

EIC Science: e-A Collisions

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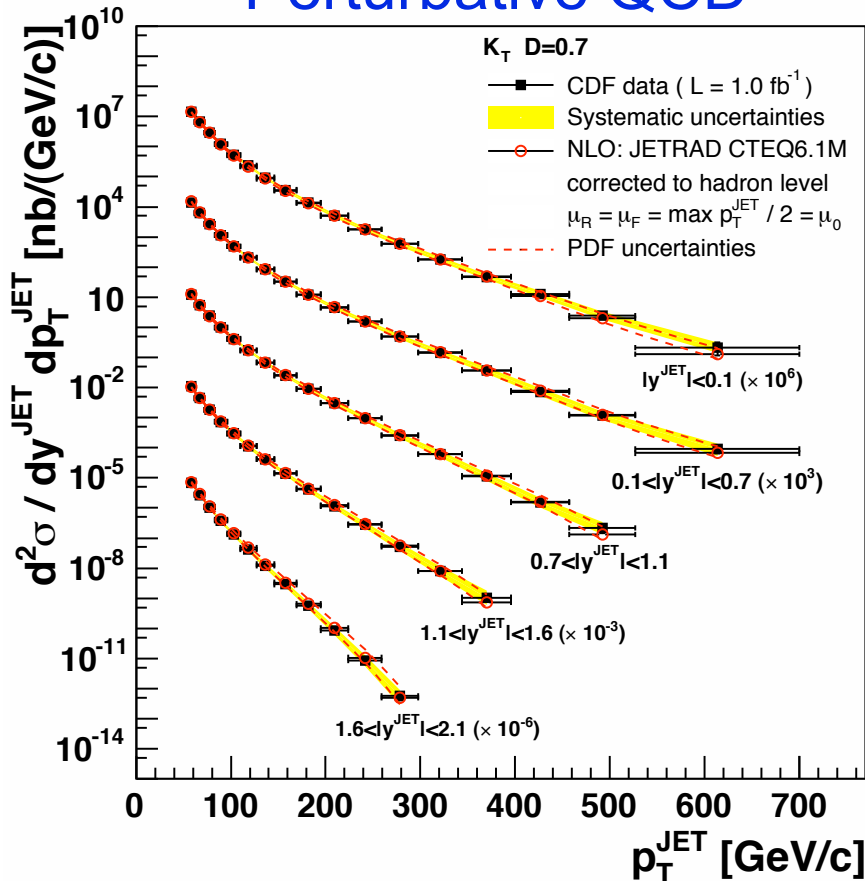
Quantum Chromodynamics QCD

- Calculations:

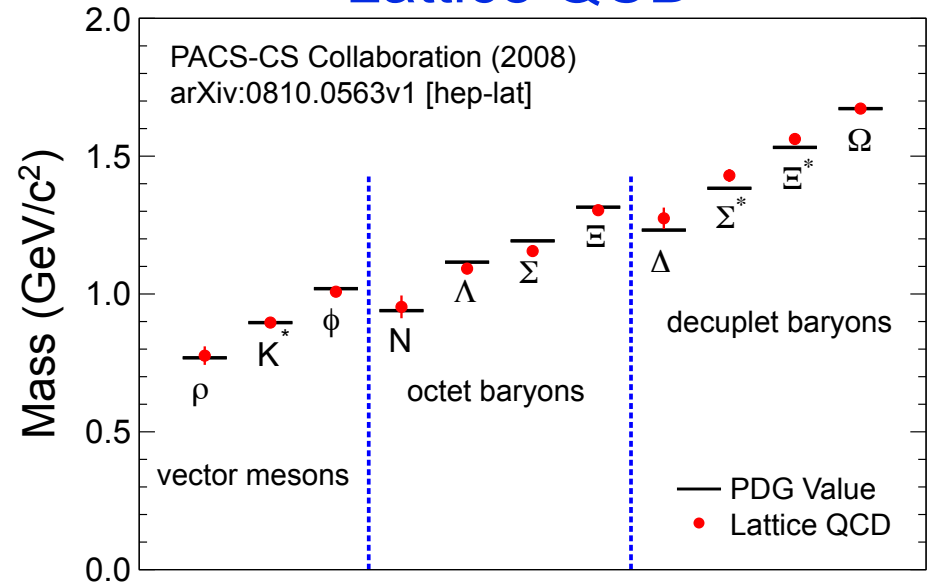
- ▶ hard processes (large m , p , Q^2) \Rightarrow perturbative QCD

- ▶ everything else \Rightarrow Lattice QCD, effective field theories, AdS/CFT?

Perturbative QCD



Lattice QCD



Impressive examples but there is much about the strongly interacting world we do not understand

New Frontier: “Gluonic” Structure of Matter

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QCD is the “nearly perfect” fundamental theory of the strong interactions

F. Wilczek, hep-ph/9907340

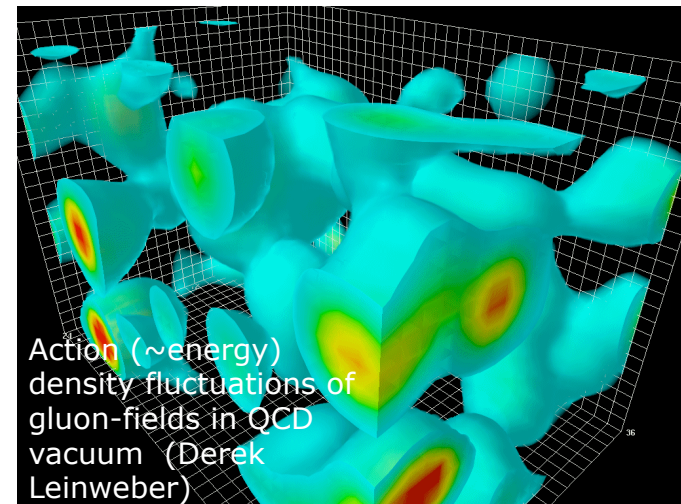
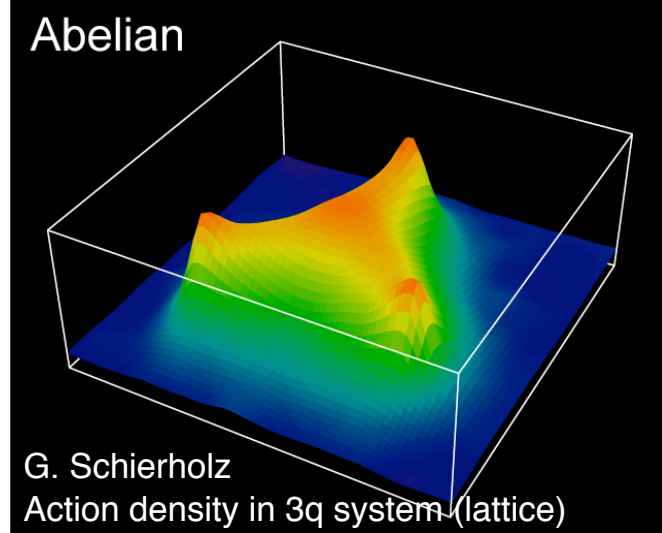
- “Emergent” Phenomena not evident from Lagrangian
 - ▶ Asymptotic Freedom
 - ▶ Confinement
 - ▶ Phases of QCD ($T > 0$, $\mu_B > 0$)

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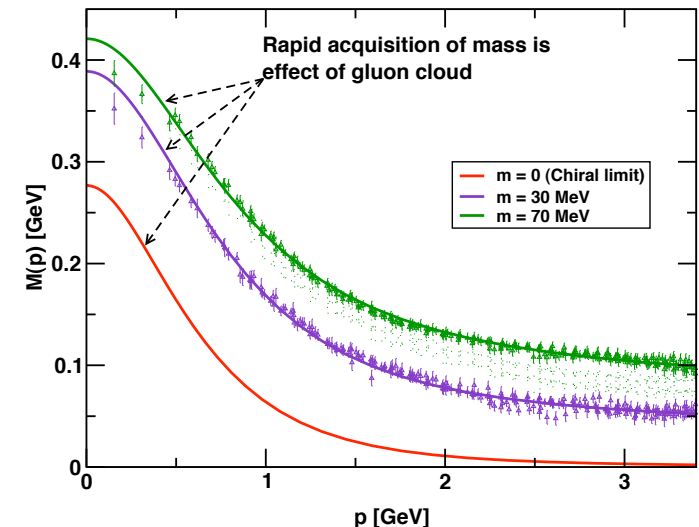
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• Gluons

- ▶ Self-interacting force carriers
- ▶ Dominate structure of QCD vacuum
- ▶ Responsible for >94% of visible mass in universe
 - Quenched QCD explains mass spectrum to $\pm 10\%$
- ▶ Determine essential features of QCD

Despite this dominance, the properties of gluons in matter remain largely unexplored

Bhagwat et al., nucl-th/0710.2059



Chiral Perturbation Theory

In chiral SU(3) limit:

$$M_p = 880 \text{ MeV}$$

Meißner, hep-ph/0501009

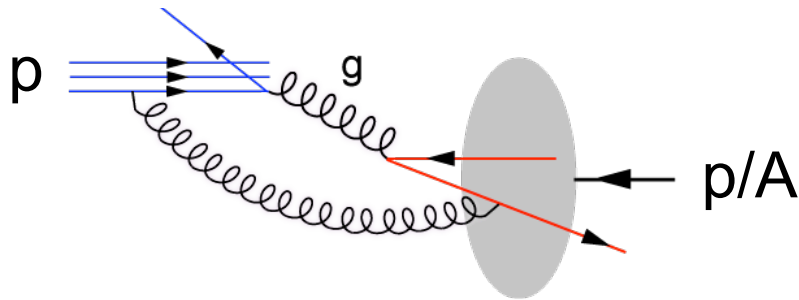
Sum Rules & Trace Anomaly

Quark kinetic + potential energy = only 1/3 of M_p

J. Ji, PRL 73, 1071

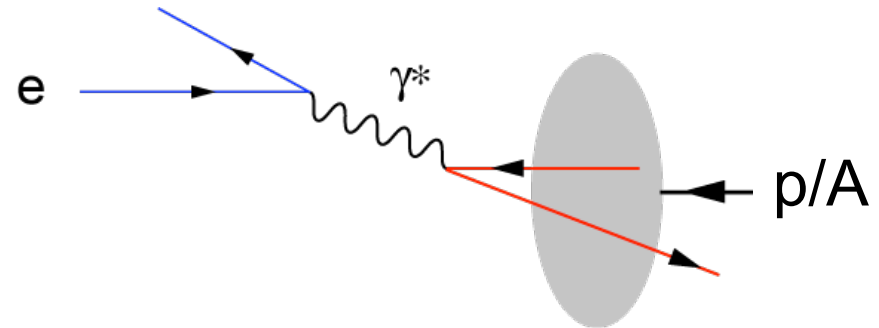
How to Study Gluons in Matter ?

Hadron-Hadron



- Test QCD
- Probe/Target interaction directly via gluons
- lacks the direct access to partons kinematics
- probe has complex structure

Electron-Hadron (DIS)

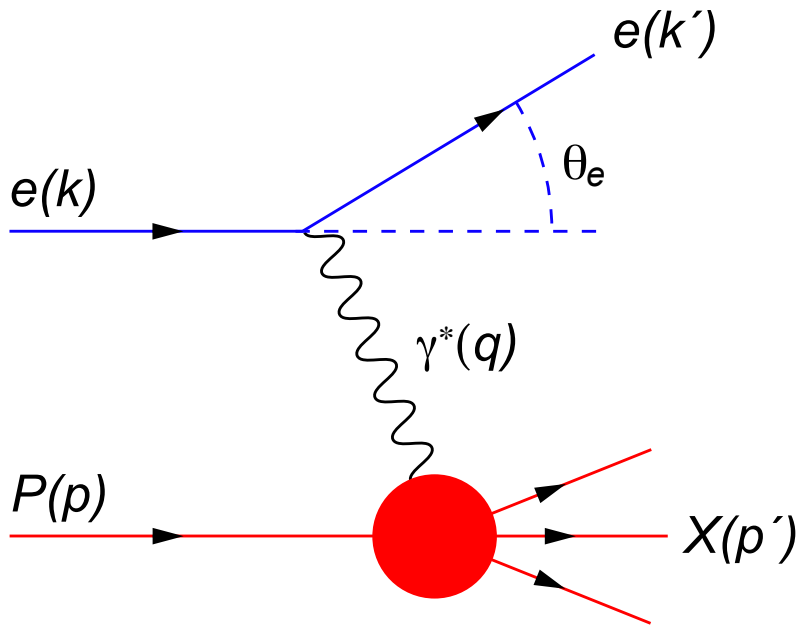


- Explore QCD & Hadron Structure
- Indirect access to glue
- High precision & access to partonic kinematics
- probe point-like

Both are **complementary** and provide excellent information on properties of gluons in the nuclear wave functions

Precision measurements \Rightarrow ep, eA

Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



Resolution power (“Virtuality”):

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k - k')^2$$

$$Q^2 = 4E_e E'_e \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2} \right)$$

Inelasticity:

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

p fraction of struck quark

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

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{ep \rightarrow eX}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{e.m.}^2}{xQ^4} \left[\left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L(x, Q^2) \right]$$

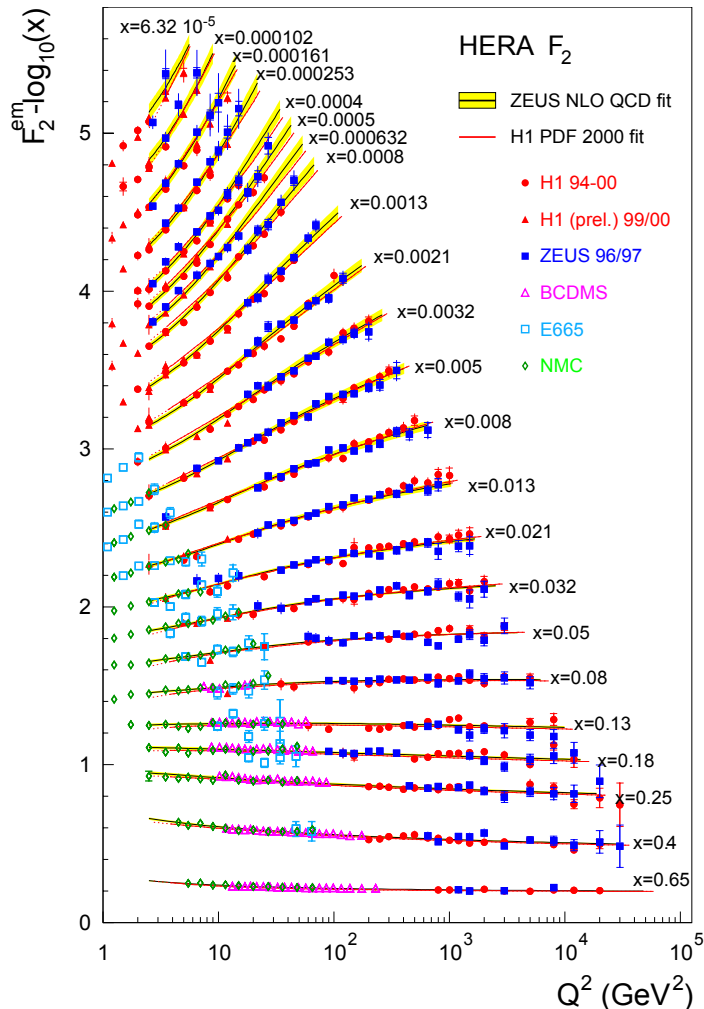
quark+anti-quark
momentum distributions

gluon momentum
distribution

Quark and Gluon Distributions

Structure functions allows us to extract the quark $q(x, Q^2)$ and gluon $g(x, Q^2)$ distributions.

In LO: **Probability** to find parton with x , Q^2 in proton

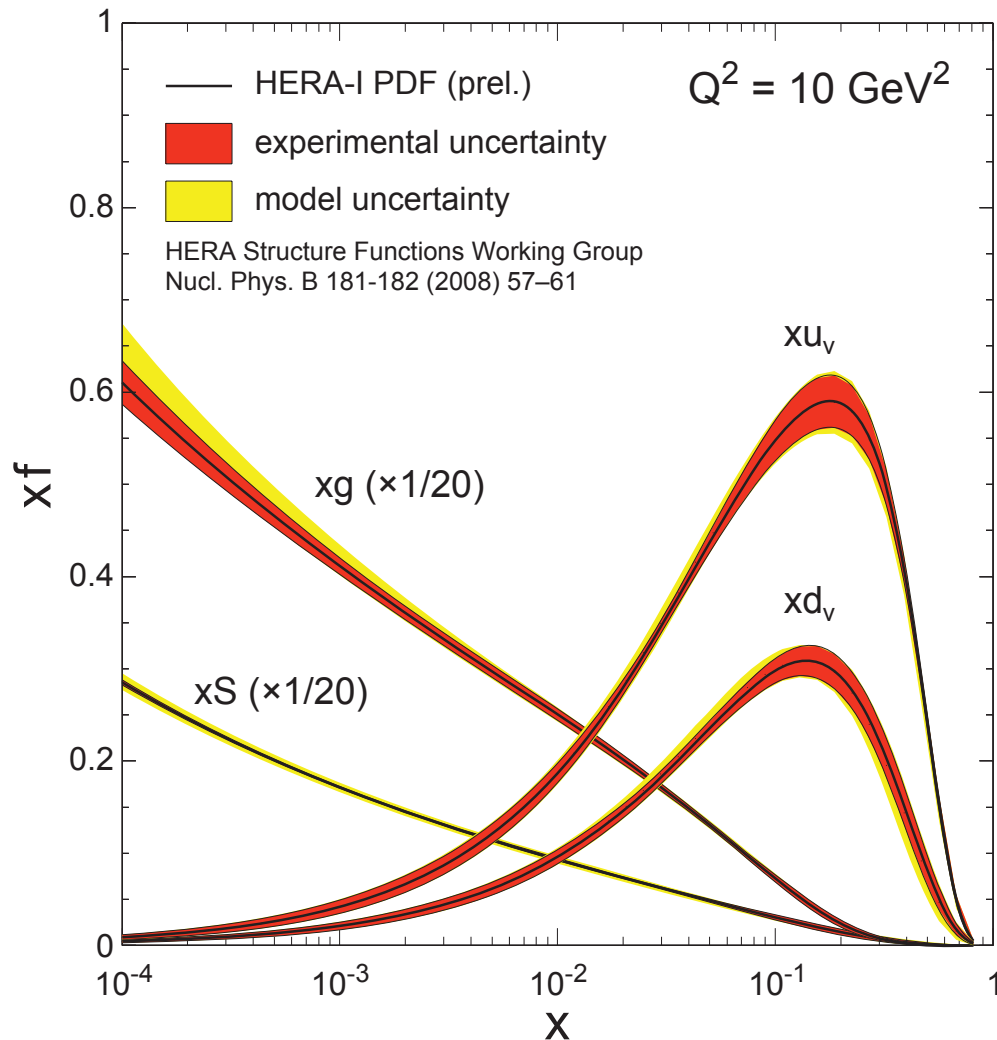


$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} & \bullet F_2 \\ & \bullet dF_2/d\ln Q^2 \end{aligned} + \begin{aligned} & \text{pQCD+} \\ & \text{DGLAP Evolution} \\ & f(x, Q_1^2) \rightarrow f(x, Q_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

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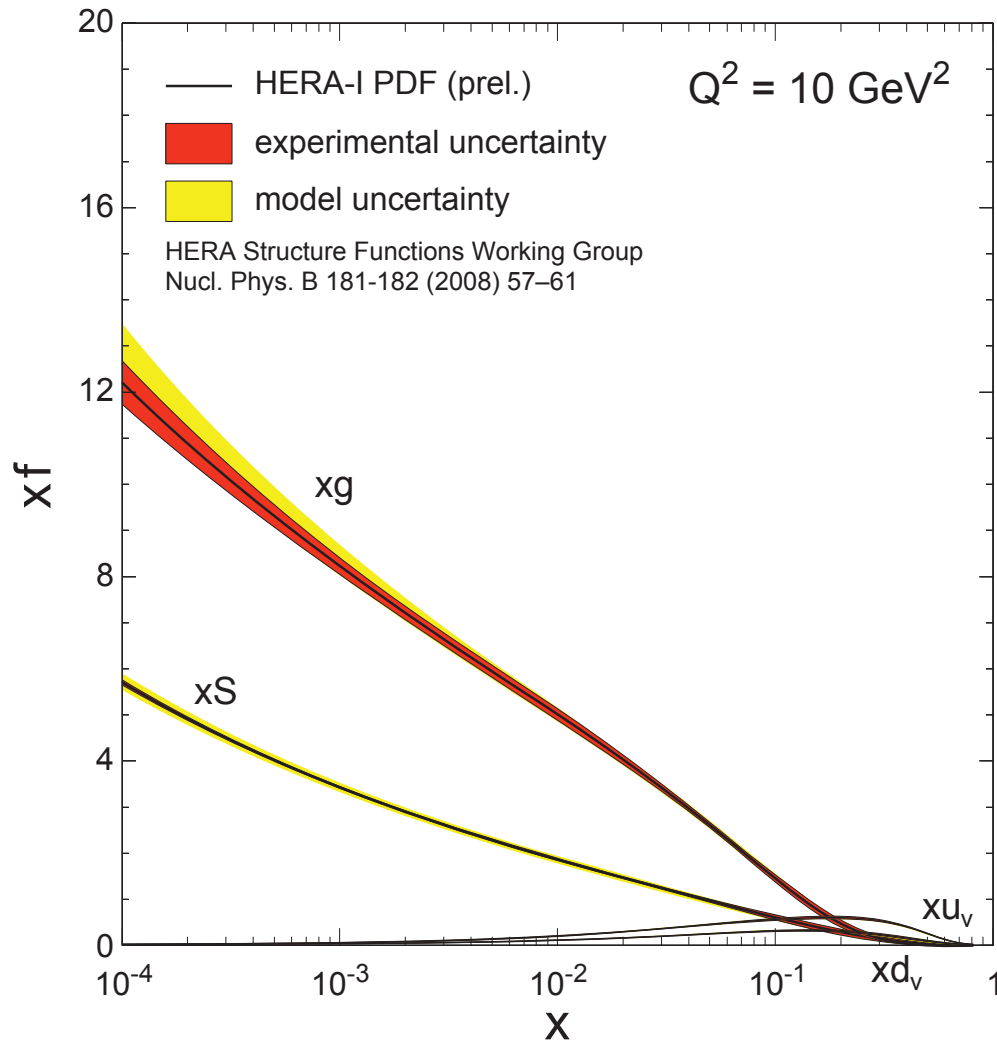
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Proton is almost entirely glue by $x < 0.1$ (for $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$)

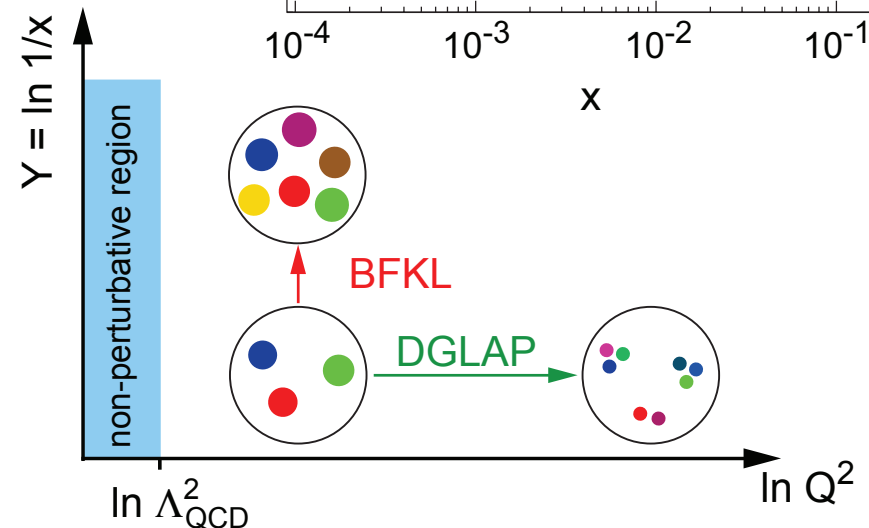
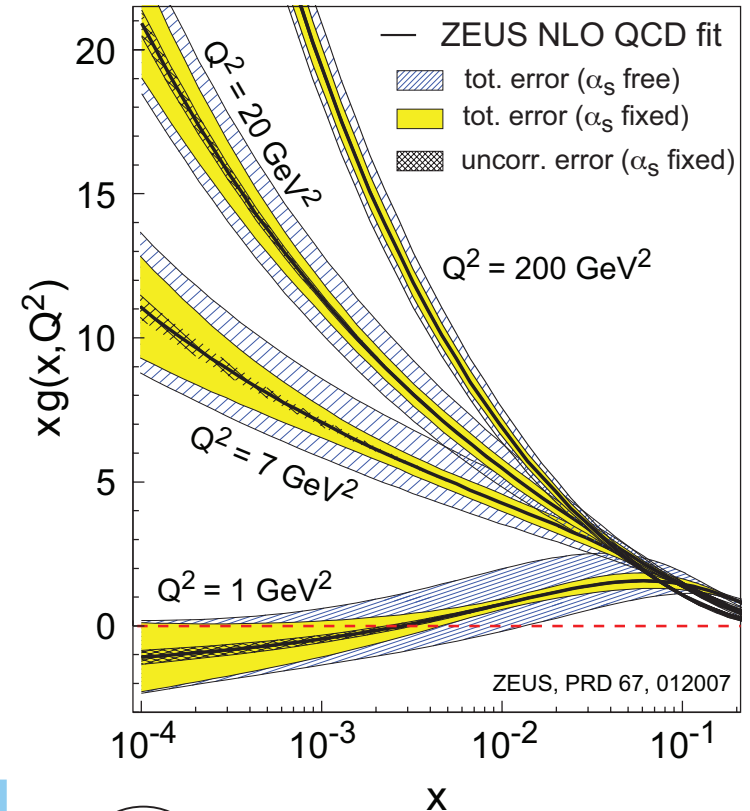
Issues with our Current Understanding

Linear DGLAP evolution scheme

- Weird behavior of xG and F_L from HERA at small x and Q^2
- $G(x, Q^2) < Q_{\text{sea}}(x, Q^2)$?
- Unexpectedly large diffractive cross-section
- built in high energy “catastrophe”
 - xG rapid rise violates unitary bound

Linear BFKL Evolution

- Density along with σ grows as a power of energy: $N \sim s^\Delta$
- Can densities & cross-section rise forever?
- Black disk limit: $\sigma_{\text{total}} \leq 2 \pi R^2$

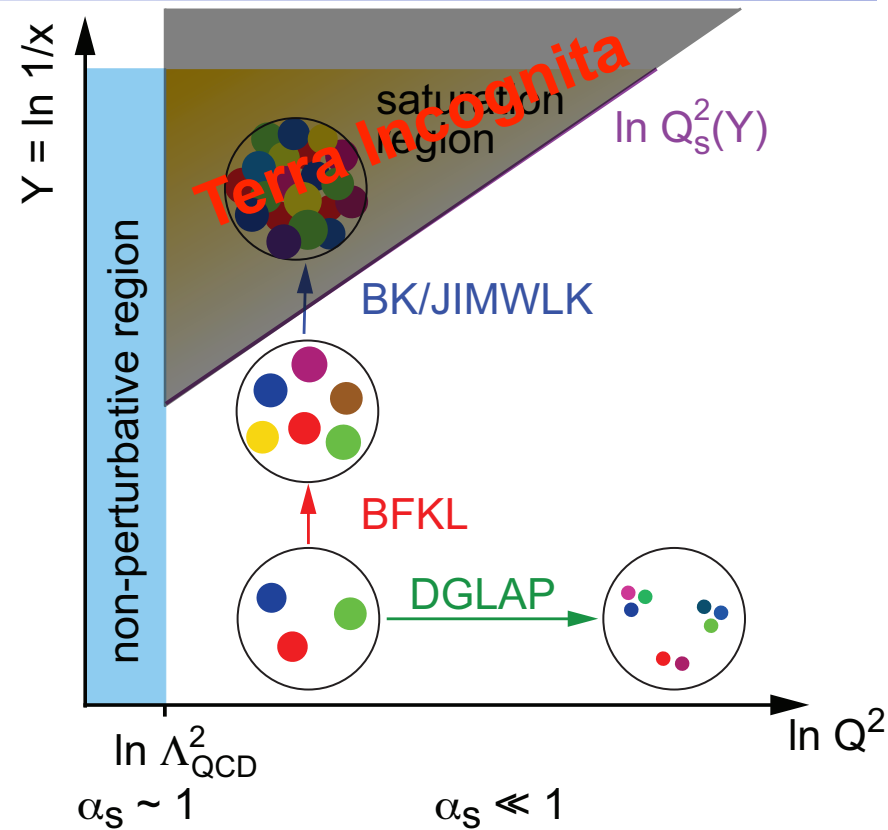


Saturation/Color Glass Condensate

In transverse plane: nucleus/
nucleon densely packed with gluons

McLerran-Venugopalan Model:

- Weak coupling description of the wave function
- Gluon field $A_\mu \sim 1/g \Rightarrow$ gluon fields are strong classical fields!
- Most gluons $k_T \sim Q_S$



Non-Linear Evolution:

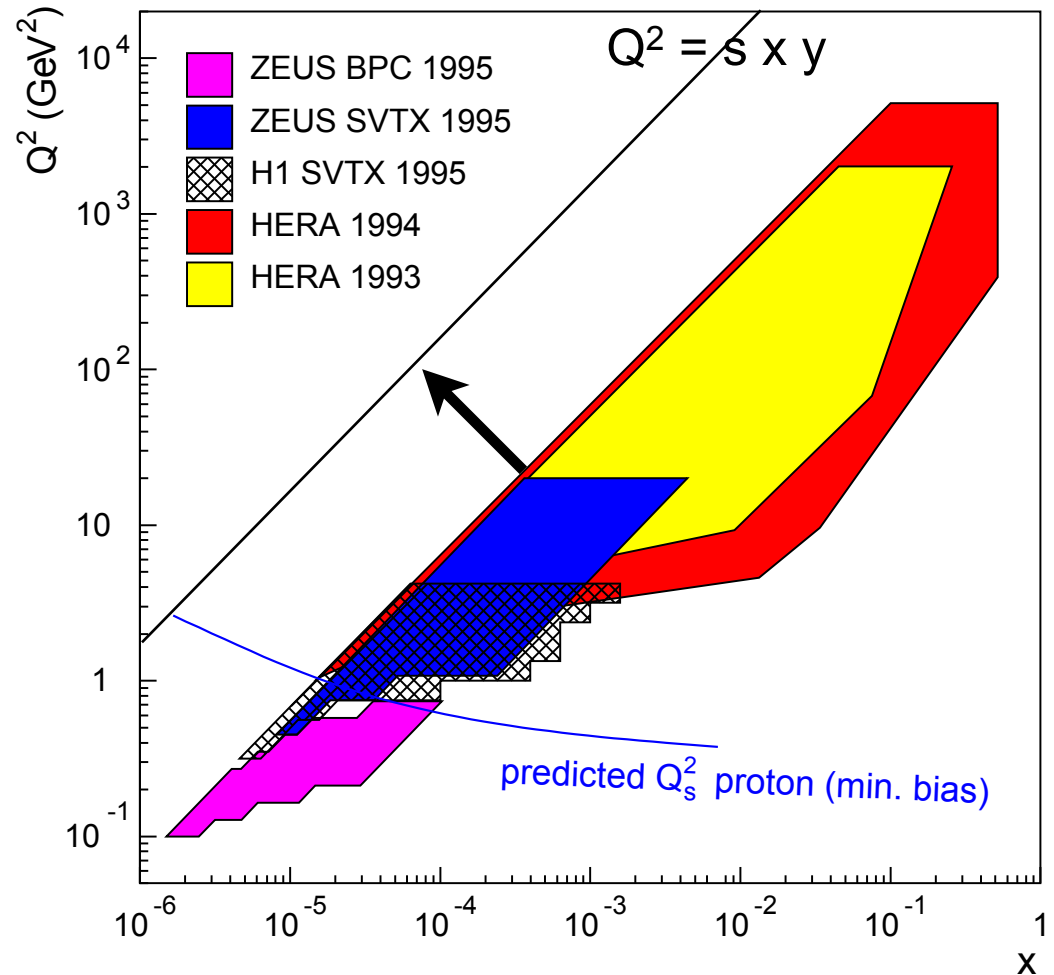
- At very high energy: recombination compensates gluon splitting
- Cross sections reach unitarity limit
- BK/JIMWLK: non-linear effects \Rightarrow **saturation**
 - ▶ characterized by $Q_s(x, A)$
 - ▶ Wave function is **Color Glass Condensate** in IMF description

Reaching the Saturation Region

HERA (ep):

Despite high energy range:

- F_2 , $G_p(x, Q^2)$ only outside the saturation regime
- Regime where non-linear QCD matters ($Q < Q_s$) not reached (is it close?)
- Need also large Q^2 range
- Only way in ep is to increase \sqrt{s}



Would require a new ep collider at $\sqrt{s} \sim 1\text{-}2$ TeV
(Hera ~ 0.3 TeV) \Rightarrow unrealistic (at least in the US)

Raison d'être for $e+A$

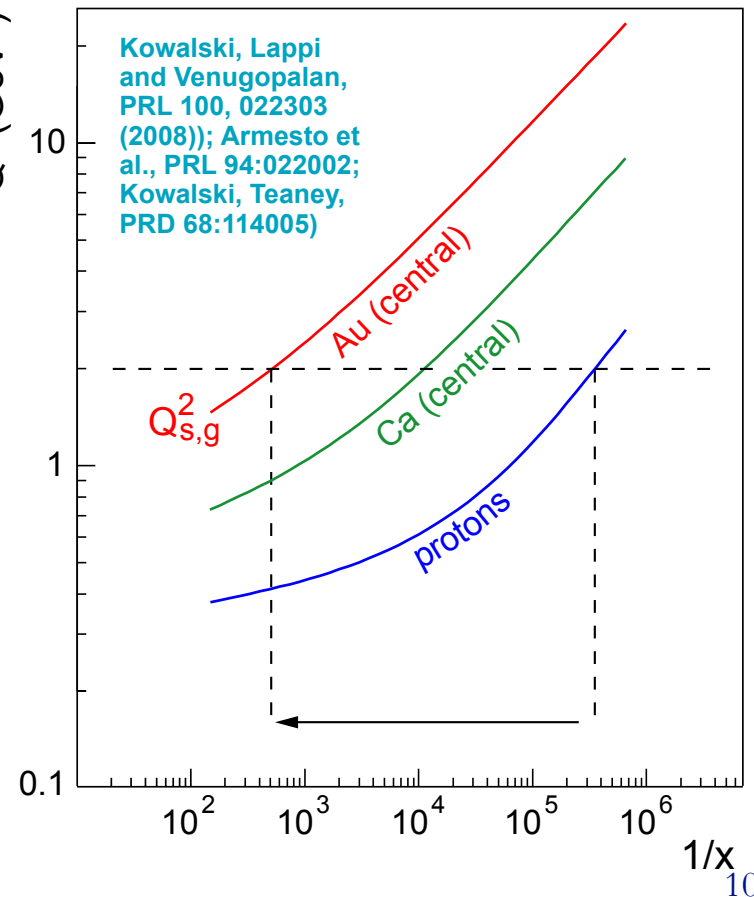
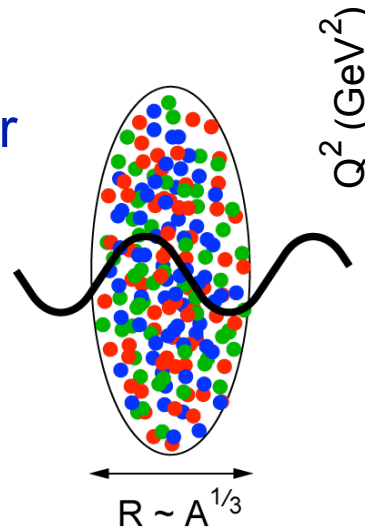
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Probes interact over distances $L \sim (2m_N x)^{-1}$

For $L > 2 R_A \sim A^{1/3}$ probe cannot distinguish between nucleons in front or back of nucleon \Rightarrow probe interacts *coherently* with all nucleons

“Expected”
Nuclear Enhancement Factor
(Pocket Formula):

$$(Q_s^A)^2 \approx c Q_0^2 \left(\frac{A}{x} \right)^{1/3}$$



Enhancement of Q_s with $A \Rightarrow$ non-linear
QCD regime reached at significantly
lower energy in A than in proton

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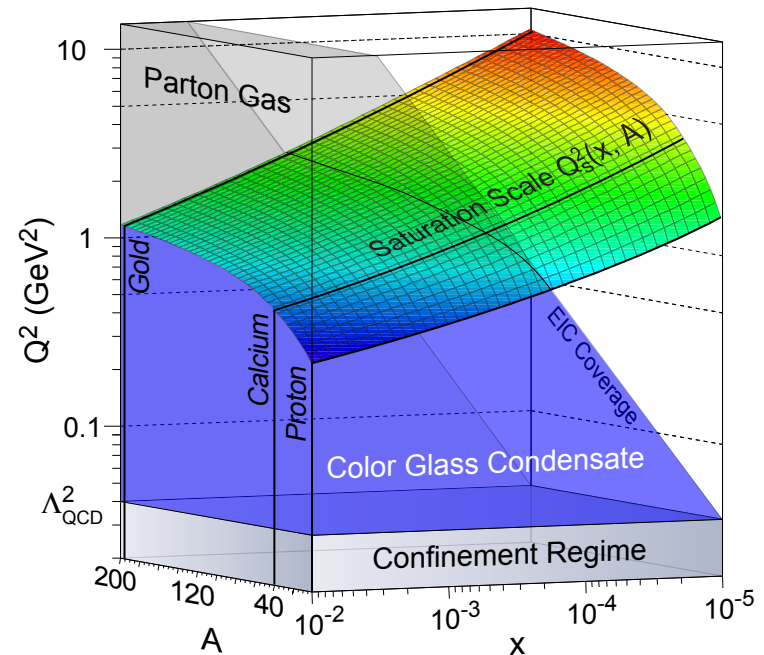
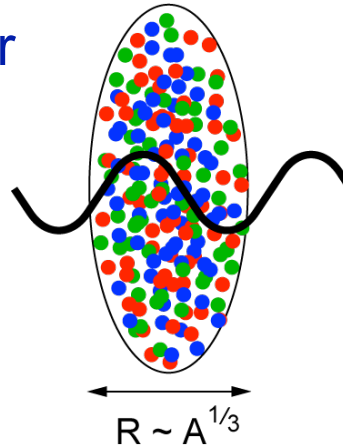
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- EIC Strong hints of saturation from RHIC: $x \sim 10^{-3}$ in Au
 - ▶ $\sqrt{s} \sim 100$ GeV: $E_e = 5-30$ GeV, $E_A = 50-130$ GeV
 - ▶ $L(\text{EIC}) > 100 \times L(\text{HERA})$

e+A Science Matrix & Golden Measurements

Primary new science deliverables	What we hope to fundamentally learn	Basic measurements	Typical required precision	Special requirements on accelerator/detector	What can be done in phase I	Alternatives in absence of an EIC	Gain/Loss compared with other relevant facilities	Comments
integrated nuclear gluon distribution	The nuclear wave function throughout x - Q^2 plane	F_L, F_2, F_L^c, F_2^c	What HERA reached for F_2 with combined data	displaced vertex detector for charm	stage I: large- x & large- Q^2 need full EIC, for F_L and F_2^c	p+A at LHC (not as precise though) & LHeC	First experiment with good x , Q^2 & A range	This is fundamental input for A+A collisions
k_T dependence of gluon distribution and correlations	The non-linear QCD evolution - Q_s	SIDIS & di-hadron correlations with light and heavy flavors		Need low-pt particle ID	SIDIS for sure TBD: saturation signal in di-hadron p_T imbalance	1) p+A at RHIC/LHC, although e+A needed to check universality 2) LHeC	Cleaner than p+A: reduced background	
b dependence of gluon distribution and correlations	Interplay between small- x evolution and confinement	Diffractive VM production and DVCS, coherent and incoherent parts	50 MeV resolution on momentum transfer	hermetic detector with 4pi coverage low-t: need to detect nuclear break-up	Moderate x with light and heavy nuclei	LHeC	Never been measured before	Initial conditions for HI collisions – eccentricity fluctuations

e+A Science Matrix & Golden Measurements

- Nuclear gluons at small-x
 - ▶ Inclusive structure functions (F_2 , F_L , F_2^c , F_L^c)
 - ▶ Di-hadrons (and di-jet) imbalance
 - ▶ Exclusive **diffractive production** (J/ψ , ϕ , ρ and DVCS)
 - ◉ **coherent & incoherent**
- Nuclear gluons at larger-x
 - ▶ Gluon anti-shadowing / EMC effect
- Jets and hadronization
 - ▶ Use nuclei to test in-medium fragmentation, pQCD energy loss and parton showers

All Measurements need to be conducted in e+p for reference as well as with varying A

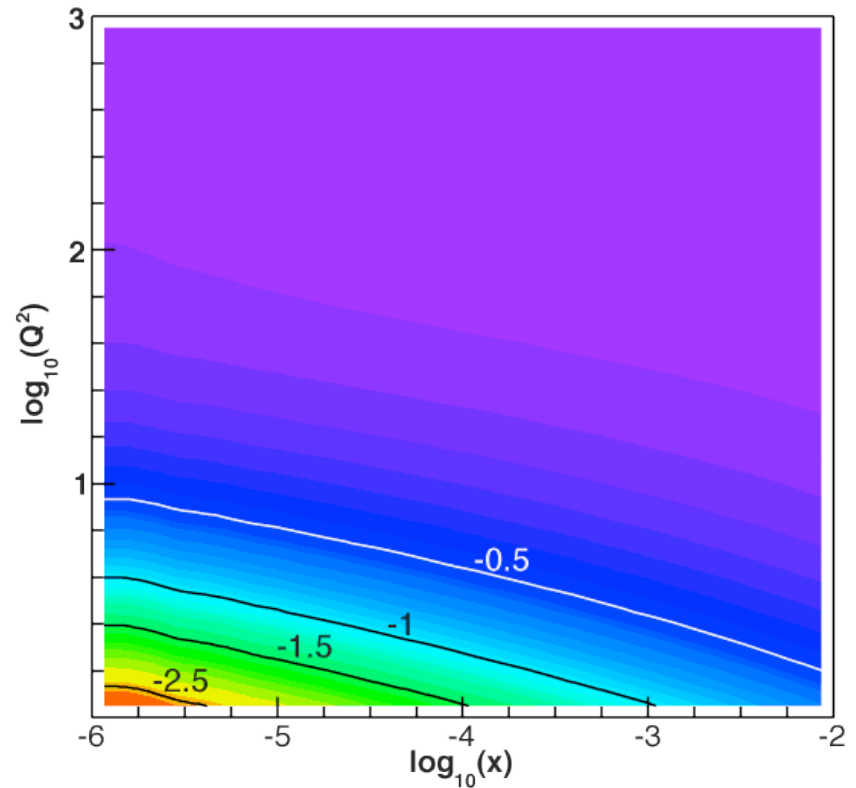
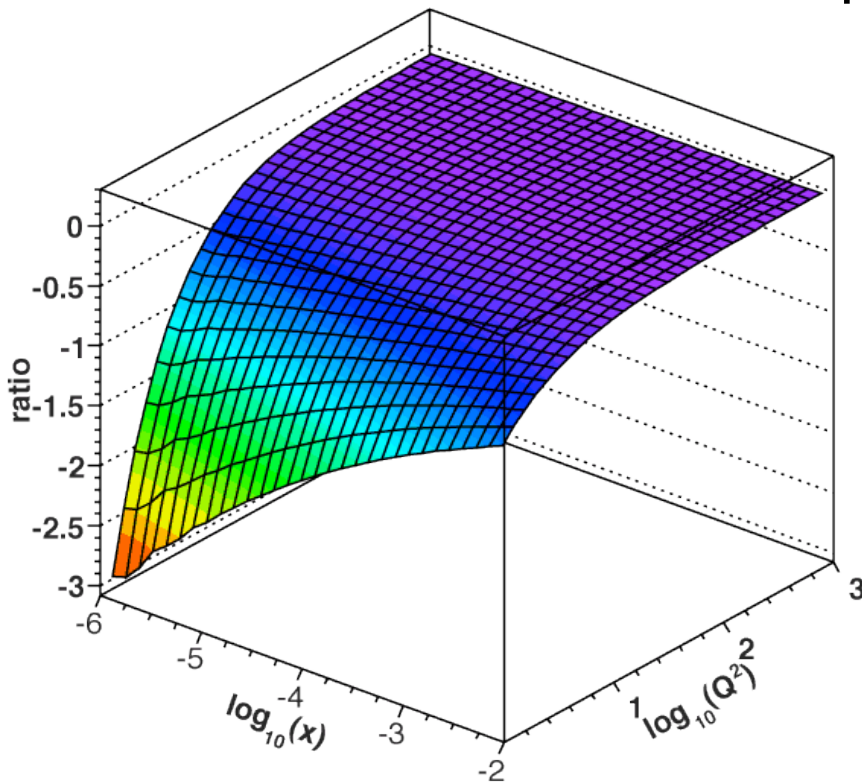
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e+p



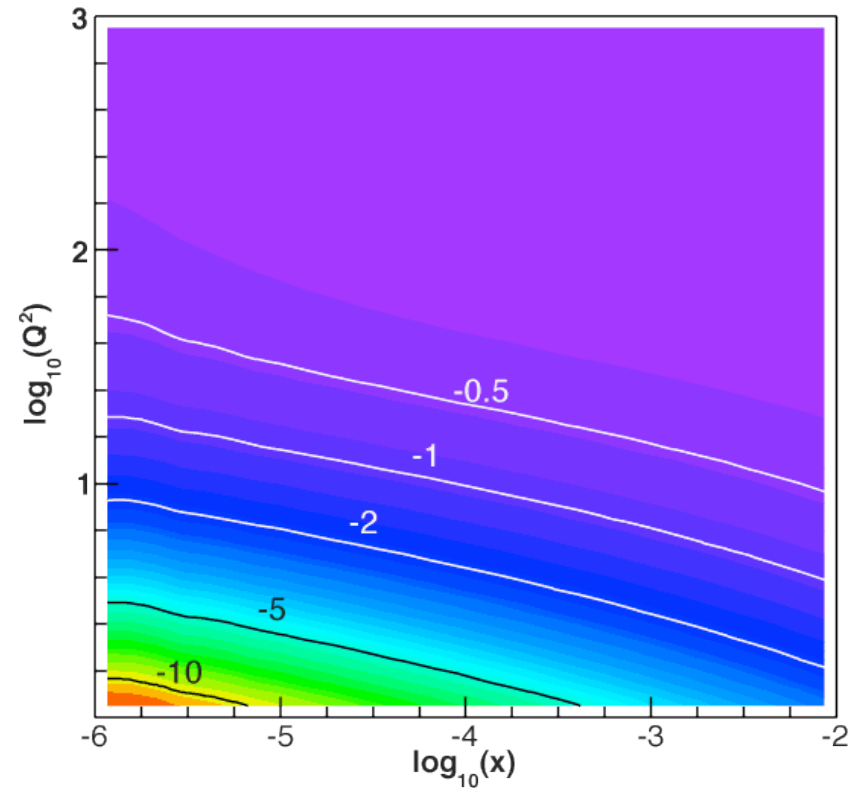
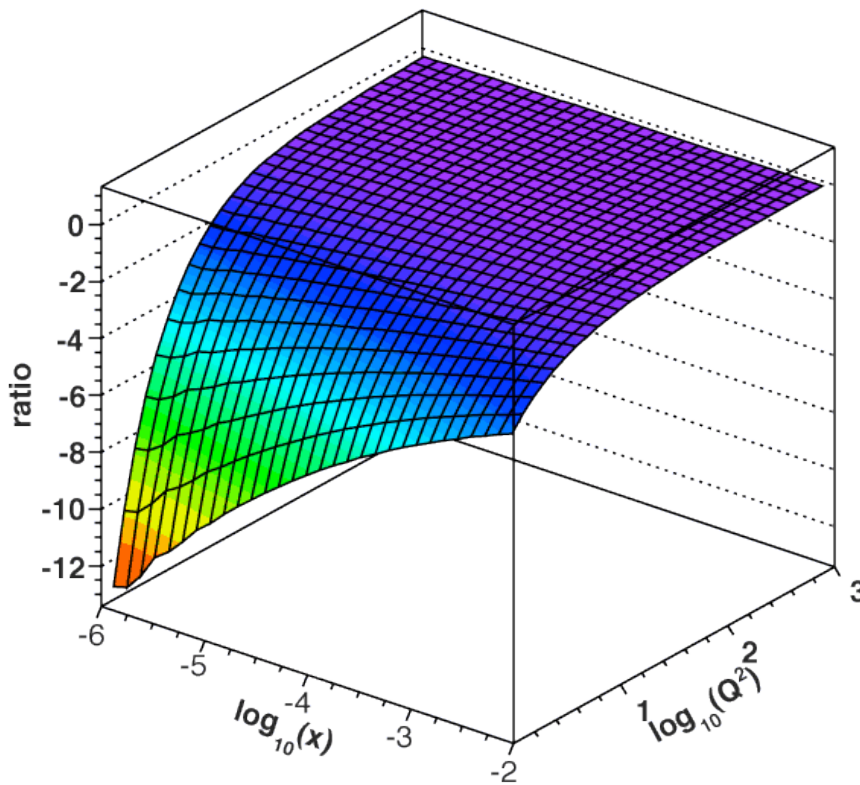
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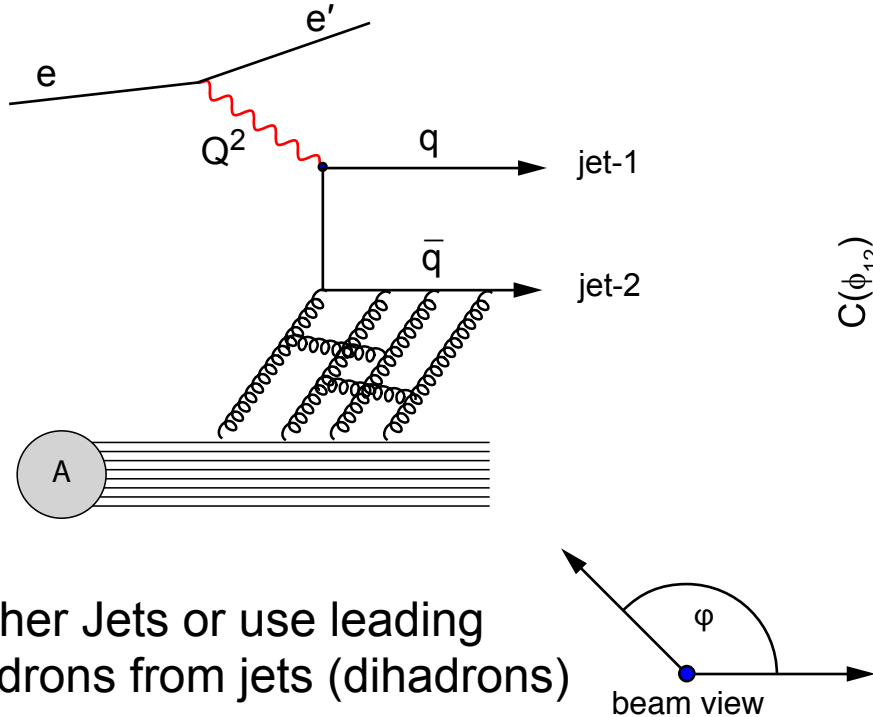
e+Au



J. Bartels, K. Golec-Biernat
and L. Motyka, 2011

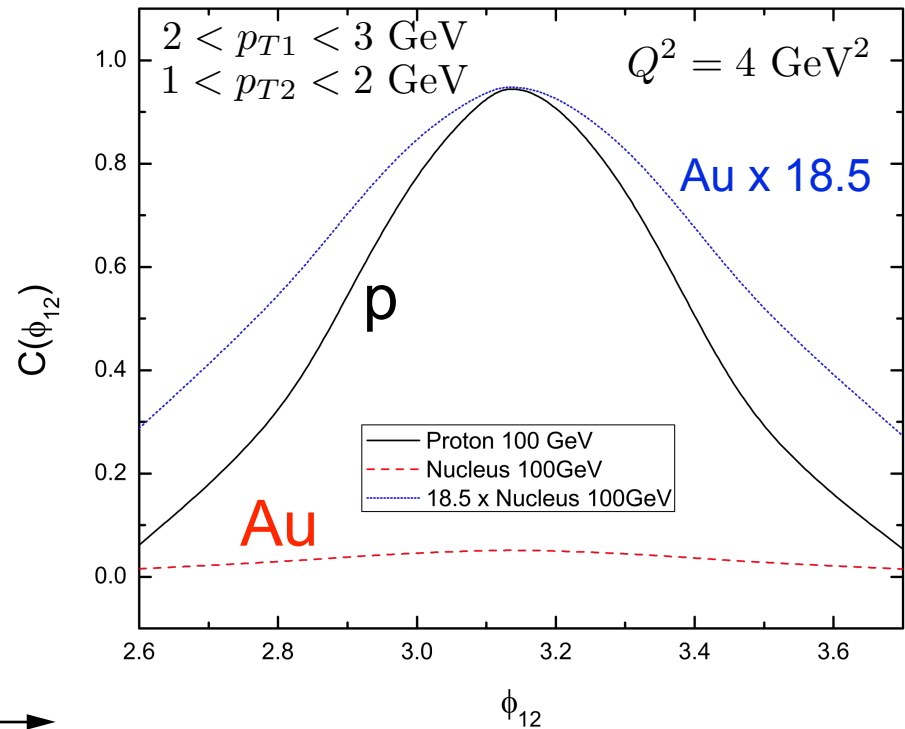
Example 2: Dihadron Correlations

Excellent saturation signature:



Either Jets or use leading hadrons from jets (dihadrons)

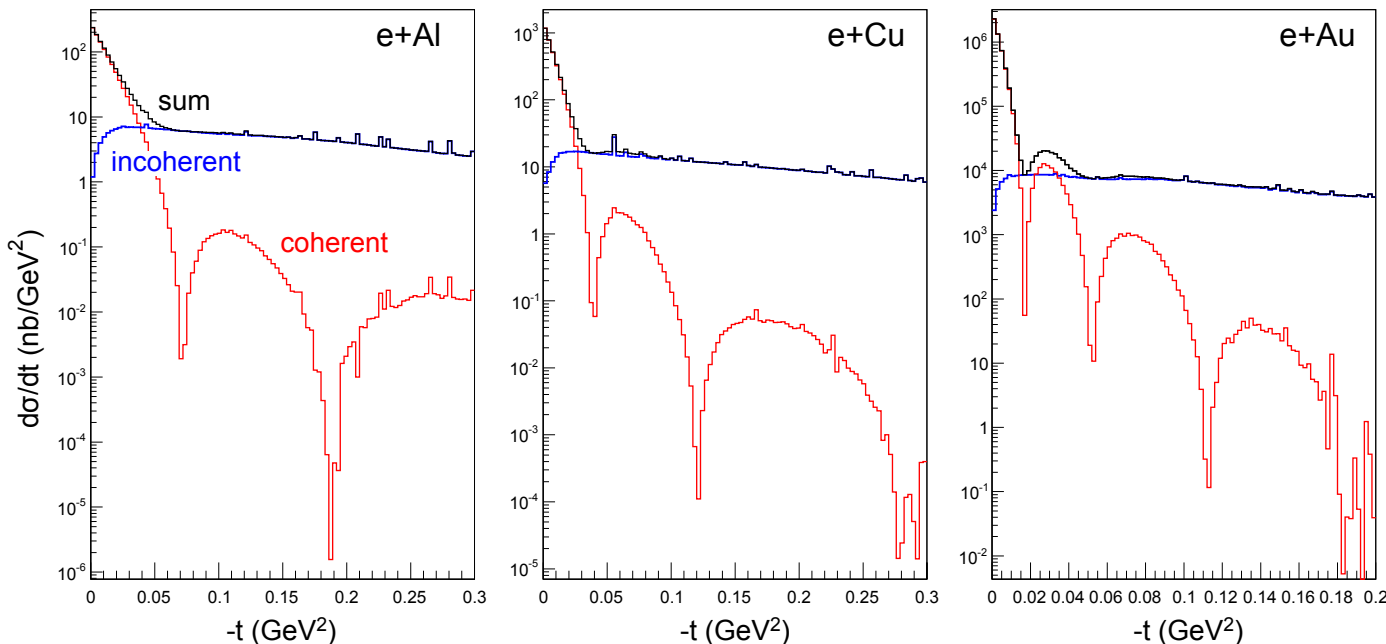
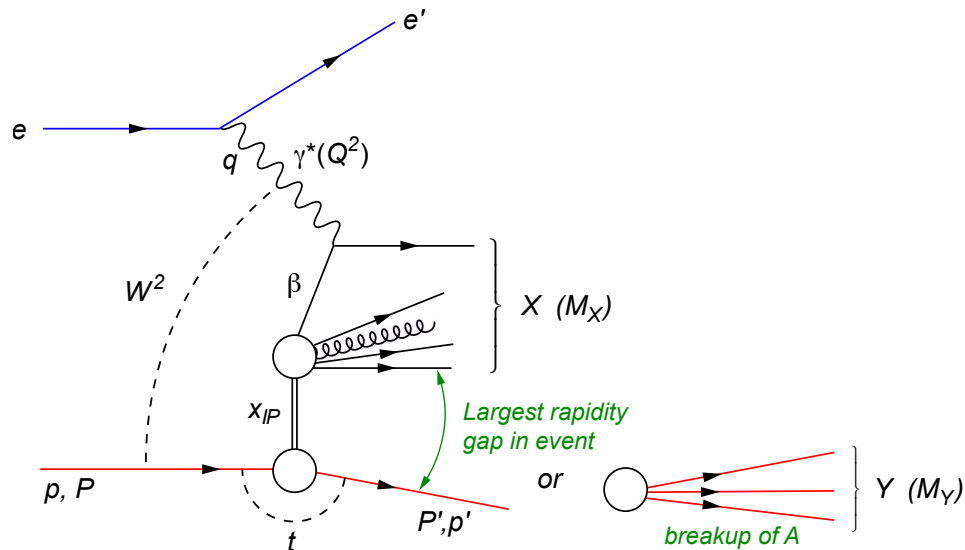
Dominguez, Xiao and Yuan (2010)



At small x , multi-gluon distributions are as important as single-gluon distributions, they contribute to such di-hadron correlations

Example 3: Diffractive Events

- Diffractive cross-section $\sigma_{\text{diff}}/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ in $e+A$ predicted to be $\sim 25\text{-}40\%$
- Process most sensitive to $xG(x, Q^2)$
- Rich physics program on momentum & **spatial gluon distribution**



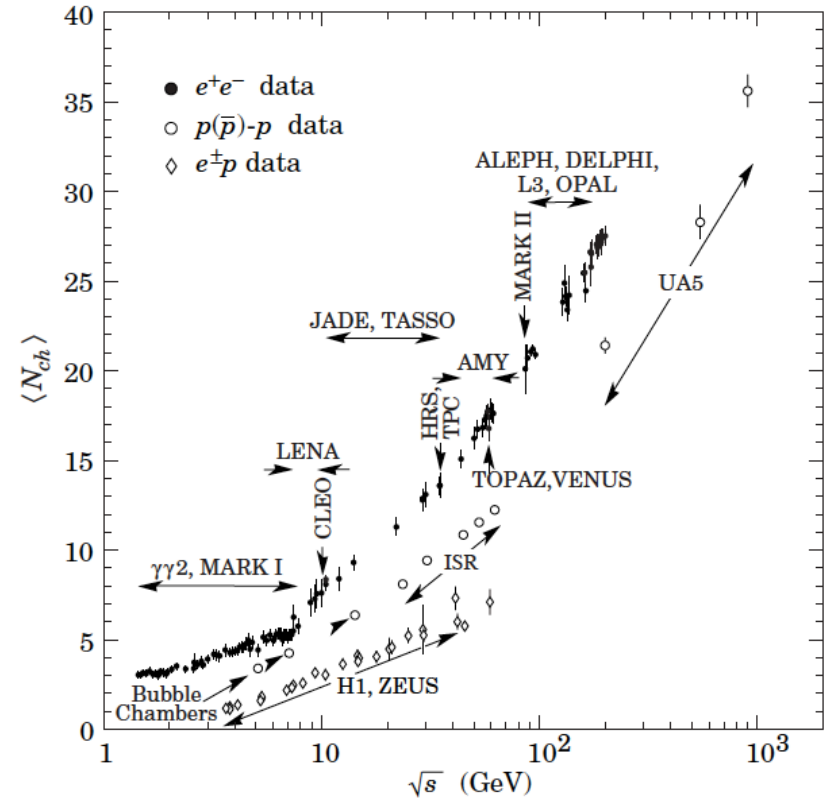
$$e + A \rightarrow e' + J/\psi + A'$$

$d\sigma/dt$ is Fourier Transform of $\rho_{\text{glue}}(b)$

“Gluonic Form Factor”

Experimental Aspects of e+A

- Multiplicity is low
 - ▶ $N_{ch}(ep) \sim N_{ch}(eA) < N_{ch}(pp)$
- Cross-section is small
 - ▶ $\sigma(ep)$: 0.030 – 0.060 mb
 - ▶ $\sigma(pp) \sim 1000 \times \sigma(ep)$:
- Moderate interaction rate
 - ▶ 300-600 kHz for $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 10^7 \text{ mb}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Experimental requirements (acceptance, resolution, granularity) are identical to those in e+p with 2 exceptions due to:

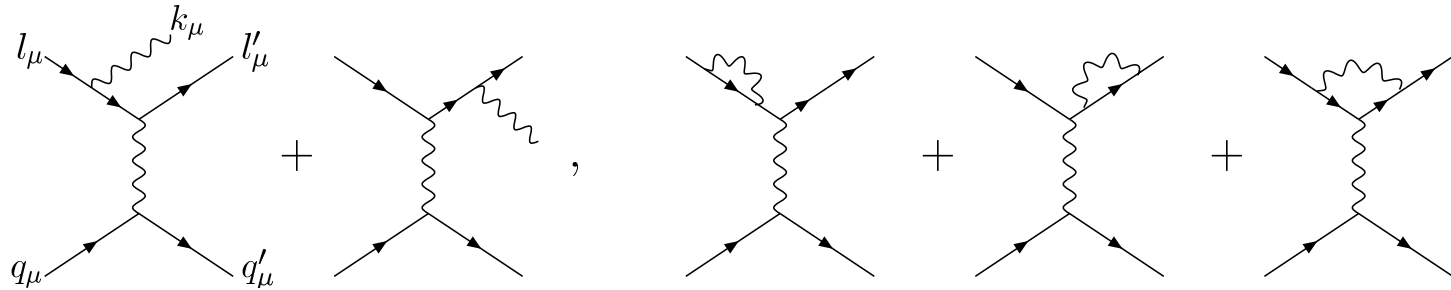
1. Radiative corrections
2. Detecting nuclear breakup (incoherent vs. coherent diffraction)

Issue for e+A: Radiative corrections

Emission of **real photons**

- experimentally often not distinguished from non-radiative processes: soft photons, collinear photons

⇒ "radiative corrections"



"Ideal" case: $Q^2 = -(l - l')^2$, $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot (l - l')}$

True case: $\tilde{Q}^2 = -(l - l' - k)^2$, $\tilde{x}_B = \frac{\tilde{Q}^2}{2P \cdot (l - l' - k)}$

Effect of radiative corrections

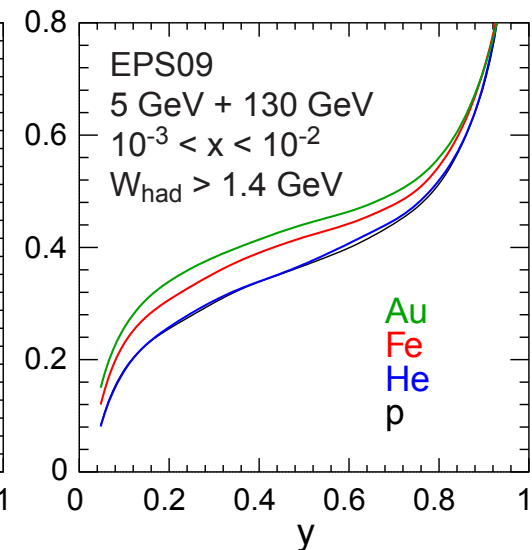
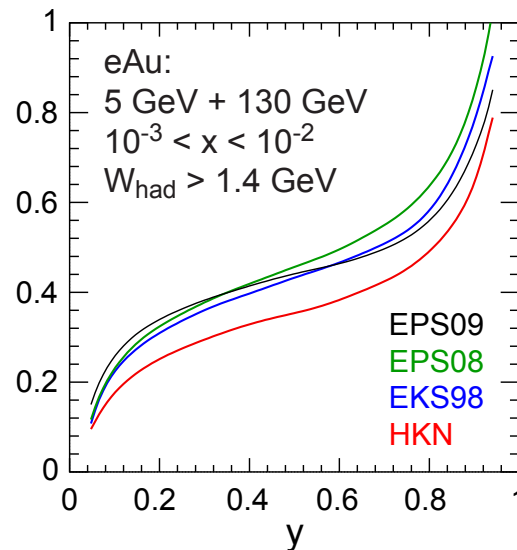
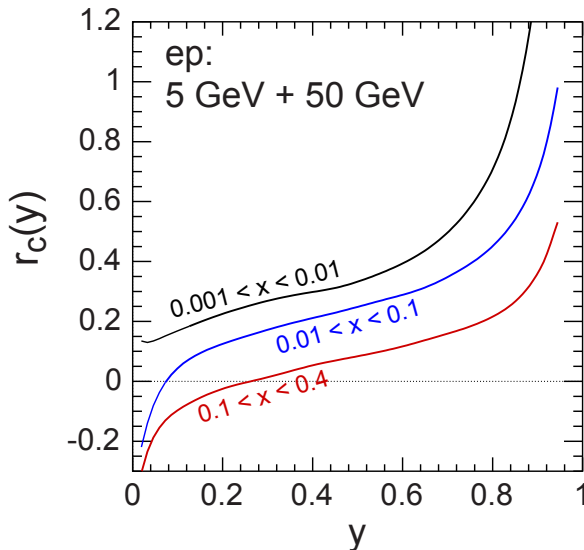
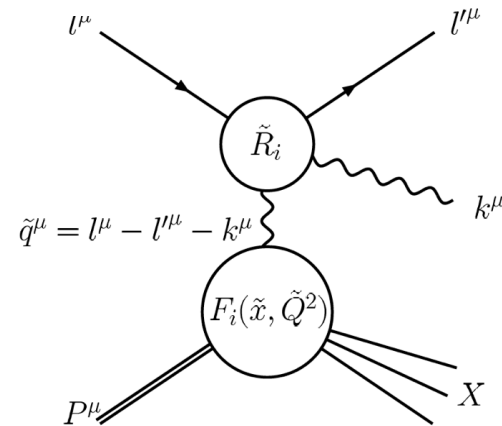
Distortion of observed structure function:

$$F_i^{\text{obs}}(x_B, Q^2) = \int d\tilde{x}_B d\tilde{Q}^2 R_i(x_B, Q^2, \tilde{x}_B, \tilde{Q}^2) F_i^{\text{true}}(\tilde{x}_B, \tilde{Q}^2)$$

Radiator functions $R_i(l, l', k)$

Correction function is fct. of y :

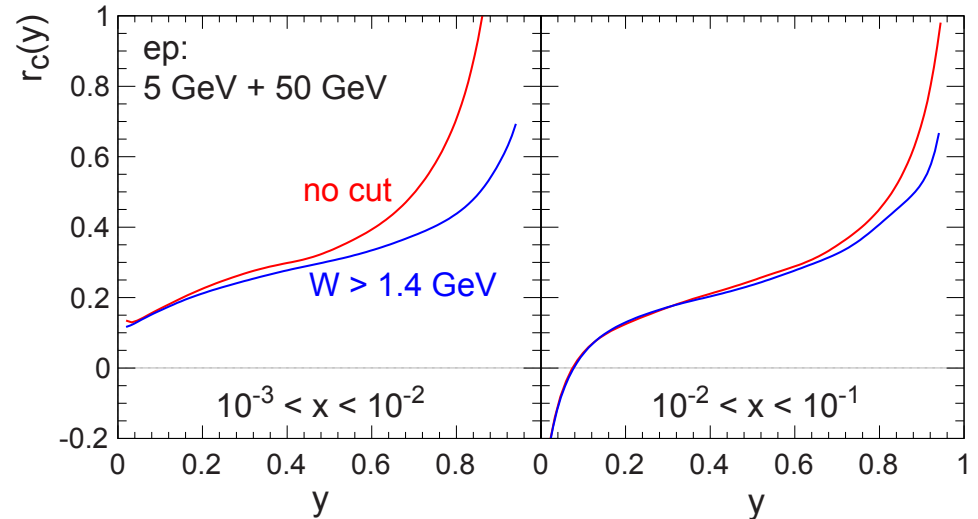
$$r_c(y) = \frac{d\sigma/dy|_{O(\alpha)}}{d\sigma/dy|_{\text{Born}}} - 1$$



Dealing with radiative corrections

Method 1

- simple kinematic cuts in W reduce corrections slightly
- not very effective



Method 2

- reconstruct x , Q^2 via **hadronic** final state

$$\delta_{had} = \sum_i^{\#hadrons} E_i (1 - \cos \theta_i) = E_{had} - p_{z had}$$

$$p_{t had}^2 = \left(\sum_i^{\#hadrons} p_{xi} \right)^2 + \left(\sum_i^{\#hadrons} p_{yi} \right)^2$$

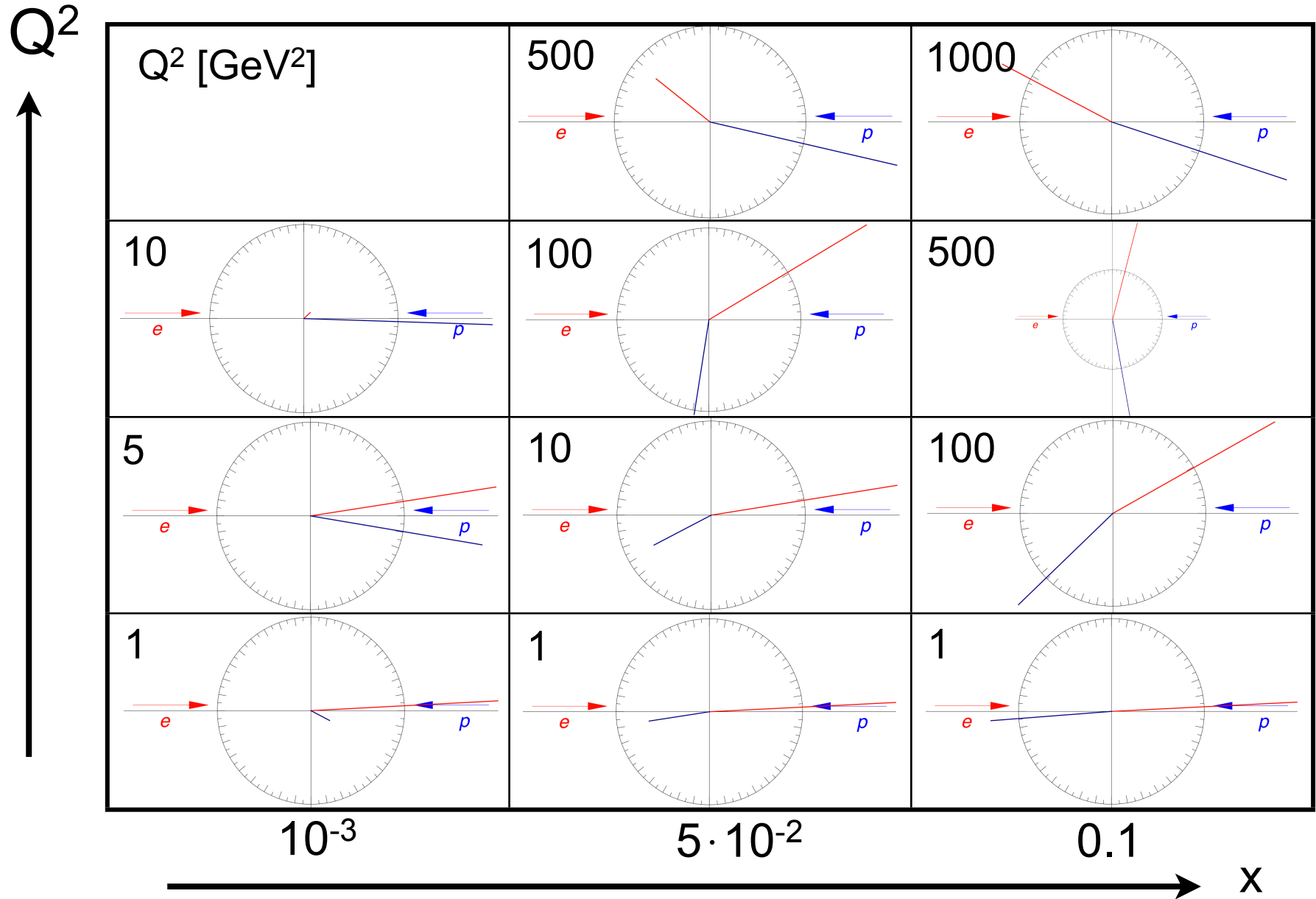
$$y = \frac{\delta_{had}}{2E_e}$$

$$Q^2 = \frac{p_{t had}^2}{1 - y}$$

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

Problem in e+A: parton/hadron energy-loss, secondary particle production (typical at low- p_T)

DIS: Where Goes What at Which x , Q^2



Summary (e+A)

The e+A program at an EIC is unprecedented, allowing the study of matter in a new regime where physics is not described by “ordinary” QCD

- Explore the Physics of Strong Color Fields
 - ▶ Measure properties (momentum & space-time) of glue
 - ▶ Explore non-linear QCD
 - ▶ Existence of universal saturation regime ?
- Understand how fast partons interact as they traverse nuclear matter & new insight into fragmentation processes
- Clarify the nature of Pomerons

Machine requirements: low-x reach with enough Q^2 lever arm
⇒ large \sqrt{s} (needs stage 2 energies)

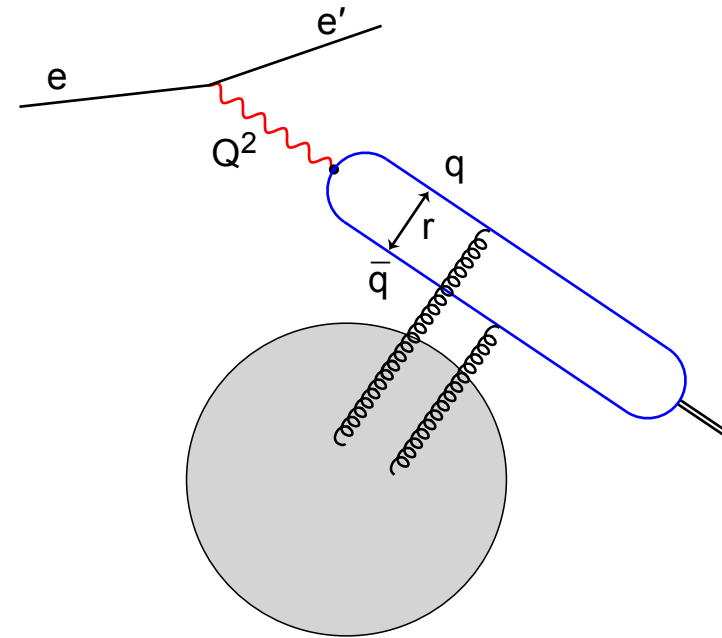
Detector requirements: as in e+p with exception of forward region for detection of break-up of nuclei

Additional Slides

Saturation Seen from Different Frames

Rest frame of nucleon/nucleus:

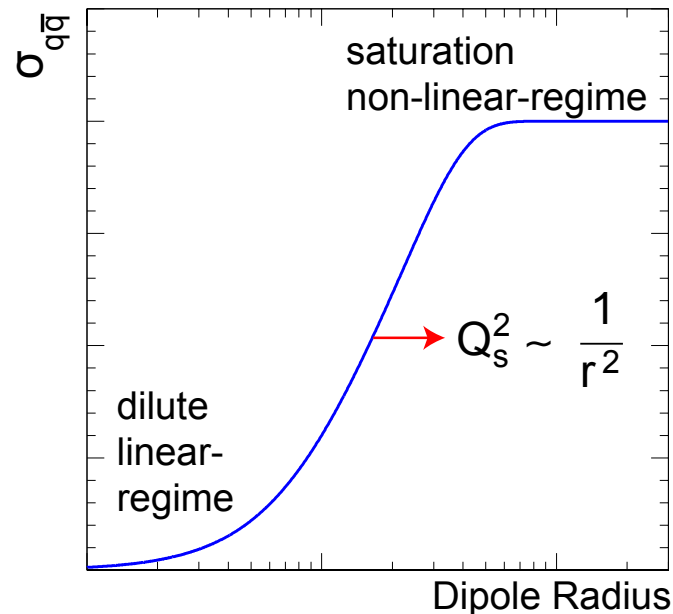
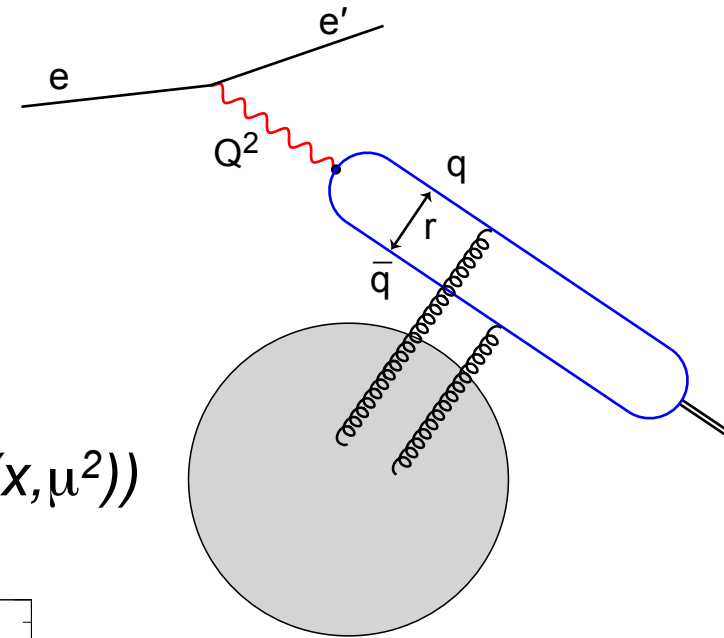
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- Saturation: $\sigma_{qq} \propto 1 - \exp(-r^2 \alpha_s(\mu^2) xG(x, \mu^2))$

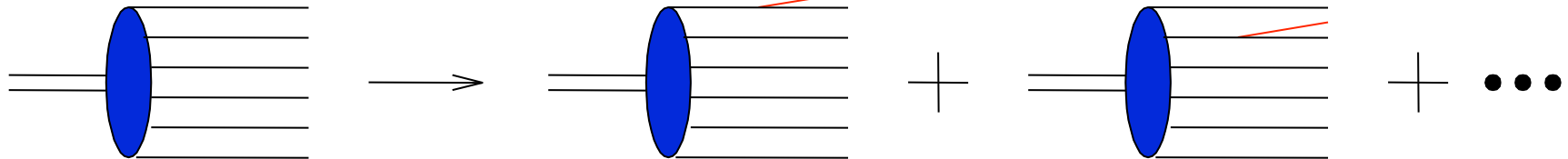


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Infinite Momentum Frame:

- BFKL (linear QCD): splitting functions \Rightarrow gluon density grows

proton



N partons

new partons emitted as energy increases
could be emitted off any of the N partons

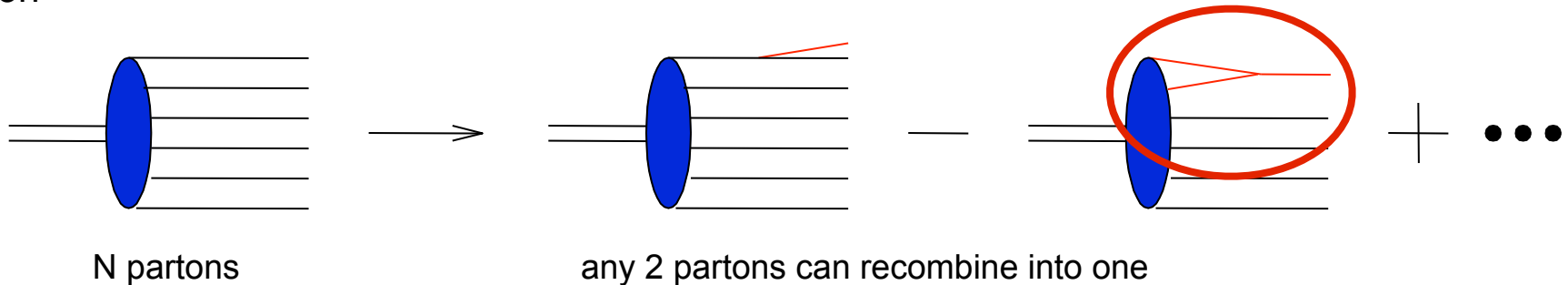
BFKL:

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- BK (non-linear): recombination of gluons \Rightarrow gluon density tamed

proton



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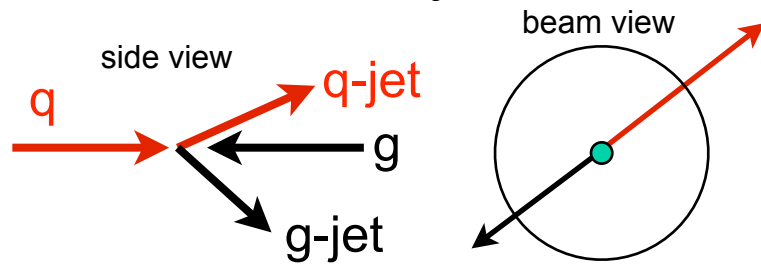
BK adds:

- At Q_s : gluon emission balanced by recombination

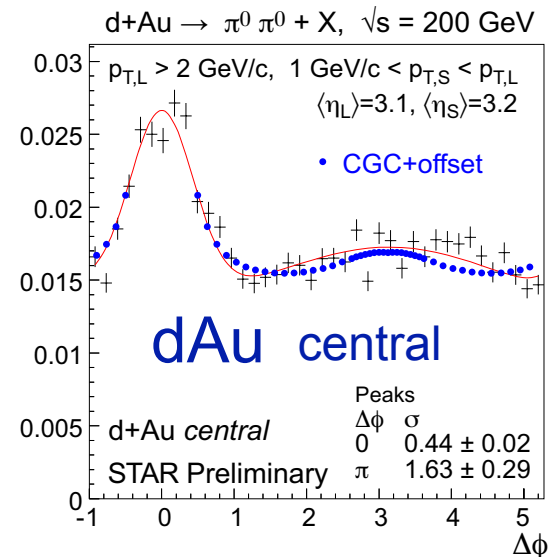
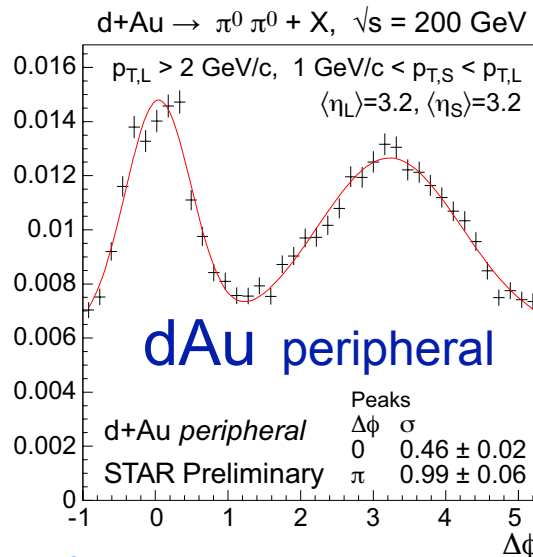
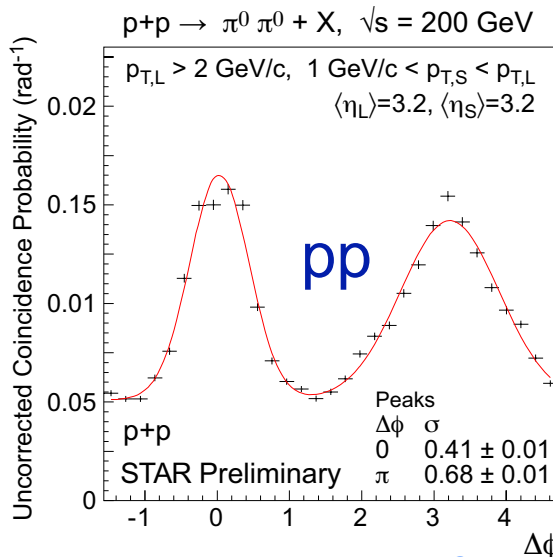
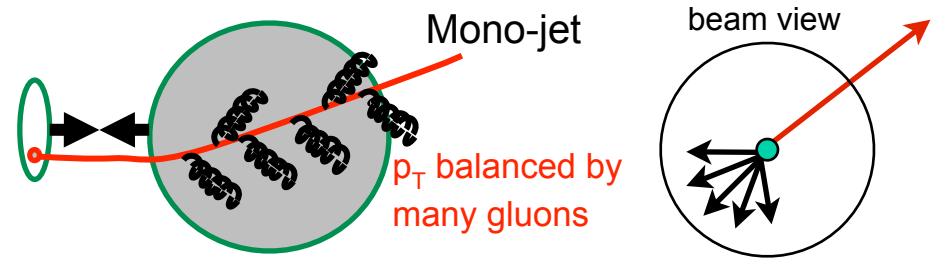
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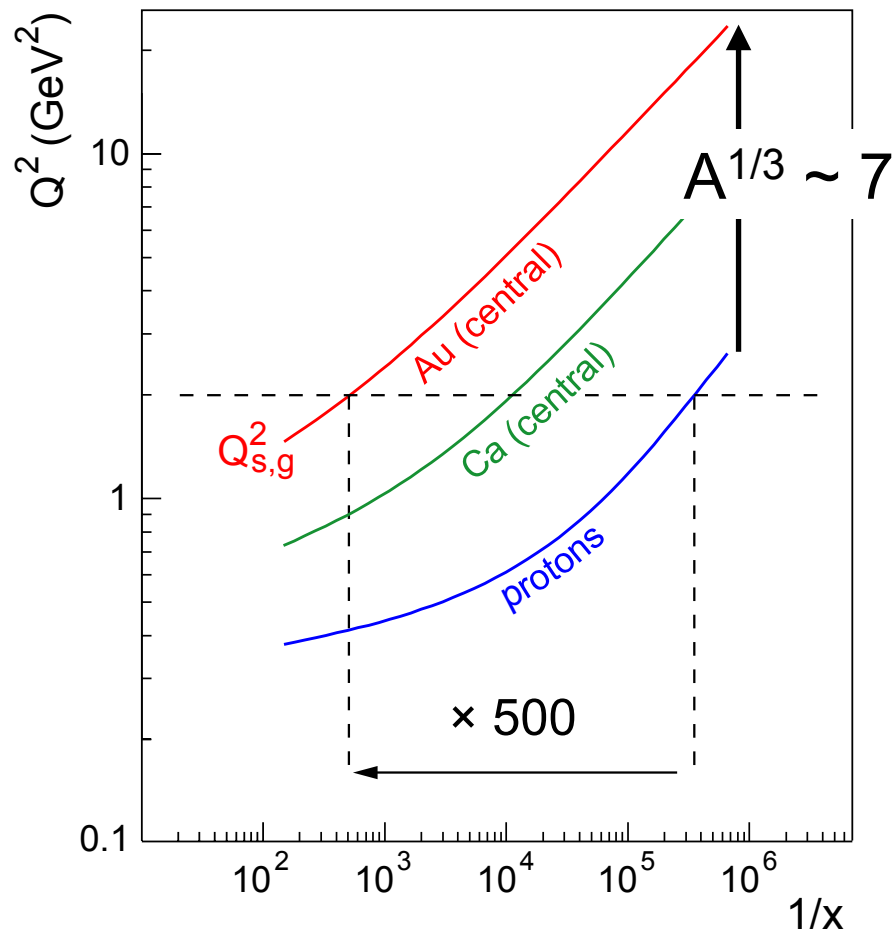
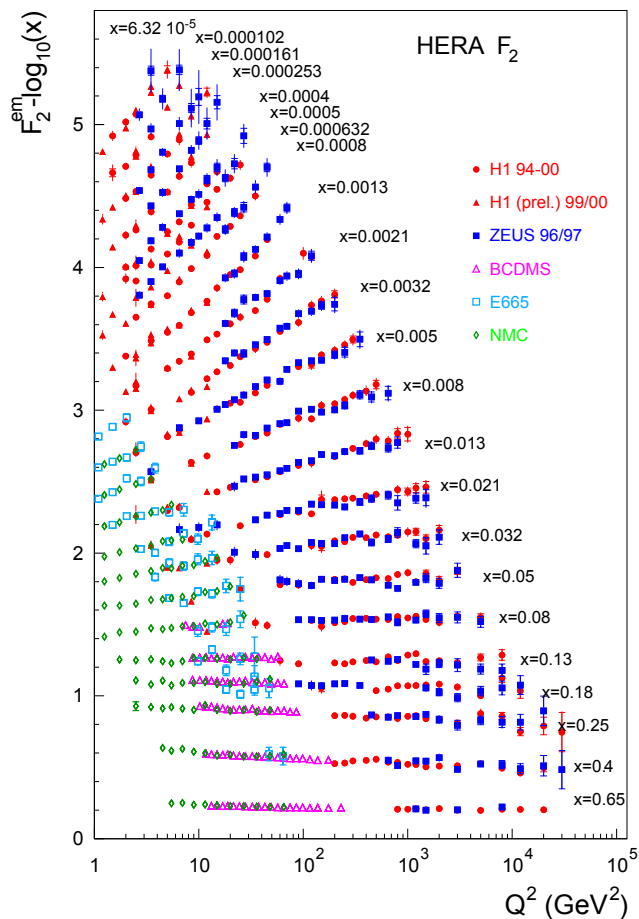
Low gluon density (pp):
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High gluon density (pA):
 $2 \rightarrow 1$ ($2 \rightarrow$ many) process \Rightarrow mono-jet

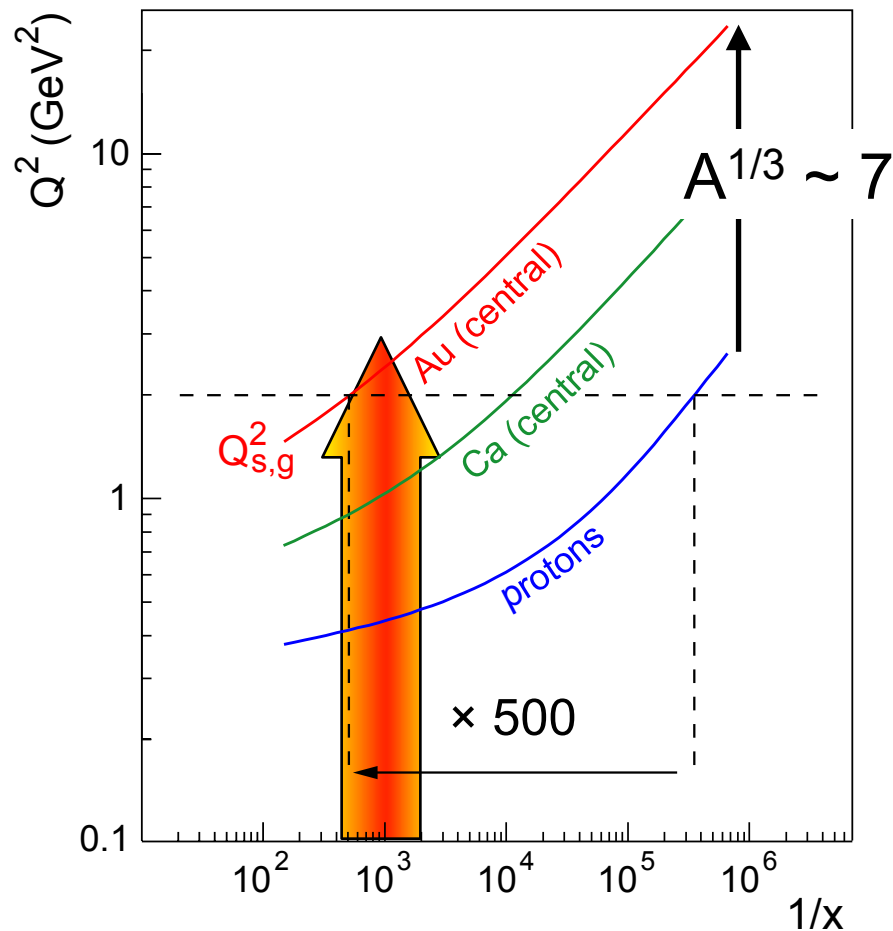
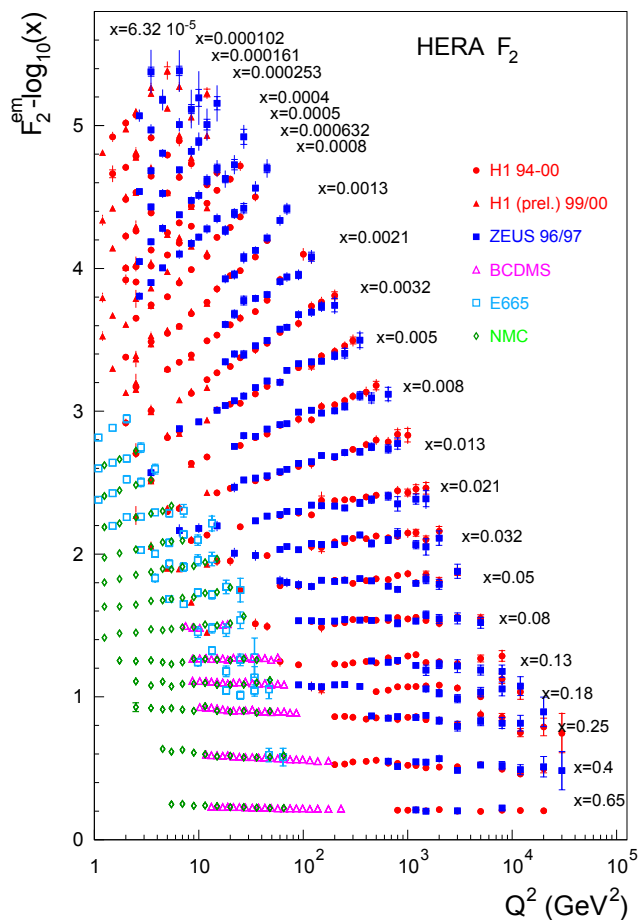


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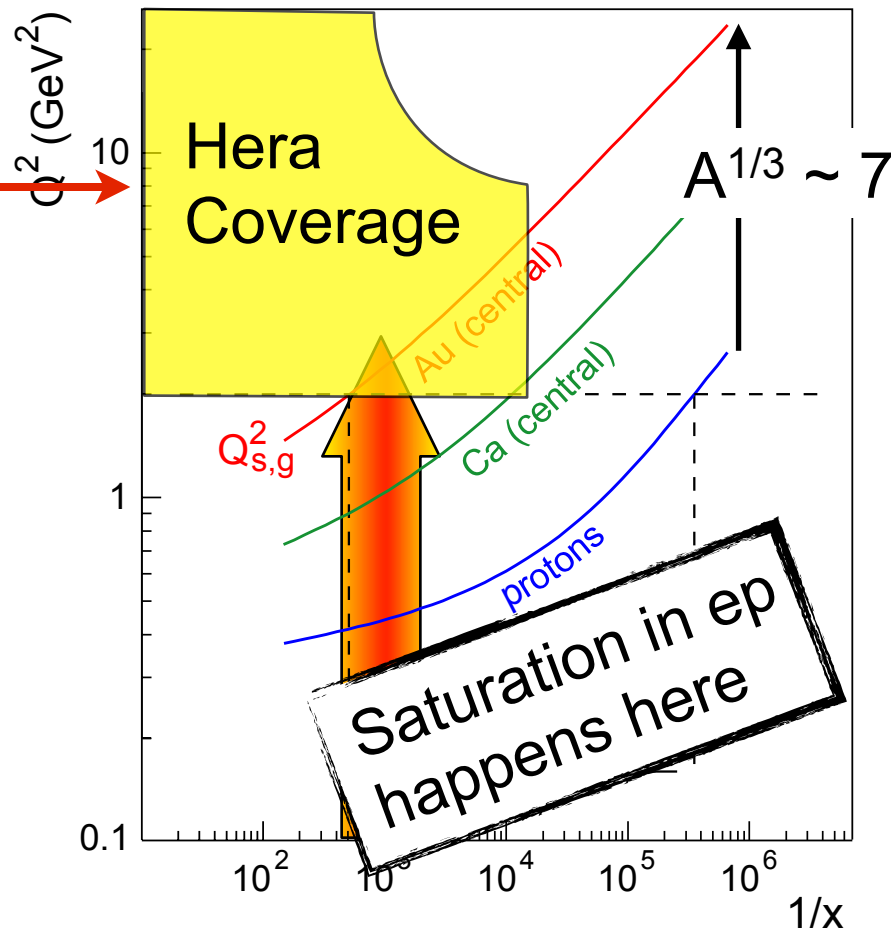
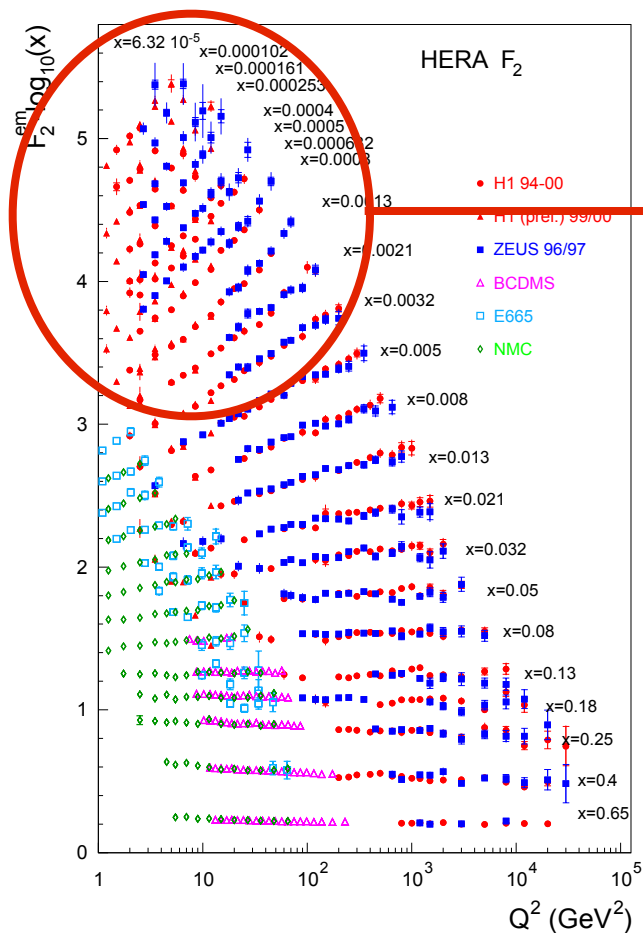
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- Finding RHIC and Hera & Q_s scalings consistent
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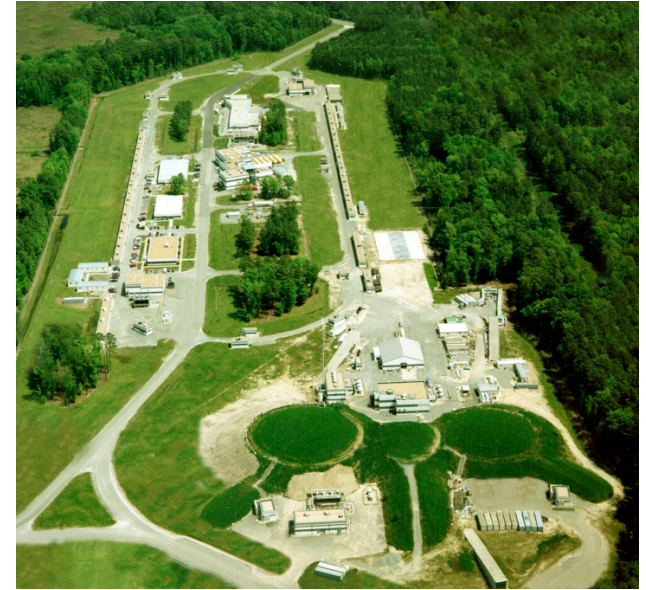
eRHIC = RHIC +
Energy-Recovery Linac



see talk by Vladimir Litvinenko

1. stage: 5+100 GeV/n e+Au
($\sqrt{s}=45$ GeV/n)
2. stage: 30+130 GeV/n e+Au
($\sqrt{s}=125$ GeV/n)

ELIC = CEBAF +
Hadron Ring



see talk by Vasiliy Morozov

1. stage: 11+40 GeV/n e+Au
($\sqrt{s}=42$ GeV/n)
2. stage: 20+100 GeV/n e+Au
($\sqrt{s}=89$ GeV/n)

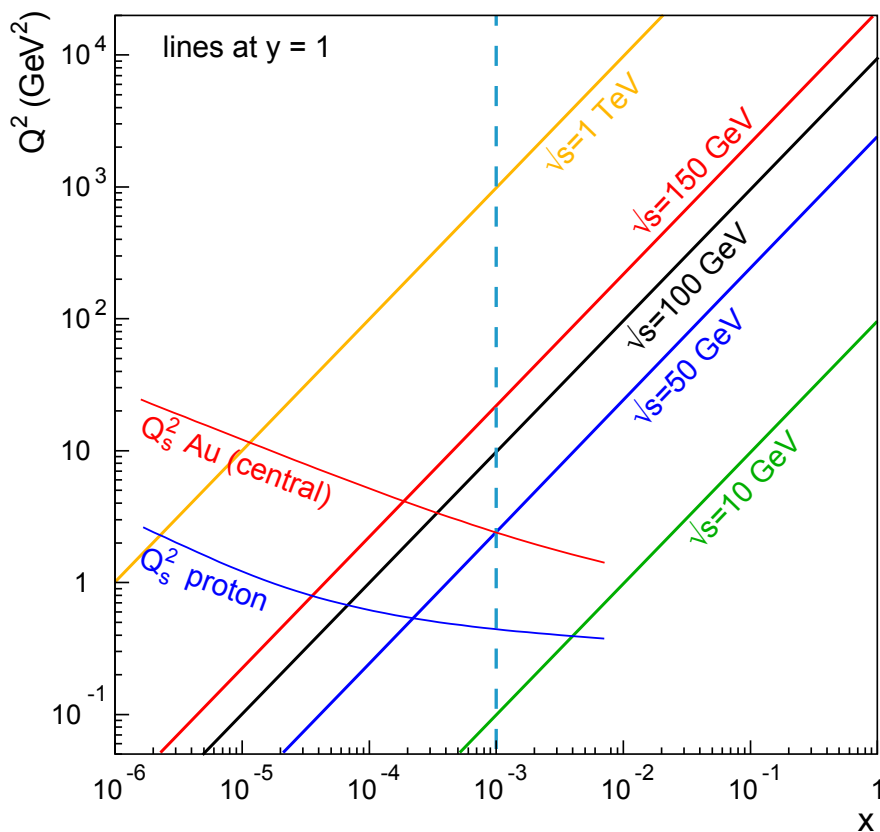
Both
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Energy



see talk by Vla

1. stage ($\sqrt{s}=4$)
2. stage ($\sqrt{s}=1$)

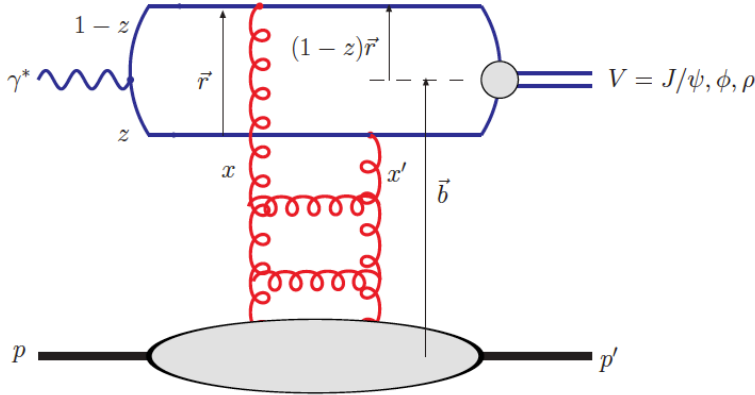
- In both cases 1st stage is ~OK but offers little Q^2 lever arm
- 2nd stage will match requirements fully

\sqrt{s} e+Au

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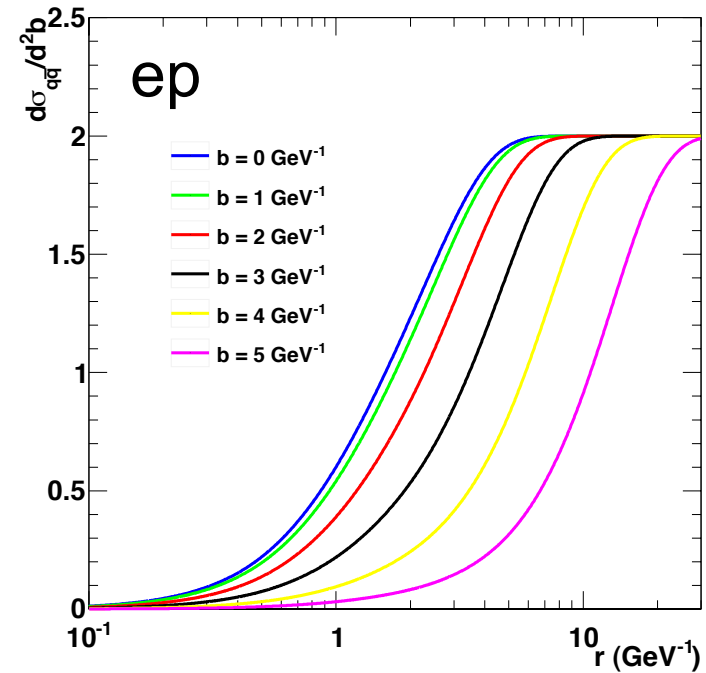
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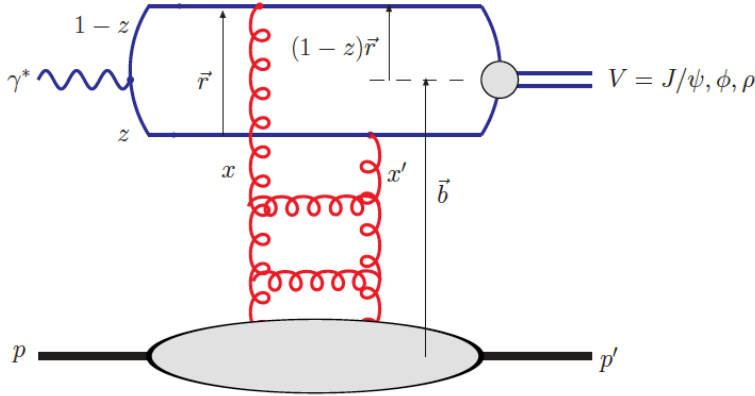
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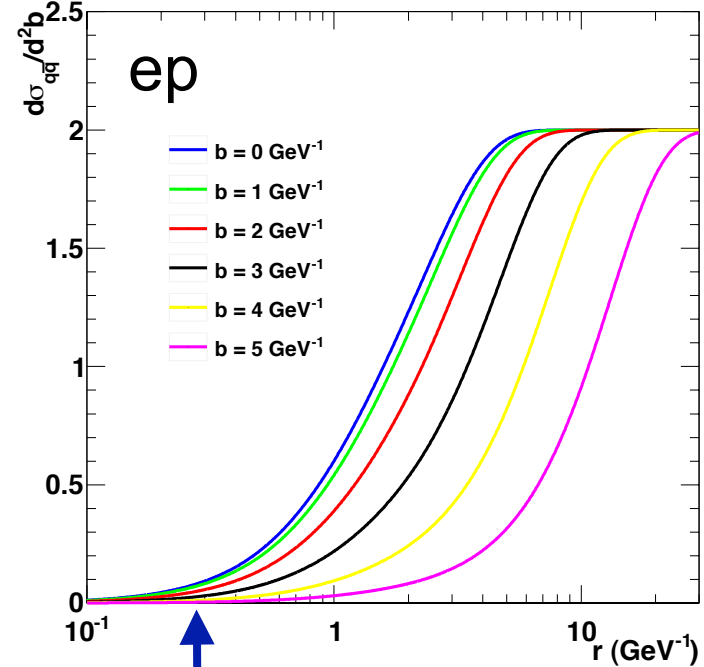


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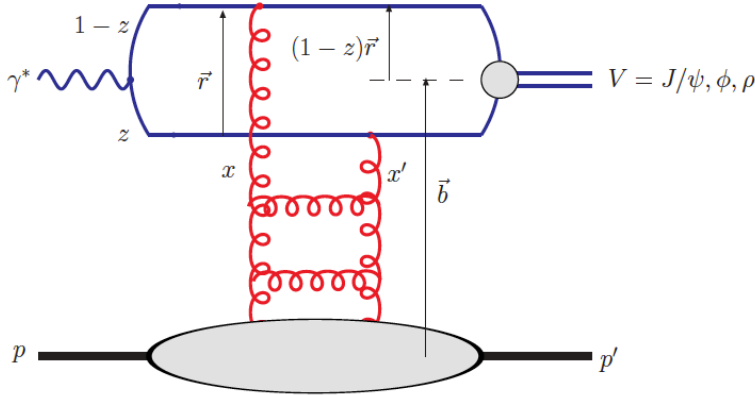
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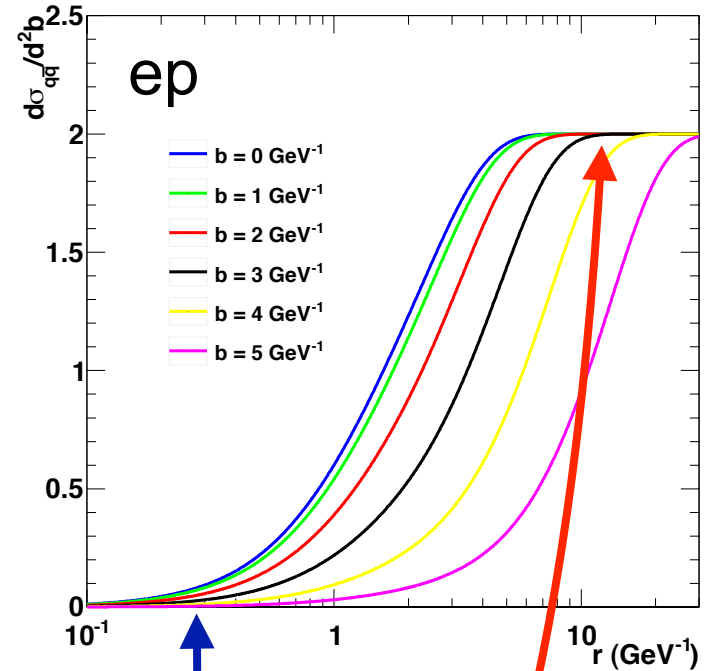
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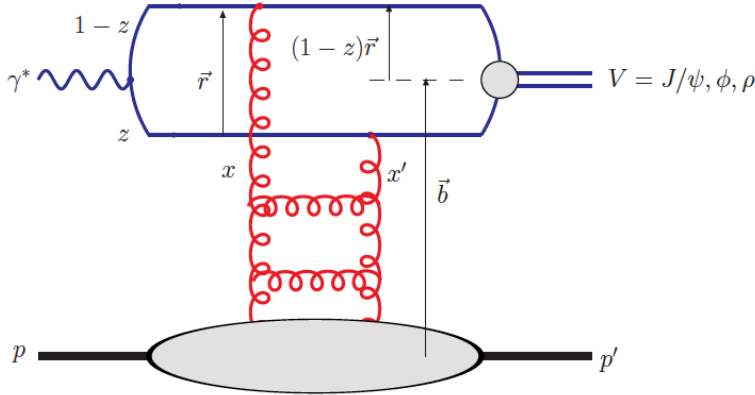
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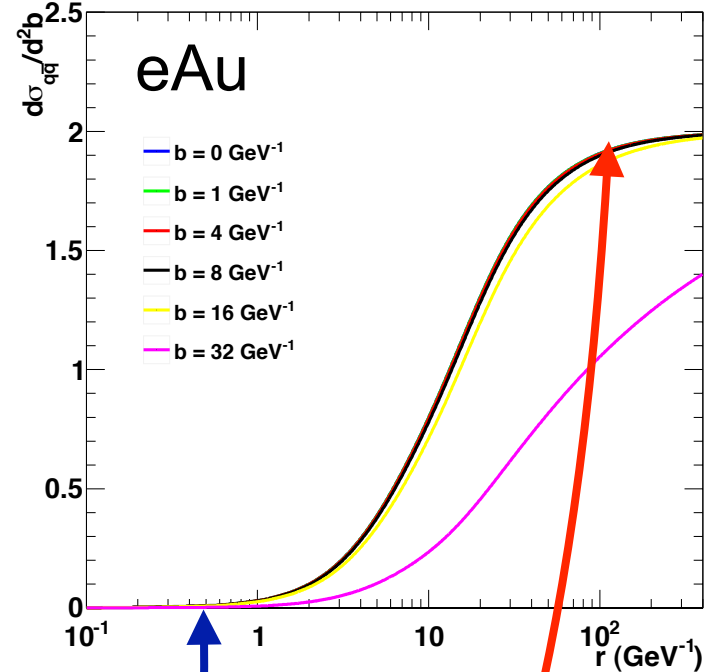
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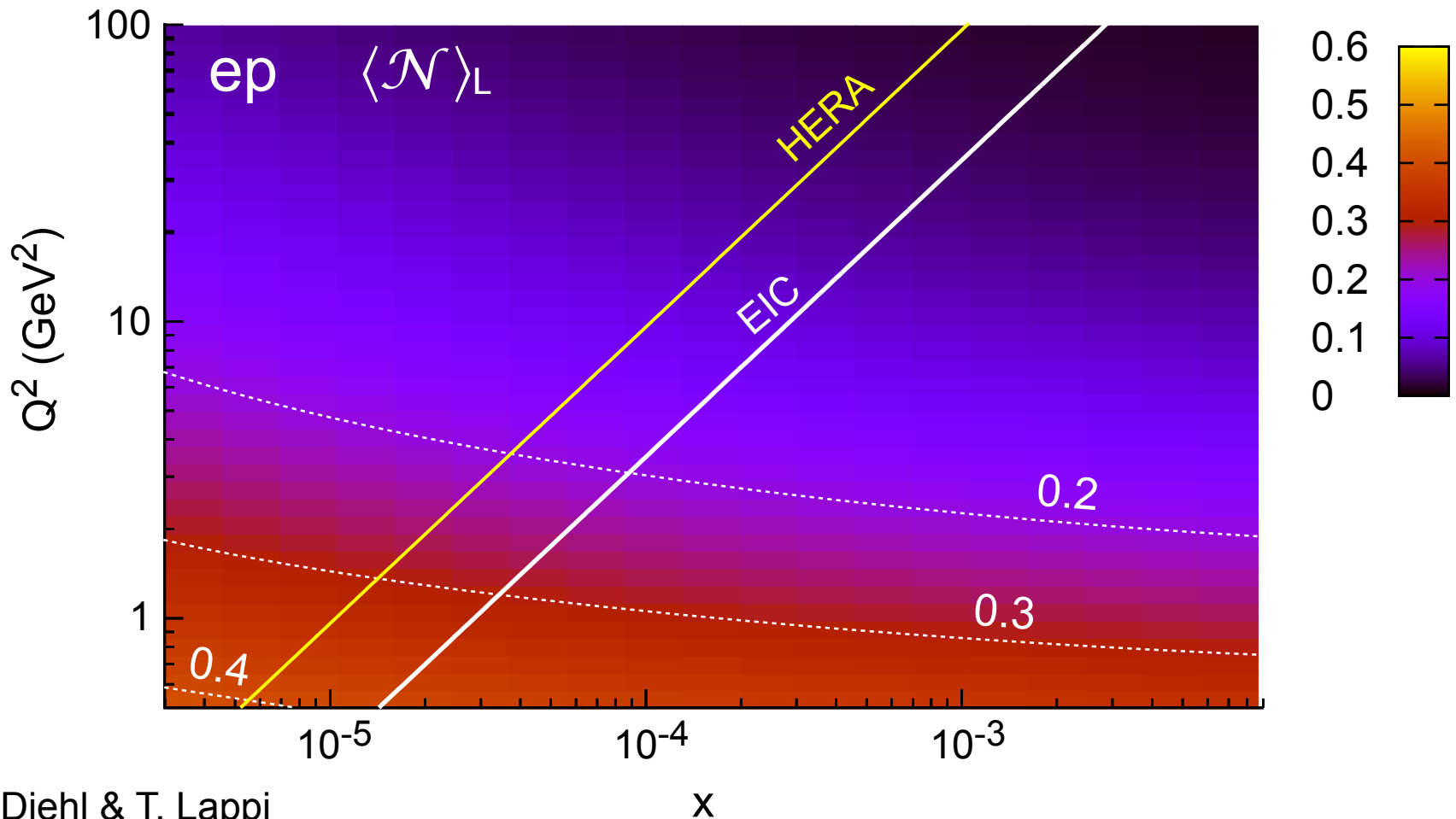
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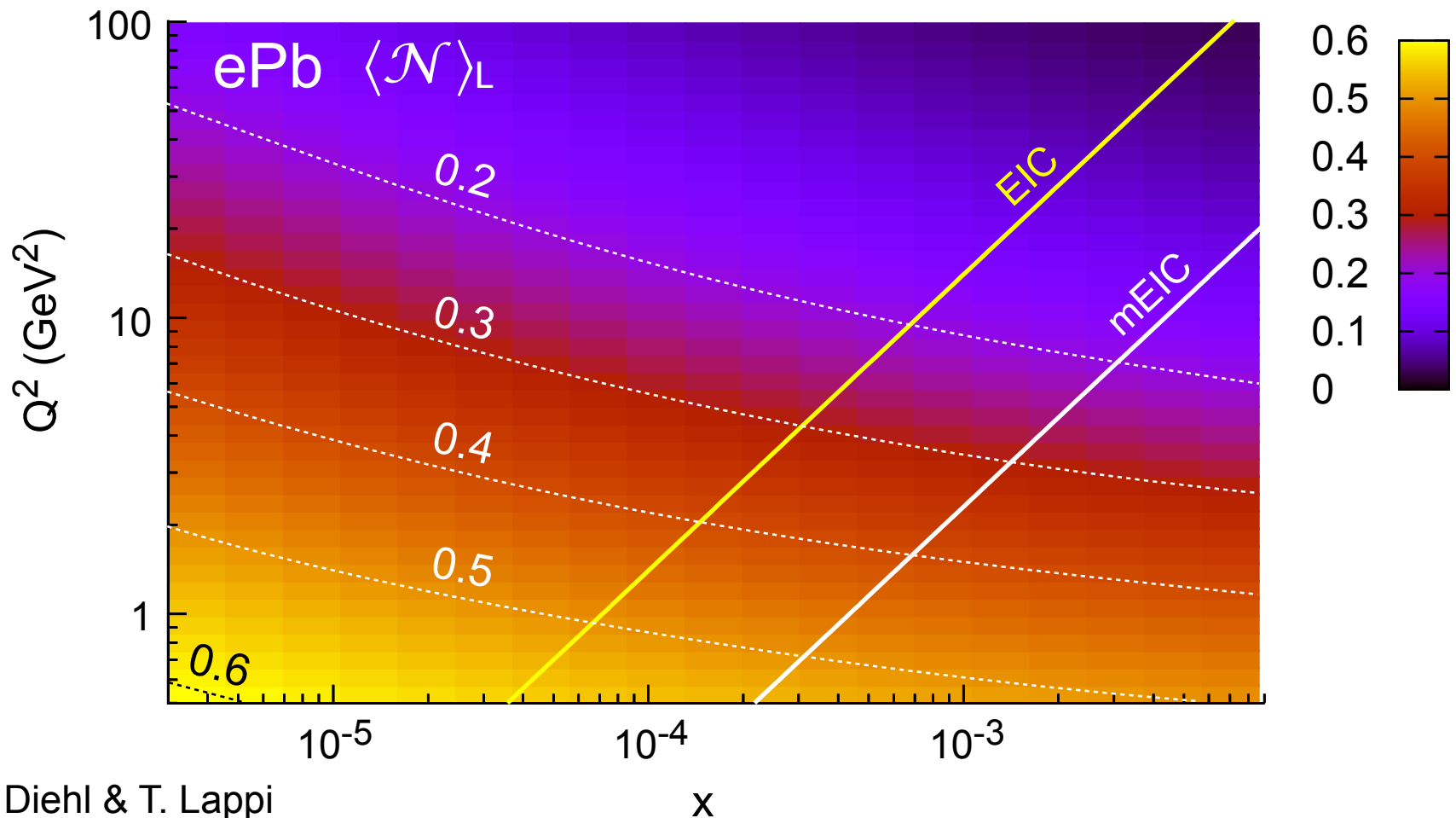
$$\langle \mathcal{N} \rangle_{2,L} = \frac{\int d^2b d^2r dz [\psi^* \psi]_{2,L} \mathcal{N}^2}{\int d^2b d^2r dz [\psi^* \psi]_{2,L} \mathcal{N}}$$



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Measuring F_L with the EIC

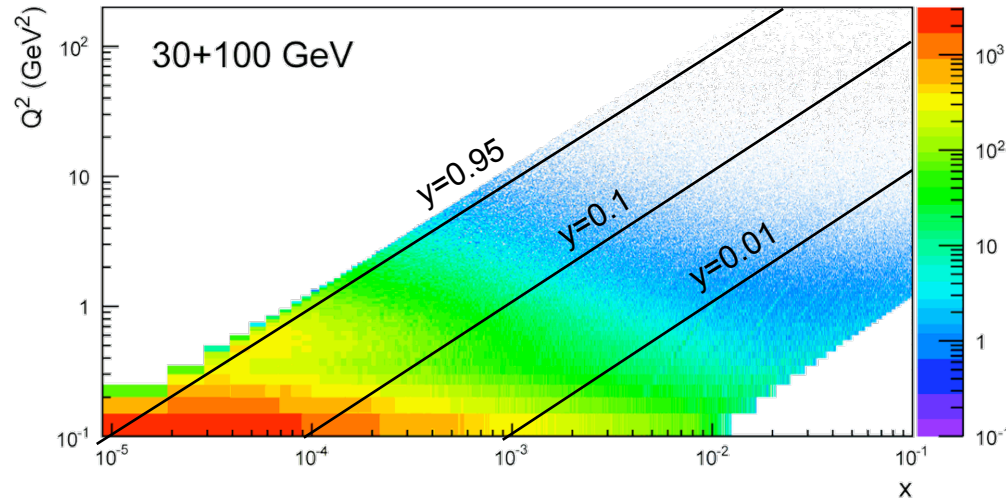
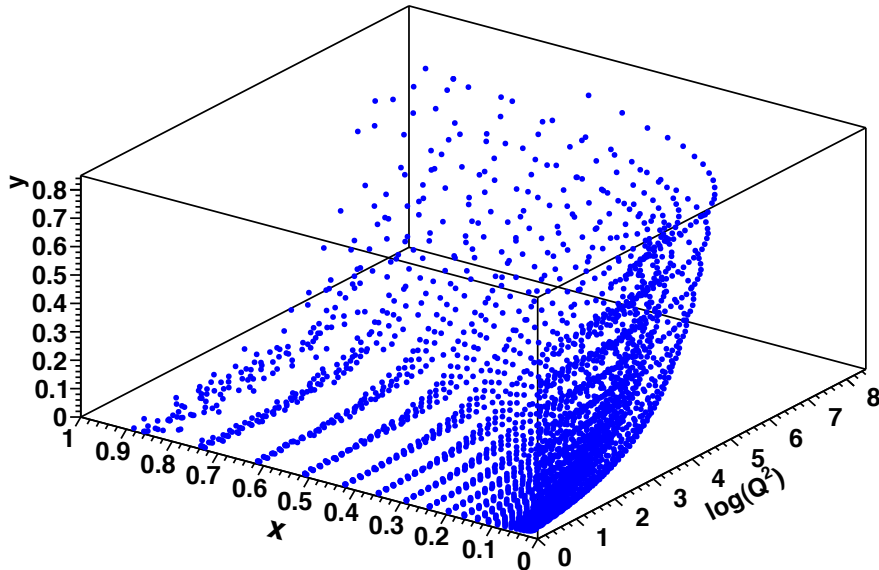
$F_L \sim \alpha_s G(x, Q^2)$: the most “direct” way to $G(x, Q^2)$

F_L runs at various \sqrt{s}
 \Rightarrow longer program

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eX}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} \left[\left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L(x, Q^2) \right]$$

In order to extract F_L one needs **at least two measurements** of the inclusive cross section with “wide” span in inelasticity parameter y ($Q^2 = sxy$)

Coverage in x and Q^2 for inclusive cross section measurements



What y range can be achieved?

Feasibility study: $\sigma_r = F_2(x, Q^2) - y^2/Y_+ \cdot F_L(x, Q^2)$

$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$

Strategies:

slope of y^2/Y_+ for
different s at fixed
 x & Q^2

e+p: 1st stage

5x50 - 5x325

running combined

4 weeks/each

(50% eff)

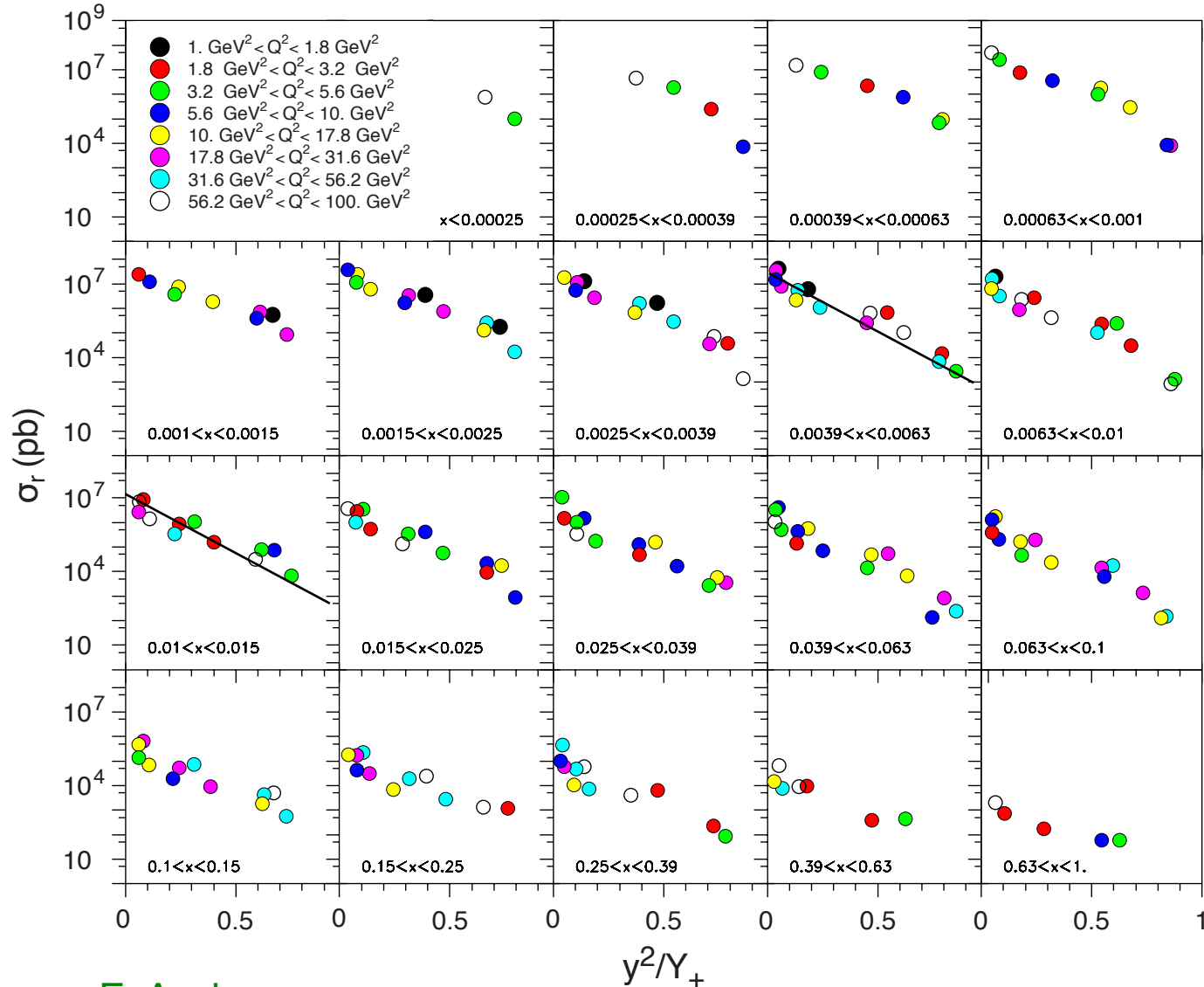
stat. error shown
and negligible

To Do:

Rosenbluth

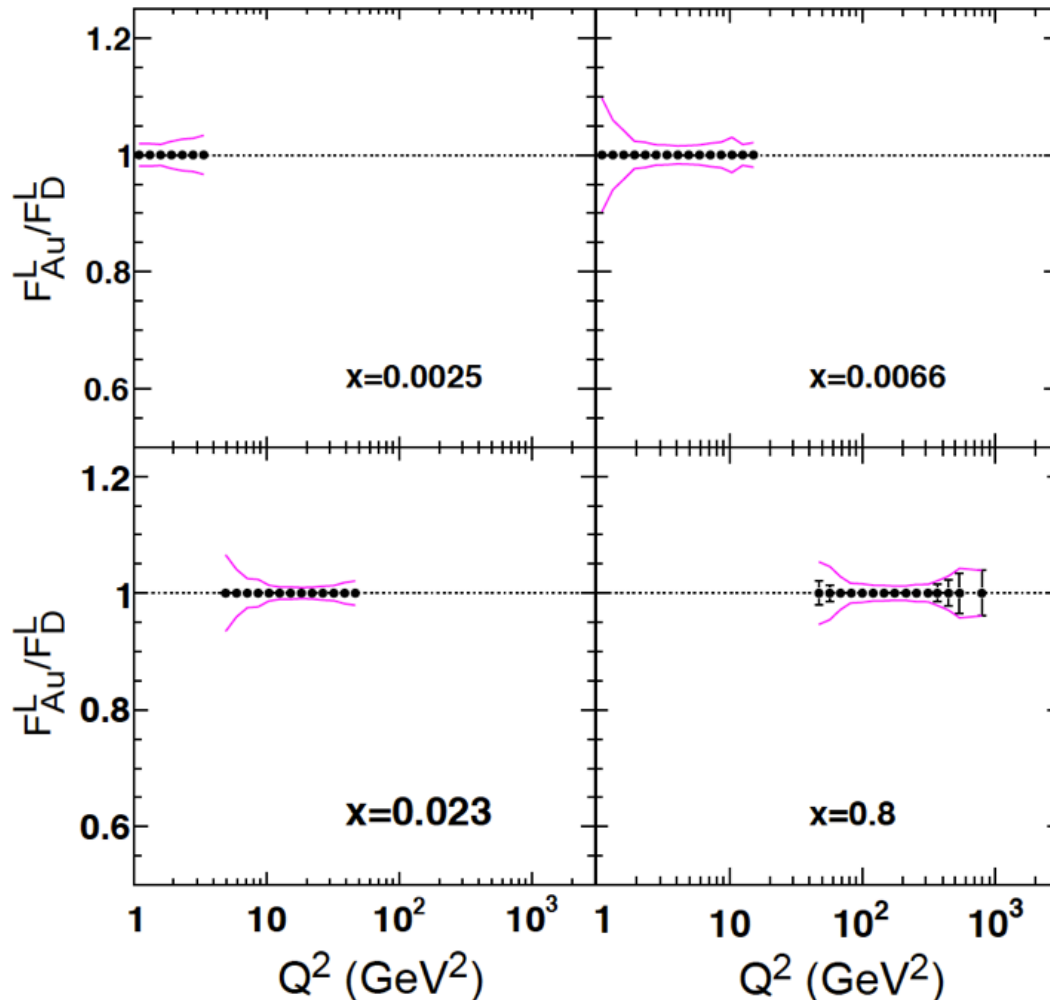
extraction &

Detector effects



Syst. Uncertainties in F_L for staged EIC

F_L for electron energy fixed at 4 GeV and proton energies: 50, 70, 100, 250 GeV (4 fb⁻¹ each)



The magenta curves show the statistical and systematic errors (1% uncertainty in normalization) added in quadrature.

Again, the extraction of F_L is dominated by systematic uncertainties

Big issue for e+A: Radiative corrections

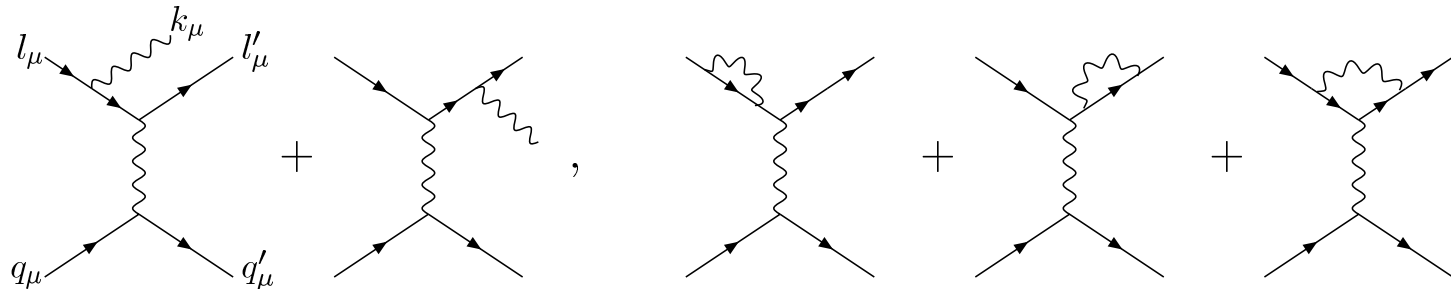
High precision requires knowledge of **higher-order corrections**

$$\sigma_{\text{experiment}} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{\text{theory}}[F_n(x, Q^2)] = \sigma^{(0)} + \alpha_{\text{em}} \sigma^{(1)} + \dots$$

Emission of **real photons**

- experimentally often not distinguished from non-radiative processes: soft photons, collinear photons

⇒ "radiative corrections"



"Ideal" case: $Q^2 = -(l - l')^2, \quad x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot (l - l')}$

True case: $\tilde{Q}^2 = -(l - l' - k)^2, \quad \tilde{x}_B = \frac{\tilde{Q}^2}{2P \cdot (l - l' - k)}$

Detecting Nuclear Breakup

- Detecting **all** fragments $p_{A'} = \sum p_n + \sum p_p + \sum p_d + \sum p_\alpha \dots$ not possible
- Focus on n emission
 - ▶ Zero-Degree Calorimeter
 - ▶ **Requires careful design of IR**
- Additional measurements:
 - ▶ Fragments via Roman Pots
 - ▶ γ via EMC

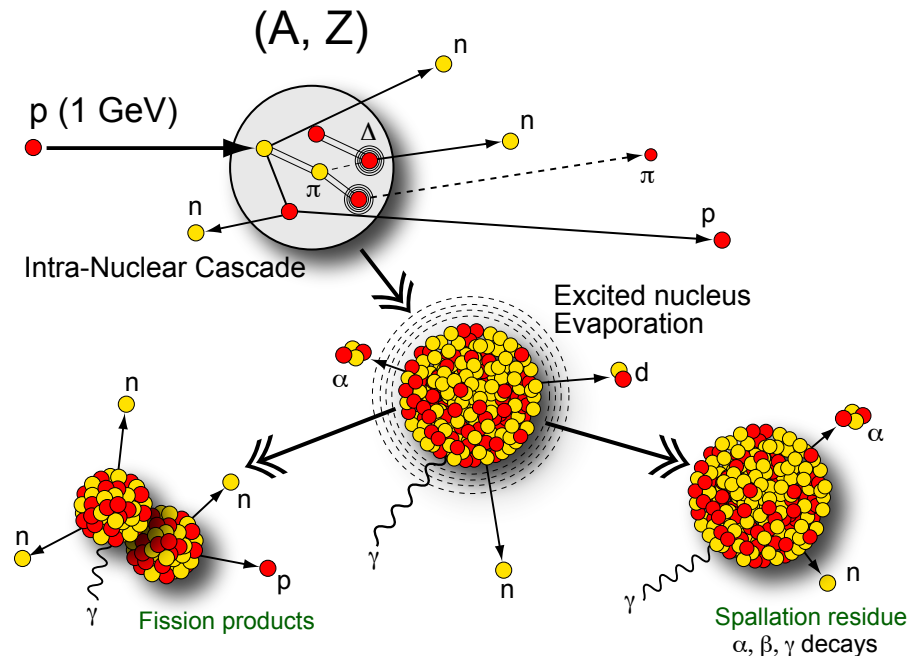
Traditional modeling done in pA:

Intra-Nuclear Cascade

- Particle production
- Remnant Nucleus (A, Z, E^*, \dots)
- ISABEL, INCL4

De-Excitation

- Evaporation
- Fission
- Residual Nuclei
- **Gemini++, SMM, ABLA** (all no γ)



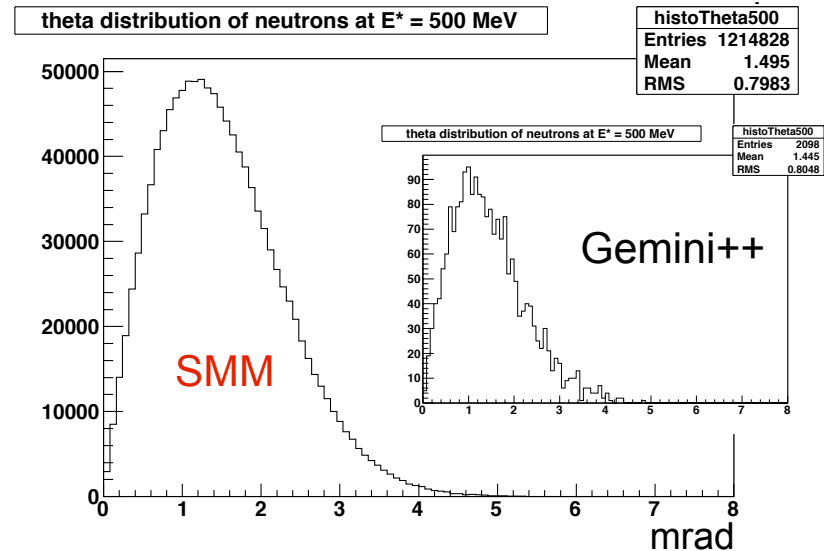
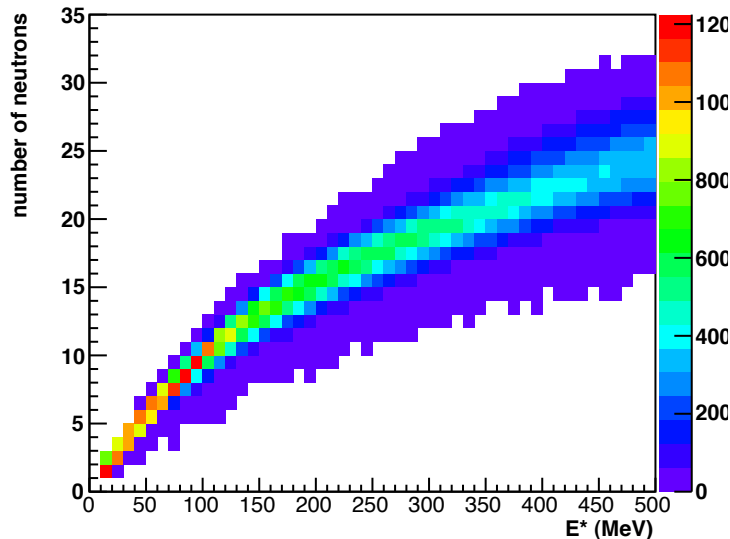
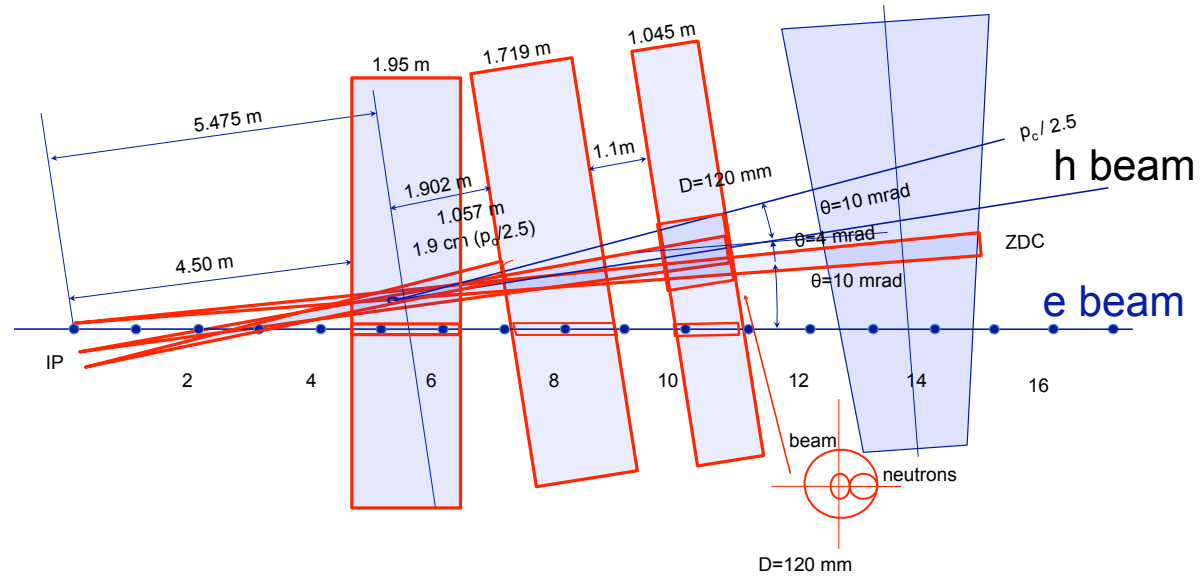
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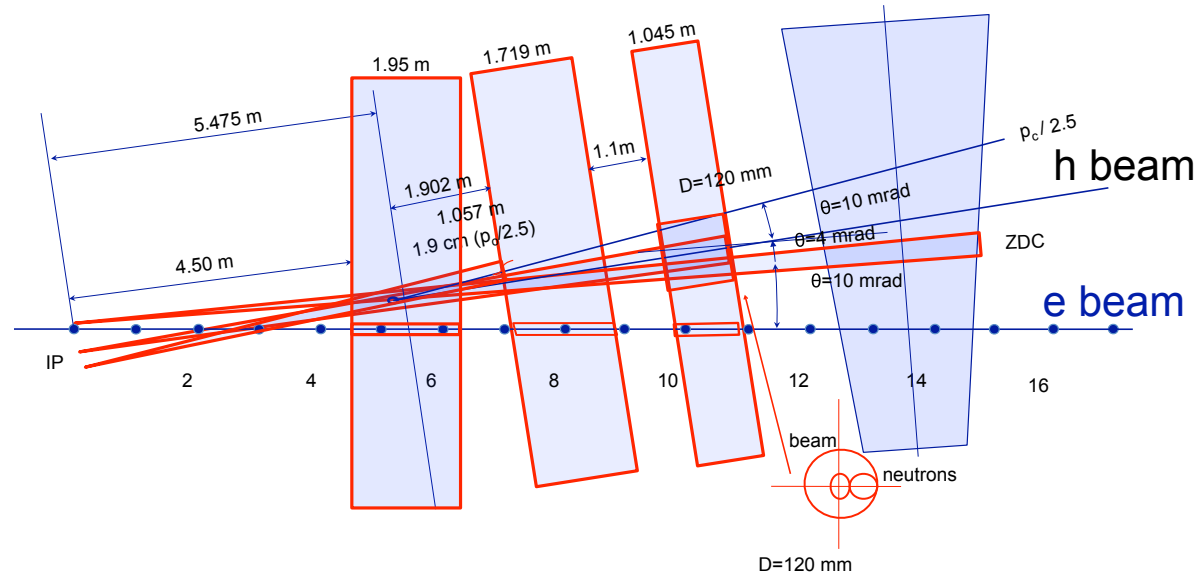
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Breakup simulators SMM & Gemini++ show **it works**:

- For $E_{\text{tot}}^* \geq 10$ MeV and 2.5 mrad n acceptance we have rejection power of at least 10^5 .
- Separating incoherent from coherent diffractive events is possible at a collider with n -detection via ZDCs alone