

# Nucleon and nuclear structure at the EIC

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# Overview

- **Protons and Deuterons: partons at large  $x$** 
  - $d/u$  ratio extrapolated to  $x=1$
  - $W'$  and  $Z'$  production
- **Constraining nuclear uncertainties**
  - $W, Z$  in proton collisions (!?)
  - JLab, EIC
- **From Deuterons to larger nuclei**
  - Inclusive DIS from small to large  $x$
  - Jets at the EIC

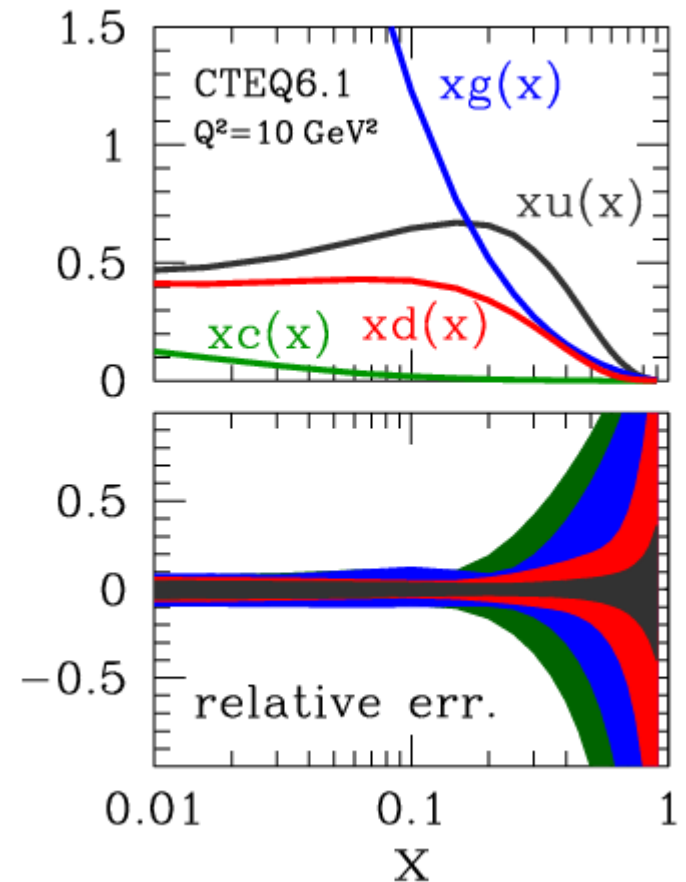
# Protons and Deuterons: partons at large $x$

# Why large $x$ ?

□ Large (experimental) uncertainties in Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

□ Precise PDFs at large  $x$  are needed, *e.g.*,

- Non-perturbative nucleon structure:
  - $d/u, \Delta u/u, \Delta d/d$  at  $x \rightarrow 1$
- at LHC, Tevatron
  - New physics as excess on QCD
  - large  $p_T$  spectra  $\Leftrightarrow$  large  $x$  PDF
  - Forward physics
- At RHIC:
  - Polarized gluons at the smallest  $x$
- Neutrino oscillations, ...



# Valence quarks at large $x$

- At large  $x$ , valence  $u$  and  $d$  extracted from  $p$  and  $n$  DIS structure functions

$$F_2^p \approx \frac{4}{9}u_v + \frac{1}{9}d_v$$

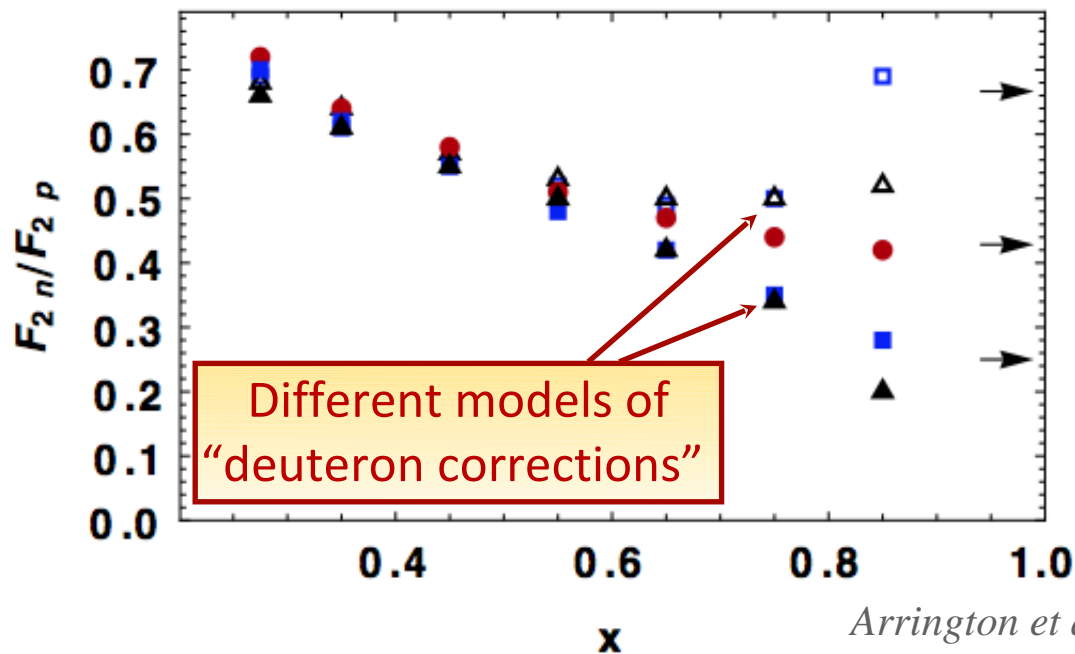
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- $u$  quark distribution well determined from proton data
- $d$  quark distribution requires neutron structure function

$$\frac{d}{u} \approx \frac{4F_2^n / F_2^p - 1}{4 - F_2^n / F_2^p}$$

# But... deuteron corrections!

- Absence of free neutron targets  
⇒ use deuterons (weakly bound  $p$  and  $n$ )



Non-perturbative  
proton models

SU(6) spin-flavor

hard gluon exchange

S=0 diquark dominance

- Deuteron model dependence obscures free neutron at large  $x$ 
  - We will see quantitatively how much

# Large x at colliders - new physics searches

Remember,  $x = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$

Examples:

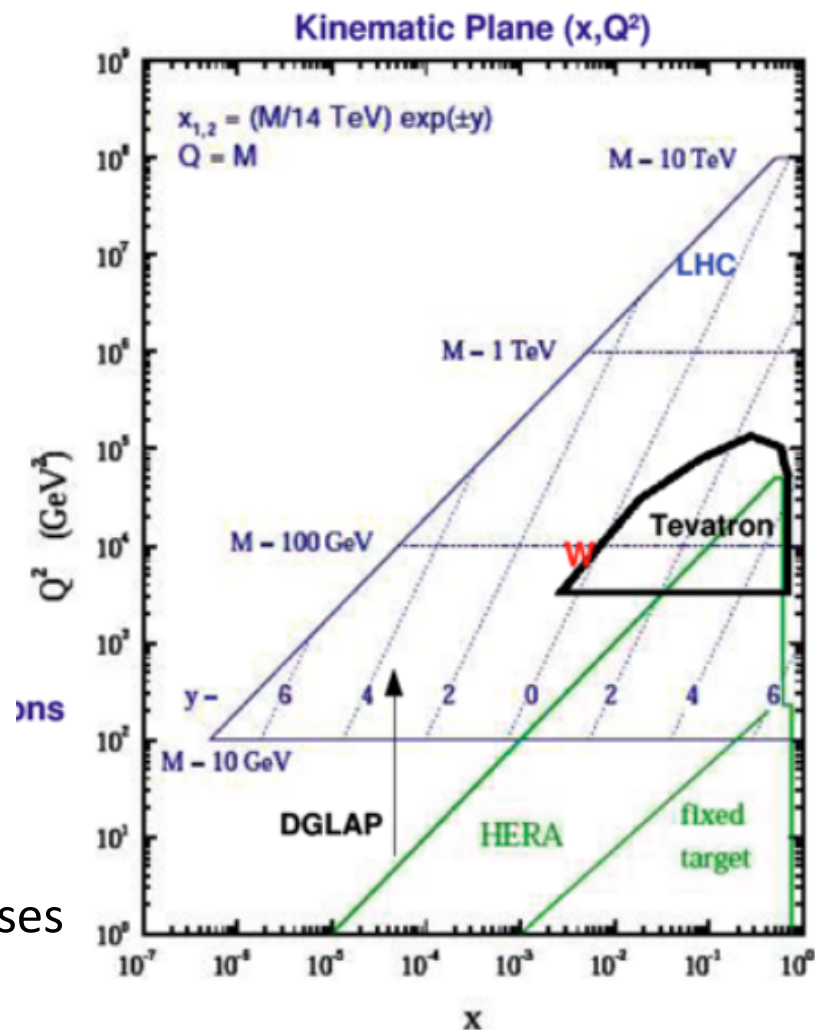
- Z' production  $M'_Z \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$
- W at forward rapidity:  $y > 2$

$$x > 0.1 \text{ (LHC)}$$

$$x > 0.5 \text{ (Tevatron)}$$

Precise large-x PDFs needed to:

- reduce QCD background
- optimize searches involving large masses
- precisely characterize new particles



# The CTEQ-JLab global fits

## ❑ Collaborators:

- A.Accardi, E.Christy, C.Keppel, K.Kovarik, W.Melnitchouk, P.Monaghan, J.Owens

## ❑ Goals:

- Improve large- $x$  experimental precision (PDF errors) with larger DIS data set
- Include all relevant large- $x$  / small- $Q^2$  theory corrections
- *Quantitatively evaluate theoretical systematic errors*
- *Use PDFs as tools for nuclear and particle physics*

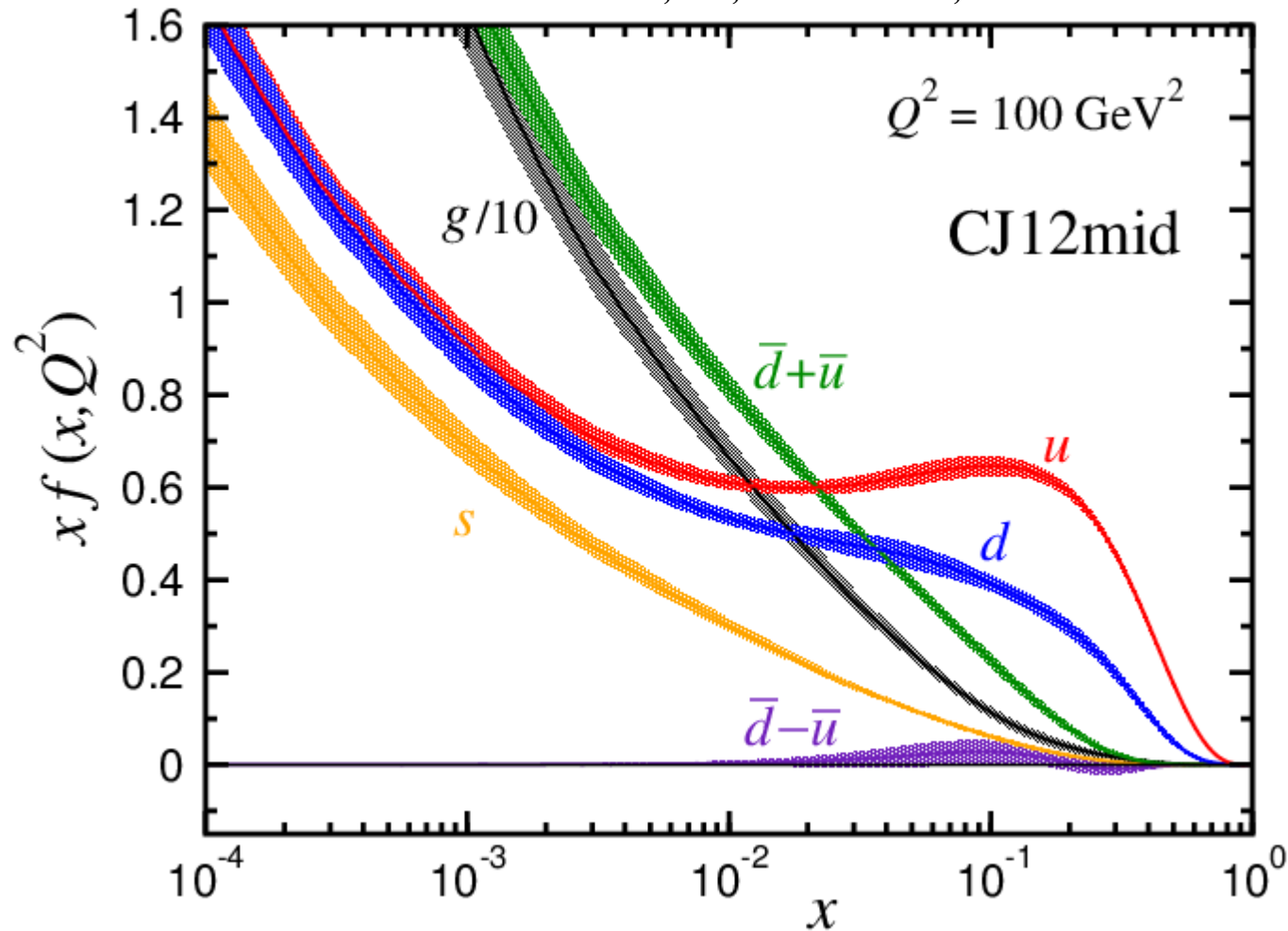
## ❑ Public release: CJ12

- **Owens, Accardi, Melnitchouk, arXiv:1212.1702**
  - [www.jlab.org/cj](http://www.jlab.org/cj)
  - In next LHAPDF release (soon to appear)



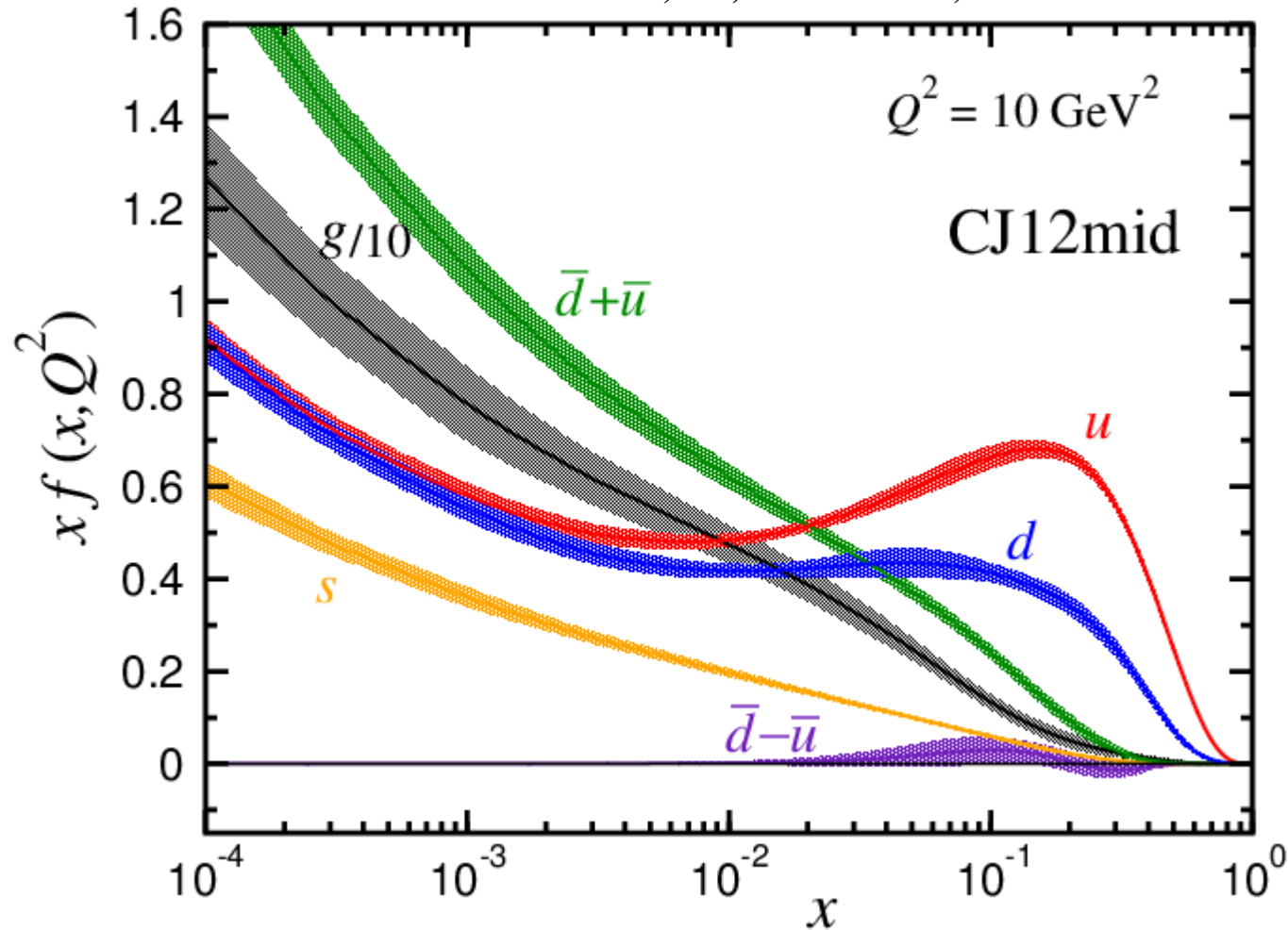
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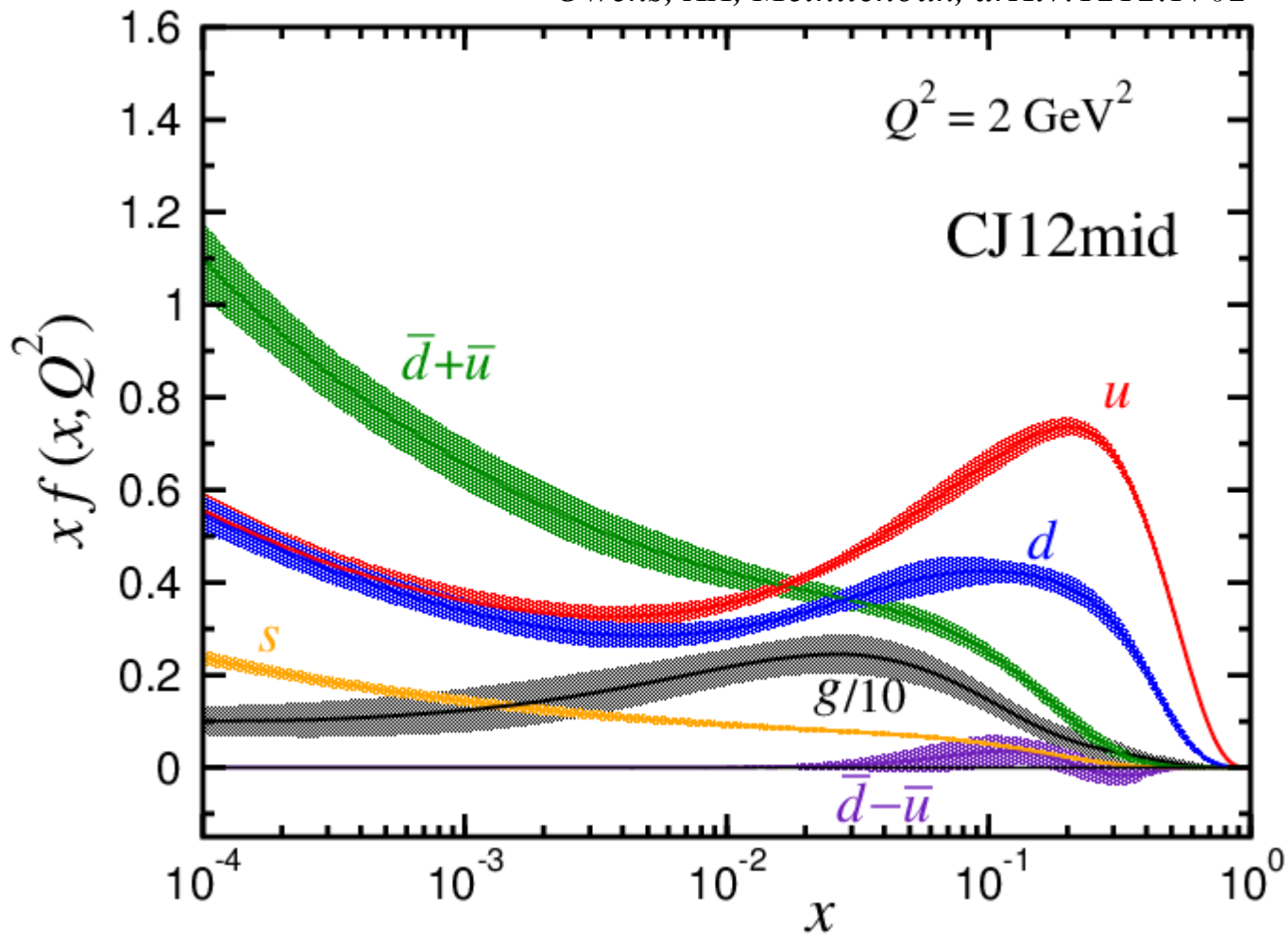
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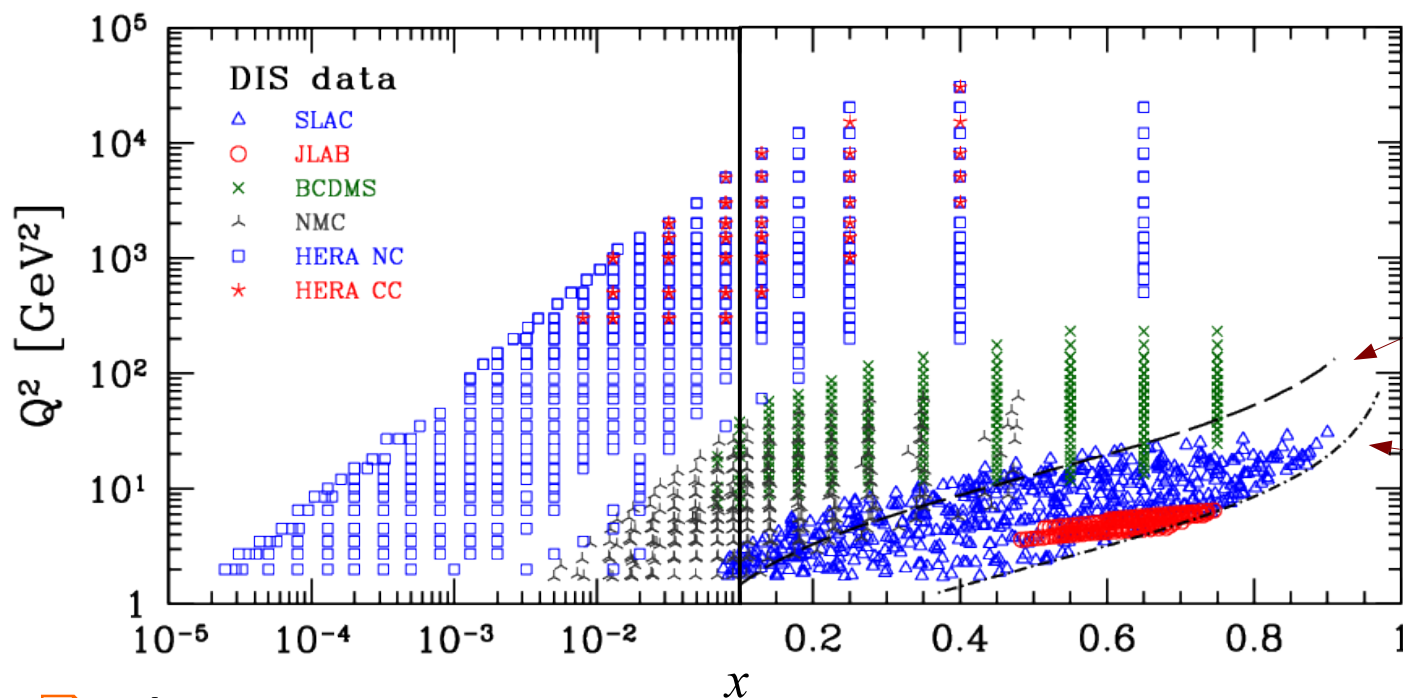


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# Large-x, small- $Q^2$ corrections



usual cut  
 $W^2 \gtrsim 14 \text{ GeV}^2$

CJ12  
 $W^2 \gtrsim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

## 1/ $Q^{2n}$ suppressed:

- Target mass corrections (TMC), higher-twists (HT)
- Current jet mass, quark mass, large-x QCD evol.

## Non-suppressed

- Nuclear corrections, threshold resum., parton recomb.

## New d-quark parametrization: $d'(x) = d(x) + \alpha x^\beta u(x)$

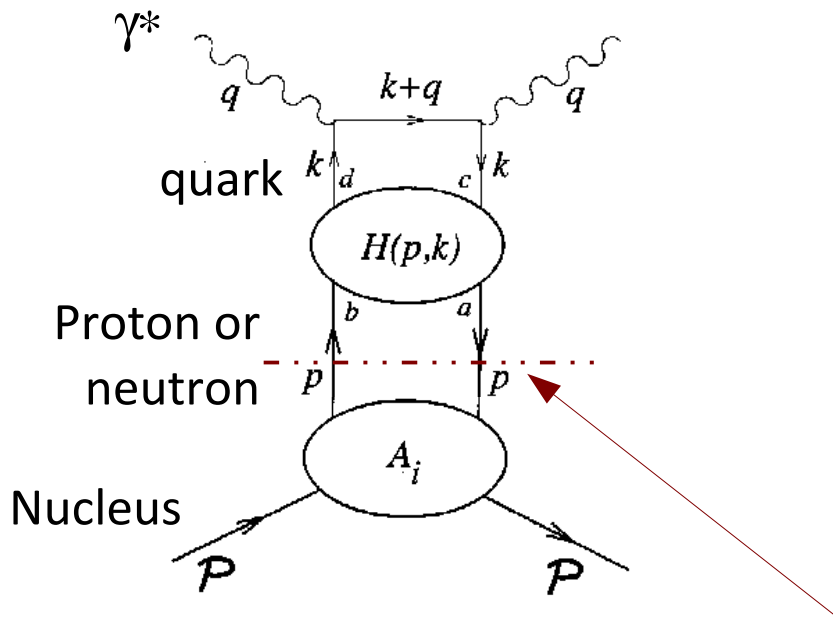
included in CJ fits

# Deuteron corrections

□ No free neutron! Best proxy: Deuteron

- Parton distributions (to be fitted)
- nuclear wave function (AV18, CD-Bonn, WJC1, ...)
- Off-shell nucleon modification (model dependent)

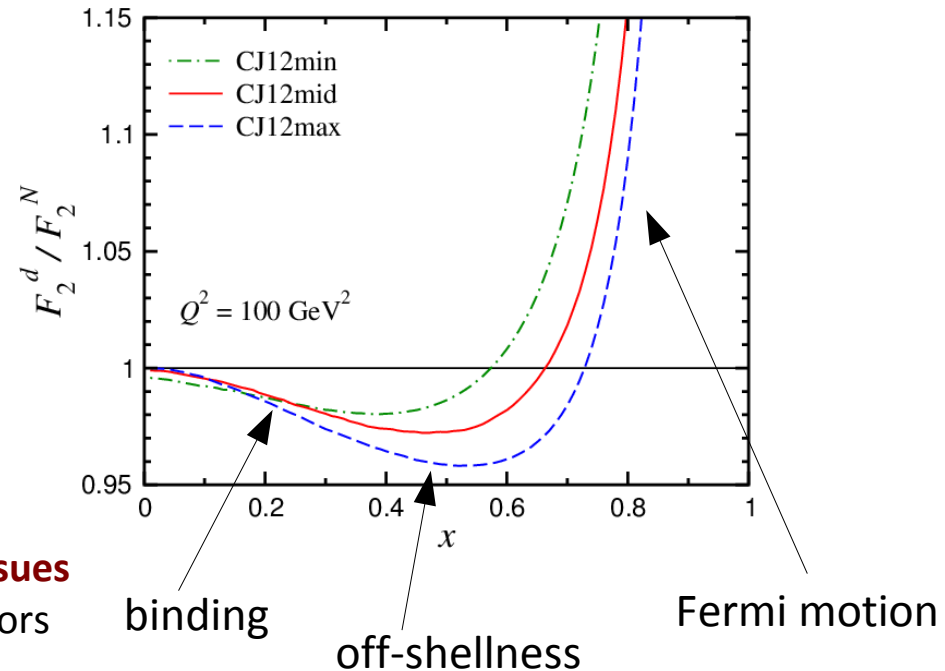
Theoretical uncertainty



## Low-energy factorization issues

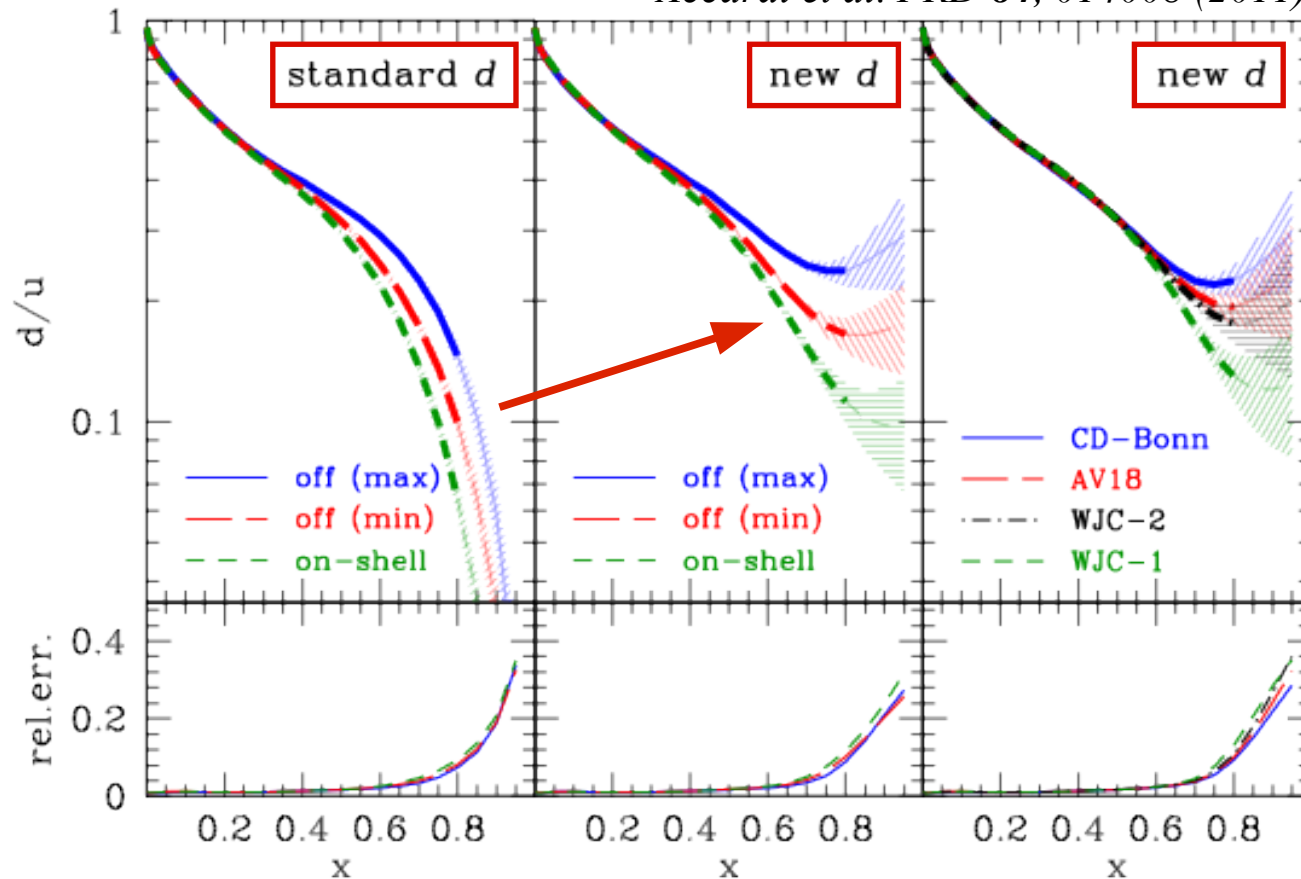
- Renorm. of nuclear operators
- Gauge invariance, FSI, ...

## Bound vs. free proton+neutron



# CJ fits: new $d$ quark, nuclear uncertainty

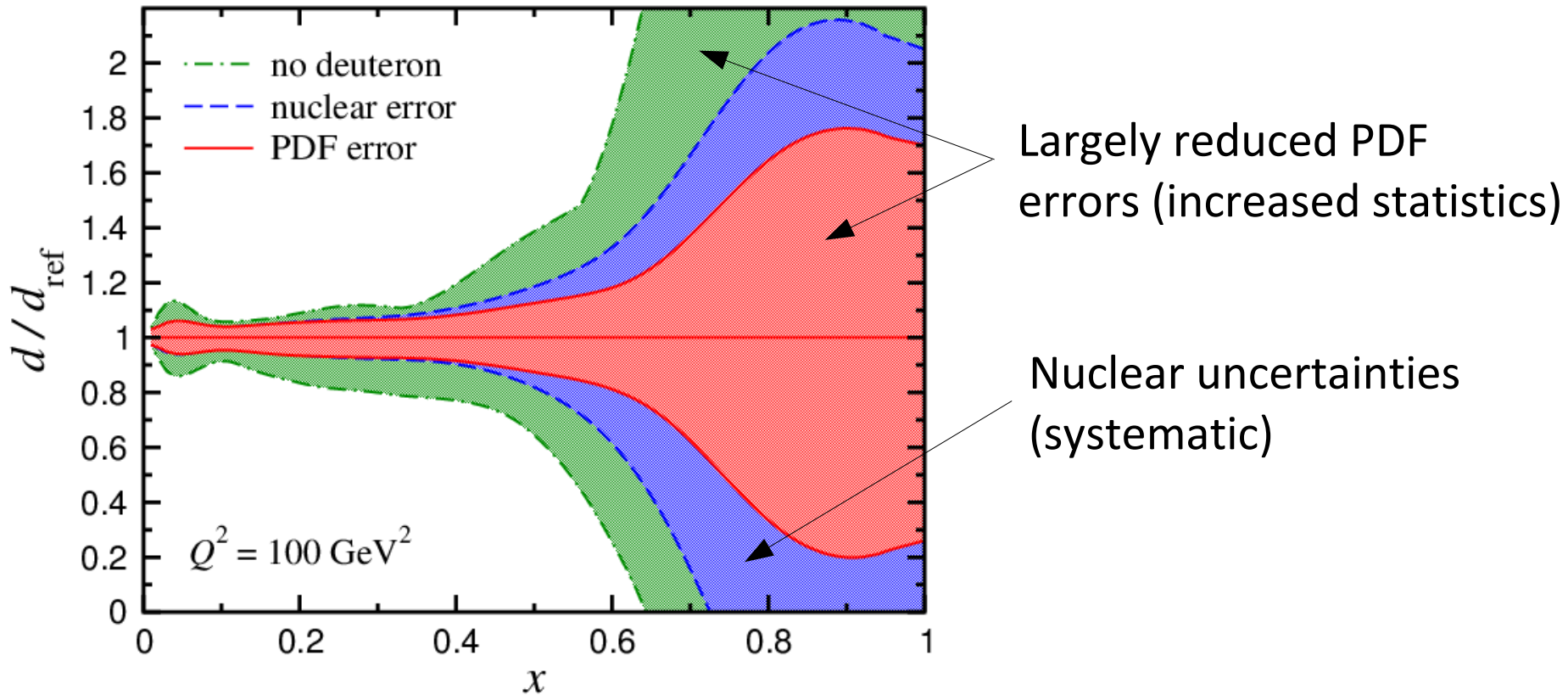
*Accardi et al. PRD 84, 014008 (2011)*



- Dramatic increase in  $d$  quark with more flexible parametrization
  - Neglected in all other fits

# CJ12 fits: nuclear and PDF uncertainty

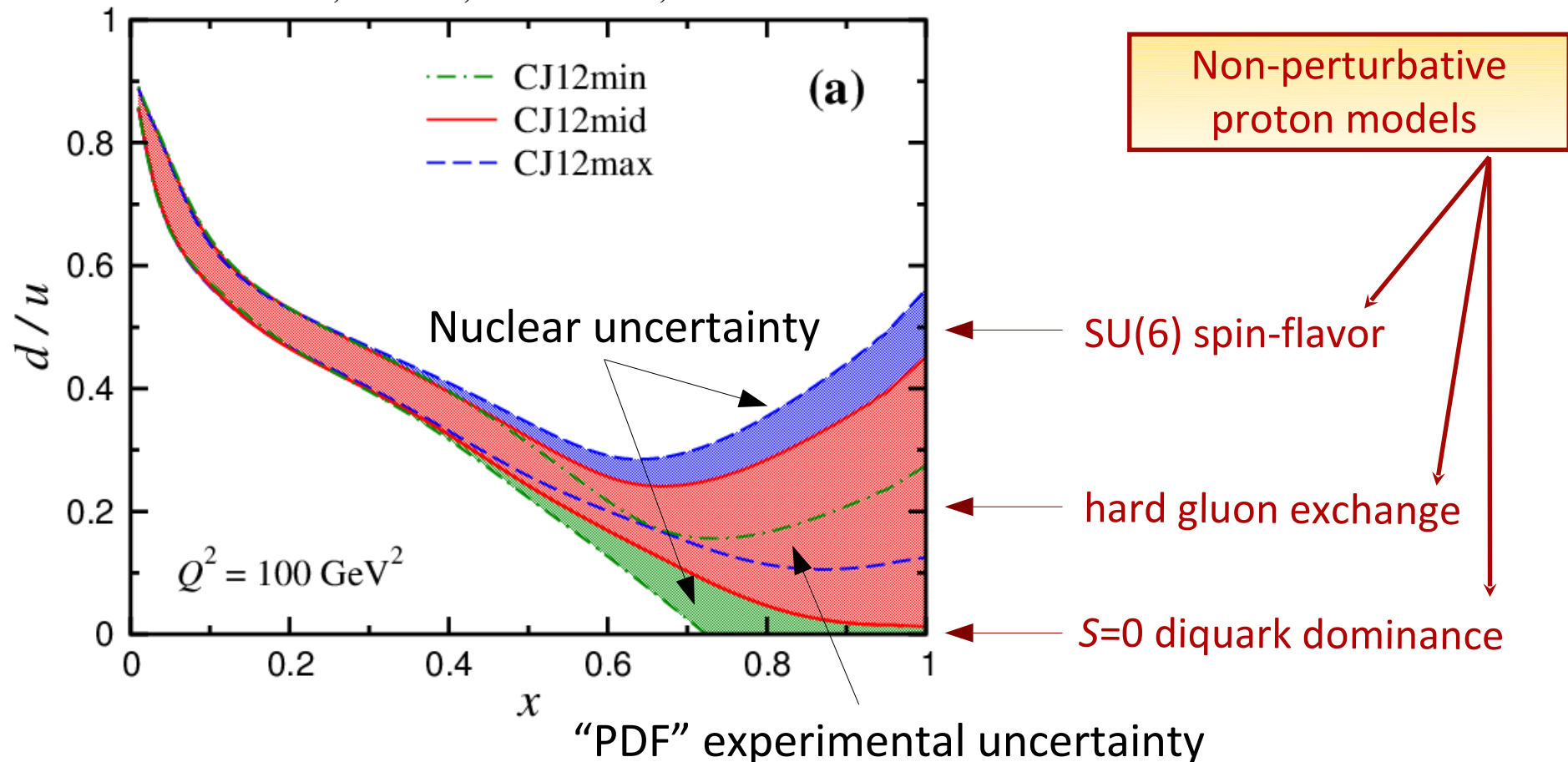
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□ Large overall reduction in uncertainty with relaxed cuts

# Applications: $d/u$ ratio

Owens, Accardi, Melnitchouk, *arXiv:1212.1702*



$$d/u \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 1} 0.22 \pm 0.20 \text{ (PDF)} \pm 0.10 \text{ (nucl)}$$

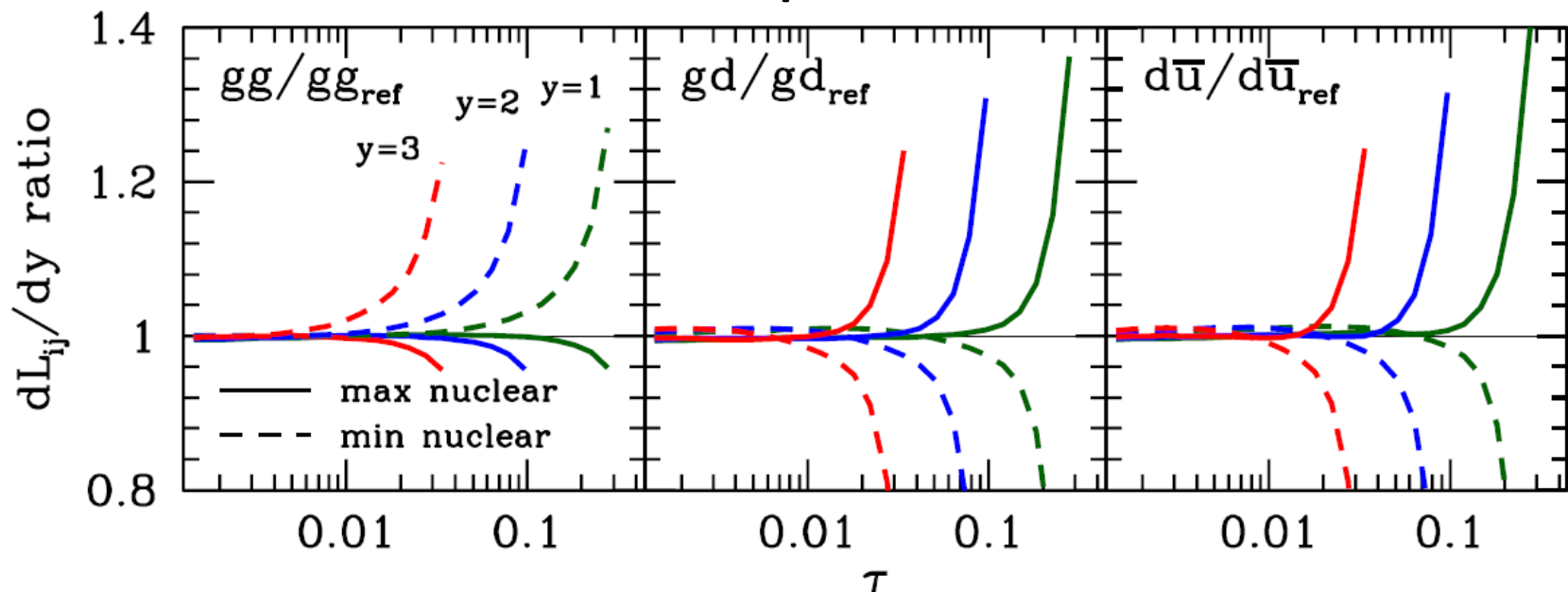


# Applications: new physics at LHC

*Accardi et al., PRD84 (2011) 014008*

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## Differential parton luminosities

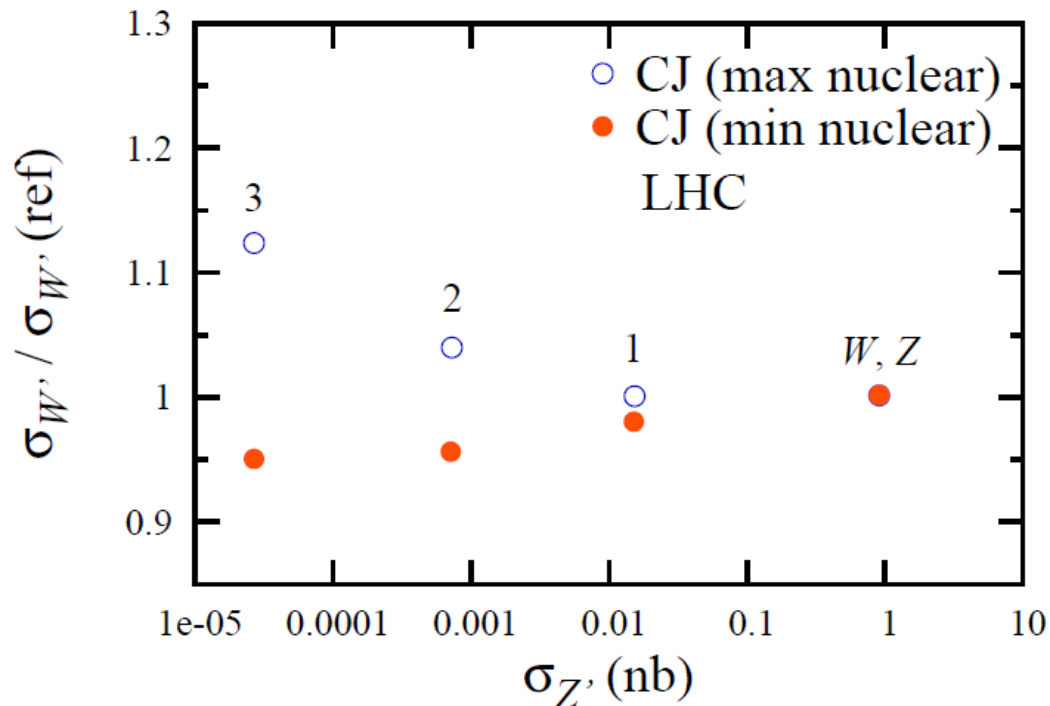


# Applications: large mass searches at LHC

*Brady, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Owens, JHEP 1206 (2012) 019*

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## Example: $W'$ and $Z'$ total cross sections





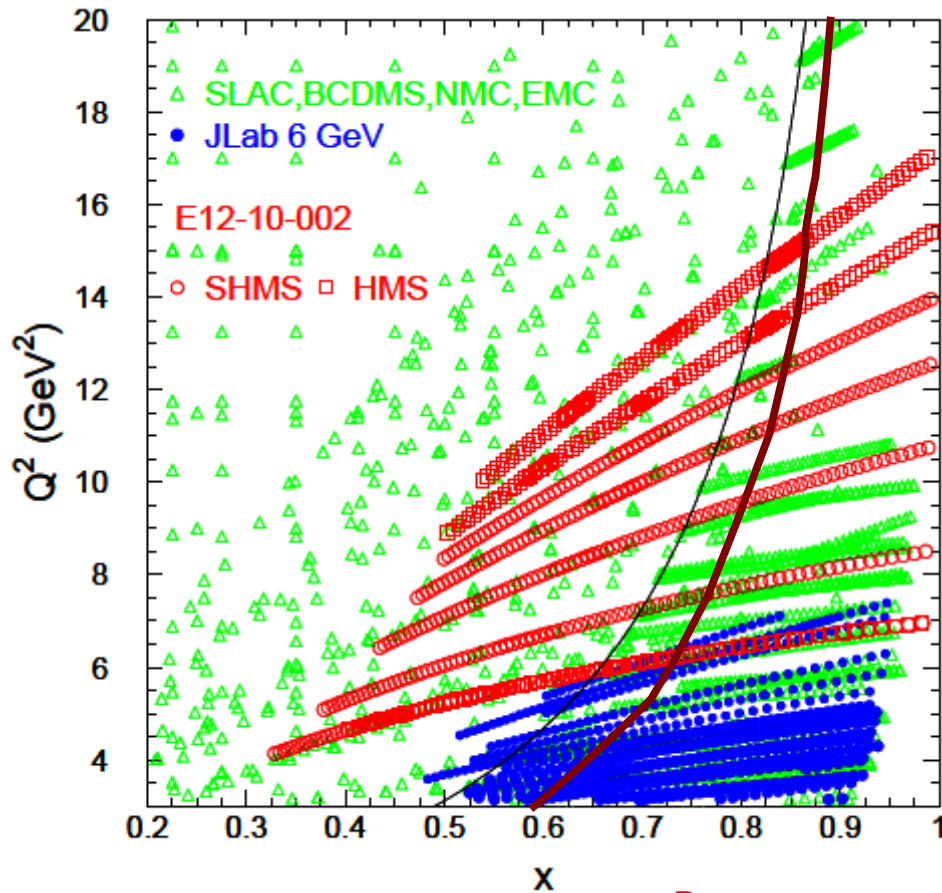
# Beating the experimental uncertainties



# At JLab 12

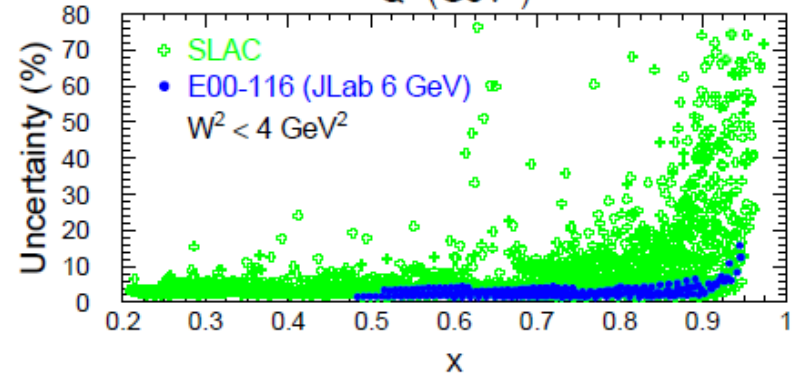
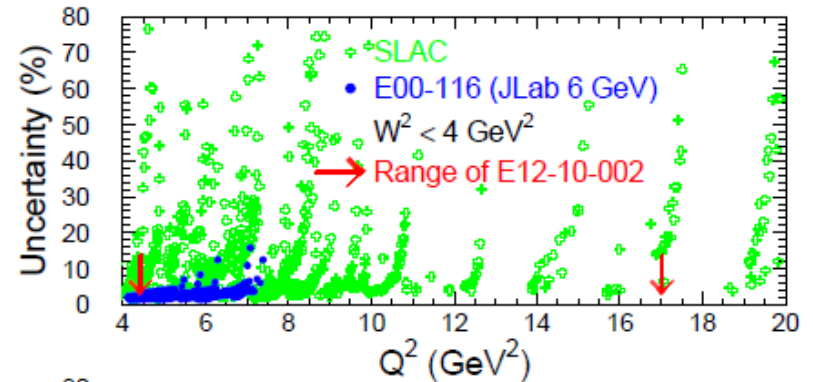
Jlab12 experiment E12-10-002

CJ cut:  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$



DIS region

Resonance region

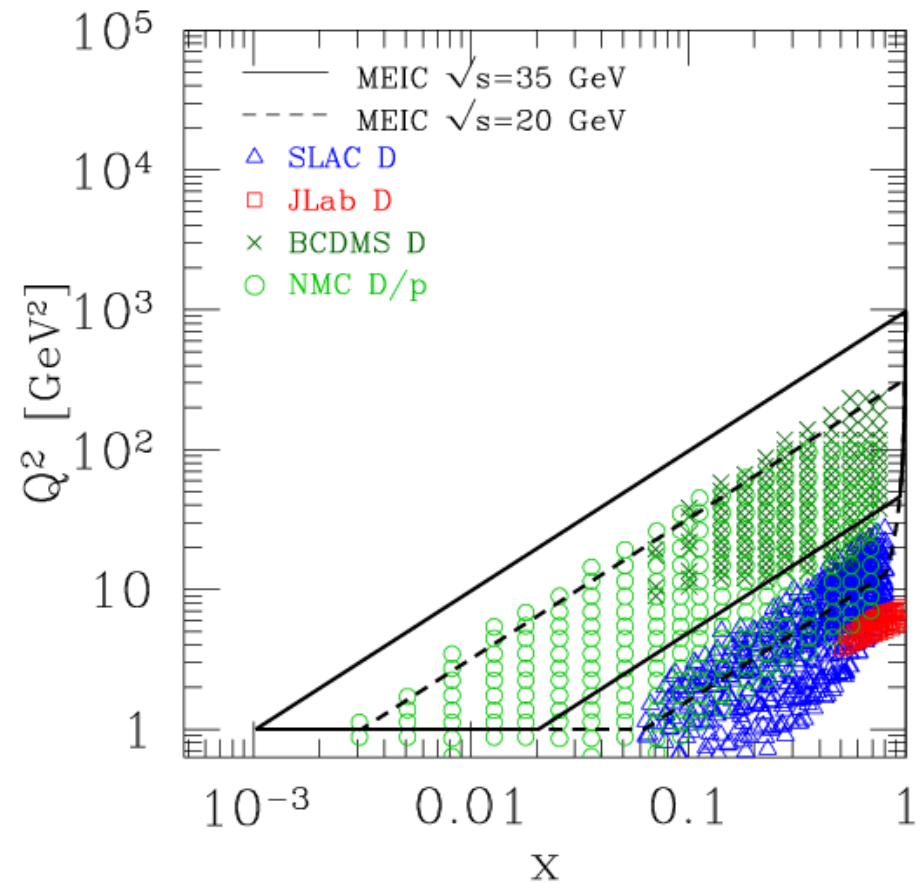
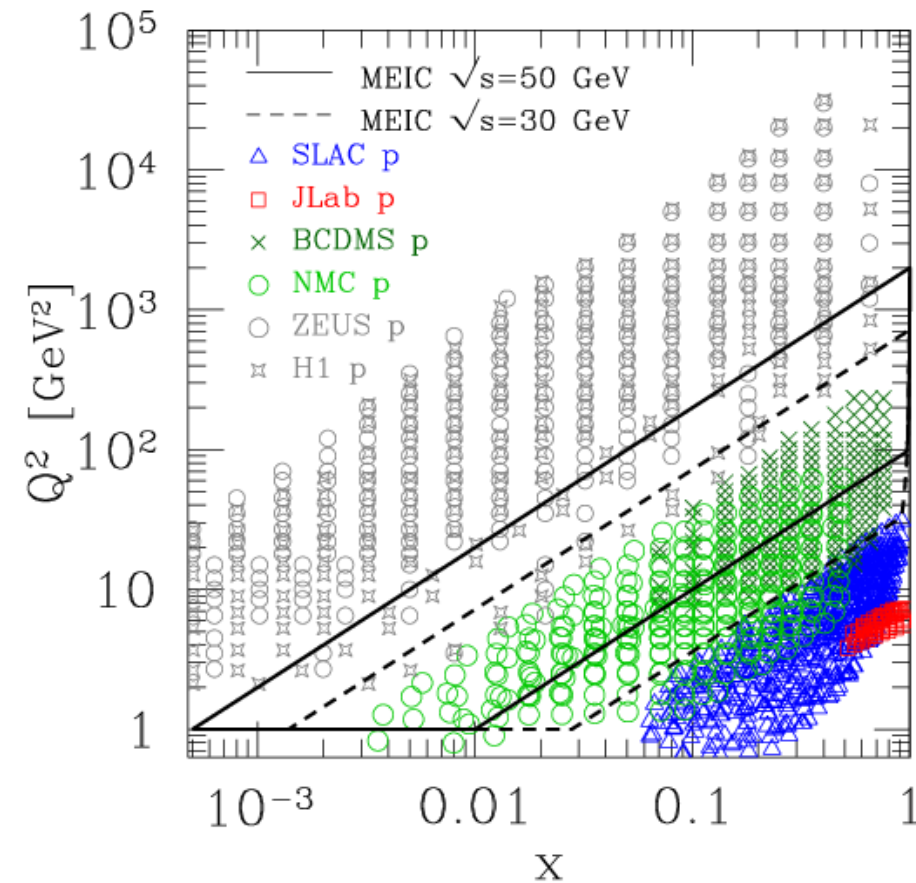


Goal @ 12 GeV:  
similar precision as  
E00-116 (@ 6 GeV)

# EIC projections

MEIC  $\sqrt{s} = 31$  GeV (ca. 2010)

[Accardi, Ent, Keppel]

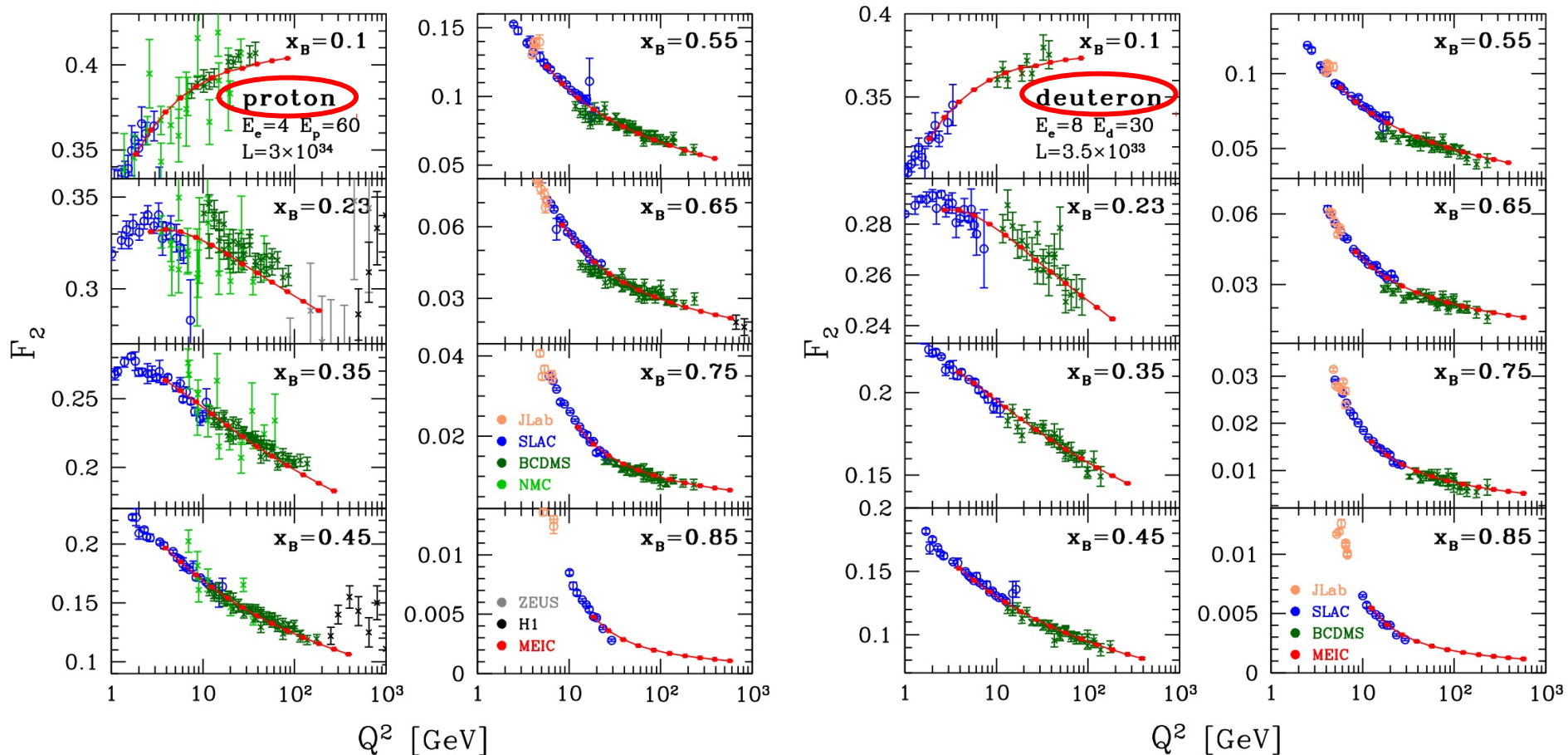


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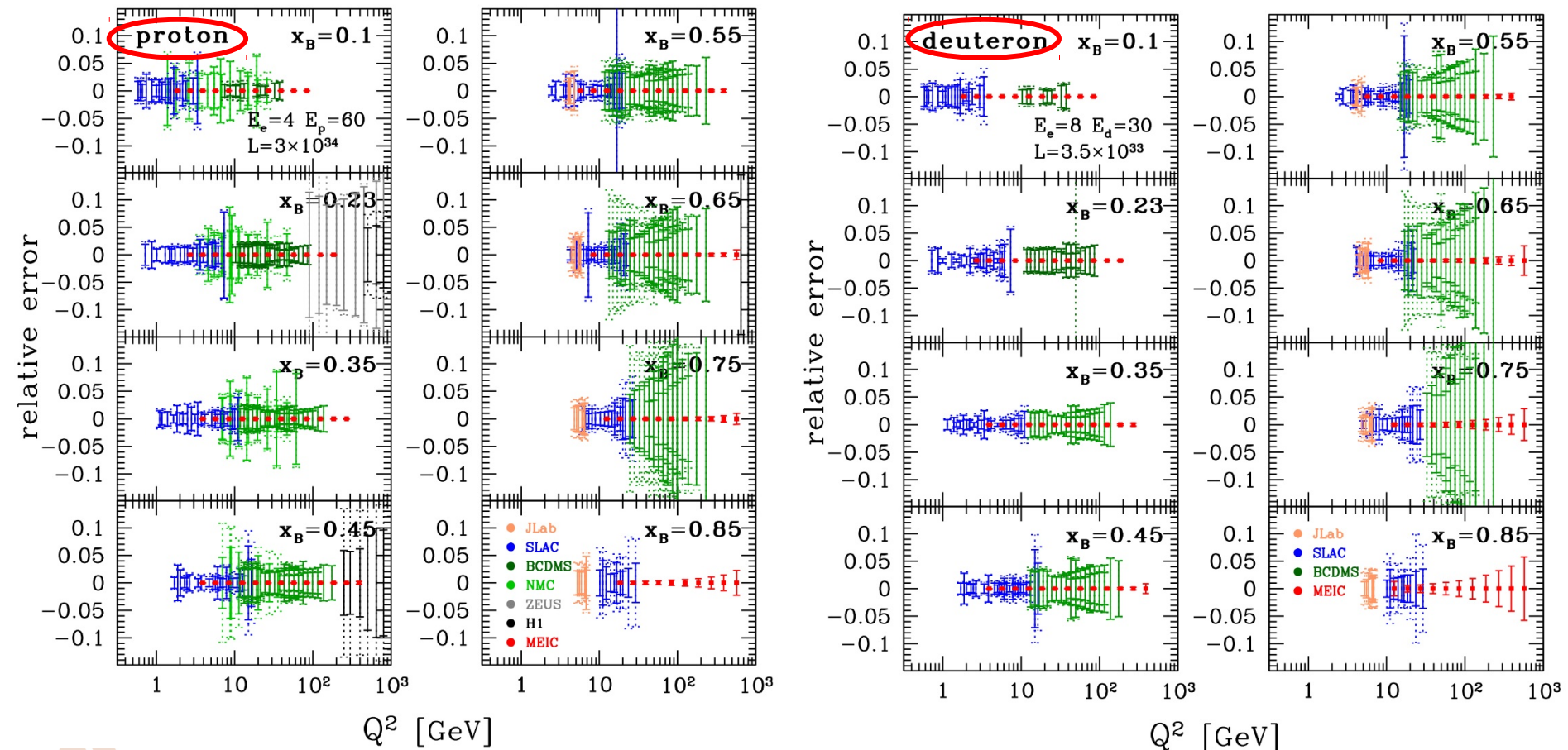


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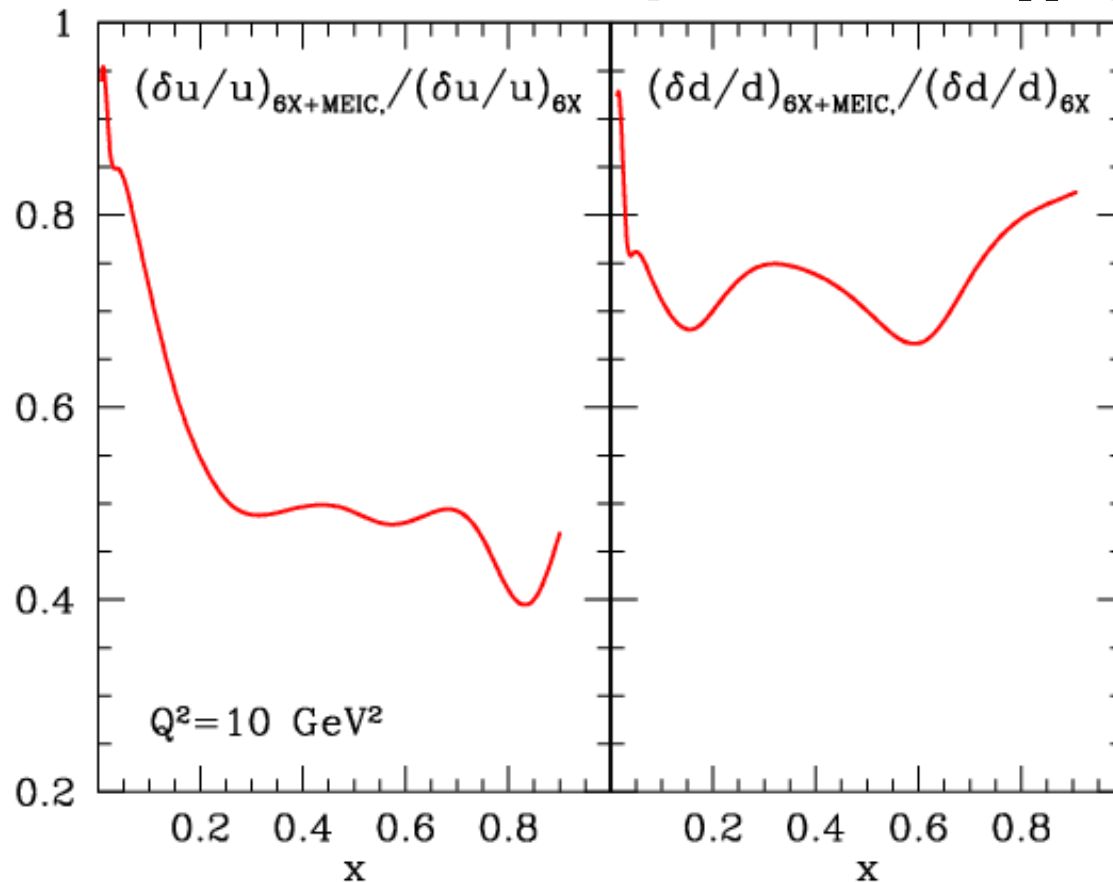
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# Impact of a new accelerator - the EIC

- Reduction in PDF errors

[Accardi, Ent, Keppel]





# EIC - gluons: $F_L$ and jets

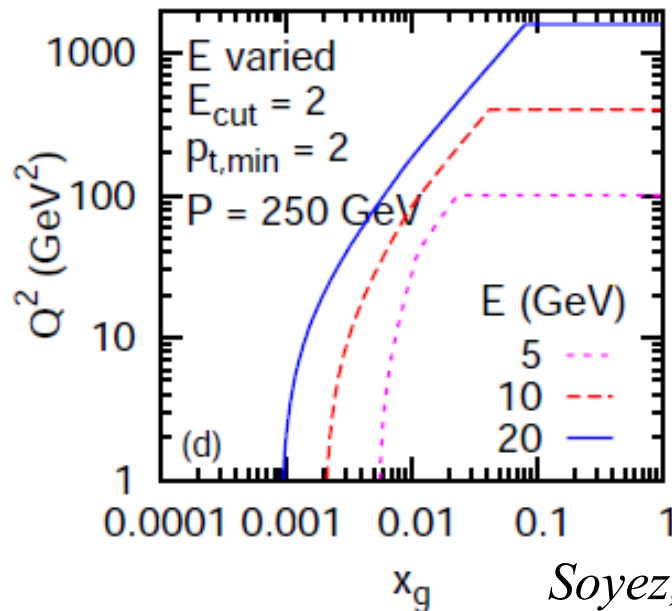
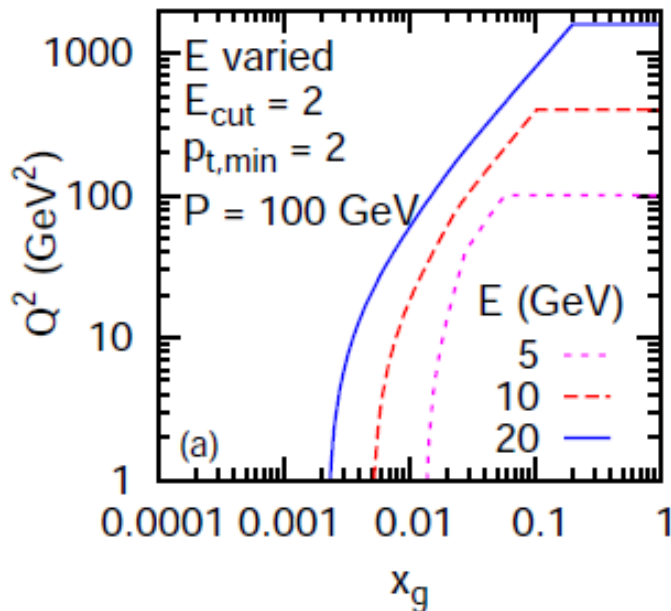
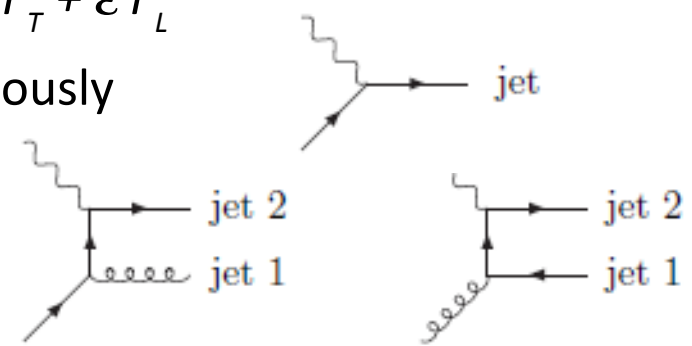
Large leverage in  $Q^2 \Rightarrow$  reduction in gluon PDF errors

- Driven by scaling violation, some from  $\sigma = F_T + \varepsilon F_L$
- Interplay with  $\alpha_s$ , if this is fitted simultaneously

DIS jets have different  $\alpha_s$  dependence

- Remove ambiguities

(will evaluate this, see V.Radescu for LHeC)



Soyez, INT report

# Constraining the theoretical uncertainties

# Constraining the nuclear uncertainty

## □ DIS data minimally sensitive to nuclear corrections

- DIS with slow spectator proton (**BONUS**)
  - Quasi-free neutrons
- DIS with fast spectator (**DeepX**)
  - Off-shell neutrons
- $^3\text{He}/^3\text{H}$  ratios

Jlab12,  
EIC

## □ Data on free (anti)protons, sensitive to $d$

- $e+p$ : parity-violating DIS **HERA** ( $e^+p$  vs.  $e^-p$ )
- $\nu+p$ ,  $\bar{\nu}+p$  (*no experiment in sight*)
- $p+p$ ,  $p+\bar{p}$  at large positive rapidity
  - $W$  charge asymmetry,  $Z$  rapidity distribution

Tevatron: D0, CDF??  
LHCb?? RHIC  
AFTER@LHC

## □ Cross-check data

- $p+d$  at large negative rapidity – dileptons;  $W$ ,  $Z$ 
  - Sensitive to nuclear corrections, cross-checks  $e+d$

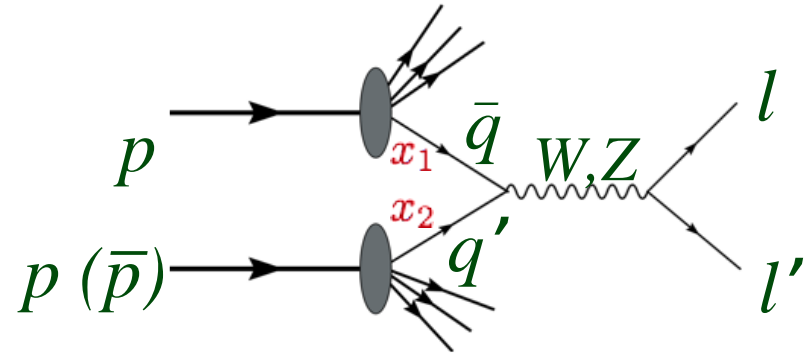
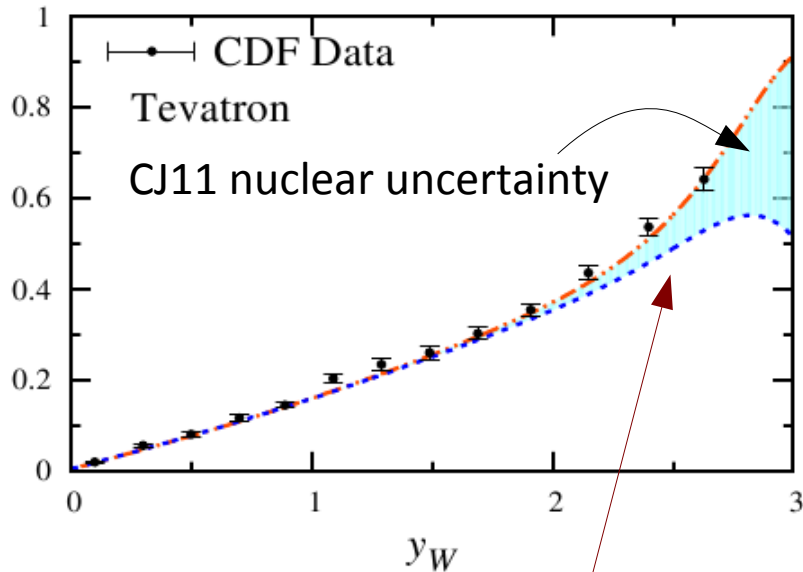
RHIC ??  
AFTER@LHC

# Use protons to study nuclei (!)

Brady, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Owens, JHEP 1206 (2012) 019

## Directly reconstructed W:

➤ highest sensitivity to large x



$$A_W(y) = \frac{\sigma(W^+) - \sigma(W^-)}{\sigma(W^+) + \sigma(W^-)} \approx \frac{d/u(x_2) - d/u(x_1)}{d/u(x_2) + d/u(x_1)}$$

sensitive to  
 $d$  at high  $x$

Can constrain  
Deuteron models!

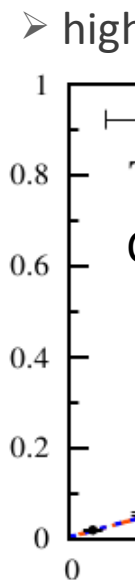
❑ Needs to be corroborated:

- W, Z at RHIC, Z (and W ?) at LHC, W at DØ (??)
- PVDIS at JLab 12, **CC @ EIC**

# W charge asymmetry (p+p / p+pbar collisions)

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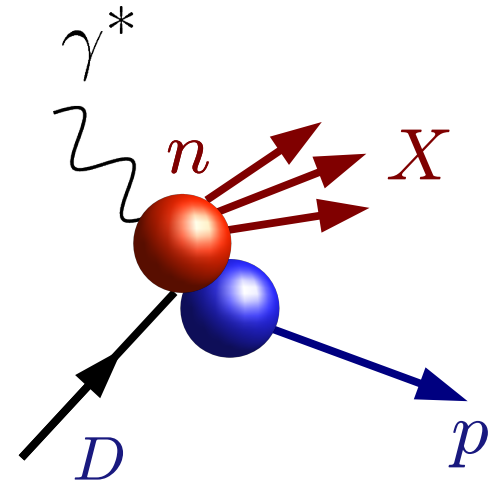
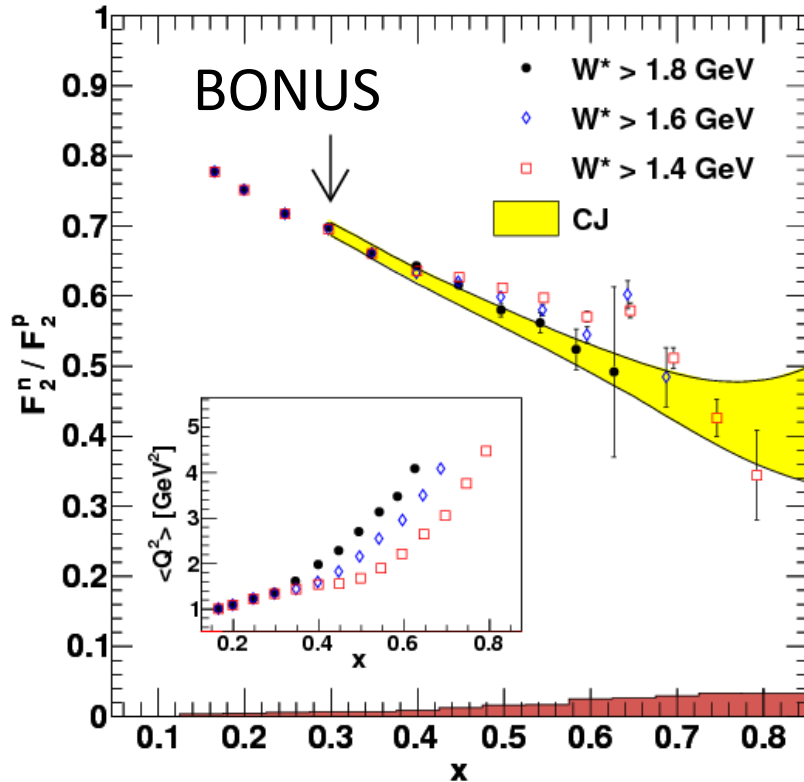
**A new avenue for understanding high-energy processes on nuclei: weak interactions on proton targets from JLab to the LHC!**

□ Need

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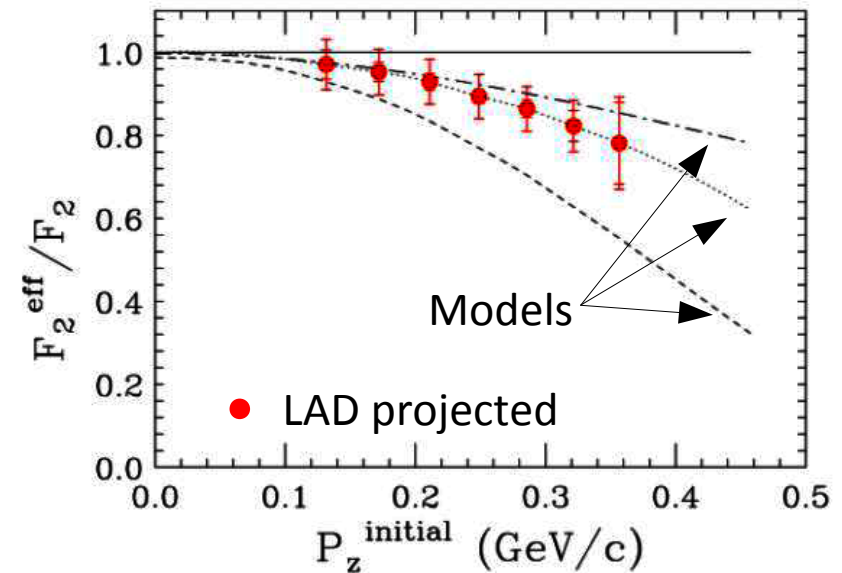
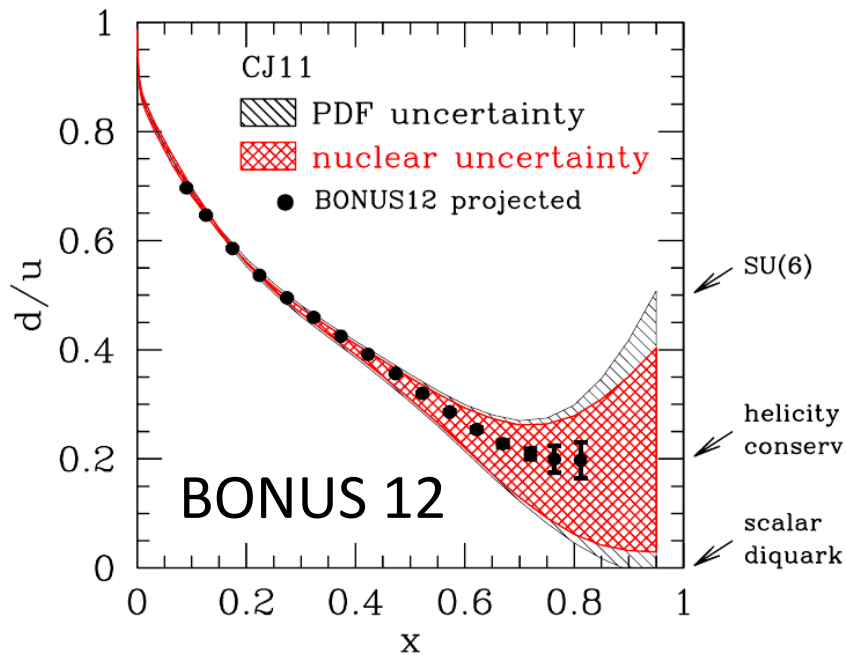
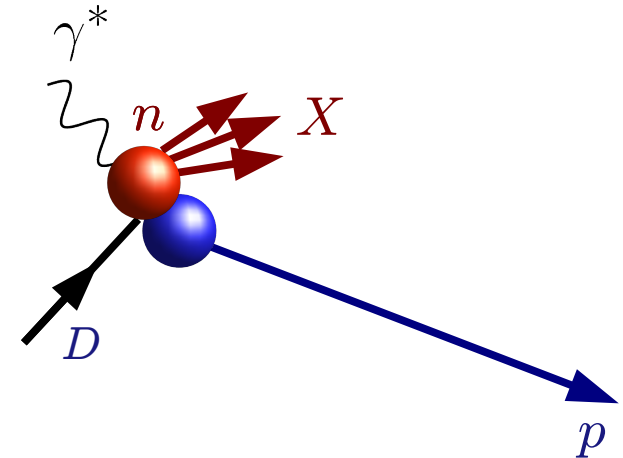
# Spectator tagging at Jlab: quasi-free neutrons

*N.Baillie et al., PRL 108 (2012) 199902*



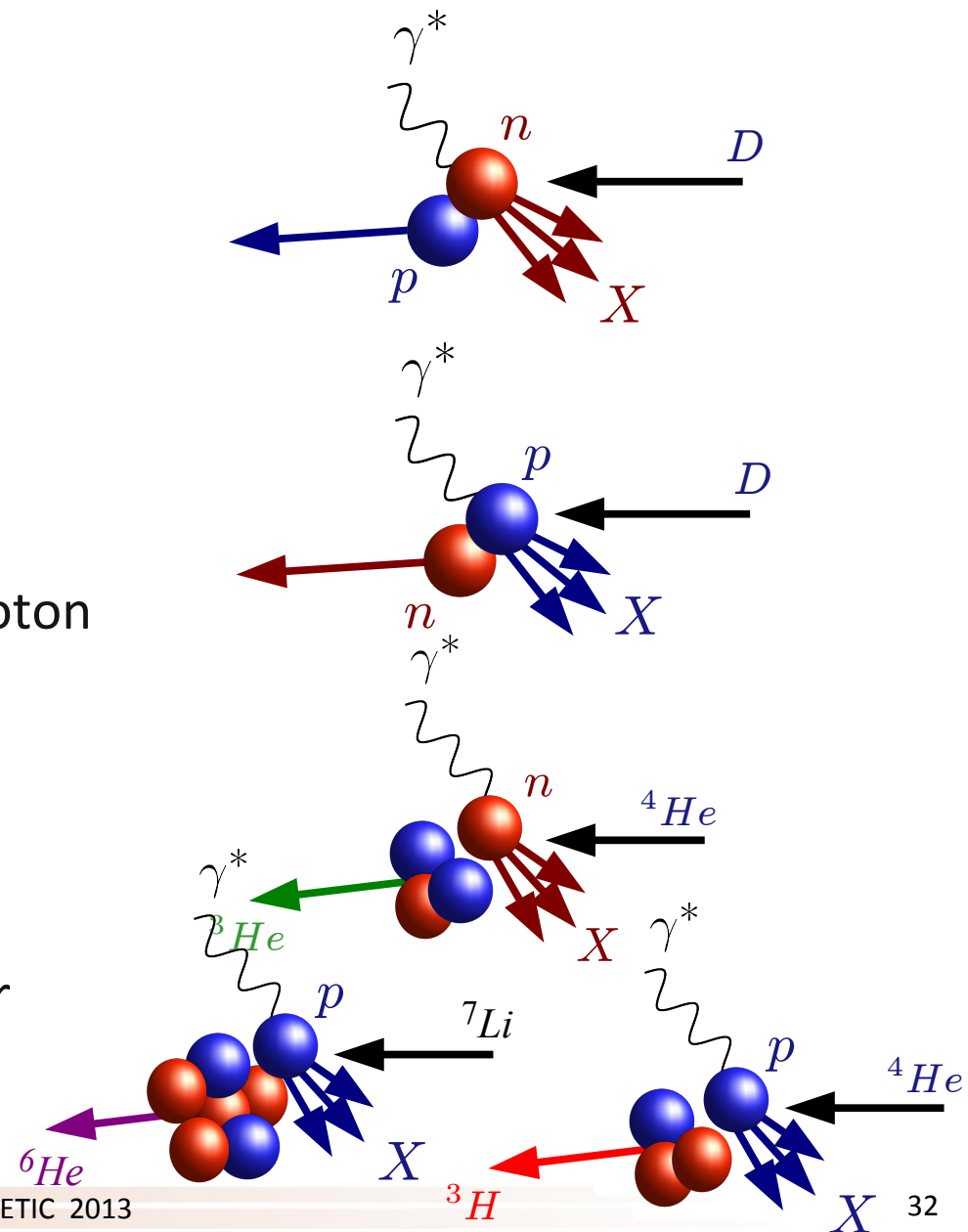
# Spectator tagging at JLab12

- Neutron off-shellness depends on on spectator momentum:
  - Slow: nearly on-shell (BONUS12)
  - Fast: more and more off-shell (LAD)



# Spectator tagging at EIC: even better!

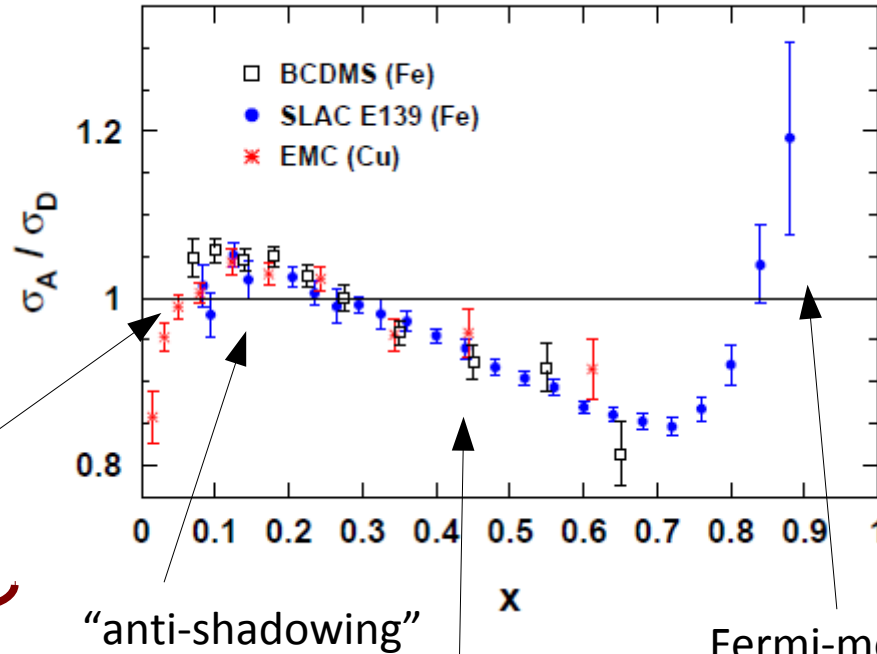
- measure **neutron**  $F_2$  in D target
  - flavor separation
  
- measure **proton**  $F_2$  in D target
  - **Unique at colliders**
  - Compare off-shell to free proton
  
- **proton, neutron in light nuclei**
  - embedding in nuclear matter  
(a piece of the EMC puzzle)





# From deuterons to nuclei

# Nuclear to Deuteron ratio



Shadowing  
Saturation

“anti-shadowing”

EMC effect

Fermi-motion

Short-range correlations  
6-quark bags  
Other exotica ...

Can saturation be  
detected as deviation  
from DGLAP?

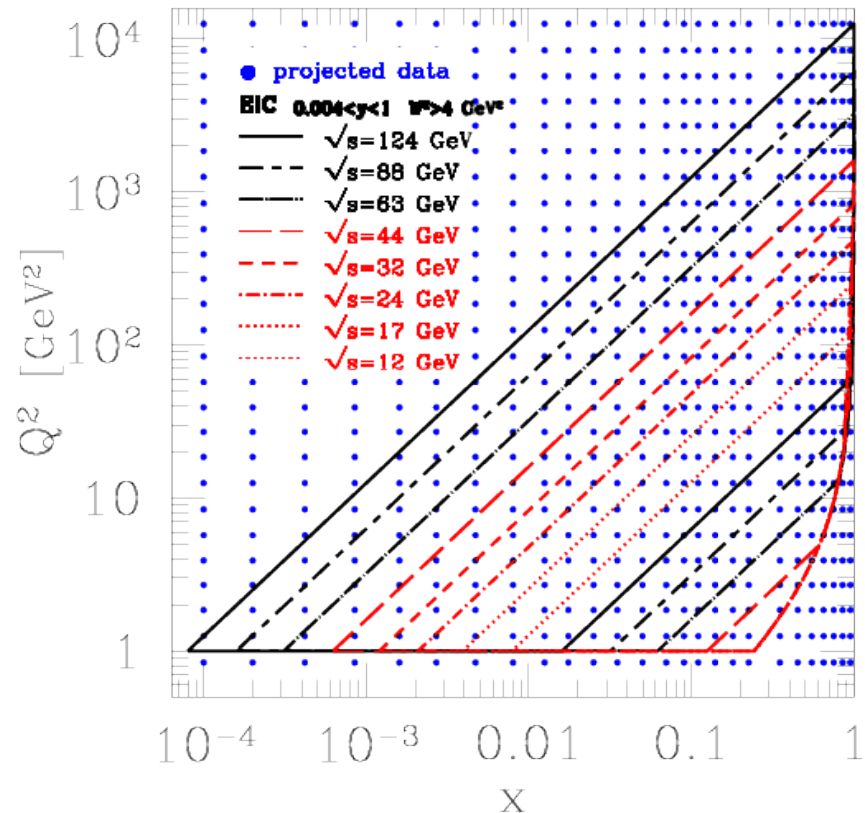
Can also use protons  
to study larger nuclei !!

# Impact of the EIC

*Accardi, Guzey, Rojo, INT report*

## □ e+A collisions – using NNPDF2.0 fits

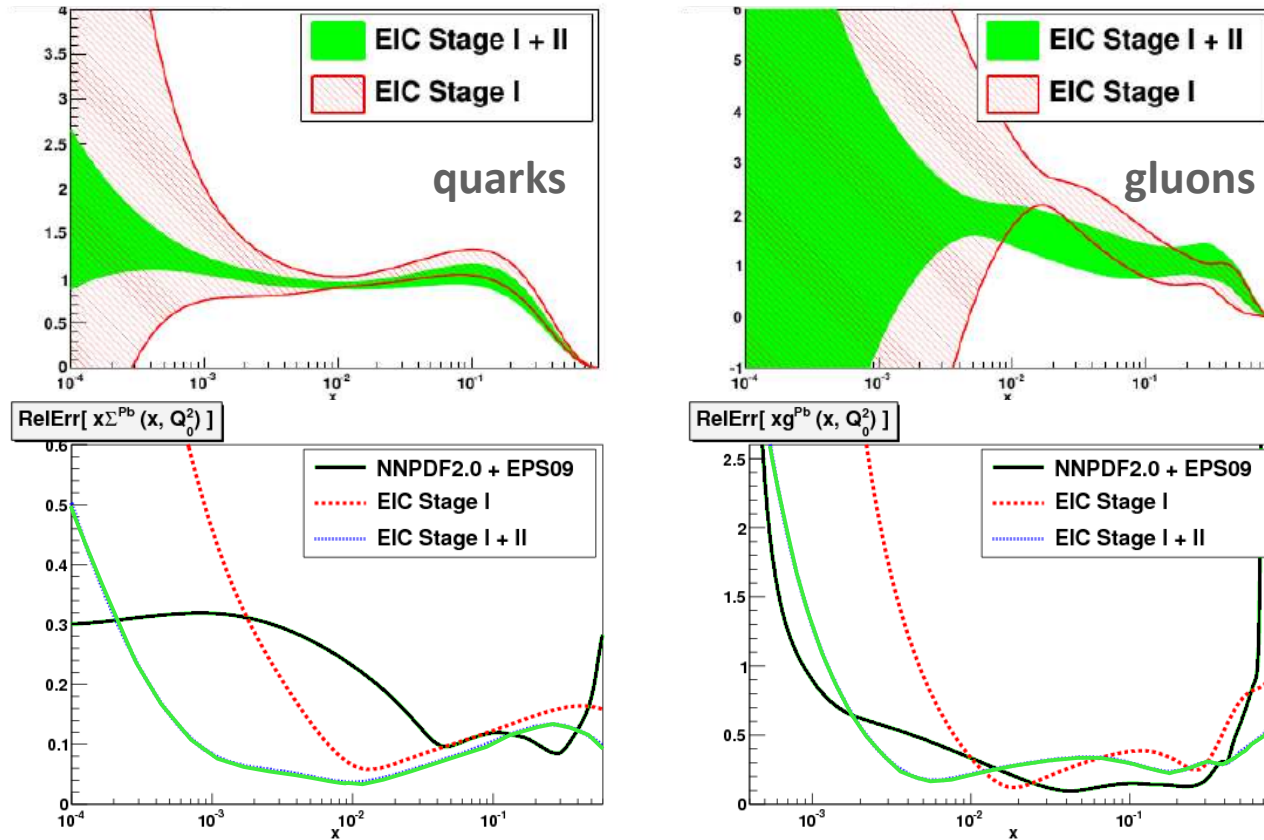
- QCD fit to EIC pseudo-data for Pb only
- Assume energy scan  
 **$L=4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**  per energy setting  
 $0.04 < y < 0.8$
- $\sqrt{s} = 12, 17, 24, 32, 44 \text{ GeV}$   
(medium energy EIC – **stage I**)
- $\sqrt{s} = 63, 88, 124 \text{ GeV}$   
(full energy EIC – **stage II**)



# Impact of the EIC

Accardi, Guzey, Rojo, INT report

- **e+A collisions** – using NNPDF2.0 fits
  - With only 1 nucleus target, impact comparable to present day world data; small and large  $x$



# Gluons in nuclei - large $x$

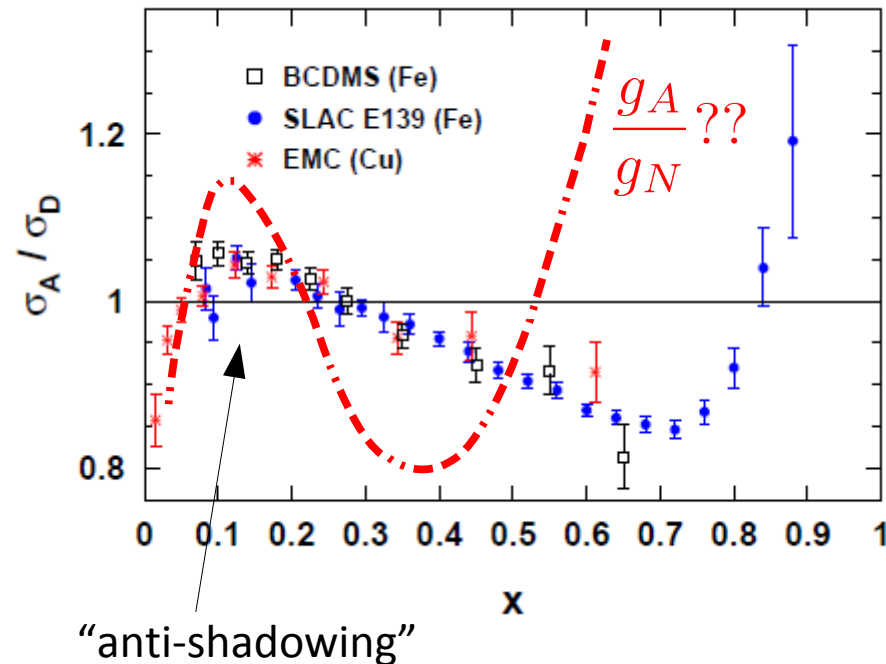
## □ Next to nothing known about large- $x$ nuclear gluons

- Easily as revolutionary as quark EMC effect 30 years ago
- In fact, indications that “anti-shadowing” resides in longitudinal

## □ Needs

*Guzey et al., PRC86 (2012) 045201*

- Dedicated nuclear L/T separation at JLab 12 GeV
- **Energy scan at EIC**



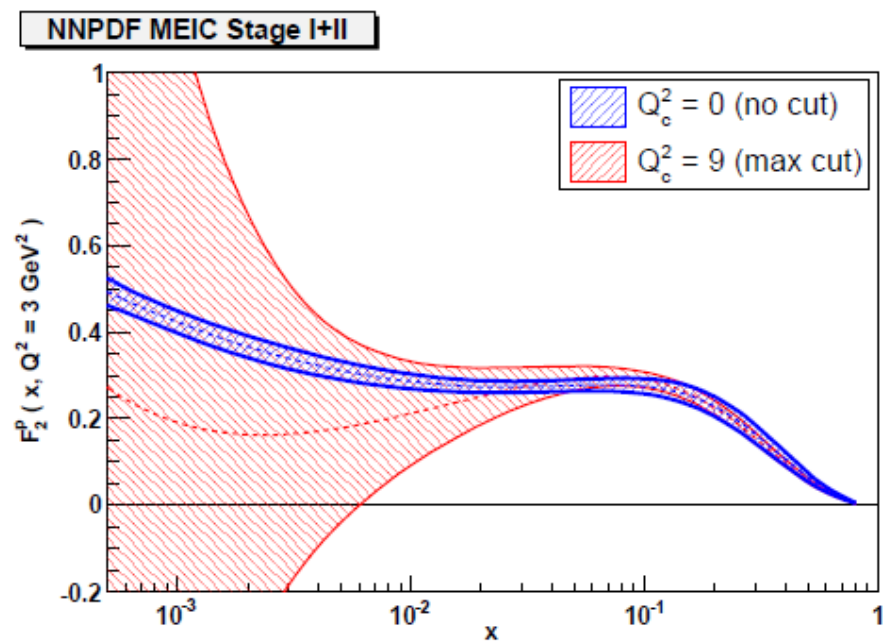
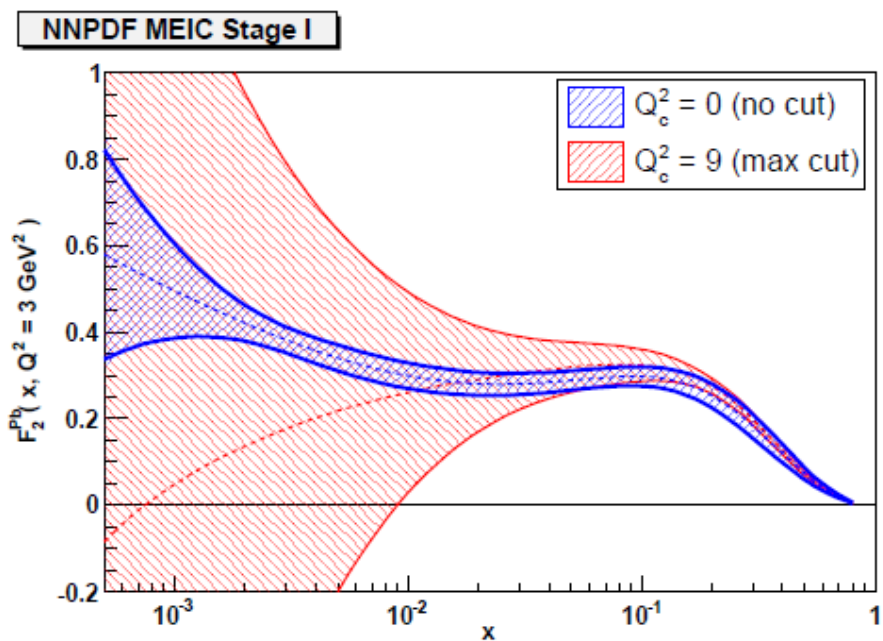
# Gluons in nuclei - small $x$

*Accardi, Guzey, Rojo, INT report*

## Can EIC detect (the approach) saturation as deviation from DGLAP?

- Cut data in saturation region  $Q^2 < Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x_0}{x}\right)^{1/3} A^{1/3}$  and refit
- Systematic downward shift
- Signal of saturation (marginal in stage I ?)
- Needs detailed study of statistical significance

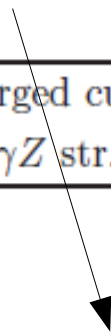
$$= Q_c^2 x^{-1/3}$$



# Gluons in nuclei - the science matrix

*Accardi, Lamont, Marquet, INT report*

| Deliverables                              | Observables                               | What we learn                            | Phase-I  | Phase-II                      |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| integrated gluon distributions            | $F_{2,L}$                                 | nuclear wave.fn.;<br>saturation, $Q_s$   | gluons at<br>$10^{-3} \lesssim x \lesssim 1$             | explore sat.<br>regime        |
| $k_T$ -dep. gluons;<br>gluon correlations | di-hadron<br>correlations                 | non-linear QCD<br>evolution/universality | onset of<br>saturation; $Q_s$                            | RG evolution                  |
| integrated gluon<br>distributions         | $F_{2,L}^c, F_{2,L}^D$                    | nuclear w.fn.;<br>saturation, $Q_s$      | early sat. onset<br>challenge to measure                 | saturation<br>regime          |
| flavour separated<br>nuclear PDFs         | charged current<br>& $\gamma Z$ str. fns. | EMC effect origin                        | full $q_i$ separation<br>at $0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 1$ | larger $Q^2$ ,<br>smaller $x$ |



Good performance also at large  $x$ ; similar for protons:

$\Rightarrow$  don't forget intrinsic charm 😊

# Summary: the next 20 years

- **Global fits: new avenue to study nuclear physics with proton targets**
  - Deuteron corrections, EMC effect theory
  
- **The next 10 years: pushing the envelope of existing machines**
  - High-precision large-x quarks need **fixed target DIS(D) statistics**
  - Theory nuclear systematics will be minimized using proton data
    - W,Z at **RHIC, Tevatron, LHC**; tagging, PVDIS,  $^3\text{He}/^3\text{H}$  ratio at **JLab12**
  - Start exploiting p vs. large A for understanding EMC effect
  - Revisit intrinsic charm fits
  
- **10-20 years from now**
  - **EIC** and/or **LHeC** likely to allow deuteron-free large-x PDF fits
    - CC DIS, jets, charm tagging on proton targets
  - High precision forward physics at LHC (**AFTER@LHC, ...**)
  - Use high precision p data to study nuclei in detail

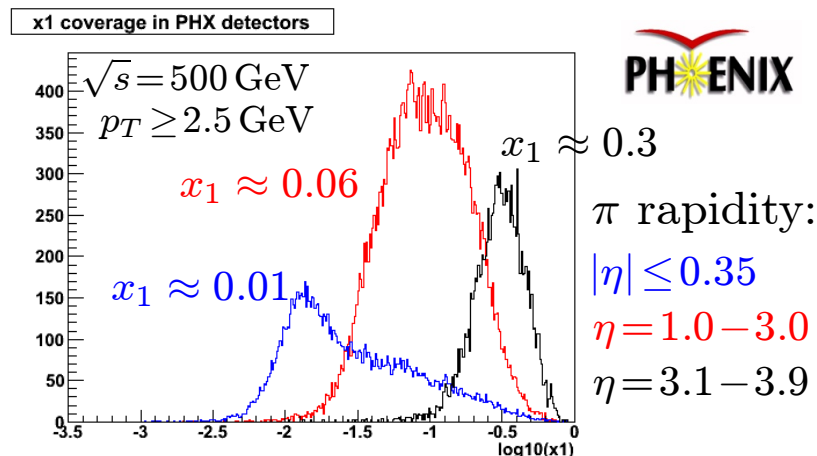
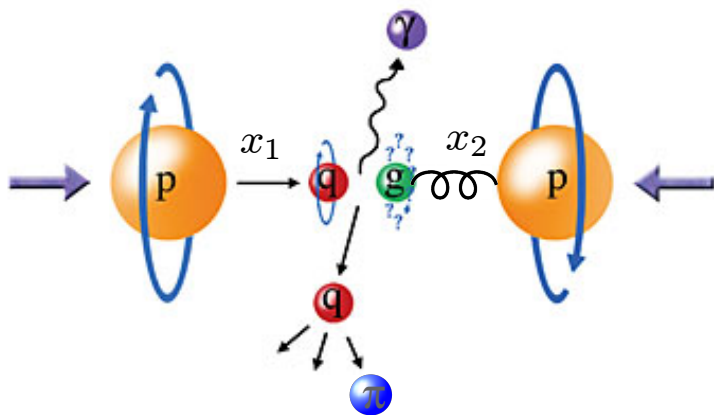


# Backup slides

# Small x gluons at colliders: hadronic structure

- Gluon spin at small x at RHIC requires particle production at large y

$$\sigma(\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \propto \Delta q(x_1) \Delta g(x_2) \hat{\sigma}^{qg \rightarrow qg} D_q^{\pi^0}(z)$$



$$x_1 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y \quad x_2 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y}$$

- Precise large-x PDFs needed:
  - to measure smallest-x gluon helicity

# Valence quarks at large $x$

□  $d/u$  quark ratio particularly sensitive to quark dynamics in nucleon

□ **SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry**

– proton wave function

$$p^\uparrow = -\frac{1}{3}d^\uparrow(uu)_1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}d^\downarrow(uu)_1 \\ + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}u^\uparrow(ud)_1 - \frac{1}{3}u^\downarrow(ud)_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}u^\uparrow(ud)_0$$

interacting  
quark

spectator  
diquark

diquark spin

# Valence quarks at large $x$

□  $d/u$  quark ratio particularly sensitive to quark dynamics in nucleon

□ **SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry**

– proton wave function

$$p^\uparrow = -\frac{1}{3}d^\uparrow(uu)_1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}d^\downarrow(uu)_1 \\ + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}u^\uparrow(ud)_1 - \frac{1}{3}u^\downarrow(ud)_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}u^\uparrow(ud)_0$$

– 50%  $(qq)_1$  50%  $(qq)_0$ ,  $u = 2d$  at all  $x$

$$\frac{d}{u} = \frac{1}{2} \implies \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} = \frac{2}{3}$$

# Valence quarks at large $x$

## Broken SU(6) : scalar diquark dominance

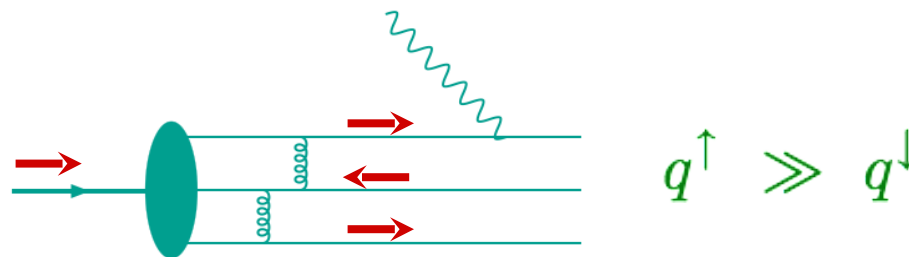
- $M_{\Delta} > M_N \Rightarrow (qq)_1$  has larger energy than  $(qq)_0$
- But only  $u$  quark couples to scalar diquark:

$$\frac{d}{u} \rightarrow 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$$

*Feynman 1972, Close 1973  
Close/Thomas 1988*

## Broken SU(6) : hard gluon exchange

- helicity of struck quark = helicity of struck hadron



$$\frac{d}{u} \rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \rightarrow \frac{3}{7}$$

*Farrar, Jackson, 1975*

# Global QCD fits of Parton Distribution Functions

## data

- DIS: p, d
- p+p(pbar)  $\rightarrow$  l+l-, W $^{\pm}$
- p+p(pbar)  $\rightarrow$  jets,  $\gamma$ +jet

## theory

- pQCD at NLO
- Factorization & universality
- **Large-x, low- $Q^2$ , nuclear corr.**

## fits

- Parametrize PDF at  $Q_0$ , evolve to  $Q$
- Minimize  $\chi^2$

PDFs

$F_2(n)$

W, Z / W', Z', Higgs

(or any other "hard" observable)

# Nuclear corrections - theoretical uncertainty

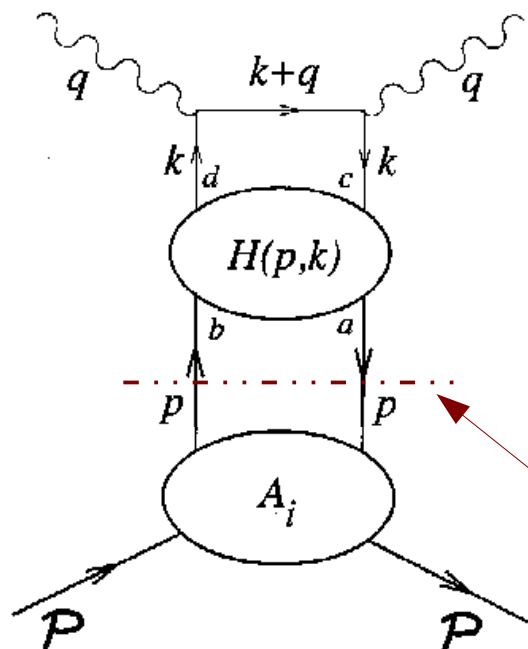
$$F_{2d}(x_B, Q^2) = \int_{x_B}^A dy \mathcal{S}_A(y, \gamma) F_2^{TMC+HT}(x_B/y, Q^2) \left( 1 + \frac{\delta^{off} F_2(x)}{F_2(x)} \right)$$

Free nucleon str.fn.

## “Smearing function”

Calculated from nuclear wave-function:

- CD-Bonn } non-relativistic
- AV18 } non-relativistic
- WJC-2 } relativistic
- WJC-1 } relativistic



## Off-shell correction

Models (little theory guidance):

- Melnitchouk & C. (MST)
- Kulagin-Petti (KP) fits of  $A/d$  ratios
- modified KP model

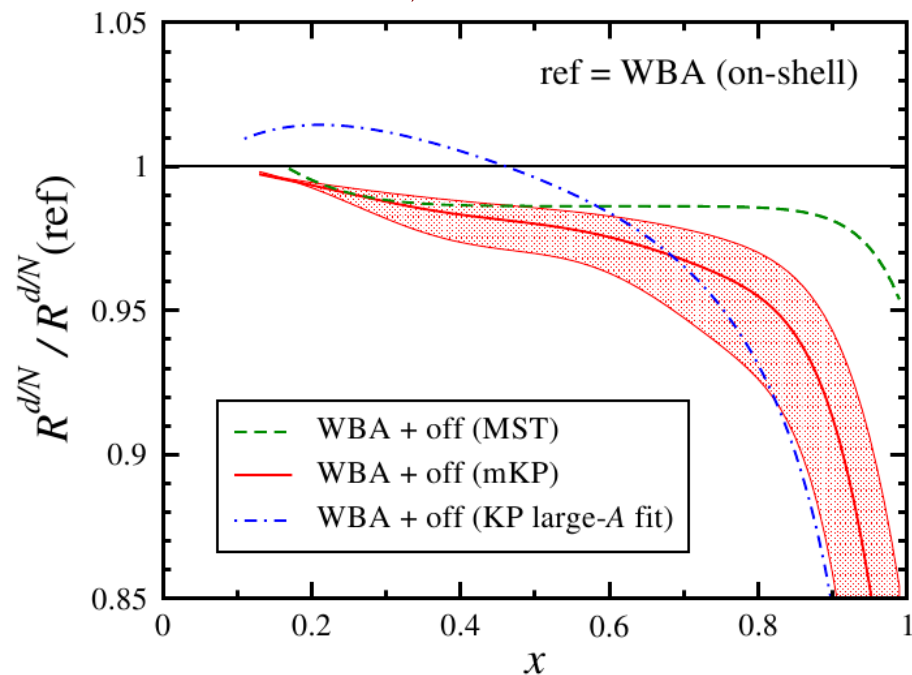
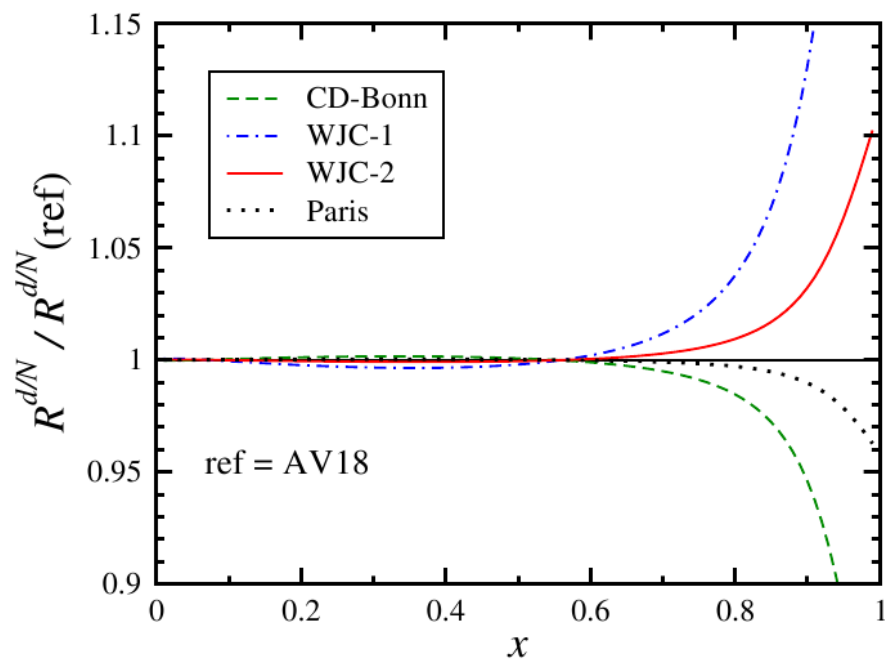
## Low-energy factorization issues

- Renormalization of nuclear operators
- Lorentz vs. gauge invariance, FSI, ...

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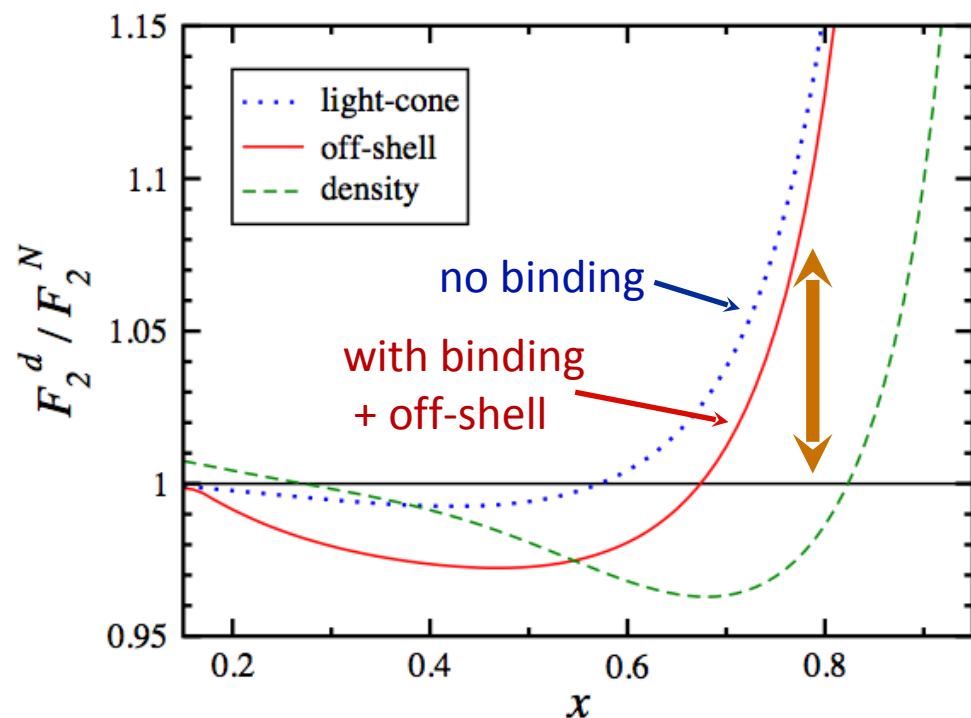
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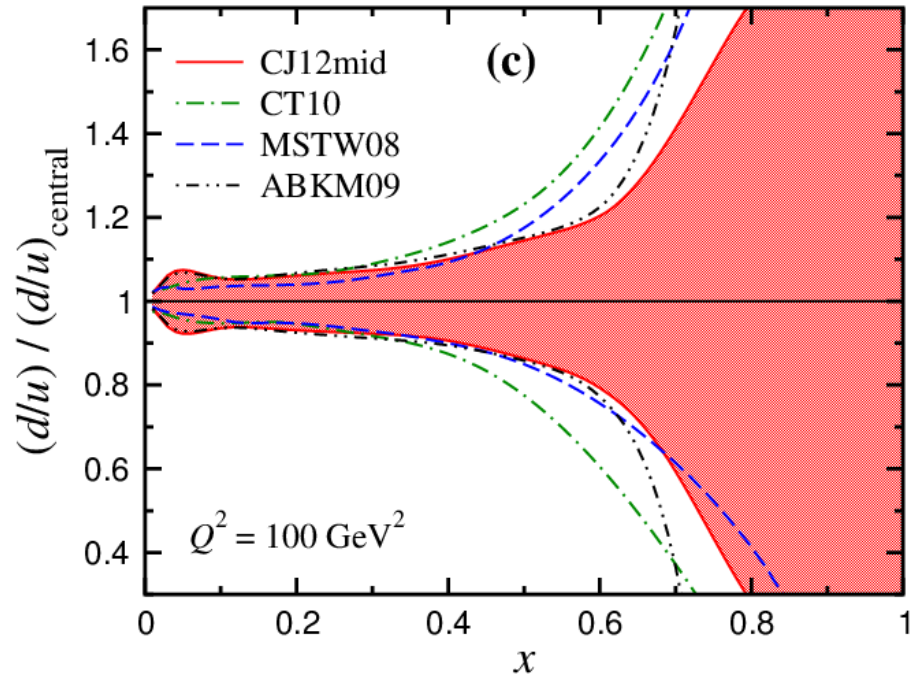
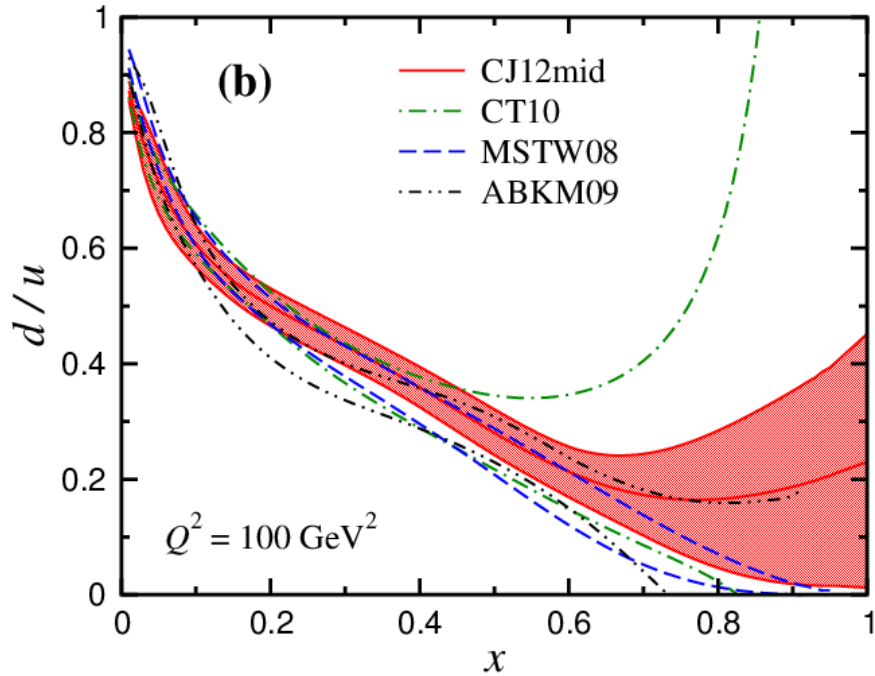
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- Using off-shell model, obtains *larger neutron* (larger  $d$ ) than light-cone model
- But smaller *neutron* (larger  $d$ ) than no nuclear effects or density model

# $d/u$ ratio: CJ12 vs. others

Owens, Accardi, Melnitchouk, *arXiv:1212.1702*



# The mKP off-shell nucleon model

*Accardi et al. PRD 84, 014008 (2011)*

- Nucleon at large  $x$  = valence quark + spectator diquark

$$q_v(x, p^2) = \int ds \int_{-\infty}^{k_{\max}^2} dk^2 D_{q/N}(s, k^2, x, p^2)$$

Nucleon virtuality

diquark  
inv. mass squared

Quark virtuality

- Quark spectral function, with spectator diquark

$$D_{q/N} \approx \delta(s - s_0) \Phi(k^2, \Lambda(p^2)) \quad [s_0 = 2.1 \text{ GeV}^2 \text{ from fits}]$$

Cutoff scale

- Physical interpretation: nucleon size changes with  $p^2$ :  $R_N \sim 1/\Lambda$

# The mKP off-shell nucleon model

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- Expand  $F_2(N)$  to first order in virtuality:

$$F_2^N(x, Q^2, p^2) = F_2^N(x, Q^2) \left( 1 + \delta f_2(x, Q^2) \frac{p^2 - M^2}{M^2} \right)$$

- In the mKP model

$$\delta f_2 = c + \frac{\partial \log q_v}{\partial x} x(1-x) \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-x)M^2 + \lambda s_0}{(1-x)^2 M^2 - s_0}$$

- Only 1 free parameter

$$\lambda = \left. \frac{\partial \log \Lambda^2}{\partial \log p^2} \right|_{p^2=M^2} = -2(\delta R_N / R_N)(\delta p^2 / M^2)$$

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nucleon size changes with  $p^2$ :  $R_N \sim 1/\Lambda$

$$\delta p^2 = \langle p^2 - M^2 \rangle$$

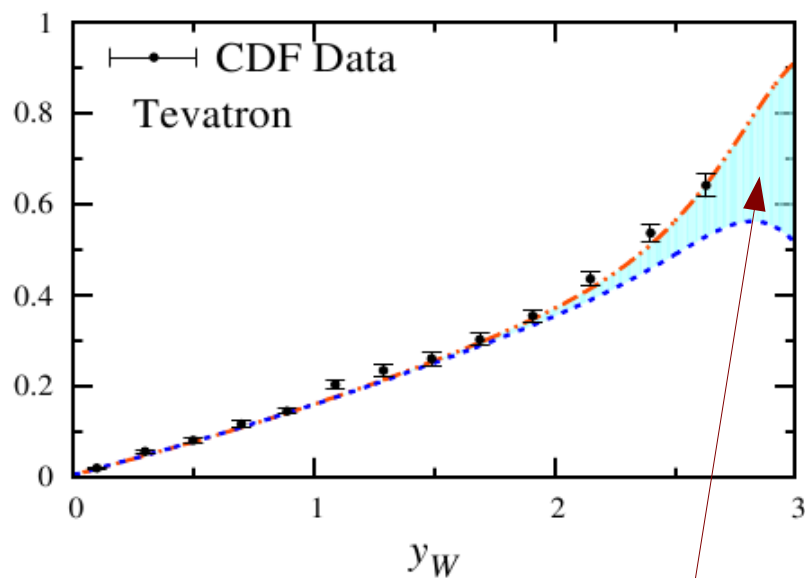
$$\int d^4 p (p^2 - M^2) \mathcal{S}_d(y)$$

# W charge asymmetry at Tevatron

Brady, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Owens, JHEP 1206 (2012) 019

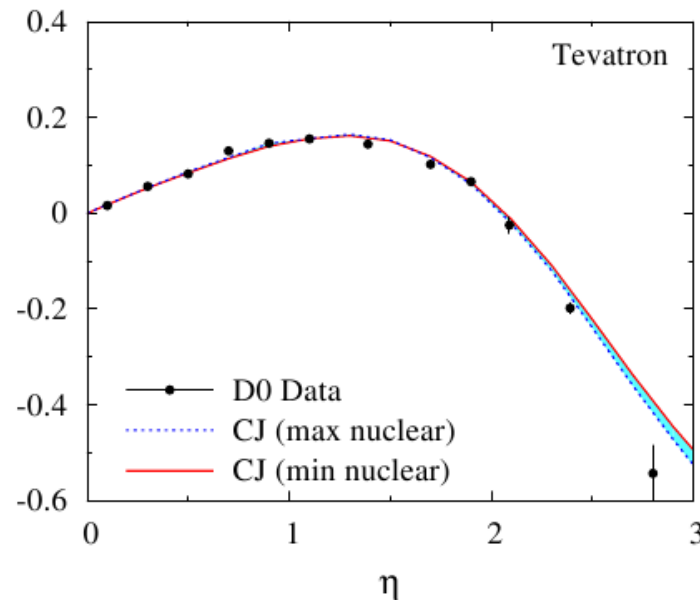
## Directly reconstructed W:

- highest sensitivity to large  $x$



## From decay lepton $W \rightarrow l + \nu$ :

- smearing in  $x$



sensitive to  
 $d$  at high  $x$

Can constrain  
Nuclear models!

❑ Too little large- $x$  sensitivity in lepton asymmetry:

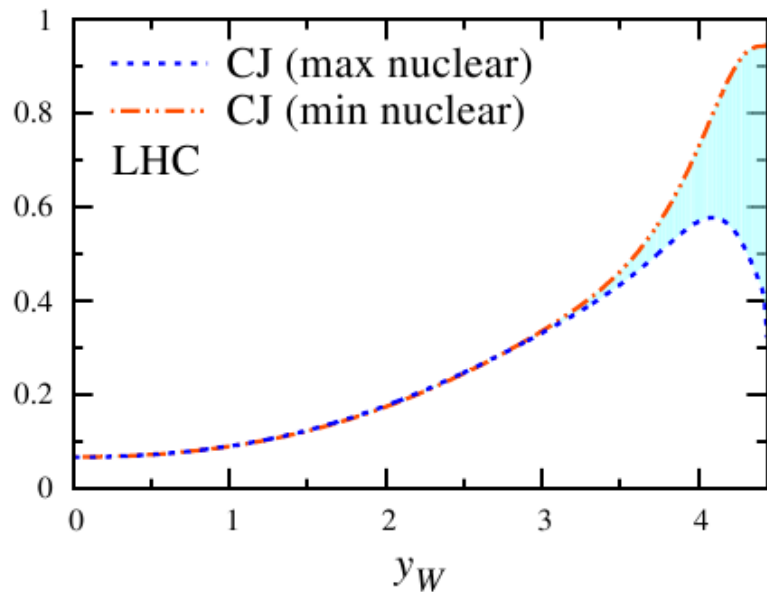
– need reconstructed  $W$

# W charge asymmetry at LHC

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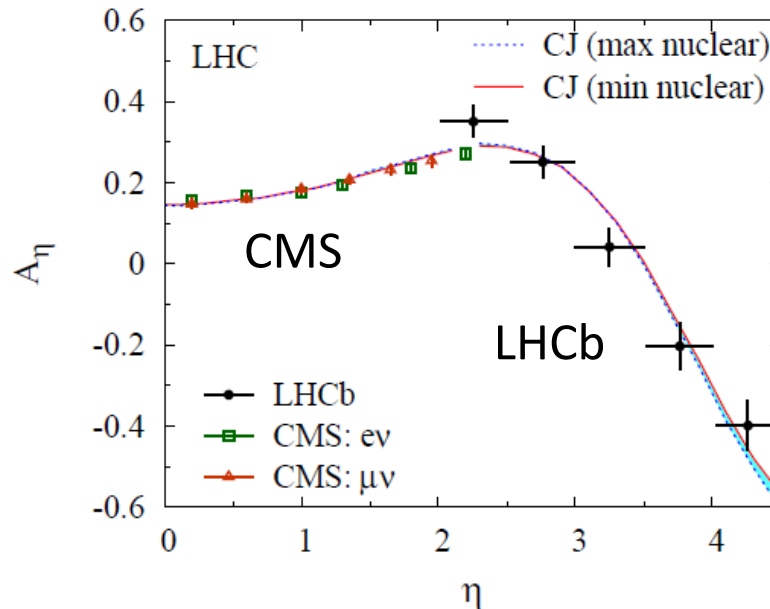
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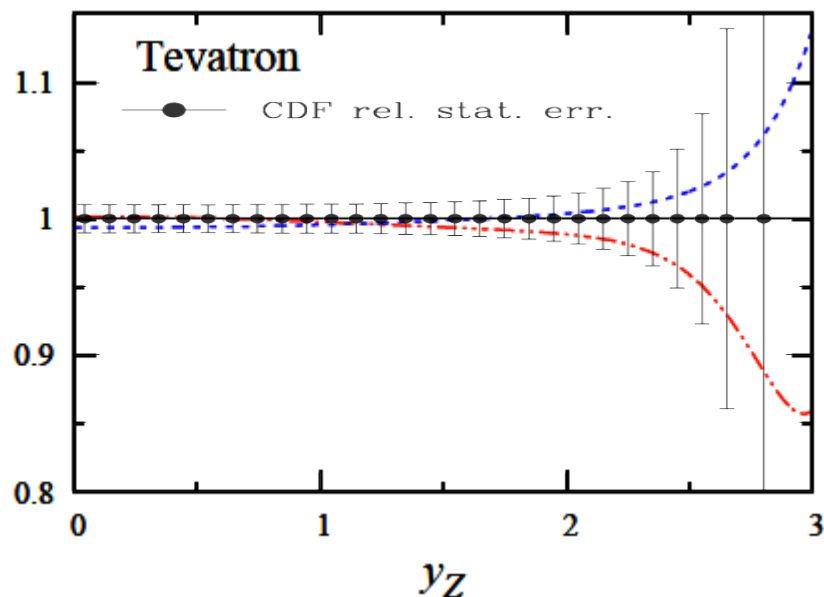
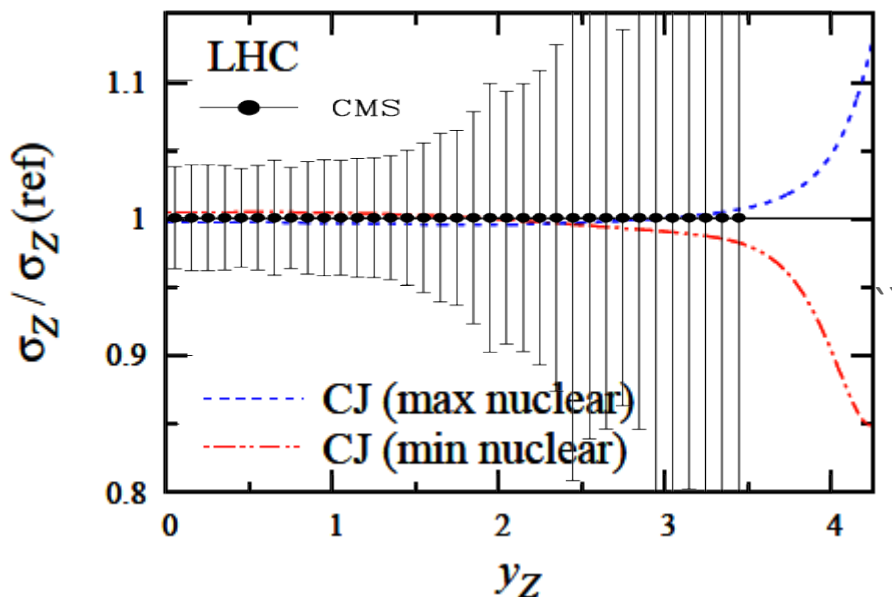


## ❑ Would be nice to reconstruct W at LHCb

- Definitely needs more statistics
- Is it at all possible?? (too many holes in detector?)
- Systematics in W reconstruction?
- **What about RHIC, AFTER@LHC?**

# Z rapidity distribution

Brady, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Owens, JHEP 1206 (2012) 019



- ❑ Direct Z reconstruction is unambiguous in principle, but:
  - Needs better than 5-10% precision at large rapidity
  - Experimentally achievable?
    - At LHCb? RHIC? AFTER@LHC?
    - Was full data set used at Tevatron?