

EIC physics

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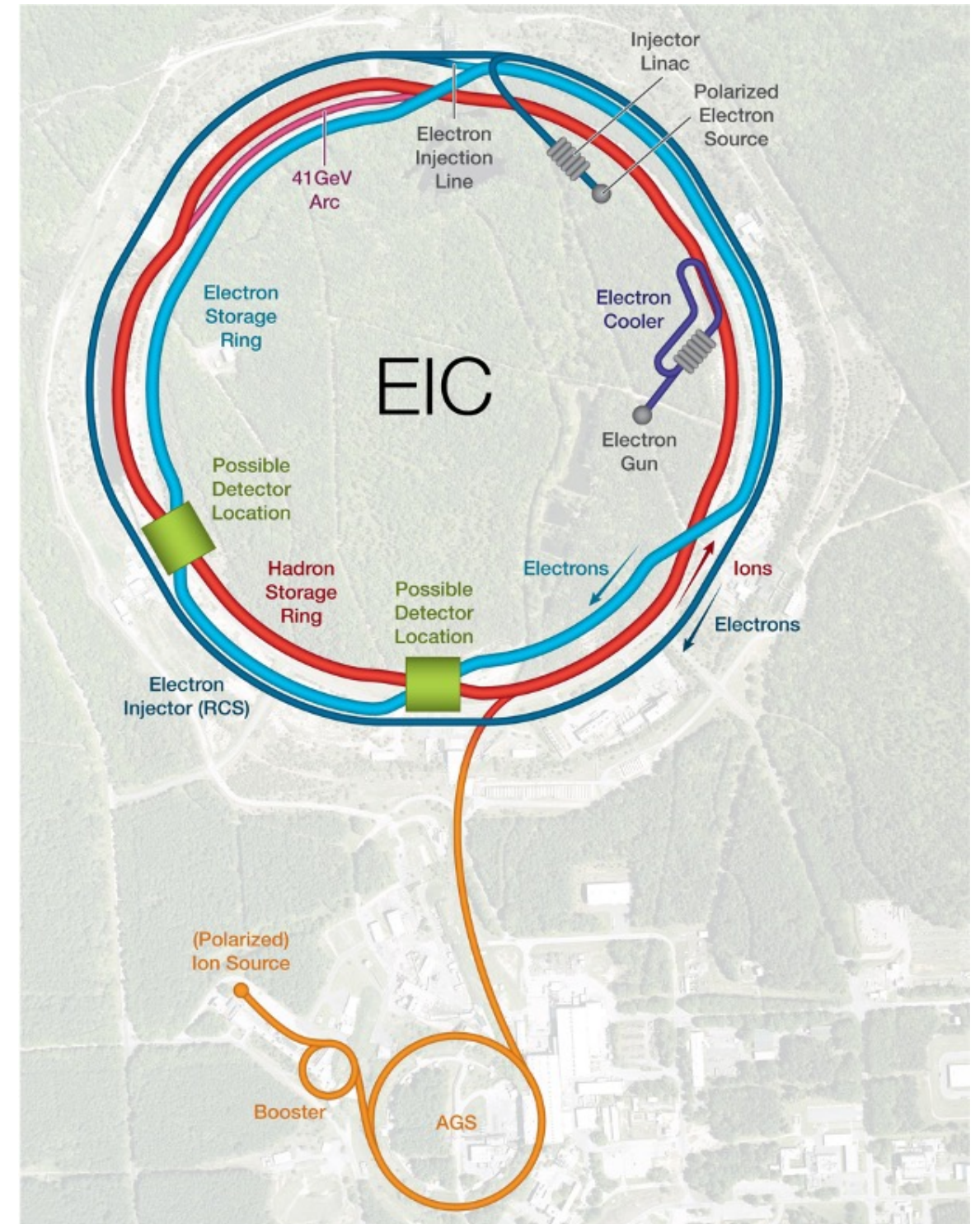
What is EIC ?

EIC: **E**lectron-**I**on **C**ollider facility that will be built at Brookhaven National Laboratory using and upgrading existing RHIC complex.

Partnership between BNL and Jefferson Lab.

Capabilities of EIC

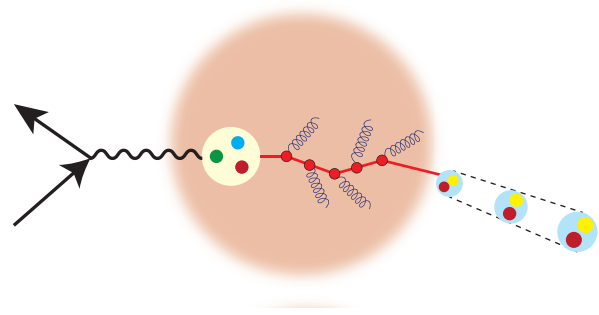
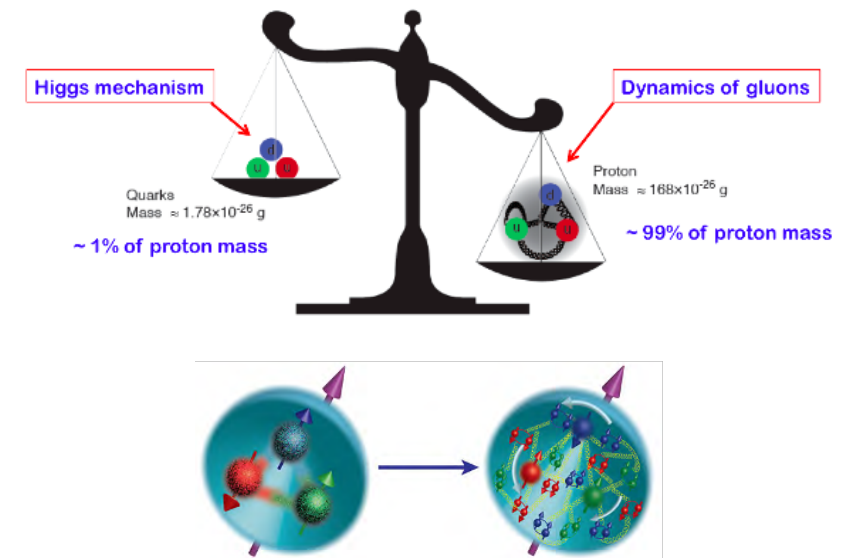
- ▶ **High luminosity** $10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
(100-1000 times more than HERA)
- ▶ **Variable** center of mass energies 20 -140 GeV
- ▶ Beams with different A: from **light nuclei (proton)** to the **heaviest nuclei (uranium)**
- ▶ **Polarized** electron and proton beams.
Possibility of polarized light ions.
- ▶ Up to **two interaction** regions



see also next talk by Michael Pitt

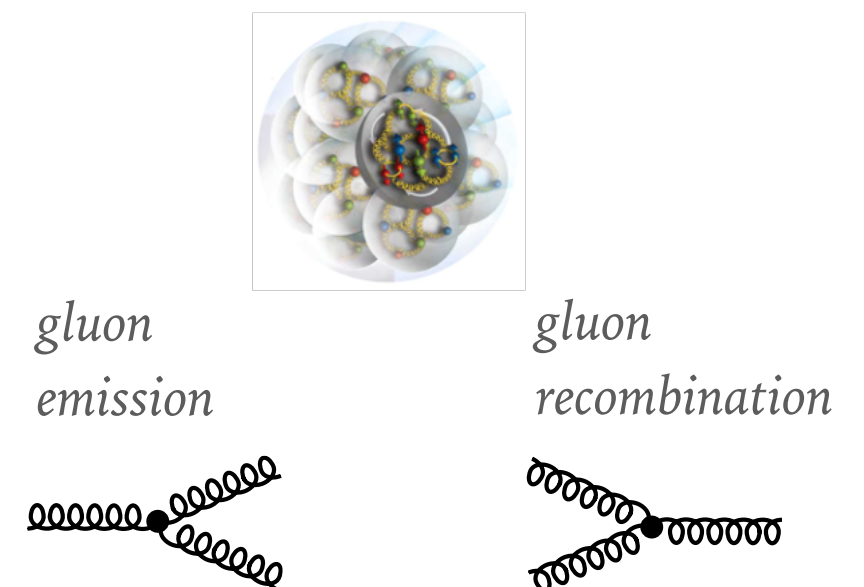
Core physics program of the EIC

How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, **distributed in space and momentum** inside the nucleon? How do the **nucleon properties (mass & spin) emerge** from their interactions?



How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and colorless jets, **interact with a nuclear medium**? How do the **confined hadronic states emerge** from these quarks and gluons? How do the quark-gluon **interactions create nuclear binding**?

How does a **dense nuclear environment affect** the quark- and gluon- distributions? What happens to the **gluon density in nuclei**? Does it **saturate at high energy**, giving rise to a **gluonic matter with universal properties** in all nuclei, even the proton?

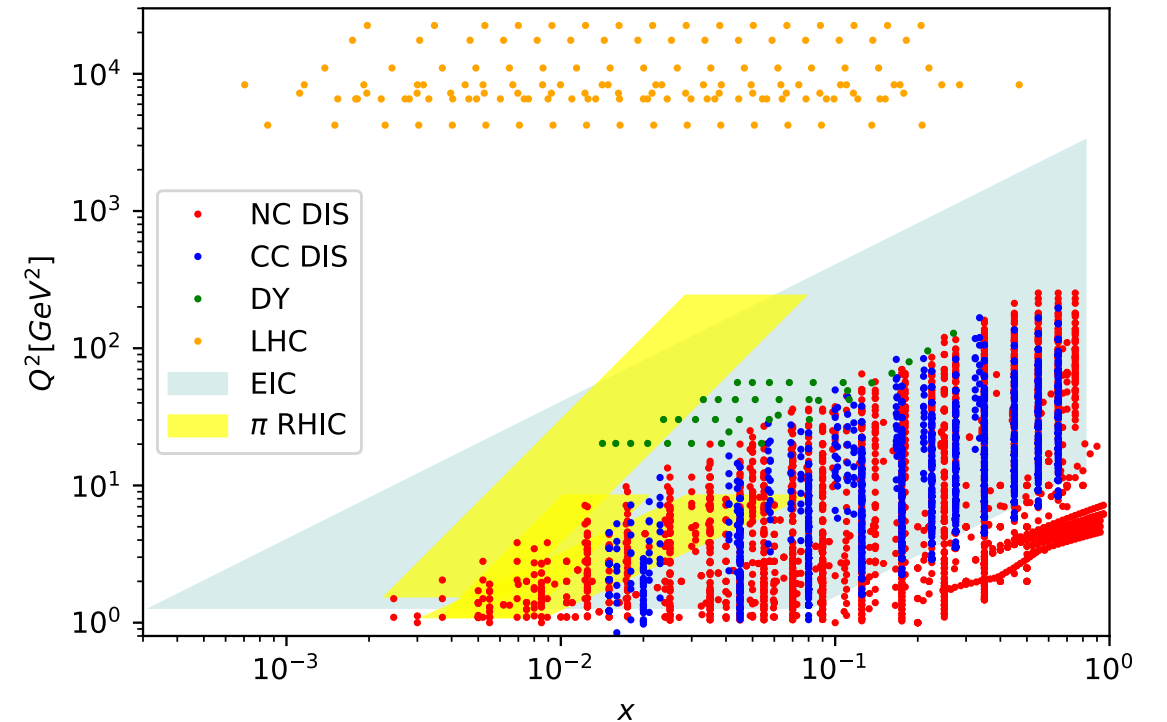


Global structure of nuclei

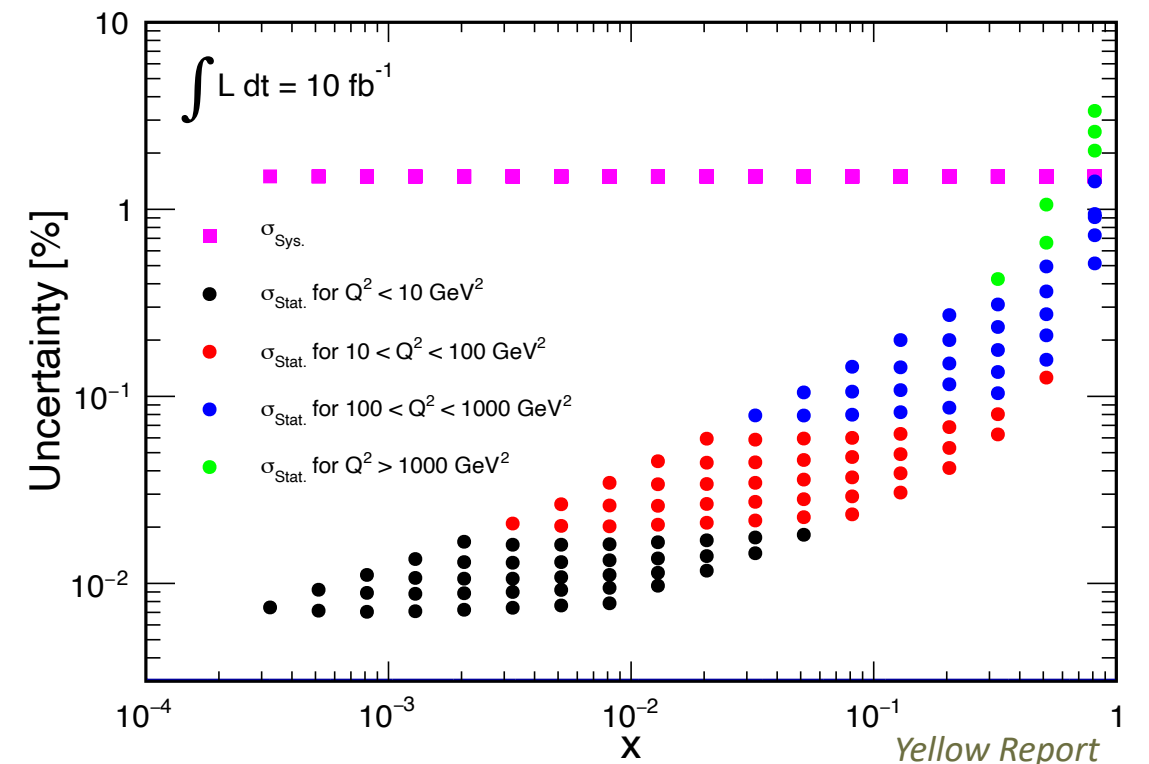
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{xQ^4} Y_+ \sigma_r(x, Q^2) \quad Y_+ = 1 + (1-y)^2$$

$$\sigma_r(x, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x, Q^2)$$

- Precise measurement of **nuclear structure functions** for wide range of nuclei and **wide kinematic range**
- Extraction of **nuclear PDFs** which are essential for understanding **nuclear structure**
- **Initial conditions for Quark-Gluon Plasma**
- Sys. uncertainties at most few %, stat. negligible
- Proton, deuteron and wide range nuclei structure function within **one facility**: reduction of uncertainties

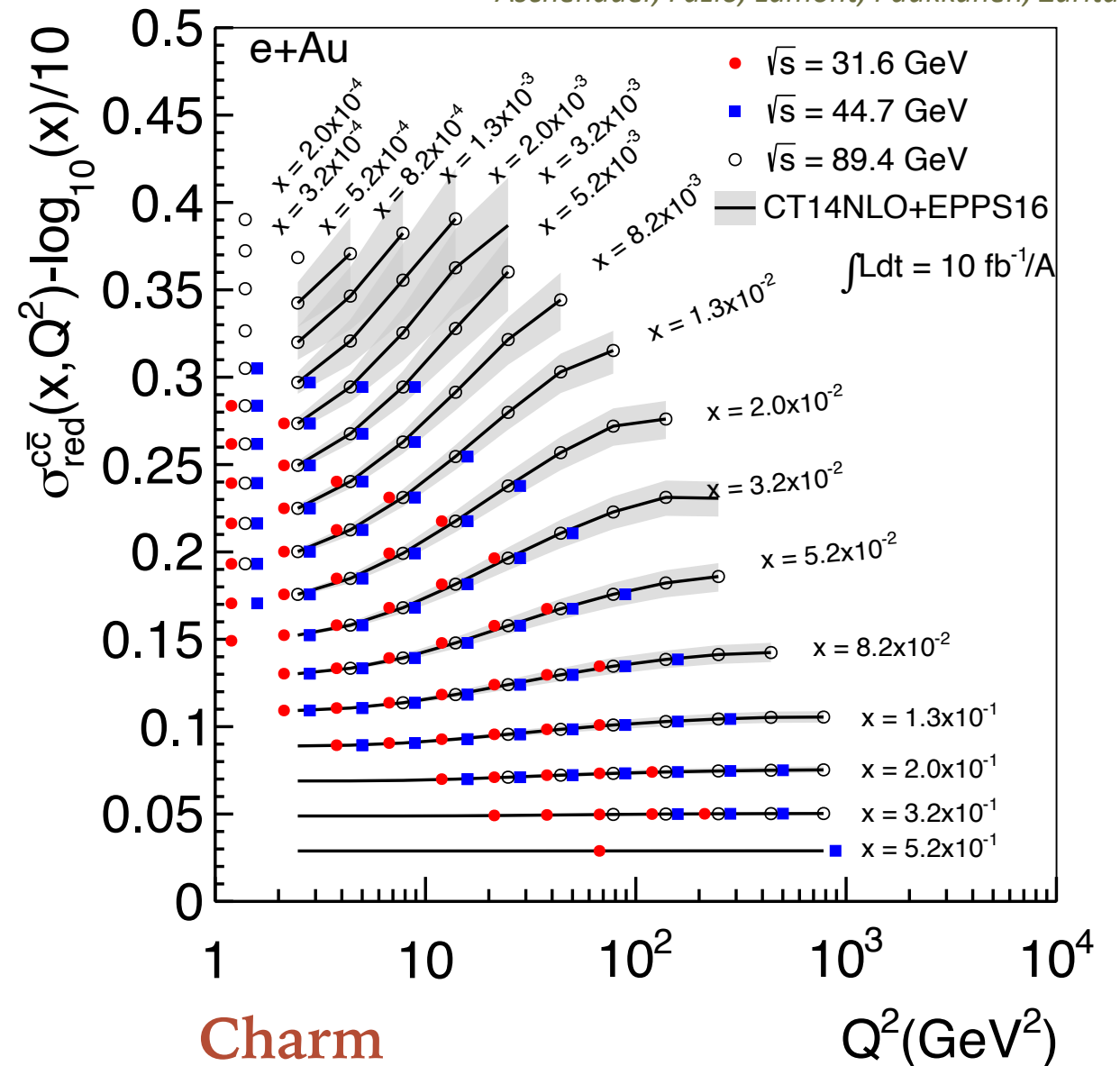
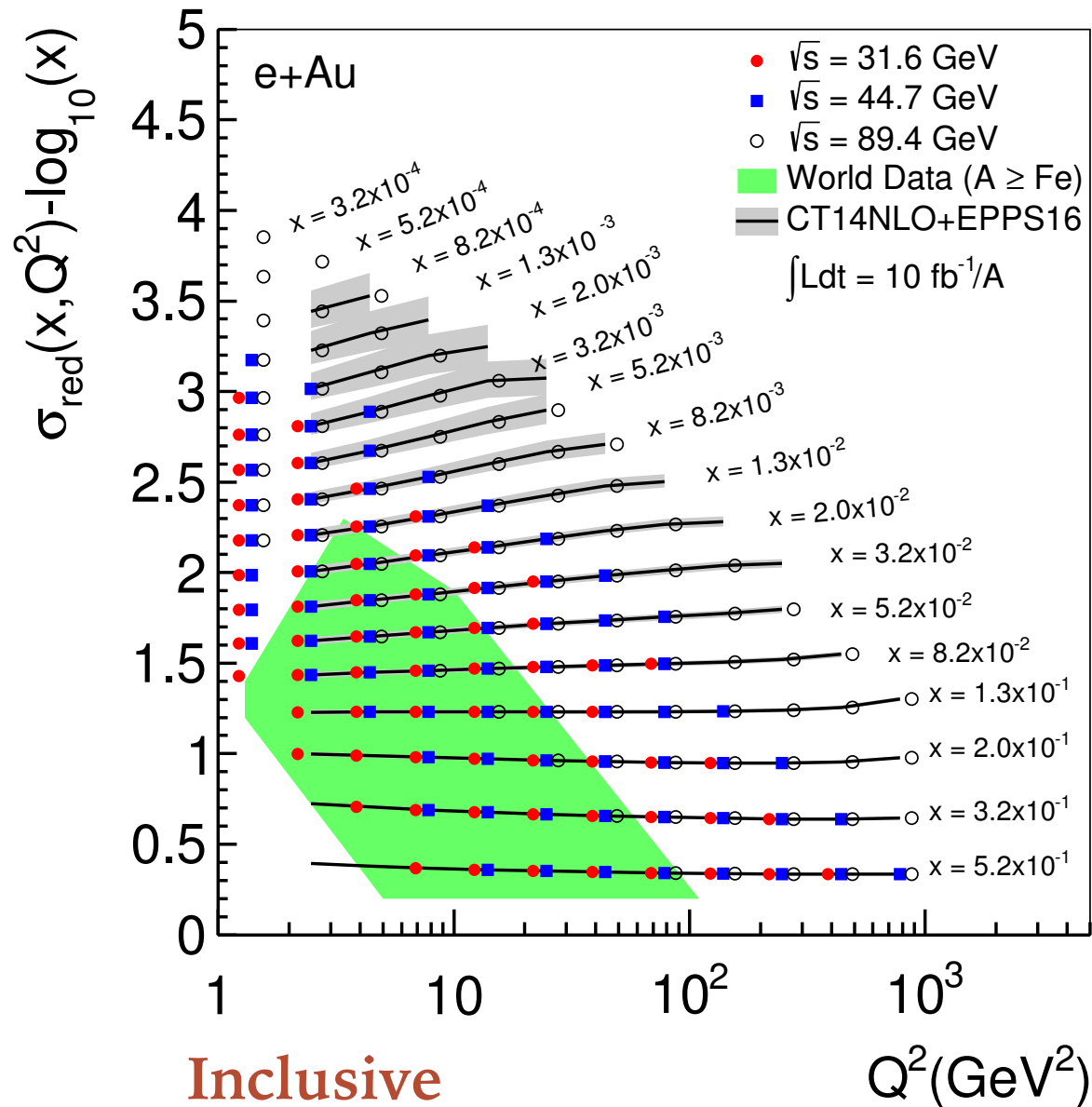


18x110 e-A N.C. Uncertainties



Global nuclear structure: structure functions

Aschenauer, Fazio, Lamont, Paukkunen, Zurita



- Precision measurements of the reduced cross section
- Charm component in nuclei
- Errors much smaller than the uncertainties of QCD predictions

Impact of EIC on nuclear PDFs

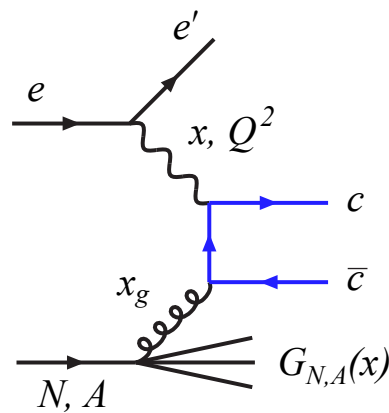
Collinear factorization

$$F_{2,L}(x, Q^2) = \sum_j \int_x^1 dz C_{2,L}(Q/\mu, x/z; \alpha_s) f_j(z, \mu) + \dots$$

Nuclear modification in this framework:

initial condition at low scales, **linear evolution with scale**

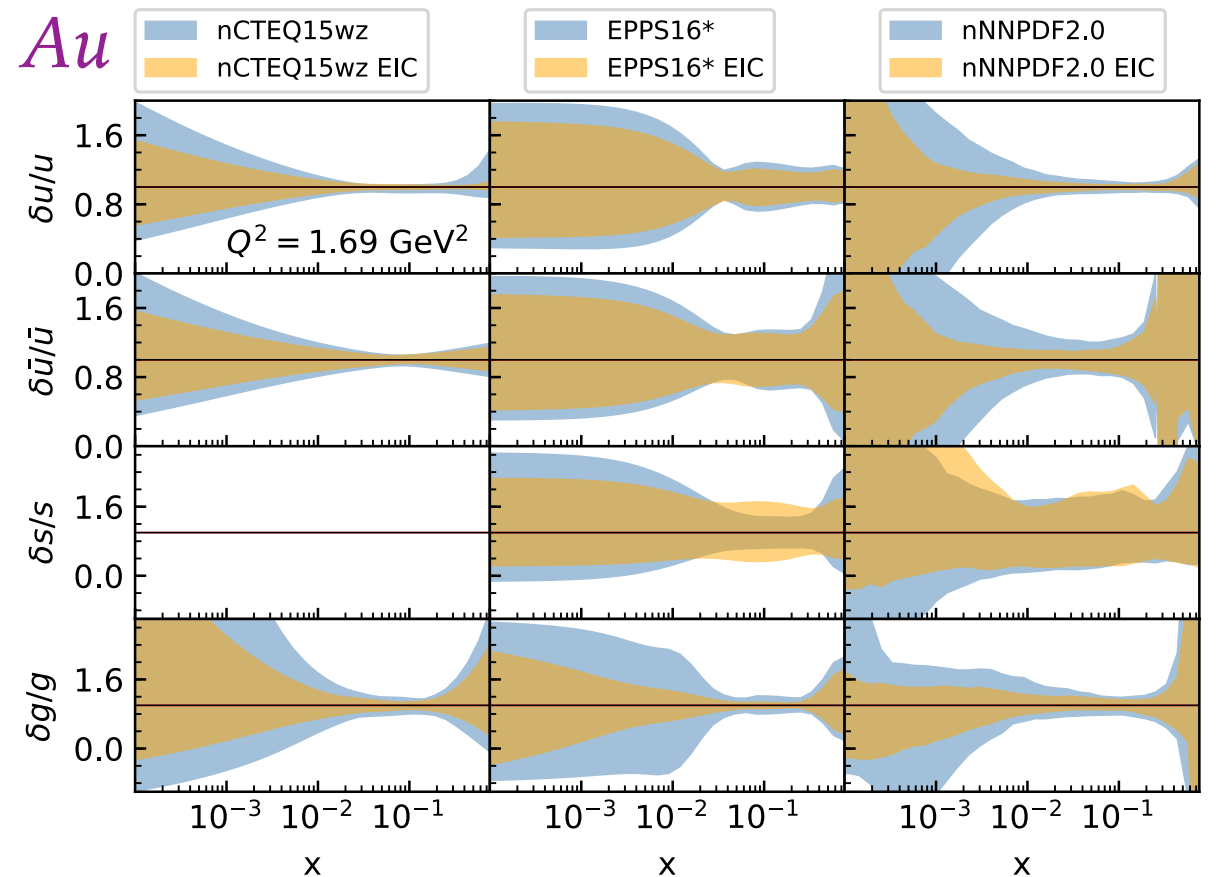
- Impact of **charm cross section** on the gluon PDF at high x
- Charm is produced mainly in the photon-gluon fusion process
- Further constraints: F_L



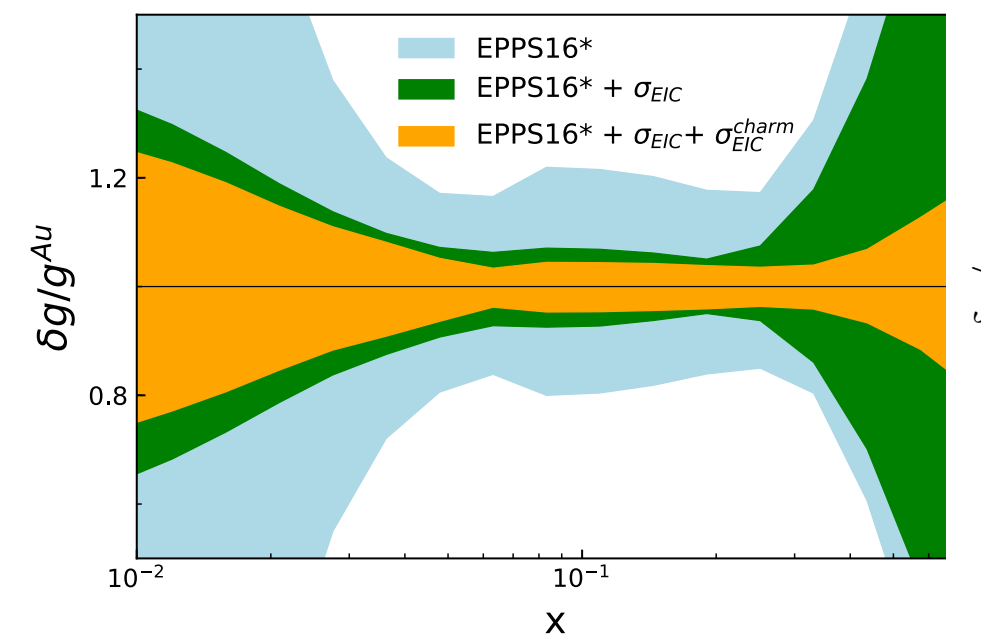
DGLAP : linear evolution

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} f_j(z, \mu) = \sum_k \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} P_{jk}(\xi, \alpha_s) f_k(z/\xi, \mu)$$

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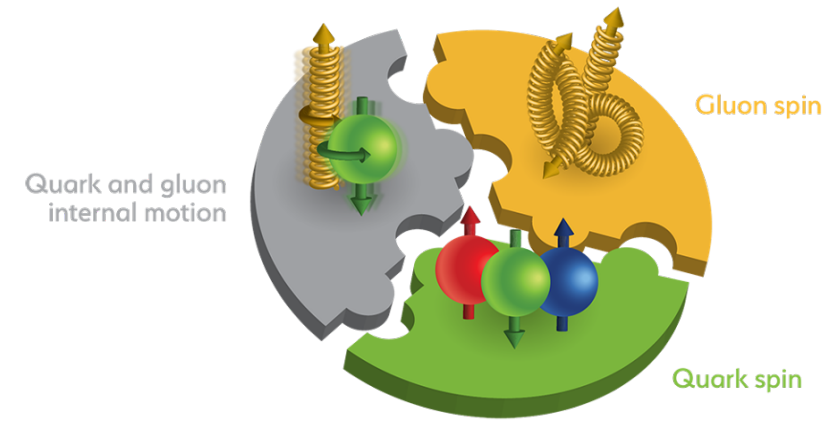


Significant impact of EIC measurements on nuclear PDFs



Proton spin

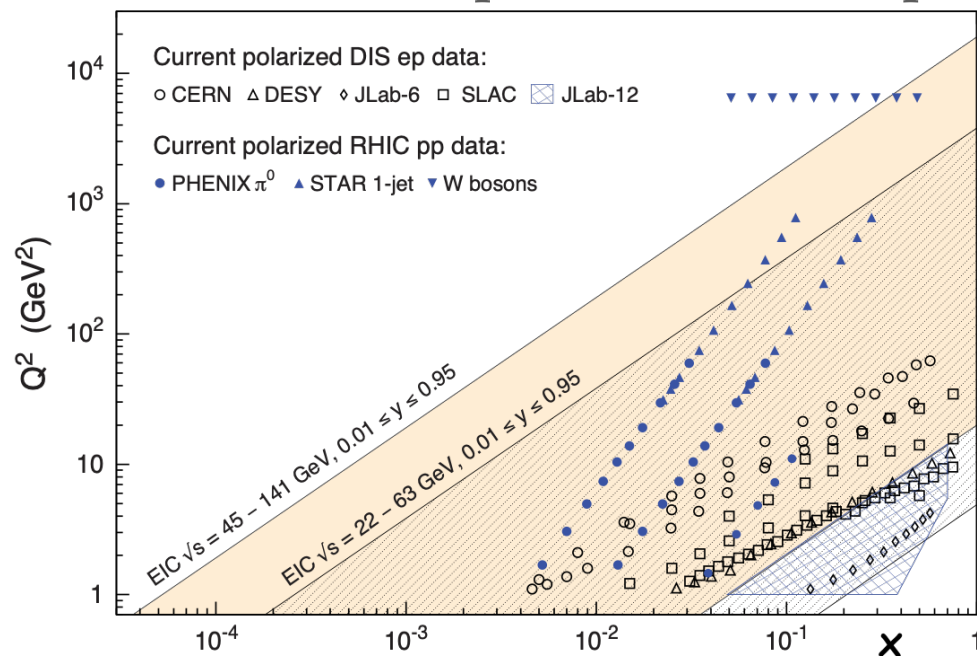
- **Spin** is fundamental property of particles. All elementary particles except Higgs carry non-zero spin.
- Proton spin cannot be explained within static picture.
- It depends on the intrinsic properties and interactions of quarks and gluons



$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) + \int_0^1 dx \Delta G(x, Q^2) + \int_0^1 dx \left(\sum_q L_q + L_g \right)$$

quark spin gluon spin orbital angular momentum

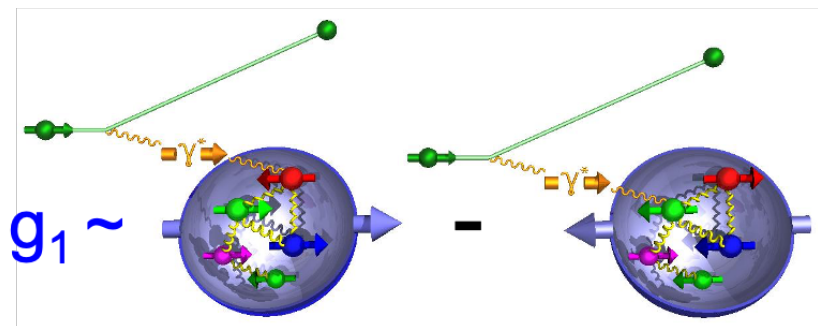
EIC kinematic plane vs current polarized data



- EIC extends range in (x, Q^2) by 1-2 orders of magnitude for polarized measurements.
- Possibilities for precision measurement of **structure function g_1** , **gluon** contribution to proton spin, **quark** contribution, **strange** quark contribution also accessible, **polarized deuterons** allow for measurement of g_1 in a neutron

Proton spin

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{d^2\sigma^{\vec{\zeta}\vec{\zeta}}}{dx dQ^2} - \frac{d^2\sigma^{\vec{\zeta}\vec{\zeta}}}{dx dQ^2} \right] \simeq \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} y(2-y) g_1(x, Q^2)$$



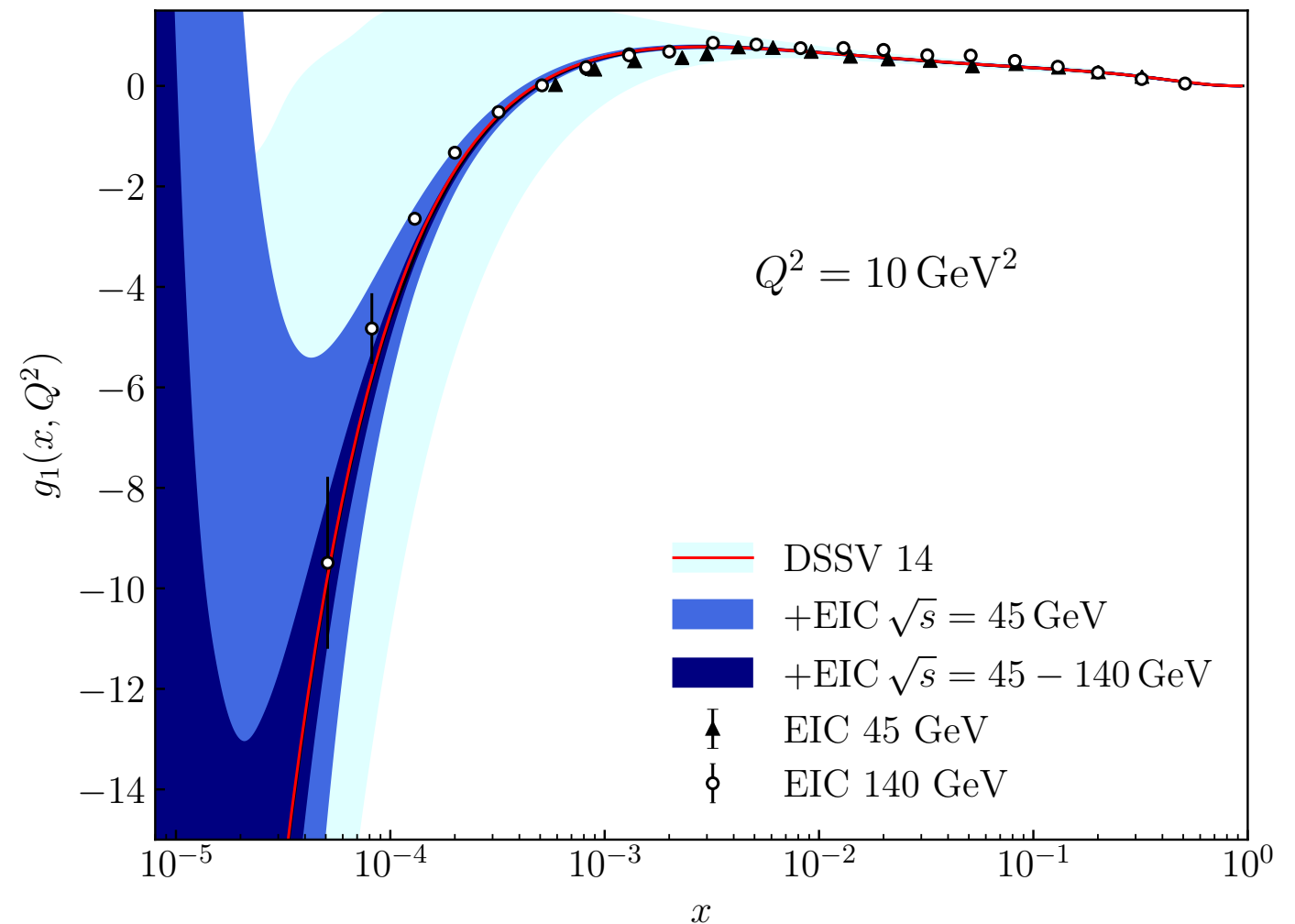
Quark contribution: integral over of g_1 over x from 0 to 1

Sensitive to **gluon** contribution Δg at higher orders: drive the scaling violations.

$$\frac{dg_1(x, Q^2)}{d \log Q^2} \sim \Delta g$$

Current **uncertainties** for g_1 as a function of x for fixed Q^2

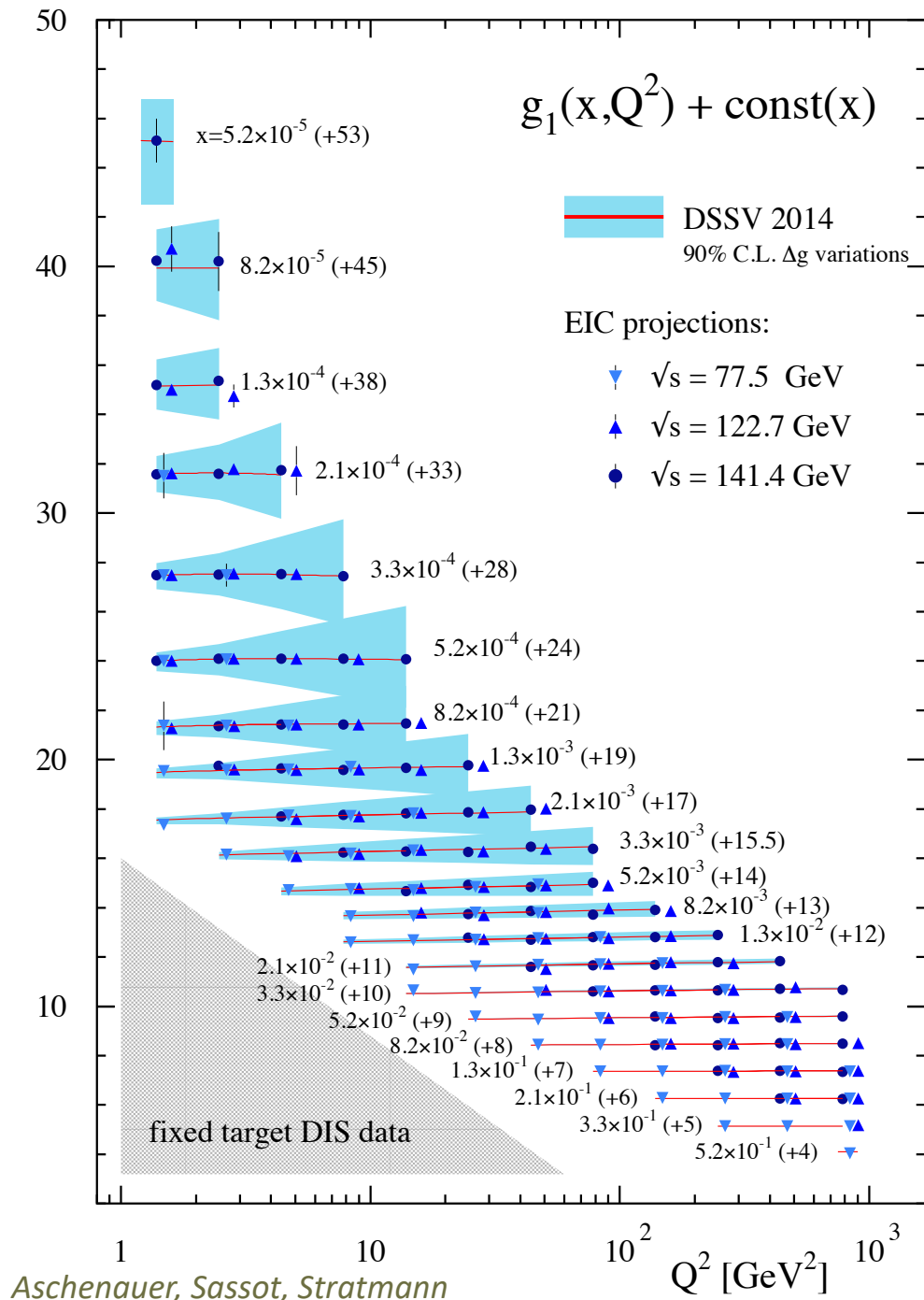
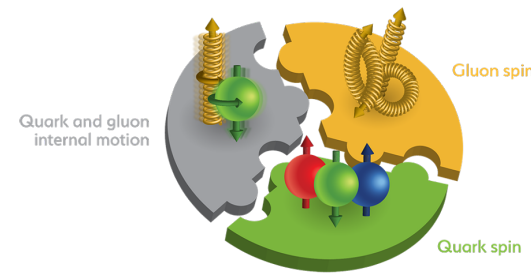
EIC projections leads to greatly reduced **uncertainties**



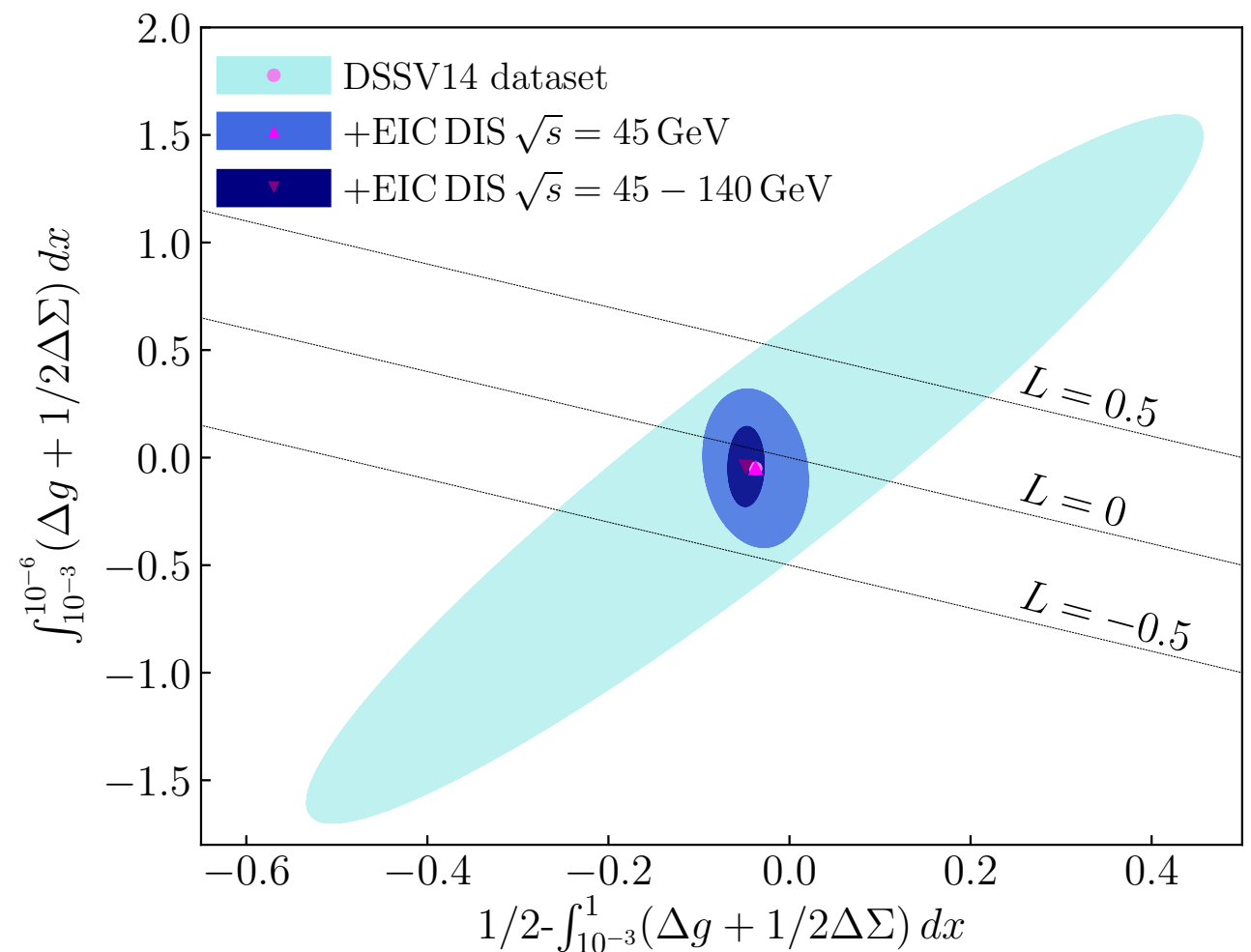
Borsa, Lucero, Sassot, Aschenauer, Nunes

Proton spin: constraints on the OAM

- Insight into quark and gluon contribution to proton spin.
- By subtracting these contributions one can constrain the parton **orbital angular momentum** contribution $L_q + L_g$.

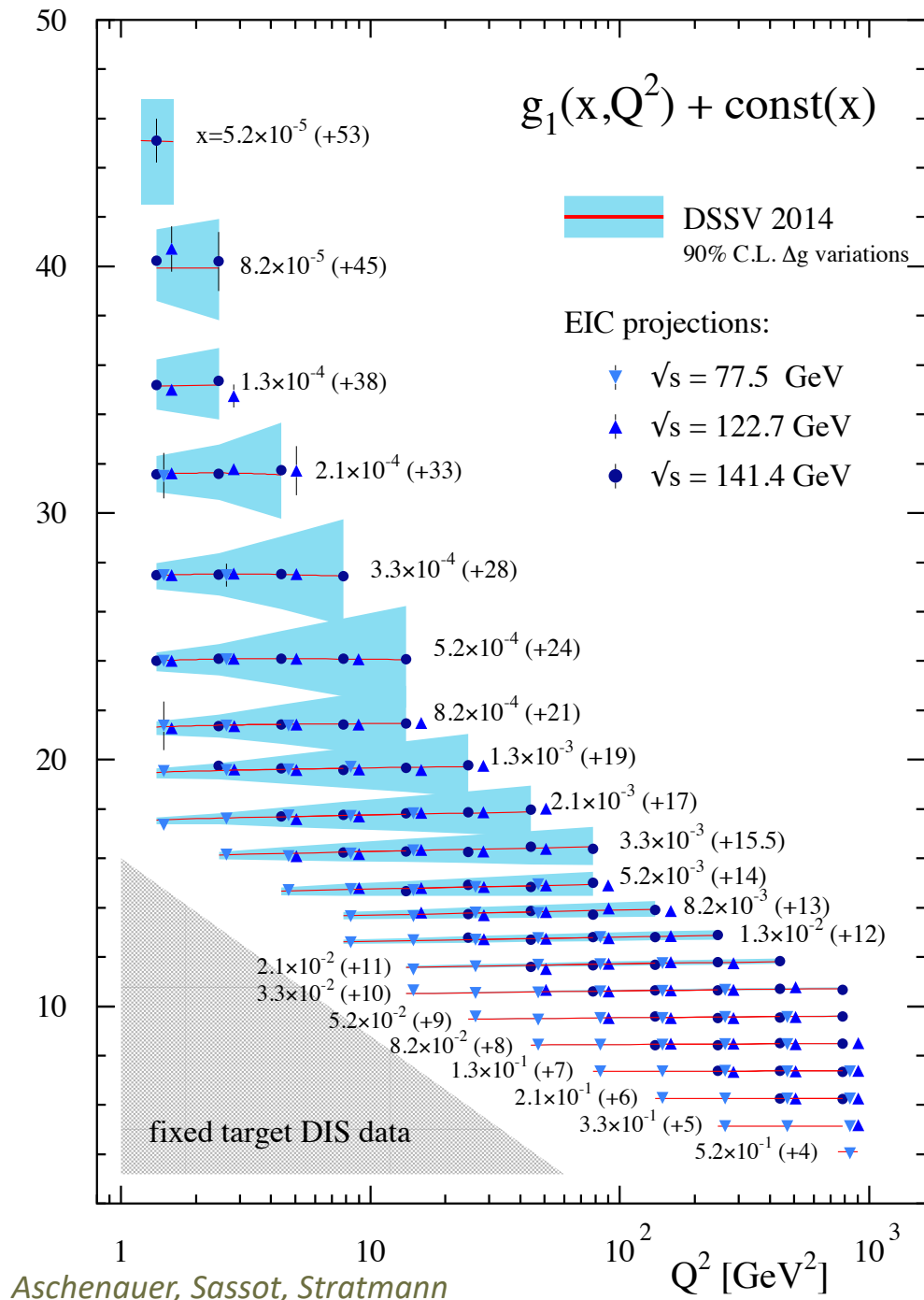


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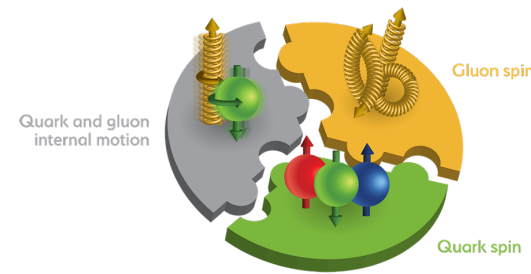


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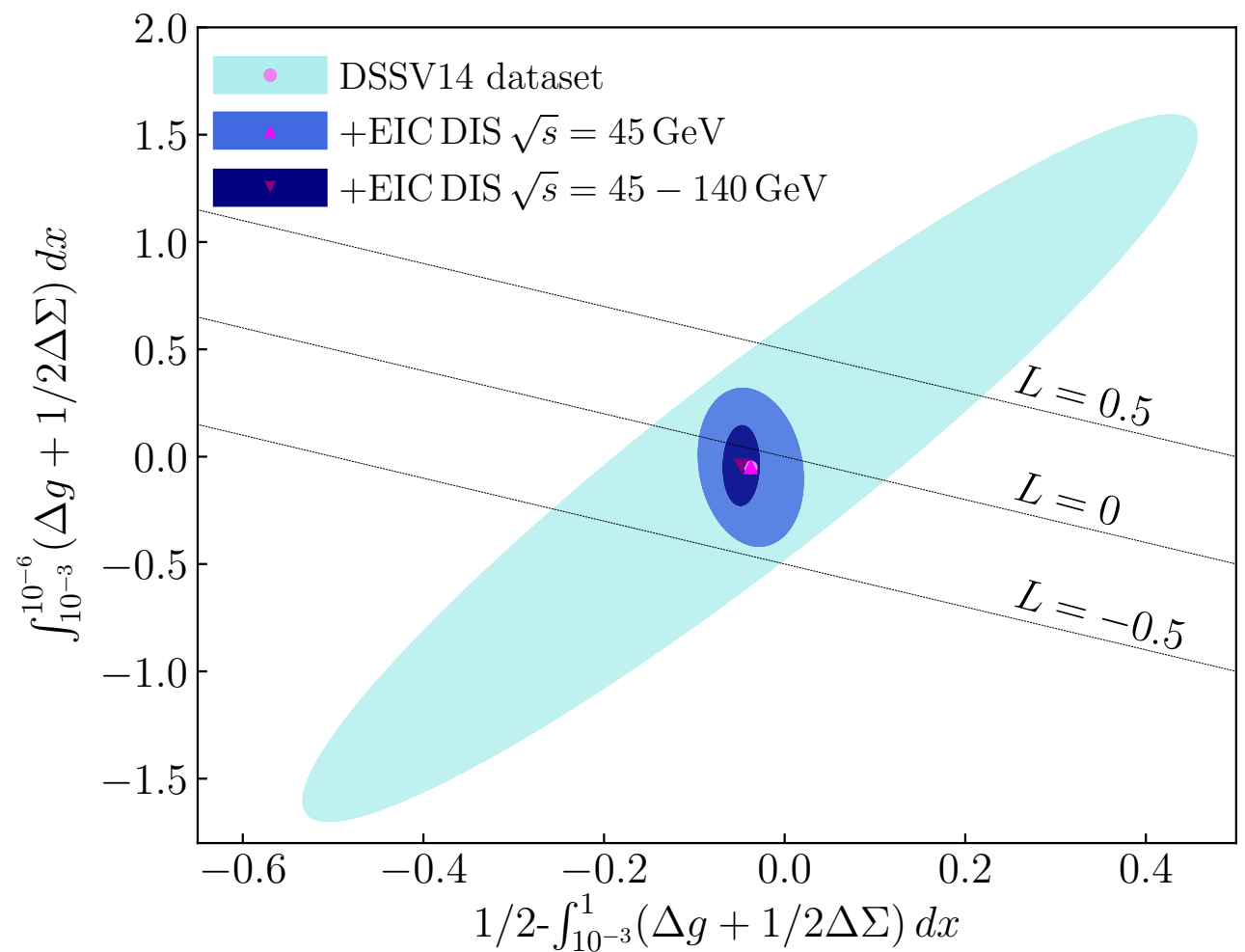
EIC projections over range of x and Q^2



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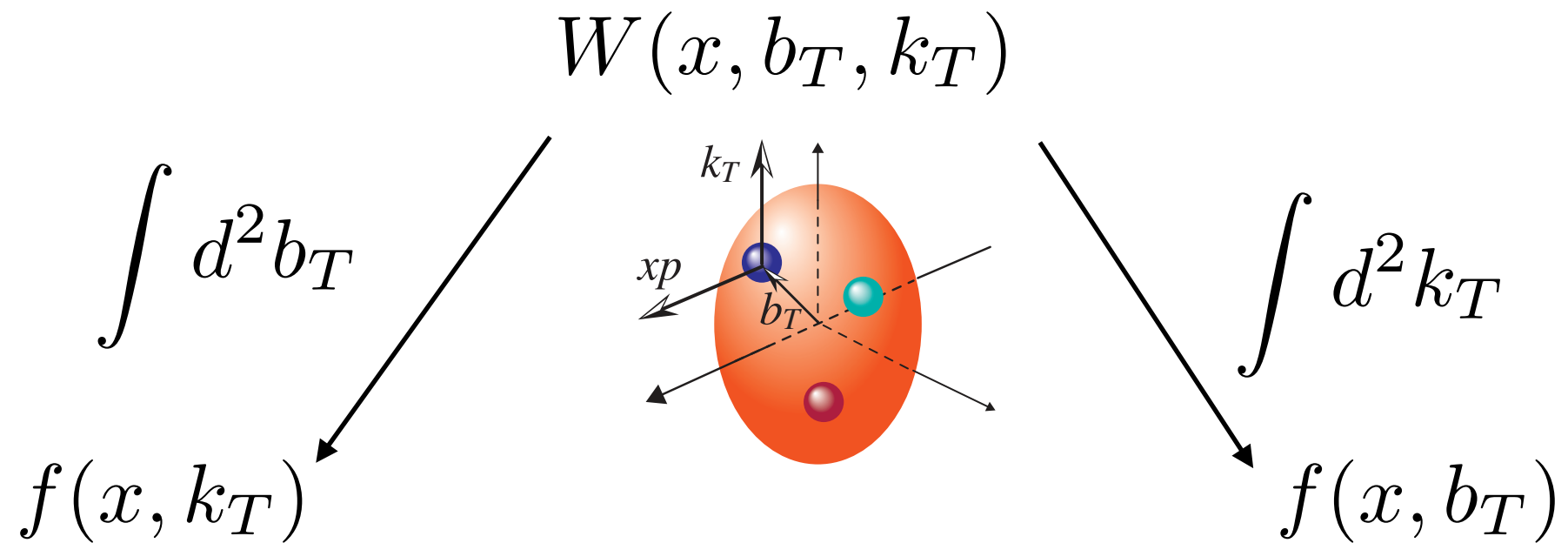


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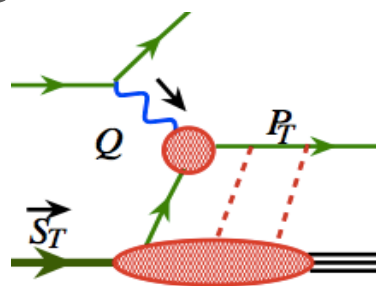


From 1D to 3D: imaging of nucleon

- ▶ Integrated PDFs provide only distribution of partons in the longitudinal momentum fraction
- ▶ More detailed information : **Wigner** function

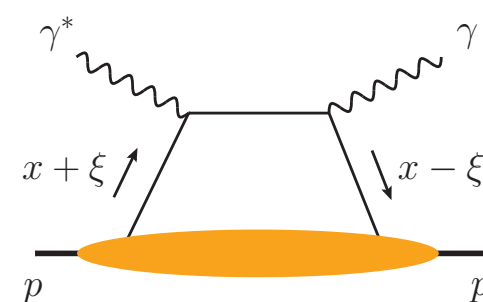


Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMDs), measured from semi-inclusive DIS, also spin dependent at EIC

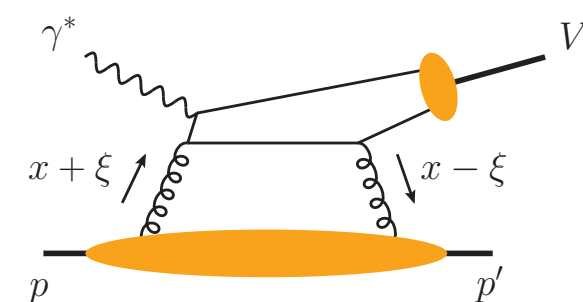


SIDIS: $Q \gg P_T$

Generalized Parton Densities (GPDs) from exclusive scattering, also spin dependent at EIC



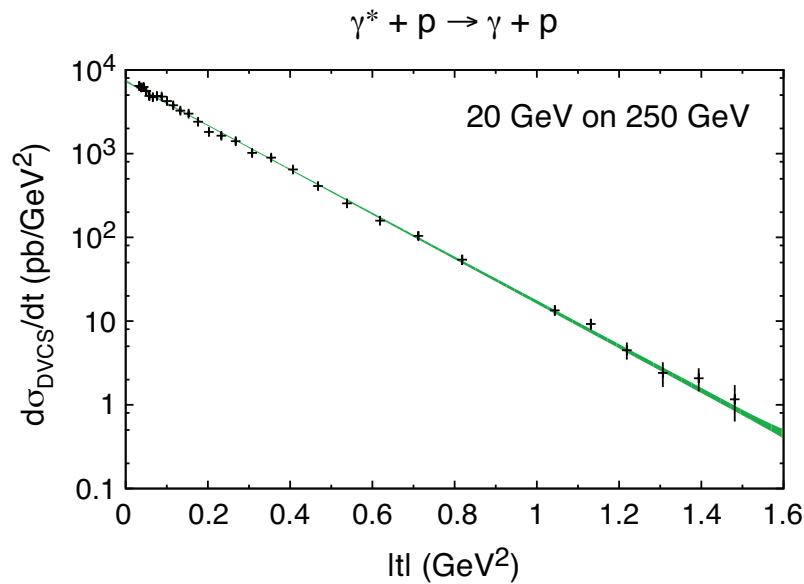
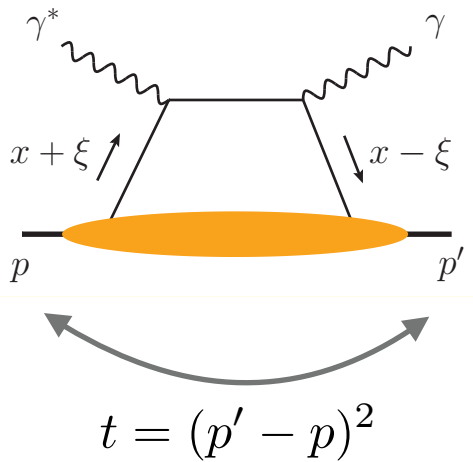
Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering



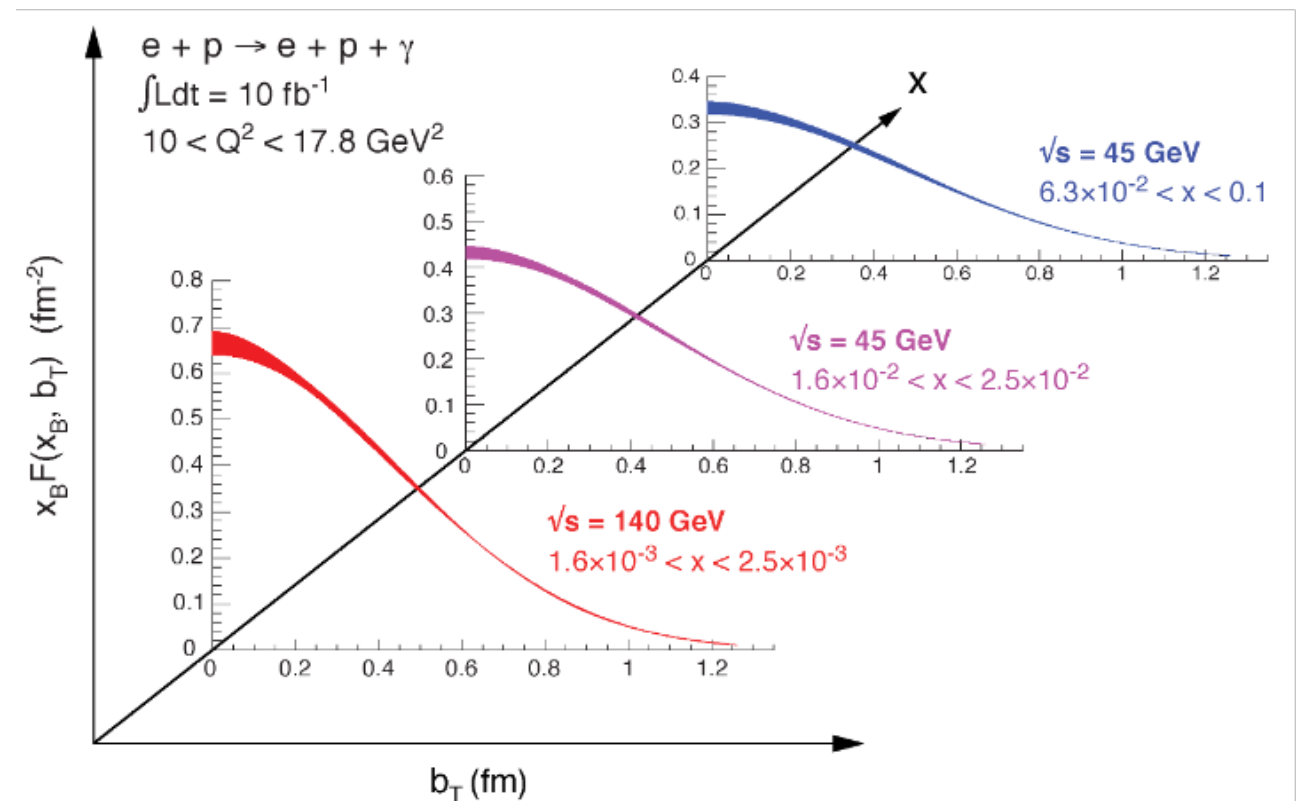
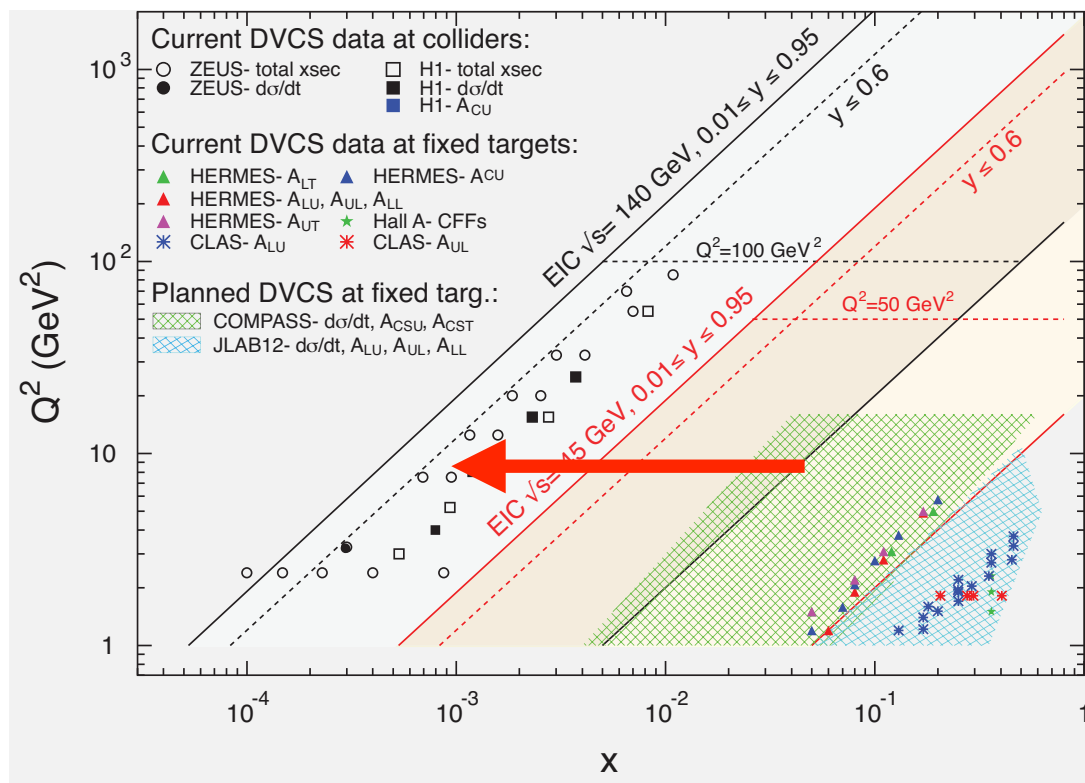
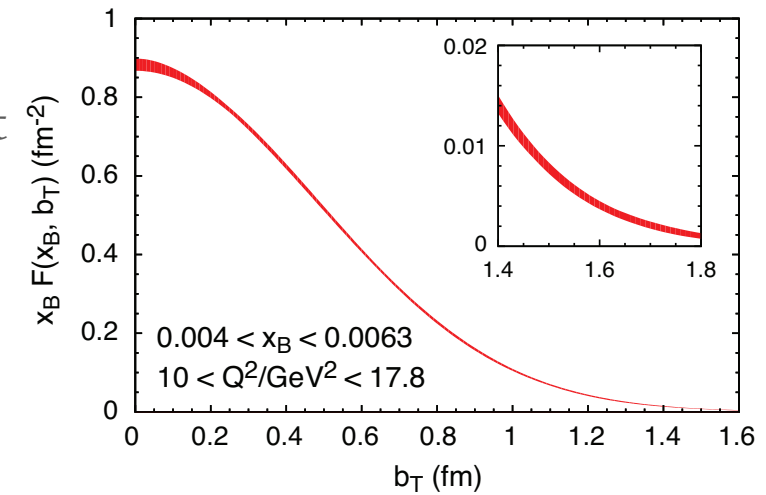
Elastic Vector Meson production

Imaging of nucleon: quarks

DVCS Quark information

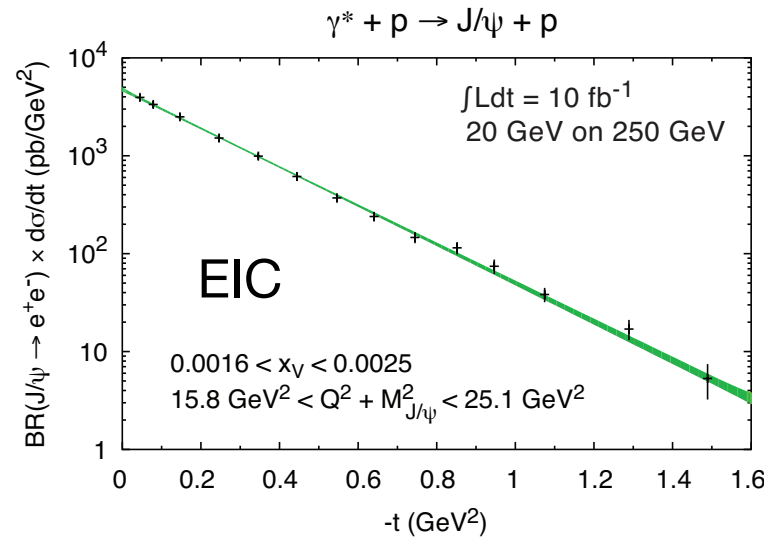
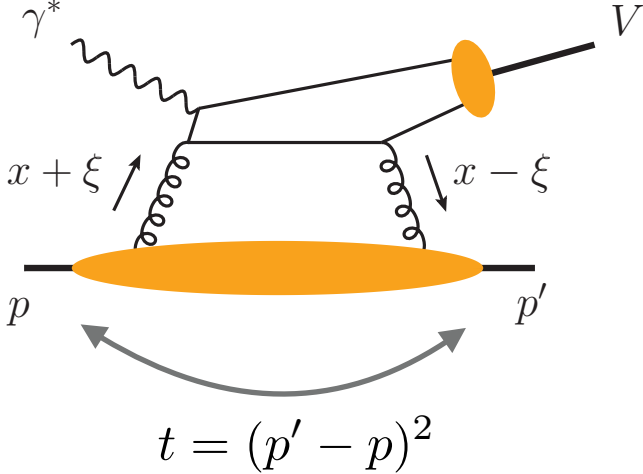


Fourier transform in t provides spatial distribution of quarks

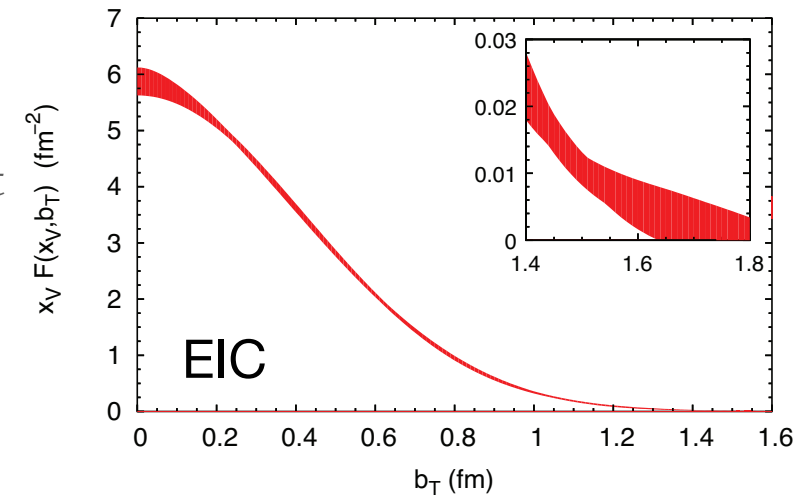


Imaging of nucleon: gluons

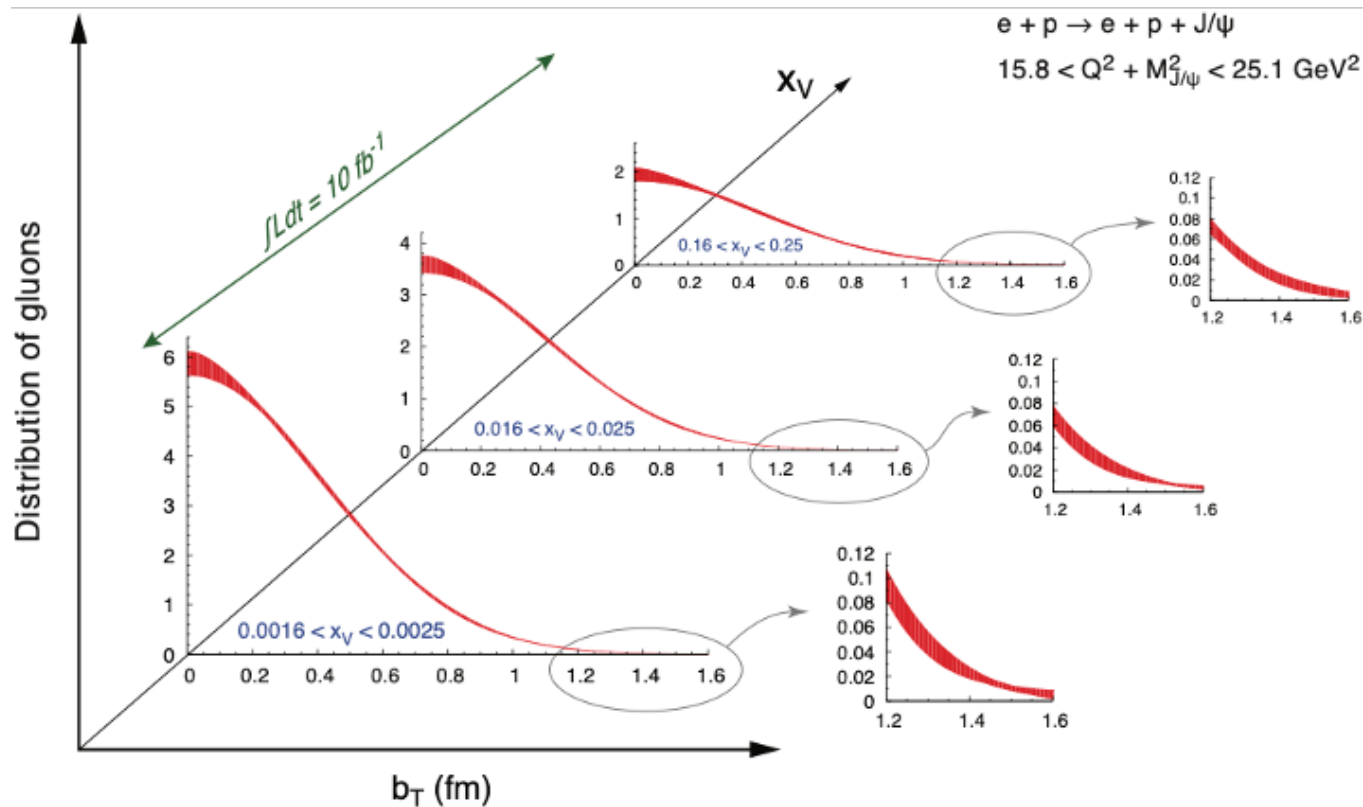
Elastic Diffractive Vector
Meson production



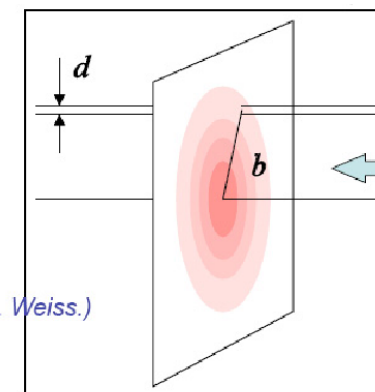
Fourier transform in t
provides spatial
distribution of gluons
inside the nucleon



Extracted profiles for different x



- Large $|t|$ probes small b : large density.
- Ideal for estimating the 'blackness' of the interaction: parton saturation

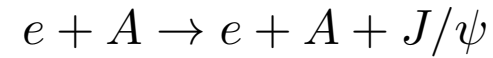


Central black region growing with decrease of x .

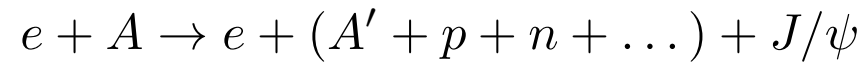
(figure from C. Weiss.)

Imaging of nucleus

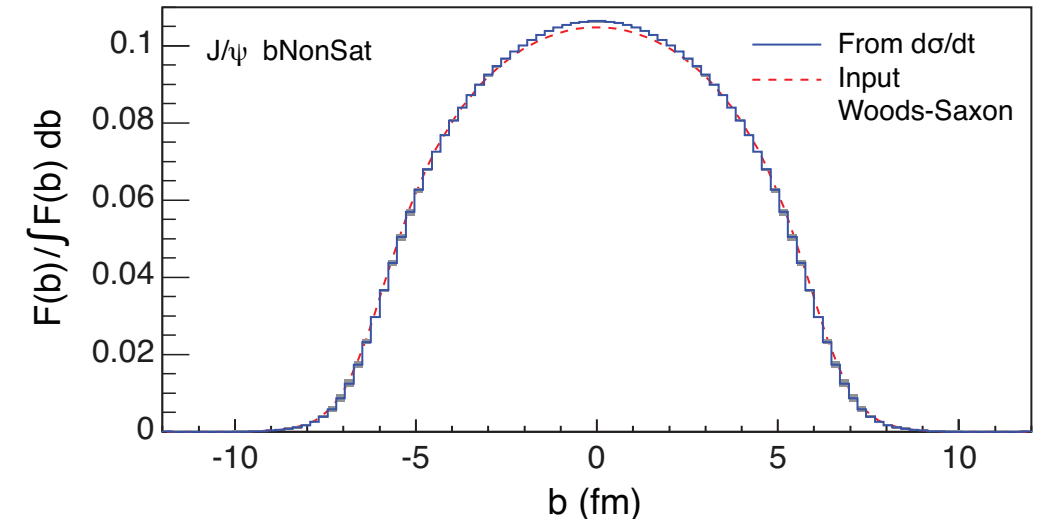
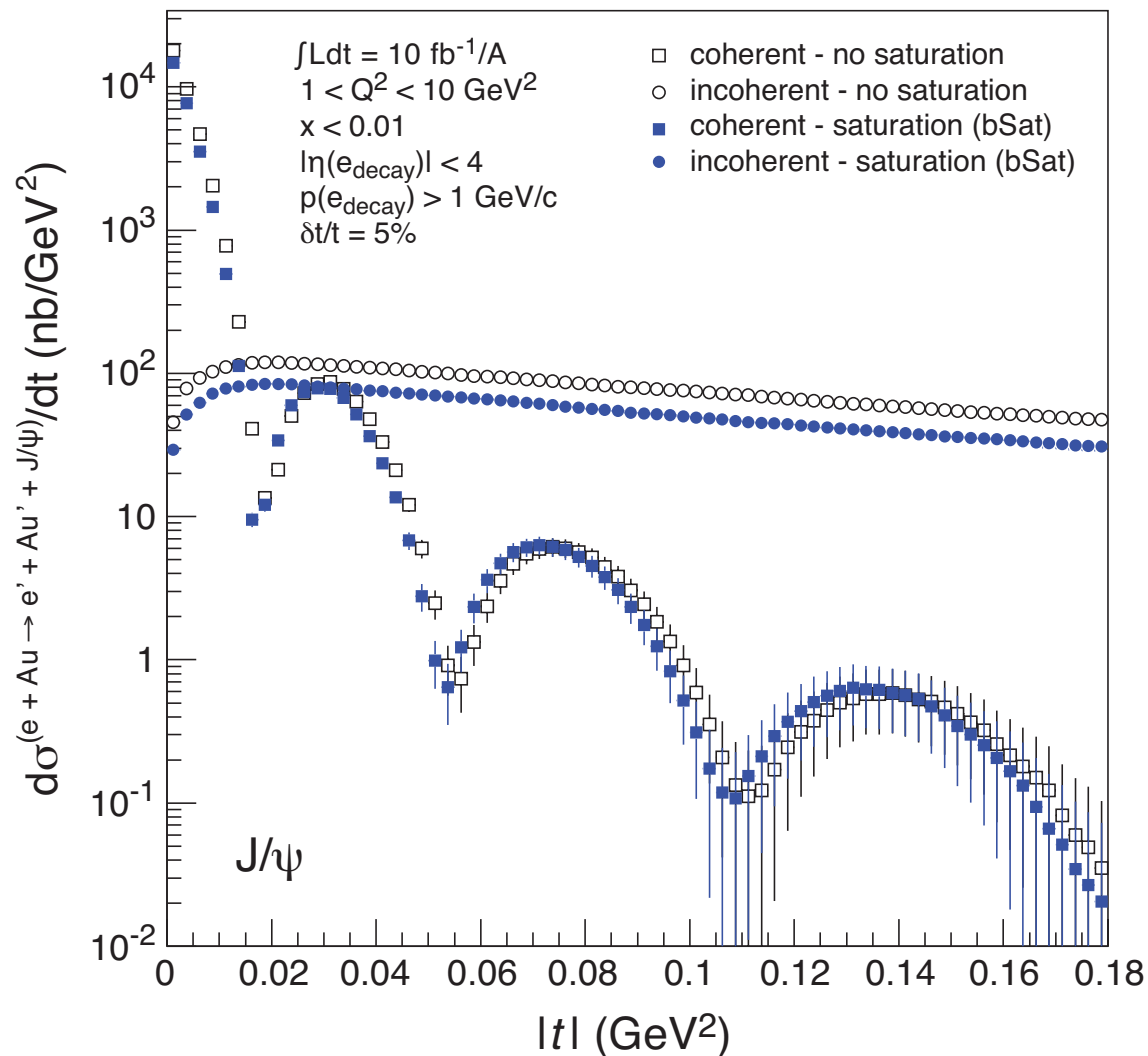
EIC, White paper



coherent: nucleus stays intact



incoherent: nucleus breaks up

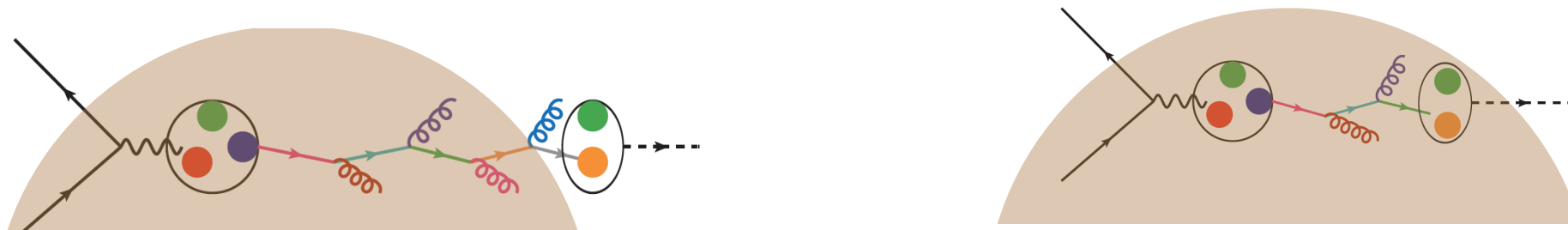


$$t = -\Delta^2 \quad F(b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\Delta d\Delta}{2\pi} J_0(\Delta b) \sqrt{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{coherent}}}{dt}}$$

- Coherent: characteristic ‘dips’ in t -distribution. Sensitive to average geometry. Fourier transform: density profile
- Position of dips depends on density profile, non-linear effects, correlations
- Incoherent cross section provides information about lumpiness of the source (fluctuations)
- Experimentally very challenging (resolving dips) *see talk by Michael Pitt*
- Prospects for this process with **deuteron** and **light ions**: probing shadowing in a more controlled environment, separate **double**, **triple** scattering; spectator **tagging** on deuteron allows to study **SRC** and role of **gluons**

Passage of color charges through cold nuclear matter

- ▶ Modern theories of QCD in matter (such as SCET_G and NRQCD_G) have enabled novel understanding of parton showers on matter. Capabilities to calculate higher order and resummed calculations in reactions with nuclei
- ▶ EIC will provide important input on **hadronization** mechanism in eA
- ▶ Different scenarios: **parton evolution in medium** or **hadron absorption**



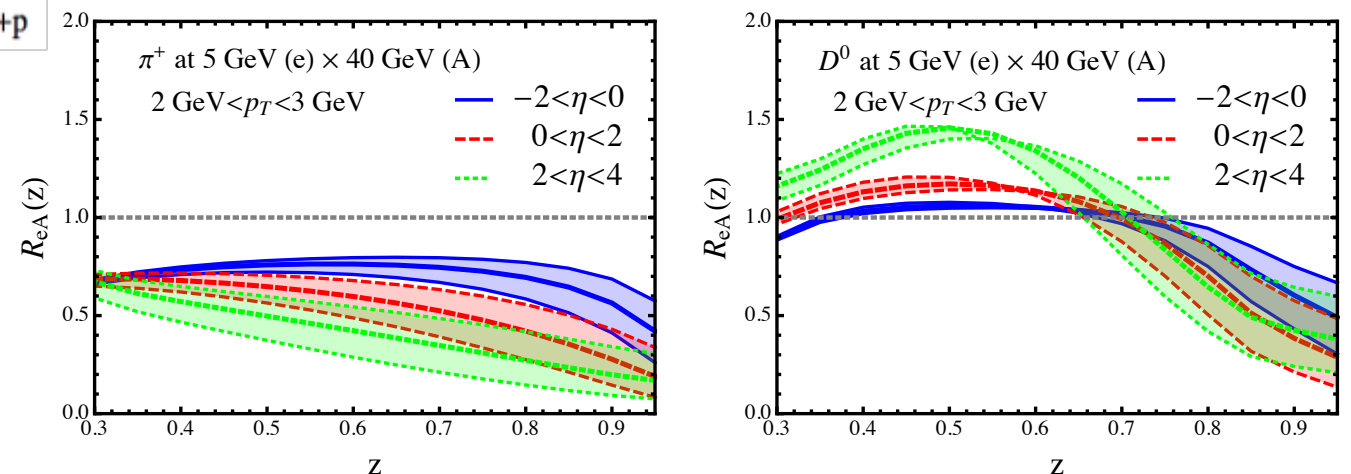
Parton energy loss and in-medium fragmentation function modification

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \tilde{D}^{h/i}(x, \mu) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \tilde{D}^{h/j}\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu\right) \left(P_{ji}(z, \alpha_s(\mu)) + P_{ji}^{\text{med}}(z, \mu) \right)$$

$$R_{eA}^h(p_T, \eta, z) = \frac{\left. \frac{N^h(p_T, \eta, z)}{N^{\text{inc}}(p_T, \eta)} \right|_{e+\text{Au}}}{\left. \frac{N^h(p_T, \eta, z)}{N^{\text{inc}}(p_T, \eta)} \right|_{e+p}}$$

Modification (e+A vs e+p) of light vs heavy mesons vs the fragmentation fraction z

Li, Liu, Vitev



Constrain the space-time picture of hadronization.

Differentiate **energy loss** and **hadron absorption** models (based on ability to measure heavy flavors)

Lower energy beams better for this process

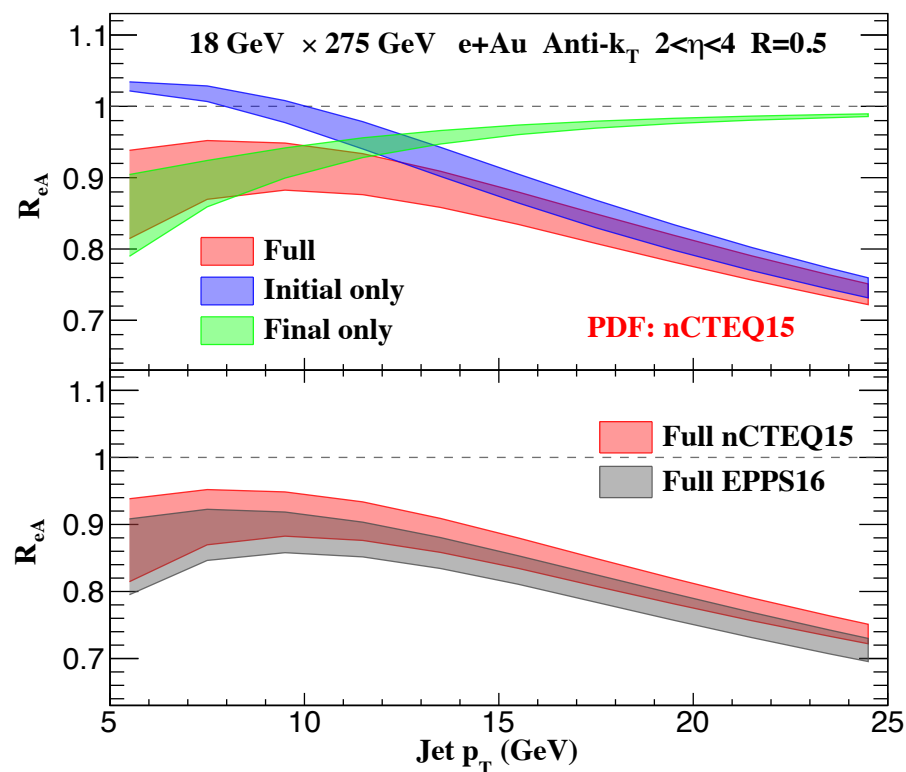
Jets as probes of cold nuclear matter

Jets emerged as a premier diagnostic tool for **hot** nuclear matter at RHIC and LHC

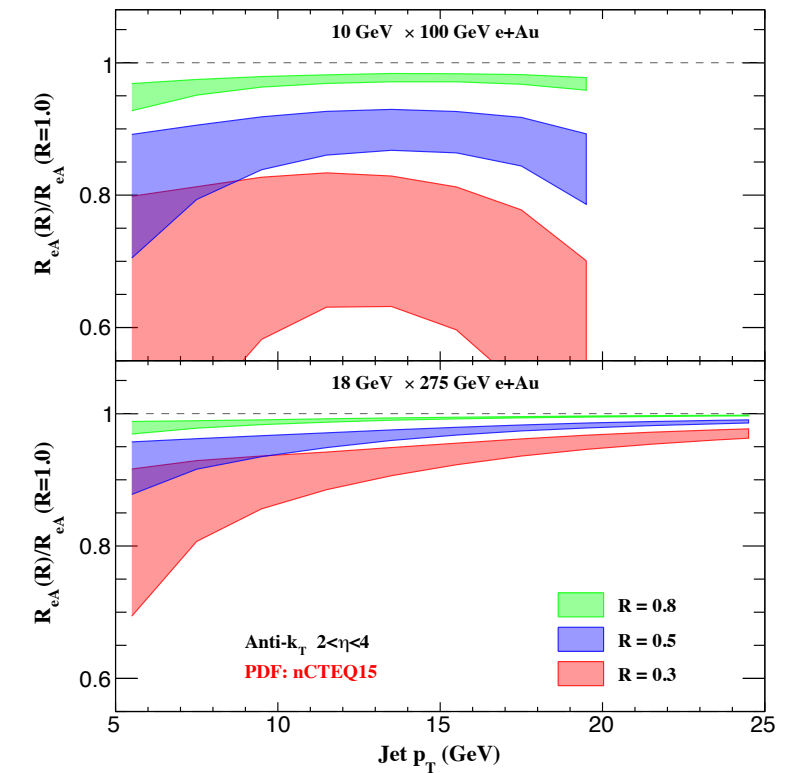
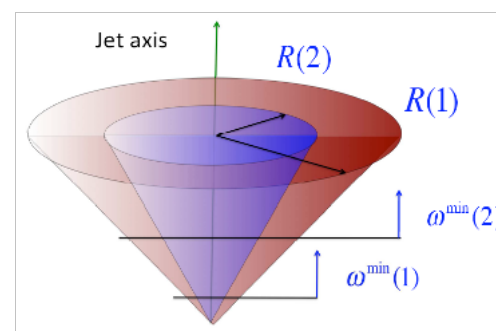
Also excellent probes for **cold** nuclear matter. Using jets, elucidate the properties of in-medium parton showers.

$$d\sigma \sim \underset{\text{initial}}{\text{PDF}} f_a(z, \mu) \otimes \underset{\text{partonic cross section}}{H_{ab}(x, z; p_T, \eta)} \otimes \underset{\text{jet function}}{J_b(z, \mu, R)} \underset{\text{final}}{\text{final}}$$

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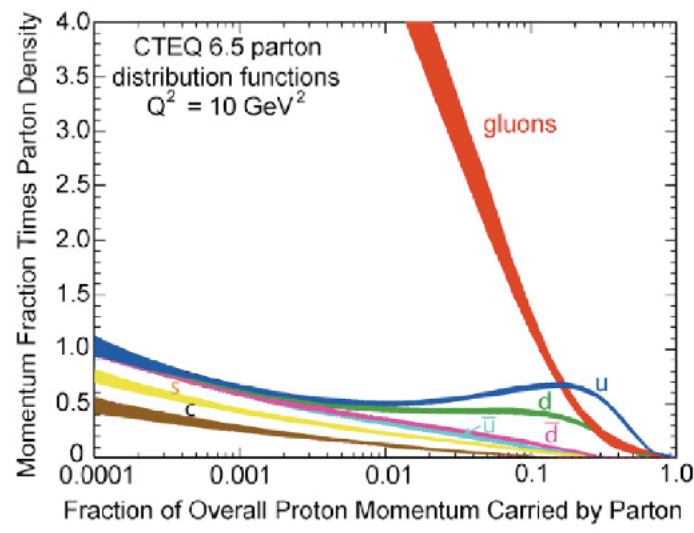
- ▶ IS (large and small p_T) vs FS (small p_T) contributions to nuclear ratio
- ▶ Small nPDF effects
- ▶ Ratios with different jet cone allow to separate parton shower effects



Li, Vitev

- ▶ Pioneer jet **substructure** studies with heavy quark initiated jets performed in a EIC regime very different from the one probed in heavy ion collisions *Li, Liu, Vitev*
- ▶ Pave the way to a qualitatively new level of understanding of the role of **heavy quark mass**

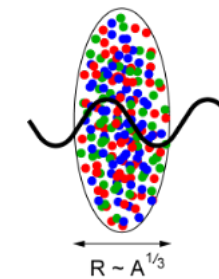
Studying saturation at EIC with nuclei



Does the rise of **gluon** $xg(x, Q^2)$ get **tamed**?

Important to understand for initial conditions in heavy ion collisions

Probe interacts **coherently** with nucleons

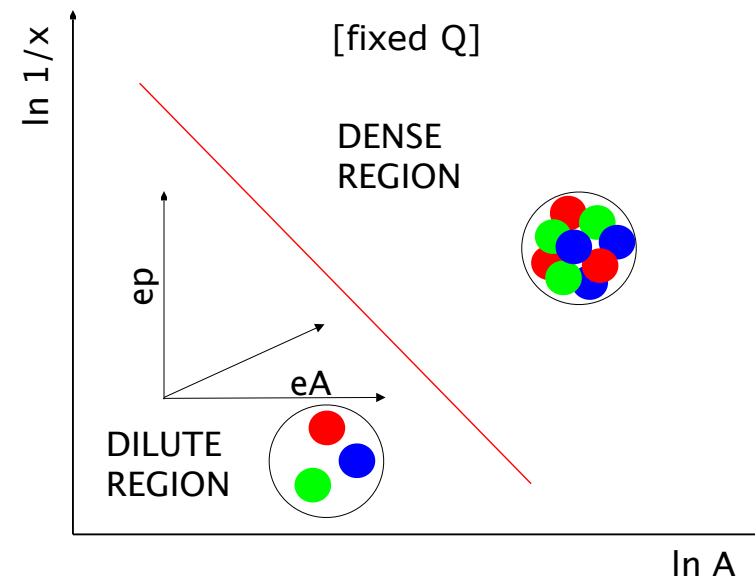
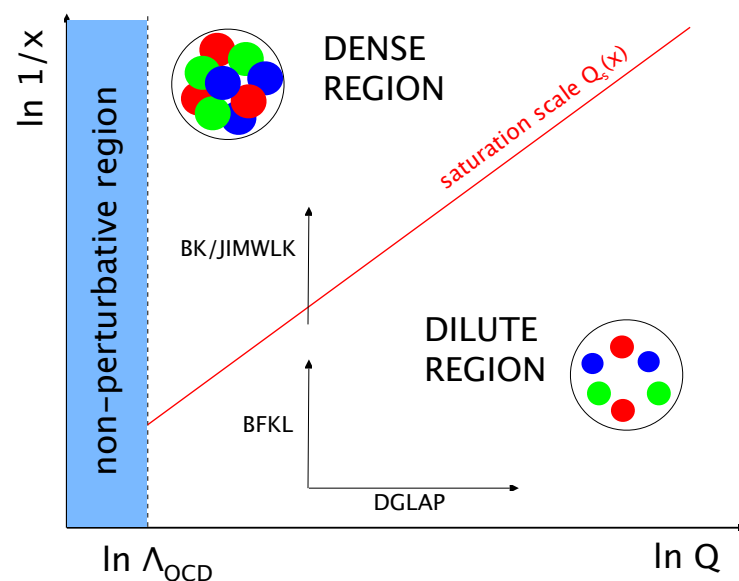


QCD at high energy (low x) and/or high density (large A) predicts **saturation** of gluons

Effective theory of QCD at high energy/density:

Color Glass Condensate CGC McLerran, Venugopalan,...

$$Q_s^2(x, A) \sim \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^\lambda}$$



Nuclei provide enhancement of the density : opportunities to test saturation at EIC

Testing saturation through inclusive structure functions at EIC

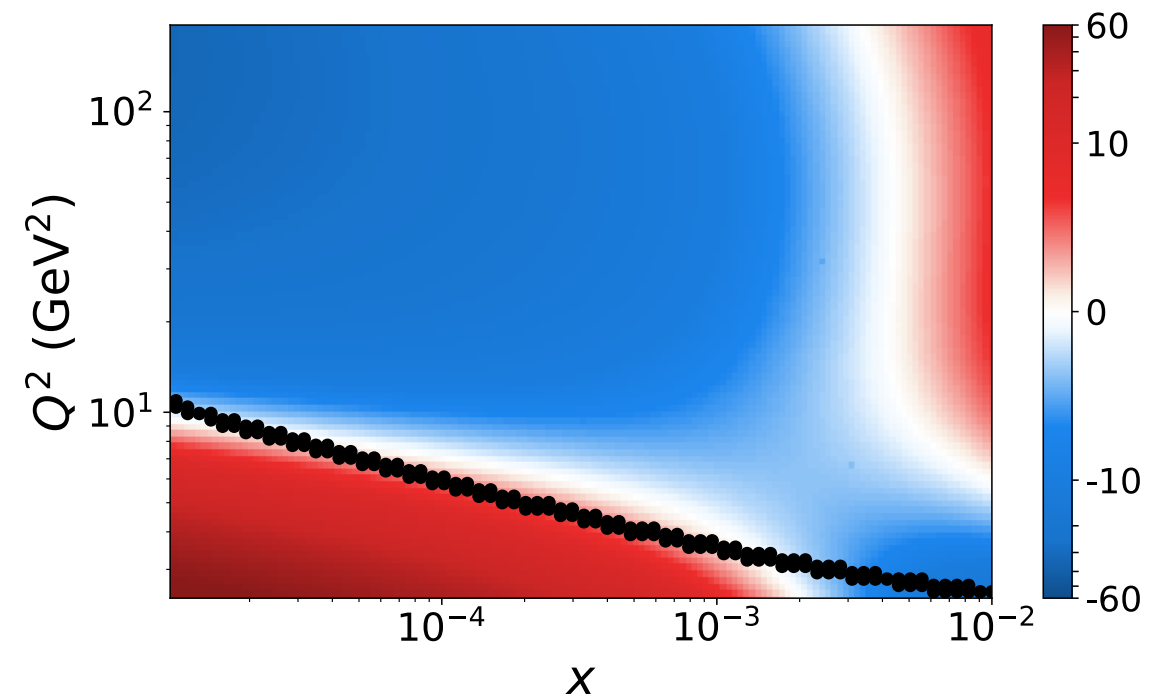
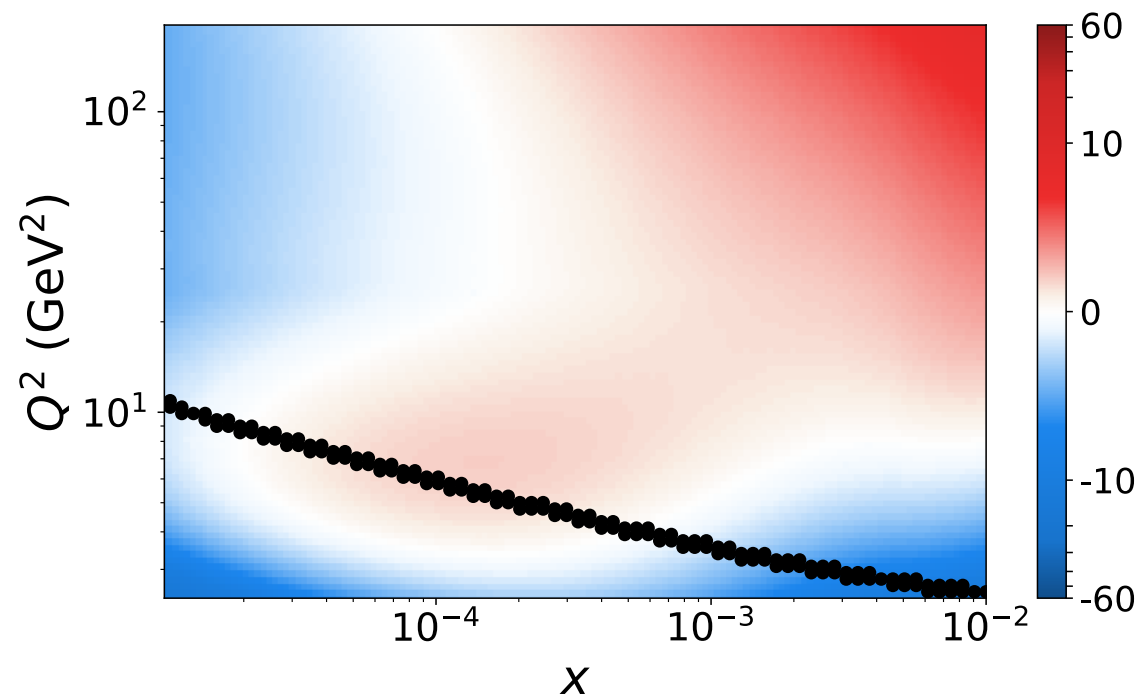
Study differences in evolution between **linear DGLAP** evolution and **nonlinear** evolution with **saturation**
Matching of both approaches in the region where saturation effects expected to be small
Quantify differences away from the matching region: **differences in evolution dynamics**

$$\frac{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}} - F_{2,L}^{\text{Rw}}}{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}}}$$

Armesto, Lappi, Mantysaari, Paukkunen, Tevio

¹⁹⁷Au
 F_2 difference (%)

¹⁹⁷Au
 F_L difference (%)

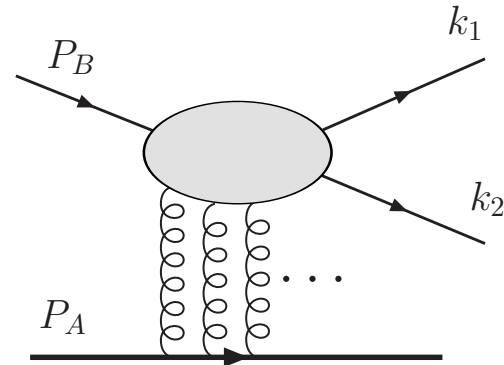


Heavy nucleus: difference between DGLAP and nonlinear are few % for F_2^A and up to 20% for F_L^A .

Longitudinal structure function can provide good sensitivity at EIC

Testing saturation through (de)correlations of hadrons

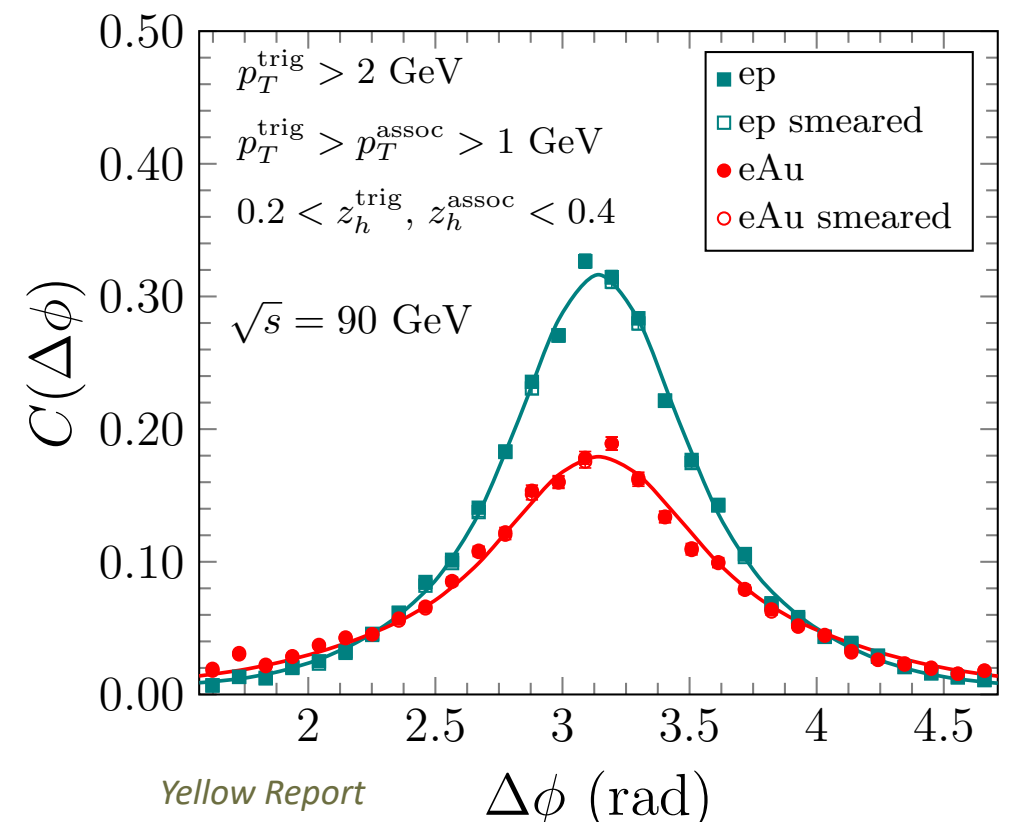
Azimuthal (de)correlations of two hadrons (dijets) in DIS in eA: direct test of the **Weizsacker-Williams unintegrated gluon distribution**



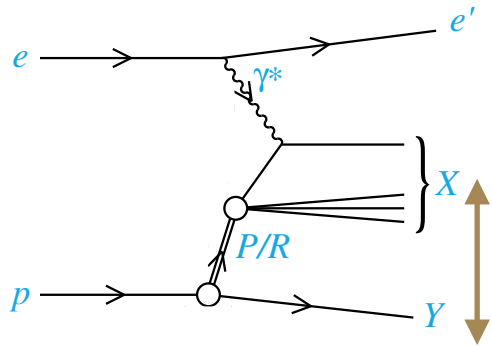
$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SIDIS}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+X}}{dz_{h_1}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d\Delta\phi}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d^2p_{h_1T} d^2p_{h_2T}} \sim \mathcal{F}(x_g, q_T) \otimes \mathcal{H}(z_q, k_{1T}, k_{2T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_1}/z_q, p_{1T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_2}/z_q, p_{2T})$$

- Clear differences between the ep and eA: **suppression** of the correlation peak in **eA** due to **saturation** effects (including the **Sudakov resummation**)
- Further observables: azimuthal correlations of dihadrons/dijets in diffraction, photon+jet/dijet.
- Possibility to test various **CGC correlators**



Inclusive diffraction at EIC

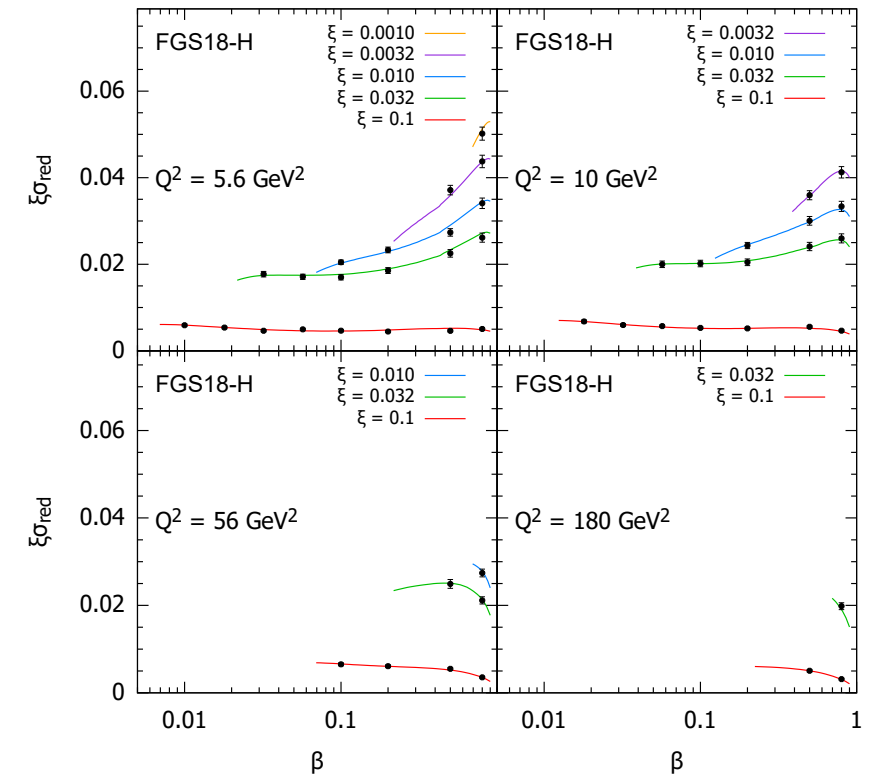


Diffraction: characterized by the **rapidity gap**
 Interpretation : need **colorless exchange**

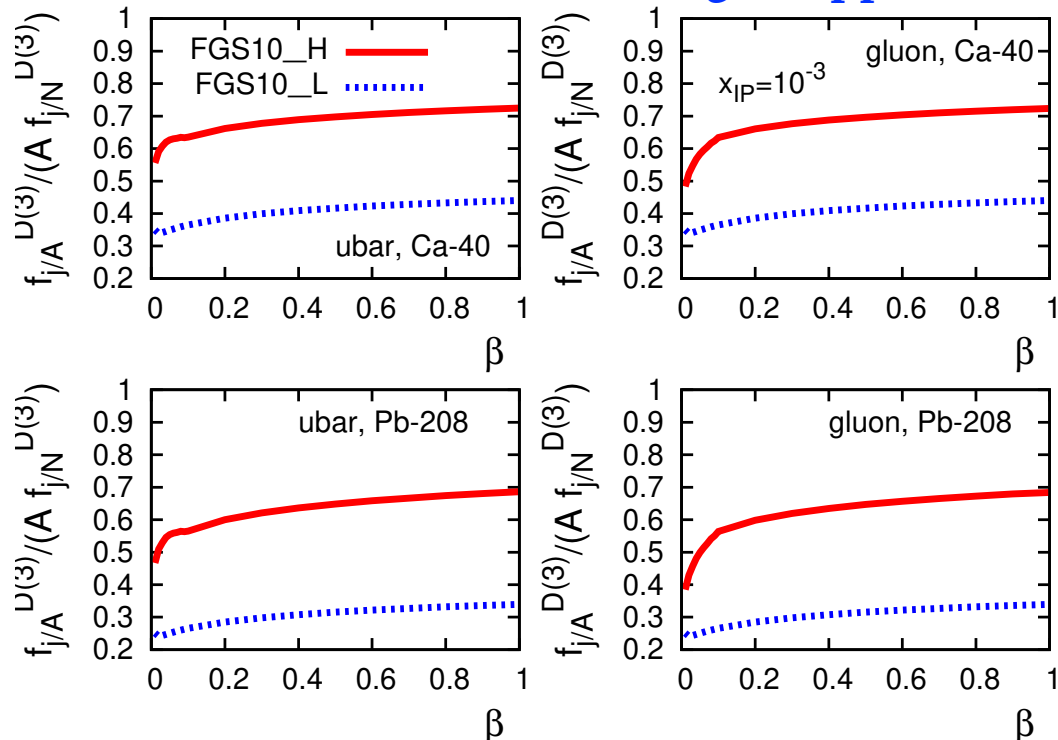
What is the nature of this exchange?

- Extraction of **nuclear diffractive parton distributions** would be possible for the first time
- Diffractive to inclusive ratio and the ratio of diffraction in nuclei to that in protons are **sensitive probes to different models**

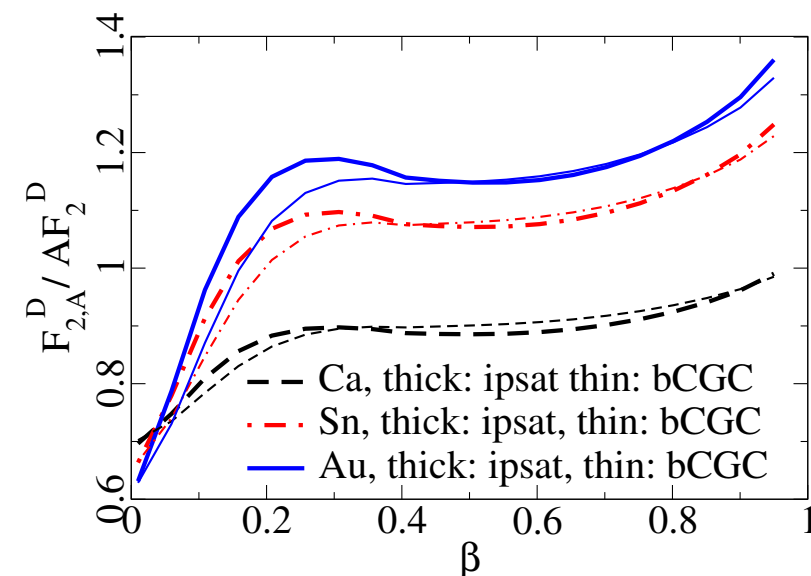
e-Au $E_{Au}/A = 100$ GeV, $E_e = 21$ GeV, $L = 2$ fb⁻¹



Nuclear ratio in LT shadowing : suppression

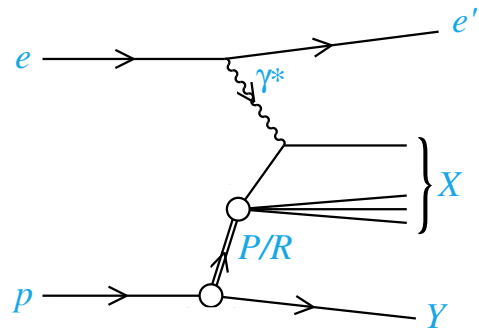


Nuclear ratio in saturation model: enhancement



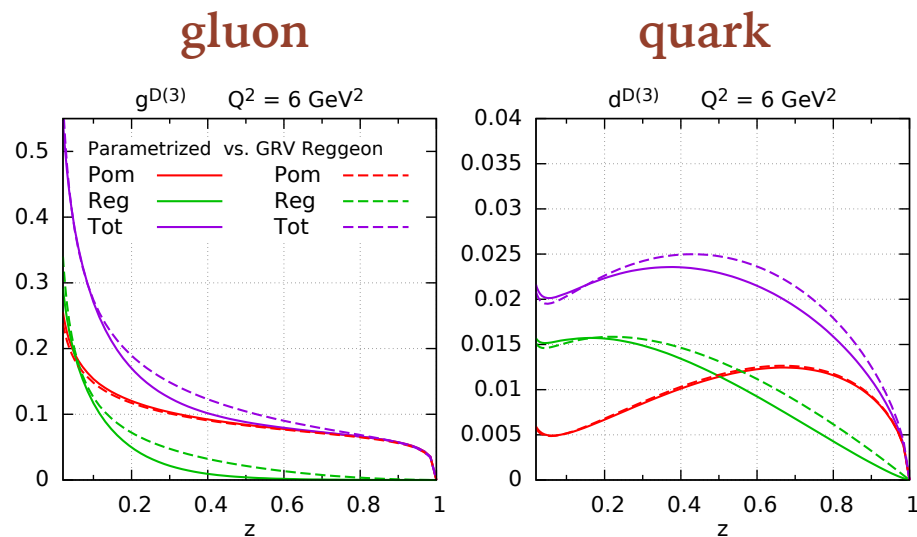
Yellow Report

Diffraction in ep/eA: extraction of Reggeon



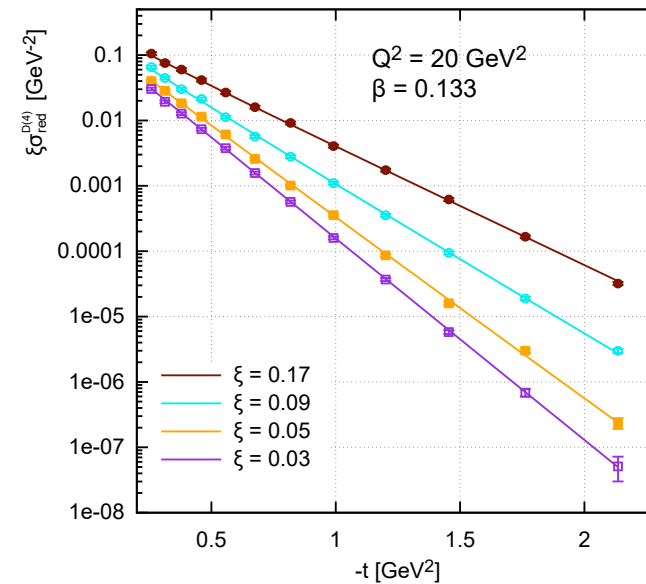
EIC can reveal the details of the colorless exchange:
constraints on Reggeon

Partonic content of the colorless exchange



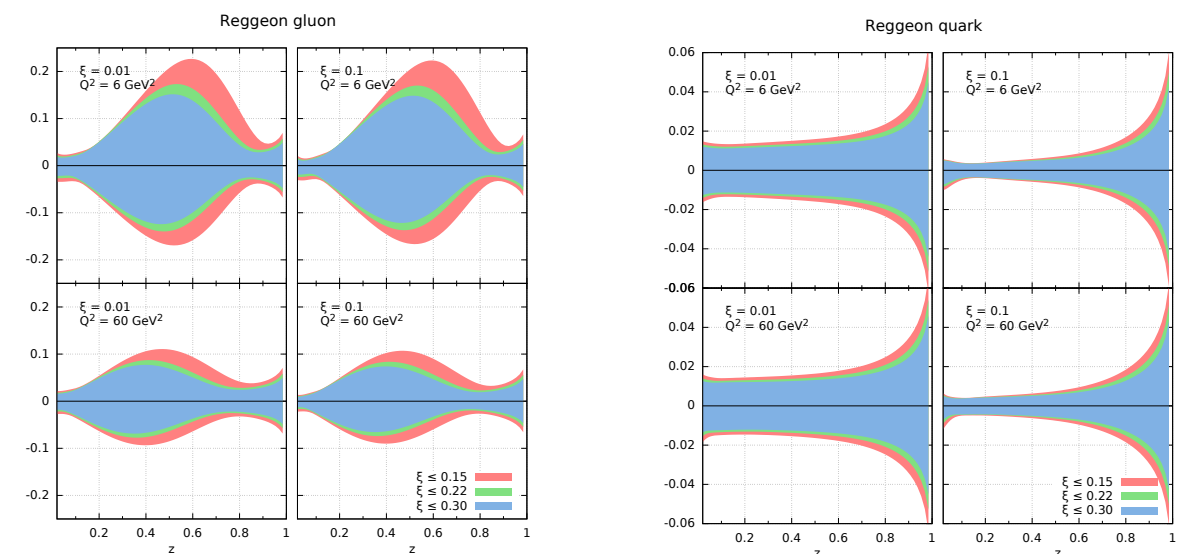
Armesto, Newman, Slominski, AS

$\sigma_r^{D(4)}$ and extraction of Reggeon/Pomeron
Precision measurement of t -dependence of $\sigma_r^{D(4)}$



Reggeon gluon

Reggeon quark



Data: muPhysicsResultsEICForDip0.275e18T-031.pdf_v0.01/ReggieP+R_vcc_err.dat

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Diffraction in ep/eA: longitudinal structure function

F_L^D diffractive longitudinal structure function

$$\sigma_r^{D(3)} = F_2^{D(3)} - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{D(3)}$$

F_L^D vanishes in the parton model, similarly to inclusive case

Gets non-vanishing contributions in QCD

As in inclusive case, particularly sensitive to the diffractive **gluon density**

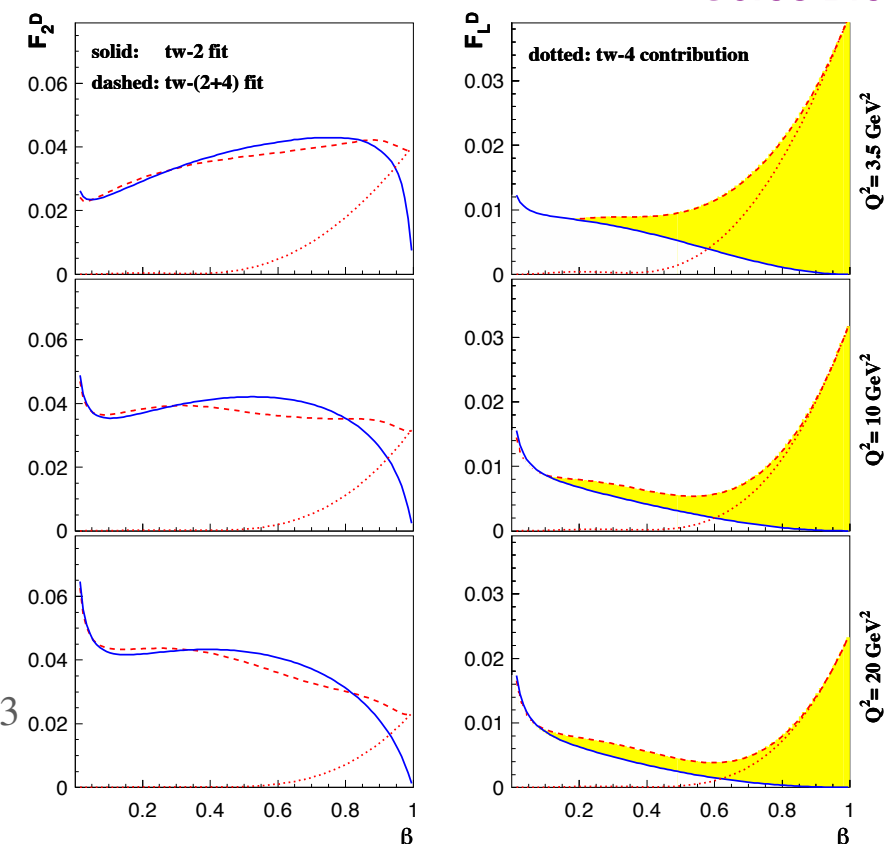
Expected large **higher twists**, provides test of the **non-linear, saturation phenomena**

Golec-Biernat, Łuszczak

Theoretical studies indicate important role of twist 4 contributions to F_L^D

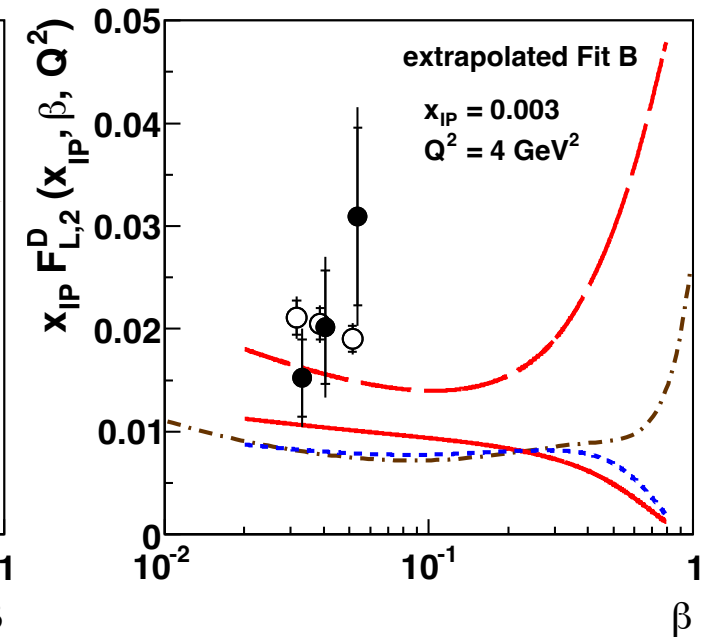
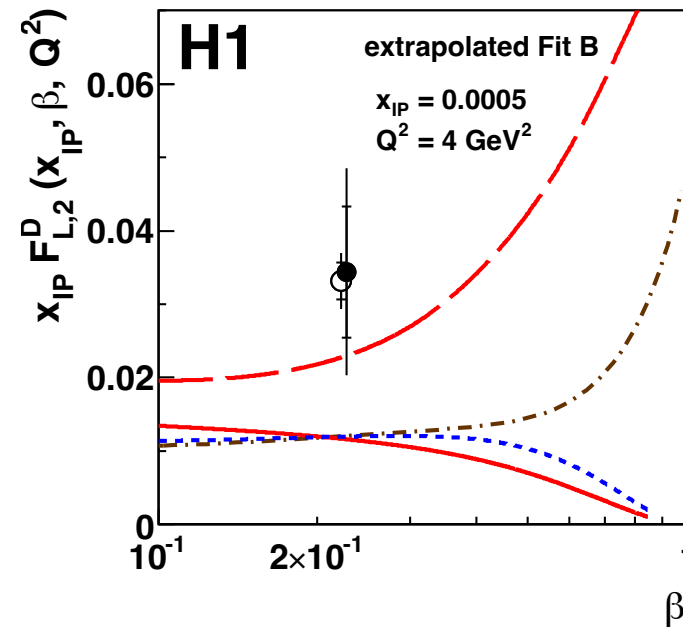
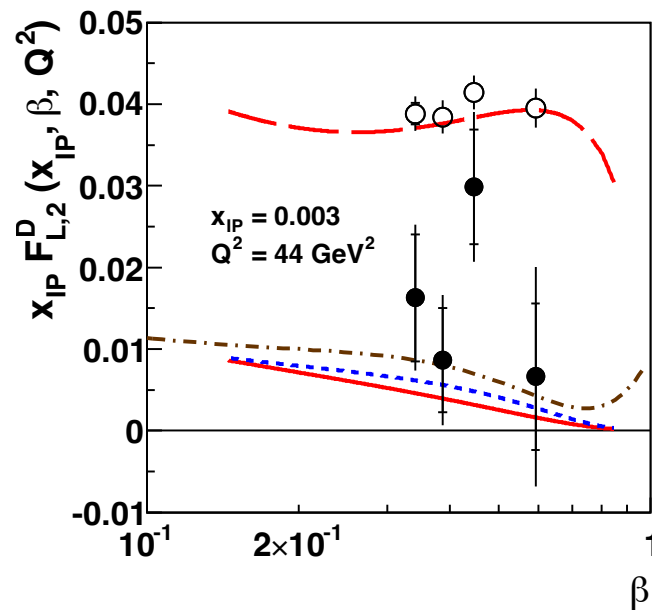
F_2^D affected less by higher twists

$$x_{\mathbb{P}} \equiv \xi = 10^{-3}$$



$F_L^{D(3)}$ at HERA

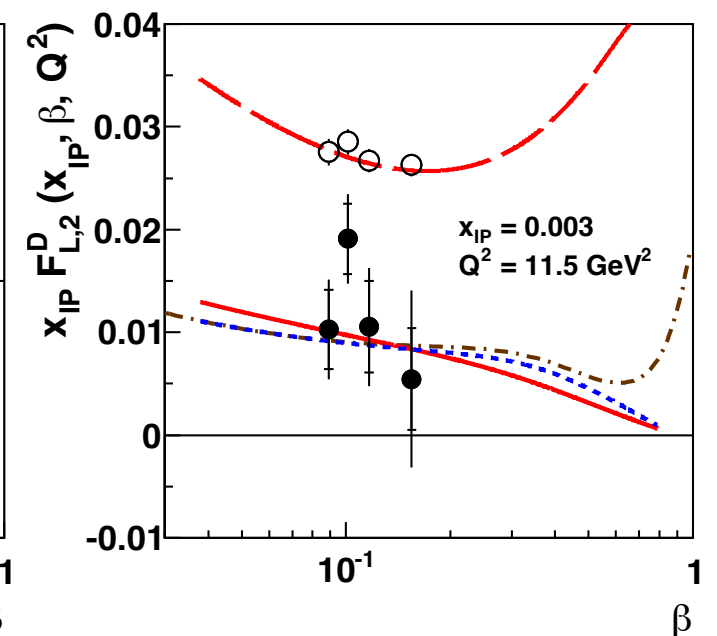
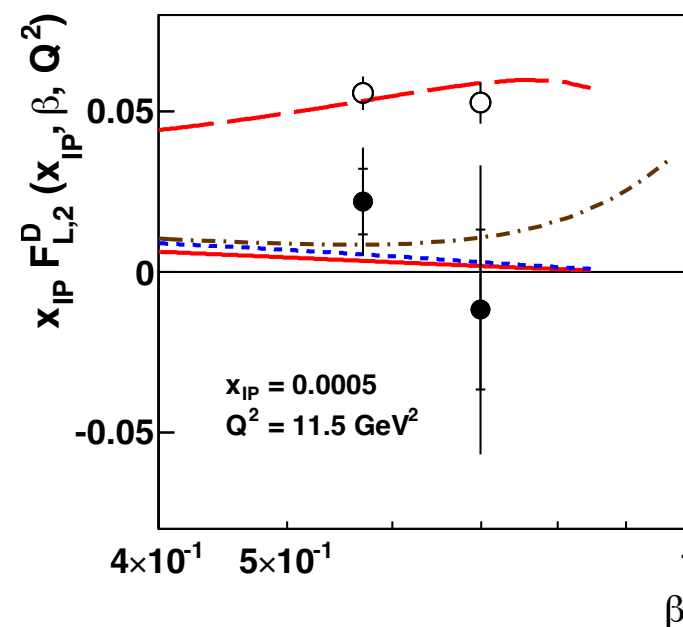
- $x_{IP} F_L^D$
- H1 data
- H1 2006 DPDF Fit B
- - - H1 2006 DPDF Fit A
- · - Golec-Biernat & Luszczak
- $x_{IP} F_2^D$
- H1 2006 DPDF Fit B



H1 conclusions:

Measurements of σ_r^D consistent with predictions from the models

Extracted F_L^D has a tendency to be higher than the predictions, though compatible with model predictions within errors



Overall: $0 < F_L^D < F_2^D$

Diffraction in ep/eA: longitudinal structure function

Simulations for the EIC of F_L^D

Armesto, Newman, Slominski, AS

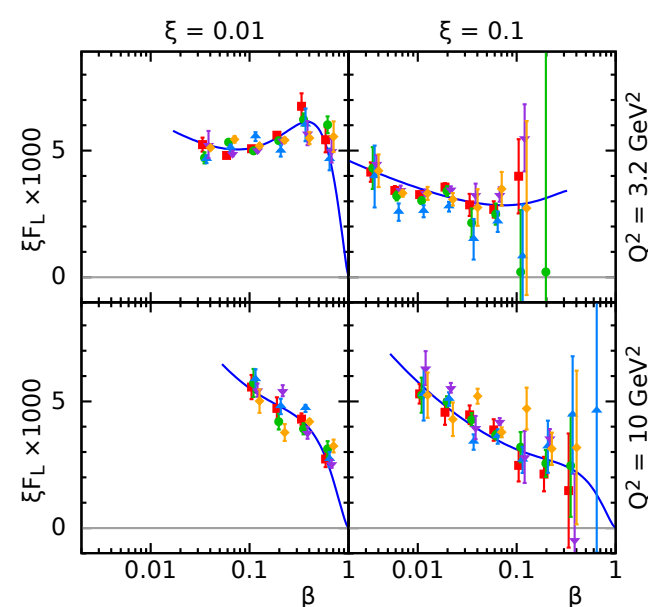
Cross section generation from ZEUS-SJ diffractive PDFs evolved with DGLAP

Assumed $\delta_{\text{sys}} = 1-2\%$, extrapolated from HERA 2% uncorrelated systematics;

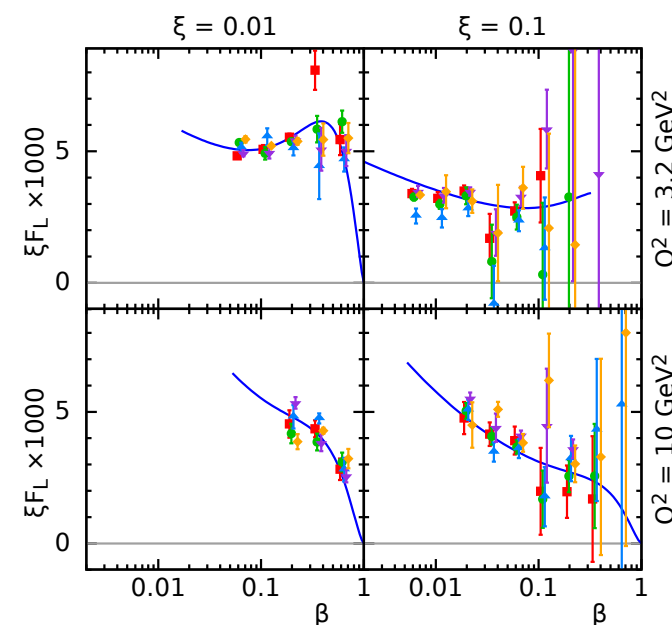
normalization/correlated systematics negligible effect on extraction of F_L^D

δ_{stat} from 10 fb^{-1} integrated luminosity

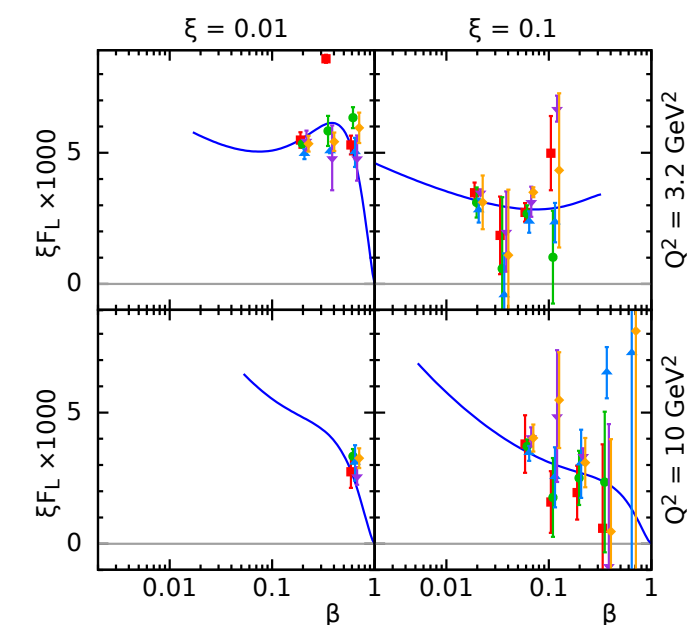
Several random samples are generated



17 energies



9 energies



5 energies

Small differences between S-17 and S-9, small reduction to range and increase in uncertainties.

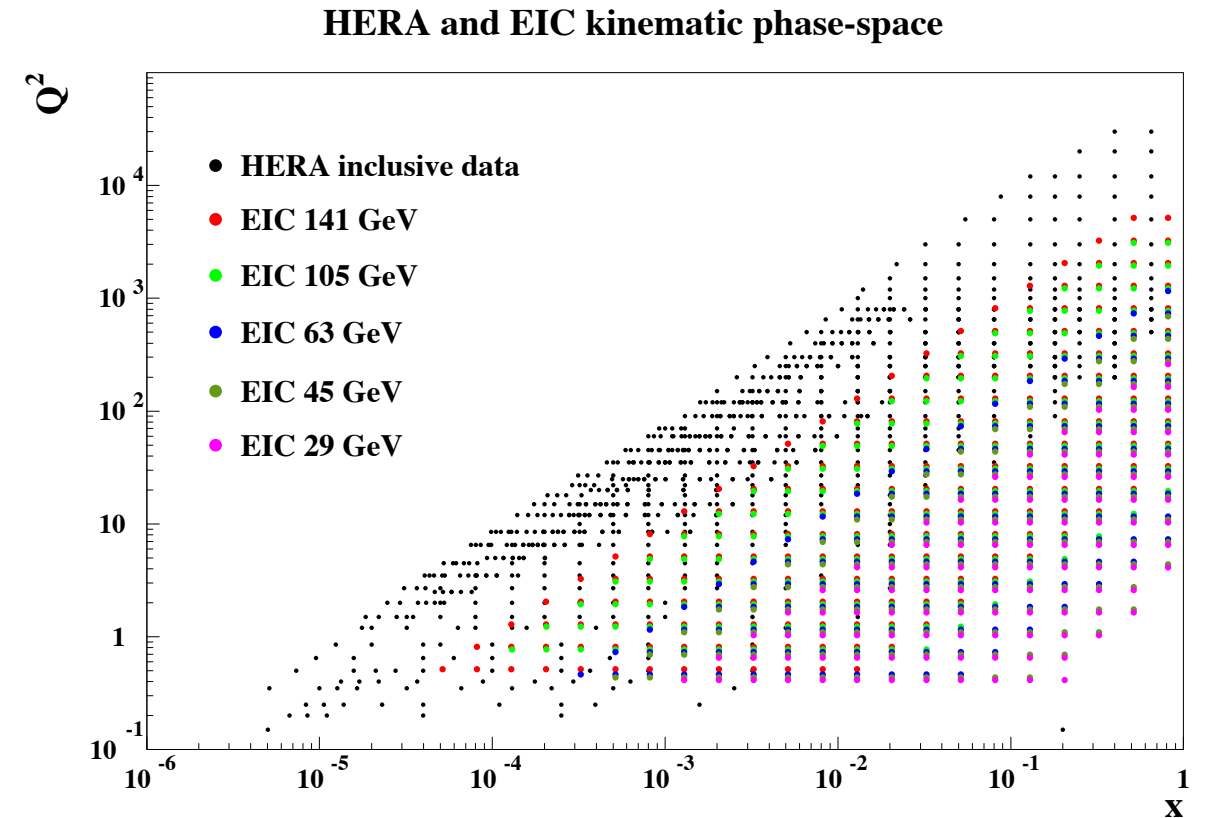
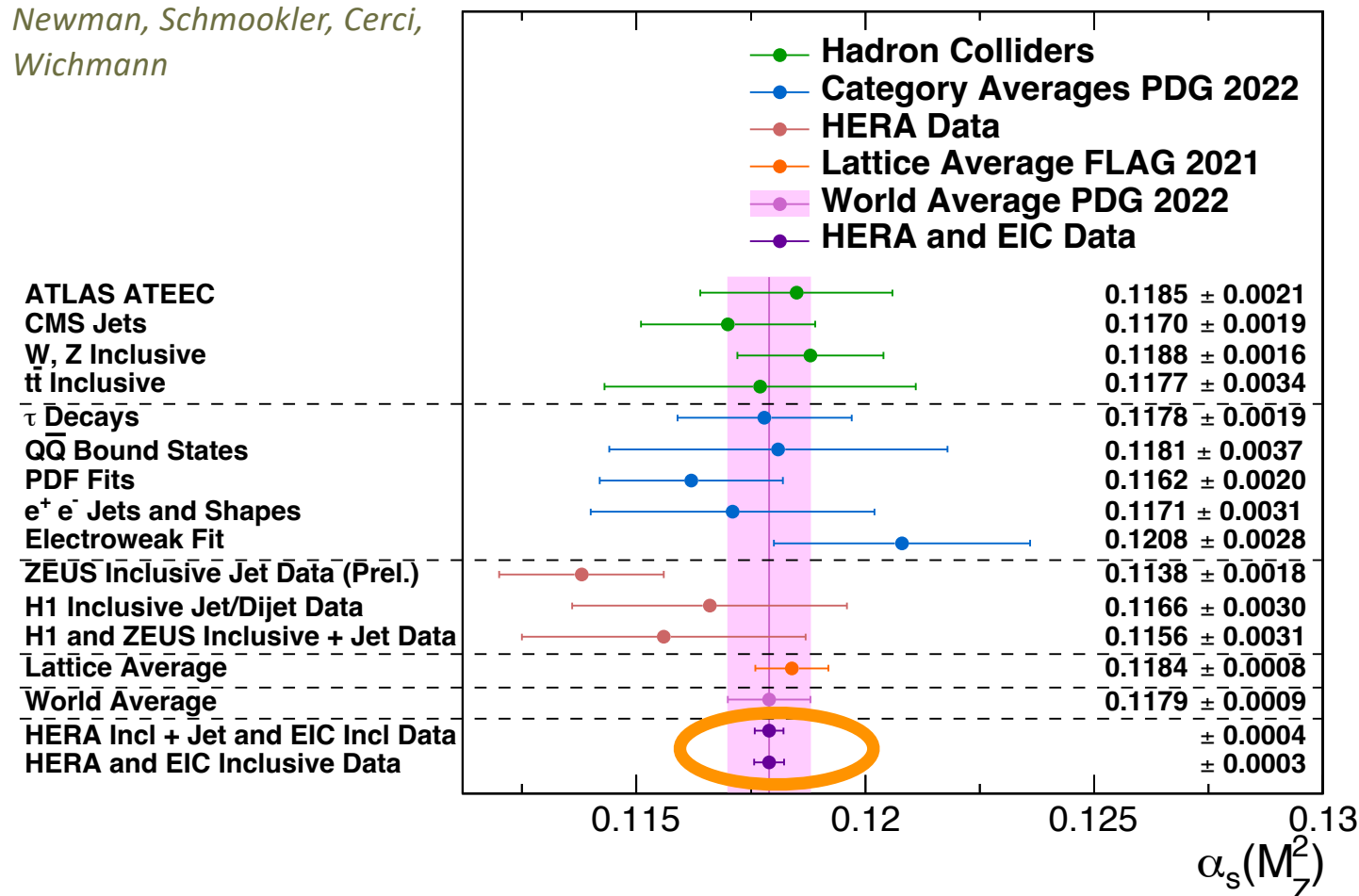
More pronounced reduction in range and higher uncertainties in S-5.

An extraction of F_L^D possible with EIC-favored set of 5 energy combinations

Extraction of α_s from HERA and EIC

- ▶ Inclusive DIS cross section sensitive to α_s
- ▶ Need to know with **high precision**, α_s essential for **SM** calculations, and for constraints on **BSM**
- ▶ EIC complementary to HERA

Cerci, Demiroglu, Deshpande, Newman, Schmookler, Cerci, Wichmann

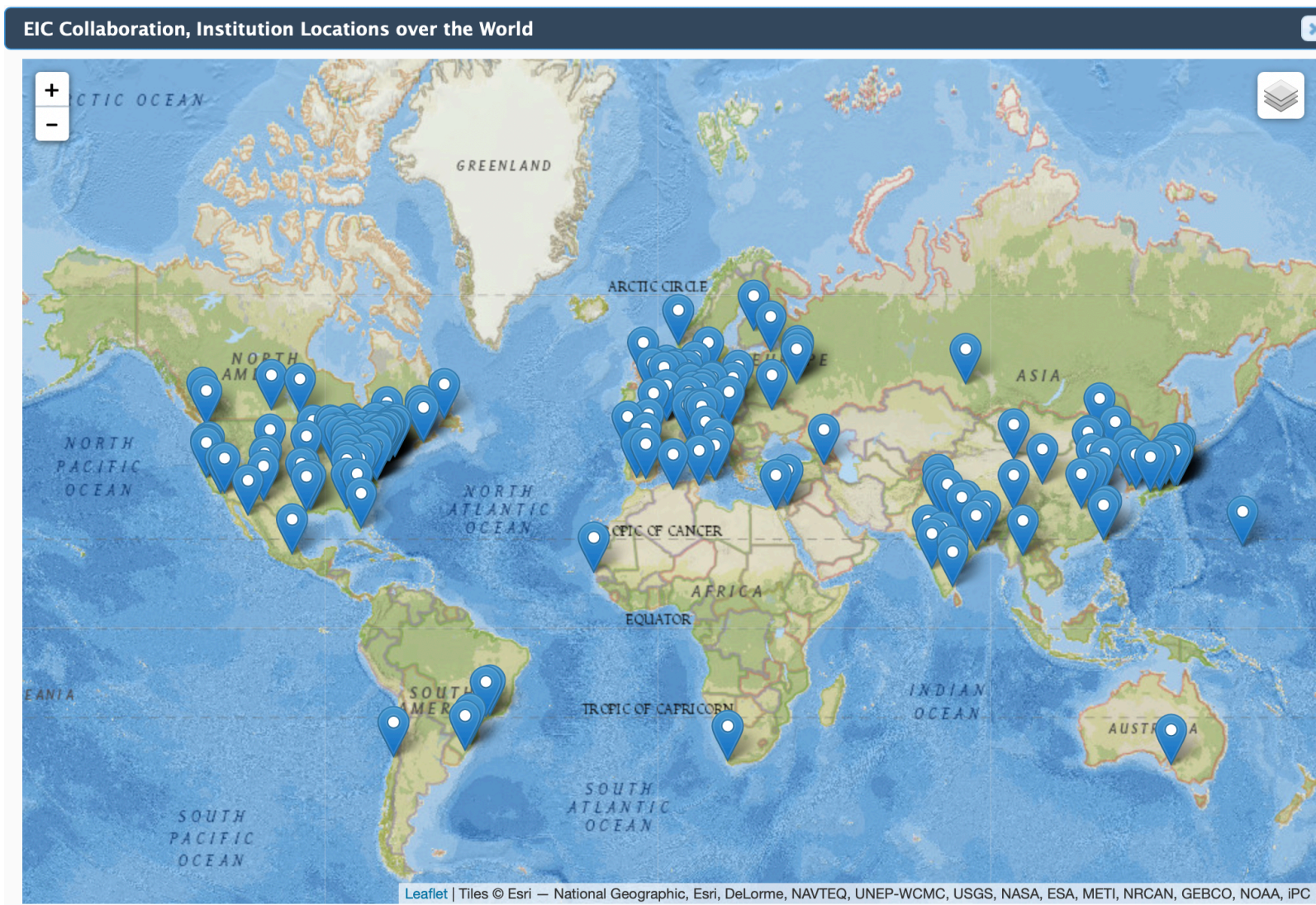


HERA inclusive (or inclusive + jets) + EIC inclusive data allows for **determination of α_s** with **unprecedented precision : $\leq 0.3\%$**

$$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1161 \pm 0.0003 \text{ (exp)} \\ \pm 0.0001 \text{ (model + param)} \begin{matrix} +0.0002 \\ -0.0001 \end{matrix} \text{ (scale)}$$

EIC Users Group

The **Electron-Ion Collider User Group (EICUG)** is an international affiliation of scientists dedicated to developing and promoting the scientific, technological, and educational goals and motivations for a new high energy **Electron-Ion Collider**.



1530 members

1006 experimentalists

374 theorists

133 accelerator scientists

10 computer scientists

4 support

3 other

294 institutions

40 countries

<https://www.eicug.org/index.html>

Status as of June 7, 2024

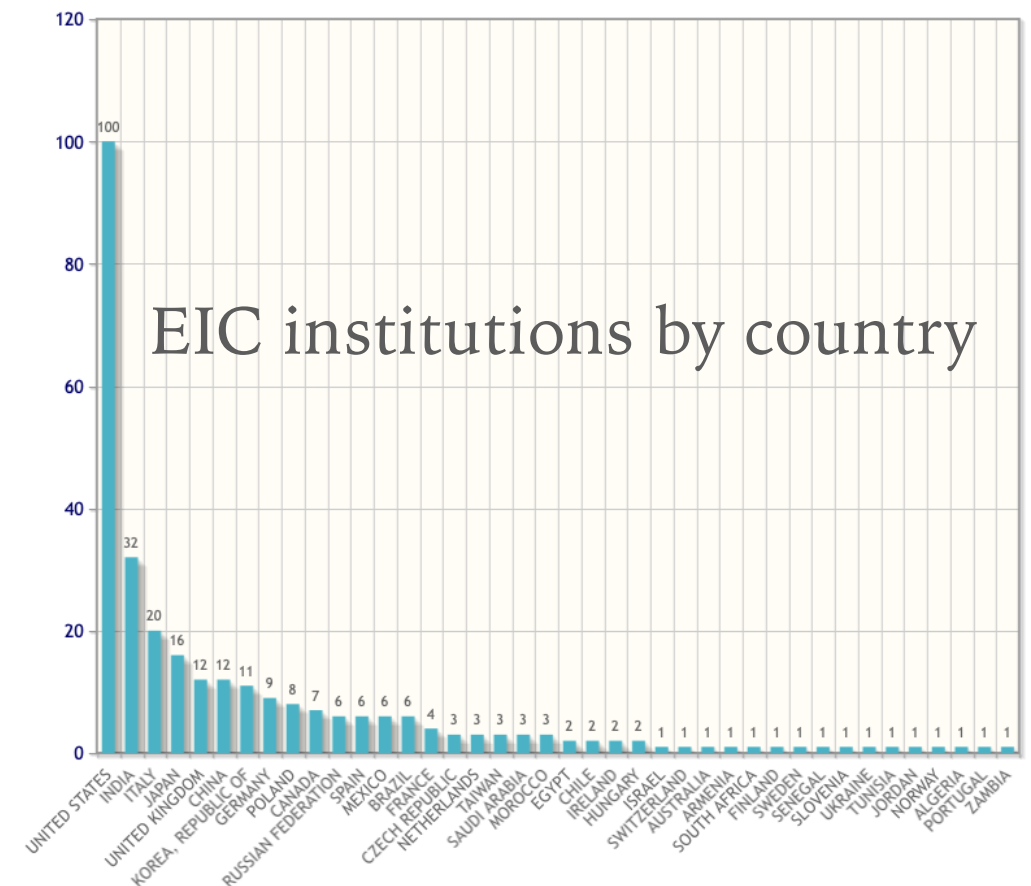
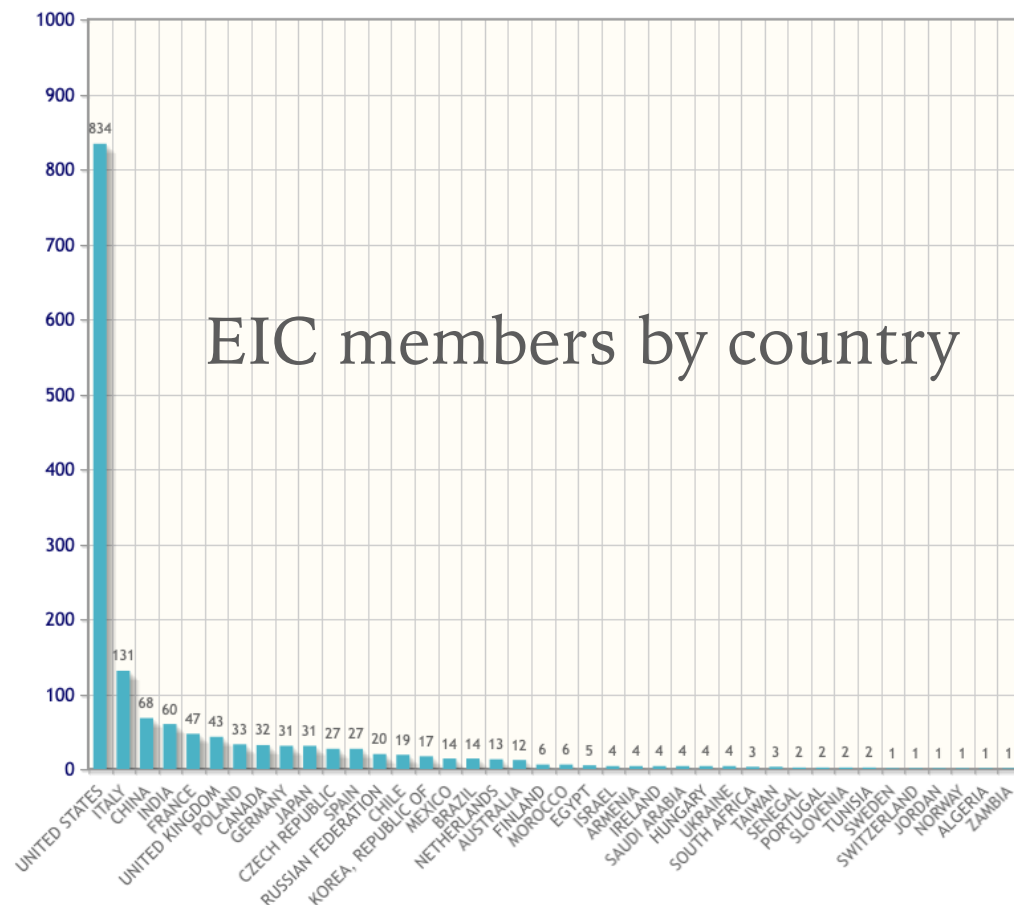
EIC Users Group

EIC is international at its core

Last annual meeting: July 25-31, 2023, Warsaw, Poland

Next annual meeting: **July 22-27, 2024, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

Strong community and still growing !



Status as of June 7, 2024

Summary

Electron Ion Collider : high energy, high luminosity, polarized, electron-proton and electron-ion collider, funded by DoE, will be built in this decade and start operating in 2030's

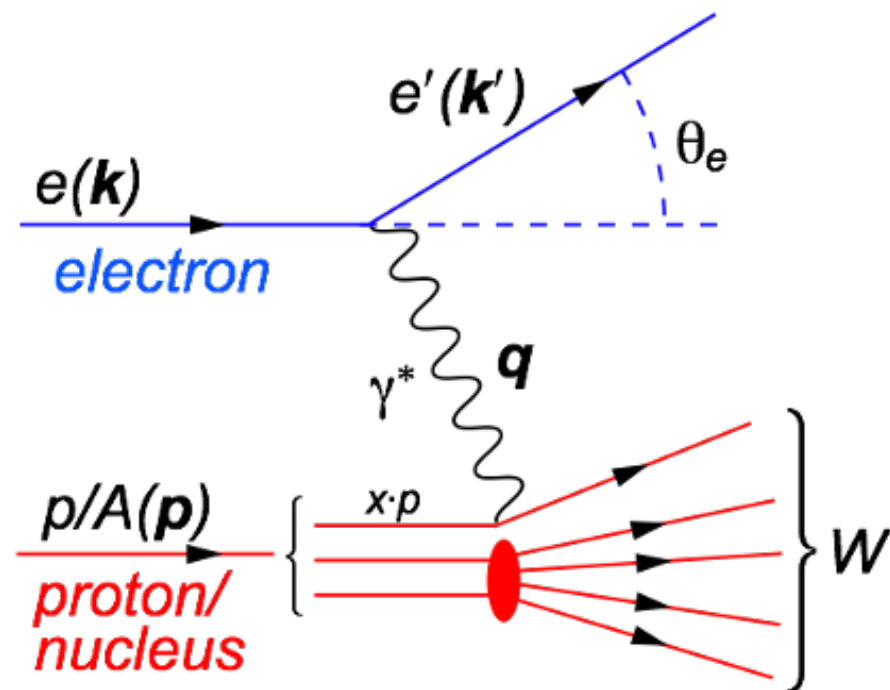
- **Precision tool** which will address most profound unanswered questions in QCD
- One of the most **challenging** and **versatile** accelerator complexes ever built
- EIC is a project with strong **international** engagement
- **ePIC** collaboration: 1st detector collaboration formed
- **2nd** detector: under consideration, needs additional funding

Please join and contribute! Everybody is welcome: engineers, designers, technicians, administrators, theorists, experimentalists, accelerator physicists...

Especially early career scientists: postdocs, undergraduate and graduate students...

Backup

Deep Inelastic Scattering



DIS: Deep Inelastic e/p(A) scattering

- **Electromagnetic probe** allows for very **precise** exploration of hadron structure: excellent **microscope**
- **Control** over kinematics of the process

electron-proton
cms energy squared:

$$s = (k + p)^2$$

inelasticity

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

(minus) photon virtuality
resolution power

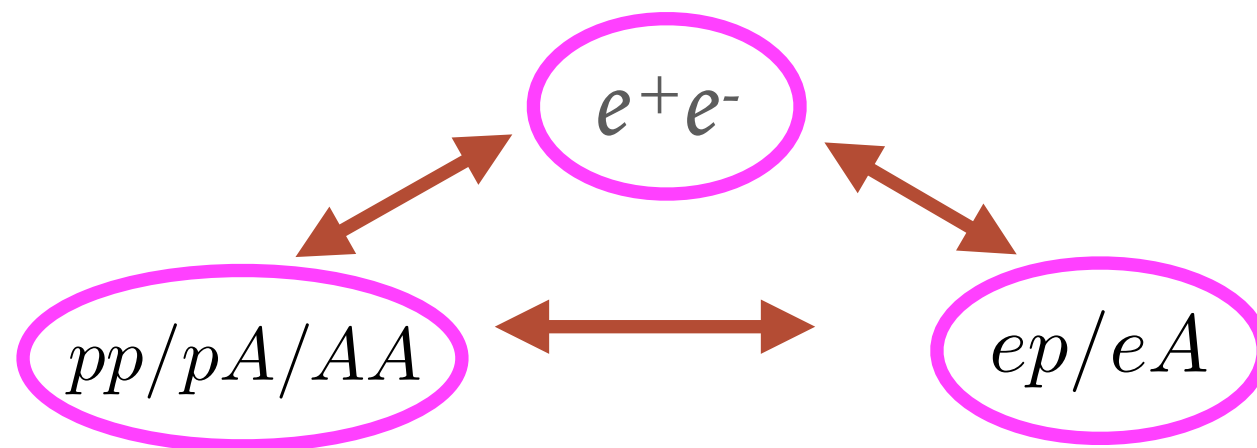
$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

Bjorken x : momentum fraction
of struck quark

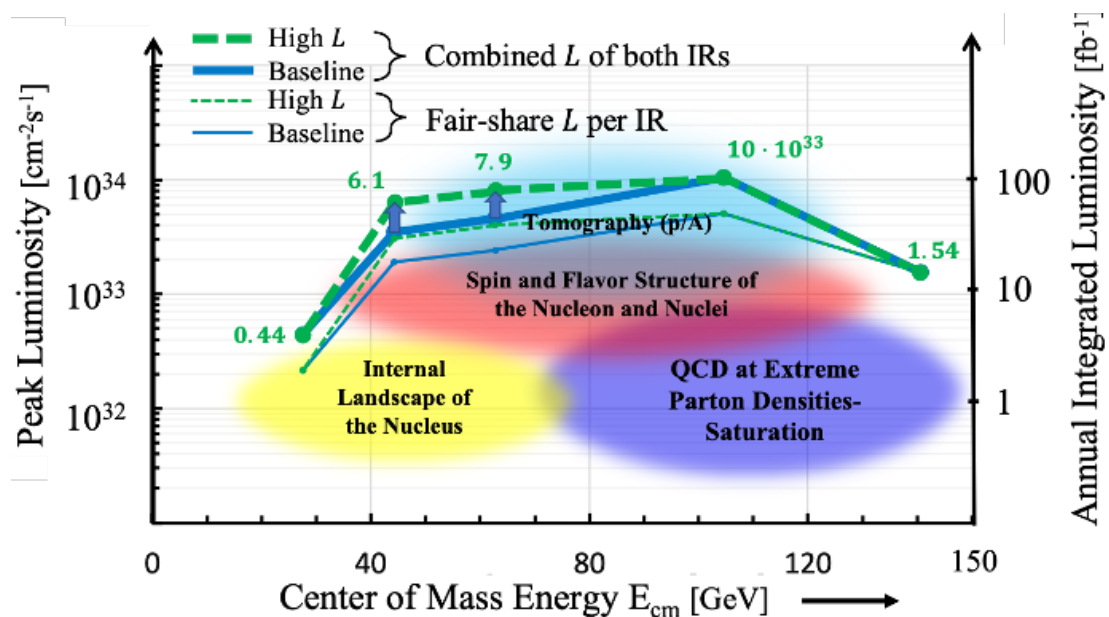
$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

Complementarity:

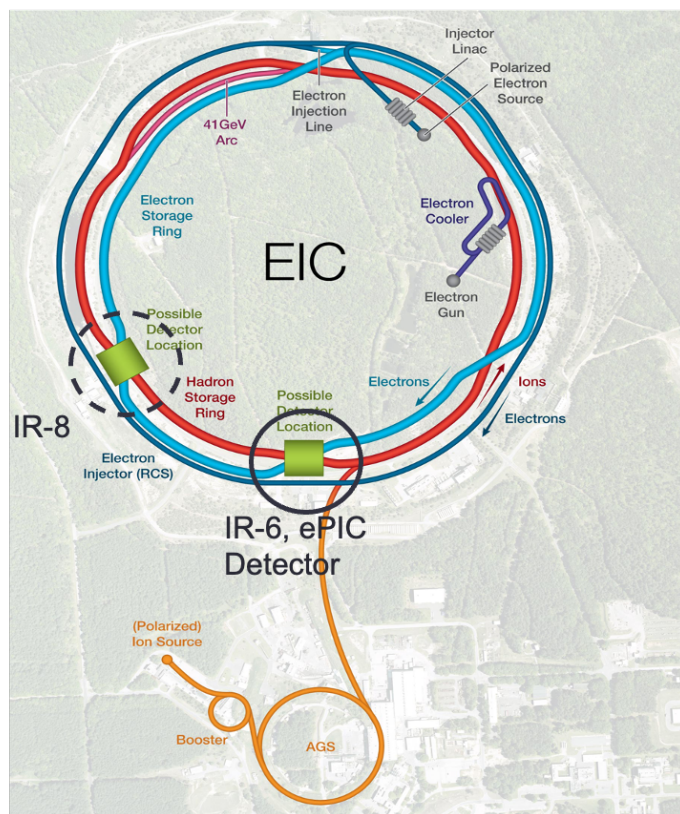
For full understanding of QCD and EW need to run various experiments with 0,1,2 initial state hadrons



Machine design and parameters



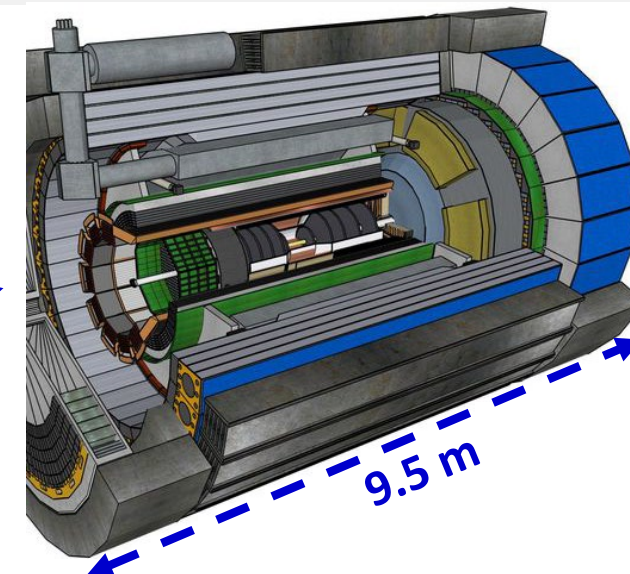
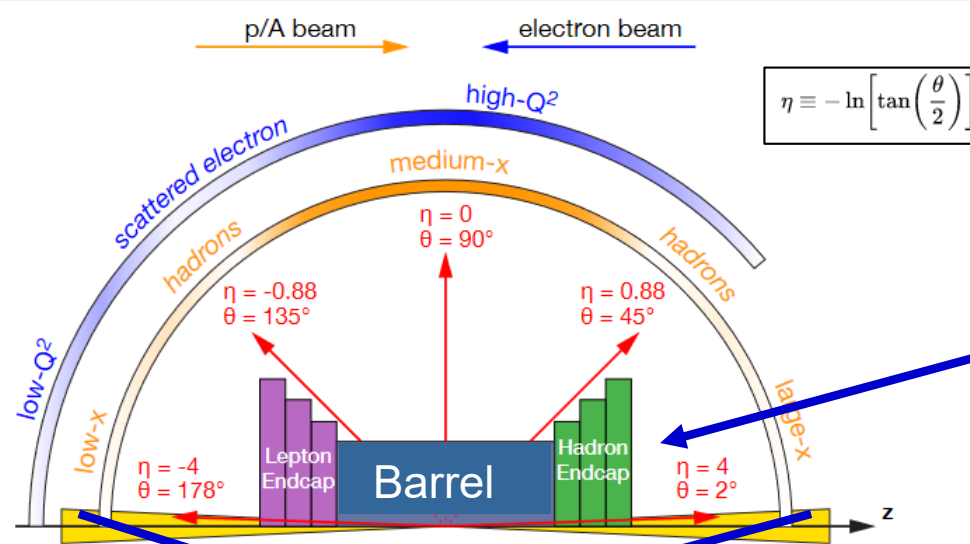
- ▶ **Hadron storage ring (HSR): 41-275 GeV (based on RHIC)**
 - up to 1160 bunches, 1A beam current (**3x RHIC**)
 - bright vertical beam emittance (1.5 nm)
 - strong cooling (coherent electron cooling, ERL)
- ▶ **Electron storage ring (ESR): 2.5–18 GeV (new)**
 - up to 1160 polarized bunches
 - high polarization by continual reinjection from RCS
 - large beam current (2.5 A) → 9 MW SR power
 - superconducting RF cavities
- ▶ **Rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS): 0.4-18 GeV (new)**
 - 2 bunches at 1 Hz; spin transparent due to high periodicity
- ▶ **High luminosity interaction region(s) (new)**
 - $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - superconducting magnets
 - 25 mrad crossing angle with crab cavities
 - spin rotators (produce longitudinal spin at IP)



Detector: ePIC

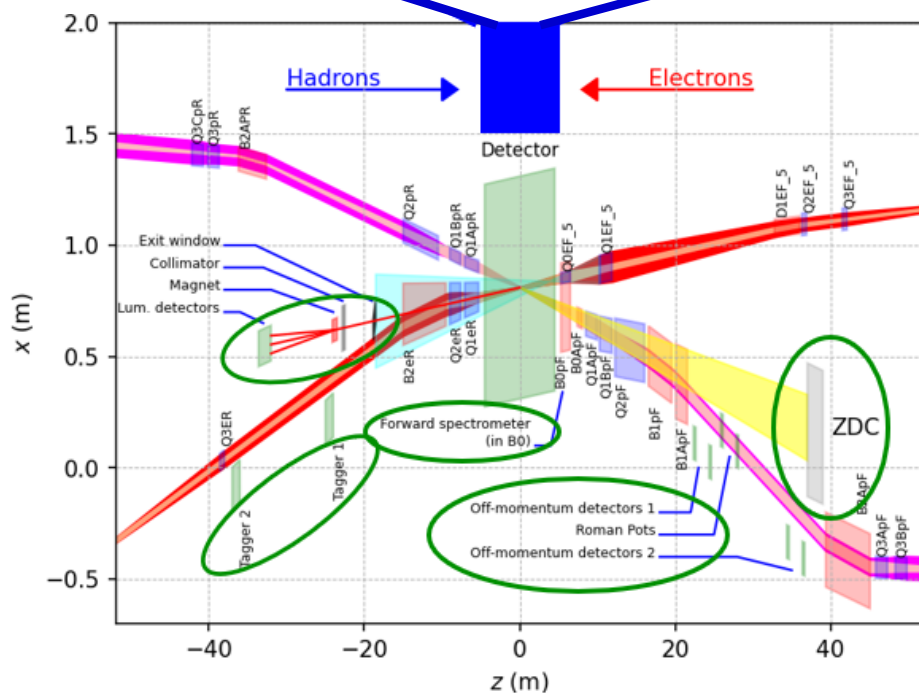
Slide from S. Dalla Torre talk at EICUG

ePIC, an extended detector



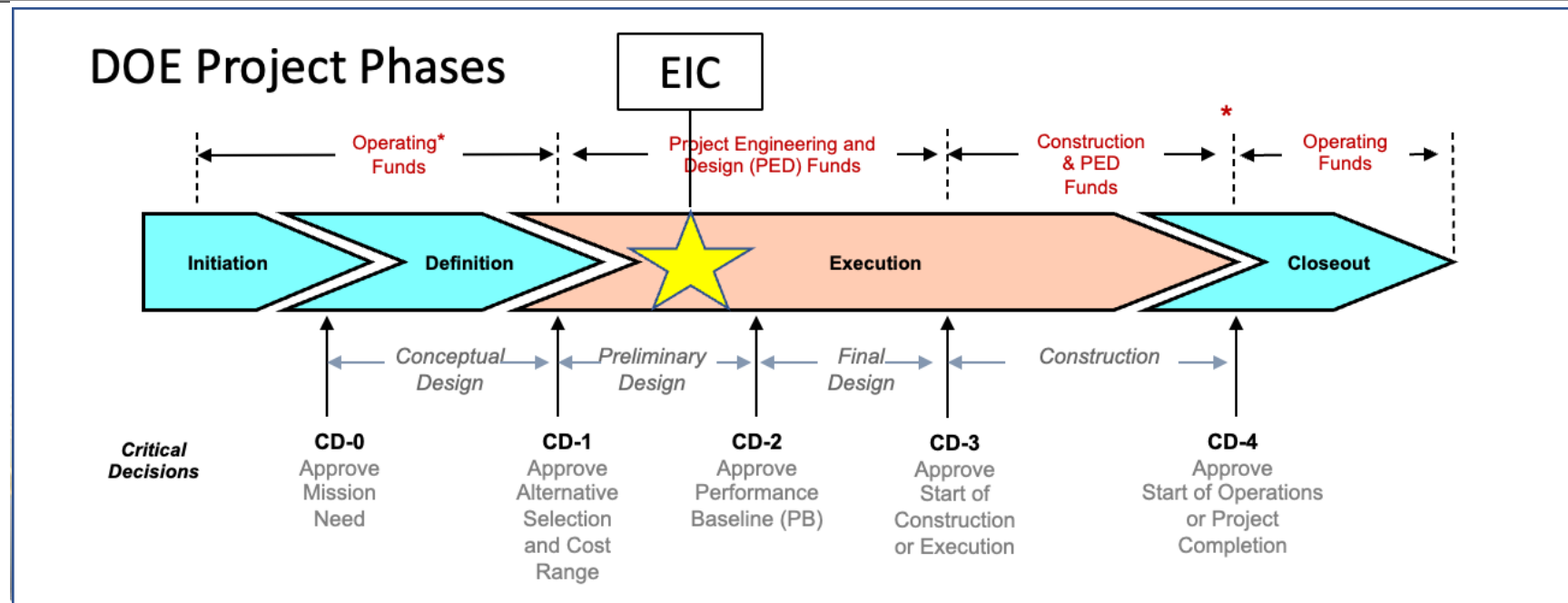
Central Detector (CD)

- Total size detector: ~75m
- Central detector: ~10m
- Far Backward electron detection: ~35m
- Far Forward hadron spectrometer: ~40m



Auxiliary detectors needed to tag particles with very small scattering angles both in the **outgoing lepton** and **hadron beam** direction (B0-Taggers, Off-momentum taggers, Roman Pots, Zero-degree Calorimeter and low Q2-tagger).

Timeline



Current EIC Critical Decision Plan

- CD-0/Site Selection December 2019 ✓
- CD-1 June 2021 ✓
- CD-3A ESAAB March 25th 2024
- CD-3B October 2024
- CD-2/3 April 2025
- early CD-4 October 2032
- CD-4 October 2034

