

# eA collisions at LHeC and nuclear parton densities

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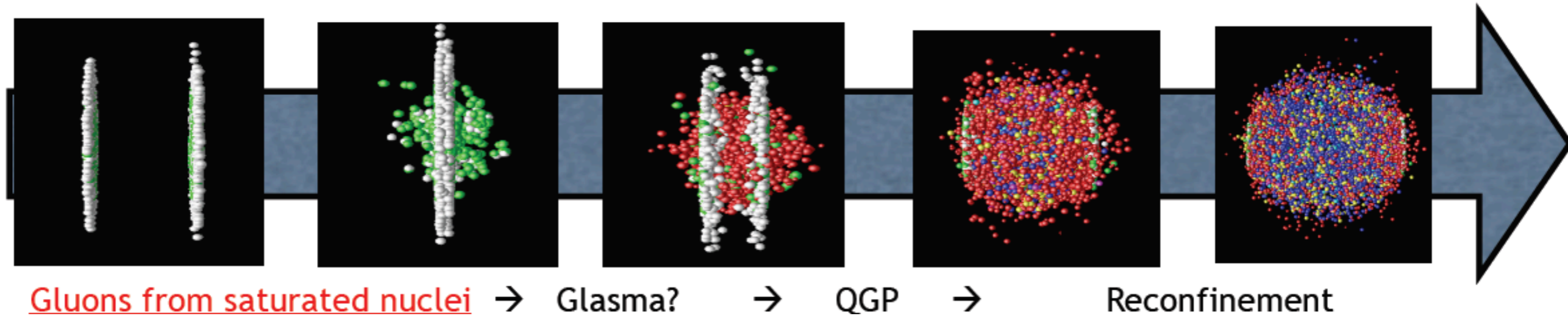


# Outline

- Motivation for eA Deep Inelastic Scattering in TeV range
- LHeC and FCC-eh kinematics
- **Example of simulations for eA in TeV range:**
  - Constraints on nuclear Parton Distribution Functions (nPDFs)
  - Heavy Flavors
  - Exclusive vector meson production
  - Inclusive diffraction

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# Nuclear physics in eA complementarity to pA, AA at LHC



Precision measurement of the initial state.

Nuclear structure functions.

Particle production in the early stages.

Factorization eA/pA/AA.

Modification of the QCD radiation and hadronization in the nuclear medium.

# Nuclear structure

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

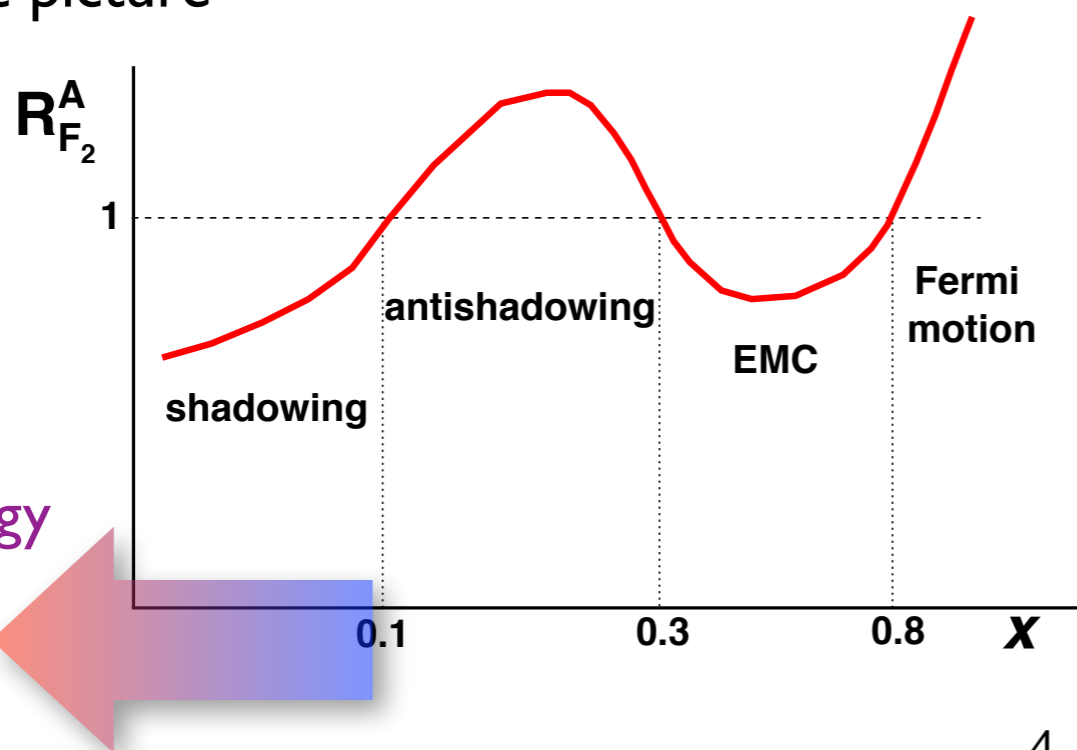
Nuclear ratio for structure function

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

Nuclear effects

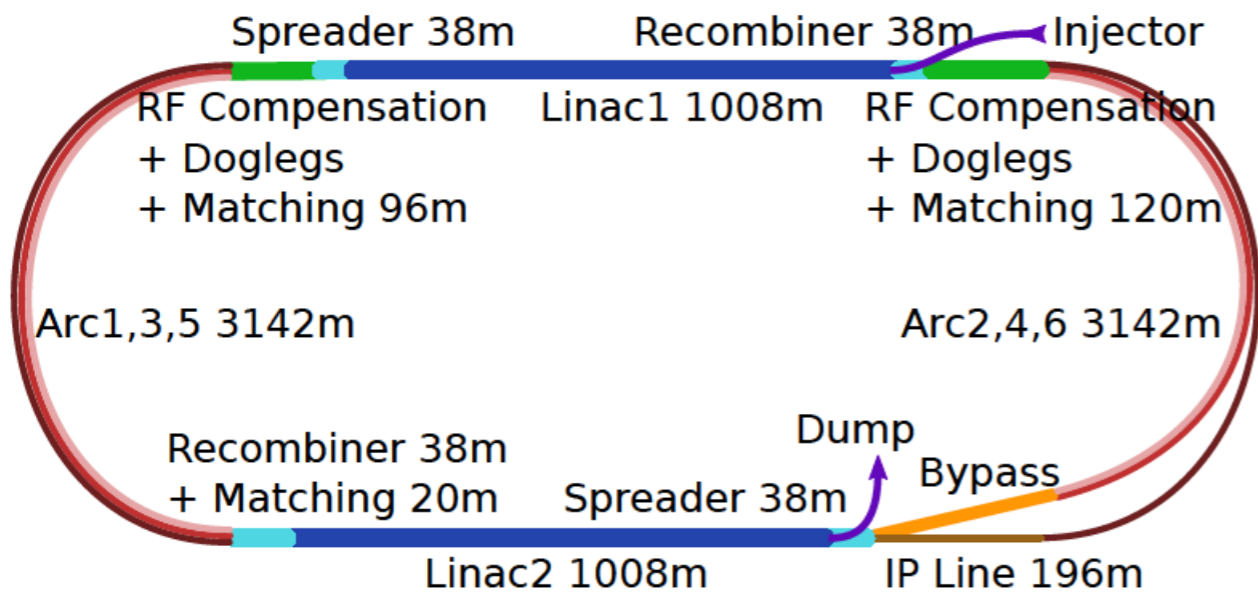
$$R^A \neq 1$$

Schematic picture

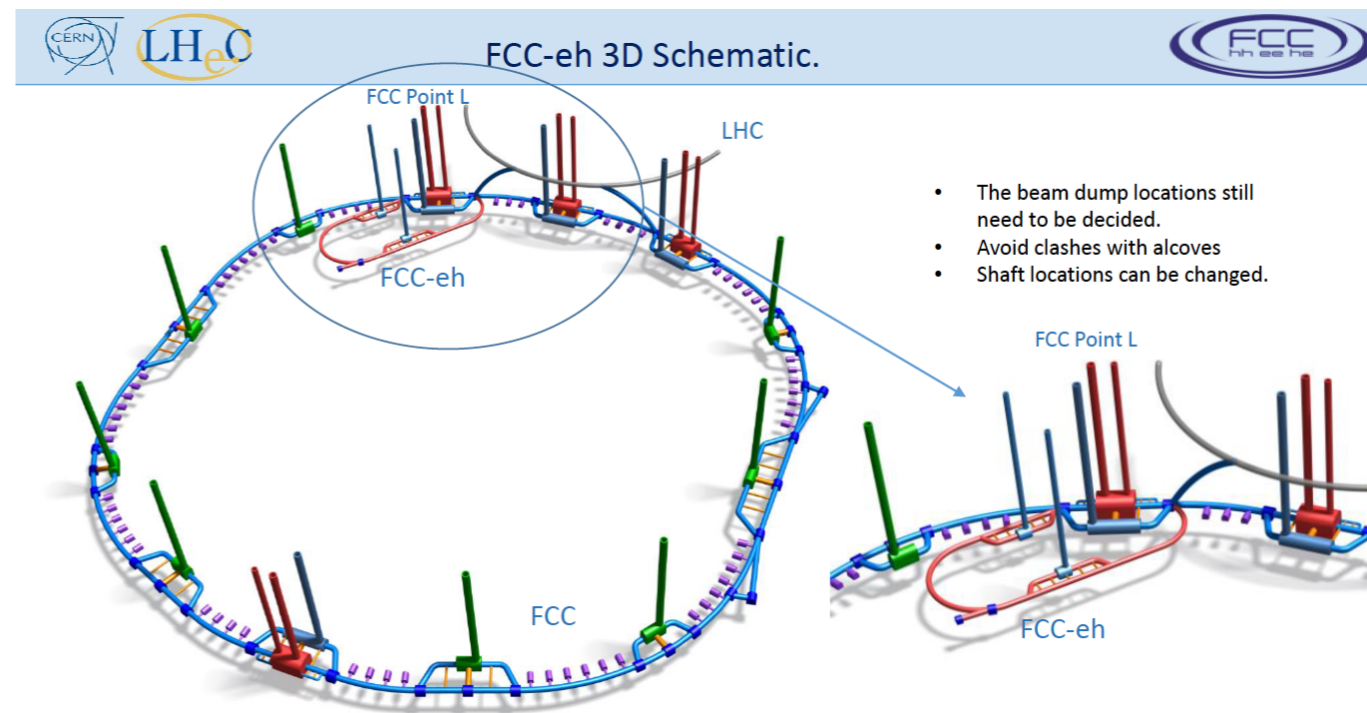
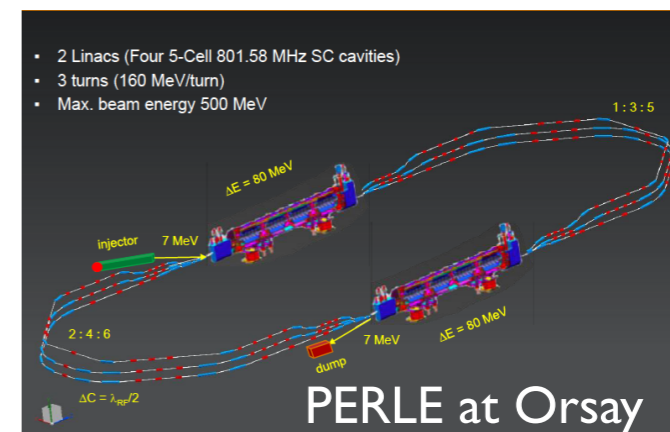


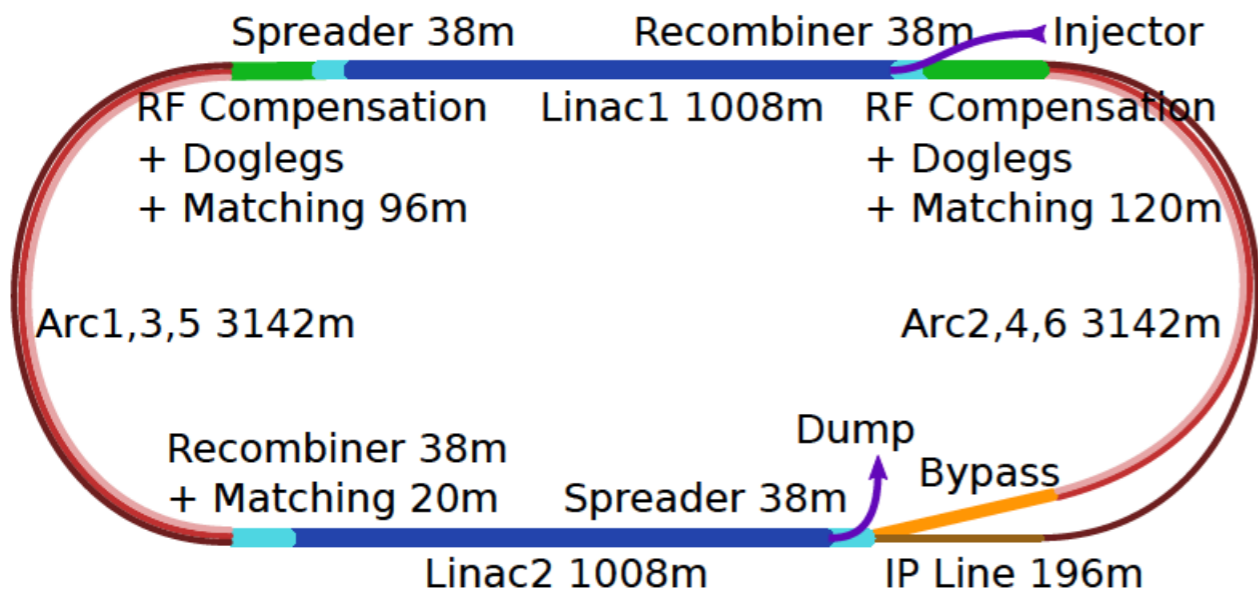
- Fermi motion  
 $x \geq 0.8$
- EMC region  
 $0.25 - 0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$
- Antishadowing region  
 $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.25 - 0.3$
- Shadowing region  
 $x \leq 0.1$





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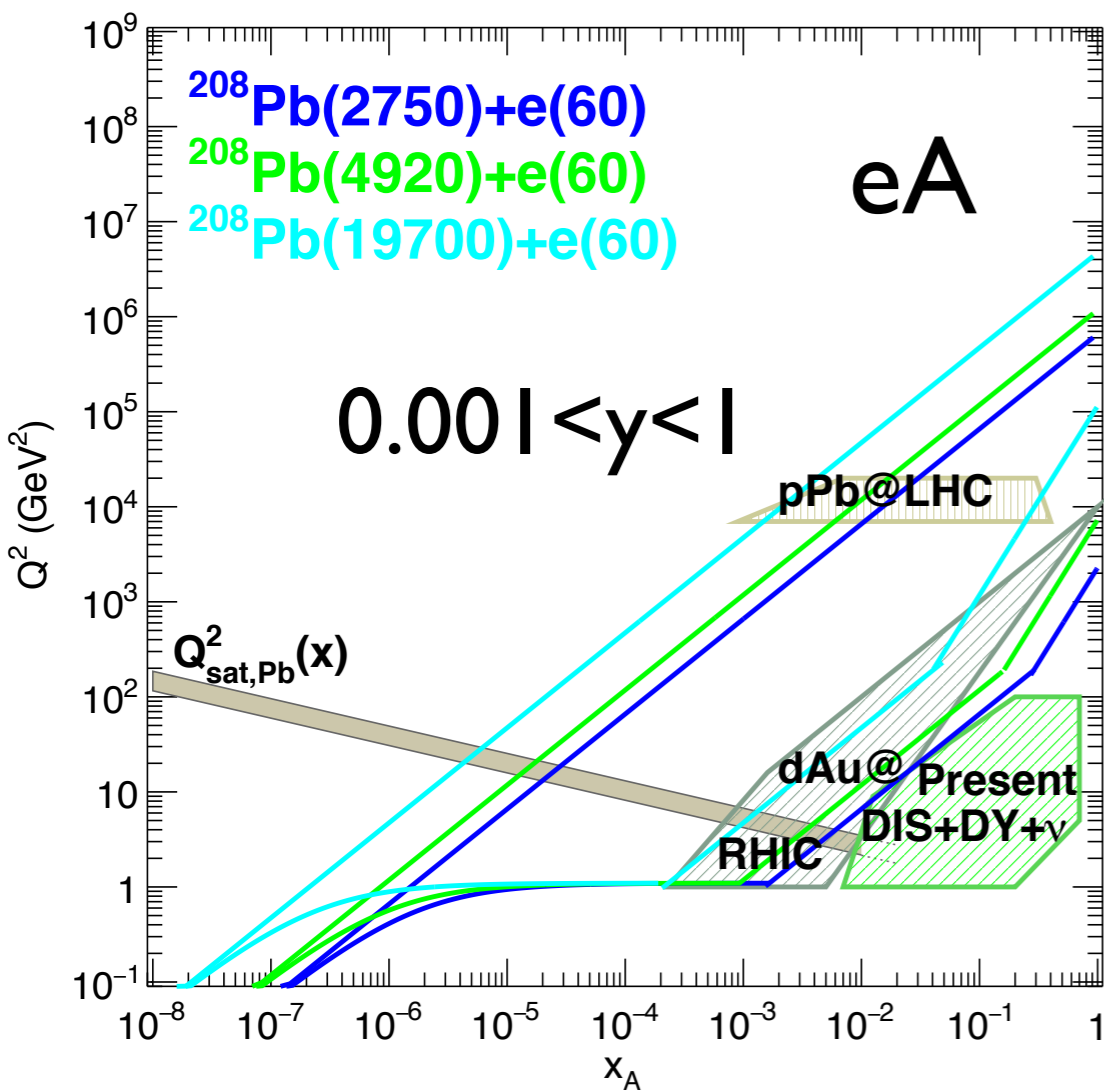


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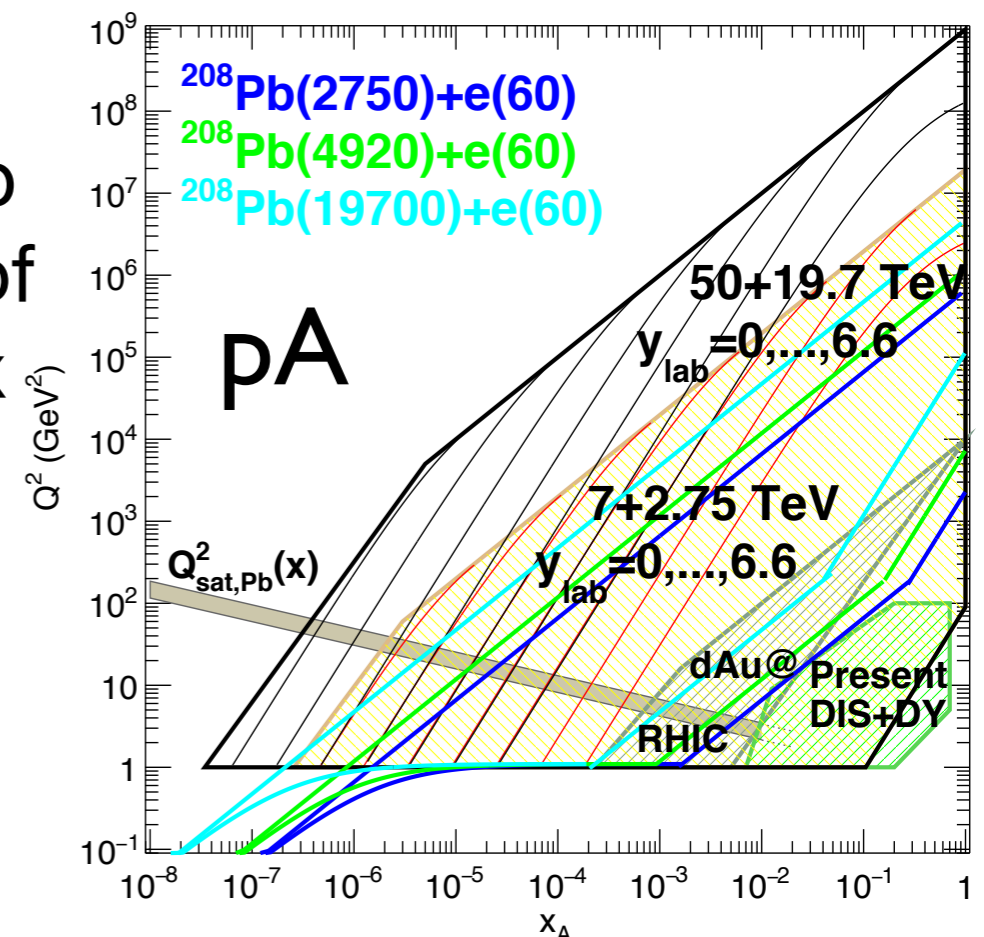
| parameter [unit]  | LHeC (HL-LHC) | eA at HE-LHC | FCC-he |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------|
| $E_{Pb}$ [PeV]  | 0.574         | 1.03         | 4.1    |
| $E_e$ [GeV] <small>CERN-ACC-2017-0019</small>             | 60            | 60           | 60     |
| $\sqrt{s_{eN}}$ electron-nucleon [TeV]                    | 0.8           | 1.1          | 2.2    |
| bunch spacing [ns]  | 50            | 50           | 100    |
| no. of bunches  | 1200          | 1200         | 2072   |
| ions per bunch [ $10^8$ ]                                 | 1.8           | 1.8          | 1.8    |
| $\gamma\epsilon_A$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]                      | 1.5           | 1.0          | 0.9    |
| electrons per bunch [ $10^9$ ]                            | 4.67          | 6.2          | 12.5   |
| electron current [mA]                                     | 15            | 20           | 20     |
| IP beta function $\beta_A^*$ [cm]                         | 7             | 10           | 15     |
| hourglass factor $H_{geom}$                               | 0.9           | 0.9          | 0.9    |
| pinch factor $H_{b-b}$                                    | 1.3           | 1.3          | 1.3    |
| bunch filling $H_{coll}$                                  | 0.8           | 0.8          | 0.8    |
| luminosity [ $10^{32}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]       | 7             | 18           | 54     |
| Integrated lumi. in 10 y. ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ) $\sim\sim$ | 6             | 15           | 45     |

- 100 times larger luminosity than HERA, full HERA integrated luminosity in less than a month.





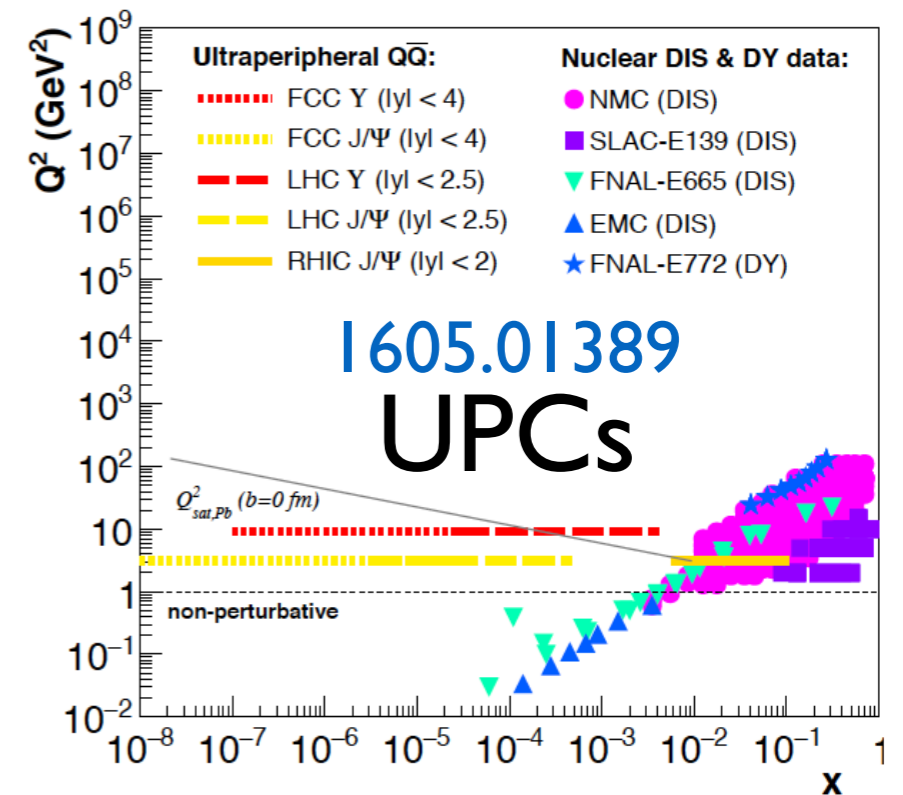
- Extension up to 4-5 orders of magnitude in  $x$  and  $Q^2$  wrt. existing DIS data,  $\sim 3$  wrt JLEIC/eRHIC.



- DIS offers:

→ A clean experimental environment: low multiplicity, no pileup, fully constrained kinematics;

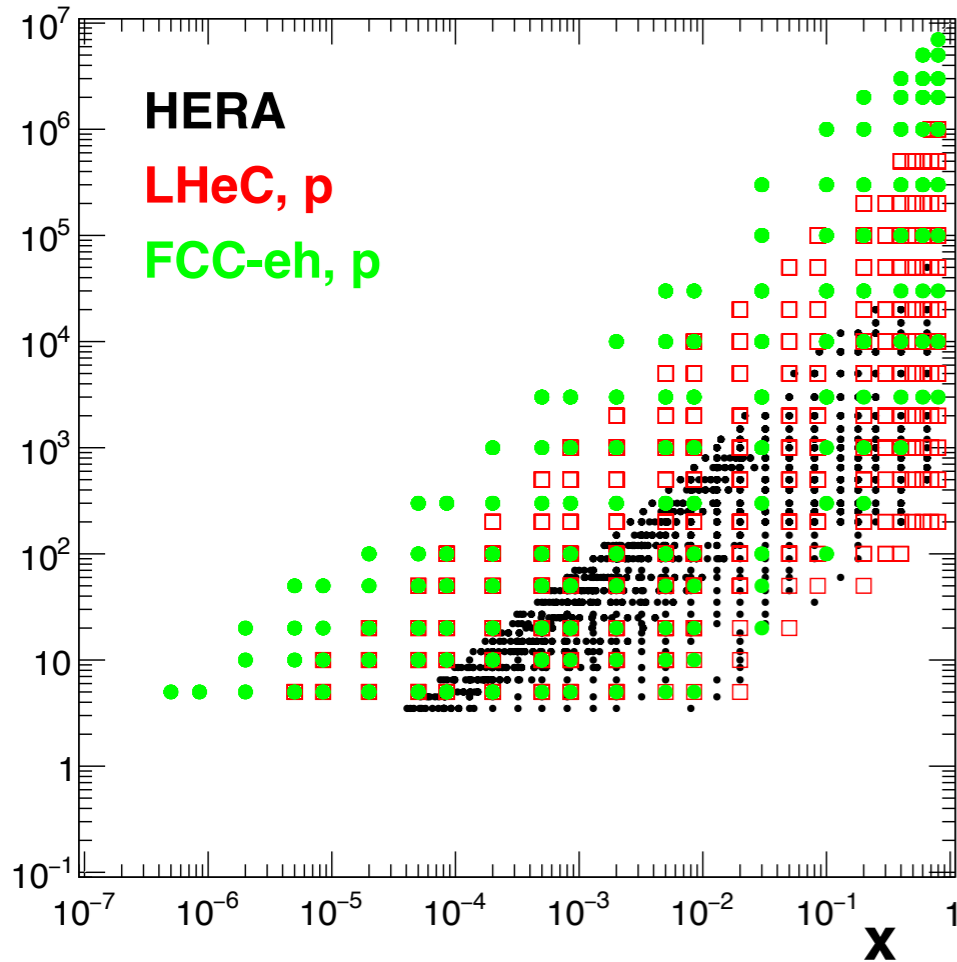
→ A more controlled theoretical setup: many first-principles calculations in collinear and non-collinear frameworks.



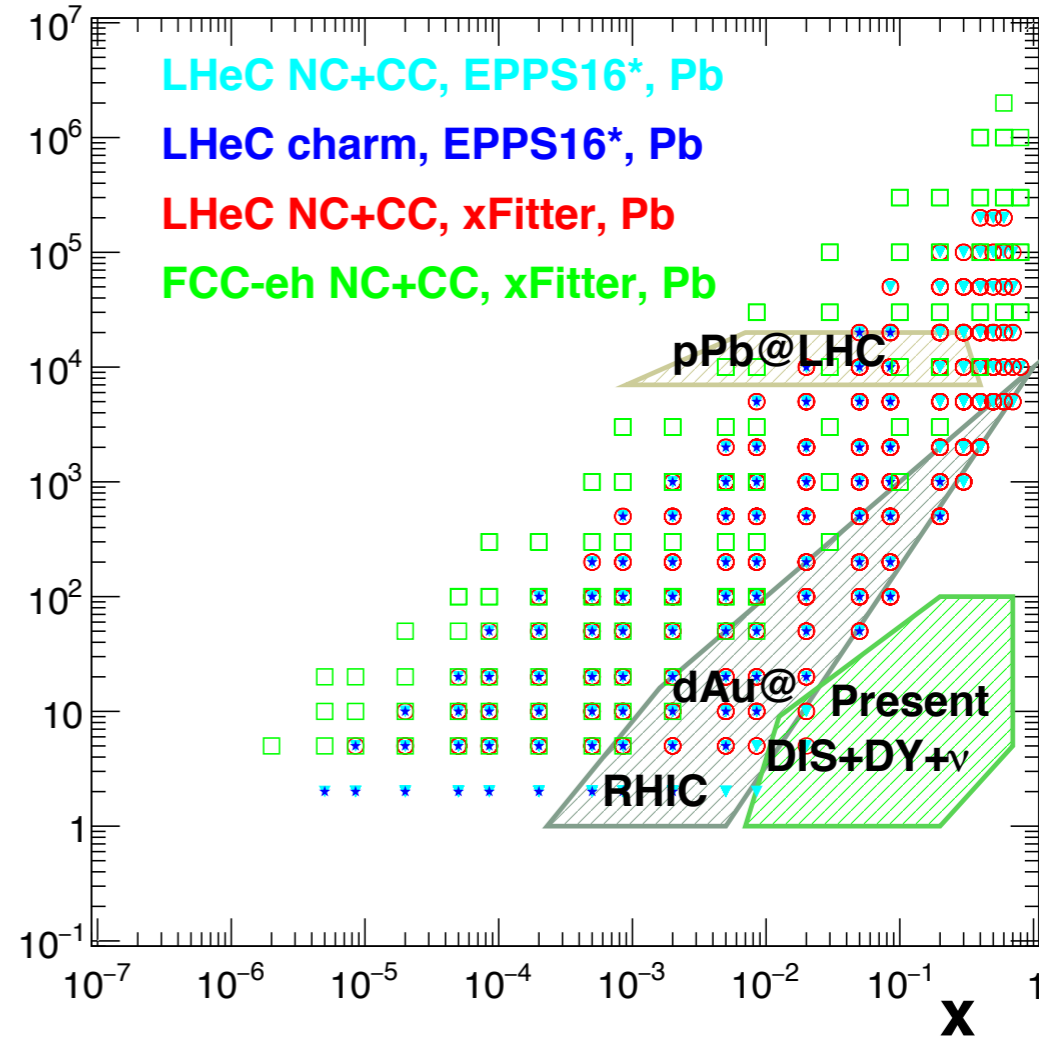
|   | $E_e$ (GeV)            | $E_h$ (TeV/nucleon) | Polarisation | Luminosity (fb <sup>-1</sup> ) | NC/CC | # data |
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| <b>ep@LHeC</b> , 1005 data points for $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV <sup>2</sup>   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 1 (p)               | 0            | 100                            | CC    | 93     |
|   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 1 (p)               | 0            | 100                            | NC    | 136    |
|   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 7 (p)               | -0.8         | 1000                           | CC    | 114    |
|   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 7 (p)               | 0.8          | 300                            | CC    | 113    |
|   | 60 (e <sup>+</sup> )   | 7 (p)               | 0            | 100                            | CC    | 109    |
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| <b>ePb@LHeC</b> , 484 data points for $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV <sup>2</sup>   | 20 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 2.75 (Pb)           | -0.8         | 0.03                           | CC    | 51     |
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|   | 26.9 (e <sup>-</sup> ) | 2.75 (Pb)           | -0.8         | 0.02                           | CC    | 55     |
|   | 26.9 (e <sup>-</sup> ) | 2.75 (Pb)           | -0.8         | 0.02                           | NC    | 98     |
|   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 2.75 (Pb)           | -0.8         | 1                              | CC    | 85     |
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| <b>ep@FCC-eh</b> , 619 data points for $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV <sup>2</sup>  | 20 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 7 (p)               | 0            | 100                            | CC    | 46     |
|   | 20 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 7 (p)               | 0            | 100                            | NC    | 89     |
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| <b>ePb@FCC-eh</b> , 150 data points for $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV <sup>2</sup> | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 20 (Pb)             | -0.8         | 10                             | CC    | 58     |
|   | 60 (e <sup>-</sup> )   | 20 (Pb)             | -0.8         | 10                             | NC    | 101    |



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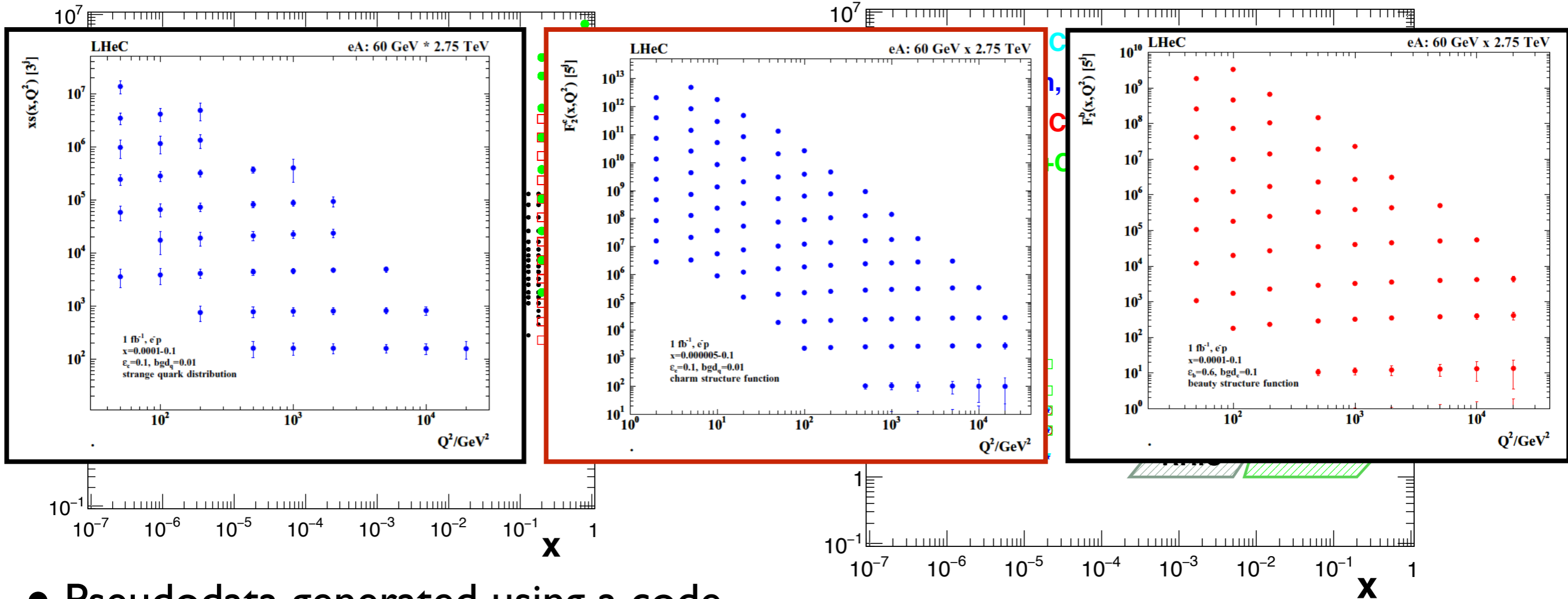


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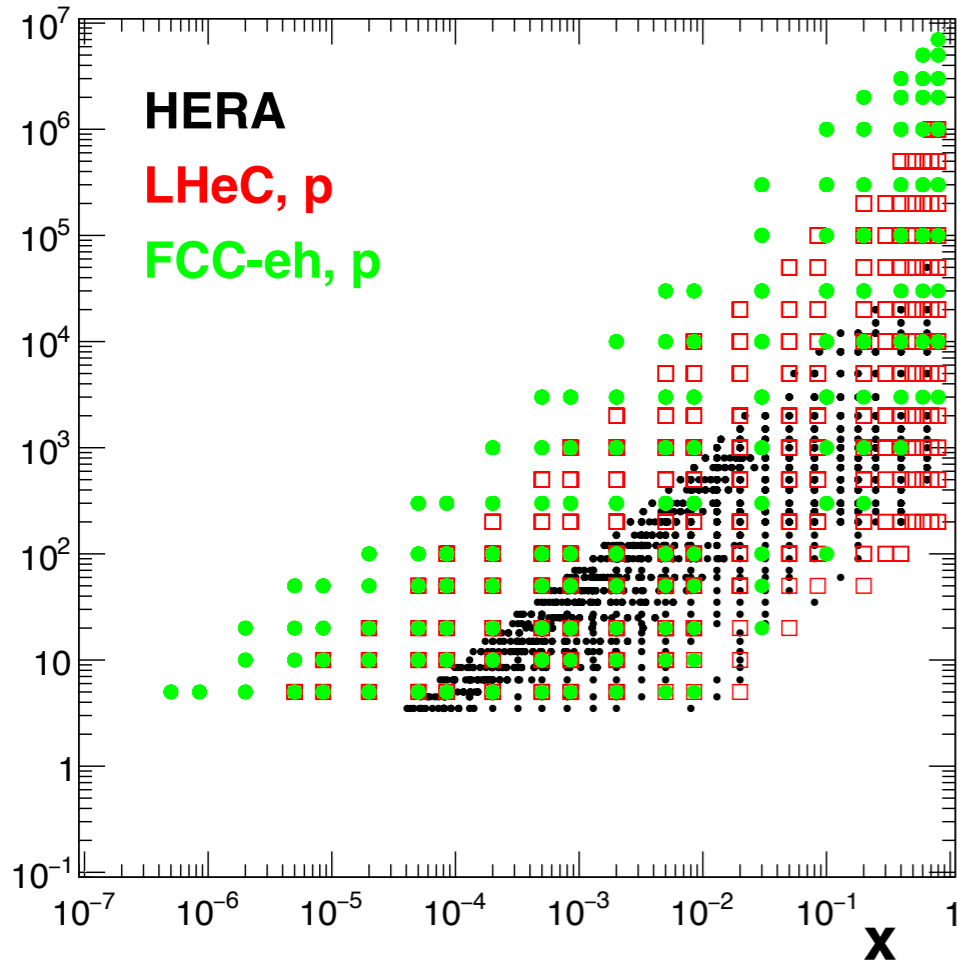
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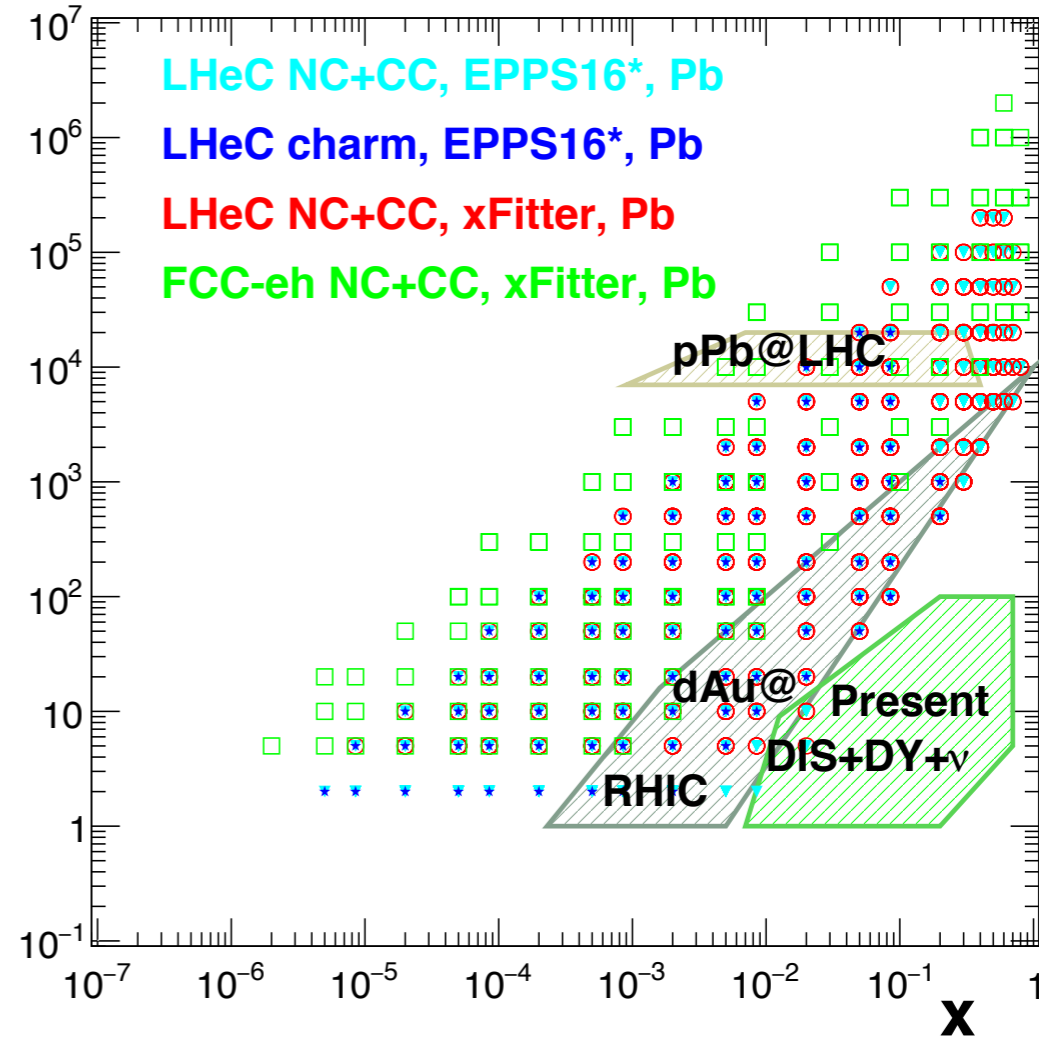
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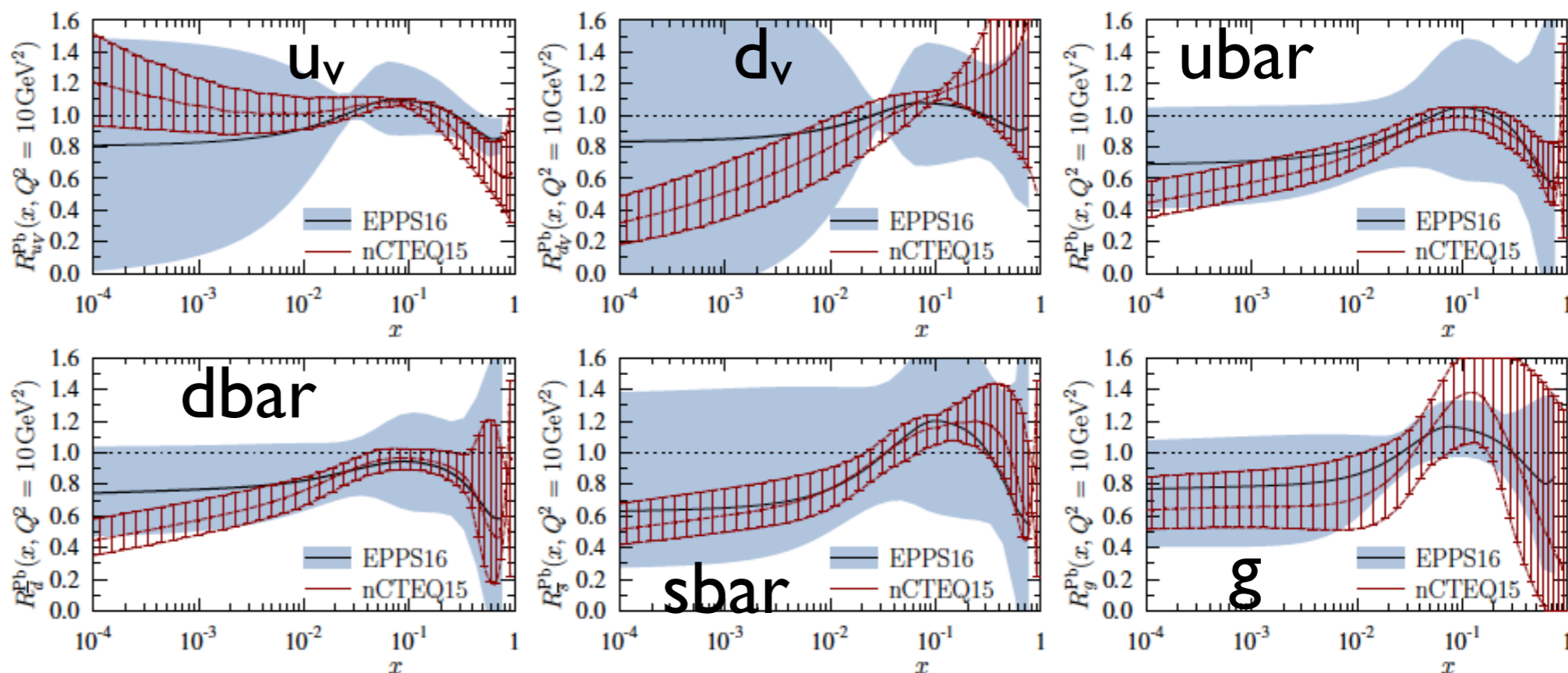
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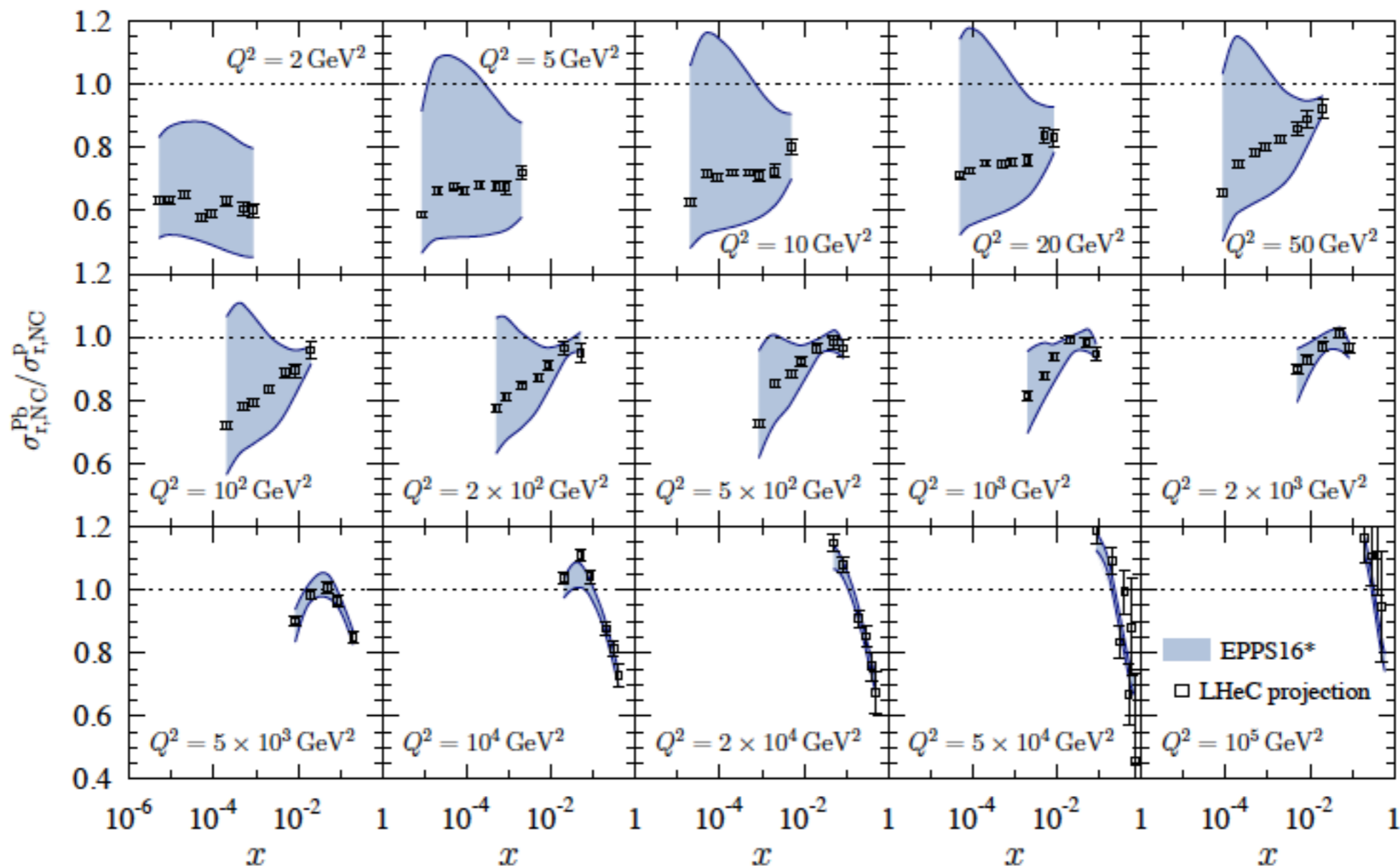
- nCTEQ15 vs. EPPS16: note the parametrisation bias.



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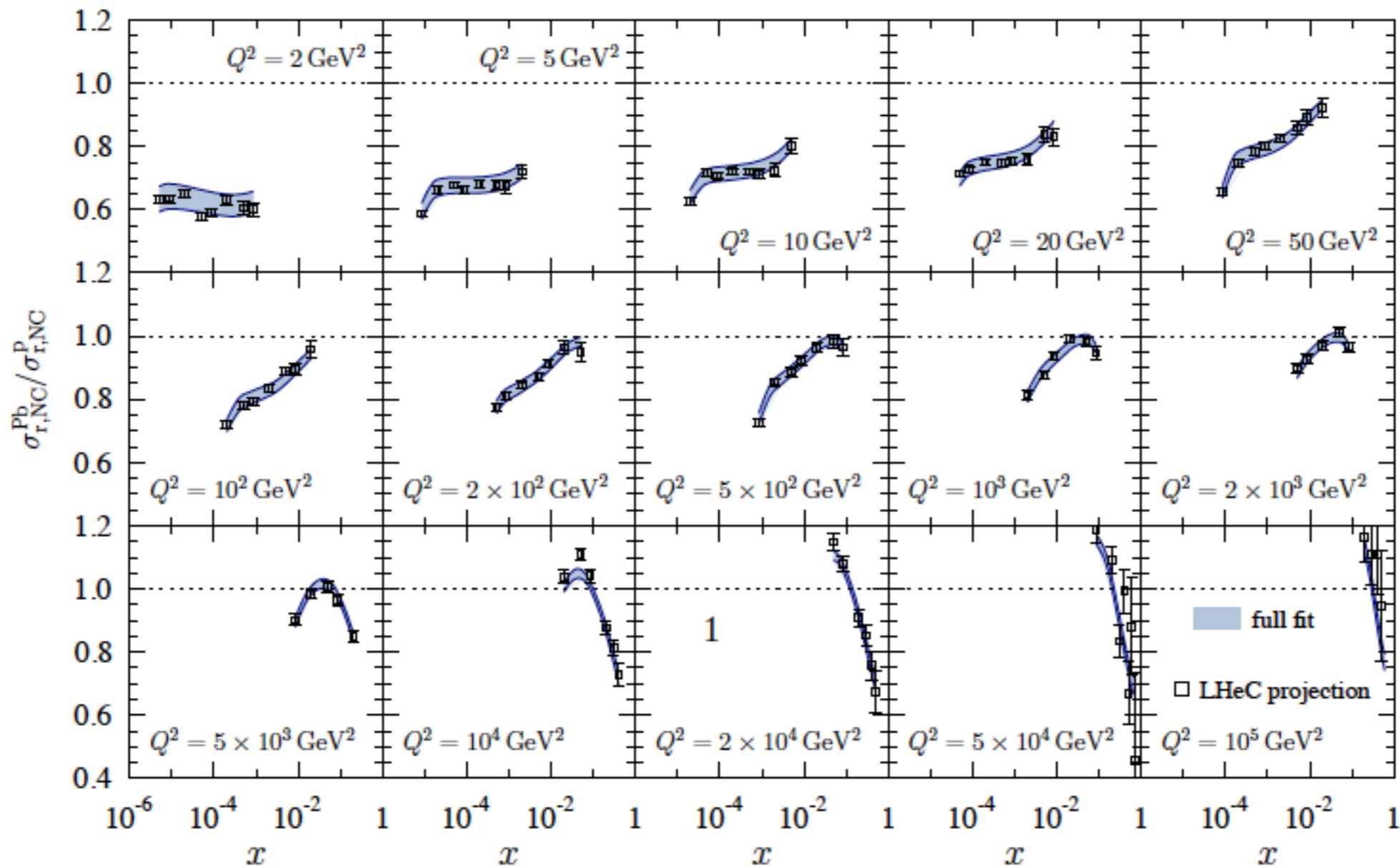
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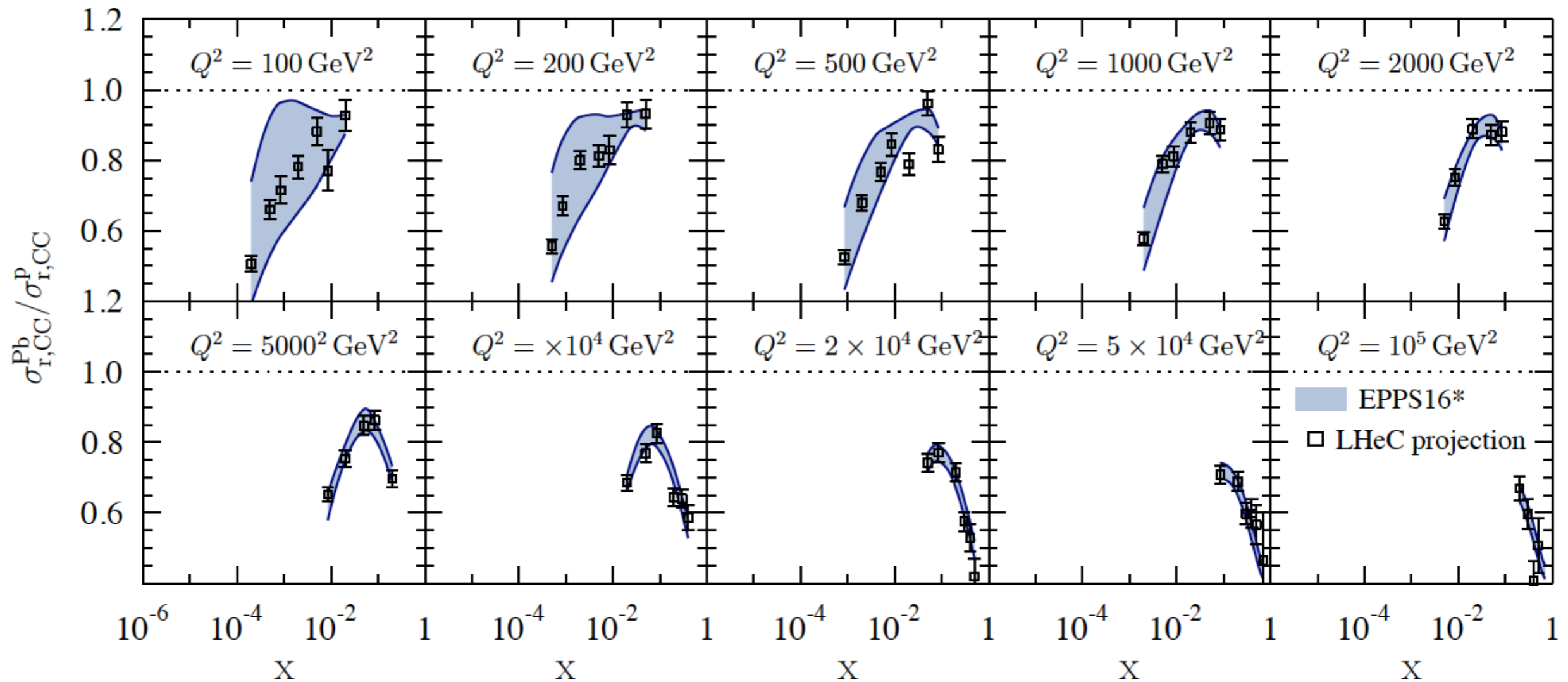




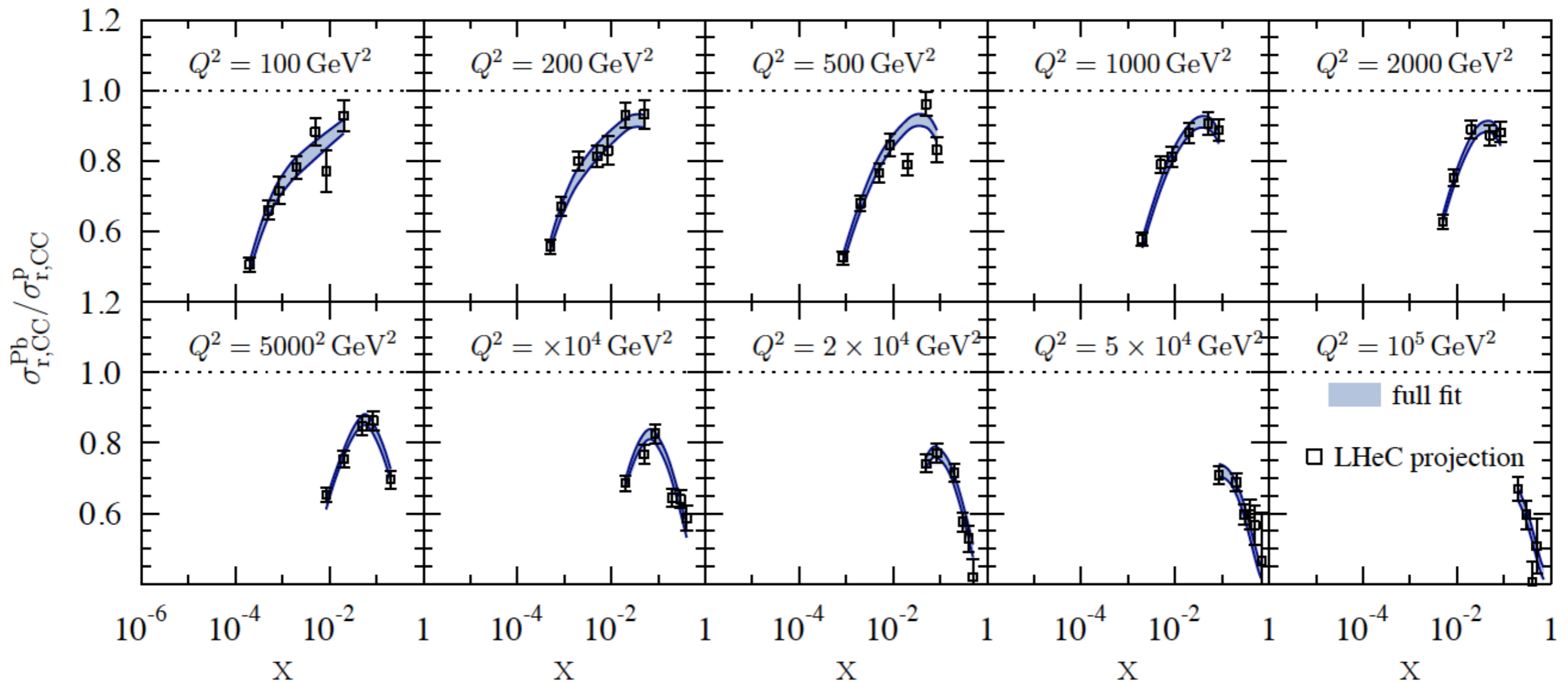
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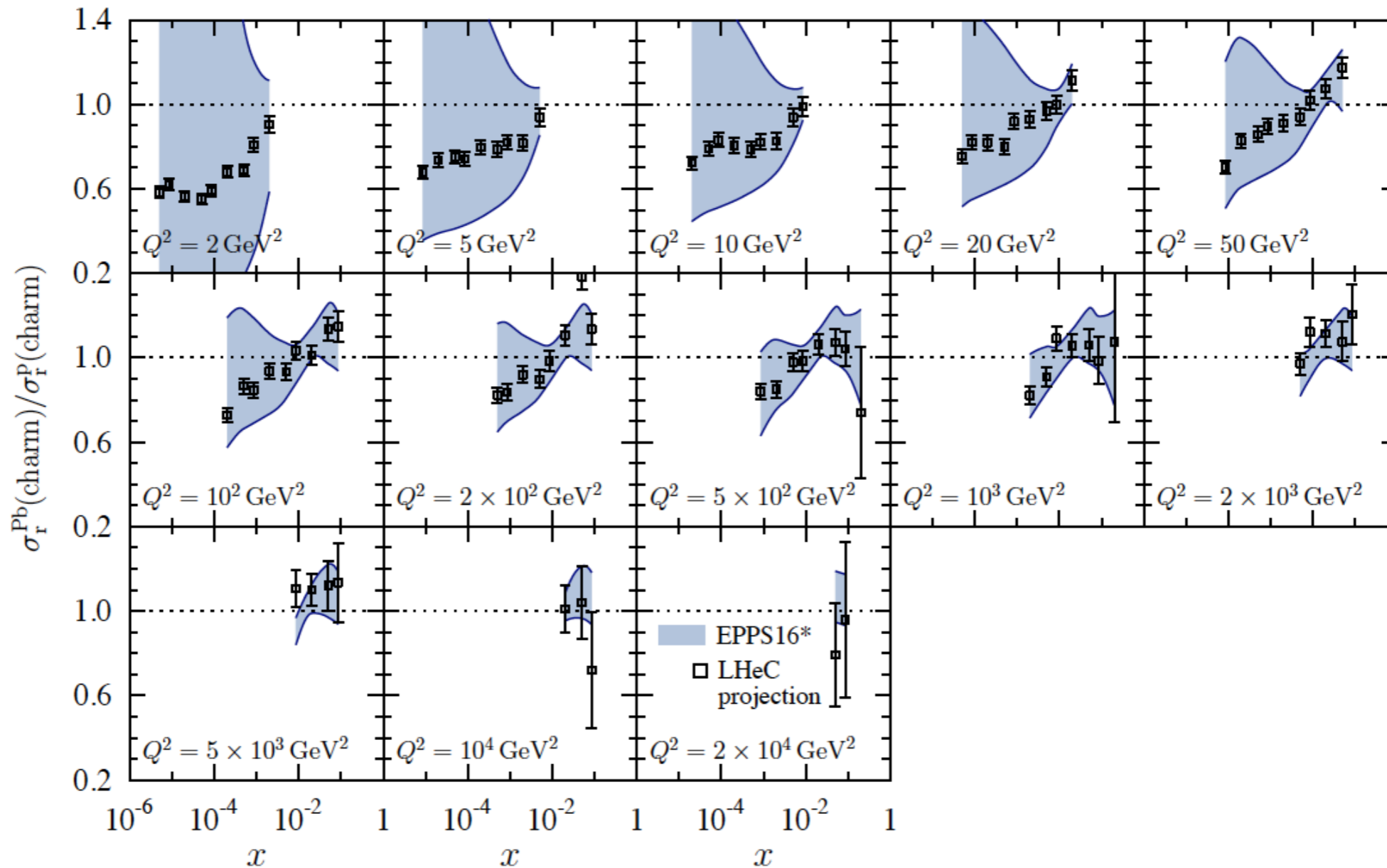


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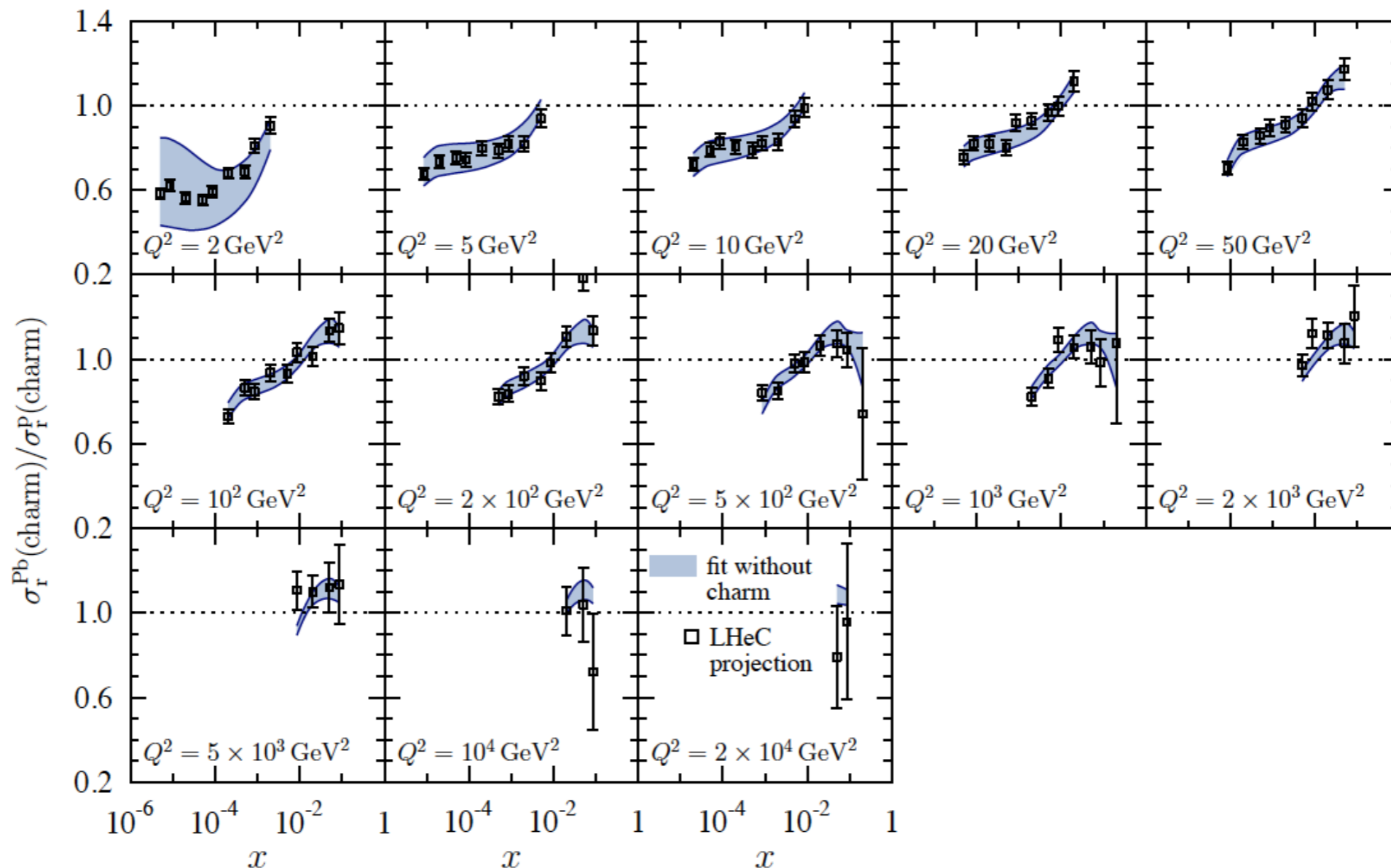




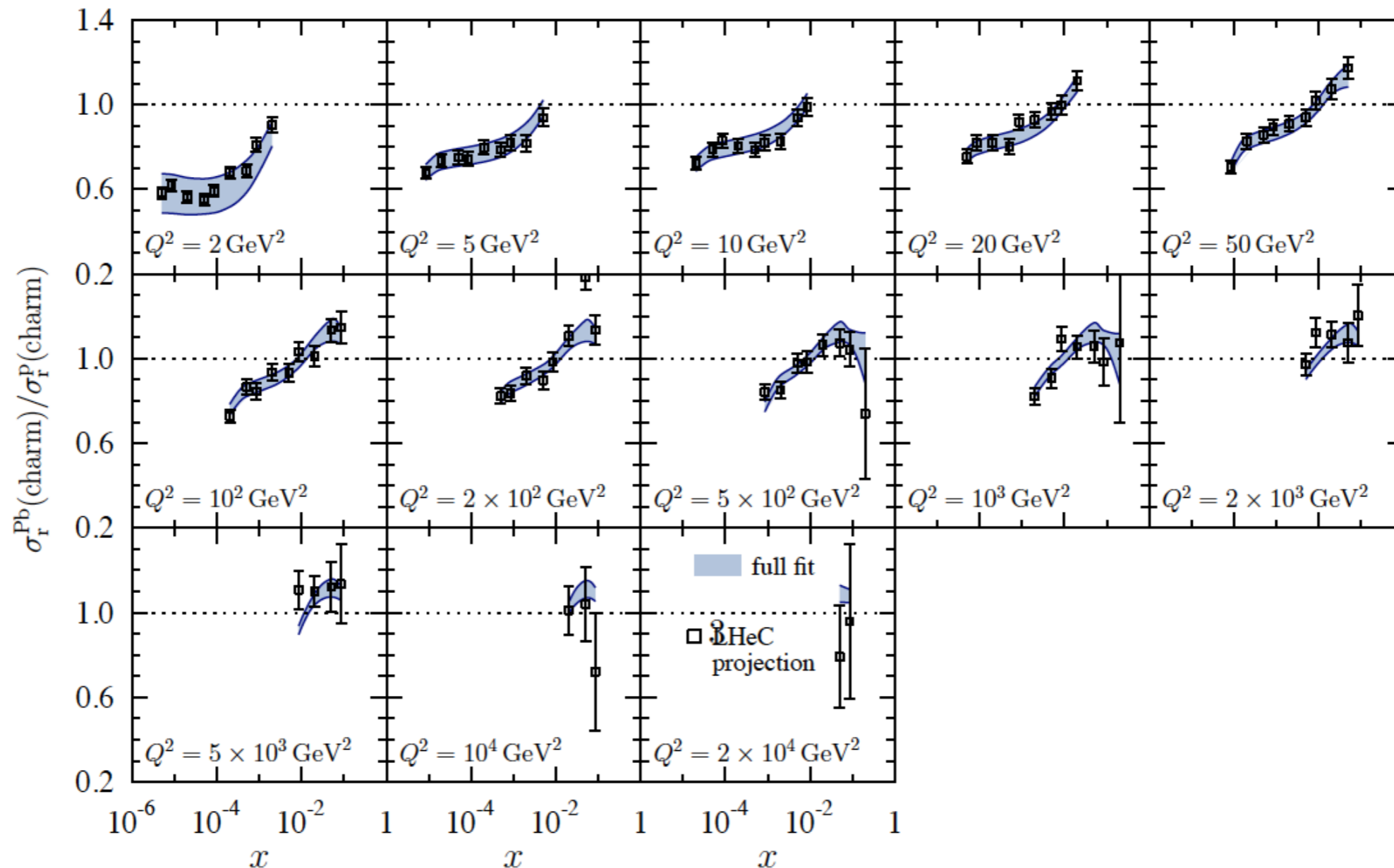
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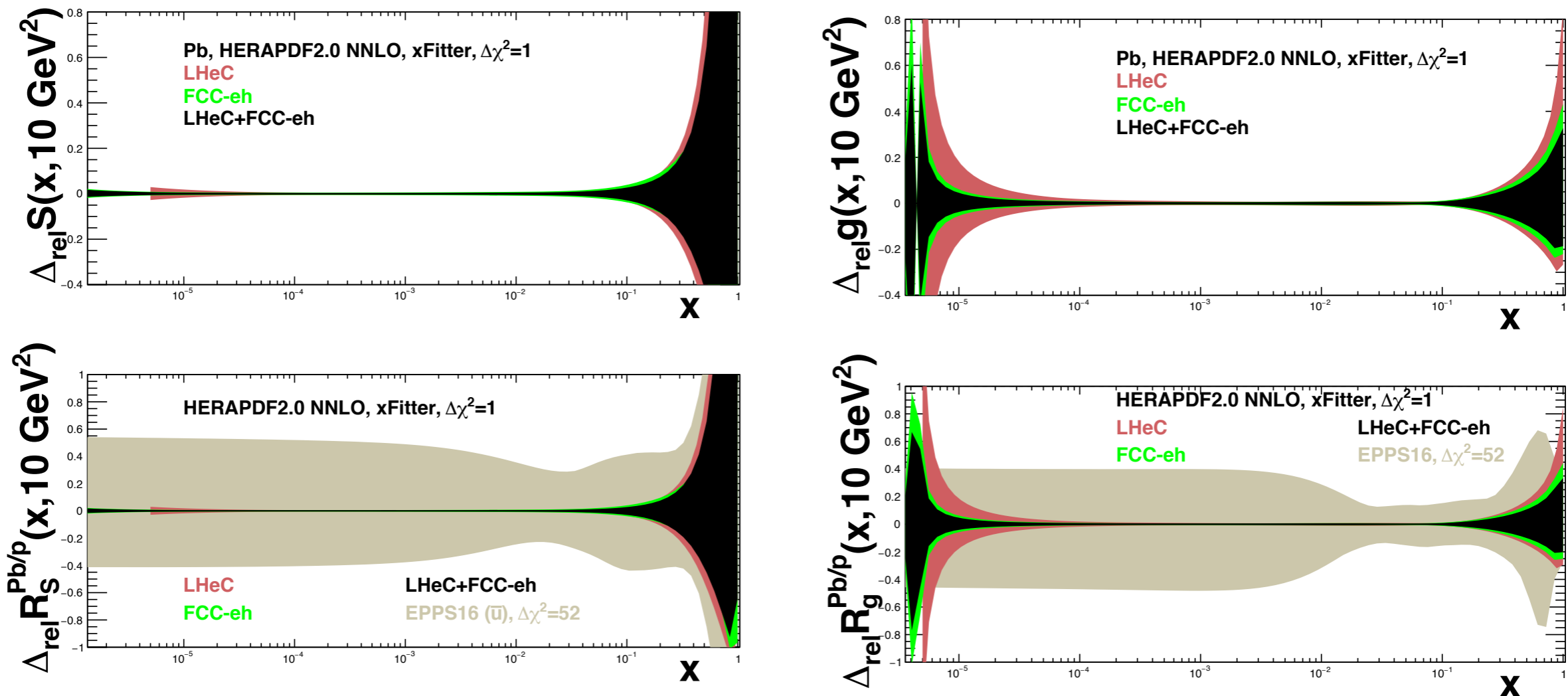
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Extraction of Pb PDFs by fitting NC+CC pseudodata using xFitter  
 Uncertainties coming only from experimental precision  
 No parametrisation or theory uncertainties  
 Only data with  $Q^2 \geq 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ , initial evolution scale  $1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ .



Large reduction of uncertainty at all x.

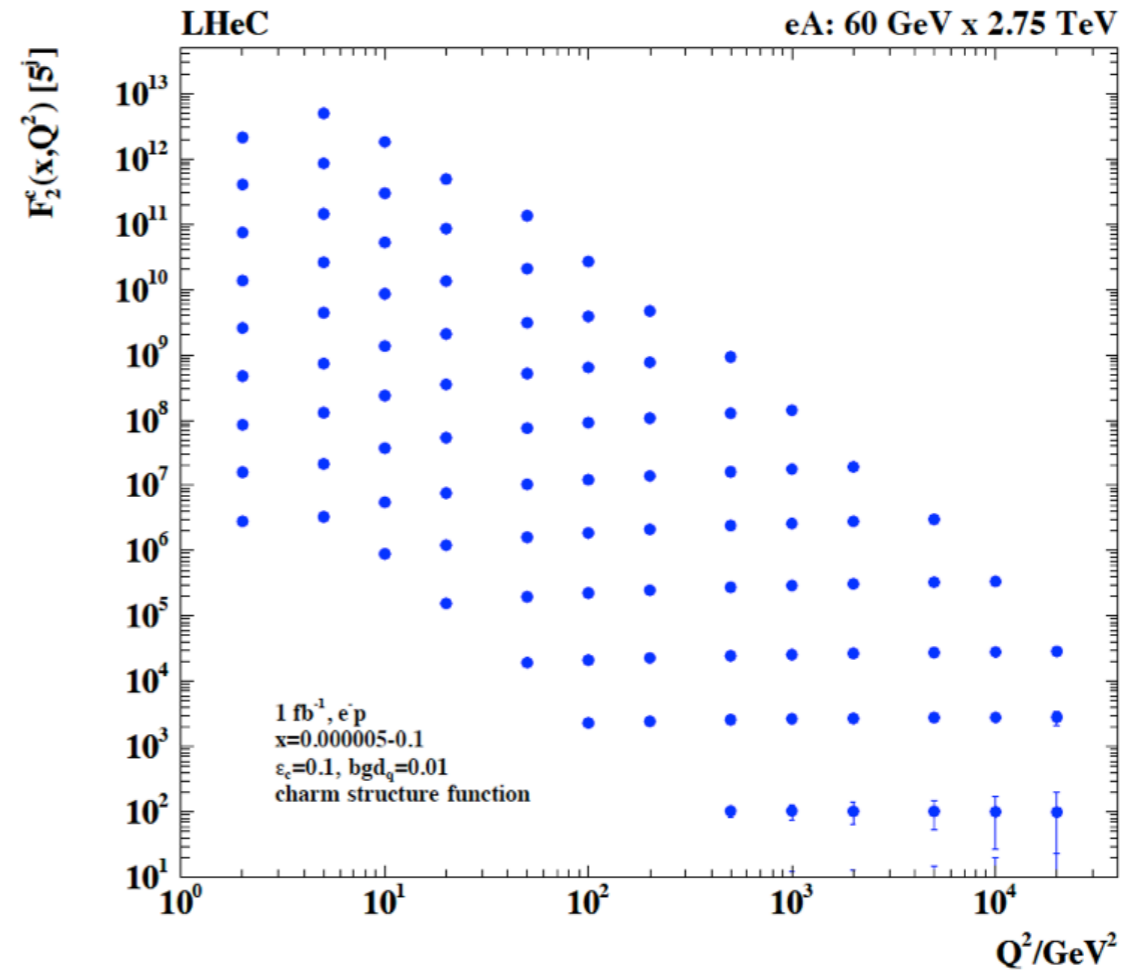
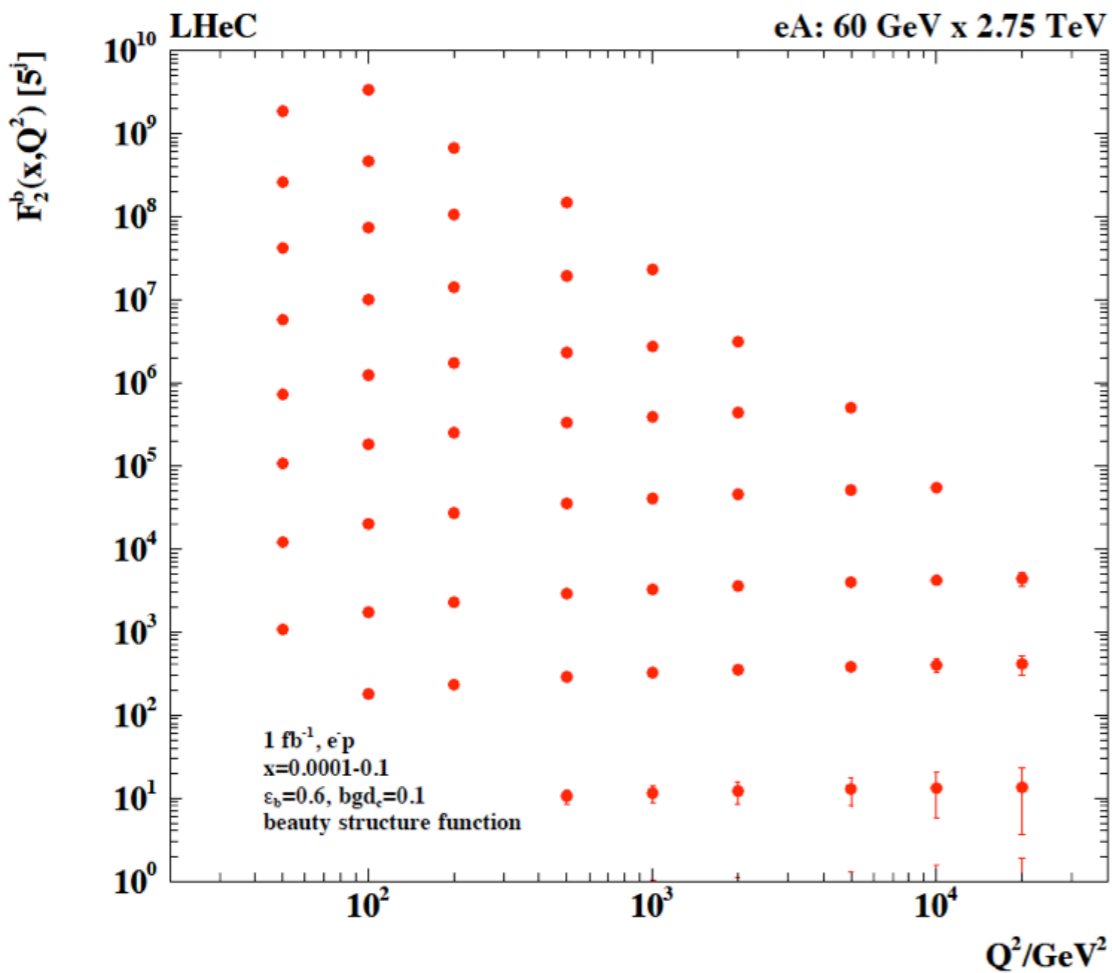
Possible further improvements : charm, beauty, CC with tagged charm for strange Distribution



# Heavy flavors: LHeC simulation

Heavy Flavour – Beauty in ePb - from NC

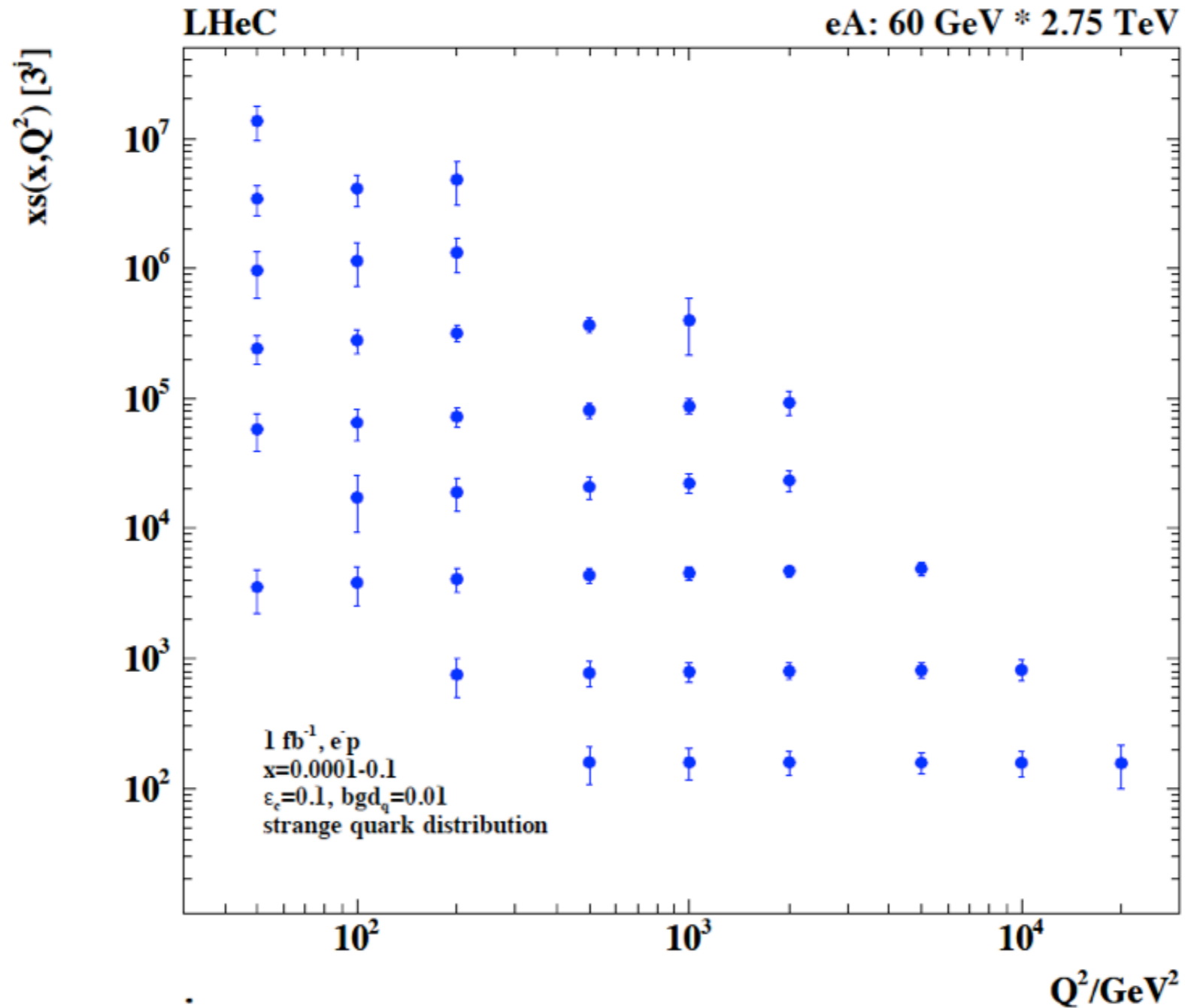
Heavy Flavour – Charm in eA - from NC



Possibility of precision measurements of heavy flavors in eA DIS at LHeC.

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## Heavy Flavour – Strange in ePb - from CC



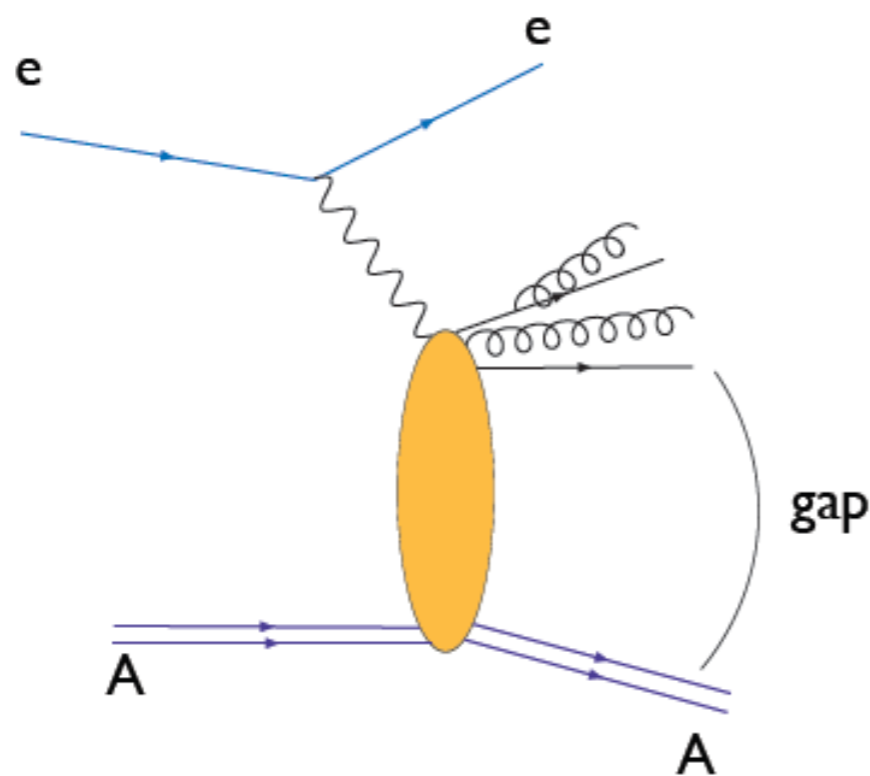
Max Klein nPDFs with LHeC 10.9.2015 POETIC a PARIS

Extraction of strange quark distribution in eA through CC interaction.

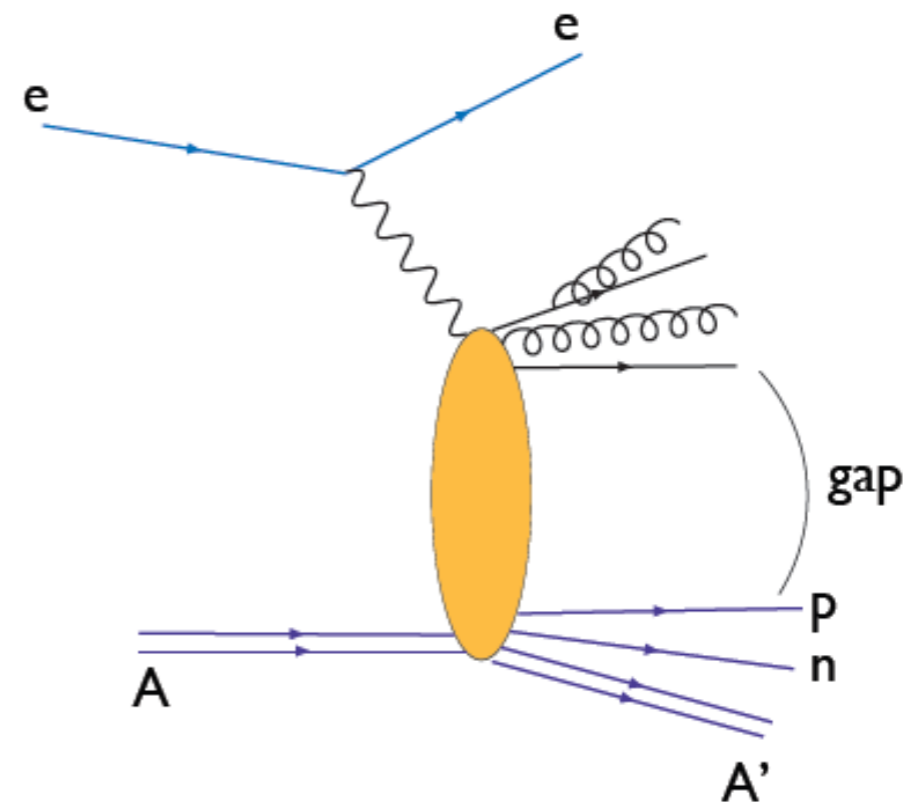
Diffraction: event in hadronic collisions characterized by the large rapidity gap, void of any activity

From theoretical perspective: requires exchange of colorless object in the t-channel

Diffraction on nuclei: possible coherent (nucleus stays intact) or incoherent (nucleus breaks but still rapidity gap present)

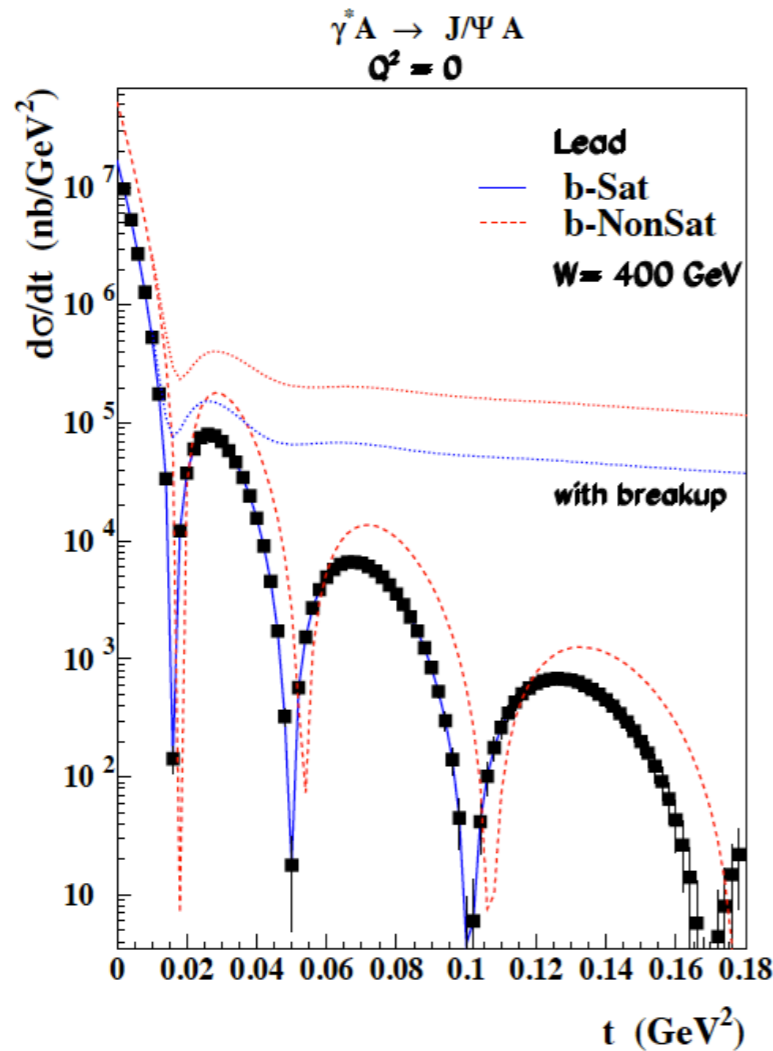


coherent

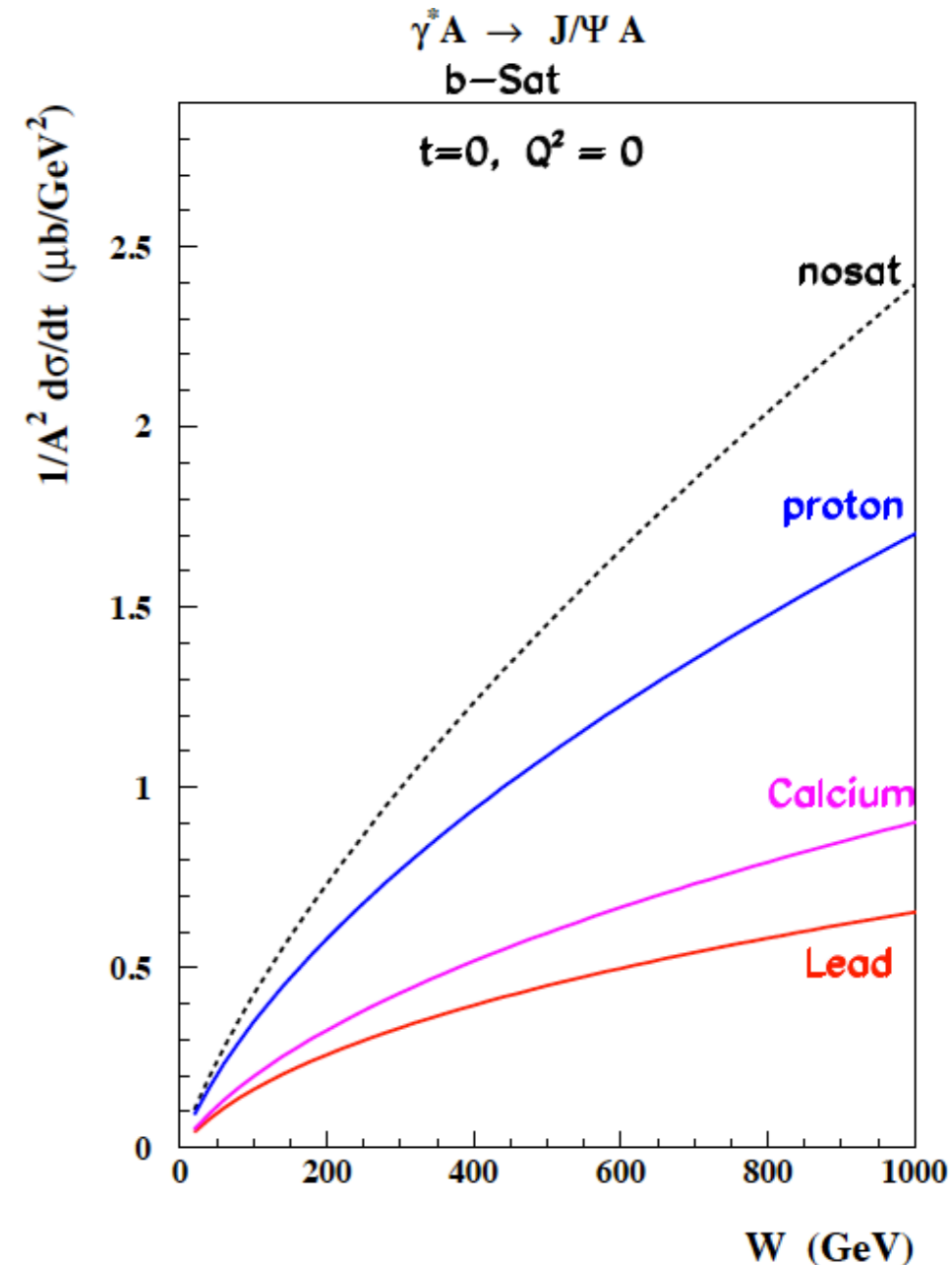


incoherent

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



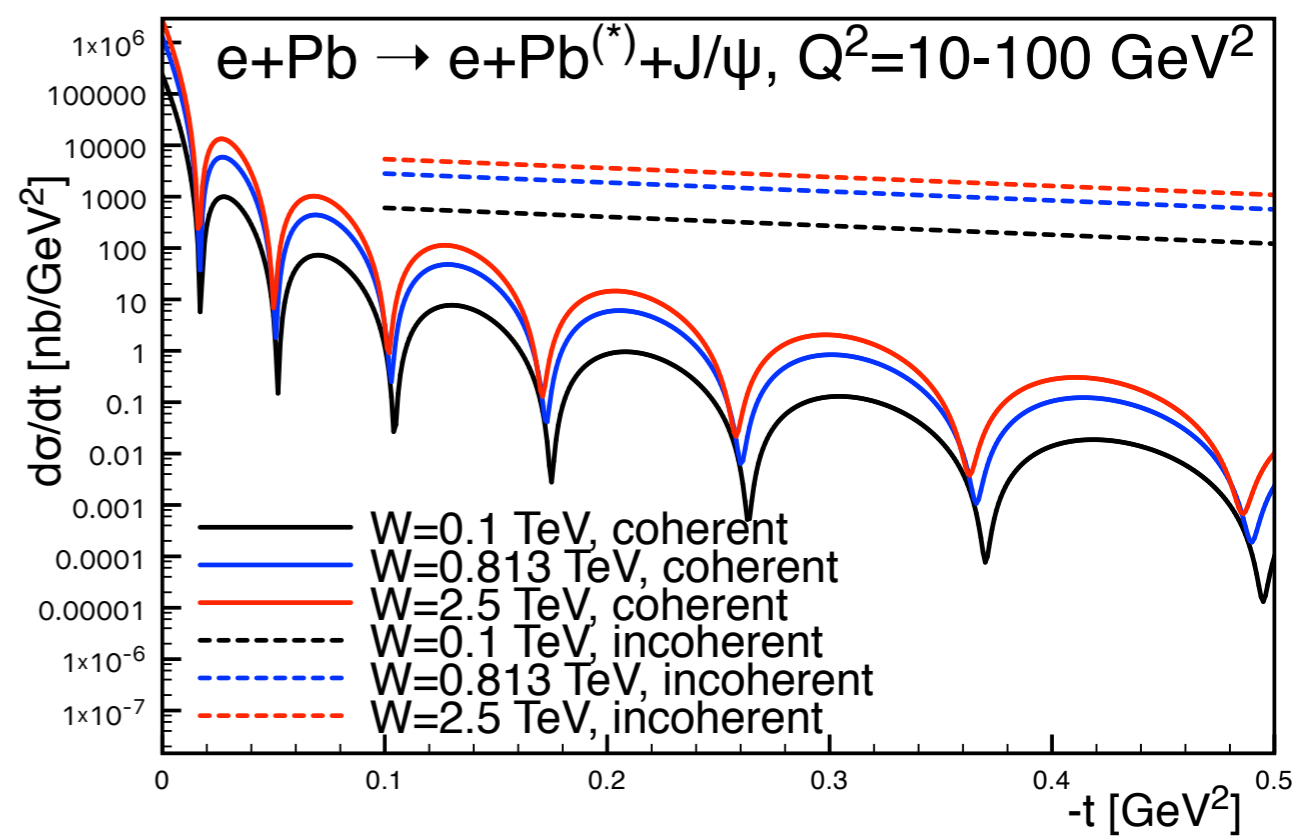
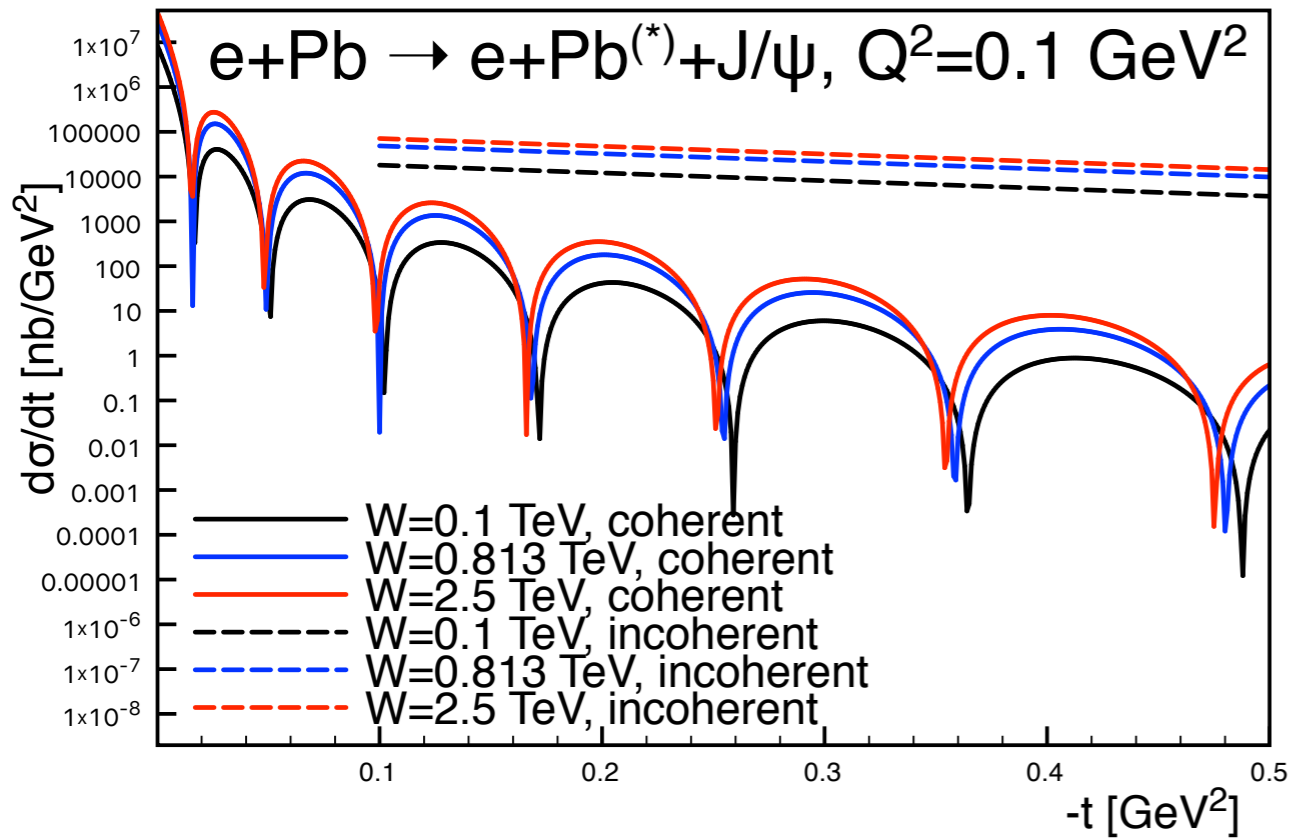
Energy dependence for different targets.



$t$ -dependence: characteristic dips.

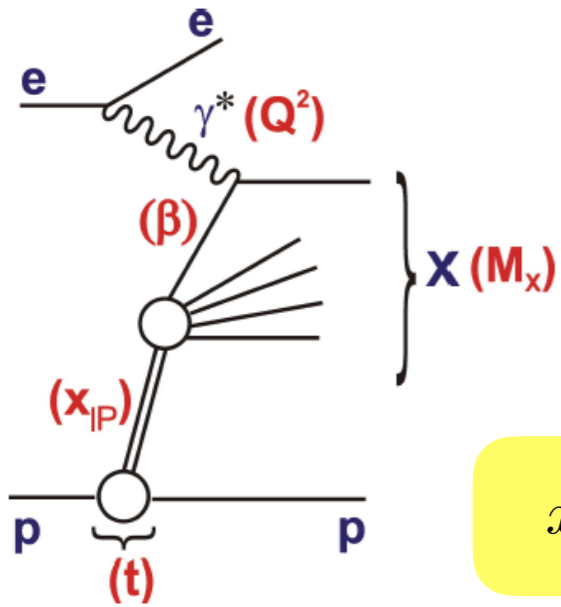
Challenges: need to distinguish between coherent and incoherent diffraction. Need dedicated instrumentation, zero degree calorimeter.





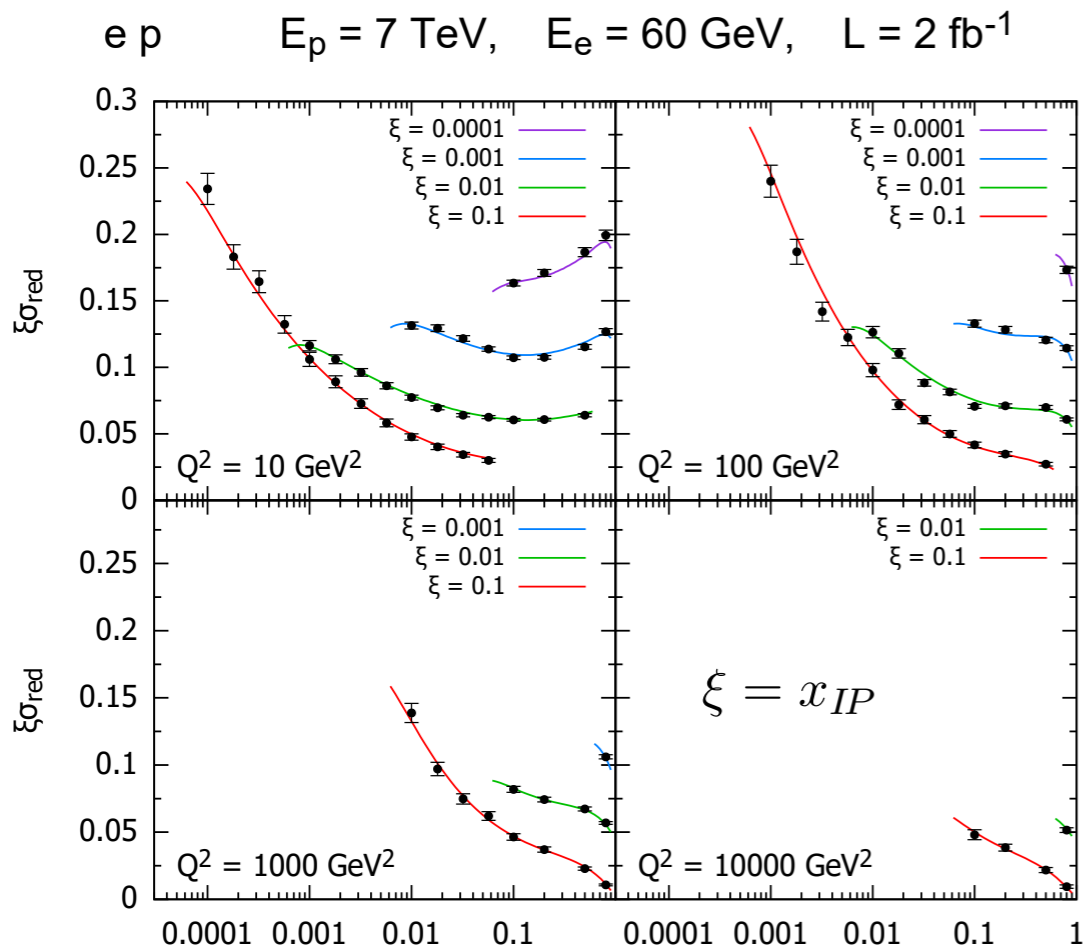
Mantysaari, I O I . 1988, IPsat

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.



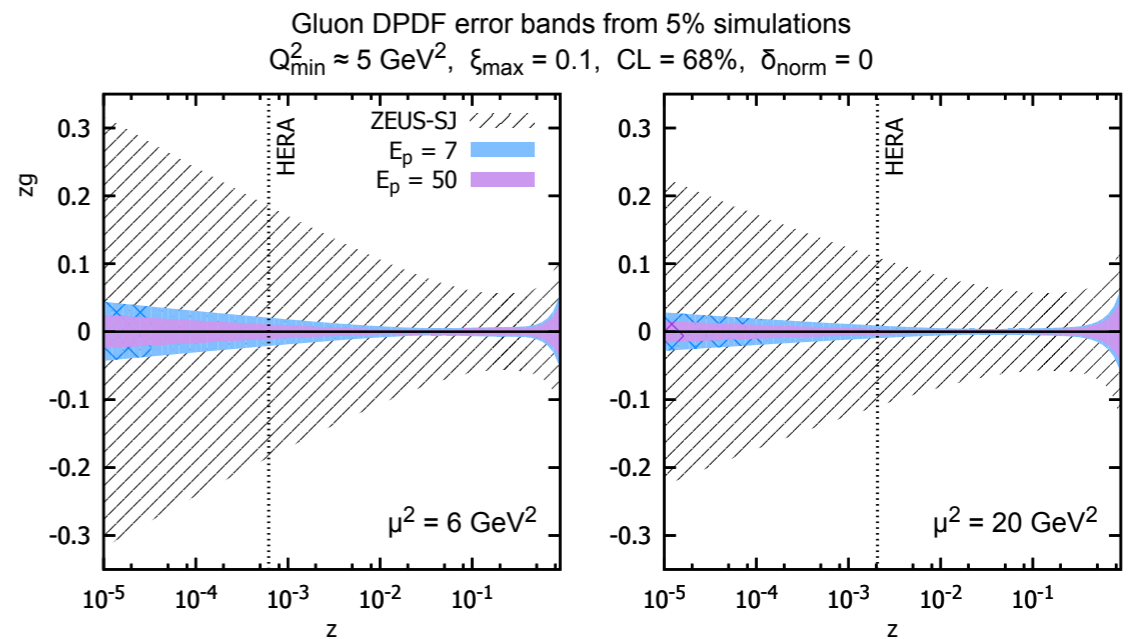
$$x_{Bj} = x_{IP} \beta$$

- Low  $x_{IP}$  → cleanly separate diffraction
- Low  $\beta$  → Novel low x effects
- High  $Q^2$  → Lever-arm for gluon, flavour decomposition
- Large  $M_x$  → Jets, heavy flavours, W/Z ...
- Large  $E_T$  → Precision QCD with jets ...



High quality  $\beta$  data for inclusive diffraction

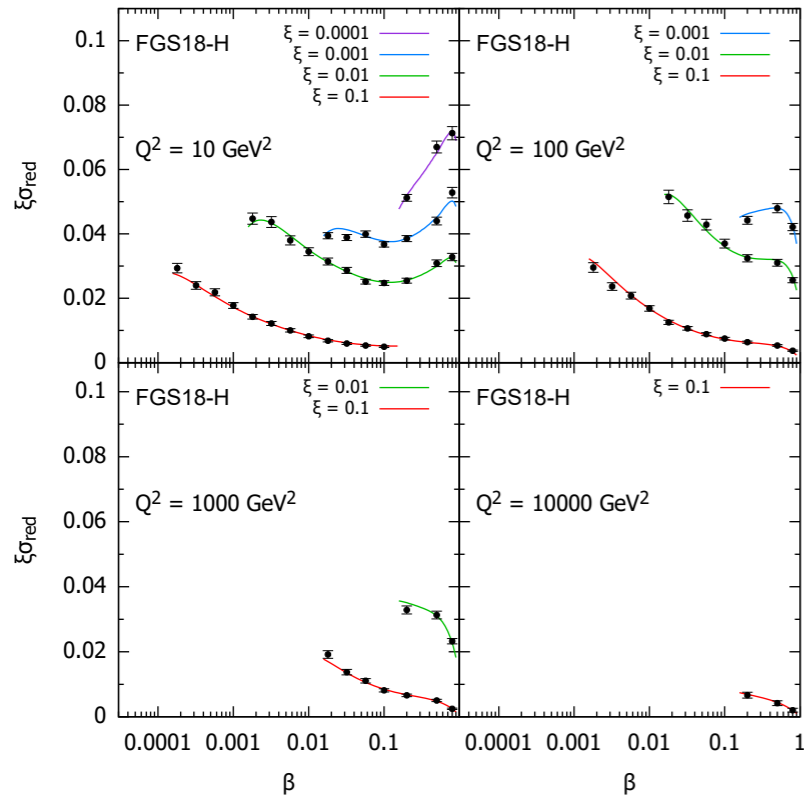
DPDFs uncertainty reduction by pseudodata of LHeC and FCC-eh



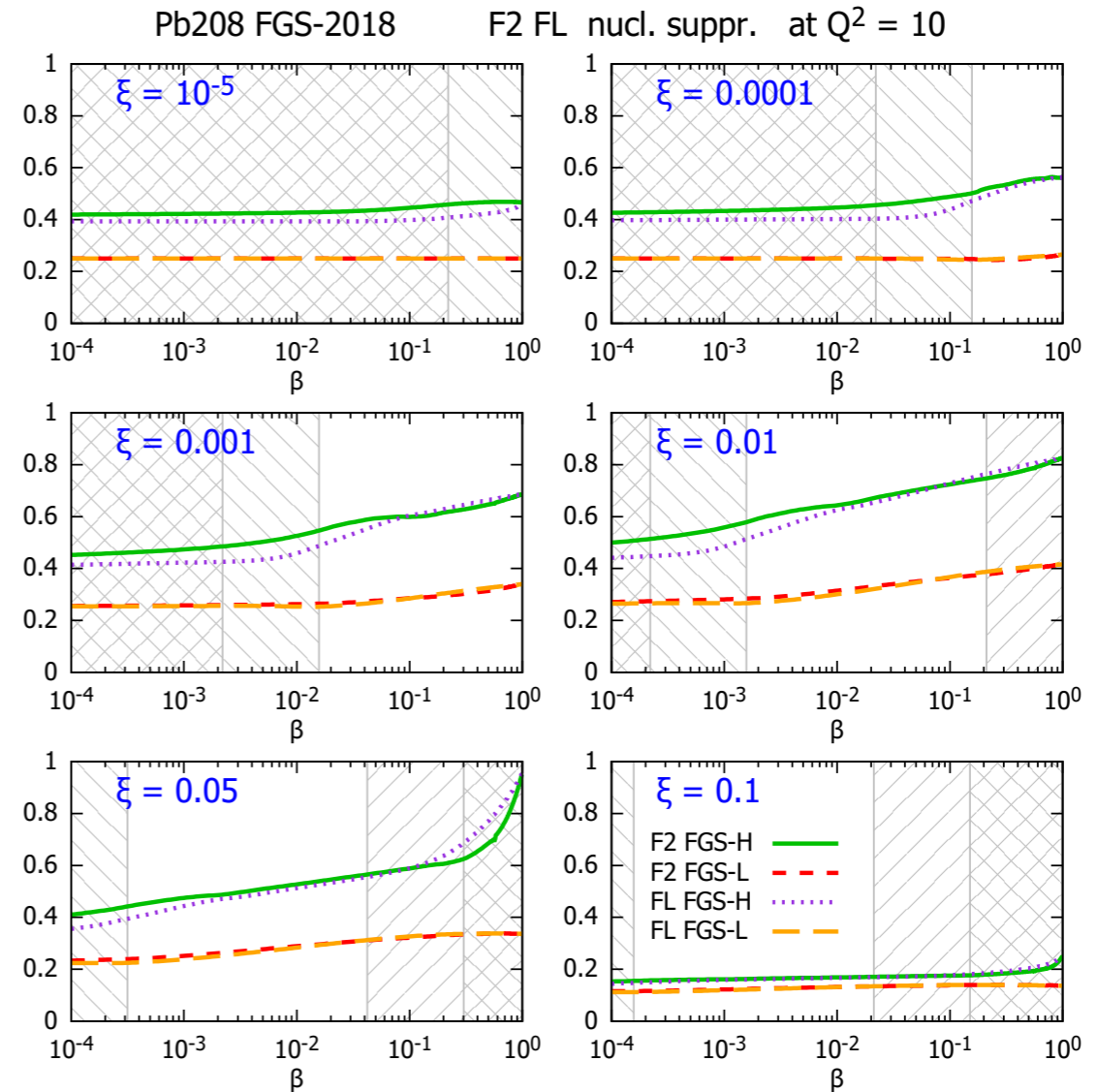
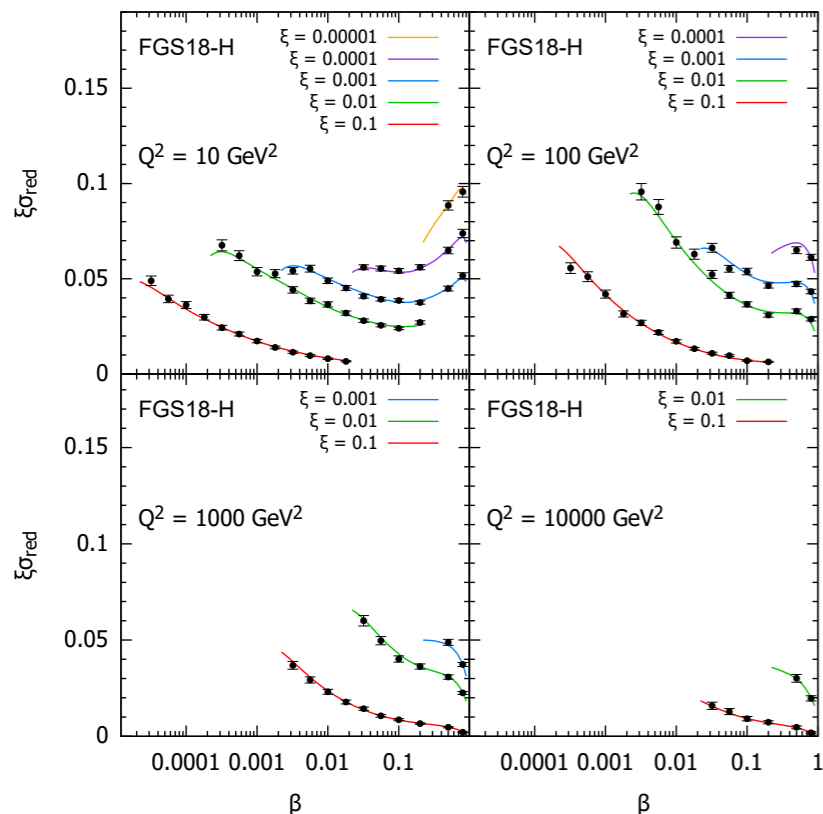
Precise extraction of diffractive PDFs  
 Tests of factorization in QCD

$\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Similar high quality data for diffraction in eA  
Possible extraction of diffractive nuclear PDFs for  
the first time!



e Pb  $E_{Pb}/A = 19.7 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Examples of nuclear ratios for structure functions  
In different scenarios for Frankfurt, Guzey,  
Strikman model.

- The LHeC and FCC-eh will explore a completely new region in  $(x, Q)$  for eA collisions. Enlarge the kinematic space by 4 orders of magnitude over what was previously measured in DIS.
- Precise determination of nuclear PDFs which cannot be matched at hadron colliders.
- Coupled with ep, would allow to test the saturation at low  $x$  and with different  $A$  dependence.
- Precise measurements of heavy flavors in eA.
- Exclusive VM diffractive production would allow to explore the nuclear structure in impact parameter.
- New possibilities for the inclusive diffraction: extraction of nuclear diffractive parton densities. Checks of QCD factorization and relation between diffraction in ep and shadowing in eA.
- Other processes studied: azimuthal decorrelations, radiation and hadronization.