

# Synergy between Electron-Ion collider & the LHC

Physics

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# Idea of this talk

## Timeline

### **Comparison between electron-hadron encounters at EIC & hadron-hadron encounters at the LHC**

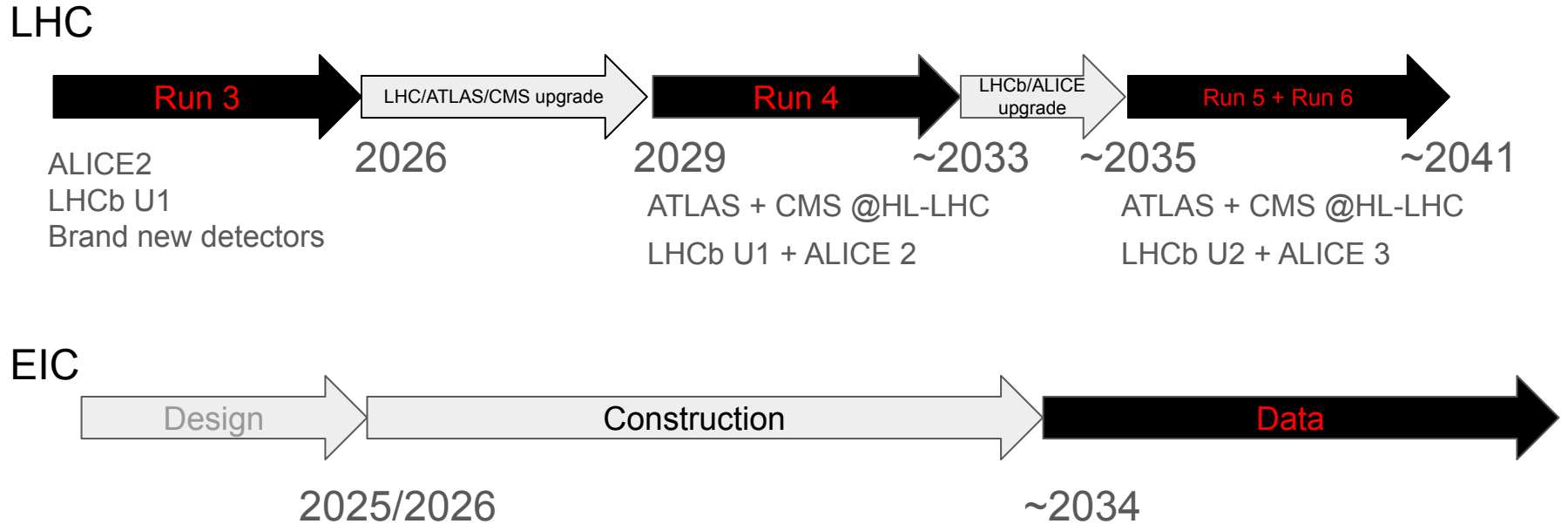
- available processes and their kinematics
- experimental conditions
- luminosities

### **Selected physics synergies between the EIC & the HL-LHC QCD**

- Initial state of hadron-hadron collisions
- Parton distribution function of nuclei
- Search for gluon saturation

**Focus on (semi)-hard processes: perturbative QCD**

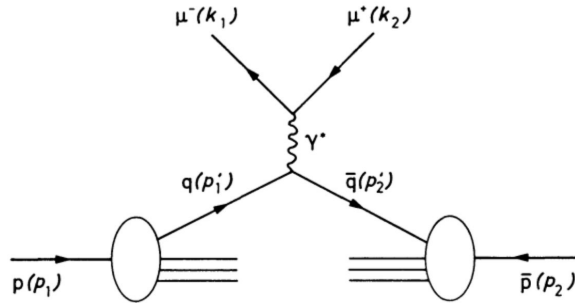
# Time schedule



**LHC and EIC will be running in parallel for 5-10 years**

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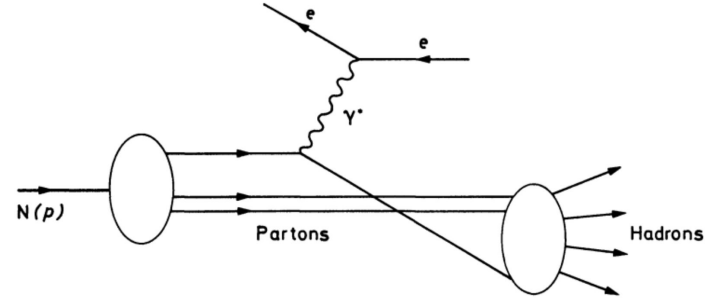
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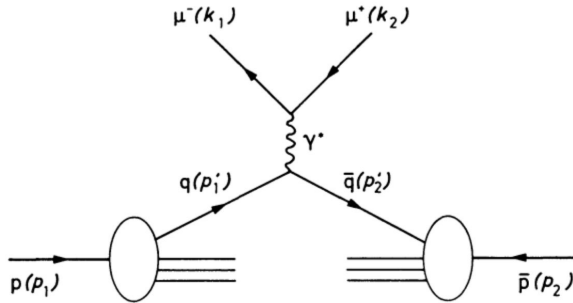
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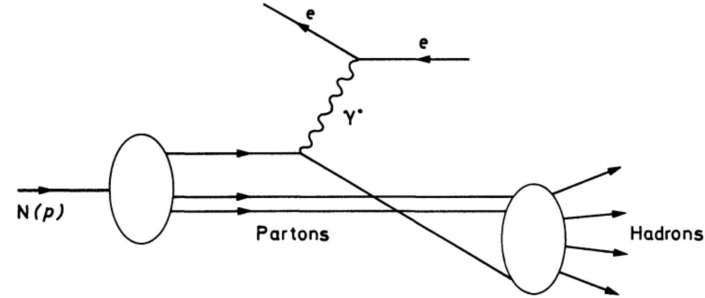
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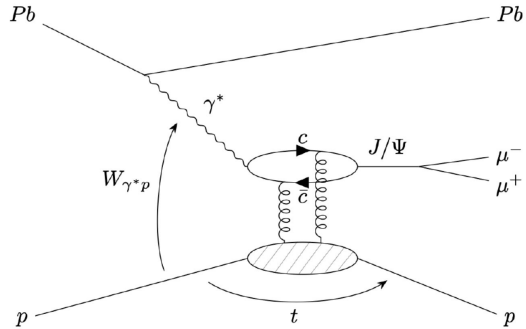
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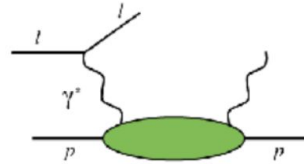
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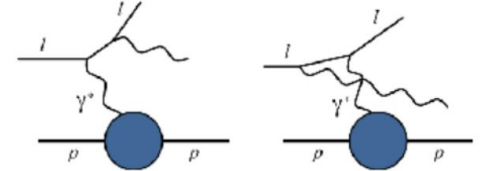
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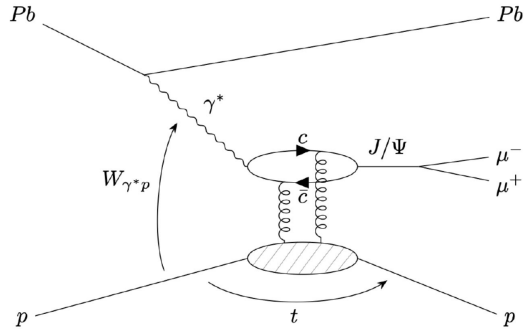
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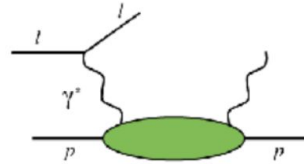
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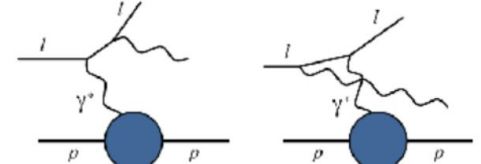
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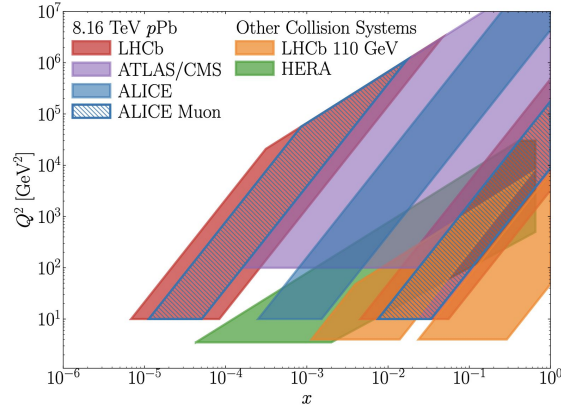
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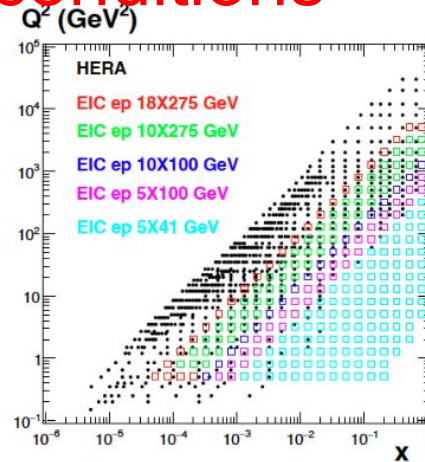
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# Kinematics and experimental conditions



Courtesy T. Boettcher



[arXiv:2309.11269](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.11269),  
example proton-PDF

## Scales

hadroproduction: mass or transverse momentum:

QCD radiation for both incoming particles

Photoproduction like in e-p/A, but lower rates and only selected observables

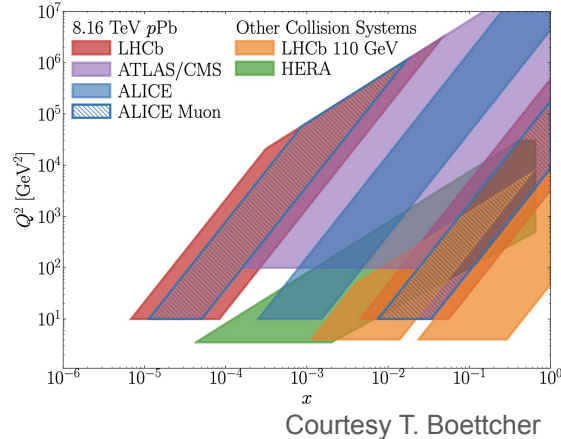
## Scales

$Q^2$  in DIS: scale experimentally accessible

up to radiative QED corrections

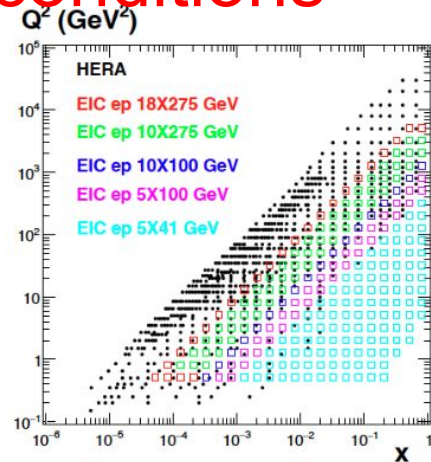


# Kinematics and experimental conditions



## Kinematic reach

Very large in particular down to low- $x$  and high  $Q^2$ , but S/B and/or instrumentation does not allow to access equally full plane



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## Kinematic reach

Kinematic reach smaller, detector designed to cover as much as possible of kinematic plane for inclusive DIS and to provide also instrumentation for exclusive measurements

# Kinematics and experimental conditions

Light ion collisions at the LHC

Location: 4/3-006, CERN  
Website: [cern.ch/lightions](http://cern.ch/lightions)

Date: Nov. 11-15, 2024



Topics covered in relation to small systems:  
Experimental highlights and projections  
Heavy flavour  
Hydrodynamics  
Initial conditions  
Jets  
Ultrapерipheral collisions  
Nuclear parton distribution functions  
Nuclear structure  
LHC accelerator opportunities

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## Targets

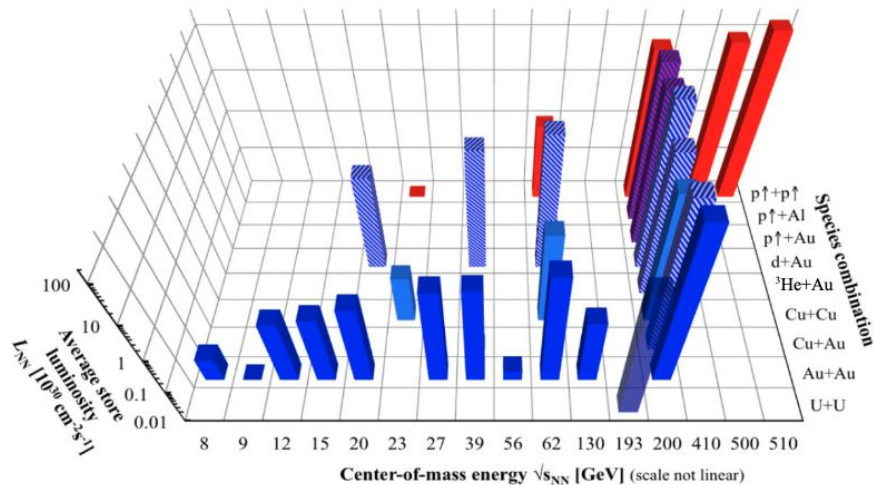
Ion-running about 1 month per year

So far proton, Lead, Xenon, next year Oxygen

Fixed-target programme of LHCb adding much more flexibility and high-luminosity at about 100 times lower sqrts

Discussions ongoing for other ions in the future including injector upgrades, see workshop

RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 16)

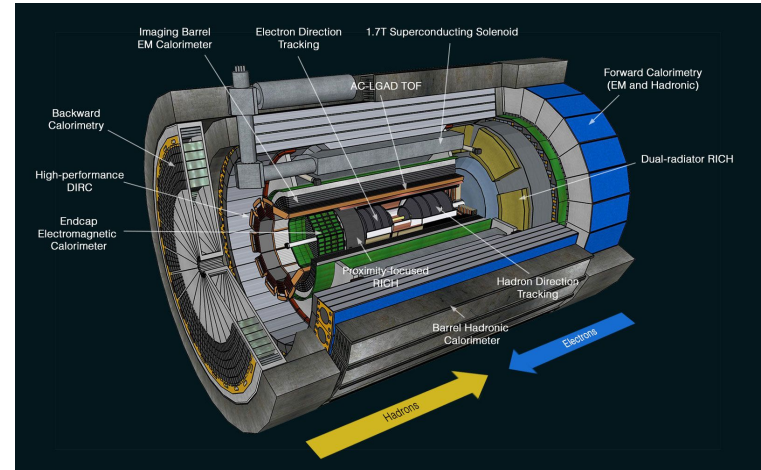
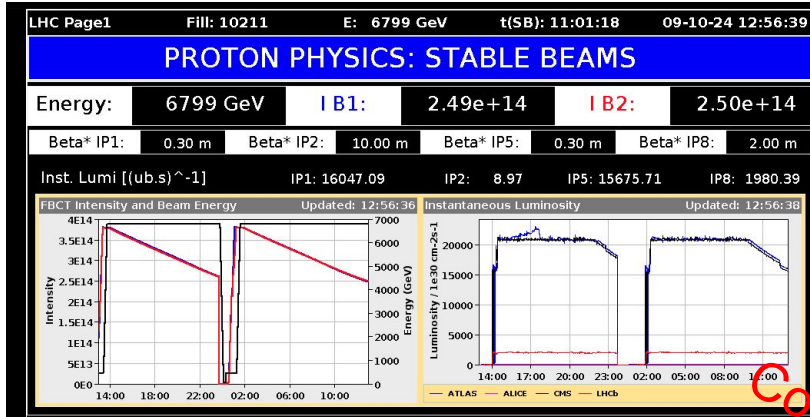


## Targets

Large flexibility from RHIC preserved for EIC

Plot from QM 2023, isobar run and Oxygen data not shown

# Kinematics and experimental conditions



## Instrumentation

ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb

Four complementary detectors in terms of acceptance, resolutions, particle identification

Instantaneous luminosity in proton-proton collisions more than 3 orders of magnitude different between experiments:

Allows for measurements from very soft to very hard

Complementary

## Instrumentation

EPIC as multi-purpose detector:

large acceptance, particle identification, extended forward instrumentation

Wish for a second detector

Discuss three independent  
but strongly related long-standing questions

EIC & HL-LHC will contribute to both  
It is our responsibility to get the most out of it

# What is the initial state of hadron-hadron collisions?

## Modelling of energy-momentum flow in heavy-ion collisions

- Many free parameters for initial state
- Can be seen two-fold
  - Infer information on initial state from soft heavy-ion data
  - Information accessible also from other sources: precision limitation

## Energy deposition dominated by partonic interactions:

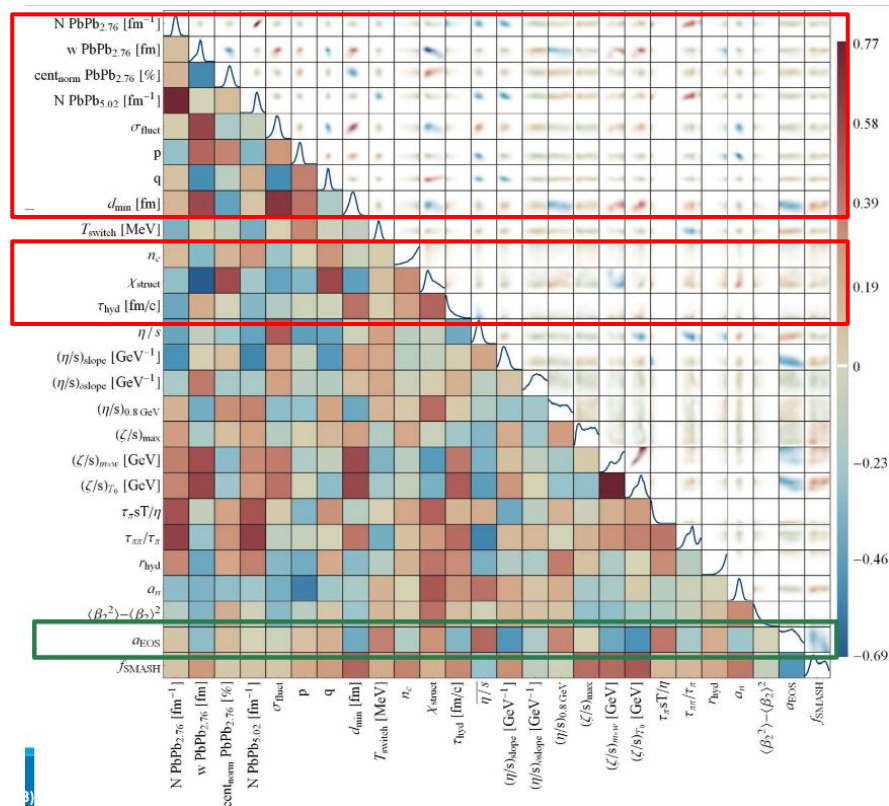
- In principle accessible information via hard particle production

## Uncertainties large:

- Scale uncertainties: small typical scales
- PDF uncertainties: nuclear partons not well known

## EIC can provide precision for RHIC kinematics

- Unfortunately not down to as low-x as relevant for most of energy deposition at the LHC
- However can check reliability of knowledge transfer



Taken from slide by W. van der Schee:

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/1341120/contributions/5867064/attachments/2884693/5055513/Talk\\_Qingdao.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1341120/contributions/5867064/attachments/2884693/5055513/Talk_Qingdao.pdf)

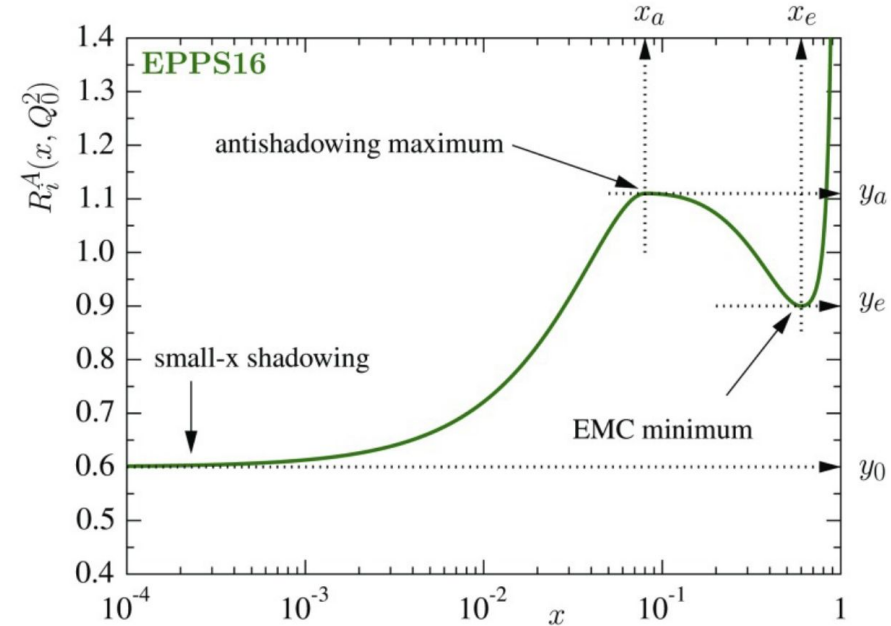
# What are the effects present in nuclear PDFs

Various physical phenomena at play

application of collinear parton distribution functions: a conjecture

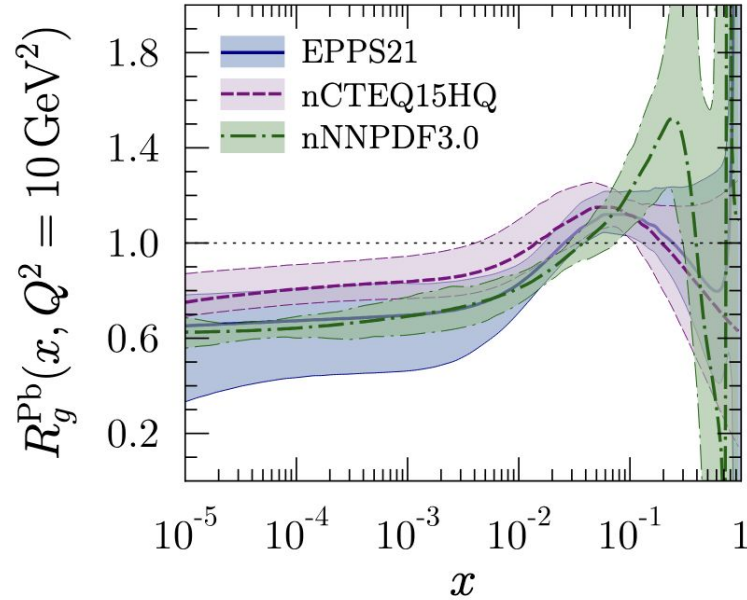
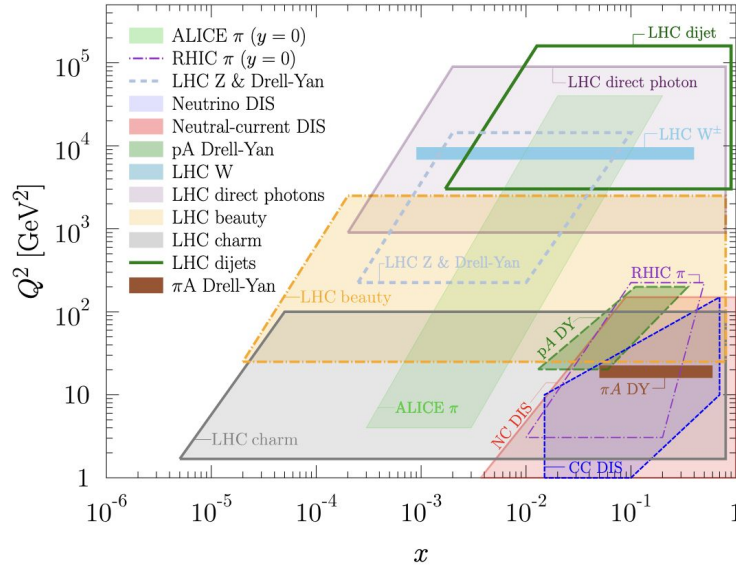
not tested to the same level of precision as for the proton

- Need to check DGLAP-applicability with precision
- Need to establish baseline for saturation searches for nuclei



A possible way for knowledge transfer from nuclear structure to heavy-ion collisions

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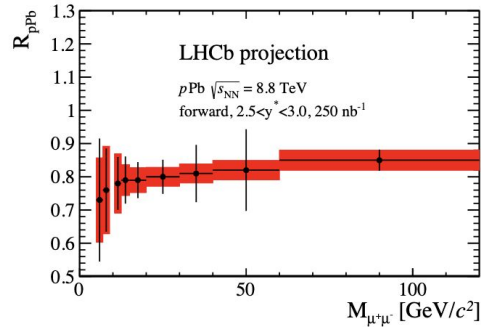
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00450>

LHC: strong contributor to nuclear PDF precision down to low Bjorken-x

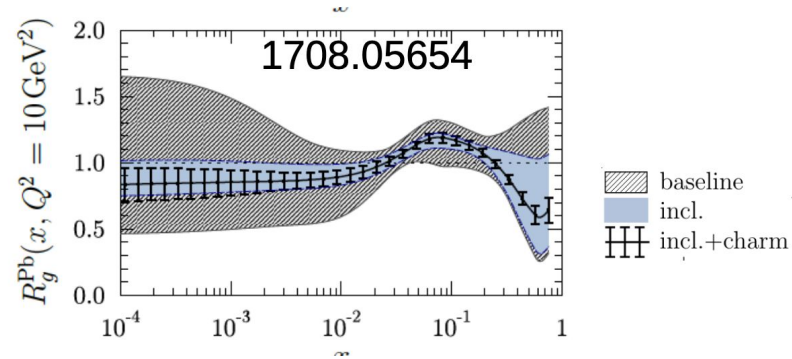
One highlight: sizeable gluon shadowing consistently observed by 3 different global fits

Important to confirm with cleaner measurement (photon/DY/DIS) to exclude confounding effects

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Low-x Low-mass DY: clean constraints



EIC impact on gluons

LHC: larger luminosity and new channels, see HL-LHC Yellow report WG5

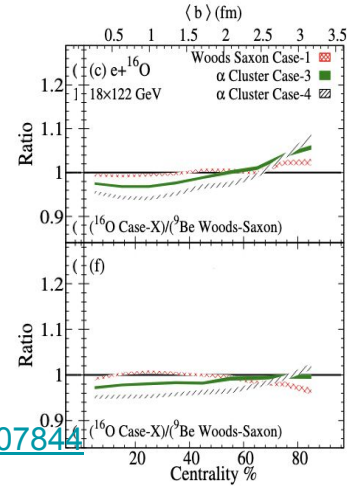
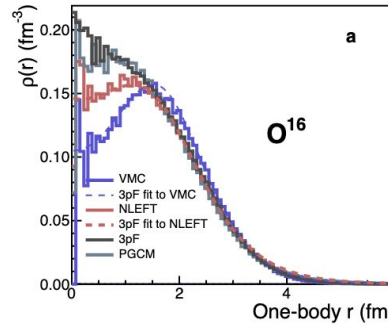
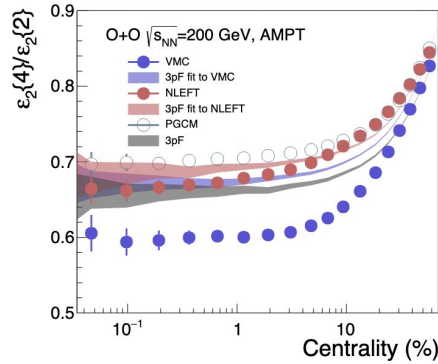
- improve statistically limited channels: Z, W production, beauty production
- Exploitation of new kinematics and/or theoretically cleaner channels: Dijet photoproduction, prompt forward photons (Focal, LHCb), Drell-Yan forward (LHCb, ALICE muon)

EIC will be able to sample with high precision nuclear PDFs in the provided kinematic range

- **check DGLAP evolution within the EIC data and with LHC: very crucial**
- **Constrain mass dependence**



# Nuclear structure on large length scales from high-energy



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.08385v1>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.07844>

LHC and RHIC: pioneer to explore nuclear structure via correlation measurements

Small nuclei collisions: new access to nuclear structure

EIC: measurements of  $\langle E \rangle$  in fragmentation region sensitive to clustering

- New access to nuclear structure at high-energy

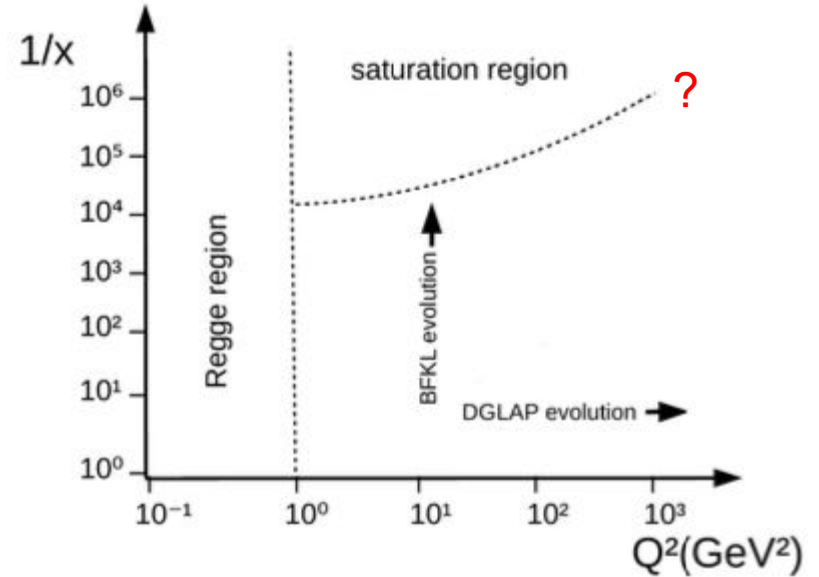
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Saturation:

- A theoretical prediction since the 80s

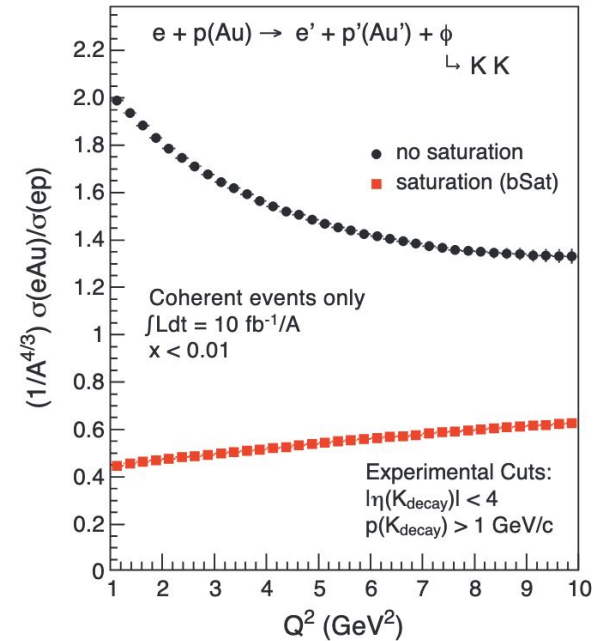
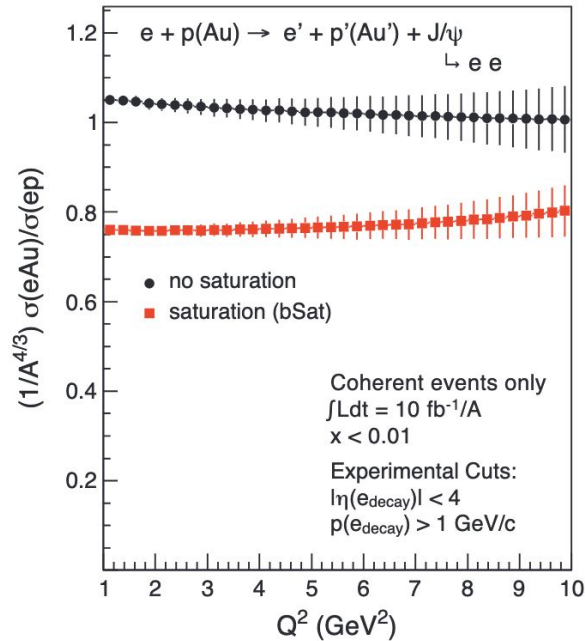
Conjectured, but not unambiguously identified in HERA/LHC data yet

- One of the science drivers of the EIC



modified version of graphic in "QCD and collider physics", Ellis, Stirling, Webber

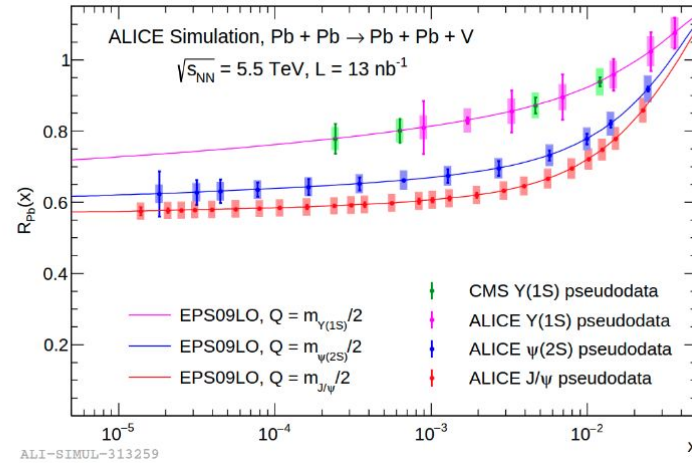
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Lower energy@EIC: use nuclear collisions to access saturation regime

- Example for dissociative over coherent vector meson production
- Precision longitudinal structure function: see e.g. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05846>

# Saturation



Future measurements at the LHC down to Bjorken-x to  $10^{-6}$  in pPb, gamma-p & gamma-Pb

Conclusive measurements from both facilities should allow to have a final word for the kinematics accessible

LHC proved to be capable to go beyond past projections (here from the YR WG5 report):

- t - dependence, incoherent production & dissociative production shown to be feasible in UPC
- Important for LHC & EIC: develop theory with uncertainty bars as for structure functions
  - steps ongoing for exclusive quarkonium production using GPDs and low-x resummation:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.05738>

# An uncomplete discussion

## High precision proton PDF and TMD constraints

- LHC Drell-Yan, high-pt Jet and top production measurements already now contributing: precise will improve and will contribute
- [arxiv:1902.04070](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.04070)
- EIC will push precision at x with low-Q<sup>2</sup>, see e.g. at: [arxiv:2309.11269](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.11269)

## TMD physics with spin

- vast programme with observables only available with polarised beams at EIC
- LHC spin as a possible complement with polarized target project for late 2020ies for LHCb fixed-target

## Generalised Parton distribution functions

- GPD physics at the core of the EIC programme: gravitational form factors and spin decomposition
- LHC UPC programme only starts to be seen as GPD playground

# An uncomplete discussion

## **Energy loss**

- Cold energy loss programme at EIC and at LHC

## **Collectivity: the limits of the hydrodynamic regime**

- EIC allows to have a point-like initial state with a finite  $Q^2$ : not available easily in UPC at the LHC

**Important to note that QCD research so far largely data-driven:**

**Very lucky that LHC and EIC will run at the same time !**

# A tentative summary

## Correspondence

- Same formalism
  - Use same event-generator
  - Use same type of calculations

## Complementary

- Test factorisation as function of  $Q^2$
- Extend kinematics substantially by combining both facilities
- Different observables

## Redundancy

- Importance of phenomena & systematic uncertainties largely different
- Support or falsify strong claims

# Conclusion

**QCD programe at EIC and at HL-LHC**

**Both stand on their own right and with their stand-alone questions**

However: their respective potential enlarged by each other

**Correspondence**

**Complementarity**

**Redundancy**



**Mutual empowerment**

We should reach out to each other to learn more about nature

- often exchange/combinations/collaboration existing, starting in other cases
- We should make an effort for consensus building on common topics: priorities, falsification strategies, conclusions