

An Electron-Ion Collider at RHIC: A detailed study of the nucleus

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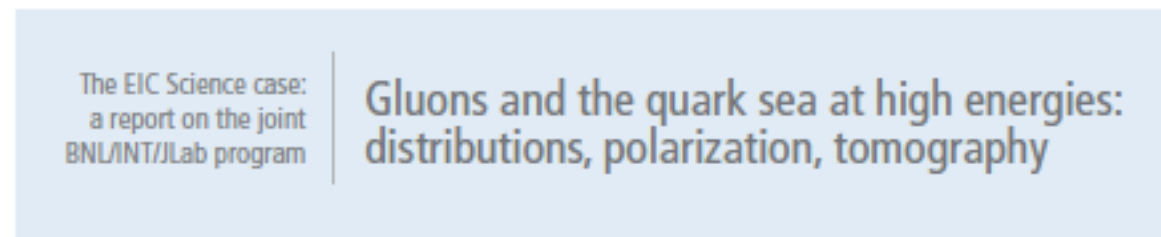
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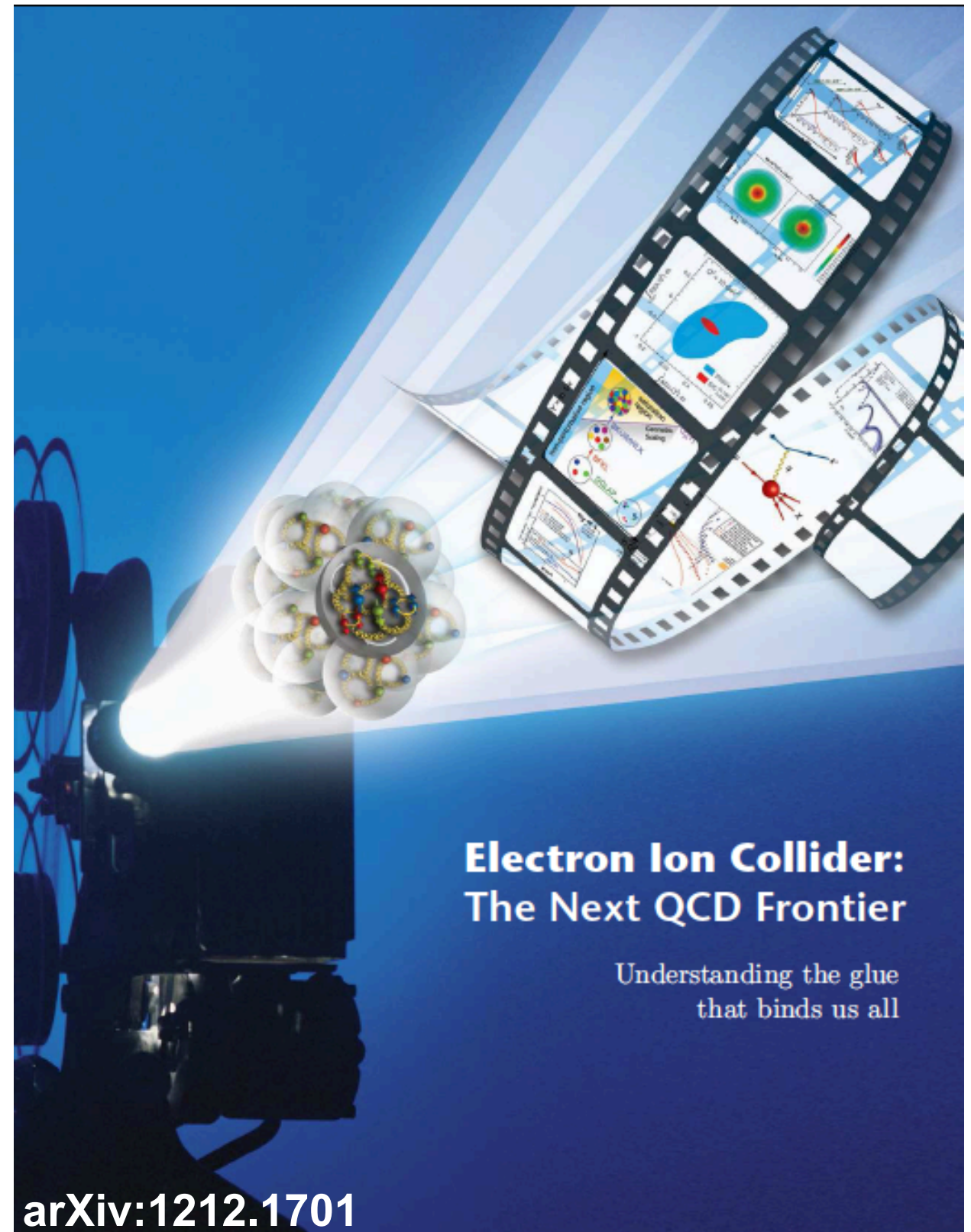
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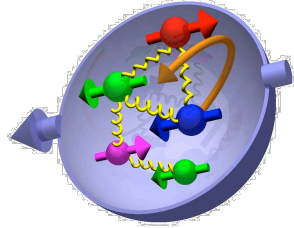
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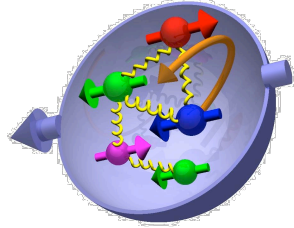


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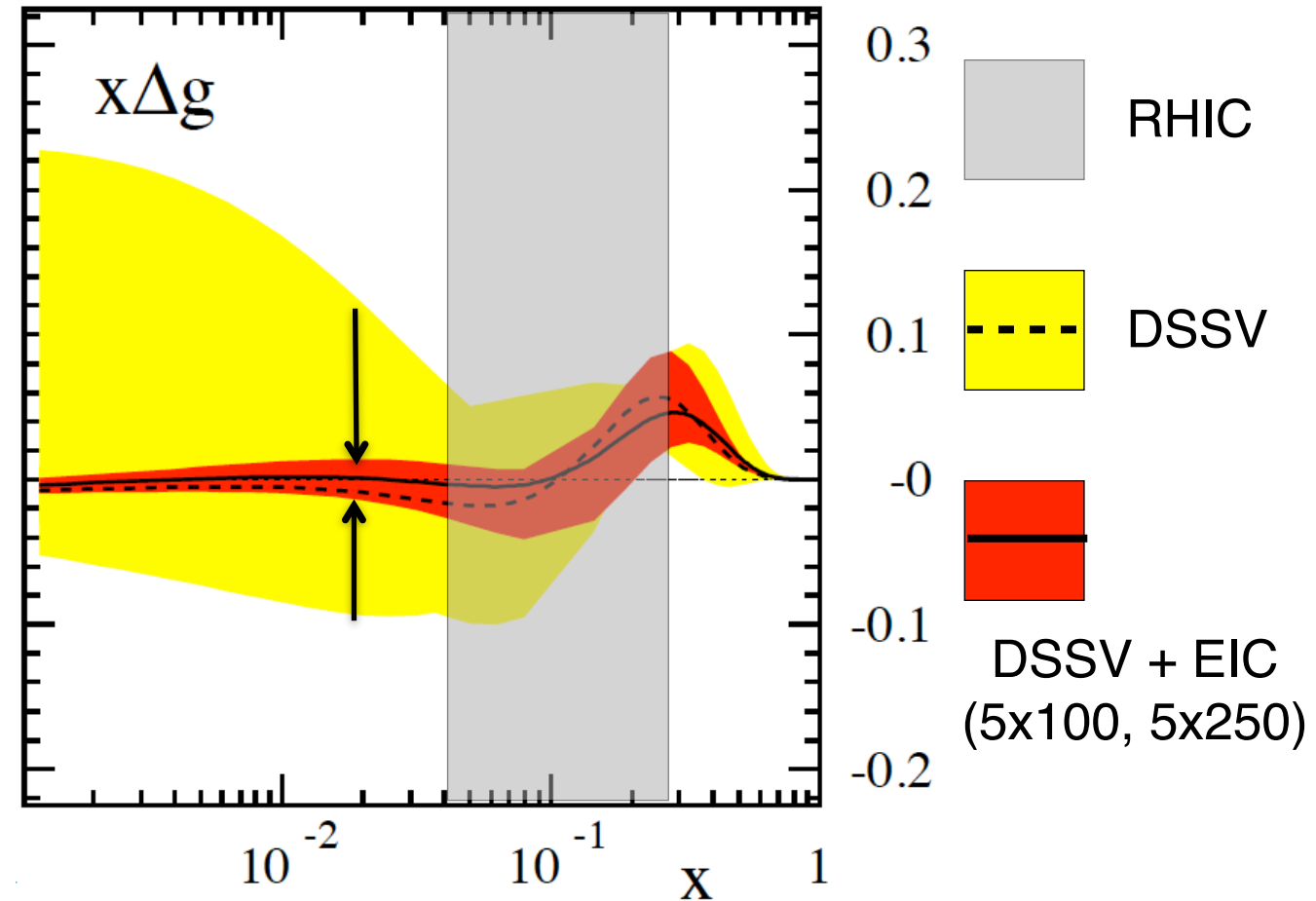
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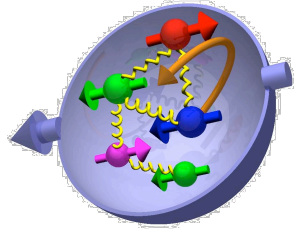
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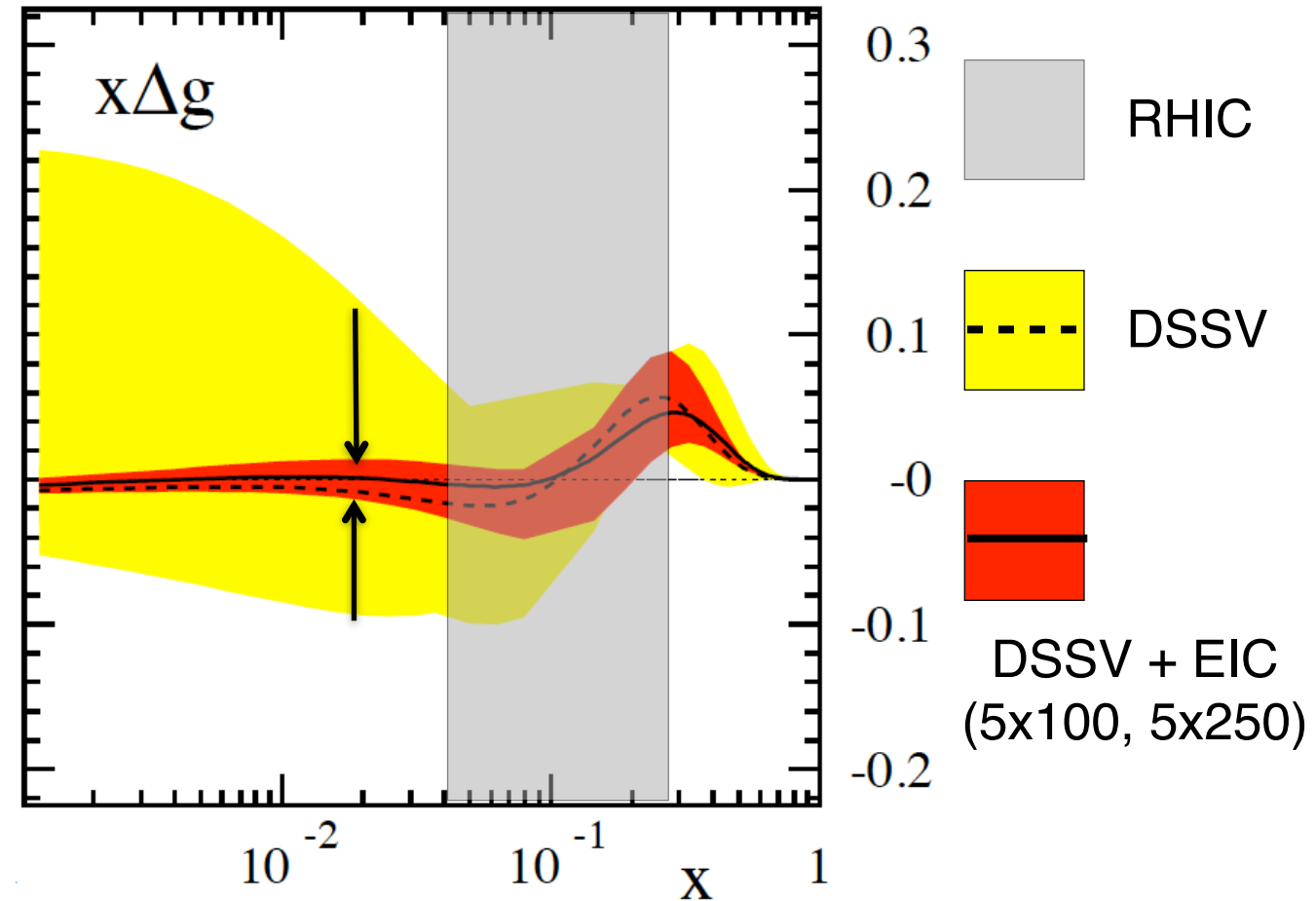
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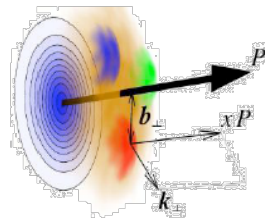


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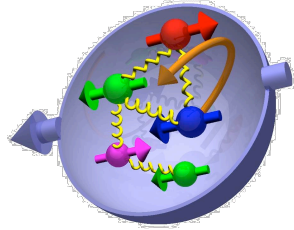


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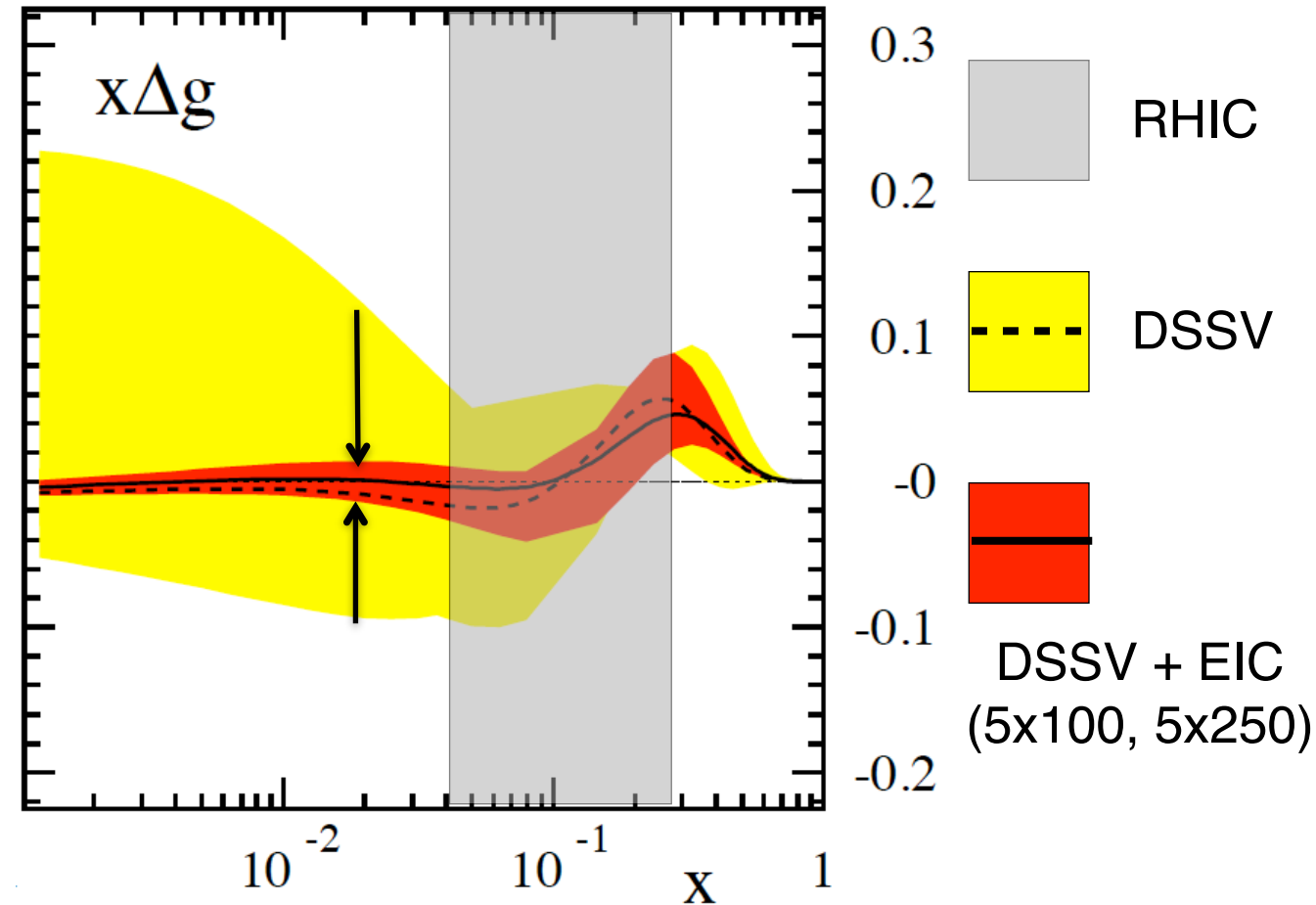
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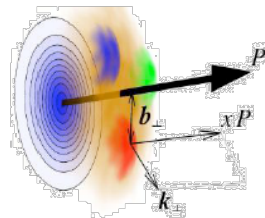


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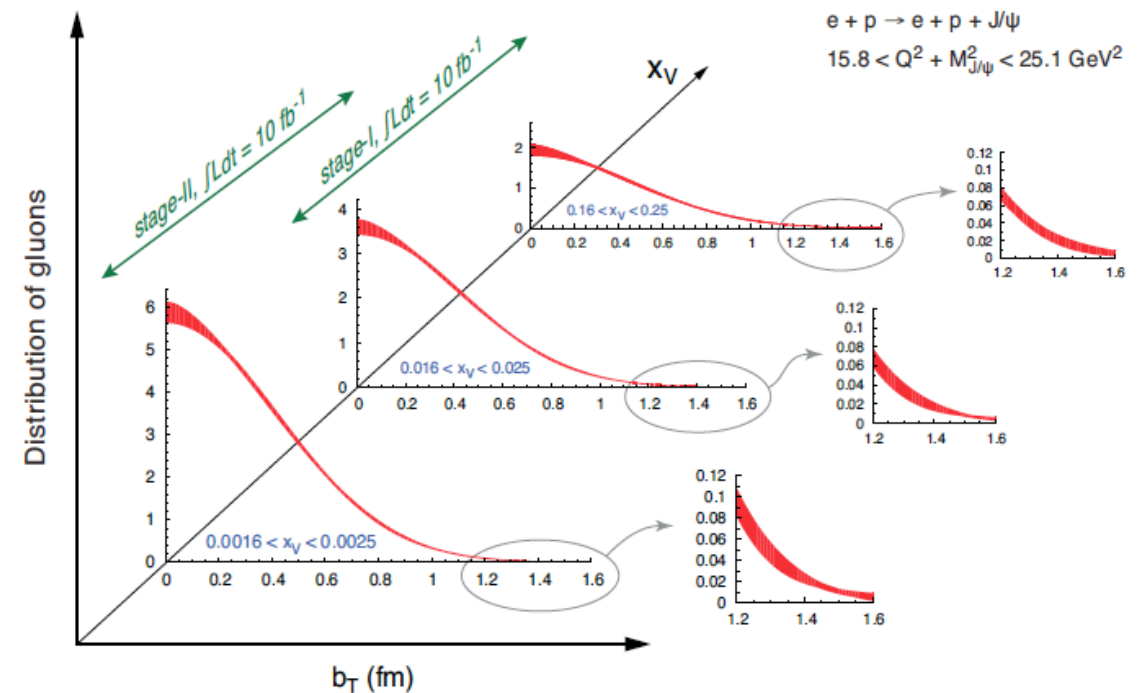


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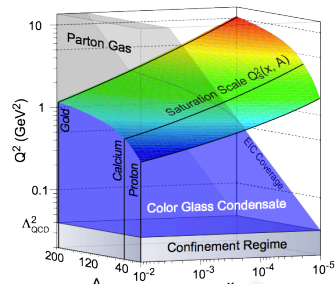
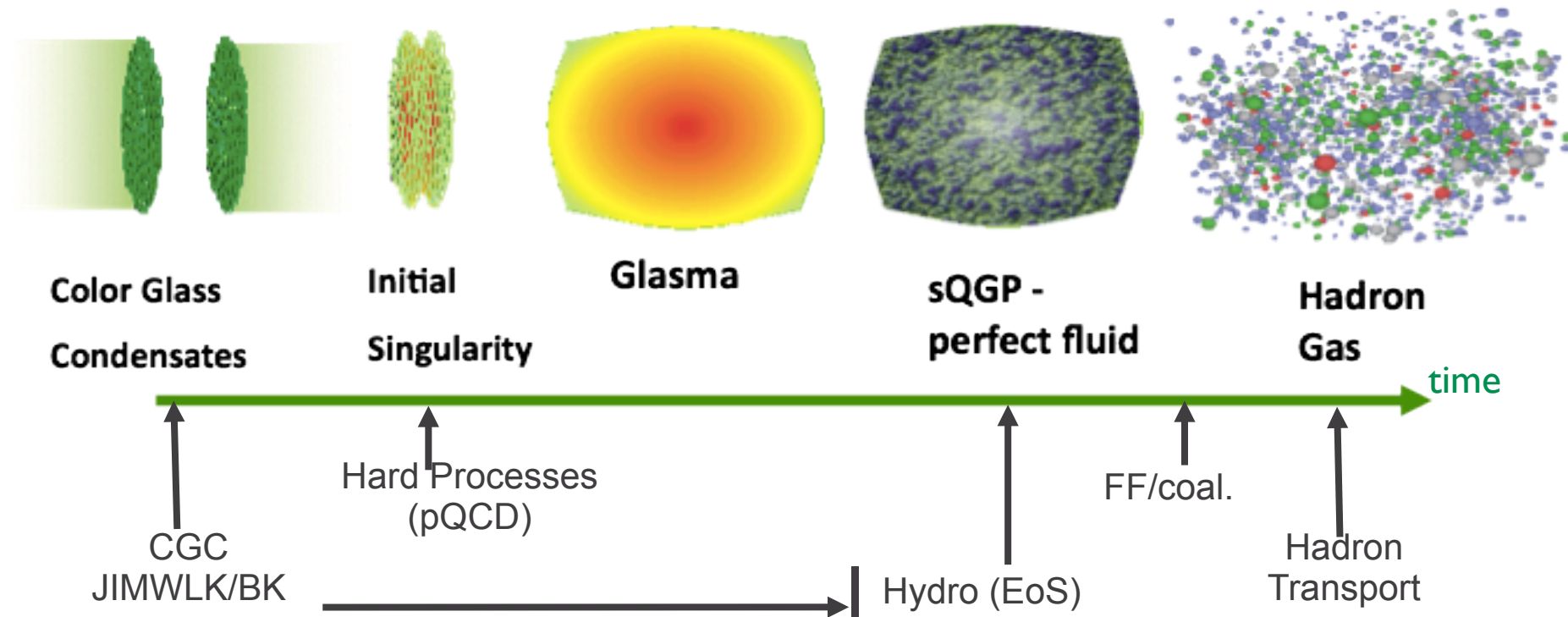


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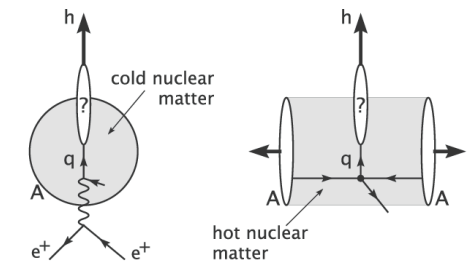
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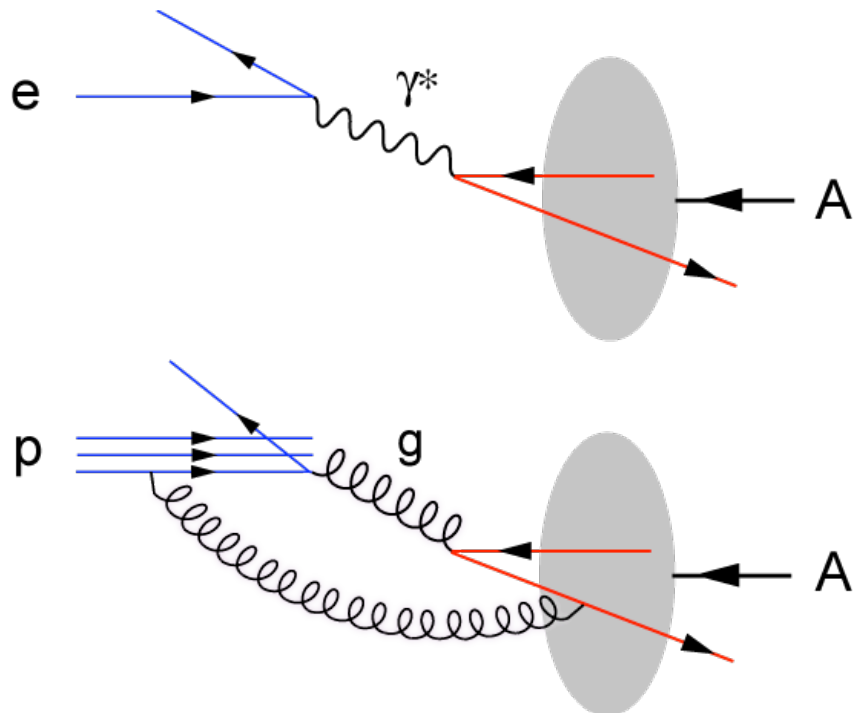


- Quantitatively probe the universality of strong colour fields in $A+A$, $p+A$ and $e+A$
- Understand in detail the transition to the non-linear regime of strong gluon fields and the physics of saturation
- What is the spatial distribution of quarks and gluons in nuclei and how much does it fluctuate?
- How do hard probes in $e+A$ interact with the medium?

Currently have no experimental knowledge of gluons in nuclei at small x !!

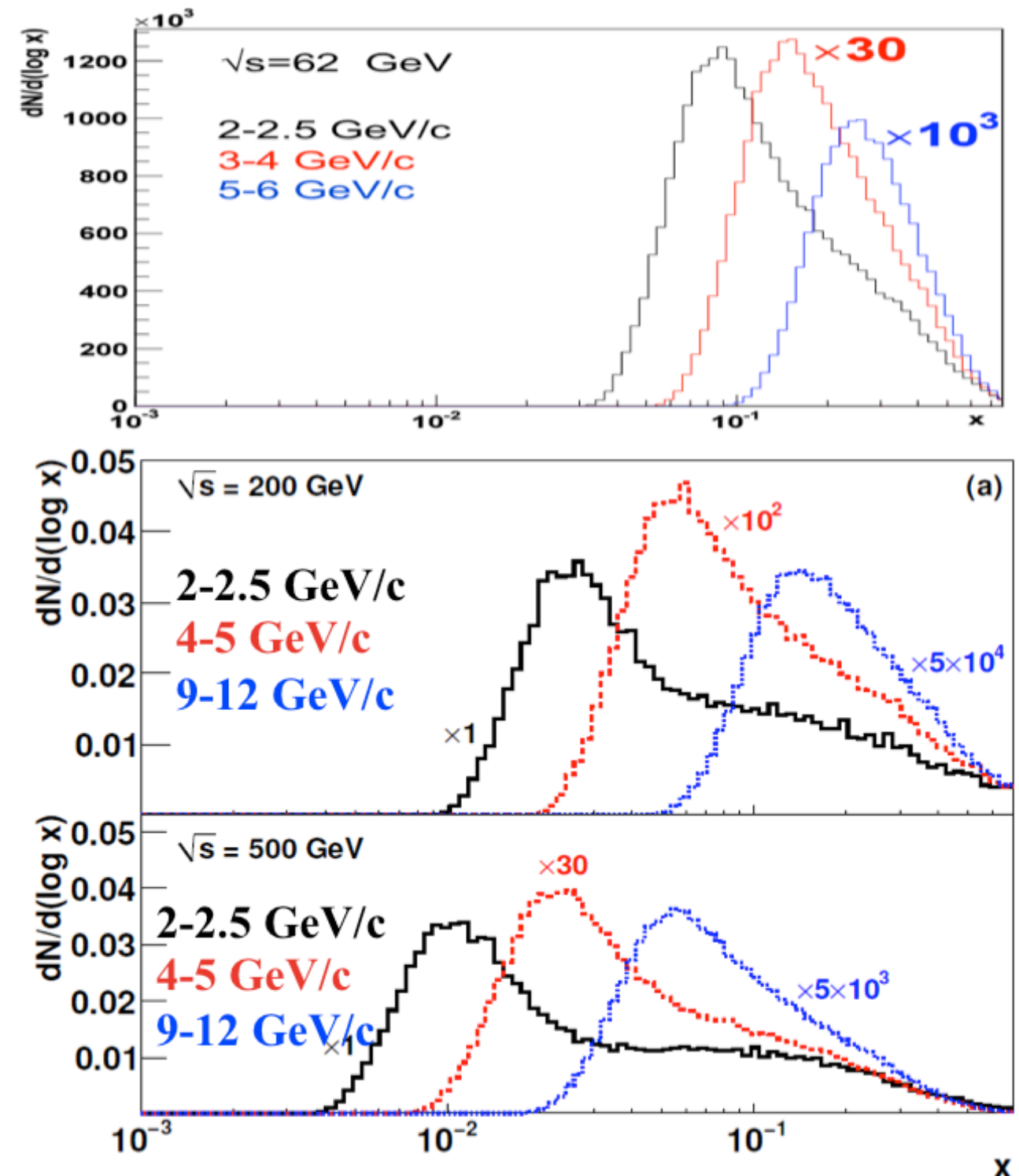
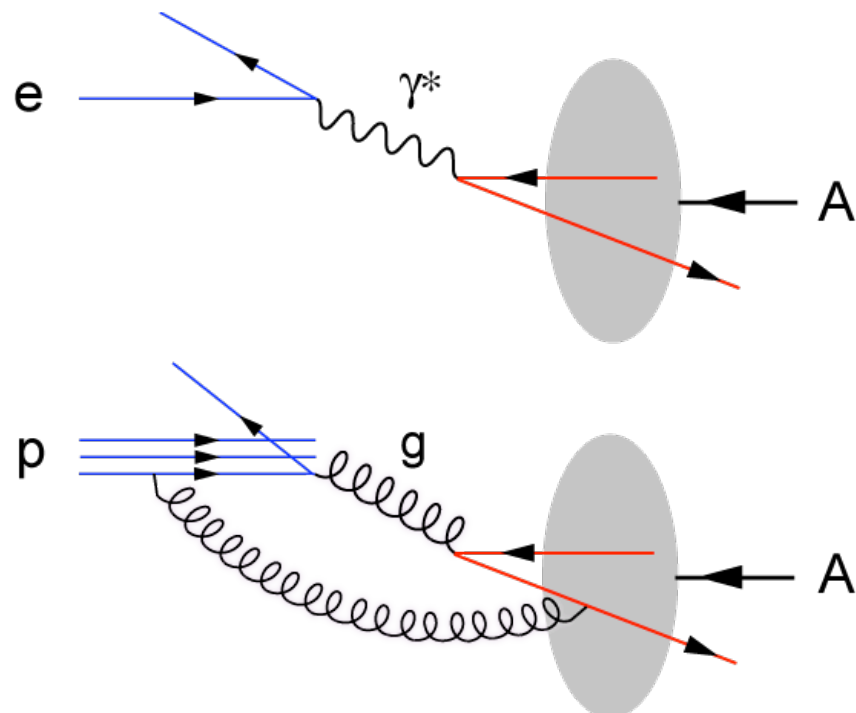
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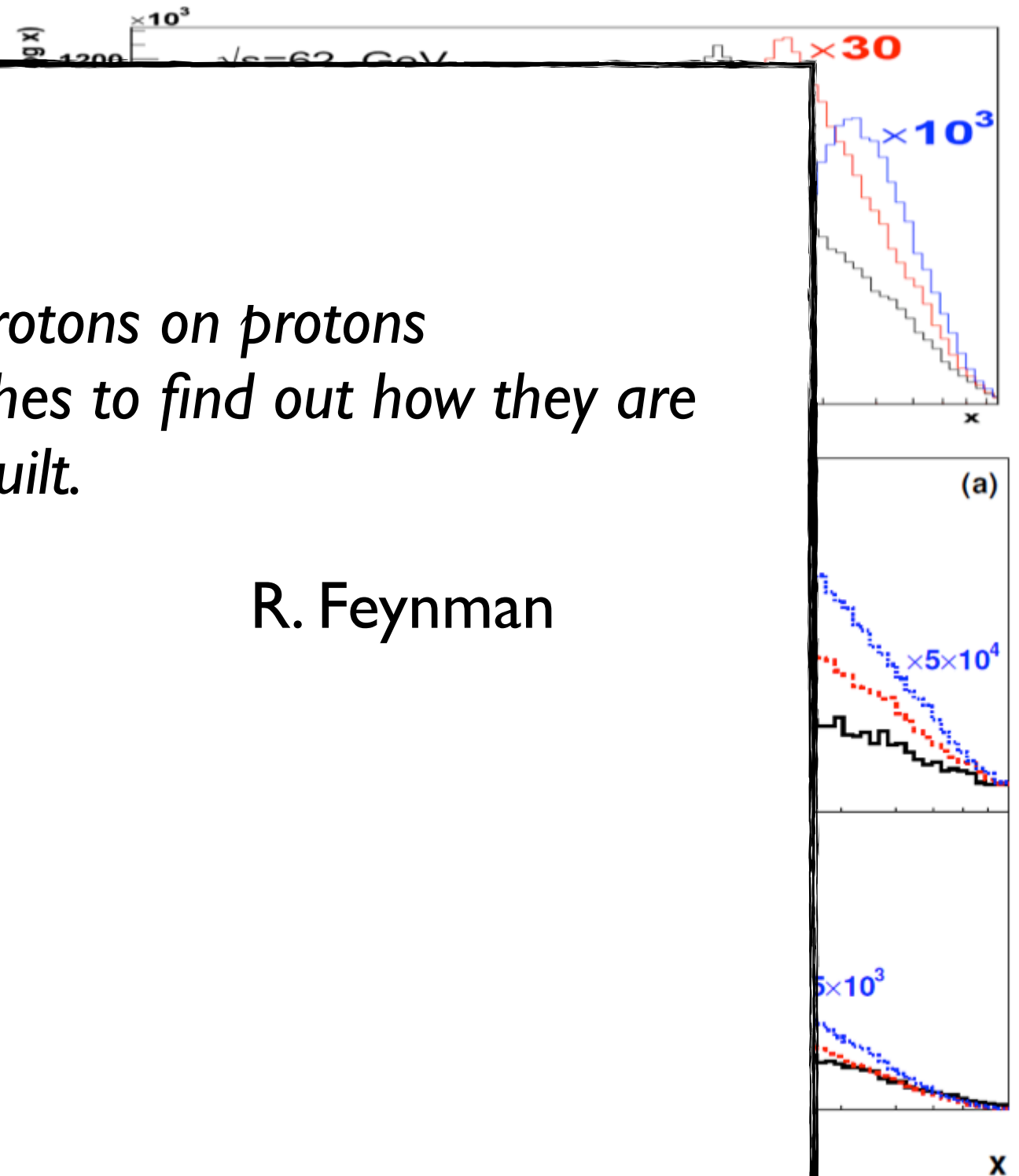
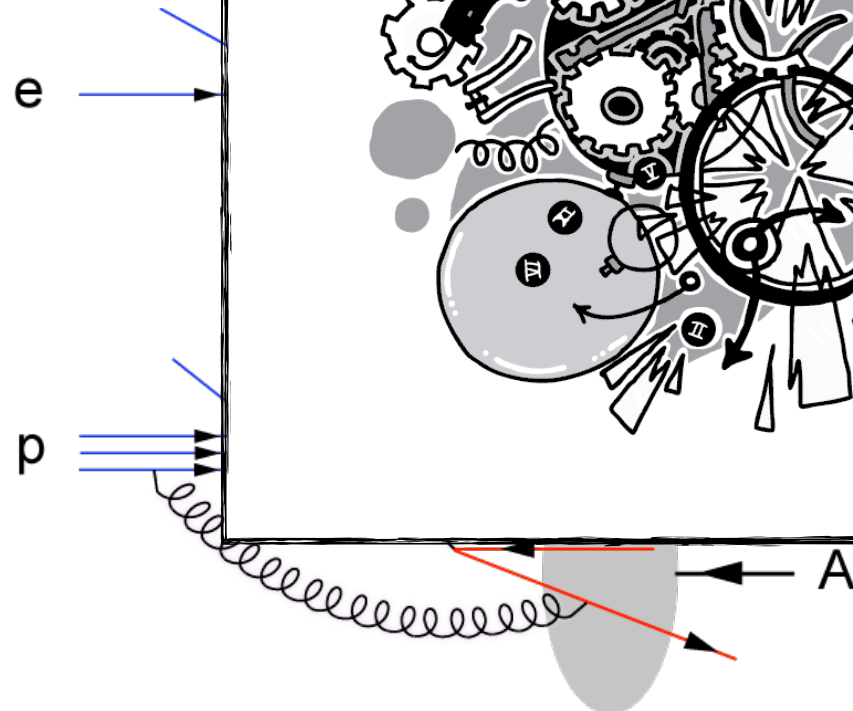
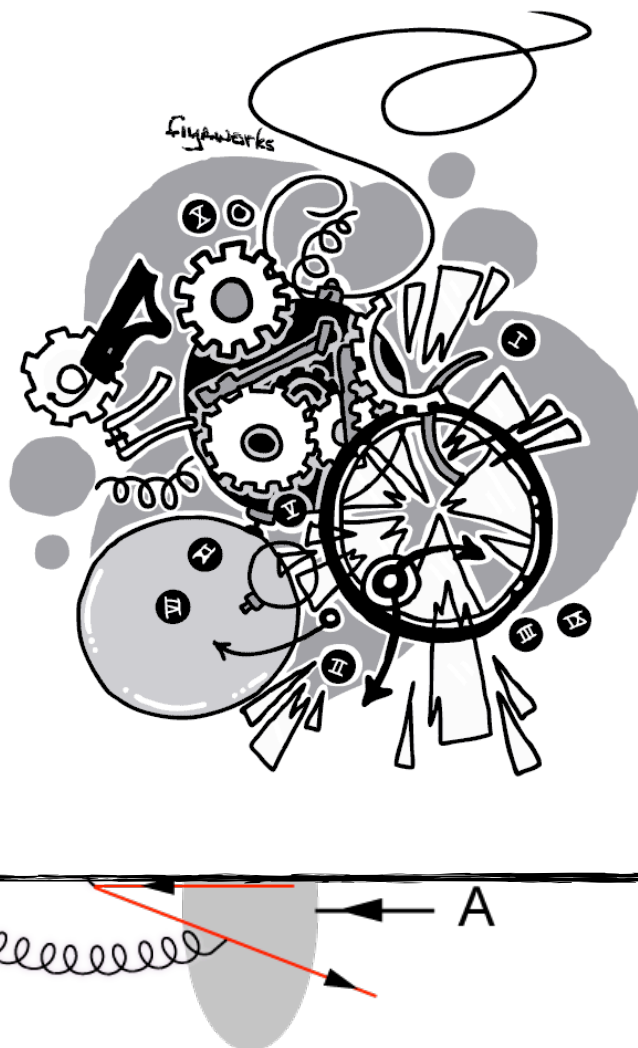
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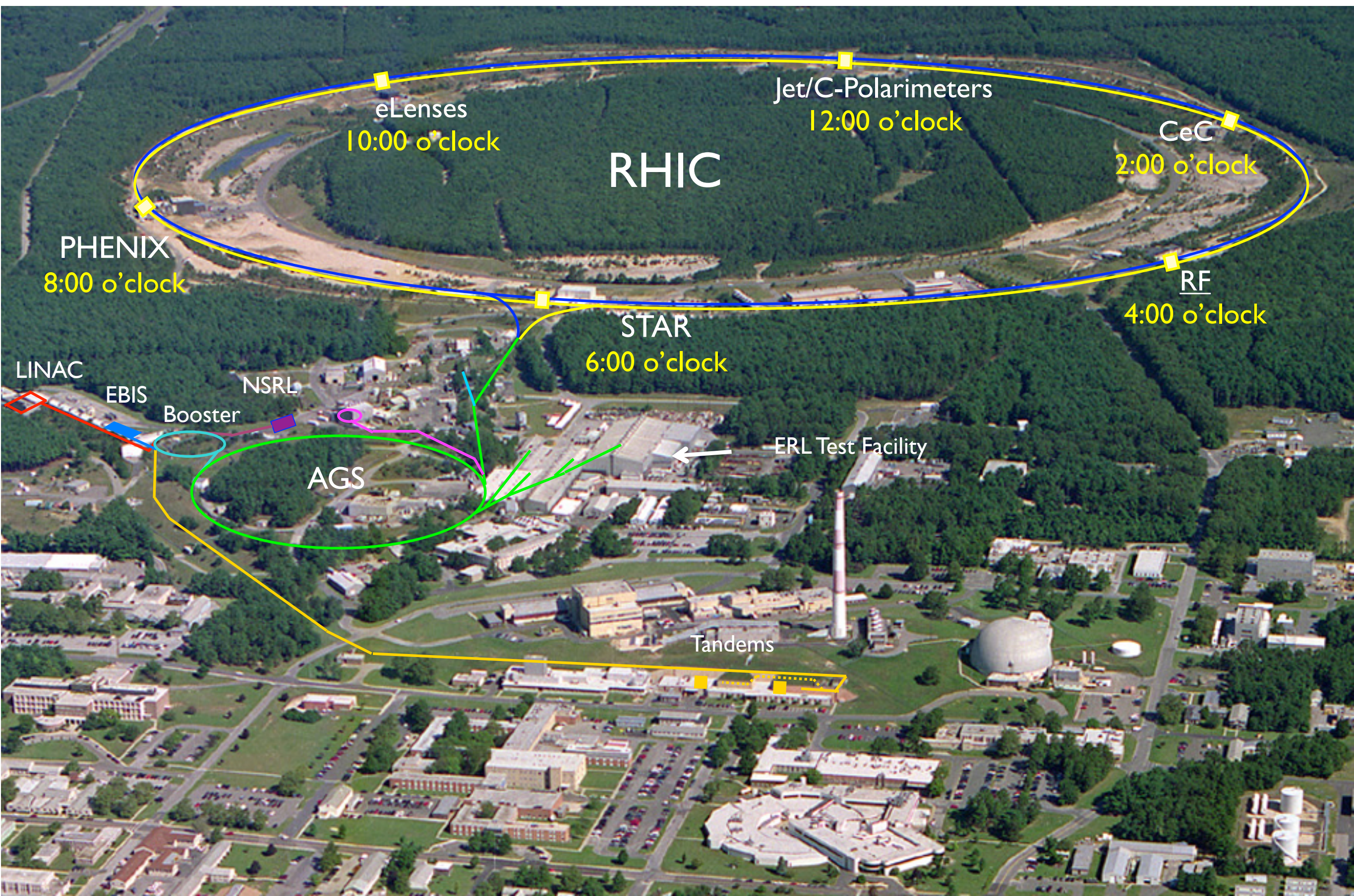
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is like colliding Swiss watches to find out how they are
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R. Feynman

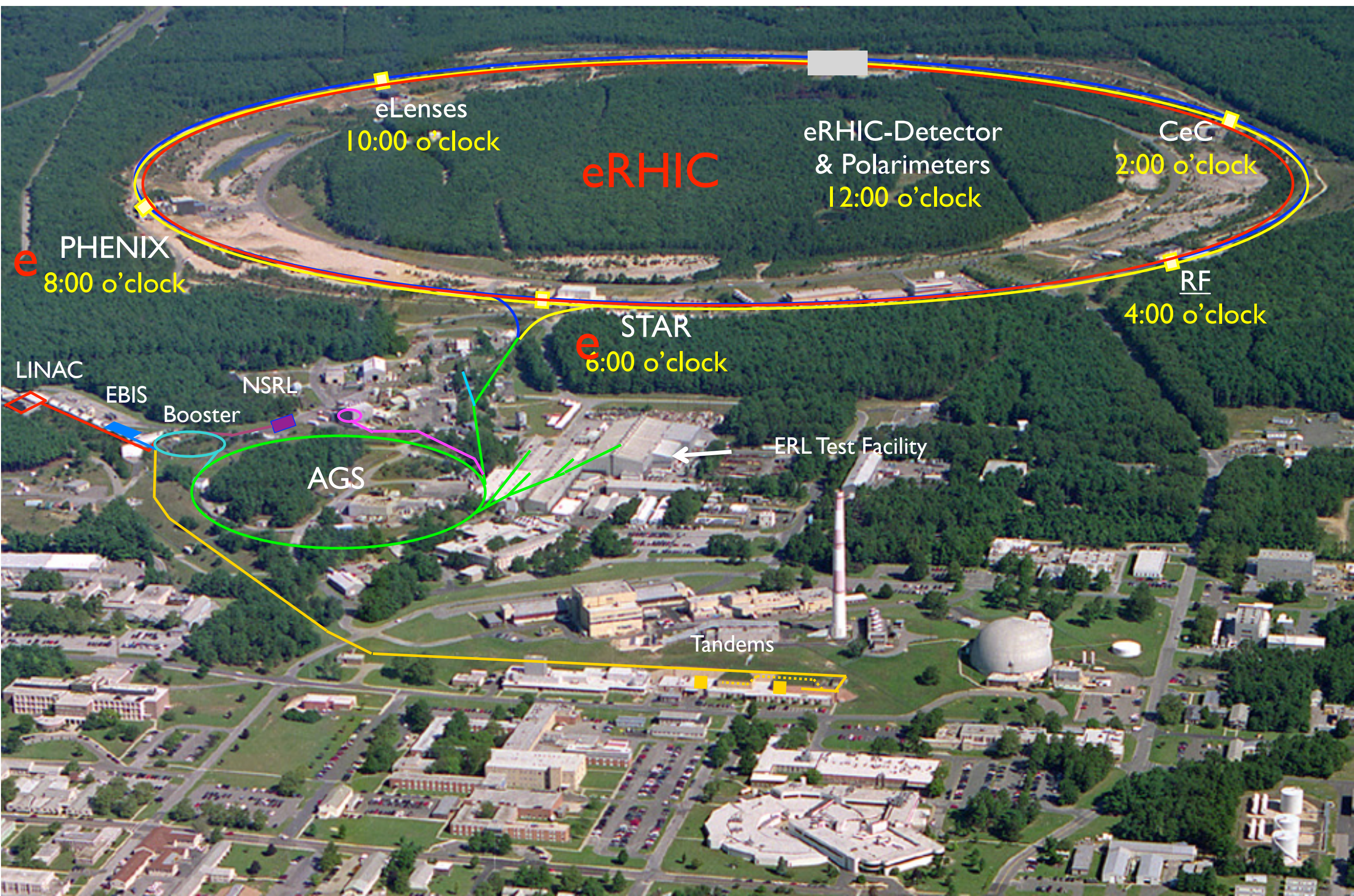


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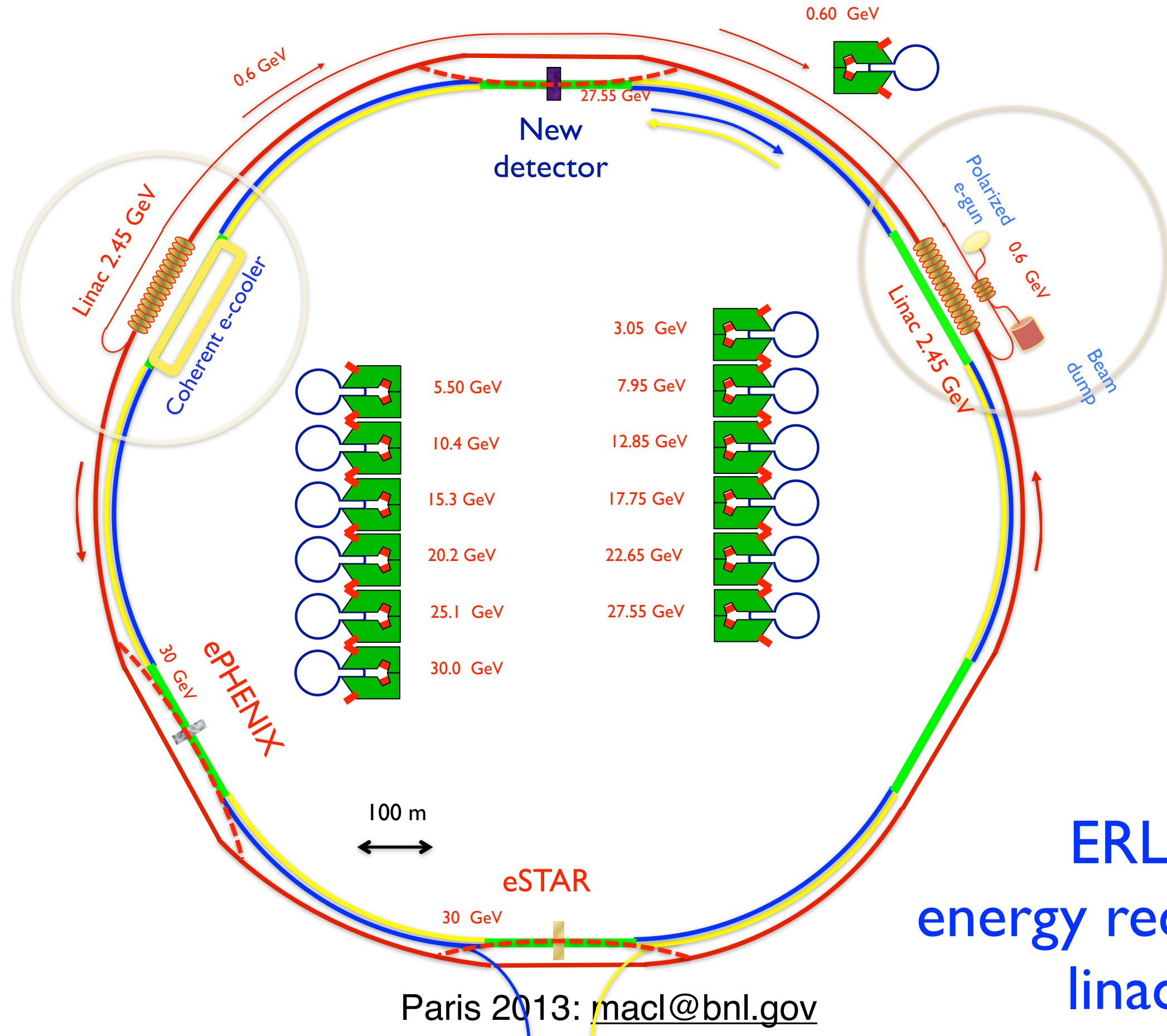
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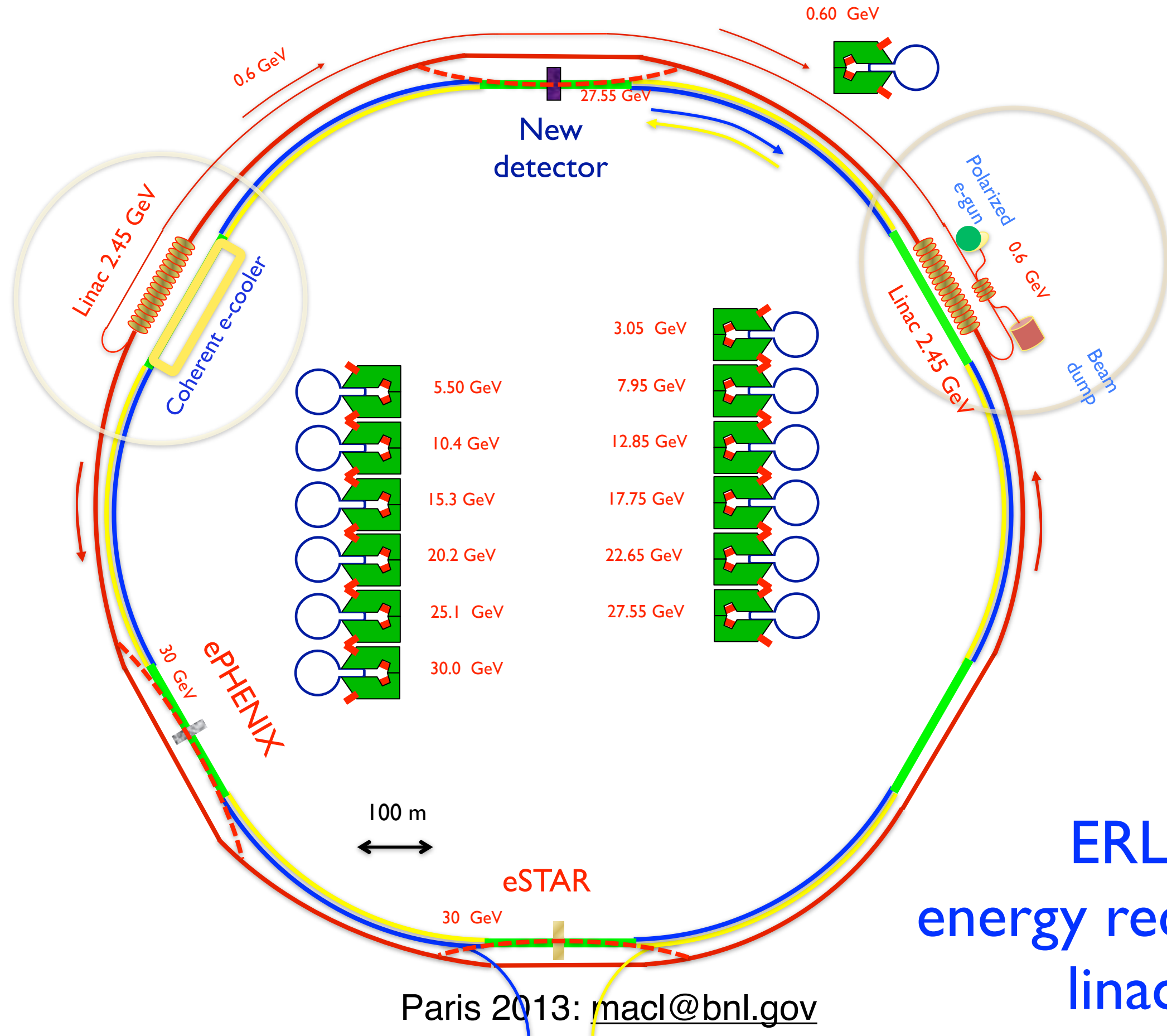


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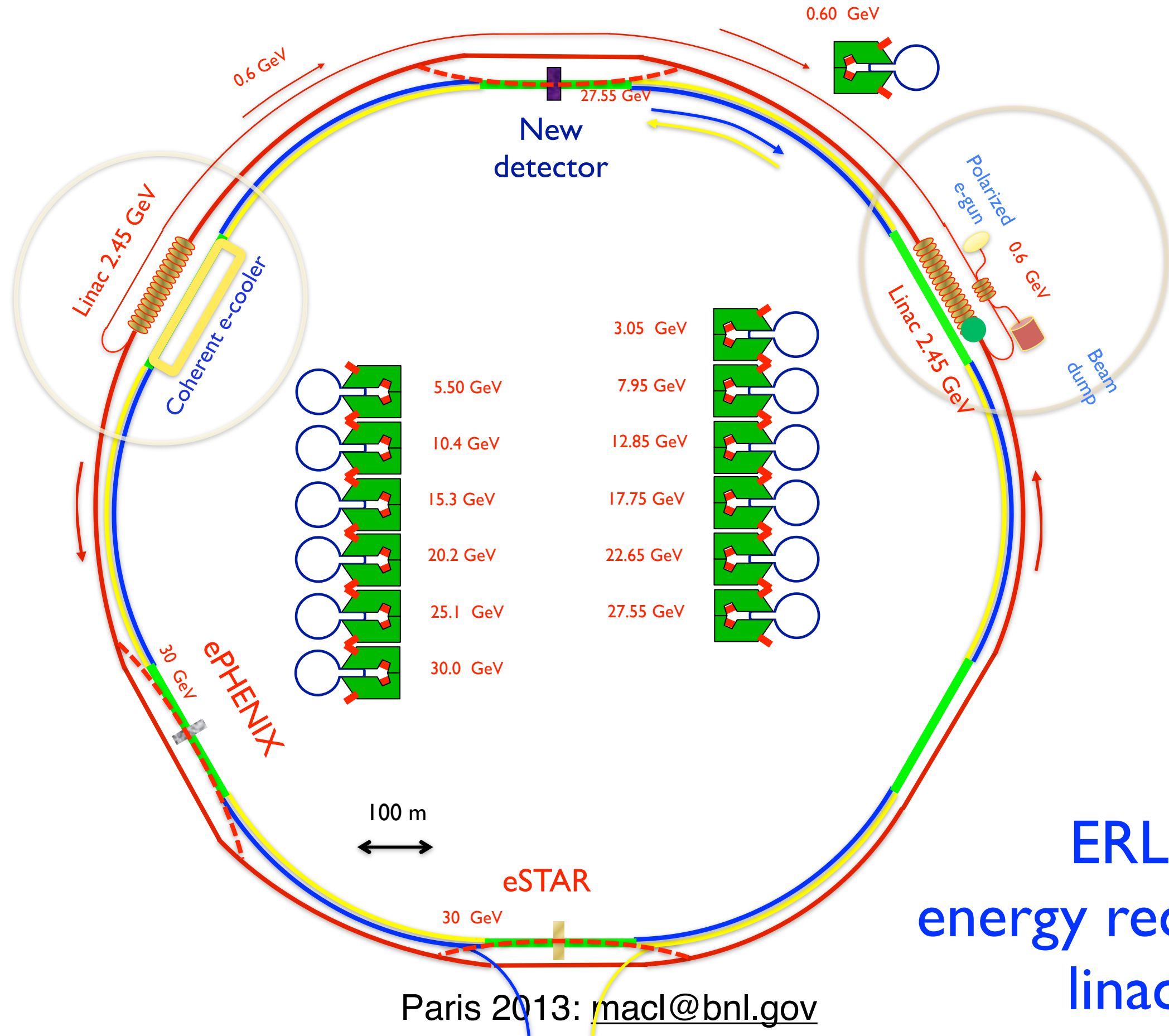
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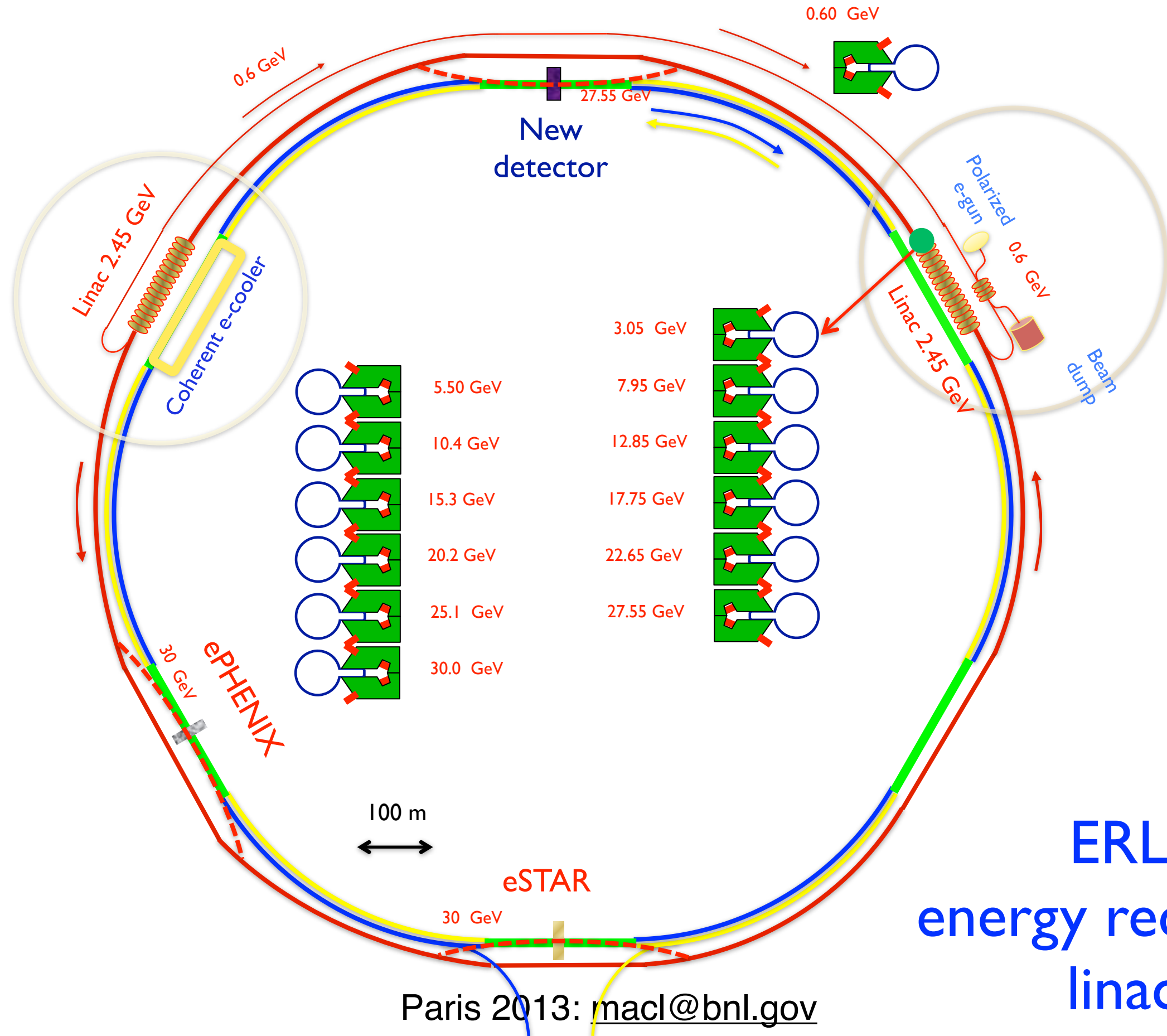
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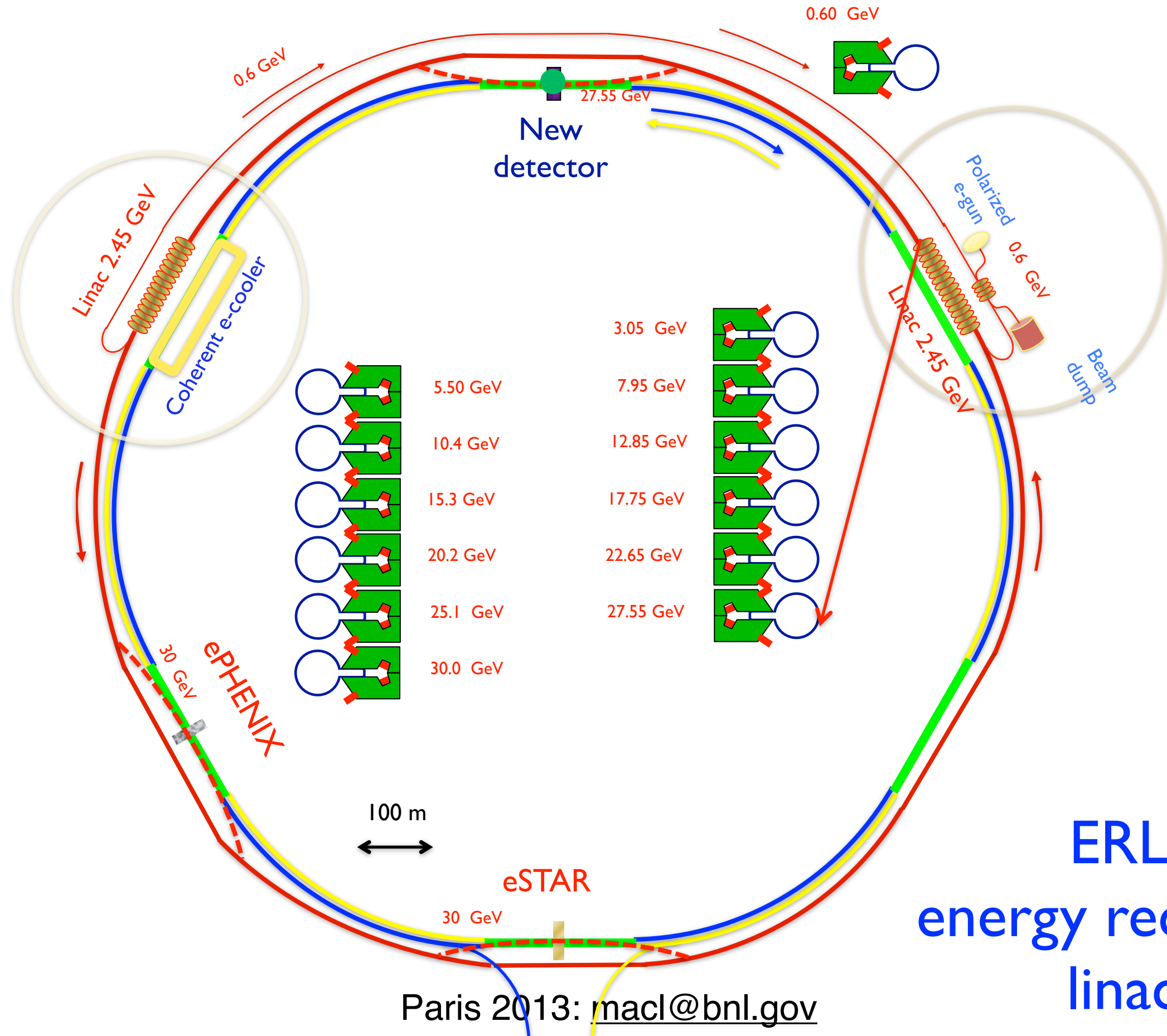
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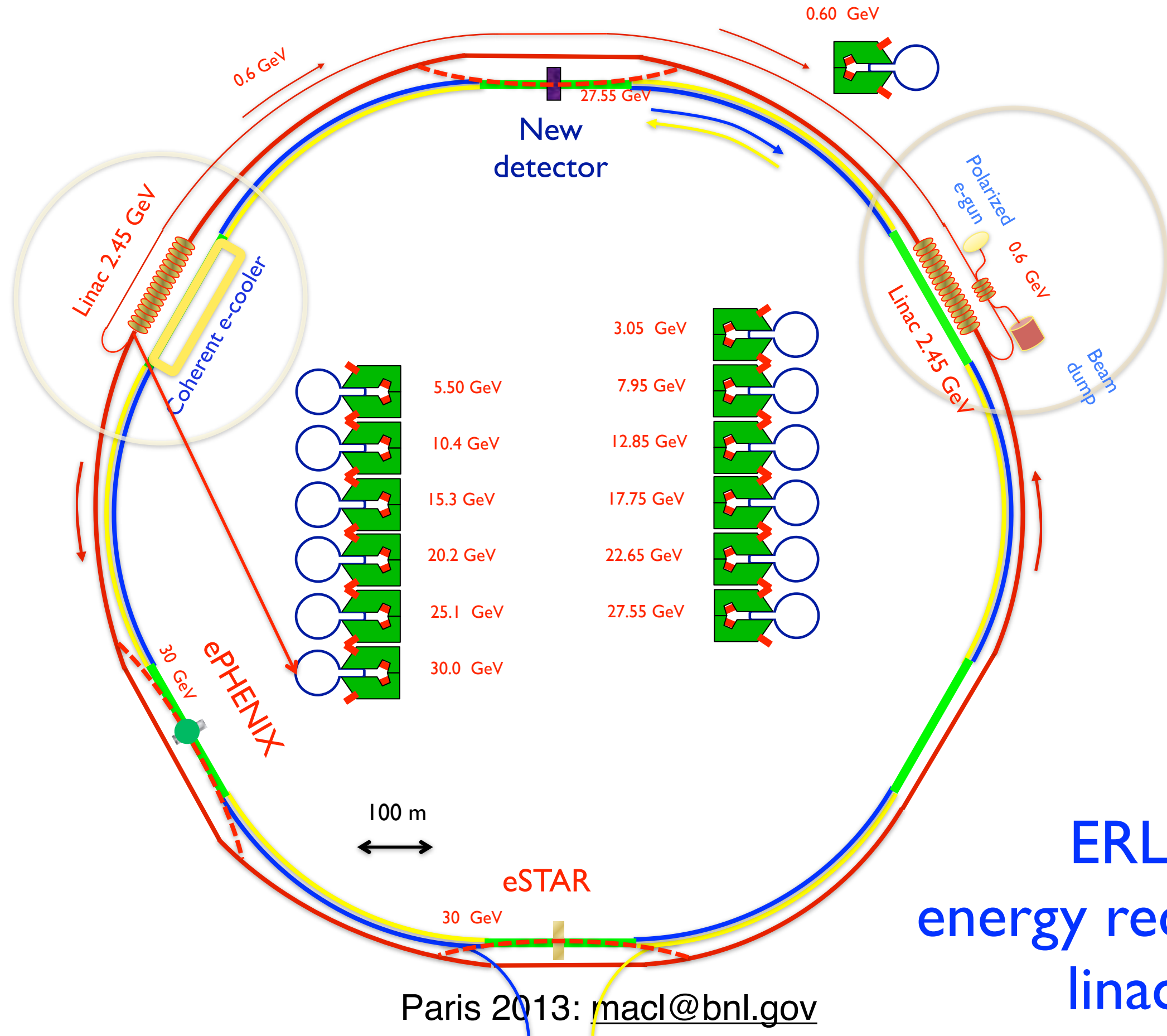
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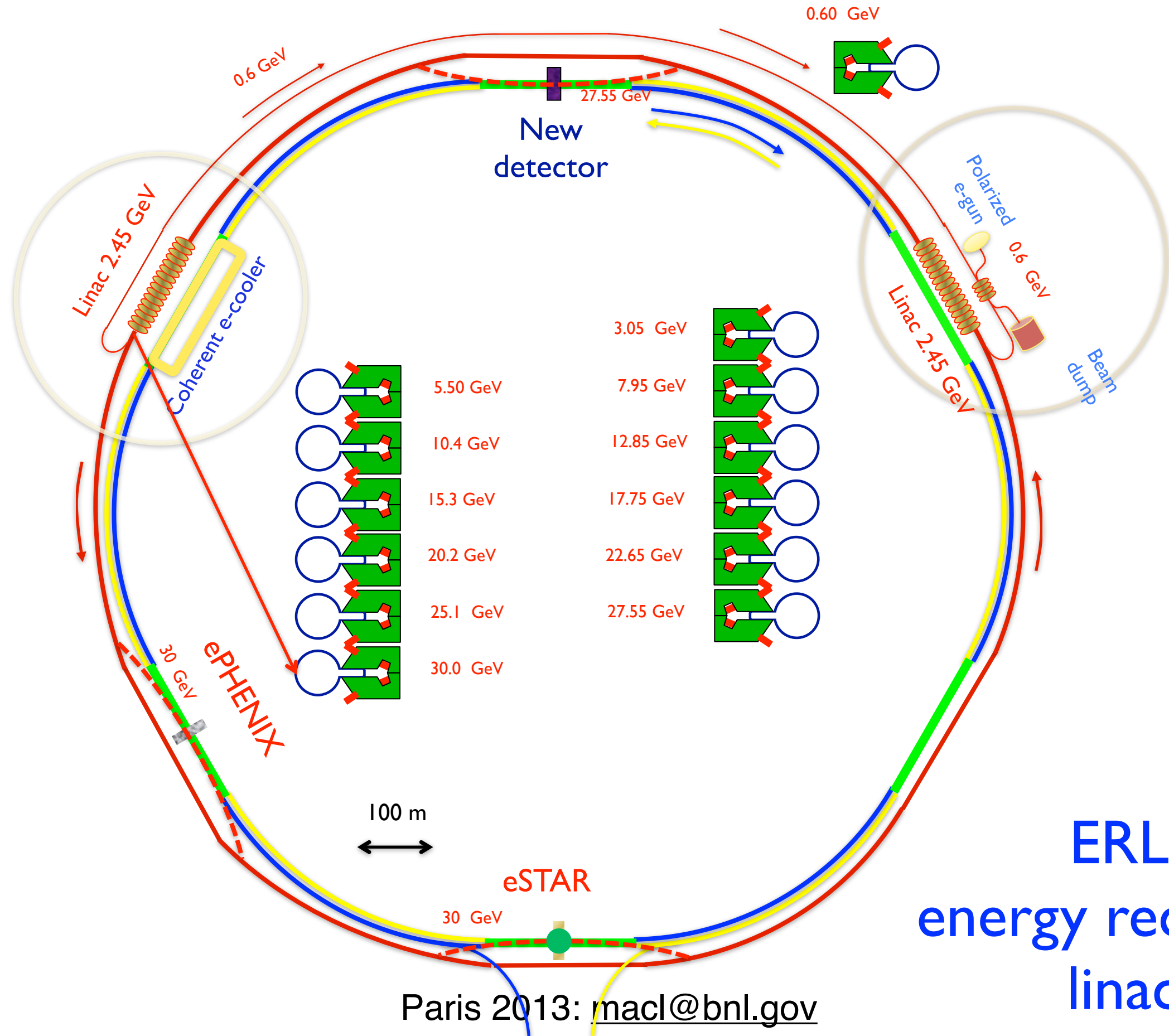
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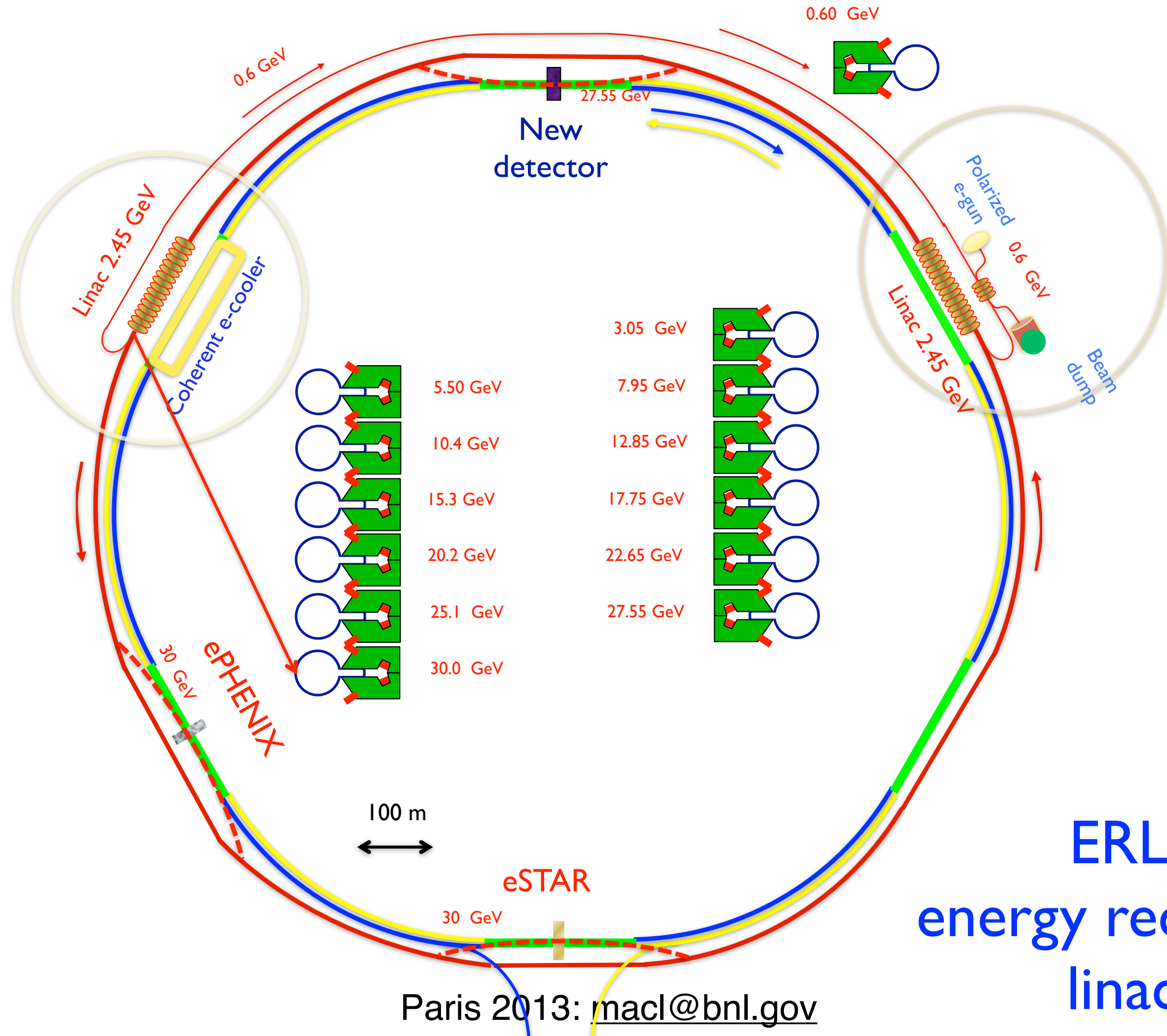
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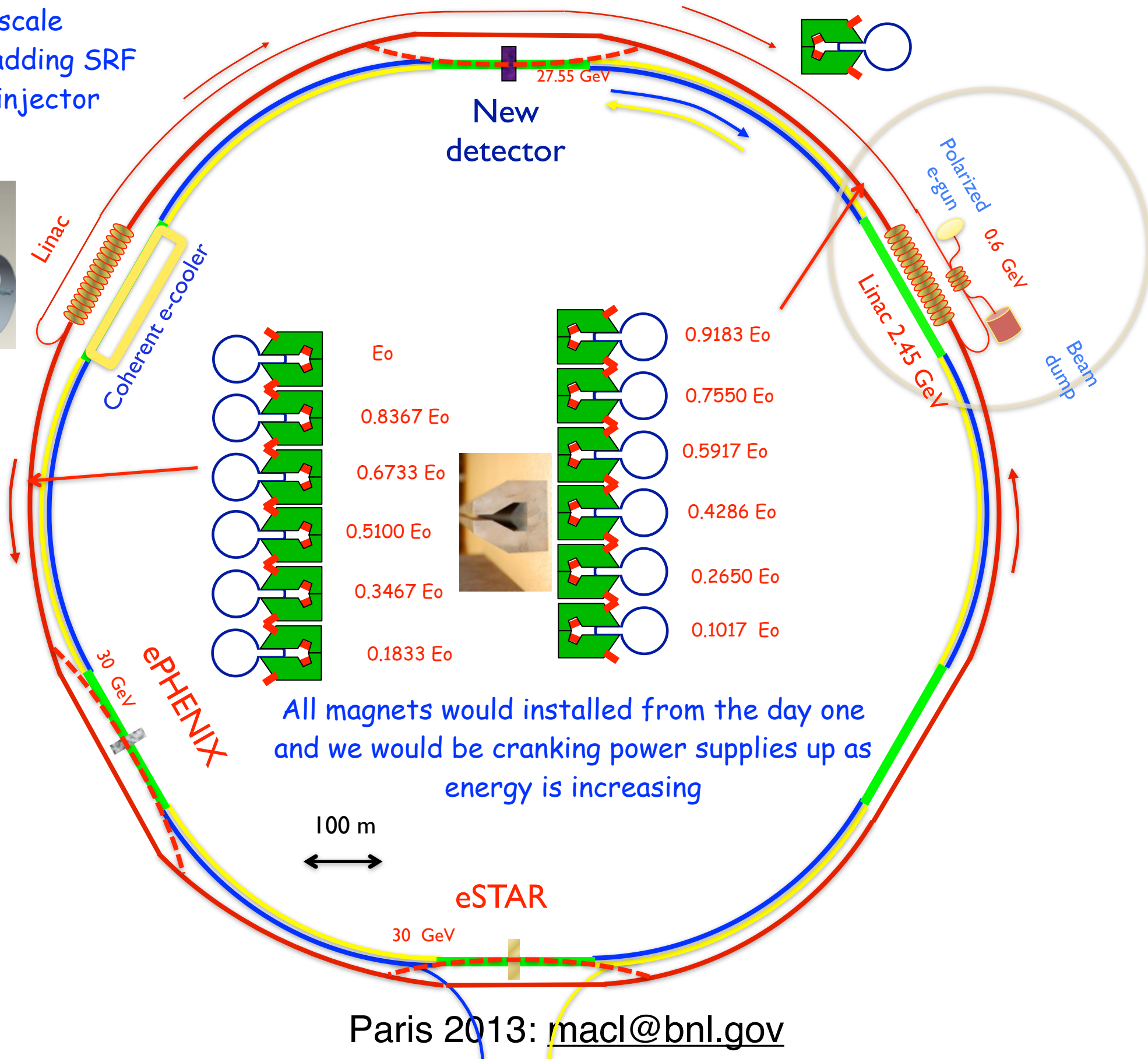
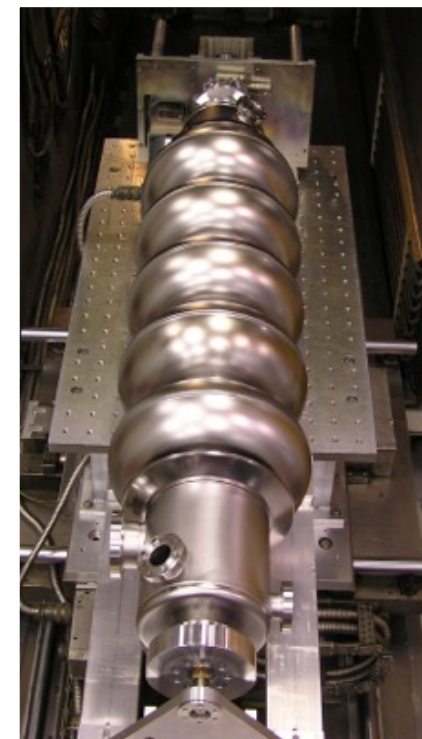
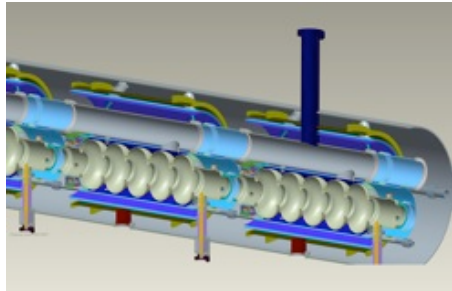
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Staging of eRHIC: E_e : 5 to 30 GeV

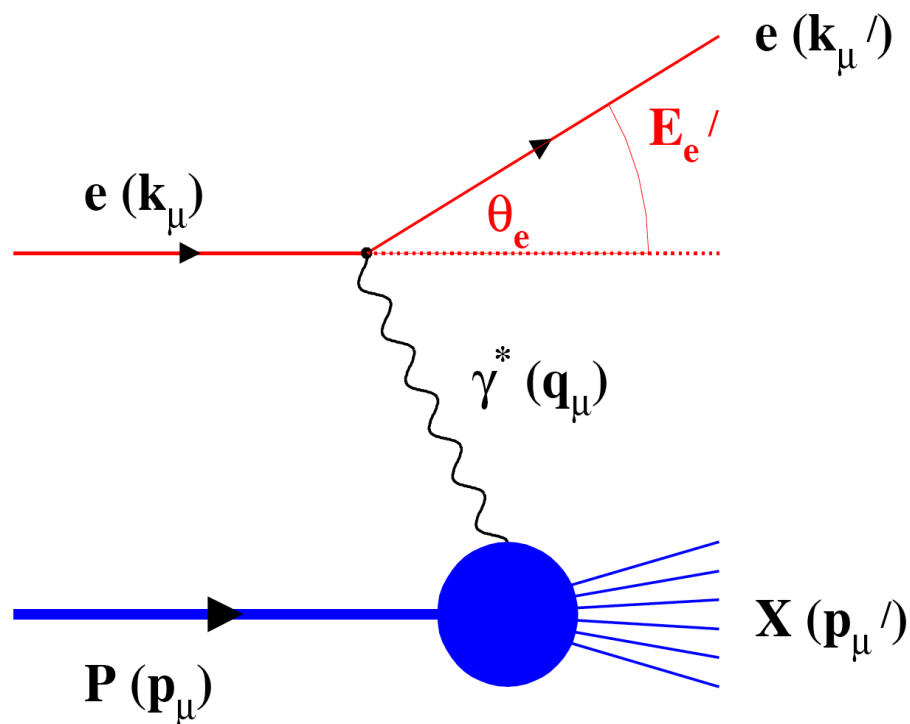
All energies scale proportionally by adding SRF cavities to the injector



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DIS Kinematics

$$e(k) + p(p) \rightarrow e(k') + X(p_X)$$



$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k_\mu - k'_\mu)^2$$

Measure of resolution power or "Virtuality"

$$Q^2 = 4E_e E'_e \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

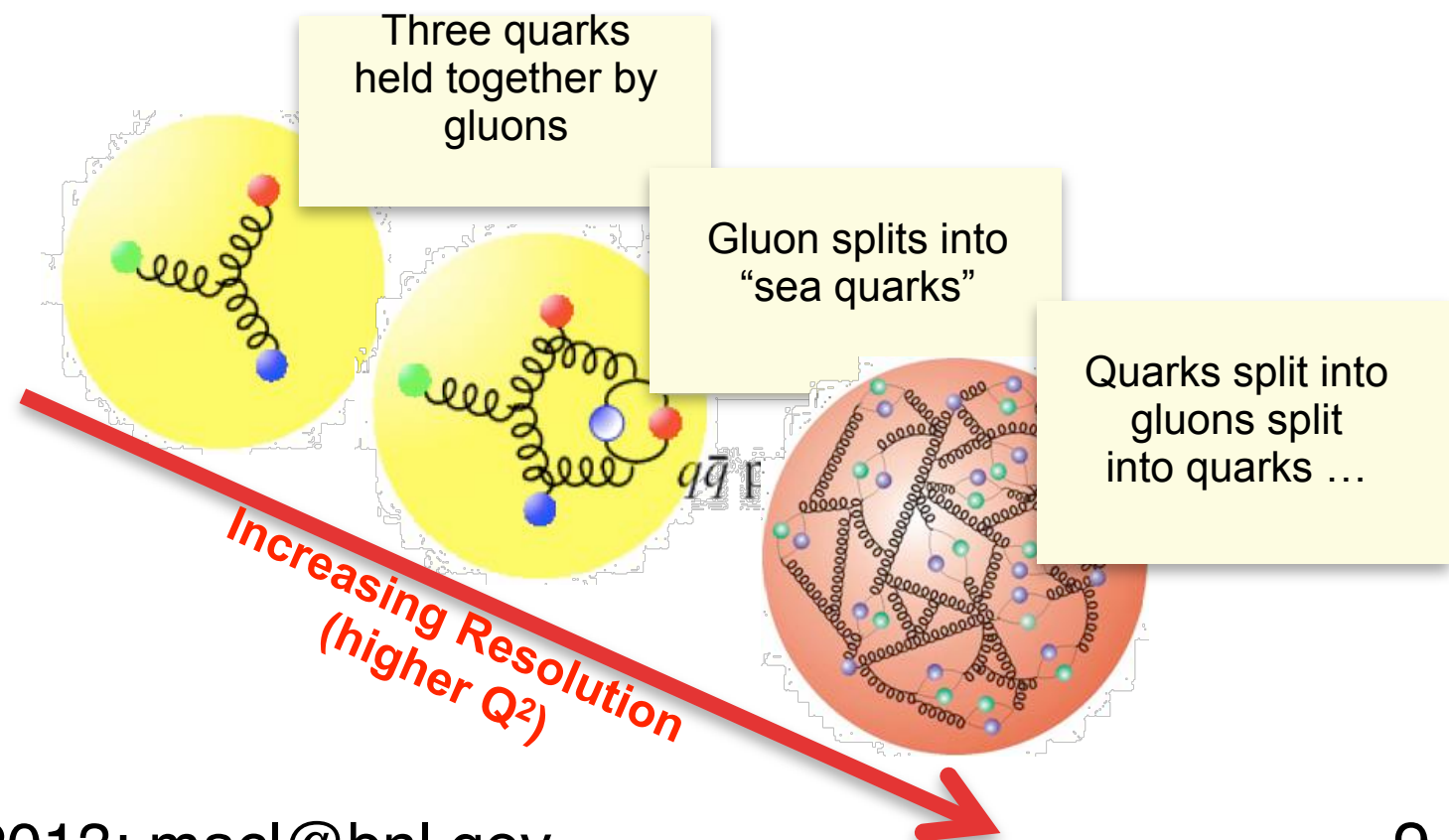
$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

Measure of inelasticity

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

Measure of momentum fraction of struck quark

Important to note that in order to have different y for the same x and Q^2 , need to change the beam energies

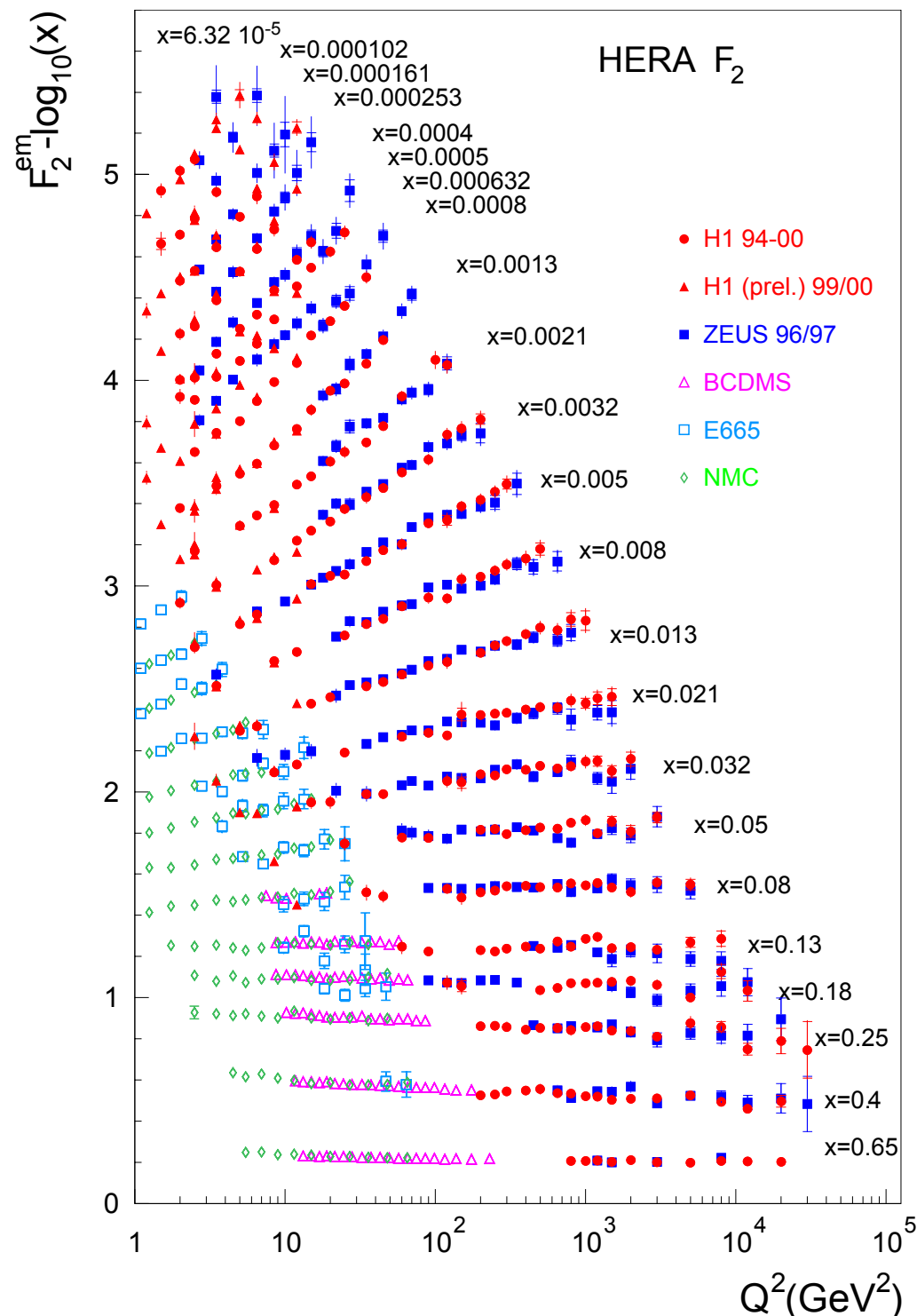


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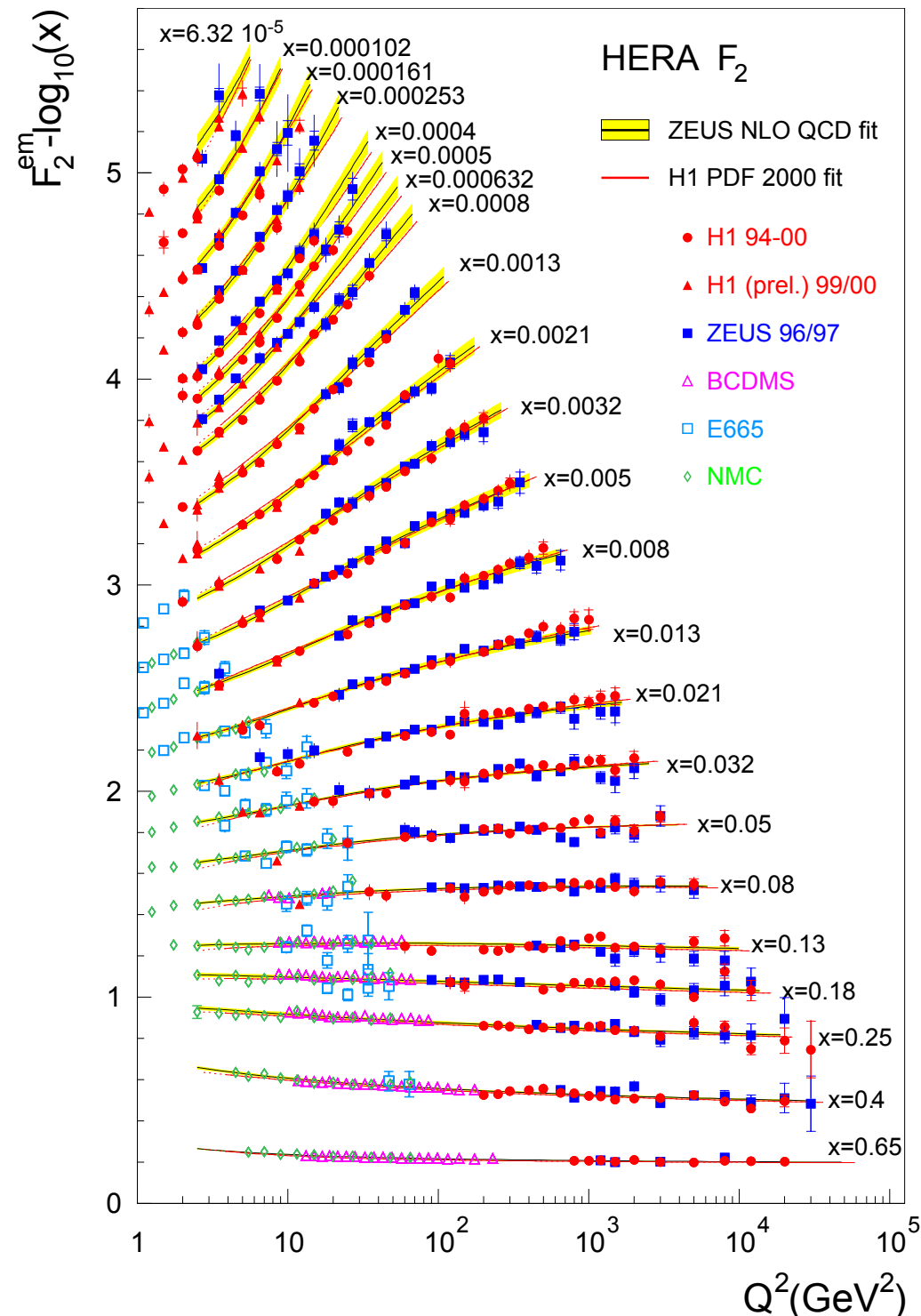
**quark+anti-quark
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**gluon momentum
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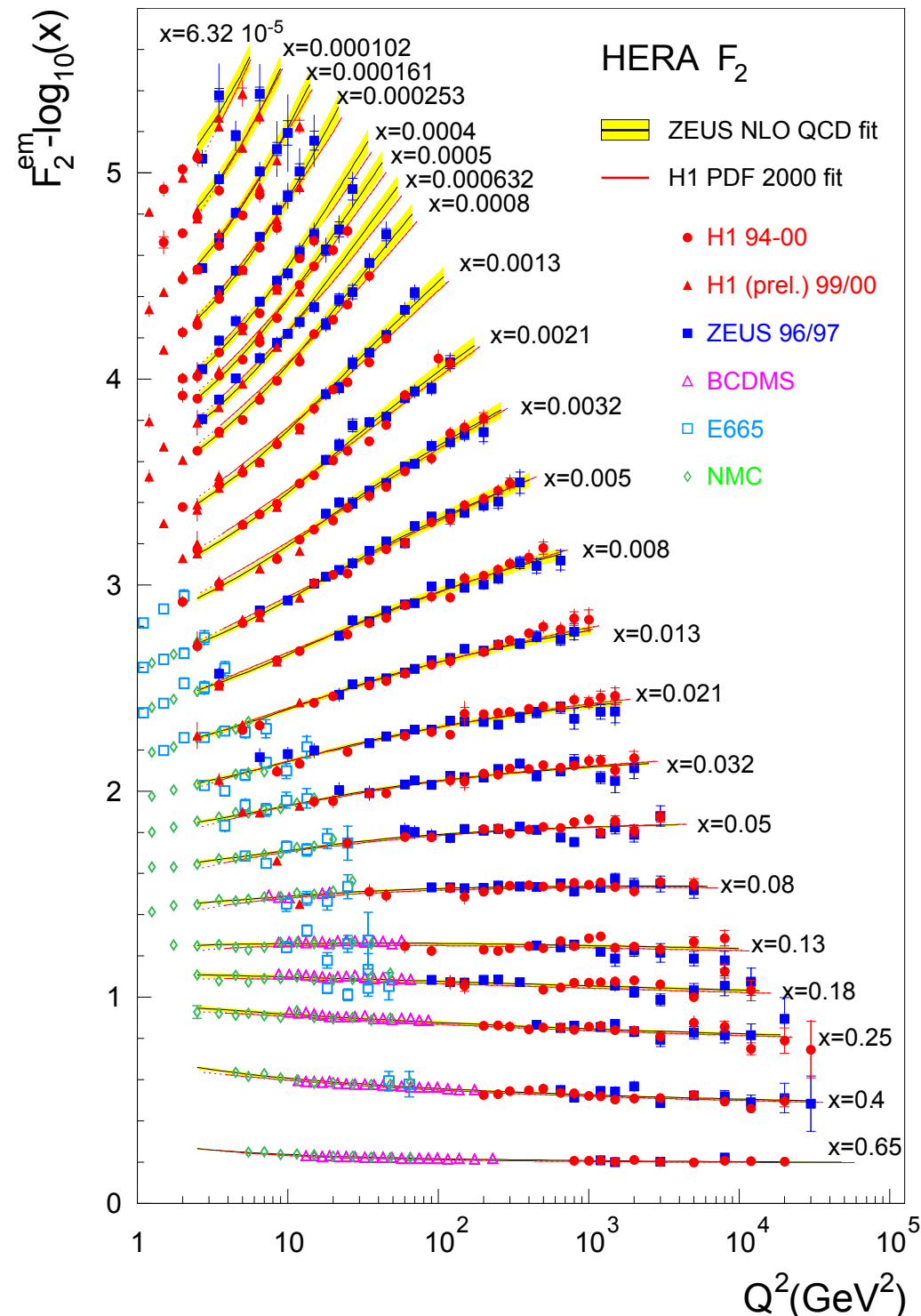
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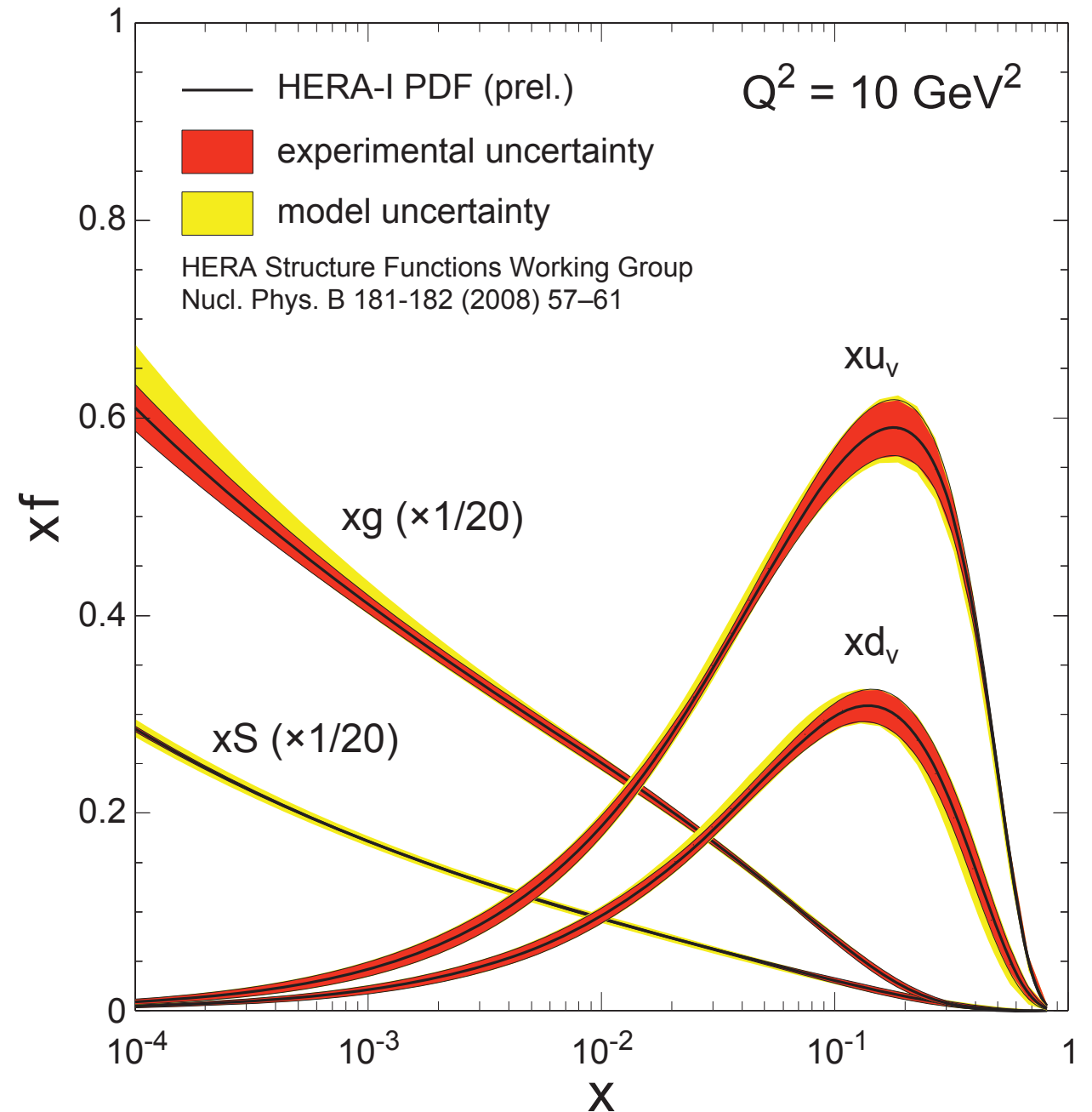
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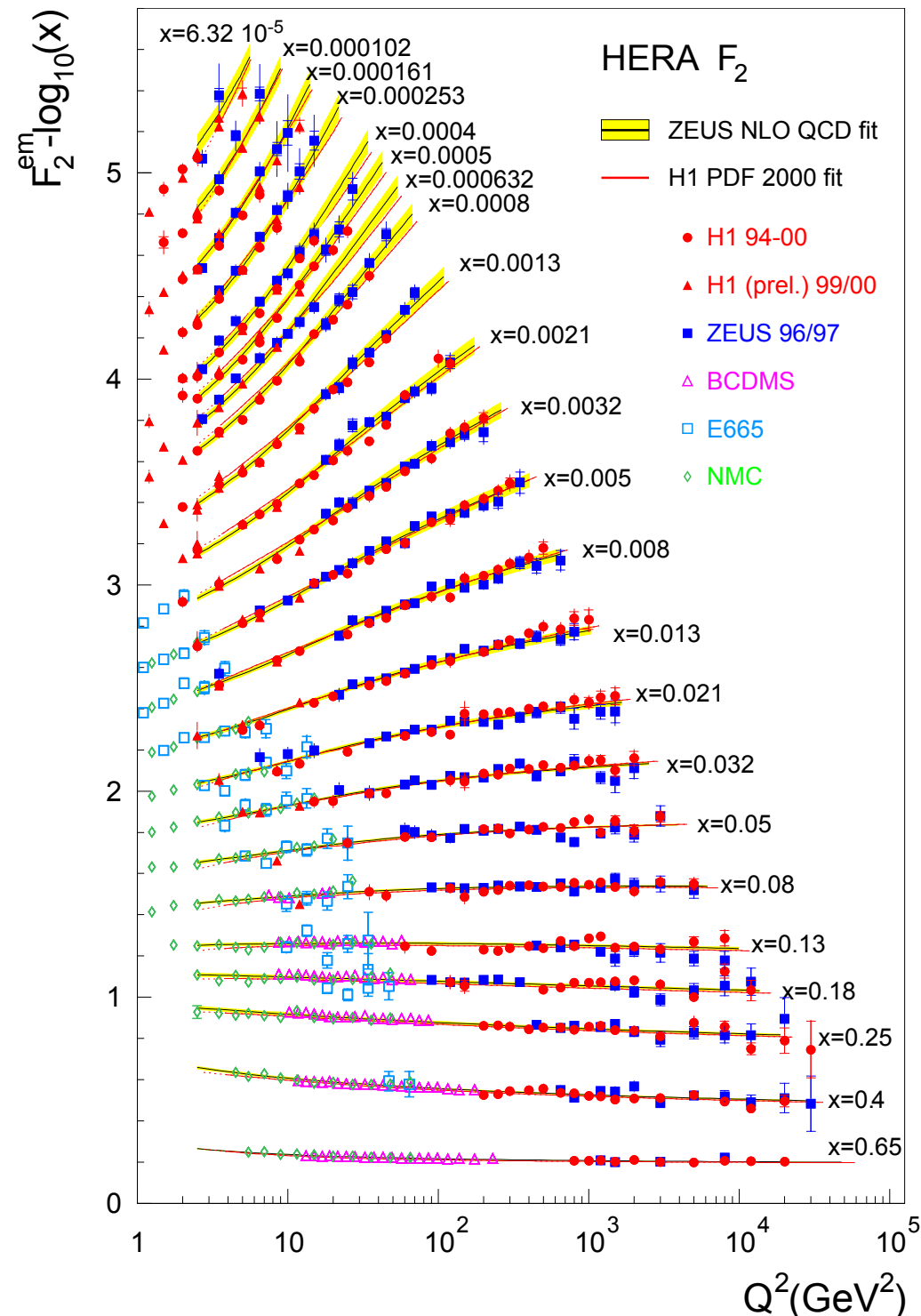


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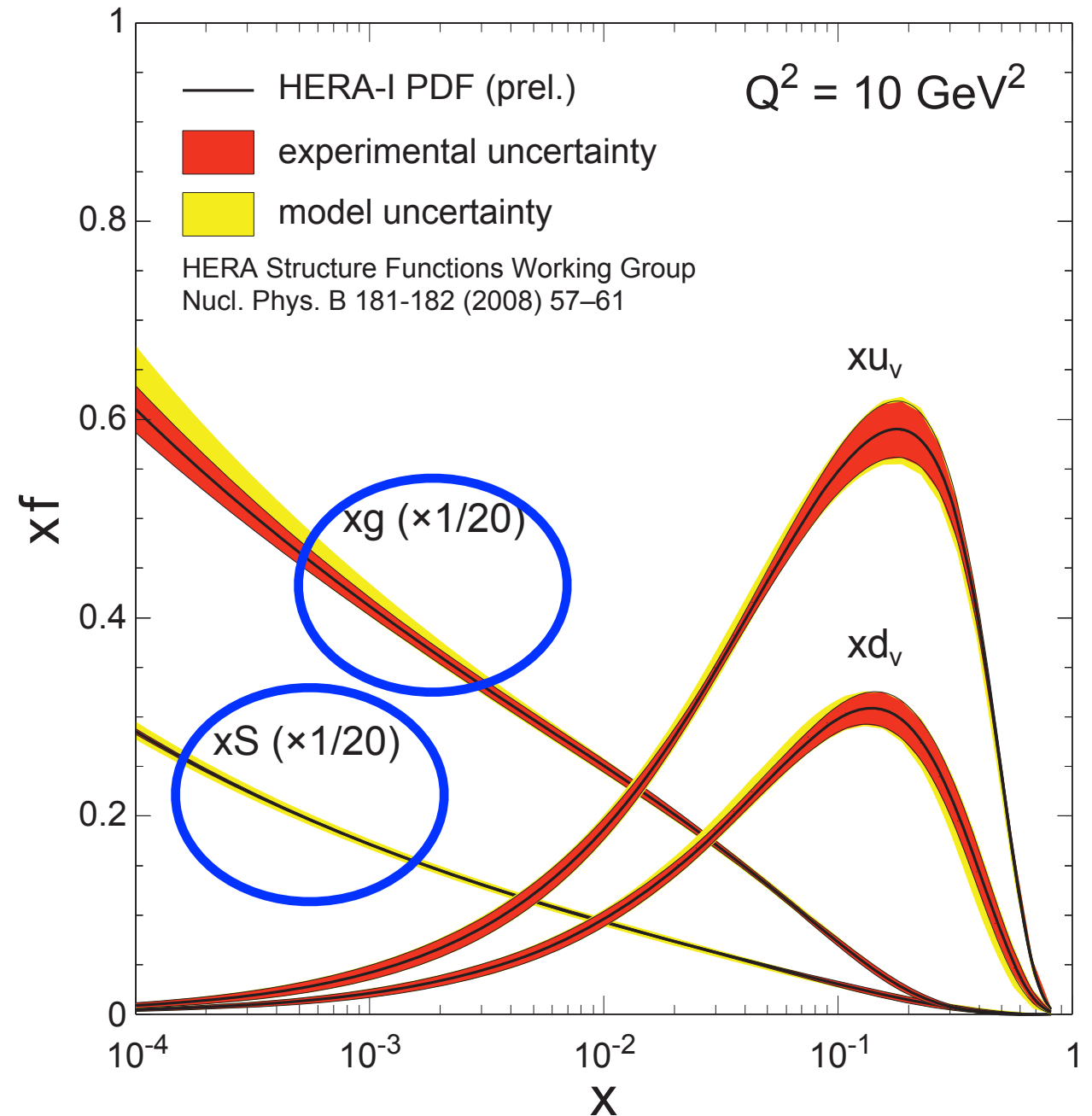


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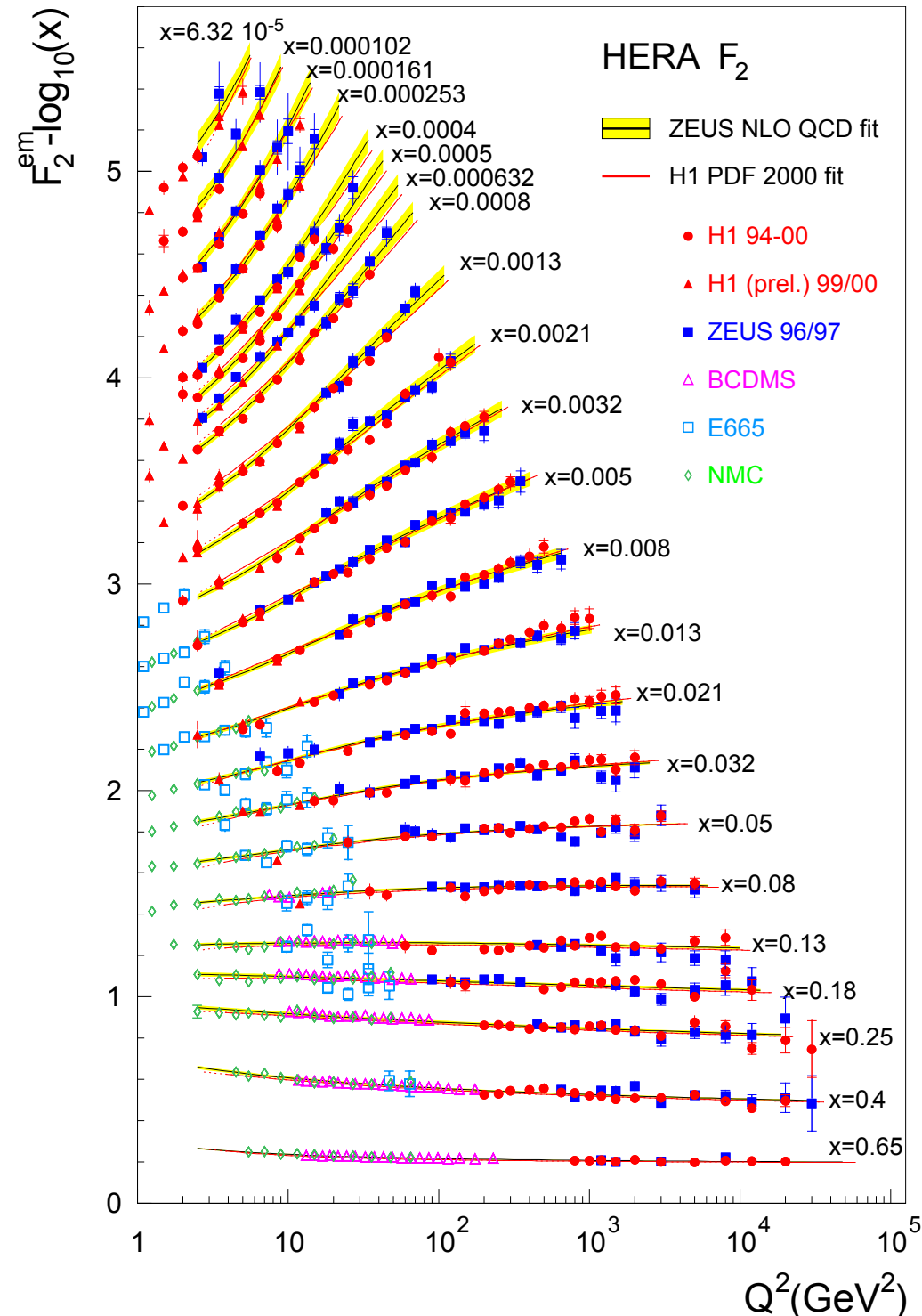


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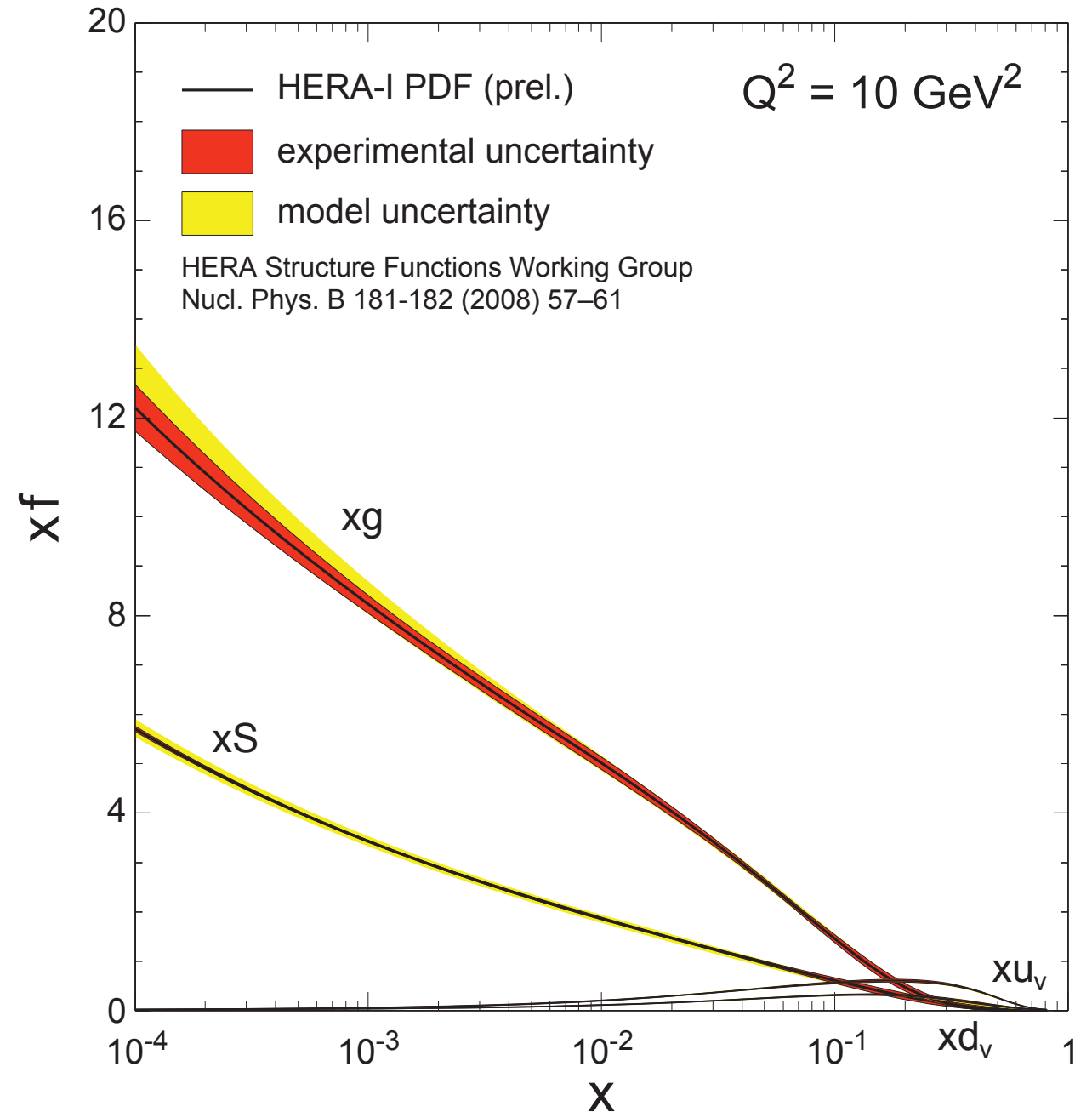


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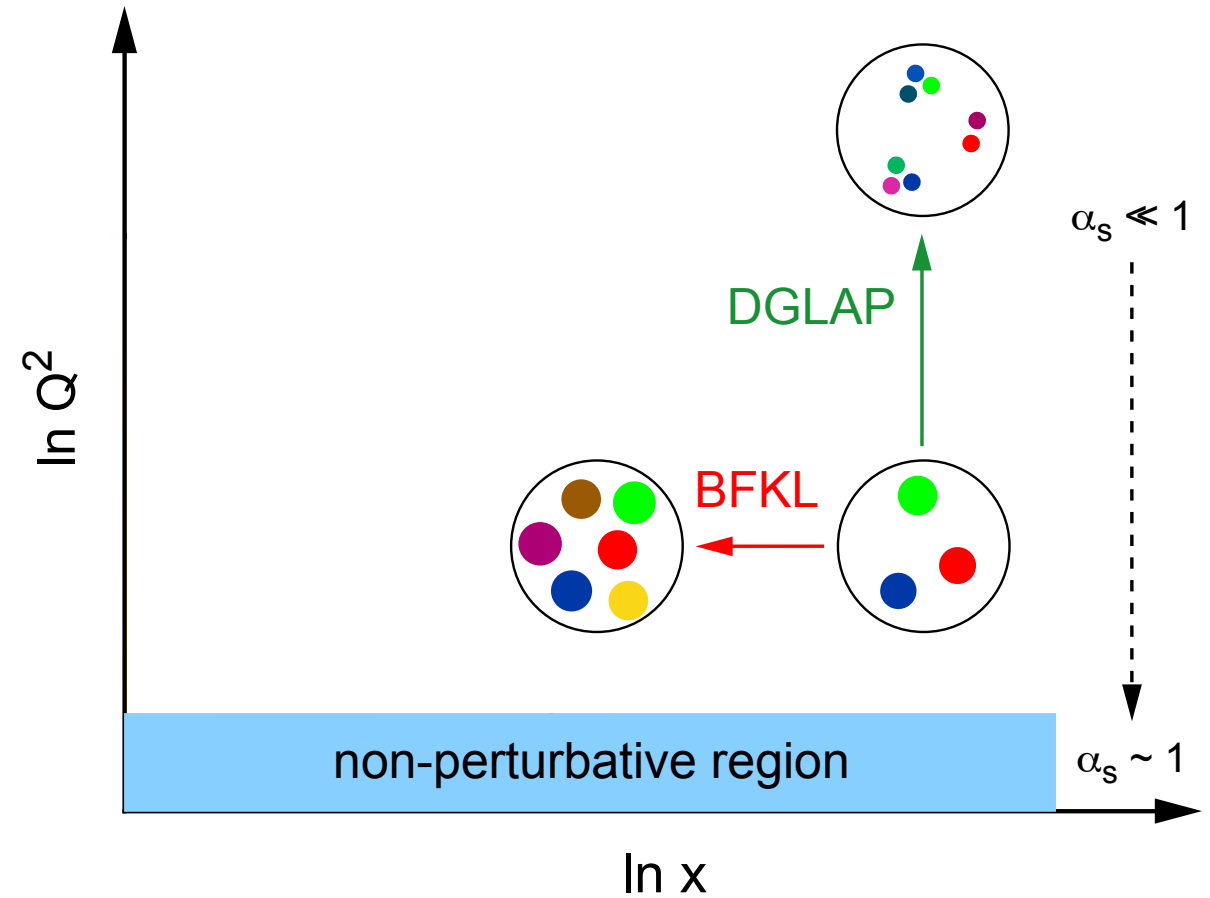
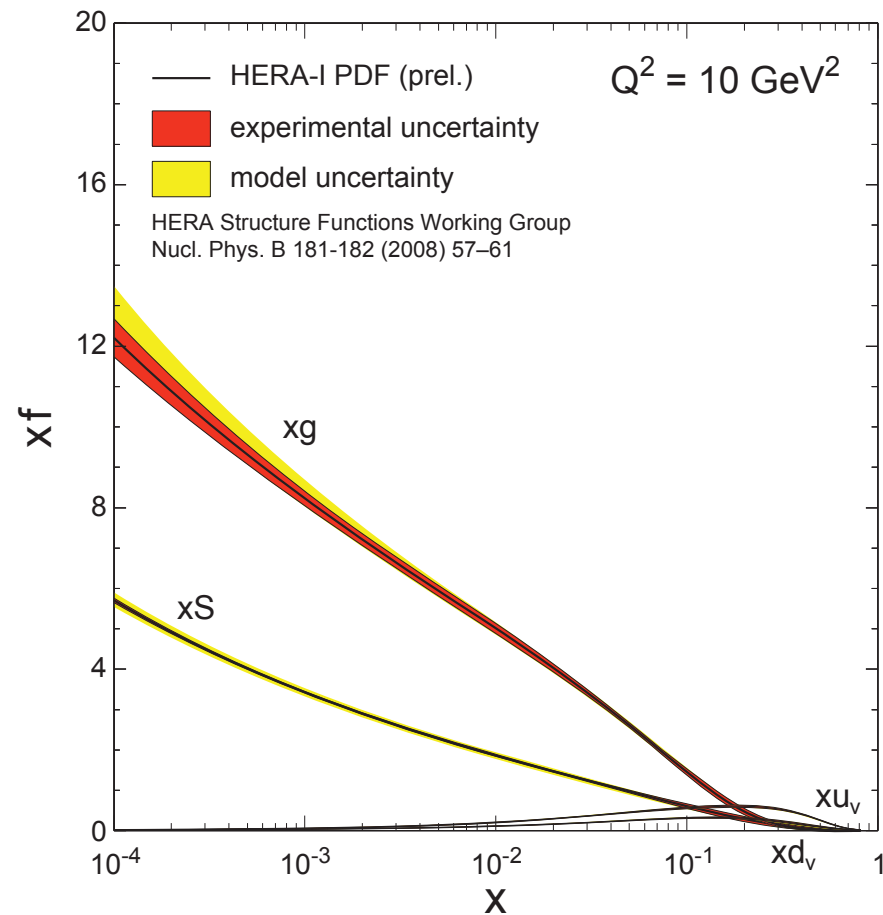
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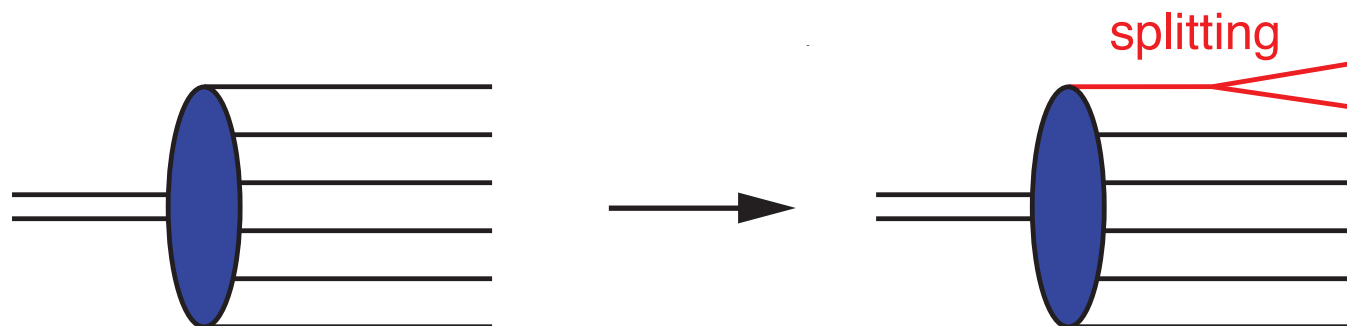
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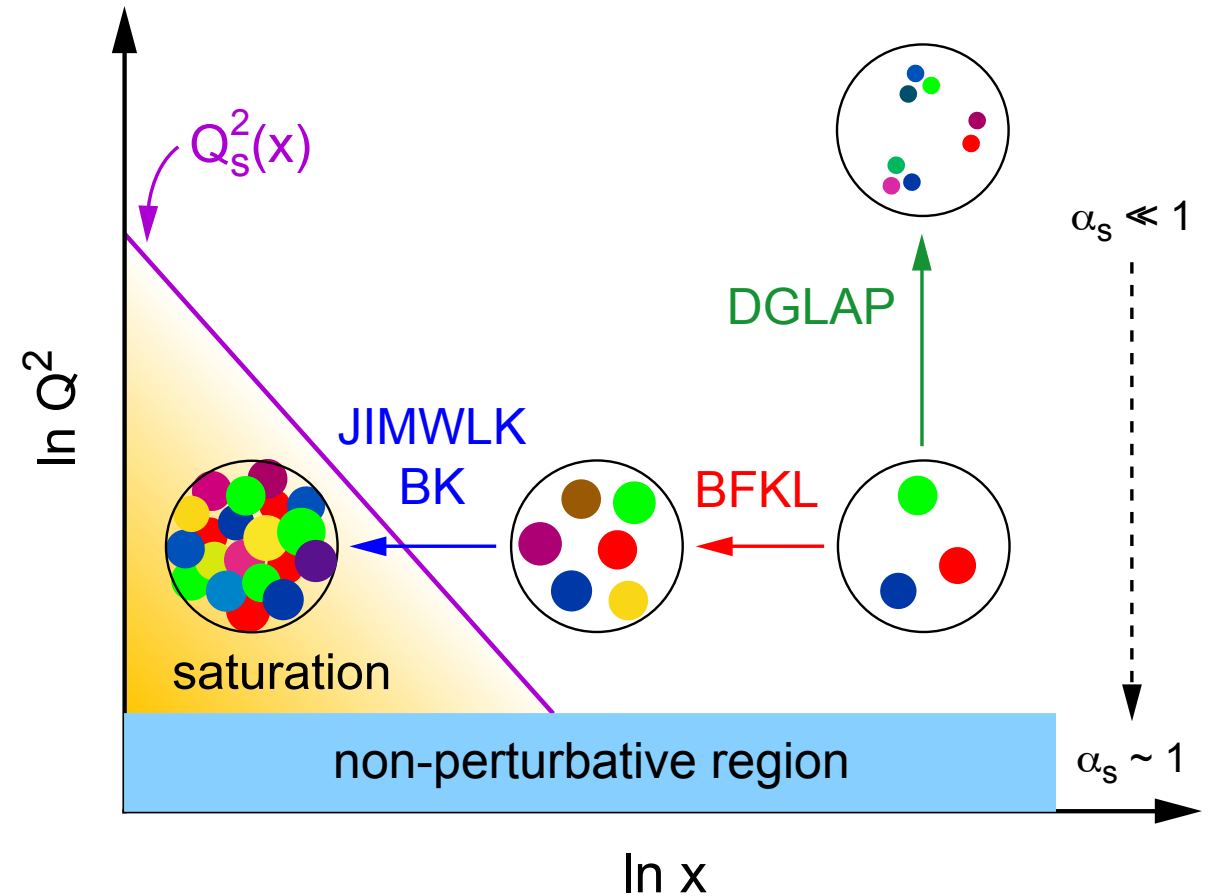
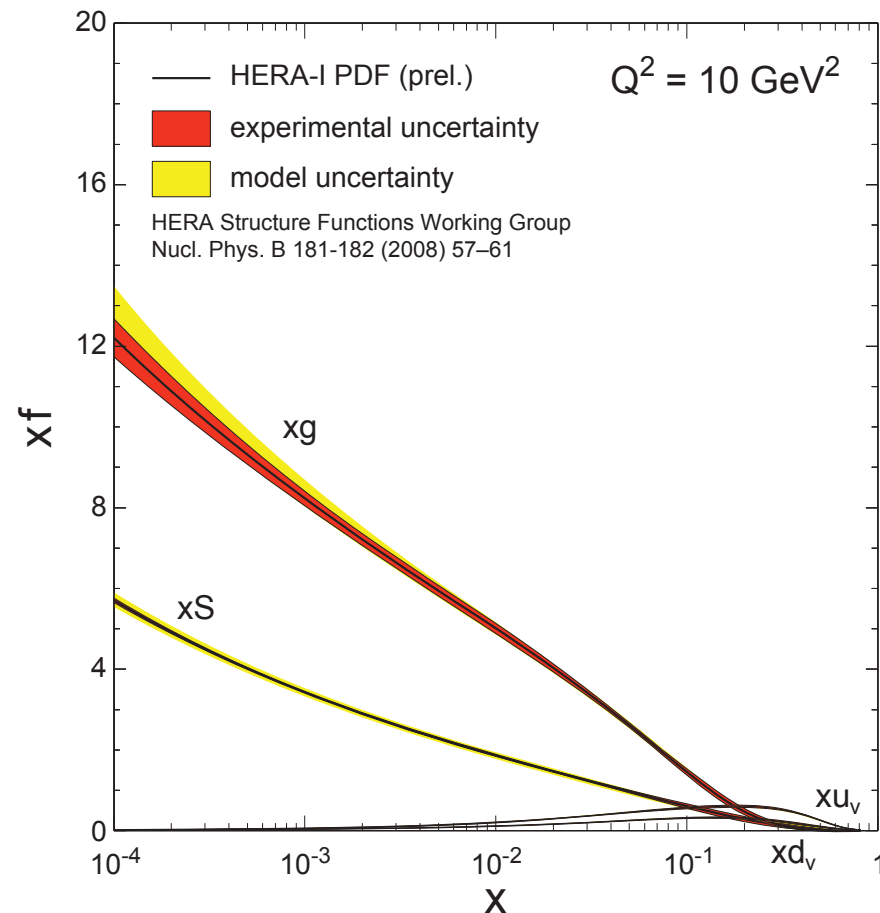
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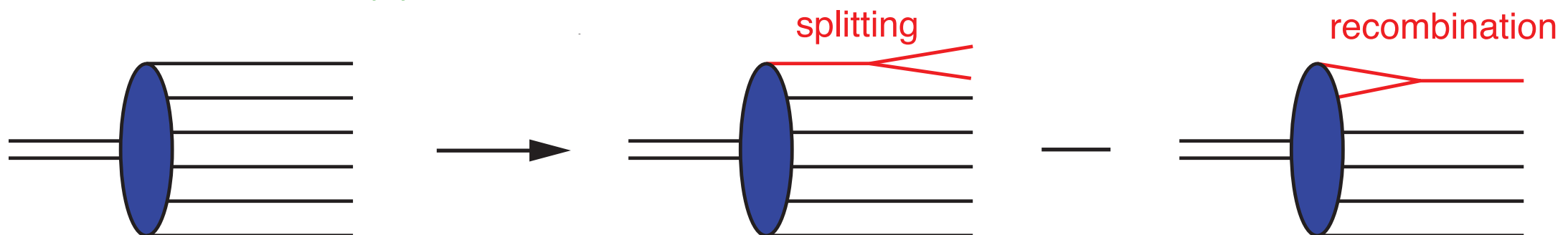
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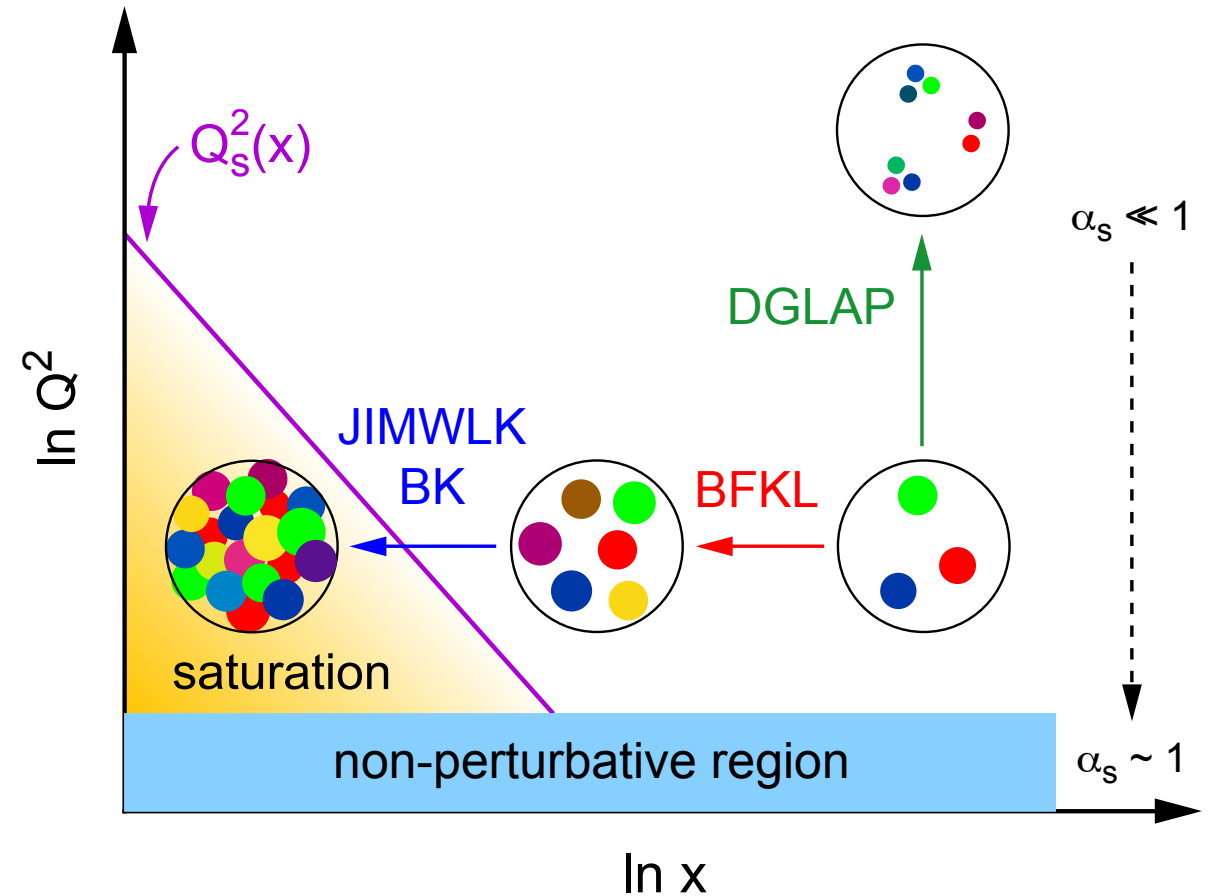
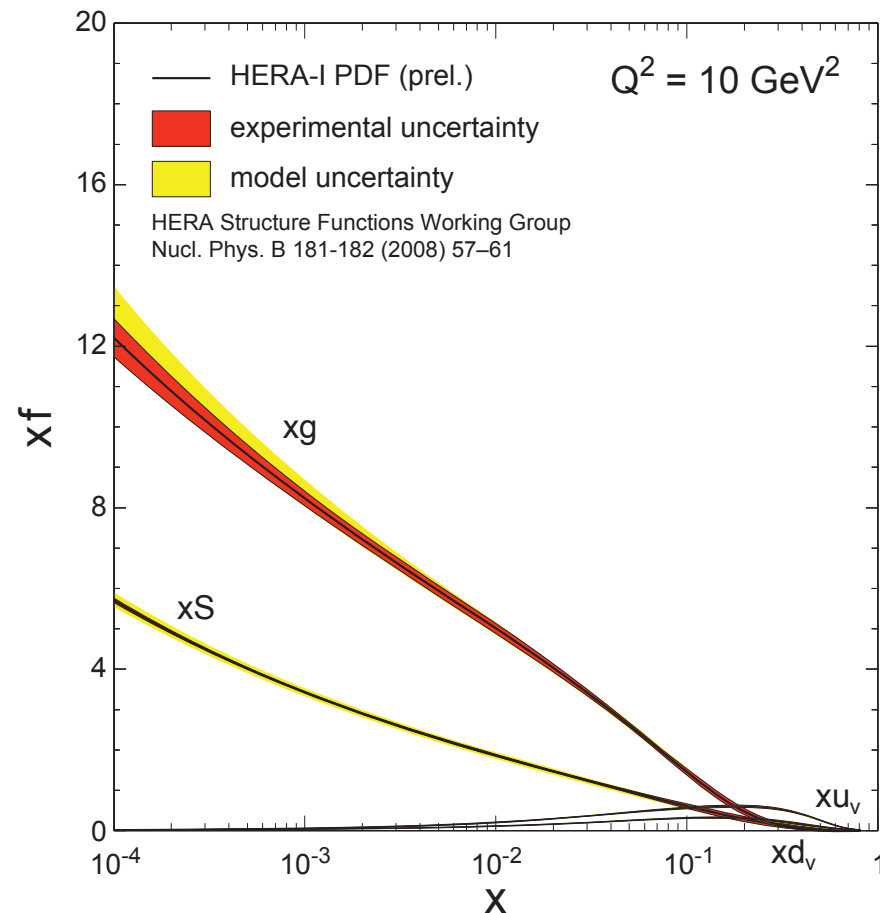
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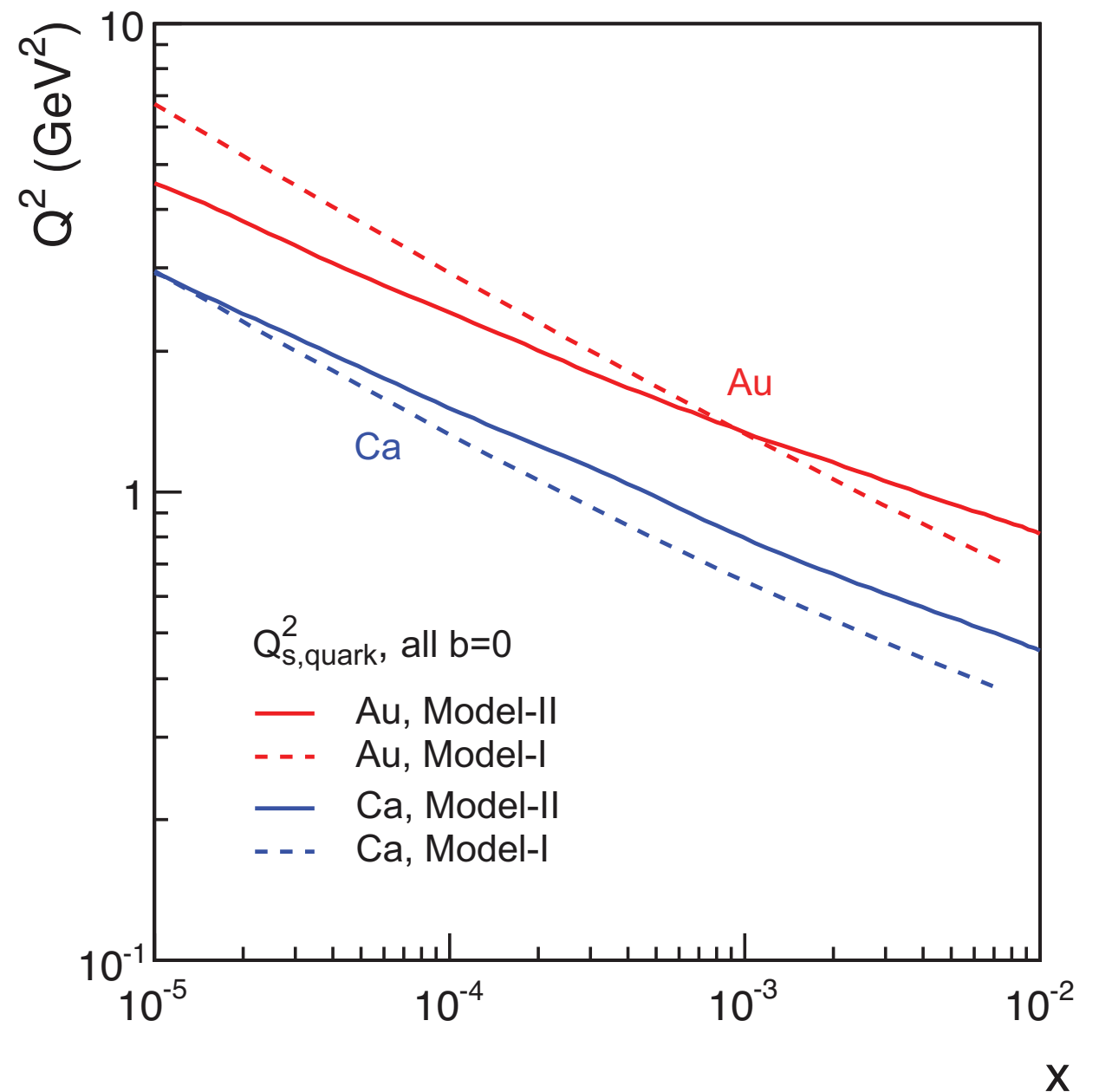
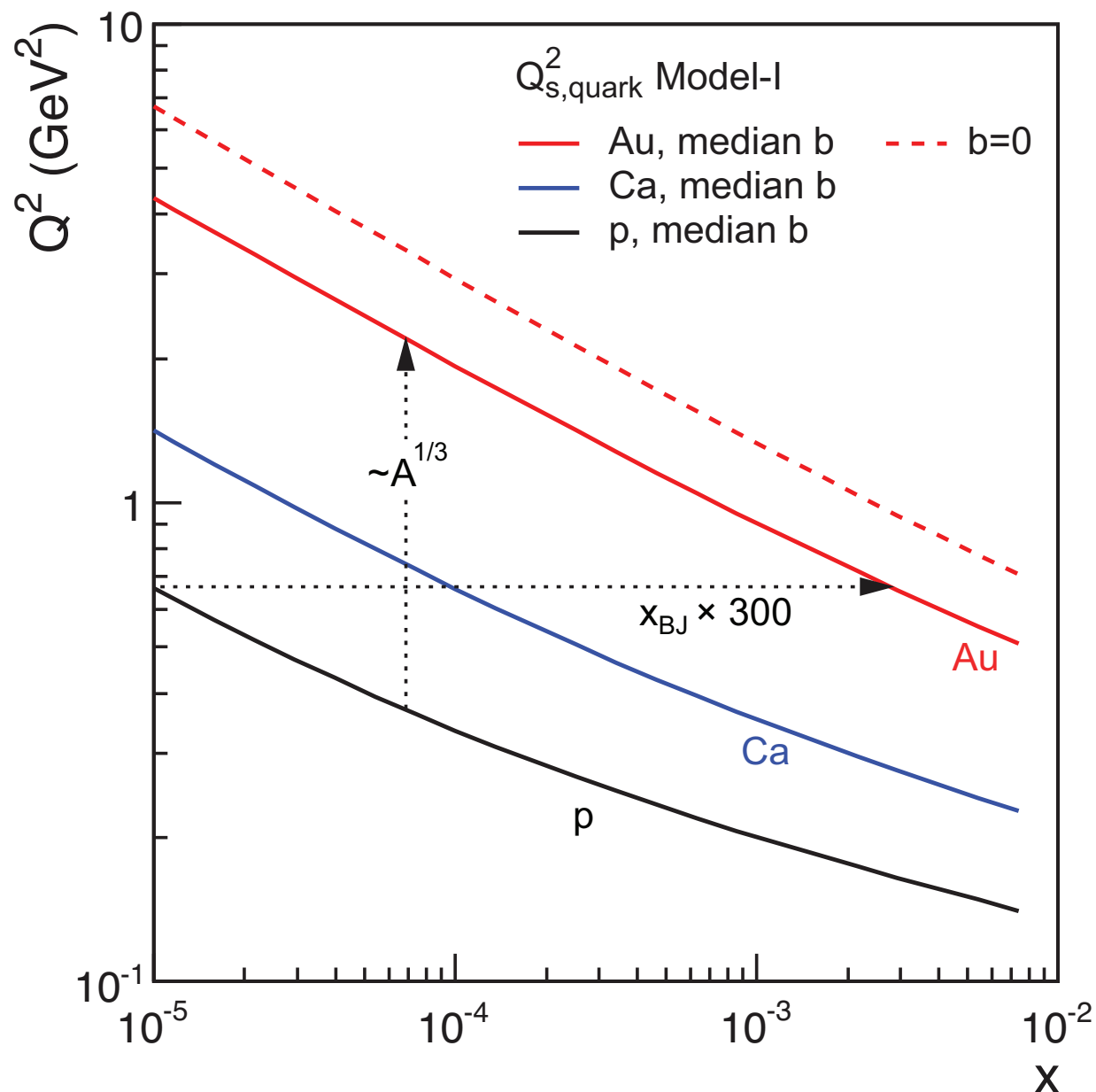
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however - saturation in the gluon density is not observed in the gluon distribution at HERA -> too small an x

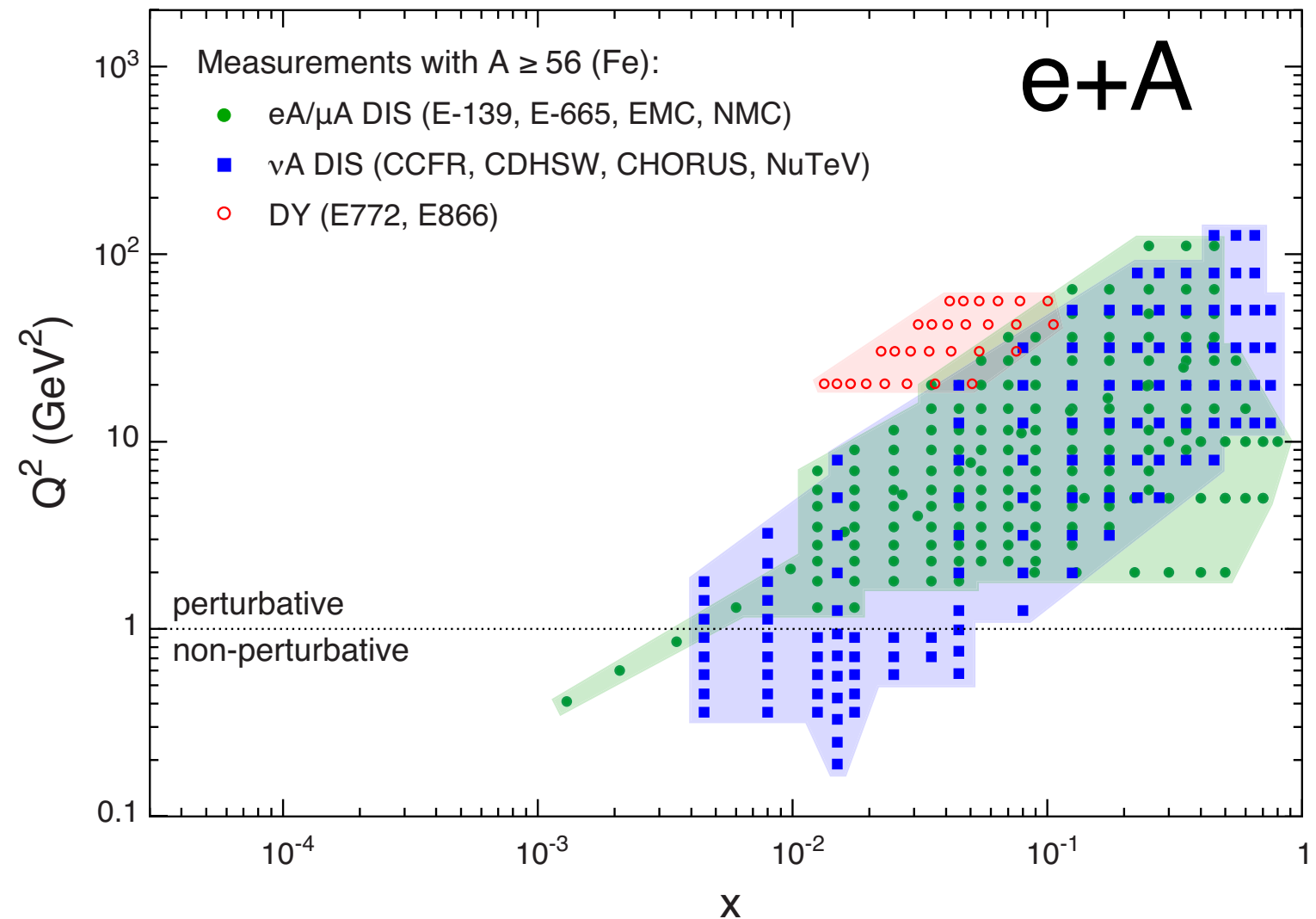
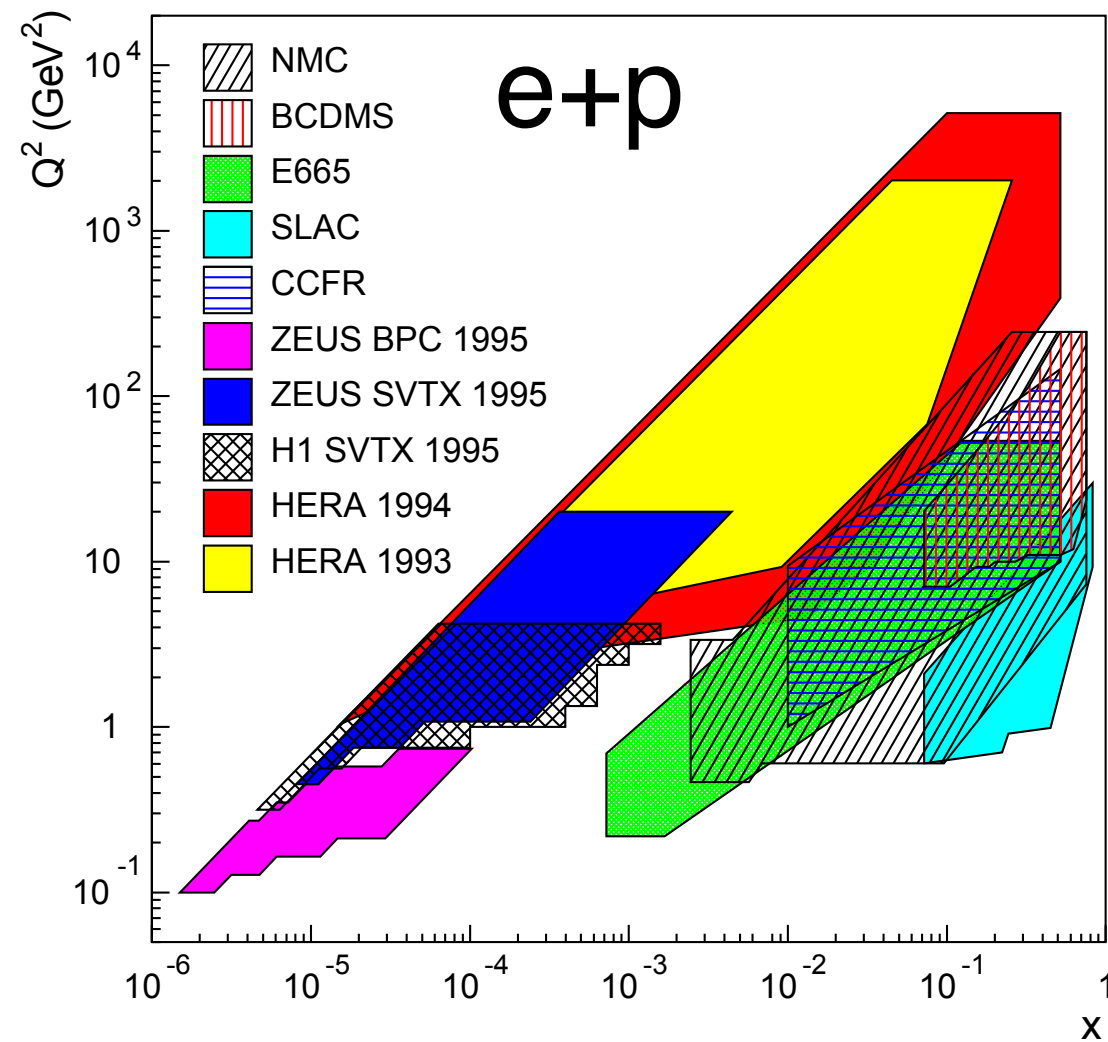
How can this be observed at eRHIC?

Nuclear “oomph” effect

Pocket formula: $Q_s^2(x) \sim A^{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^\lambda \sim \left(\frac{A}{x} \right)^{1/3}$

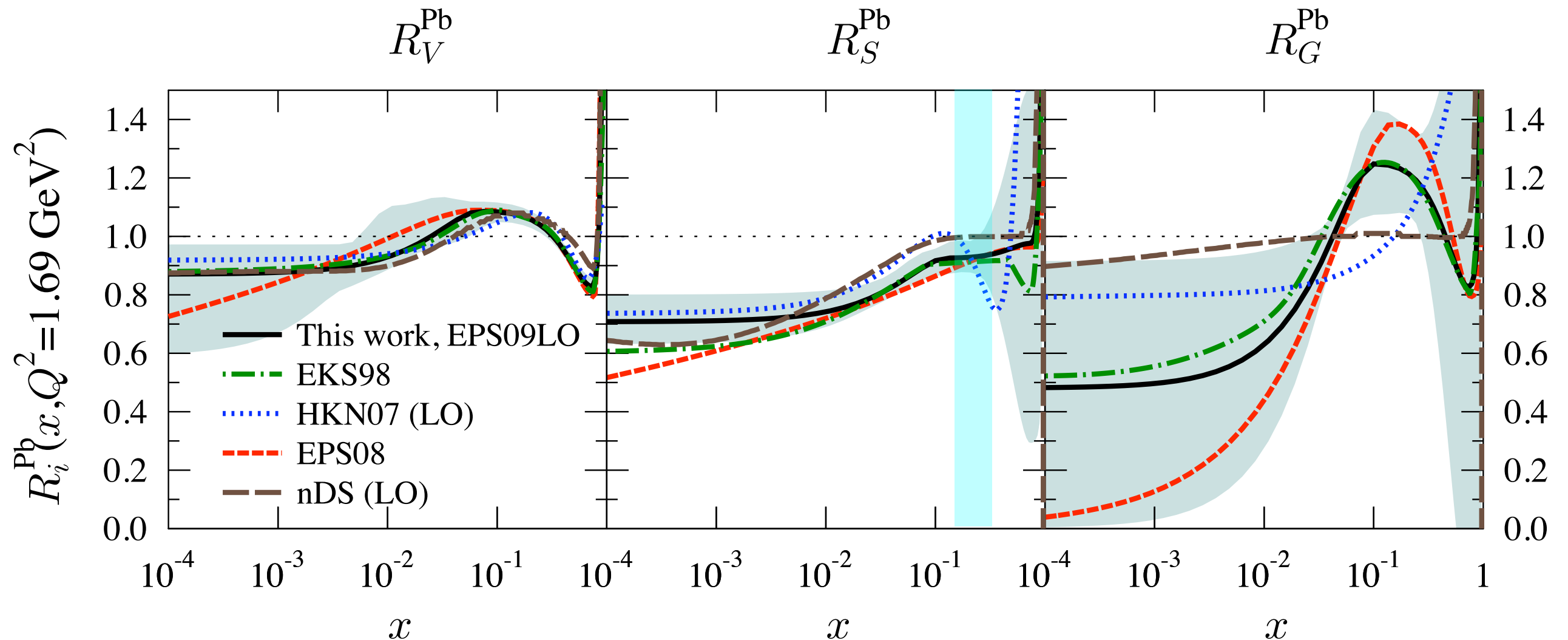


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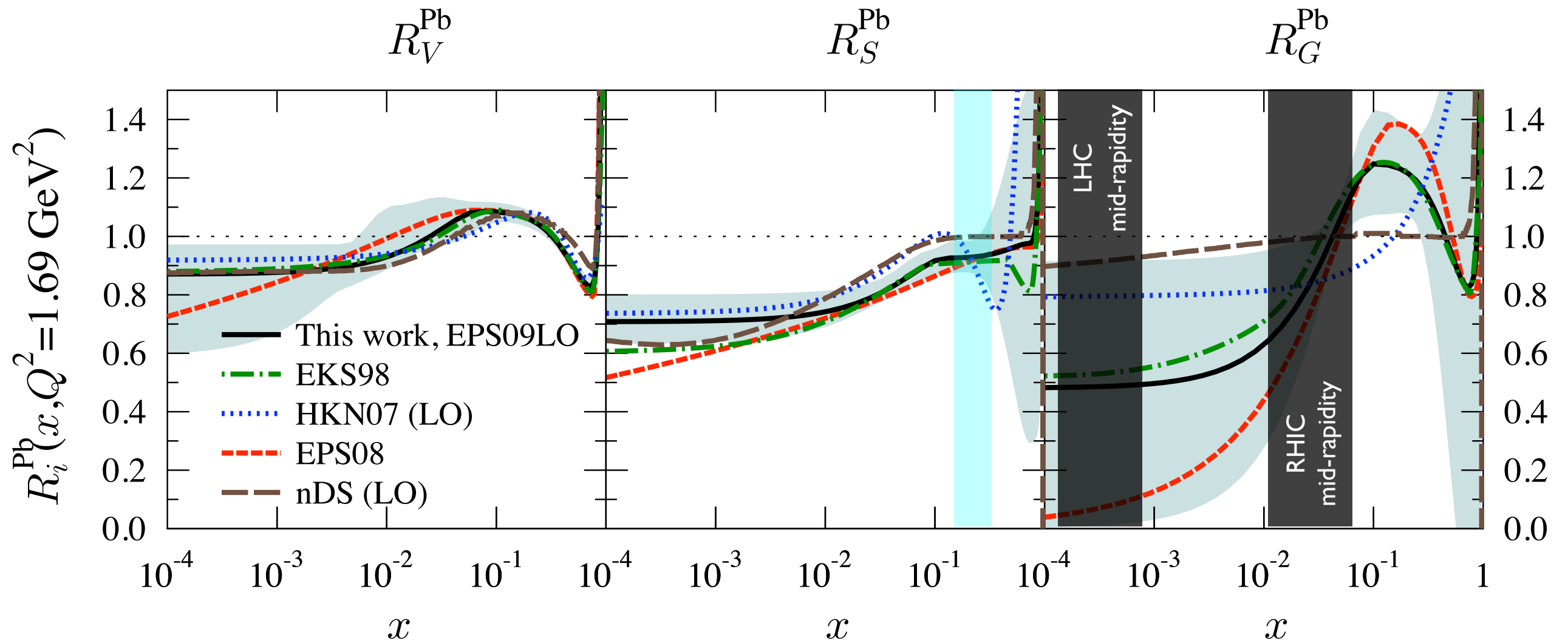
- $e+p$ data covers large part of phase space
 - ➔ low x and large Q^2
- $e+A$ data only a small fraction of this ($e+A$ was a fixed target programme at HERA)
 - ➔ high-medium x and low Q^2

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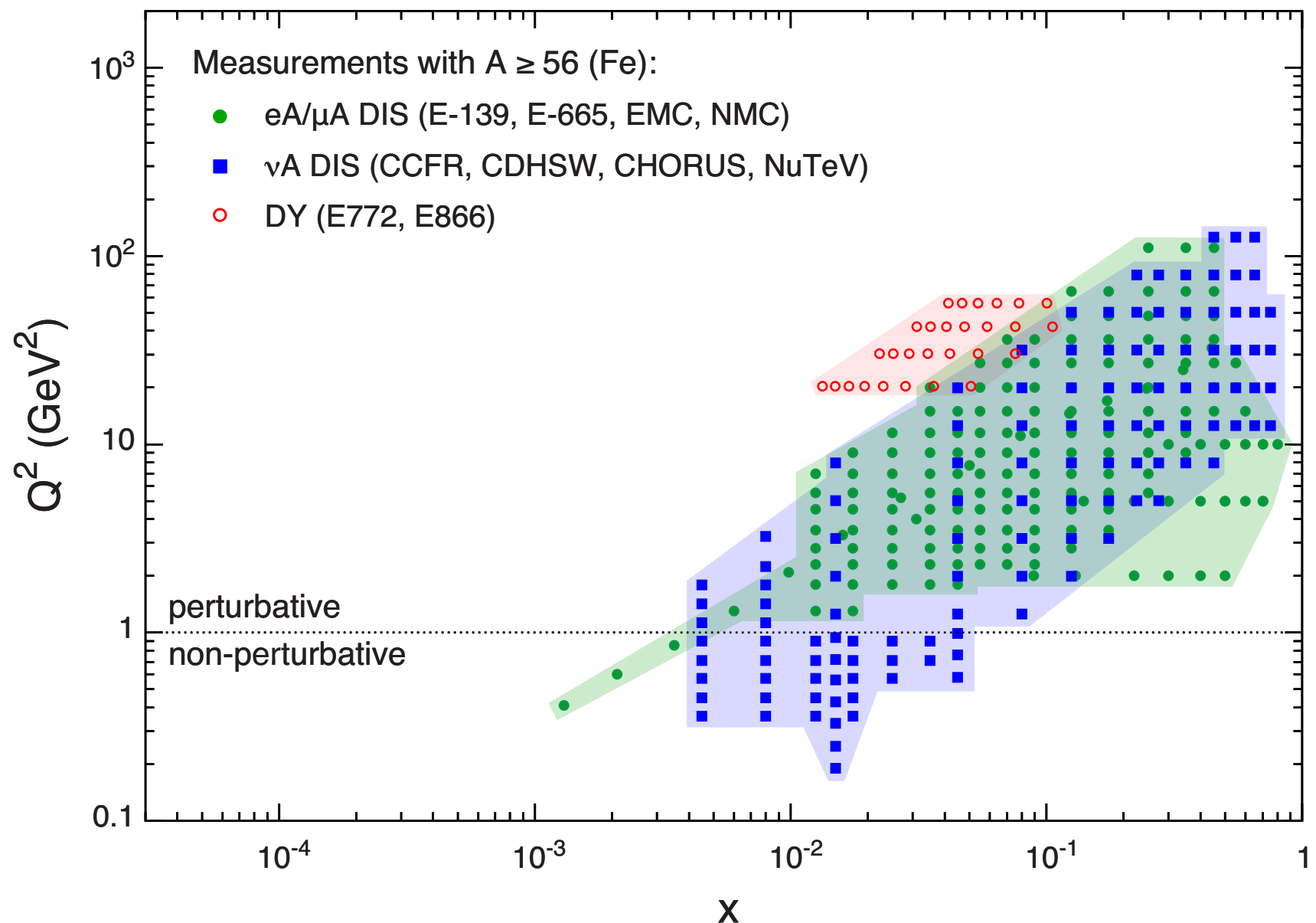


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Large discrepancies exist in the gluon distributions from models for mid-rapidity LHC and forward RHIC rapidities !!

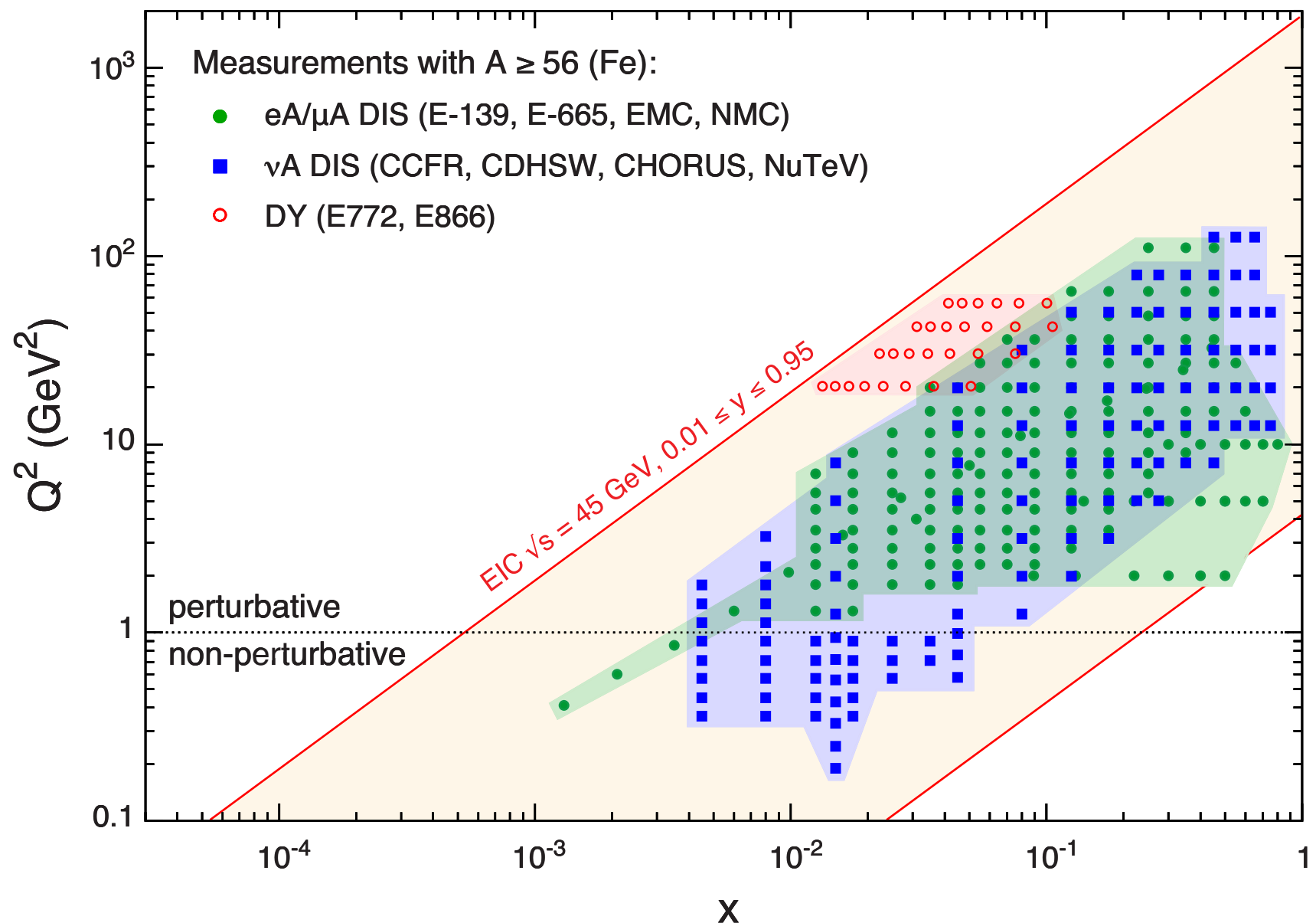
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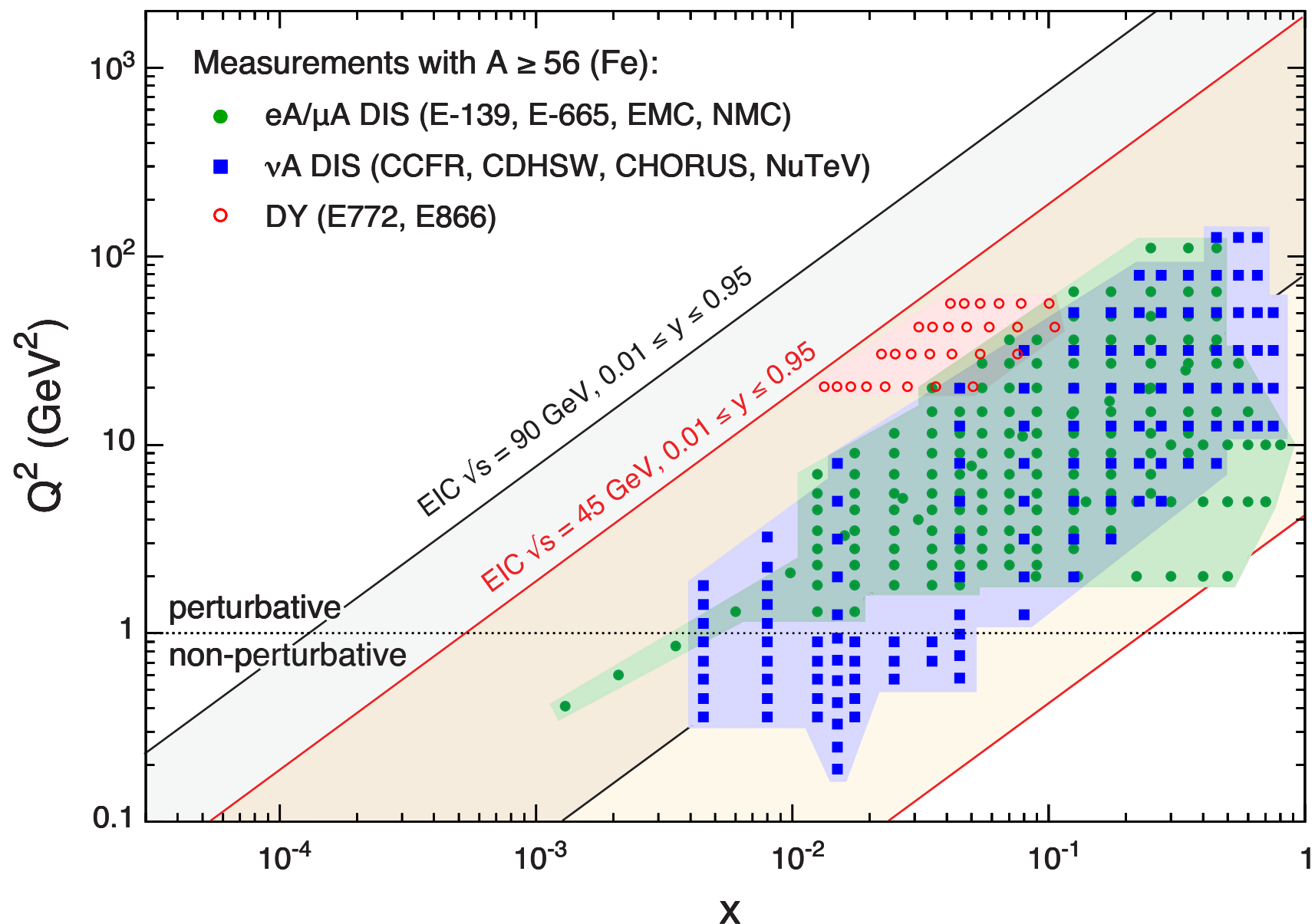
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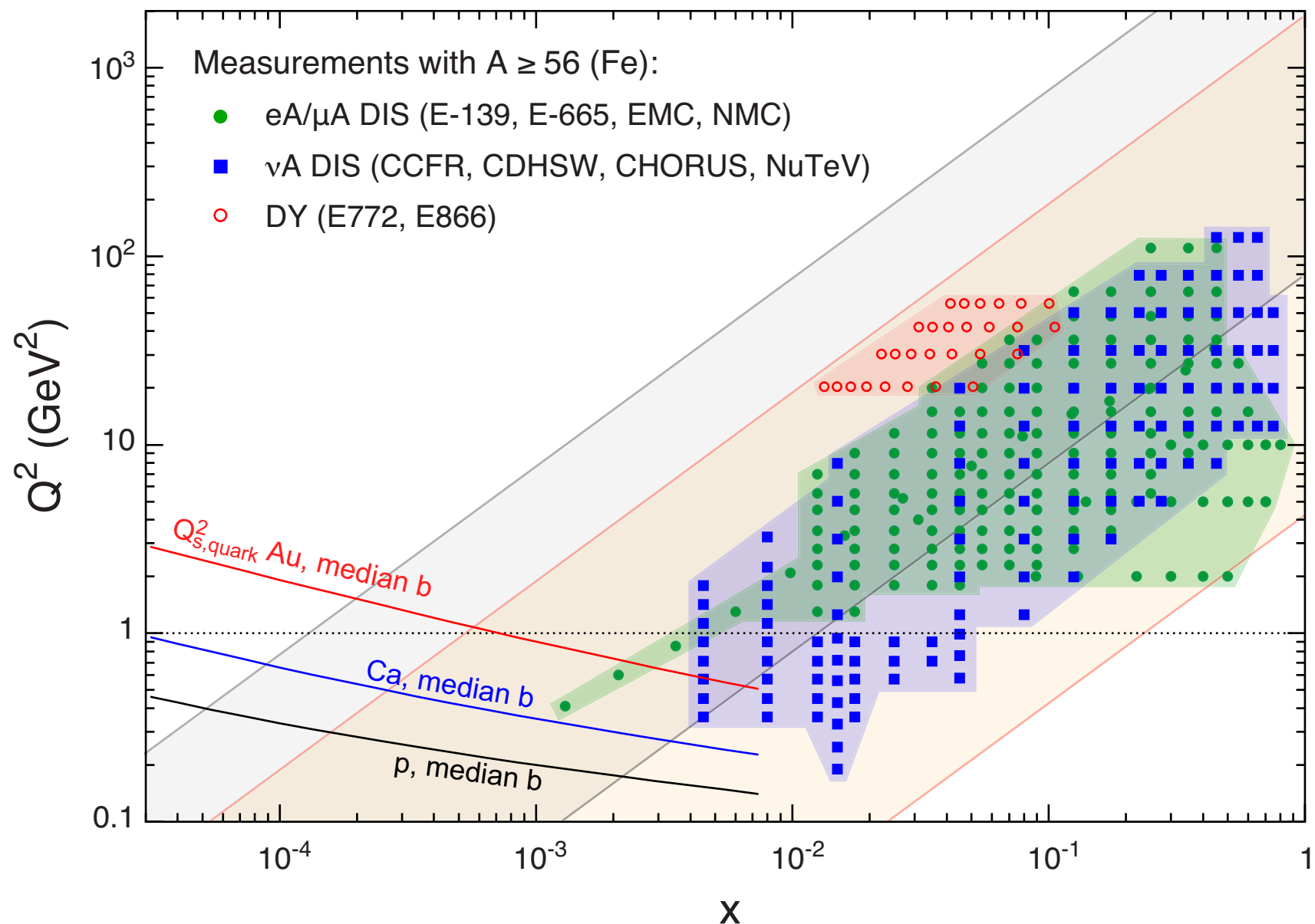
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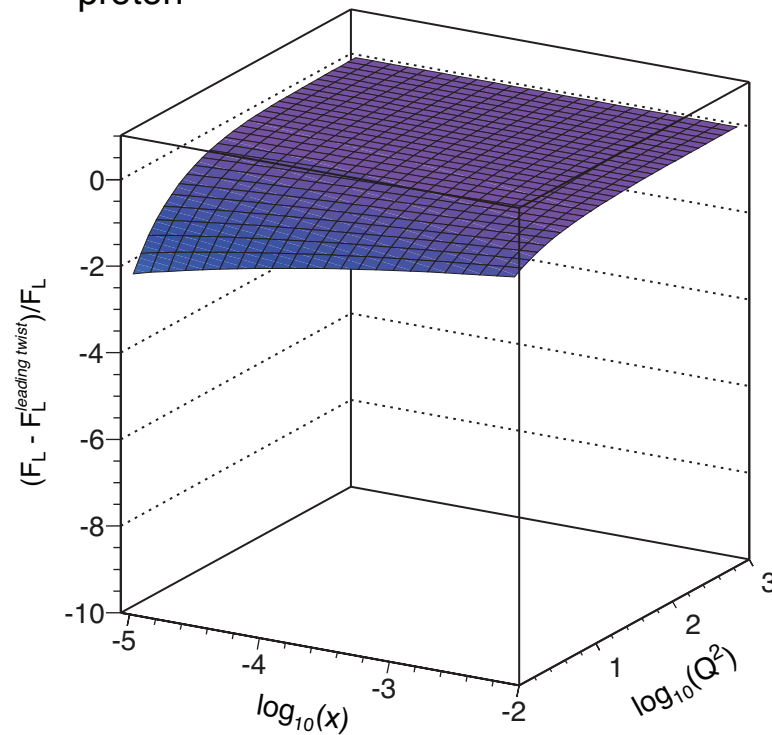
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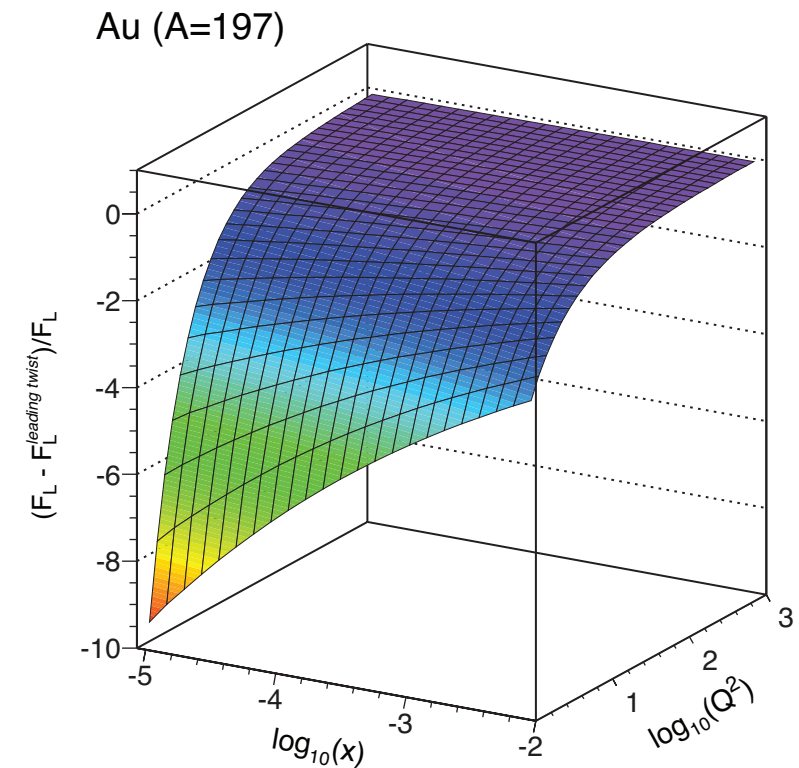
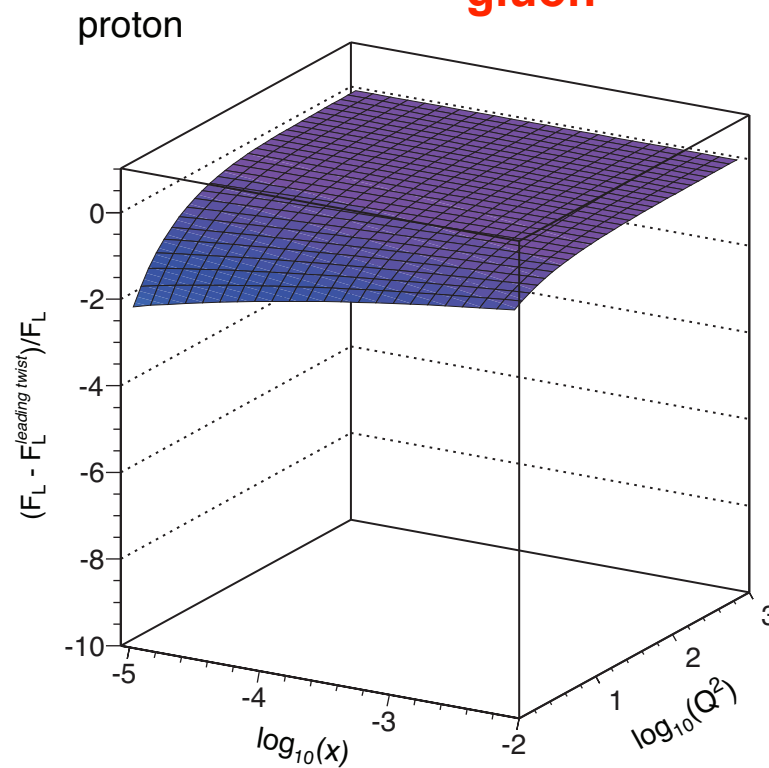
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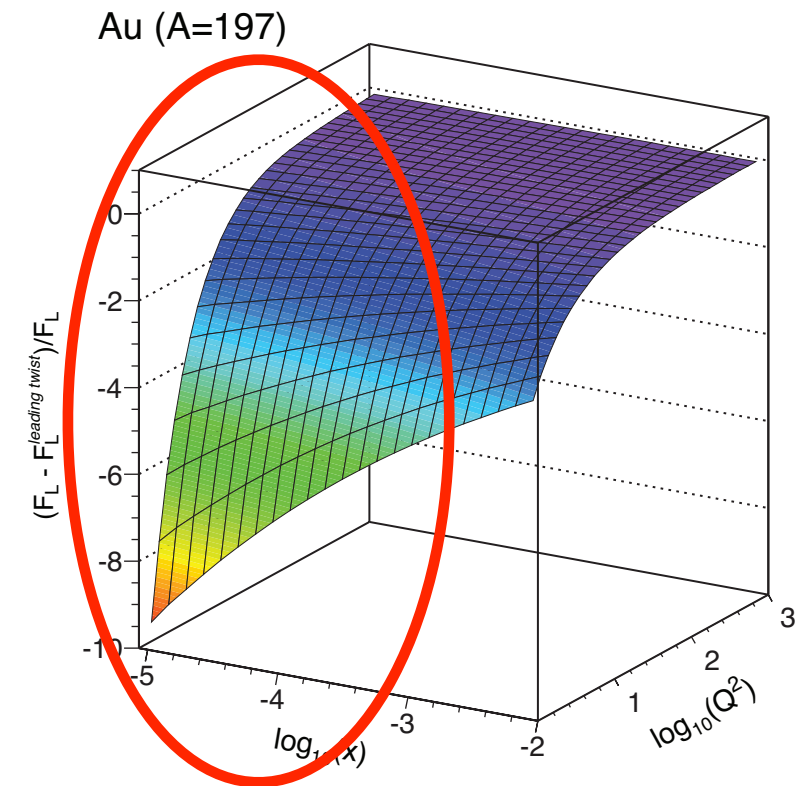
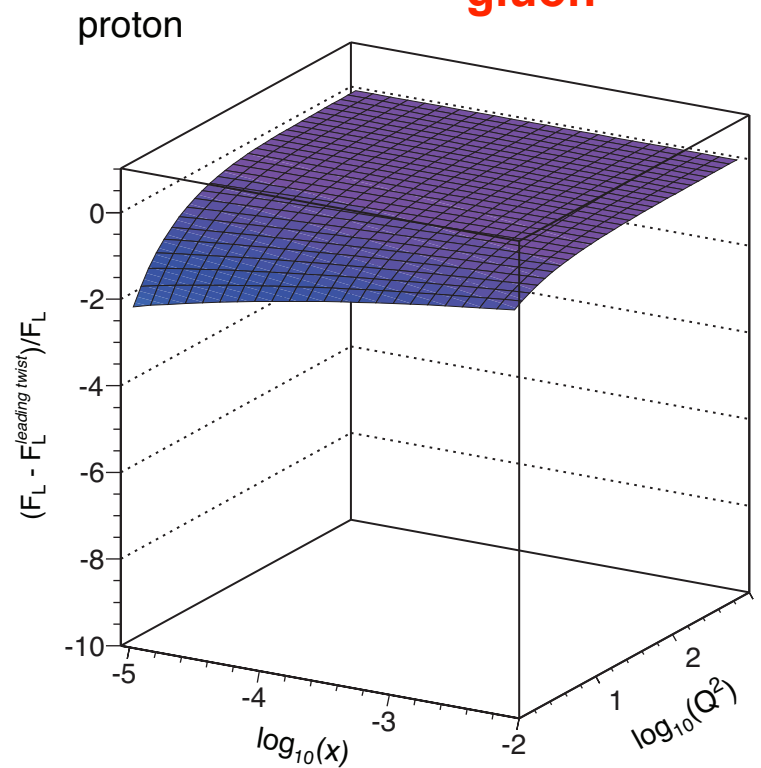
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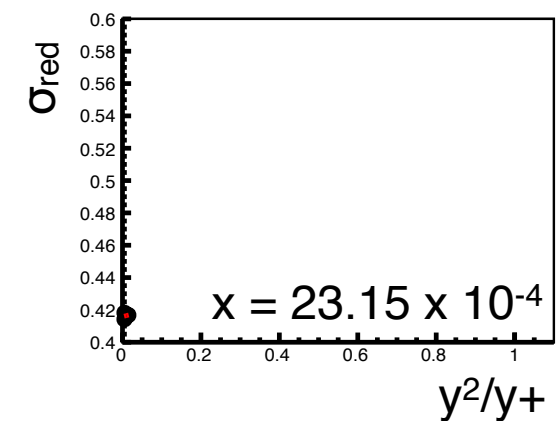
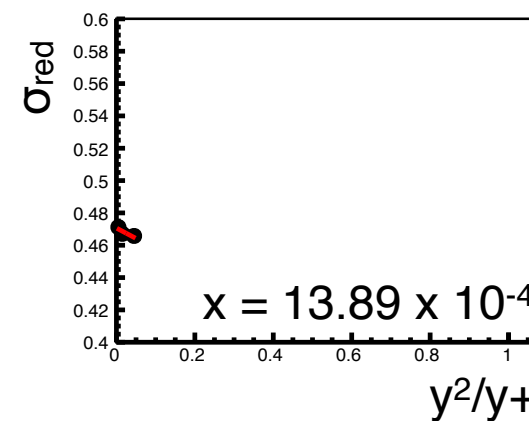
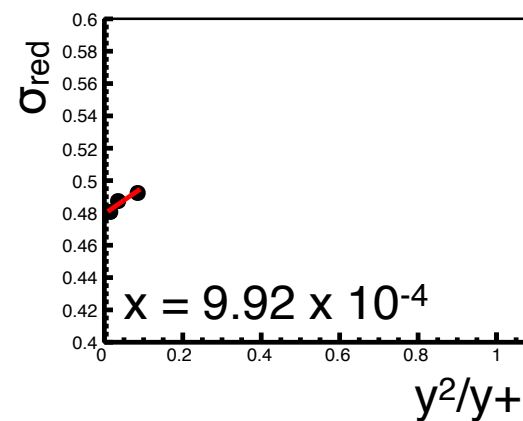
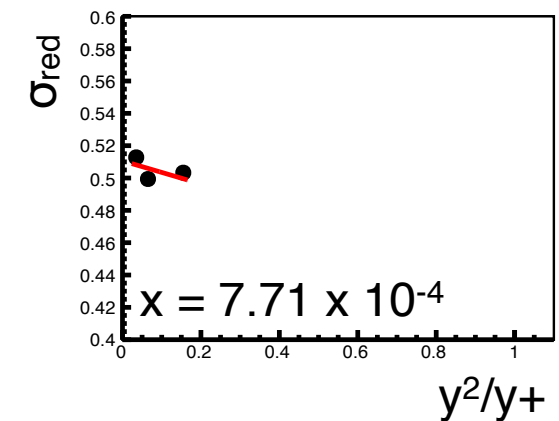
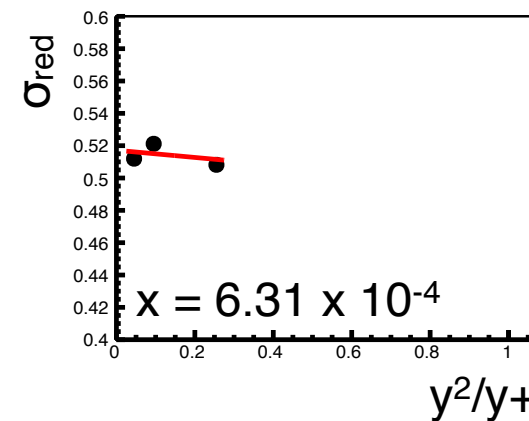
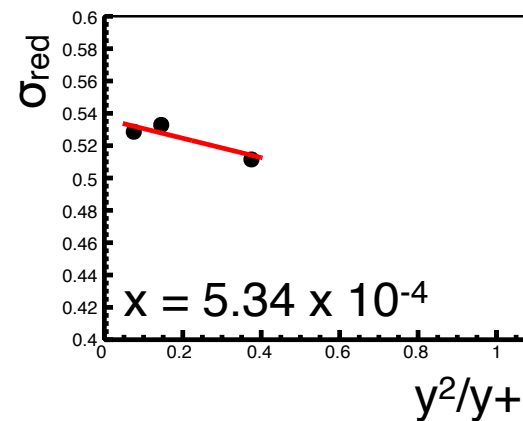
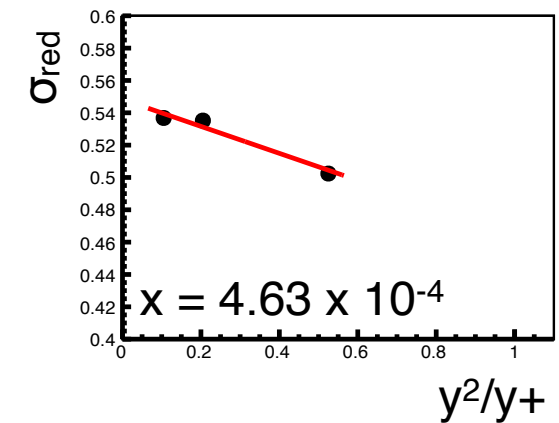
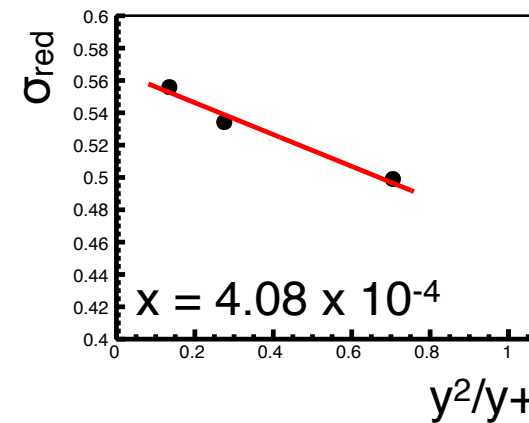
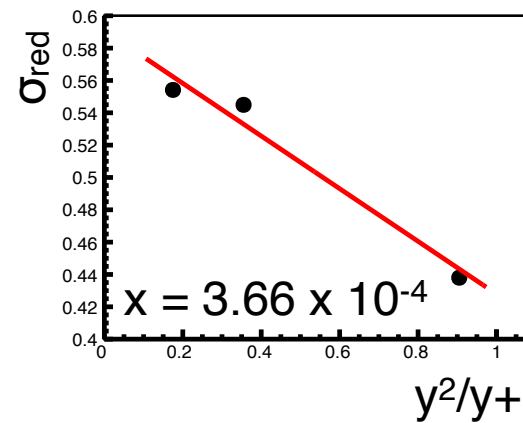
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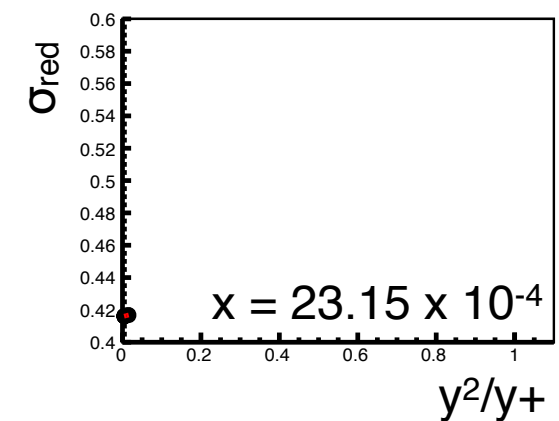
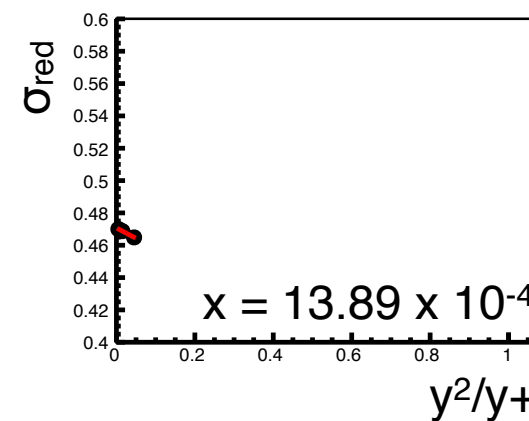
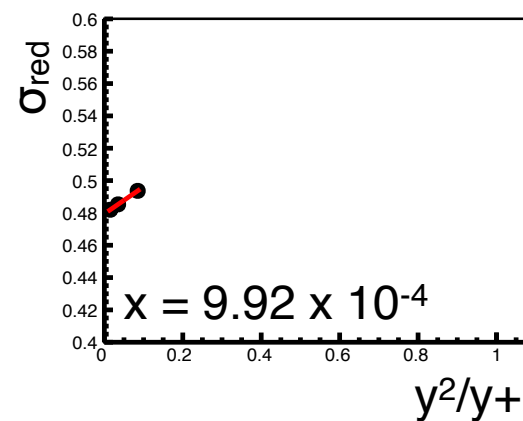
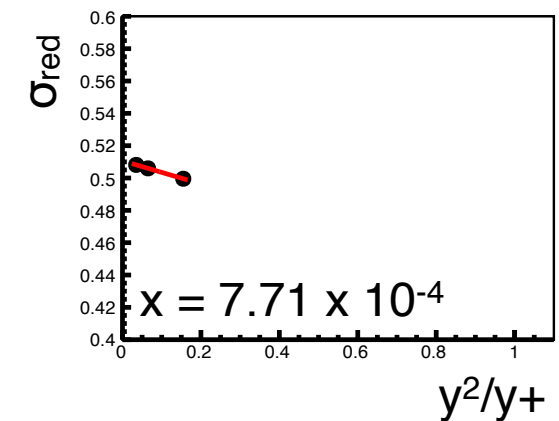
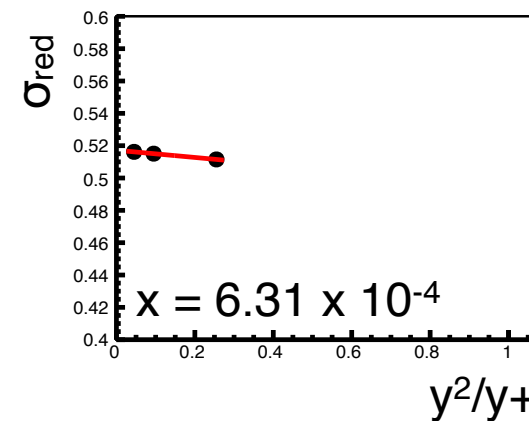
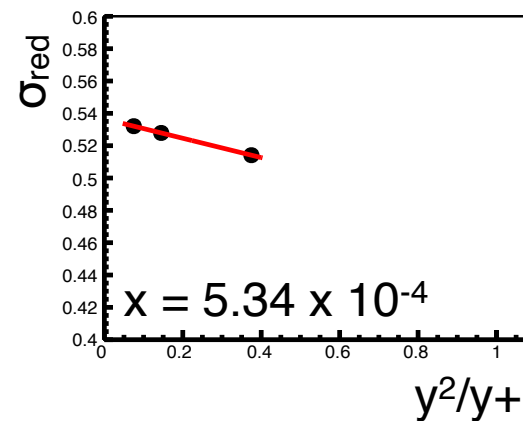
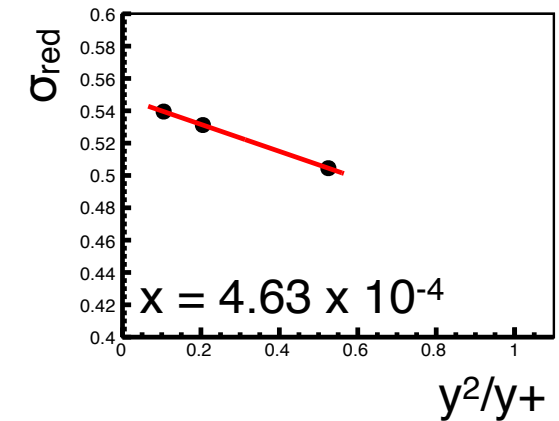
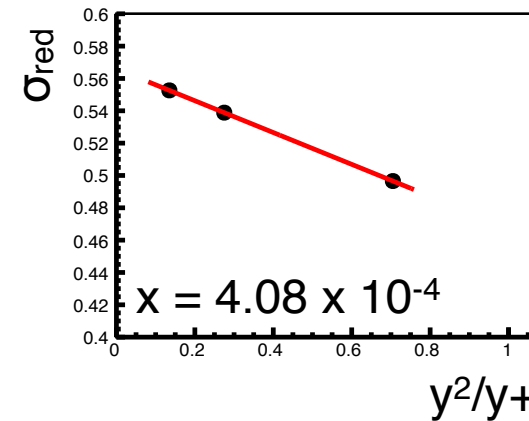
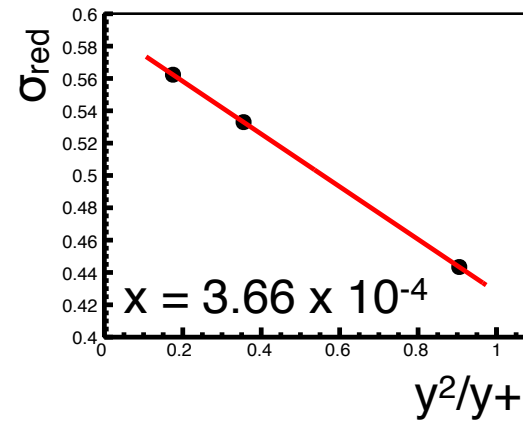
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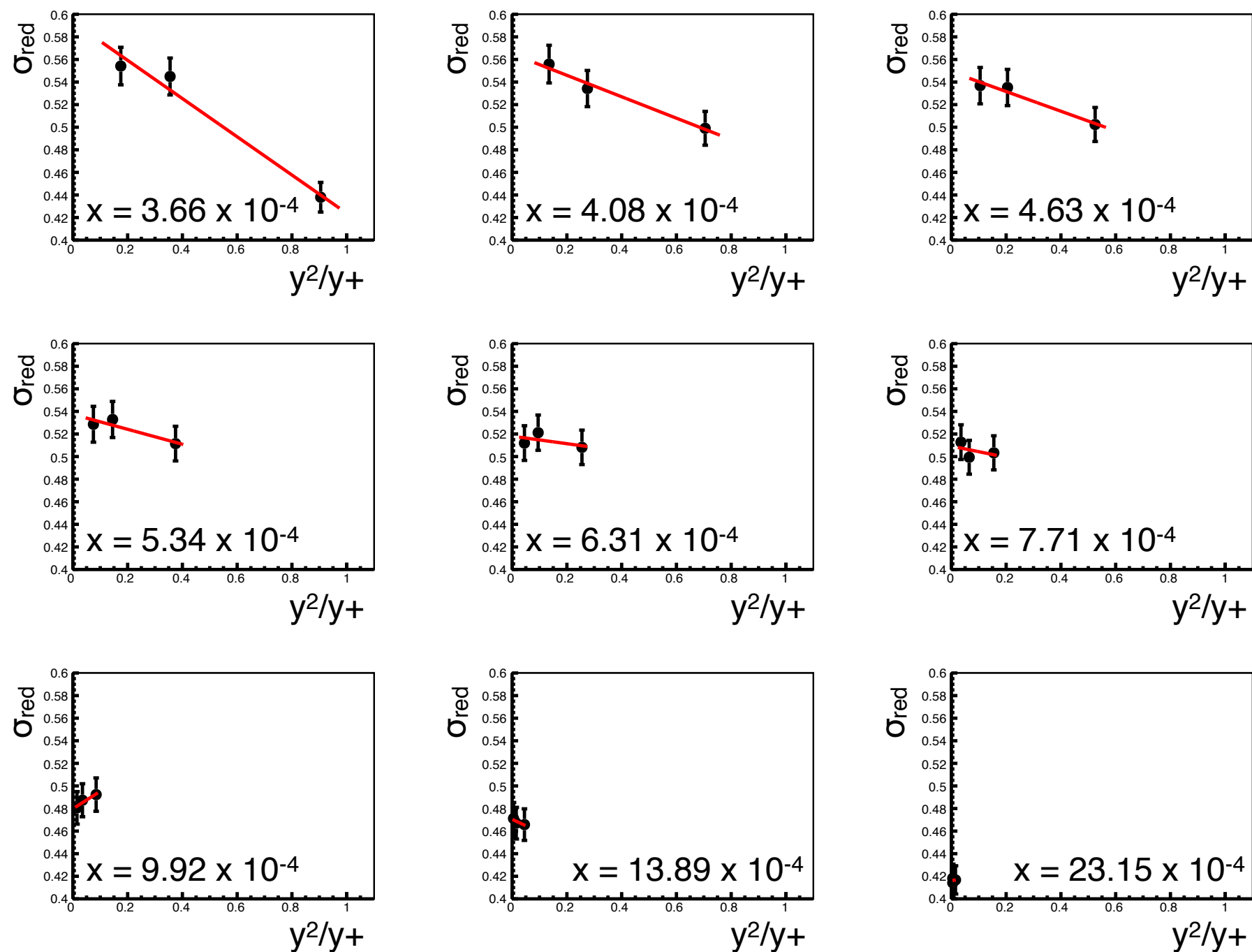
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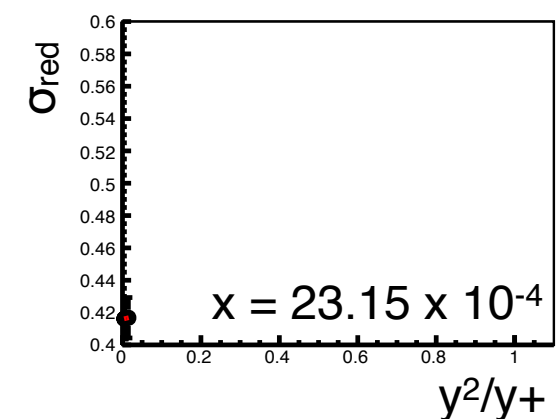
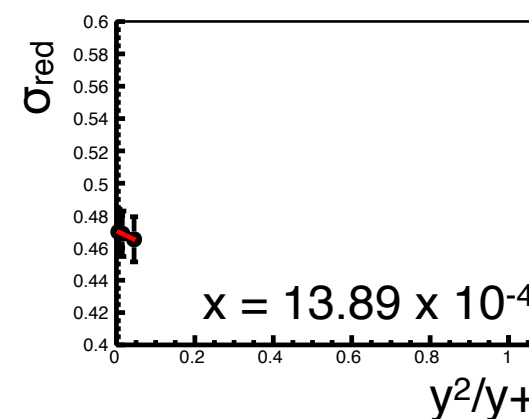
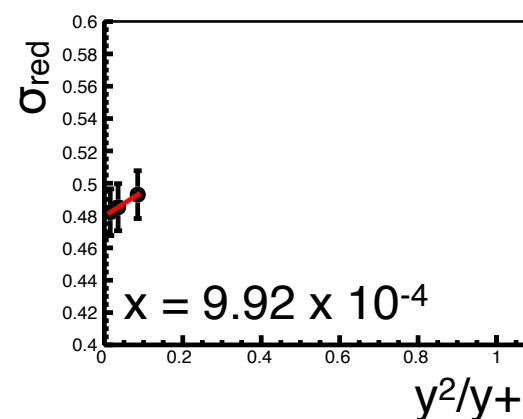
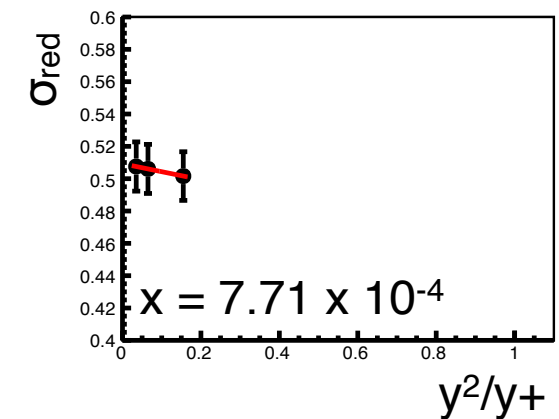
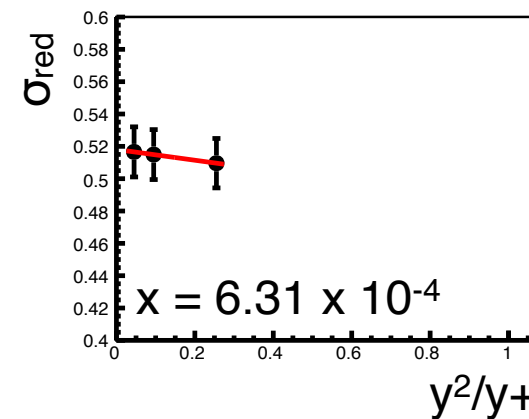
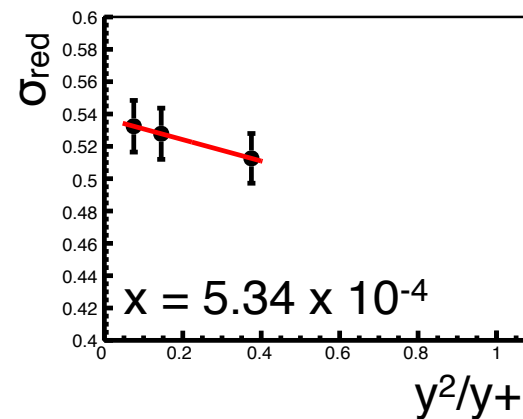
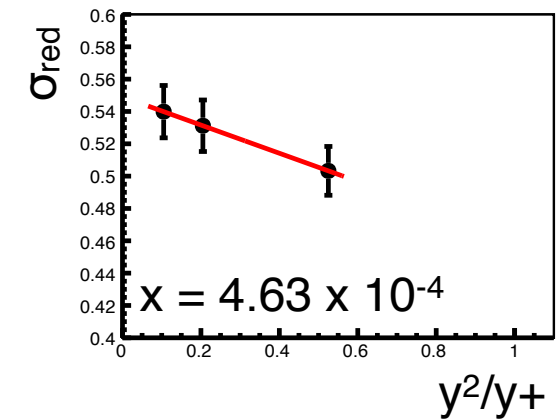
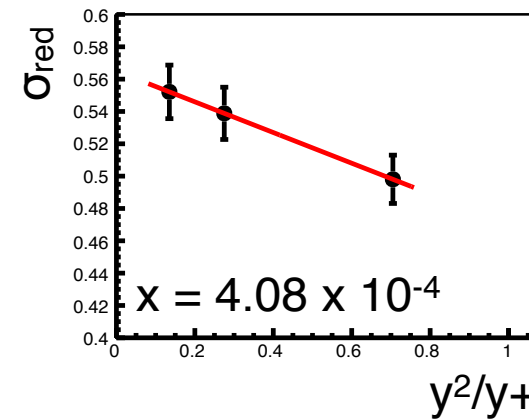
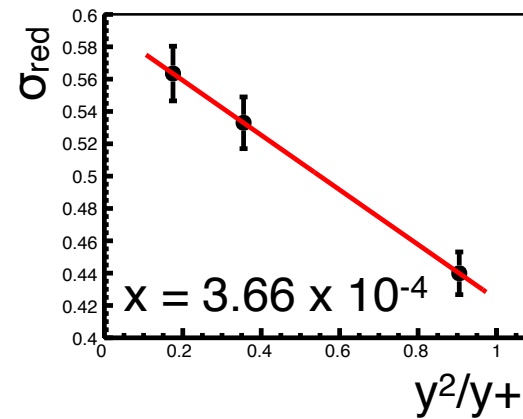
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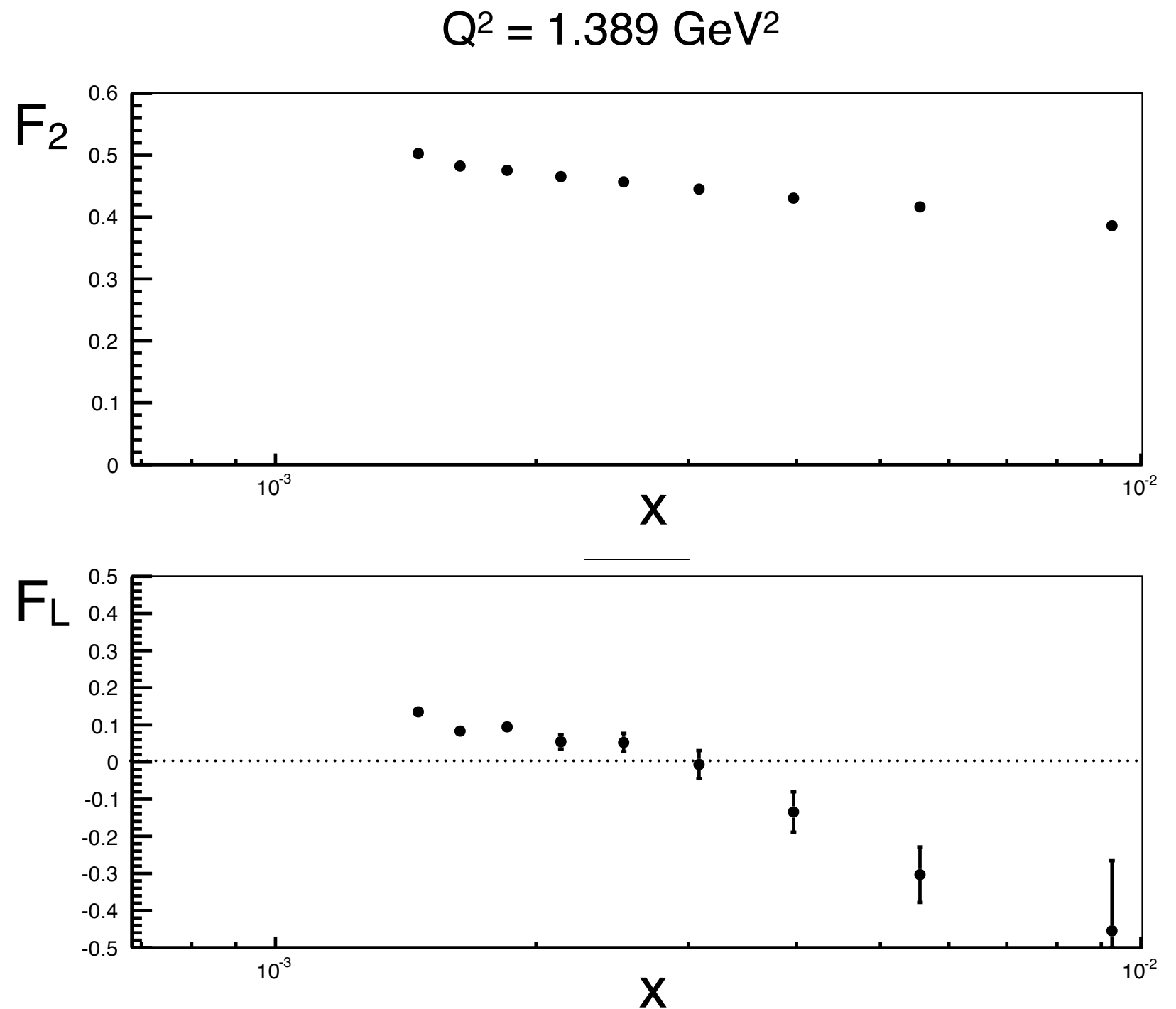
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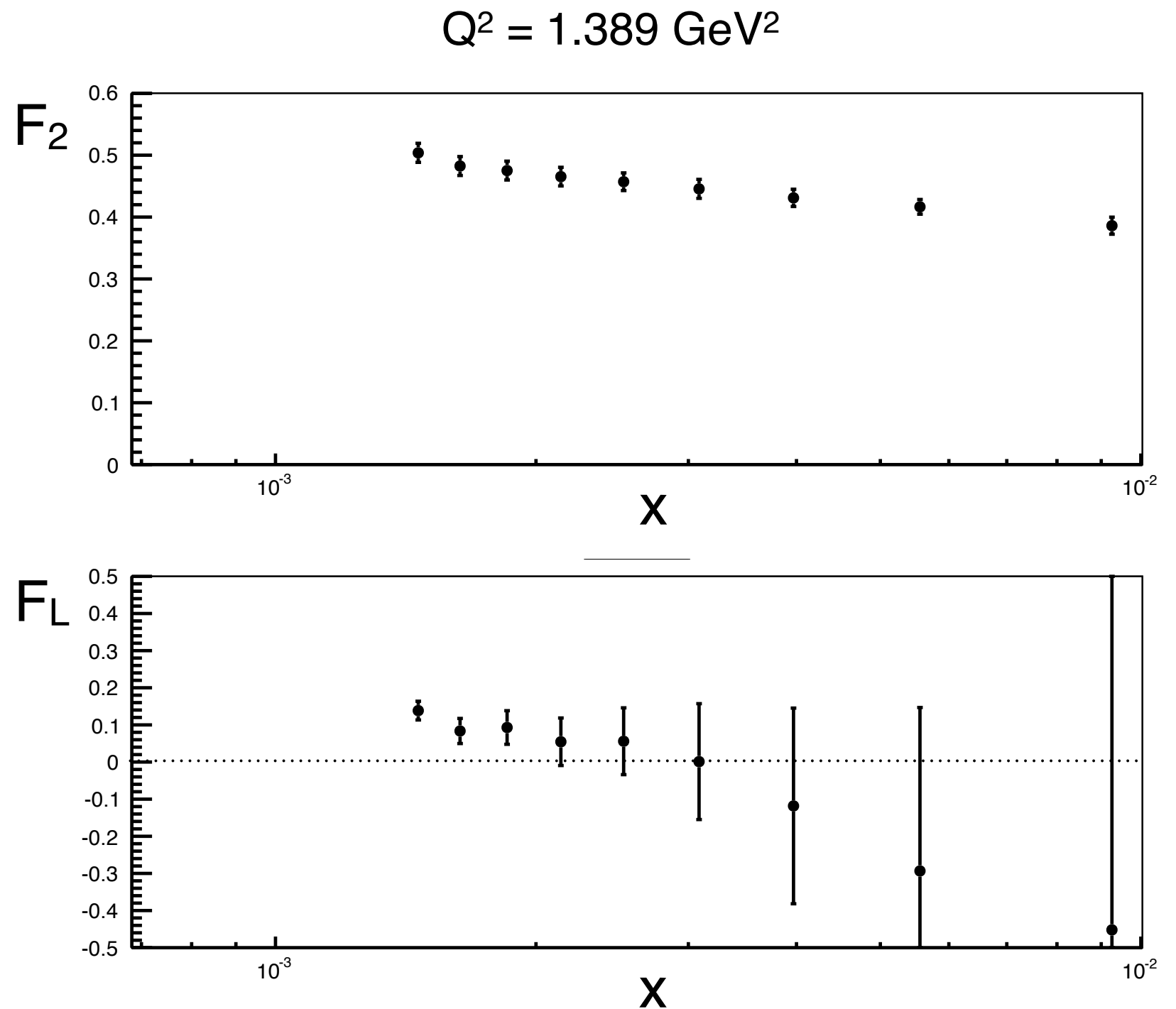
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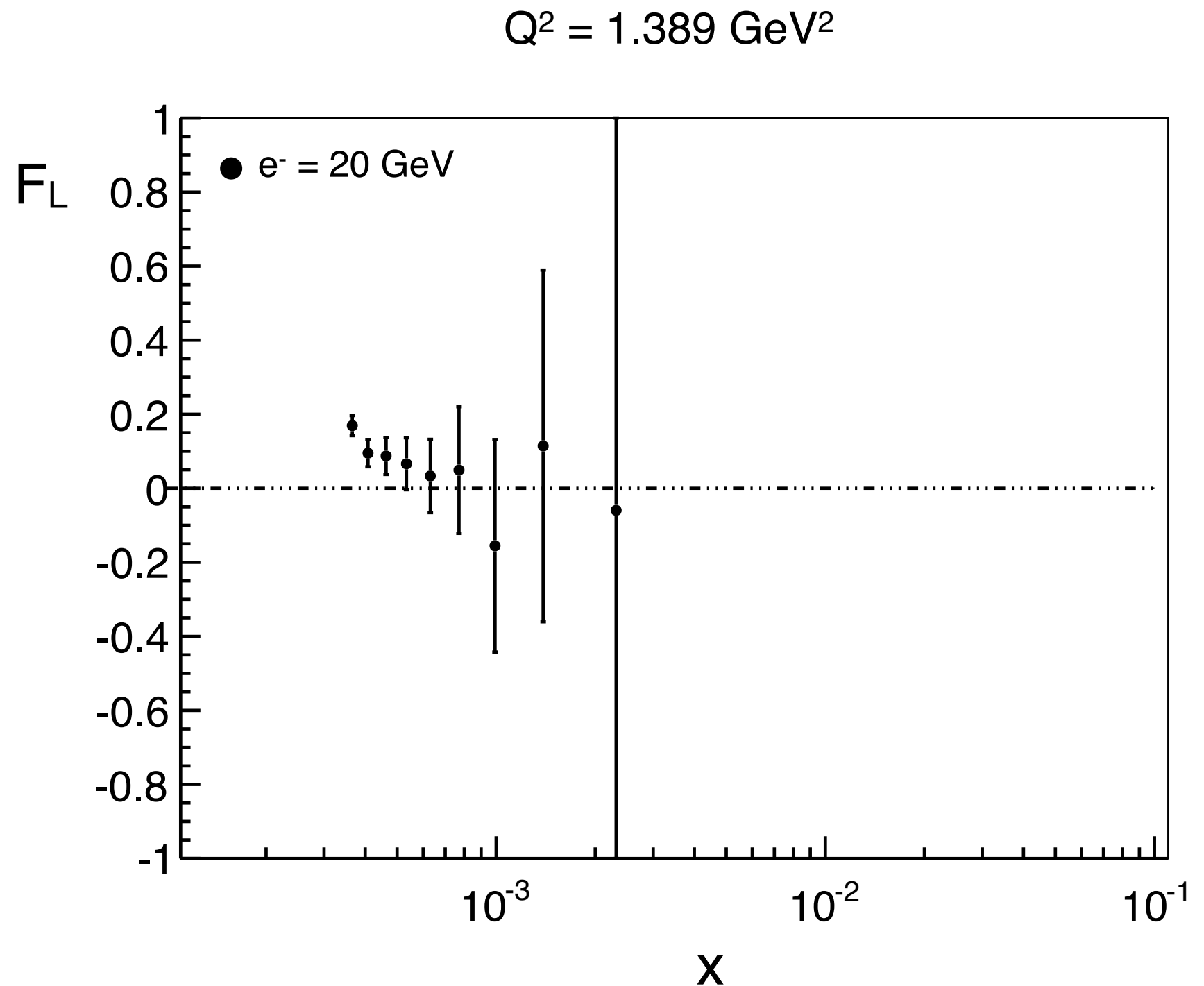
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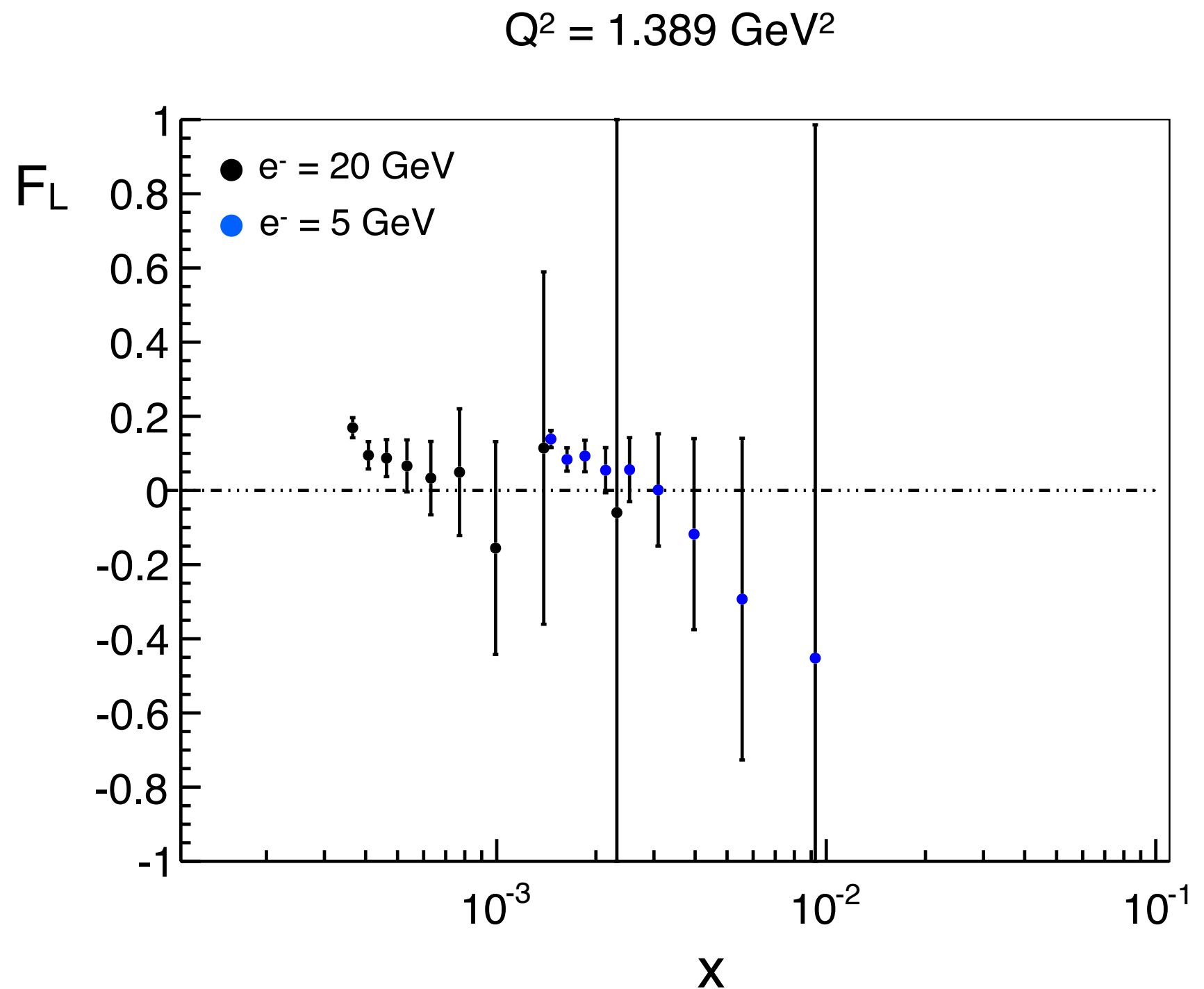
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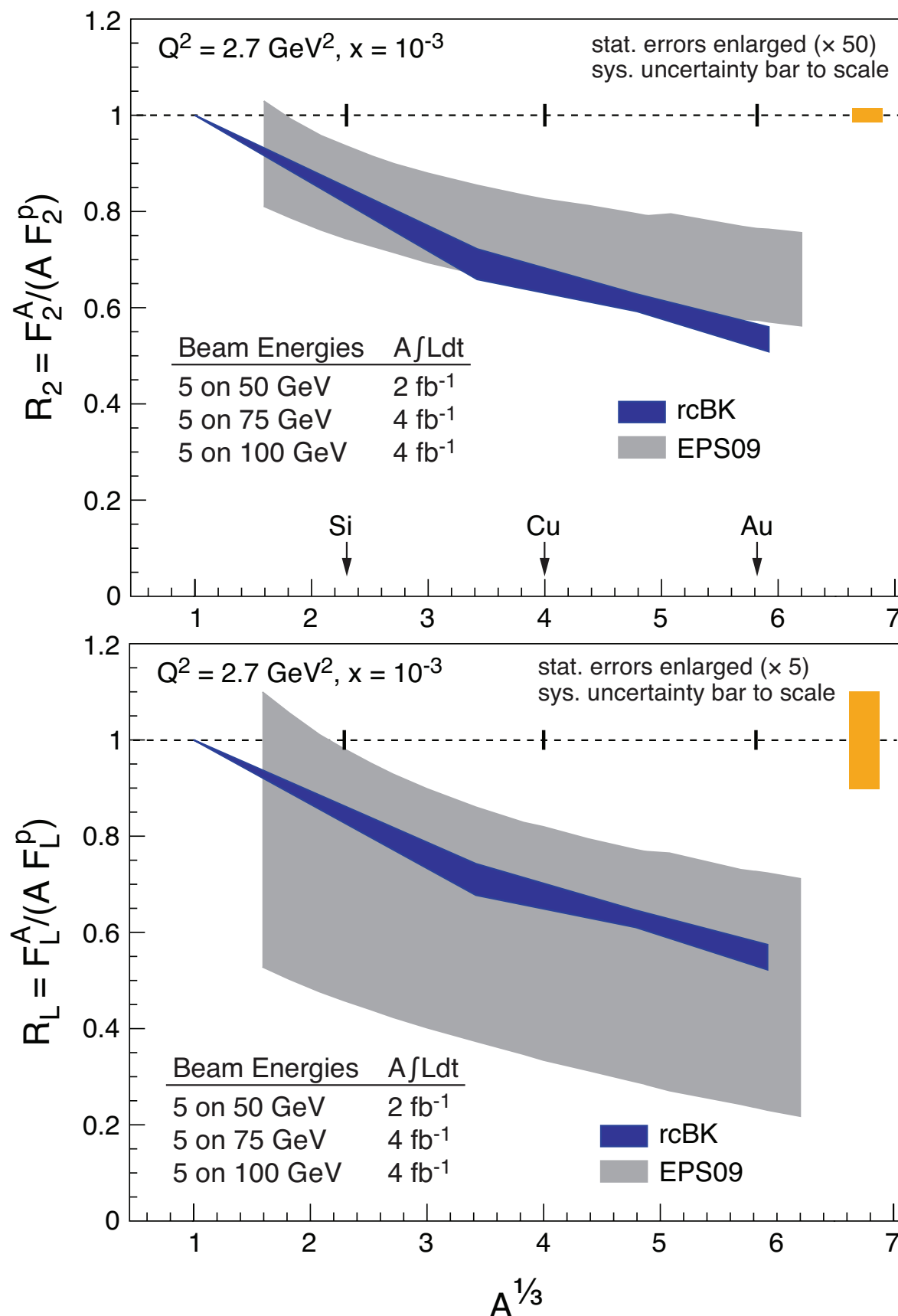
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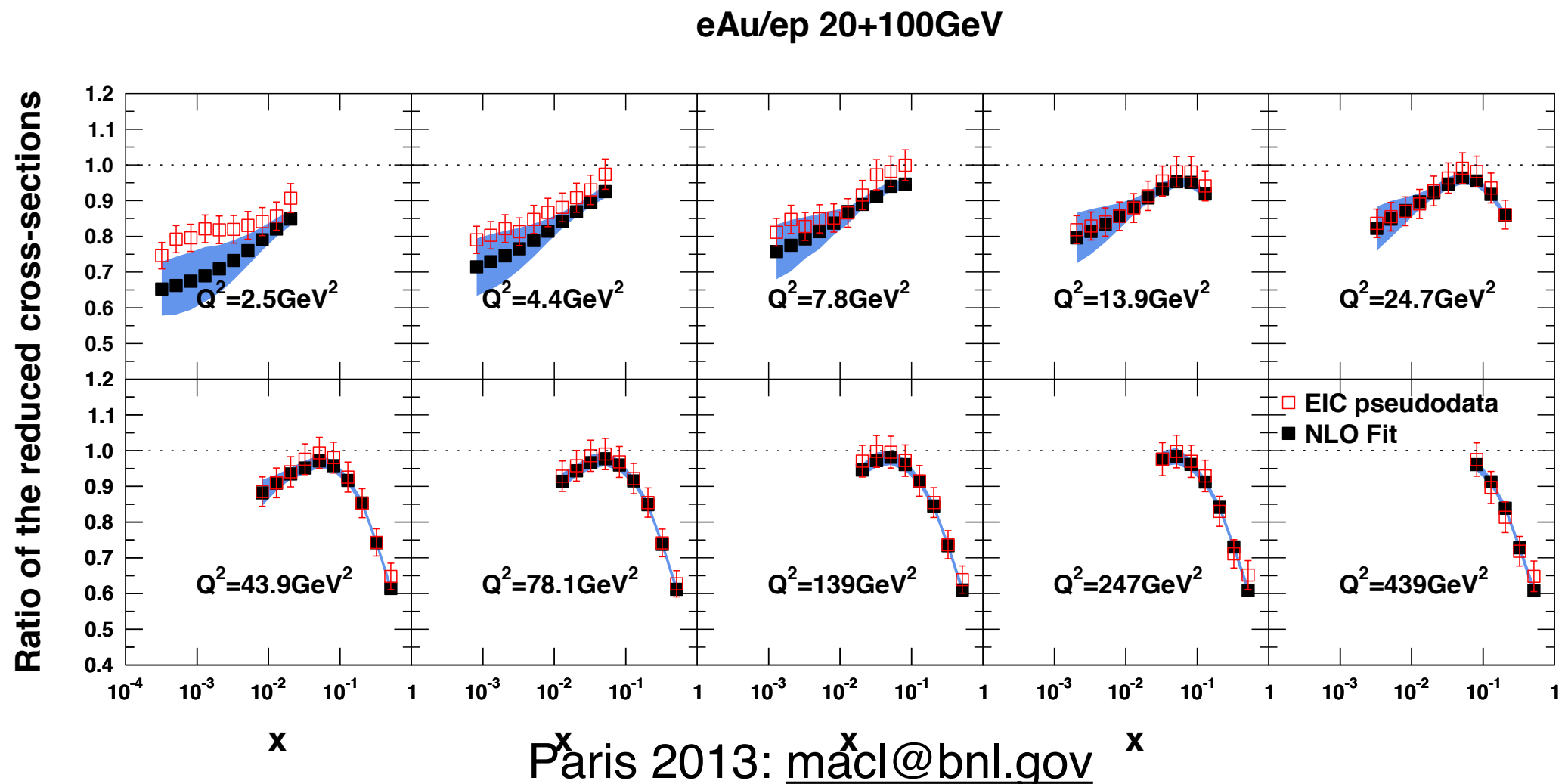
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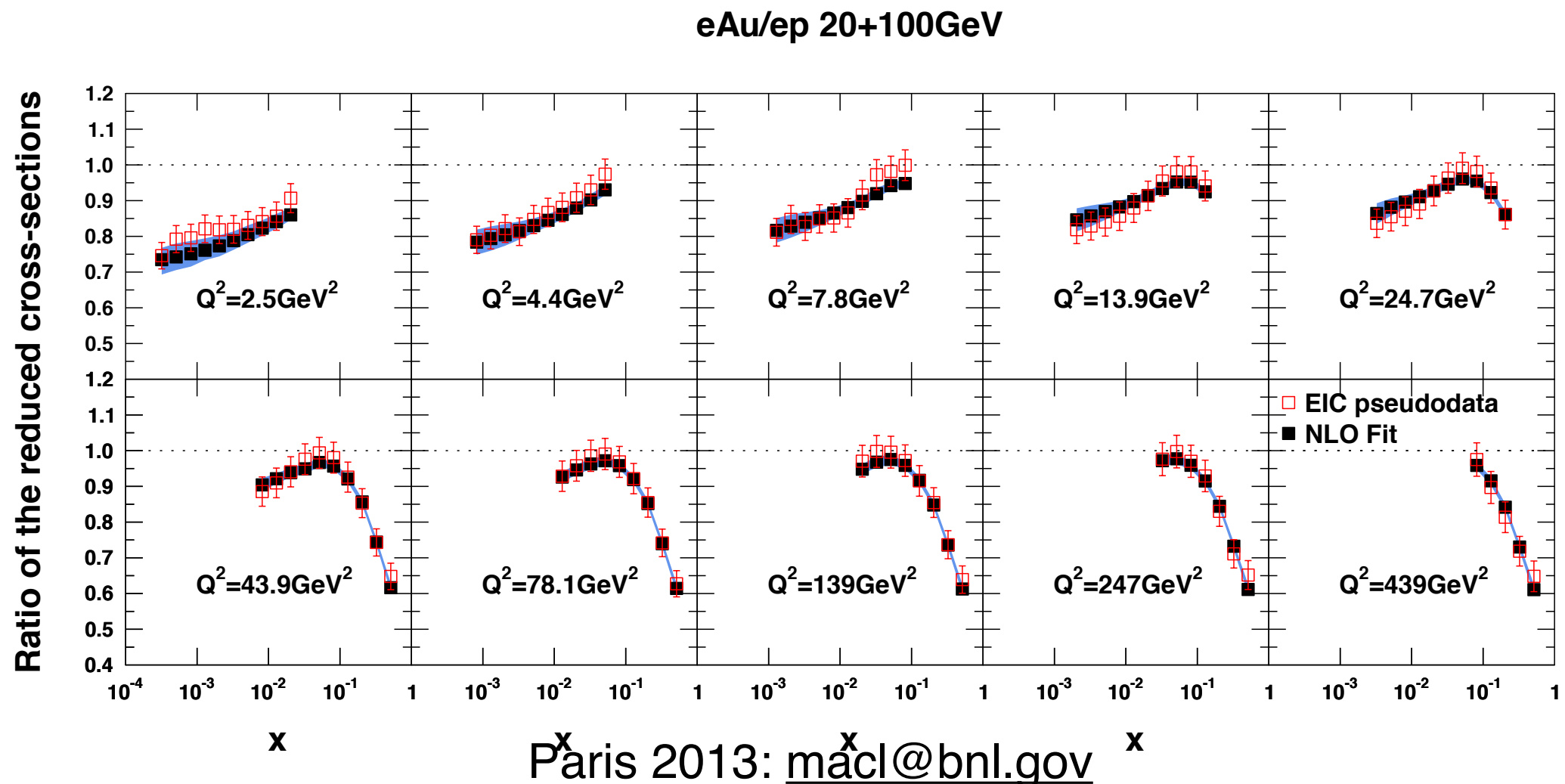
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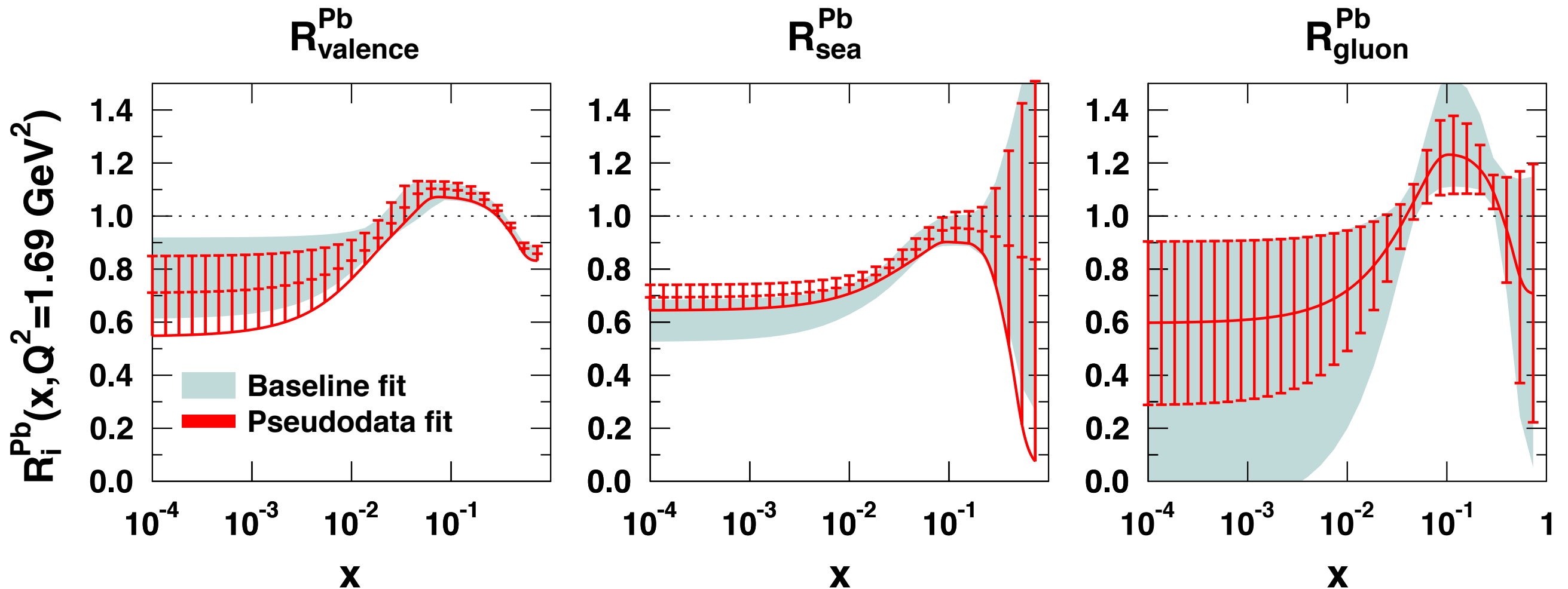
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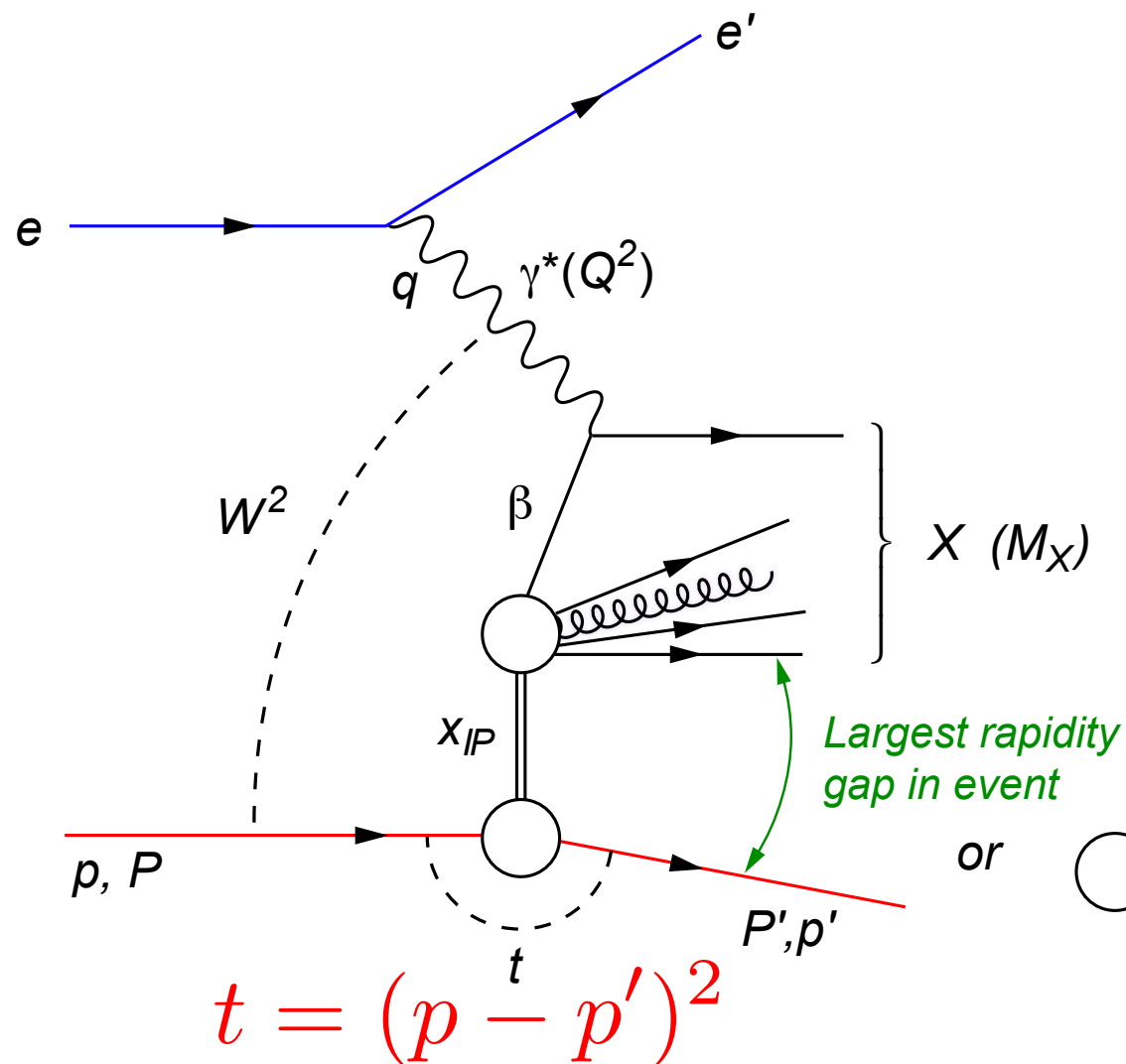


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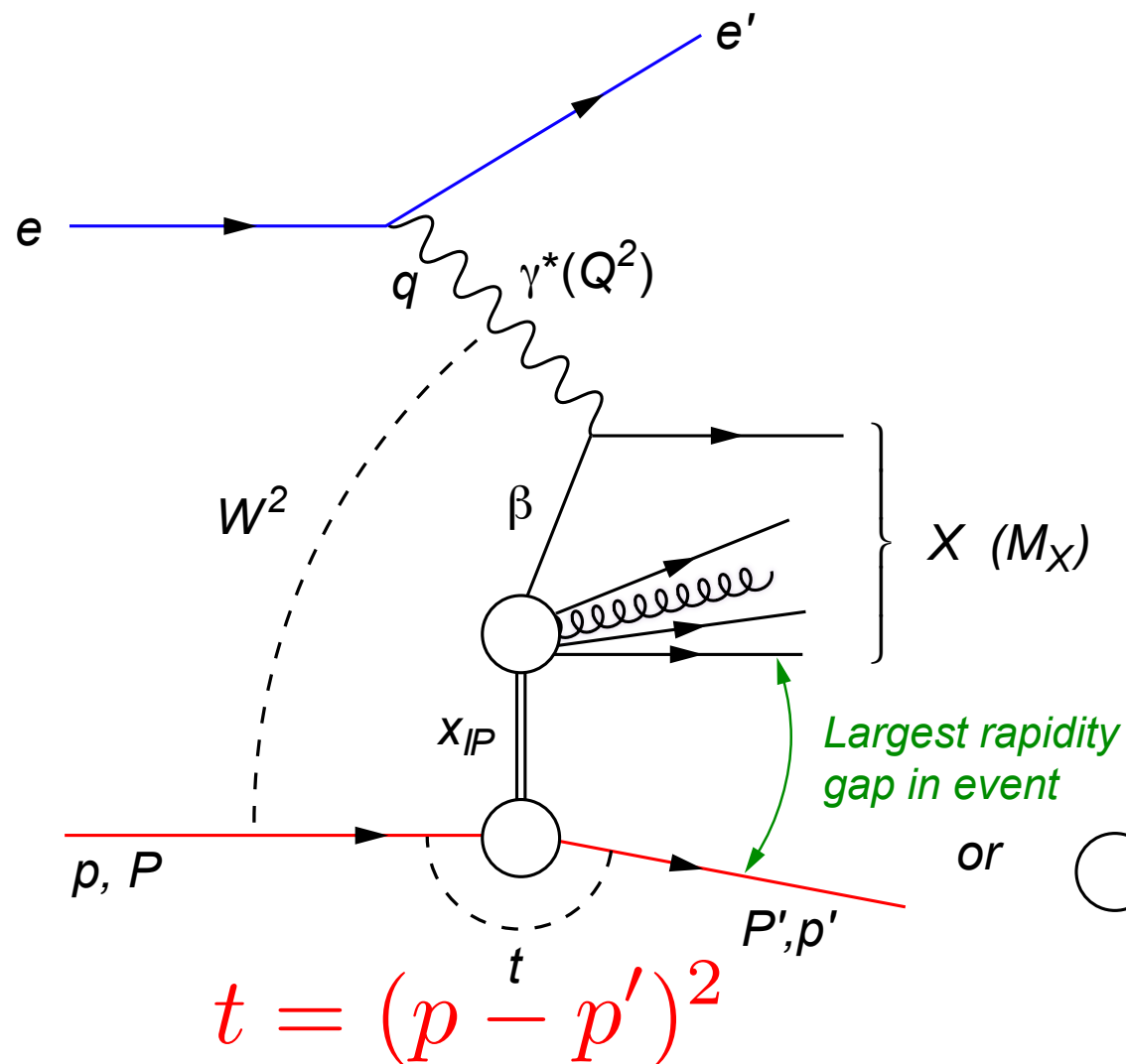
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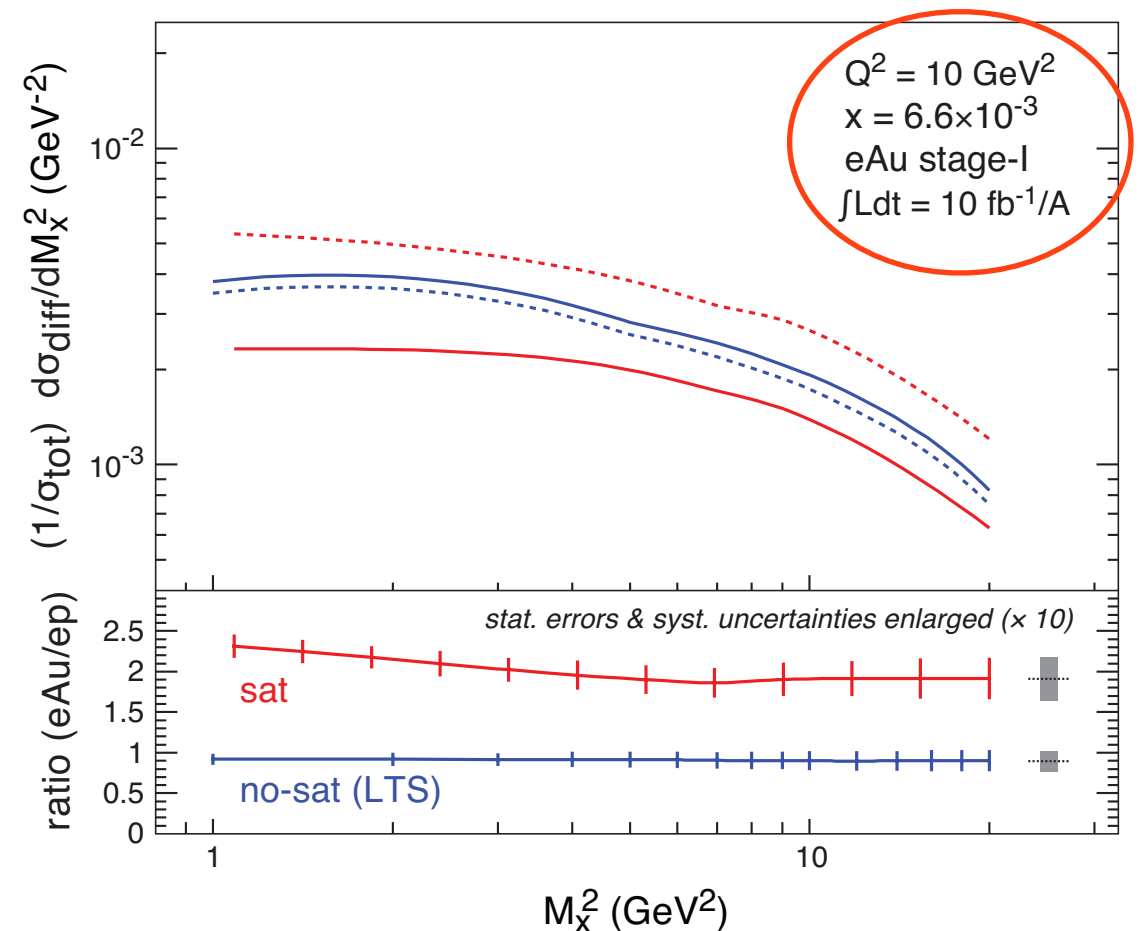
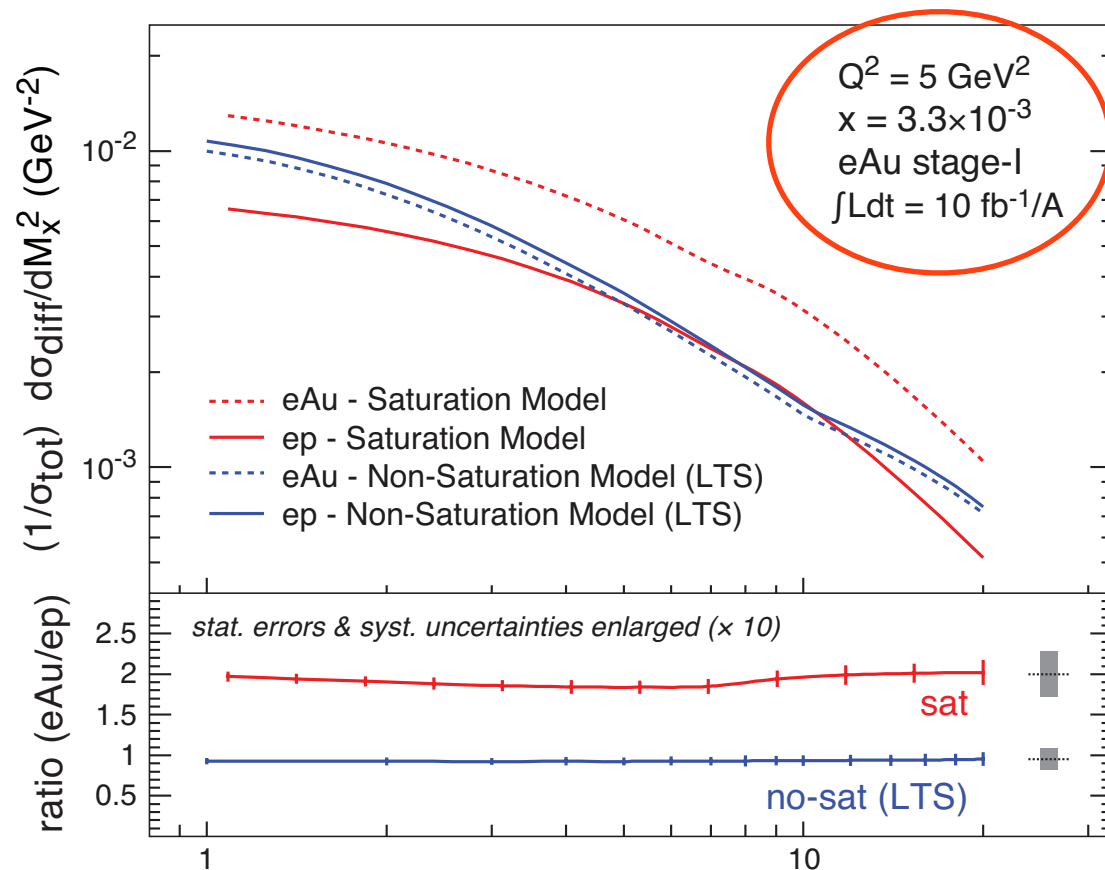
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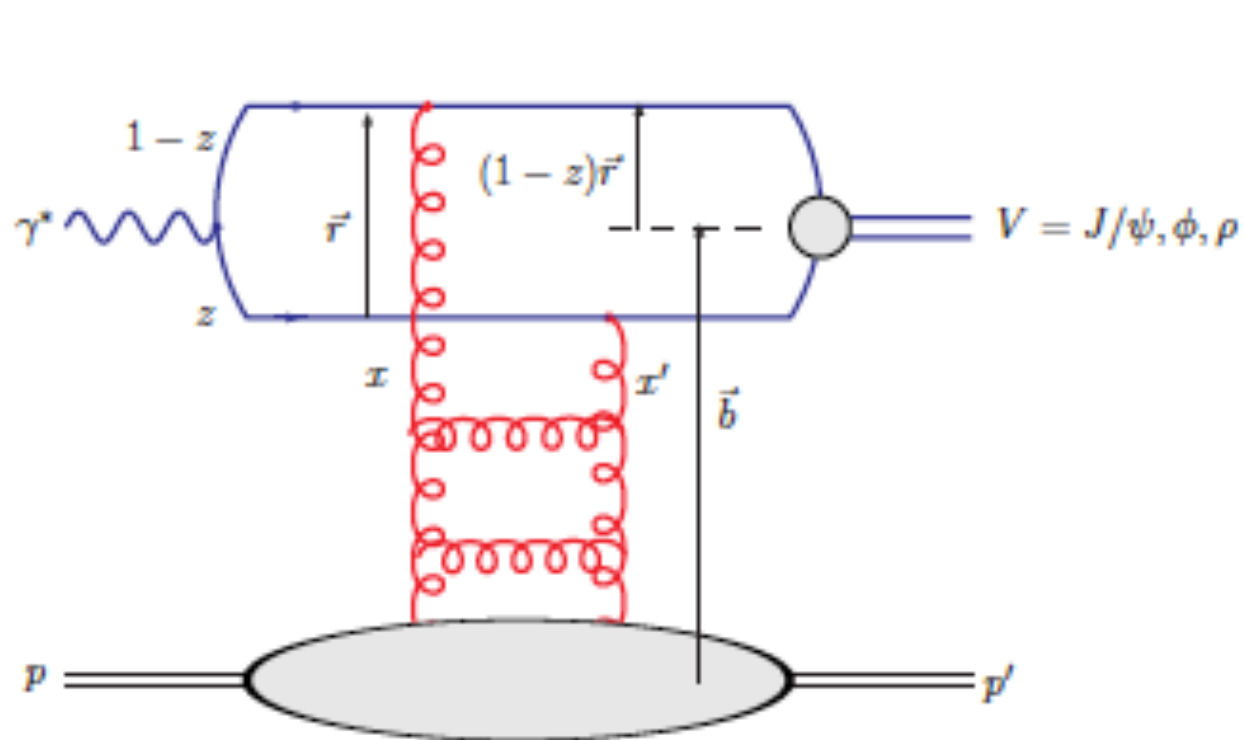
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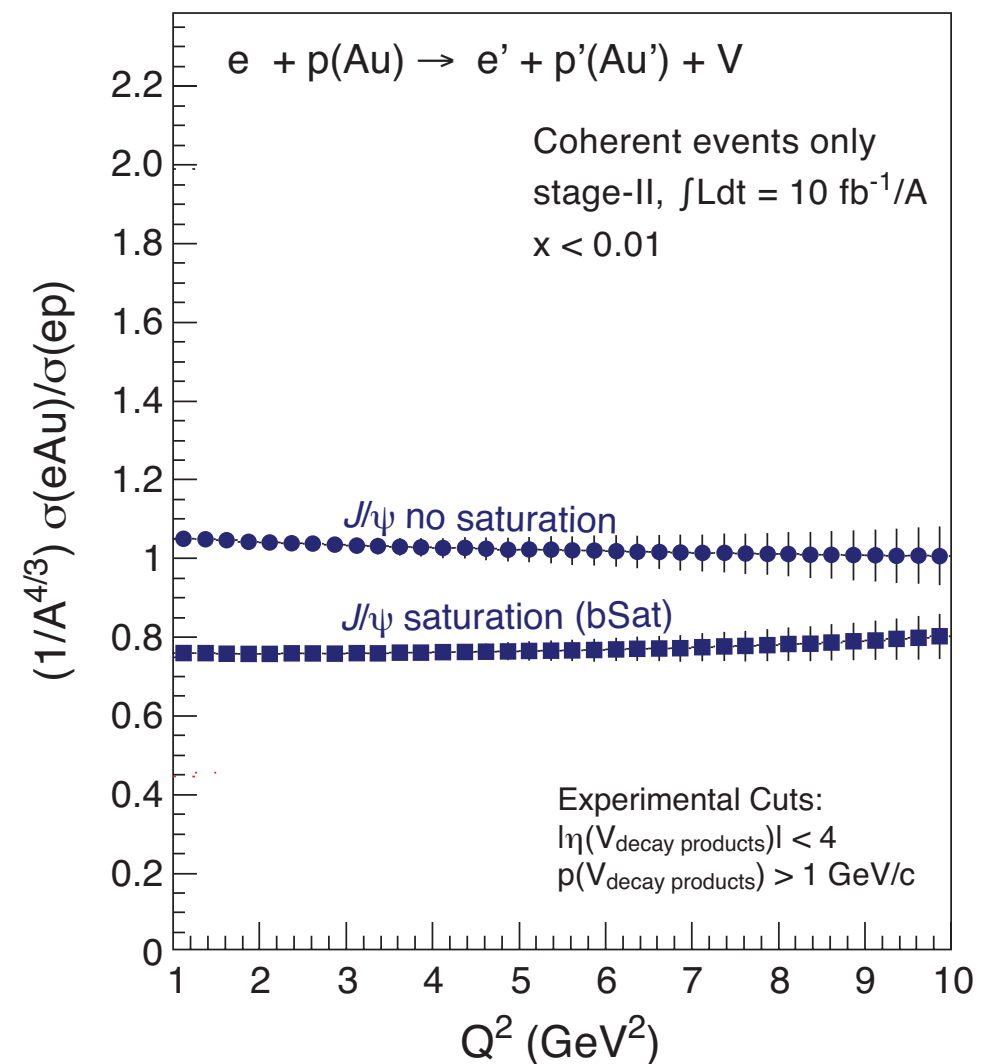


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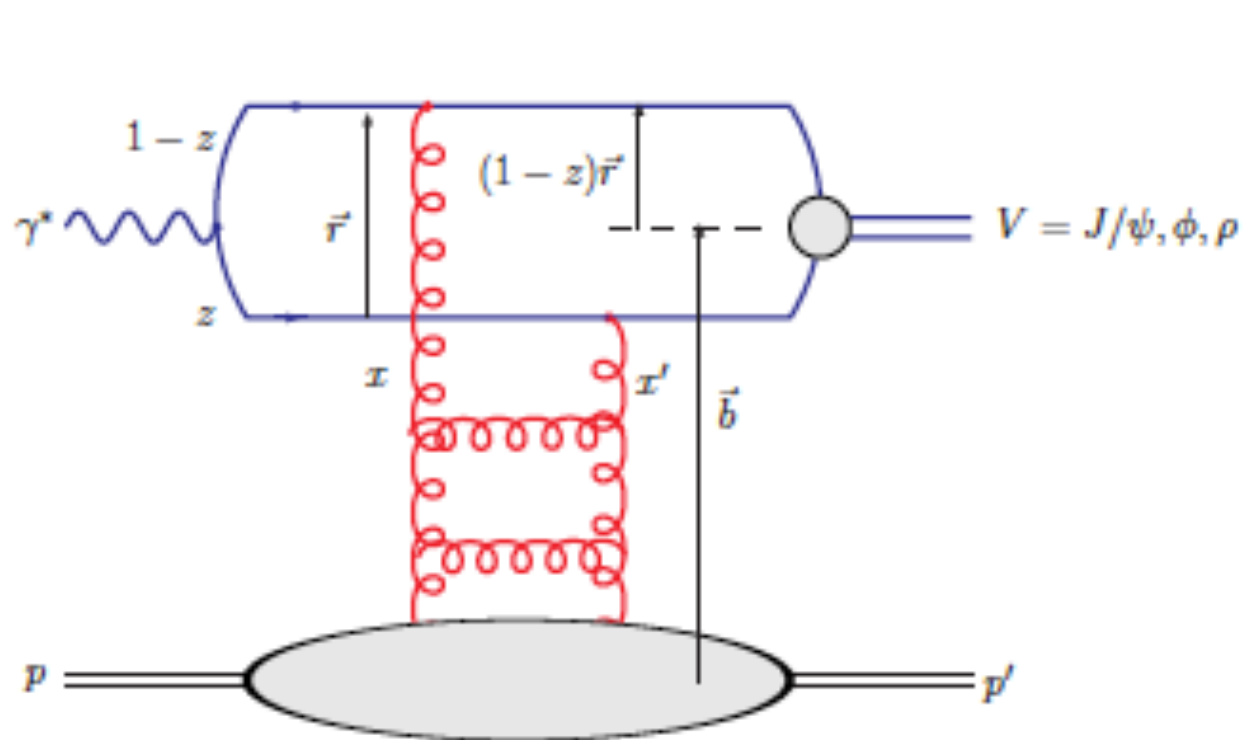


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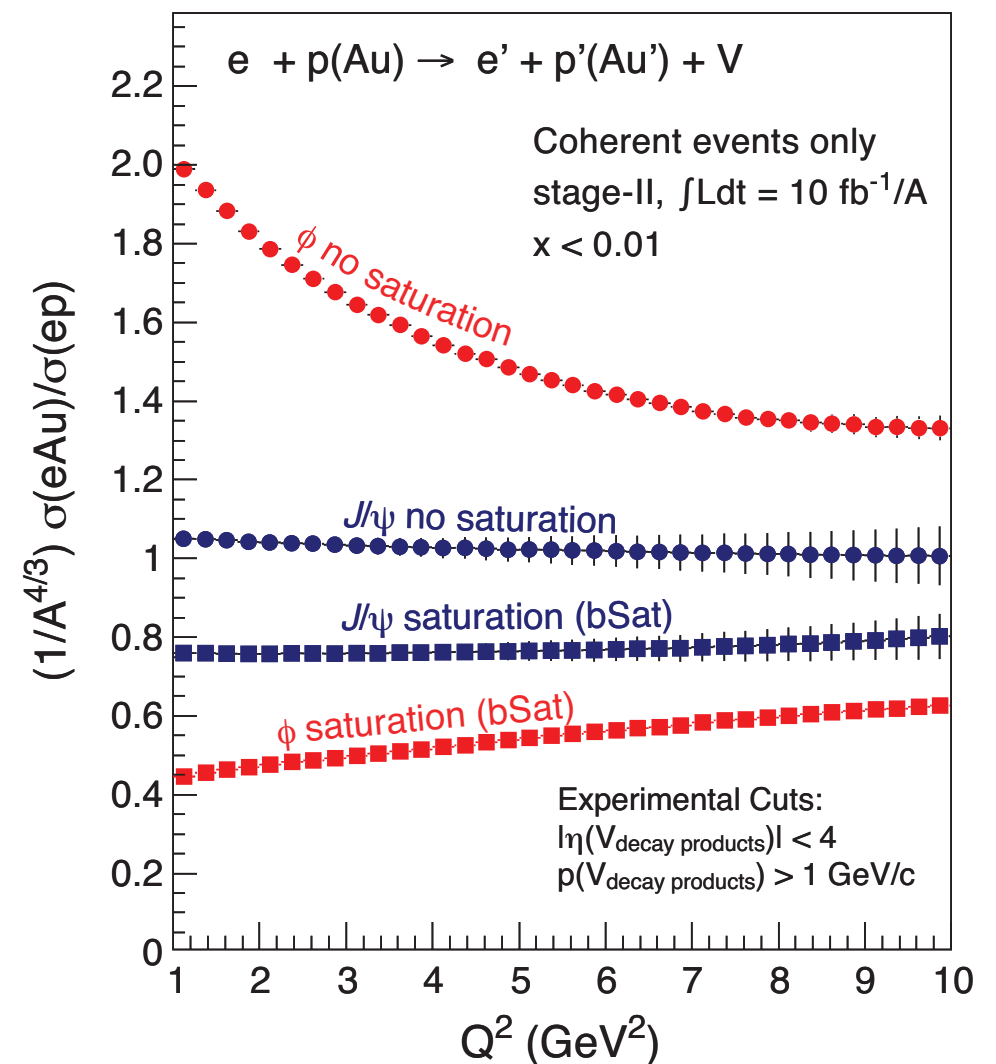


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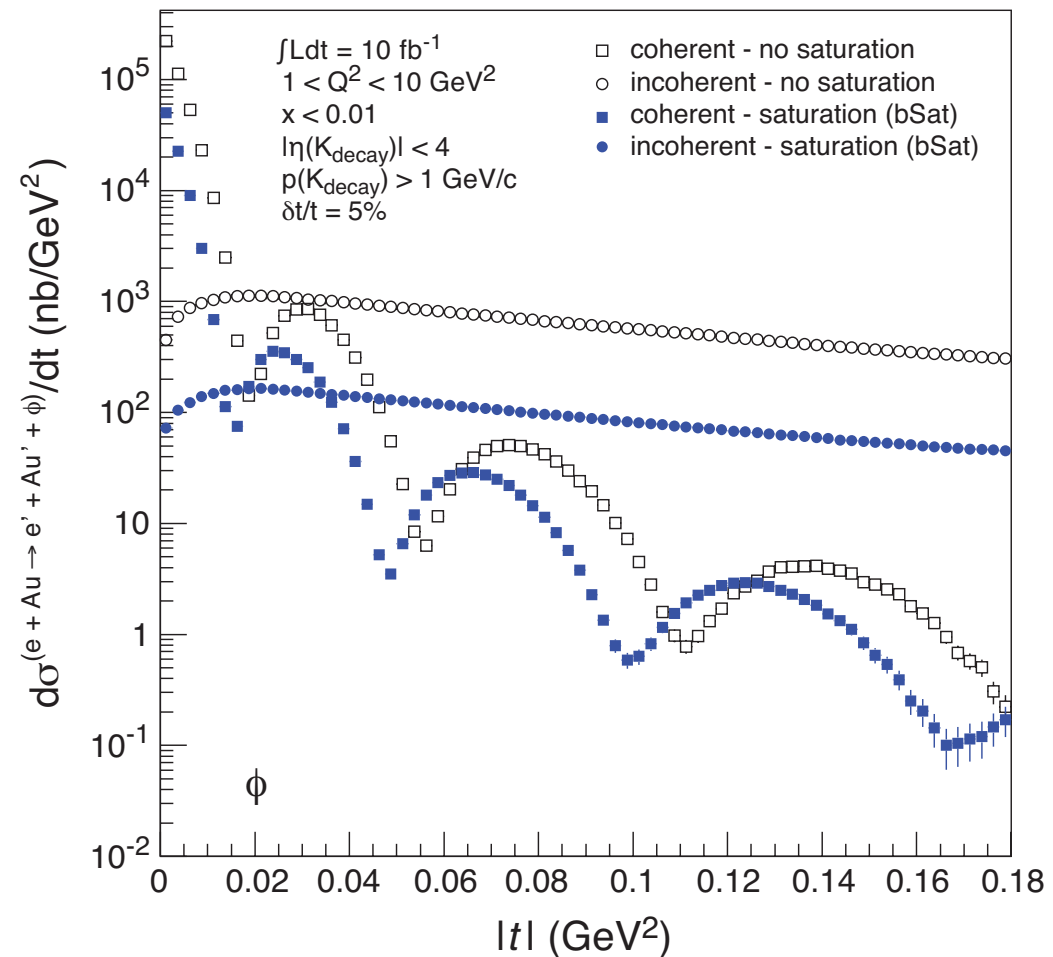
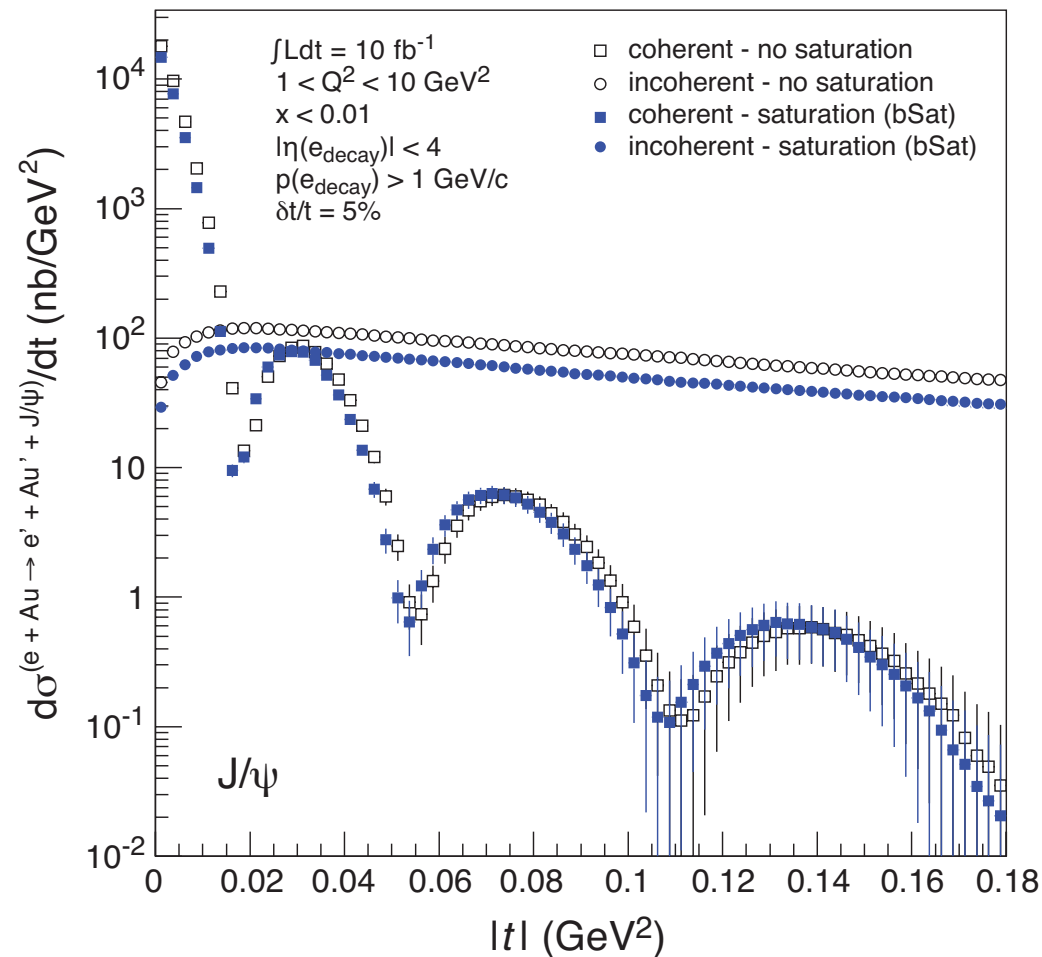


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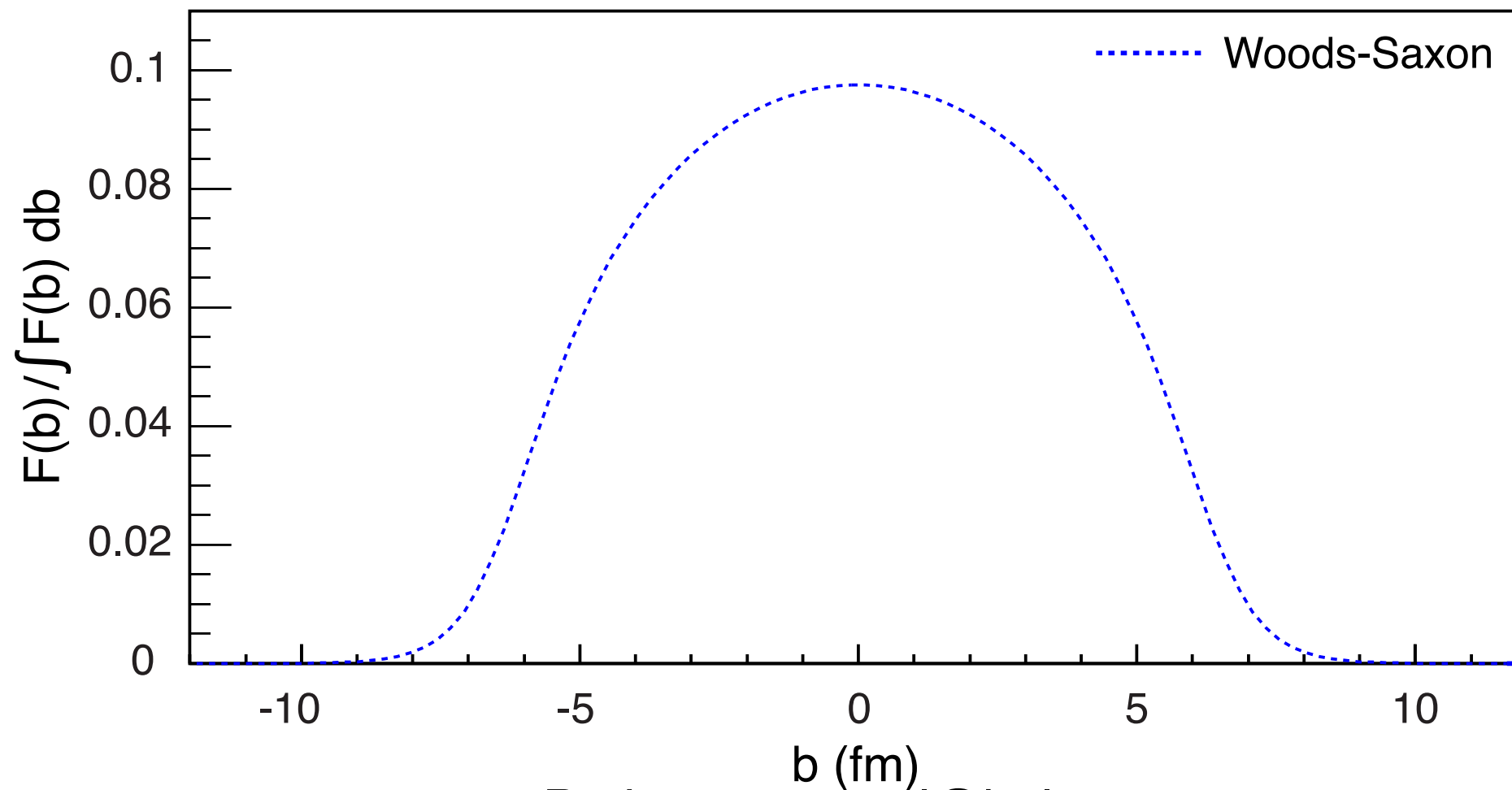
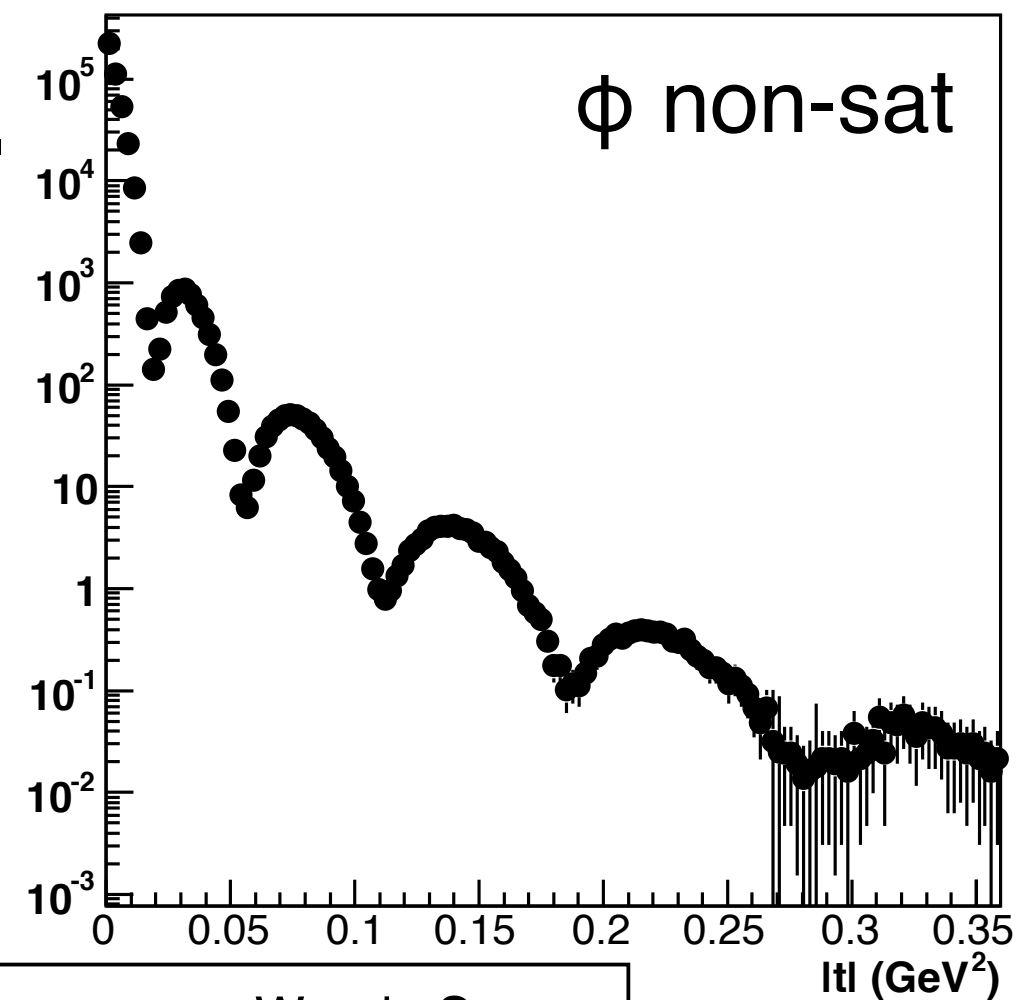
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 - ▶ unlike protons, forward spectrometer won't work for heavy ions
 - **measure emitted neutrons in a ZDC**
 - ▶ rapidity gap with absence of break-up fragments sufficient to identify coherent events

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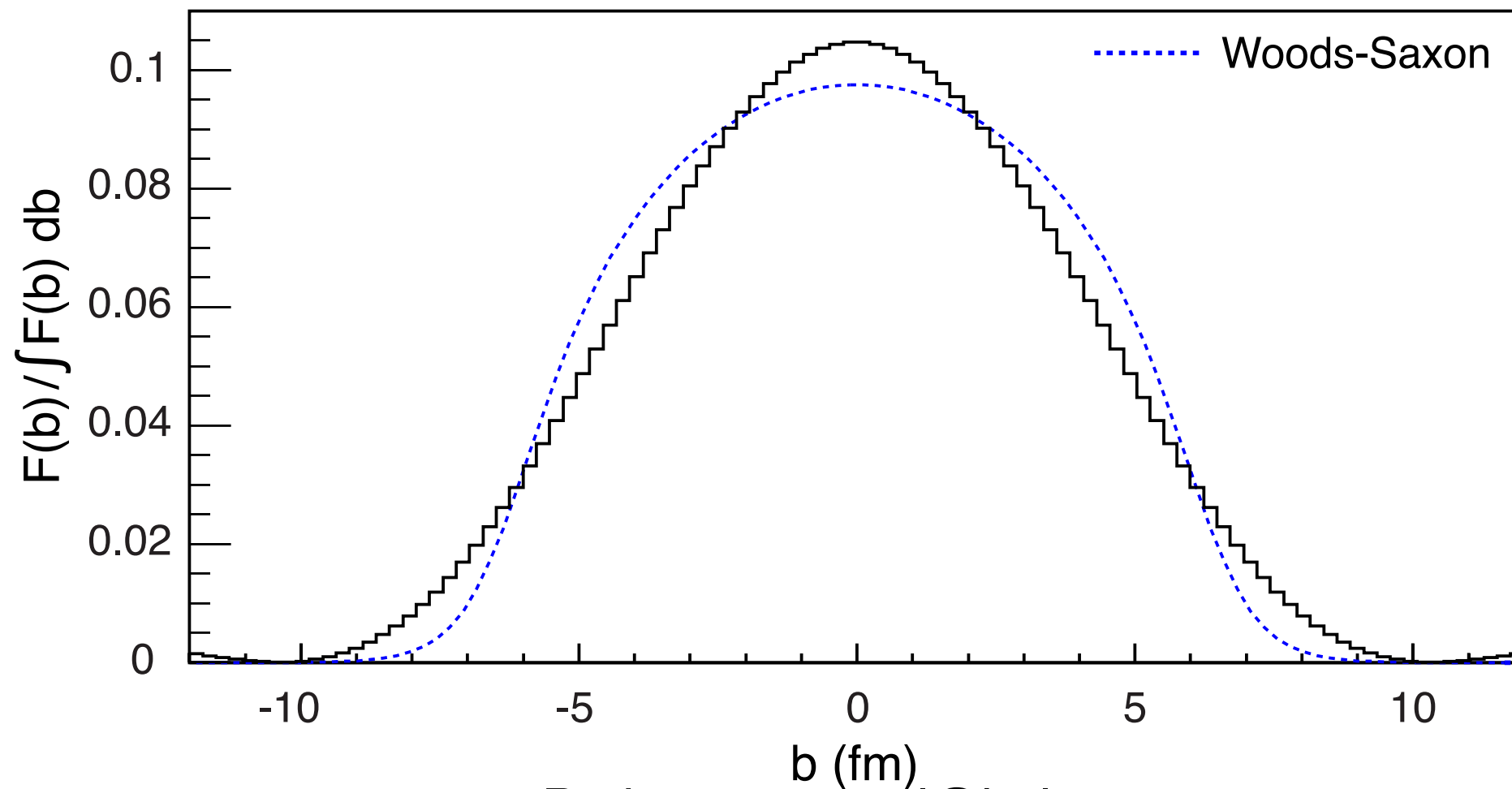
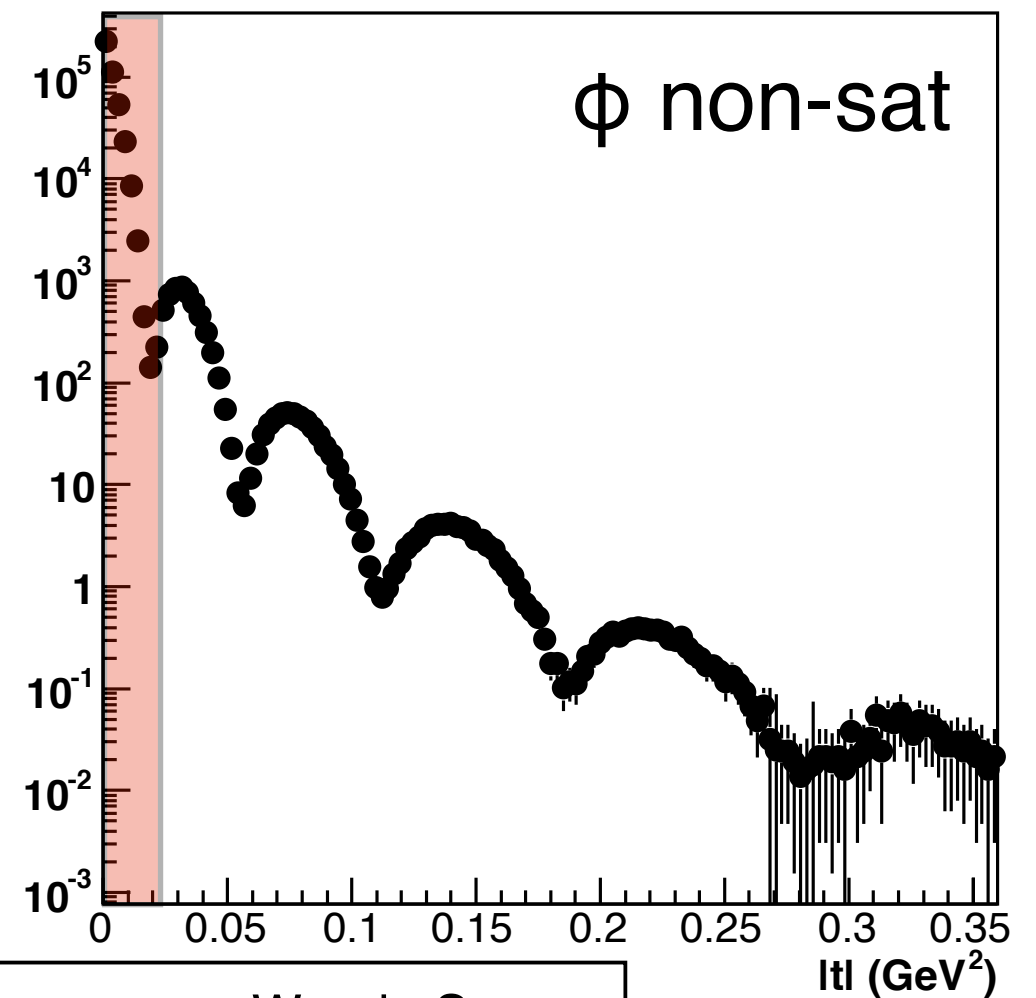


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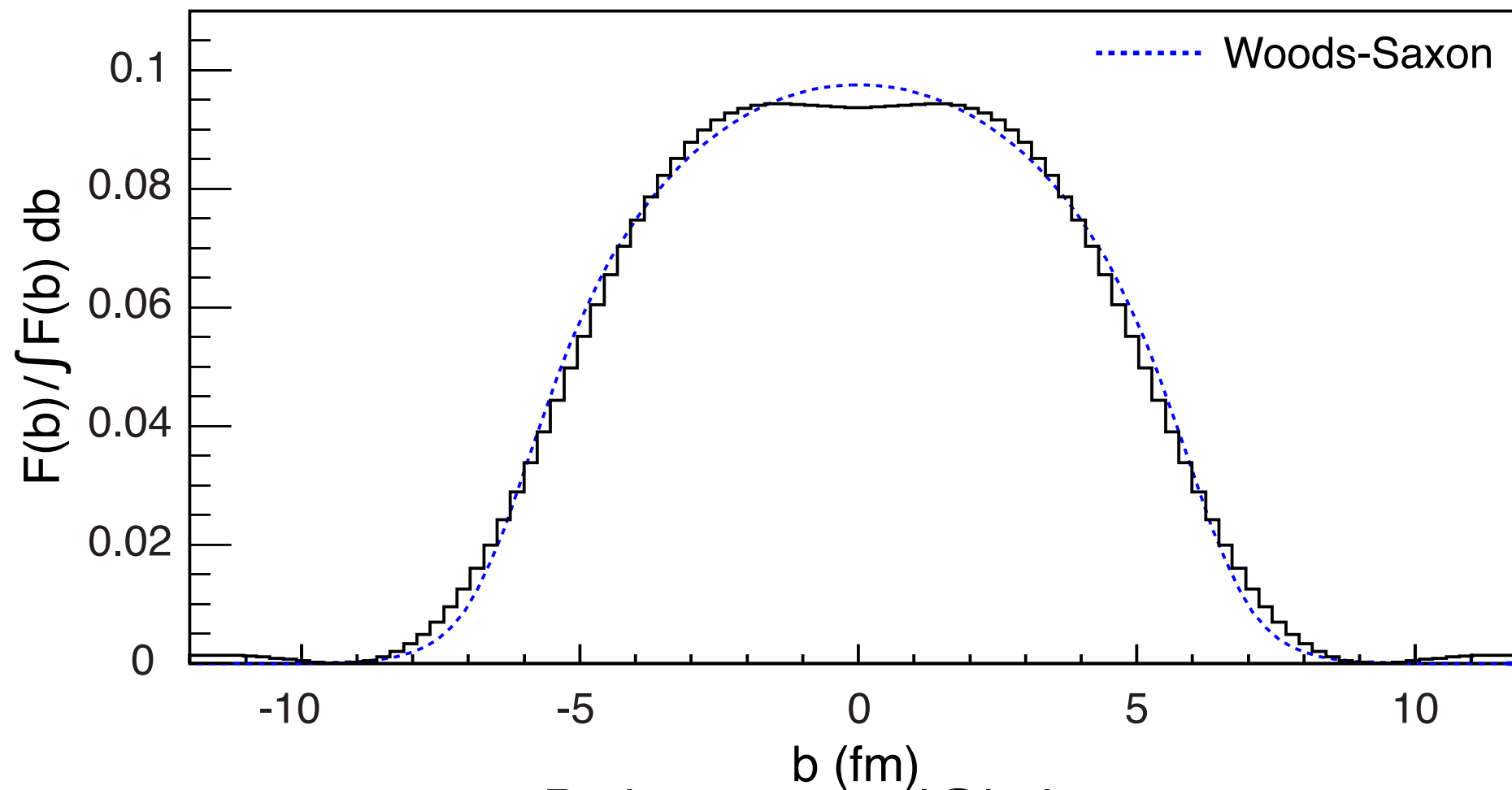
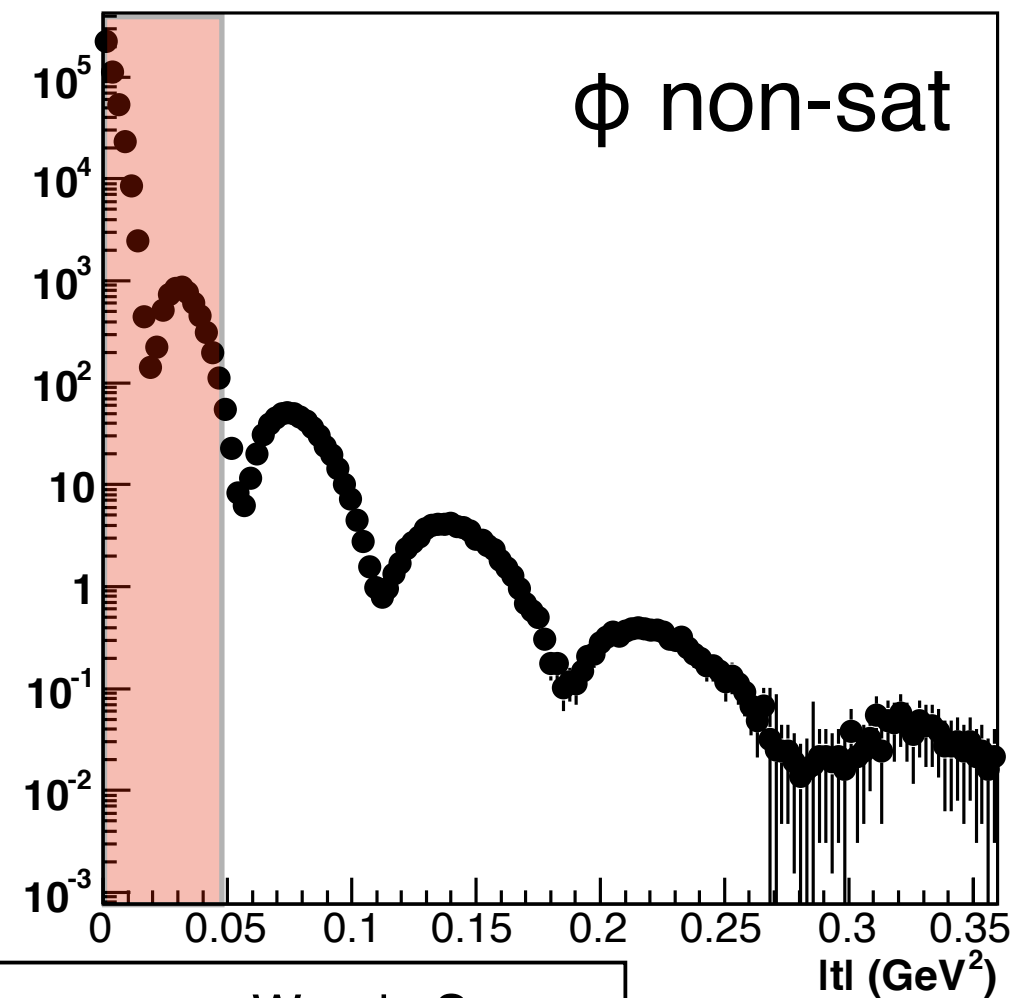


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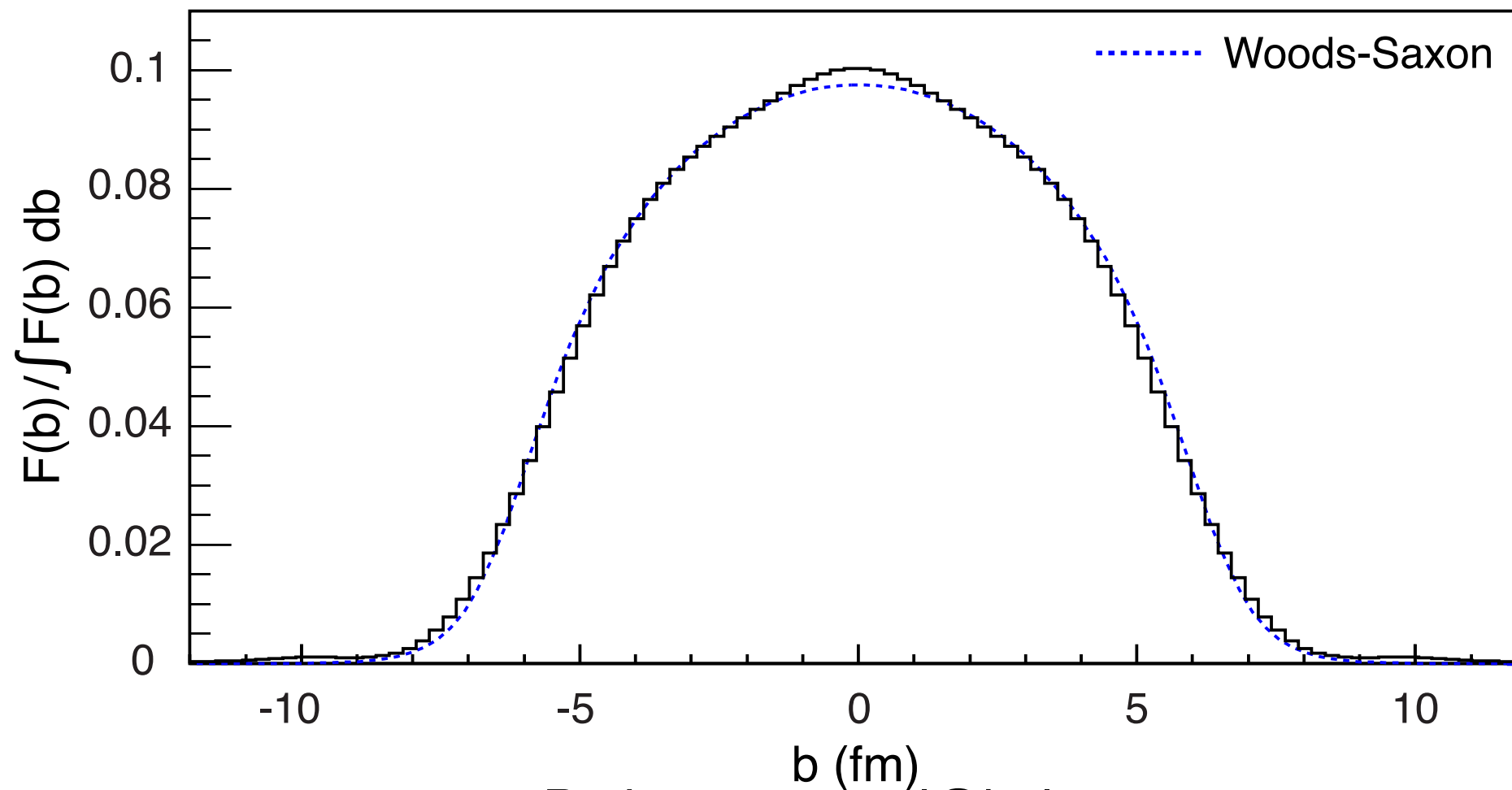
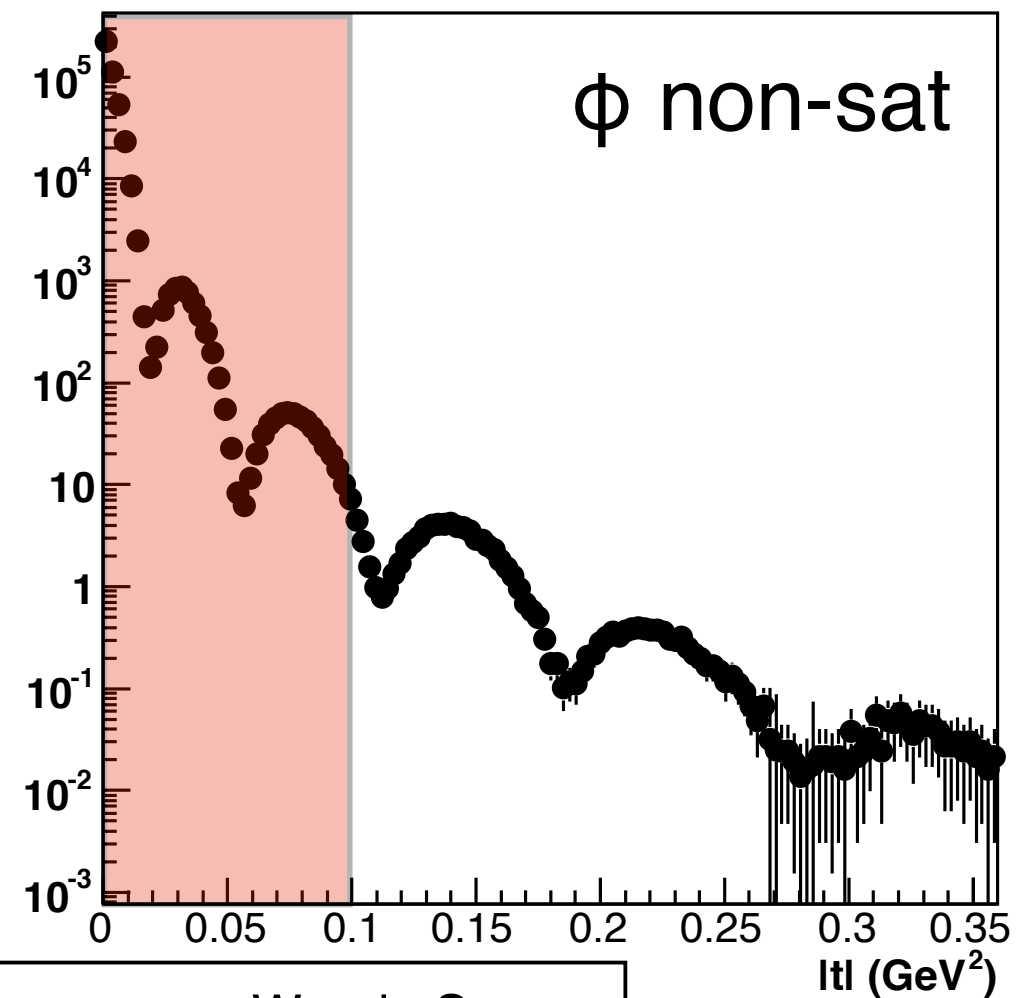


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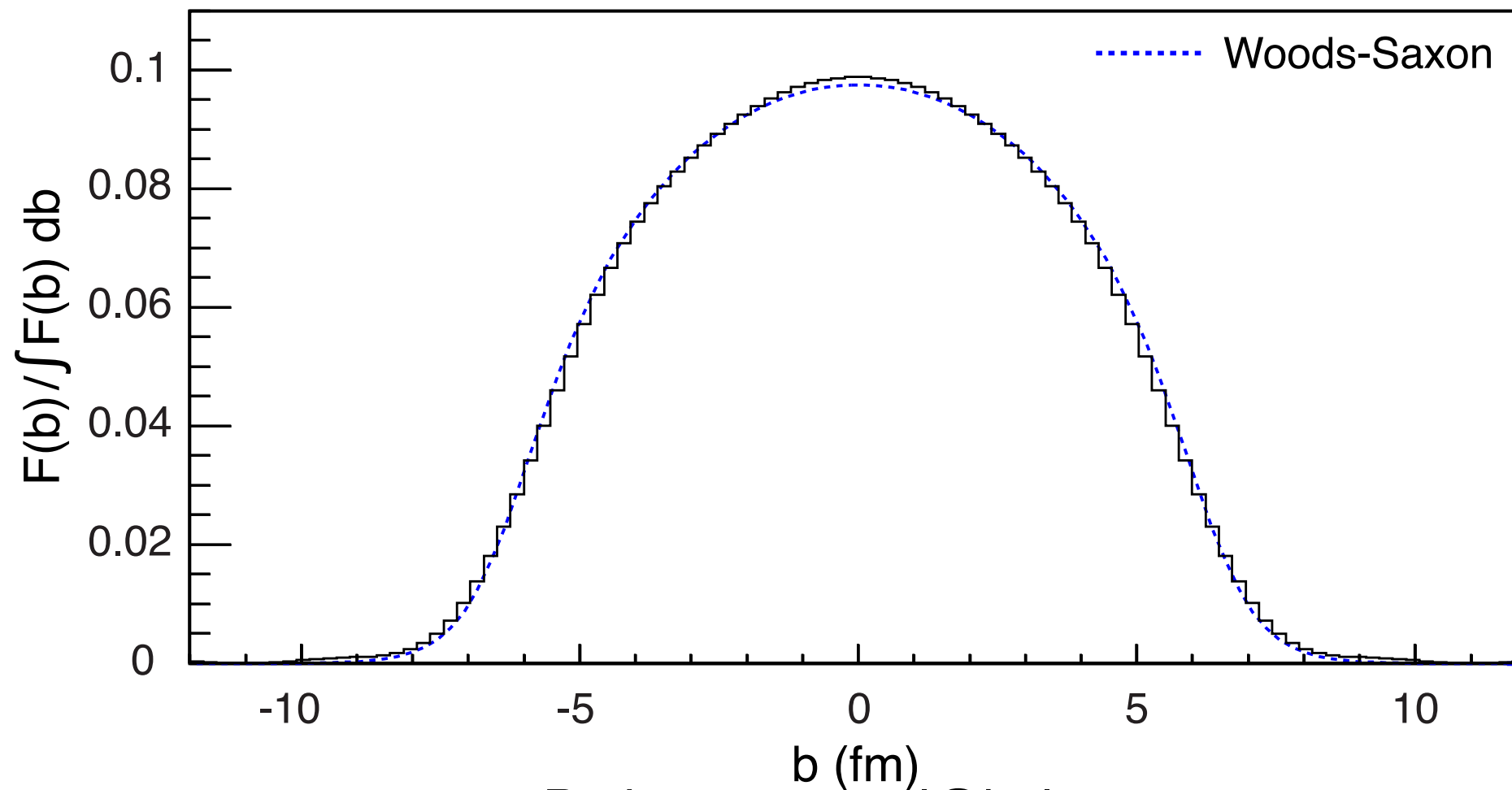
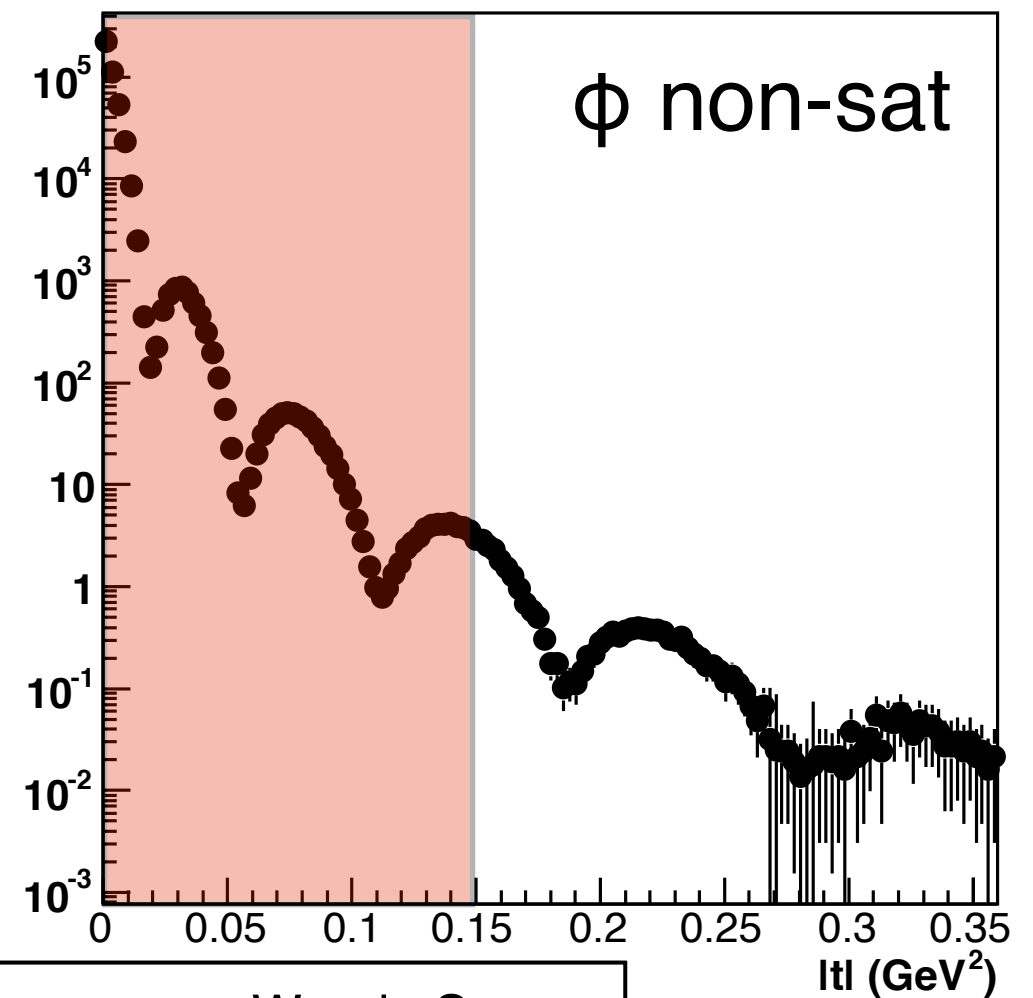


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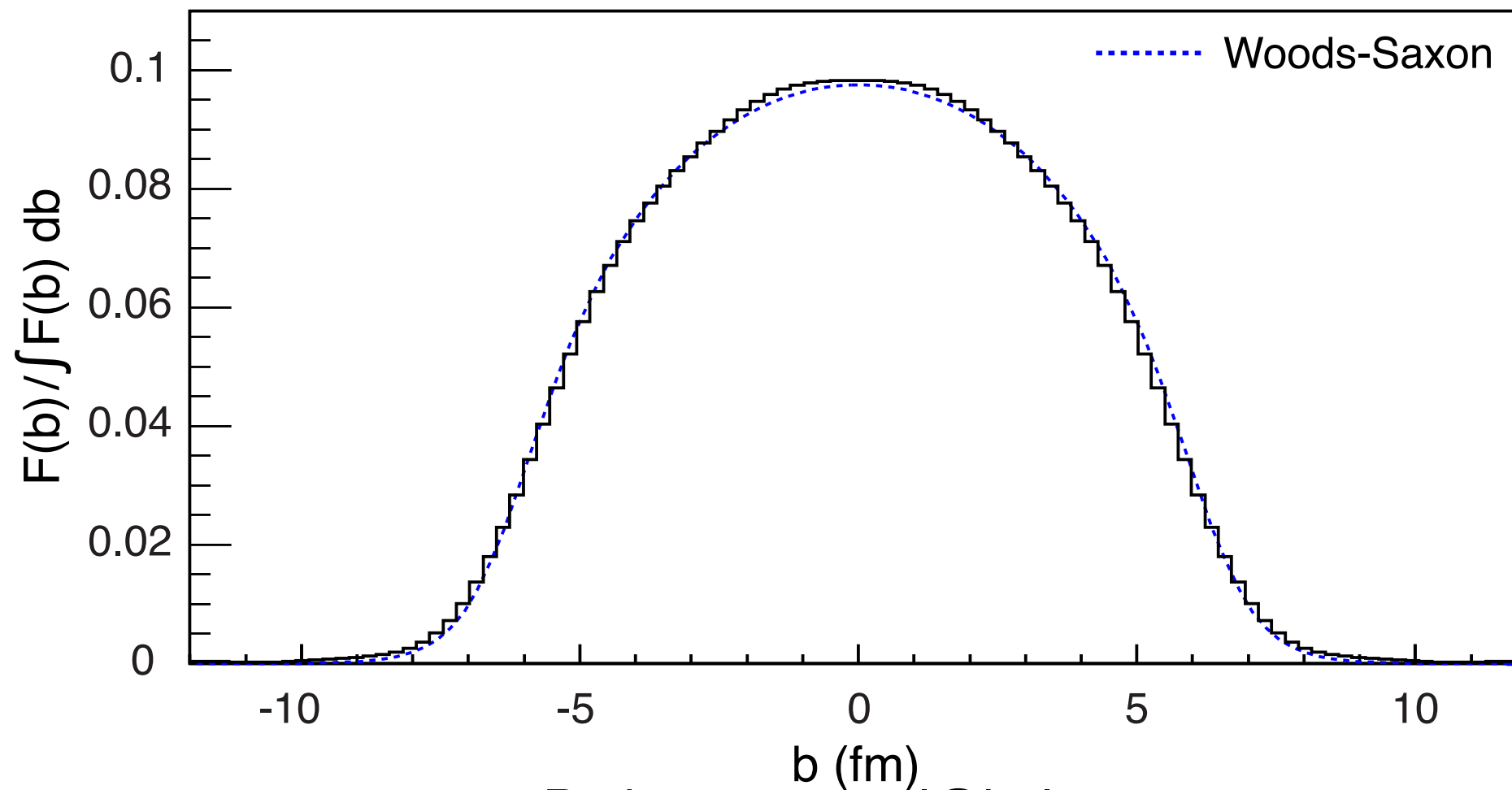
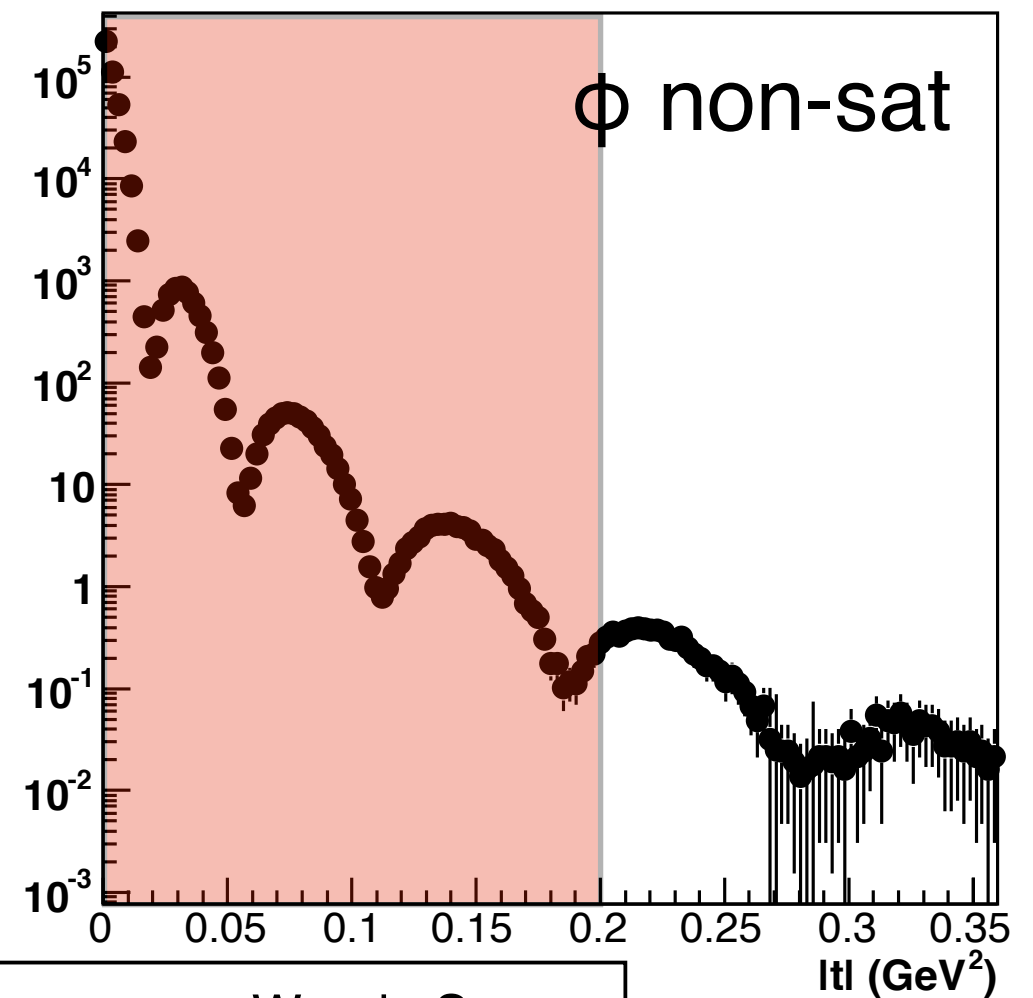


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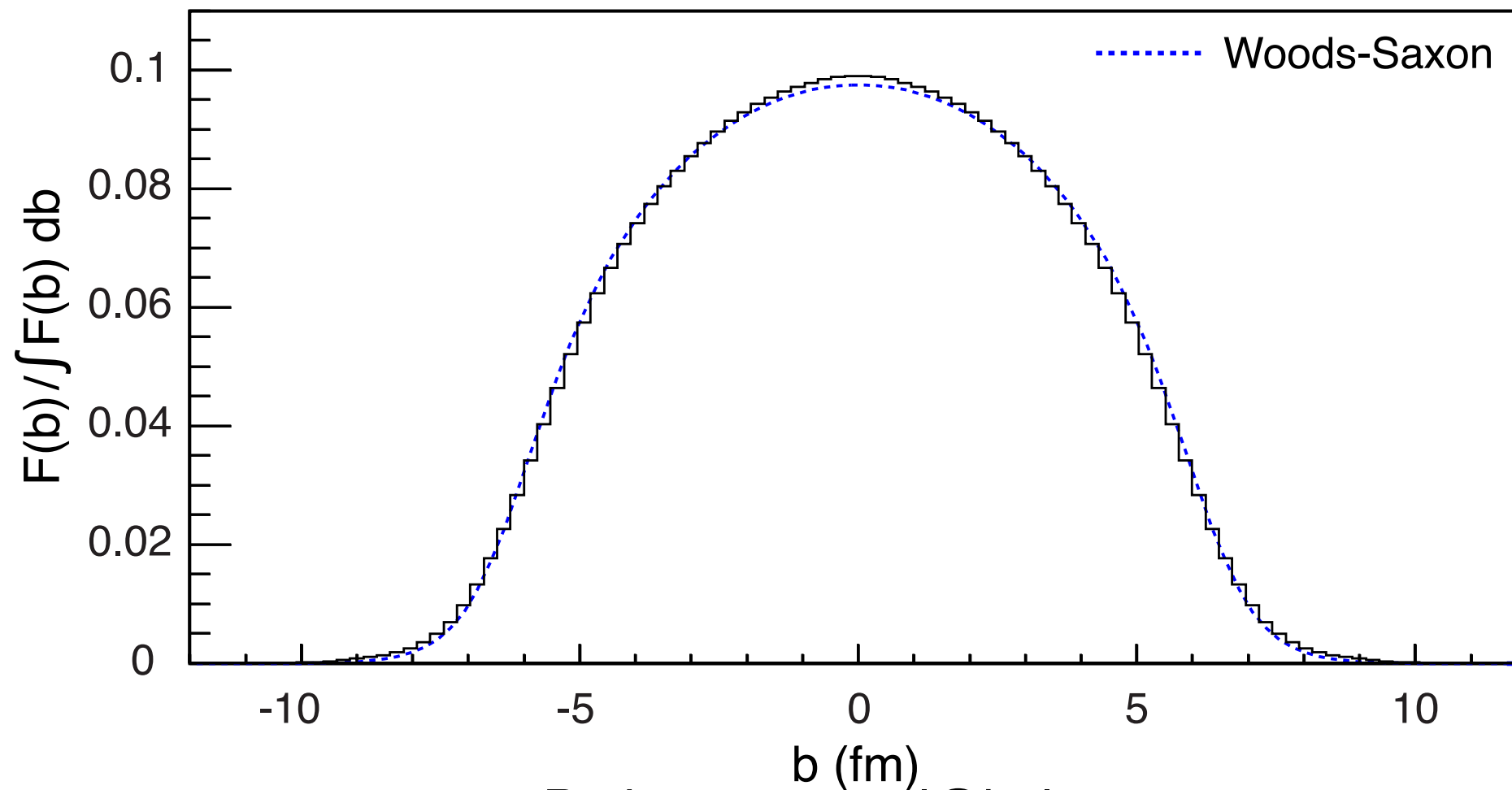
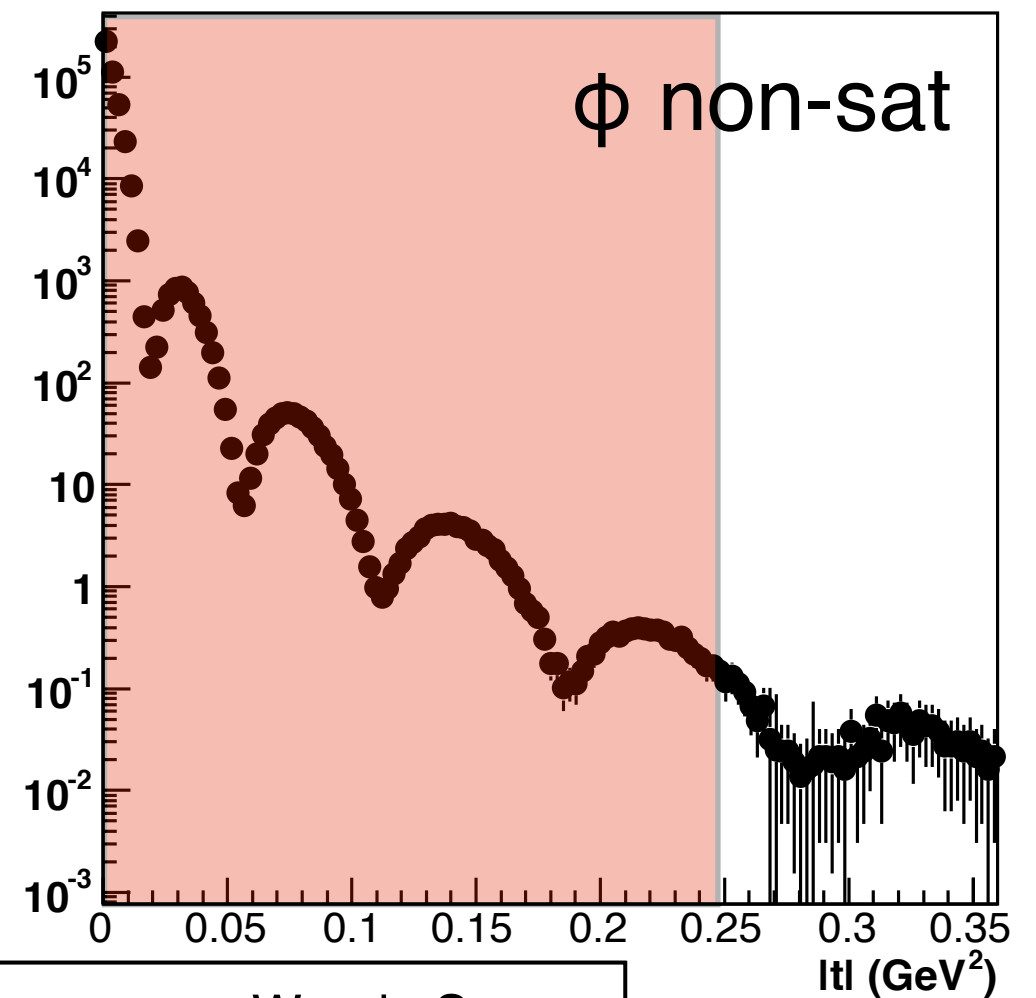


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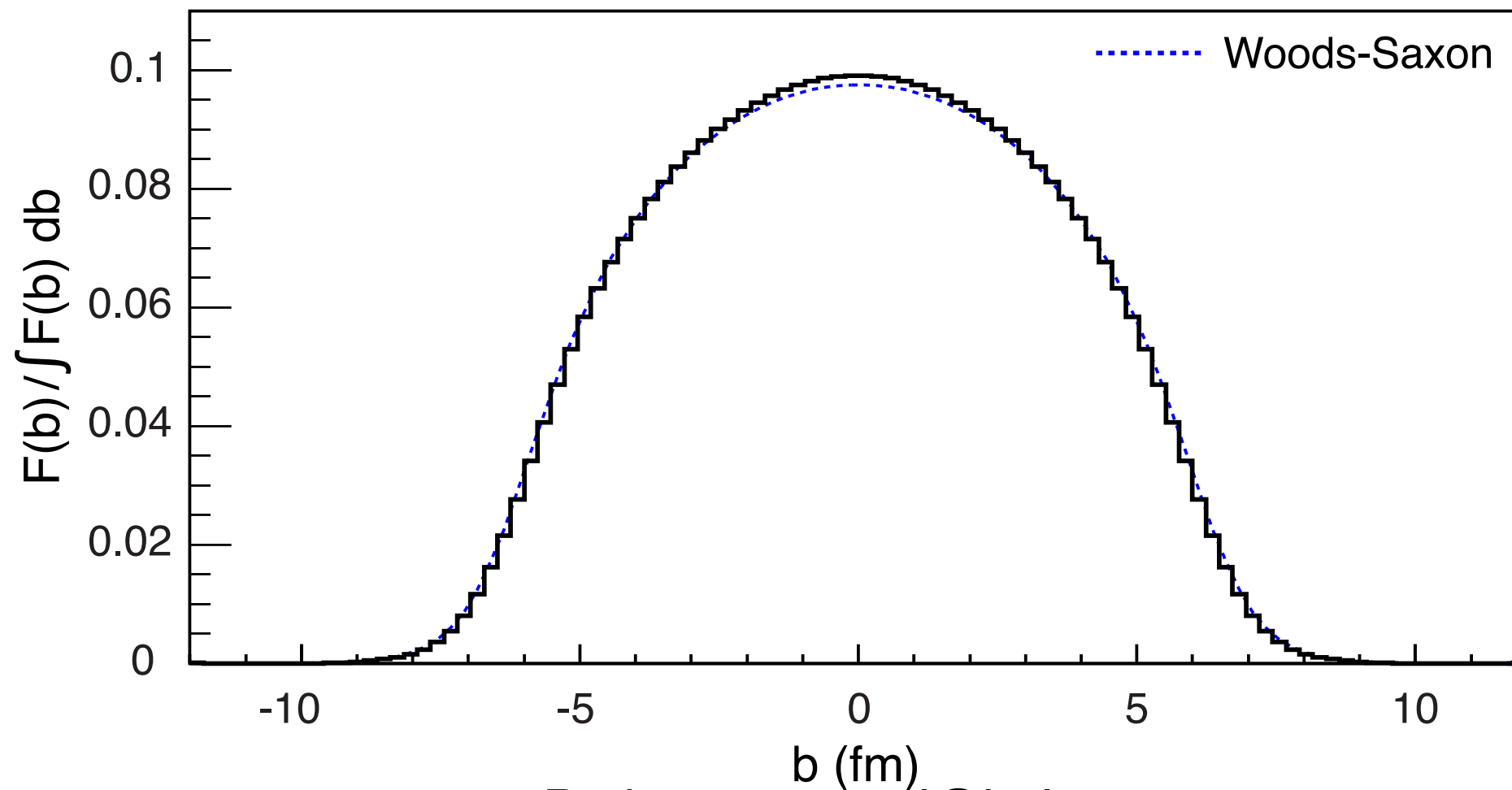
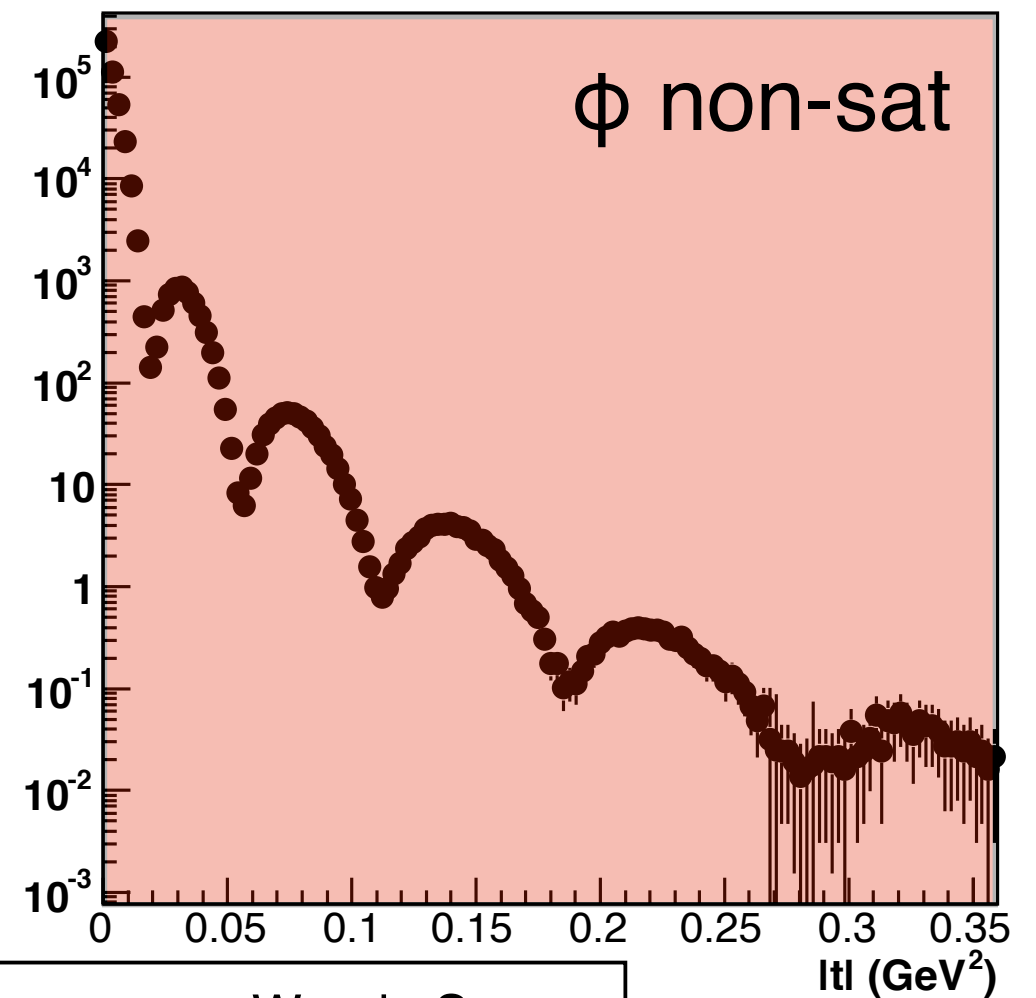


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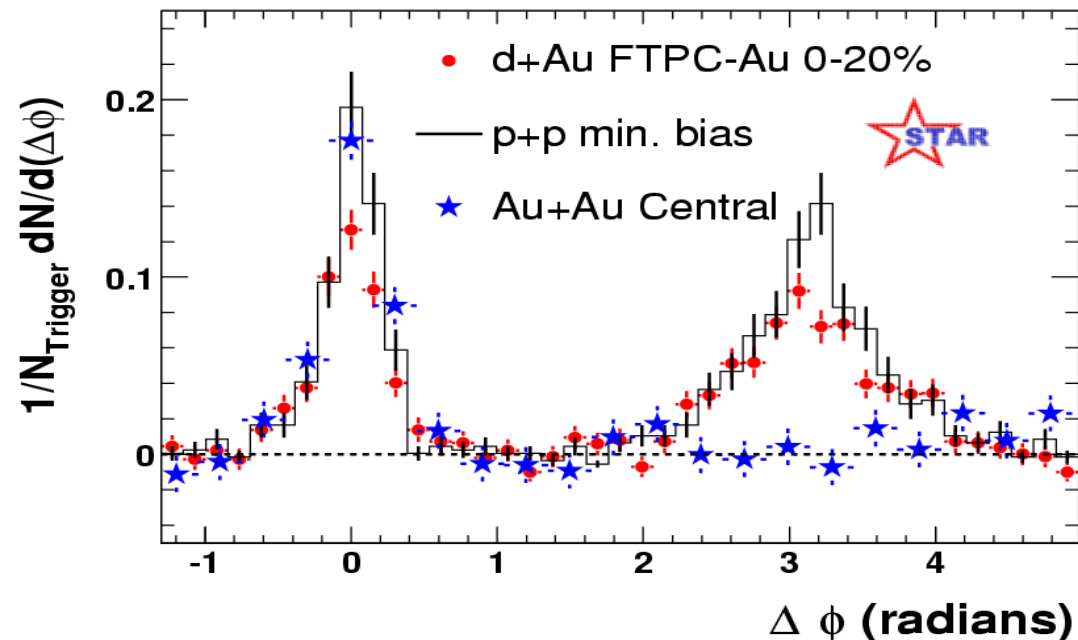
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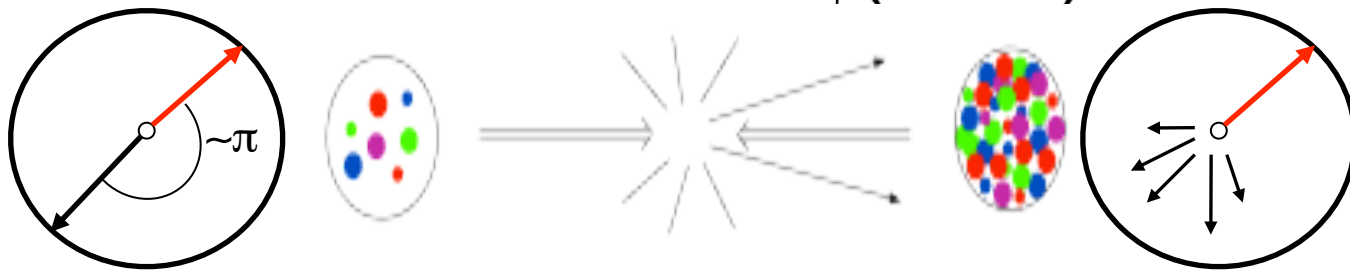
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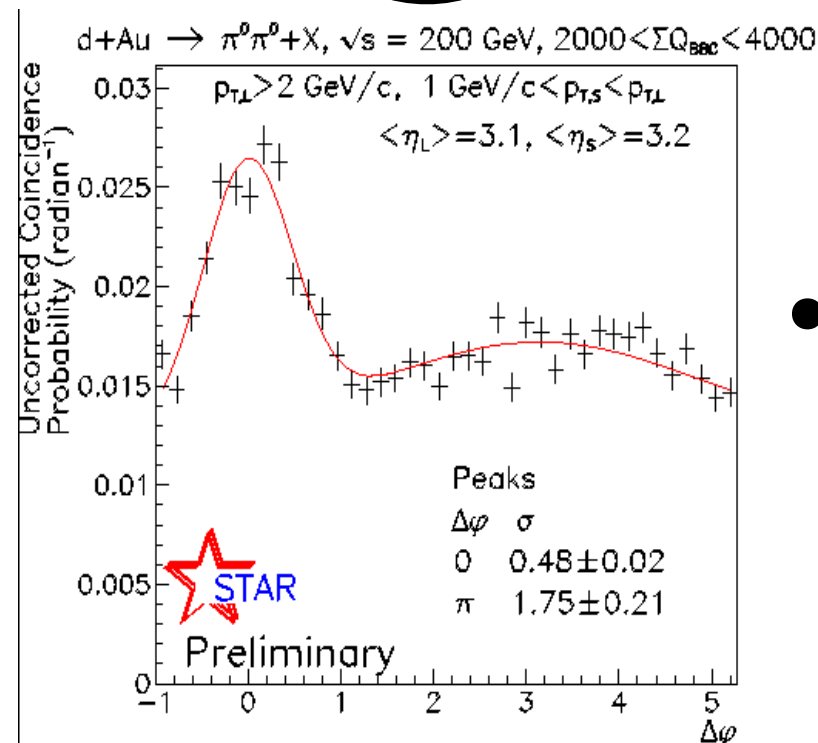
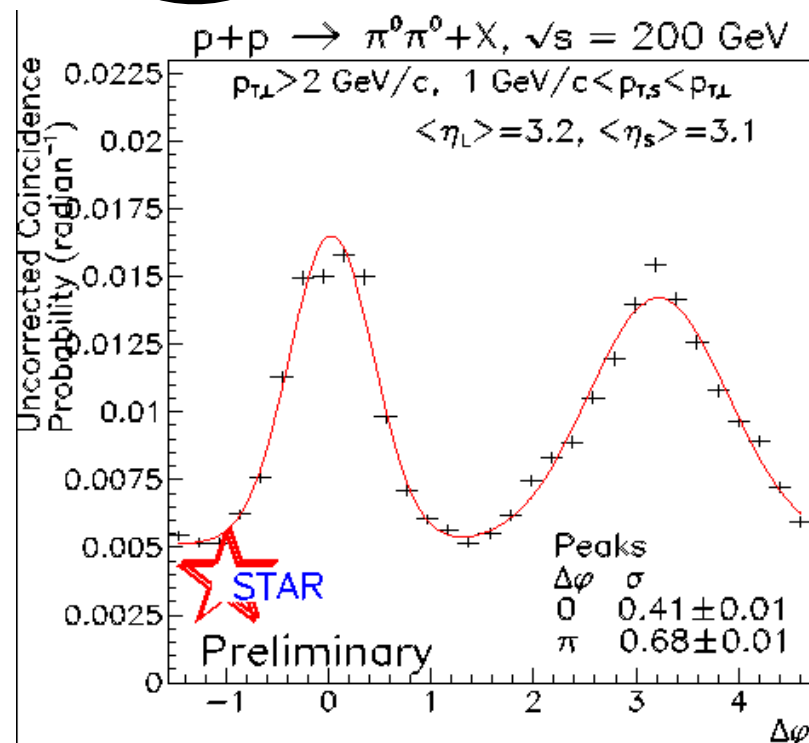
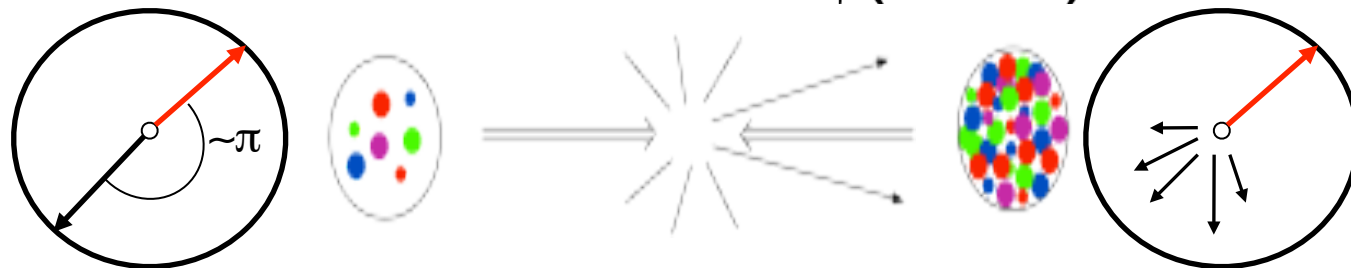
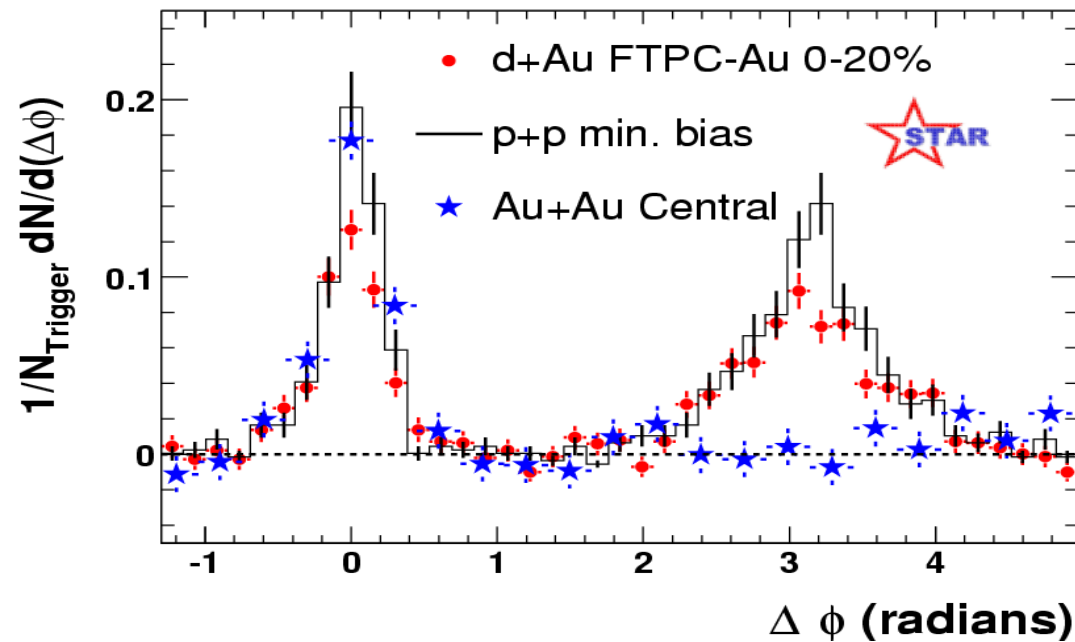
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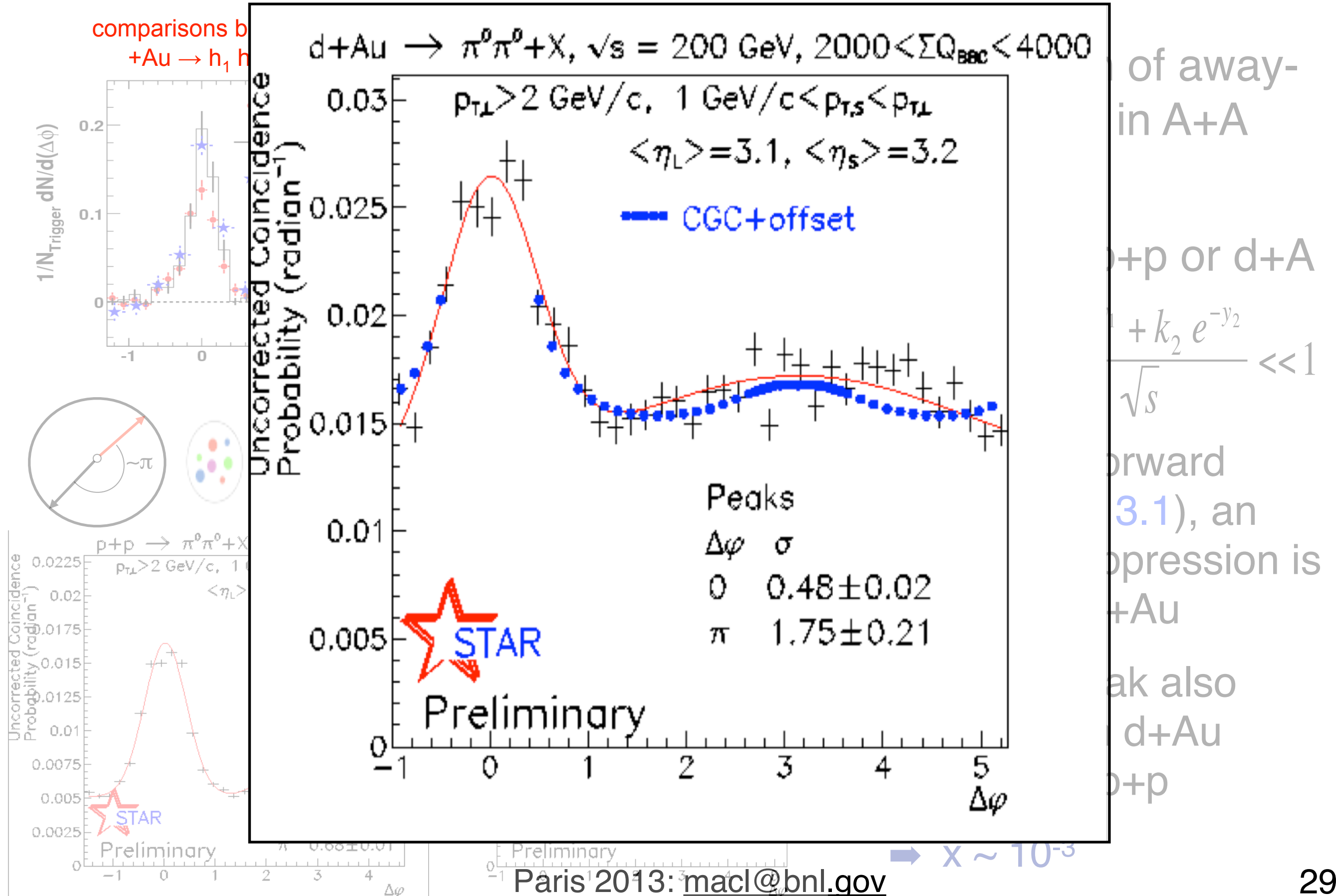
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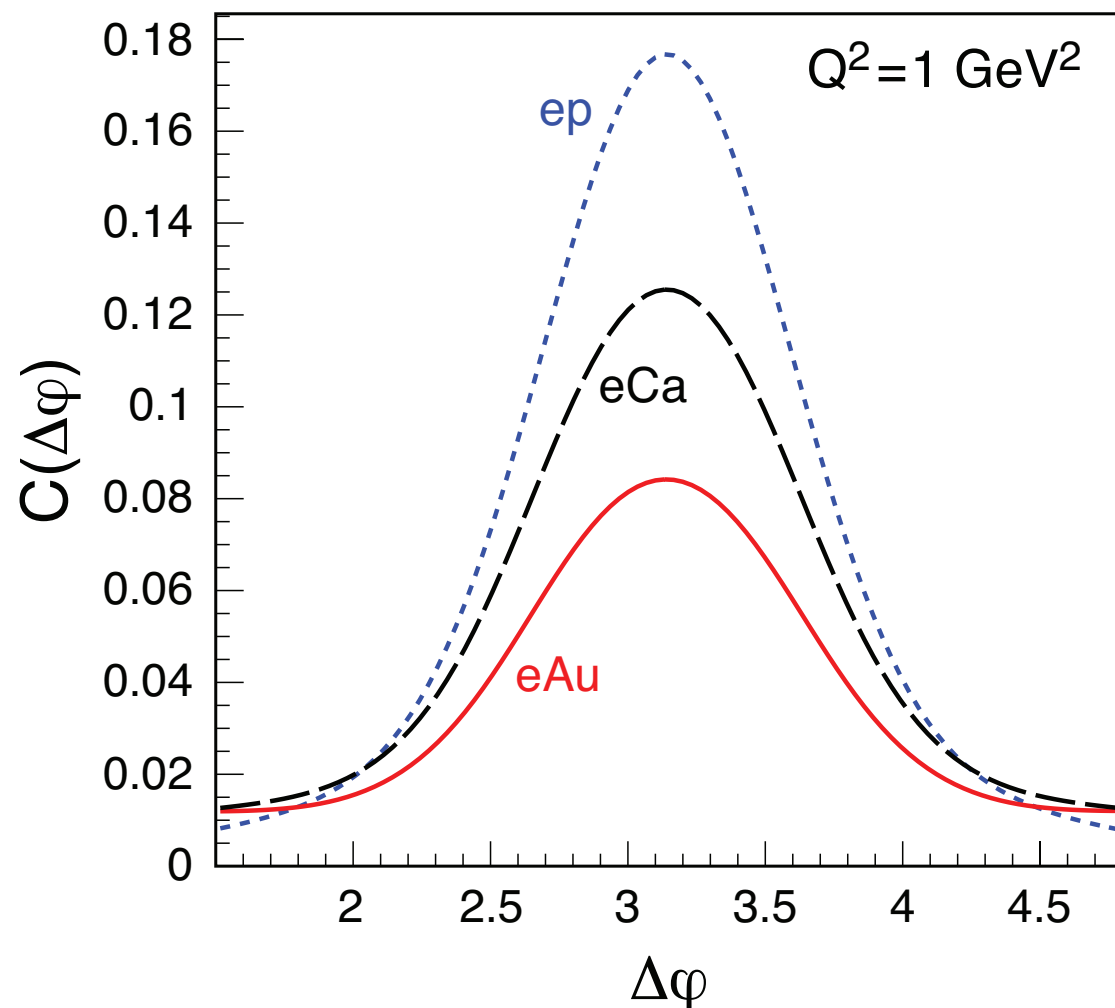
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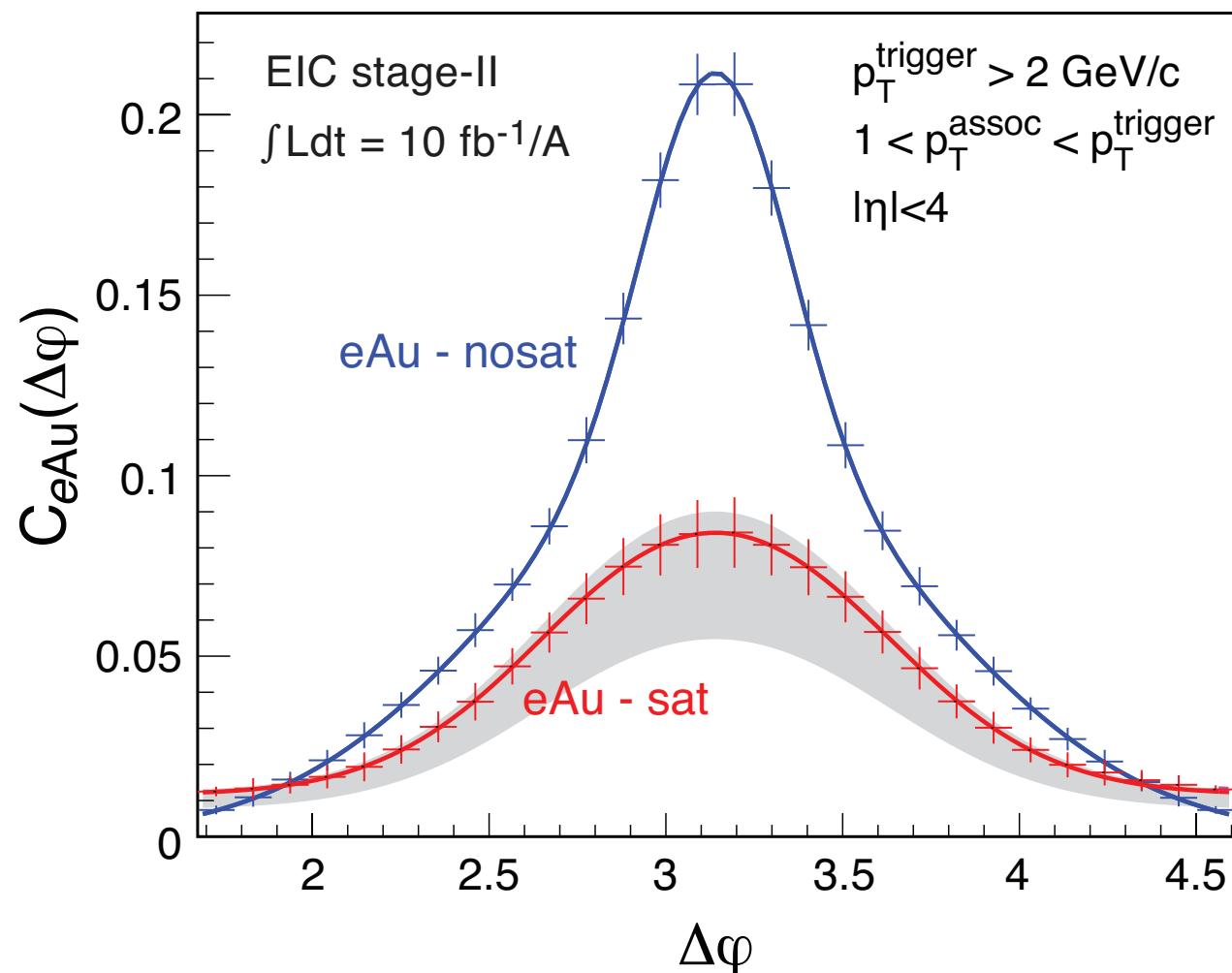
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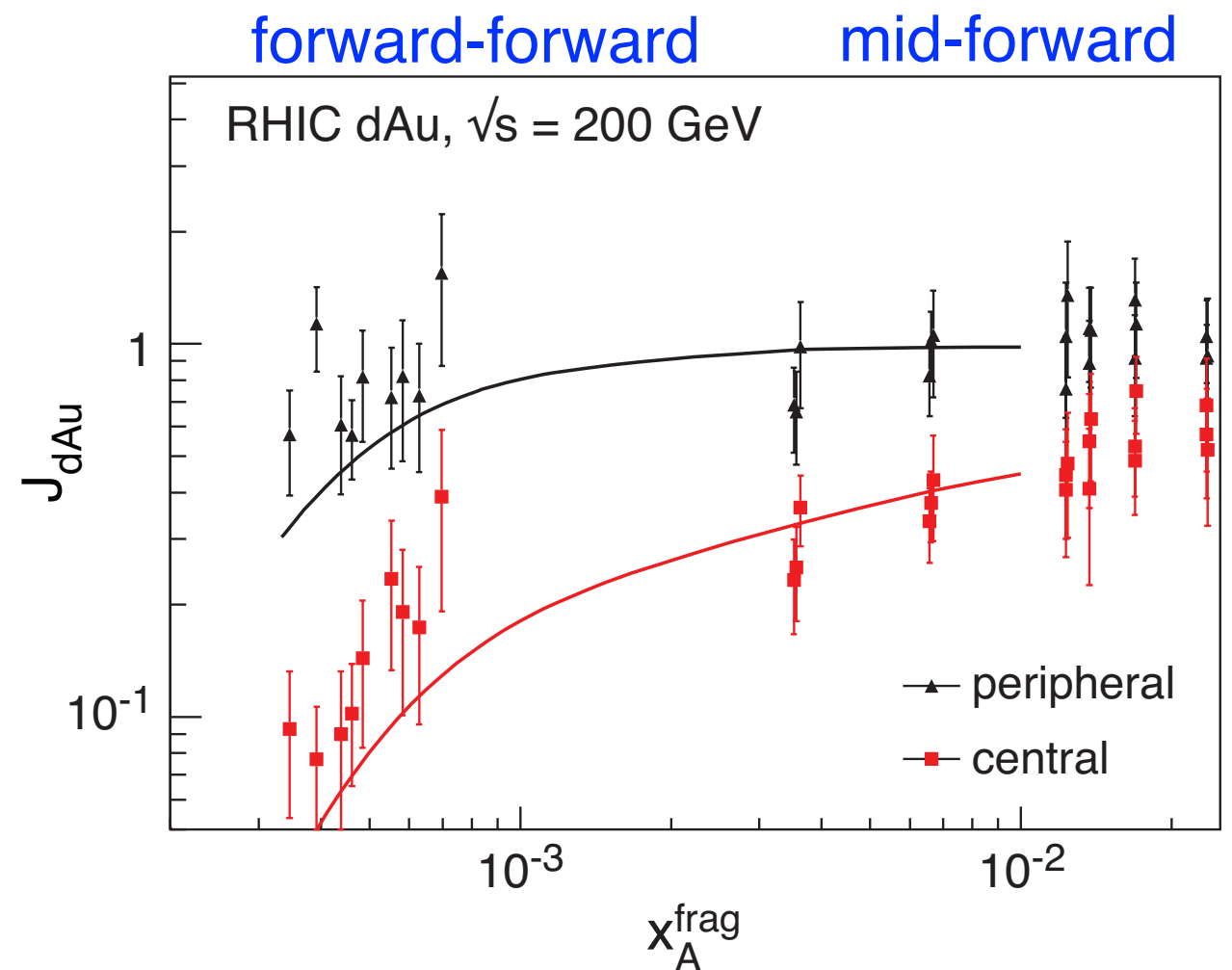
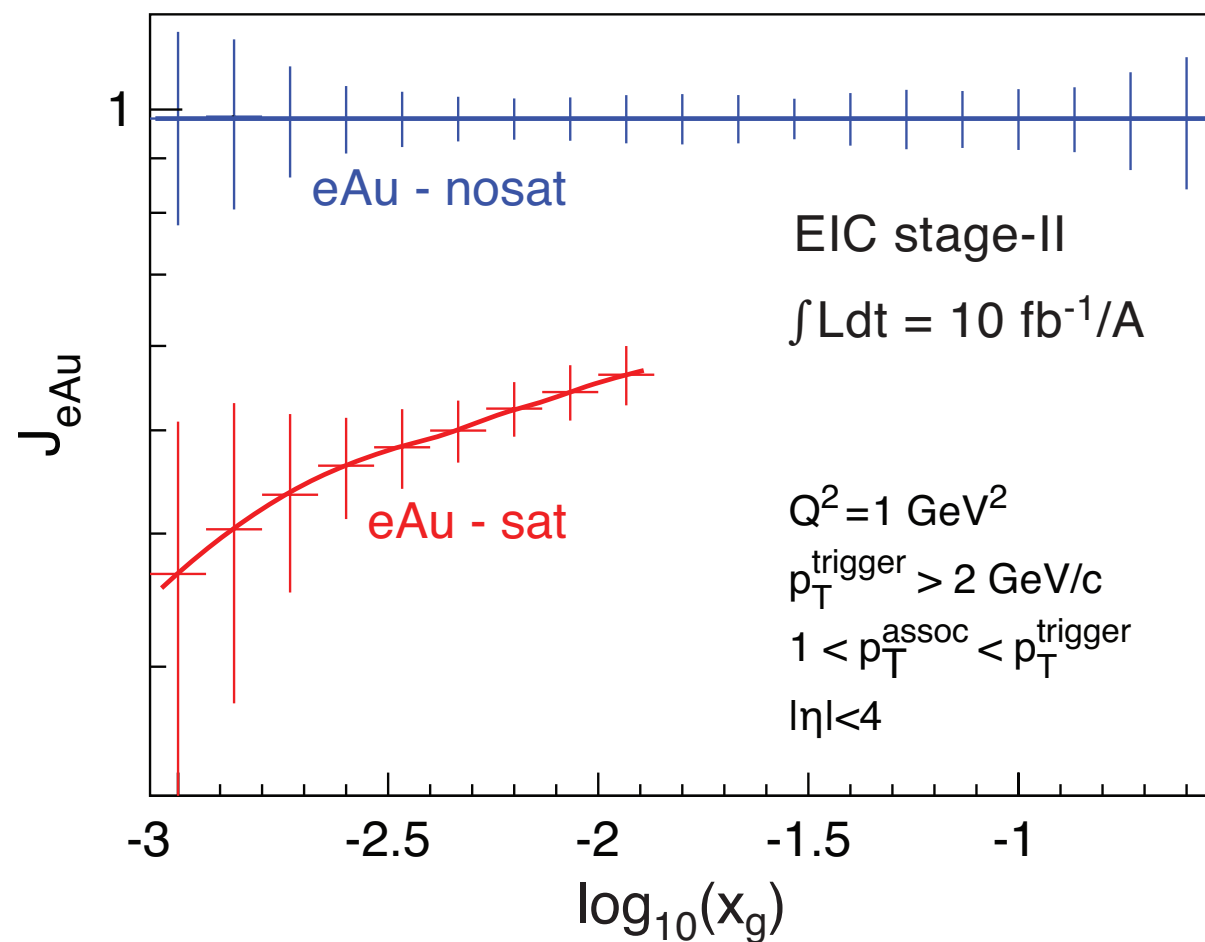
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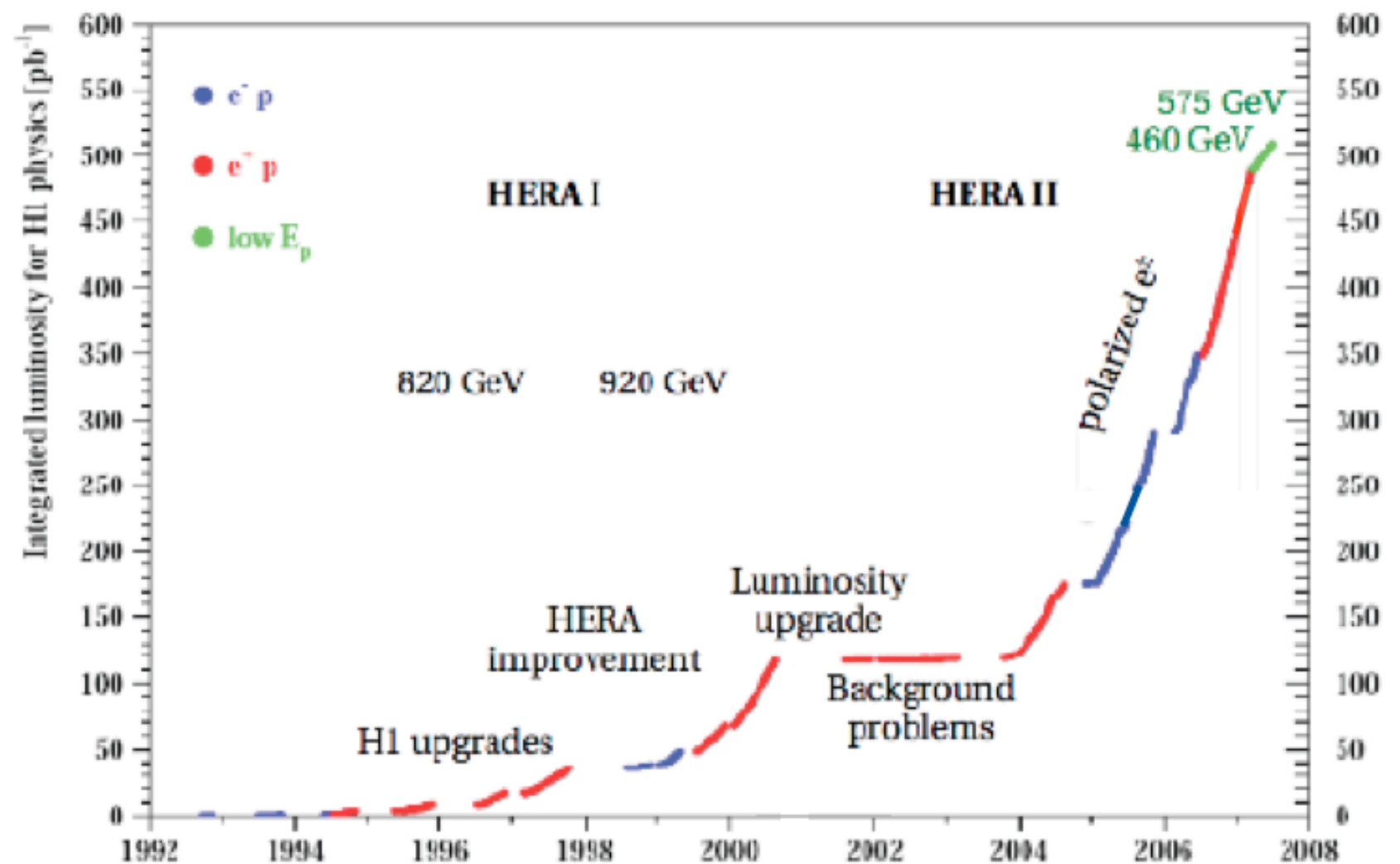
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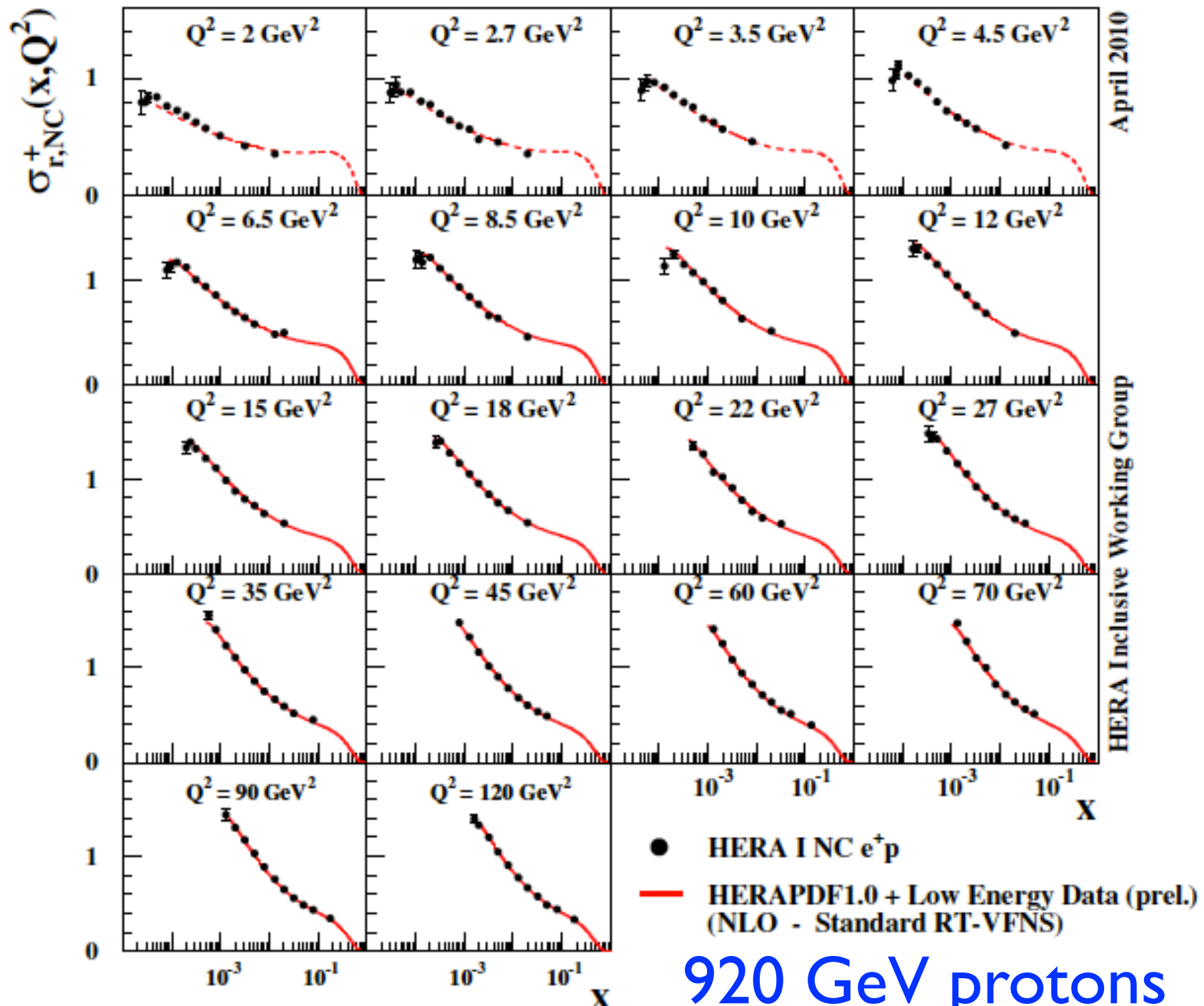
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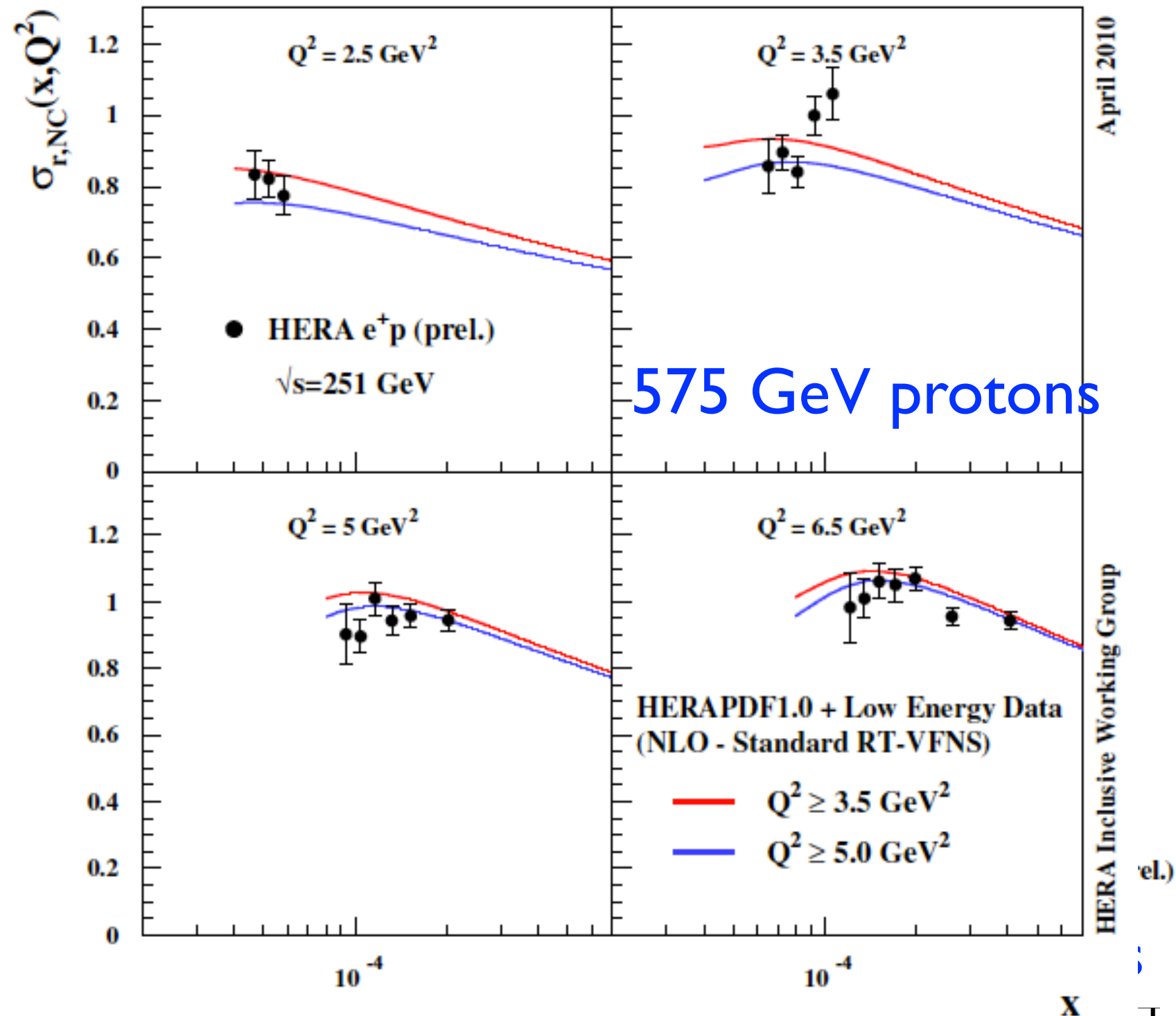
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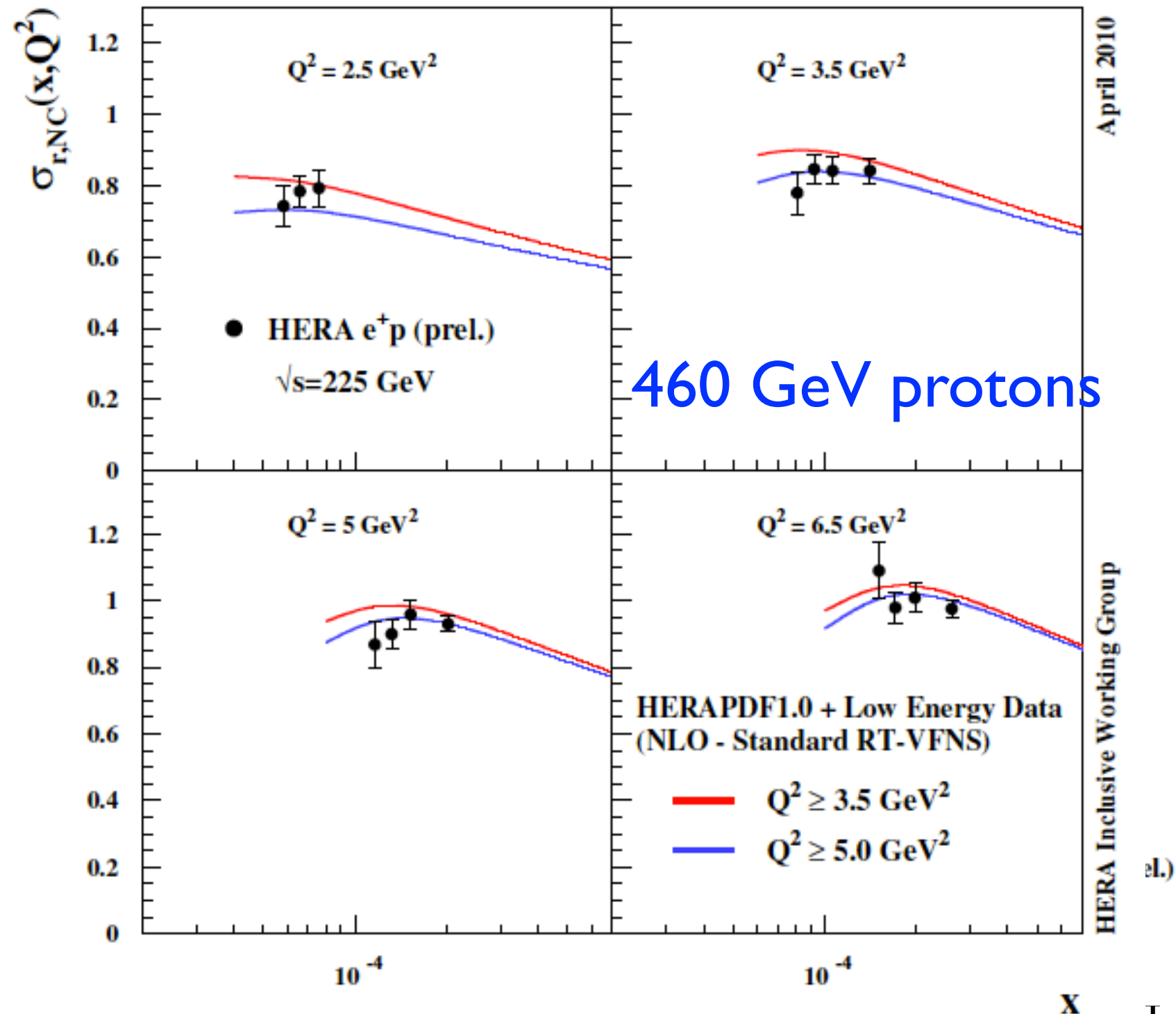
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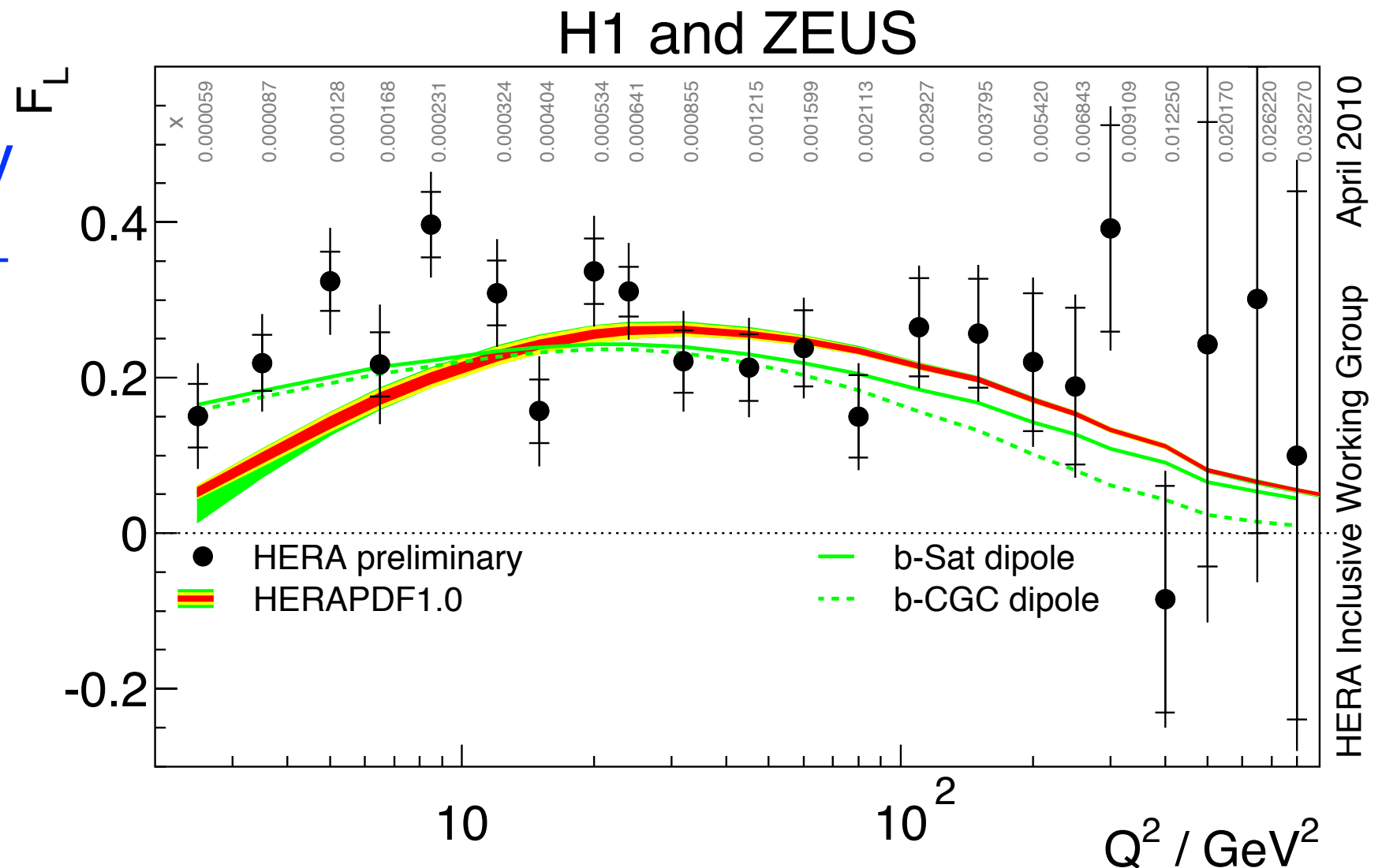
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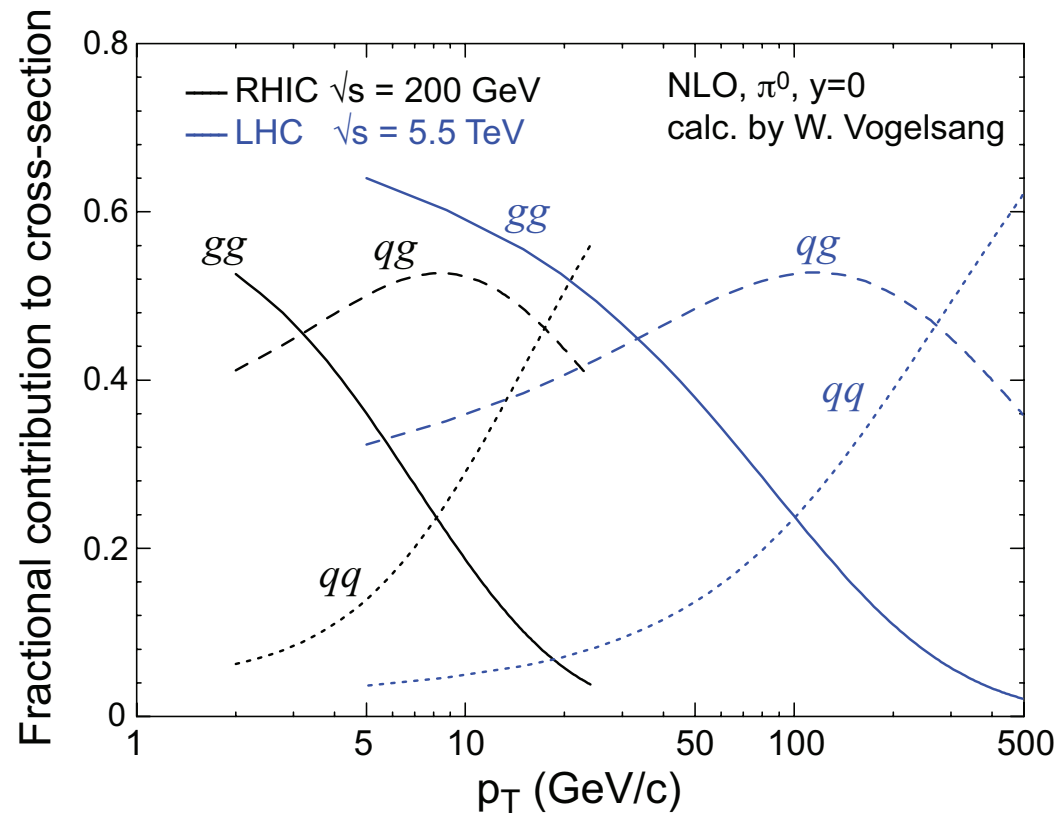
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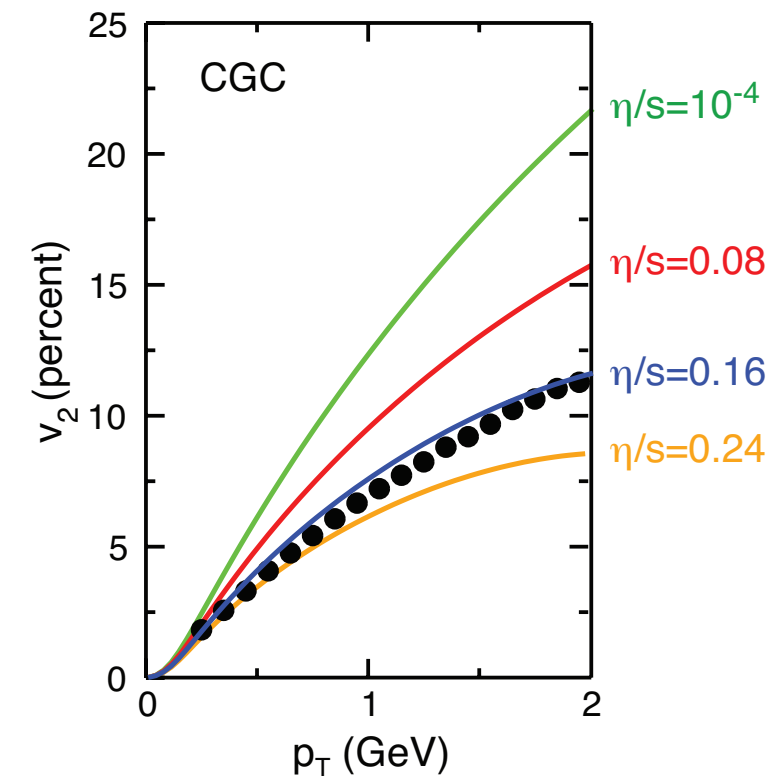
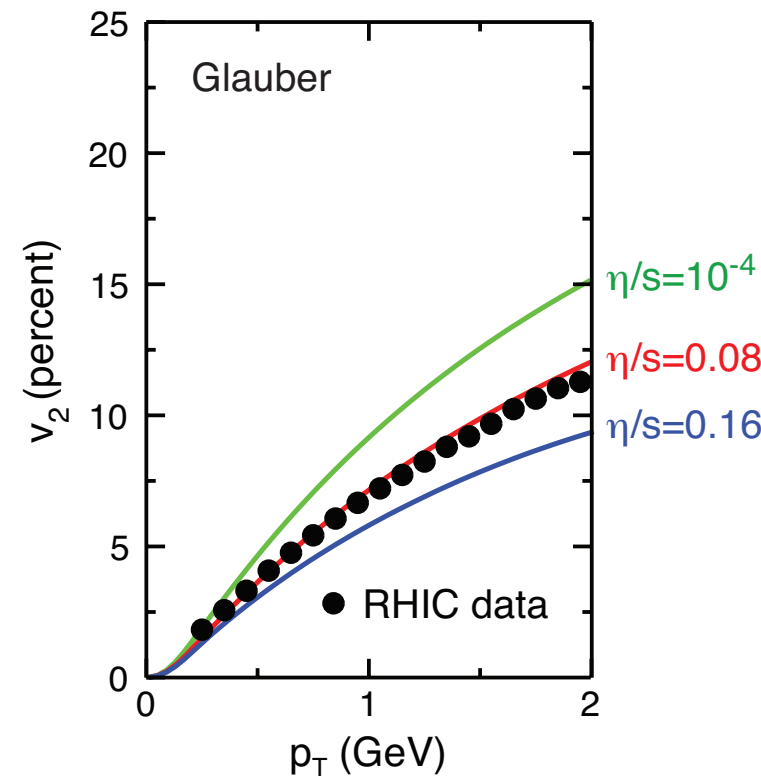
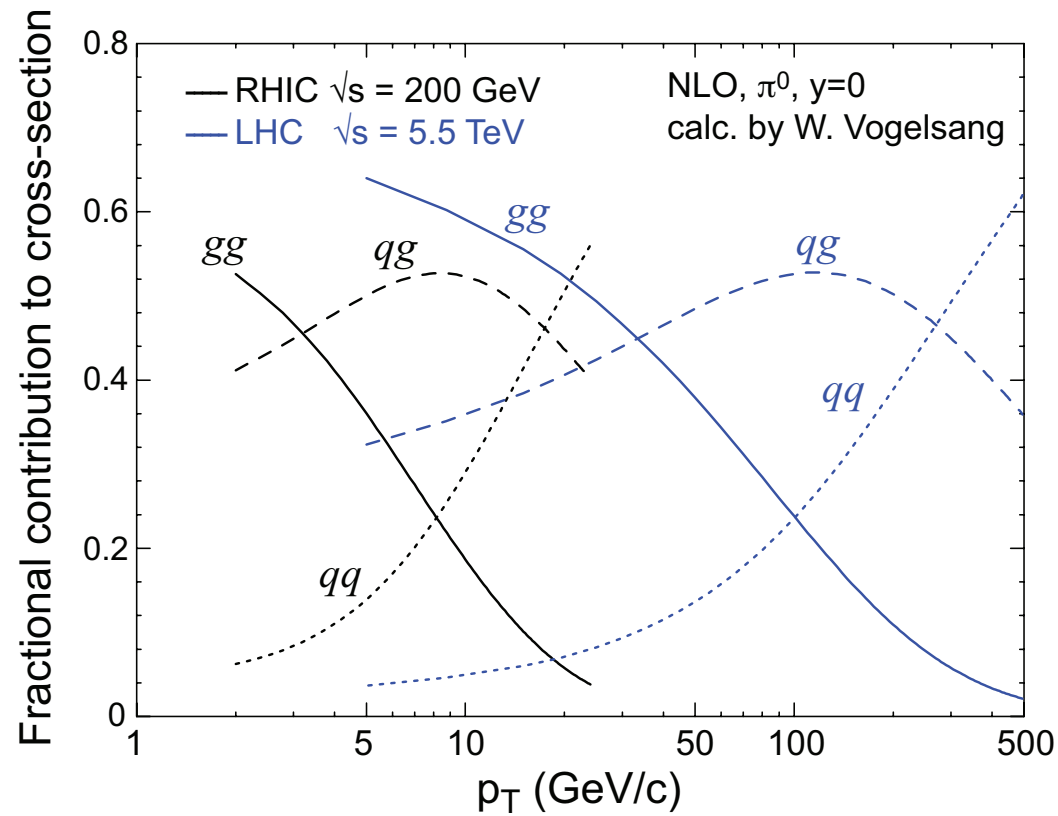
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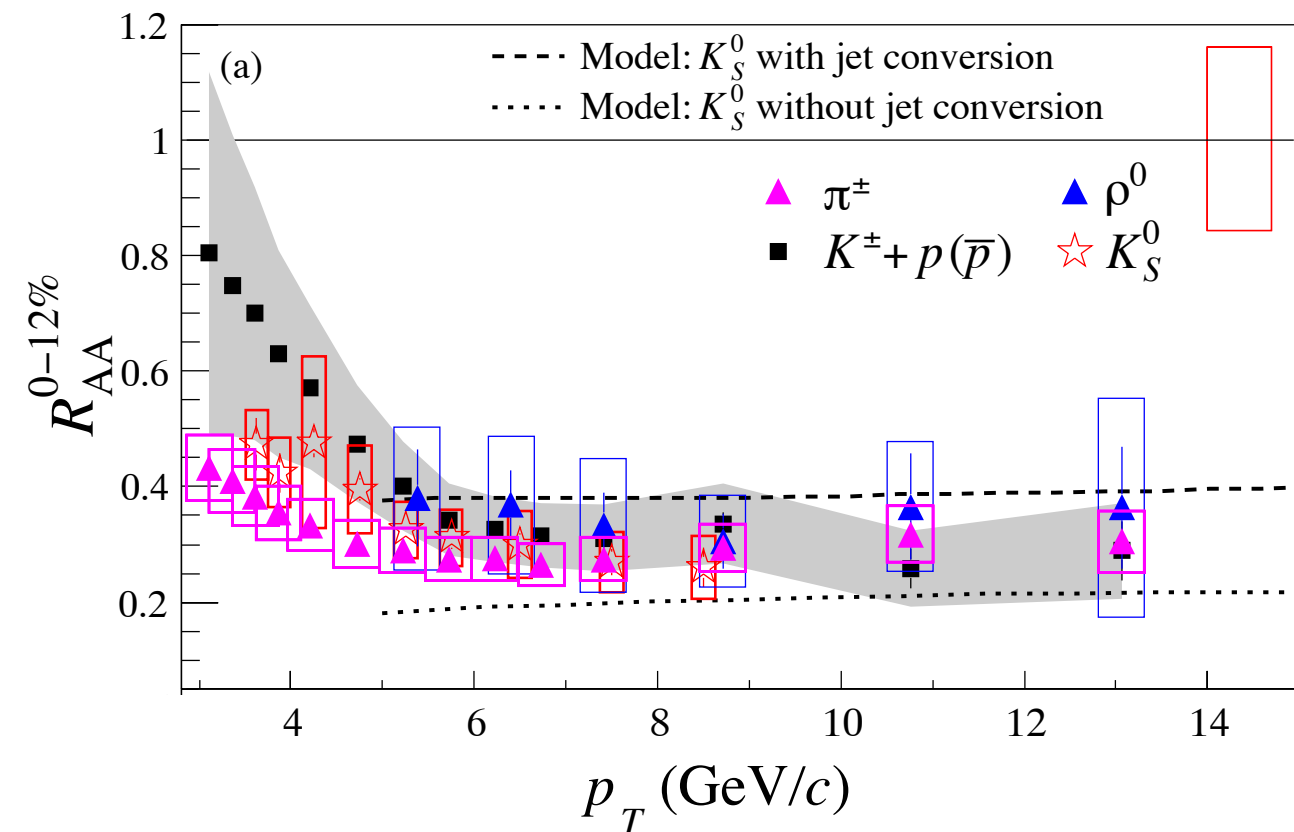
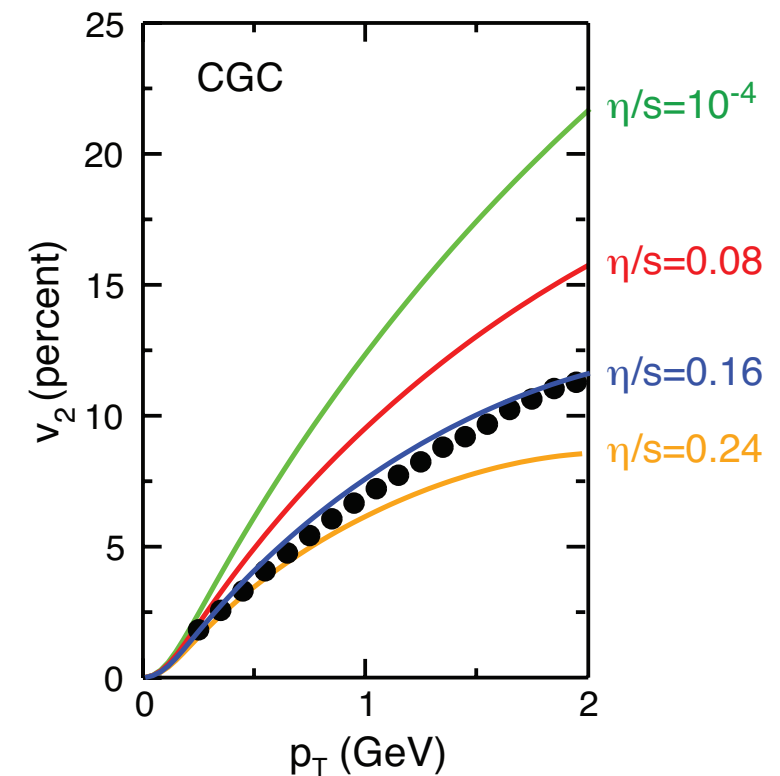
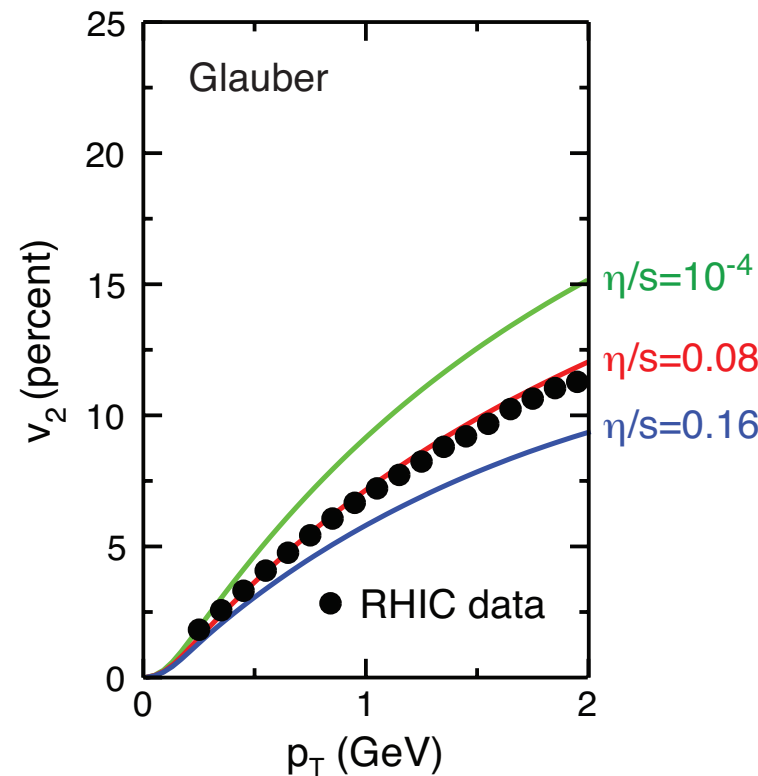
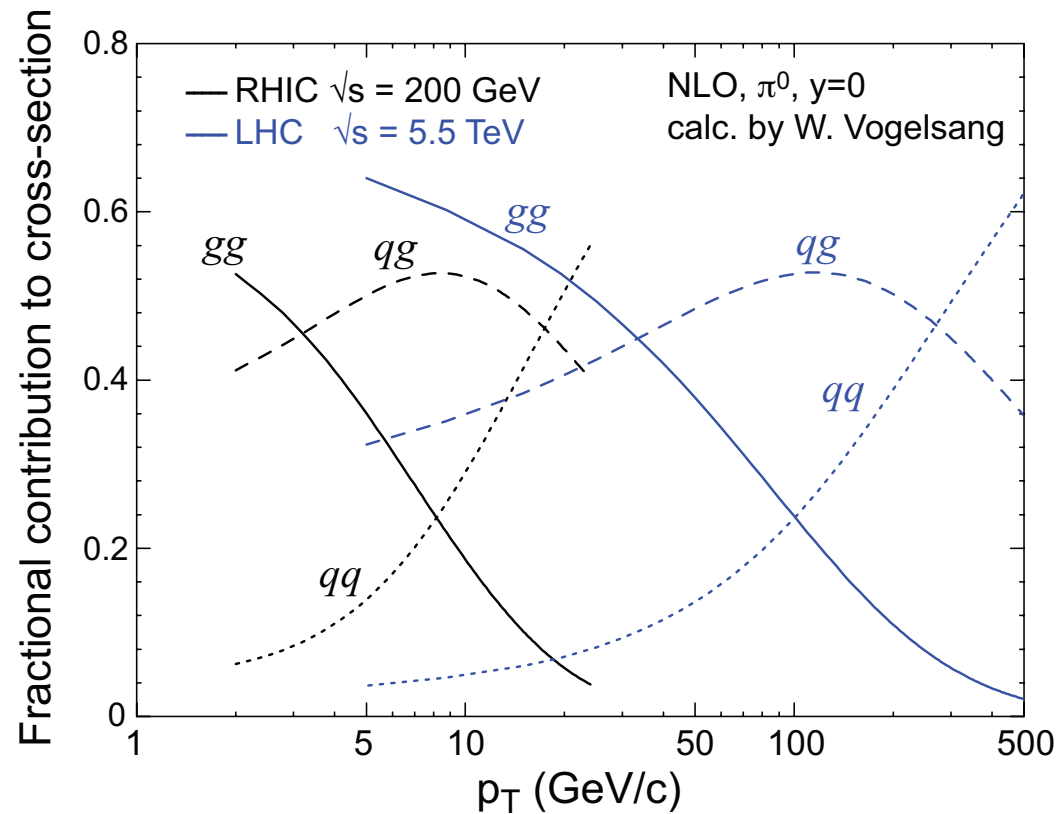
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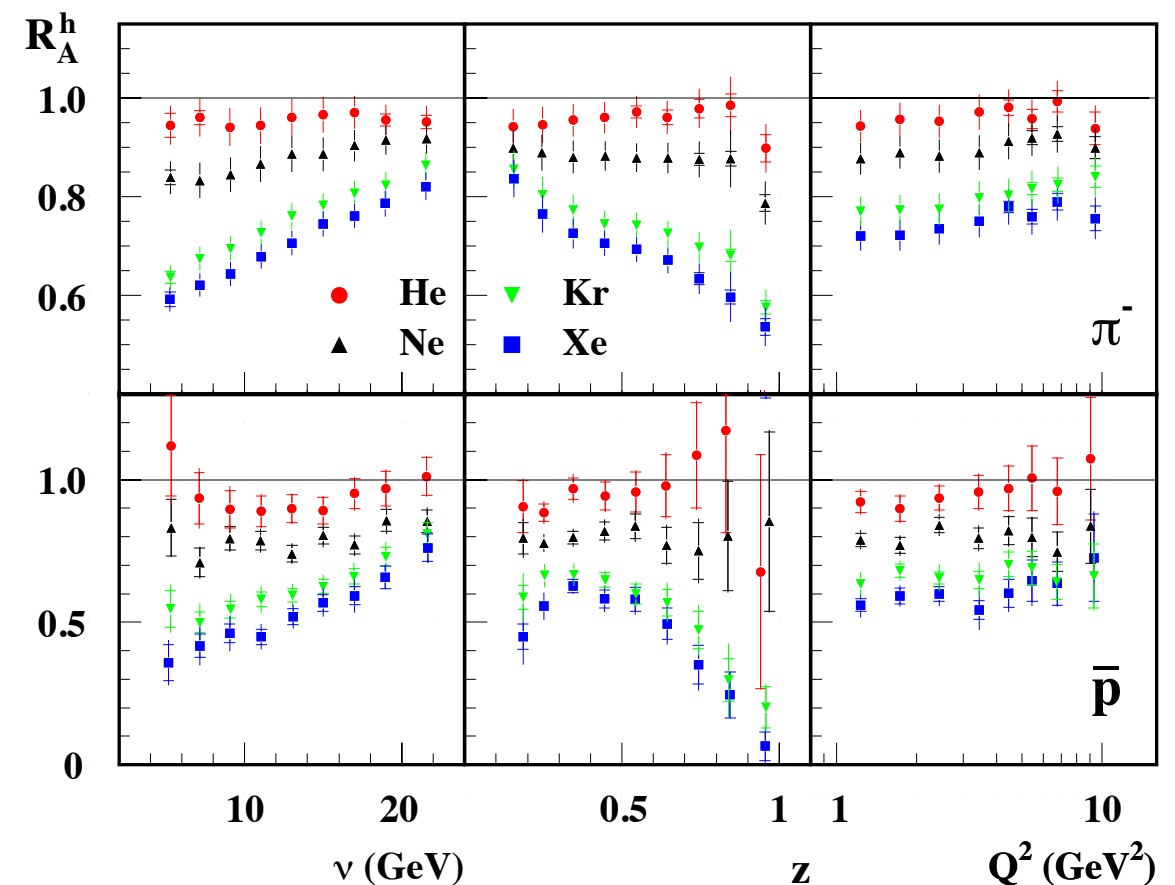
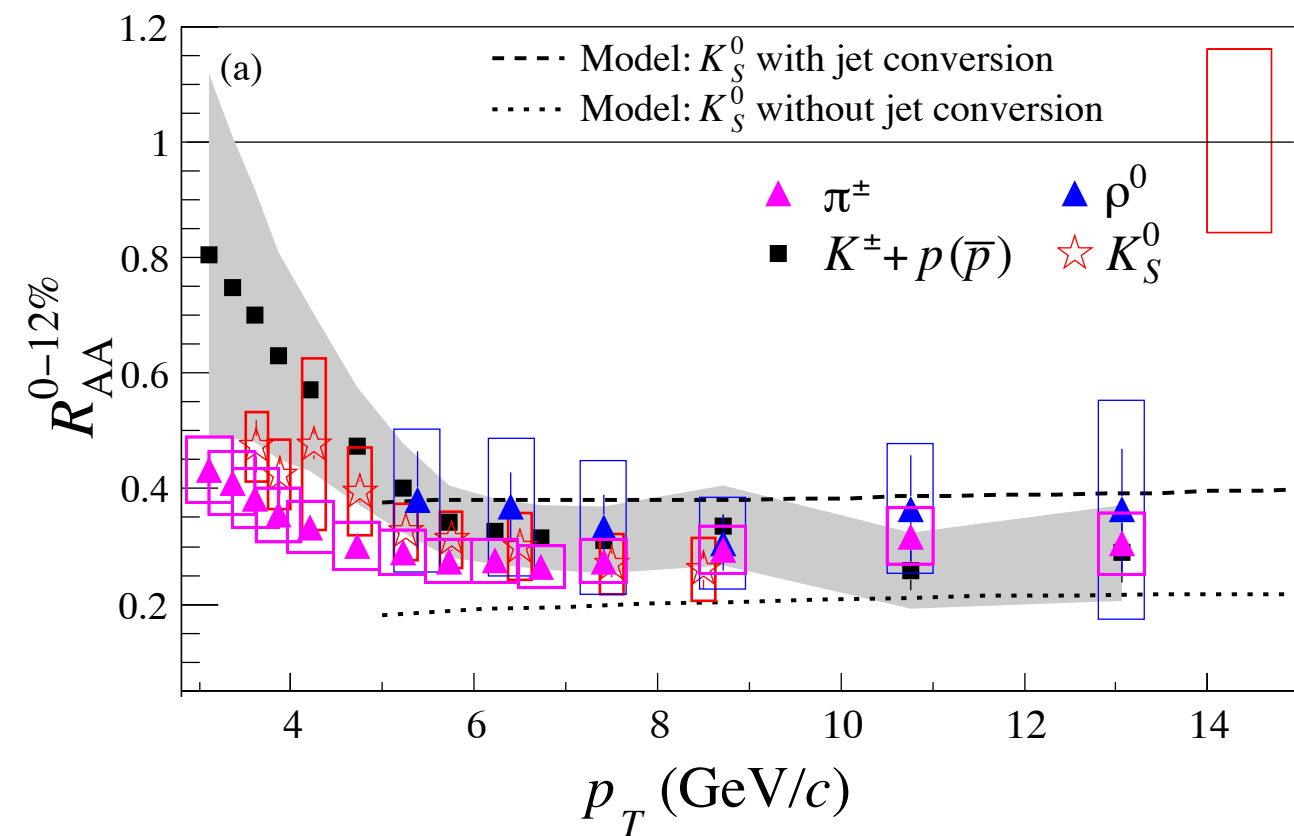
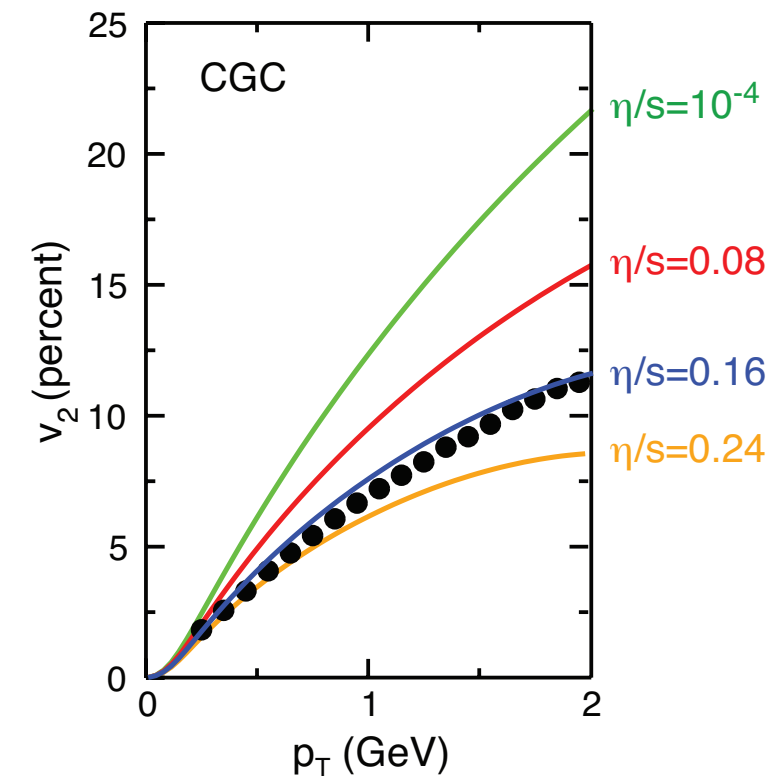
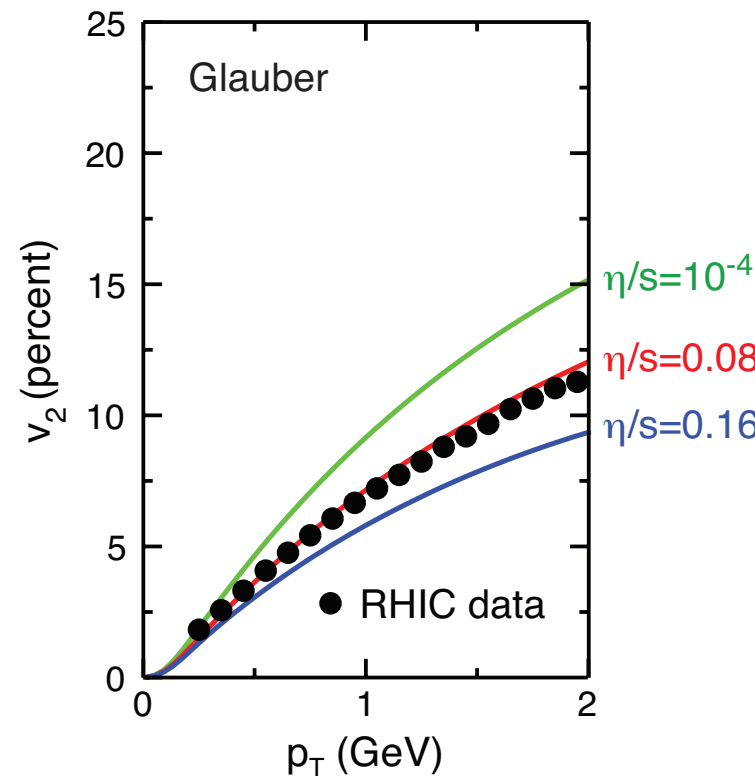
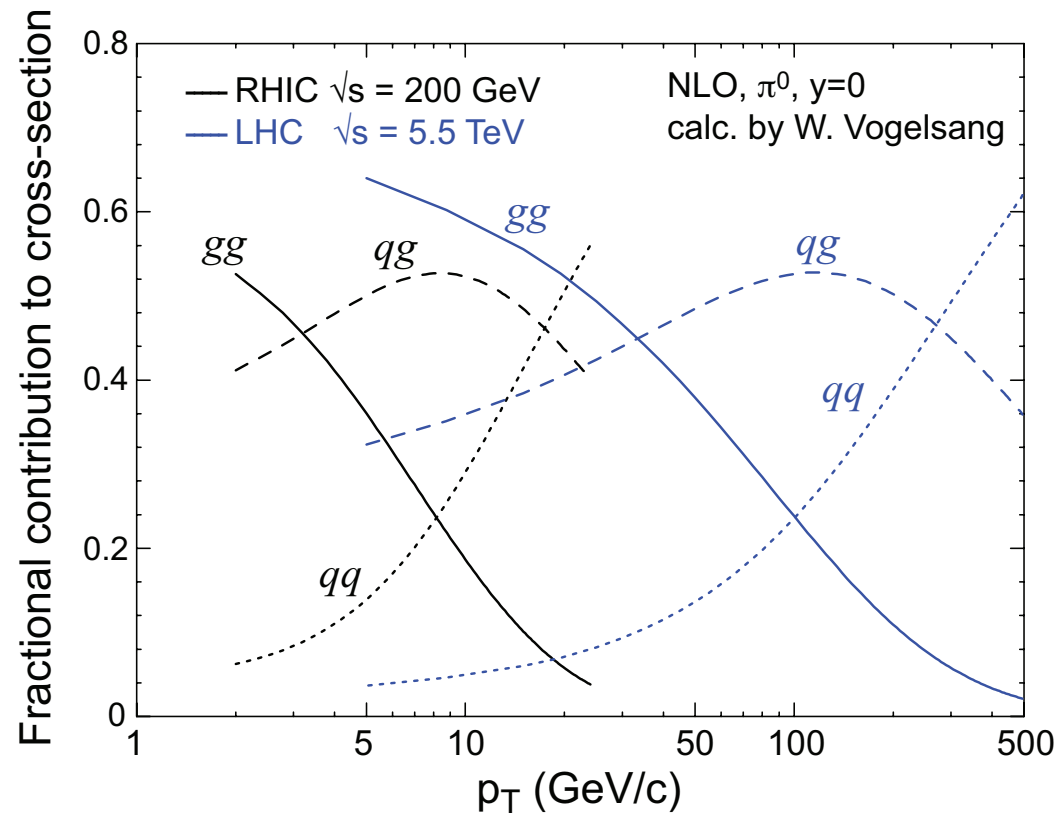
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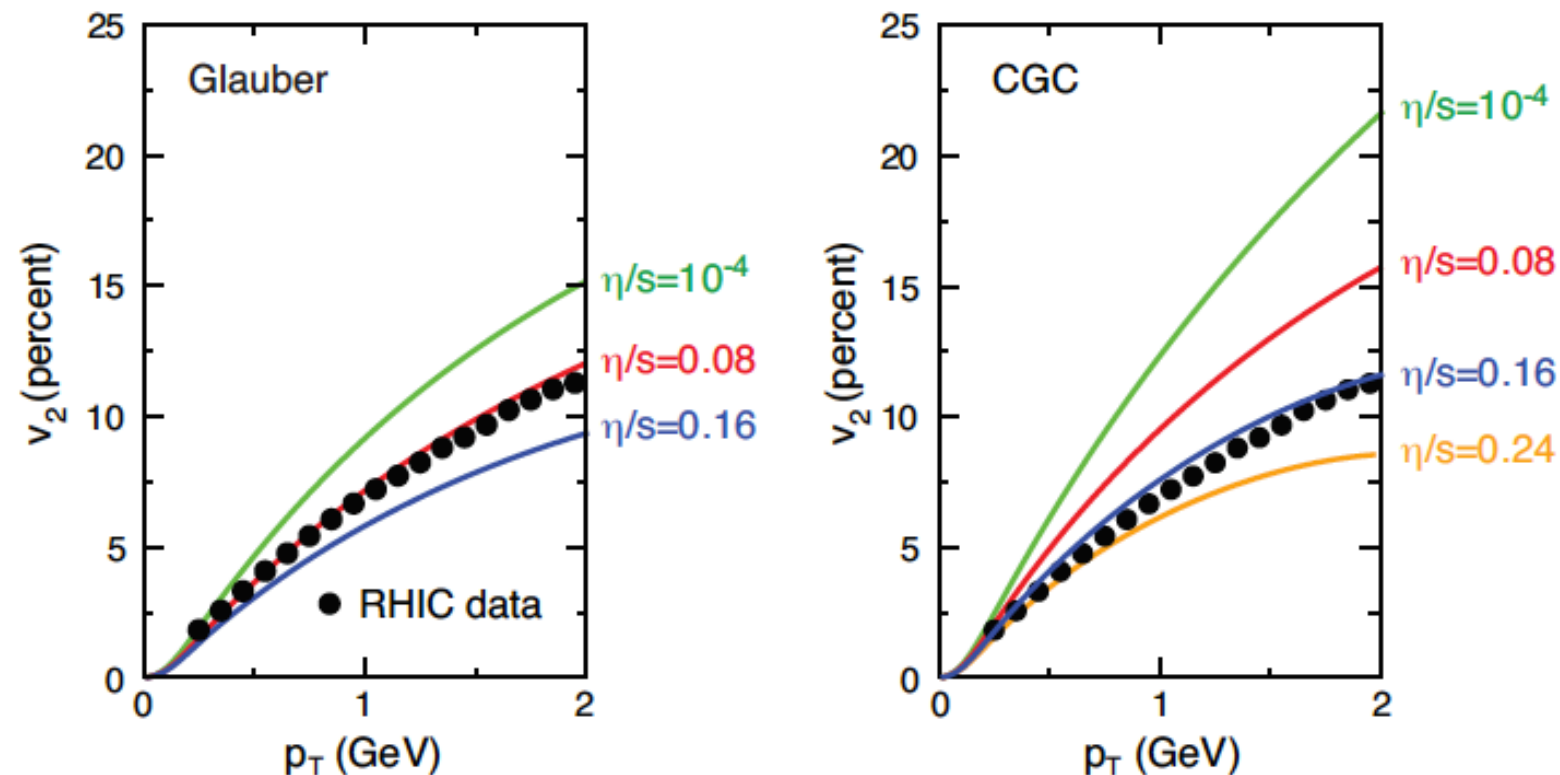
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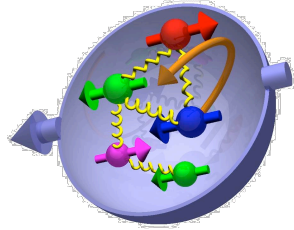
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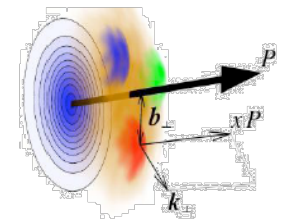
Spin physics



- What is the polarisation of gluons at small x where they dominate?
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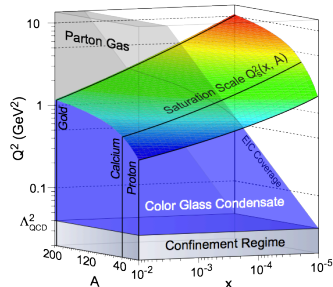
Determine quark and gluon contributions to the proton spin at last!!

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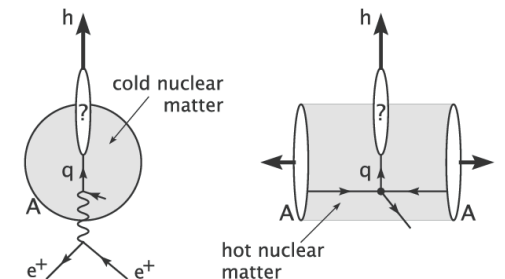


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- Understand deep aspects of gauge theories revealed by k_T dependent distributions

Possible window to orbital angular momentum



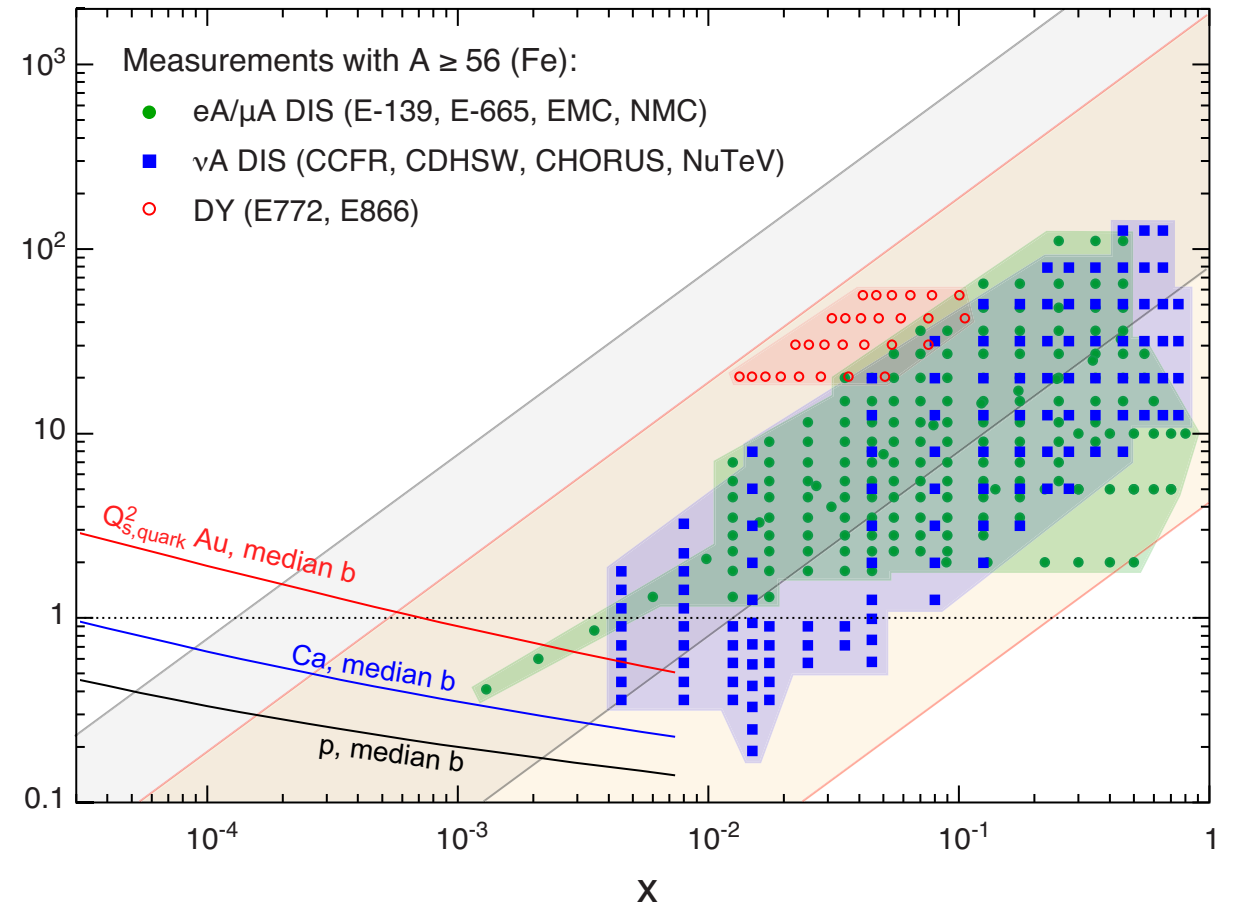
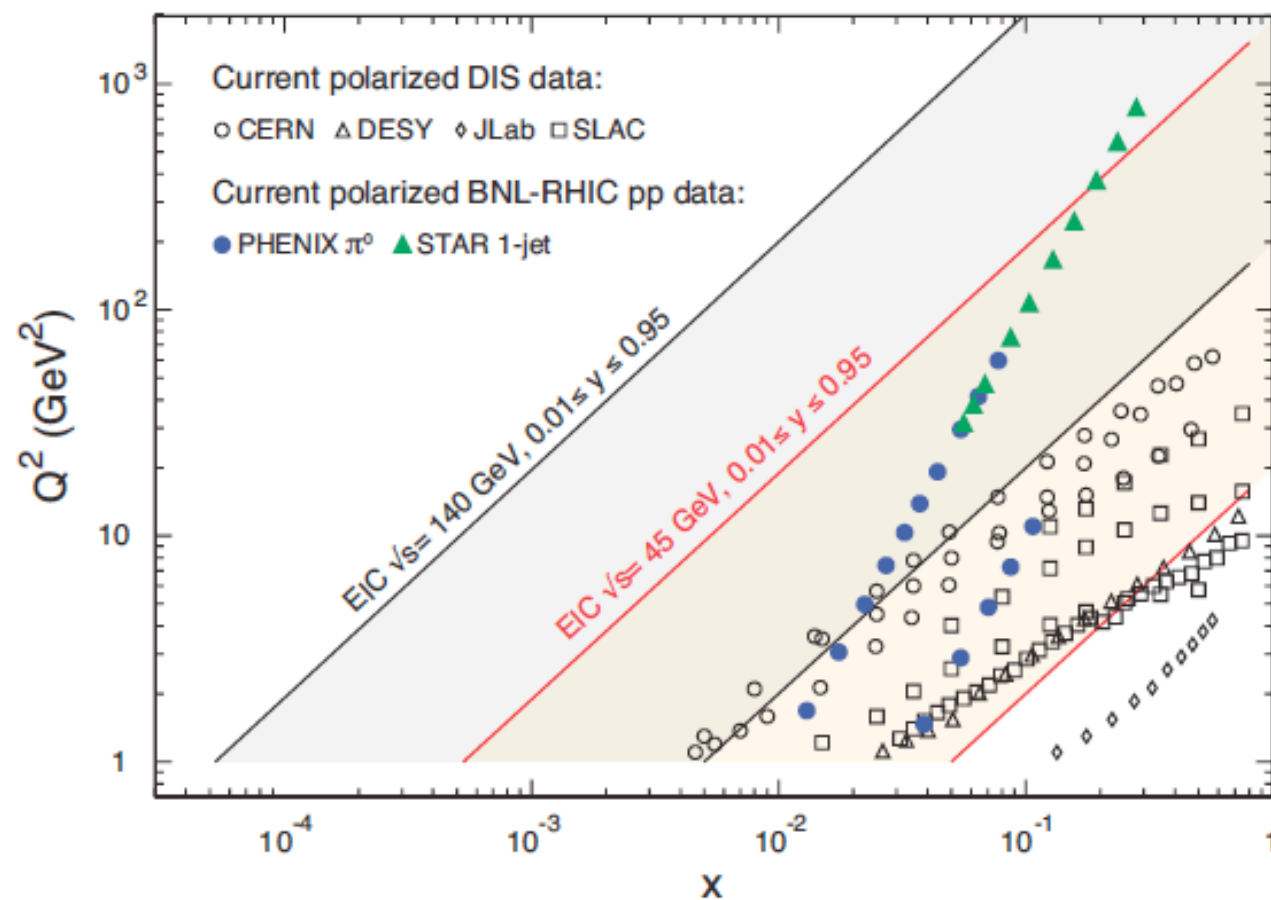
Strong Colour Fields and Hadronisation



- Quantitatively probe the universality of strong colour fields in $A+A$, $p+A$ and $e+A$
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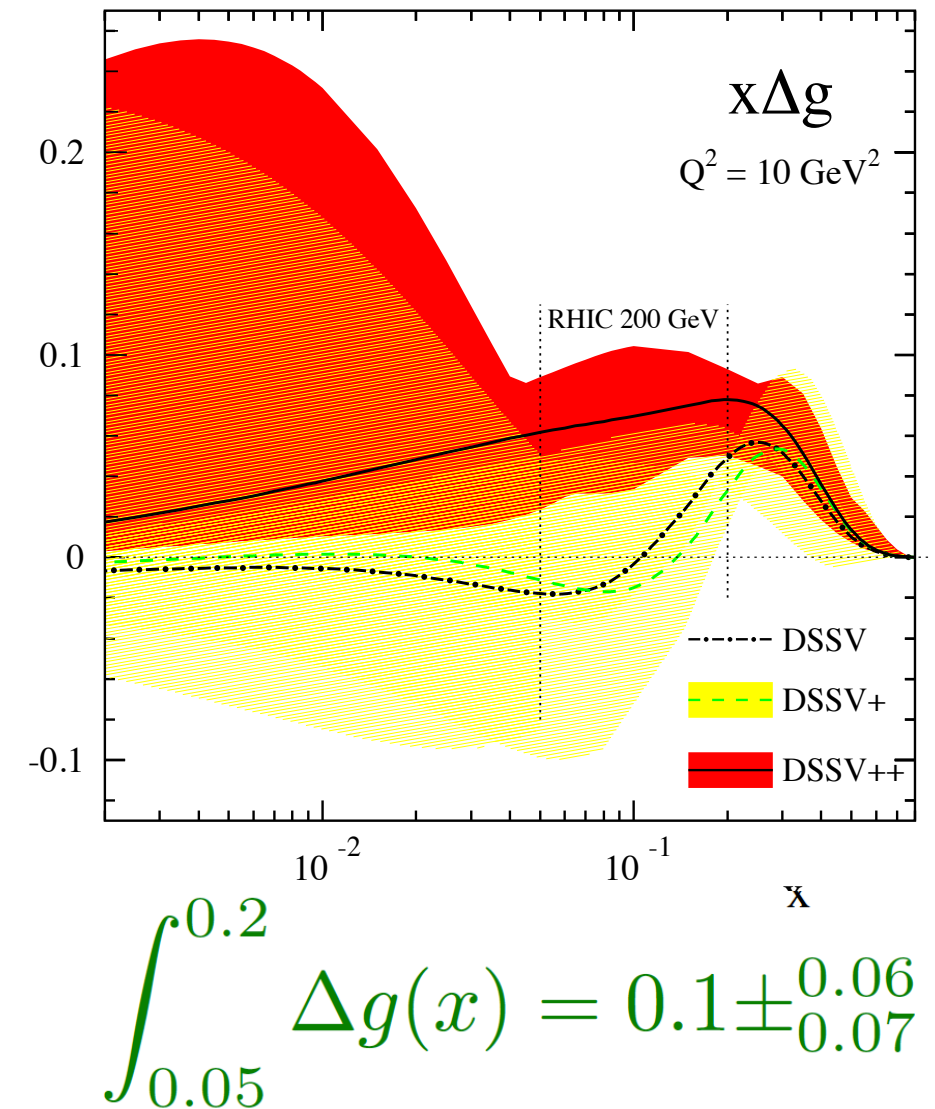
Currently have no experimental knowledge of gluons in nuclei at small x !!

Extension of x, Q^2 coverage with an EIC



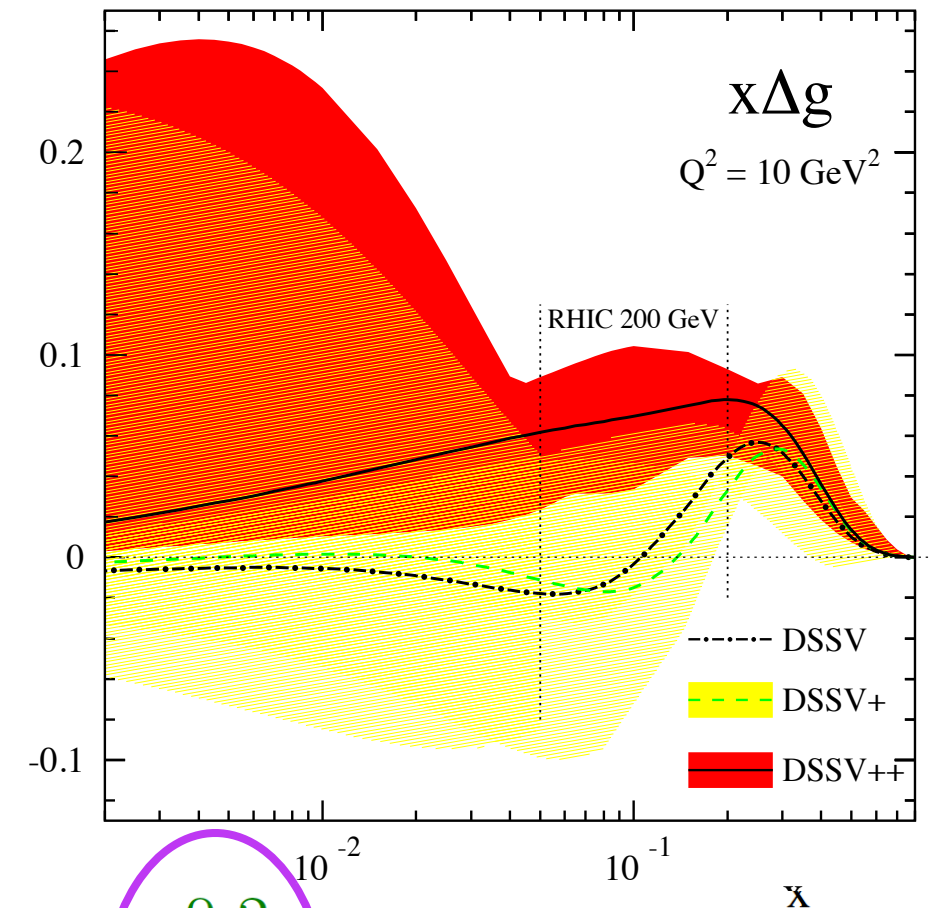
- Increase reach in x by a factor of 100 in both polarised e+p and e+A - into the range where gluons dominate
 - ➔ e+p: constrain the helicity sum rules?
 - ➔ e+A: saturation effects become visible?
- Increase in Q^2 coverage
 - ➔ study scaling violations

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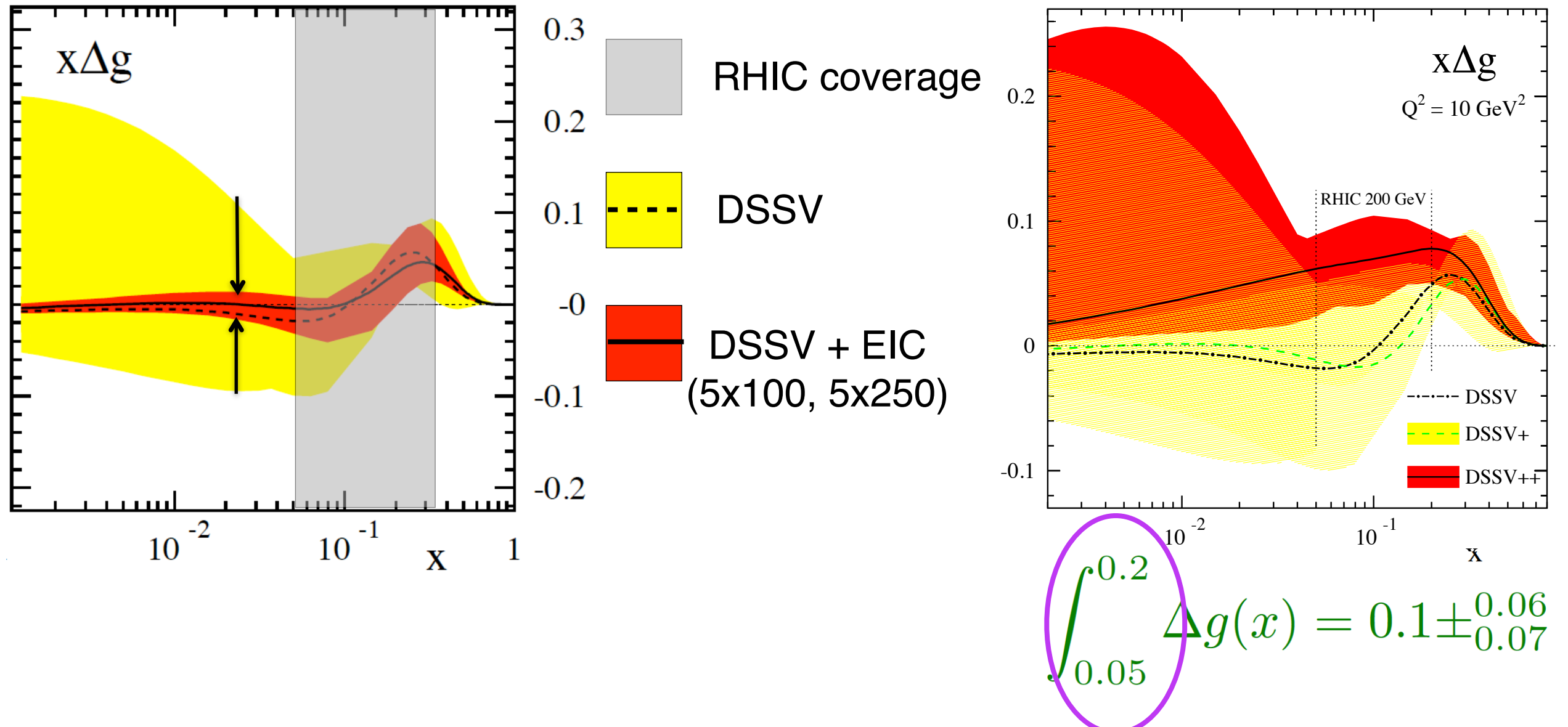
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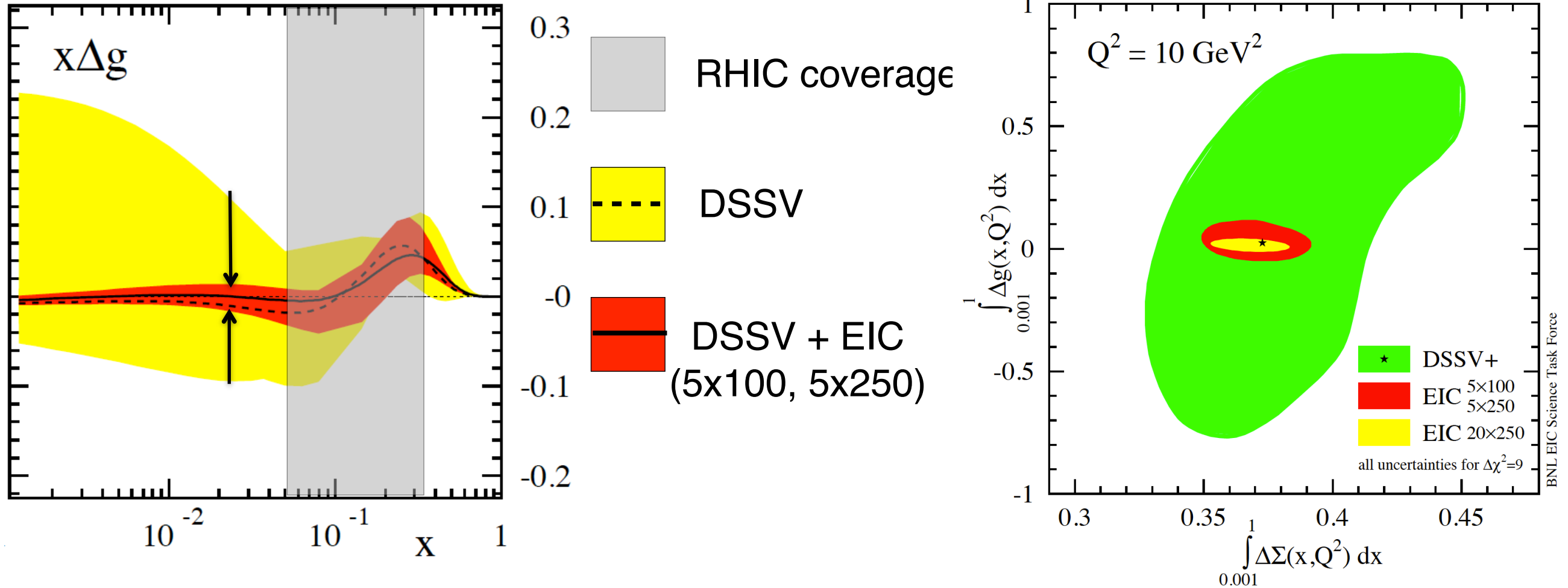
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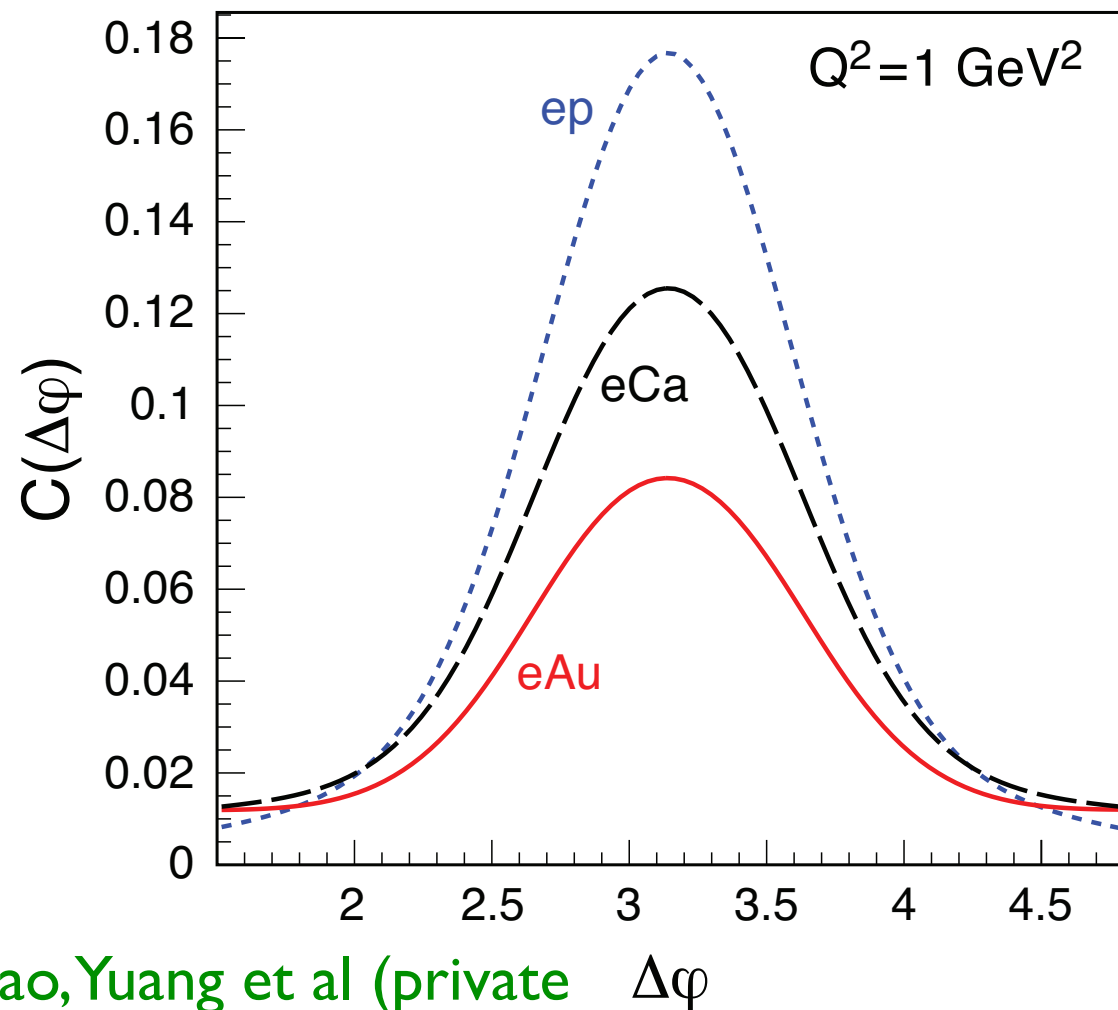
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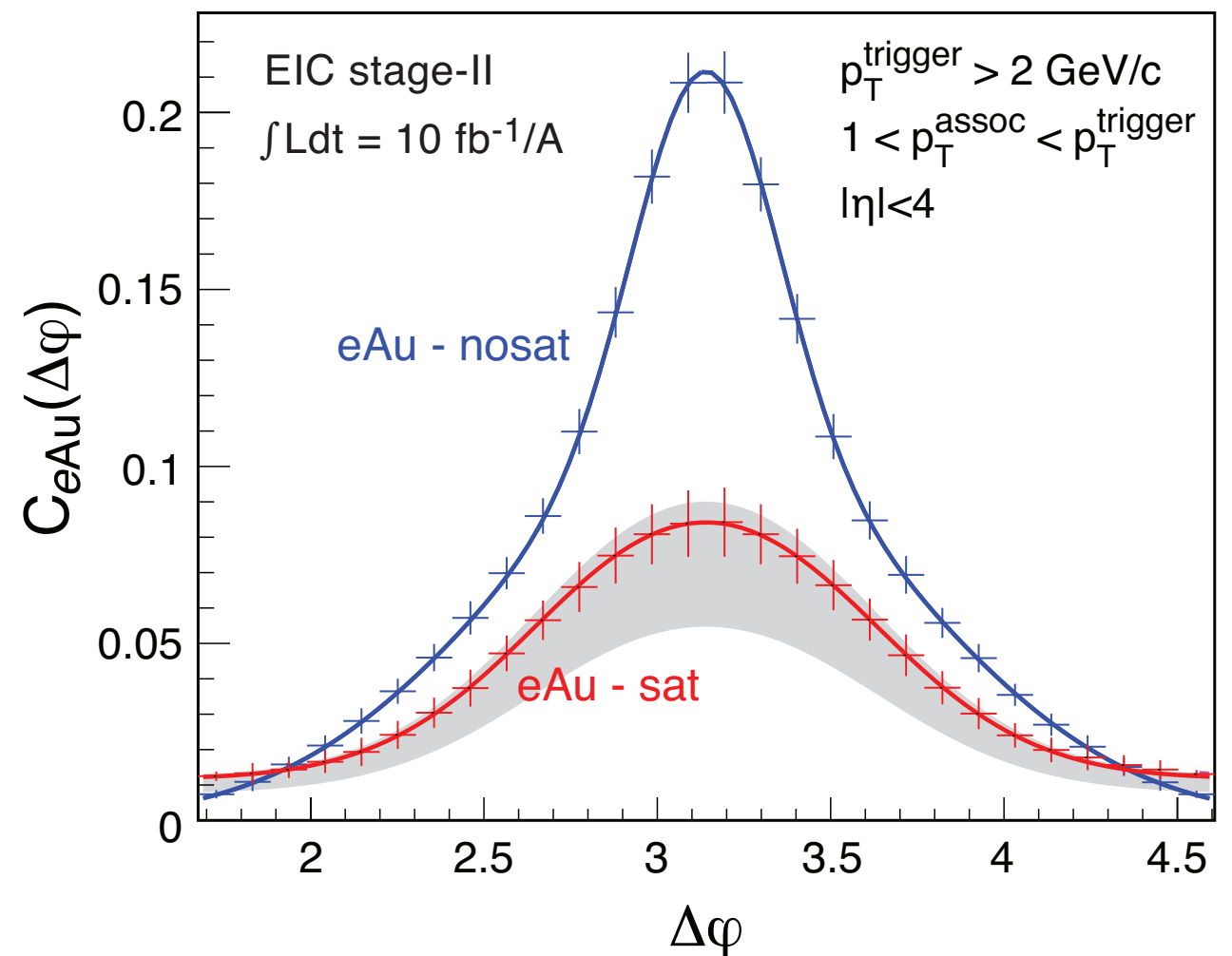
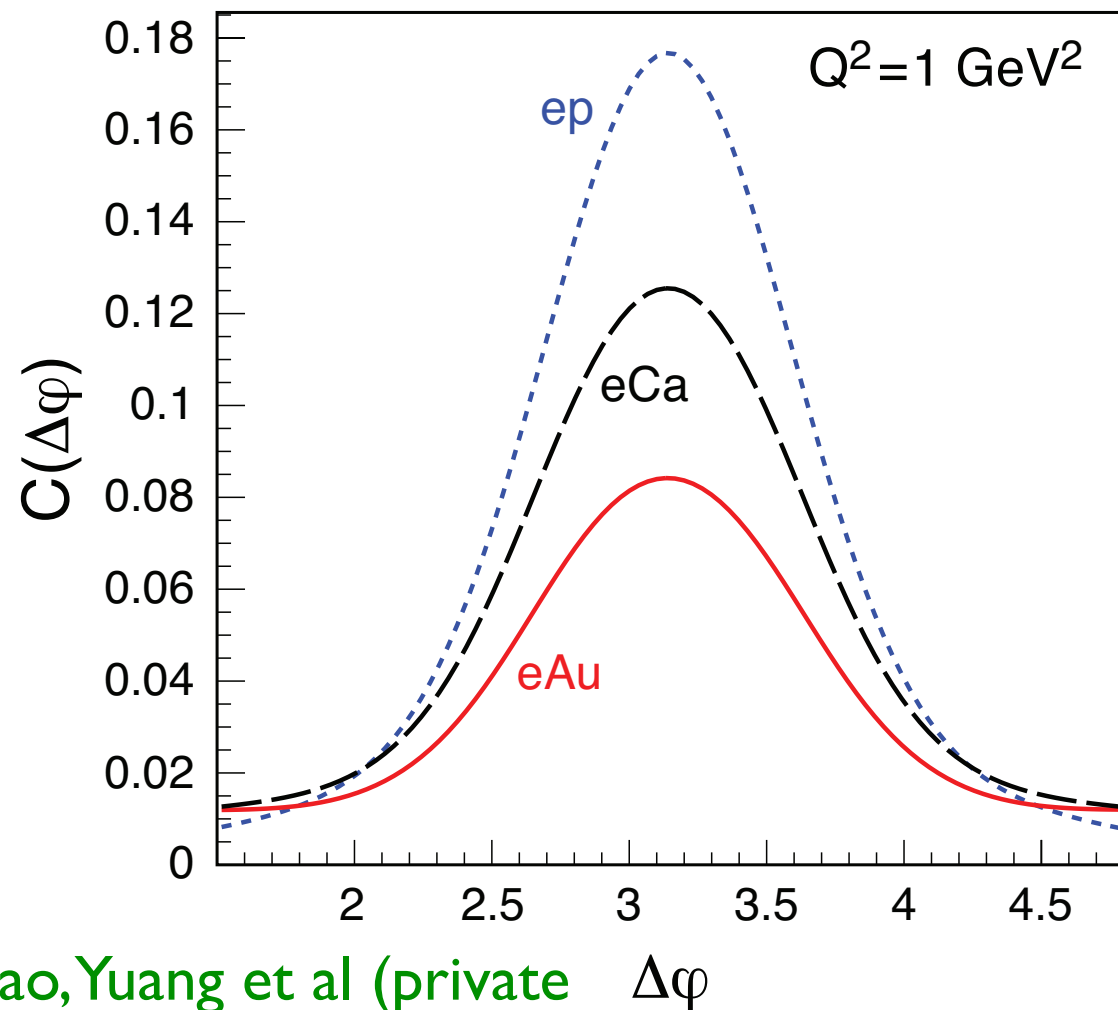
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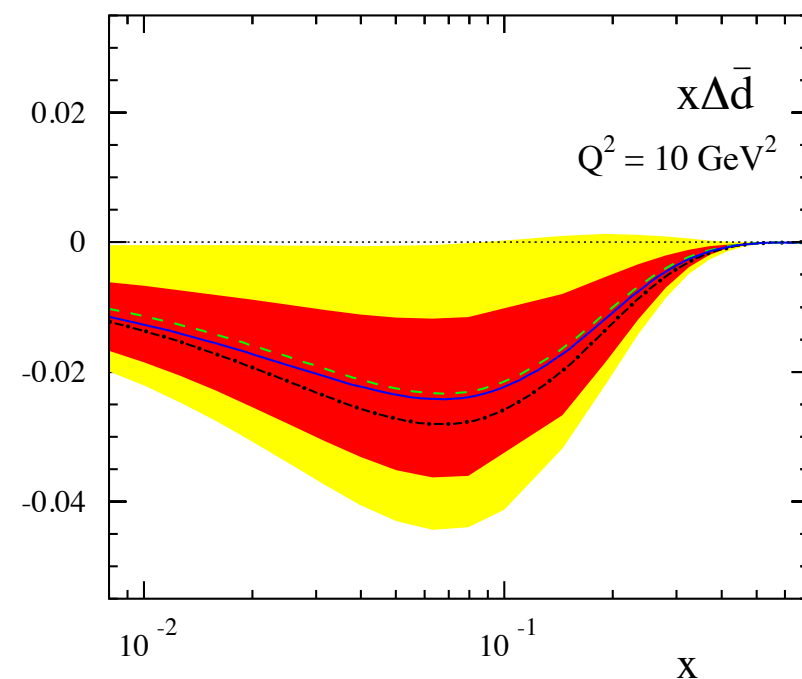
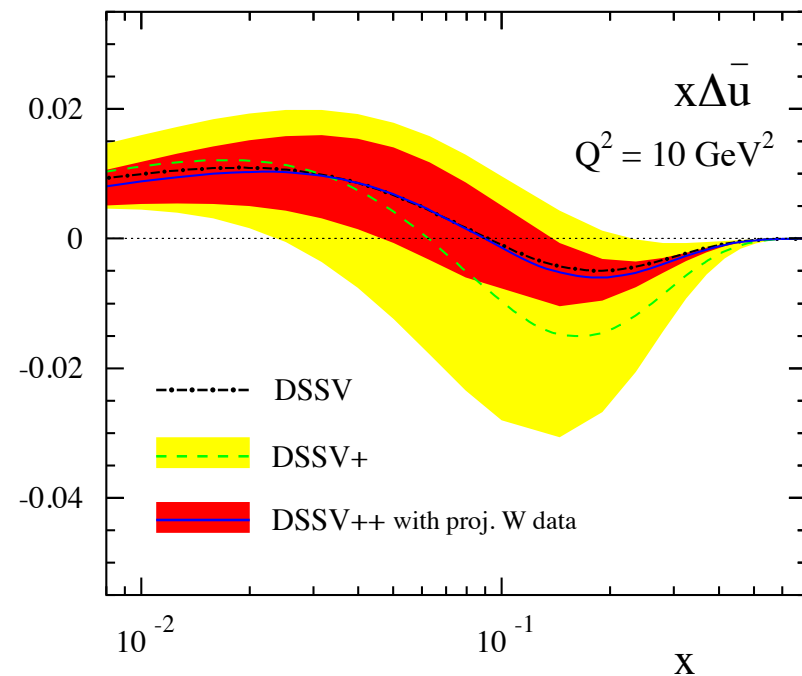


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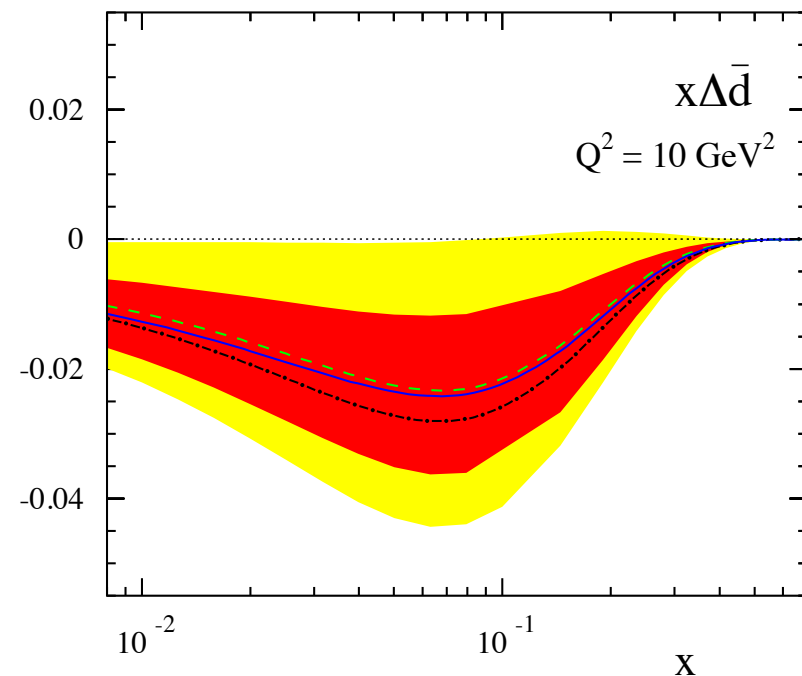
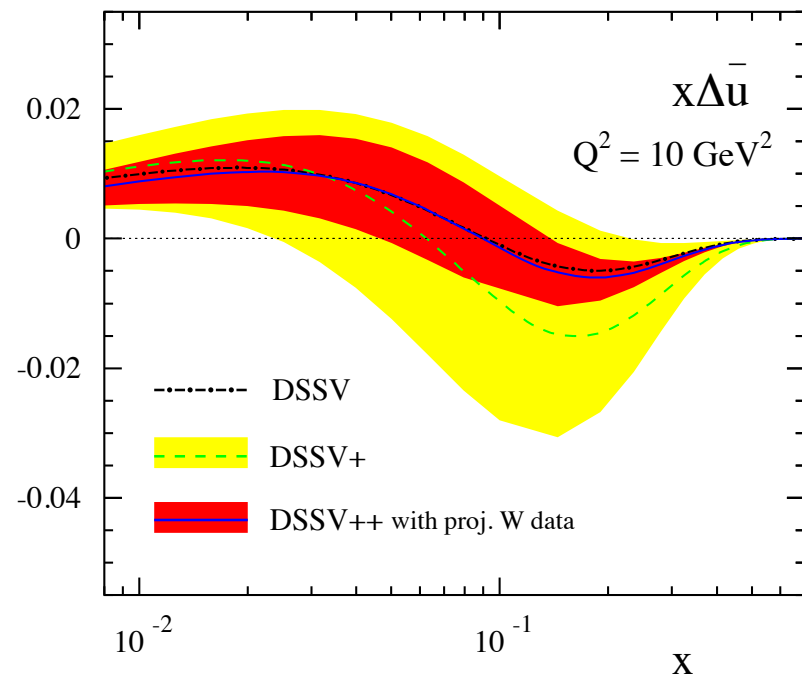
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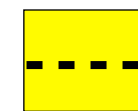
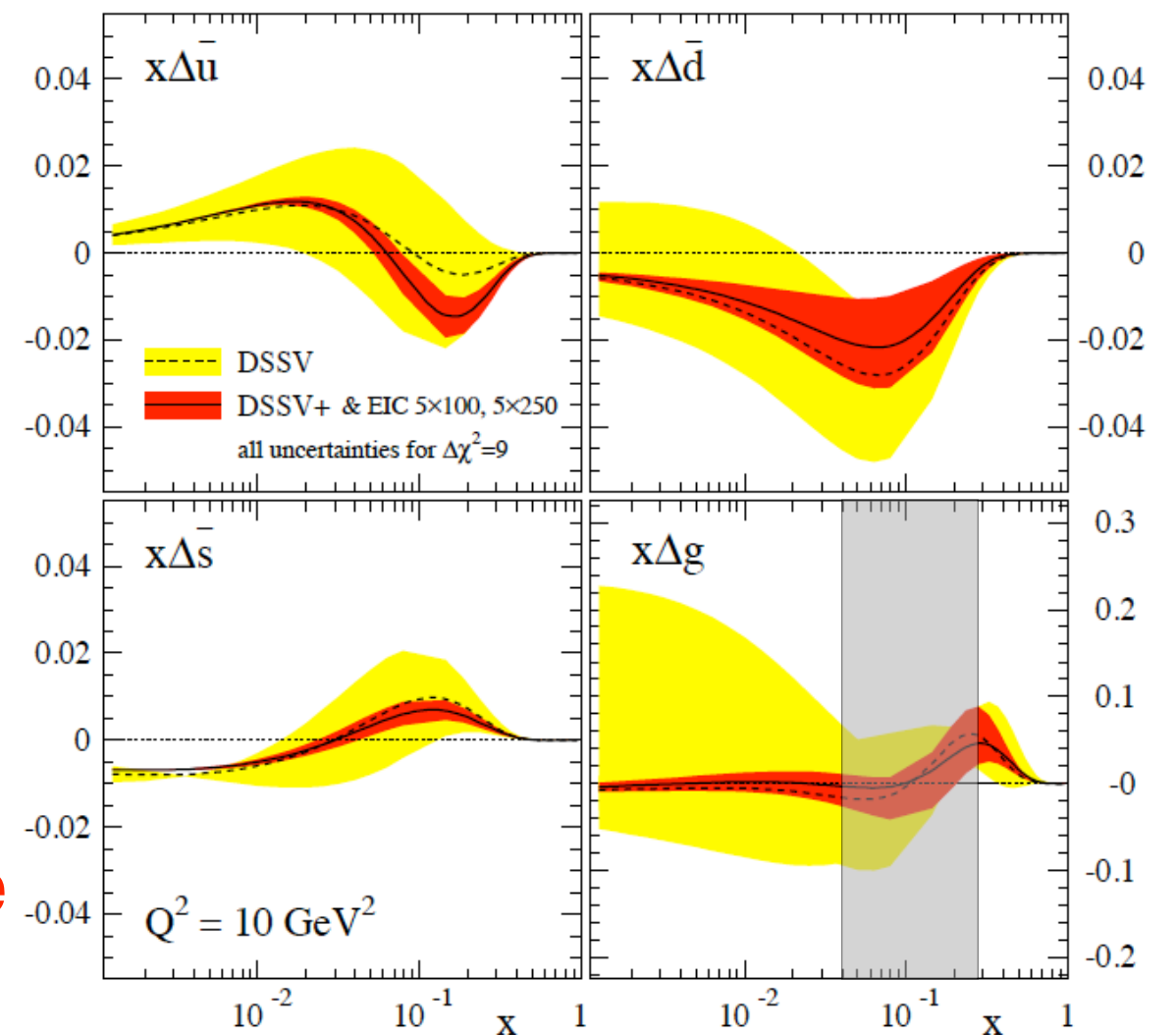


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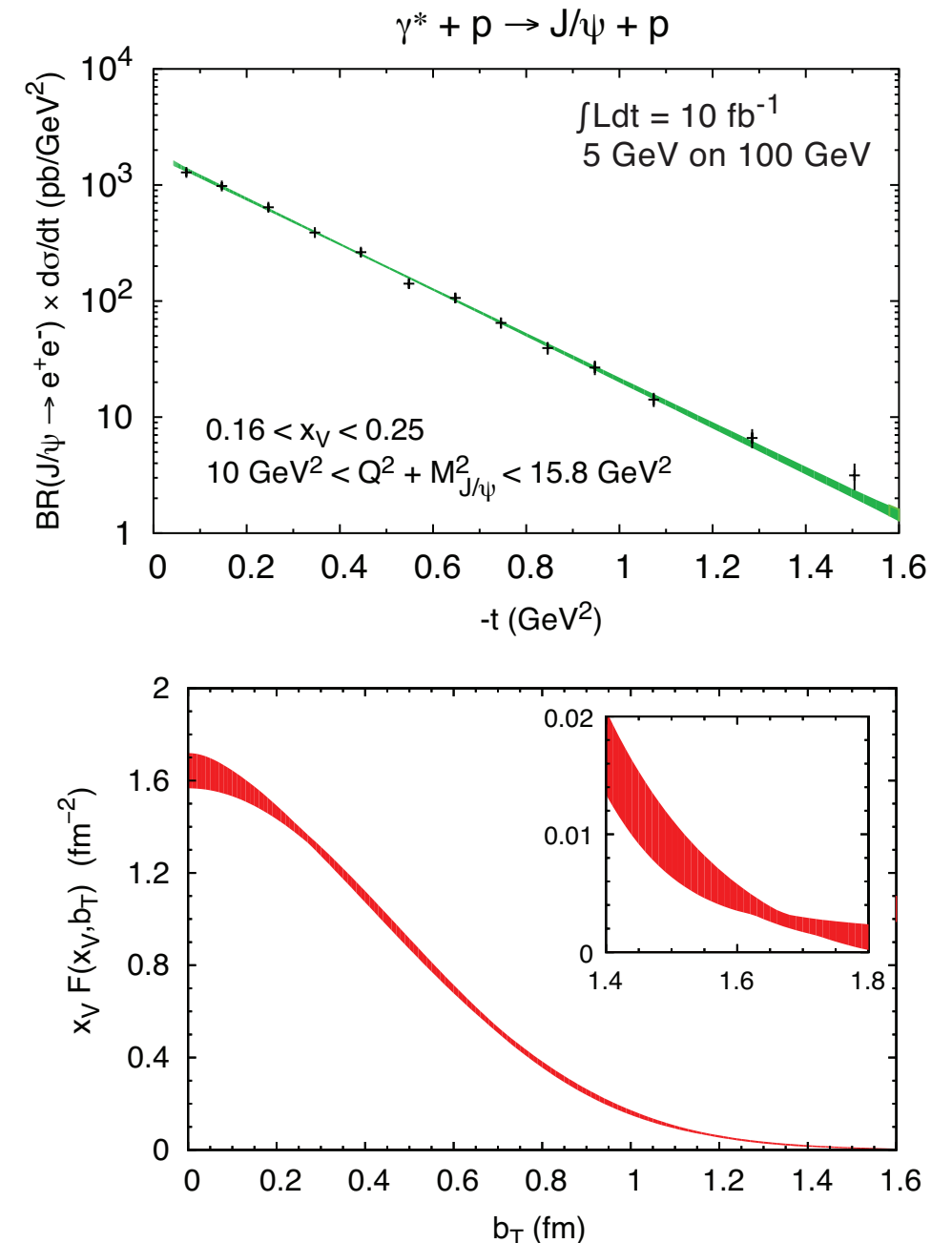
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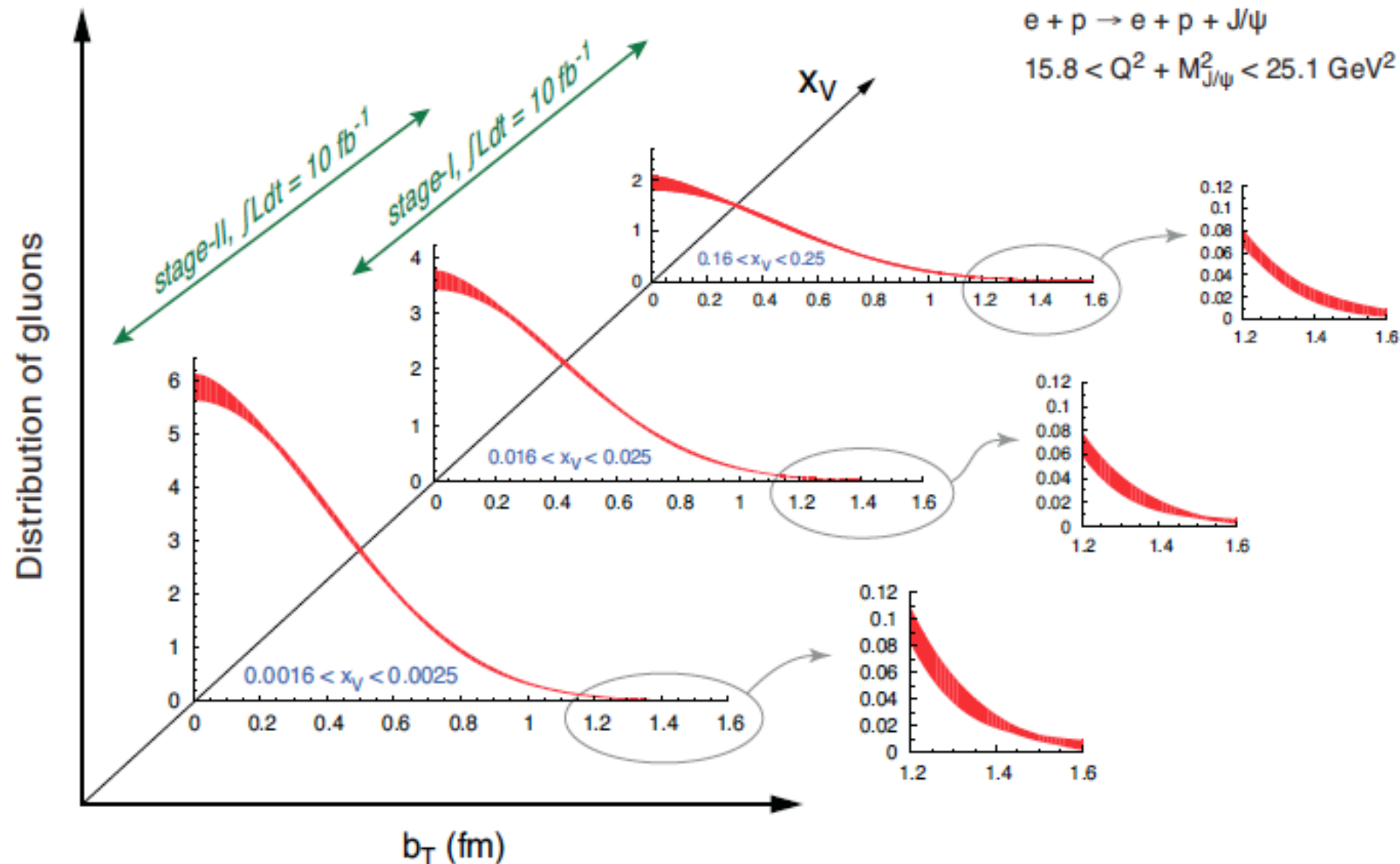
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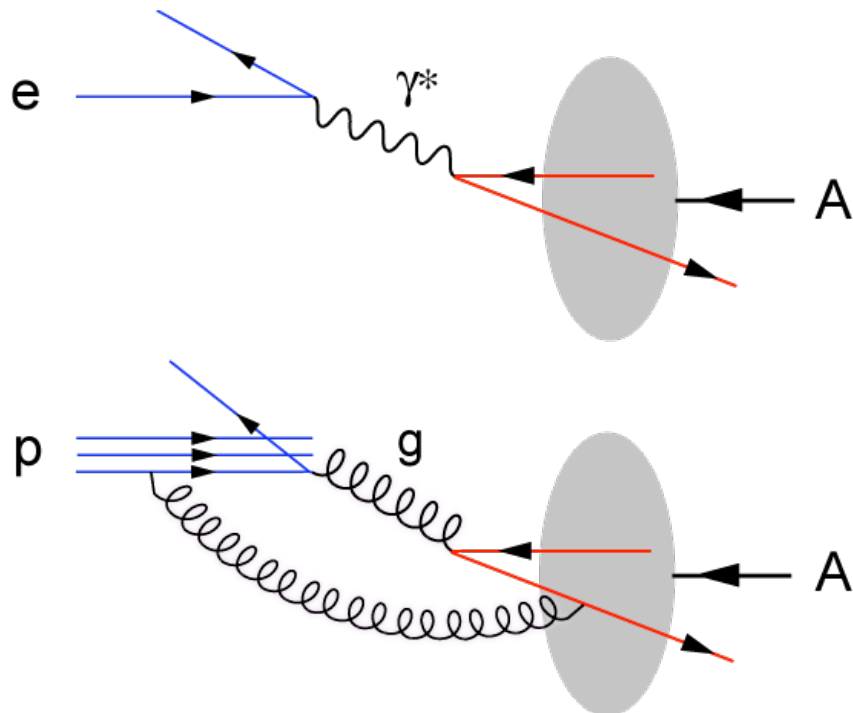
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EIC White Paper

- 2010: Ten week INT programme on “Gluons and the quark sea at high energies”
 - ➔ 550 page proceedings on the ArXiv: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1108.1713>
- 2012: White paper released to community
 - ➔ ~150 page document, recently released to the community
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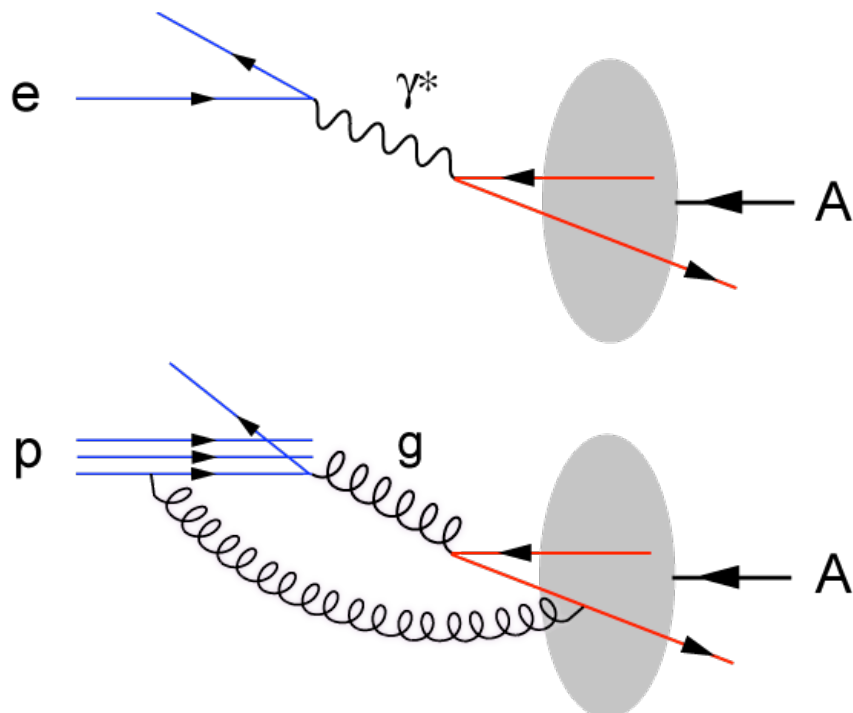
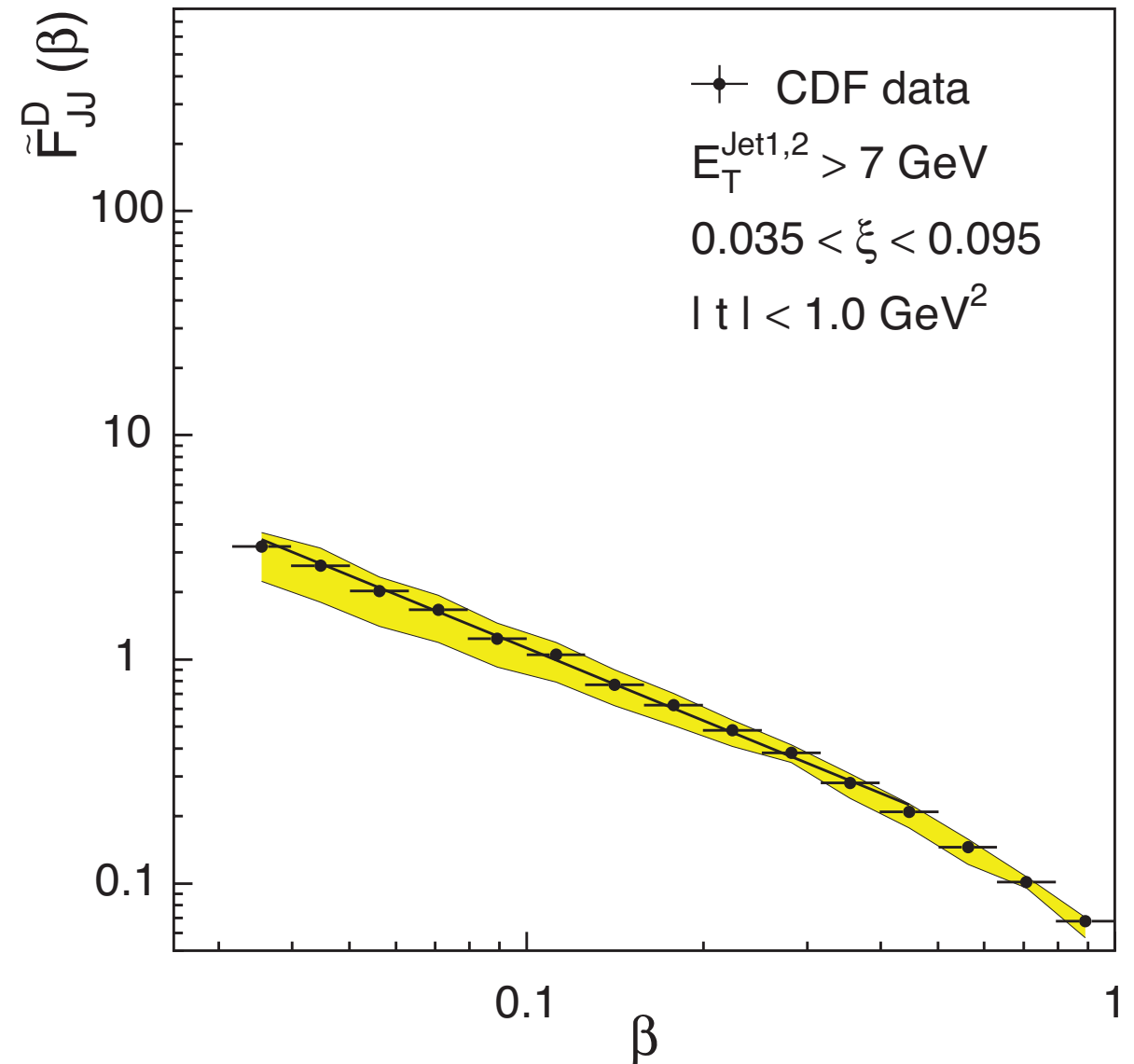
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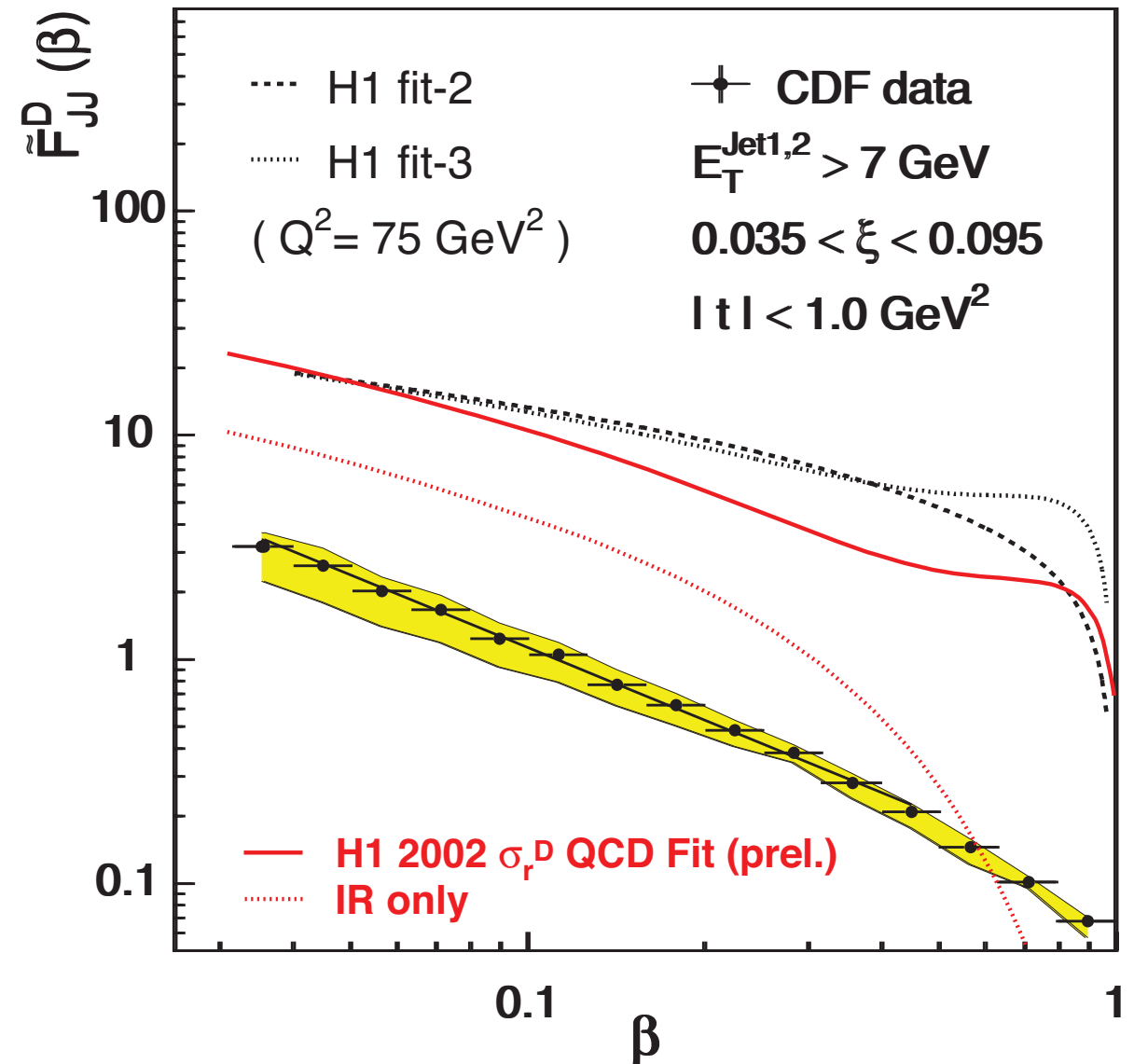
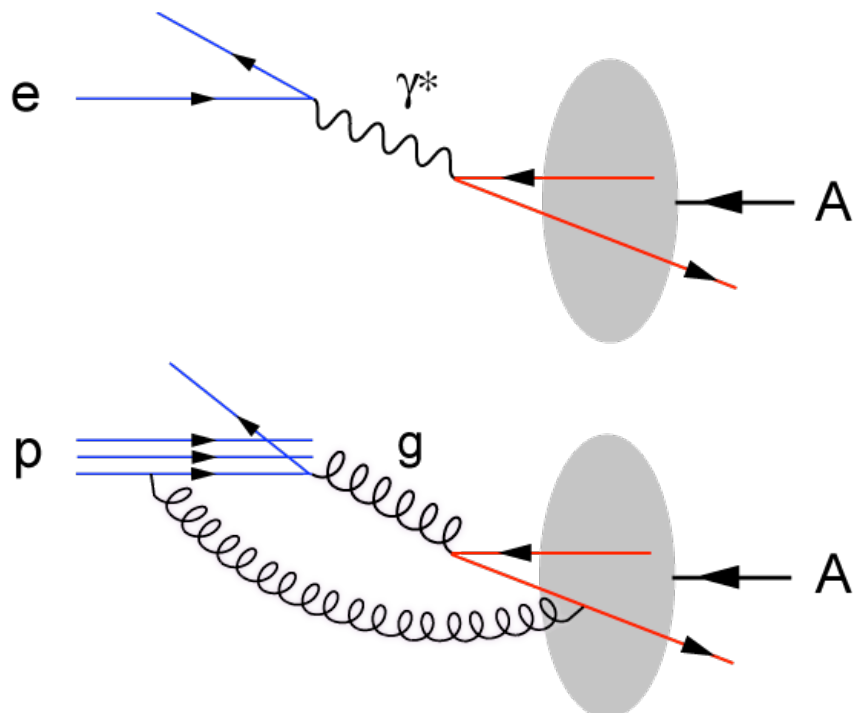
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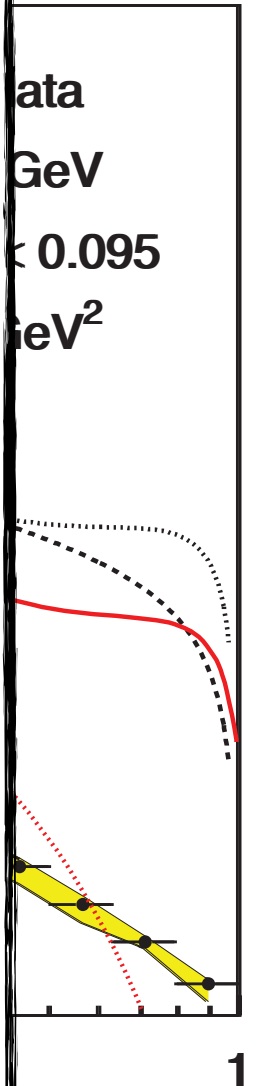
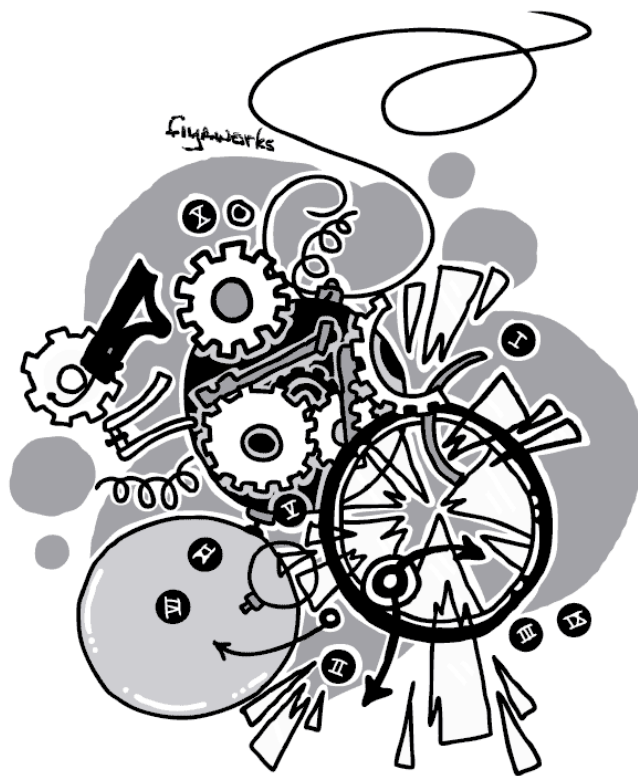
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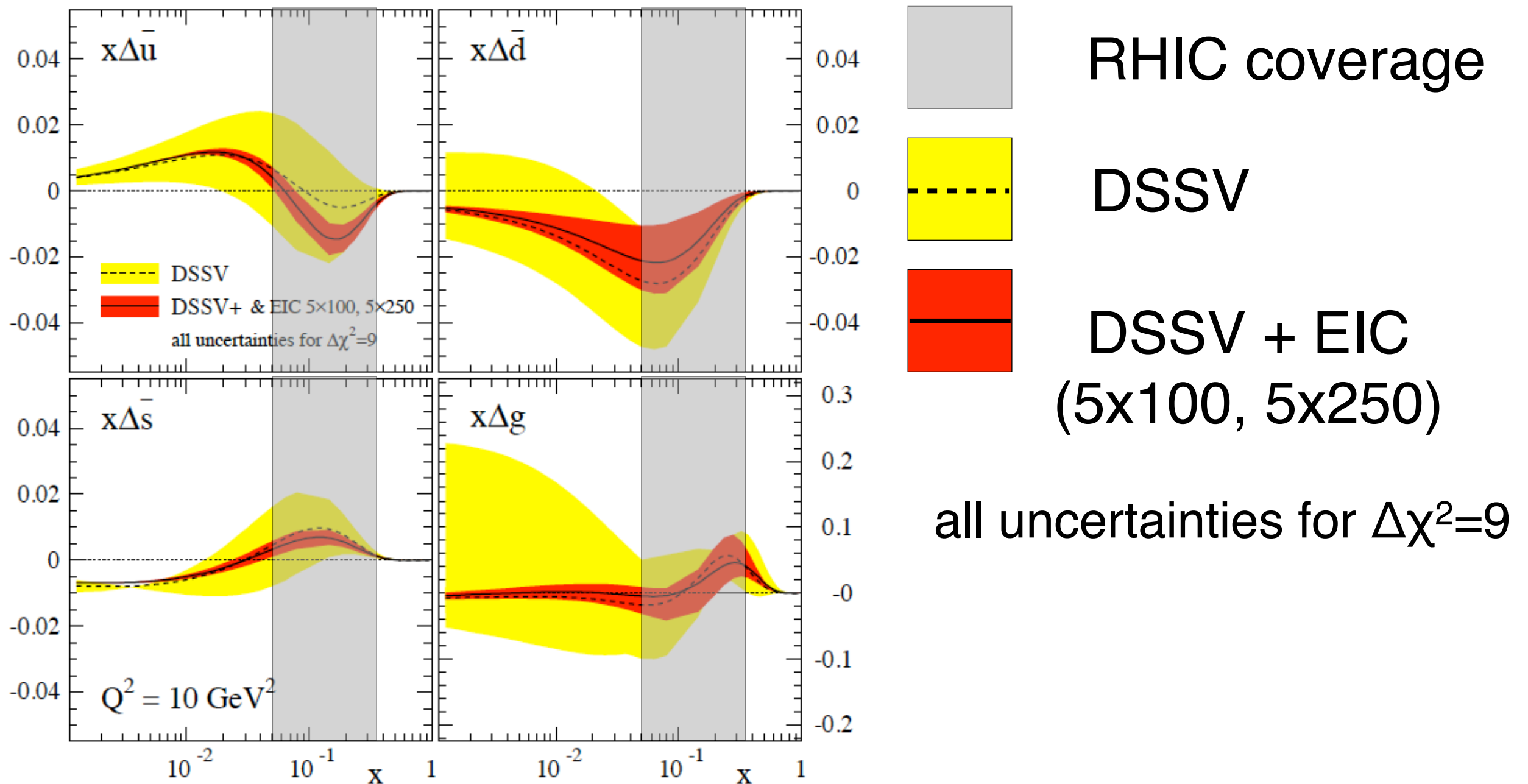


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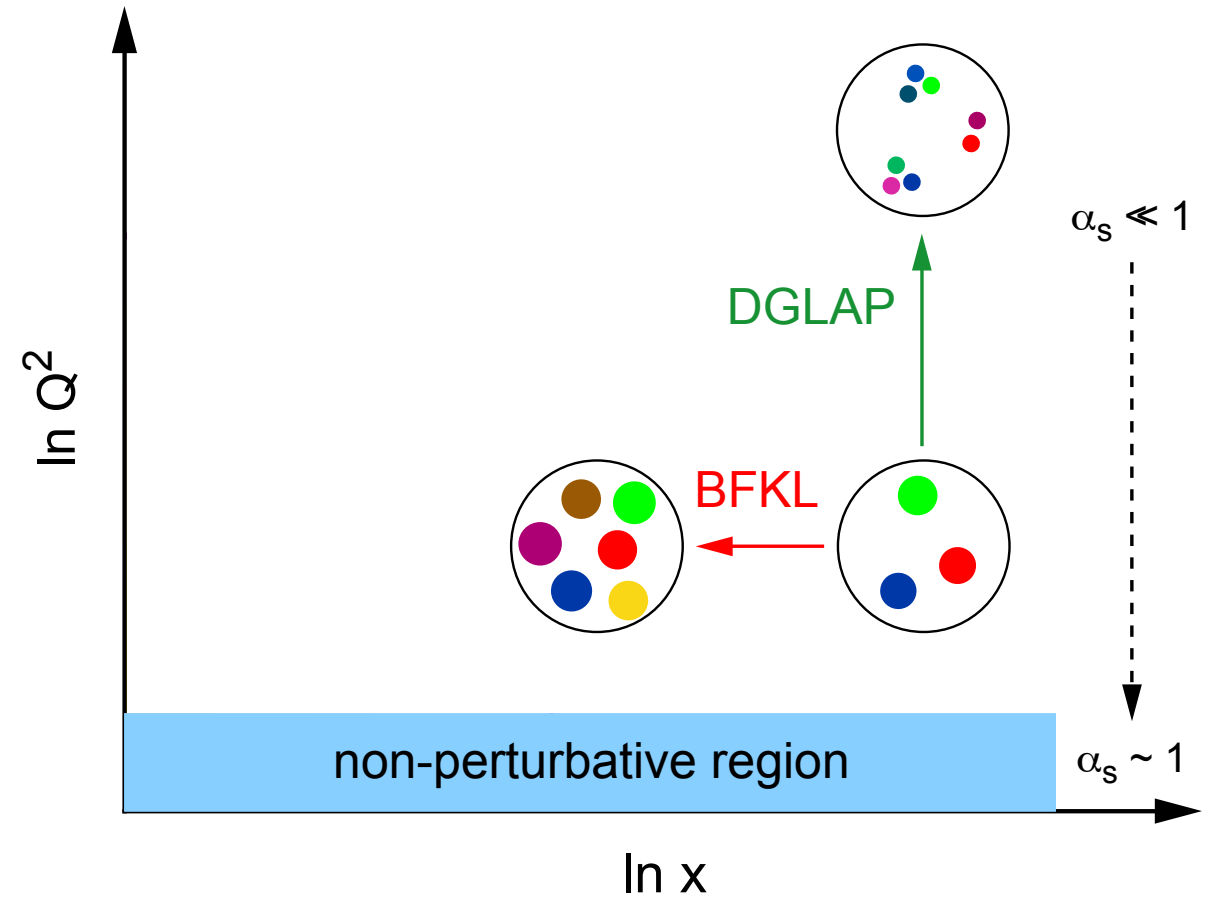
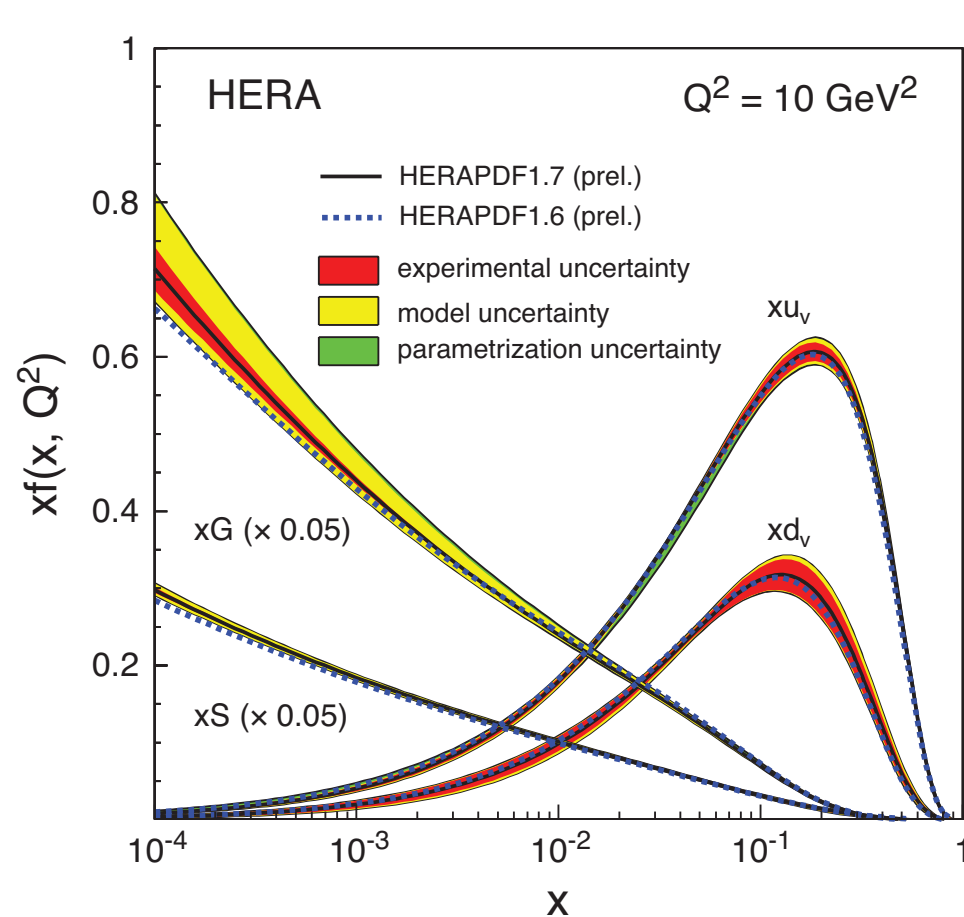
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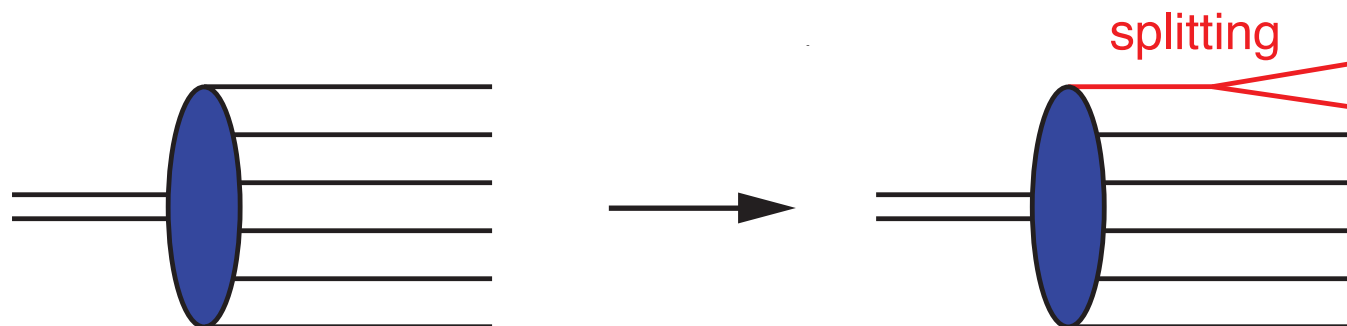
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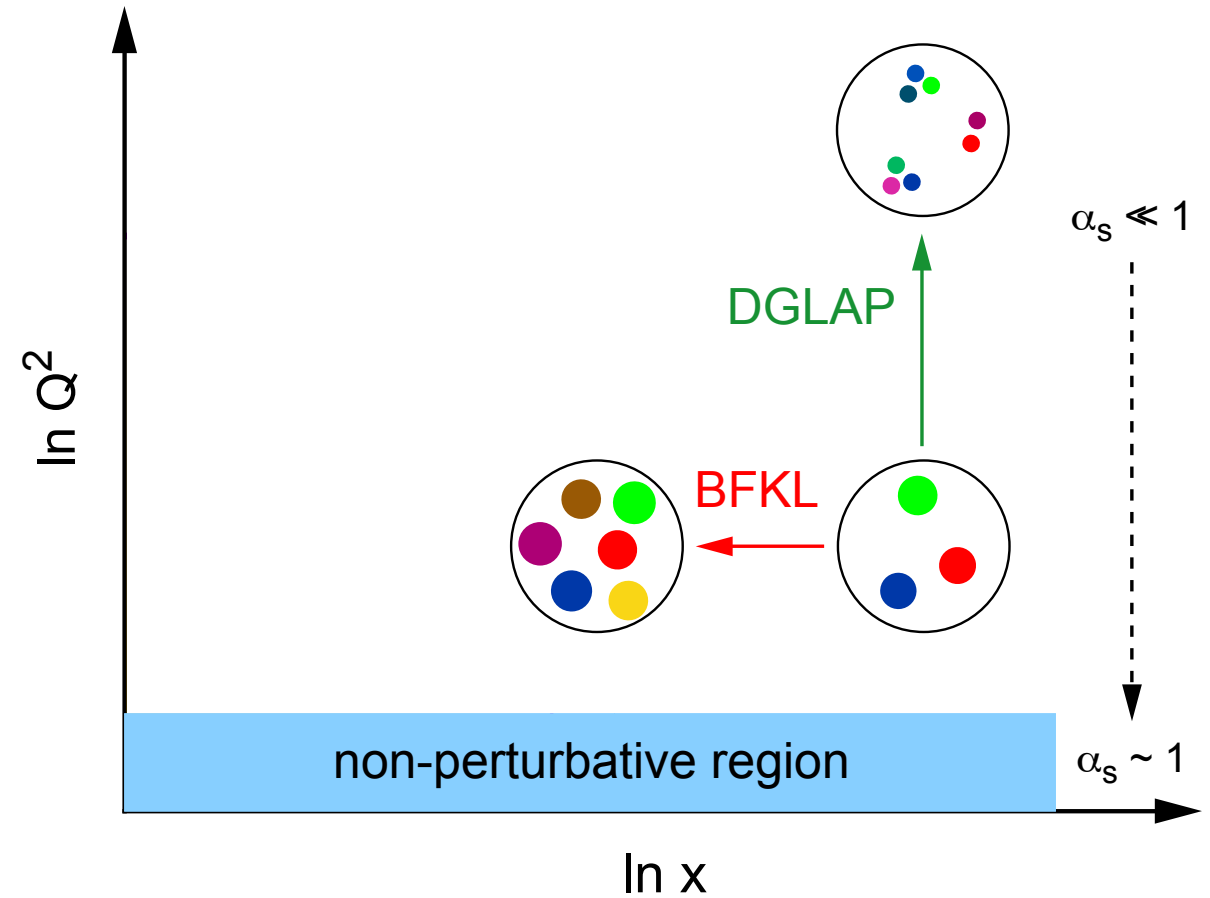
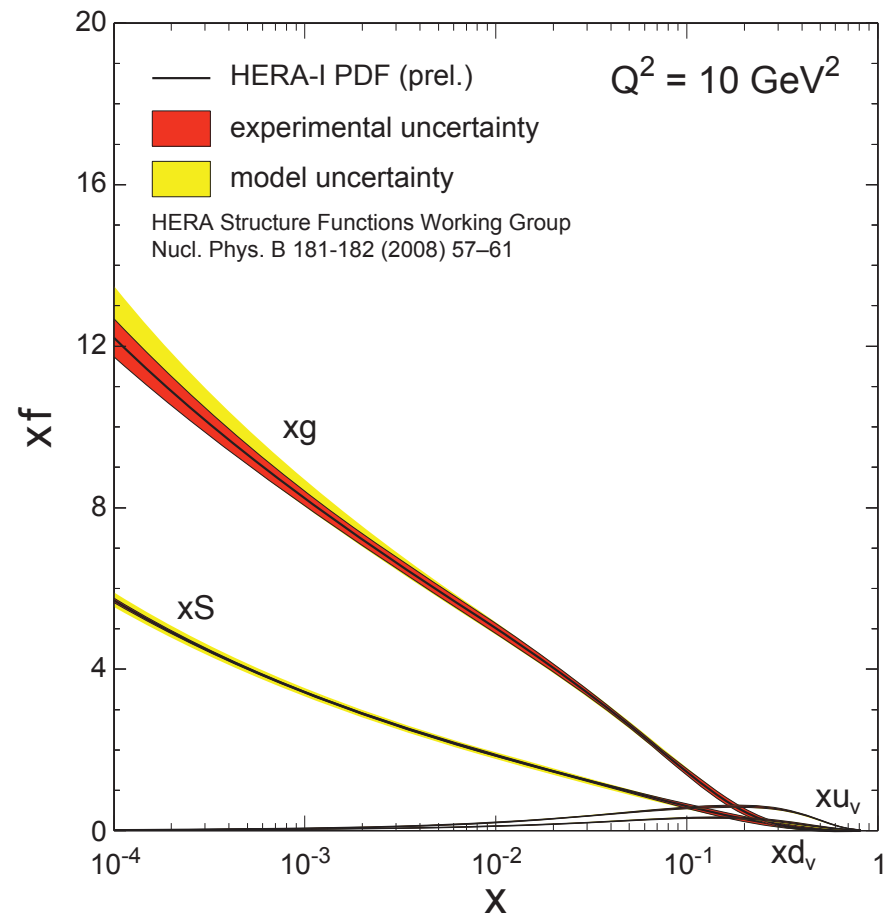
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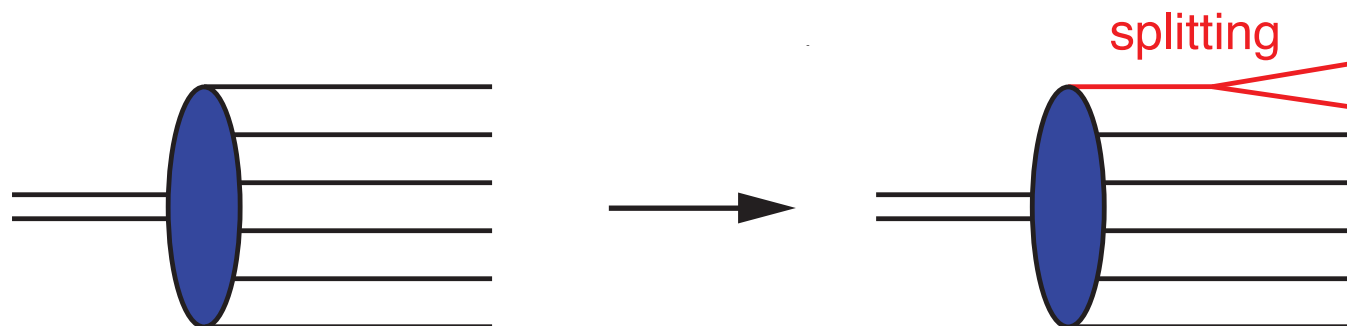
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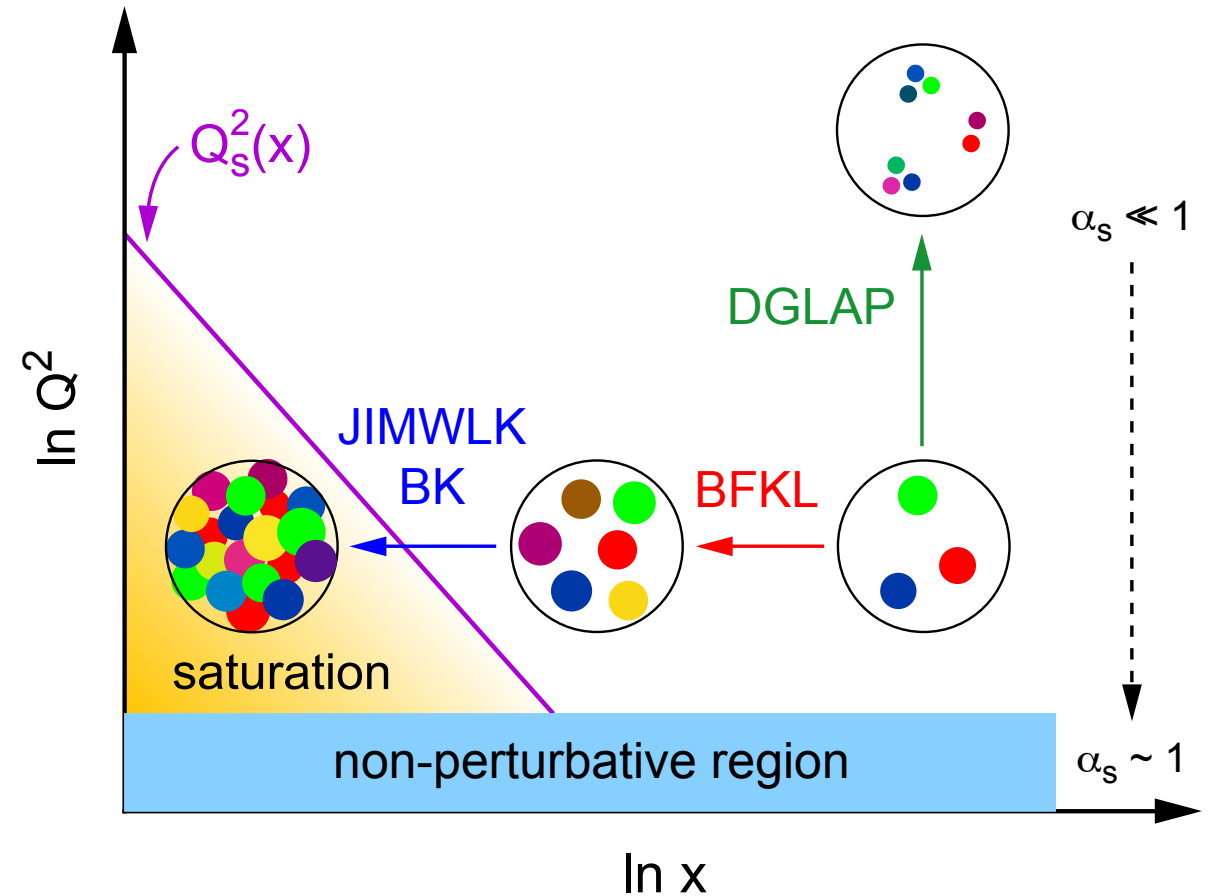
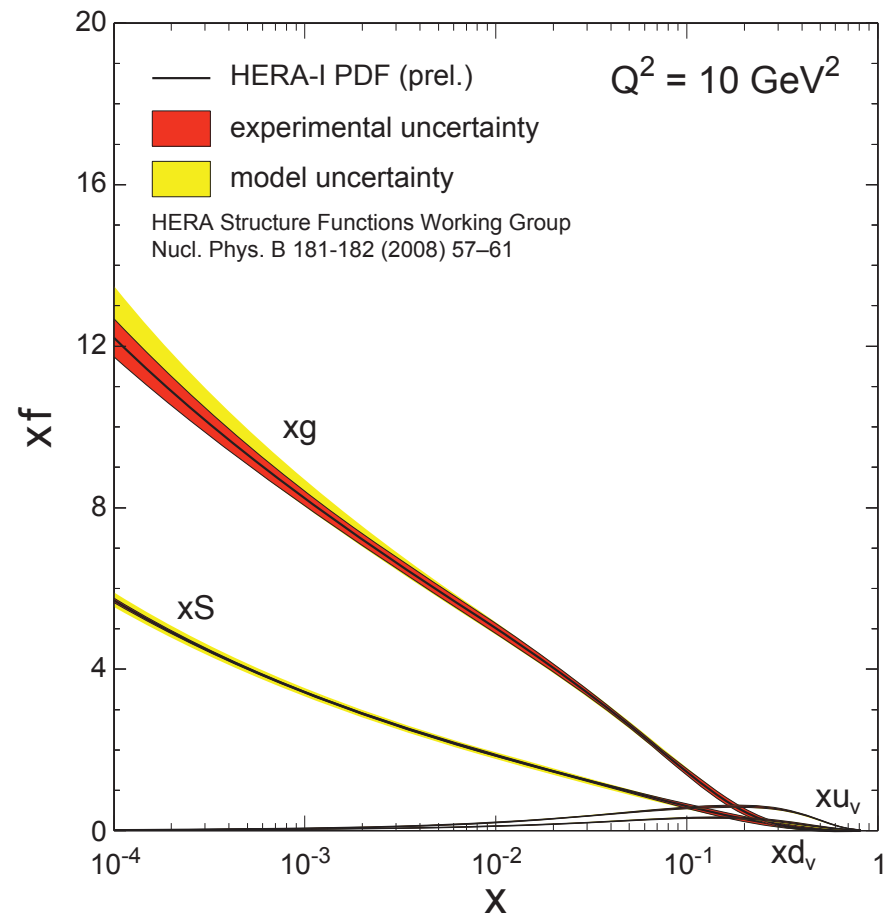
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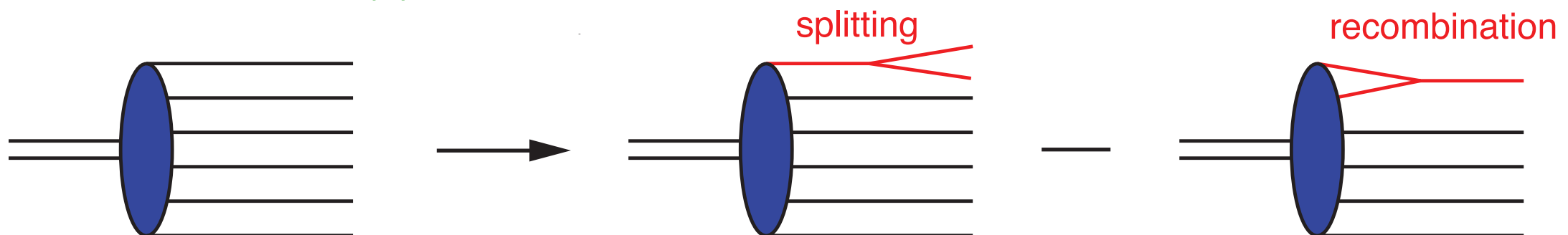
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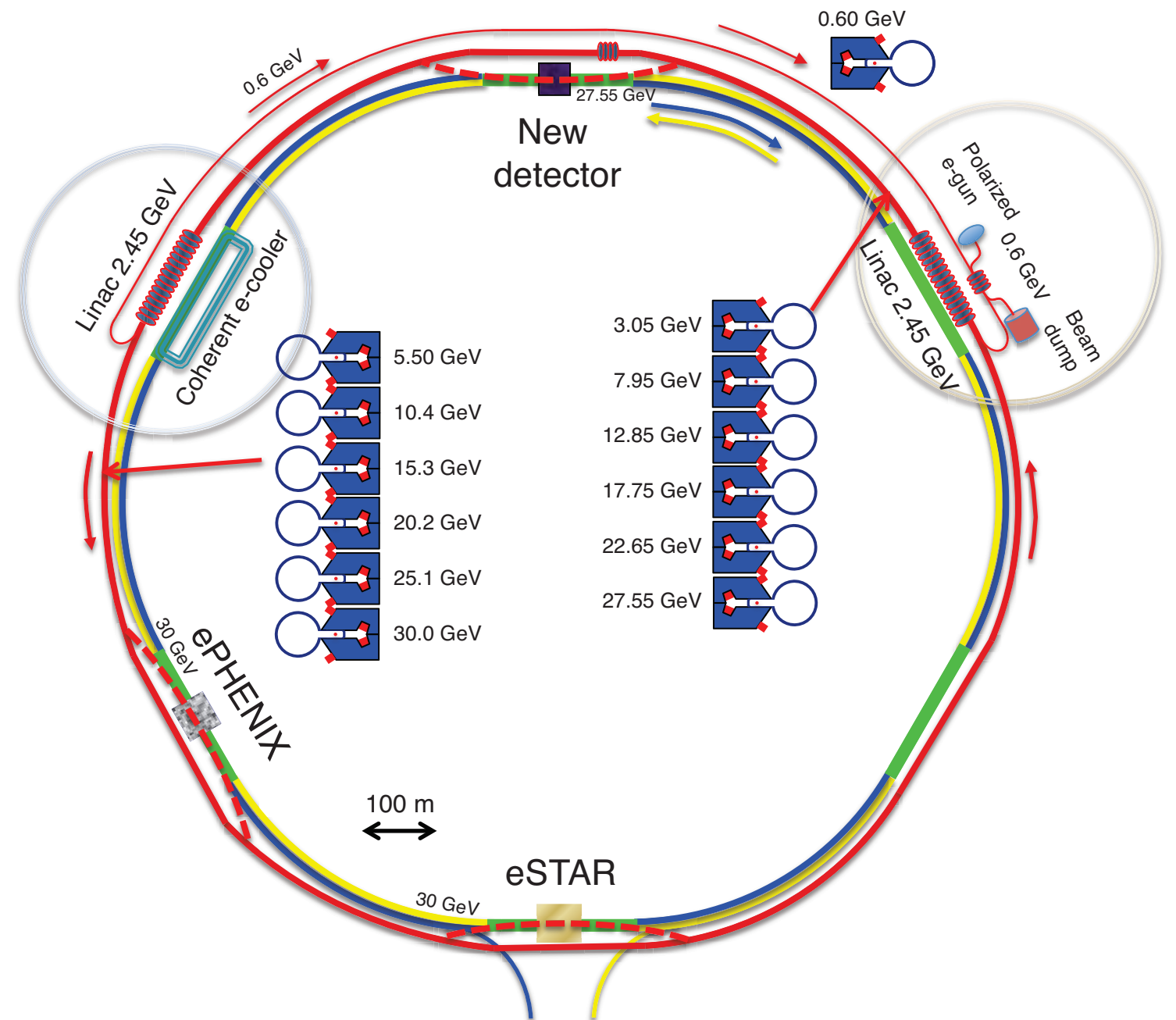


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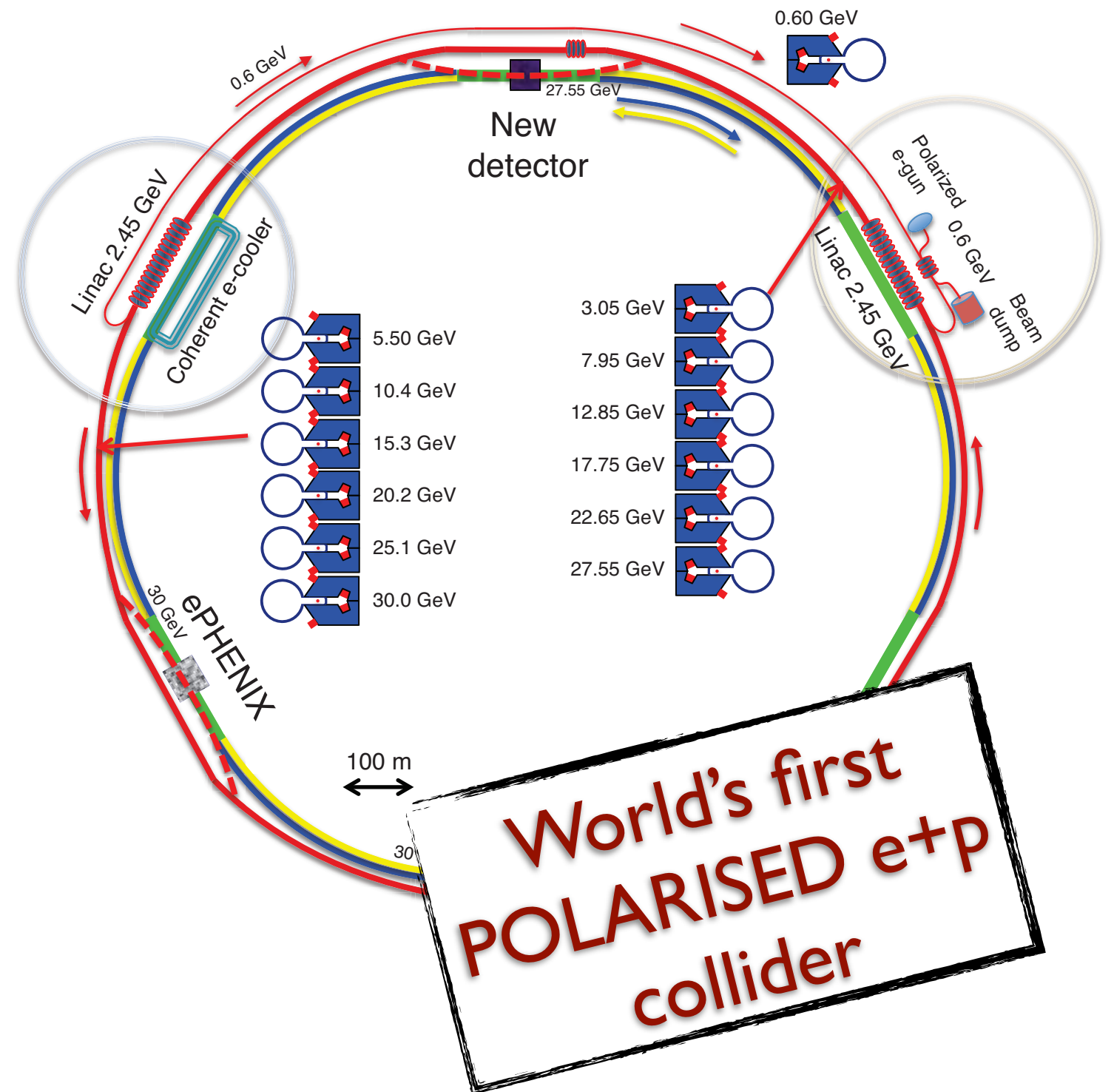
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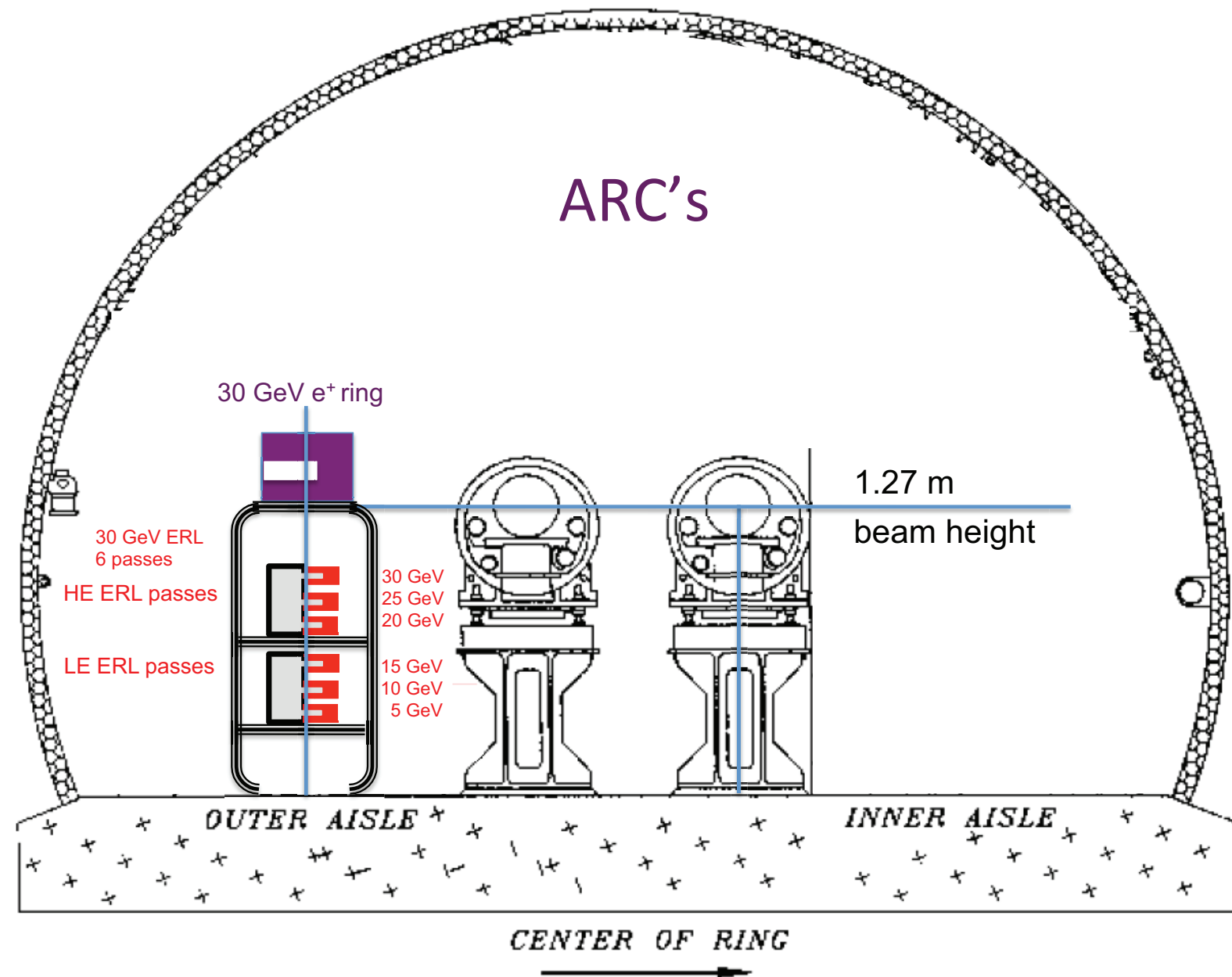
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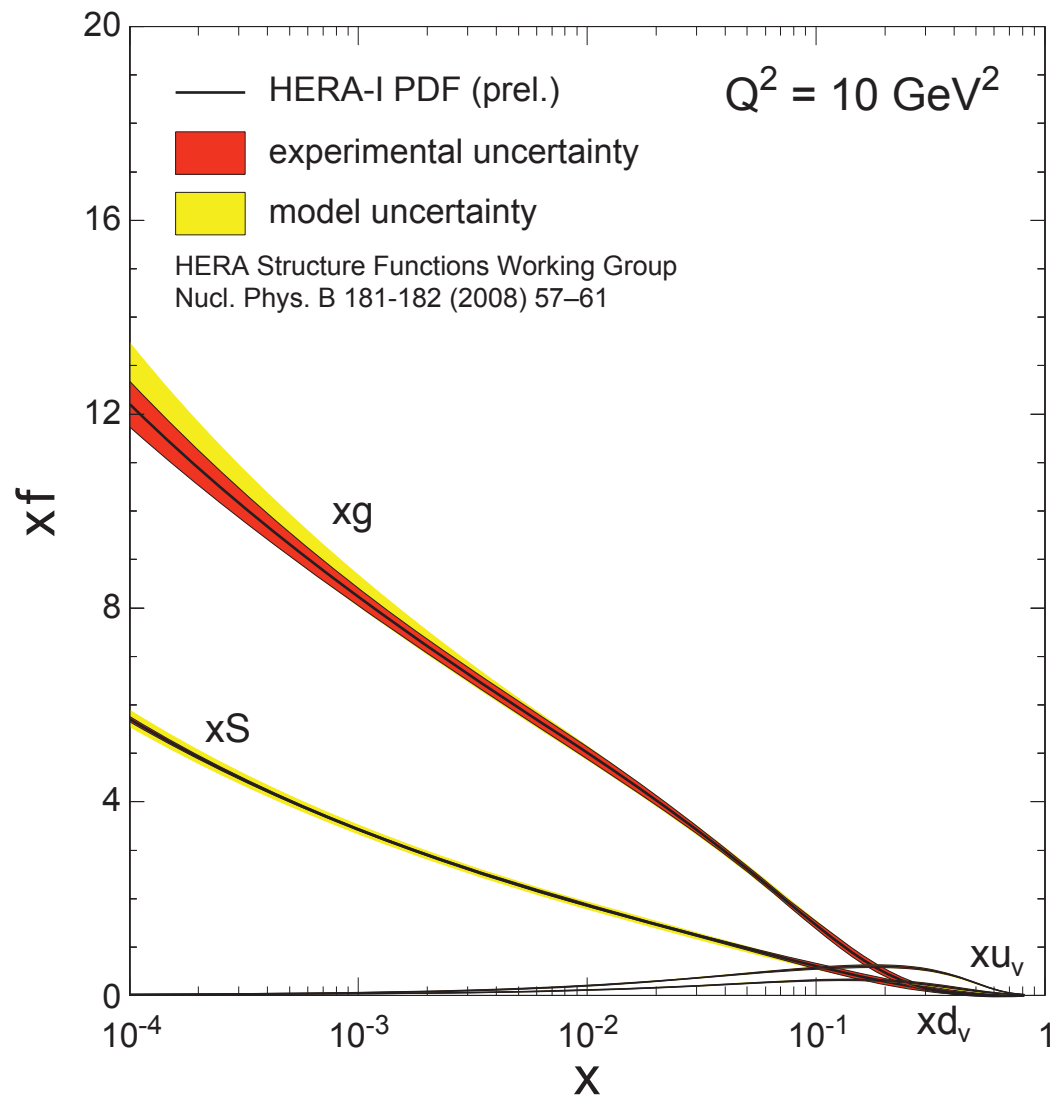


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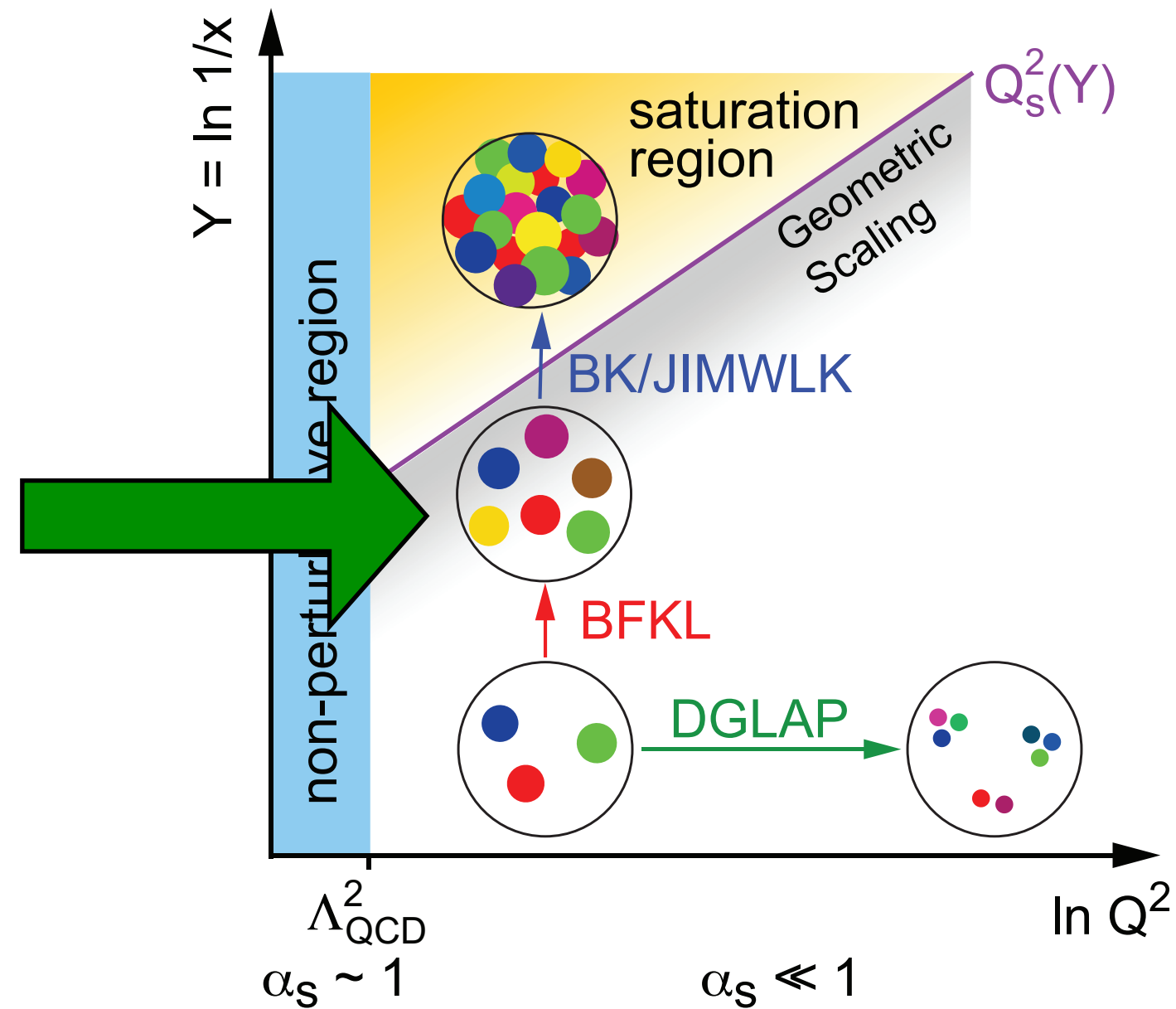
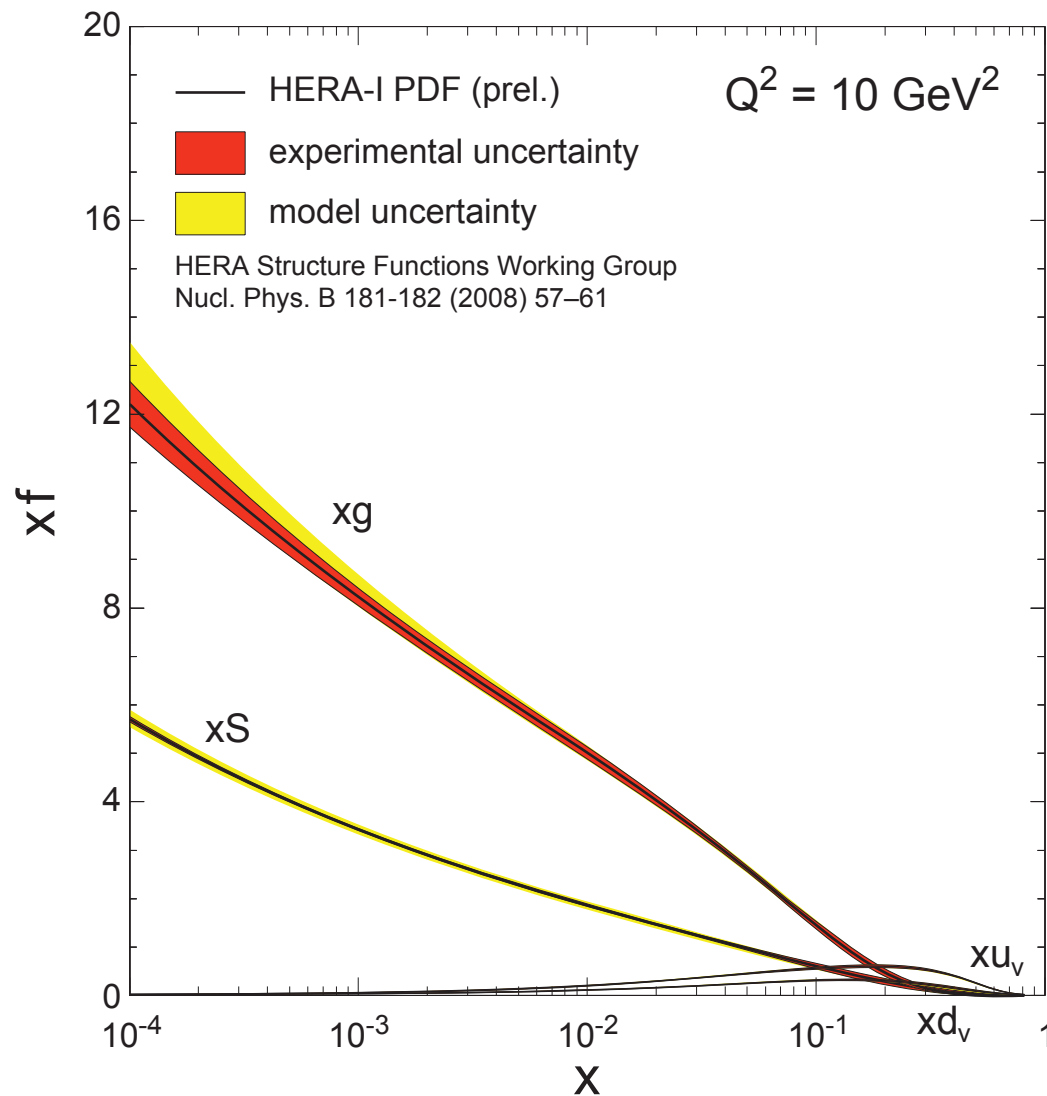
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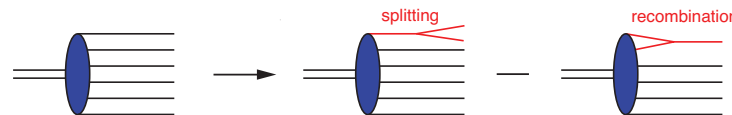
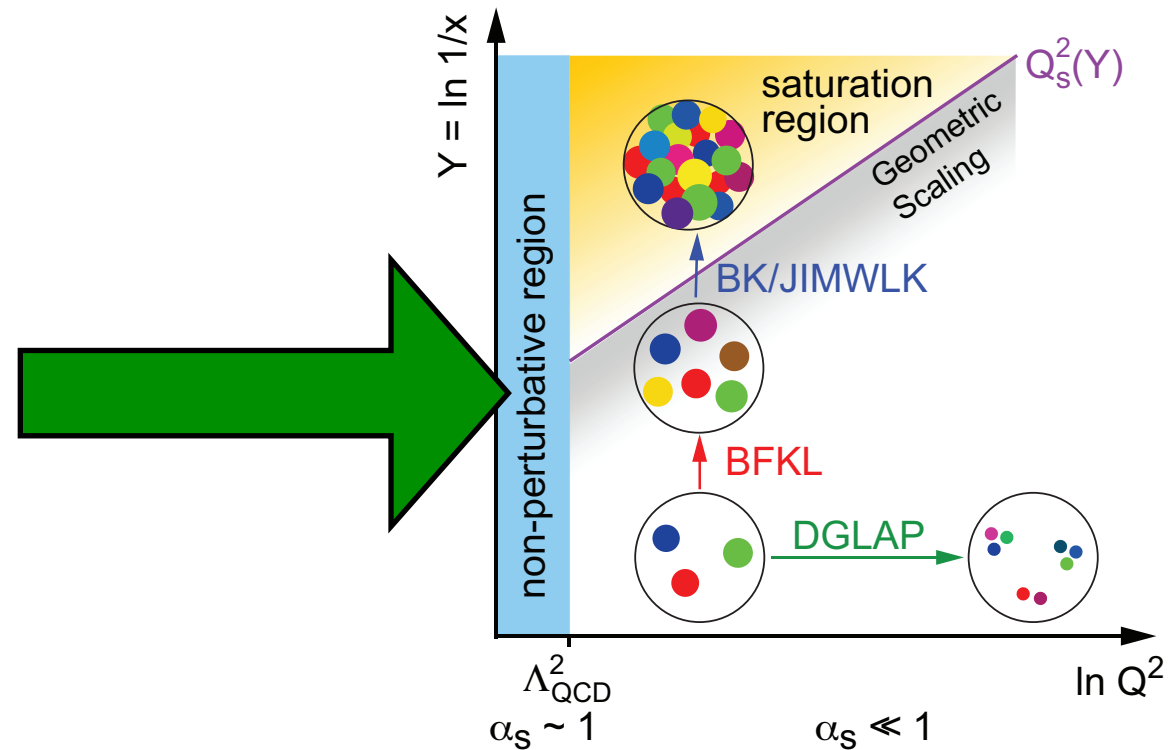
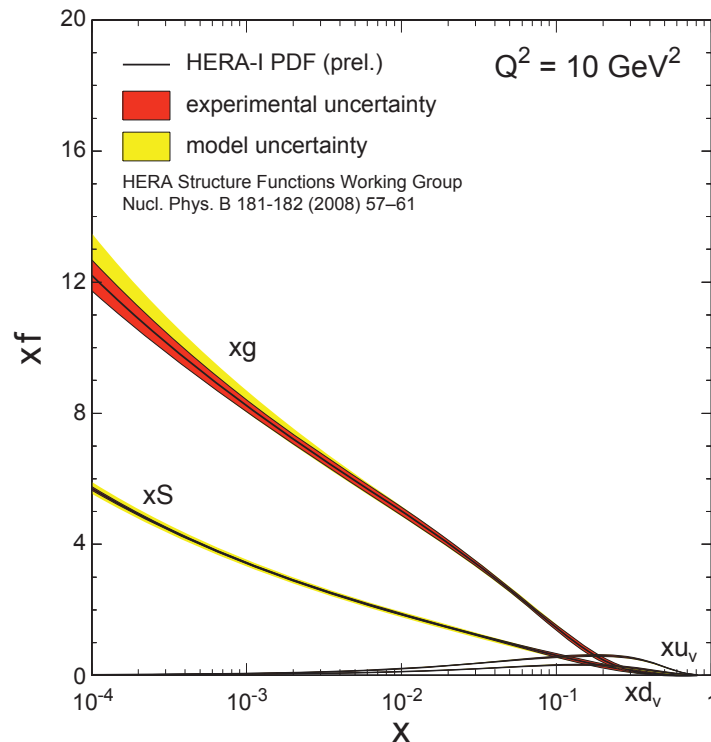
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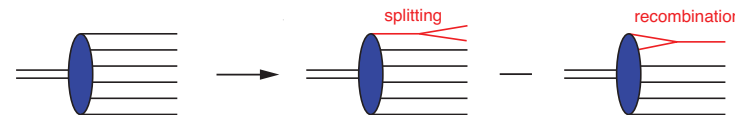
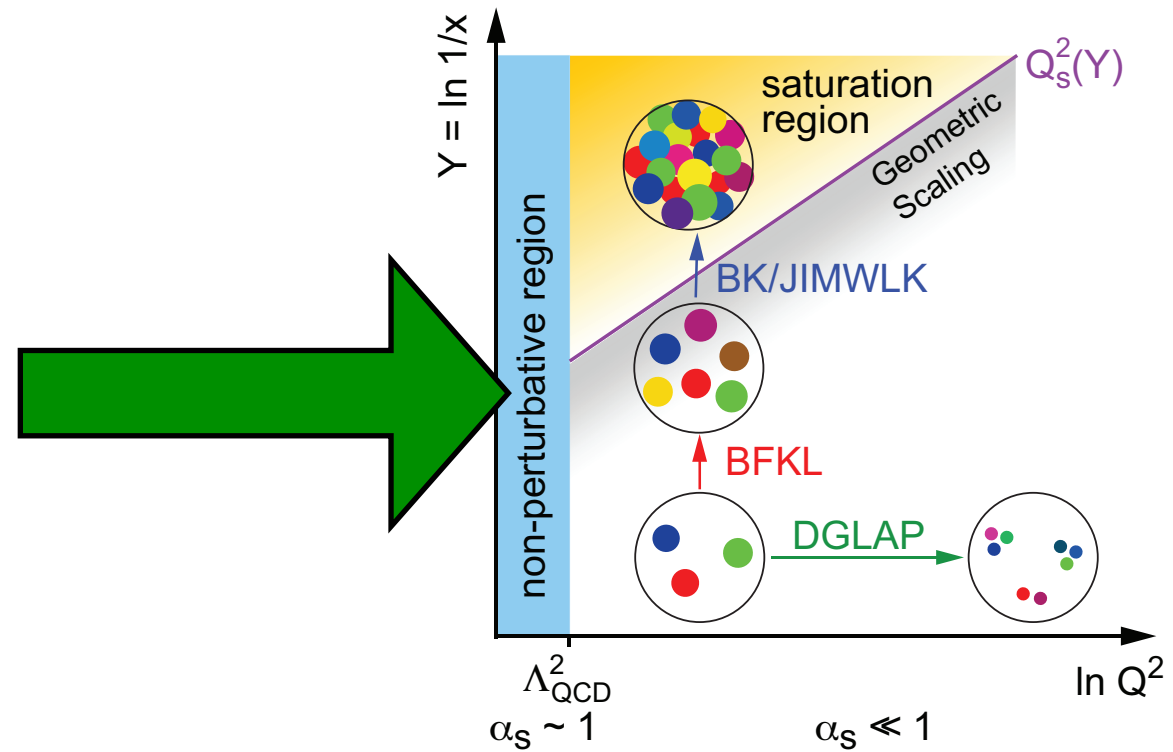
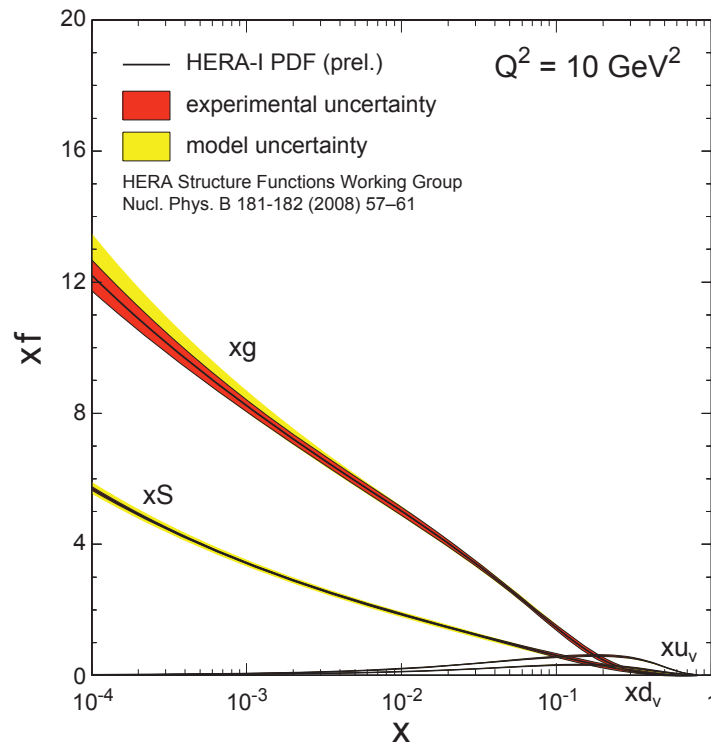


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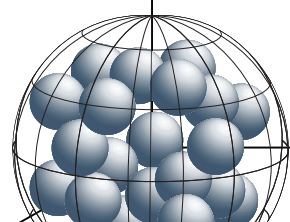
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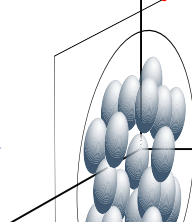
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