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Contents:



- I. Introduction.
- 2. Nuclear PDFs.
- 3. Further topics:
 - → Small x.
 - → Diffraction.
- 4. Summary.

Other PERLE/LHeC/FCC-he talks at ICHEP:

Parton structure - Claire Gwenlan, Thu 07/07 I0.30am

Overview - Bernhard Holzer, Thu 07/07 2.45pm

PERLE - Walid Kaabi, Thu 07/07 3.05pm

Higgs - Uta Klein, Fri 08/07 3.00pm

Top and EW - Daniel Britzger, Fri 08/07 6.30pm

eh/hh IR and detector - poster, Fri 08/07 7.05pm

BSM - Oliver Fischer, Sat 09/07 5.30pm

CERN-ACC-Note-2020-0002 Geneva, July 28, 2020





The Large Hadron-Electron Collider at the HL-LHC

LHeC and FCC-he Study Group



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338 authors from 186 institutions

References:

- Future Circular Collider: Vol. 1 Physics opportunities, CERN-ACC-2018-0056, and 1605.01389;
- LHeC CDR, 1206.2913;
 update 2007.14491;
- LHeC talks at DIS 2022, https://indico.cern.ch/event/1072533/;
- O. Brüning and M. Klein,
 ECFA Newsletter #5;
- Recent IR and detector developments (ep/eA and eh/hh), 2201.02436.



Motivation:

NMC Ca/D

Parameterization

Error in parameterization

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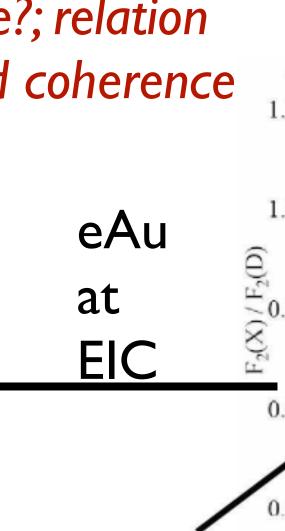
Anti-shadowing



Flavour dependence?; relation with shadowing and coherence

ePb at LHeC/ FCC-he

Multiple scattering, saturation,...; high-energy QCD



How much does the structure of a hadron change when it is immersed in a nuclear medium?

$$f_i^{p,A}(x,Q^2) = R_i^A(x,Q^2) f_i^p(x,Q^2)$$

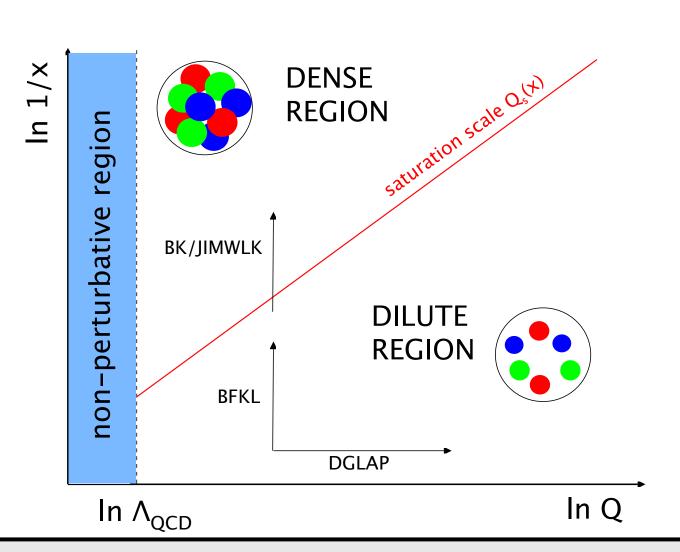
Fermi-motion Short versus long range correlations, pion cloud, intrinsic charm,...

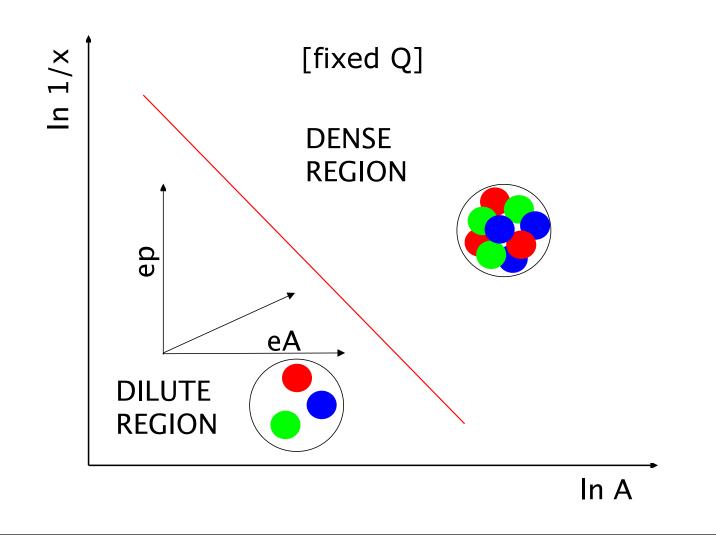
Superfast quarks

$$\frac{xG_A(x,Q_s^2)}{\pi R_A^2 Q_s^2} \sim 1 \Longrightarrow Q_s^2 \propto A^{1/3} x^{\sim -0.3}$$

Shadowing

Where is the novel non-linear regime of QCD that leads to the saturation of parton densities?



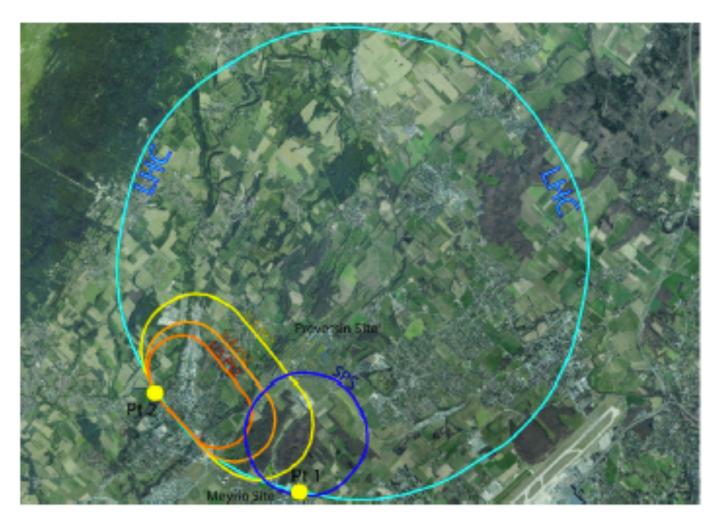




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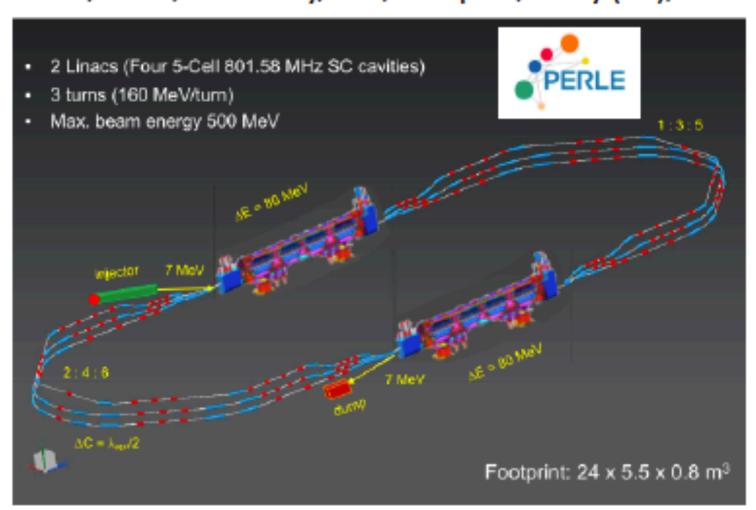
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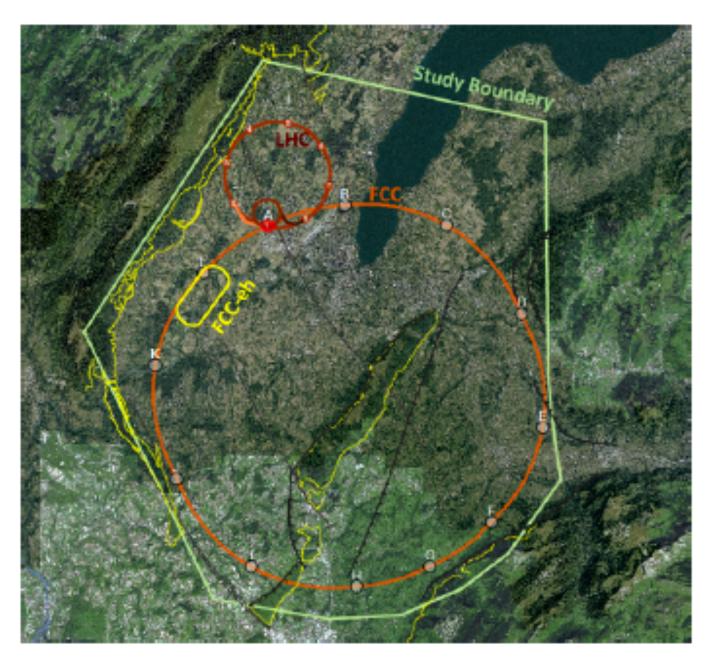
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Concurrent Operation with FCC-hh

FCC CDR:

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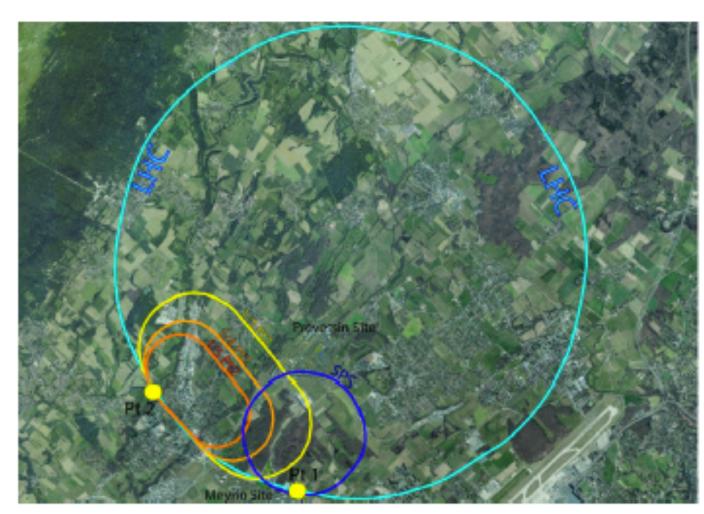
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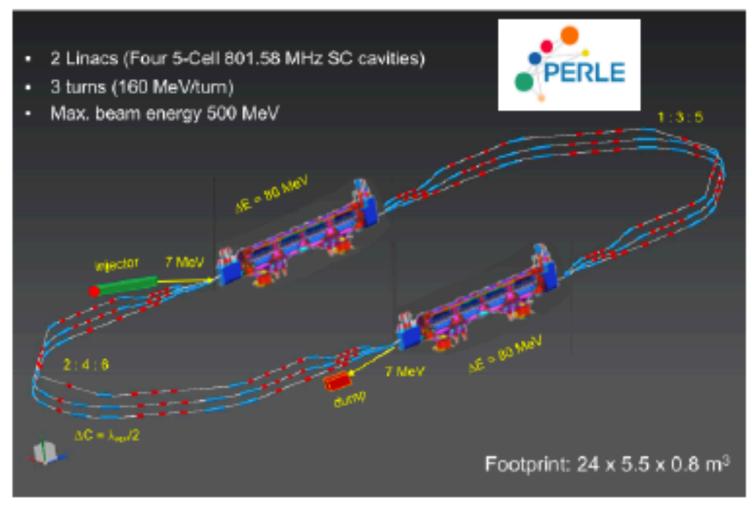
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parameter [unit]	LHeC (HL-LHC)	eA at HE-LHC	FCC-he
$E_{\mathrm{Pb}} [\mathrm{PeV}]$	0.574	1.03	4.1
E_e [GeV]	60	60	60
$\sqrt{s_{eN}}$ electron-nucleon [TeV]	0.8	1.1	2.2
Bunch spacing [ns]	50	50	100
No. of bunches	1200	1200	2072
Ions per bunch $[10^8]$	1.8	1.8	1.8
$\gamma \epsilon_A \ [\mu \mathrm{m}]$	1.5	1.0	0.9
Electrons per bunch [10 ⁹]	4.67	6.2	12.5
Electron current [mA]	15	20	20
IP beta function β_A^* [cm]	7	10	15
Hourglass factor H_{geom}	0.9	0.9	0.9
Pinch factor H_{b-b}	1.3	1.3	1.3
Bunch filling H_{coll}	0.8	0.8	0.8
Luminosity $[10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$	7	18	54

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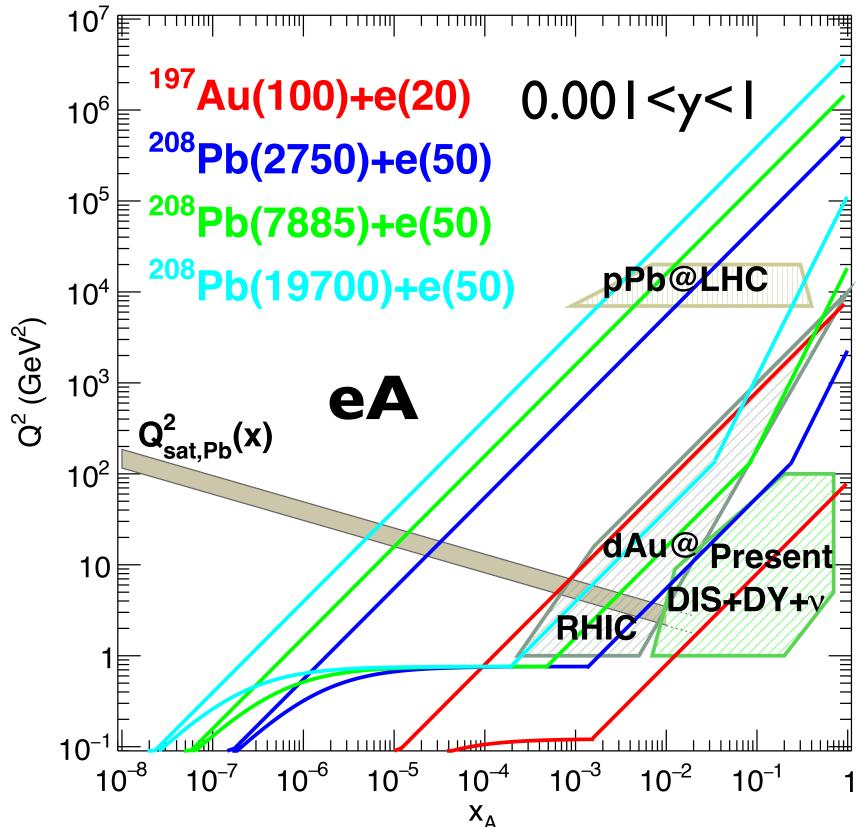
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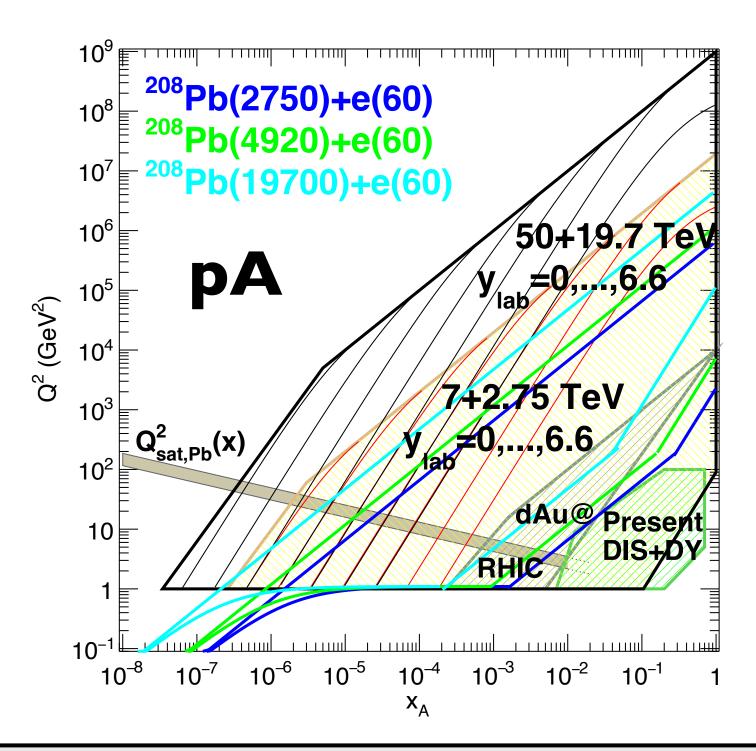


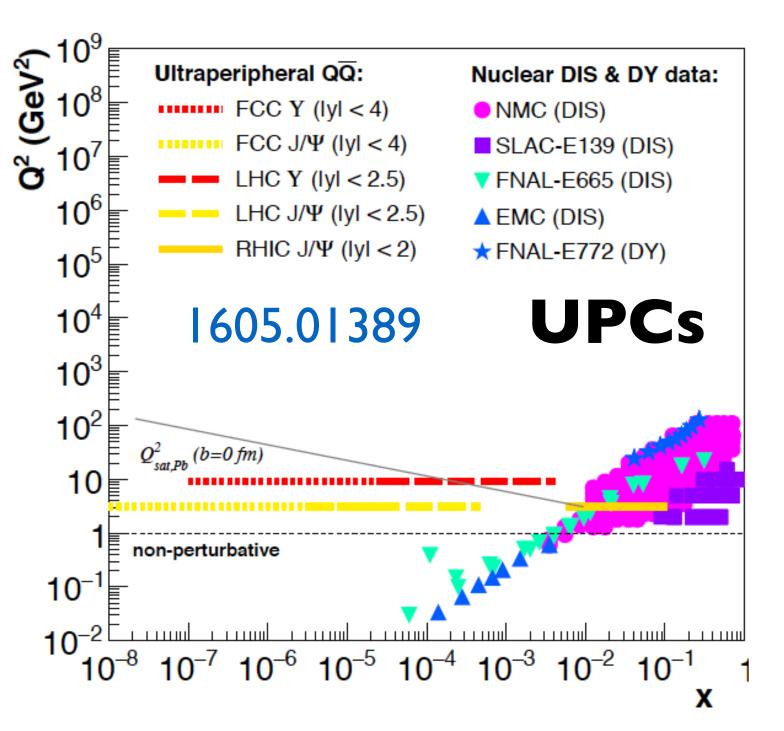


• Extension up to 4-5 orders of magnitude in x and Q² wrt. existing DIS data; 2-3 wrt. EIC.

DIS offers:

- → A clean experimental environment: low multiplicity, no pileup, fully constrained kinematics;
- → A more controlled theoretical setup: many first-principles calculations in collinear and non-collinear frameworks.



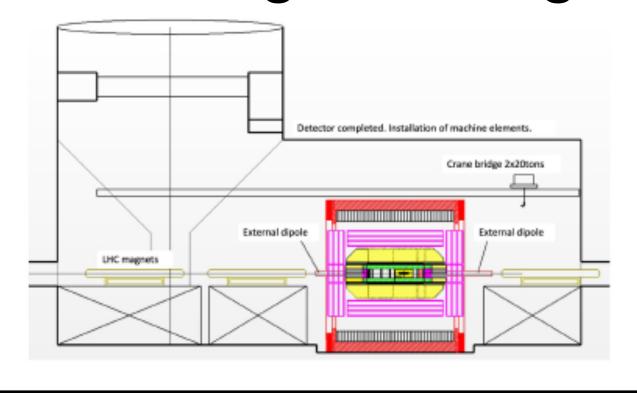


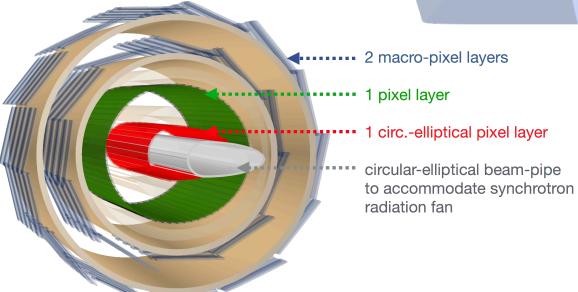


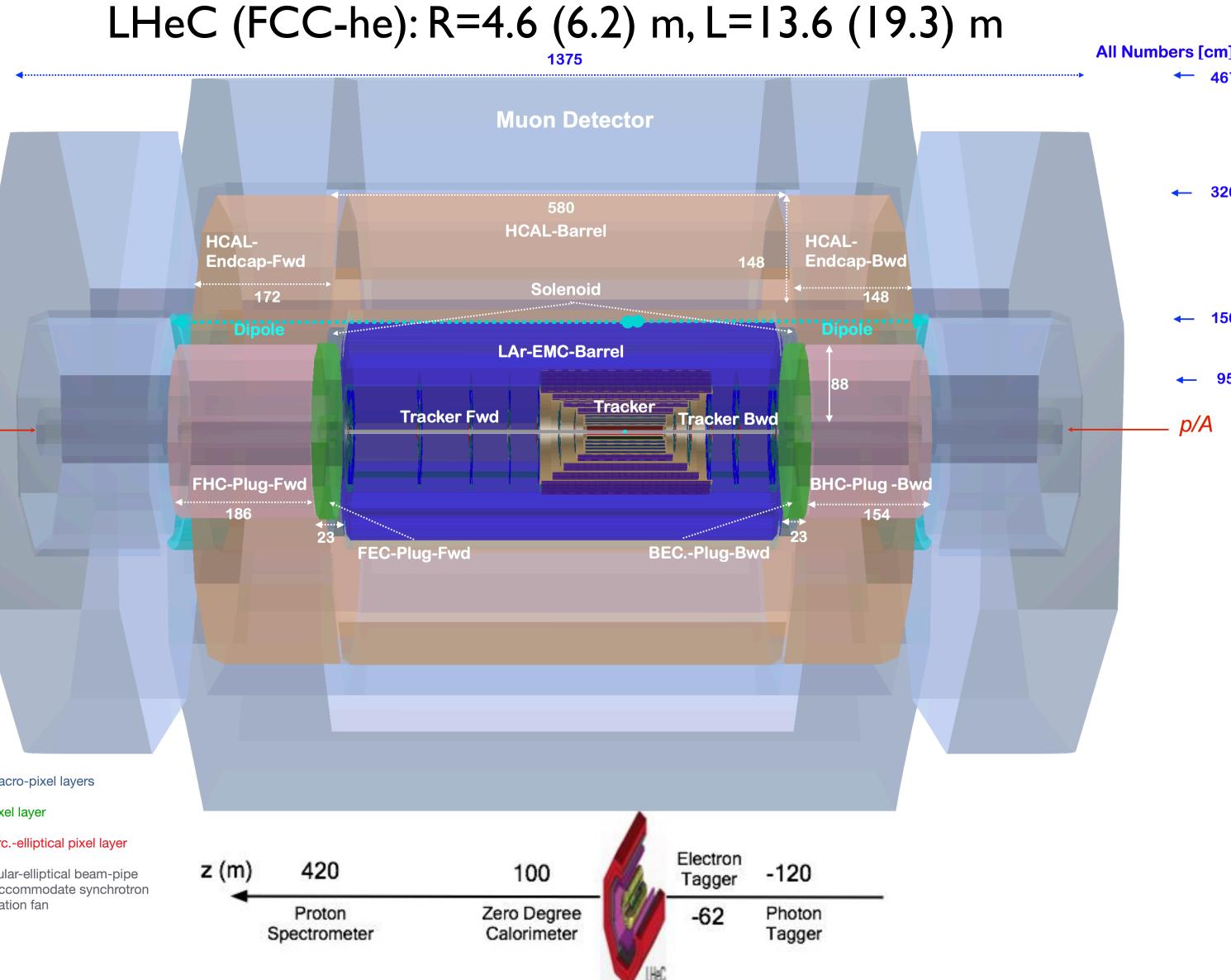
Detector: ep/eA version



- I degree acceptance ($|\eta|$ <4.7) required for small x and H.
- Central detector: increased tracker radius wrt CDR, radiation level I/I000 wrt LHC → ideal for CMOS etc.
- Forward/backward detectors: e-, γ -taggers, ZDC, p-spectrometer (FP420).
- Installation in IP2, keeping L3 magnet, feasible in two years.
- FCC: larger tracking, two solenoids?









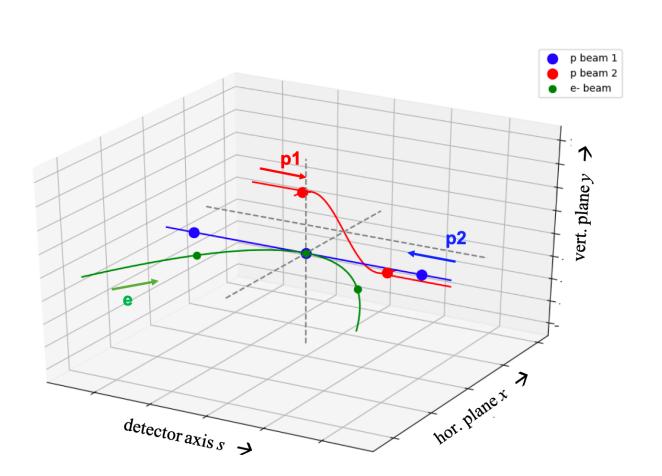
Detector: eh/hh version

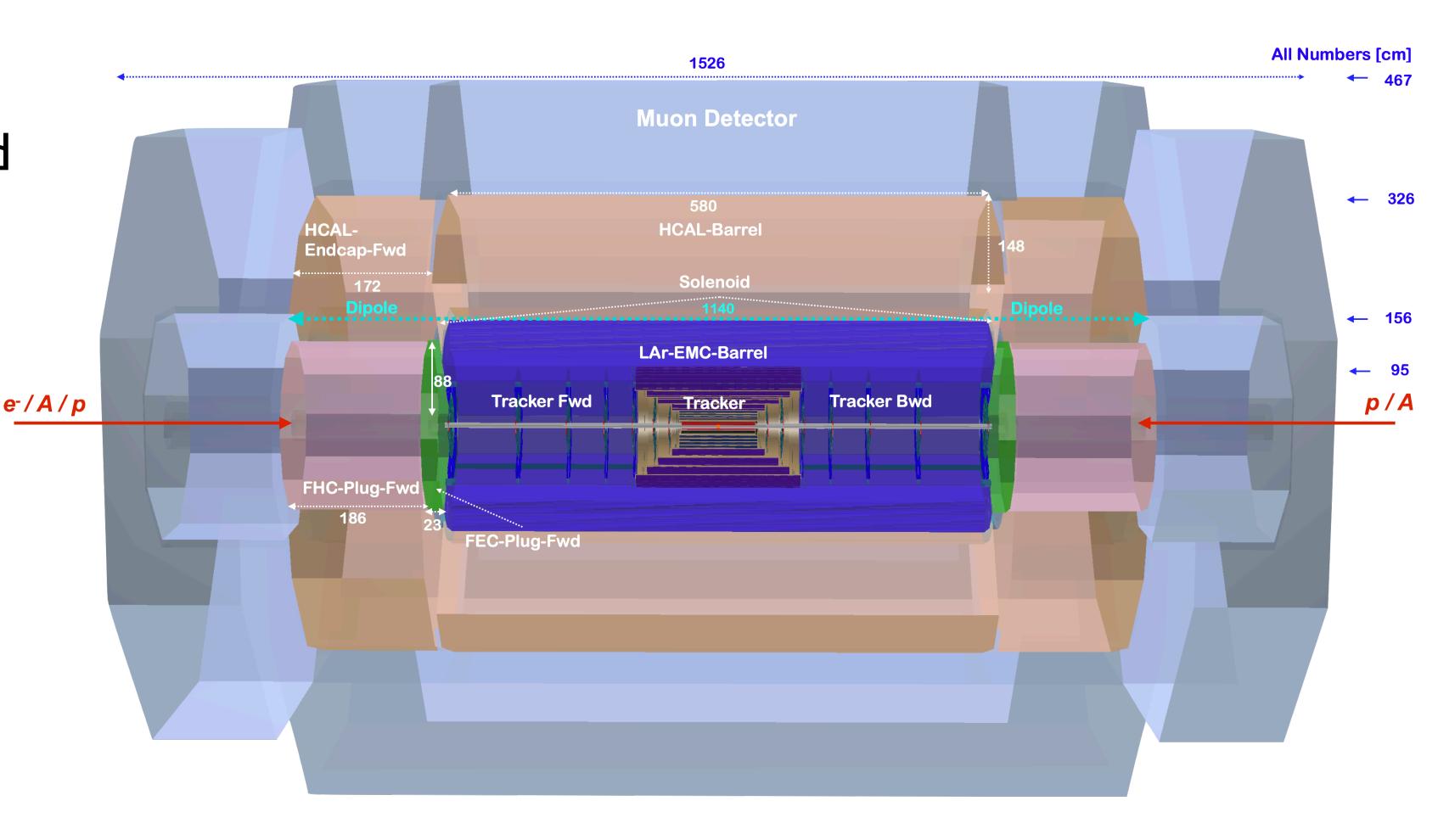


• Accelerator considerations to combine the ALICE3 and LHeC experiments at IP2 of HL-LHC.

Two modes of operation:

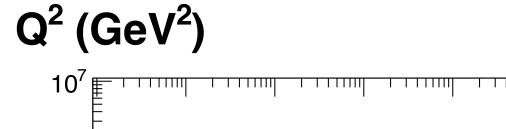
- → hh collisions in IP 1, 2, 5 and8, no e-beam.
- → eh collisions in IP 2 and hh collisions in IP 1, 5 and 8.

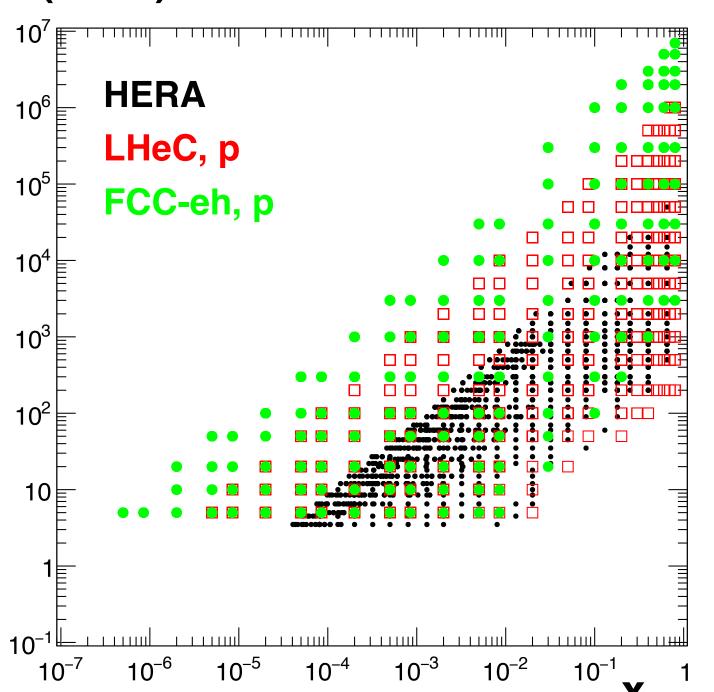




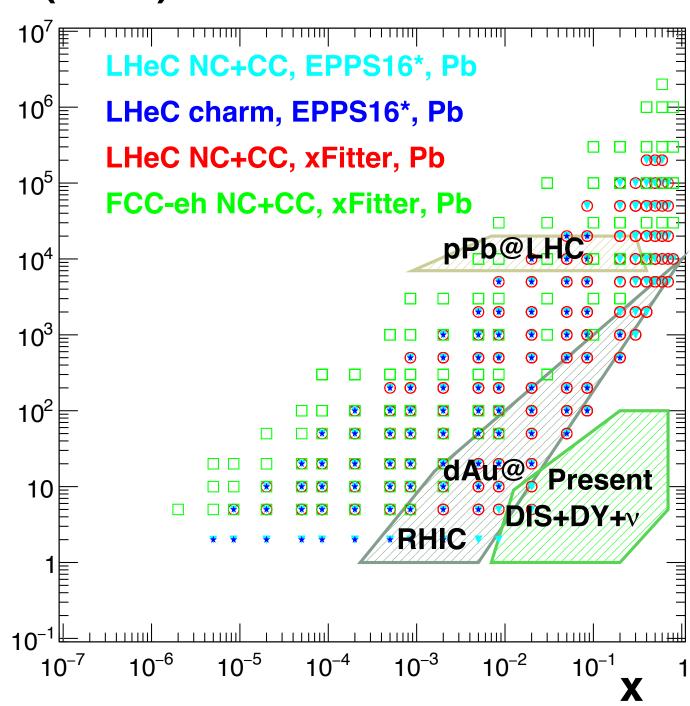


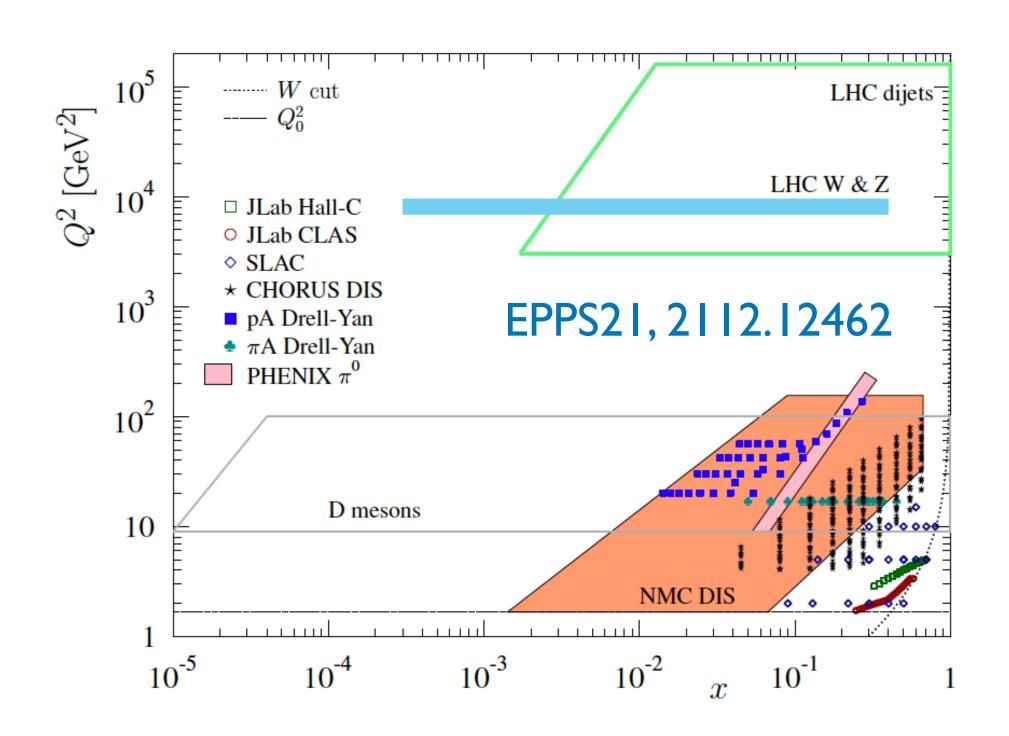






Q^2 (GeV²)





- Pseudodata generated using a code (Max Klein) validated with the HI MC.
- Cuts: $|\eta_{\text{max}}| = 5, 0.95 < y < 0.001$.
- Error assumptions ~ factor 2 better than at HERA (luminosity uncertainty kept aside).
- Stat./syst. errors (ePb@FCC-he) from 0.1/1.2% (small x, NC) to 37/6% (large x & Q², CC).

Source of uncertainty	Error on the source or cross section
scattered electron energy scale	0.1 %
scattered electron polar angle	0.1 mrad
hadronic energy scale	0.5 %
calorimeter noise ($y < 0.01$)	1-3 %
radiative corrections	1-2 %
photoproduction background	1 %
global efficiency error	0.7 %



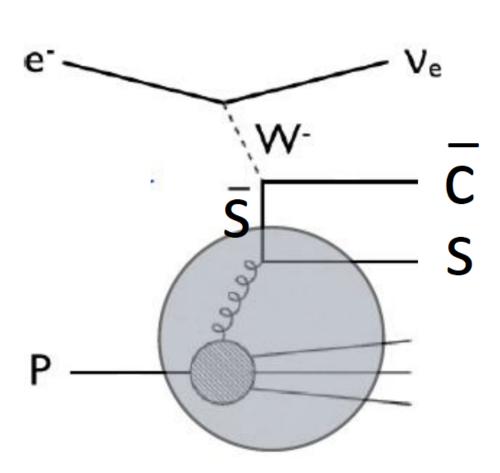


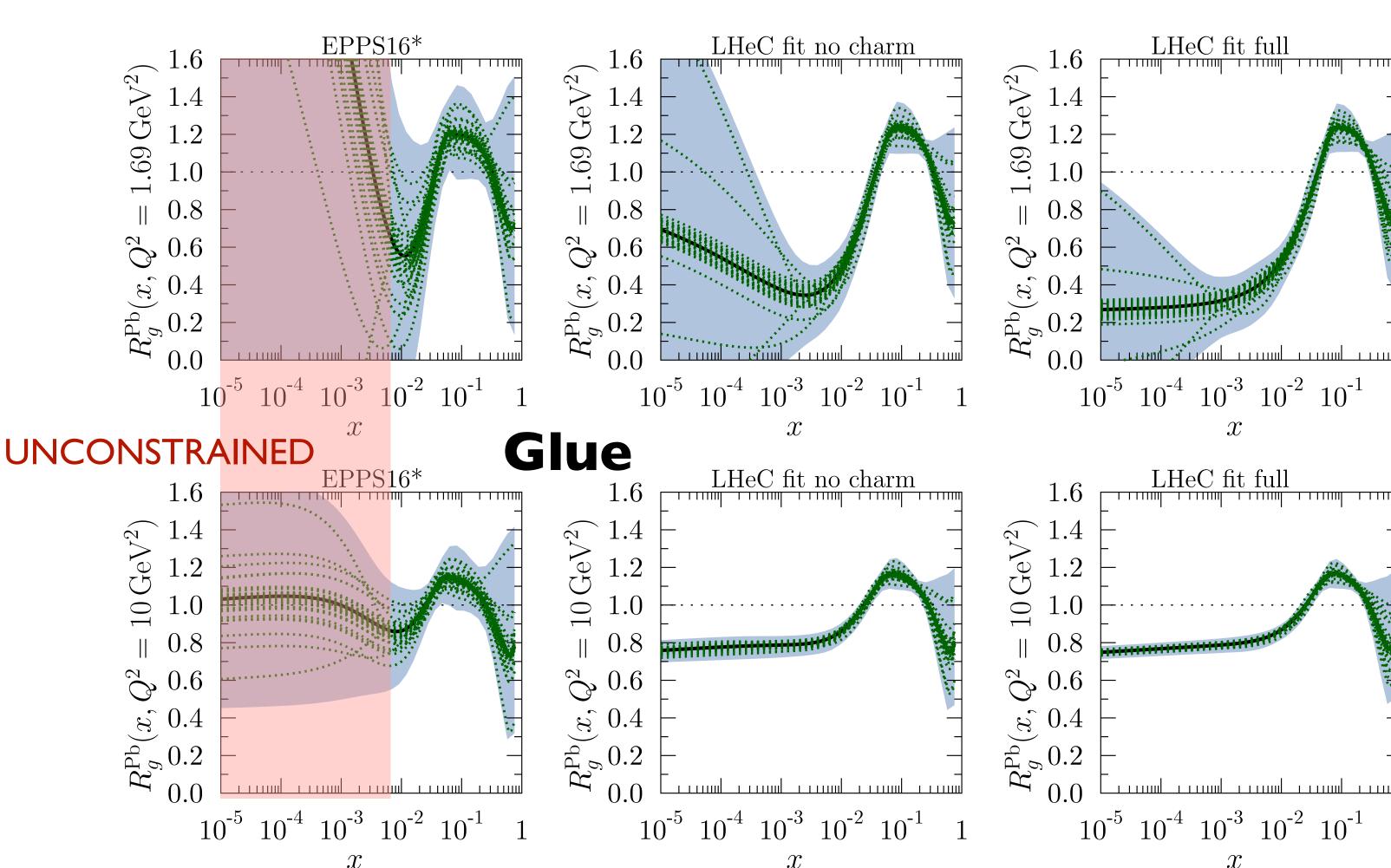
Large effect of NC+CC LHeC pseudodata, and of charm on the glue at small x.

• Limitation on u/d decomposition inherent to almost isospin symmetric nuclei (u/d difference

suppressed by 2Z/A-I).

Possible further improvements:
 beauty, c-tagged
 CC for strange.



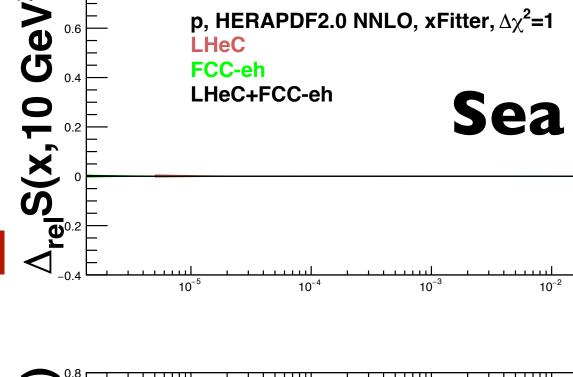




Single nucleus fit: results

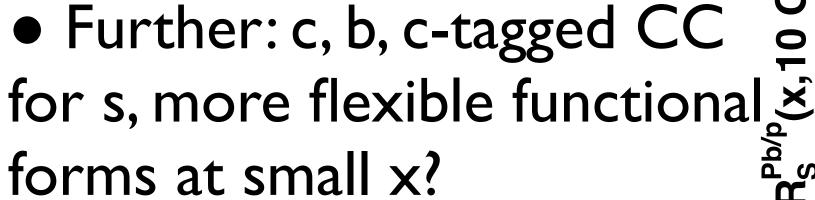


• Pb-only PDFs by fitting NC+CC, using xFitter (1410.4412) to estimate uncertainties coming solely from achievable experimental precision.

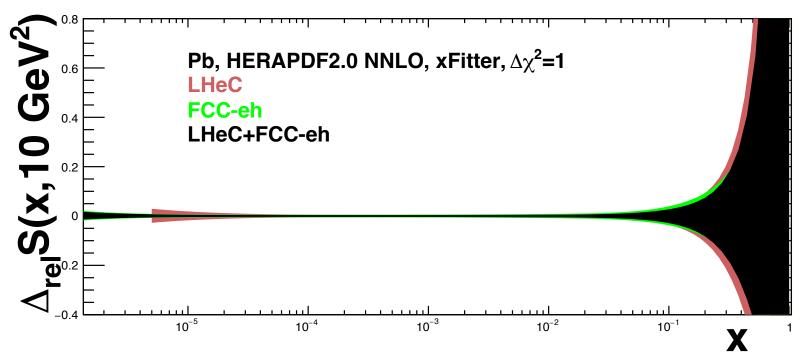


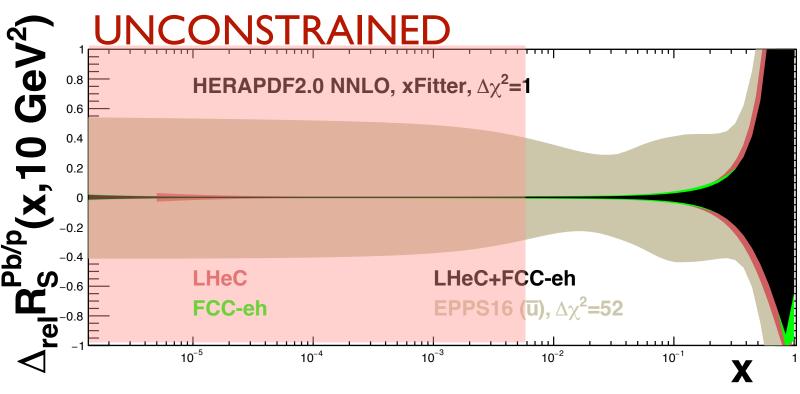


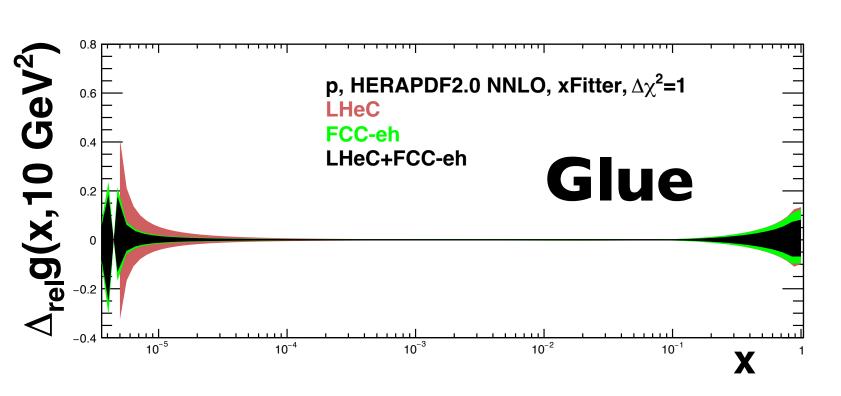


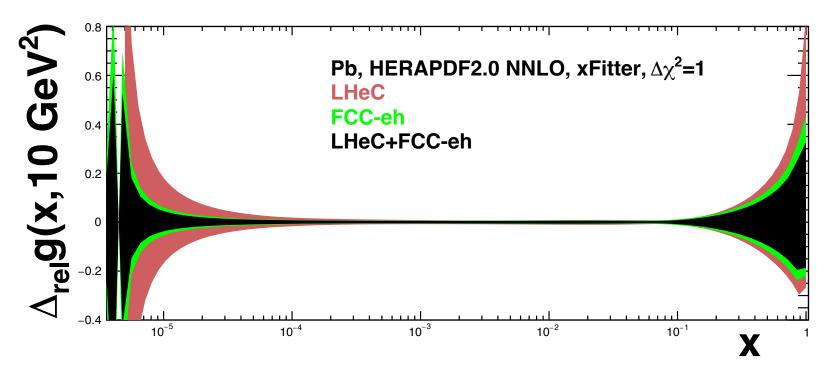


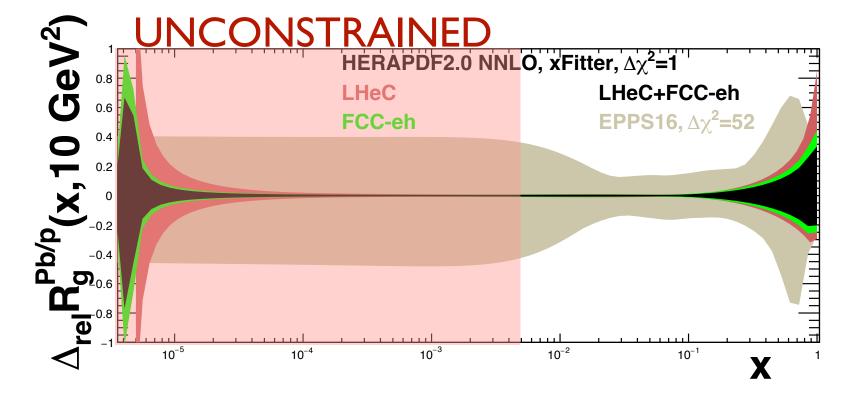










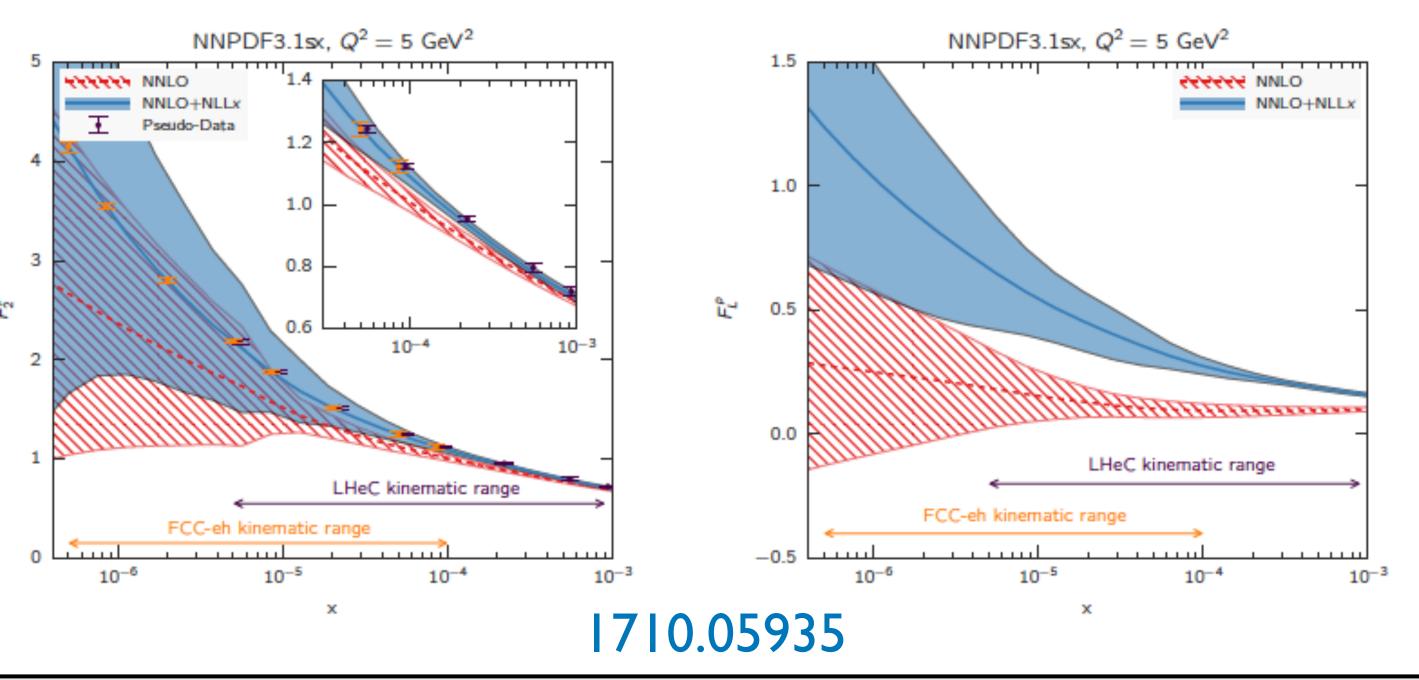


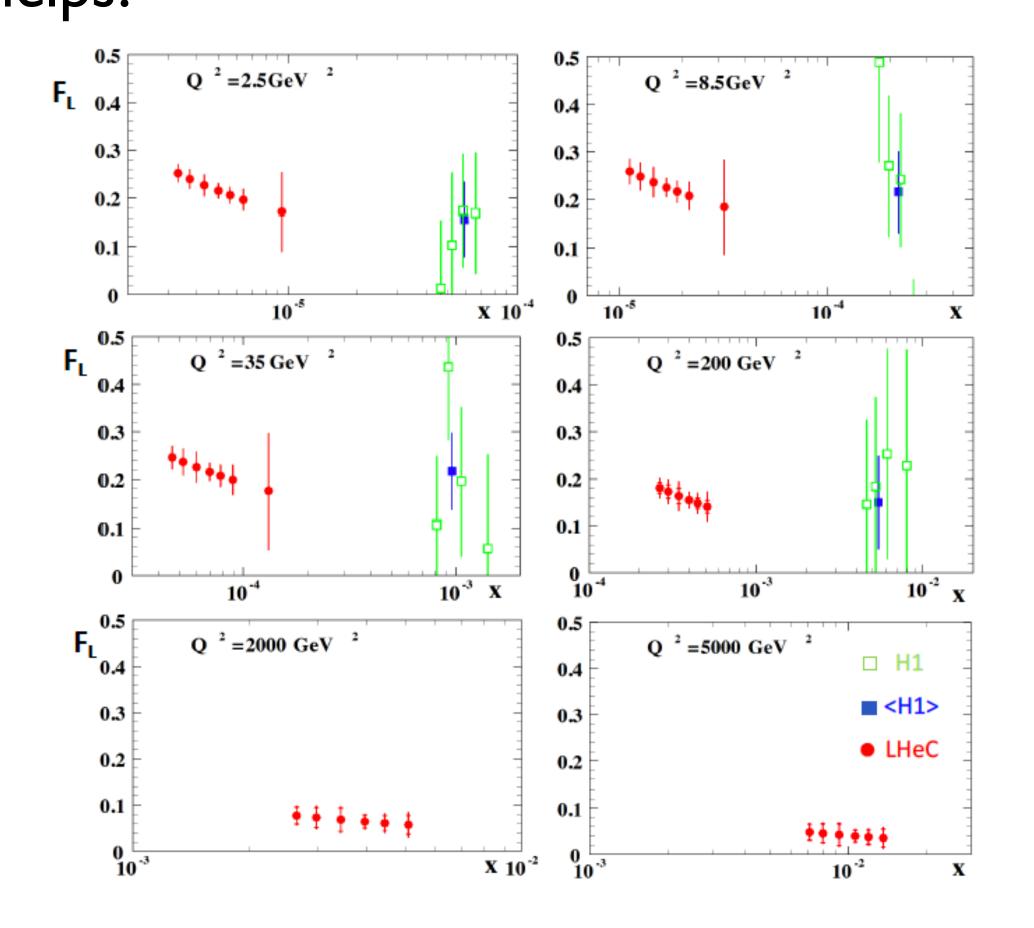


Saturation: inclusive observables (FEE



- Searching for this new dynamics requires:
- \rightarrow Kinematic reach lever arm in Q² at small x to look for the tension between observables (F₂, F_L, F₂^{HQ}): new studies confirm that linear evolution cannot accommodate saturation even at NNLO or NNLO+NLLx. Note that precision at high Q² helps!
- → Varying nuclear size to definitively disentangle resummation from non-linear dynamics (see 1702.00839 for the need of lever arm!).



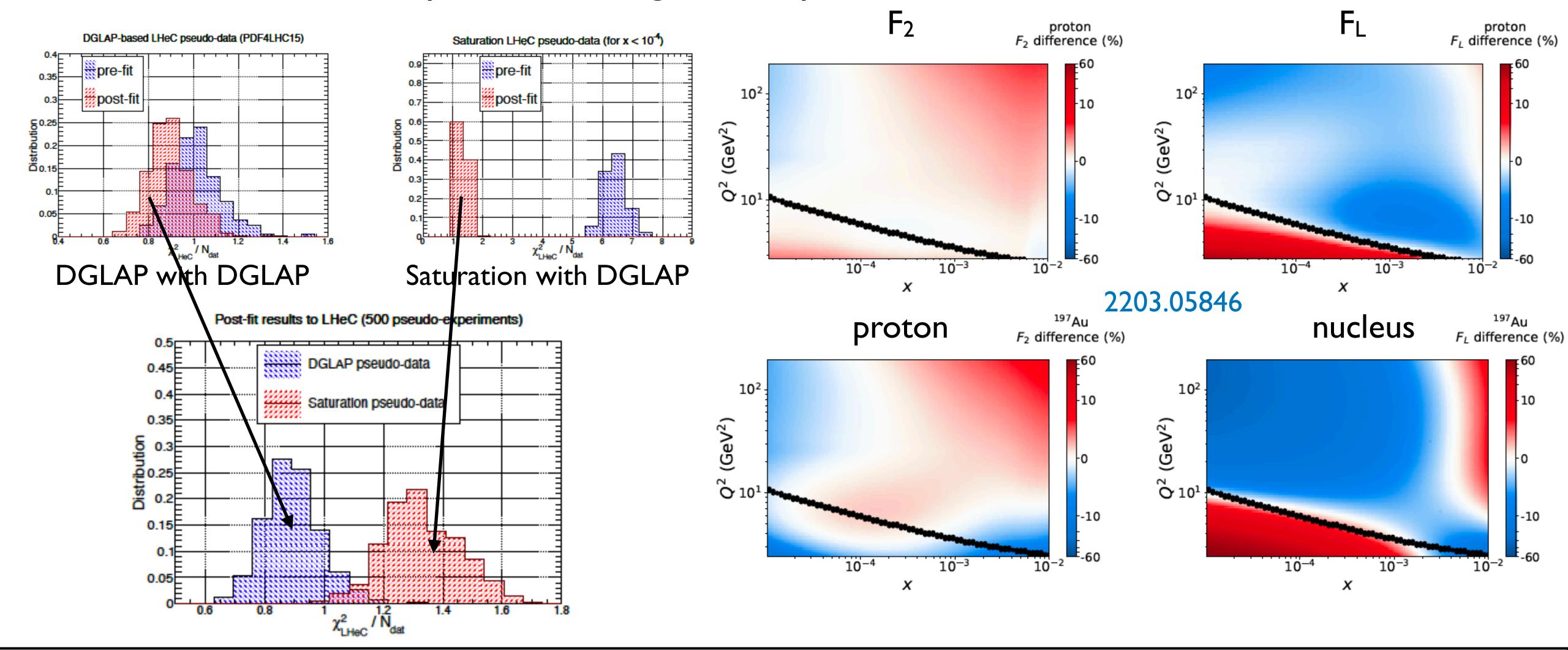




Looking for non-linear dynamics: (FEE



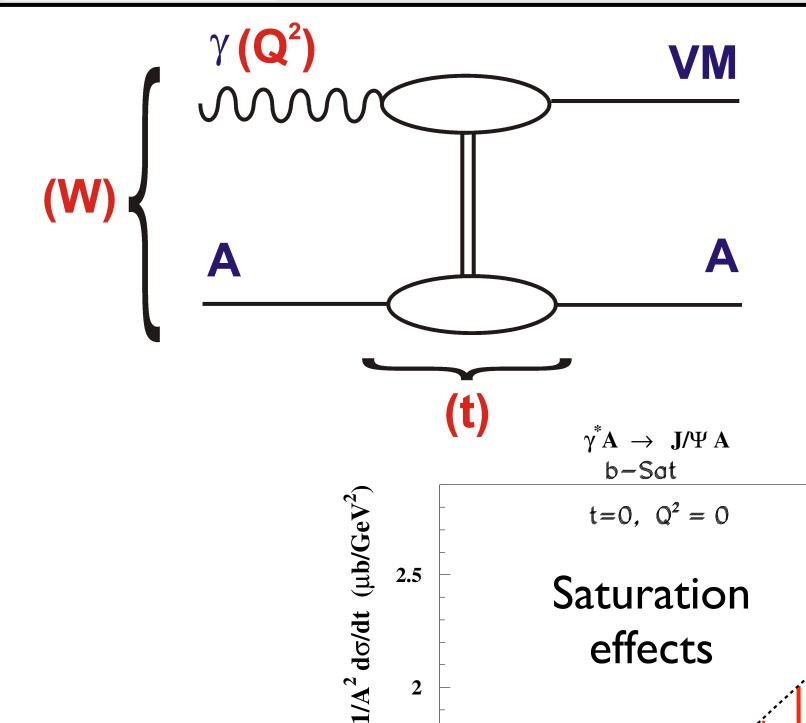
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Elastic VM production:





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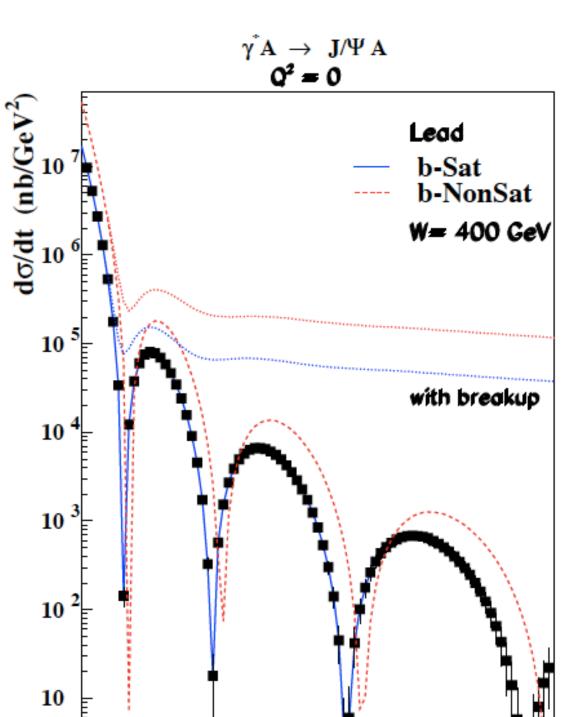
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 Challenging experimental problem.

 Coherent case: energy dependence and dips.

Incoherent case: sensitivity to

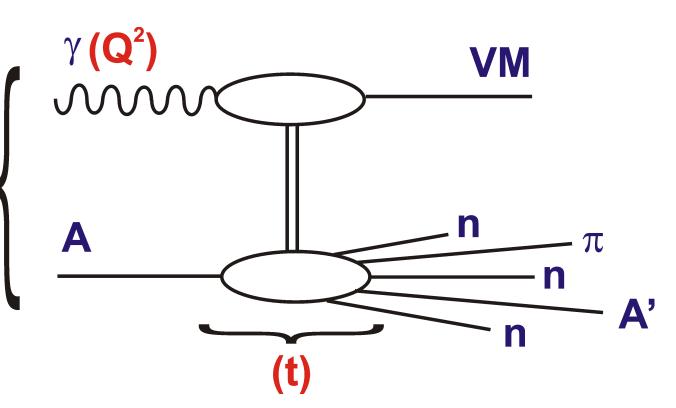
fluctuations.



0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.1 0.12 0.14 0.16 0.18

 $t (GeV^2)$

(W)



$$\Delta t = 2\sqrt{-t}\Delta p_T(J/\Psi)$$

$$\Delta p_T < 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta t < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Saturation

effects

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proton

Lead

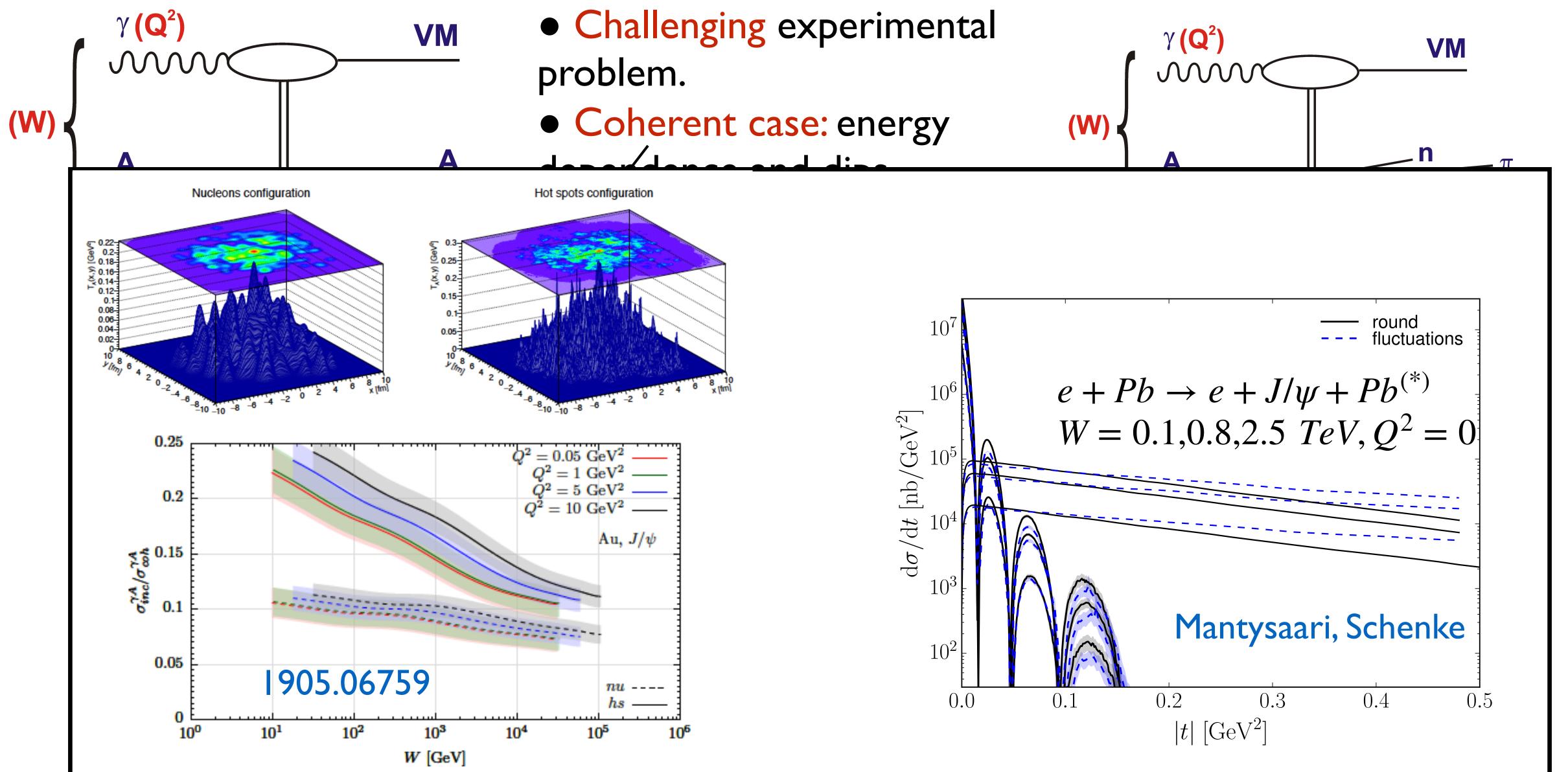
W (GeV)

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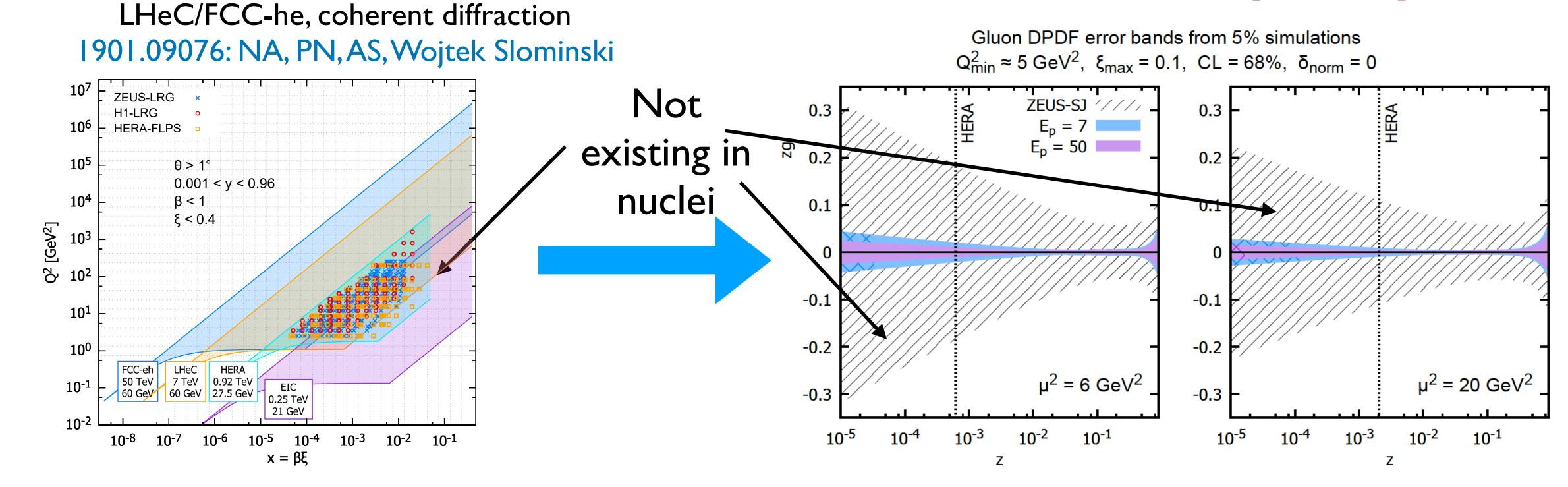




Nuclear diffractive PDFs:



- Diffractive PDFs give the conditional probability of measuring a parton in the hadron with the hadron remaining intact: ~10 % events at HERA are diffractive!
- Never measured in nuclei (enhancement expected), incoherent diffraction dominant above relatively small -t: interplay between multiple scattering and survival probability of the colourless exchange (rapidity gap), relation between diffraction in ep and nuclear shadowing \Rightarrow MPIs, CEP.
- At the LHeC/FCC-he, extractable in nuclei with the same accuracy as in proton.



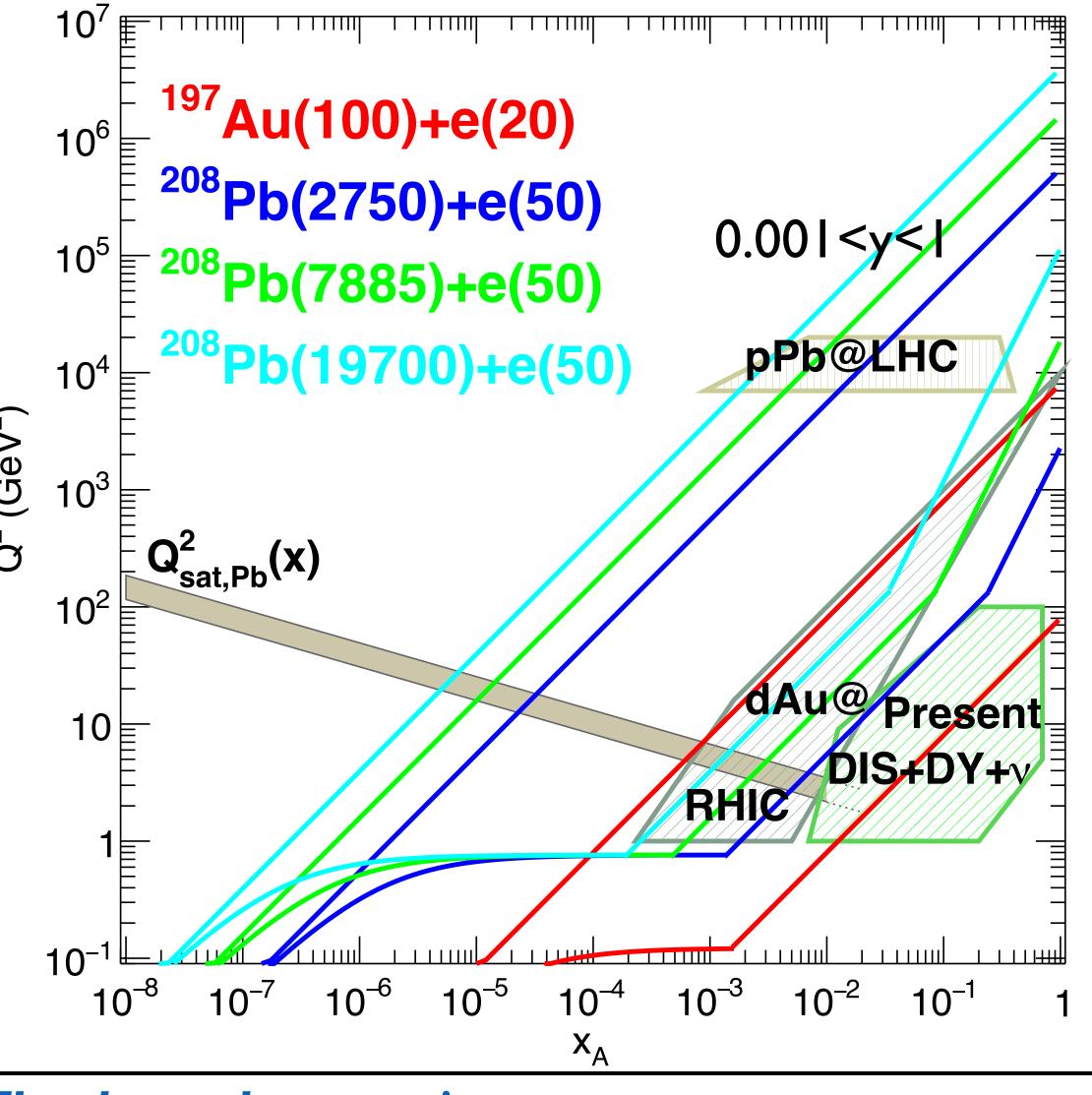


Summary:



- The LHeC (and the FCC-he) will explore a completely new region in the x-Q² plane, enlarging the one presently explored in DIS by ~4 orders of magnitude down in x and up in Q².
 - → A precise determination of nPDFs and nDPDFs will be possible, that cannot be matched $\stackrel{\circ}{>}_{0}$ at hadron colliders \Rightarrow factorisation.
 - → Tests of small-x dynamics by studying both ep and eA.
 - → Studies of the transverse structure of p and A.

Therefore: precision (for understanding nuclear structure in a totally new kinematic domain and for its use in present and future pA/AA) & discovery (of a genuinely new regime of QCD).



- → Thanks to the organisers.
- → Thank you very much for your attention.





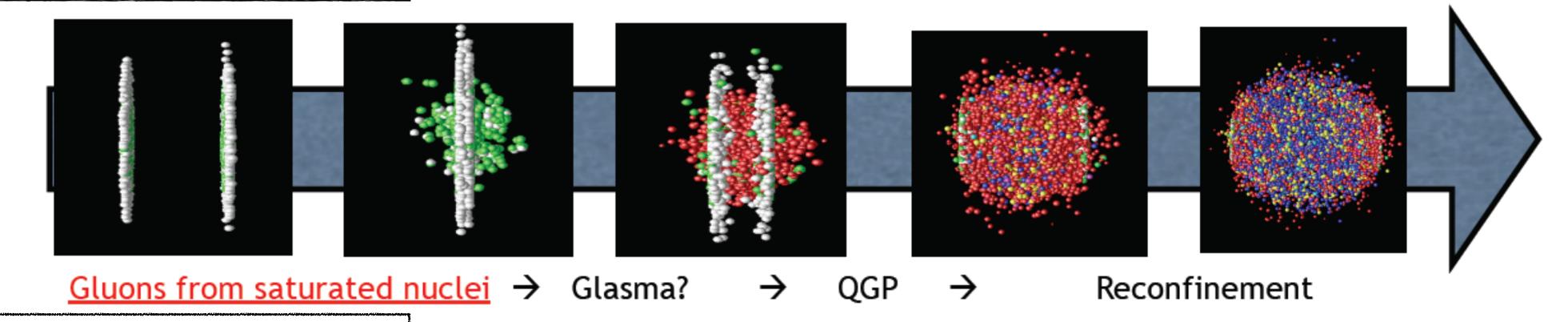
Backup:



Dynamics in pA/AA:



- Nucleus \neq Zp+(A-Z)n.
- Particle production at large scales similar to pp (dilute regime).
- Medium behaves very early like a low viscosity liquid: macroscopic description.
- Medium is very opaque to coloured particles traversing it.

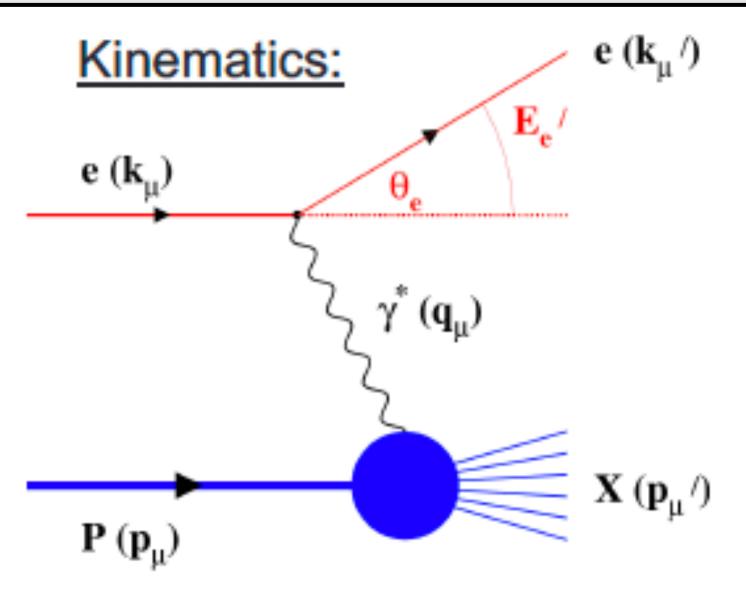


- Lack of information about smallx partons, correlations and transverse structure.
- We do not understand the dense regime.
- → Nuclear WF and mechanism of particle production.

- How isotropised the system becomes?
- Why is hydro effective so fast, which dynamics?
- → Initial conditions; how small can a system become and still show "collectivity"?

- Dynamical mechanisms for such opacity? Weak or strong coupling?
- How to extract accurately medium parameters?
- → In-medium QCD radiation, cold nuclear effects on hard probes.

Quick reminder:



$$Q^{2} = -q^{2} = -(k_{\mu} - k_{\mu}')^{2}$$

 $Q^2 = 2E_e E'_e (1 - \cos\Theta_e)$

$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$
 Measure of inelasticity

$$s = 4 E_t E_e$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

fraction of struck quark

High lumi & acceptance

Exclusive DIS

detect & identify <u>everything</u> $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+h(\pi,K,p,jet)+...$

Semi-inclusive events:

 $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+h(\pi,K,p,jet)+X$

detect the scattered lepton in coincidence with identified hadrons/jets

Inclusive events:

 $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+X$

Low lumi & acceptance

detect only the scattered lepton in the detector

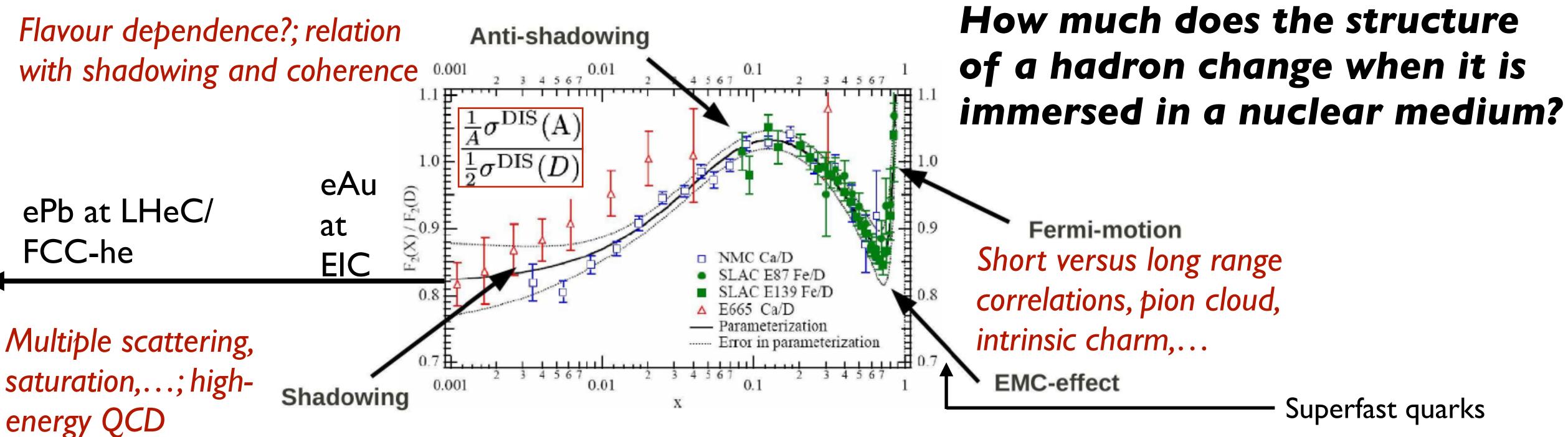
Hadron:

$$z = \frac{E_h}{v}; p_t$$
 with respect to γ



Nuclear structure functions:





 Bound nucleon≠ free nucleon: search for process independent nPDFs that realise this condition, within collinear factorisation.

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{DIS}}^{\ell+A \to \ell+X} = \sum_{i=q,\overline{q},g} f_i^A(\mu^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{\mathrm{DIS}}^{\ell+i \to \ell+X}(\mu^2)$$

Nuclear PDFs, obeying the standard DGLAP

Usual perturbative coefficient functions

$$R = \frac{f_{i/A}}{Af_{i/p}} \approx \frac{\text{measured}}{\text{expected if no nuclear effects}}$$



Nuclear structure functions:



- At an ep/eA collider:
 - → PDF of a single nucleus possible, no need of ratios that would be obtained a posteriori.
 - → Same method of extraction in both ep and eA.
 - \Rightarrow Physics beyond standard collinear factorisation can be studied in a single setup, with size effects disentangled from energy effects and a large lever arm in x at perturbative Q².

Multiple scattering, saturation,...; high-energy QCD

SLAC E87 Fe/D

SLAC E139 Fe/D

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A E665 Ca/D

Parameterization
Error in parameterization

0.7

0.001

X

correlations, pion cloud, intrinsic charm,...

EMC-effect

Superfast quarks

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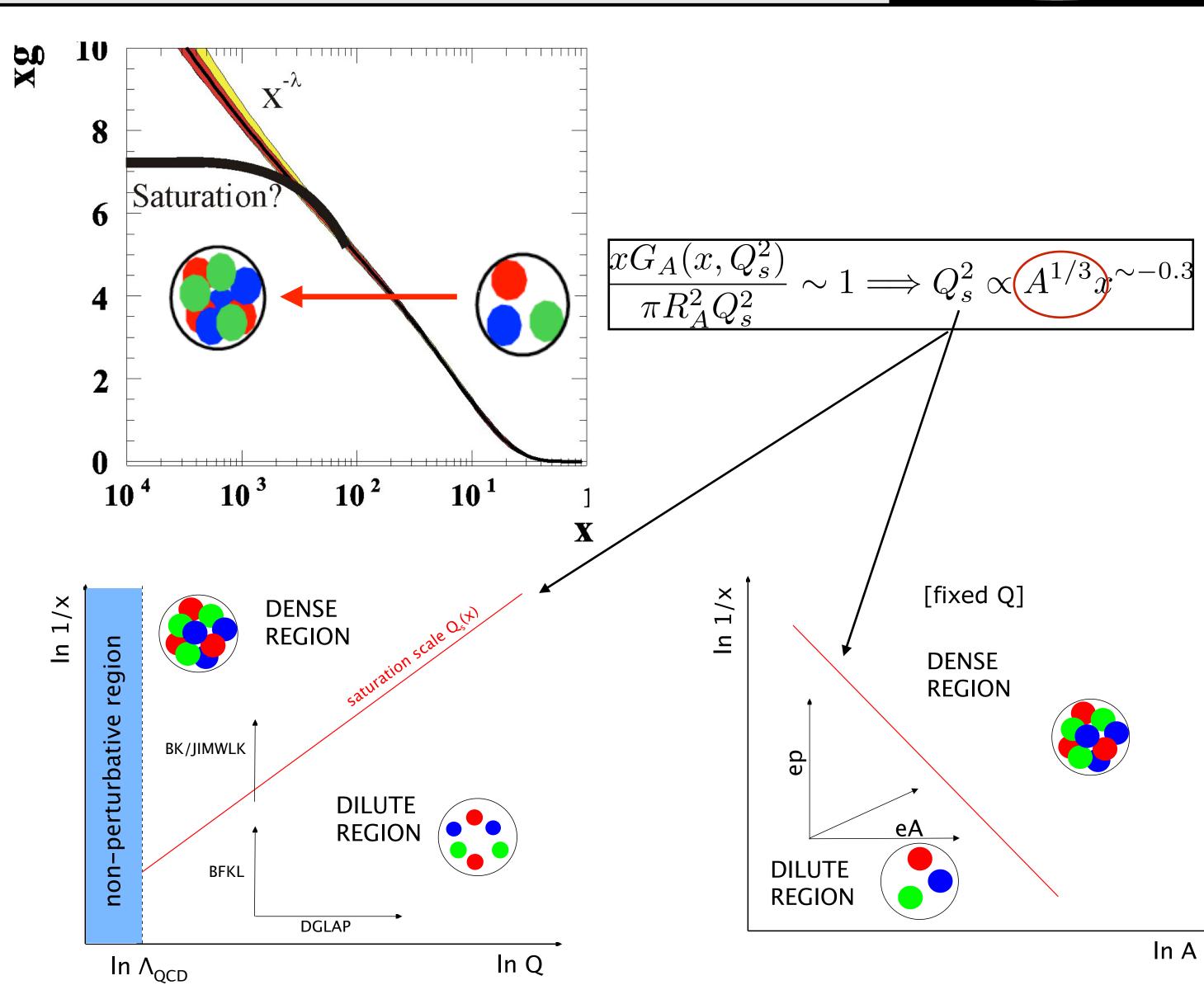


Small-x physics:



- HERA found xg a x^{-0.3}.
- Present data can be described by:
 - → Linear evolution approaches, either DGLAP or resummation at low x.
 - → Non-linear approaches weak coupling but high density: saturation.
- Theory: at high energies (i.e. small x), non-linear dynamics must be present.
 Where is it? At HERA:
 - \rightarrow Hints of failure of DGLAP at small x, Q², resummation?
 - → No ridge azimuthal structures yet found.
- Saturation is density-driven: $\downarrow x/\uparrow A \Rightarrow$

ep&eA + range in I/x & Q² essential for full understanding.



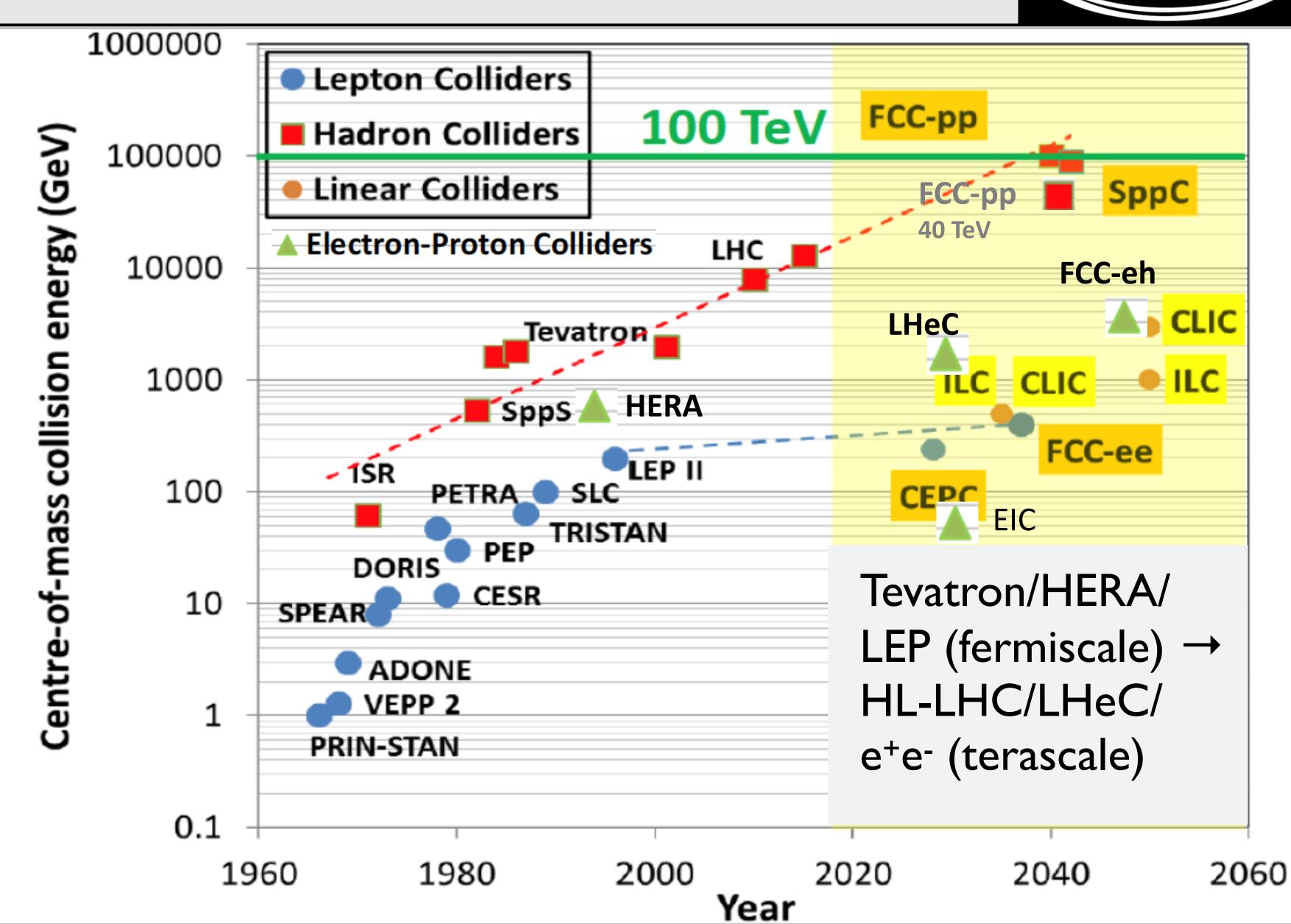


Accelerators:



- LHeC idea born in 2005: upgrade of the HL-LHC to study DIS at the terascale.
- It must be able to run concurrently with pp (also FCC-he), plus limitations on power consumption, high luminosity for Higgs studies,... ⇒ energy

recovery linac as baseline.



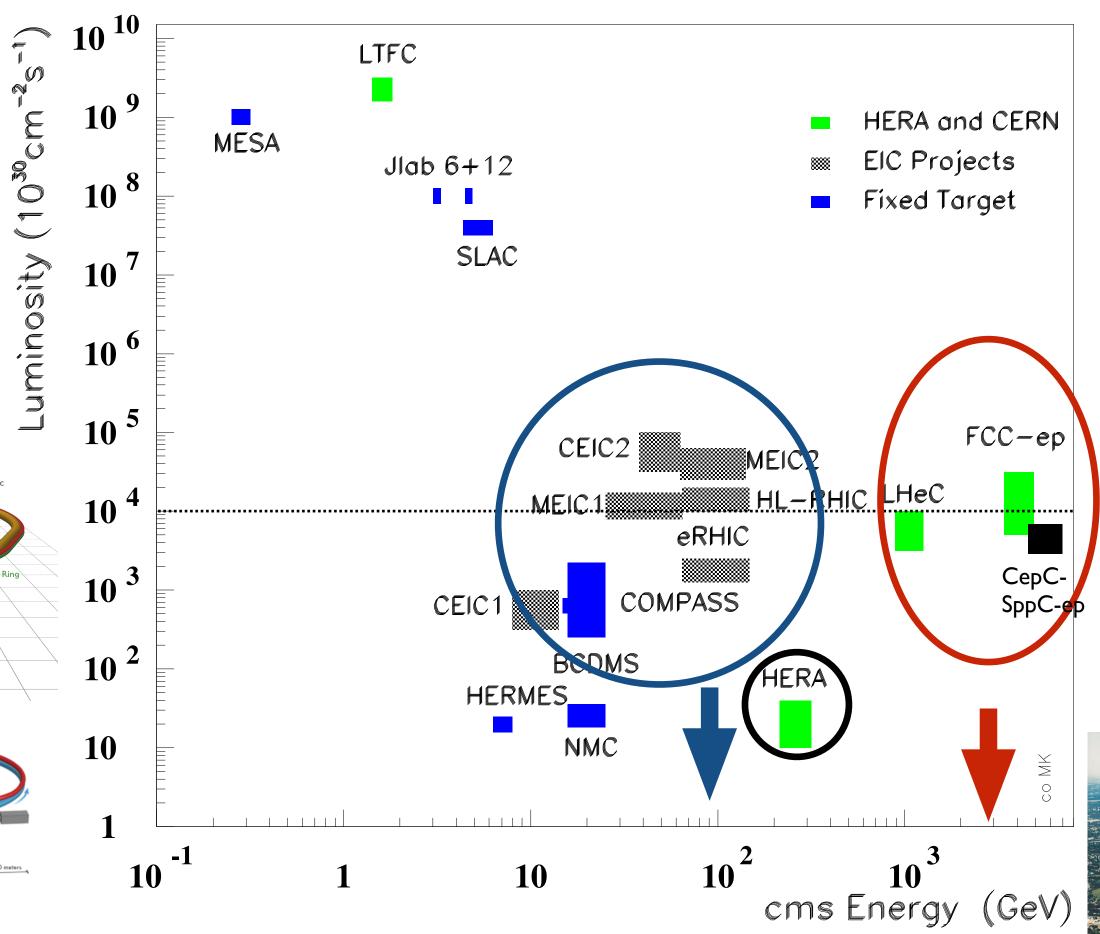


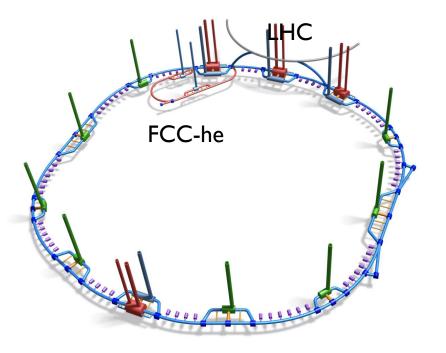
Machines: ep/eA

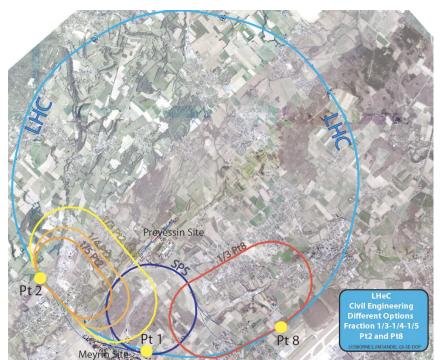


• Projects of eA colliders with $E_{cm} \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ TeV/A (ElCs at US and China) and $\mathcal{O}(1)$ TeV/A (LHeC and FCC-he at CERN) addressing different physics.

Lepton-proton/nucleus scattering facilities





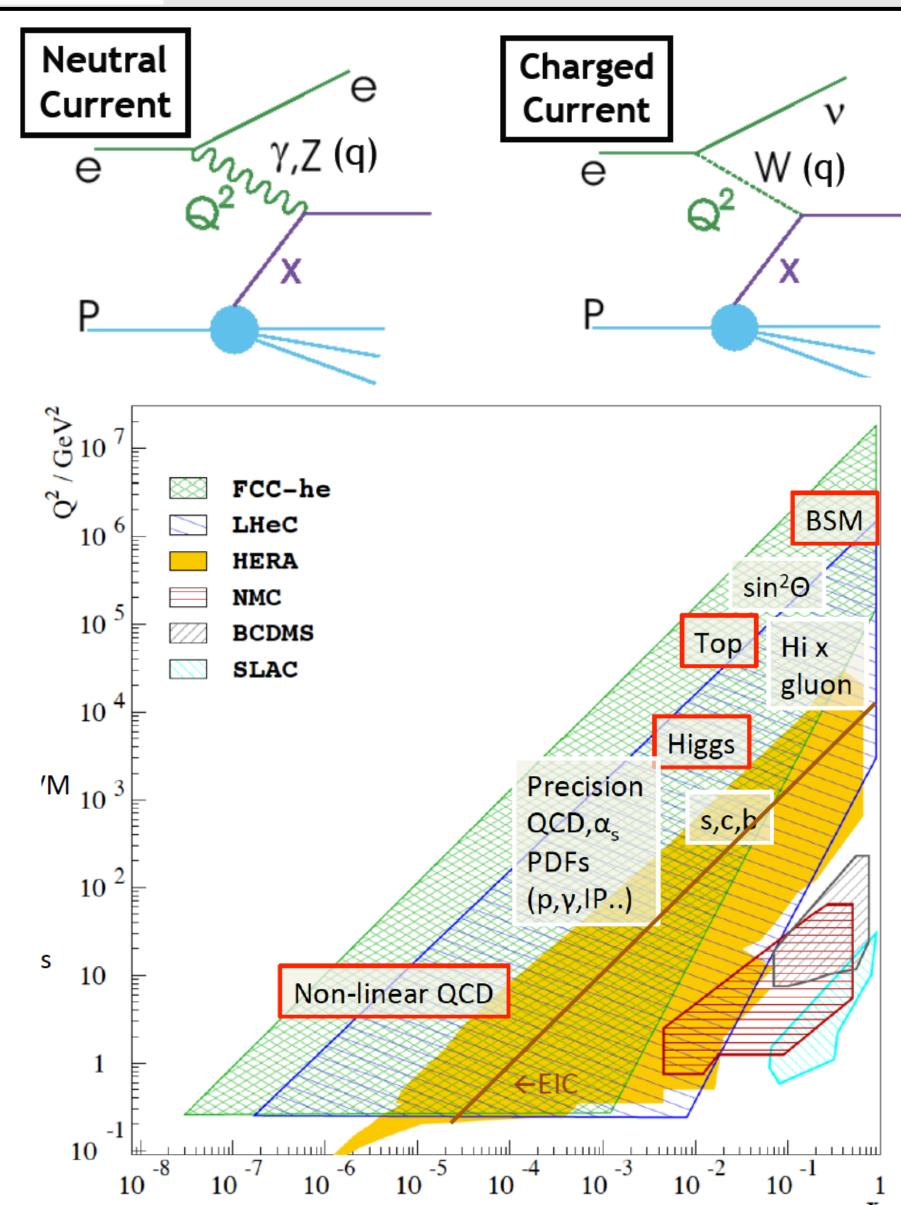






Summary of physics:





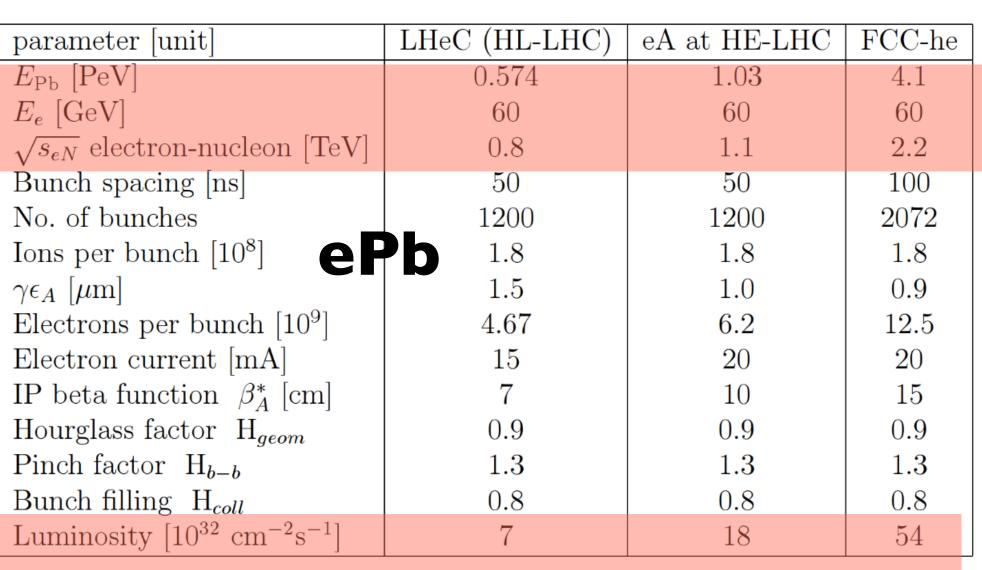
- ep/eA colliders are the cleanest High Resolution Microscope:
- → Precision and discovery in QCD;
- → Study of EW / VBF production, LQ, multi-jet final states, forward objects,...
- Empower the LHC Search Programme (e.g. PDF, EW measurements).
- Transform the LHC into a high precision Higgs facility.
- Has unique and complementary discovery potential of BSM particles (prompt and long-lived).
- Overall: a unique Particle and Nuclear Physics Facility.

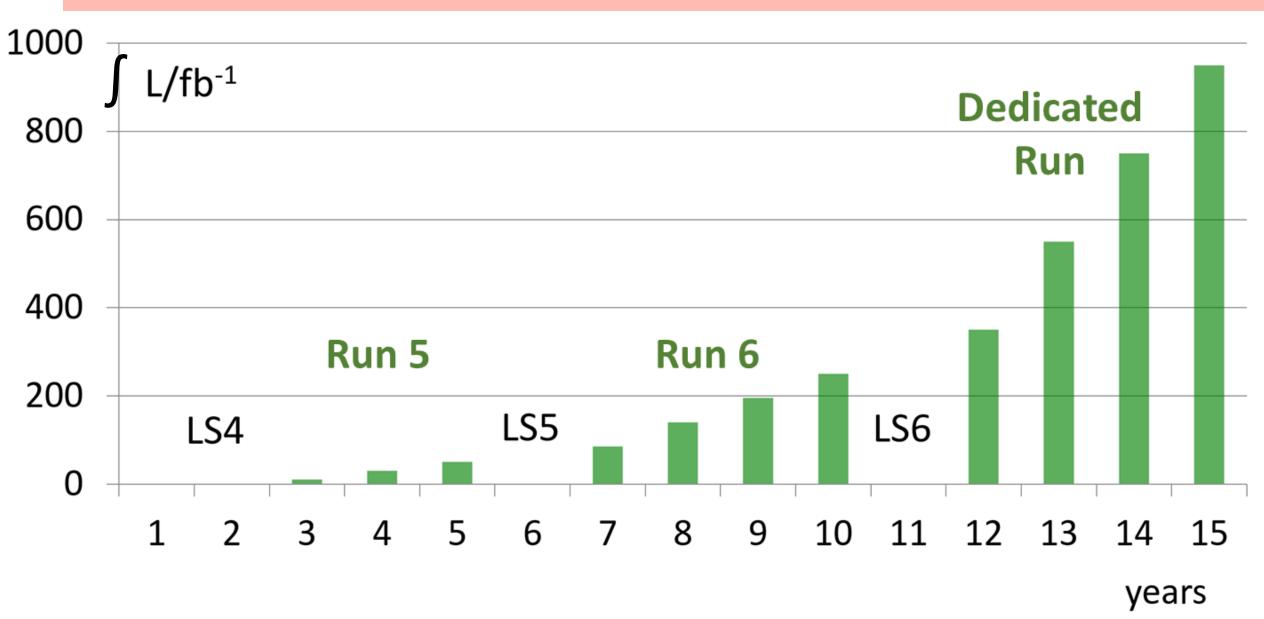


Luminosities:



Parameter [unit]	LHeC CDR	ep at HL-LHC	ep at HE-LHC	FCC-he
E_p [TeV]	7	7	13.5	50
E_e [GeV]	60	60	60	60
\sqrt{s} [TeV]	1.3	1.3	1.7	3.5
Bunch spacing [ns]	25	25	25	25
Protons per bunch [10 ¹¹]	1.7	\sim 2.2	2.5	1
$\gamma \varepsilon_p \ [\mu \mathrm{m}]$	3.7		2.5	2.2
Electrons per bunch [10 ⁹]	1	2.3	3.0	3.0
Electron current [mA]	6.4	15	20	20
IP beta function β_p^* [cm]	10	7	10	15
Hourglass factor H_{geom}	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Pinch factor H_{b-b}	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Proton filling H_{coll}	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Luminosity $[10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$	1	8	12	15





1810.13022; O. Brüning at EPS-HEP 2019 and talk here

- P=±0.8 (electrons).
- Positrons: P=0, 1/100 luminosity.
- FCC-he could deliver integrated luminosities ~2 ab-1, depending on pp operation.
- ePb integrated luminosities can be estimated I/100 those in ep (~10 times smaller luminosity times ~10 times smaller running time).



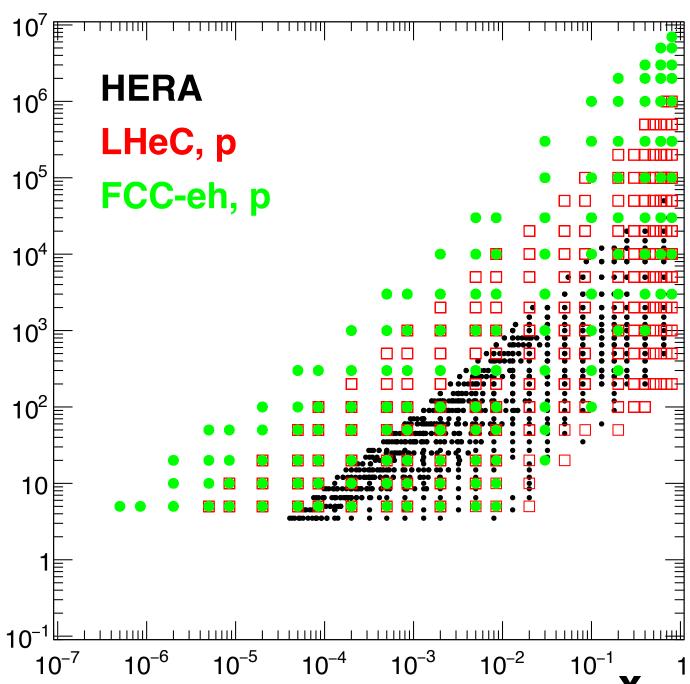


	E _e (GeV)	E _h (TeV/nucleon)	Polarisation	Luminosity (fb-1)	NC/CC	# data
	60 (e-)	I (p)	0	100	CC	93
	60 (e ⁻)	I (p)	0	100	NC	136
	60 (e ⁻)	7 (p)	-0.8	1000	CC	114
ep@LHeC, 1005 data points for Q ² ≥3.5	60 (e ⁻)	7 (p)	0.8	300	CC	113
GeV ²	60 (e+)	7 (p)	0	100	CC	109
	60 (e ⁻)	7 (p)	-0.8	1000	NC	159
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	60 (e+)	7 (p)	0	100	NC	157
ePb@LHeC , 484 data points for Q ² ≥3.5 GeV ²	20 (e-)	2.75 (Pb)	-0.8	0.03	CC	51
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	26.9 (e ⁻)	2.75 (Pb)	-0.8	0.02	CC	55
	26.9 (e ⁻)	2.75 (Pb)	-0.8	0.02	NC	98
	60 (e ⁻)	2.75 (Pb)	-0.8	1	CC	85
	60 (e ⁻)	2.75 (Pb)	-0.8	1	NC	129
	20 (e ⁻)	7 (p)	0	100	CC	46
	20 (e-)	7 (p)	0	100	NC	89
	60 (e-)	50 (p)	-0.8	1000	CC	67
ep@FCC-he, 619 data points for Q ² ≥3.5	60 (e-)	50 (p)	0.8	300	CC	65
GeV ²	60 (e+)	50 (p)	0	100	CC	60
	60 (e-)	50 (p)	-0.8	1000	NC	111
	60 (e ⁻)	50 (p)	0.8	300	NC	110
	60 (e+)	50 (p)	0	100	NC	107
ePb@FCC-he, 150 data points for Q ² ≥3.5	60 (e-)	20 (Pb)	-0.8	10	CC	58
GeV ²	60 (e ⁻)	20 (Pb)	-0.8	10	NC	101



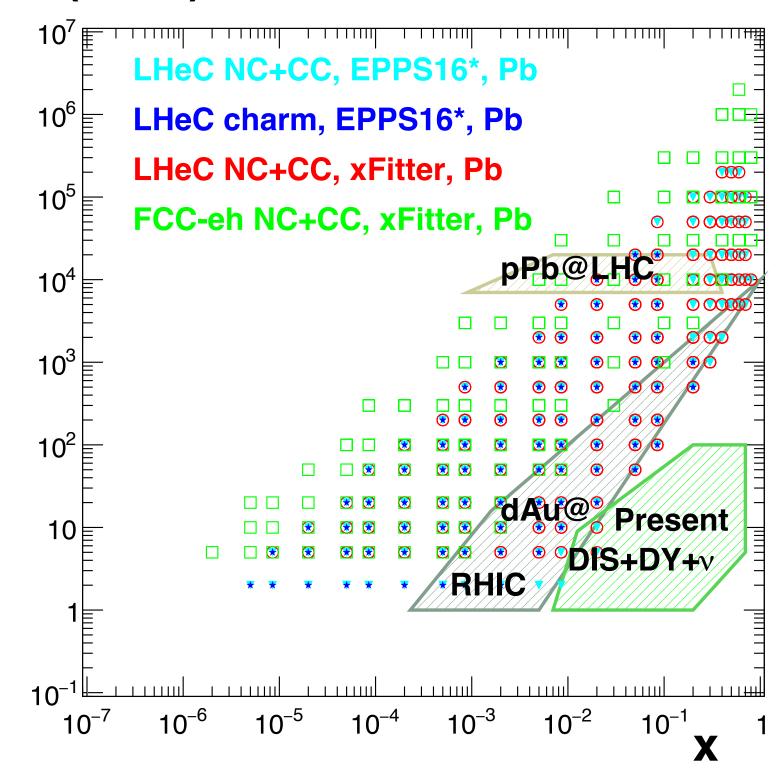


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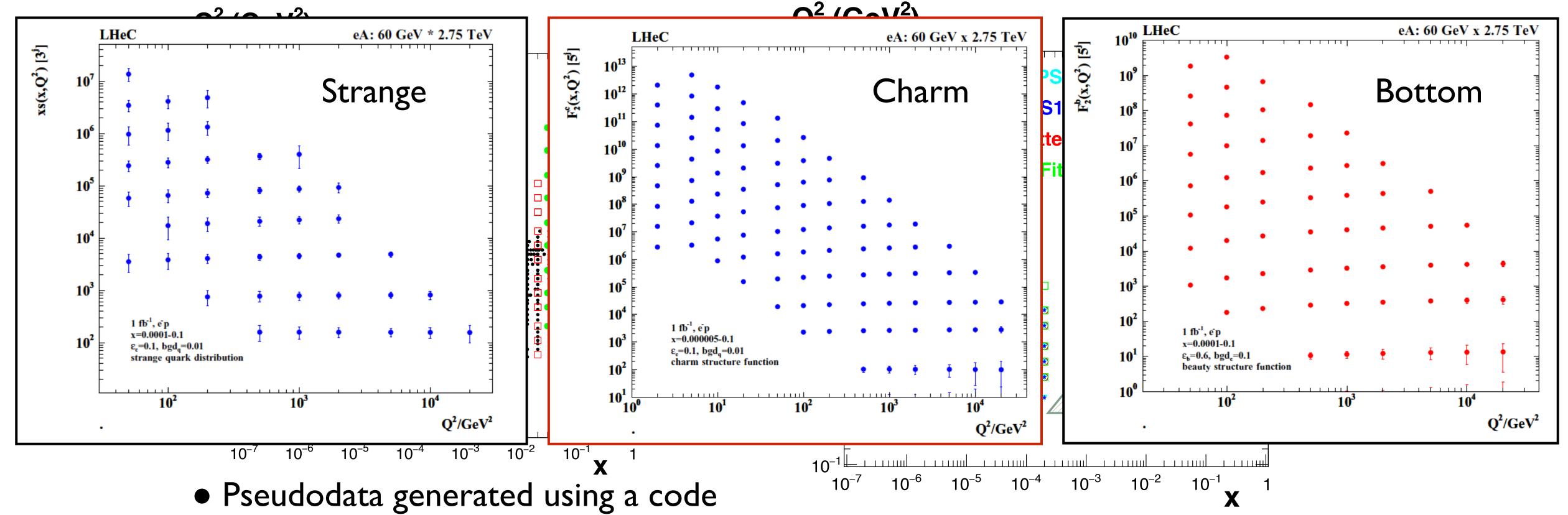
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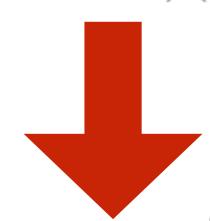


• EPPS I 6-like analysis updated, with the same data sets plus LHeC NC, CC and charm reduced

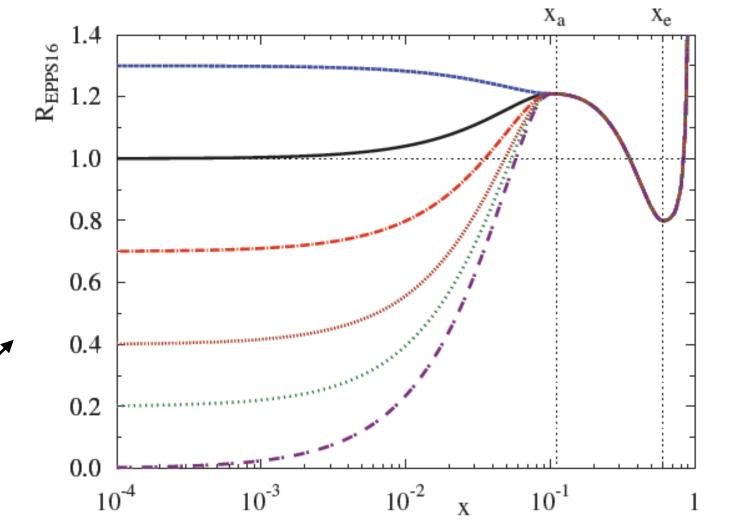
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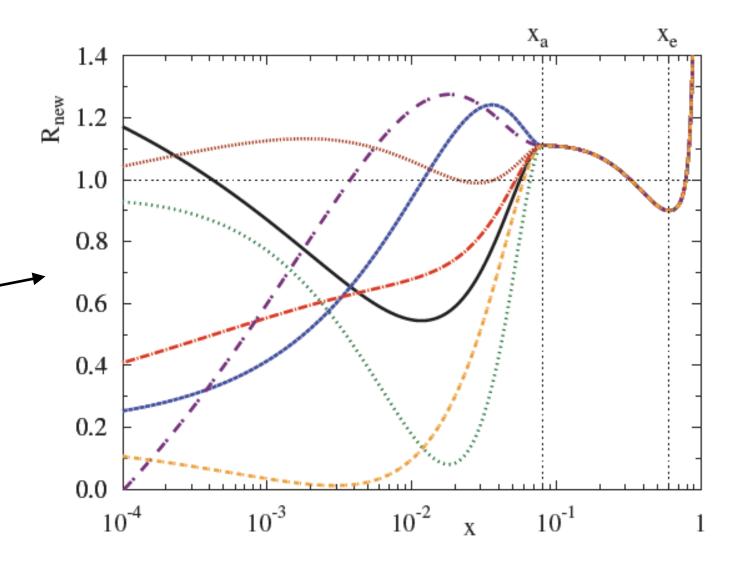
- Central values generated using EPS09.
- Same methods and tolerance ($\Delta \chi^2 = 52$) as in EPPS16, but more flexible functional form at small x.

$$R_{\text{EPPS16}}(x) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(x - x_a)^2 & x \le x_a \\ b_0 + b_1 x^{\alpha} + b_2 x^{2\alpha} + b_3 x^{3\alpha} & x_a \le x \le x_e \\ c_0 + (c_1 - c_2 x) (1 - x)^{-\beta} & x_e \le x \le 1. \end{cases}$$



$$R_{\text{new}}(x \le x_a) = a_0 + (x - x_a)^2 \left[a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{k+2} x^{k/4} \right]$$

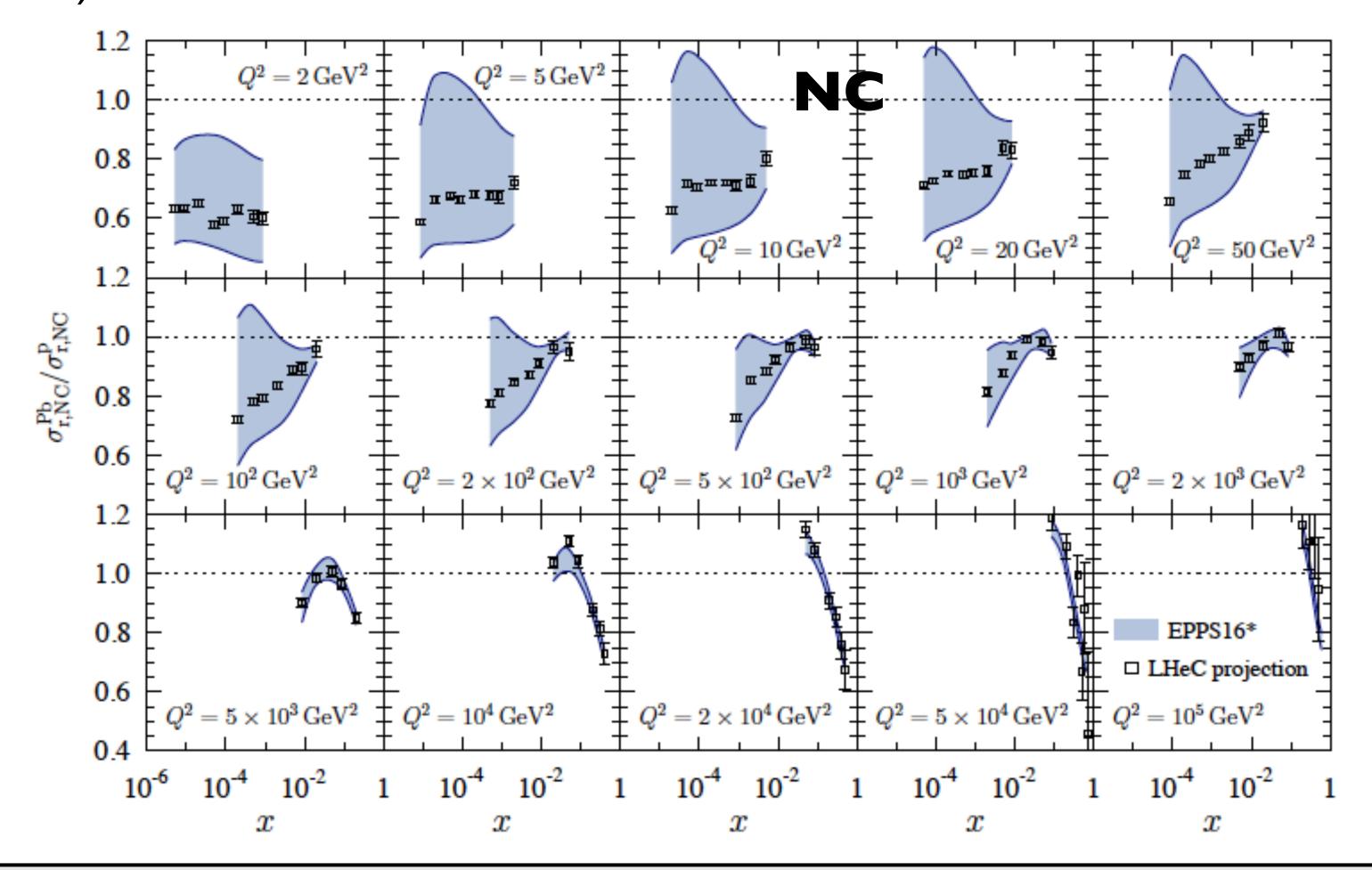








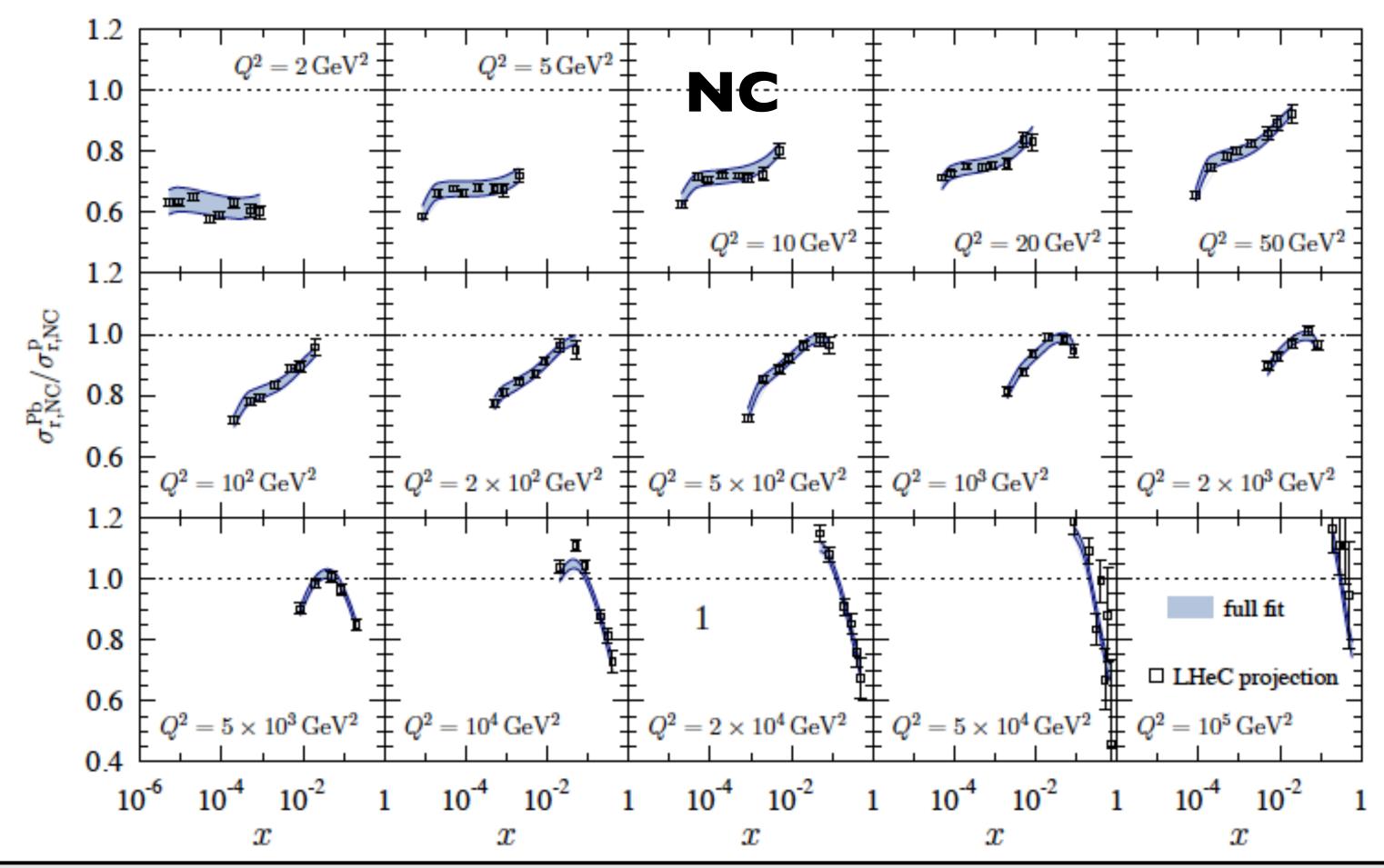
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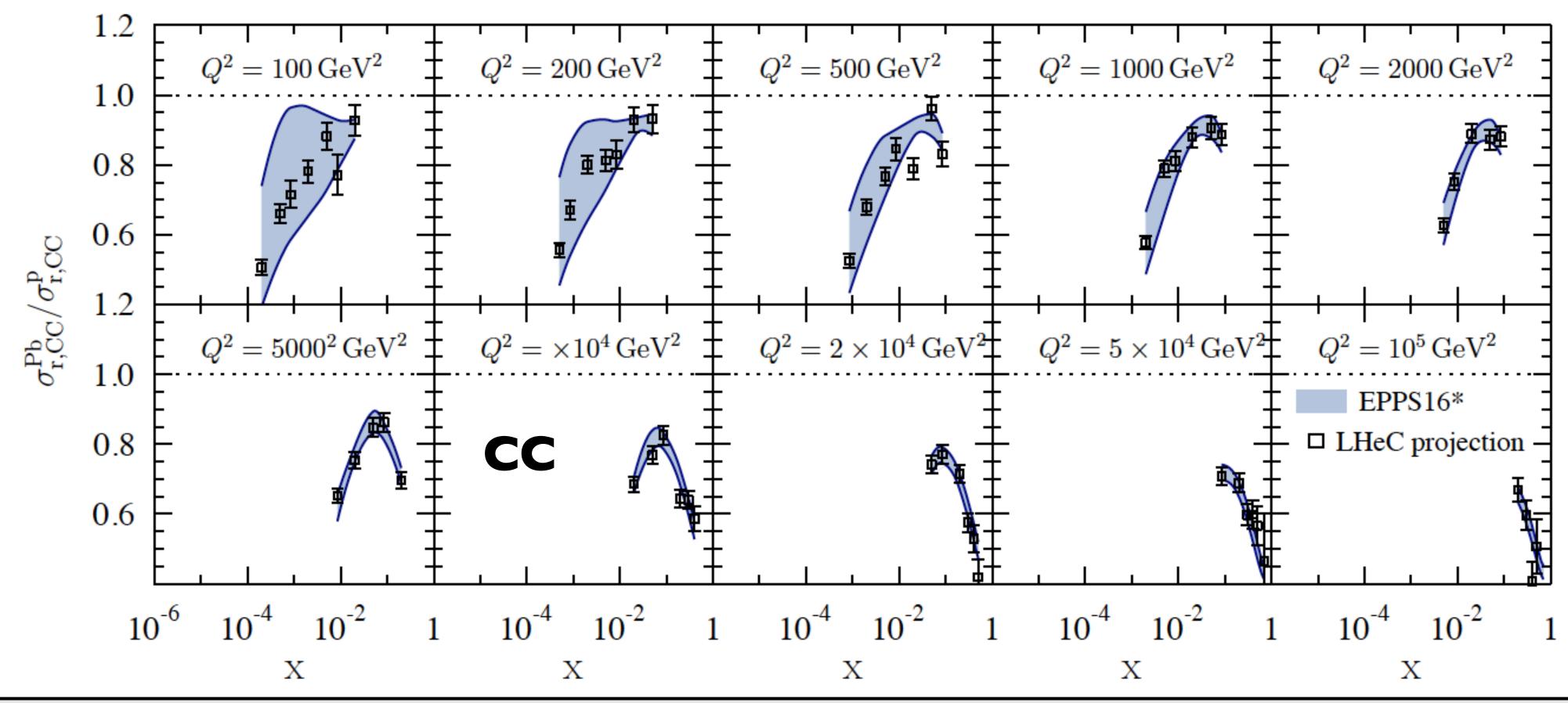
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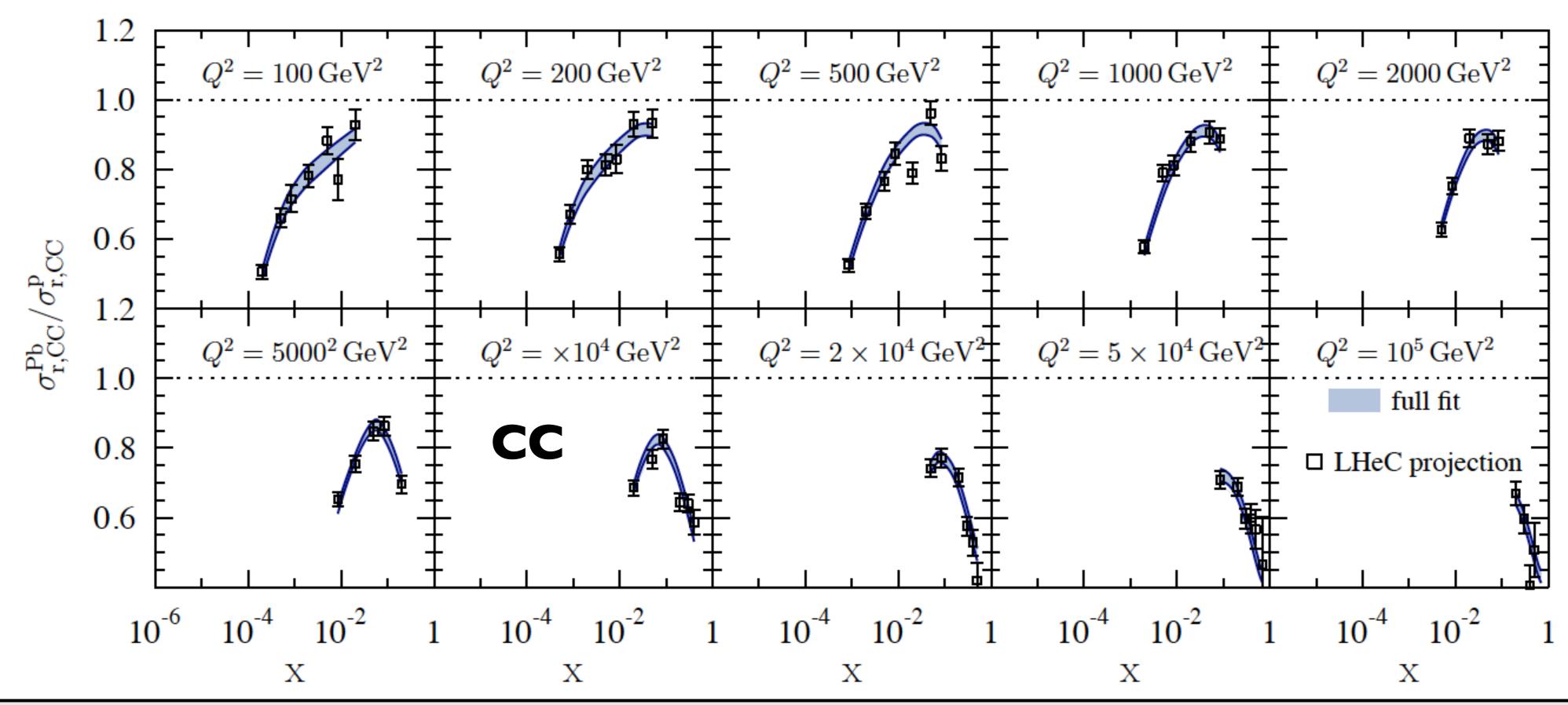
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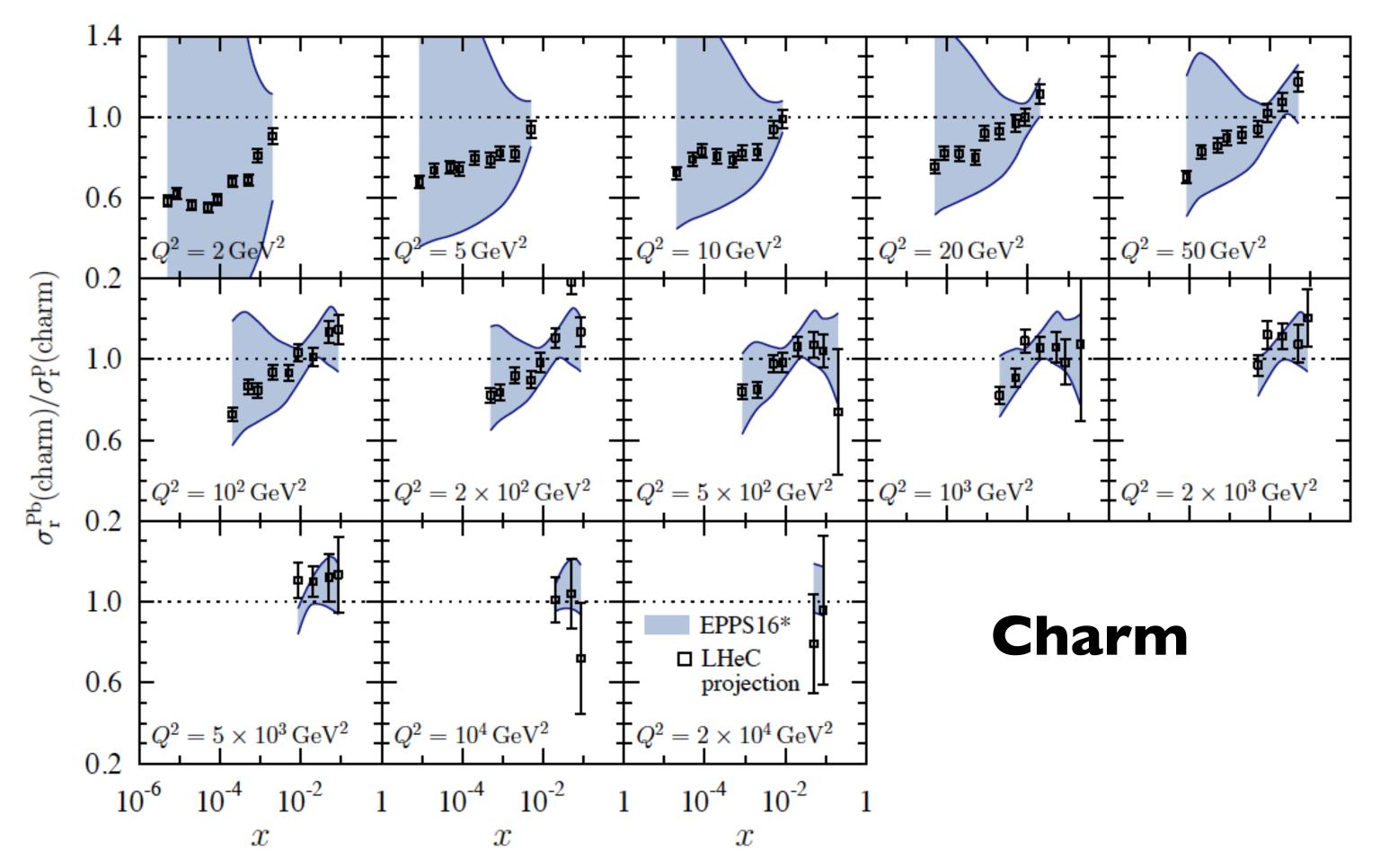
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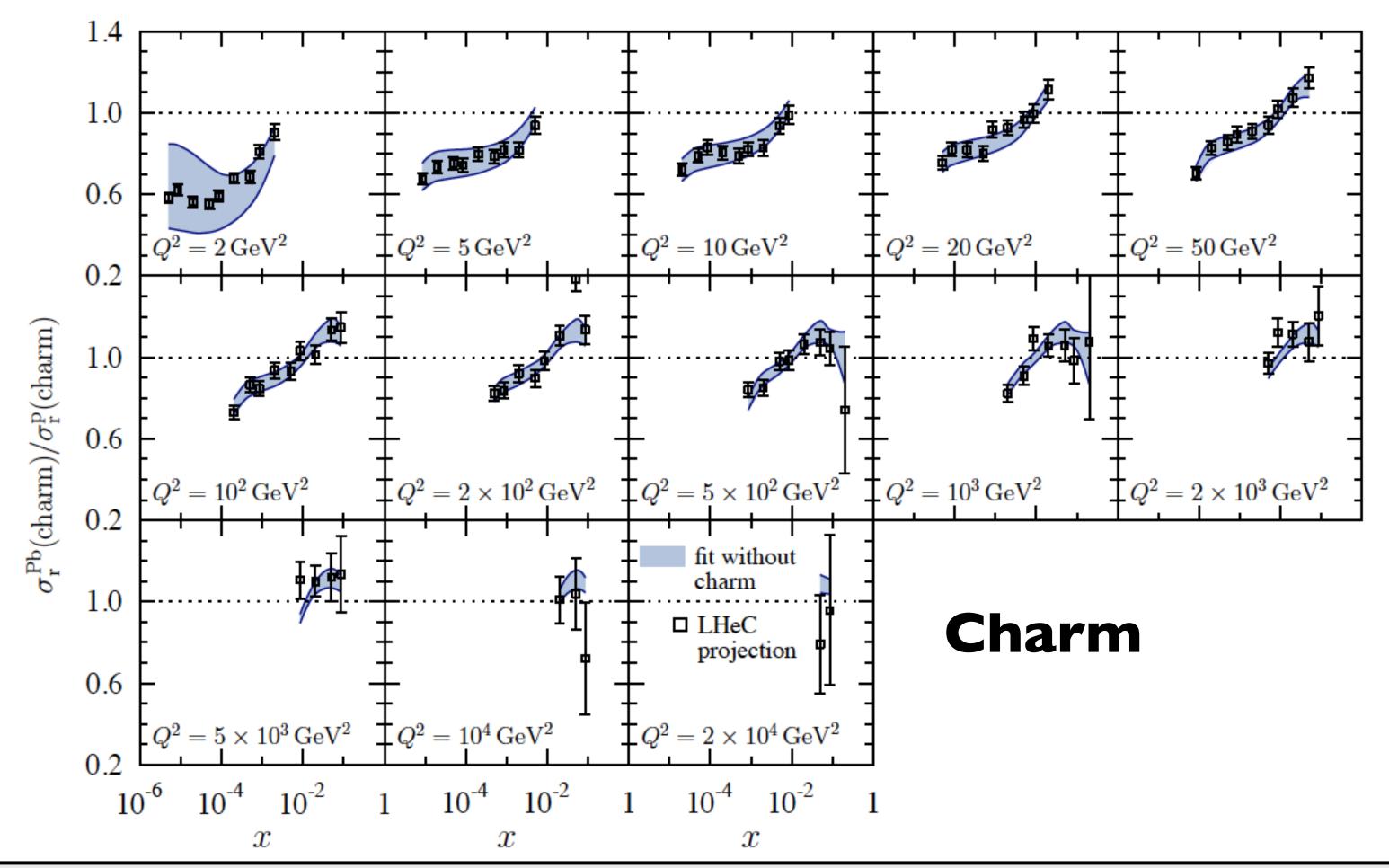
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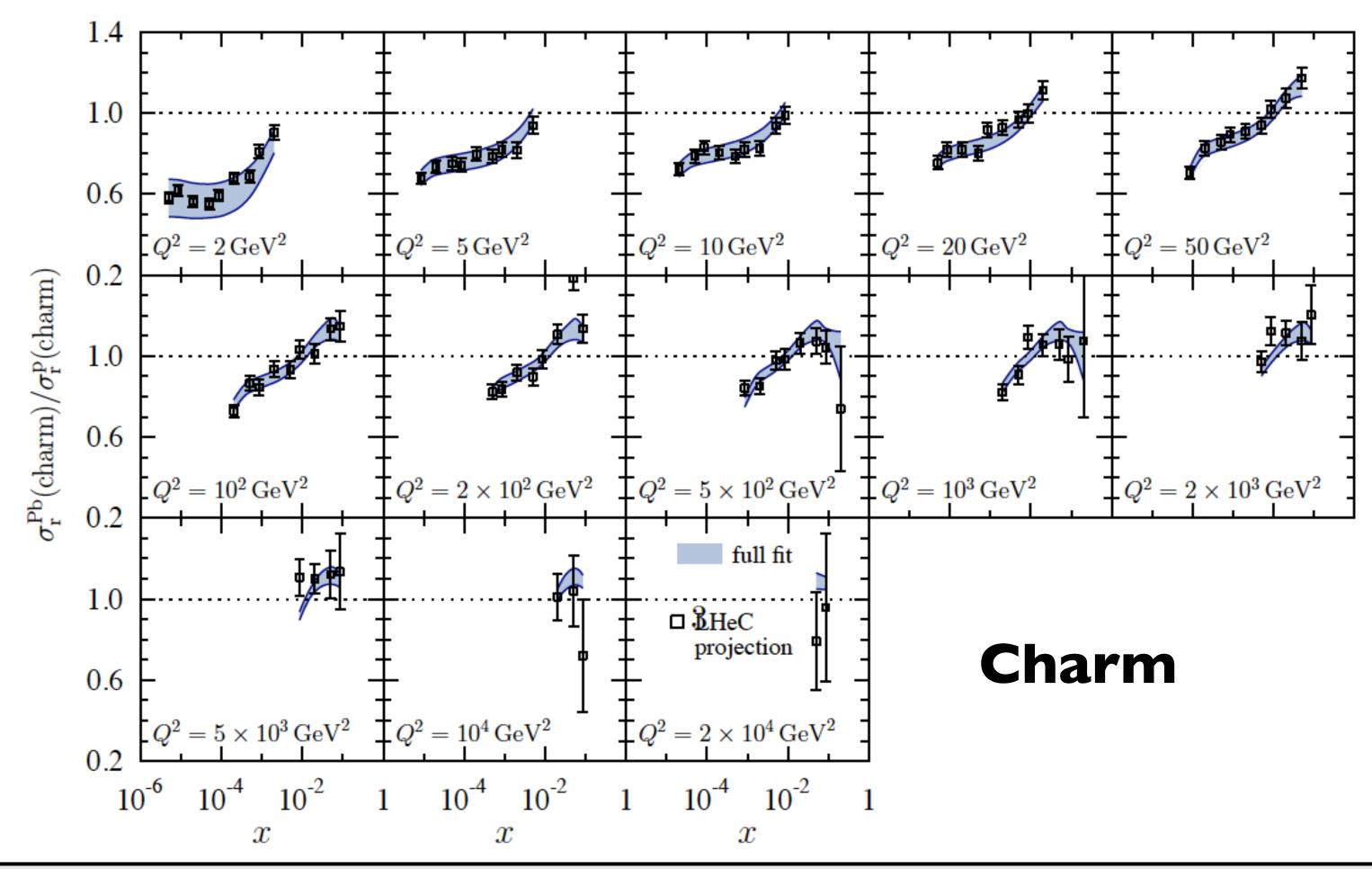
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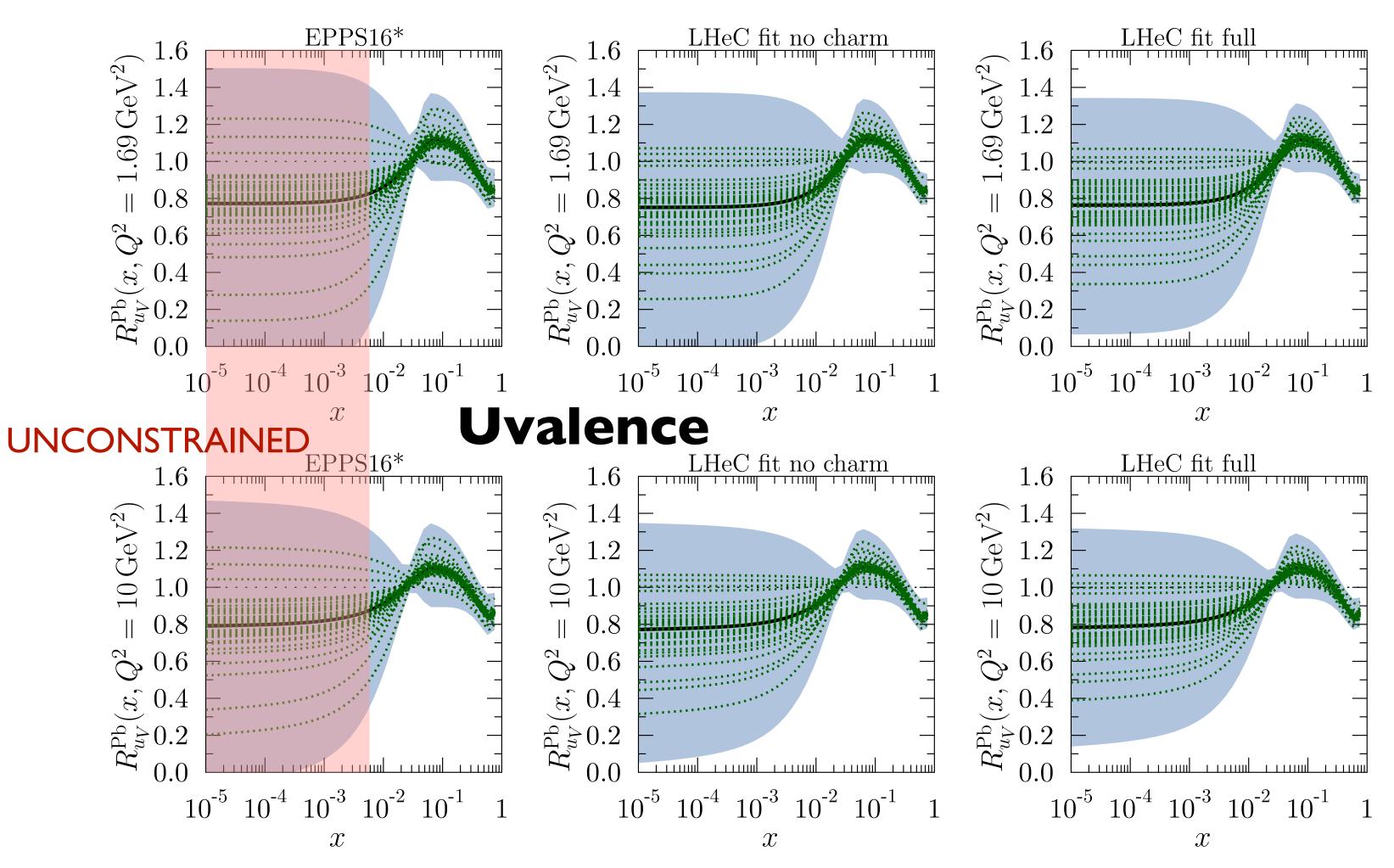






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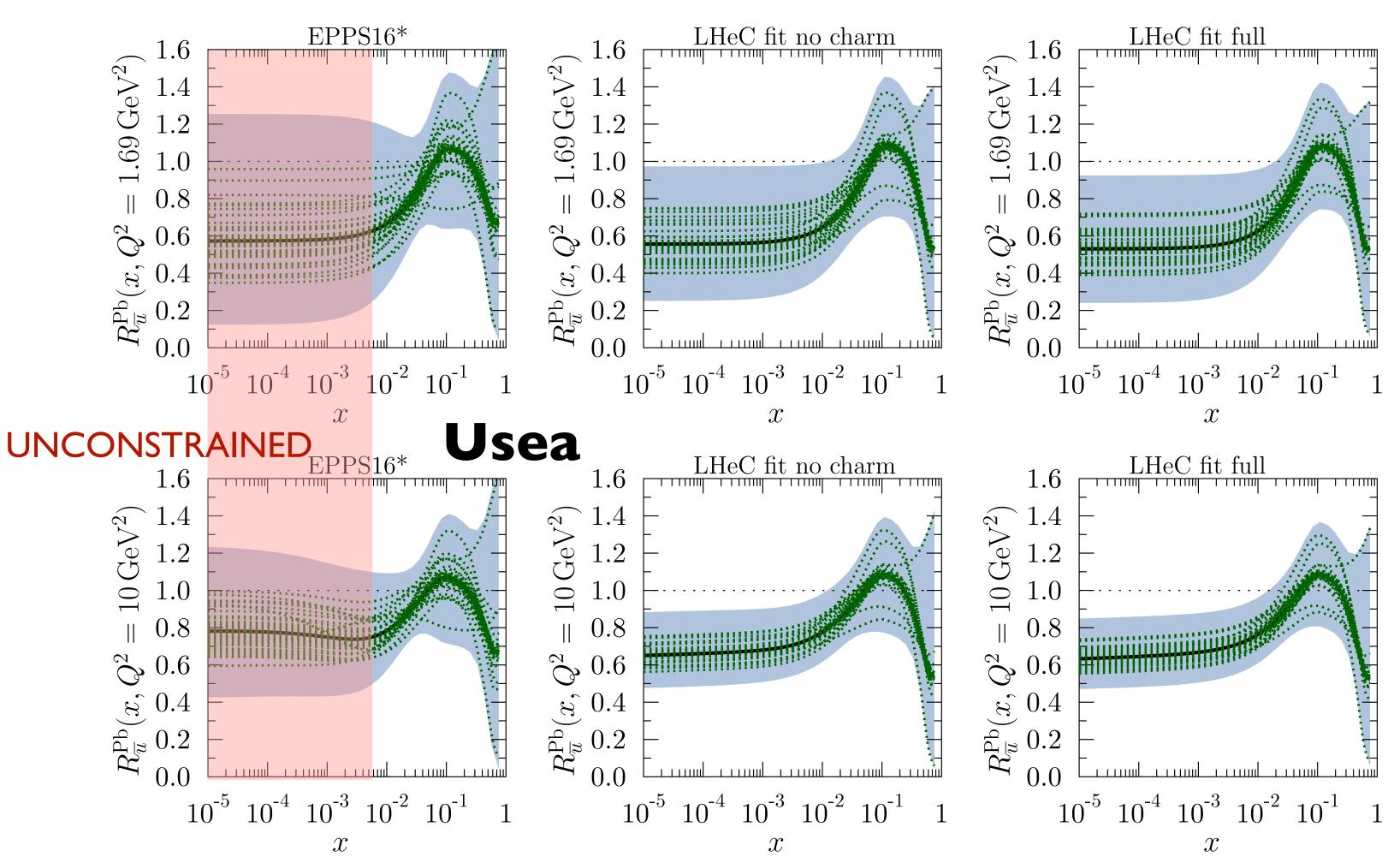






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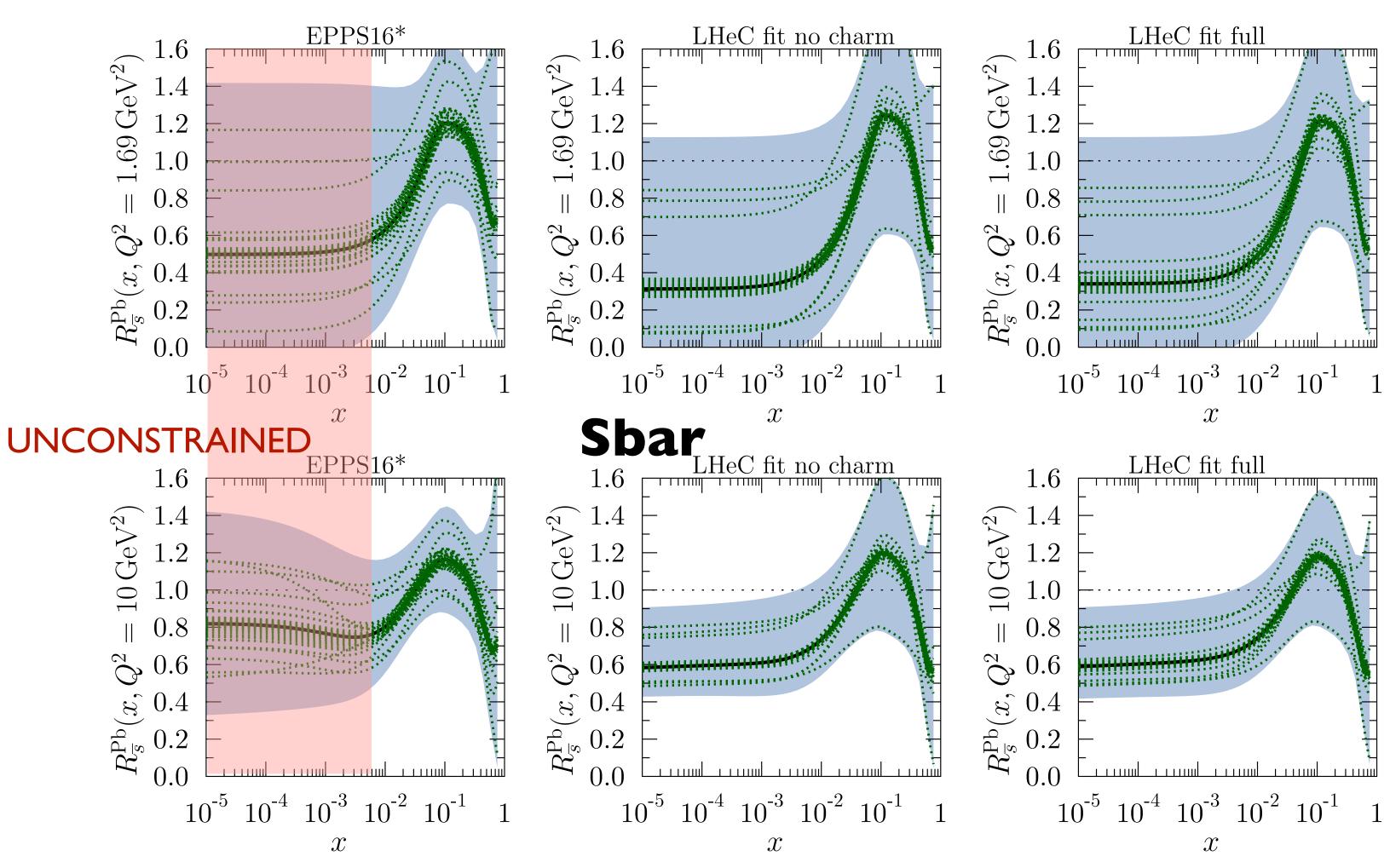






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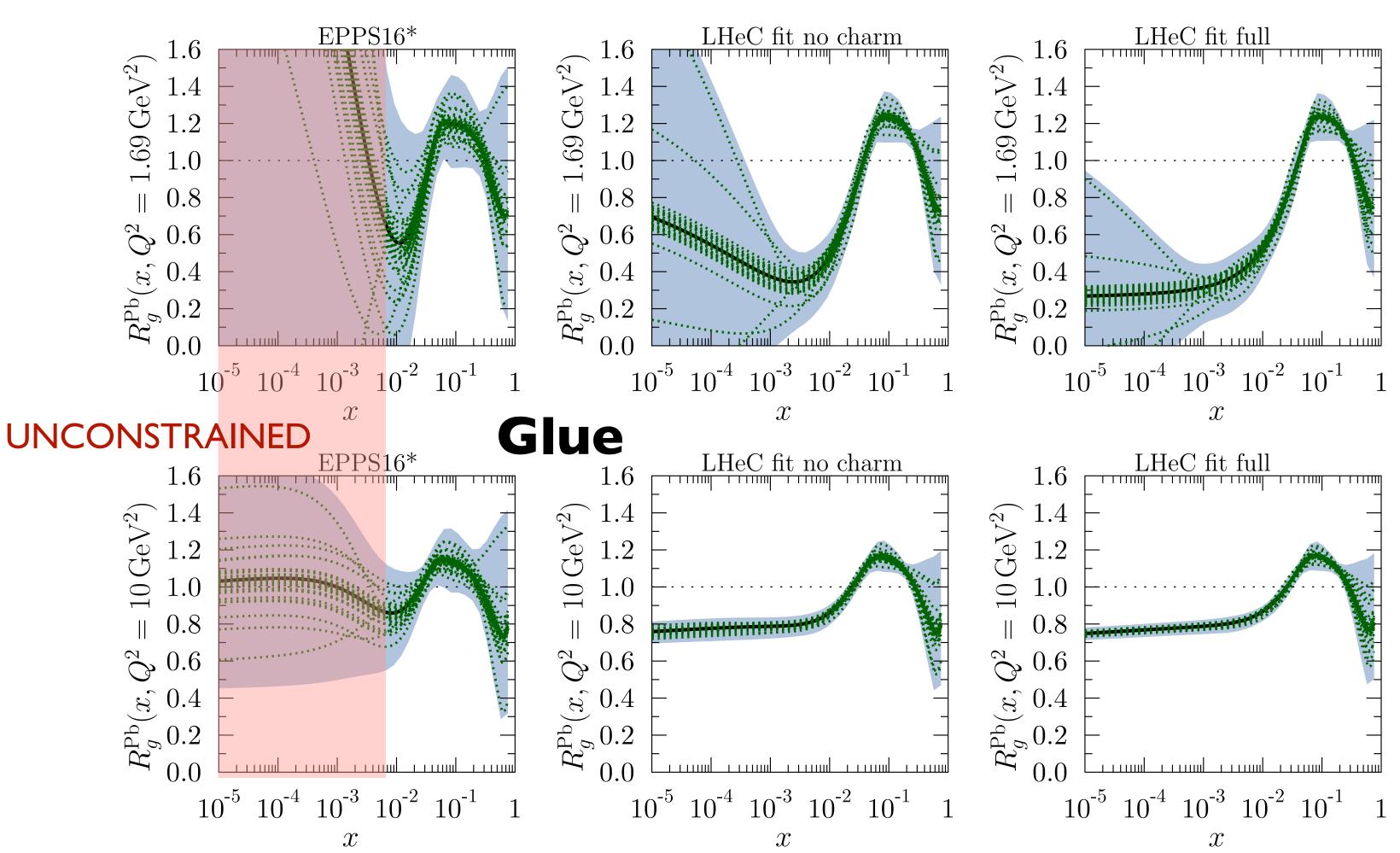






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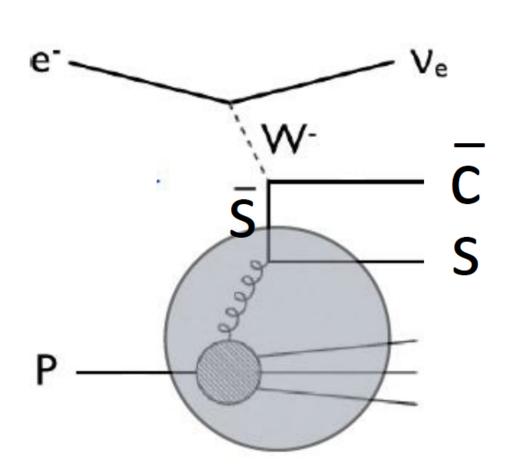


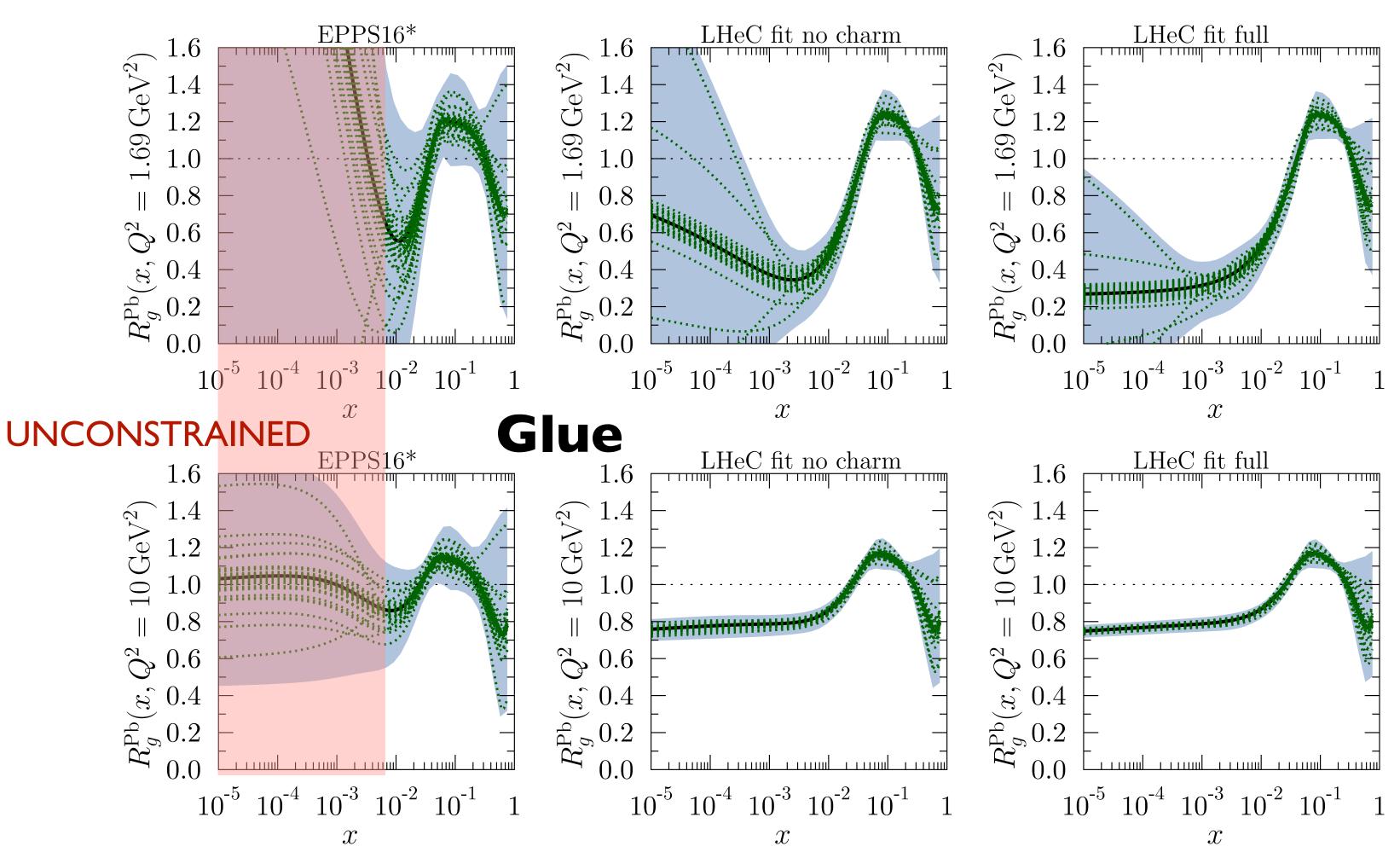
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Possible further improvements:
 beauty, c-tagged
 CC for strange.







xFitter: method



- Extraction of **Pb-only** PDFs by fitting NC+CC pseudodata, using xFitter (1410.4412)1.2.2 to estimate the uncertainties coming solely from the achievable experimental precision.
- → HERAPDF2.0-type parametrisation (1506.06042,14 parameters), NNLO evolution, RTOPT

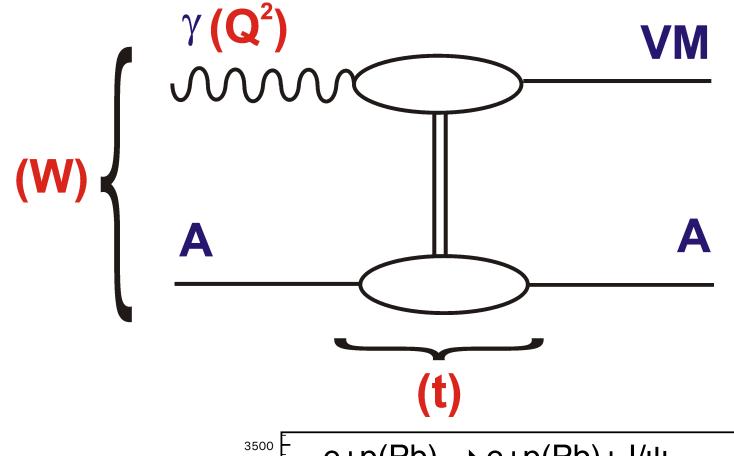
mass scheme, α_s =0.118. $x\bar{U} = xu + xc$, $x\bar{U} = x\bar{u} + x\bar{c}$, xD = xd + xs, $x\bar{D} = x\bar{d} + x\bar{s}$ $xg(x) = A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} - A_g' x^{B_g'} (1-x)^{C_g'}$, $xu_v(x) = A_{u_v} x^{B_{u_v}} (1-x)^{C_{u_v}} \left(1 + E_{u_v} x^2\right)$, $xd_v(x) = A_{d_v} x^{B_{d_v}} (1-x)^{C_{d_v}}$, $x\bar{U}(x) = A_{\bar{U}} x^{B_{\bar{U}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{U}}} (1+D_{\bar{U}}x)$, $x\bar{D}(x) = A_{\bar{D}} x^{B_{\bar{D}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{D}}}$.

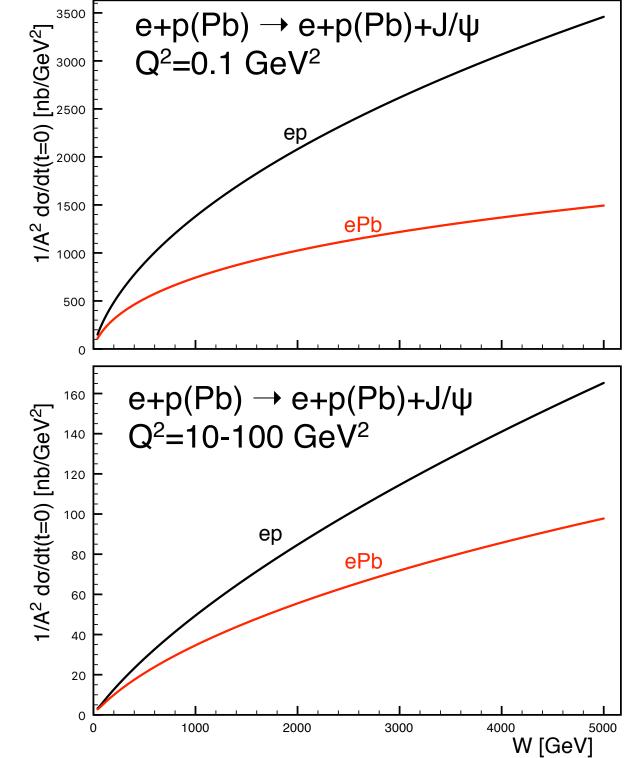
- → Central pseudodata values from HERAPDF2.0: <u>neither parametrisation bias nor theory uncertainties</u>.
- \rightarrow Standard xFitter/HERAPDF treatment of correlated/uncorrelated systematics; tolerance $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$ (note $\Delta \chi^2 = 52$ in EPPS16*).
- → Only data with $Q^2 \ge 3.5$ GeV², initial evolution scale 1.9 GeV².
- → Proton PDFs extracted in the same setup for consistency.



Elastic VM production:

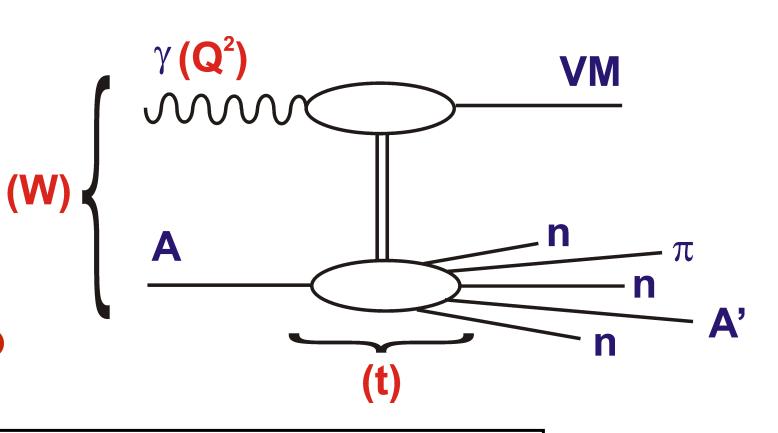


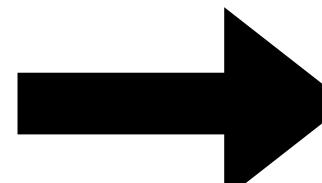




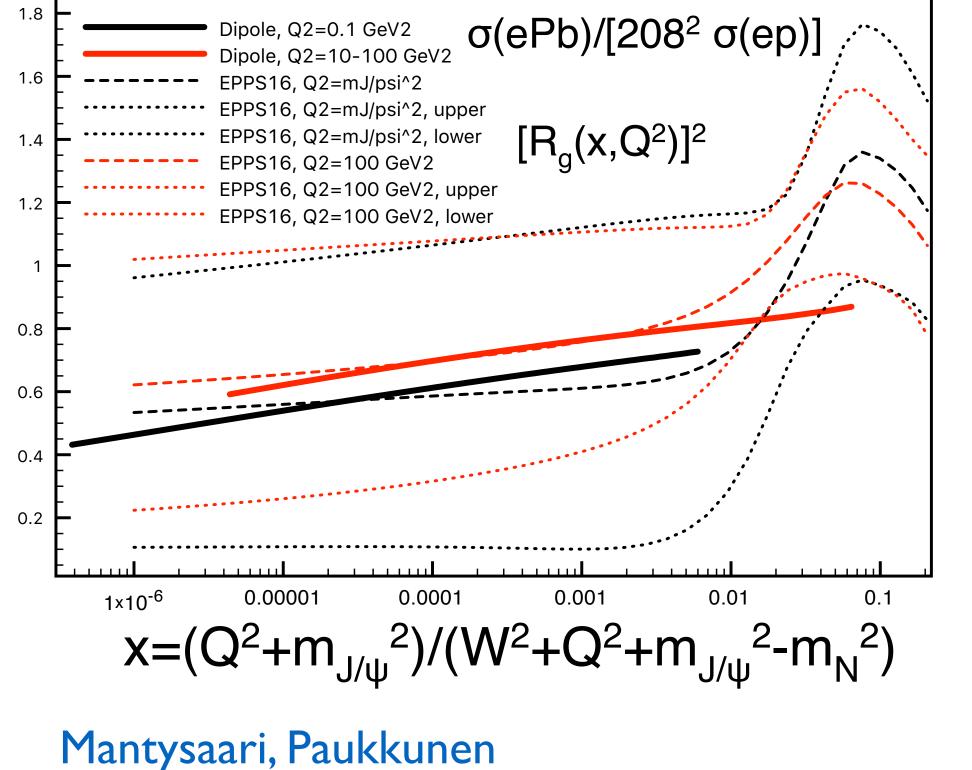
- Challenging experimental problem.
- Coherent case: energy dependence and dips.

• Incoherent case: sensitivity to fluctuations.





Will nuclear effects alone disentangle saturation?

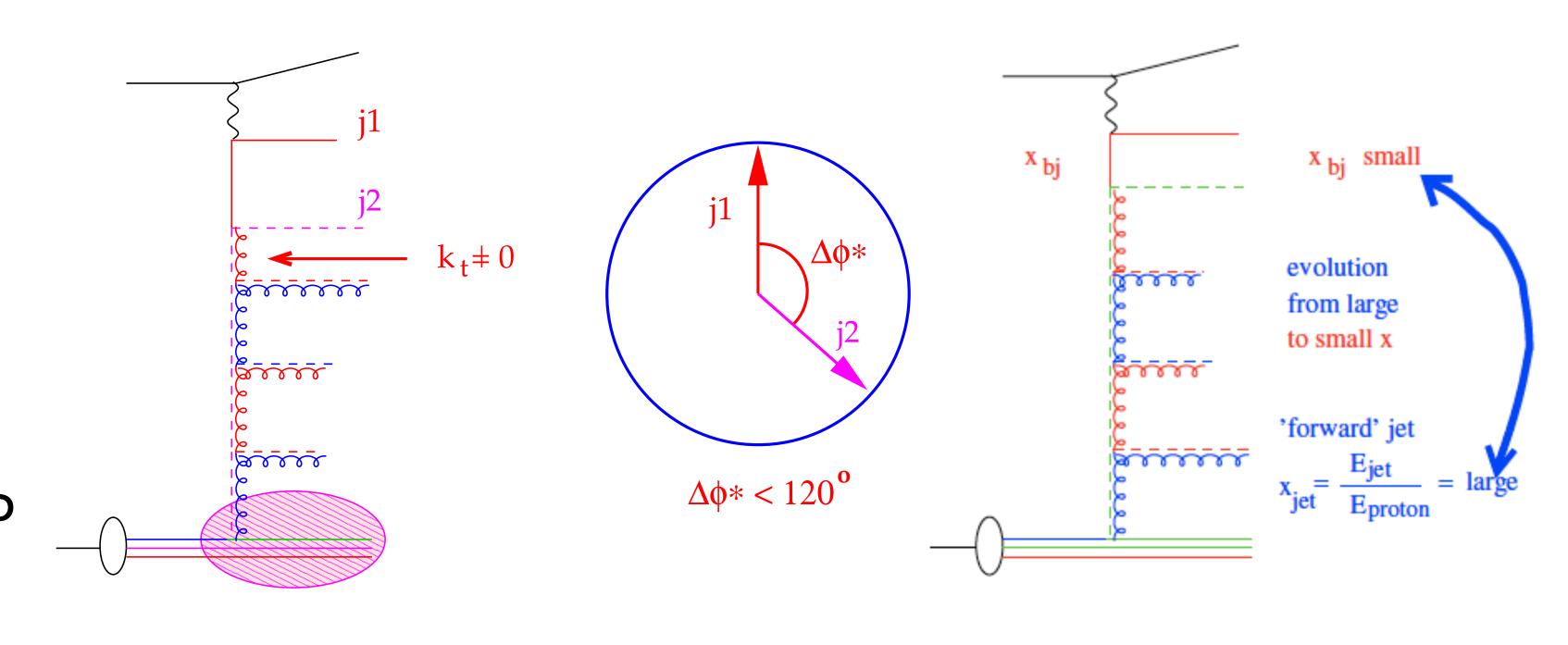




Azimuthal correlations (II):



- Studying dijet azimuthal decorrelation or forward jets (pT~Q) in ep/eA/pp/pA would allow to understand the mechanism of radiation:
 - → k_T-ordered: DGLAP.
 - → k_T-disordered: BFKL.
 - → Saturation?
- Further imposing a rapidity gap (diffractive jets) is most interesting.



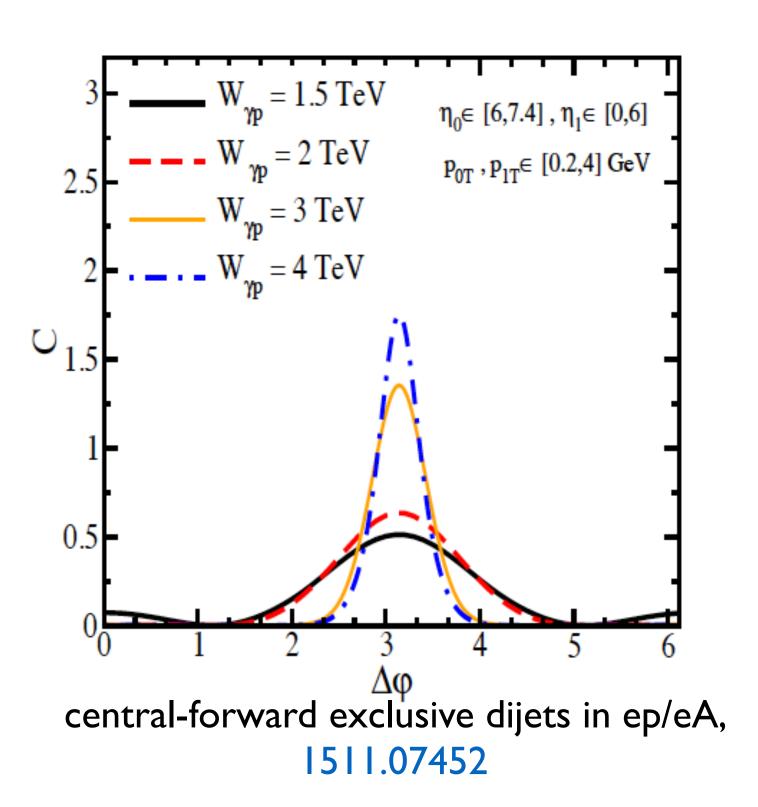
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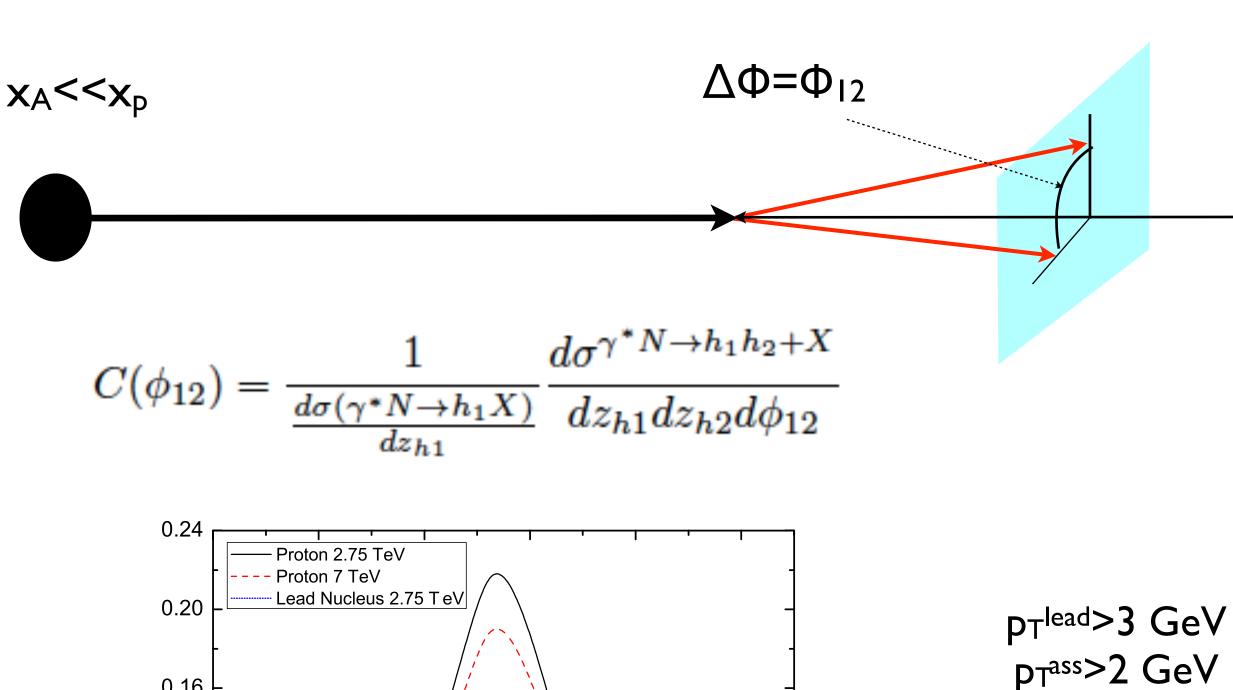


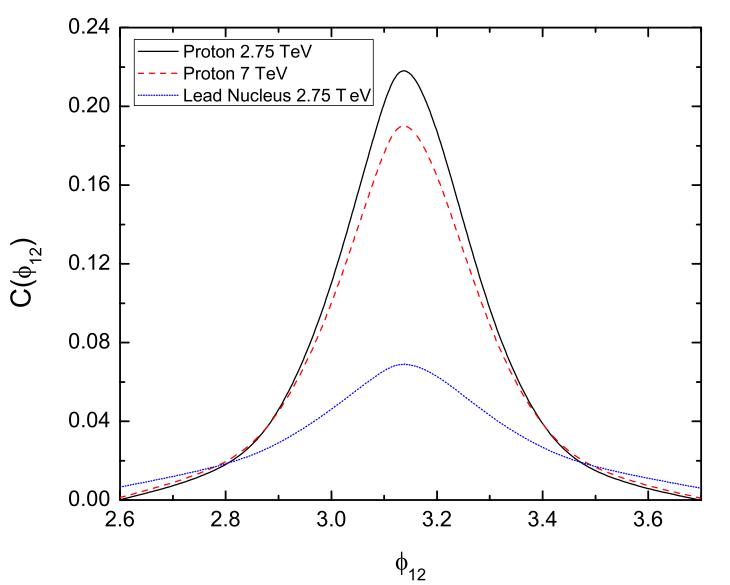
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h-h in ePb



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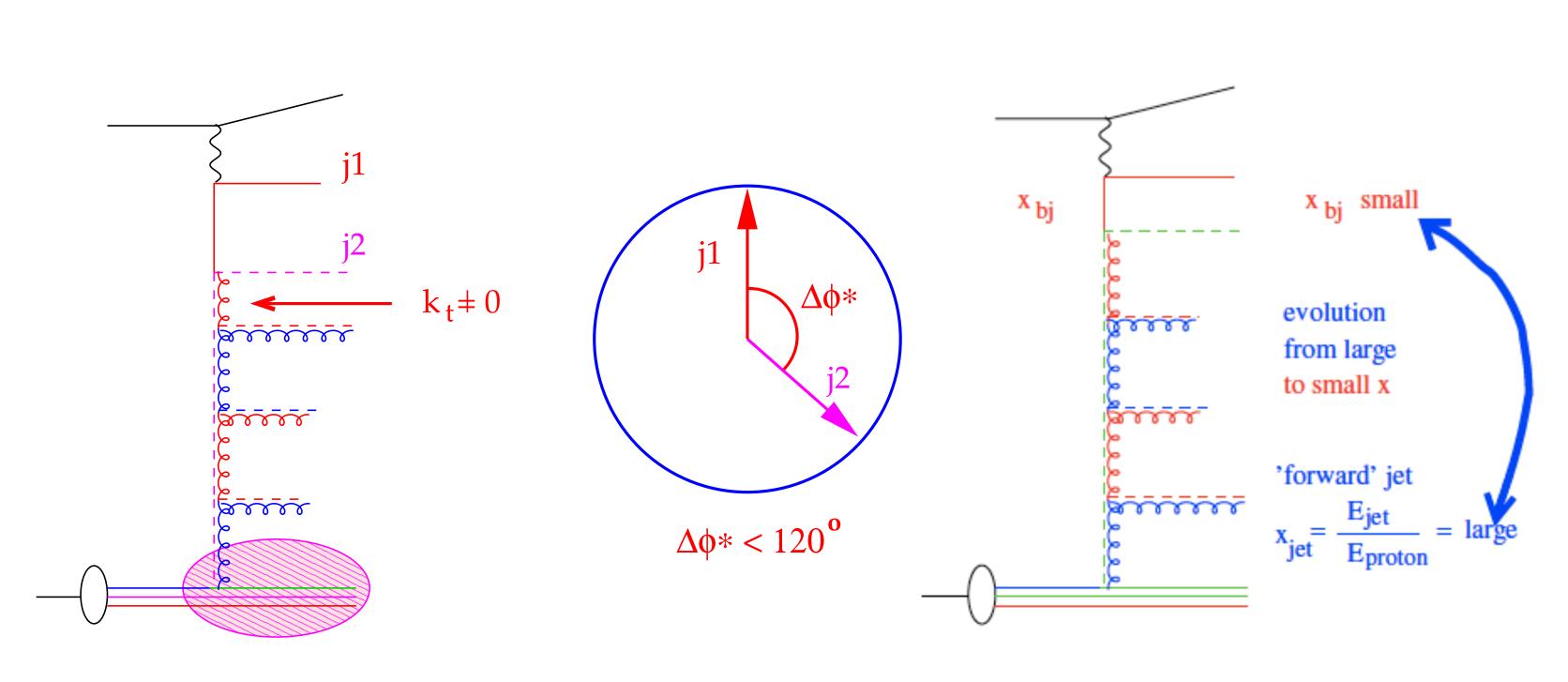
 $x_A << x_p$



 $\Delta \Phi = \Phi_{12}$

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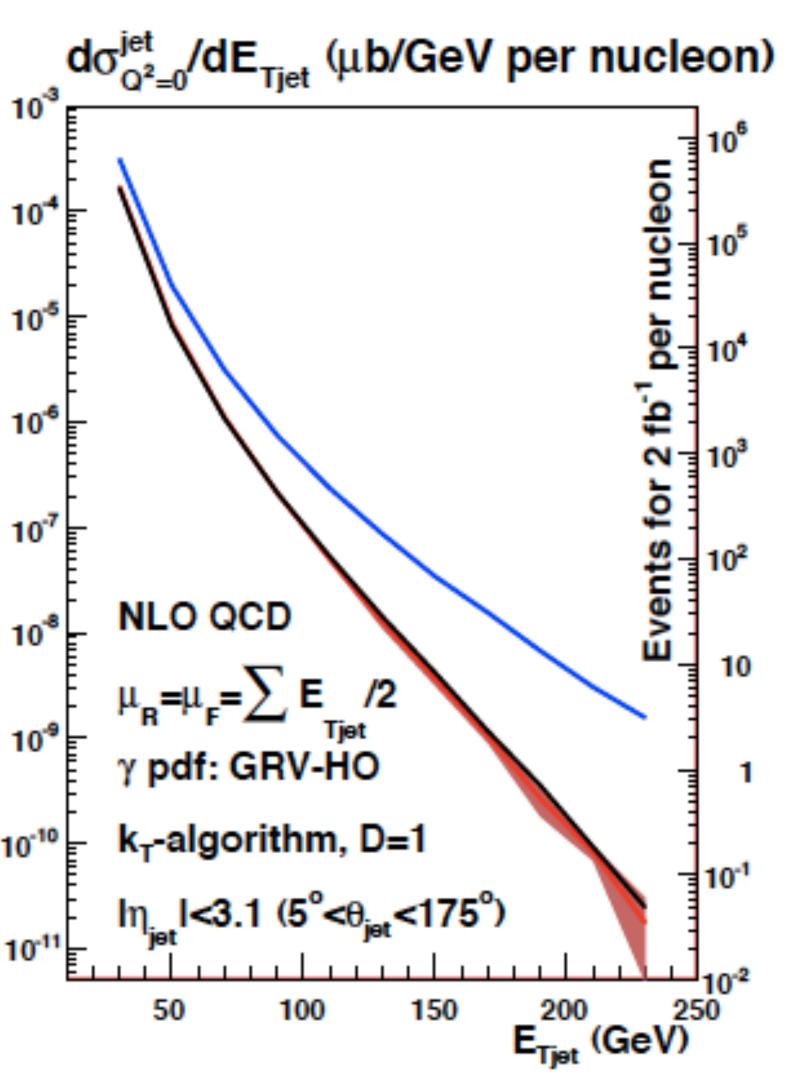
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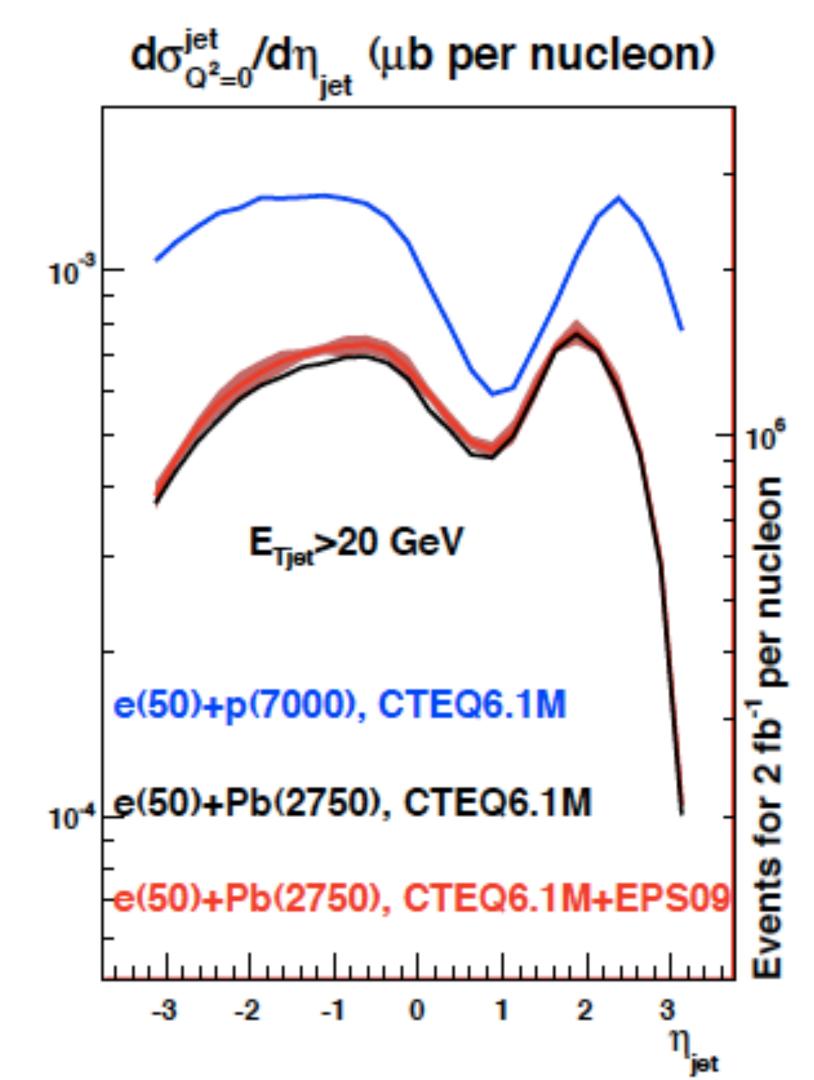


- Jet observables in AA: energy loss + response of the medium must be disentangled for characterisation of the medium.
- Jets not suppressed in pPb @
 LHC: compatibility with softer
 observables? → small systems.
- Jets (inclusive and diffractive)
 abundantly produced in eA up to
 sizeable E_T, they can be used to
 test factorisation and for
 precision studies of changes
 of QCD radiation in the
 nuclear environment ⇒

hard probes of the QGP.

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Fragmentation functions:



• eA: dynamics of QCD radiation and hadronization for light and heavy particles (energy loss of light and heavy, and quarkonium production and suppression), relevant for particle production off nuclei (nPDF determination in pA) and for QGP analysis in AA.

