Overview of low x physics with electrons, protons and nuclei

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[Disclaimer: Mostly nuclear and saturation-motivated]

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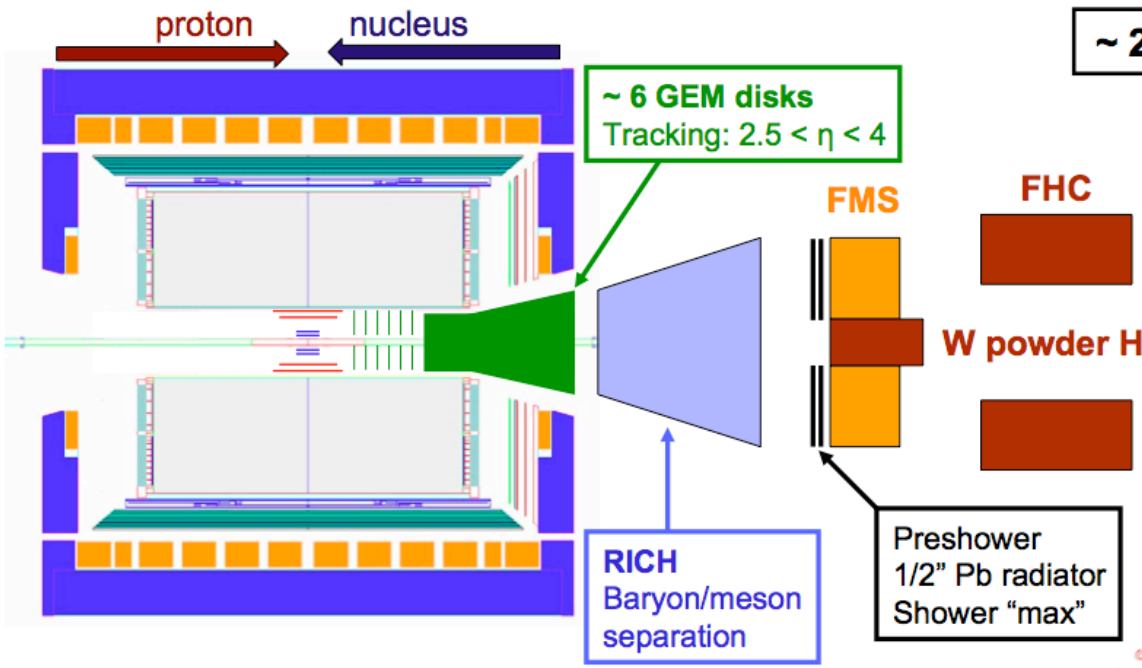

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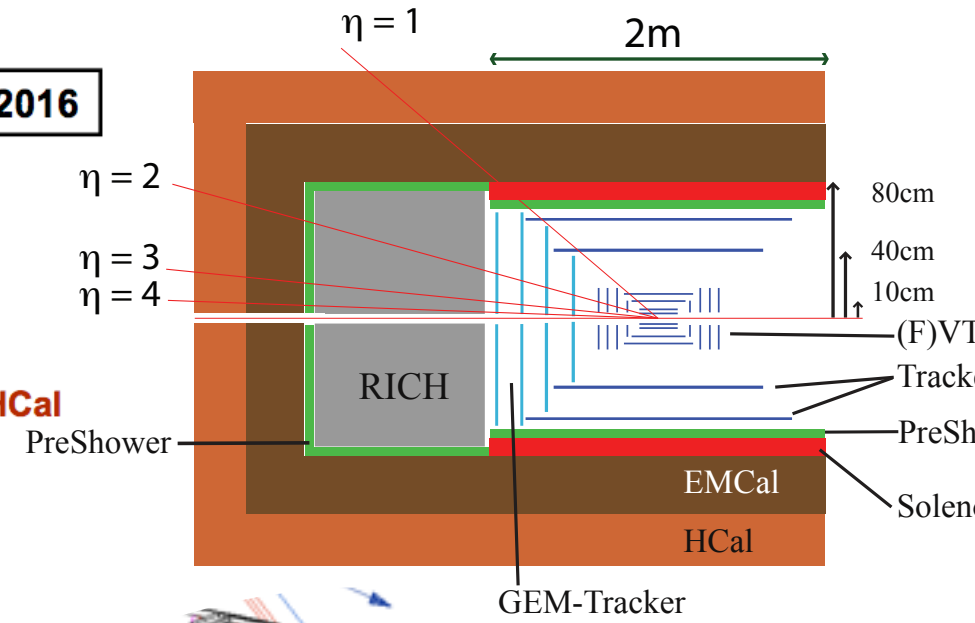
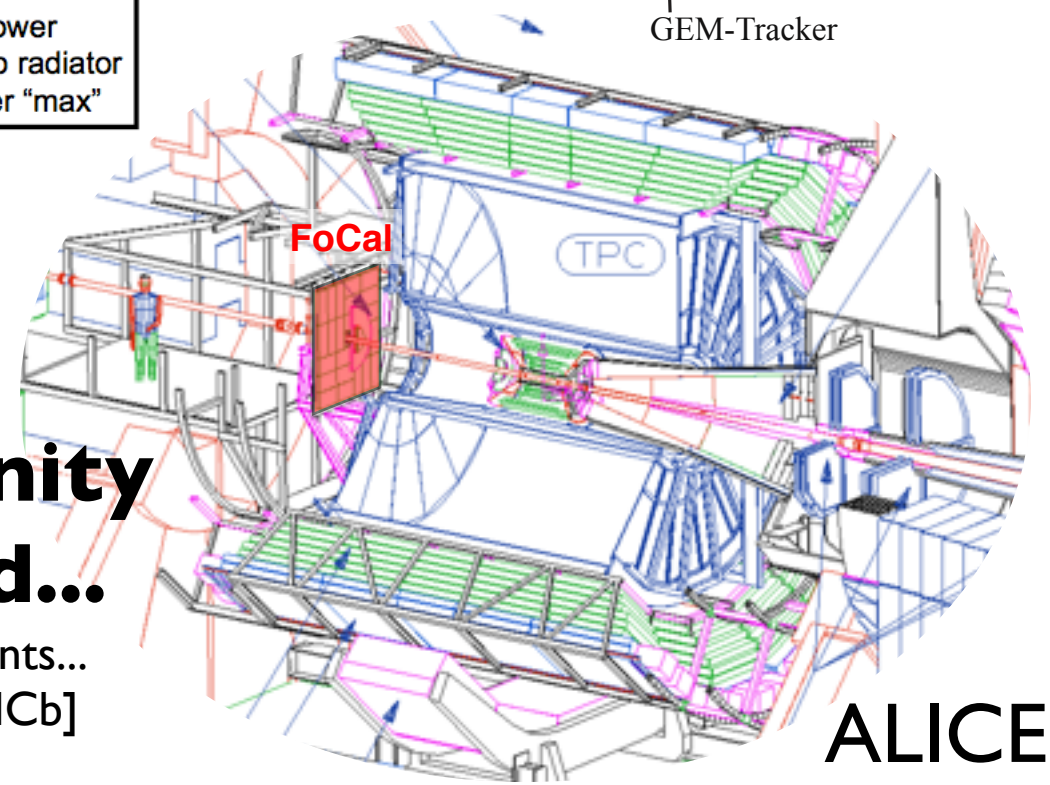


[Talks K. Boyle; M. Lamont; T. Peitzmann]



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The heavy-ion community plans to move forward...

[for the more nuclear/QCD oriented experiments...
Interesting upgades also in ATLAS, CMS and LHCb]

New lepton-proton/nucleus colliders being planned

BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

Jefferson Lab

LHeC

CERN European Organization for Nuclear Research

LHC and RHIC experiment upgrades will precede the (eventual) operation of LHeC and/or EIC - **Complementarity**

Proton-nucleus at the LHC

Feasibility checks performed - estimate luminosity

L=10^{29} cm^{-2} s^{-1} (full energy) *[Integrated in 10^{6} s :* ***L= 100 nb^{-1}****]*

LHC two-in-one magnet

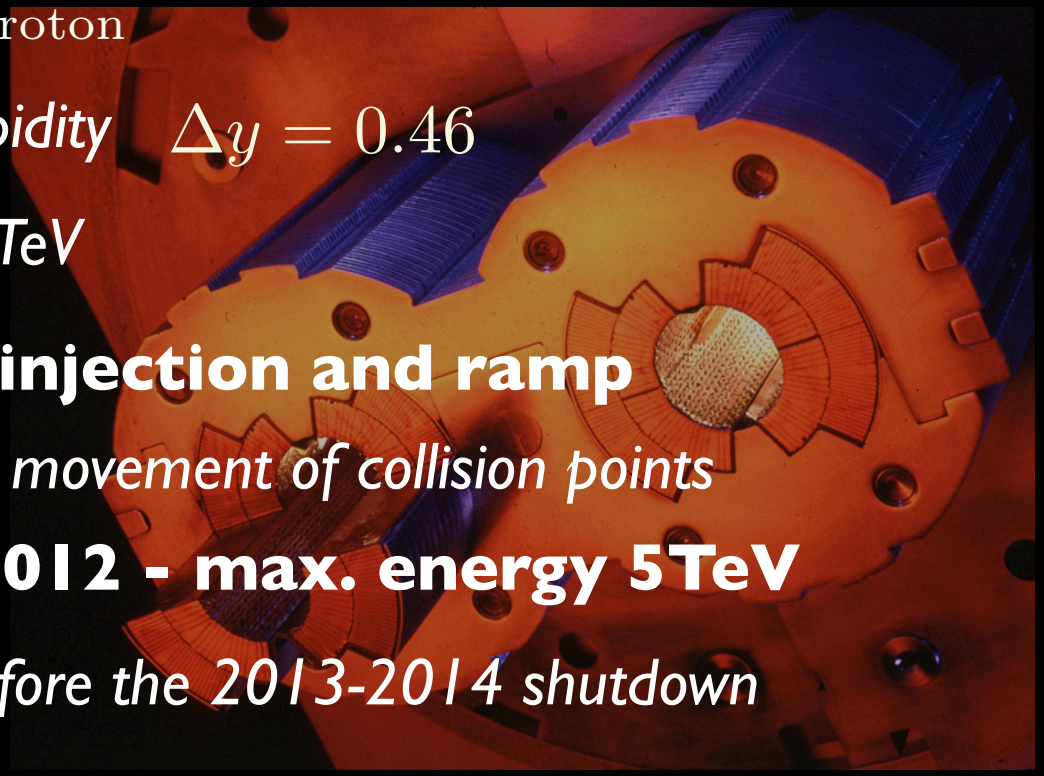
- *Equal rigidity :: $p_{\mathrm{Pb}} = Z\, p_{\mathrm{proton}}$*
- *Center of mass shifted in rapidity* $\Delta y = 0.46$
- *Top LHC energy for pPb: 8.8 TeV*

Unequal revolution freq. at injection and ramp

- *RF locked in physics to avoid movement of collision points*

First pPb run scheduled in 2012 - max. energy 5TeV

- *A new physics system just before the 2013-2014 shutdown*



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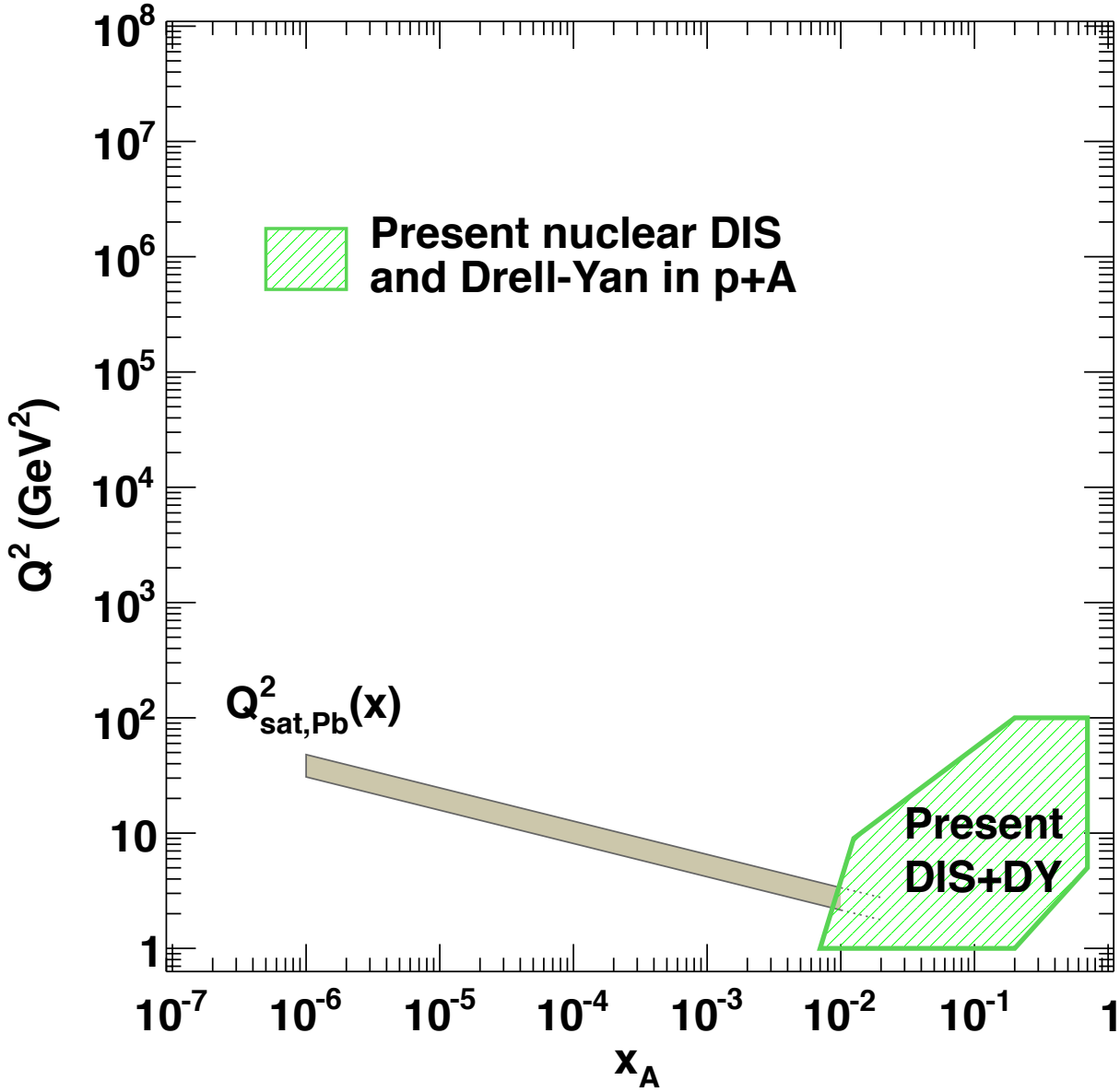

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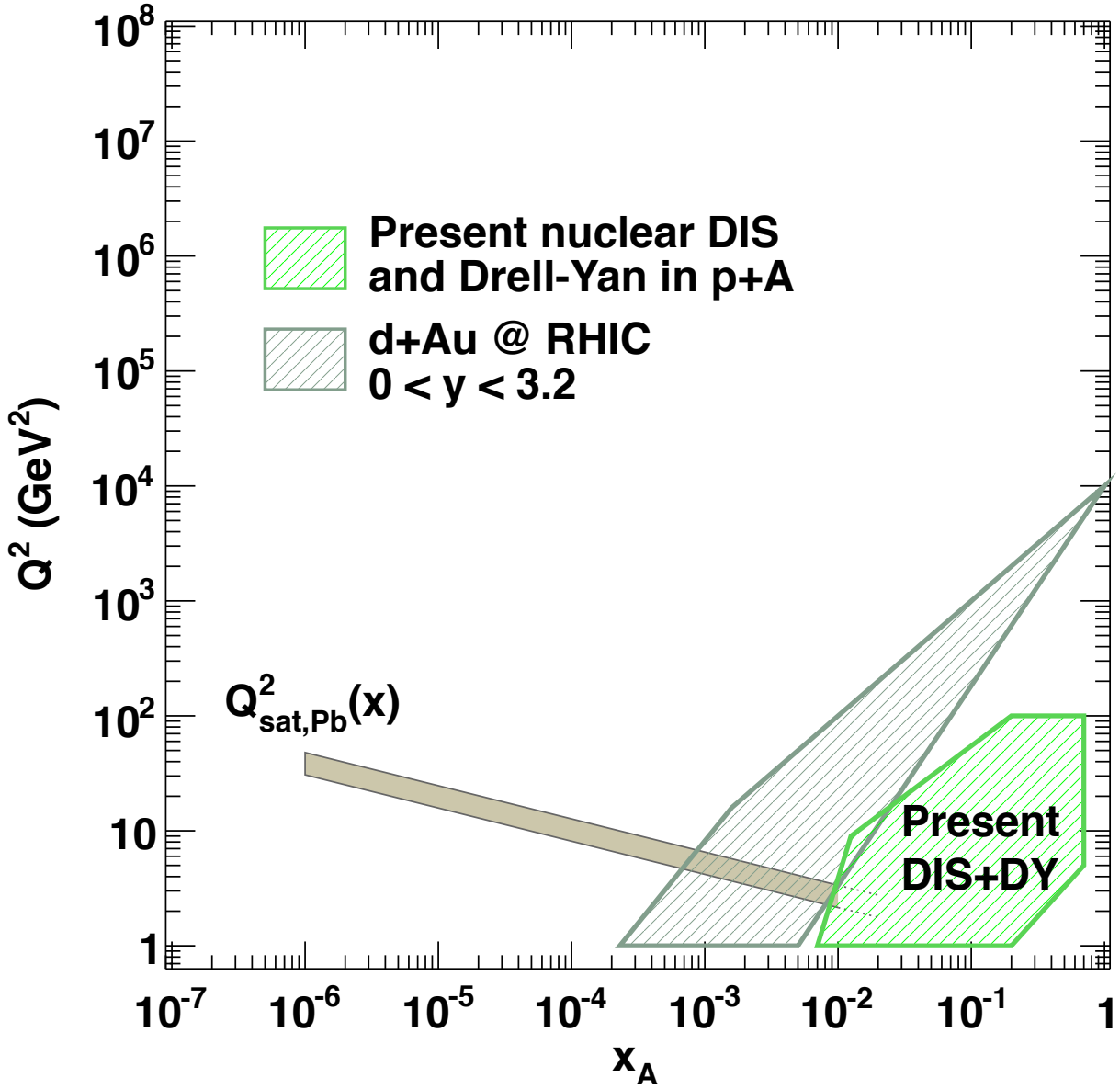

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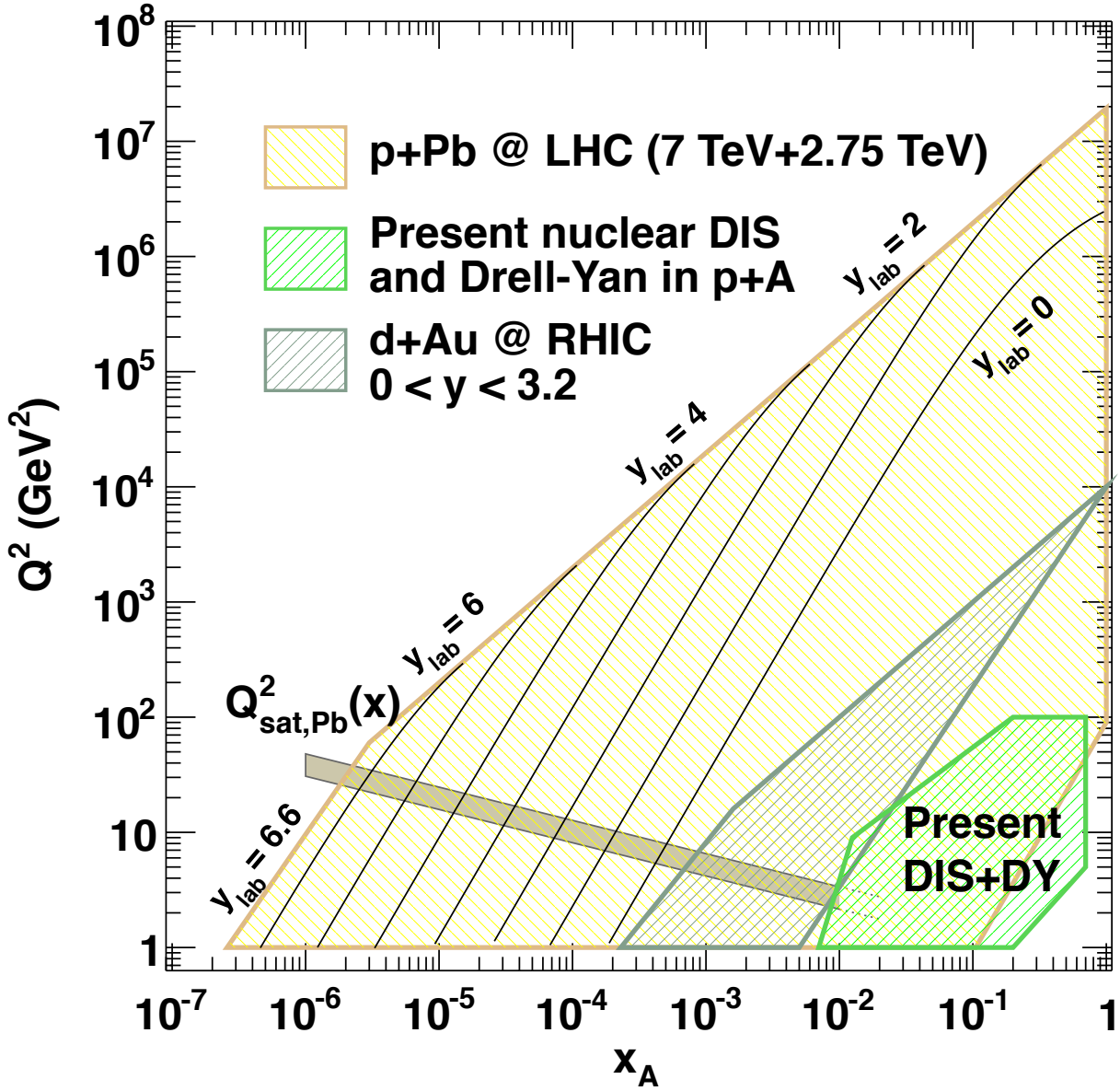

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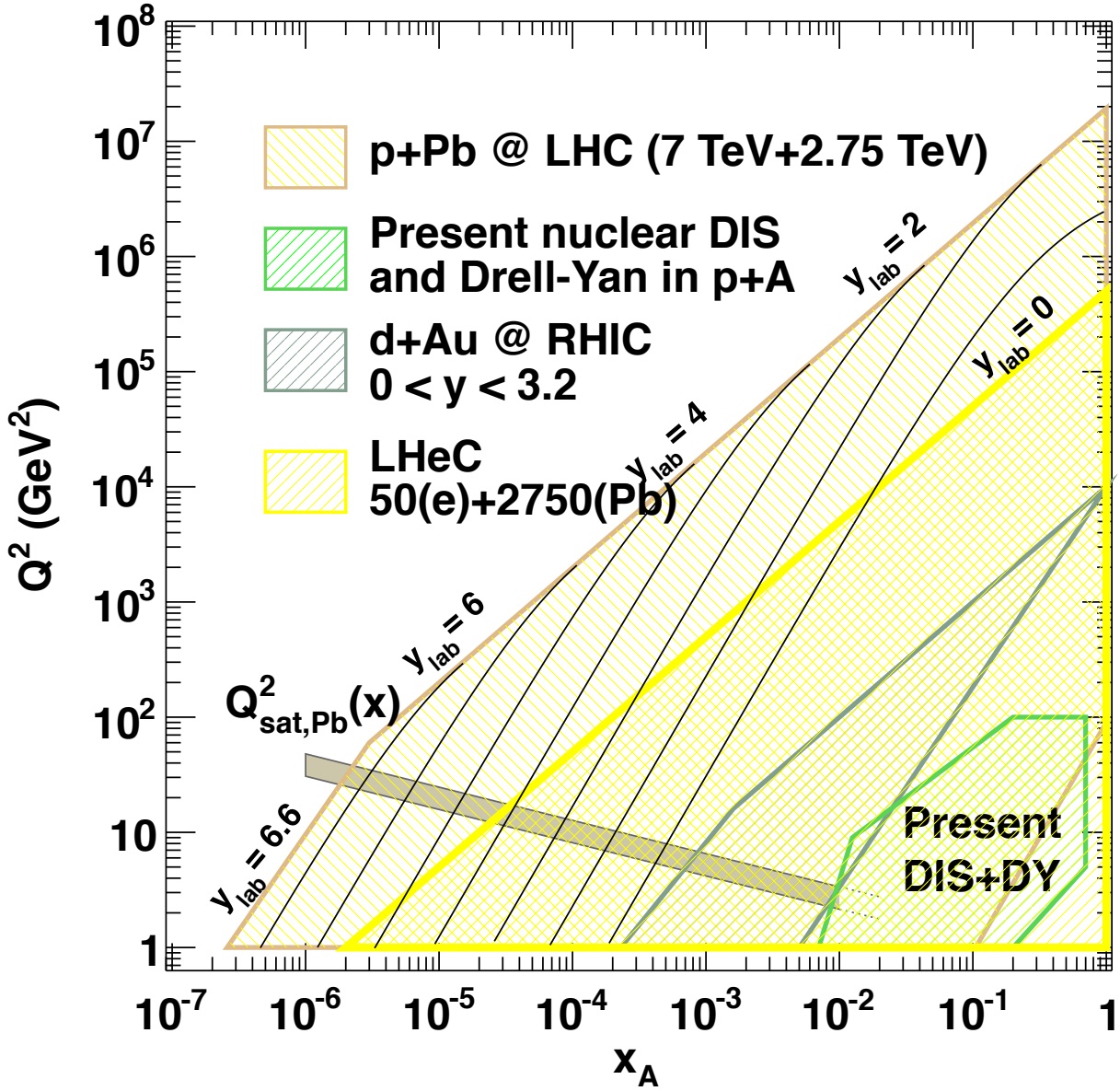

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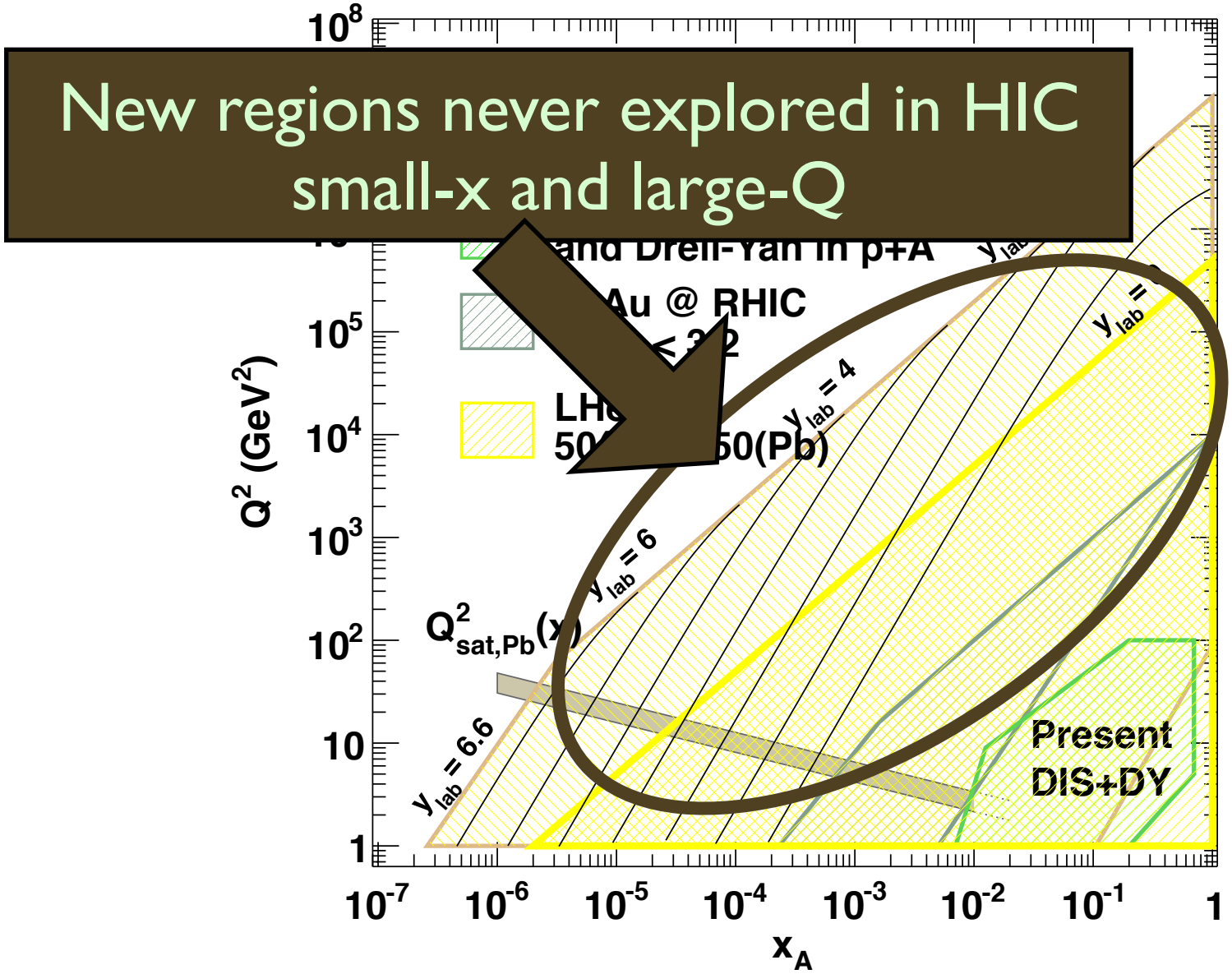

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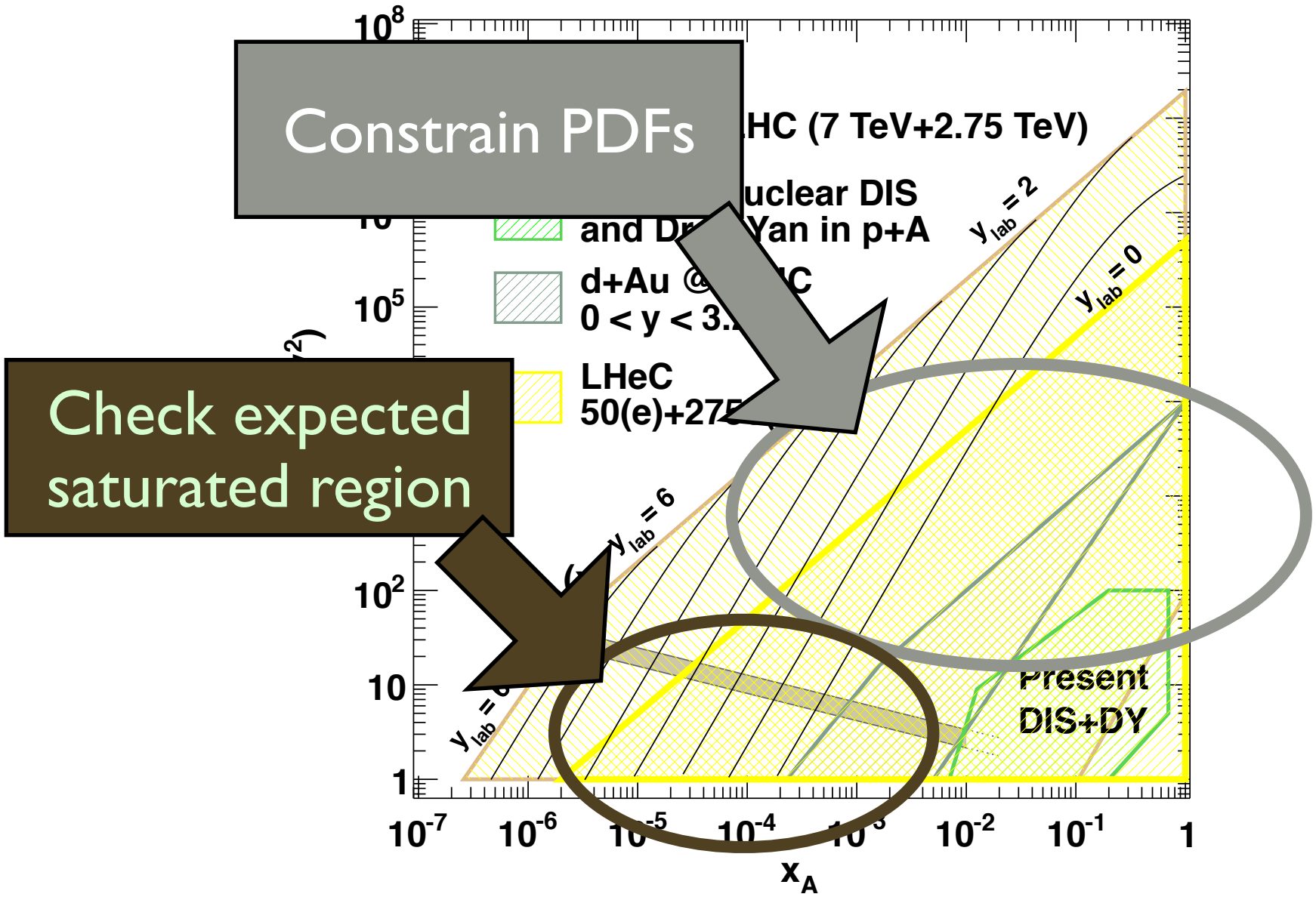
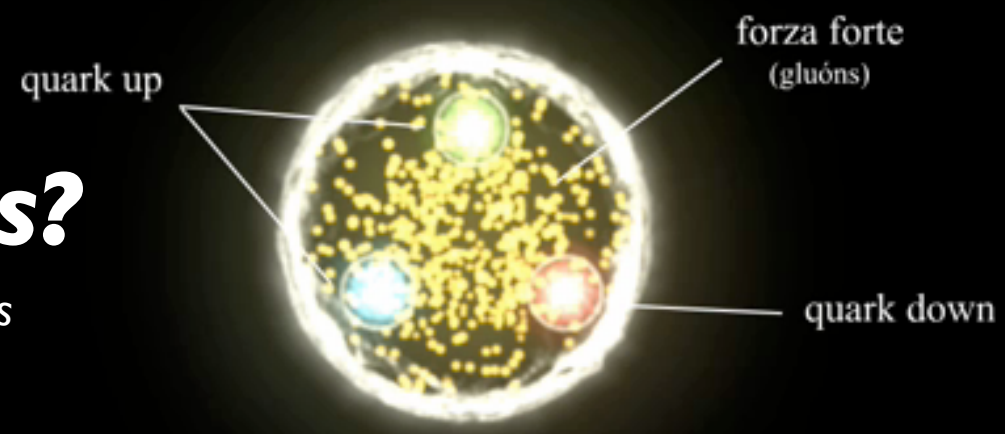


Why proton-nucleus?

[To study the structure of a large object make collisions with smaller objects (Rutherford experiment...)]



The proton structure is constrained by DIS + other data

- *HERA data of utmost importance*

Need pA to study the high-energy nuclear structure

- *DIS data is old (90's) and with limited range*
- *pA@LHC is the only experimental condition available before an eventual lepton-A collider (LHeC, eRHIC?)*
- *Needed as benchmark for the AA program*
- *High-density effects (saturation) enhanced in nuclei*

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DGLAP or not DGLAP

- *Saturation of partonic densities*
- *Resummation*
- *Signs of BFKL*

[For hot QCD studies this is an essential question: Initial state of the system]

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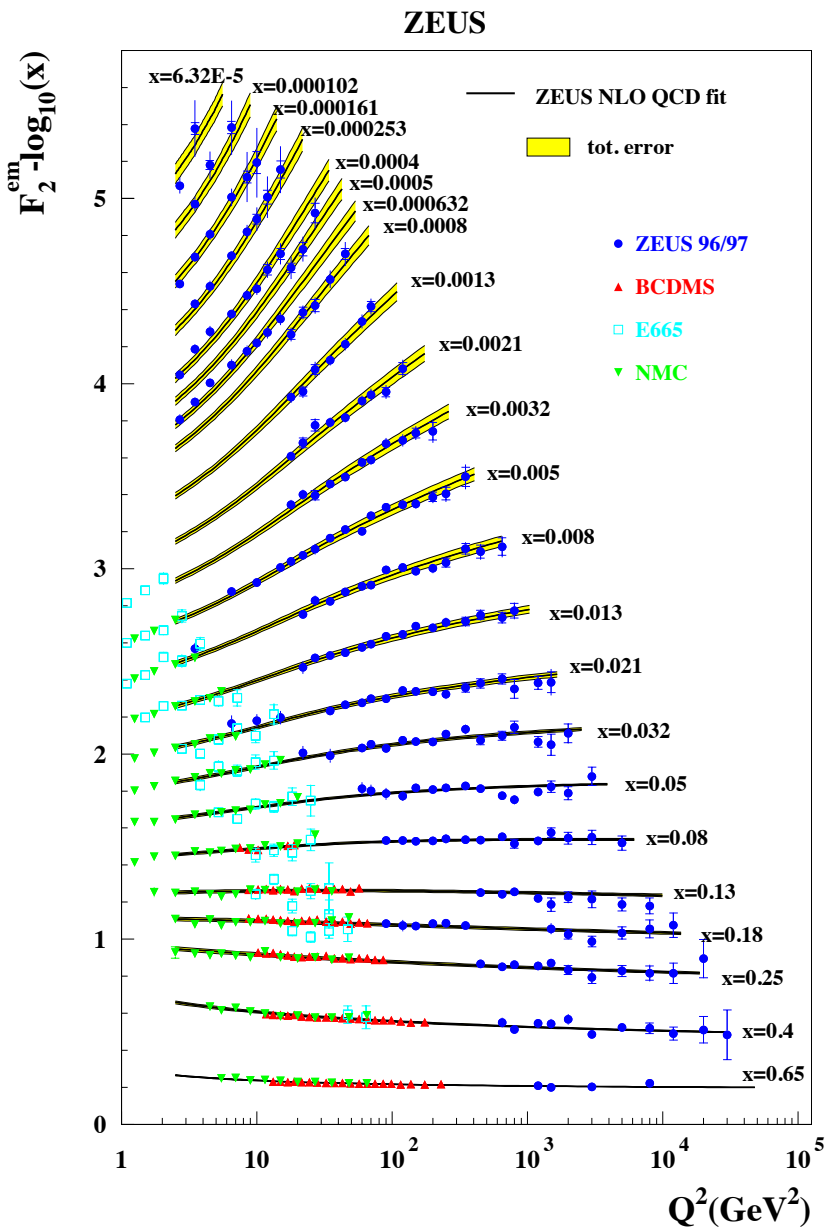

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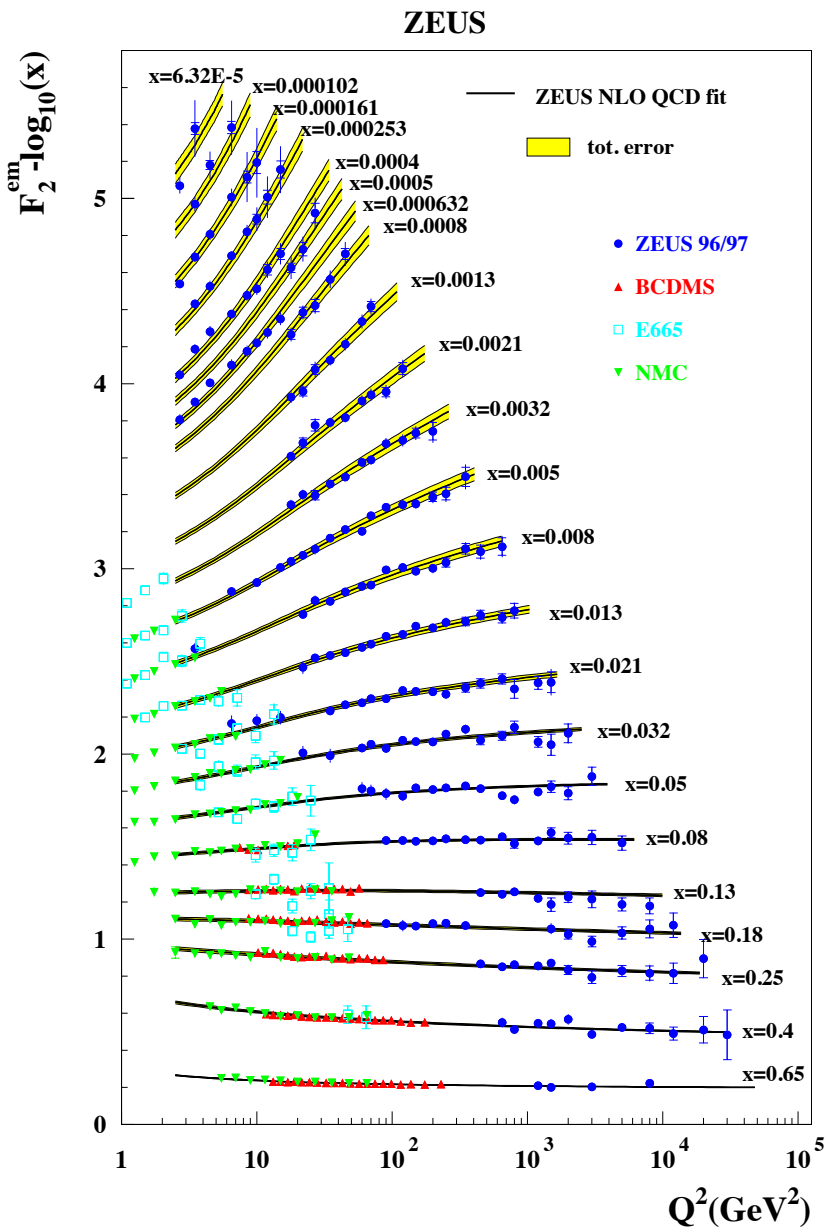

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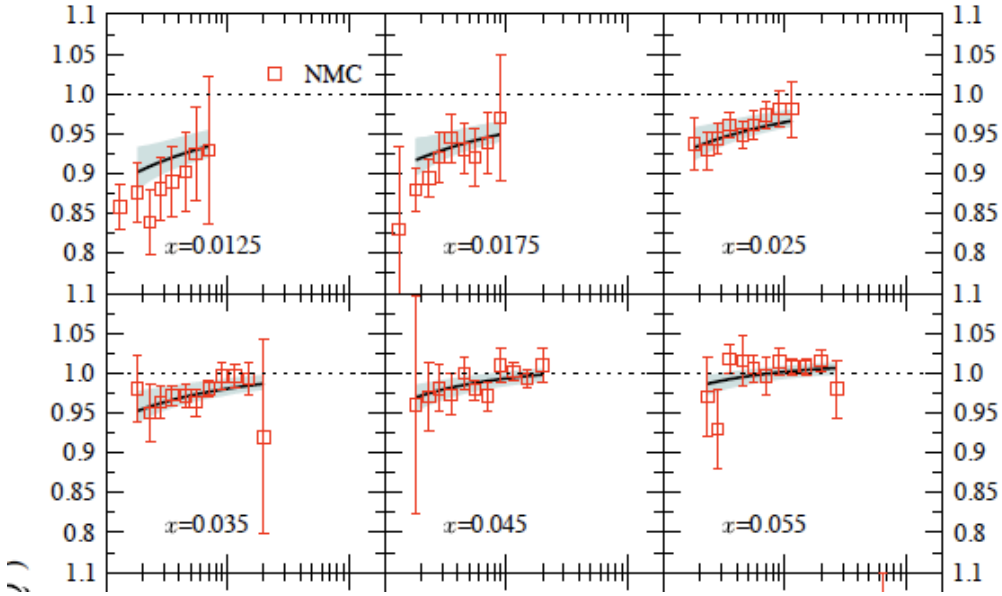


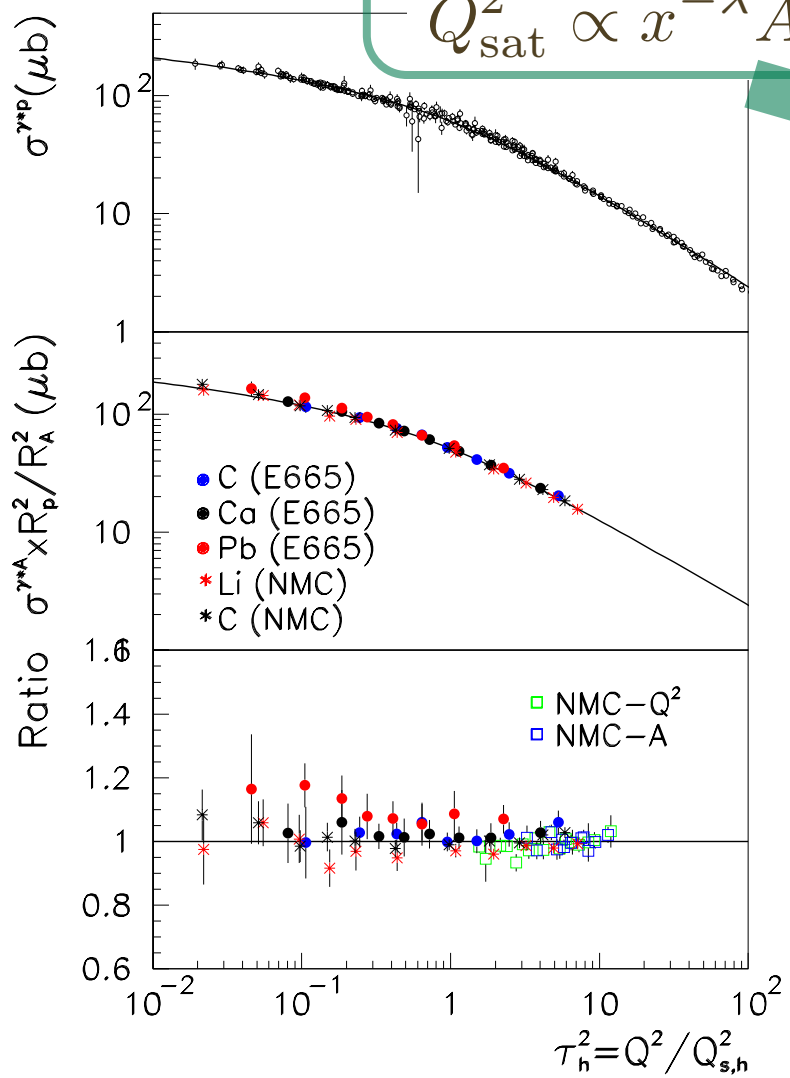
Also for nuclei

- Reduced amount of data

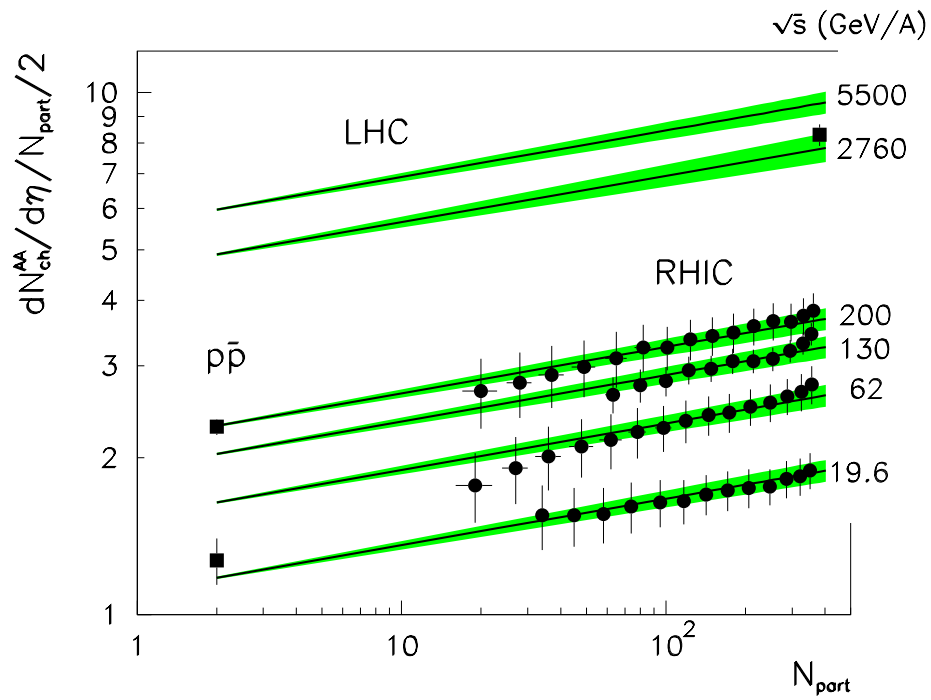
Geometric scaling as a qualitative signature

$$Q^2_{\rm sat} \propto x^{-\lambda} A^{1/3\delta}$$

$$\frac{2}{N_{\rm part}} \frac{dN^{AA}}{d\eta}\bigg|_{\eta\sim 0} = N_0 \sqrt{s}^{\lambda} N_{\rm part}^{\frac{1-\delta}{3\delta}}$$

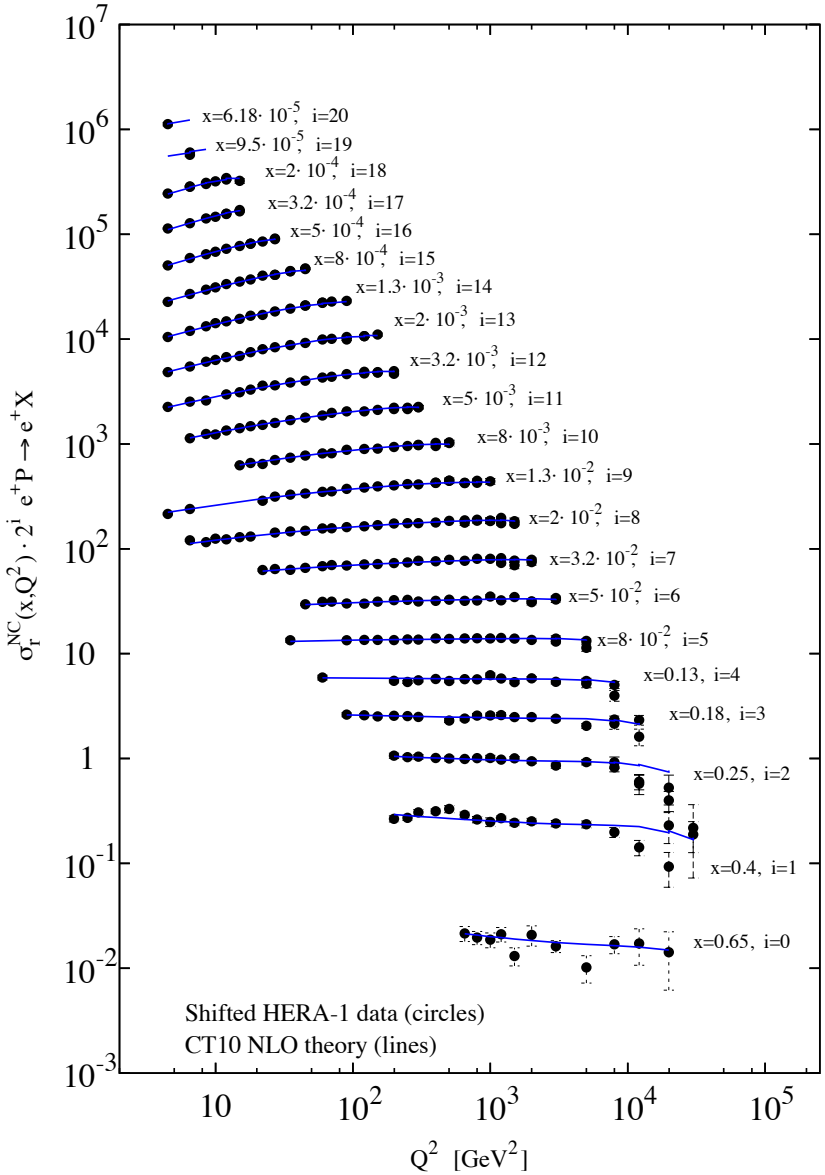


[Stasto, Golec-Biernat, Kwiecinski 2001; Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann 2004]



Energy and centrality dependences fixed by lepton-nucleus data

Combined HERA data: unprecedented precision



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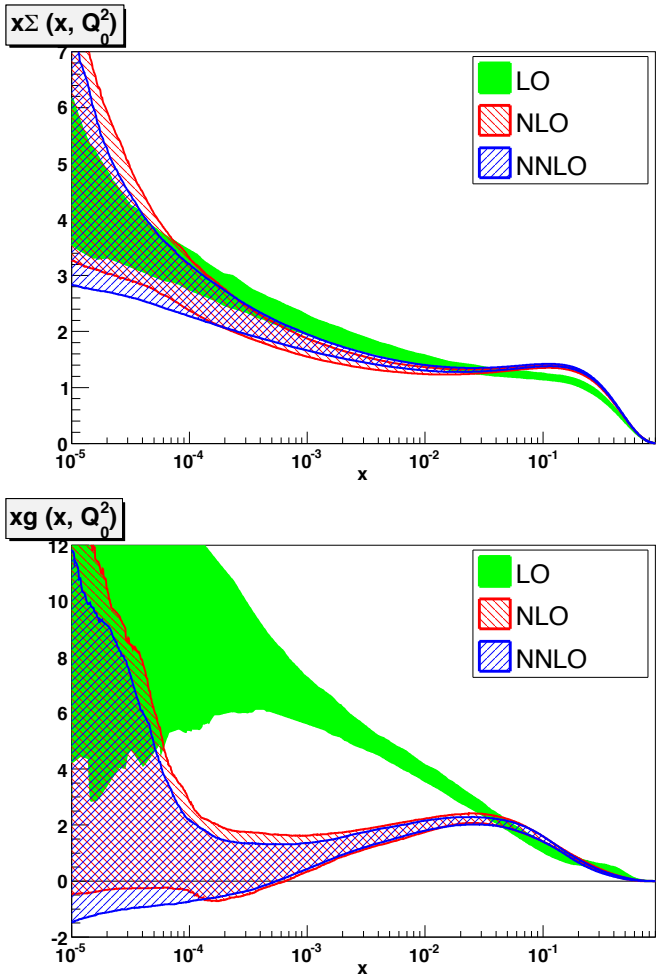

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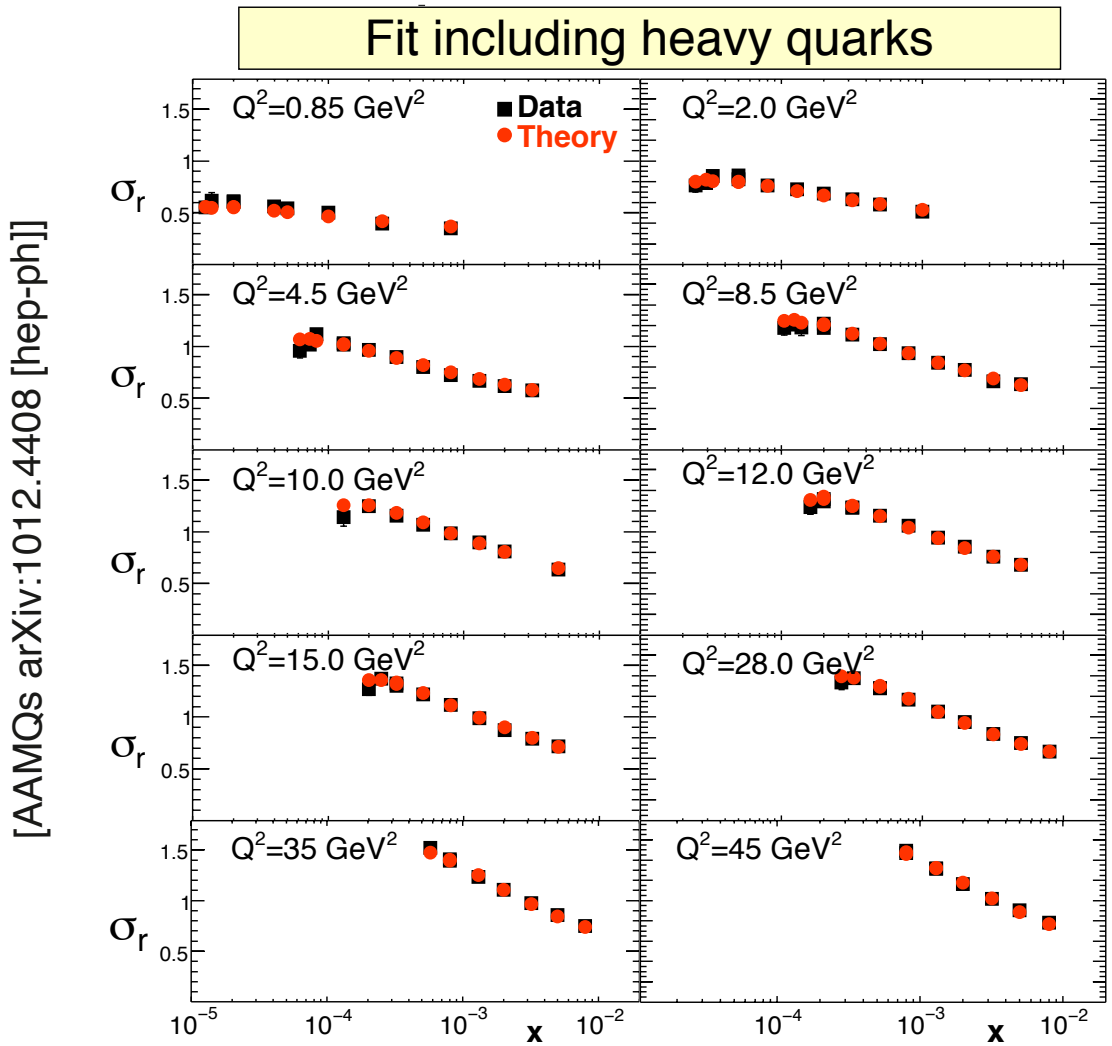
Still, uncertainties large at small-x

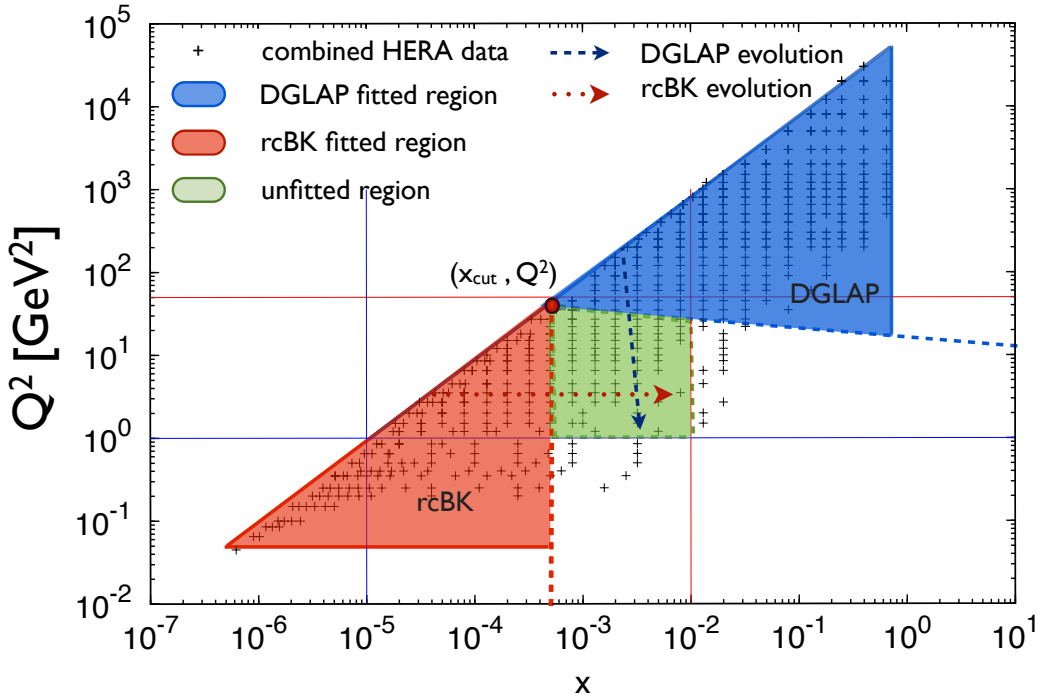
Non-linear BK equations also fit small-x



Fit with running coupling Balitsky-Kovchegov equations

Precision checks with HERA data

We find evidence for deviations which are qualitatively consistent with the behaviour predicted by small **x** perturbative resummation, and possibly also by nonlinear evolution effects, but incompatible with next-to-next-to-leading order corrections. [Caola, Forte, Rojo 2009]

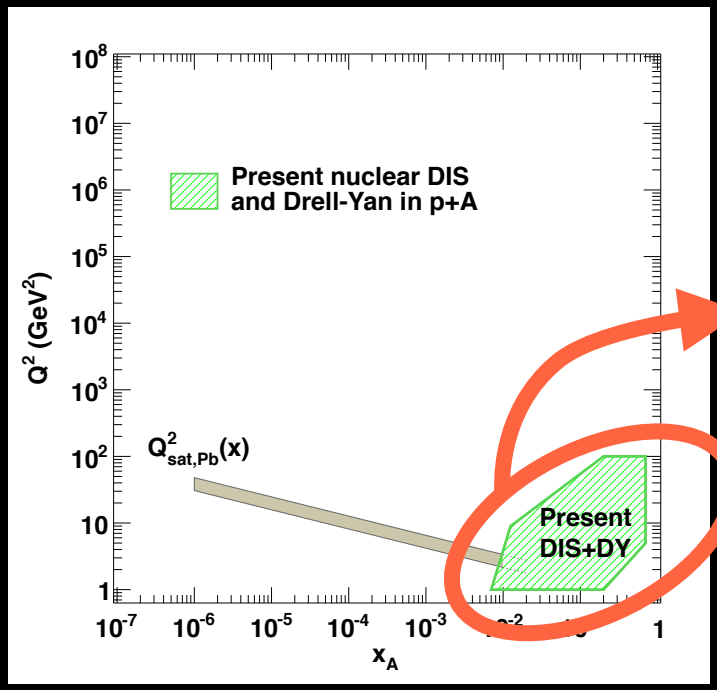


[Albacete, Milhano, Quiroga, Rojo 2012]

Excluding the small-x data from the fits would result in larger uncertainties at the LHC

nPDFs: global analyses. Status

- Main goals [Talks by R. Sassot and K. Kovarik]
  - Check the factorization of nPDFs for hard processes
  - Fix the benchmark for HI hot matter or saturation



EKS98 [Eskola, Kolhinen, Ruuskanen, Salgado 1998]

HKM [Hirai, Kumano, Miyama, 2001]

nDS [de Florian, Sassot, 2003]

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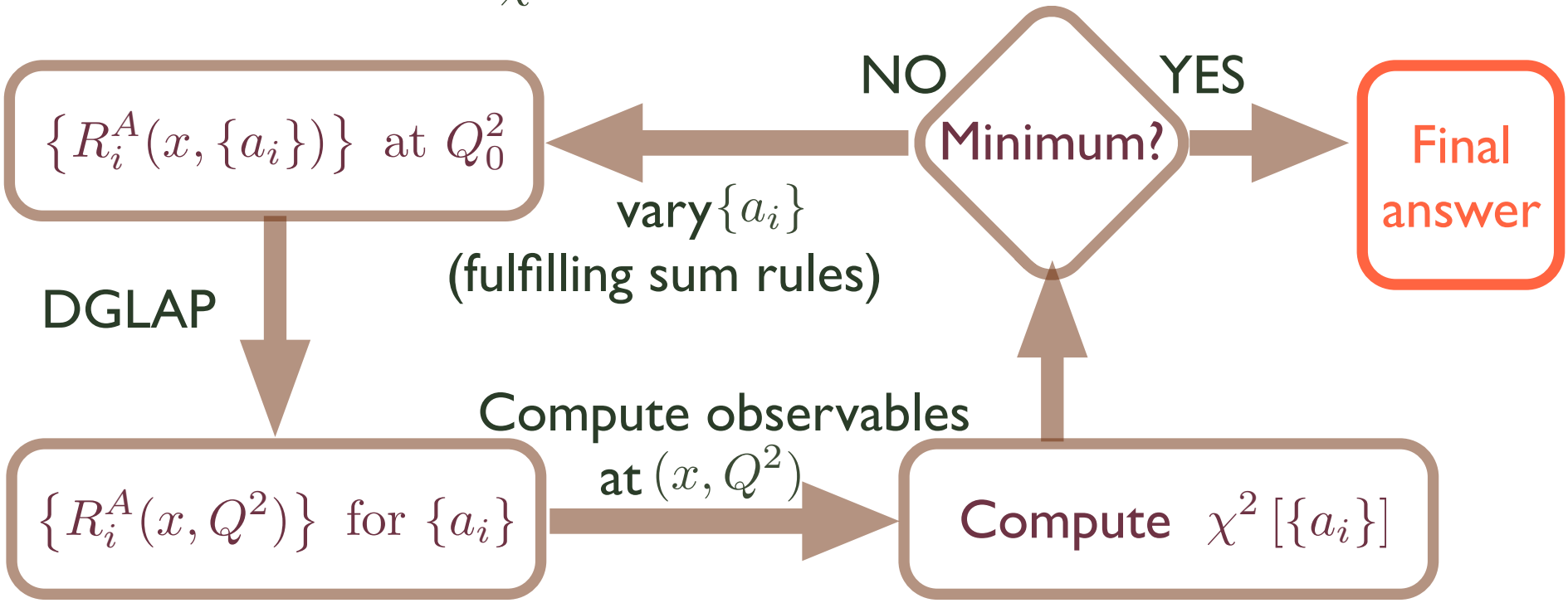
EPS08, EPS09 [Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado, 2008; 2009]

nCTEQ [Kovarik et al, 2011]

DSSZ [de Florian, Sassot, Stratmann, Zurita, 2011]

How?: follow free proton approach

- Cross sections computed in collinear factorization
- Define
$$R_i^A(x,Q^2) = \frac{f_i^A(x,Q^2)}{f_i^p(x,Q^2)}$$
- Using a known set for free protons (CTEQ, MRST....)
- and DGLAP evolution of the nuclear and free proton PDFs
- Find the minimum of χ^2



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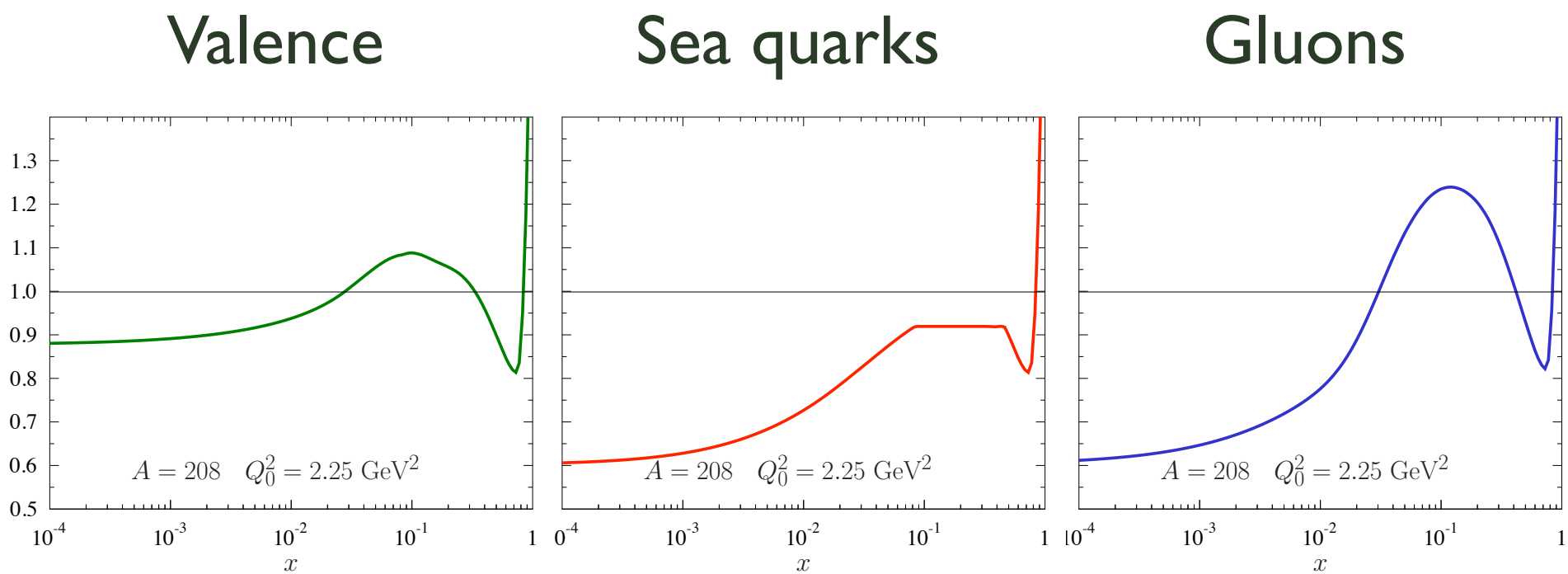

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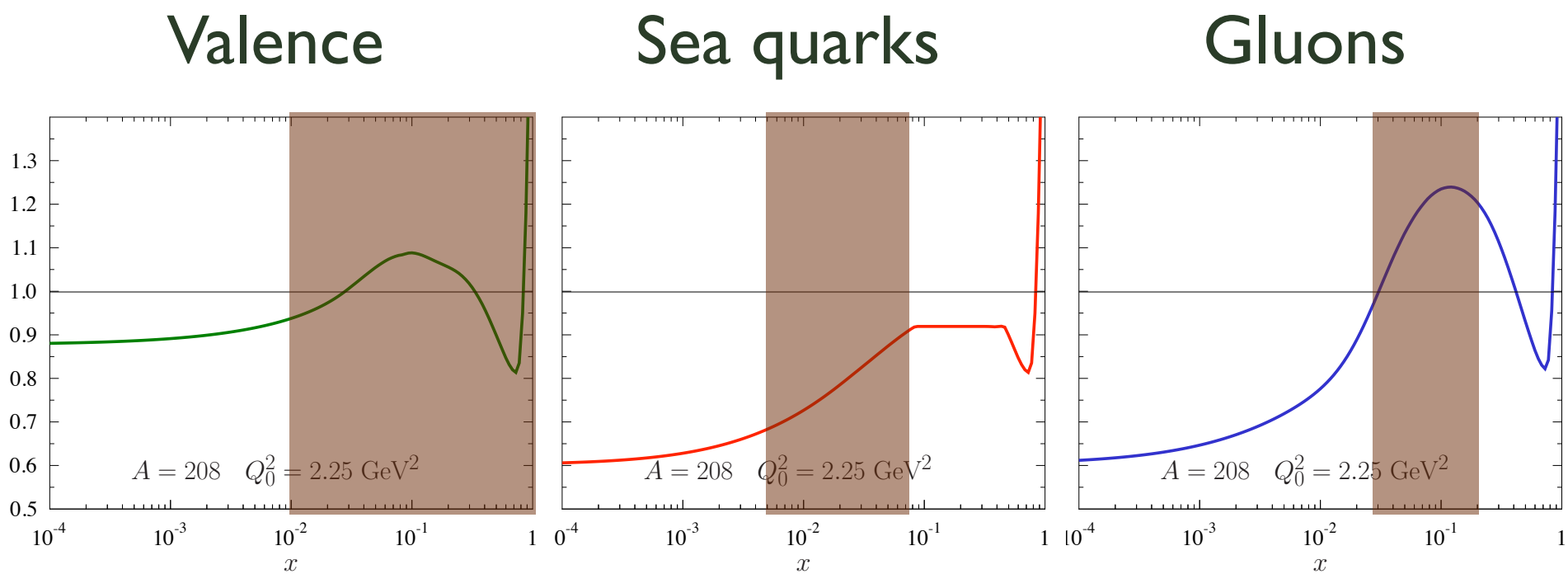

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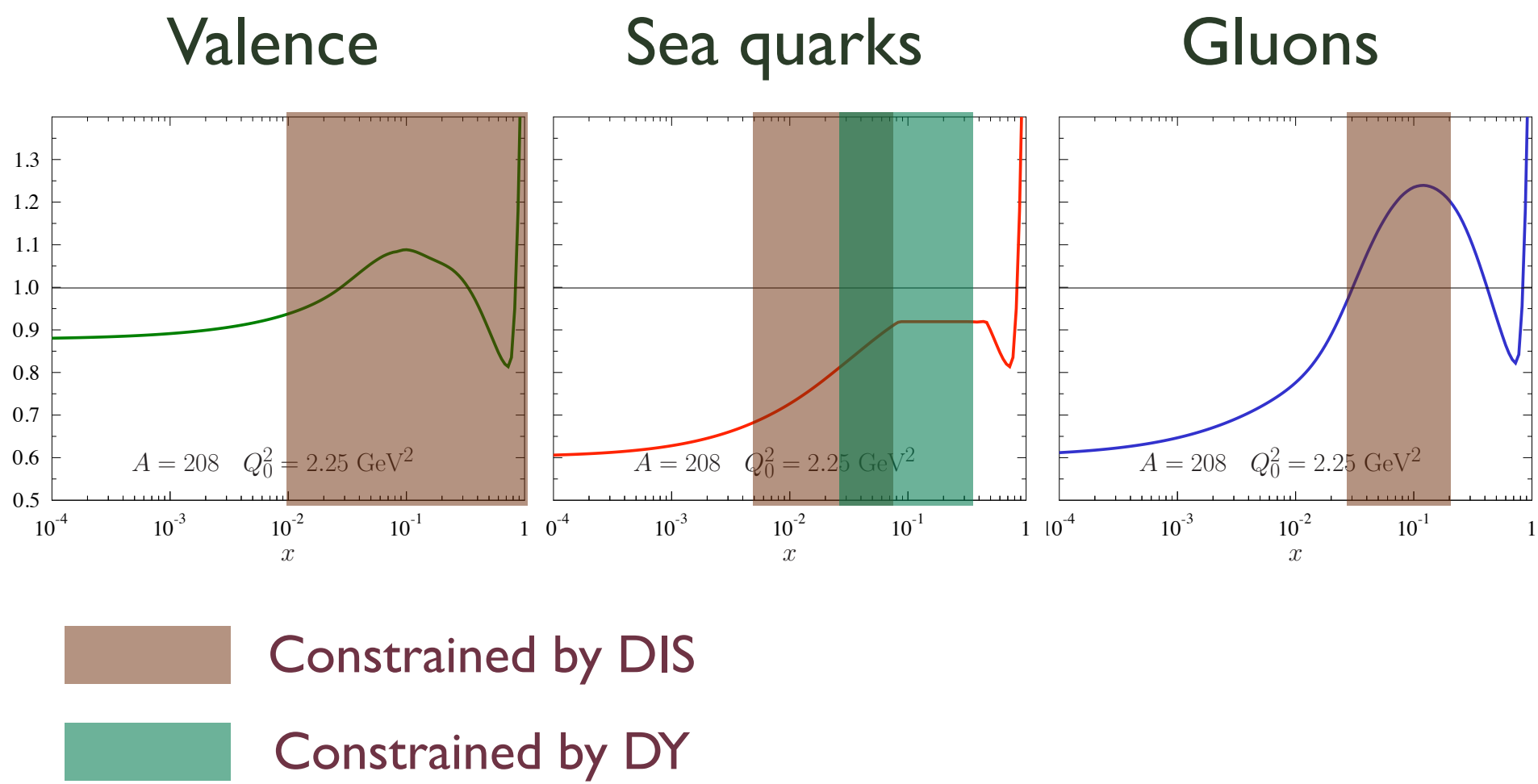

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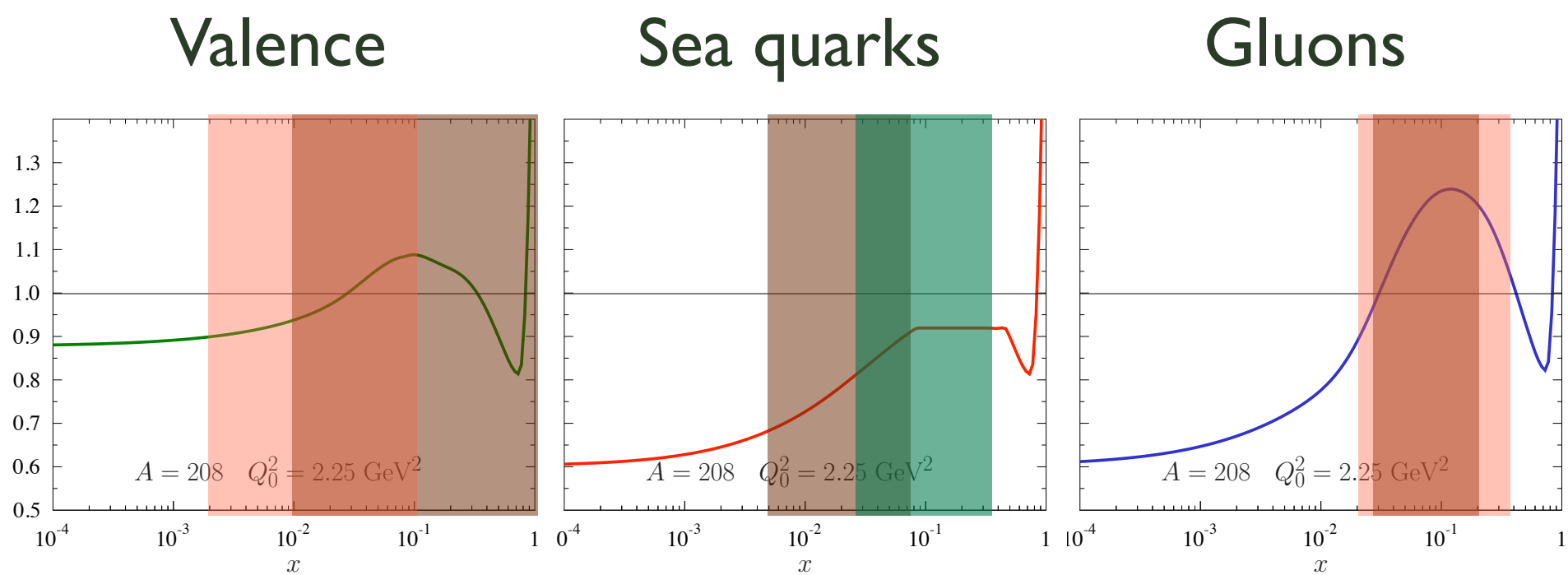

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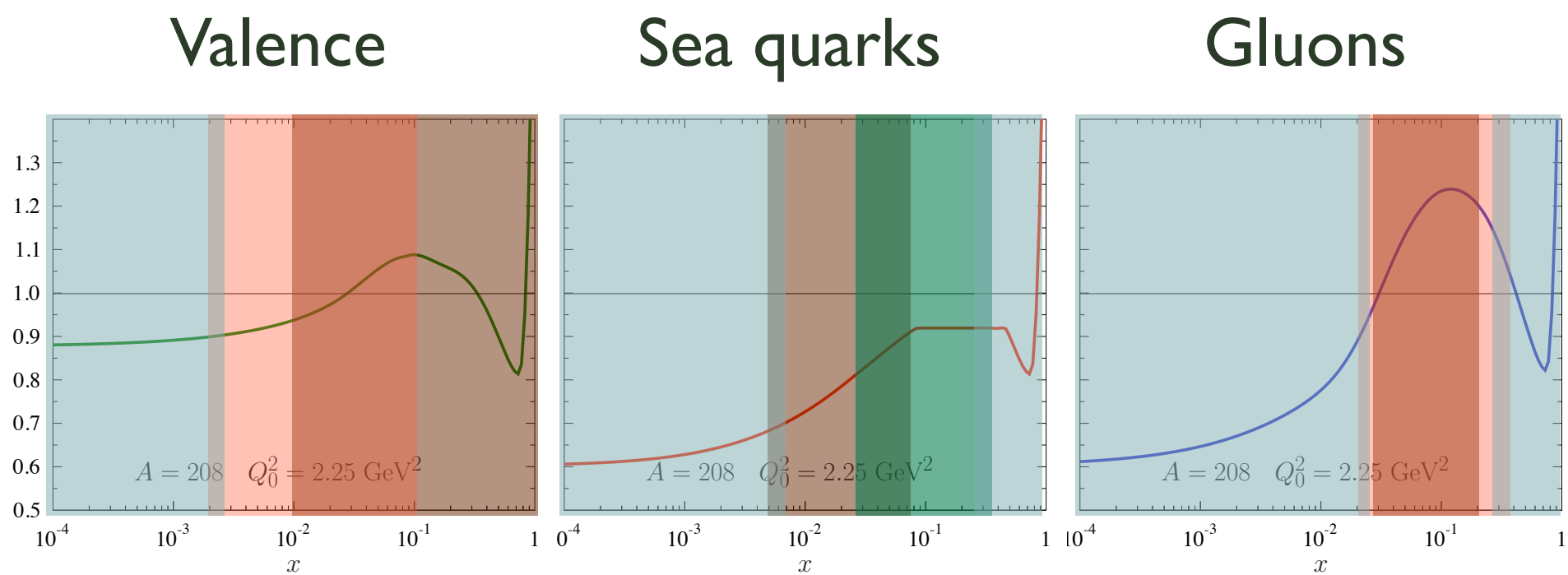

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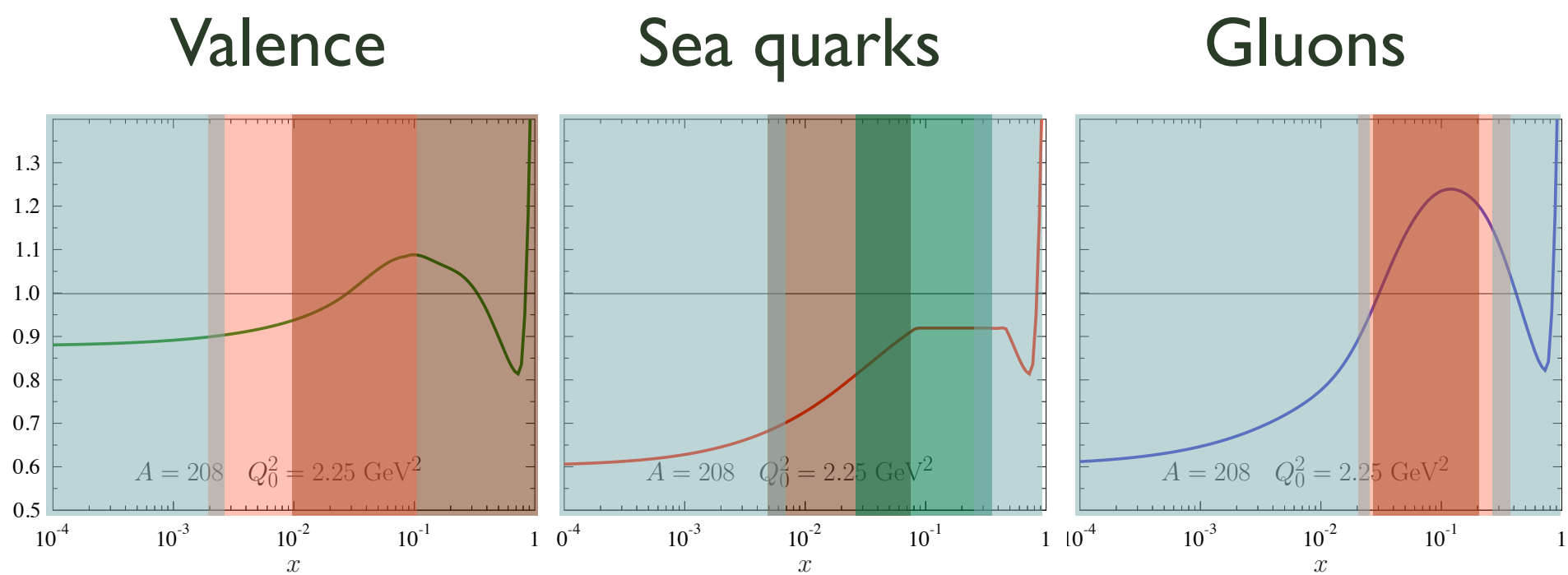


Constrained by DIS

Constrained by DY

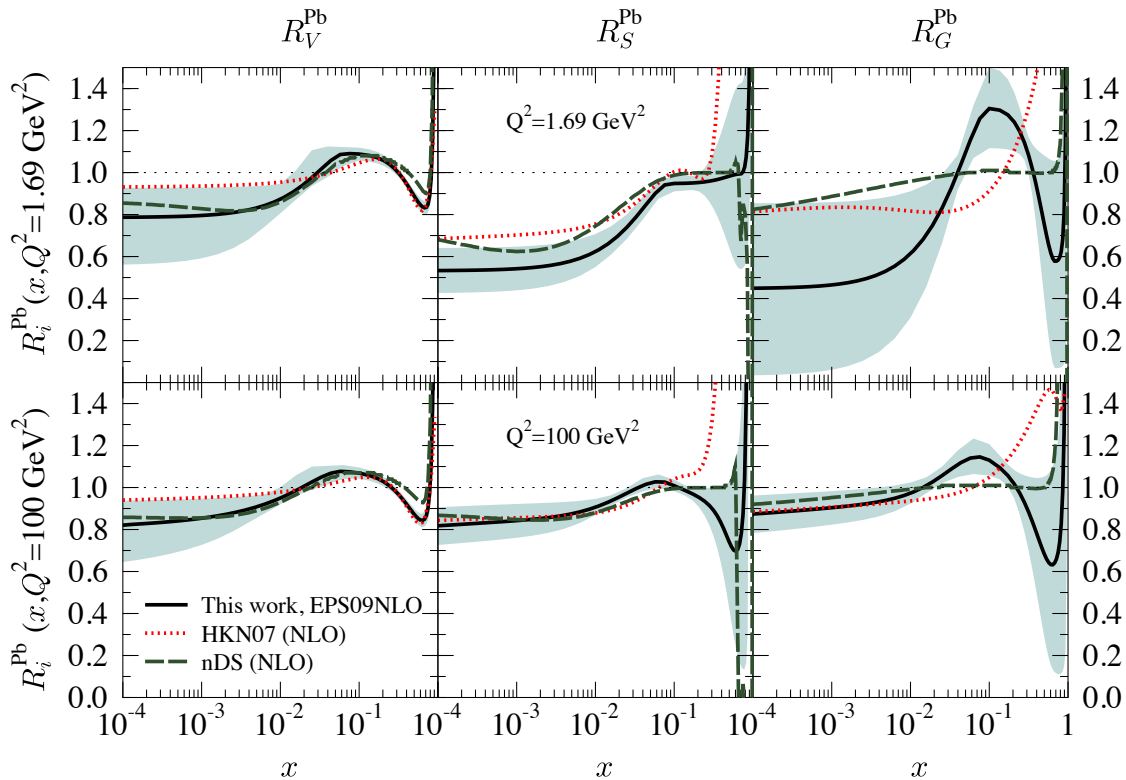
Sum rules and dAu@RHIC

Unconstrained

[these ranges are very approximative... but valid in general for other analyses]

Nuclear PDFs

- Initial conditions and error analysis for different NLO sets



	Chi^2/dof
EPS09	0.79
HKN	1.58
nCTEQ	0.89
DSSZ	0.99

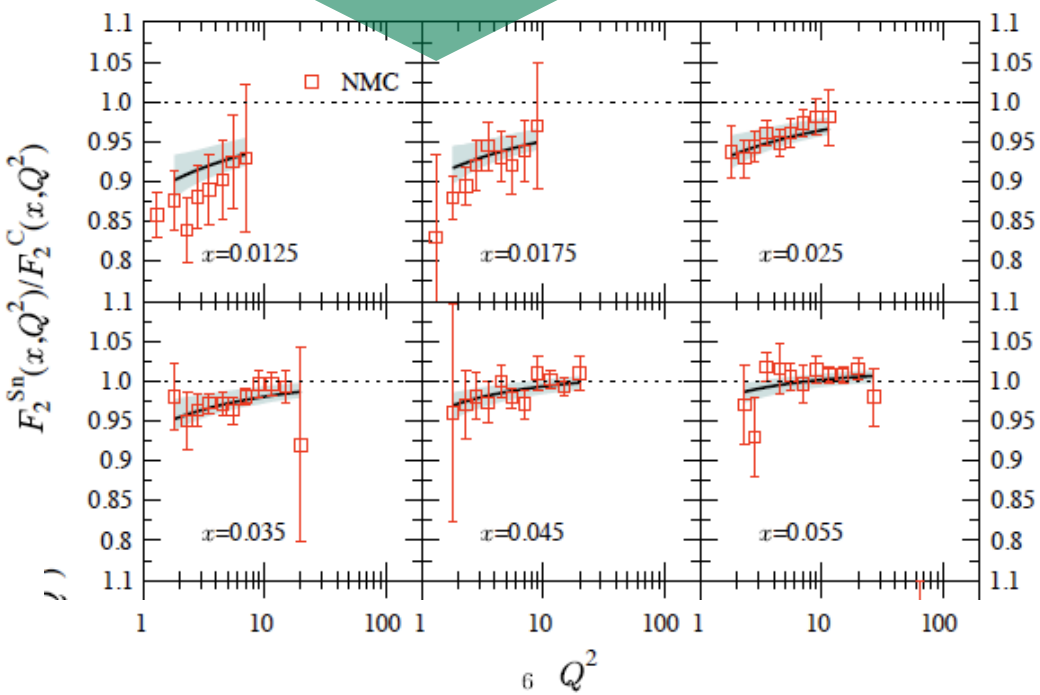
- Large uncertainties especially for gluons - smaller at large virtuality
- Notice that parametrization bias effects are present
  - Bands to be considered as lower bounds

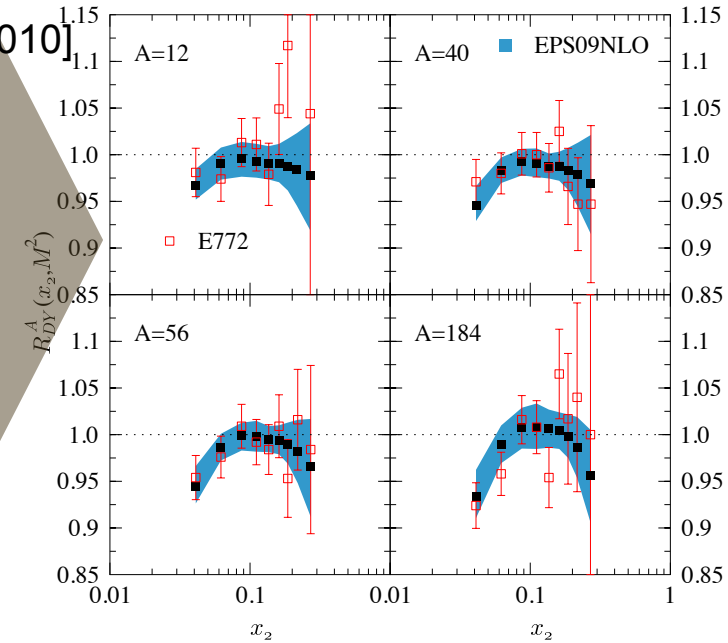
Comparison with data included in the fit

[Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado, 2010]

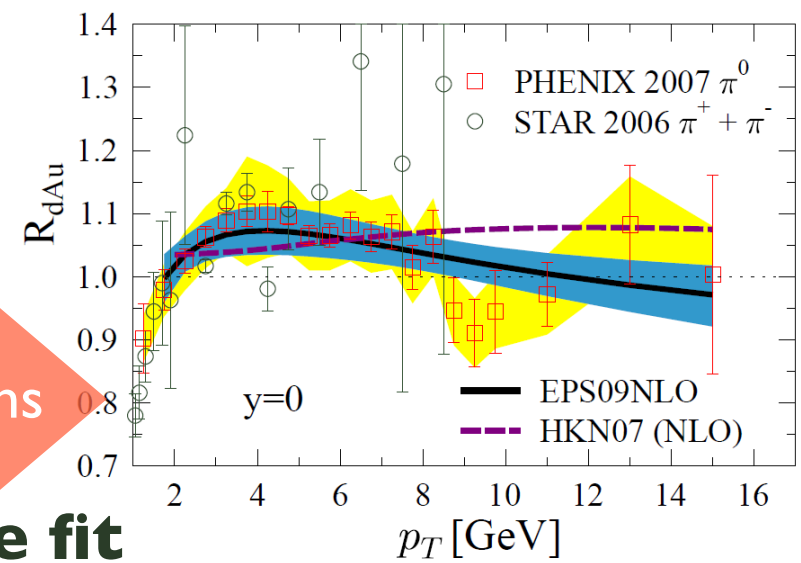
DIS
gluons

DY
sea quarks





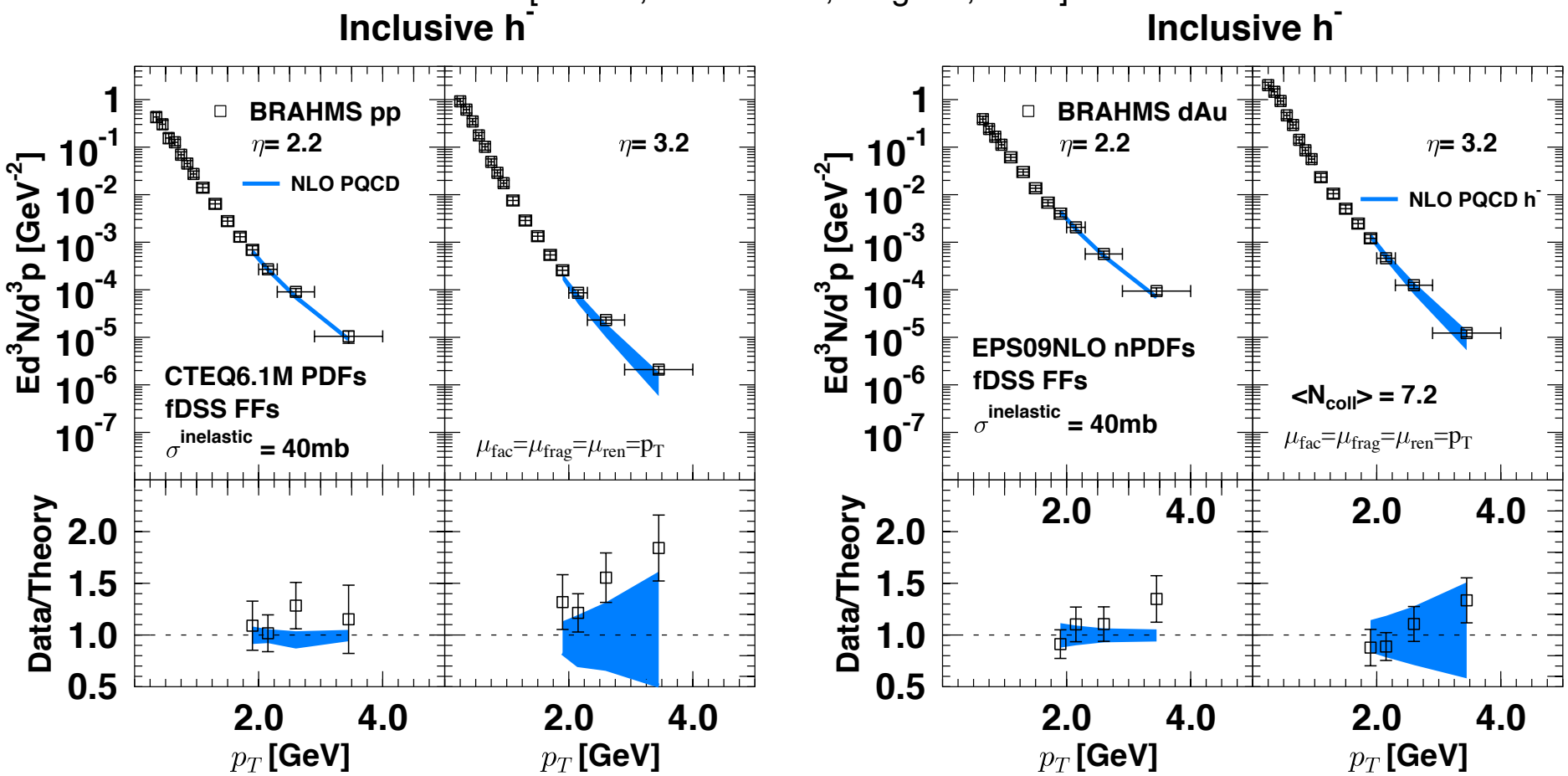
Inclusive pions. Constrain gluons



⇒ **No tension among data in the fit**

Checks of factorization: forward@RHIC

[Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado, 2010]



- Good description except for pp @ y=3.2
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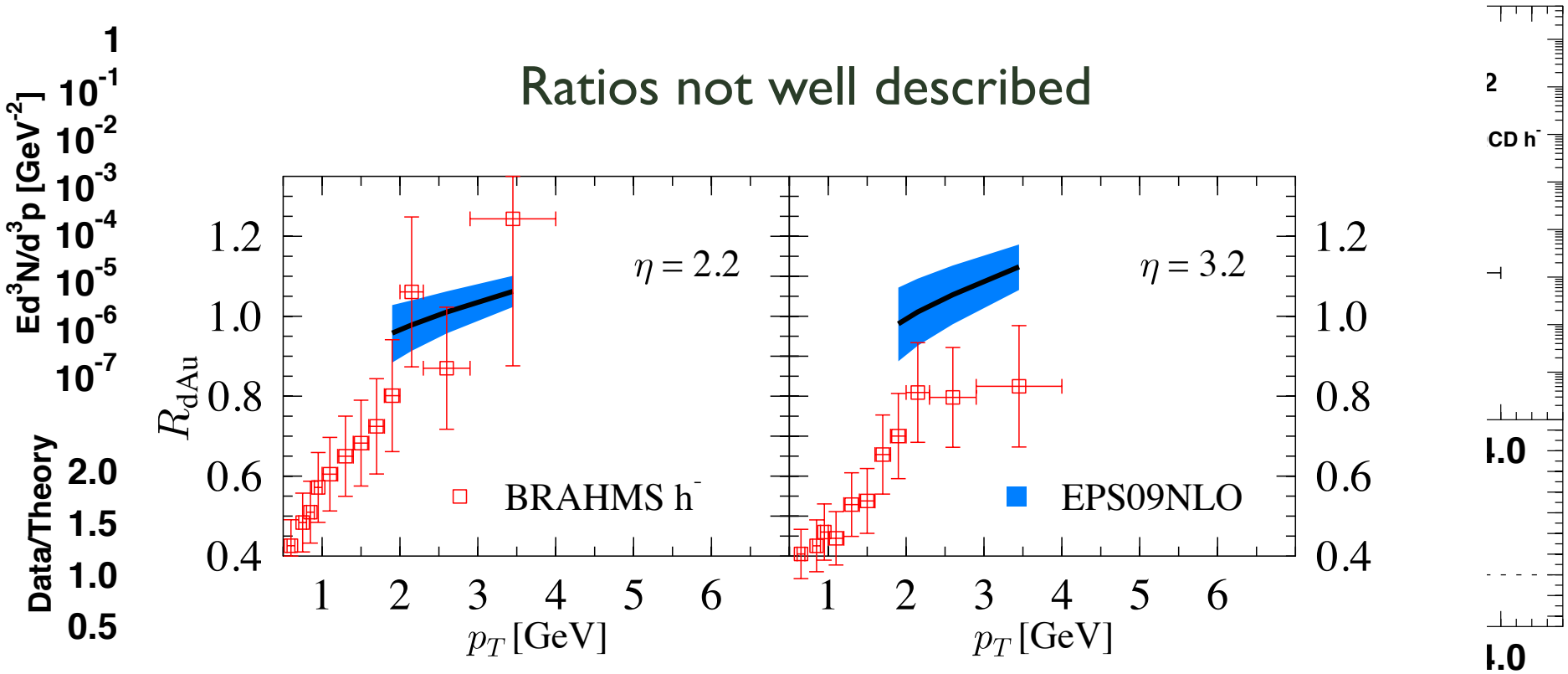
Ratios not well described



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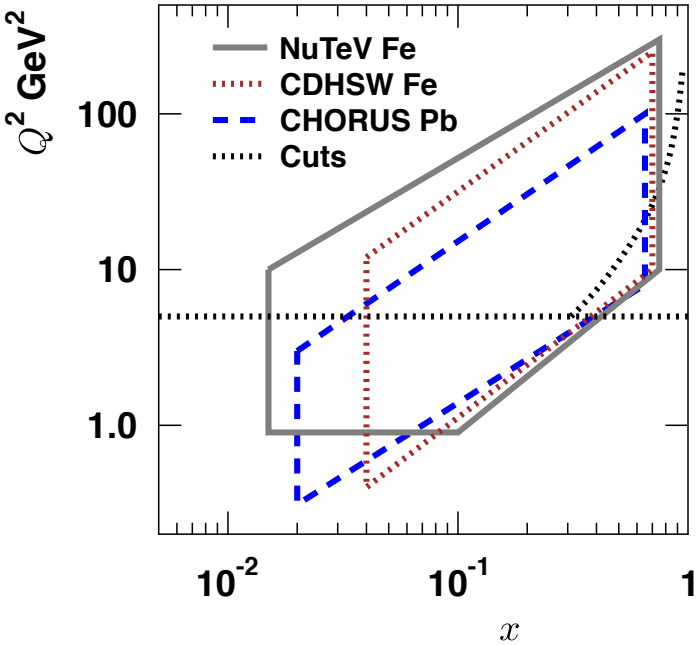
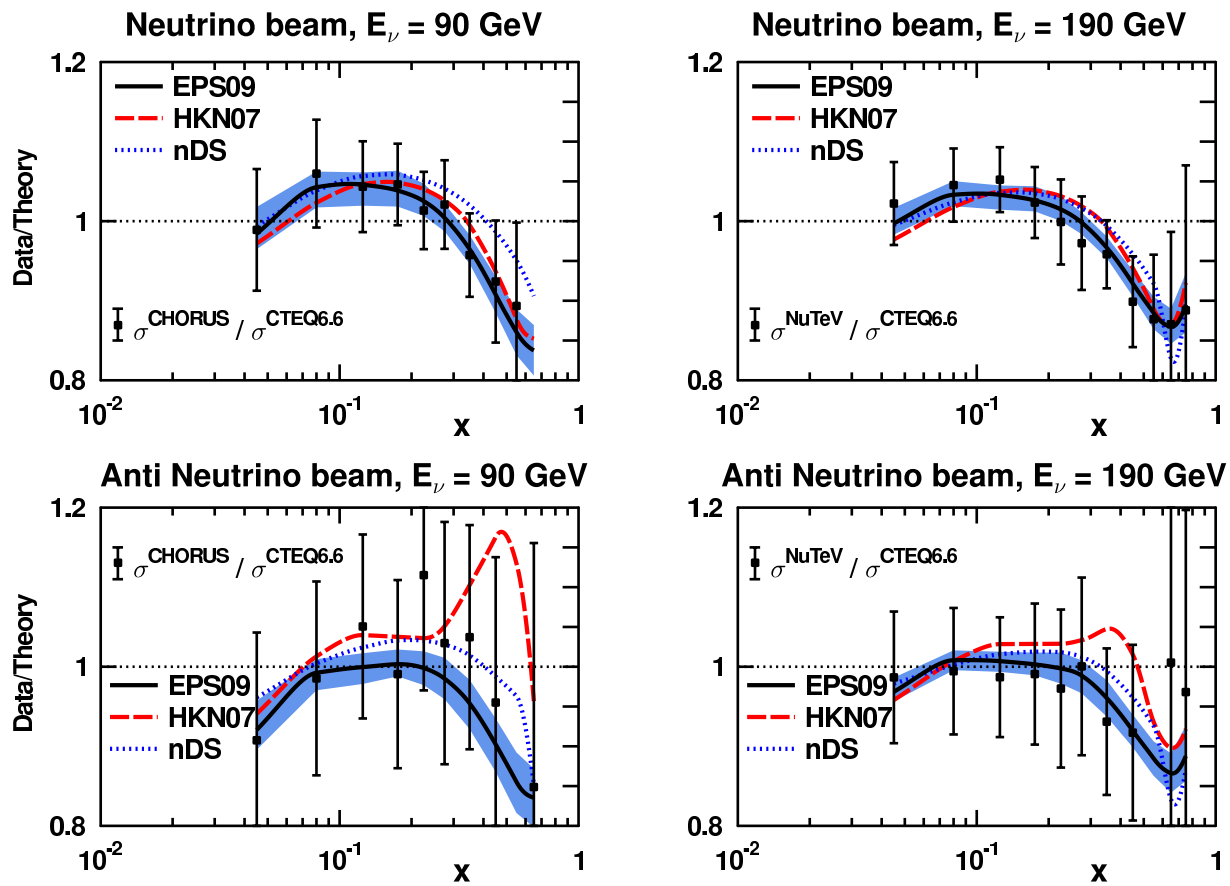
Additional checks of factorization: neutrino DIS





NuTeV: 2618 data
CDHSW: 1533 data
CHORUS: 1214 data

[Paukkunen, Salgado, 2010]

⇒ Non-trivial check (neutrino data not included in the fit)

↘ Result agrees with DSSZ (data included in the fit)

CONCLUSIONS

- Incompatibility of neutrino DIS with charged lepton DIS (?)
  - conclusions heavily rely on only NuTeV data - most precise
  - incompatibility a "precision" effect - the result changes e.g. when using uncorrelated errors
  - tension in NuTeV data → high χ^2 of the fit to NuTeV alone → problem of NuTeV data ?
  - NOMAD data can help decide

- The impact of nuclear PDF from neutrino DIS on proton PDF
  - how does the incompatibility of neutrino DIS impact the uncertainty of strange quark PDF ?

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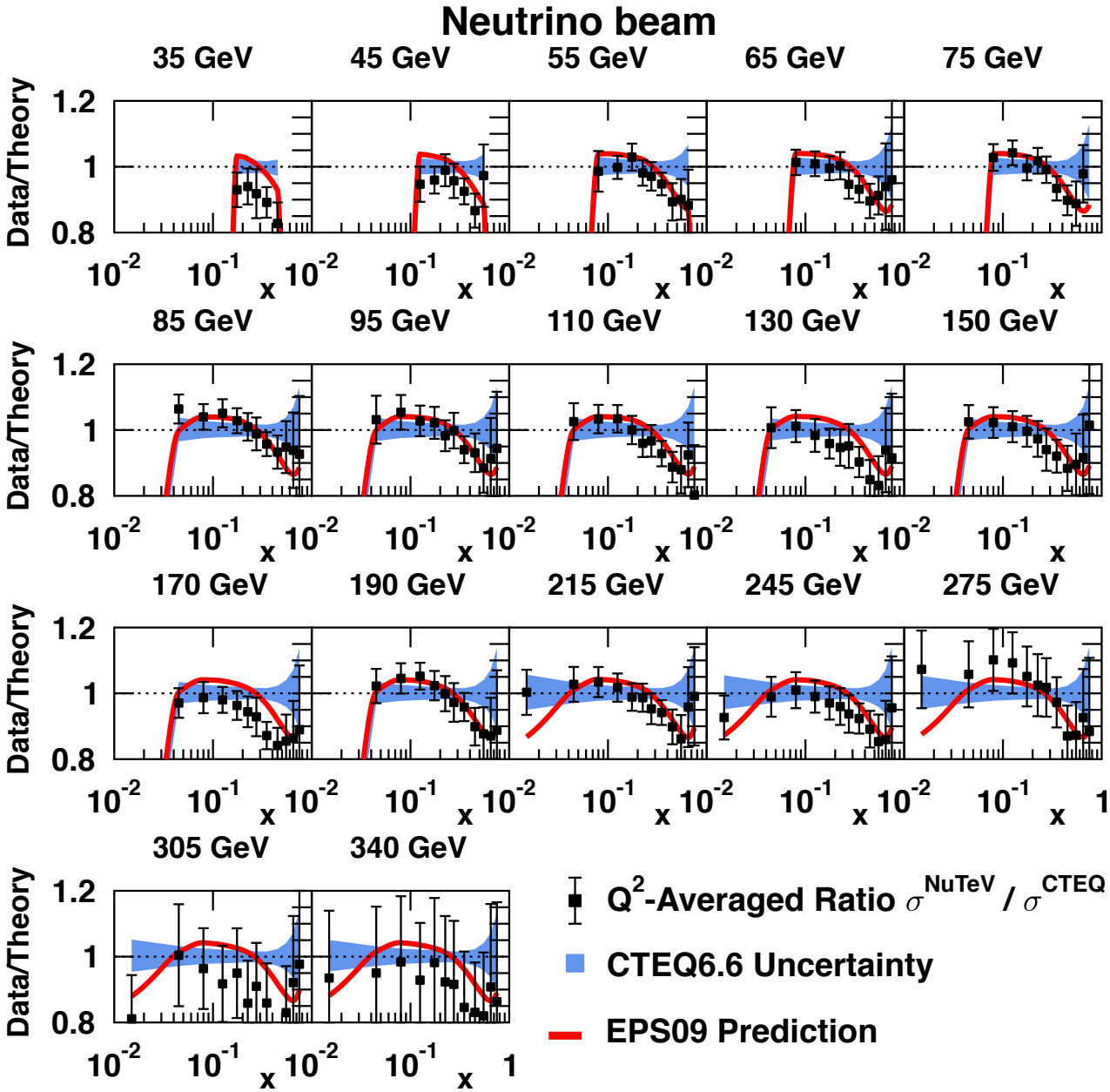
More on neutrino DIS: NuTeV



Our analysis points to systematic differences in NuTeV data as a function of the neutrino energy

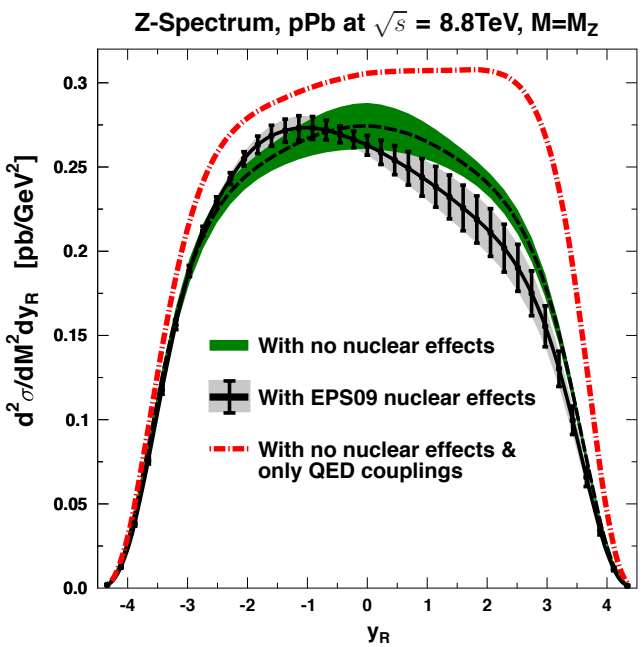
[only present for neutrino and for NuTeV]

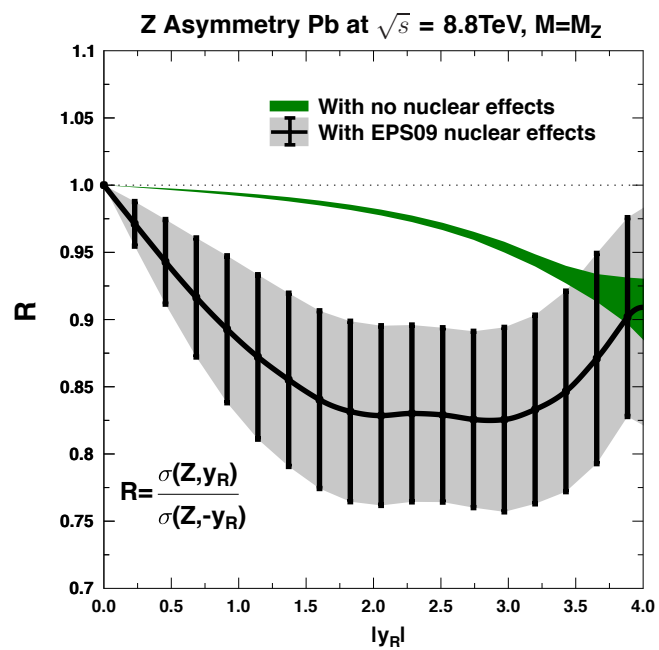
This cannot be fixed by nuclear PDFs

[Notice: ratios with **theoretical** proton DIS. CTEQ6.6 used here]

W/Z bosons in pA: a very promising tool

- The rapidity asymmetry in pA can be exploited for nPDF studies





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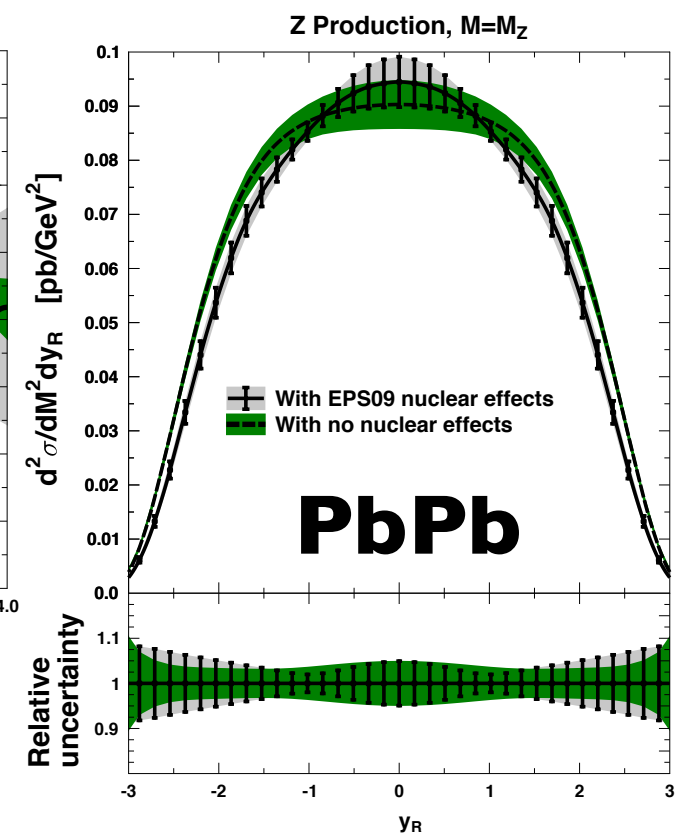

- Small isospin effects on Z production
  - Asymmetry provides constraints **without pp reference**
  - PbPb much less constraining

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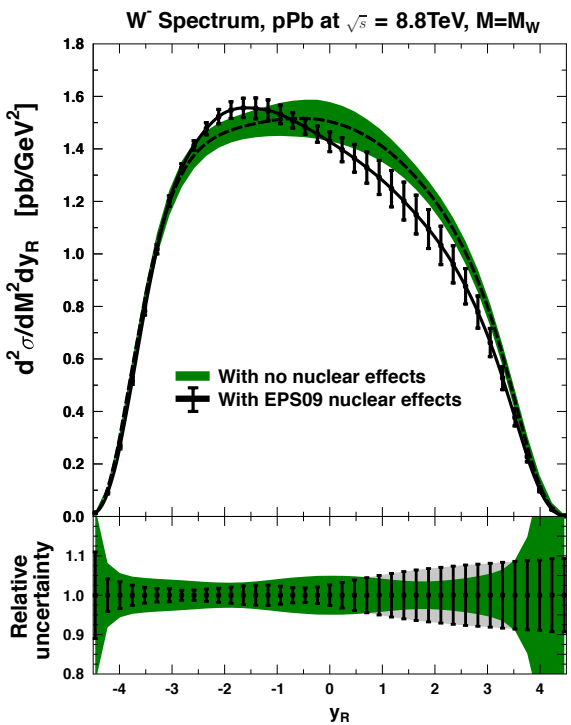
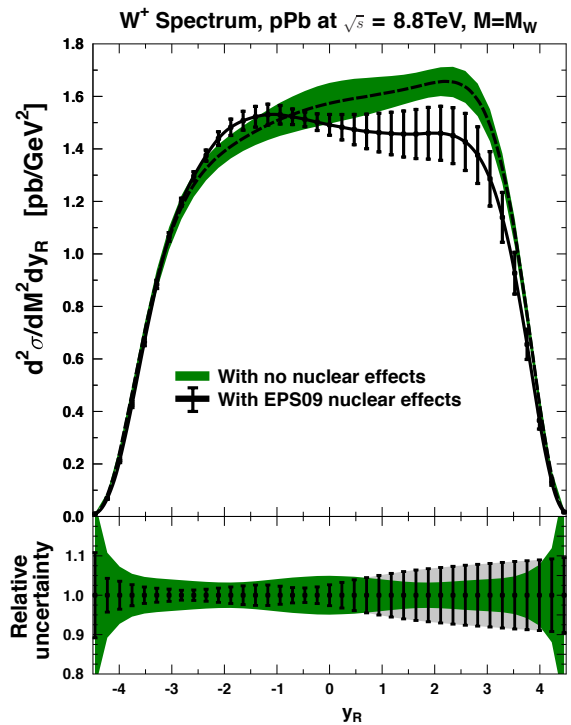
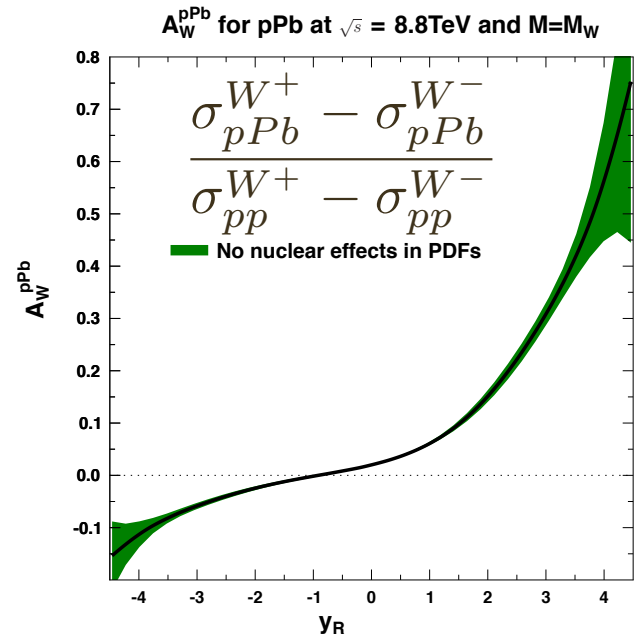
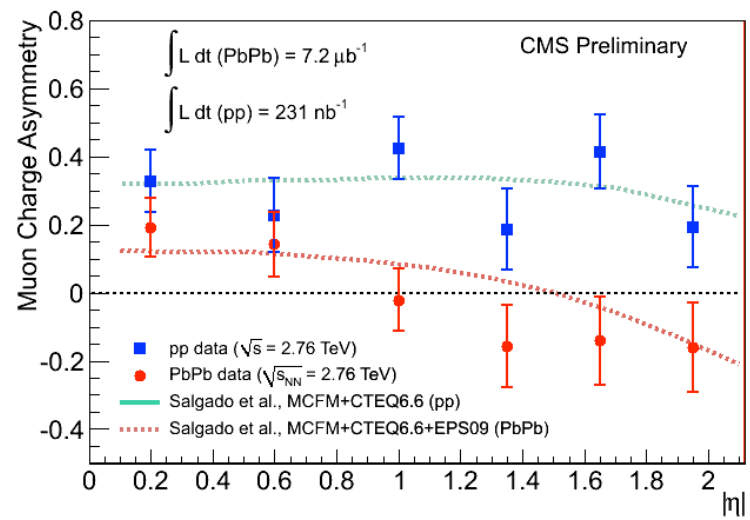








Isospin effects important in W production

pA useful for proton PDFs fits?

DGLAP global fits provide the technology

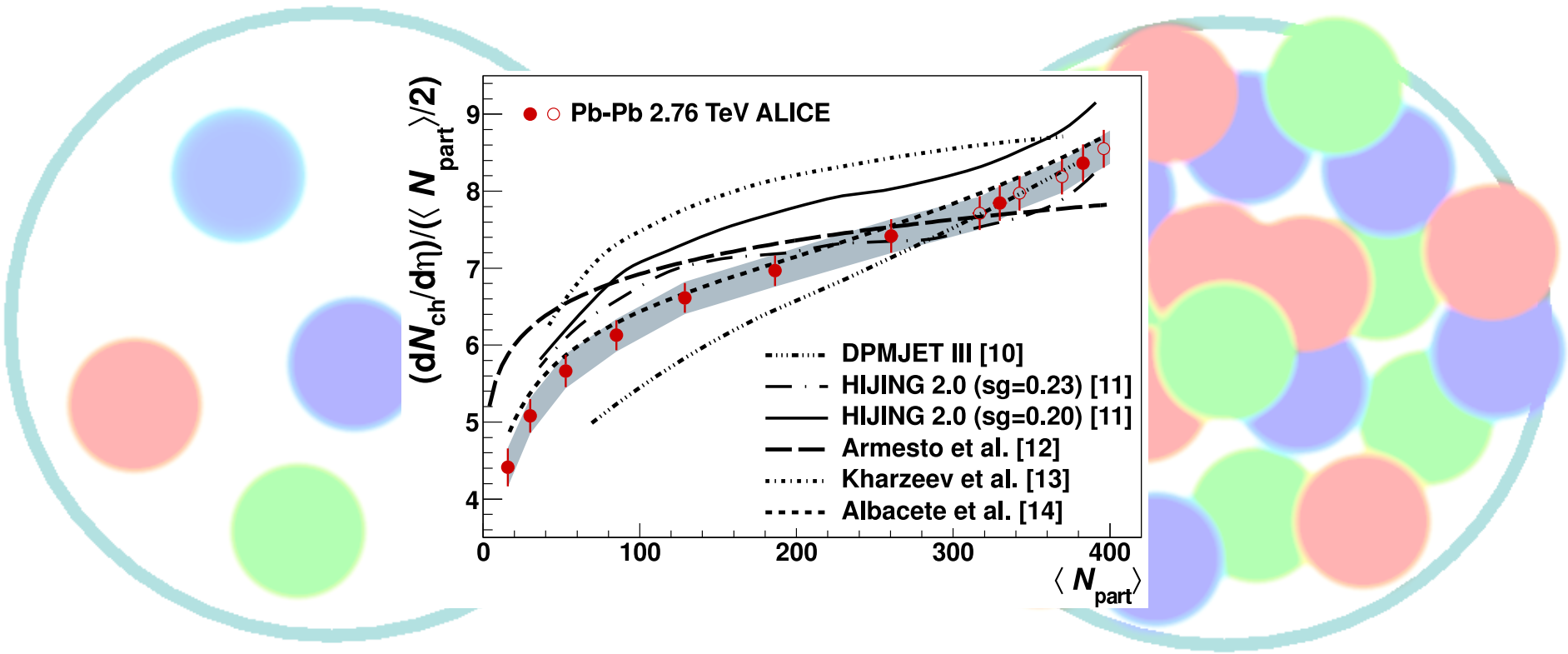
- *One of the most standardized methods in HEP*

Provide the data and checks of (collinear) factorization will be performed

- *(& sets of nPDF released)*

Saturation of partonic densities

(Color Glass Condensate)

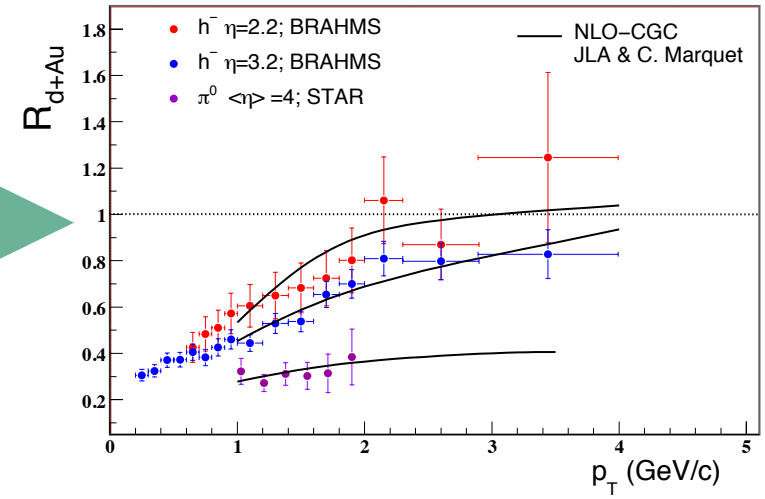


pA as a benchmark for the bulk particle production

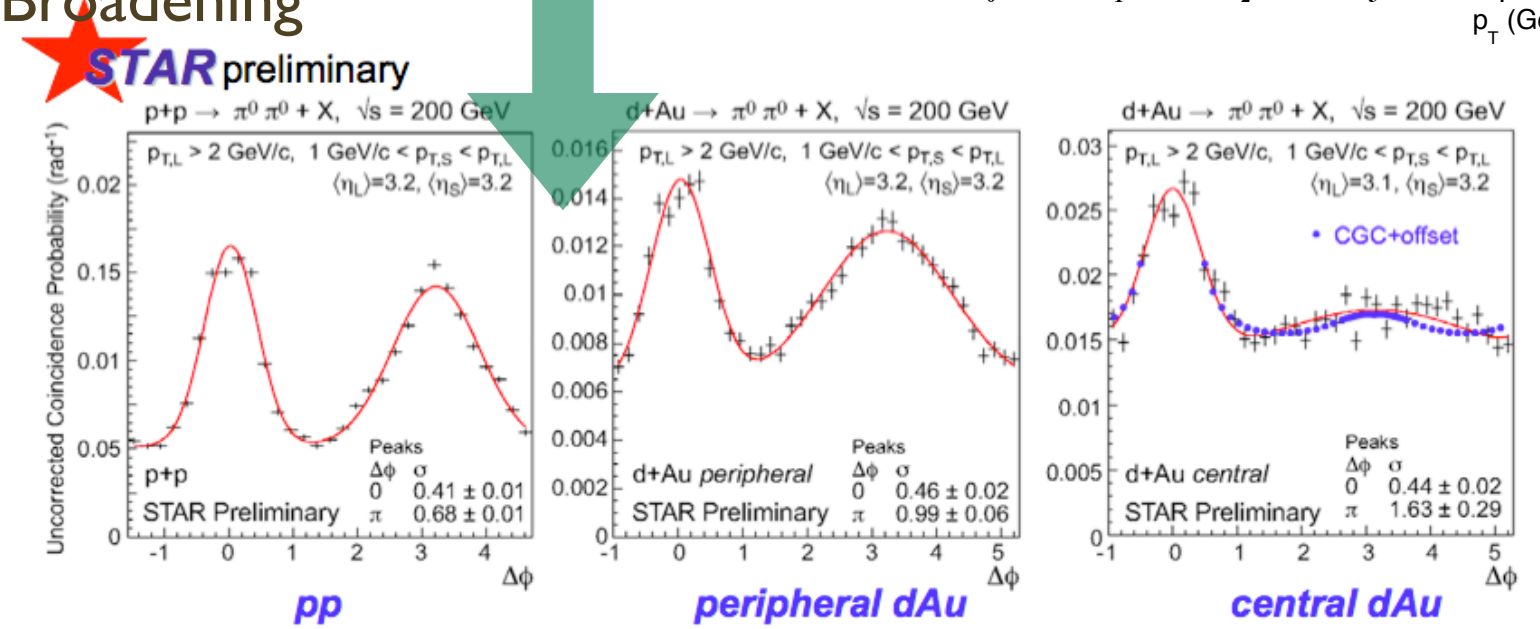
Only theoretically controlled tool to compute the initial state of the system (essential for Hot QCD phenomenology)

Hits of saturation: RHIC@forward rapidities

- Suppression of yields
  - Small-x evolution

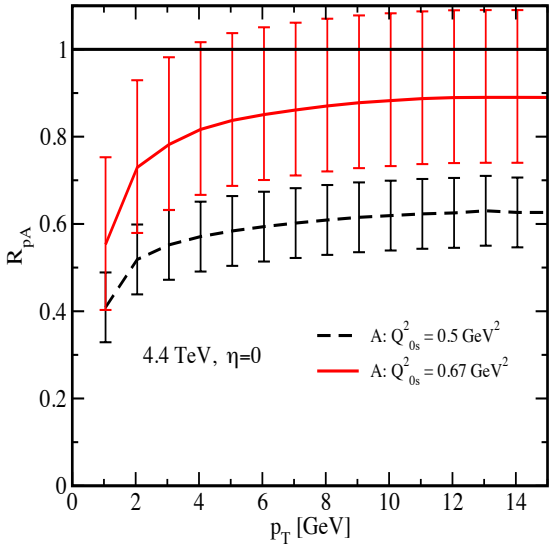


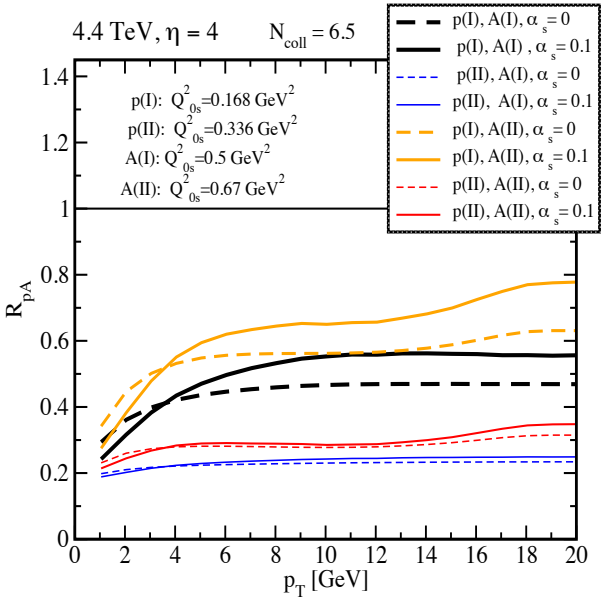
- Disappearance of back-to-back
  - Broadening



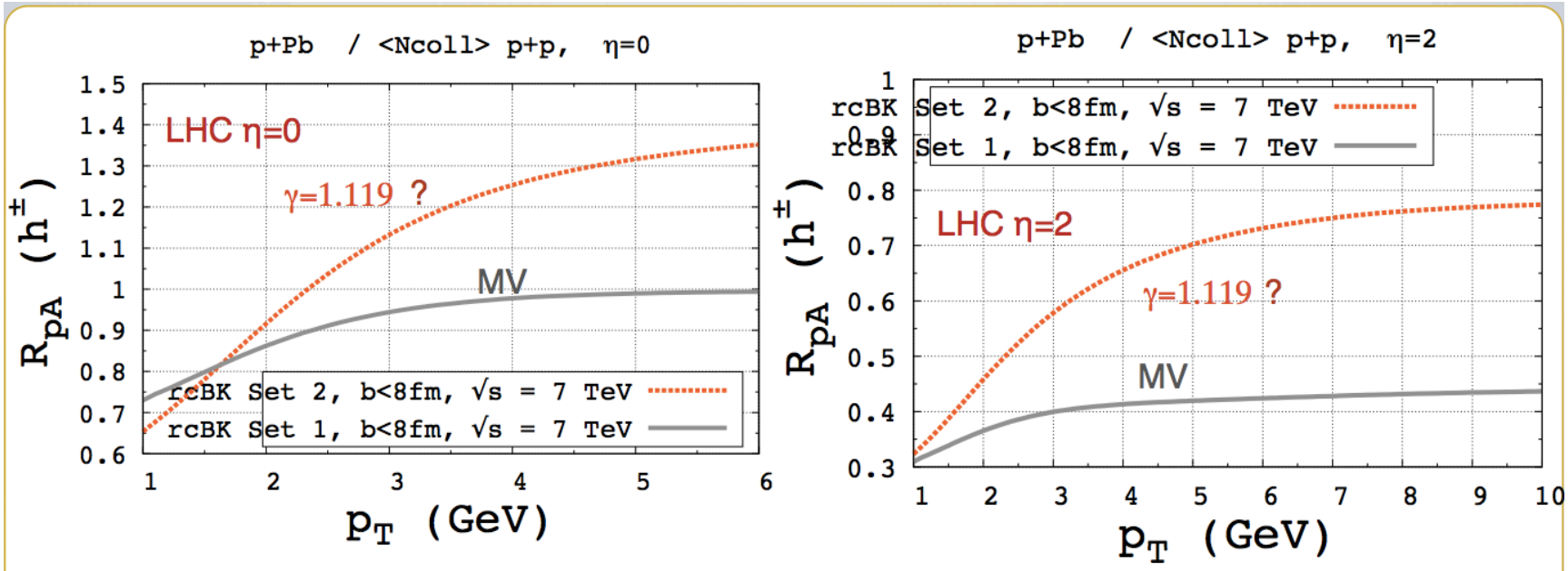
- PHENIX: forward-forward and central-forward studied

Extrapolation to pA@LHC





[Jalilian-Marian, Rezaeian 2011]



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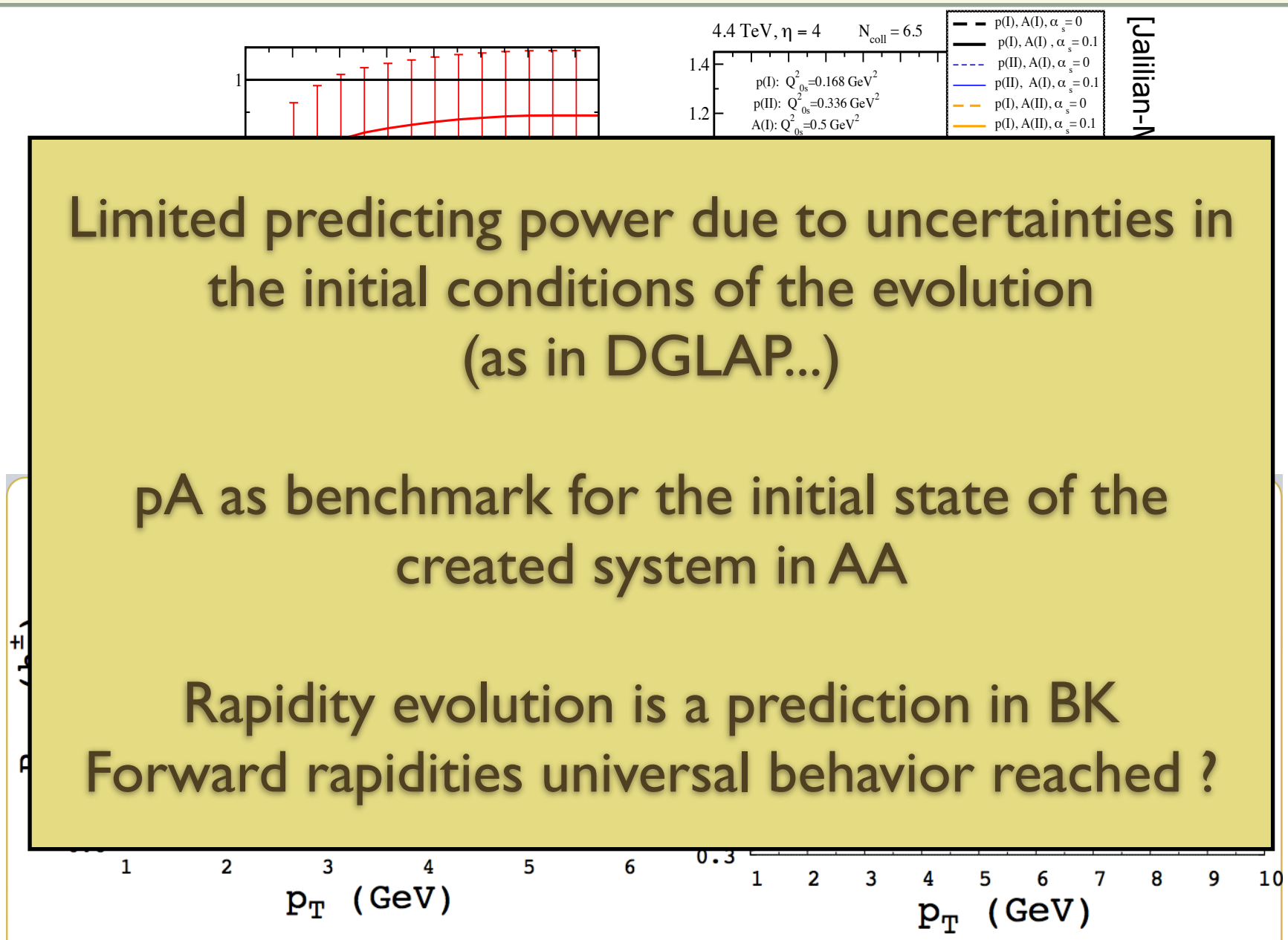

Limited predicting power due to uncertainties in the initial conditions of the evolution (as in DGLAP...)

pA as benchmark for the initial state of the created system in AA

Rapidity evolution is a prediction in BK
Forward rapidities universal behavior reached ?

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GGC: Short list of theoretical developments

Evolution Equations BK-JIMWLK: $\frac{\partial \phi(x,k)}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \mathcal{K} \otimes \phi(x,k) - \phi^2(x,k)\,; \quad \frac{\partial W[\rho]}{\partial Y} = ..$

- ✓ -Running coupling corrections [Balitsky, Kovchegov-Weigert, Gardi et at]
- ✗ -Full NLO kernel [Balitsky]
- ✗ -High-Q^2 effects (CCFM + saturation) [Avsar-Iancu]
- ✗ -Kinematic constraints & b-dependence in BK evolution [Berger-Stasto]
- ✗ - Subleading-N(c) corrections [kovchegov-Weigert]
- ...

Production processes: $\frac{dN^{AB\to X}}{d^3p_1\ldots}[\phi(x,k); W_Y[\rho]]$

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- ✓ - Factorization of multiparticle production processes [Gelis-Lappi-Venugopalan]
- ✗ - Analytic solutions to Yang-Mills EOM [Blaizot-Mehtar Tani-Lappi]
- ✗ - Running coupling corrections to kt-factorization [Kovchegov-Horowitz]
- ✗ - DIS NLO photon impact factors [Balitsky-Chirilli]
- ✓ - Di-hadron correlations [Dumitru-Jalilian Marian, Dominguez et al]
- ✗ - Progress in the hybrid formalism (CGC+pdf's) [Altinoluk-Kovner]
- ✗ - New observables beyond the large-Nc limit [Marquet-Weigert]
- ...

Used in phenomenological works? ✓ Yes ✗ No ✓A bit :)

Summary

Small-x physics interesting QCD testing ground

- *Departure from DGLAP?*
- *Potentially important phenomenological consequences (LHC)*
- *Precision of the data high, more to come from LHC*

Nuclear PDFs badly constrained at small-x

- *pA only possibility to reduce uncertainties*
- *Very standard technology but data needed*

Saturation of partonic densities

- *pA@LHC arguably the best experimental option before LHeC, etc*
- *Phenomenology applicable to the proton case*
- *Only theoretical controlled way to compute IS of the produced matter*