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# Small-x physics at the Large Hadron-electron Collider

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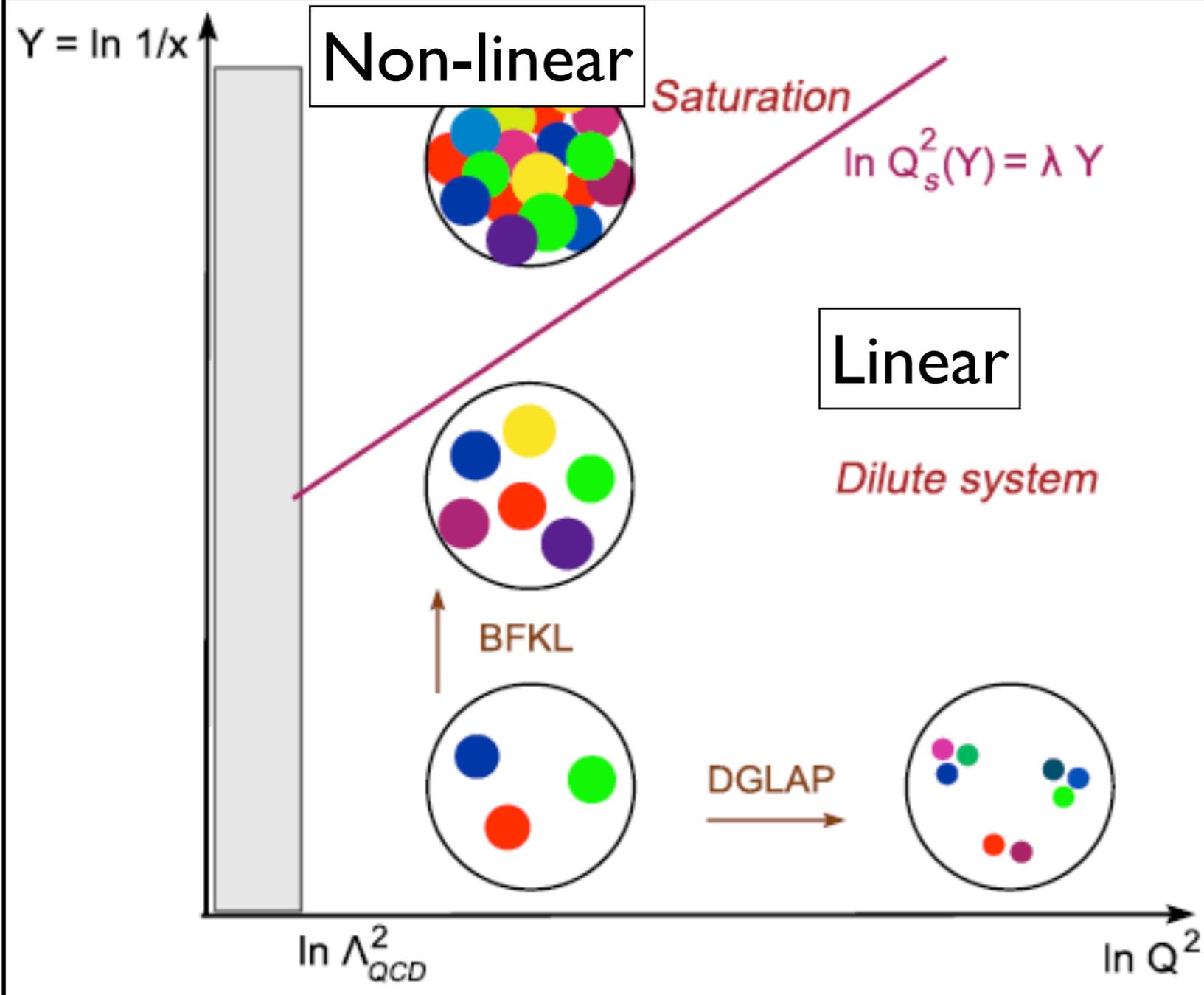
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See the talk by David d'Enterria.

# Theory: high-energy QCD

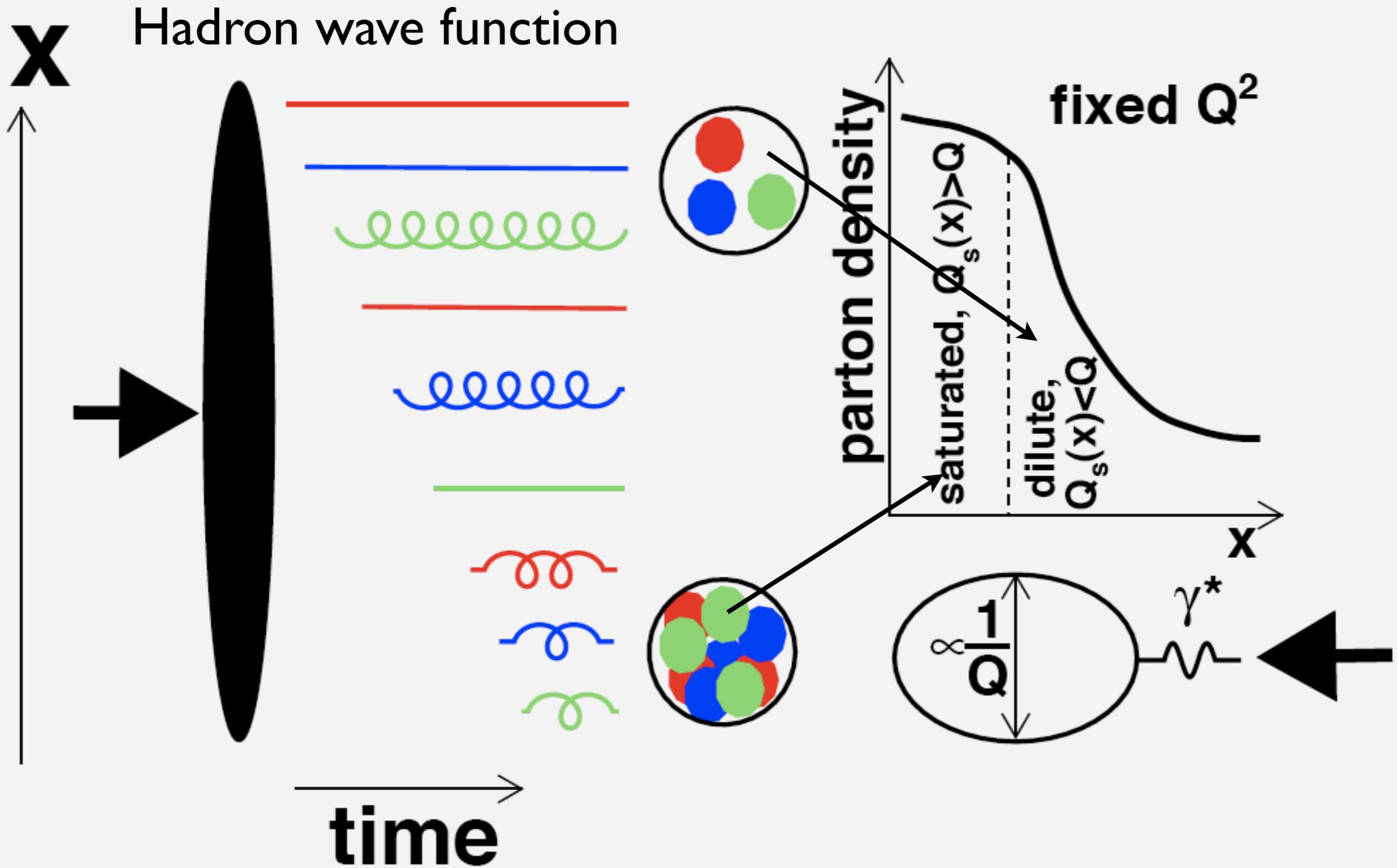


**Our aims: understanding**

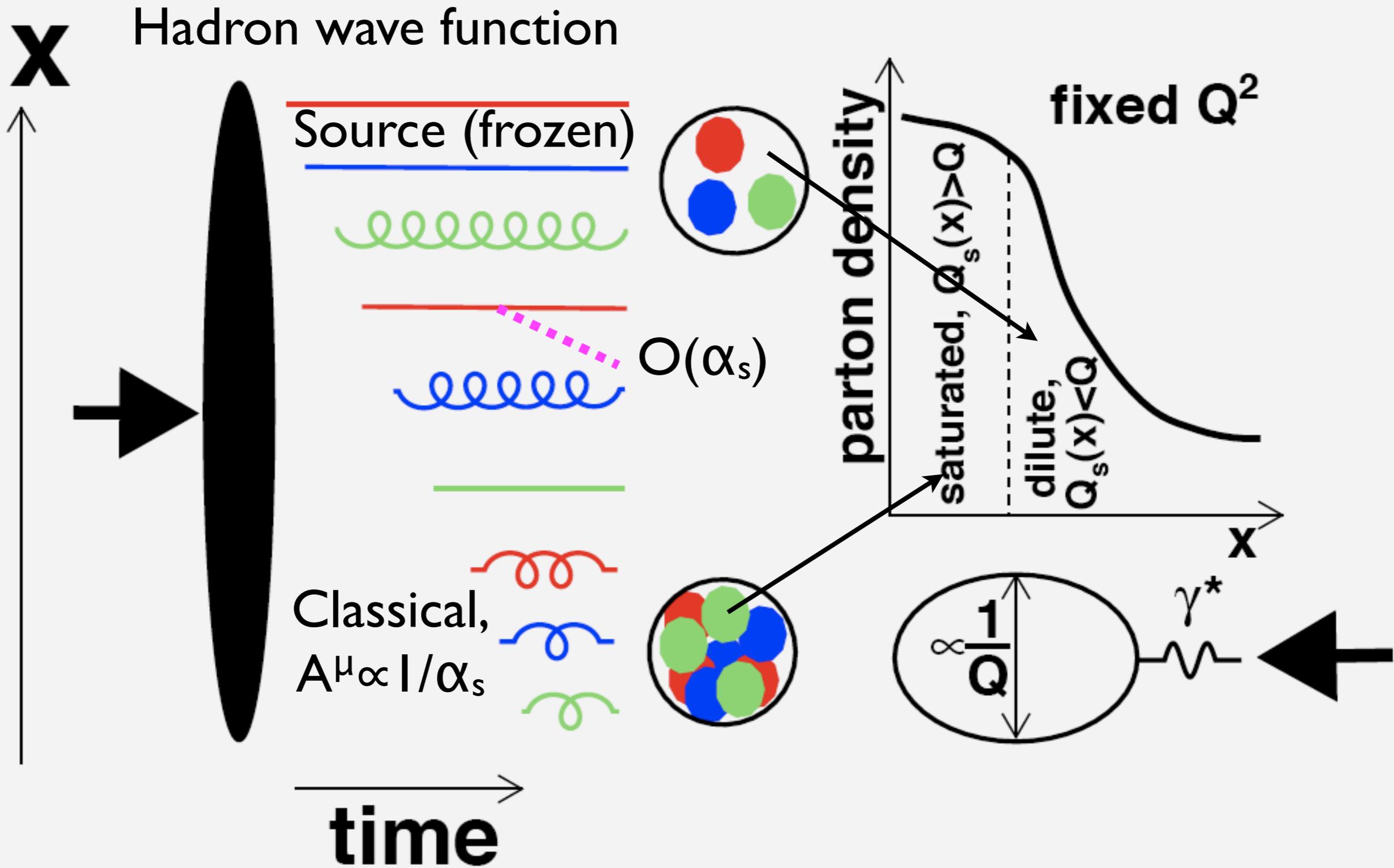
- The implications of unitarity in a QFT.
- The behavior of QCD at large energies / hadron wave function at small  $x$ .
- The initial conditions for the creation of a dense medium in heavy-ion collisions: nuclear WF + initial stage.

**Where do the available experimental data lie?**

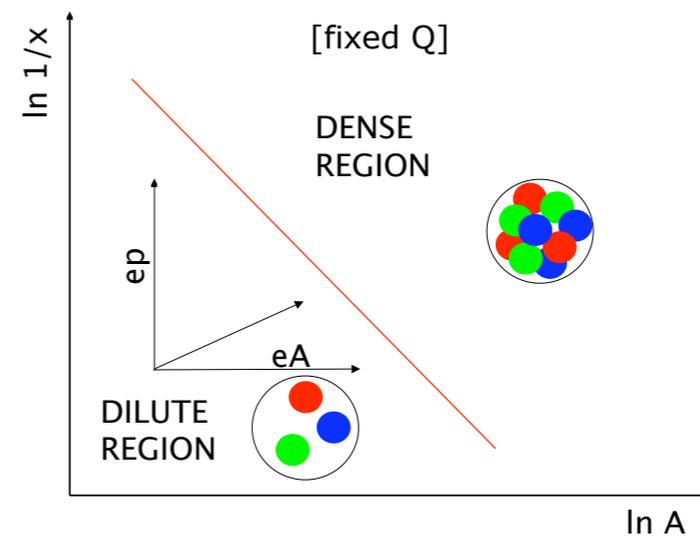
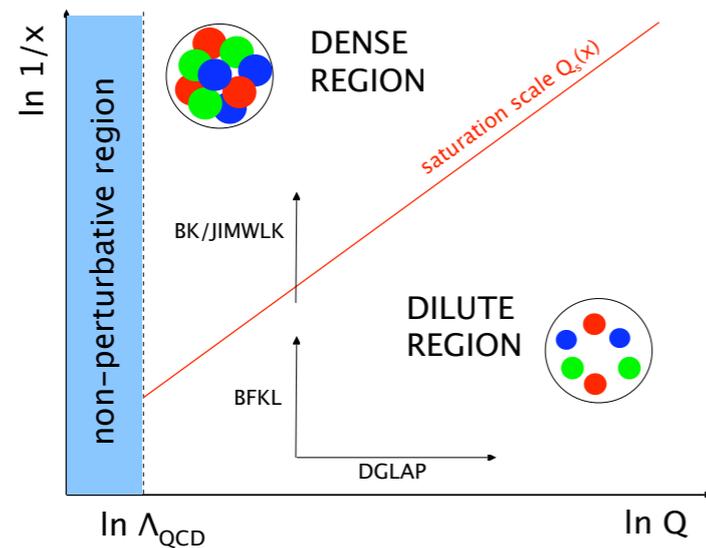
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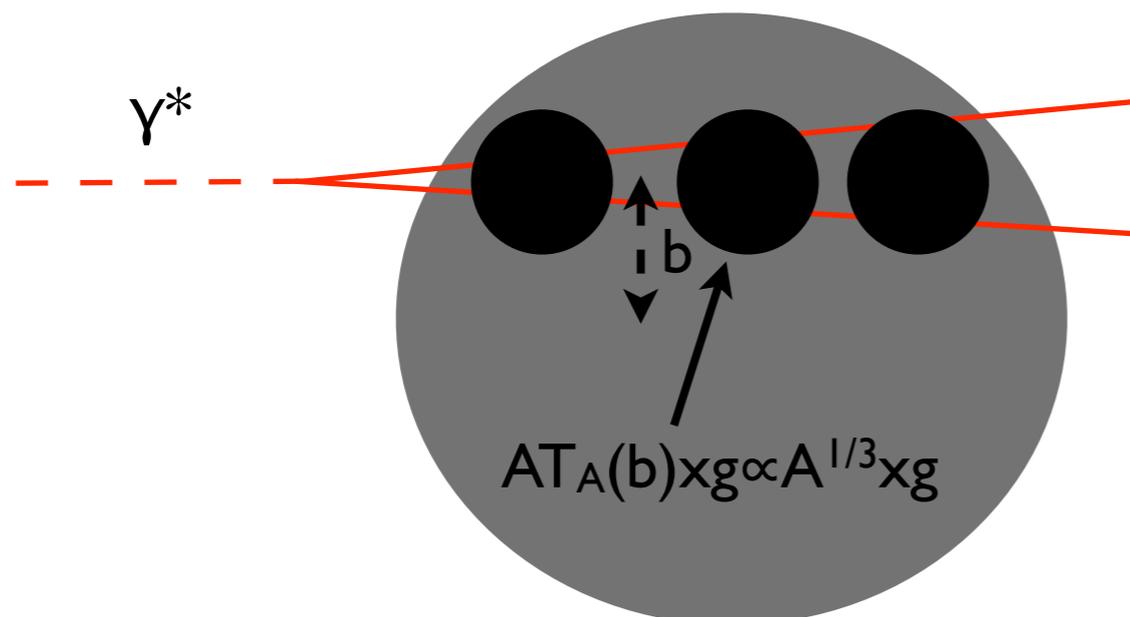


# Saturation:



**Two-pronged approach:  $\downarrow x / \uparrow A$ .**

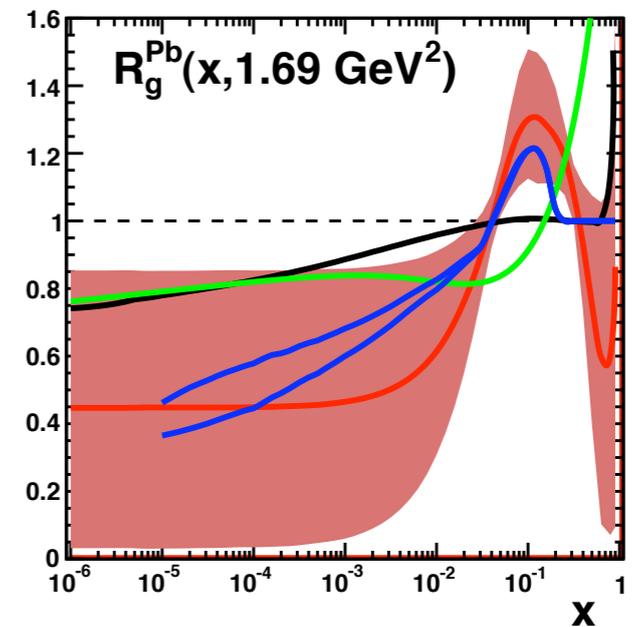
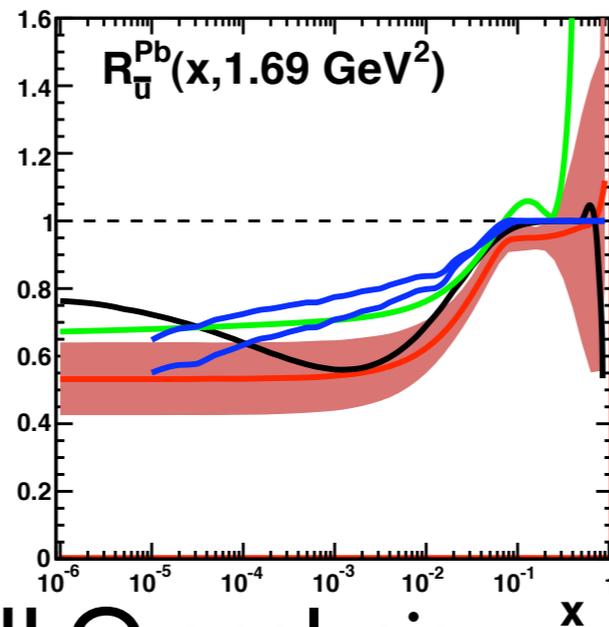
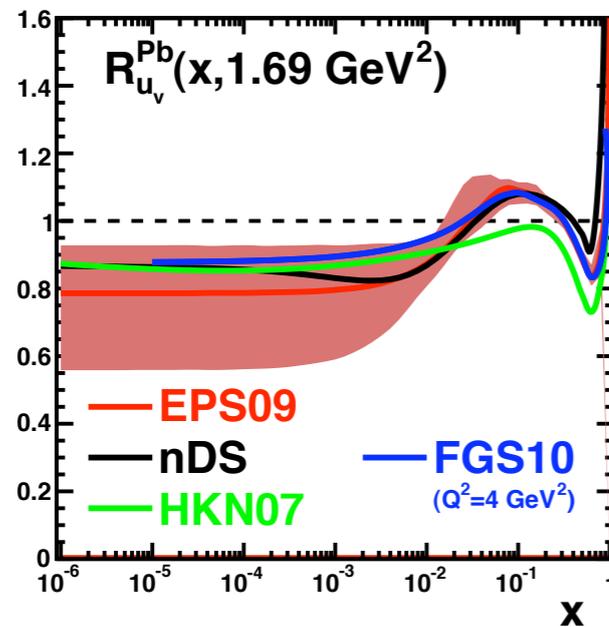
$$\sigma \rho \sim 1 \implies \frac{Axg(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi R_A^2 Q_s^2} \sim 1 \implies Q_s^2 \propto A^{1/3} x^{-\lambda} \sim \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$$



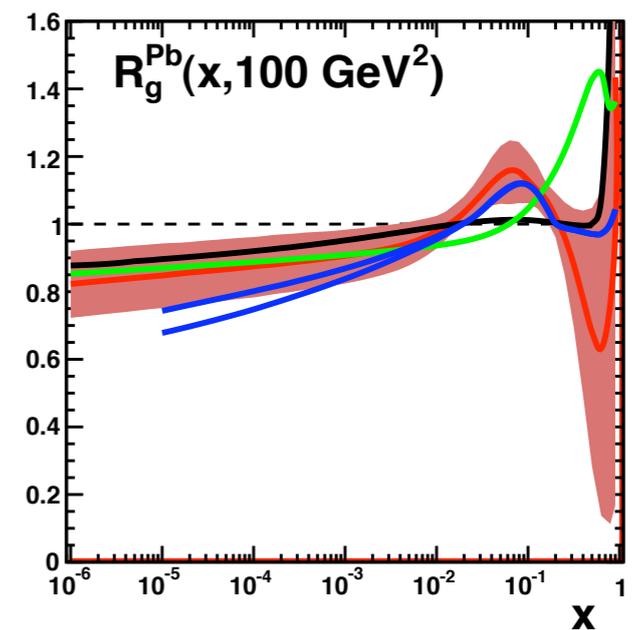
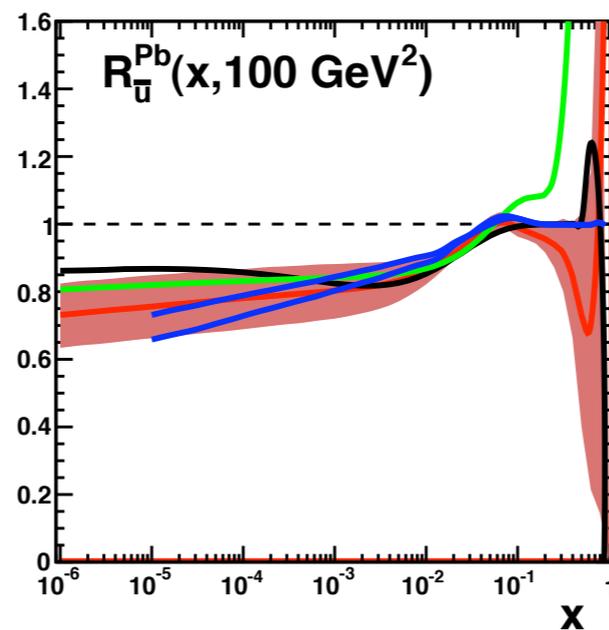
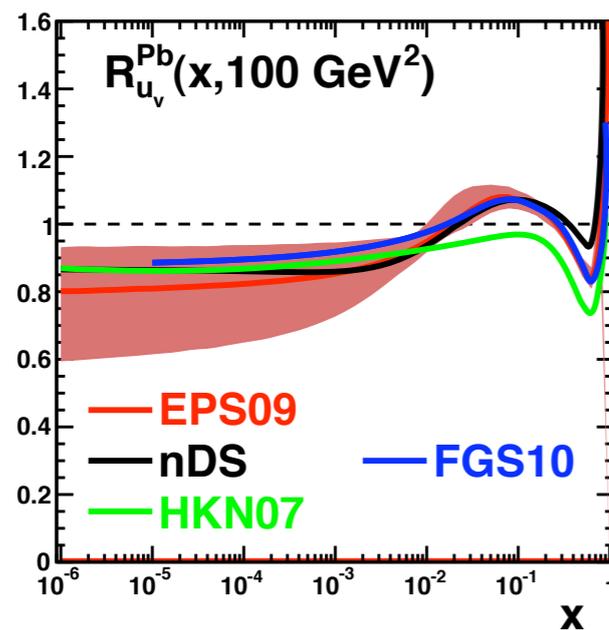
**eA complementary to ep:** nuclei offer the possibility of testing these ideas (**density effect**) and enhance the saturation effects for a fixed  $x$  (energy).

# DGLAP analysis of npdf's:

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



NLO analysis



# Status:

- Three pQCD-based alternatives to describe small-x ep and eA data:

- **DGLAP evolution** (FO PT).

- **Resummation schemes.**

- **CGC** (dipole models and rcBK).

(Other: NA, Kaidalov, Salgado, Tywoniuk '10.)

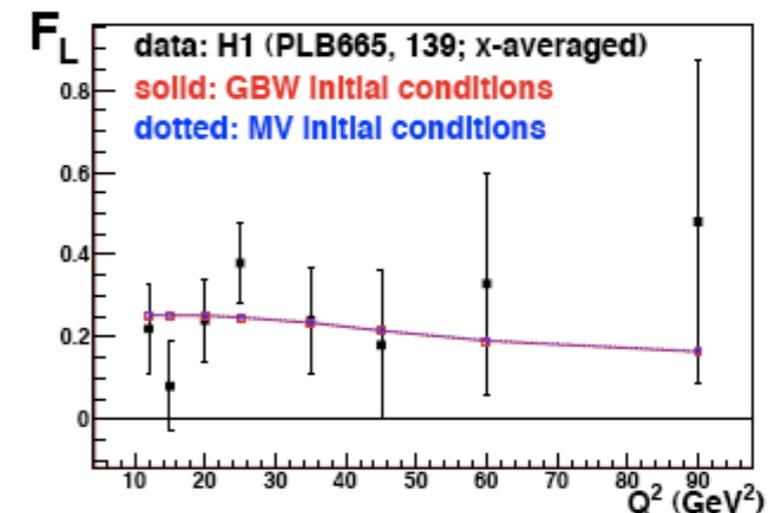
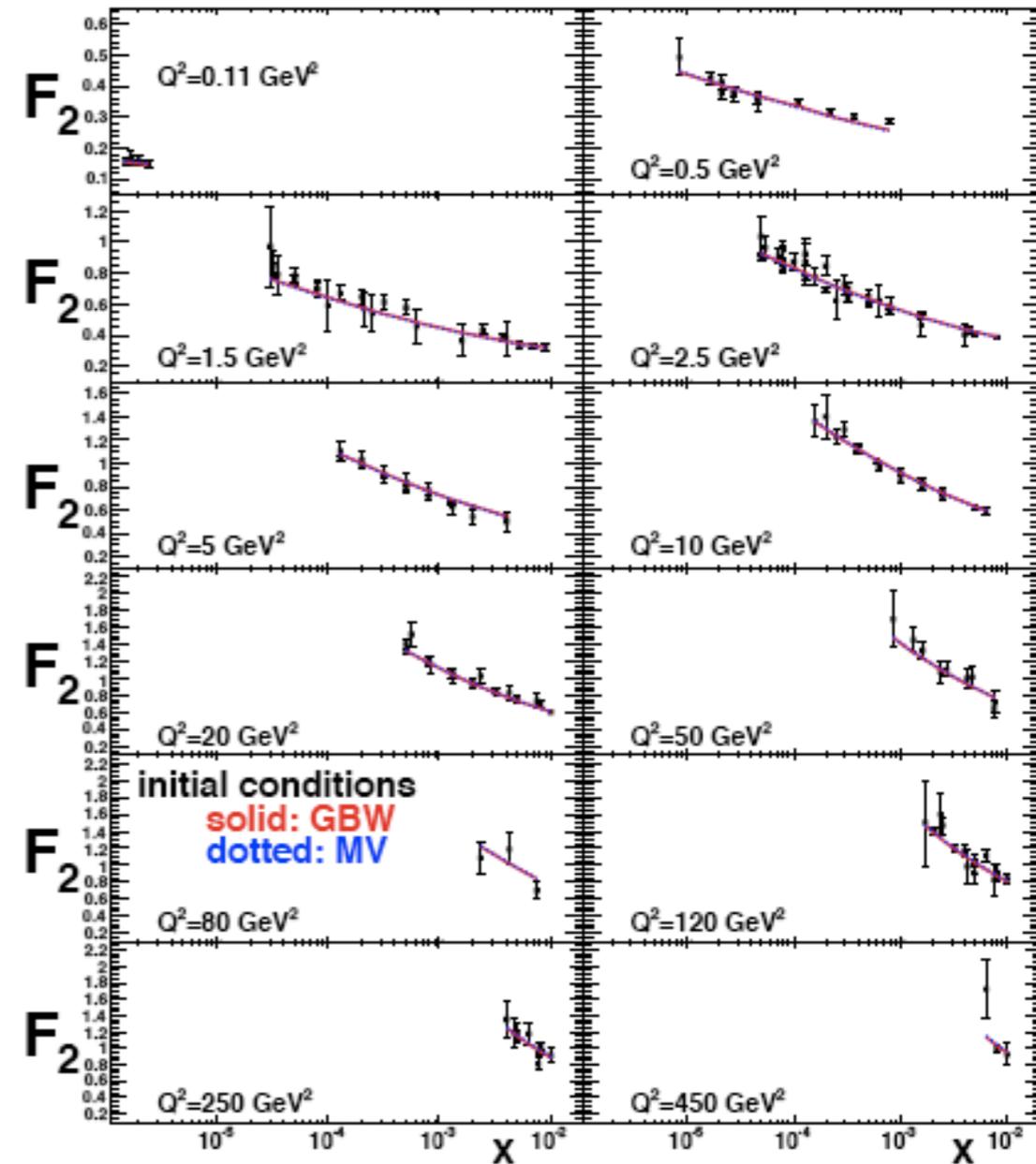
- **Differences lie at moderate  $Q^2 (> \Lambda^2_{\text{QCD}})$  and small  $x$ .** Hints of deviations from NLO DGLAP at small  $x$  (Caola et al '09).

- **Unitarity** (non-linear effects): where is it?  $\Rightarrow$

- ☞ Theory: refine the tools and predict.

- ☞ **Experiment:** LHC, EIC, LHeC.

Albacete et al '09



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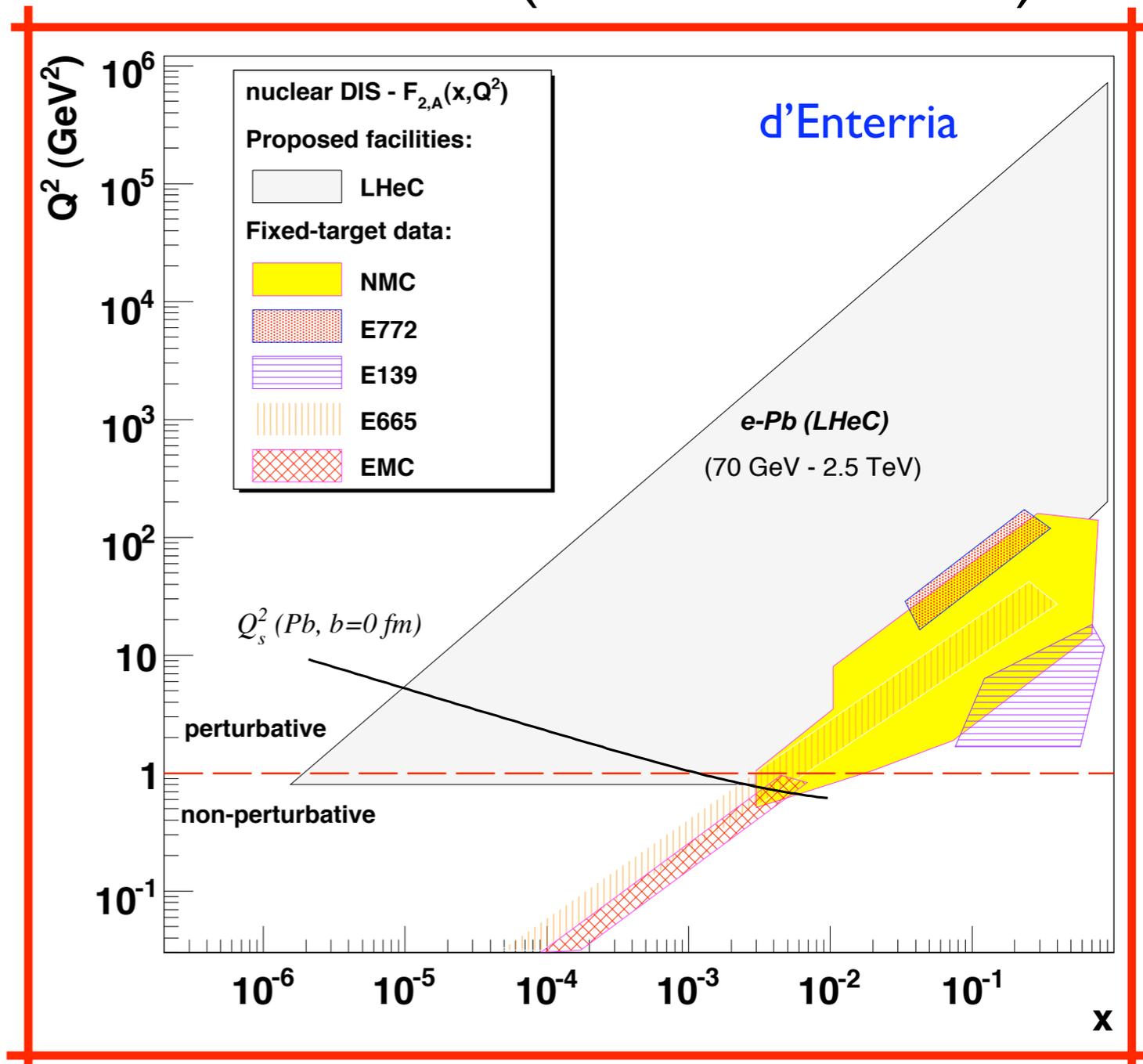
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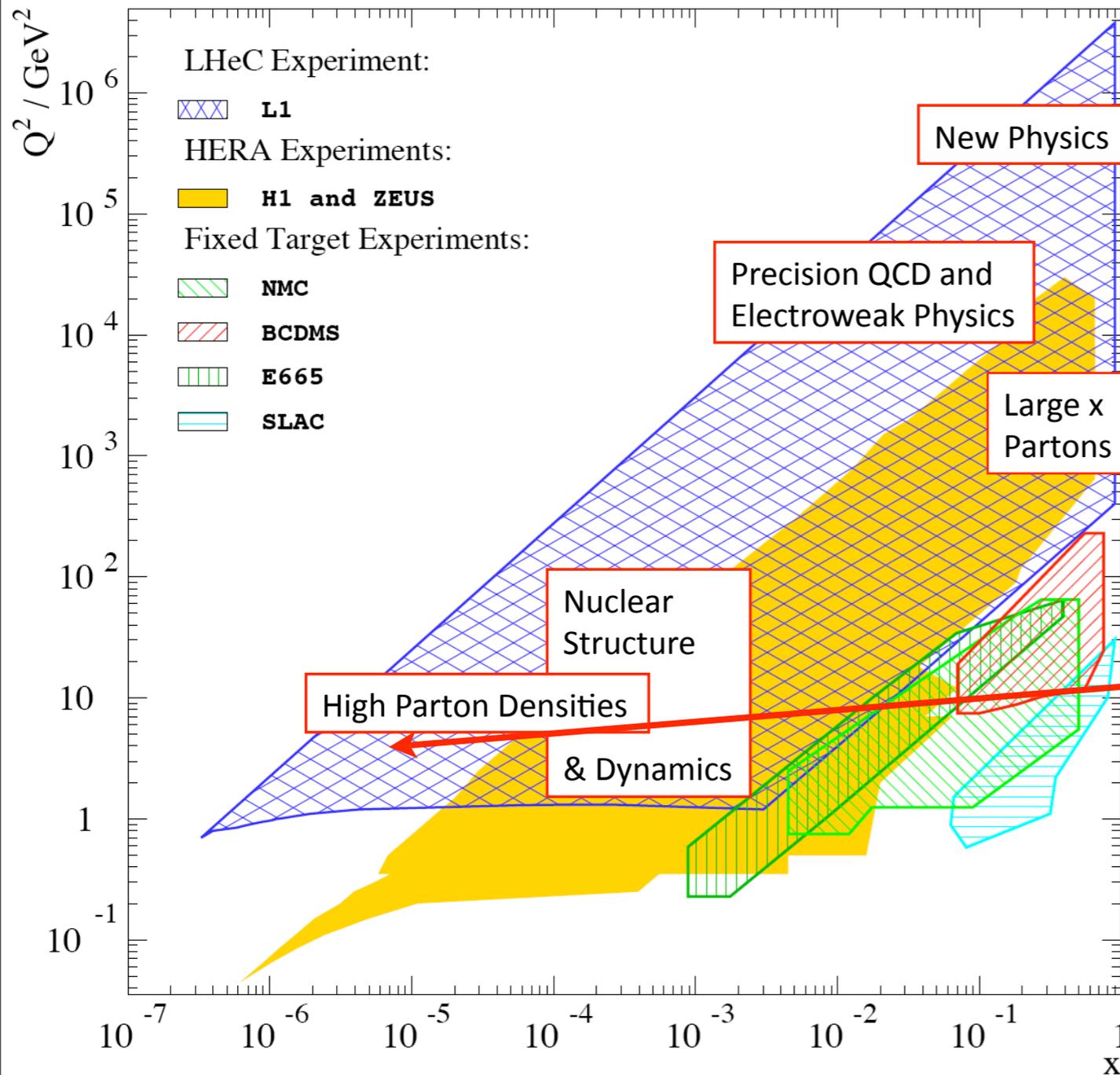
- **LHeC@CERN** → ep/eA experiment using p/A from the LHC:  $E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $E_A = (Z/A)E_p = 2.75 \text{ TeV/nucleon}$  for Pb.
- New  $e^+/e^-$  accelerator:  $E_{cm} \sim 1\text{-}2 \text{ TeV/nucleon}$  ( $E_e = 50\text{-}150 \text{ GeV}$ ).

- **Requirements:**

- \* Luminosity  $\sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ .
- \* Acceptance: 1-179 degrees (low-x ep/eA).
- \* Tracking to 1 mrad.
- \* EMCAL calibration to 0.1 %.
- \* HCAL calibration to 0.5 %.
- \* Luminosity determination to 1 %.
- \* Compatible with LHC operation.



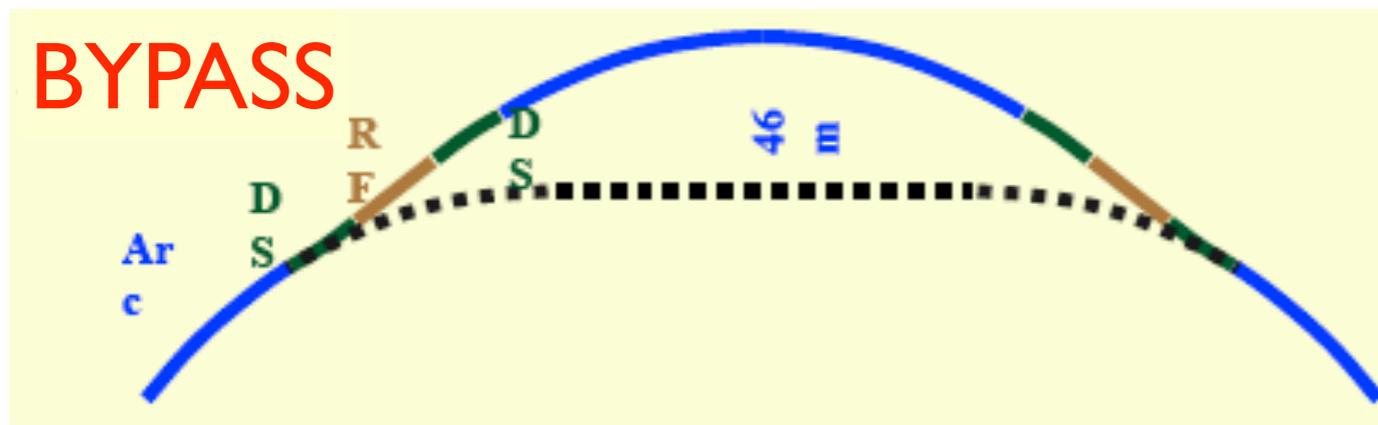
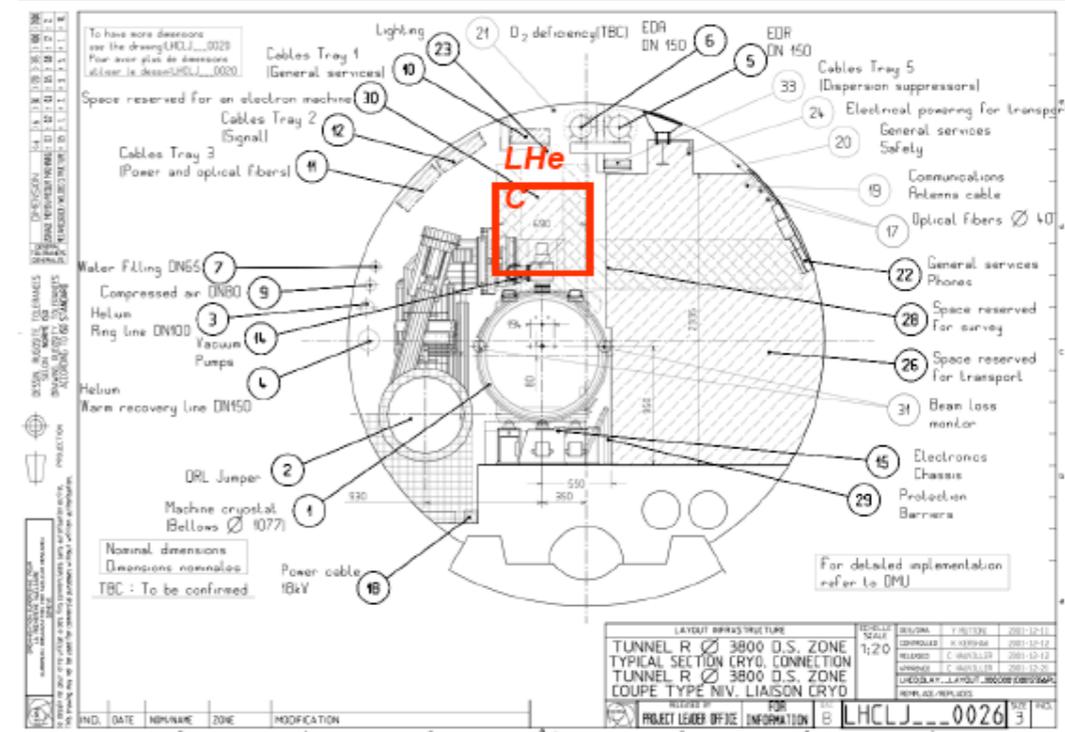
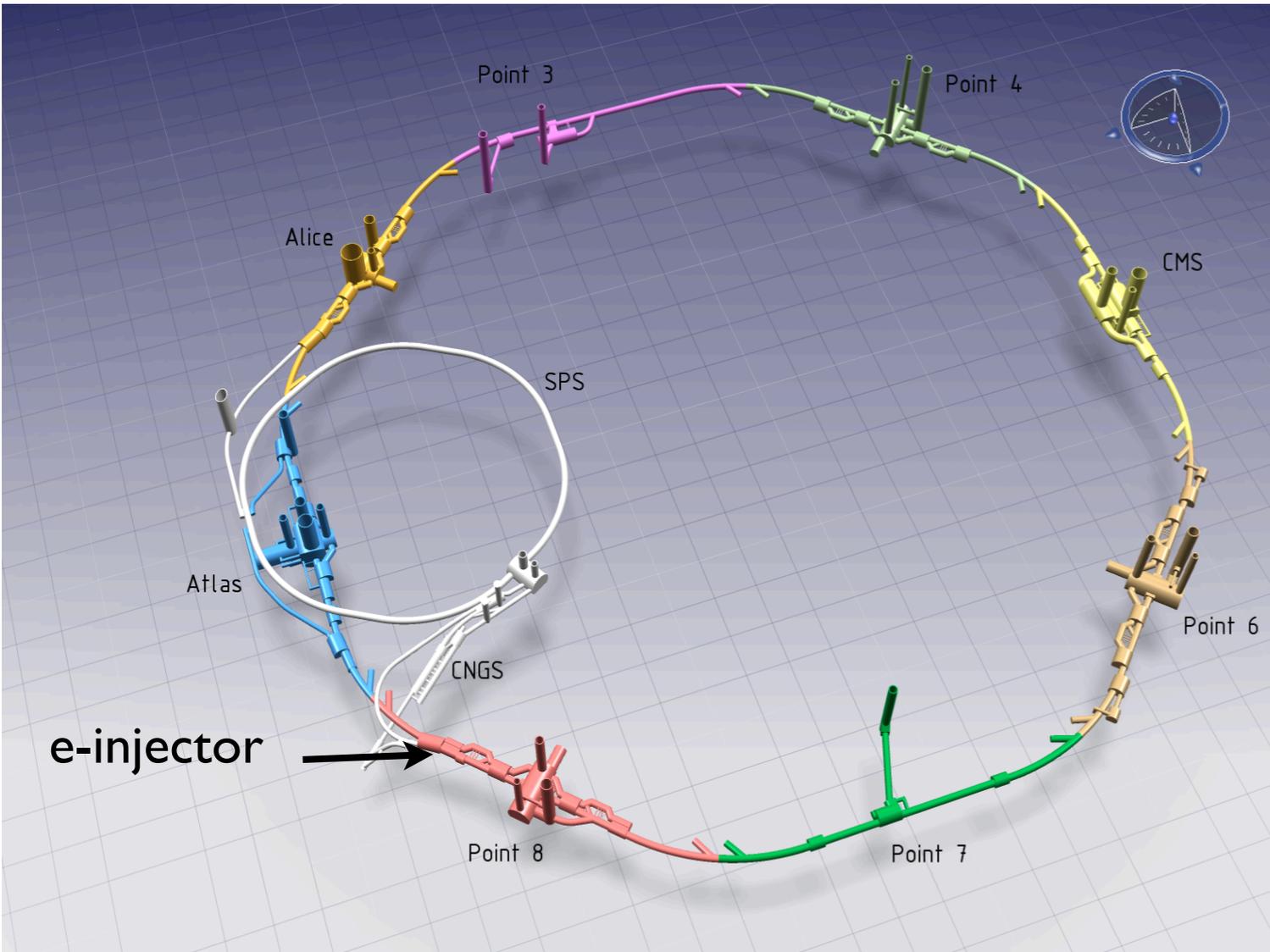
# Physics goals:



- Proton structure to a few  $10^{-20}$  m:  $Q^2$  lever arm.
- Precision QCD/EW physics.
- High-mass frontier (leptoquarks, excited fermions, contact interactions).
- Unambiguous access, in ep and eA, to a **qualitatively novel regime of matter predicted by QCD**.
- Substructure/parton dynamics inside nuclei with strong implications on QGP search.

# The machine: Ring-Ring option

Holzer, 20.05.2010



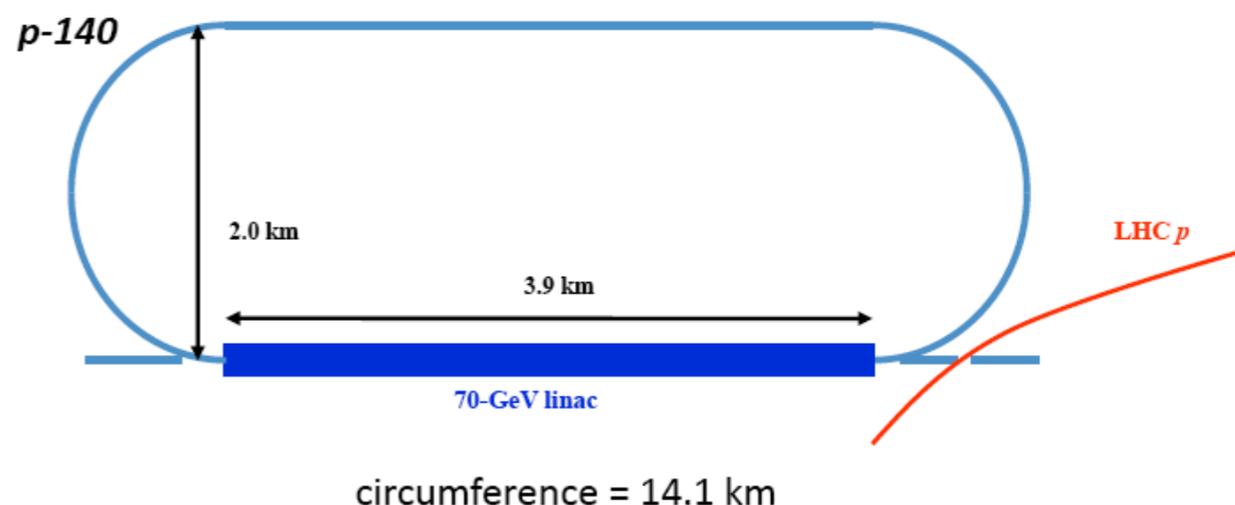
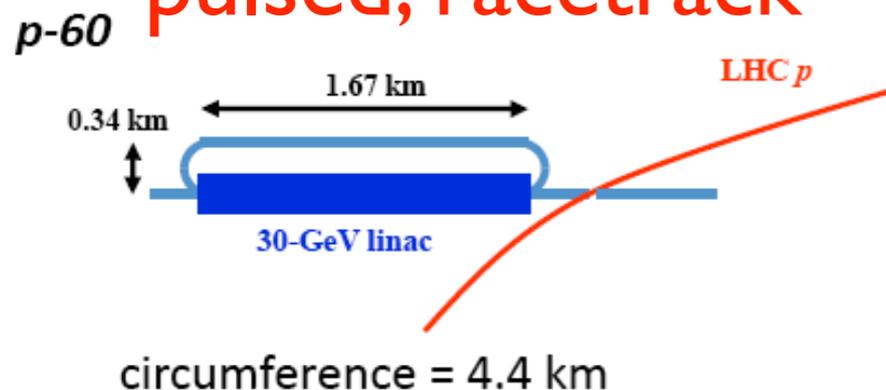
Standard Parameters	Protons	Electrons
	$N_p = 1.15 \cdot 10^{11}$	$N_e = 1.4 \cdot 10^{10}$
	$E_p = 7 \text{ TeV}$	$E_e = 60 \text{ GeV}$
	$nb = 2808$	$nb = 2808$
	$I_p = 582 \text{ mA}$	$I_e = 111 \text{ mA}$
Optics	$\beta_{xp} = 180 \text{ cm}$	$\beta_{xe} = 12.7 \text{ cm}$
	$\beta_{yp} = 50 \text{ cm}$	$\beta_{ye} = 7.1 \text{ cm}$
	$\epsilon_{xp} = 0.5 \text{ nm rad}$	$\epsilon_{xe} = 7.6 \text{ nm rad}$
	$\epsilon_{yp} = 0.5 \text{ nm rad}$	$\epsilon_{ye} = 3.8 \text{ nm rad}$
Beam size	$\sigma_{xp} = 30 \mu\text{m}$	$\sigma_{xe} = 30 \mu\text{m}$
	$\sigma_{yp} = 15.8 \mu\text{m}$	$\sigma_{ye} = 15.8 \mu\text{m}$
Luminosity	$1.3 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	

# The machine: Linac-Ring option

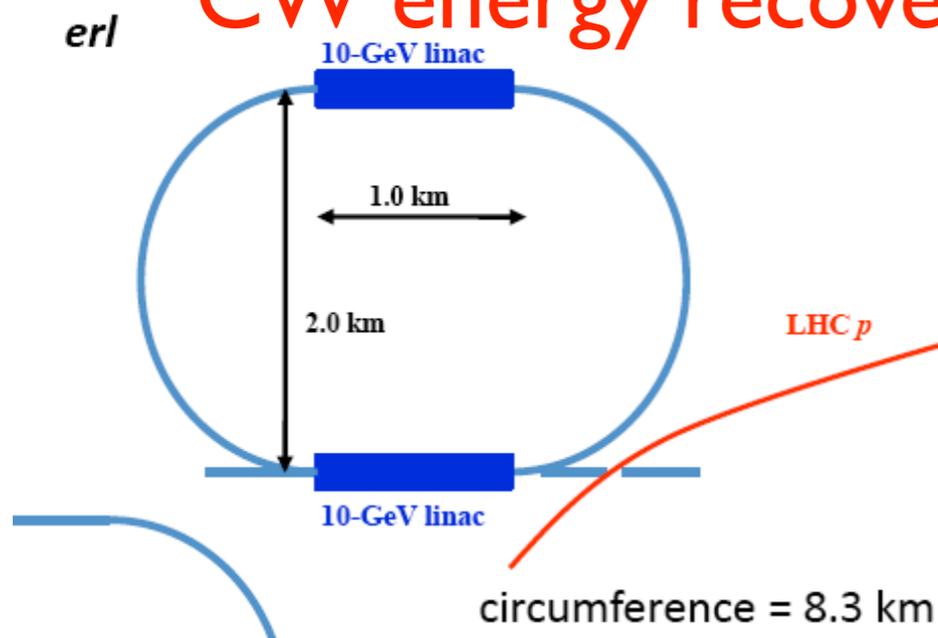
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pulsed, racetrack

highest energy racetrack



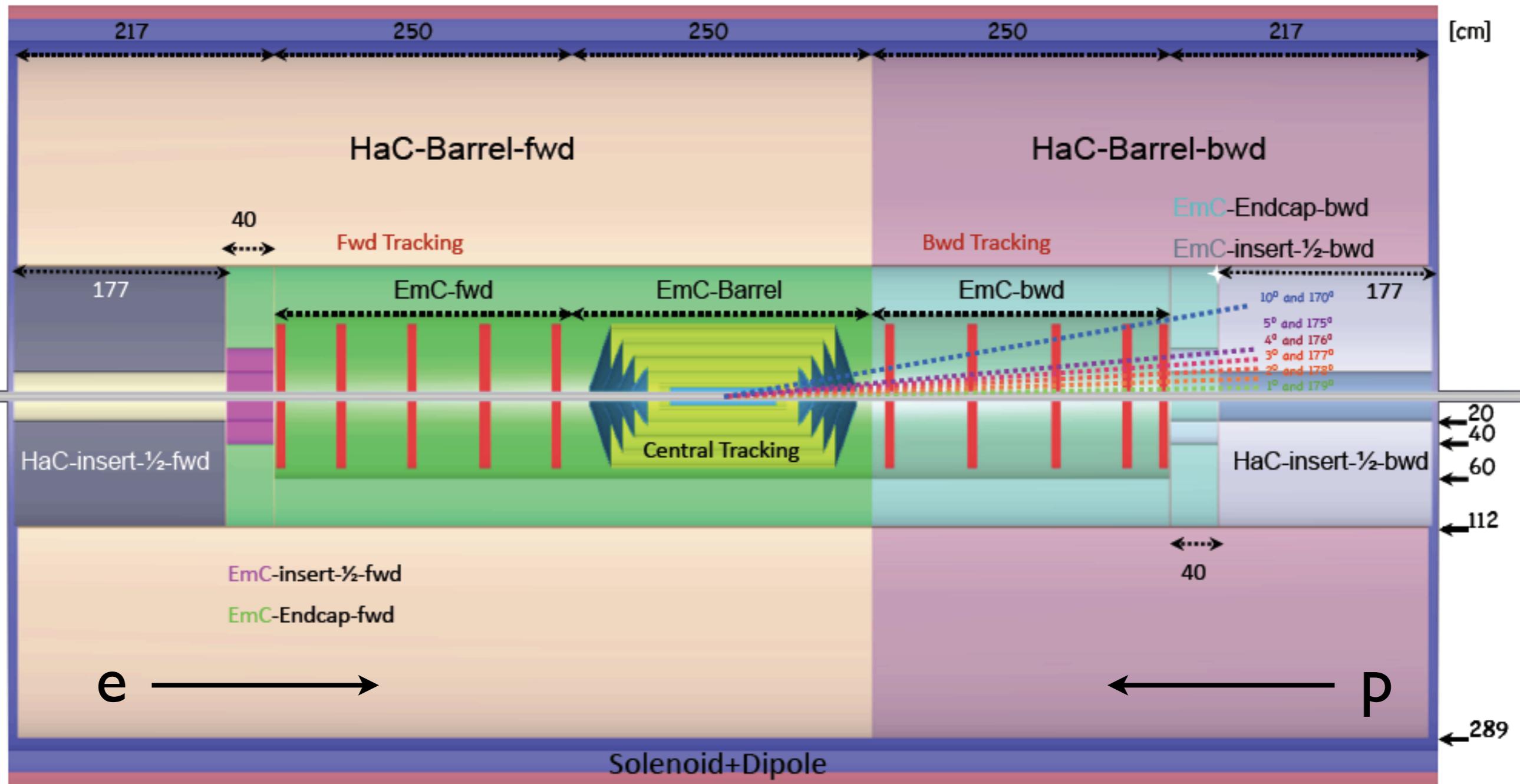
CW energy recovery



	p-60	erl	p-140
$e^-$ energy at IP [GeV]	60	60	140
luminosity [ $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	1.1	10.1	0.4
polarization [%]	90	90	90
bunch population [ $10^9$ ]	4.5	2.0	1.6
$e^-$ bunch length [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	300	300	300
bunch interval [ns]	50	50	50
transv. emit. $\gamma\epsilon_{x,y}$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	50	50	100
rms IP beam size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	7	7	7
hourglass reduction $H_{\text{hg}}$	0.91	0.91	0.94
crossing angle $\theta_c$	0	0	0
repetition rate [Hz]	10	CW	10
bunches/pulse [ $10^5$ ]	1	N/A	1
pulse current [mA]	16	10	6.6
beam pulse length [ms]	5	N/A	5
ER efficiency $\eta$	0	94%	0
total wall plug power [MW]	100	100	100

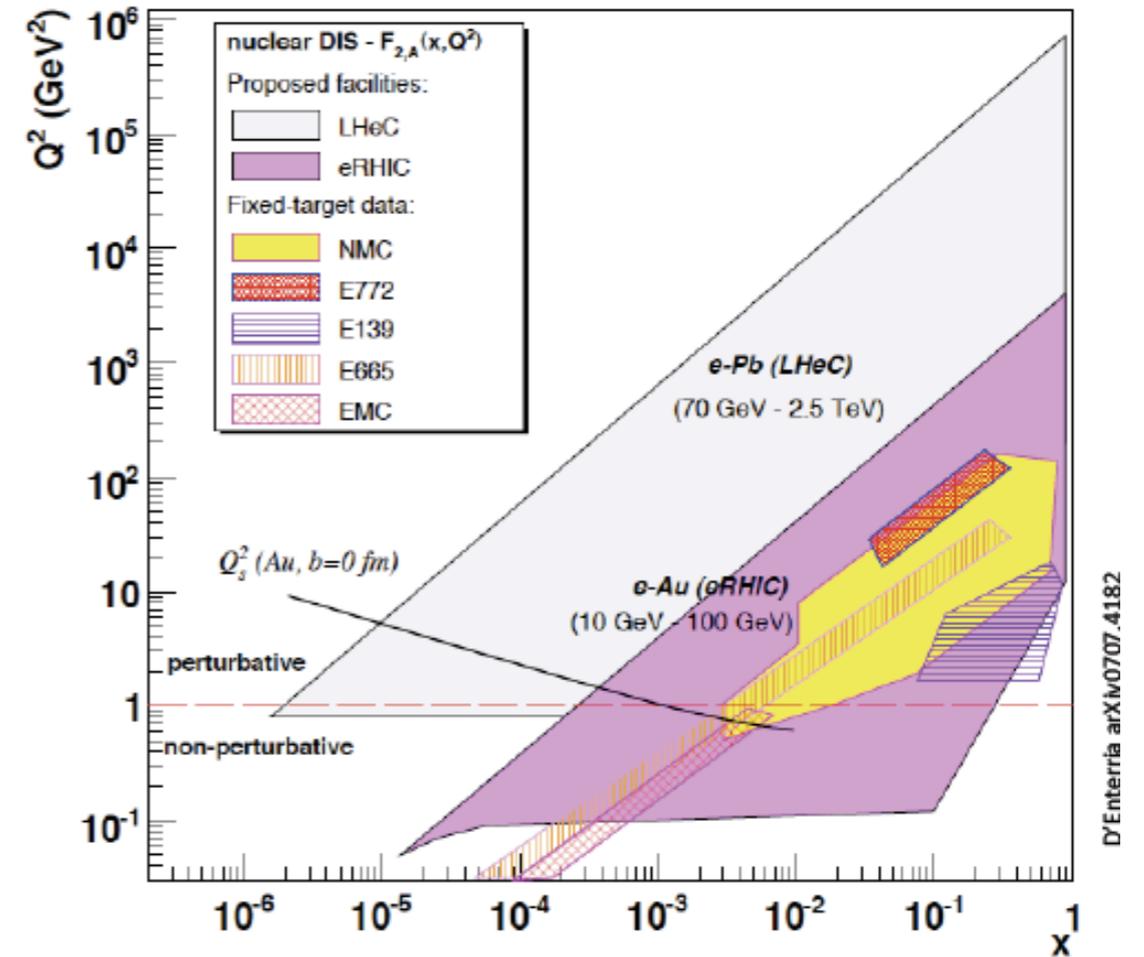
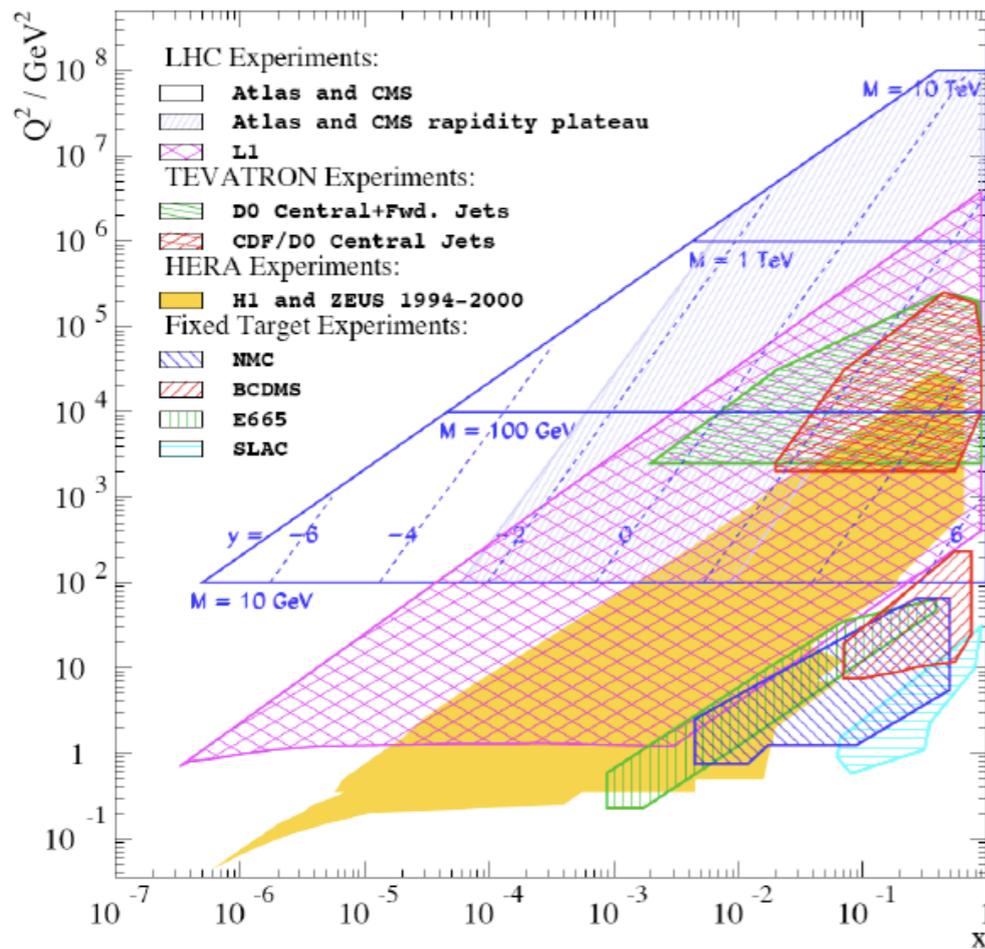
- Ions RR/LR: lumi/nucleon  $\sim 1-2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $\sim$  ep for  $179^\circ$  acceptance (low-x) (Jowett@DIS10).

# The detector: low-x/eA setup

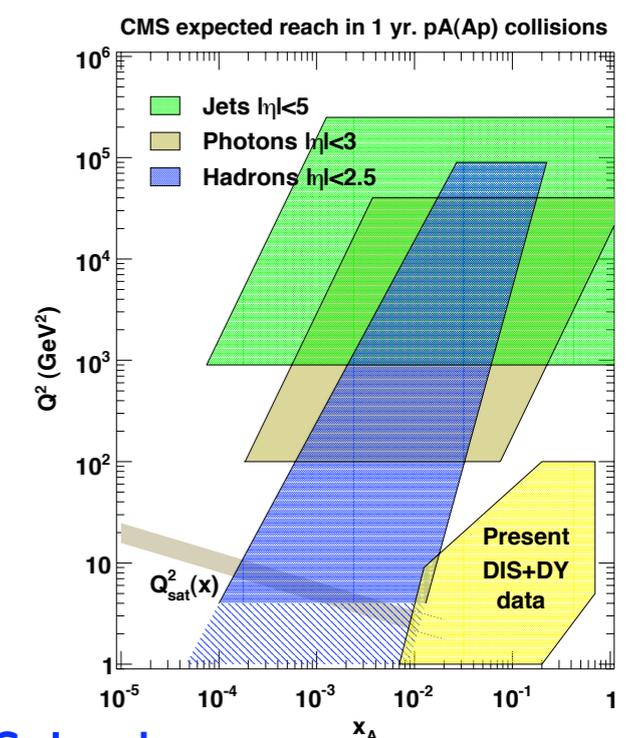
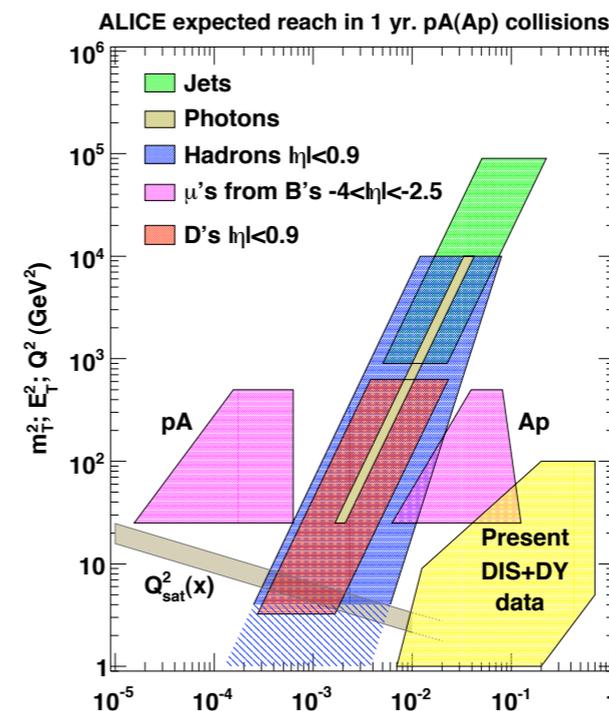


Kostka, 20.05.2010

# Kinematics:



- **ep**: access to the perturbative region below  $x \sim$  a few  $10^{-5}$ .
- **eA**: new realm.
- **No small-x physics without  $\sim 1$  degree acceptance.**



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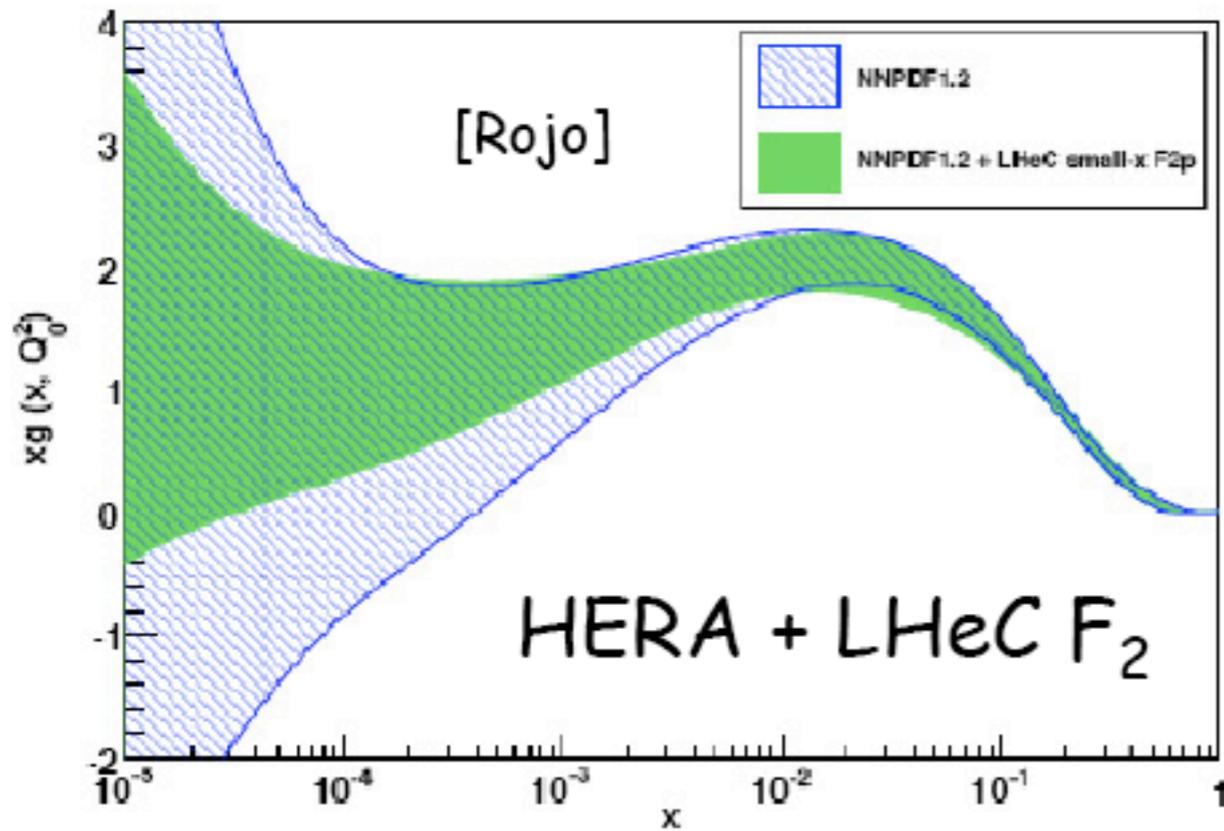
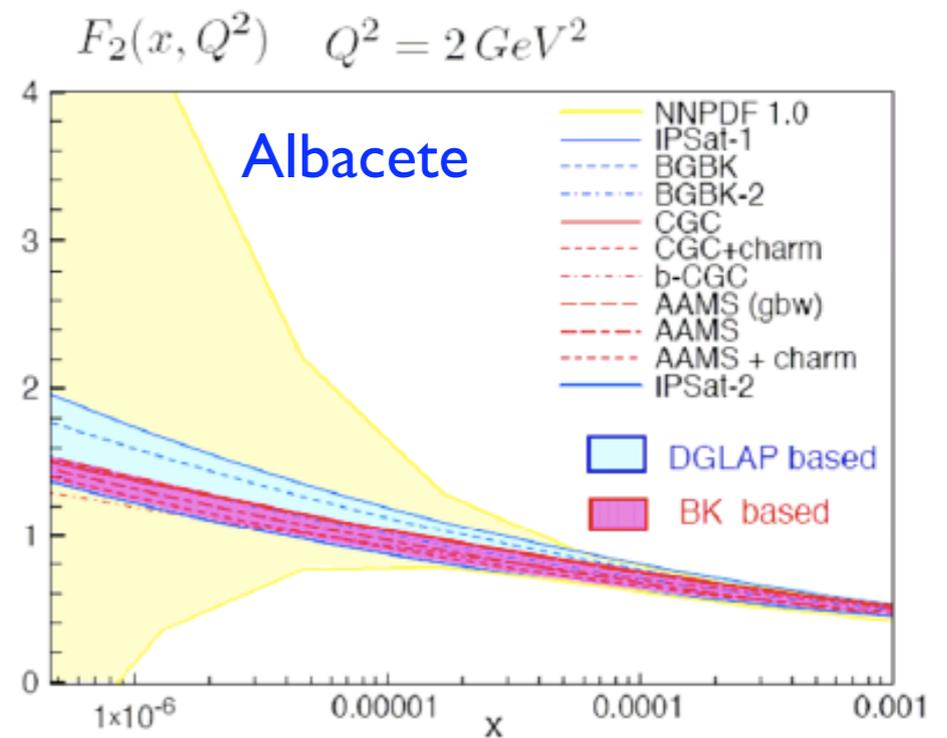
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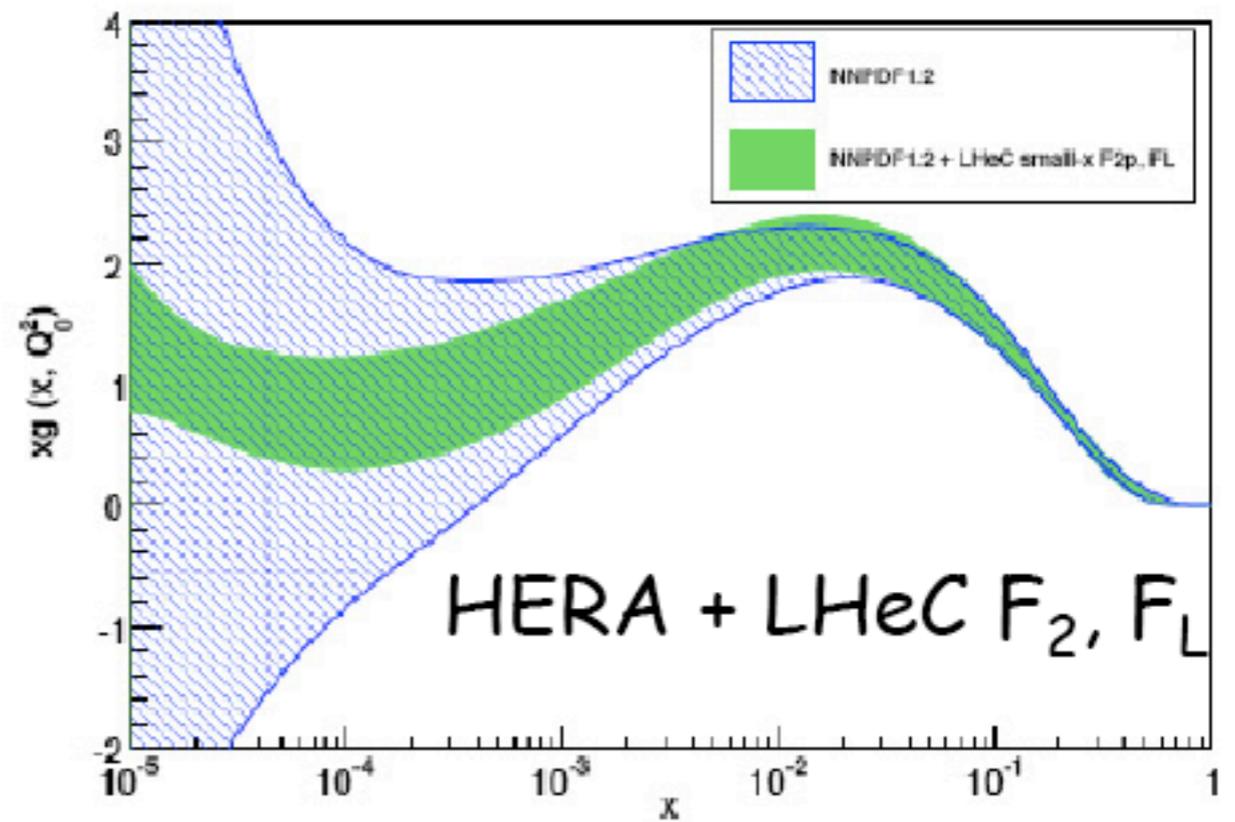
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- Extensive model comparison under way (**Albacete**).
- LHeC substantially reduces the uncertainties in global fits:  $F_L$  most useful.

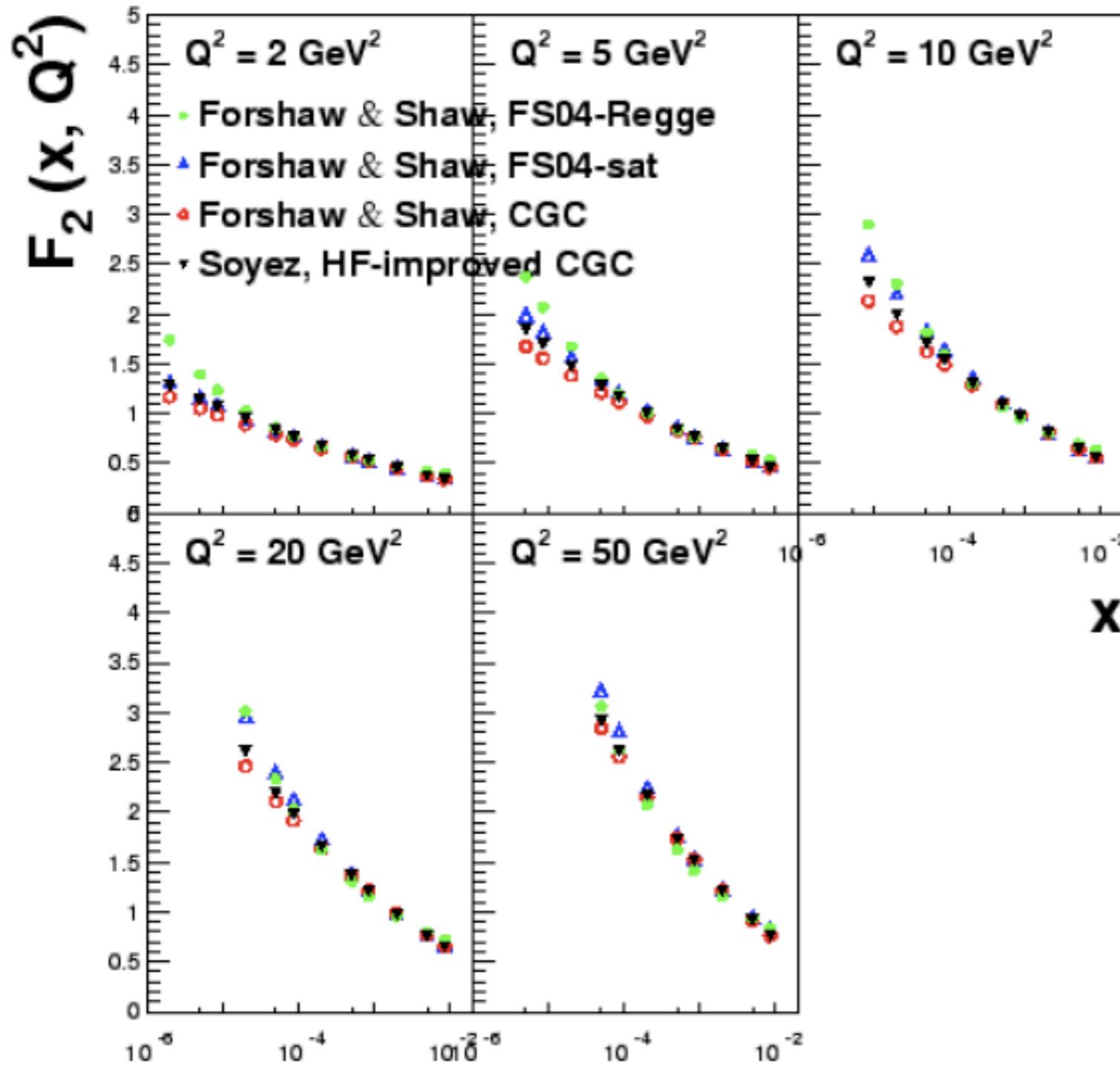


$(Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2)$



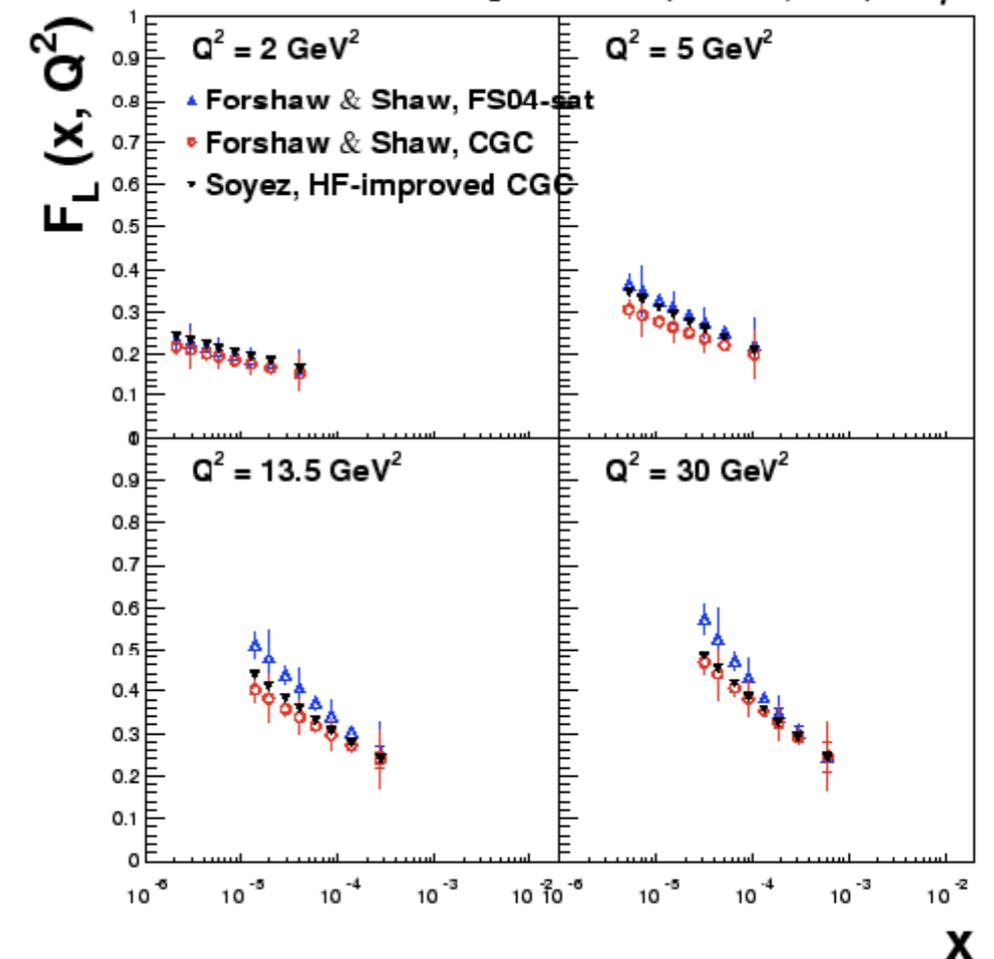
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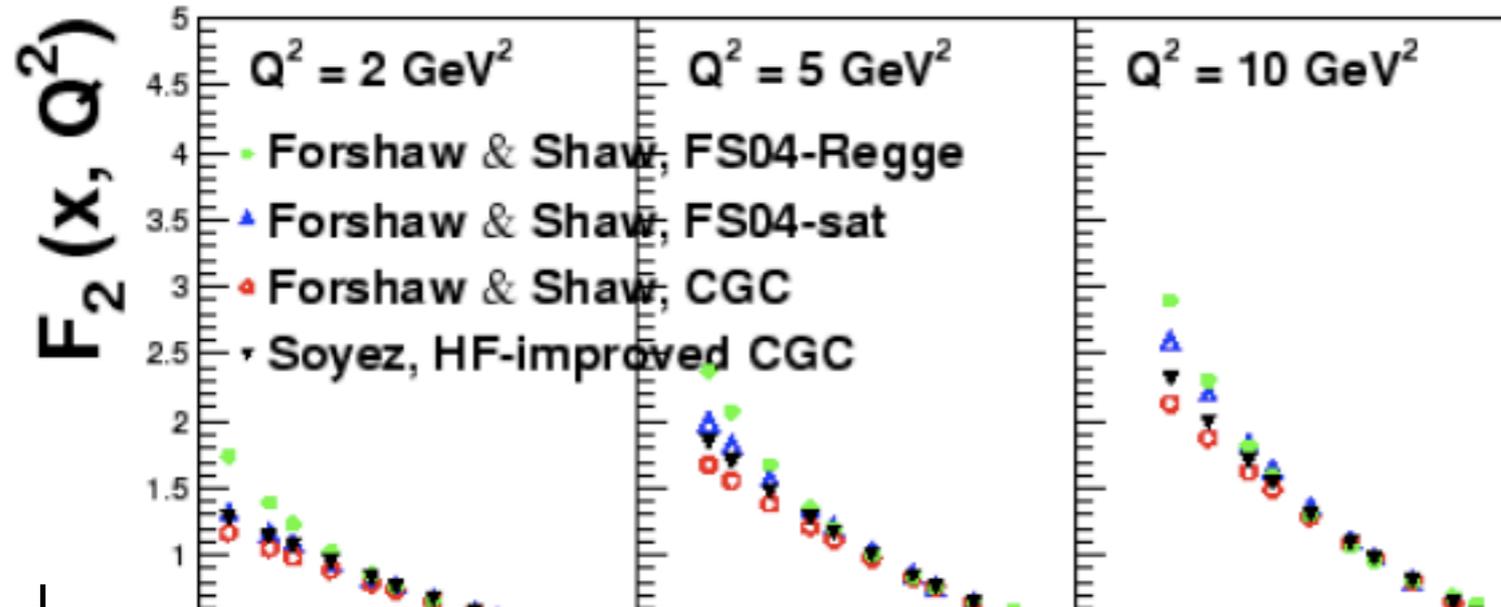
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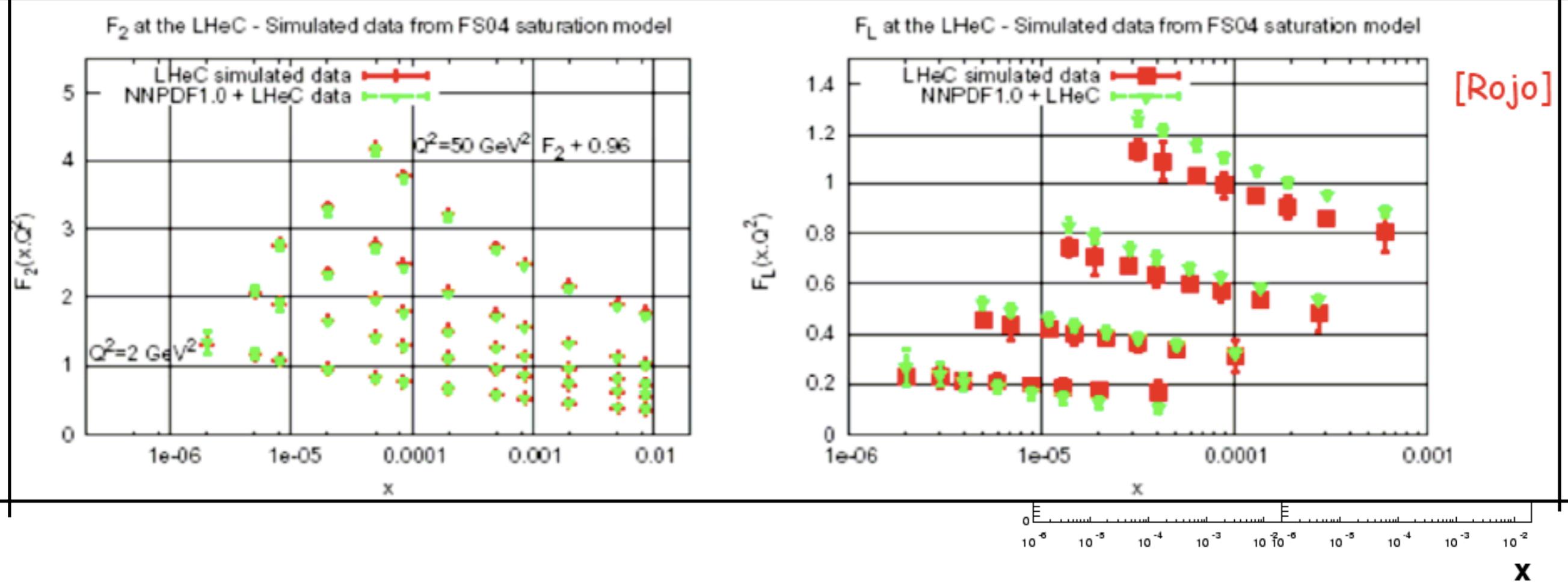
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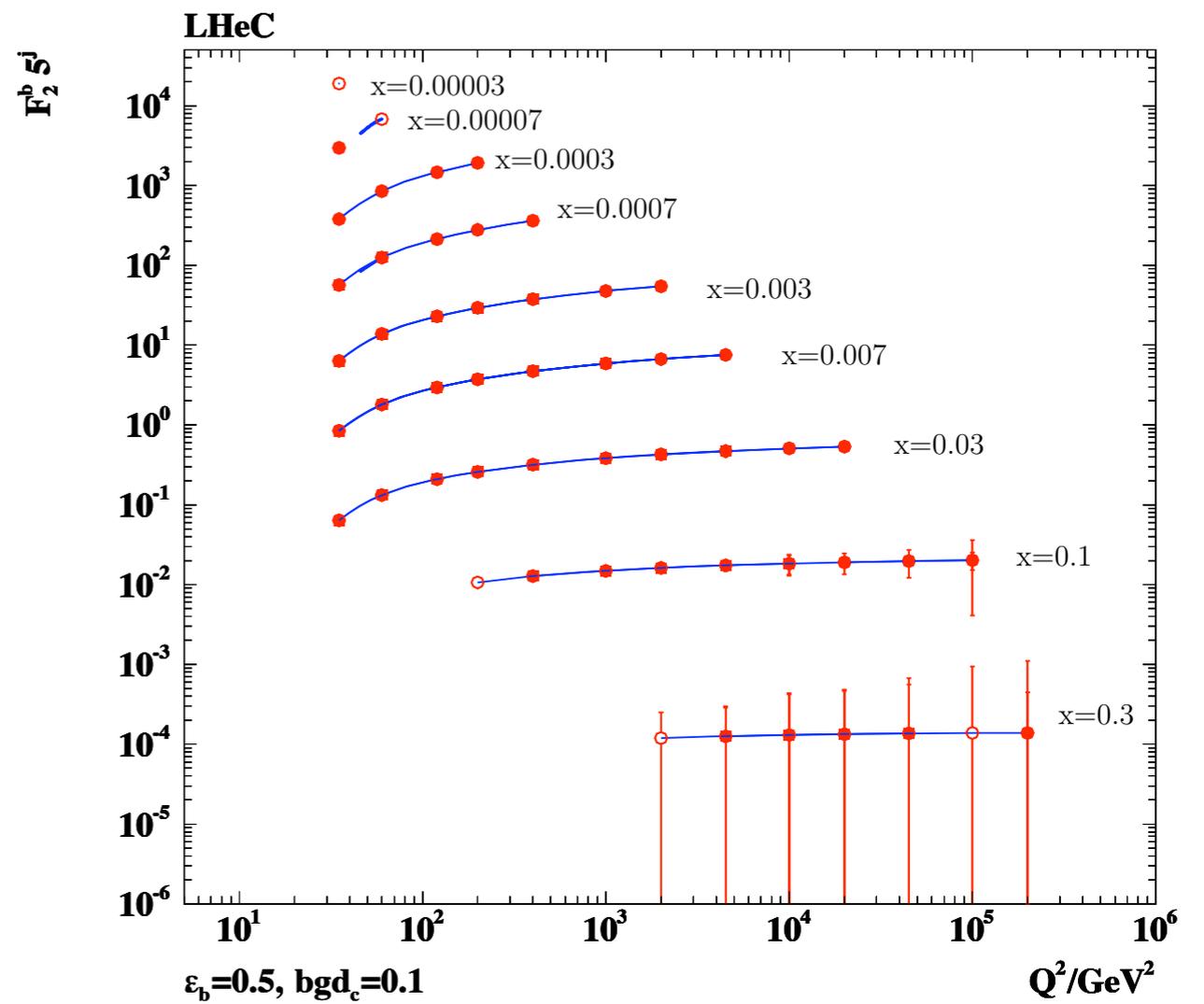
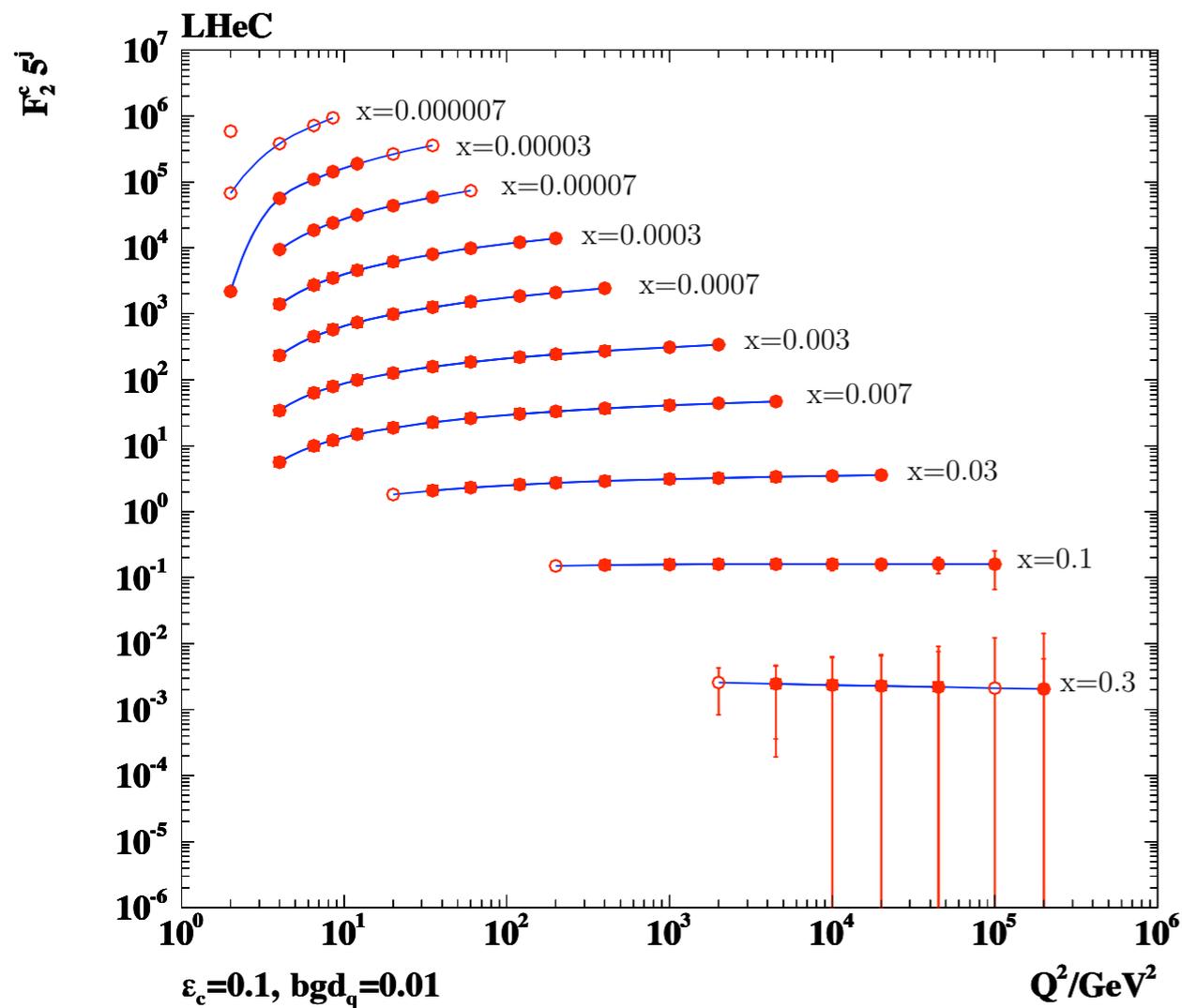
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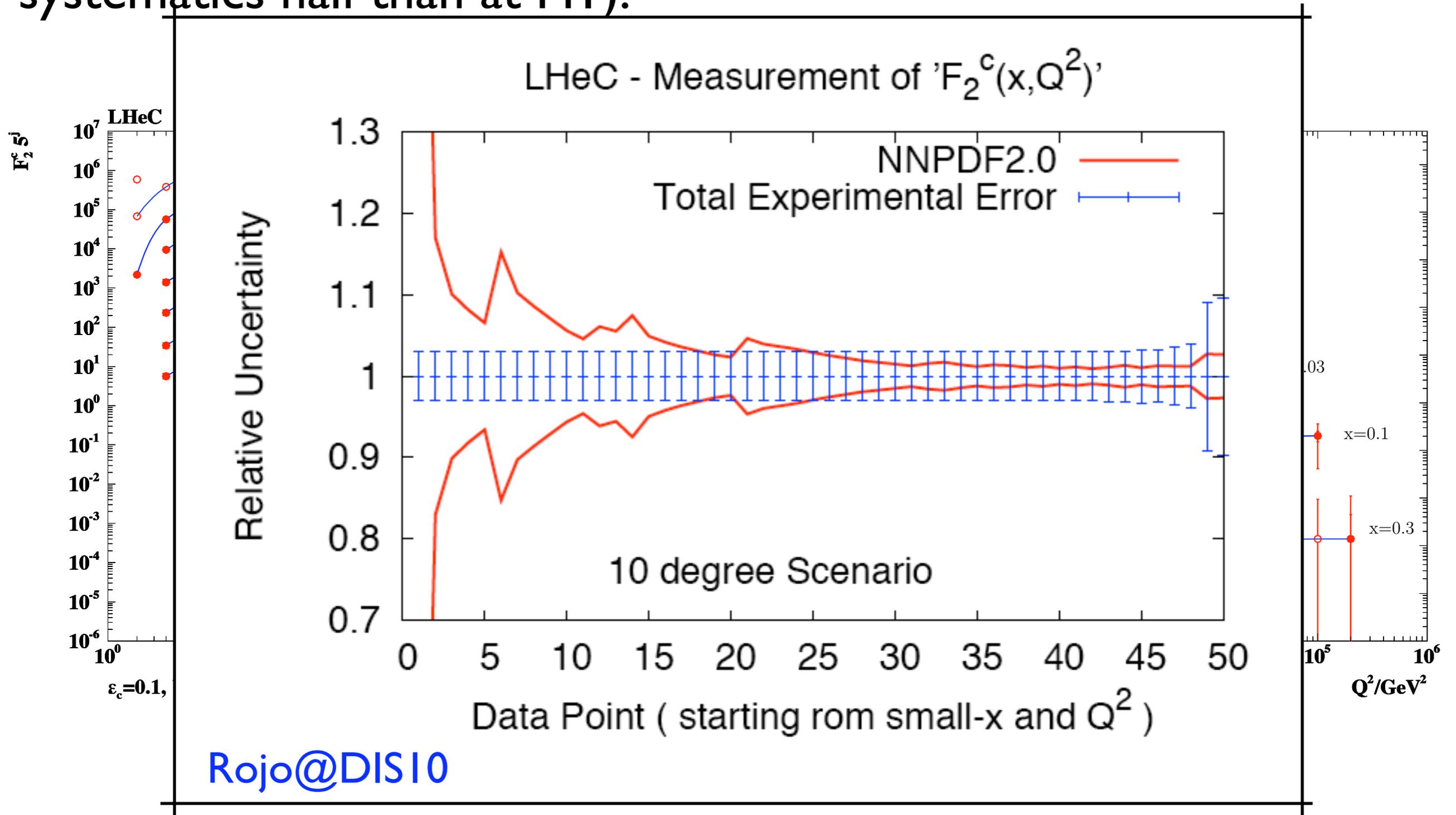
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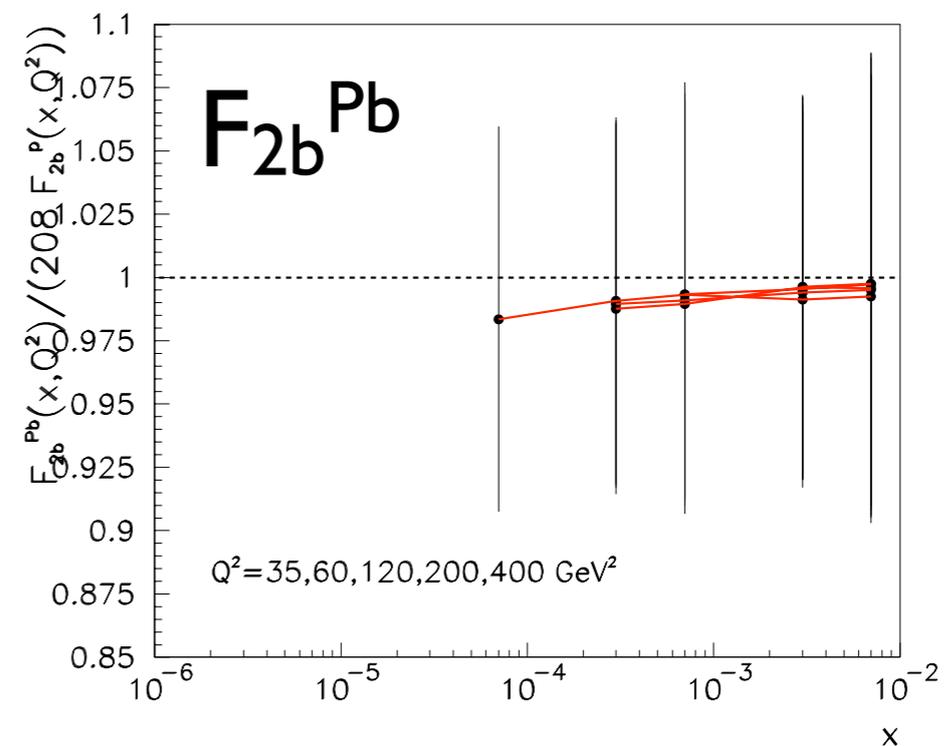
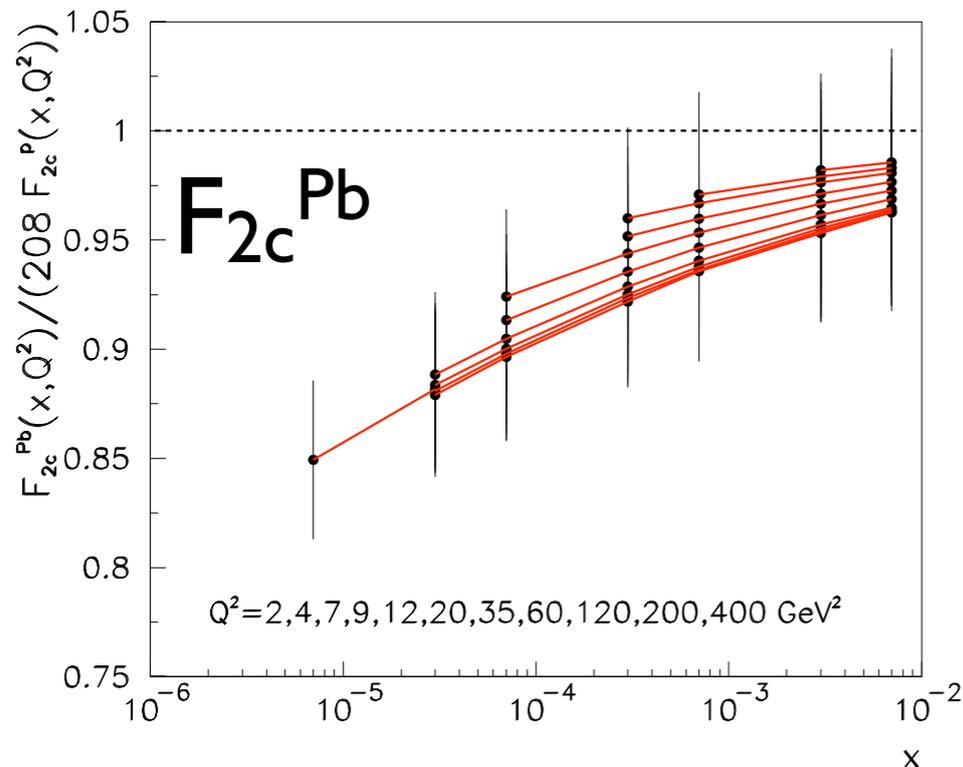
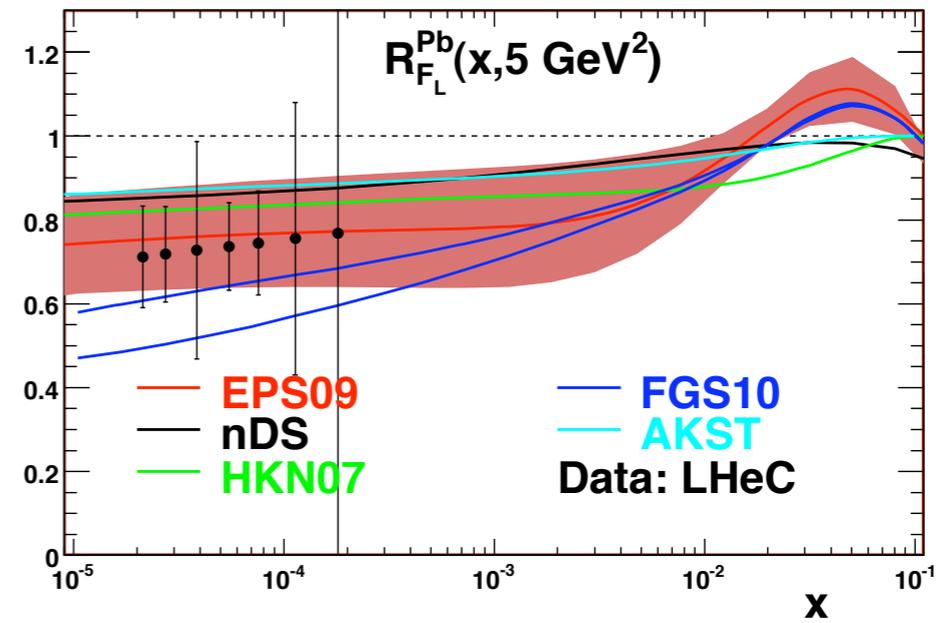
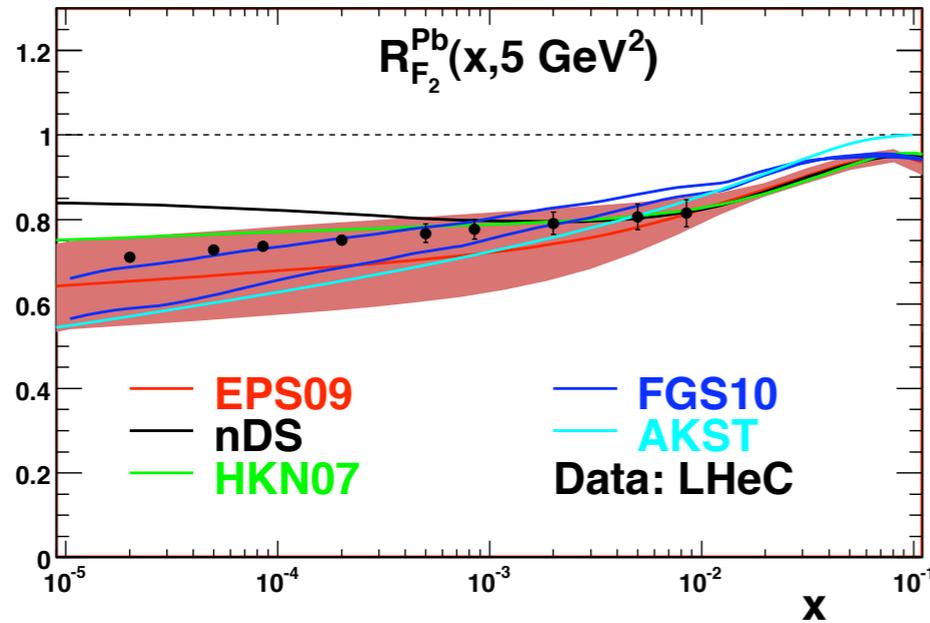
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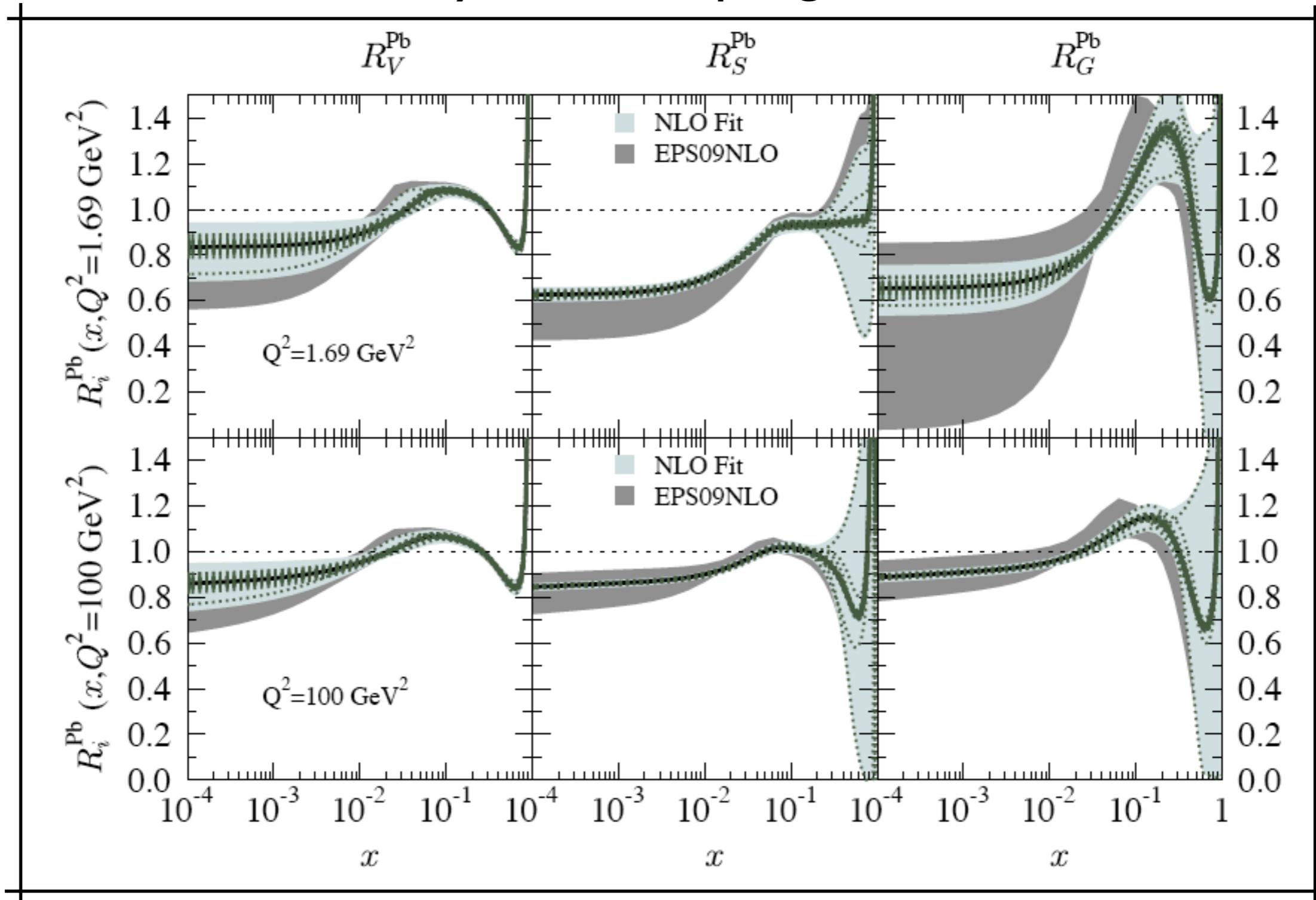
# eA inclusive pseudodata (I):

- Good precision can be obtained for  $F_{2(c,b)}$  and  $F_L$  at small  $x$  (Glauberized 3-5 flavor GBW model, NA '02).



# eA inclusive pseudodata (II):

- $F_2$  data substantially reduce the uncertainties in DGLAP analysis; inclusion of charm, beauty and  $F_L$  in progress.

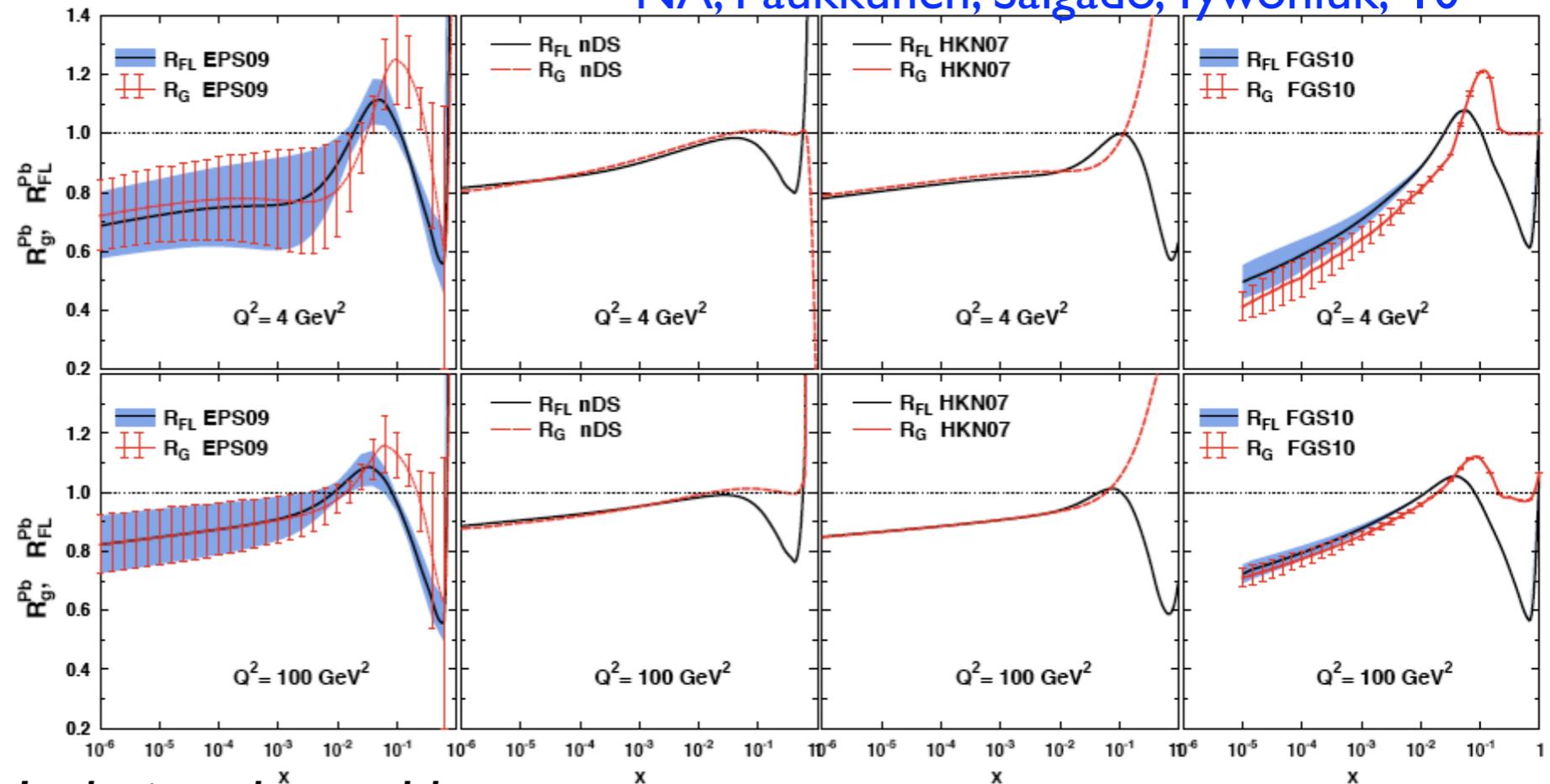
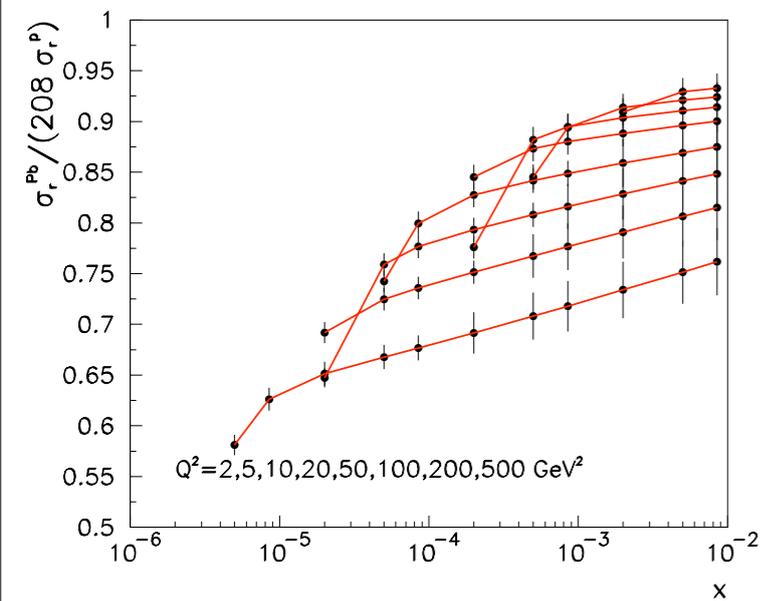


# Note: $F_L$ in eA

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

- $F_L$  traces the nuclear effects on the glue (Cazarotto et al '08).
- Uncertainties in the extraction of  $F_2$  due to the unknown nuclear effects on  $F_L$  of order 5 % (larger than expected stat.+syst.)  $\Rightarrow$  measure  $F_L$  or use the reduced cross section (but then ratios at two energies...).

NA, Paukkunen, Salgado, Tywoniuk, '10



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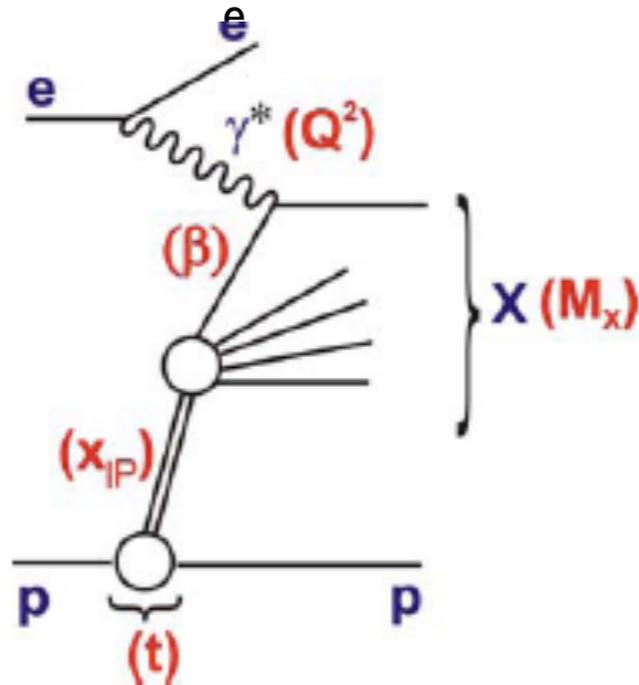
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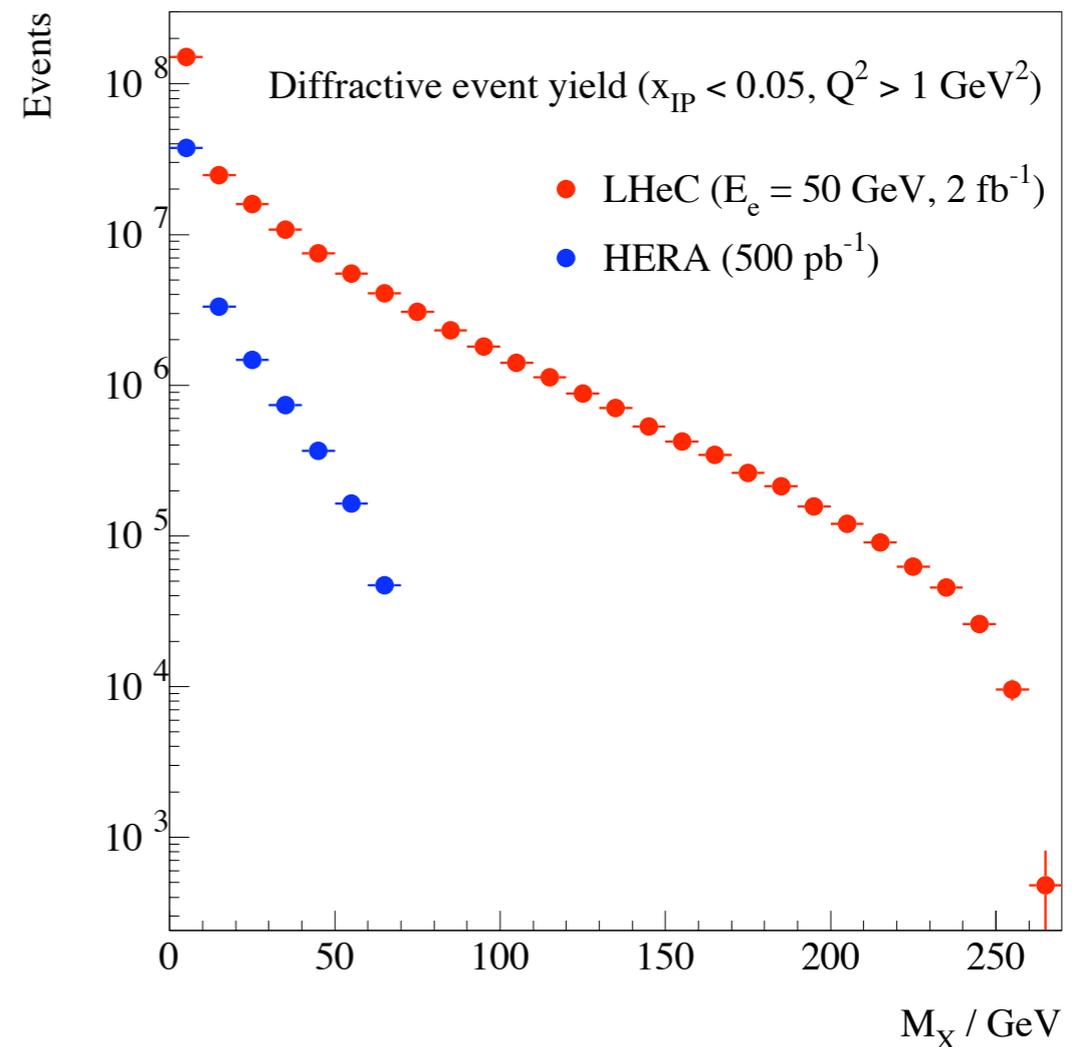
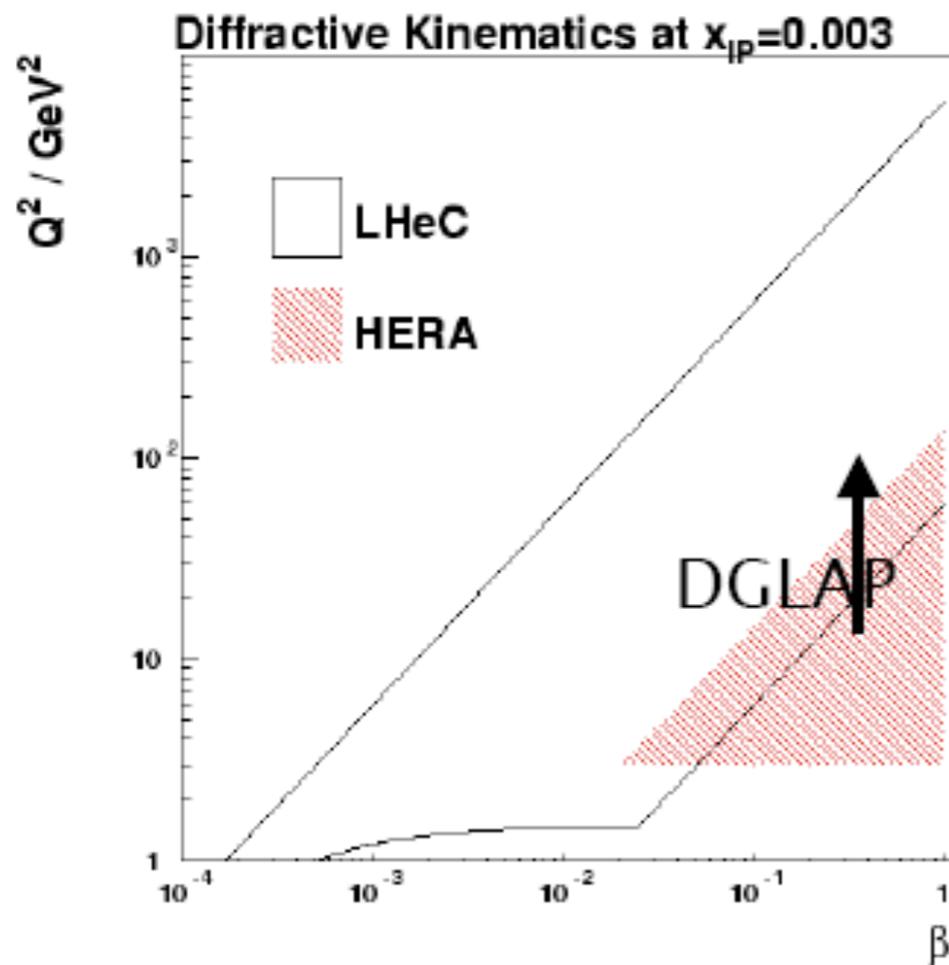
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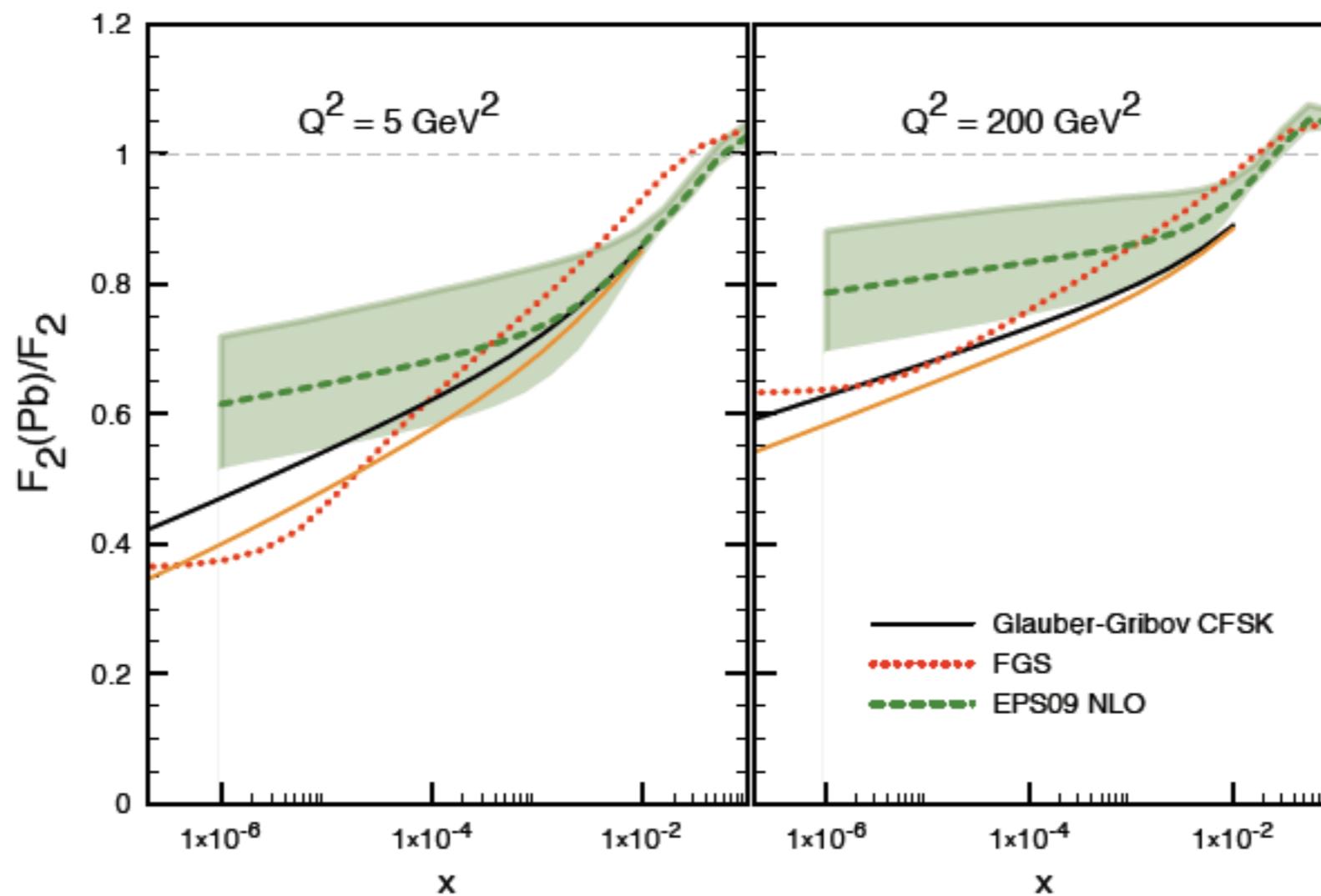
- Large increase in the  $M^2$ ,  $x_P = (M^2 - t + Q^2) / (W^2 + Q^2)$ ,  $\beta = x / x_P$  region studied.



# ep diffractive pseudodata:

**Note:** diffraction in ep is linked to shadowing in eA (Gribov):  
FGS, Capella-Kaidalov et al,...

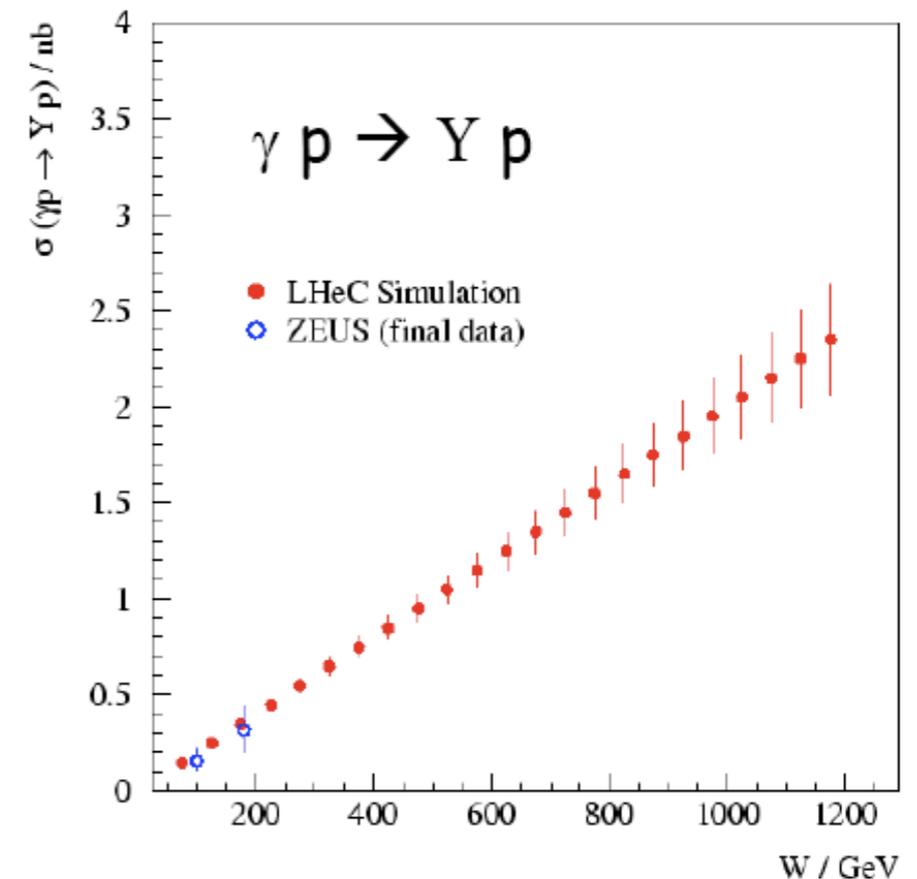
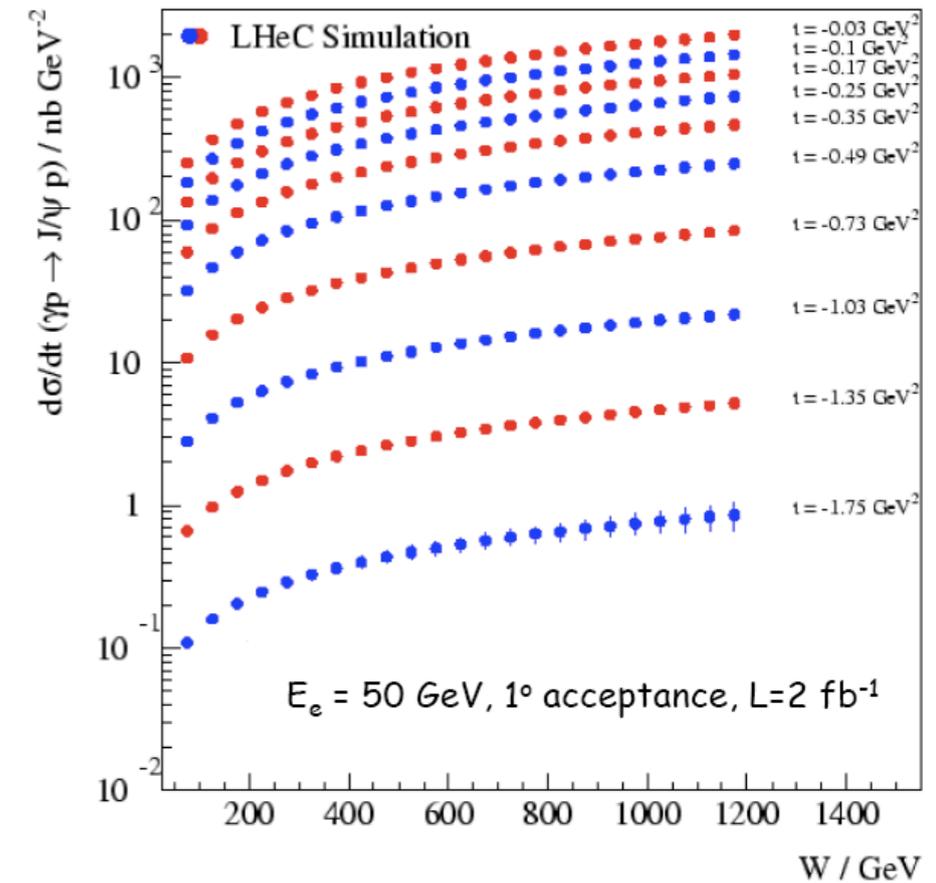
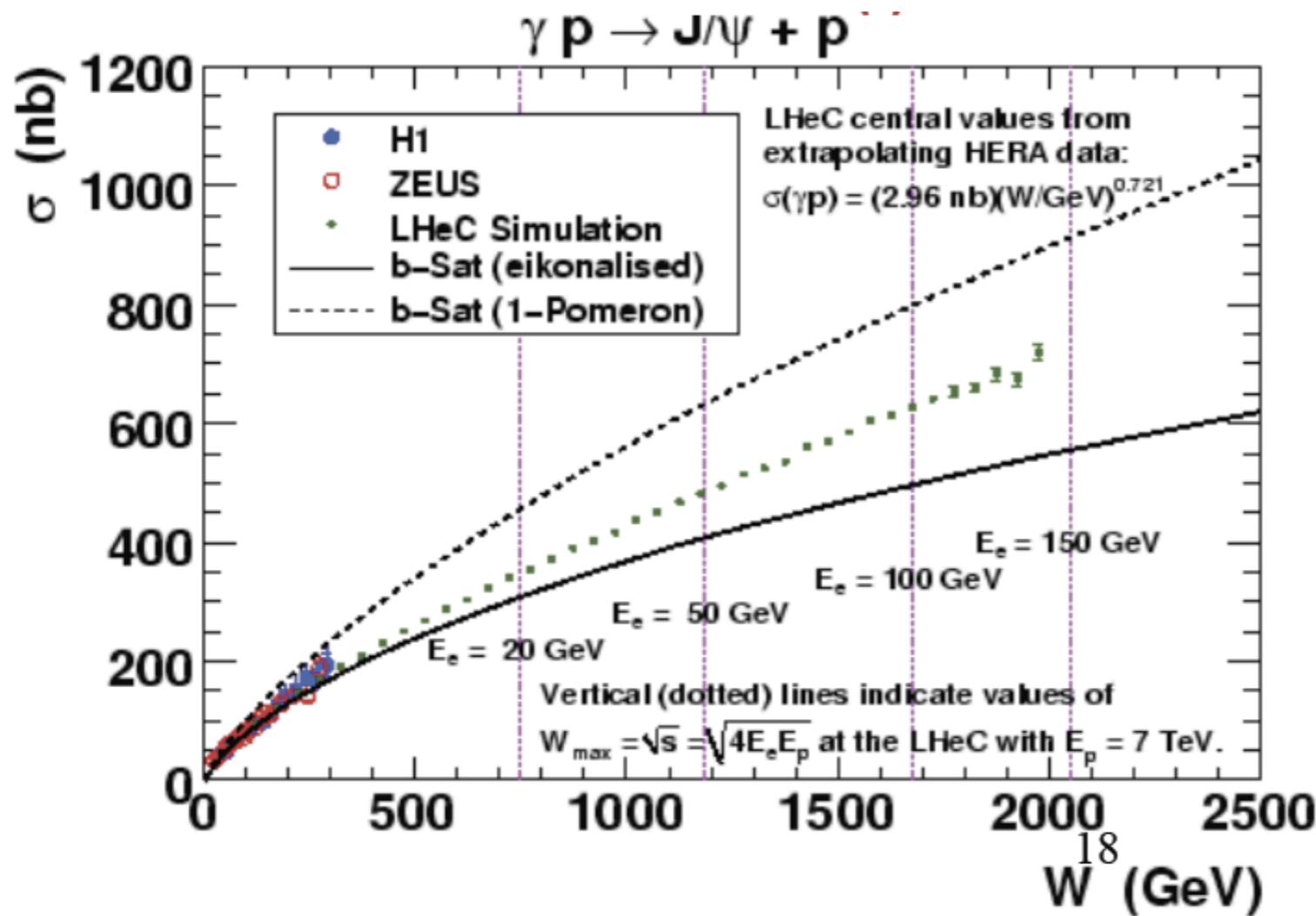
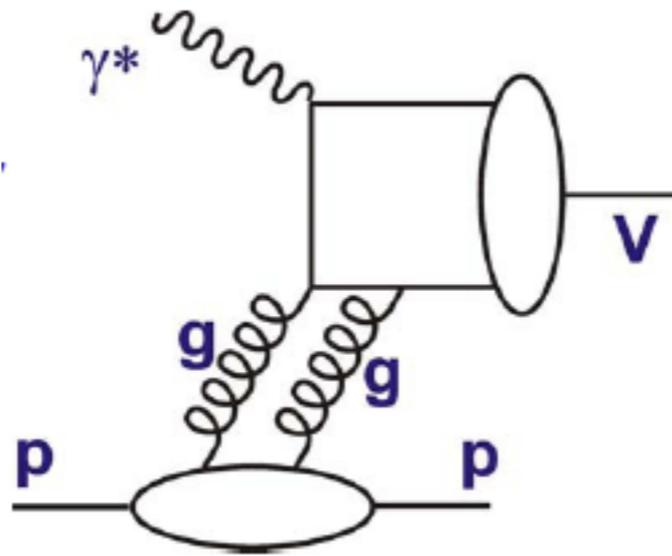
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$10^{-4}$   $10^{-2}$   $10^{-2}$   $10^{-1}$  1  $10^{-6}$   $10^{-4}$   $10^{-2}$   
 $\beta$  0 50 100 150 200 250 300  
 $M_x / \text{GeV}$

# Elastic vector meson production:

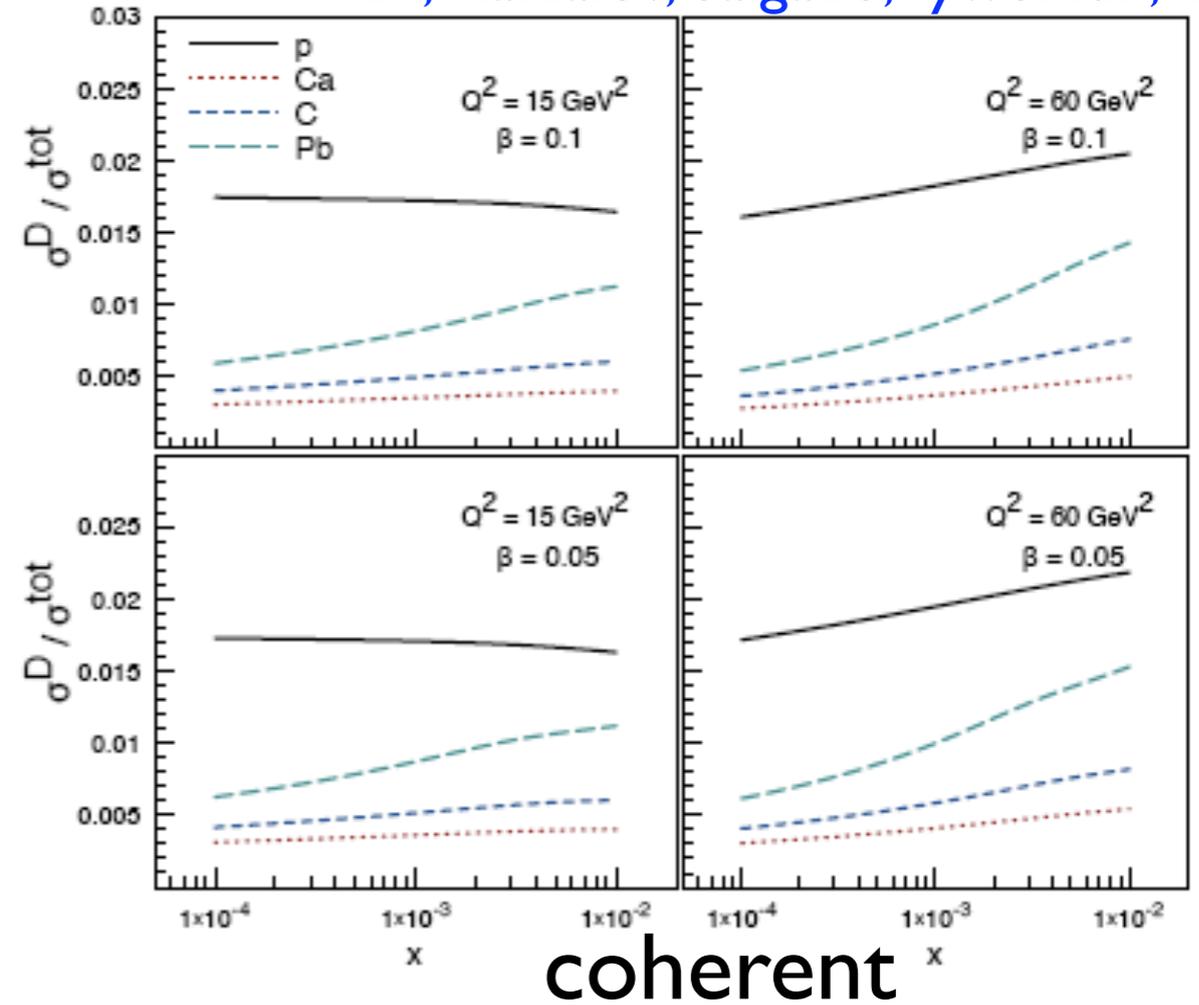
- Most promising!!!



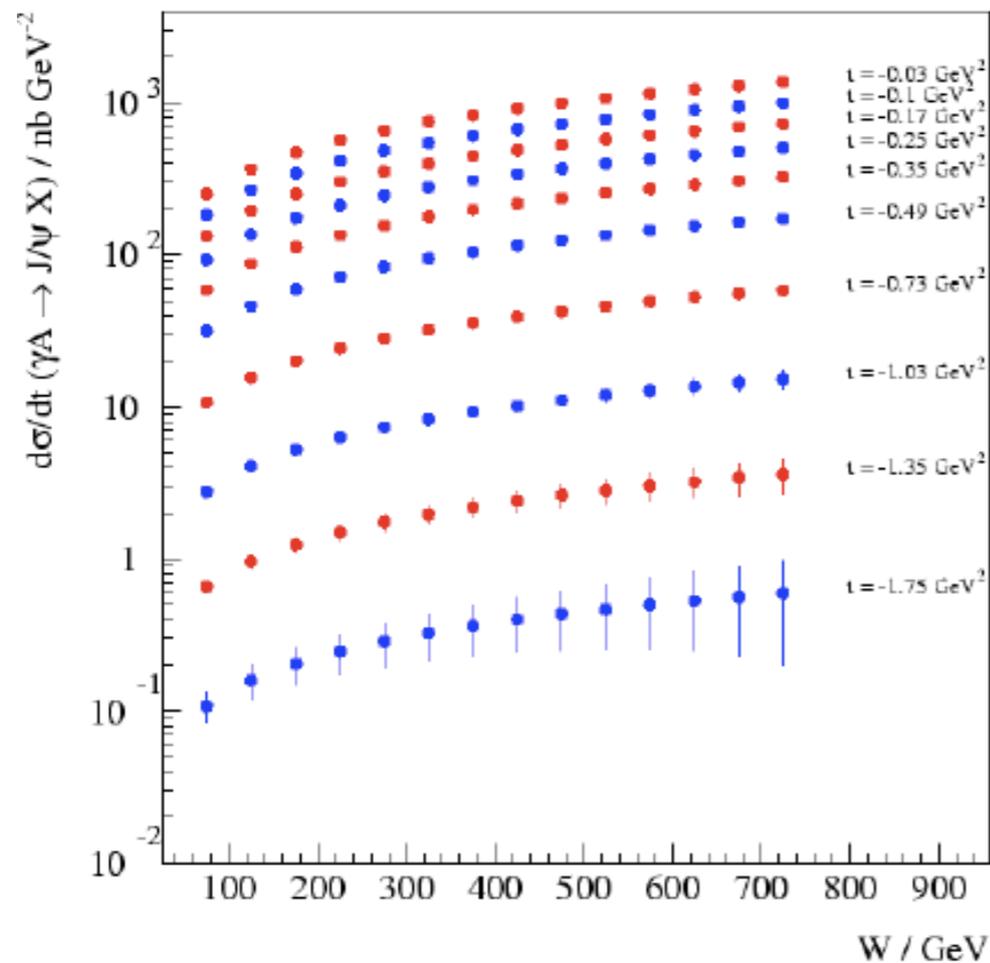
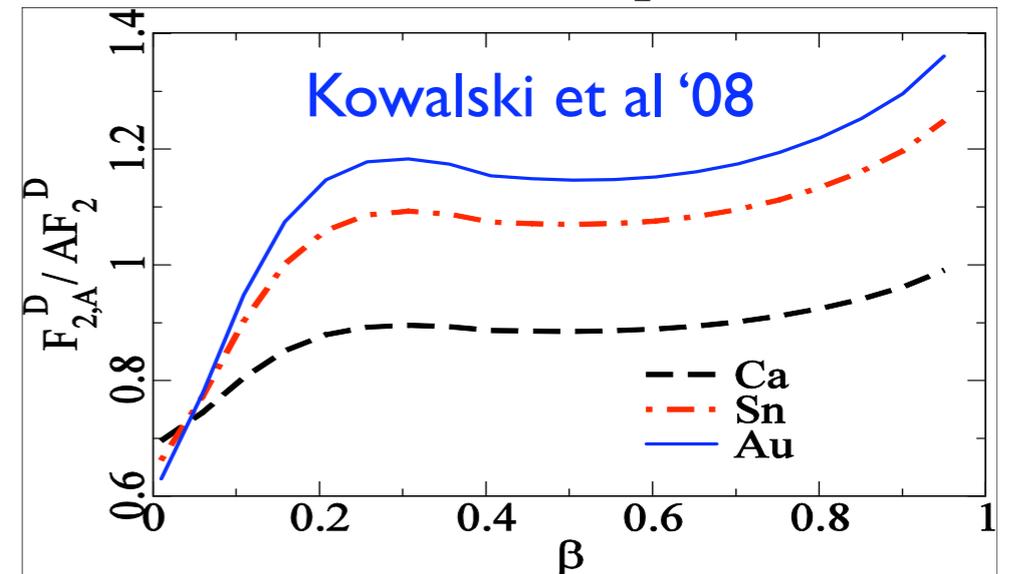
# Nuclear diffraction:

- **Problem: diffraction maybe coherent** ( $e+A \rightarrow e+X+A$ ), incoherent ( $e+A \rightarrow e+X+Zp+(A-Z)n$ ) and inelastic ( $e+A \rightarrow e+X+X'$ )  $\Rightarrow$  **challenging experimental problem.**

NA, Kaidalov, Salgado, Tywoniuk, '10



$Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2, x_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.001$



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- ep inclusive pseudodata.
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- ep diffractive pseudodata.
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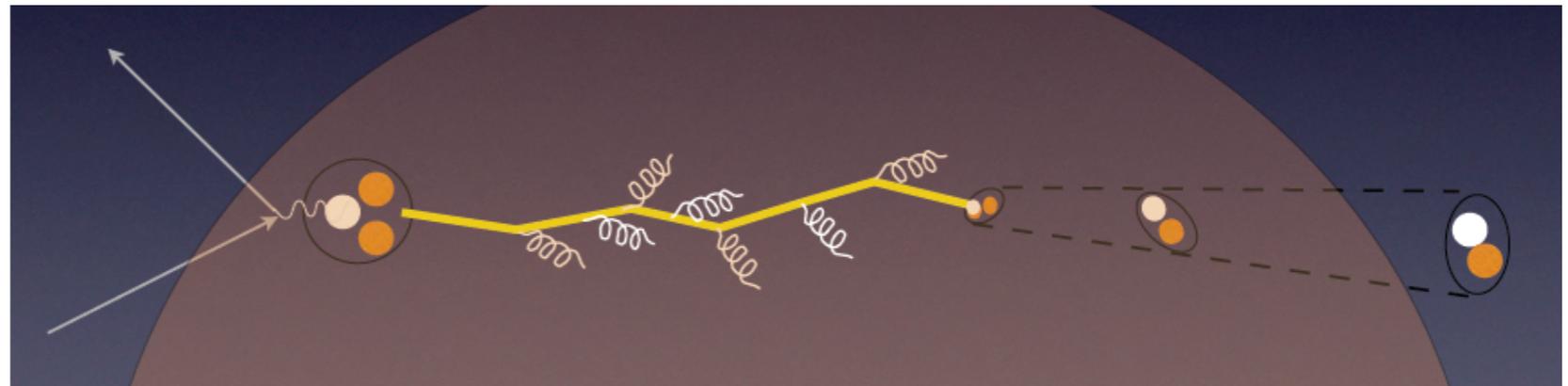
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# In-medium hadronization:

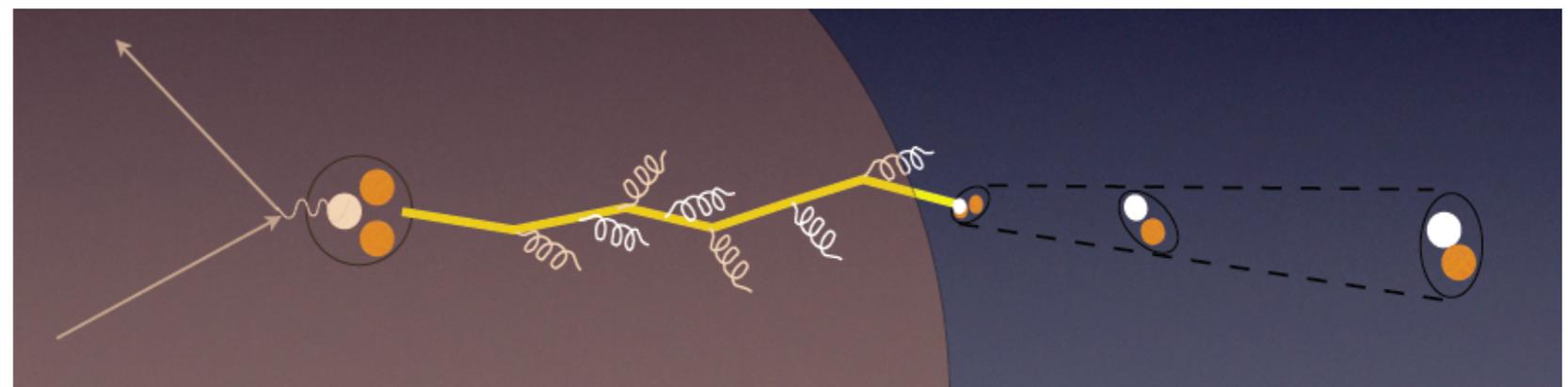
- The LHeC ( $v_{\max} \sim 10^5$  GeV) would allow to study the dynamics of hadronization, testing the parton/hadron e loss mechanism by introducing a length of colored material which would modify its pattern (length/nuclear size, chemical composition).

- **Low energy:** need of hadronization inside  $\rightarrow$  formation time, (pre-) hadronic absorption,...

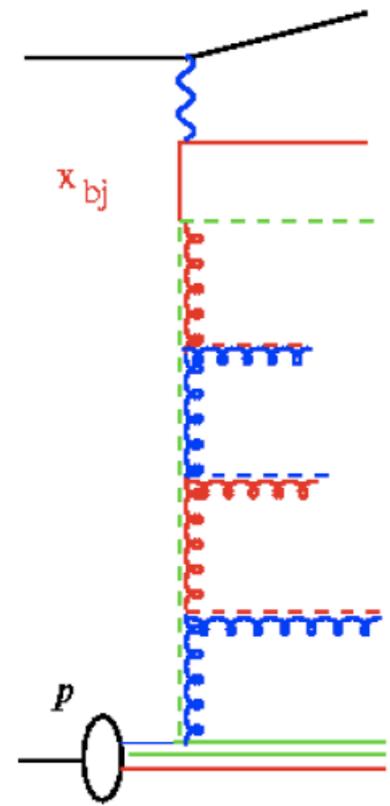


Brooks at Divonne'09

- **High energy:** partonic evolution altered in the nuclear medium, partonic energy loss.



# Forward jets:

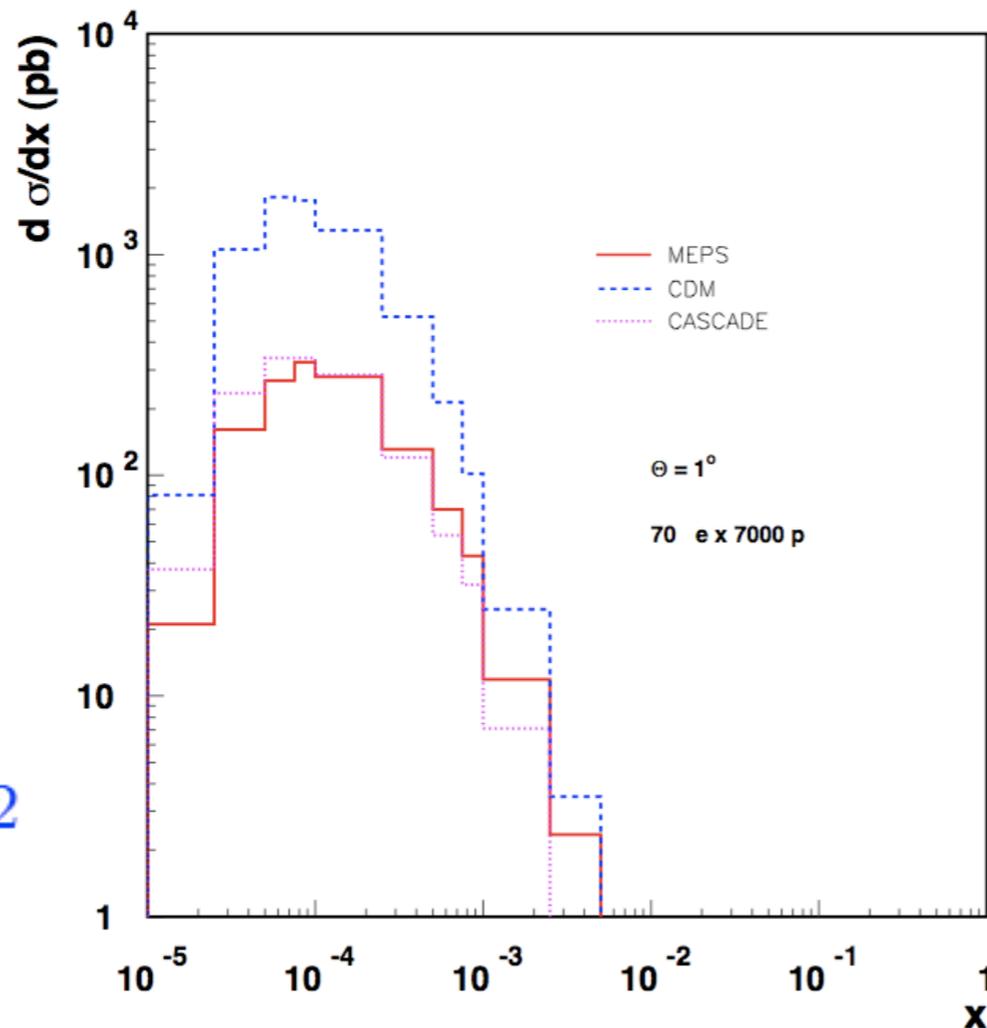


$x_{bj}$  small

evolution  
from large  
to small  $x$

'forward' jet  $x_{jet}$  large

Jung at Divonne'08



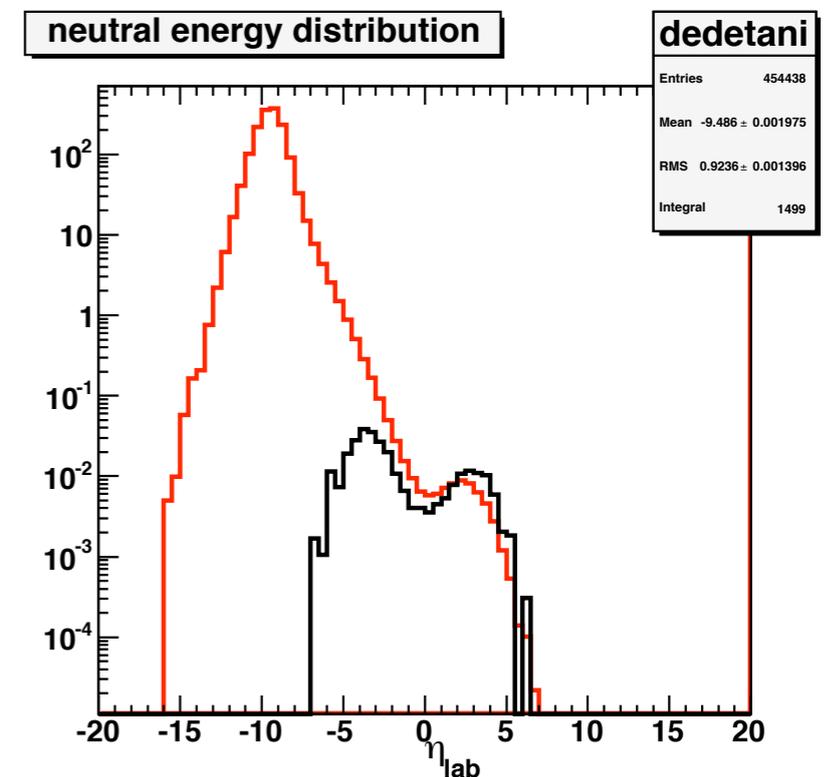
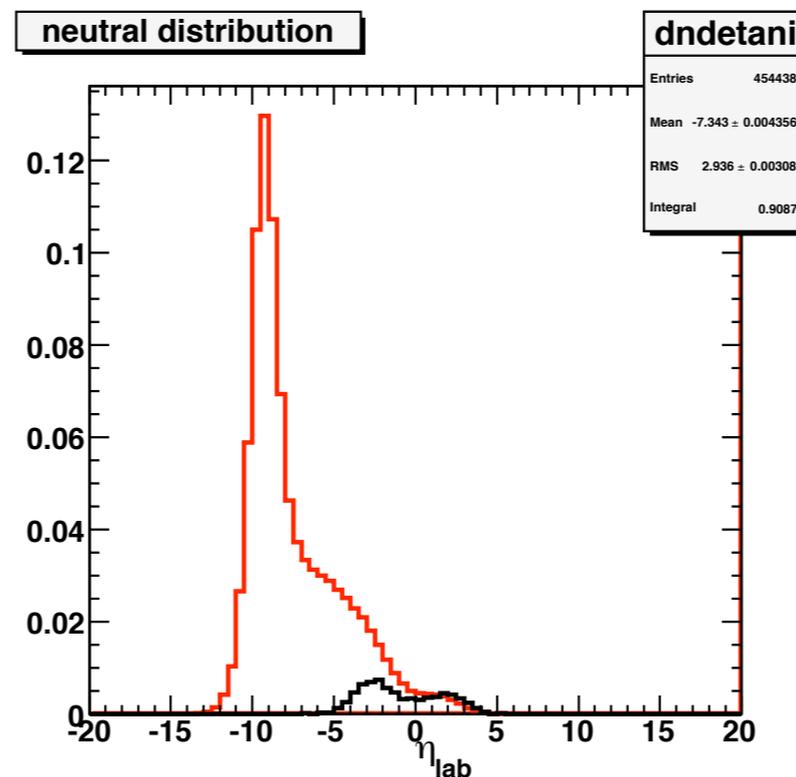
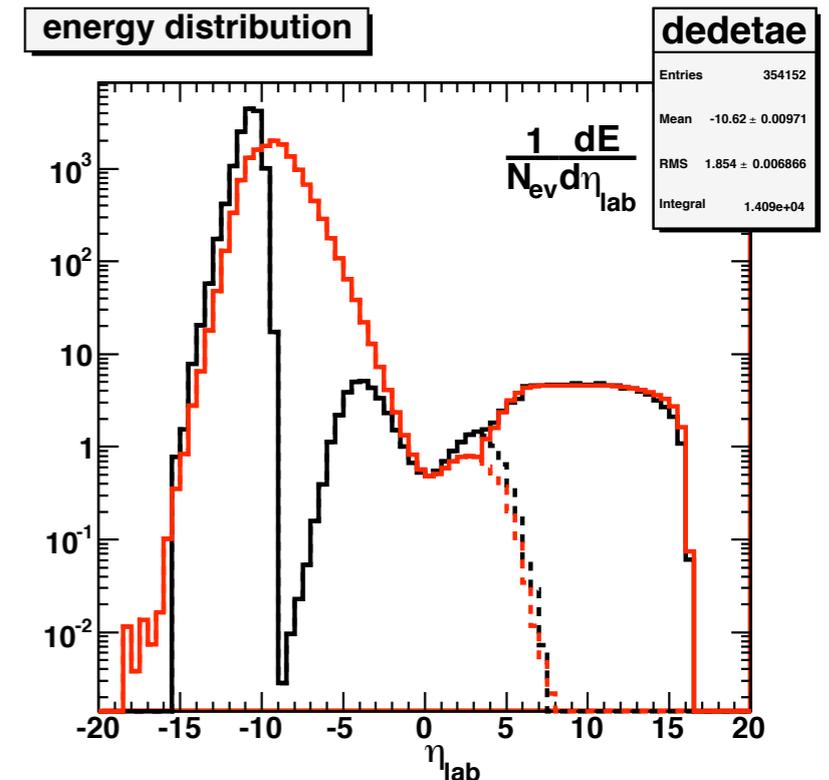
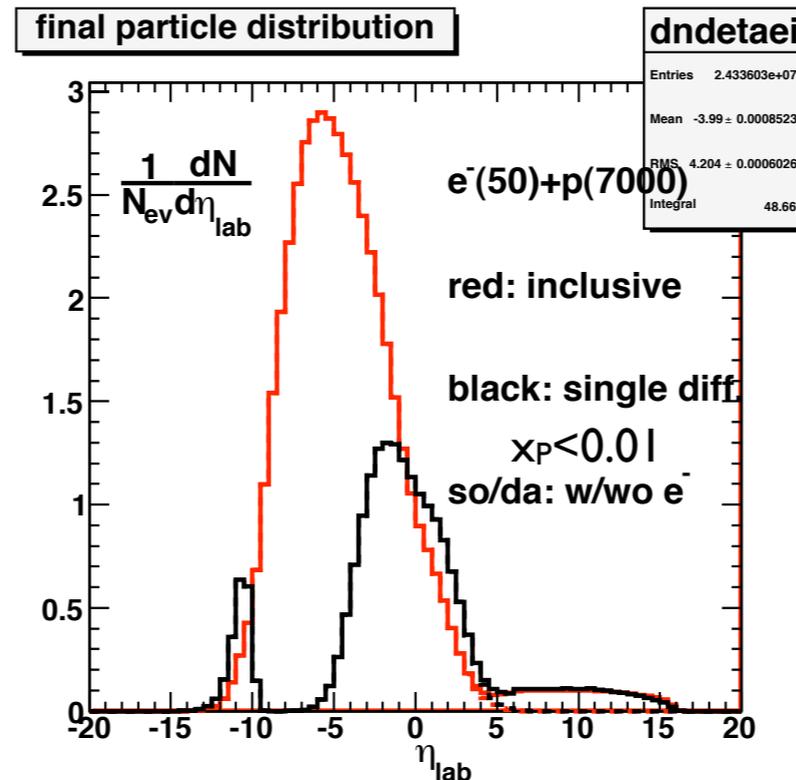
$$x_{jet} > 0.03$$

$$0.5 < \frac{p_{t,jet}^2}{Q^2} < 2$$

- Studying forward jets ( $p_T \sim Q$ ) would allow to understand the mechanism of radiation:
  - $k_T$ -ordered: DGLAP.
  - $k_T$ -disordered: BFKL.
  - Saturation?
- Further imposing a rapidity gap (diffractive jets) would be most interesting: perturbatively controllable observable.

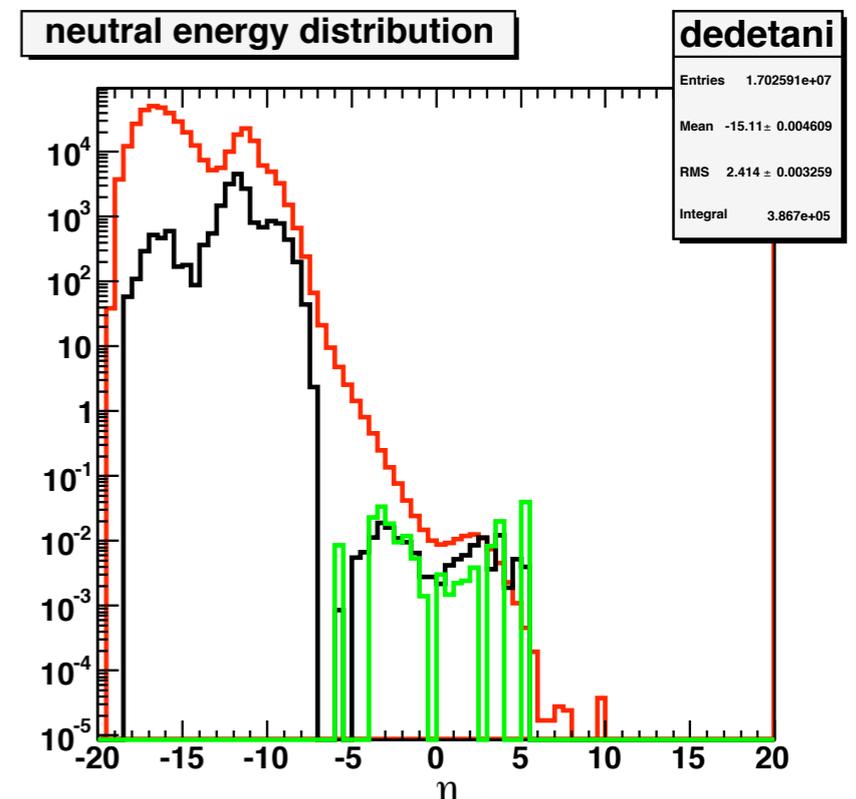
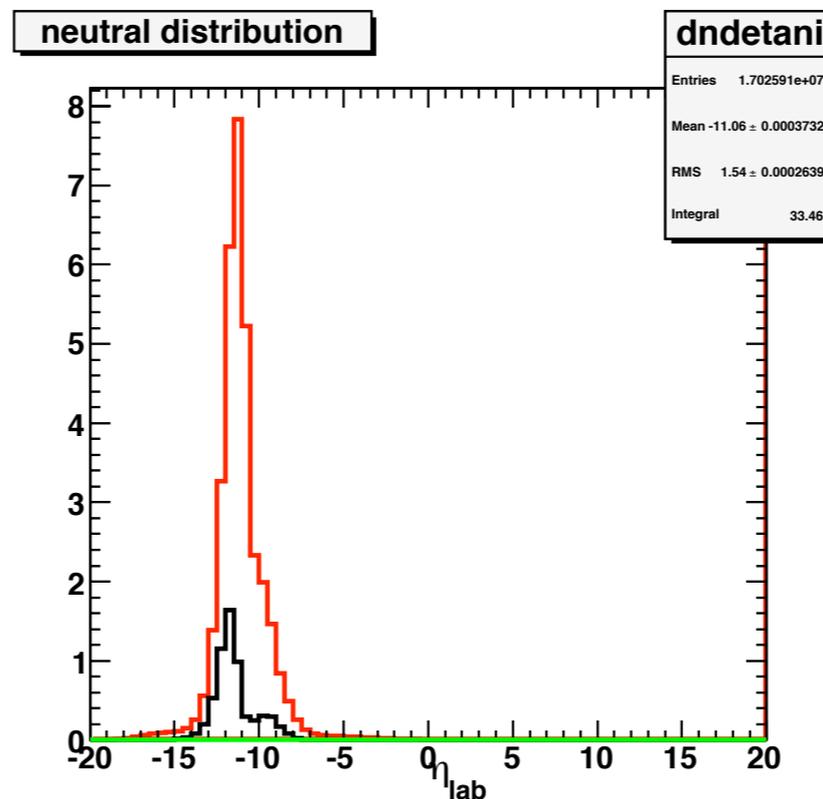
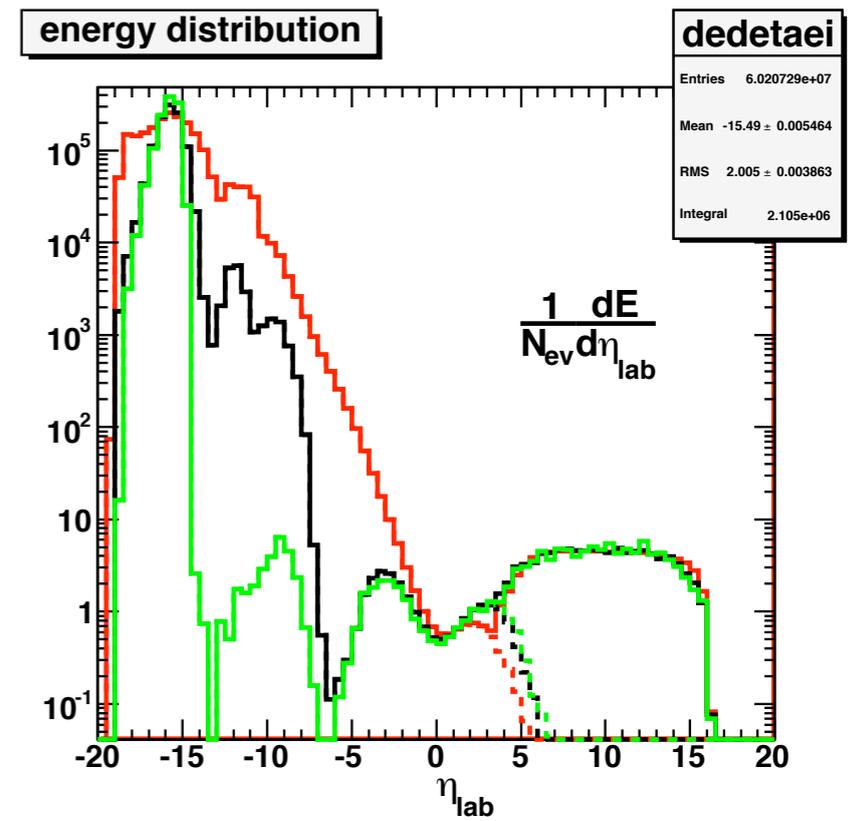
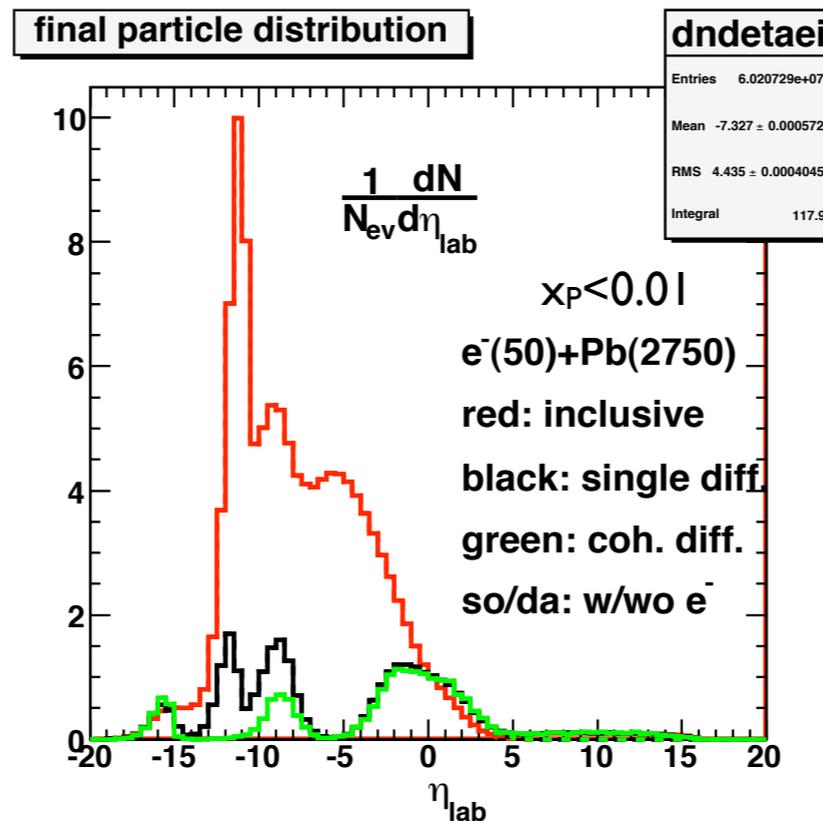
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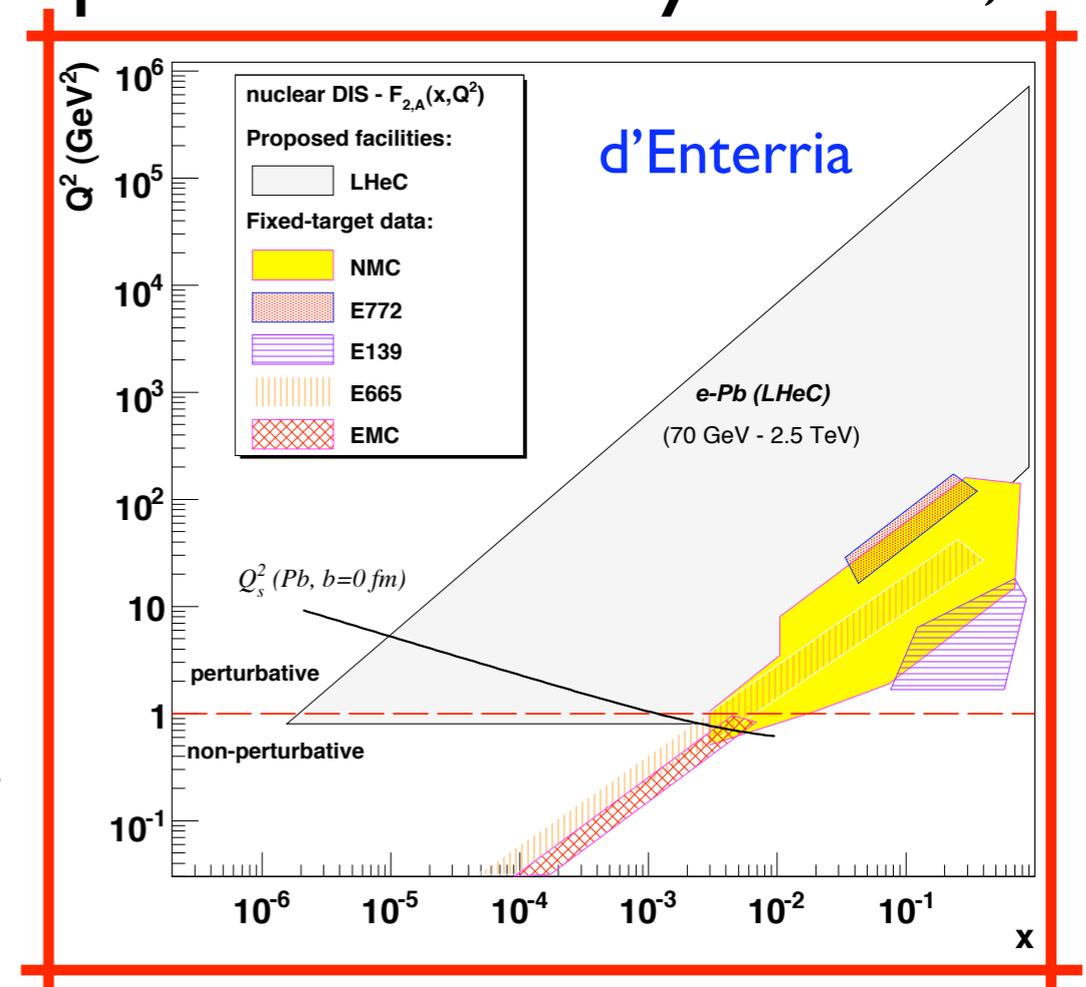
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# Summary:

- Many issues remain open about small- $x$  physics (behavior of the hadron wave function at small  $x$ ): describable by pQCD?, need of resummation/onset of unitarity in the accessible kinematical regions?
- Current ep experiments cover pp@LHC at  $y=0$ ; in eA, not even dAu@RHIC is really constrained.
- An electron-nucleon/ion collider offers huge possibilities to test our ideas about high-energy QCD. eA: amplifier of density effects; implications on UrHIC complementary to pA@LHC.
- **LHeC@CERN**: new facility for ep/eA at  $E_{cm} \sim 1-2$  TeV under design.
- LHeC could be built in 10 years, depending on LHC schedules and on us. CDR in progress.

Small- $x$  physics at the LHeC.



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## Steps to go in 2010

1. Finalise physics and technical studies
2. DIS10 Firenze [April] and IPACC Japan [May]
3. Draft CDR September 2010
4. Divonne 28.10.-30.10. Final Workshop
5. November 2010: Final report to ECFA
6. Submit CDR to CERN, ECFA, NuPECC

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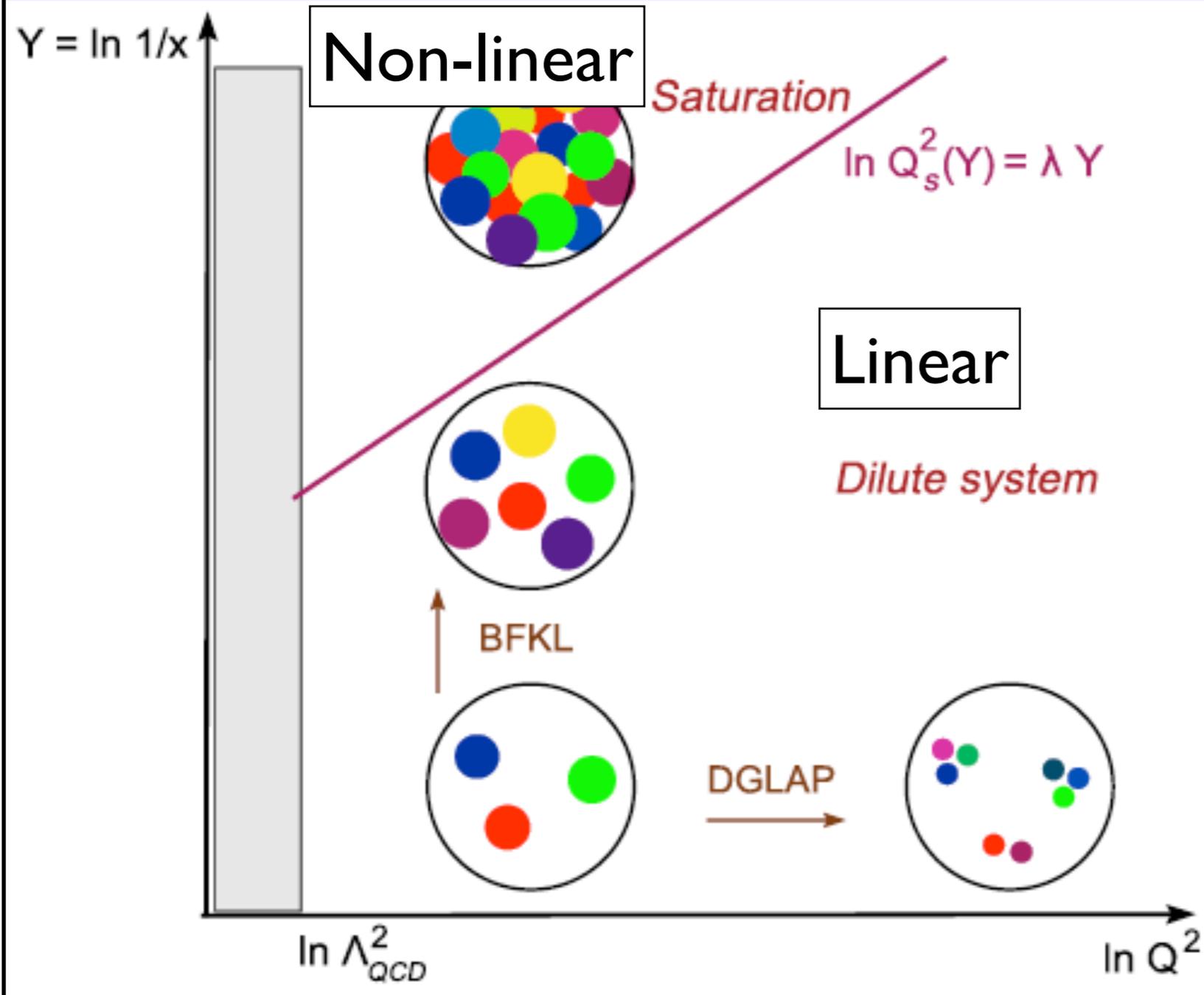
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# Theory: high-energy QCD



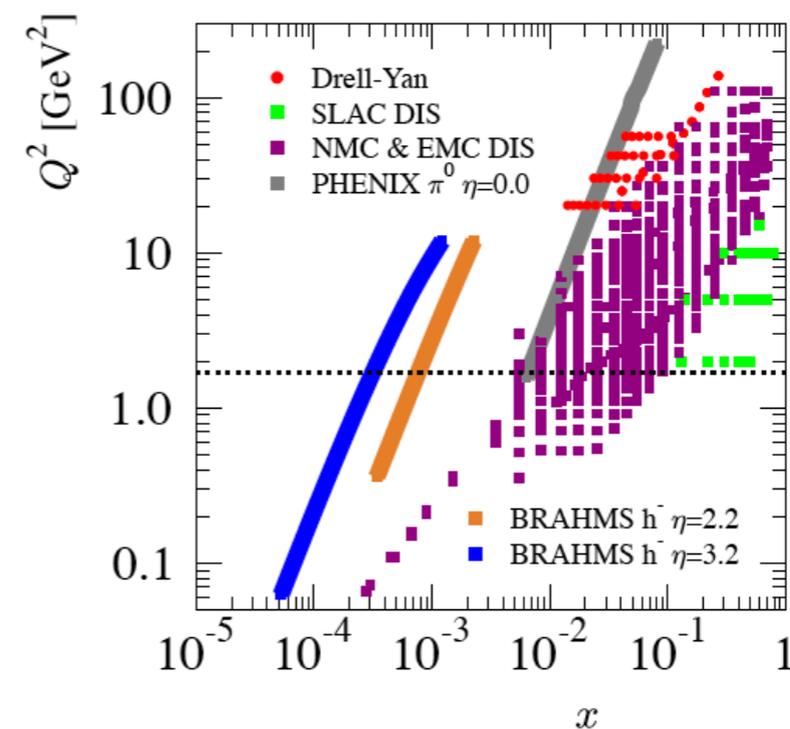
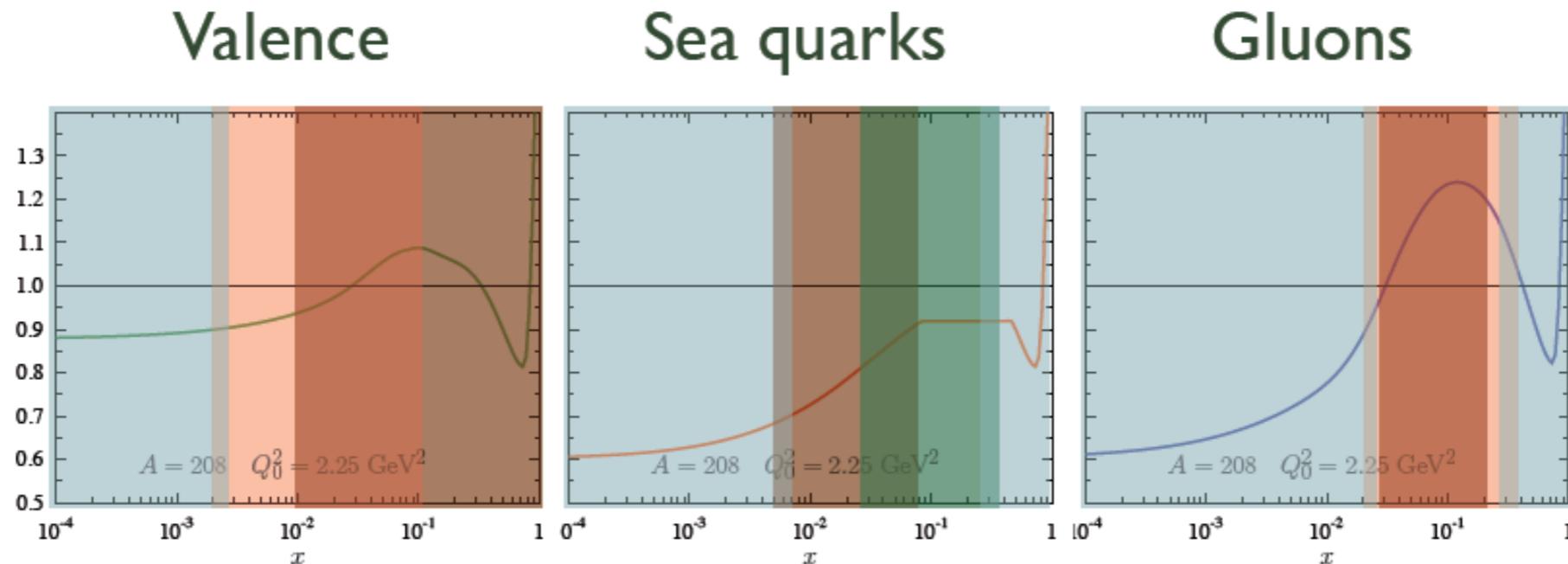
**Our aims: understanding**

- The implications of unitarity in a QFT.
- The behavior of QCD at large energies / hadron wave function at small  $x$ .
- The initial conditions for the creation of a dense medium in heavy-ion collisions: nuclear WF + initial stage.

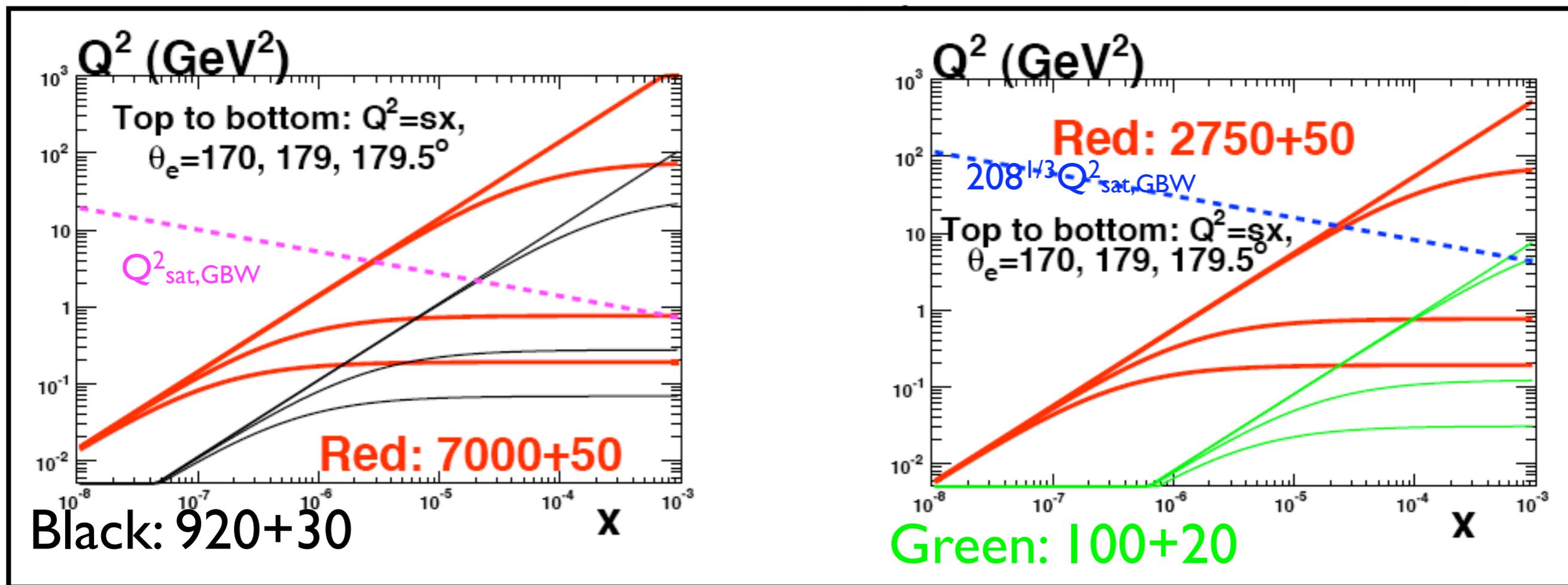
**Where do the available experimental data lie?**

# DGLAP analysis of npdf's:

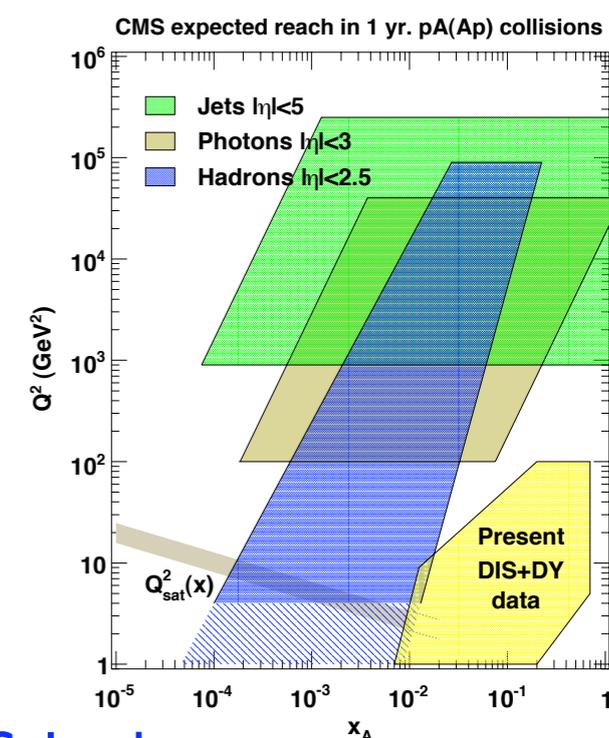
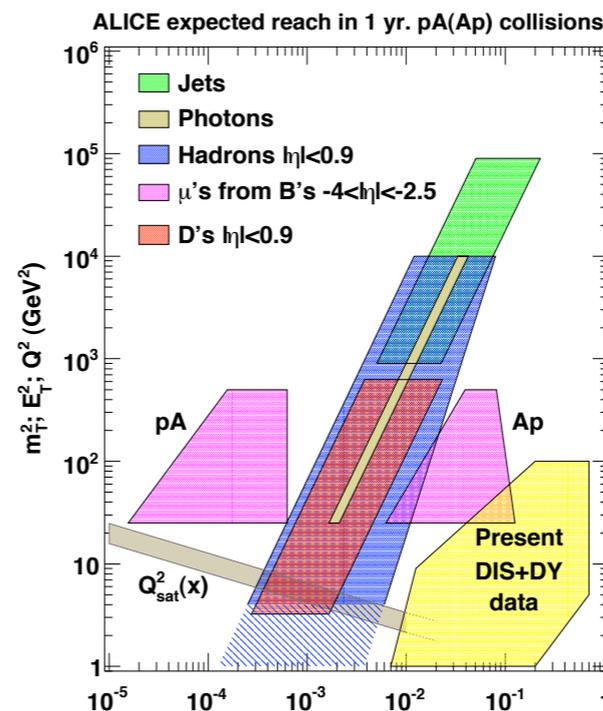
- Data sets:  $\sim 100$  DY,  $\sim 20$  from  $\pi^0$ , rest up to  $\sim 900$  from NC DIS; **neutrino data under discussion** (see CTEQ '09, Paukkunen-Salgado '10).



# Kinematics:



- **ep**: access to the perturbative region below  $x \sim$  a few  $10^{-5}$ .
- **eA**: new realm.
- **No small-x physics without  $\sim 1$  degree acceptance.**

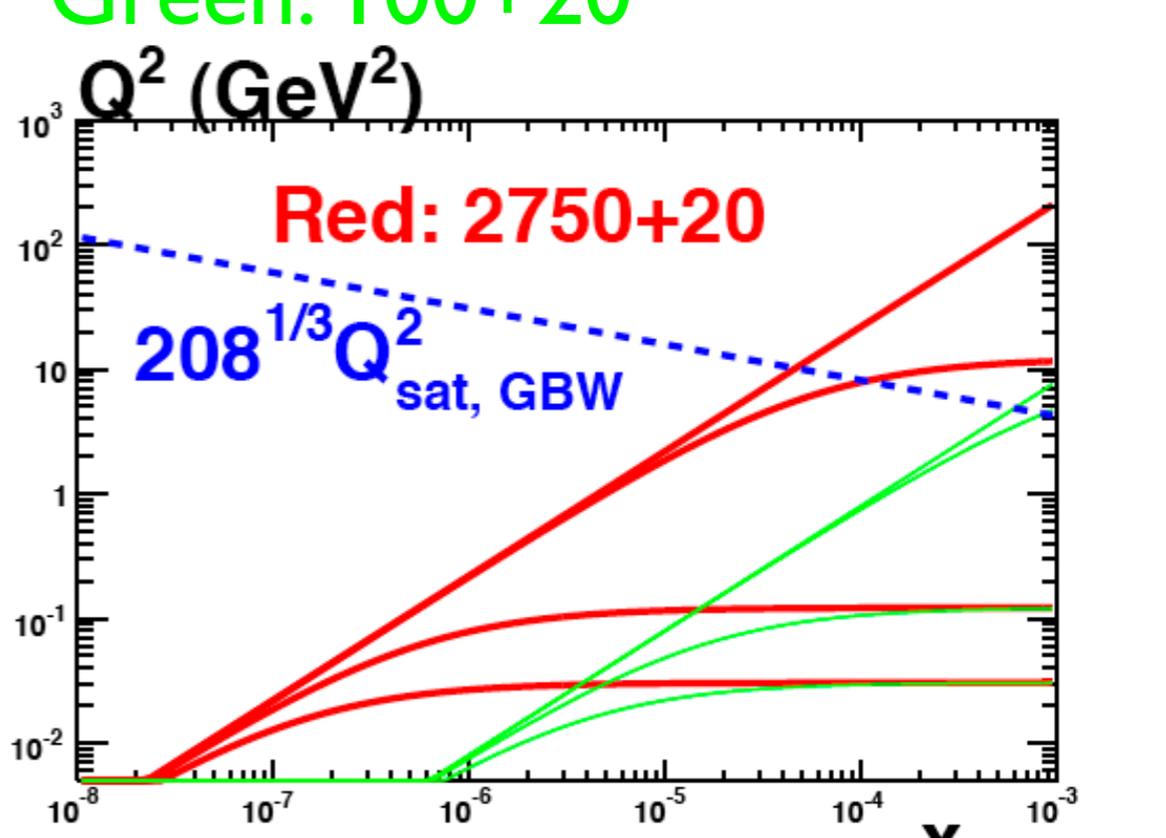
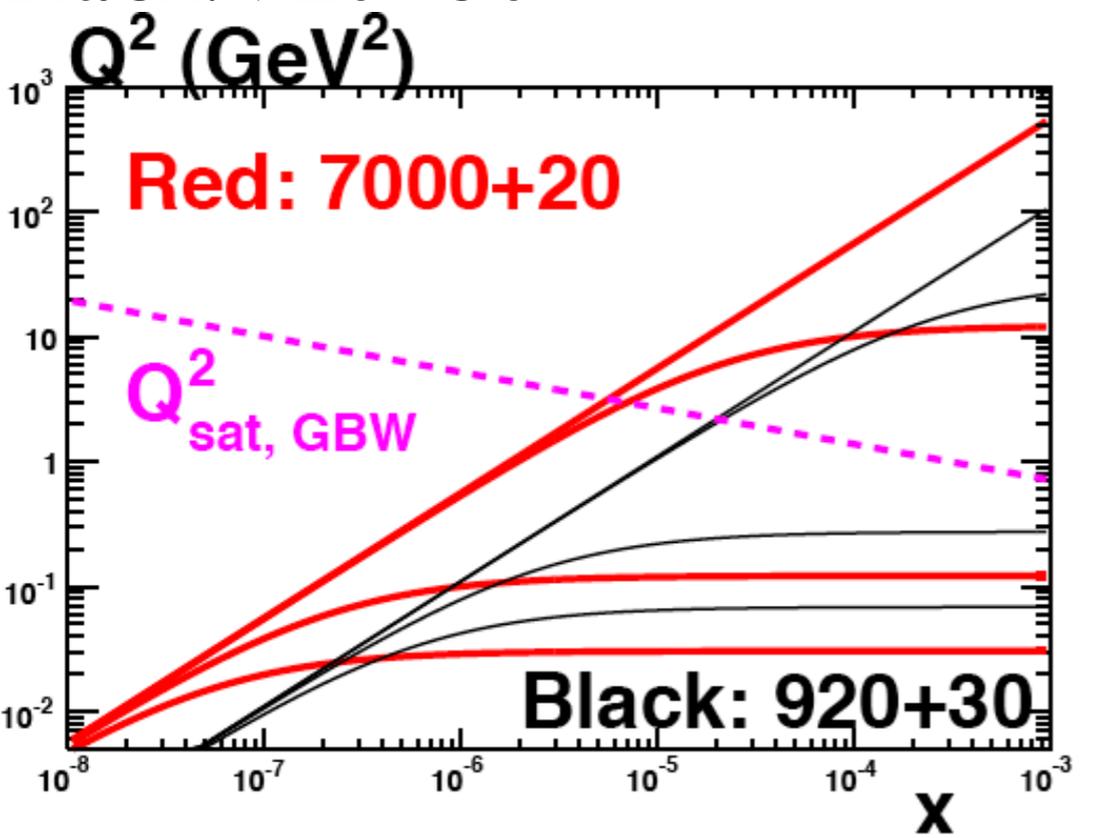
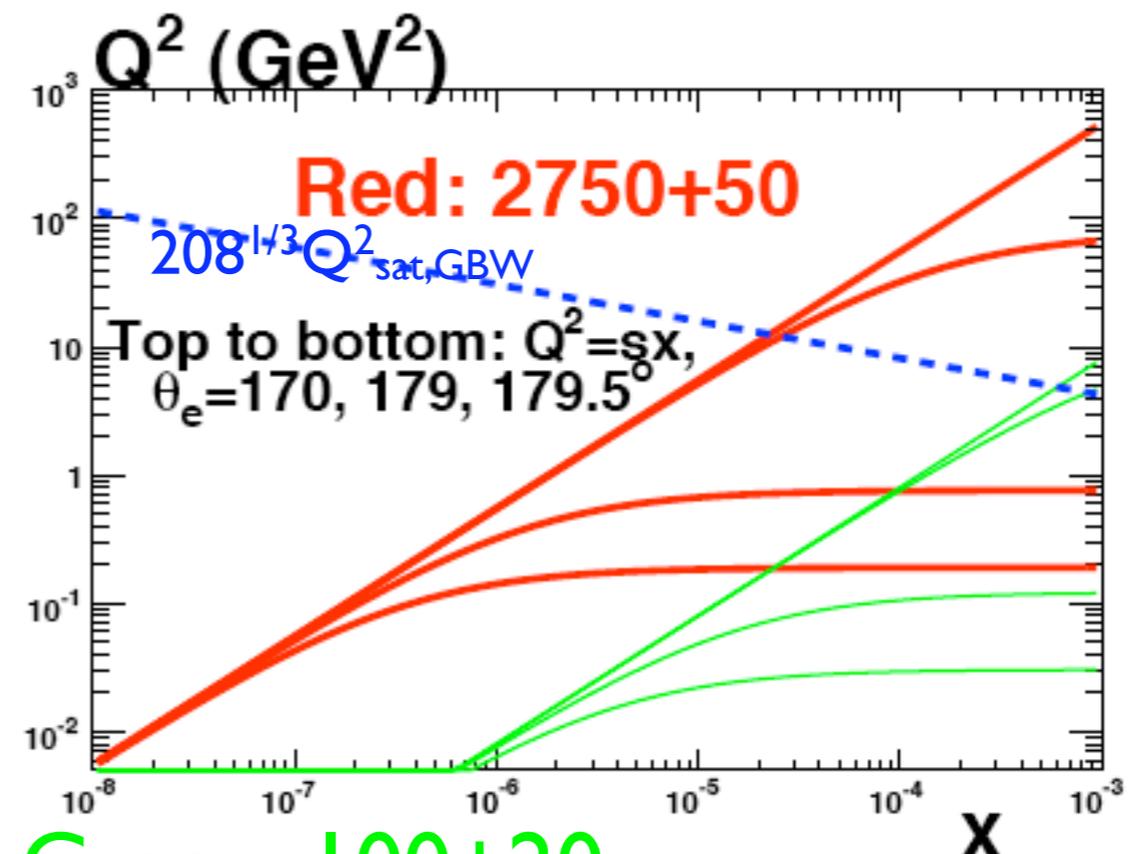
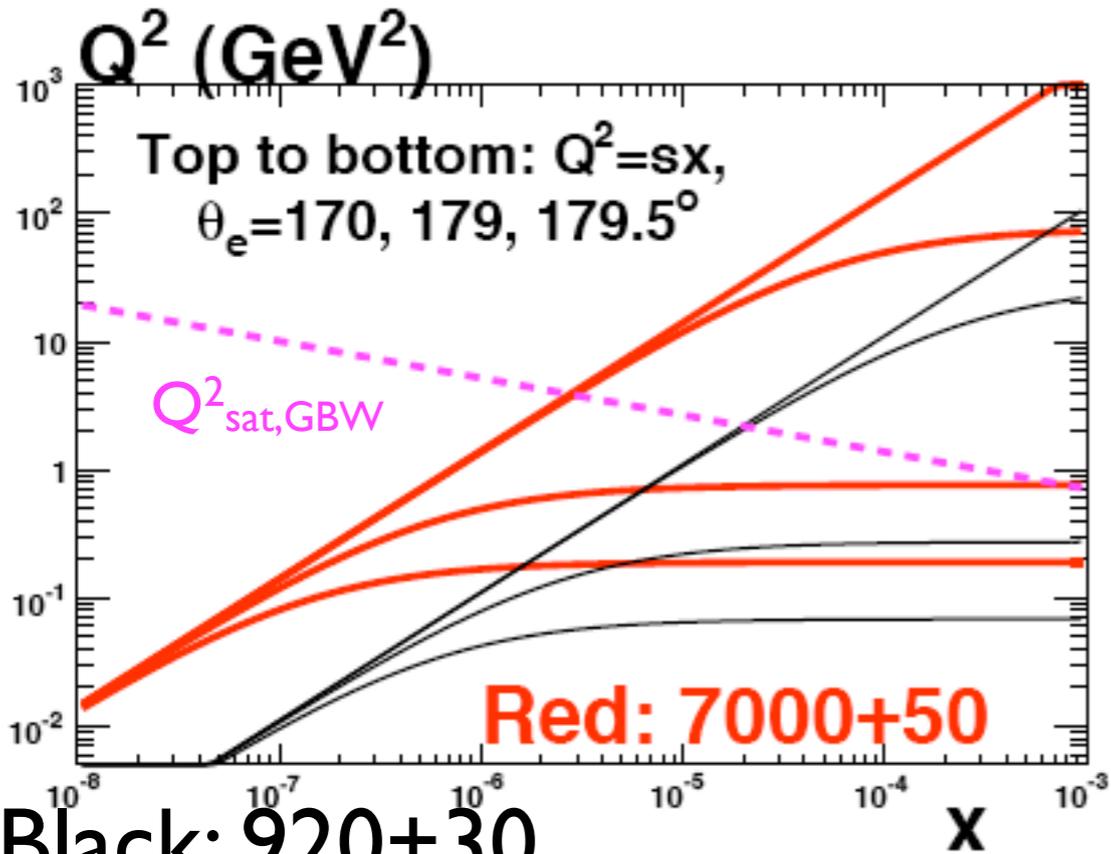


# LHeC scenarios:

config.	E(e)	E(N)	N	$\int L(e^+)$	$\int L(e^-)$	Pol	$L/10^{32}$	P/MW	years	type
<b>For <math>F_2</math></b>										
A	20	7	p	1	1	-	1	10	1	SPL
B	50	7	p	50	50	0.4	25	30	2	RR hiQ <sup>2</sup>
C	50	7	p	1	1	0.4	1	30	1	RR lo x
D	100	7	p	5	10	0.9	2.5	40	2	LR
E	150	7	p	3	6	0.9	1.8	40	2	LR
F	50	3.5	D	1	1	--	0.5	30	1	eD
G	50	2.7	Pb	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	0.4	$10^{-3}$	30	1	ePb
H	50	1	p	--	1	--	25	30	1	lowEp
I	50	3.5	Ca	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$		?	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	?	?	eCa

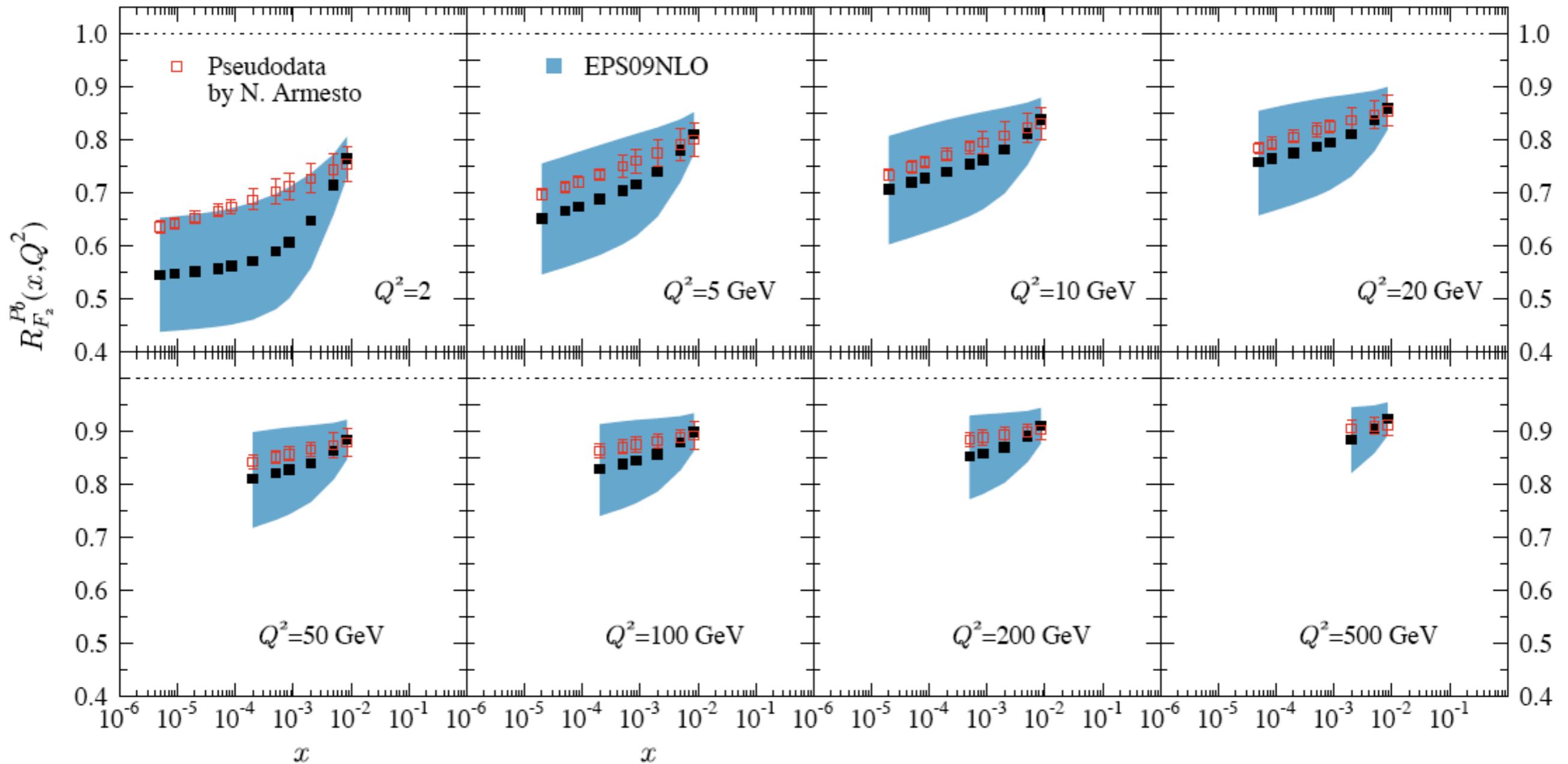
- **For  $F_L$** : 10, 25, 50 + 2750 (7000);  $Q^2 \leq s_x$ ; Lumi=5, 10, 100 pb<sup>-1</sup> respectively; charm and beauty: same efficiencies in ep and eA.

# LHeC scenarios:



# eA inclusive pseudodata (II):

- $F_2$  data substantially reduce the uncertainties in DGLAP analysis; inclusion of charm, beauty and  $F_L$  in progress.



# DVCS:

- Large kinematical extent compared to HERA.

