

PHYSICS OPPORTUNITIES AT ELECTRON-ION COLLIDERS

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Outline

What are open fundamental questions?

Exploring nuclear structure.

High parton density regime.

Initial conditions for AA collisions.

What measurements do we need?

Physics potential of LHeC and EIC.

Nuclear structure

Low energy: nucleus consists of nucleons; pion interactions.

Fundamental interaction is described by QCD in terms of quarks and gluons as elementary degrees of freedom.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^A F_A^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\text{flavours}} \bar{\Psi}_a (i\partial^\mu \gamma_\mu \delta_{ab} - g_s \gamma^\mu t_{ab}^C A_\mu^C - m_f \delta_{ab}) \Psi_b$$
$$F_{\mu\nu}^A = \partial_\mu A_\nu^A - \partial_\nu A_\mu^A - gf^{ABC} A_\mu^B A_\nu^C$$

High energy: larger transverse momenta involved. Quarks, gluons are explored at smaller distance scales.

What is the structure of the nucleus in terms of these fundamental degrees of freedom?

Nuclear structure

A classic way to measure the nuclear/hadron structure and quark/gluon distributions is through deep inelastic scattering.

Rutherford 1911 → SLAC 1967 → HERA 2007 → EIC & LHeC ?

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

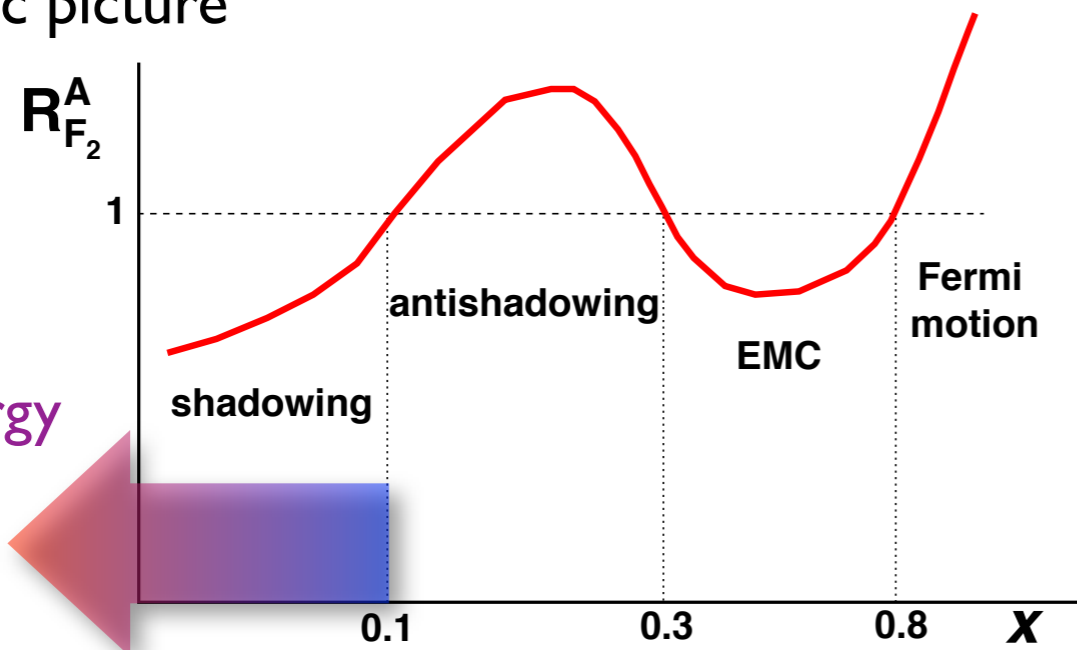
Nuclear ratio for structure function

$$R_{F_2}^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{F_2^A(x, Q^2)}{A F_2^{\text{nucleon}}(x, Q^2)}$$

Nuclear effects

$$R^A \neq 1$$

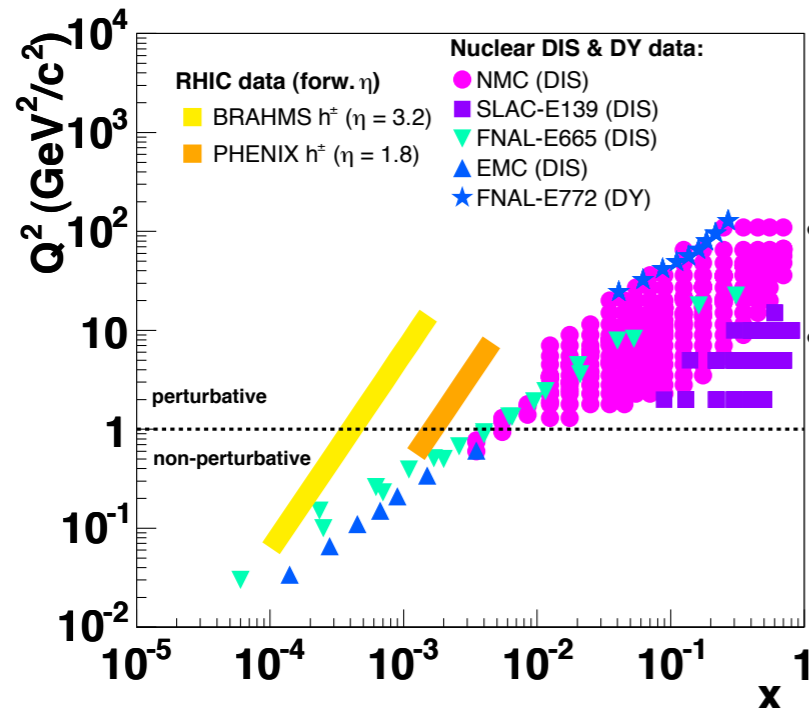
Schematic picture



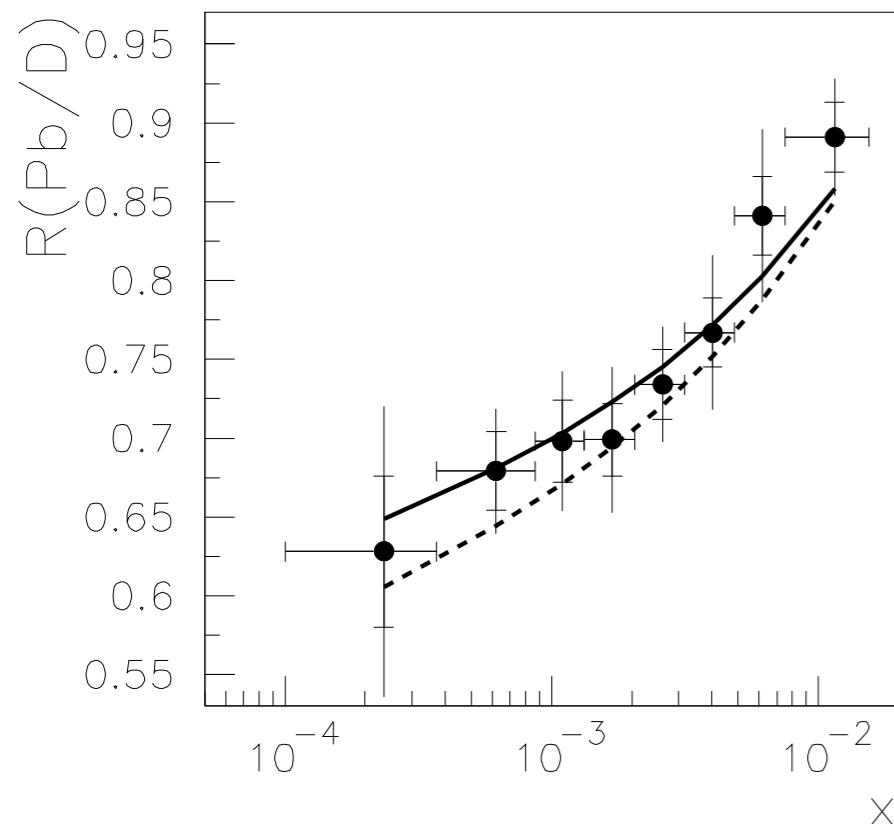
- Fermi motion
 $x \geq 0.8$
- EMC region
 $0.25 - 0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$
- Antishadowing region
 $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.25 - 0.3$
- Shadowing region
 $x \leq 0.1$

What the nuclear DIS data tell us?

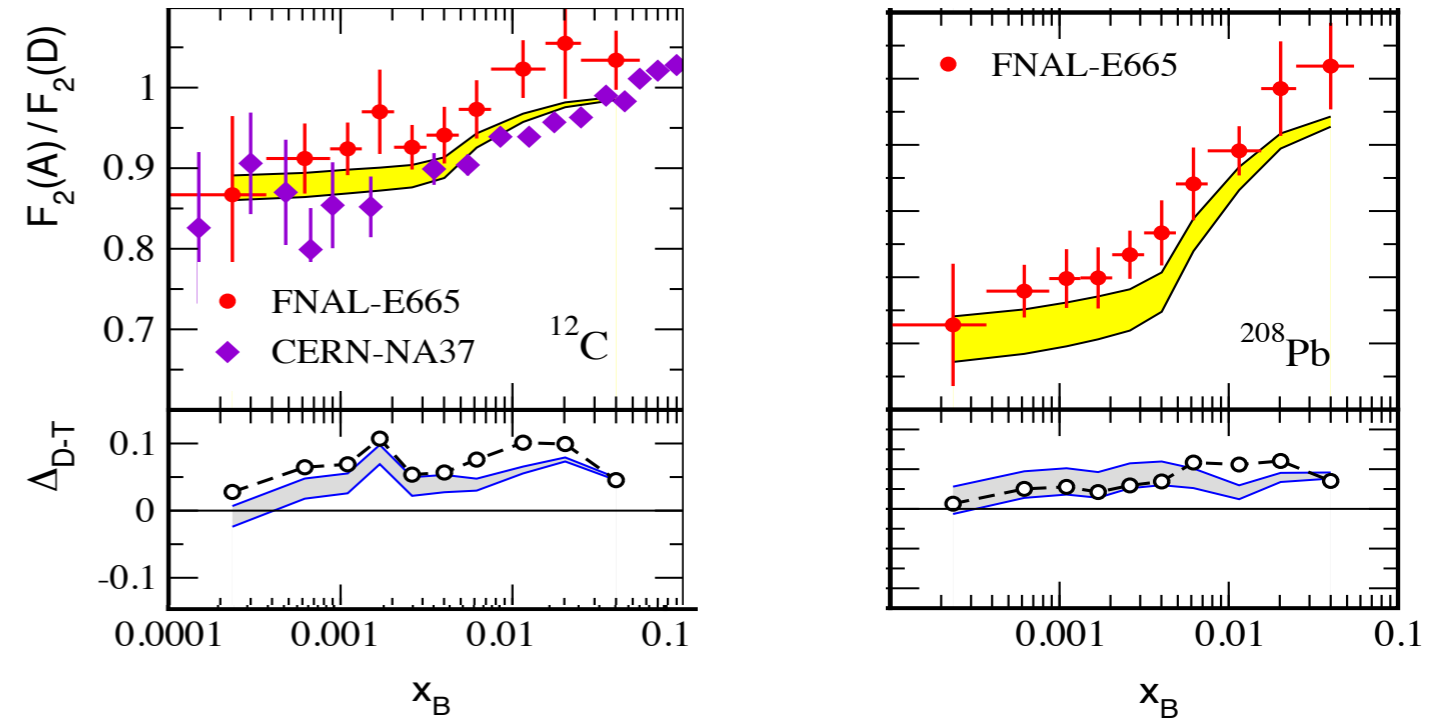
Kinematic coverage in nuclear DIS and DY



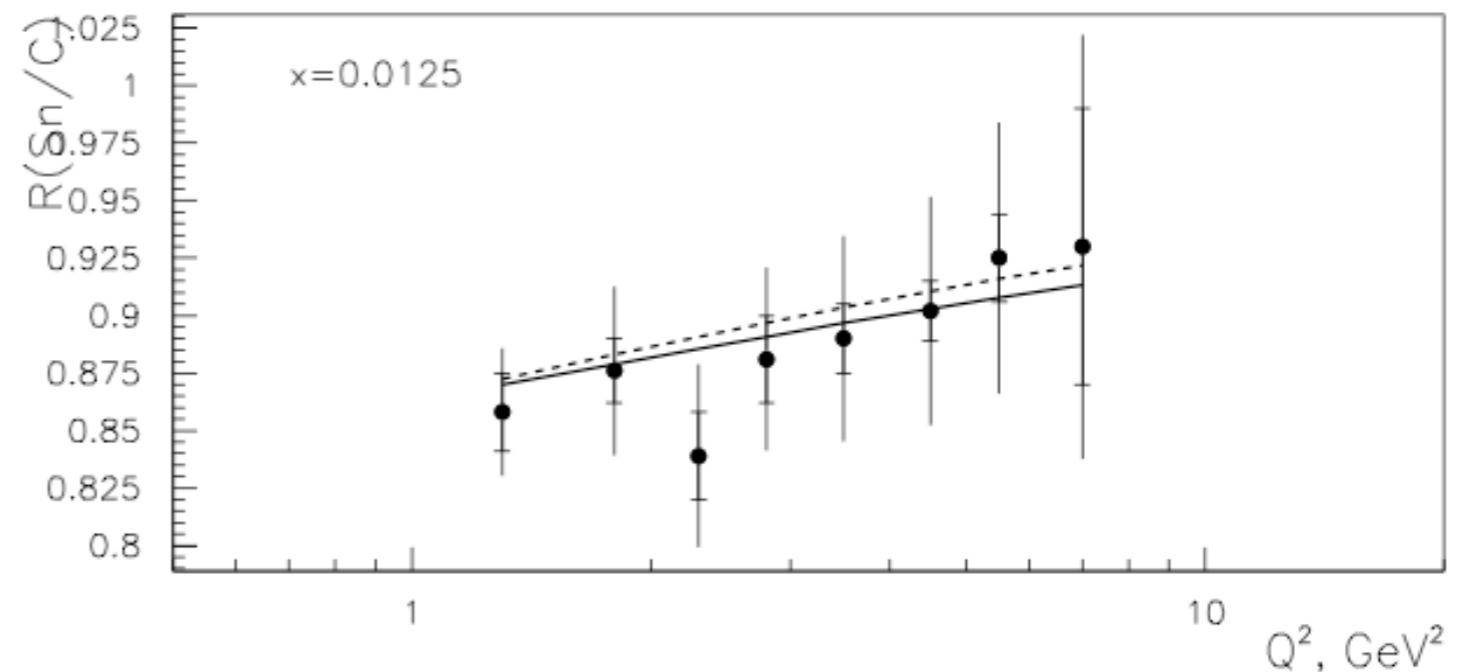
Shadowing increases with decreasing x



Shadowing increases with A



Shadowing decreases with increasing Q

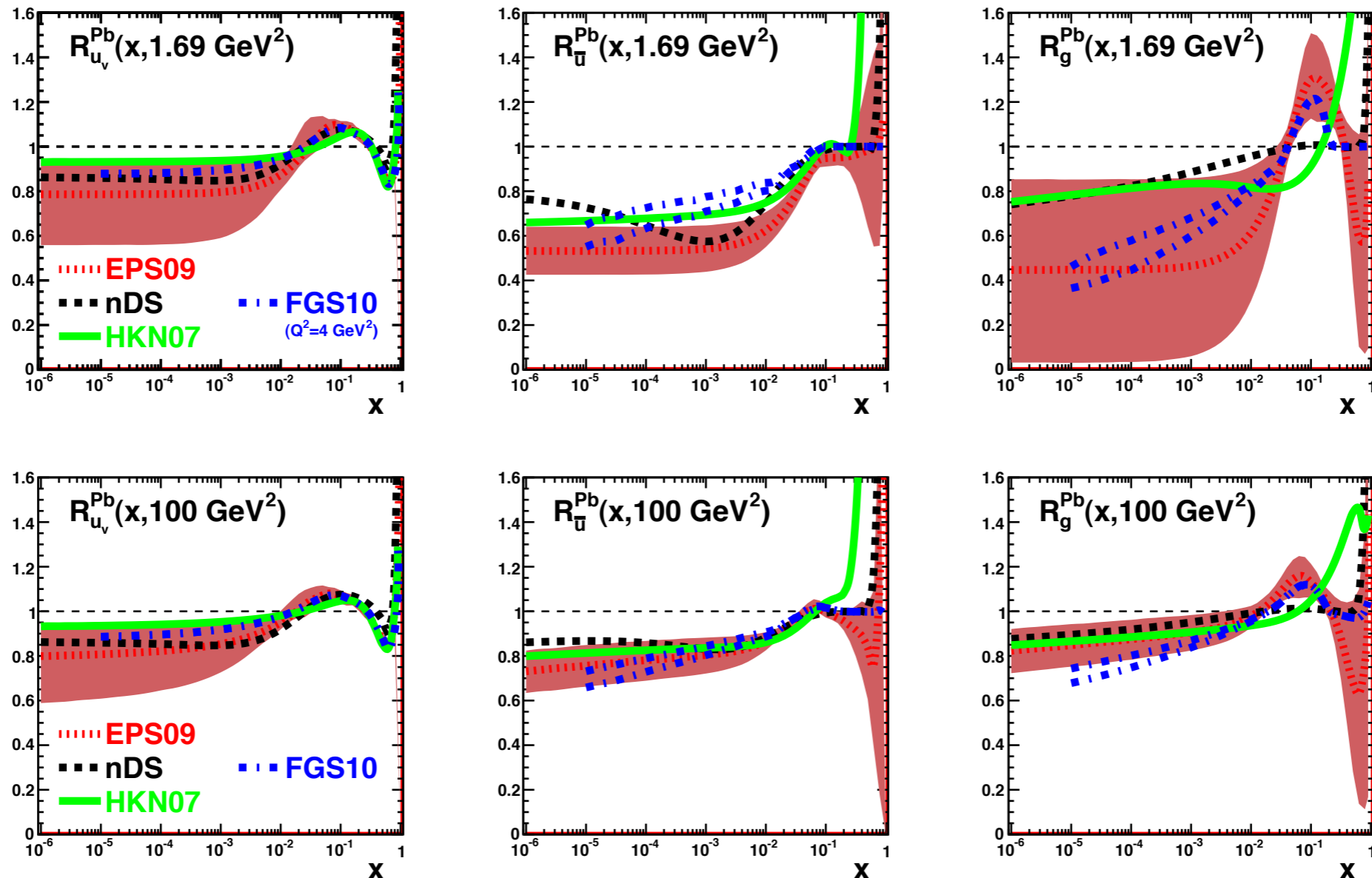


From structure functions to pdfs

Collinear factorization in DIS:

$$F_{2,L}^A(x, Q^2) = C_i(\alpha_s; x, Q^2/\mu^2) \otimes x f_i^A(x, \mu^2)$$

Current uncertainties of the parton distribution in nuclei

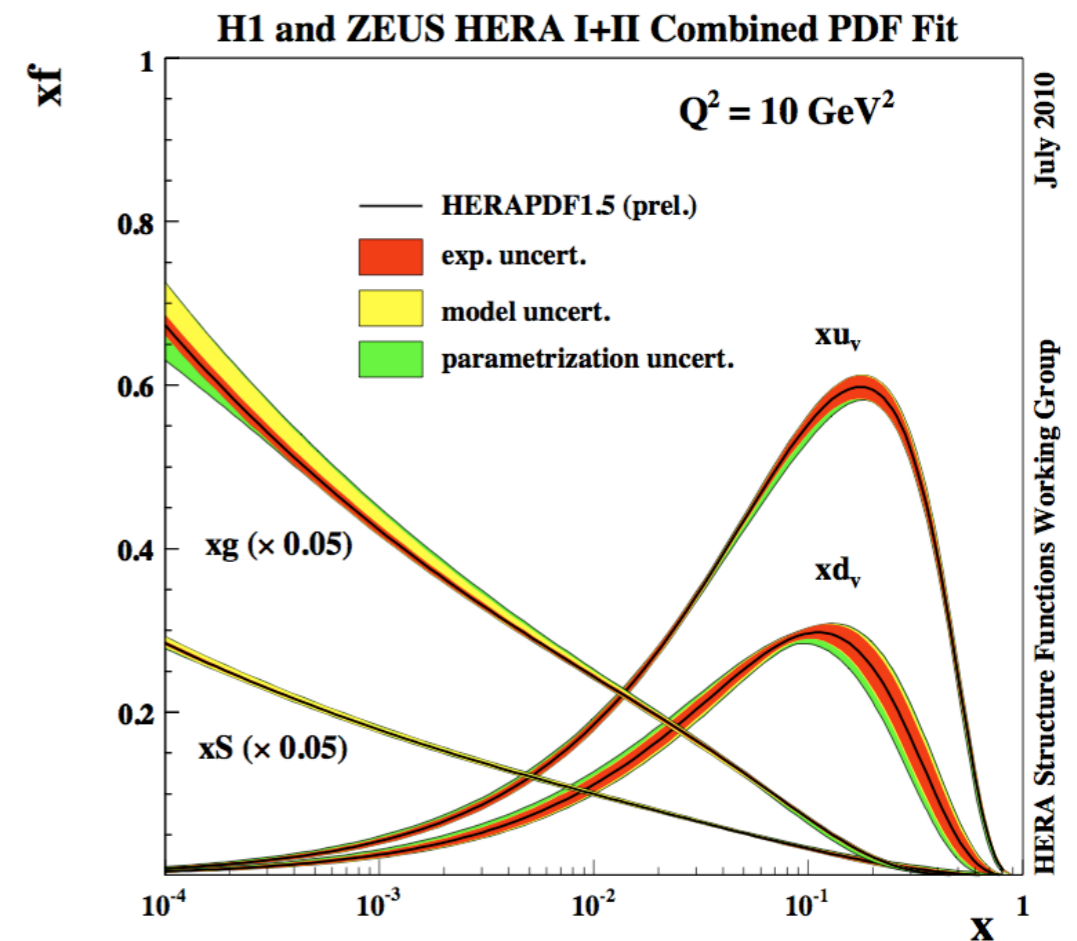
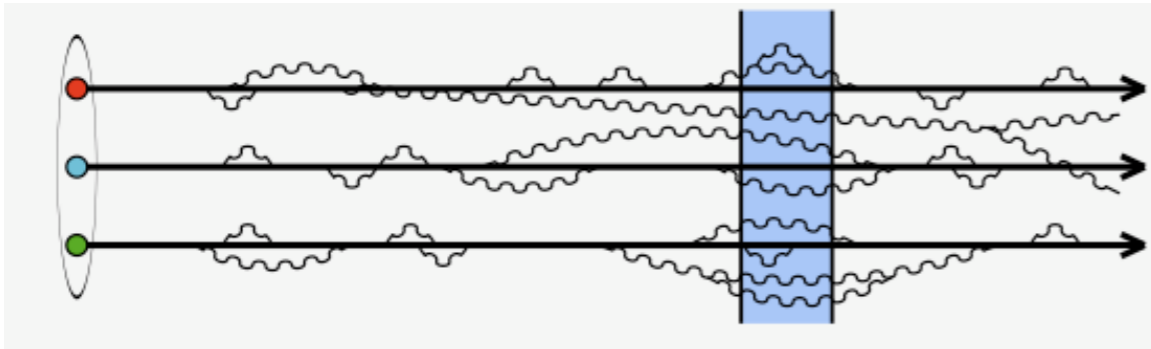


Large uncertainty at small values of x especially in the gluon and sea quark sector

Proton case: gluon density at small x

Observation from electron-proton collider
HERA: Gluon density dominates at small x.

Hadron at large energy



Increasing number of fluctuations at high energy/small x.

- Rise of the cross sections with energy.
- Bulk of the particle production (multiplicities).
- Many body dense system. New emergent phenomena expected.
New degrees of freedom.

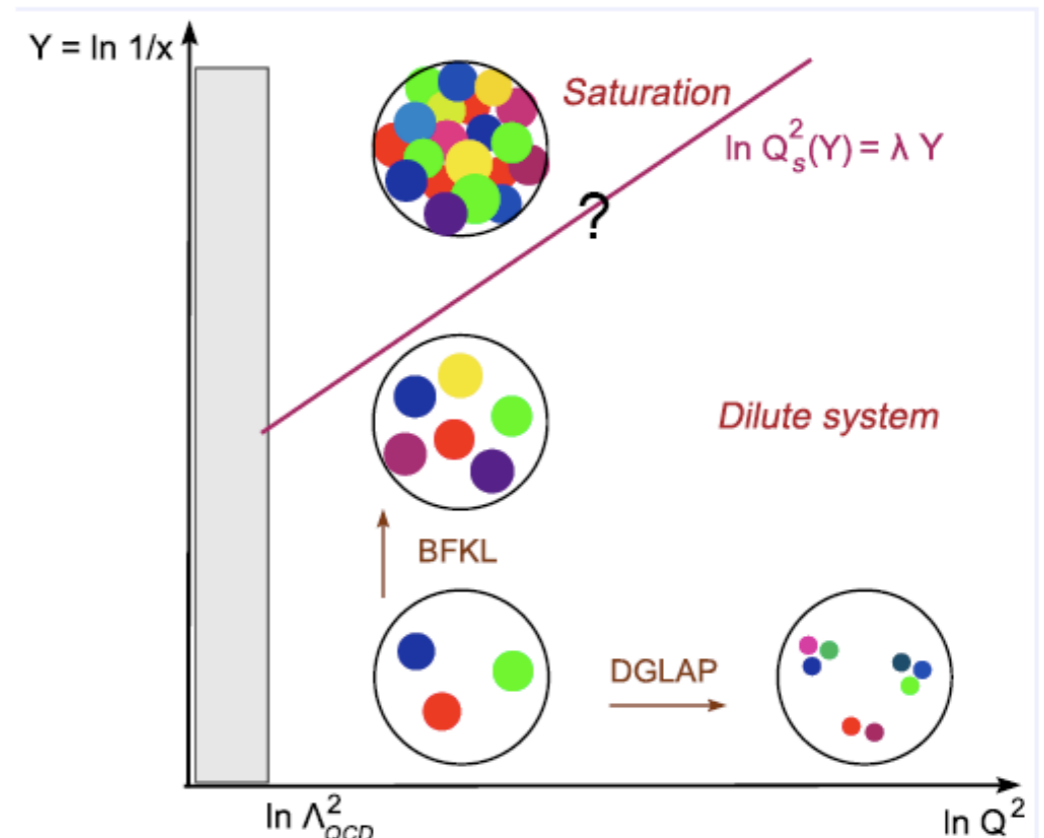
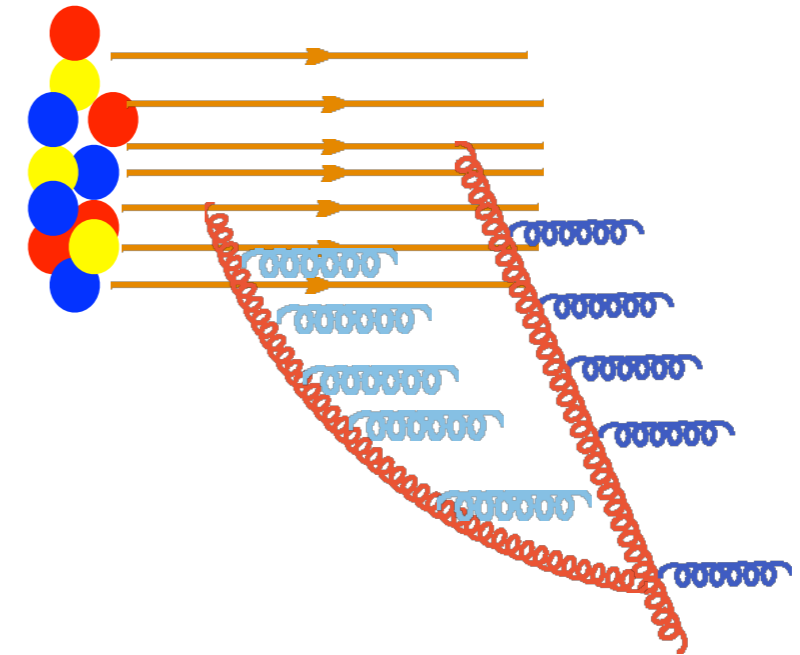
Small x: high parton density

- At small x the linear evolution gives strongly rising gluon density.
- Non-linear parton evolution includes the recombination effects of gluons.
- Dynamically generated momentum scale:

Saturation scale: $Q_s^2(x)$

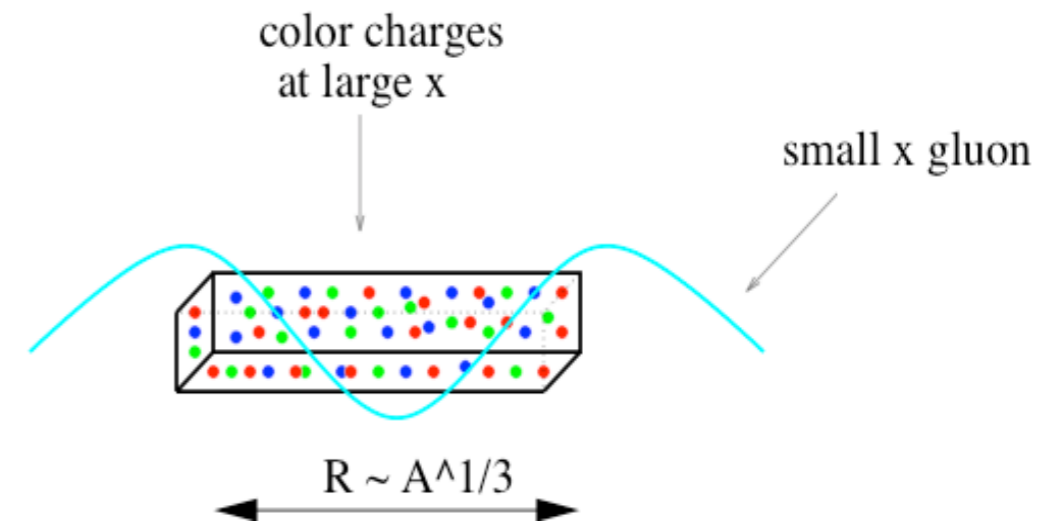
- Characterizes the boundary between the non-linear and linear regime.
- Increases with energy or with decreasing x.

Fast proton or nucleus



Saturation scale grows with A

- Probes interact over distances $L \sim \frac{1}{2m_N x}$
- For $L > 2R_A \sim A^{1/3}$ high-energy probes interact coherently across nuclear size.
Very large field strengths.



Scattering off nuclei: Saturation is reached for smaller energies due to the enhancement from A.

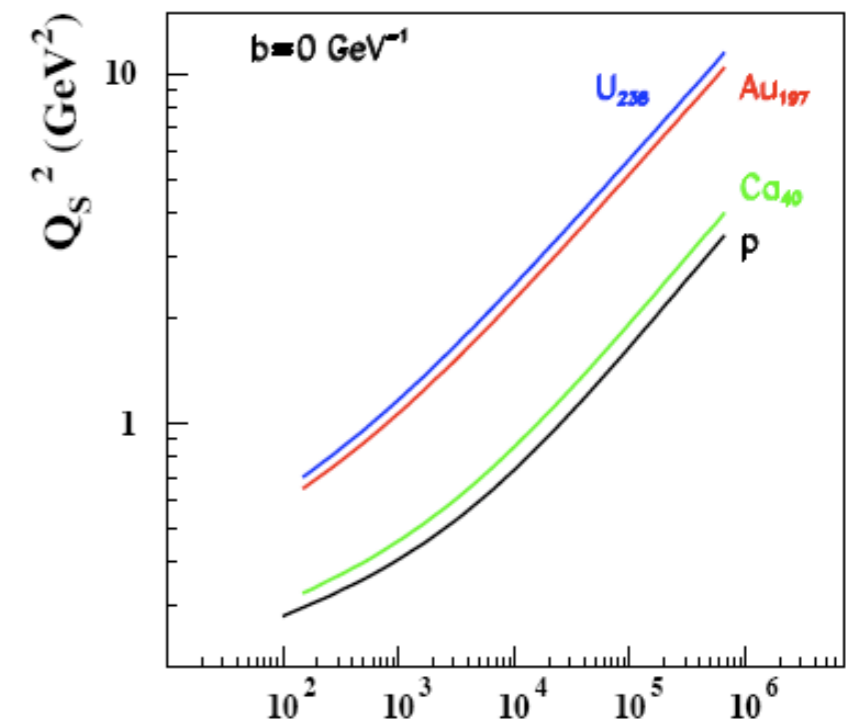
$$Q_s^2(x, A) \sim Q_0^2 x^{-\lambda} A^{1/3}$$

Nuclei at high energy

Large A and small x

High parton densities.
New regime of QCD

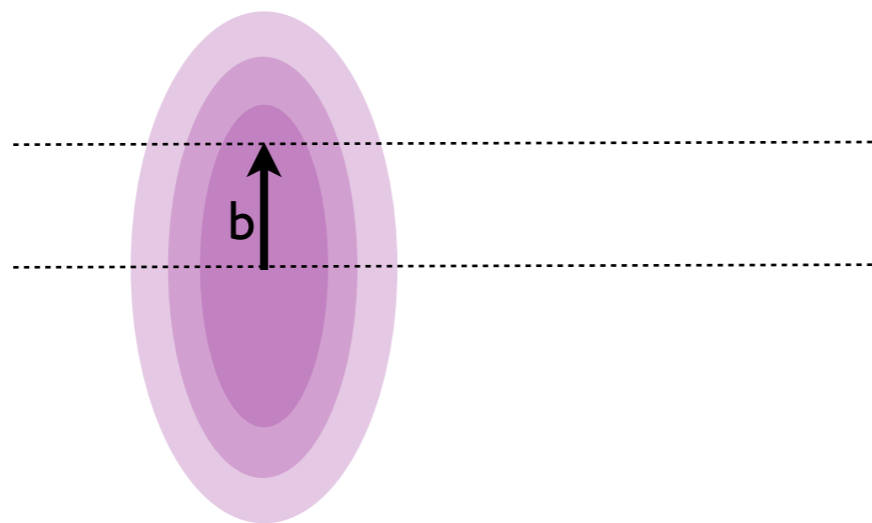
Kowalski, Teaney



Nuclear structure

In order to unfold the details of the nuclear structure less integrated distributions are needed. For the better understanding of the more exclusive final states need extra information about transverse position or momenta of partons.

- Impact parameter profile of nucleus. Generalized parton distributions.



Momentum transfer

$$q(x, \mathbf{b}; \mu) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{q}} H^q(x, \xi = 0, t = -\mathbf{q}^2; \mu)$$

Probability of finding a quark with light cone fraction x at impact parameter b .

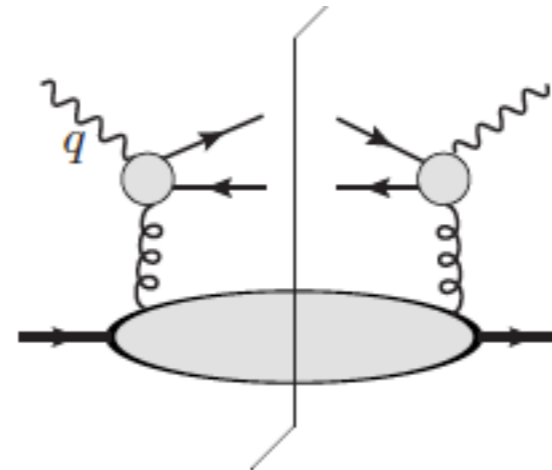
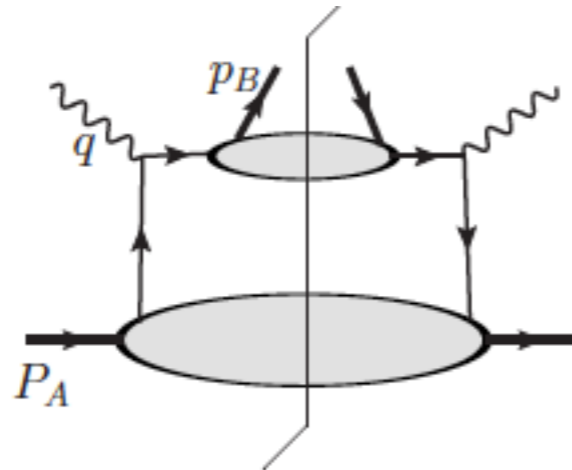
Transverse spatial distribution is a fundamental characteristic of nucleon/nucleus: Gribov diffusion, chiral dynamics, issues of saturation at small x

$$Q_s(x, \mathbf{b})$$

Exploring nuclear structure

Unintegrated/transverse momentum dependent parton distributions.

SIDIS



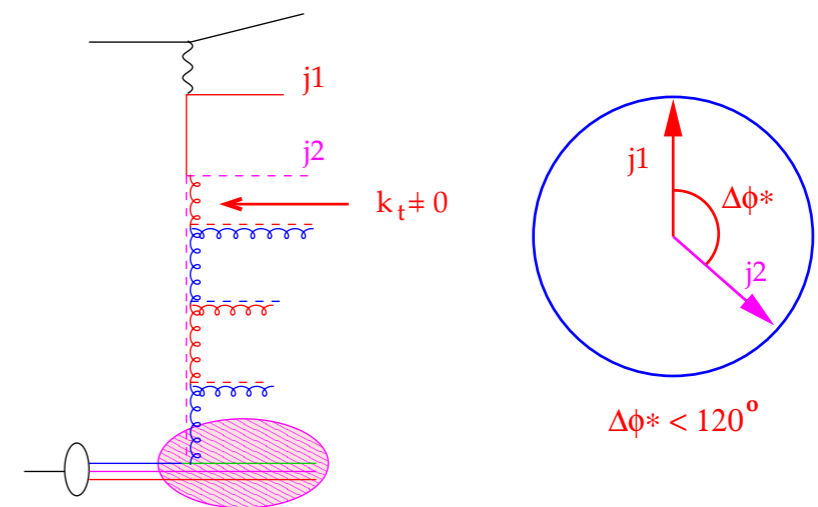
Heavy Quark production

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 dz d^2P_{B\perp}} = \sum_j \int d^2k_{\perp} H_j f_{j/A}(x, k_{\perp}) d_{B/j}(z, p_{B\perp} + zk_{\perp}),$$

$$4M^2 \sigma_{\gamma g}(\rho, M^2/Q_0^2) = \int d^2k_{\perp} \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} \hat{\sigma}(\rho/z, k_{\perp}^2/M^2) f_{g/h}(x, k_{\perp}),$$

Contain information about the transverse momentum distribution. Useful for more exclusive final states, SIDIS, heavy quark production, dijet production, forward jets.

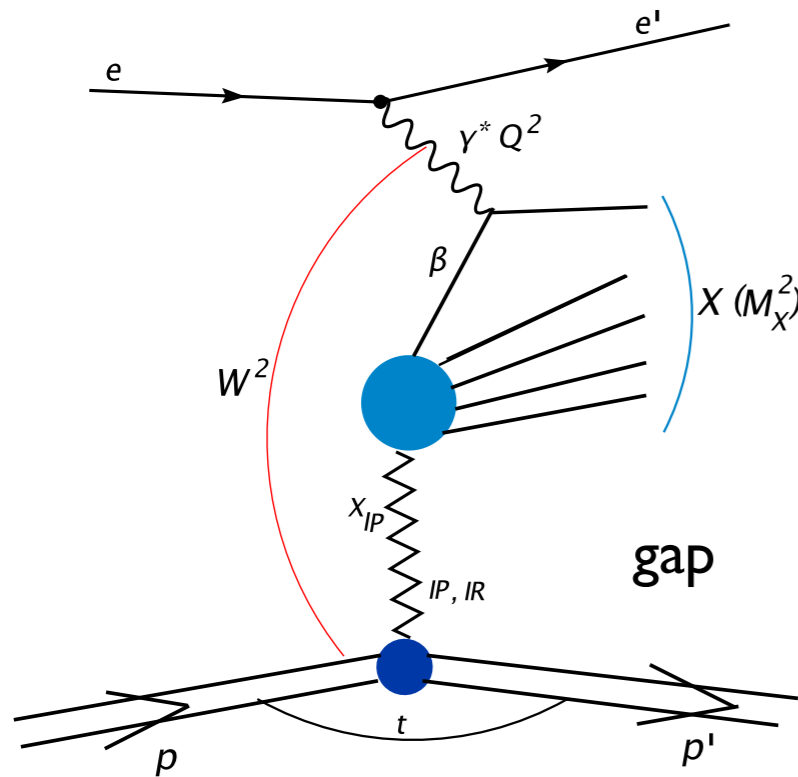
Example: dijet production in DIS, angular decorrelation between jets.



Decorrelation of jets at small x due to the increased transverse momentum. Sensitivity to nonlinear evolution when

$$k_T \sim Q_s(A, x)$$

Diffraction in ep



$$e + p \rightarrow e' + p' + X$$

Proton stays intact and separated by a rapidity gap

M^2 diffractive mass

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

$\Delta\eta = \ln 1/x_{IP}$ Rapidity gap

$$x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

momentum fraction of the Pomeron with respect to the hadron

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

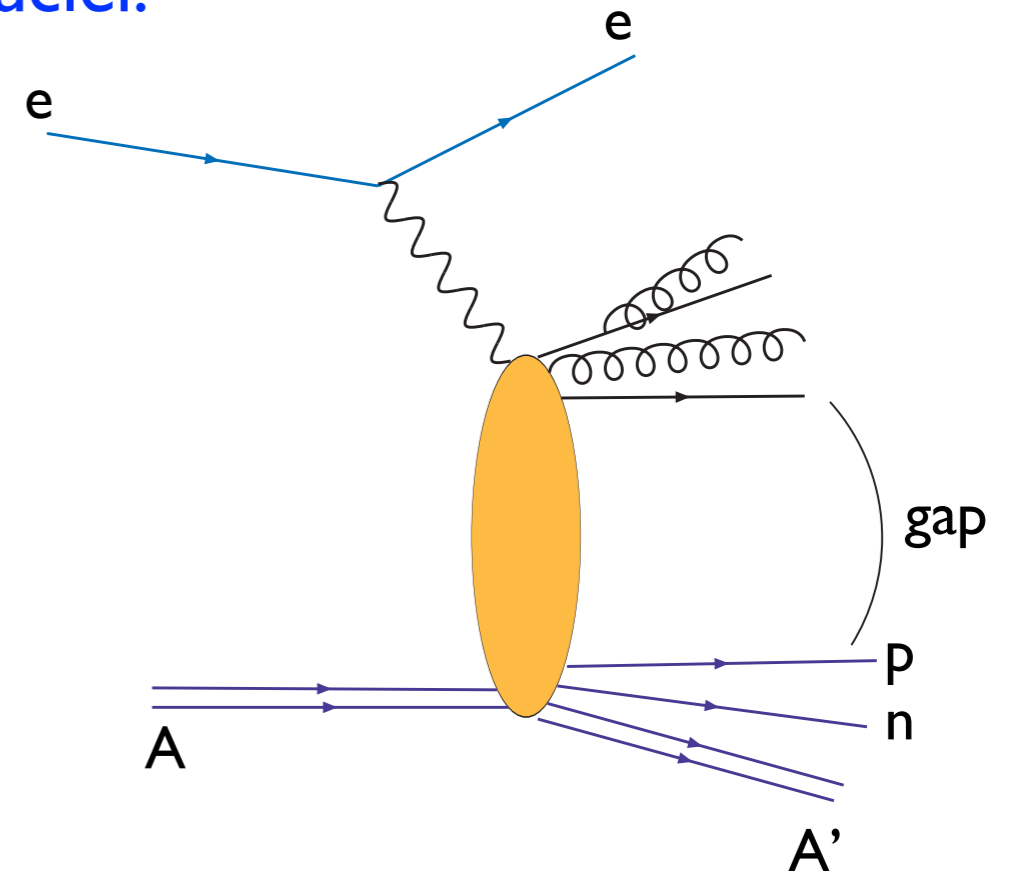
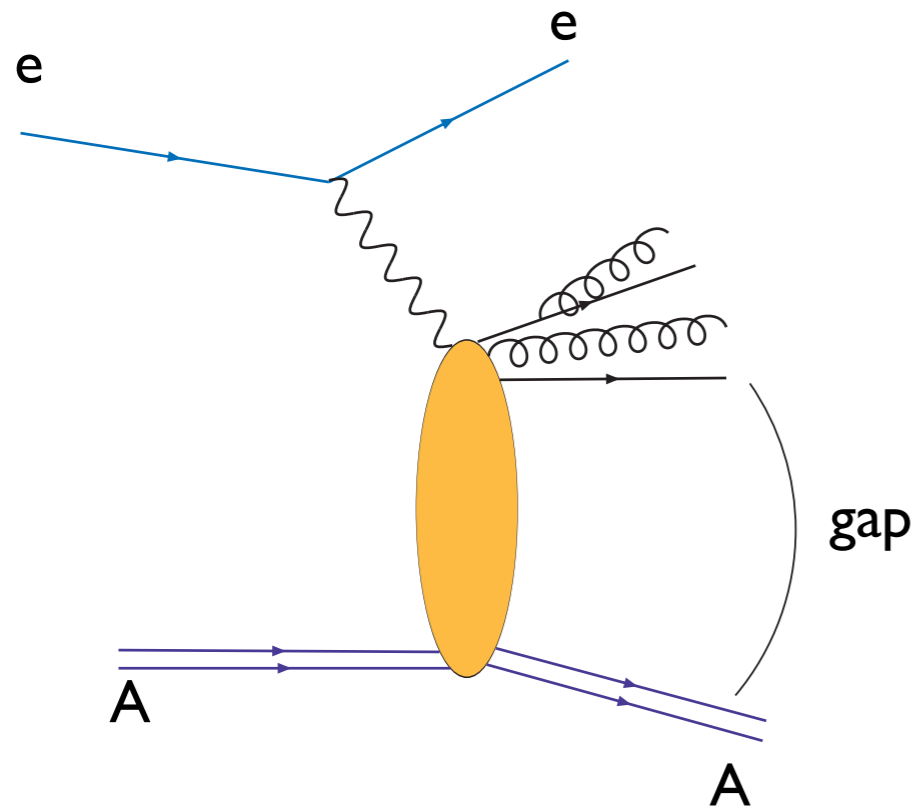
momentum fraction of the struck parton with respect to the Pomeron

$$x = x_{IP} \beta$$

Bjorken x

Diffraction in eA

Two possibilities for the diffractive events in nuclei:

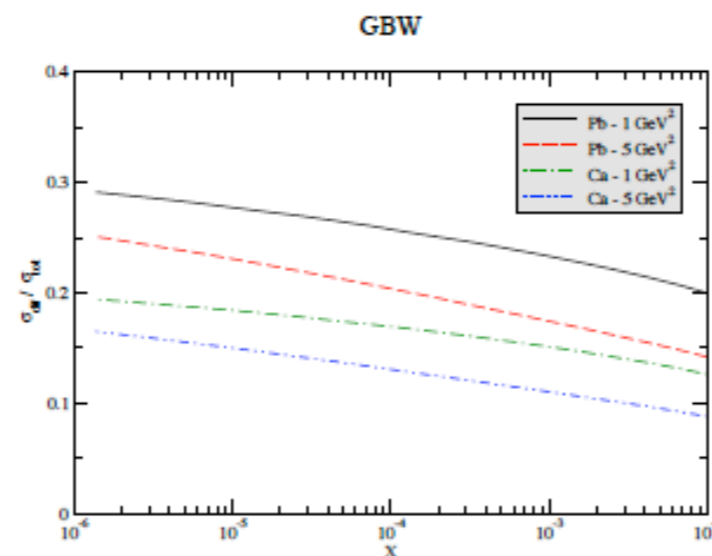
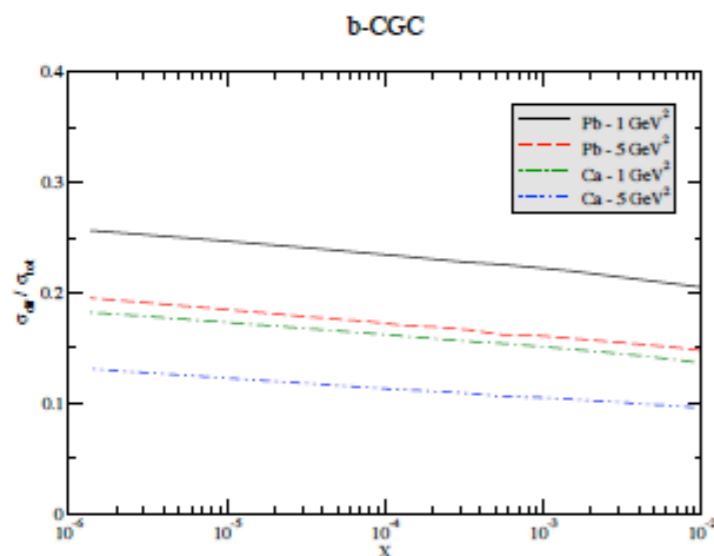


Coherent: No-breakup

Diffractive to inclusive ratio in eA

Incoherent: With breakup into nucleons

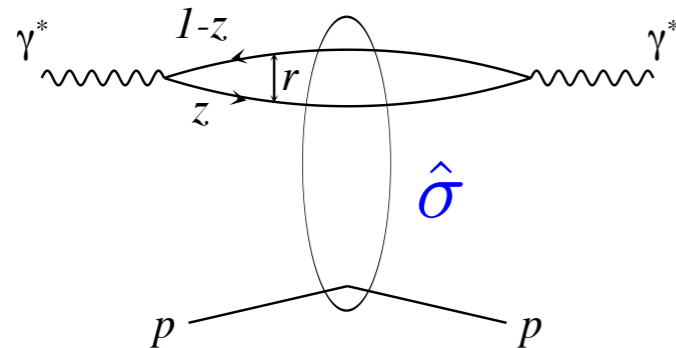
The gap is still there



Predictions give
20%-40% for $\sigma_{\text{diff}}/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
in the regime down
to 10^{-6}

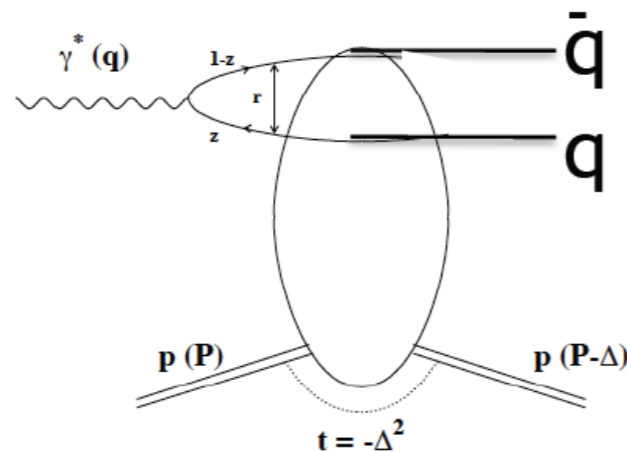
Diffraction, dipole models and saturation

Dipole model for the description of DIS at high energy: photon fluctuates into qqbar pair of size r and undergoes an interaction with the target



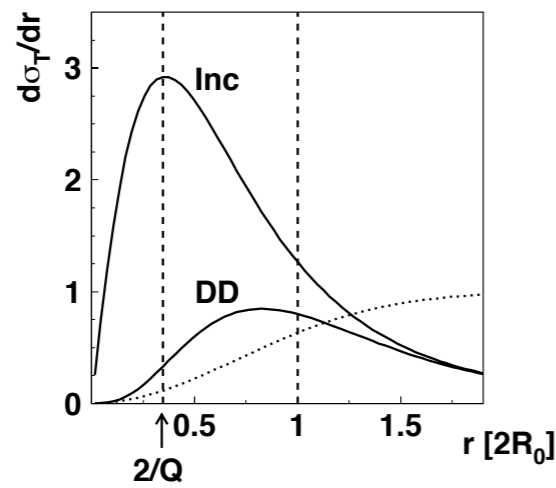
$$\sigma_{T,L}(x, Q^2) = \int d^2\mathbf{r} \int_0^1 dz \sum_f |\Psi_{T,L}^f(\mathbf{r}, z, Q^2)|^2 \hat{\sigma}(x, \mathbf{r}).$$

Inclusive: dominated by relatively hard component



$$\frac{d\sigma_{T,L}^D}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^2\mathbf{r} dz \sum_f |\Psi_{T,L}^f(\mathbf{r}, z)|^2 \hat{\sigma}^2(x, \mathbf{r})$$

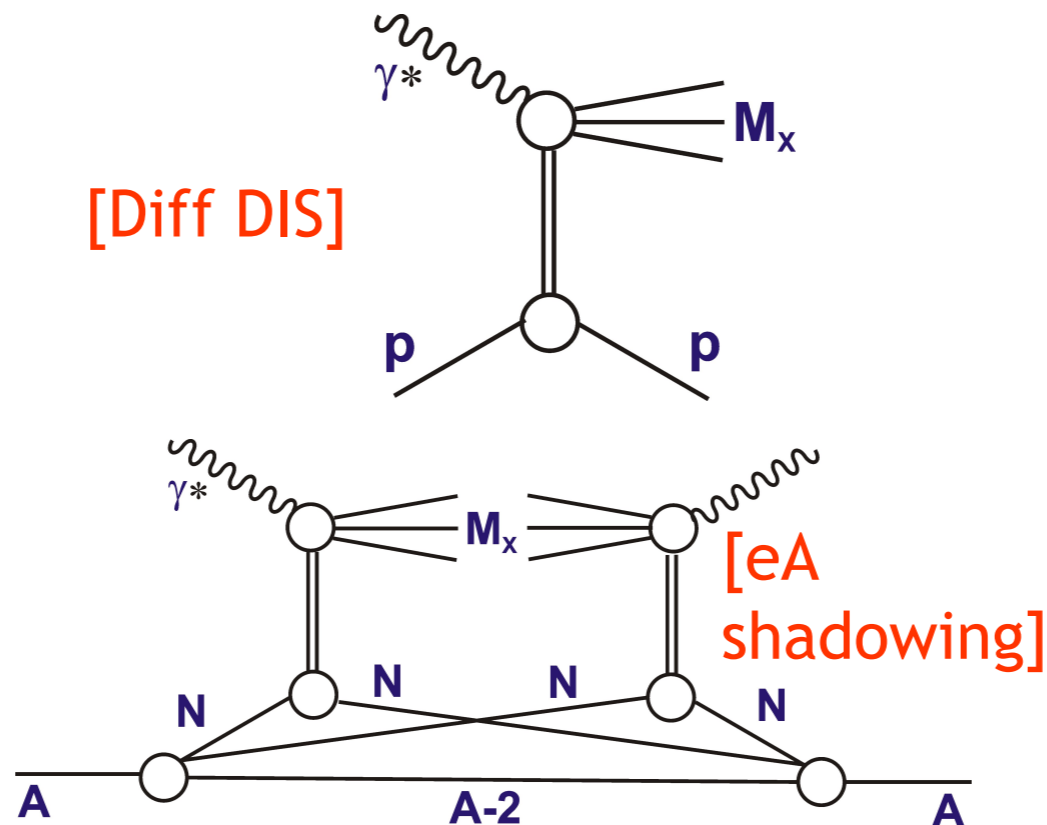
Diffractive: dominated by the semi-hard momenta



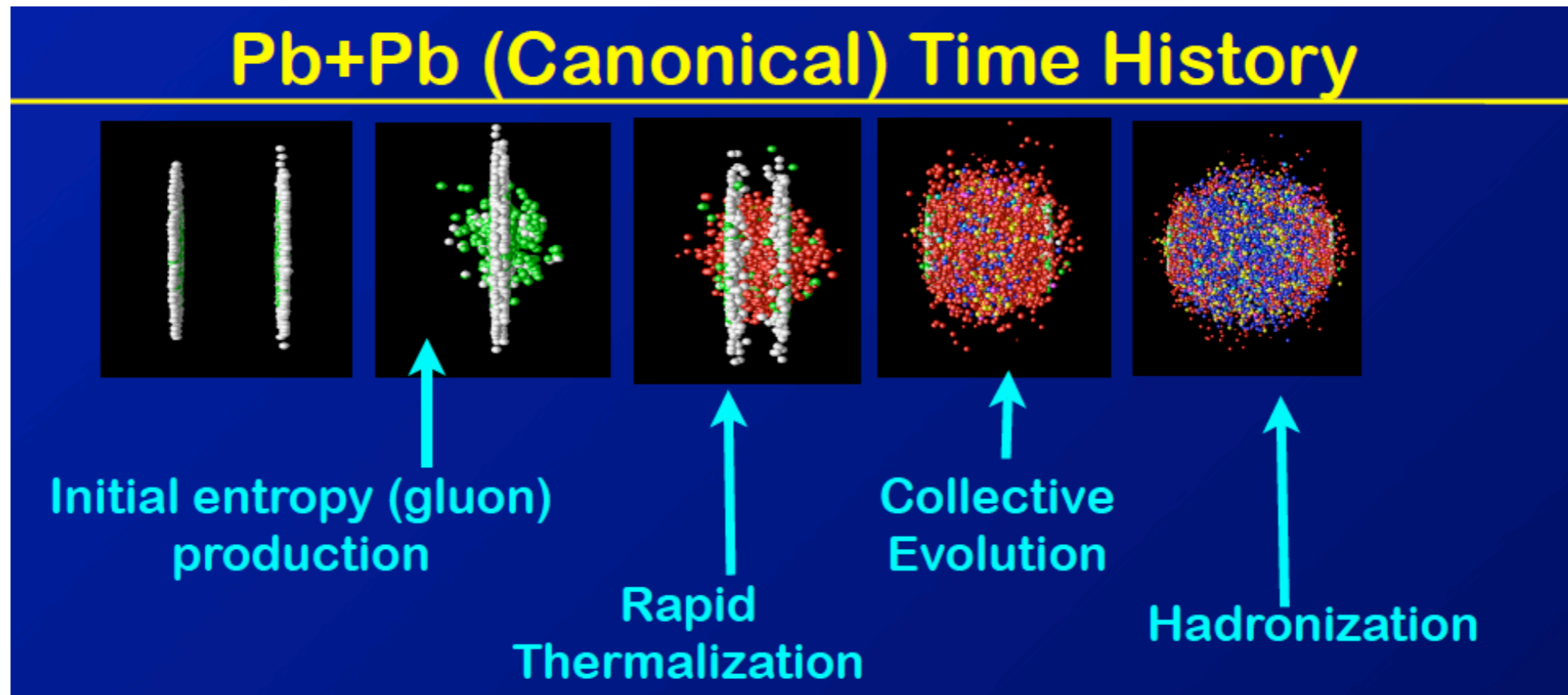
overlap function in the dipole model
typical dipole sizes involved in the process

Diffraction

- Large distances: long range effects, correlations. Relation to saturation.
- Explore the Pomeron structure, color neutral excitations.
- t -dependence gives access to the impact parameter profile, especially in exclusive processes.
- Tests of factorization in diffraction, does it hold in eA in the same parameter range as in ep?
- Relation between diffraction in ep and shadowing in eA.



Importance of eA for AA



Understanding the initial conditions in AA is critical for the later evolution of the system.

Simulations based on the initial wave function with parton saturation describe fairly well the multiplicities at RHIC and LHC.

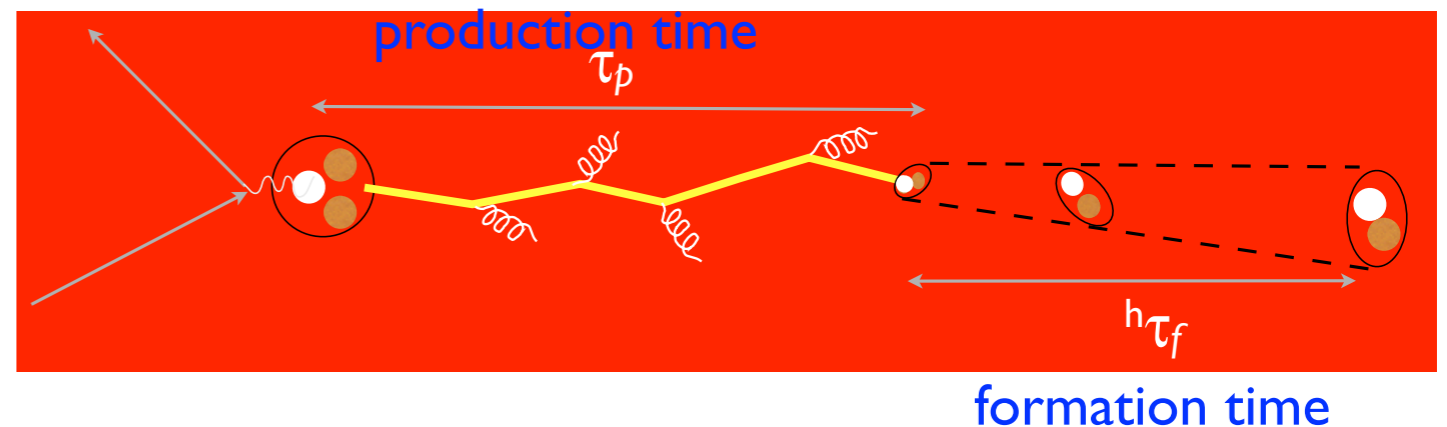
However, many free parameters, poor understanding of impact parameter dependence.

Need an independent measurement of the initial condition : eA.

Parton dynamics in nuclear medium

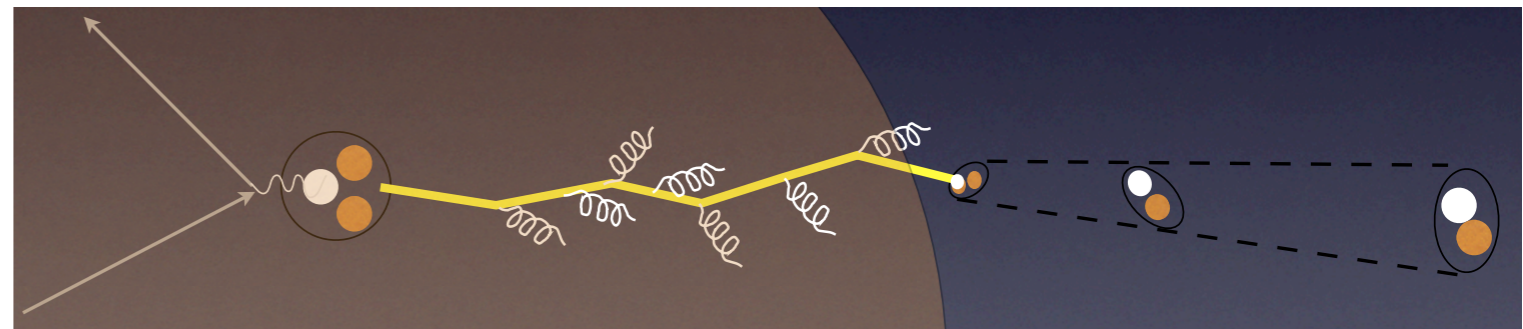
- A high energy eA collider would allow to study the dynamics of **hadronization**, testing the parton/hadron energy loss mechanism by introducing a length of colored material which would modify its pattern (length/nuclear size, chemical composition).

DIS in vacuum (in practice on a nucleon)

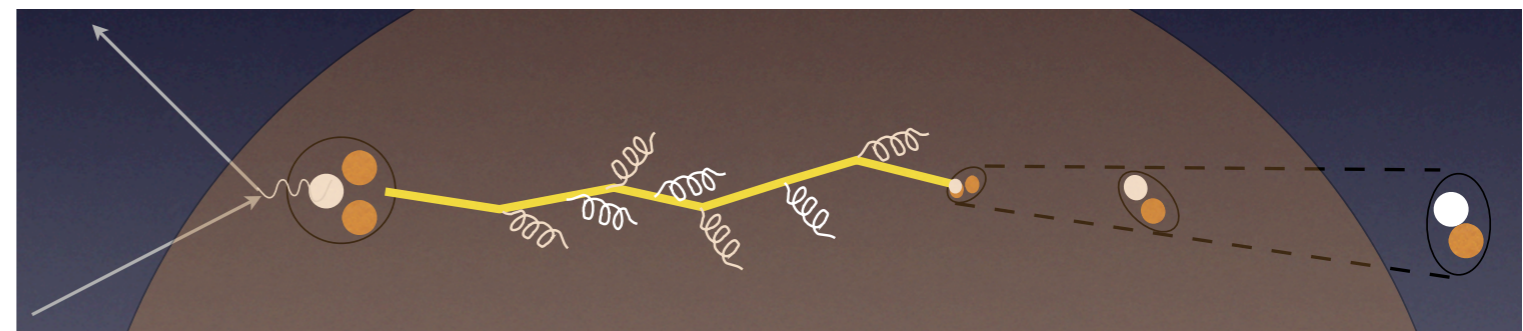


DIS in medium:

Hadron forms outside, high energy, partonic energy loss



Hadron forms inside, low energy, prehadron(hadron) absorption.



Connection between the transverse momentum broadening in SIDIS and the saturation scale which characterizes the dense medium.

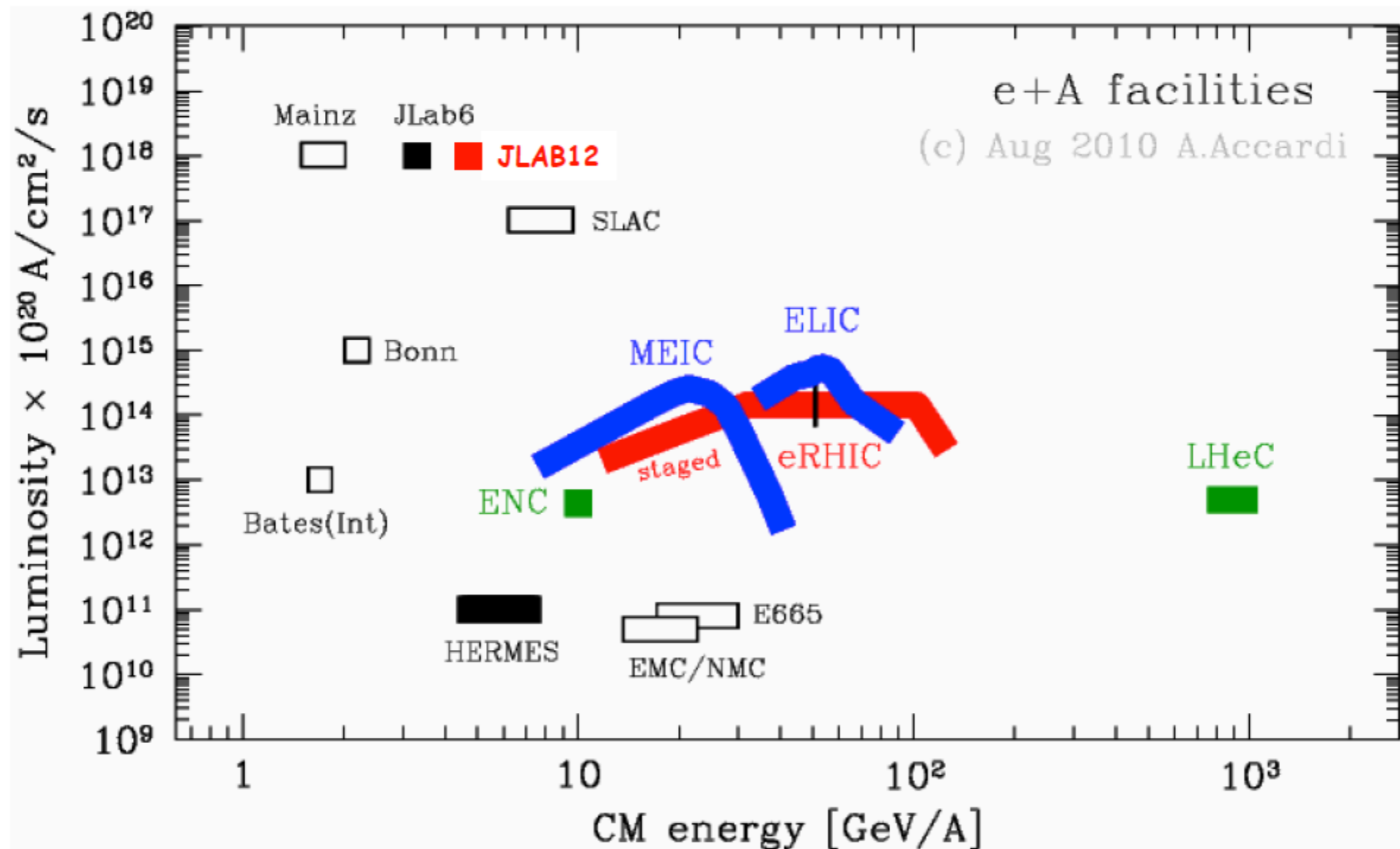
$$\Delta p_T^2 = Q_s^2(b, E)$$

EIC & LHC

physics potential

Future DLS facilities

E_{cm} vs L



LHeC: DIS with LHC beam

ep/ea collisions

$$E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$E_A = 2.75 \text{ TeV/nucleon}$$

$$E_e = 50 - 150 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} \simeq 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$$

- **Requirements:**

- * Luminosity $\sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$. eA: $L_{\text{en}} \sim 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

- * Acceptance: 1-179 degrees (low-x ep/ea).

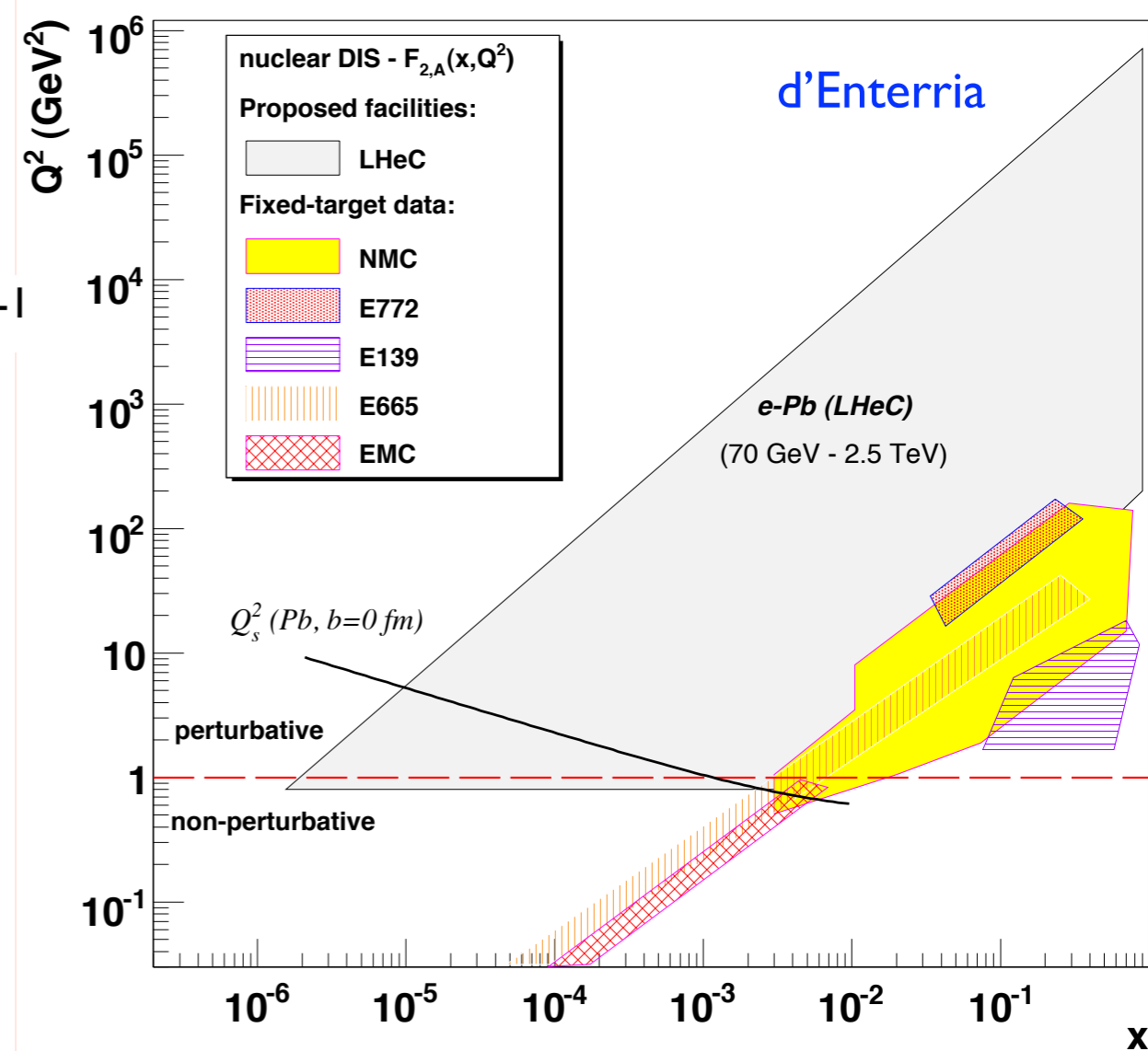
- * Tracking to 1 mrad.

- * EMCAL calibration to 0.1 %.

- * HCAL calibration to 0.5 %.

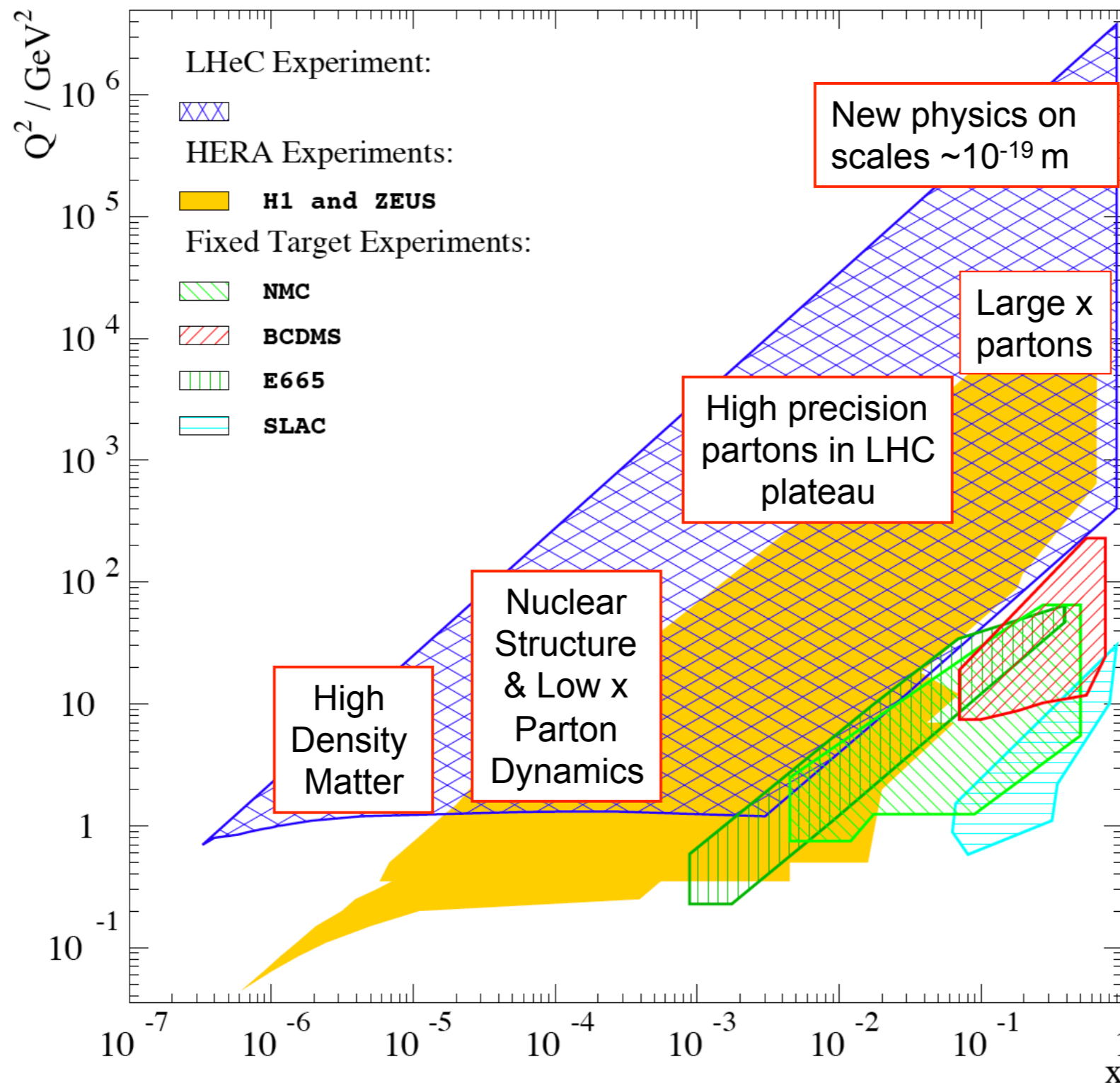
- * Luminosity determination to 1 %.

- * Compatible with LHC operation.



Physics in ep/eA

Kinematics & Motivation (140 GeV x 7 TeV)



$$\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$$

- High mass (M_{eq} , Q^2) frontier
- EW & Higgs
- Q^2 lever-arm at moderate & high $x \rightarrow$ PDFs
- Low x frontier \rightarrow novel QCD ...

$$x \geq 5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ at } Q^2 \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

EIC: eRHIC and ELIC

ep mode:

$$E_e = 5 - 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_p = 50 - 250(325) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 30 - 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$L \sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Beam polarization: 70% for $p, D, {}^3\text{He}$

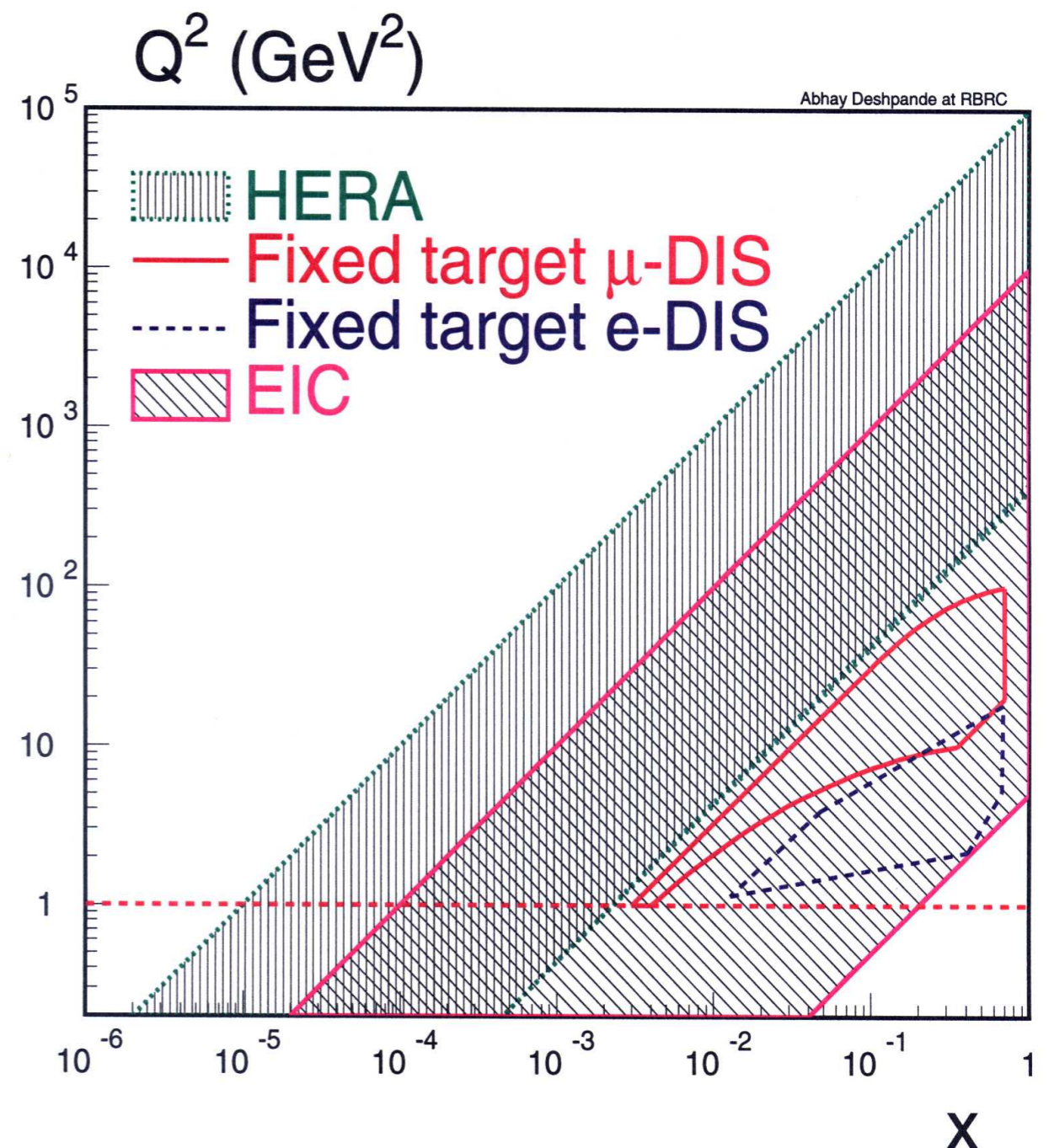
eA mode:

$$p \rightarrow U$$

$$E_A = 20 - 100 \text{ GeV}/N$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 12 - 63 \text{ GeV}$$

$$L_A/N \sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

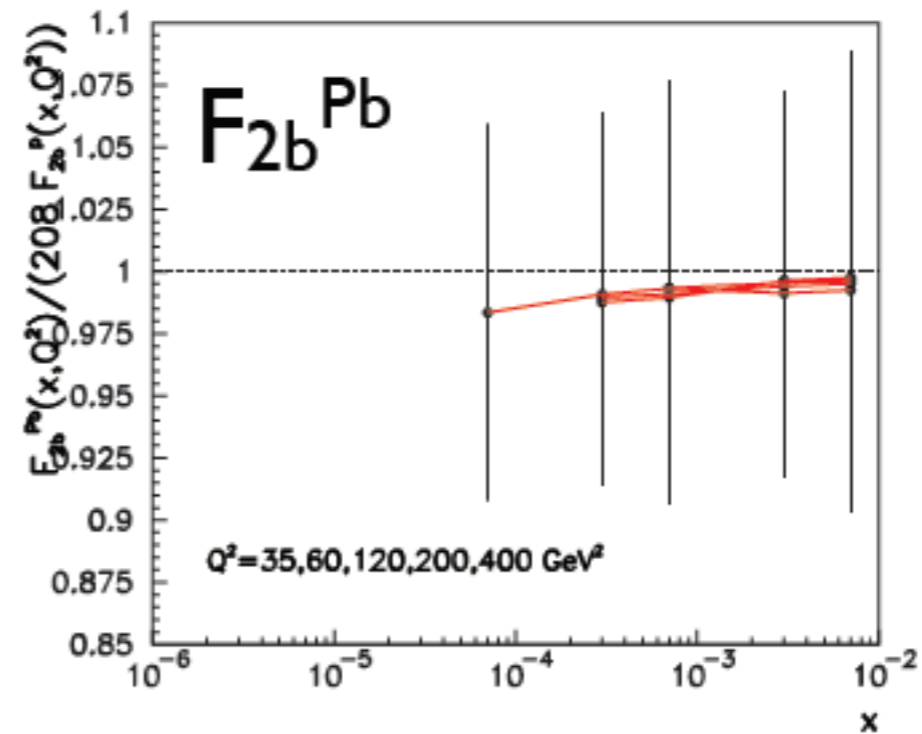
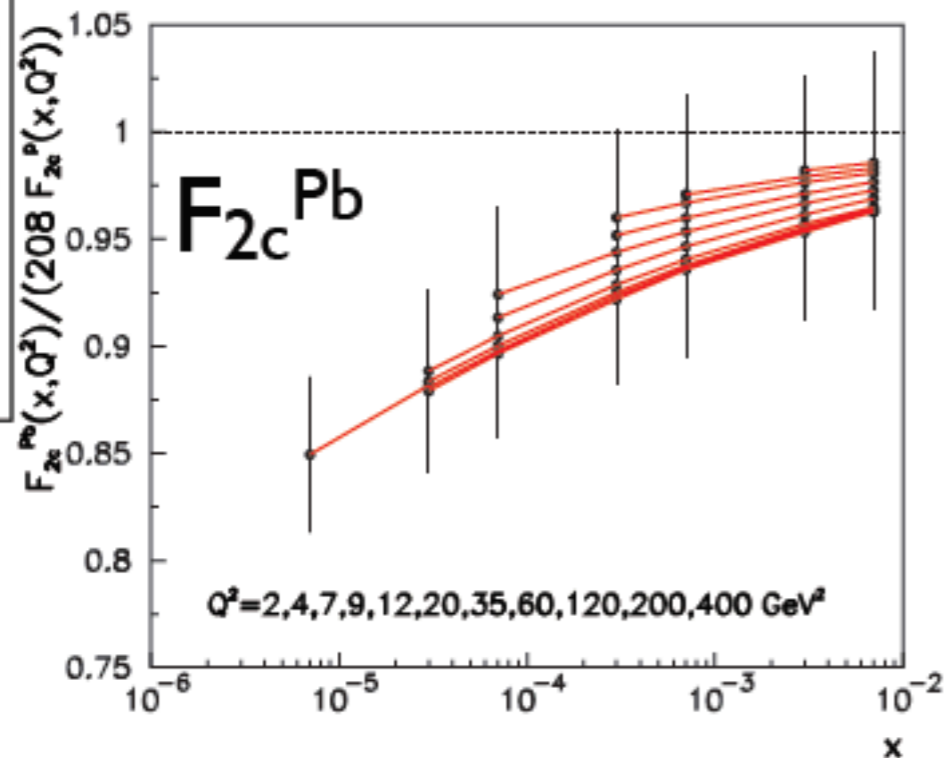
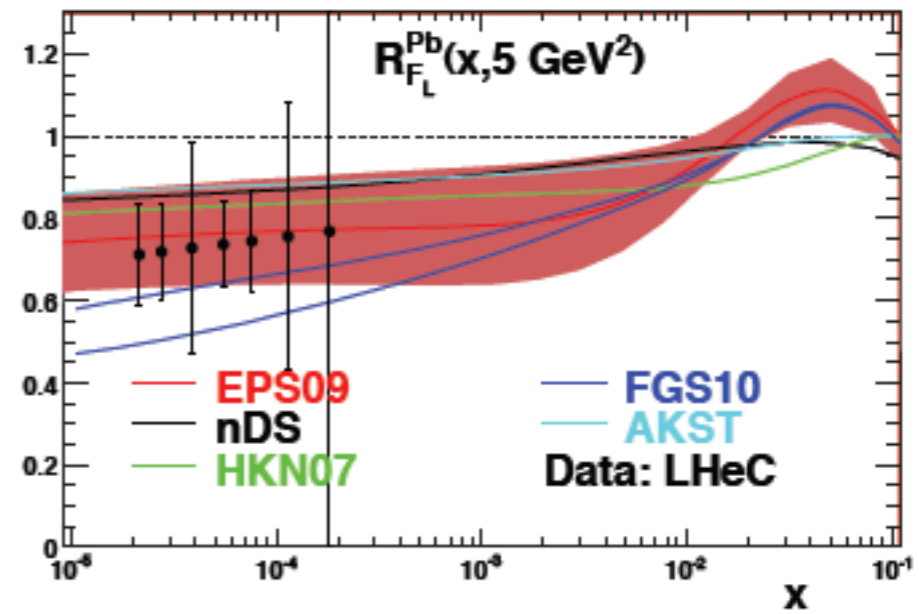
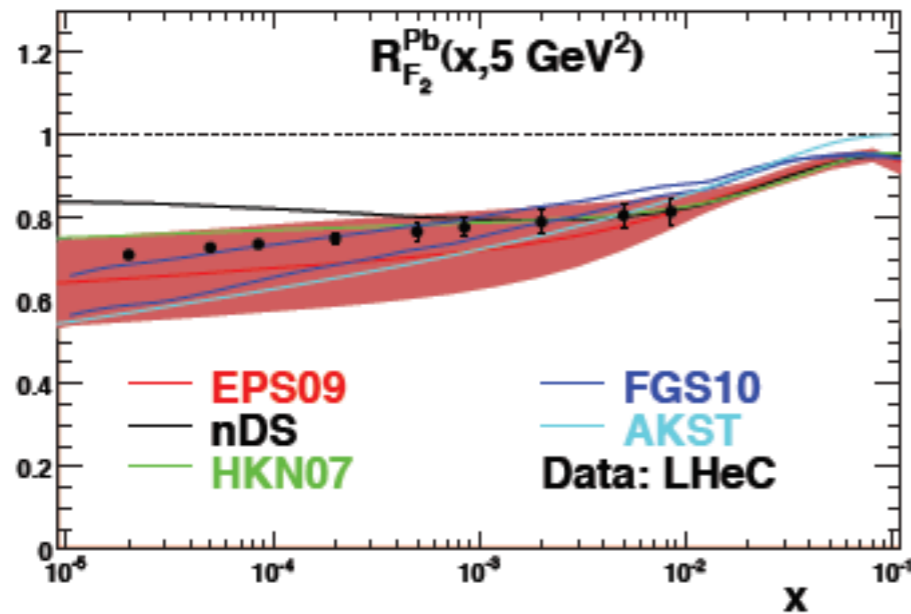


Nuclear structure functions

- Excellent precision on F_2
- Heavy flavor components



Preliminary; LHeC Design
Study Report, CERN 2011

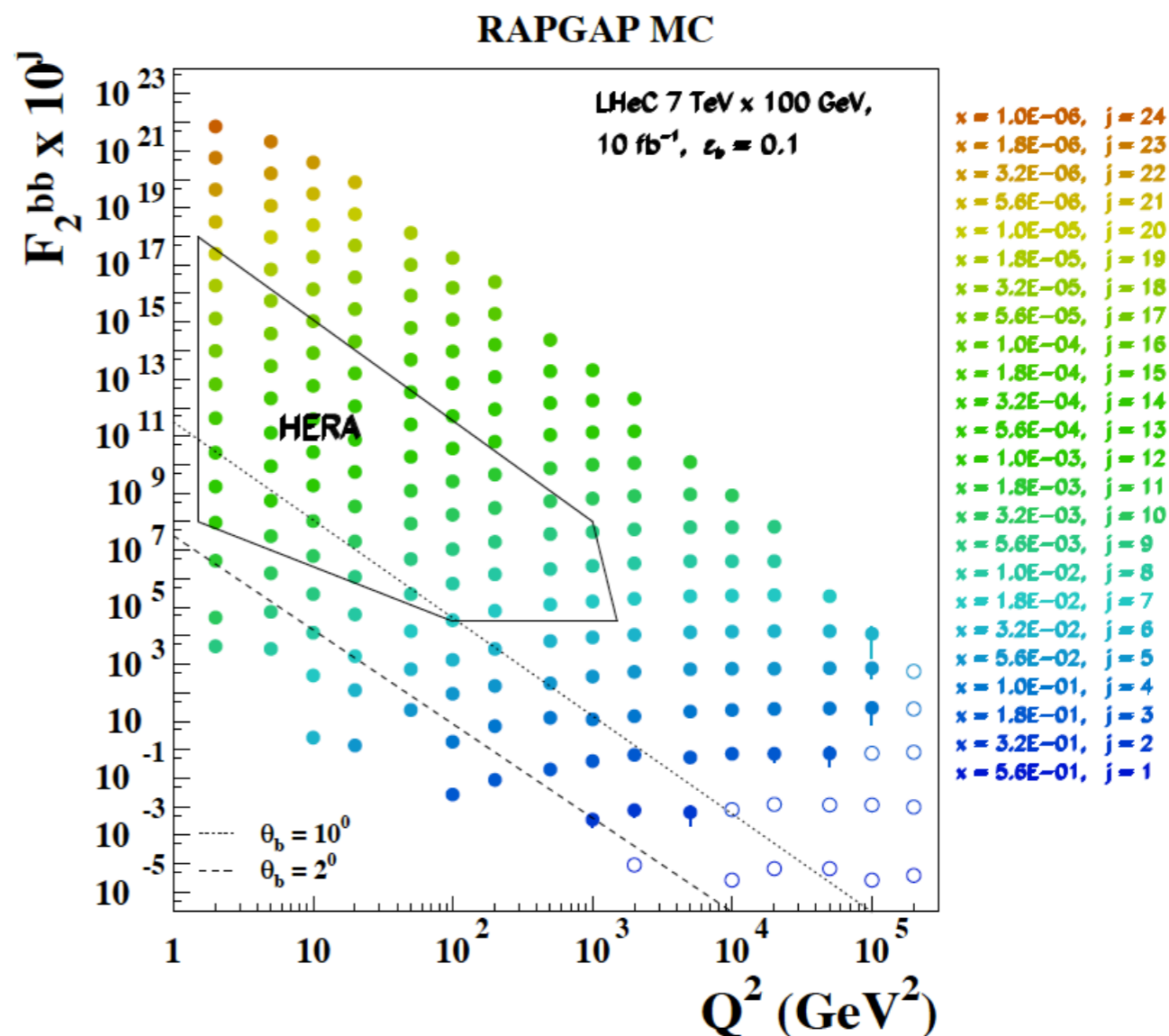
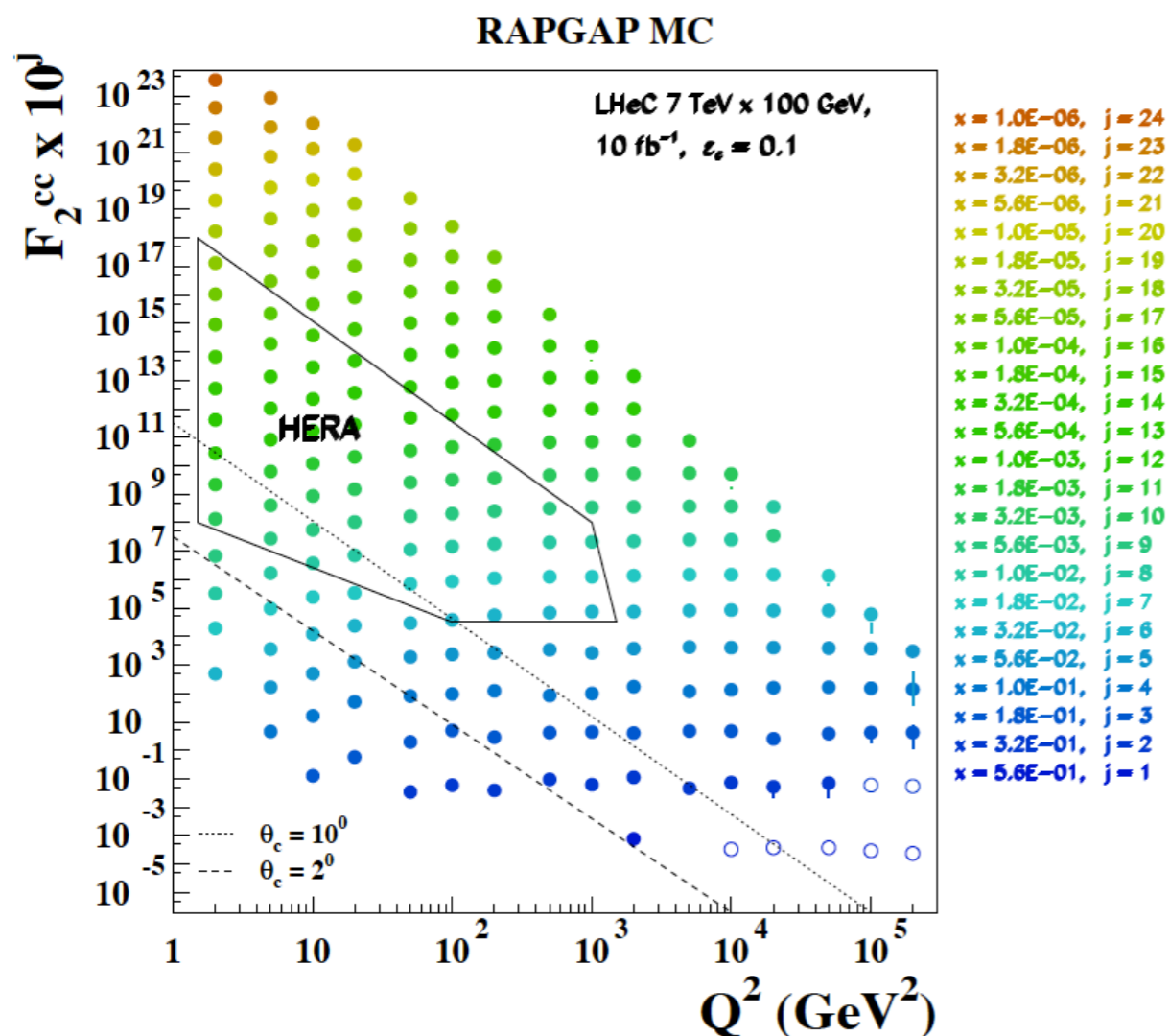


Note on heavy flavor in ep

Simulations with RAPGAP MC 3.1

Impressive extension of the phase space.

Both small and large x .

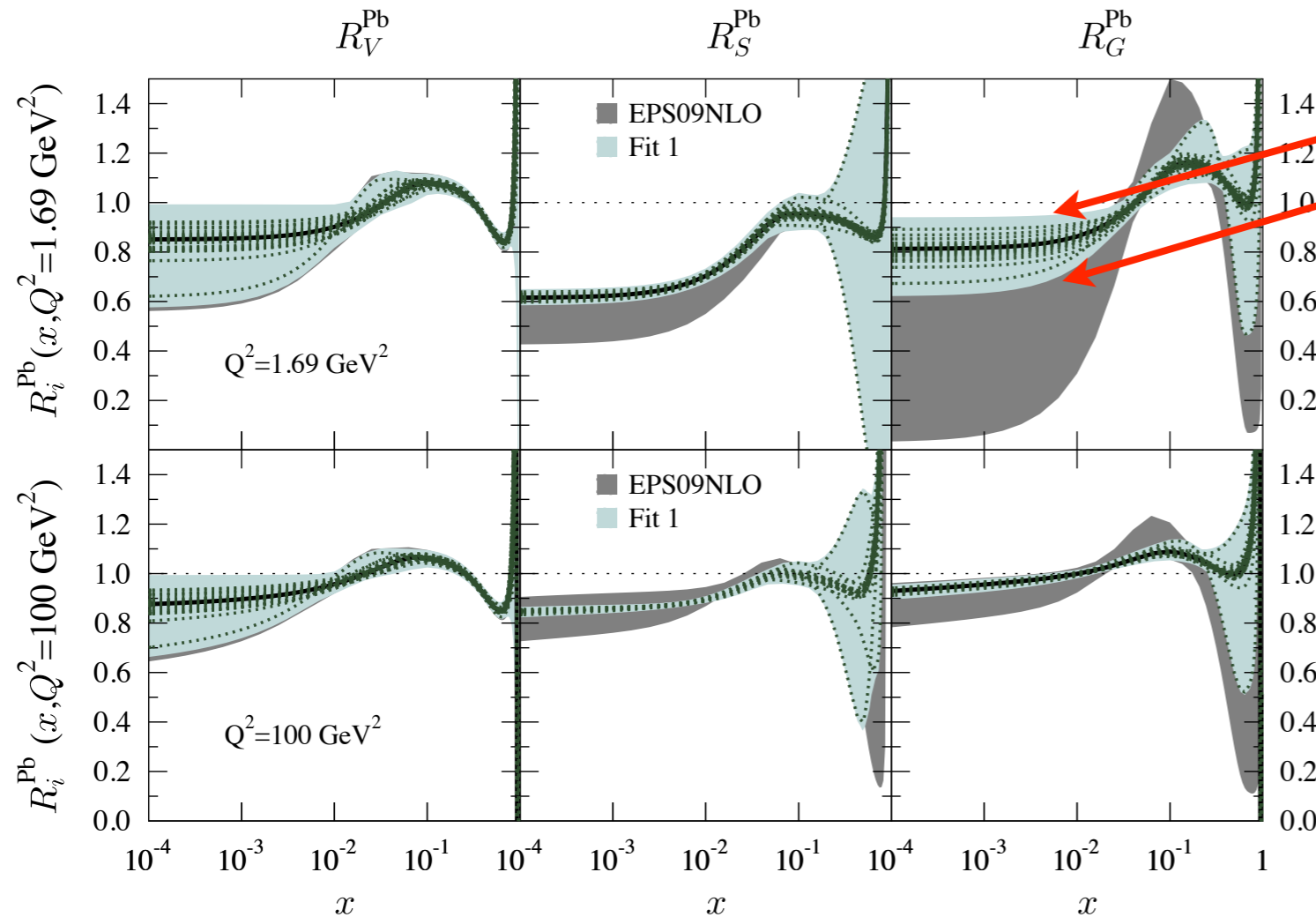


Crucial as a benchmark for the heavy flavor production in nuclei. Can test thoroughly the nuclear effects of in heavy quark production.

Impact of LHeC on nuclear parton distributions



Global NLO fit with the LHeC pseudodata included

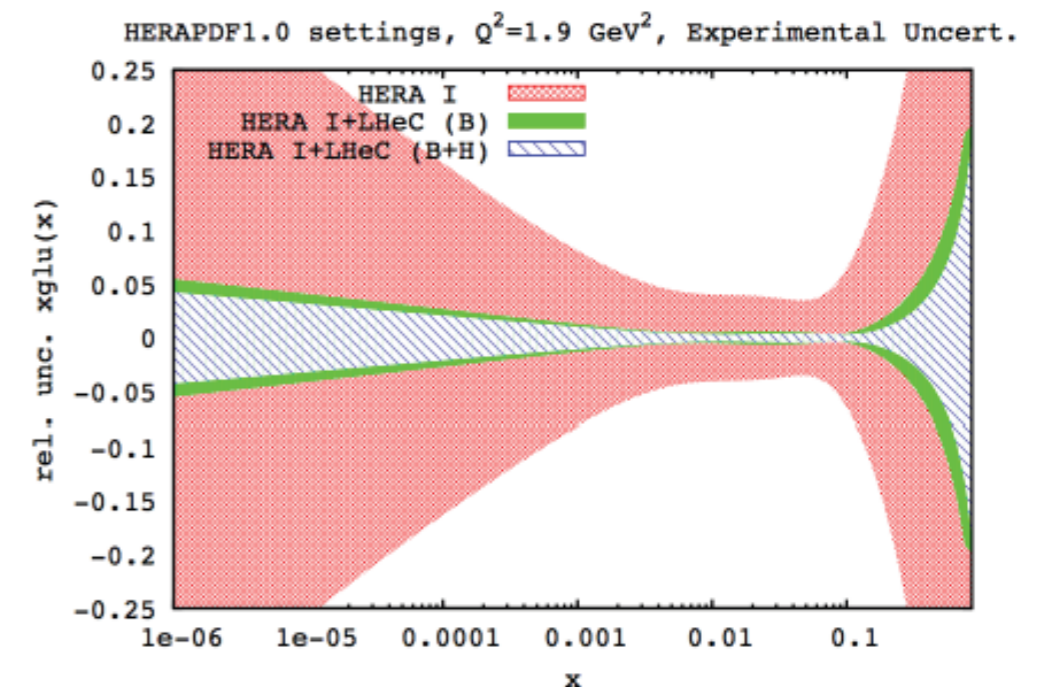


Much smaller uncertainties.

Strong constraint on the low x gluons and sea quarks after the inclusion of the LHeC pseudodata in the fits.

Constraining gluon/sea densities simultaneously for proton and Pb.

Gluon in the proton



Longitudinal structure function in ep/eA

It is known from theory that F_L is sensitive to the gluon distribution.

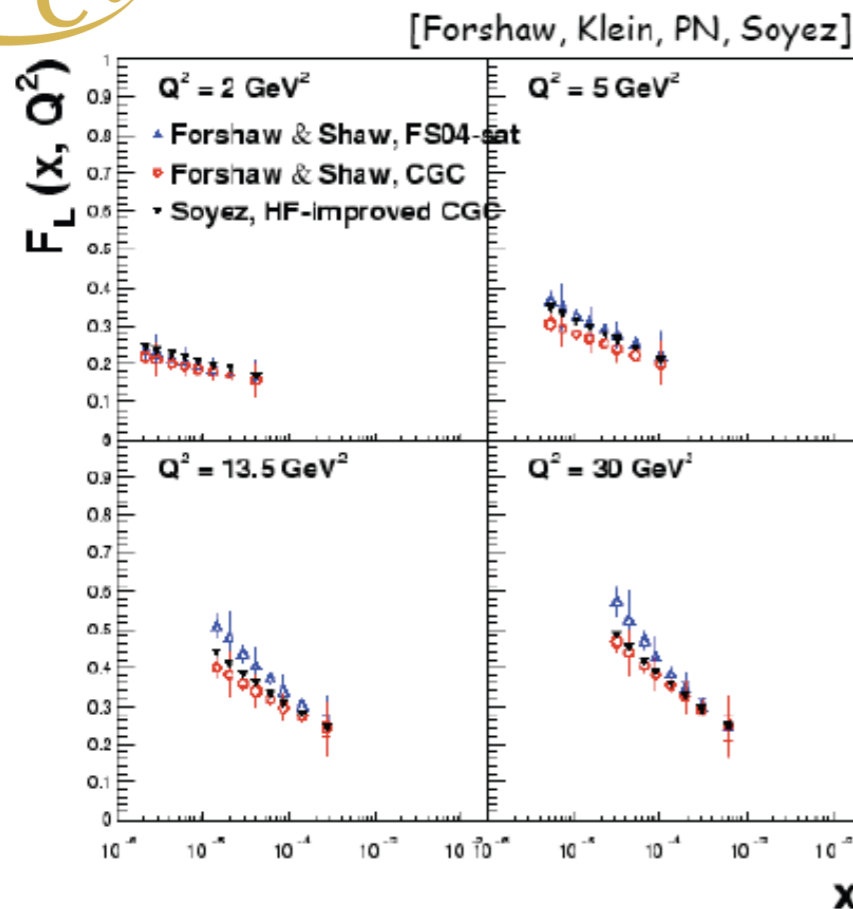
Vanishes in naive parton model (when transverse momenta limited).

Dominant contribution: $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

But.... it is also known experimentally that it is challenging measurement.

Need y dependence, varying energies.

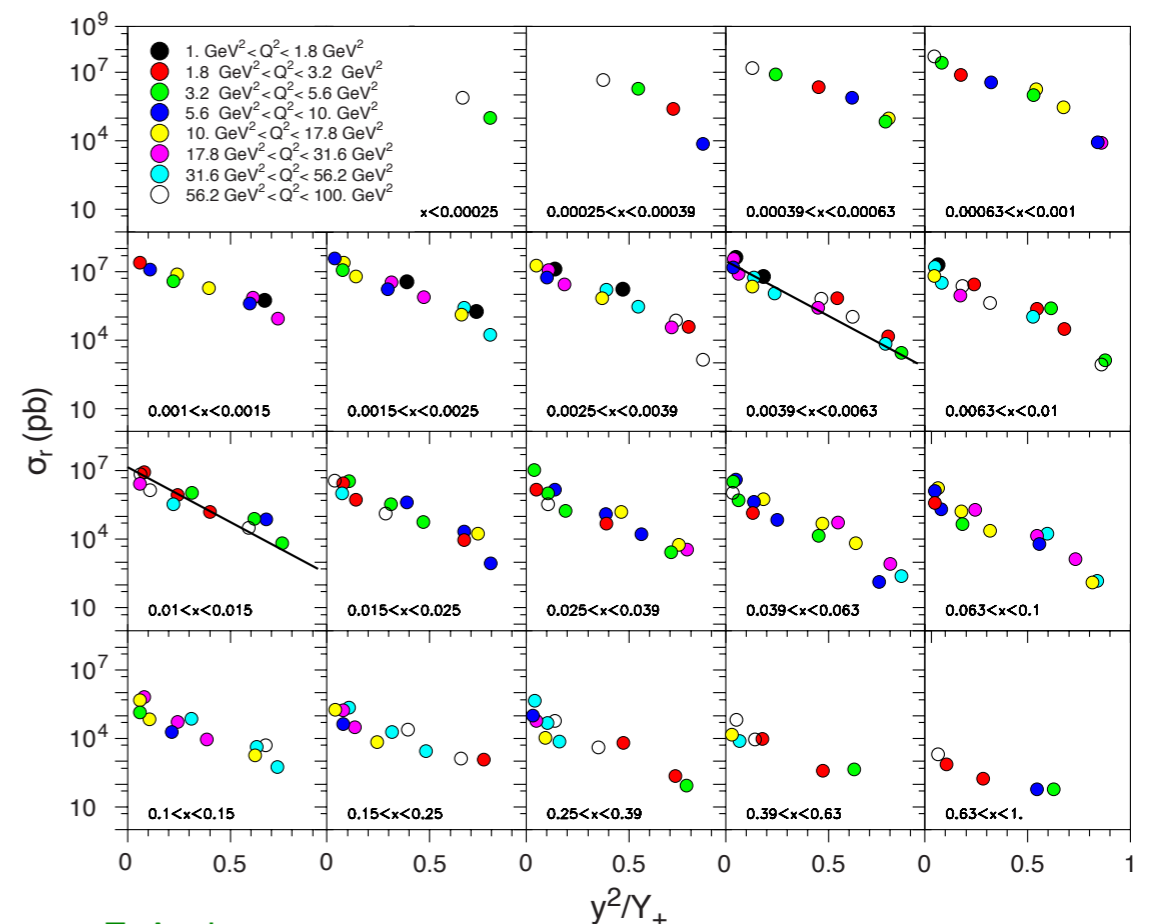
$$\sigma_r^{NC} = \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+} \frac{d^2\sigma^{NC}}{dx dQ^2} = F_2 \left[1 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} \frac{F_L}{F_2} \right], \quad Y_+ = 1 + (1-y)^2$$



Precision typically limited to 5%

EIC

Ullrich/Aschenauer DIS2011

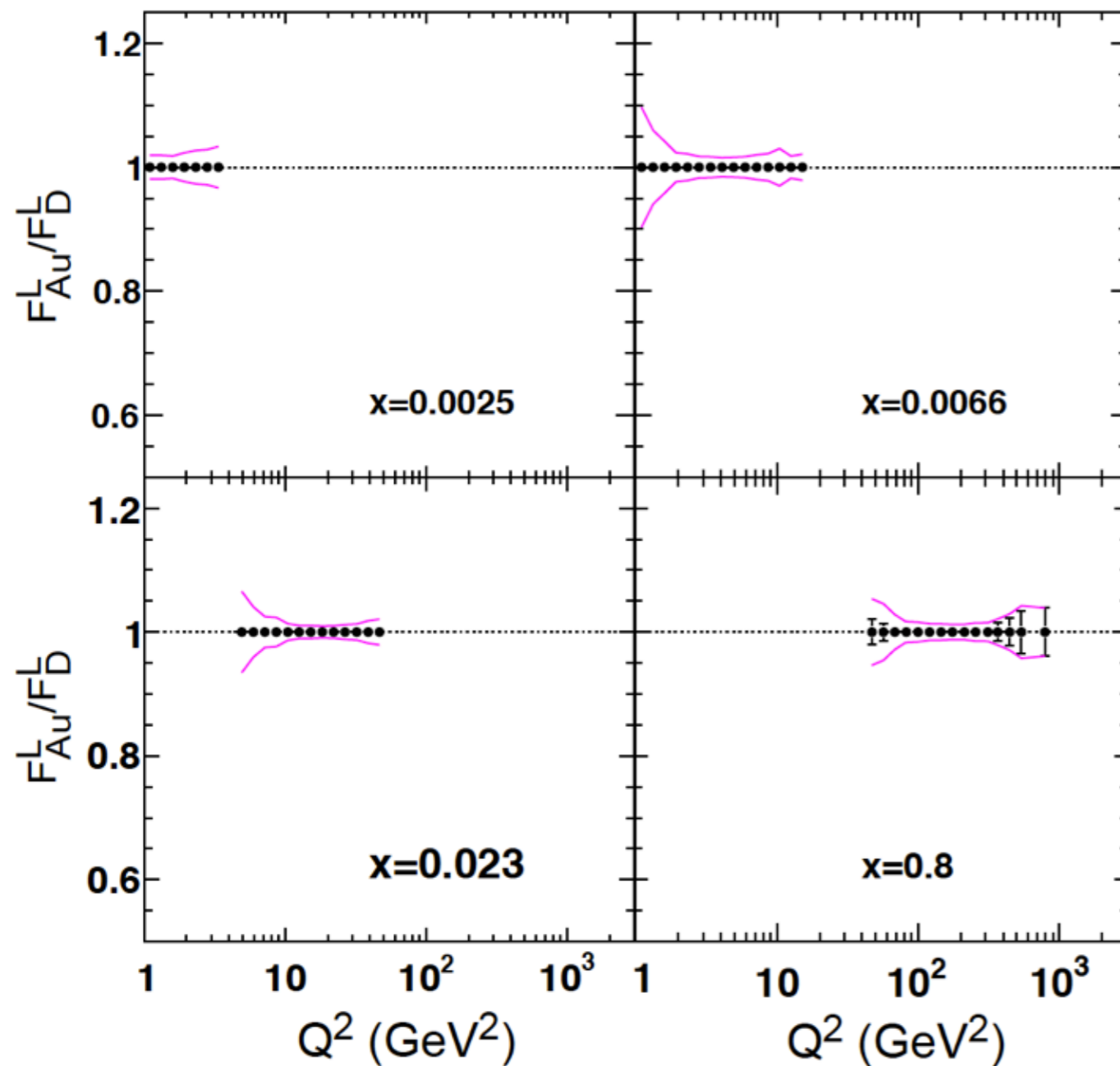


Nuclear FL

EIC

$$E_e = 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_p = 50, 70, 100, 250 \text{ GeV}$$

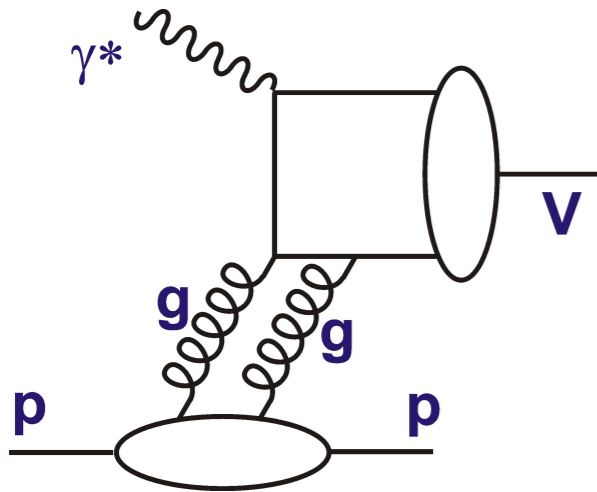


Magenta curves show statistical and systematic (1% in normalization) added in quadrature

Measurement dominated by the systematic uncertainties.

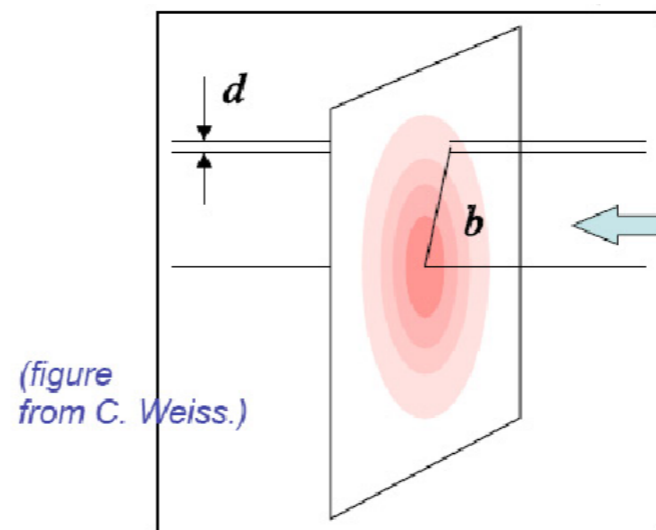
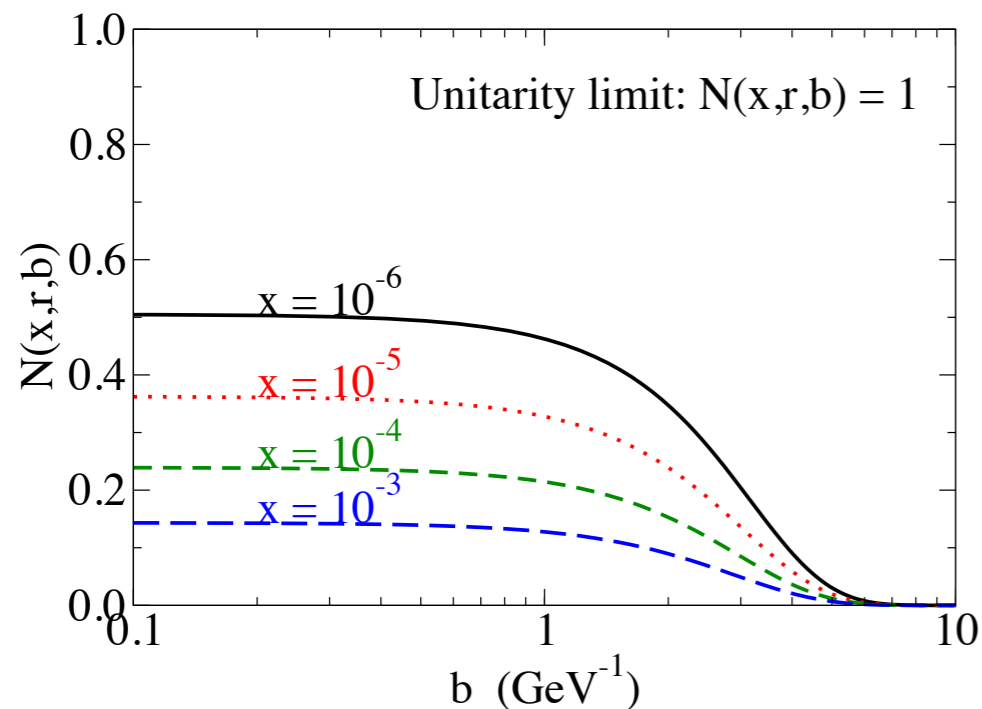
Issue of e+A radiative corrections...Work in progress

Exclusive diffraction



- Exclusive diffractive production of VM is an excellent process for extracting the dipole amplitude
- Suitable process for estimating the 'blackness' of the interaction.
- t -dependence provides an information about the impact parameter profile of the amplitude.

"b-Sat" dipole scattering amplitude with $r = 1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$



Central black region growing with decrease of x .

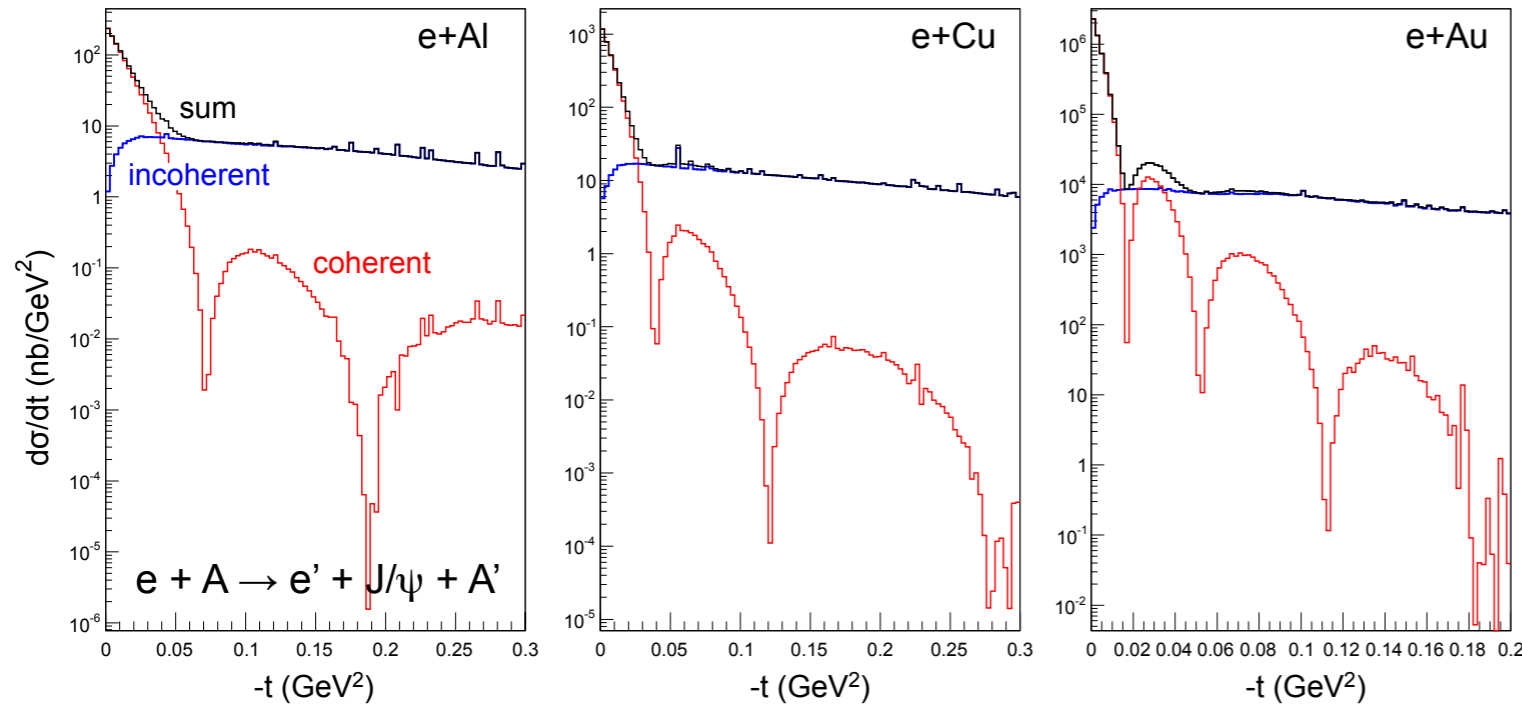
Watt

Large momentum transfer t probes small impact parameter where the density of interaction region is most dense.

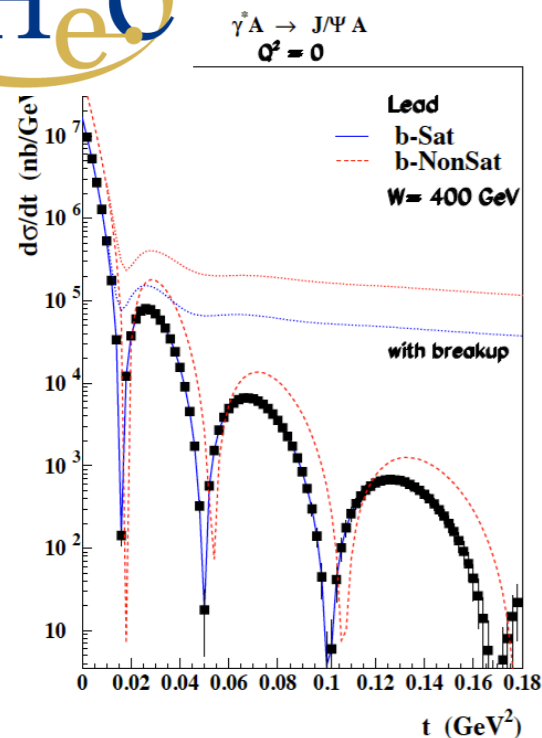
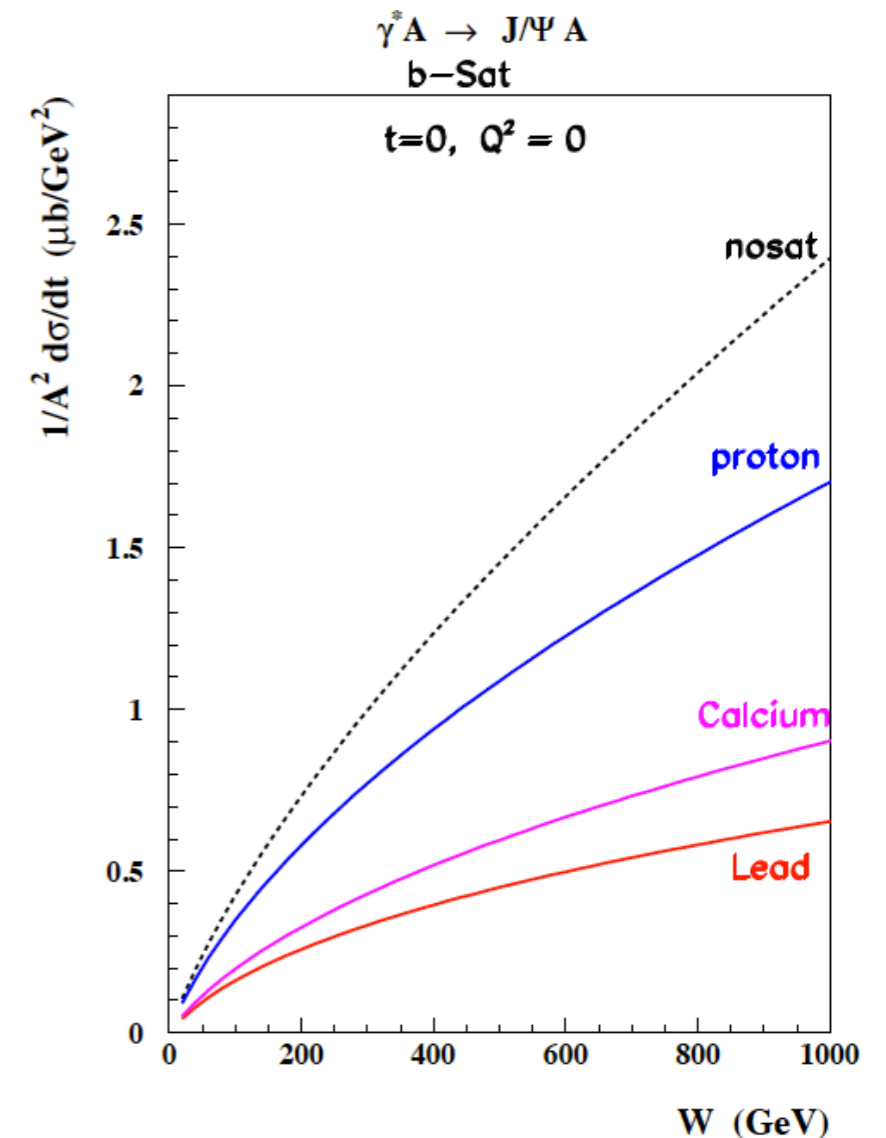
Exclusive diffraction: nuclear case

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

EIC



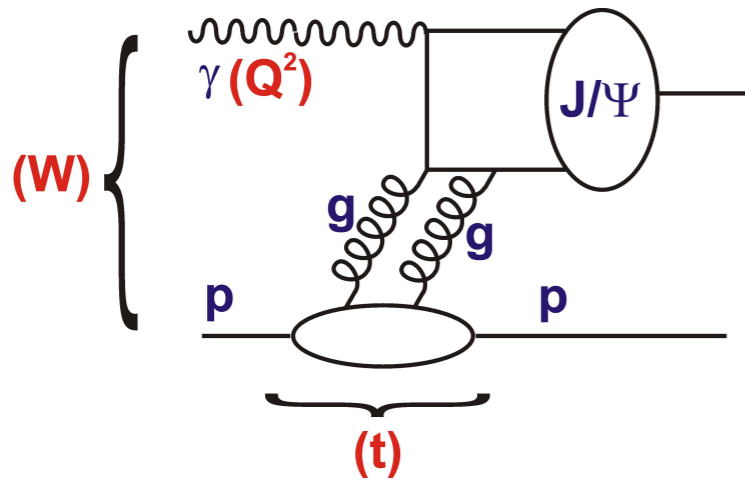
Energy dependence for different targets.



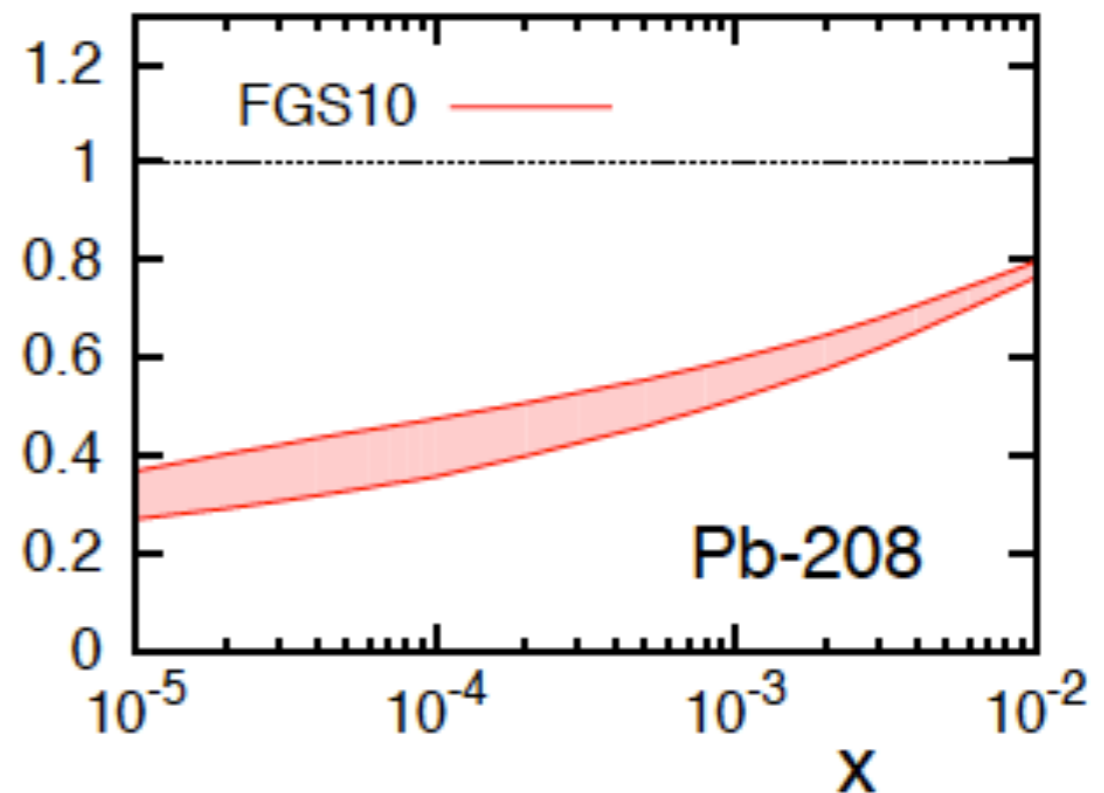
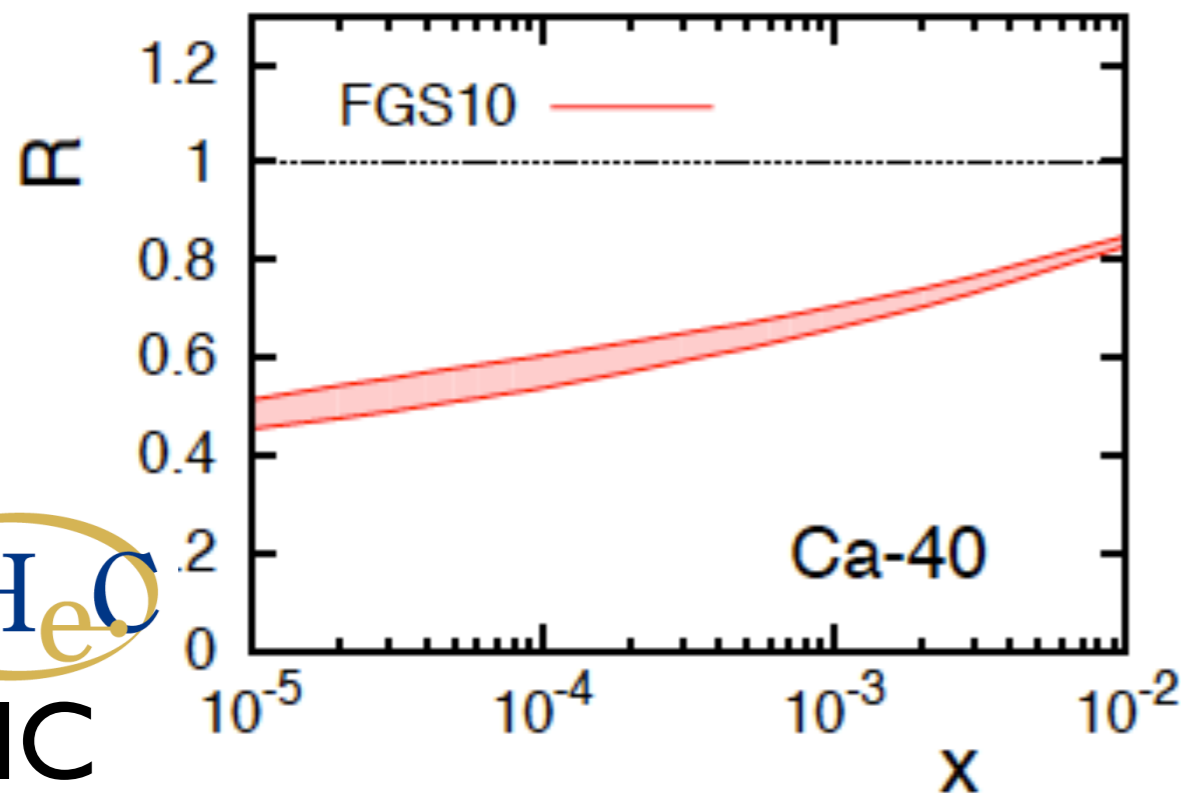
t -dependence: characteristic dips.
Challenges: need to distinguish between coherent and incoherent diffraction. Need dedicated instrumentation, zero degree calorimeter.

Exclusive diffraction: nuclear case

Exclusive VM production sensitive to the gluon density squared.



$$\frac{\frac{d\sigma_A}{dt} \big|_{t=0}}{\frac{d\sigma_p}{dt} \big|_{t=0}} \sim \frac{xg_A(x, M_{J/\psi}^2)^2}{xg(x, M_{J/\psi}^2)^2}$$

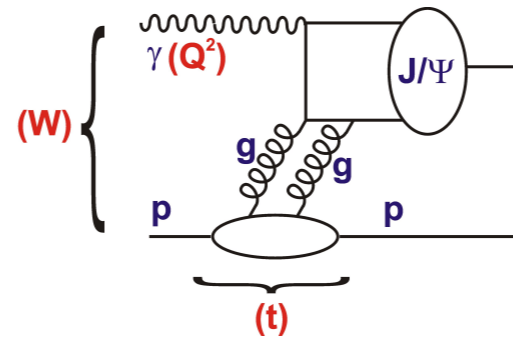


Prediction for the amount of shadowing/saturation in exclusive production

Exclusive diffraction: predictions for ep

$$\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\Psi + p}(W)$$

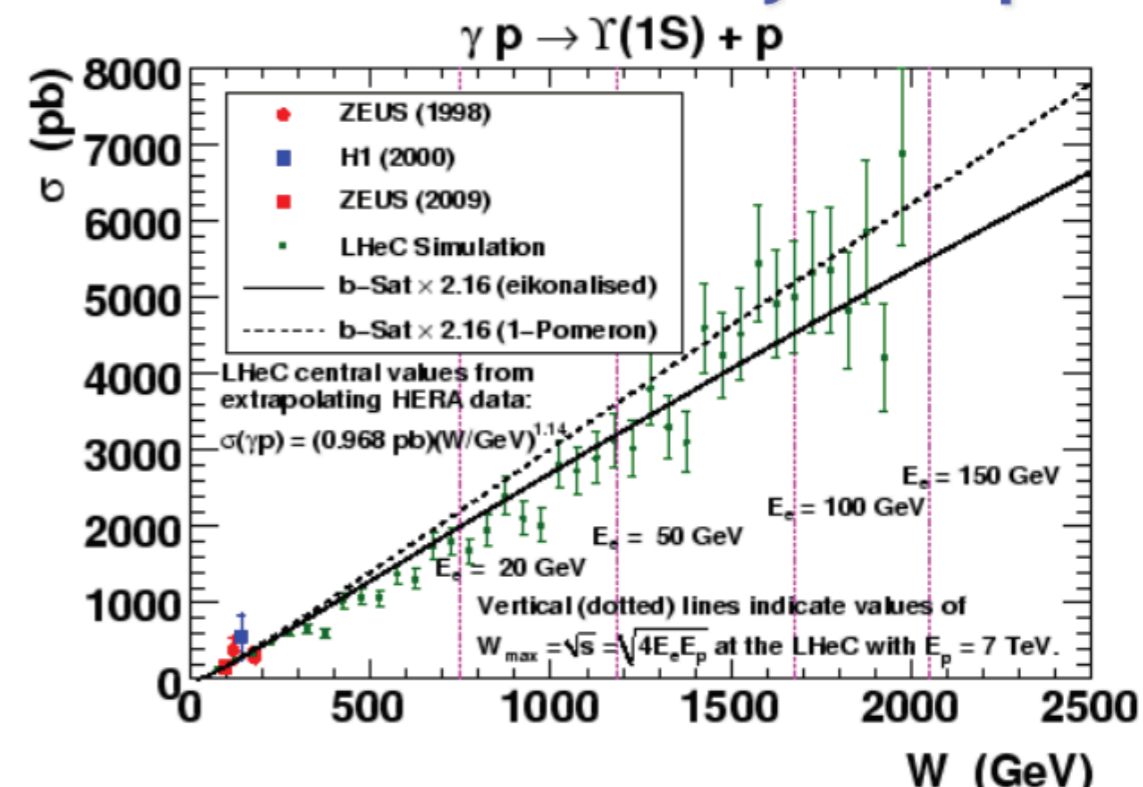
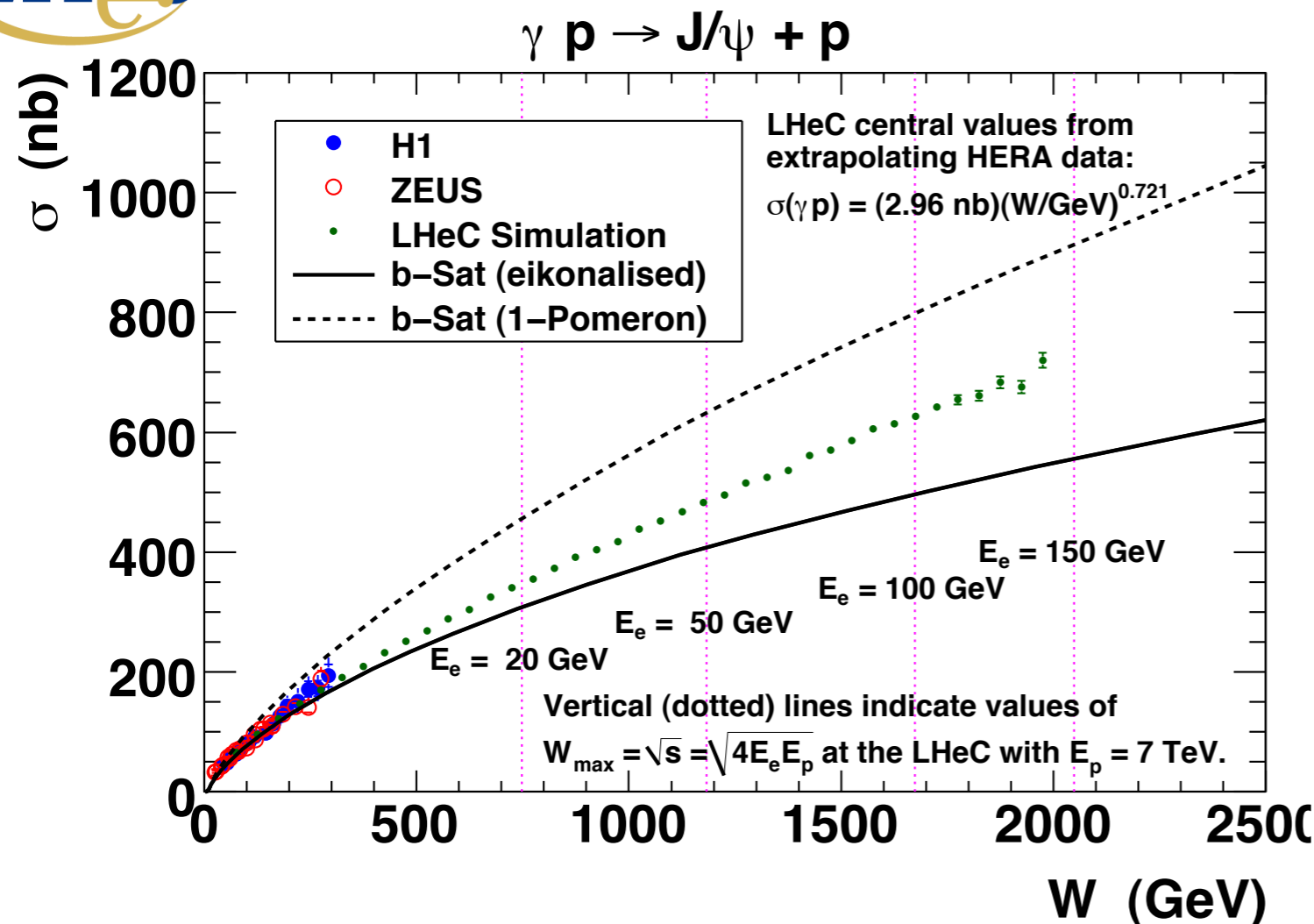
- b-Sat dipole model (Golec-Biernat, Wuesthoff, Bartels, Motyka, Kowalski, Watt)
- eikonalised: with saturation
- l-Pomeron: no saturation



Significant effects even for the t-integrated observable.

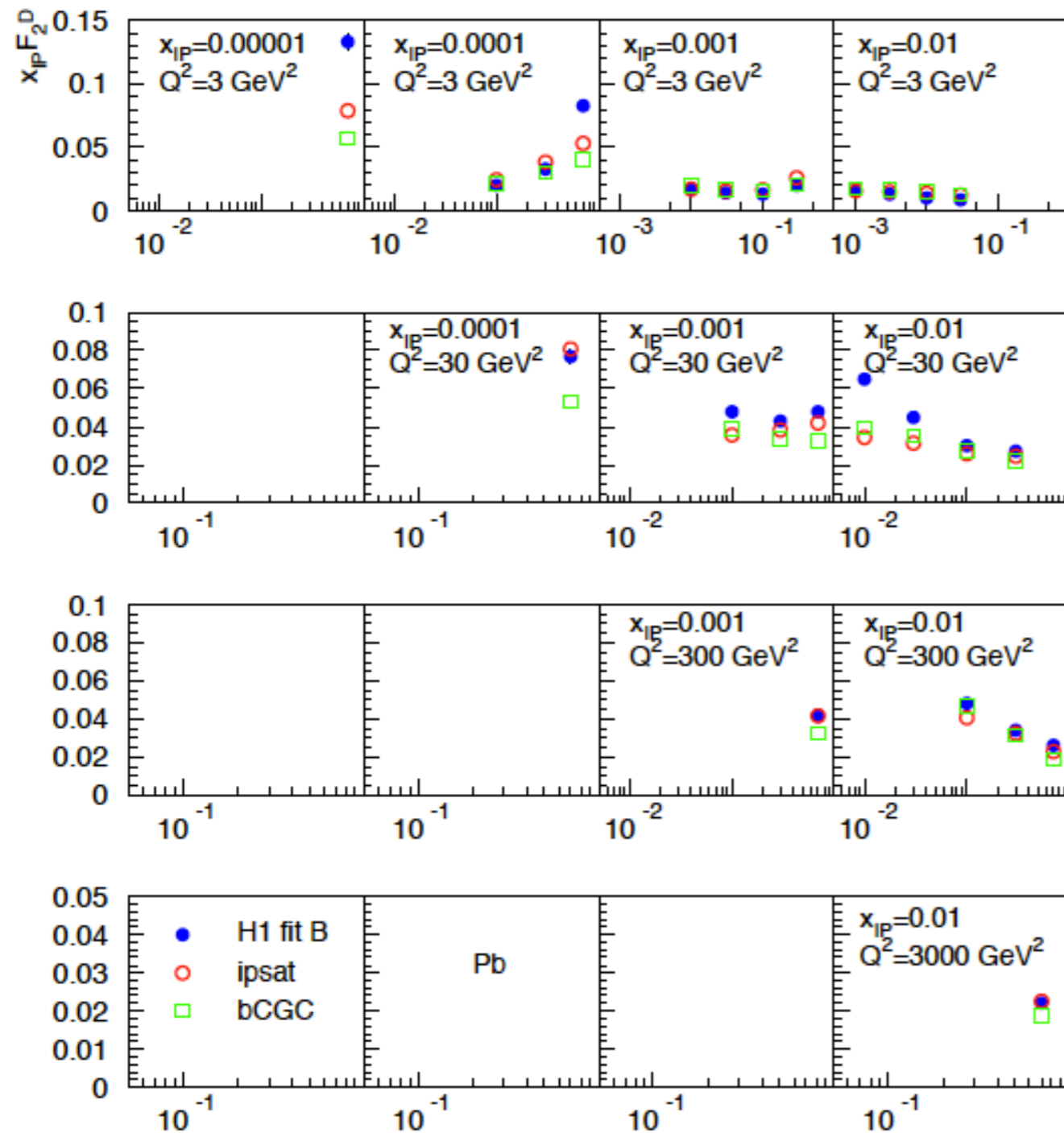
- Different W behavior depending whether saturation is included or not.
- Simulated data are from extrapolated fit to HERA data
- LHeC can distinguish between the different scenarios.

LHeC

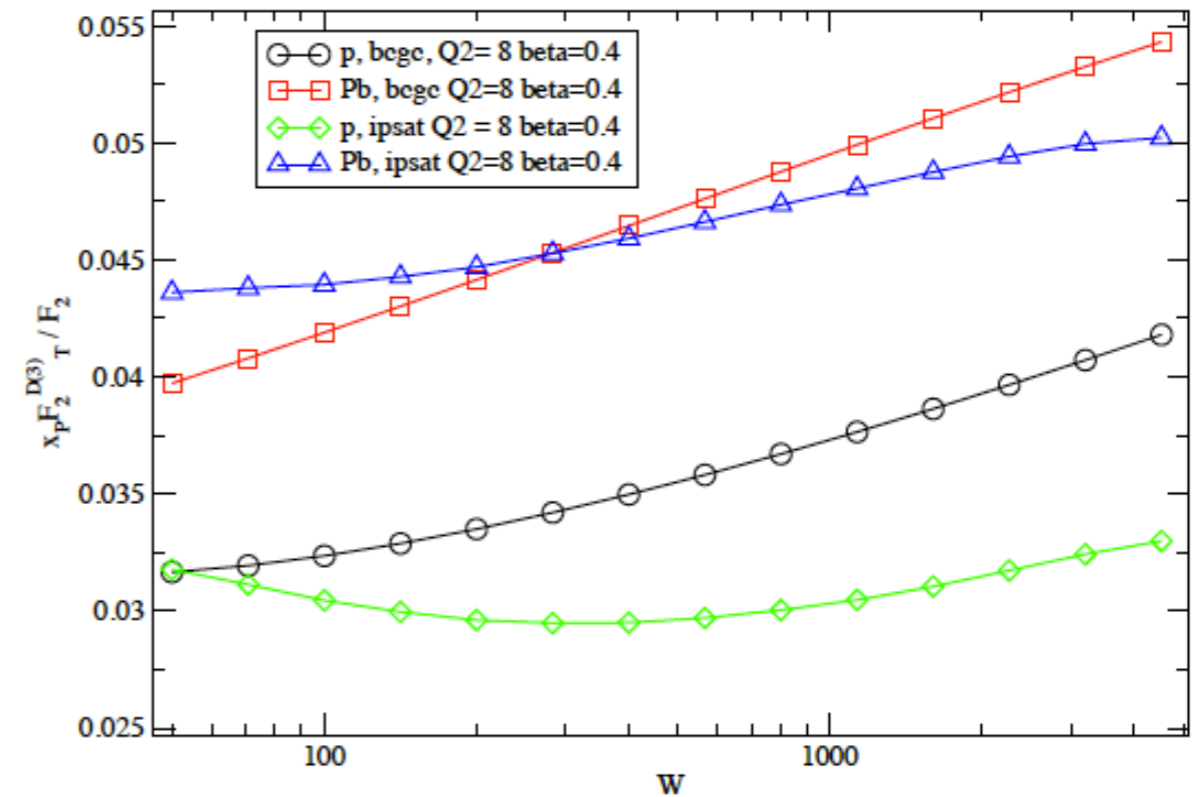


Inclusive diffraction in eA

Diffractive structure function for Pb



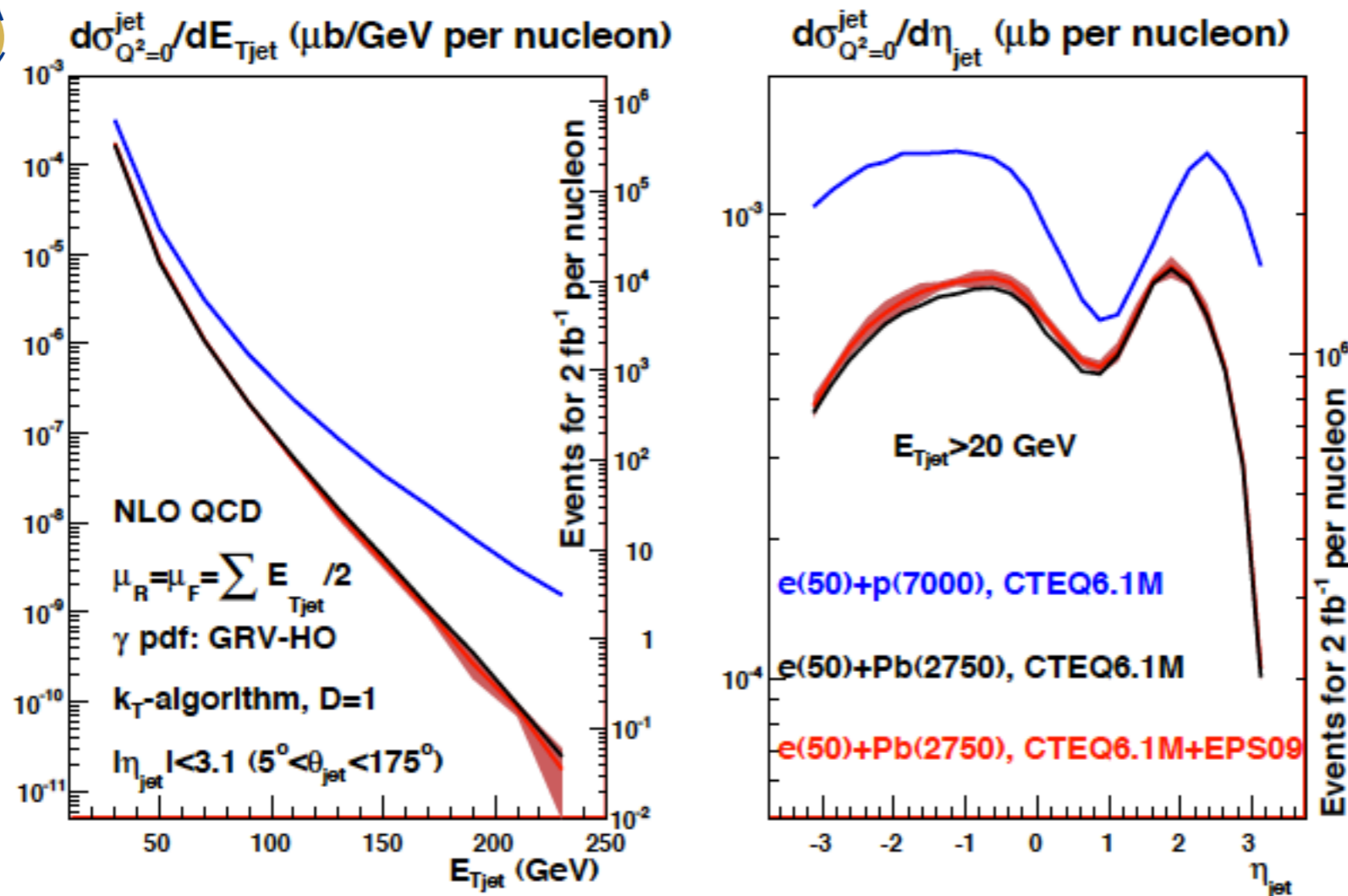
Diffractive to inclusive ratio for protons and Pb



Enhanced diffraction in the nuclear case

Study of diffractive dijets, heavy quarks for the factorization tests

Final states: jet photoproduction



$$E_e = 50 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 3.1$$

$$L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

Two-peak structure: direct and resolved.

Need to do: background subtraction, detailed analysis of jet reconstruction, energy calibration.

Hard probe of the nuclear medium.
Information about photon structure.

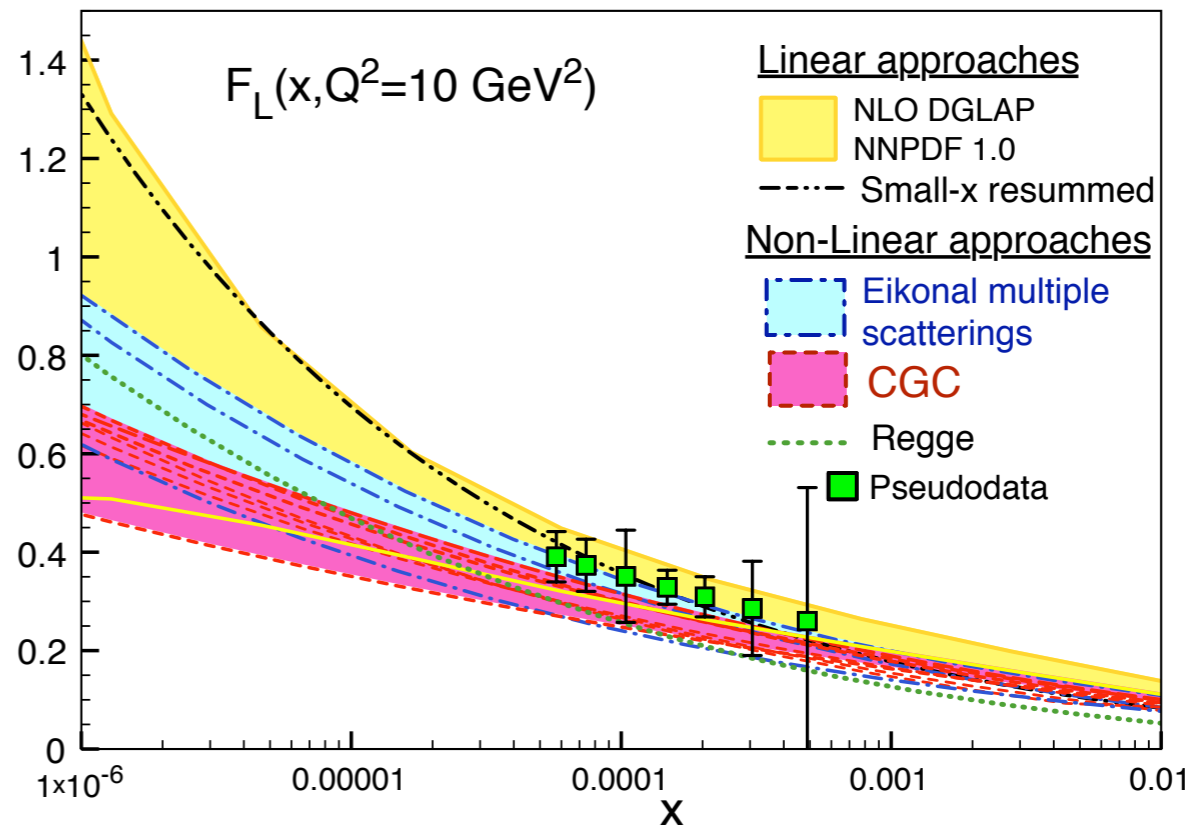
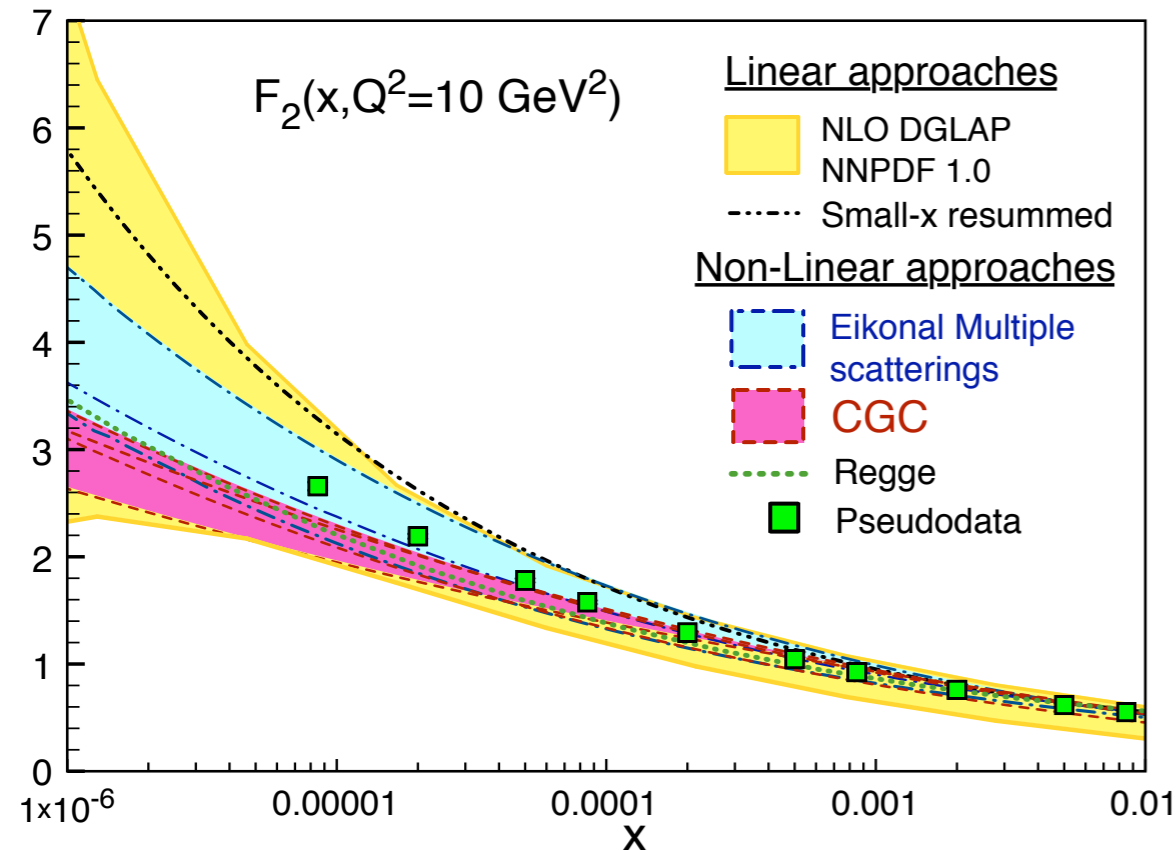
Summary

- eA(with parallel ep) at high energy essential to untangle the complex nuclear structure at low x and constrain the initial conditions for AA. Also low x ep needed for pp, low x , forward rapidities. Entering new regime of DIS with high parton densities. Precision DIS measurements complementary to pp/pA/AA.
- **LHeC program:** complete flavor decomposition of pdfs, heavy flavor measurement at high accuracy, precision strong coupling measurements, electroweak couplings, TMD and GPD, high parton density/saturation at low x , nuclear effects, BSM...
- **EIC program:** nuclear structure at moderately low x by scanning A dependence from light to heavy nuclei, nuclear pdfs, TMD and GPD measurement, spin structure (for p and d), polarized sea and gluons...
- Timeline for LHeC: first version of CDR (almost) complete. Realization in 10 years or so.
- Timeline for EIC: staged approach; construction ELIC in 10 years, eRHIC first stage in about or less than 10 years.

Backup

Predictions for the proton

DGLAP approaches have large uncertainties at low x and even at moderate Q (larger uncertainties as Q is decreased)



Albacete

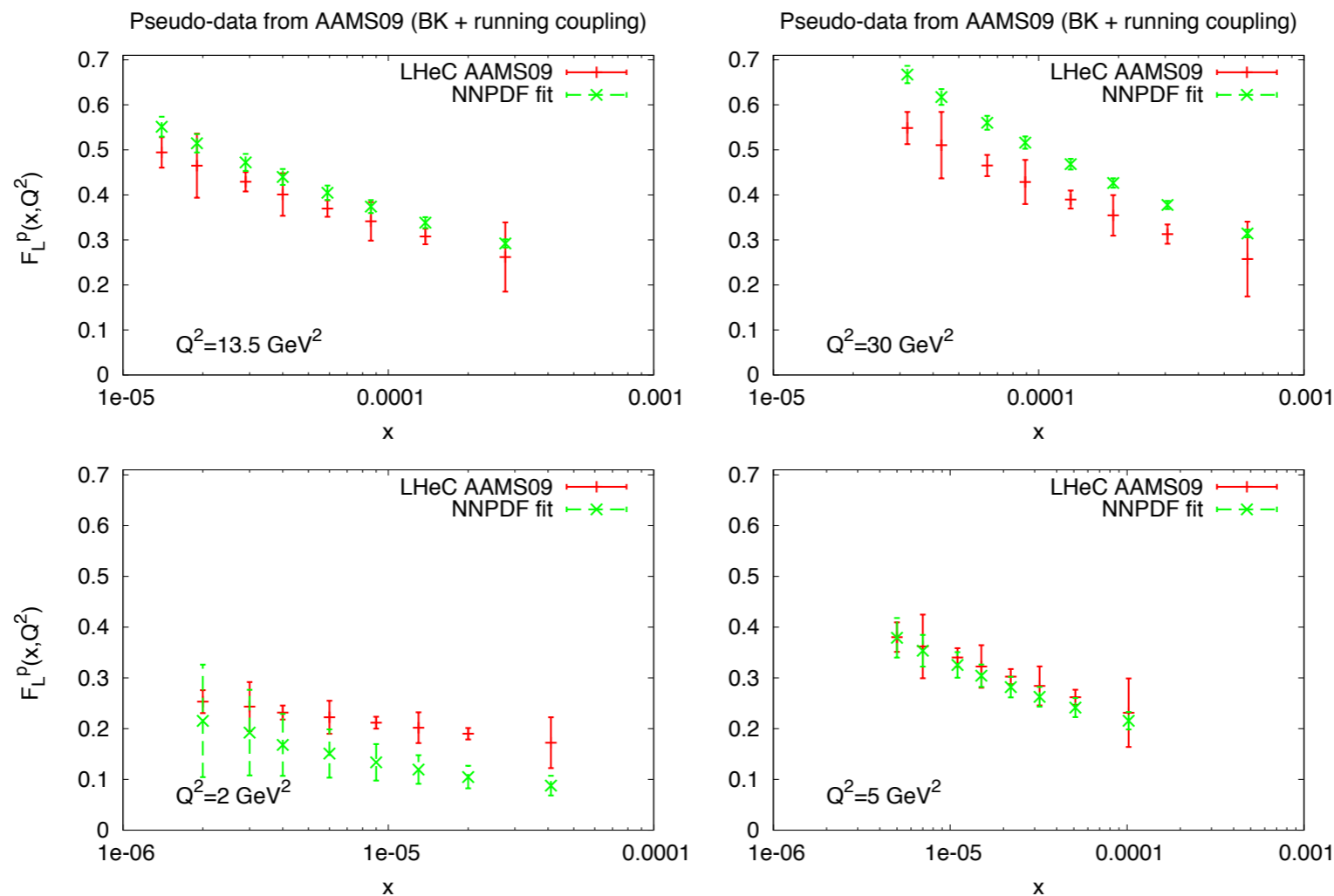
Interestingly, rather small band of uncertainties for models based on saturation as compared with the calculations based on the linear evolution. Possible cause: the nonlinear evolution washes out any uncertainties due to the initial conditions, or too constrained parametrization used within the similar framework.

approx. 2% error on the F_2 pseudodata, and 8% on the F_L pseudodata, should be able to rule out many of the scenarios.

Testing nonlinear dynamics in ep

Simulated LHeC data using the nonlinear evolution which leads to the parton saturation at low x .

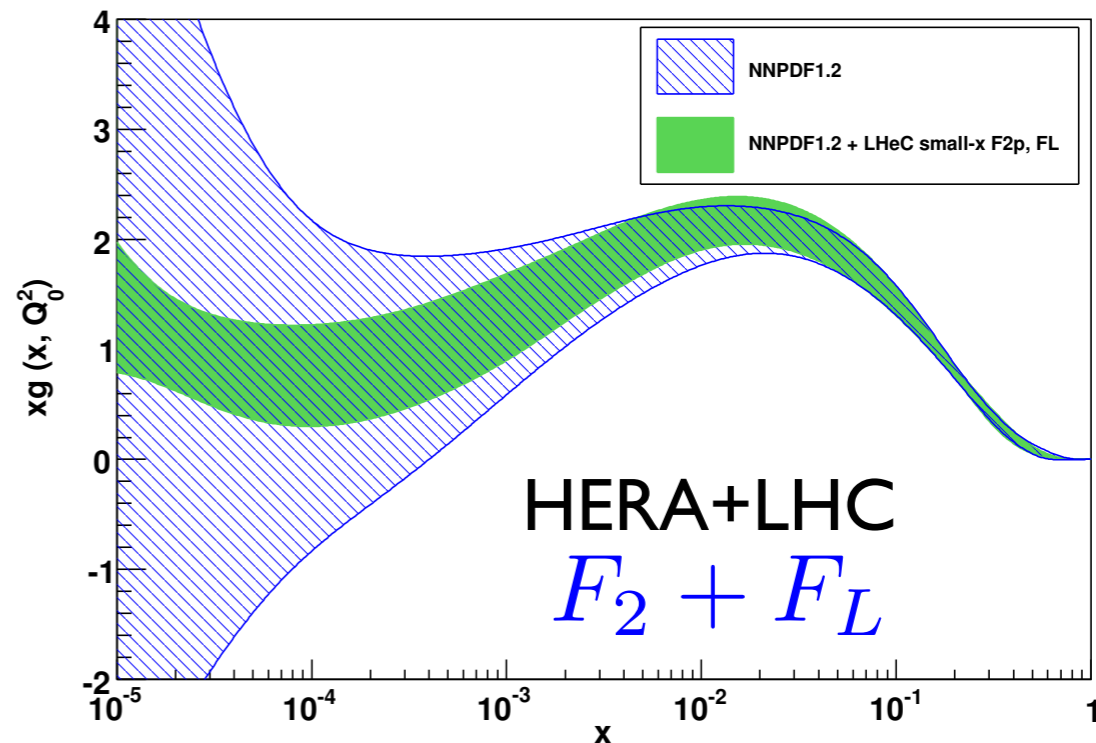
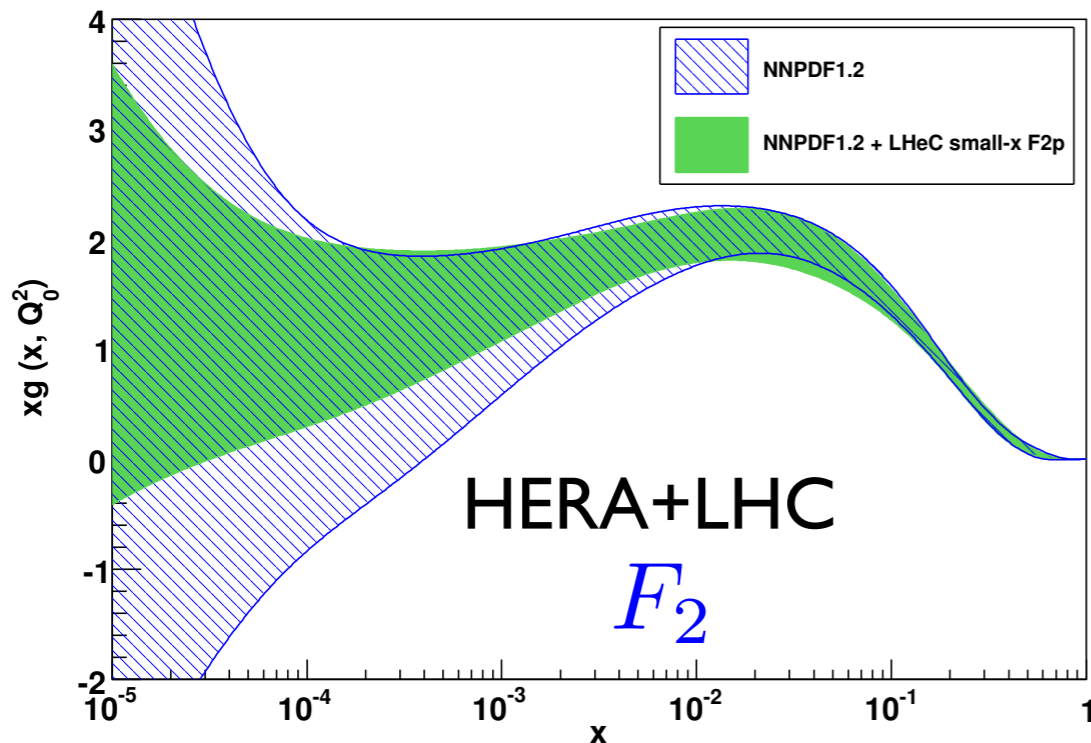
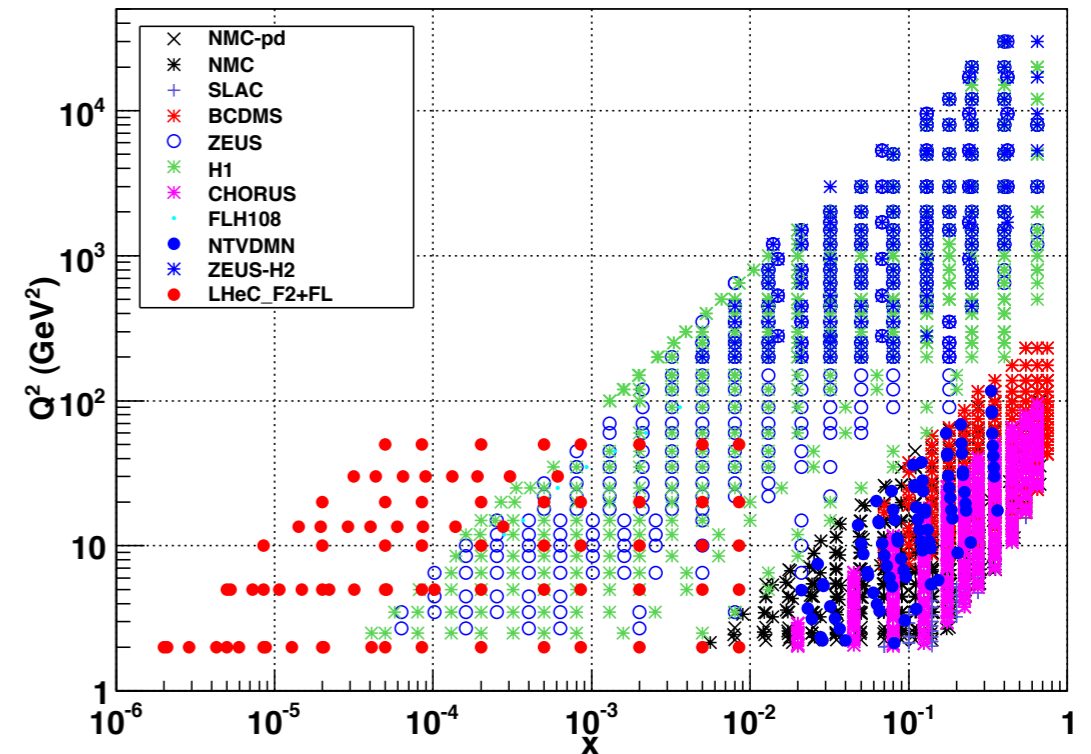
DGLAP fits (using the NNPDF) cannot accommodate the nonlinear effects if F2 and FL are simultaneously fitted.



Albacete, Rojo

FL provides important constraint on the gluon density at low x .

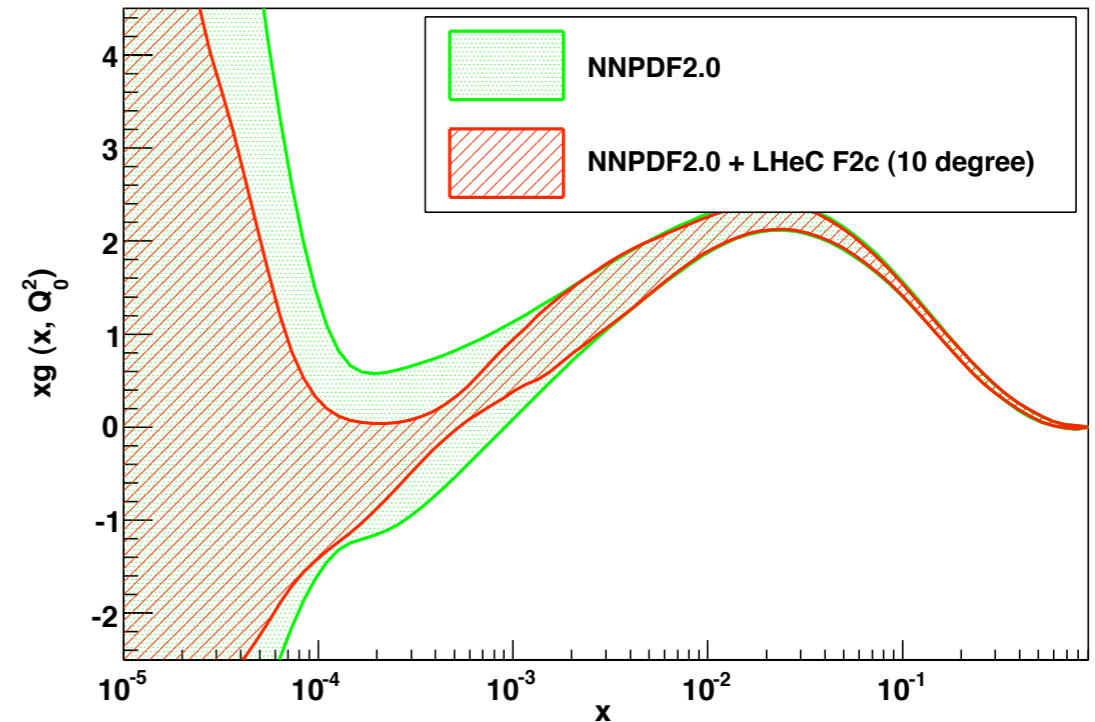
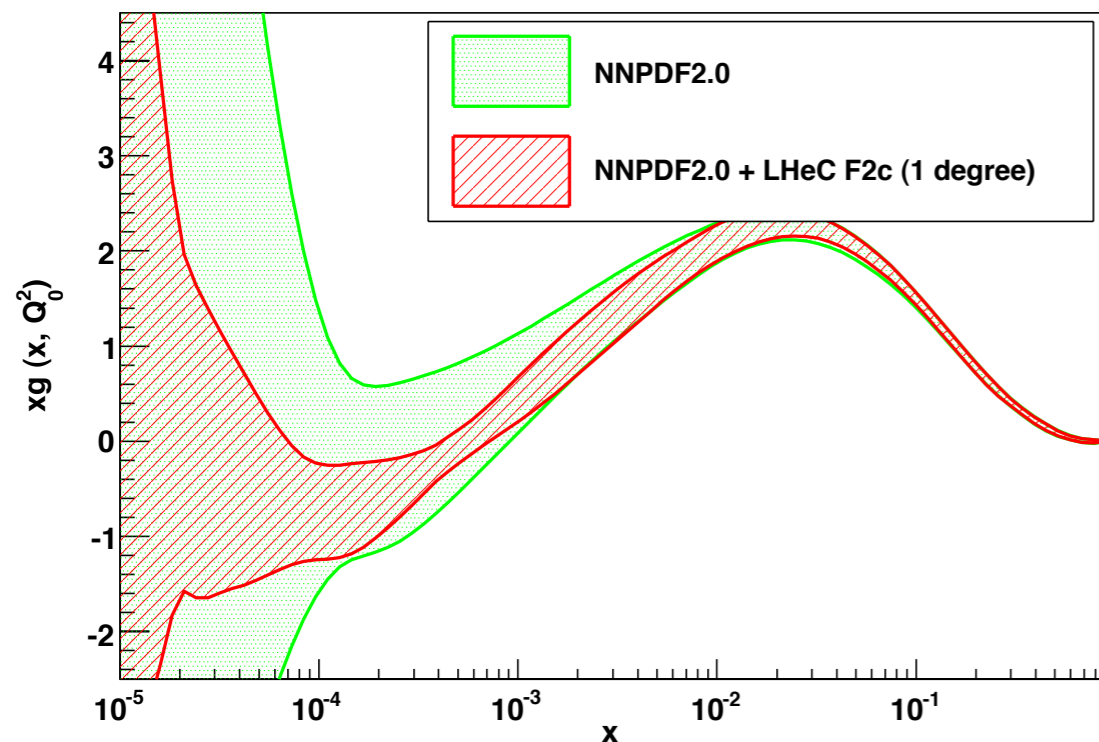
- Inclusion of LHeC pseudodata for F_2, F_L in DGLAP fits improves the determination of the glue at small x .



$$Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Impact of flavor decomposition

Longitudinal structure function difficult to measure. Possibility of using charm structure function to constrain the gluon distribution function.



Rojo

Charm structure function F2c can be used in addition to F2 to constrain the gluon density (red band corresponds to the analysis with the LHeC data on F2charm).

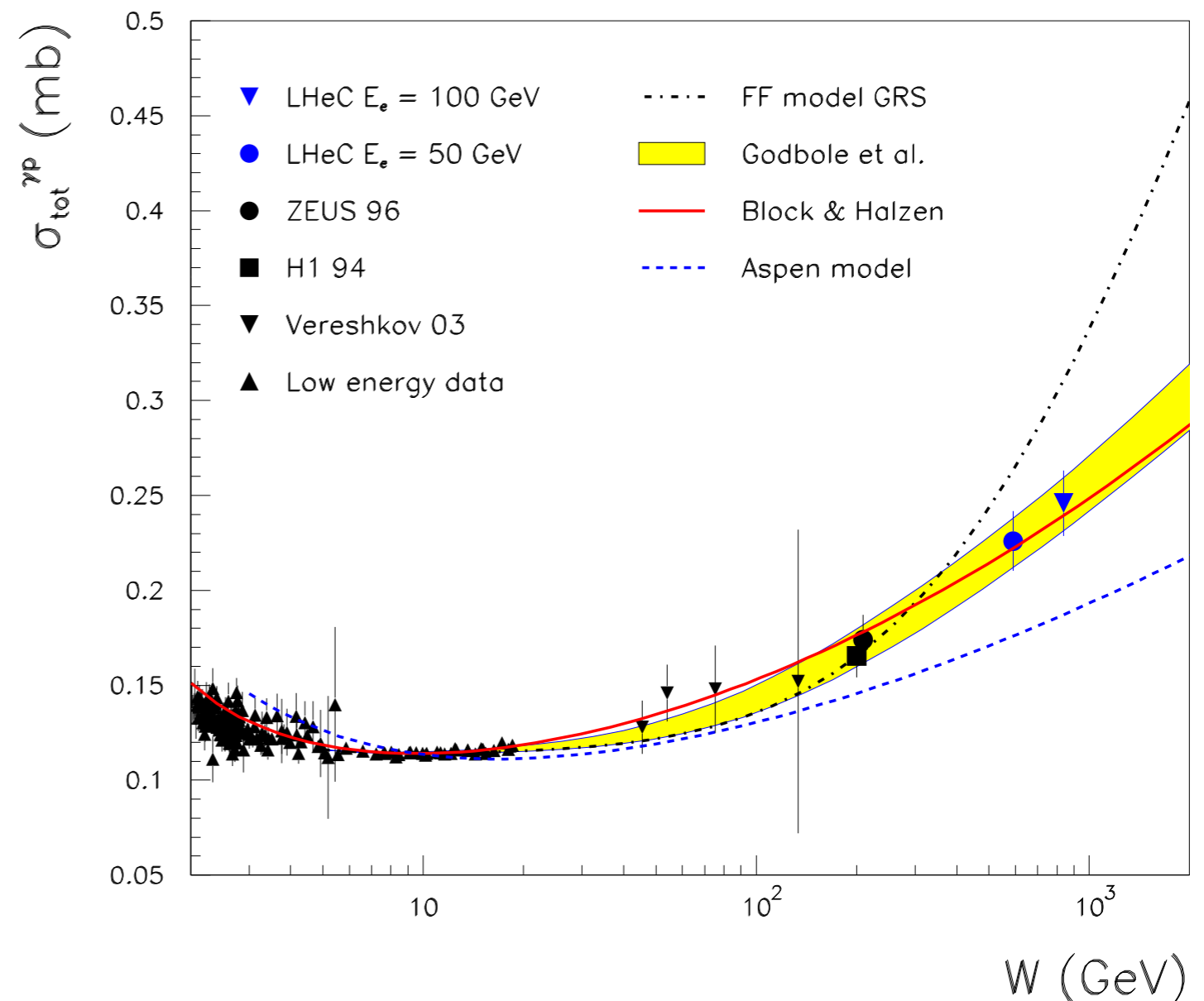
The advantage of 1 degree scenario is also illustrated.

Conclusion: for a better discrimination between models, especially involving nonlinear dynamics, two observables are necessary.

Photoproduction cross section

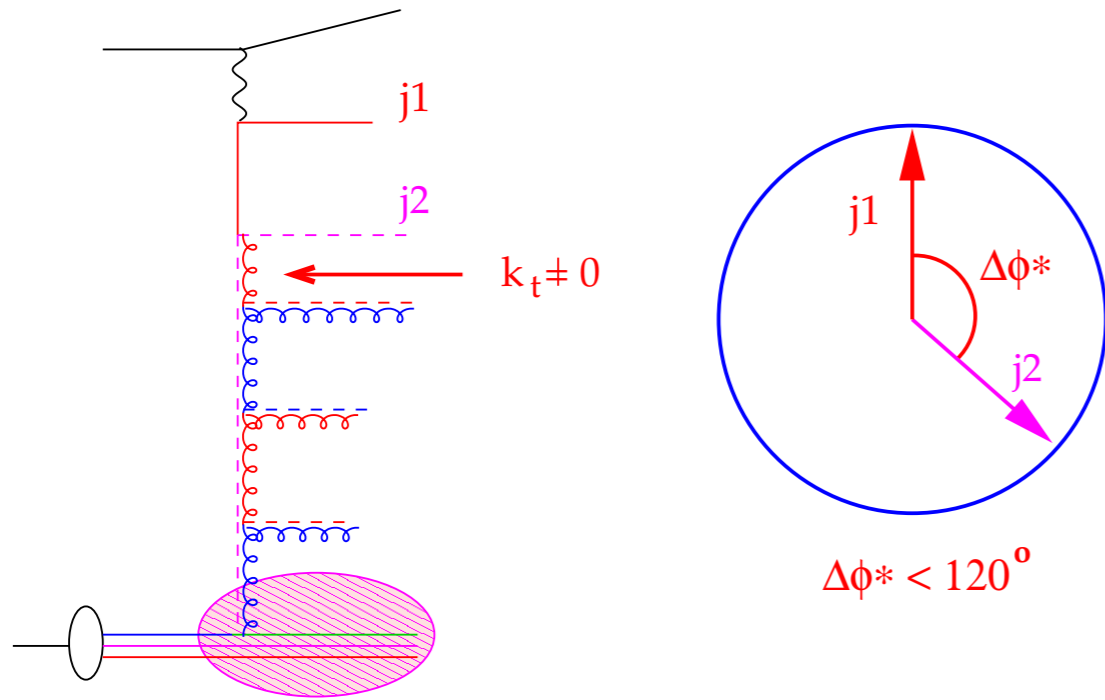
- Photoproduction cross section.
- Explore dual nature of the photon: pointlike interactions or hadronic behavior.
- Testing universality of hadronic cross sections, unitarity, transition between perturbative and nonperturbative regimes.
- Large divergence of the theoretical predictions beyond HERA measurements.
- Dedicated detectors for small angle scattered electrons at 62m from the interaction point.
- Events with $y \sim 0.3$ $Q^2 \sim 0.01$ could be detected

Pancheri



Systematics is the limiting factor here. Assumed 7% for the simulated data as in H1 and ZEUS.

Dijets in ep



$$-1 < \eta_{\text{jet}} < 2.5$$

$$0.1 < y < 0.6$$

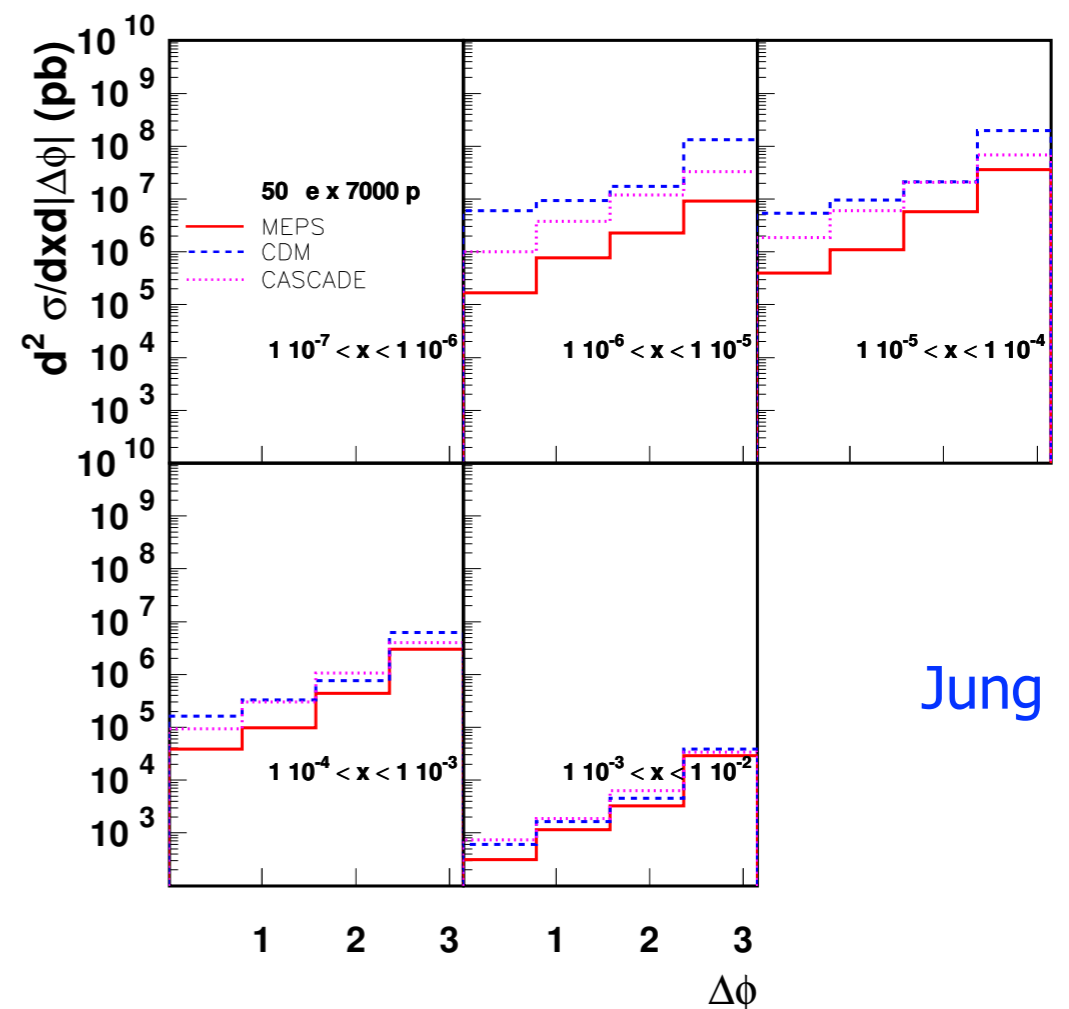
$$E_{1T} > 7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

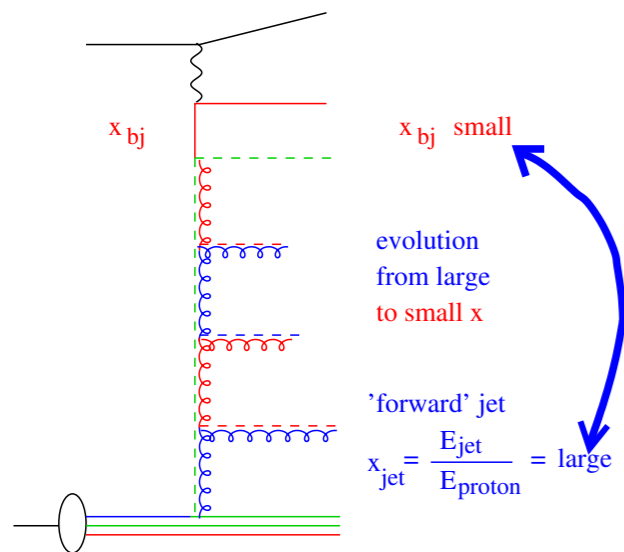
$$E_{2T} > 5 \text{ GeV}$$

- All simulations agree at large x.
- CDM, CASCADE give a flatter distribution at small x.

- Incoming gluon can have sizeable transverse momentum.
- Decorrelation of pairs of jets, which increases with decreasing value of x.
- Collinear approach typically produces narrow back-to-back configuration. Need to go to higher orders(NLO not sufficient).



Forward jets



- Forward jet provides the second hard scale.
- By selecting it to be of the order of the photon virtuality, collinear configurations can be suppressed.
- Forward jet, large phase space for gluon emission.
- DGLAP typically underestimates the forward jet production.

Simulations for

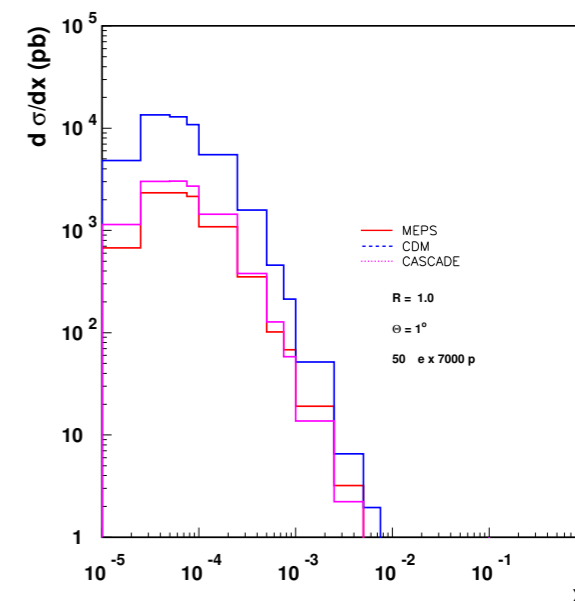
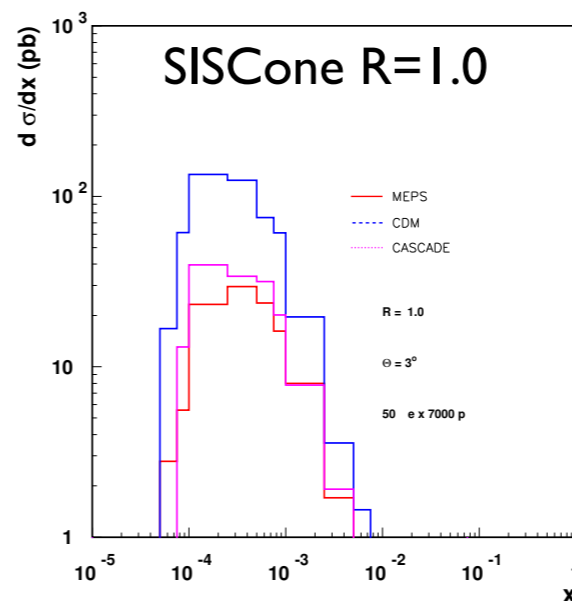
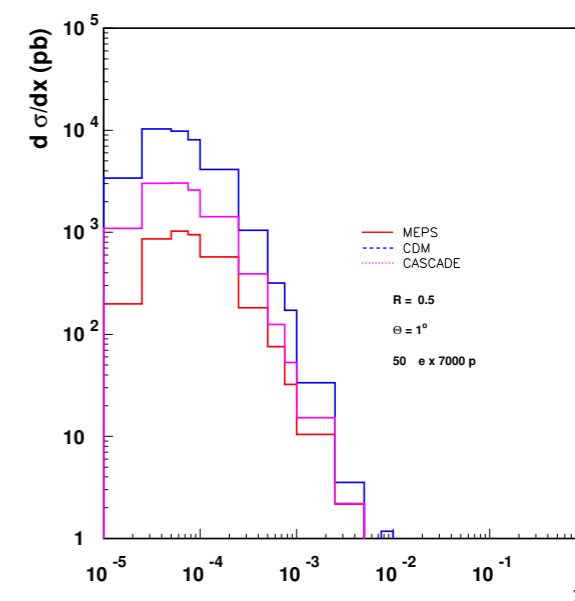
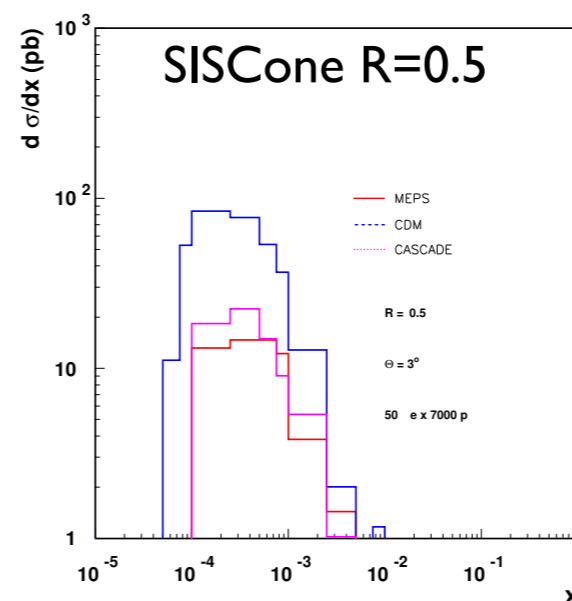
$$\Theta > 3^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta > 1^\circ$$

Angular acceptance crucial for this measurement.

With $\Theta > 10^\circ$

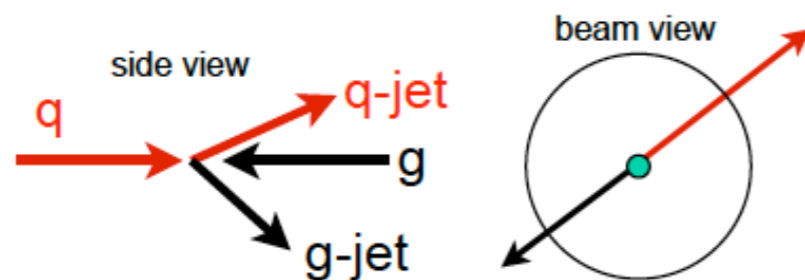
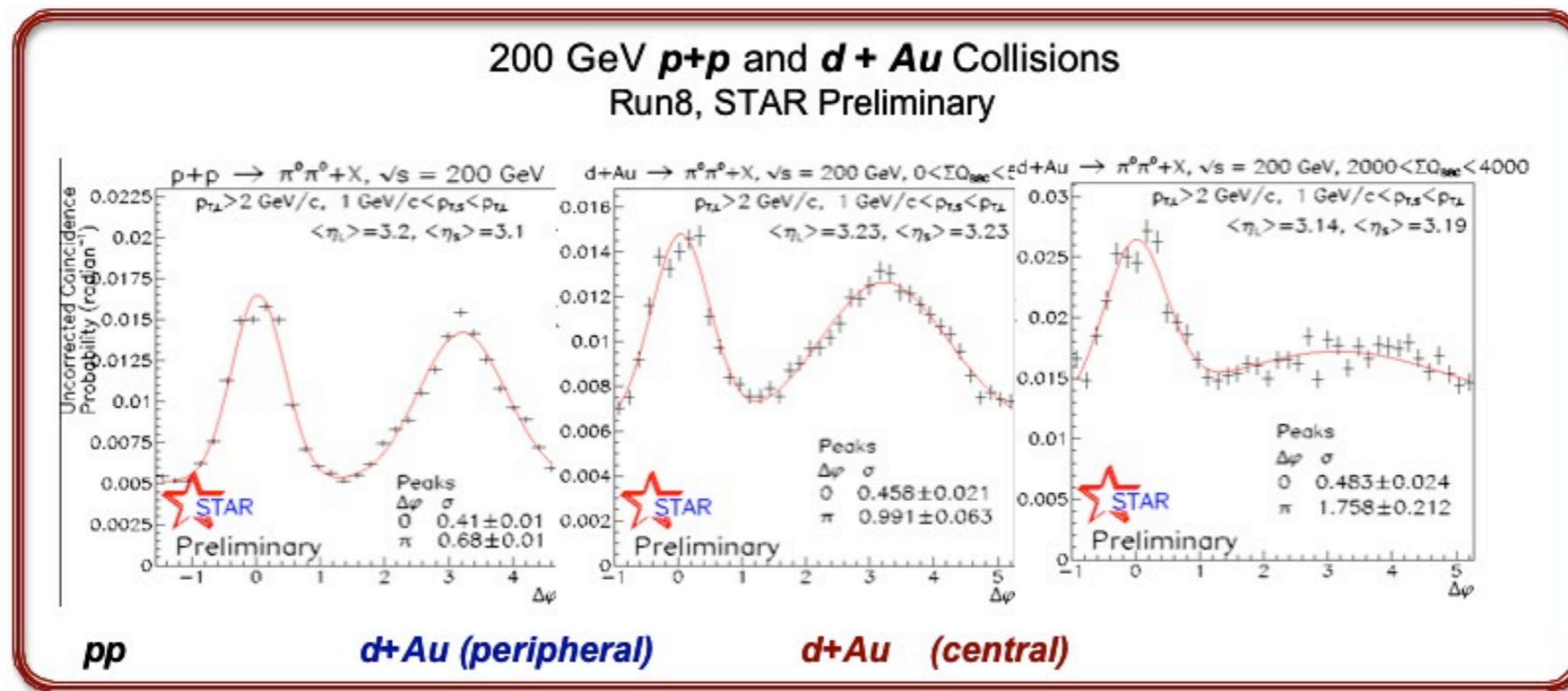
all the signal for forward jets is lost.

Can explore also forward pions. Lower rates but no dependencies on the jet algorithms. Non-perturbative hadronisation effects included effectively in the fragmentation functions.

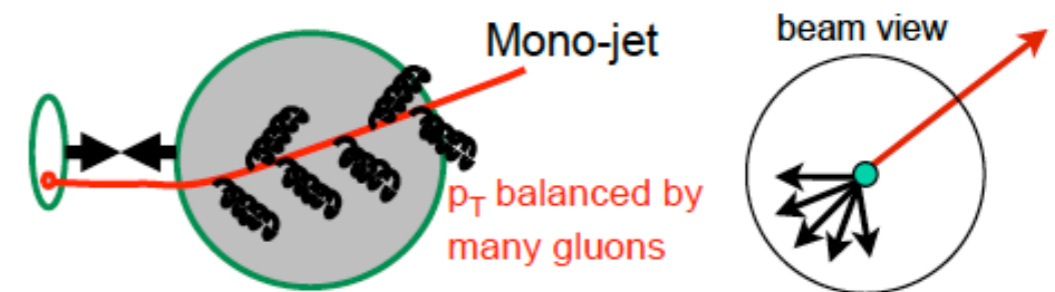


Example: di-hadron correlation in dA collisions

Angular correlation disappears in central dA collisions at forward rapidity



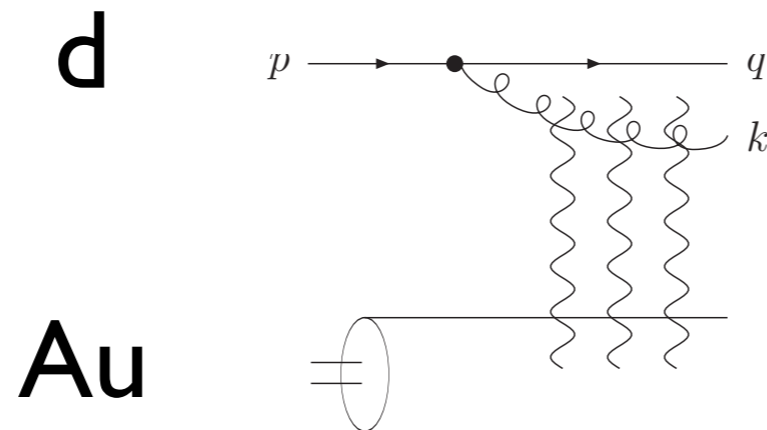
low parton density,
back to back
configuration



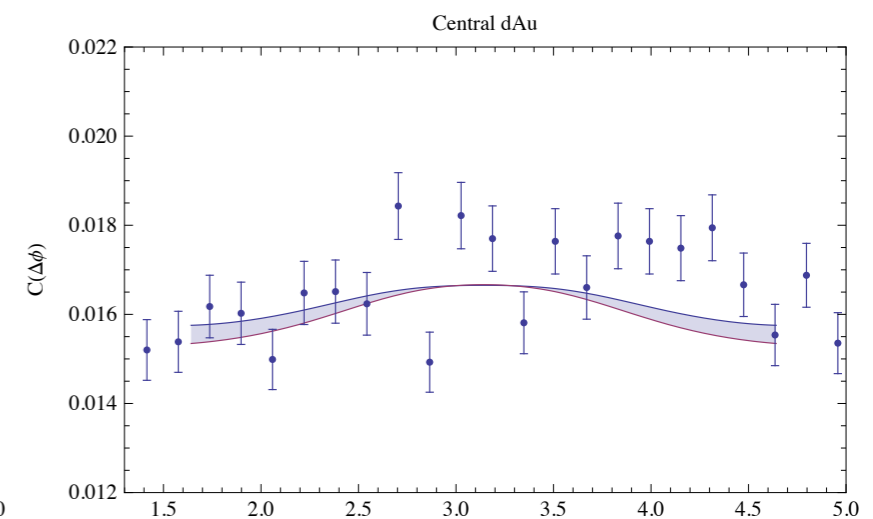
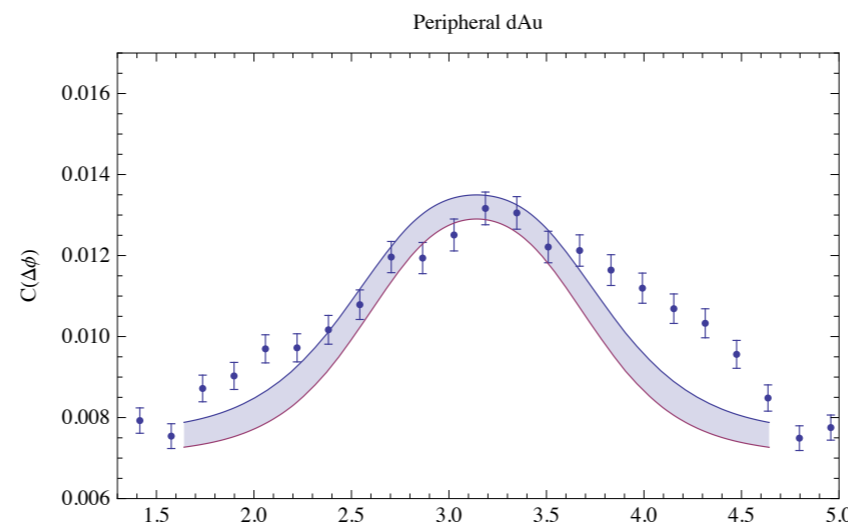
high parton density, multiple
rescatterings with heavy
nucleus, disappearance of
the peak

Example: di-hadron correlation in dA collisions

Naturally explained in the framework of CGC (Color Glass Condensate) via multiple interactions between partons and dense nuclear matter. Albacete & Marquet



In preparation
Yuan, Xiao, AMS



- Necessity of unintegrated/transverse momentum dependent distributions.
- Importance of the 'cold' nuclear matter effects.
- Tests of saturation ideas.
- Ample possibilities of studying variety of processes in DIS in an experimentally cleaner way with a better theoretical control.