

New Measurement of the EMC Effect In ^3He and ^4He

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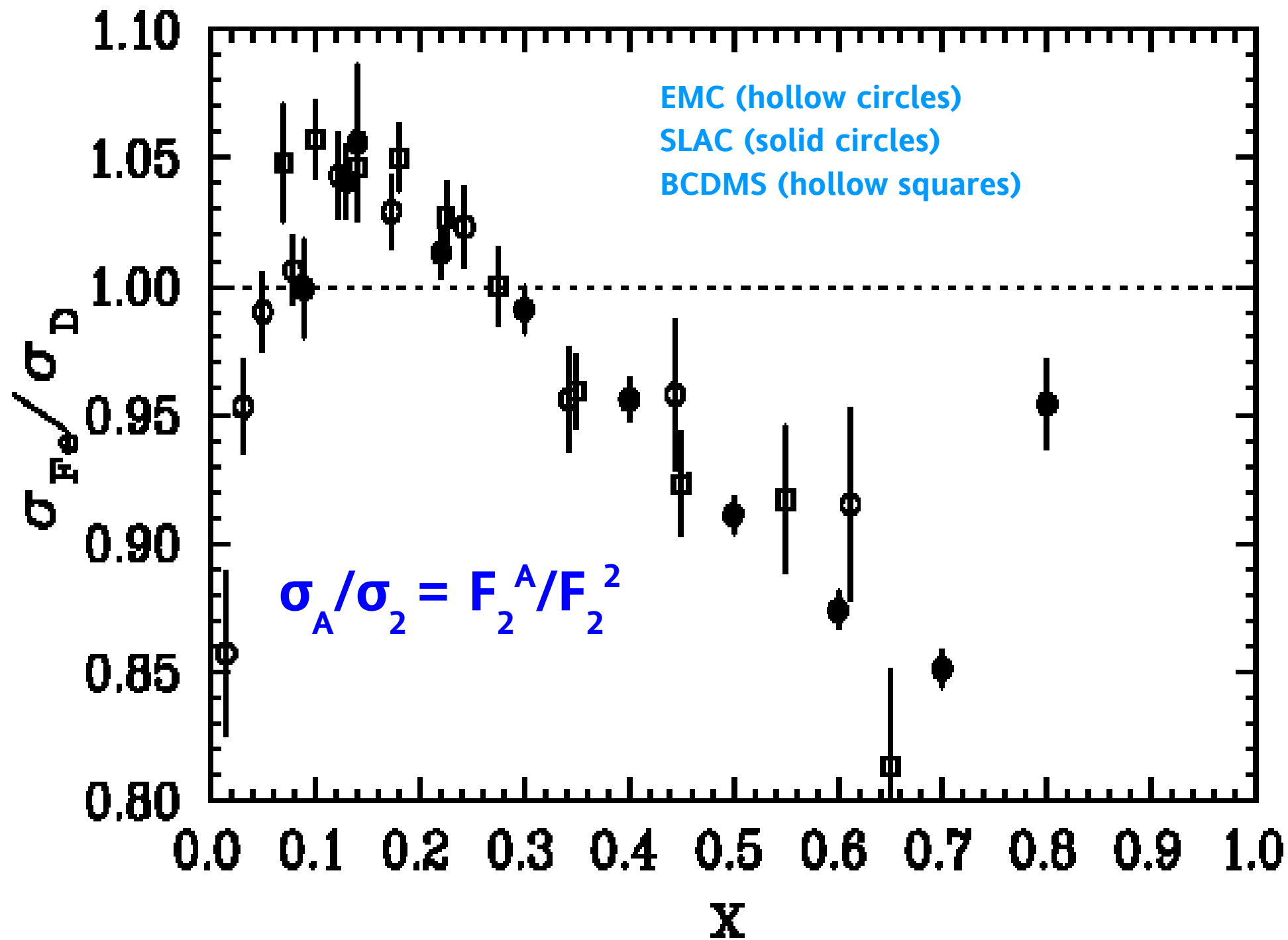
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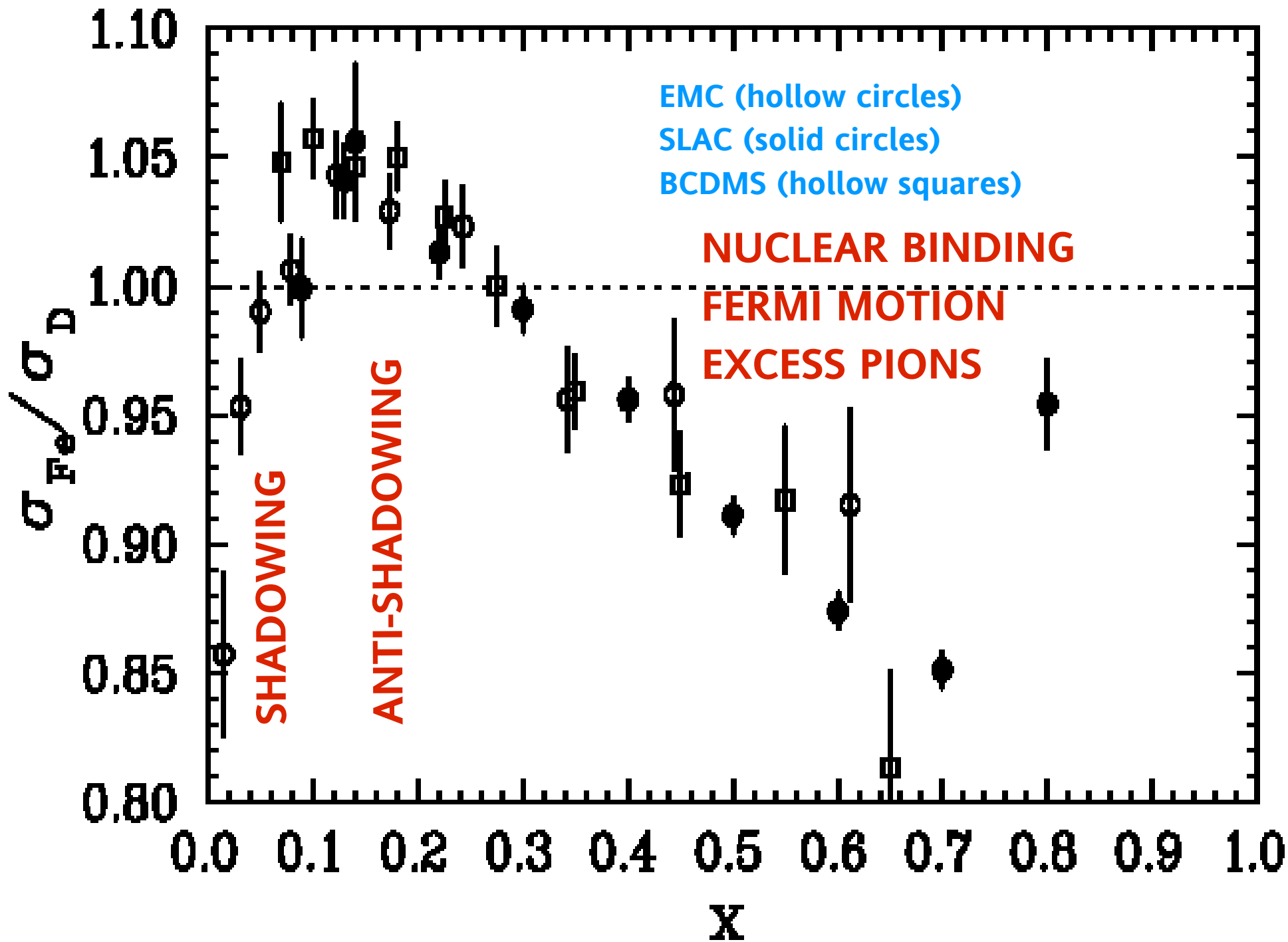
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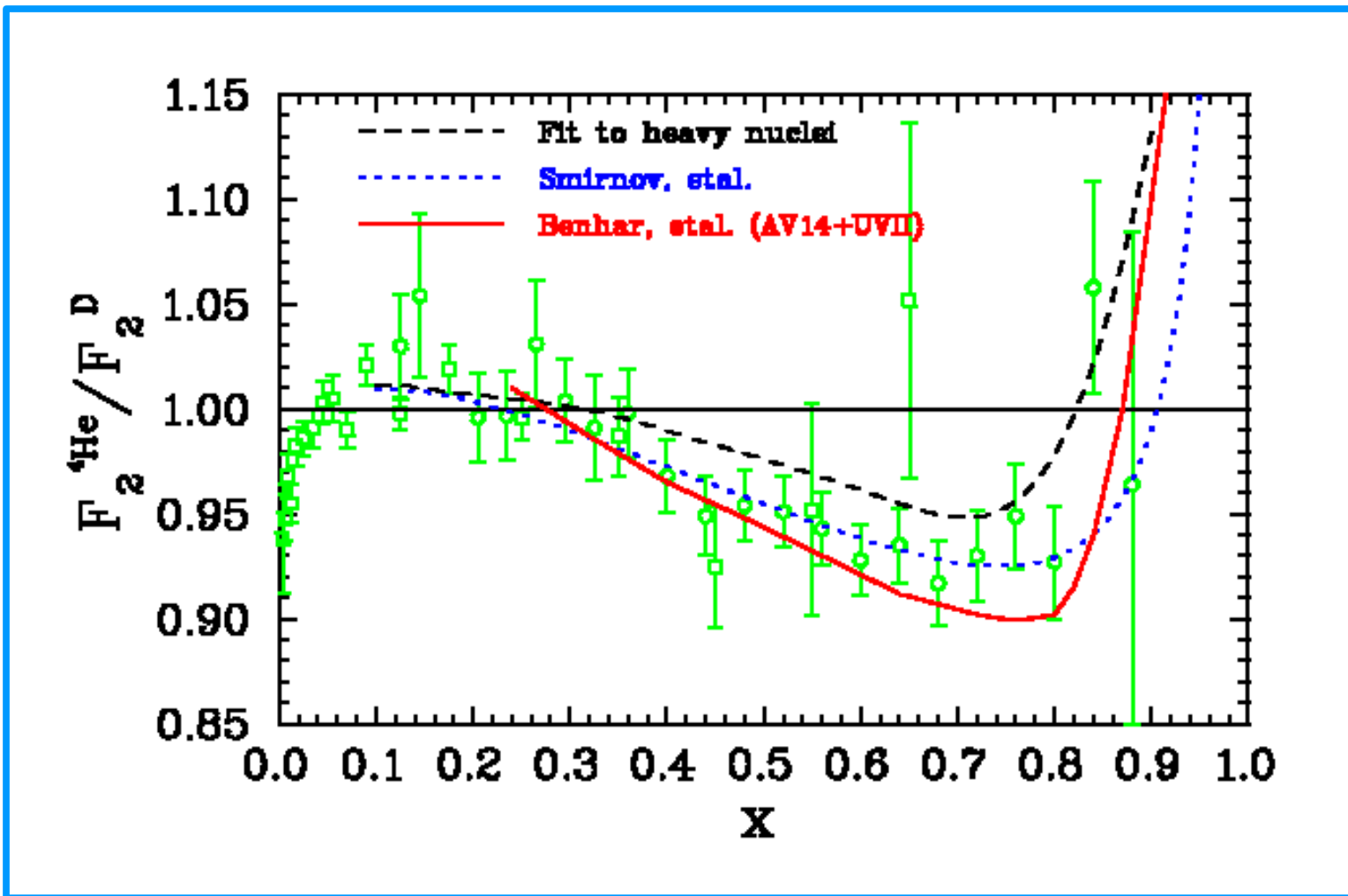
**most of effort has been focused on heavy targets
(C, Fe, Au...)**

There is a dearth of data for light targets.

^4He – well studied by SLAC, but need more precision

^3He – low x studied at HERMES, no data for $x > 0.4$

^3H – no data

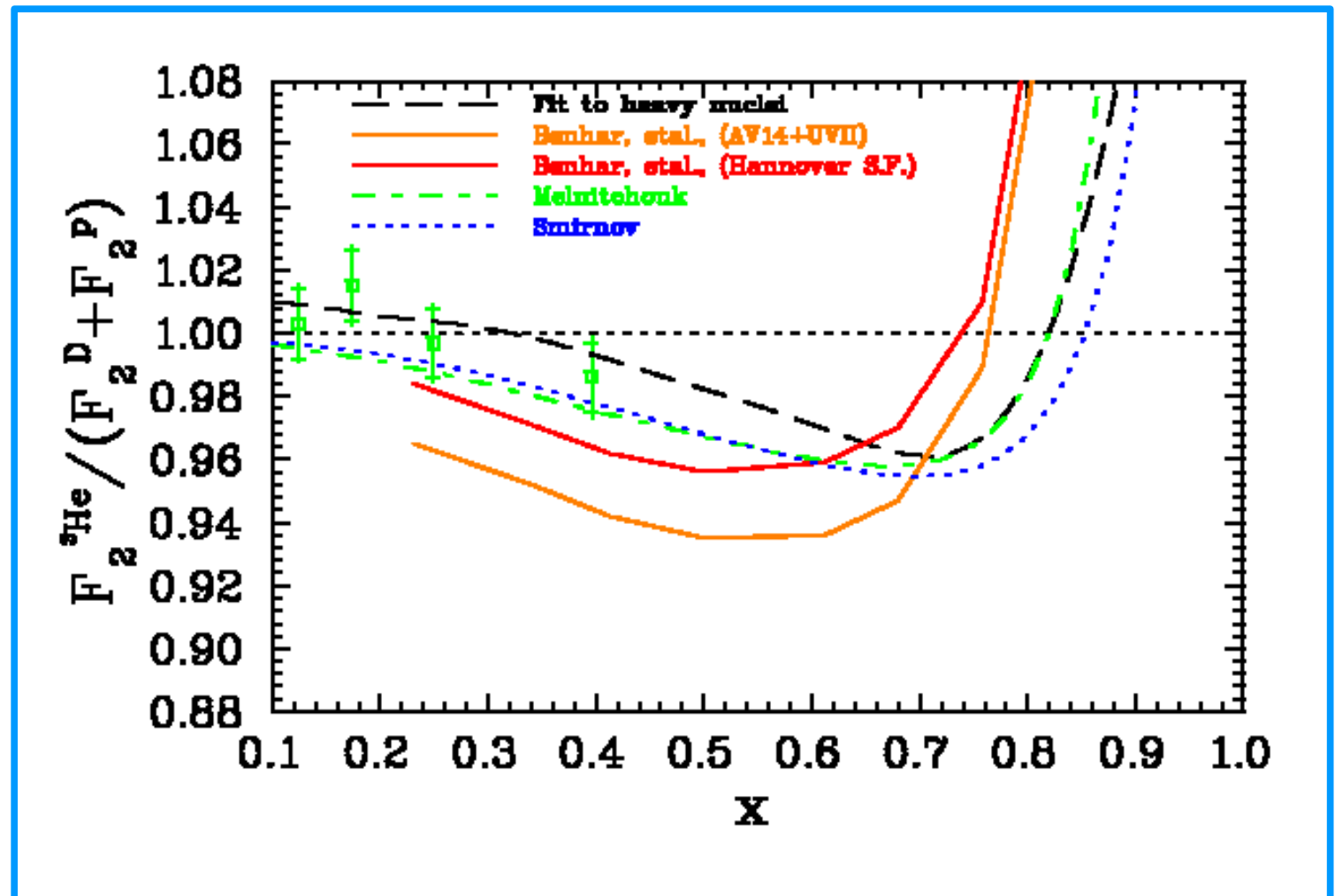


^4He

**Anomalously tightly bound
well studied at SLAC: need more precision**

^3He

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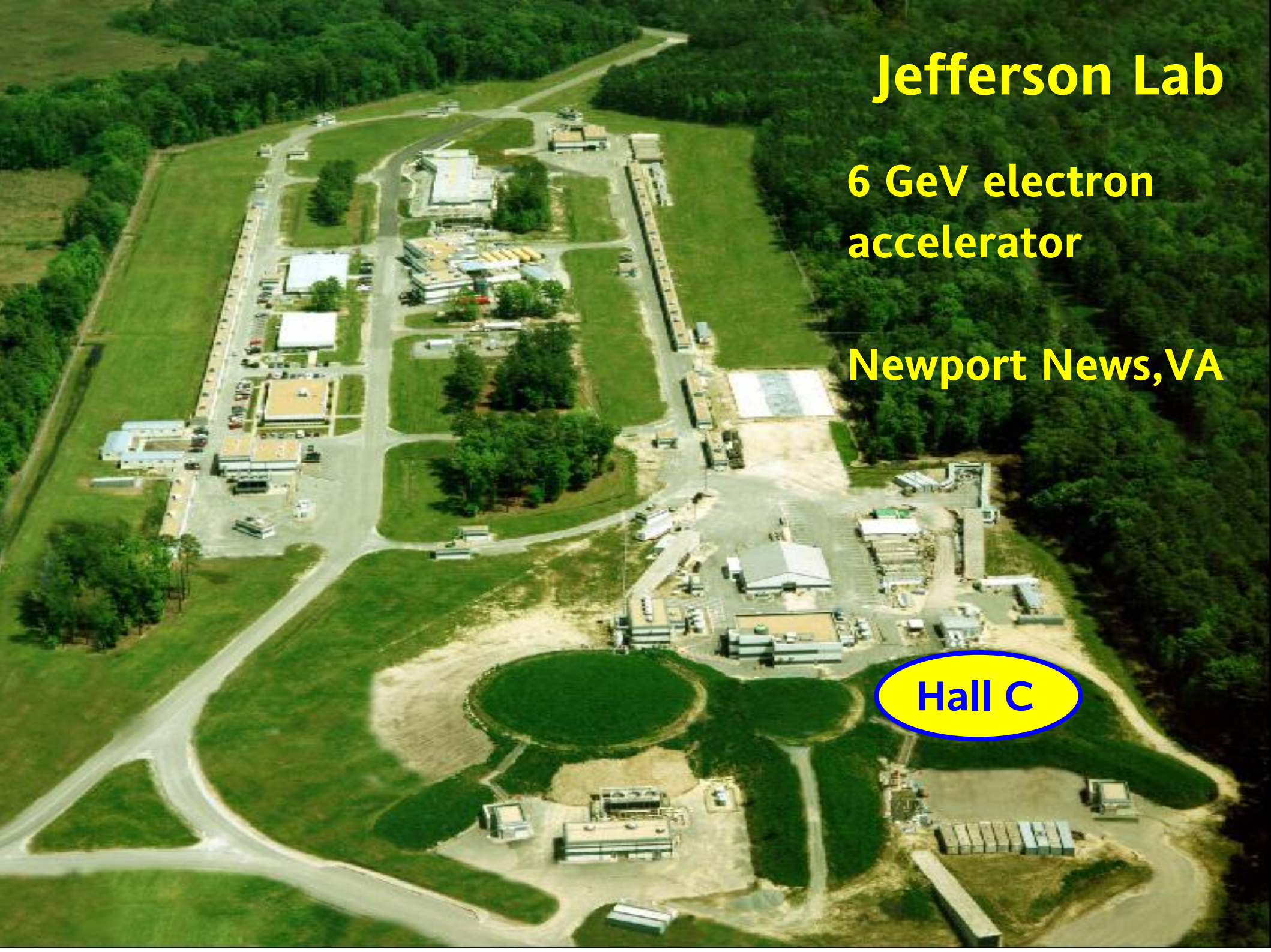


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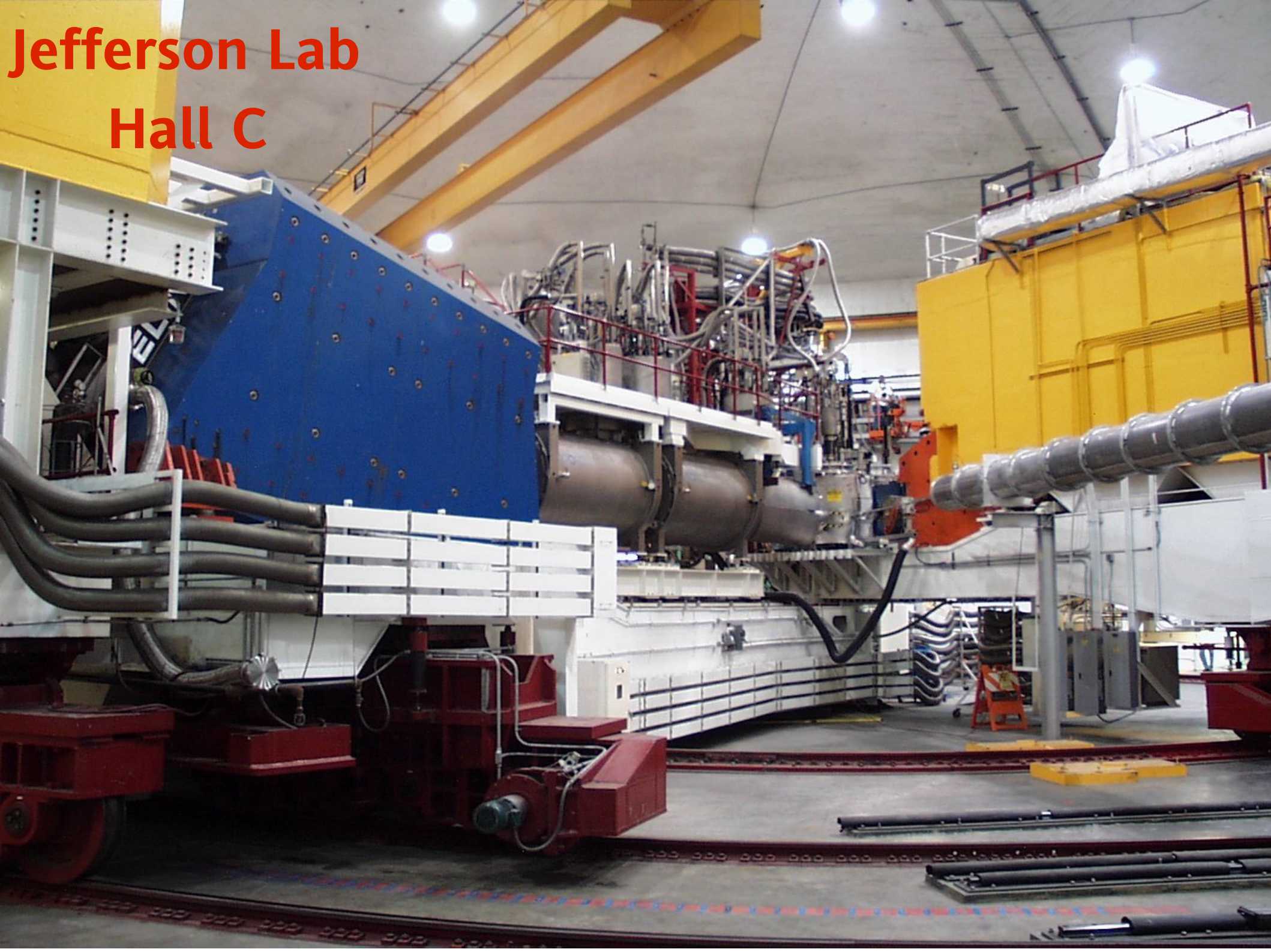
6 GeV electron
accelerator

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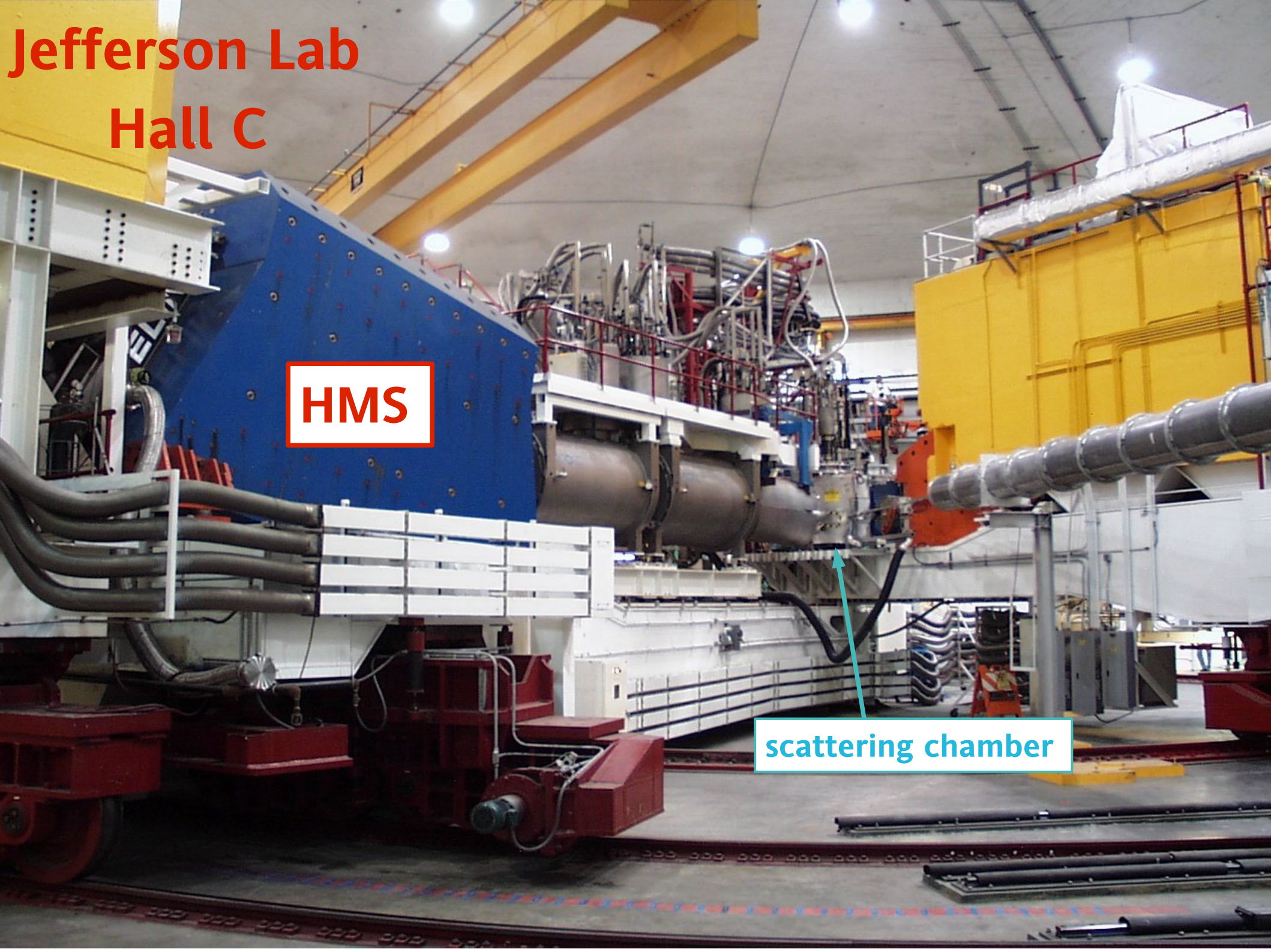
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HMS

scattering chamber



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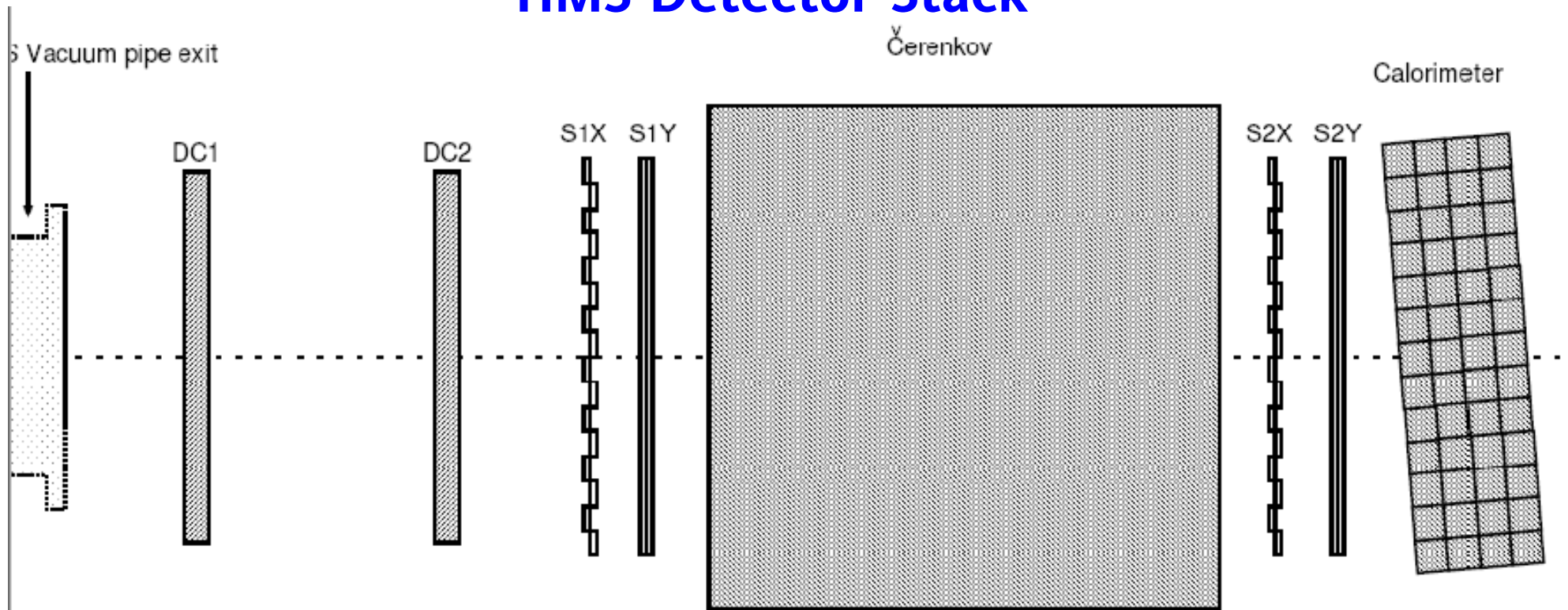
**HMS:
QQQD spectrometer**

6 mStr acceptance

**+/- 8% momentum
bite**

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HMS Detector Stack



E03-103: EMC effect in light nuclei

**Measurement of inclusive electron
scattering cross section from**

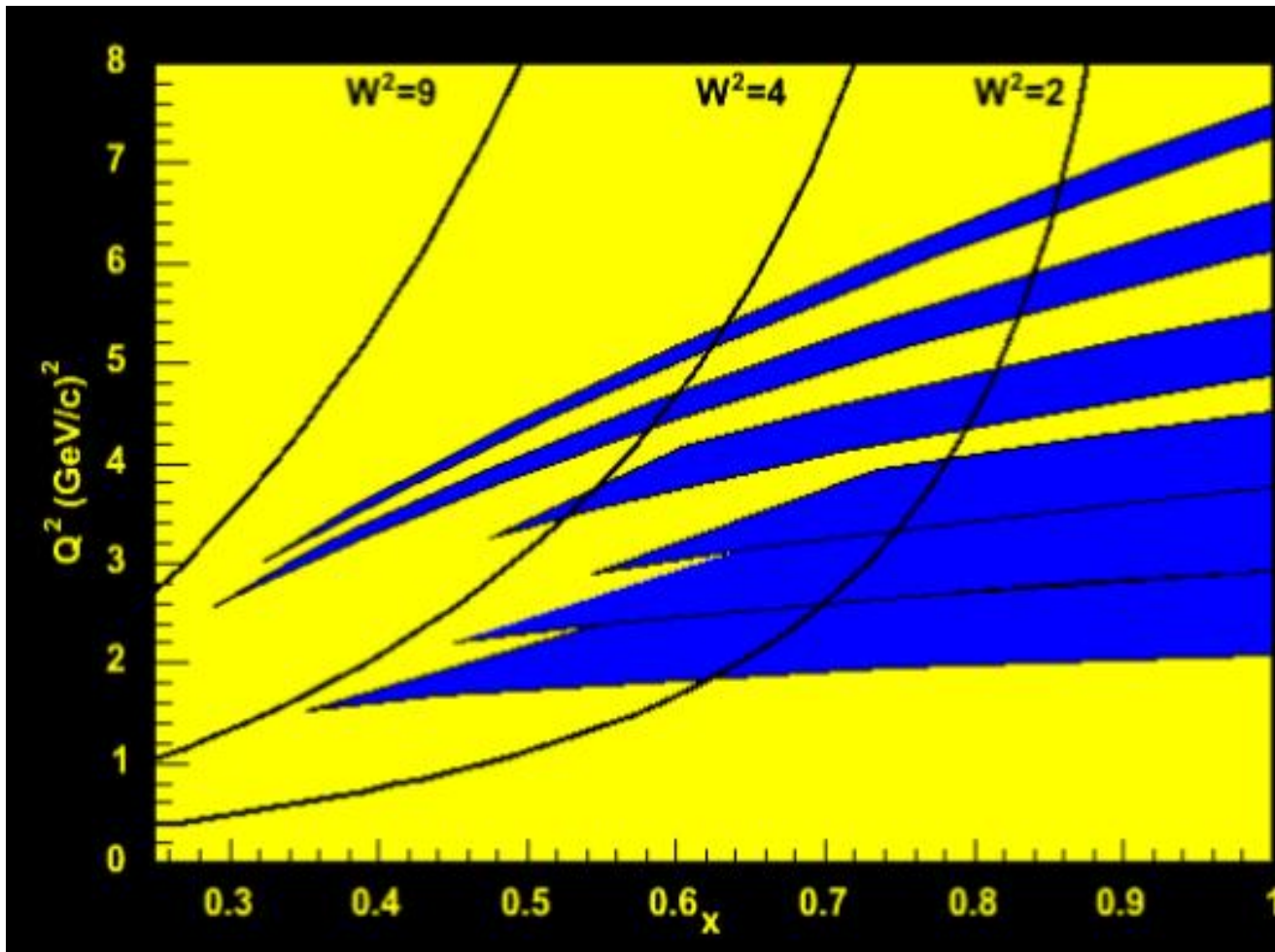
H, ²H, ³He, ⁴He, B, C, Cu, Au

5.67 GeV electron beam

Single-arm measurement in HMS

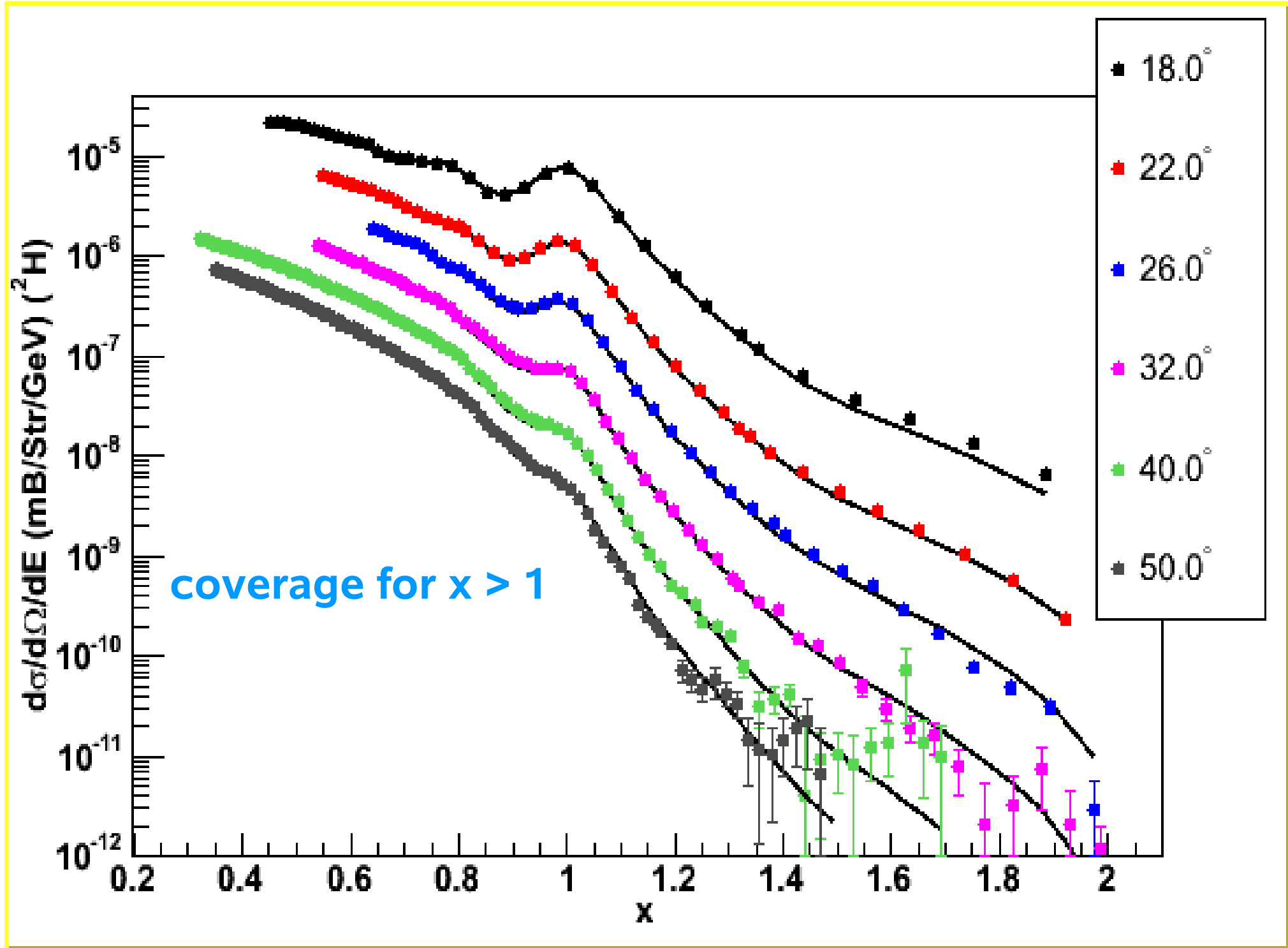
Kinematic Coverage:

Data taken at six angles



main EMC extraction done using large angle (highest Q^2) data.

other angles will provide detailed Q^2 dependence study.



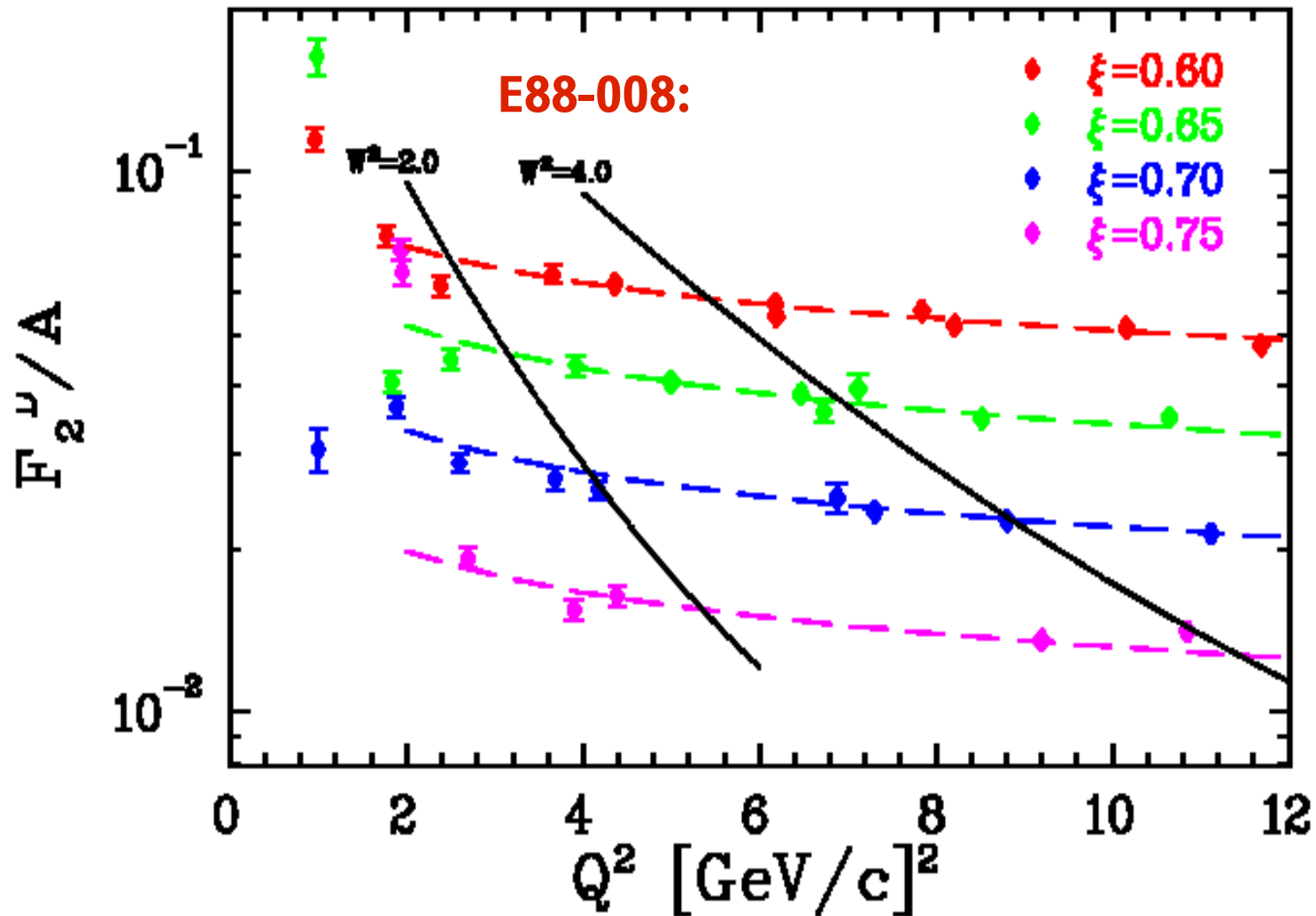
ξ scaling

E03-103 kinematics not very DIS – need to be able to compare to other measurements...need a scaling variable that scales over larger Q^2 range.

$$\xi = 2x / (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4m^2x^2/Q^2})$$

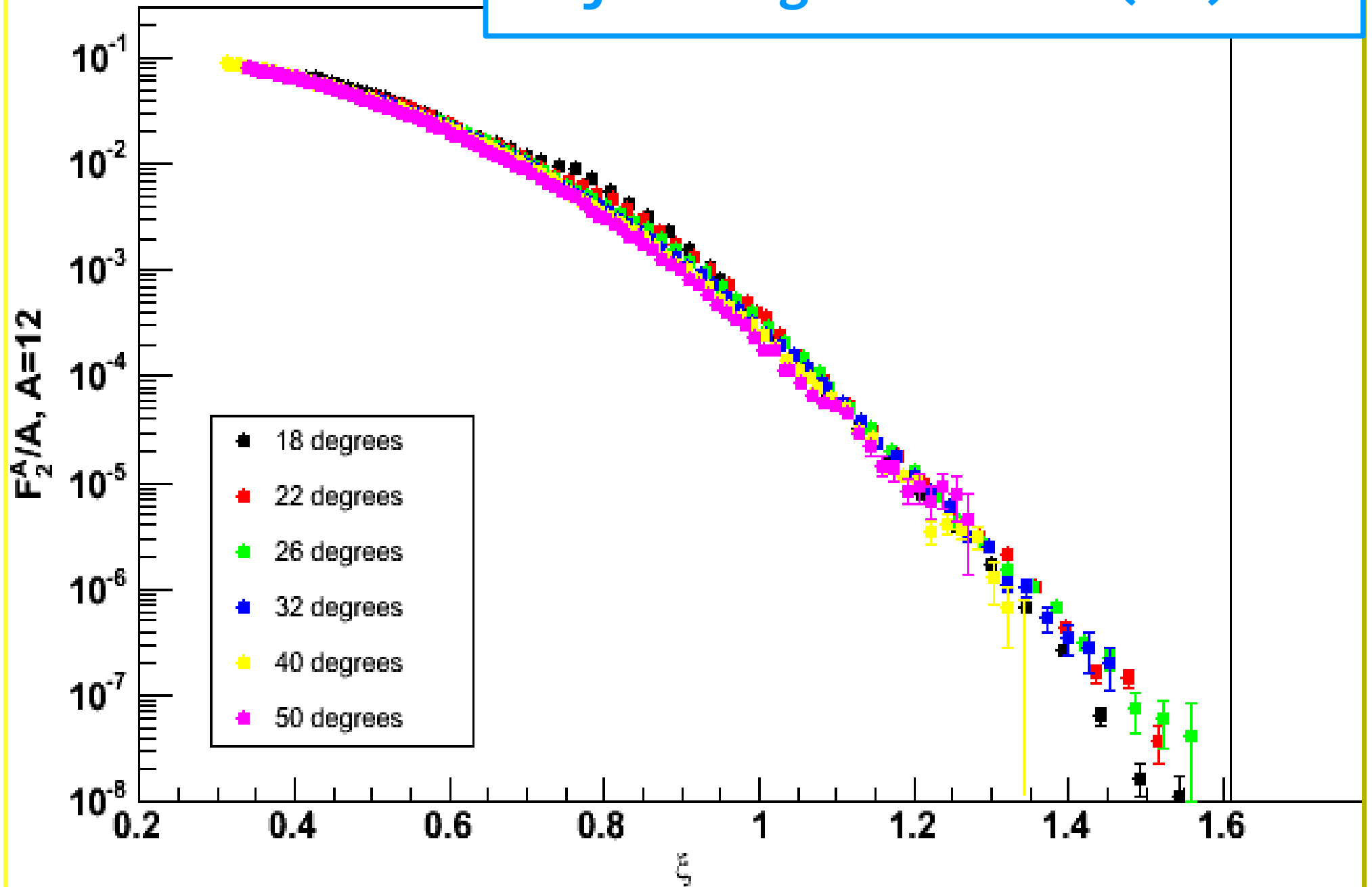
$\xi \rightarrow x$ in the Björken limit

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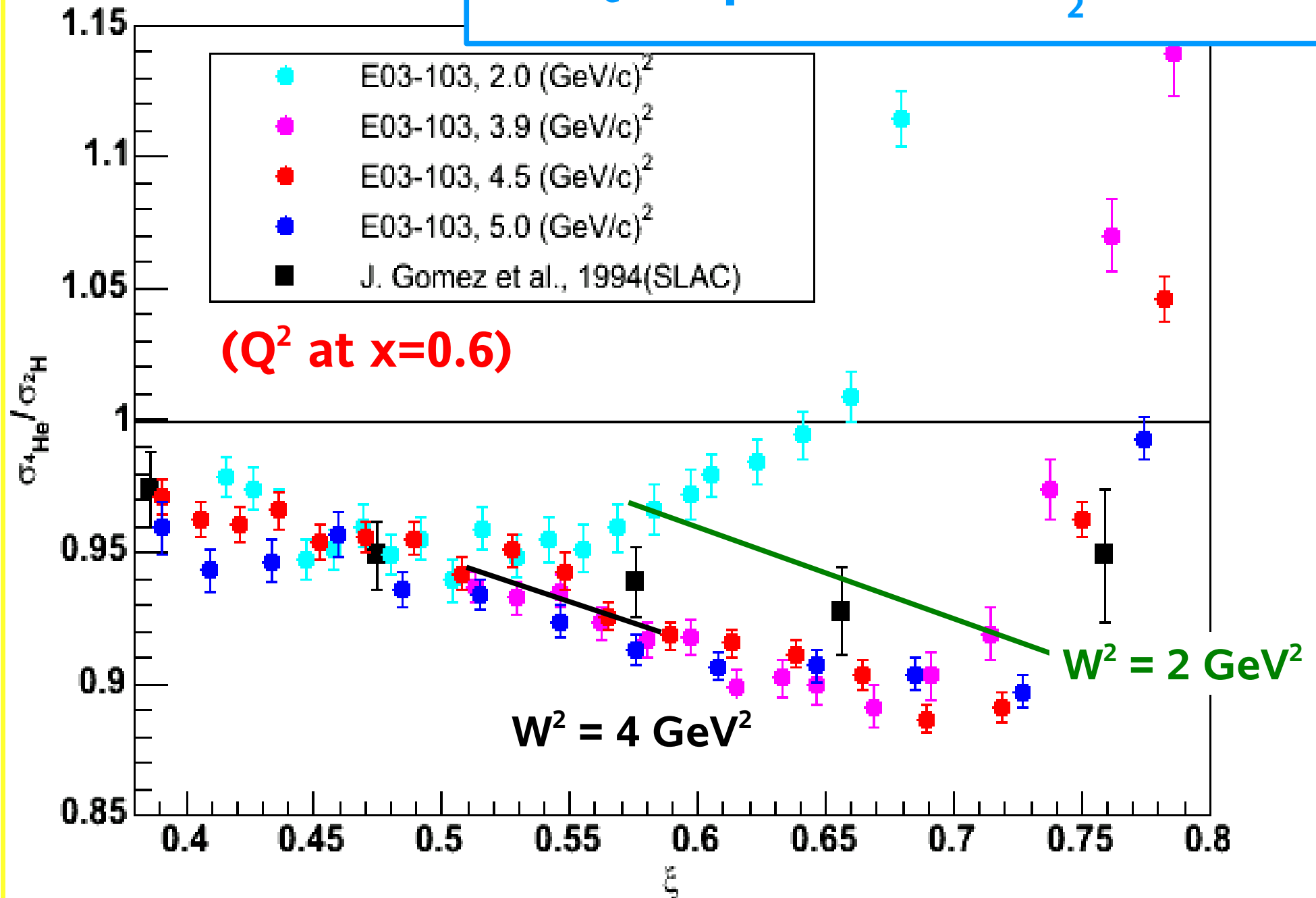


structure functions show scaling in ξ below
 $W^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

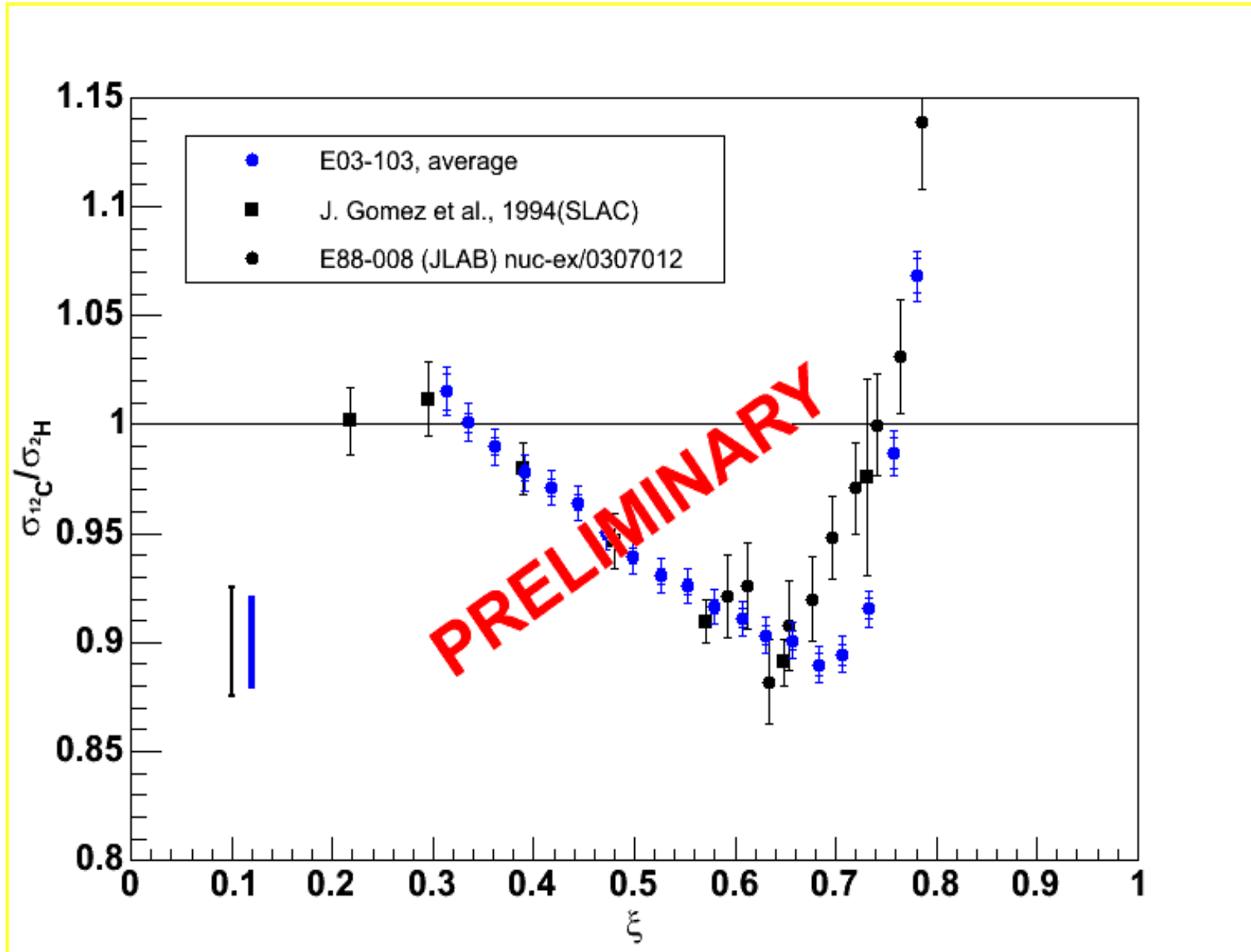
ξ Scaling in E03-103 (^{12}C)



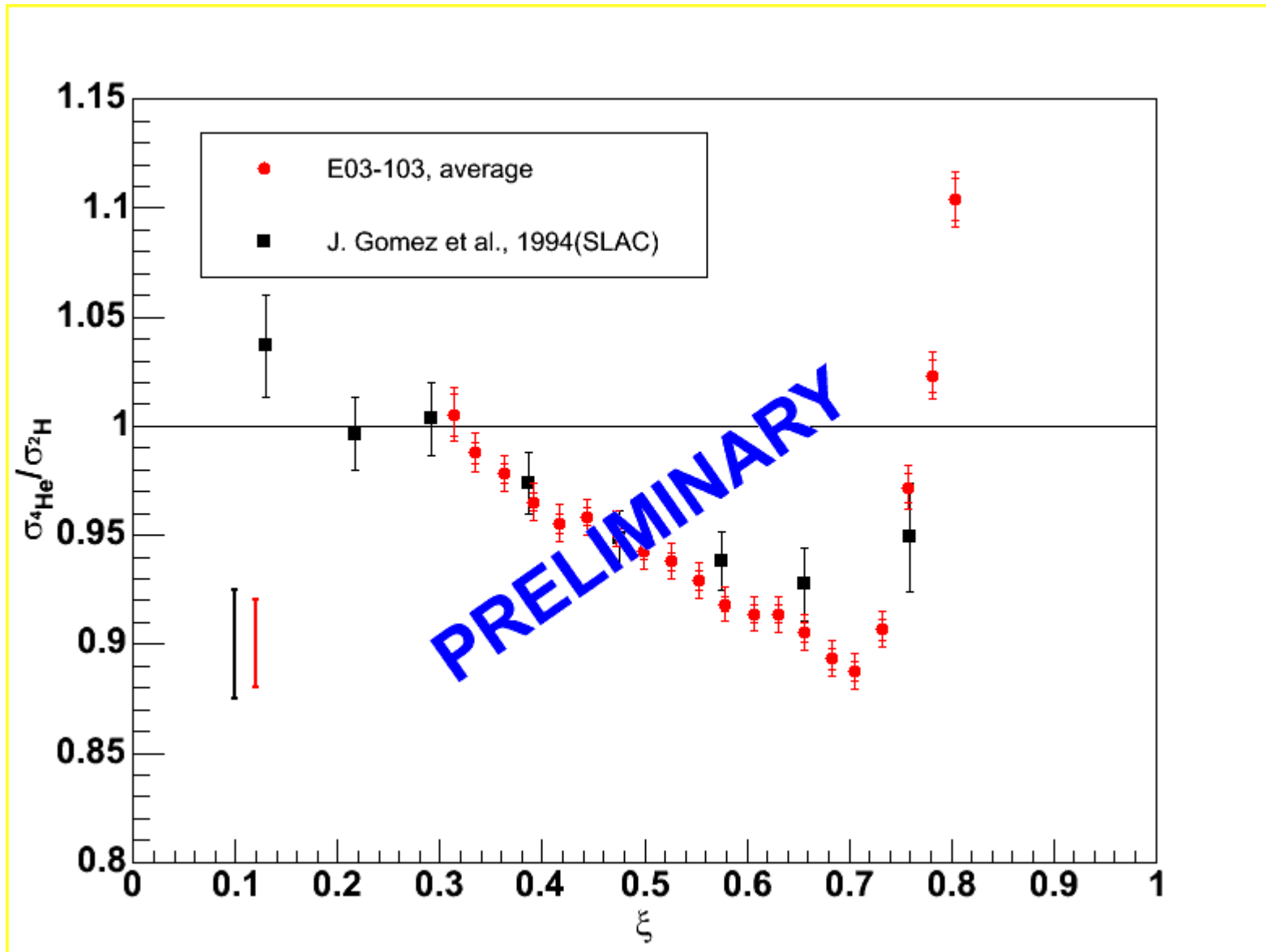
Q^2 dependence of F_2 ratio



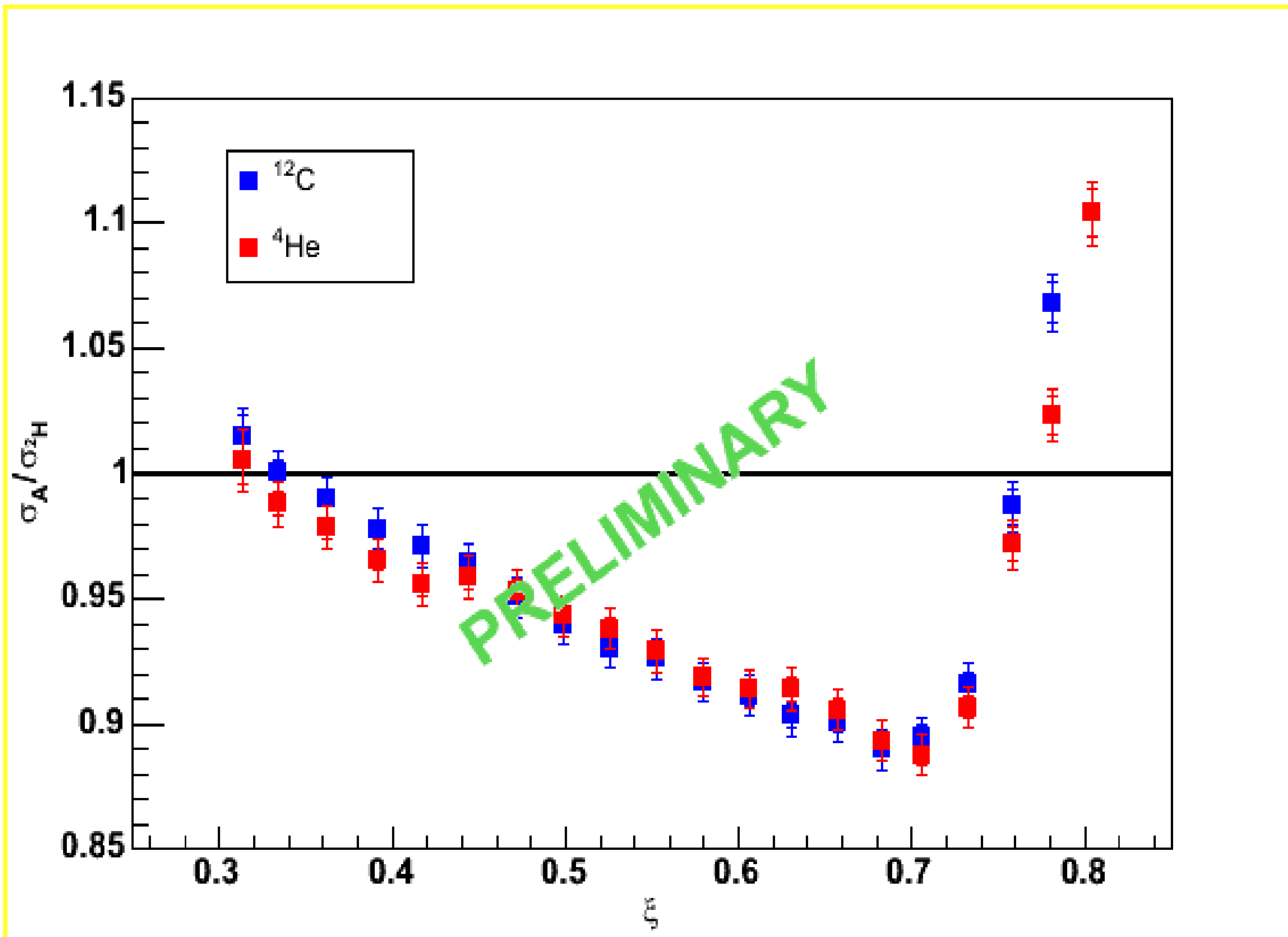
EMC effect in ^{12}C



EMC effect in ^4He



EMC effect in ${}^4\text{He}$ as large as in ${}^{12}\text{C}$



Neutron Excess:

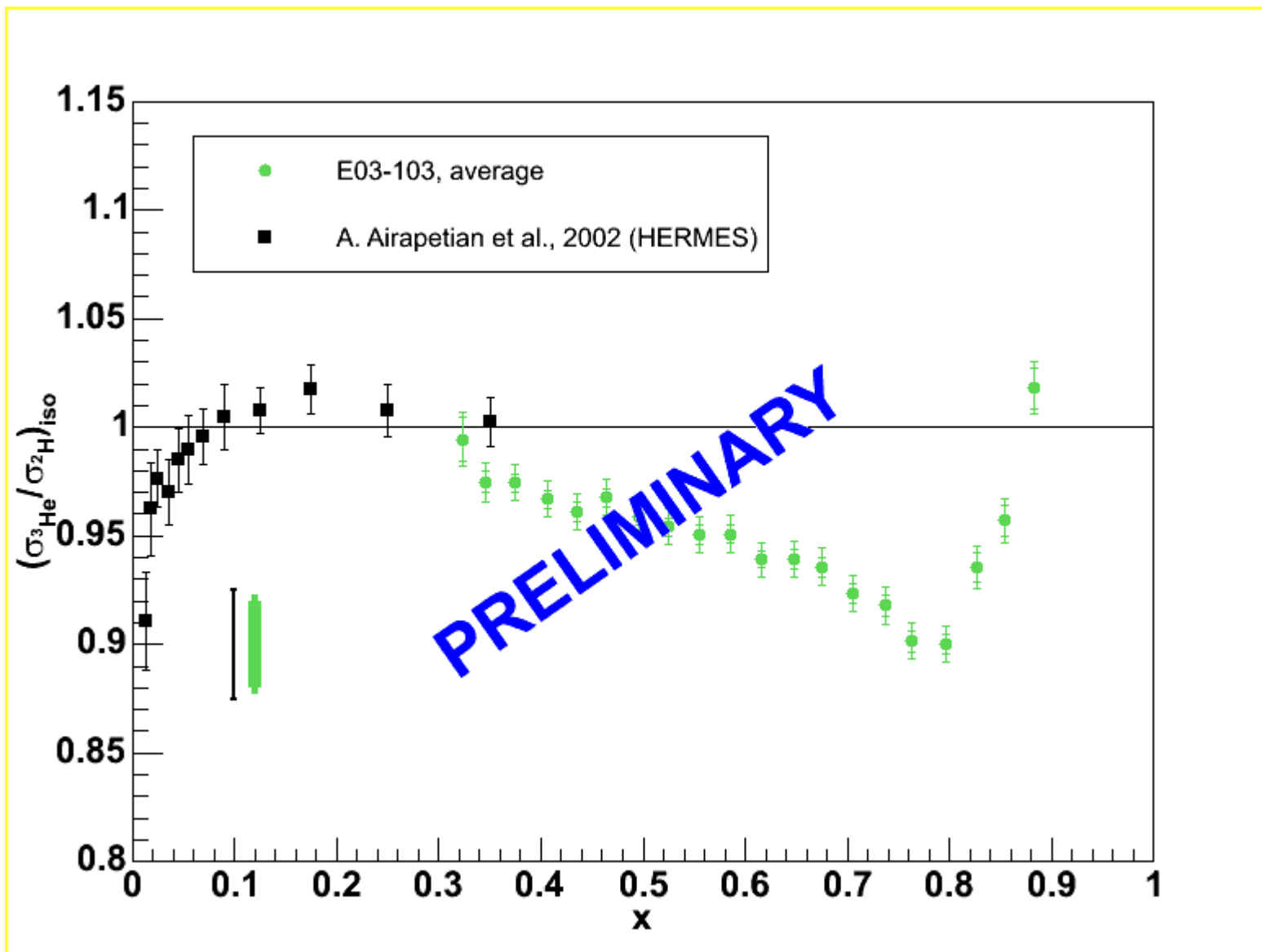
$$\left(\frac{\sigma^A}{\sigma^D}\right) / \left(\frac{\sigma^A}{\sigma^D}\right)_{is} = \frac{\left(Z + N \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p}\right)}{0.5A \left(1 + \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p}\right)}$$

Currently using SLAC Parameterization:

$$F_2^n/F_2^p = 1 - 0.8x$$

Data were taken on H and ^2H at all settings in order to determine F_2^n/F_2^p for our kinematics (in progress)

EMC effect in ^3He



Systematics:

Source	Absolute Uncertainty	Relative Uncertainty	$\delta\sigma/\sigma(\%)$	$\delta R/R(\%)$ point-to-point	$\delta R/R(\%)$ scale	$\delta R/R(\%)$ Statistical
HMS Momentum	<0.1%	0.01%	0.2	-	-	
Beam Energy	<0.1%	<0.02%	0.2	0.1	-	
θ	0.5mr	0.2mr	0.1	0.1	0.1	
t_D	0.5%		0.5	-	0.5	
t_{He}	1.0%		1.0	-	1.0	
Charge	0.4%	0.3%	0.5	0.42	0.2	
Target Boiling	<1.0%	0.5%	<1.0	0.3	0.3	
Endcap Subtraction	<1.0%	0.2%	<1.0	0.1	0.1	
Acceptance	1.0-2.0%	0.2%	1.0-2.0	0.2	-	
Radiative Corrections	2.0%	0.5%	2.0	0.3	0.4	
Detector Efficiency	0.5%	0.2%	0.5	0.2	-	
Deadtime Correction	<0.5%	0.2%	<0.5	0.1	0.2	
Total			2.7-3.3	0.7%	1.3	0.5-0.7
E139			3.3-3.7	1.6%	2.2	1.0-2.2

Table 4: Systematic uncertainties in the ratio σ_{He}/σ_H , compared to E139 uncertainties (for ^4He).

Measurement limited by systematic error
target thickness
charge normalization

Conclusions:

E03-103 has made a precision measurement of the EMC effect in ^3He and ^4He

Improved precision

EMC effect in ^4He is as large as the effect in ^{12}C

first ever measurement on ^3He at $x > 0.4$

Work is currently underway on radiative corrections model, and neutron excess correction

Final results coming soon

