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

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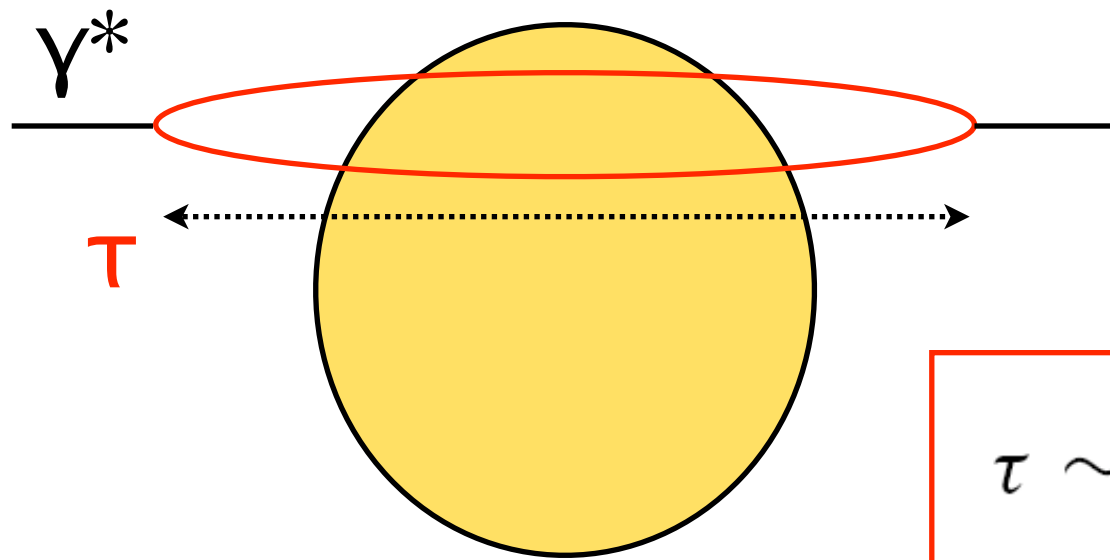
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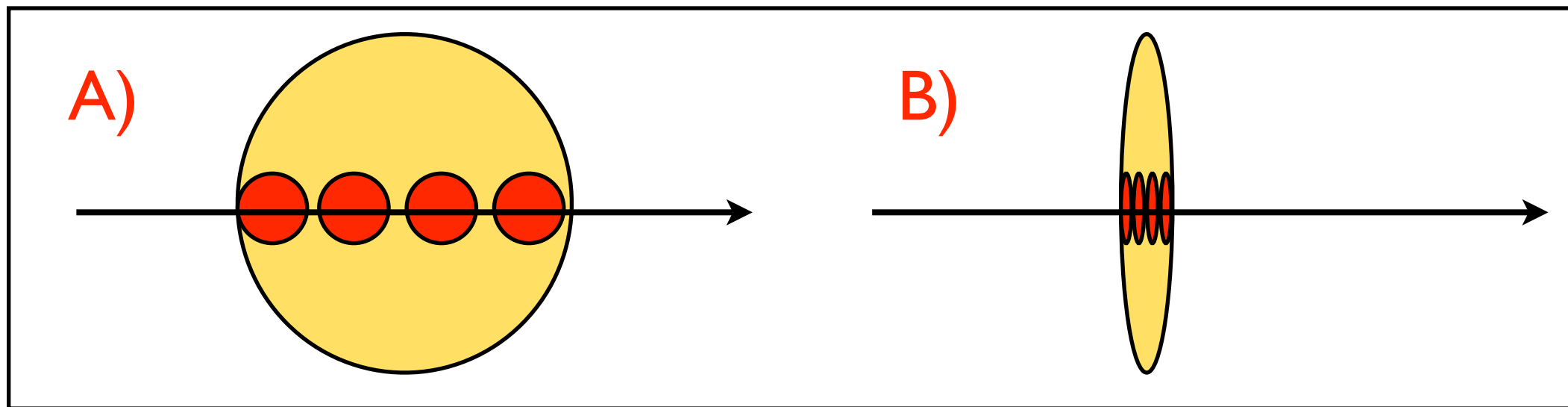
# Coherence: small $x$



- The mean life of a fluctuation with scale  $Q$  is:

$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{Q} \times \frac{E_{\text{lab}}}{Q} \simeq \frac{W^2}{2m_{\text{nucleon}} Q^2} \simeq \frac{1}{2m_{\text{nucleon}} x}$$

- A)  $x \rightarrow 1$  ( $W \rightarrow m_N^2$ ): incoherent scattering,  $\sigma_A = A\sigma^I$ .  
 B)  $x \rightarrow 0$  ( $W \rightarrow \infty$ ): coherent scattering,  $\sigma_A < A\sigma^I$ .



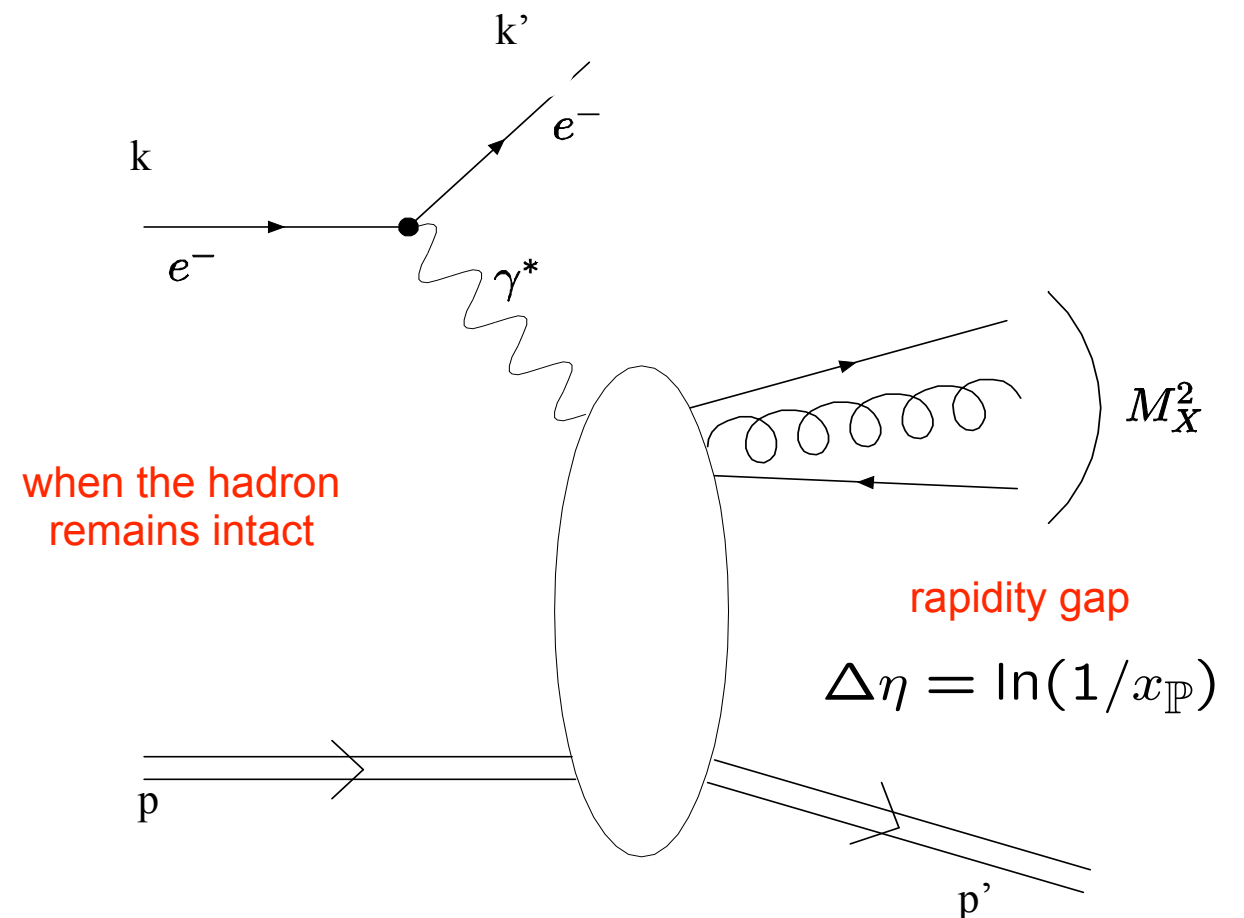
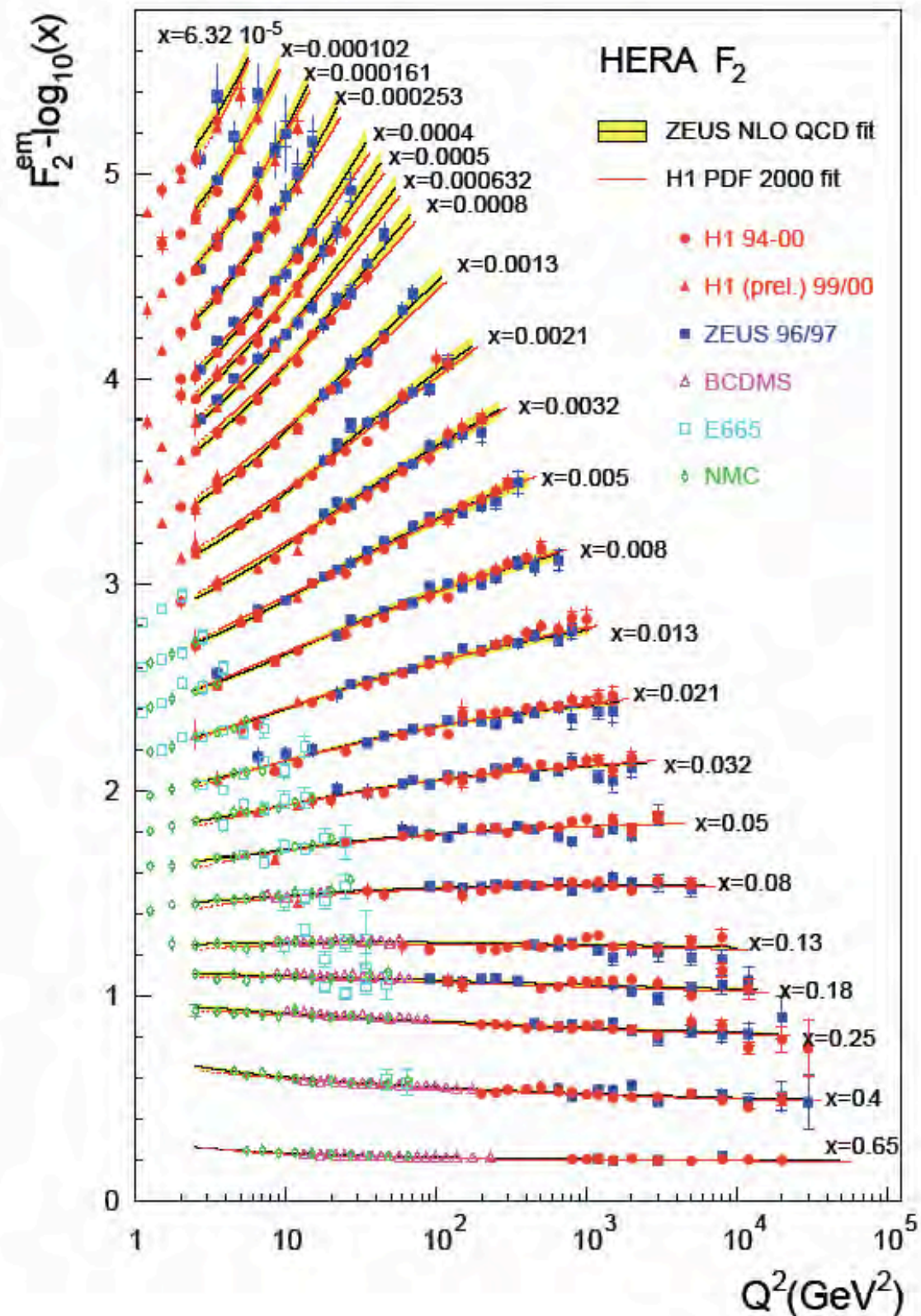
- **Small  $x$**  is defined by  $\tau \gg R_h \Rightarrow x \ll 0.1 A^{-1/3}$ : coherent scattering.

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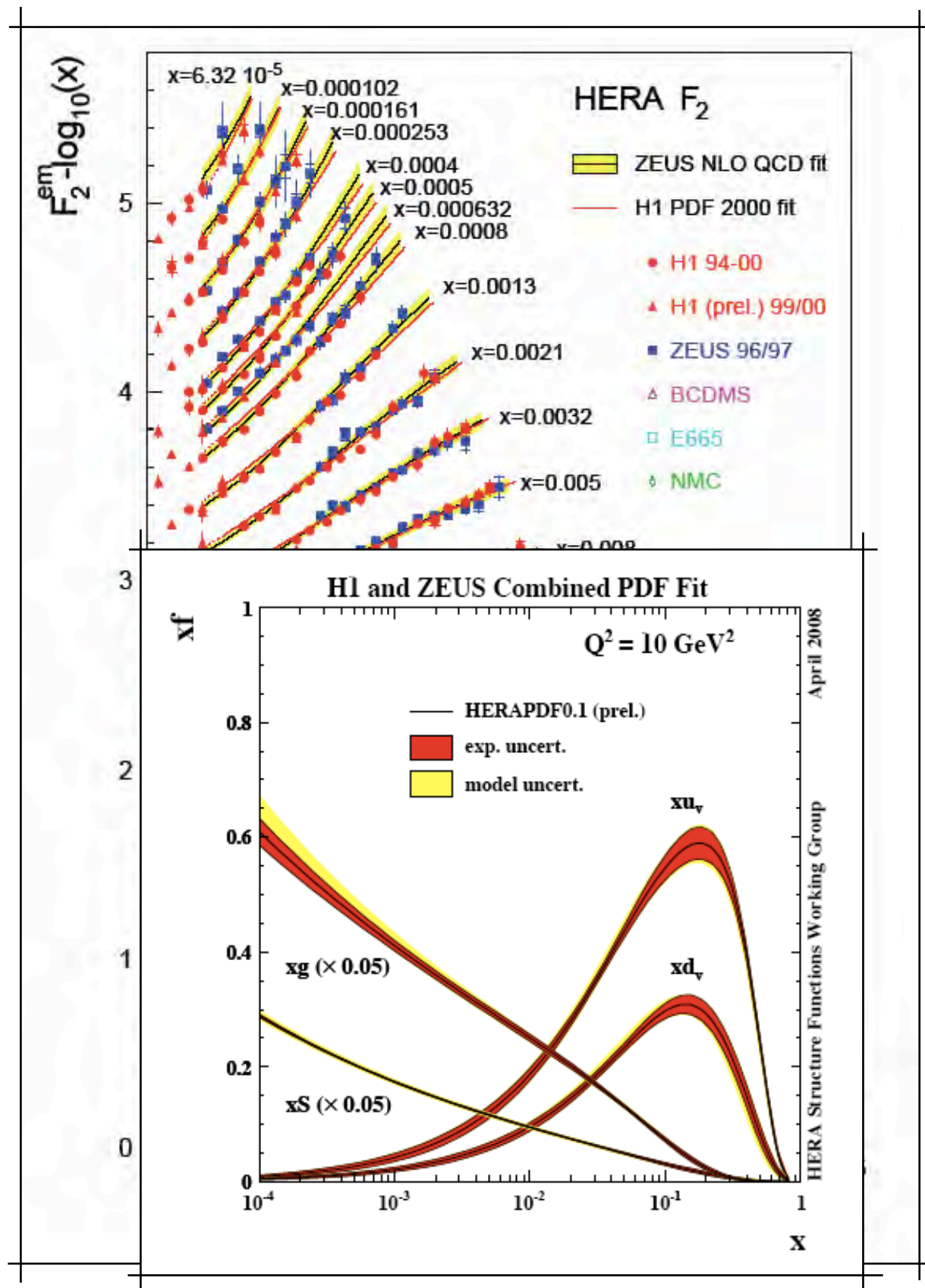
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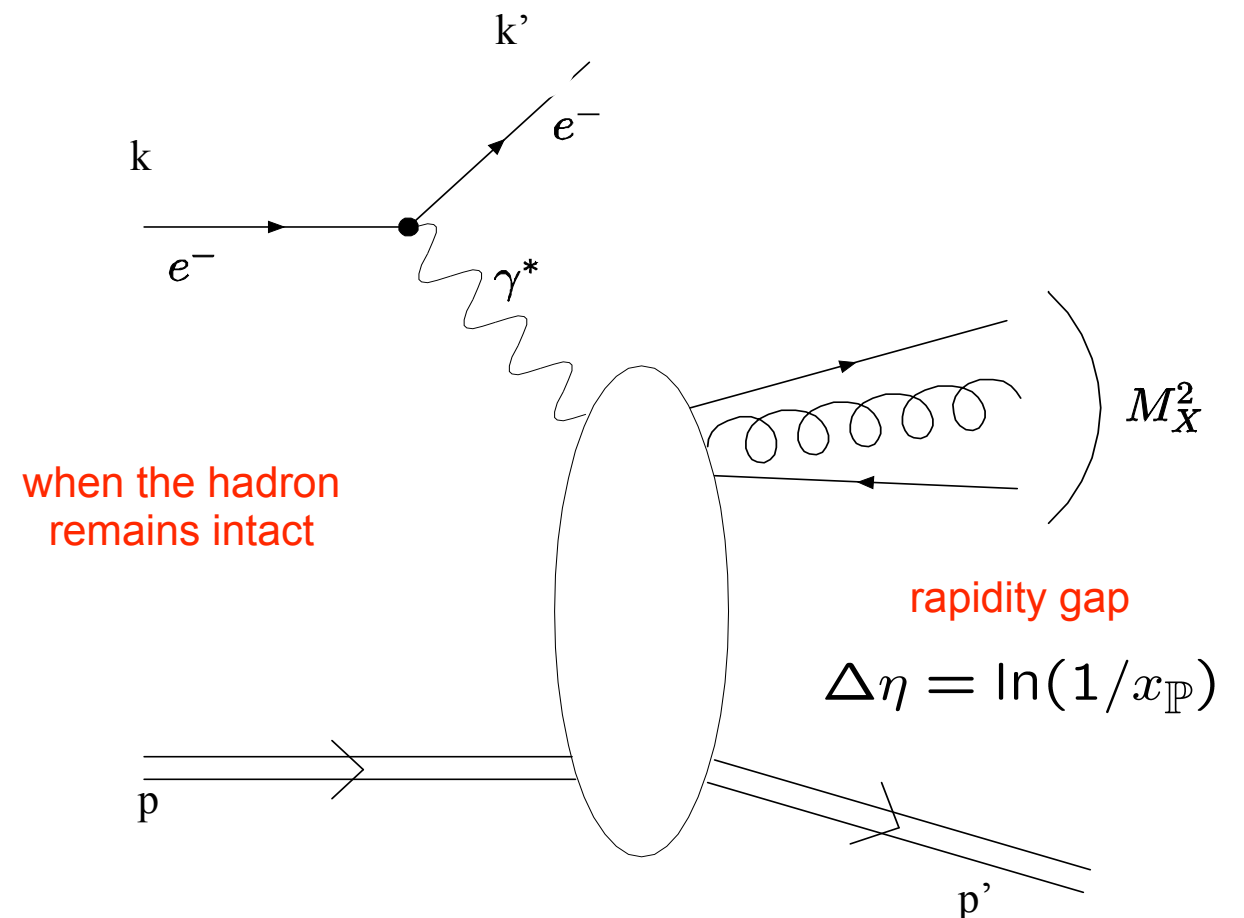
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# DIS on nuclei:

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

$$\sigma_r = \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi\alpha^2[1 + (1 - y)^2]} \cdot \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2}$$

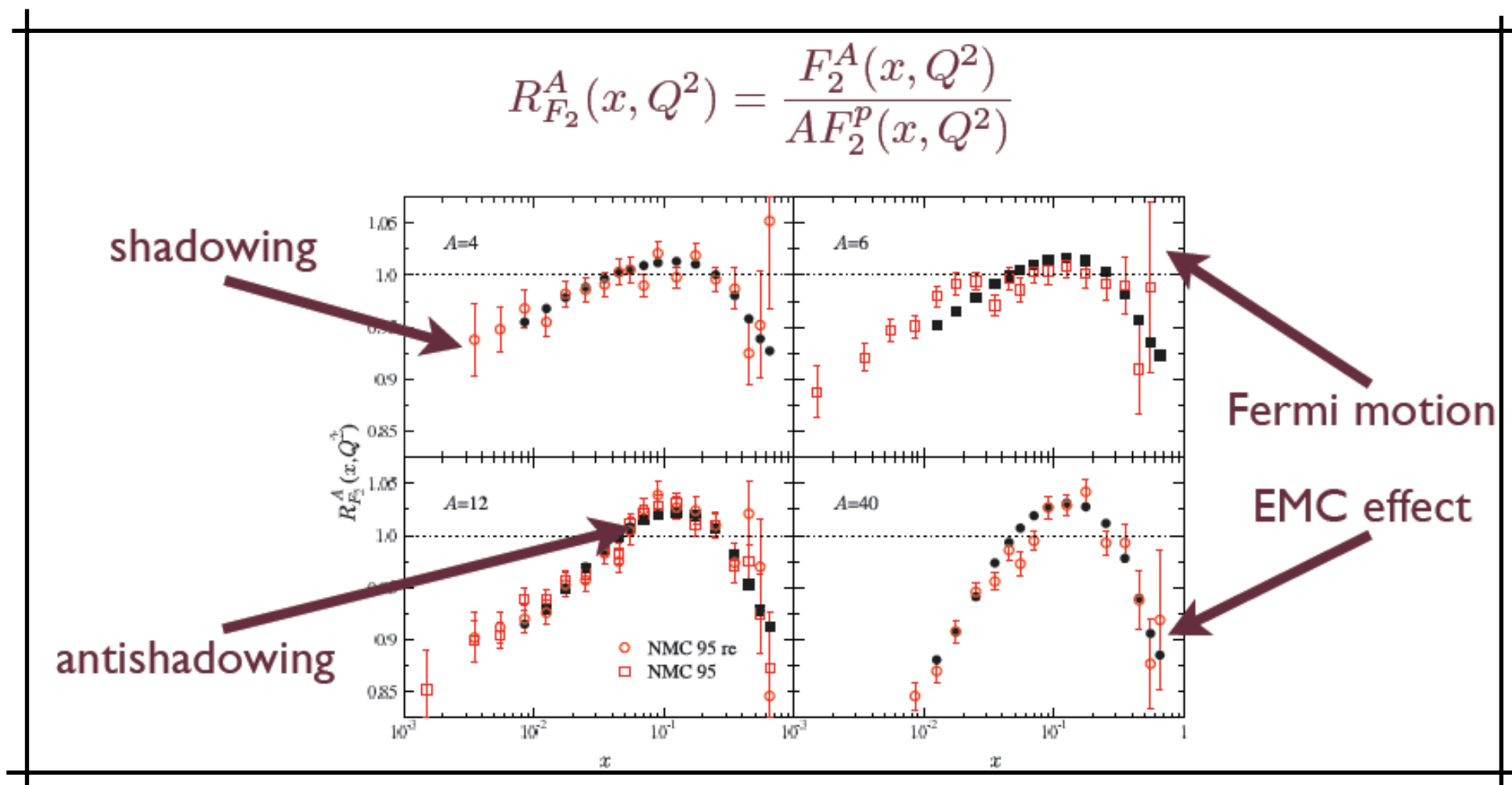
$$= F_2(x, Q^2) - f(y) \cdot F_L(x, Q^2)$$

$$f(y) = y^2/[1 + (1 - y)^2] \quad y = Q^2/sx$$

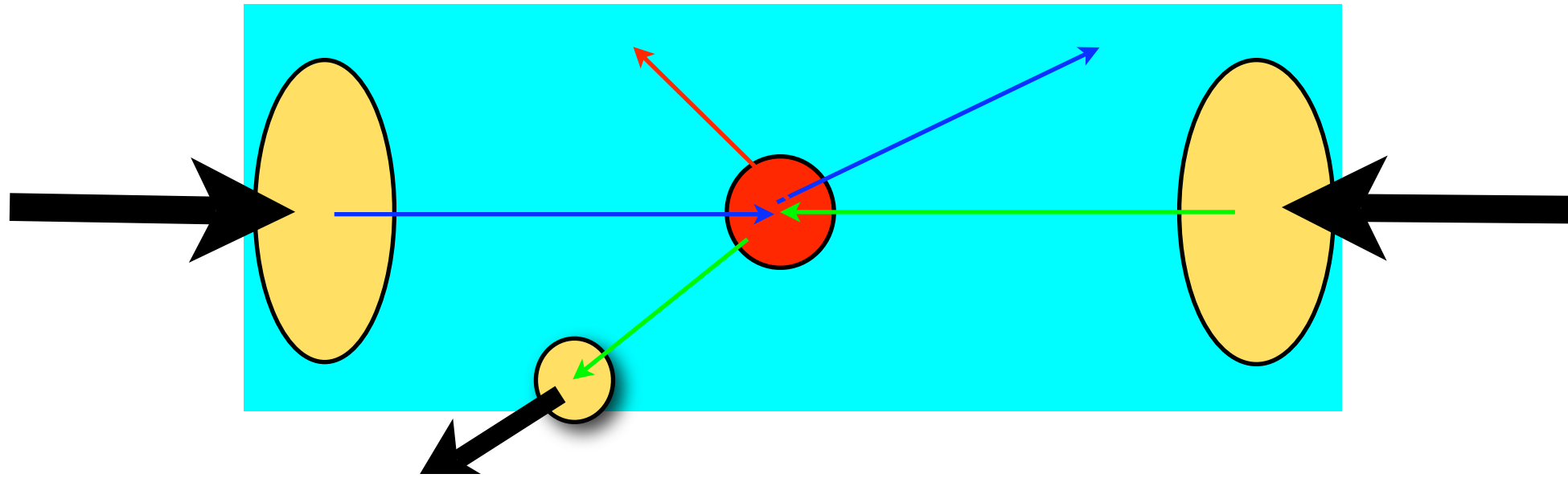
not known  
at small x

- $R=1$ : absence of nuclear effects.

- $R \neq 1$  discovered in the early 70's.

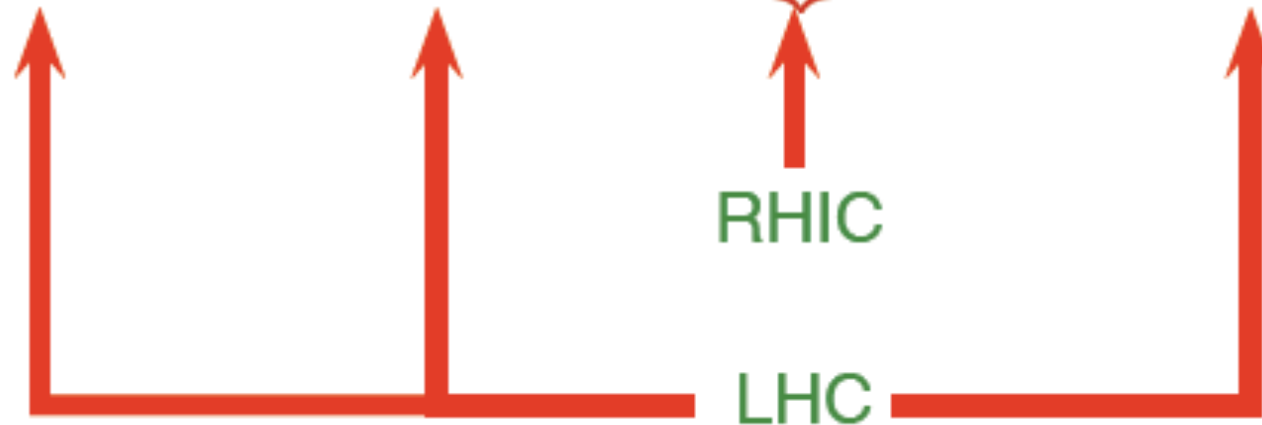


# Practice: factorization



$$\sigma^{pp \rightarrow h} = f_p(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_p(x_2, Q^2) \otimes \underbrace{\sigma(x_1, x_2, Q^2)}_{\text{RHIC}} \otimes D(z, Q^2) + \left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right)^n$$

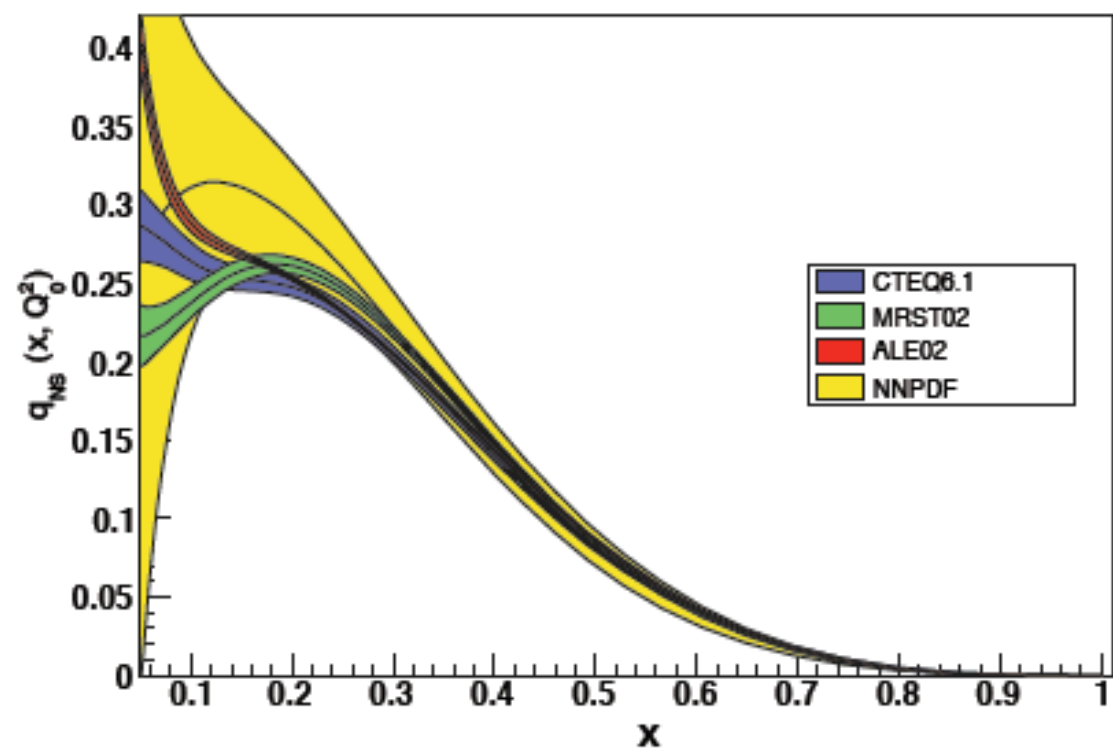
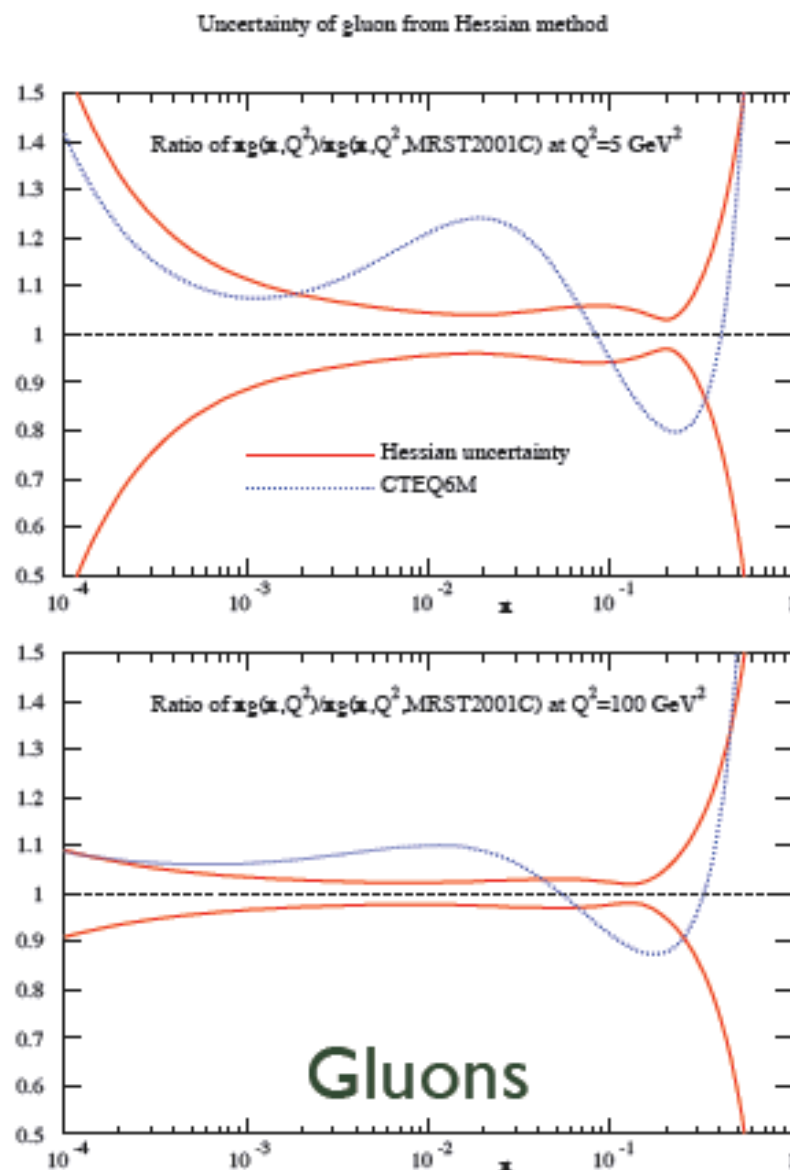
$$x_{1,2} \sim \sqrt{\frac{p_T^2 + m^2}{s}} e^{\pm y}$$



- The usual tool to compute particle production is **collinear factorization** (for  $Q \sim E_{\text{cm}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ ).
- **$f_h$ , DGLAP-evolved, poorly known out of the measured region.**

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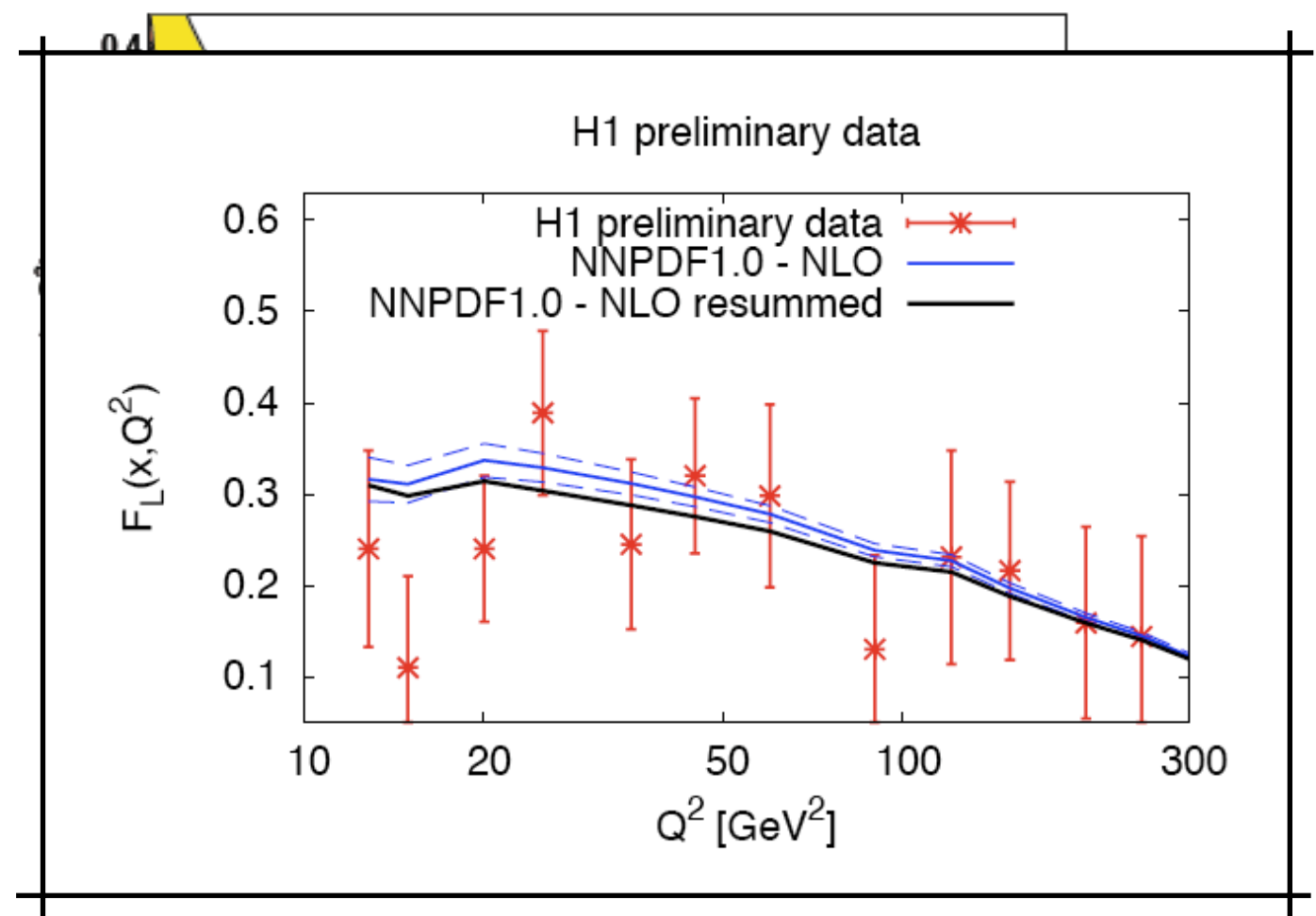
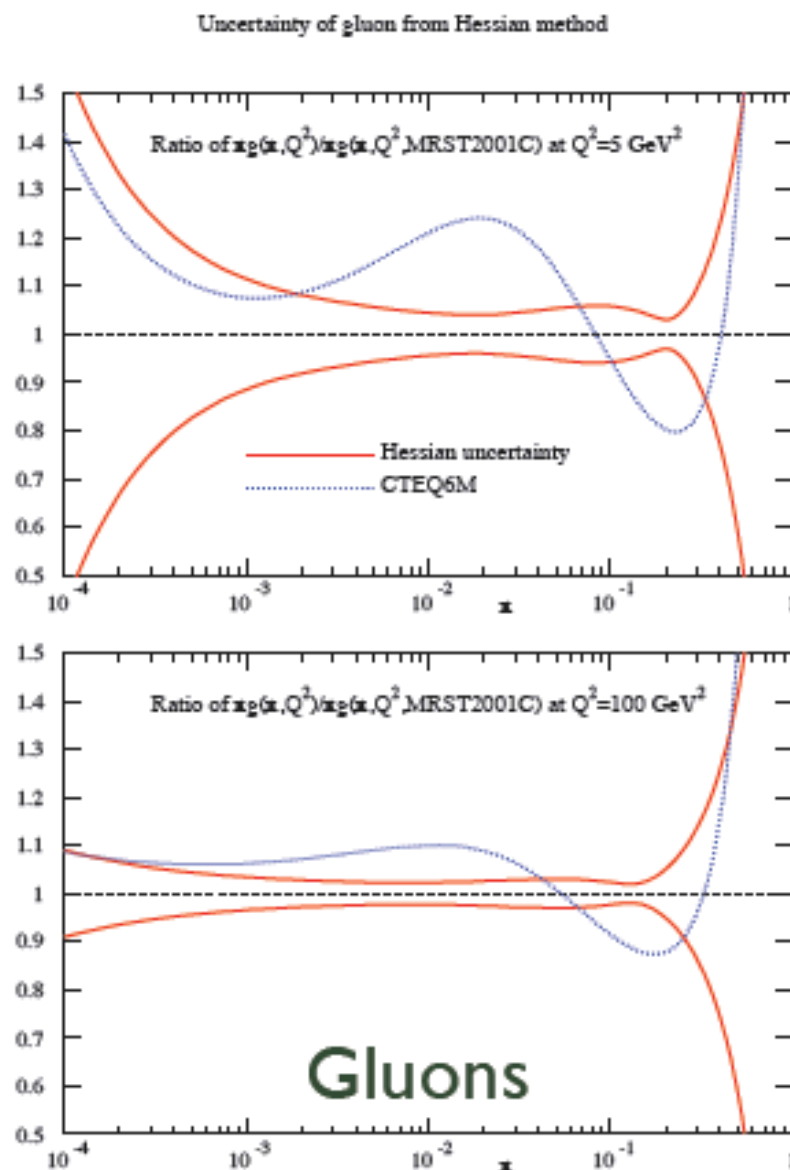


Non-singlet



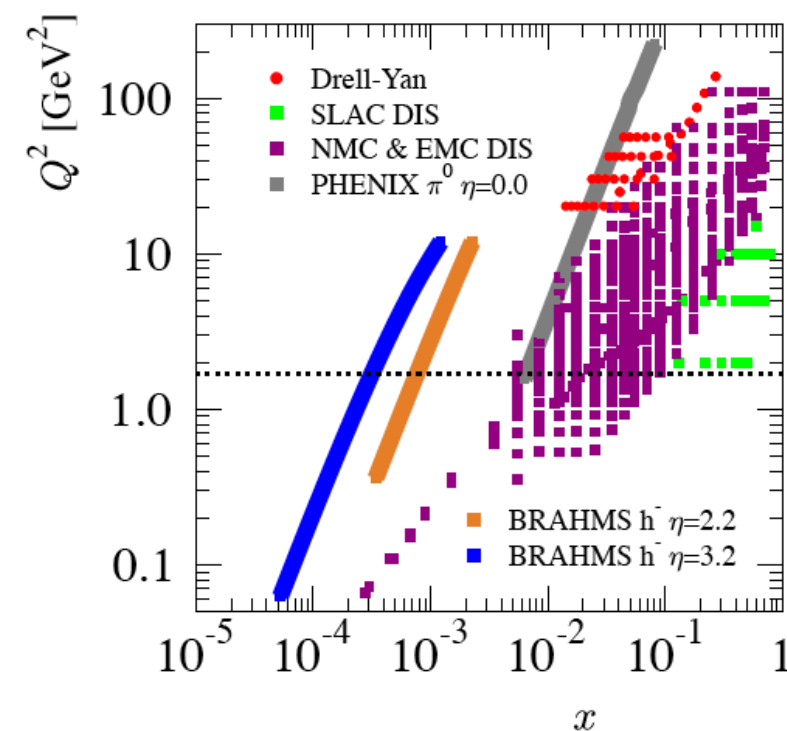
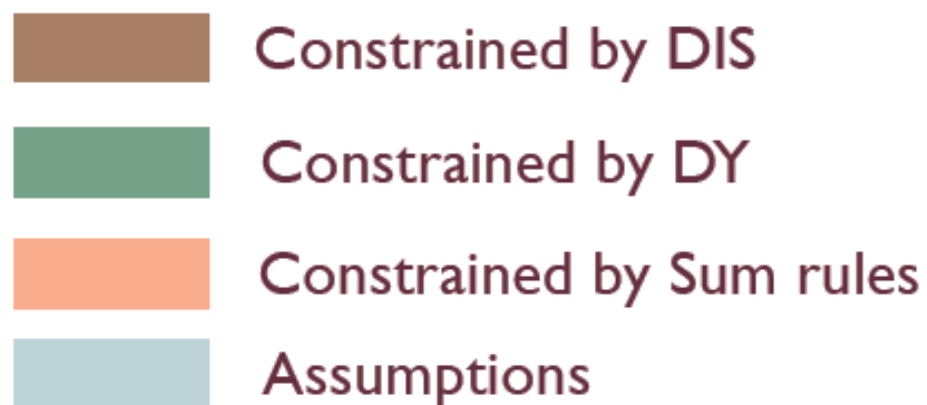
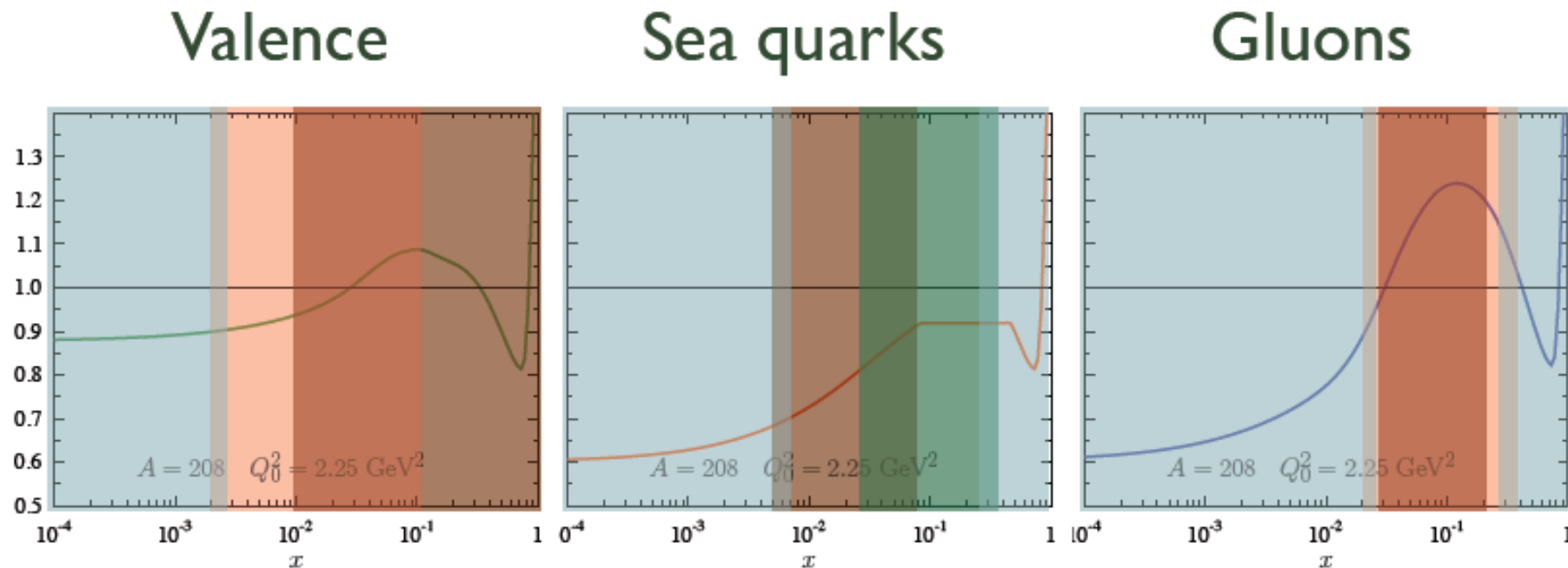
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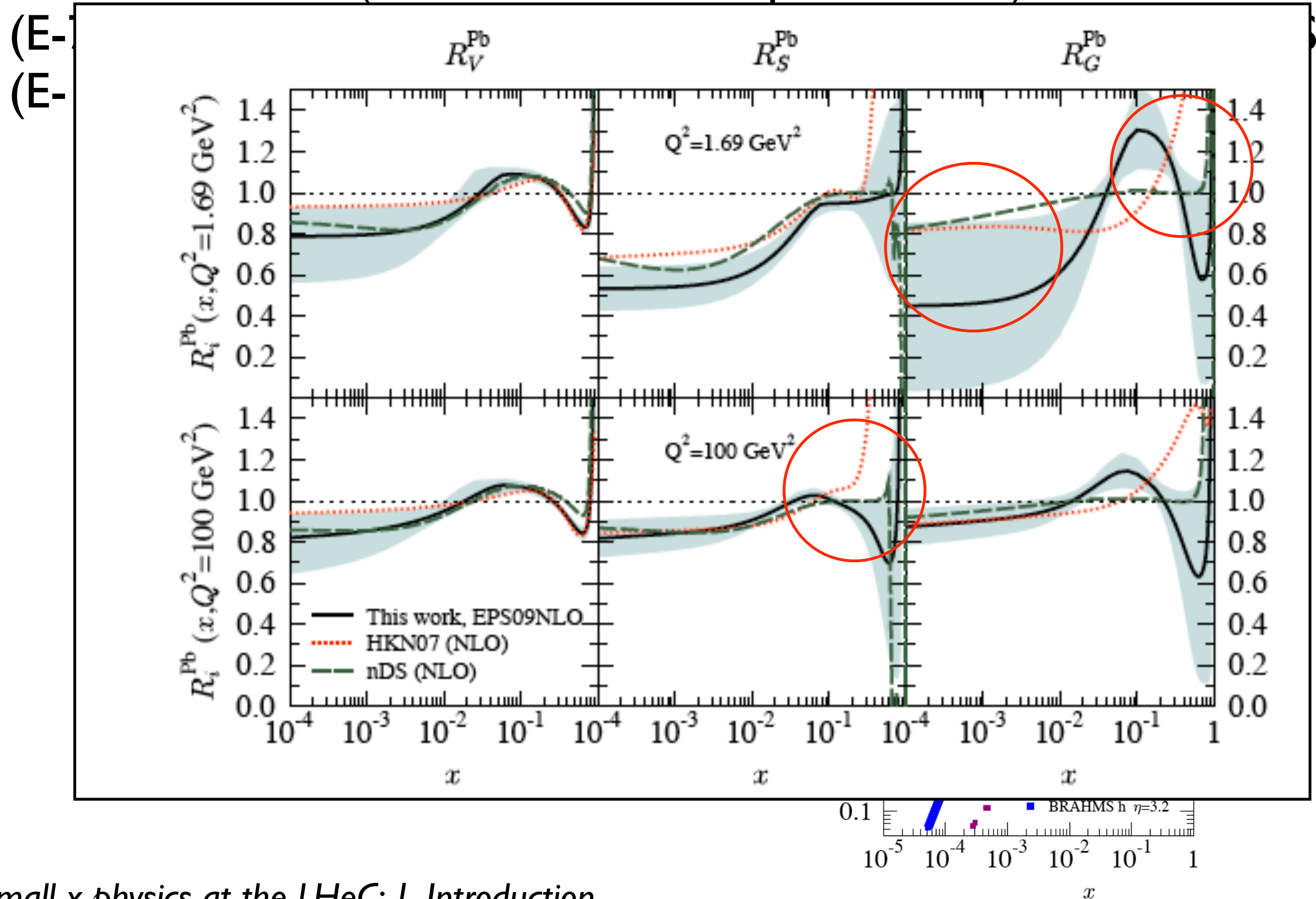
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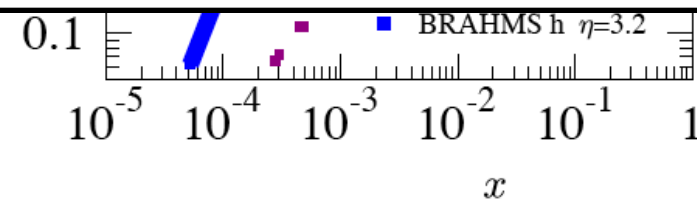
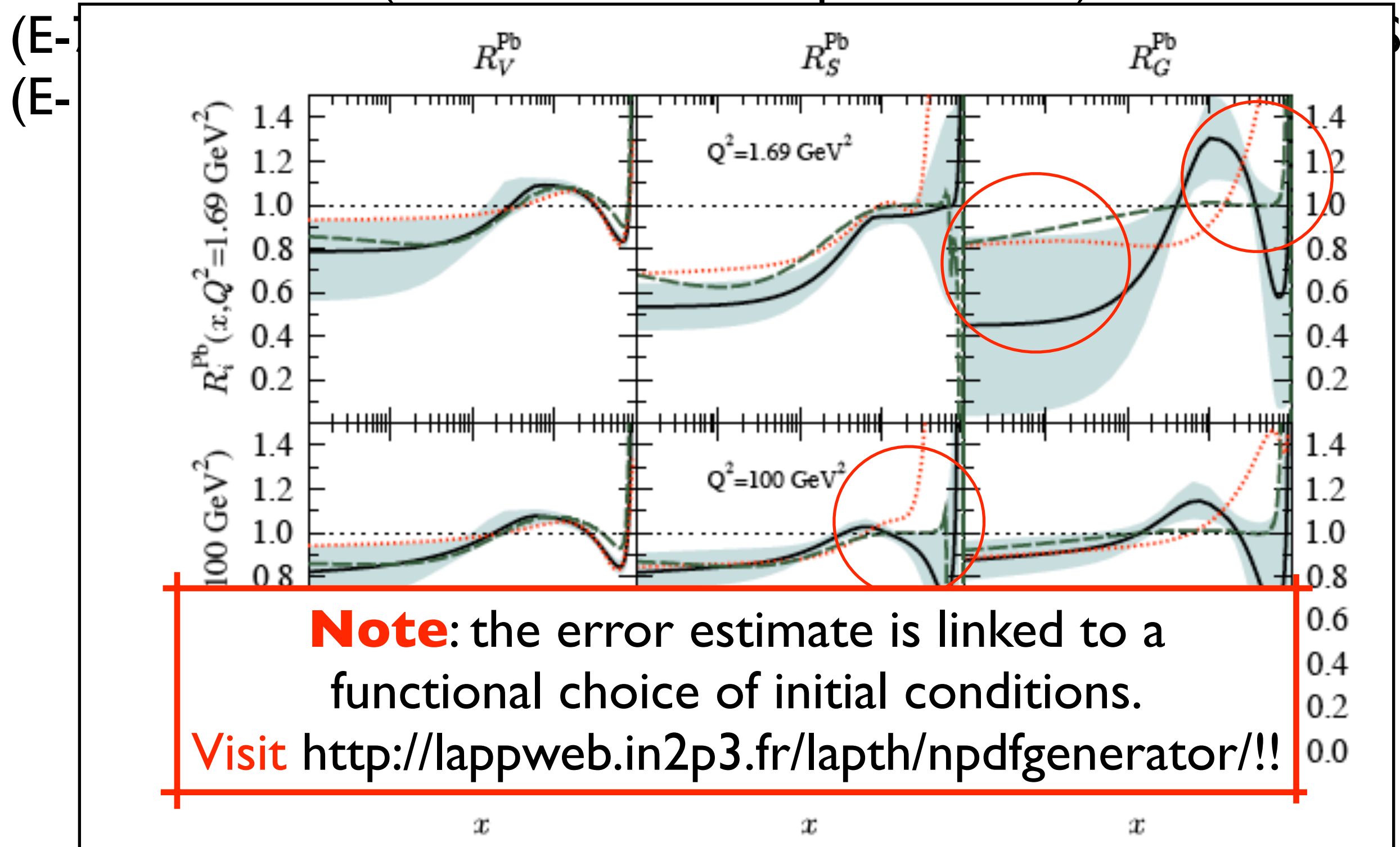
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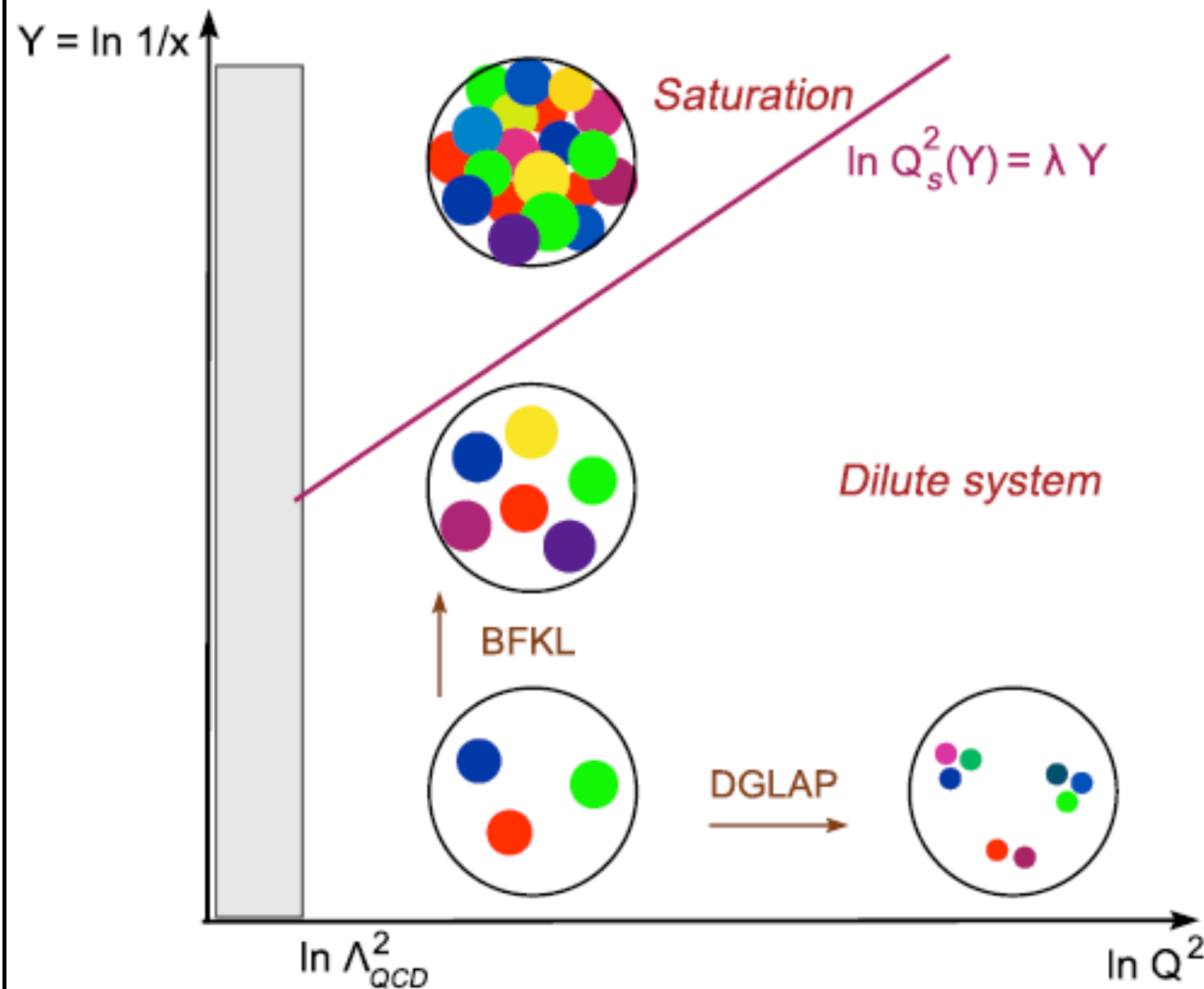


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## History:

Regge ('50's)

↓ *SLAC* ('65)

Gribov ('60's,'70's)

↓ *QCD* ('73)

Linear eqs.: DGLAP,  
BFKL ('77)

↓

Non-linear eqs.: GLR,  
MQ ('80's)

↓ *HERA* ('90)

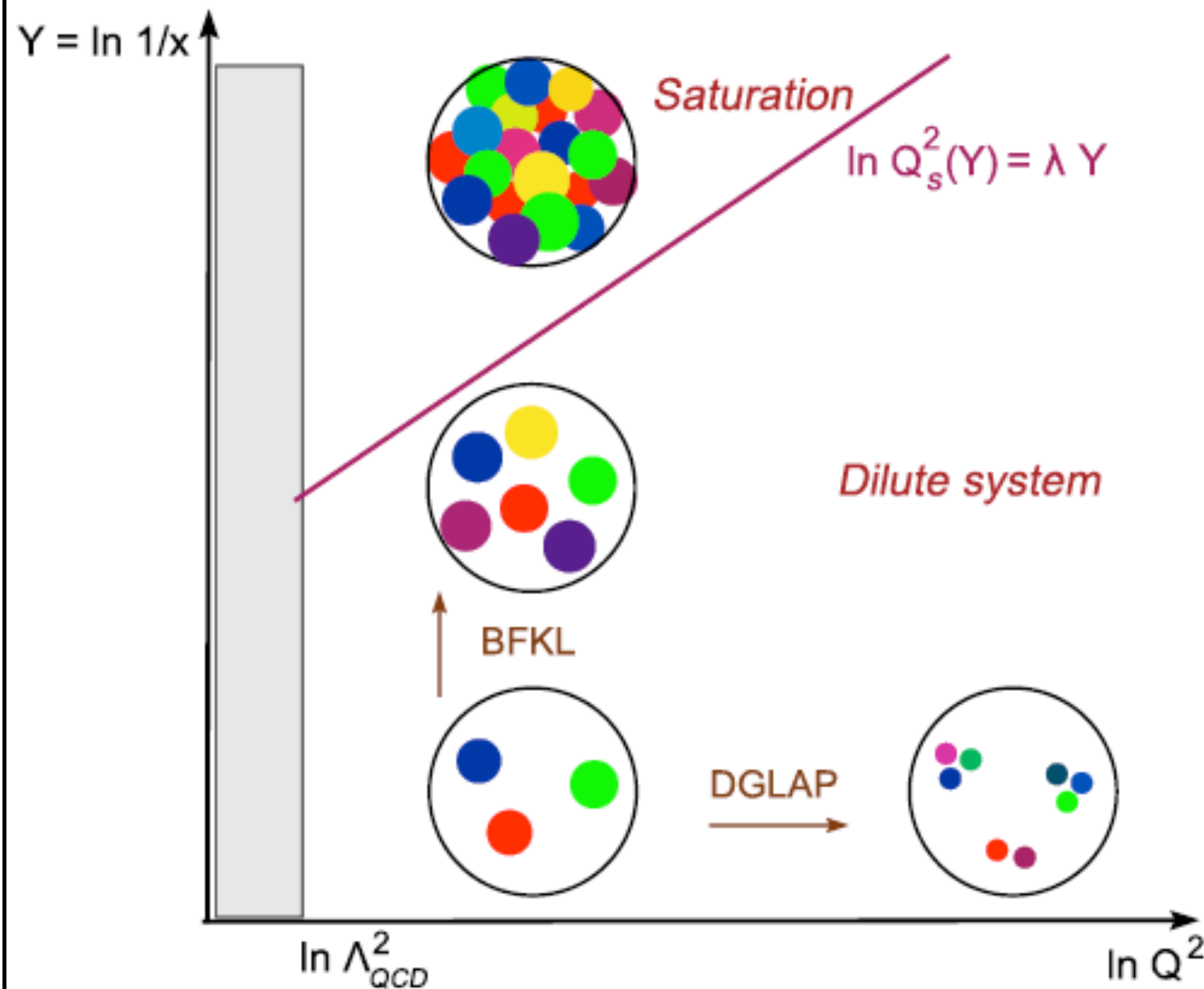
Saturation: MV, GBW,  
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↓ *RHIC* ('00)

... *LHC* ('09)



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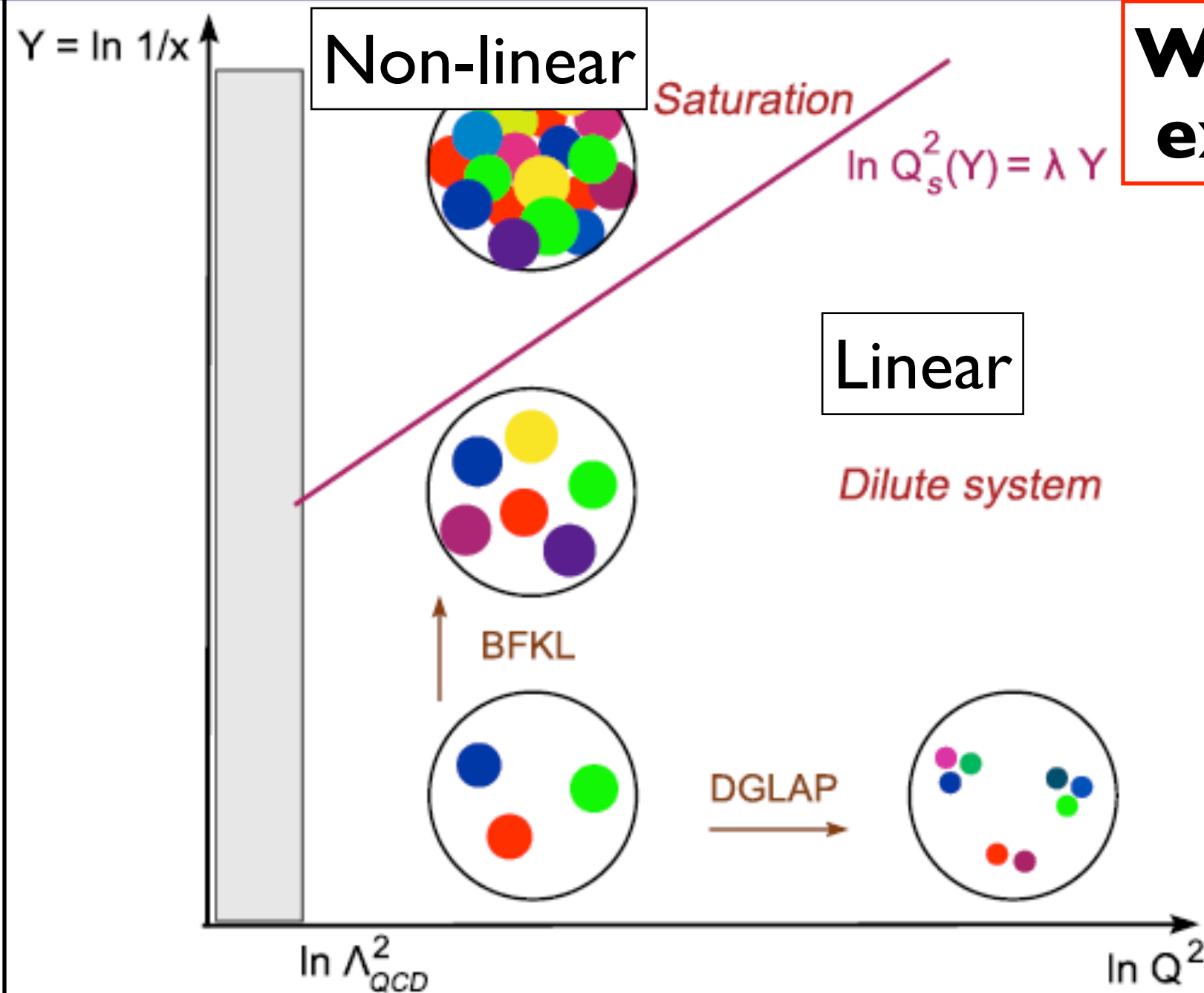


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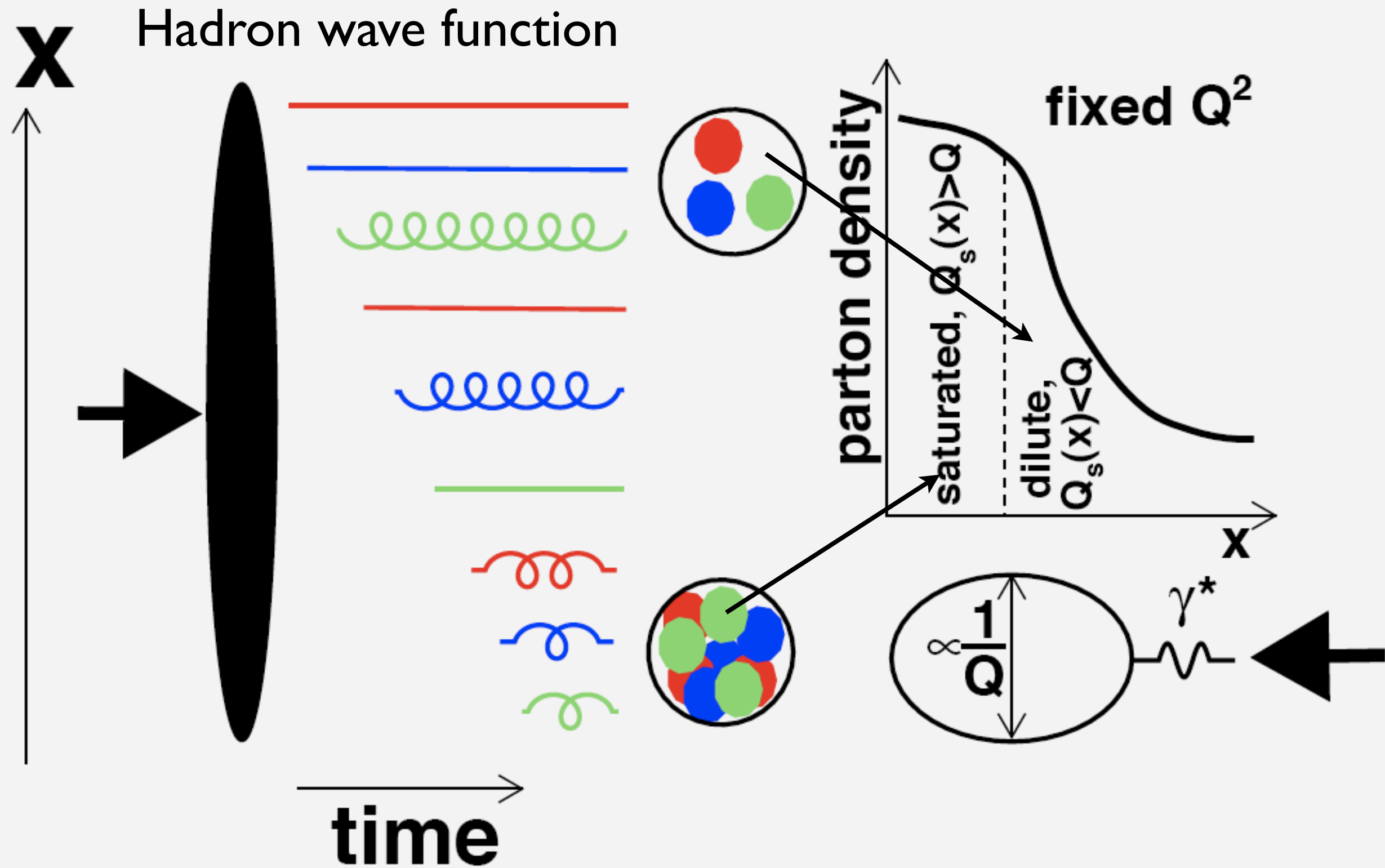


**Where do the available experimental data lie?**

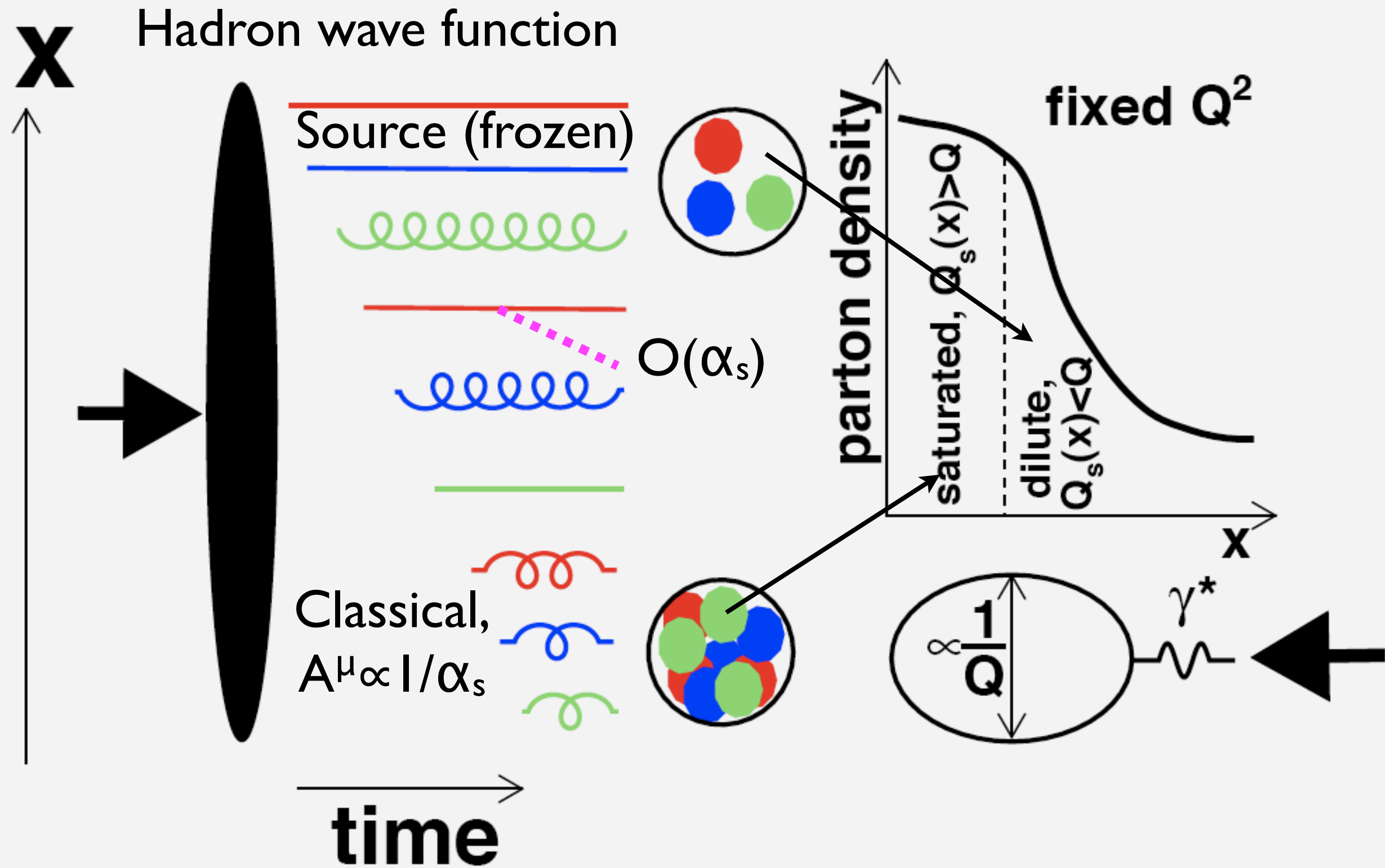
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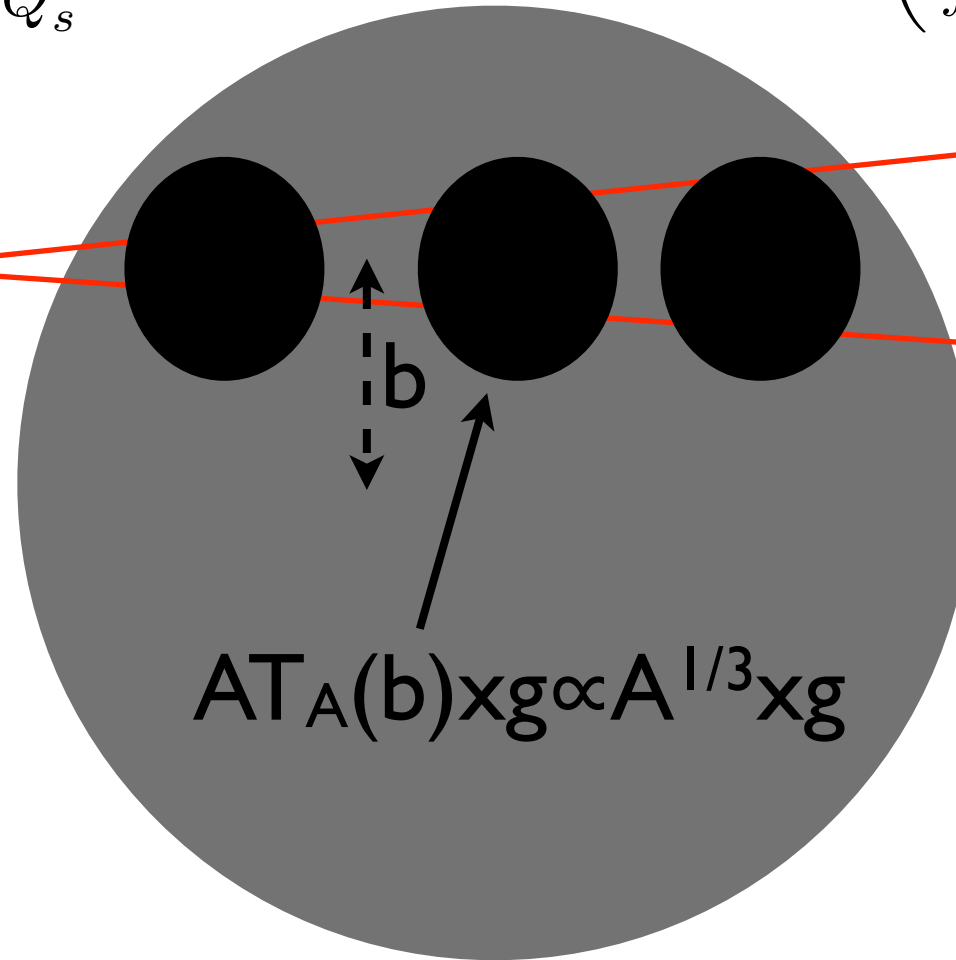


$$\sigma\rho \sim 1 \implies \frac{Axg(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi R_A^2 Q_s^2} \sim 1 \implies Q_s^2 \propto A^{1/3} x^{-\lambda} \sim \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$$

**x**



$\gamma^*$

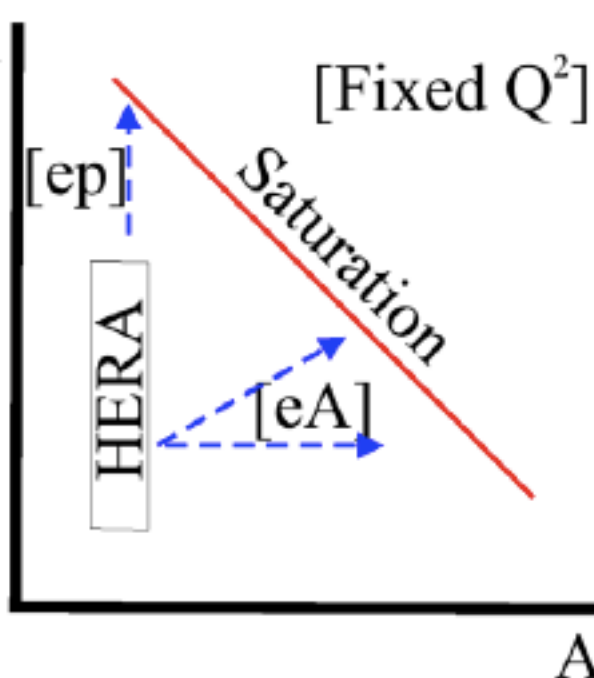


$$AT_A(b)xg \propto A^{1/3}xg$$

**Q<sup>2</sup>**

**Nuclei:** they offer the possibility of **testing** these ideas (**density effect**) and **enhance the saturation effects** for a fixed  $x$  (energy).

$1/x$



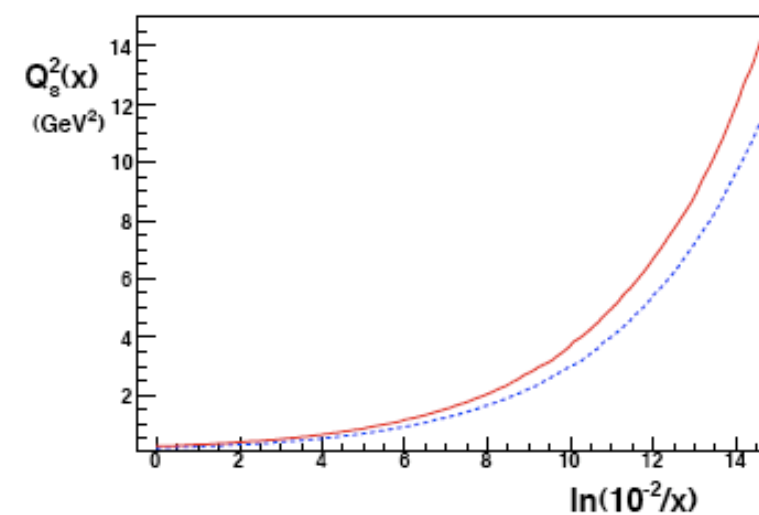
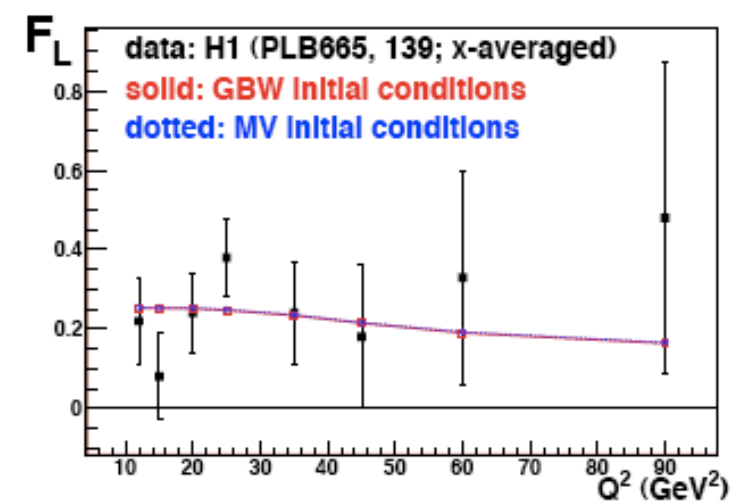
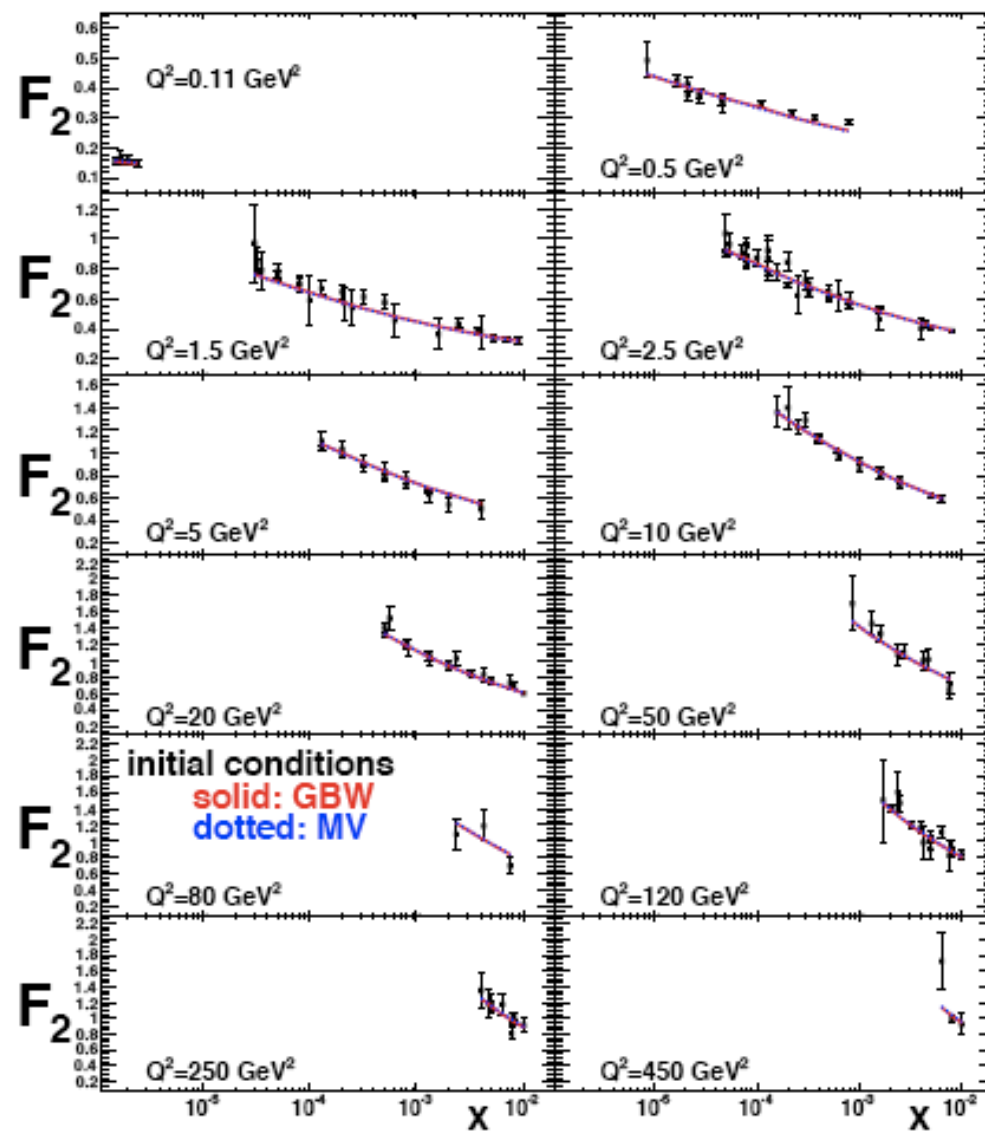
**x**

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- Phenomenology based on saturation (rcBK) is successful for inclusive and diffractive DIS for small and moderate  $Q^2$ .
- Deviations from NLO DGLAP have been claimed recently (Caola, Forte, Rojo '09), incompatible with NNLO.



# Status:

- **DGLAP evolution** (fixed order PT) is **extremely successful** in inclusive DIS. Diffractive DIS can be understood too, but diffractive factorization breaks when going to pp(bar).
- **Resummation schemes** ( $L(1/x)$ : BFKL  $\rightarrow$  CCFM, T, ABF, CCSS): look nearly ready to become competitive.
- **CGC realization** (no longer models!) is also successful.
- **Differences lie at moderate  $Q^2(>\Lambda^2_{\text{QCD}})$  and small  $x$ .**
- **Unitarity** (non-linear effects) must be out there (maybe even already in here), the question is where 'there' is  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - ☞ Theory: refine the tools and predict.
  - ☞ **Experiment**: measure new kinematical regions: LHC, EIC, LHeC.

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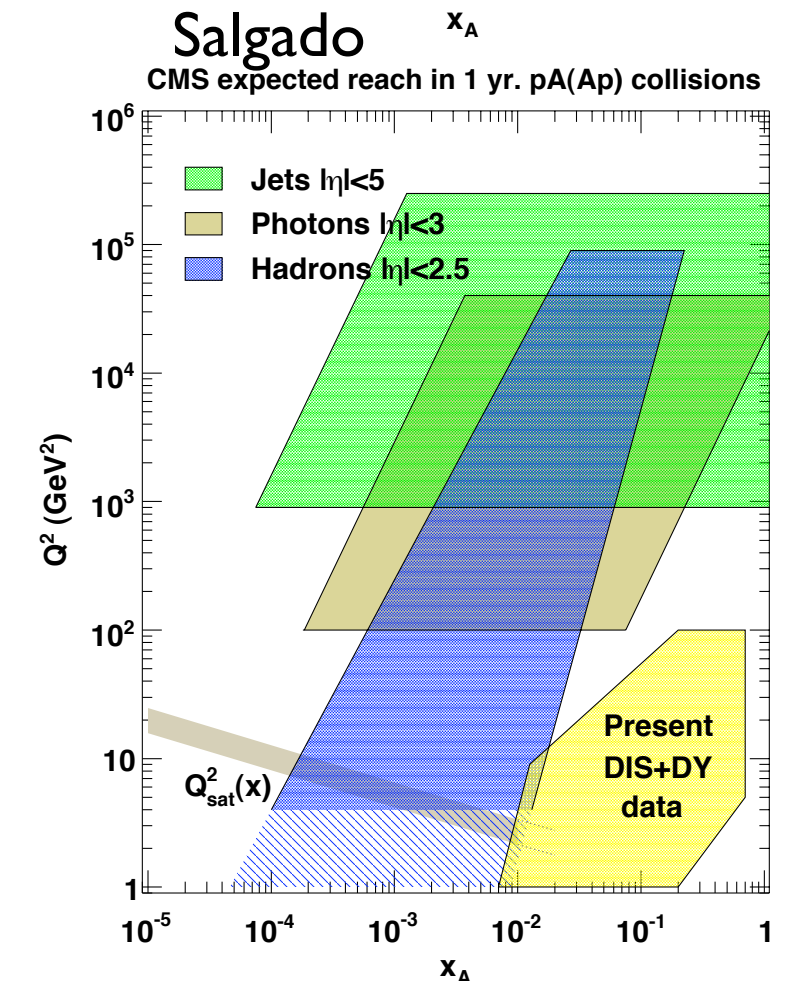
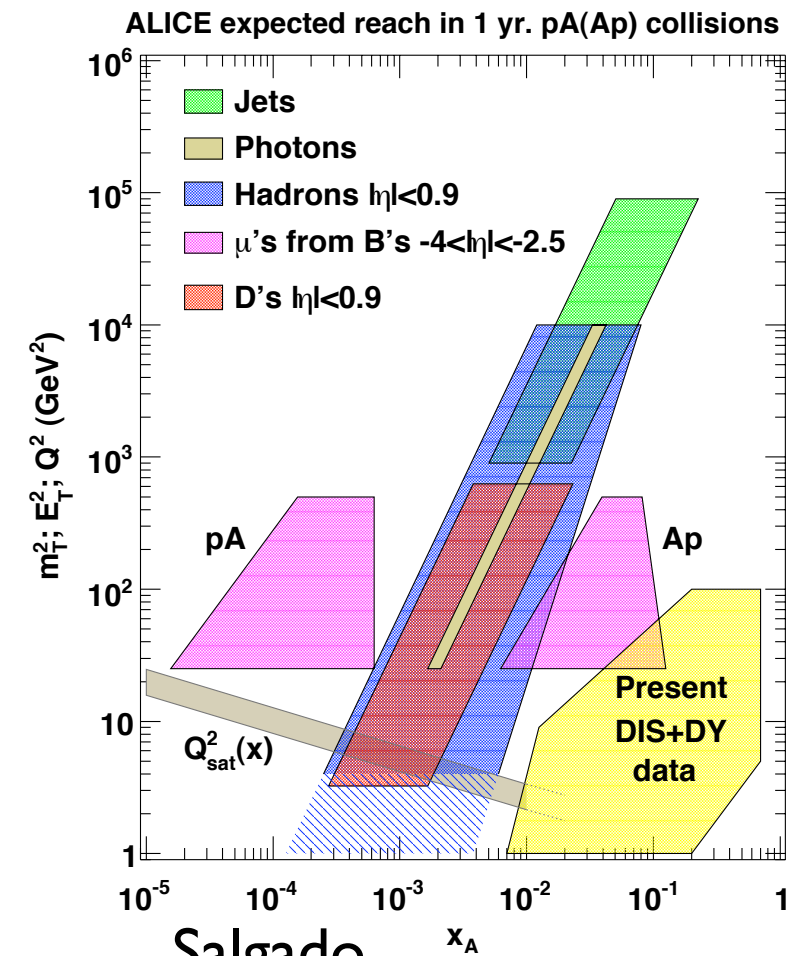
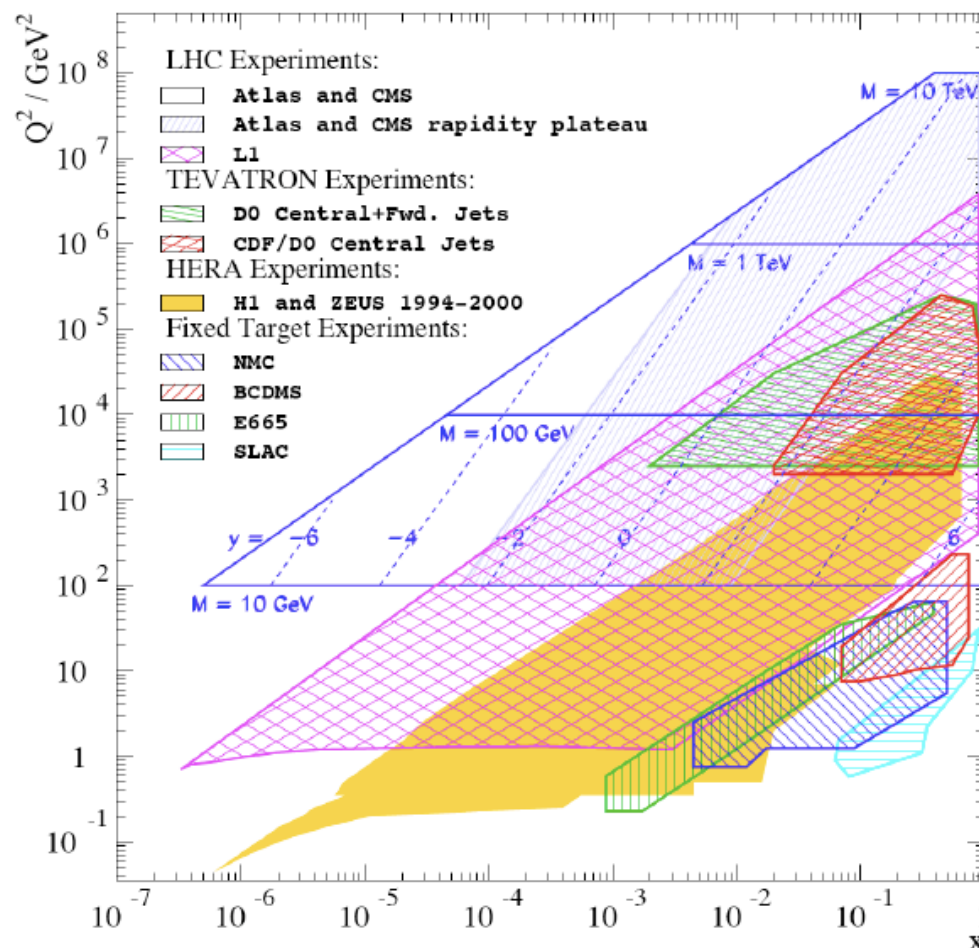
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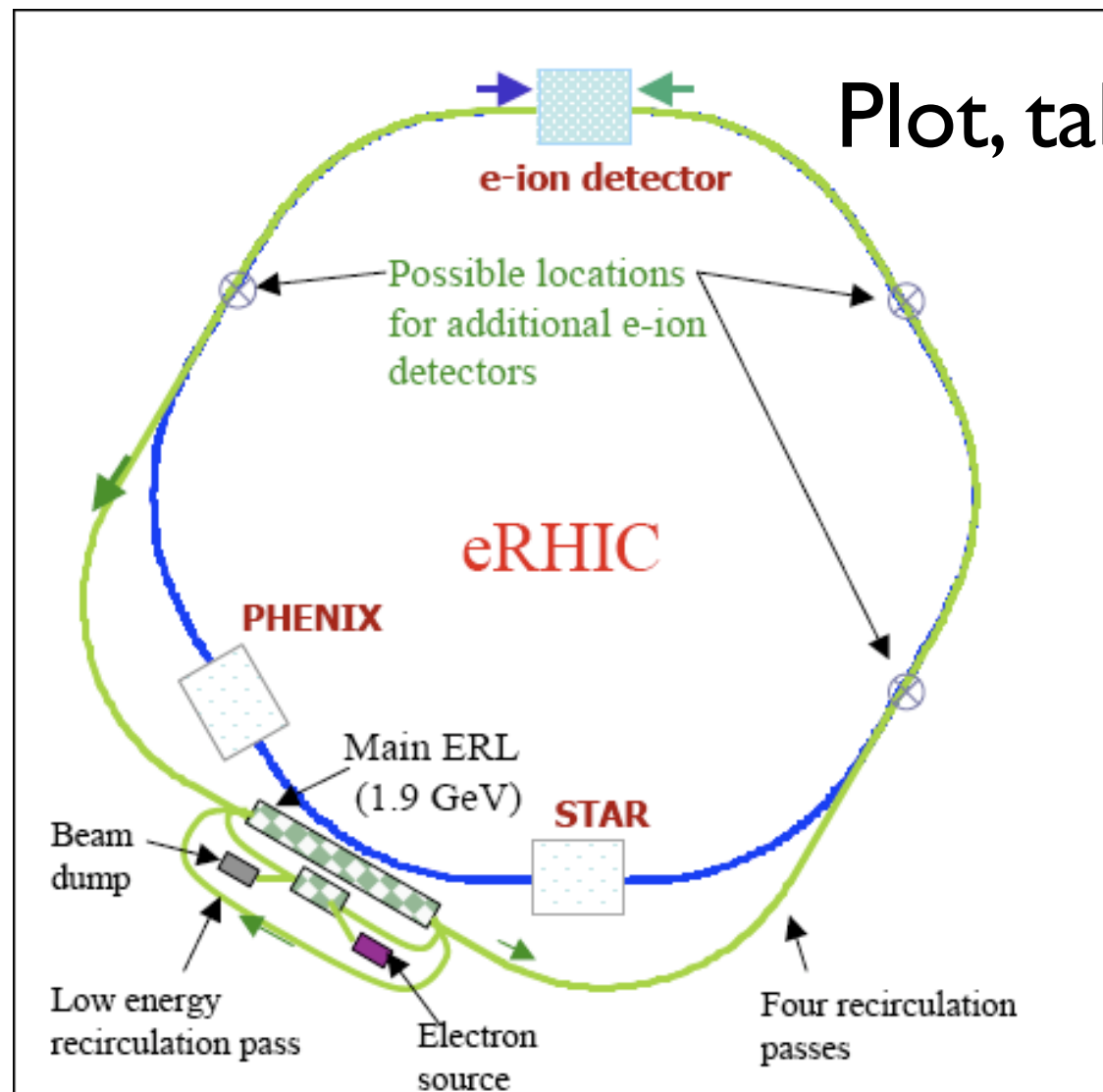
# LHC:

- pp at  $\eta=0$  should be quite well constrained by HERA data (+ DGLAP evolution).
- pp at  $\eta>0$  will offer constraints on pdf's
- pPb, not coming during first pp runs, would give valuable information about npdf's.



# EIC:

- Project at JLAB, uses CEBAF, need of building a proton/nucleus accelerator: larger cost and luminosity. Polarized protons?
- Project at BNL, uses RHIC (polarized protons), need of building an electron accelerator: lower cost and luminosity. Stage approach in coordination with RHIC-II.



Plot, table from 2008!!!

	High energy setup		Low energy setup	
	p	e	p	e
Energy, GeV	250	10	50	3
Number of bunches	166		166	
Bunch spacing, ns	71	71	71	71
Bunch intensity, $10^{11}$	2	1.2	2	1.2
Beam current, mA	420	260	420	260
Normalized 95% emittance, $\pi$ mm.mrad	6	460	6	570
Rms emittance, nm	3.8	4	19	16.5
$\beta^*$ , x/y, cm	26	25	26	30
Beam-beam parameters, x/y	0.015	0.59	0.015	0.47
Rms bunch length, cm	20	1	20	1
Polarization, %	70	80	70	80
Peak Luminosity, $1.e33 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	2.6		0.53	
Aver.Luminosity, $1.e33 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	0.87		0.18	
Luminosity integral /week, $\text{pb}^{-1}$	530		105	



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### The Large Hadron Electron Collider Project

1990: LEP\*LHC (Aachen Workshop)  
2001: THERA (TESLA TDR)  
2005: LHeC: \* DIS, Madison  
2006:  $10^{33}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ : 2006 JINST 1 10001  
2007 CERN Council and [r]ECFA  
2008 Divonne I, NuPECC, ICFA, ECFA  
2009 Divonne II (1.-3.9.), ECFA 11/09

→ 2010: Conceptual Design Report

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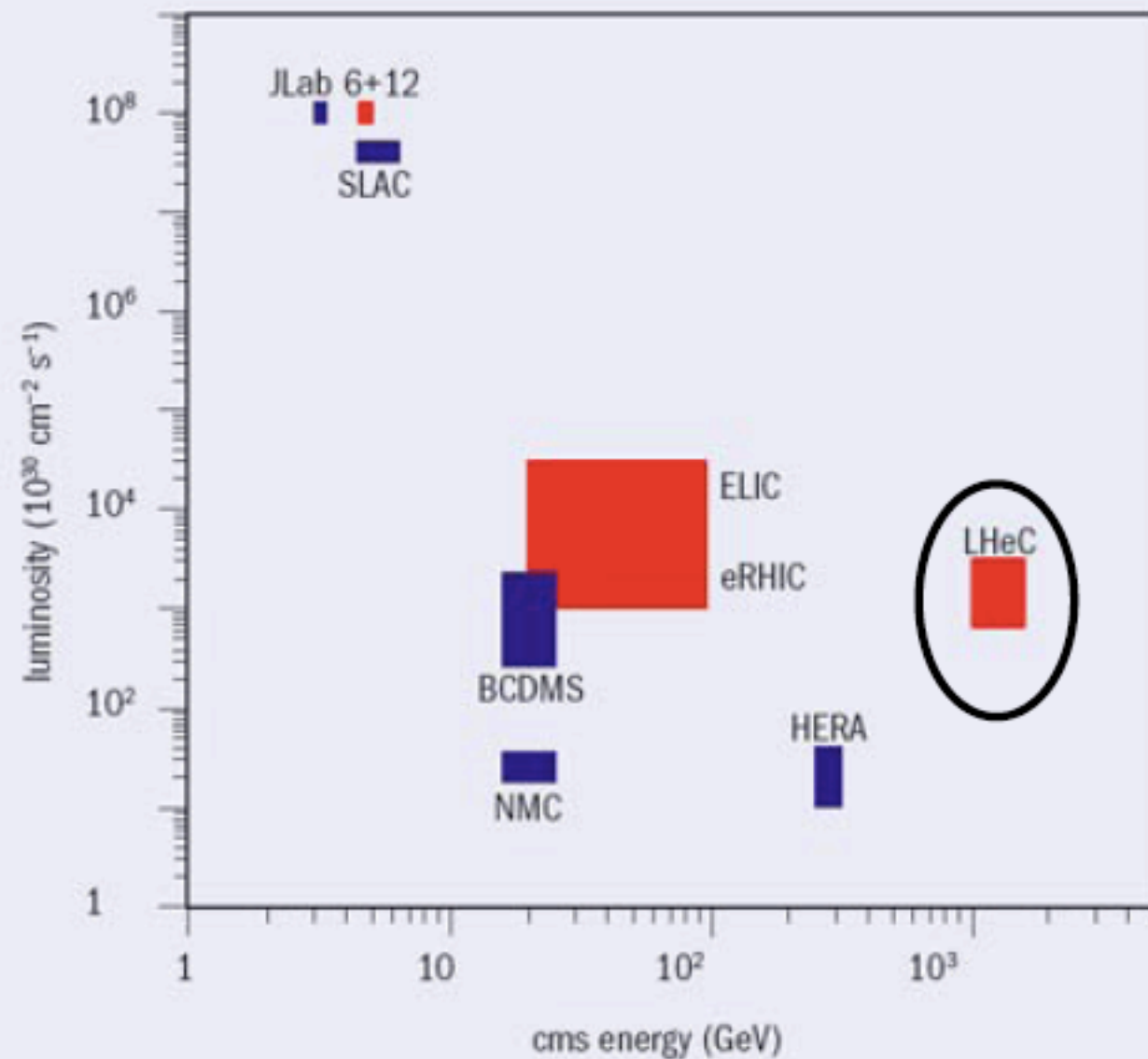
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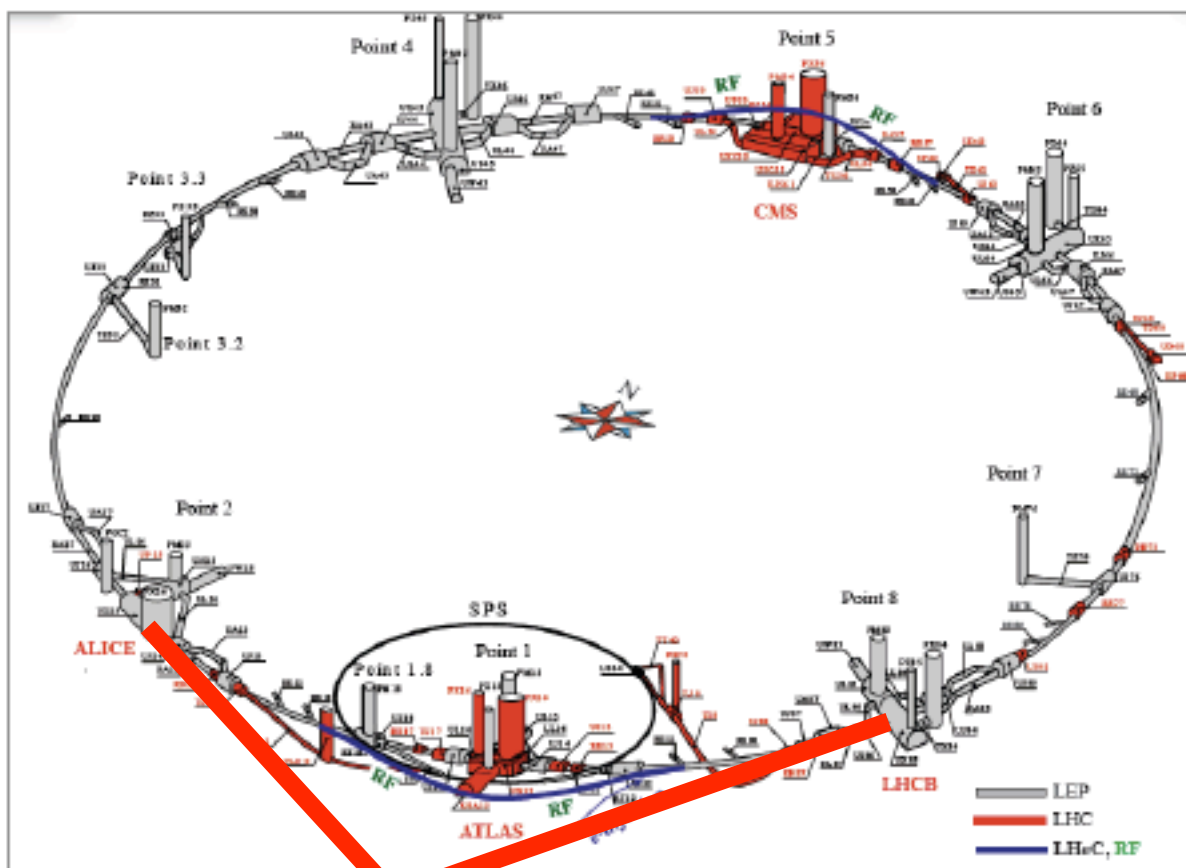
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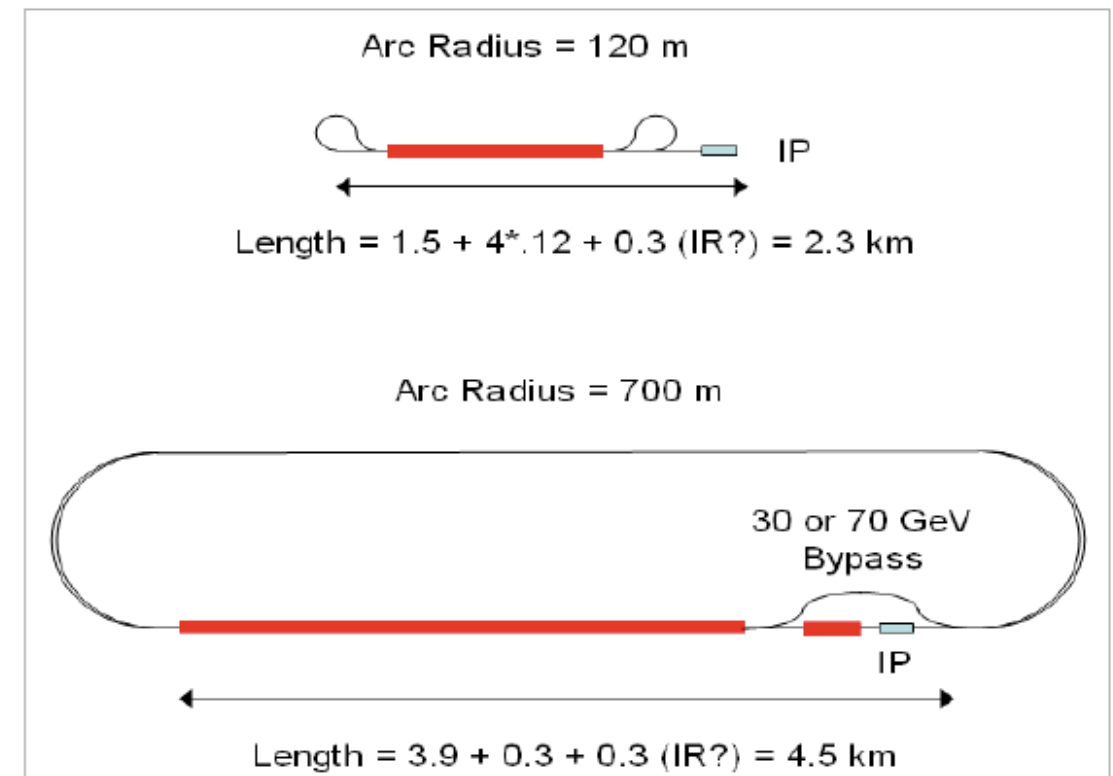
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## Ring-Ring ep/eA



$E_e = 10 \dots 70 \text{ GeV}$ .  $L_{ep} \sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (100 times HERA)



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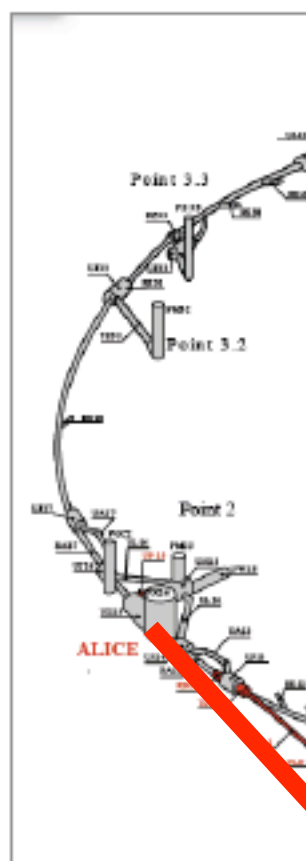


Diagram of the LHeC accelerator layout showing interaction points ALICE and LHCb, and various beam lines. The diagram includes labels for Point 3.3, Point 3.2, Point 2, and ALICE. A red arrow points from the text 'E<sub>e</sub>=10 ... 70 GeV' to the diagram.

config.	E(e)	E(N)	N	$ L(e^+)$ fb <sup>-1</sup>	$ L(e^-)$	Pol	L/10 <sup>32</sup>	P/MW	years	type
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	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	30	1	ePb
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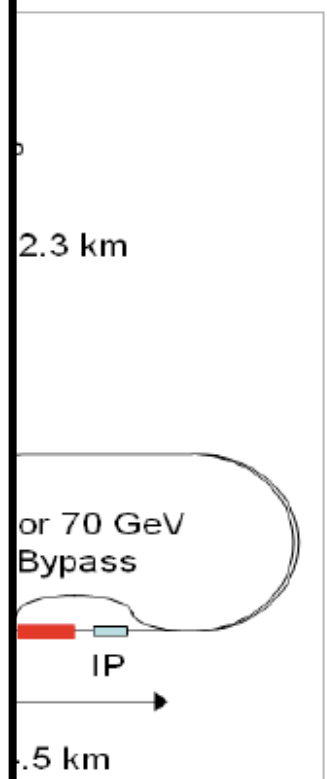


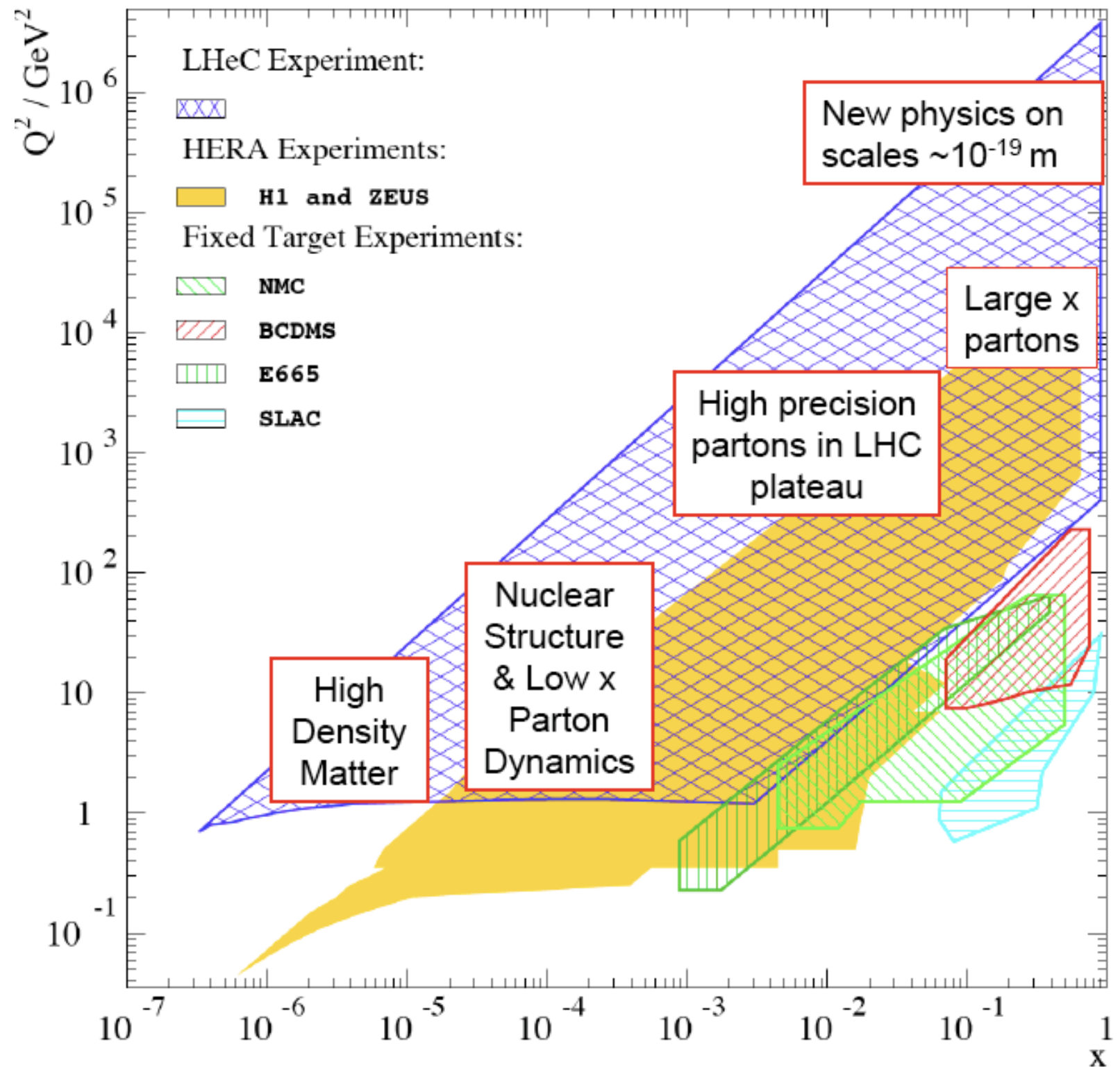
Diagram of the LHeC accelerator layout showing interaction points ALICE and LHCb, and various beam lines. The diagram includes labels for Point 3.3, Point 3.2, Point 2, and ALICE. A red arrow points from the text 'E<sub>e</sub>=10 ... 70 GeV' to the diagram.



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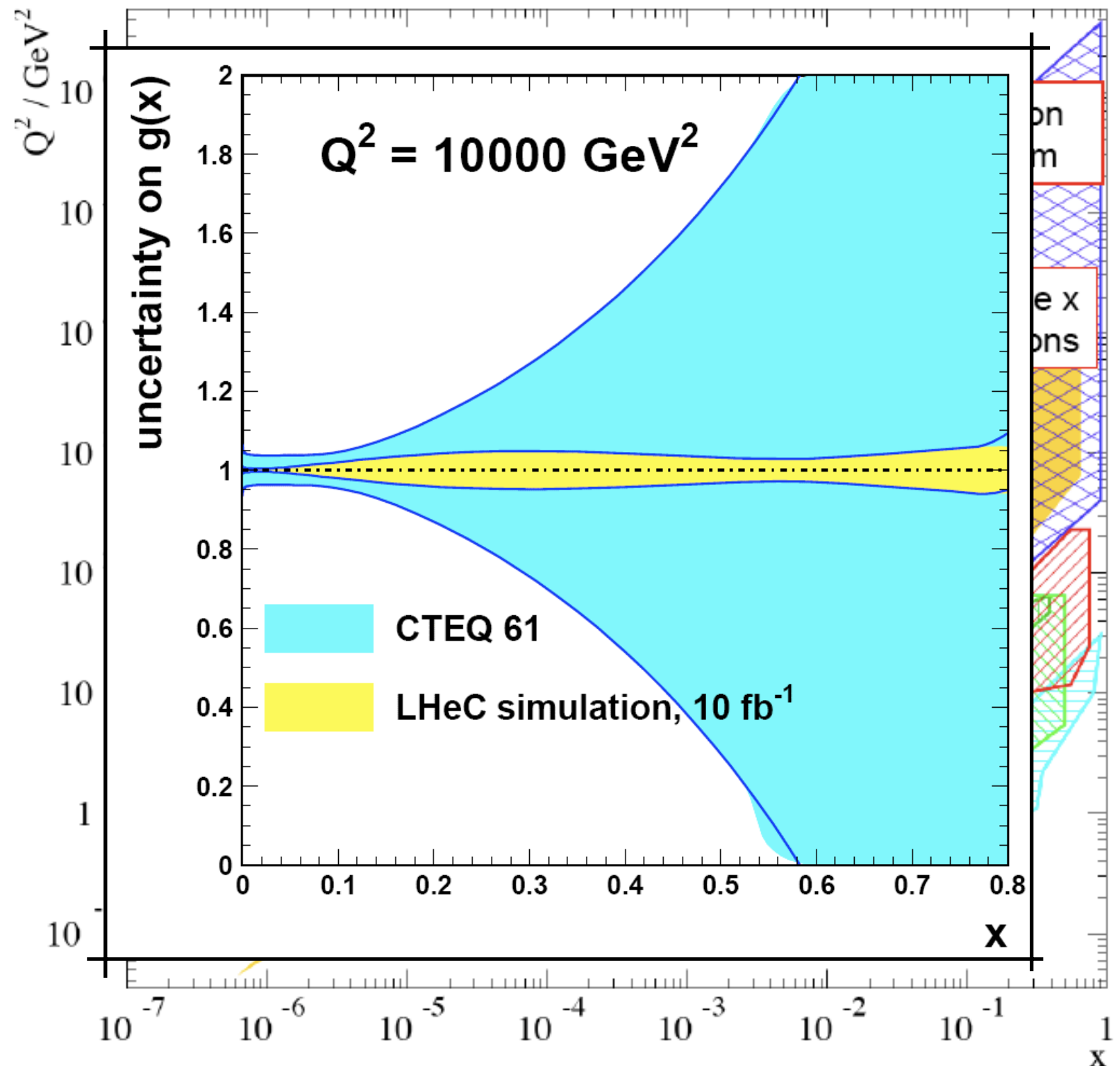




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# LHeC: the detector

## LHeC Detector

version for low x and eA

Muon chambers  
(fwd,bwd,central)

Coil ( $r=3\text{m}$   $l=11.8\text{m}$ , 3.5T)  
[Return Fe not drawn,  
2 coils w/o return Fe studied]

### Central Detector

#### Pixels

Elliptic beam pipe ( $\sim 3\text{cm}$  - or smaller)

Silicon (fwd/bwd+central)  
[Strip or/and Gas on Slimmed Si Pixels]  
[0.6m radius for 0.03% \* pt in 3.5T field]

El.magn. Calo (Pb,Scint. 9-12 $X_0$ )

Hadronic Calo (Fe/LAr; Cu/Brass-Scint.  $\sim 30\lambda$ )

### Fwd Detectors

(down to  $1^\circ$ )

#### Silicon Tracker

[Pix/Strip/Strixel/Pad Silicon or/and Gas on Slimmed Si Pixels]

Calice (W/Si); dual ReadOut - Elm Calo

FwdHadrCalo:

Cu/Brass-Scintillator

### Bwd Detectors

(down to  $179^\circ$ )

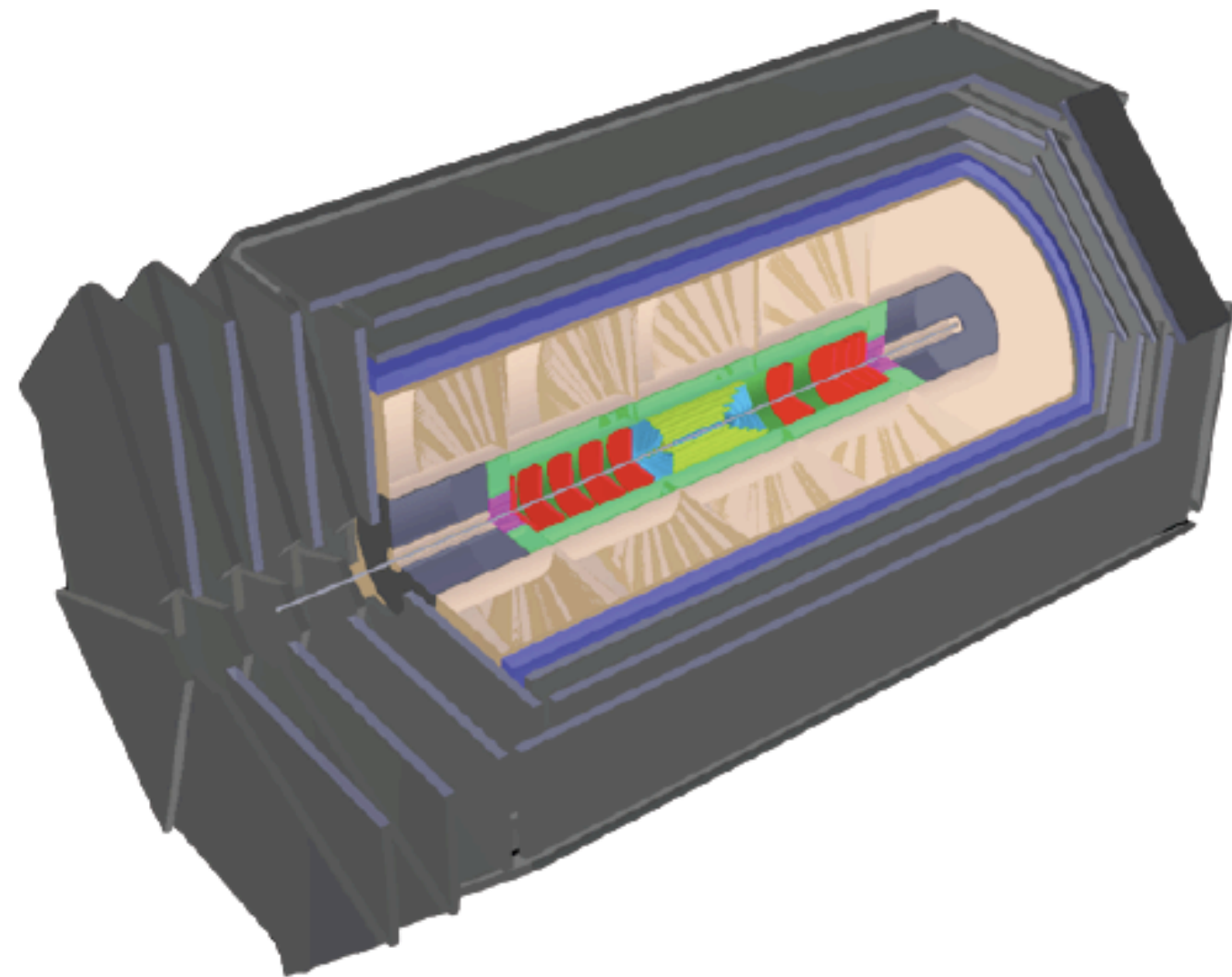
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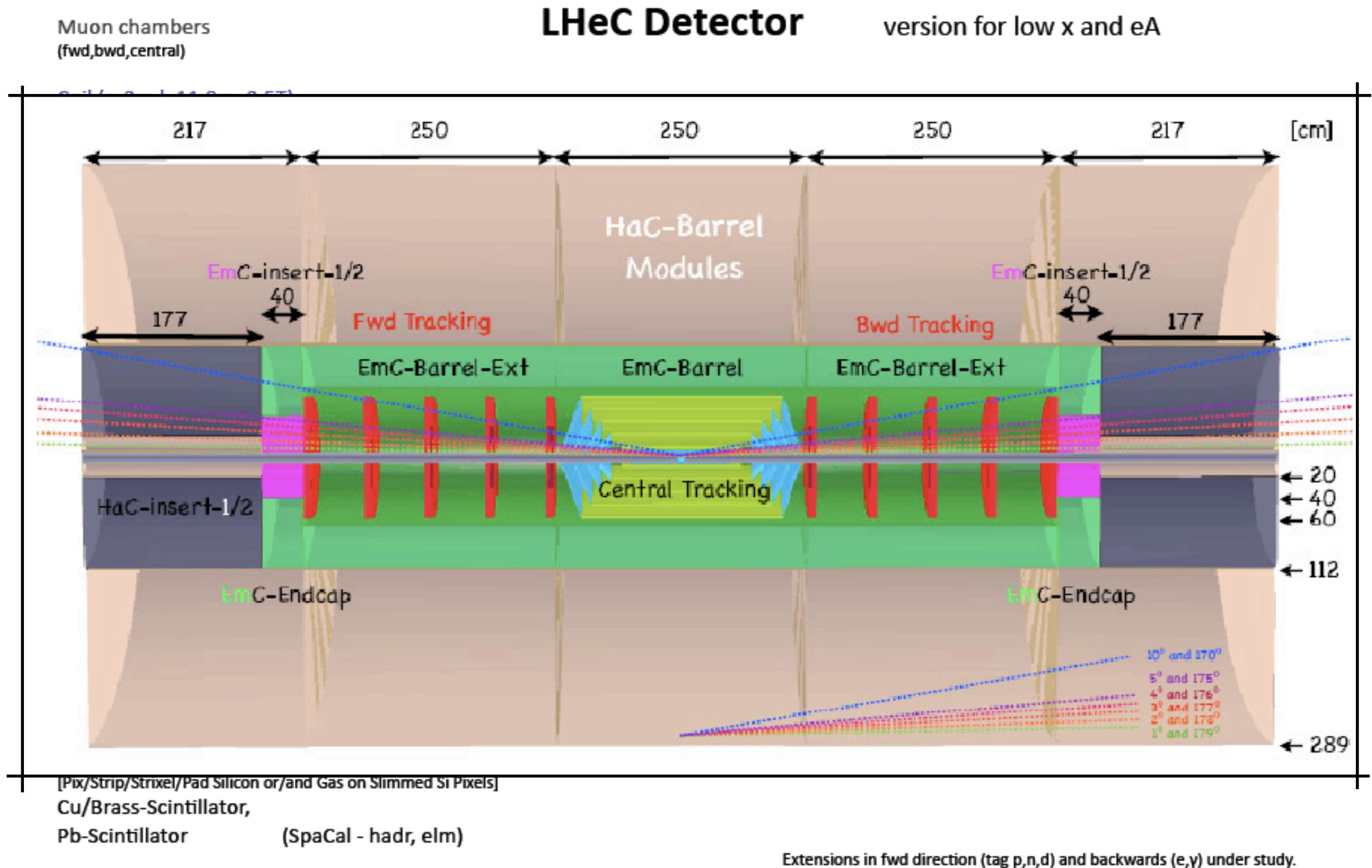
Pb-Scintillator

(SpaCal - hadr, elm)



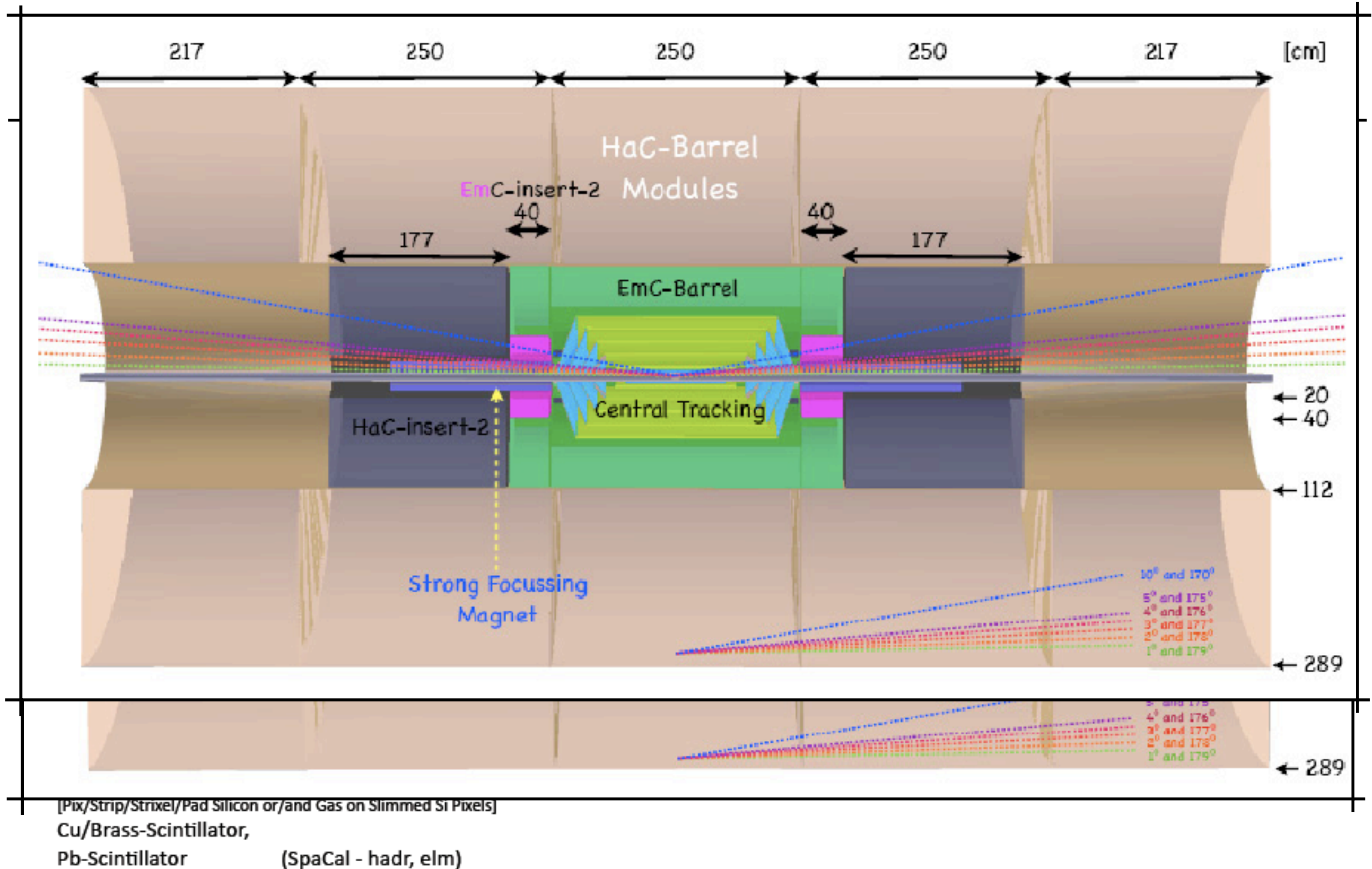
Extensions in fwd direction (tag p,n,d) and backwards (e, $\gamma$ ) under study.

# LHeC: the detector





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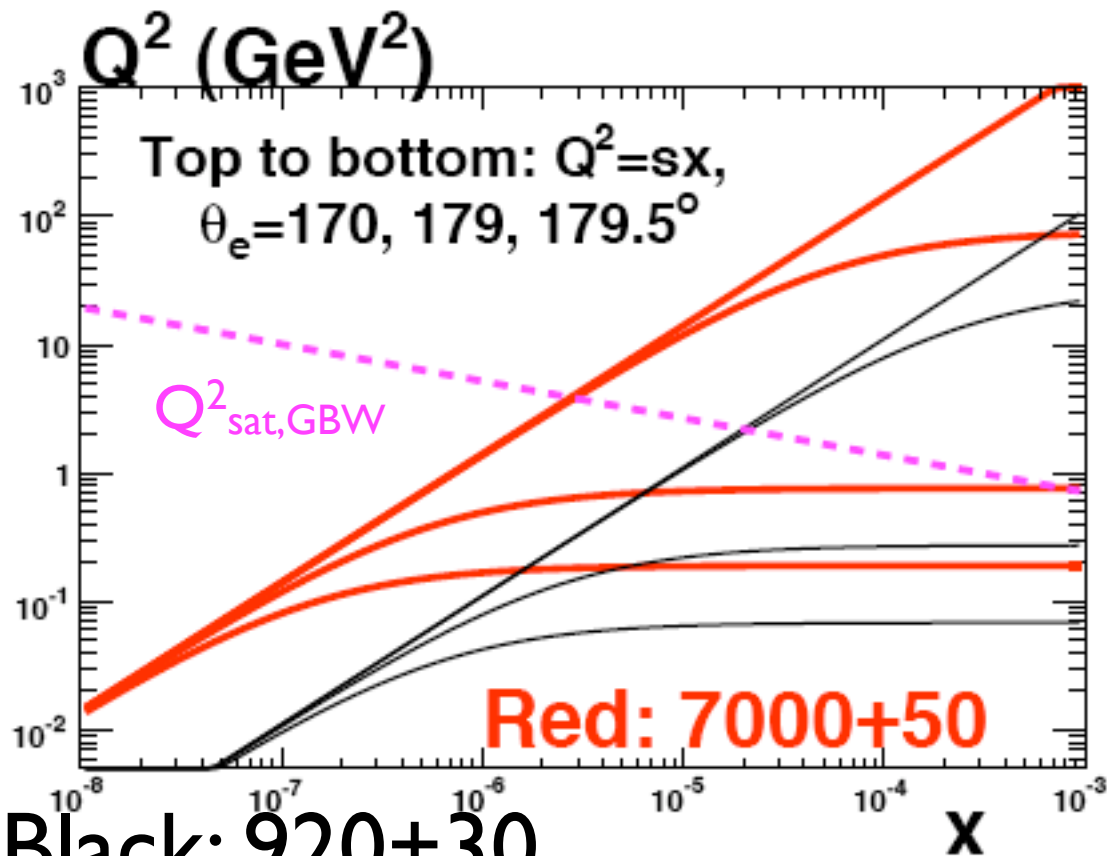


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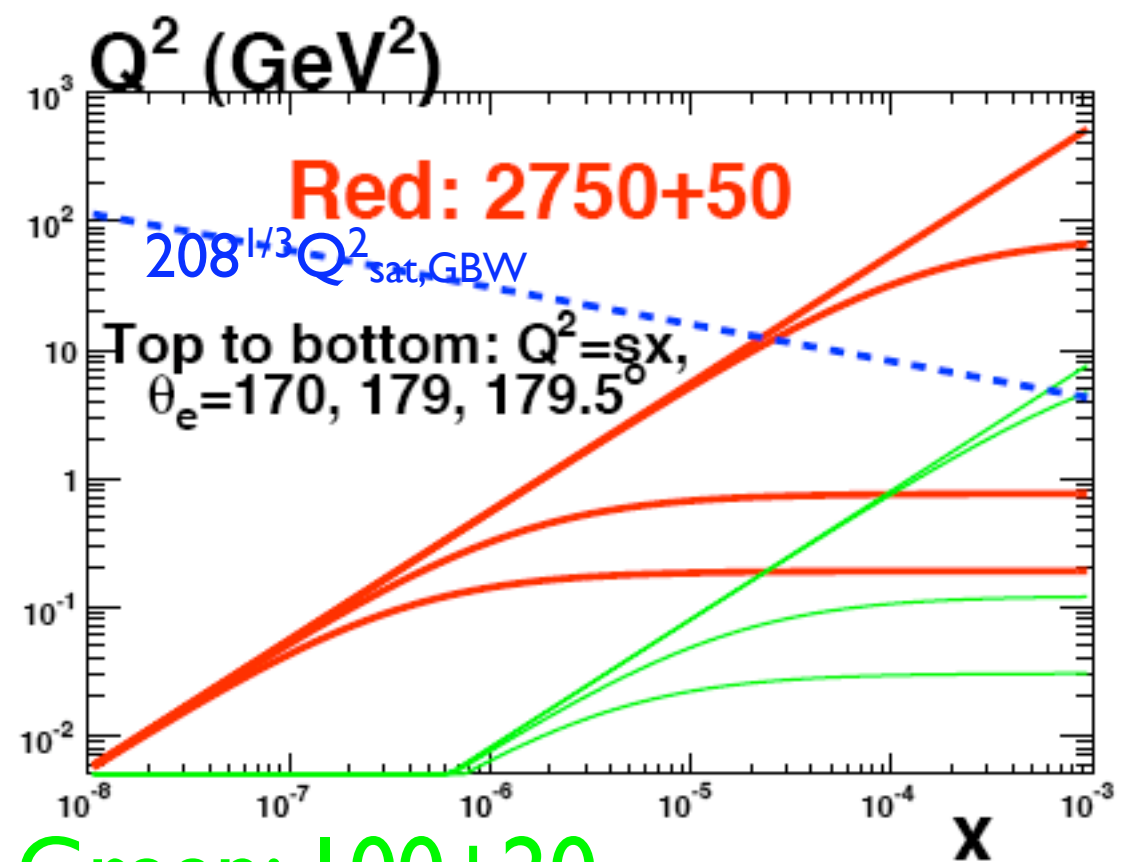
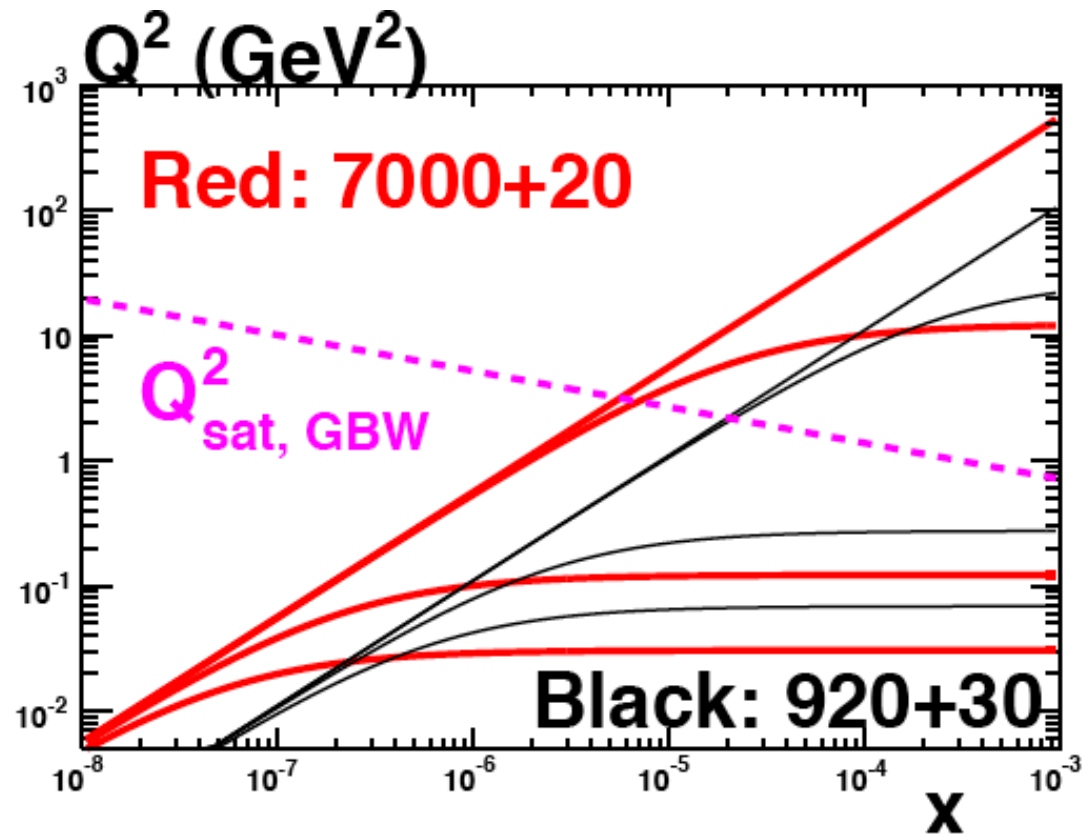
config.	E(e)	E(N)	N	$\int L(e^+)$	$\int L(e^-)$	Pol	L/10 <sup>32</sup>	P/MW	years	type
For F <sub>2</sub>										
A	20	7	p	1	1	-	1	10	1	SPL
B	50	7	p	50	50	0.4	25	30	2	RR hiQ <sup>2</sup>
C	50	7	p	1	1	0.4	1	30	1	RR lo x
D	100	7	p	5	10	0.9	2.5	40	2	LR
E	150	7	p	3	6	0.9	1.8	40	2	LR
F	50	3.5	D	1	1	--	0.5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

- For F<sub>L</sub>: 10, 25, 50 + 2750 (7000); Q<sup>2</sup> ≤ s<sub>x</sub>.

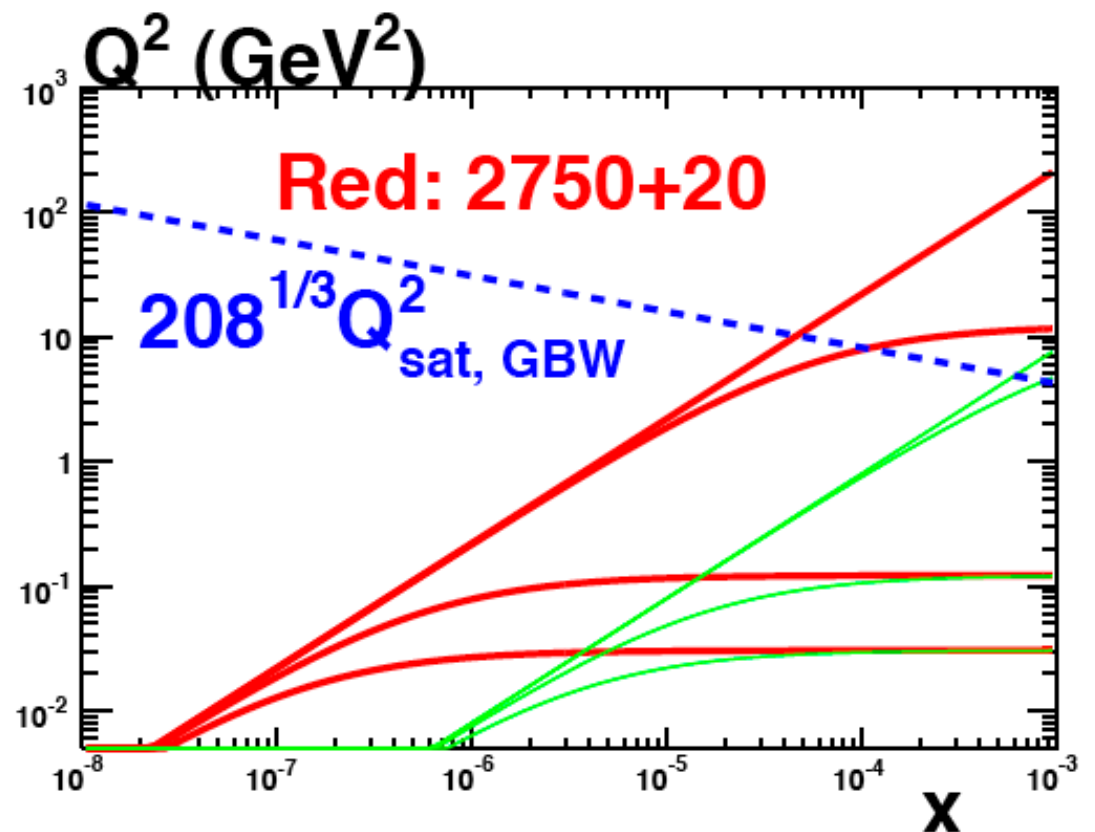
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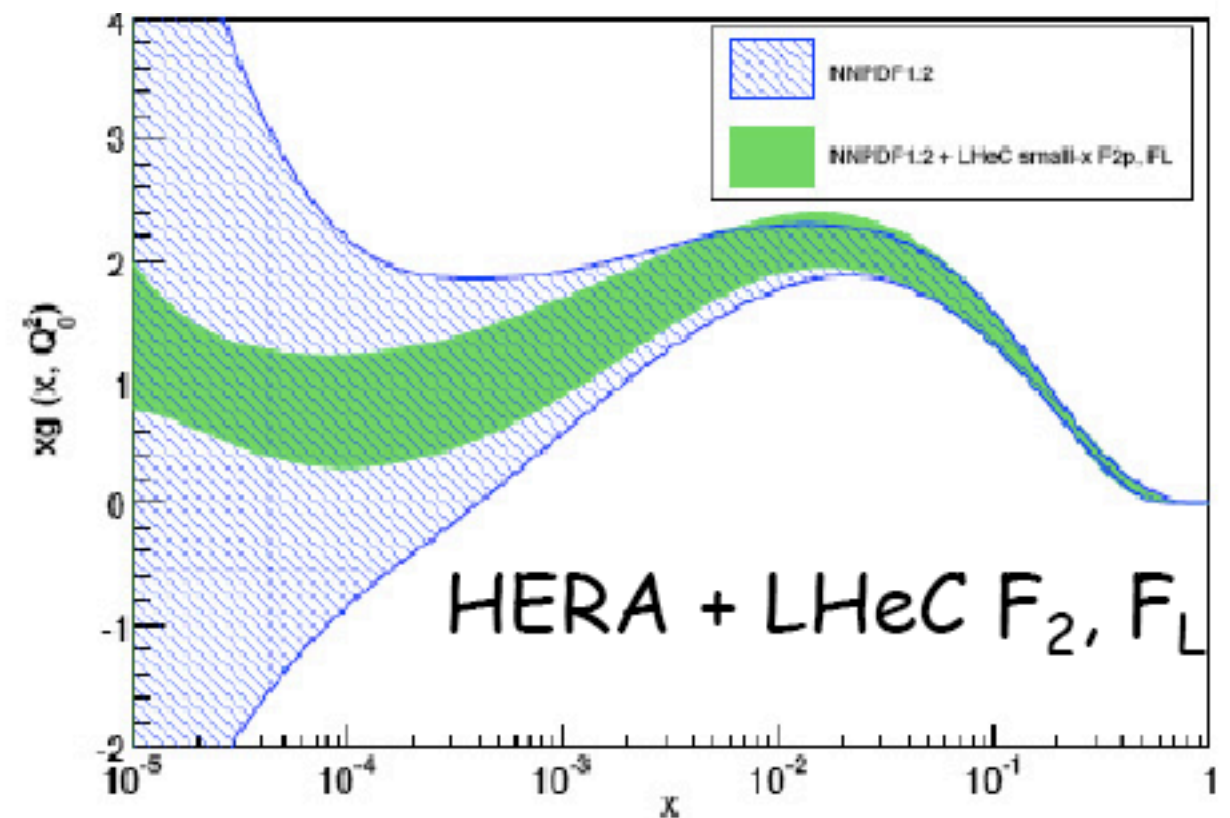
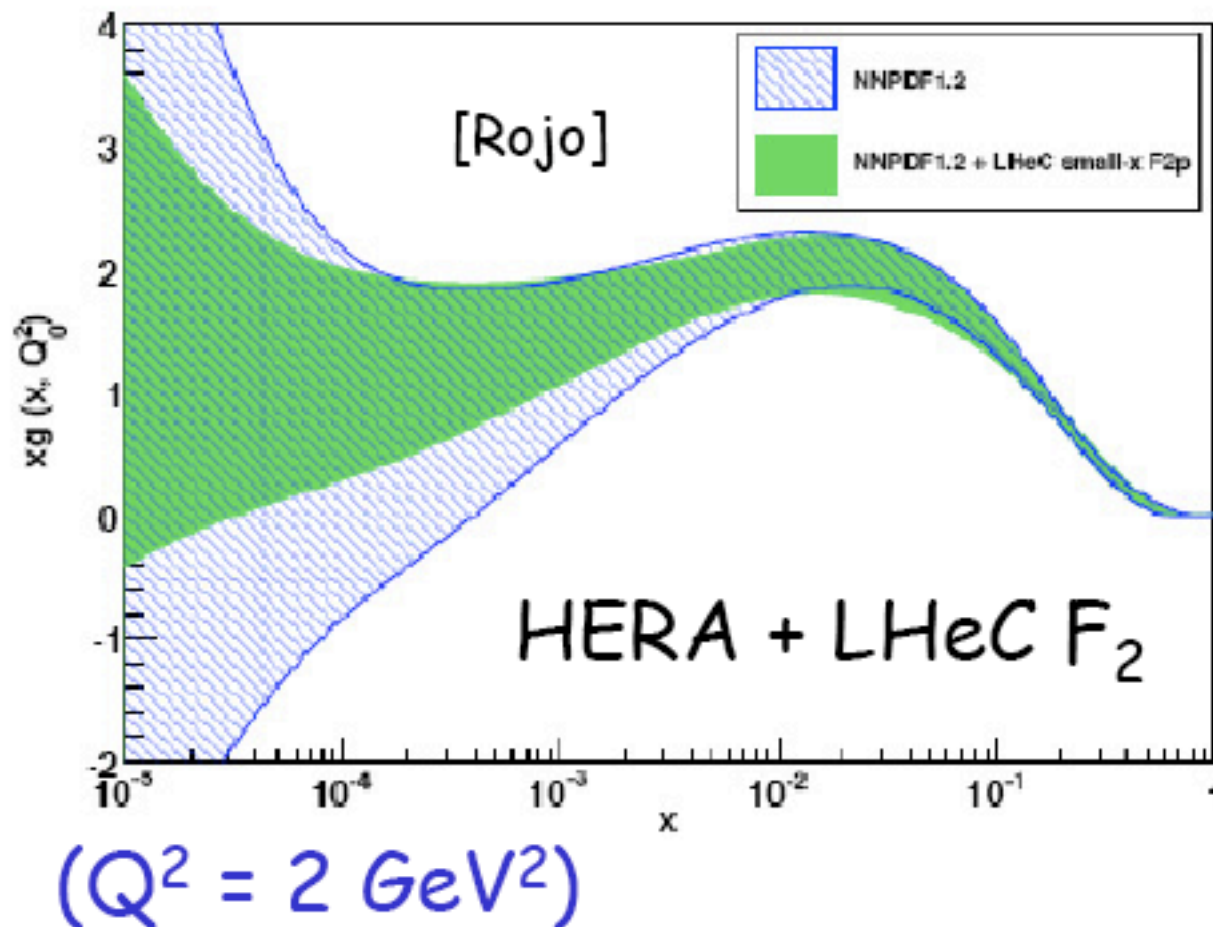
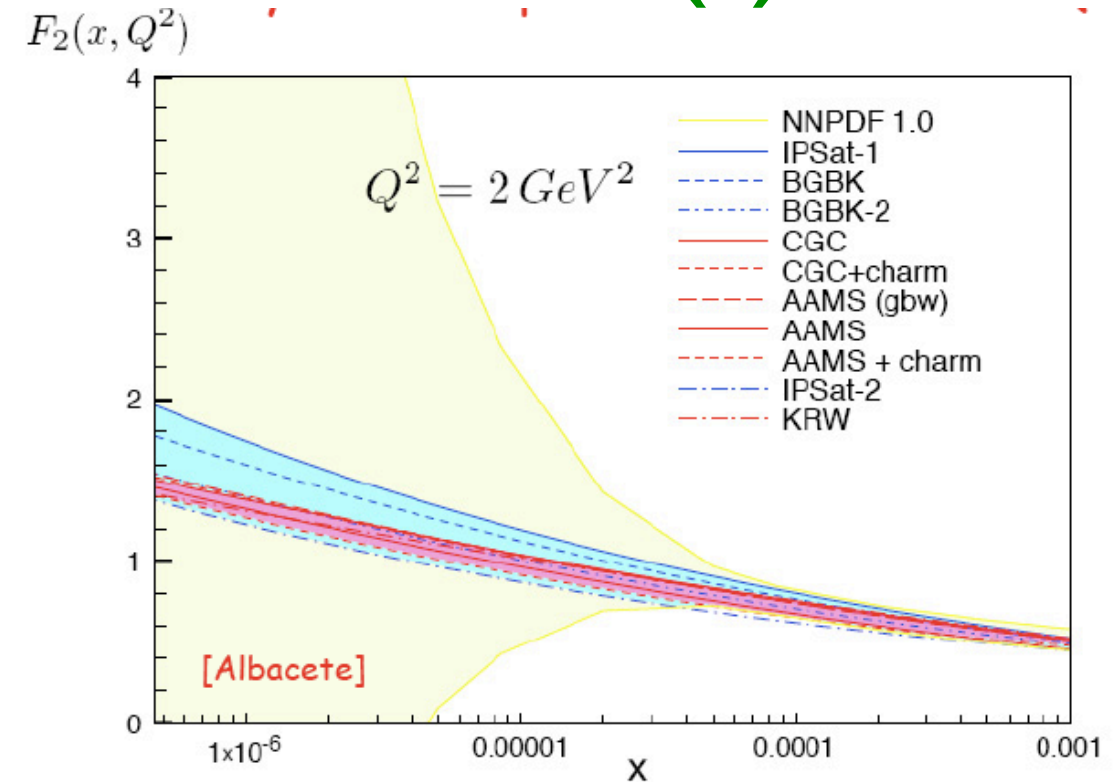


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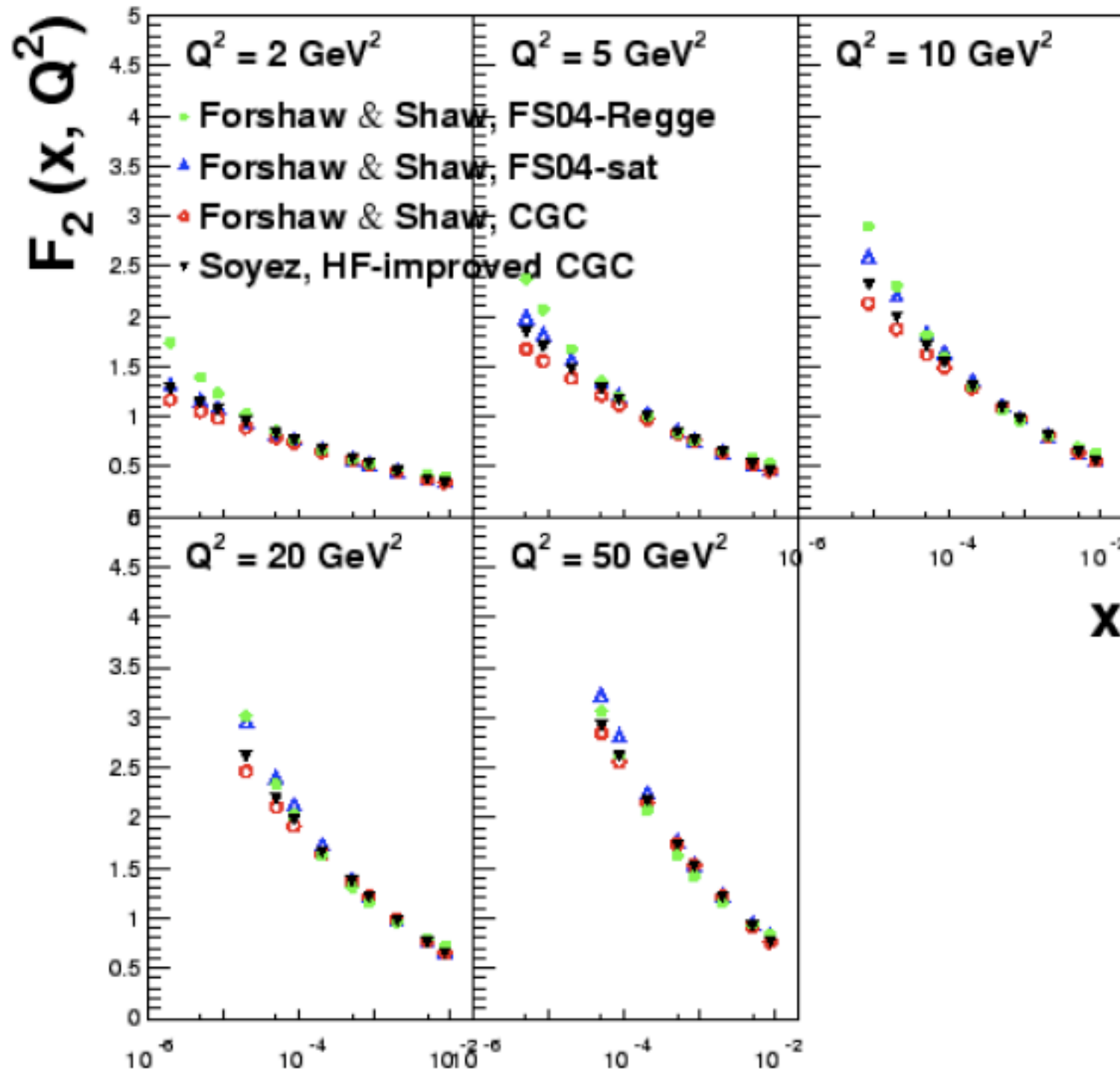
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- They substantially reduce the uncertainties in global fits:  $F_L$  most useful.



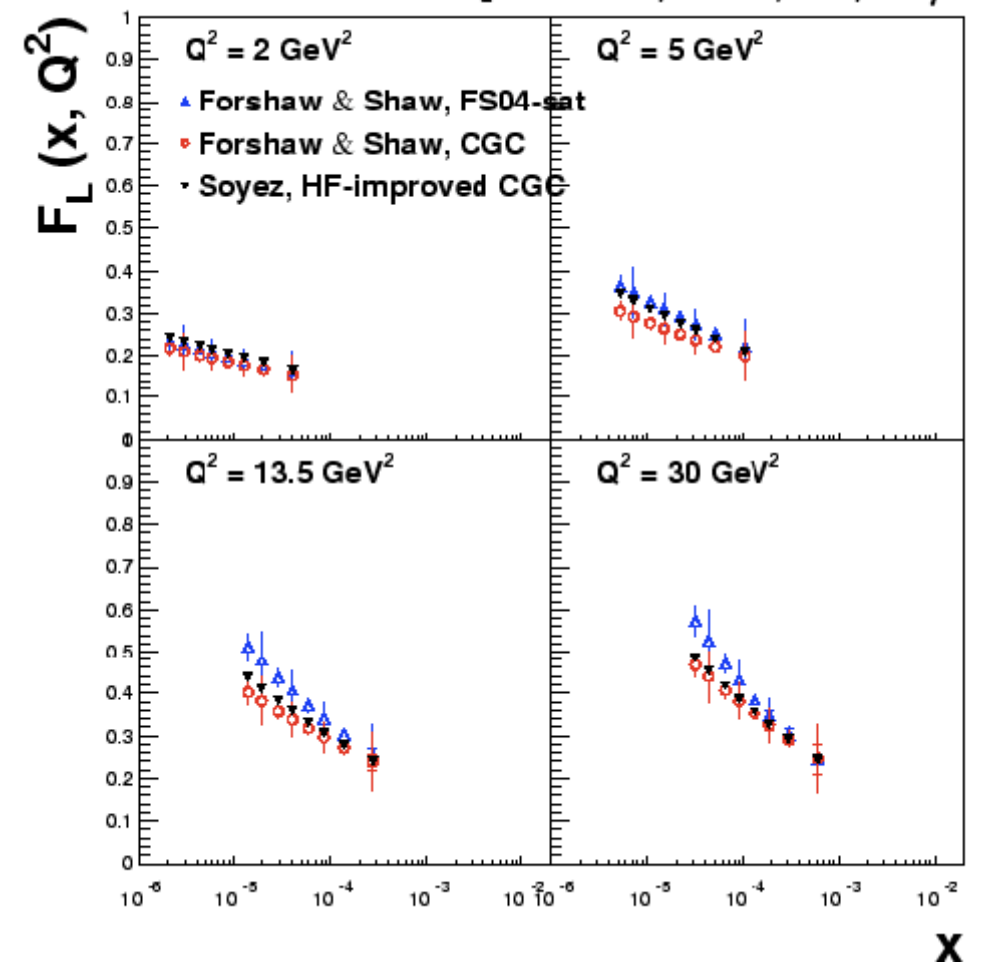
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[Forshaw, Klein, PN, Soyeze]



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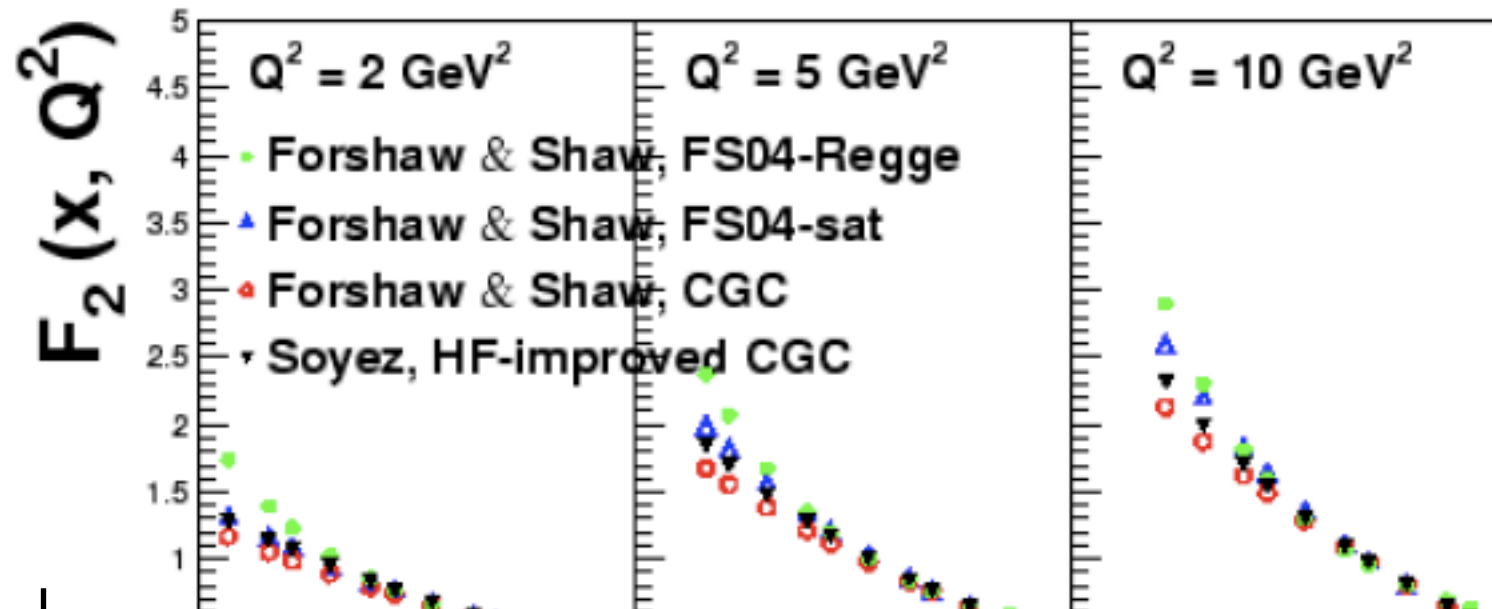
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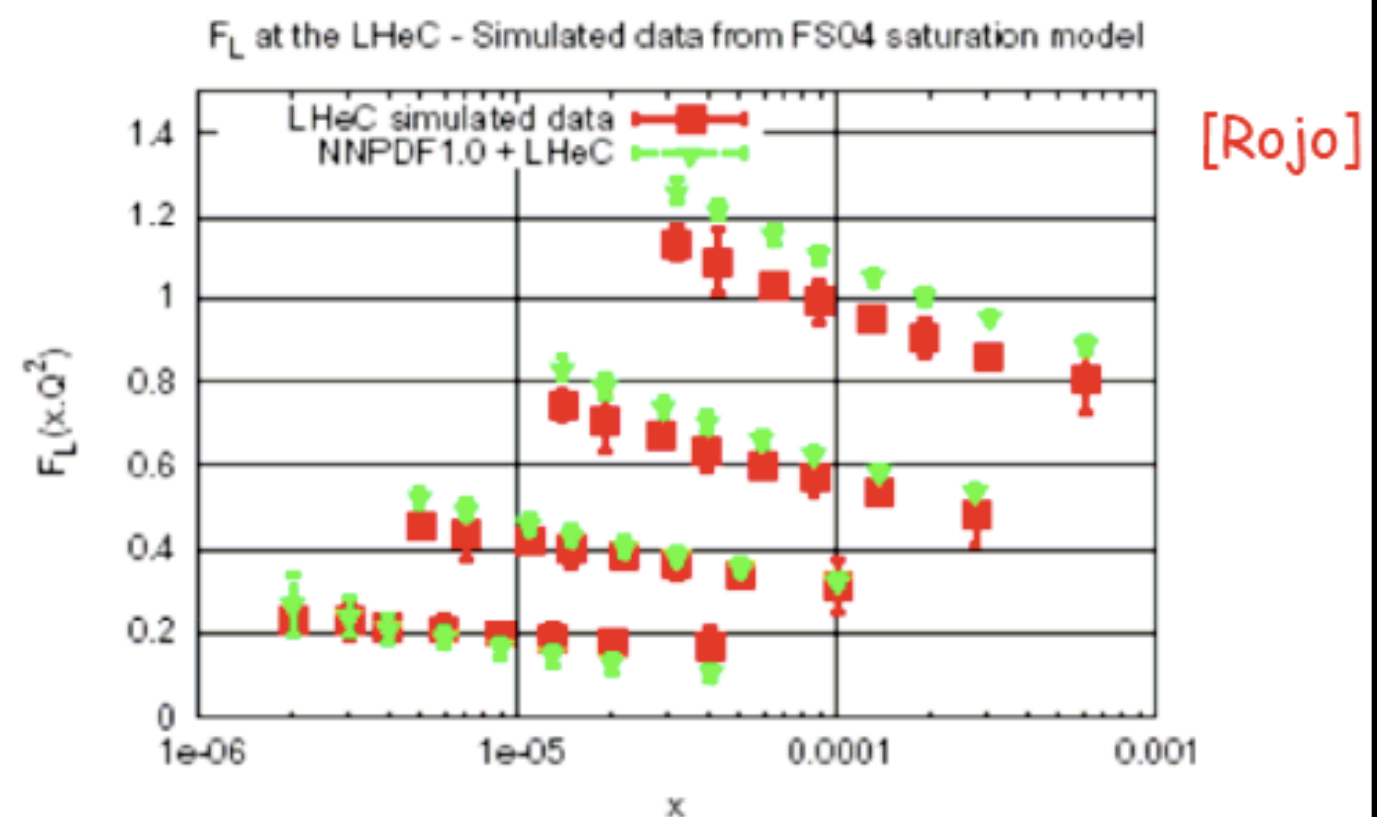
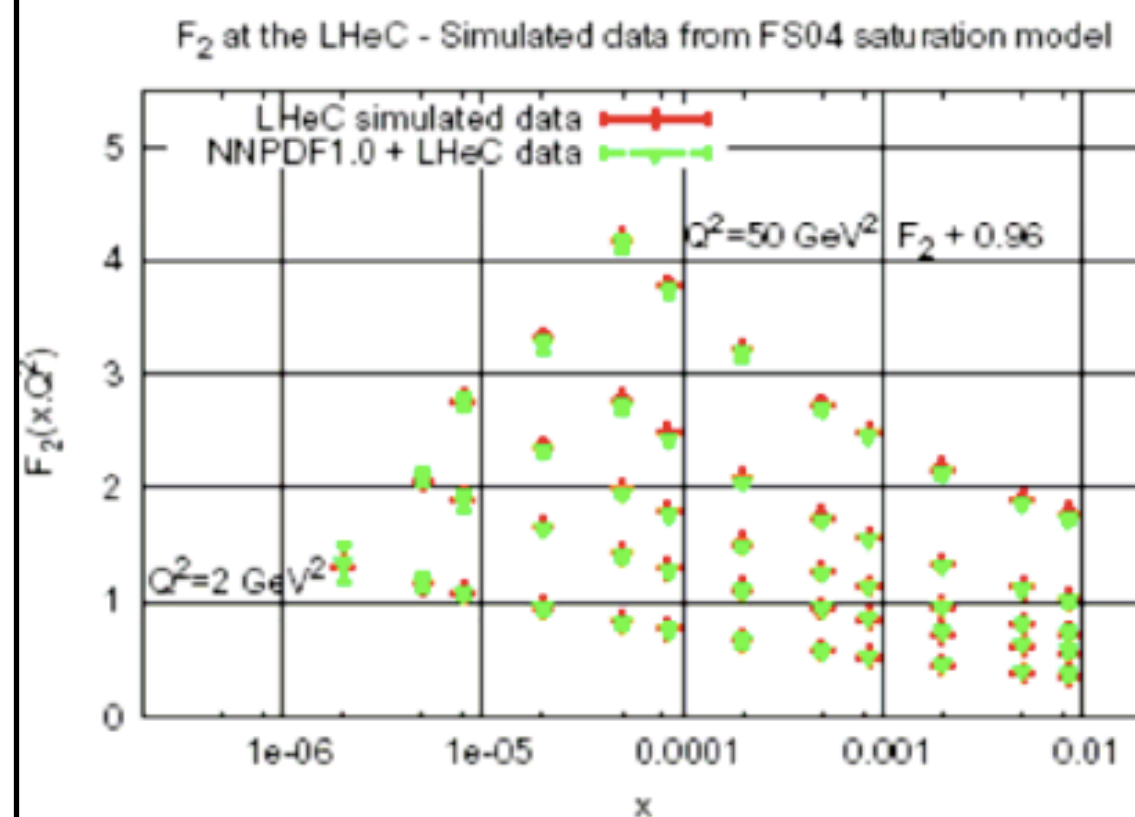
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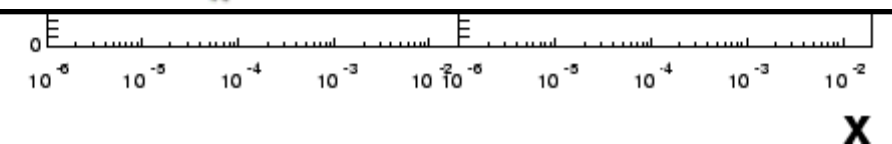


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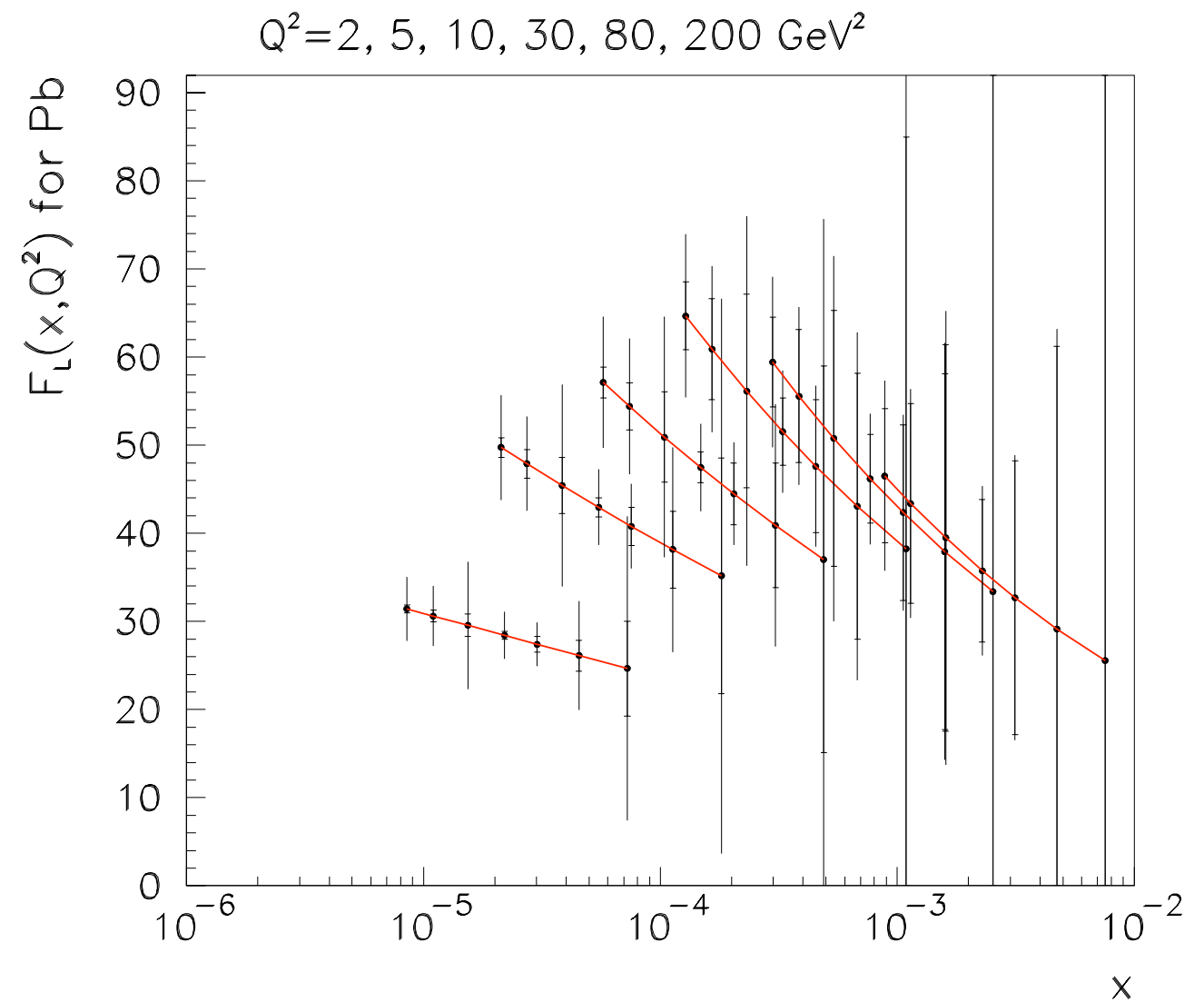
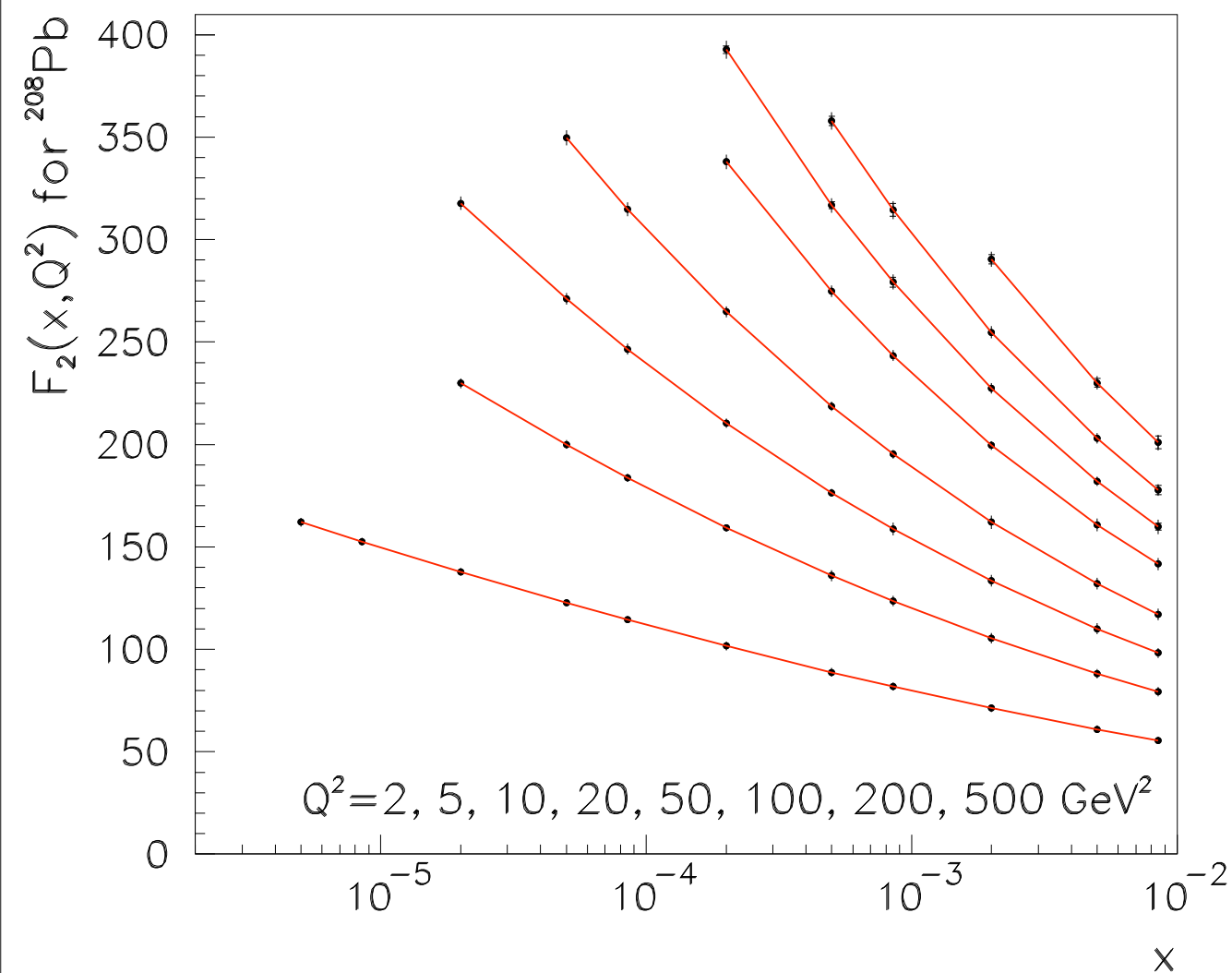
[Rojo]





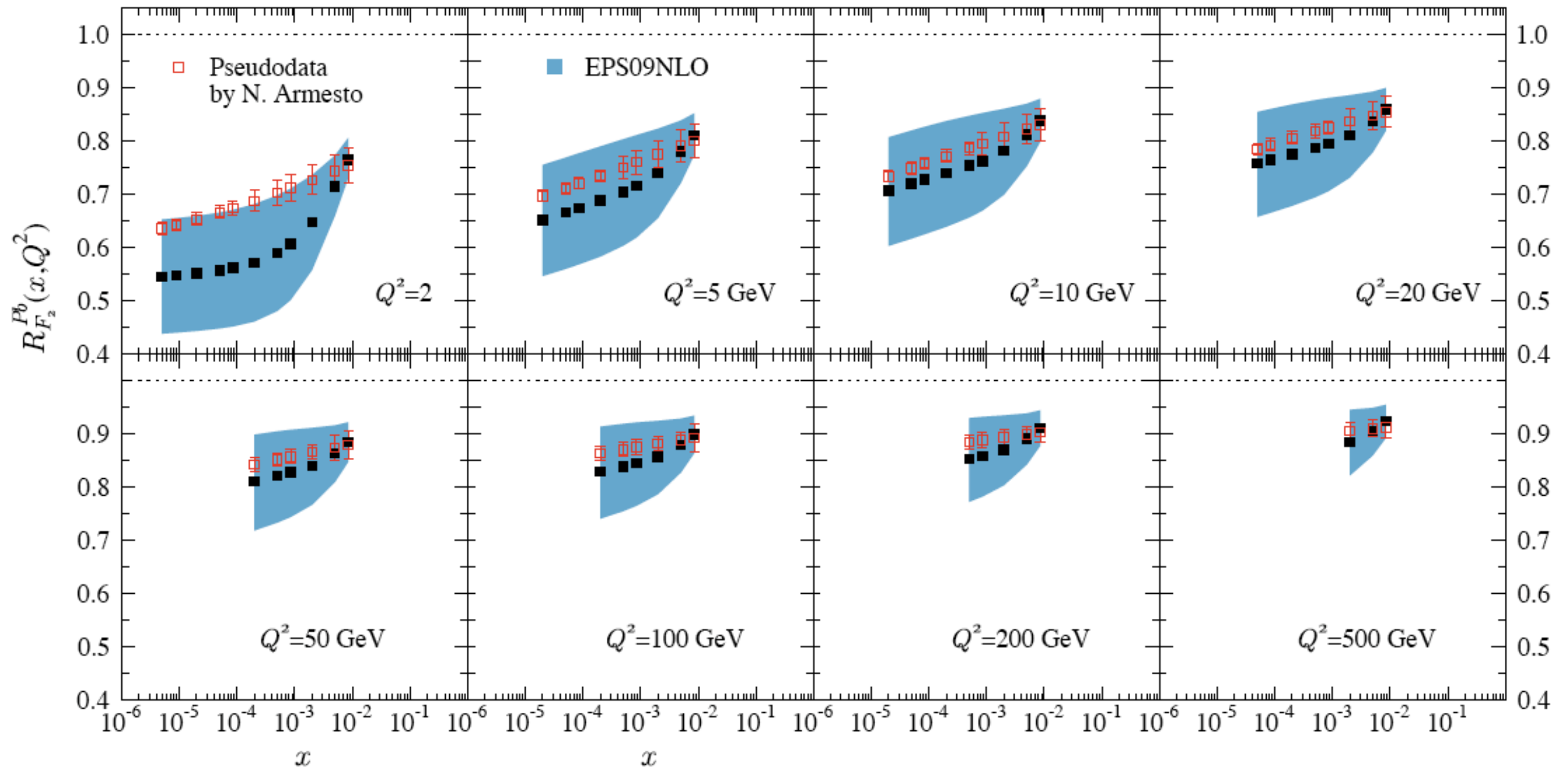
# eA inclusive pseudodata (I):

- Good precision can be obtained for  $F_2$  and  $F_L$  at small  $x$  (Glauberized GBW model, NA '02).



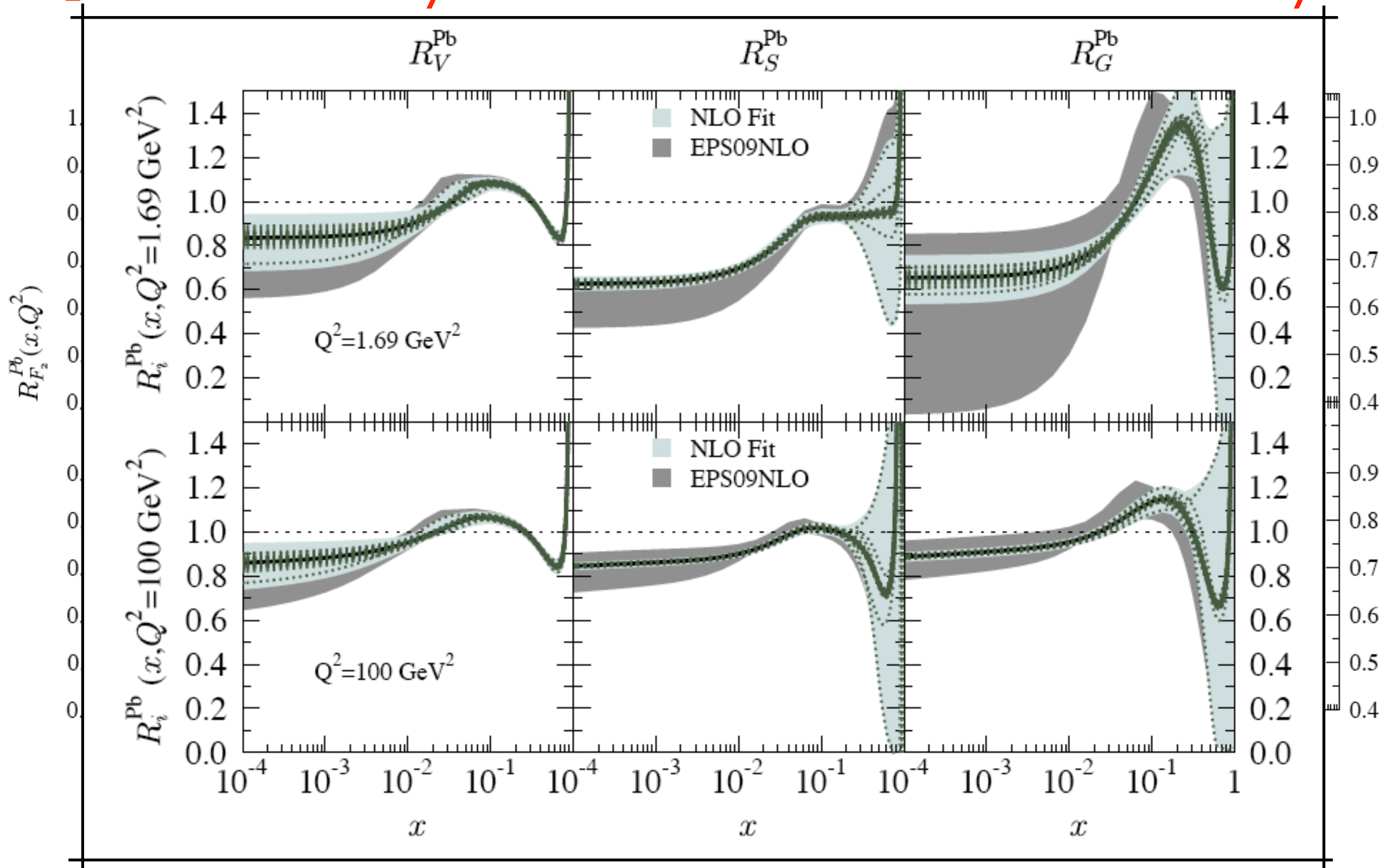
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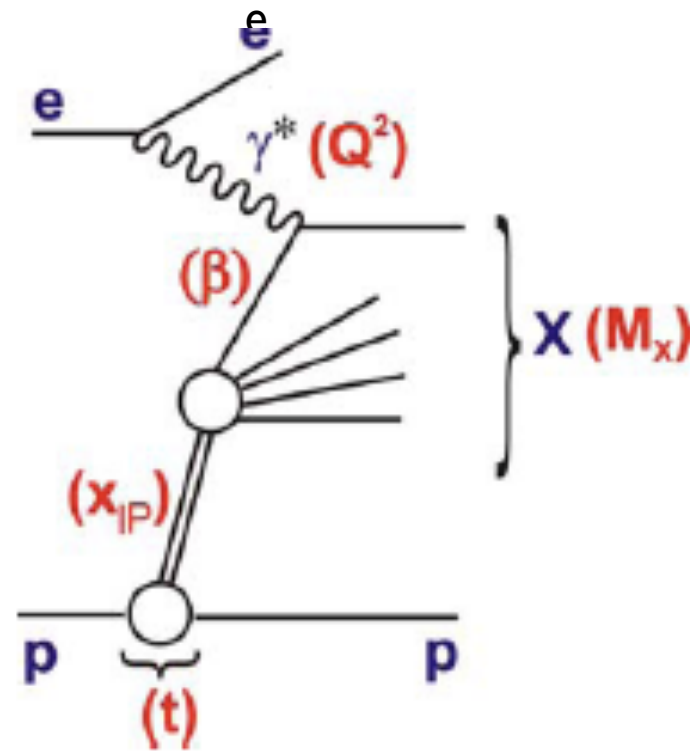


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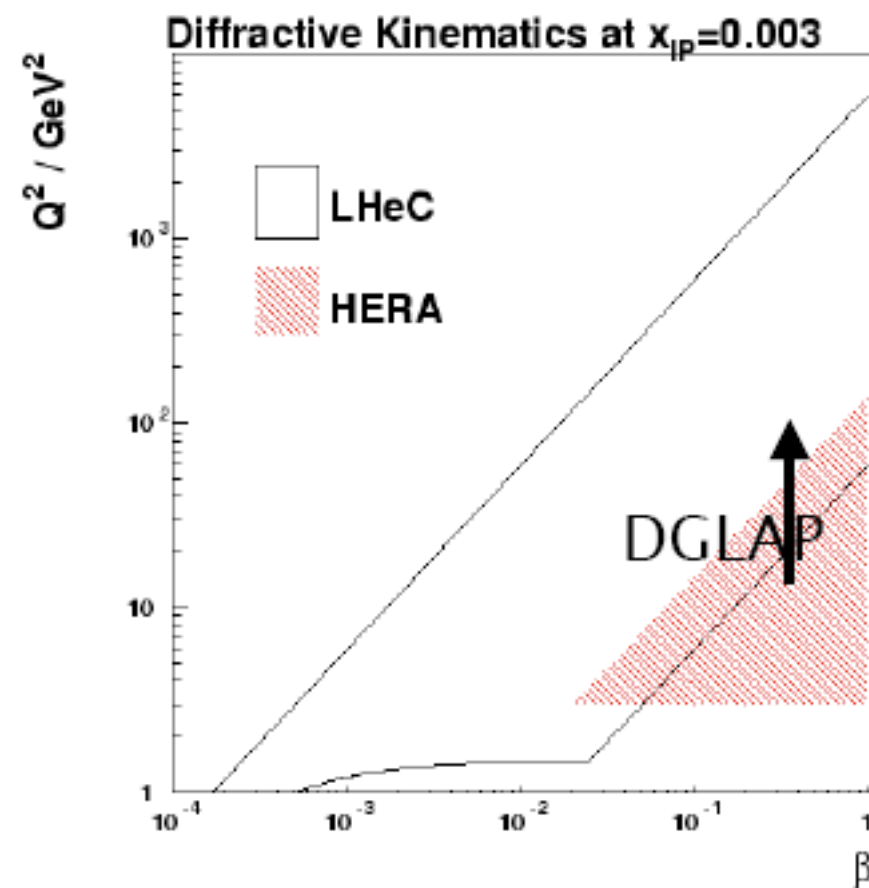
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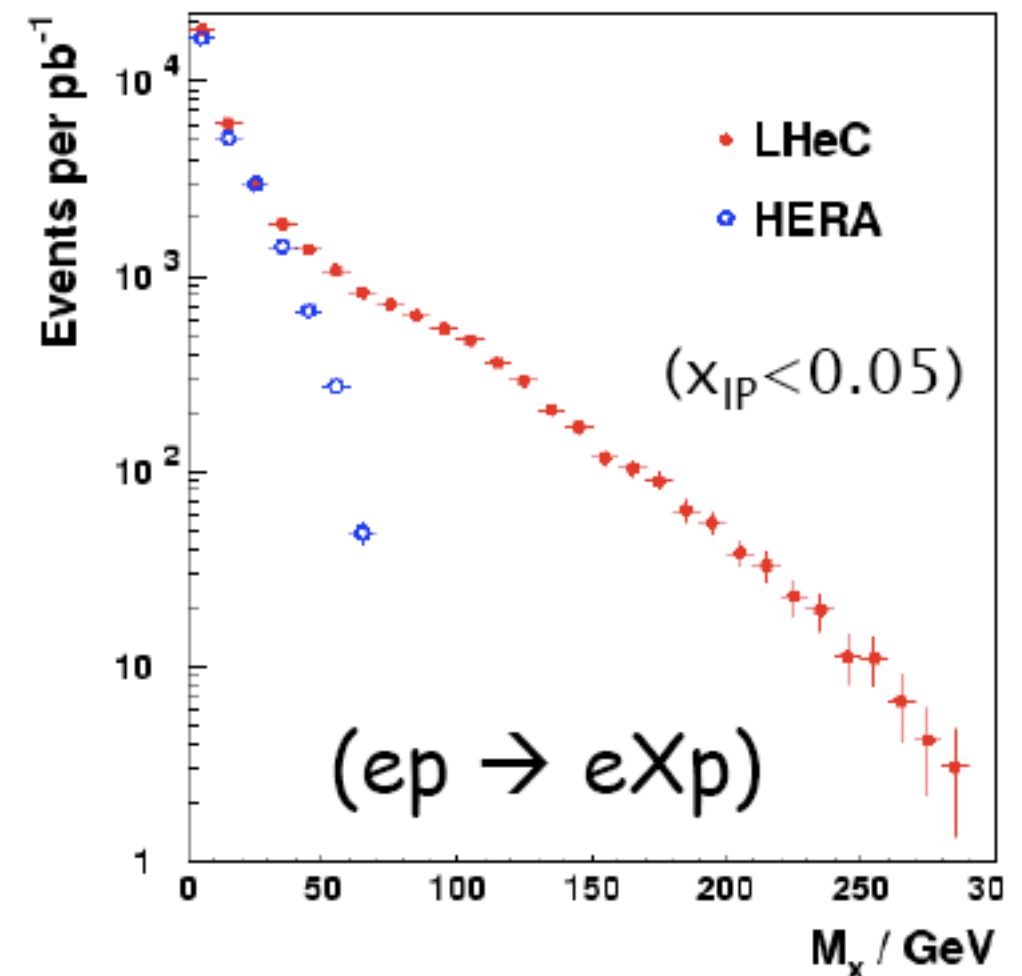
# ep diffractive pseudodata (I):



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

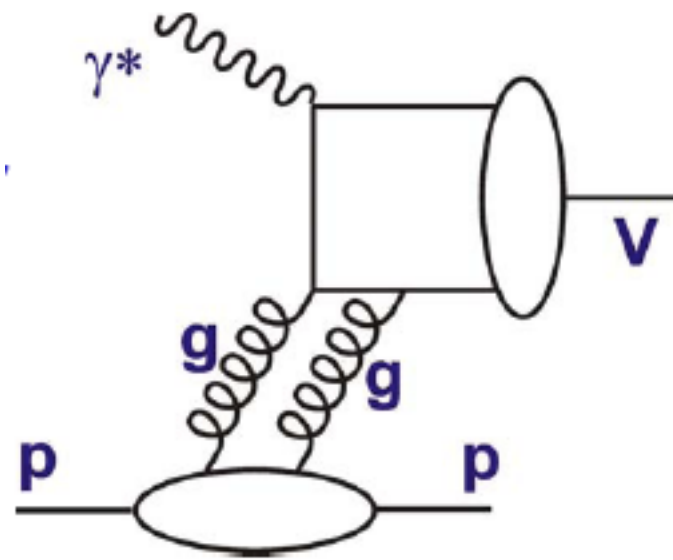


[RAPGAP simulation]

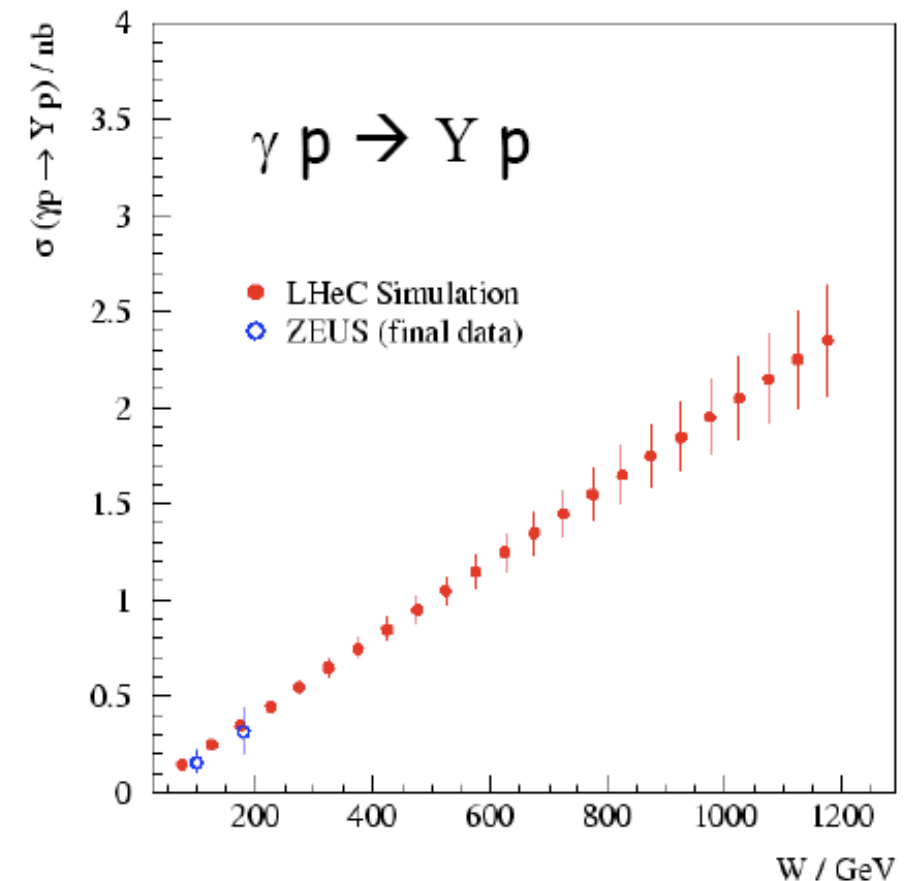
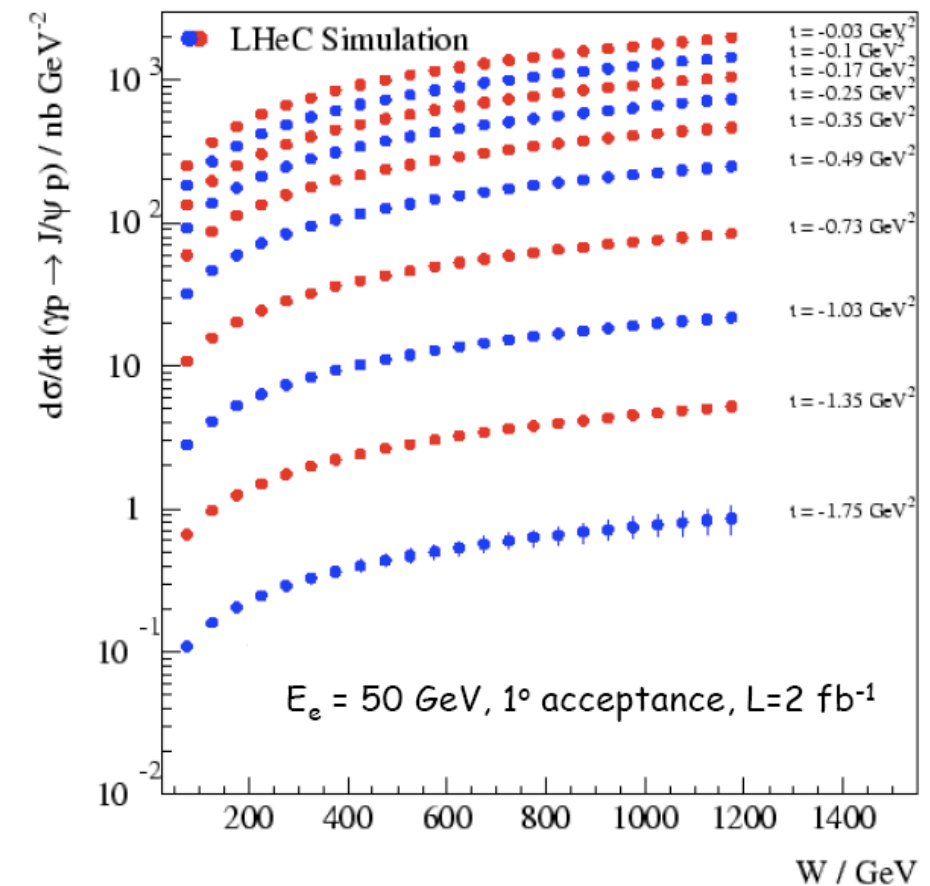
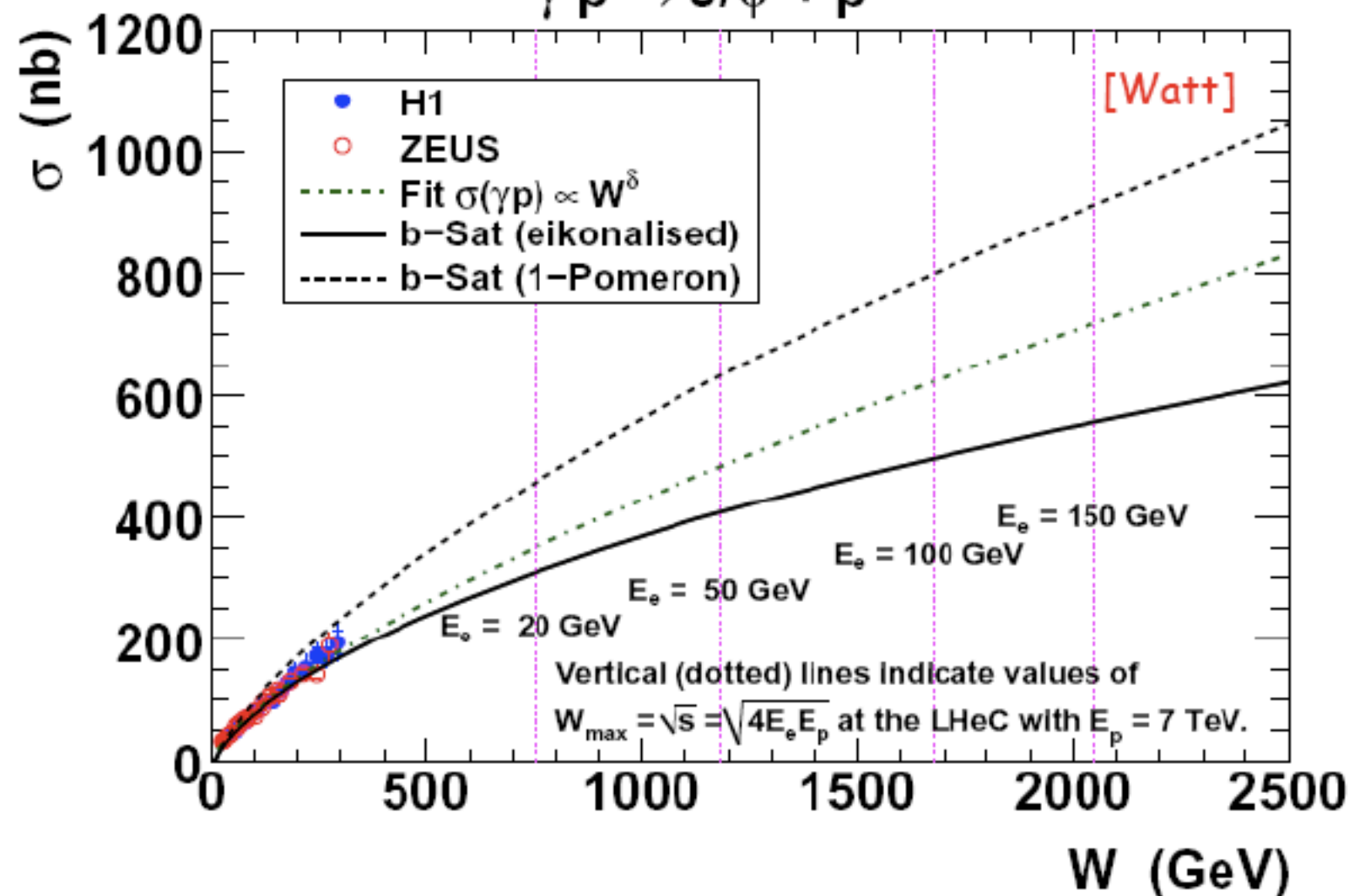


# ep diffractive pseudodata (II):

- Elastic vector meson most promising.



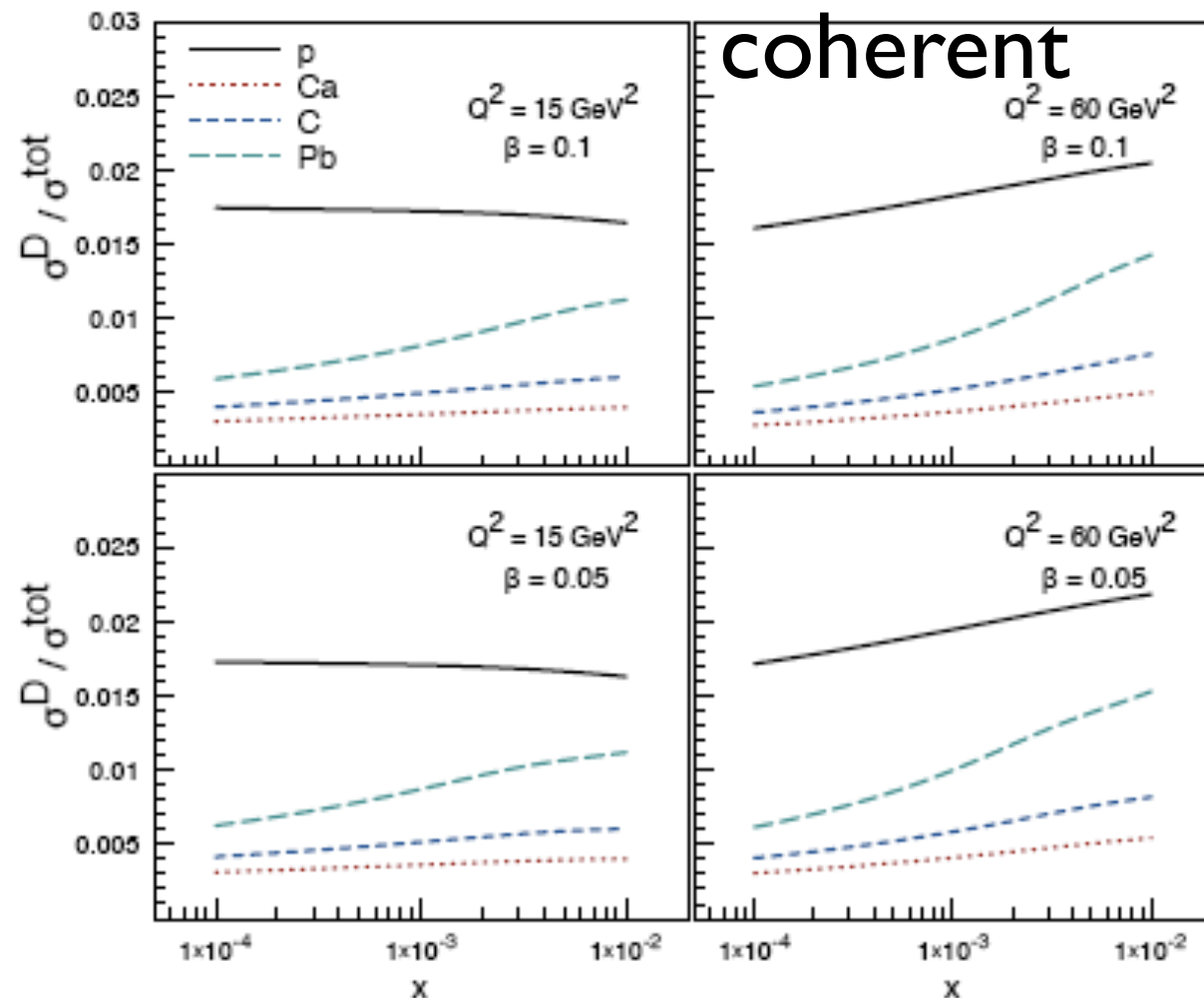
$$\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi + p$$



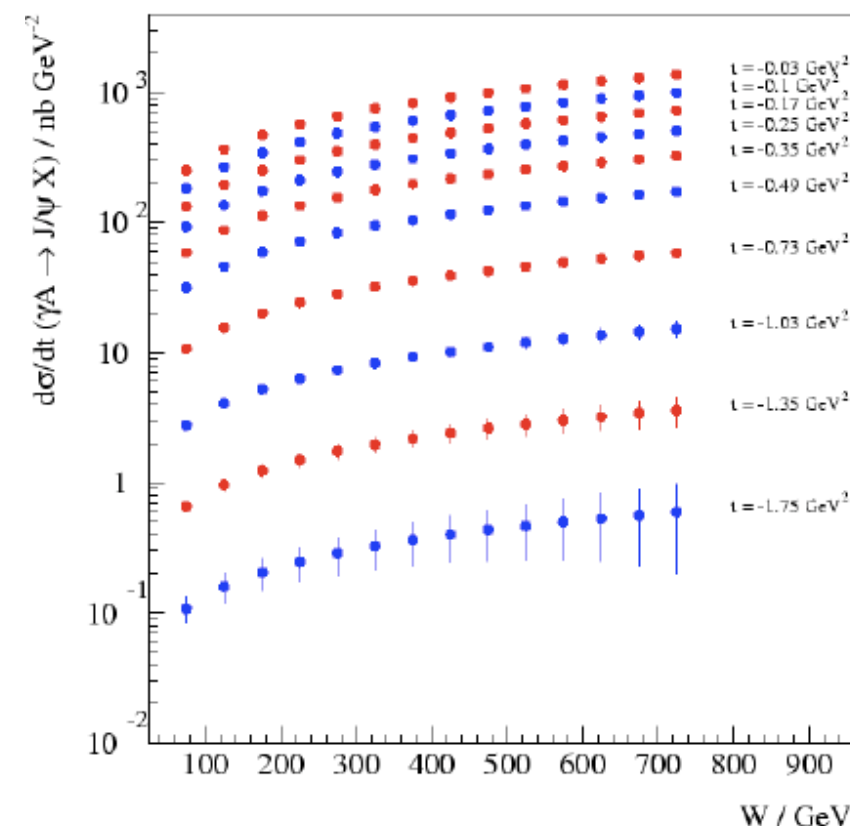
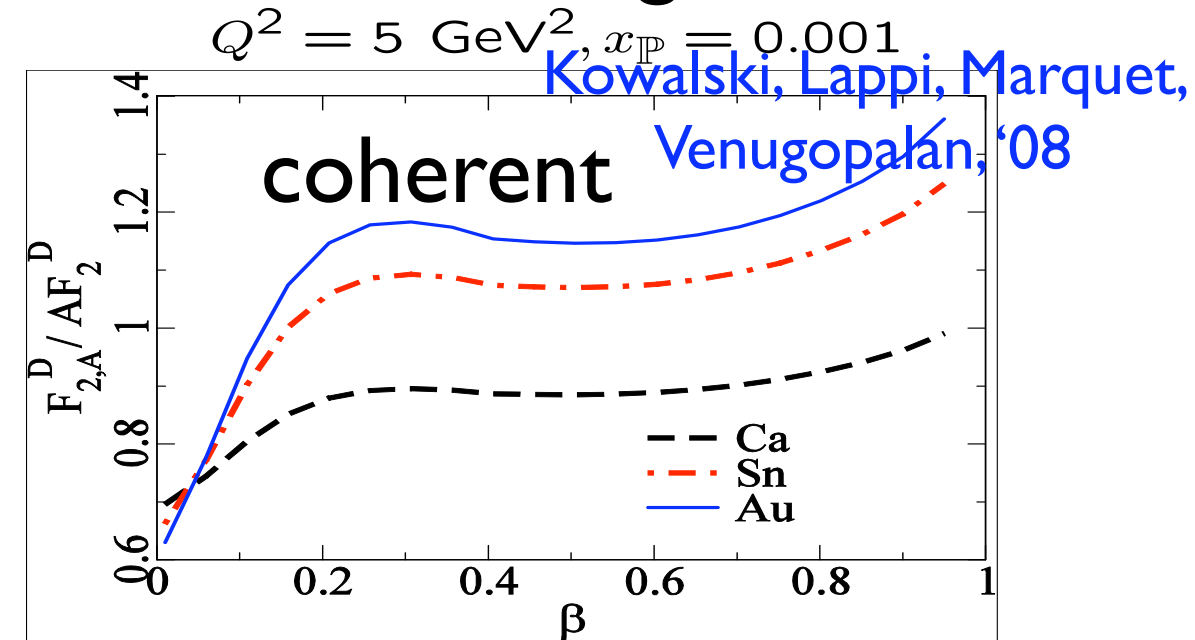


# eA diffractive pseudodata:

- **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 to disentangle them.



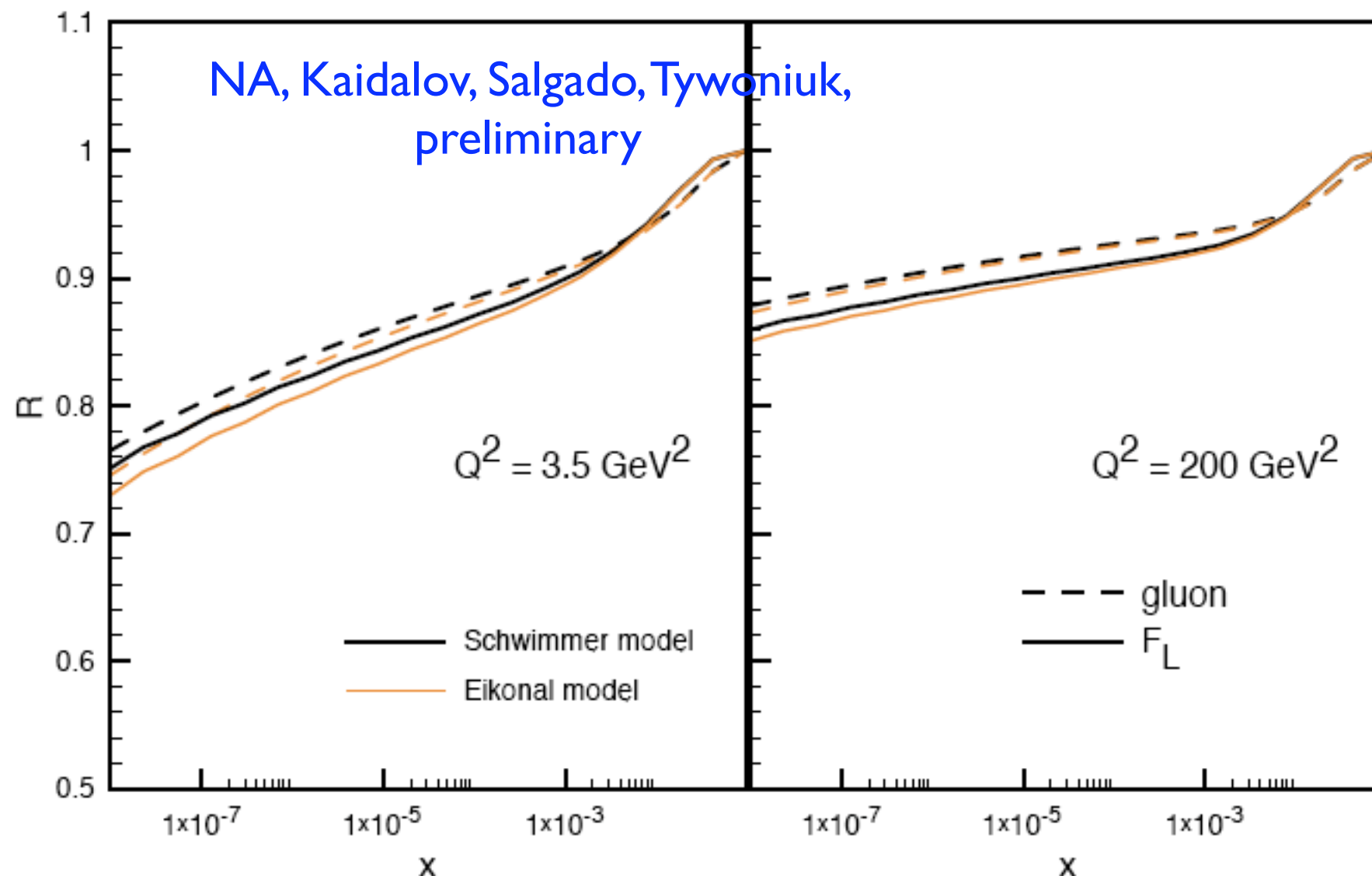
NA, Kaidalov, Salgado, Tywoniuk,  
preliminary



# $F_L$ in eA (I):

- $F_L$  is very badly constrained in nuclei at small  $x$ . It traces the nuclear effects on the gluon:

$$R_{F_L} = \frac{\int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} e_i^2 \left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) y R_g(y, Q^2) g(y, Q^2) + \frac{2}{3} R_{F_2}(y, Q^2) F_2(y, Q^2) \right)}{\int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} e_i^2 \left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) y g(y, Q^2) + \frac{2}{3} F_2(y, Q^2) \right)}$$

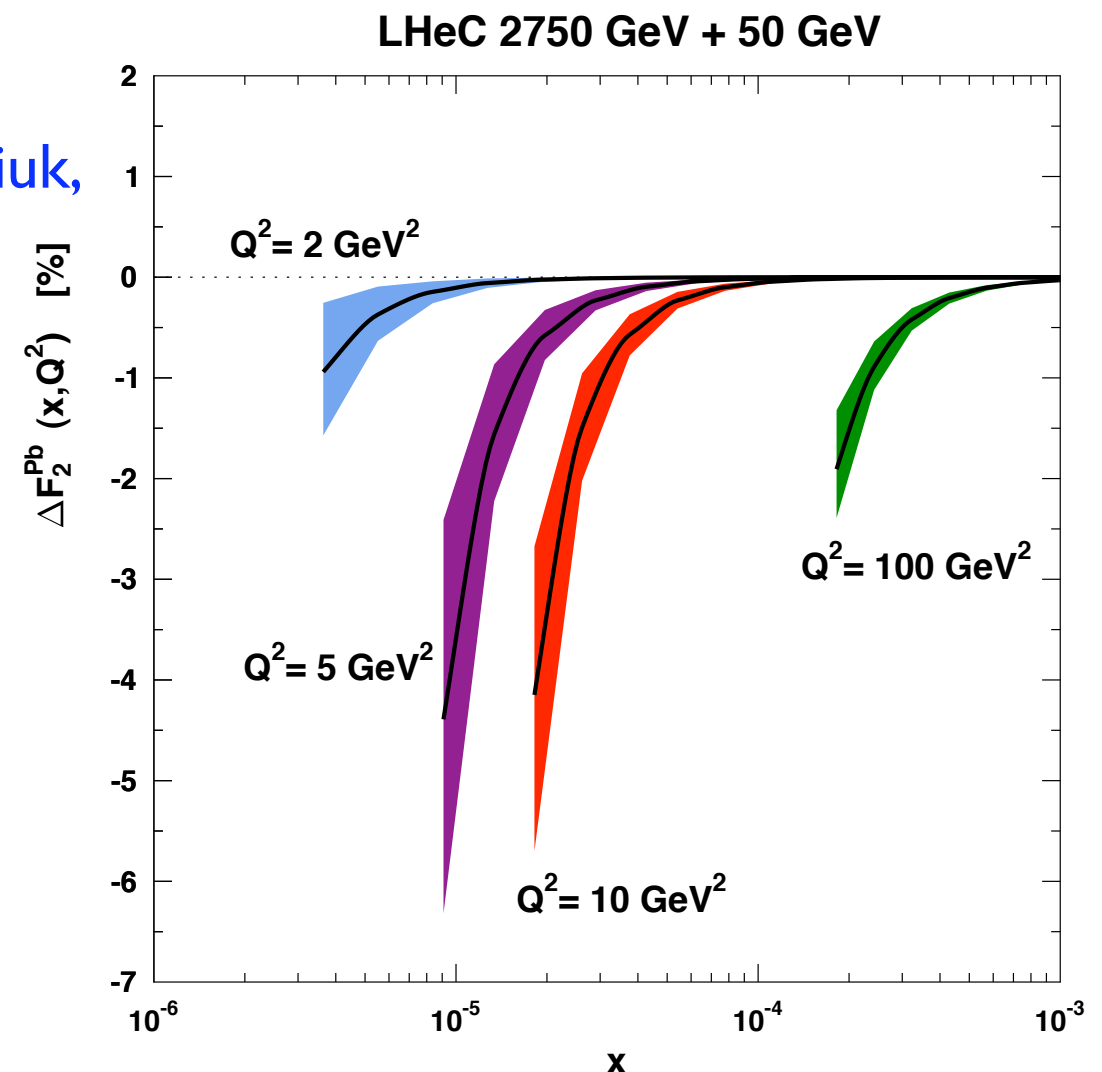
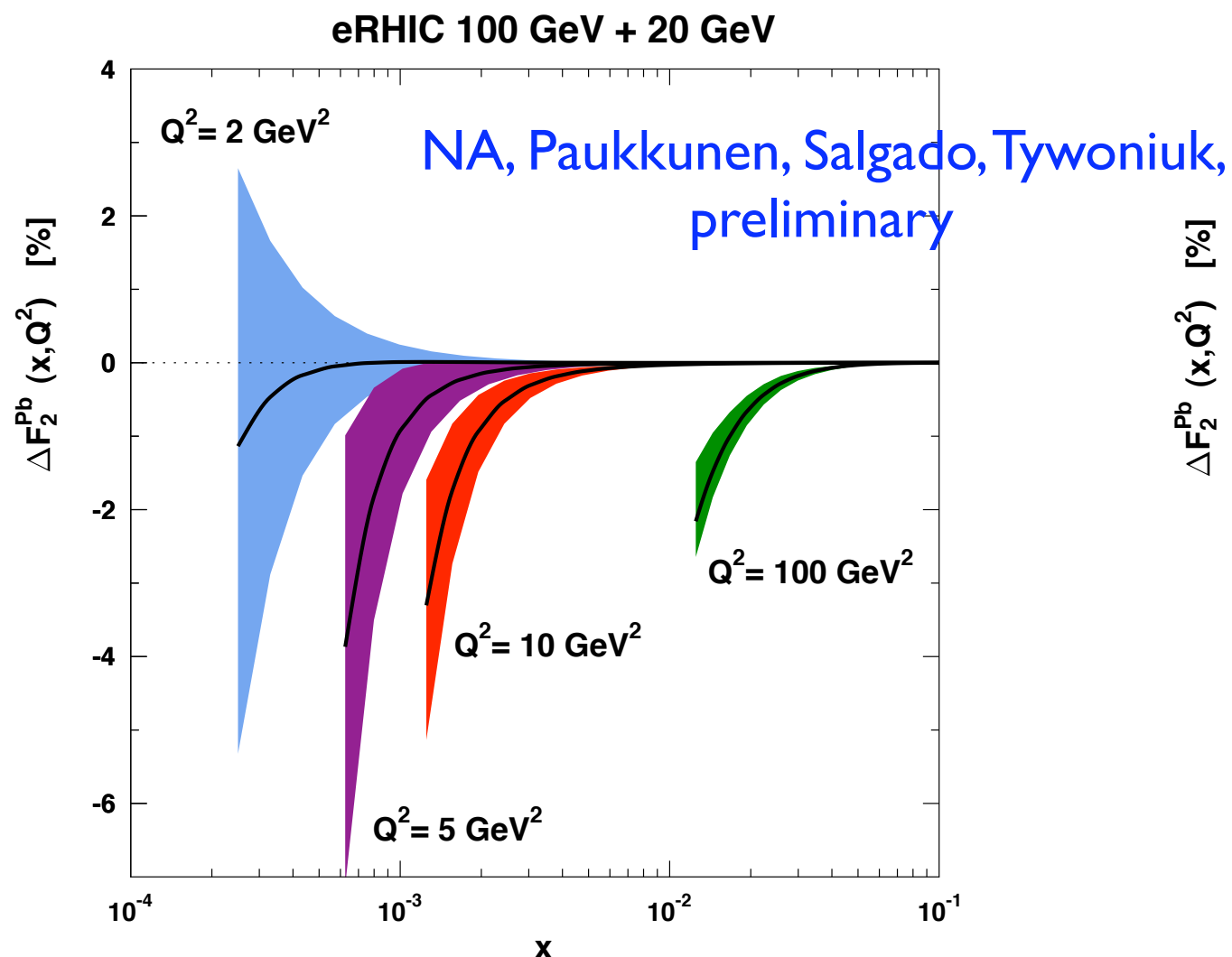


# $F_L$ in eA (II):

- $F_L$  enters the extraction of  $F_2$ : usually  $F_L/F_2$  is taken as  $A$ -independent i.e. the same measured in ep.

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{e^+p}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} [Y F_2(x, Q^2) - y^2 F_L(x, Q^2)] \quad Y = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$

- What if not? Plot  $(F_2^{\text{CTEQ6M}} - F_2^{\text{CTEQ6M+EPS09}})/F_2^{\text{CTEQ6M}}$ .



# Summary

- Many issues remain open about small  $x$  physics: behavior of the hadron wave function at small  $x$ .
- Current ep experiments provide information for pp@LHC at mid-rapidity; in eA, not even dAu@RHIC is covered at mid-rapidity.
- An electron-nucleon/ion collider offers huge possibilities; I have only shown some of them (e.g. no FSI).
- The challenge, both theoretically (heavy flavors, role of radiative corrections,...) and experimentally (forward detection,...), is immense  $\Rightarrow$  much to learn, stay tuned!

