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Partonic dynamics in protons and nuclei: prospects with future measurements at HL-LHC and electron-hadron colliders

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Talks by T. Cridge/C. Gwenlan/M.Ubiali, H. Paukkunen and V. Bertone at <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1527574/#day-2025-05-28>.

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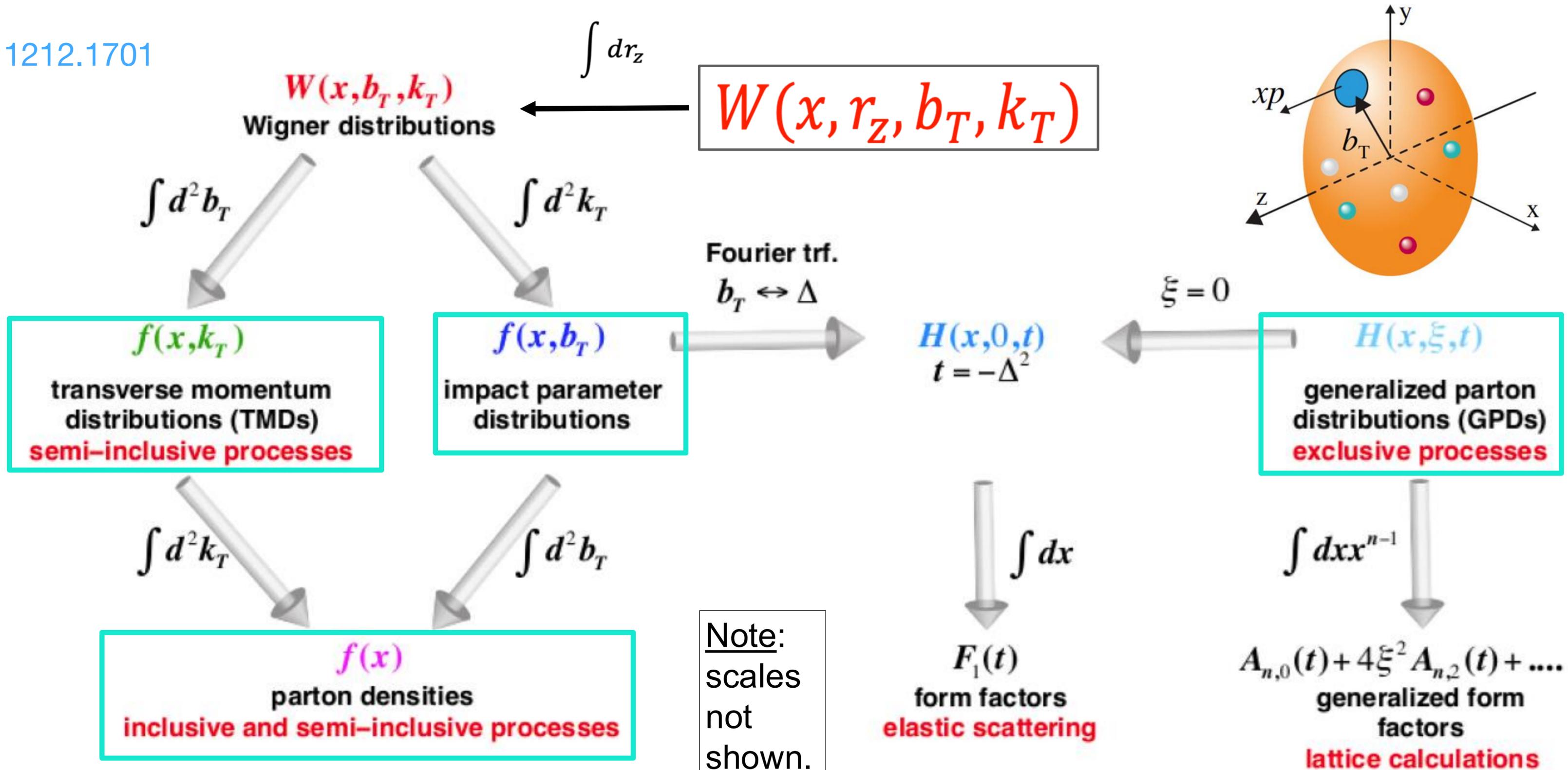
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Note: no spin included; only protons and nuclei.

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Inner structure of protons and nuclei

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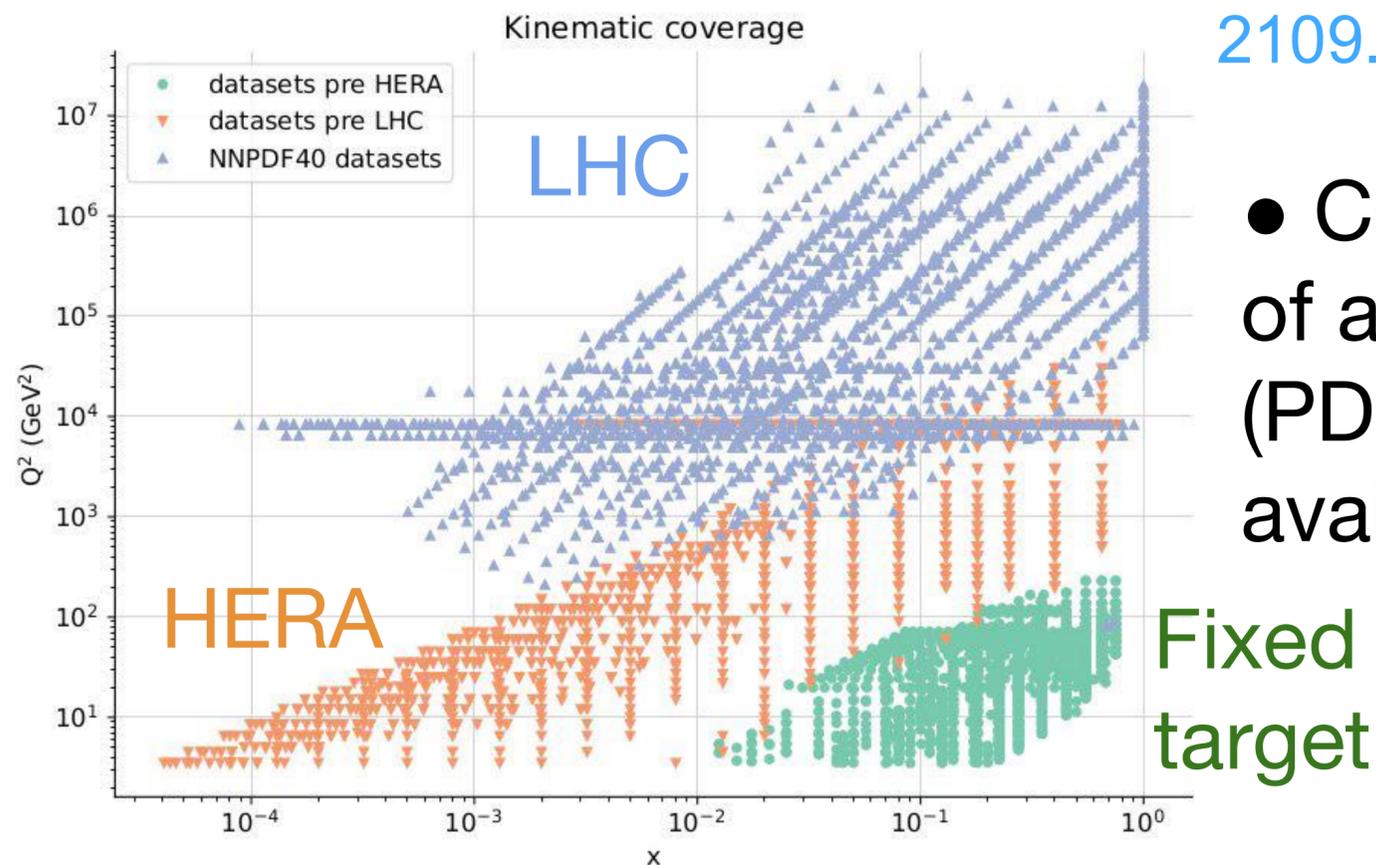
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20 contributions plus input from MuCol, contacts with the global (n)PDF and TMD groups, GPD community, and lattice groups.

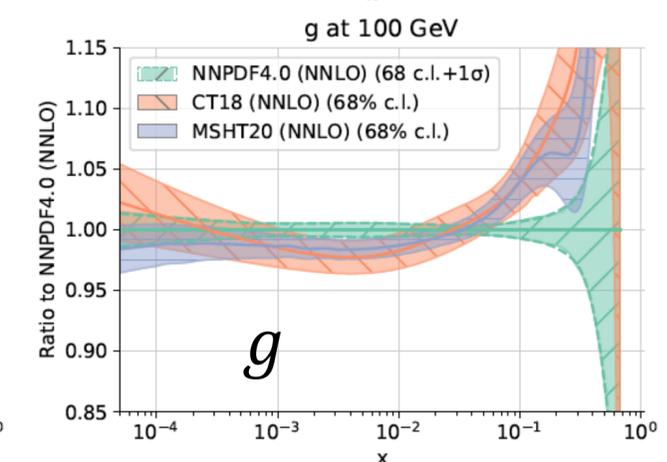
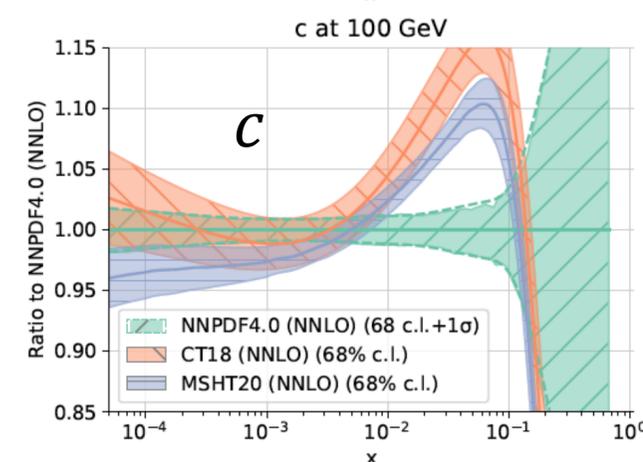
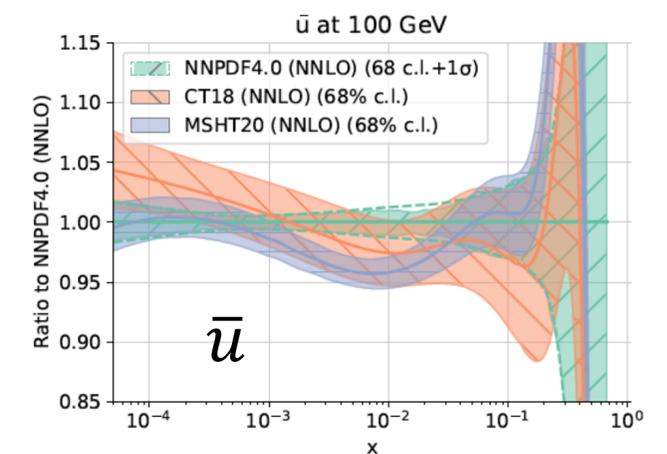
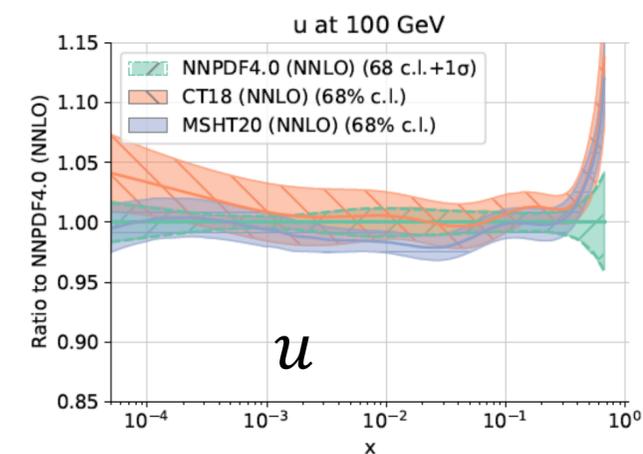
Proton collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art

- **Methodology:** complex error analysis (CT, MSHT, NNPDF; HERAPDF, ABMP).
- **Theory:** approximate N3LO QCD PDFs + QED (MSHT, NNPDF); MHOUs.
- **Data:** $\mathcal{O}(5000)$ data points, complementarity between HERA, fixed target and LHC.
- **Challenges:**
 - Data: tension between datasets, need of information about systematics.
 - Parametrisation/methodology biases & uncertainty estimation: closure tests.
 - How the PDF sets absorb experimental and theoretical inconsistencies.
 - MHOs: nuisance parameters or inclusion of even higher orders: aN3LO QCD+QED, 2 sets available and combined.



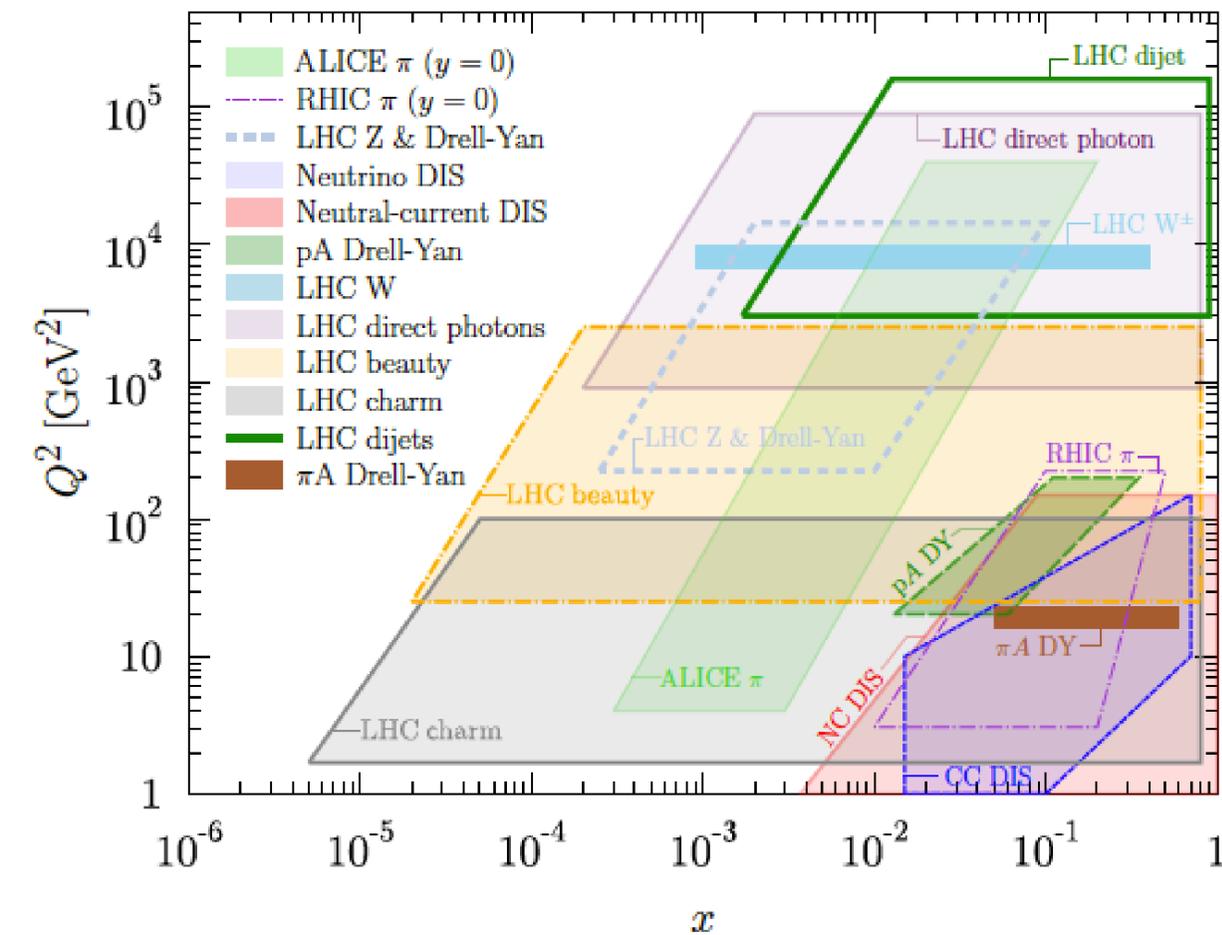
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- Combination of analyses (PDF4LHC21) available.

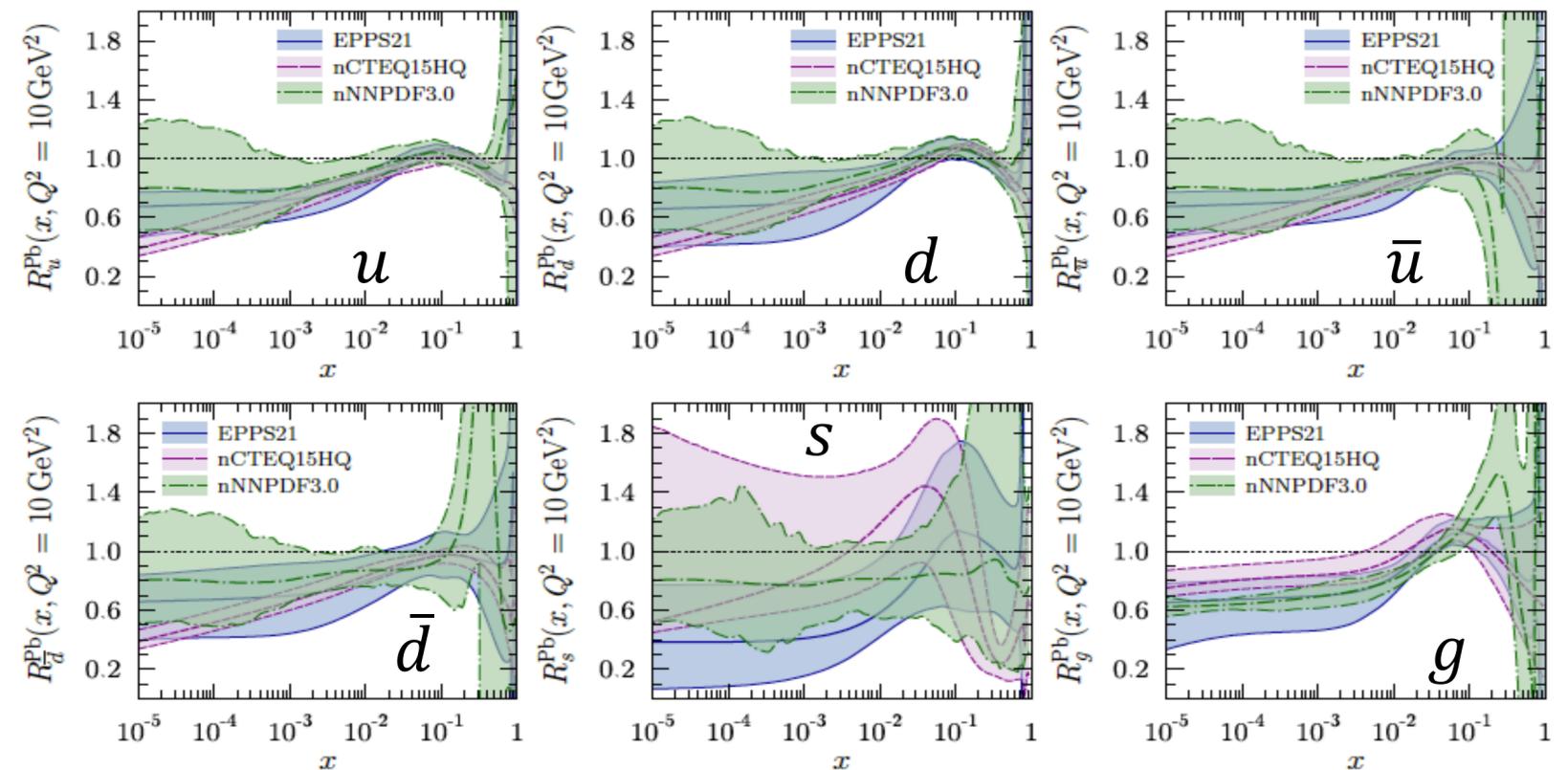


Nuclear collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art

- **Methodology:** complex error analysis (nCTEQ, EPPS, nNNPDF, TUJU, KSASG).
- **Theory:** NLO/NNLO.
- **Data:** $\mathcal{O}(2000)$ data points, complementarity between fixed-target eA & pA, and LHC.
- **Challenges:**
 - Data: Incompatibilities in some data (D's in pPb@LHC) and problems to use others (J/ ψ in UPCs).
 - Parametrisation biases & uncertainty estimation.
 - Sizeable differences up to a factor 2 between sets, within uncertainties.



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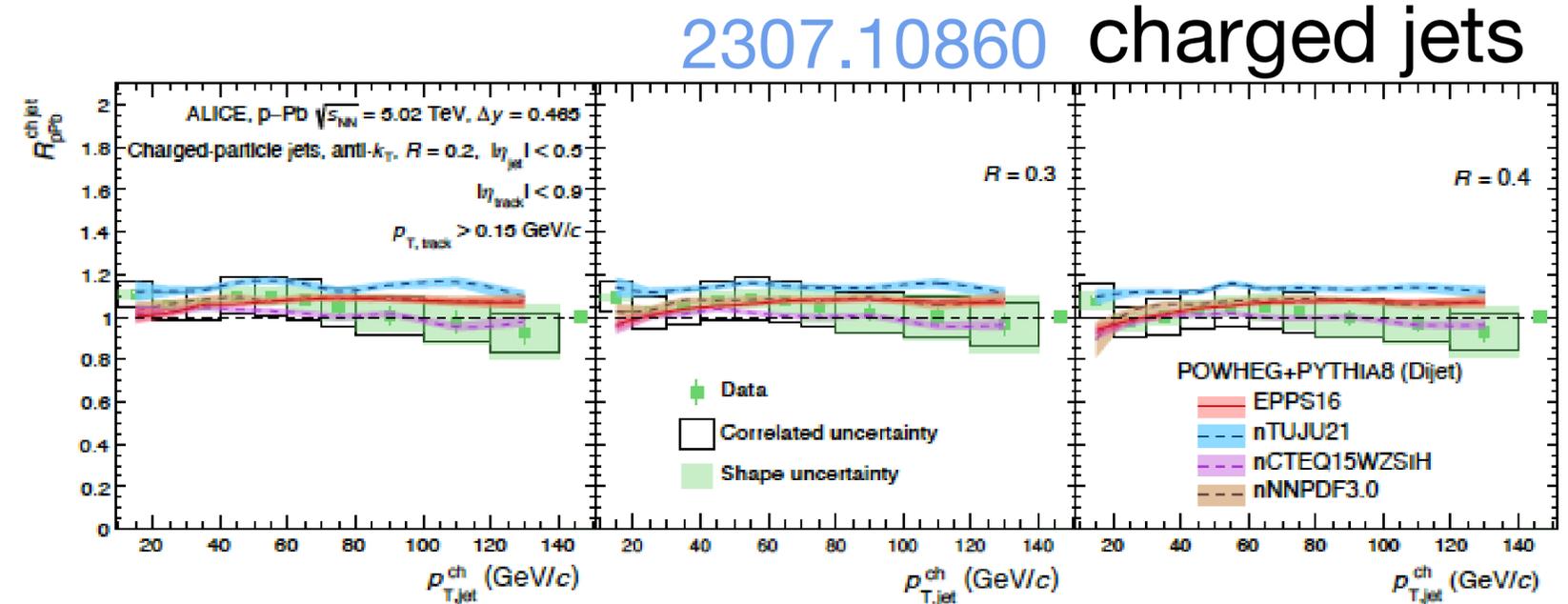
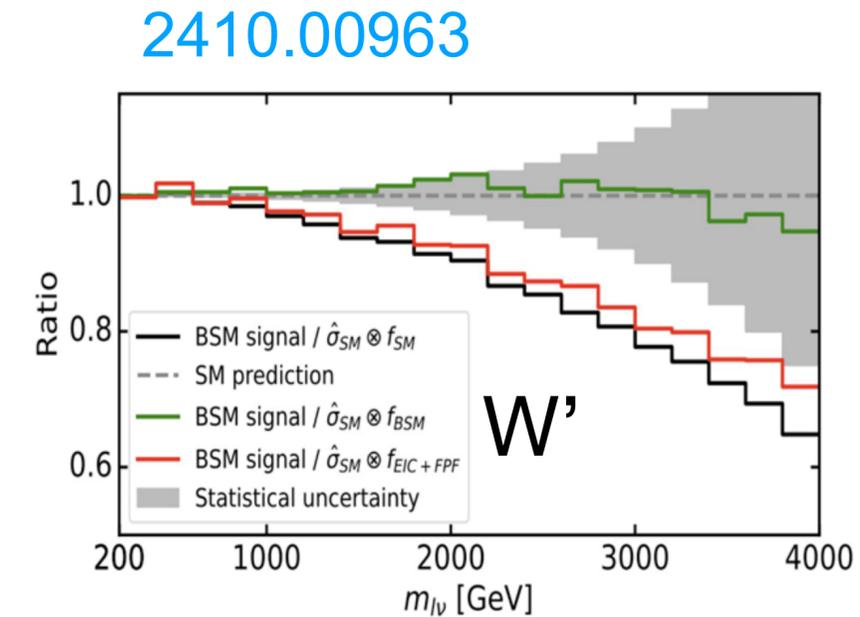
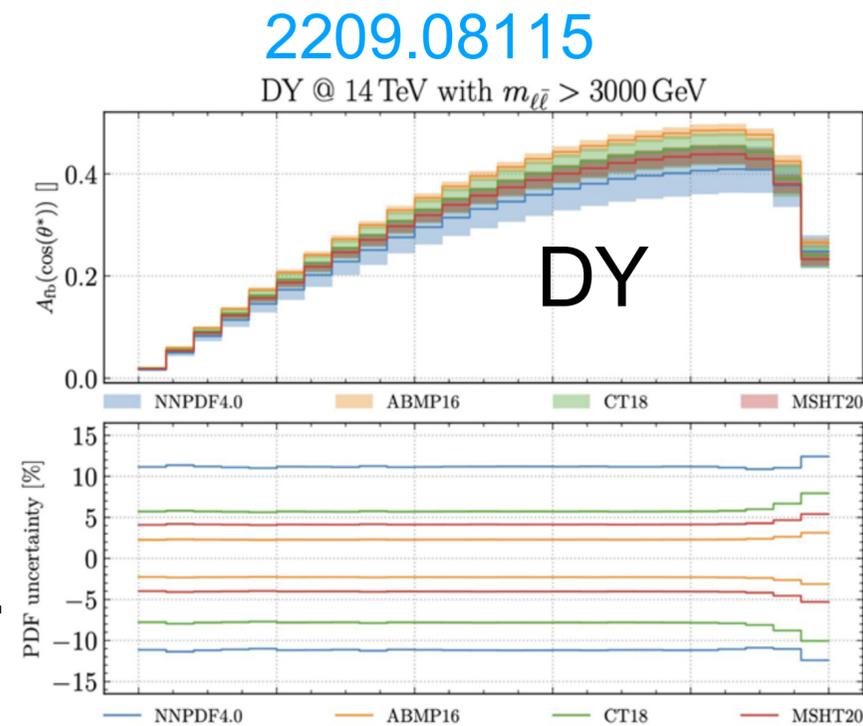
Collinear PDFs: precision physics

- PDFs essential for precision physics studies:
 - Dominant uncertainty of many SM parameters: ATLAS α_s (0.0005/0.0009), and CMS M_W (4.4/9.9 MeV) and $\sin^2\theta_W$ (0.0027/0.0031).
 - Differences between PDF sets, profiling delicate, simultaneous PDF+SM parameter fits.

$\alpha_{S,aN3LO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1170 \pm 0.0016$
Consistent with (NNLO) World Average of 0.1180 ± 0.0009 .
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- High mass (large x): sizable uncertainties, BSM can be hidden in PDF uncertainties.

- nPDFs may mask QGP-like effects in small systems, e.g., pPb or pp.
- nPDFs provide sizable uncertainties for QGP characterisation in PbPb.

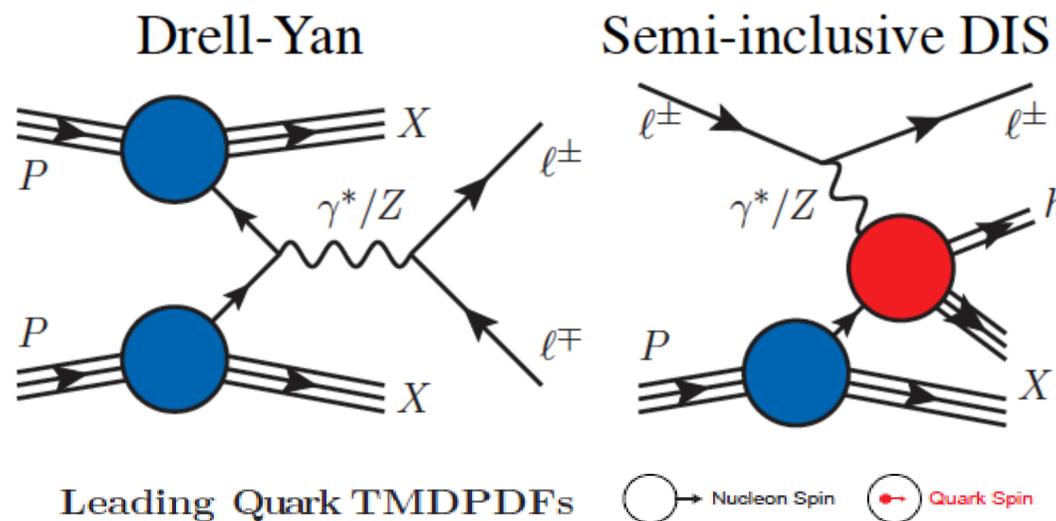


Collinear PDFs: goals and challenges

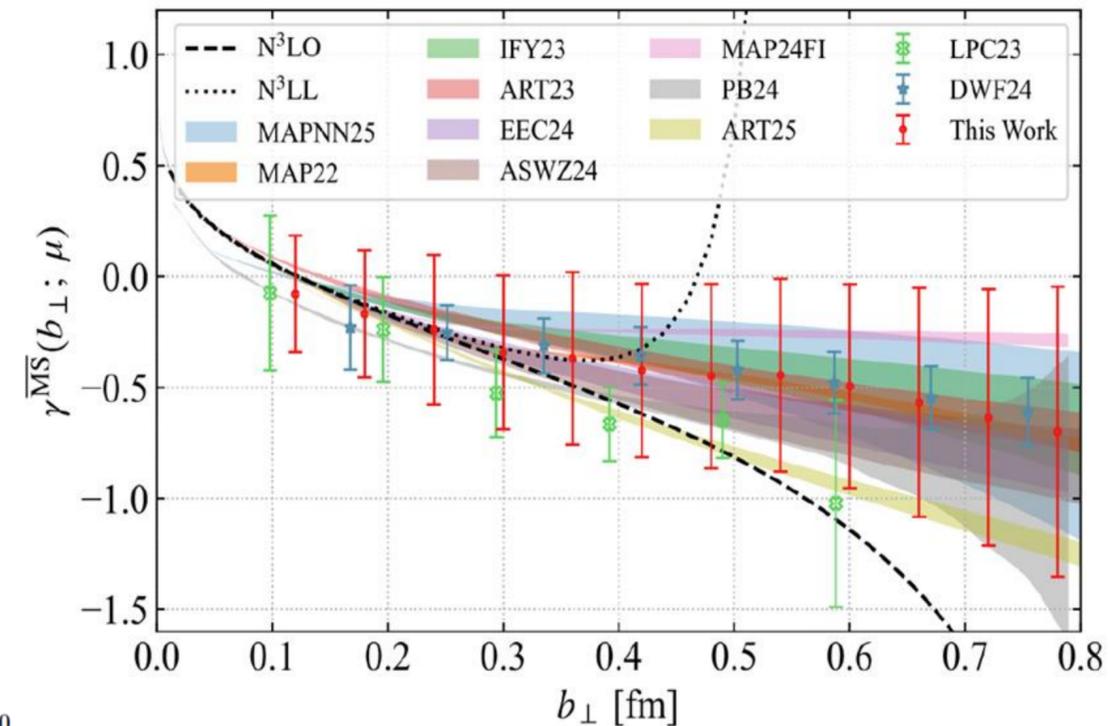
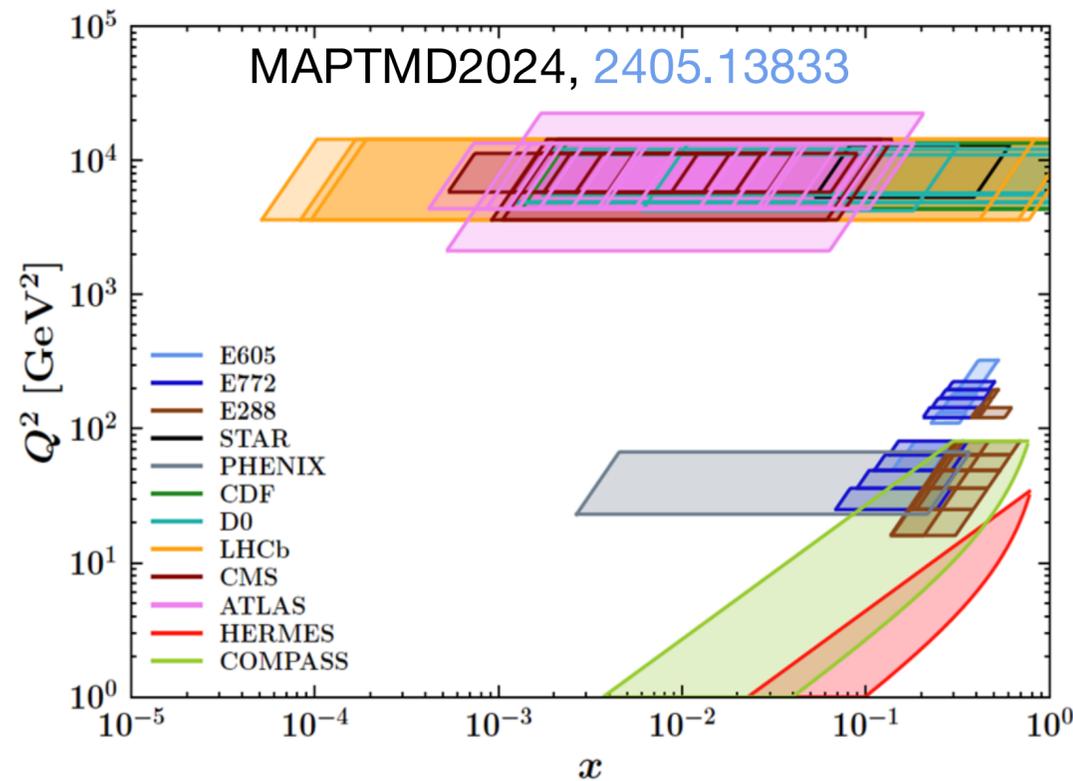
- **Data:** substantial progress expected from the complementarity of upcoming and proposed experiments \Rightarrow need of controlled systematics and correlations, inconsistencies?
- **Methodology:** numerous developments, parametrisation \Rightarrow increasing complexity, need of control precisions, tolerance?
- **Theory:** N3LO PDFs coming, and inclusion of theoretical uncertainties, crucial to achieve the required precision \Rightarrow understanding of theoretical uncertainties and possibility of higher order calculations.
- **Standard Model/BSM Parameters (including QGP characterisation and the small system problem):** driven by PDF precision/accuracy improvements \Rightarrow understanding the assumptions underlying profiling and their impact, separating out 'new' effects from PDFs, complementary data from multiple colliders required.

TMDs: state-of-the-art

- TMD factorisation appears in **two-scale problems**, e.g., Q and q_T in DY.
- TMDs contain perturbative & non-perturbative pieces; linked to collinear PDFs/FFs.
- Numerous sets/approaches, large perturbative accuracy (N4LL, required by data).
- Also extracted from lattice and related with small- x physics (CGC).
- Nuclear effects in TMD analyses through nPDFs.
- Different non-perturbative modelling and collinear PDFs \Rightarrow sets difficult to compare.

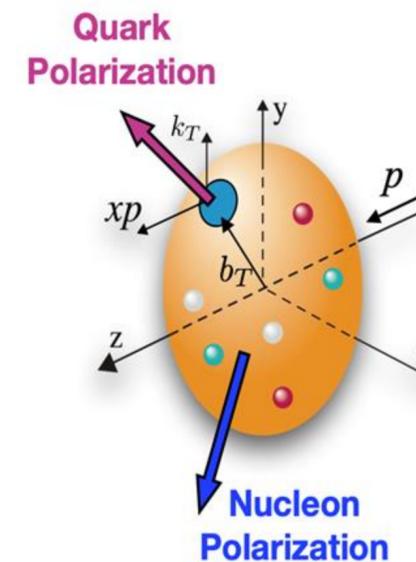
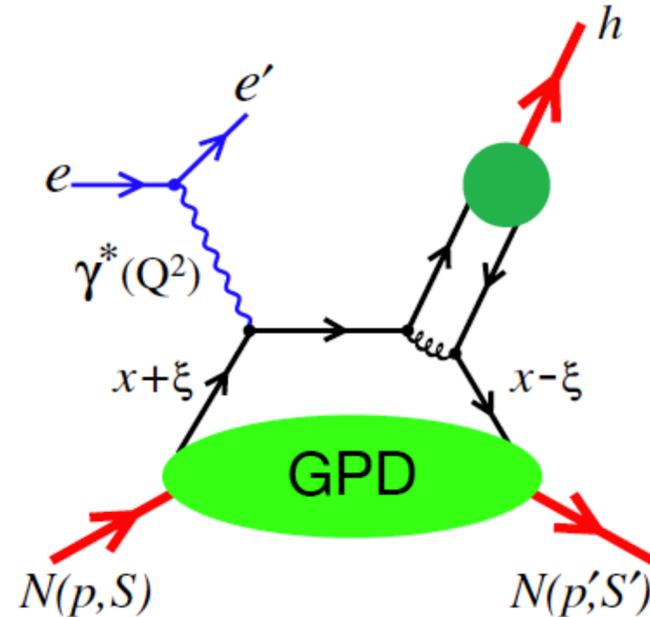
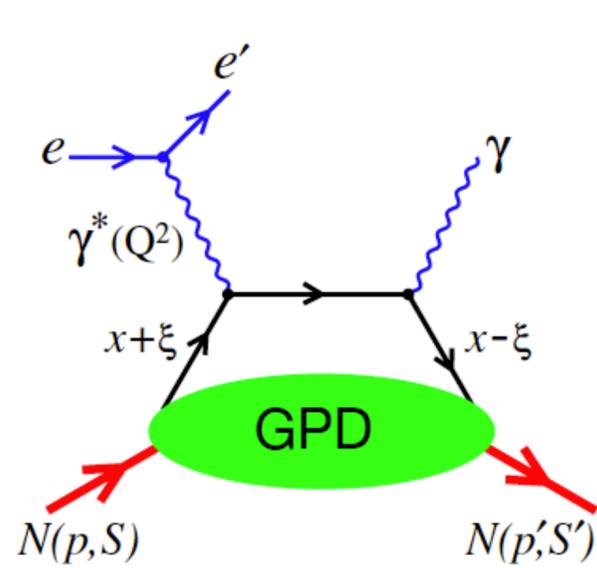


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		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
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	L		$g_1 = \text{⊙} \otimes - \text{⊙}$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{⊙} \otimes - \text{⊙}$ Worm-gear
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \text{⊙} \otimes - \text{⊙}$ Sivers	$g_{1T}^\perp = \text{⊙} \otimes - \text{⊙}$ Worm-gear	$h_1 = \text{⊙} \otimes X$ Transversity $h_{1T}^\perp = \text{⊙} \otimes - \text{⊙}$ Pretzelosity



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GPDs: state-of-the-art

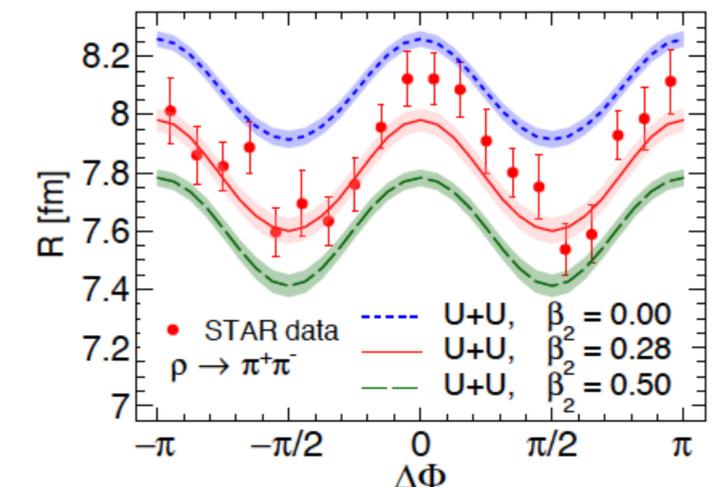
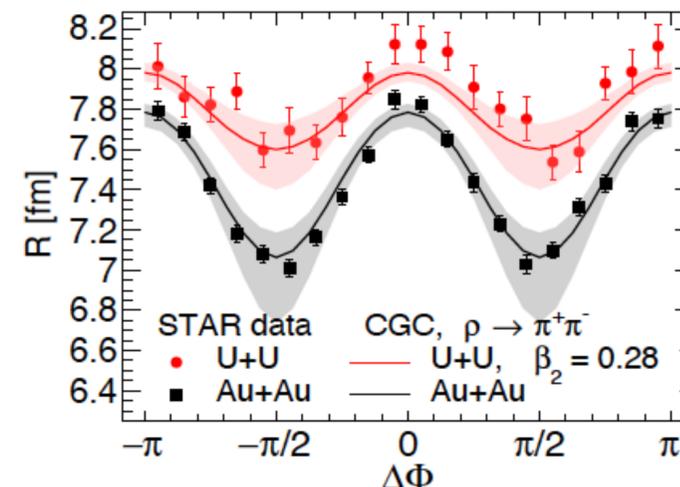
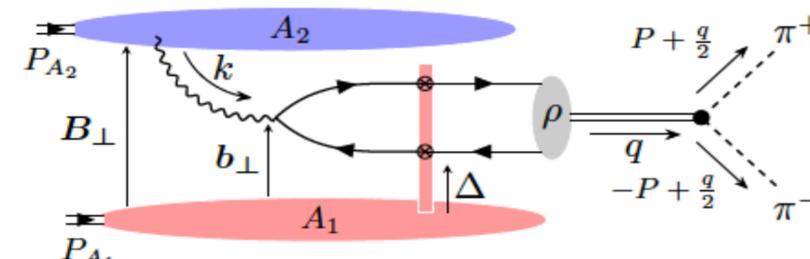
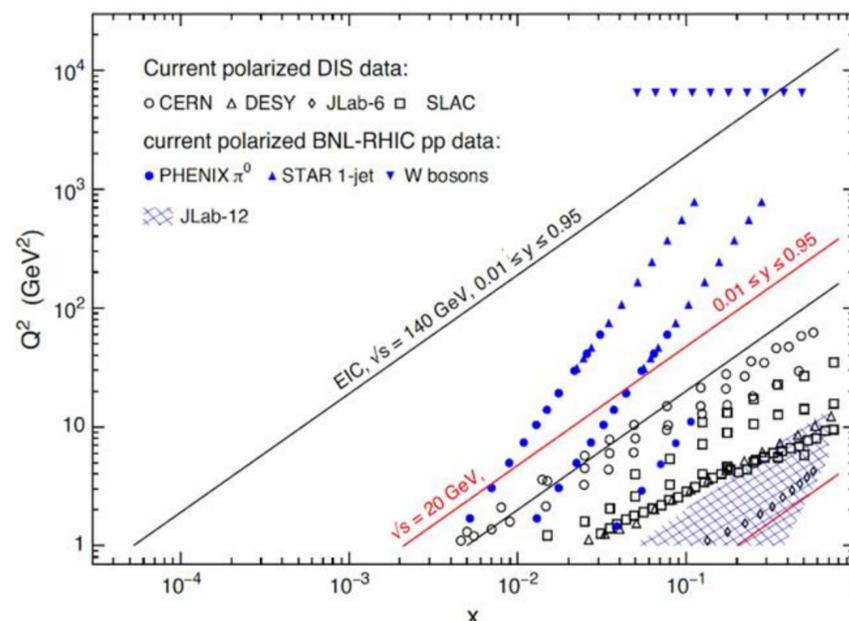


quark polarization

GPD	<i>U</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>U</i>	<i>H</i>		\mathcal{E}_T
<i>L</i>		\tilde{H}	\tilde{E}_T
<i>T</i>	<i>E</i>	\tilde{E}	H_T, \tilde{H}_T

nucleon polarization

- Measured in **exclusive processes**: DVCS, TCS (NNLO), exclusive VM production (NLO?), DDVCS, 2 to 3 processes like $\gamma\gamma$ or γ -meson, transition GPDs/DAs,...
- Relation with the QCD energy-momentum tensor.
- The partonic profile of hadrons can be extracted dependent on x .

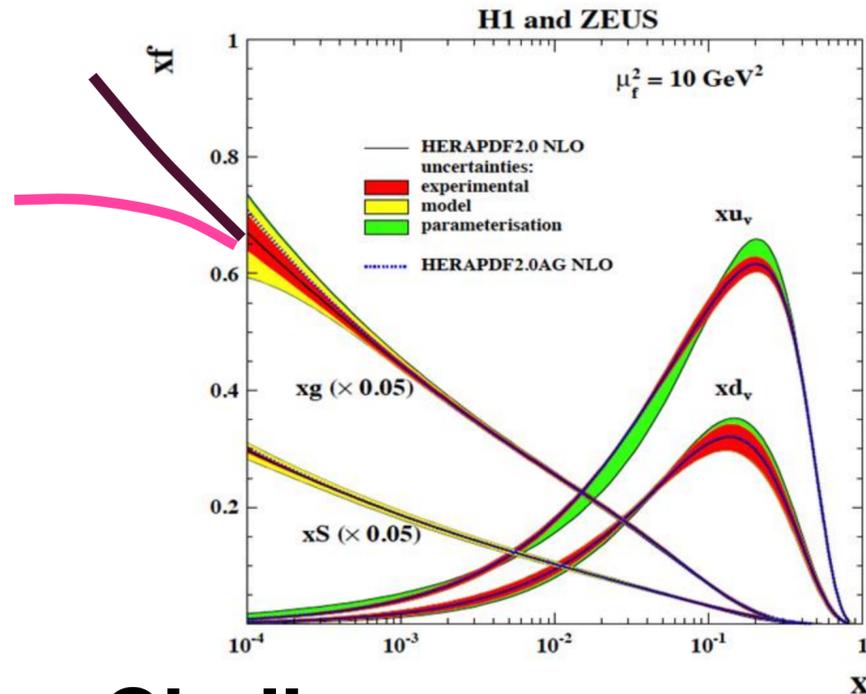


2310.15300, nuclear deformation

TMDs and GPDs: goals and challenges

- **Data:** substantial progress expected from upcoming experiments (EIC) \Rightarrow need of large amounts from different observables in order to constrain the numerous TMDs and GPDs, e.g., gluon, flavour dependence.
- **Methodology:** many developments, several parameterisations, full method of extraction still lacking for GPDs \Rightarrow increasing complexity (TMD PDFs and FFs have to be included), interplay with collinear PDFs and FFs, extension to nuclei.
- **Theory:** for TMDs large perturbative accuracy available, crucial to achieve the required precision; for GPDs NNLO DVCS available but not yet full NLO evolution \Rightarrow understanding of theoretical uncertainties, extension to small x and relation with other formalisms, possibility of using non-perturbative information from lattice; completion of the missing pieces.
- **Precision:** α_s from low transverse momentum DY, M_W in hadronic colliders,...

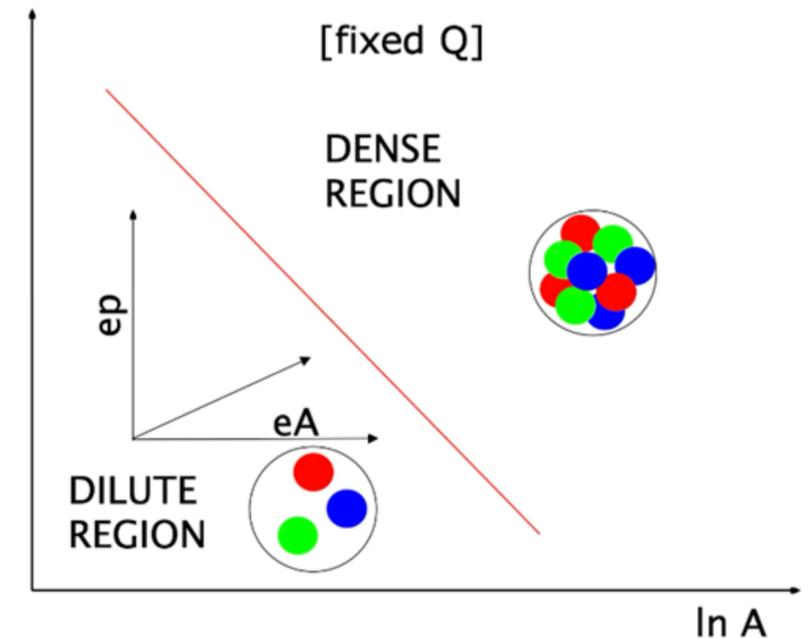
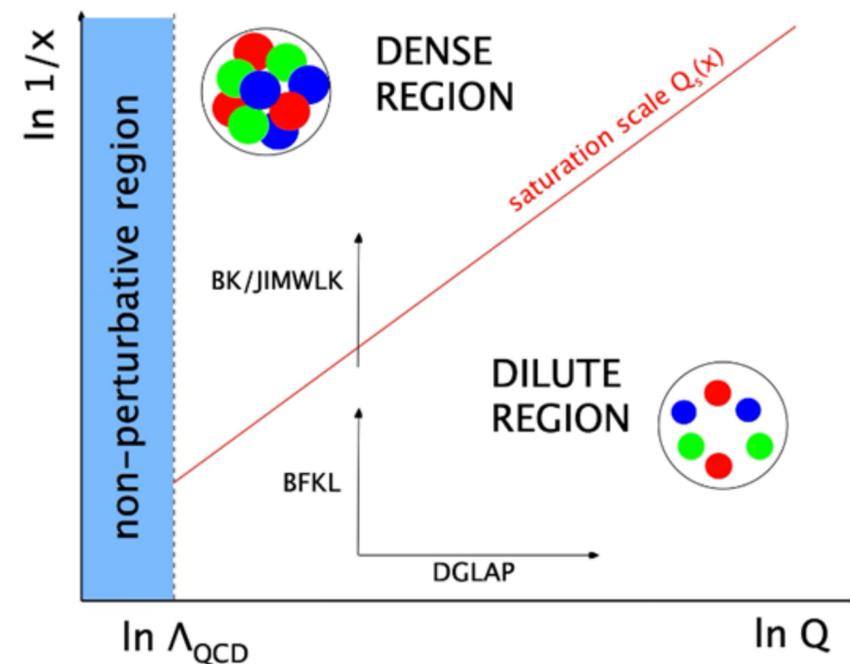
Small x: state-of-the-art and challenges



- In **QCD at high energies**, fixed-order perturbation theory (linear, DGLAP) eventually fails \Rightarrow resummation, non-linear effects (saturation, driven by density).
- **NLO calculations** available in both regimes dilute (BFKL+coll. res., DIS and $\gamma\gamma$ cross sections, jet-gap-jet observables, H, heavy quarks) and dense (CGC: JIMWLK/BK+ coll. res., DIS cross sections including HQs, single particle/jet and DY+jet in pA, single hadron, dihadron and dijet in DIS, non-eikonal corrections).

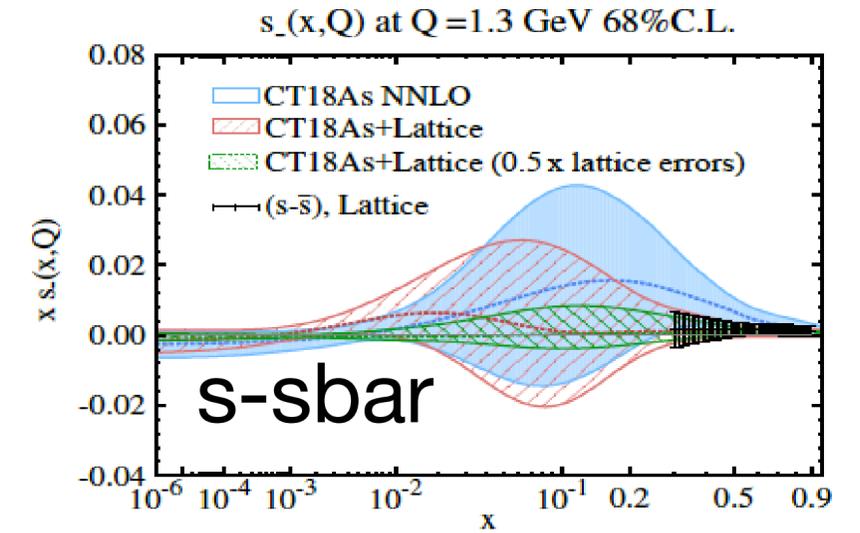
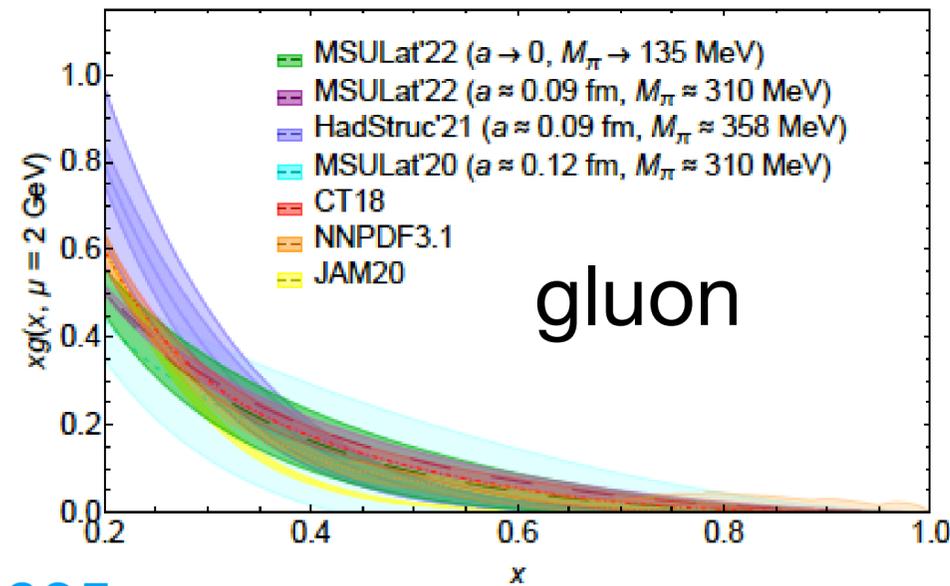
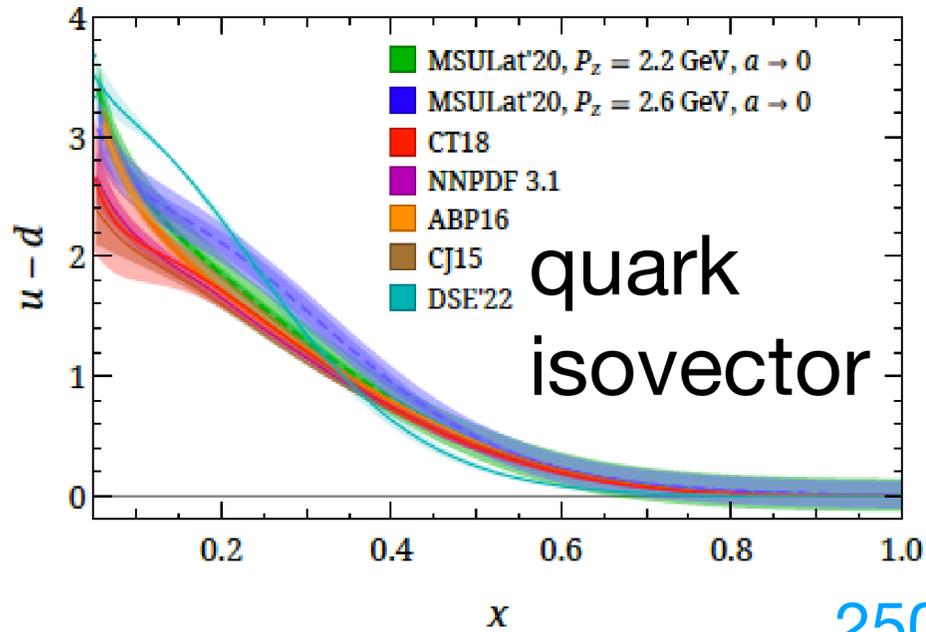
Challenges:

- Experimental data inconclusive: lever arm in Q^2 at small x, proton and nuclei.
- Complete NLO calculations: stability?; target modelling.
- Relation with TMD factorisation, and search of unified evolution.

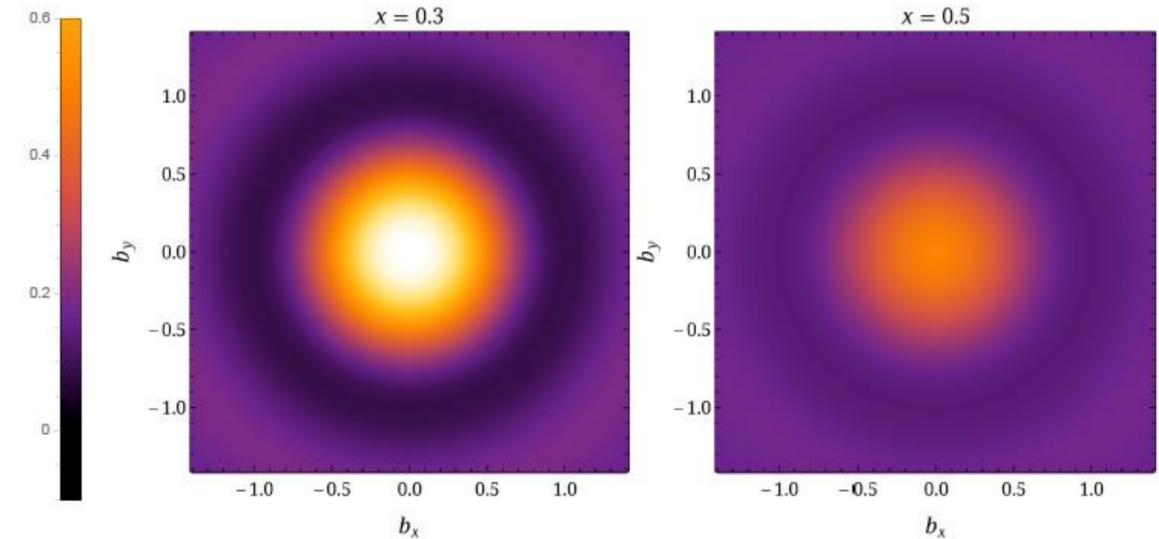
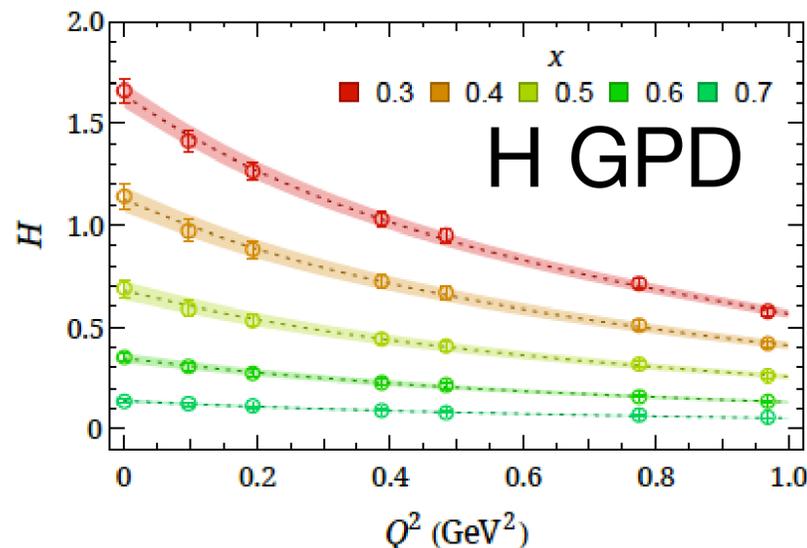
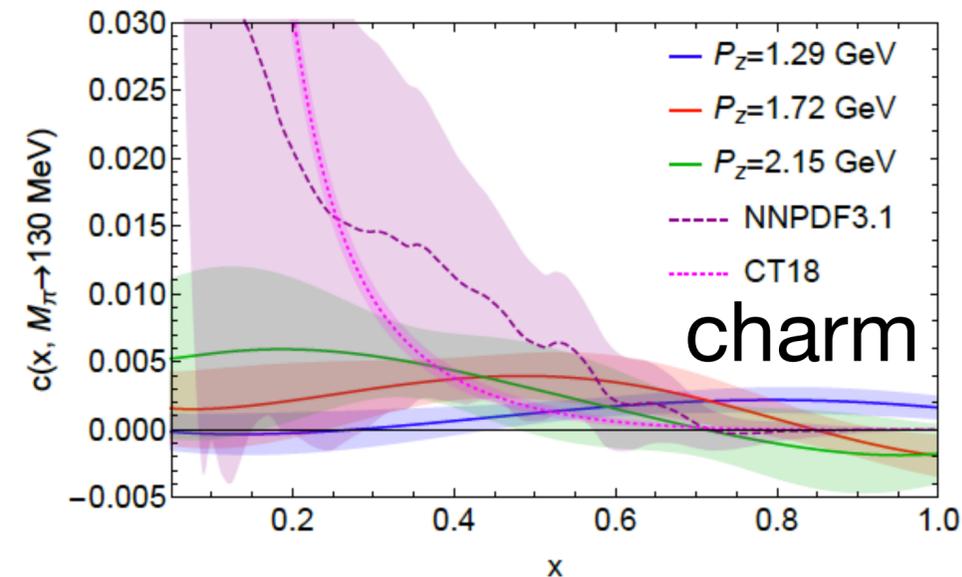


Lattice: state-of-the-art and challenges

- Since 2013, lattice QCD has provided 1st-principles PDFs, TMDs and GPDs.
- 2+1(+1) flavors (physical m_π for some quantities) achieved.
- **Challenges:** signal-to-noise ratios, extrapolation to physical m_π , uncertainties for large and small x ; lattice results into global fits (already done for COMPASS transversity TMD).



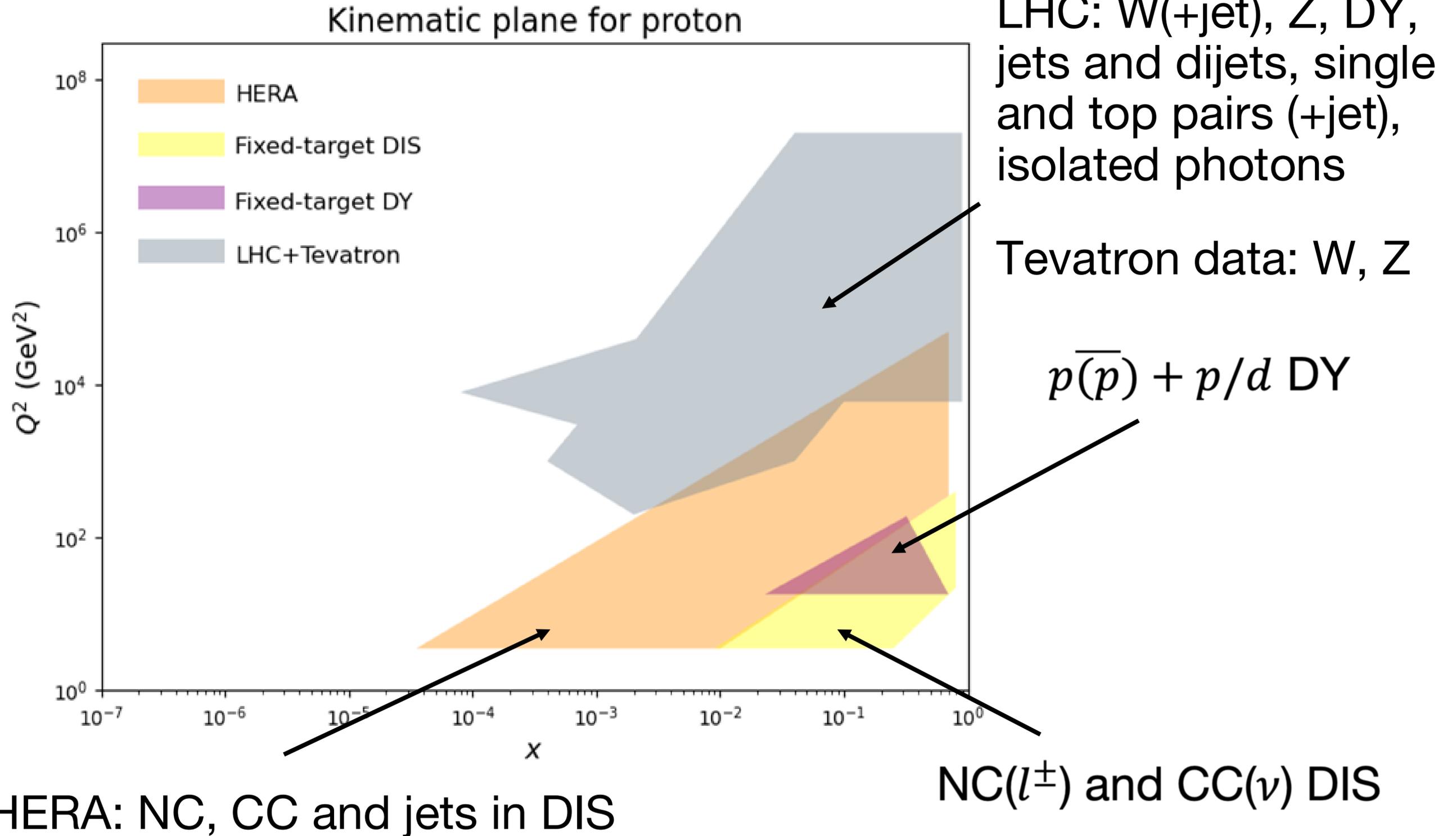
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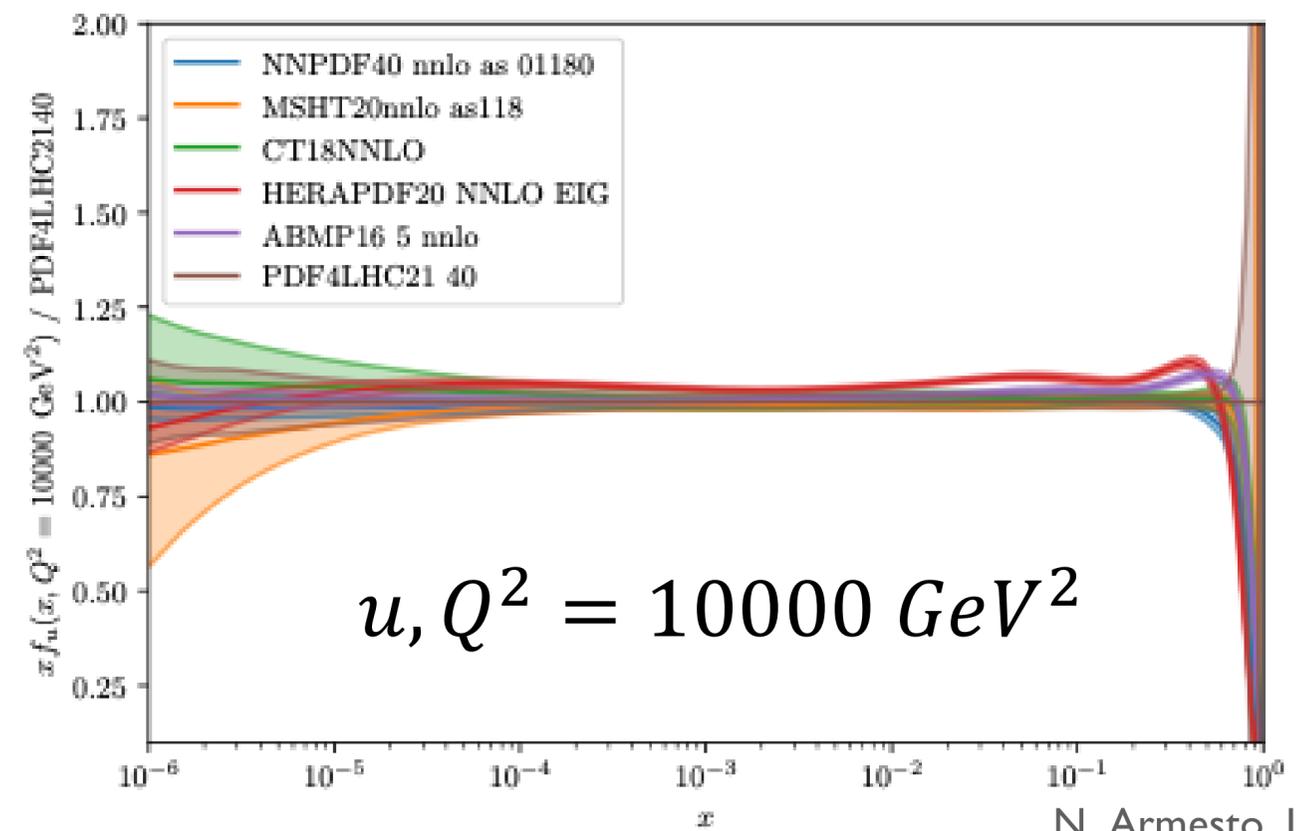
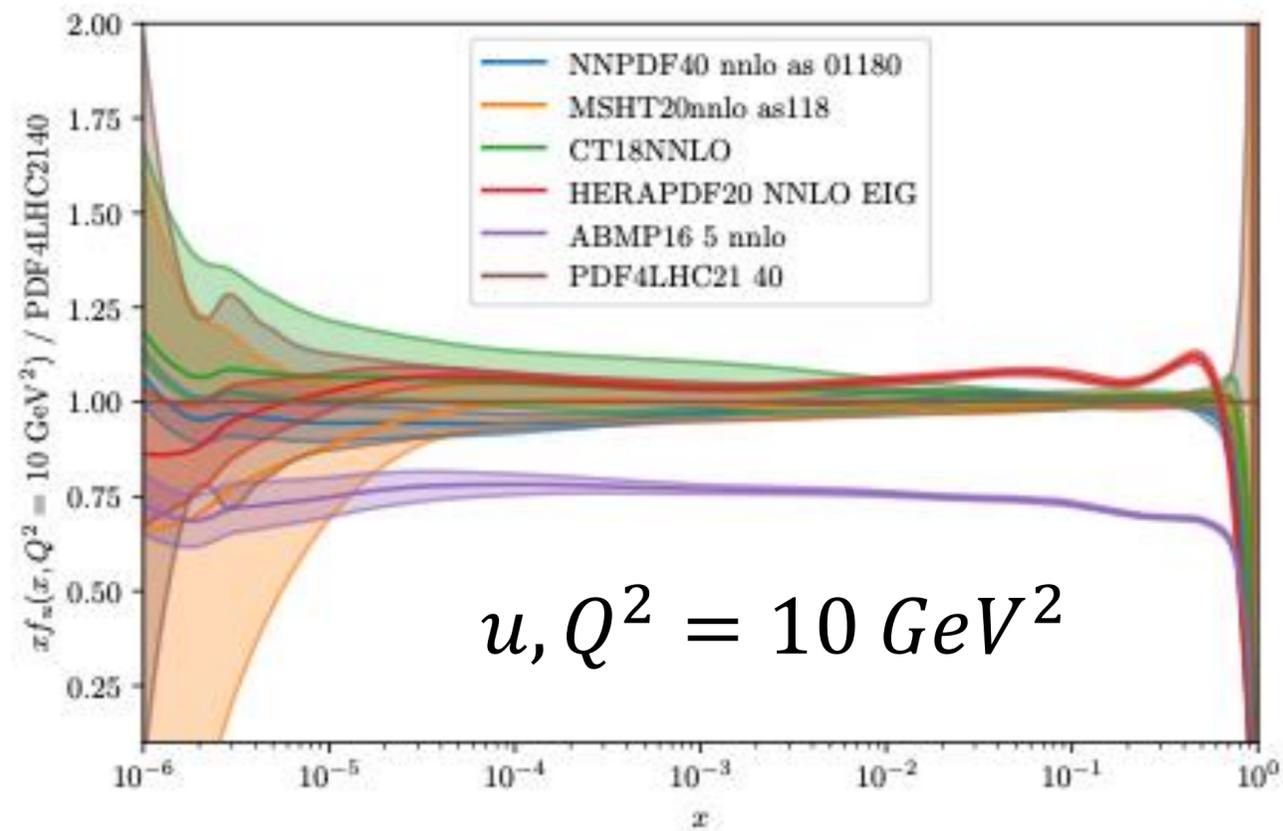
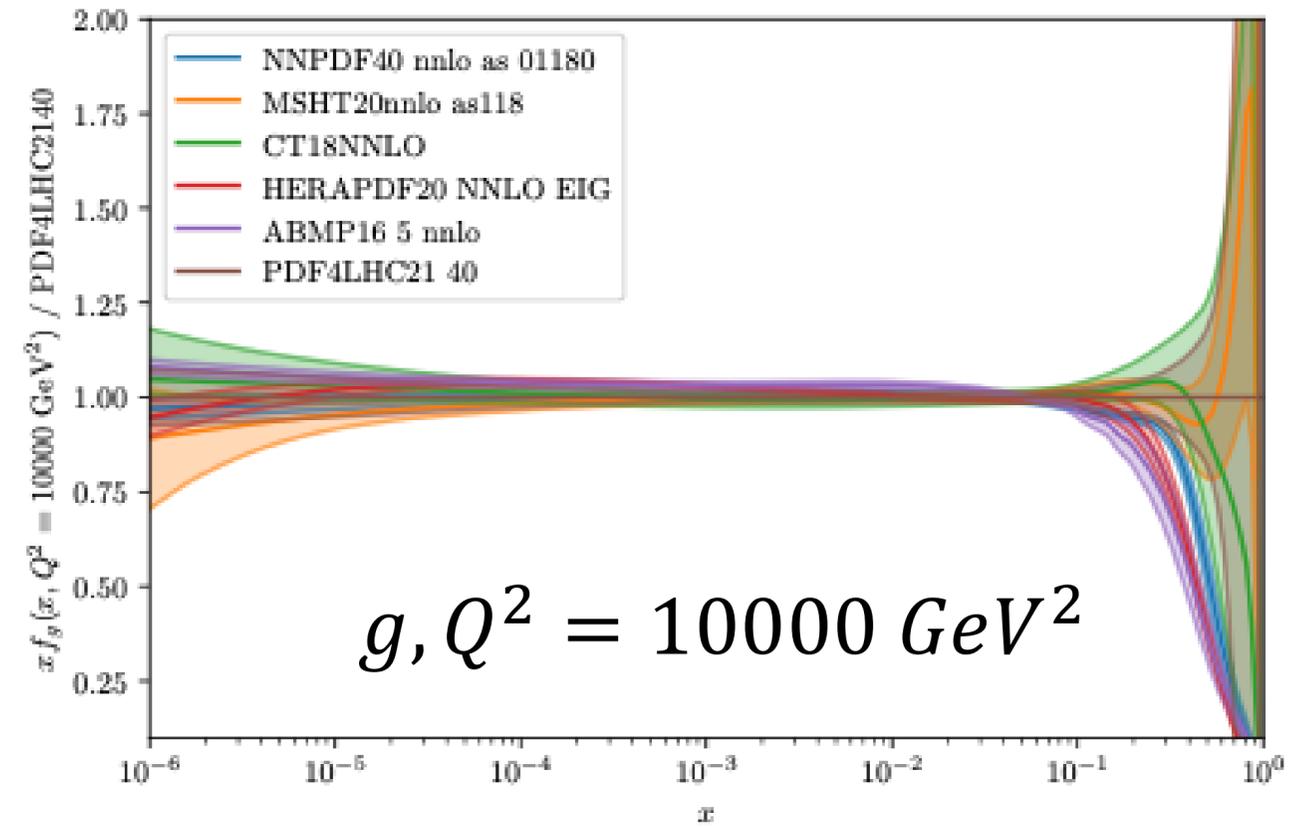
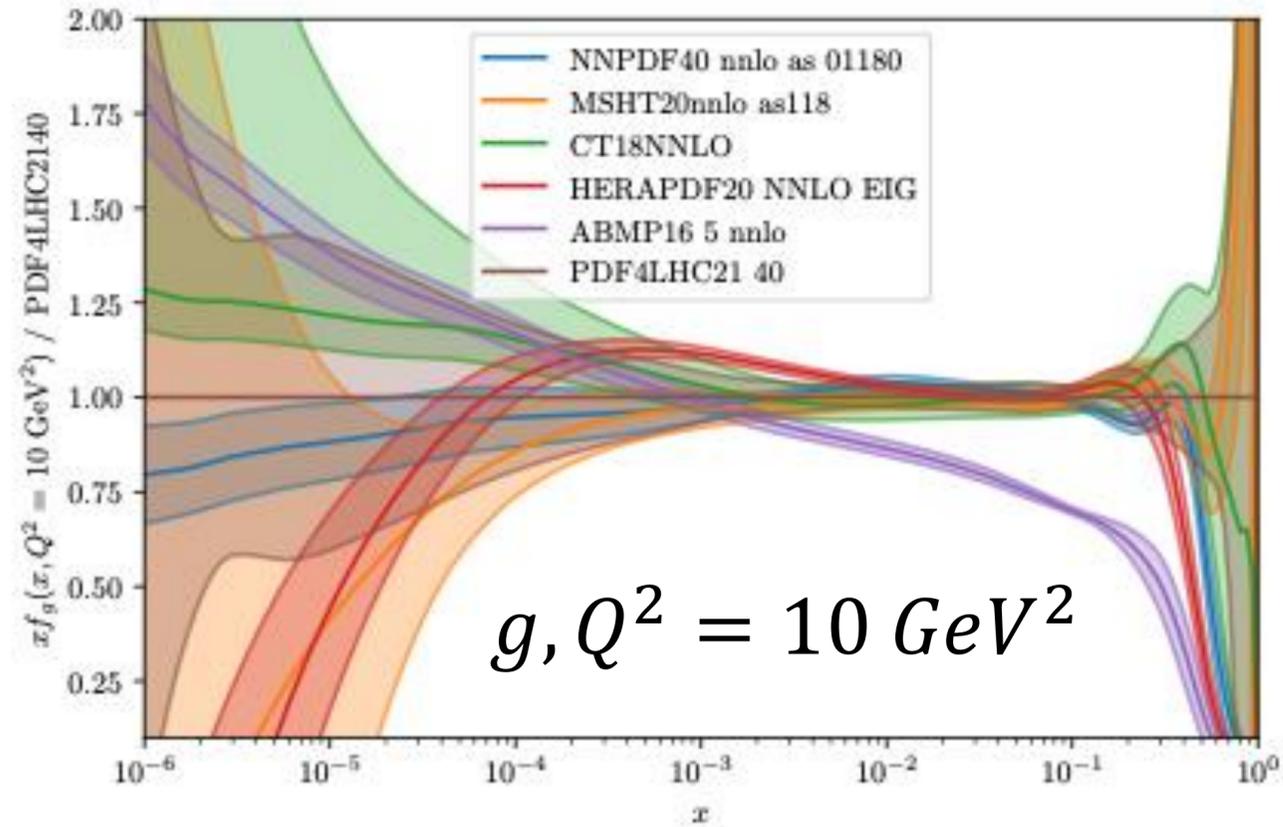
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Kinematic planes for proton

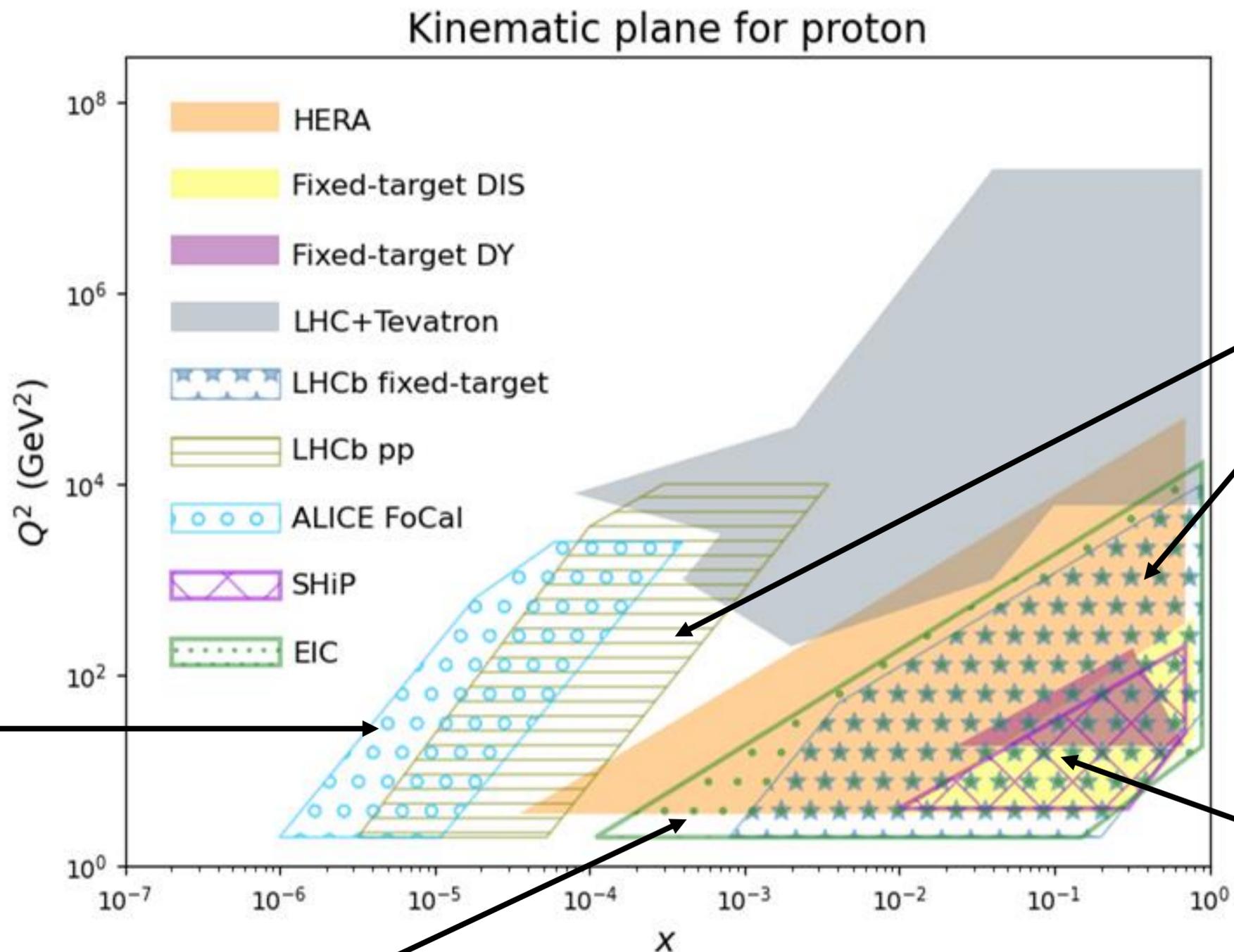
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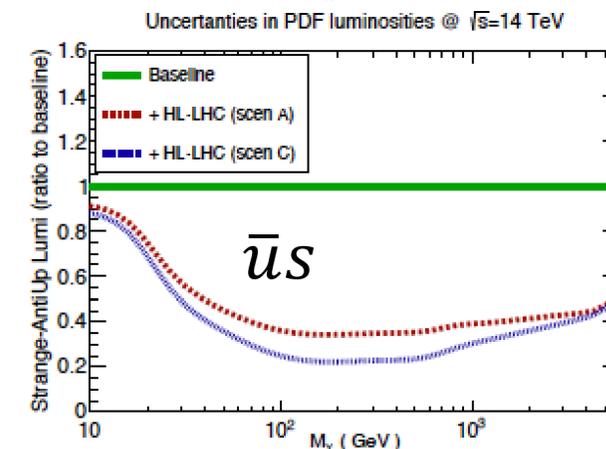
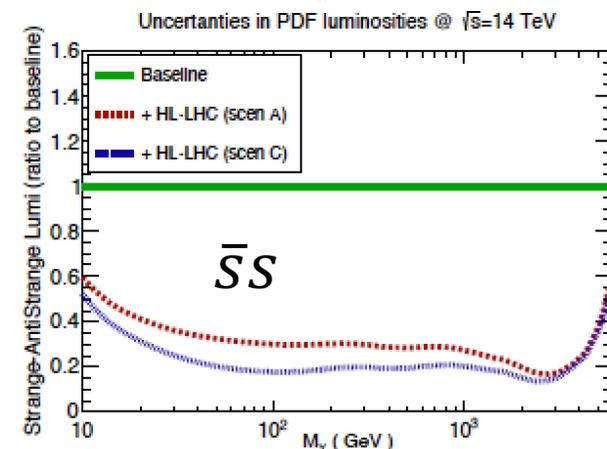
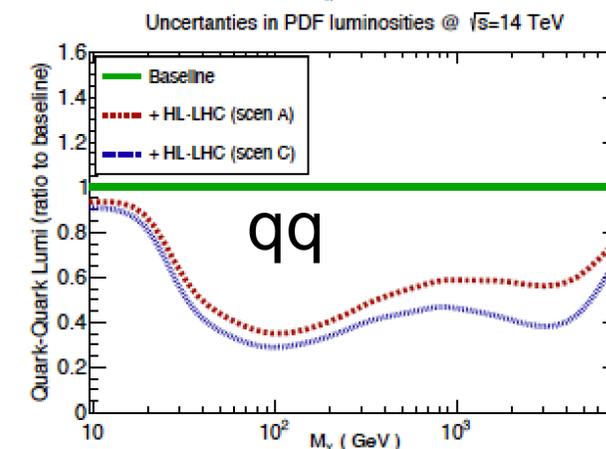
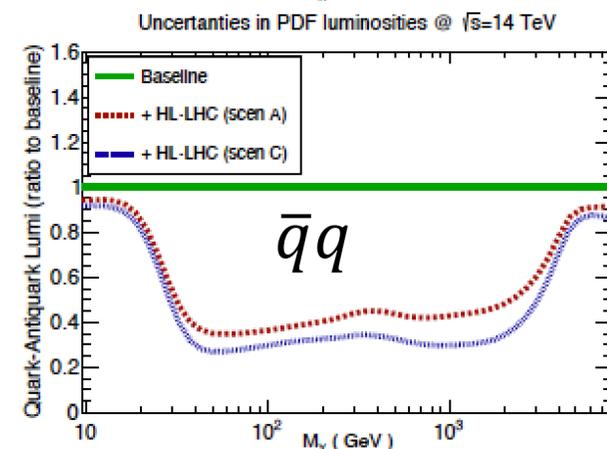
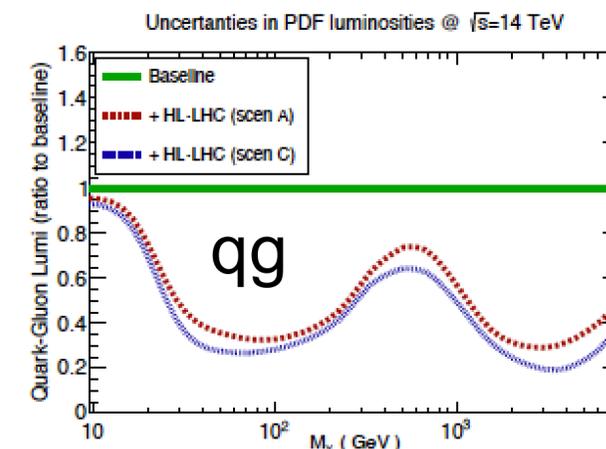
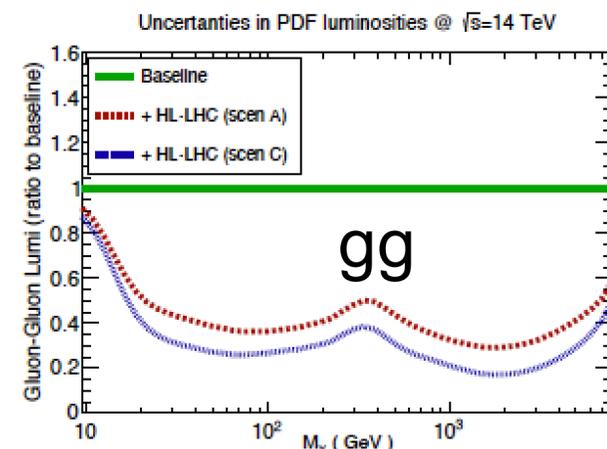
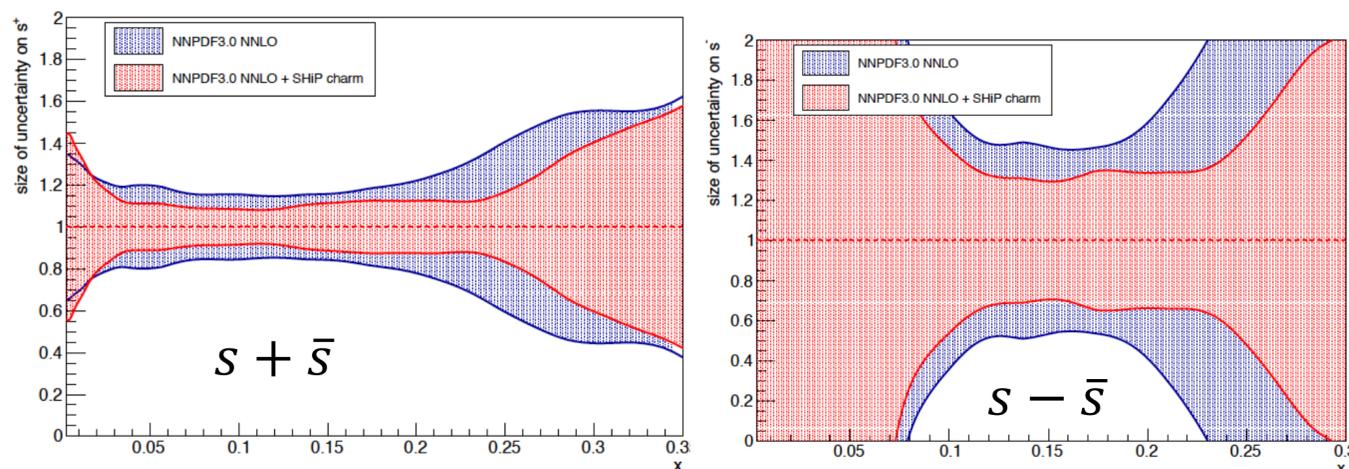
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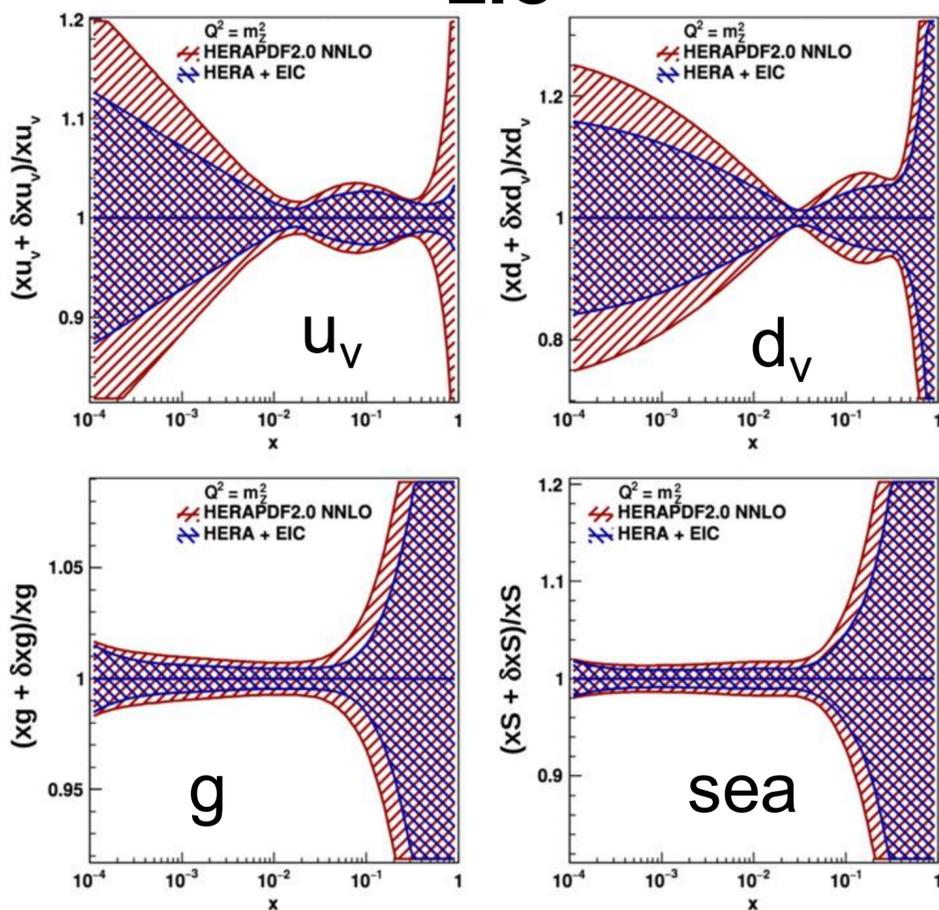
1810.03639, HL-LHC

A: conservative (1/2); C: optimistic (1/5)

1504.04855,
strangeness
through charm
tagging at SHiP



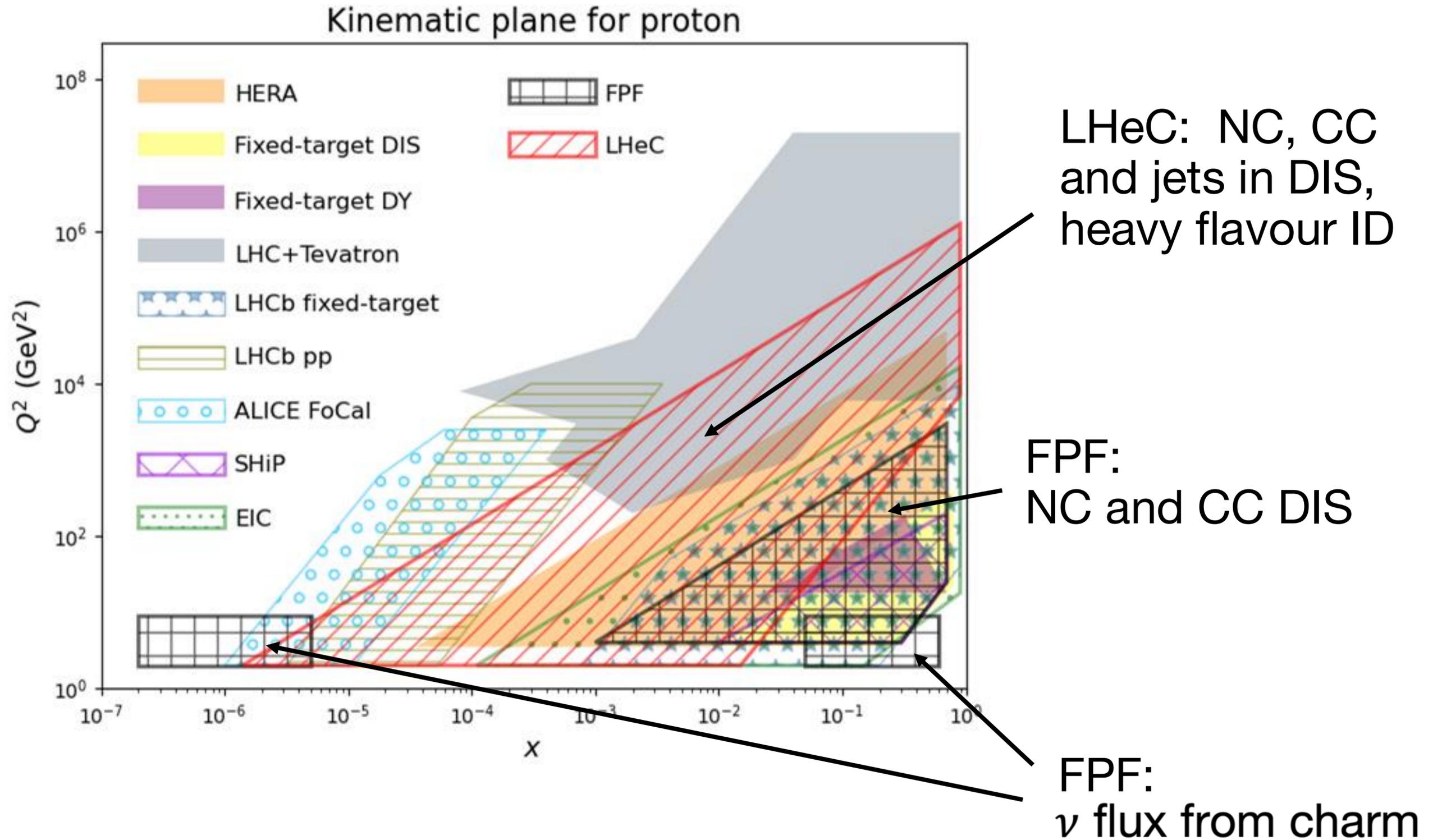
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- Sizeable but modest impact from EIC, SHiP provides strangeness.
- Large impact from HL-LHC, but a large fraction of it already done (update needed).
- Note: timelines may be different.

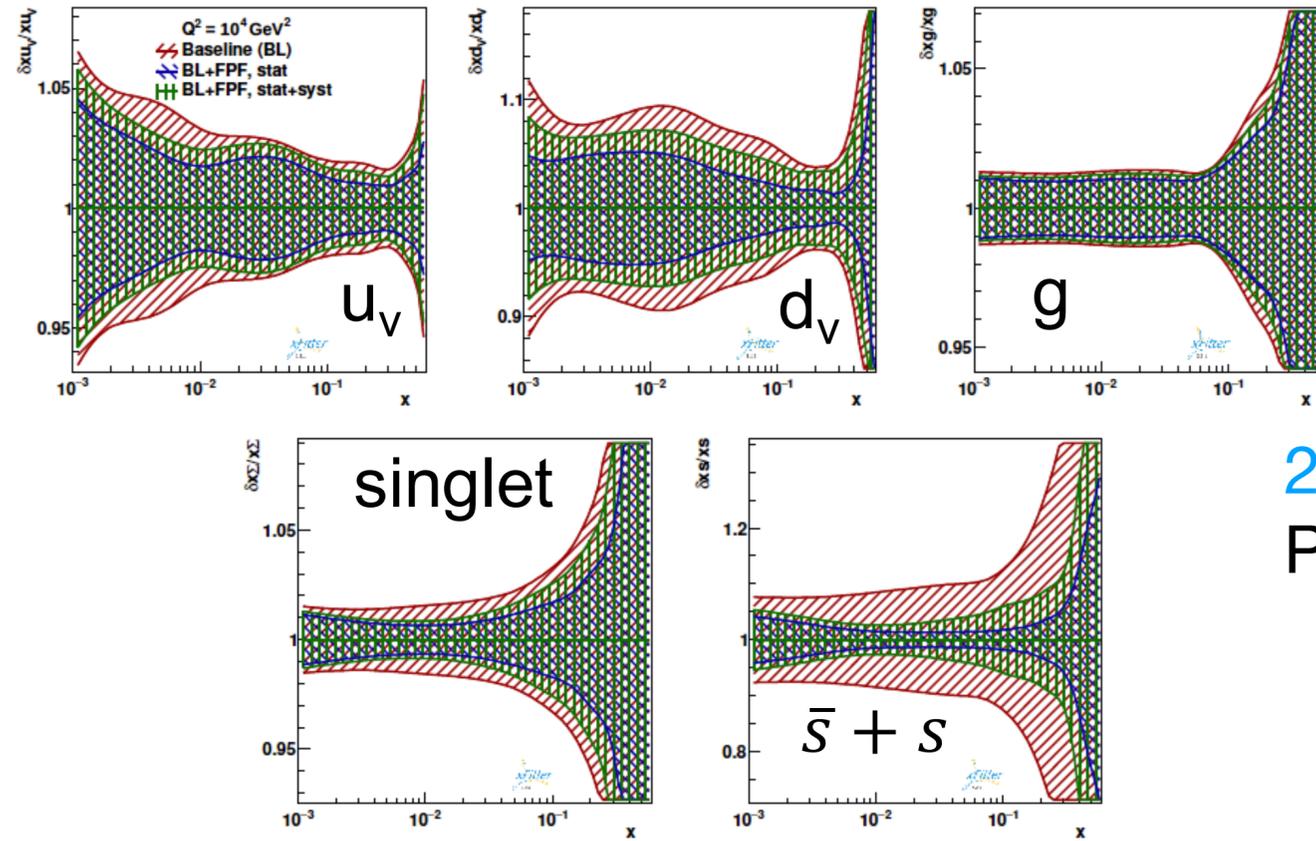
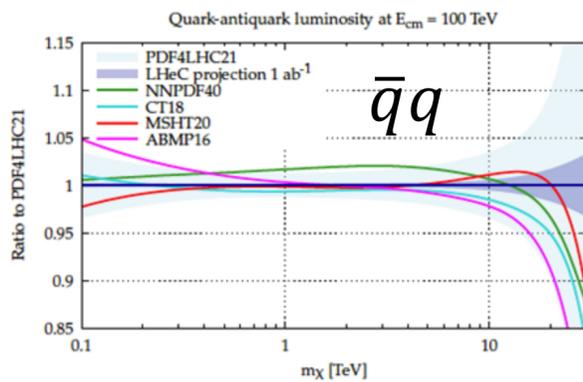
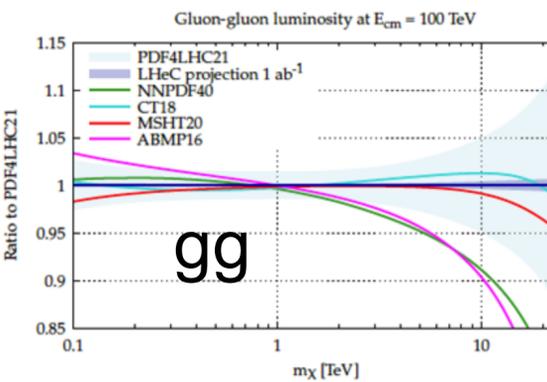
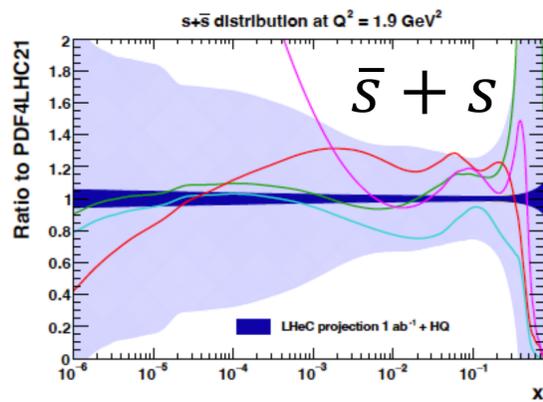
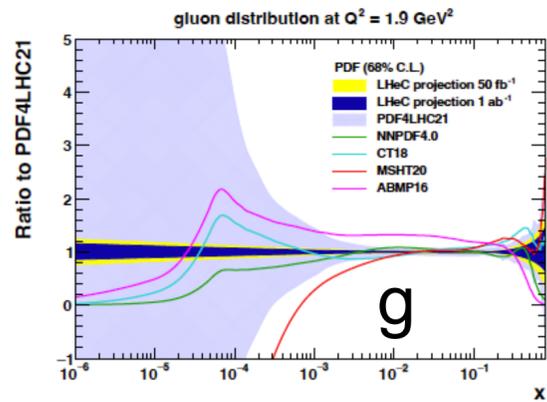
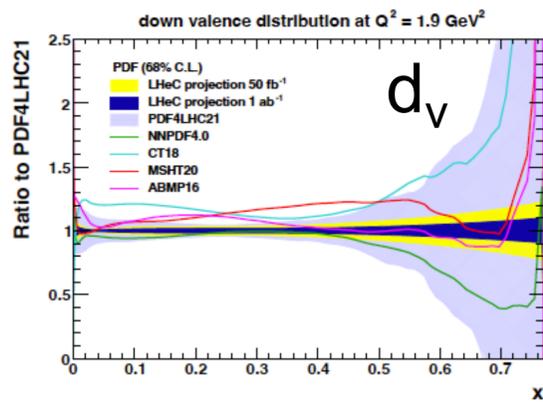
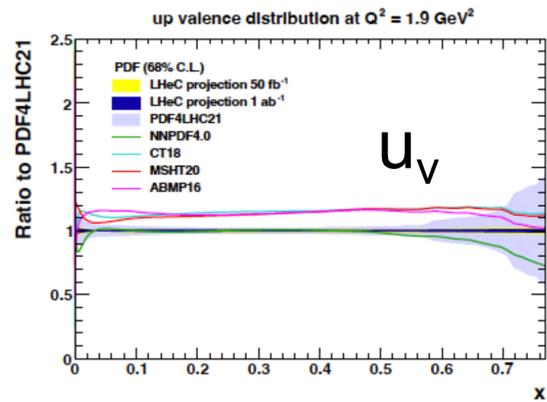
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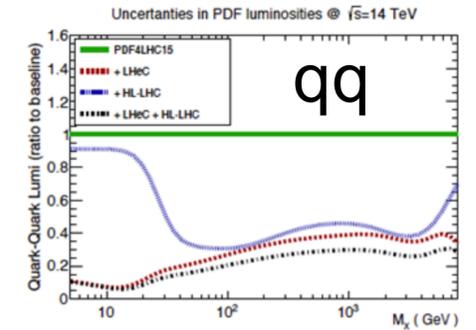
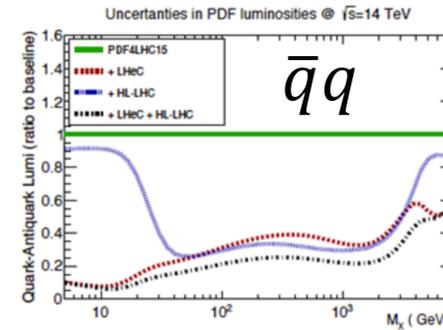
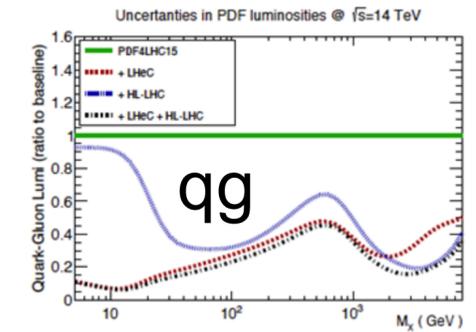
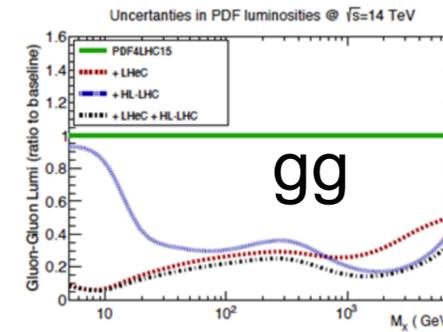
Kinematic planes for proton

2503.17727, LHeC



2309.09581, FPF, PDF4LHC21

- Sizeable but modest impact from FPF, except strangeness!
- Large impact from LHeC.

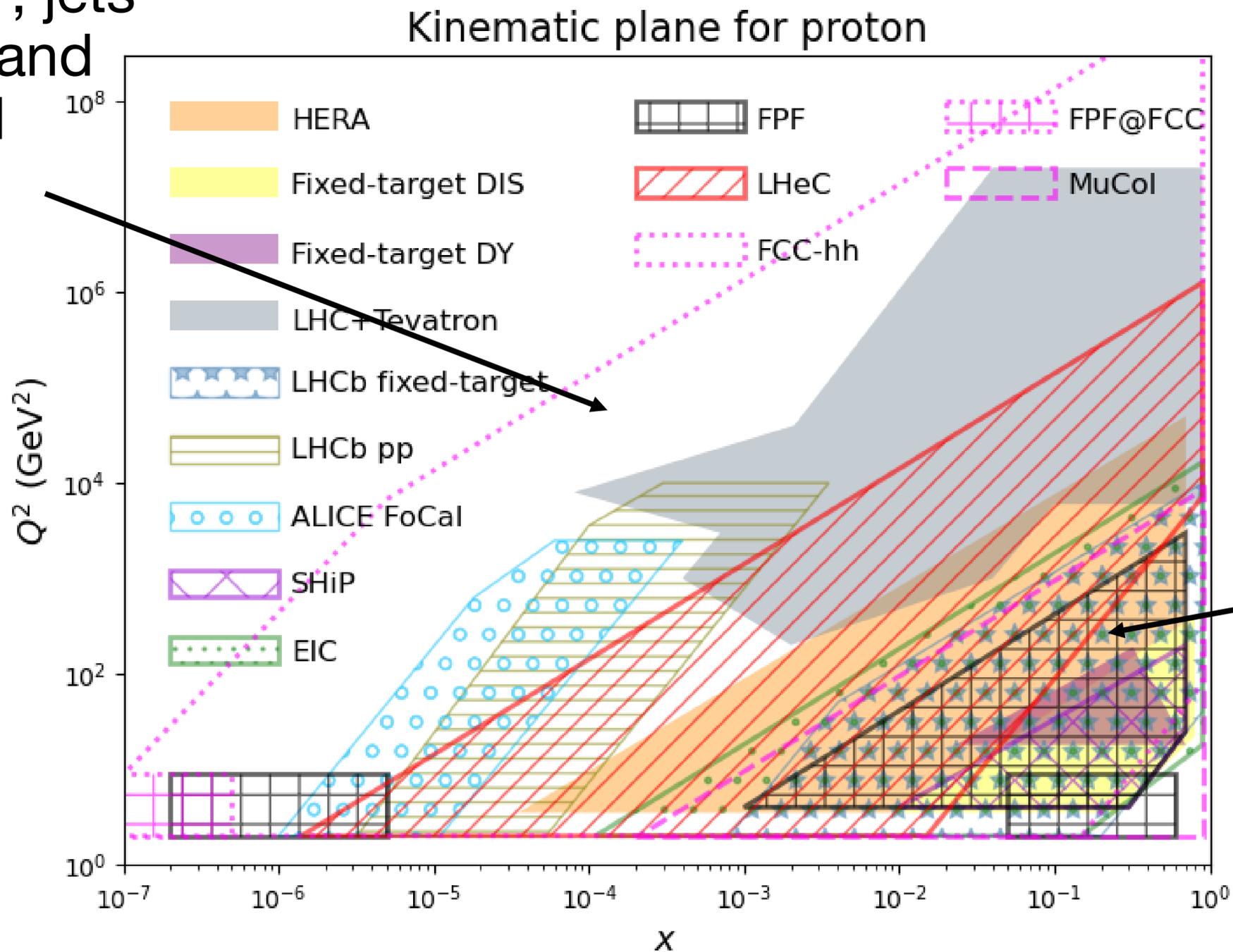


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Kinematic planes for proton

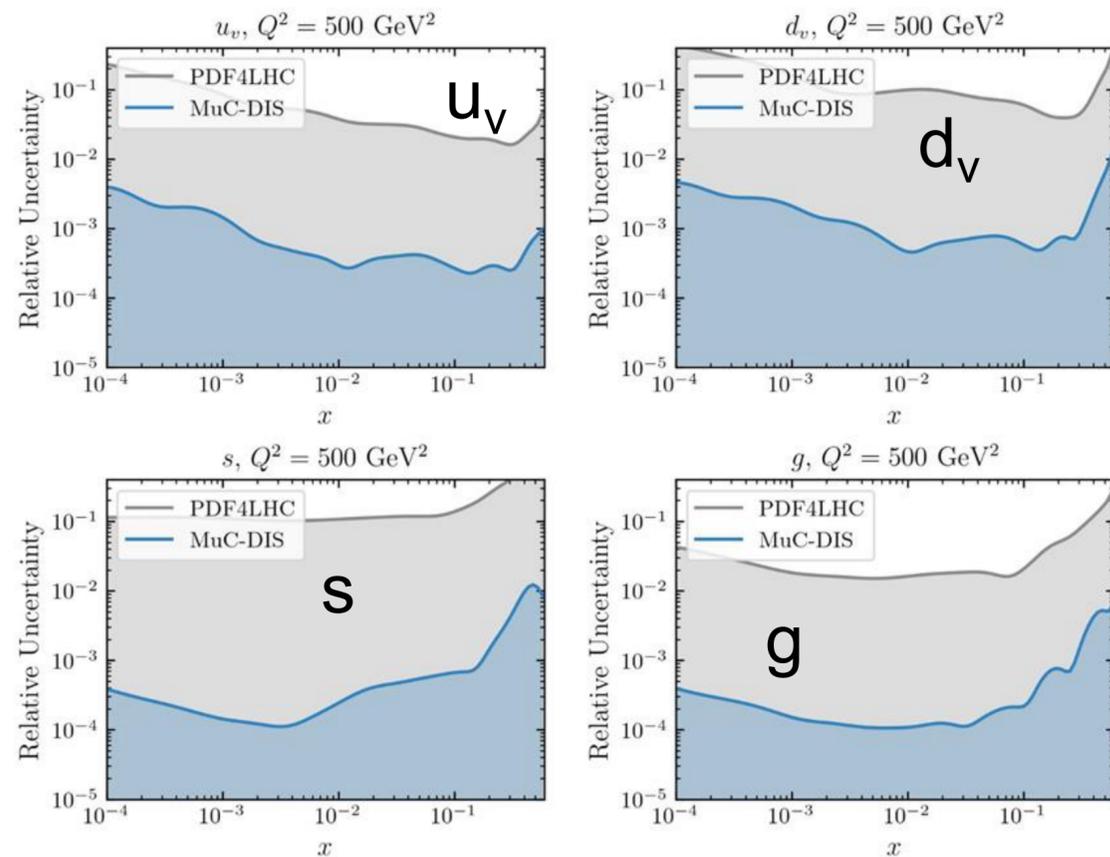
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FPF@FCC



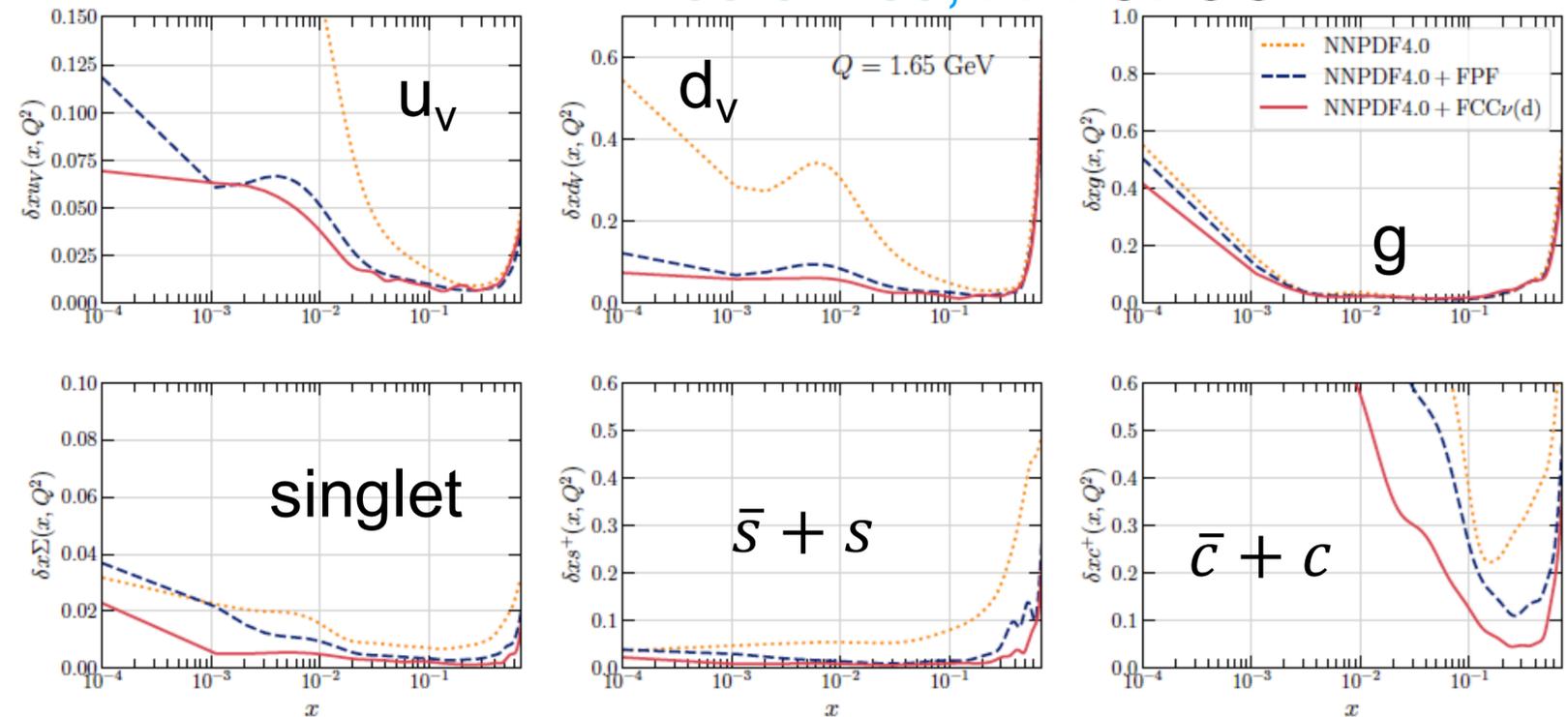
MuCol:
NC and CC DIS

Kinematic planes for proton



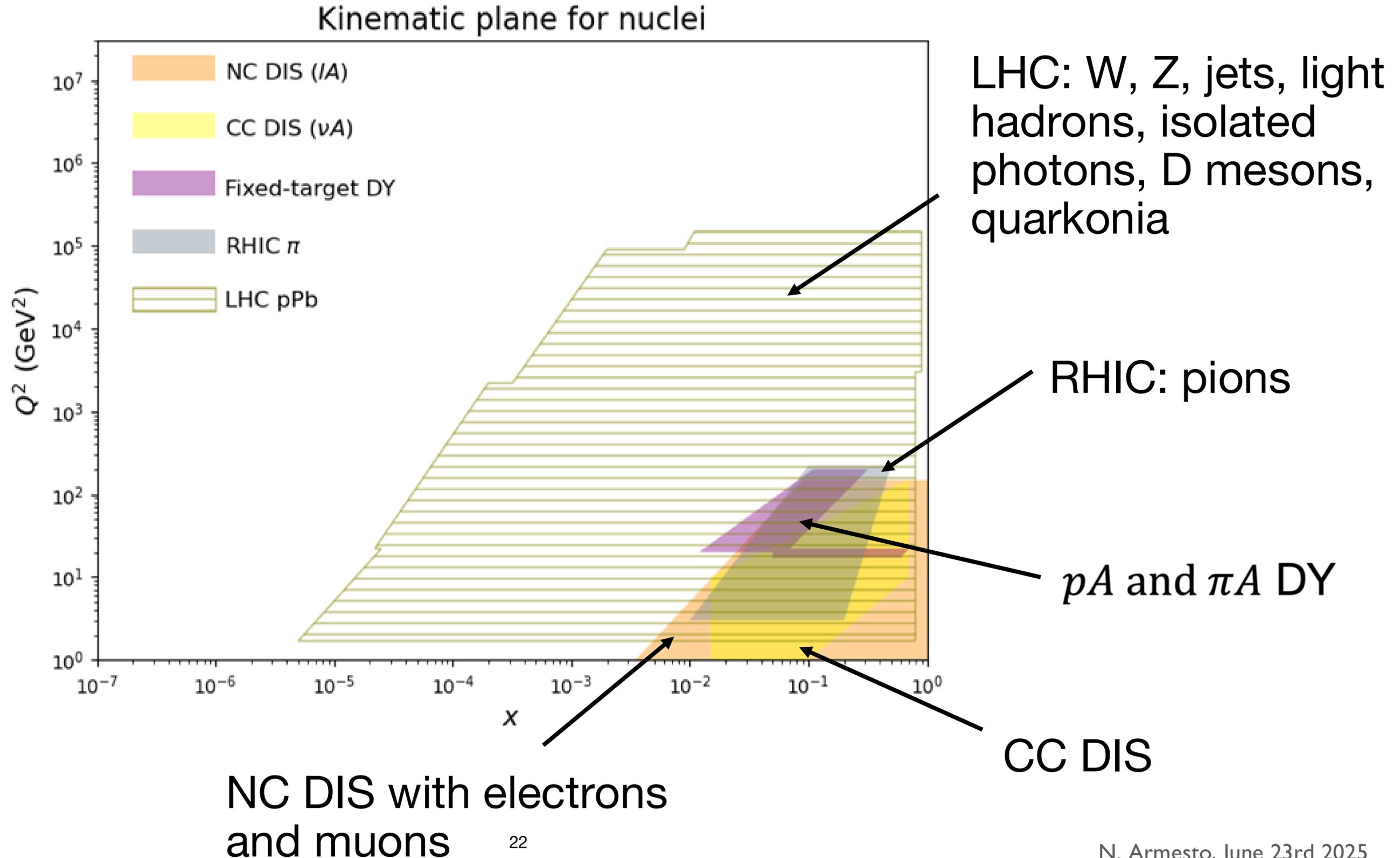
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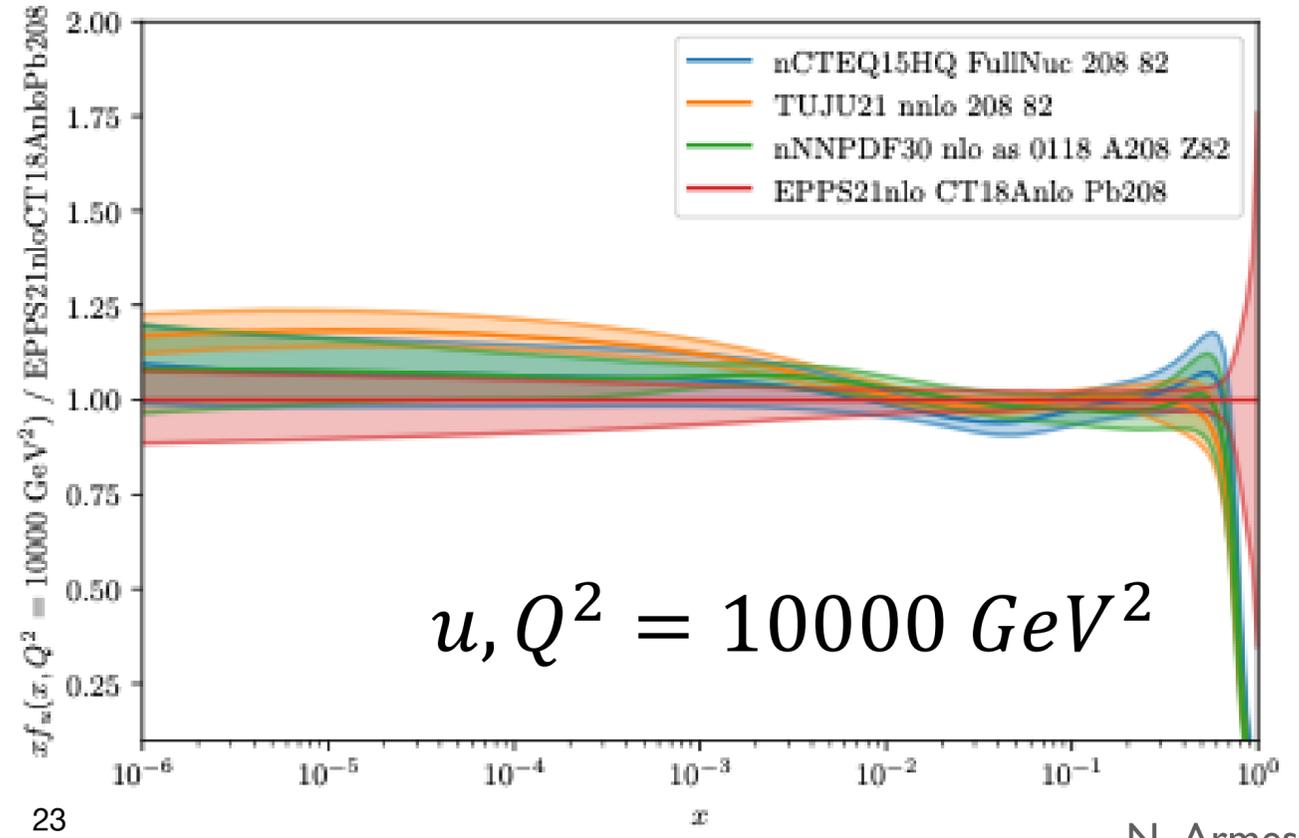
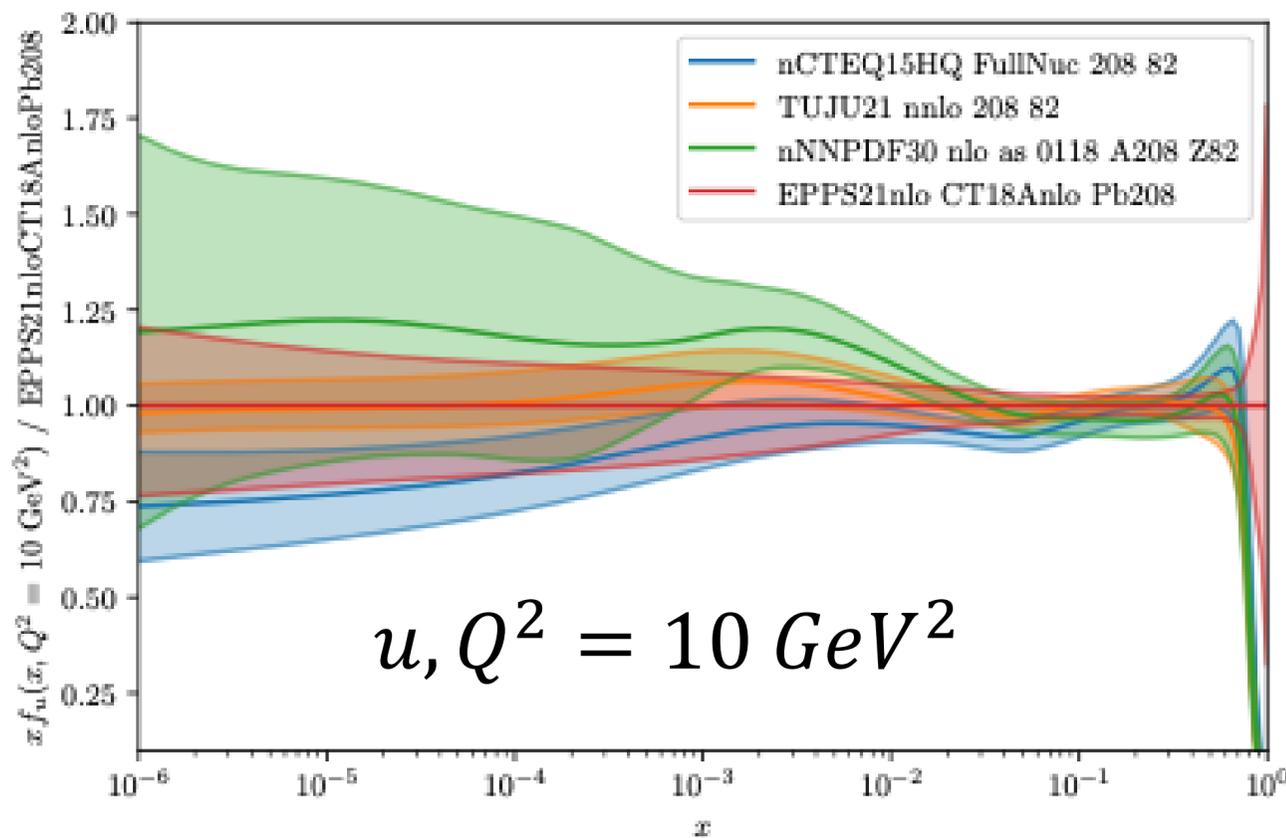
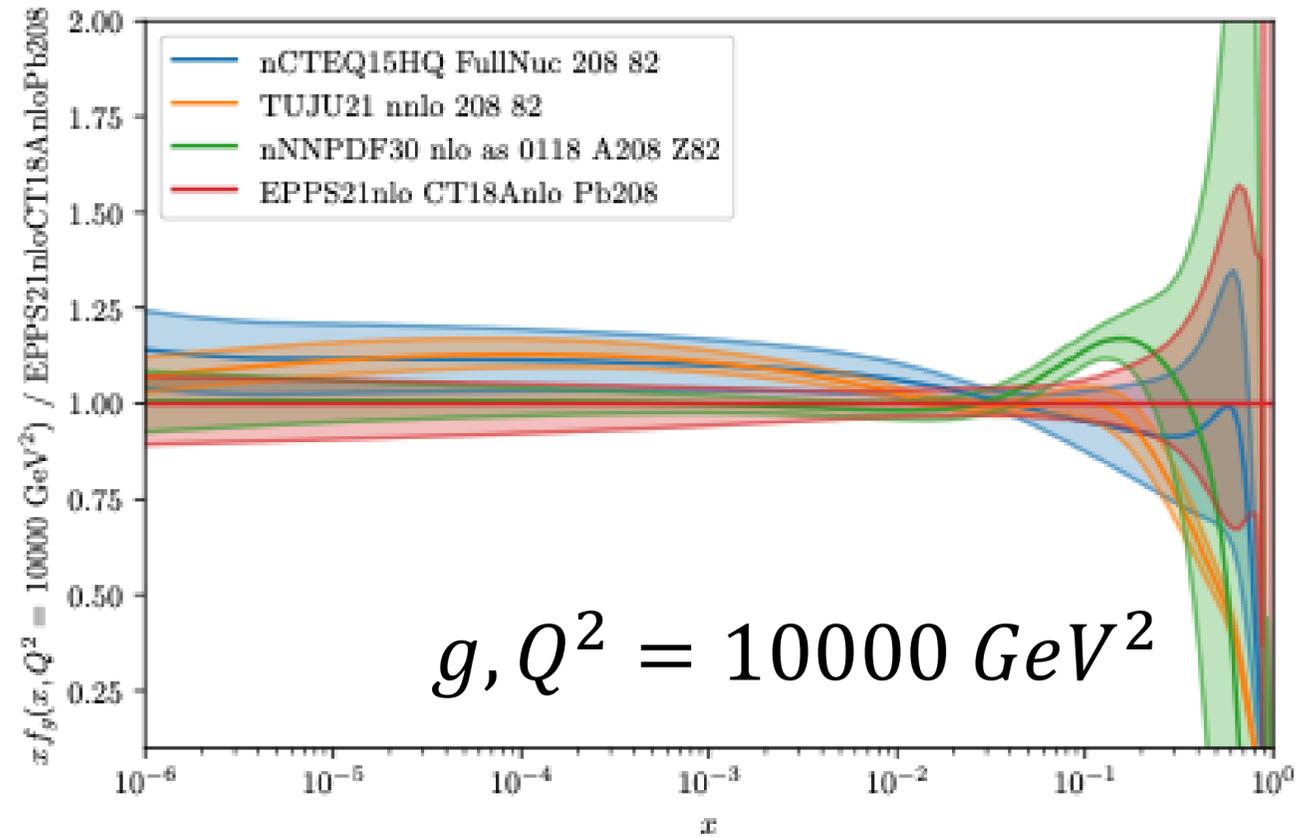
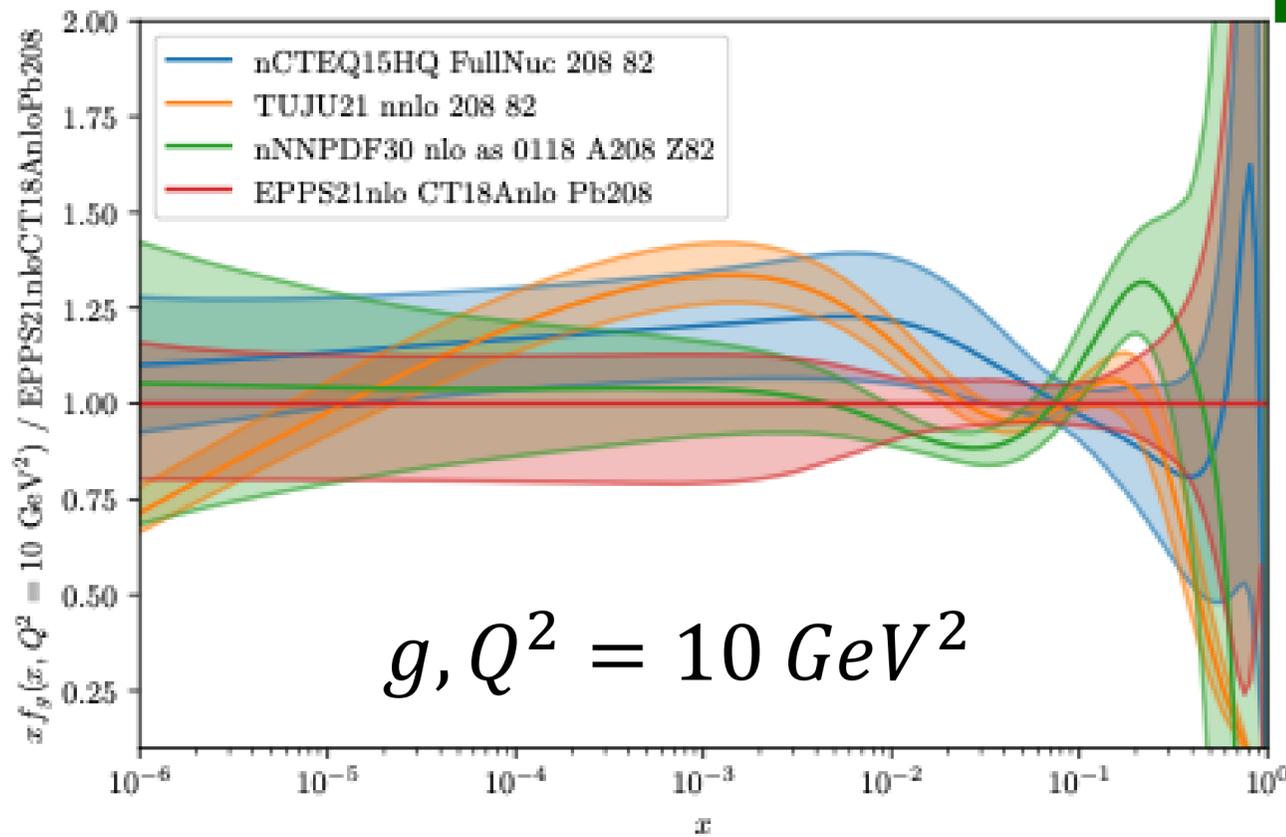


- Sizeable impact from FPF@FCC (valence), close to FPF@HL-LHC.
- Large impact from MuCol (statistics only).

Kinematic planes for nuclei

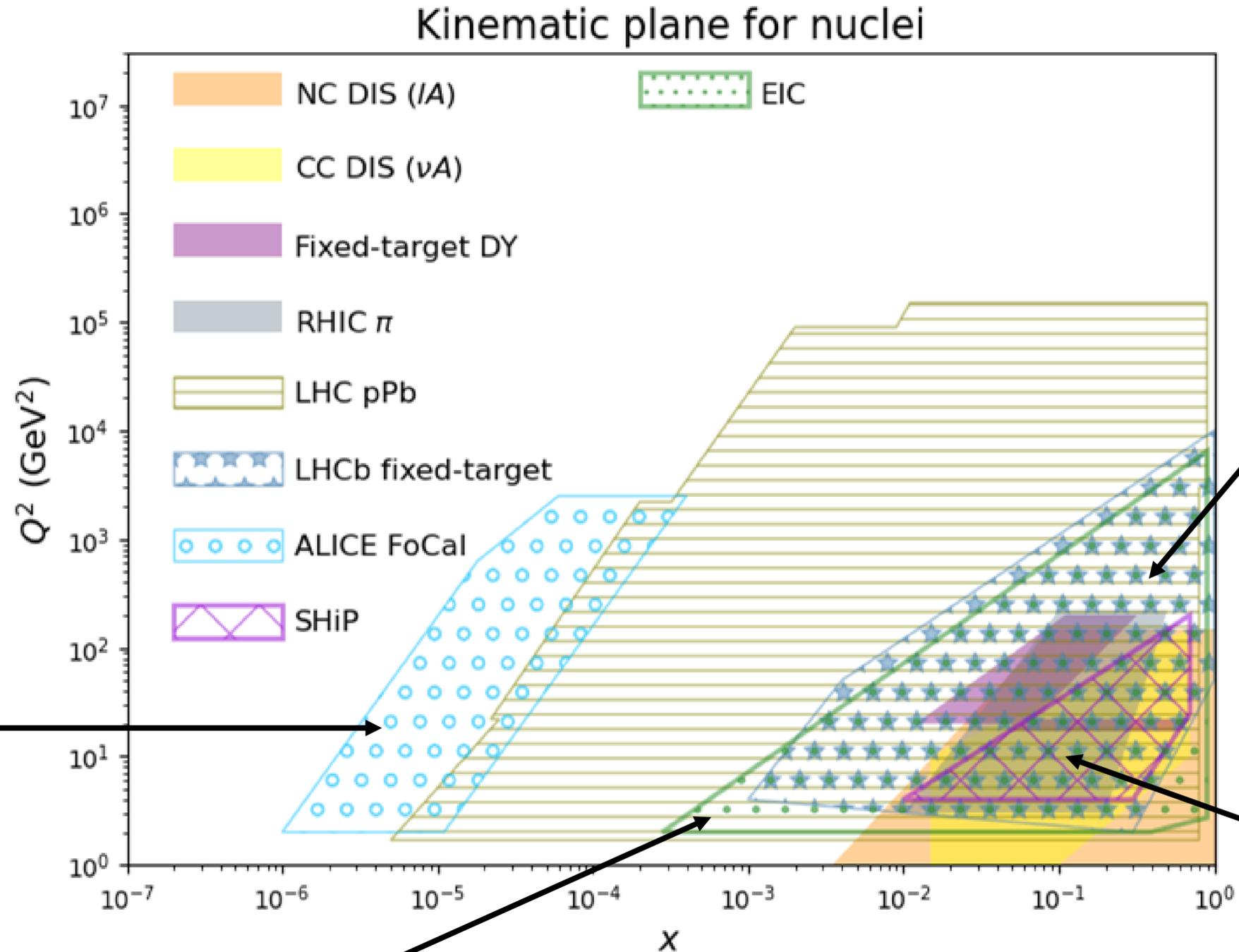


Kinematic planes for nuclei



Kinematic planes for nuclei

ALICE FoCal:
photons,
electrons (J/ψ)
and jets



LHCb: D, B,
quarkonia, light
hadrons

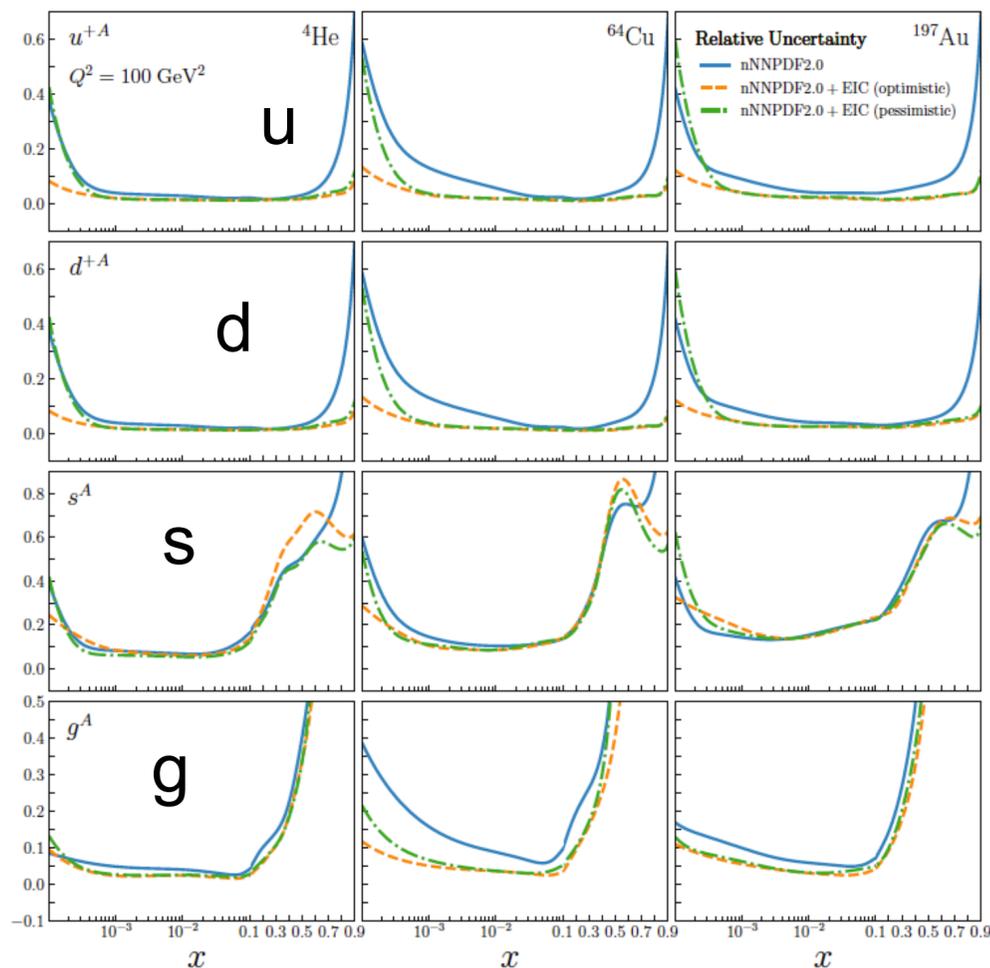
SHiP:
 ν flux from charm,
NC and CC DIS
(charm tagging)

EIC: NC, CC and jets in DIS, light-
and heavy-flavour ID

Kinematic planes for nuclei

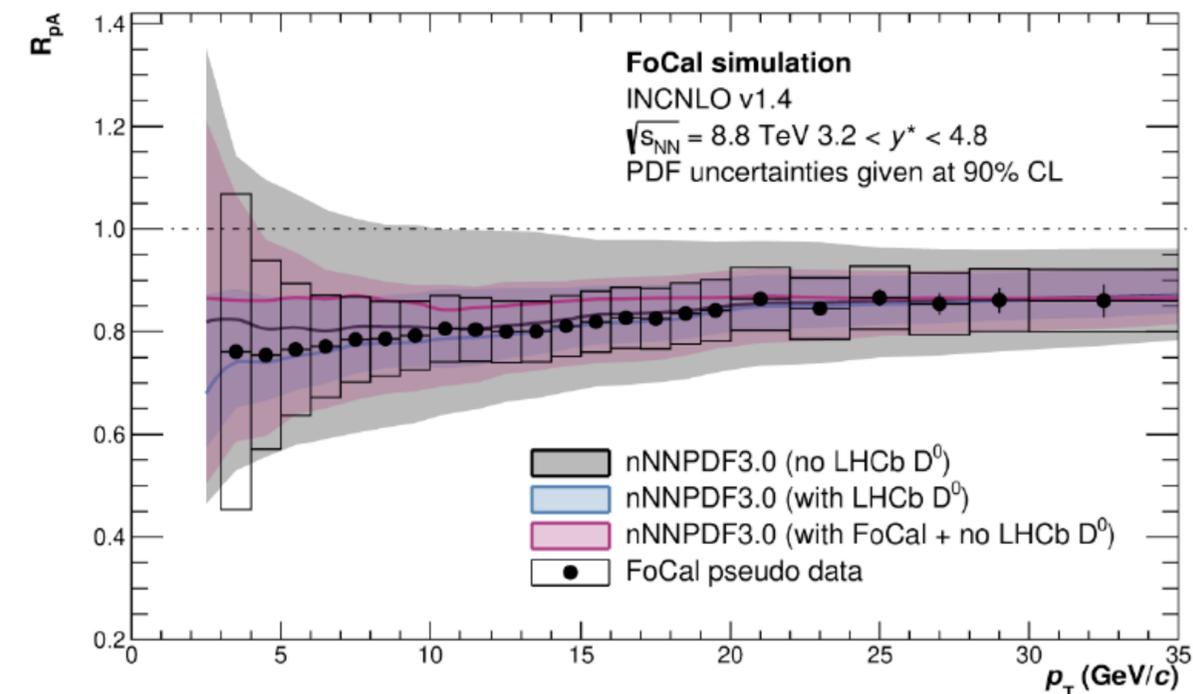
2407.13058, γ @ALICE FoCal

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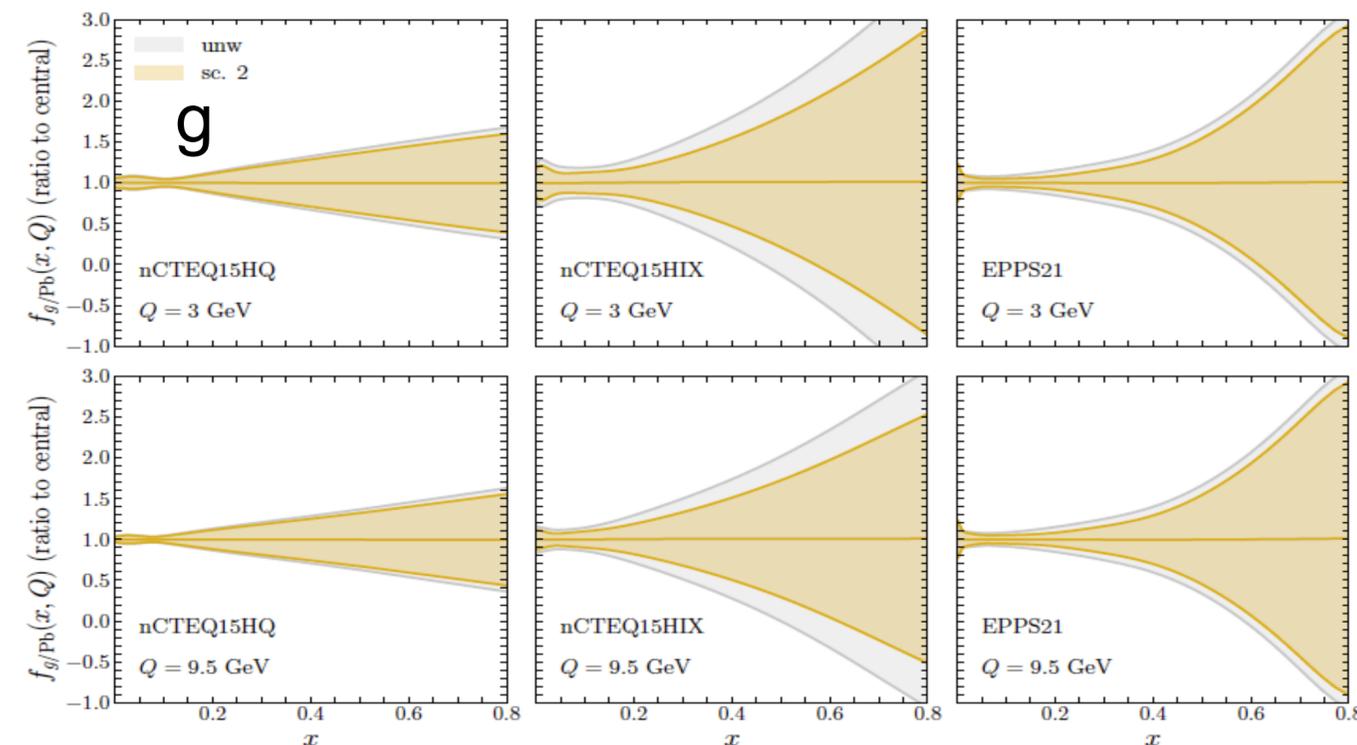
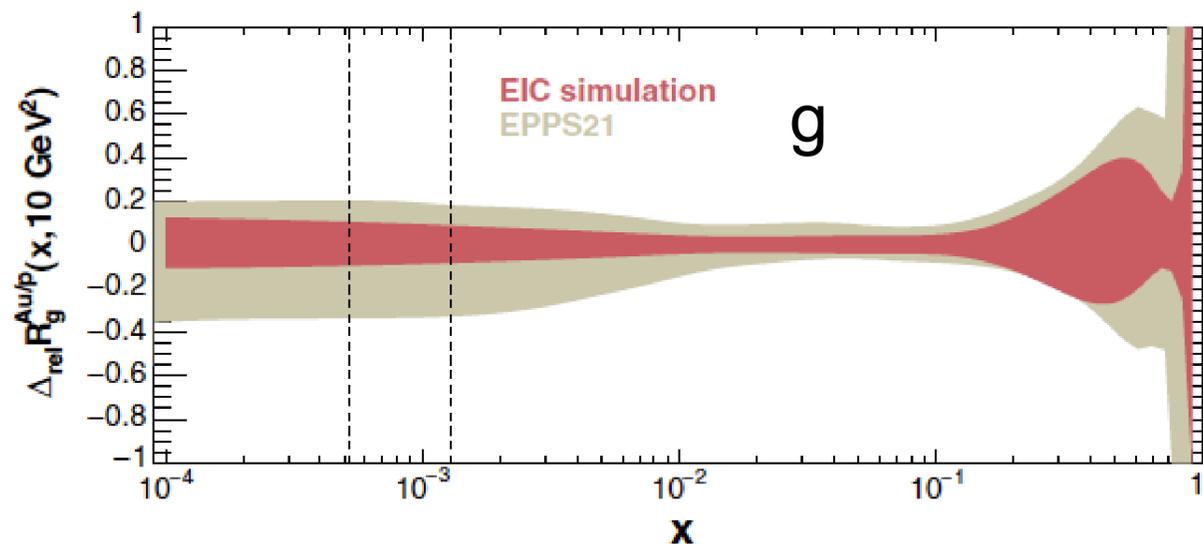
EIC

- Large impact from EIC.
- Sizable impact from LHCb SMOG2 and ALICE FoCal (γ 's \sim D's).

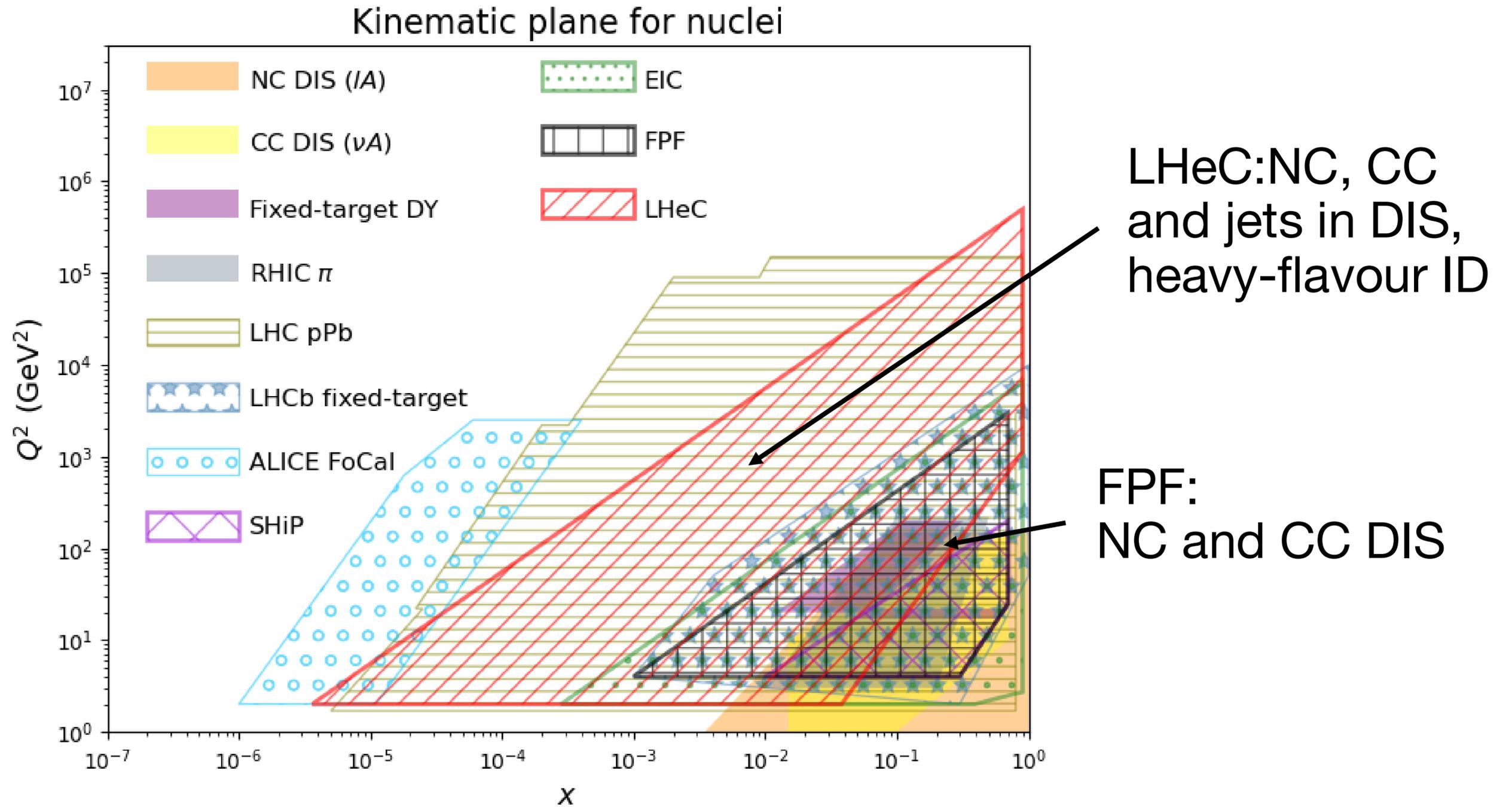


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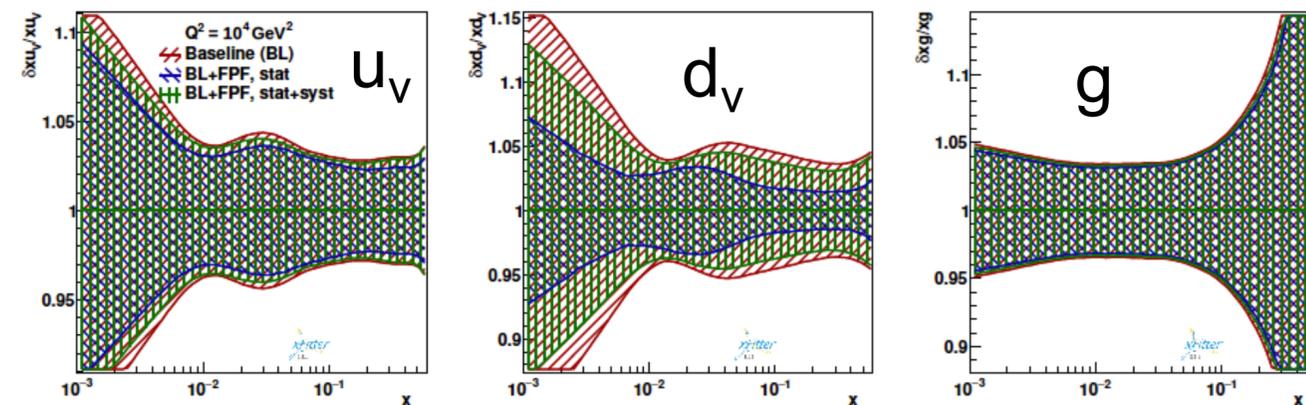
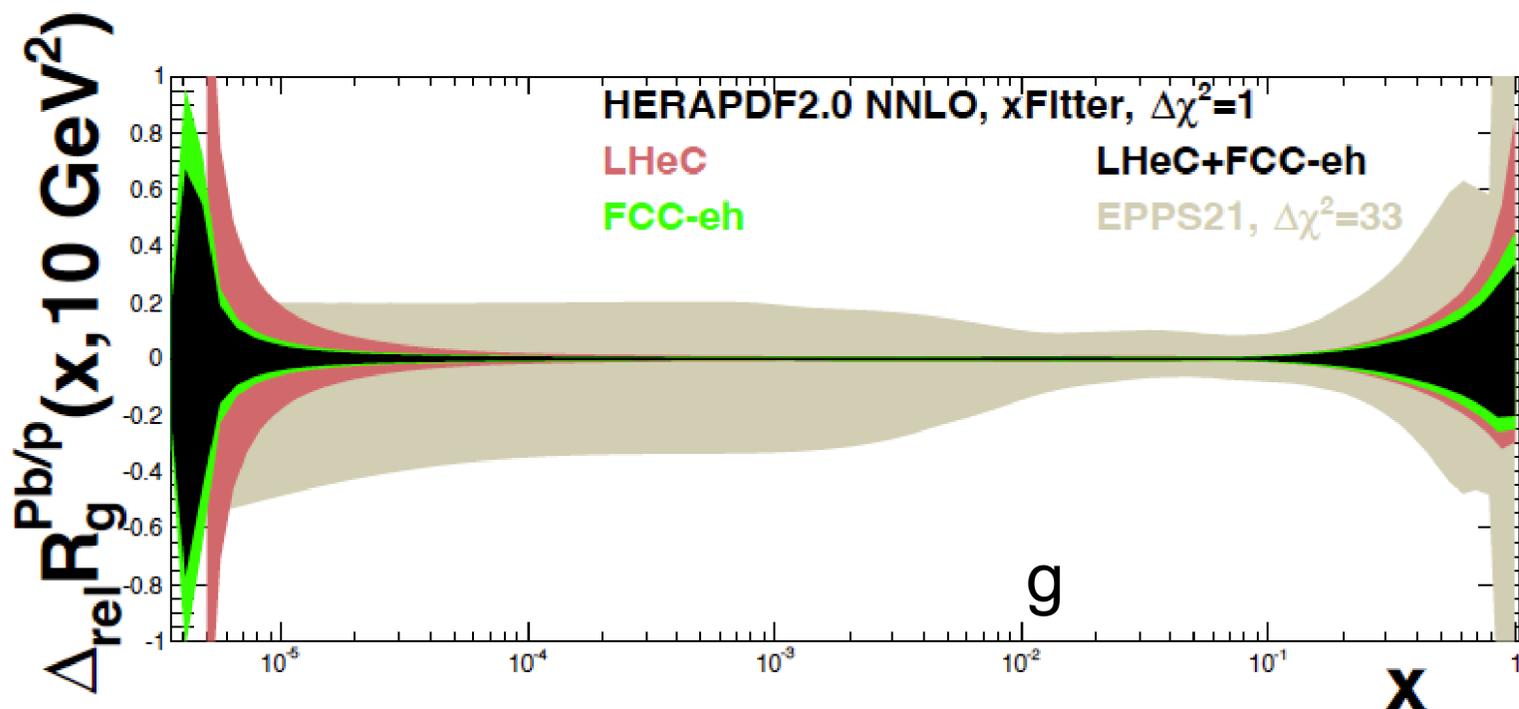


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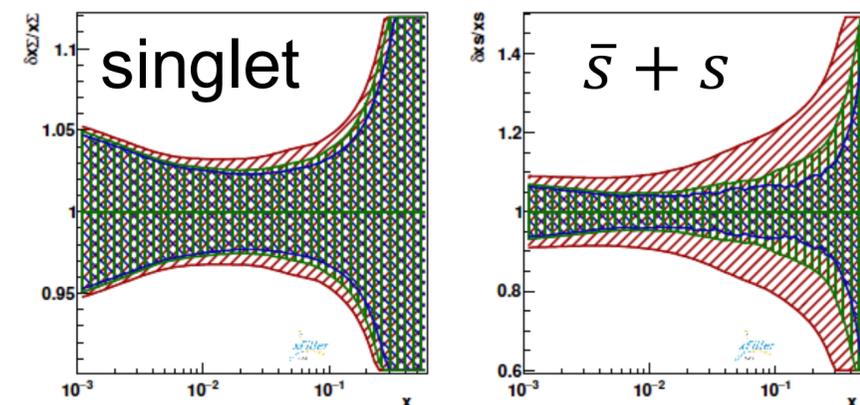


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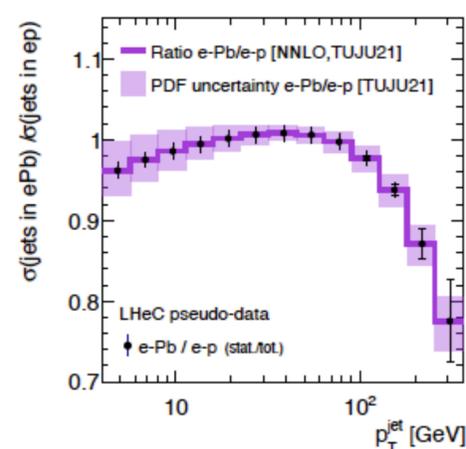
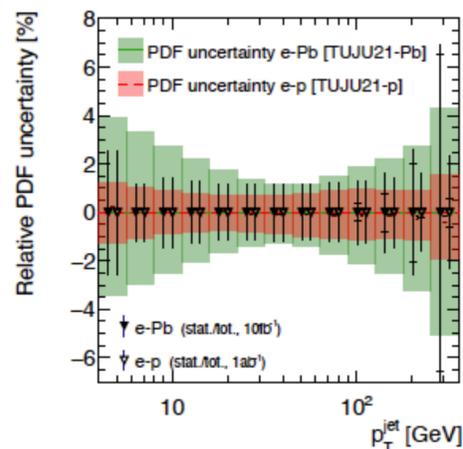
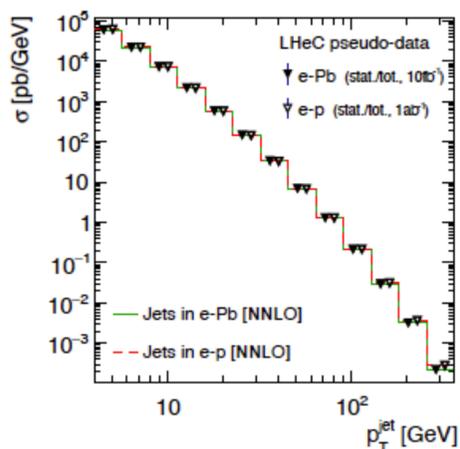
2309.09581, FPF, EPPS21



- Large impact from LHeC.
- Sizable impact from FPF.

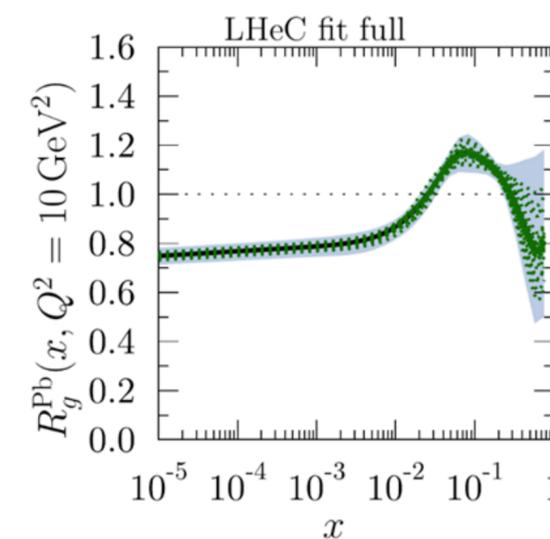
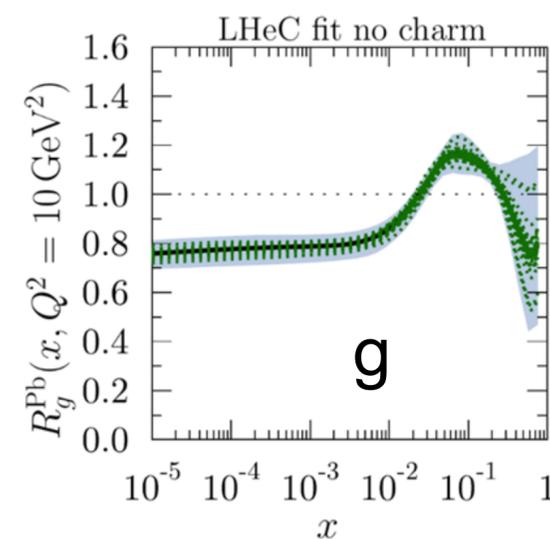
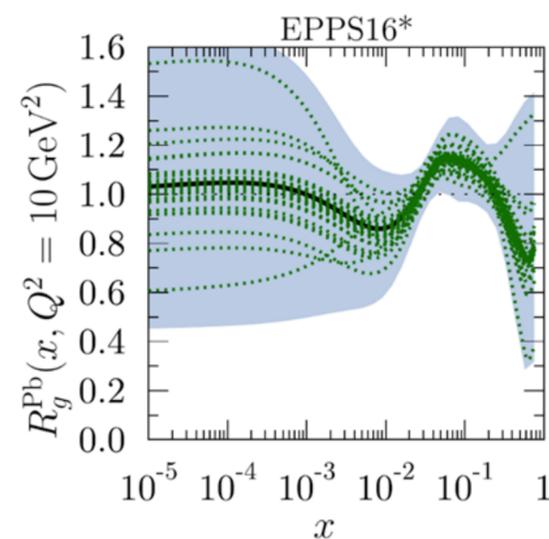


LHeC



jets

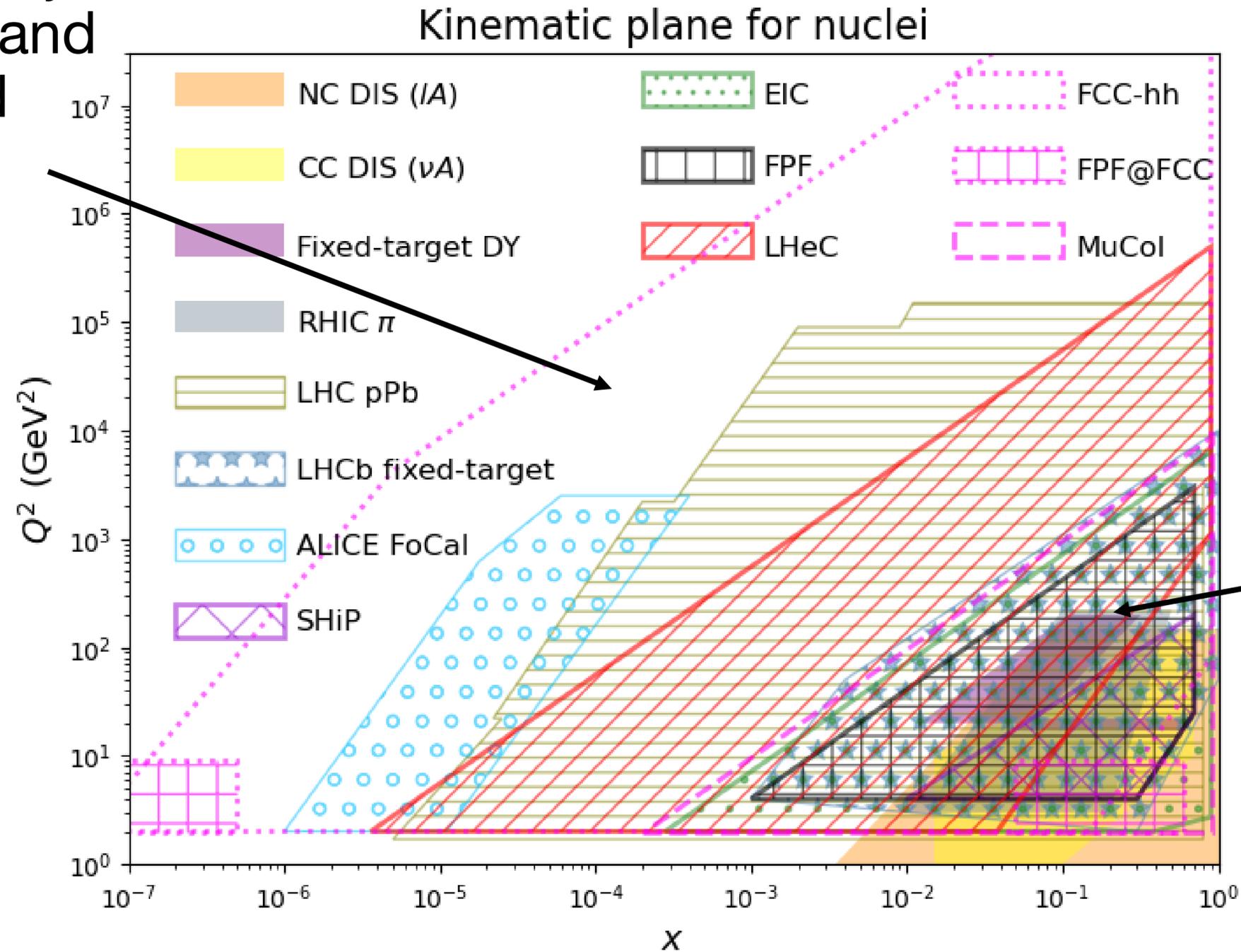
2007.14491, LHeC



Kinematic planes for nuclei

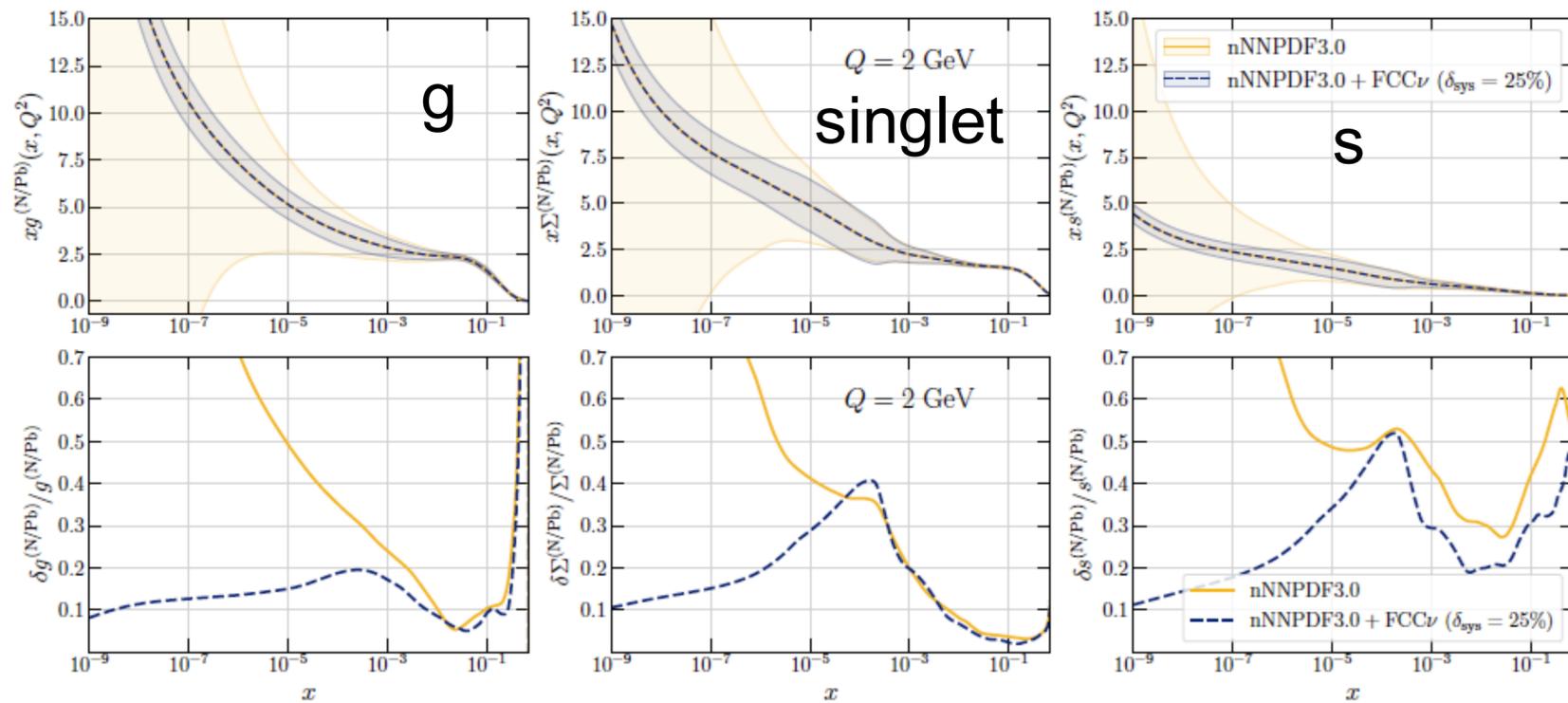
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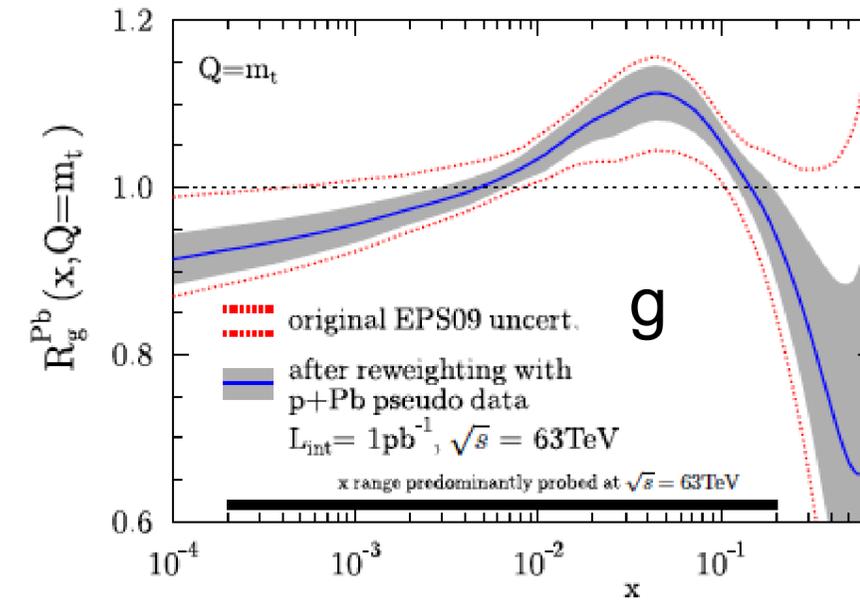


MuCol:
NC ad CC DIS

Kinematic planes for nuclei



2409.02163, FPF@FCC

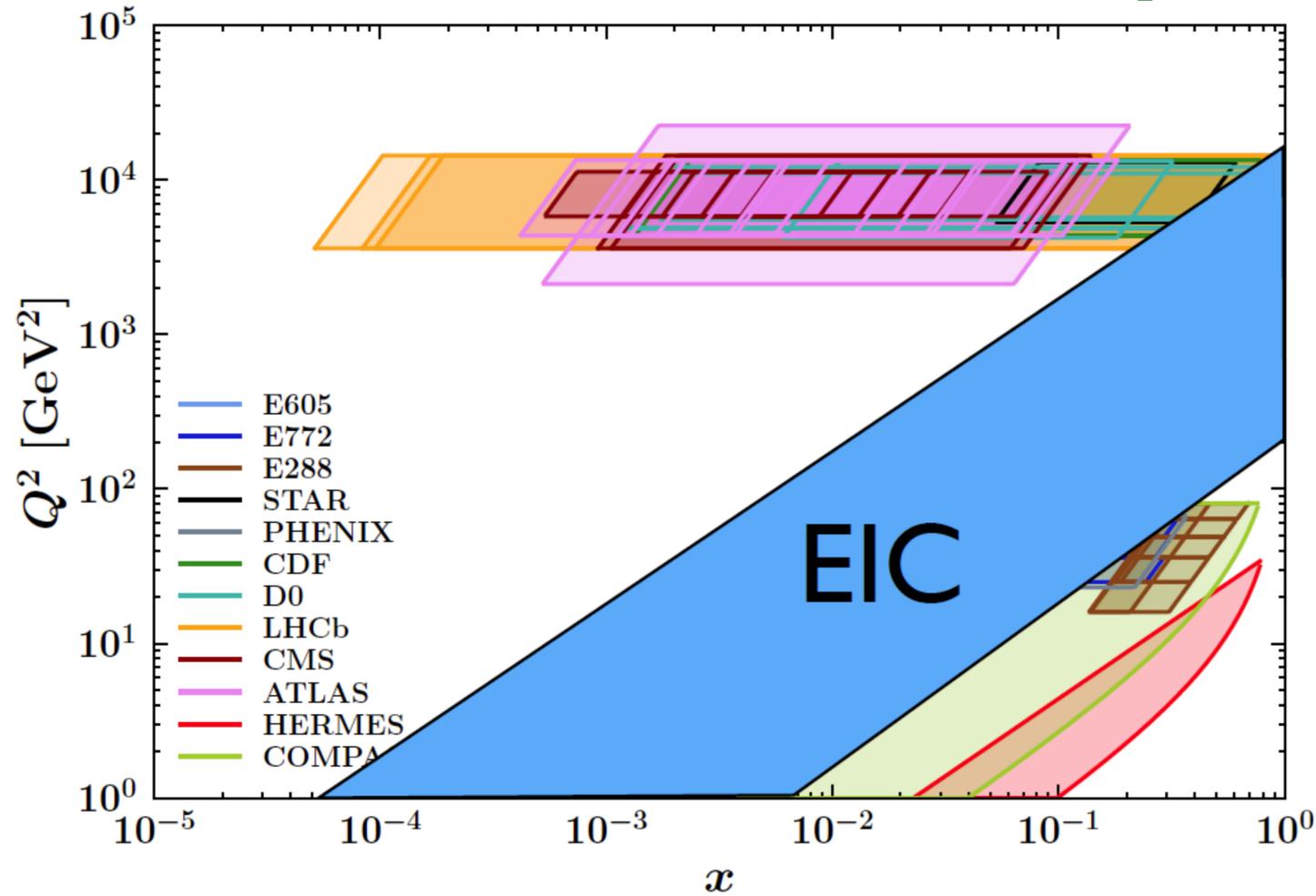


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FCC, top

- Large impact from FPF@FCC, particularly at small x , and FCC.

TMDs: experimental prospects

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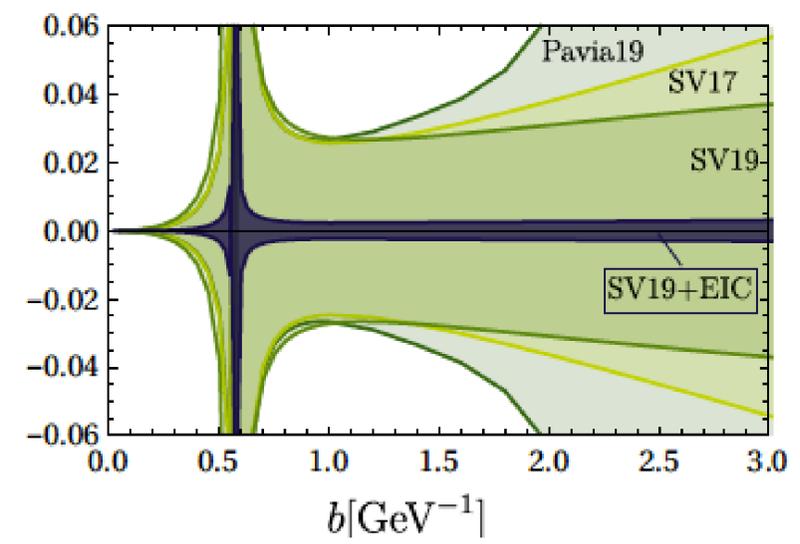
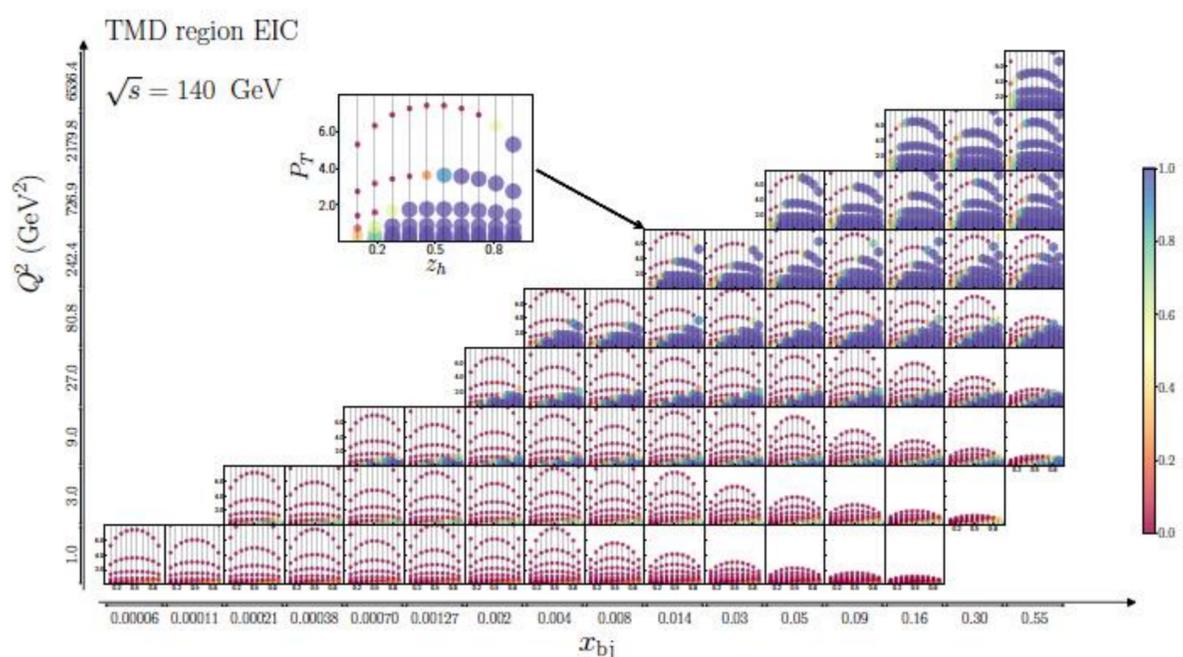


	DIS & DY	SIDIS	$pA \rightarrow hX$	$pA \rightarrow \gamma \text{jet } X$	Dijet in DIS	Dijet in pA
$f_1^{g[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
$f_1^{g[+,-]}$ (DP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓

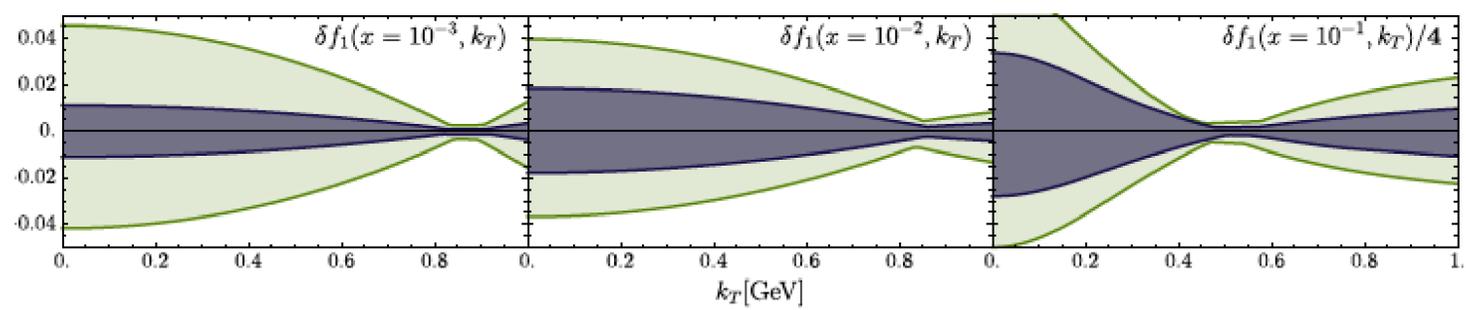
Gluon unpol. and lin. pol. TMDs

LHC, FCC-hh, EIC, LHeC
 LHC, FCC-hh
 EIC, LHeC
 LHC, FCC-hh

	DIS & DY	SIDIS	$pA \rightarrow hX$	$pA \rightarrow \gamma \text{jet } X$	Dijet in DIS	Dijet in pA
$h_1^{\perp g[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
$h_1^{\perp g[+,-]}$ (DP)	×	×	×	×	×	✓



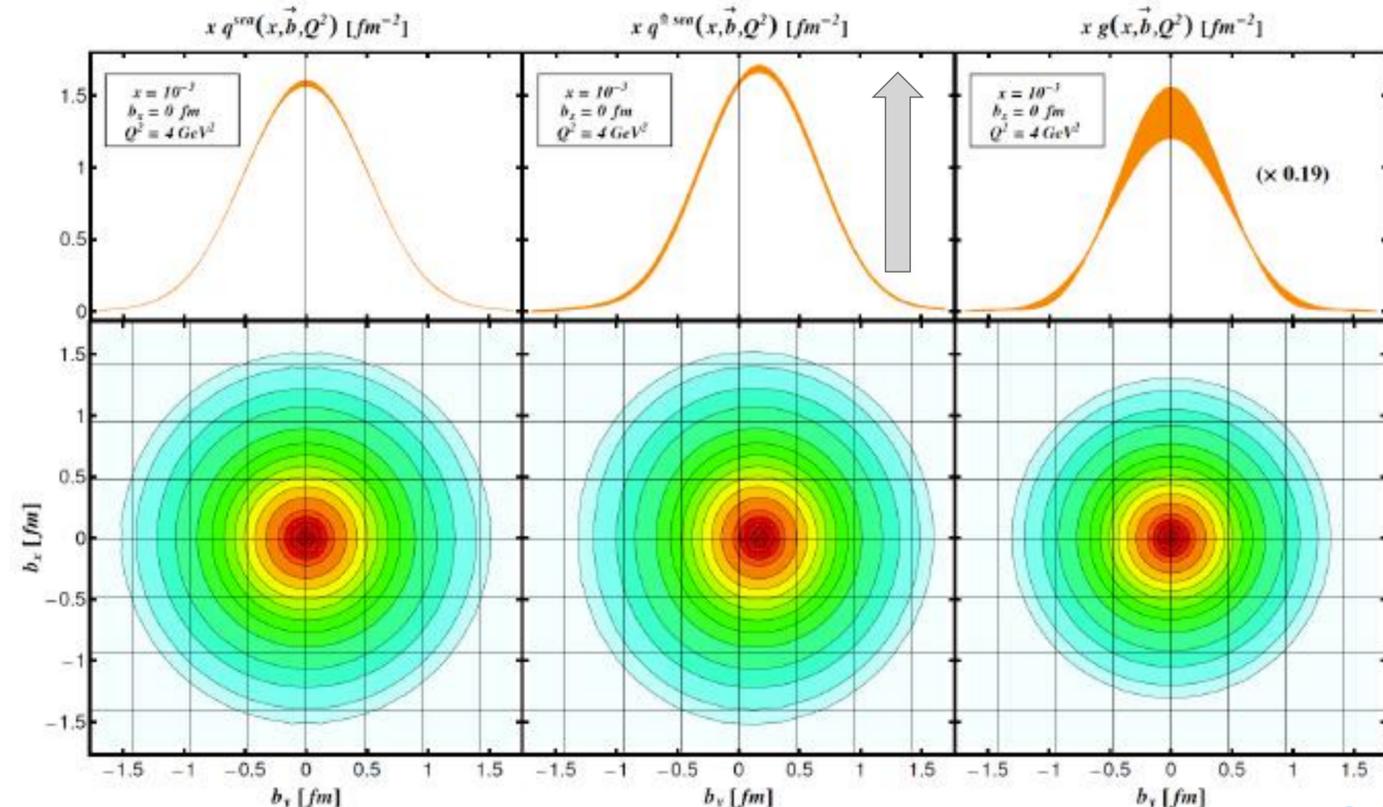
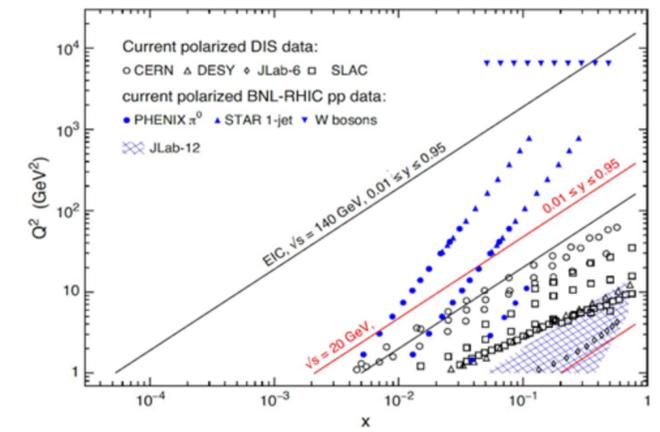
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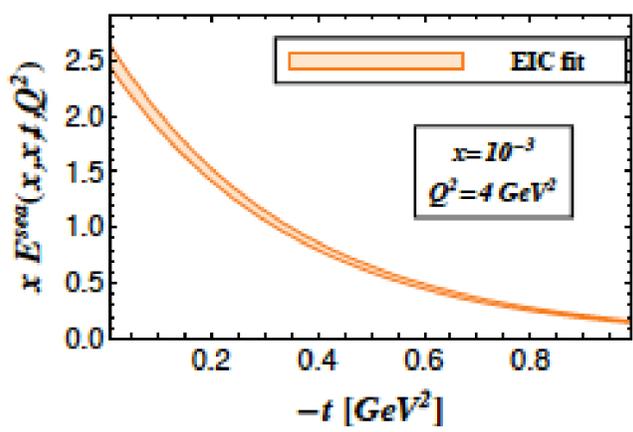
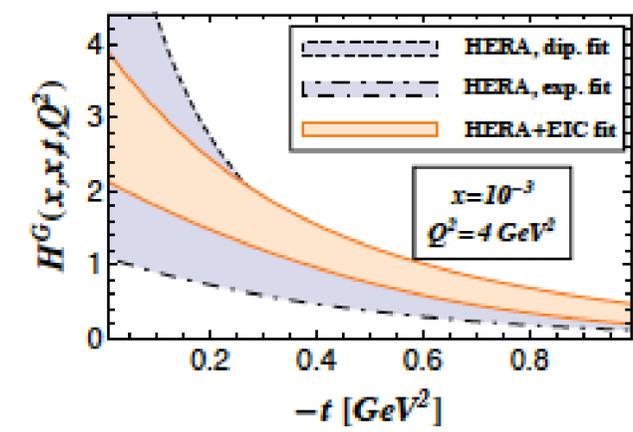
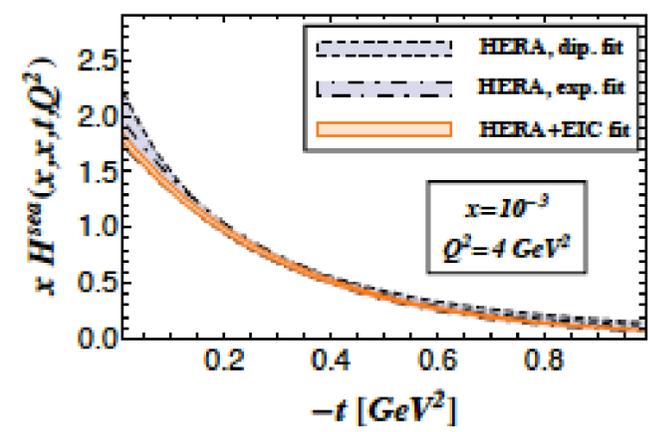
GPDs: experimental prospects

Experiment red = ESPP submissions	Observable	Access to
HL-LHC in collider and fixed-target mode	Exclusive quarkonium production and TCS in UPCs	Quark and gluon GPDs
LHCspin	TSSA in UPCs	
EIC	DVCS, exclusive VM production	Quark and gluon GPDs
LHeC	DVCS, exclusive VM production	Quark and gluon GPDs
FAIR	$N+N \rightarrow N+\pi(90^\circ)+B$	Transition GPDs
Electron-Ion Collider in China	DVCS, DVMP	Quark and gluon GPDs
CLAS12 luminosity upgrade	Proton, neutron and nuclear DVCS, TCS, DVMP	Quark and gluon GPDs
SoLID	DVCS, TCS, DDVCS, exclusive meson production on polarised proton and nuclear targets	Quark and gluon GPDs
JLab22	DVCS, ...	Quark and gluon GPDs

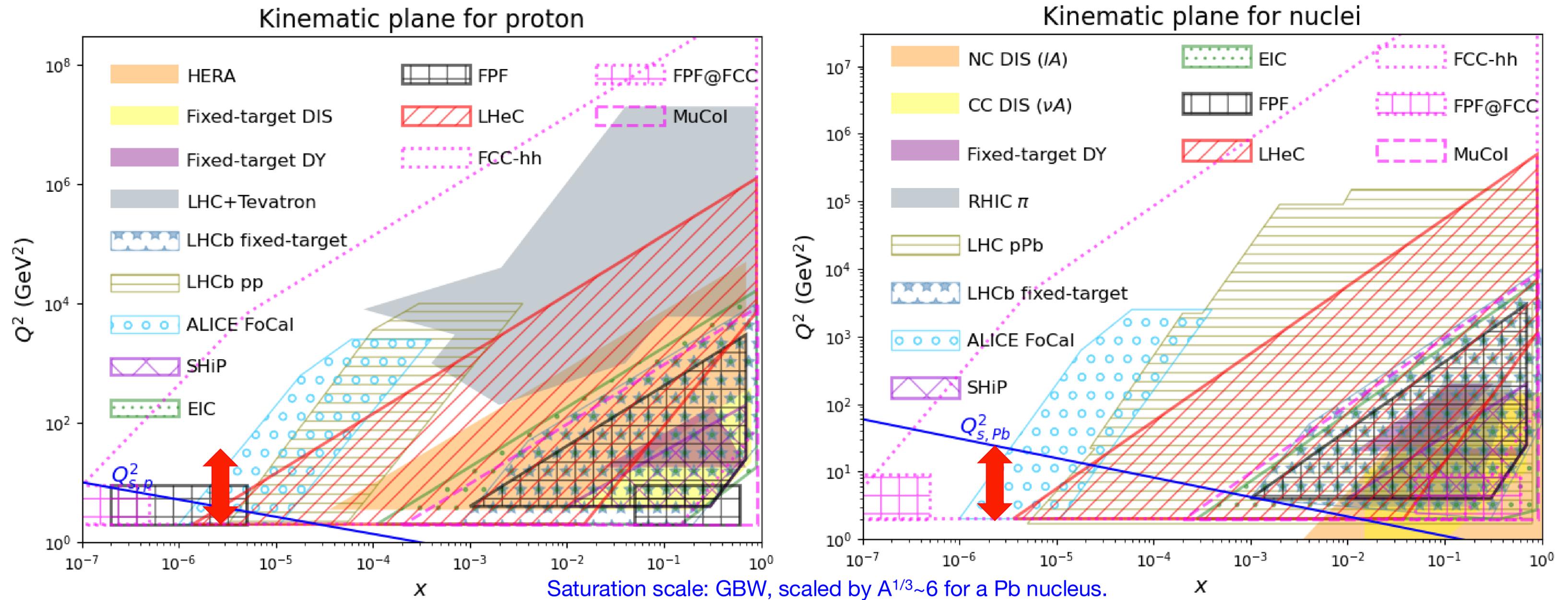


sea and g impact parameter distributions

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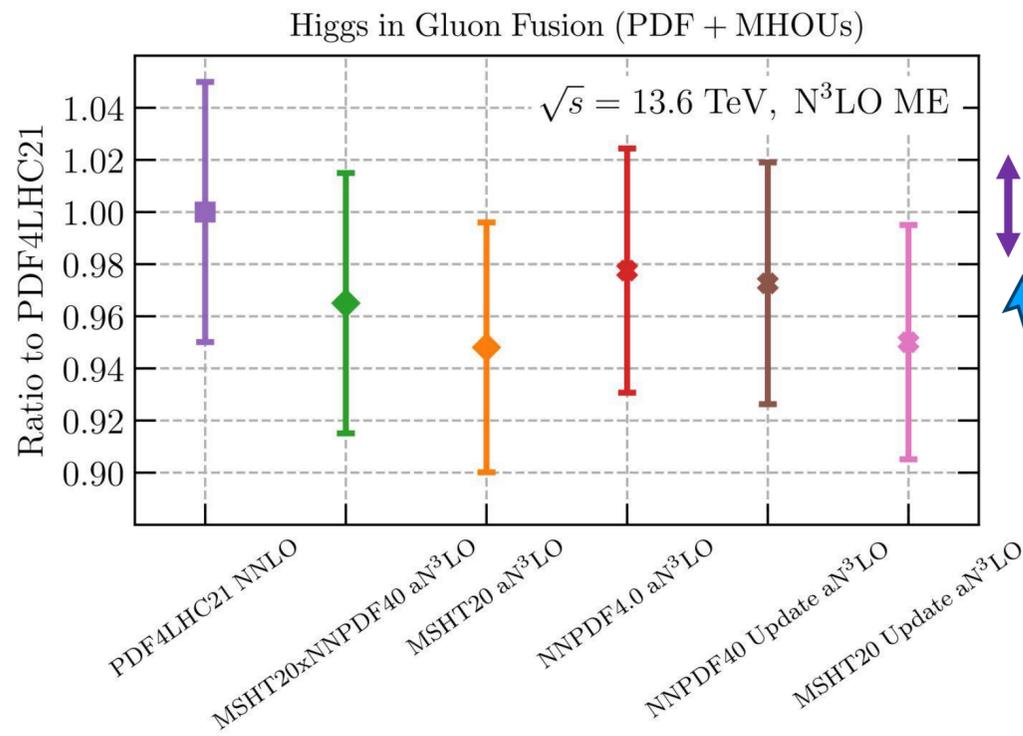
Small x : experimental prospects



- **Plus:** [PPS2](#) at CMS in the HL-LHC, diffractive observables at the EIC and LHeC, photon-photon at LEP3/FCC-ee/CEPC/LC,...

Examples of effect on observables: Higgs

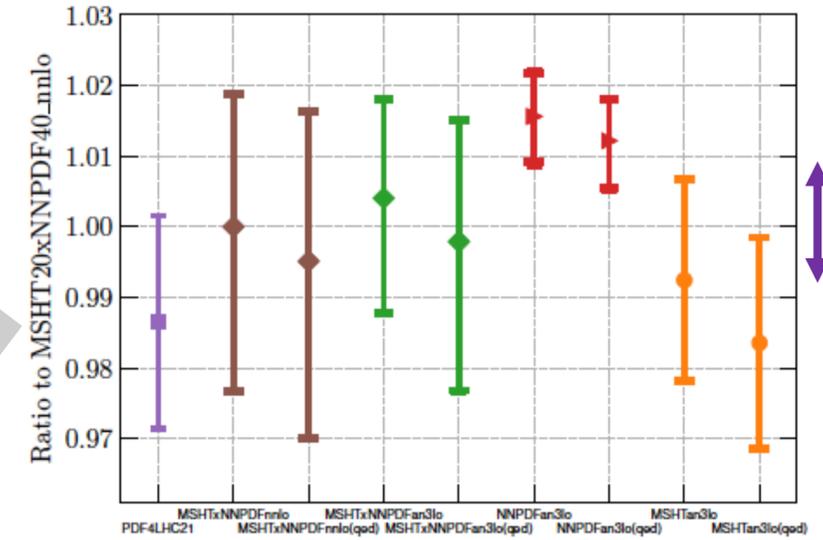
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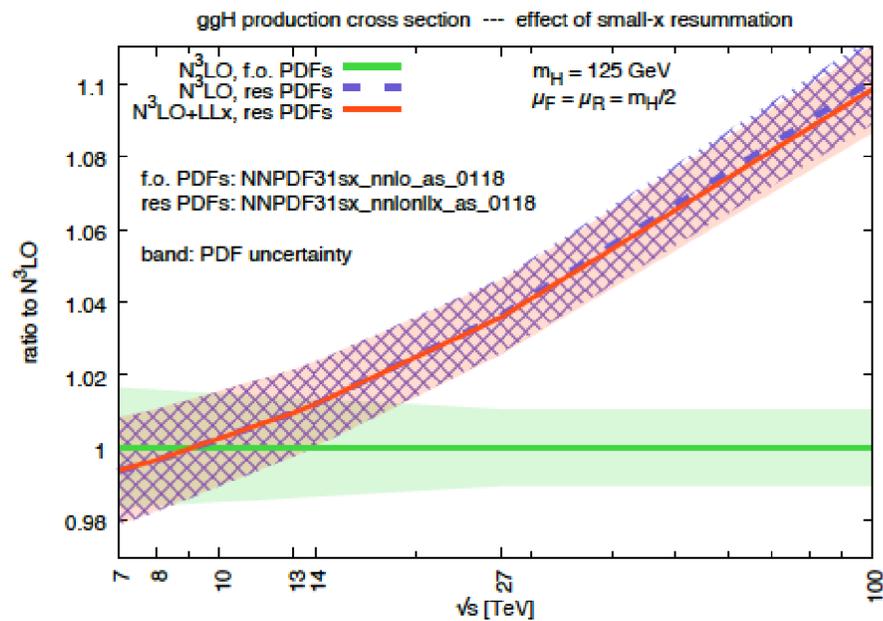
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Higgs cross section at LHC:
 $gg \rightarrow H$ and HW^+ (VBF).

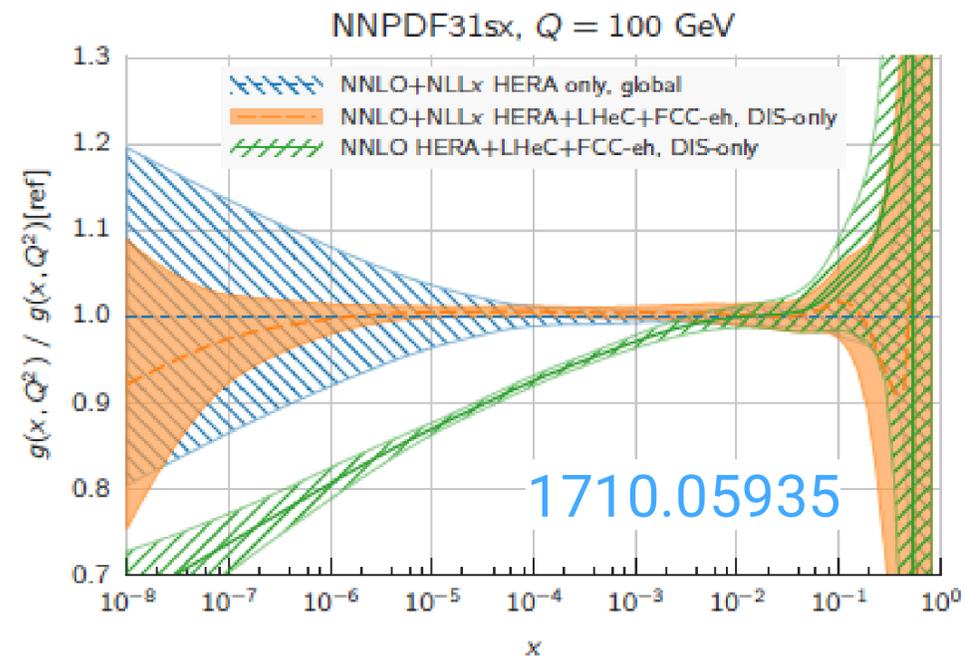
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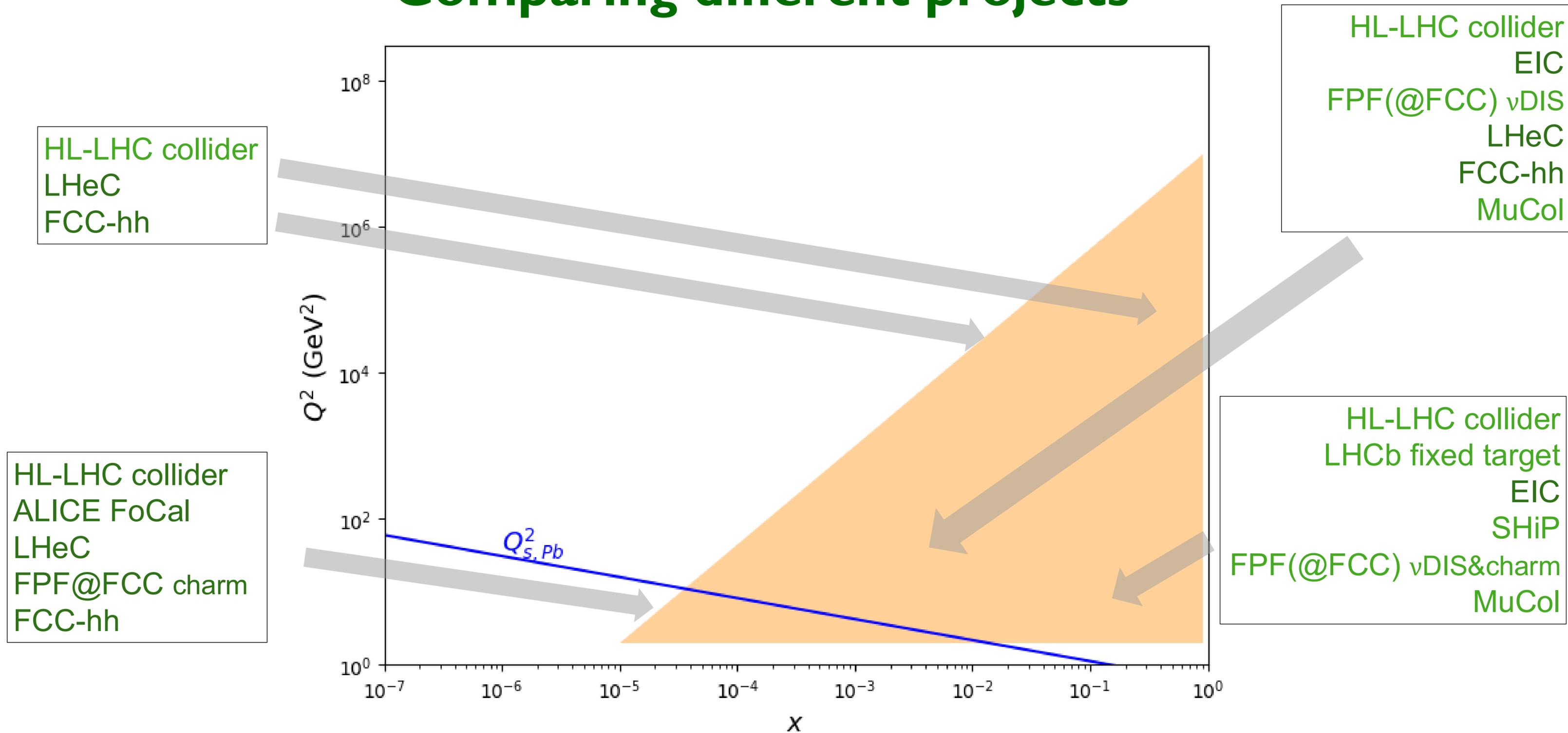
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Comparing different projects



Dark green: Highest precision/breadth; Light green: strong/focussed contributions.

Comparing different projects

Quantity or question/ experiment	LHC in fixed target mode D, B, quarkonium, light hadrons	(HL-)LHC in collider mode D, B, quarkonium, light hadrons, UPCs, DY	ALICE FoCal Photons, quarkonia and jets	SHiP ν flux from charm, NC and CC DIS	EIC NC, CC and jets in DIS, light and heavy flavour ID, exclusive diffraction	FPF ν flux from charm, NC and CC DIS	LHeC NC, CC and jets in DIS, heavy flavour ID, exclusive diffraction	FCC-ee/ LEP3/ CEPC/LC FFs of light and heavy quarks, jets, $\gamma\gamma$	MuCol ν flux from muons	FCC-hh D, B, quarkonium, light hadrons, UPCs, DY
PDFs		Most information available	Simultaneous fits of proton and nuclei	Simultaneous fits of proton and nuclei; F_4, F_5	Covered by HERA	Simultaneous fits of proton and nuclei; F_4, F_5			Simultaneous fits of proton and nuclei	Kinematic reach
nPDFs		Most information available	Region overlapping with current pPb							Kinematic reach
TMDs		DY, jets	Little PID				Little PID in current project	FFs needed for PDFs, and TMD in jets		DY, jets
GPDs		Currently UPCs								Currently UPCs
Small-x dynamics	Large x needed for small x			Large x needed for small x	Kinematic reach	Kinematic reach		$\gamma\gamma$	Large x needed for small x	

Dark green: Highest precision/breadth; Light green: strong/focussed contributions; White: no contribution.

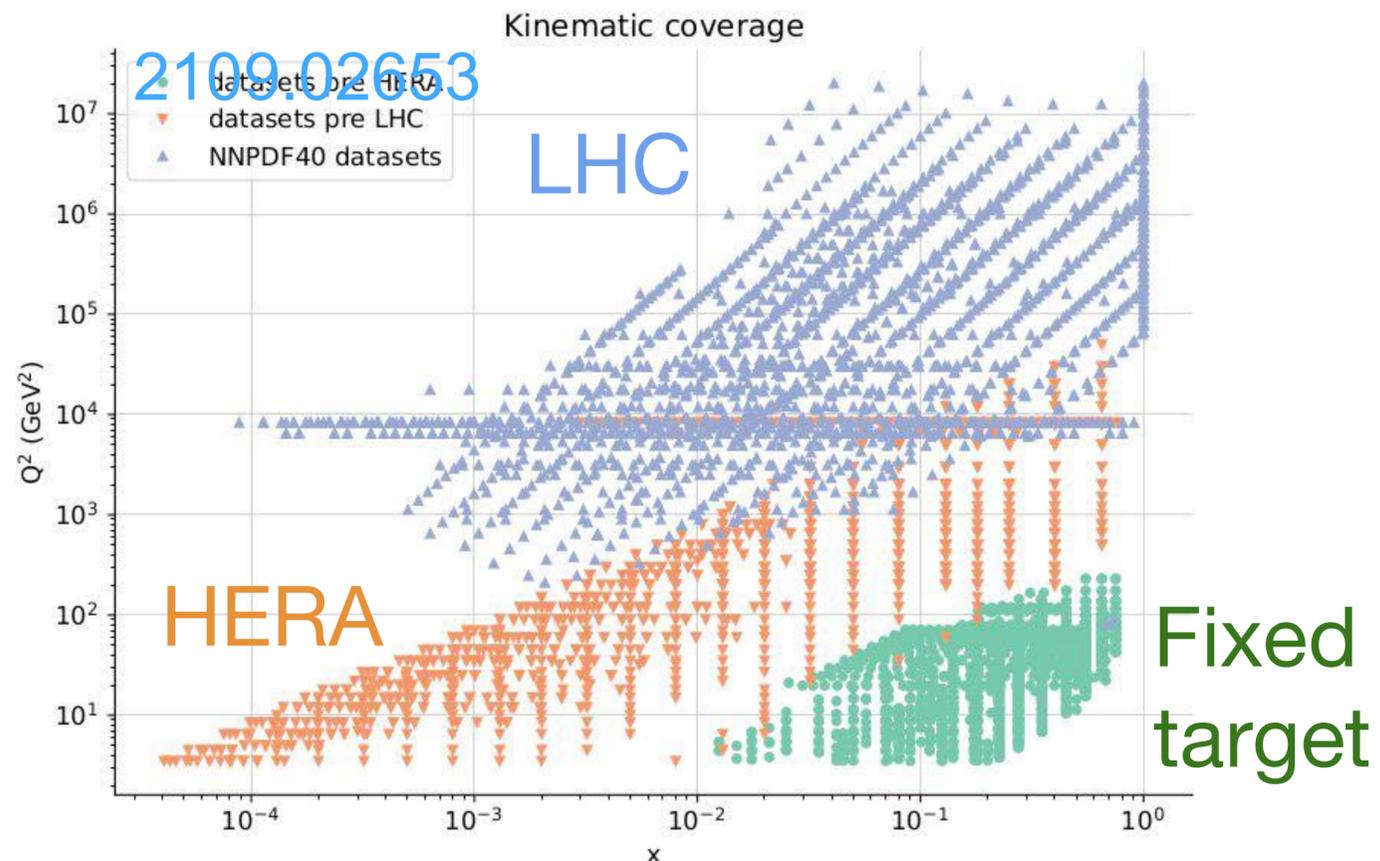
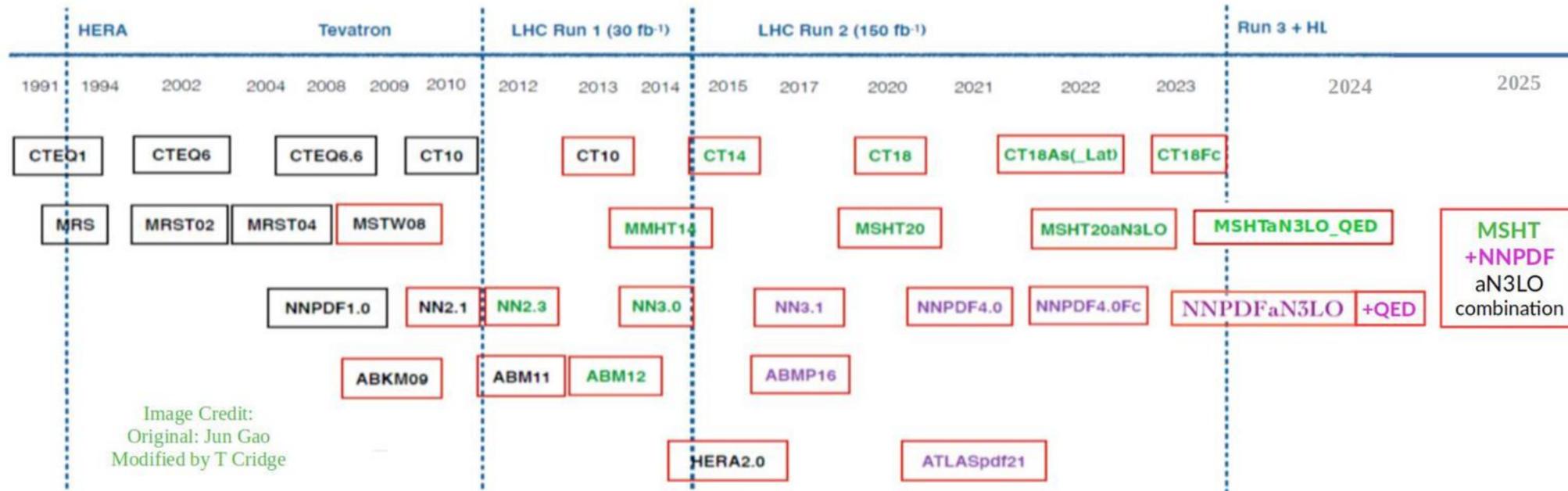
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Backup

Proton collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art

- Methodology: complex error analysis (CT, MSHT, NNPDF; HERAPDF, ABMP).
- Theory: approximate N3LO QCD PDFs + QED (MSHT, NNPDF); theoretical uncertainties from missing higher orders (MHOUs).

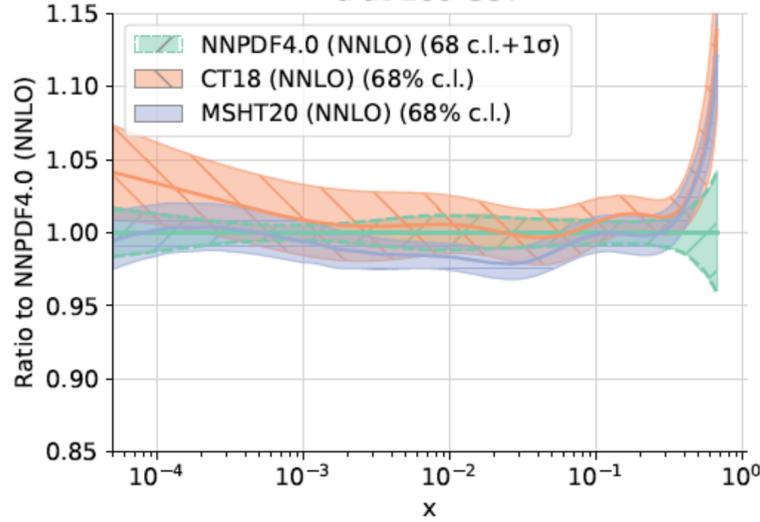


- Data - $\mathcal{O}(5000)$ data points, complementarity:
 - HERA - valence quarks, some sea, low x gluon.
 - Fixed target (and others) - flavour decomposition.
 - LHC - sea quarks, flavour decomposition, medium-large x gluon.

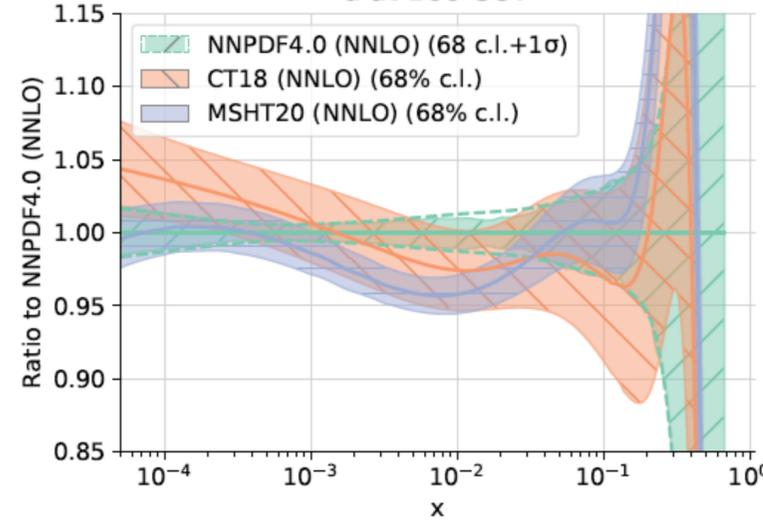
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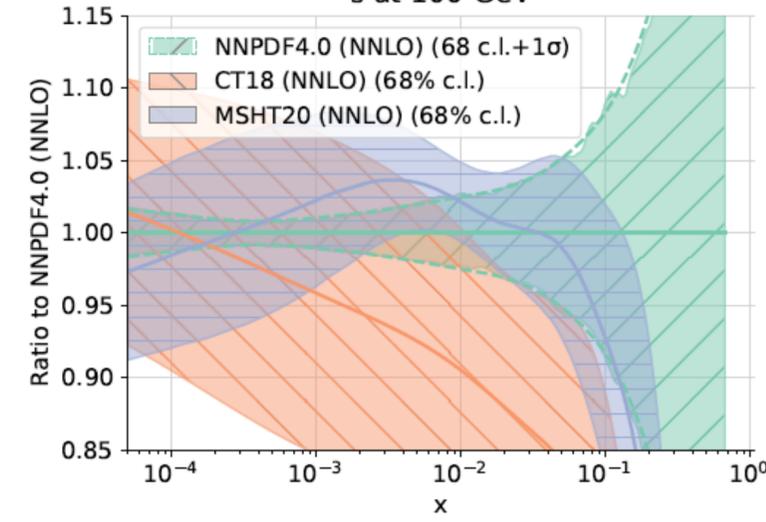
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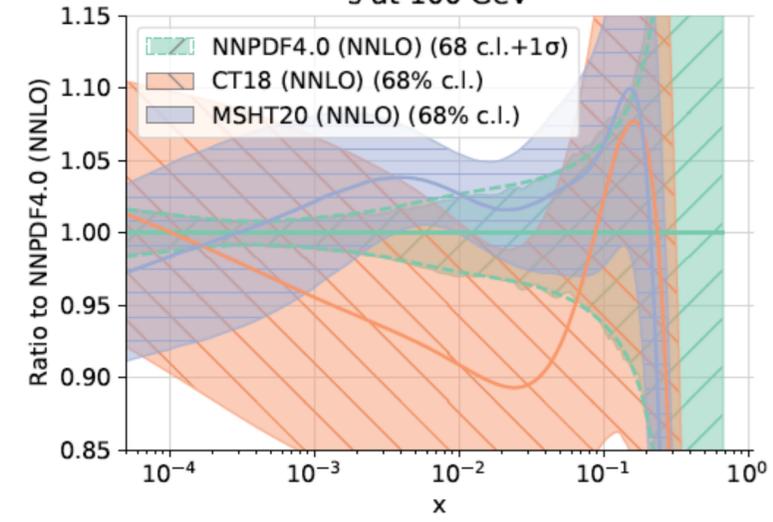
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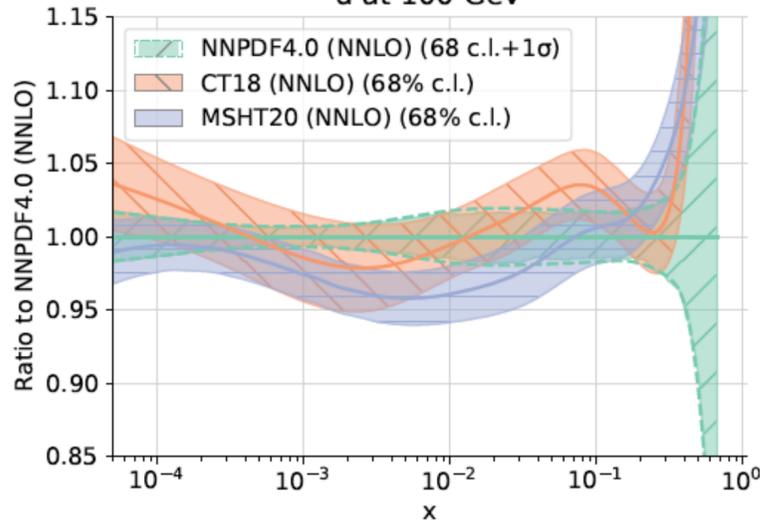
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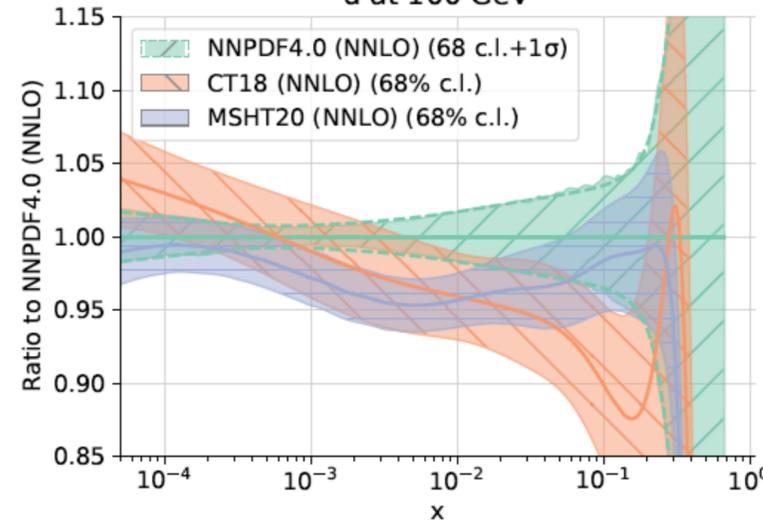
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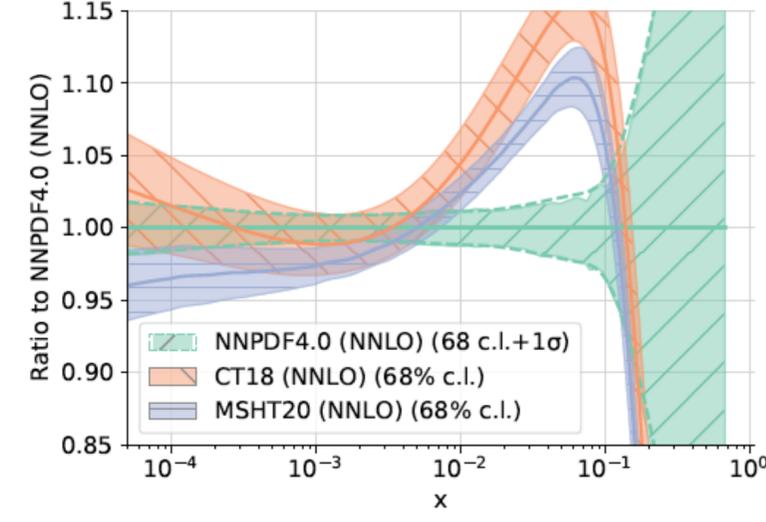
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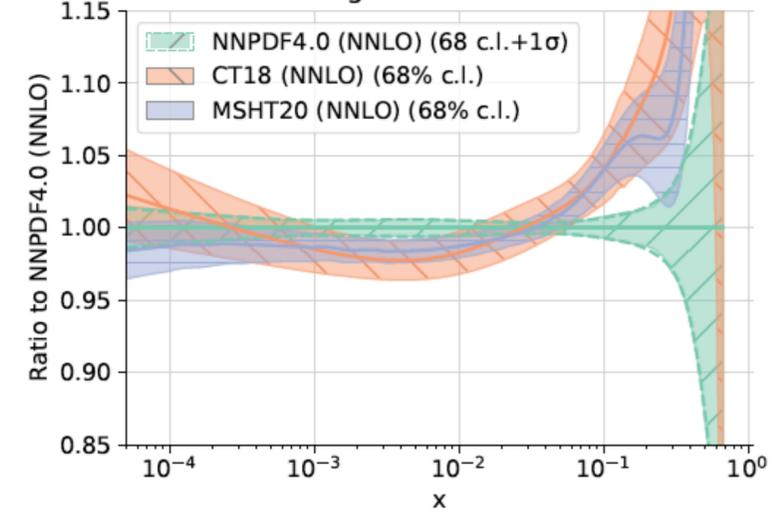
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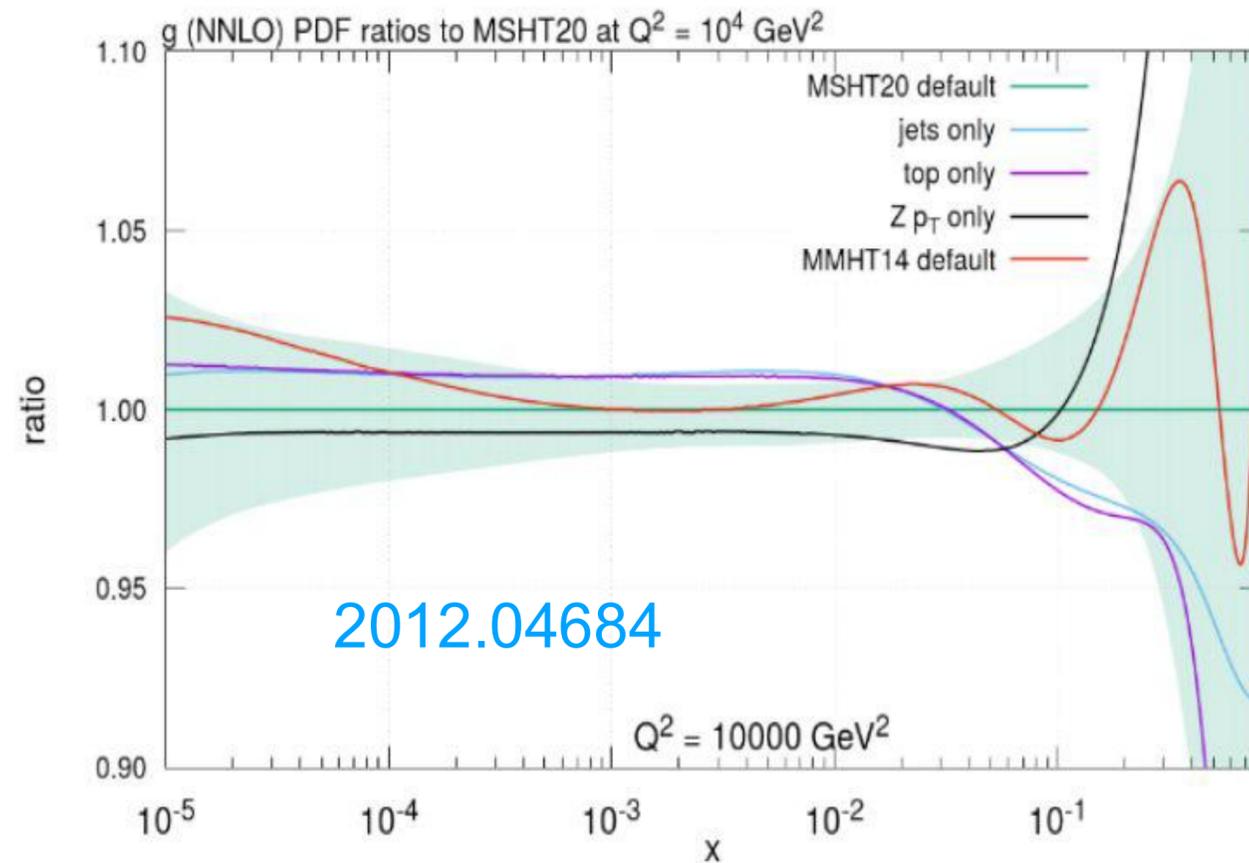


- Huge efforts to understand the differences between different sets, combination PDF4LHC21 available.

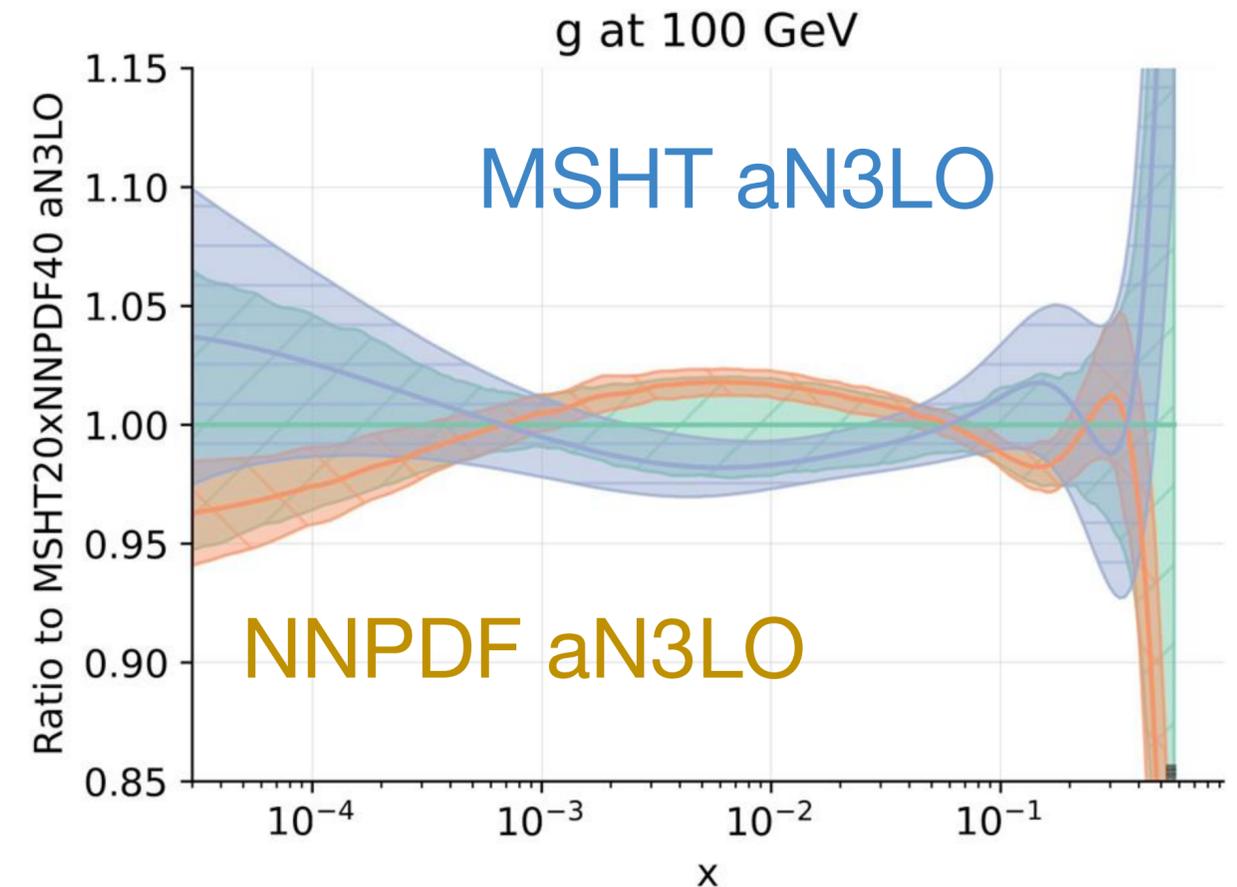
Proton collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art

- Challenges:

- Data: tension between datasets, need of information about systematics.
- Parametrisation biases/different methodology & uncertainty estimation: closure tests.
- How the PDF sets absorb experimental and theoretical inconsistencies.
- Missing higher orders: nuisance parameters, or inclusion of higher orders: aN3LO QCD + QED, two sets available and combined.



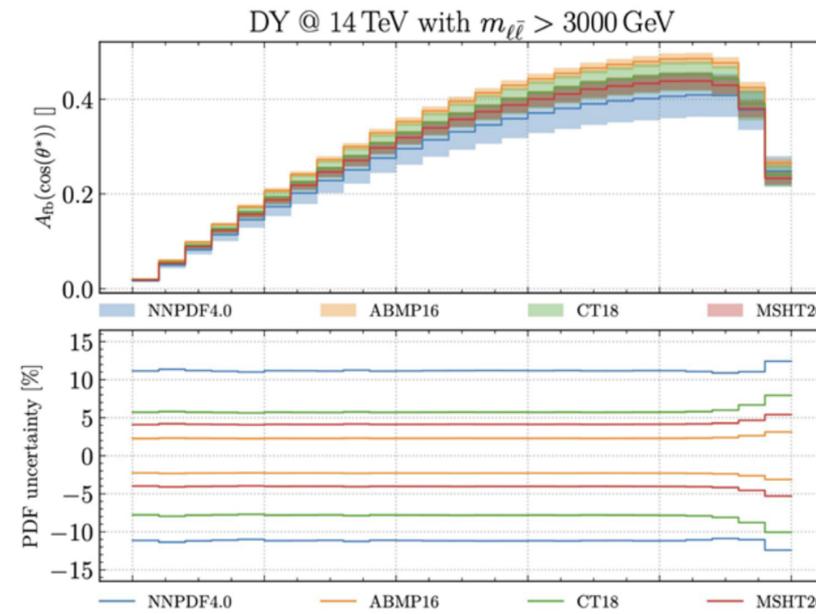
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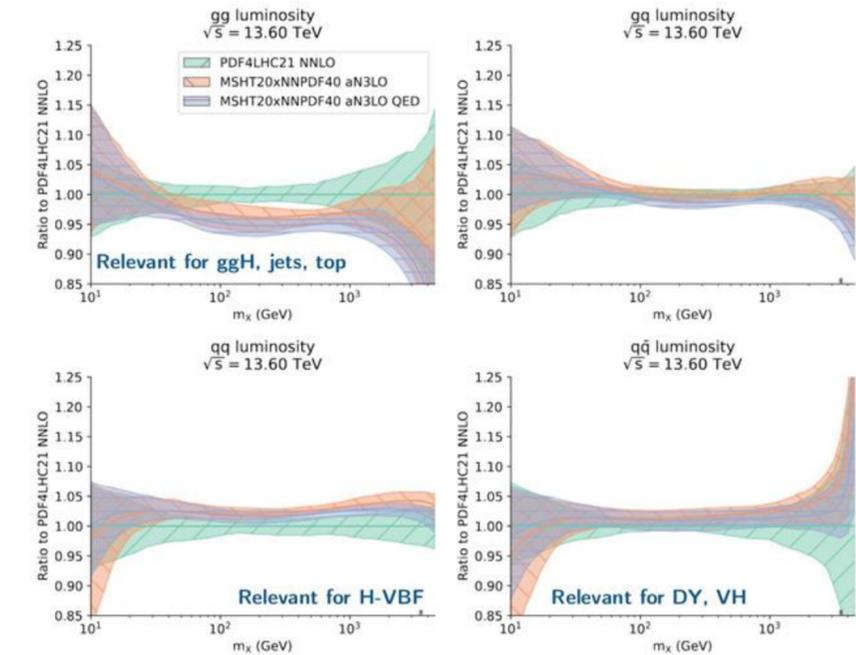
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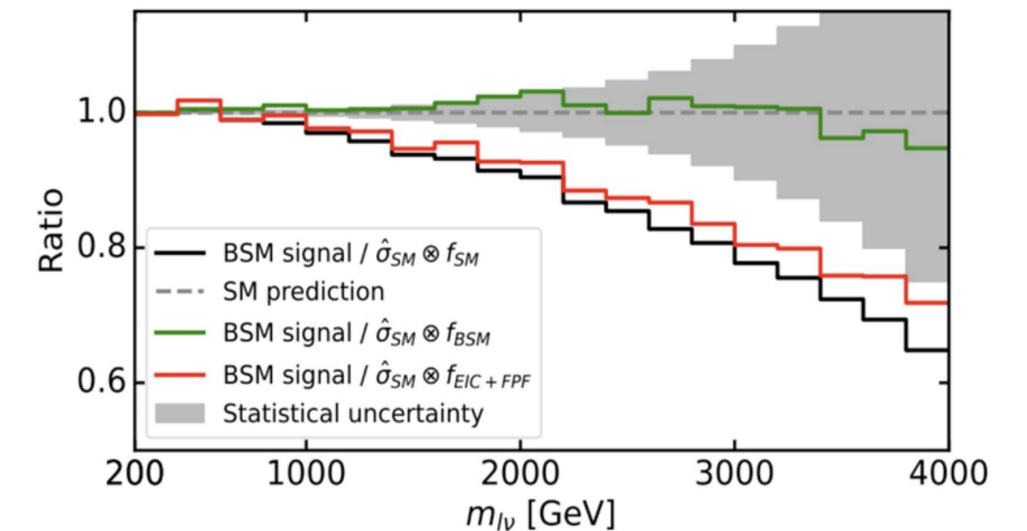
- PDFs essential for precision physics studies:
 - Dominant uncertainty of many SM parameters: ATLAS α_s (0.0005/0.0009), CMS M_W (4.4/9.9 MeV) and $\sin^2\theta_W$ (0.0027/0.0031).
 - Differences between PDF sets, profiling delicate, simultaneous PDF+SM parameter fits.



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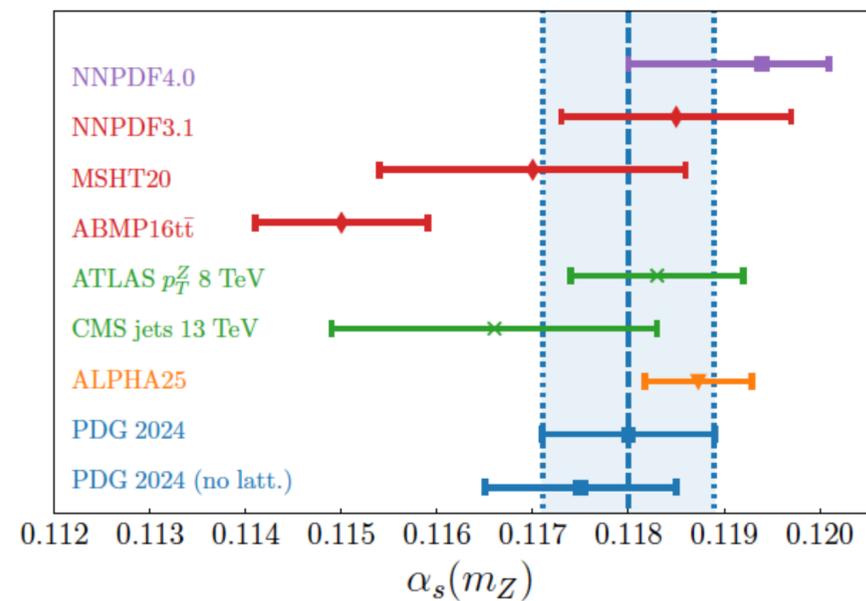
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$\alpha_{S,aN3LO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1170 \pm 0.0016$ Consistent with (NNLO) World Average of 0.1180 ± 0.0009 .

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- High mass region dominated by large x partons: sizable uncertainties, BSM can be hidden in PDF uncertainties.



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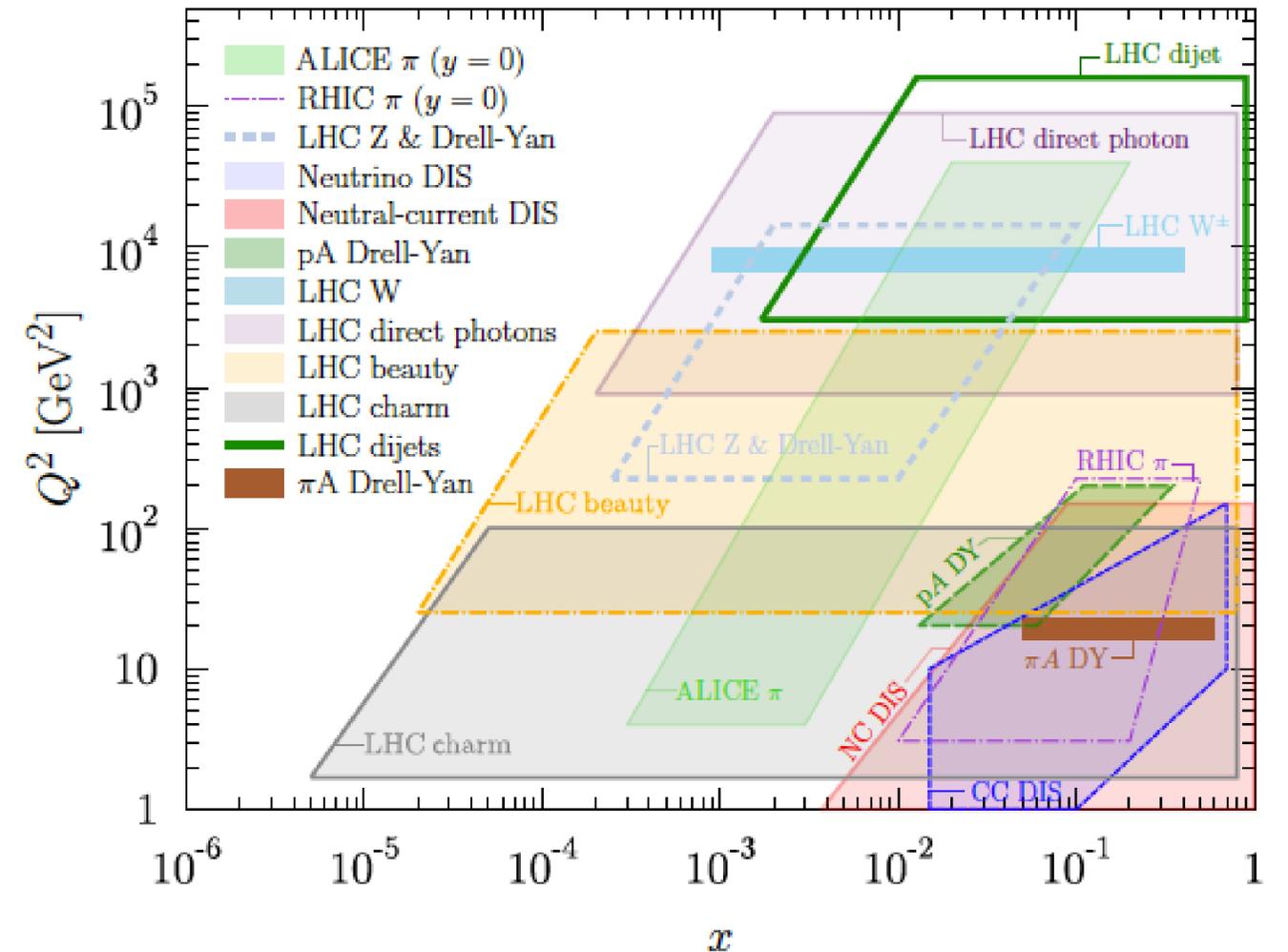
Nuclear collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art

ANALYSIS	nCTEQ15HQ (50)	EPPS21 (51)	nNNPDF3.0 (52)	TUJU21 (80)	KSASG20 (81)
THEORETICAL INPUT:					
Perturbative order	NLO	NLO	NLO	NNLO	NNLO
Heavy-quark scheme	SACOT- χ	SACOT- χ	FONLL	FONLL	FONLL
Value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118
Charm mass m_c	1.3 GeV	1.3 GeV	1.51 GeV	1.43 GeV	1.3 GeV
Bottom mass m_b	4.5 GeV	4.75 GeV	4.92 GeV	4.5 GeV	4.75 GeV
Input scale Q_0	1.3 GeV	1.3 GeV	1.0 GeV	1.3 GeV	1.3 GeV
Data points	1484	2077	2188	2410	4353
Independent flavors	5	6	6	4	3
Parameterization	Analytic	Analytic	Neural network	Analytic	Analytic
Free parameters	19	24	256	16	18
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	Hessian	Hessian
Tolerance	$\Delta\chi^2 = 35$	$\Delta\chi^2 = 33$	N/A	$\Delta\chi^2 = 50$	$\Delta\chi^2 = 20$
Proton PDF	\sim CTEQ6.1	CT18A	\sim NNPDF4.0	\sim HERAPDF2.0	CT18
Proton PDF correlations		✓	✓		
Deuteron corrections	(✓) ^{a,b}	✓ ^c	✓	✓	✓
FIXED-TARGET DATA:					
SLAC/EMC/NMC NC DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
– Cut on Q^2	4 GeV ²	1.69 GeV ²	3.5 GeV ²	3.5 GeV ²	1.2 GeV ²
– Cut on W^2	12.25 GeV ²	3.24 GeV ²	12.5 GeV ²	12.0 GeV ²	
JLab NC DIS	(✓) ^a	✓			✓
CHORUS/CDHSW CC DIS	(✓/-) ^b	✓/-	✓/-	✓/✓	✓/✓
NuTeV/CCFR 2μ CC DIS	(✓/✓) ^b		✓/-		
pA DY	✓	✓	✓		✓
πA DY		✓			
COLLIDER DATA:					
Z bosons	✓	✓	✓	✓	
W^\pm bosons	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Light hadrons	✓	✓ ^d			
– Cut on p_T	3 GeV	3 GeV			
Jets		✓	✓		
Prompt photons			✓		
Prompt D^0	✓	✓	✓ ^e		
– Cut on p_T	3 GeV	3 GeV	0 GeV		
Quarkonia (J/ψ , ψ' , Υ)	✓				

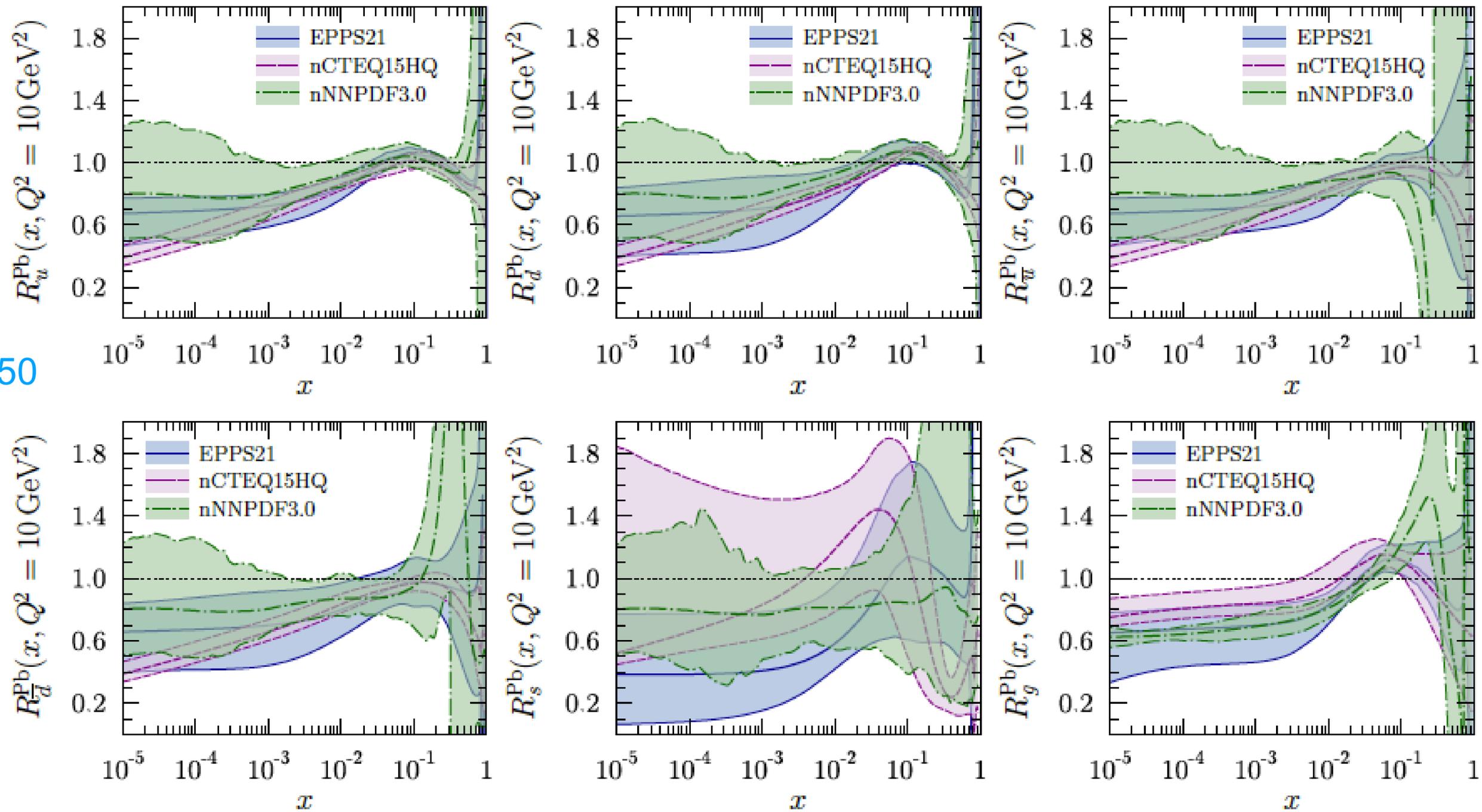
^a nCTEQ15HIX (26); ^b nCTEQ15 ν (114); ^c through CT18A; ^d only π^0 in DAu; ^e only forward ($y > 0$).

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- Methodology: complex error analysis (nCTEQ, EPPS, nNNPDF, TUJU, KSASG).
- Theory: NLO/NNLO.
- Data - $\mathcal{O}(2000)$ data points, complementarity between data sets.



Nuclear collinear PDFs: state-of-the-art



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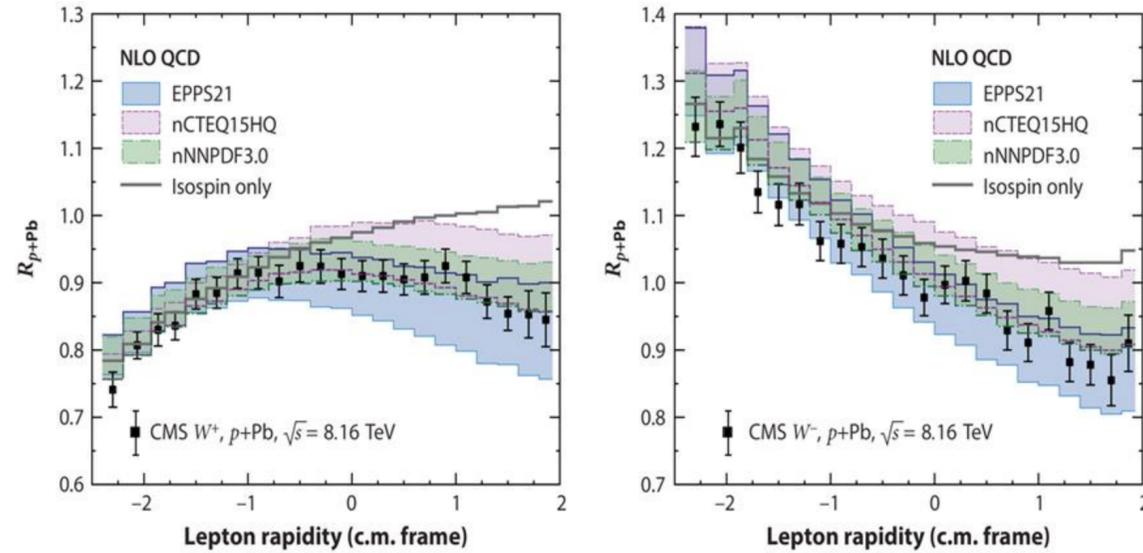
$$f^{\text{Pb}}(x, Q^2) / [Z f^{\text{proton}}(x, Q^2) + N f^{\text{neutron}}(x, Q^2)]$$

- Sizeable differences up to a factor 2, within uncertainties.

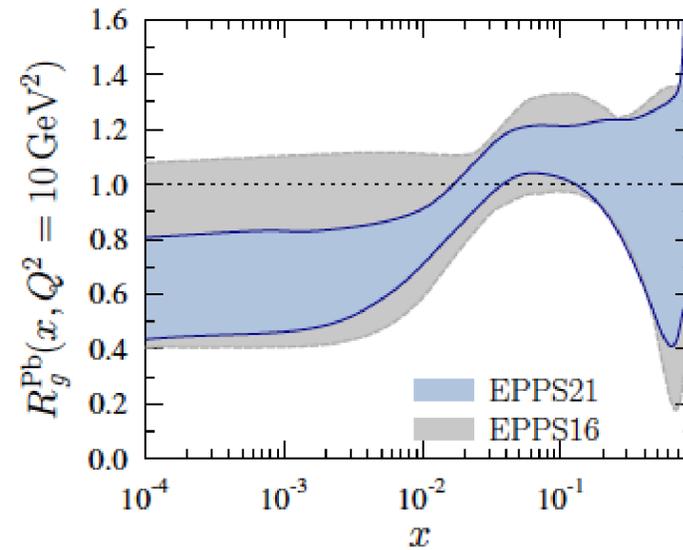
Nuclear collinear PDFs: LHC data

- EW bosons: W/Z to constrain the glue, larger statistics at the HL-LHC will improve.

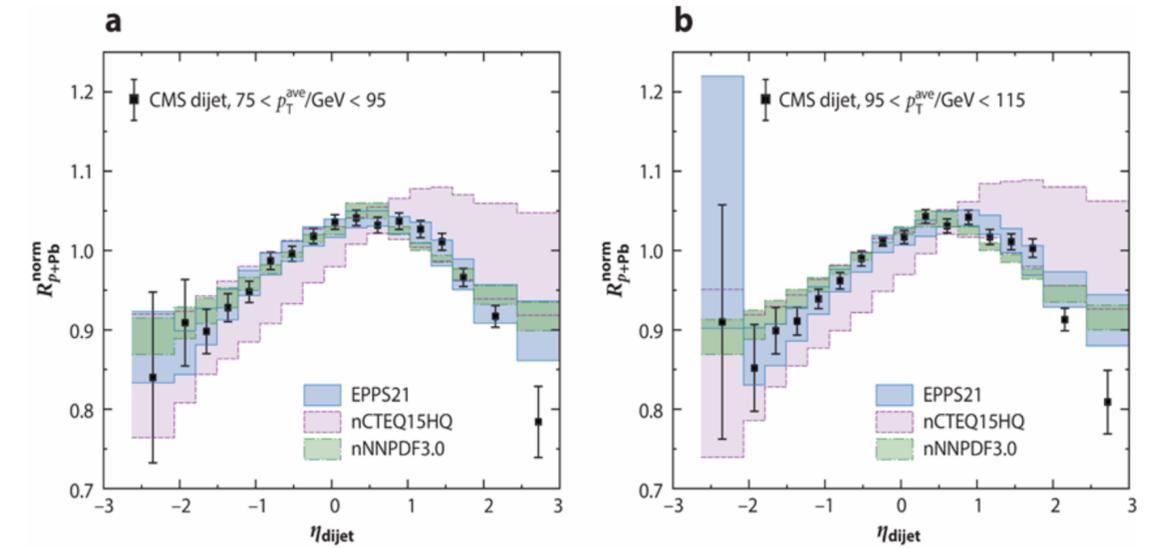
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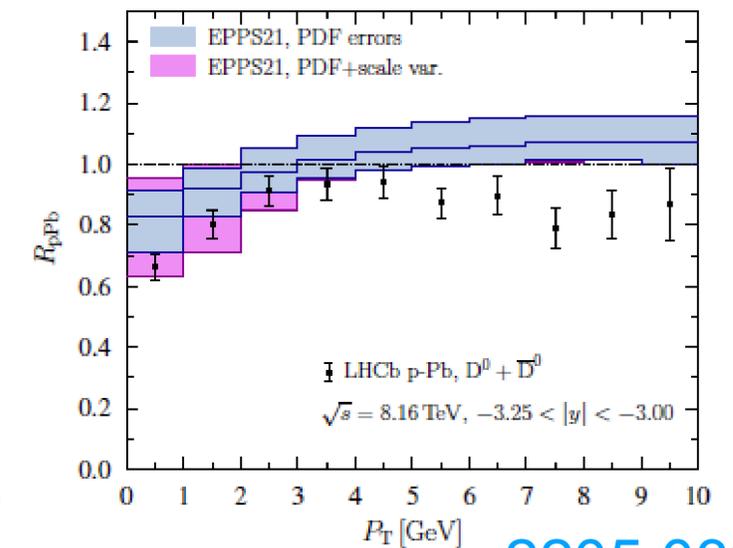
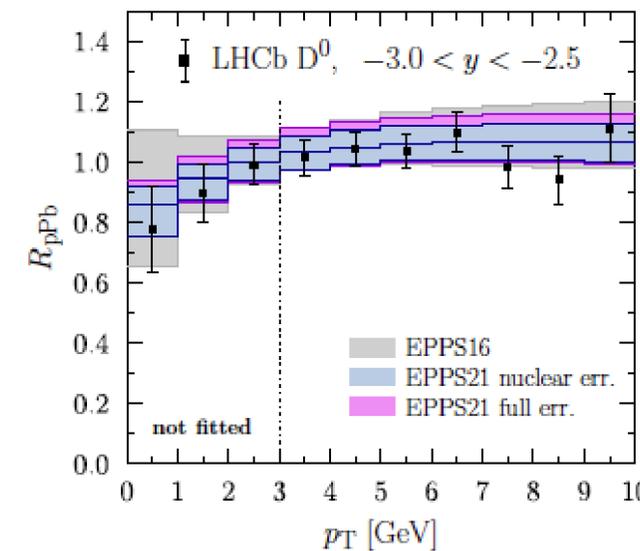
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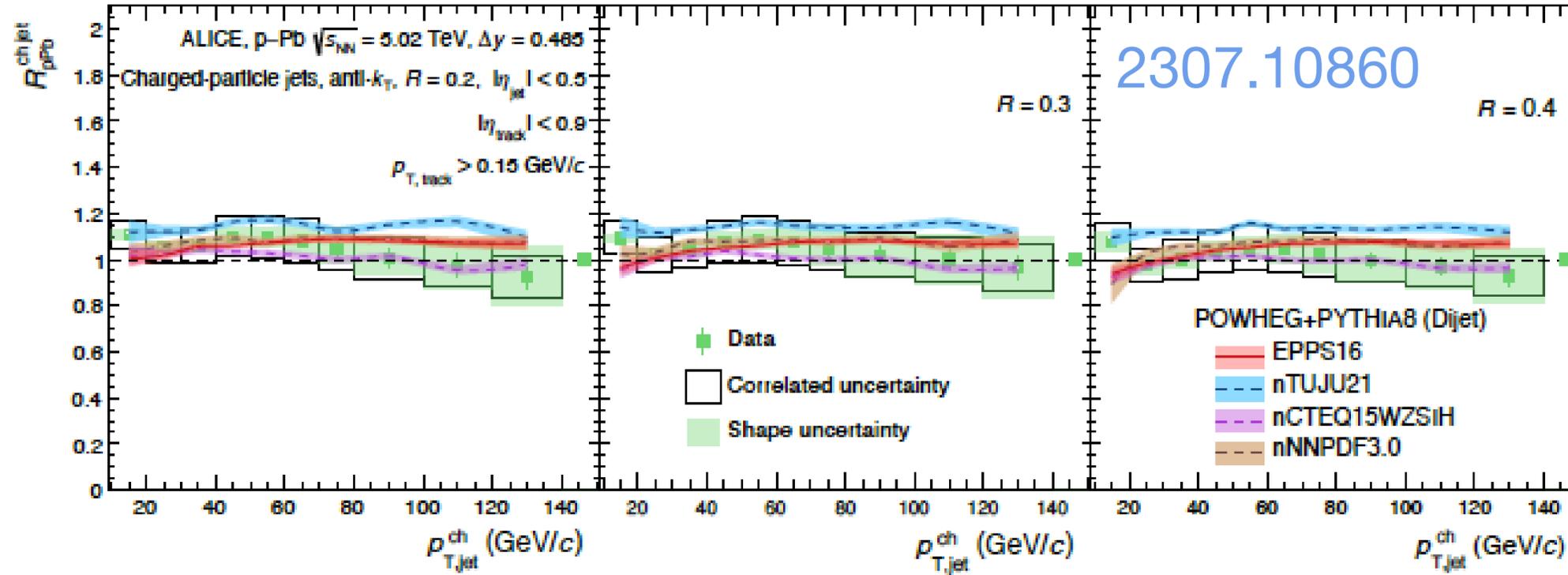
- Open heavy flavour constrains small-x glue, tension between 5 and 8.16 TeV LHCb backward D's: B's?
- (Anti)baryon enhancement, flow?
- VM (J/ψ) in UPCs: theory problems (GPDs, large scale dependence at NLO).



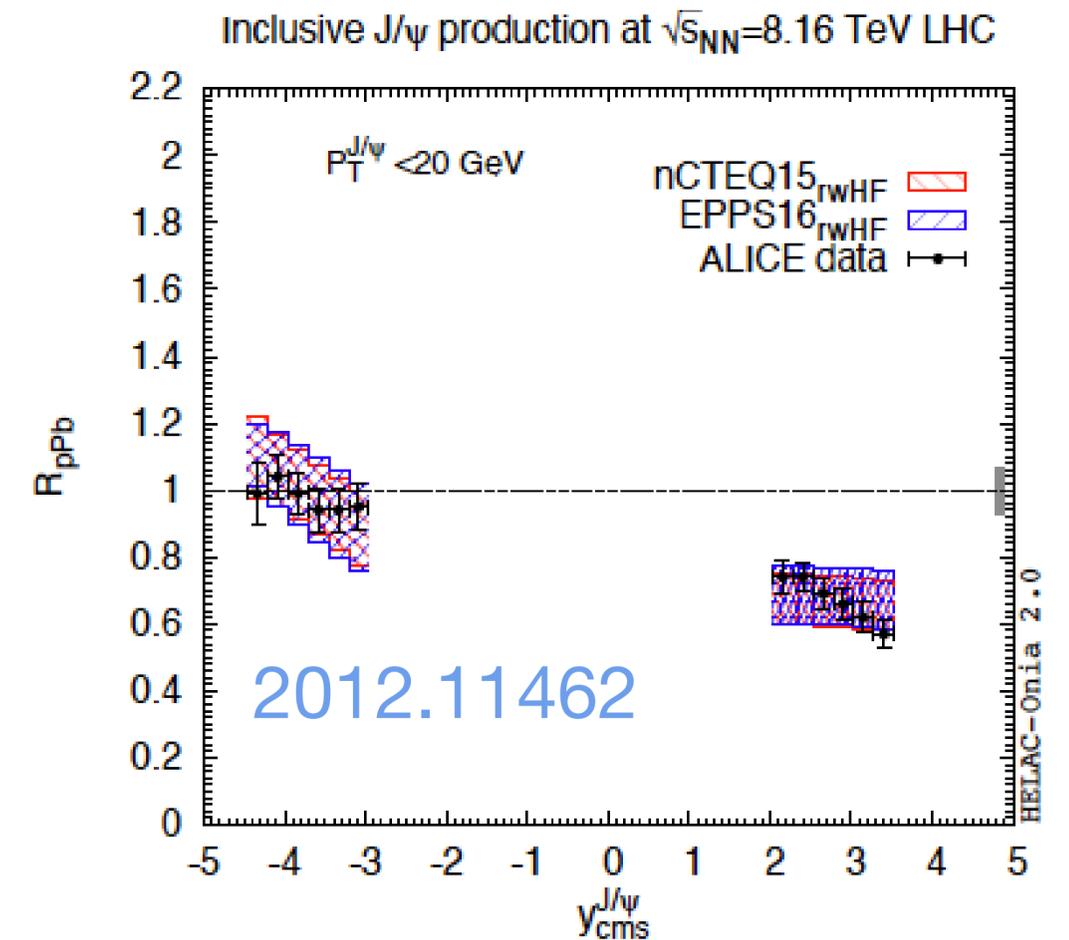
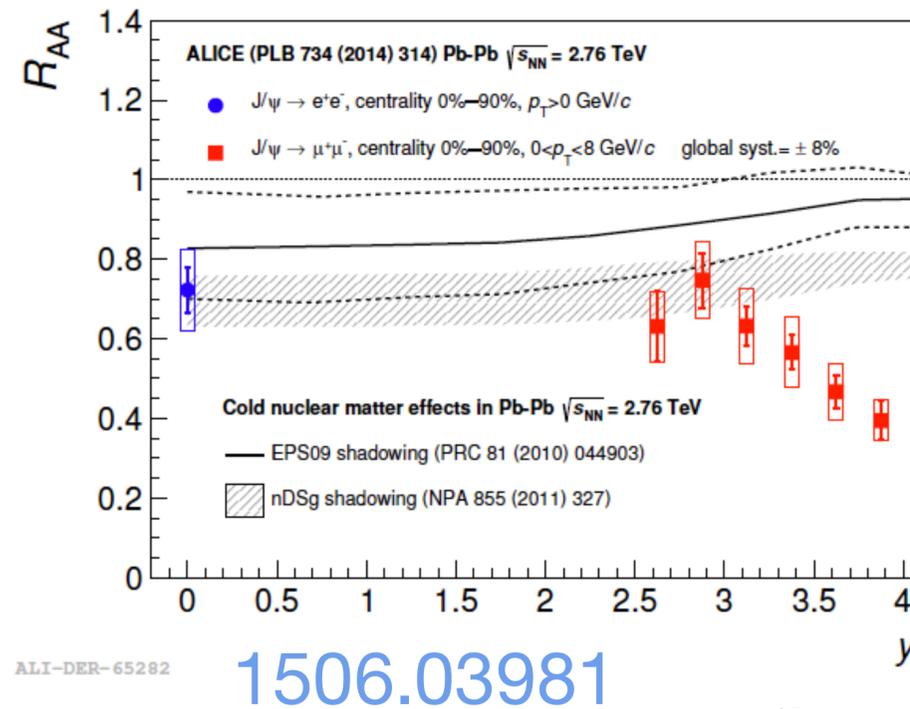
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Nuclear collinear PDFs: QGP search

- PDFs may mask QGP-like effects in small systems, e.g., pPb or pp.



- nPDFs provide sizable uncertainties for QGP characterisation in PbPb.



Collinear PDFs: goals and challenges

- **Data:** substantial progress expected from the complementarity of upcoming and proposed experiments \Rightarrow need of controlled systematics and correlations, inconsistencies?
- **Methodology:** numerous developments, parametrisation \Rightarrow increasing complexity, need of control precisions, tolerance?
- **Theory:** N3LO PDFs coming, and inclusion of theoretical uncertainties, crucial to achieve the required precision \Rightarrow understanding of theoretical uncertainties and possibility of higher order calculations.
- **Standard Model/BSM Parameters (including QGP characterisation and the small system problem):** driven by PDF precision/accuracy improvements \Rightarrow understanding the assumptions underlying profiling and their impact, separating out 'new' effects from PDFs, complementary data from multiple colliders required.

TMDs: state-of-the-art

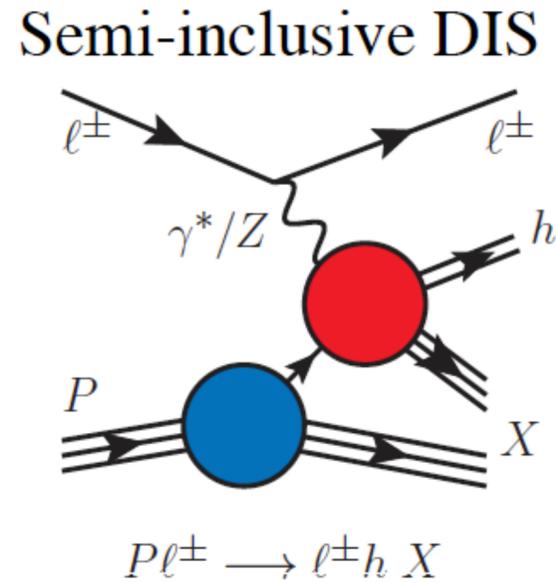
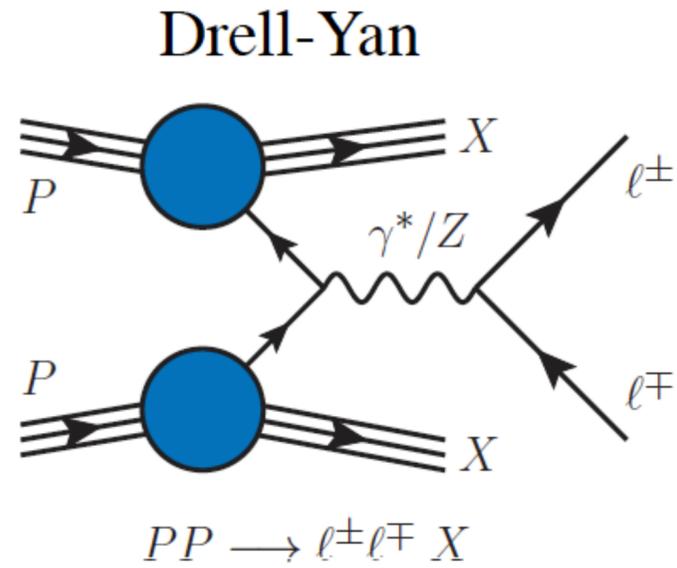
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T}\right)_{\text{res.}} \stackrel{\text{TMD}}{=} \sigma_0 H(Q) \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} F_1(x_1, \mathbf{b}_T, Q, Q^2) F_2(x_2, \mathbf{b}_T, Q, Q^2) + \mathcal{O}\left[\left(\frac{q_T}{Q}\right)^m\right]$$

$$F_{f/P}(x, \mathbf{b}_T; \mu, \zeta) = \sum_j C_{f/j}(x, b_*; \mu_b, \mu_b^2) \otimes f_{j/P}(x, \mu_b) \times \exp\left\{K(b_*; \mu_b) \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{\mu_b} + \int_{\mu_b}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \left[\gamma_F - \gamma_K \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{\mu'}\right]\right\} \times \exp\left\{g_{j/P}(x, b_T) + g_K(b_T) \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta_F}}{\sqrt{\zeta_{F,0}}}\right\}$$

- matching onto the collinear region at $b_T \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$,
- factorises as *hard* (perturbative) and *longitudinal* (i.e. collinear, non-perturbative).
 - avoid the Landau pole,
 - f_{NP} accounts for the introduction of b_* ,
 - f_{NP} is non-perturbative thus **fit** to data.
- CS and RGE evolution,
- evolution in μ and ζ ,
- perturbative.

- TMD factorisation appears in two scale problems, e.g., Q and q_T in DY.
- They include perturbative and non-perturbative pieces.
- They are linked to their collinear counterparts.

TMDs: state-of-the-art



- Not yet used for extractions: W production in pp, dijet and heavy quark pair production in DIS, dijets in pp.

	Accuracy	SIDIS	Drell-Yan	N. of points	Flavour dep.
DWS 1984, CERN-TH.3987/84	NLL	✗	✓	a few	✗
BLNY 2003, hep-ph/0212159	NLL'-NNLL	✗	✓	116	✗
Pavia 2017, 1703.10157	NLL	✓	✓	8059	✗
SV 2017, 1706.01473	N ³ LL	✗	✓ (LHC)	309	✗
SV 2019, 1912.06532	N ³ LL ⁽⁻⁾	✓	✓ (LHC)	1039	✗
Pavia 2019, 1912.07550	N ³ LL	✗	✓ (LHC)	353	✗
MAPTMD22, 2206.07598	N ³ LL ⁽⁻⁾	✓	✓ (LHC)	2031	✗
ART23, 2305.07473	N ⁴ LL ⁽⁻⁾	✗	✓ (LHC)	627	✓
MAPTMD24, 2405.13833	N ³ LL	✓	✓ (LHC)	2031	✓
ART25, 2503.11201	N ⁴ LL ⁽⁻⁾	✓	✓ (LHC)	1209	✓
Neural Network TMDs (MAP) 2502.04166	N ³ LL	✗	✓ (LHC)	482	✗

🍏 **Two TMD PDFs:**

🍏 Lots of data:

🍏 low-energy: FNAL,

🍏 mid-energy: RHIC,

🍏 high-energy: Tevatron, LHC.

🍏 One TMD **PDF** one **FF**:

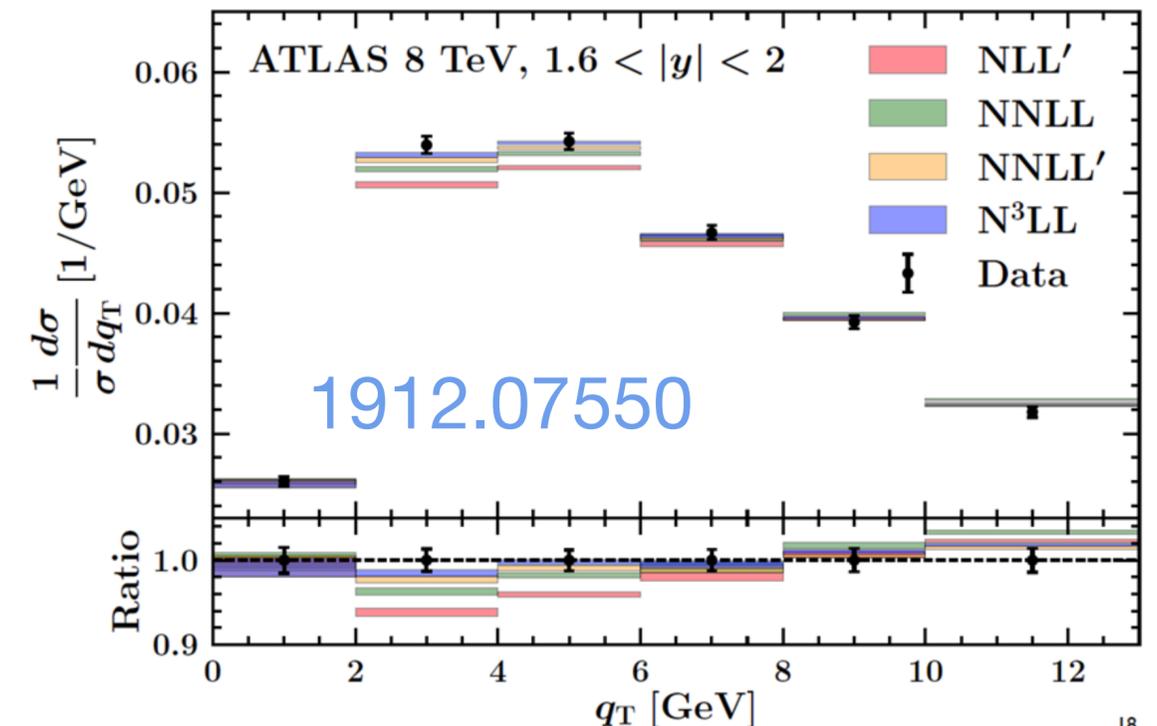
🍏 many precise data points:

🍏 HERMES at DESY,

🍏 COMPASS at CERN.

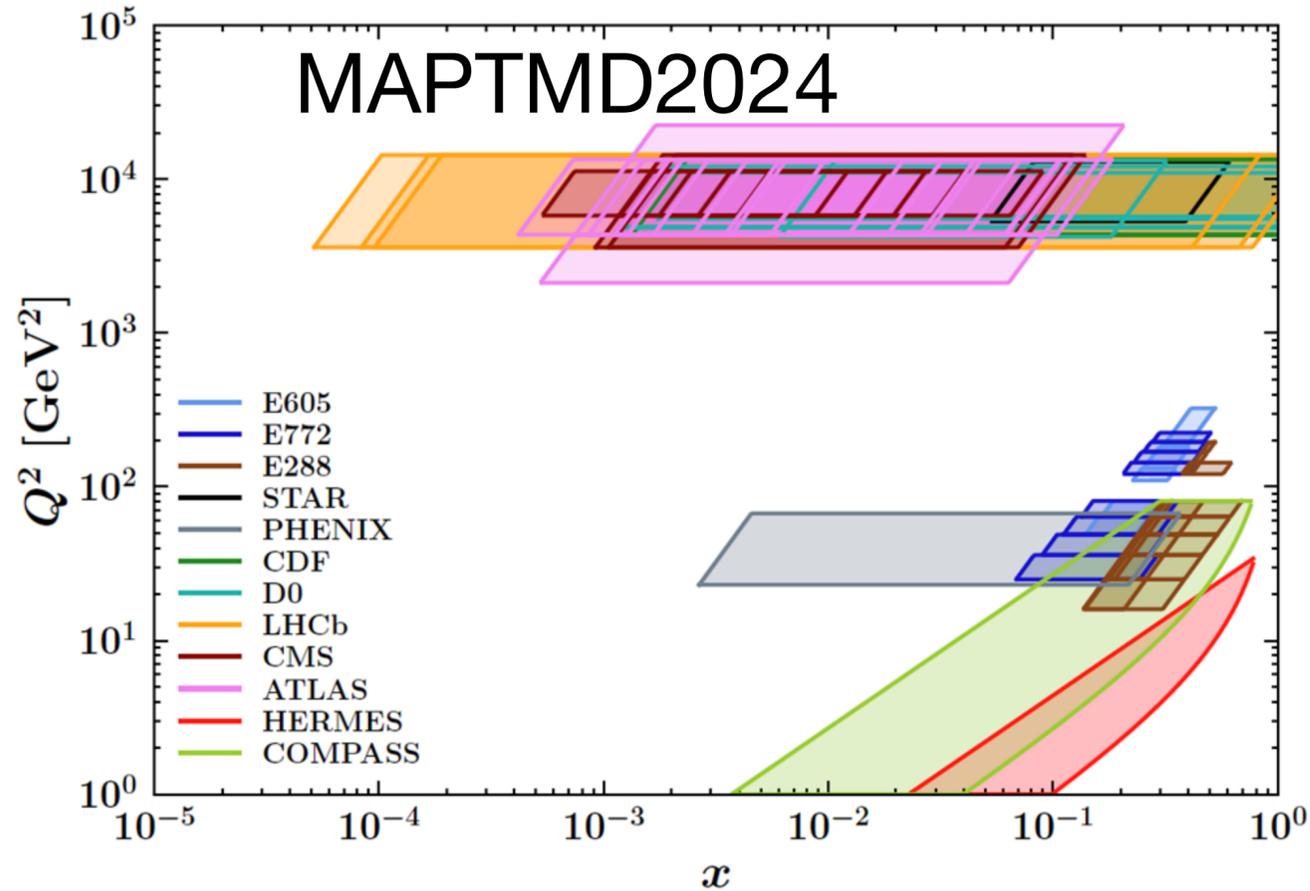
🍏 **EIC** will deliver precise data.

- Also other approaches, e.g., PMB, and relation with small-x physics (CGC).
- Extracted from lattice.
- Large perturbative accuracy computed (and required to describe data).
- Also contain spin information.



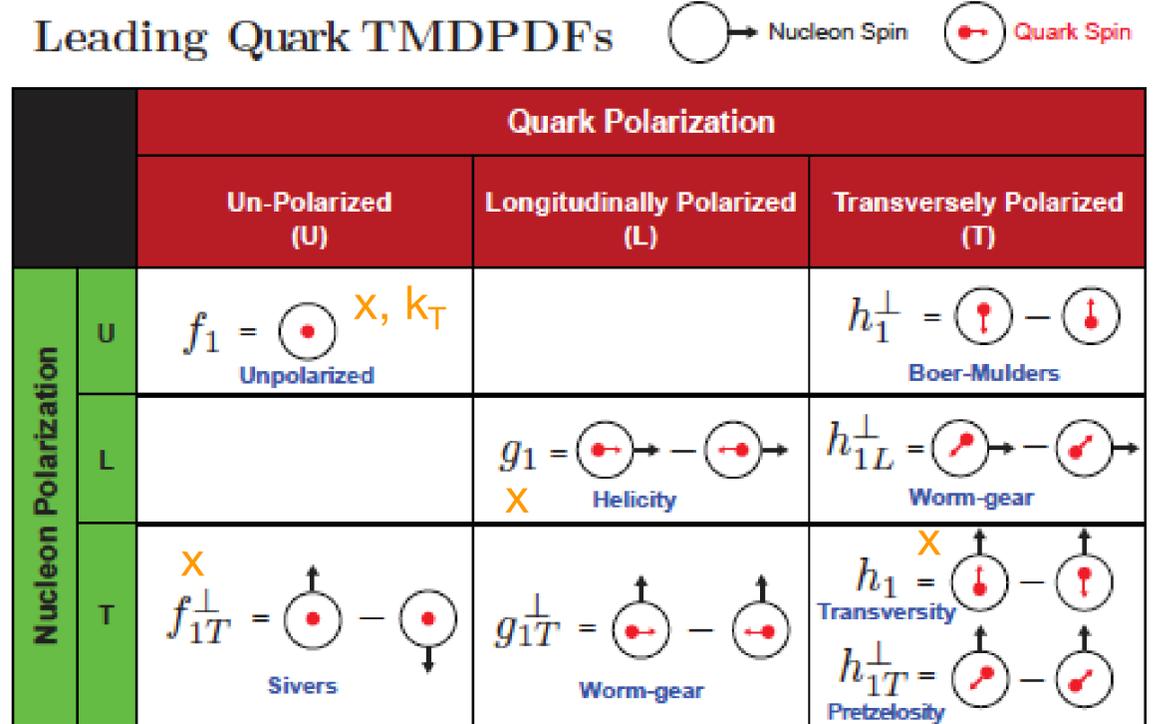
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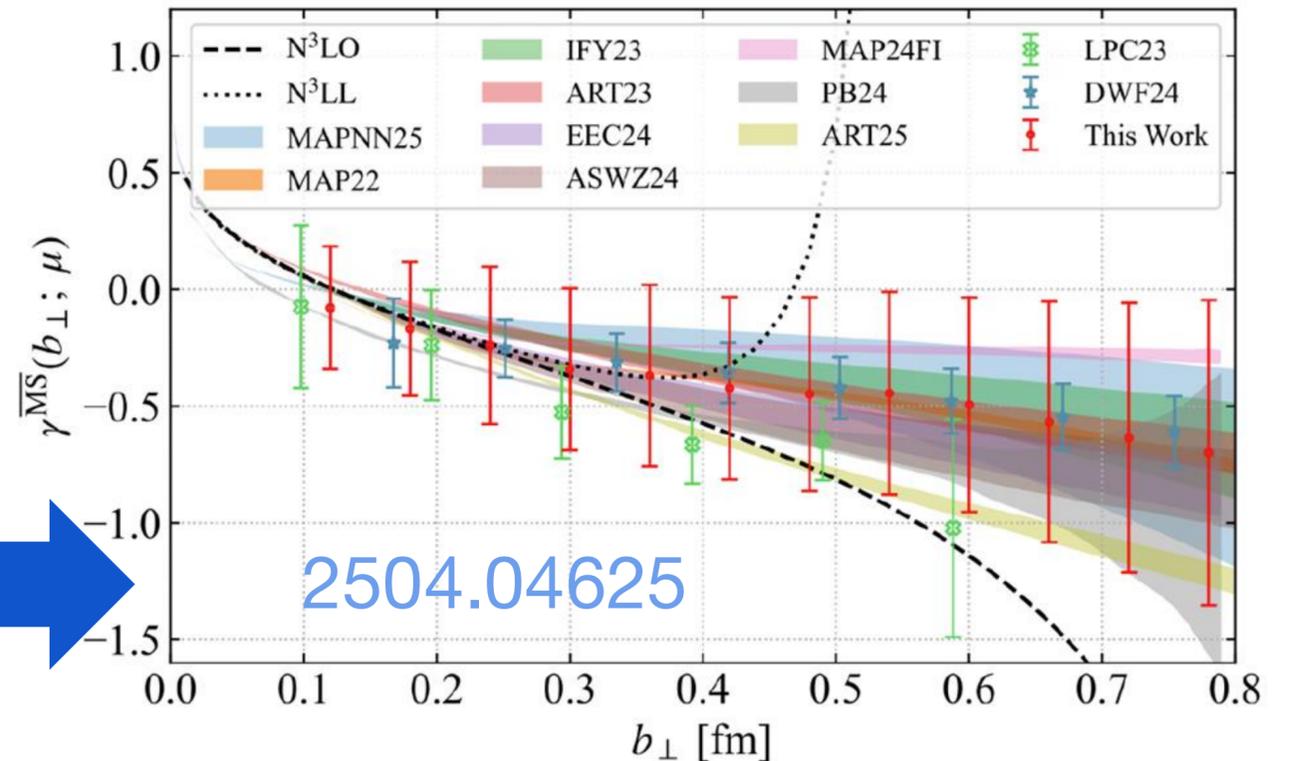


Data set	N ³ LL			
	N _{dat}	χ _D ²	χ _λ ²	χ ₀ ²
Tevatron total	71	1.10	0.07	1.17
LHCb total	21	3.56	0.96	4.52
ATLAS total	72	3.54	0.82	4.36
CMS total	78	0.38	0.05	0.43
PHENIX 200	2	2.76	1.04	3.80
STAR 510	7	1.12	0.26	1.38
<i>DY collider total</i>	251	1.37	0.28	1.65
E288 200 GeV	30	0.13	0.40	0.53
E288 300 GeV	39	0.16	0.26	0.42
E288 400 GeV	61	0.11	0.08	0.19
E772	53	0.88	0.20	1.08
E605	50	0.70	0.22	0.92
<i>DY fixed-target total</i>	233	0.63	0.31	0.94
<i>DY total</i>	484	1.02	0.29	1.31
HERMES total	344	0.81	0.24	1.05
COMPASS total	1203	0.67	0.27	0.94
<i>SIDIS total</i>	1547	0.70	0.26	0.96
Total	2031	0.81	0.27	1.08

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- Large sets of data but much more information to extract than for collinear PDFs.
- Use of different modeling for the non-perturbative pieces and collinear PDFs make TMDs difficult to compare: better the CS kernel (also computed in lattice).

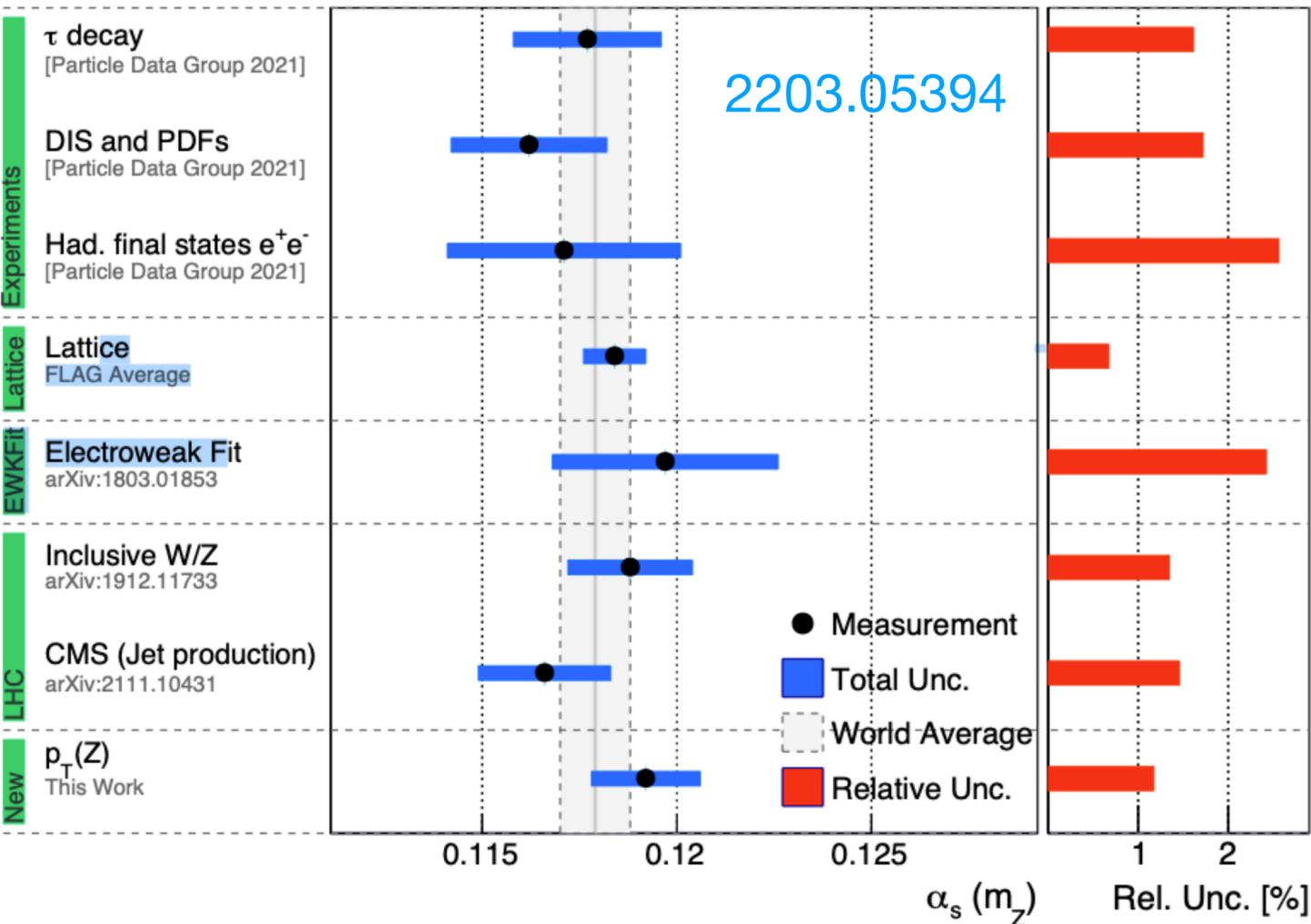


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TMDs: implications

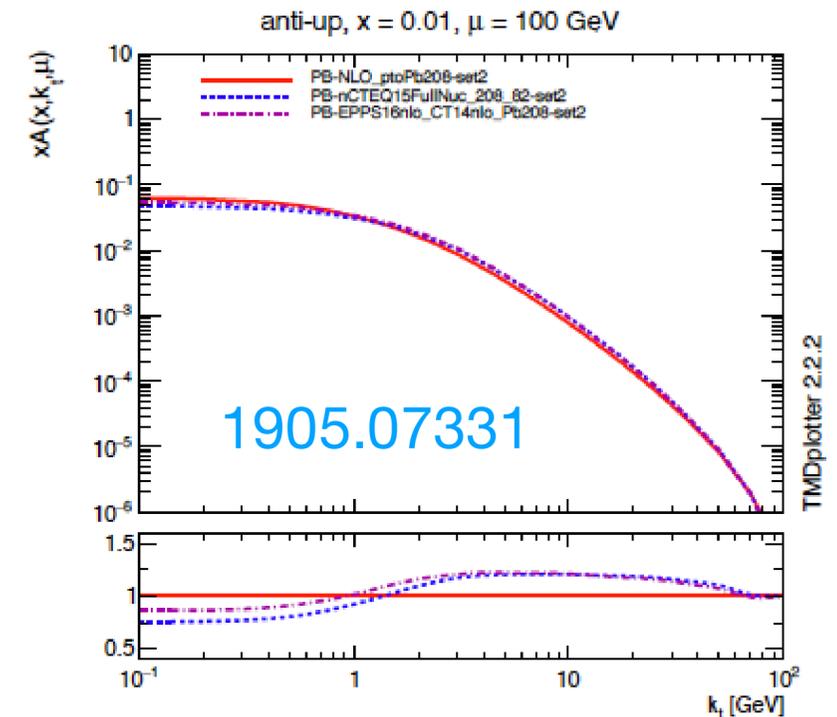
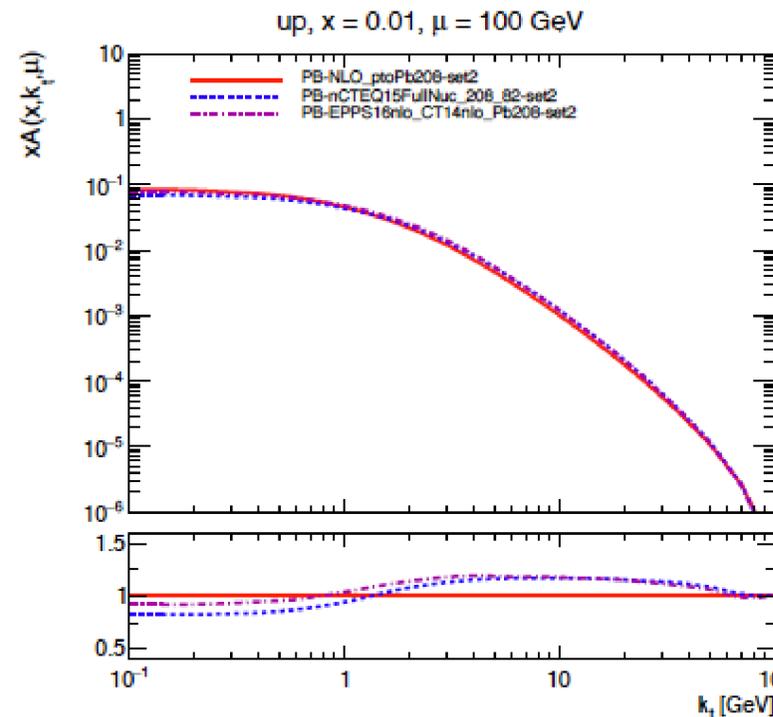
- Extraction of α_s from low transverse momentum DY: huge potential at the LHC.

- Determination of the W-mass in hadronic colliders, which relies on templates: uncertainties coming from our knowledge of the Z spectrum, coming mainly from TMDs (PDFs).



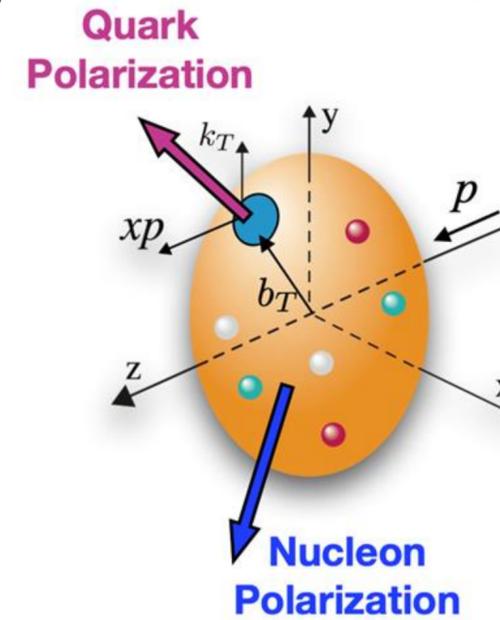
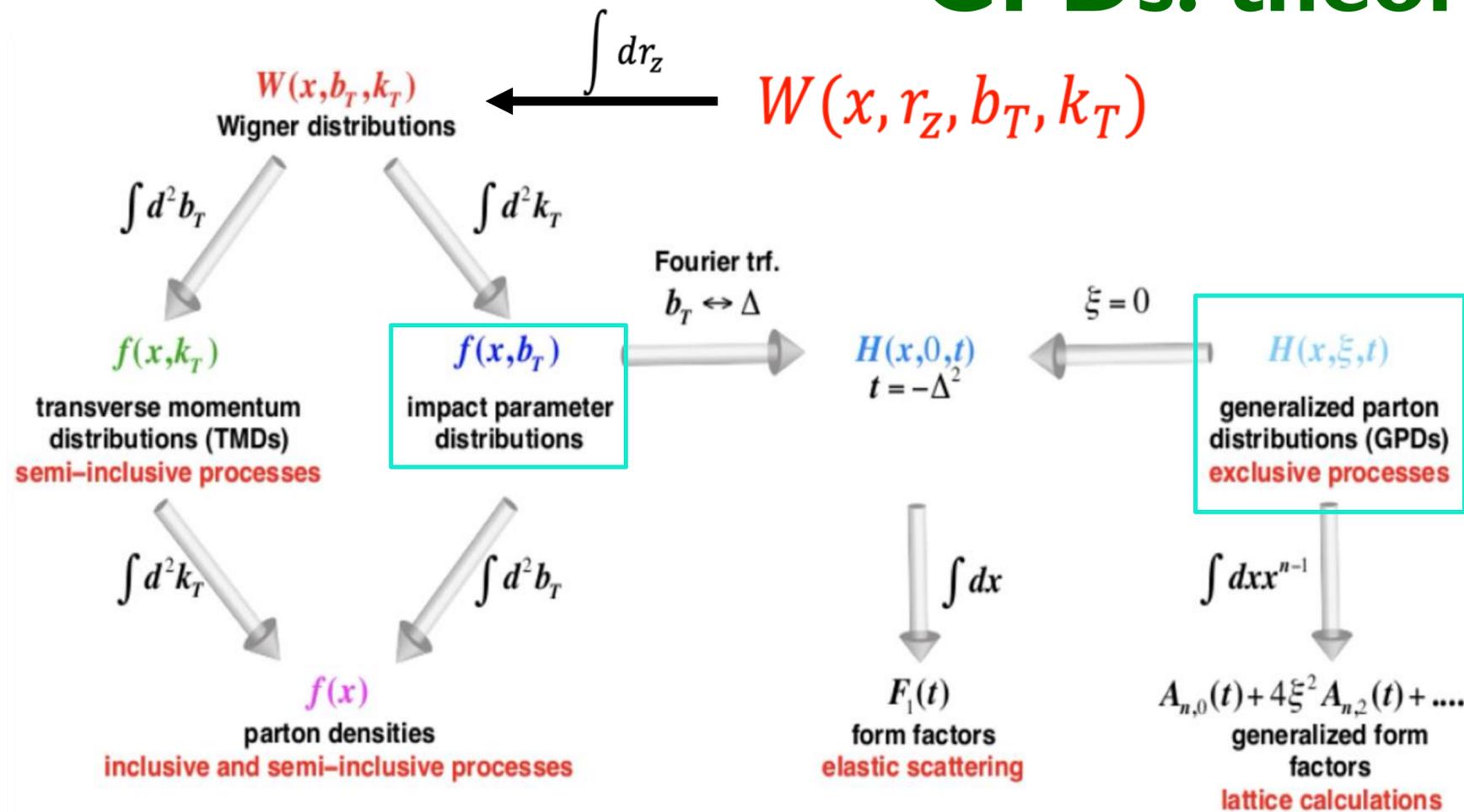
$$2506.13871 \frac{d\sigma^W}{dq_T} = \left(\frac{d\sigma^W / dq_T}{d\sigma^Z / dq_T} \right)_{\text{exp.}} \left(\frac{d\sigma^Z}{dq_T} \right)_{\text{th.}}$$

- Nuclear effects in TMD analyses through nPDFs.



GPDs: theory

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quark polarization

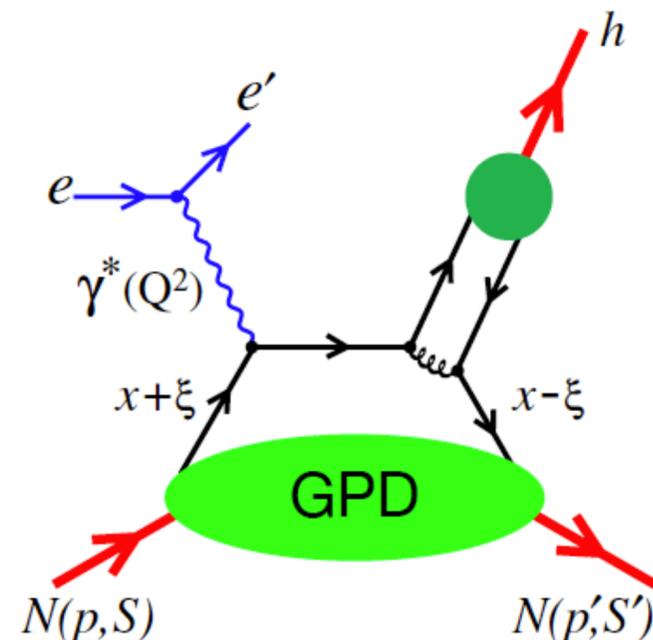
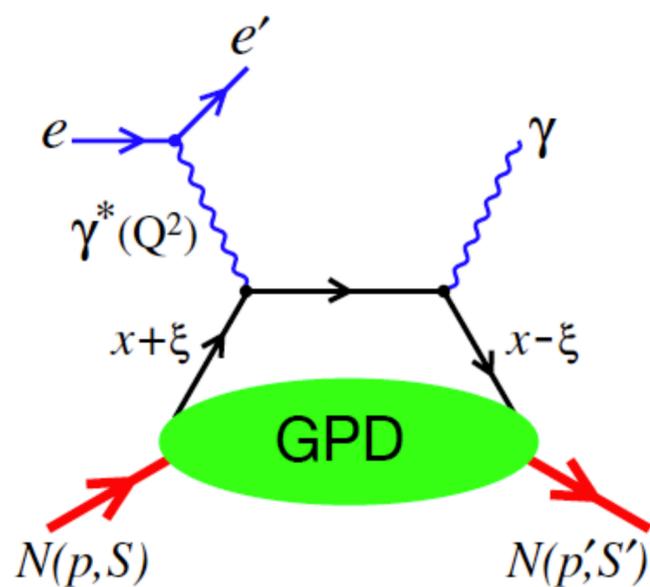
GPD	U	L	T
U	H		\mathcal{E}_T
L		\tilde{H}	$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_T$
T	E	\tilde{E}	H_T, \tilde{H}_T

nucleon polarization



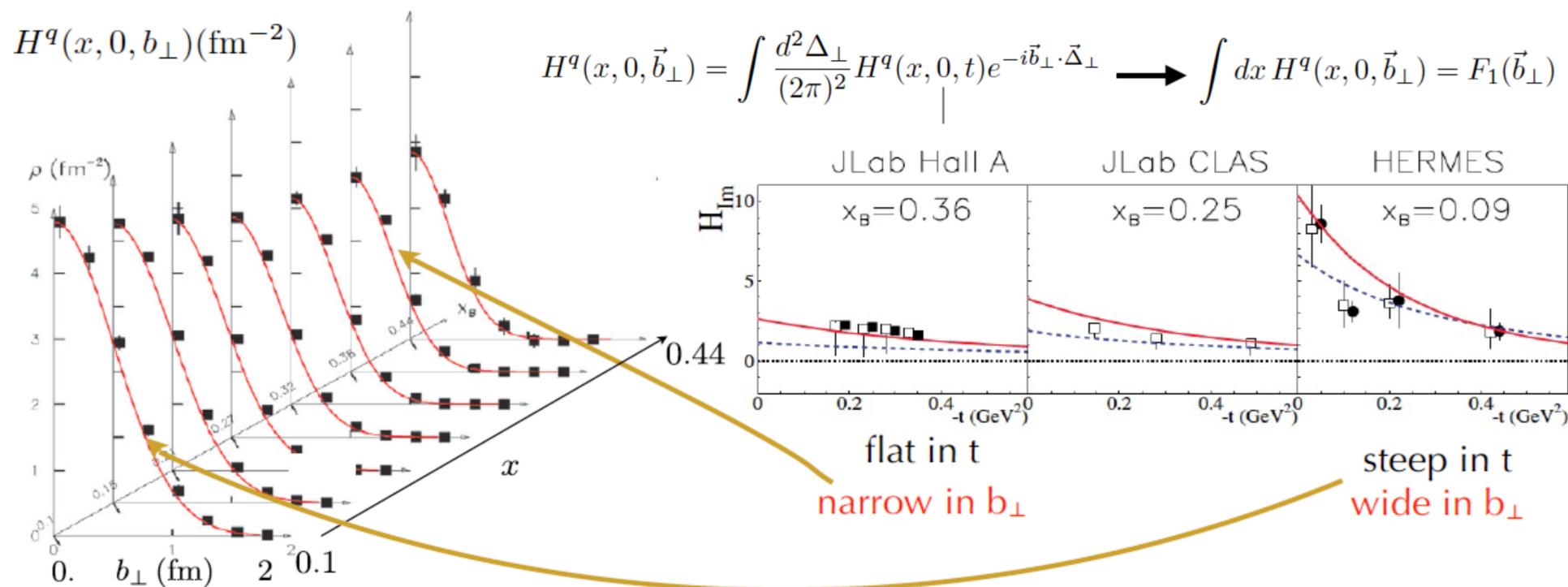
Measured in exclusive processes:

- DVCS, TCS at NNLO.
- Exclusive VM production: studies to stabilise at NLO.
- Besides DDVCS, 2 to 3 processes like diphoton or photon-meson.
- Target: transition GPDs/DAs.
- Pion, light nuclei,...



GPDs: theory

- The partonic profile of hadrons can be extracted dependent on x .



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- Relation with the energy-momentum tensor.

$$\langle p | T_{\mu\nu} | p' \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[A(t) \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{M_N} + J(t) \frac{i(P_\mu \sigma_{\nu\rho} + P_\nu \sigma_{\mu\rho}) \Delta^\rho}{2M_N} + D(t) \frac{\Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{5M_N} \right] u(p)$$

Relation with second-moments of GPDs:

$$\int dx x H(x, \xi, t) = A(t) + \frac{4}{5} D(t) \xi^2$$

$$\int dx x E(x, \xi, t) = 2J(t) - A(t) - \frac{4}{5} D(t) \xi^2$$

“Charges” of the EMT Form Factors at $t=0$

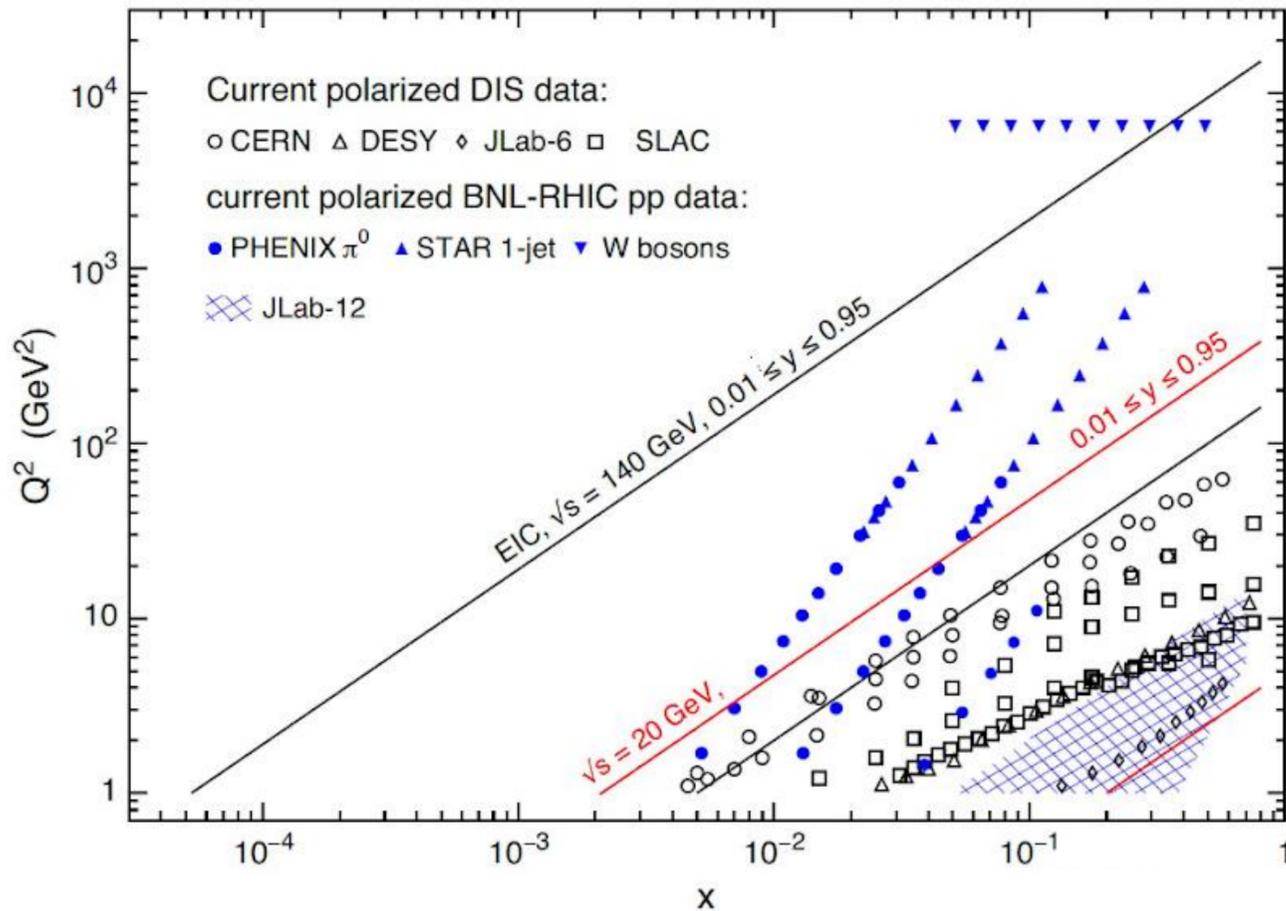
$A^{Q,G}(0)$ nucleon momentum carried by parton

$J^{Q,G}(0)$ angular momentum of partons

$D^{Q,G}(0)$ D-term (“stability” of the nucleon)

GPDs: existing data

C. Keppel
at DIS2025

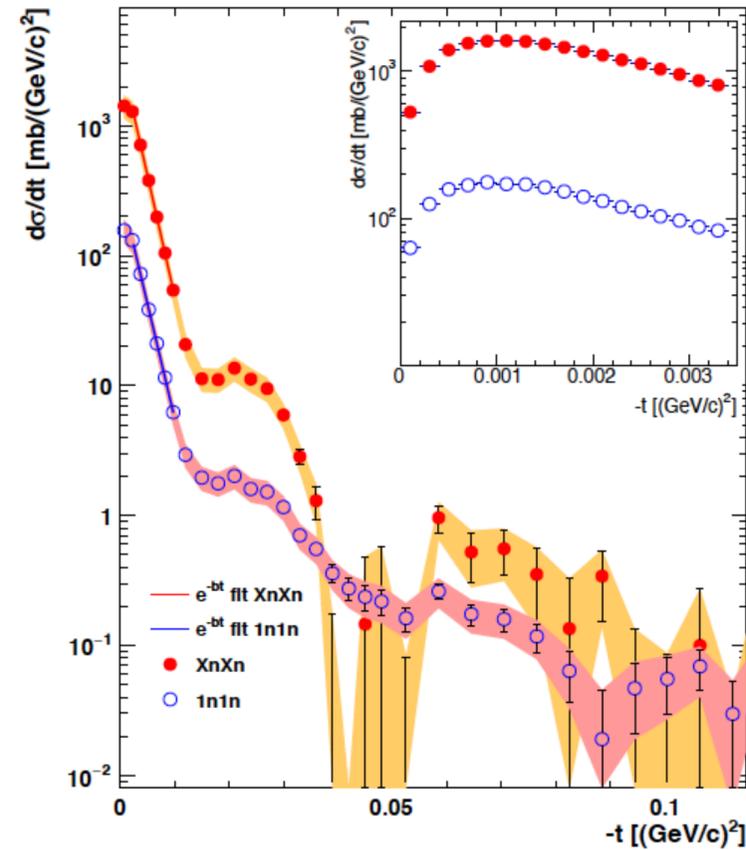


Experiment	Ref.	Target	Analysis	W (GeV)	x_{Bj}	Q^2 (GeV ²)
E80 (SLAC)	[101]	p	A_1	2.1 to 2.6	0.2 to 0.33	1.4 to 2.7
E130 (SLAC)	[102]	p	A_1	2.1 to 4.0	0.1 to 0.5	1.0 to 4.1
EMC (CERN)	[103]	p	A_1	5.9 to 15.2	1.5×10^{-2} to 0.47	3.5 to 29.5
SMC (CERN)	[250]	p, d	A_1	7.7 to 16.1	10^{-4} to 0.482	0.02 to 57
E142 (SLAC)	[244]	³ He	A_1, A_2	2.7 to 5.5	3.6×10^{-2} to 0.47	1.1 to 5.5
E143 (SLAC)	[245]	p, d	A_1, A_2	1.1 to 6.4	3.1×10^{-2} to 0.75	0.45 to 9.5
E154 (SLAC)	[246, 247]	³ He	A_1, A_2	3.5 to 8.4	1.7×10^{-2} to 0.57	1.2 to 15.0
E155/x (SLAC)	[248, 249]	p, d	A_1, A_2	3.5 to 9.0	1.5×10^{-2} to 0.75	1.2 to 34.7
HERMES (DESY)	[253, 254]	p, ³ He	A_1	2.1 to 6.2	2.1×10^{-2} to 0.85	0.8 to 20
E94010 (JLab)	[256]	³ He	g_1, g_2	1.0 to 2.4	1.9×10^{-2} to 1.0	0.019 to 1.2
EG1a (JLab)	[257]	p, d	A_1	1.0 to 2.1	5.9×10^{-2} to 1.0	0.15 to 1.8
RSS (JLab)	[258, 259]	p, d	A_1, A_2	1.0 to 1.9	0.3 to 1.0	0.8 to 1.4
COMPASS (CERN) DIS	[251]	p, d	A_1	7.0 to 15.5	4.6×10^{-3} to 0.6	1.1 to 62.1
COMPASS (CERN) low- Q^2	[280]	p, d	A_1	5.2 to 19.1	4×10^{-5} to 4×10^{-2}	0.001 to 1.
EG1b (JLab)	[260, 261, 262, 263]	p, d	A_1	1.0 to 3.1	2.5×10^{-2} to 1.0	0.05 to 4.2
E99-117 (JLab)	[264]	³ He	A_1, A_2	2.0 to 2.5	0.33 to 0.60	2.7 to 4.8
E99-107 (JLab)	[265]	³ He	g_1, g_2	2.0 to 2.5	0.16 to 0.20	0.57 to 1.34
E01-012 (JLab)	[266, 267]	³ He	g_1, g_2	1.0 to 1.8	0.33 to 1.0	1.2 to 3.3
E97-110 (JLab)	[268]	³ He	g_1, g_2	1.0 to 2.6	2.8×10^{-3} to 1.0	0.006 to 0.3
EG4 (JLab)	[269]	p, n	g_1	1.0 to 2.4	7.0×10^{-3} to 1.0	0.003 to 0.84
SANE (JLab)	[271]	p	A_1, A_2	1.4 to 2.8	0.3 to 0.85	2.5 to 6.5
EG1dvcs (JLab)	[270]	p	A_1	1.0 to 3.1	6.9×10^{-2} to 0.63	0.61 to 5.8
E06-014 (JLab)	[272, 273]	³ He	g_1, g_2	1.0 to 2.9	0.25 to 1.0	1.9 to 6.9
E06-010/011 (JLab)	[278]	³ He	single spin asy.	2.4 to 2.9	0.16 to 0.35	1.4 to 2.7
E07-013 (JLab)	[72]	³ He	single spin asy.	1.7 to 2.9	0.16 to 0.65	1.1 to 4.0
E08-027 (JLab)	[309]	p	g_1, g_2	1. to 2.1	3.0×10^{-3} to 1.0	0.02 to 0.4

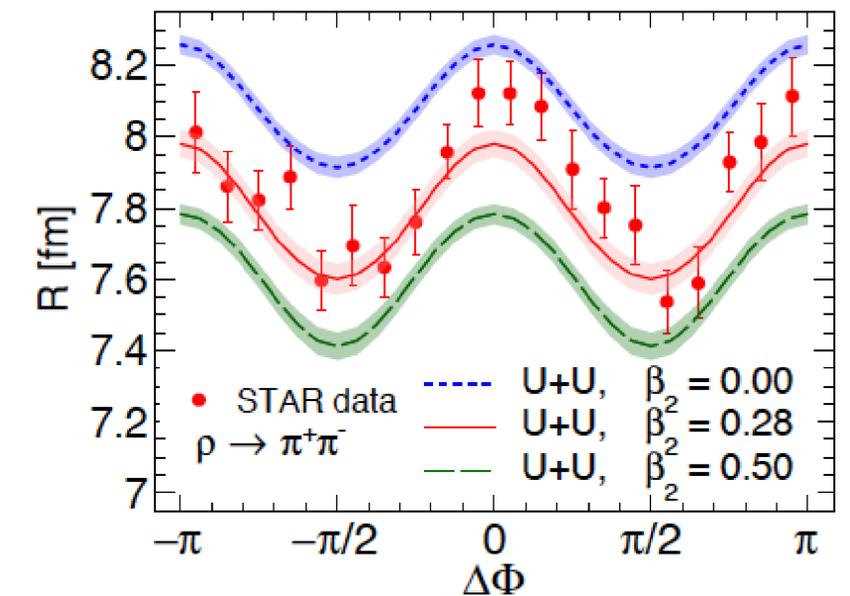
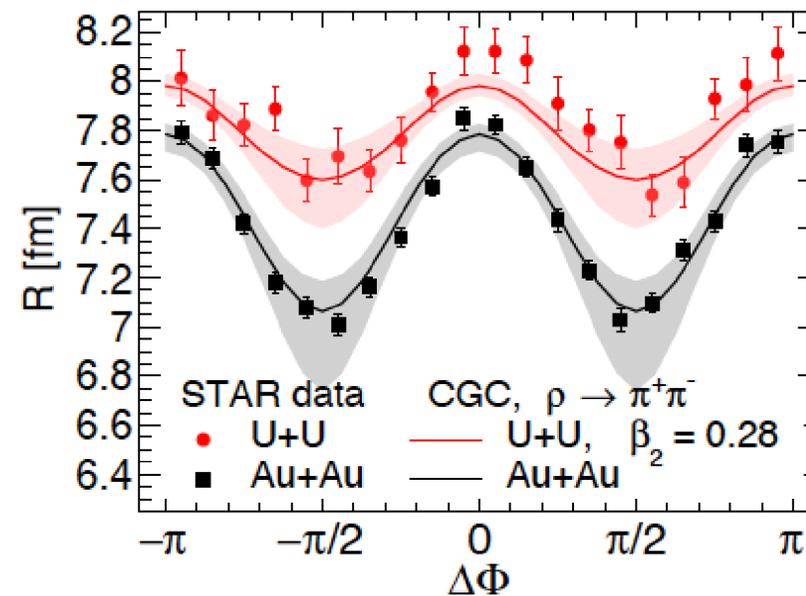
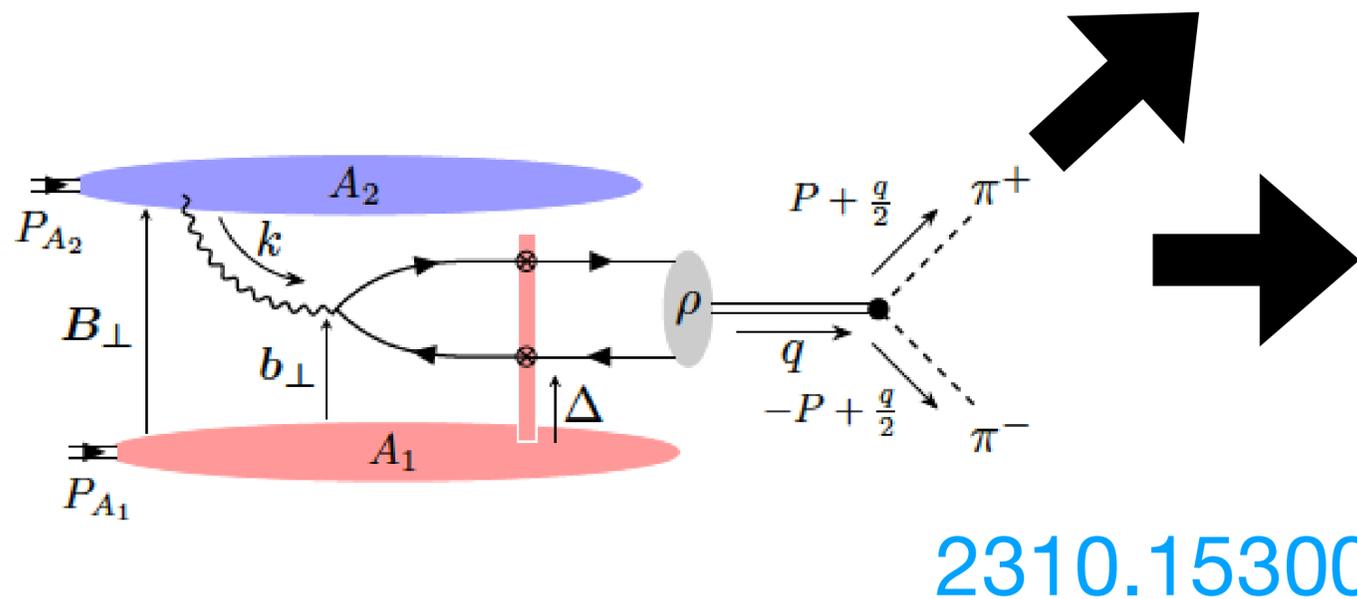
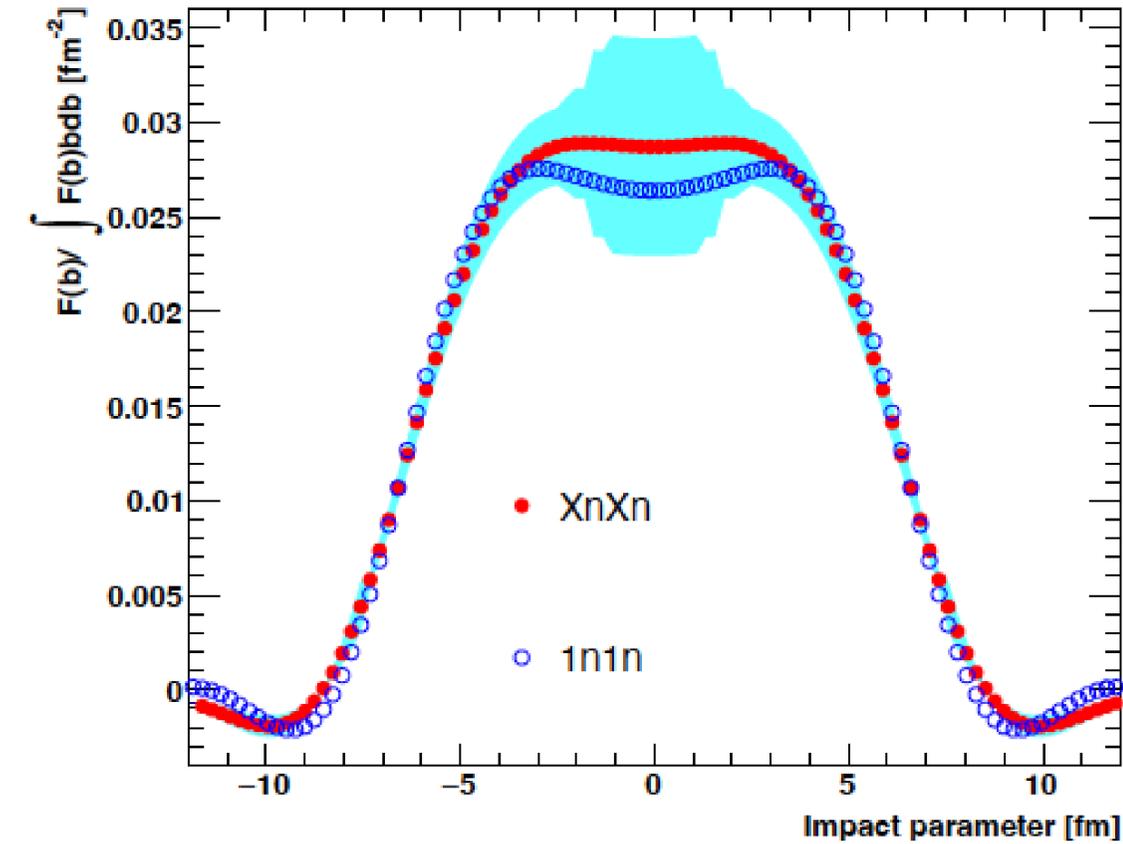
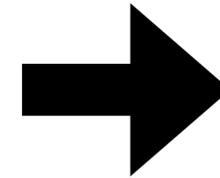
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Impact-parameter distributions: nuclear shape & deformation

- Exclusive VM production in UPCs in AA allows the extraction of nuclear shape, including deformation.



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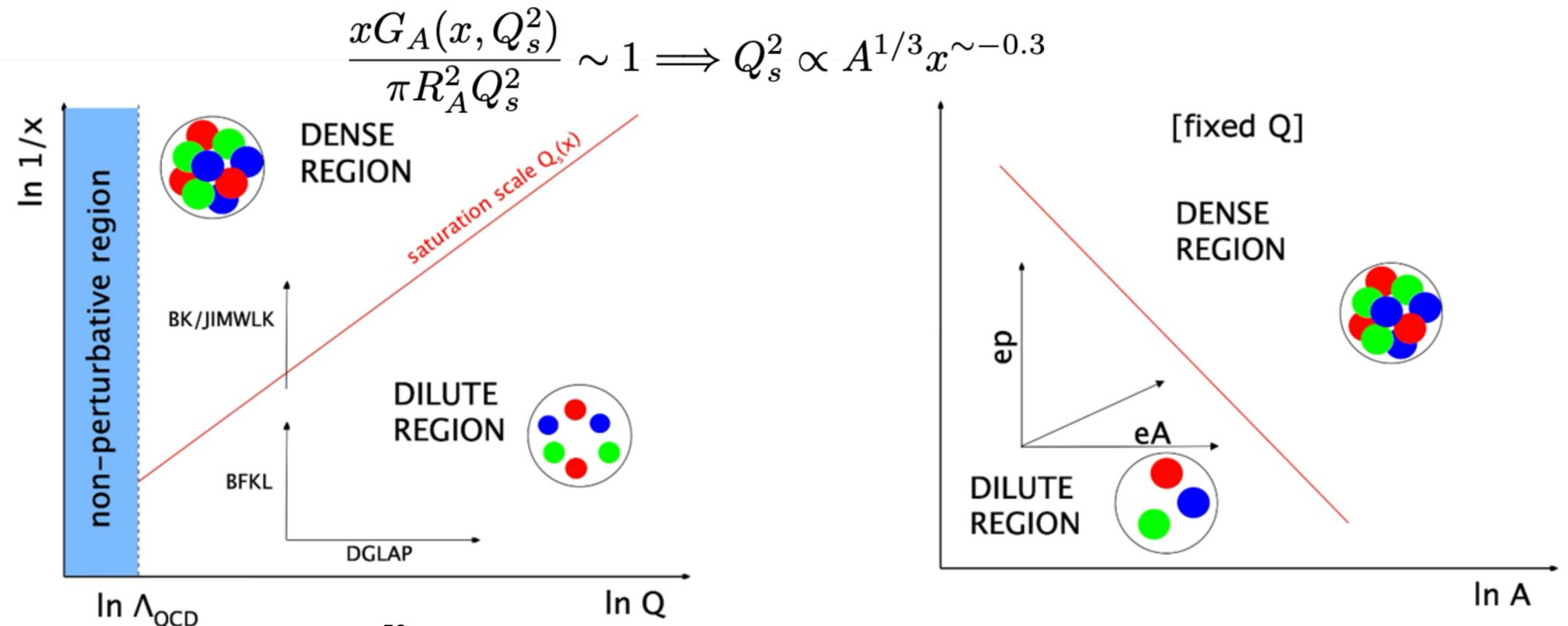
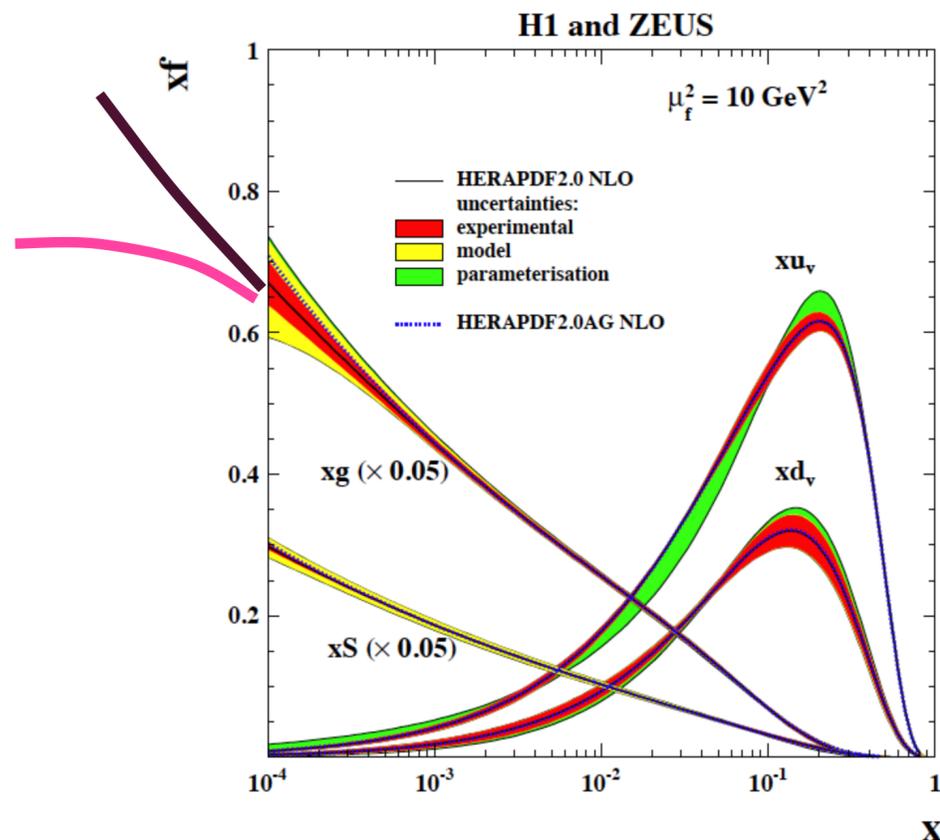


TMDs and GPDs: goals and challenges

- **Data:** substantial progress expected from upcoming experiments (EIC) \Rightarrow need of large amounts from different observables in order to constrain the numerous TMDs and GPDs, e.g., gluon, flavour dependence.
- **Methodology:** many developments, several parameterisations, full method of extraction still lacking for GPDs \Rightarrow increasing complexity (TMD PDFs and FFs have to be included), interplay with collinear PDFs and FFs, extension to nuclei.
- **Theory:** for TMDs large perturbative accuracy available, crucial to achieve the required precision; for GPDs NNLO DVCS available but not yet full NLO evolution \Rightarrow understanding of theoretical uncertainties, extension to small x and relation with other formalisms, possibility of using non-perturbative information from lattice; completion of the missing pieces.

Small x : motivation

- In QCD at high energies, standard fixed-order perturbation theory (DGLAP, linear evolution) must eventually fail:
 - Large logs, e.g., $\alpha_s \ln 1/x \sim 1$: resummation (BFKL, CCFM, ABF, CCSS).
 - High density \Rightarrow linear evolution cannot hold: saturation, either perturbative (CGC) or non-perturbative.
- Non-linear effects driven by density, different from resummation: $x \downarrow, A \uparrow$.



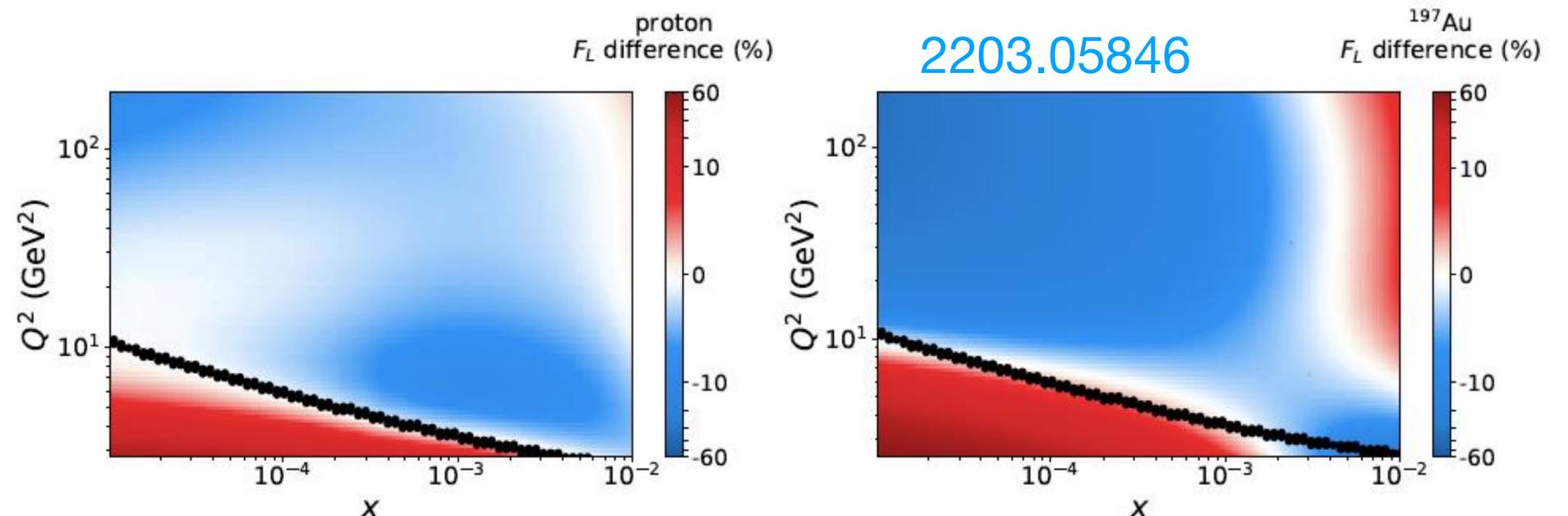
Small x : theory status

- LO calculations (single particle and correlations) do not allow a conclusive comparison with data.
- **NLO calculations in the dilute regime: BFKL at NLL (with coll. resummation)**
 - DIS cross sections.
 - Photon-photon cross sections.
 - Jet-gap-jet observables (Mueller-Navelet).
 - Resummations for some observables: Higgs, heavy quarks.
- **NLO calculations in the dense regimen (CGC): JIMWLK/BK at NLL (with collinear resummation)**
 - DIS cross sections: impact factors including HQs.
 - Single particle/jet, and DY+jet, in pA: problems with stability; missing dijet and γ +jet.
 - Single hadron, dihadron and dijet in DIS: Sudakov resummation, relation with TMDs at small x and link with CSS/DGLAP.
 - Non-eikonal corrections.
- **Relation with TMD factorisation, and search of unified evolution.**
- **Target still simply modeled, characterisation from data not yet fully achieved.**

Small x : experimental situation

- **Experimental observables where small- x effects (resummation, saturation) have been claimed, none of them considered conclusive:**
 - DIS cross sections at HERA at small to moderate Q^2 : resummation has been suggested as alternative to DGLAP fits, but several models are able to reproduce data.
 - Two-particle correlations in the forward direction at RHIC: x not really small, and competes with standard gluon shadowing.
 - Two-particle correlations in small systems: theory lacks ingredients and presently contradicts some features of data.
 - Exclusive VMs in UPCs: competition with unknown gluon distributions, theoretical caveats.
 - Jet-gap-jet (Tevatron, LHC) and photon-photon (LEP): inconclusive differences between NLL BFKL and DGLAP.

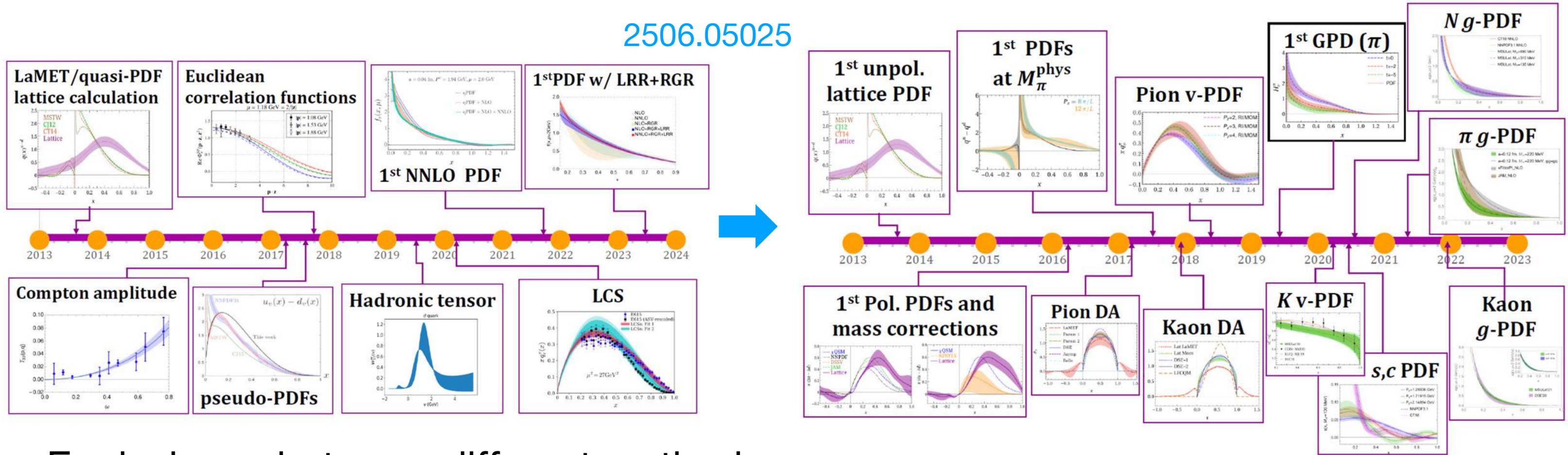
Lever-arm in Q^2 at small x essential!!!



Lattice: method

- Since 2013, lattice QCD has provided 1st-principles PDFs, TMDs and GPDs.

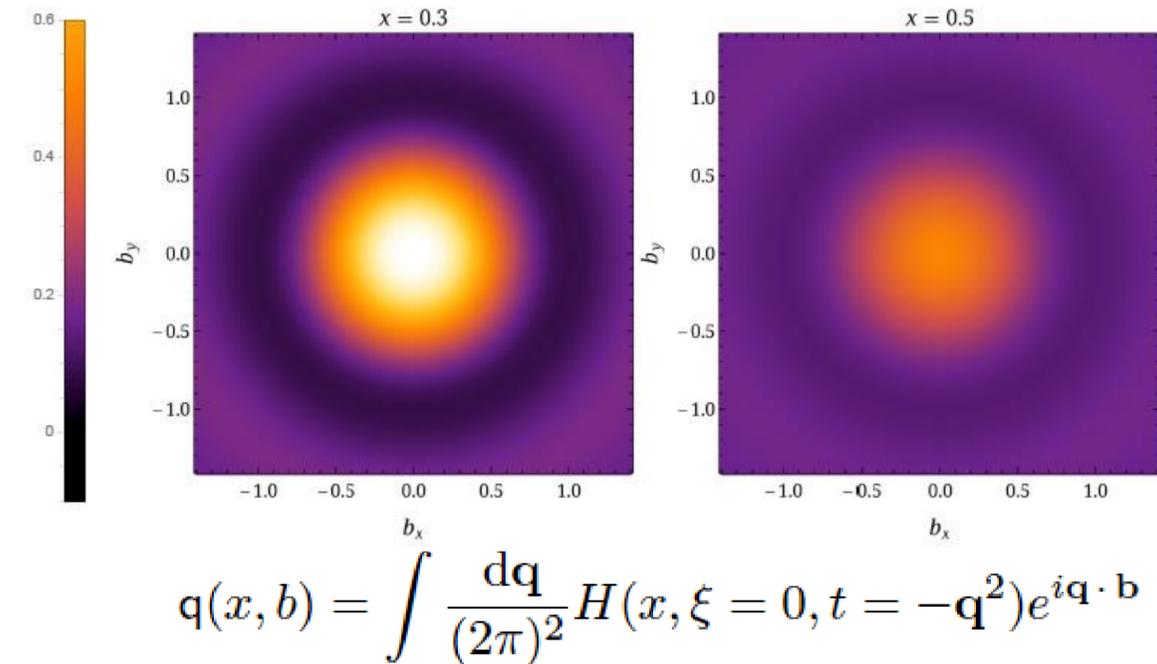
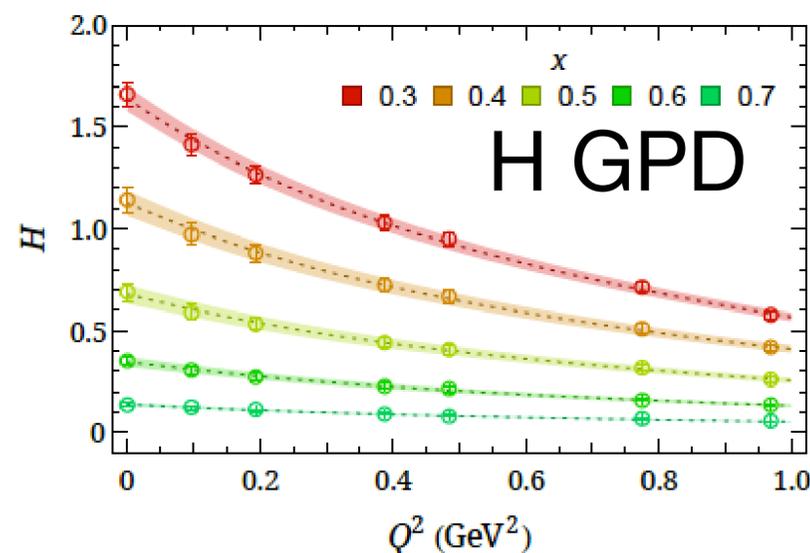
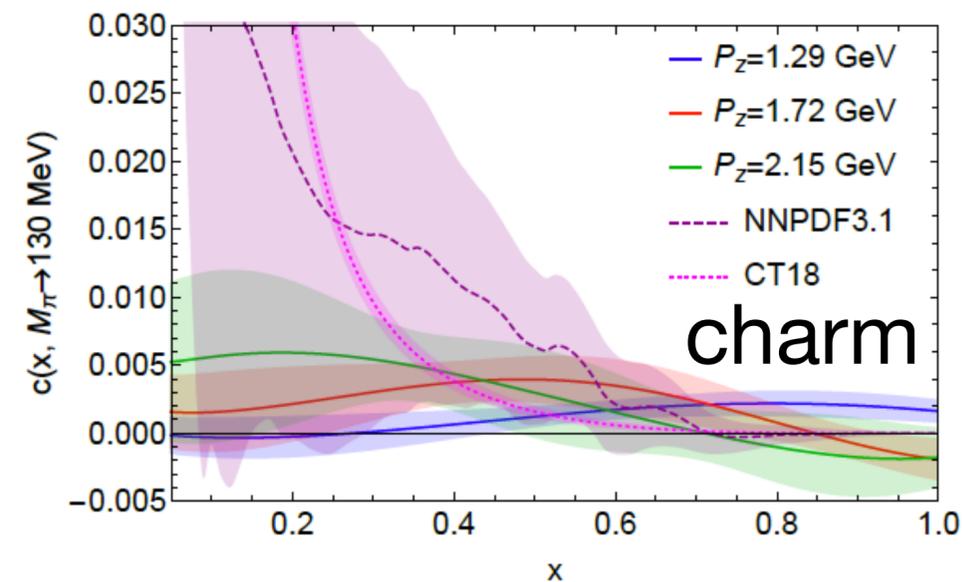
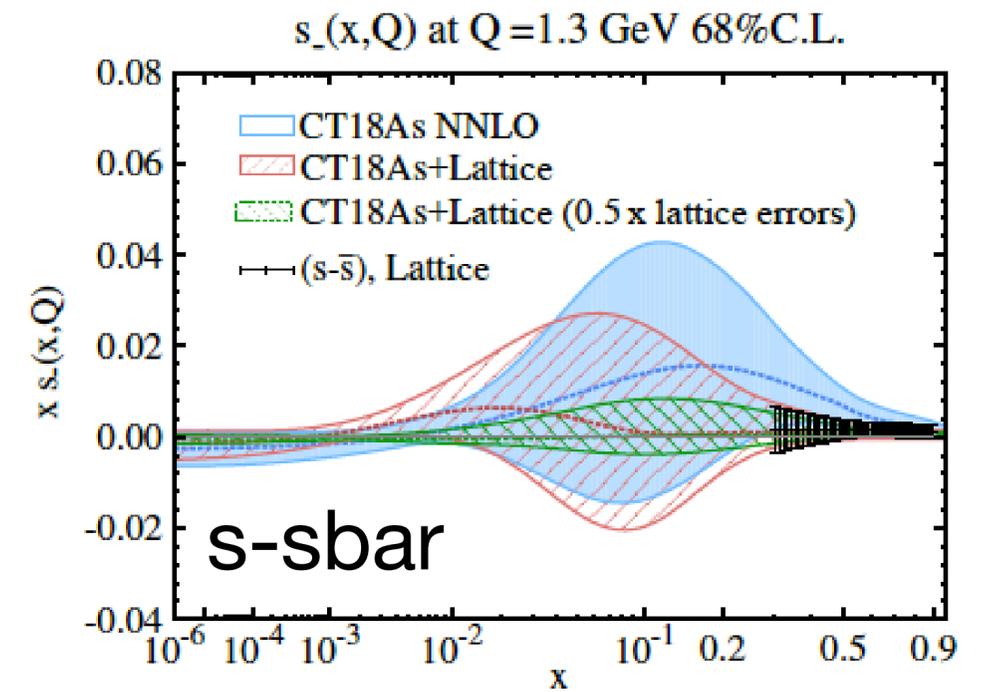
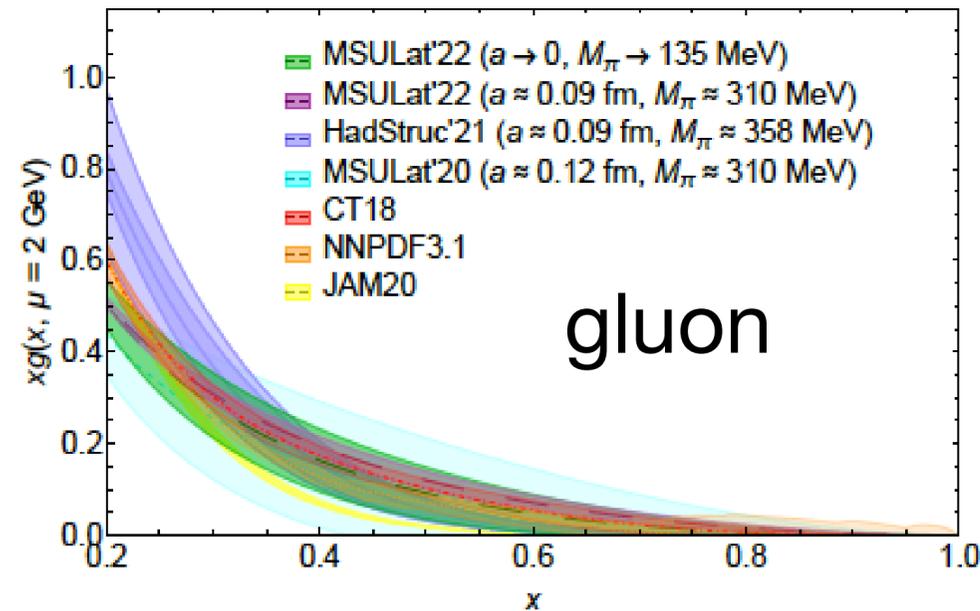
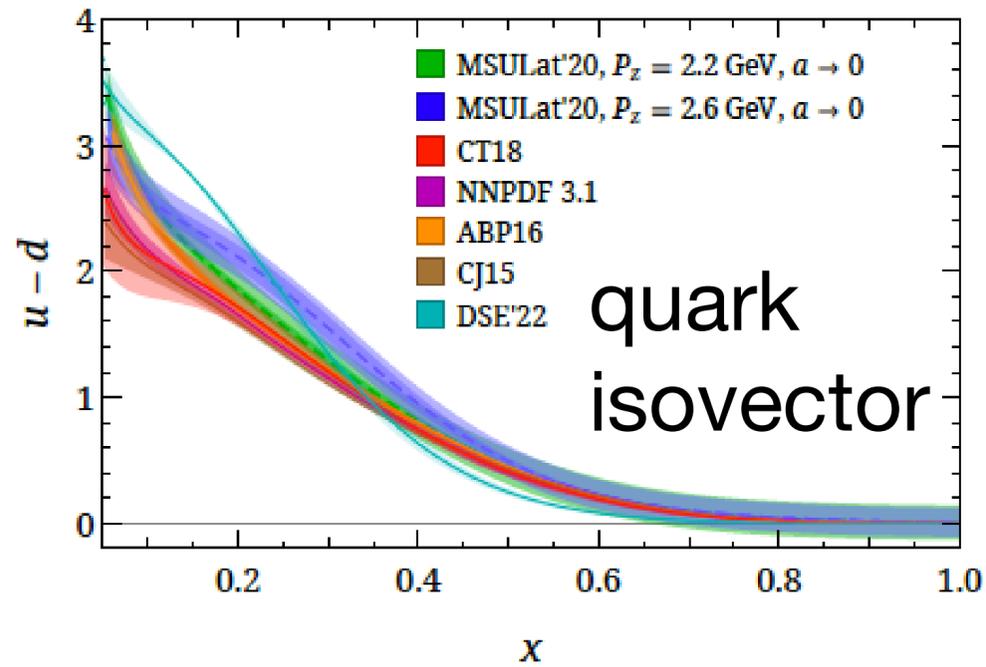
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- Equivalence between different methods established, and improved renormalisation schemes.
- 2+1(+1) flavors (physical m_π for some quantities) achieved.
- Requires matching perturbative coefficients.



Lattice: results



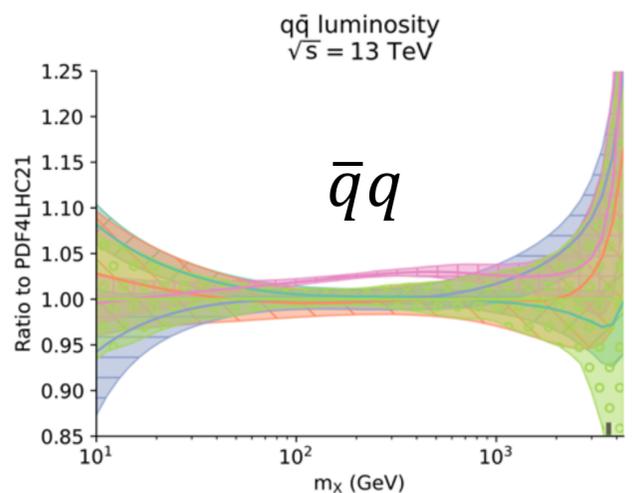
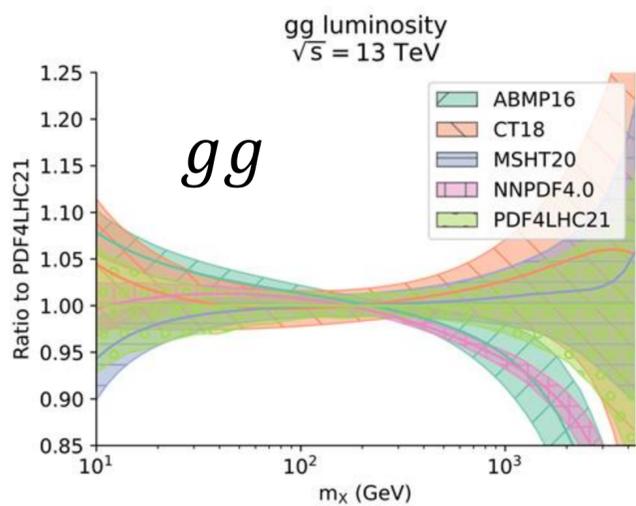
- **Challenges:** signal-to-noise ratios, extrapolation to physical m_π , suppress systematic uncertainties for large and small x ; incorporation of lattice results into global fits (as already done for COMPASS transversity TMD).

Kinematic planes for proton

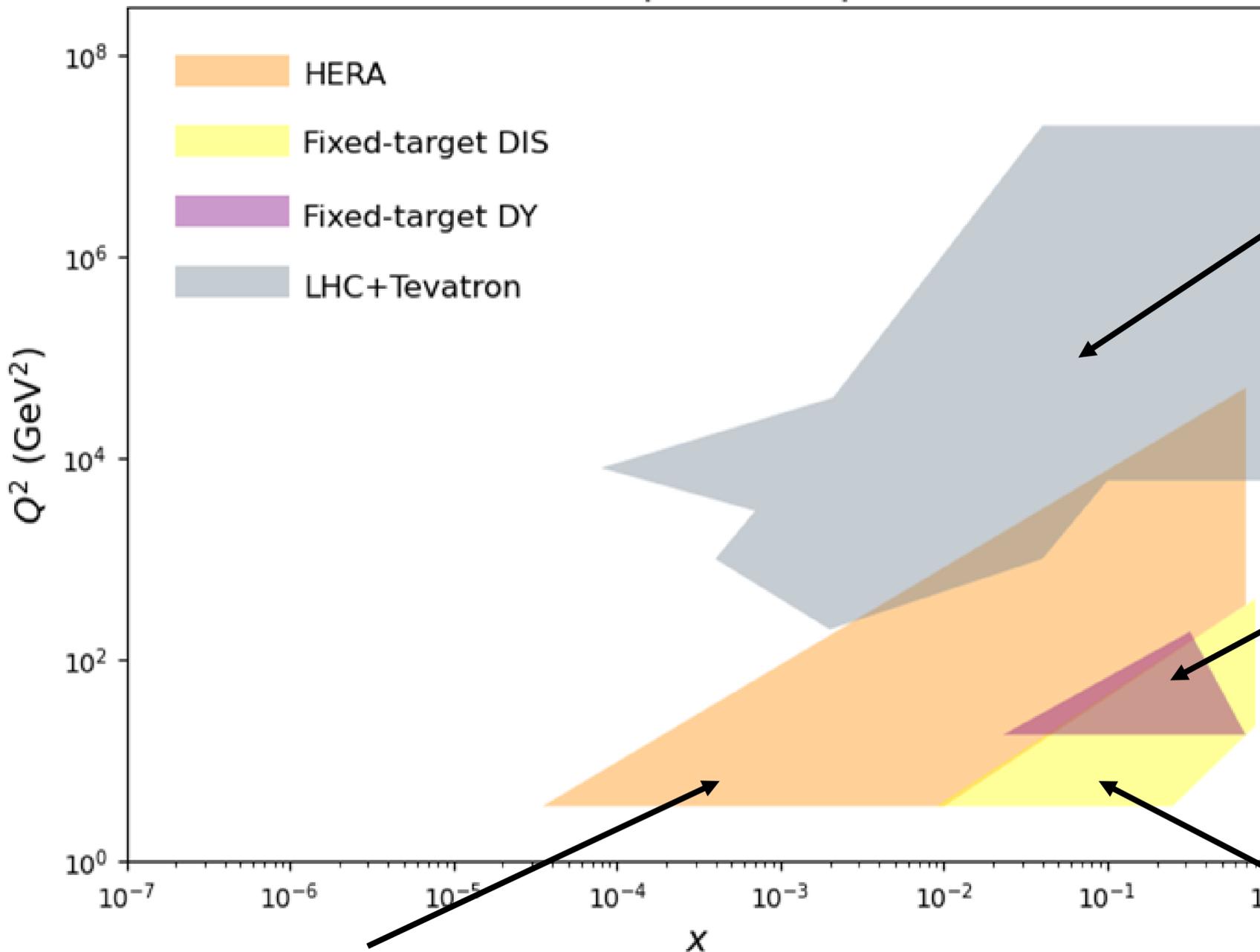
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Kinematic plane for proton



LHC: W(+jet), Z, DY, jets and dijets, single and top pair (+jet), isolated photons

Tevatron data: W, Z

$p(\bar{p}) + p/d$ DY

NC(l^\pm) and CC(ν) DIS

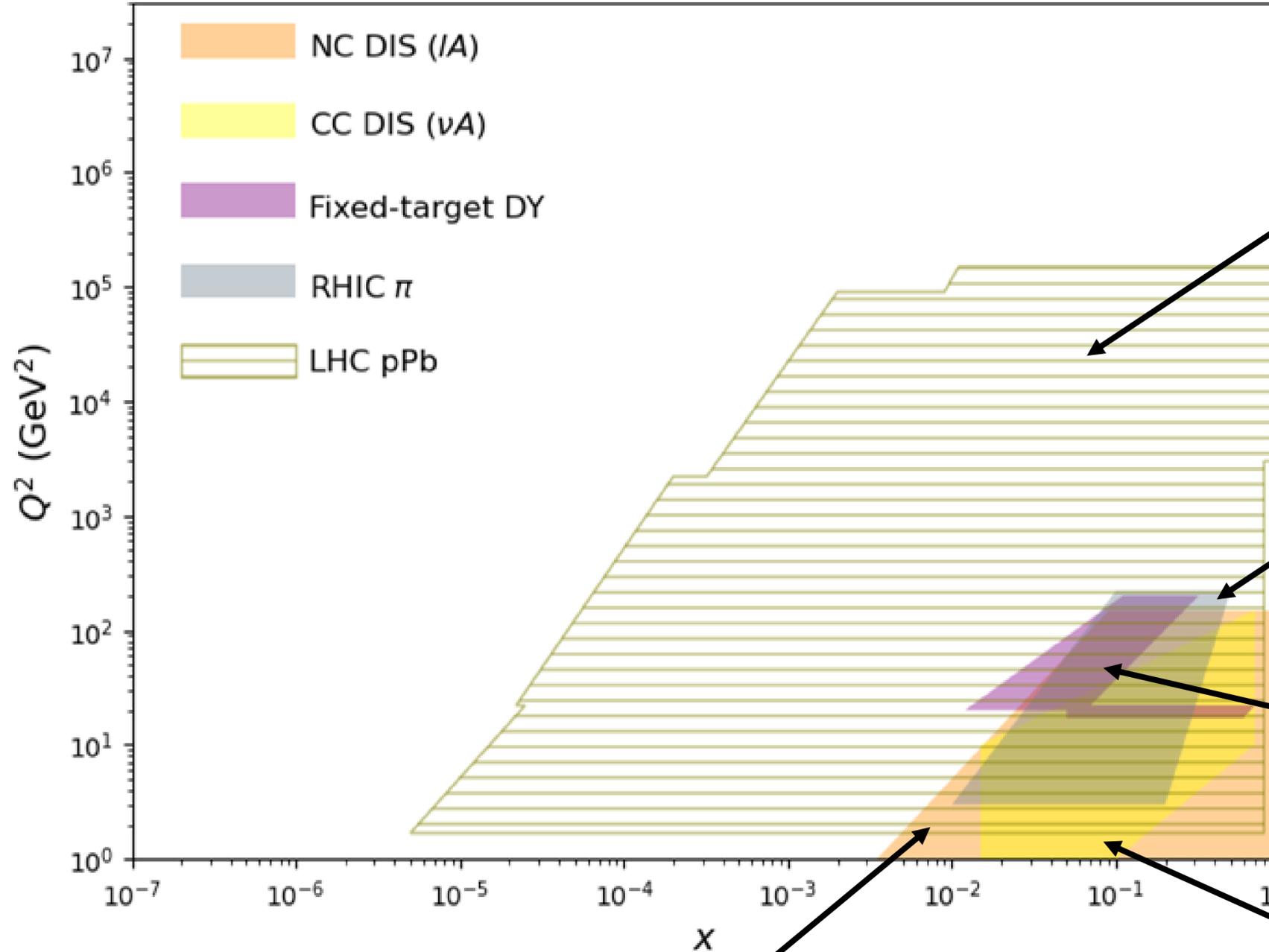
HERA: NC, CC and jets in DIS

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Kinematic planes for nuclei

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LHC: W, Z, jets, light hadrons, isolated photons, D mesons, quarkonia

RHIC: pions

pA and πA DY

CC DIS

NC DIS with electrons and muons

