



# Diffraction at LHeC and FCC-eh

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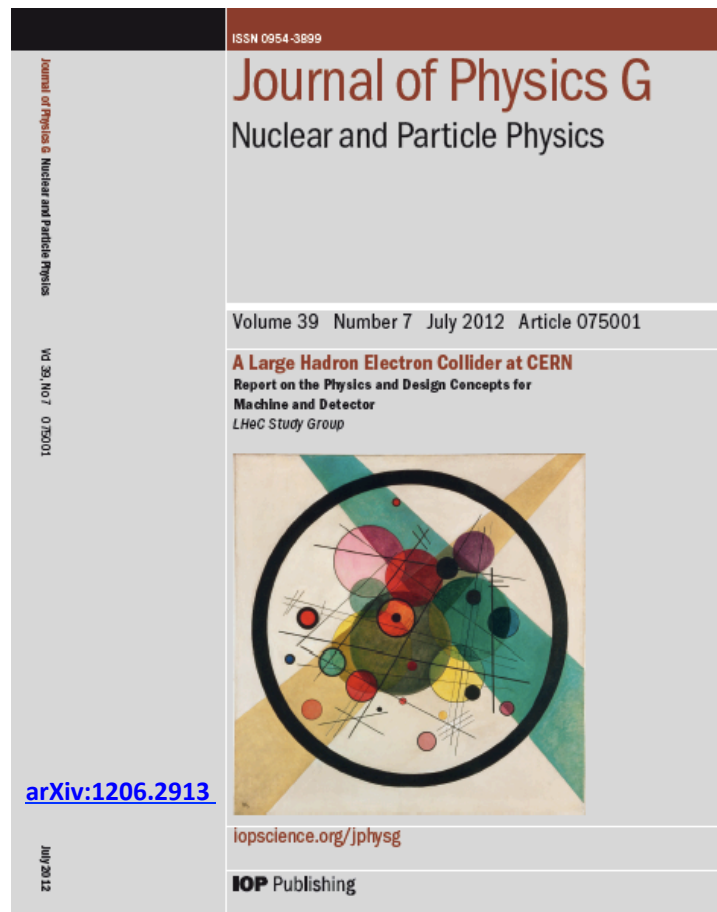
# Outline

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- Introduction: LHeC and FCC-eh parameters and kinematics
- Inclusive diffraction: cross sections
- Prospects for extraction of diffractive PDFs
- Inclusive diffraction in eA
- Exclusive diffraction: elastic vector meson production

# LHeC Conceptual Design Report and beyond

CDR 2012: commissioned by  
CERN, ECFA, NuPECC  
200 authors, 69 institutions



arXiv:1206.2913

## Further selected references:

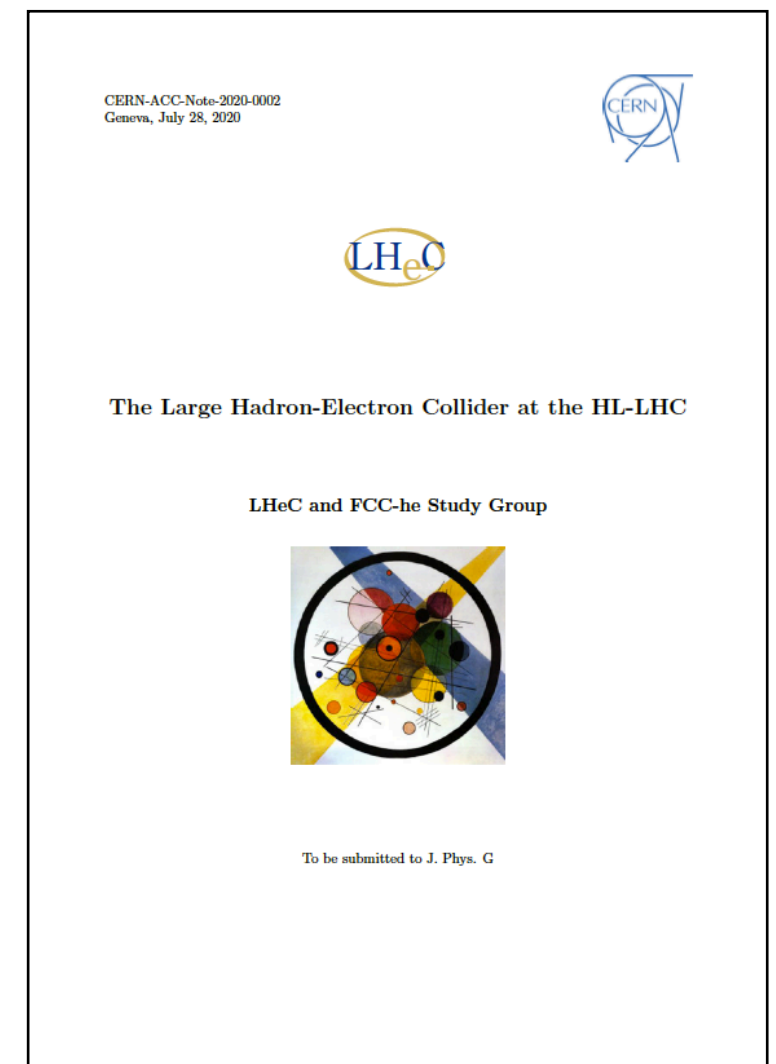
*On the relation of the LHeC and the LHC*  
arXiv:1211.5102

*The Large Hadron Electron Collider*  
arXiv:1305.2090

*Dig Deeper*  
Nature Physics 9 (2013) 448

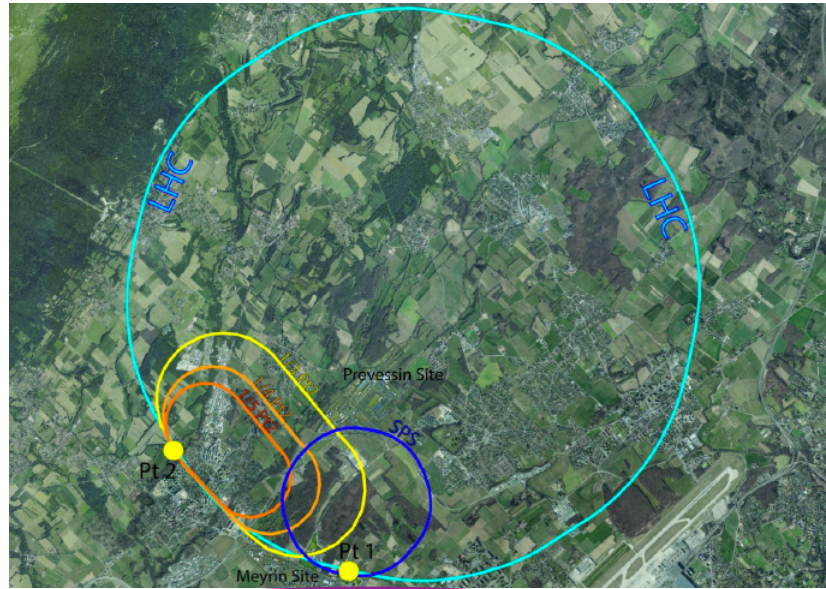
*Future Deep Inelastic Scattering with the LHeC*  
arXiv:1802.04317

CDR update 2020  
300 authors, 156 institutions



arXiv:2007.14491

# Accelerator concepts for electron-proton collisions



50 x 7000 GeV<sup>2</sup>: 1.2 TeV ep collider

Operation: 2035+, Cost: O(1) BCHF

CDR: 1206.2913 J.Phys.G (550 citations)

Upgrade to 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, for Higgs, BSM

CERN-ACC-Note-2018-0084 (ESSP)

arXiv:2007.14491, subm J.Phys.G

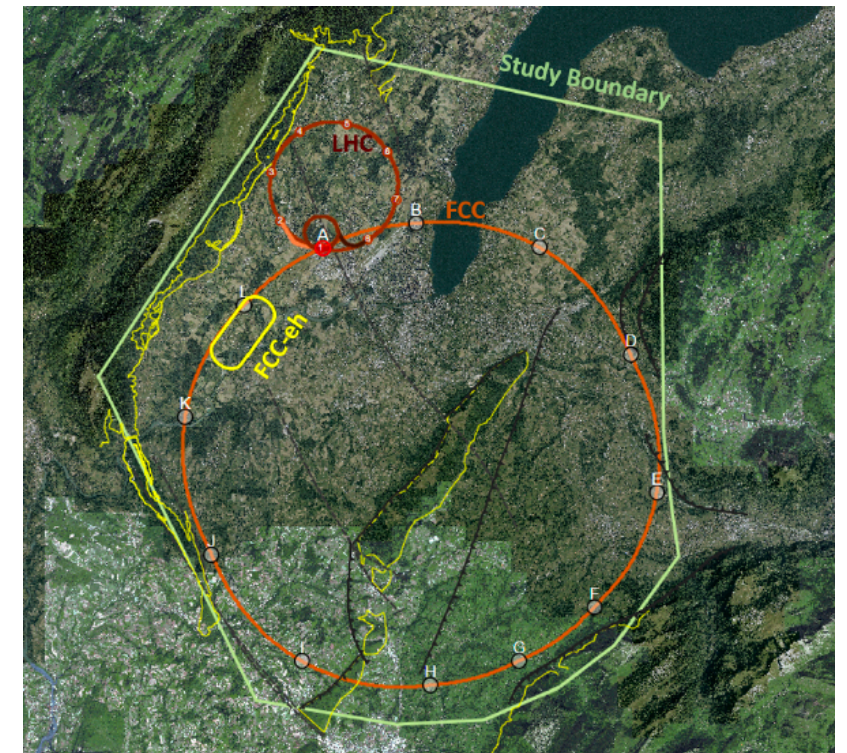
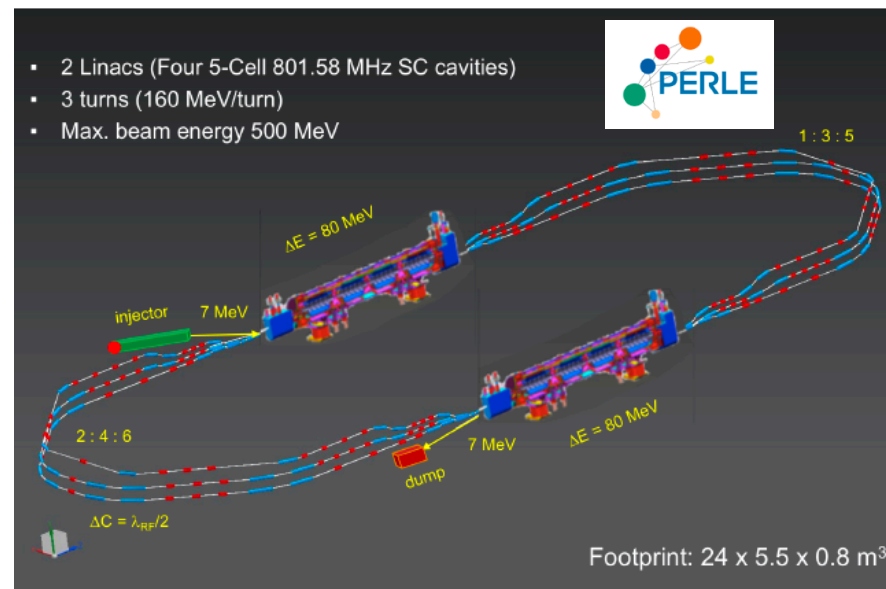
## LHeC, PERLE and FCC-eh

Powerful ERL for Experiments @ Orsay  
CDR: 1705.08783 J.Phys.G  
CERN-ACC-Note-2018-0086 (ESSP)

Operation: 2025+, Cost: O(20) MEuro

LHeC ERL Parameters and Configuration  
 $I_e=20\text{mA}$ , 802 MHz SRF, 3 turns  $\rightarrow$   
 $E_e=500\text{ MeV} \rightarrow$  first 10 MW ERL facility

BINP, CERN, Daresbury, Jlab, Liverpool, Orsay (IJC), +



60 x 50000 GeV<sup>2</sup>: 3.5 TeV ep collider

Operation: 2050+, Cost (of ep) O(1-2) BCHF

Concurrent Operation with FCC-hh

FCC CDR:

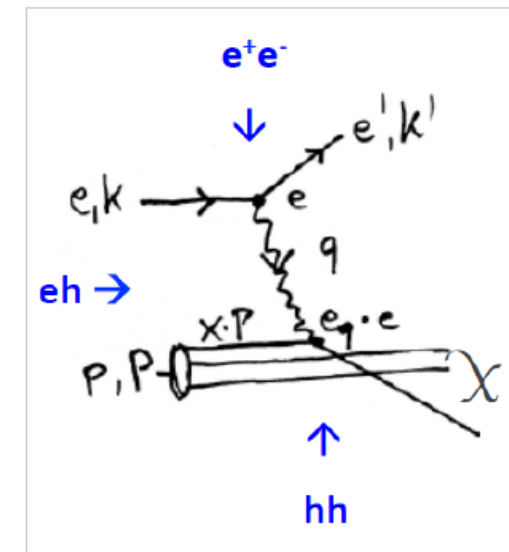
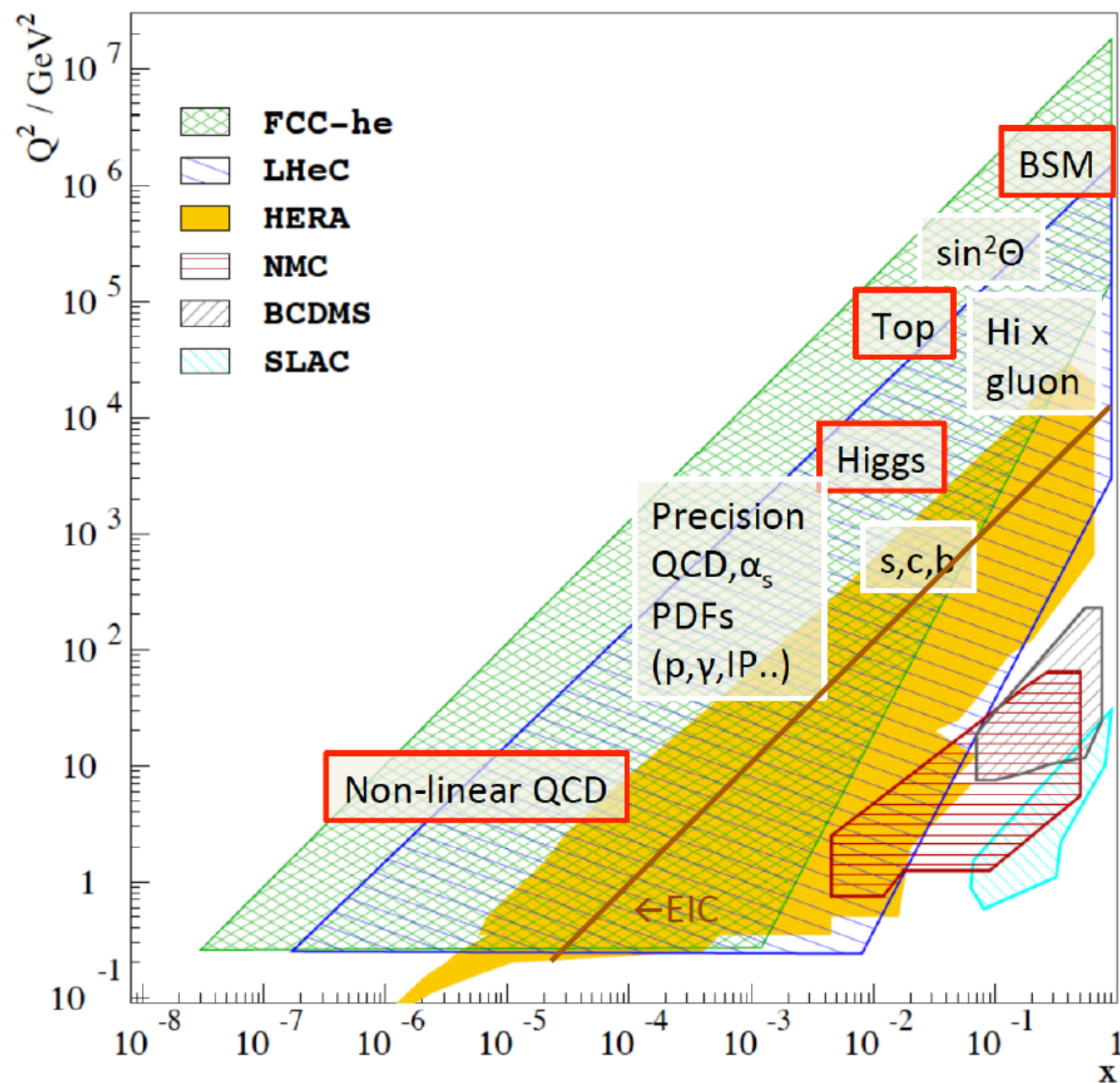
*Eur.Phys.J.ST* 228 (2019) 6, 474 Physics

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Future CERN Colliders: 1810.13022 Bordry+



# Physics with Energy Frontier DIS



ep/eA collider: cleanest high resolution microscope

Precision and discovery in QCD

Study of EW physics, multi-jet final states

Transform the LHC/FCC into a high precision Higgs facility

Unique and complementary potential for the BSM studies

Empower the LHC/FCC search programme

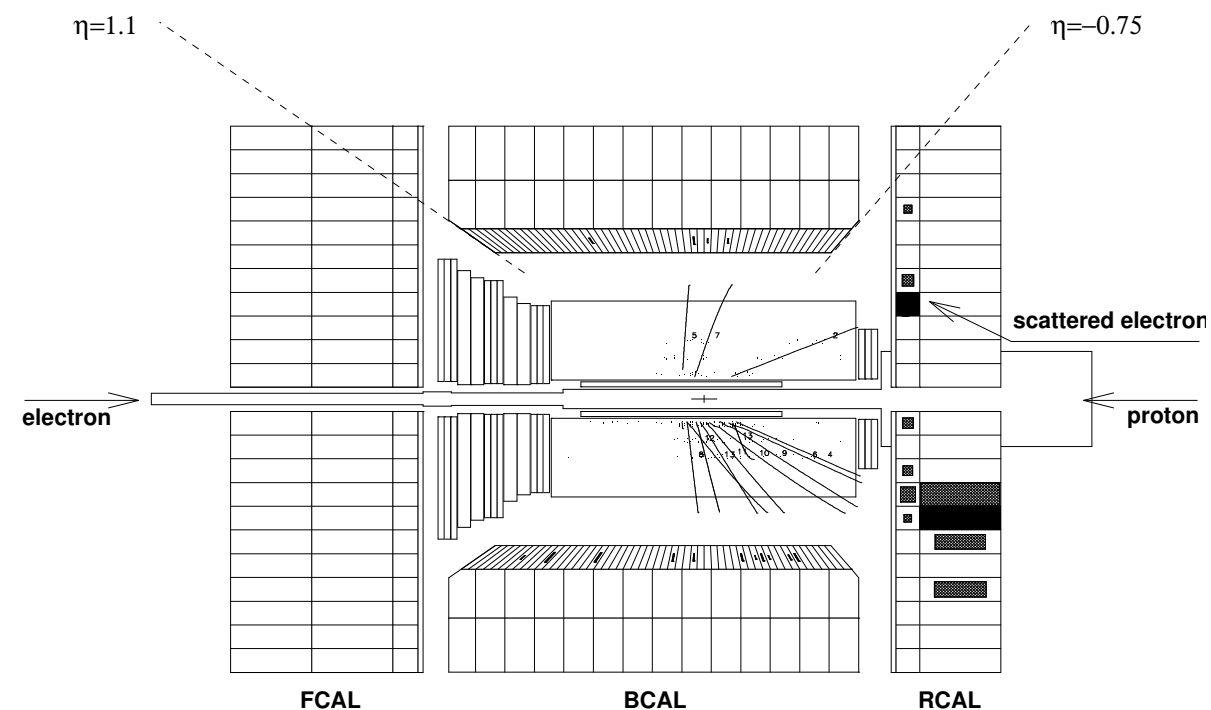
**Overall: a unique Particle and Nuclear Physics Facility**

# What is Diffraction?

- Diffractive processes are characterized by the rapidity gap: absence of any activity in part of the detector.
- Diffraction is interpreted as to be mediated by the exchange of an 'object' with vacuum quantum numbers - usually referred to as the **Pomeron**.

HERA: 10% events diffractive: **rapidity gap**

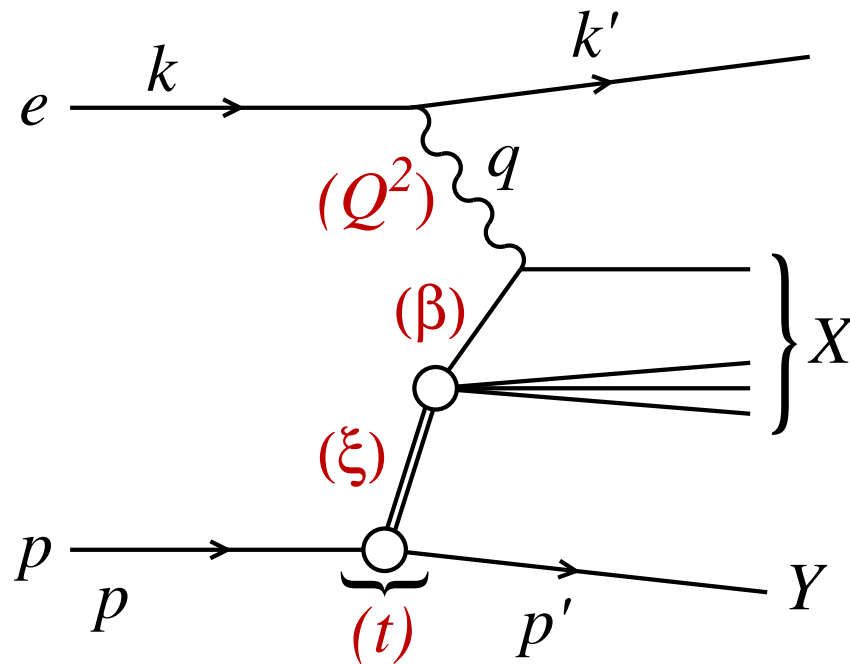
Importance of diffraction for :  
small  $x$  dynamics  
shadowing  
confinement,  
soft and collinear factorization



Diffractive event in ZEUS at HERA

# Diffractive kinematics in DIS

## Standard DIS variables:



electron-proton  
cms energy squared:

$$s = (k + p)^2$$

photon-proton  
cms energy squared:

$$W^2 = (q + p)^2$$

inelasticity

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

Bjorken x

$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

(minus) photon virtuality

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

## Diffractive DIS variables:

$$\xi \equiv x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

momentum fraction of the  
Pomeron w.r.t hadron

$$\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}$$

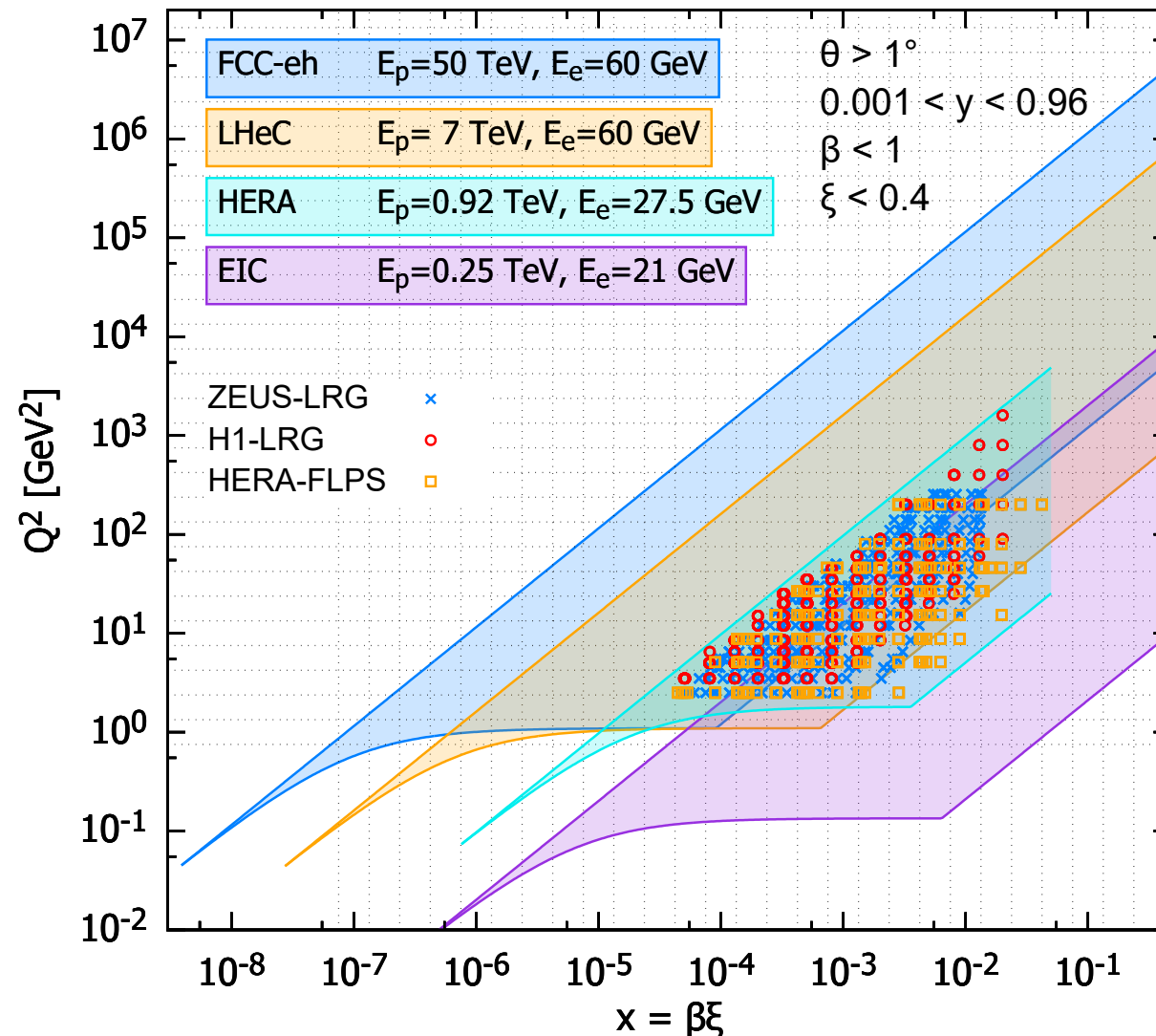
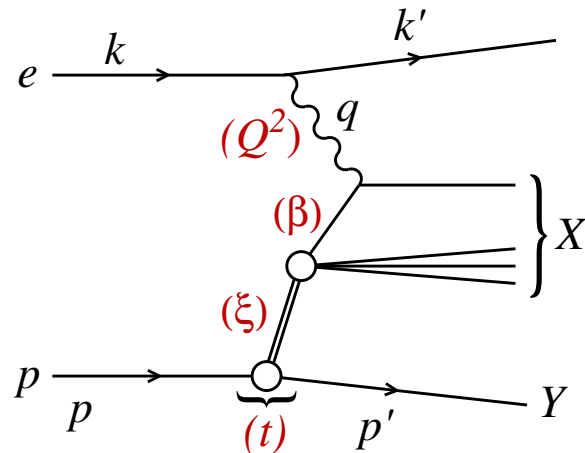
momentum fraction of parton  
w.r.t Pomeron

$$t = (p - p')^2$$

4-momentum transfer squared

$$x = \xi \beta$$

# Phase space (x,Q<sup>2</sup>) EIC-HERA-LHeC-FCC-eh



$E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}$

- $E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$  vs. HERA
  - $x_{\min}$  down by factor  $\sim 20$
  - $Q_{\max}^2$  up by factor  $\sim 100$
- $E_p = 50 \text{ TeV}$  vs. 7 TeV
  - $x_{\min}$  down by factor  $\sim 10$
  - $Q_{\max}^2$  up by factor  $\sim 10$

## Prospects for LHeC and FCC-eh:

**Low  $\xi$ :** cleanly separate diffraction

**Low  $\beta$ :** novel low x effects

**High  $Q^2$ :** lever-arm for gluon, flavor decomposition. Tests of DGLAP evolution

**Large  $M_x$ :** diffractive jets, heavy flavors, W/Z

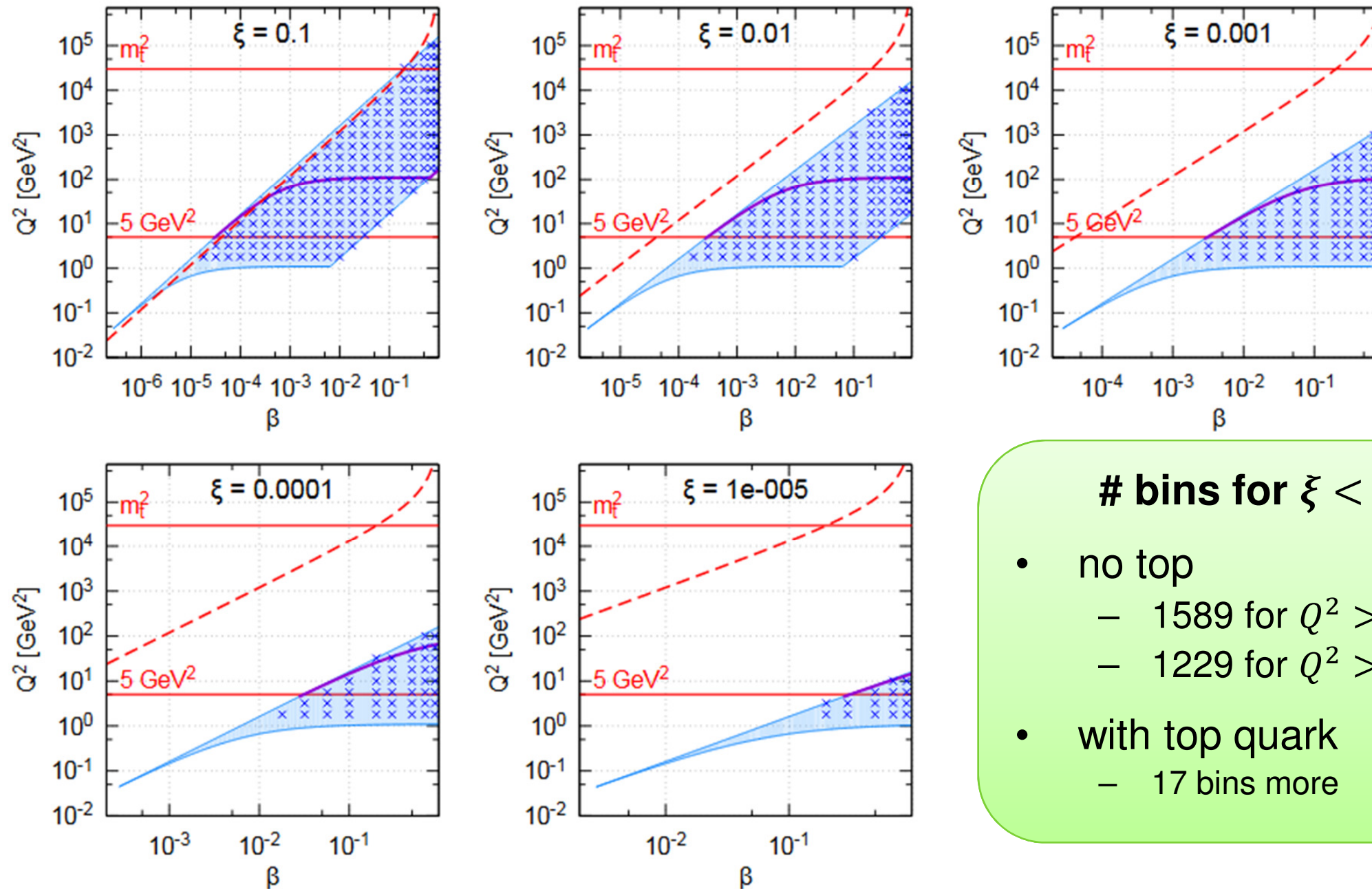
**Large  $E_T$ :** Precision QCD with jets



# LHeC phase space: $(\beta, Q^2)$ fixed $\xi$

$$E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}, E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}, y_{\min} = 0.001, y_{\max} = 0.96$$

$\theta > 1^\circ$  ■  $\theta = 10^\circ$  — bins  $\times$   $M_X = 2 m_t$  - - -



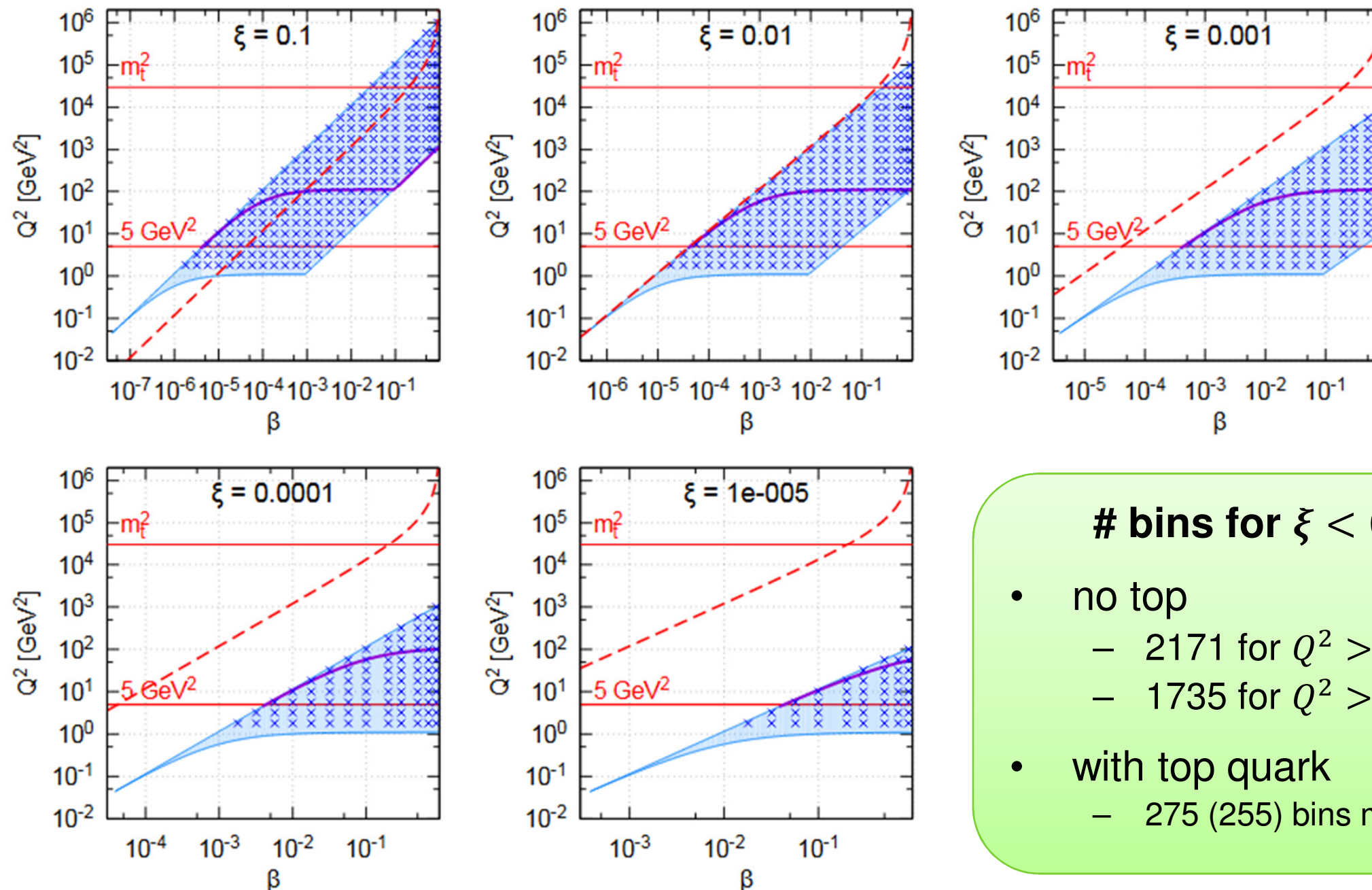
## # bins for $\xi < 0.15$

- no top
  - 1589 for  $Q^2 > 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$
  - 1229 for  $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- with top quark
  - 17 bins more

# FCC-eh phase space: $(\beta, Q^2)$ fixed $\xi$

$$E_p = 50 \text{ TeV}, E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}, y_{\min} = 0.001, y_{\max} = 0.96$$

$\theta > 1^\circ$  ■  $\theta = 10^\circ$  — bins  $\times$   $M_X = 2 m_t$  - - -



## # bins for $\xi < 0.15$

- no top
  - 2171 for  $Q^2 > 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$
  - 1735 for  $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- with top quark
  - 275 (255) bins more

# Pseudodata for $\sigma_{\text{red}}$

Simulations based on extrapolation of ZEUS-SJ DPDFs

Variable Flavor Number scheme without top

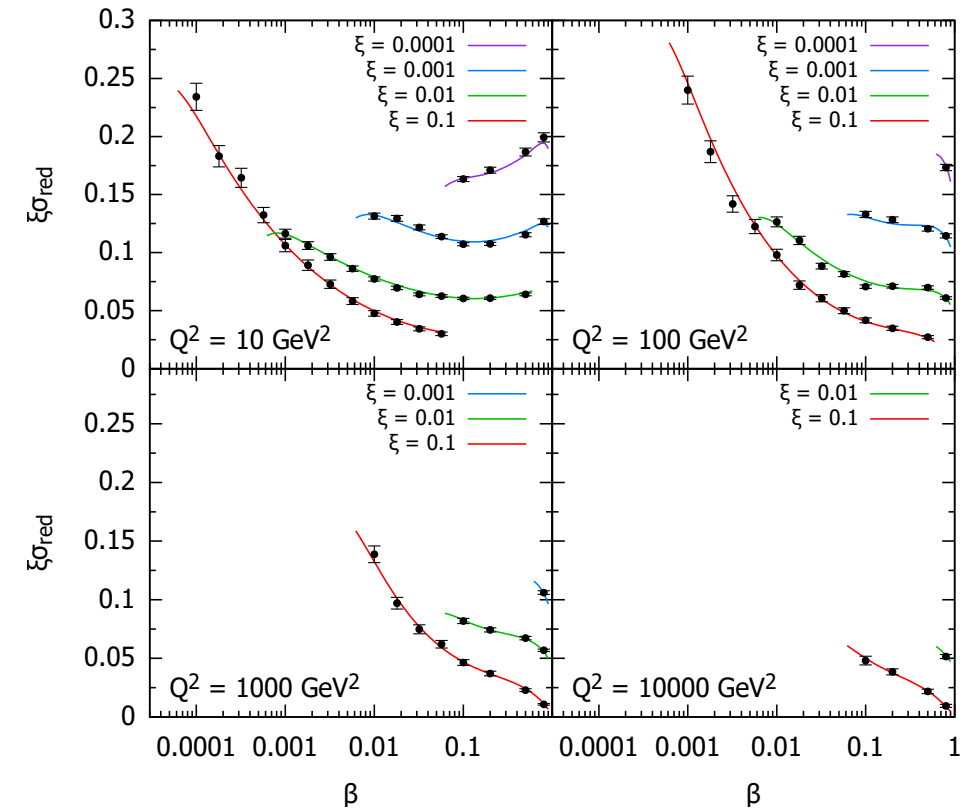
Binning to assume negligible statistical errors

5% systematic error, dominates the total error

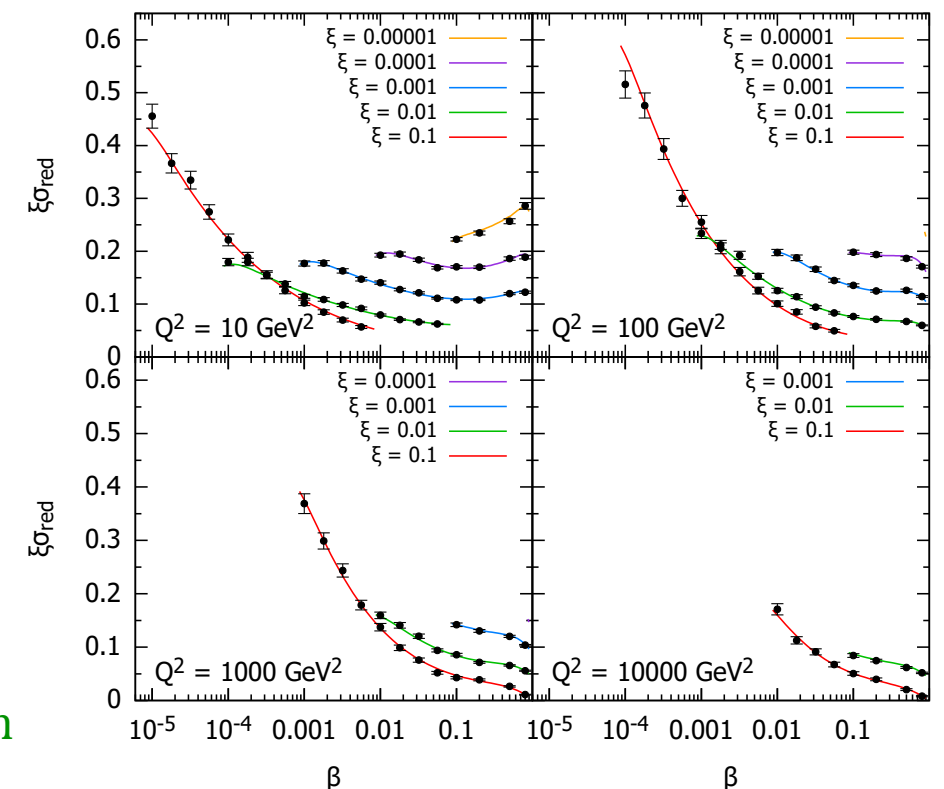
Potential for high quality data for inclusive diffraction at LHeC/FCC-eh

Prospects for precise extraction of diffractive PDFs, tests of factorization breaking (collinear and soft)

Only small subset of simulated data is shown



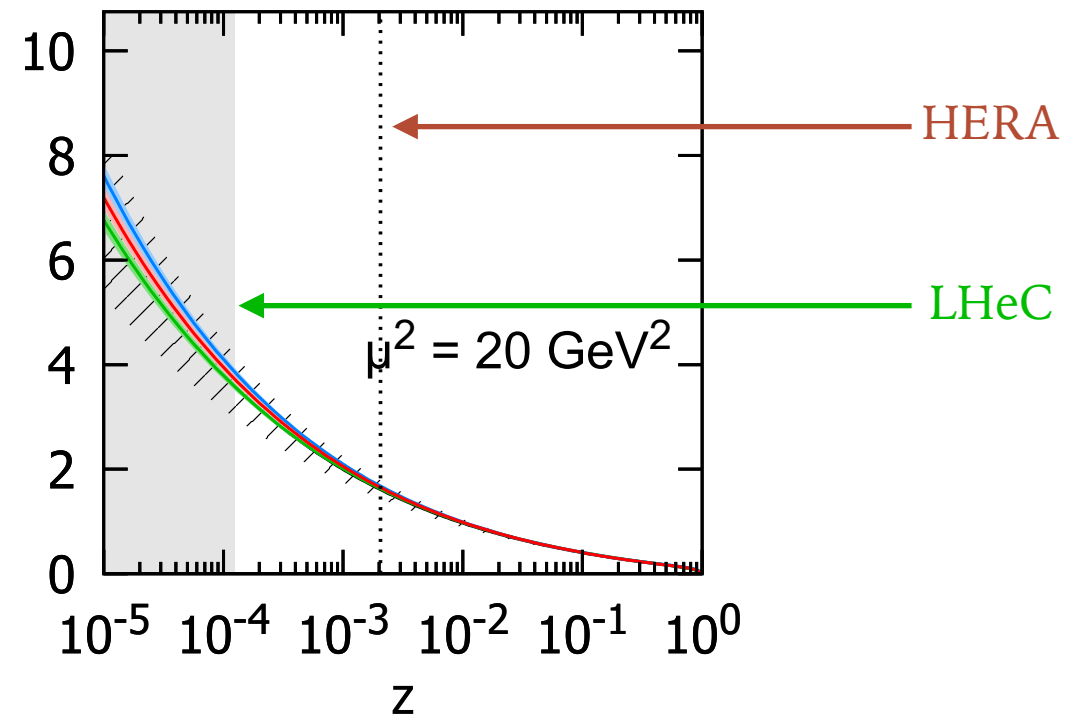
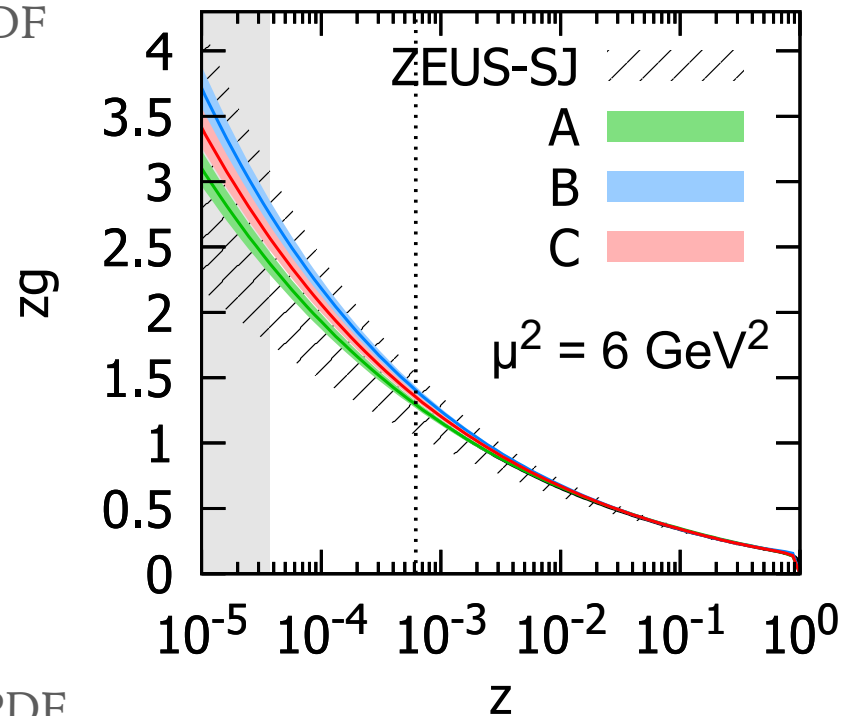
LHeC



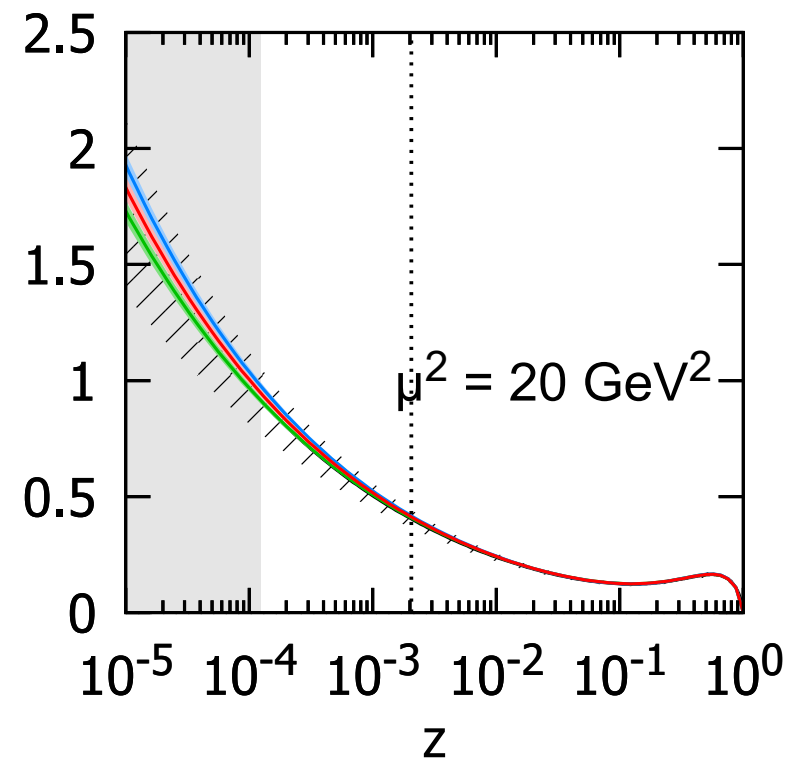
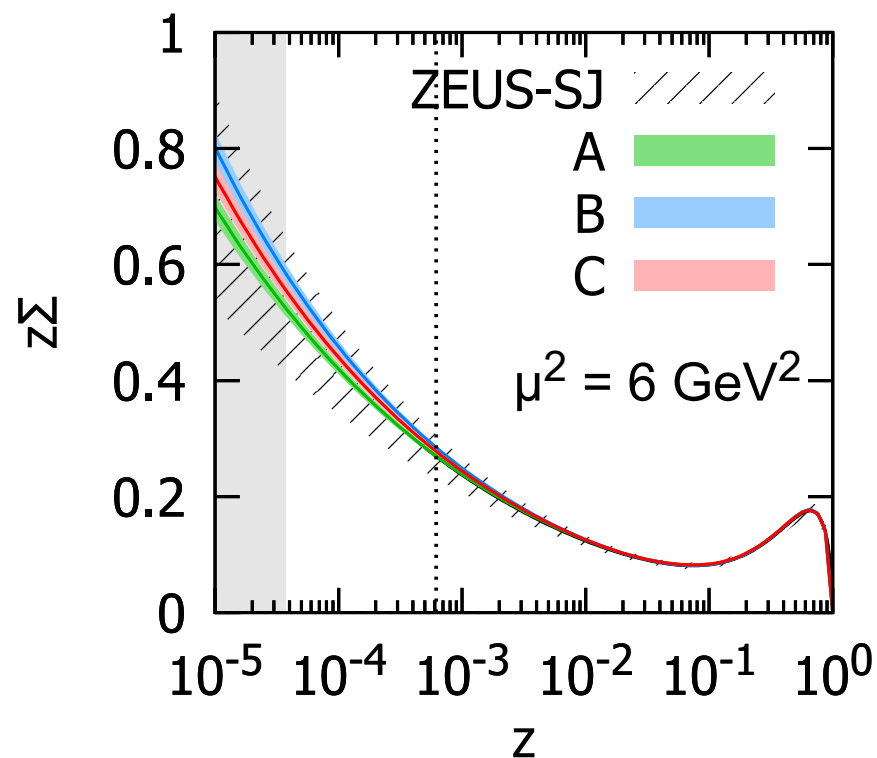
FCC-eh

# Diffractive PDFs from LHeC pseudodata

Diffractive gluon PDF



Diffractive quark PDF

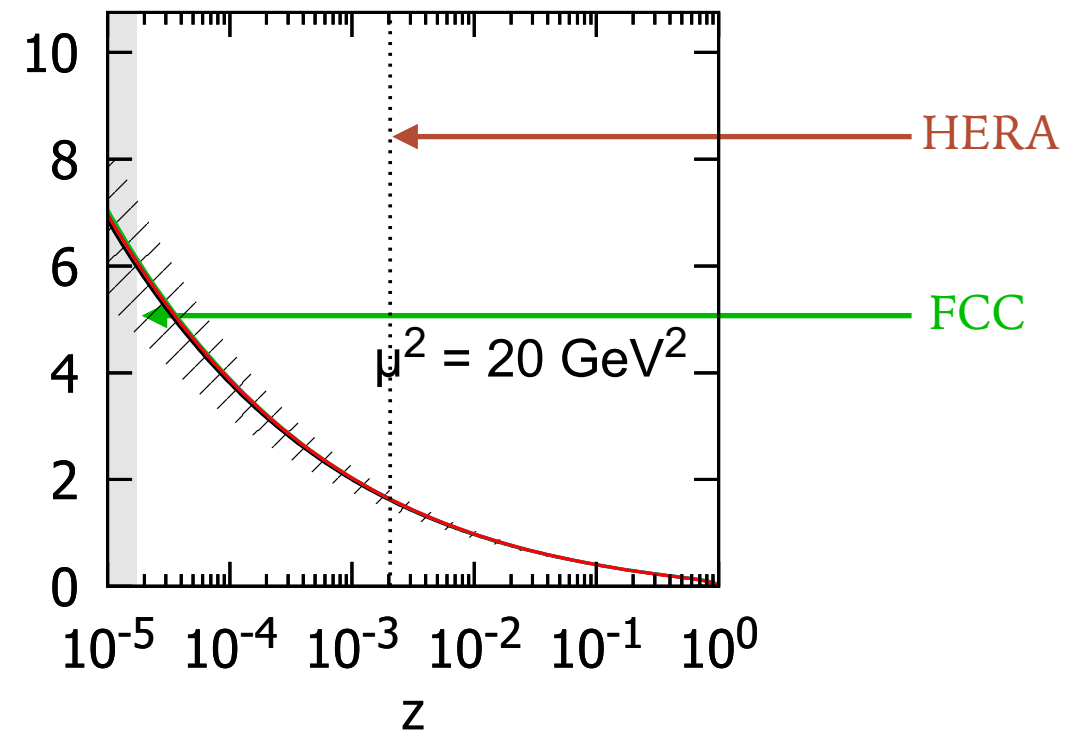
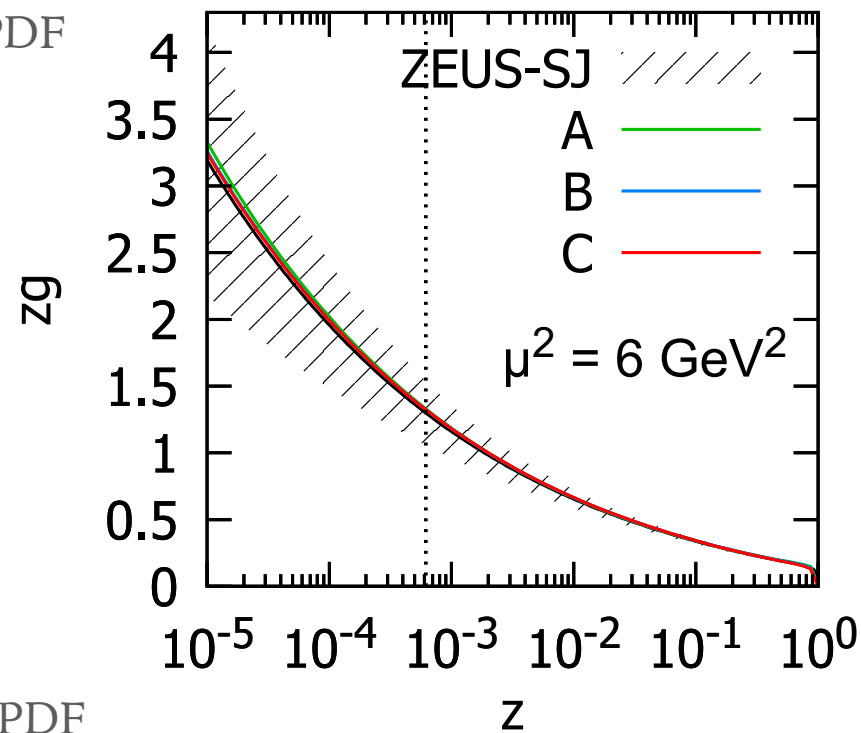


A,B,C denote fits to different pseudodata replicas

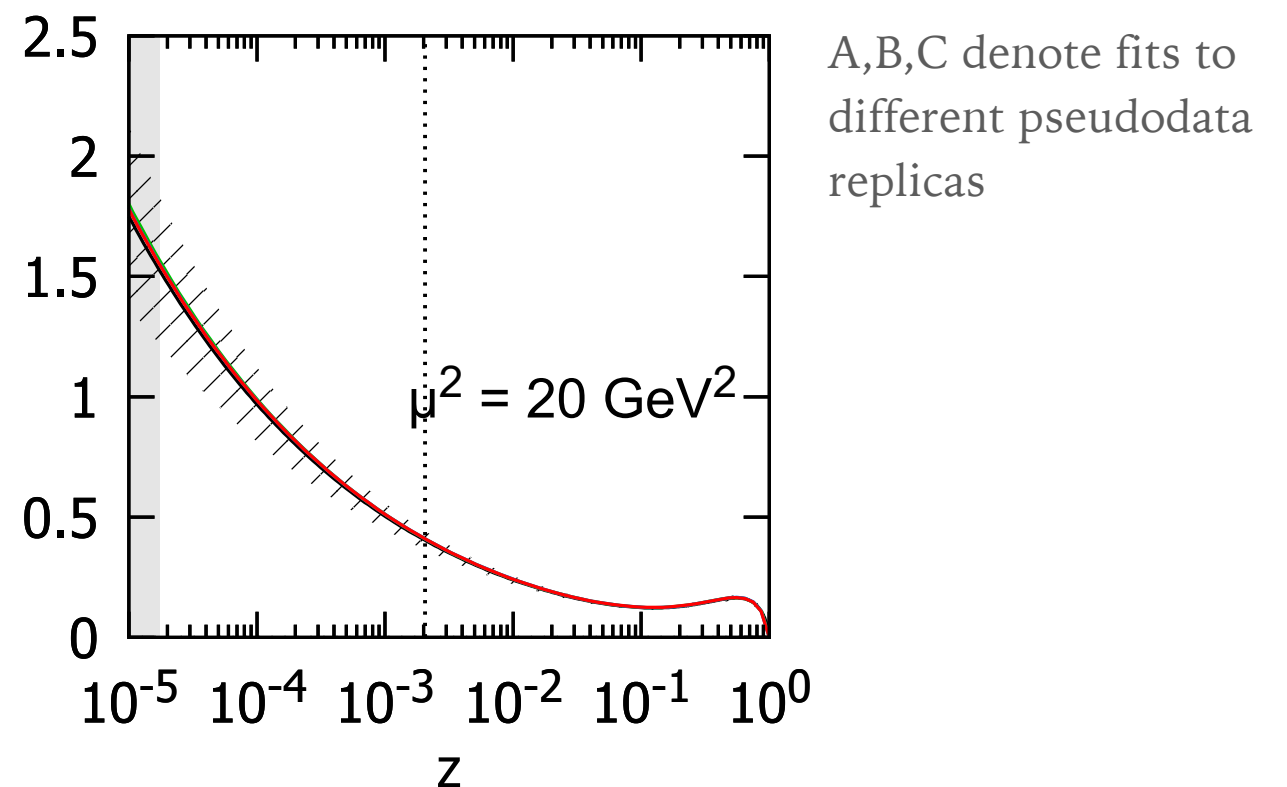
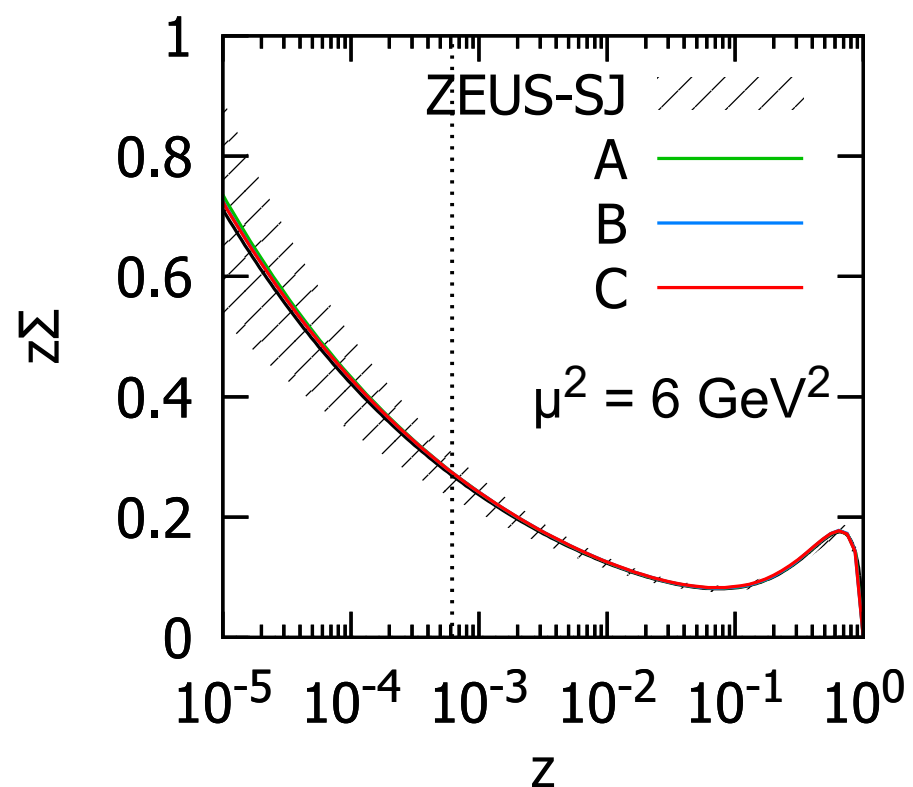


# Diffractive PDFs from FCC-he pseudodata

Diffractive gluon PDF

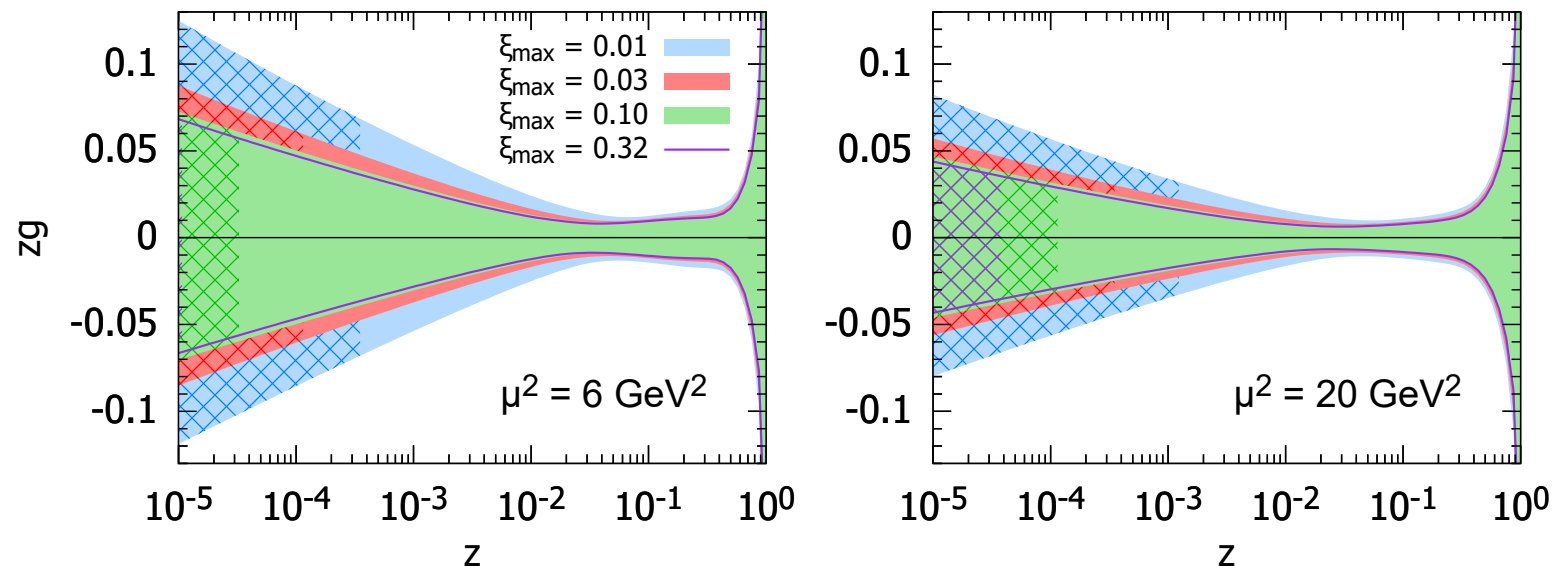


Diffractive quark PDF



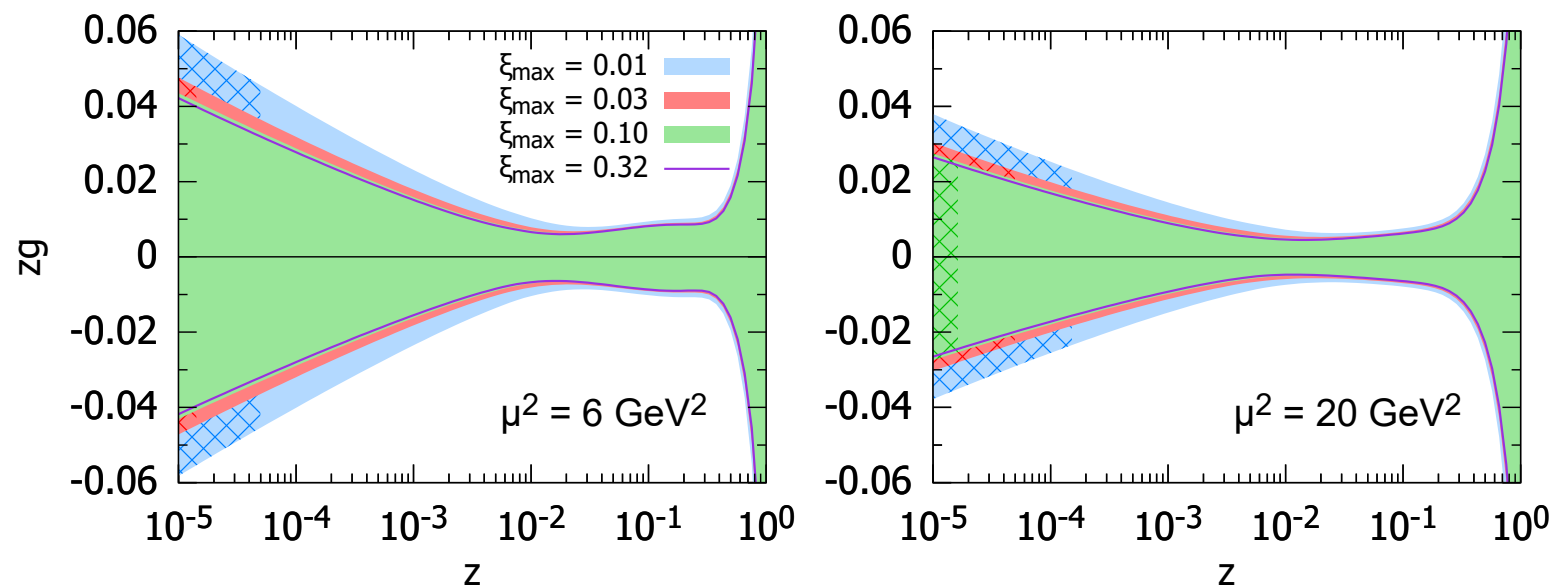
# Relative uncertainties for LHeC and FCC-eh

LHeC



FCC-eh

(note reduction of scale)



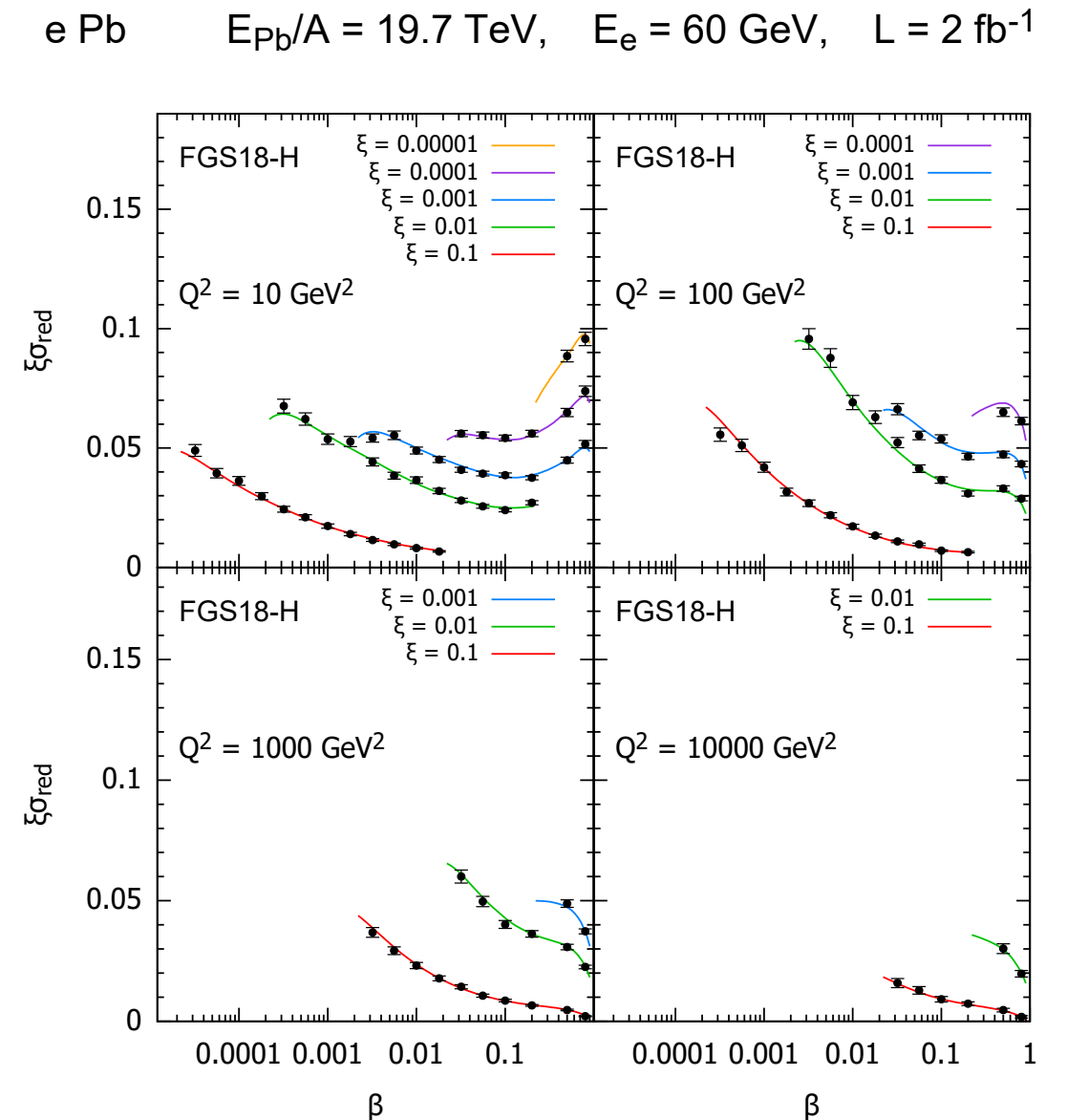
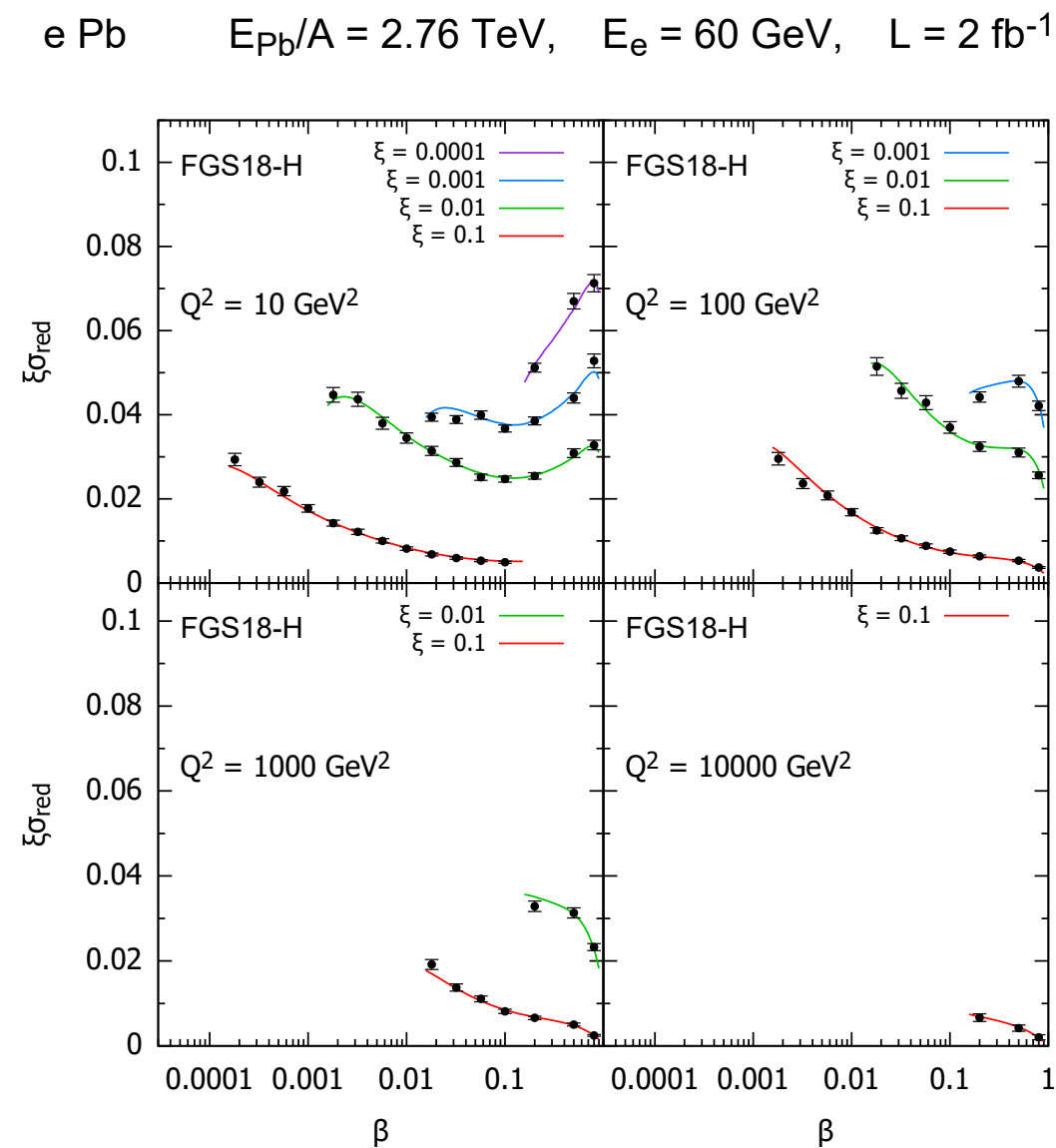
Reduction of DPDF uncertainty by factor 5 — 7 at LHeC and 10 — 15 at FCC-eh with inclusive data alone. Small sensitivity to the large  $\xi$  cut

Prospects for precise extraction of diffractive PDFs, tests of factorization breaking (collinear and soft)

# Inclusive diffraction on nuclei

Reduced cross section from Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman model

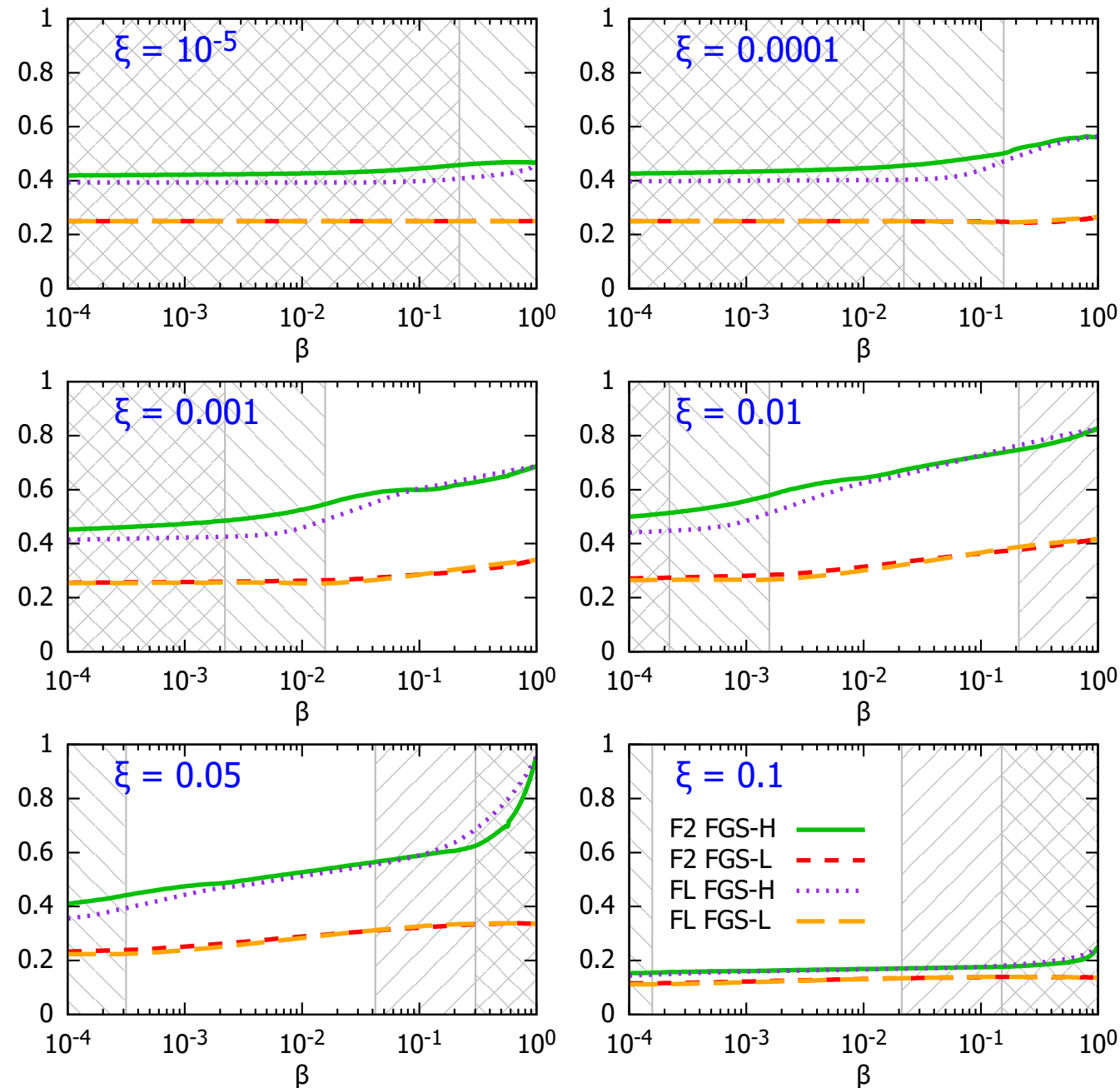
Pseudodata simulated under the same assumptions: 5% systematics, conservative luminosity  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



High precision data would allow to extract the nuclear DPDFs with similar accuracy to the proton case

# Inclusive diffraction on nuclei: nuclear ratio

$Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman model



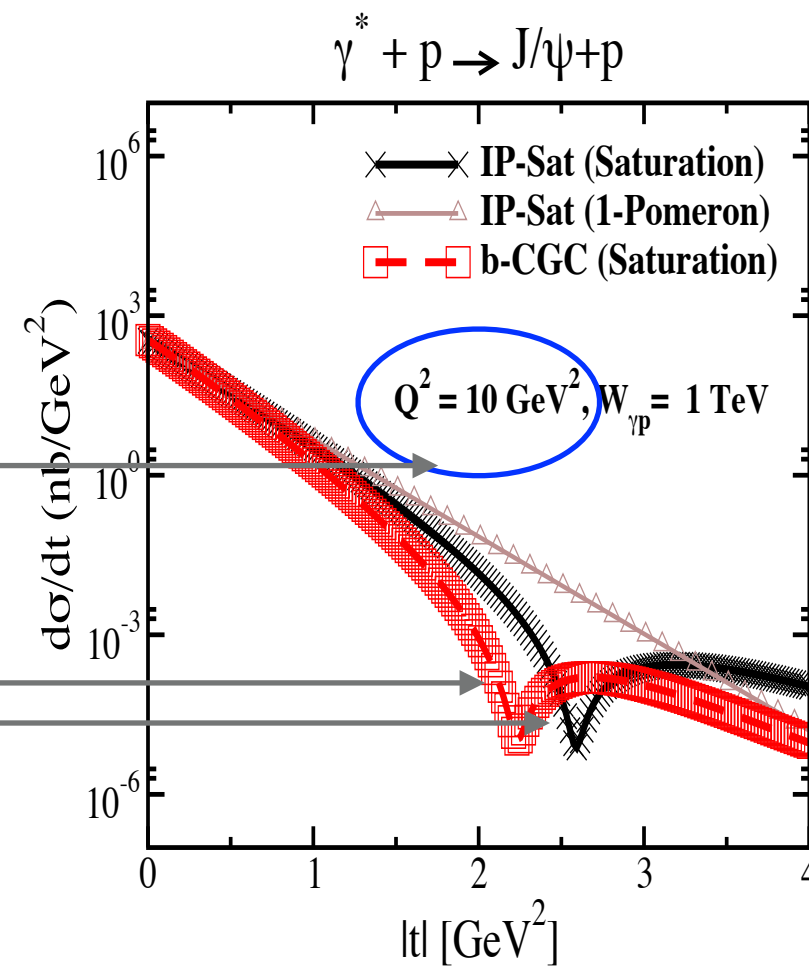
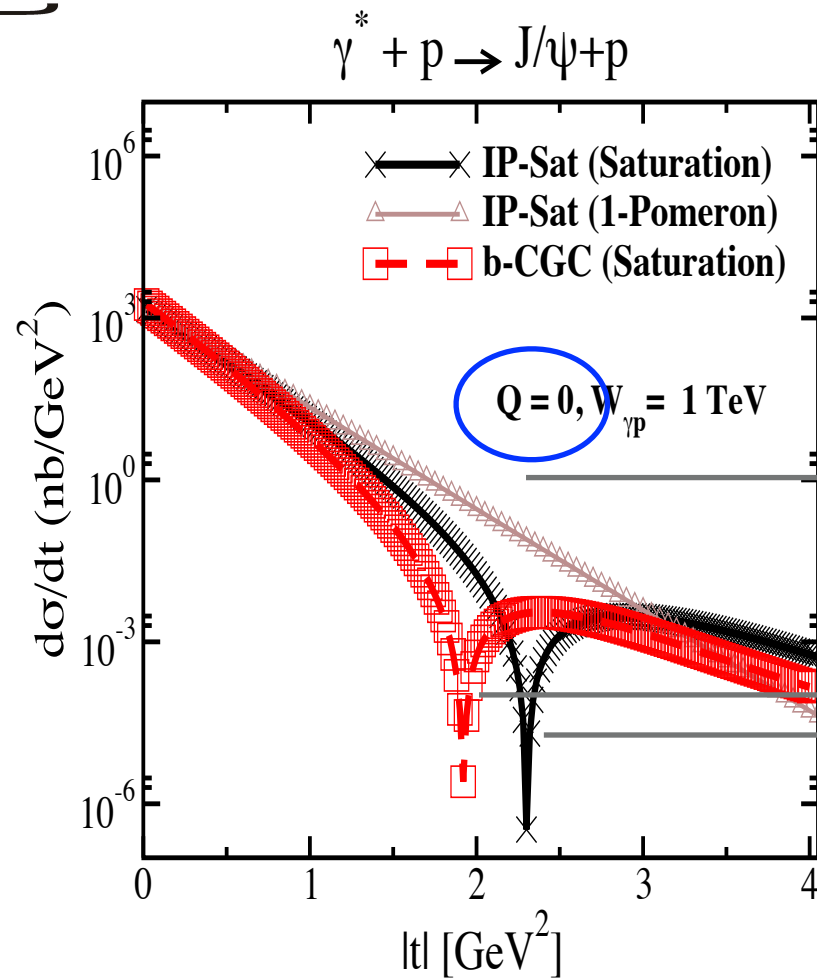
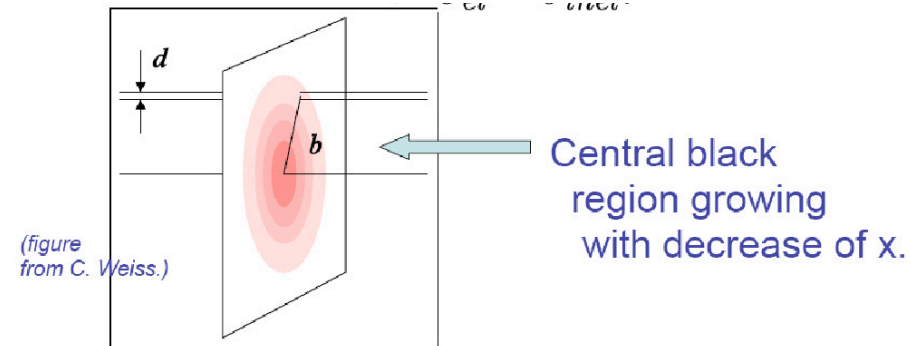
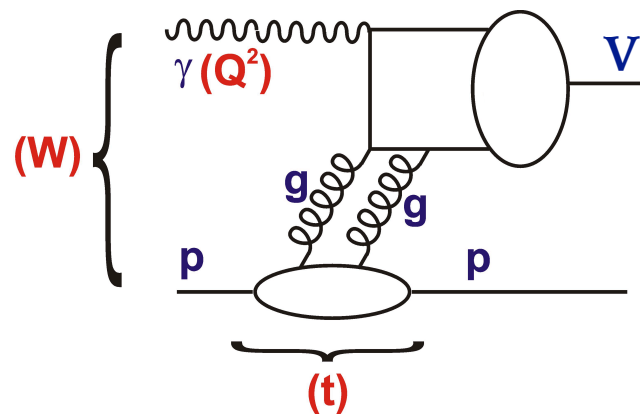
$$R_k^A(\beta, \xi, Q^2) = \frac{F_{k,A}^{D(3)}(\beta, \xi, Q^2)}{A F_{k,p}^{D(3)}(\beta, \xi, Q^2)}$$

Predictions for nuclear ratios for diffractive structure functions  $F_2$  and  $F_L$

LHeC and FCC-eh could extract these quantities for the first time



# Elastic diffraction of vector mesons: LHeC



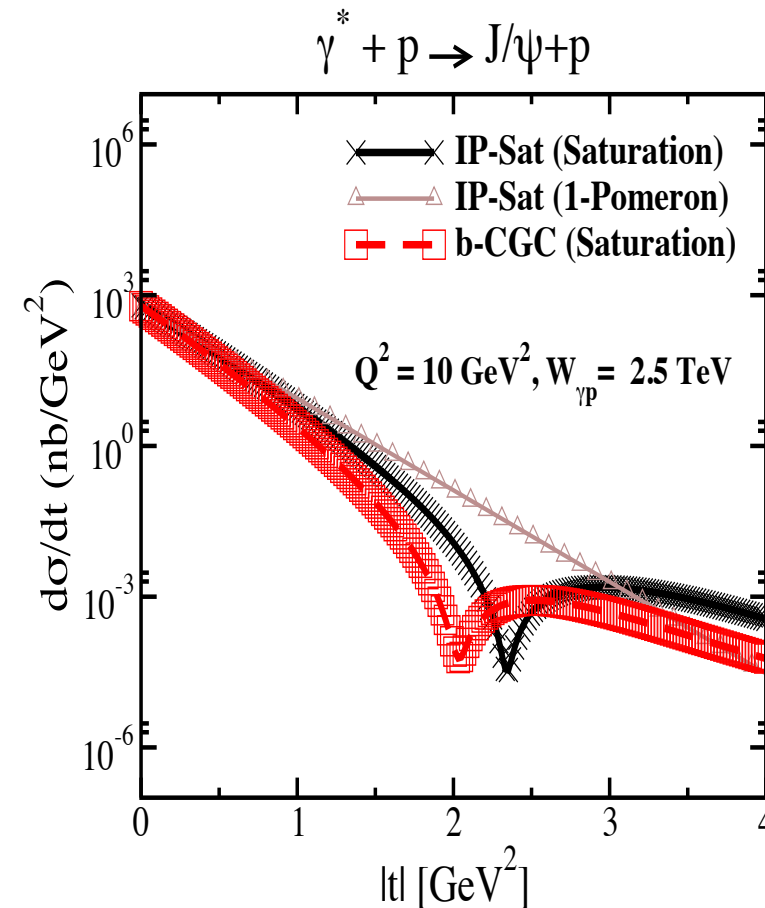
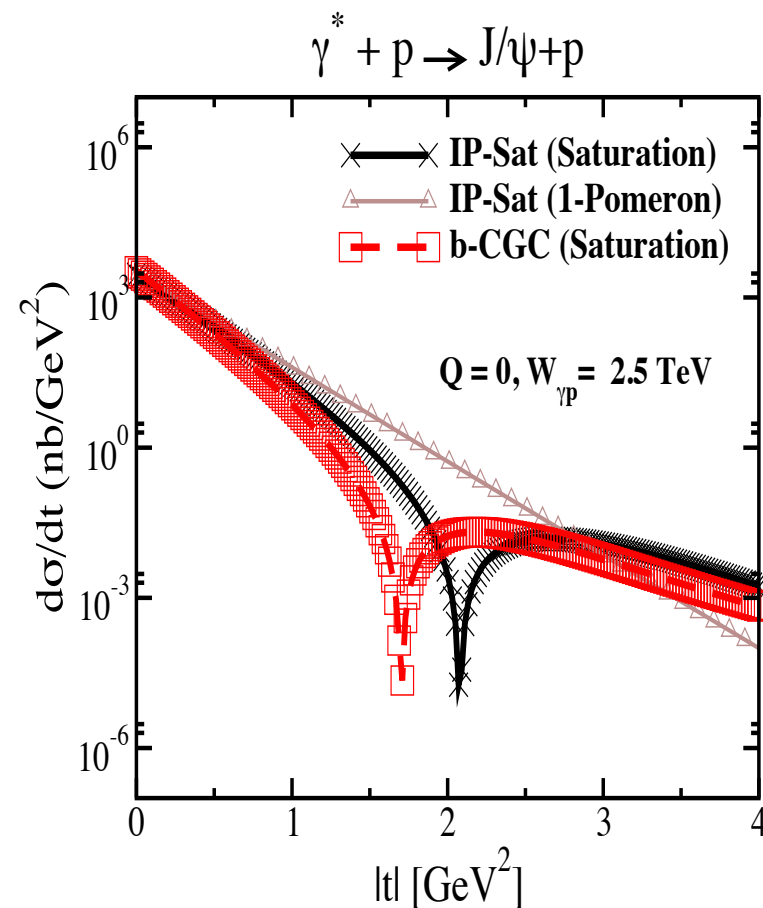
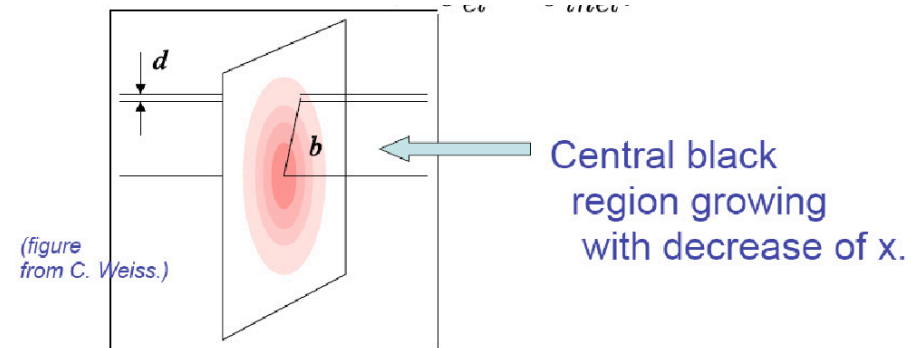
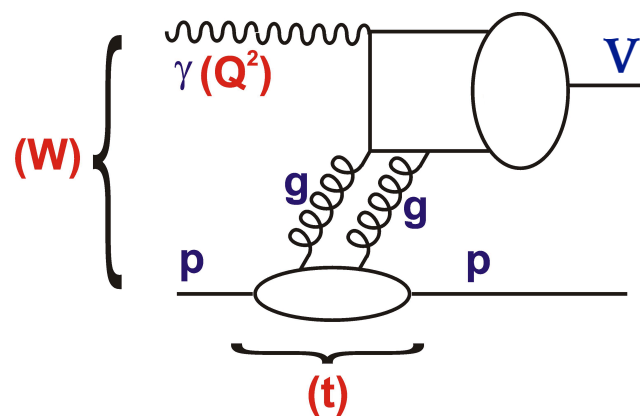
Advantage over UPC:

$Q^2$  dependence

Precision  $t$ ,  $W$  and  $Q^2$  dependence of vector mesons  
Example : tests of saturation from the slope in  $t$

One of the best processes to  
test for novel small  $x$  dynamics

# Elastic diffraction of vector mesons: FCC-he



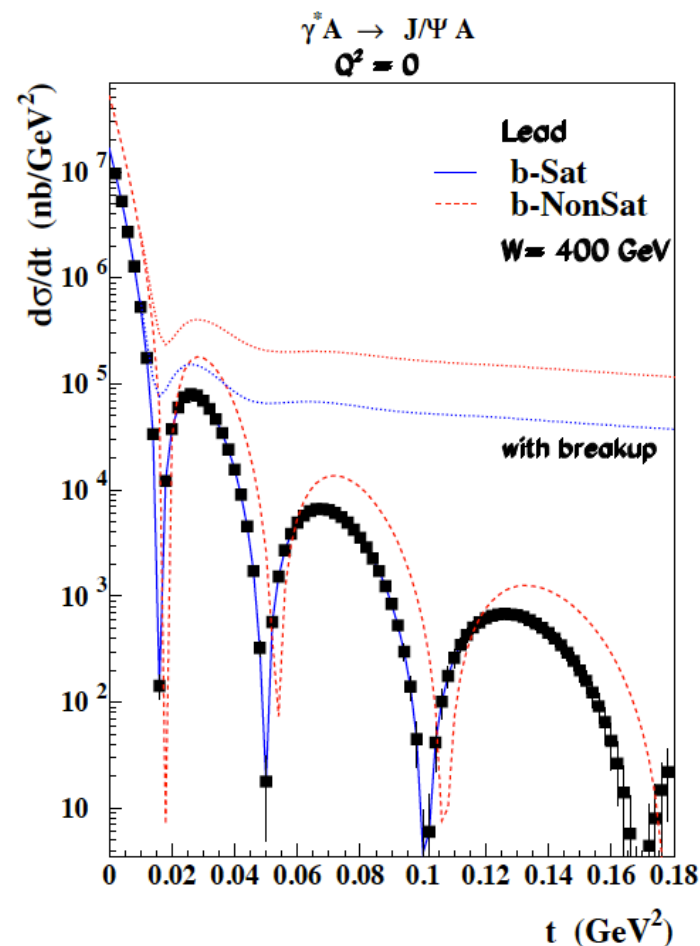
Dips move to lower  $|t|$  with higher energy

Boundary between dilute and dense region moves to large impact parameters

**Could be explored at FCC-he**

# Exclusive diffraction on nuclei

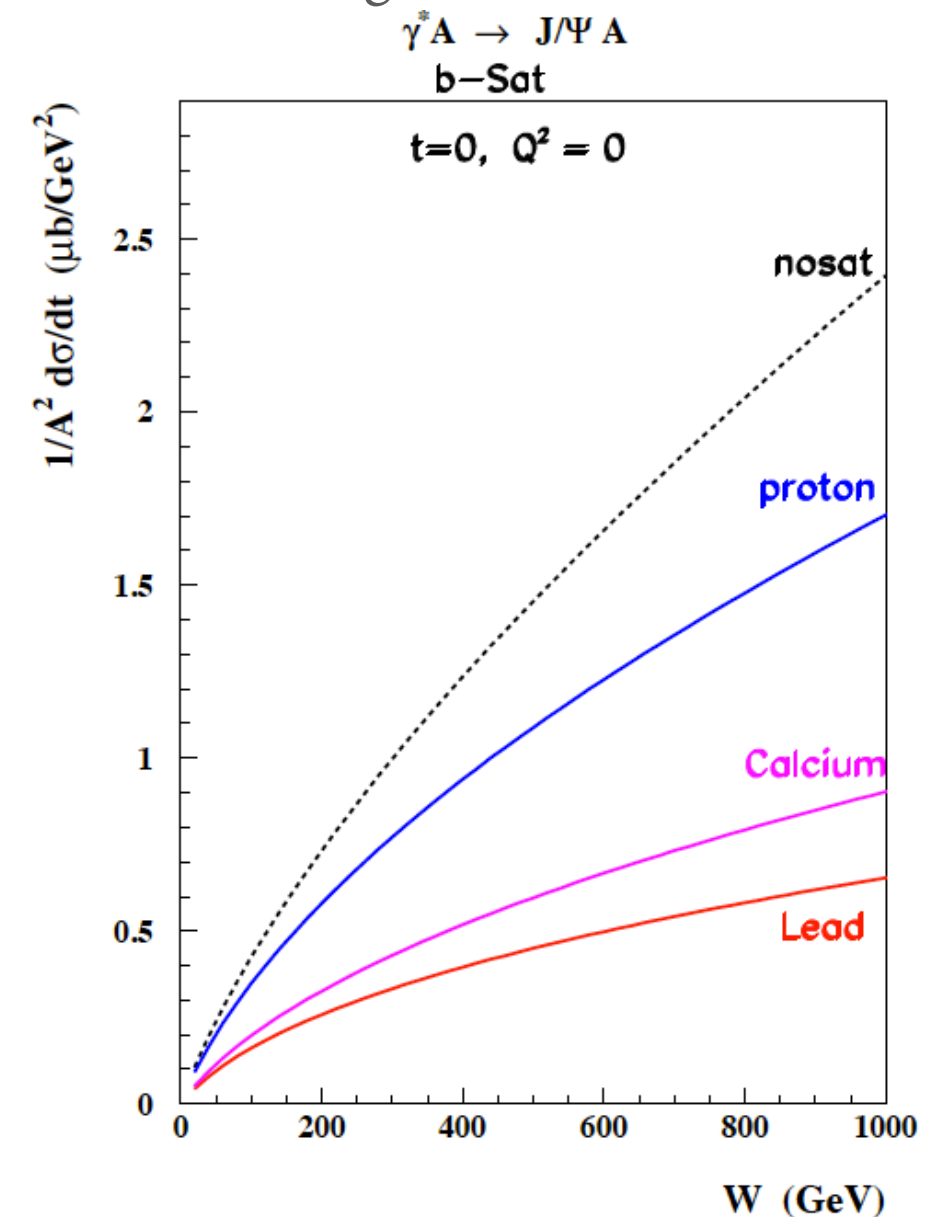
Possibility of using the same principle to learn about the gluon distribution in the nucleus.  
Possible nuclear resonances at small  $t$ ?



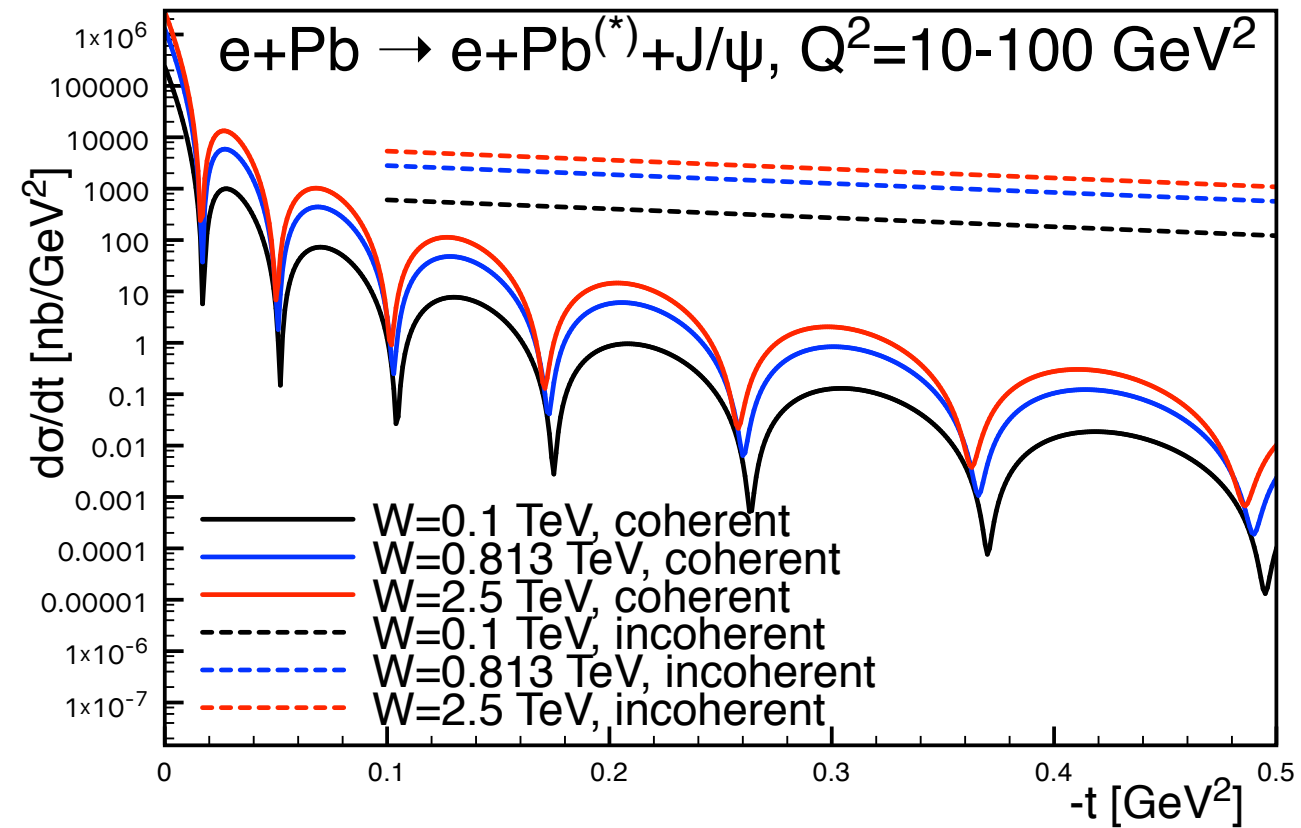
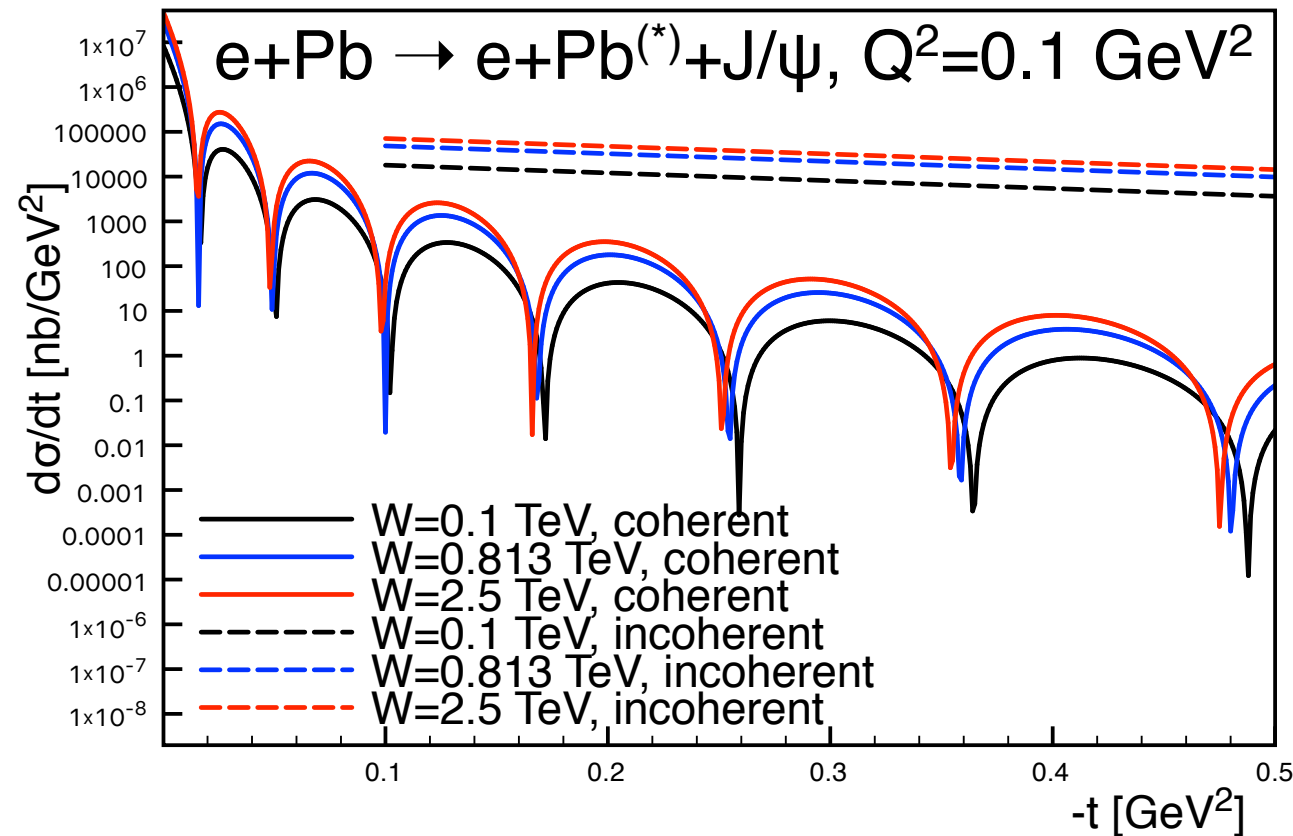
*t*-dependence: characteristic dips.

Challenges: need to distinguish between coherent and incoherent diffraction. Need dedicated instrumentation, zero degree calorimeter.

Energy dependence for different targets.



# Exclusive diffraction on nuclei



Energy and scale dependence of the position of dips in  $|t|$ . Provides information about nuclear structure. Can perform similar measurements on proton target to estimate the saturation in proton vs nuclei. Challenging experimentally.



# Summary

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- LHeC and FCC-eh are electron-proton facilities which represent seminal opportunity to advance particle physics
- Broad physics potential: QCD studies, both precision and discovery, precision Higgs and EW, expand prospects for BSM, physics with nuclei
- New possibilities for diffraction at LHeC and FCC-he:
  - Inclusive diffraction, constraints on diffractive PDFs, increased accuracy by factor 10 at LHeC and 20 at FCC-eh
  - New final states in diffraction, possibility of producing diffractive top. Also EW exchange. Relation between diffraction and shadowing
  - First extraction of diffractive nuclear PDFs would be possible
  - Exclusive diffraction, vector meson production,  $t$ -dependence provides information about the spatial structure. Also DVCS