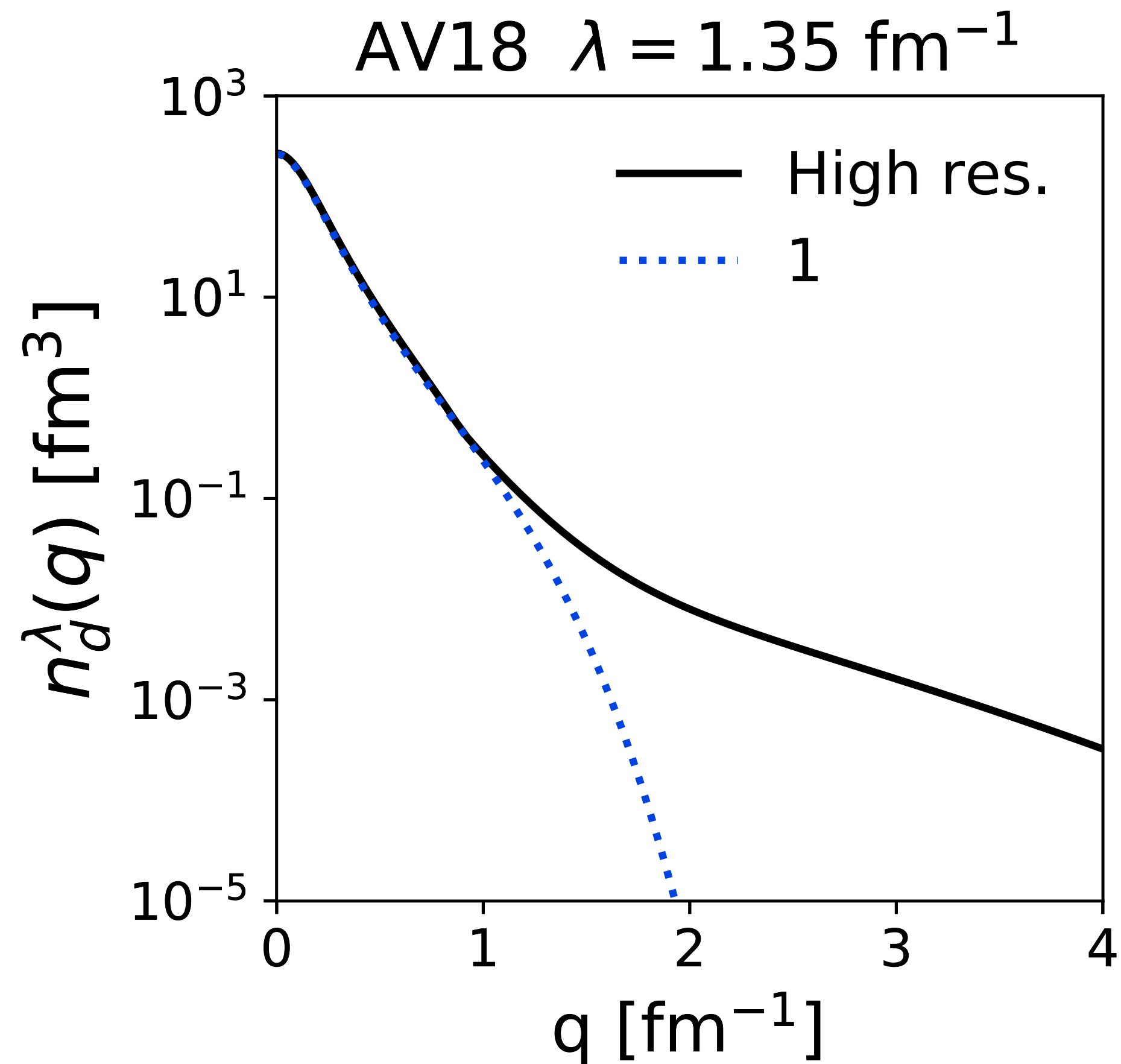


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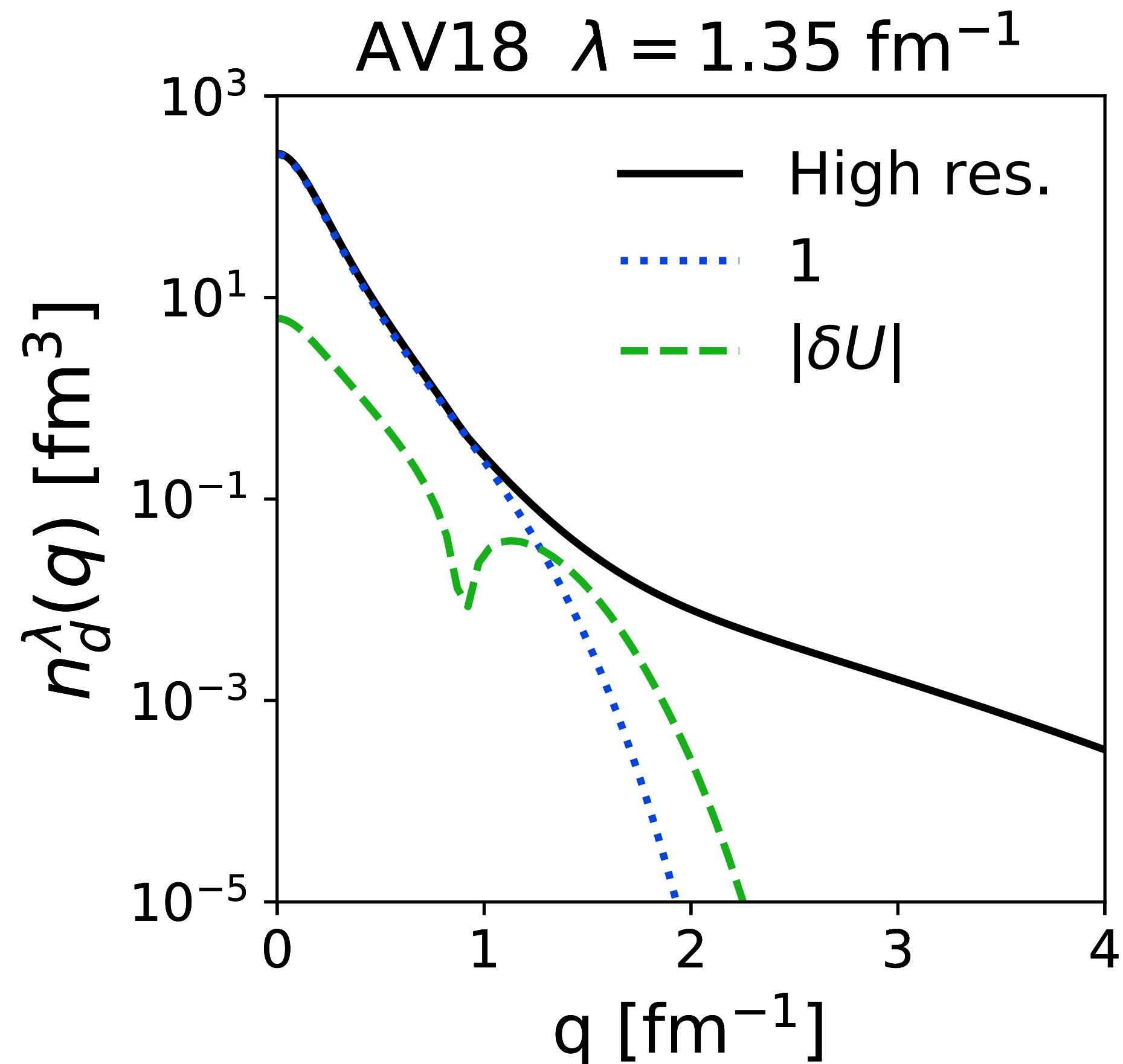


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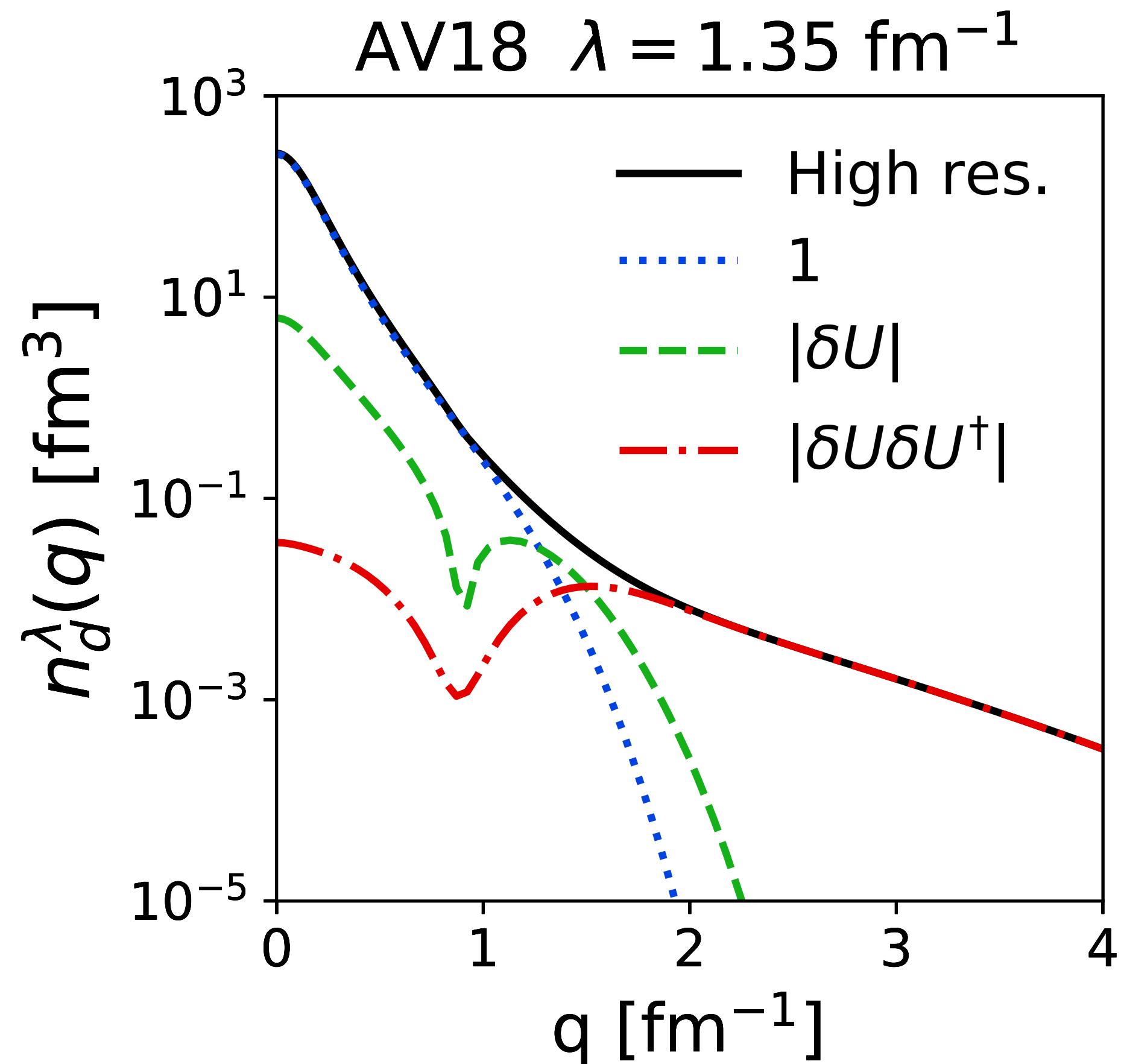
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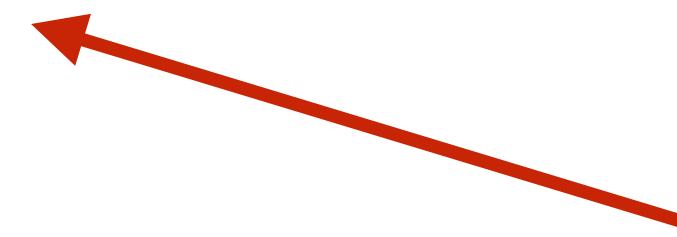
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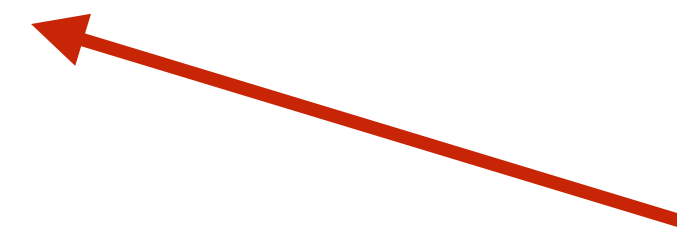
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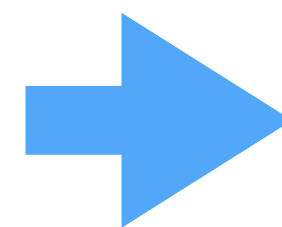
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 $k, k' \ll q$



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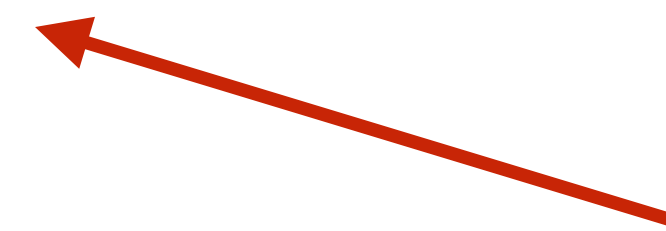
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Leading-order
 Operator Product Expansion

smearing local operator
 low-k physics
 A-dependence in ME's

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Universal (A-indep)
 Wilson Coeff, fixed by A=2
 depends on operator

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ratio of (smeared) contacts
only sensitive to low- k /mean-field physics
approx. independent of resolution scale

(see GCF talks of Diego/Ronan)

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RG-evolved SRC operators

links few- and A -body systems (Operator Product Expansion)

RG "derivation" of the GCF

Correlations/scaling for 2 observables w/same leading OPE

Subleading OPE \implies deviations from scaling calculable in principle?

approximate independence of correlation scale

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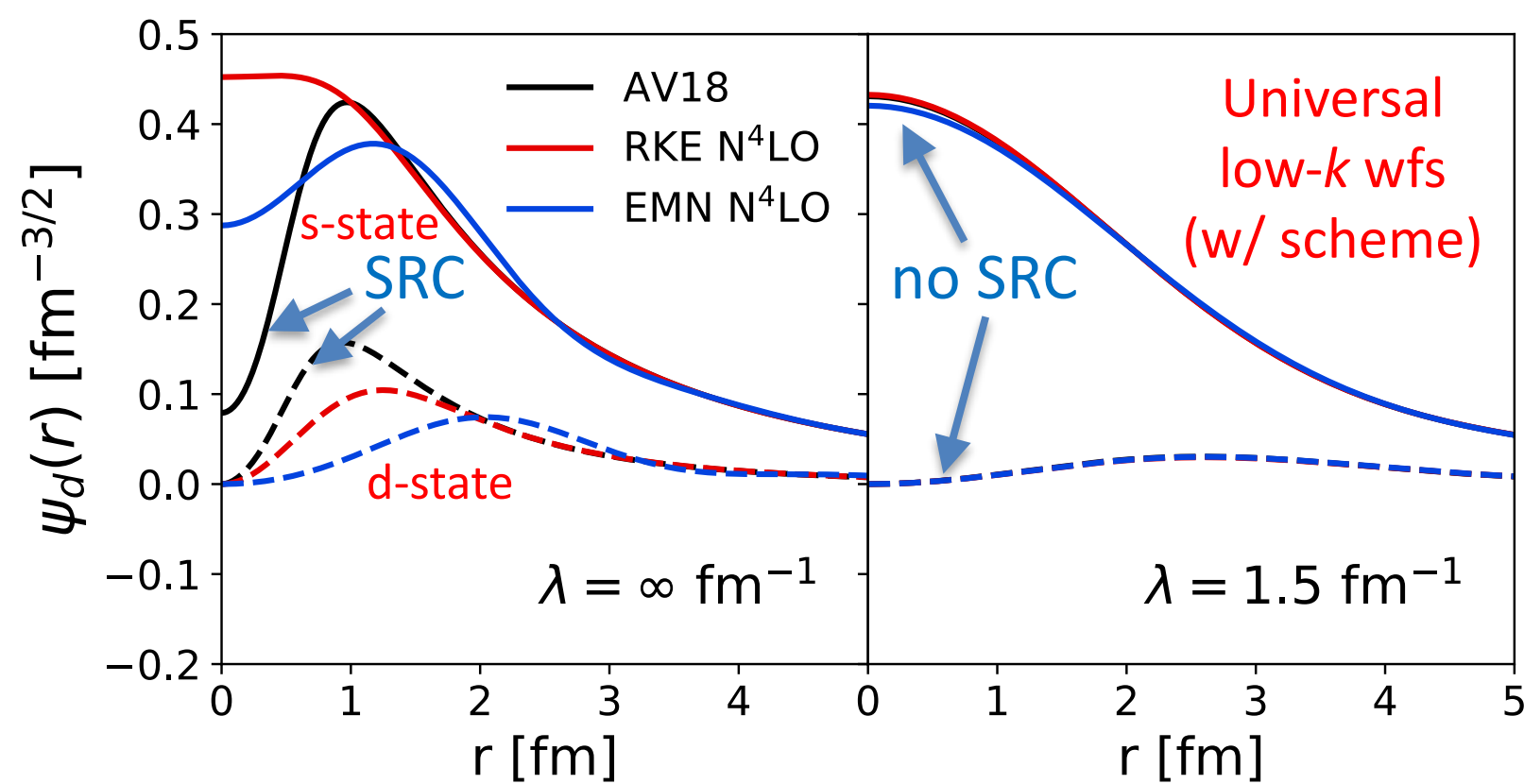
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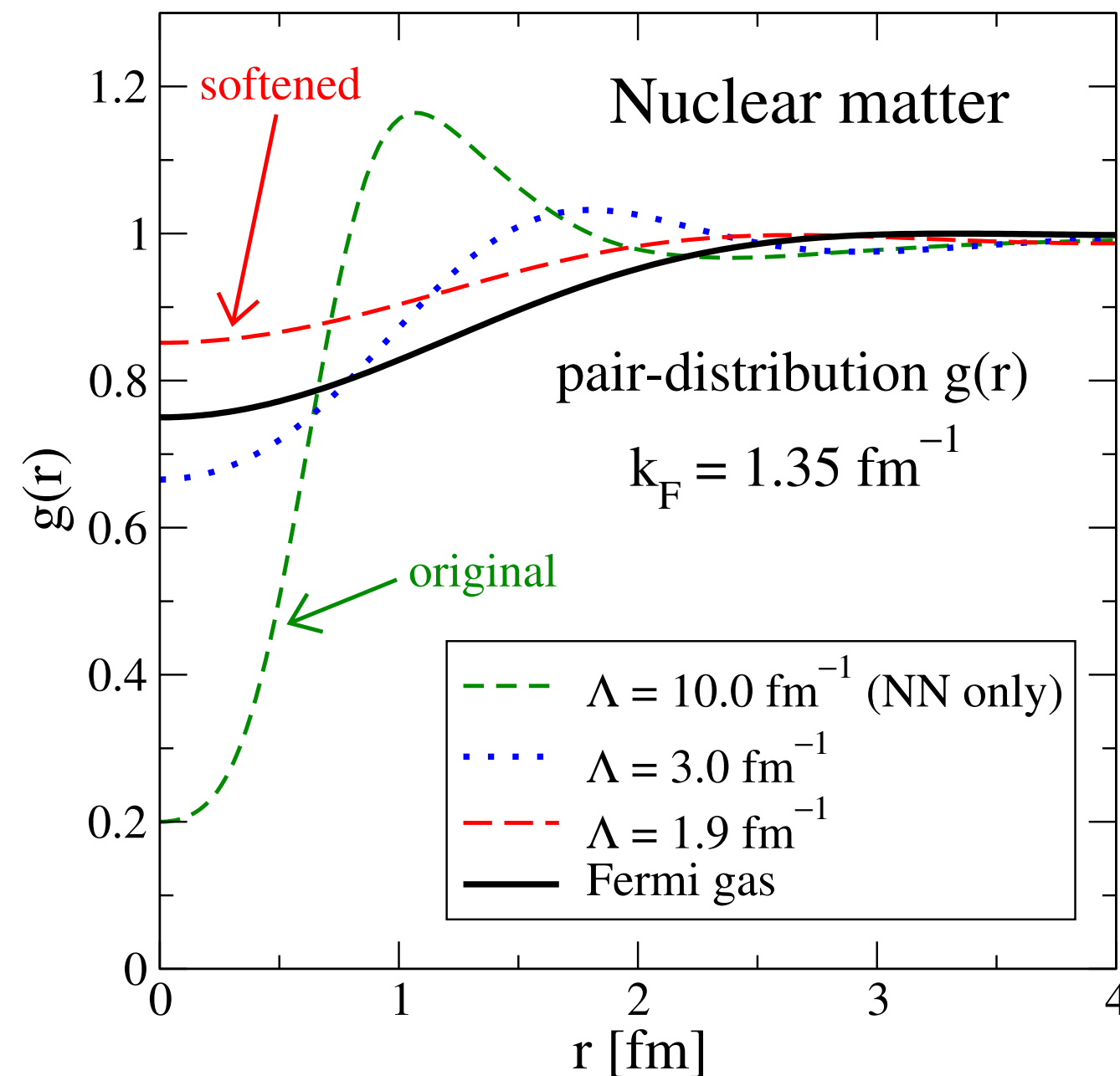
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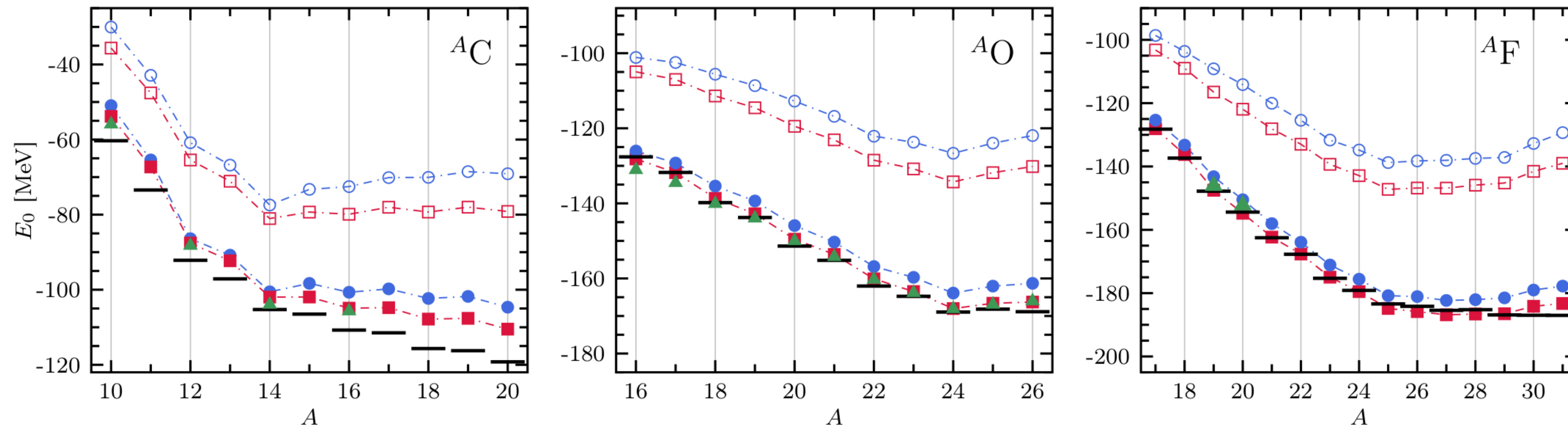
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no explicit SRCs at low resolution



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Tichai et al., *Frontiers in Physics* (2021)

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Simple methods “work”

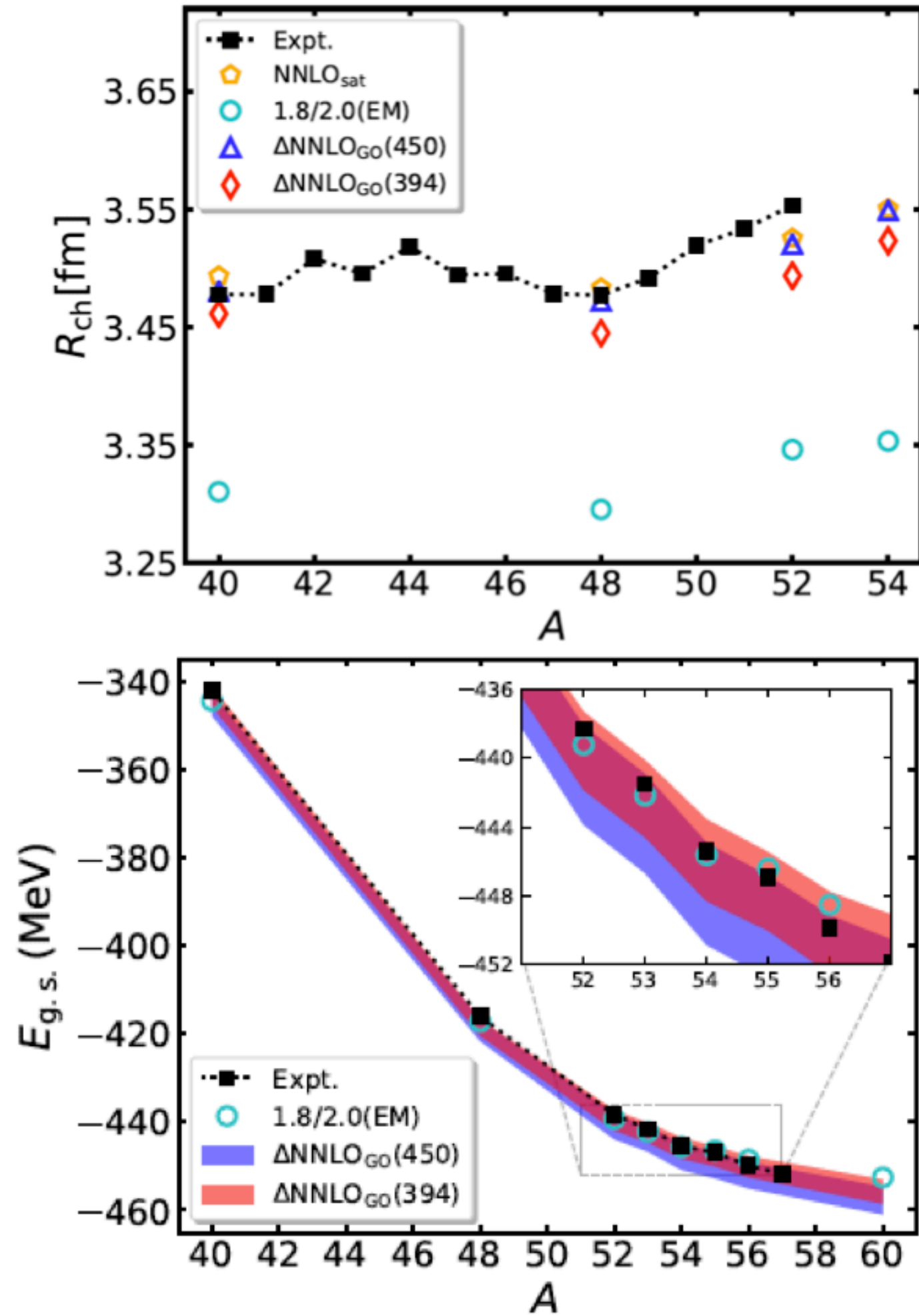
- MBPT
- shell model
- polynomially scaling methods (IMSRG, CC, SCGF, etc.)

Options for treating wf's at low-RG resolutions

Ongoing developments:

“soft” interactions w/good saturation properties in medium mass

e.g., $\Delta\text{NNLO}_{\text{GO}}$ chiral EFT (with Δ 's)



Charge radii (top) and ground-state energies (bottom) of calcium isotopes with A nucleons computed with new potentials $\Delta\text{NNLO}_{\text{GO}}$.

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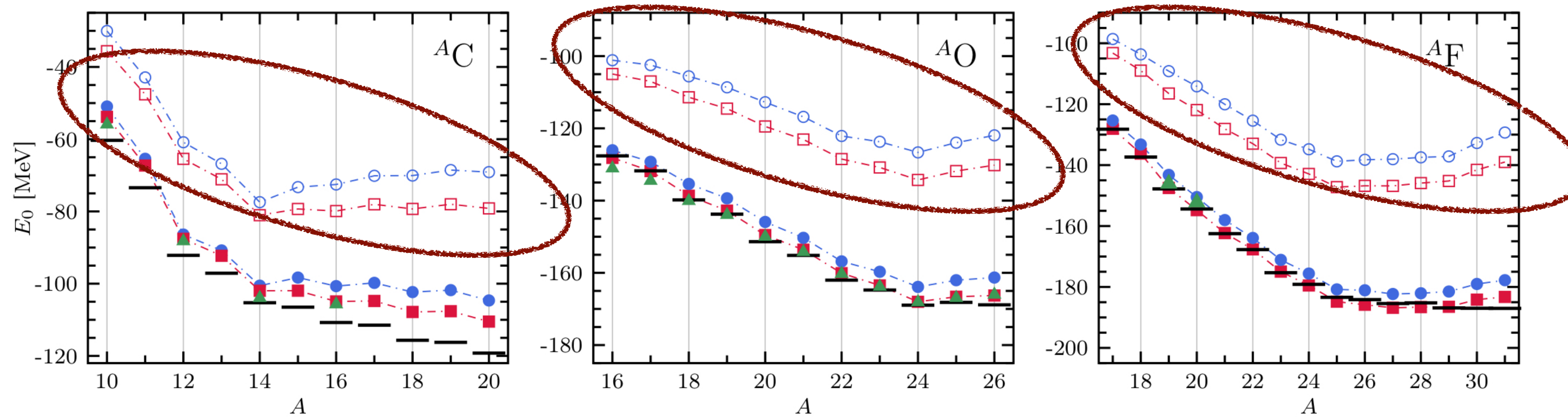


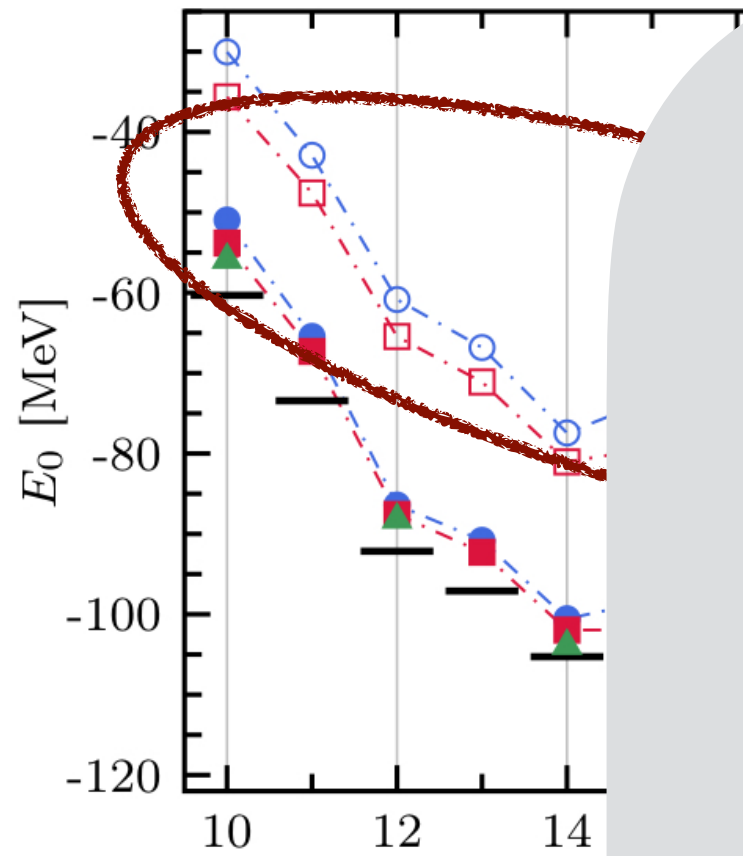
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Need beyond HF for precision energetics/radii

Can we use HF for SRC studies at low resolution?

Or HF treated in LDA? Let's find out!...

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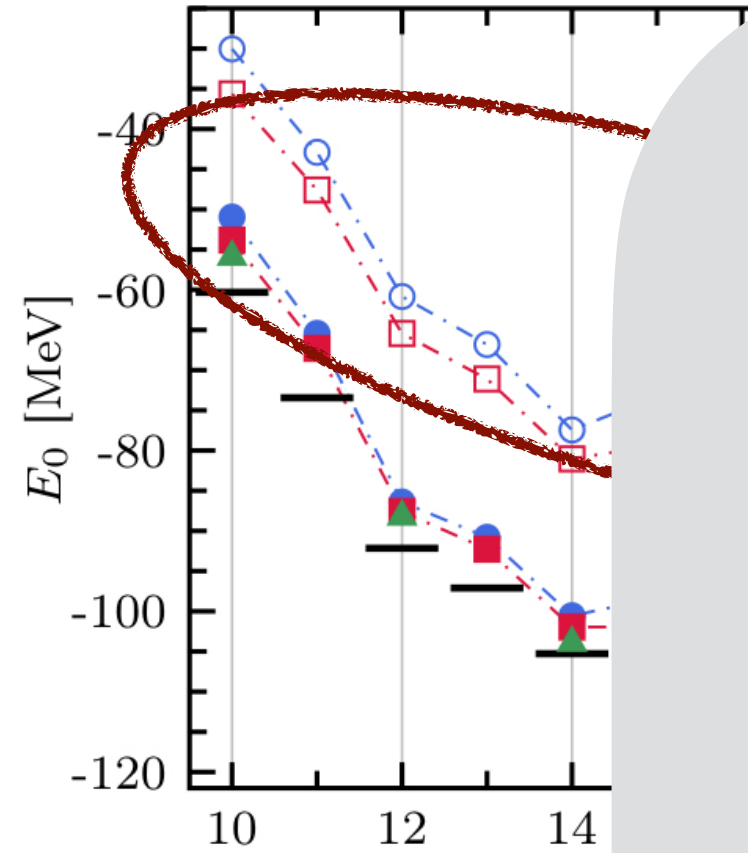


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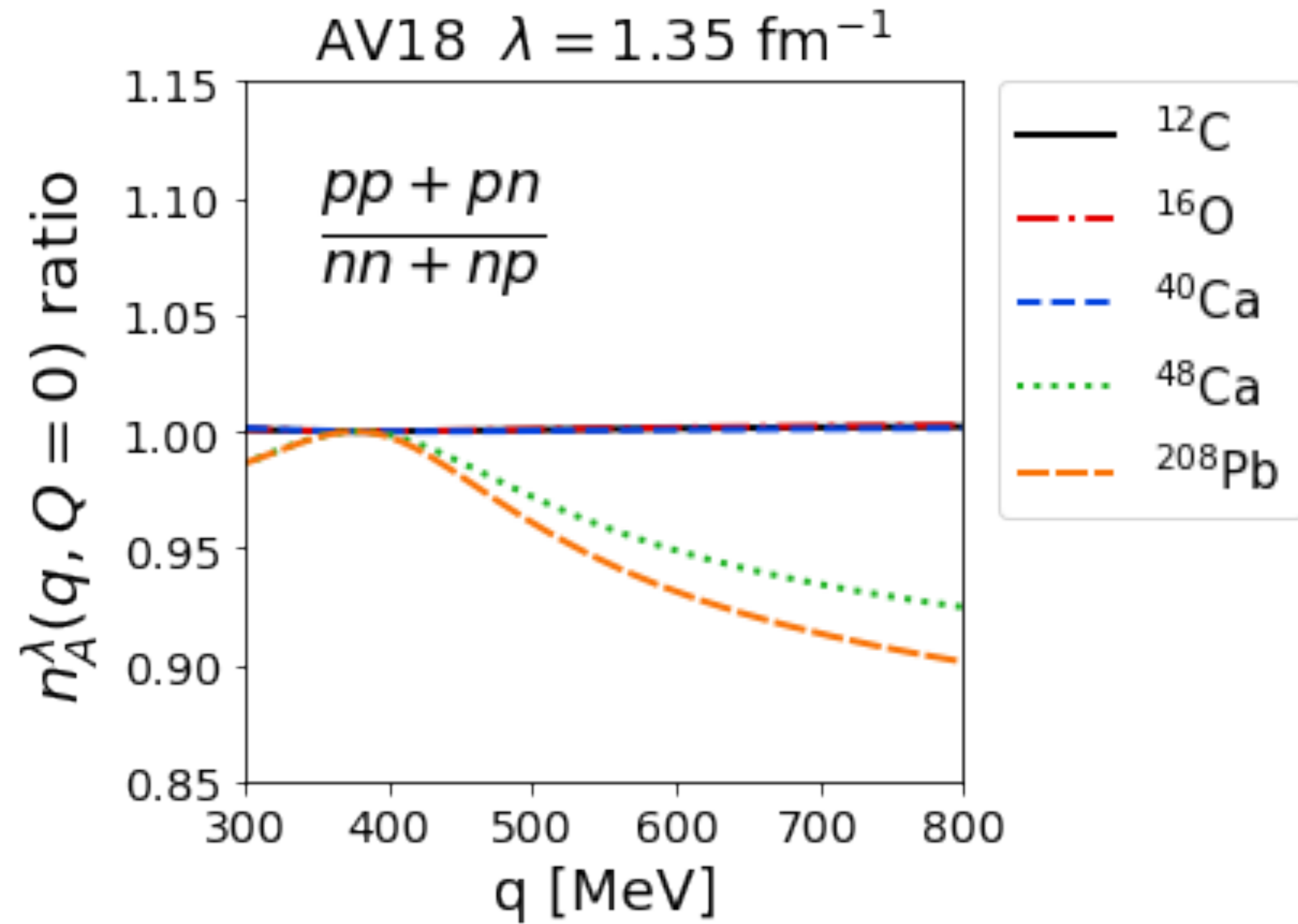
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What SRC phenomenology
can this (ridiculously) simple
approach reproduce?

evaluate matrix
elements in A-body
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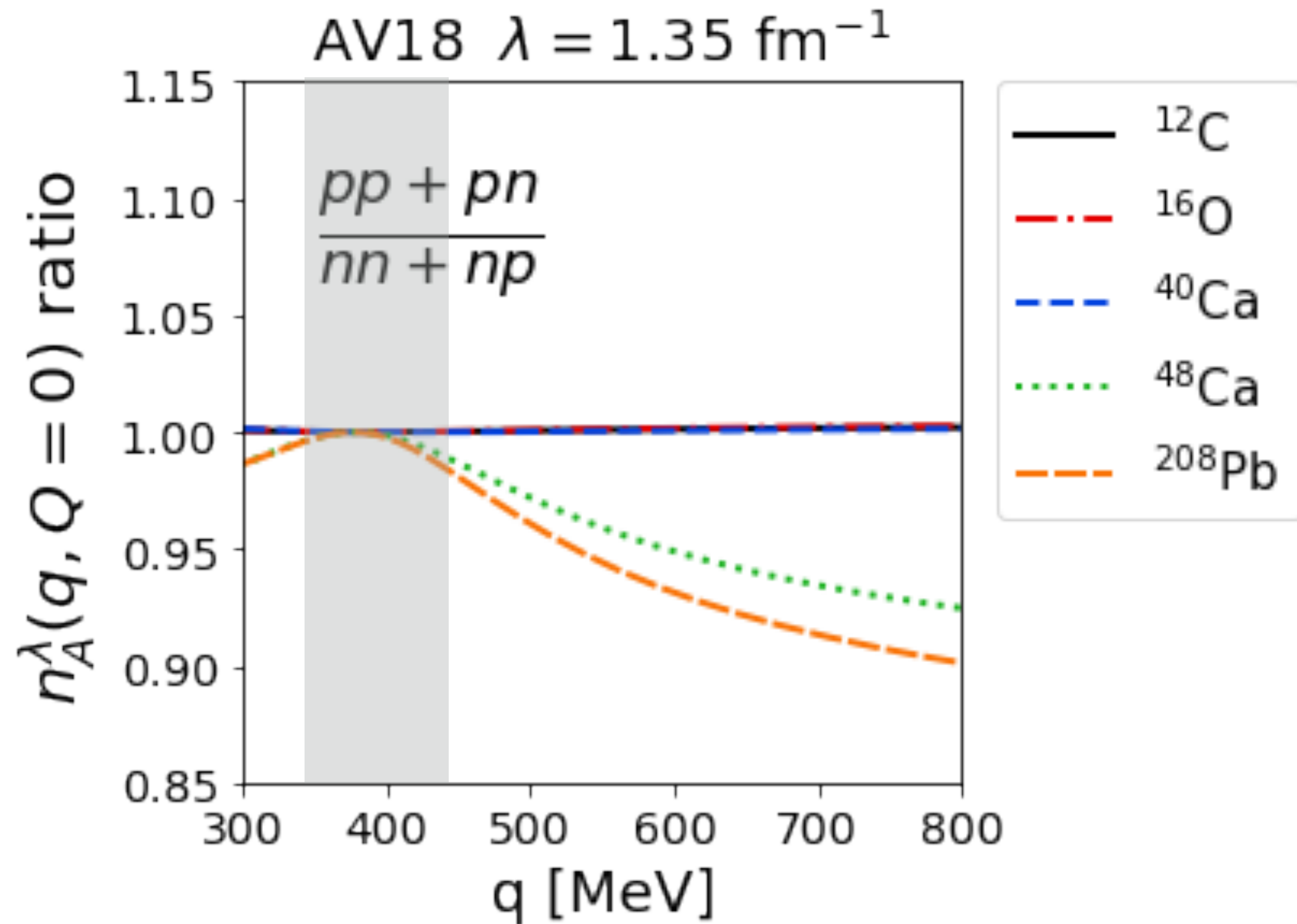
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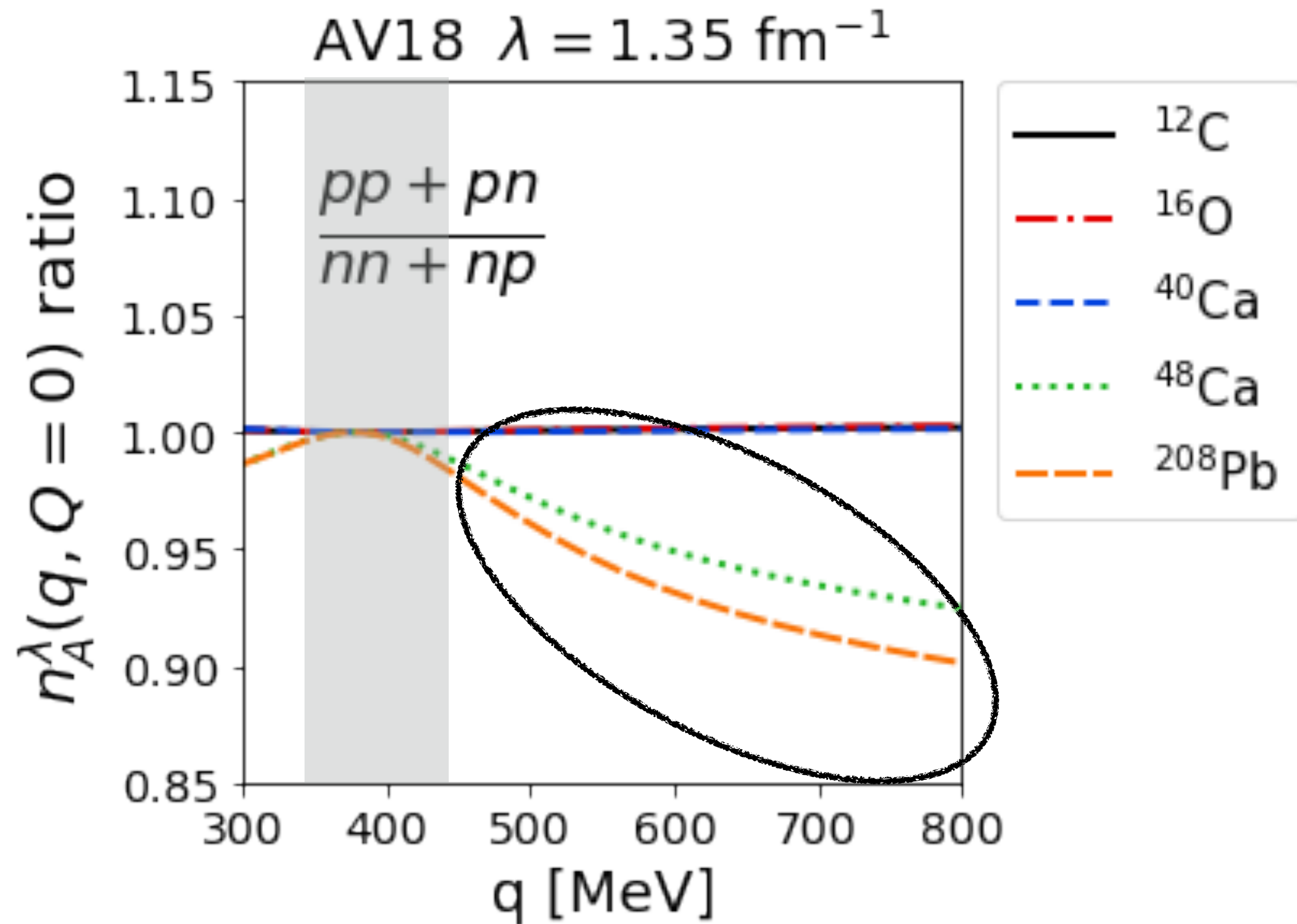
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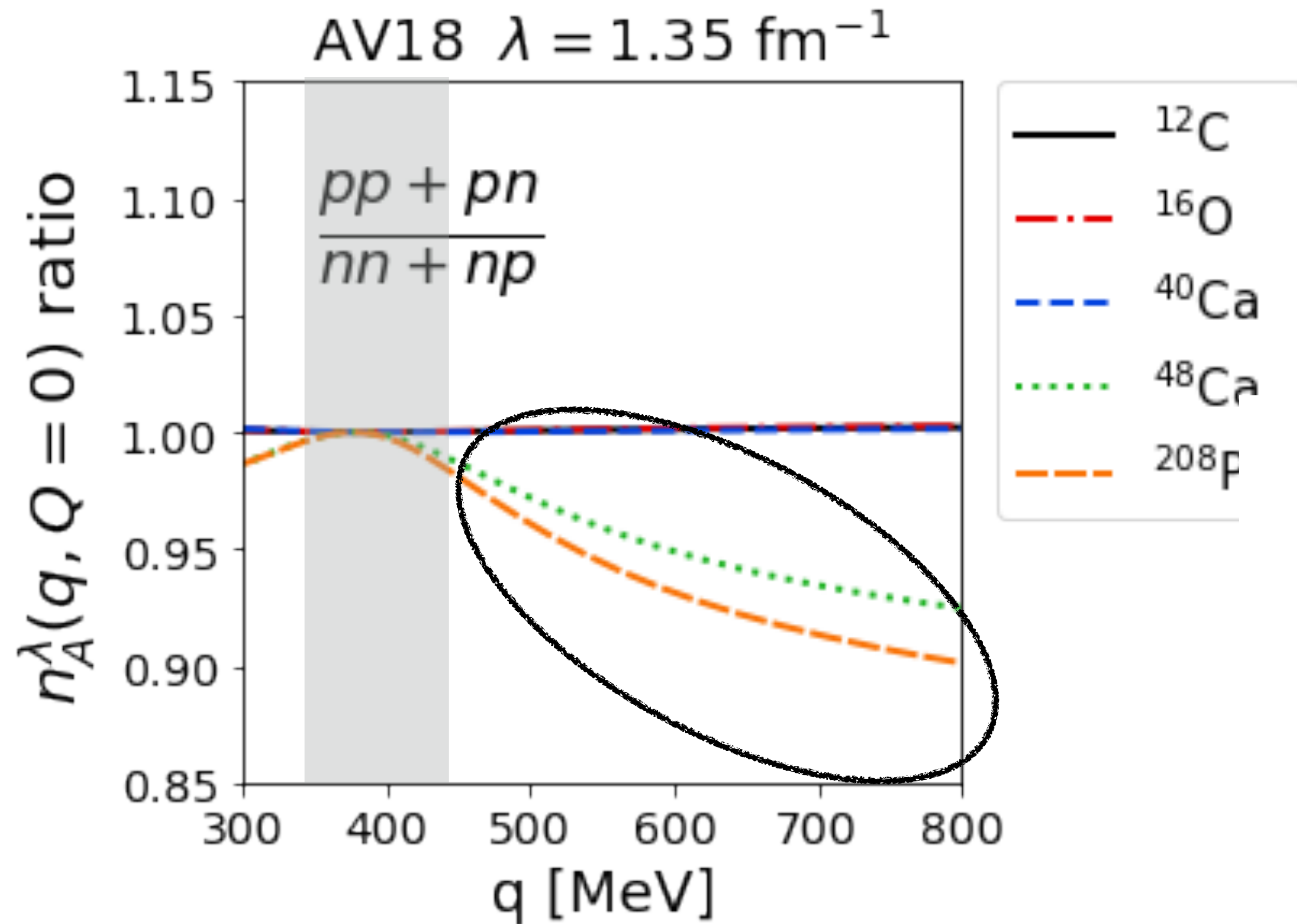


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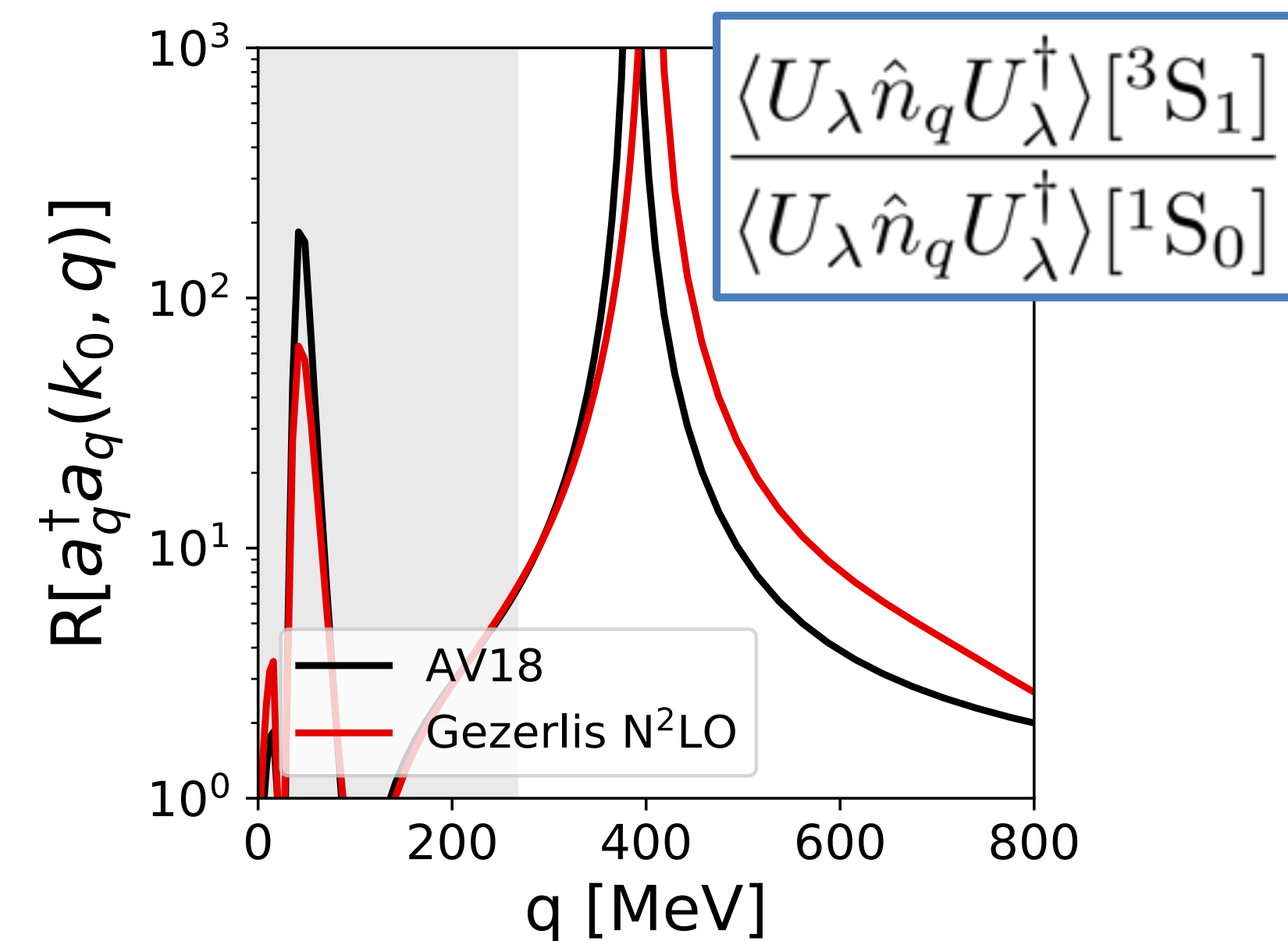
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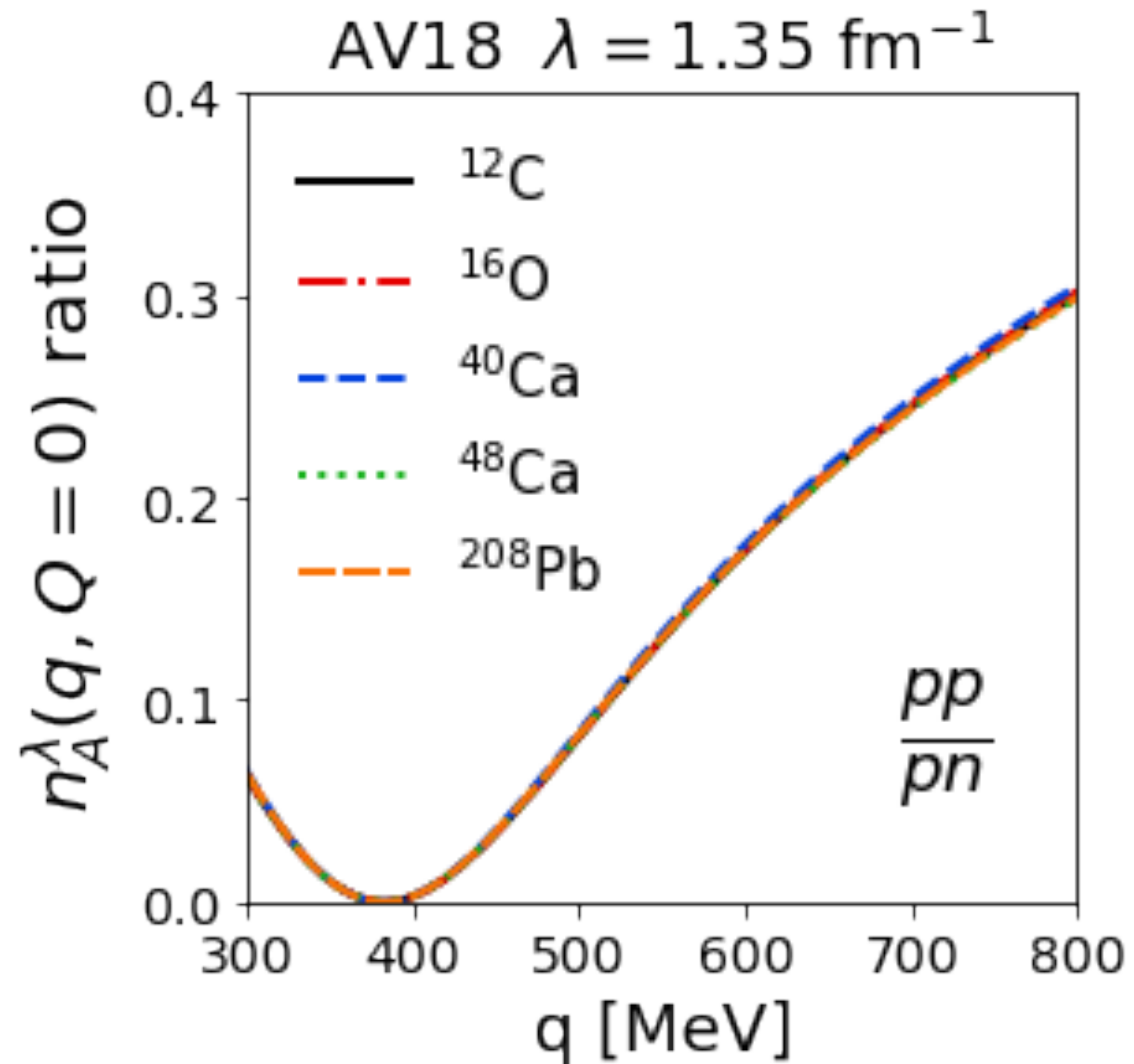
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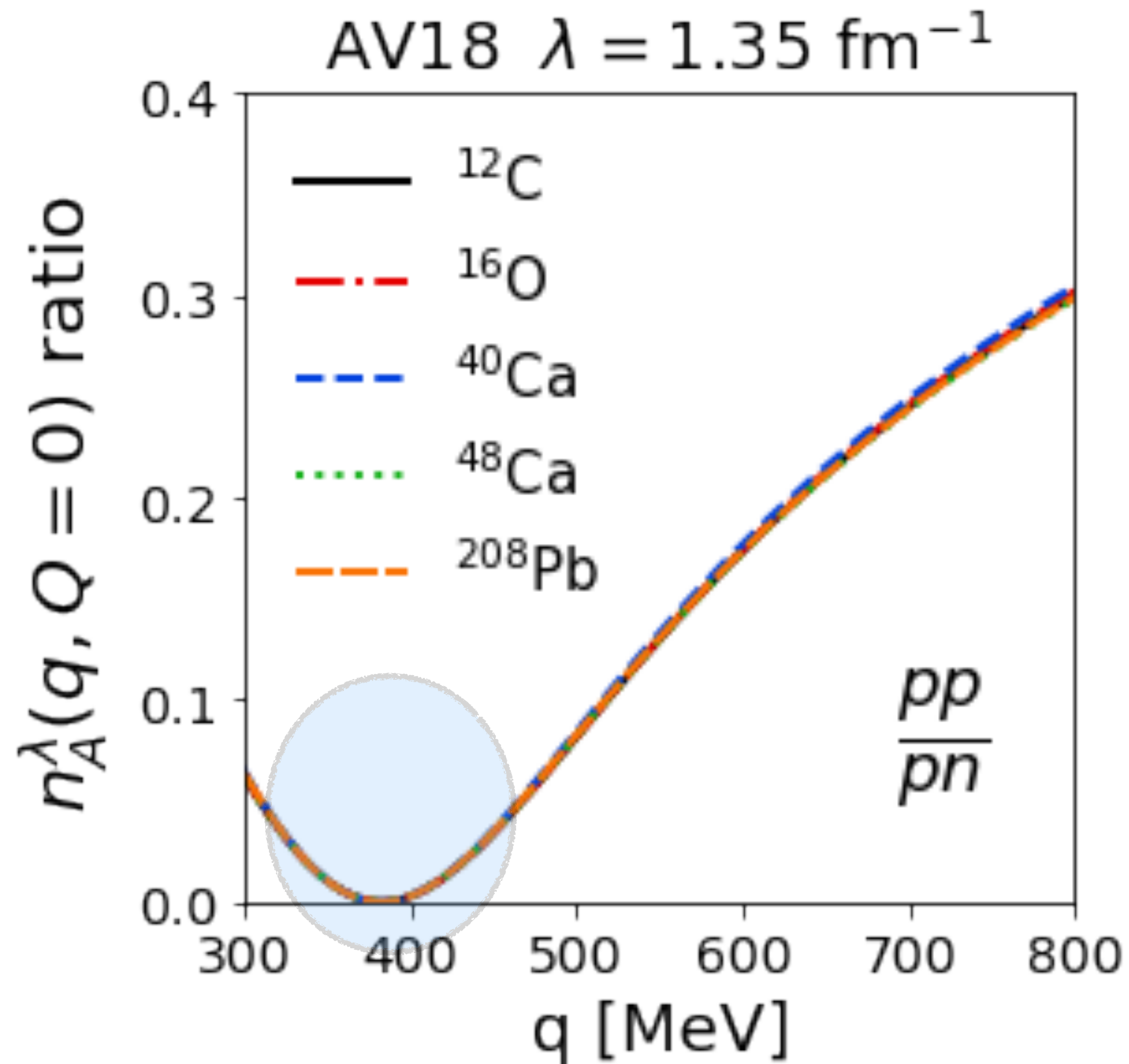
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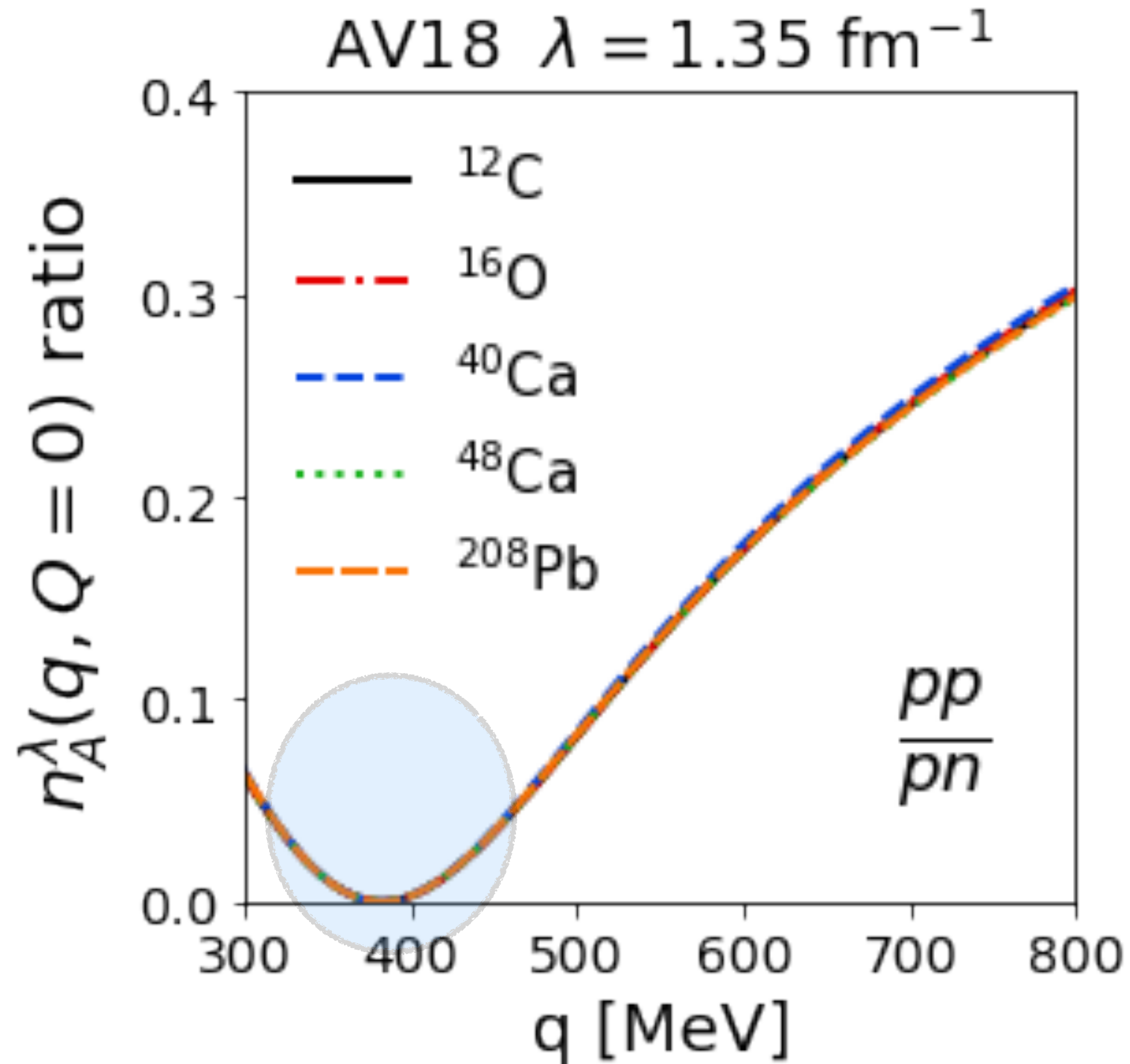


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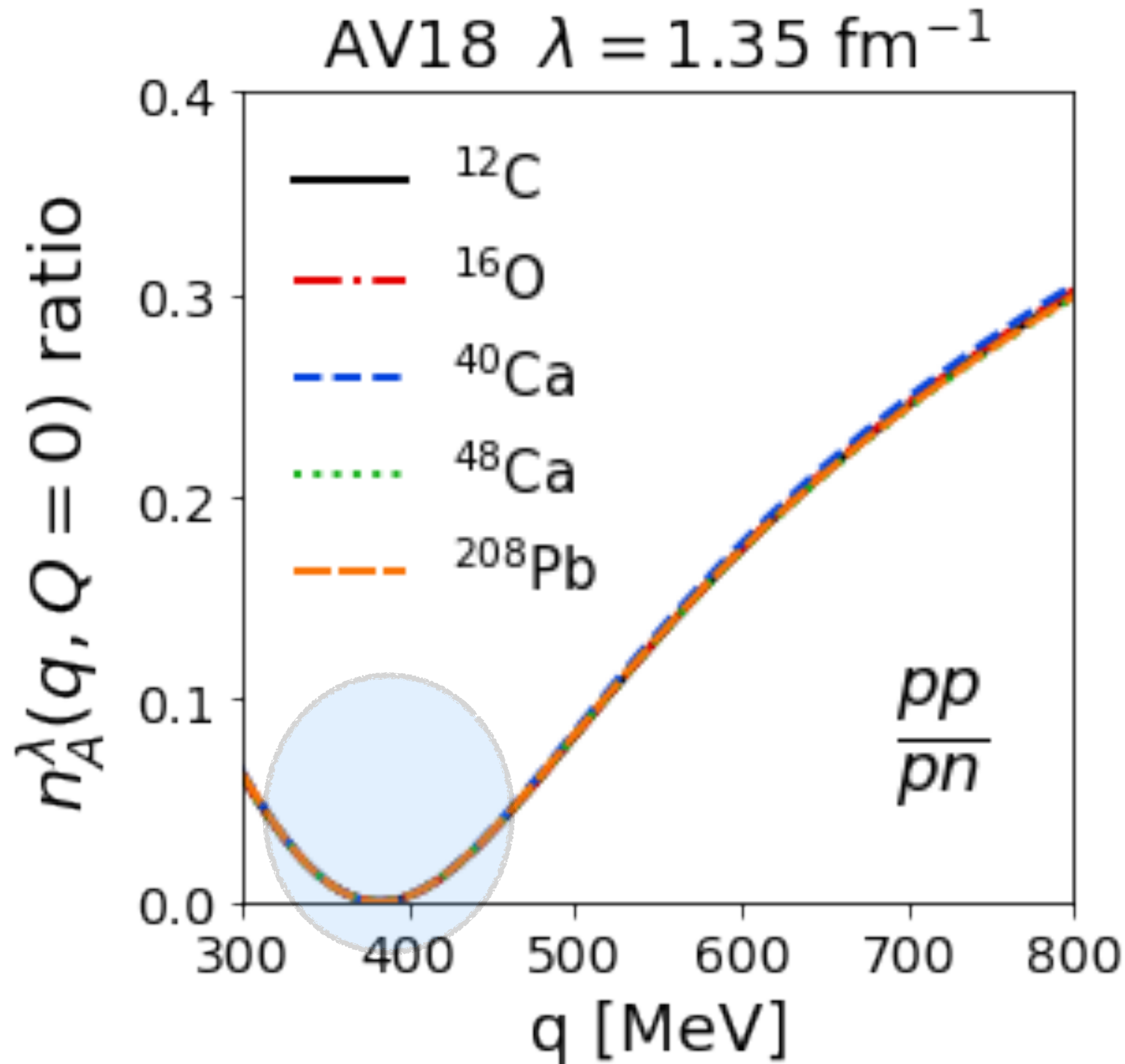
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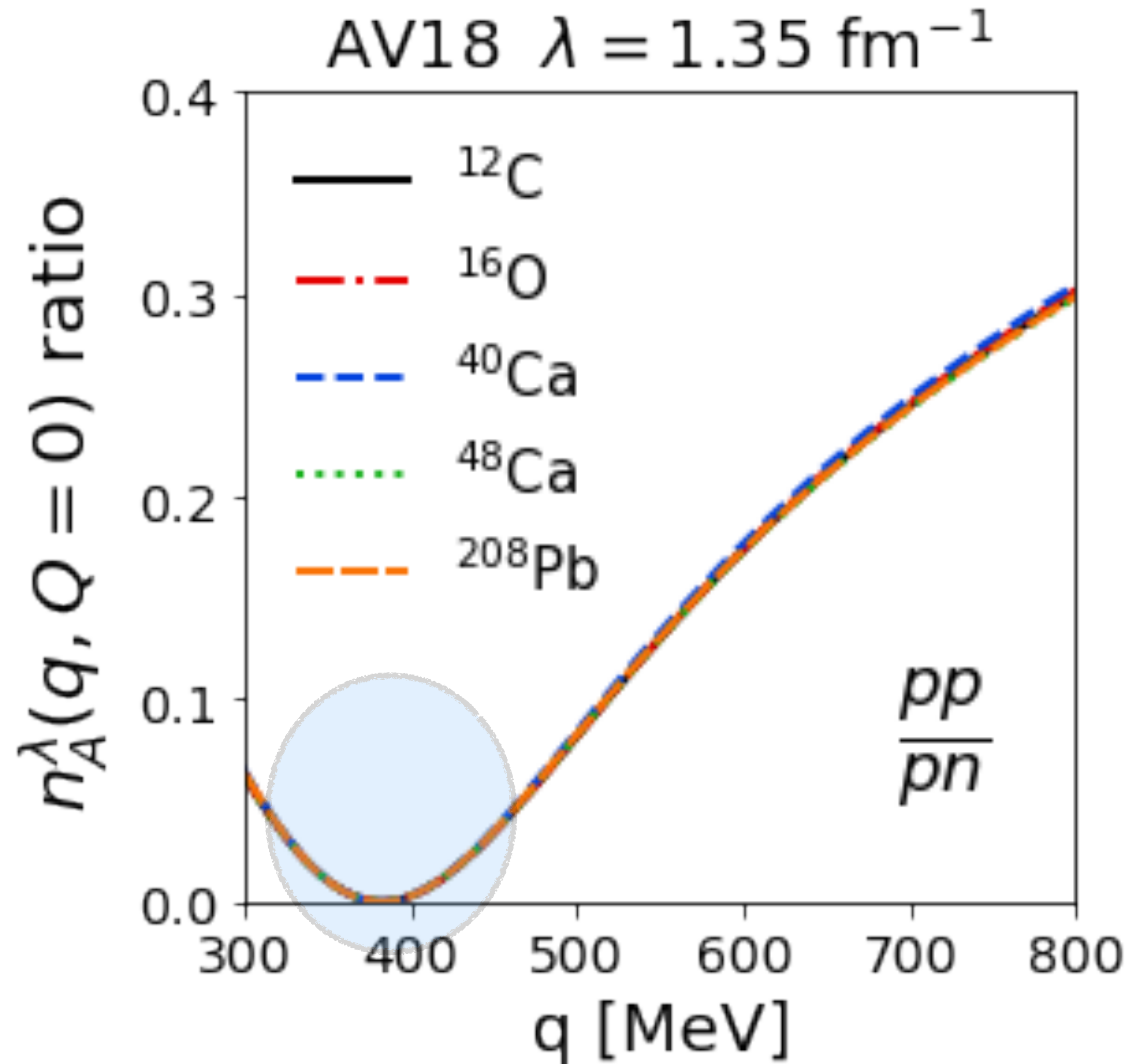
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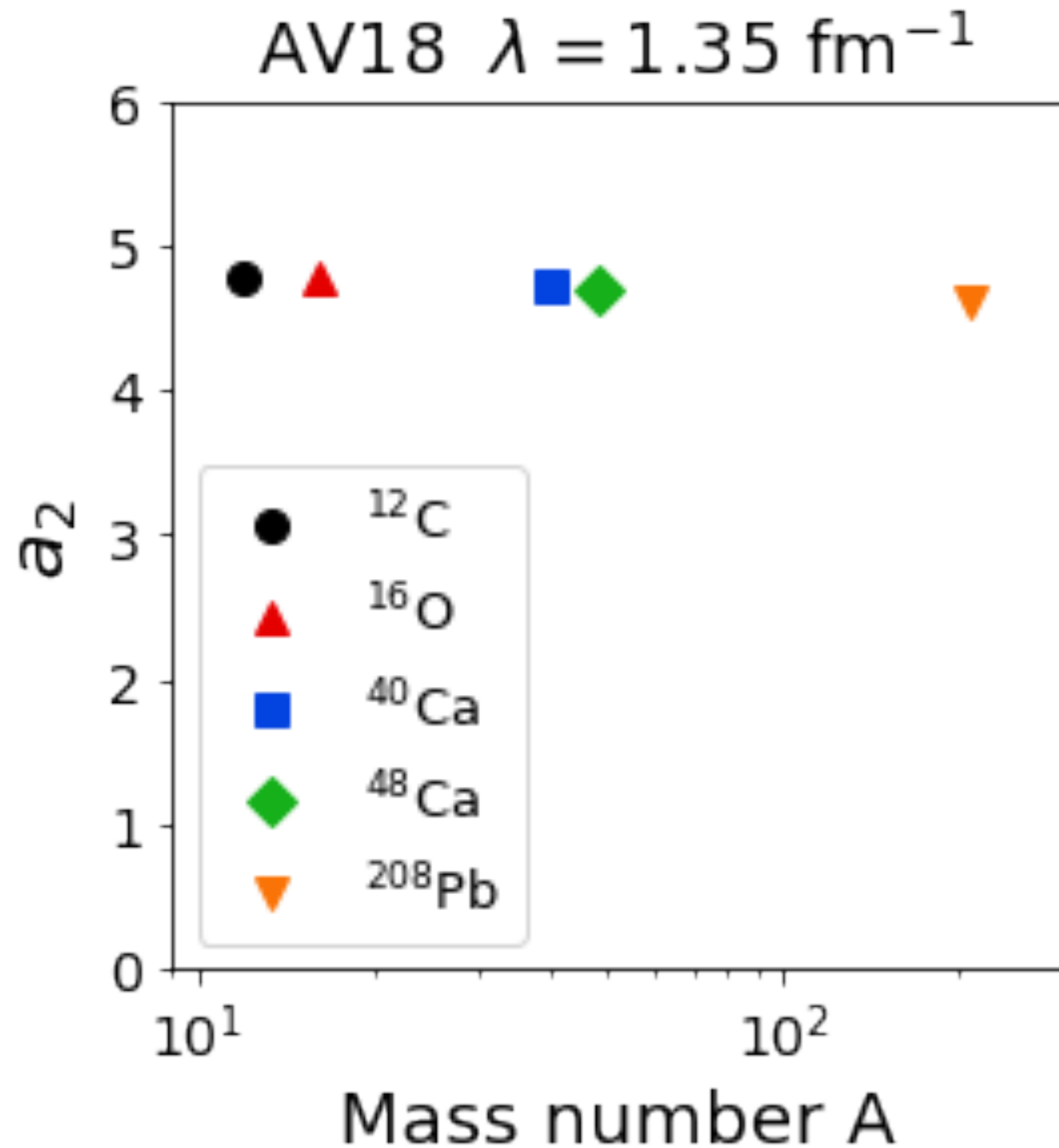
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$$\Delta p^{\text{high}} = [3.8 \dots 4.5] \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

Decent agreement w/LCA calcs
(flatter A-dependence)

But systematics need to be explored more!

Looking ahead

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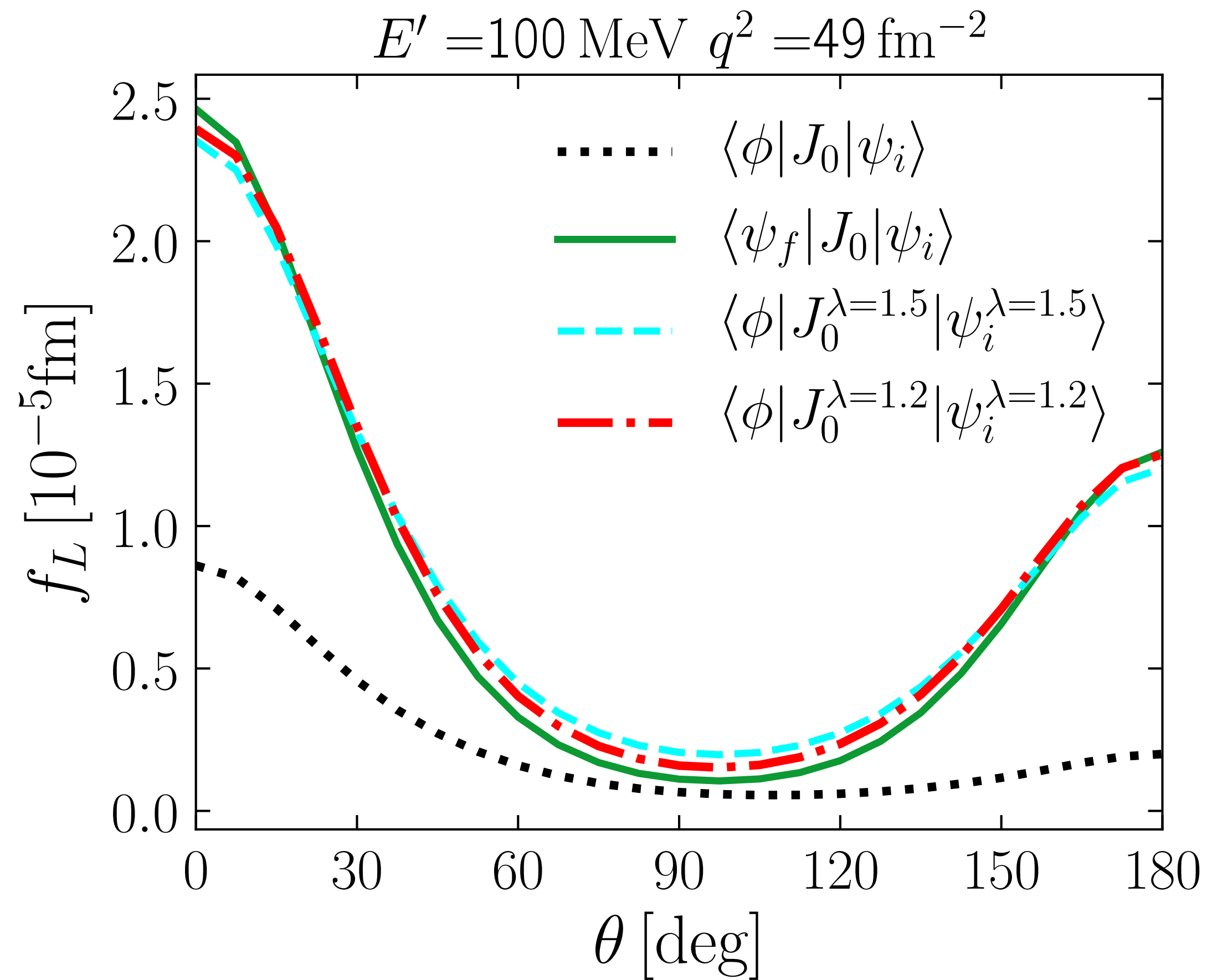
extract at one scale, evolve to another? (like PDFs)

how do FSIs, physical interpretations, etc. depend on RG scale?

Scale Dependence of Final State Interactions



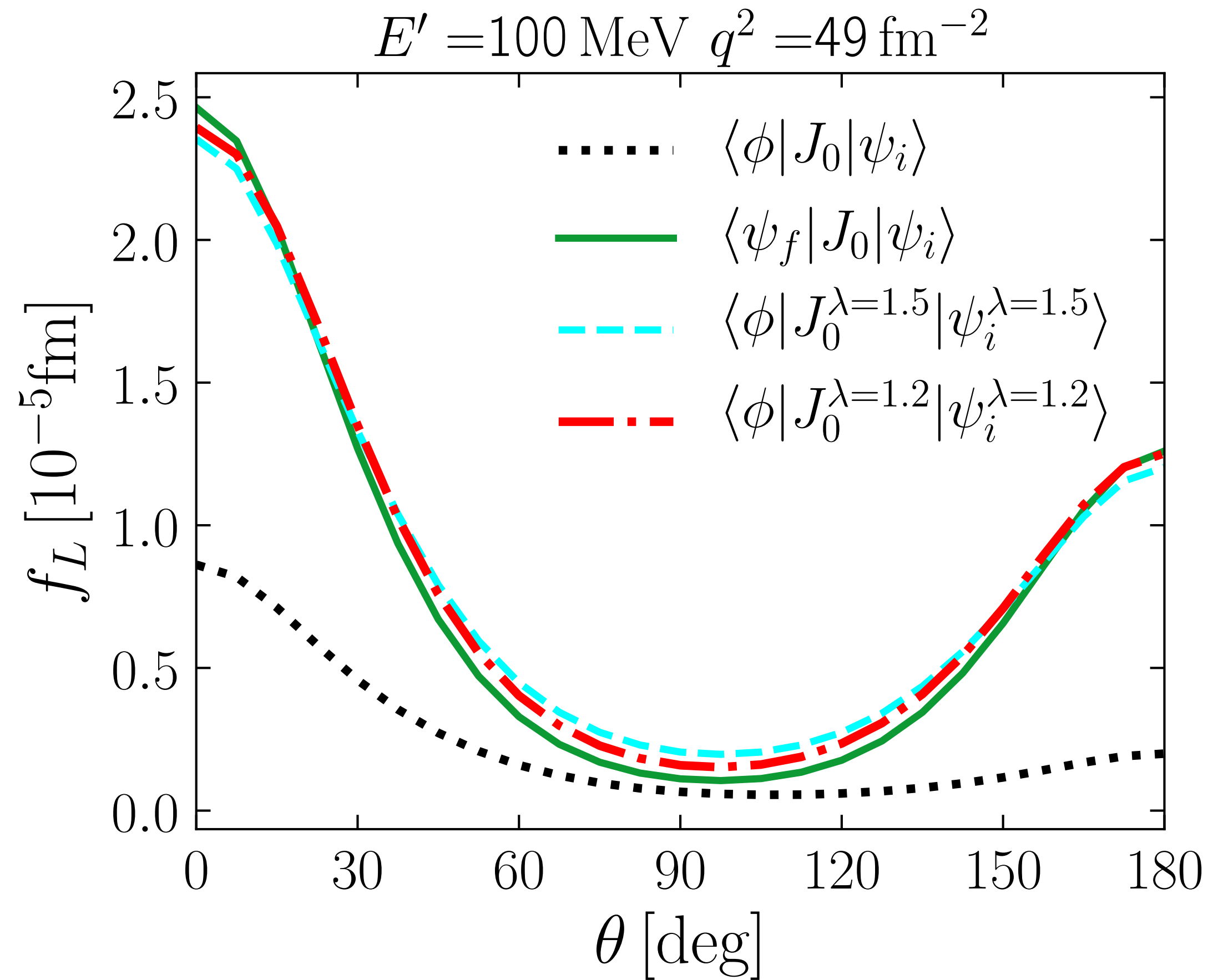
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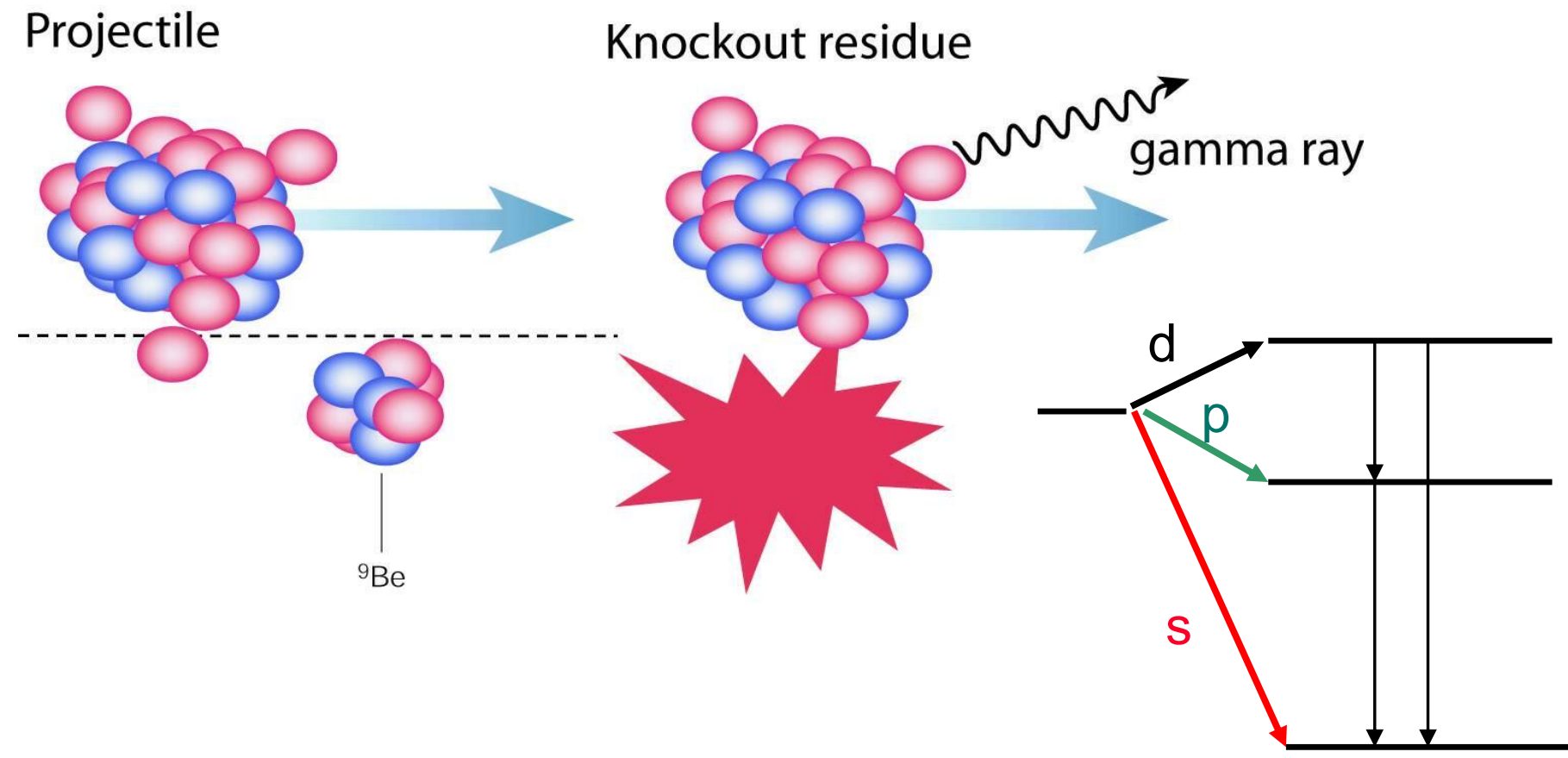
FSI sizable at large λ
 but negligible at low-resolution!

Takeaway point:

Size of FSI depends on RG scale/scheme

Ditto physical interpretations

Other exclusive knock-out reactions [pictures from A. Gade]

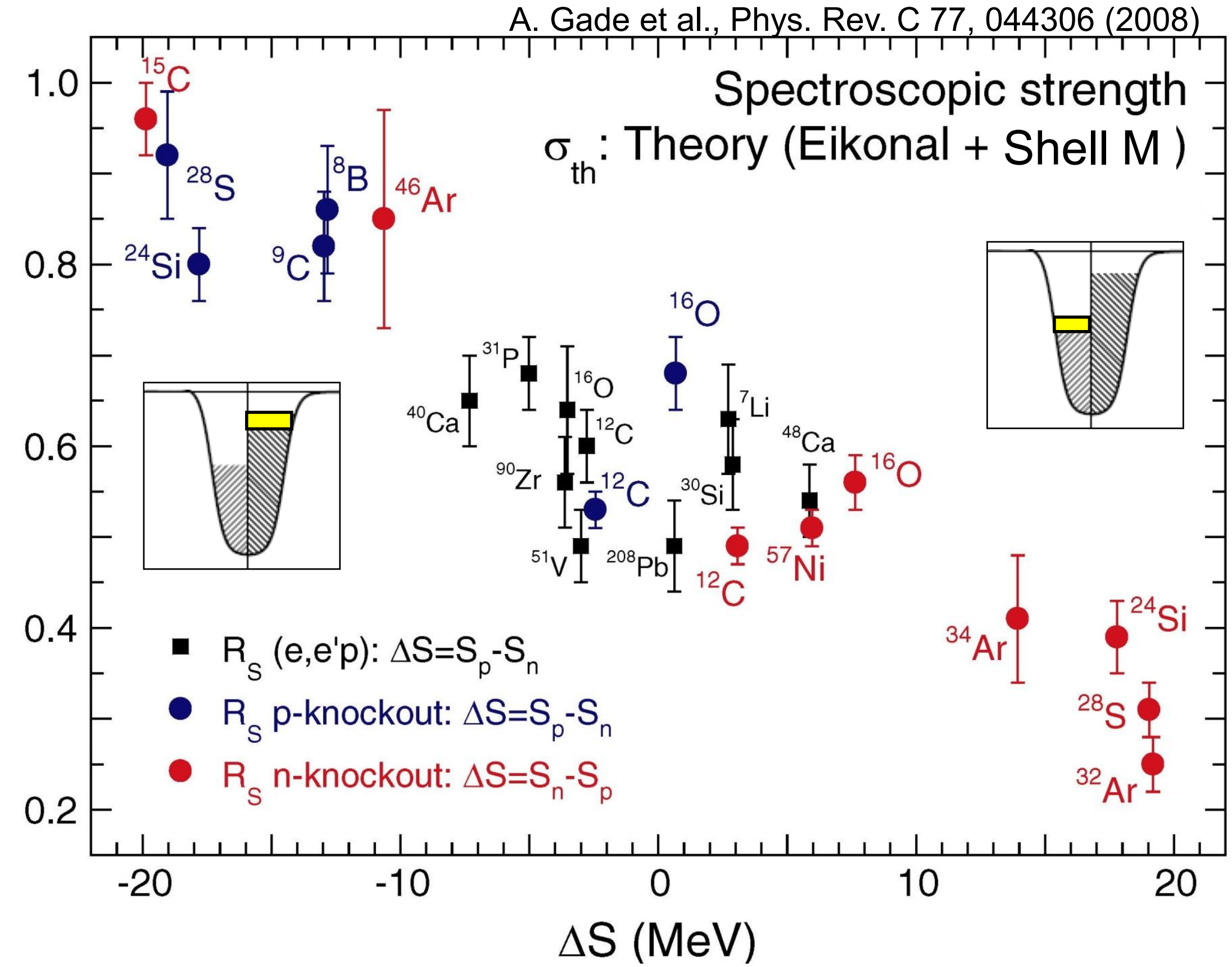


Exclusive reactions, theory vs. experiment

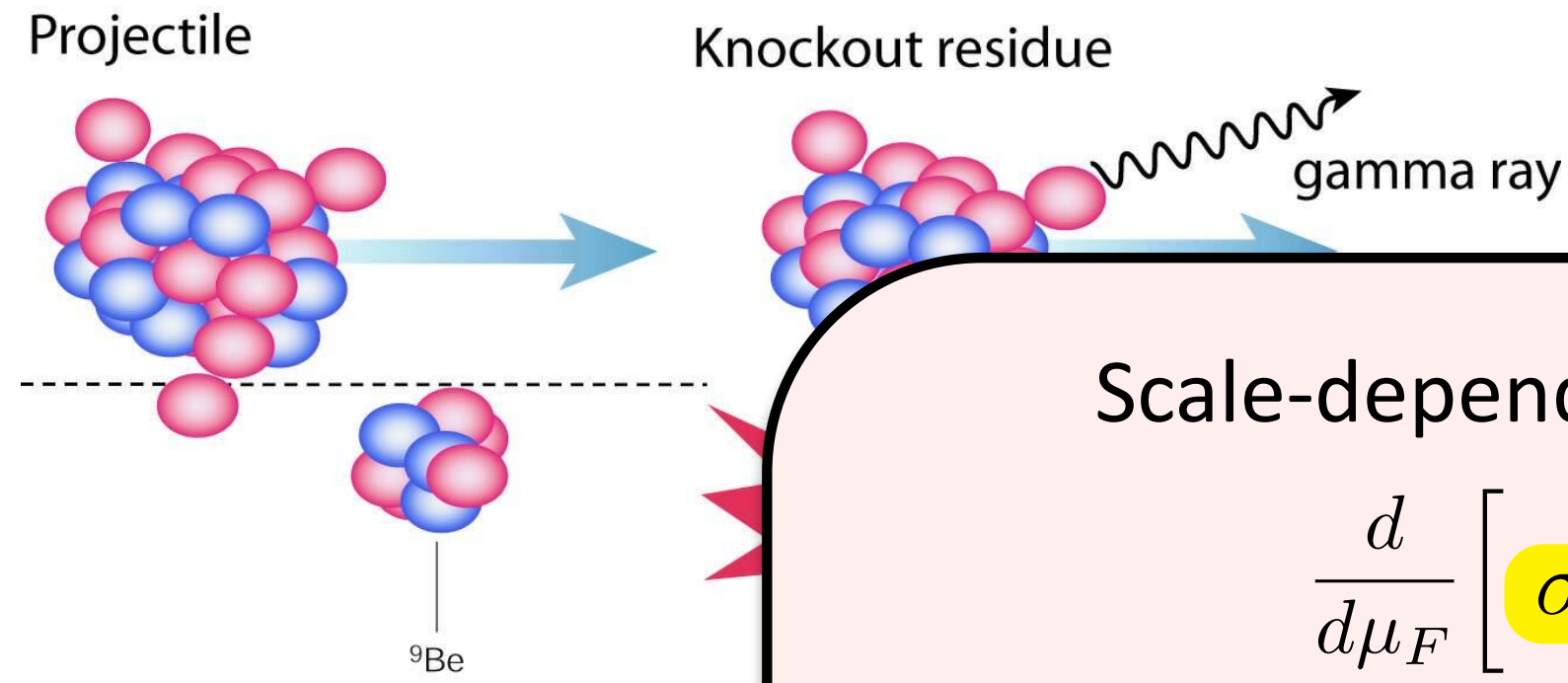
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Other exclusive knock-out reactions [pictures from A. Gade]



A. Gade et al., Phys. Rev. C 77, 044306 (2008)

Scale-dependent (RG) view of how these reactions are treated

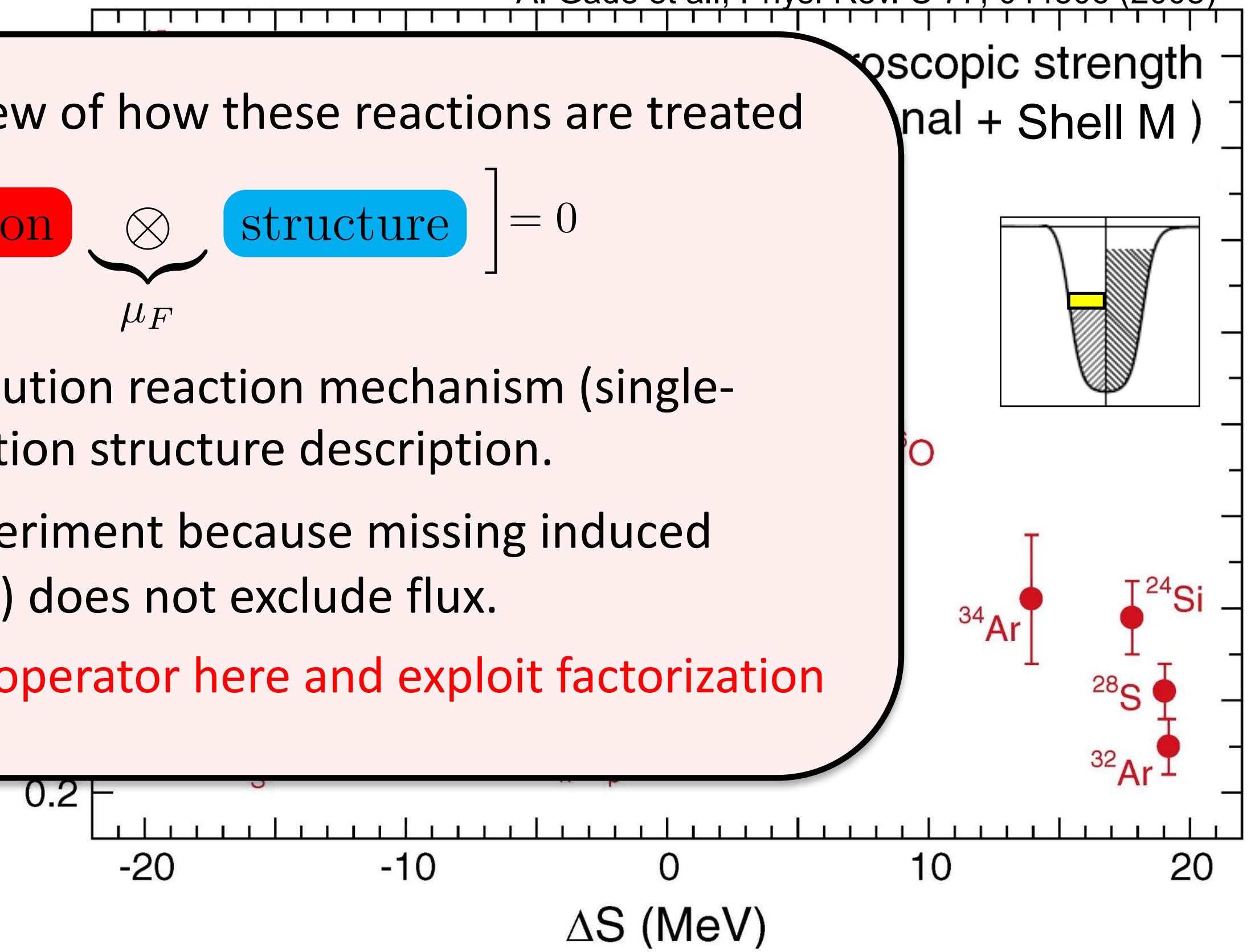
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- **Plan: use SRG on reaction operator here and exploit factorization**

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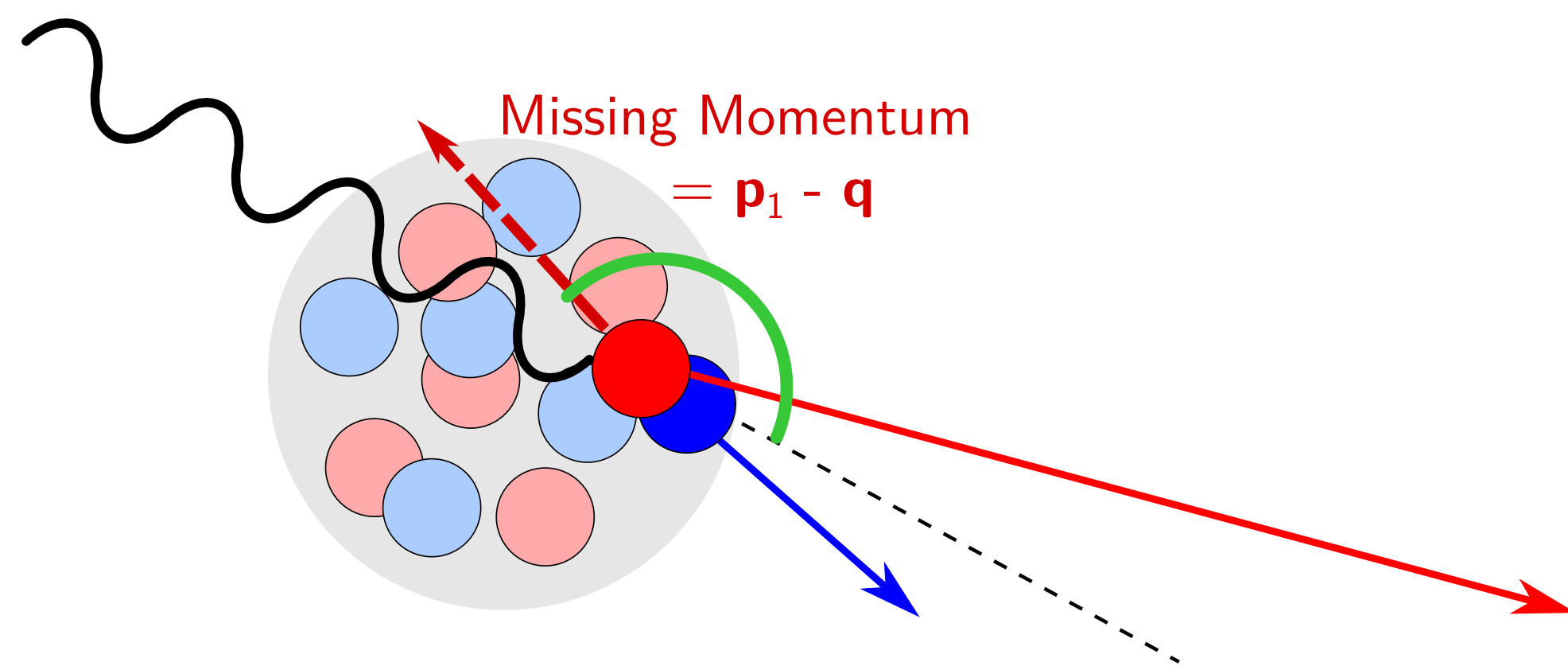
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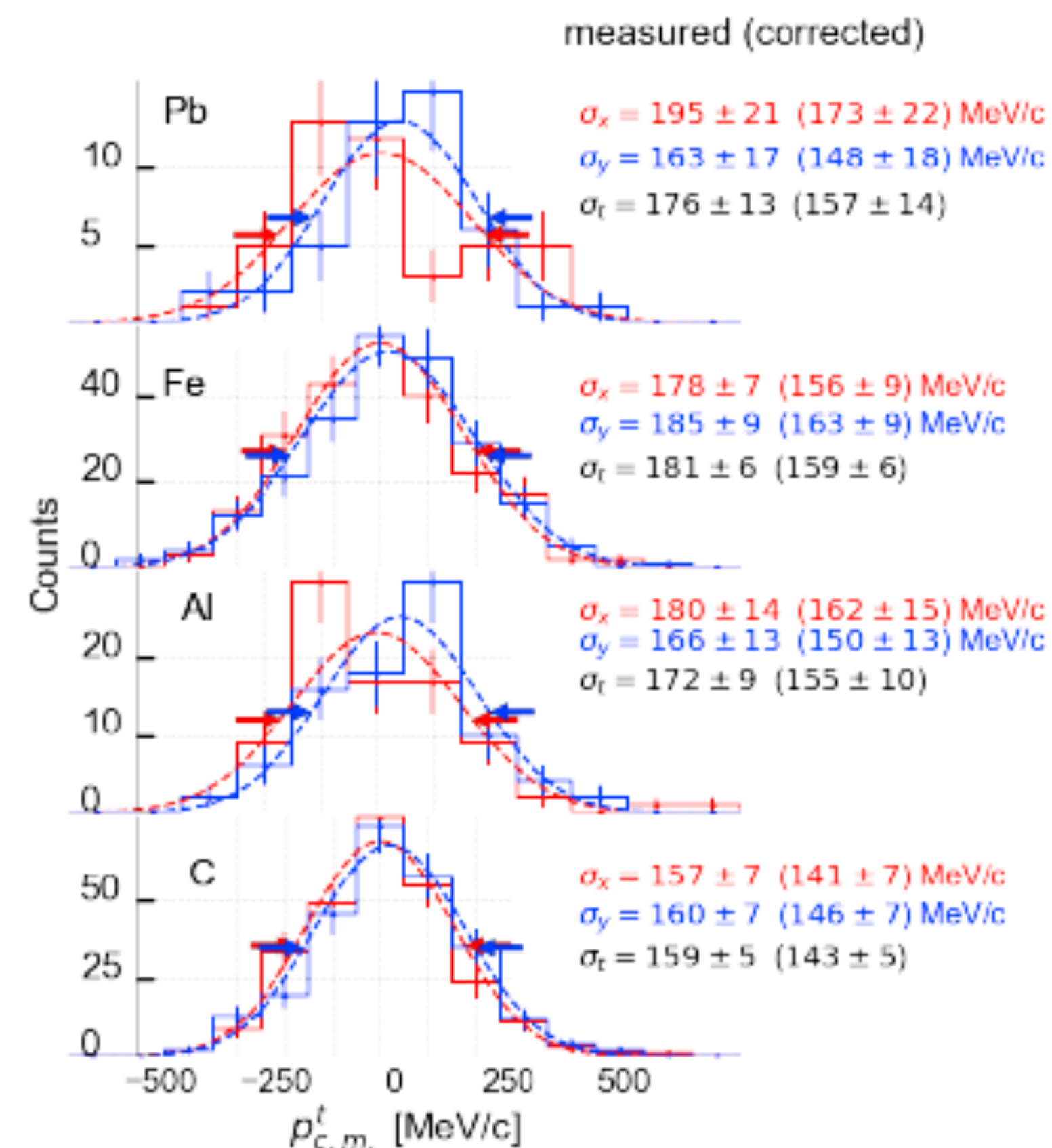


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m.e. of smeared contact operator \implies
 high q pairs dominated relative s-waves

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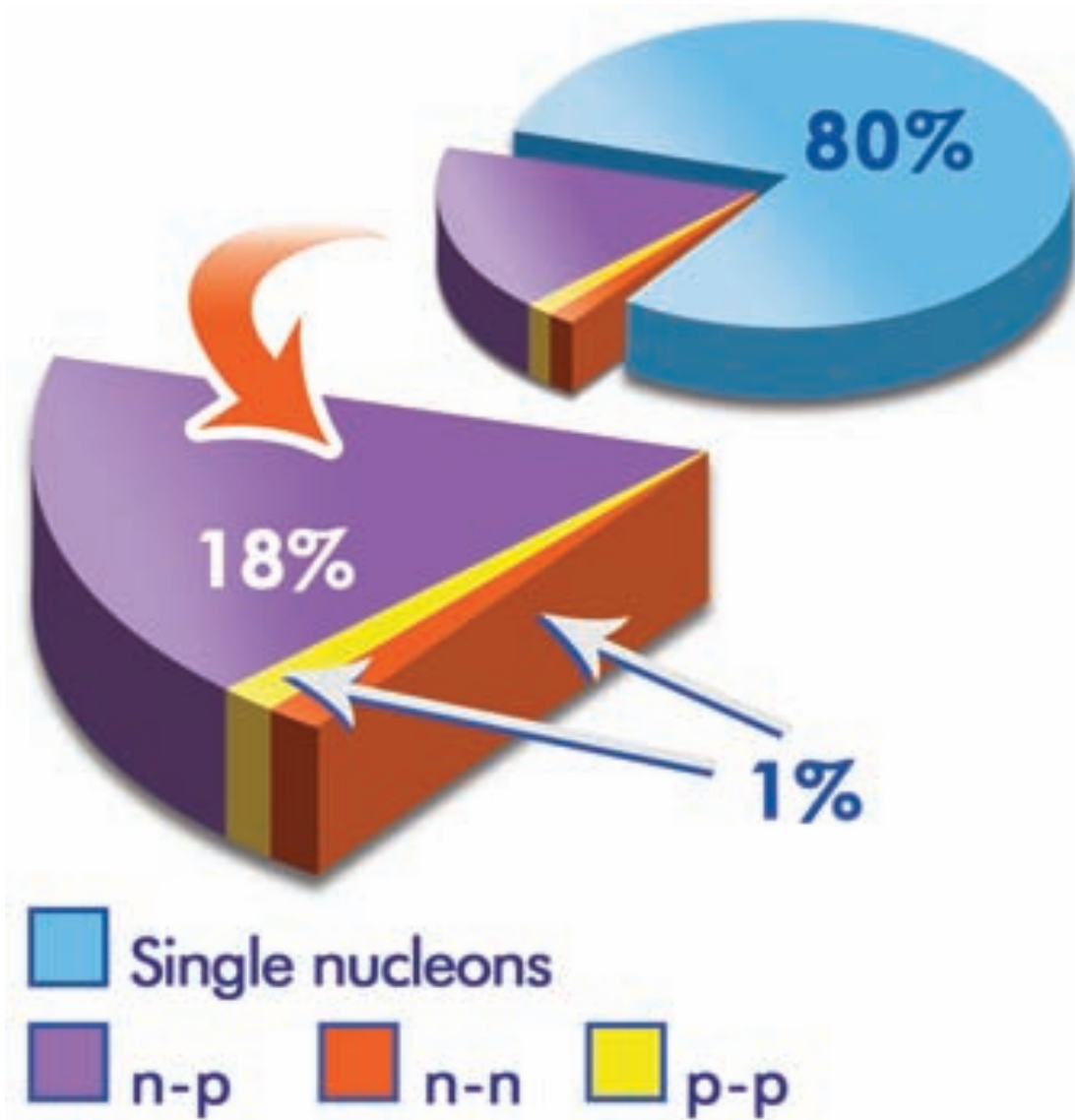


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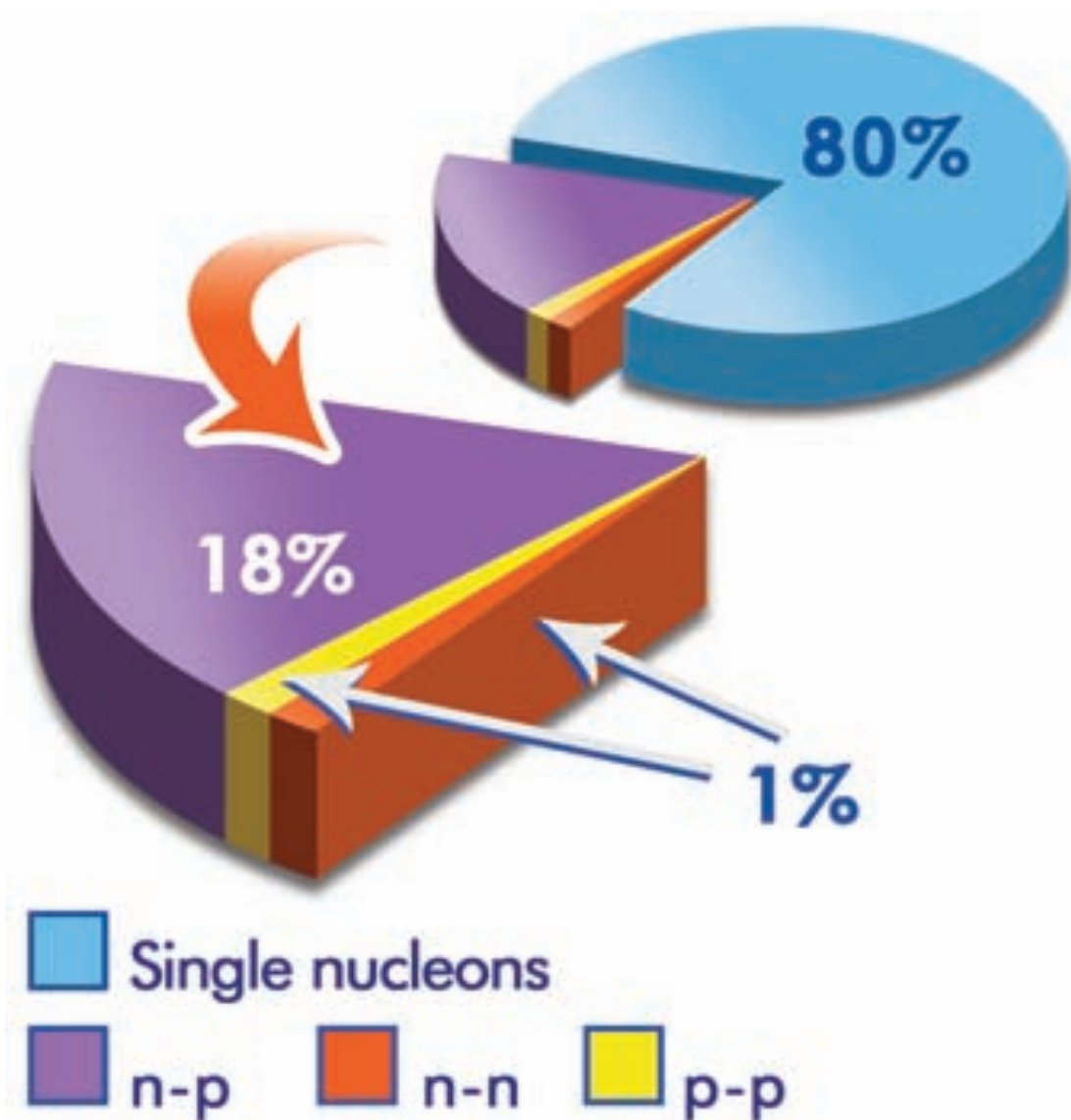
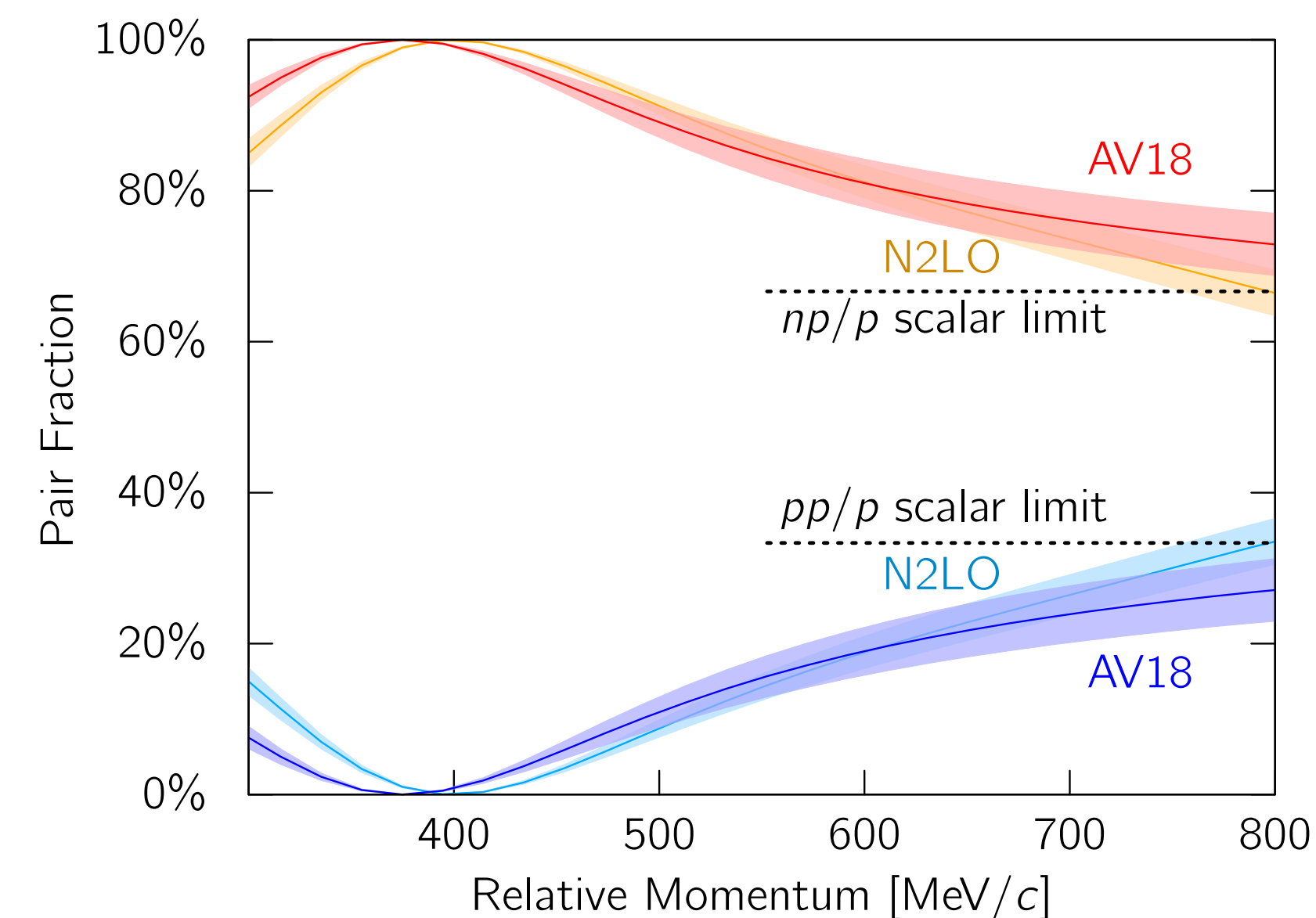


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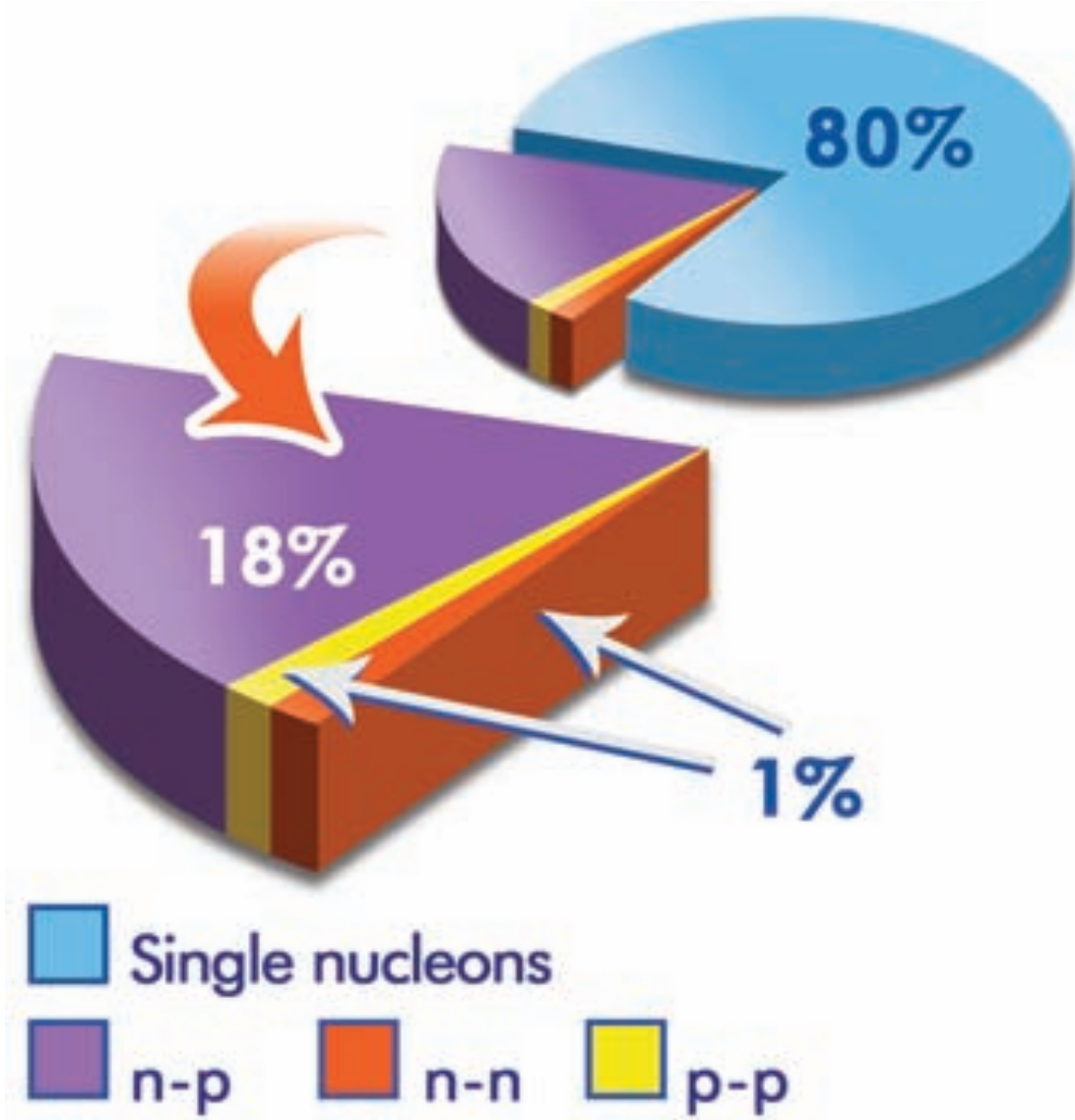


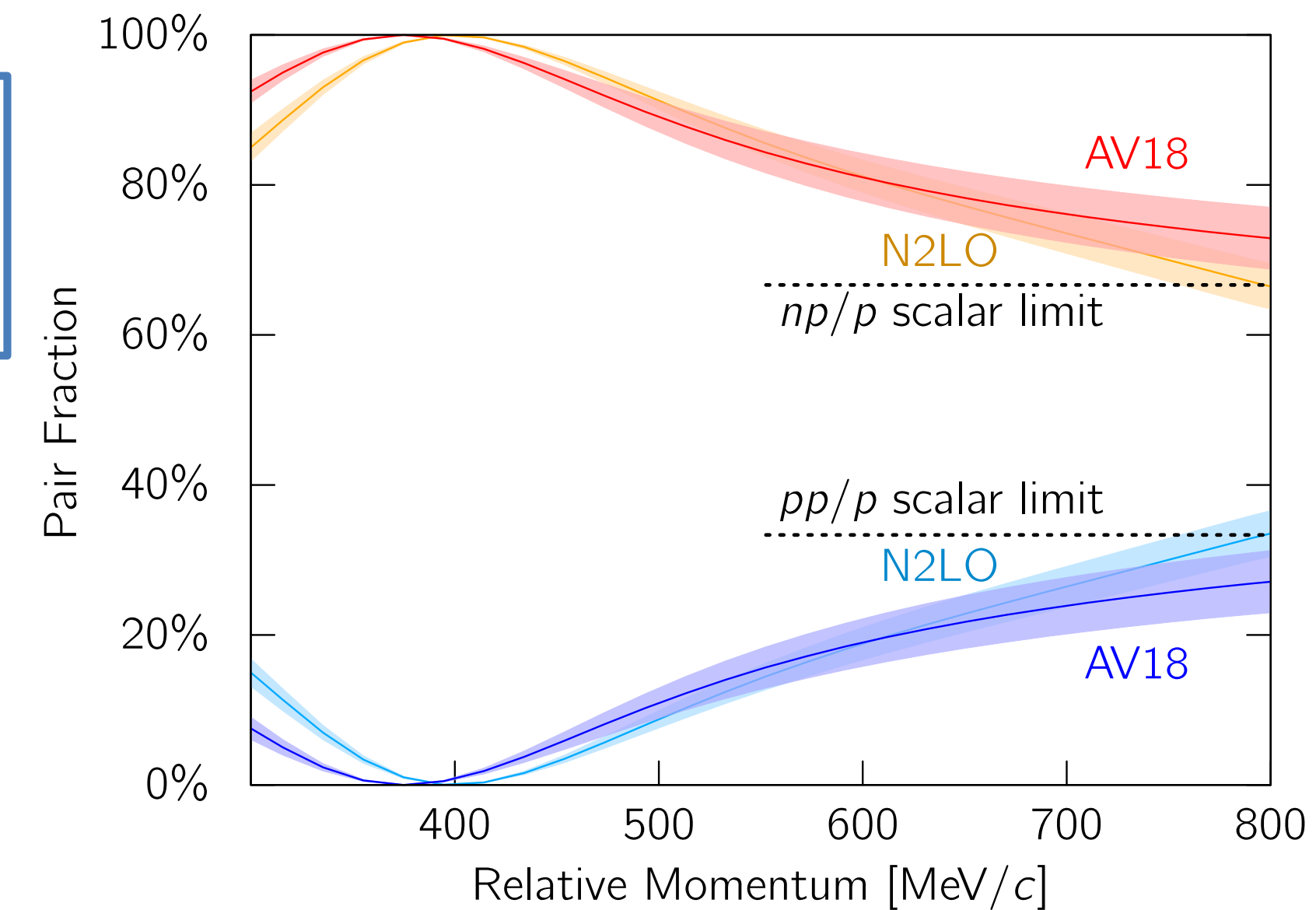
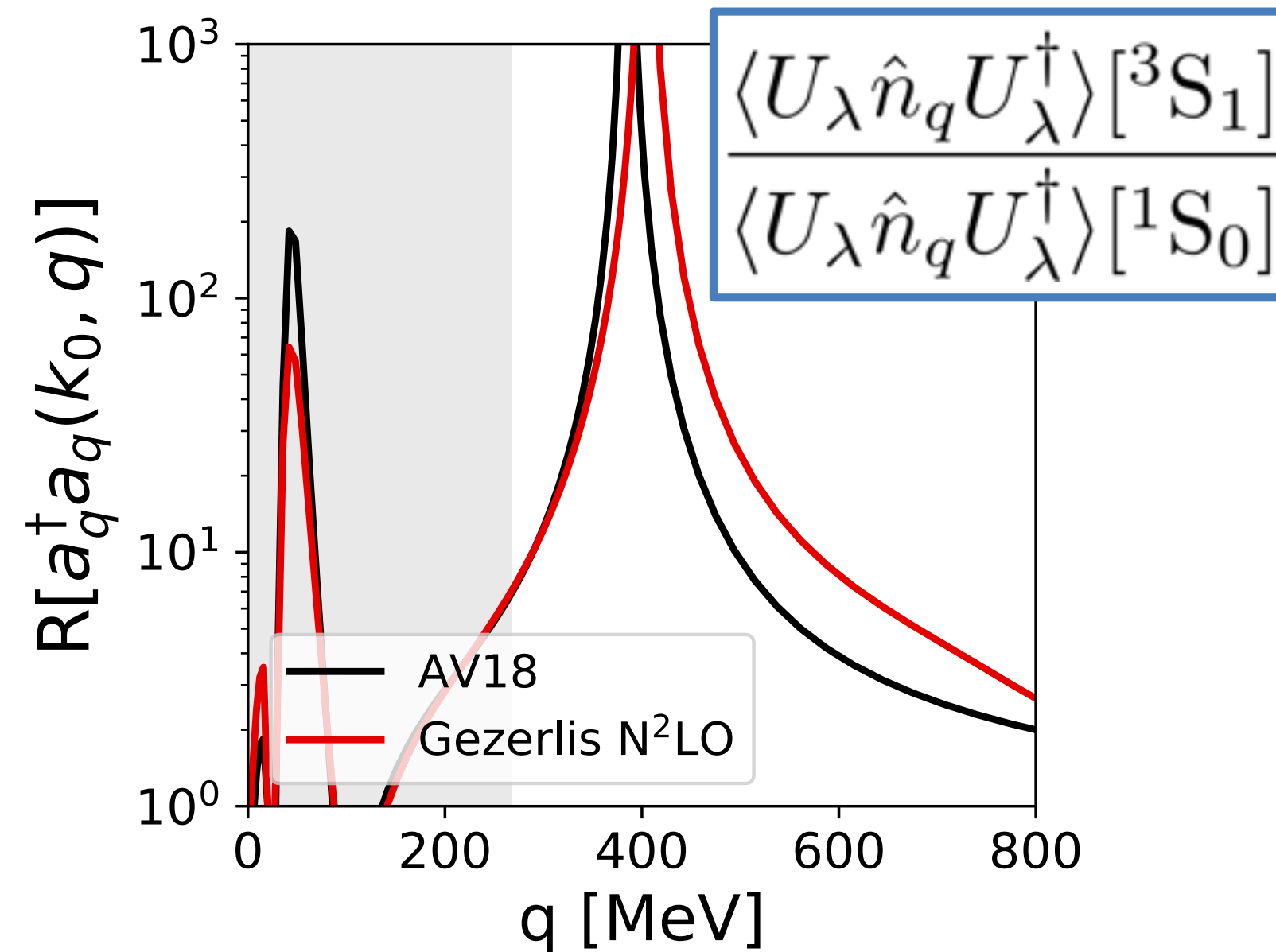
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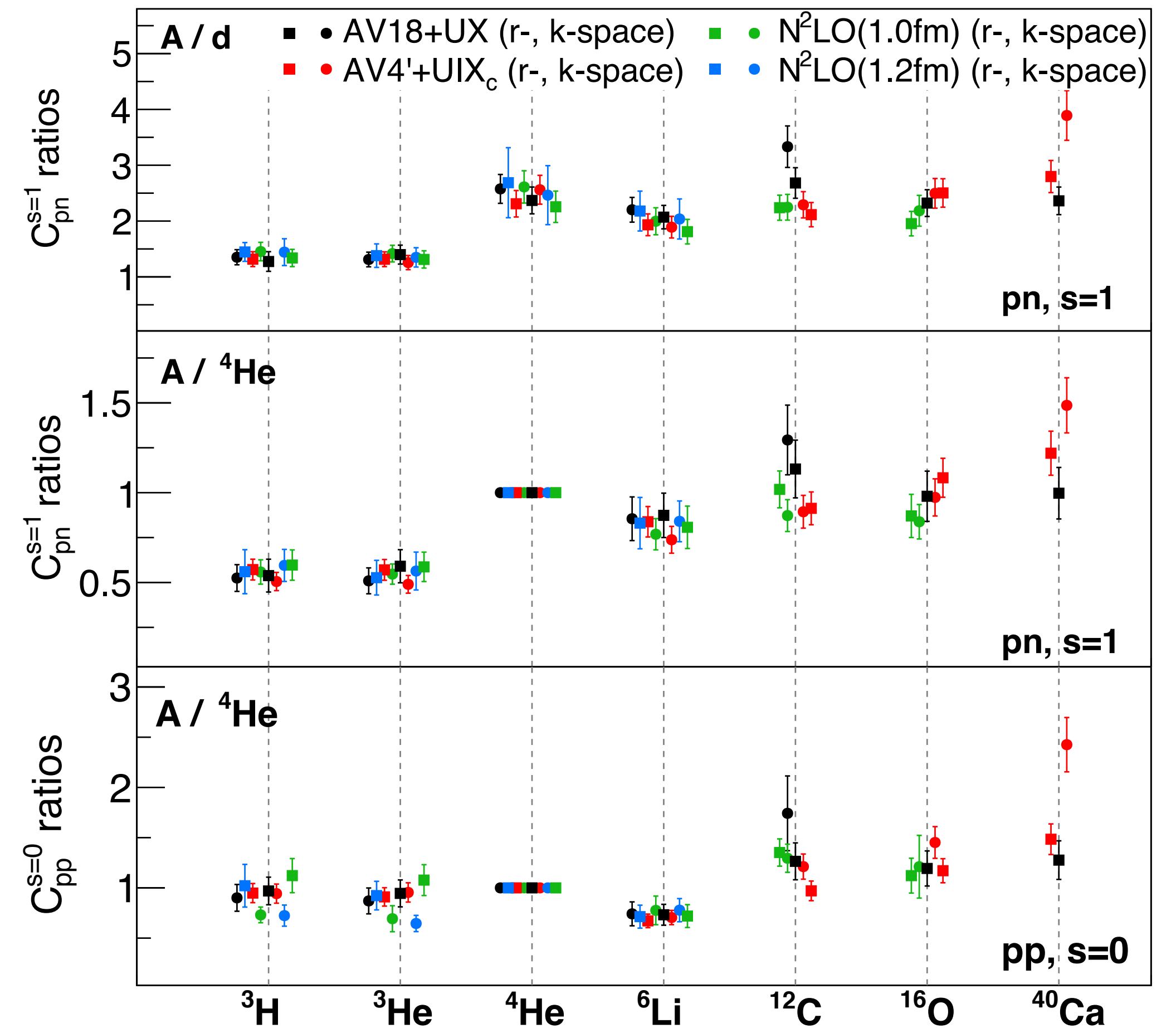
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A-independent

...But ratios in different A approx. RG invariant

