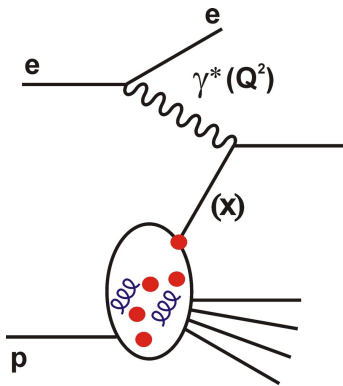
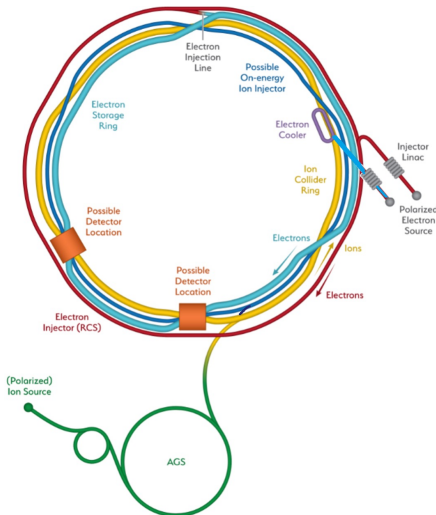


Lepton-Hadron Scattering and The Electron Ion Collider

Paul Newman (Birmingham)



UCL Seminar
26 April 2024



- 1) DIS History and Context
- 2) Overview and Machine
- 3) The ePIC detector
- 4) Physics motivations
- 5) Timeline
- 6) UK involvement

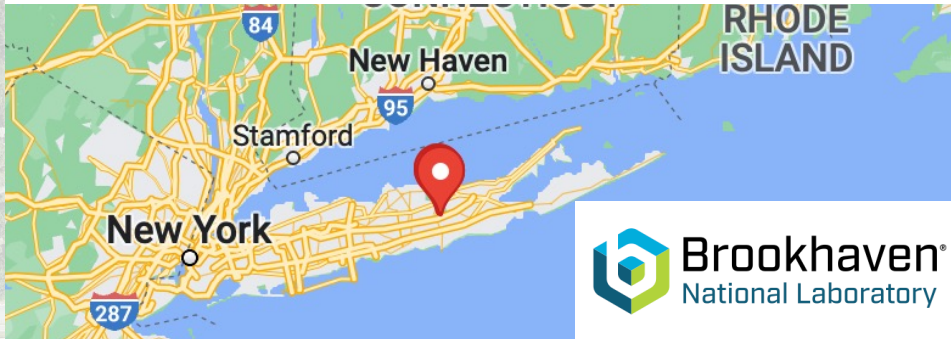
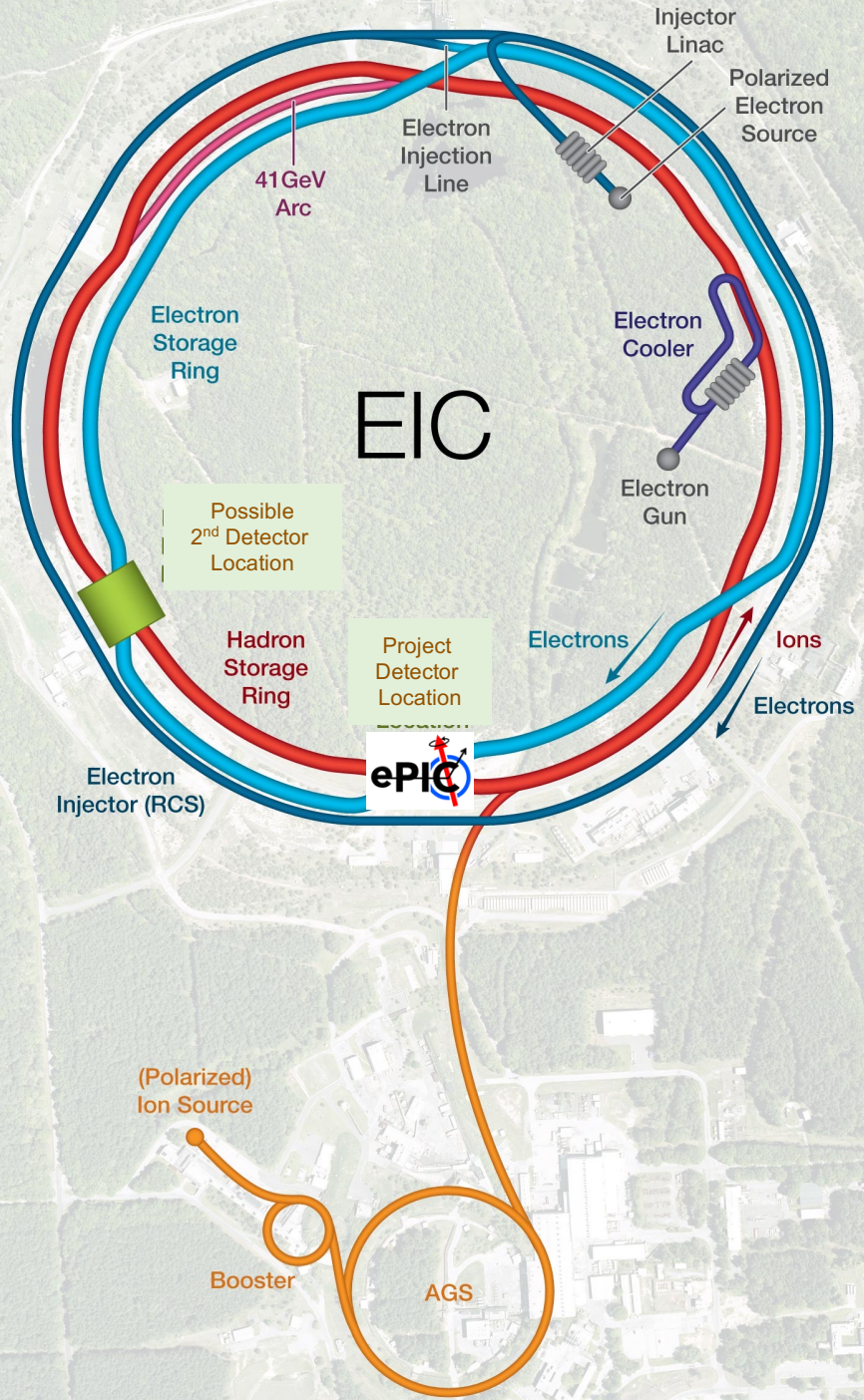


The Electron Ion Collider

New electron storage ring at BNL accelerator complex, to collide with existing RHIC proton / ion beams

On target to be the world's next high energy* collider, starting from the early 2030s

Scientific remit: exploration of strongly interacting matter using Deep Inelastic Scattering

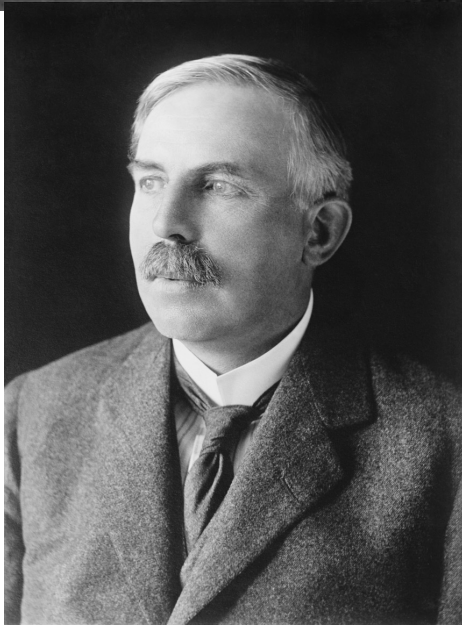


* High energy \neq energy frontier

Rutherford (1927, as President of Royal Society)



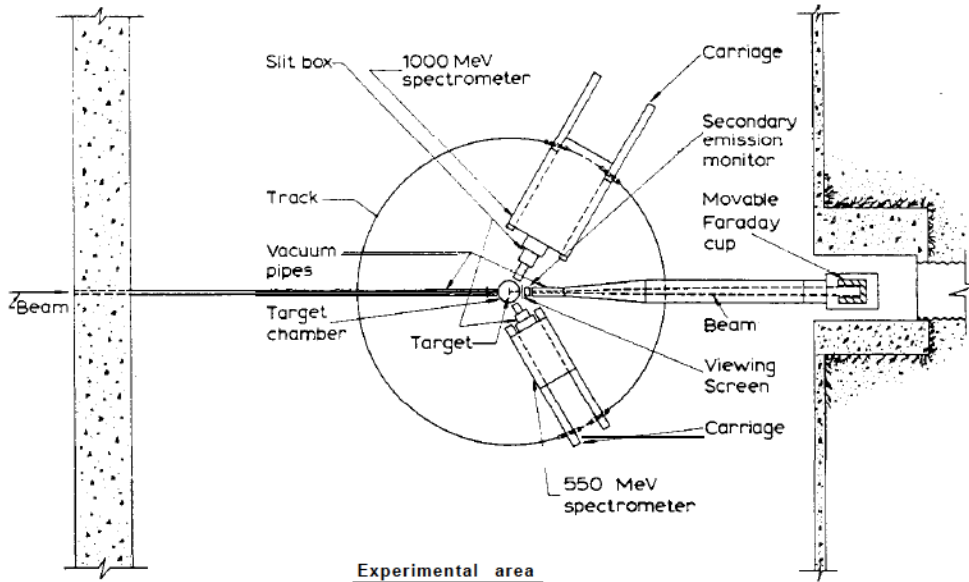
Following from the original scattering experiments (α particles on gold foil target) ...



“It would be of great scientific interest if it were possible to have a supply of electrons ... of which the individual energy of motion is greater even than that of the alpha particle.”

Hofstadter (Nobel Prize 1961)

200 MeV Electrons on a fixed target ...

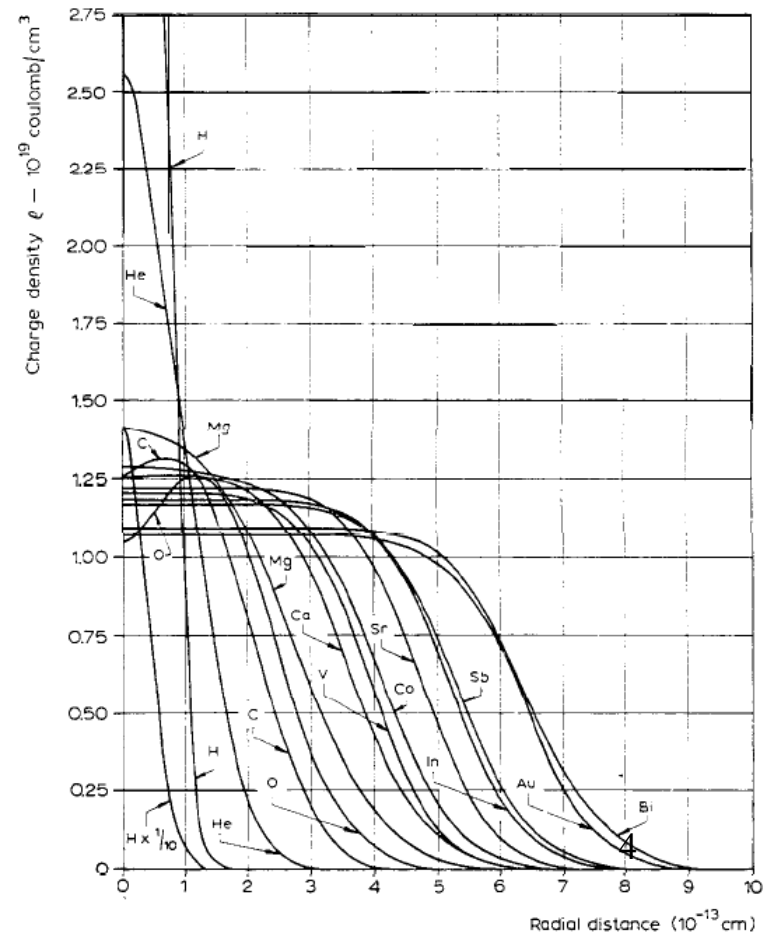


- Electron scattering reveals nuclear form factors (i.e. sizes)

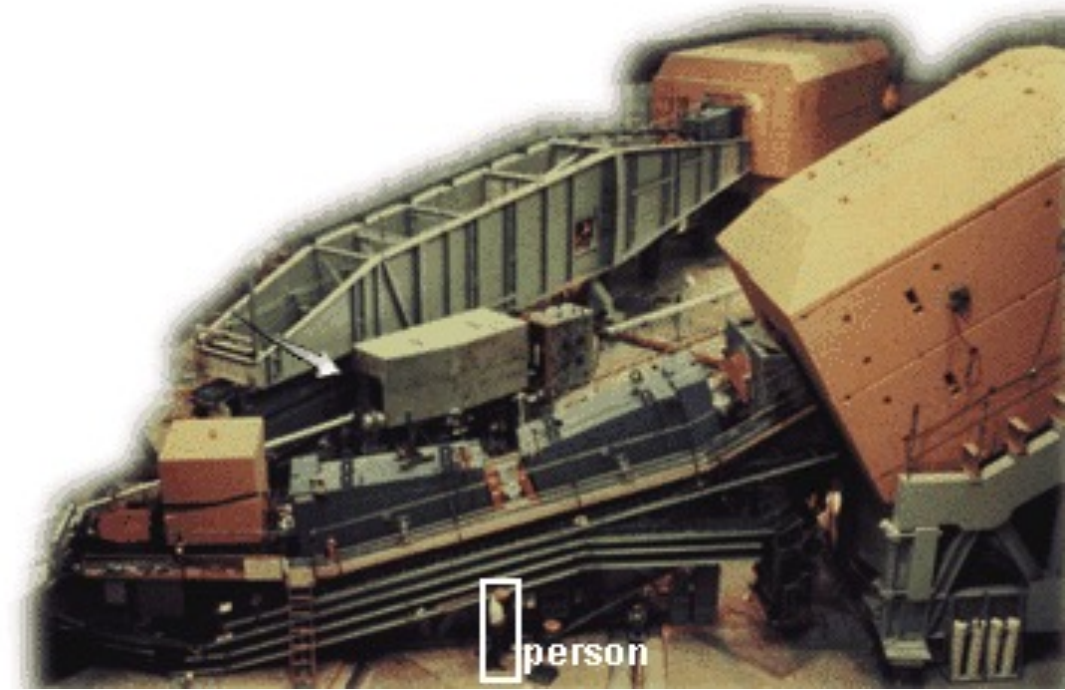
... even a hydrogen nucleus (proton) has finite size

... electric charge uniformly spread?

... “soft spheres” ...



SLAC 1969: 20 GeV electrons on protons



... observed significant scattering through wide angles (like Rutherford's alphas), implying 'point-like' scattering centres

First Observation Of Proton Structure

VOLUME 23, NUMBER 16

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OBSERVED BEHAVIOR OF HIGHLY INELASTIC ELECTRON-PROTON SCATTERING

M. Breidenbach, J. I. Friedman, and H. W. Kendall

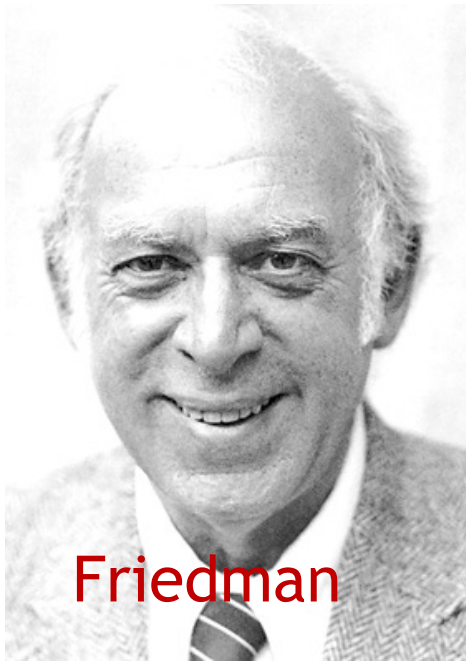
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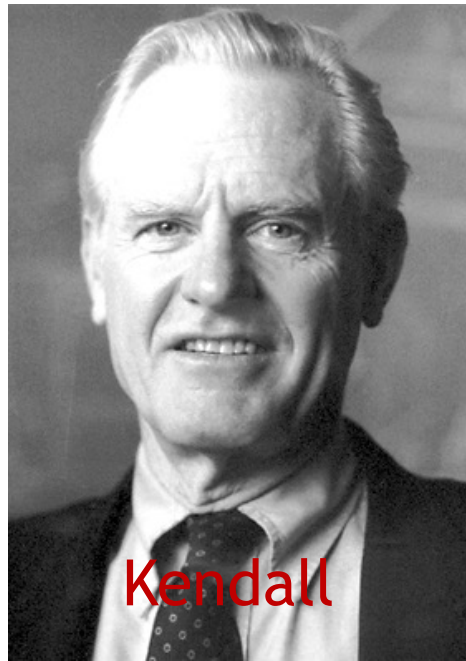
E. D. Bloom, D. H. Coward, H. DeStaebler, J. Drees, L. W. Mo, and R. E. Taylor

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center,† Stanford, California 94305

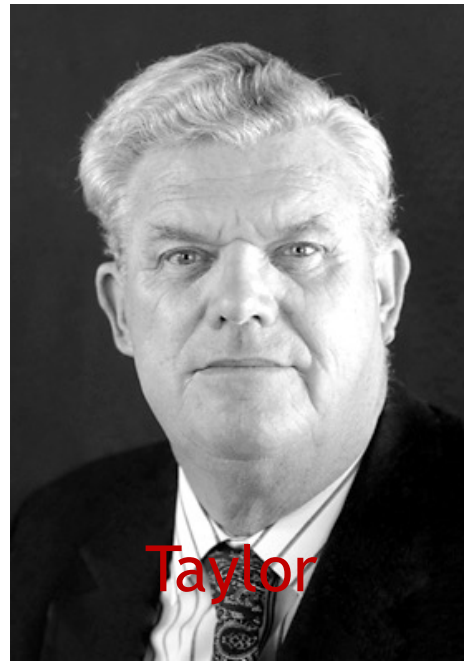
(Received 22 August 1969)



Friedman



Kendall



Taylor

Nobel
Prize
1990

HERA, DESY, Hamburg

$$\sqrt{s_{ep}} \sim 300 \text{ GeV}$$

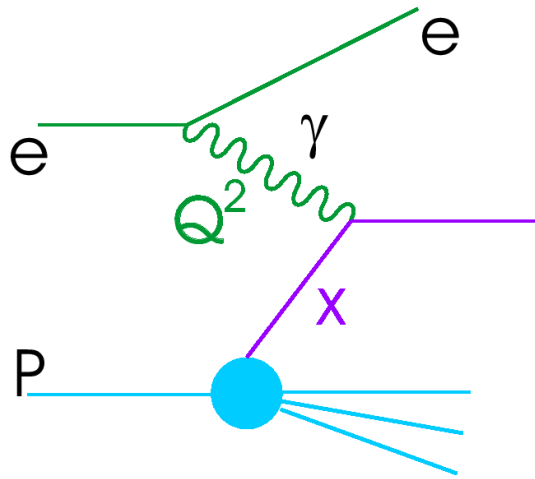
... equivalent to a
50 TeV beam on a
fixed target proton



- So far still the only collider of electron
and proton beams ever

- Taught us much of what we know
about proton structure
- Only $\sim 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ per experiment
- No deuteron or nuclear targets

Inclusive Neutral Current DIS: $ep \rightarrow eX$... a 2 Variable Problem



$$Q^2 = -q^2 \quad x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

x = fraction of proton momentum carried by struck quark

$Q^2 = |4\text{-momentum transfer squared}|$ (photon virtuality)

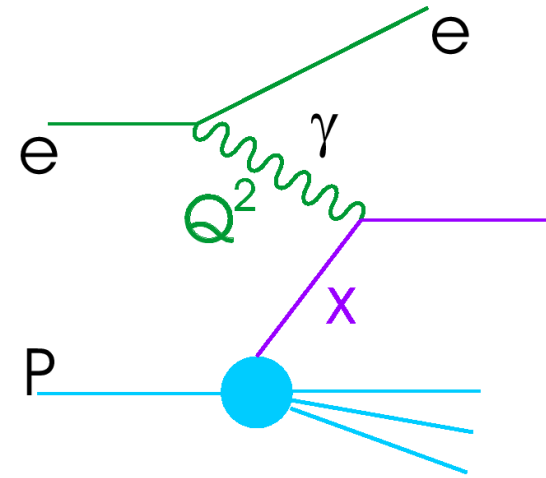
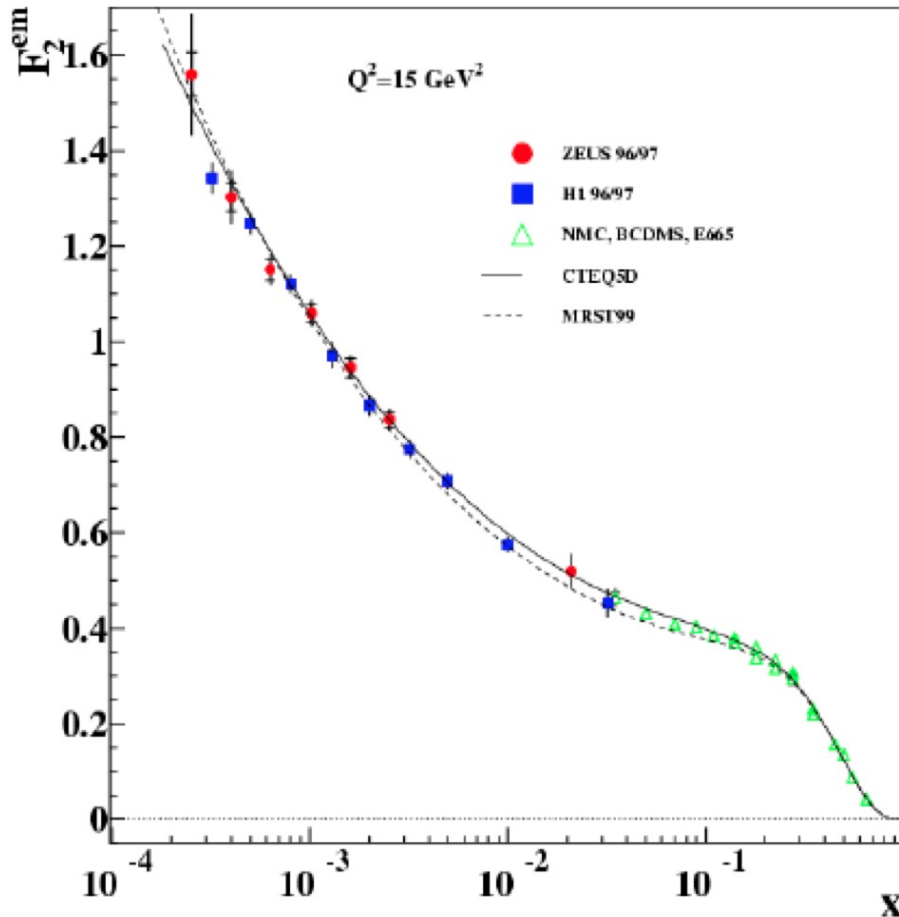
... measures the hardness / scale of collision

... inverse of (squared) resolved dimension

Note $x \geq \frac{Q^2}{s}$... i.e. Maximum Q^2 and minimum x

governed by CMS energy

Example Inclusive Neutral Current Data from Previous Experiments

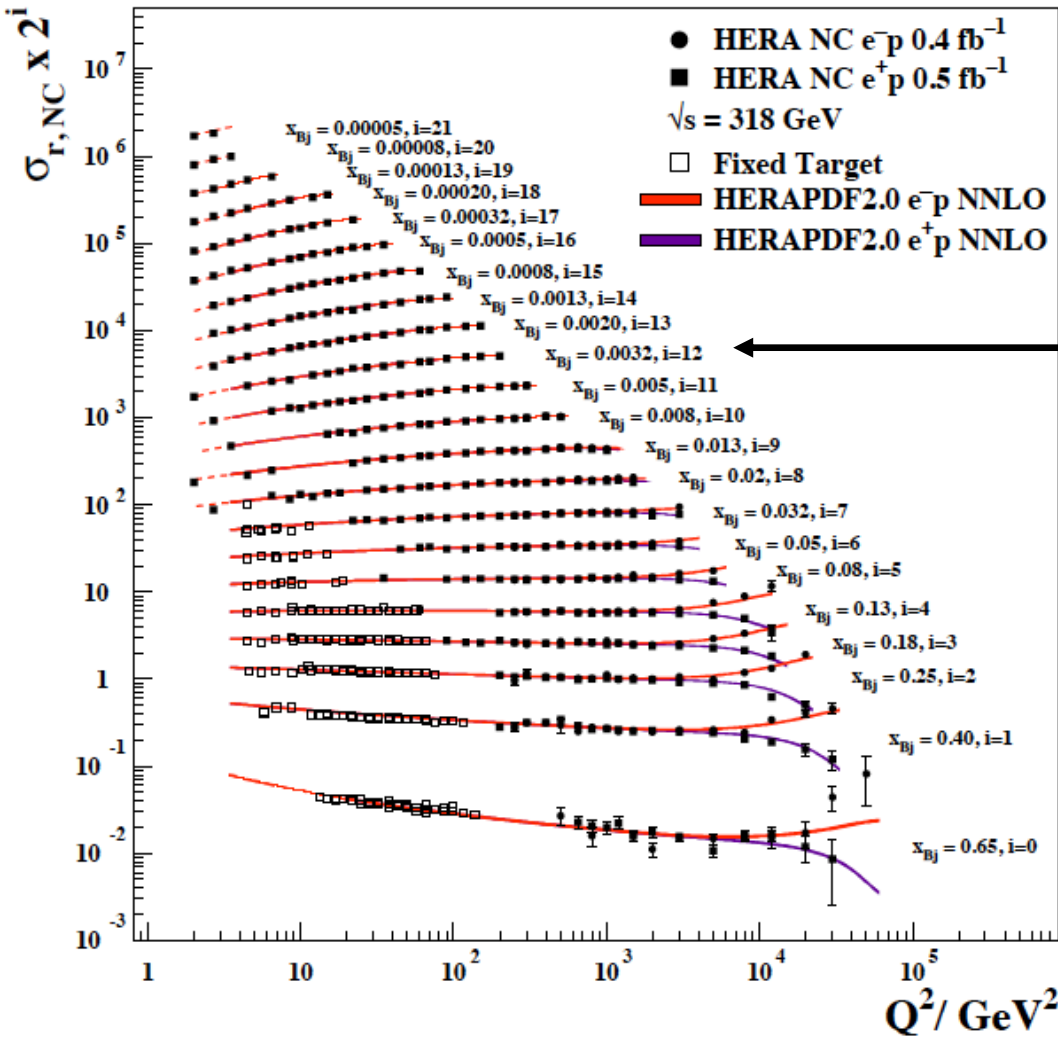


- Inclusive cross section measures (charge-squared weighted) sum of quark densities

- Similar / better data at many other values of Q^2

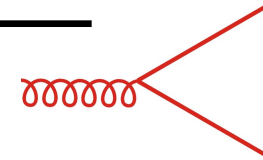
QCD Evolution and the Gluon Density

H1 and ZEUS



- Q^2 dependence directly sensitive to the gluon density via splitting function ...

$$g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$



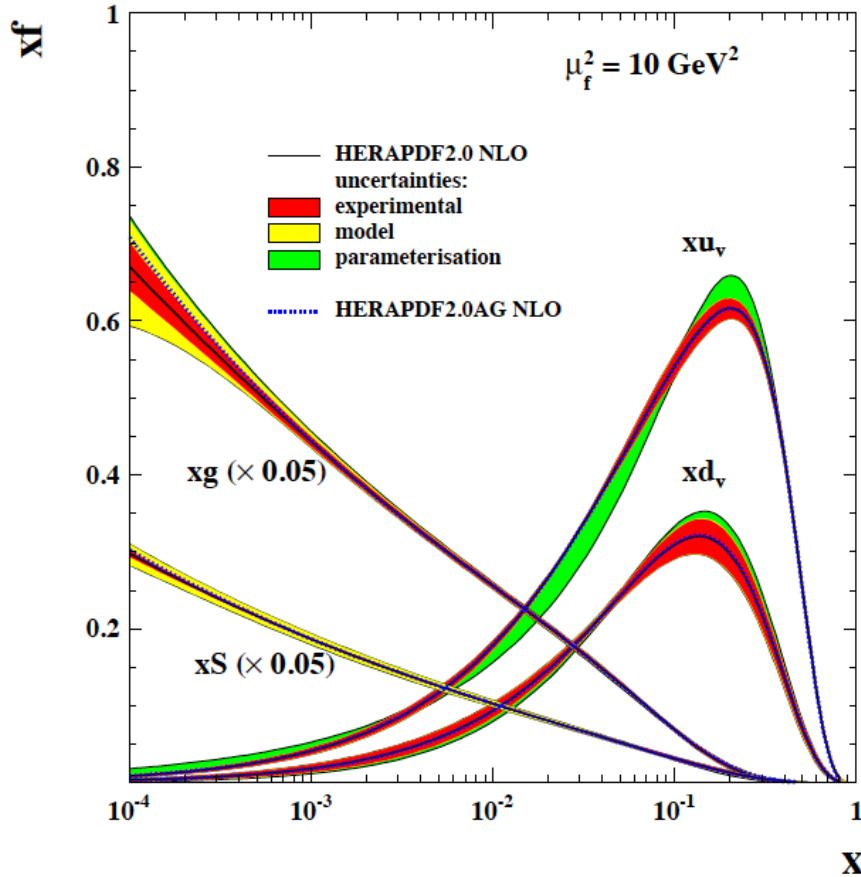
- DGLAP equations describe QCD evolution (to NNLO and approximate $N^3\text{LO}$ accuracy)

- EW effects give different quark sensitivities (Z-exchange separates e^+p v e^-p , W-exchange gives charged current ($ep \rightarrow \nu X$))

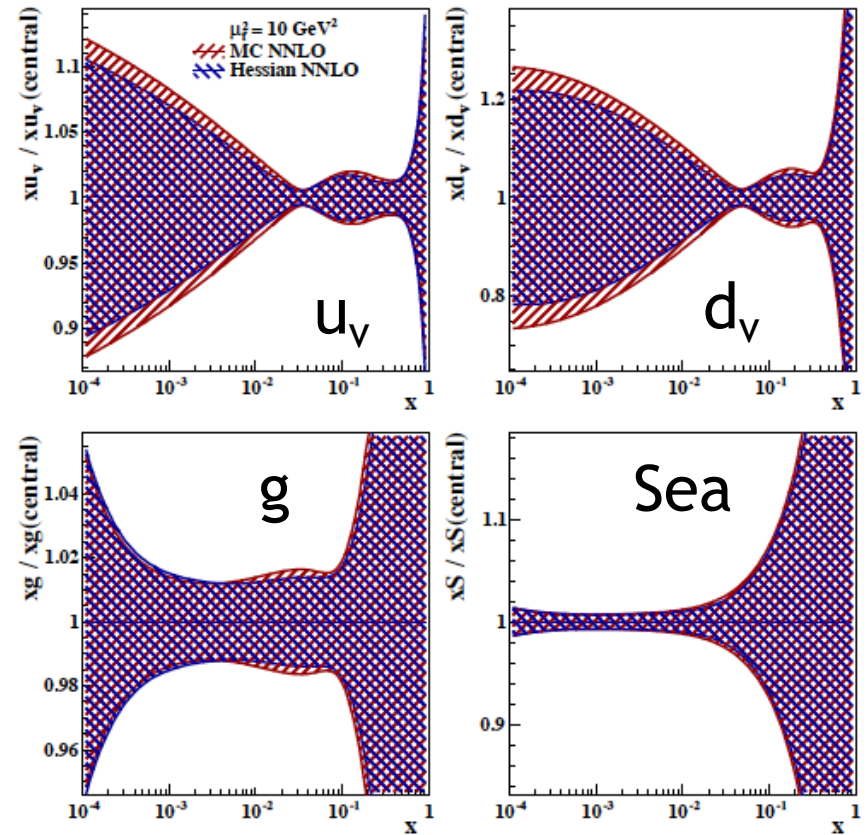
→ Fits to data to extract proton parton densities

Proton PDFs from HERA only (HERAPDF2.0)

H1 and ZEUS



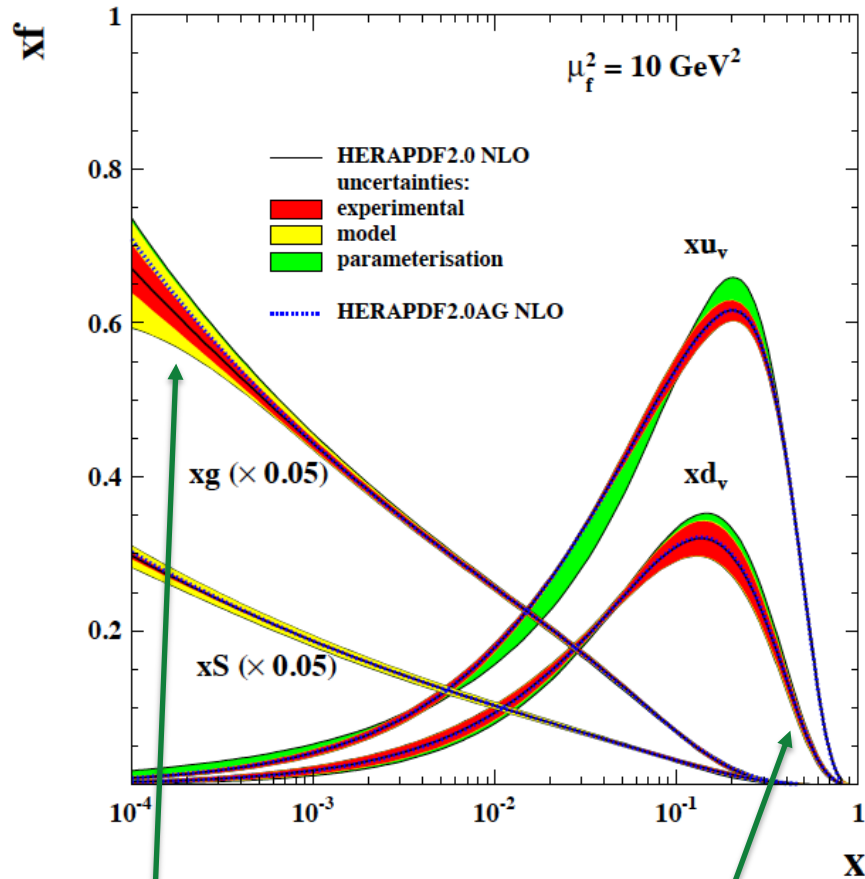
H1 and ZEUS



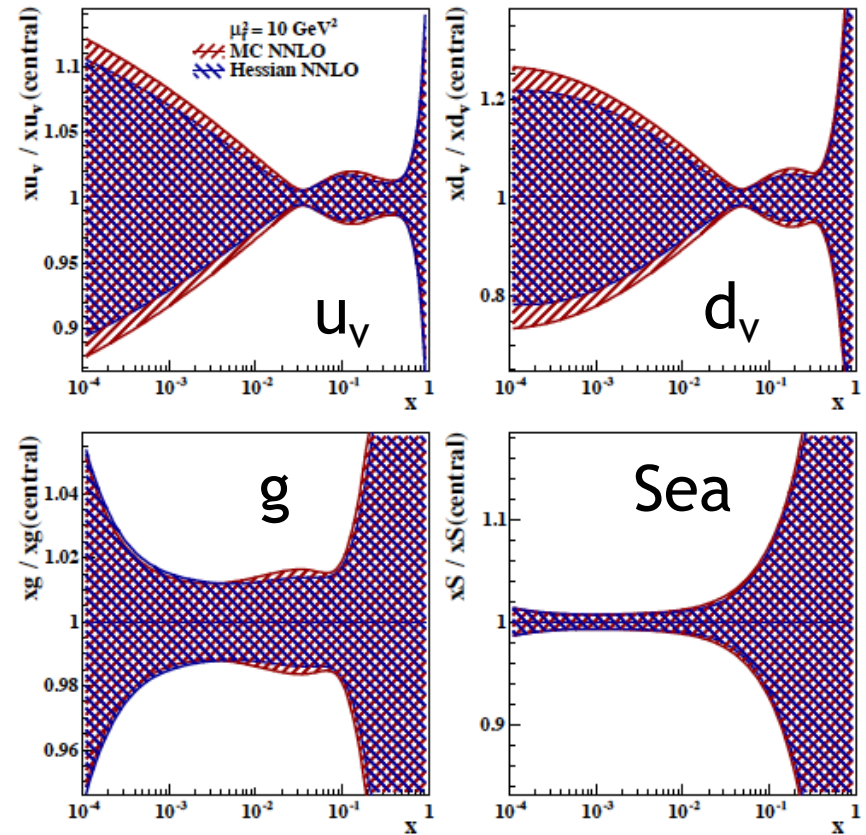
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 - above $x=10^{-1}$ (limited lumi)¹¹

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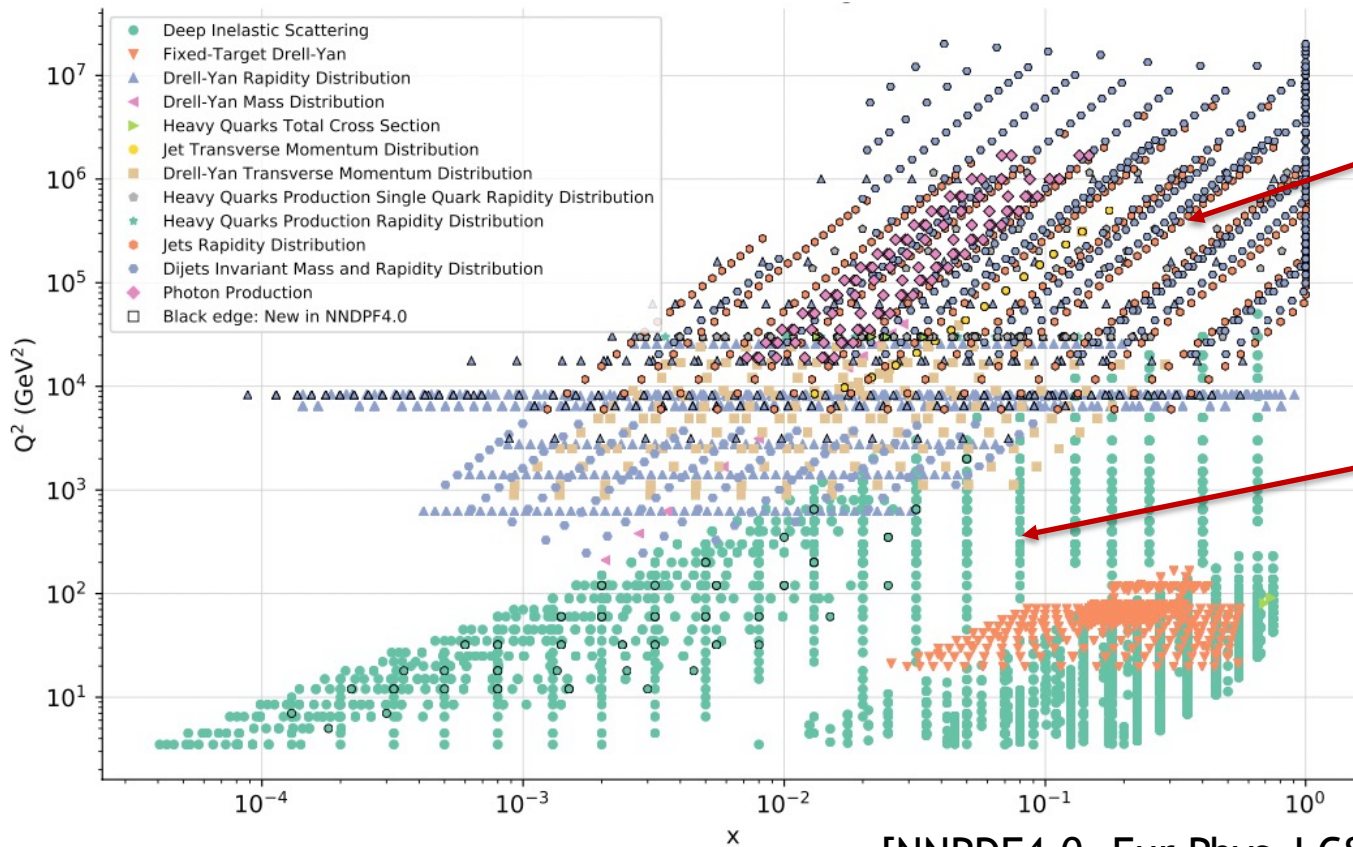


Strong interaction dragons?

Input to energy frontier discovery?

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- Uncertainty explodes:
 - below $x=10^{-3}$ (kinematic limit)
 - above $x=10^{-1}$ (limited lumi)¹²

Adding more data: Global PDF fits



Lots of PDF-sensitive observables at LHC

HERA limited at low x by kinematic range and high x by luminosity

[NNPDF4.0, Eur Phys J C82 (2022) 428]

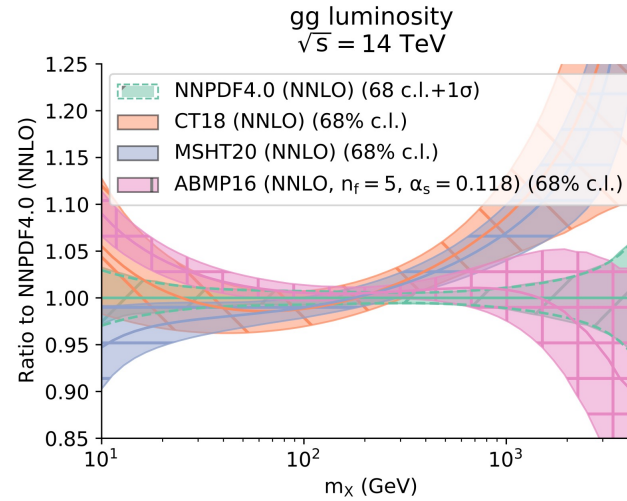
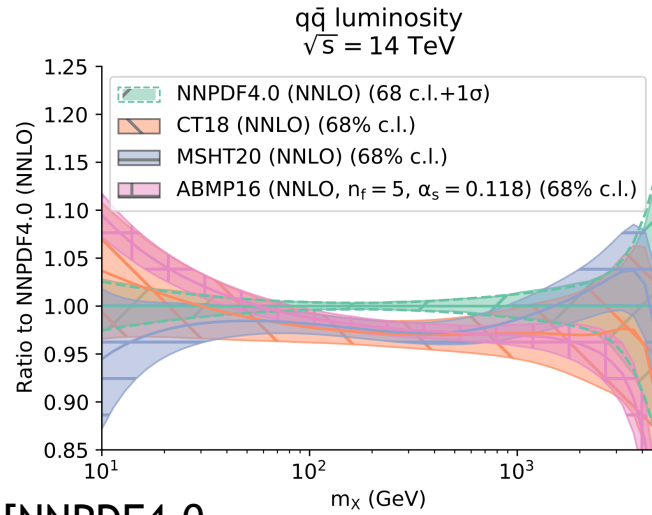
Including LHC data brings:

Advantages: improve precision at mid-high x , exploit all available inputs

Caveats: use of data that may contain BSM effects, theoretical complexity (eg non-perturbative input), some incompatibilities between data sets

Global Fits and LHC Parton Luminosities

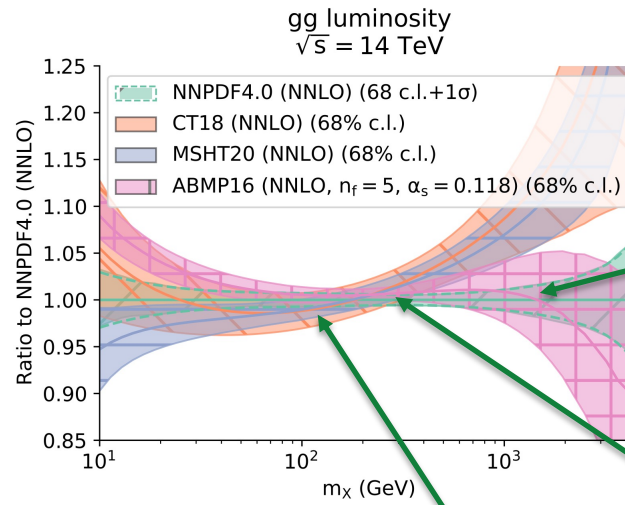
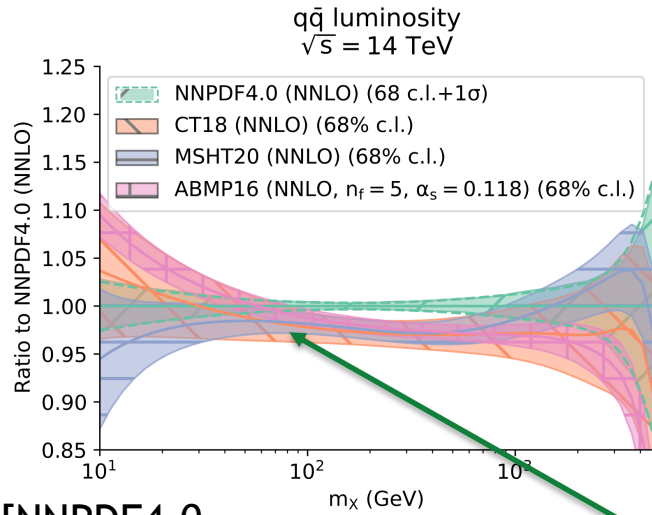
e.g. Comparisons between current global fits on LHC $q\bar{q}$ and gg luminosities



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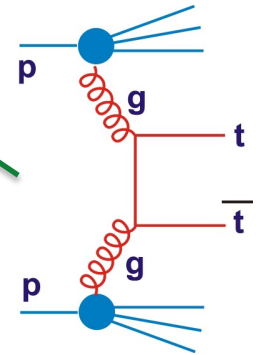
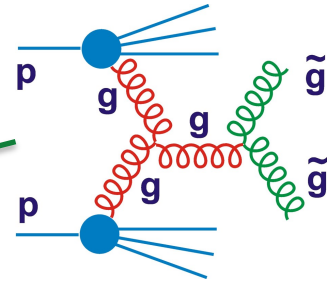
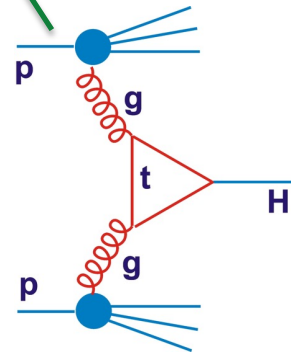
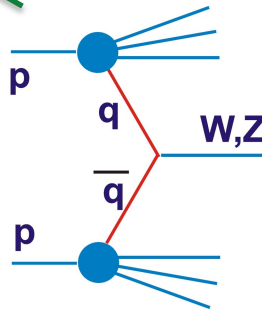
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- Knowing initial state
often limits LHC precision
measurements & searches

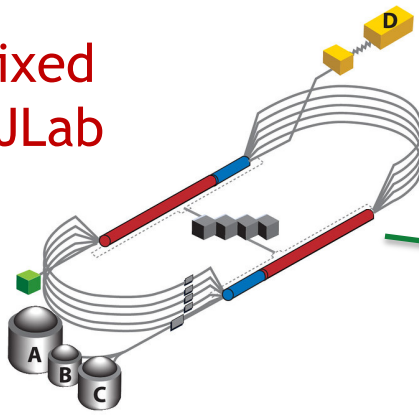


- Immense recent progress, but still large uncertainties and some tensions

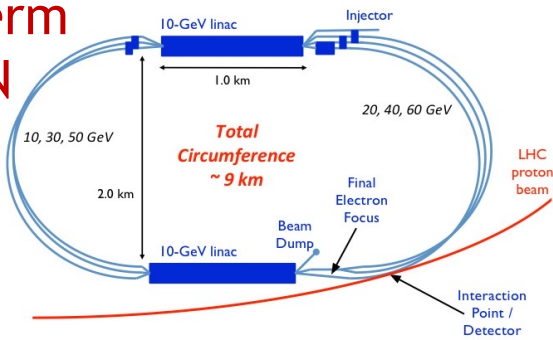
Many more reasons to improve PDF precision:

... Cosmic ray air showers, ν matter interactions, strong int'n dynamics ...

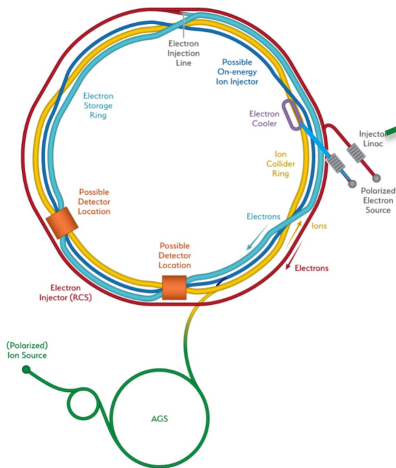
Ongoing fixed target @ JLab



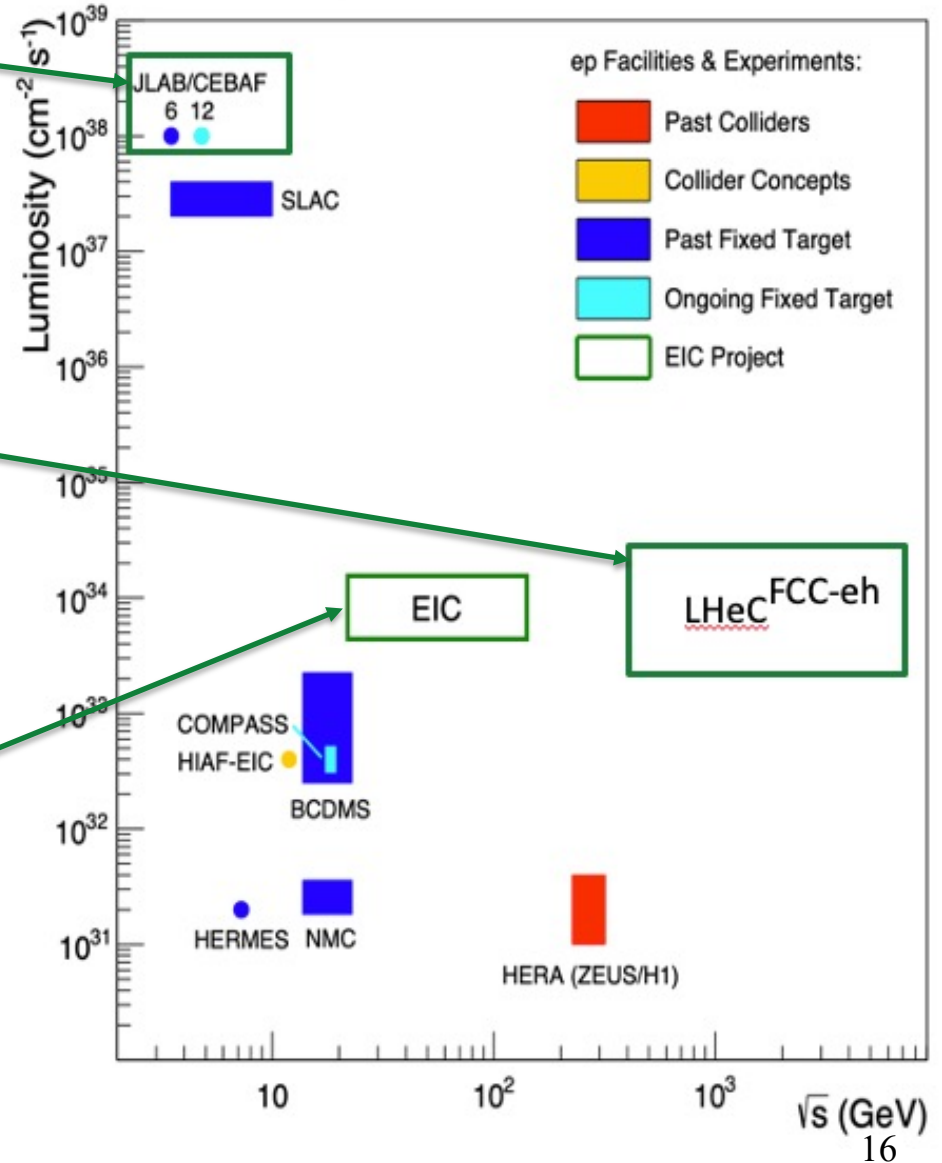
Longer-term @ CERN



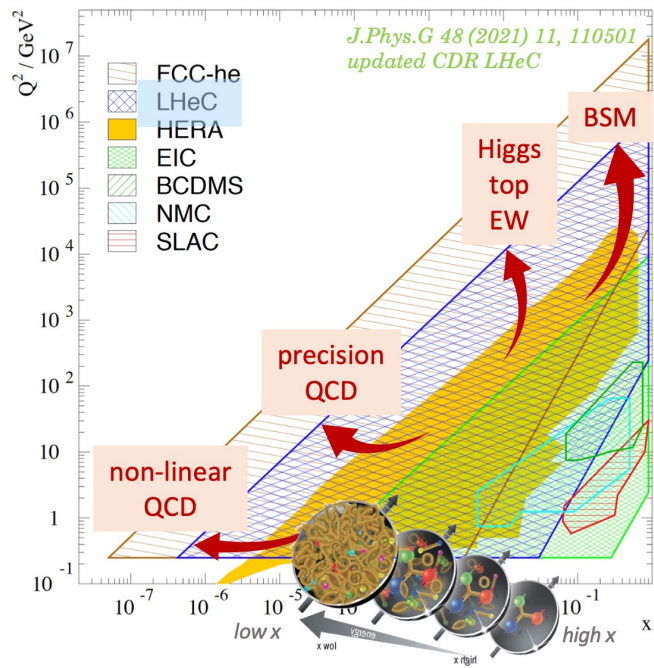
On-target for early 2030s @ BNL



Current and Future ep Colliders



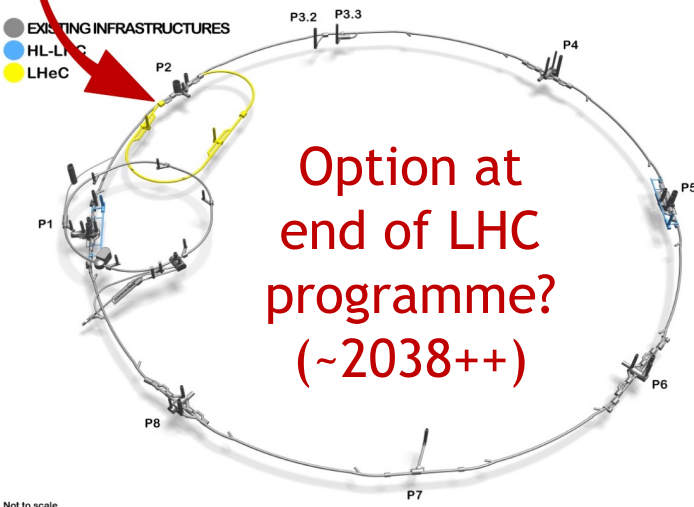
Future Energy Frontier ep and eA Options at CERN



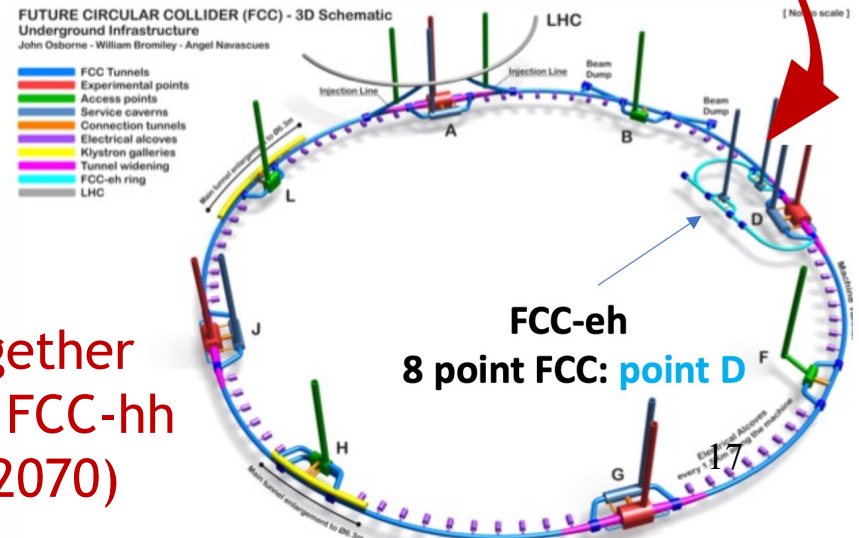
Renewed mandate and structure,
towards next Euro Strategy
See <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1335332/>
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1367865/>

LHeC (>50 GeV electron beams)
 $E_{cms} = 0.2 - 1.3 \text{ TeV}$, (Q^2, x) range far beyond HERA
run ep/pp together with the HL-LHC (\approx Run5)

FCC-eh (60 GeV electron beams)
 $E_{cms} = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$, described in CDR of the FCC
run ep/pp together: FCC-hh + FCC-eh



Option at
end of LHC
programme?
(~2038++)

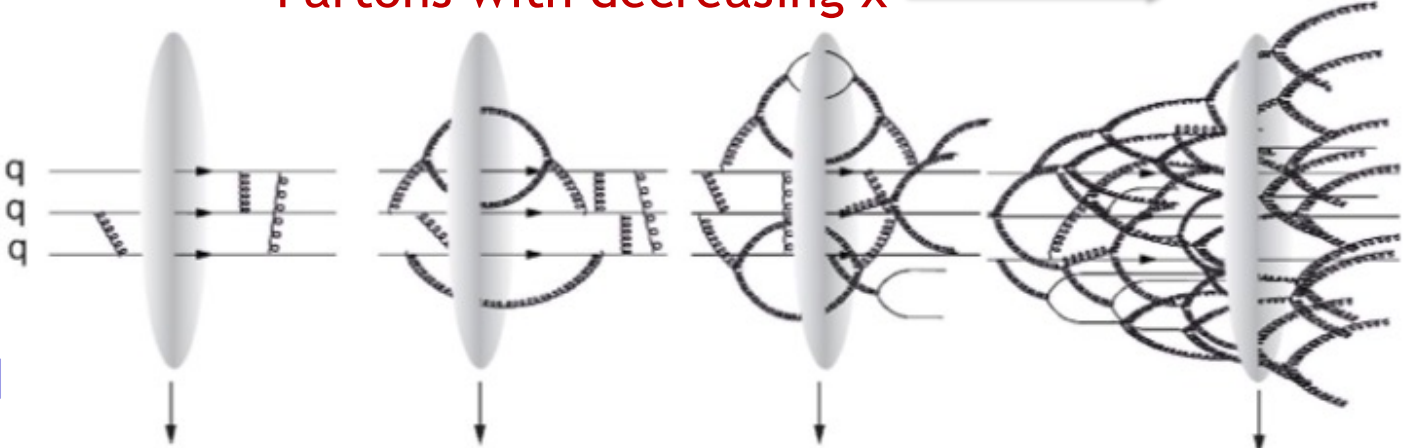


Together
with FCC-hh
(~2070)

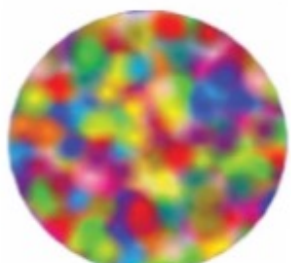
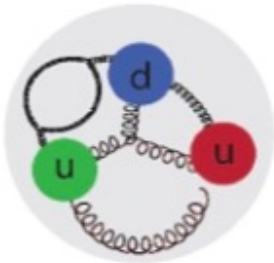
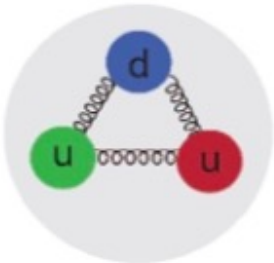
FCC-eh
8 point FCC: point D

Crude Mapping Between Physics & Facilities

Partons with decreasing $x \longrightarrow$



[Kong Tu]

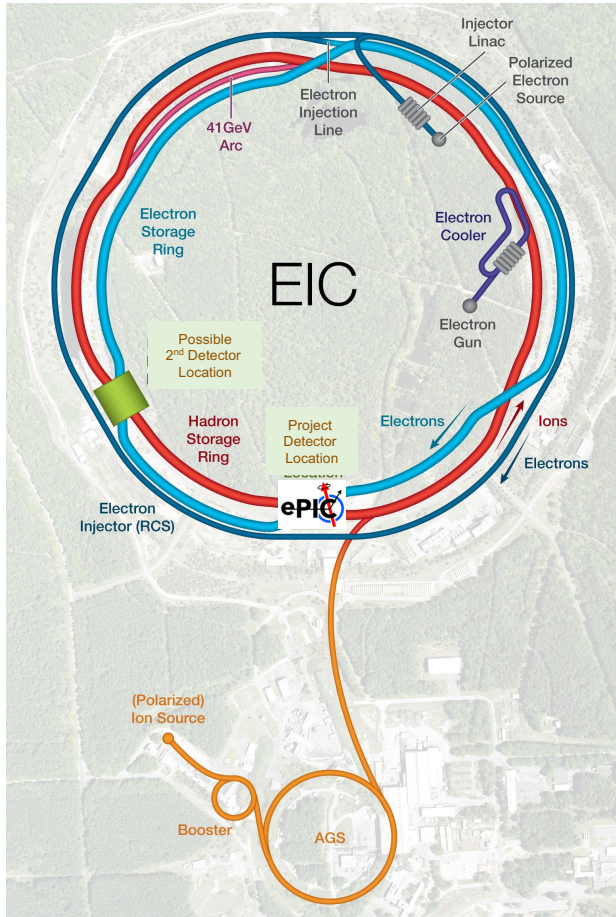


High x (fixed Target)
Basic Structure

Intermediate x (EIC)
Emergent properties

Low x (HERA / LHeC)
QCD radiation
dynamics

The Electron-Ion Collider (BNL)



New electron ring, to collide with RHIC p, A

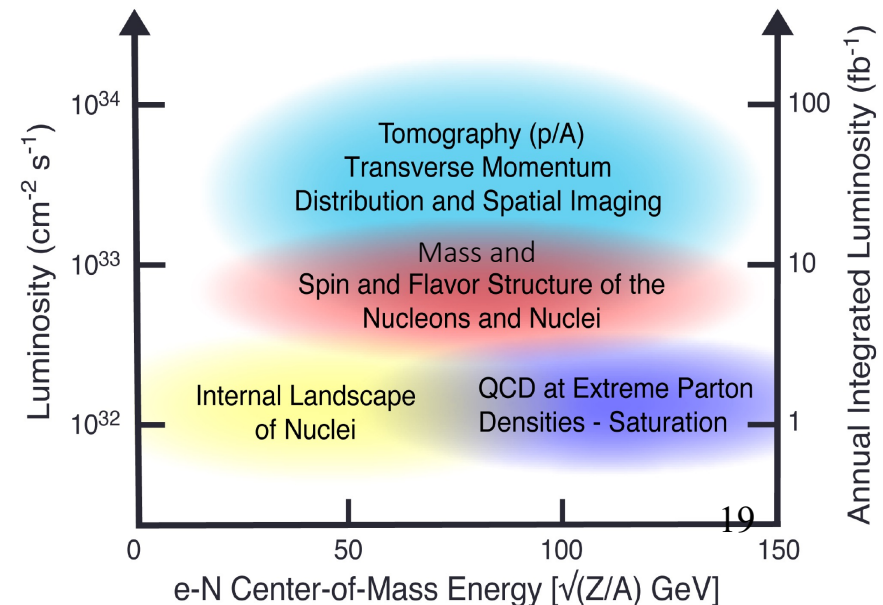
- Energy range $28 < \sqrt{s} < 140$ GeV, accessing moderate / large x values compared with HERA

World's first ...

- High lumi ep Collider ($\sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
- Double-polarised DIS collider ($\sim 70\%$ for leptons and light hadrons)
- eA collider (ions ranging from H to U)

Specifications driven by science goals:

- 3D proton structure
- Proton mass
- Proton spin
- Dense partonic systems in nuclei



EIC Machine Design Parameters

Double Ring Design Based on Existing RHIC Facilities

Hadron Storage Ring: 40, 100 - 275 GeV	Electron Storage Ring: 5 - 18 GeV
RHIC Ring and Injector Complex: p to Pb	9 MW Synchrotron Radiation
1A Beam Current	Large Beam Current - 2.5 A
10 ns bunch spacing and 1160 bunches	
Light ion beams (p, d, ^3He) polarized (L,T) > 70%	Polarized electron beam > 70%
Nuclear beams: d to U	Electron Rapid Cycling Synchrotron
Requires Strong Cooling: new concept →CEC	Spin Transparent Due to High Periodicity

One High Luminosity Interaction Region(s)

25 mrad Crossing Angle with Crab Cavities

Challenges from high lumi requirement include short bunch spacing and high beam currents ...

- Synchrotron load management
- Significant crossing angle

Status / Timeline

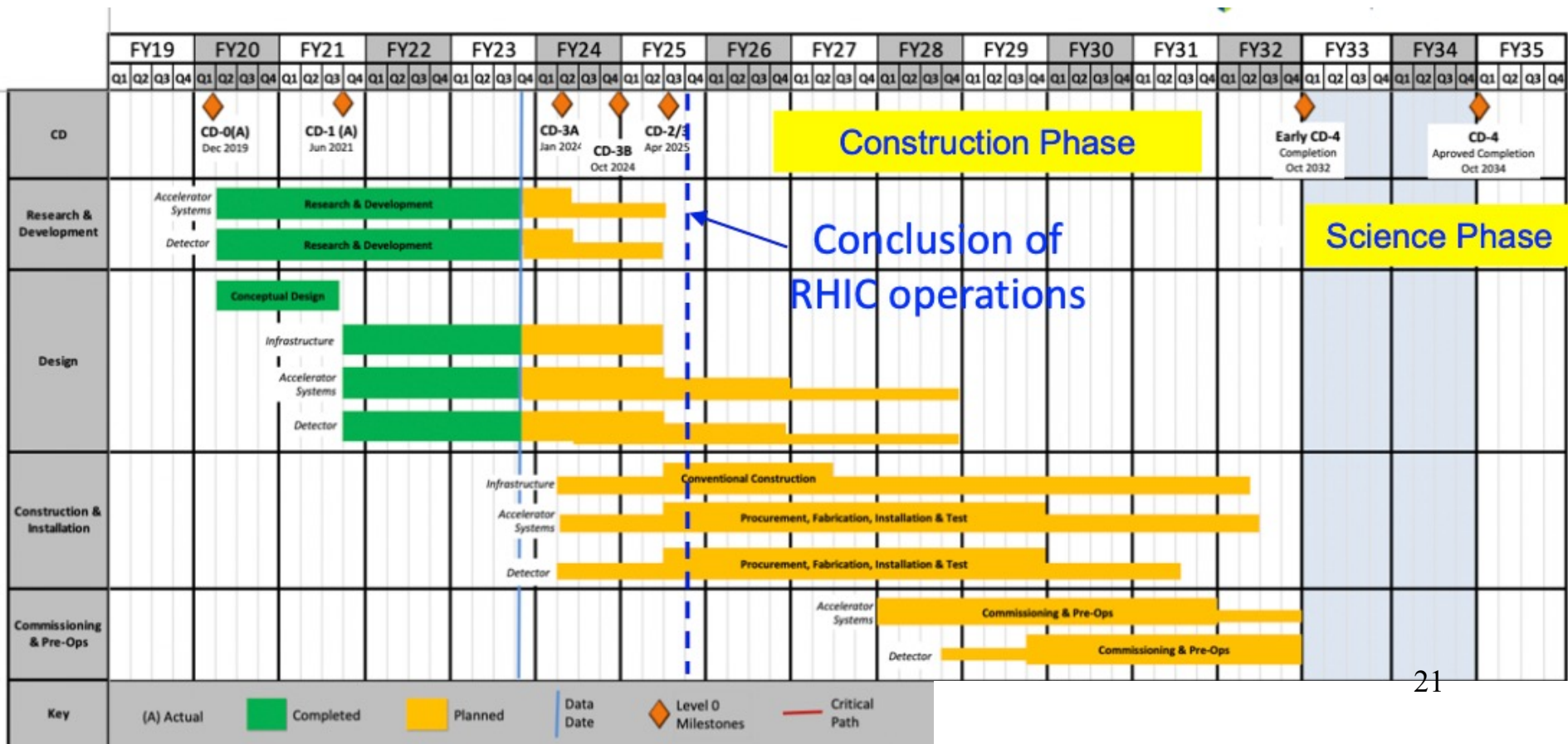
- Total cost ~\$2Bn (US project funds accelerator + one detector)

- Still several steps to go, but on target for operation early/mid 30s

CD-0 (Mission need)	Dec 2019
CD-1 (Cost range)	June 2021
CD-3A (Start construction)	April 2024
CD-3B	Oct 2024
CD-2 (Performance baseline)	April 2025
CD-4 (Operations / completion)	2032-34

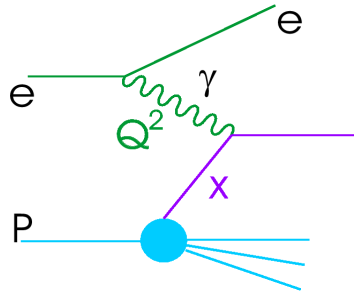
Technical Design Report

end 2024



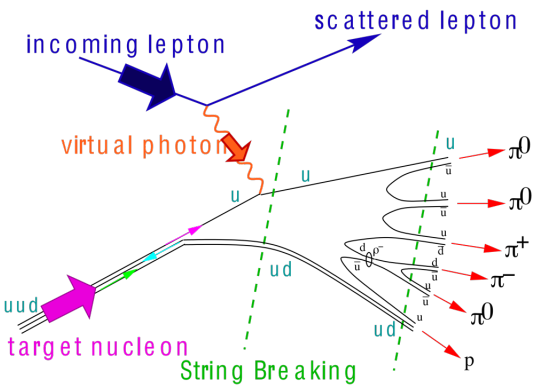
Inclusive

Observables / Detector Implications



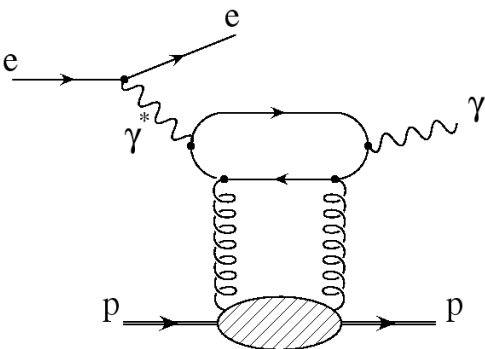
- Traditional DIS, following on from fixed target experiments and HERA → Longitudinal structure
- ... high acceptance, high performance electron identification and reconstruction

Semi-Inclusive



- Single particle, heavy flavour & jet spectra
- p_T introduces transverse degrees of freedom
- Quark-flavour-identified DIS
- Separation of u,d,s,c,b and antiquarks
- ... tracking and hadronic calorimetry
- ... heavy flavour identification from vertexing
- ... light flavours from dedicated PID detectors

Exclusive / Diffractive



- Processes with final state 'intact' protons
- Correlations in space or momentum between pairs of partons
- ... efficient proton tagging over wide acceptance range
- ... high luminosity

A Detector for the EIC



Magnet

- New 1.7 T SC solenoid, 2.8 m bore diameter

Tracking

- Si Vertex Tracker MAPS wafer-level stitched sensors (ALICE ITS3)
- Si Tracker MAPS barrel and disks
- Gaseous tracker: MPGDs (μ RWELL, MMG) cylindrical and planar

PID

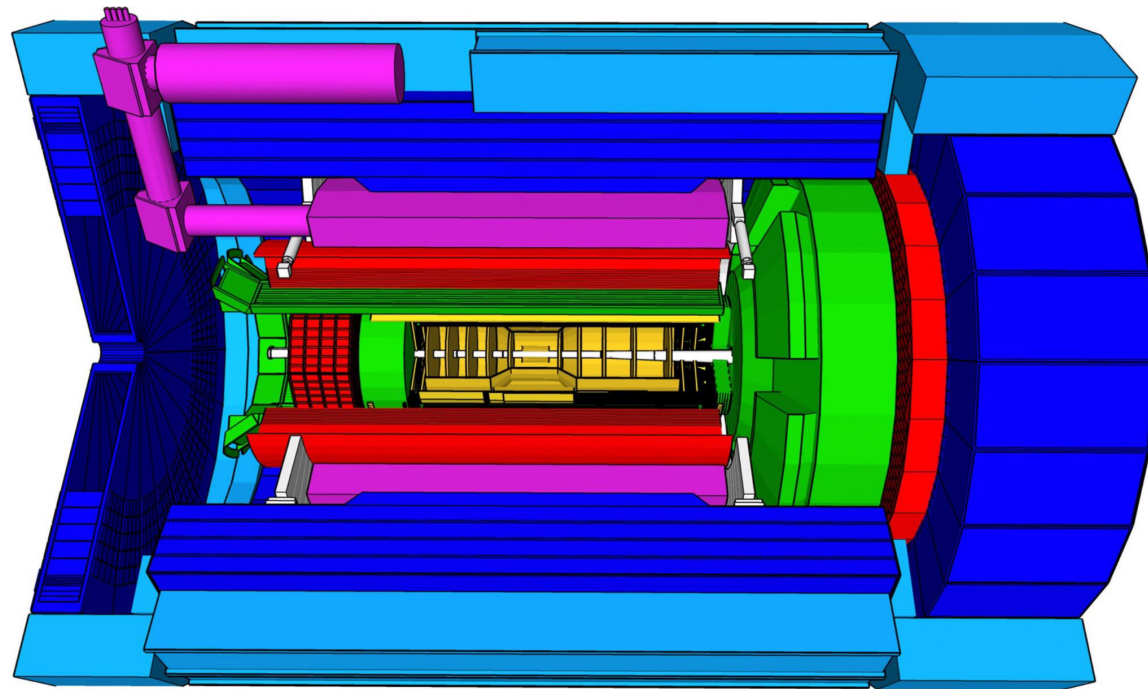
- high performance DIRC (hpDIRC)
- dual RICH (aerogel + gas) (forward)
- proximity focussing RICH (backward)
- ToF using AC-LGAD (barrel+forward)

EM Calorimetry

- imaging EMCal (barrel)
- W-powder/SciFi (forward)
- PbWO_4 crystals (backward)

Hadron calorimetry

- FeSc (barrel, re-used from sPHENIX)
- Steel/Scint – W/Scint (backward/forward)



- 9m long x 5m wide
- Extensive beamline instrumentation not shown (see later)
- Continuous streaming readout with emphasis on FEB zero-suppression
- Much lower radiation fluxes than LHC widens technology options

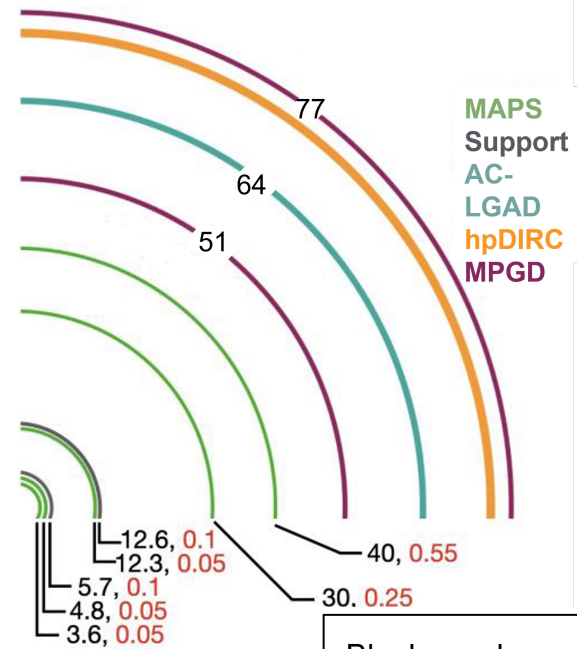
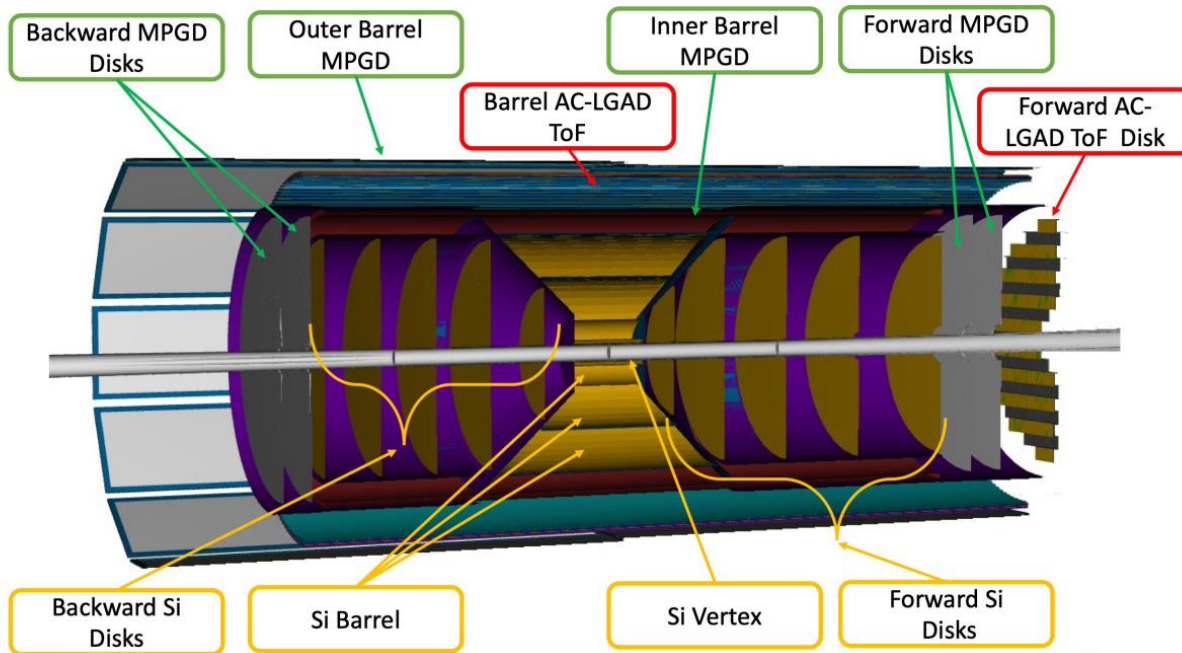
[ongoing work towards a second, complementary detector]

Tracking Detectors



Primarily based on MAPS silicon detectors (65nm technology)

- Leaning heavily on ALICE ITS3
- Stitched wafer-scale sensors, thinned and bent around beampipe
 - Very low material budget (0.05X₀ per layer for inner layers)
- 20x20μm pixels
- 5 barrel layers + 5 disks (total 8.5m² silicon)



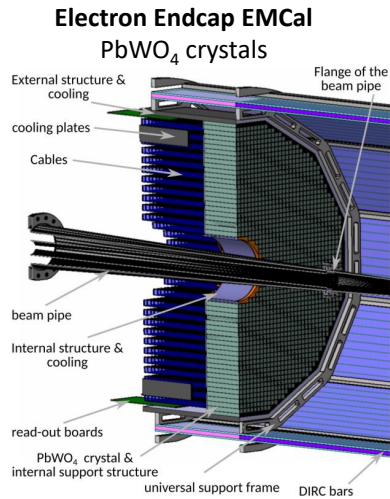
Black numbers are radii in cm
Red numbers are material in % X₀

LGAD layers provide fast timing (~20ns)

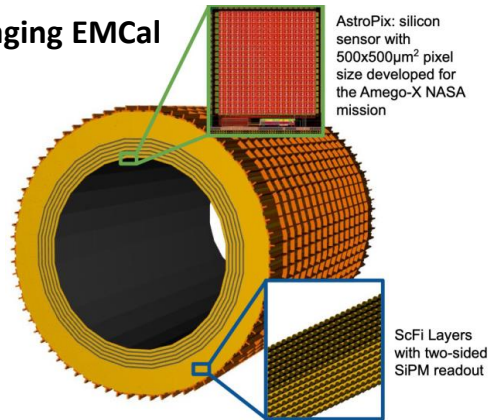
Outer gaseous detectors add additional hit points for track reconstruction

- Different technologies in barrel and end-caps, as required for varying performance targets
- New ECAL designs / technologies,
- HCAL partially recycles previous detectors
- All read out with Si PMs

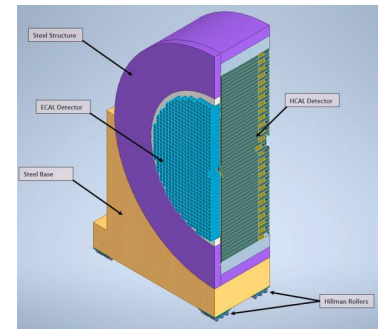
Calorimeter Overview



Barrel Imaging EMCal

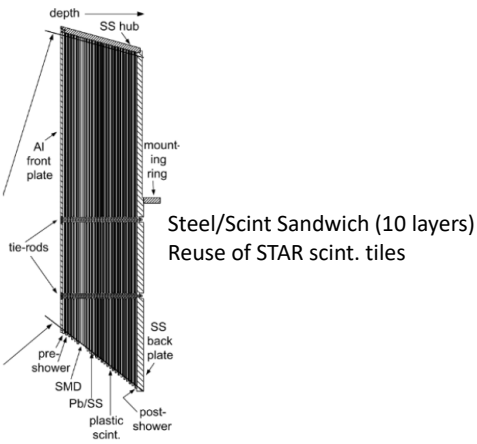


Hadron Endcap EMCal



High granularity W-powder/ScFi EMCal

Electron Endcap HCAL



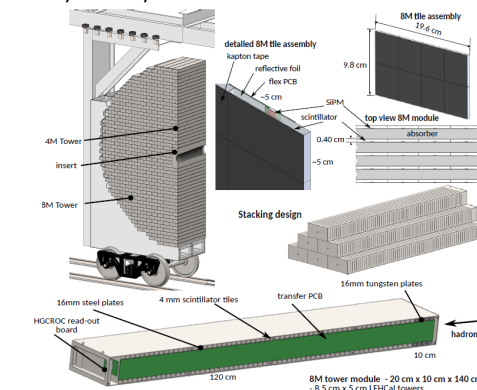
SPHENIX barrel calorimeter with new SiPMs

Barrel HCAL



Hadron Endcap HCAL

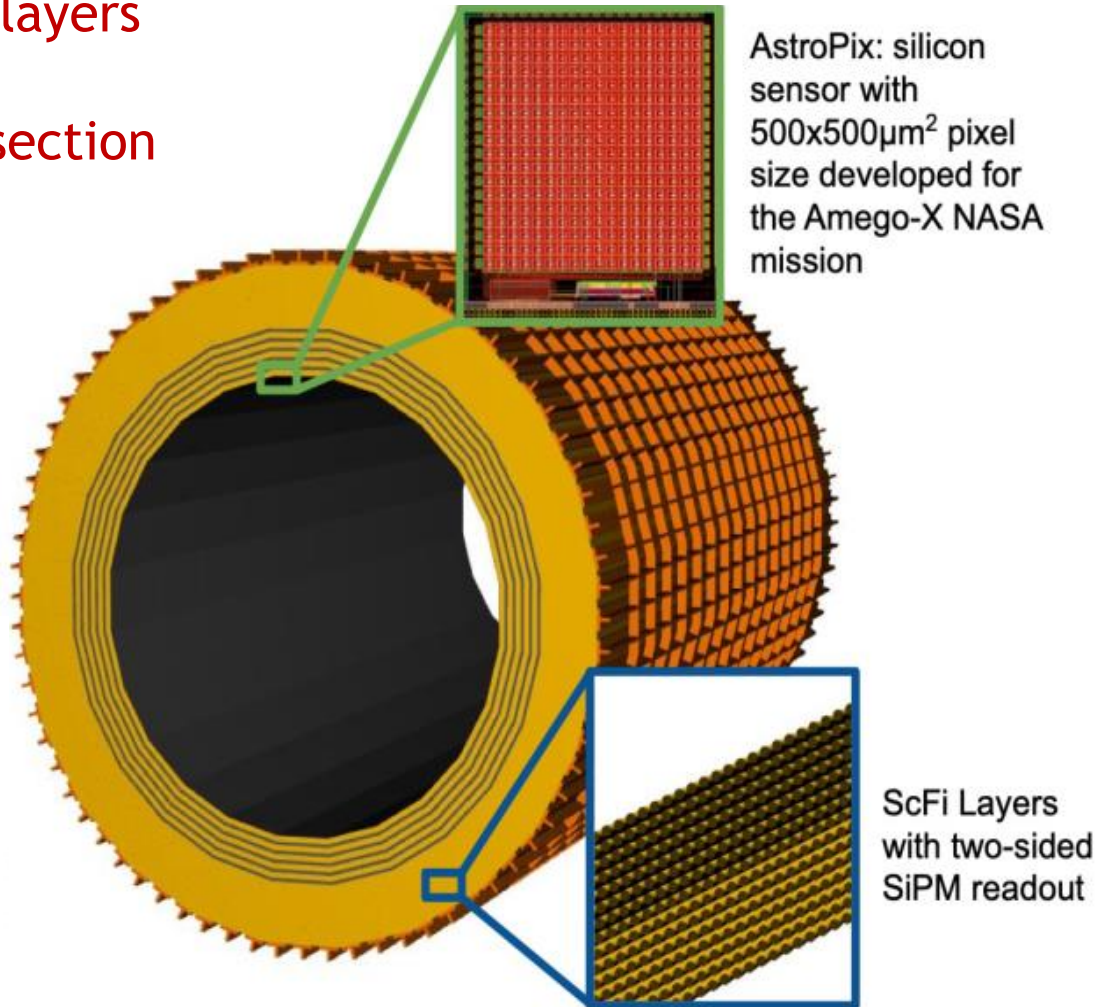
Longitudinally separated HCAL Steel/Sc & W/Sc sandwich



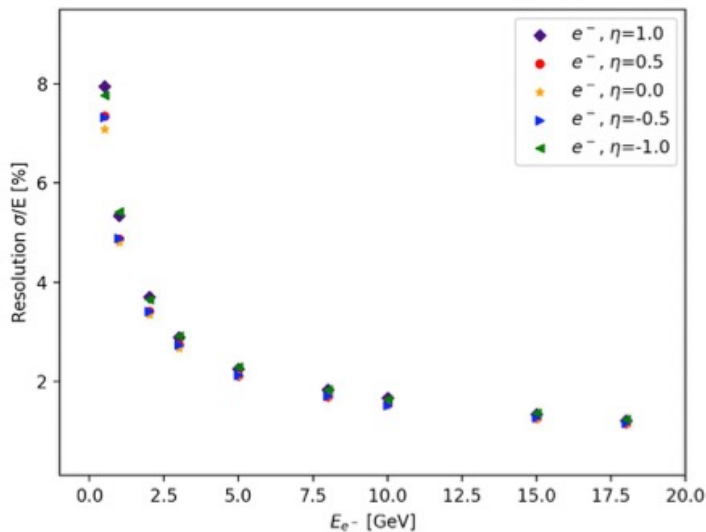
+ high granularity insert at largest η

Barrel 'Imaging ECAL'

- 4 MAPS (Astropix) layers for position resolution.
- Interleaved with 5 Pb/SciFi layers for energy resolution
- Followed by large Pb/SciFi section

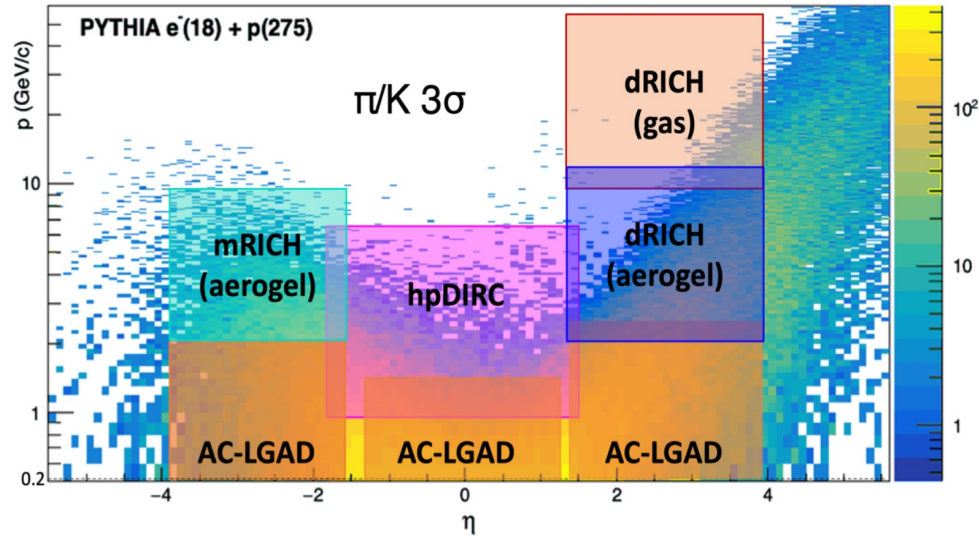


$$\frac{\sigma}{E} \sim \frac{5\%}{\sqrt{E}} + 0.5\%$$



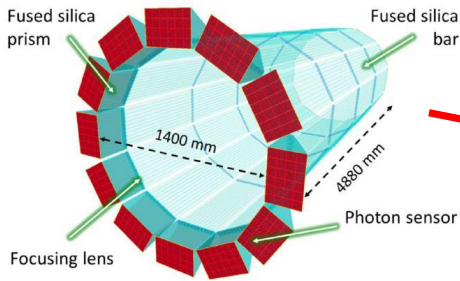
Particle Identification

- SIDIS programme relies on $\pi / K / p$ (and other PID) separation ...
- Cerenkov detectors at high momentum, augmented by AC-LGADs / ToF at low momentum

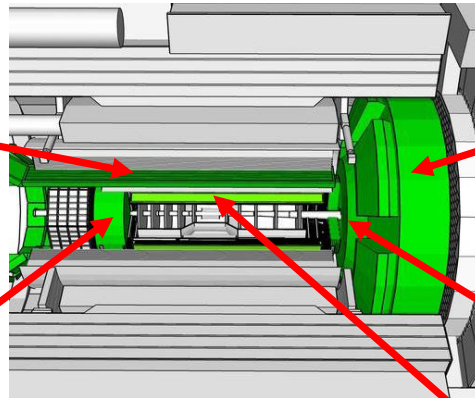


High-Performance DIRC

- Quartz bar radiator (reuse BaBAR bars)
- Sensors: MCP-PMTs
- π/K separation up to 6 GeV/c

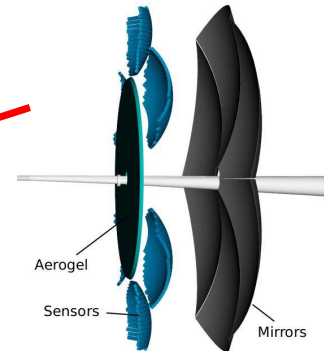


ePIC detector design – PID



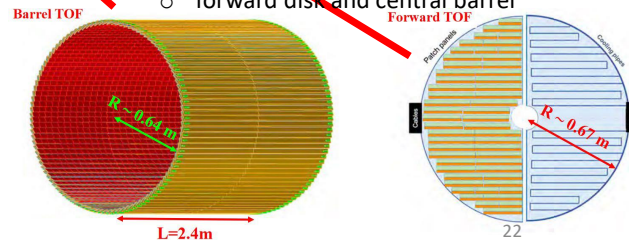
Dual-Radiator RICH (dRICH)

- C_2F_6 Gas Volume and Aerogel
- Sensors: SiPMs tiled on spheres
- π/K separation up to 50 GeV/c



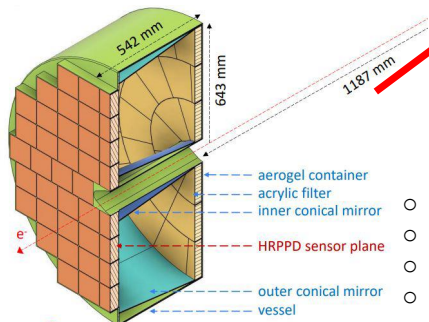
AC-LGAD TOF

- $t = \sim 30$ psec / $s = 30 \mu m$
- Accurate space point for tracking
- forward disk and central barrel



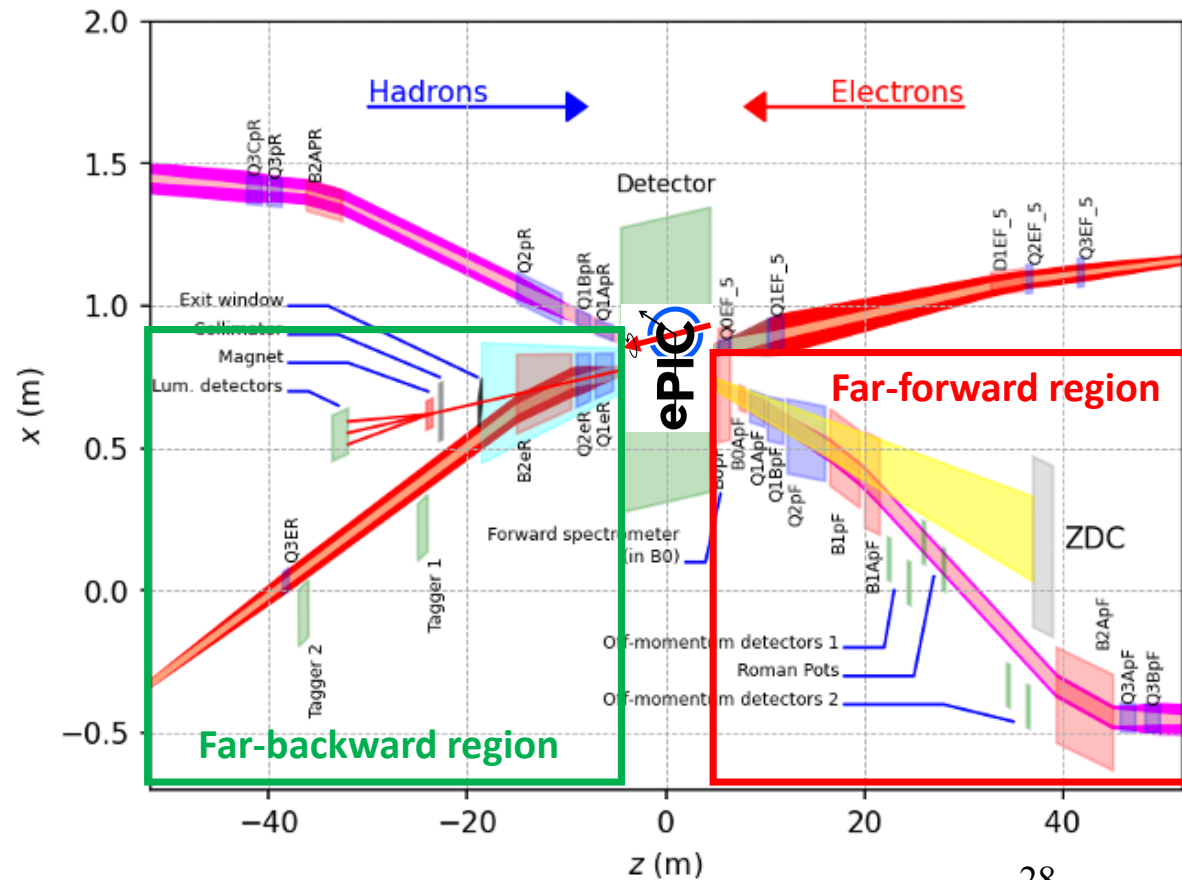
Proximity Focused (pRICH)

- Long Proximity gap (~ 40 cm)
- Sensors: HRPPDs (also provides timing)
- π/K separation up to 10 GeV/c
- e/π separation up to 2.5 GeV/c



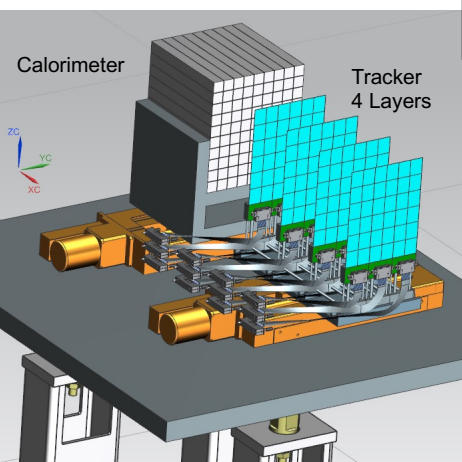
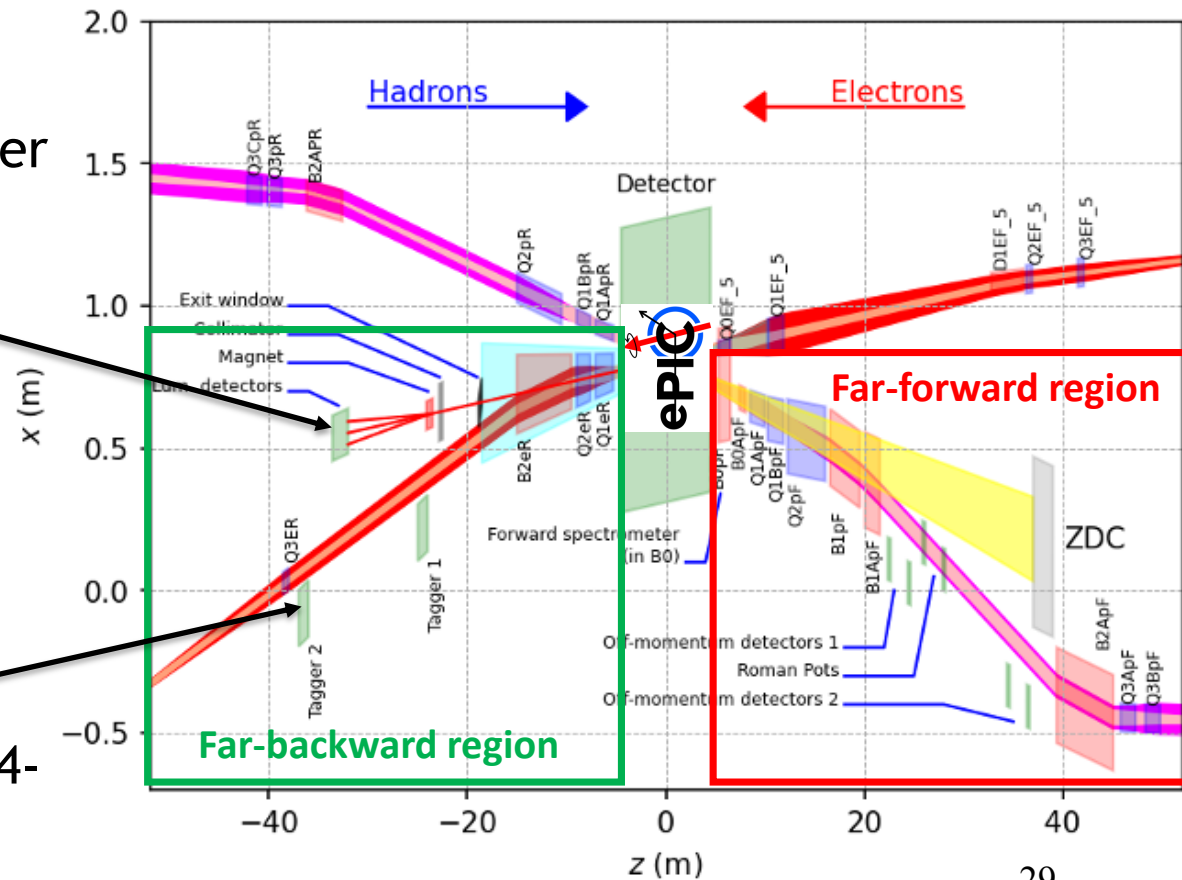
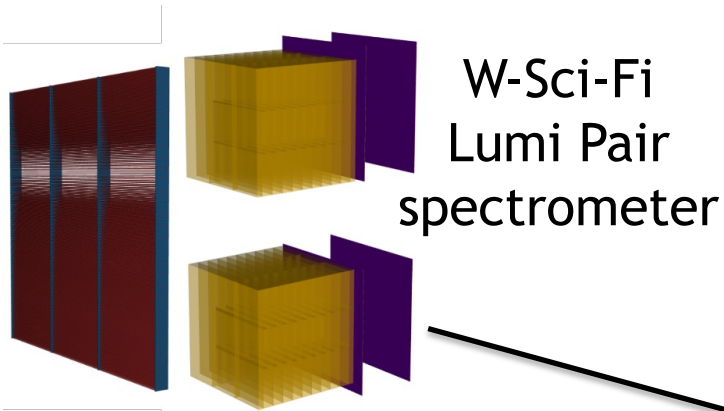
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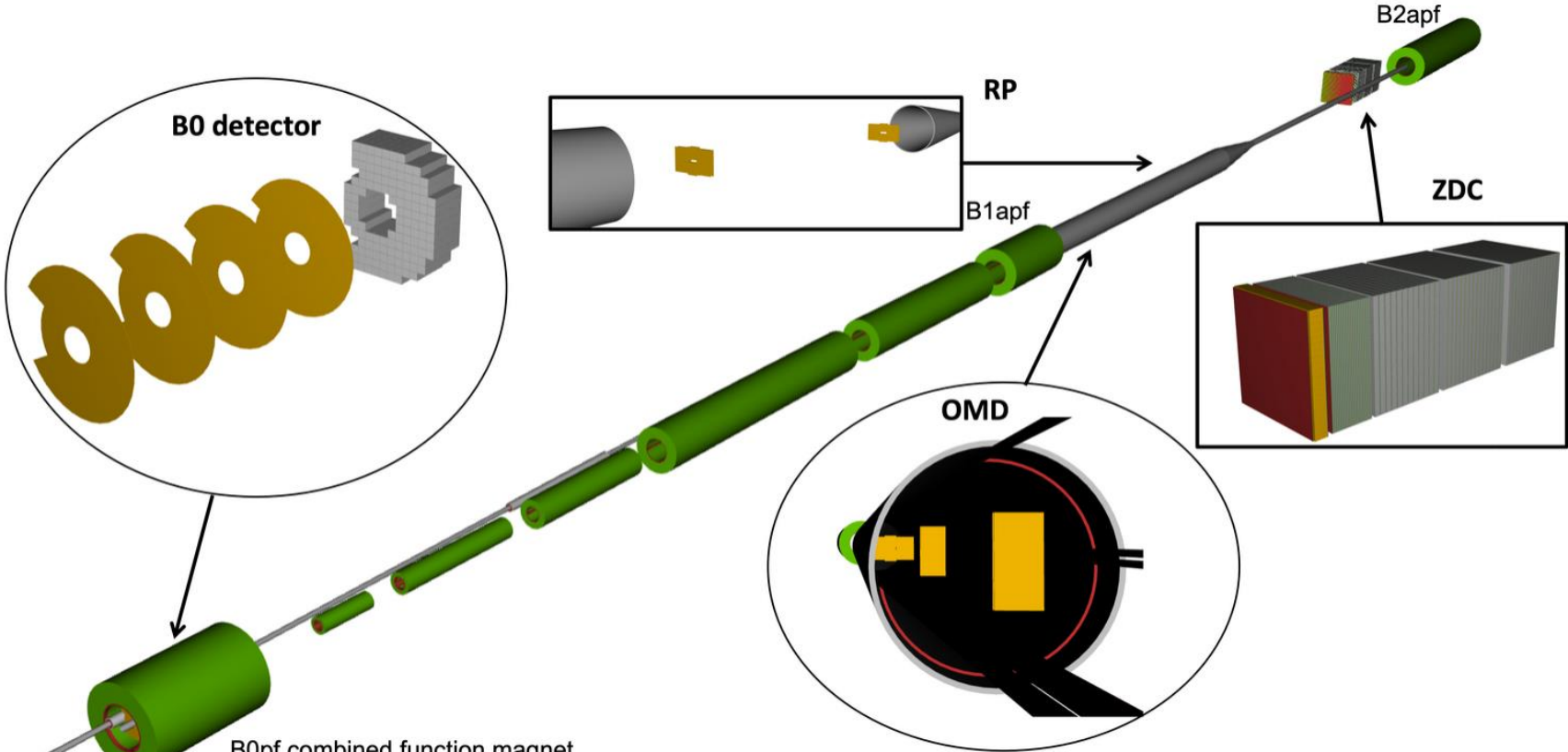
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tracker

Far Forward Region

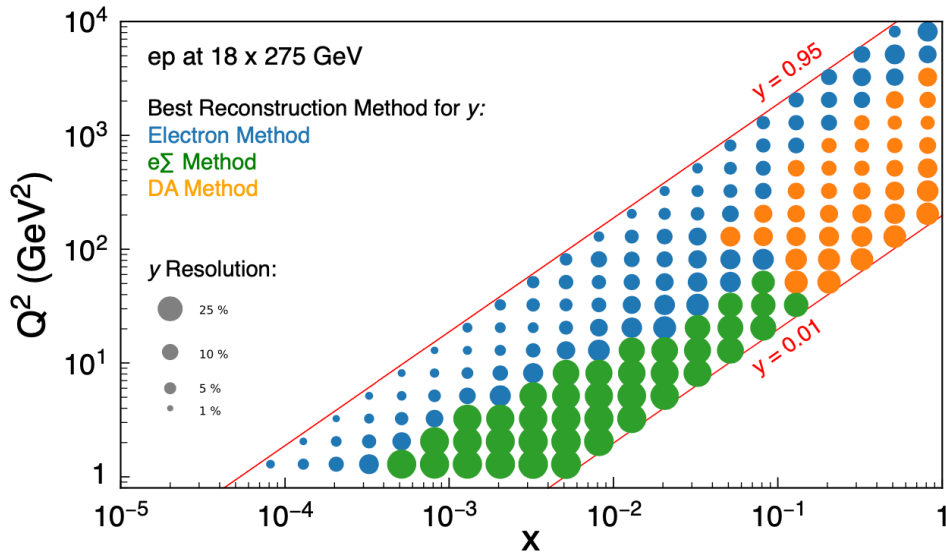


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Hermetic forward coverage except for beampipe

Detector	Acceptance	Particles
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	$\theta < 5.5 \text{ mrad}$	Neutrons, photons
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0^* < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad}$ (*10 σ beam cut)	Protons, light nuclei
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	$0 < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad}$	Charged particles
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20 \text{ mrad}$	Charged particles and tagged photons

Performance and Measurement Strategy



- Choose reconstruction methods exploiting the hadronic final state as well as the electron to optimise (x , Q^2) resolutions throughout phase-space

- Exploit overlaps between data at different \sqrt{s} to avoid 'extreme' phase space regions

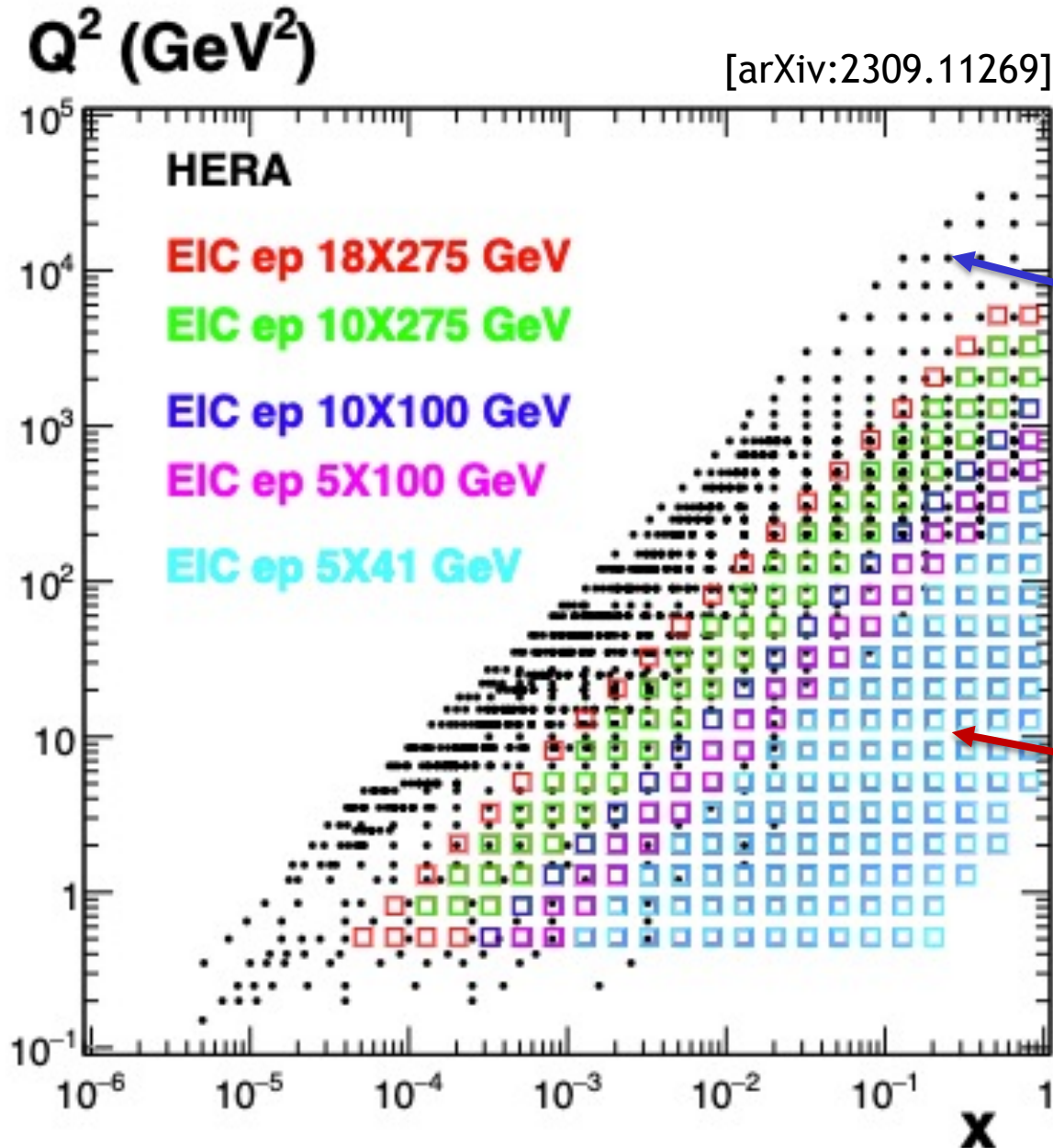
e-beam E	p-beam E	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	inte. Lumi. (fb^{-1})
18	275	140	15.4
10	275	105	100.0
10	100	63	79.0
5	100	45	61.0
5	41	29	4.4

- Systematic precision estimated from experience at HERA, expected EIC detector performance, and guesswork

Simulations based on precision:

- 1.5-2.5% point-to-point uncorrelated
- 2.5% normalisation

Inclusive EIC Data Impact on Proton PDFs



HERA data have limited high x sensitivity due to $1/Q^4$ factor in cross section and kinematic x / Q^2 correlation

EIC data fills in large x , modest Q^2 region with high precision

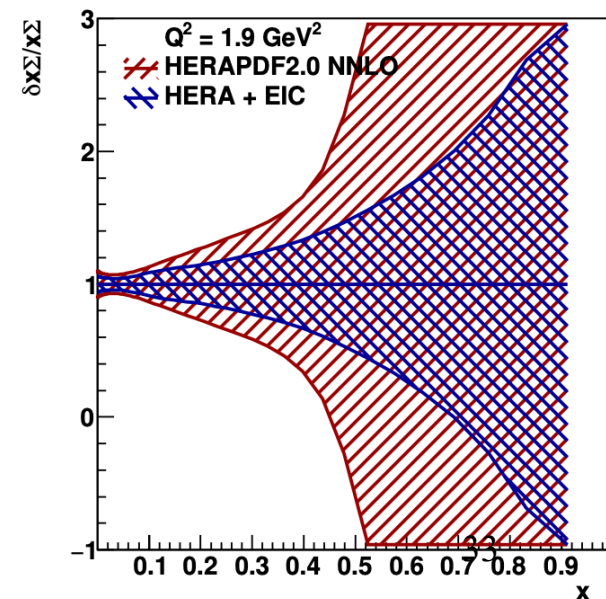
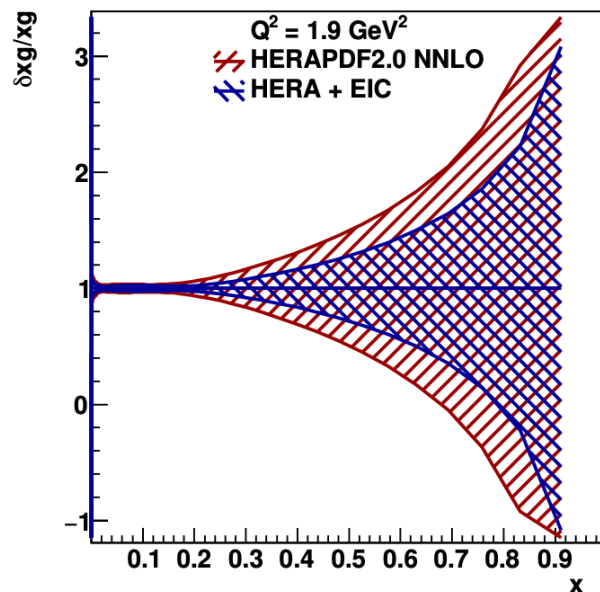
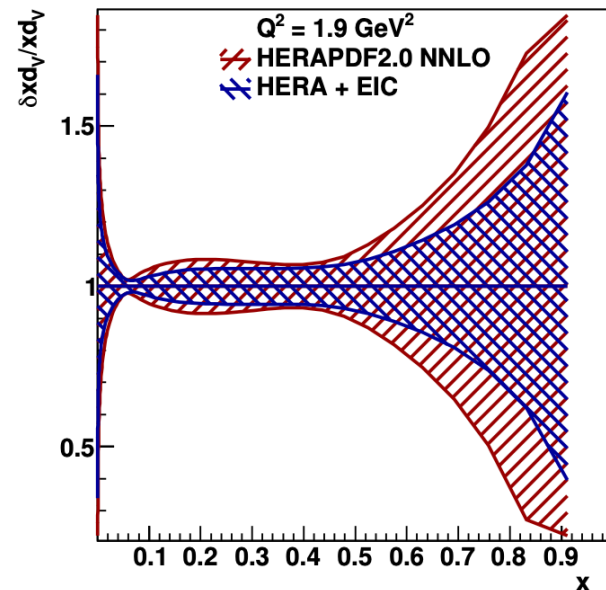
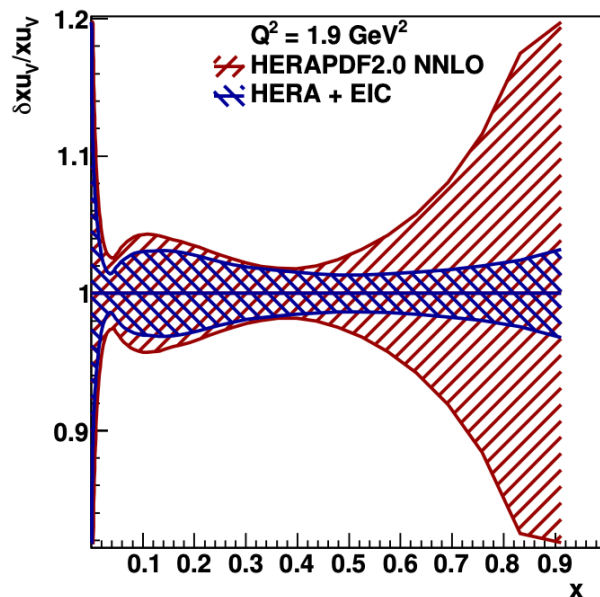
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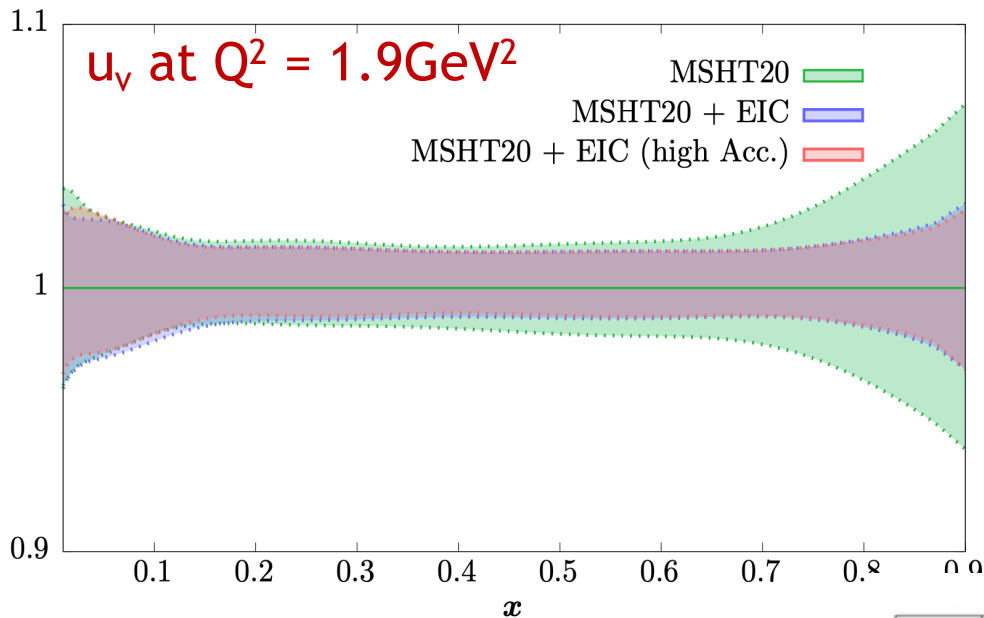
(linear x scale, $Q^2 = Q_0^2$)

... EIC will bring significant reduction in uncertainties for all parton species at large x

... most notable improvements for up quarks (charge-squared weighting)



EIC Impact relative to MSHT20 NNLO (as an example global fit)

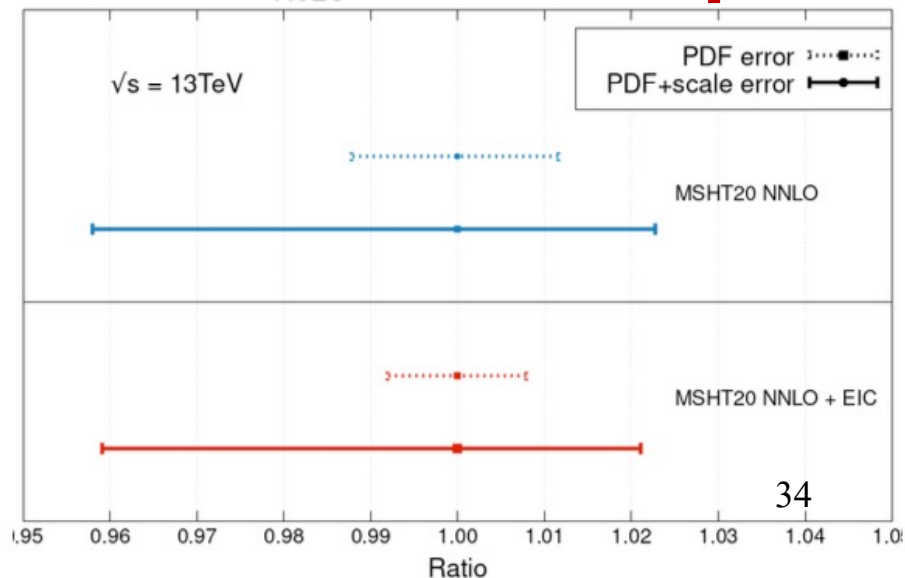


Significant impact of EIC simulated data in up quark precision as $x \rightarrow 1$

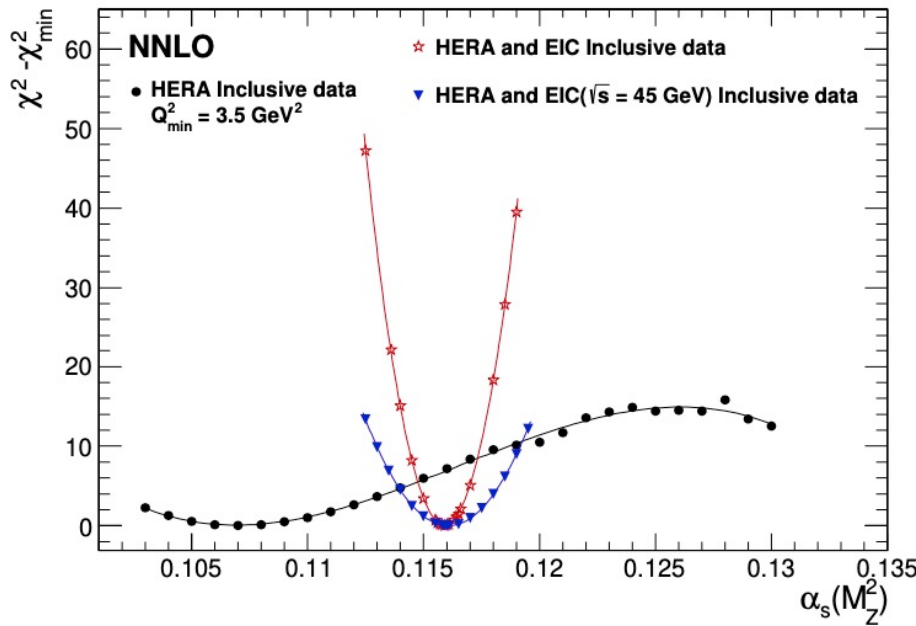
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)$ uncertainties @ LHC
[N³LO matrix elements with NNLO PDFs]

... small, but valuable improvements in all parton species at all x , Q^2

... e.g. gluon improvement feeds through parton-parton luminosities to significant improvement in PDF uncertainty on $gg \rightarrow H$ at LHC



Taking α_s as an additional free parameter



- HERA data alone (HERAPDF2.0) shows only limited sensitivity when fitting inclusive data only.

- Adding EIC simulated data has a remarkable impact

$$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1159 \pm 0.0004 \text{ (exp)}$$

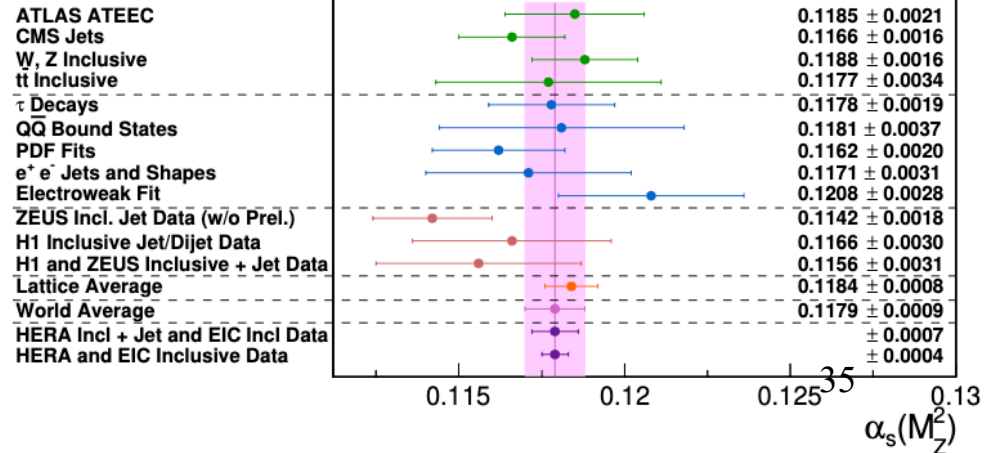
$$+0.0002$$

$$-0.0001 \text{ (model + parameterisation)}$$

Adding EIC (precision high x) data to HERA can lead to α_s precision a factor ~ 2 better than current world experimental average, and than lattice QCD average

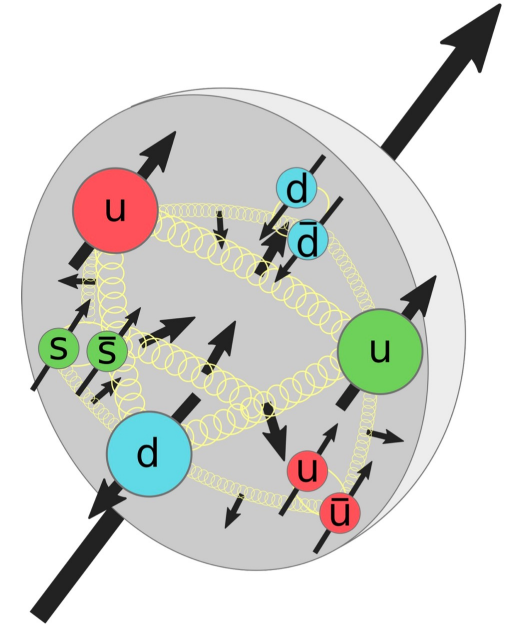
Scale uncertainties remain to be understood (ongoing work)

[Derived from An ATLAS figure]



Physics Motivation: Proton Spin

- Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ is much more complicated than $\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow \dots$
- EMC 'spin crisis' (1987) ... quarks only carry about 10% of the nucleon spin
- Viewed at the parton level, complicated mixture of quark, gluon and relative orbital motion, evolving with Q^2 , but always = $\frac{1}{2}$

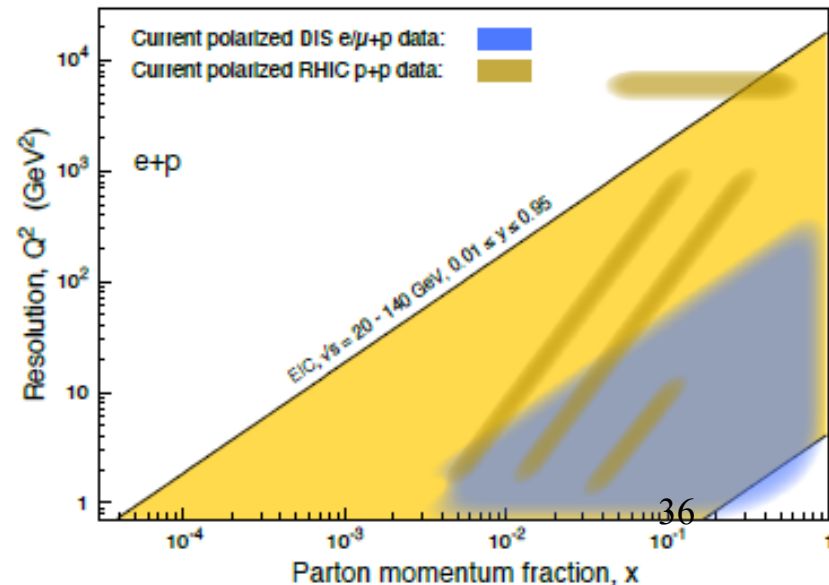


Jaffe-Manohar sum rule:

$$\boxed{\Delta\Sigma/2} + \boxed{\Delta G} + \boxed{l_q} + \boxed{l_g} = \hbar/2$$

Quark helicity Gluon helicity Quark canonical orbital angular momentum Gluon canonical orbital angular momentum

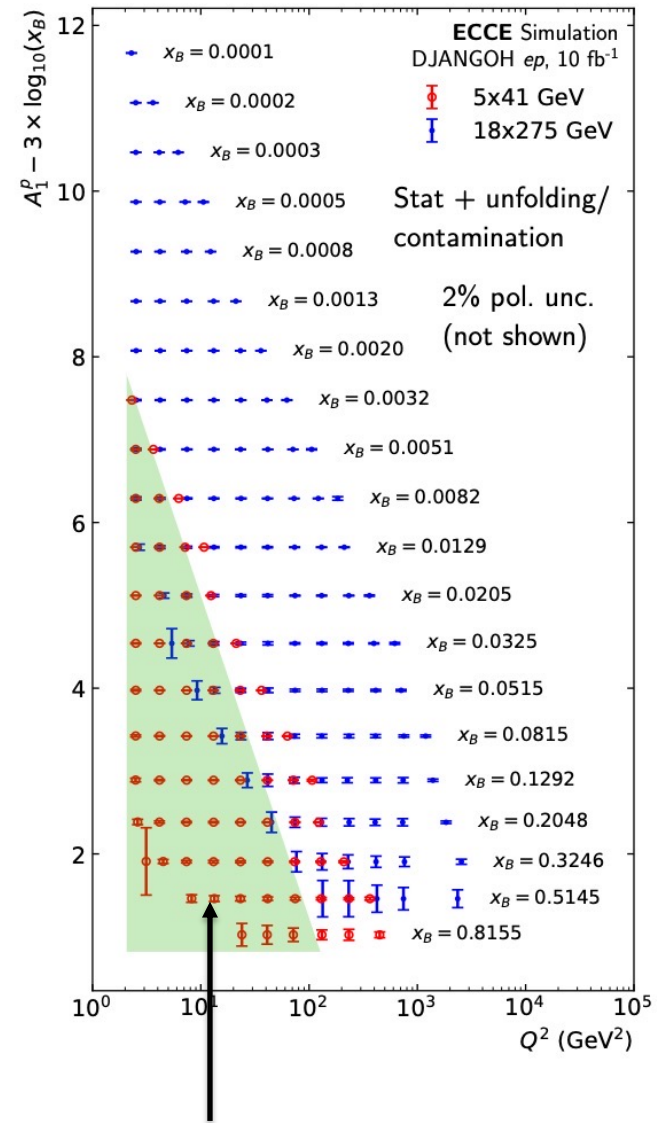
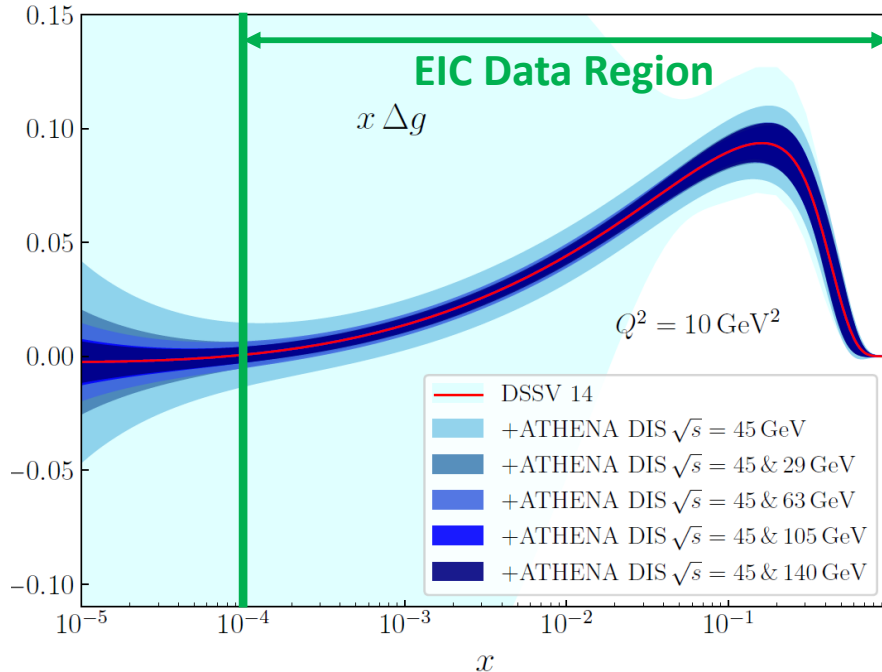
- Very little known about gluon helicity contribution or importance of low x region



Proton Spin Simulation

Can be resolved in full with EIC inclusive, semi-inclusive and exclusive data

e.g. impact relative to recent global fit (DSSV14) of inclusive EIC data (double spin asymmetries 15fb^{-1} and 70% e,p polarization)



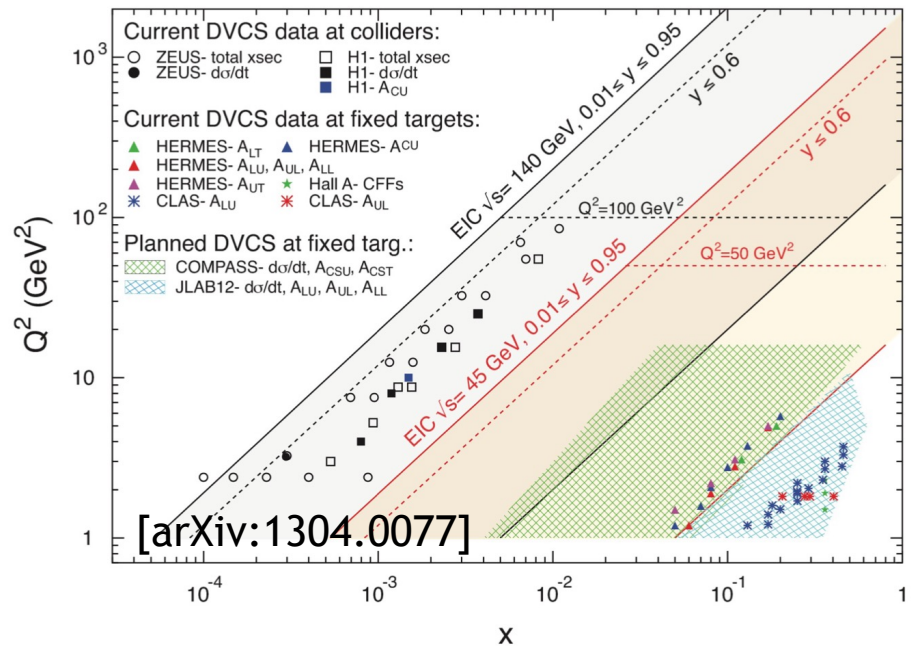
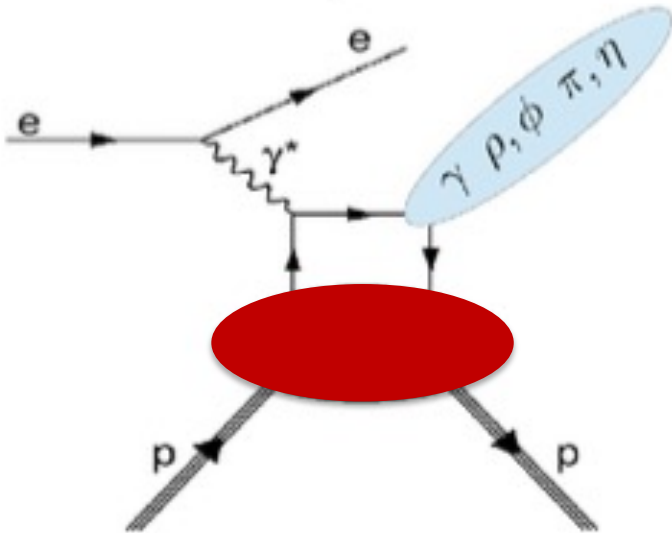
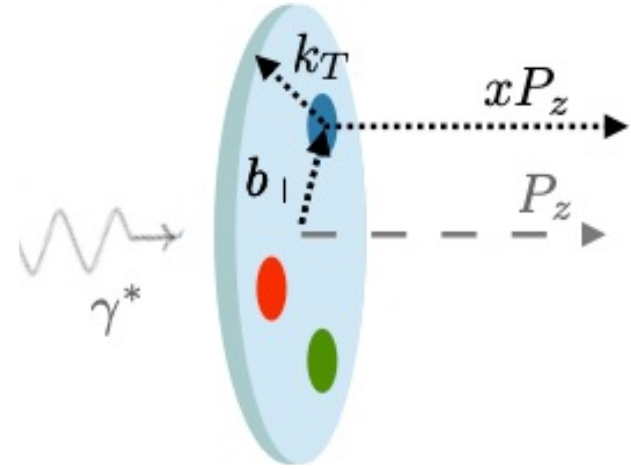
Previously measured region (green)

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Physics Motivation: 3D Structure

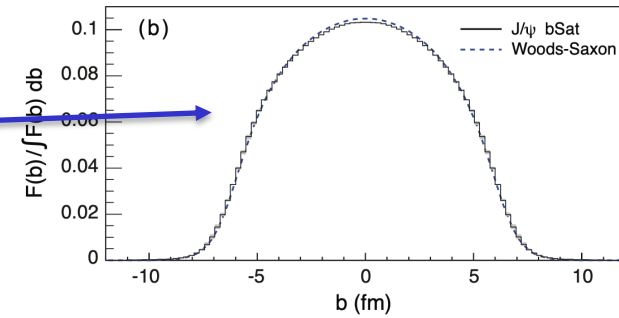
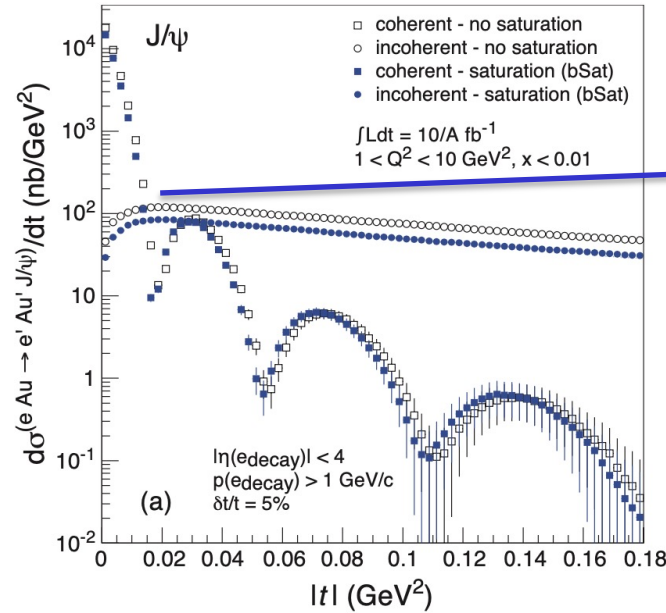
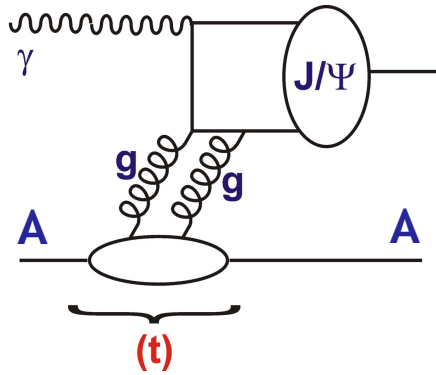
Exclusive processes, yielding intact protons, require (minimum) 2 partons exchanged

→ Sensitivity to correlations between partons in longitudinal / transverse momentum and spatial coordinates
 → access to 3D tomography



e.g. Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering, $ep \rightarrow eyp$:
 EIC fills gap between (high stats) fixed target & (low stats) HERA data

Physics Motivation: Dense Gluonic Systems



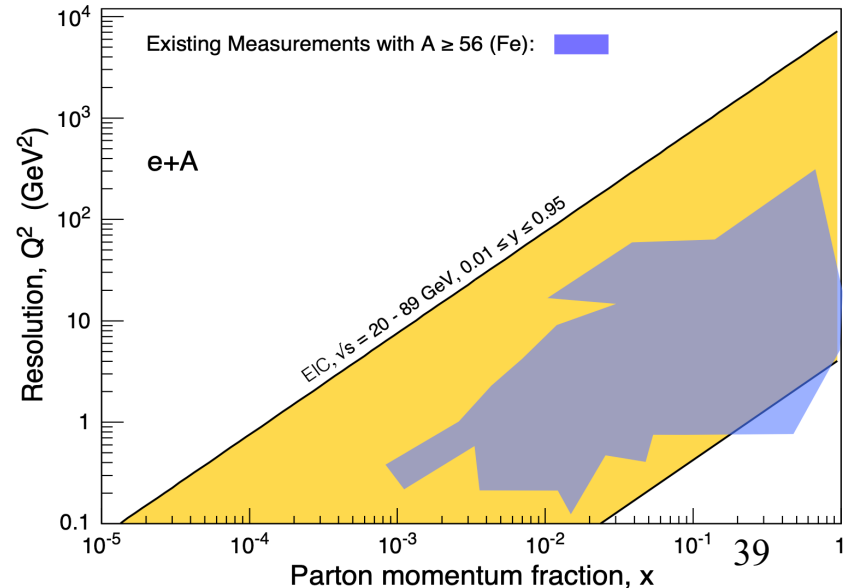
e.g. Coherent J/Ψ in eAu: dips sensitive to saturation

Mandelstam t in exclusive processes conjugate to transverse spatial distributions

→ Fourier transform the target

Nuclei enhance density of partons (“ $A^{1/3}$ ” factor)

→ Very large impact on eA phase space, extending into expected region of density effects



Impact on Nuclear PDFs

- Nuclear effects in PDFs not fully understood.
- Important e.g. for initial State in QGP studies

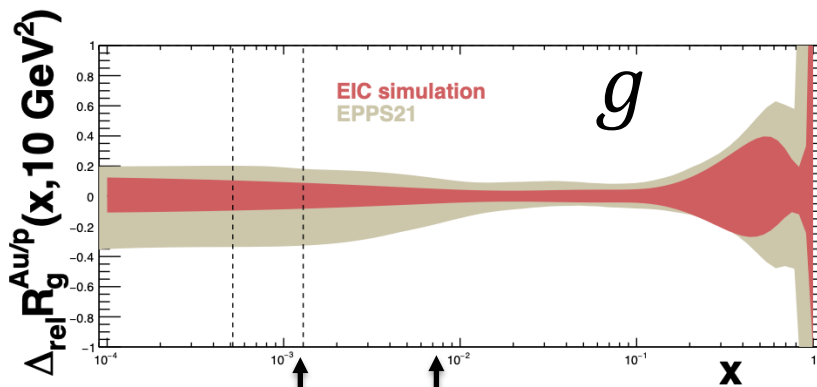
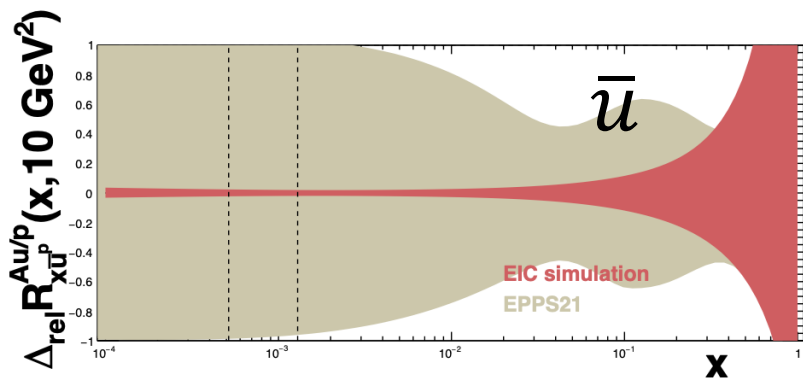
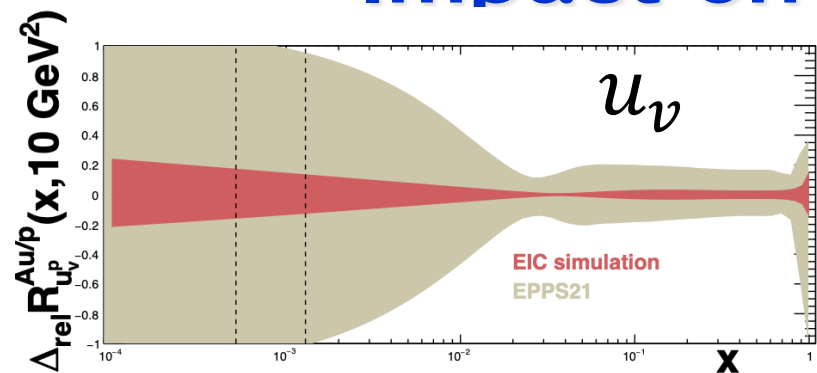
Usually expressed in terms of nuclear modification ratio relative to scaled isospin-adjusted nucleons:

$$R = \frac{f_{i/A}}{A f_{i/p}} \approx \frac{\text{measured}}{\text{expected if no nuclear effects}}$$

Sensitivity of EIC relative to EPPS21 recent nuclear PDFs (EIC-only fit)

→ Factor ~ 2 improvement at $x \sim 0.1$

→ Very substantial improvement in newly accessed low x region



EIC eA data limit

EPPS21 data limit

Physics Motivation: Proton Mass

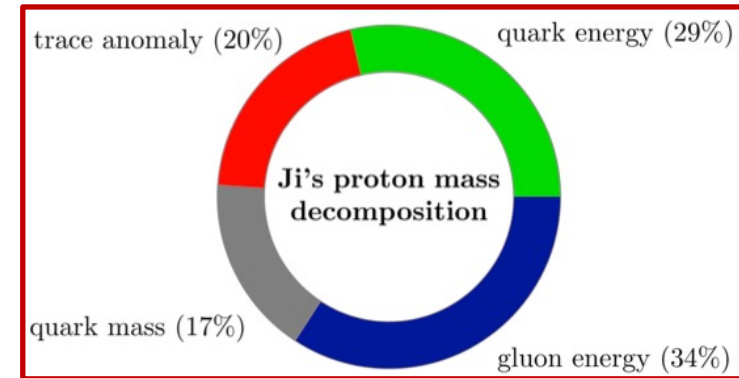
- Constituent quark masses contribute ~1% of the proton mass
- Remainder is 'emergent' → generated by (QCD) dynamics of multi-body strongly interacting system
- Decomposition along similar lines to spin:

$$m_p = m_m + m_q + m_g + m_a$$

Valence and sea quark masses (including heavy quarks)

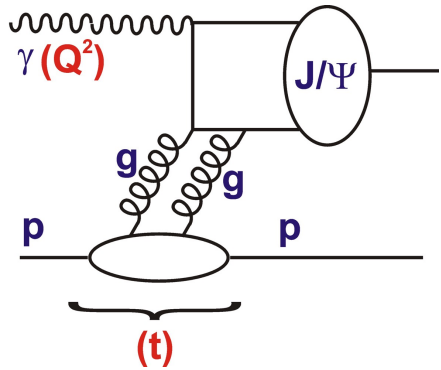
Quark and gluon 'KE' from confinement and relative motion

QCD trace anomaly (purely quantum effect - chiral condensates)



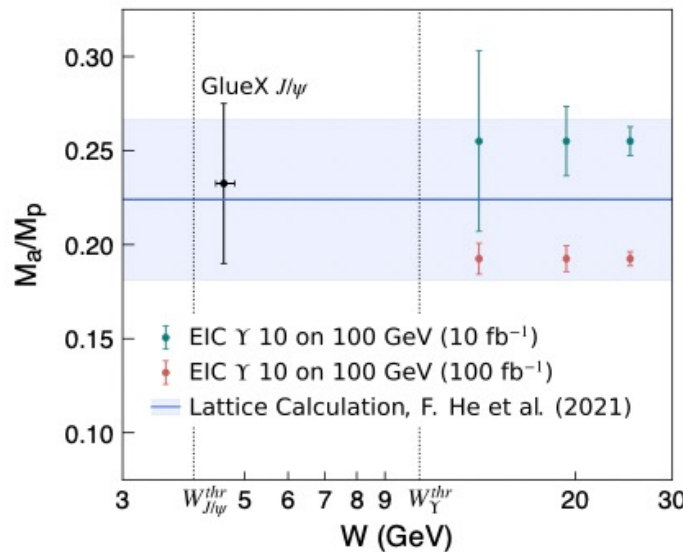
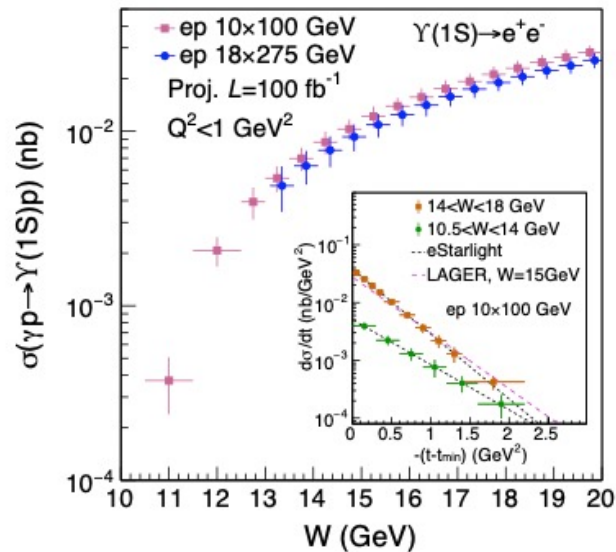
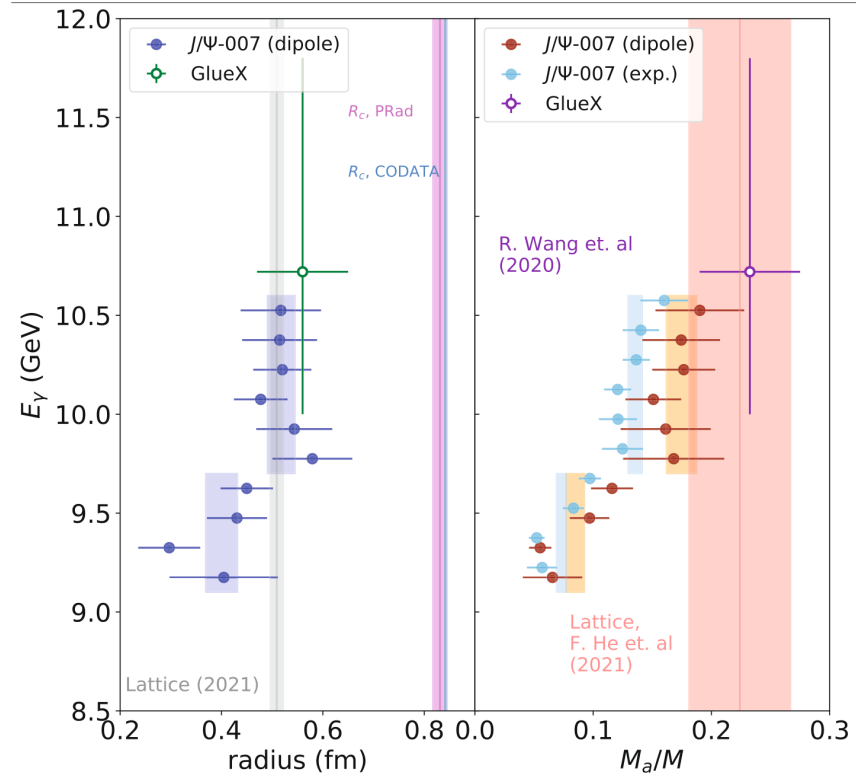
- Relations to experimental observables still being understood.
- Recent progress, eg with gravitational form factors of the proton

Proton Mass & Exclusive Vector Mesons



- Recent Jlab data on t dependences of J/ψ production near threshold \rightarrow Gravitational form factors

- Gluon radius smaller than charge radius
- Interpreted in terms of trace anomaly



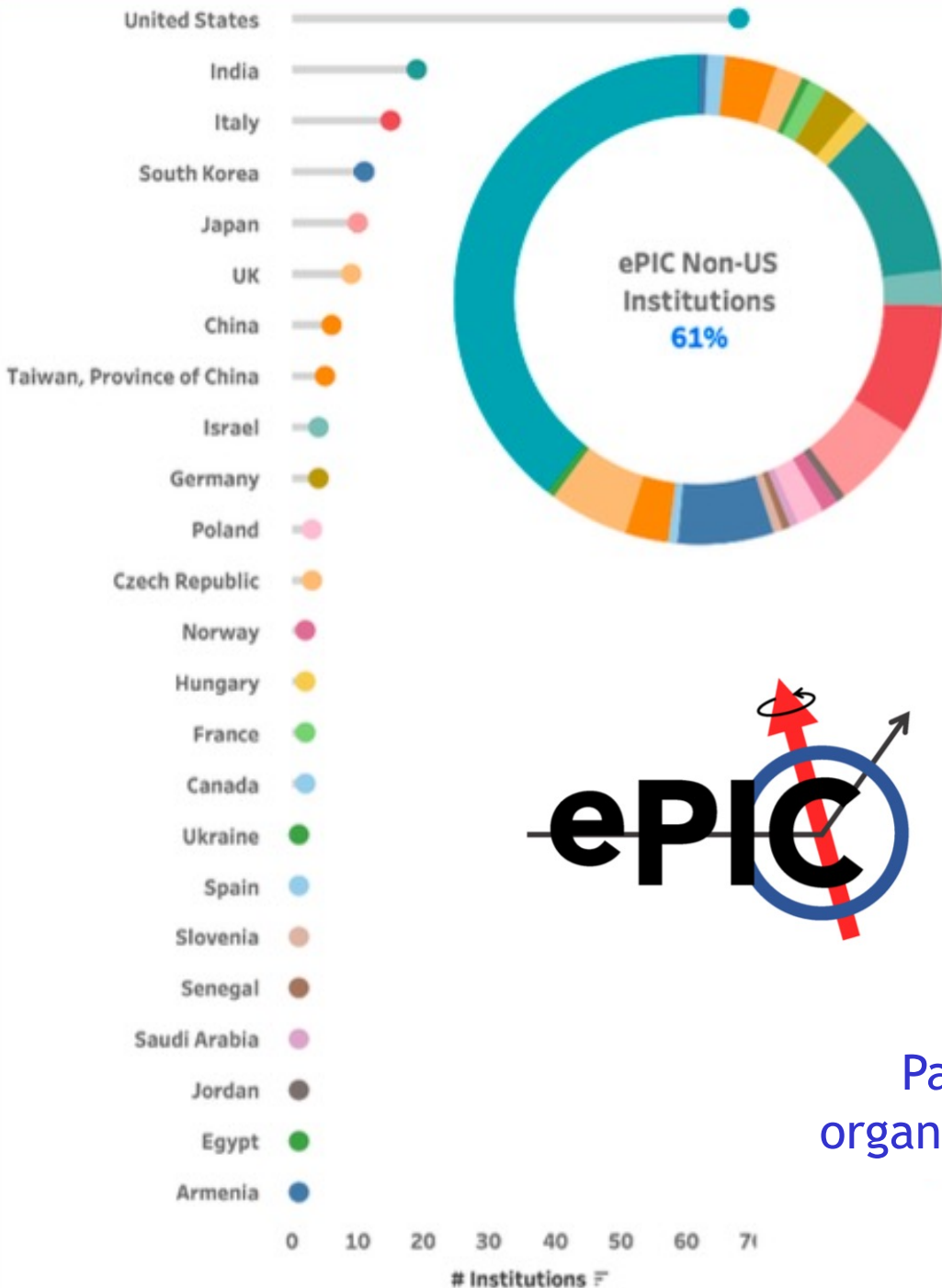
Simulated EIC measurement extends the study to Y with much improved precision

ePIC Collaboration Demographics

Over 500 participants so far, from ~171 institutes in 24 countries

UK physicists deeply involved through initial motivation, collaboration formation and now ongoing roles.

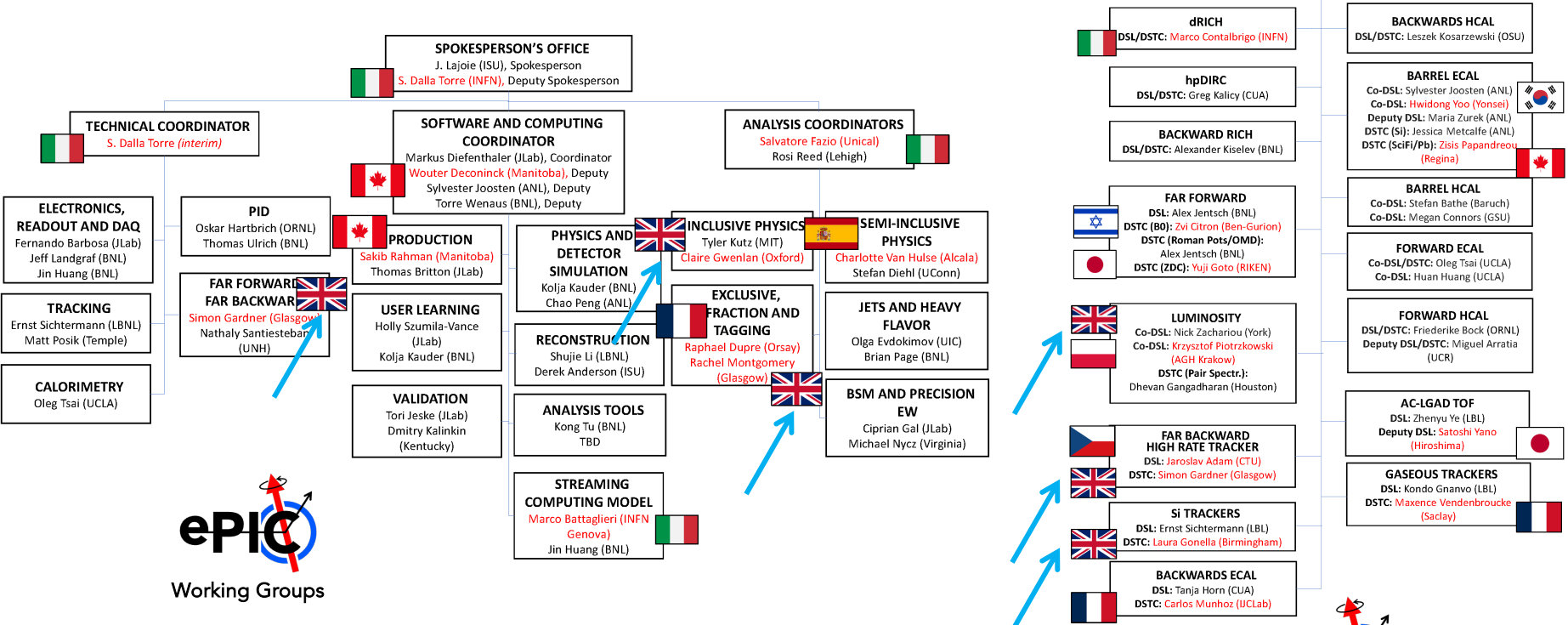
Part of a wider 'EIC User Group' organization with around 1400 members



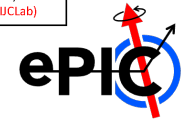
ePIC structure and current UK Leadership



International leadership



Paul Newman (Birmingham) - Executive Board
 Nick Zachariou (York) - Conferences and Talks Committee

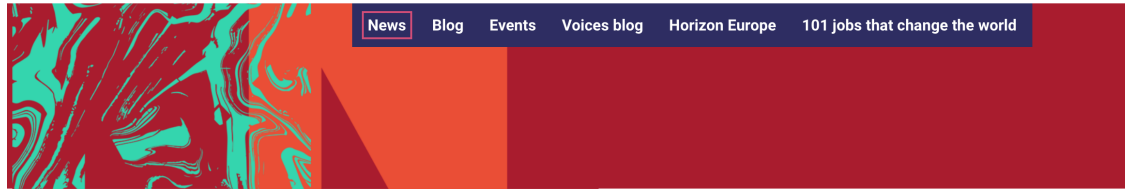


Detector Subsystem Collaborations

The UK Involvement Confirmed

27 March 2024

Recently announced major funding through UKRI infrastructure funding:



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Major research and innovation infrastructure investment announced

Another project will receive £58.8 million from UKRI in a partnership with the US Department of Energy (DOE), to develop new detector and accelerator infrastructure to address fundamental questions on the nature of matter.

The technology will be built by:

- two STFC national laboratories, Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire
- the universities of Birmingham, Brunel, Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Oxford and York
- the Cockcroft Institute for Accelerator Science and Technology in Cheshire

It will be installed at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC), a major new particle accelerator facility at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York in the US.

Summary

The Electron Ion Collider will transform our understanding of nucleons, nuclei and the parton dynamics that underlie them

The UK is deeply involved in the development of the ePIC General Purpose Detector

... also with growing preparations for analysis / exploitation

On target for data taking in the early/mid 2030s

[with thanks to many EIC colleagues in Birmingham, the UK and internationally]

The UK Project in more detail

- WP1: MAPS → 65nm CMOS (wafer scale) stitched sensors, developed from ALICE-ITS3, to be deployed in central tracker
→ Construction of 2 barrel layers, corresponding to around 1/3 of silicon tracker
- WP2: Timepix → Application of pixel sensors for beamline electron tagger for luminosity and physics at $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$
- WP3: Lumi Monitoring → Novel pair-spectrometer, beamline $\gamma \rightarrow ee$ counting
- WP4: Accelerator → Primarily SRF systems for Energy Recovery cooler.
→ Also crab-cavity LLRF synchronisation, beam position monitoring, Energy Recovery modelling and design



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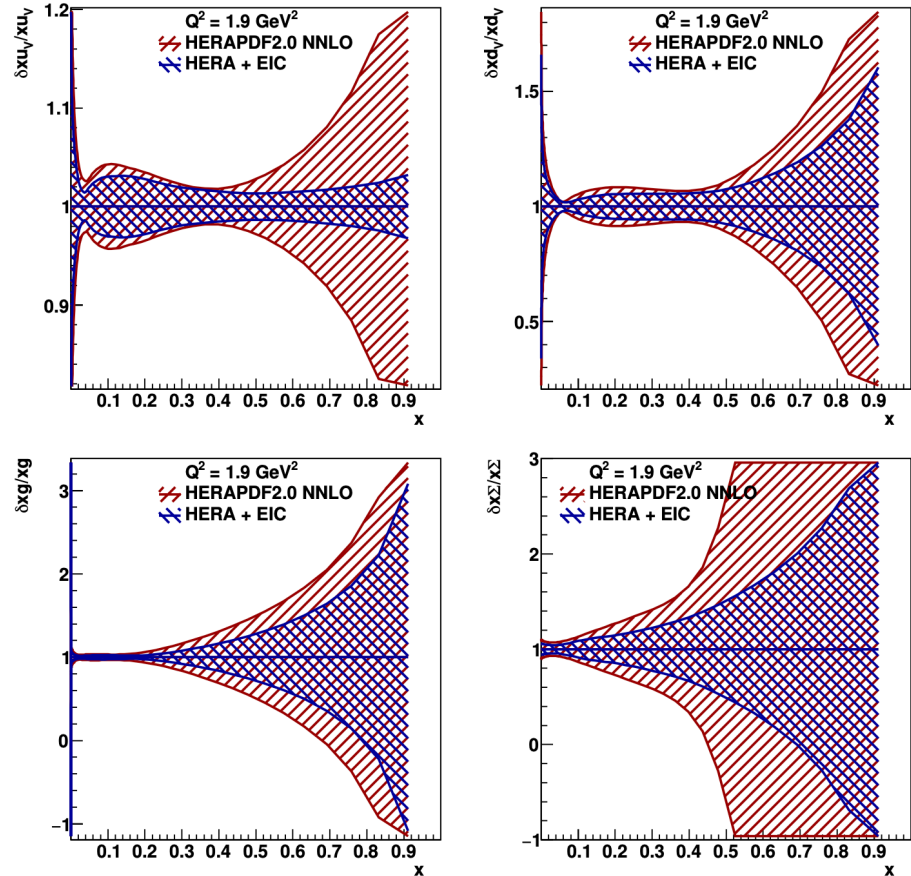
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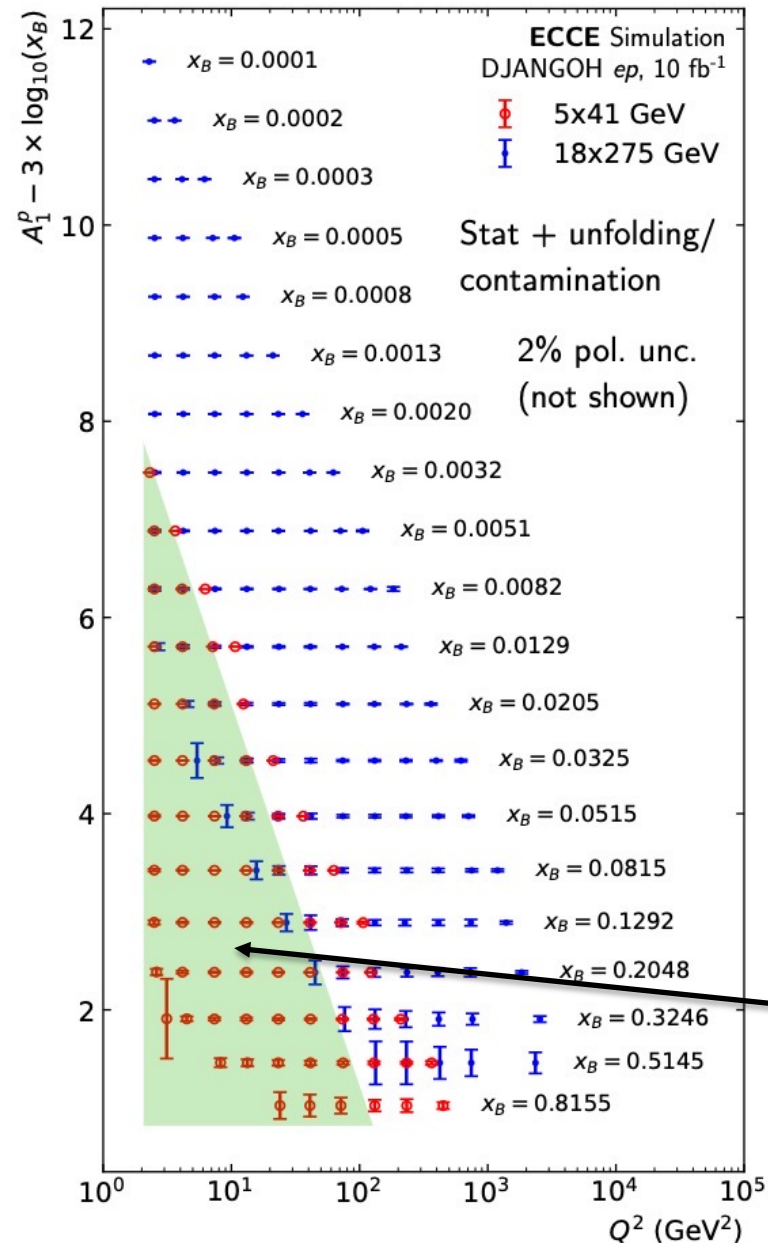


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Spin: EIC Virtual γ Asymmetry sim'n (A_1^p)



Asymmetries between NC cross sections with different longitudinal and transverse polarisations ...

$$A_{\parallel} = \frac{\sigma^{\leftrightarrow} - \sigma^{\rightarrow}}{\sigma^{\leftrightarrow} + \sigma^{\rightarrow}} \quad \text{and} \quad A_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma^{\rightarrow\uparrow} - \sigma^{\rightarrow\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\rightarrow\uparrow} + \sigma^{\rightarrow\downarrow}}$$

$$\rightarrow A_1(x) \approx g_1(x) / F_1(x)$$

... measure the quark and antiquark helicity distributions ...

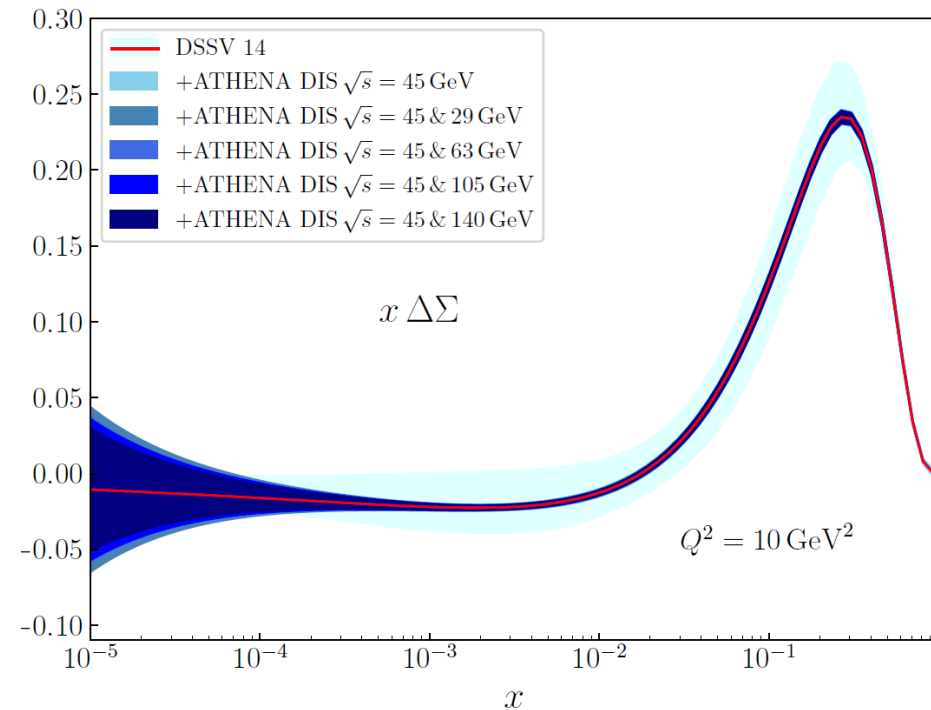
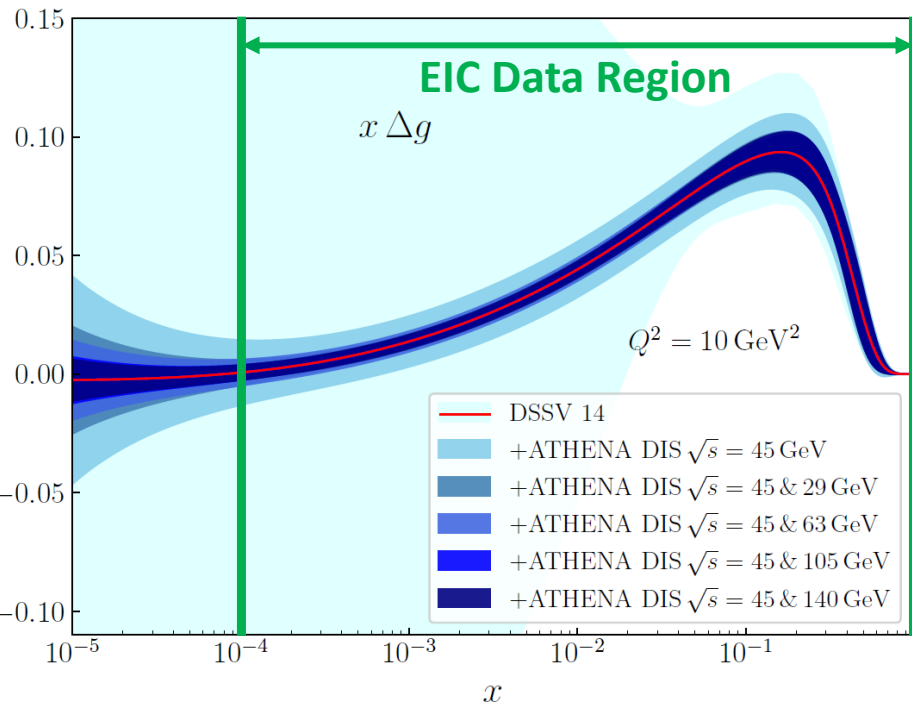
$$g_1(x) = \sum (\Delta q(x) + \Delta \bar{q}(x))$$

... which gives gluon sensitivity from Q^2 dependence (scaling violations)

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for $1 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$

Impact on Helicity Distributions (Study in DSSV framework)



Study based on simulated NC data with integrated luminosity 15fb^{-1} , and 70% e,p polarization

Very significant impact on polarised gluon and quark densities using only inclusive polarised ep data