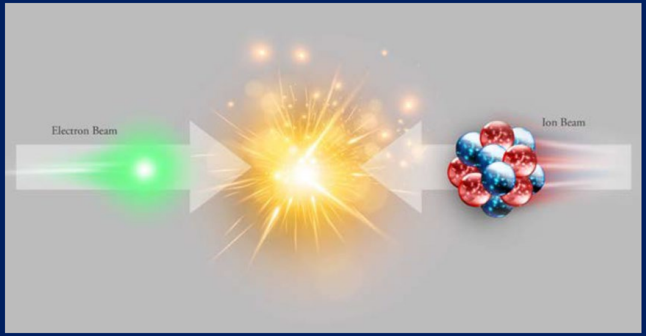
The Electron-Ion Collider: A New Tool for Studying QCD



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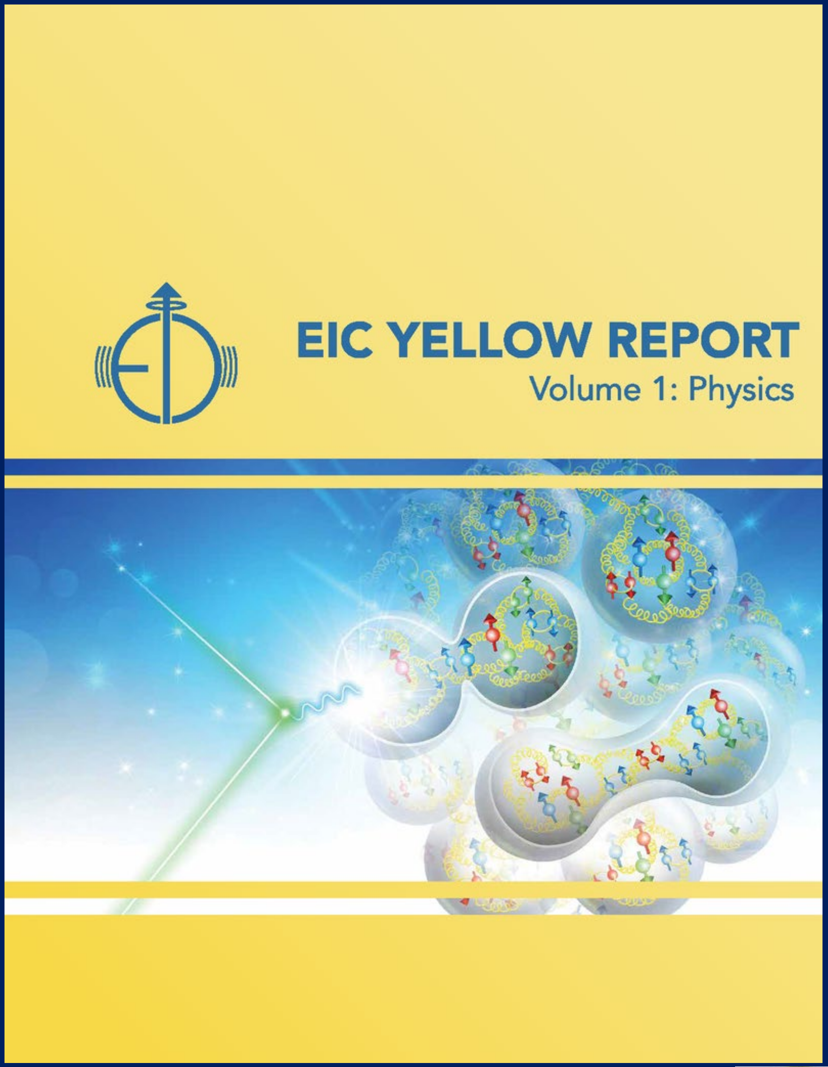

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(One way of dividing up)
Areas of study in QCD

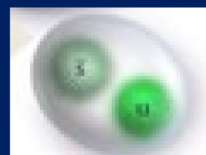
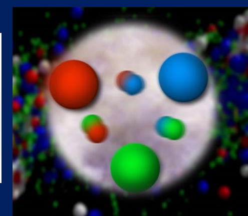
- *Structure/properties* of QCD matter

- *Formation* of states of QCD matter

- *Interactions* within QCD

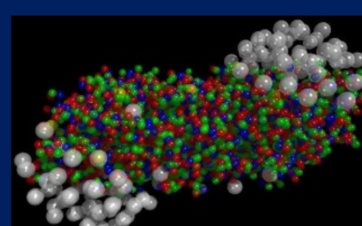
Structure/Properties of QCD matter

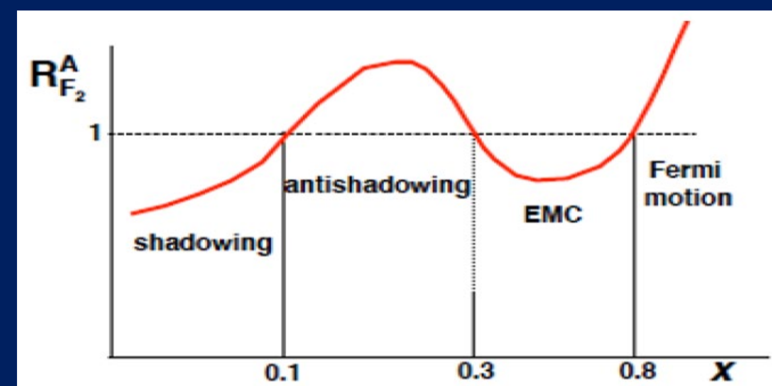
- Bound states: Mesons and baryons

- Bound states of bound states: Nuclei, neutron stars

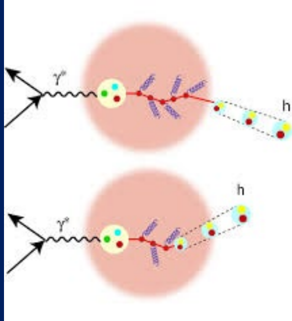

- Deconfined states: Quark-gluon plasma



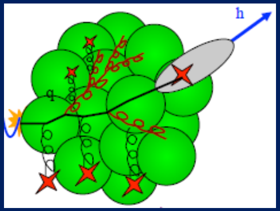


Nuclei aren't just superpositions of free nucleons

Formation of states of QCD matter

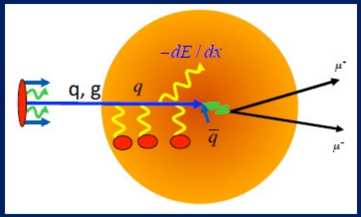


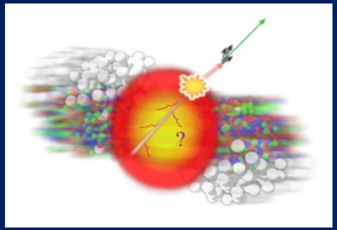
- Hadronization mechanisms
- Formation of bound states of bound states
- Jet structure
- Equilibration of QGP
- Time scales of hadronization/equilibration
- Modification of hadronization in different environments



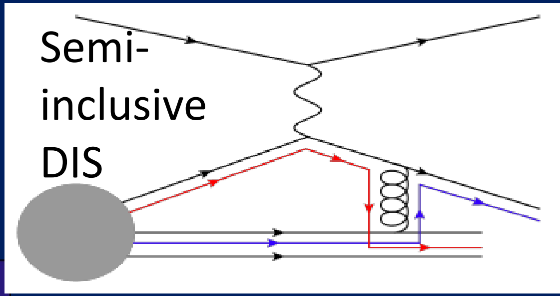
Interactions within QCD

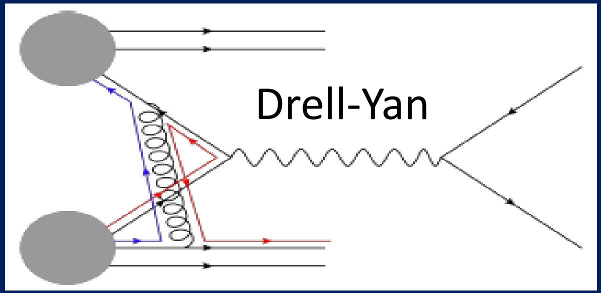
- Parton energy loss in cold and hot QCD matter





- Flow of partons within quark-gluon plasma
- Quantum interference and phase shifts
  - E.g. quantum interference effects in hadronization
    - One parton → multiple hadrons
    - Multiple partons → one hadron
- Color flow effects
  - Process-dependent spin-momentum correlations in hadrons
  - Quantum entanglement of partons across colliding hadrons





Complexity and richness of QCD: Confinement

- QCD theory: Quarks and gluons
- QCD experiment: QCD bound states

- Always an interplay between partonic/hadronic descriptions, reductionist/emergent pictures

High-energy collisions: Tools to study QCD

- Need high (enough) energies to
  - Access subnuclear distance scales
  - Form new states of QCD matter
- High energies can also
  - Allow use of perturbative theoretical tools
  - Provide access to new probes, e.g. heavy flavor, Z/W bosons

High-energy collisions: Tools to study QCD

Can study QCD via

- Hadron-hadron collisions: p+p, p+A, A+A, pbar+p/A, π+A

- Lepton-hadron collisions: e/μ+p, e/μ+A, ν+A

- Lepton-lepton collisions: e^+e^- (hadronization)

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Multidifferential measurements even more powerful

- p_T, rapidity, centrality, angular distribution/correlation, PID, . . .

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  - "Clean" processes to interpret (QED)
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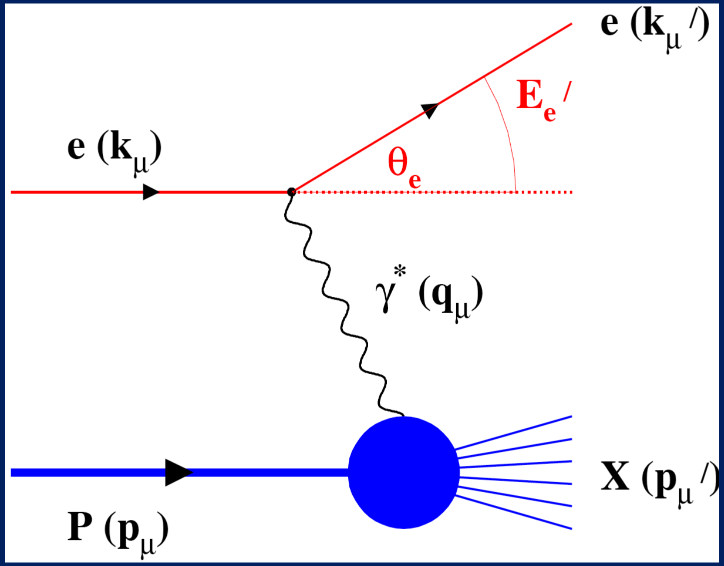

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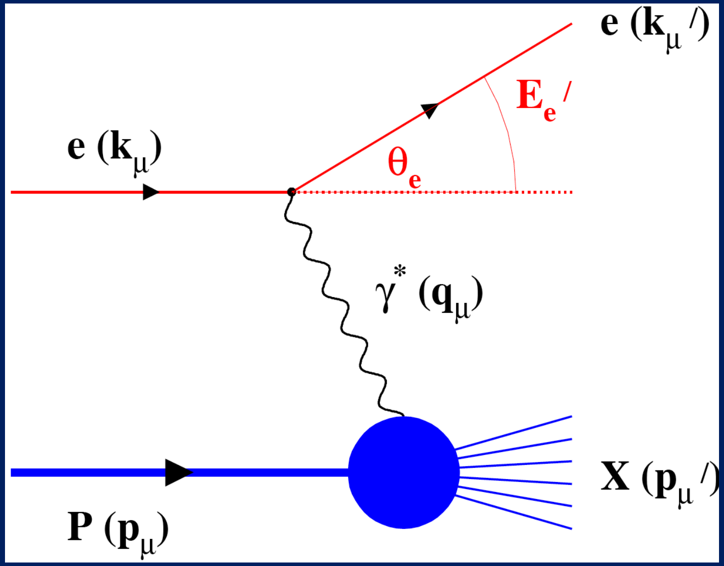
- Collider mode → Higher energies
  - Quarks and gluons relevant d.o.f.
  - Perturbative QCD applicable
  - Heavier probes accessible (e.g. charm, bottom, W boson exchange)



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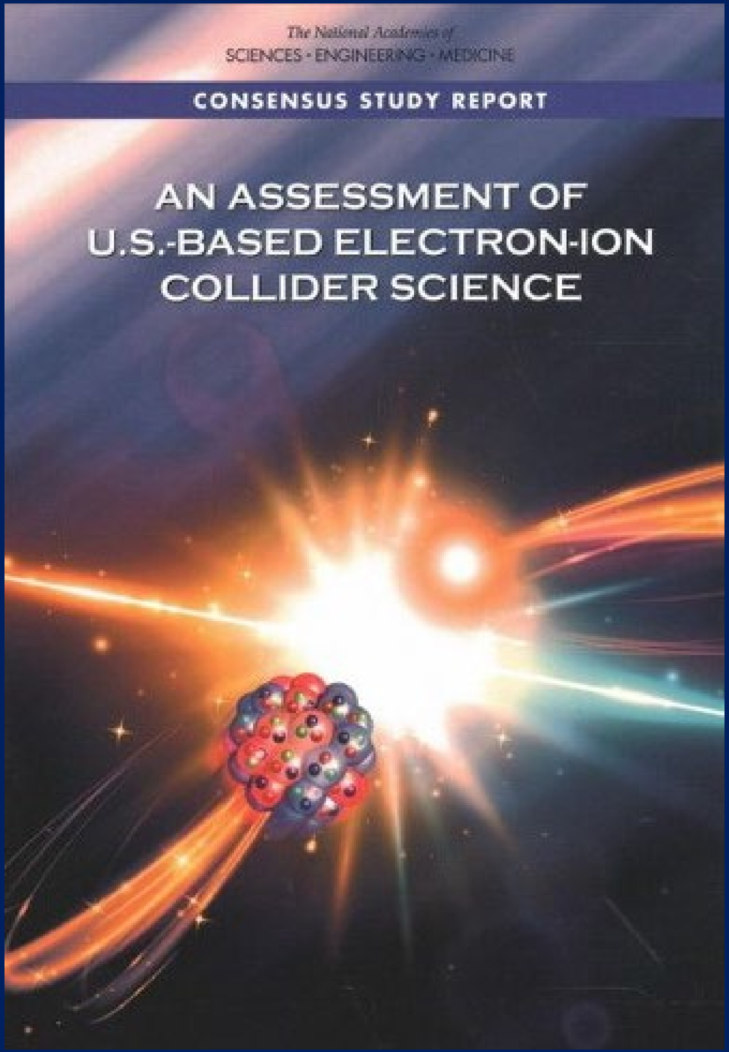
- *How does the spin of the nucleon arise from its elementary quark and gluon constituents?*
- *What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?*



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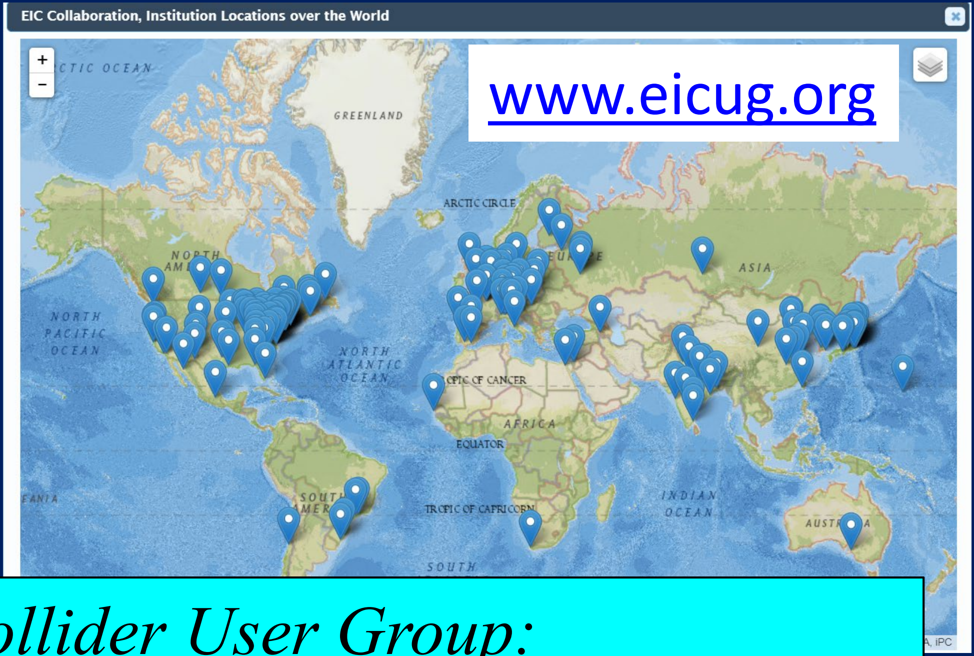

Electron-Ion Collider User Group:
Currently 1197 members from 245 institutions in 32 countries.
(25% theorists, 15% accelerator physicists, 60% experimentalists)
[Compare to 975 members from 198 institutions in 31 countries Dec 2019. Hungary the newest country!]

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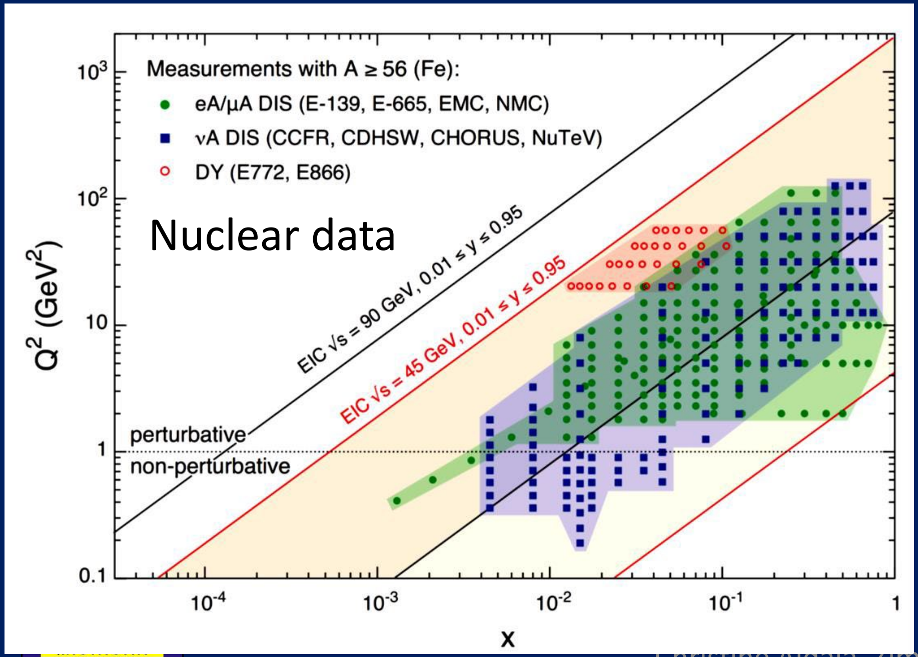

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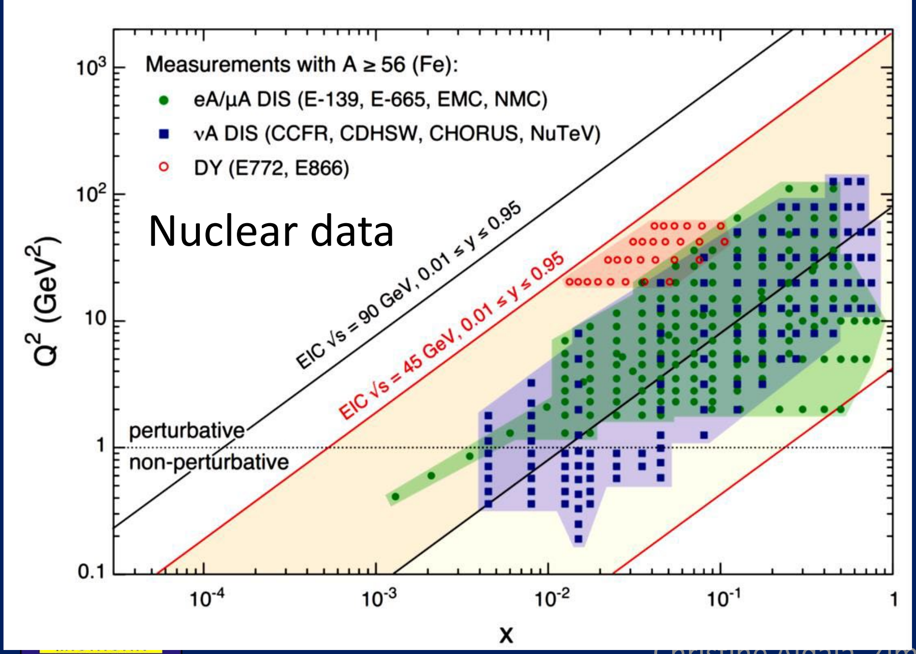
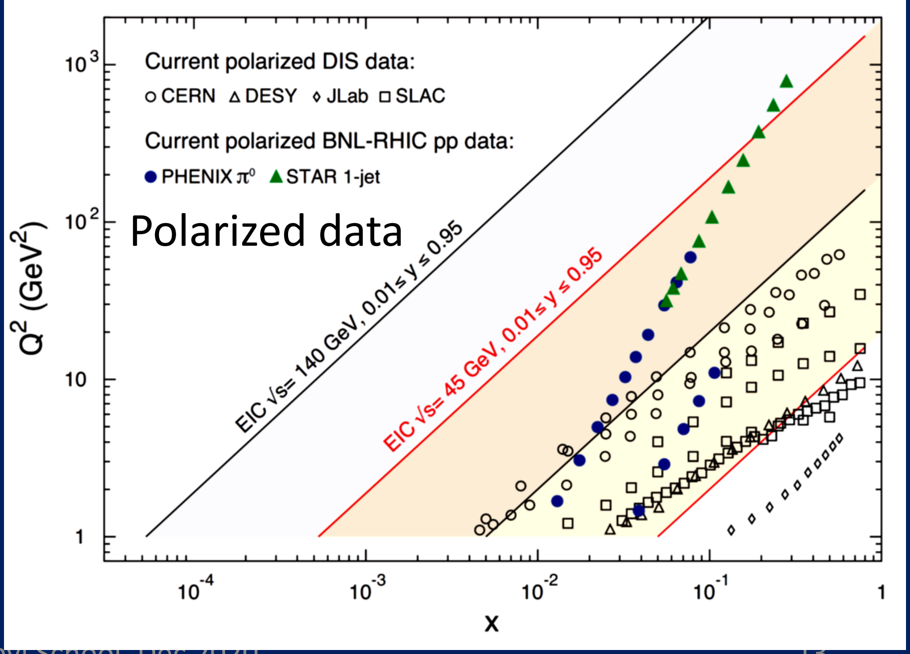
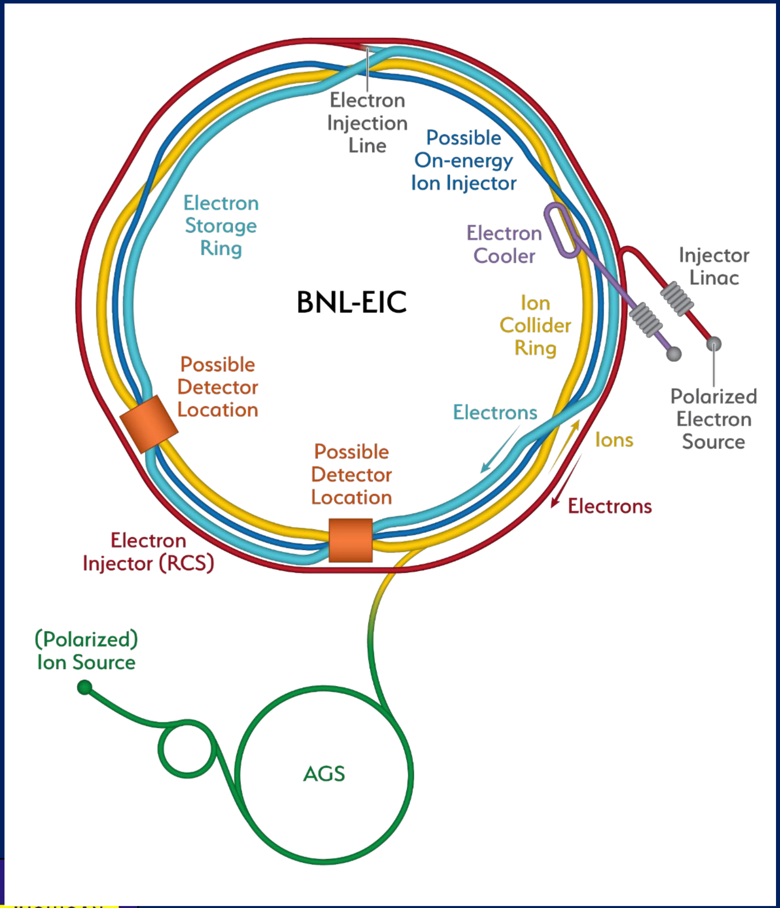
- *Polarized* beams of p, d/He^3
  - Previously only fixed-target polarized experiments





Accelerator configuration

Site selection at Brookhaven National Lab announced January 2020
→ Add electron beam to existing Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

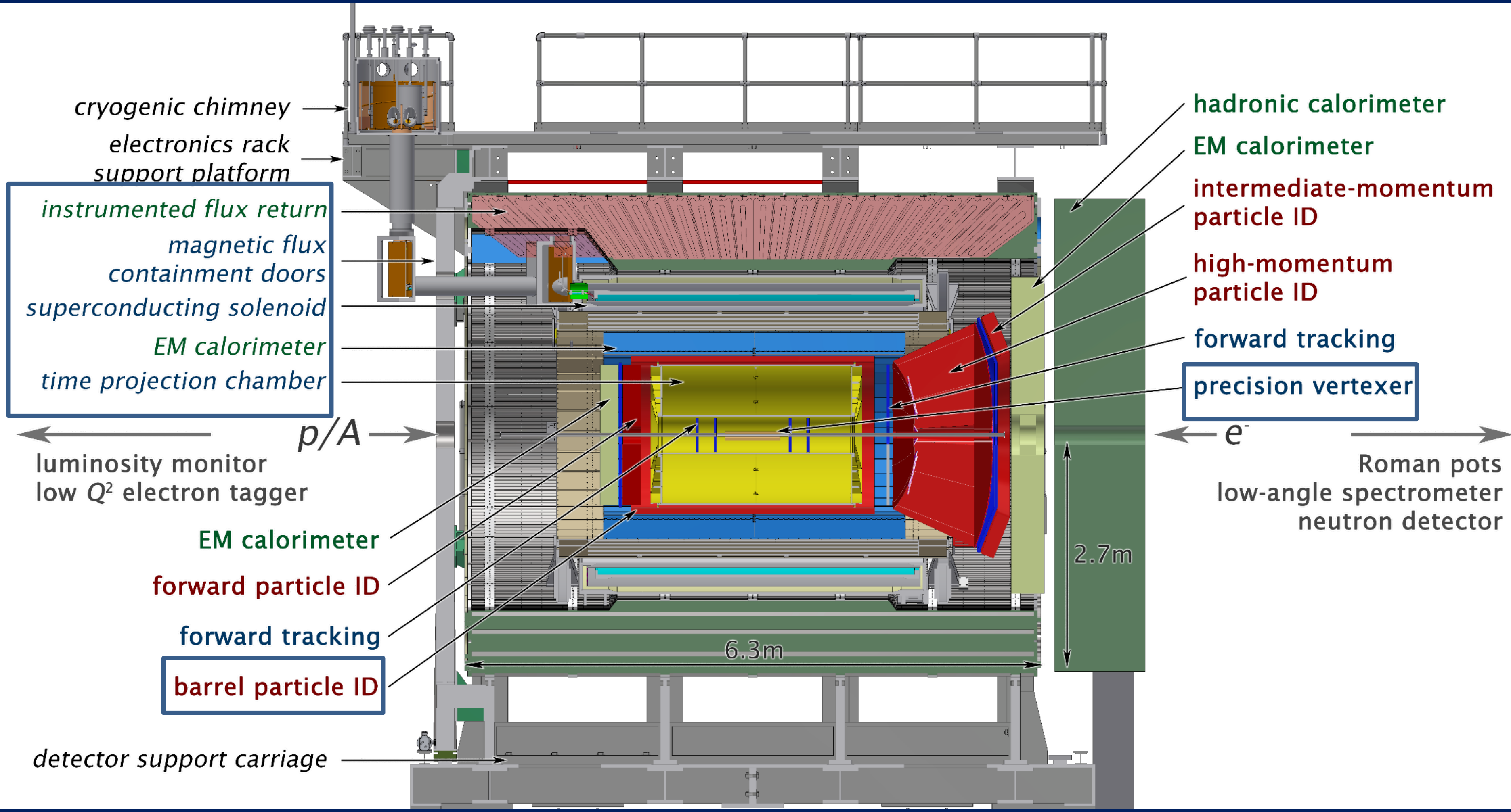


Electron-ion center of mass energy ~20-140 GeV

High luminosity and polarization:

- Luminosities $10^{33\text{-}34}$ cm^{-2} s^{-1}
- Polarized electrons, E ~ 4-18 GeV
- Polarized protons, E ~ 24-275 GeV, and heavier ions with E up to 110 GeV

An EIC detector concept



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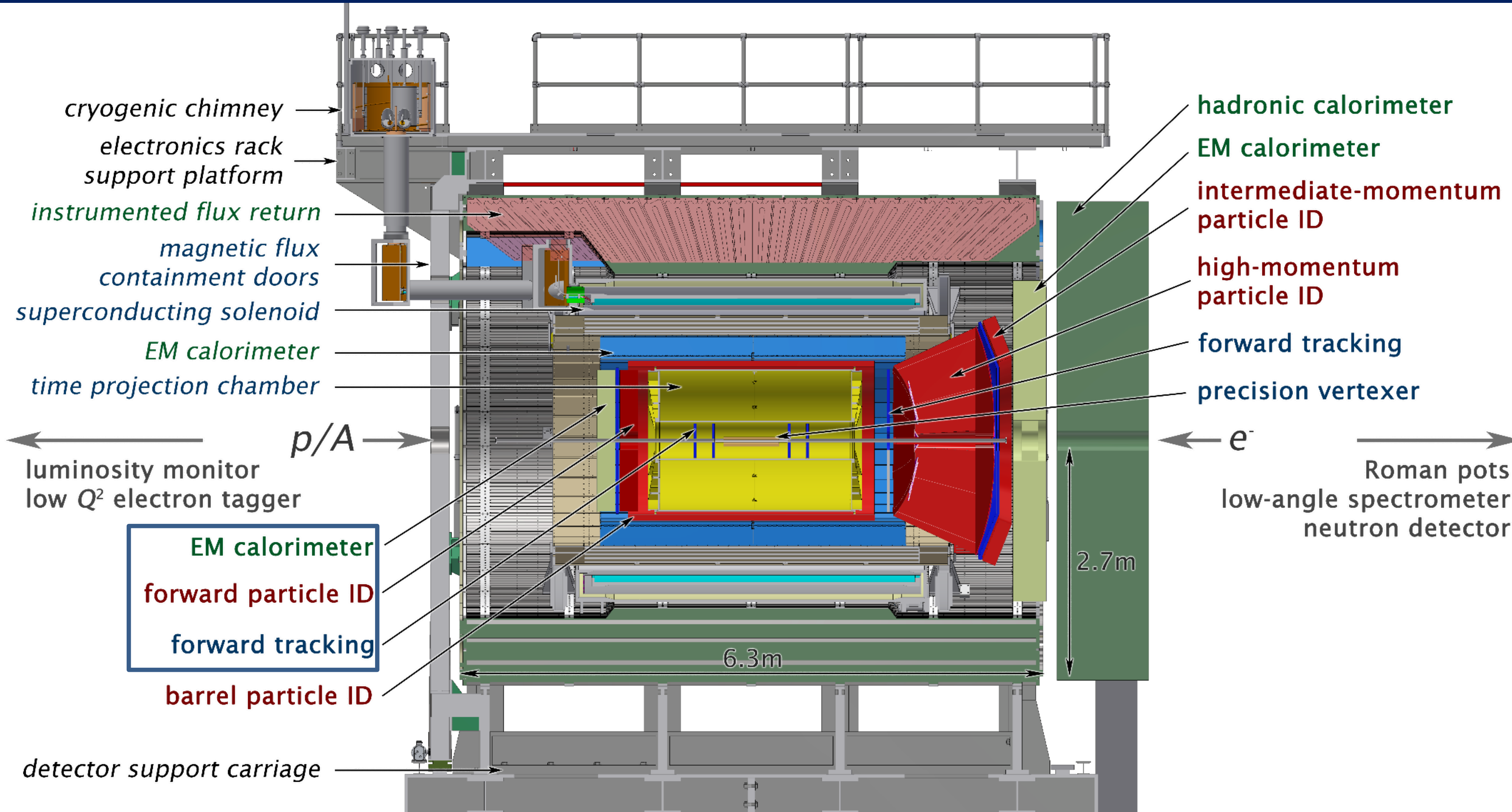

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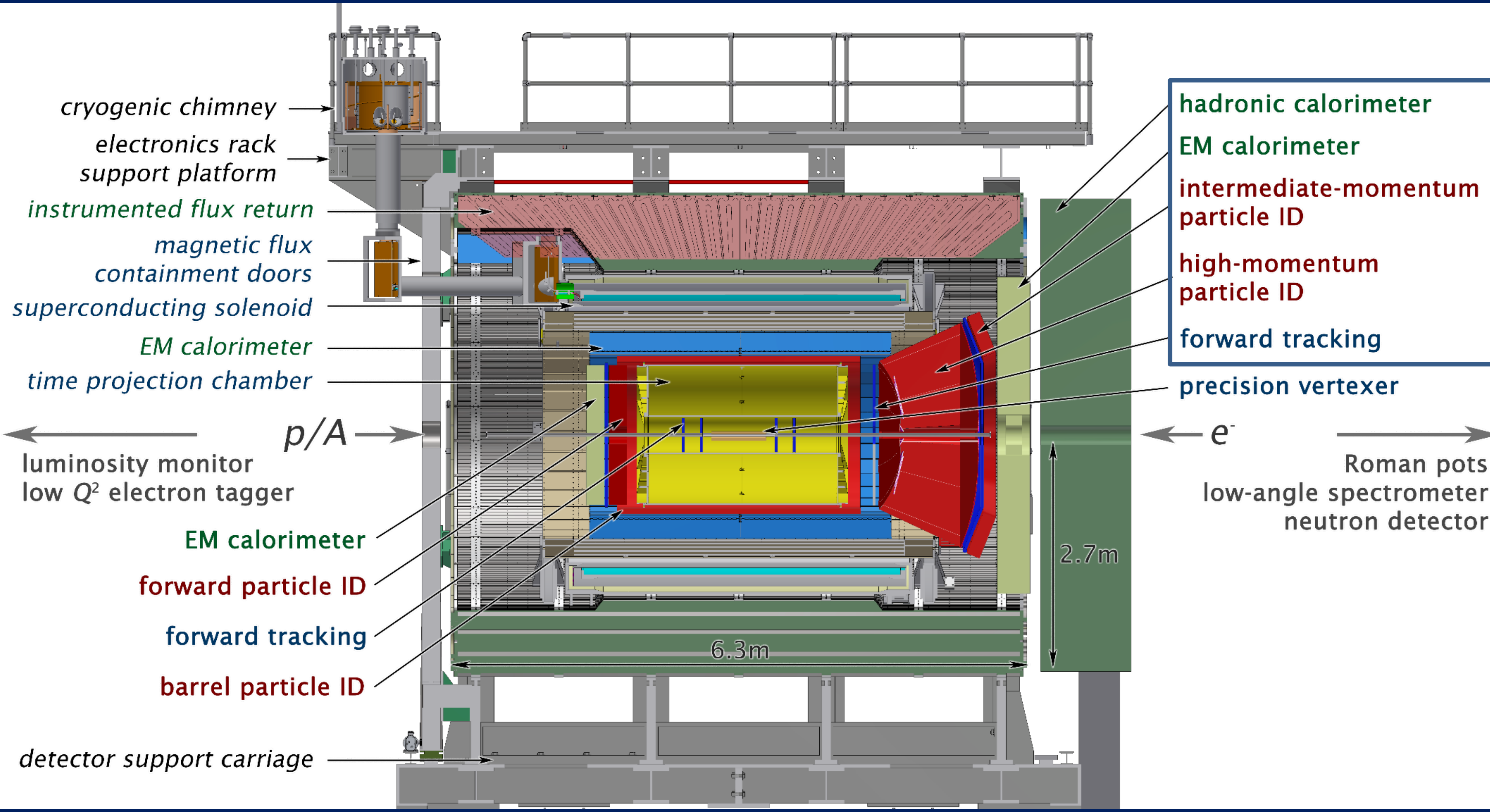

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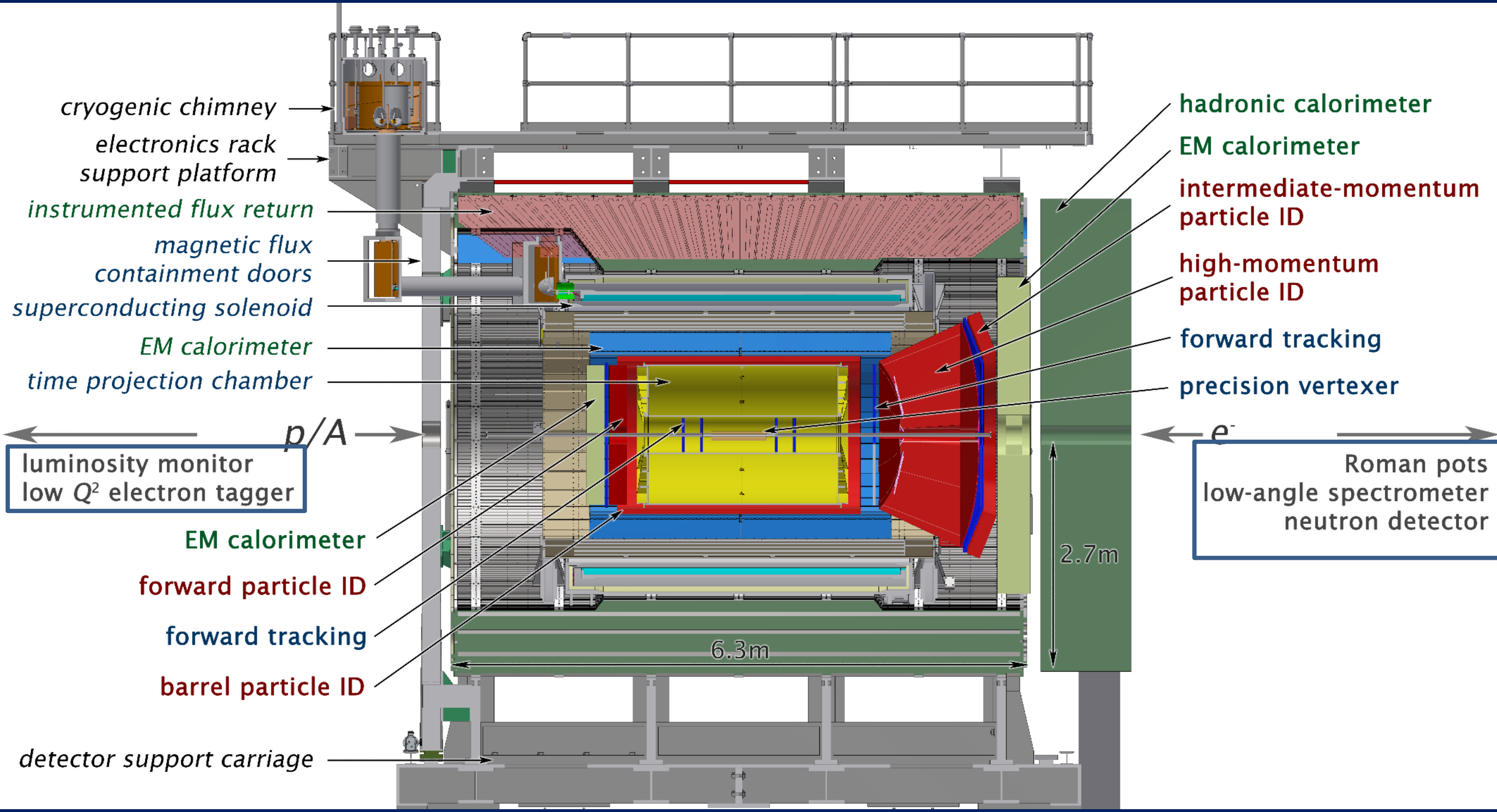

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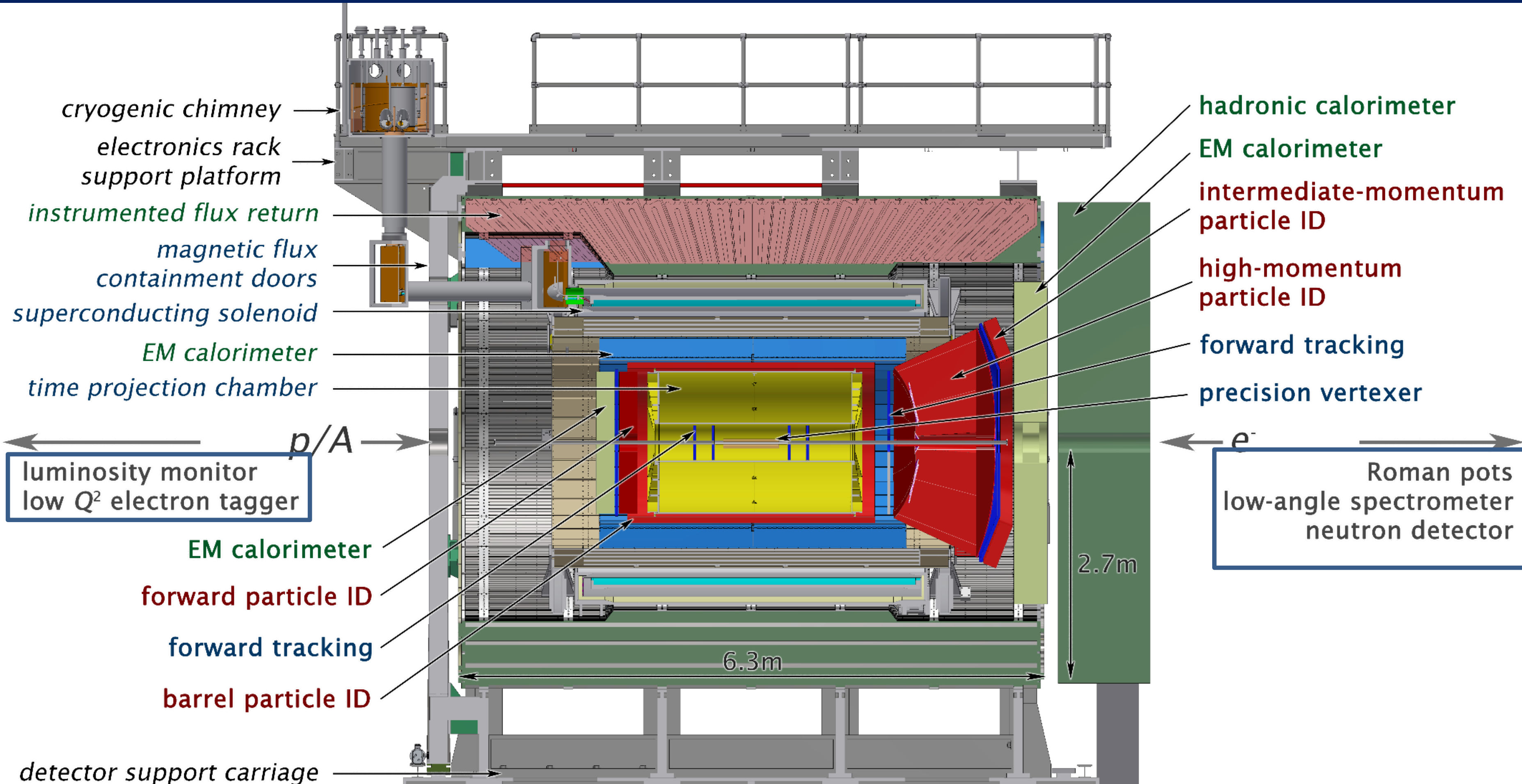
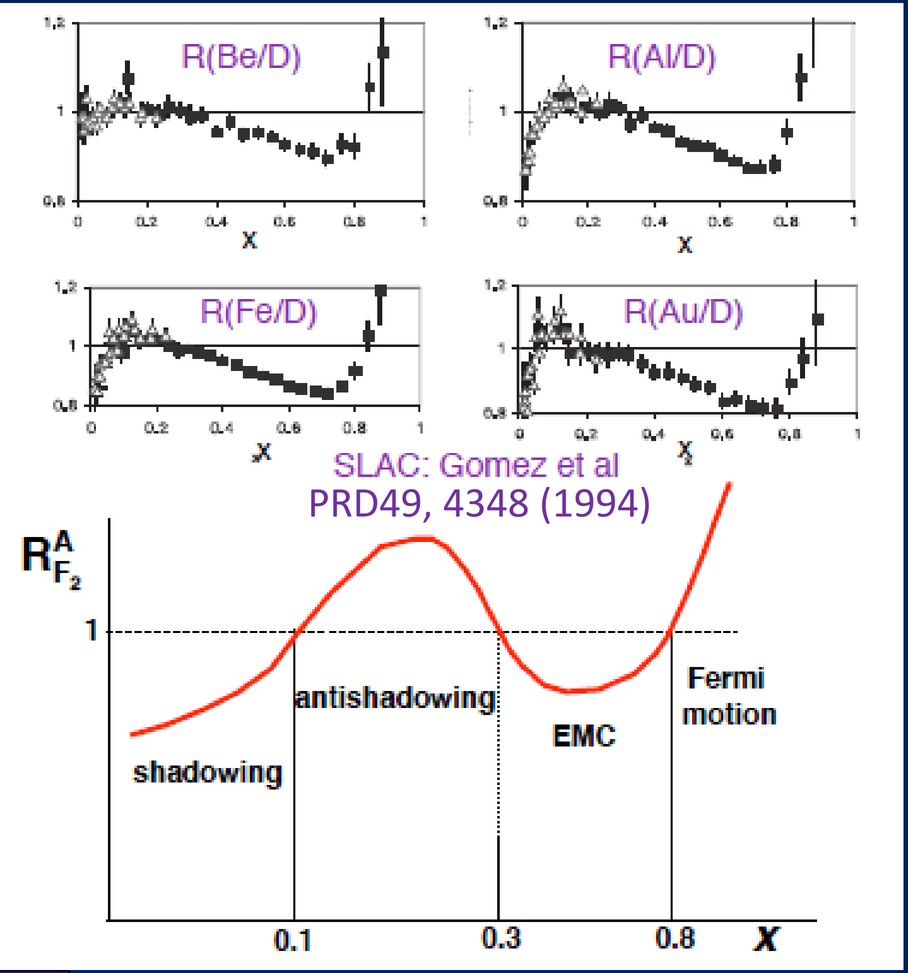


And now for just a bit of the physics . . .

Partonic momentum structure of nuclei: Not just superposed protons and neutrons

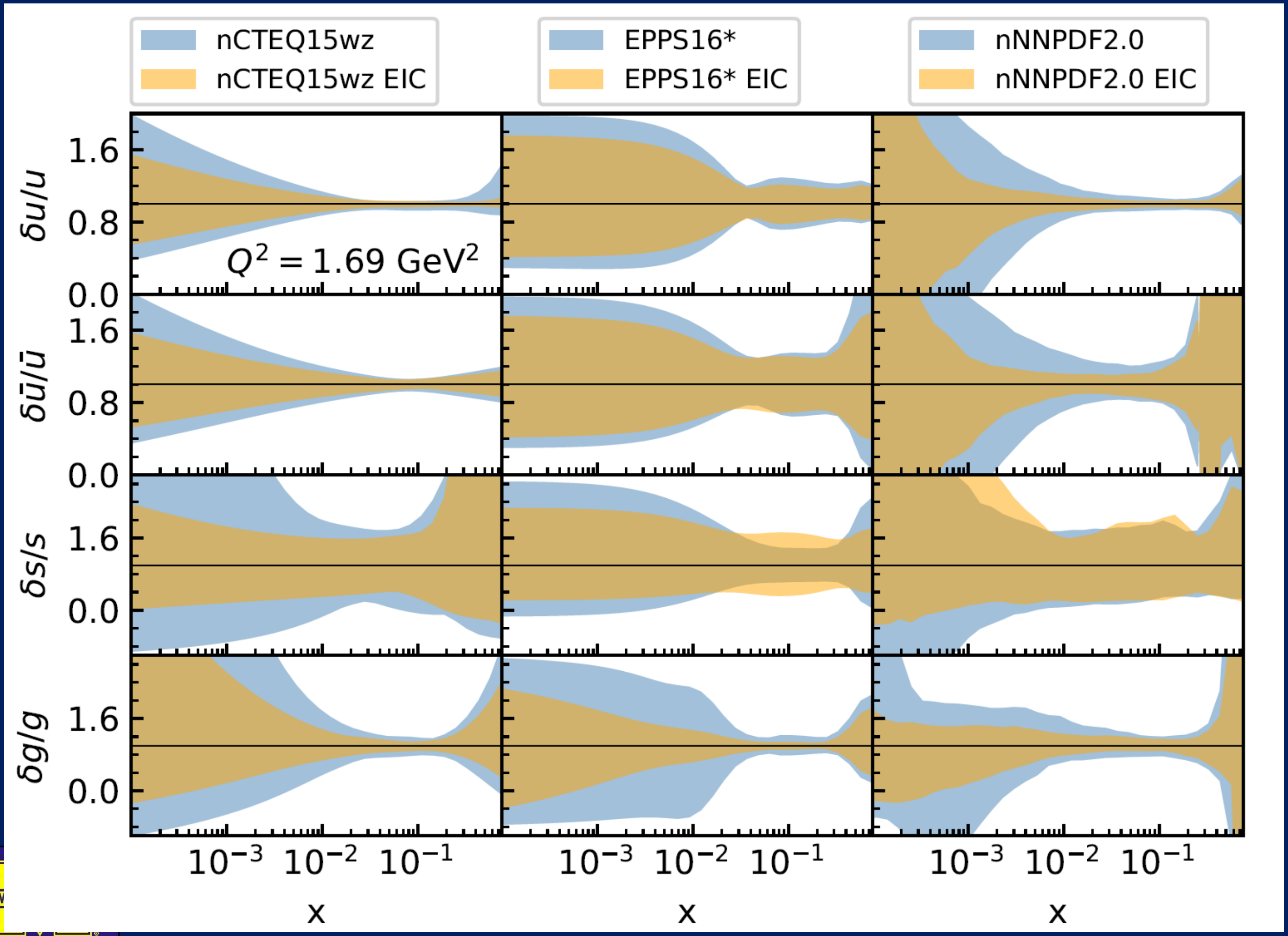


$$R_A \equiv \frac{1}{A}\frac{F_{2A}}{F_{2N}} \neq 1$$

- Ratio of cross section for e+A compared to scaled e+p collisions, shown vs. parton momentum fraction x
- Regions of both enhancement and depletion—still lots to understand in detail!

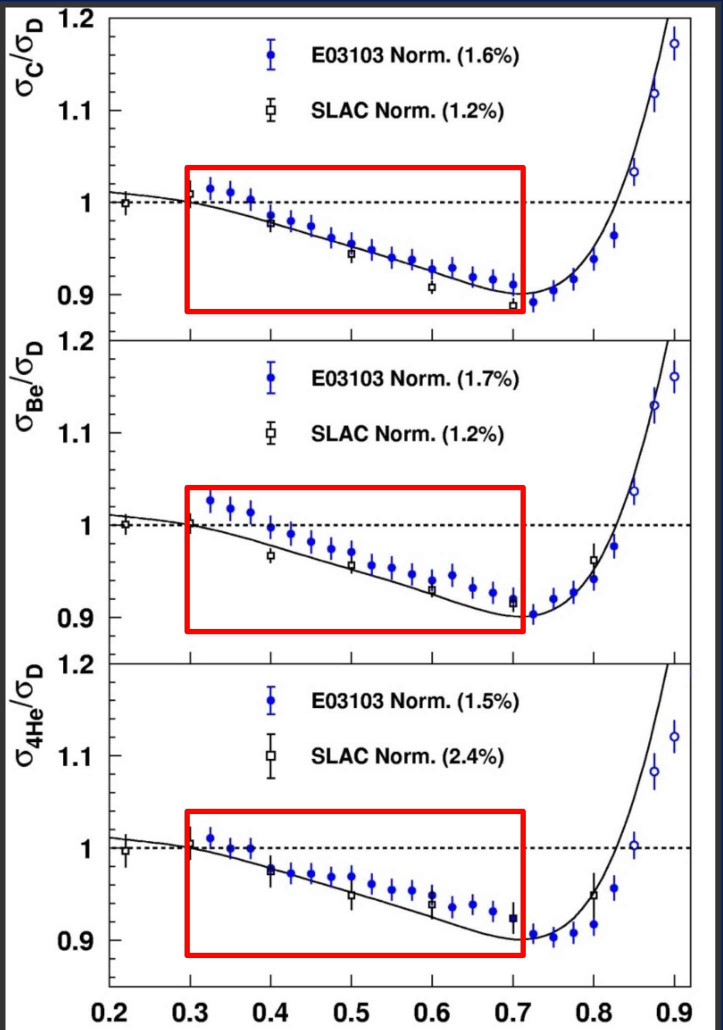
Partonic momentum structure of nuclei: Nuclear parton distribution functions

(Traditional collinear, unpolarized) Nuclear PDFs



Expected improvement on uncertainty in nuclear PDFs - from Yellow Report

Partonic momentum structure of nuclei: EMC effect and local density



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- Fit slope of ratios for 0.3<x<0.7; compare across nuclei
- EMC slope doesn't scale with A or with avg nuclear density…

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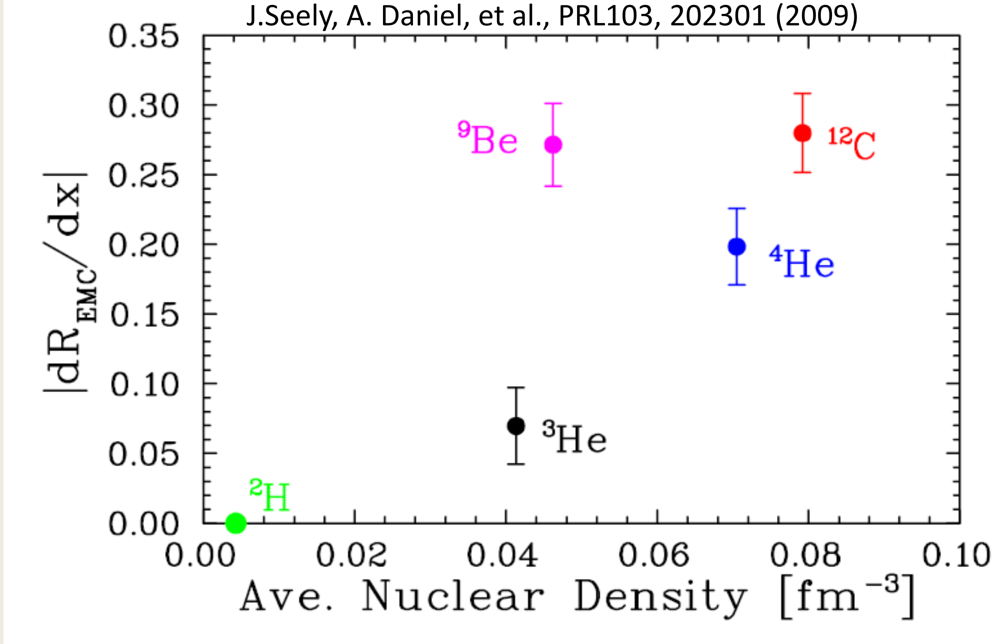

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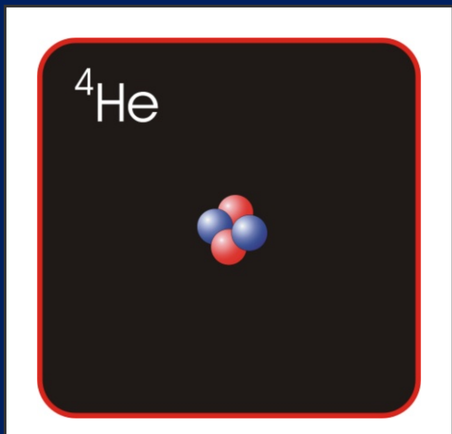
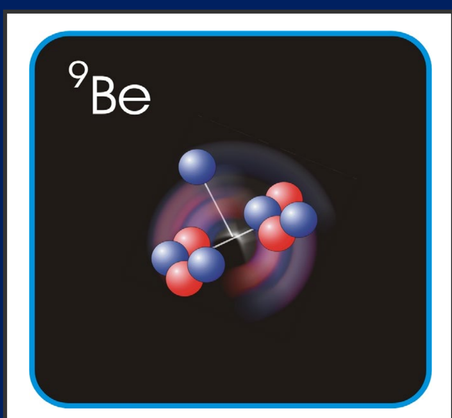
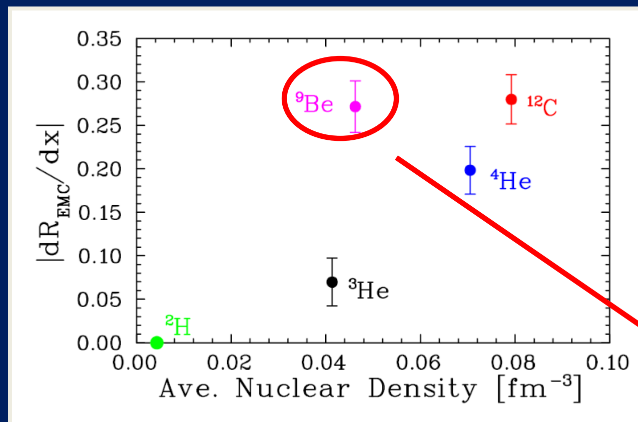
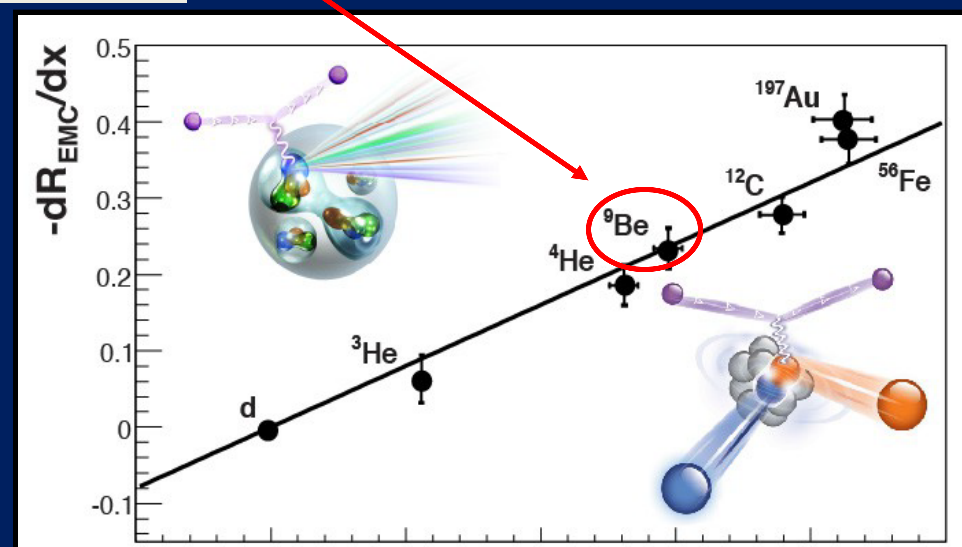






But appears to scale with local density!



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Density determined from *ab initio* few-body calculation
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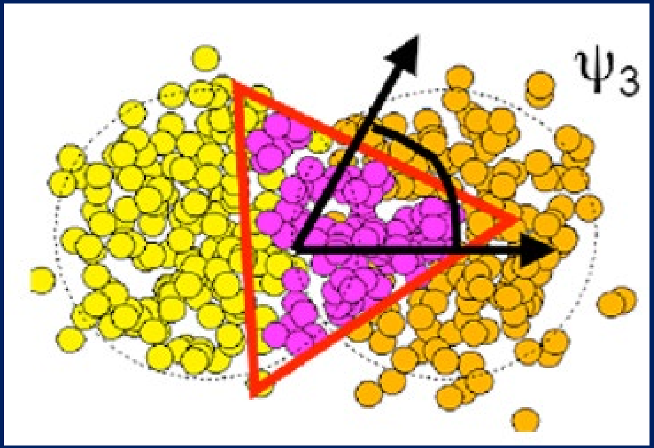
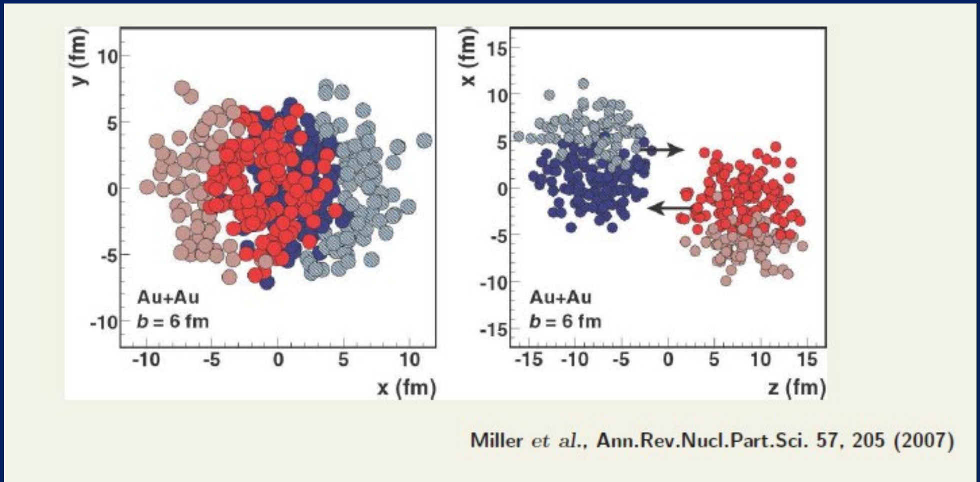
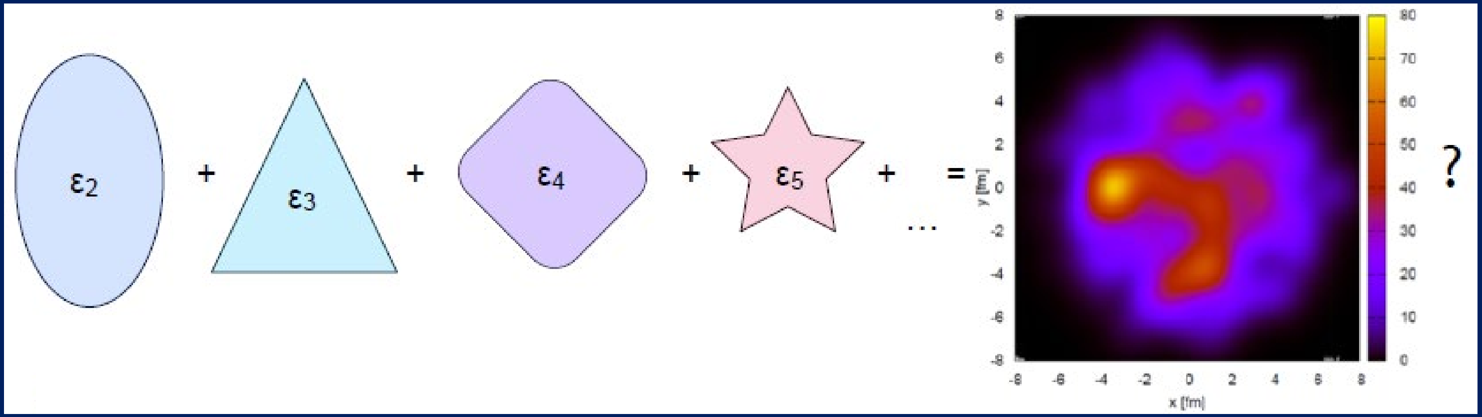
Local density in nuclei is important!

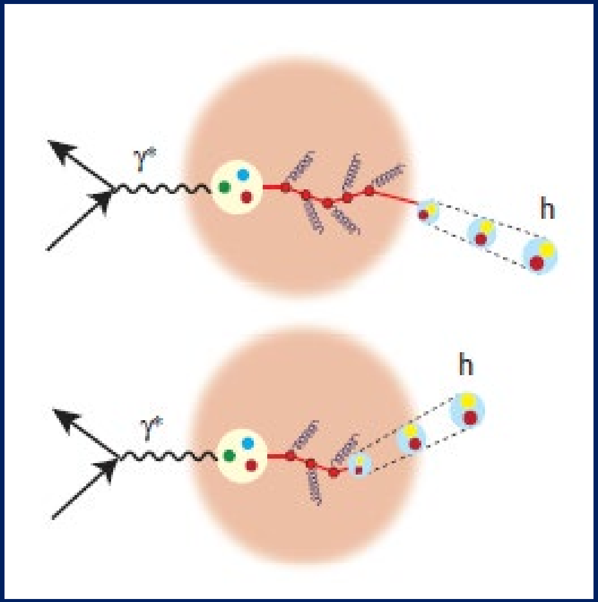




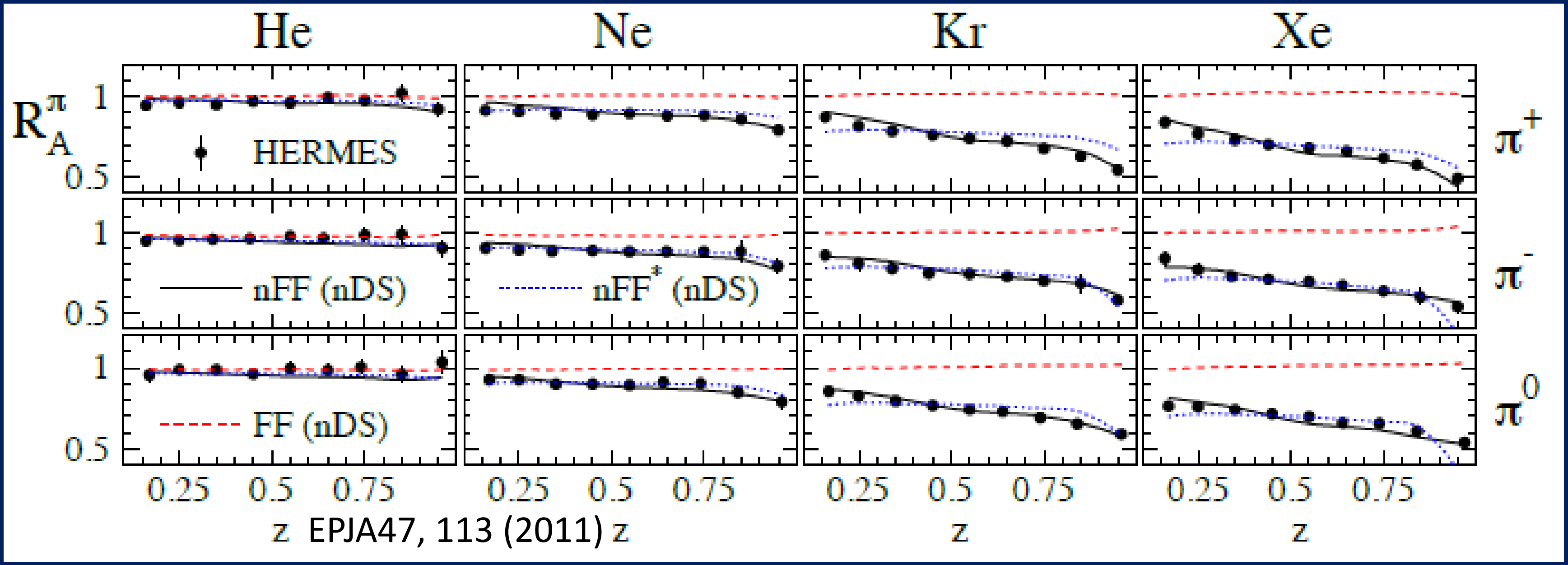


Formation of QCD bound states: Hadronization at EIC

- Use nuclei as femtometer-scale detectors of the hadronization process!
- Wide range of scattered parton energy; small to large nuclei
  - Move hadronization inside/outside nucleus
  - Distinguish energy loss and attenuation



Formation of QCD bound states: Nuclear modification of fragmentation functions



As in A+A and p+A, fragmentation functions are modified in e+A with respect to e+p, e.g. suppression of pion production

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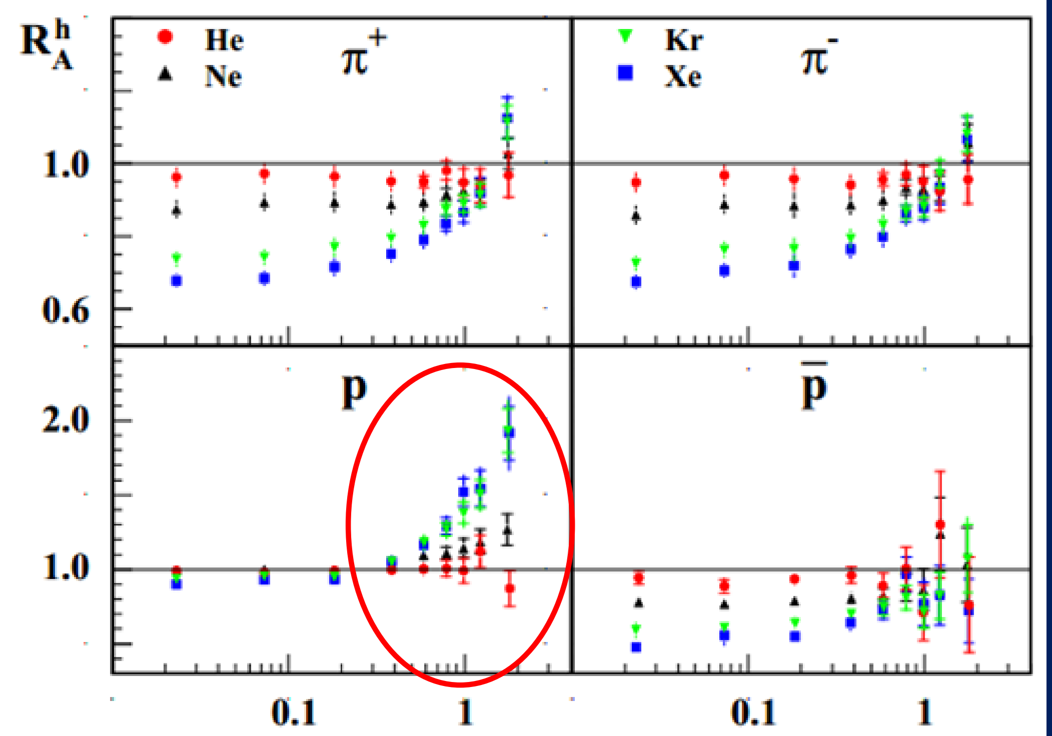

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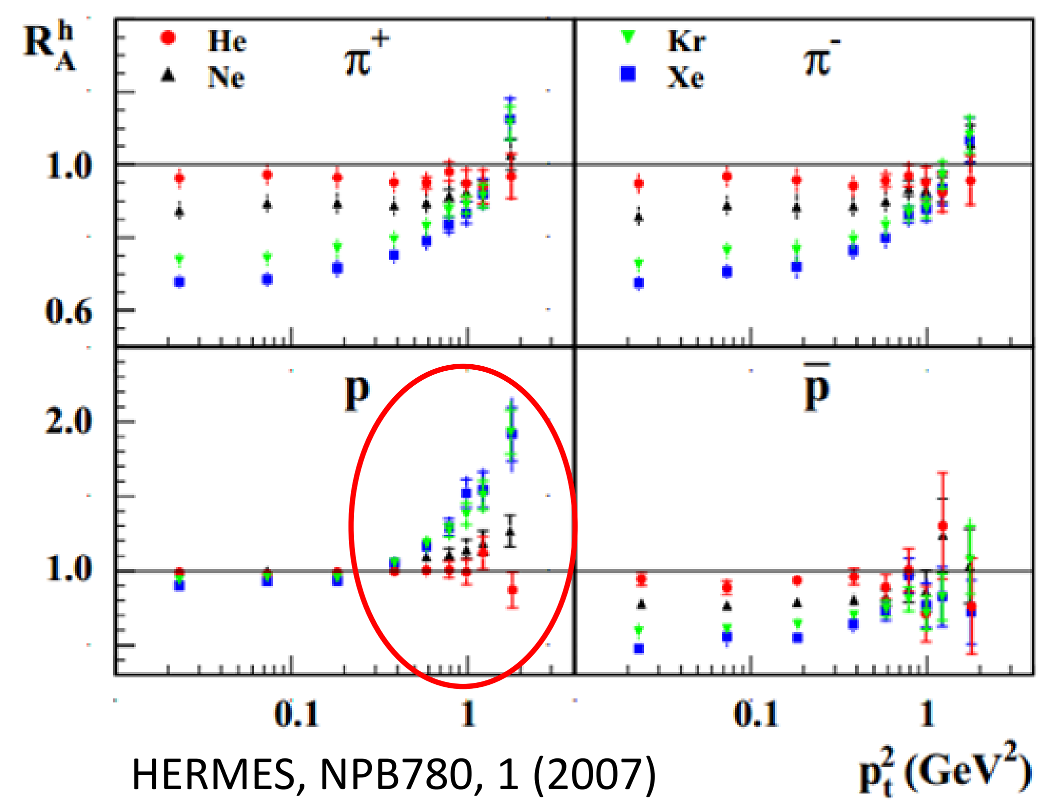

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Comprehensive studies of hadronization as well as of propagation of color charges through nuclei possible at EIC

EIC: Status and recent developments

- EIC received U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) "Critical Decision 0" in Dec 2019
  - Critical Decision 1 review Jan 2021
- Site selection at BNL announced Jan 2020
- Lots of activity and growth in the EIC User Group in 2020!
- EIC community-wide physics and detector conceptual development over the past year
  - Two working groups: Physics, Detector concepts
  - Summaries to be published as "Yellow Reports" in early 2021

EIC: Status and recent developments

- DOE project includes accelerator and one detector
  - International and other non-DOE resources sought for a second general purpose detector
  - Series of upcoming workshops on science and instrumentation of second detector—first one Dec 15-16 (https://indico.bnl.gov/event/9794/)

- Official call for detector proposals expected March 2021
- Annual EIC User Group meeting to be hosted by Poland, August 2021

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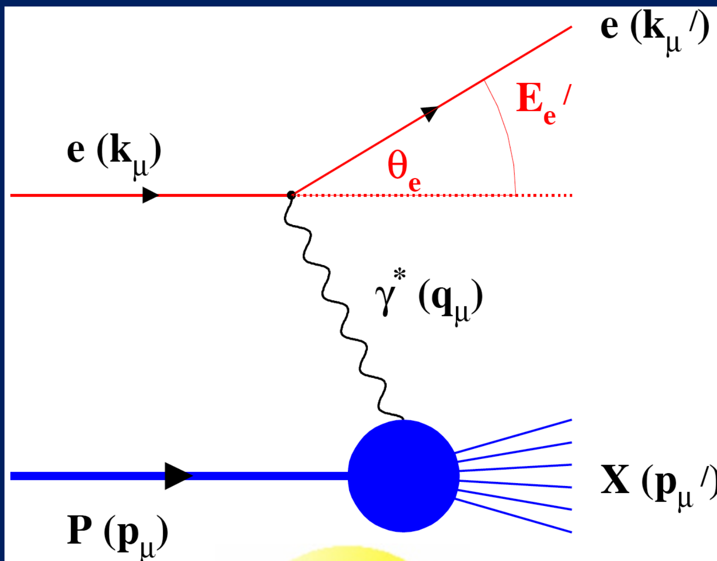
Extra

Accessing quarks and gluons through DIS

Kinematics:



$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k_\mu - k'_\mu)^2$$

$$Q^2 = 2E_e E'_e (1 - \cos\Theta_{e'})$$

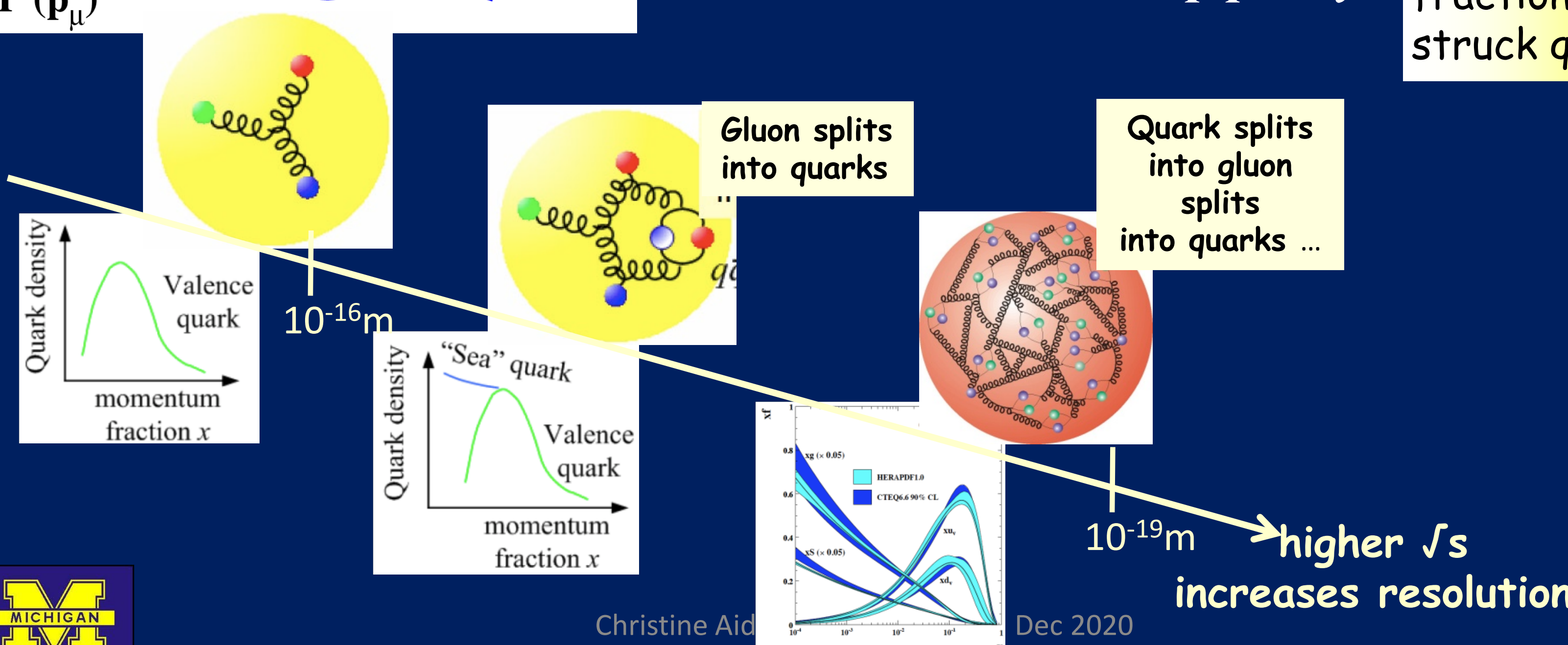
Measure of resolution power

$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e}\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

Measure of inelasticity

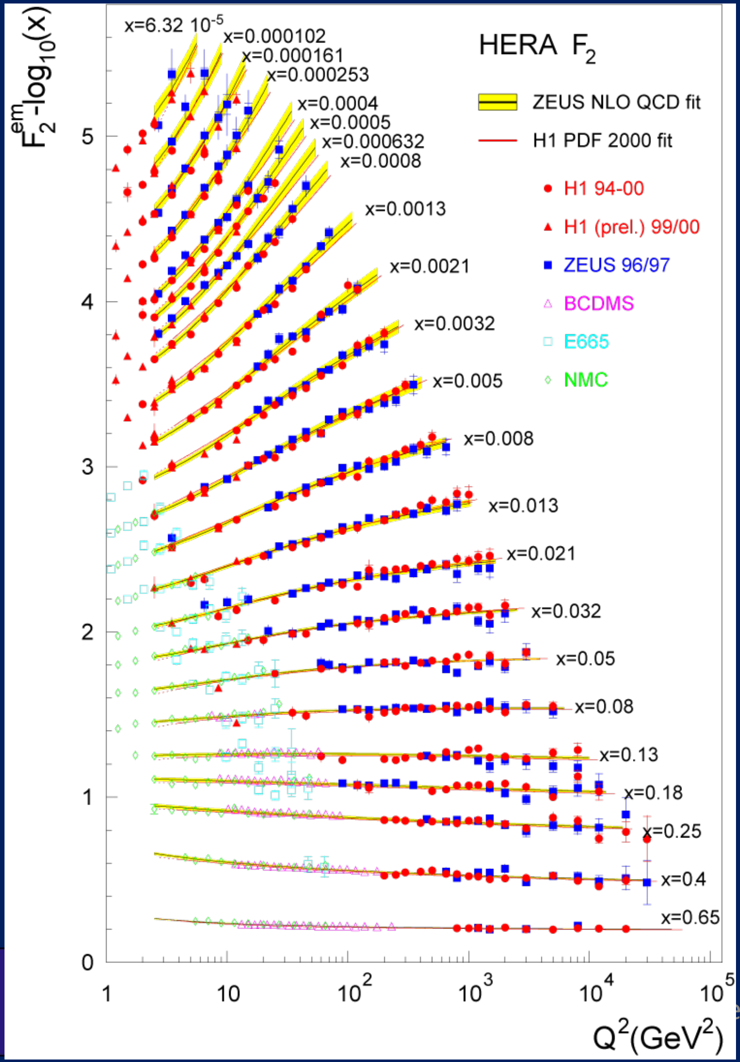
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

Measure of momentum fraction of struck quark



Accessing gluons with an electroweak probe

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



Access the gluons in DIS via scaling violations:

$dF_2/d\ln Q^2$ and linear DGLAP evolution in Q^2 → $G(x,Q^2)$

OR

Via F_L structure function

OR

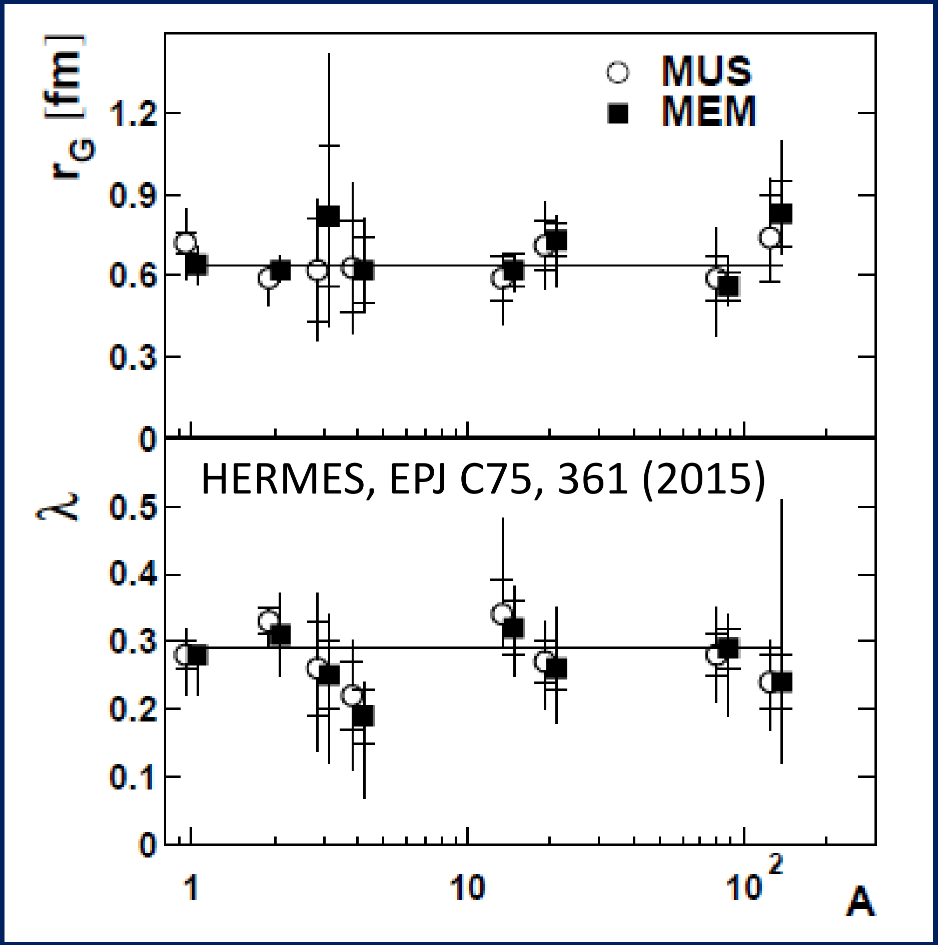
Via dihadron production

OR

Via diffractive scattering

Bose-Einstein correlations for nuclear semi-inclusive DIS

- Sensitive to spatial separation of production of the two particles
- No nuclear dependence found within uncertainties



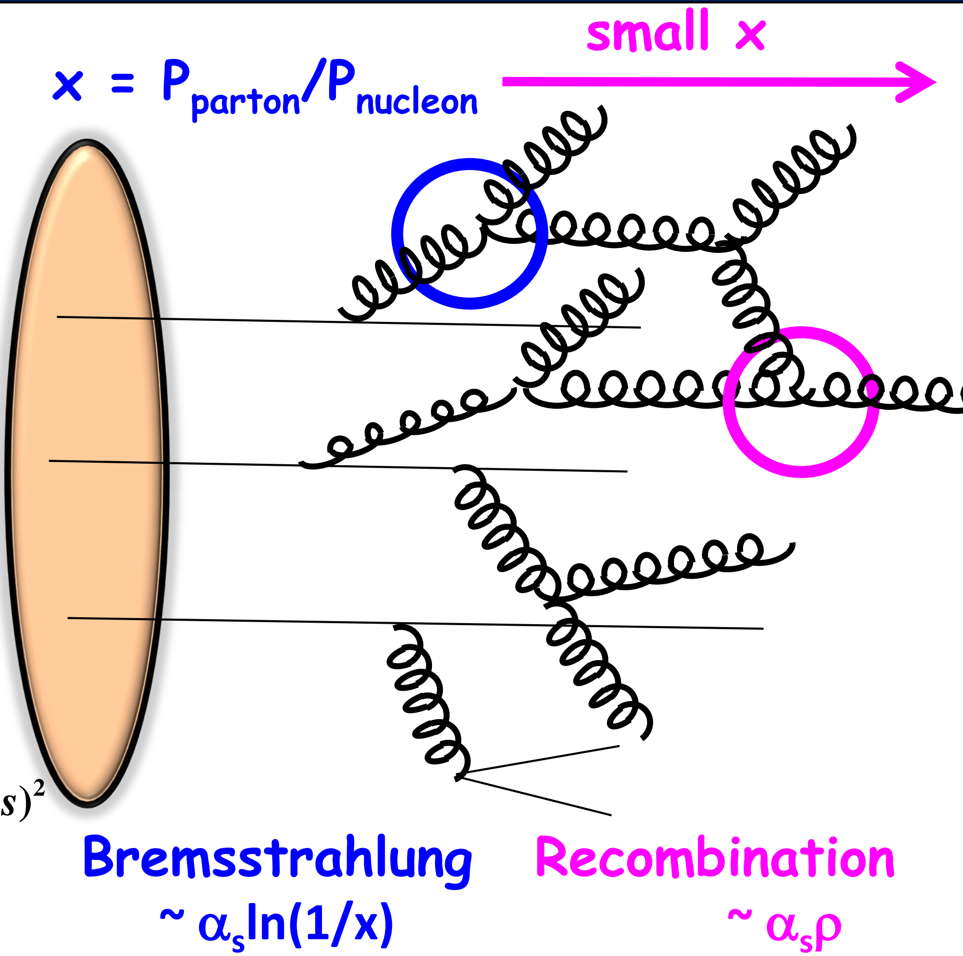
Gluon saturation

At small x linear evolution gives strongly rising g(x) – but must be bounded!

BK/JIMWLK non-linear evolution includes recombination effects → saturation

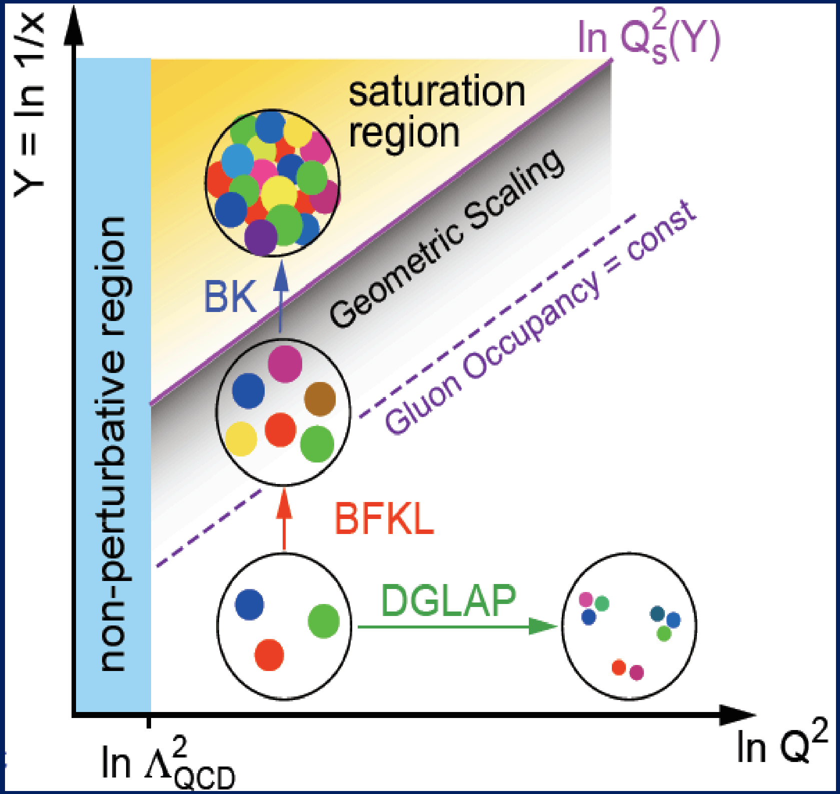
- Dynamically generated scale
  Saturation Scale: $Q^2_s(x)$
  - Increases with energy or decreasing x
- Scale with $Q^2/Q^2_s(x)$ instead of x and Q^2 separately

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{\pi}{m_\pi^2}(\ln s)^2$$



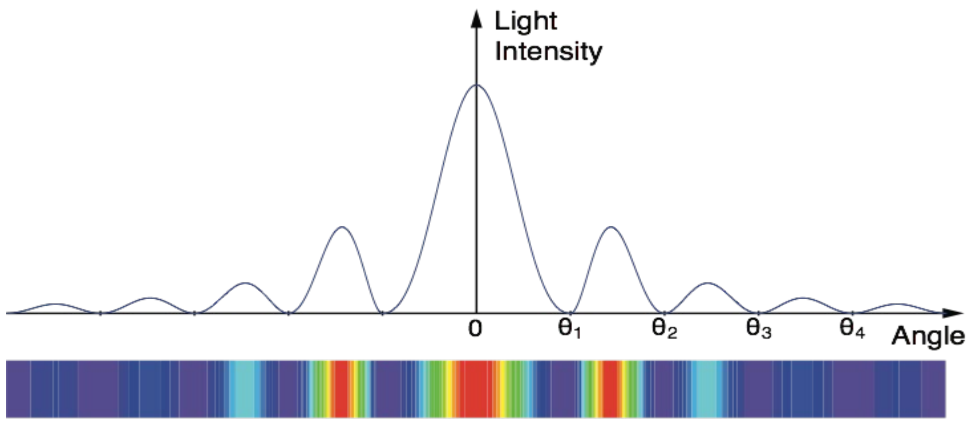
Diffraction to study universal state of gluonic matter: Gluon saturation

- In addition to probing spatial structure, diffraction is one way to probe gluon saturation within nuclei



Partonic spatial structure of nuclei: Diffraction

Diffraction pattern from monochromatic plane wave incident on a circular screen of fixed radius



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- X-ray diffraction used to probe spatial structure of atomic crystal lattices
  - Measure in momentum space, Fourier transform to position space
- Nuclear distance scales → Need gamma ray diffraction!
  - Again measure diffractive cross section in momentum space (Mandelstam t), Fourier transform to position space

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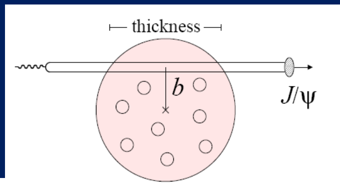
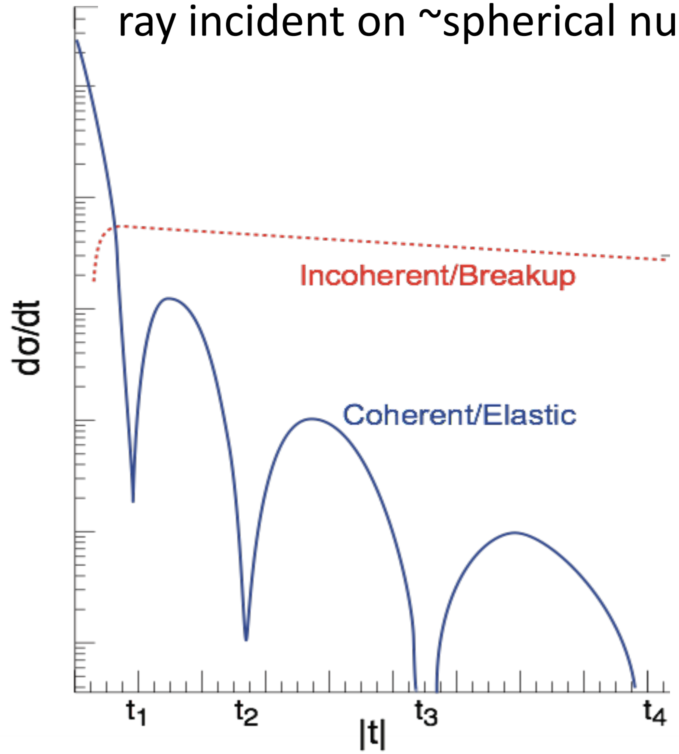


Expected diffraction pattern from gamma ray incident on ~spherical nucleus



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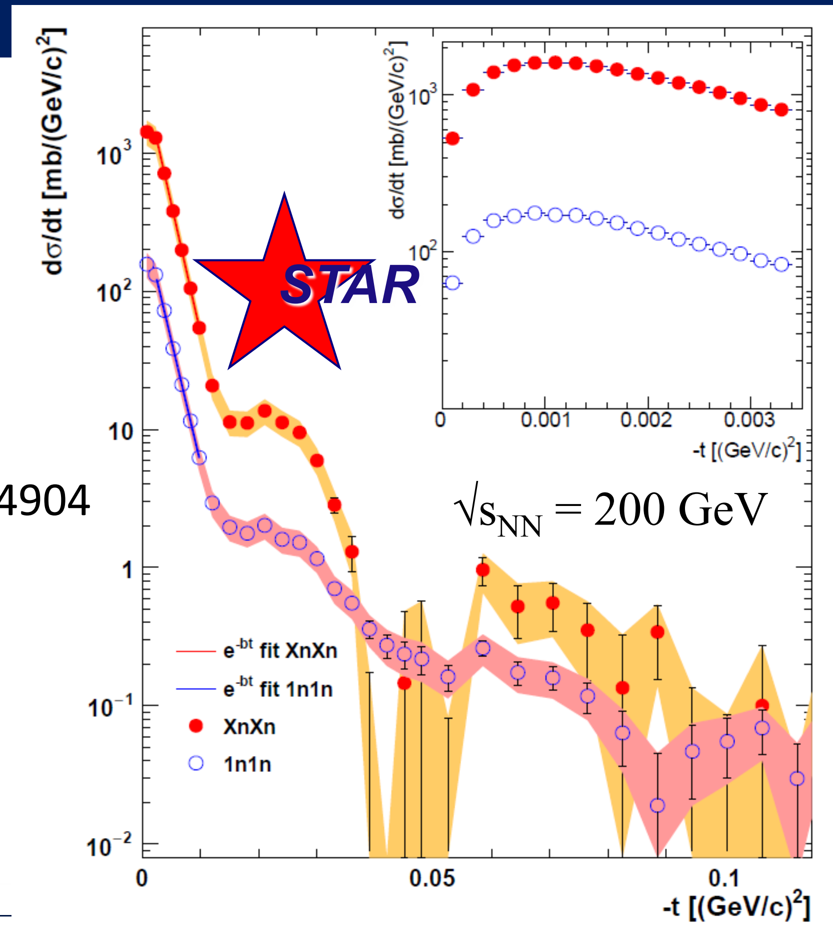
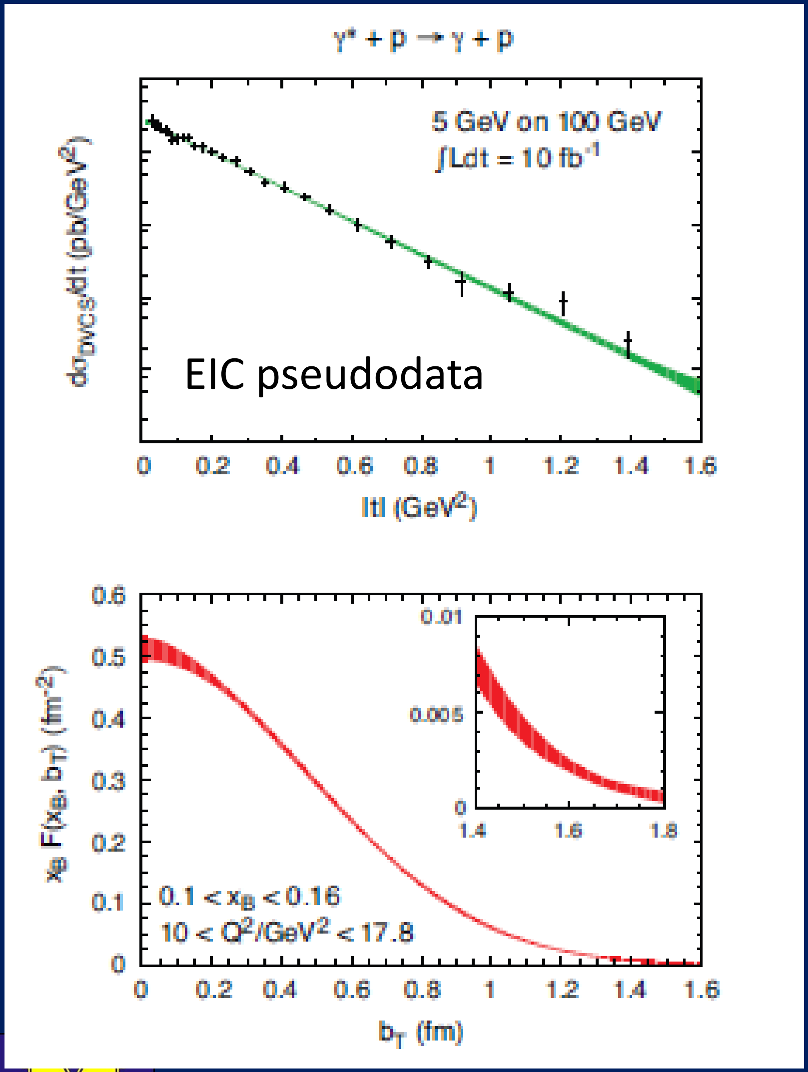
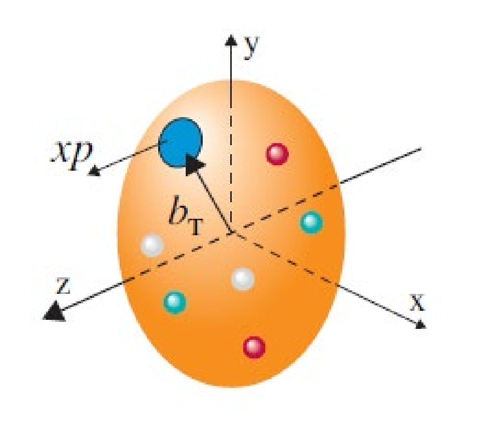


e+A, p+A, or A+A. Probed nucleus in one beam. Gamma emitted by electron or Coulomb-excited proton/nucleus passing nearby in second beam.

Diffractive ρ production in Au+Au ultraperipheral collisions

Partonic spatial structure of nuclei: Diffraction





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Obtain b profile from slope vs. t.

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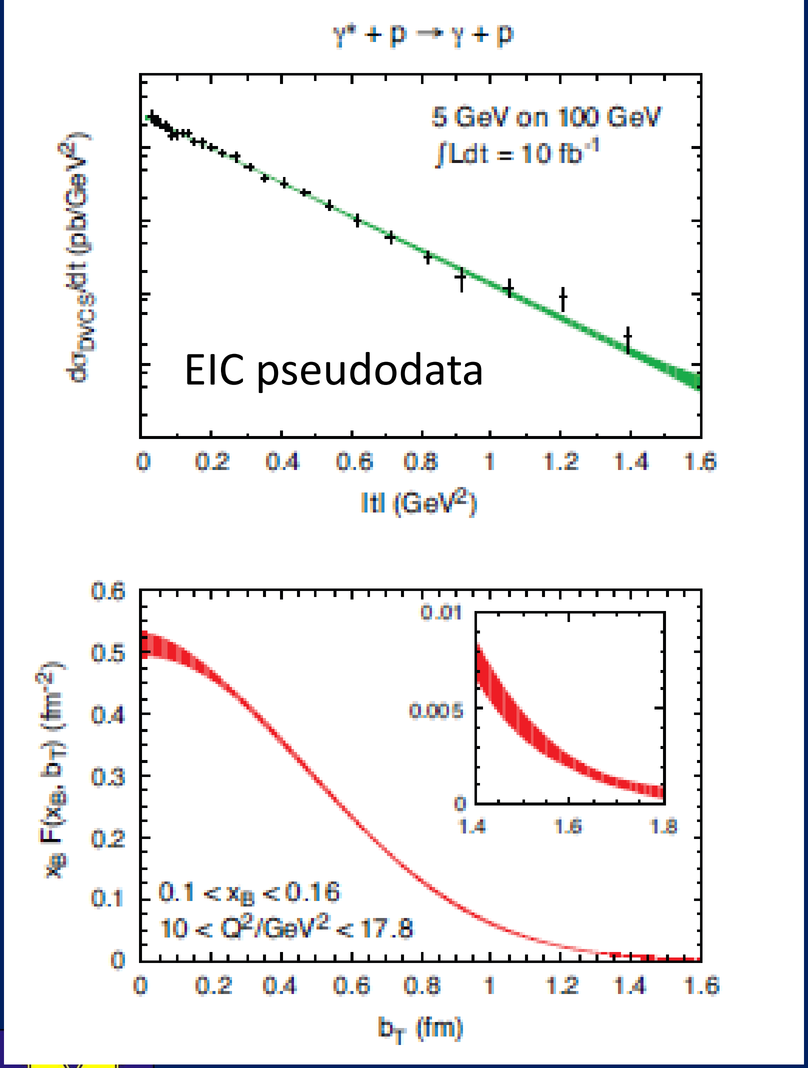

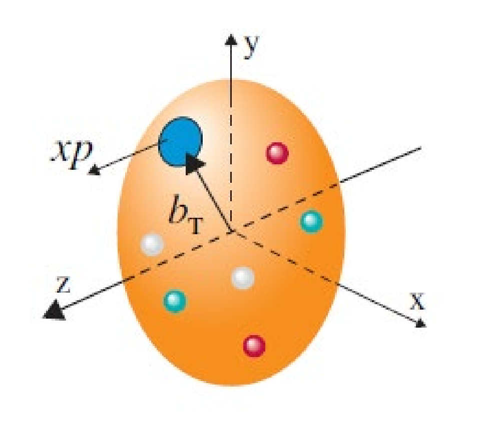

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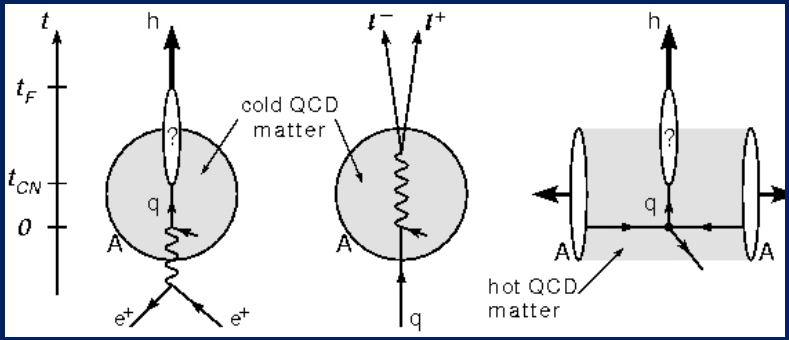
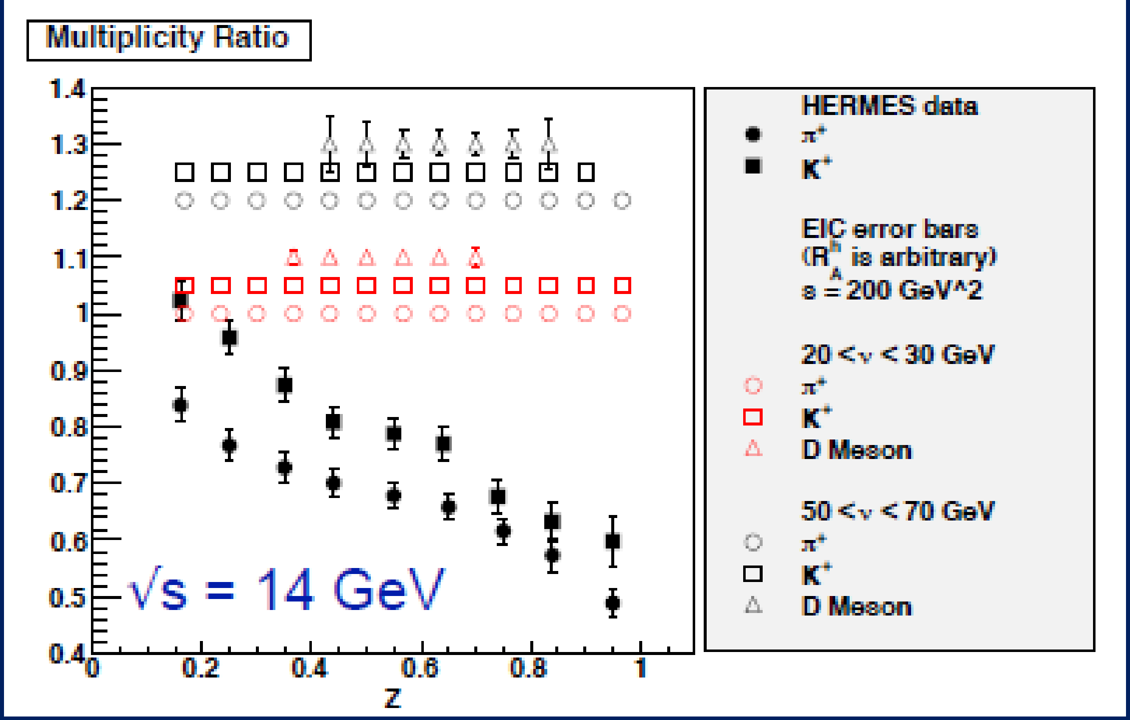
Note: To probe spatial distributions, can also use Bose-Einstein correlations (HBT) in e+A to probe spatial extent of particle production region, as in hadron-hadron collisions

Hadronization: Parton propagation in matter



- Interaction of fast color charges with matter?
- Conversion of color charge to hadrons through fragmentation and breakup?



Existing data → hadron production modified on nuclei compared to the nucleon!

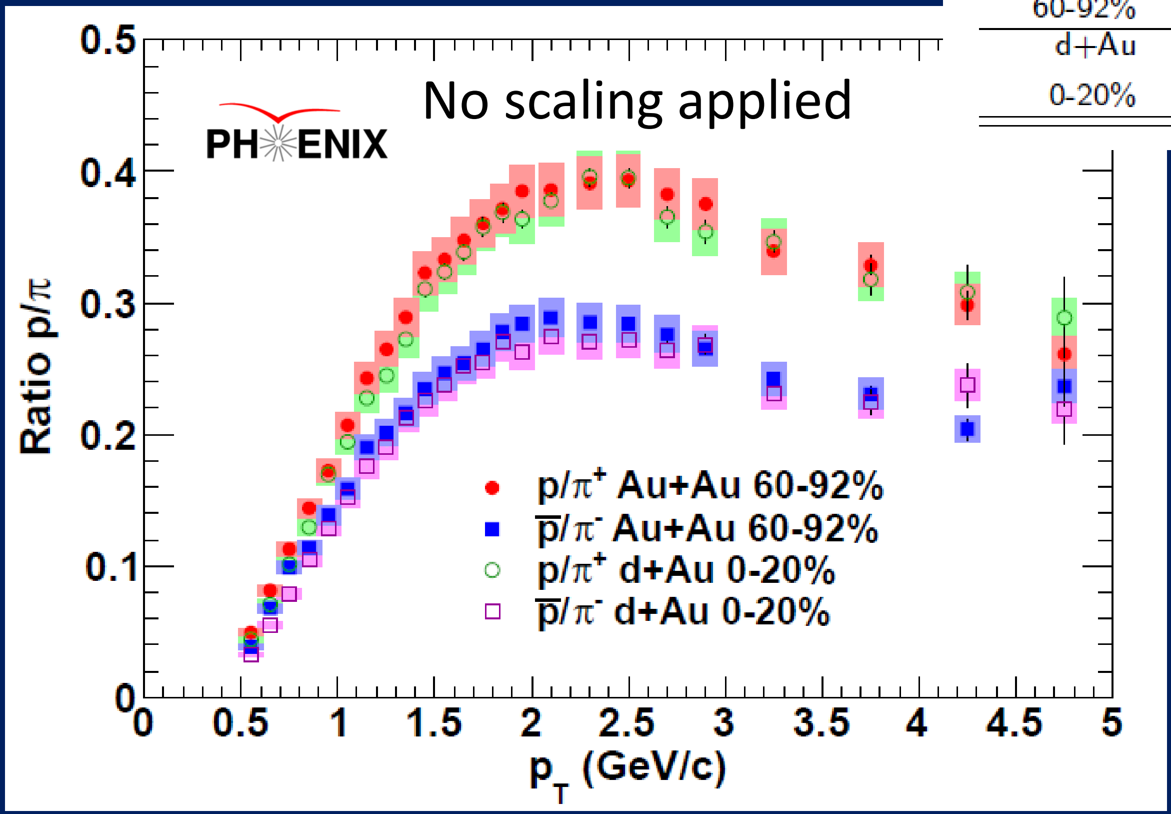
EIC will provide ample statistics and much greater kinematic coverage!

-Study time scales for color neutralization and hadron formation

- e+A complementary to jets in A+A: cold vs. hot matter

Formation of QCD bound states: Hadronization in higher-density partonic environments

Centrality	$\langle N_{coll} \rangle$	$\langle N_{part} \rangle$
Au+Au 60-92%	14.8 ± 3.0	14.7 ± 2.9
d+Au 0-20%	15.1 ± 1.0	15.3 ± 0.8



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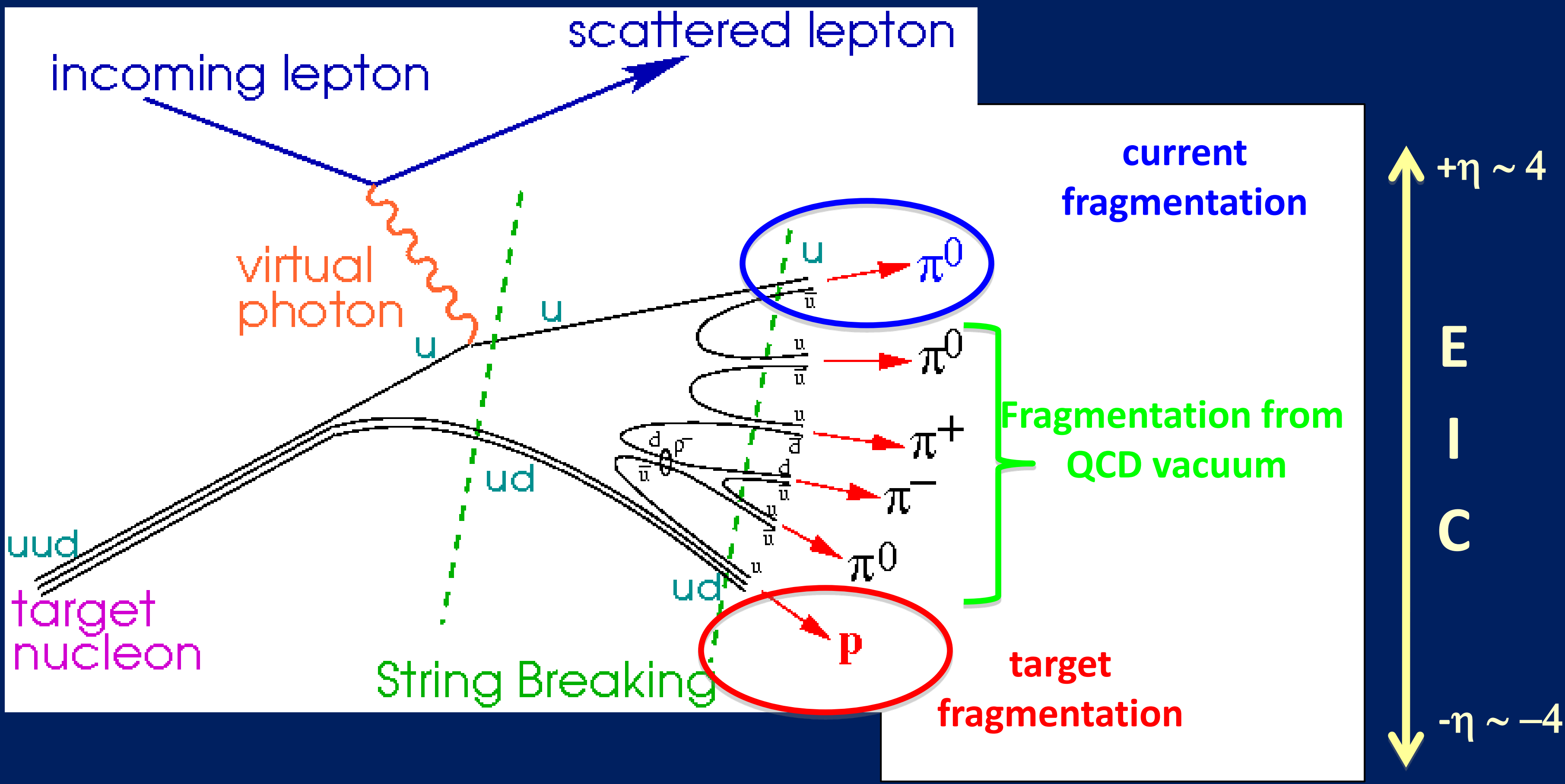
Baryon enhancement observed in central A+A but also peripheral A+A and in p/d+A.

p/π ratio for central d+Au and peripheral Au+Au—shape *and* magnitude identical!

Suggests common mechanism(s) for baryon production in the two systems

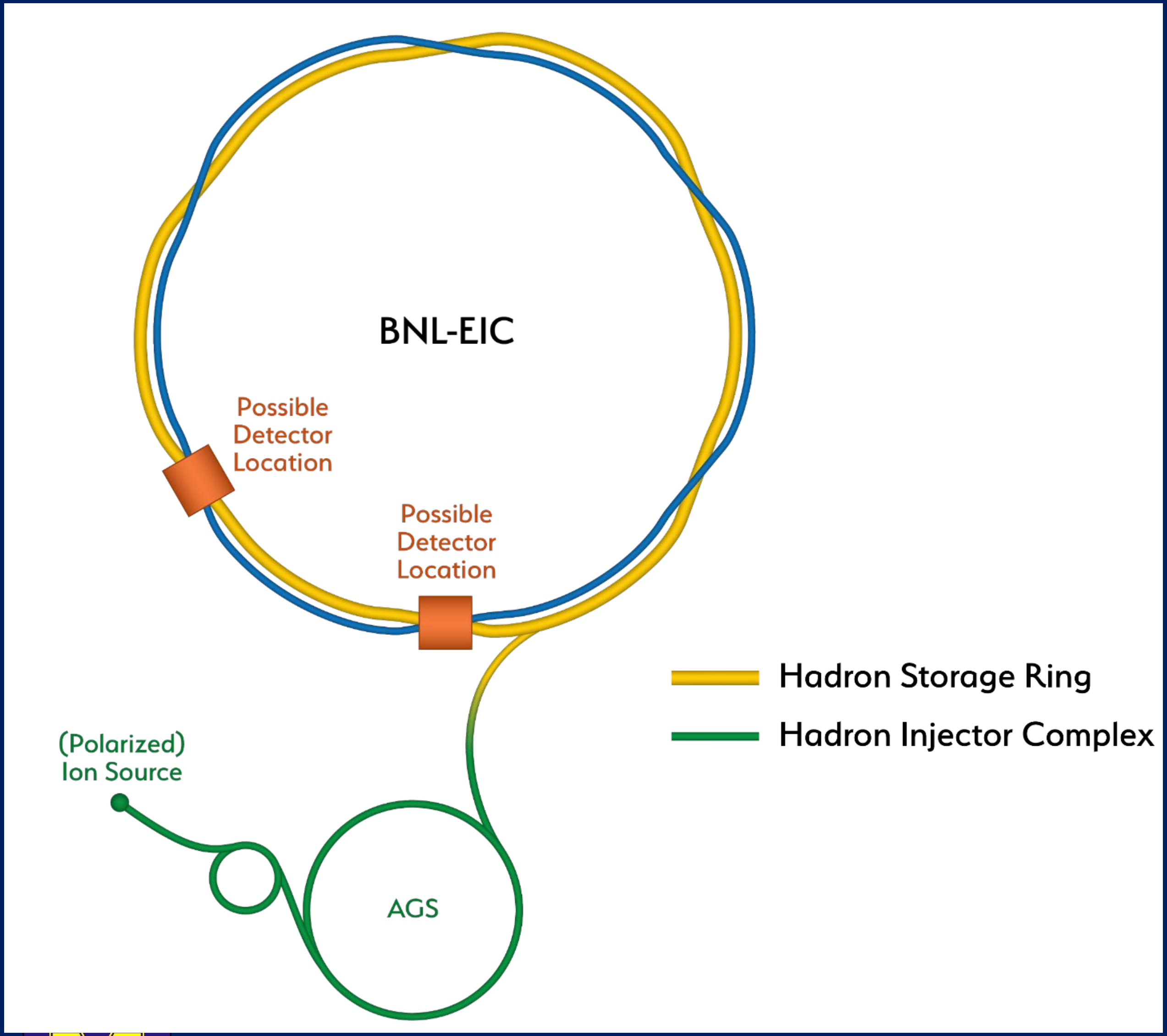
Formation of QCD bound states: Hadronization at EIC



Formation of QCD bound states: "Target fragmentation" region

- Related to color neutralization of remnant—soft particle production
- Electron-Ion Collider will map out target fragmentation region well
  - Collider geometry – easier than in fixed-target to separate "current" from "target" fragmentation
- Connections to
  - "Underlying event" in hadron-hadron collisions
  - Forward hadron production in hadron-hadron collisions
  - Cosmic ray physics
- "Fracture functions" – theoretical tools to describe target fragmentation

How RHIC is transformed into an EIC



- Existing RHIC with blue and yellow rings

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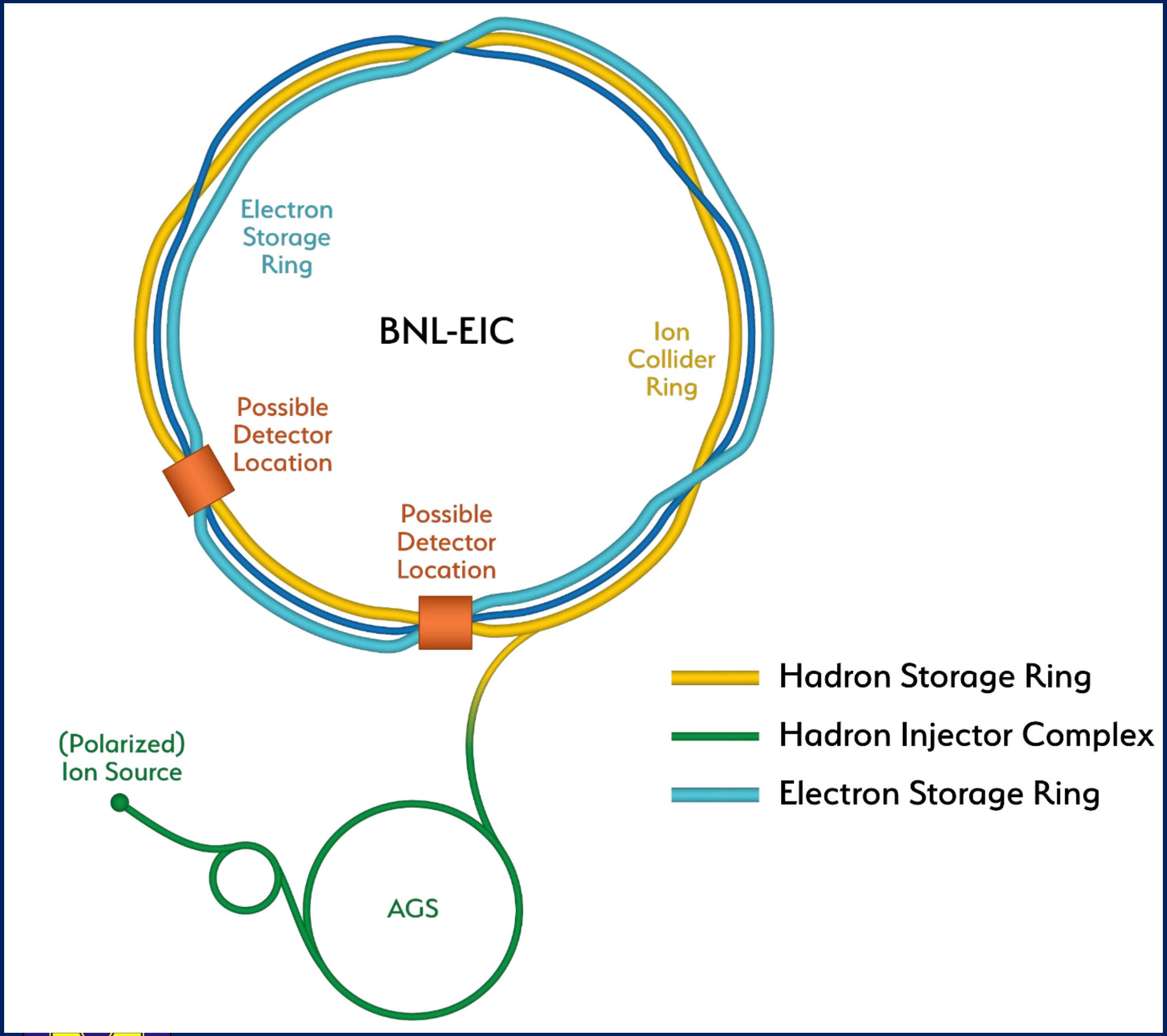

- Add electron storage ring

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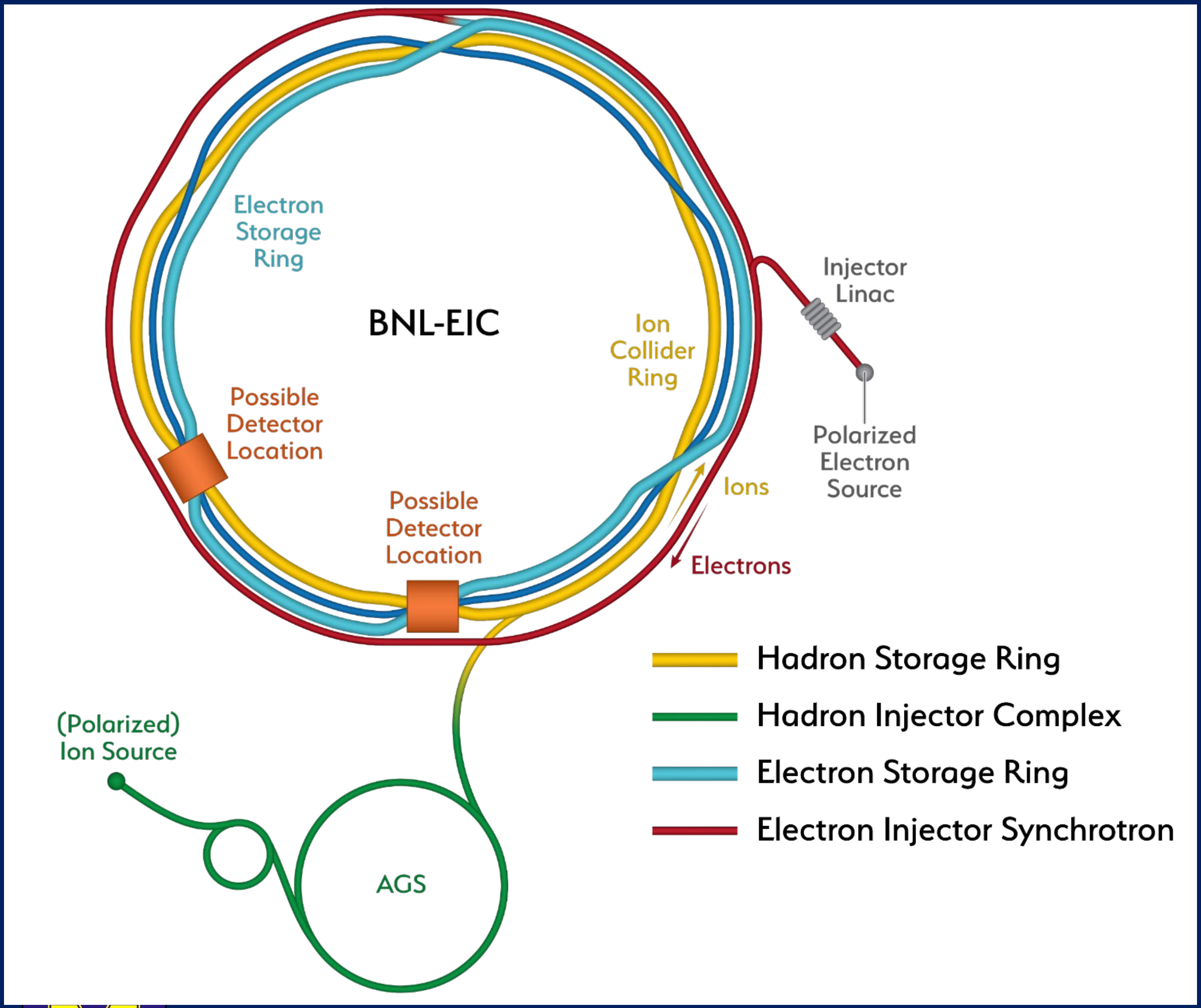

- Add an electron injector complex with Rapid Cycling Synchrotron

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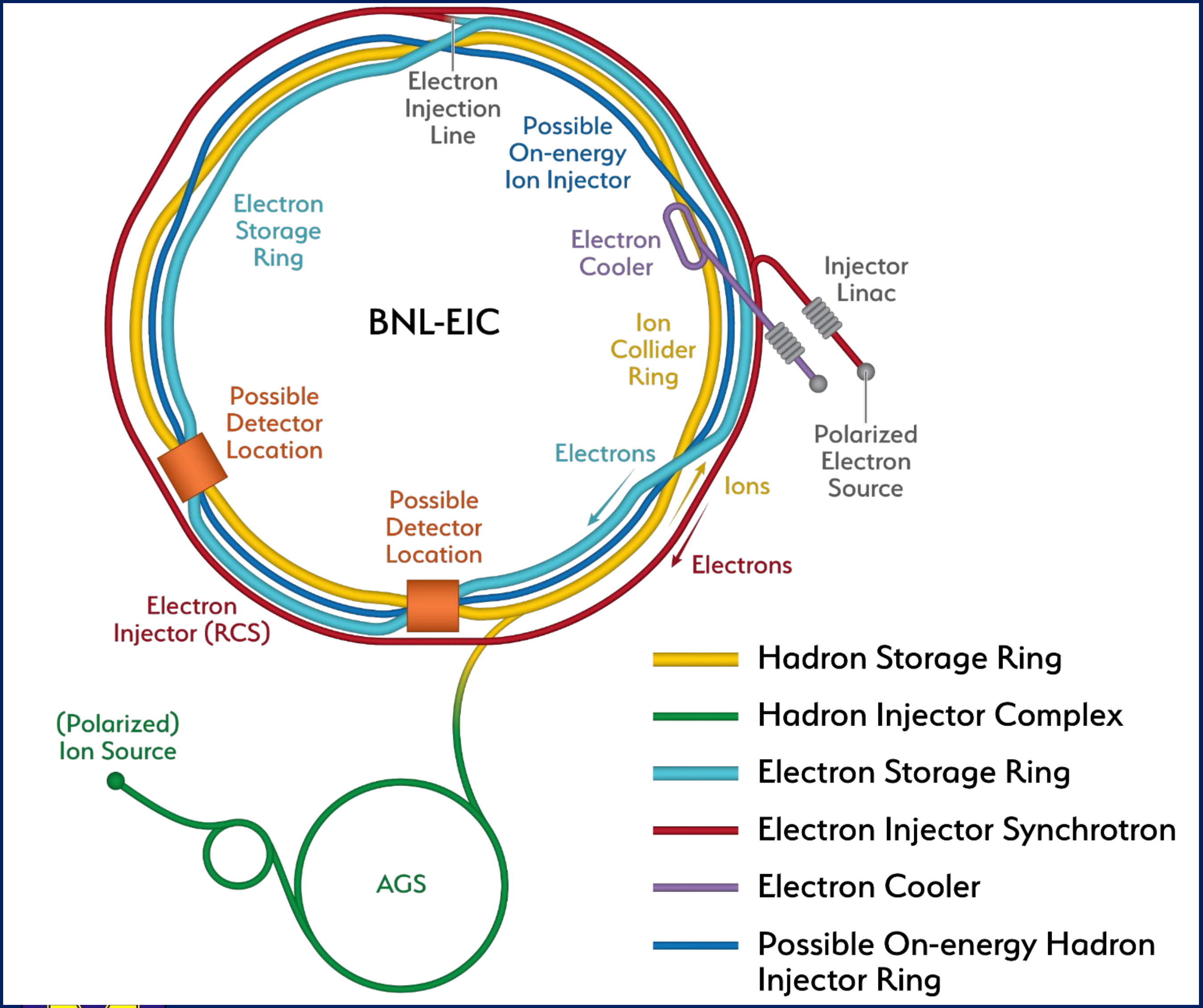
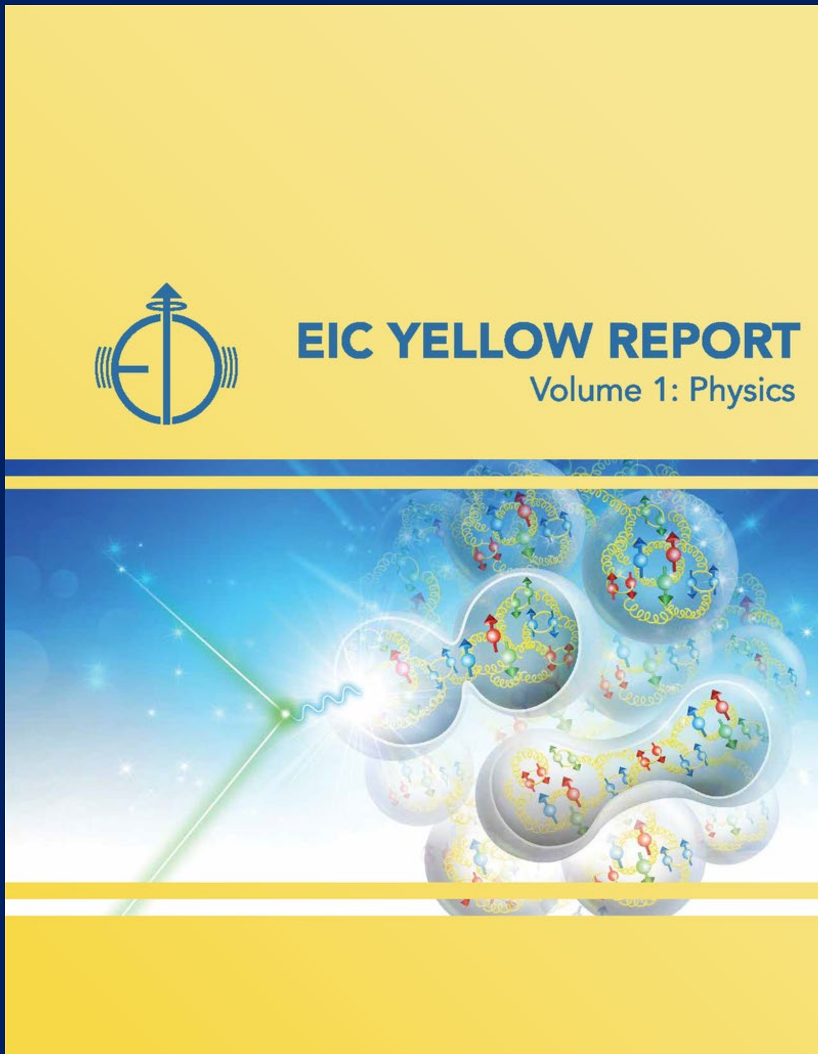


- Strong hadron cooling completes the facility
- Alternate solution also shown using RHIC blue ring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