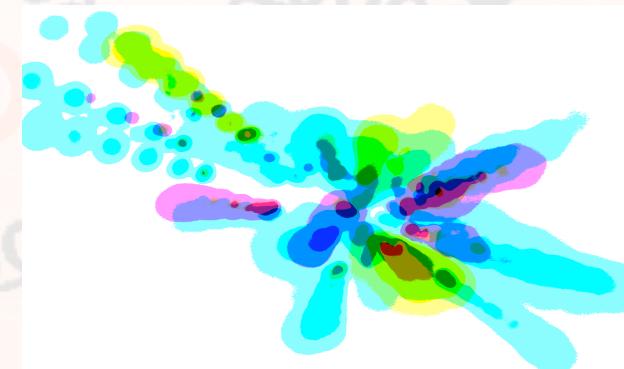


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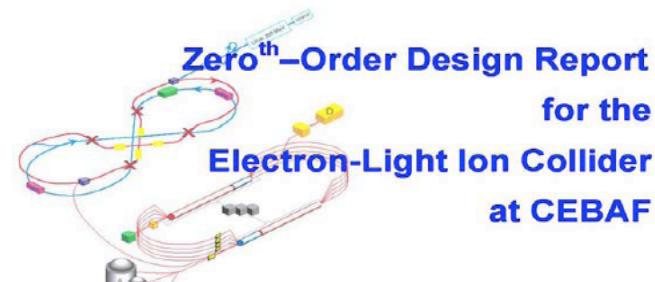
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This goal requires that **R&D resources be allocated for expeditious development of collider and detector design**

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EIC - Accelerator Design



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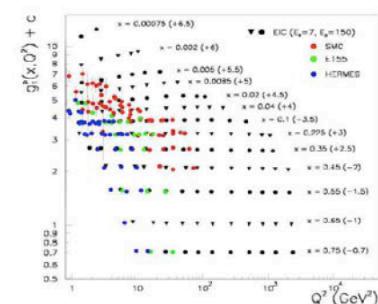
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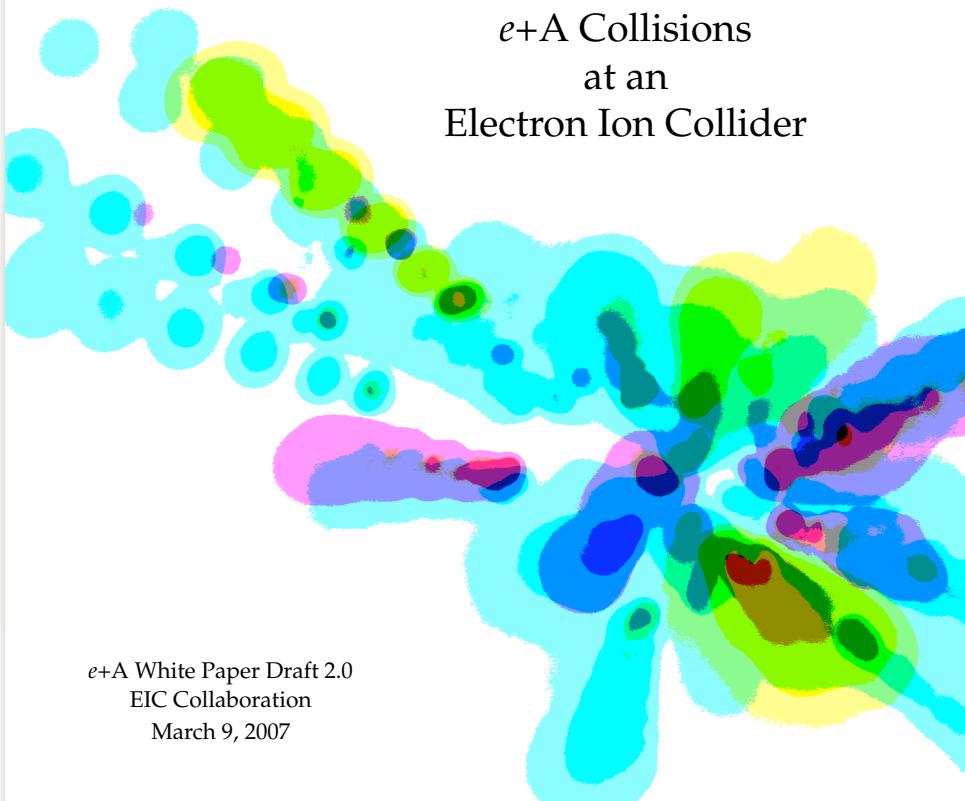
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6-7 April, 2007

The meeting is hosted by the [Laboratory for Nuclear Science at MIT](#) with support from [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#) and [Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility](#).

The primary aim of this meeting is to discuss the science case and accelerator parameters for a future electron-ion collider in preparation for the Long Range Plan Writing Group meeting in early May. We also hope that this will be the first in a series of regular meetings in realising the future electron-ion collider and experiments.

Please register as soon as possible as space may be limited and we need to make plans according to the number of participants expected. In particular the special rate negotiated with the hotel is only guaranteed until 9 March. When you register please indicate whether or not you would be interested in attending a no-host, group dinner Friday evening.

Introductory documentation and copies of presentations will be available from the [Presentations](#) page as they become available.

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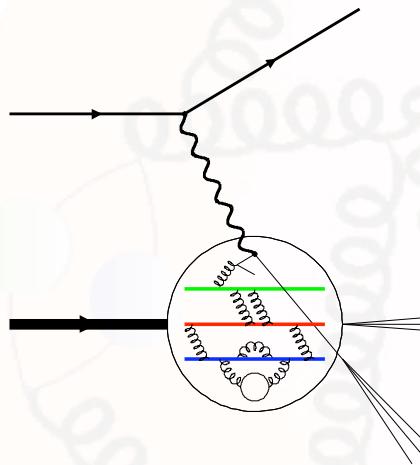
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Low-x Physics - Concepts and Status

□ Low-x basics

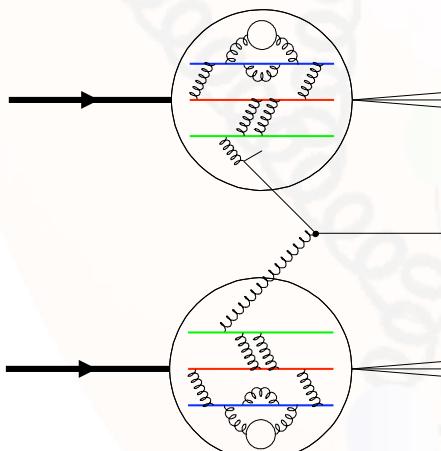
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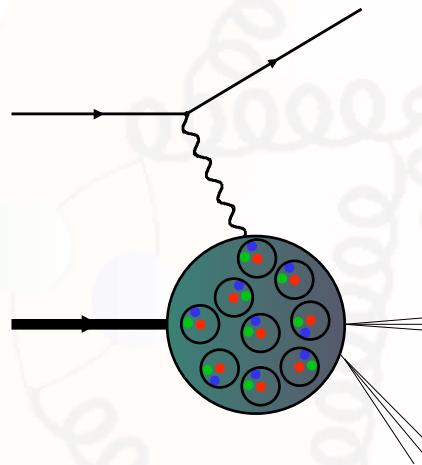
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Low-x Physics - Concepts and Status

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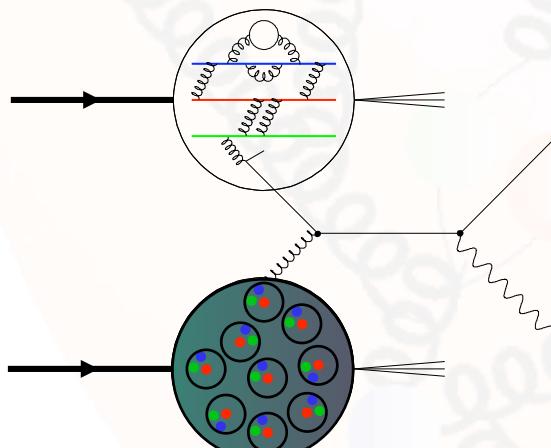
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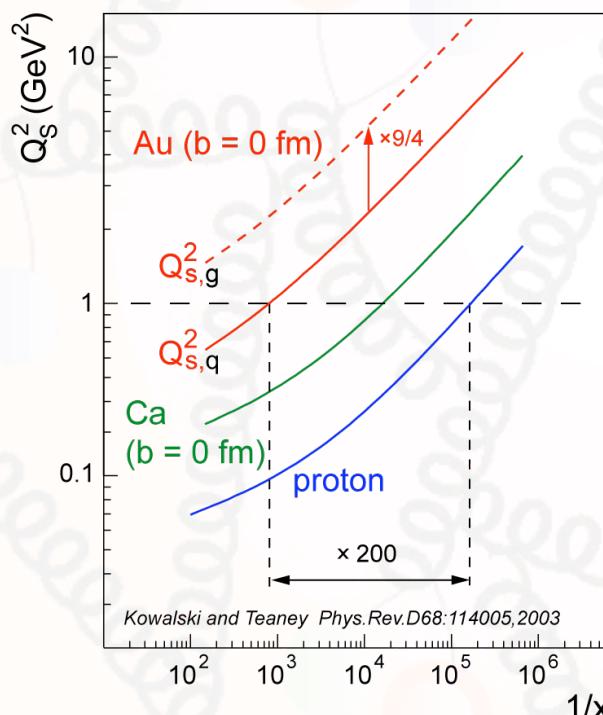
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Important: Complementary probes are required for unambiguous extraction of observables in high-energy density QCD region!

Low- x Physics - Concepts and Status

□ Low- x basics

○ Dynamics: DGLAP / BFKL and CGC

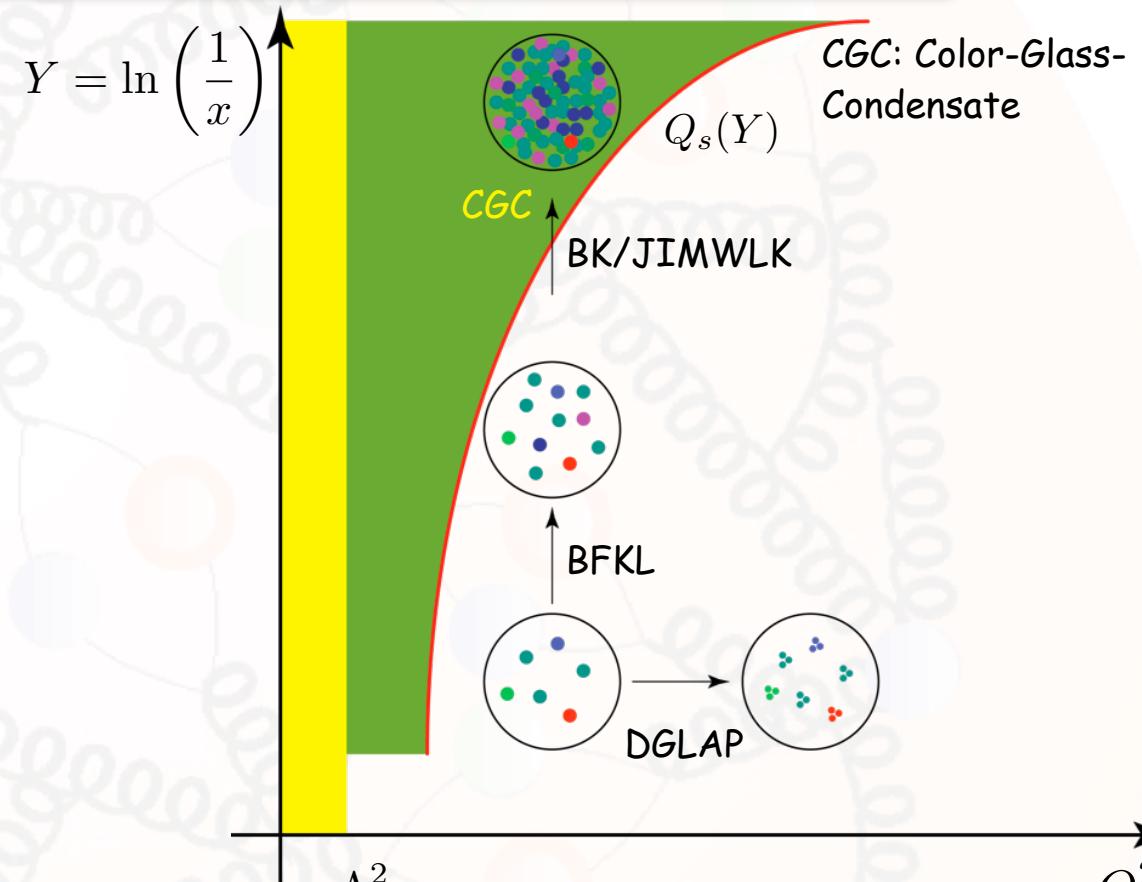


Q_s^2 : Saturation scale \Rightarrow Characterize transition to saturation region!

$$Q_s^2 \simeq \alpha_s \frac{1}{\pi R^2} x G(x, Q^2) \sim$$

Enhanced for eA compared to ep:

$$A^{1/3} x^{-\delta}$$



$$\alpha_s \sim 1$$

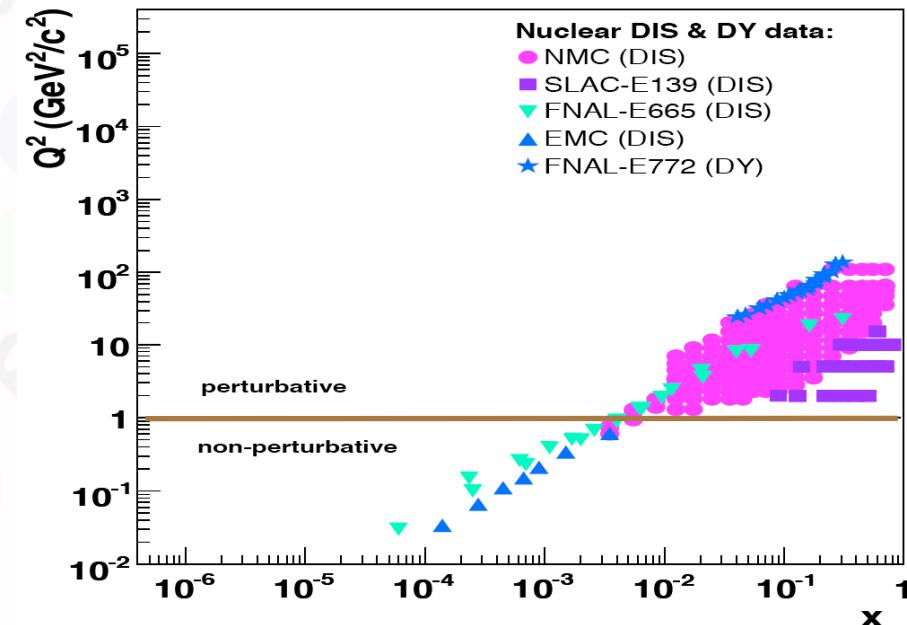
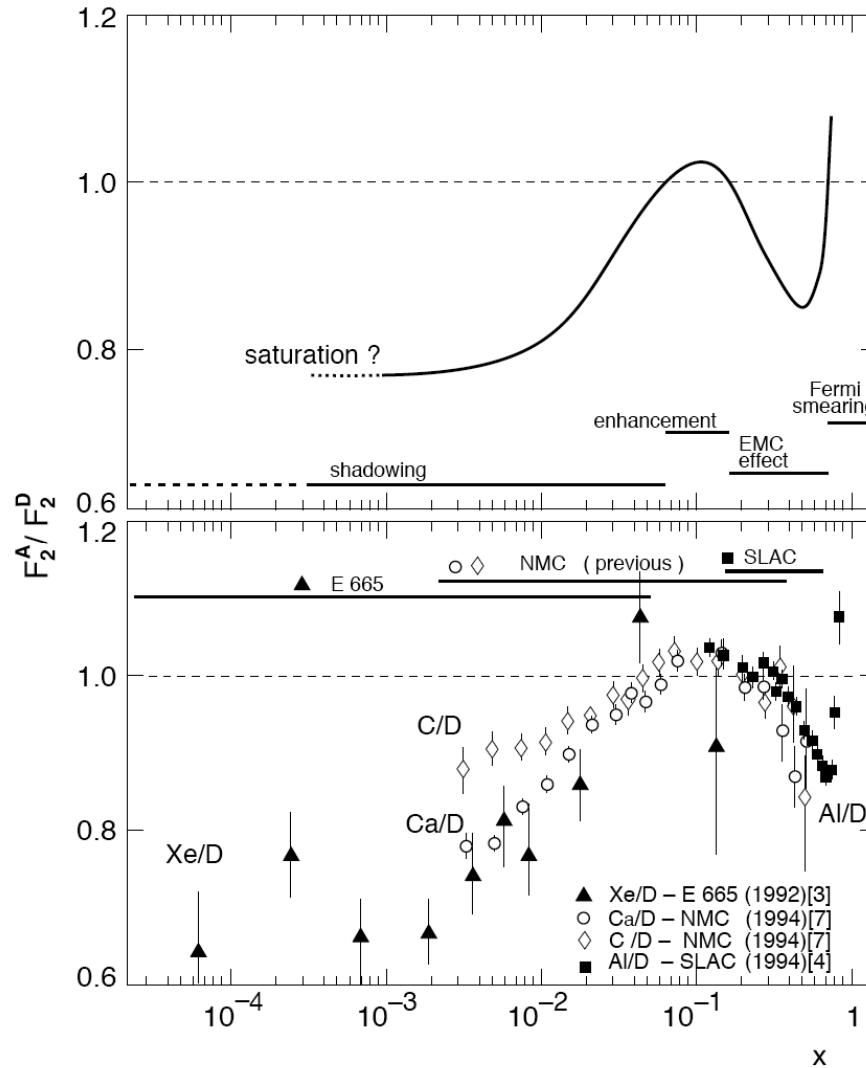
$$\alpha_s \ll 1$$

DGLAP: Evolution in Q^2

BFKL: Evolution in x

Low-x Physics - Concepts and Status

□ Fixed-target scattering



- Inclusive structure function ratio important to constrain nuclear modifications to gluon density
- World data (Fixed target) are concentrated above $x > 0.01$ in pQCD region
- For $x < 0.01$ only data in non-pQCD region

Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Key questions in low-x physics for a future ep/eA facility

- How do **strong fields** appear in **hadronic or nuclear wavefunctions at high energies?**
- How do they respond to **external probes or scattering?**
- What are the **appropriate degrees of freedom?**
- Is this **response universal?** (ep, pp, eA, pA, AA)

(QCD Theory Workshop, DC, December 15-16, 2006)

A future EIC facility
can provide definite
answers to these
questions!

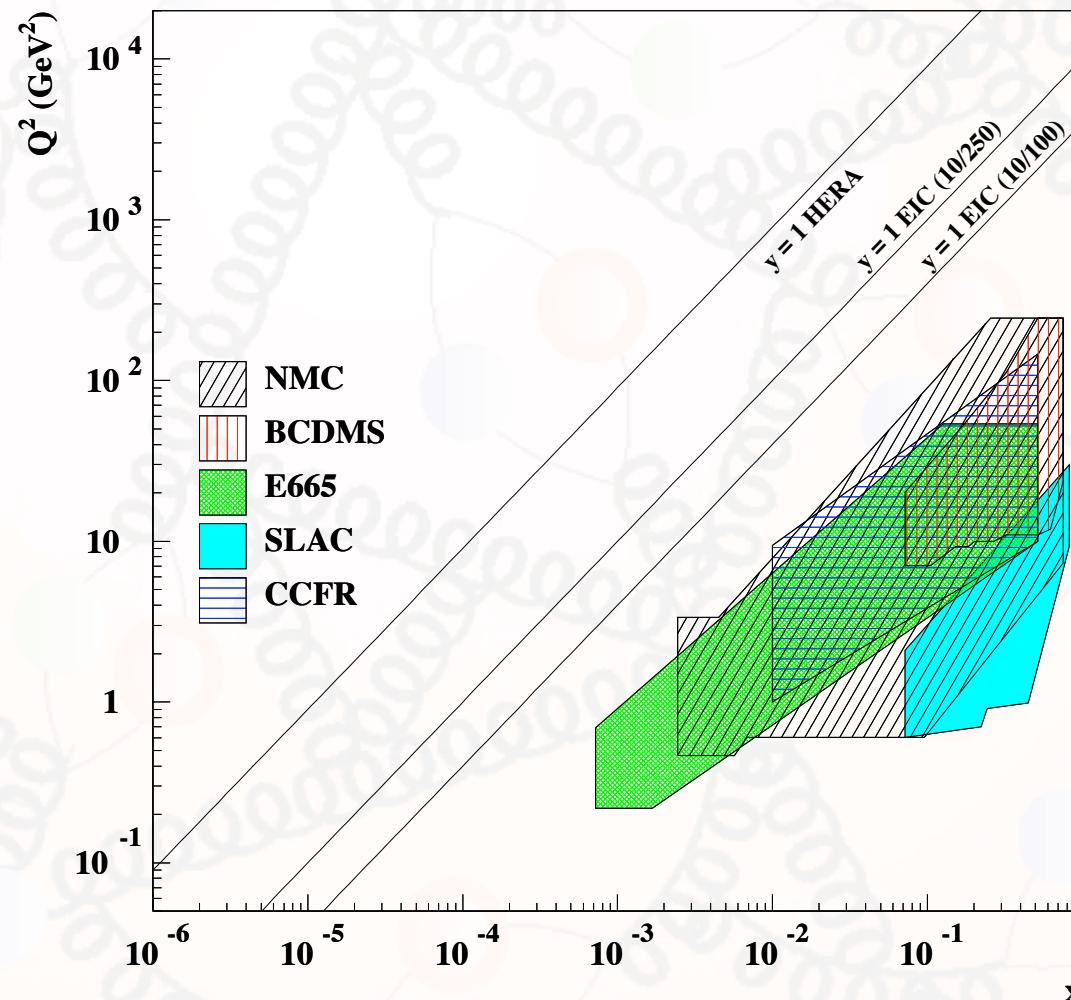
Required measurements:

- What is the **momentum distribution of gluons in matter?**
- What is the **space-time distributions of gluons in matter?**
- How do fast **probes interact with gluonic matter?**
- Do **strong gluon fields affect the role of color singlet excitations (Pomerons)?**

Low- x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Kinematics

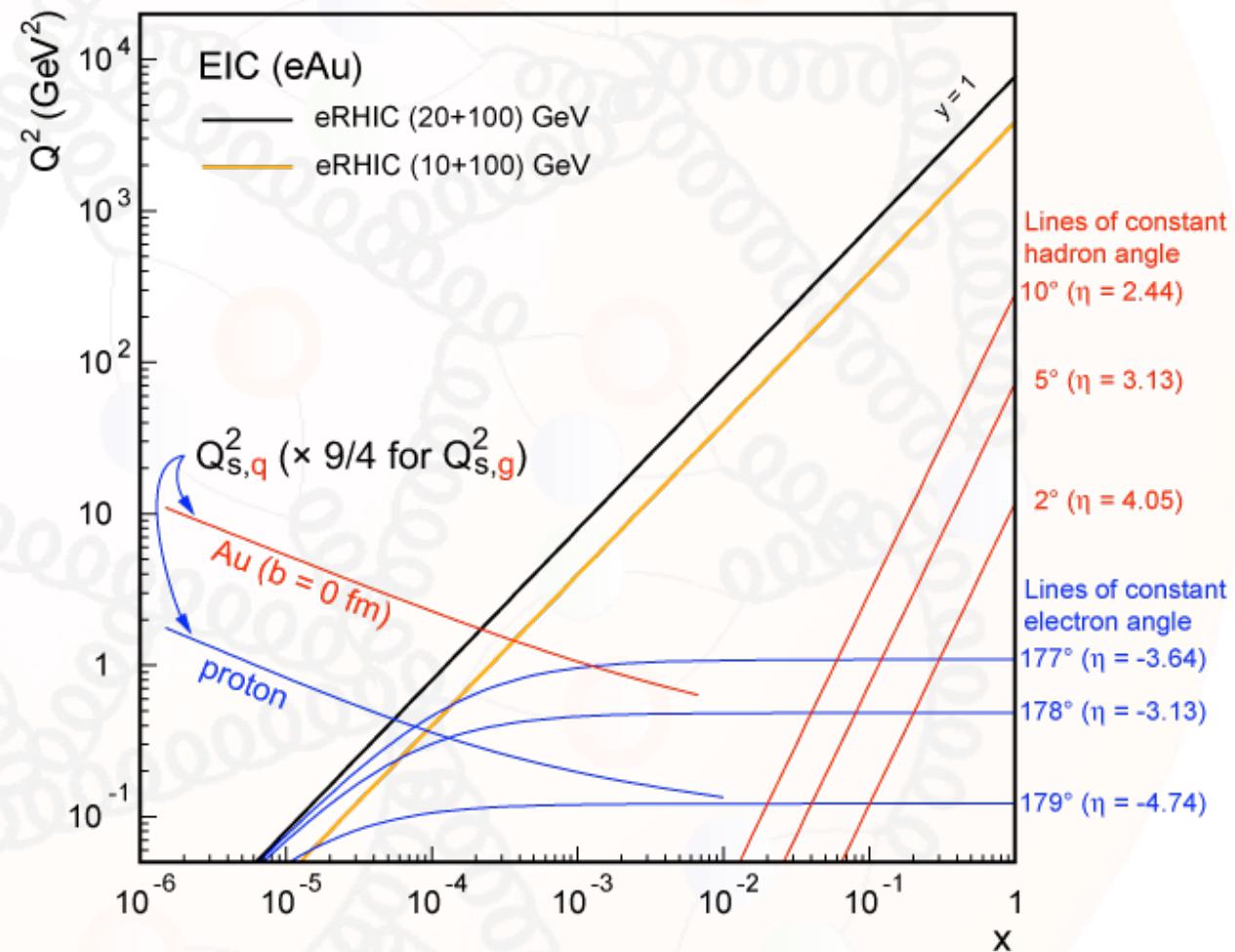
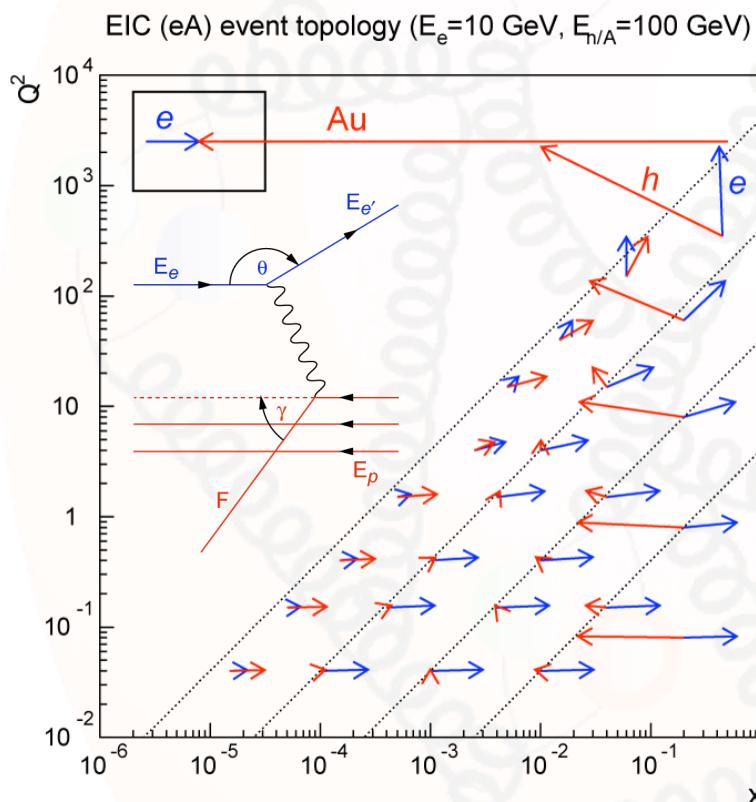
○ Comparison HERA / EIC / Fixed-target experiments



Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

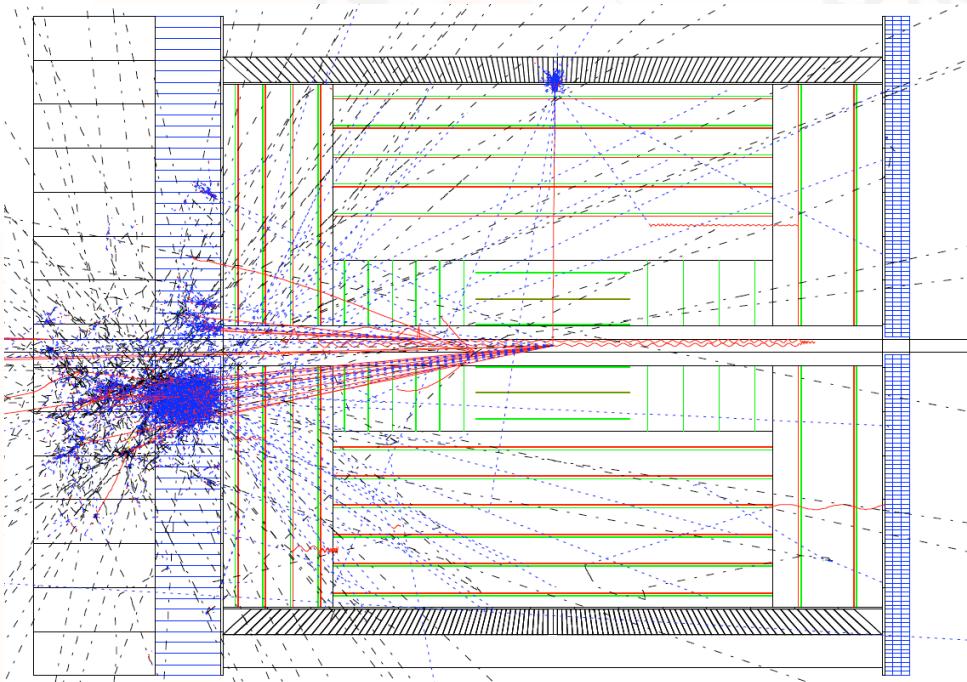
□ Kinematics

○ Acceptance



Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

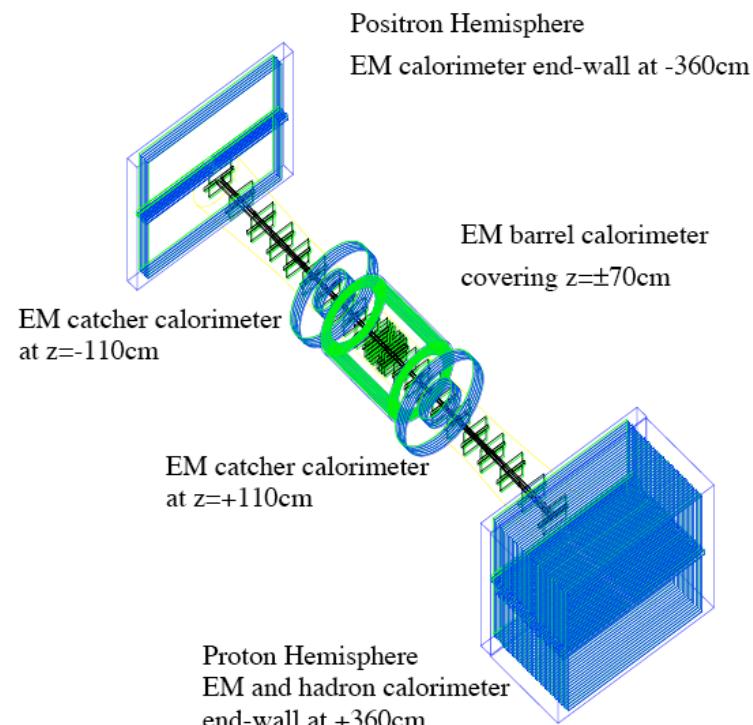
□ Facilities - Detector concepts



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Concepts:

- Focus on the **rear/forward acceptance** and thus on low- x / high- x physics (Compact system of tracking and central electromagnetic calorimetry inside a magnetic dipole field and calorimetric end-walls outside)
- Focus on a **wide acceptance** detector system (Compact calorimeter system)



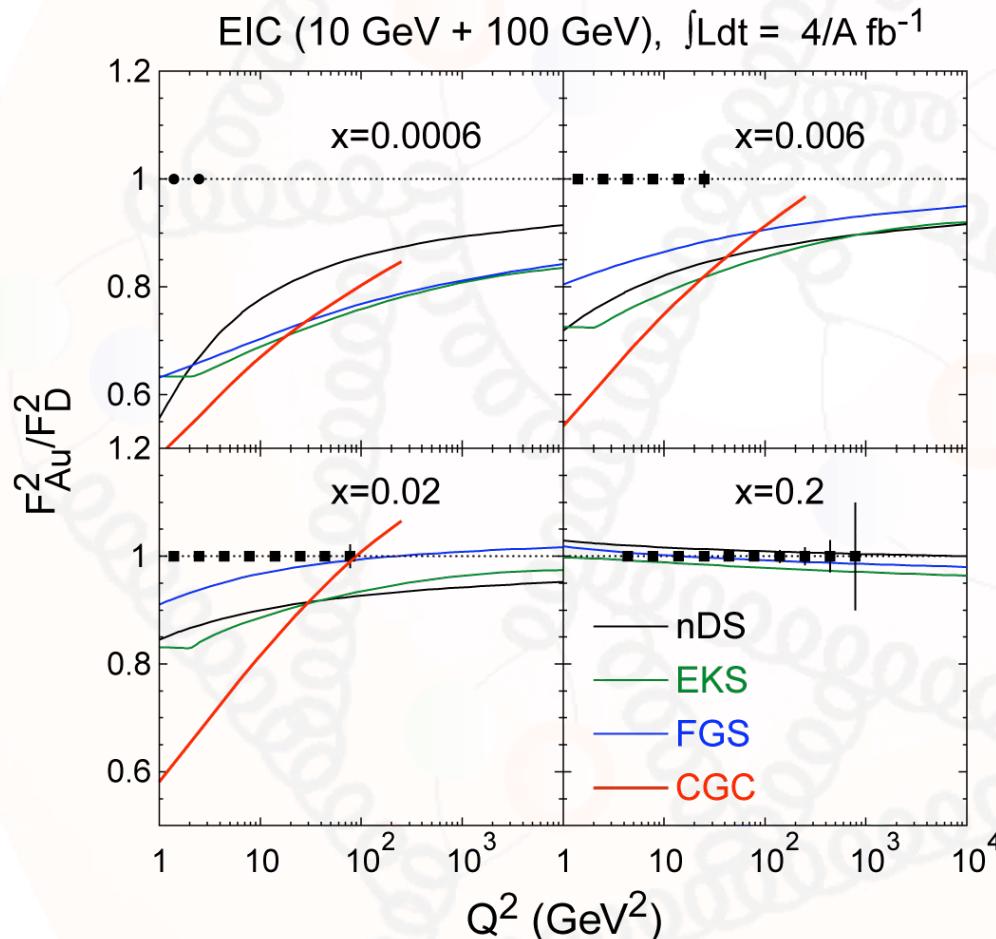
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Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

- Key observables in electron-proton and electron-nucleus scattering at low x
 - Gluon distribution:
 - F_L (Variable center-of-mass energy) and F_2
 - Jet rates
 - Inelastic vector meson production (e.g. J/Psi)
 - Space-Time distribution of gluon:
 - F_L (Variable center-of-mass energy) and F_2
 - Deep virtual compton scattering (DVCS)
 - Exclusive final states (e.g. Vector meson production)
 - Interaction of fast probes with matter:
 - Hadronization, Fragmentation studies
 - Energy loss (Heavy quarks)
 - Impact of strong gluon fields on the role of color neutral excitations:
 - Diffractive structure functions
 - Diffractive vector meson production

Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Observables: Nuclear structure function ratios



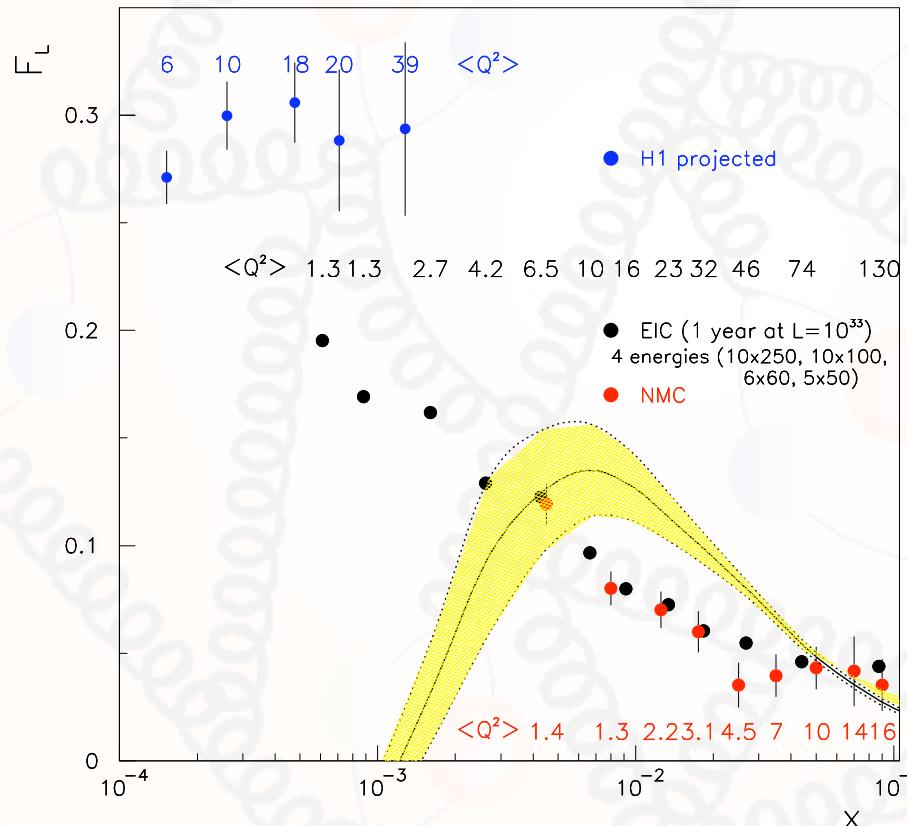
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- F_2 will be one of the first measurements at EIC
- nDS, EKS, FGS: pQCD models with different amounts of shadowing

EIC will allow to distinguish between pQCD and saturation model predictions

Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Observables: Longitudinal structure function



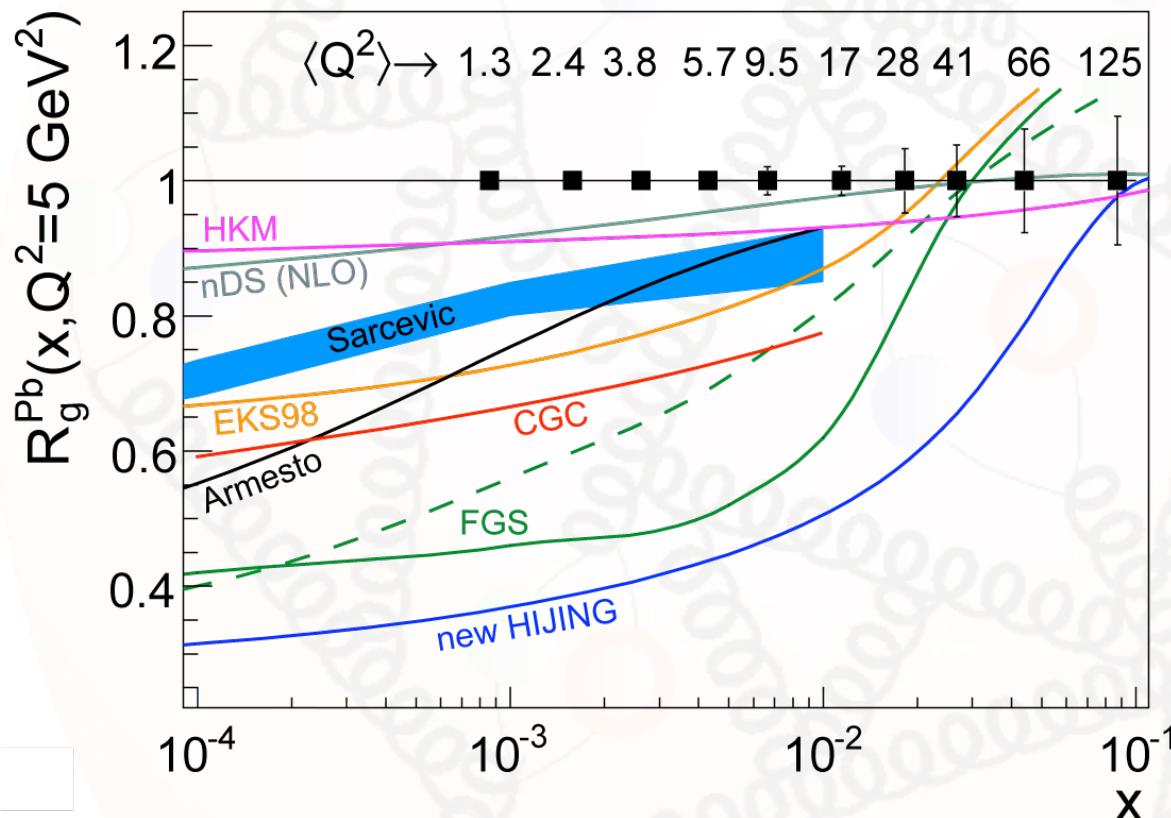
- F_L measurement requires operation of EIC at different center-of-mass energies (\sqrt{s})
- Precise measurement from low to high Q^2 region

Unique measurement at EIC of F_L with high precision in ep collisions to constrain gluon distribution

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Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Observables: Ratio of nuclear gluon distribution function



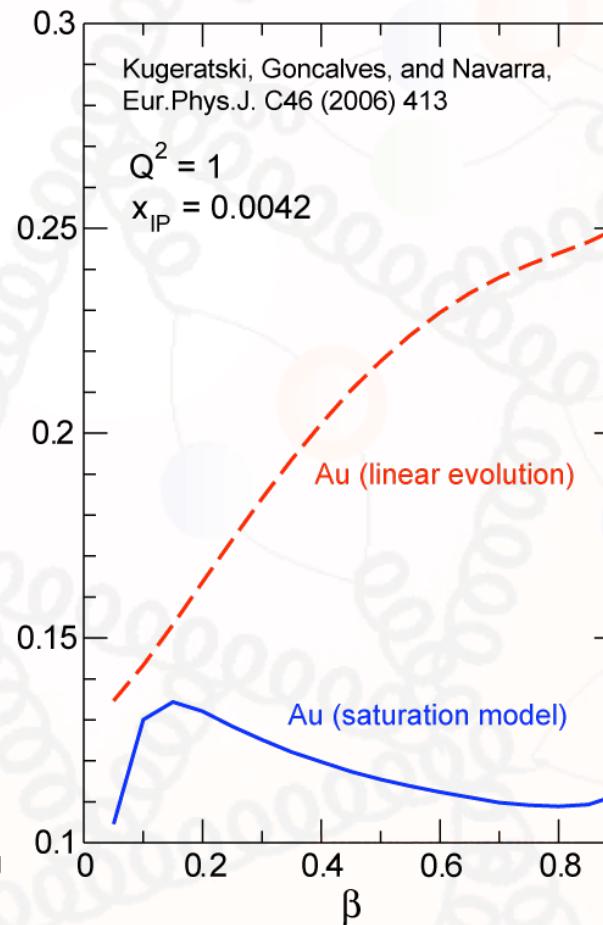
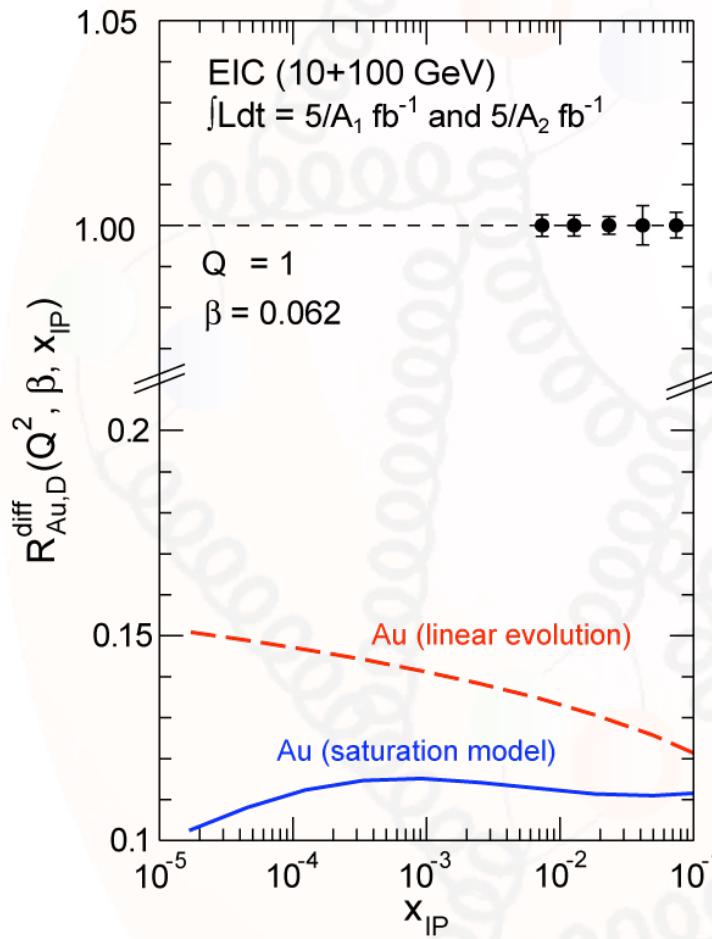
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- EIC will reach the unmeasured low-x region (<0.01) with high precision for $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Constrain gluon modification due to nuclear effects in comparison to large range of models

EIC will measure
modification of gluon
distribution with high
precision!

Low-x Physics - Future Opportunities

□ Observables: Diffractive measurements



x_{IP} = momentum fraction of the Pomeron with respect to the hadron

β = momentum fraction of the struck parton with respect to the Pomeron

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

EIC allows to distinguish between linear evolution and saturation models in diffractive scattering with high precision

Summary and Outlook

□ Status and Concepts

- HERA: Precision structure function measurements (F_2) at low x
- At low Q^2 and low x : DGLAP (Leading twist) approach leads to valence-like gluon behavior
- Diffraction: Important contribution to overall ep event yield
- Dipole model: Allows to describe inclusive and diffractive measurements. Reach of saturation region at low x not conclusive
- Lesson: Optimize any future EIC efforts for acceptance and luminosity

- eA: No information in low- x region
- dAu results at RHIC: Can saturation account for observed behavior? Complementary probes important (RHIC/LHC)!

EIC important to answer
outstanding questions in high-
energy QCD physics

Summary and Outlook

□ Future Opportunities

- EIC will allow to study the **physics of strong color fields**:
 - Explore existence of saturation regime
 - Measurement of momentum and space-time gluon distributions
- Study the **nature of color singlet excitations** (Pomeron)
- Study **nuclear medium effects**
- Test and study factorization / universality
- Required: EIC at **high luminosity** and **optimized detector**
- EIC will allow to **bridge several QCD communities** (Hadron structure and Relativistic Heavy-Ion)
- **Unique opportunity** in precision QCD physics (**The QCD LAB**) complementary to other next generation facilities in Europe (LHC at CERN, FAIR at GSI) and Asia (J-PARC)