

# eA physics at Electron Ion Collider with focus on small x and diffraction

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# What can be explored at EIC in eA collisions ?

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## Capabilities of EIC

Beams with different A: from *light nuclei* to the *heavy nuclei*

Polarized electron and nucleon beams. Possibility of polarized light ions.

Variable center of mass energies 20 -140 GeV

High luminosity  $10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

## Physics with nuclear beams

*How are parton distributions changed in nuclei ?* Nuclear PDFs, proton & neutron structure

*How and when partons saturate in nuclei ?* Parton saturation

*How nucleons/nuclei stay intact in high energy collision?*

*What is the nature of color singlet exchange ?* Diffraction and shadowing

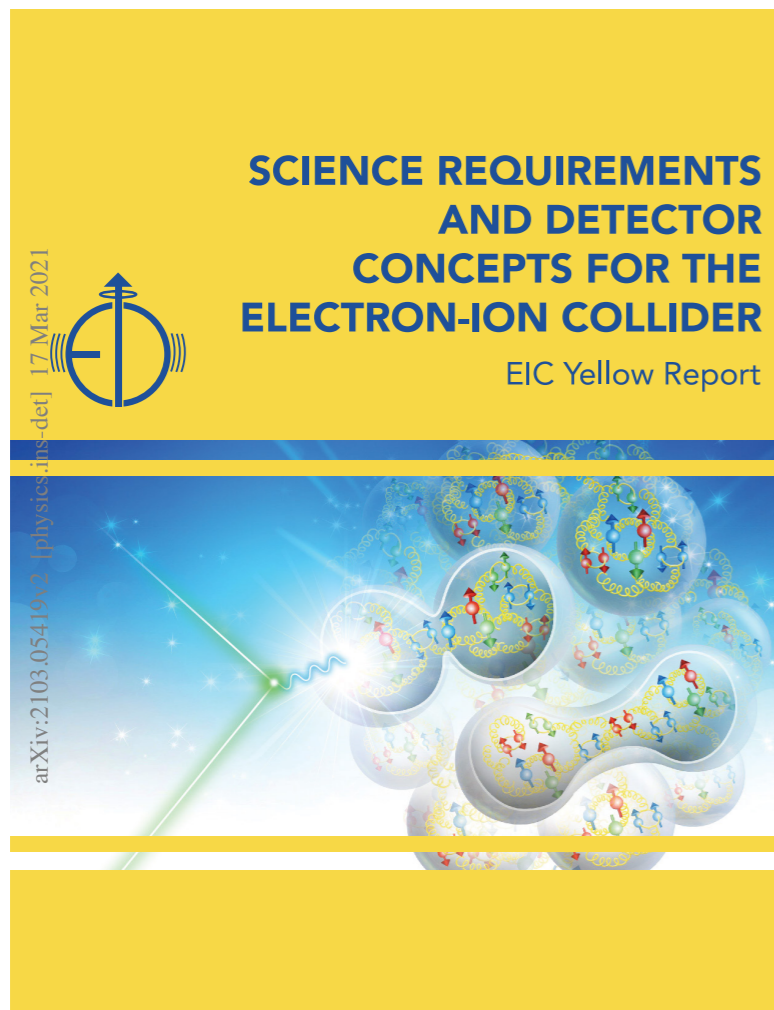
*How partons interact with nuclear medium ?* Hadronization in medium

*Nature of the strong force, correlations in nuclei ?* EMC effect, short range correlations

# EIC Yellow Report 2021

From the Yellow Report Chapter 1:

*The purpose of the Yellow Report Initiative is to advance the state and detail of the documented physics studies ([White Paper](#), Institute for Nuclear Theory program proceedings) and detector concepts (Detector and R&D Handbook) in preparation for the realization of the EIC. The effort aims to provide the basis for further development of concepts for experimental equipment best suited for science needs, including complementarity of two detectors towards future Technical Design Reports.*



One year effort

4 workshops, 902 pages, 415 authors, 151 institutions

## Organisation

### Physics Working Group

- Inclusive Reactions
- Semi-Inclusive Reactions
- Jets & Heavy Quarks
- Exclusive Reactions
- Diffraction & Tagging

### Detector Working Group

- Tracking
- Particle ID
- Calorimetry (EM + Hadronic)
- Far-forward detectors
- DAQ/Electronics
- Central Detector/Integration & Magnet
- Forward Detector/IR integration
- Polarimetry/Ancillary Detectors
- Detector Complementarity

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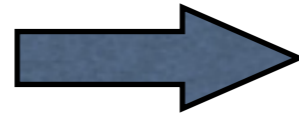
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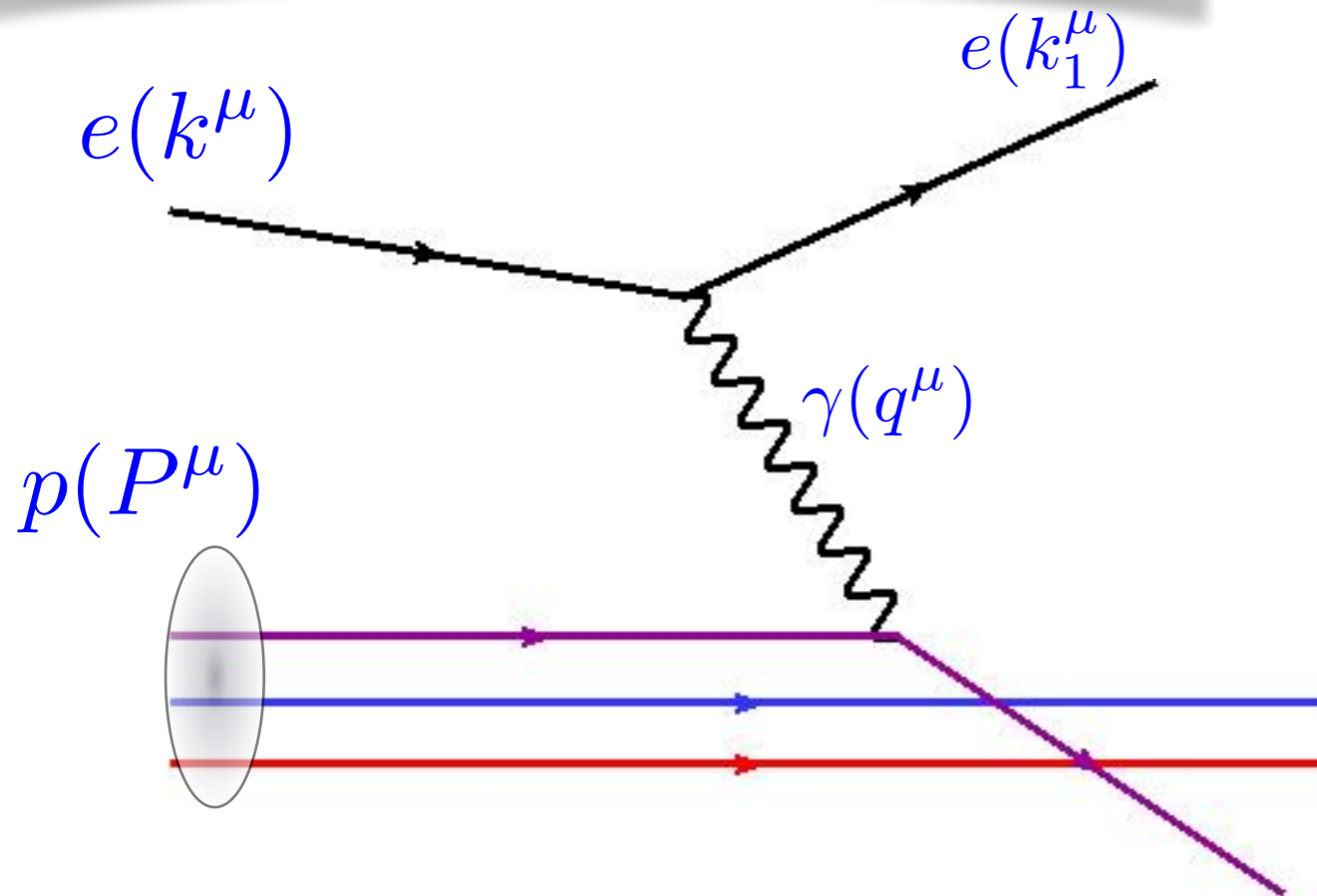
# Kinematics of DIS

Inelastic scattering off proton



Elastic scattering off parton

(quark)



$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

Photon virtuality  
resolving power

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \simeq \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

Bjorken x

$$W^2 = (p + q)^2$$

total energy of  
photon-proton  
system

$$s = (p + k)^2$$

total cms energy

$x$  has the interpretation of the longitudinal momentum fraction of the proton carried by the struck quark

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

Resolving power

high energy  $W$



small  $x$

# Global structure of nuclei

DIS cross section  $Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{xQ^4} Y_+ \sigma_r(x, Q^2)$$

Reduced cross section and structure functions

$$\sigma_r(x, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x, Q^2)$$

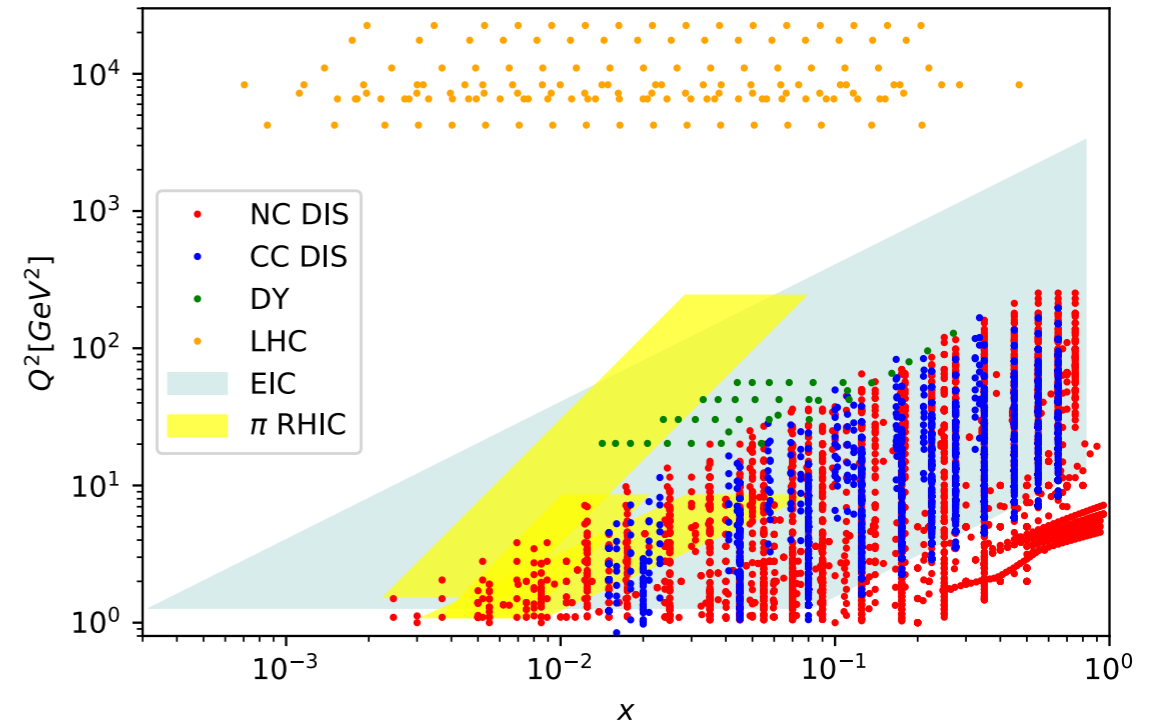
Precise measurement of **nuclear structure functions** for wide range of nuclei and **wide kinematic range**

Extraction of **nuclear PDFs** which are essential for understanding **nuclear structure**

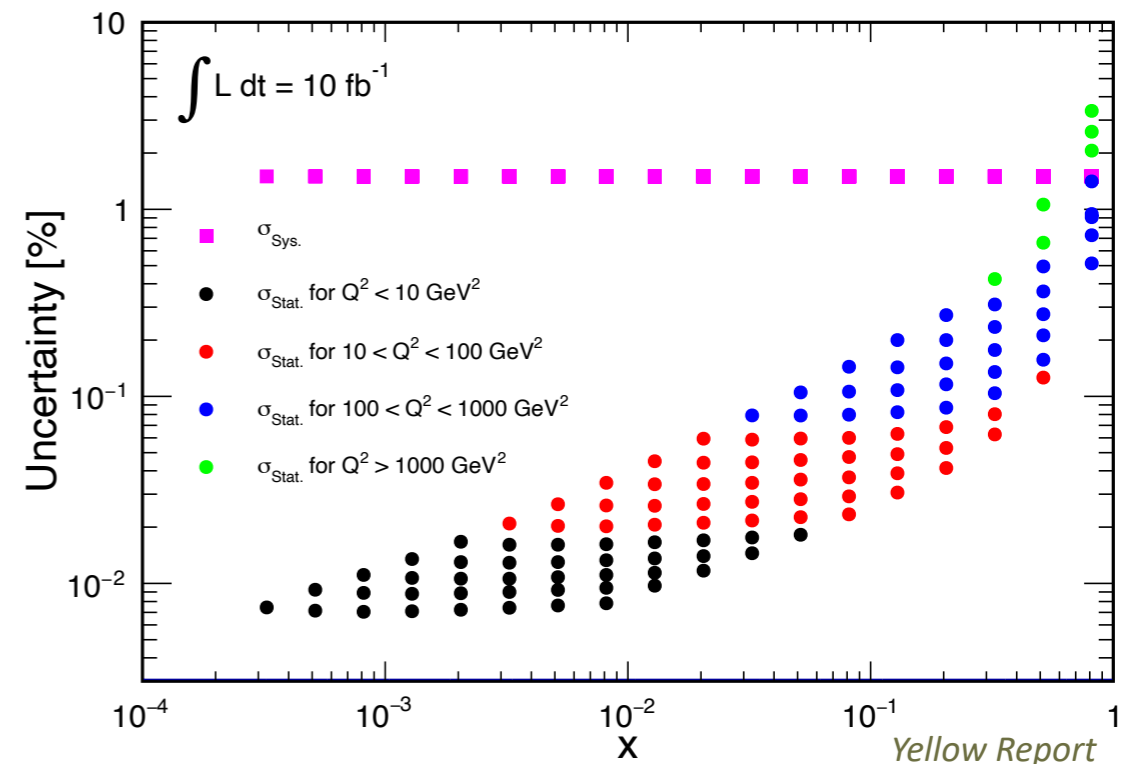
**Initial conditions for Quark-Gluon Plasma**

Sys. uncertainties at most few %, stat. negligible

Proton, deuteron and wide range nuclei structure function within **one facility**: reduction of uncertainties



18x110 e-A N.C. Uncertainties



# Nuclear structure

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

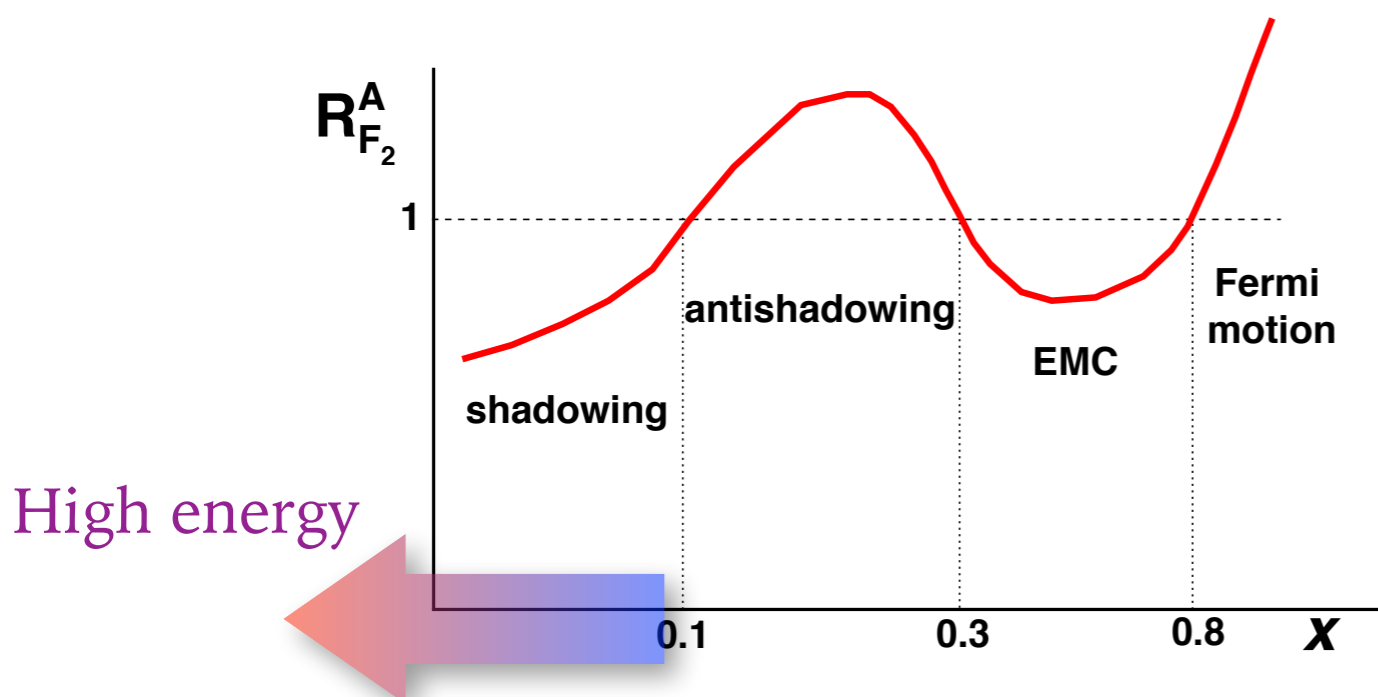
Nuclear ratio for structure function

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

Nuclear effects

$$R^A \neq 1$$

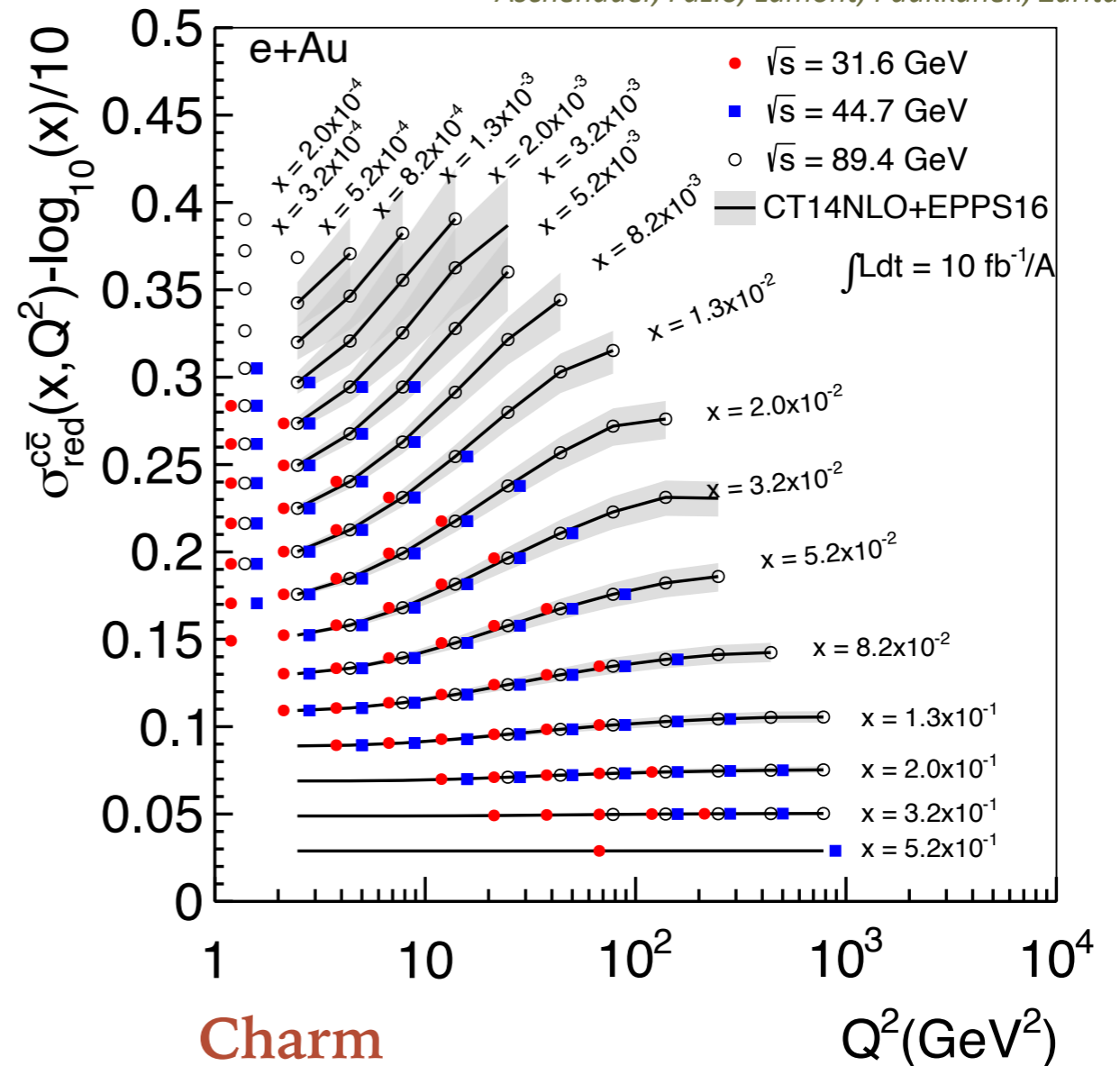
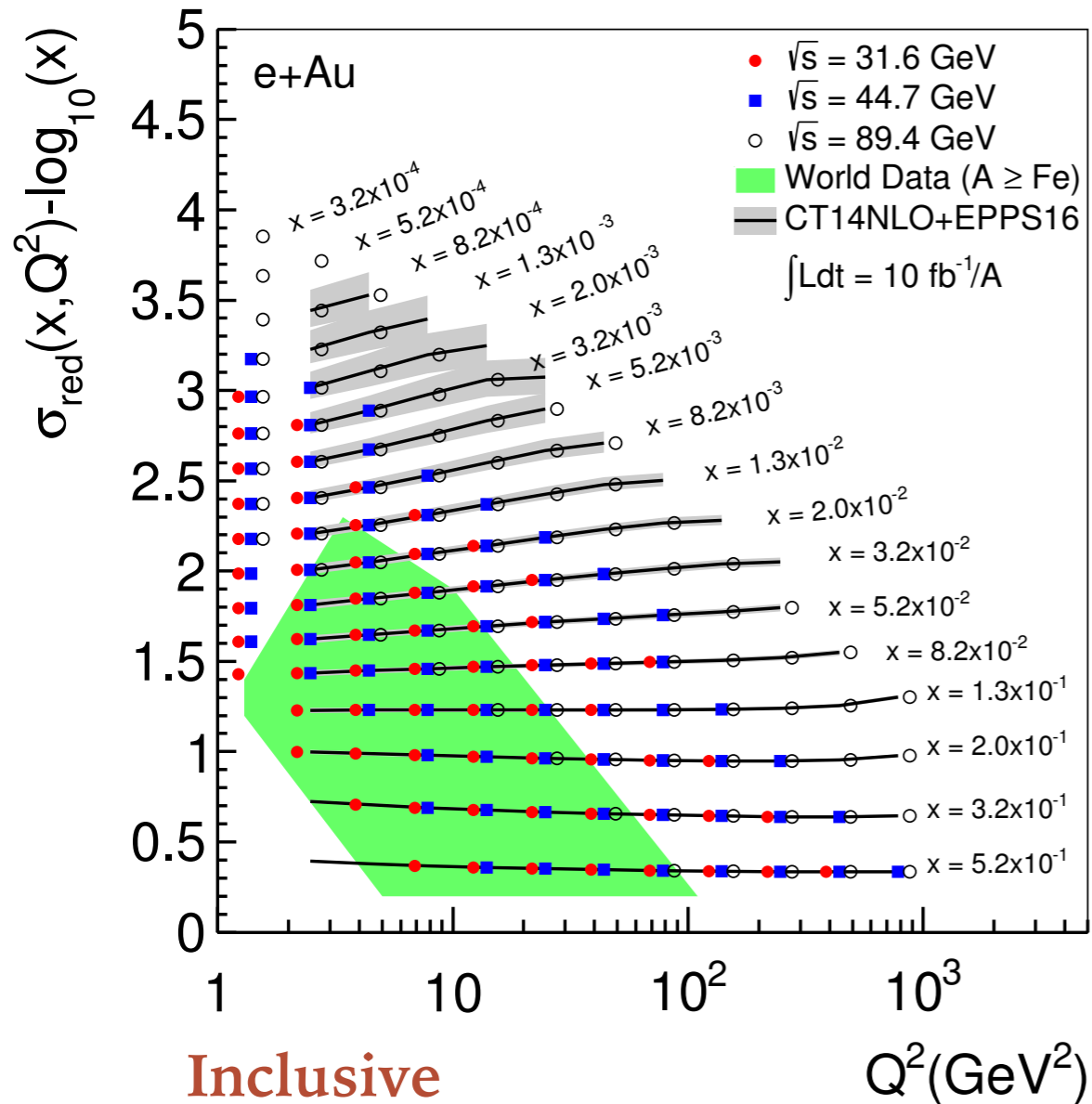
Schematic picture



- 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  $x \leq 0.1$

# Global nuclear structure: structure functions

Aschenauer, Fazio, Lamont, Paukkunen, Zurita



Precision measurements of the reduced cross section: inclusive and charm component in nuclei  
 Errors much smaller than the uncertainties of QCD predictions



# Impact of EIC on nuclear PDFs

Collinear factorization

$$F_{2,L}(x, Q^2) = \sum_j \int_x^1 dz C_{2,L}(Q/\mu, x/z; \alpha_s) f_j(z, \mu) + \dots$$

DGLAP evolution : linear evolution with scale

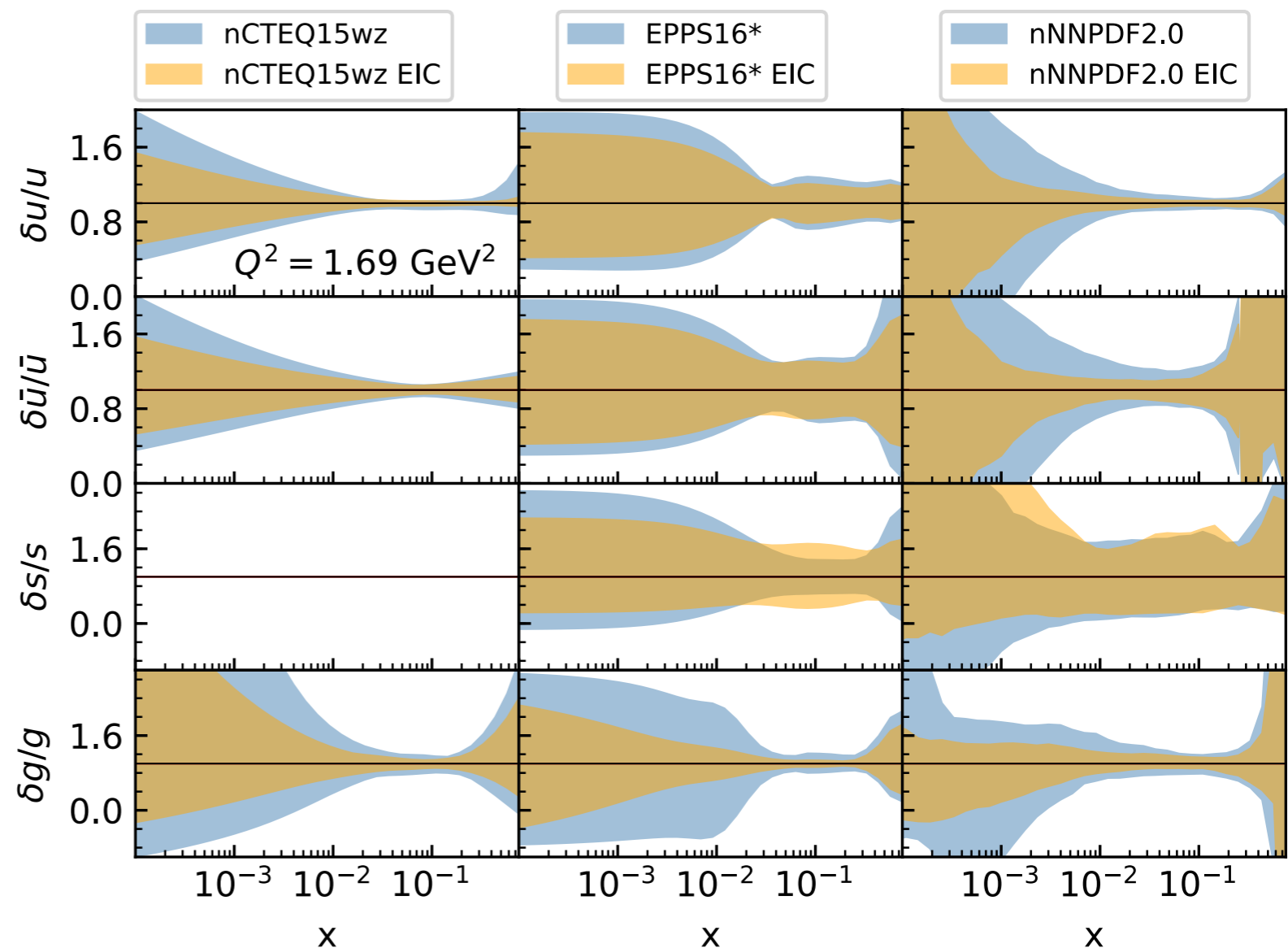
$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} f_j(z, \mu) = \sum_k \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} P_{jk}(\xi, \alpha_s) f_k(z/\xi, \mu)$$

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Nuclear modification in this framework:  
**initial condition** at low scales, **linear evolution with scale**

**Significant impact of EIC measurements on nuclear PDFs**

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# Heavy flavor impact on gluon PDF

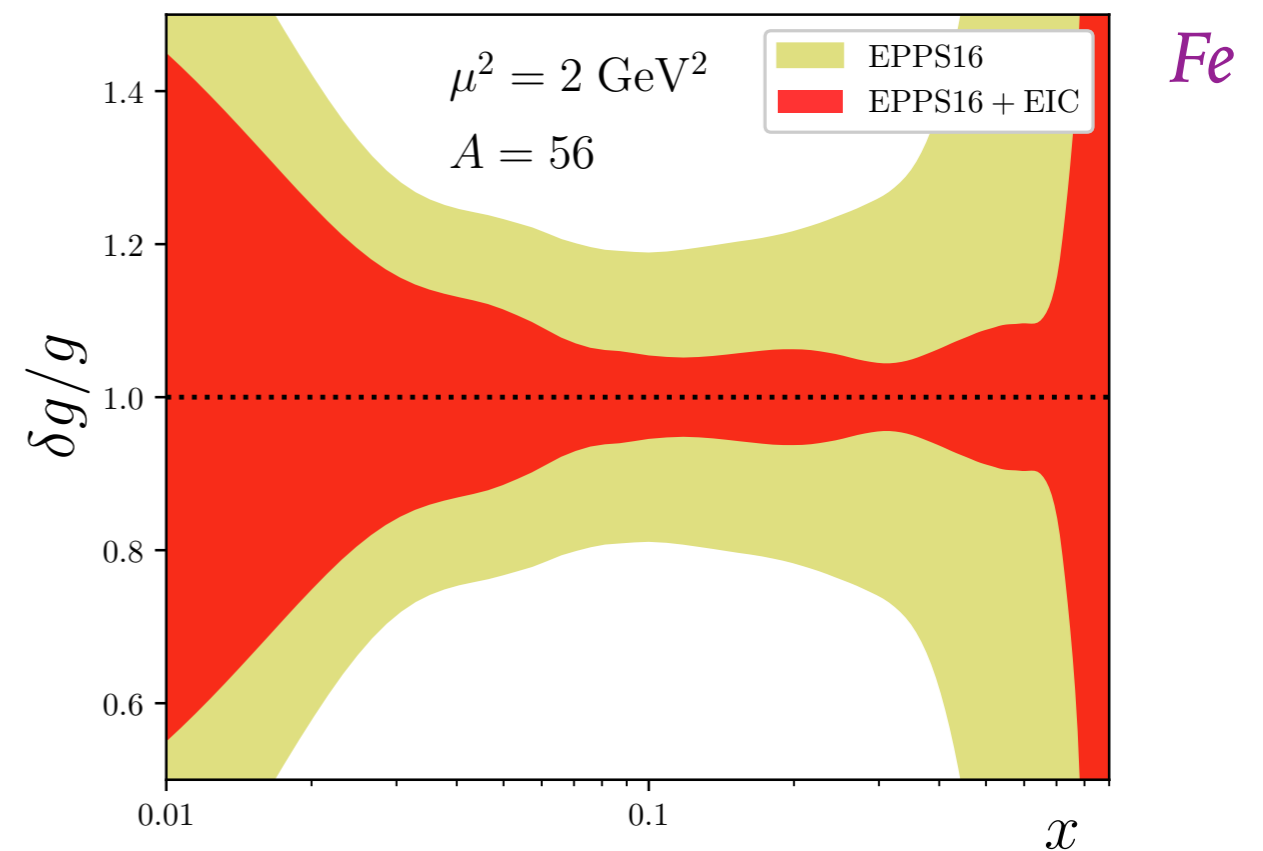
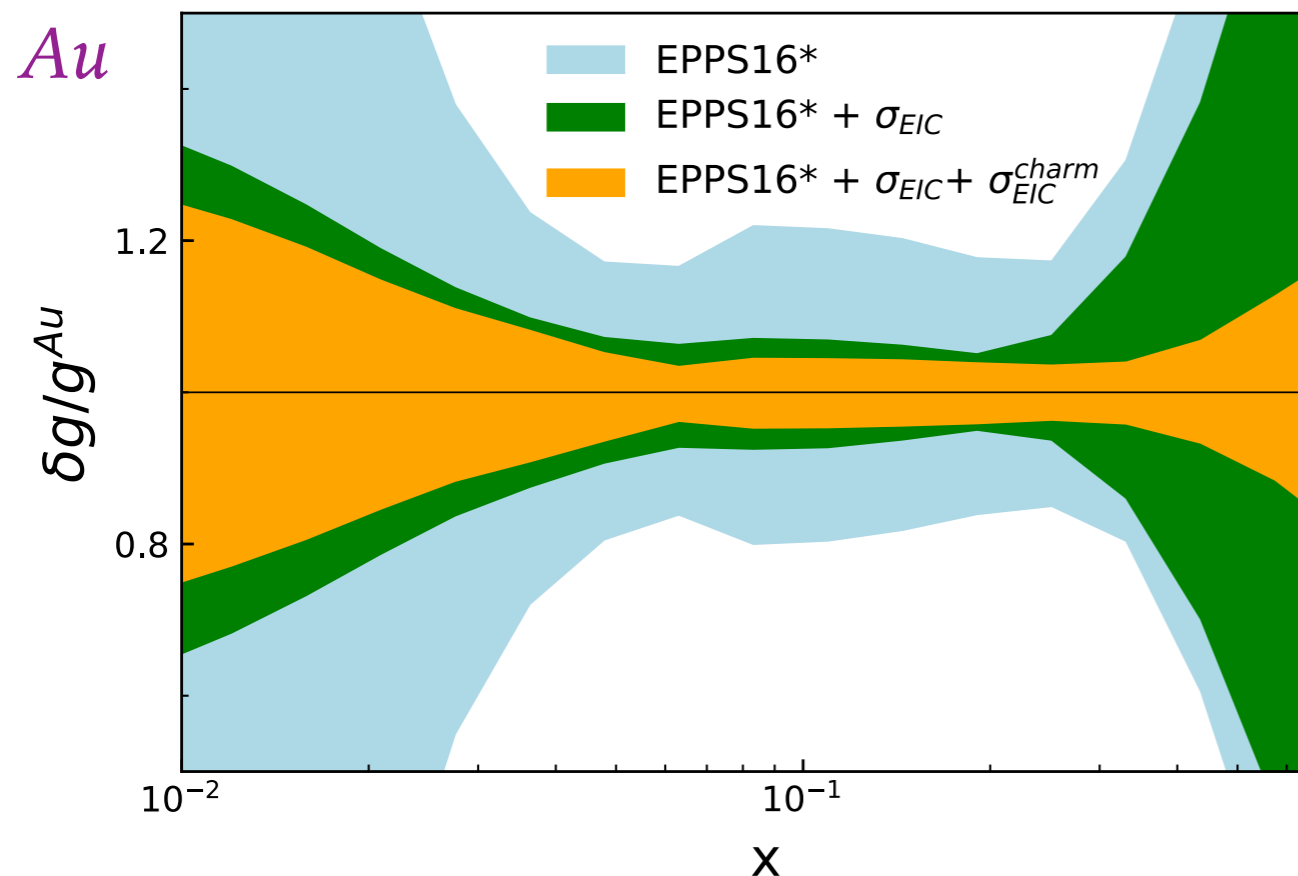
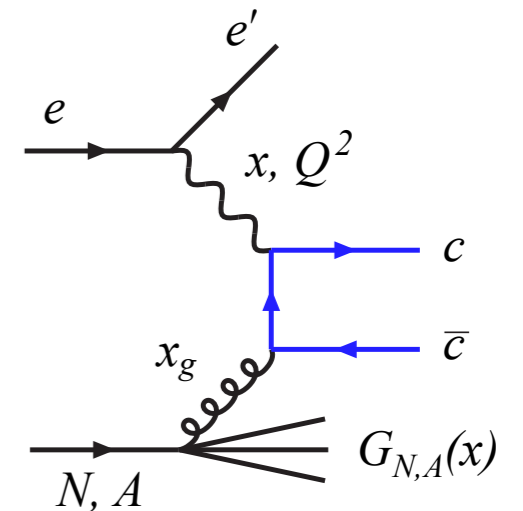
Impact of **charm cross section** on the gluon PDF at high  $x$

Charm is produced mainly in the photon-gluon fusion process

Dedicated efforts to study of feasibility of measurement of charm from D decays to K and pion

Significant impact on gluon at  $x > 0.1$ . Sensitivity to EMC effect.

Further constraints:  $F_L$



# Small x problem

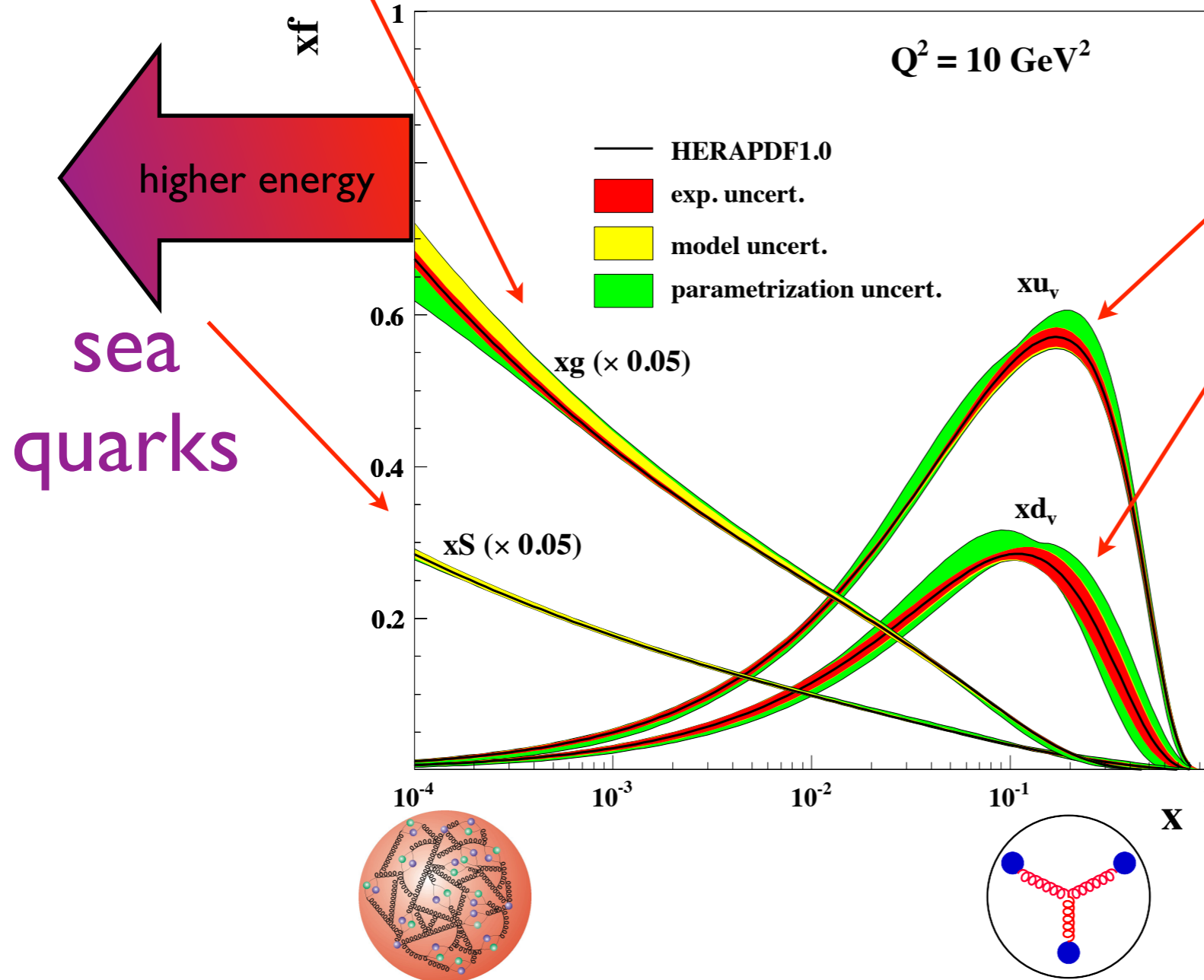
$$F_{2,L}(x, Q^2) = \sum_j \int_x^1 dz C_{2,L}(Q/\mu, x/z; \alpha_s) f_j(z, \mu) + \dots$$

gluons

valence quarks

H1 and ZEUS

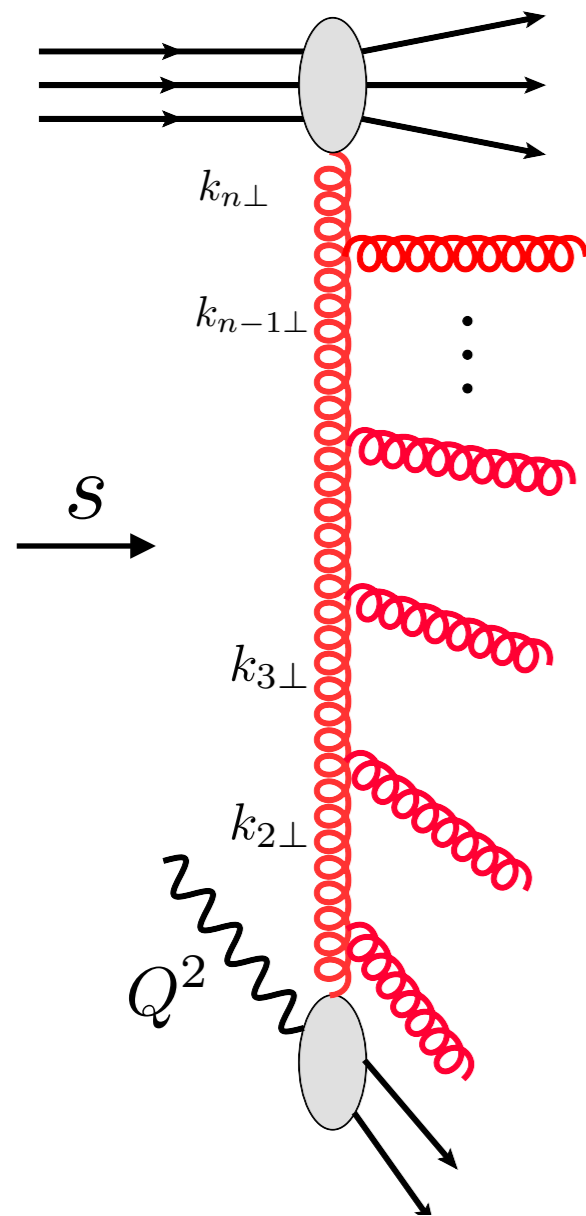
$Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$



Gluon density increases rapidly with decreasing  $x$   
 What happens at very low  $x$ ?  
 Can the gluon density grow indefinitely?

# Collinear approach to parton evolution

$\gamma^* N$  as a template



Large parameter

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$S$  total energy is fixed

Probing small distances

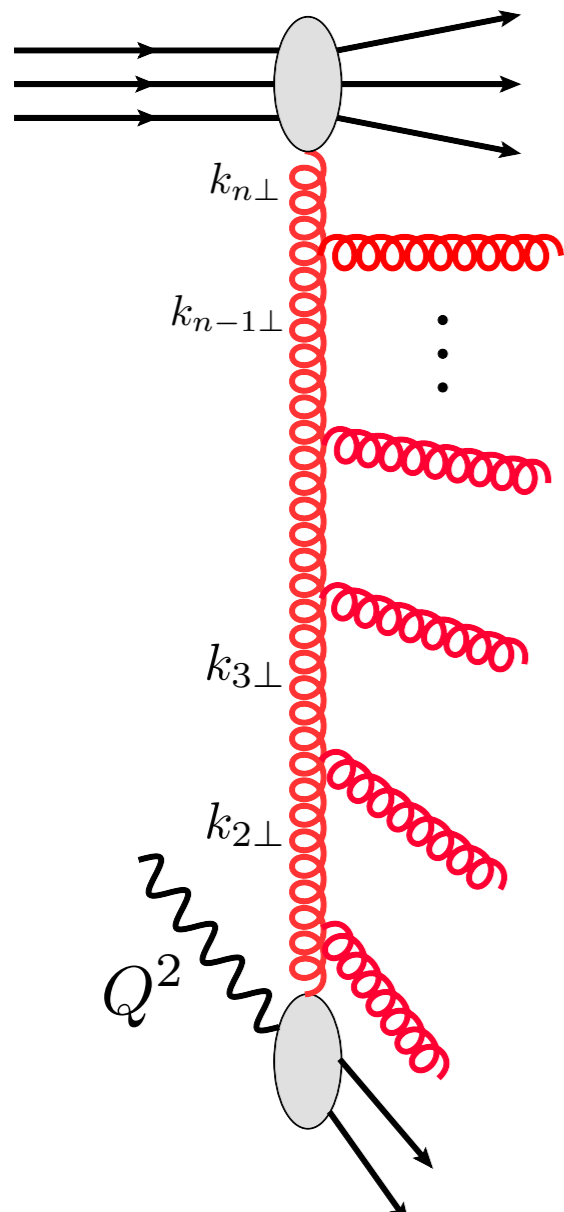
Strong ordering in transverse momenta

$$Q^2 \gg k_{1\perp}^2 \gg k_{2\perp}^2 \gg k_{3\perp}^2 \cdots \gg k_{n\perp}^2$$

Resummation of large logarithms

$$\int_{\mu_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_{1\perp}^2}{k_{1\perp}^2} g^2 \int_{\mu_0^2}^{k_{1\perp}^2} \frac{dk_{2\perp}^2}{k_{2\perp}^2} g^2 \int_{\mu_0^2}^{k_{2\perp}^2} \frac{dk_{3\perp}^2}{k_{3\perp}^2} g^2 \cdots \int_{\mu_0^2}^{k_{n-1\perp}^2} \frac{dk_{n\perp}^2}{k_{n\perp}^2} g^2 \simeq \left( g^2 \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu_0^2} \right)^n$$

# Collinear approach: DGLAP evolution



DGLAP evolution equation for parton densities

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x, Q^2)}{\partial \log(Q^2)} = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{j \rightarrow i}(z) f_j\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right)$$

Splitting functions calculated perturbatively

$$P_{j \rightarrow i}(z) = \alpha_s P_{j \rightarrow i}^{(LO)}(z) + \alpha_s^2 P_{j \rightarrow i}^{(NLO)}(z) + \alpha_s^3 P_{j \rightarrow i}^{(NNLO)}(z) + \dots$$

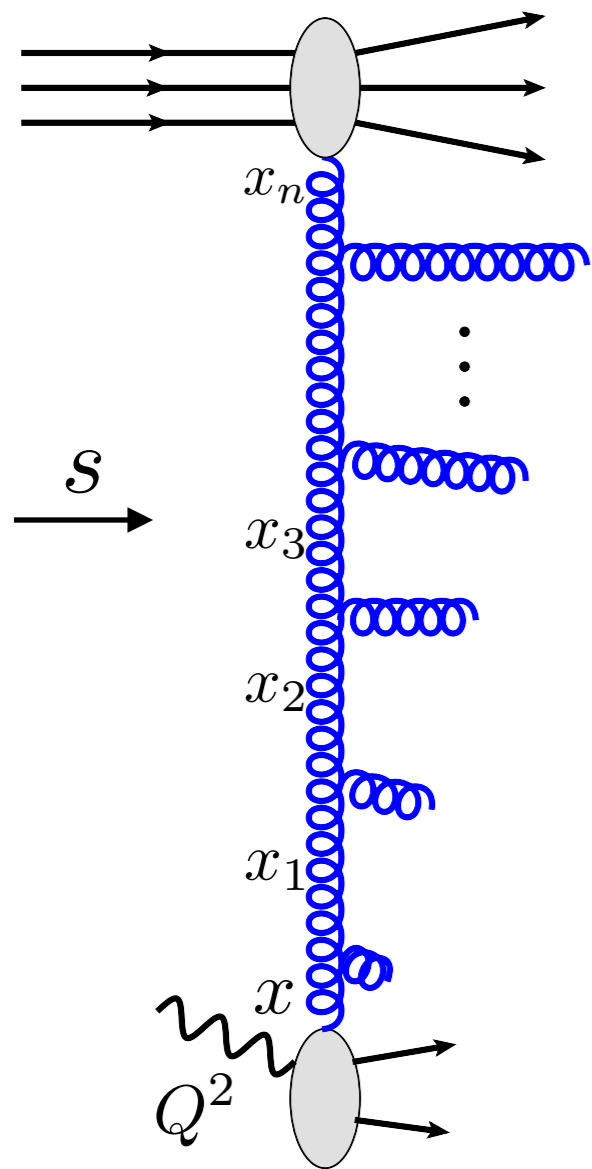
Parton densities: distributions in longitudinal momenta at a given scale

$$f_i(x, Q^2)$$

Collinear factorization of the cross section

$$d\sigma(x, Q^2) = \sum_i f_i \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^i + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/Q^2) \quad d\hat{\sigma}^i \quad \text{partonic cross section, calculable perturbatively}$$

# High energy or small x limit



Large parameter

$$s \rightarrow \infty$$

$Q^2$  fixed, perturbative

Light cone proton momentum

$$p^+ = p^0 + p^z$$

Strong ordering in longitudinal momenta

$$x \ll x_1 \ll x_2 \ll \dots \ll x_n$$

Perturbative coupling but large logarithm

$$\bar{\alpha}_s \ll 1$$

High energy or Regge limit

$$s \gg Q^2 \gg \Lambda^2$$

$$k_i^+ = x_i p^+$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{x} \simeq \ln \frac{s}{Q^2} \gg 1$$

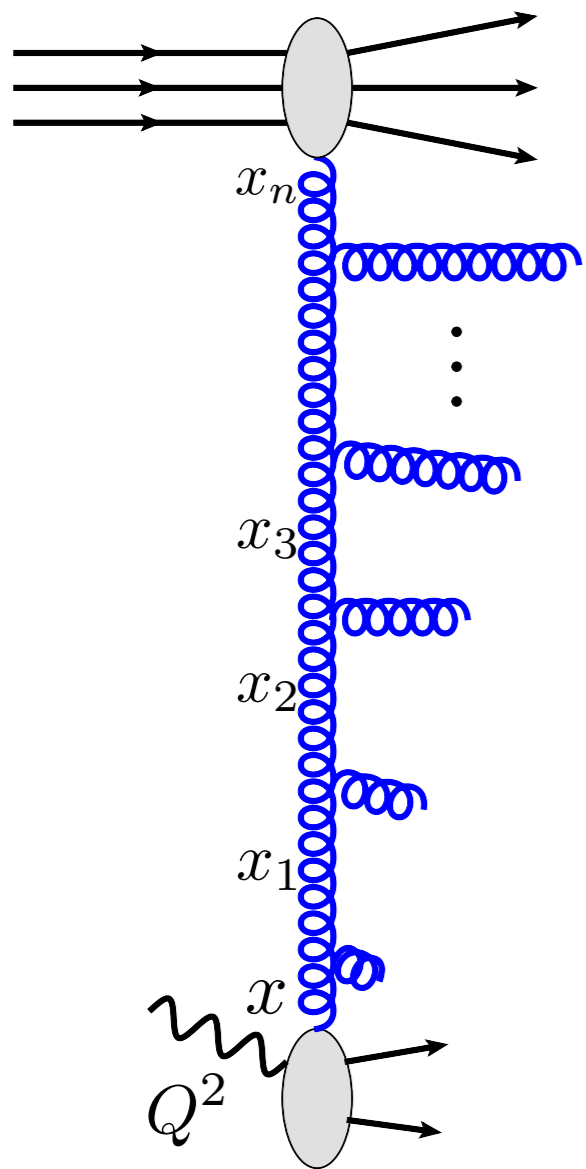
Large logarithms

$$\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \frac{1}{x} = \bar{\alpha}_s \ln \frac{1}{x}$$

Leading logarithmic resummation

$$\left( \bar{\alpha}_s \ln \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$$

# High energy limit: BFKL evolution



compare with DGLAP-collinear approach

Resummation performed by BFKL evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_g(x, k_T)}{\partial \ln 1/x} = \int d^2 k'_T \mathcal{K}(k_T, k'_T) \mathcal{F}_g(x, k'_T)$$

Branching kernel (perturbative expansion)

$$\mathcal{K} = \bar{\alpha}_s \mathcal{K}^{LLx} + \bar{\alpha}_s^2 \mathcal{K}^{NLLx} + \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \mathcal{K}^{NNLLx} + \dots$$

QCD

N=4 SYM

Unintegrated, (transverse momentum dependent) gluon density

$$\mathcal{F}_g(x, k_T) \sim x^{-\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x, Q^2)}{\partial \log(Q^2)} = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{j \rightarrow i}(z) f_j\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right)$$

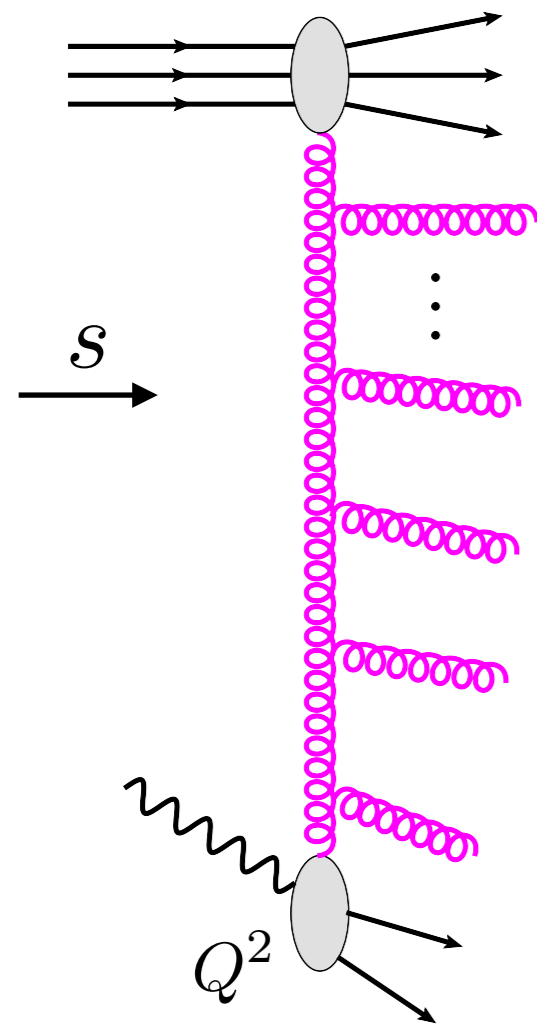
# Combining DGLAP and BFKL: low x resummation

BFKL expansion has large higher orders: need resummation

*Ciafaloni, Colferai, Salam, AS*

*Altarelli, Ball, Forte; Thorne; Thorne, White*

Combine the information from both expansions



$\ln 1/x$

Problem with two large parameters

$\ln Q/Q_0$

$$\left( \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$$

logarithms of energy

$$\left( \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0} \right)^n$$

logarithms of scale (related to transverse momentum)

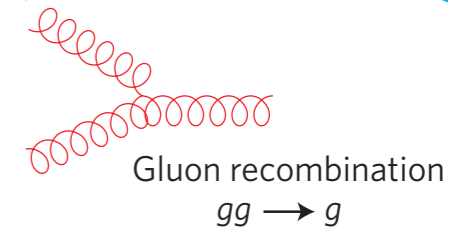
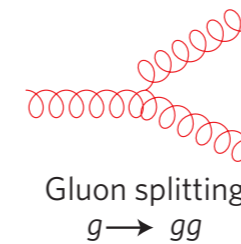
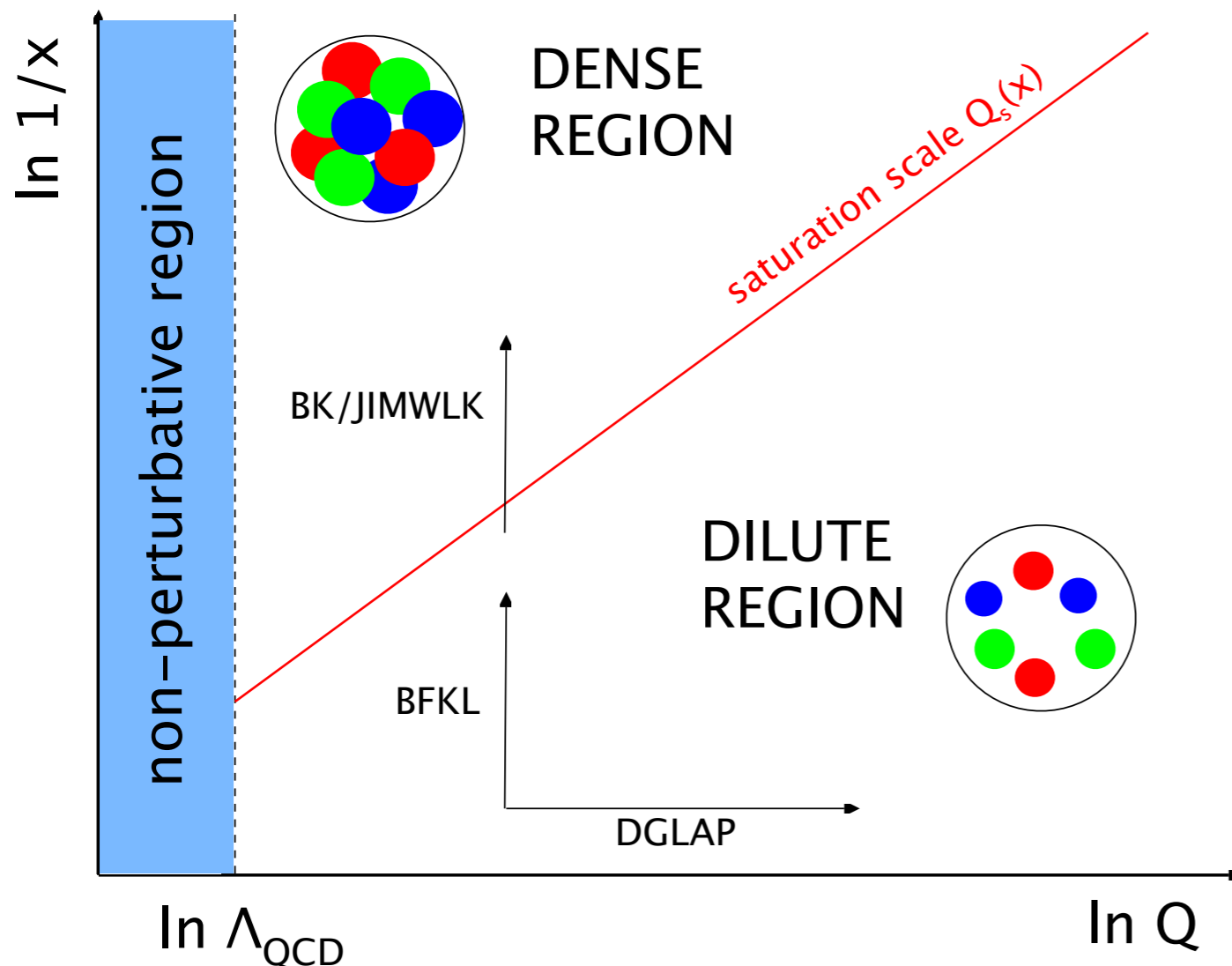
For accurate predictions at EIC resummed calculations which can interpolate between large, moderate and low x are necessary



# Another problem at low x: parton saturation

QCD at high energy (low x) and/or high density (large A) predicts **saturation** of gluons

**Splitting** of gluons must be accompanied by **recombination**, important at high density



Evolution equations become non-linear !  
(Balitsky-Kovchegov : BK equation, JIMWLK hierarchy)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln 1/x} f(x, k) = K \otimes [f - f^2]$$

Nonlinear evolution generates **saturation** scale

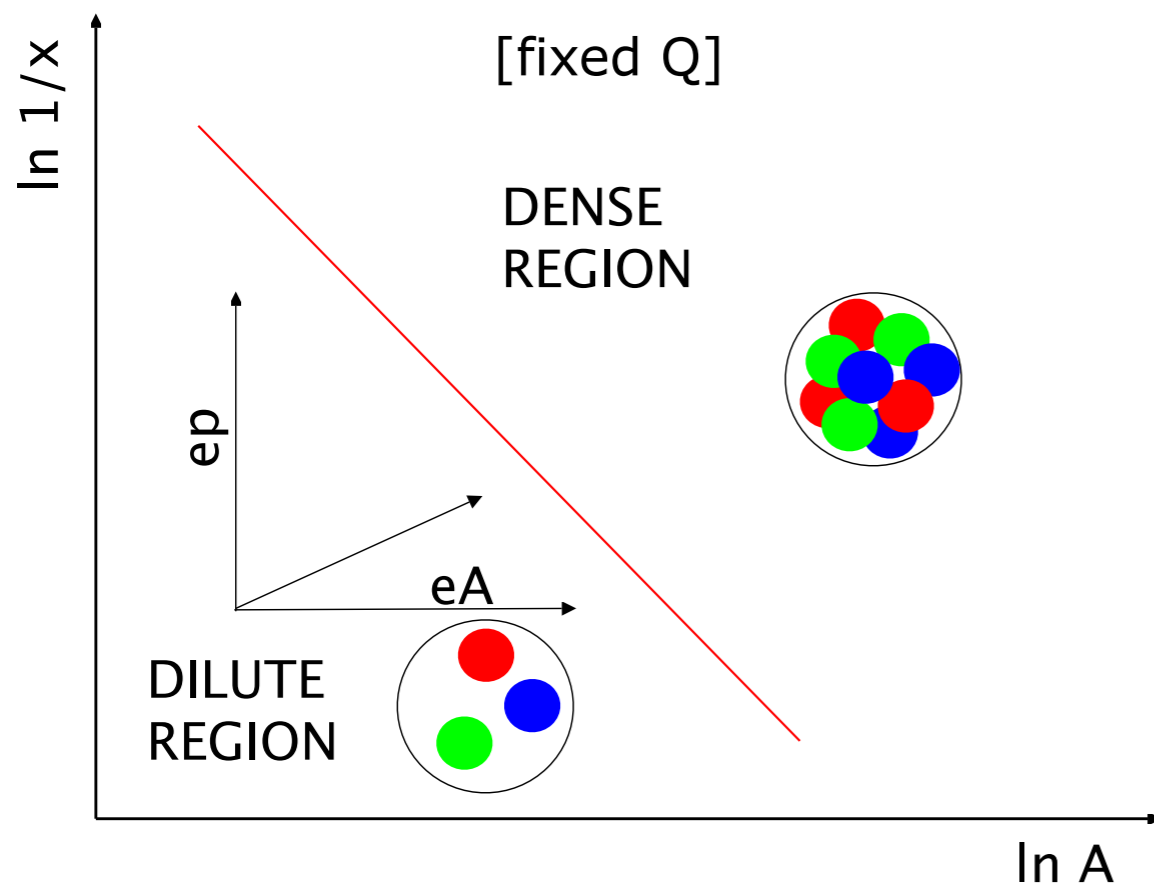
$$Q_s^2(x, A) \sim \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^\lambda}$$

Normalization of the saturation scale needs to be fixed in experiment

# Color Glass Condensate: effective theory at high energy/density

Nuclei provide enhancement of the density

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



Impressive progress in higher order calculations at NLO in CGC in the context of DIS:

Nonlinear evolution equations to NLO in QCD and to NNLO in N=4 SYM

Resummation of higher orders in nonlinear evolution

Impact factors for inclusive structure functions

Impact factors for heavy quarks

Exclusive vector meson production and diffractive dijets

Inclusive dijet and hard photon final states

**CGC calculations entering era of high precision**

**Necessary for EIC, which will probe moderate to low x**

**Opportunities at the EIC to test saturation using nuclei**

# Testing saturation through inclusive structure functions at EIC

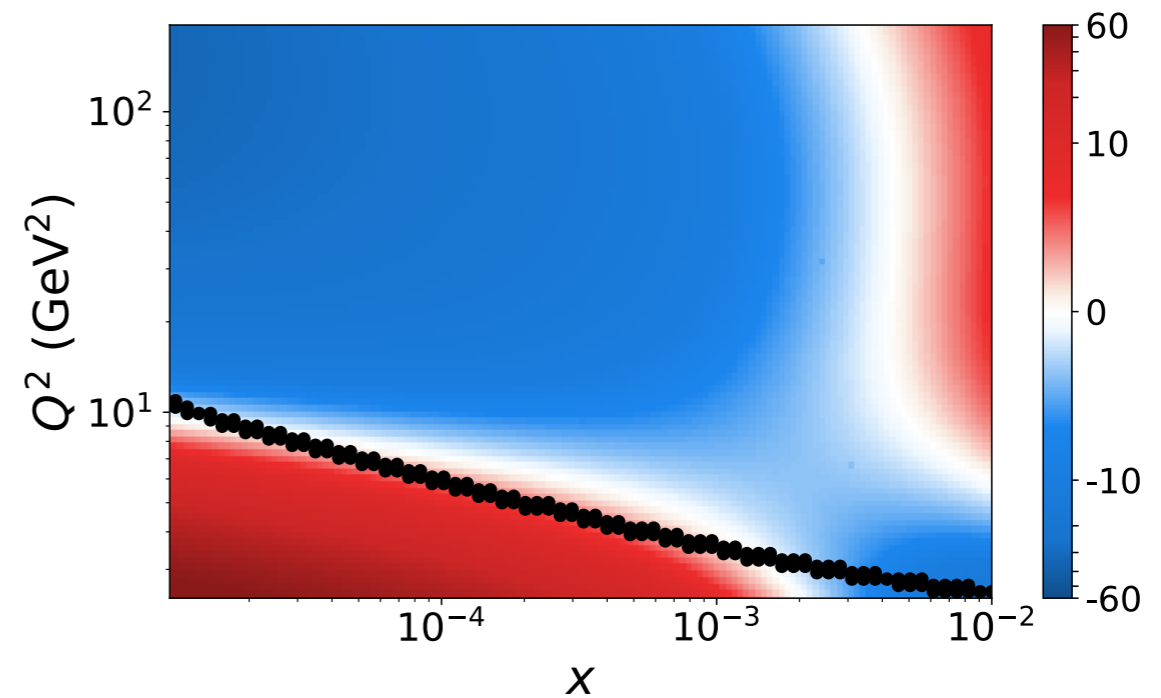
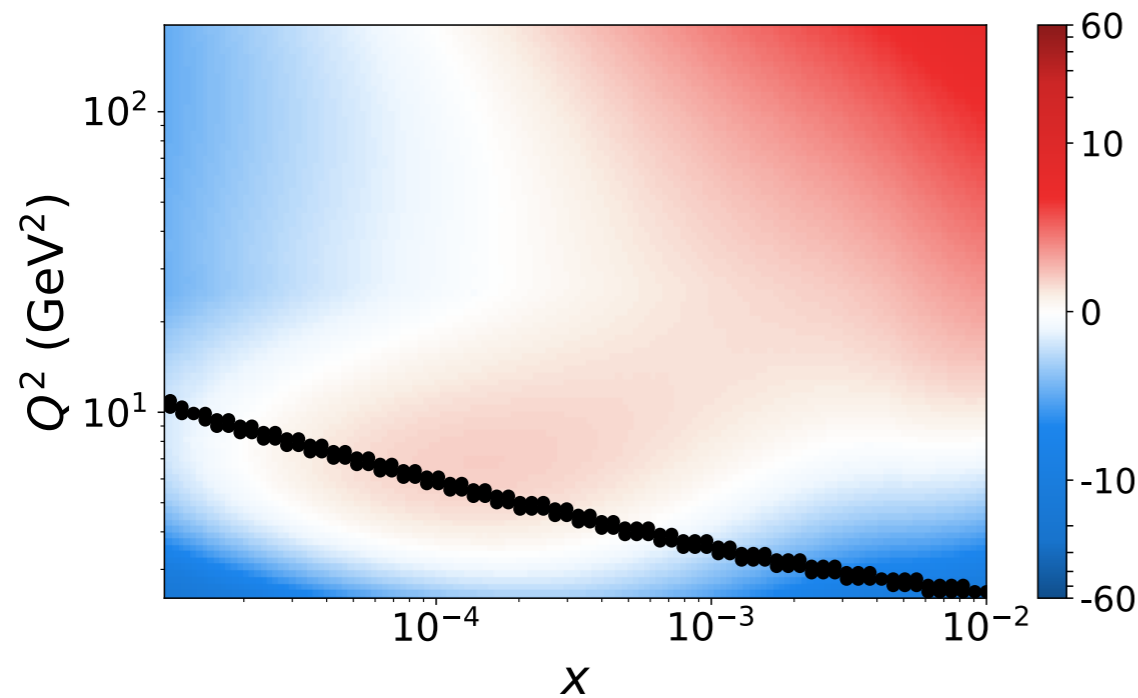
Study differences in evolution between **linear DGLAP** evolution and **nonlinear** evolution with **saturation**  
**Matching** of both approaches in the region where saturation effects expected to be small  
 Quantify differences away from the matching region: **differences in evolution dynamics**

$$\frac{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}} - F_{2,L}^{\text{Rw}}}{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}}}$$

*Armesto, Lappi, Mantysaari, Paukkunen, Tevio*

<sup>197</sup>Au  
F<sub>2</sub> difference (%)

<sup>197</sup>Au  
F<sub>L</sub> difference (%)

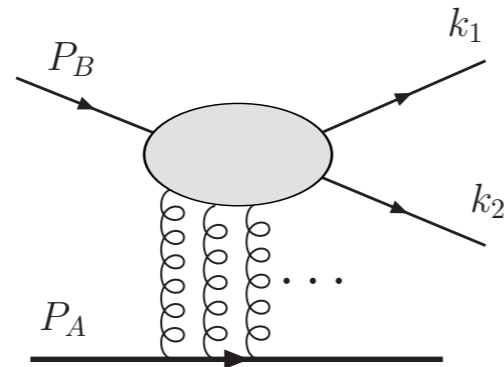


Heavy nucleus: difference between DGLAP and nonlinear are few % for  $F_2^A$  and up to 20% for  $F_L^A$ .

**Longitudinal structure function can provide good sensitivity at EIC**

# Testing saturation through (de)correlations of hadrons

Azimuthal (de)correlations of two hadrons (dijets) in DIS in eA: direct test of the **Weizsacker-Williams unintegrated gluon distribution**

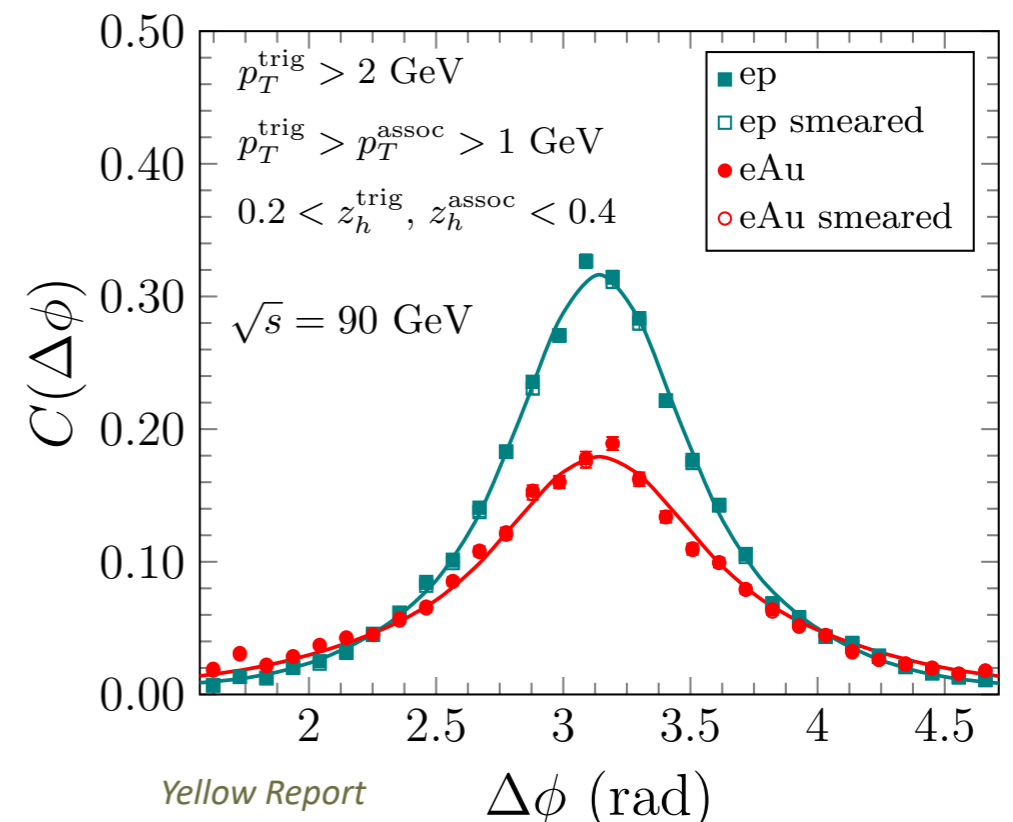


$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SIDIS}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+X}}{dz_{h_1}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d\Delta\phi}$$

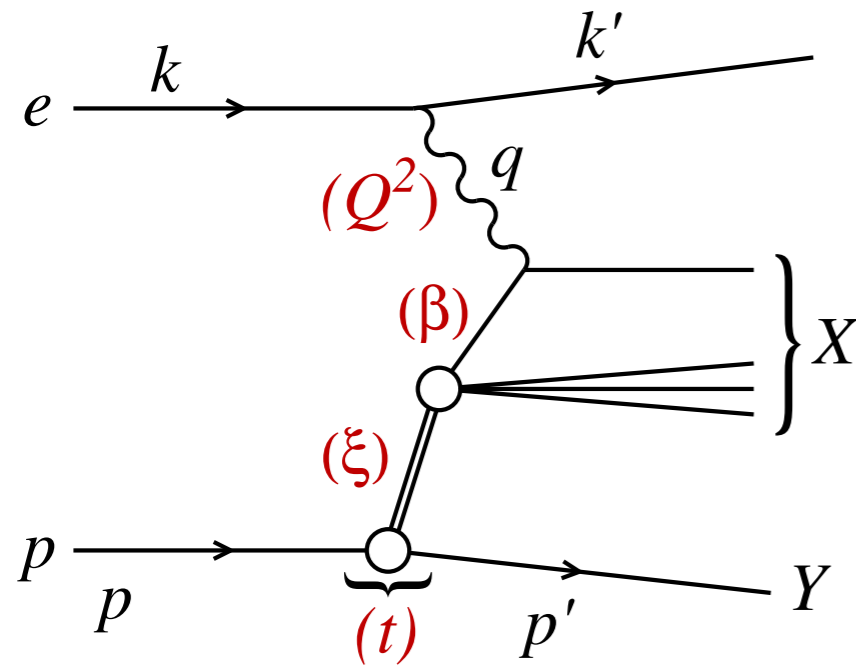
$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d^2p_{h_1T} d^2p_{h_2T}} \sim \mathcal{F}(x_g, q_T) \otimes \mathcal{H}(z_q, k_{1T}, k_{2T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_1}/z_q, p_{1T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_2}/z_q, p_{2T})$$

Clear differences between the ep and eA: **suppression** of the correlation peak in **eA** due to **saturation** effects (including the **Sudakov resummation**)

Further observables: azimuthal correlations of dihadrons/dijets in diffraction, photon+jet/dijet. These processes will allow to test various **CGC correlators**



# Diffraction in DIS



**Diffraction: a reaction characterized by a large rapidity gap in the final state**

Diffractive DIS variables:

$$\xi \equiv x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

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

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

$$x = \xi\beta$$

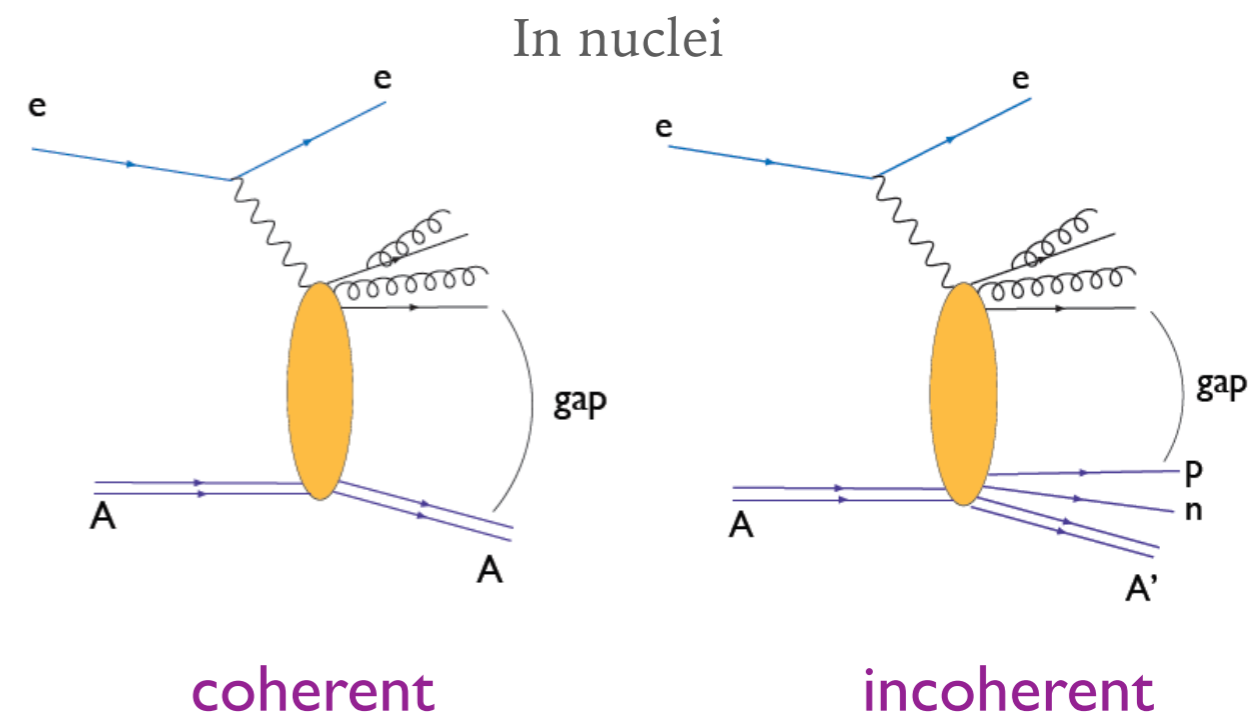
*momentum fraction of the Pomeron w.r.t hadron*

*momentum fraction of parton w.r.t Pomeron*

*4-momentum transfer squared*

## Why diffraction ?

- Dynamics of **color singlet** object (Pomeron). Relation to confinement
- Sensitivity to **gluon** content, **low x** dynamics and **saturation**
- Relation to **shadowing**
- Limits of **factorization** and **universality** of diffractive PDFs

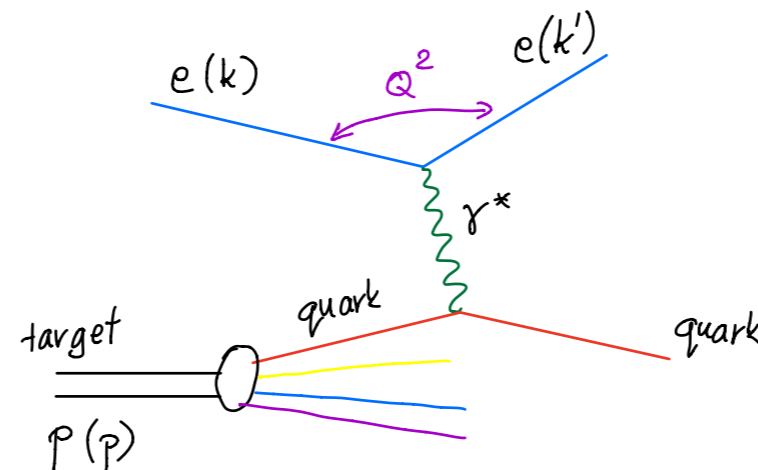


**coherent**

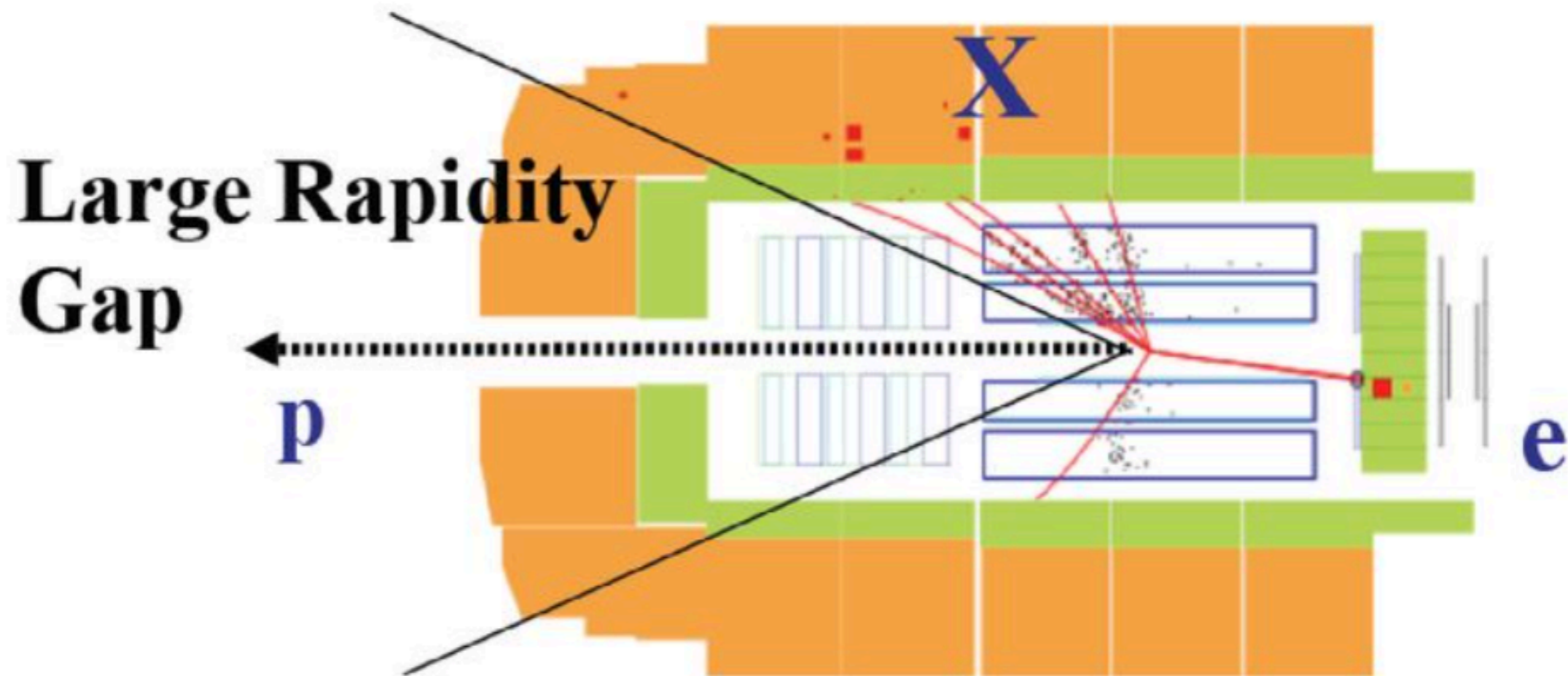
**incoherent**

# Scattering at ep collider HERA

## Non-diffractive DIS event



# Diffraction at HERA



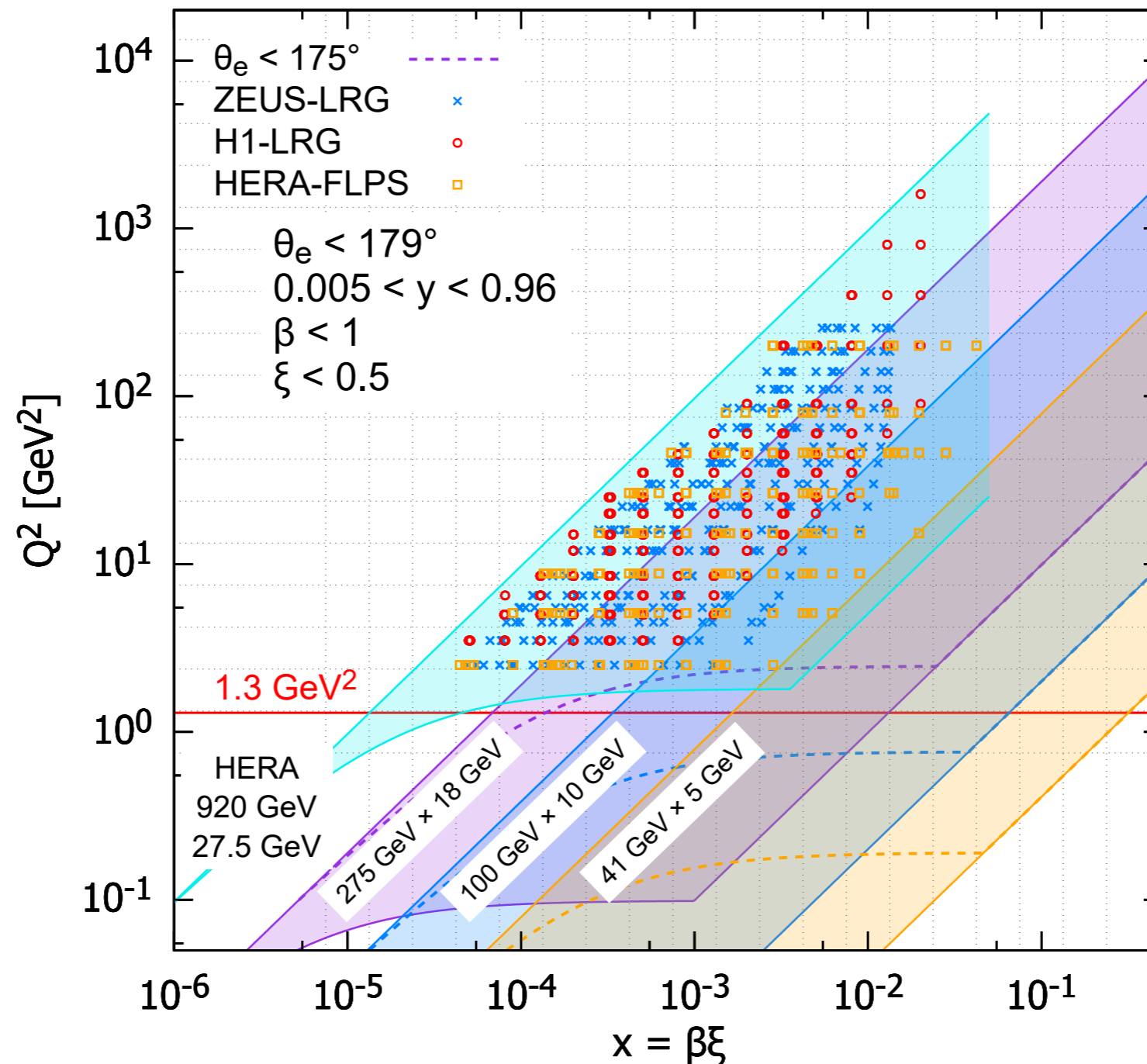
10% events at HERA were of diffractive type

Large portion of the detector void of any particle activity: **rapidity gap**

Proton stays intact despite undergoing violent collision with a 50 TeV electron (in its rest frame)

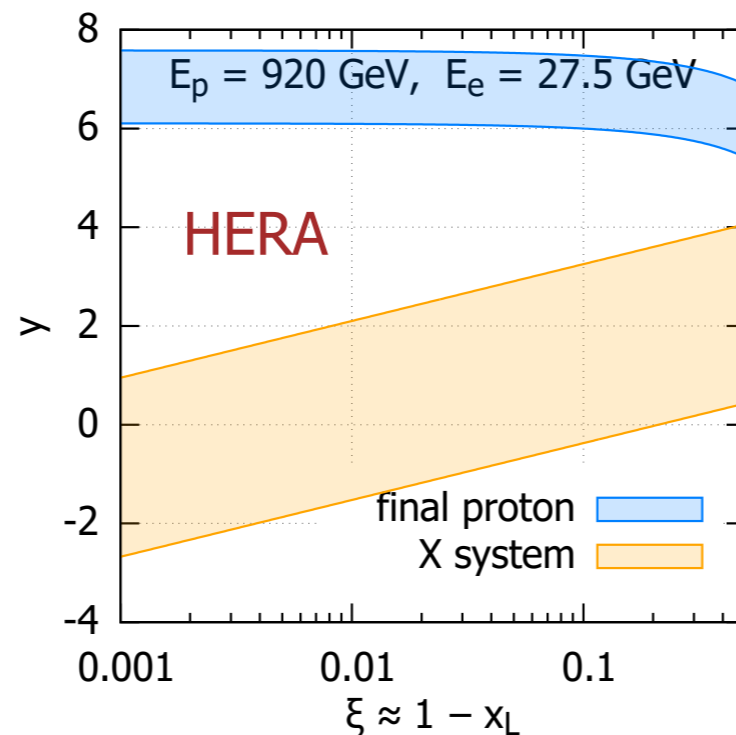
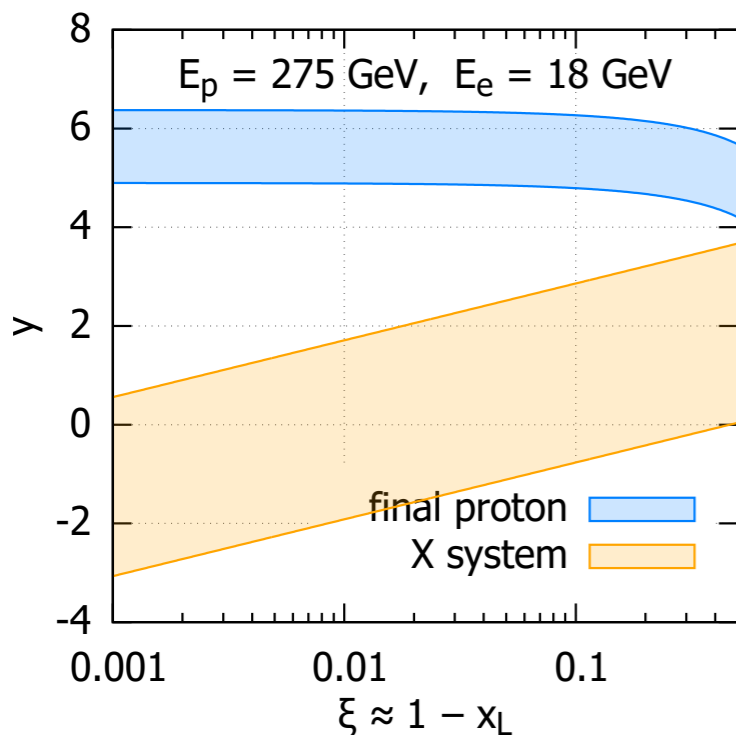
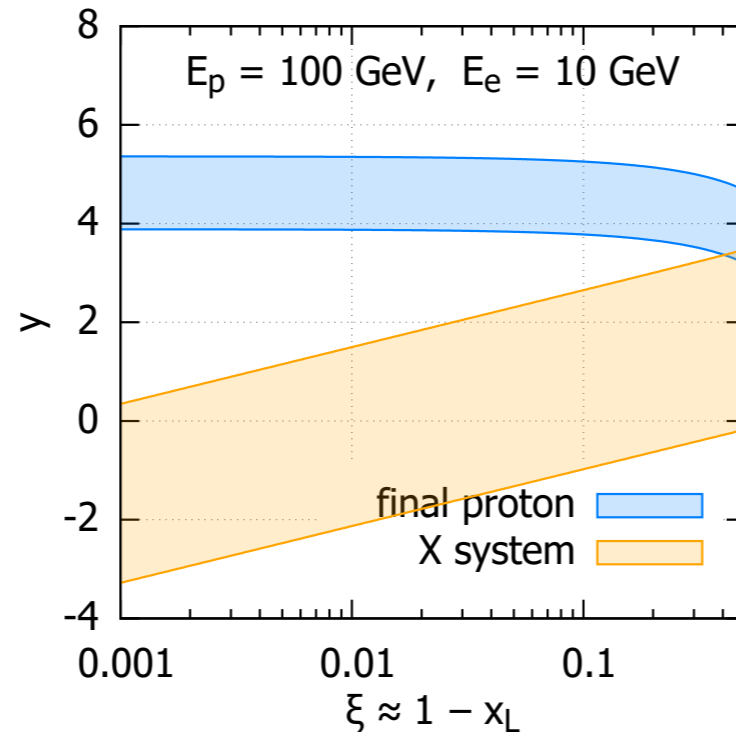
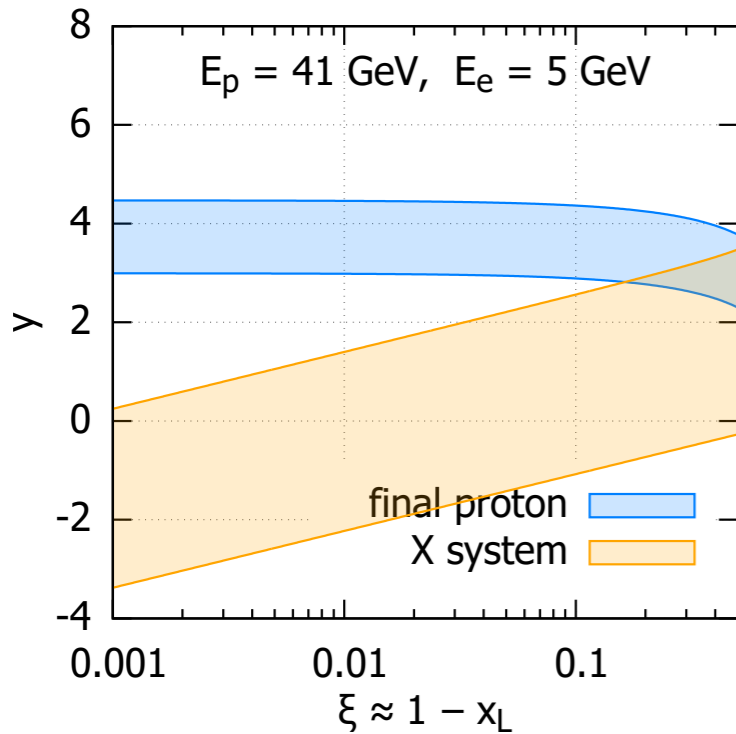
# Phase space $(x, Q^2)$ EIC-HERA in diffraction

## EIC 3 scenarios - HERA





# Rapidity range at EIC in diffraction



Rapidity range of proton and undecayed diffractive system X

$$p_T^{proton} < 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0.1 < \beta < 0.9$$

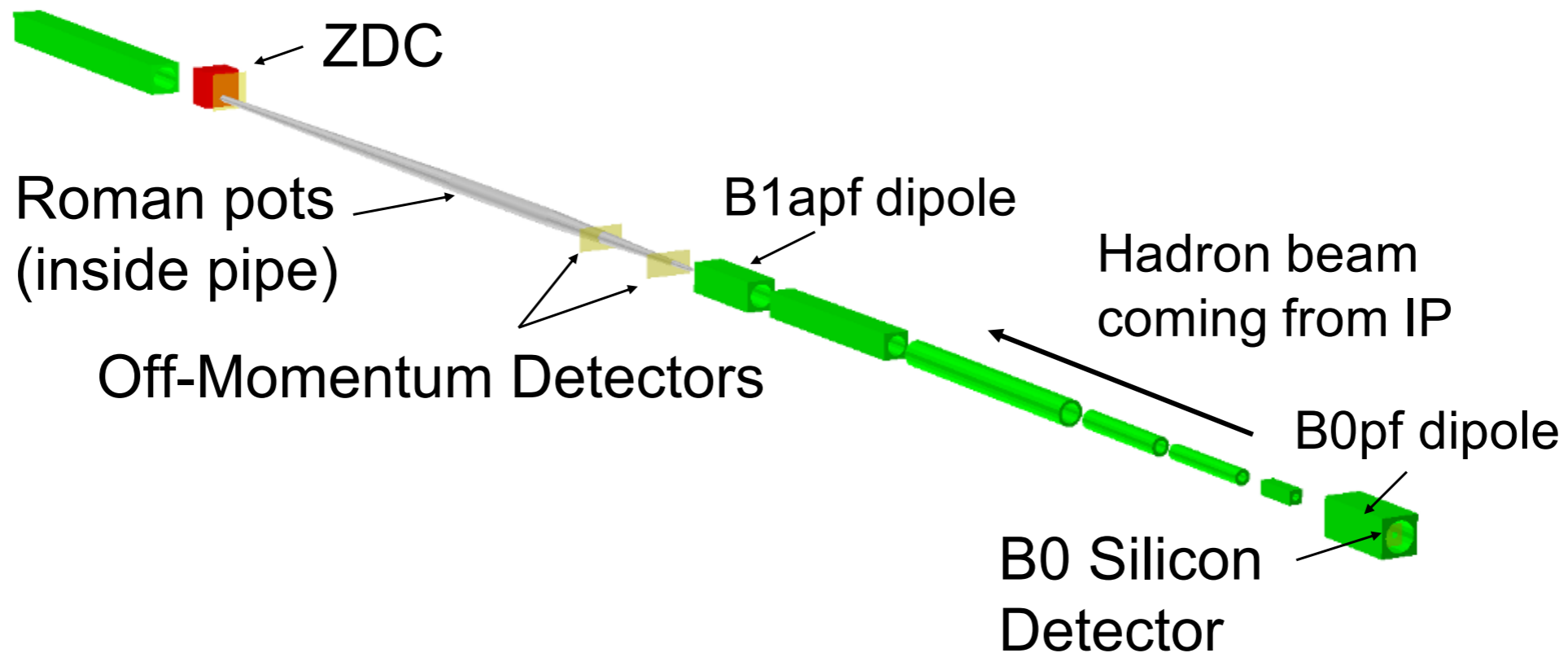
$$0.005 < y < 0.96$$

HERA: LRG method reliable for gaps  $> 3$  units of rapidity

EIC: fairly large gaps ( $\Delta\eta \geq 4$ ) exist for smallest  $\xi$  and largest  $s$

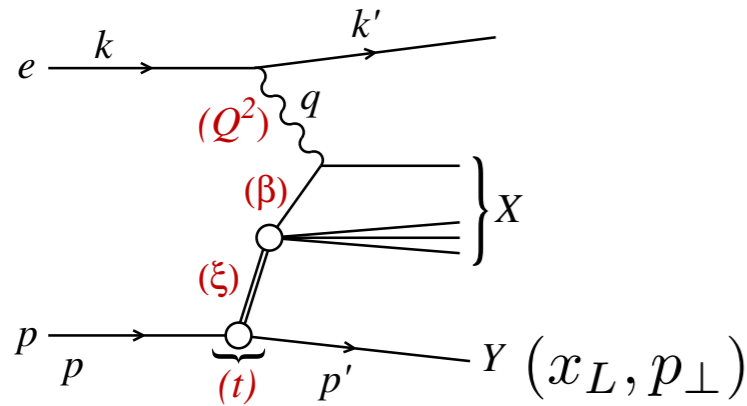
However, through most region LRG method may be challenging at EIC

# Far forward detectors at EIC



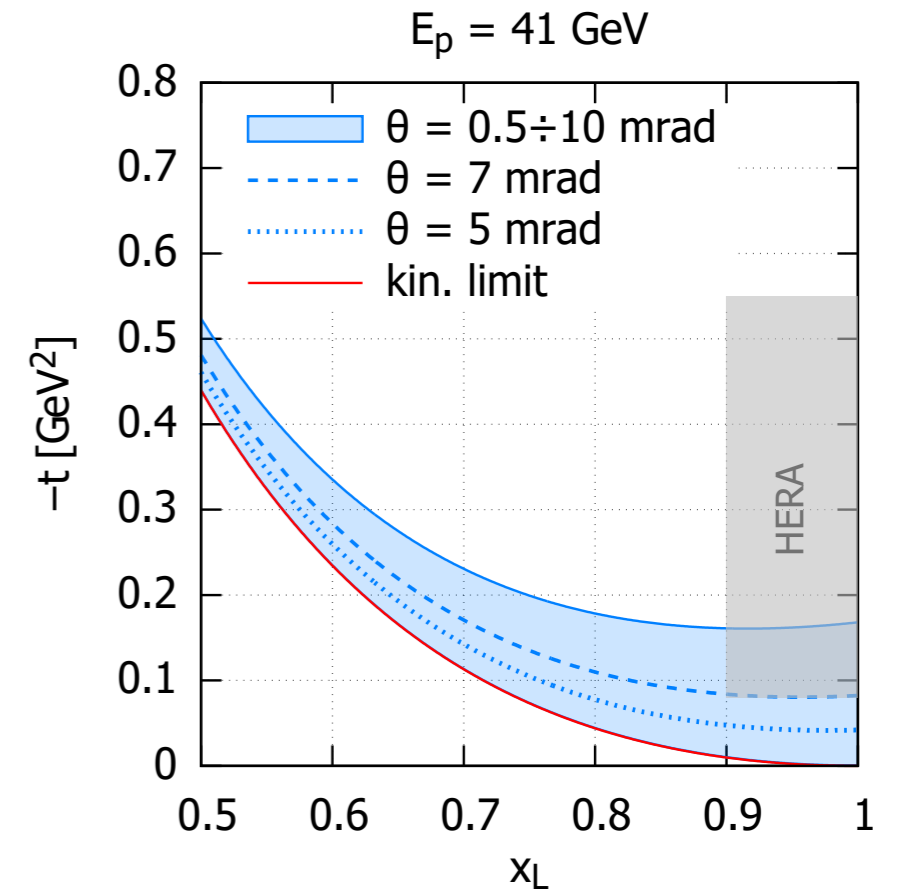
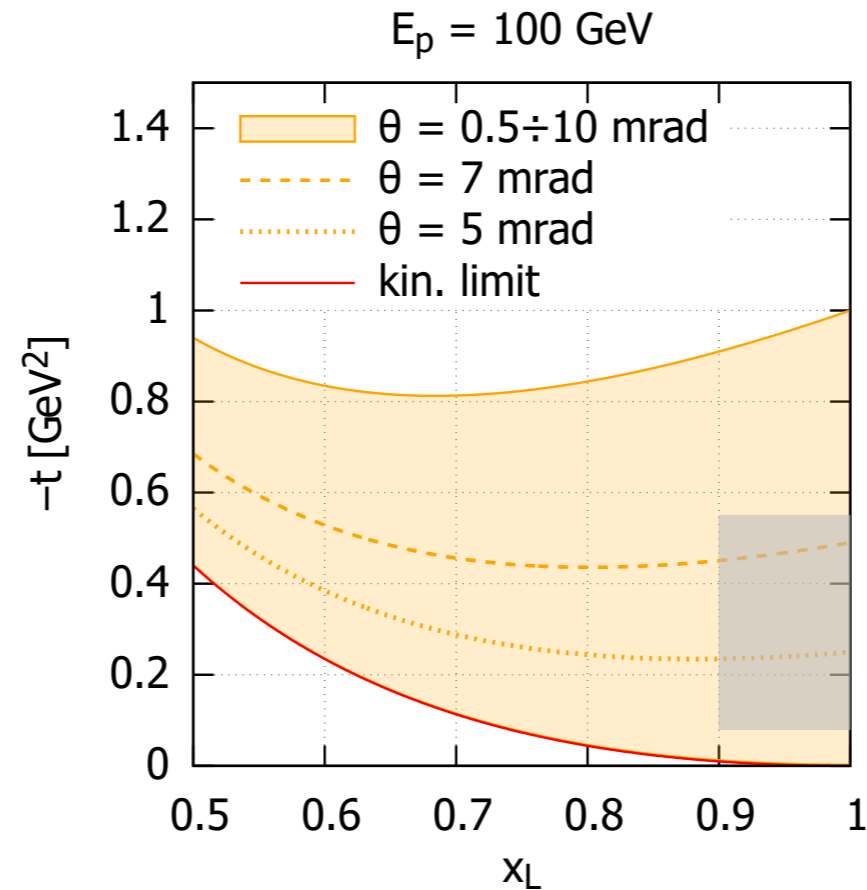
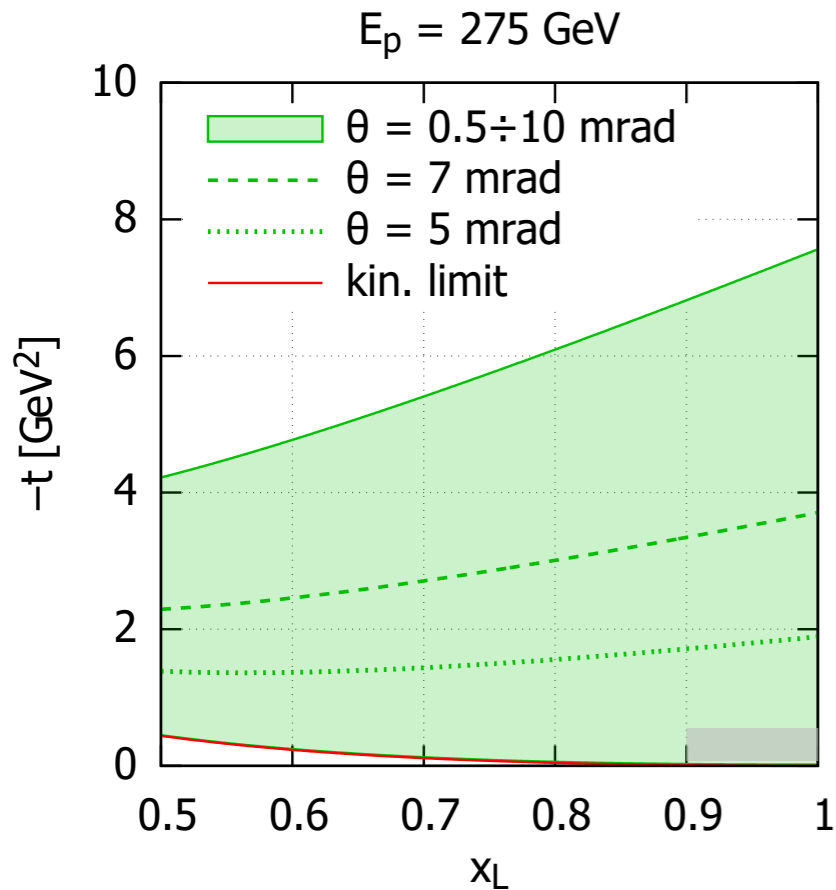
Detector	Angle	Position [m]
ZDC	$\theta < 5.5$ mrad	37.5
Roman Pots	$0.5 < \theta < 5.0$ mrad	26.0, 28.0
Off-momentum detectors	$\theta < 5.0$ mrad	22.5, 25.5
B0	$6.0 < \theta < 20.0$ mrad	$5.4 < z < 6.4$

# Final proton tagging



Small angle acceptance i.e. Roman pots

$(x_L, p_{\perp}, \theta)$  measured in LAB, collinear (e,p) frame



Much better than at HERA

Best way to select diffractive events through proton tagging

$$t = -\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{x_L} - \frac{(1-x_L)^2}{x_L} m_p^2$$

# Diffractive cross section, structure functions

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Diffractive cross section depends on 4 variables  $(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$ :

$$\frac{d^4 \sigma^D}{d\xi d\beta dQ^2 dt} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{\beta Q^4} Y_+ \sigma_r^{\text{D}(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$$

$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$

Reduced cross section depends on two structure functions:

$$\sigma_r^{\text{D}(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t) = F_2^{\text{D}(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{\text{D}(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$$

Upon integration over  $t$ :

$$F_{2,L}^{\text{D}(3)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2) = \int_{-\infty}^0 dt F_{2,L}^{\text{D}(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$$

Dimensions:

$$[\sigma_r^{\text{D}(4)}] = \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

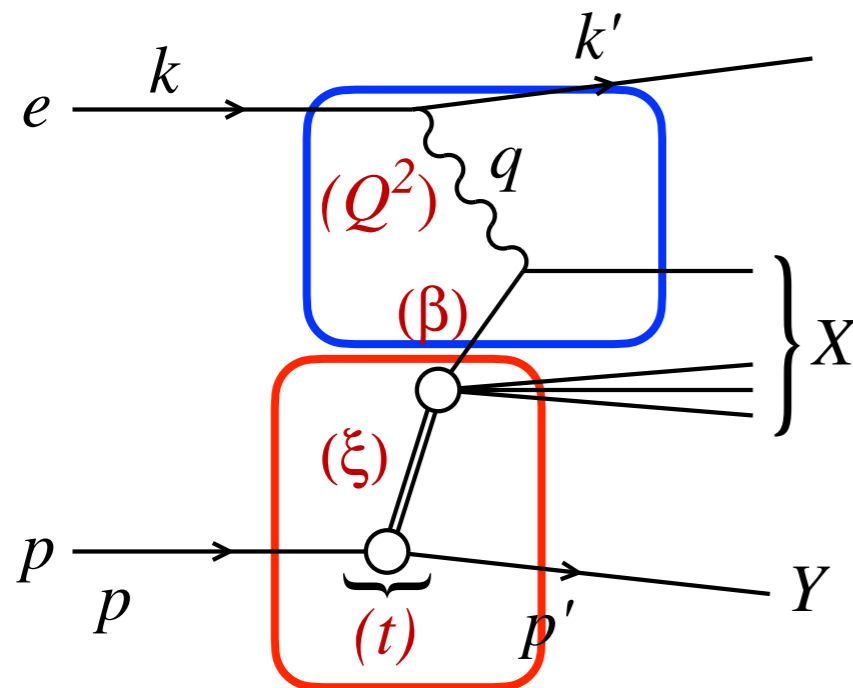
$$\sigma_r^{\text{D}(3)} \quad \text{Dimensionless}$$

When  $y \ll 1$

$$\sigma_r^{\text{D}(4,3)} \simeq F_2^{\text{D}(4,3)}$$

# Pseudodata generation: collinear factorization for diffraction

Use the collinear factorization for the description of HERA and pseudodata simulation



Collins

Collinear factorization in diffractive DIS

$$F_{2/L}^{D(4)}(\beta, \xi, Q^2, t) = \sum_i \int_{\beta}^1 \frac{dz}{z} C_{2/L,i} \left( \frac{\beta}{z}, Q^2 \right) f_i^D(z, \xi, Q^2, t)$$

- Diffractive cross section can be factorized into the convolution of the perturbatively calculable **partonic cross sections** and **diffractive parton distributions** (DPDFs).
- The DPDFs represent (at least in LO) the **probability distributions** for partons  $i$  in the proton under the constraint that the proton is scattered into the system  $Y$  with a specified 4-momentum.

# Model for diffractive structure functions

Regge factorization with **Pomeron** terms works for small  $\xi < 0.01$

At higher  $\xi$  additional exchanges '**Reggeons**' need to be included

$$f_i^{D(4)}(z, \xi, Q^2, t) = f_{\mathbb{P}}^p(\xi, t) f_i^{\mathbb{P}}(z, Q^2) + f_{\mathbb{R}}^p(\xi, t) f_i^{\mathbb{R}}(z, Q^2)$$

Regge type flux:

$$f_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}^p(\xi, t) = A_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}} \frac{e^{B_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}} t}}{\xi^{2\alpha_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}(t) - 1}}$$

Trajectory:

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}(t) = \alpha_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}(0) + \alpha'_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}} t.$$

For t-integrated case

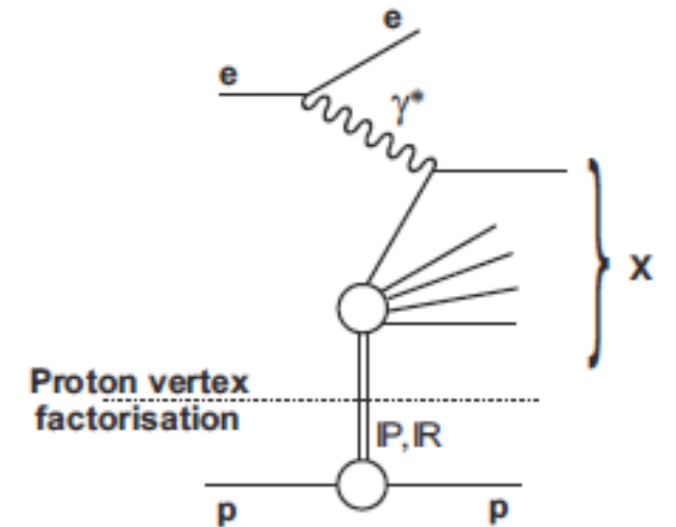
$$f_i^{D(3)}(z, \xi, Q^2) = \phi_{\mathbb{P}}^p(\xi) f_i^{\mathbb{P}}(z, Q^2) + \phi_{\mathbb{R}}^p(\xi) f_i^{\mathbb{R}}(z, Q^2)$$

Integrated flux:

$$\phi_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}^p(\xi) = \int dt f_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}}^p(\xi, t)$$

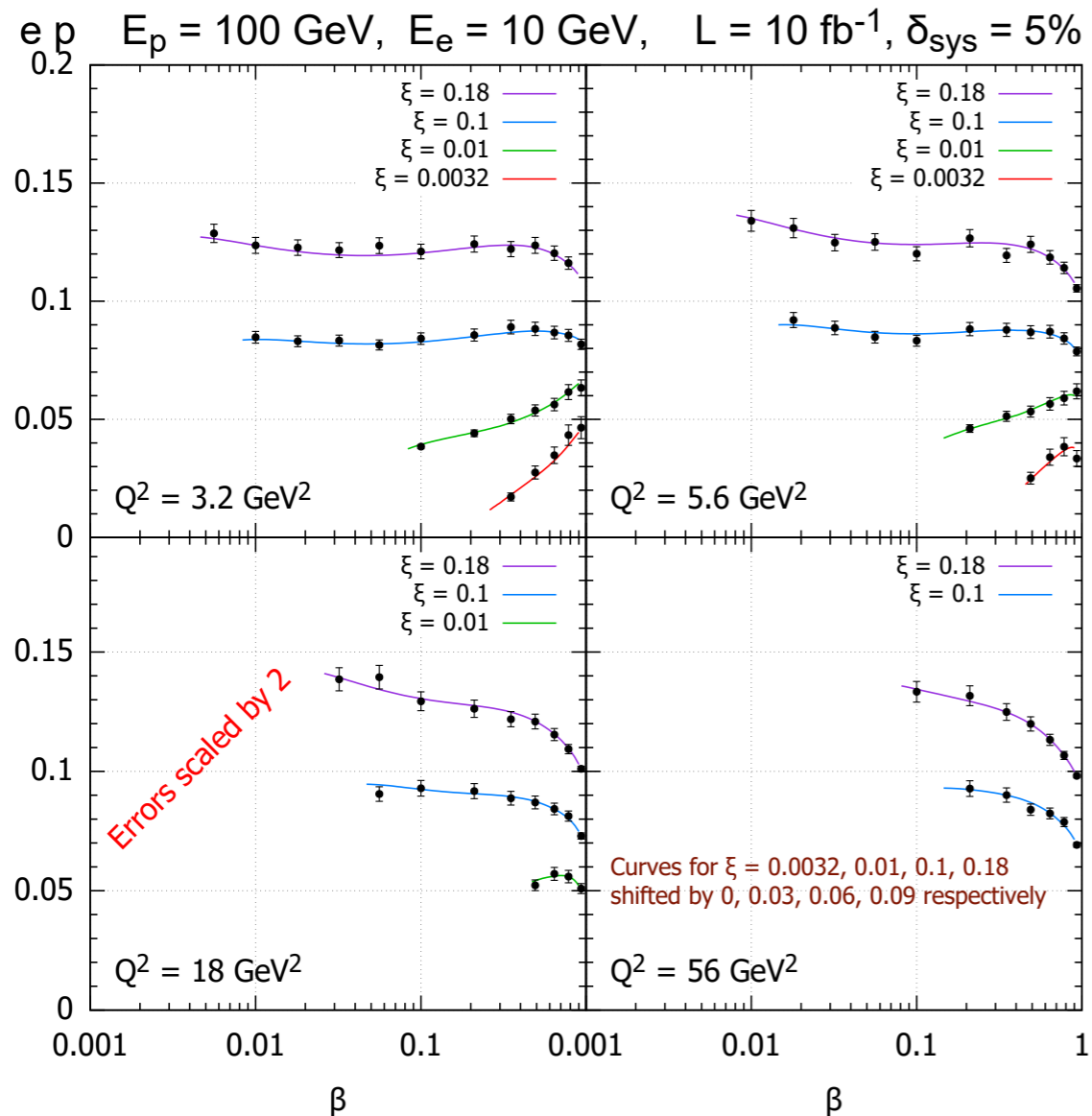
Pomeron PDFs obtained via NLO DGLAP evolution starting at initial scale  $\mu_0^2 = 1.8 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$z f_i(z, \mu_0^2) = A_i z^{B_i} (1 - z)^{C_i} \quad k=q, g$$



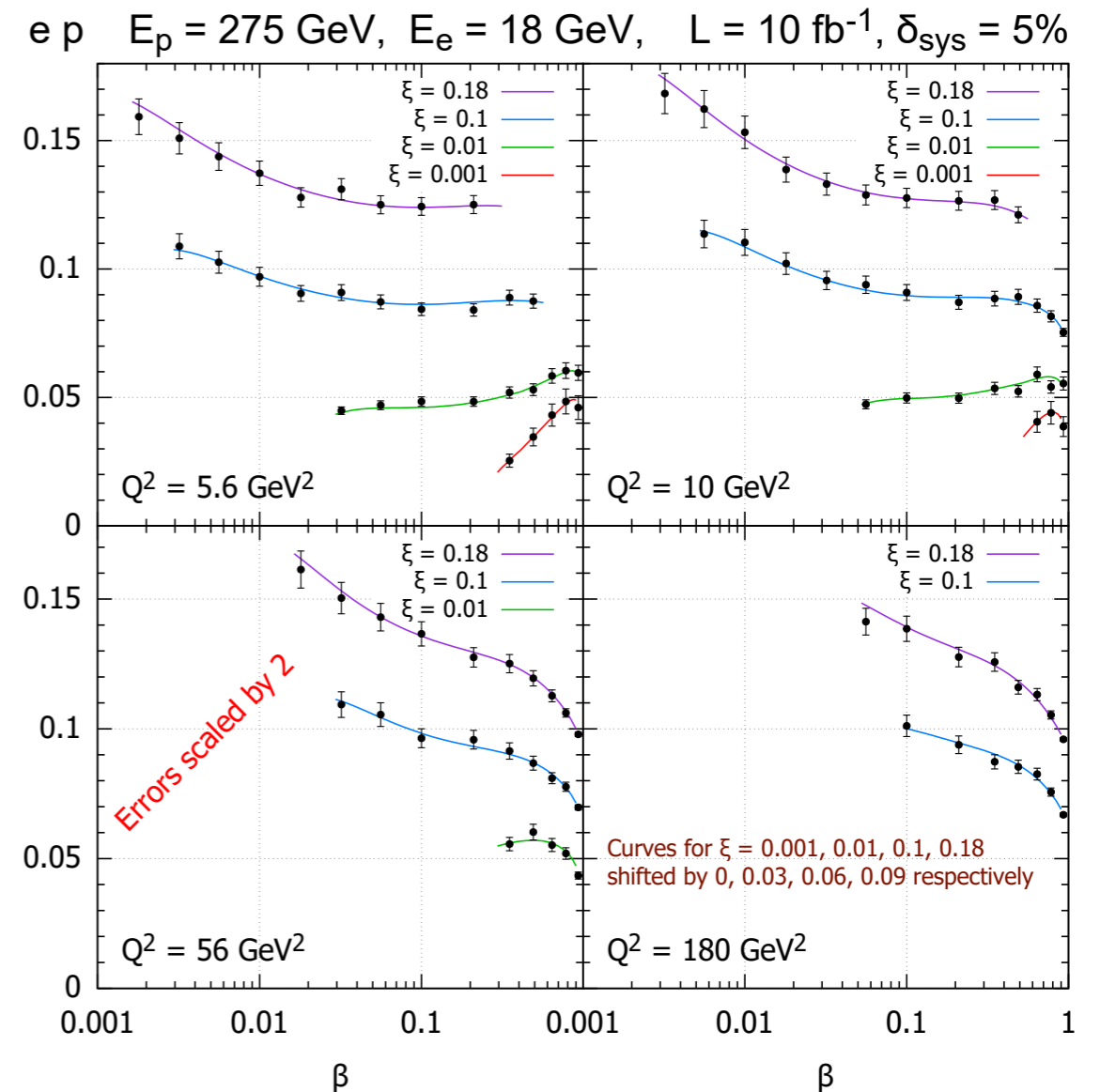
# Pseudodata for $\sigma^{D(3)}$ in ep at EIC

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In total:

**482 points** for  $1.3 < Q^2 < 1330 \text{ GeV}^2$



In total:

**792 points** for  $1.3 < Q^2 < 4220 \text{ GeV}^2$

# Diffractive PDFs from EIC

Extraction of quark DPDF in bins of  $Q^2$  as a function of  $z$

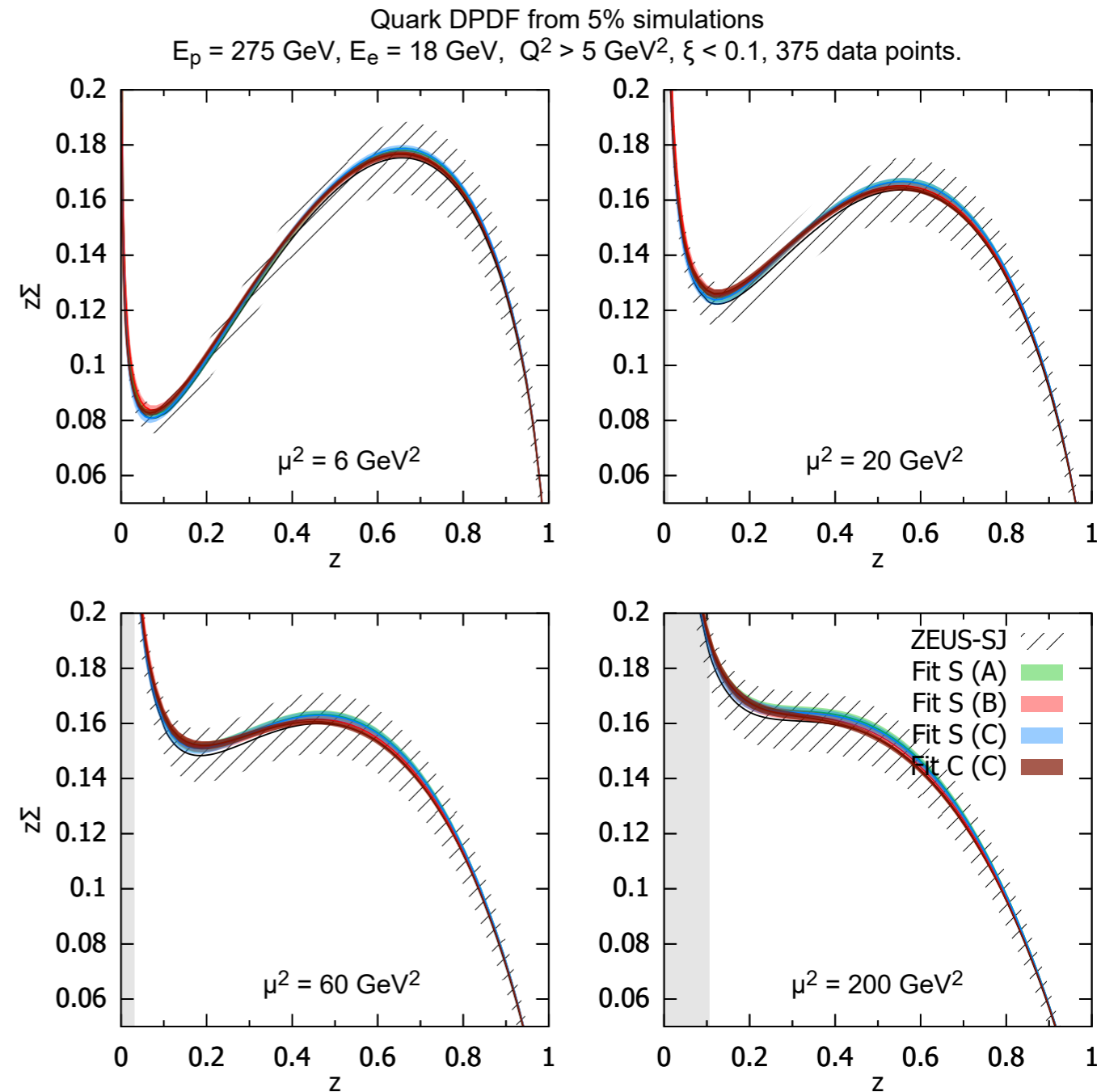
Reduction of uncertainty from HERA possible

Particularly constraints on quark at large  $z$

Combining with diffractive dijet measurements, constraints on gluons possible

Similar precision for nuclei possible

Disentangle Pomeron & Reggeon (see later)



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# Possibilities for $F_L^{D(3)}$ at EIC

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*Why  $F_L^D$  is interesting?*

$$\sigma_r^{D(3)} = F_2^{D(3)} - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{D(3)}$$

$F_L^D$  vanishes in the parton model

Gets non-vanishing contributions in QCD

As in inclusive case, particularly sensitive to the diffractive **gluon density**

Expected large **higher twists**, provides test of the **non-linear, saturation** phenomena

*Experimentally challenging...*

Measurement requires several beam energies

$F_L^D$  strongest when  $y \rightarrow 1$ . Low electron energies

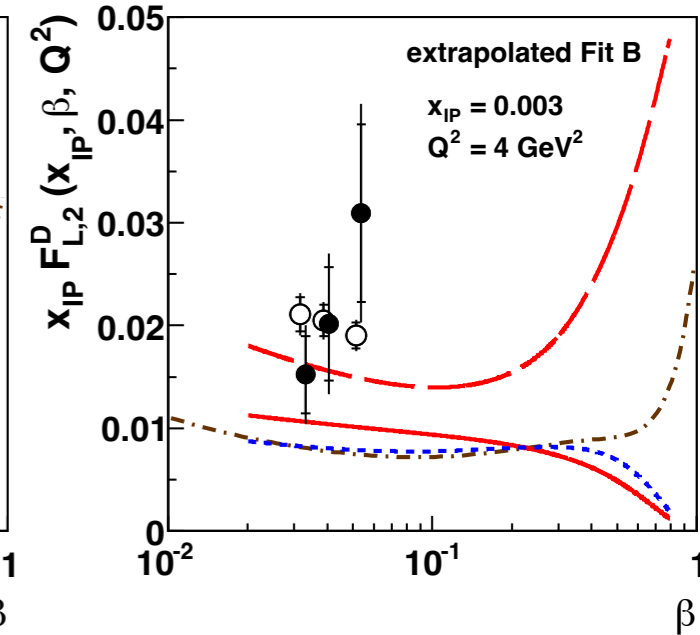
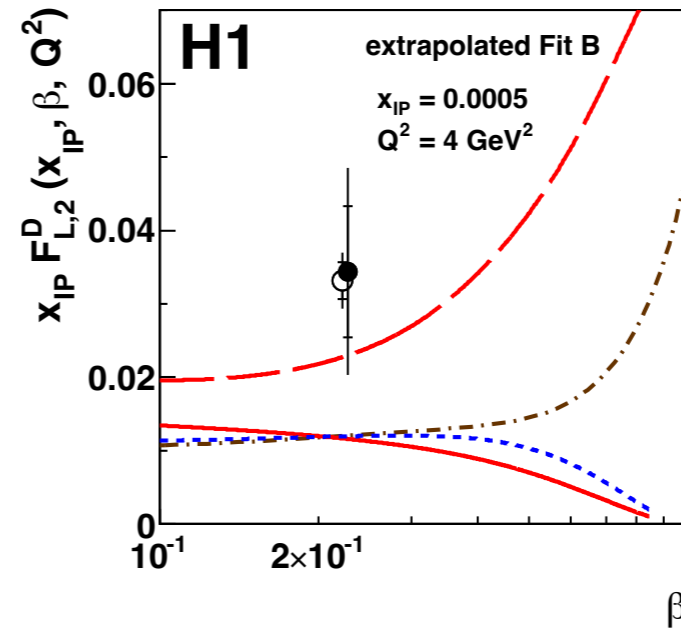
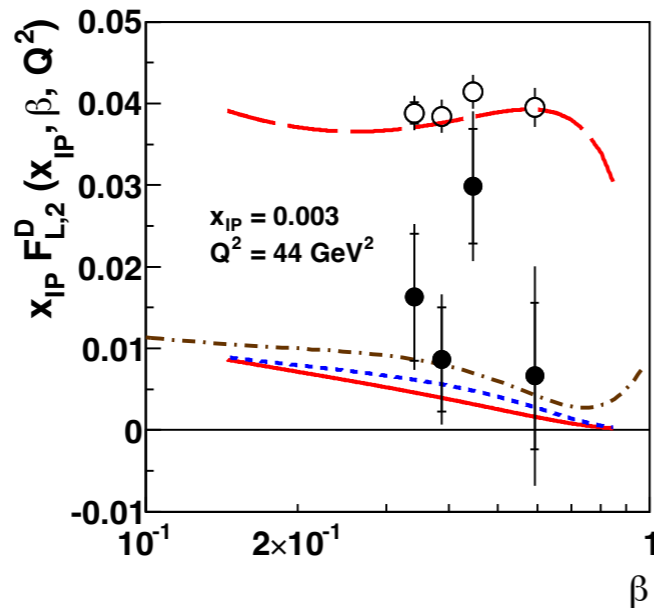
H1 measurement: 4 energies,  $E_p=920, 820, 575, 460$  GeV, electron beam  $E_e=27.6$  GeV

Large errors, limited by statistics at HERA

Careful evaluation of systematics. Best precision 4%, with uncorrelated sources as low as 2%

# $F_L^{D(3)}$ at HERA

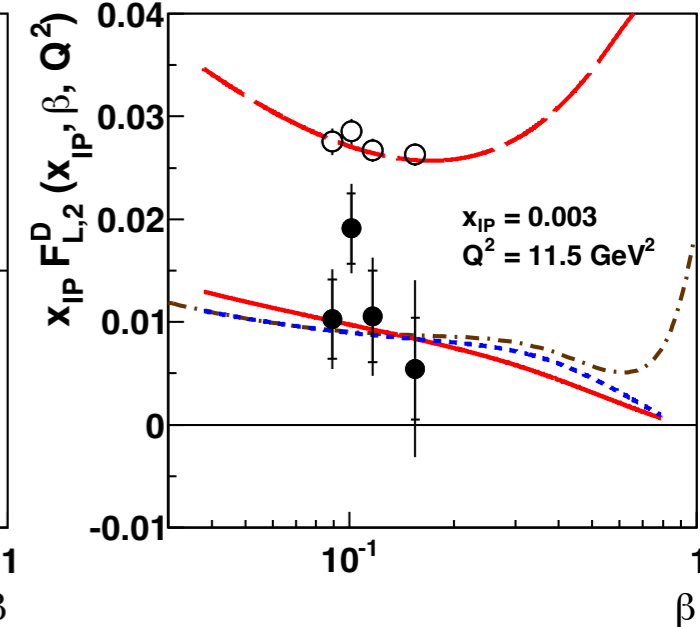
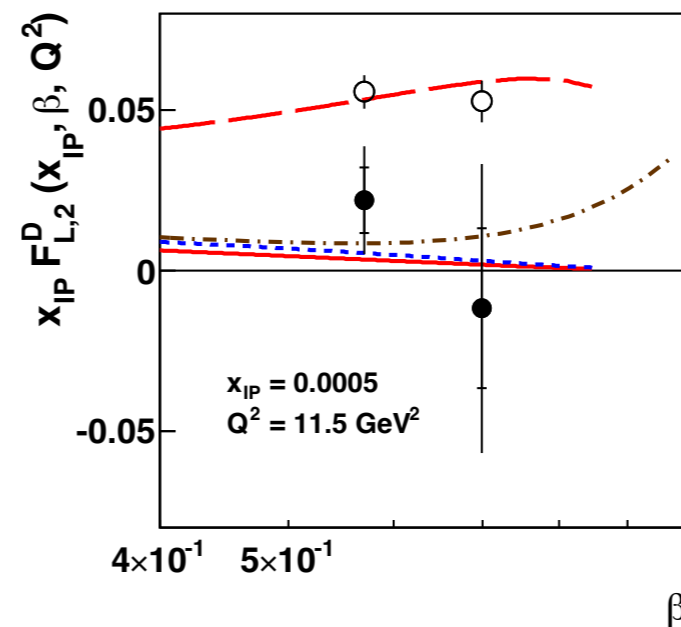
- $x_{IP} F_L^D$
- H1 data
- H1 2006 DPDF Fit B
- - - H1 2006 DPDF Fit A
- · - Golec-Biernat & Luszczak
- $x_{IP} F_2^D$
- H1 2006 DPDF Fit B



Measurements of  $\sigma_r^D$  consistent with predictions from the models

Extracted  $F_L^D$  has a tendency to be higher than the predictions, though compatible with model predictions within errors

Overall:  $0 < F_L^D < F_2^D$



# Pseudodata generation: energy choice

$$\sigma_{\text{red}}^{D(3)} = F_2^{D(3)}(\beta, \xi, Q^2) - Y_L F_L^{D(3)}(\beta, \xi, Q^2) \quad \text{Integrated over t-momentum transfer}$$

$$Y_L = \frac{y^2}{Y_+} = \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2}$$

Can disentangle  $F_2^{D(3)}$  from  $F_L^{D(3)}$  by varying energy and performing the linear fit.

$$y = \frac{Q^2}{xs} = \frac{Q^2}{\beta \xi s} \quad \text{Need to vary the energy } \sqrt{s} \text{ to change } y \text{ for fixed } (\beta, \xi, Q^2)$$

EIC energies for **electron** and **proton**:

$$E_e = 5, 10, 18 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_p = 41, 100, 120, 165, 180, 275 \text{ GeV}$$

		$E_p$ [GeV]					
		41	100	120	165	180	275
$E_e$ [GeV]	5	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	49	<b>57</b>	60	74
	10	40	<b>63</b>	69	<b>81</b>	85	<b>105</b>
	18	54	<b>85</b>	93	<b>109</b>	114	<b>141</b>

S-17 all 17 combinations

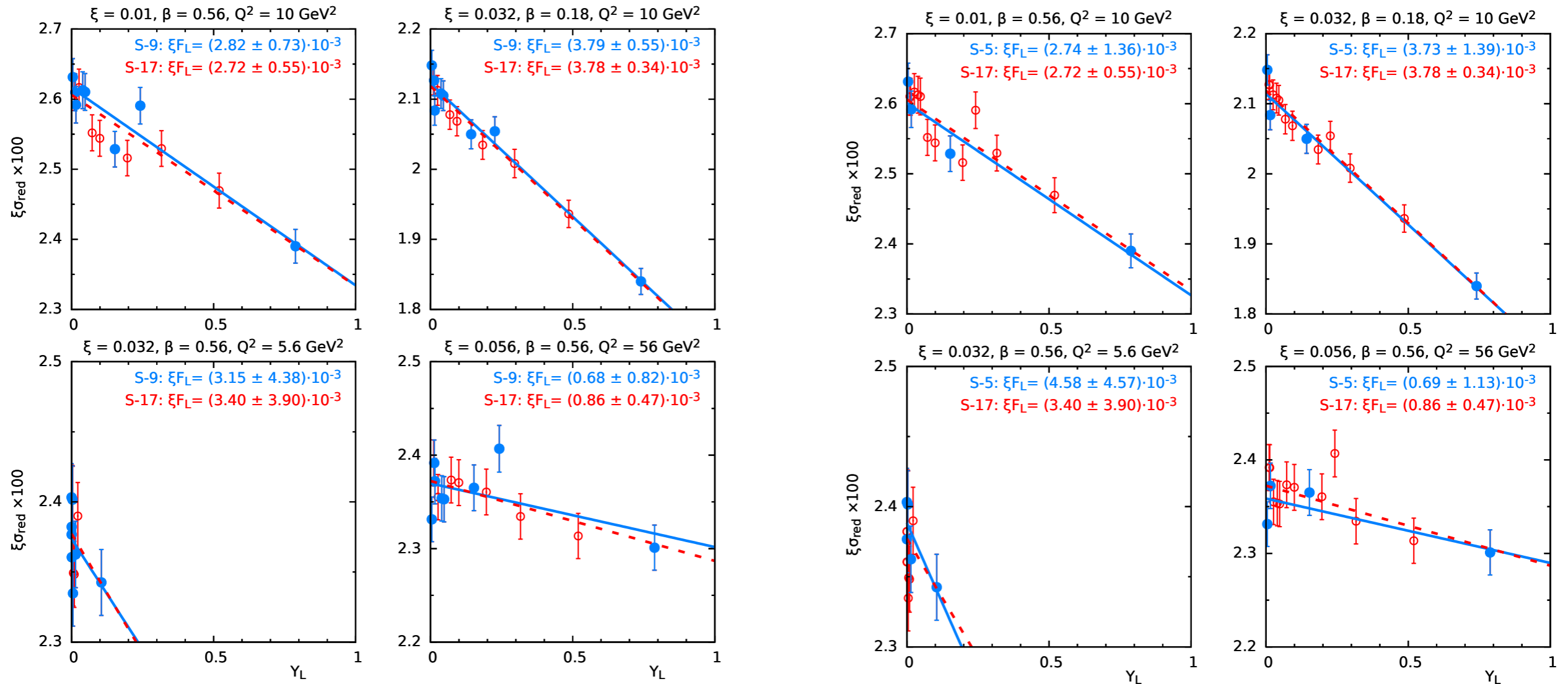
S-9 9 - bold red

S-5 5 - green (EIC preferred)

# $F_L^{D(3)}$ extraction

$\sigma_r = F_2(\xi, \beta, Q^2) - Y_L F_L(\xi, \beta, Q^2)$  as a function of  $Y_L$

Bins in  $(\xi, \beta, Q^2)$



Uncorrelated systematics 1%

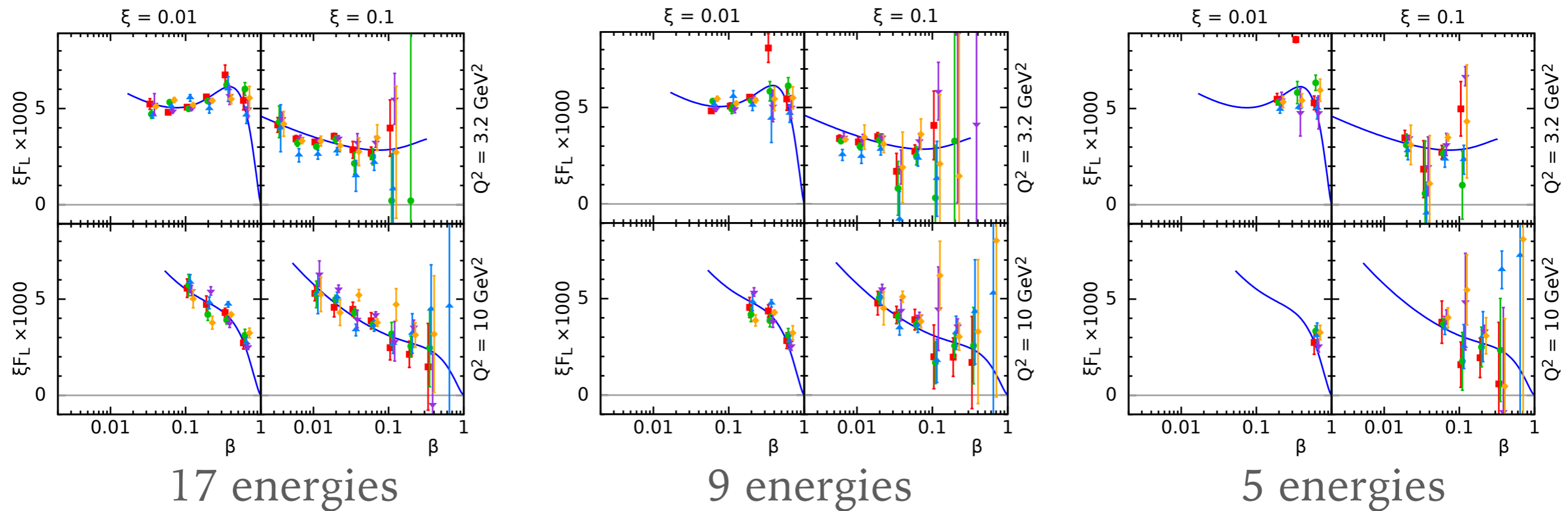
Differences between S-17 and S-9, S-5 small

Increase in error bar on the extraction when smaller number of energy points

Largest errors for bins with shortest range of  $Y_L$

# Simulated measurement of $F_L^{D(3)}$ vs $\beta$ in bins of $(\xi, Q^2)$

Uncorr. systematic error 1%, 5 MC samples to illustrate fluctuations



*Armesto, Newman, Slominski, Stasto*

Small differences between S-17 and S-9, small reduction to range and increase in uncertainties.

More pronounced reduction in range and higher uncertainties in S-5.

**An extraction of  $F_L^{D(3)}$  possible with EIC-favored set of energy combinations**

# $F_L^{D(3)}$ fit accuracy

Estimate the accuracy of extraction for  $F_L^{D(3)}$

Generate several MC samples of pseudodata and perform fits

Use direct arithmetic averaging

average

$$\bar{v} = \frac{S_1}{N}$$

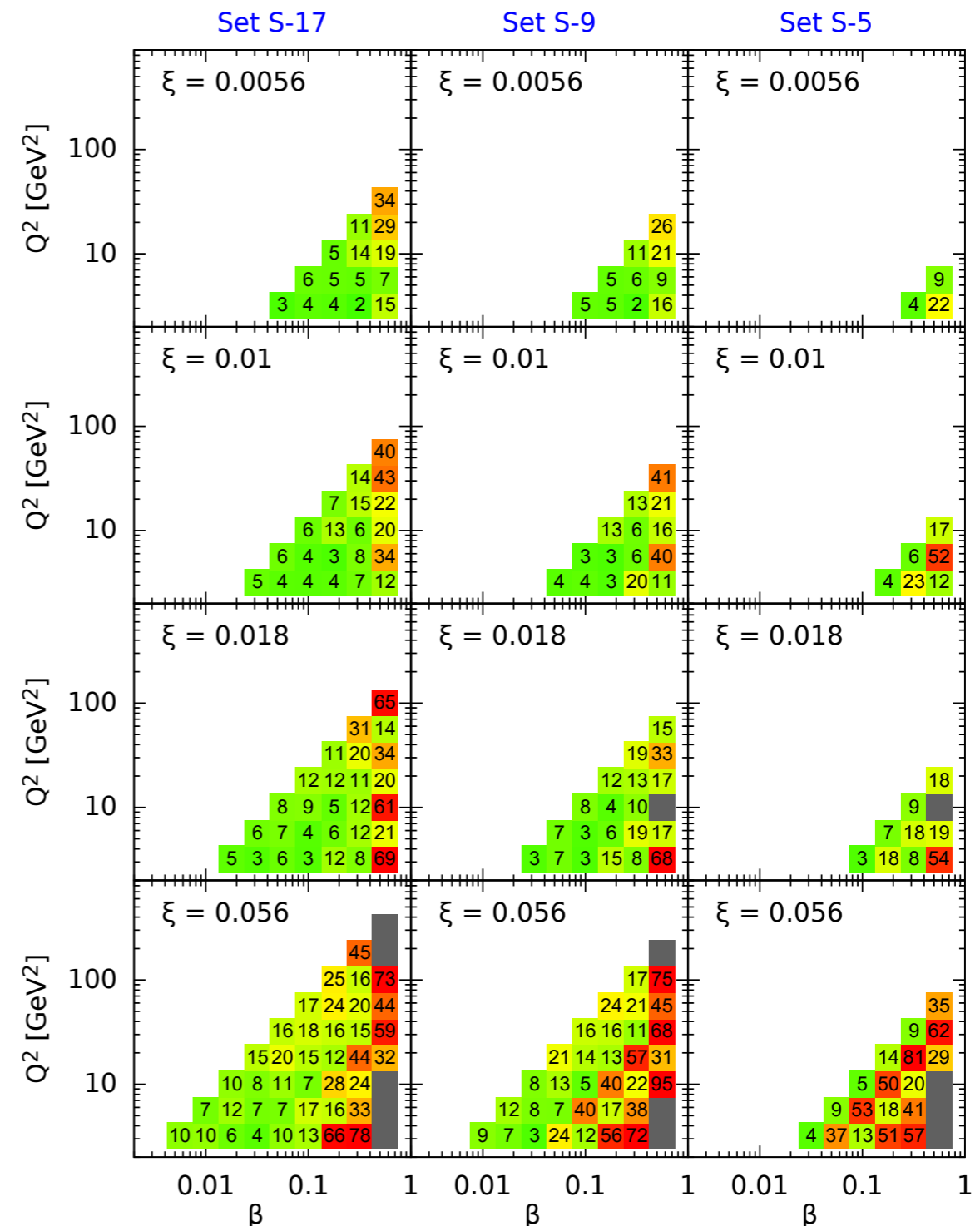
$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^n$$

variance

$$(\Delta v)^2 = \frac{S_2 - S_1^2/N}{N-1}$$

Where  $v_i$  is the value of  $F_L^D$   
in Monte Carlo sample  $i$

$F_L$  fit accuracy for  $\delta_{\text{sys}} = 1\%$



# Simulations of $\sigma^{D(4)}$

What can we learn about the t-dependence of the diffractive structure function?

Diffractive cross section depends on 4 variables  $(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$ :

$$\frac{d^4\sigma^D}{d\xi d\beta dQ^2 dt} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{\beta Q^4} Y_+ \sigma_r^{D(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t) \quad Y_+ = 1 + (1-y)^2$$

$$d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eXY}(\beta, \xi, Q^2, t) = \sum_i \int_{\beta}^1 dz d\hat{\sigma}^{ei}\left(\frac{\beta}{z}, Q^2\right) f_i^D(z, \xi, Q^2, t)$$

Ansatz for DPDFs:

$$f_i^{D(4)}(z, \xi, Q^2, t) = f_{\text{IP}}^P(\xi, t) f_i^{\text{IP}}(z, Q^2) + f_{\text{IR}}^P(\xi, t) f_i^{\text{IR}}(z, Q^2)$$

*Pomeron*

*Reggeon*

From the ZEUS-SJ fit

$$\xi \varphi_P(\xi, t) \propto \xi^{-0.22} e^{-7|t|}$$

$$\xi \varphi_R(\xi, t) \propto \xi^{0.6+1.8|t|} e^{-2|t|}$$

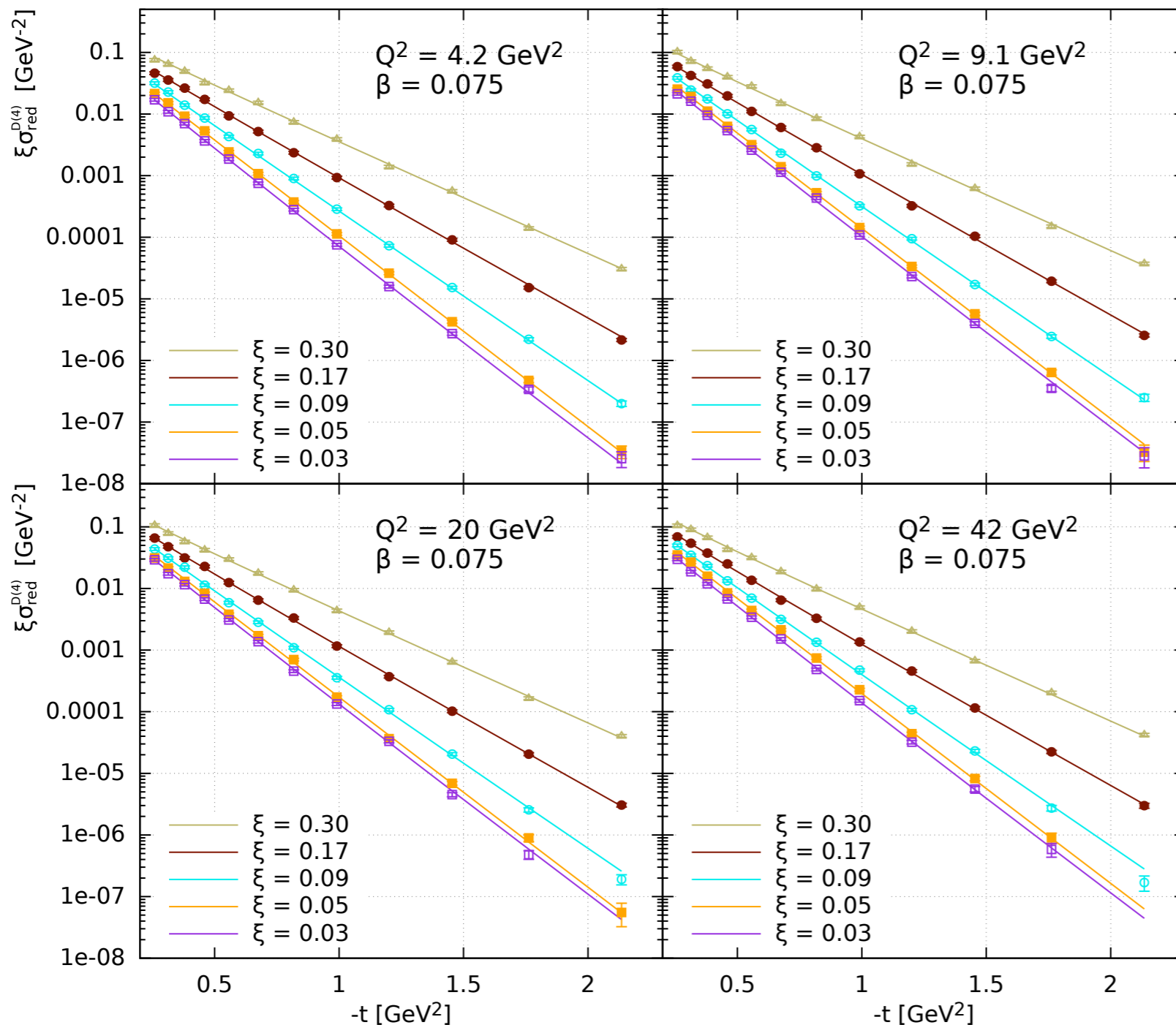
Very different slopes in t for  
Reggeon and Pomeron

At HERA Reggeon part could not be extracted precisely.

Is it possible to disentangle Pomeron/  
Reggeon at EIC ?

# $\sigma^{D(4)}$ vs $t$

$\sigma_{\text{red}}^{D(4)}$  for ep beams 18 GeV  $\times$  275 GeV,  $L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



$E_e = 18 \text{ GeV}$

$E_p = 275 \text{ GeV}$

Lines-extrapolation

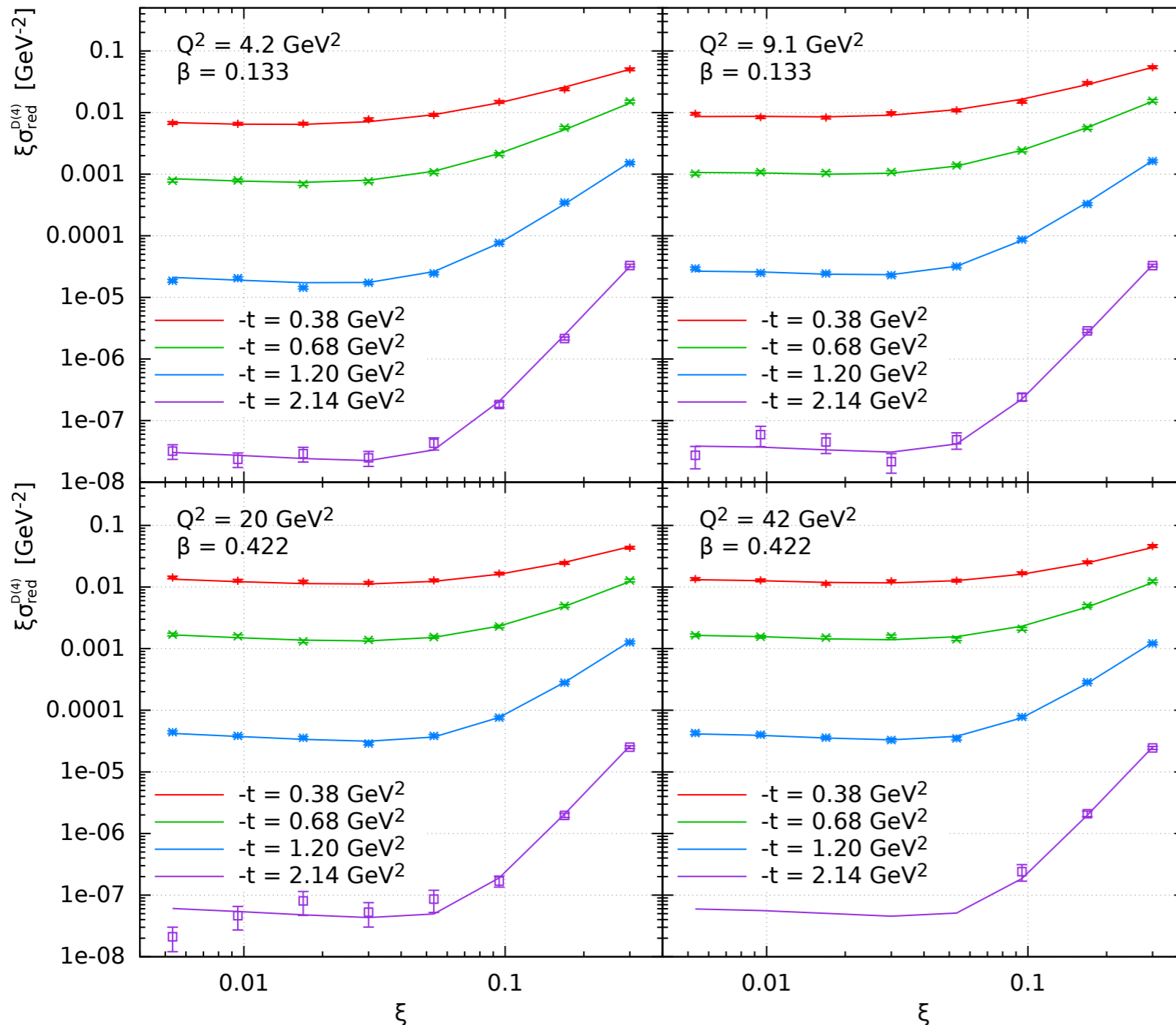
Points-simulation

Prospects for the very good measurement of the  $t$ -slope as a function of  $\xi$



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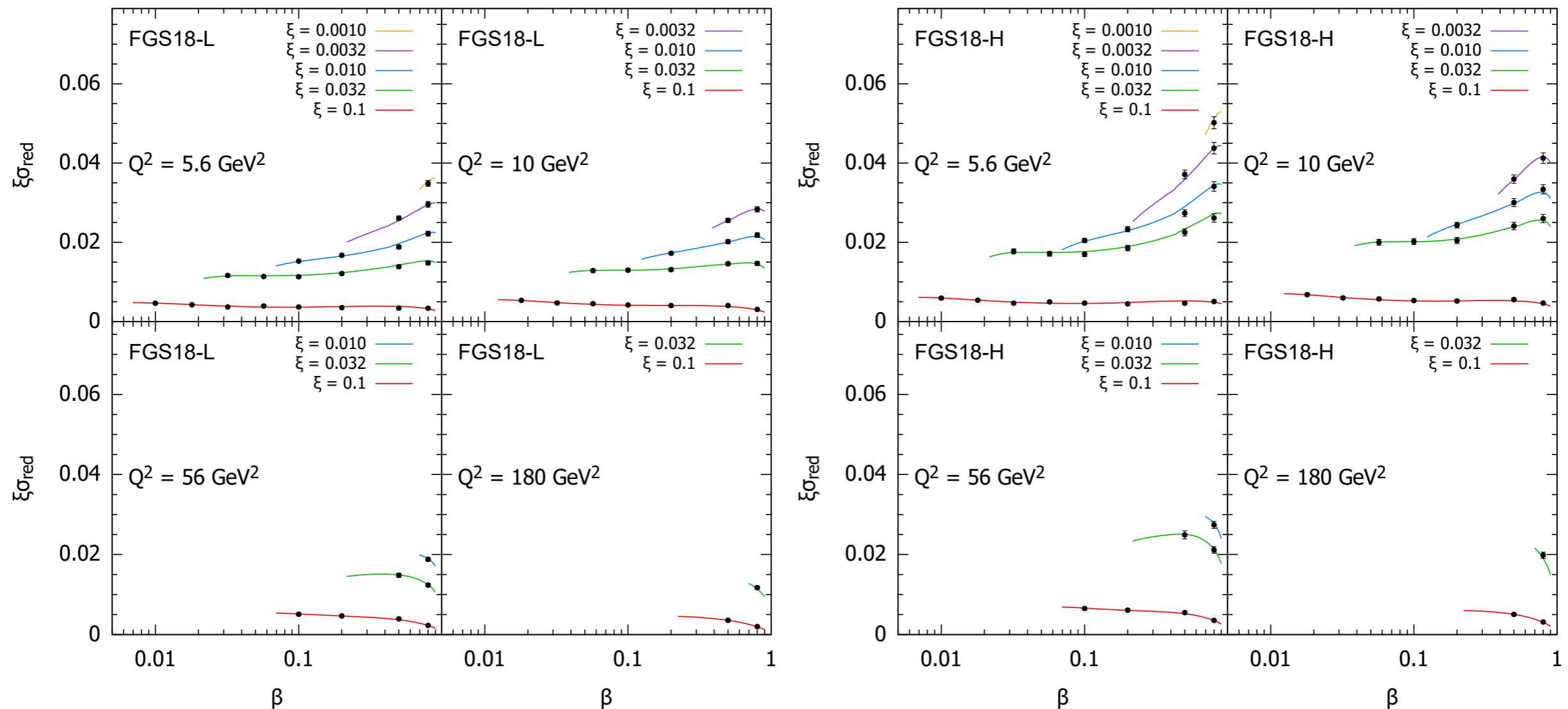
Double-slope structure: possibility to measure Reggeon contribution at EIC

# Inclusive diffraction in eA DIS

- **Coherent** diffraction: sensitive to **global shape**; **incoherent** to **fluctuations**
- Extraction of **nuclear diffractive parton distributions** would be possible for the first time

## Inclusive diffractive structure function in eA

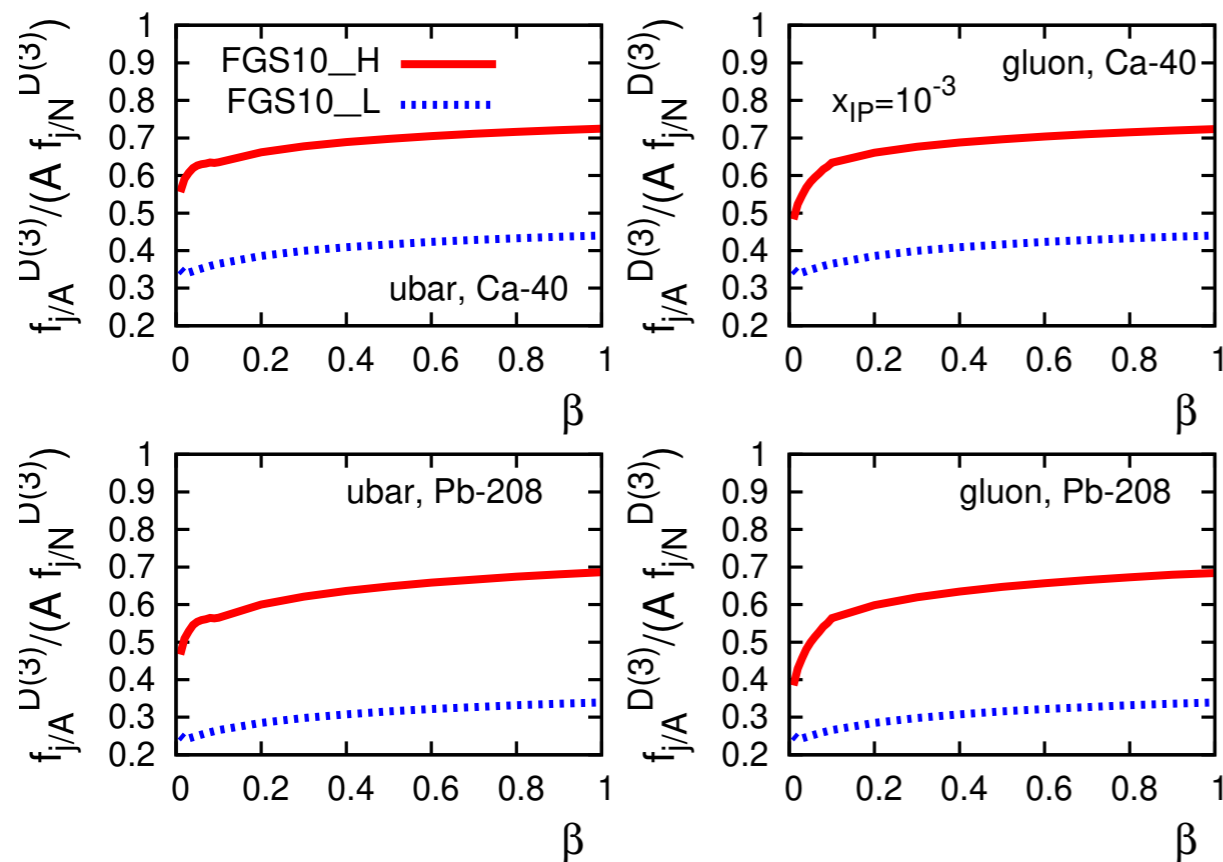
Armesto, Newman, Slominski, Stasto  
L & H models by Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman



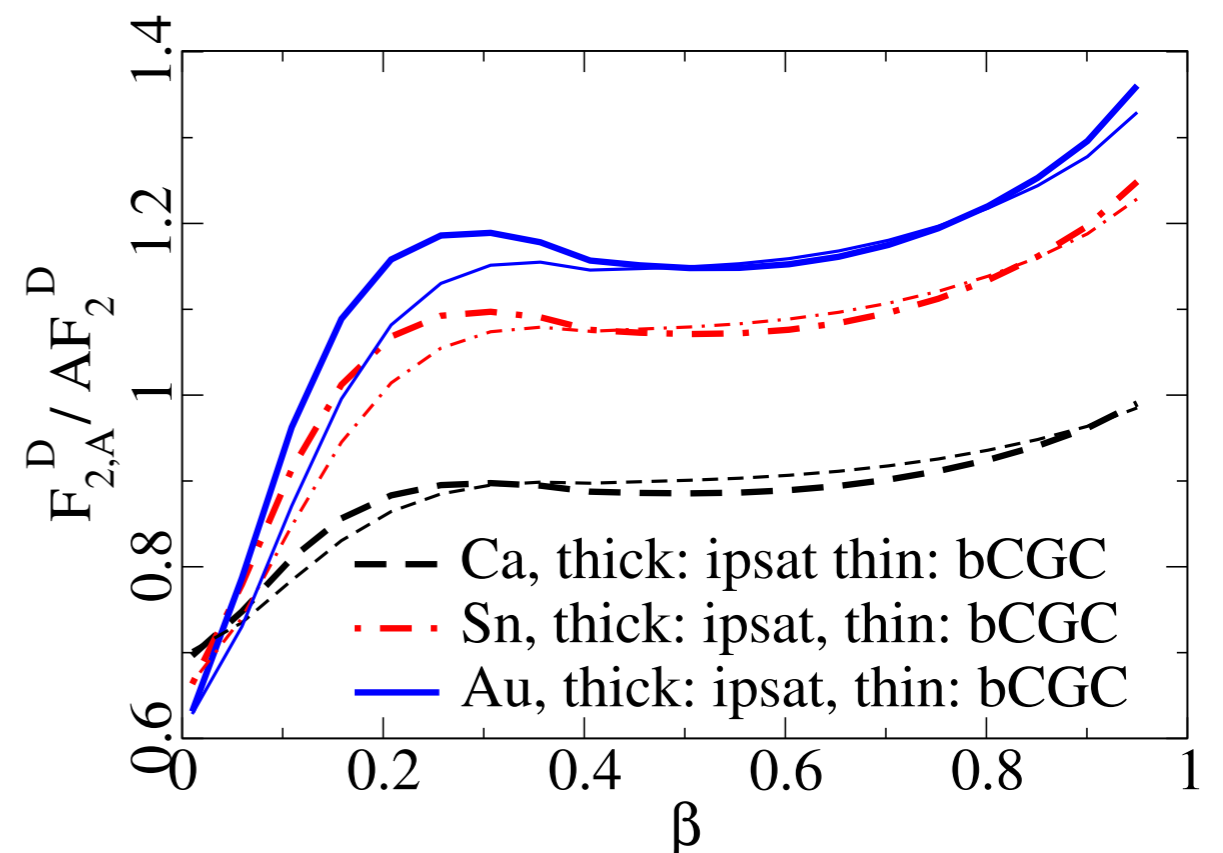
# Inclusive diffraction in eA DIS

- Diffractive to inclusive ratio of cross sections **sensitive probe to different models** (ex. saturation vs leading twist shadowing)

Ratio in LT shadowing : suppression



Ratio in saturation model: enhancement



# Exclusive diffraction of VM

## Exclusive diffraction of VM

Good process to extract the shape of nucleus,  
sensitive to saturation at low x and large A

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{coh}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| \langle \mathcal{A}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow V A} \rangle_{\Omega} \right|^2$$

$\Omega$  target configurations

$$\mathcal{A}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow V A} = \sum_{\lambda, \bar{\lambda}} \int d^2\mathbf{b} d^2\mathbf{r} dz e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \Delta} \Psi_{\gamma^*}^{\lambda \bar{\lambda}}(Q, z, \mathbf{r}) N_{\Omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}, x) \Psi_V^{\lambda \bar{\lambda}}(z, \mathbf{r})$$

coherent      Nucleus stays intact

$$\sigma_{\text{coh}} \sim \left| \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\Omega} \right|^2$$

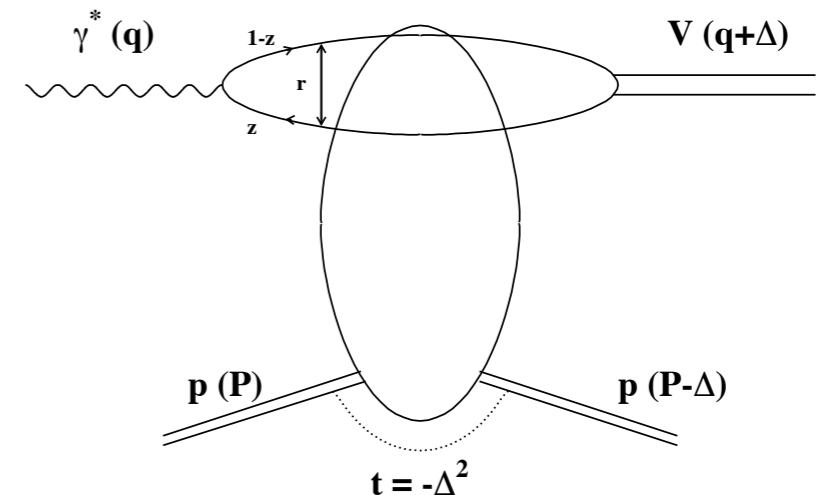
Probing average density

incoherent      Nuclear breakup

$$\sigma_{\text{incoh}} \sim \langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle_{\Omega} - \left| \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\Omega} \right|^2$$

Probing fluctuations

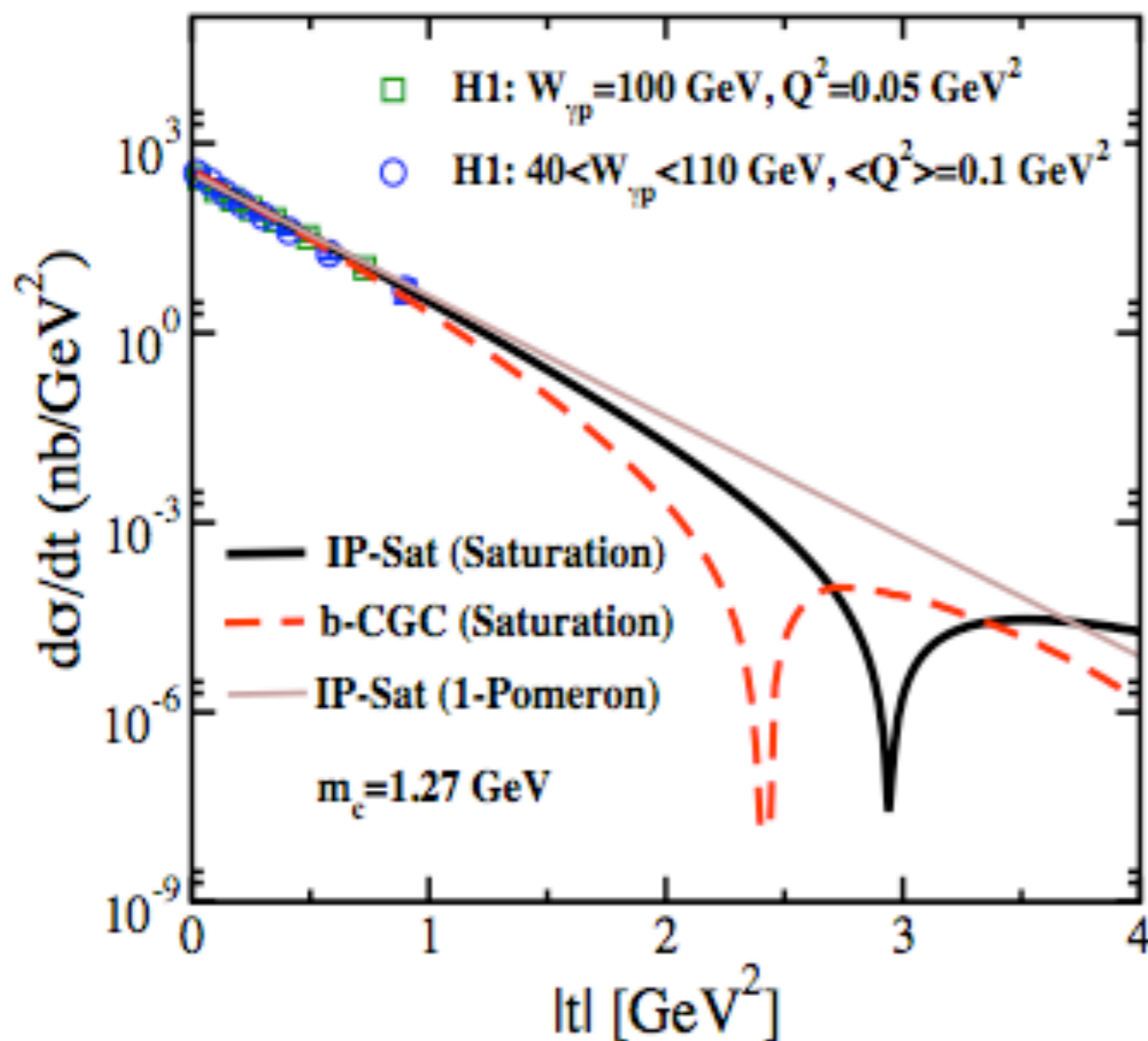
$$e + A \rightarrow e + A + J/\psi$$



# Exclusive diffraction of VM: dips

$$e + p \rightarrow e + p + J/\psi$$

$$\gamma^* + p \rightarrow J/\psi + p$$



t-dependence is a Fourier transform of the impact parameter profile

Hard sphere:  $N(x, r, b) \sim \theta(R - b)$ , dips when  $J_1(R\sqrt{t}) = 0$

Gaussian & linear:  $N(x, r, b) \sim e^{-b^2/(2B)}$ , Fourier transform is Gaussian, no dips

Saturation, for ex. exponentiation:

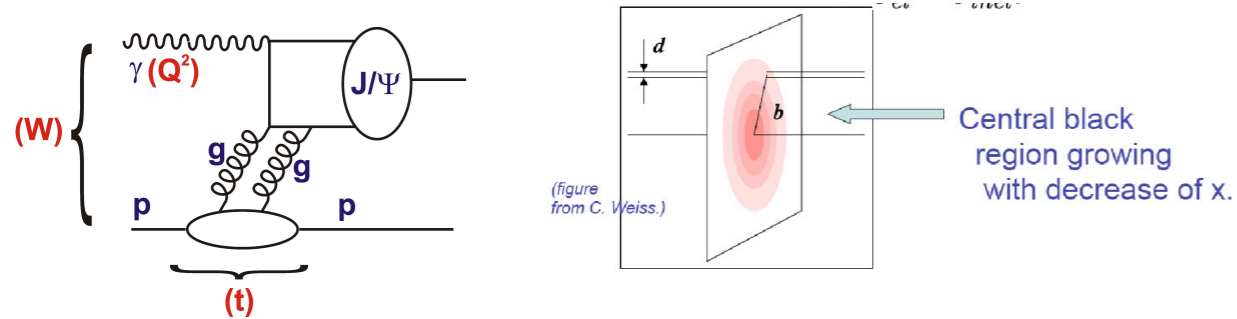
$N(x, r, b) \sim 1 - \exp(-f(x, r) e^{-b^2/(2B)})$ , dips present

Dips in general present for models with saturation

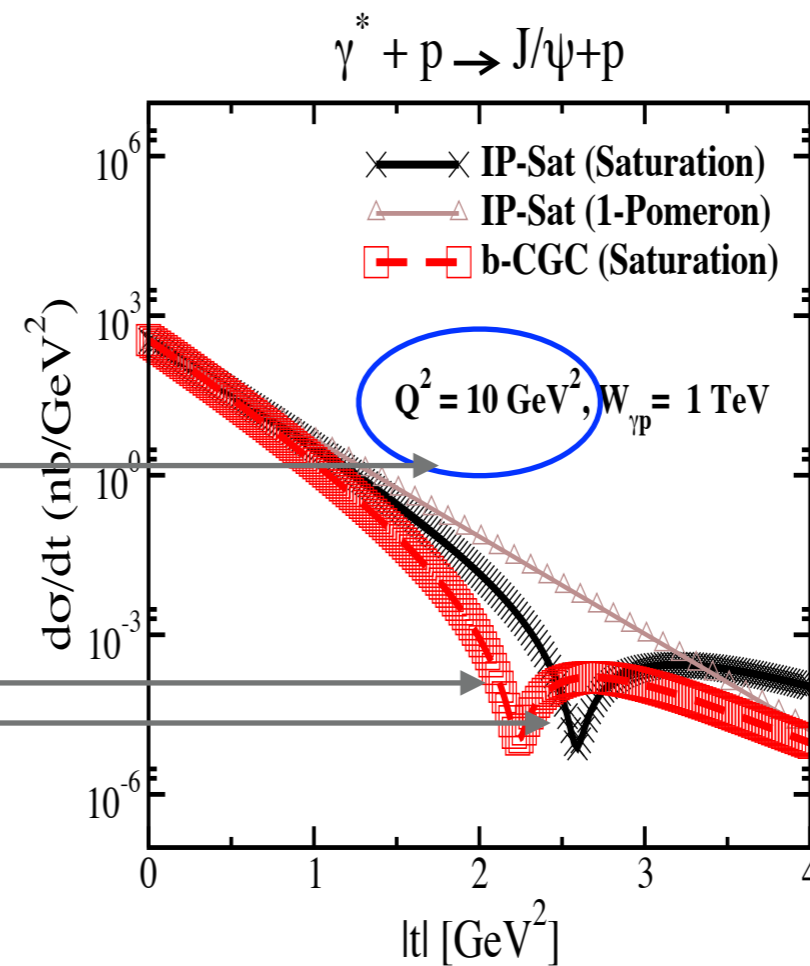
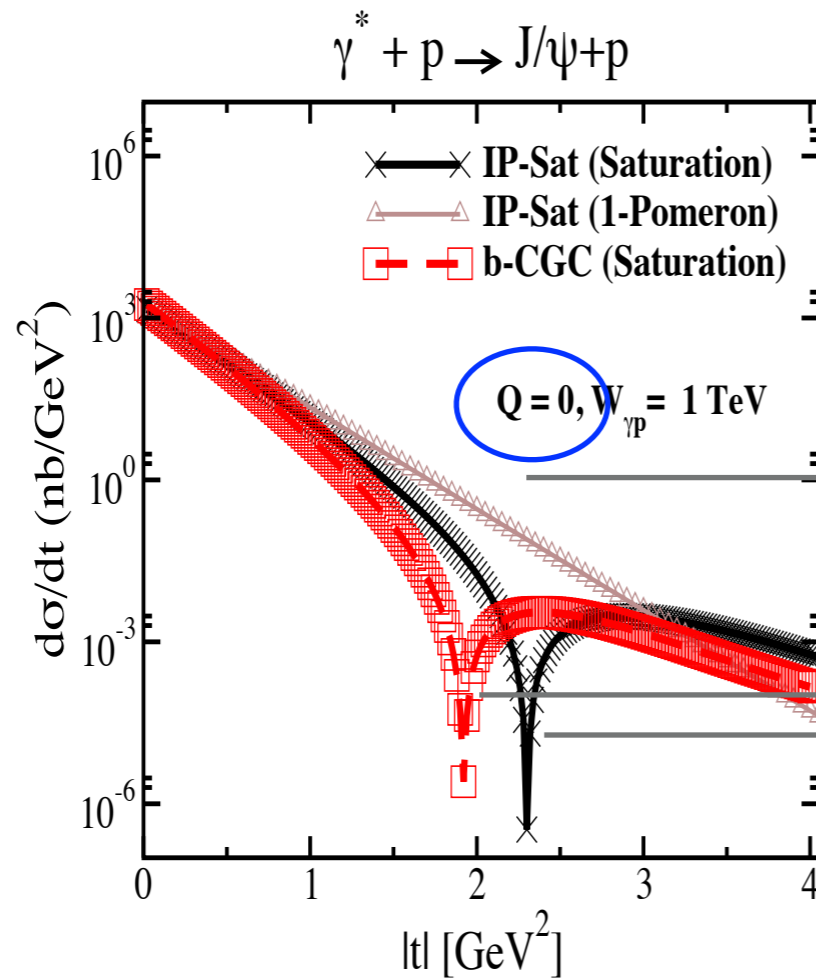
Position of dips depends on energy, scale, size of nucleus

Sensitive to modeling

# Elastic diffraction of vector mesons



Examples for ep at very high energy (like LHeC)



Advantage over UPC:

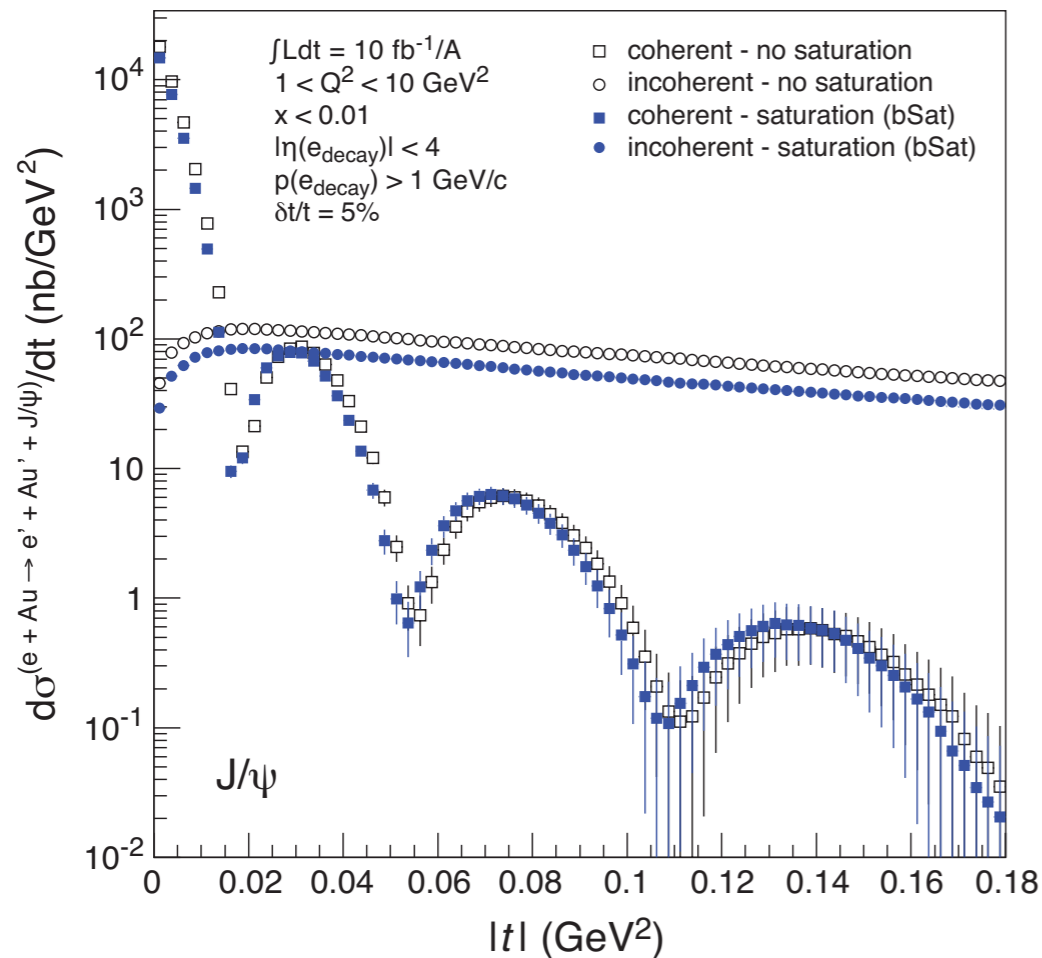
$Q^2$  dependence

Precision  $t$ ,  $W$  and  $Q^2$  dependence of vector mesons  
 Example : tests of saturation from the slope in  $t$

**One of the best processes to test for novel small  $x$  dynamics**

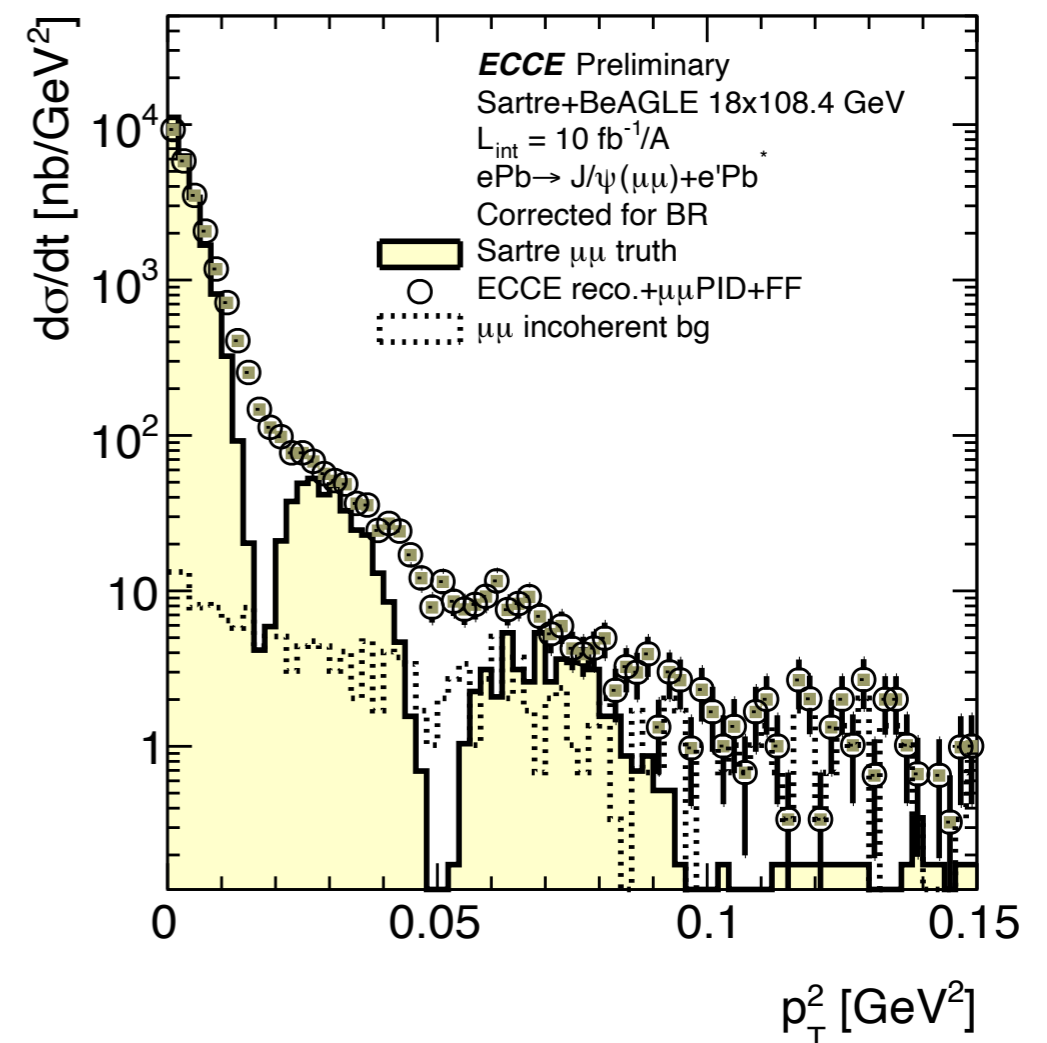
# Exclusive diffraction of VM: nuclei

## Theory



## Experiment

plot from P.Steinberg et al



P.Steinberg quote from talk at EIC Theory WG:

‘Measurement resolution (both e’ and J/ψ) limit the ability to measure (or even) see diffractive dips. incoherent background can only be removed so much, esp. with acceptance of IP6. Begg the question: can these distributions be unfolded?’

More theory work : robustness of dips, model dependence

More experimental work : detector design, unfolding method

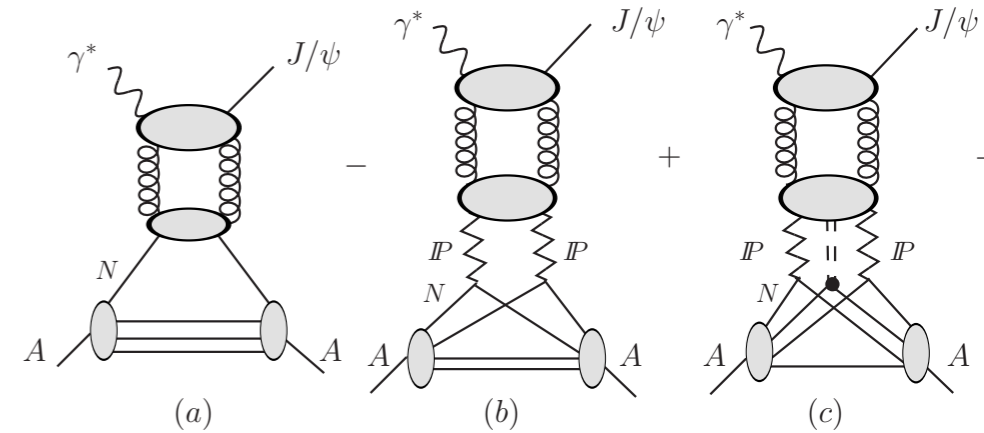
# J/ψ exclusive production in <sup>4</sup>He & <sup>3</sup>He

Coherent exclusive production of J/ψ with **light ions and deuteron**

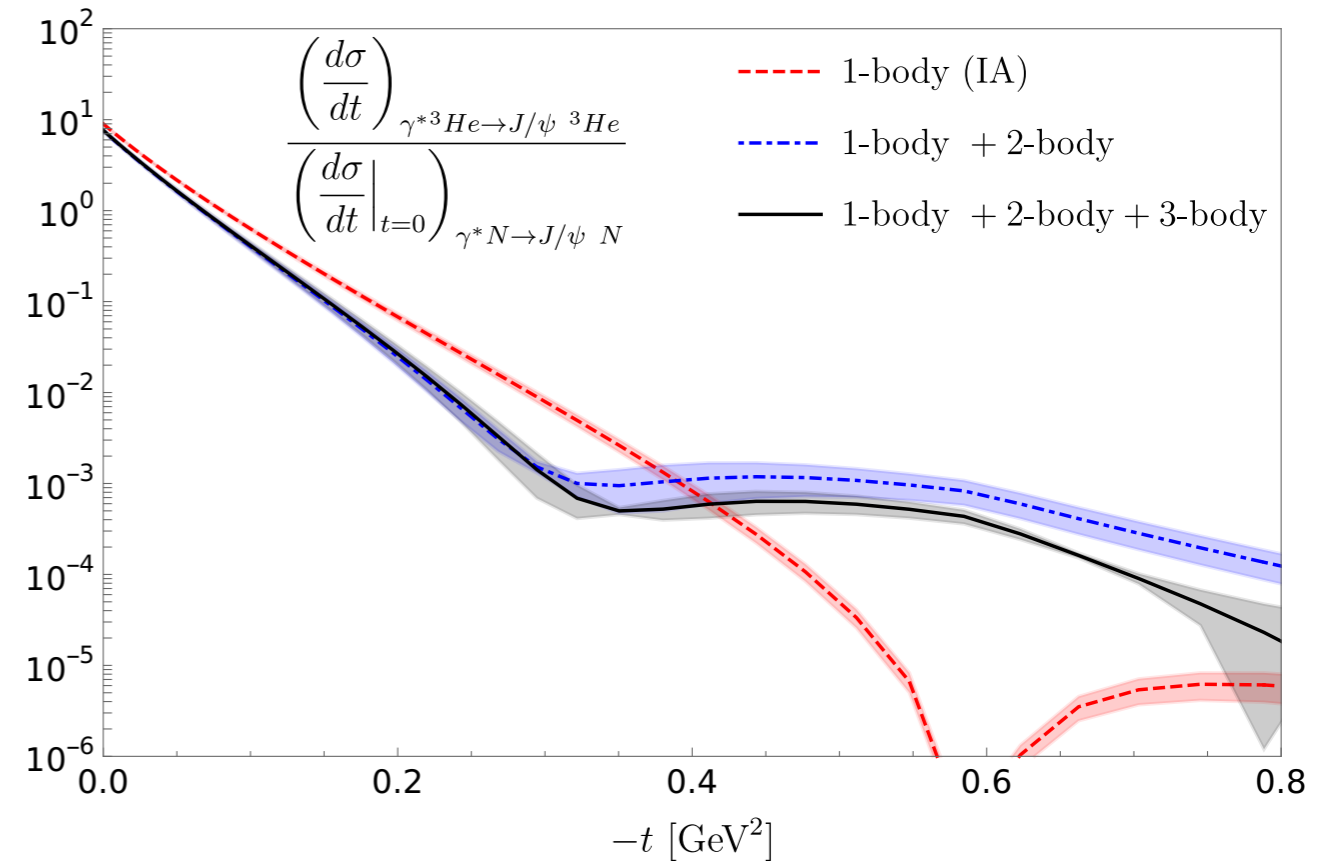
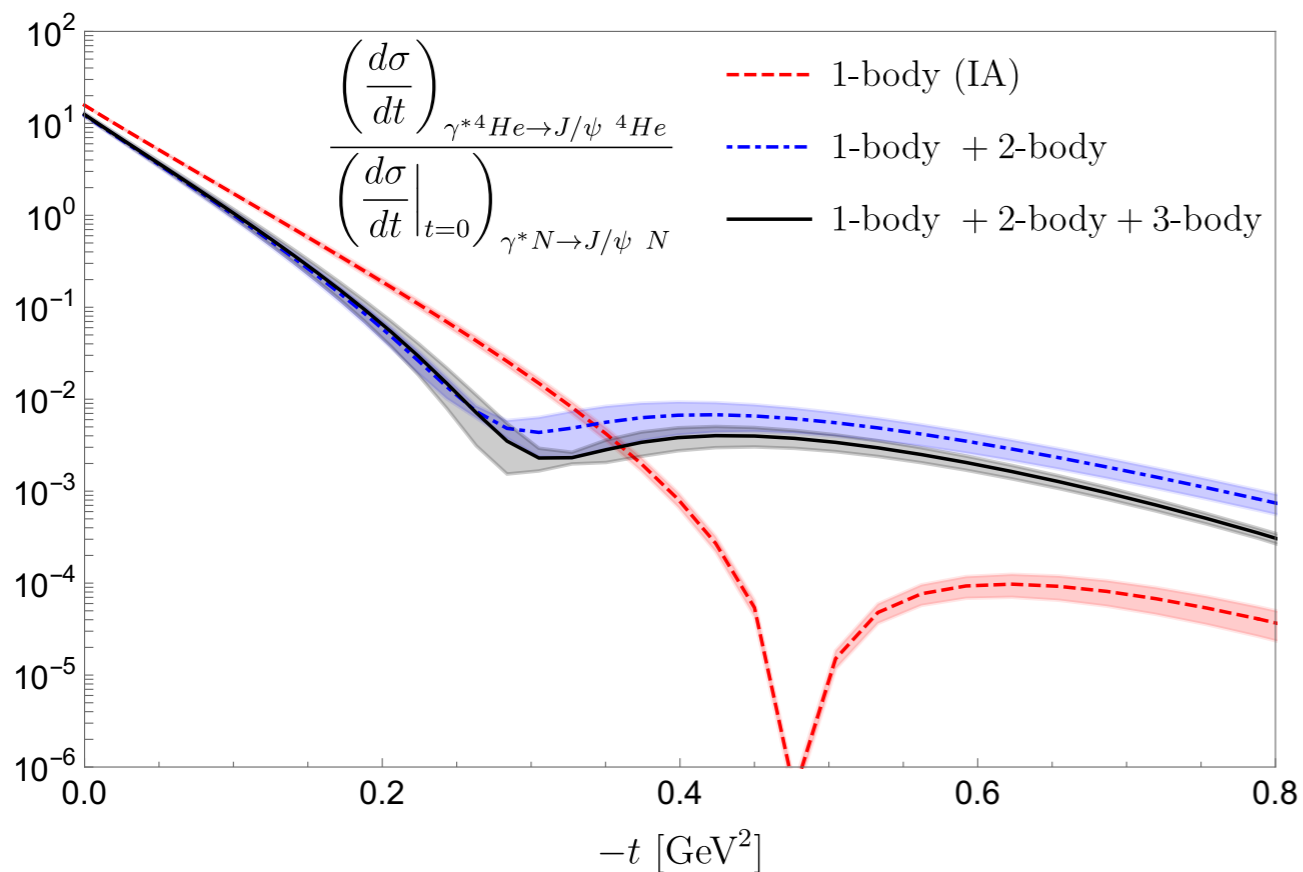
Probing shadowing in a more controlled environment

Change of t-dependence depending on the number of scatterings

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma^* A \rightarrow J/\psi A}}{dt}(t) = \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma^* N \rightarrow J/\psi N}}{dt}(t=0) \times \left| F_1(t)e^{[B_0(x)/2]t} + \sum_{k=2}^A F_k(t) \right|^2$$



*Guzey, Rinaldi, Scopetta, Strikman, Viviani*

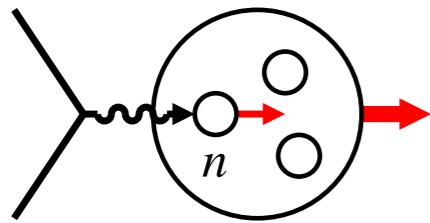




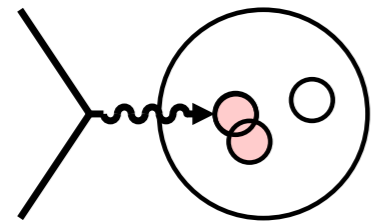
# Physics with light ions at EIC

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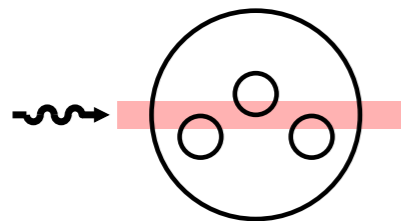
## Examples of physics with light ions



**Neutron structure:** standard PDFs/TMD/GPDs, improve flavor determination u/d ratio at large x, spin structure of neutron from polarized target



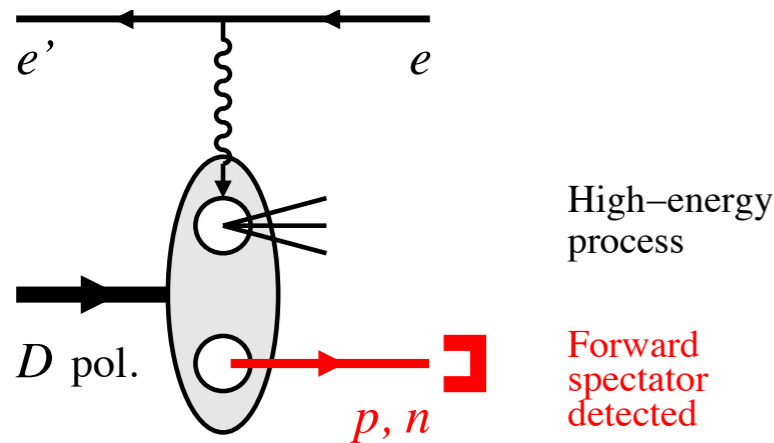
**Nucleon interactions:** nuclear modifications of quark and gluon densities, short-range correlations



**Coherent phenomena:** coherent interaction of high-energy probe with multiple nucleons, shadowing, saturation

Light ions : simpler system, tagging allows for more controlled environment

# Example: DIS on a deuteron with spectator tagging



**Spectator tagging** allows to control the **nuclear configuration** in the deuteron initial state : active nucleon and relative momentum. Differential analysis of the nuclear effects

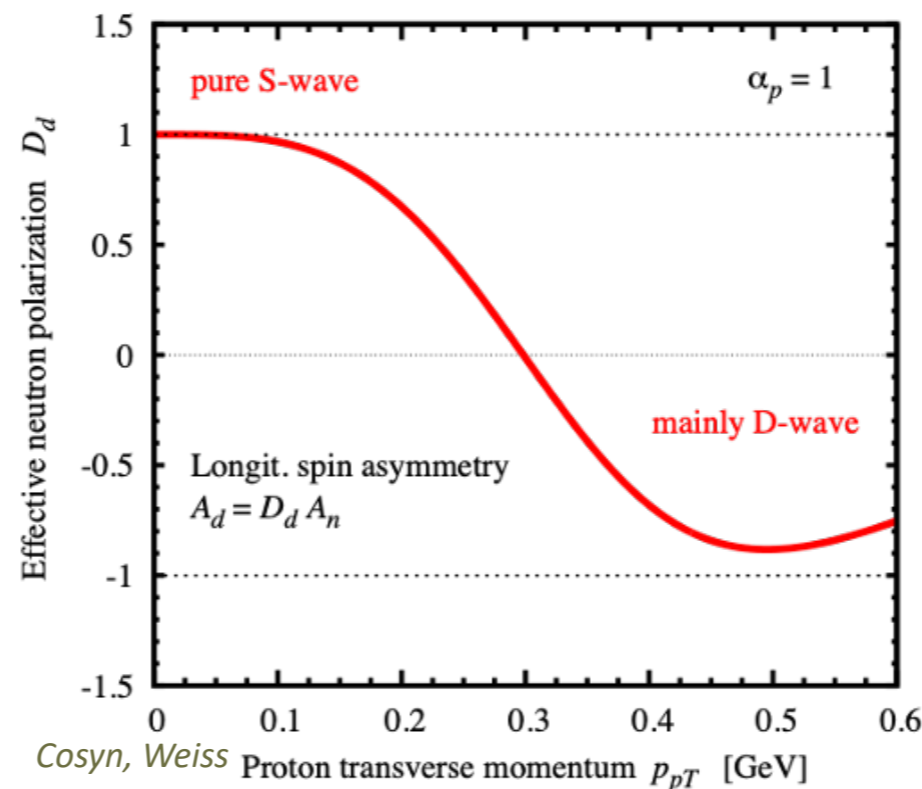
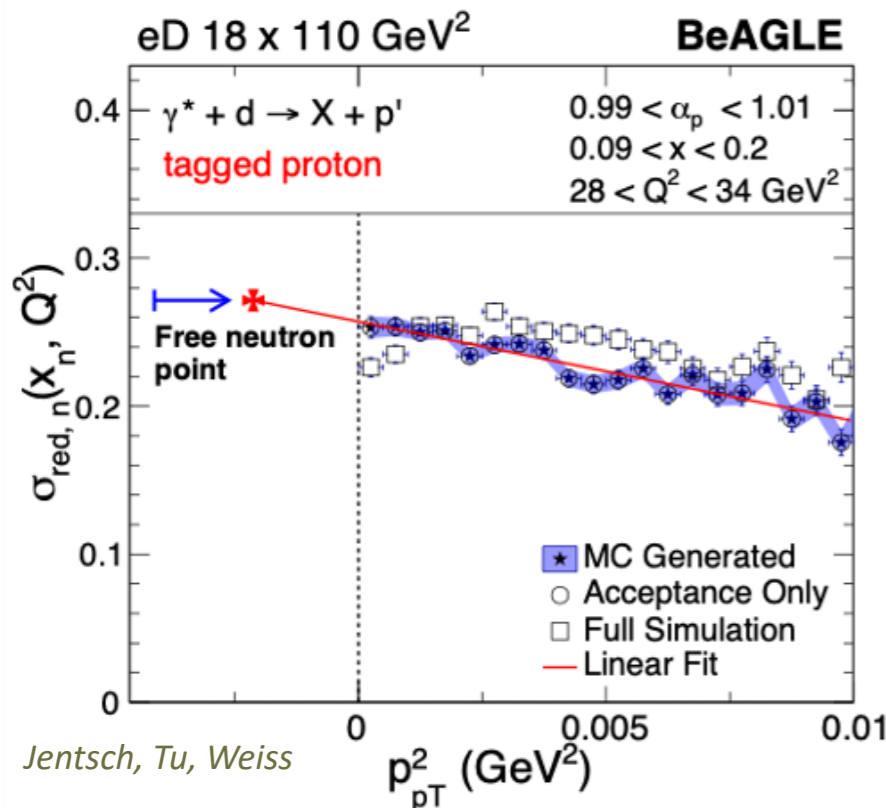
Unique method with several applications:

Free neutron structure function

Configuration dependence of the **EMC effect**

**Proton structure function** ( analysis of nuclear effects)

Neutron polarization in polarized DIS (S, D waves)



**Double tagging** can be done with light nuclei:  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{H}$ . Neutron, proton structure nuclear modifications

# Diffractive J/ψ in electron-deuteron

Diffractive J/ψ scattering on a deuteron as a way to study short - range correlations (SRC)

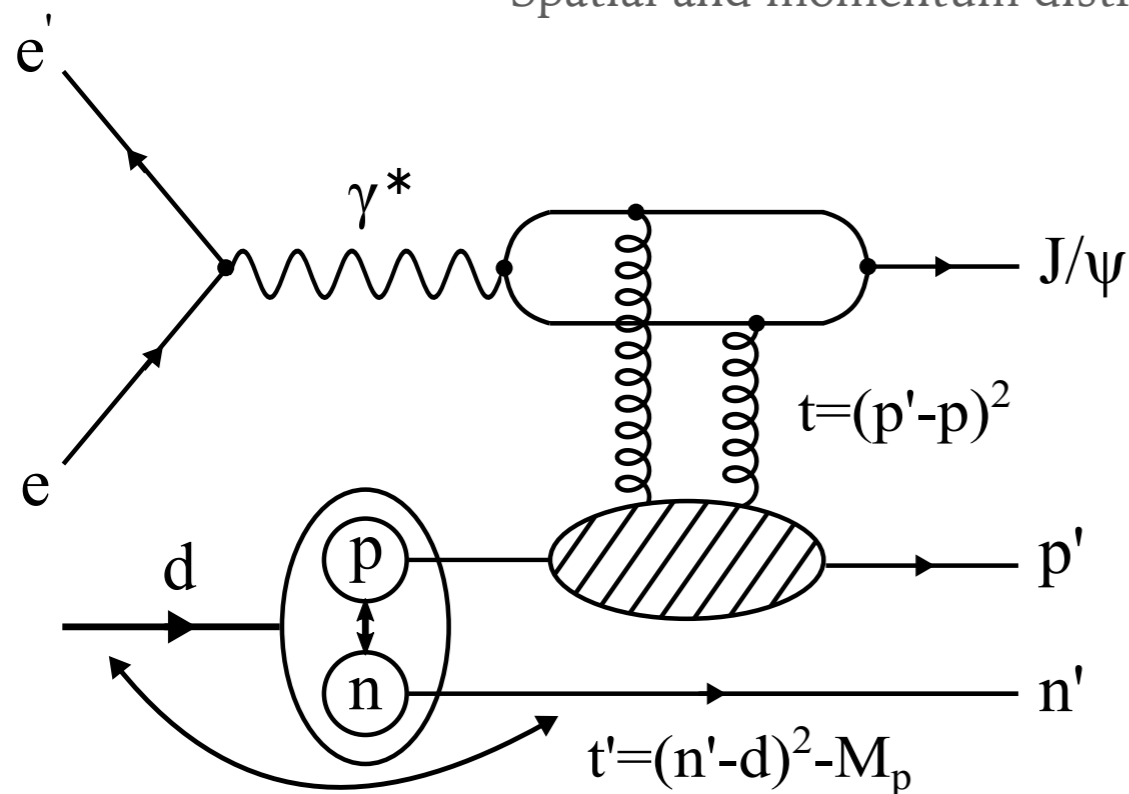
Short-range correlated nucleon pairs with high internal nucleon momentum ( quasi-deuteron inside the nucleus). Possible strong link of SRC to EMC effect.

## Questions:

Role of gluons in SRC pairs?

Relation of SRC to shadowing and/or saturation ?

Spatial and momentum distribution of partons in high momentum configurations ?



Momentum transfer  $t$ , the difference between outgoing proton momentum and incoming proton momentum, which is not known in  $ed$ , unlike in  $ep$

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

Reconstruction of  $t$  : through leading nucleon and spectator measurement (proton and nucleon are back-to-back in the rest frame of  $pn$  before the interaction)

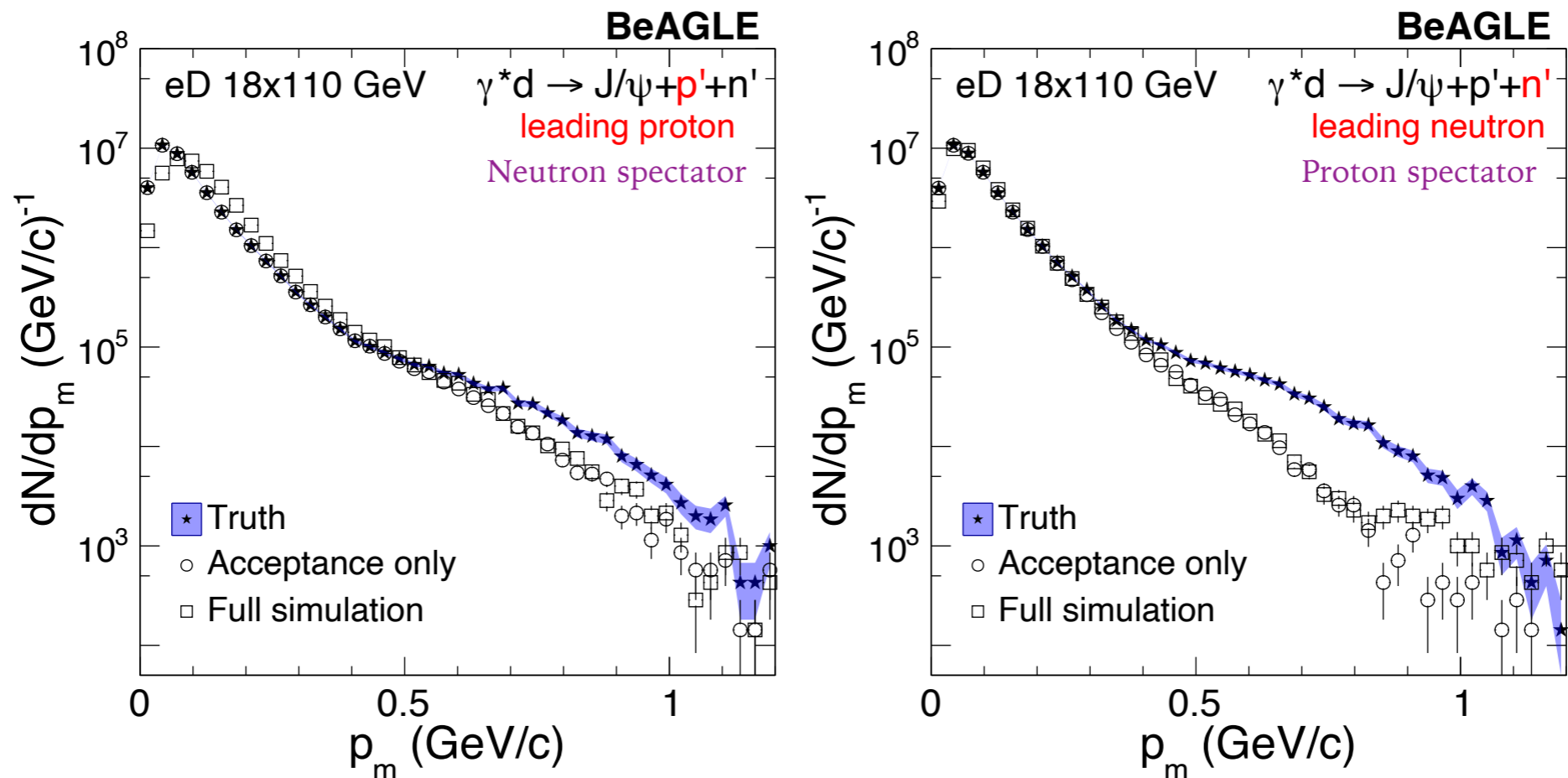
$$t = (p' - (-n))^2$$

Simulation in impulse approximation

# Diffractive $J/\psi$ in electron-deuteron

3-momentum distribution of the spectator nucleon in the rest frame of deuteron

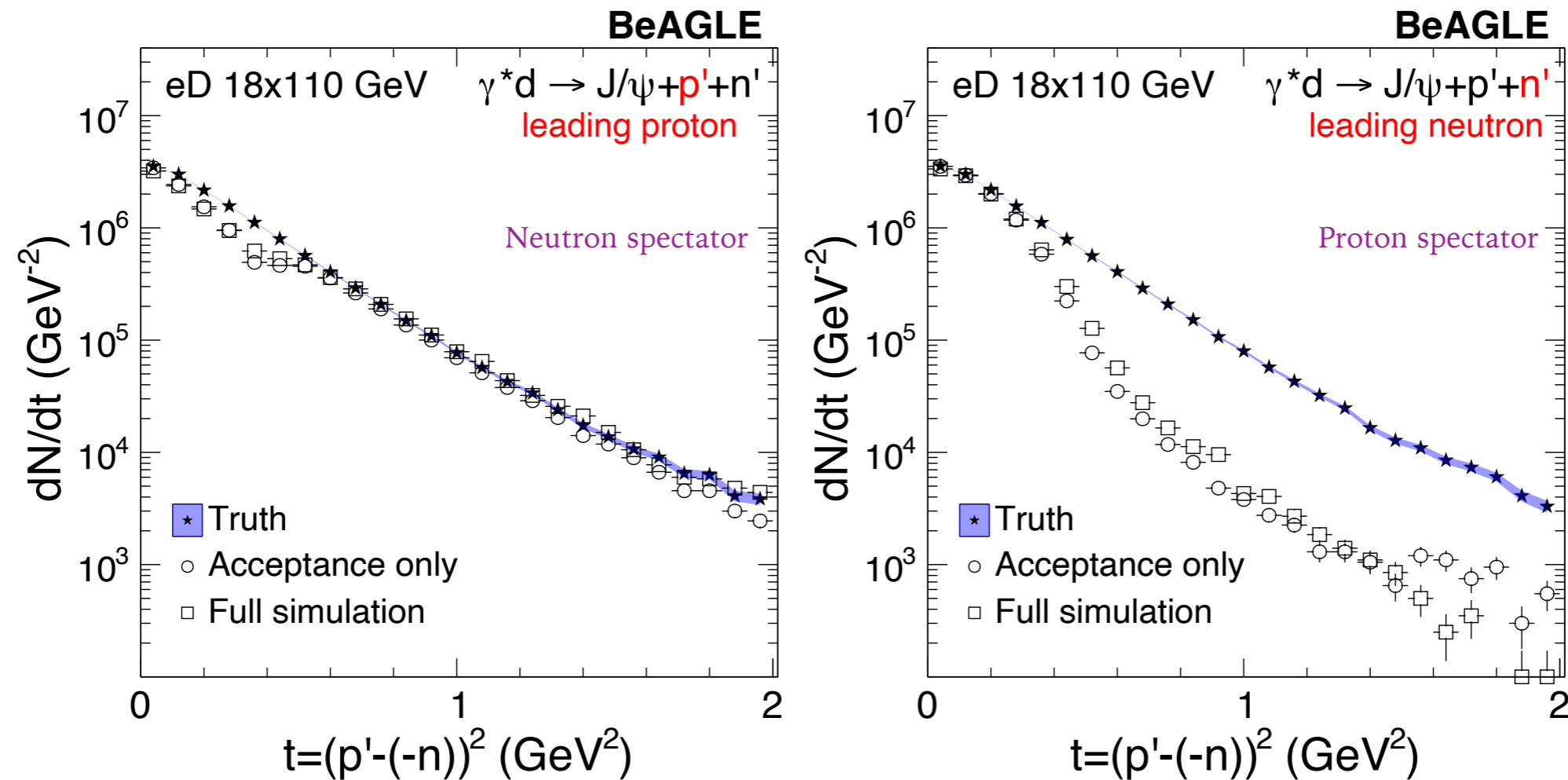
Reflects the internal nucleon momentum at the initial state of the deuteron wave function



**Neutron spectator:** 4-6 mrad cone in the ZDC, 100% acceptance up to 0.6 GeV, momentum smearing up to 300 MeV

**Proton spectator:** Better resolution, less bin migration at low momenta

# Distribution in $t$ for diffractive $J/\psi$ in electron-deuteron



Integrated over a range of  $p_m$

Method requires double tagging of both proton and neutron

In general  $t$  distribution affected by acceptance and resolution of nucleons

Good precision in neutron spectator case

# Distribution in $t$ for diffractive $J/\psi$ in electron-deuteron

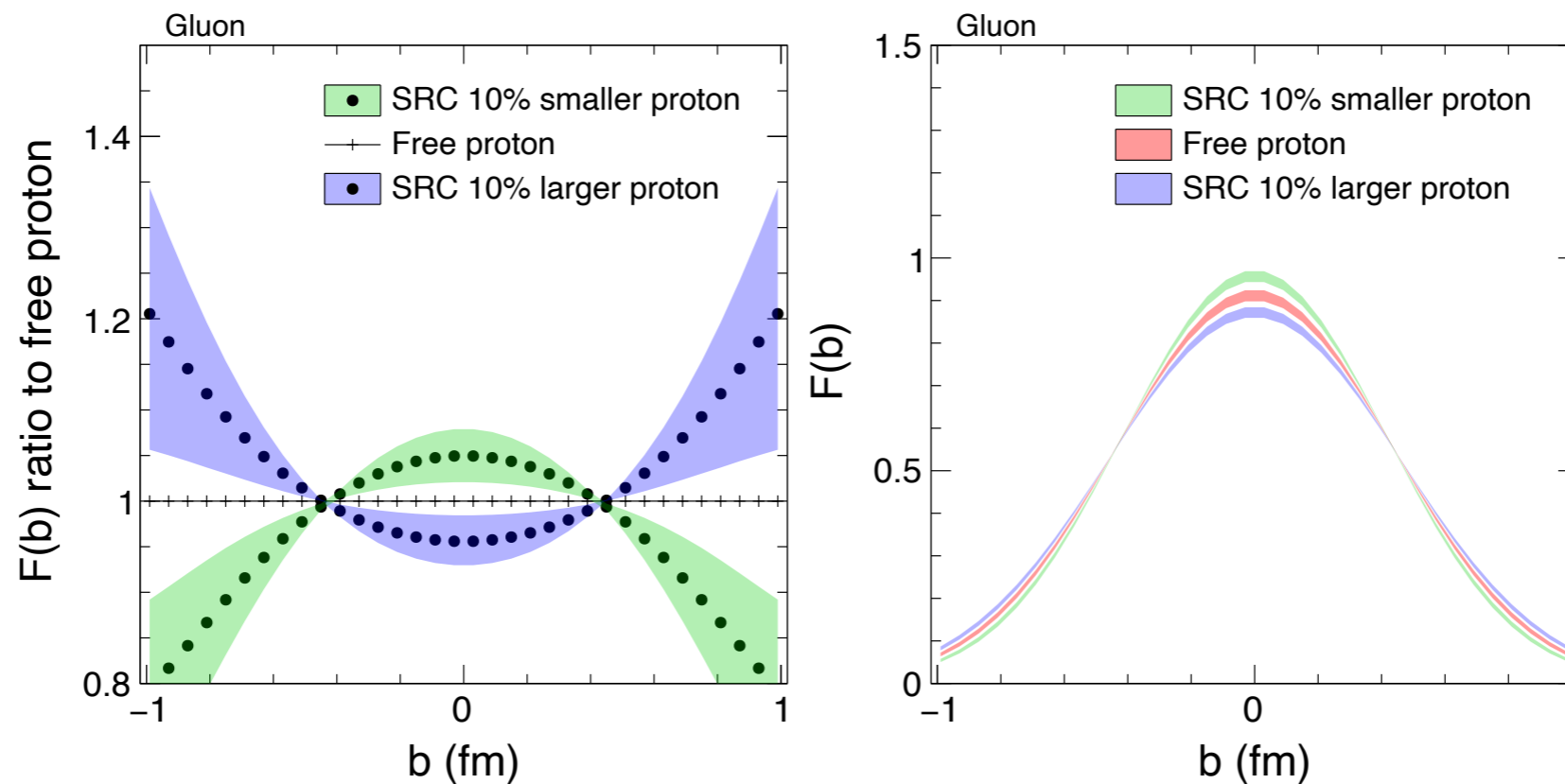
SRC dependent  $t$ -distribution

Distribution in  $t$  is a Fourier transform of the source distribution

Gluon distributions of the bound nucleon can be measured for different internal momentum ranges

Link between the role of gluons in the SRC and modifications of gluon structure functions

Assume 10% difference in the nucleon size for events  $p_m > 0.6$  GeV



Gluon source distribution  $F(b)$  and ratio between SRC protons and free protons from the FT of the  $t$  distribution of elastic  $J/\psi$

# Passage of color charges through cold nuclear matter

- Modern theories of QCD in matter (such as SCET<sub>G</sub> and NRQCD<sub>G</sub>) have enabled novel understanding of parton showers on matter. Capabilities to calculate higher order and resummed calculations in reactions with nuclei
- EIC will provide important input on **hadronization** mechanism in eA
- Different scenarios: **parton evolution in medium** or **hadron absorption**



Parton energy loss and in-medium fragmentation function modification

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \tilde{D}^{h/i}(x, \mu) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \tilde{D}^{h/j}\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu\right) \left( P_{ji}(z, \alpha_s(\mu)) + P_{ji}^{\text{med}}(z, \mu) \right)$$

$$R_{eA}^h(p_T, \eta, z) = \frac{\left. \frac{N^h(p_T, \eta, z)}{N^{\text{inc}}(p_T, \eta)} \right|_{e+\text{Au}}}{\left. \frac{N^h(p_T, \eta, z)}{N^{\text{inc}}(p_T, \eta)} \right|_{e+p}}$$

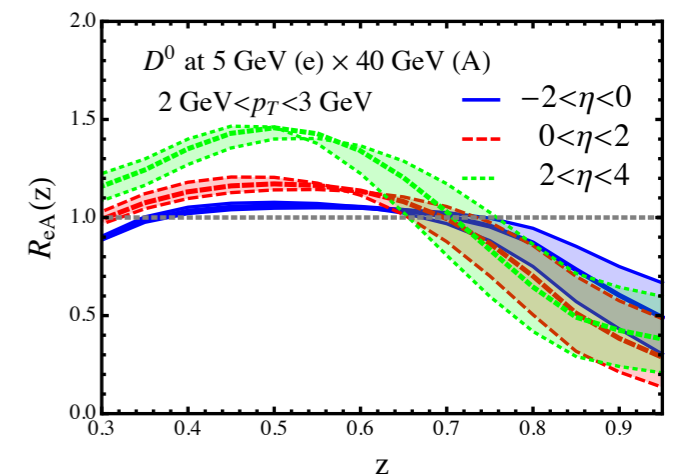
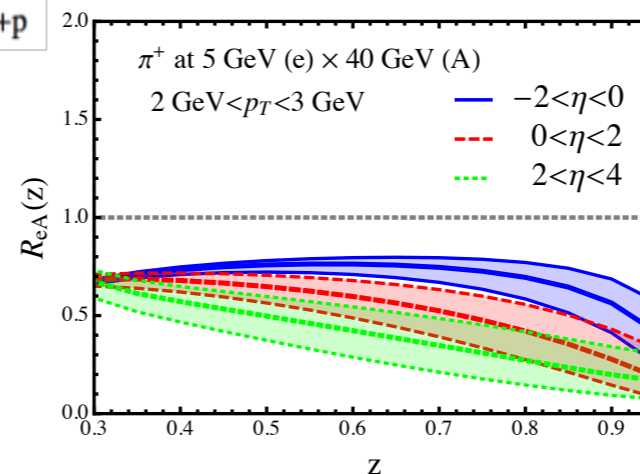
Modification (e+A vs e+p) of light vs heavy mesons vs the fragmentation fraction  $z$

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Constrain the space-time picture of hadronization.

Differentiate **energy loss** and **hadron absorption** models (based on ability to measure heavy flavors)

**Lower energy** beams better for this process



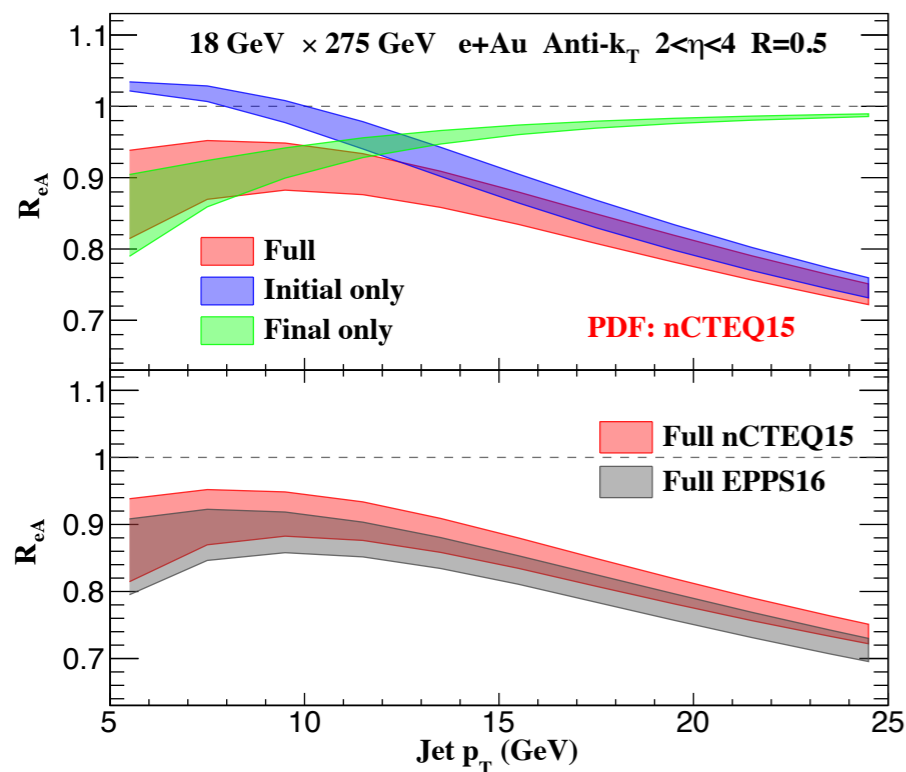
# Jets as probes of cold nuclear matter

Jets emerged as a premier diagnostic tool for **hot** nuclear matter at RHIC and LHC

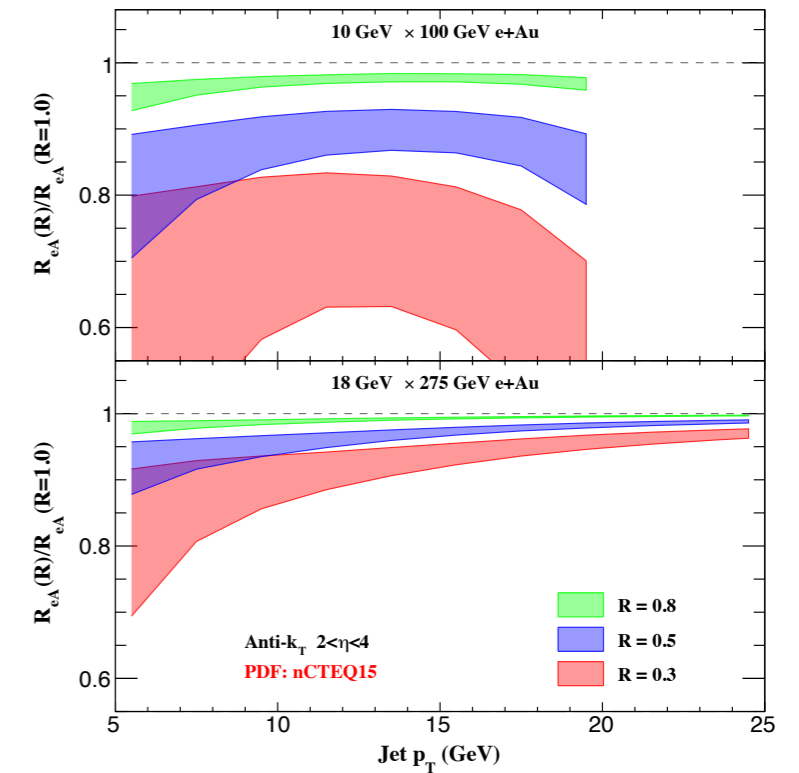
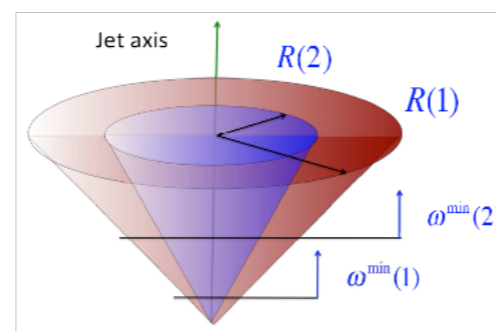
Also excellent probes for **cold** nuclear matter. Using jets, elucidate the properties of in-medium parton showers.

$$d\sigma \sim \underbrace{f_a(z, \mu)}_{\text{PDF initial}} \otimes \underbrace{H_{ab}(x, z; p_T, \eta)}_{\text{partonic cross section}} \otimes \underbrace{J_b(z, \mu, R)}_{\text{jet function final}}$$

Yellow Report



- IS (large and small  $p_T$ ) vs FS (small  $p_T$ ) contributions to nuclear ratio
- Small nPDF effects
- Ratios with different jet cone allow to separate parton shower effects



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- Pioneer jet **substructure** studies with heavy quark initiated jets performed in a EIC regime very different from the one probed in heavy ion collisions *Li, Liu, Vitev*
- Pave the way to a qualitatively new level of understanding of the role of **heavy quark mass**



# Summary

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- **EIC : precision tool for high energy nuclear physics**
- Nuclear structure functions, precision extraction of nuclear PDFs, testing the limits of collinear factorization in nuclei. Initial conditions for hot QCD.
- Explore the onset of saturation in eA, DGLAP vs non-linear evolution,  $x, A$ , and  $Q$  dependence. Precise measurement of  $F_L$  needed (variable energies)
- Extraction of diffractive nuclear PDFs possible for the first time, potential for  $F_L^D$ . Prospects for measuring Reggeon. Diffractive to inclusive ratios needed to distinguish between the different scenarios (saturation vs leading twist shadowing).
- Exclusive diffraction of vector mesons, excellent process to map spatial distribution and test saturation. Experimental challenges.
- Test the mechanism of hadronization with hadrons and jets (heavy flavors, low energy beams). Initial vs final state effects.
- Rich program with light ions: spectator tagging, configuration dependence, neutron structure, SRC, coherent nuclear processes, polarization