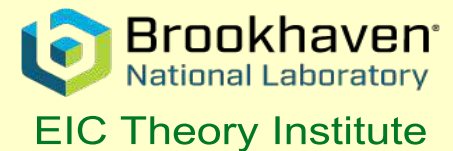


xFitter Opportunities at the EIC

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SURGE, HEFTY, & EIC Theory Initiative

Fred Olness
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*Thanks for substantial input
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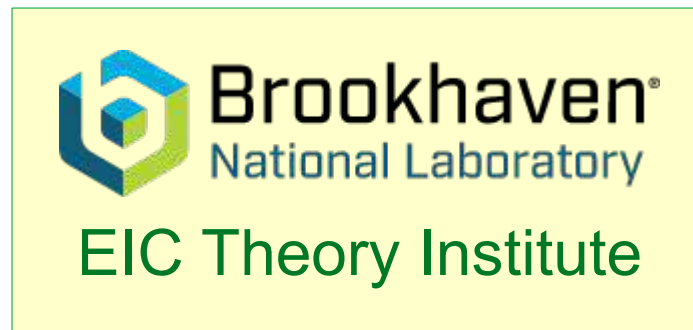
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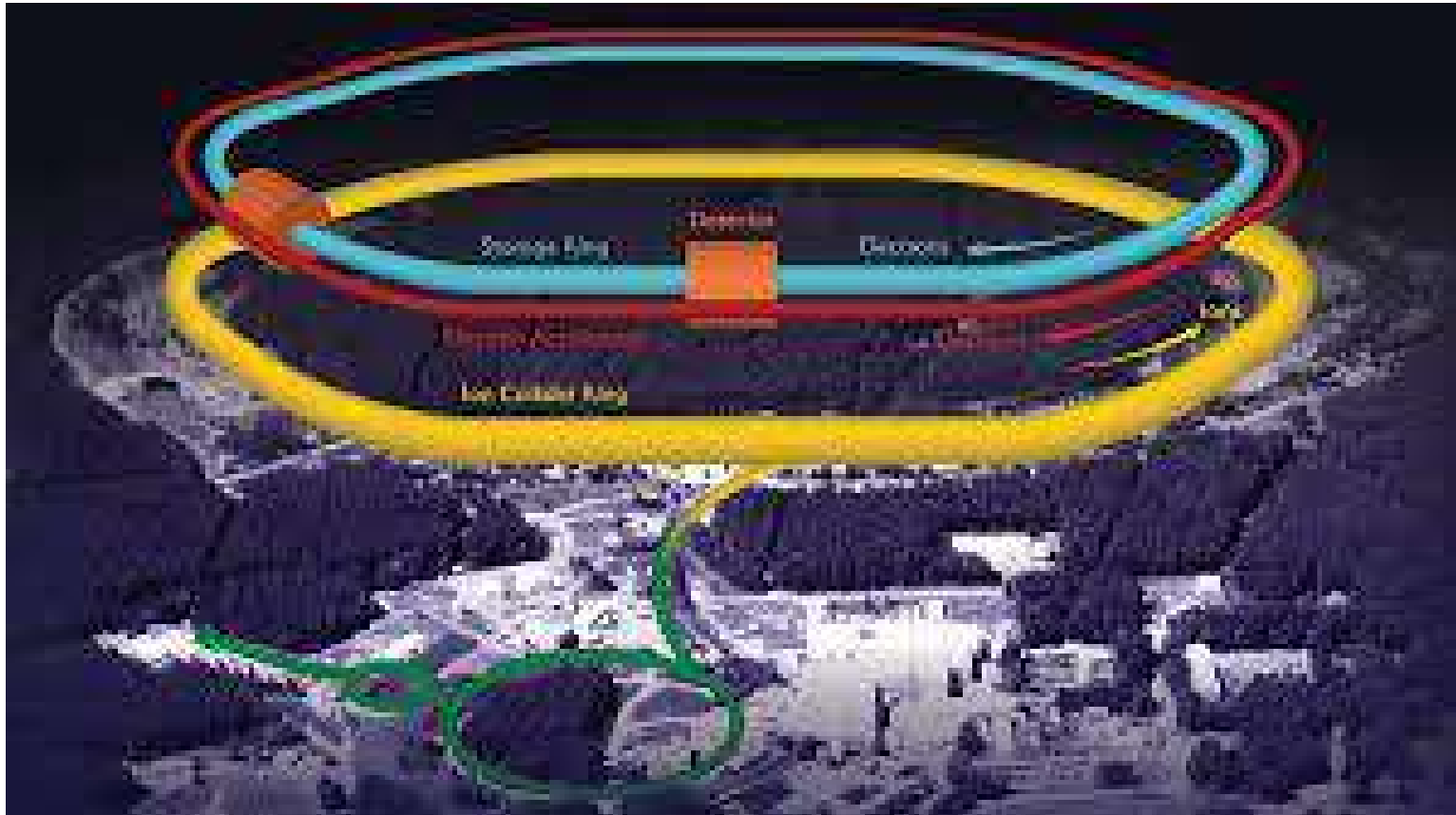


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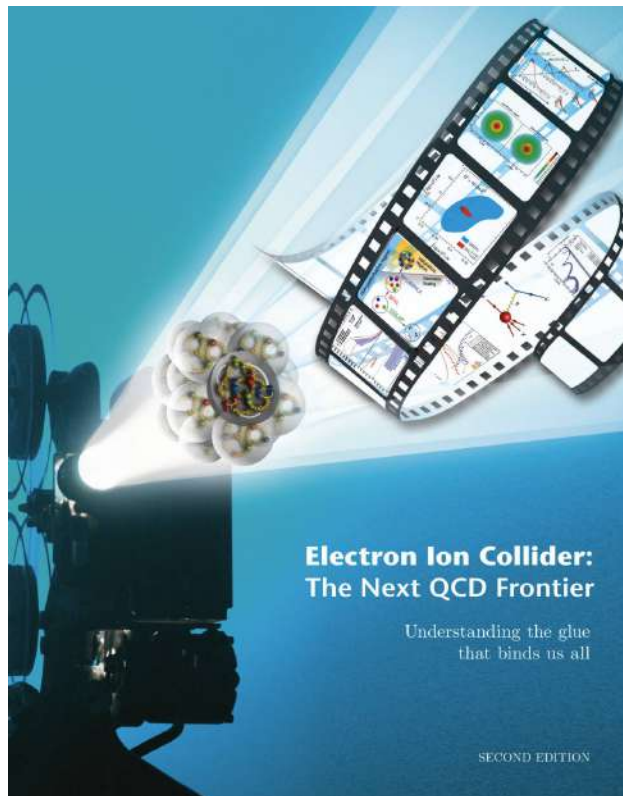
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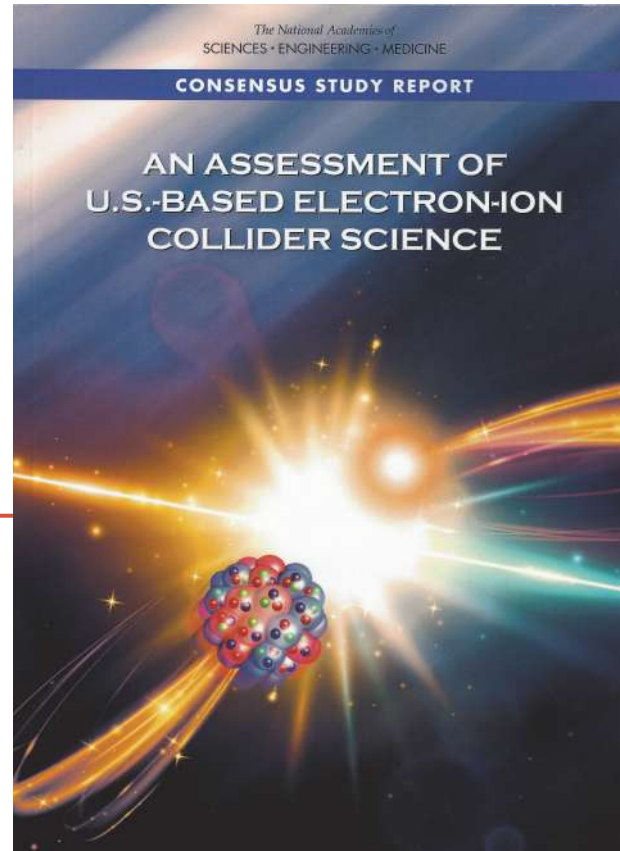


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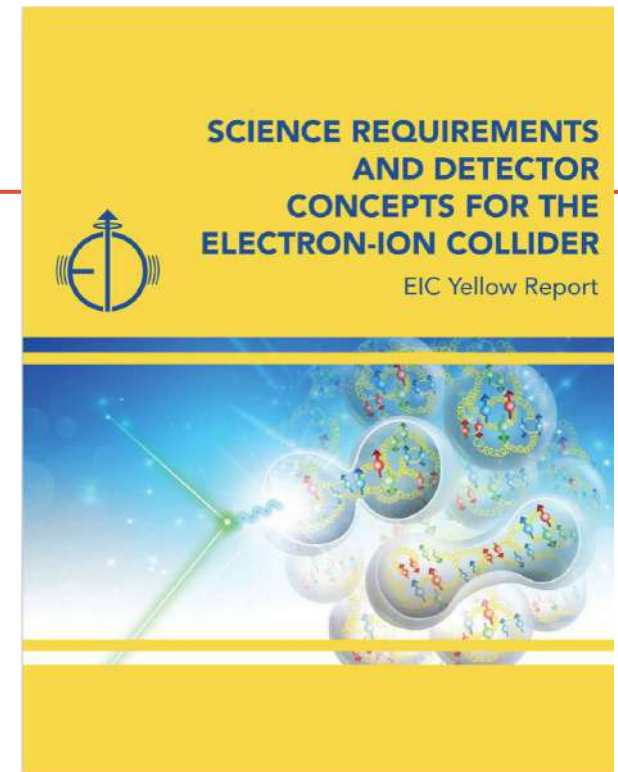


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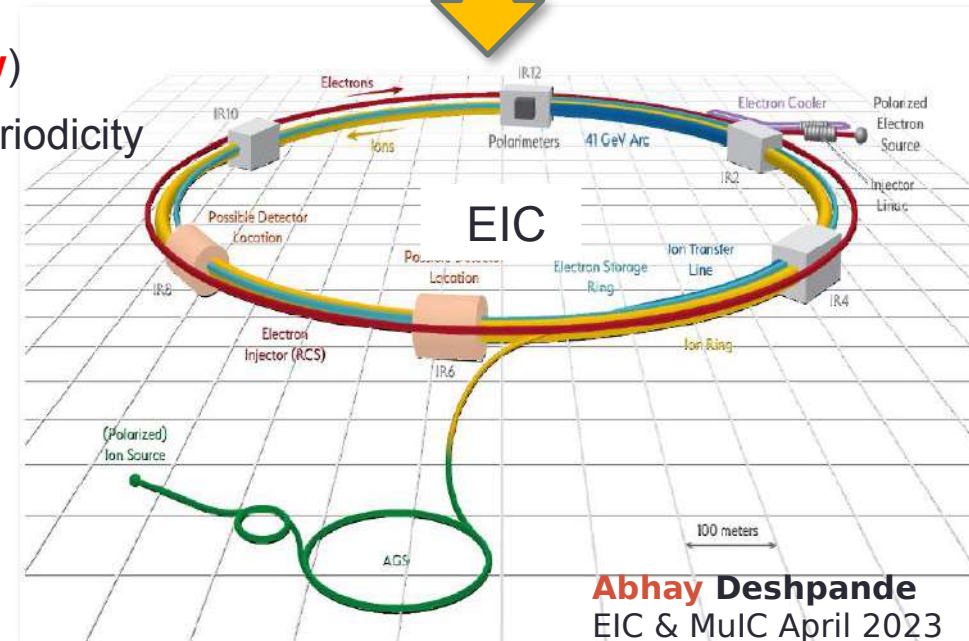
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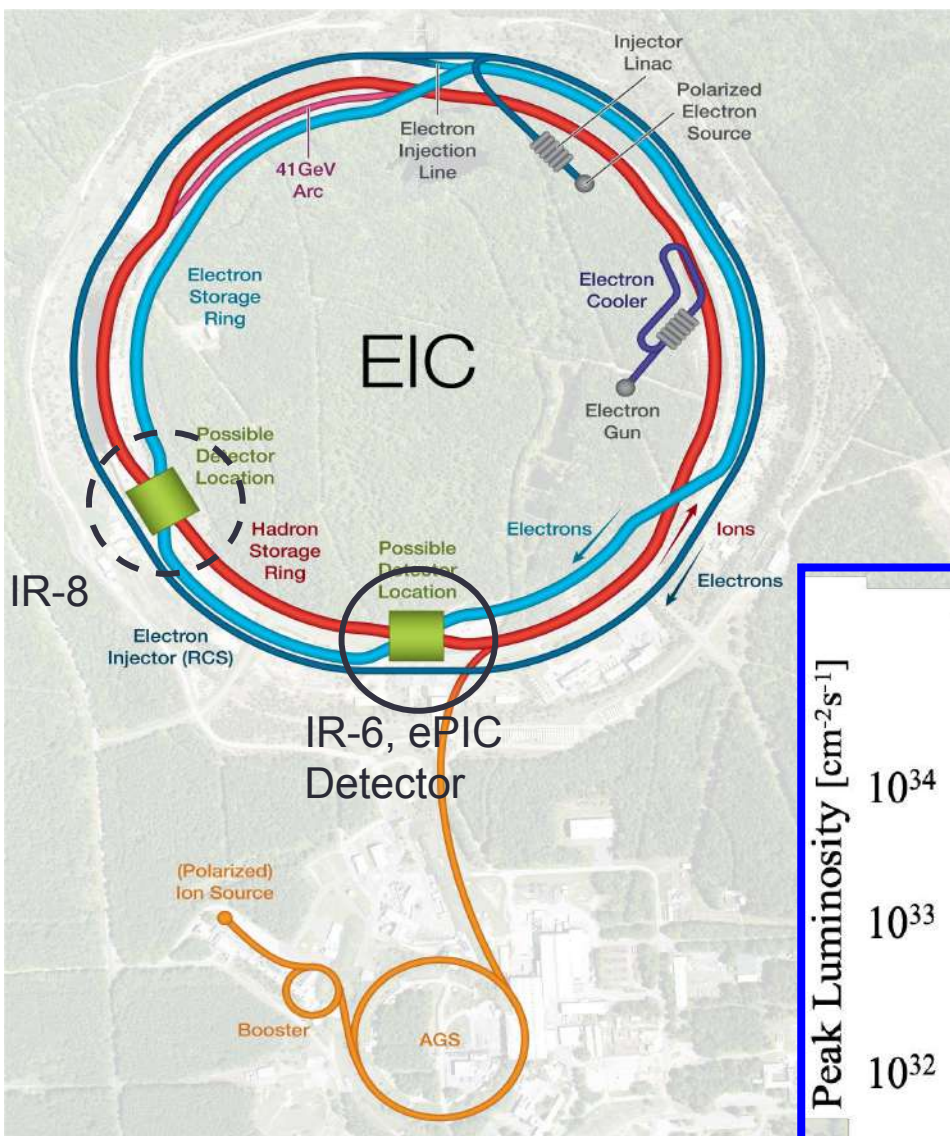
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EIC Accelerator Design Overview

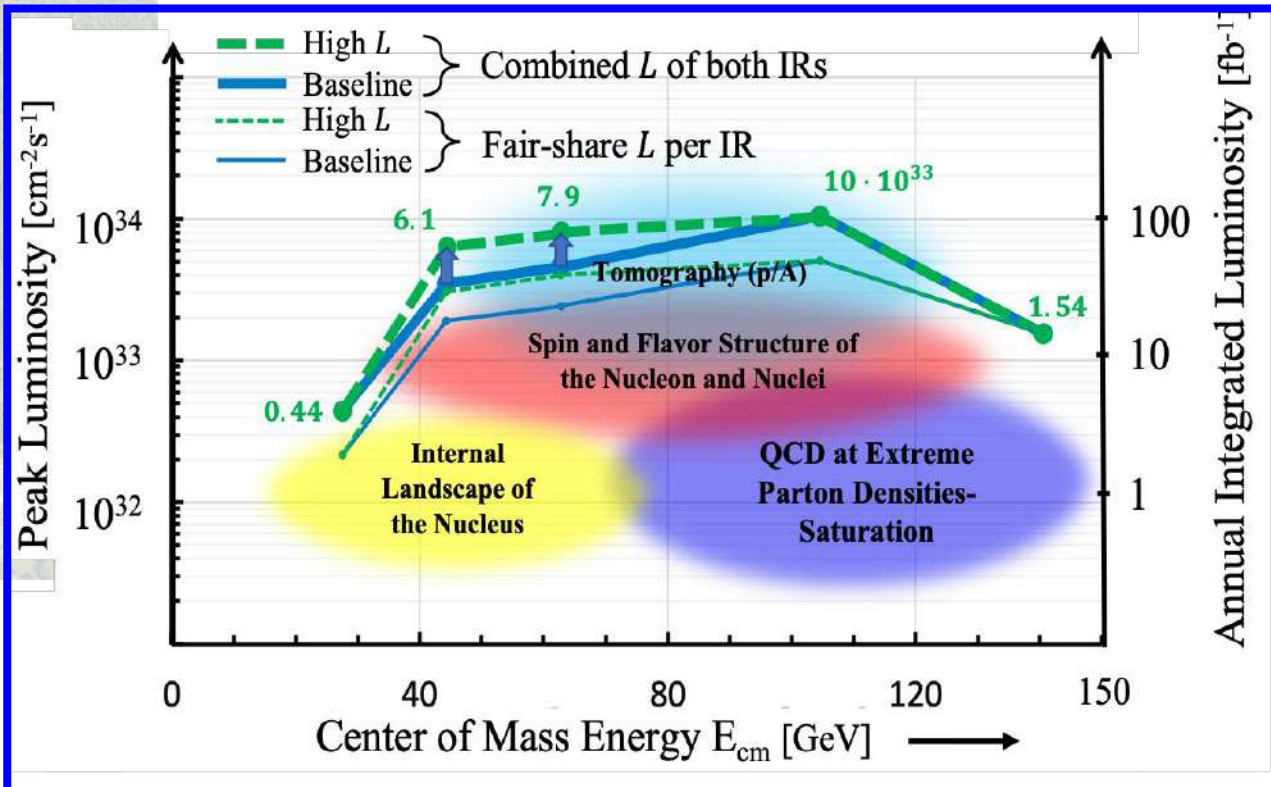
- **Hadron storage ring (HSR): 41-275 GeV (based on RHIC)**
 - up to 1160 bunches, 1A beam current (**3x RHIC**)
 - bright vertical beam emittance (1.5 nm)
 - strong cooling (coherent electron cooling, ERL)
- **Electron storage ring (ESR): 2.5–18 GeV (new)**
 - up to 1160 polarized bunches
 - high polarization by continual reinjection from RCS
 - large beam current (2.5 A) \Rightarrow 9 MW SR power
 - superconducting RF cavities
- **Rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS): 0.4-18 GeV (new)**
 - 2 bunches at 1 Hz; spin transparent due to high periodicity
- **High luminosity interaction region(s) (new)**
 - $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - superconducting magnets
 - 25 mrad crossing angle with crab cavities
 - spin rotators (produce longitudinal spin at IP)

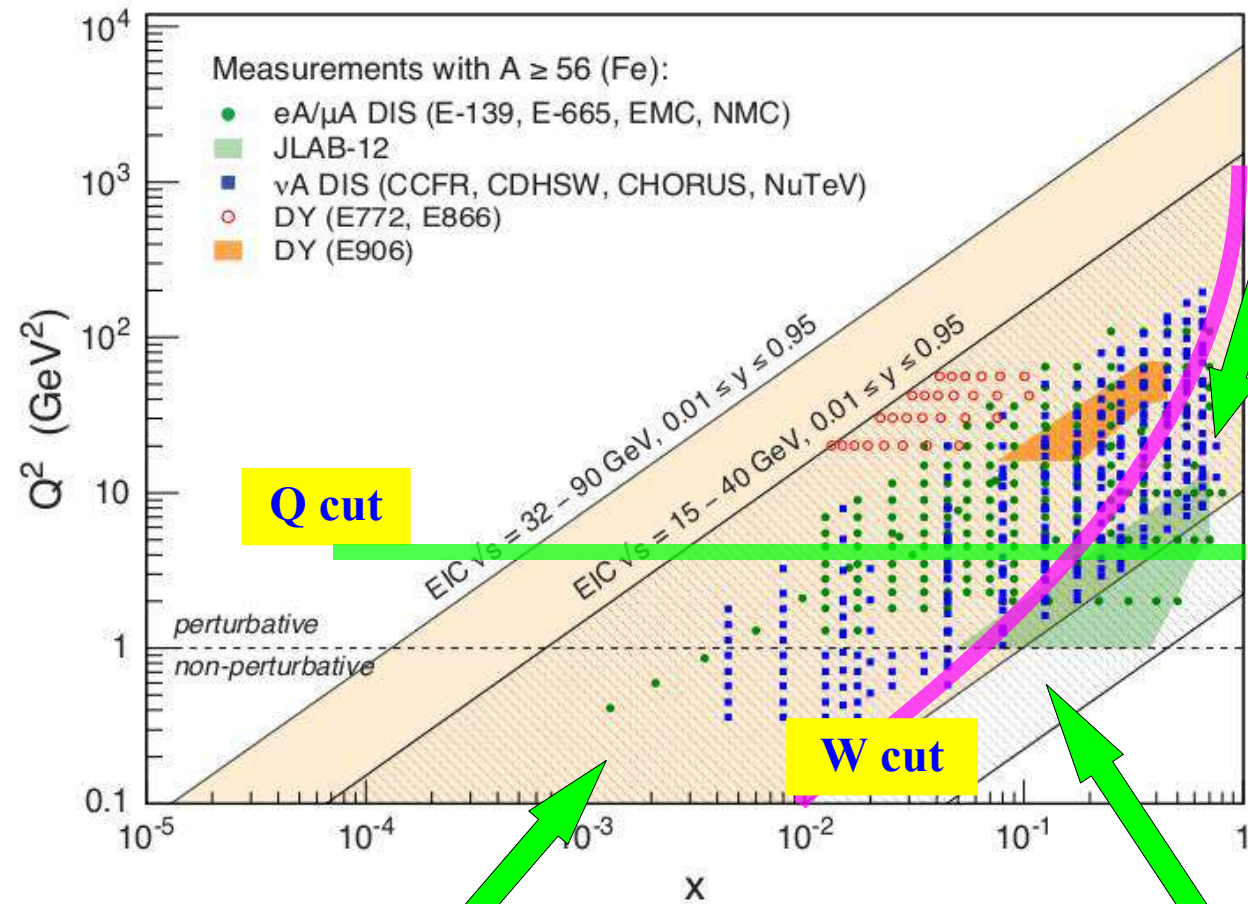


EIC Accelerator Design



Center of Mass Energies:	20GeV - 140GeV
Luminosity:	$10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} / 10\text{-}100\text{fb}^{-1} / \text{year}$
Highly Polarized Beams:	70%
Large Ion Species Range:	p to U
Number of Interaction Regions:	Up to 2!





High-x:

Nuclear PDFs: $x > 1$ allowed;
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Iso}}$ in Fermi region
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 Deuteron Corrections
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Deuteron}}$ ratio

Low-x:

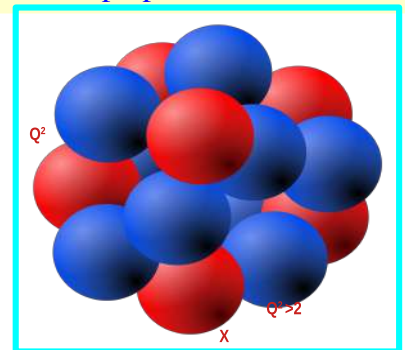
Shadowing
 Recombination
 Resummation
 BFKL
 Saturation

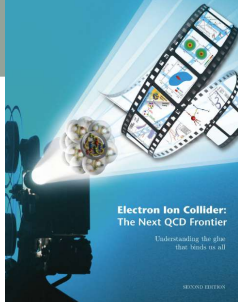
Low- Q^2 :

Non-Perturbative interface
 collective effects
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 F_L at low Q^2 access to $g(x)$
 Run at multiple energies

JLab Data @ Hi-X Low- Q^2

extend nCTEQ framework for this region
 & prepare for EIC

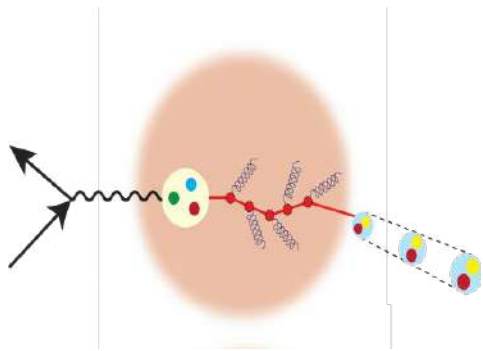




EIC Physics at-a-Glance

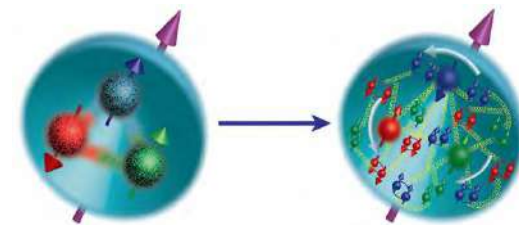
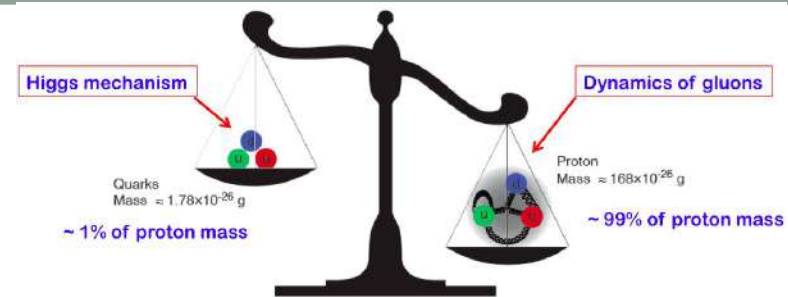
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NUCLEAR TOMOGRAPHY: How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, **distributed in space and momentum** inside the nucleon? How do the **nucleon properties (mass & spin) emerge** from their interactions?



NUCLEAR MEDIUM: How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and colorless jets, **interact with a nuclear medium**? How do the **confined hadronic states emerge** from these quarks and gluons? How do the quark-gluon **interactions create nuclear binding**?

DENSE NUCLEAR MATTER: How does a **dense nuclear environment affect** the quark- and gluon- distributions? What happens to the **gluon density in nuclei**? Does it **saturate at high energy**, giving rise to a **gluonic matter with universal properties** in all nuclei, even the proton?

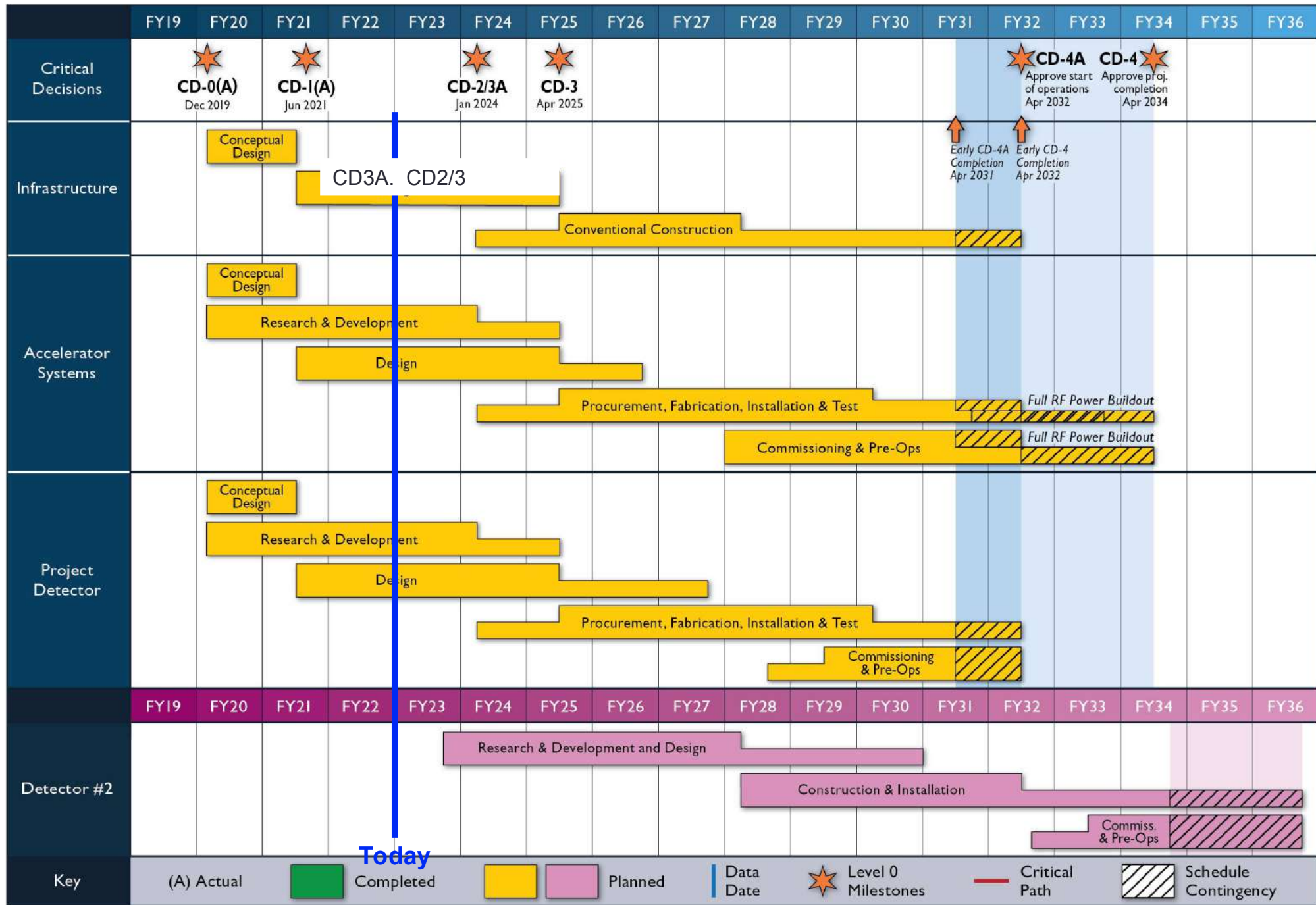


gluon
emission

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gluon
recombination

... modified from
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2nd Detector

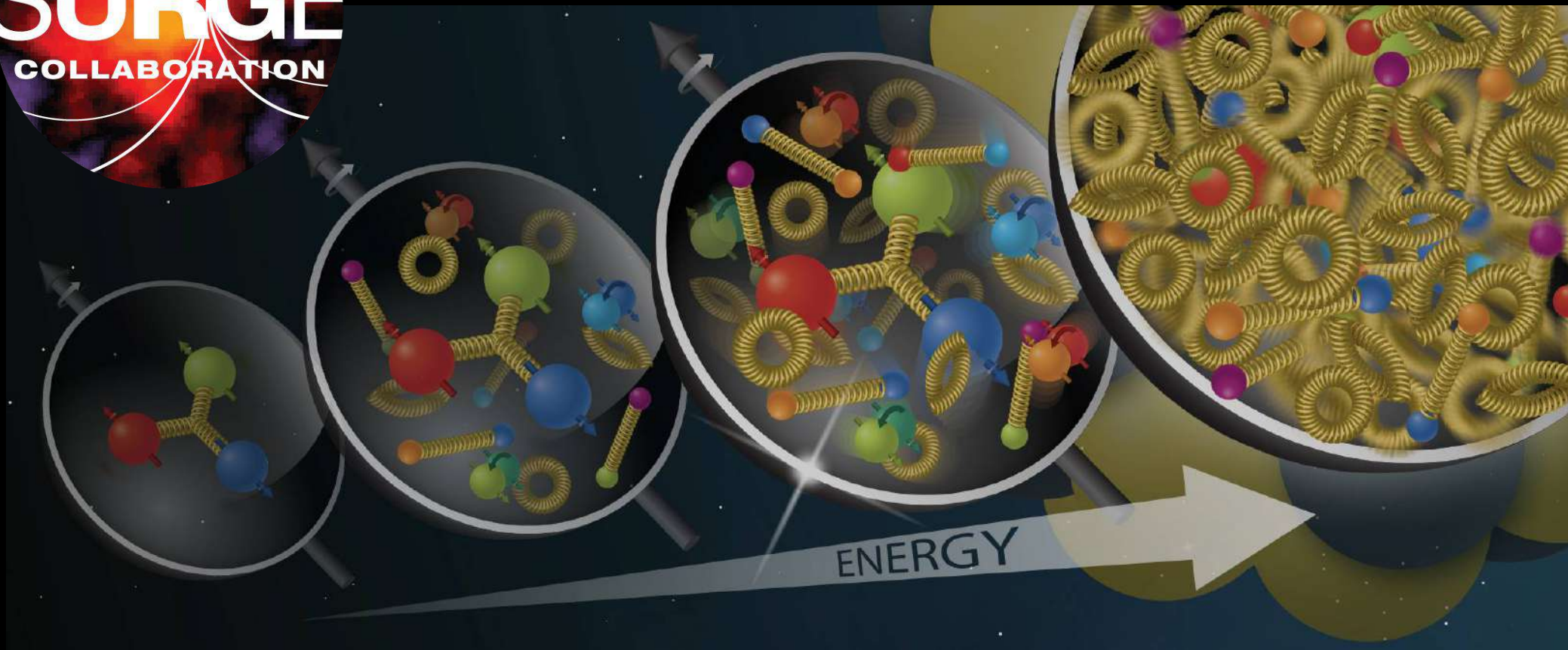
- Current assumption realization trailing ~ 5 years behind Detector-1
- focus on complementary IR/physics & technologies

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SURGE



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Mission statement: Discover and explore the gluon saturation regime of quantum chromodynamics by advancing calculations to high precision and developing a comprehensive framework to compute observables and compare to a wide range of experimental data, including predictions for the Electron Ion Collider (EIC).



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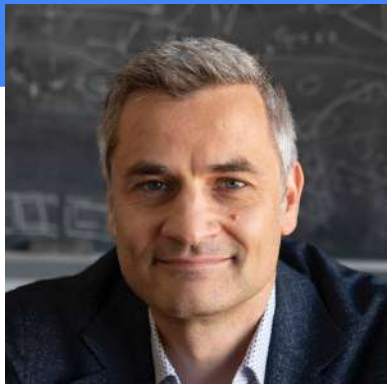
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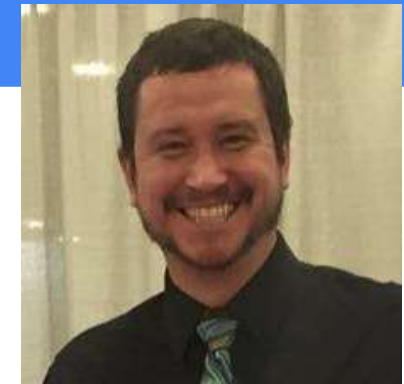
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Physics questions

Initial conditions: How to parametrize and/or compute initial conditions for the evolution ?

Small x evolution: LO evolution is not sufficient for accuracy. Need the NLO and beyond. How to consistently implement resummation in non-linear evolution and match small with large x , relevant for EIC kinematic regime ?

Impact factors: Need impact factors at NLO for accuracy. For many observables analytical and numerical implementations are missing.

Spin: How proton spin emerges from spins and angular orbital momenta of quarks and gluons? What is the contribution of the small x region to the proton spin ?

Hadronization: How hadronization is affected by the presence of saturated gluons ?

Global analysis: Much progress made in increasing accuracy of cross sections in the collinear approach. Need to increase accuracy of predictions based on high energy factorization.

Topics and working groups

Initial state WG

Improve the initial conditions for evolution for unpolarized and polarized observables.

Small x evolution + NLO calculations WG

Non-linear evolution at NLO and beyond, computation and implementation of impact factors

Spin WG

Analyze role saturation in the polarized observables. Elucidate the role of chiral anomaly in small x helicity evolution.

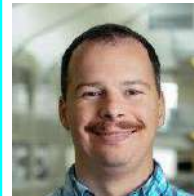
Final states WG

Construct a framework for hadronization in a saturated environment, including development of MC generator based on CGC calculations

Global analysis WG

To establish saturation, perform comprehensive global analysis quantifying and minimizing uncertainties, extracting universal building blocks of high energy factorization.

- Initial state (**Vladi Skokov**)
- Small x evolution + NLO calculations (**Zhongbo Kang**)
- Spin (**Yuri Kovchegov**)
- Framework and global analysis (**Fred Olness**)
- Final state (**Xin-Nian Wang**)

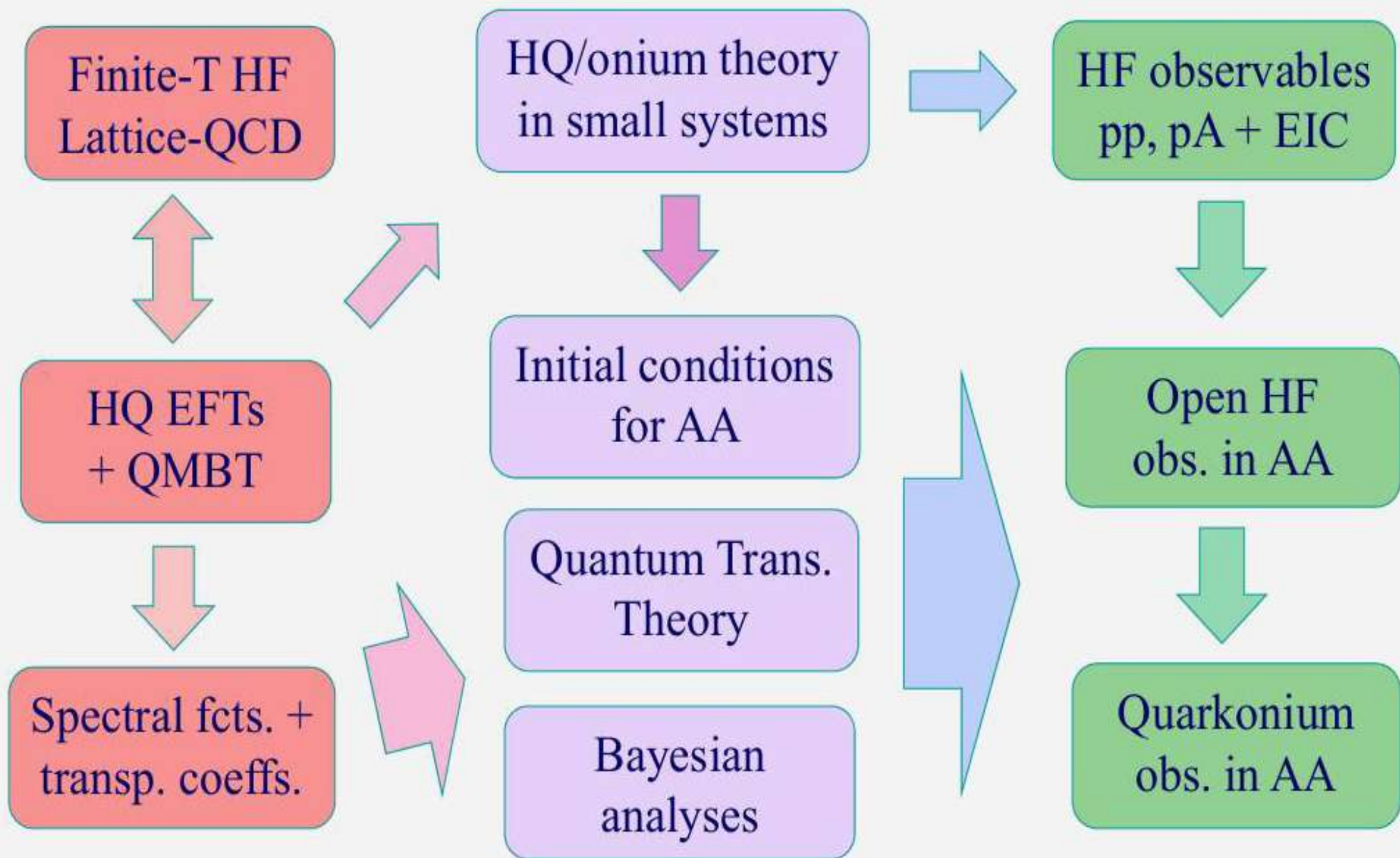


HEFTY



<https://hefty.tamu.edu/>

HEavy Flavor TheorY in QCD Matter



WG2: Heavy-Flavor Production in pp, pA, ep and eA Collisions ¹⁷

Co-PIs: Xin Dong, Anthony Frawley, Thomas Mehen, Ivan Vitev (convener), Ramona Vogt

Affiliates: Vincent Cheung, Weiyao Ke, Haitao Li, Frederick Olness

- Close collaboration within the WG2
- We push the boundaries of HF theory in small systems
- We provide baseline cross sections and CNM effects for other WGs

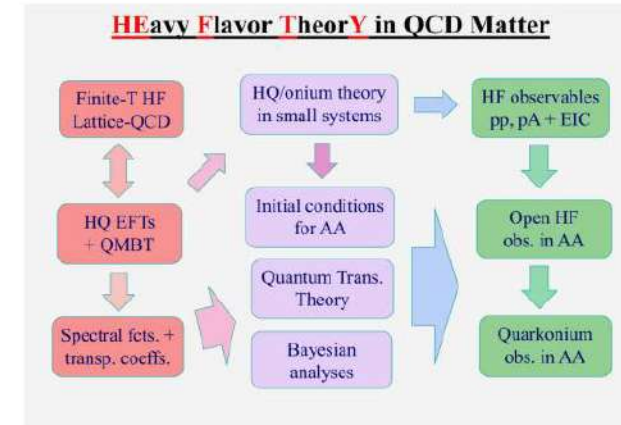
Tasks and Milestones

Perform resummed NLO calculations for HQ production and analyze HF jet observables in ep and pp reactions to obtain novel constraints on parton fragmentation and intrinsic charm in the proton (LLNL-PD+JLab-PD)

MS-2: Comprehensive theory of open HF production + hadronization in pp and ep

Analyze quarkonium and open HF production in pA and eA, combining EFTs, nuclear PDFs, and inelastic break-up reactions (LANL-PD+Duke-GS)

MS-8: Microscopic theory of quarkonia and open HF production on nuclear targets



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A complete set of in-medium splitting functions to any order opacity

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Features & Recent Updates:

- Photon PDF & QED
- Pole & MS-bar masses
- Profiling and Re-Weighting
- Heavy Quark Variable Treshold
- Update χ^2 and correlations
- TMD PDFs (uPDFs)
- ... and many other

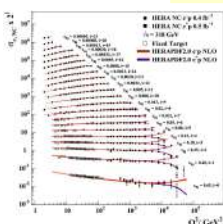
Sample data files:

LHC: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb
Tevatron: CDF, D0
HERA: H1, ZEUS, Combined
Fixed Target: ...
User Supplied: ...



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Future Freeze

Experimental Data



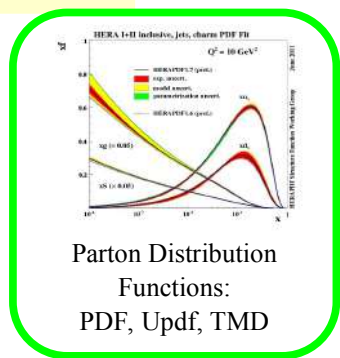
Data: HERA, Tevatron, LHC, fixed target experiments

Processes:
 Inclusive DIS, Jets, Drell-Yan, Diffraction, Top production
 W and Z production

Theory Calculations

HQ Schemes: MSTW, NNPDF, ABM, ACOT
Jets, W, Z: FastNLO, ApplGrid
Top: Hathor
Evolution: QCDNUM, APFEL, k_T
Other: NNPDF reweighting
 TMDs, Dipole Model, ...

xFitter



$\alpha_s(M_Z), m_c, m_b, m_t \dots$

Theoretical Cross Sections

Comparisons to other PDFs (LHAPDF)

extensions include nuclear PDFs

Date	Version
 02/2020	2.0.1N Nuclear Daiquiri

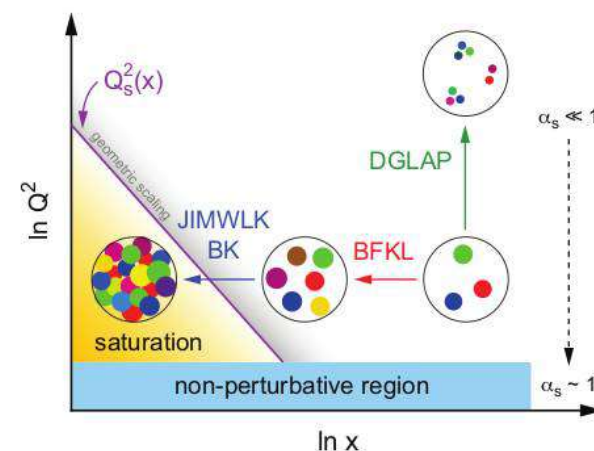
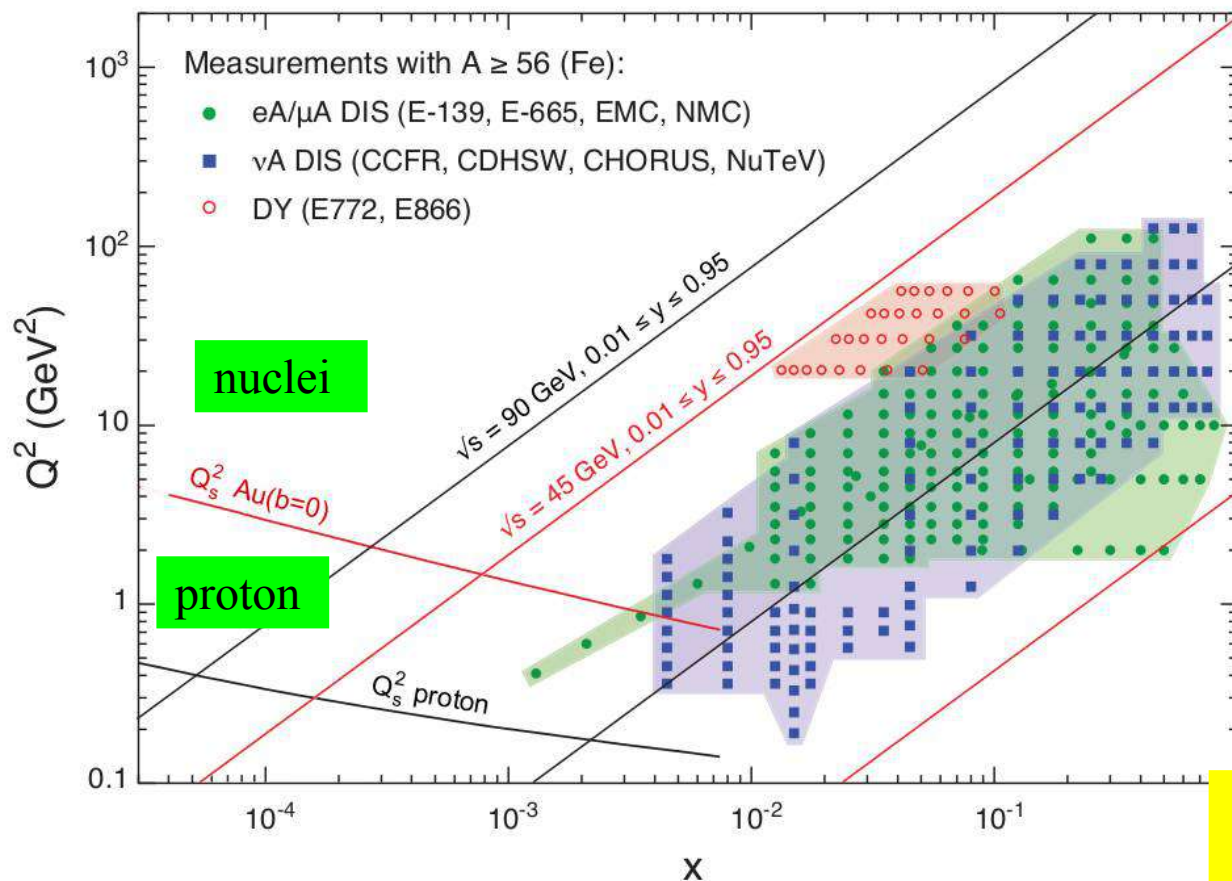


xFitter Collaboration Meeting February 2020, DESY

Saturation, BFKL, recombination, ...

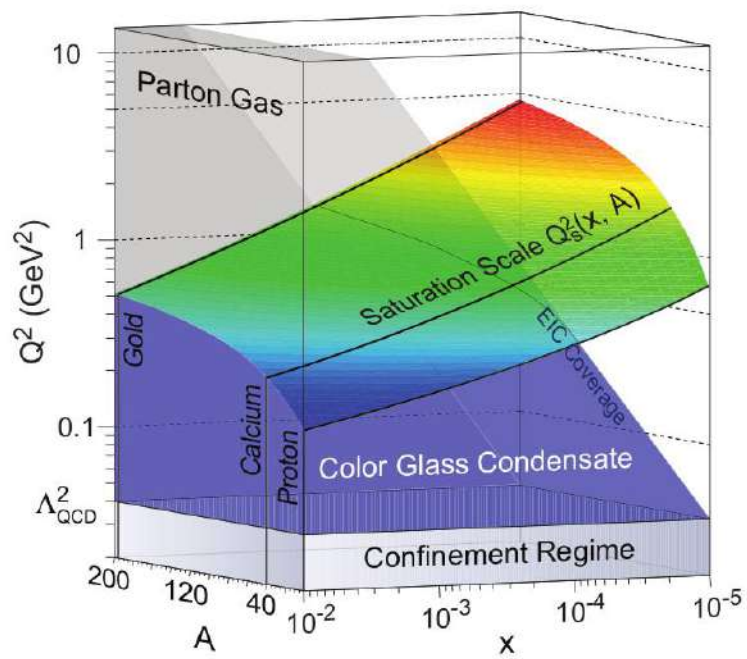
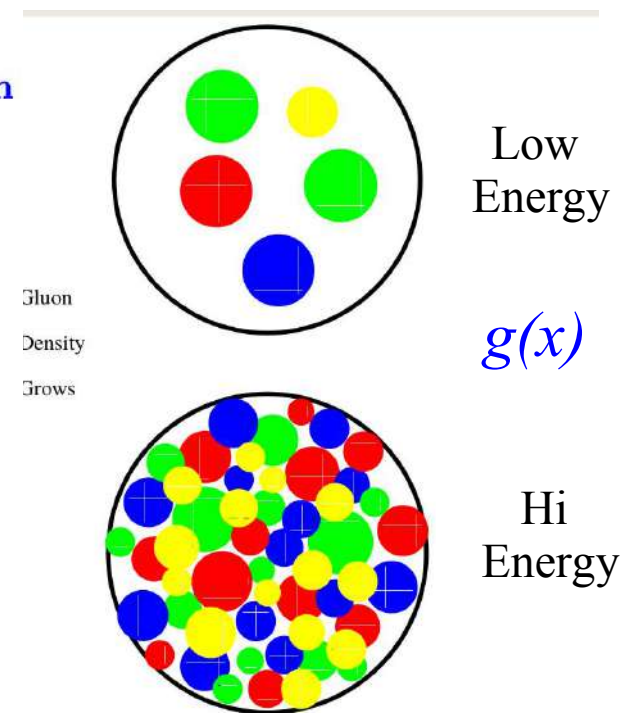
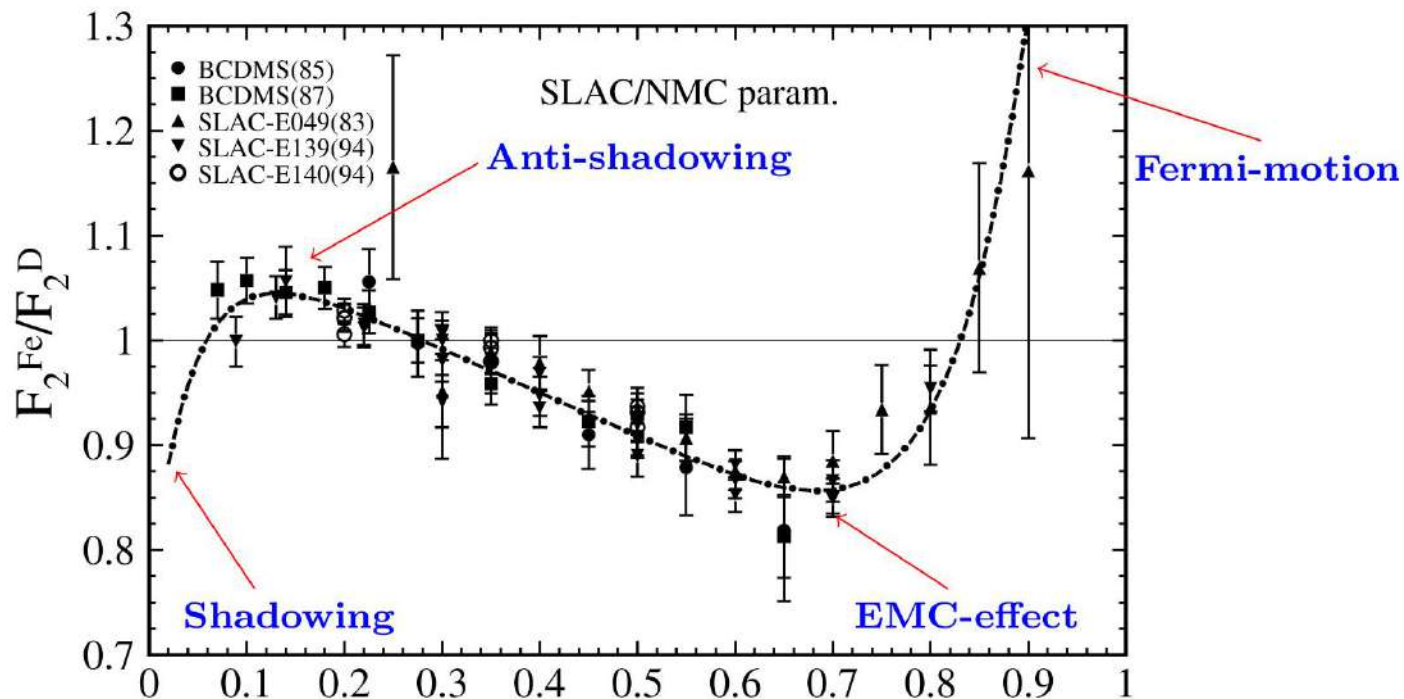
Can Saturation be Discovered at EIC?

EIC has an unprecedented small- x reach for DIS on large nuclear targets, allowing to seal the discovery of saturation physics and study of its properties:

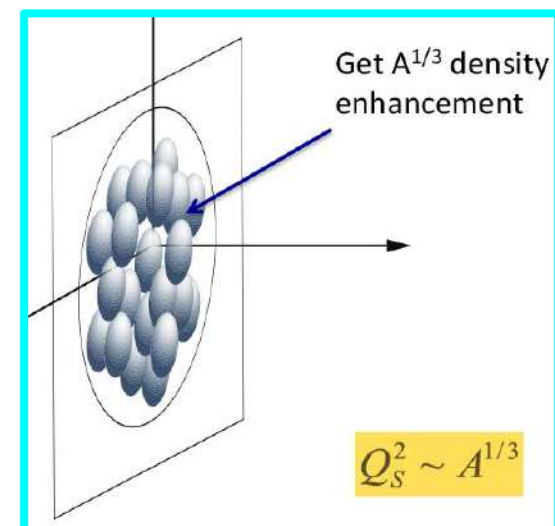


Yuri Kovchegov (OSU)

MC4EIC: Monte Carlo event simulation for the EIC

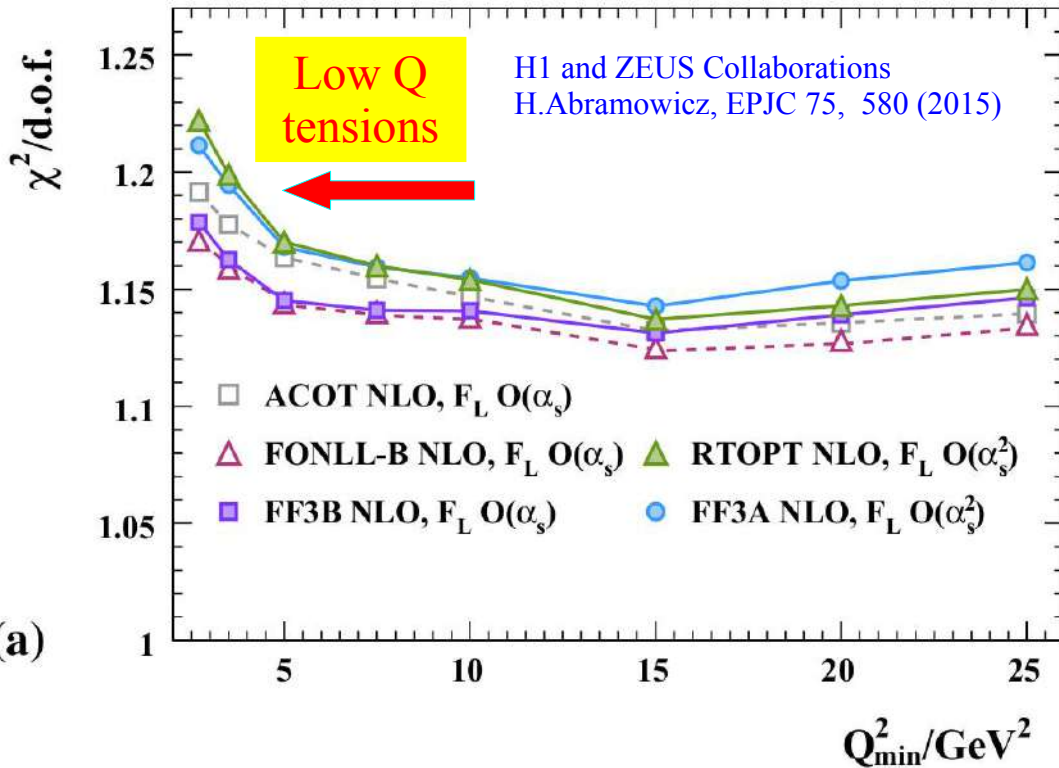


We gain a geometric factor of $A^{1/3}$



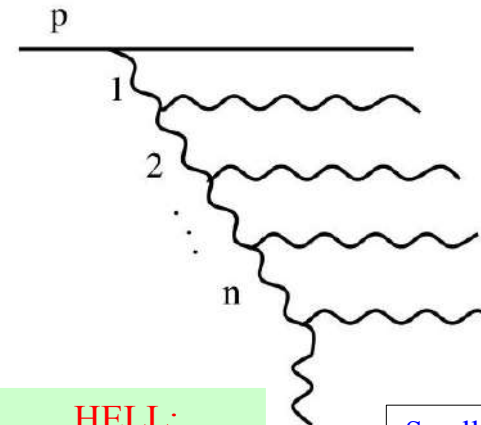
Small x (Low Q): need to improve fits
 NNLO: “fits at NNLO do not improve agreement”

H1 and ZEUS



HERAPDF2.0 shows tensions between data and fit, independent of the heavy-flavour scheme used, at low Q^2 , i.e. below $Q^2 = 15 \text{ GeV}^2$, and at high Q^2 , i.e. above $Q^2 = 150 \text{ GeV}^2$. Comparisons between the behaviour of the fits with different Q_{\min}^2 values indicate that the NLO theory evolves faster than the data towards lower Q^2 and x . Fits at NNLO do not improve the agreement. HERAPDF2.0 NNLO and NLO have a similar fit quality.

NNLO vs. NLO



resum logs

$$\alpha_S^n \frac{\ln^k(x)}{x}$$

HELL:
 High Energy
 Leading Logs

Small- x resummation from HELL
 Marco Bonvini, et al.,
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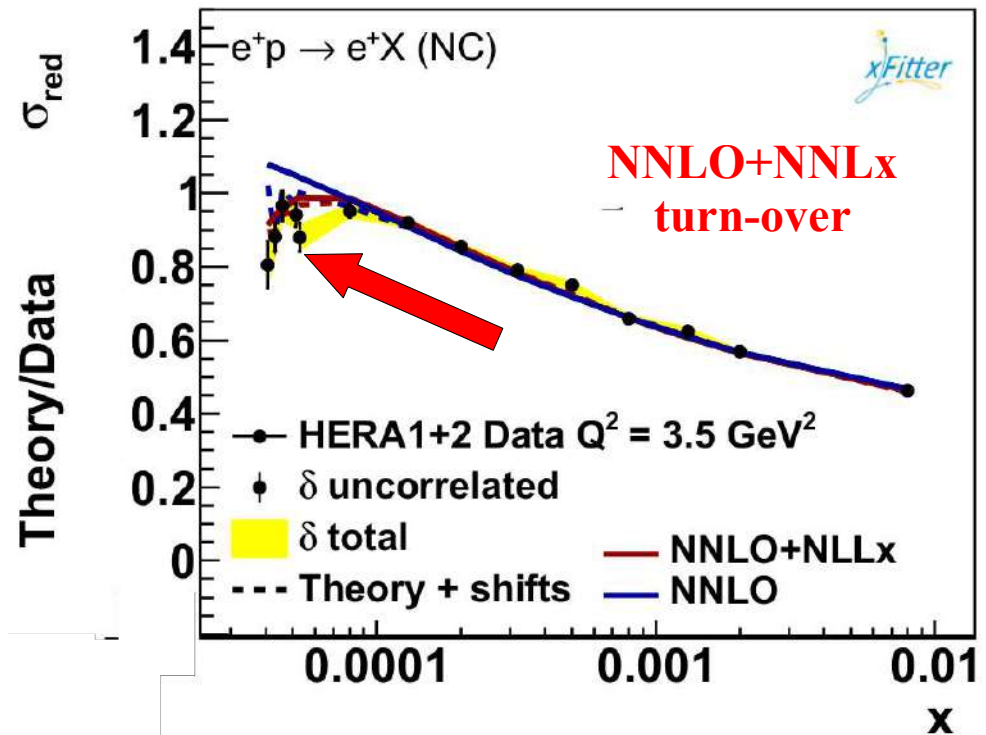
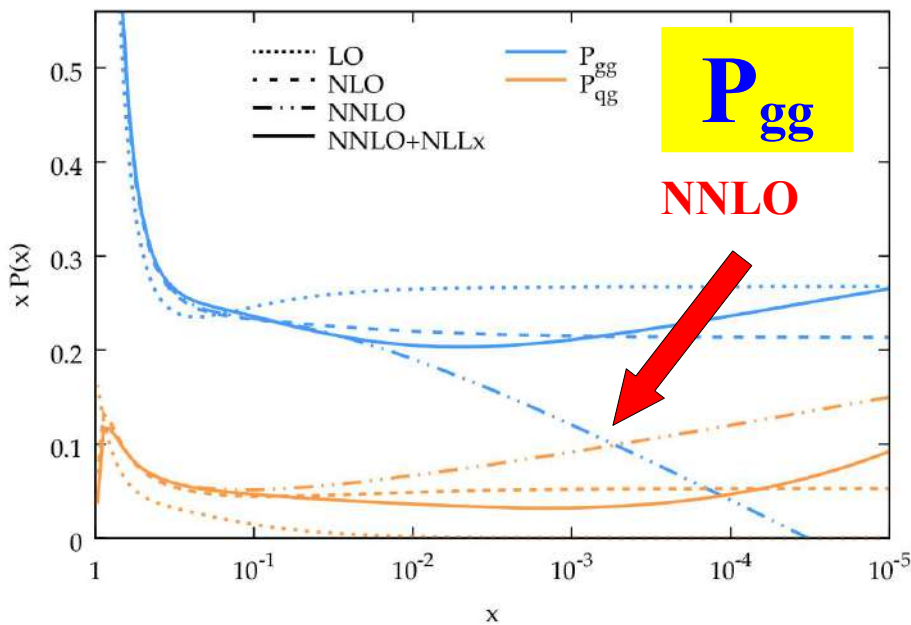
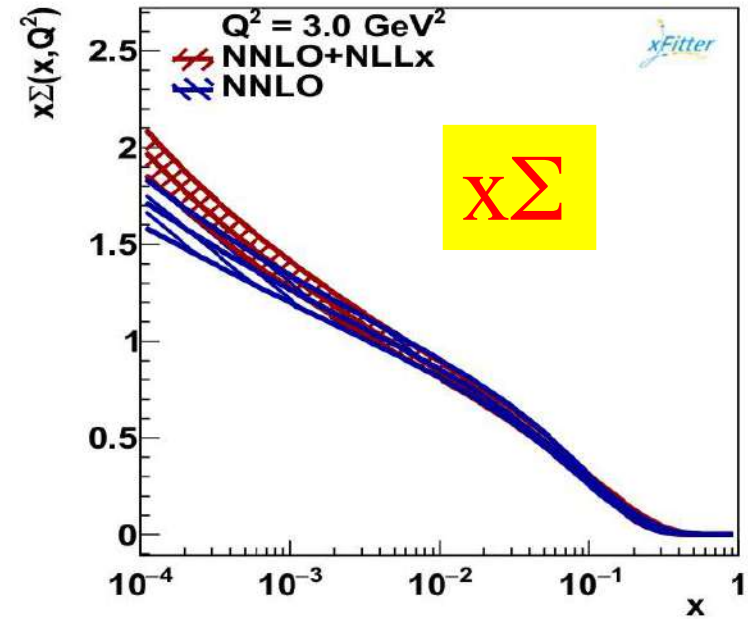
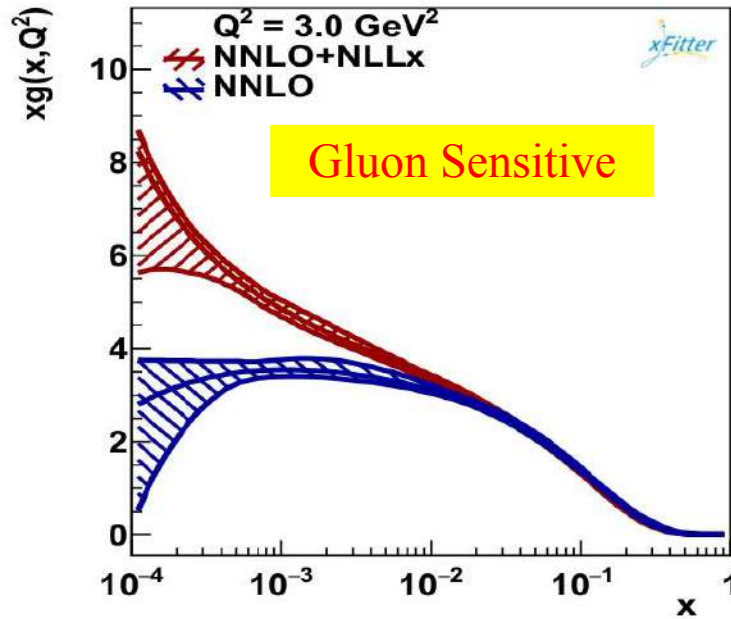
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Regular Article - Theoretical Physics

Impact of low- x resummation on QCD analysis of HERA data

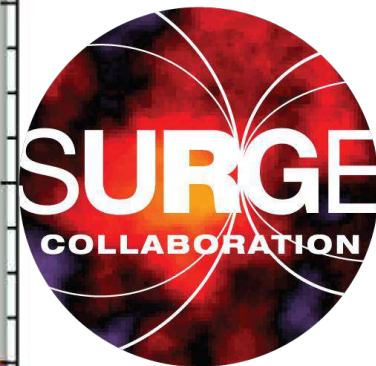
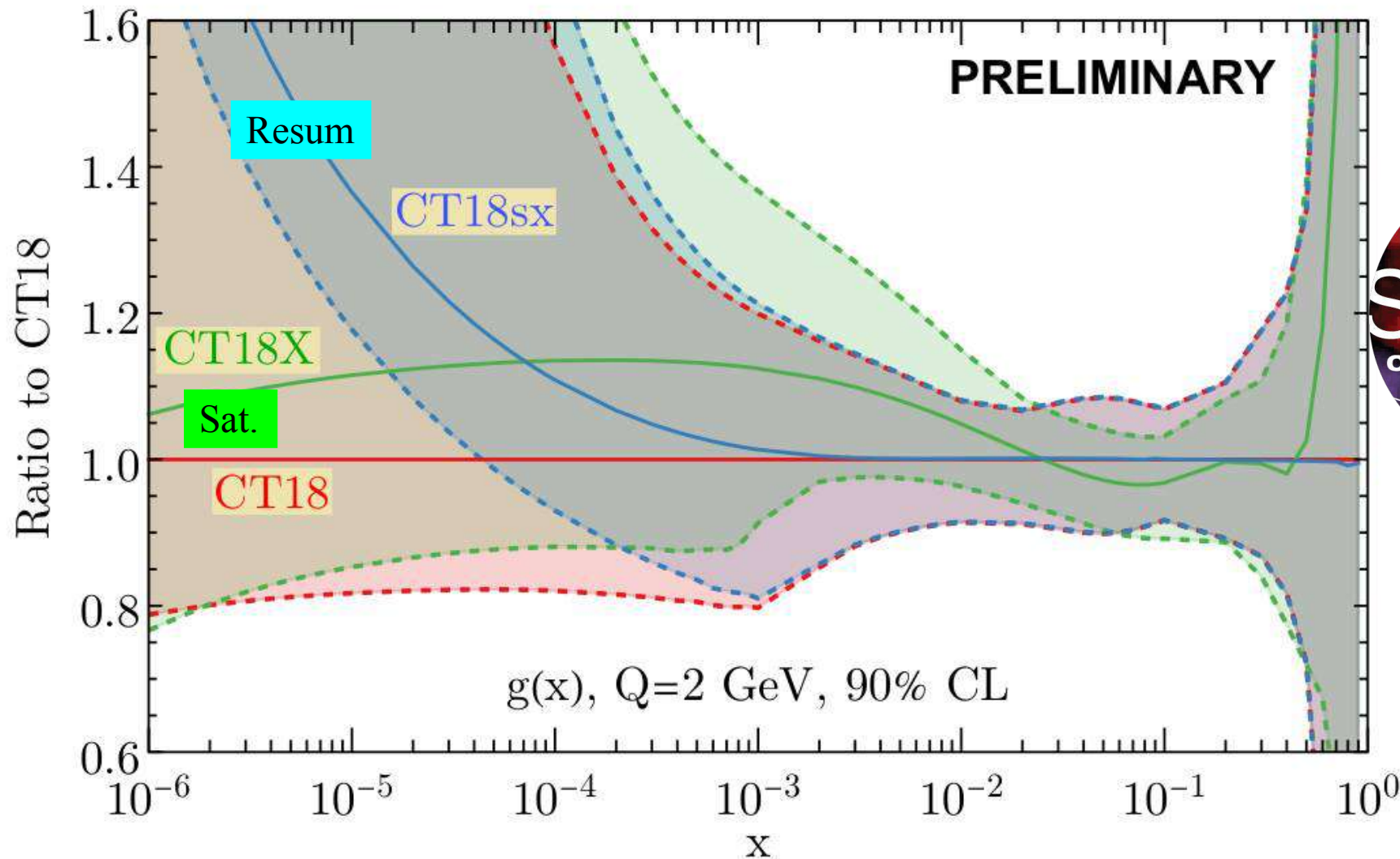
xFitter Developers' team, Hamed Abdolmaleki¹, Valerio Bertone^{2,3,a}, Daniel Britzger⁴, Stefano



CT18x: Saturation inspired μ modification
CT18sx: w/ HELL small-x resummation code

Saturation inspired x-dependent

$$\mu^2 = a_1 \left(Q^2 + \frac{a_2}{x^{a_3}} \right)$$



BFKL & Saturation differ at very small x

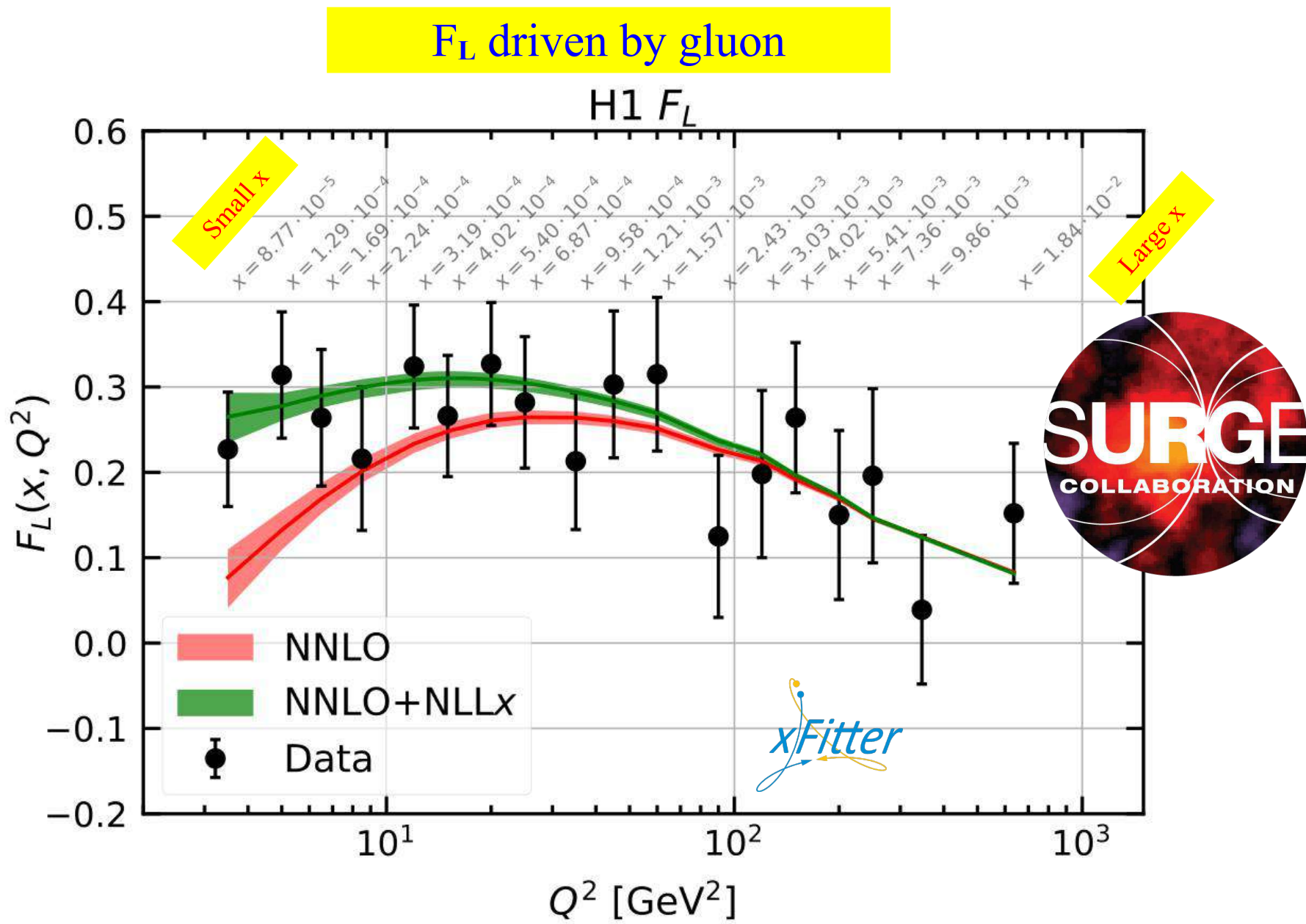


Fig. 8 The H1 extraction of F_L compared to the predictions with and without $\ln(1/x)$ resummation

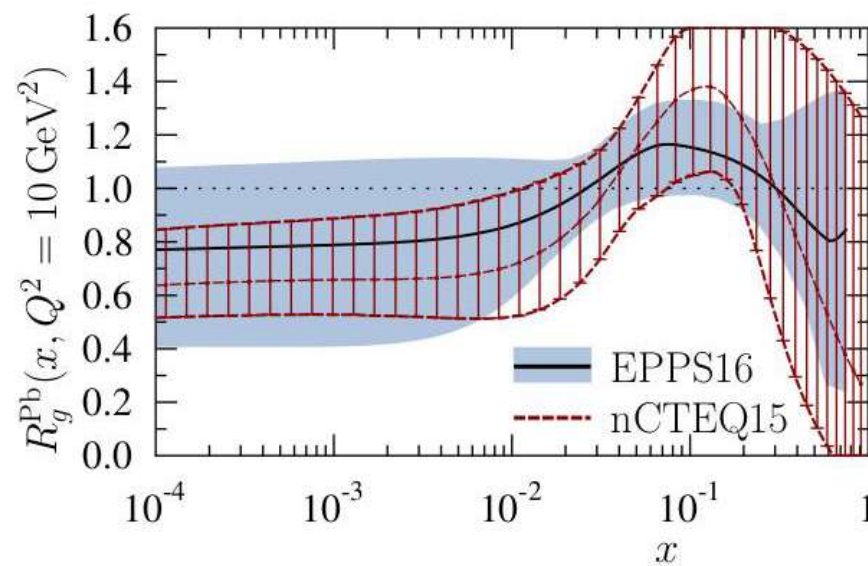
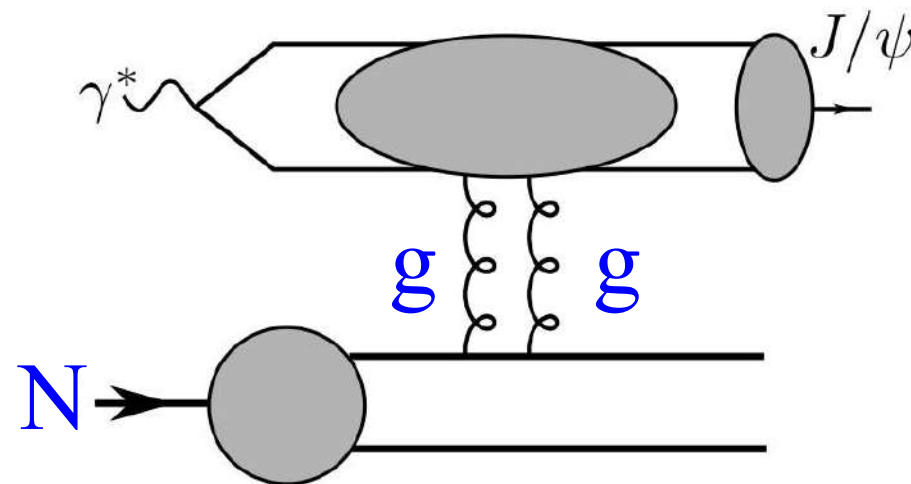
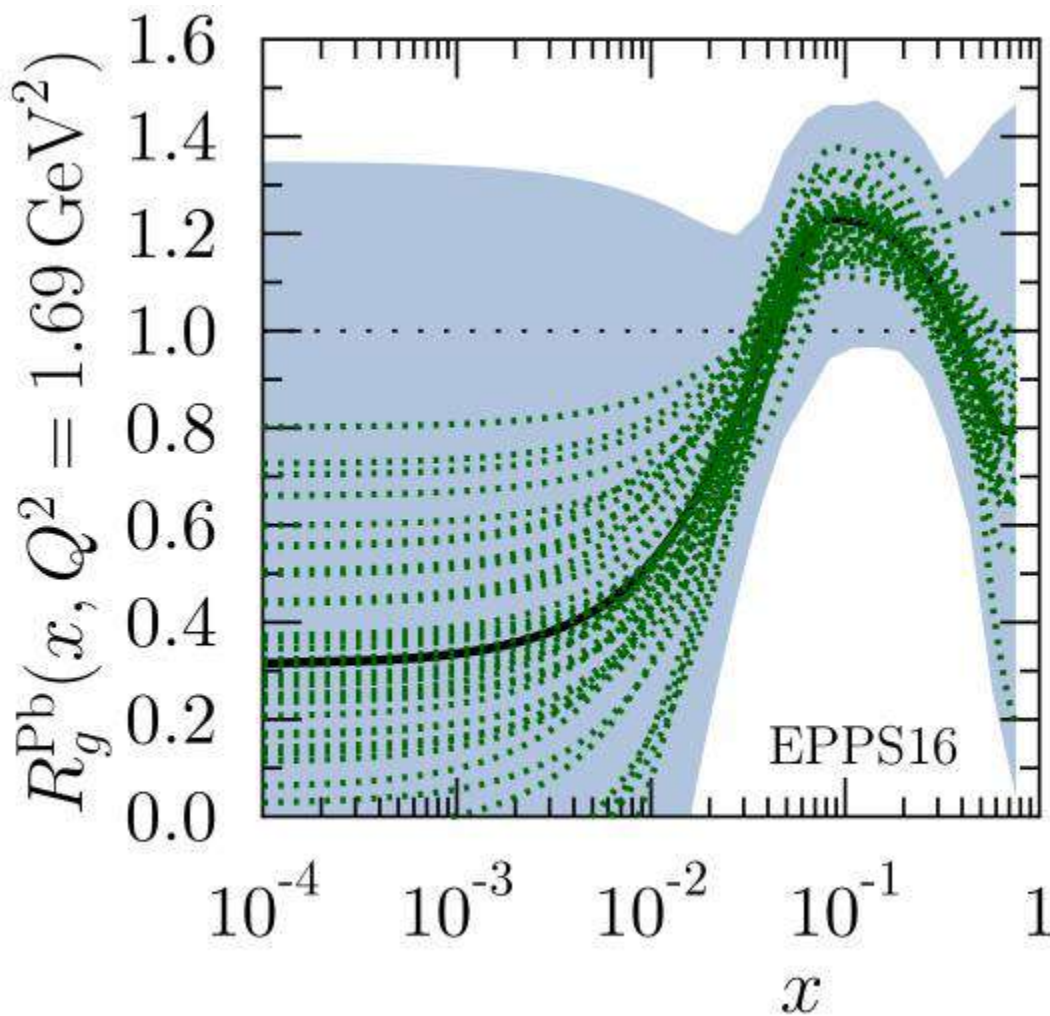
focus on gluon

Gluon PDF

1) J/Psi Production
&

2) Semi-Inclusive Hadron Production

Nuclear Gluon PDF
 Large uncertainties
 Strong shadowing at small x



Caution: EPPS16 errors are probably more realistic at small x than nCTEQ15

nNNPDF provide complementary approach

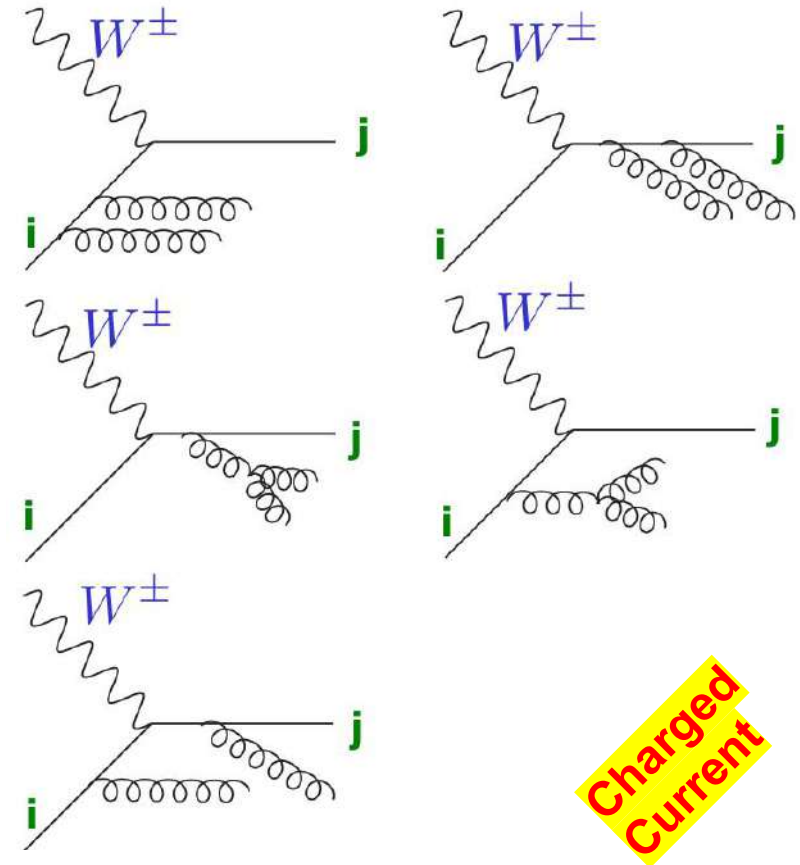
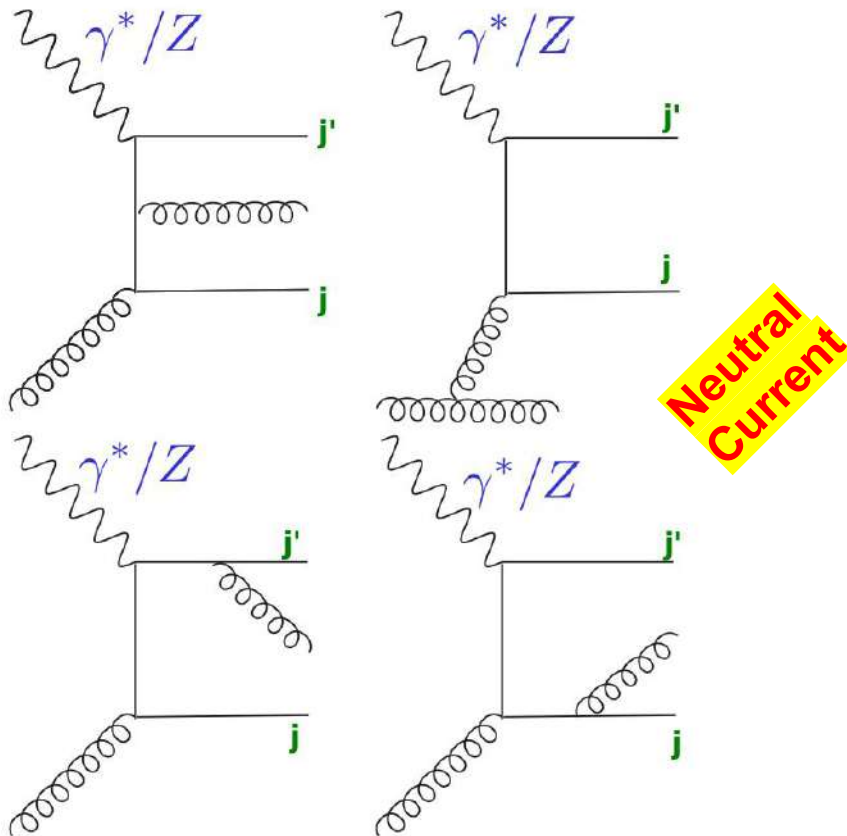
Heavy Quark Production



sACOT- χ – NNLO gluon

sACOT- χ – NNLO non-singlet

Stavreva et al, arXiv:1203.0282



Precompute observables

$$F_\lambda(x, Q^2) = \sum_k \sum_\alpha \underbrace{\int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} C_k^\lambda \left(\frac{\chi}{\xi}, \frac{Q}{m u}, \frac{M_i}{\mu}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) w_\alpha(\xi) f_k(\xi_\alpha, \mu)}_{\text{Precompute}}$$

APFEL++ – A PDF evolution library in c++

Bertone, arXiv:1708.00911

- ▶ main author: **V. Bertone**
- ▶ rewrite of the Fortran APFEL code
 - ▶ used by the NNPDF collaboration



Available schemes in APFEL++

scheme	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$	NC:			CC:		
		F_2	F_3	F_L	F_2	F_3	F_L
ZM	N2LO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FONLL-C	N2LO	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
ACOT	NLO	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
sACOT- χ	NLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
approx. sACOT- χ	N2LO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

No time for ...

TMDs

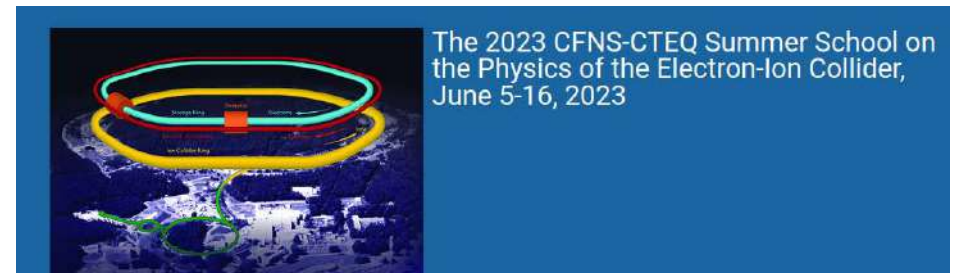
GPDs

Spin

...

TUTORIALS

VirtualBox & Docker



Past tutorials and VirtualBox images

<https://smu.box.com/s/alwdhtjstl6dn23o4j9112oyomea5mog5>

All Files > XFITTER > VBOX

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2016 Tutorial

2016 CTEQ-DESY School Tutorials



2018 Tutorial 

2018 CTEQ School Tutorials
(Based on 2016)



VBox Ubuntu18

VirtualBox with v.2.2



VBox Ubuntu22

VirtualBox with v.2.2

bug: `./bin/xfitter-draw ./output --no-logo`

pw: xfitter2023



Minor issue: Ubuntu 22 bug in logo

Resolved with:

```
./bin/xfitter-draw ./output --no-logo
```

<https://smu.box.com/s/alwdhtjssl6dn23o4j9112oyomea5mog5>

Low
Priority

DrawLogo.cc

```
83     }  
84     logo->DrawText(170, 510, ver.c_str(), 80, 0,  
85                   font, TImage::kShadeBelow);  
86 }  
87  
88 float dx = 0.0768 * 1.5;
```

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.

XFindOnExtensionList () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libX11.so.6

```
vboxuser@Ubuntu22:~/xfit/xfitter-2.2.0_Future_Freeze$ ./bin/xfitter-draw ./output
```

```
*** Break *** segmentation violation
```

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There was a crash.

This is the entire stack trace of all threads:

```
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entry=0x7ffe202b4e58, options=options
entry=0, usage=usage
entry=0x0) at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/wait4.c:30
#1 0x00007f1cda4ea41b in __GI___waitpid (pid=<optimized out>, stat_loc=stat_loc
entry=0x7ffe202b4e58, options=options
entry=0) at ./posix/waitpid.c:38
#2 0x00007f1cda450bc9 in do_system (line=<optimized out>) at ../sysdeps/posix/system.c:171
#3 0x00007f1cdbc1a164 in TUnixSystem::StackTrace() () from /home/vboxuser/opt/lib/libCore.so.6.28
#4 0x00007f1cdbc17495 in TUnixSystem::DispatchSignals(ESignals) () from /home/vboxuser/opt/lib/libCore.so.6.28
#5 <signal handler called>
#6 0x00007f1cab454e4 in XFindOnExtensionList () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libX11.so.6
#7 0x00007f1cab3fee1 in ?? () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libX11.so.6
#8 0x00007f1cab4051d in XLoadQueryFont () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libX11.so.6
#9 0x00007f1cabda1d3f in get_asfont () from /home/vboxuser/opt_root_6.28_ubuntu22/lib/libASImage.so.6.28.00
#10 0x00007f1cabd92021 in TASImage::DrawText(int, int, char const*, int, char const*, char const*, TImage::EText3DType, char const*, float) () from
/home/vboxuser/opt_root_6.28_ubuntu22/lib/libASImage.so.6.28.00
#11 0x000056394f78b8a3 in DrawLogo (pos="ul") at /home/vboxuser/xfit/xfitter-2.2.0_Future_Freeze/tools/draw/src/DrawLogo.cc:84
#12 0x000056394f7cd0e8 in PdfsPainter (q2=1.8999999761581421, ipdf=uv) at /home/vboxuser/xfit/xfitter-2.2.0_Future_Freeze/tools/draw/src/PdfsPainter.cc:364
#13 0x000056394f7d7b15 in main (argc=2, argv=0x7ffe202b8e48) at /home/vboxuser/xfit/xfitter-2.2.0_Future_Freeze/tools/draw/src/xfitter-draw.cc:75
=====
```

The lines below might hint at the cause of the crash. If you see question marks as part of the stack trace, try to recompile with debugging information enabled and export CLING_DEBUG=1 environment variable before running. You may get help by asking at the ROOT forum <https://root.cern/forum> Only if you are really convinced it is a bug in ROOT then please submit a report at <https://root.cern/bugs> Please post the ENTIRE stack trace from above as an attachment in addition to anything else that might help us fixing this issue.

```
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```

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=====
```

Minor issue: Ubuntu 22 bug in logo

Resolved with:

```
./bin/xfitter-draw ./output --no-logo
```



Old version: xFitter 2.1

Docker / Singularity

JBrandonS / **xfitter-docker** <https://github.com/JBrandonS/xfitter-docker>

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A WIP docker container featuring xFitter

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README.md

xFitter-Docker

xFitter-Docker is a docker container featuring the latest version of [xFitter](#), from the master branch for the [main repo](#), and as well as many standard HEP software packages needed for processing.

This allows for easy use of an up-to-date xFitter across all systems and configurations.

Installation

Prebuilt images for this project are available in docker-hub under [jbrandons/xfitter](#). You can pull this project from any internet connected PC with

UPDATE: xFitter in Docker & Singularity notes

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22 April 2020



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Stevenson



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Kotz

DOCKER

```
docker pull jbrandons/xfitter
```

```
docker run -it -u $(id -u ${USER}):$(id -g ${USER}) -v $(pwd) :/run
-v /users/olness/xfit/DATA/datafiles:/data
-v /usr/local/share/LHAPDF:/pdfdata jbrandons/xfitter bash
```

xfitter and **xfitter-draw** are installed in the path, so a plain “**xfitter**” command should run the test.

The `-u $(id -u ${USER}):$(id -g ${USER})` command mounts as the user instead of root.

The `-v $(pwd) :/run` command mounts the current directory as **/run**; this is the working directory.

The `-v /users/olness/xfit/DATA/datafiles:/data` command mounts your local set of data files.

The `-v /usr/local/share/LHAPDF:/pdfdata` command mounts your local set of lhpdf files.

(This keeps the docker image lightweight)

The `bash` command drops to a bash shell.

In the above example, the `pwd` is mounted at **/run**, so if you place

```
" constants.yaml parameters.yaml steering.txt "
```

locally, you can then run the `xfitter` example.

SINGULARITY

```
singularity run -B $(pwd)/datafiles:/data  
-B $(pwd)/lhfiles:/pdffiles -B $(pwd) :/run  
docker://jbrandons/xfitter bash
```

* user runs as non-root

* **image is mounted read-only** (*not a problem*)

SETUP: In your working dir \$(pwd) make 2 symlinks:

- 1) Symlink **./datafiles** to your local xFitter data file
- 2) Symlink **./lhfiles** to your local LHAPDF data files

Your **\$pwd** will be mounted to **/run** so you have local access to output

Launch singularity; you'll drop into a bash shell.

xfitter and **xfitter-draw** are in your image path.

In your local working directory, you will need: **constants.yaml parameters.yaml steering.txt**

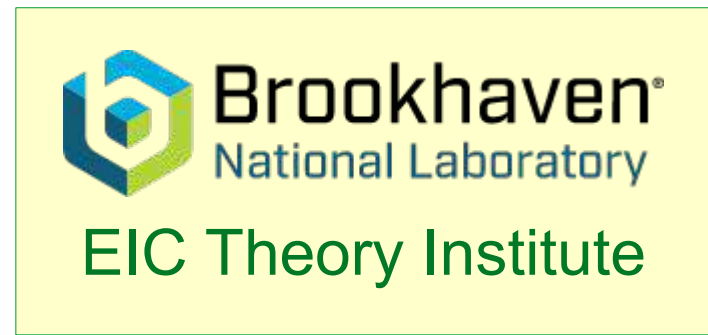
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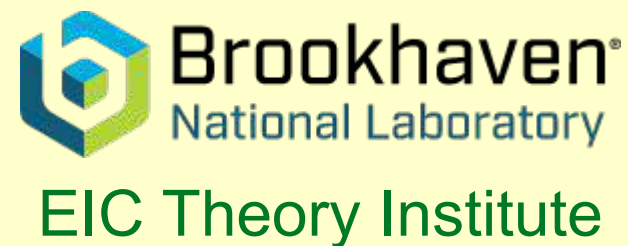
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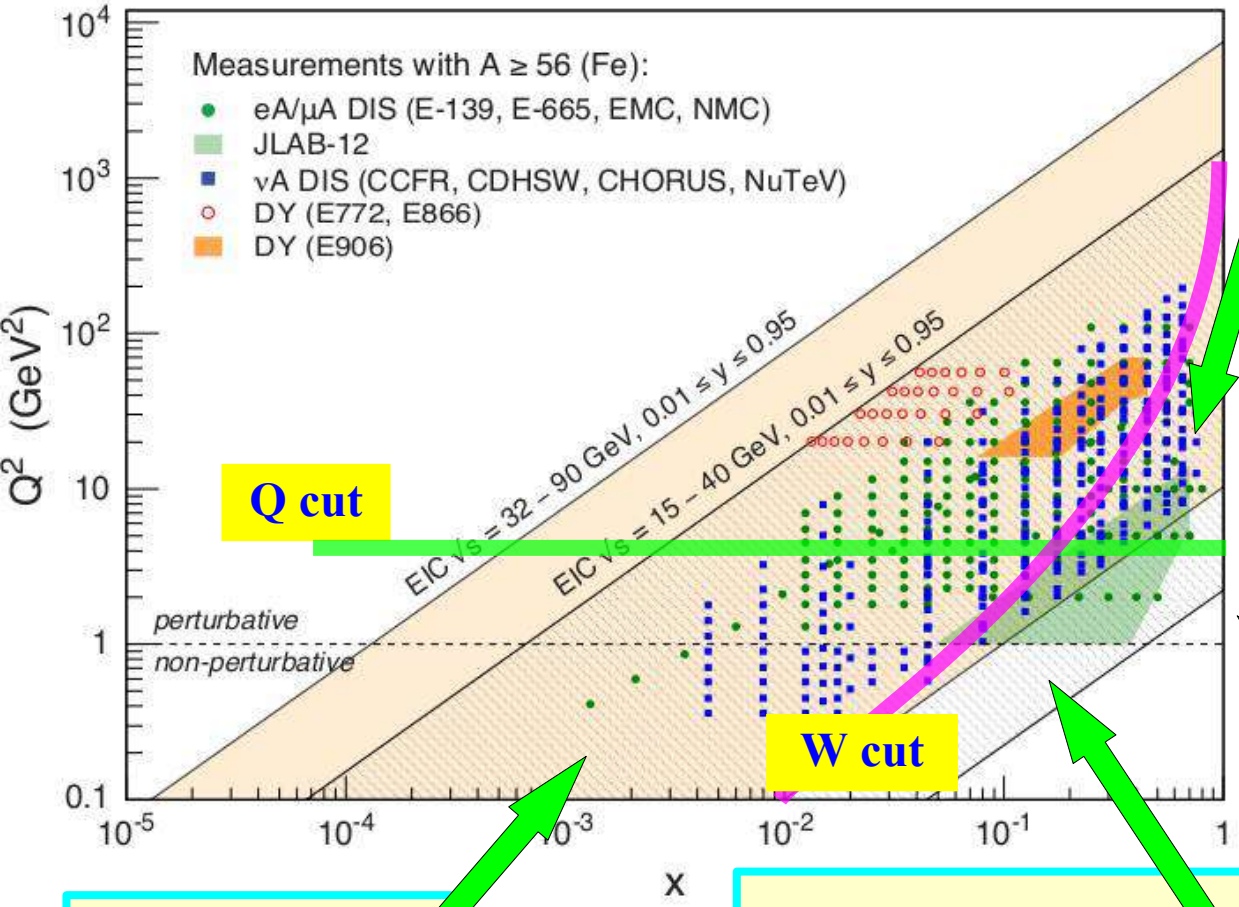
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- EIC related activities ramping up in the US
- Past xFitter projects serve as “seeds” for EIC extension
- **My TO DO List:**
 - Finish integrating the S-ACOT N2LO and N3LO codes
 - Work with Peter & Valerio to get grid code into xFitter
 - Provide VirtualBox & Docker images for general use
 - **Students:**
 - Re-do some of past projects
 - Possibly document exercises for future tutorials



Bottom line: the xFitter tool is valuable to the EIC community
Leverage this into contributions and projects

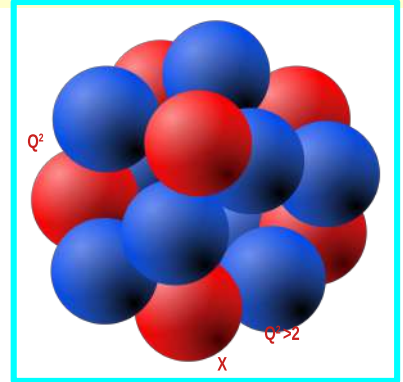


High-x:
 Nuclear PDFs: $x > 1$ allowed;
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Iso}}$ in Fermi region
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 Deuteron Corrections
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Deuteron}}$ ratio

Low- Q^2 :
 Non-Perturbative interface
 collective effects
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 F_L at low Q^2 access to $g(x)$
 Run at multiple energies

Low-x:
 Shadowing
 Recombination
 Resummation
 BFKL
 Saturation

JLab Data @ Hi-X Low- Q^2
 extend nCTEQ framework for this region
 & prepare for EIC

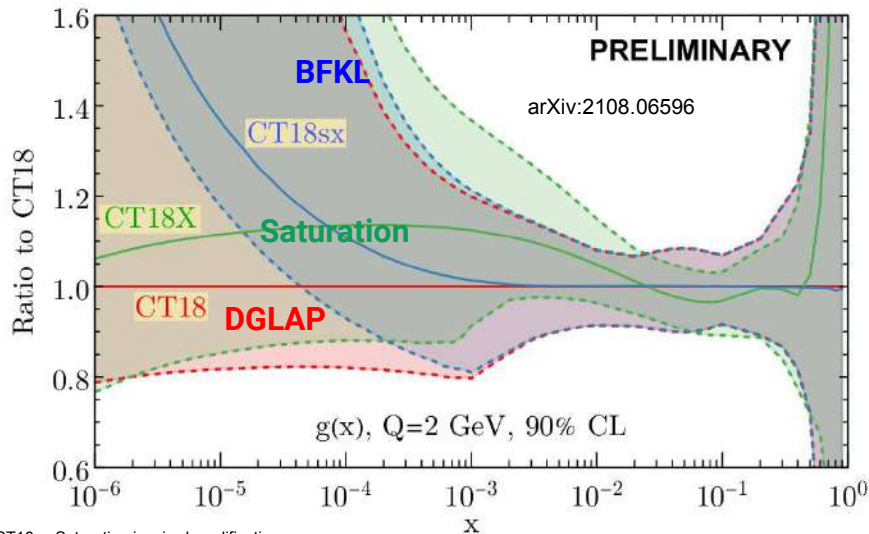


... combine with complementary approaches (3D-PDFs, Lattice QCD) ⇒ “solve” QCD

BACKUP

Global analysis: Selected Examples: $g(x)$, F_L

Gluon Parton Distribution Function $g(x)$

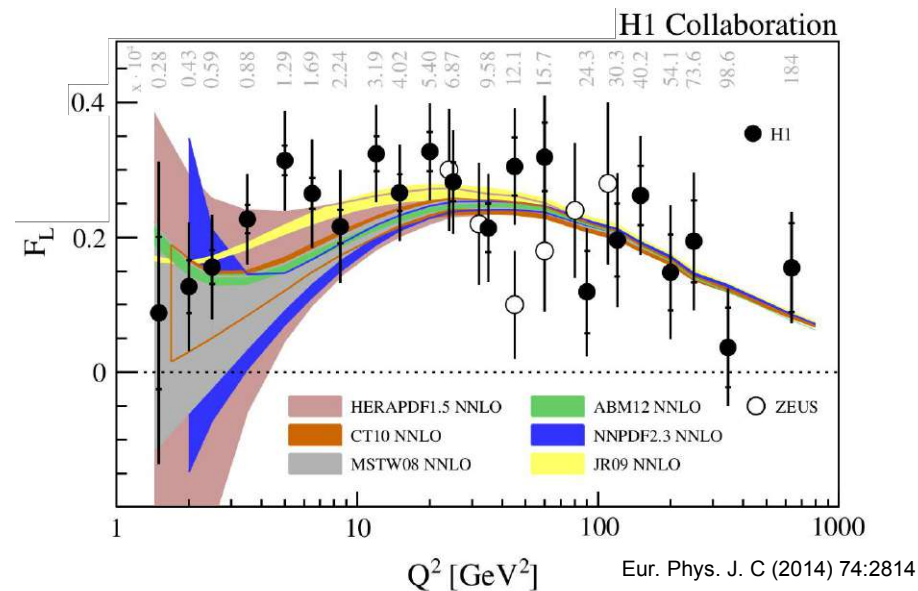


CT18x: Saturation inspired modification
 CT18sx: w/ HELL small-x resummation code

Gluon PDF:

- Differences: DGLAP, BFKL, Saturation
- Different $\{x, Q^2, A\}$ dependence
- Large Uncertainties: EIC can improve

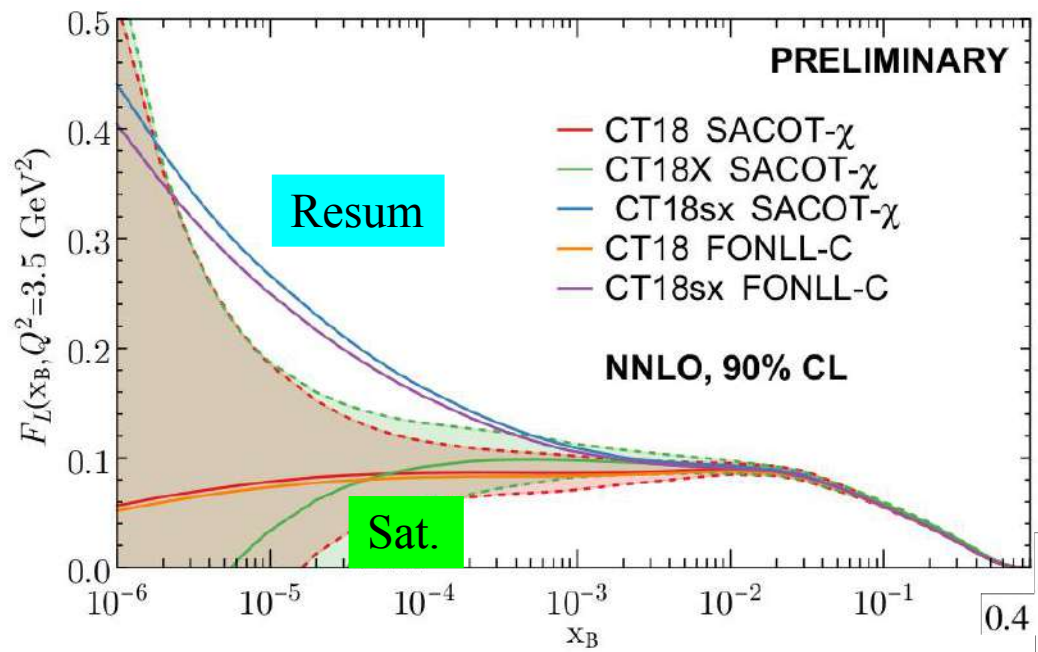
Longitudinal Structure Function F_L



Longitudinal Structure Function F_L :

- Current theory is challenged
- Gluon strongly influences F_L
- Large Uncertainties: EIC can improve

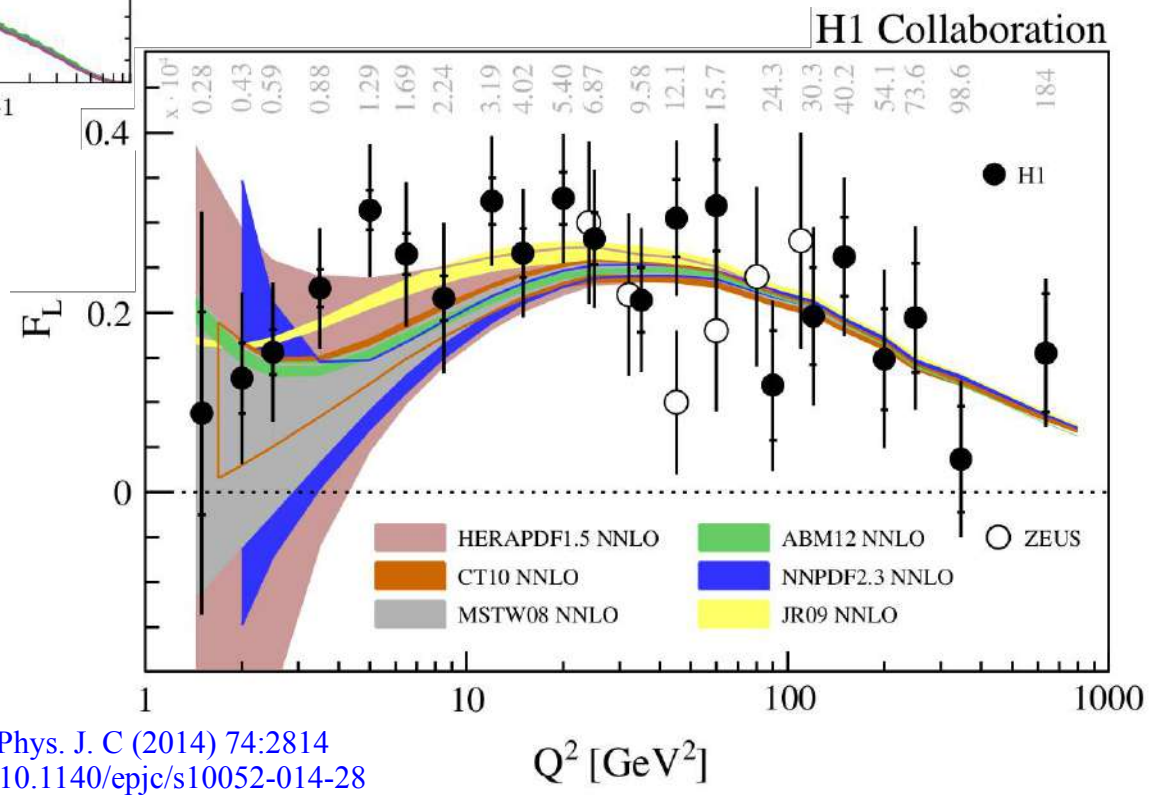
Still, large uncertainty at small x (*low Q²*)



Saturation & Resummation:
again
different behavior
at very small x

CT Collaboration: 2108.06596 [hep-ph]

F_L Challenge:
Large Uncertainties
at small x



Physics @ the US EIC beyond the EIC's core science

Of HEP/LHC-HI interest to **Snowmass 2021** (EF 05, 06, and 07 and possibly also EF 04)

New Studies with proton or neutron target:

- Impact of precision measurements of unpolarized PDFs at high x/Q^2 , on LHC-Upgrade results(?)
- Precision calculation of α_s : higher order pQCD calculations, twist 3
- Heavy quark and quarkonia (c, b quarks) studies
with **100-1000 times lumi of HERA and with polarization**
- Polarized light nuclei in the EIC

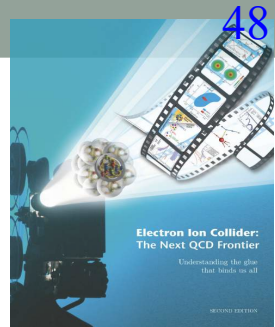
Physics with nucleons and nuclear targets:

- Quark Exotica: 4,5,6 quark systems...? Much interest after recent **LHCb** led results.
- Physics of and with jets with EIC as a precision QCD machine:
 - Jets as probe of nuclear matter & Internal structure of jets :
novel new observables, energy variability
 - Entanglement, entropy, connections to fragmentation, hadronization and confinement

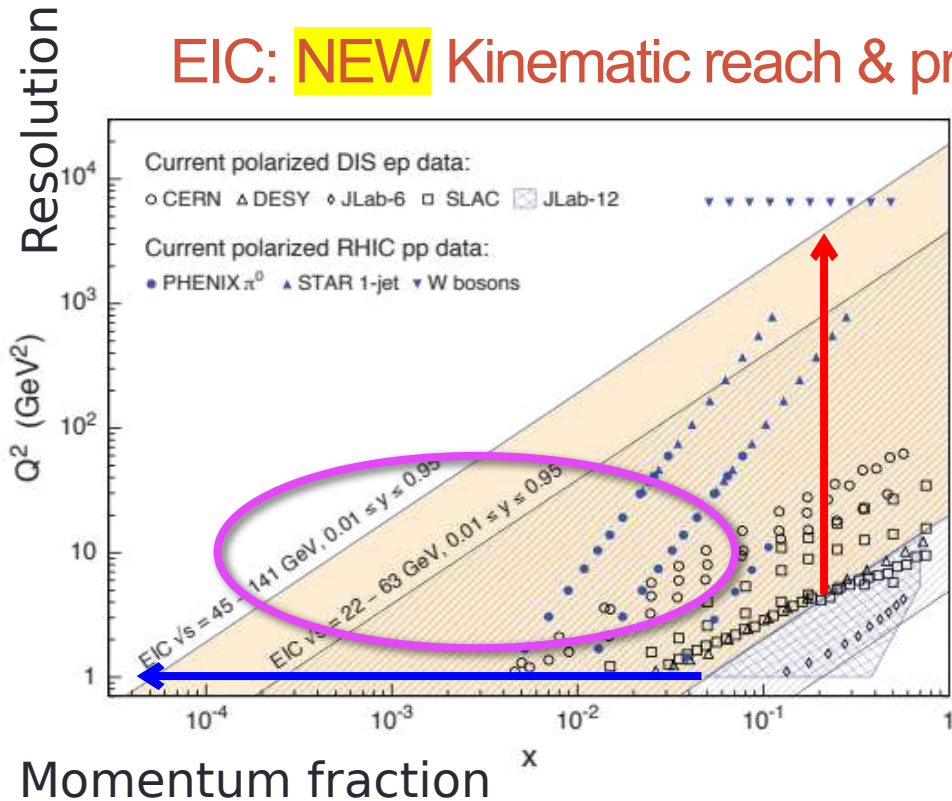
Precision electroweak and BSM physics:

- Electroweak physics & searches beyond the SM: Parity, charge symmetry, lepton flavor violation
- LHC-EIC Synergies & complementarity

Study of universality: e-p/A vs. p-A, d-A, A-A at RHIC and LHC



EIC: **NEW** Kinematic reach & properties

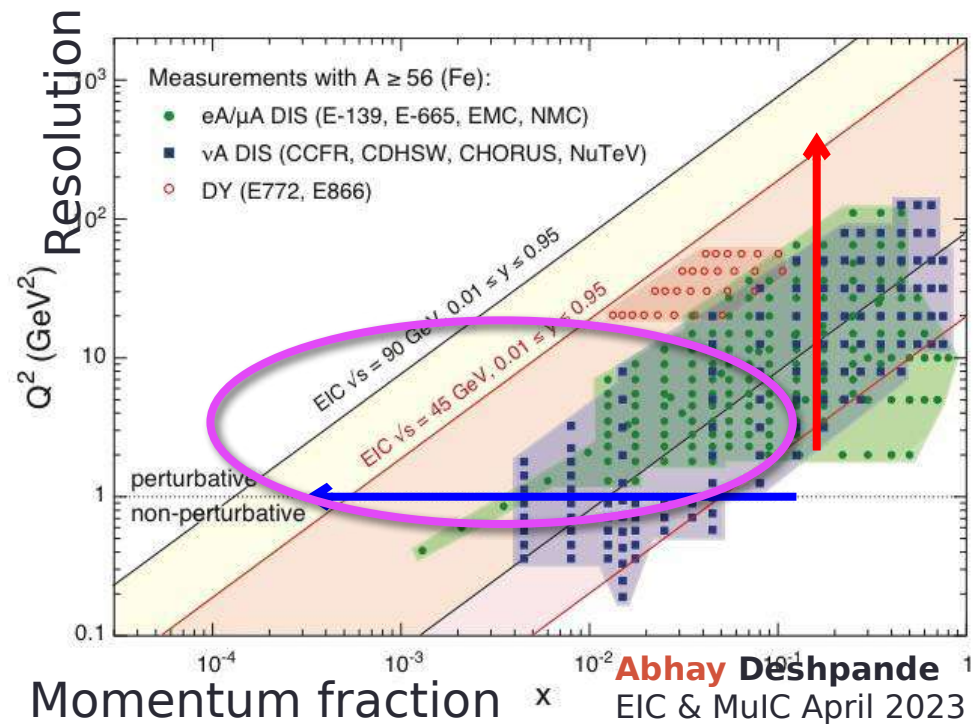


For e-N collisions at the EIC:

- ✓ Polarized beams: e, p, d/³He
- ✓ Variable center of mass energy
- ✓ **Wide Q² range → evolution**
- ✓ **Wide x range → spanning valence to low-x**

For e-A collisions at the EIC:

- ✓ Wide range in nuclei
- ✓ Luminosity per nucleon same as e-p
- ✓ Variable center of mass energy
- ✓ **Wide x range (evolution)**
- ✓ **Wide x region (reach high gluon densities)**



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