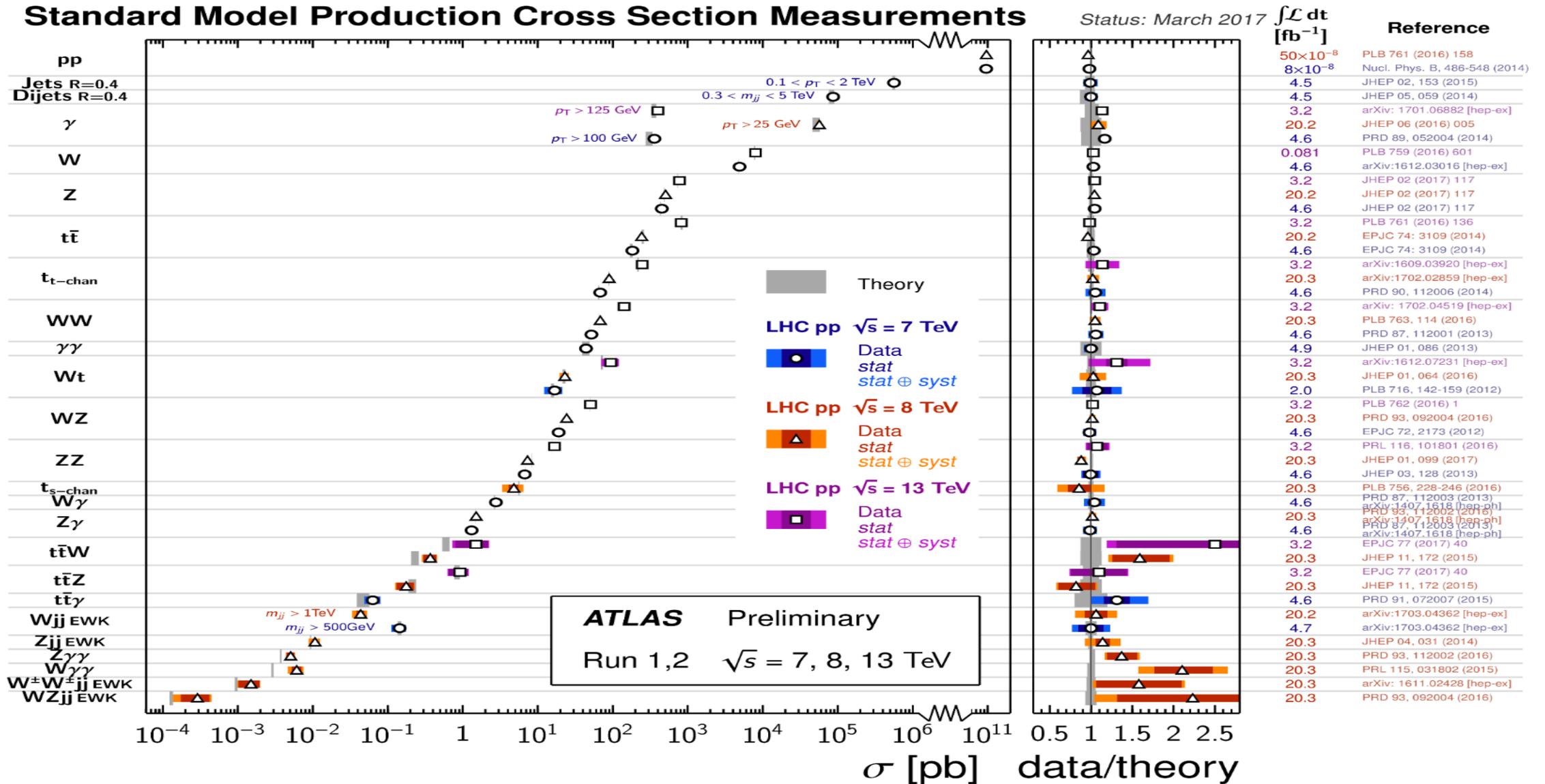


An Overview of the Physics Goals of the Electron-Ion Collider

- **Why do we need the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)?**
 - Something is still missing in the great success story of the Standard Model (SM)
 - QCD and strong force at the Fermi scale: questions and challenges
 - Why we need a lepton-hadron collider?
 - What the EIC can do, but, HERA could not do?
- **Some physics questions that the EIC could help address and corresponding opportunities:**
 - How are hadron properties (mass, spin, size(s), ...) emerged from QCD?
 - How are quarks/gluons distributed/confined inside hadrons?
 - How do nuclei “look” like if we only “see” quarks and gluons (origin of nuclear force)?
 - How precise do we need to know QCD for discovering beyond SM (BSM), ...?
- **Realization of the EIC:**
 - Schedule, challenges, ...

Unprecedented Success of the Standard Model (including QCD)!



FACT: Electroweak processes + QCD perturbation theory works!

Frontiers of QCD and Strong Interaction

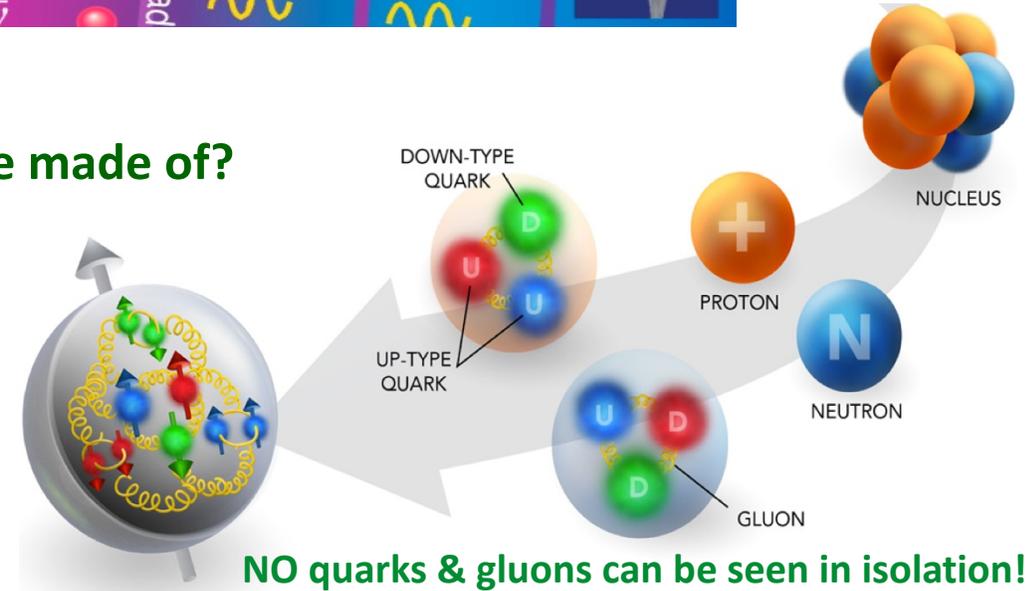
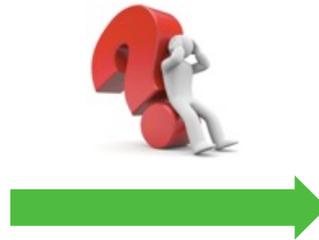
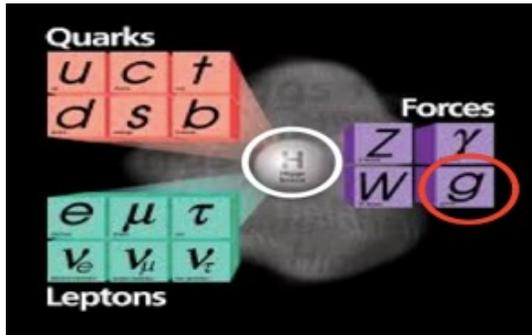
- QCD at high temperature, high density, phase transition, ...

Global Time: \longrightarrow



Facilities – Relativistic heavy ion collisions: SPS, RHIC, the LHC, ...

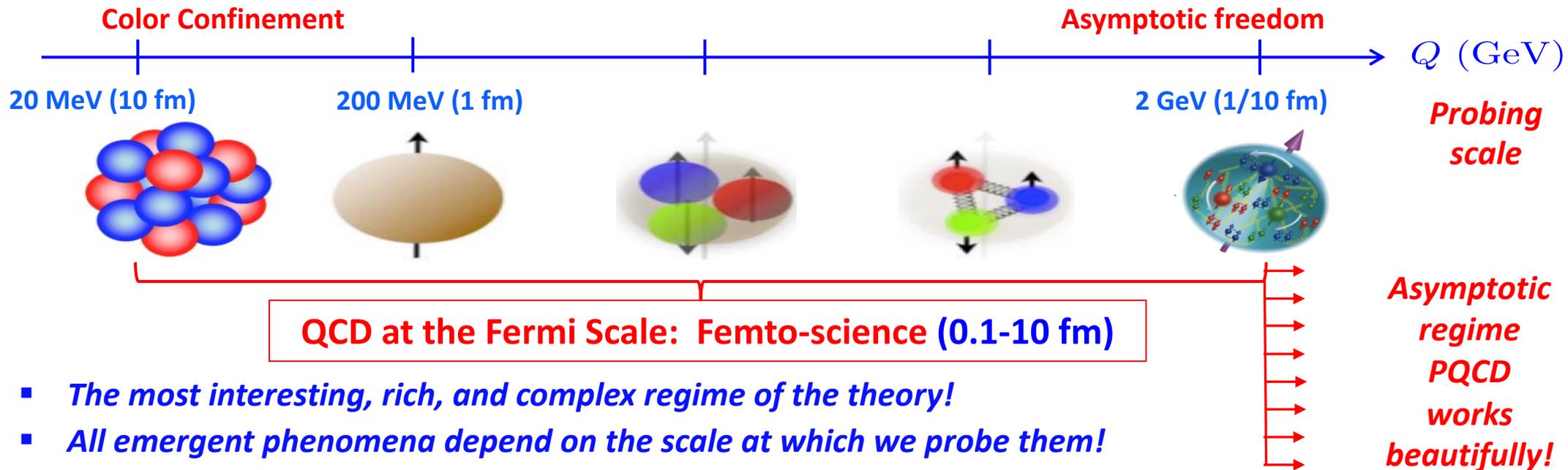
- Understanding QCD at about zero temperature – what we are made of?



- How are hadrons & their properties (mass, spin, size(s), ...) emerged from quarks, gluons & their interactions?
- How are quarks and gluons confined and distributed inside hadrons (not seen in isolation)?
- How do nuclei “look” like if we only “see” quarks and gluons?
- How precise do we need to know QCD for discovering BSM?
- ...

*Need to explore QCD & strong interaction physics at a Fermi scale!
Facilities – CEBAF, EIC, EICC, LHeC, ...*

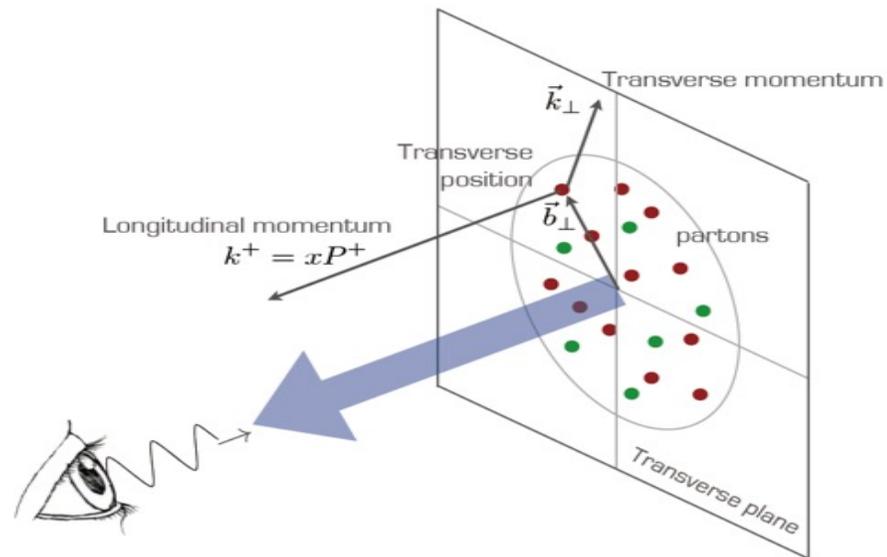
QCD Dynamics/Phenomena at the Fermi-Scale – Nuclear Femtography



□ **Need new observables with two distinctive scales:**

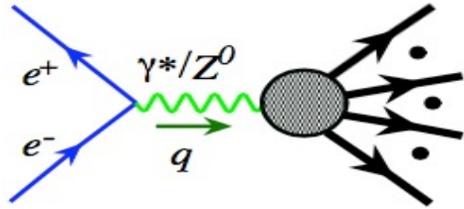
$$Q_1 \gg Q_2 \sim 1/R \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

- **Hard scale:** Q_1 to localize the probe to see the particle nature of quarks/gluons
- **“Soft” scale:** Q_2 could be more sensitive to the hadron structure $\sim 1/\text{fm}$

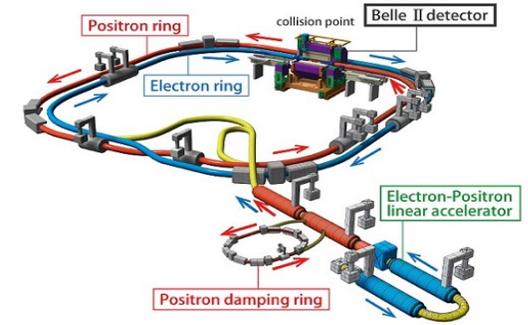


Exploring QCD & Hadron Structure Needs Lepton-Hadron Facilities

Lepton-lepton colliders (e+e- collisions):

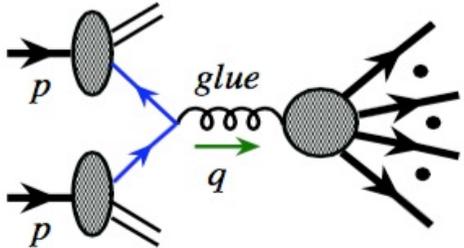


- No hadron to start with
- Hadrons are produced in the collisions
- Emergence of hadrons

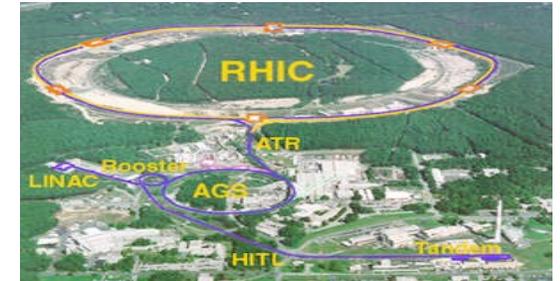


Also BES III

Hadron-hadron facilities (hadrons are likely broken in the collisions):

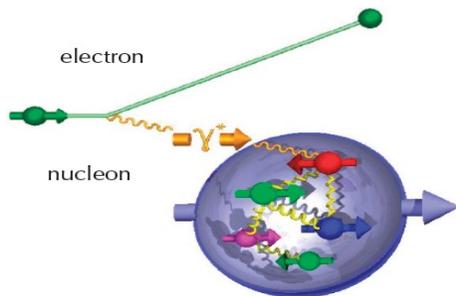


- Partonic structure mixed with collision effects
- Emergence of hadrons
- Heavy ion beam(s) – dense medium, QGP

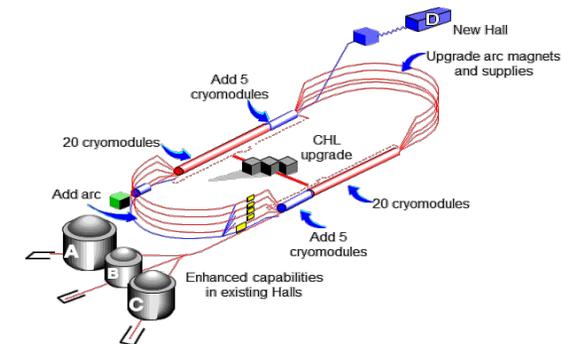


Also the LHC, J-PARC, ...

Lepton-hadron facilities (HERA discovery: hadron stays intact 10-15% time):



- Two-scale observables are natural
- Imaging partonic structure without breaking it!
- Emergence of hadrons
- Heavy ion target or beam



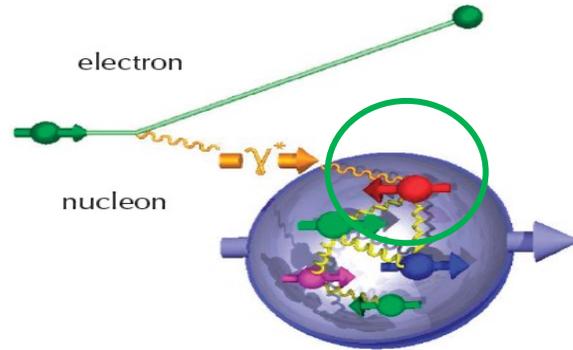
Also COMPASS/Amber & future EIC, ...

Jefferson Lab

Ideal facility for partonic structure of hadron/nuclei !

Lepton-Hadron Facility is Ideal for Exploring Hadron's 3D Partonic Structure

□ Two-scale observables are natural in lepton-hadron scattering



✧ A “controlled hard probe” – virtual photon

✧ Can either break or not break the hadron

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$x_B = Q^2 / 2P \cdot q$$

Sensitive to momentum fraction of colliding quark or gluon

■ Inclusive events: $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+X$ (Single scale $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$)

Detect only the scattered lepton in the detector

(Modern Rutherford experiment!)

■ Semi-Inclusive events: $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+h(p,K,p,\text{jet})+X$ $Q \gg P_{hT}$

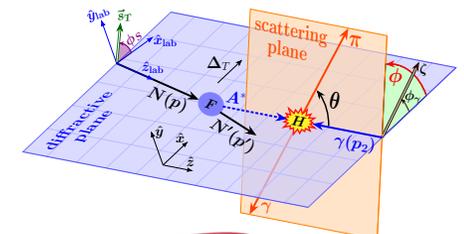
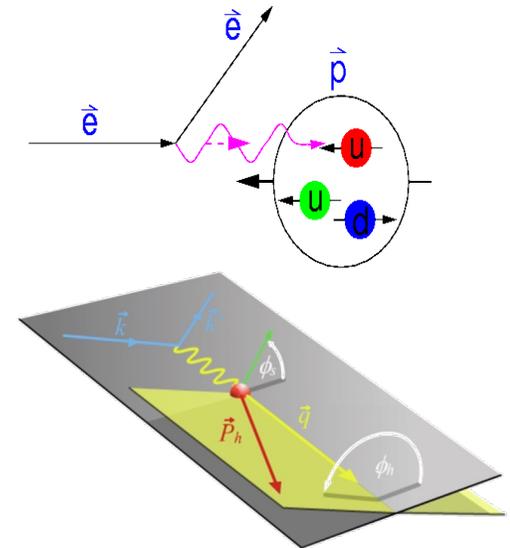
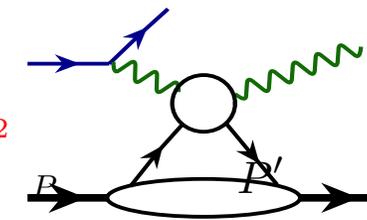
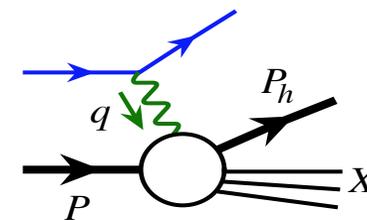
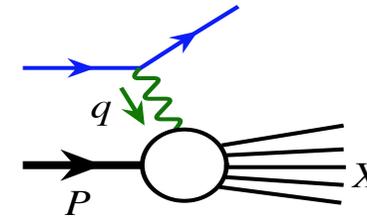
Detect the scattered lepton along with identified hadrons/jets

(Initial hadron is broken – cleaner than h-h collisions)

■ Exclusive events: $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+p'/A'+P(\gamma,\pi,K,p,\text{jet})$ $Q \gg \sqrt{-t}$

Detect every things including scattered proton/nucleus

(hadron is NOT broken – tomography! – almost impossible for h-h collisions)

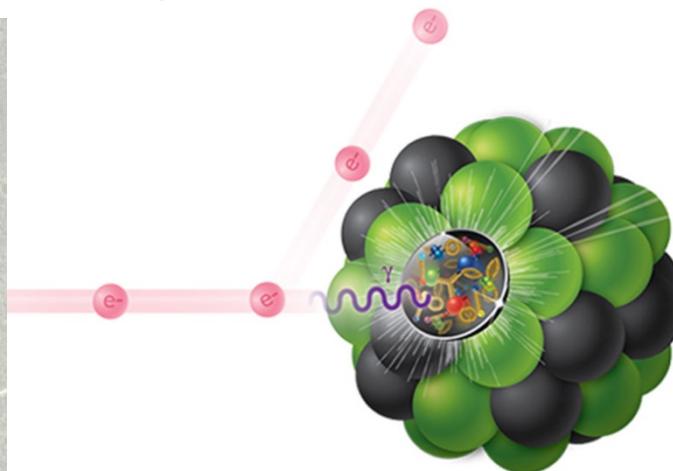


U.S. - based Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

A machine that will unlock the secrets of the strongest force in Nature

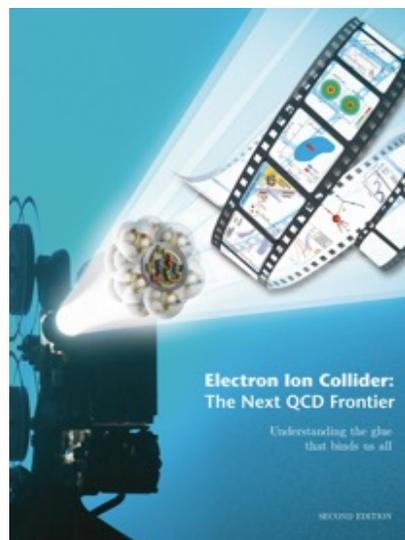
<https://www.bnl.gov/eic/>

Like a CT Scanner for Atoms



Basic Tech Requirements

- Center of Mass Energies:
20 GeV – 141 GeV
- Required Luminosity:
 $10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Hadron Beam Polarization:
80%
- Electron Beam Polarization:
80%
- Ion Species Range:
p to Uranium
- Number of interaction regions:
up to two



US-EIC – can do what HERA could not do

Quantum imaging:

- HERA discovered: 10-15% of e-p events is diffractive – Proton not broken!
- US-EIC: 100-1000 times **luminosity** – *Critical for 3D tomography!*

Large momentum transfer
without breaking the proton
Need luminosity!

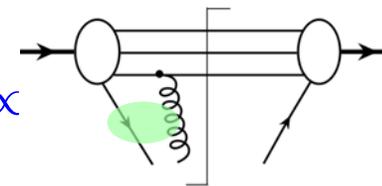
Quantum interference & entanglement:

- US-EIC: Highly **polarized** beams – *Origin of hadron property: Spin, ...*
Direct access to chromo-quantum interference!

$$\sigma(Q, \vec{s}) \propto \left| \begin{array}{c} p, \vec{s} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Diagram 1} \\ + \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ + \dots \end{array} \right|^2$$

The diagrams show a proton (represented by three lines) interacting with a photon (represented by a wavy line) via a vertex. The first diagram shows a vertex with a quark line and a gluon line. The second diagram shows a vertex with a gluon line and a quark line. The momentum transfer is labeled $t \sim 1/Q$.

$$\sigma(s) - \sigma(-s) \xrightarrow{\text{Quantum interference}} T^{(3)}(x, x) \propto$$

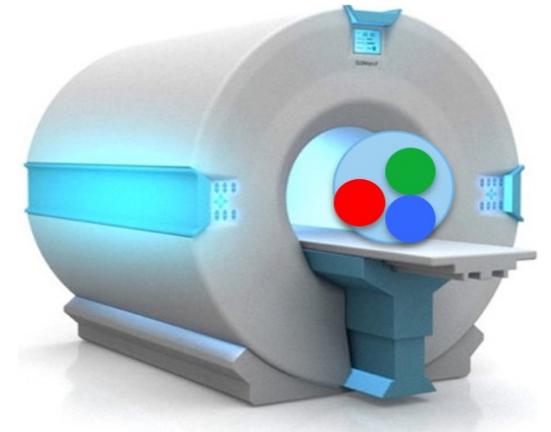


No probability
interpretation!

Nonlinear quantum dynamics:

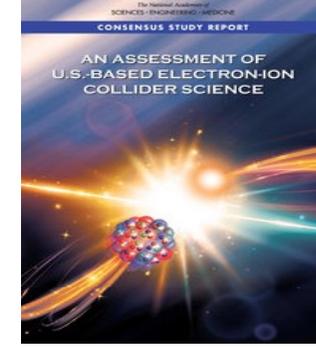
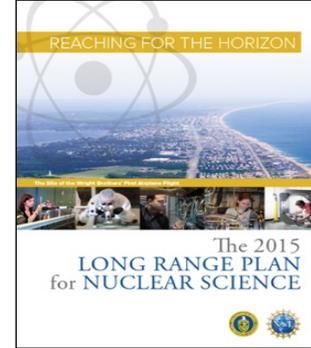
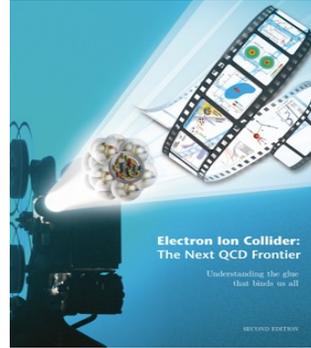
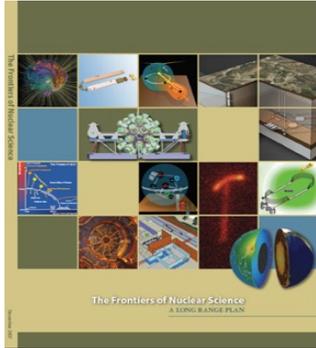
- US-EIC: Light-to-heavy **nuclear** beams – *Origin of nuclear force, ...*
Catch the transition from chromo-quantum fluctuation to chromo-condensate of gluons, ...
Emergence of hadrons, color neutralization, ...,
– “Femtometer-detectors” with **controllable size and properties** – Atomic nuclei

Wave nature of quark/gluon field



U.S. - based Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

□ A long journey, a joint effort of the full community:



“... answer science questions that are compelling, fundamental, and timely, and help maintain U.S. scientific leadership in nuclear physics.”



... three profound questions:

How does the mass of the nucleon arise?

How does the spin of the nucleon arise?

What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

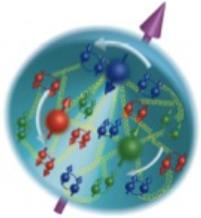
□ January 9, 2020: *The U.S. DOE announced the selection of BNL as the site for the Electron-Ion Collider*

July 6, 2021: *Achieved Critical Decision 1 (CD1) approval*

DOE/NP approved 3A and 3B *Need CD2 for full baseline design and cost for the machine!*

How does the Mass of the Nucleon arise?

☐ Nucleon Mass – dominates the Mass of visible world!



Nucleon – a relativistic bound state of quarks and gluons

Mass is the **Energy** of the nucleon when it is at the **Rest!**

Mass = Rest Mass of quarks and gluons + Energy of their motion

☐ Higgs mechanism is NOT enough – mass without mass!

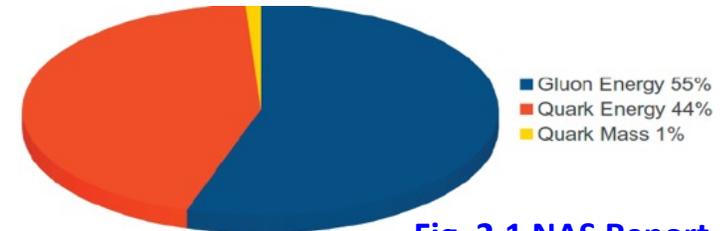
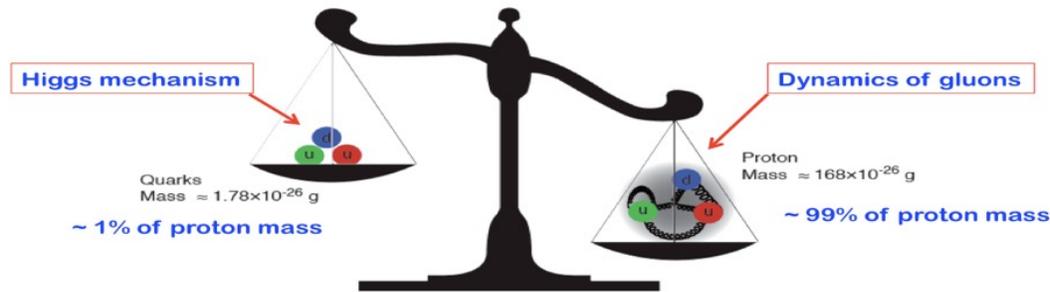


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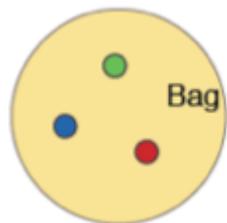
Higgs mechanism is far from enough!!!



Energy of Confined Motion of quarks and gluons

☐ Consistency check:

Bag model:



▪ Kinetic energy of three quarks:

$$K_q \sim 3/R$$

▪ Bag energy (bag constant B):

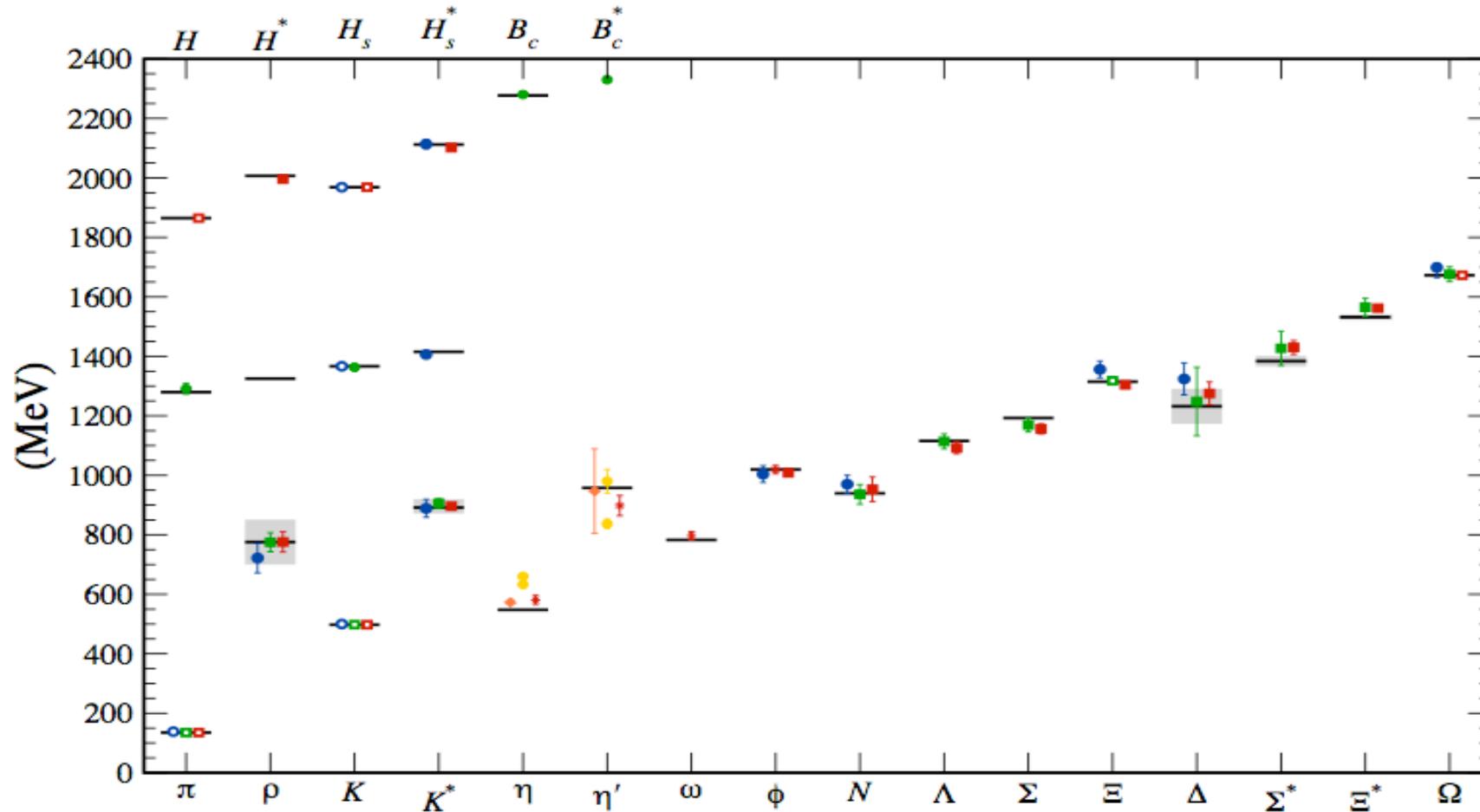
$$T_b = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 B$$

▪ Minimize $K + T$:

$$M_p \sim \frac{4}{R} \sim \frac{4}{0.84\text{fm}} \sim 938 \text{ MeV}$$

Who ordered the Hadron Mass Scale?

□ Hadron mass from lattice QCD calculation:



QCD is the right theory!

How to quantify and verify this, beyond LQCD simulation (black box)?

The Proton Mass: Decomposition

□ Role of quarks and gluons?

- Trace of the QCD energy-momentum tensor:

$$T_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = \underbrace{\frac{\beta(g)}{2g} F^{\mu\nu,a} F_{\mu\nu}^a}_{\text{QCD trace anomaly}} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} \underbrace{m_q(1 + \gamma_m) \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q}_{\text{Chiral symmetry breaking}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad M_p^2 \propto \langle P | T_{\alpha}^{\alpha} | P \rangle$$

$$\beta(g) = -(11 - 2n_f/3) g^3 / (4\pi)^2 + \dots$$

- Hadron mass: **Gluon quantum effect + Chiral symmetry breaking!**

□ Decomposition or sum rules – could be frame dependent!

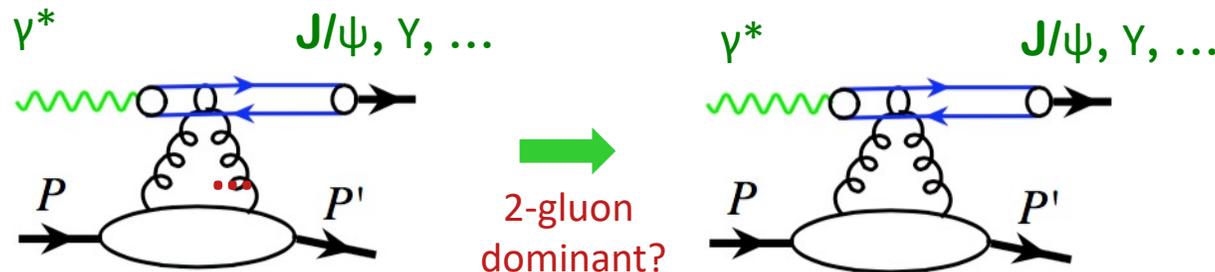
$$M_p = \frac{\langle P | \int d^3x T^{00} | P \rangle}{\langle P | P \rangle} \Bigg|_{\text{at rest}} = E_q + E_g + \chi m_q + T_g$$

Sum Rule is useful iff ALL individual terms can be measured independently!

□ Critical measurement:

Probing Trace anomaly:

Probe parton's energy distribution inside the proton?



Extract the trace anomaly from exclusive J/ψ, Υ production at EIC

The Proton Mass: Decomposition

□ Ji's decomposition/interpretation – NOT unique:

Quark Energy $\langle \bar{T}_q^{00} \rangle$: $M_q = \frac{3}{4} \left(M \sum_q \langle x \rangle_q - \sum_q \sigma_q \right)$

Gluon Energy $\langle \bar{T}_g^{00} \rangle$: $M_g = \frac{3}{4} M \langle x \rangle_g$

Quark Mass $\langle \hat{T}_q^{00} \rangle$: $M_m = \sum_q \sigma_q$

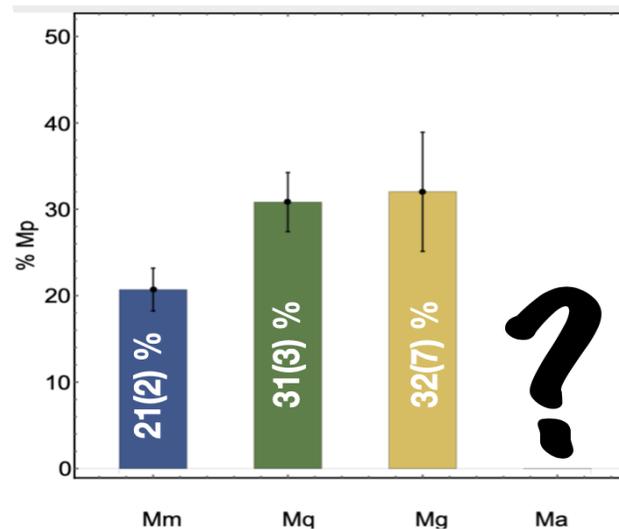
Trace Anomaly $\langle \hat{T}_g^{00} \rangle$: $M_a = \frac{\gamma_m}{4} \sum_q \sigma_q - \frac{\beta(g)}{4g} (E^2 + B^2)$

□ LQCD calculation:

Quark sigma-term:

$$\sigma_q = \frac{\langle P | \bar{\psi}_q(0) m_q \psi_q(0) | P \rangle}{2P^0}$$

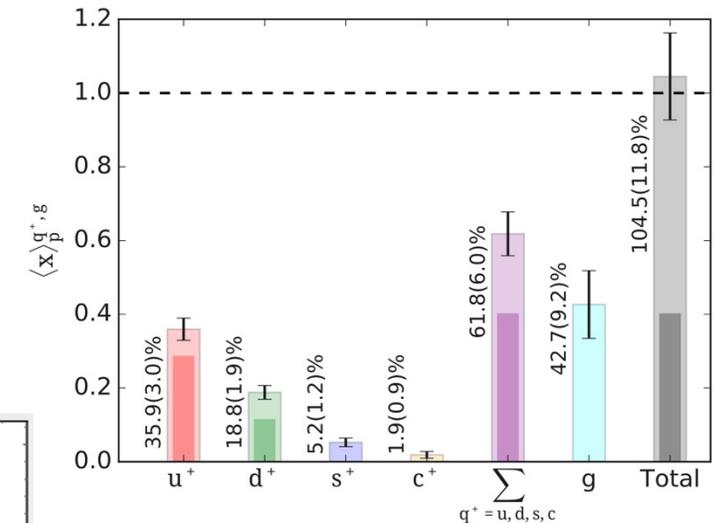
| | $u + d$ | s | c |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| σ [MeV] | 41.6(3.8) | 45.6(6.2) | 107(22) |



Note: $\langle x \rangle_f$ and σ_q are calculable in lattice QCD

Parton momentum fraction:

$$\langle x \rangle_f = \int_0^1 dx x f(x, \mu^2)$$



Access the trace anomaly Indirectly?

$$M_a = \frac{M}{4} - \sum_q \frac{\sigma_q}{4}$$

Or by experiment?

How does the Spin of the Nucleon arise?

- Nucleon Spin – without it, our visible world would not be the same!



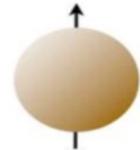
Spin is the **Angular Momentum** of the nucleon when it is at the **Rest!**

Spin = Spin of quarks and gluons + **Angular Momentum** from their orbital motion

Helicity = Angular momentum projected onto the direction of hadron's motion

- An incomplete story:

Proton Spin



$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + (L_q + L_g)$$

Quark helicity
Best known

$$\frac{1}{2} \int dx (\Delta u + \Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{s})$$

~ 30%

Gluon helicity
Start to know

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

~ 40% (with RHIC data)

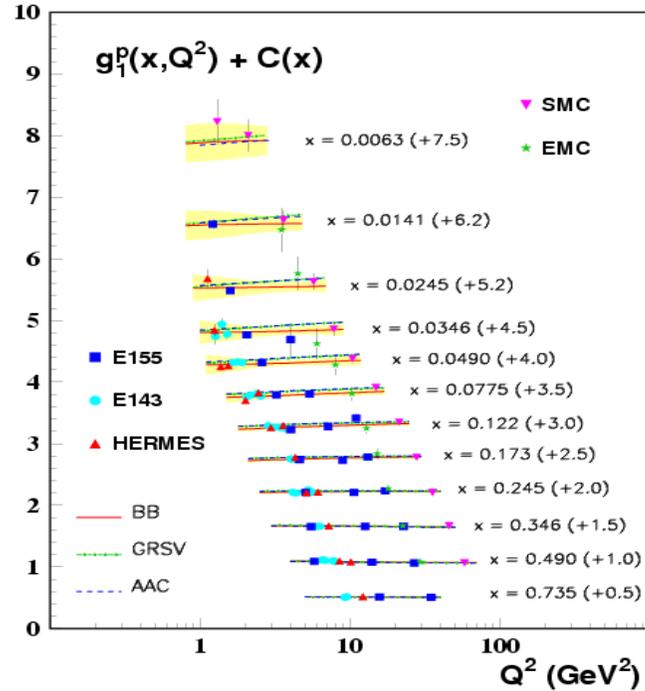
Orbital Angular Momentum
of quarks and gluons
Little known

*Net effect of partons'
transverse motion?*

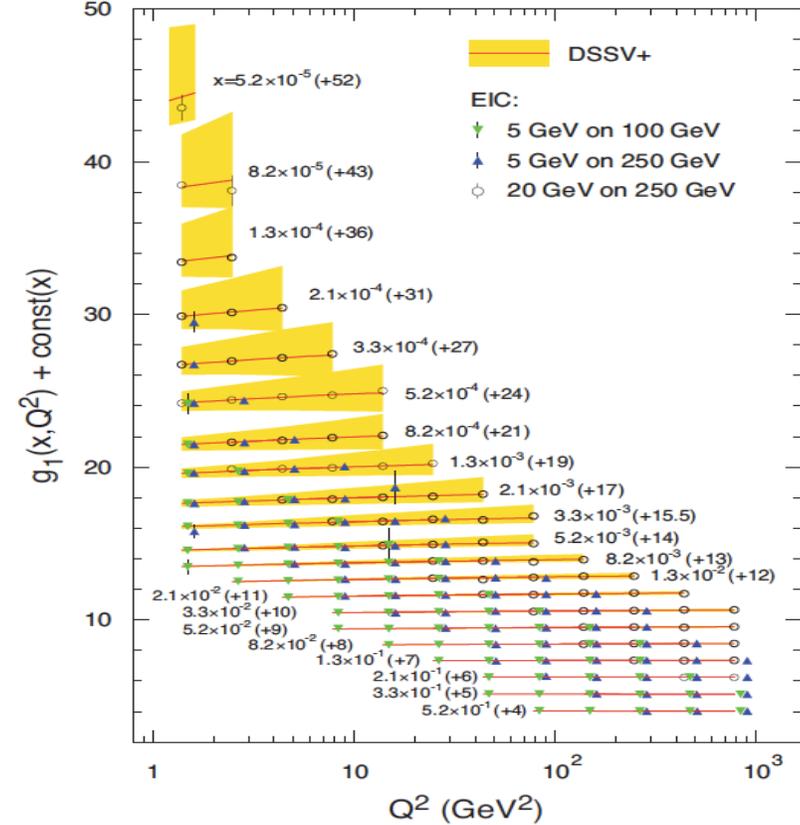
Numbers of quarks and gluons
inside a proton depends on the
scale at which the proton is
probed!

The Proton Spin: from JLab12 to EIC

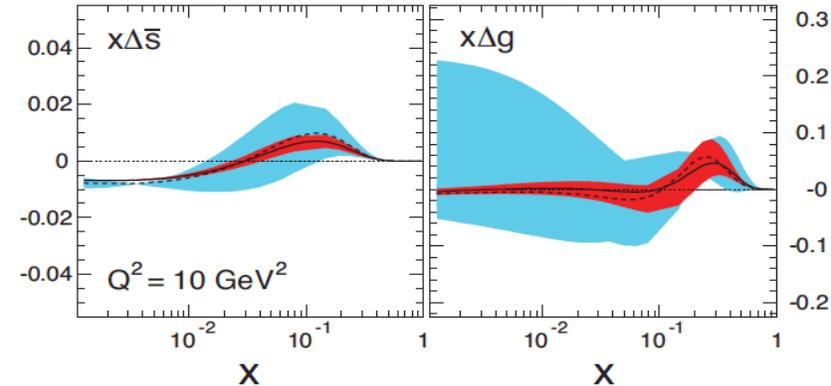
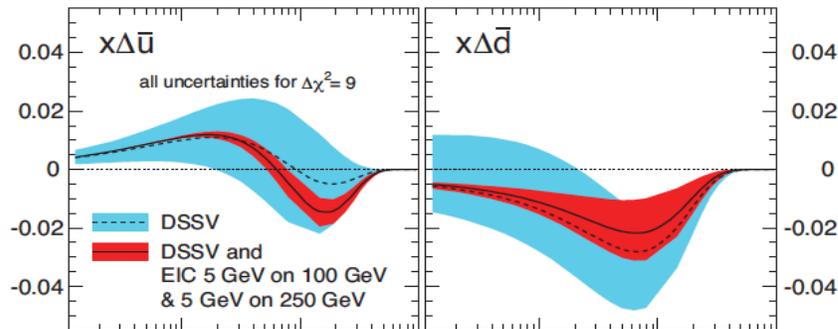
□ The power & precision of EIC:



Polarized DIS
at EIC



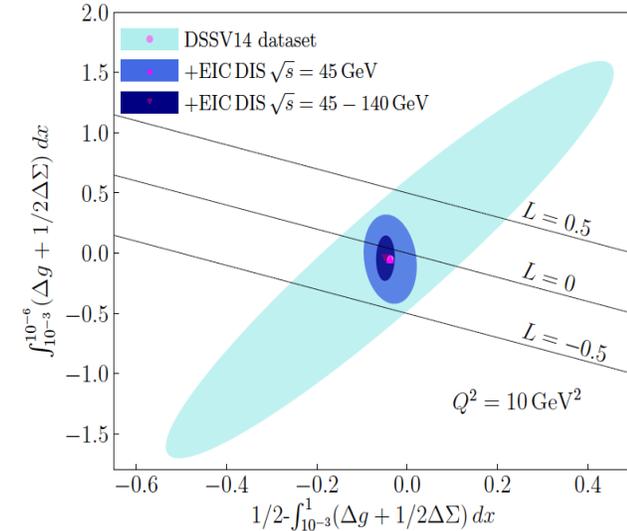
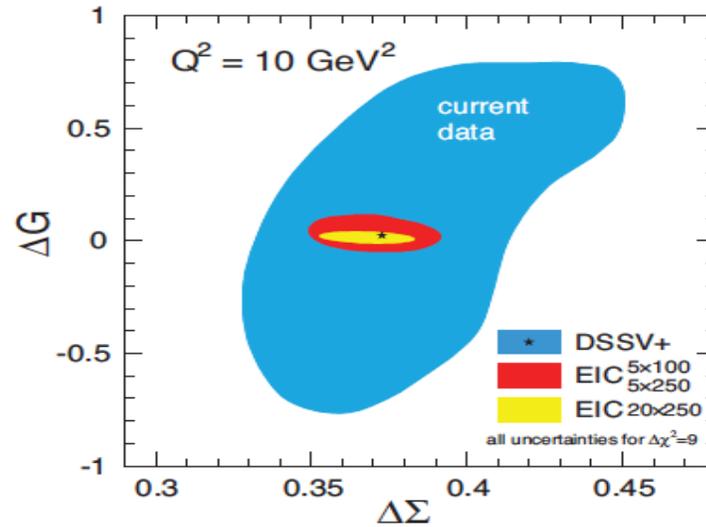
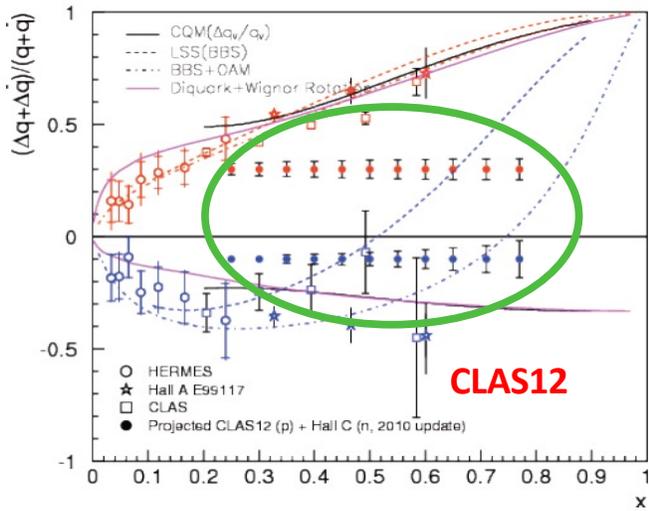
□ What an EIC could help:



The Proton Spin: from JLab12 to EIC

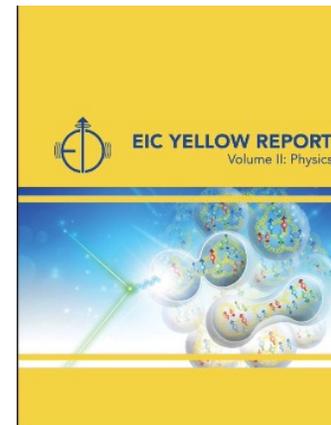
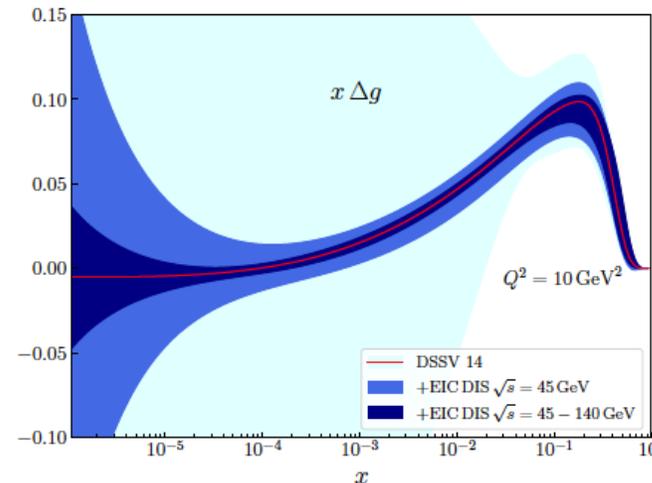
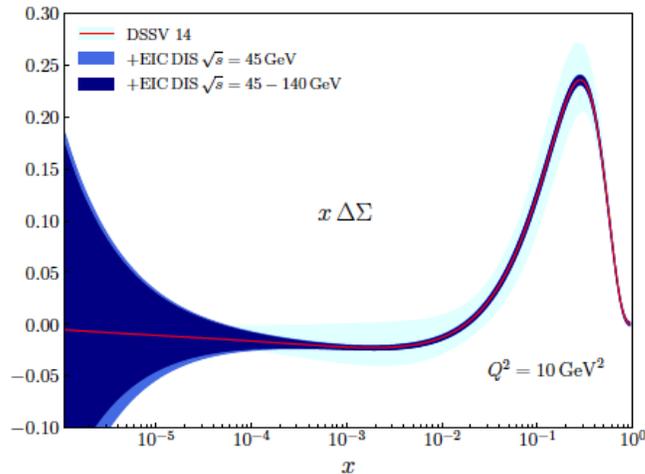
Complementary between JLab12 and EIC – White Paper:

arXiv:2103.05419



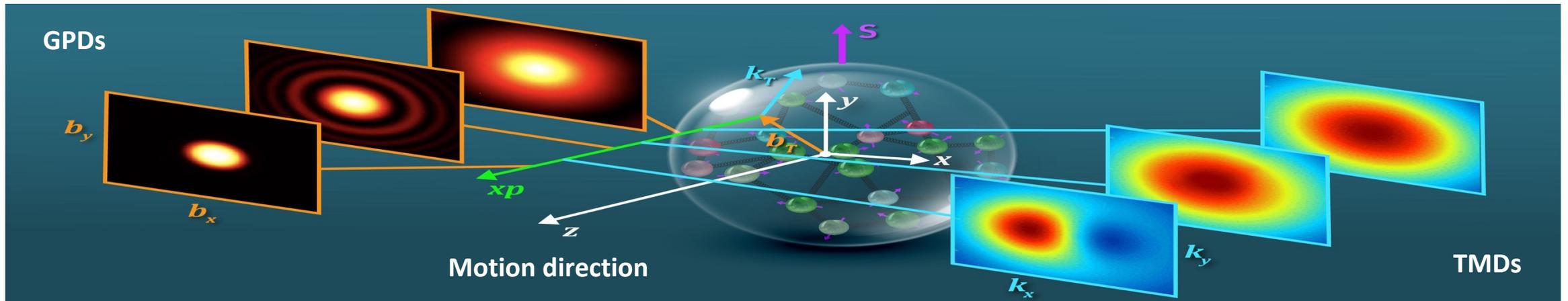
What the EIC could do/help – EIC Yellow Report:

↑ Room for orbital momentum

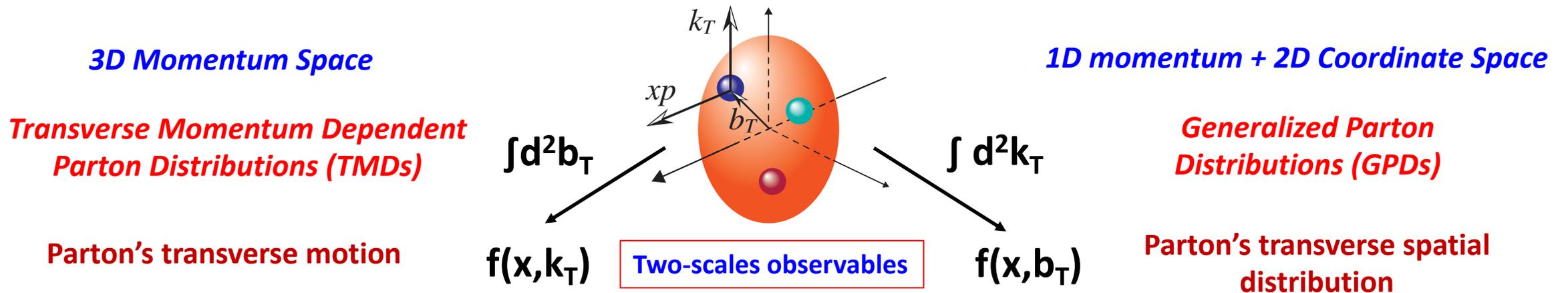


Exploring Hadron's 3D Partonic Structure

3D hadron's partonic structure:

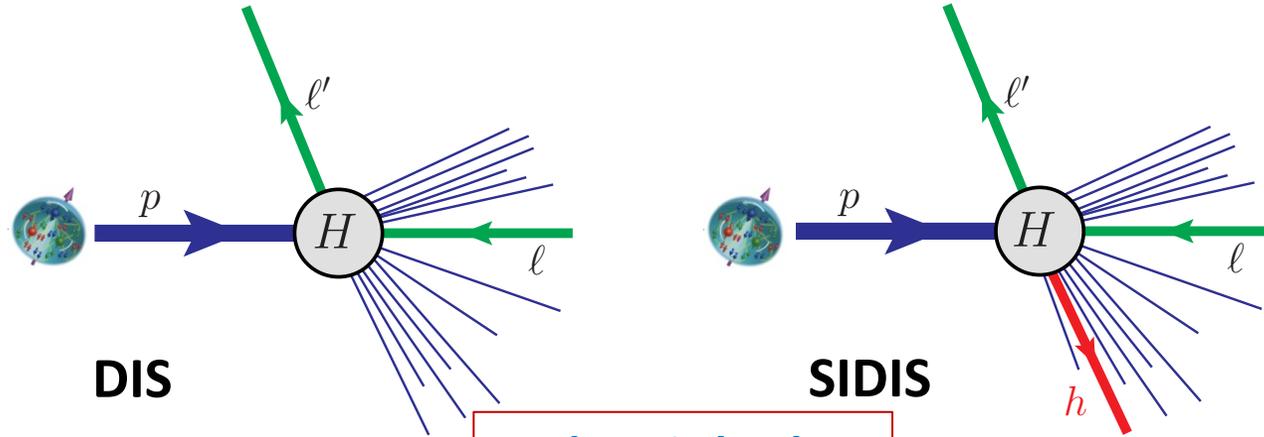


A unified description (Wigner distributions in 5D):



Partonic Structure with or without Breaking the Hadron

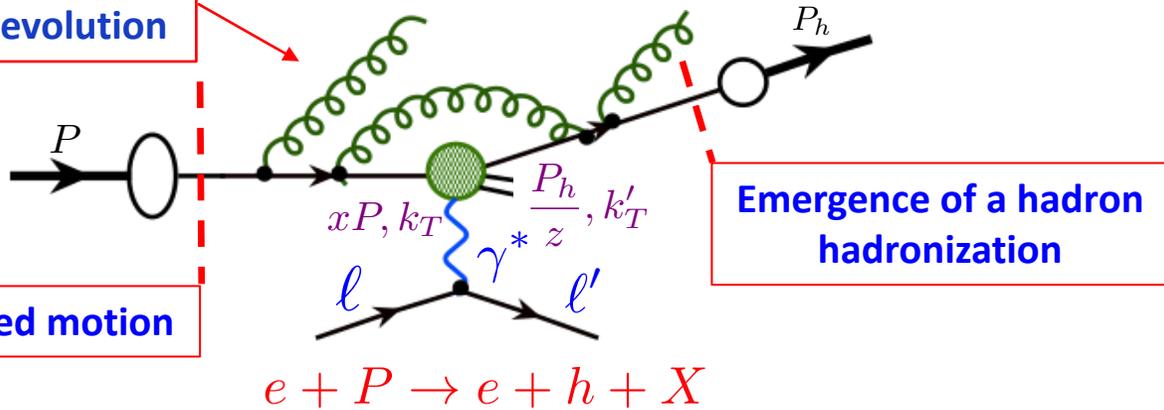
Inclusive scattering



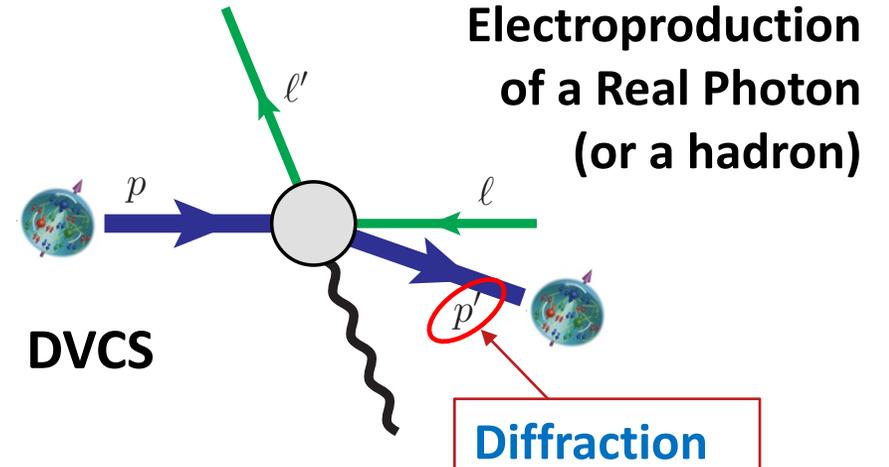
Hadron is broken

Gluon shower
– QCD evolution

Confined motion



Exclusive diffraction



$$Q^2 = -(\ell - \ell')^2$$

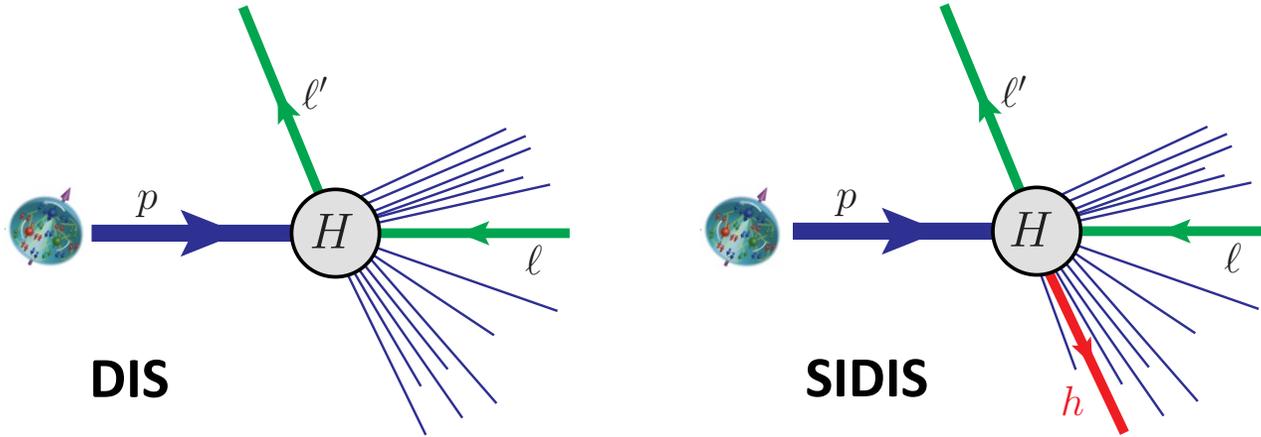
$$\gg -(p - p')^2 = -t$$

Measured k_T of TMDs \neq the *confined* motion inside the hadron!

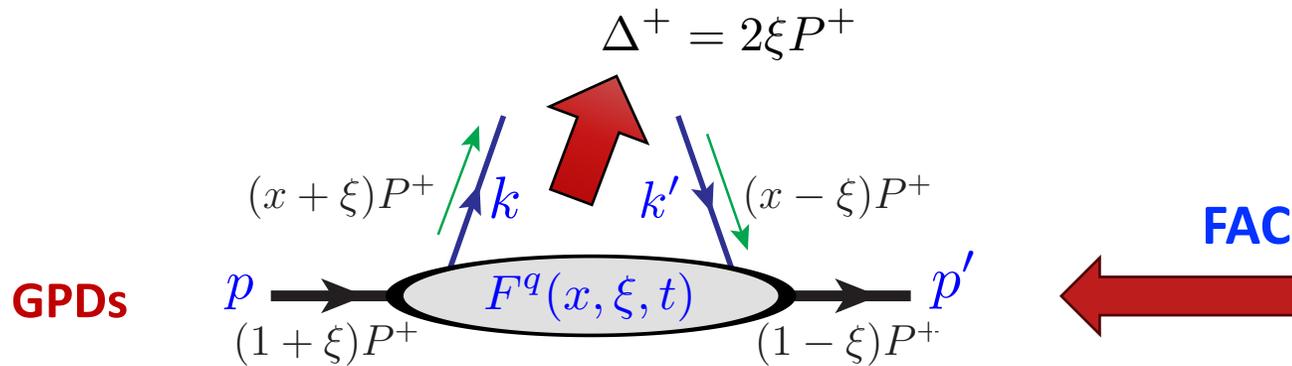
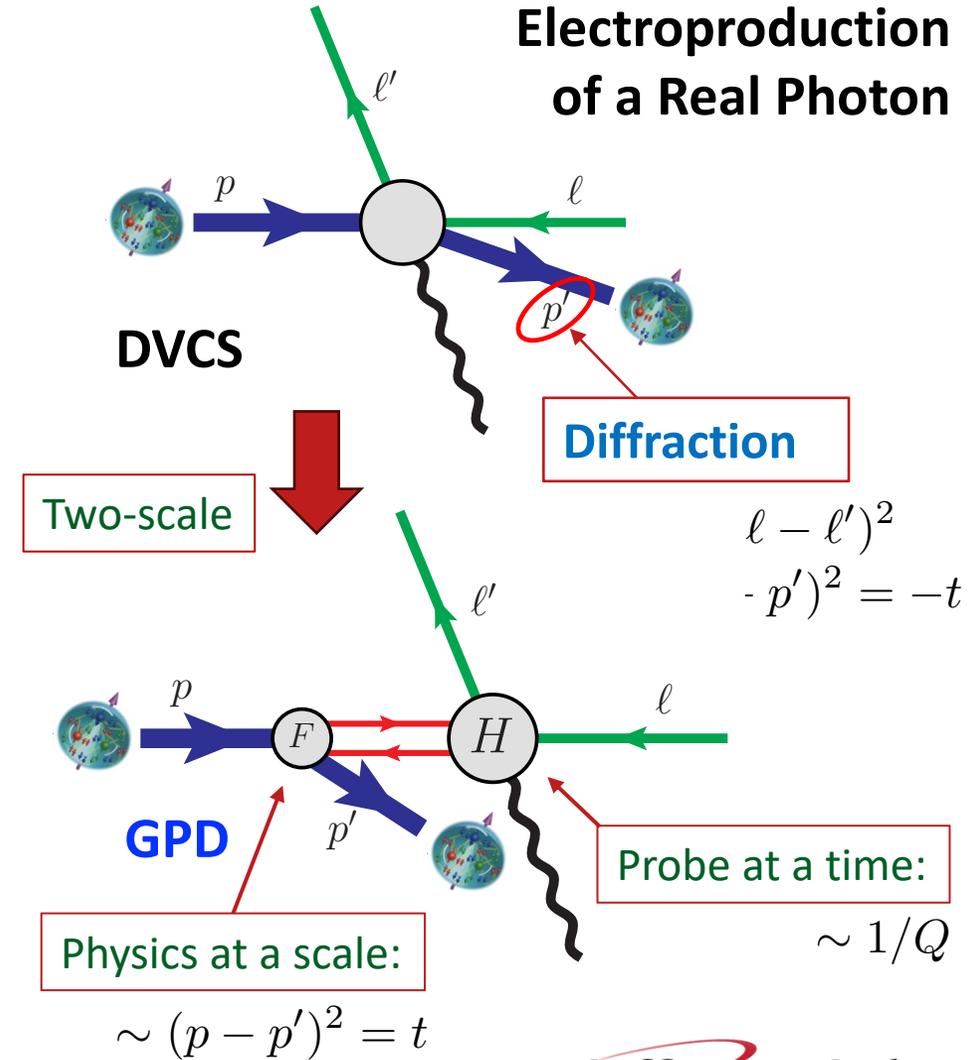
Challenge for interpretation!

Partonic Structure with or without Breaking the Hadron

Inclusive scattering



Exclusive diffraction

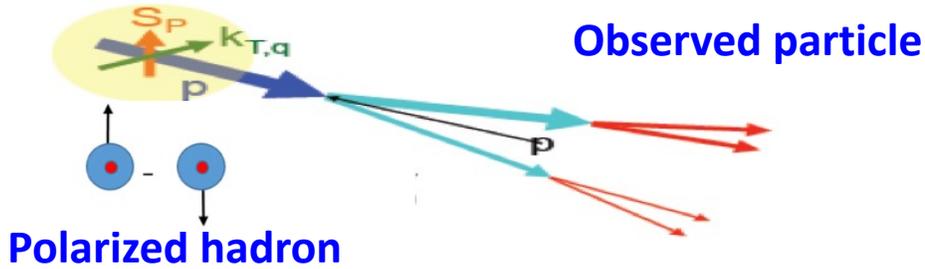


$$F^q(x, \xi, t) = \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(z^-/2) \gamma^+ q(-z^-/2) | p \rangle$$

$$\tilde{F}^q(x, \xi, t) = \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(z^-/2) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q(-z^-/2) | p \rangle$$

TMDs: Correlation between Hadron Property and Parton Flavor-Spin-Motion

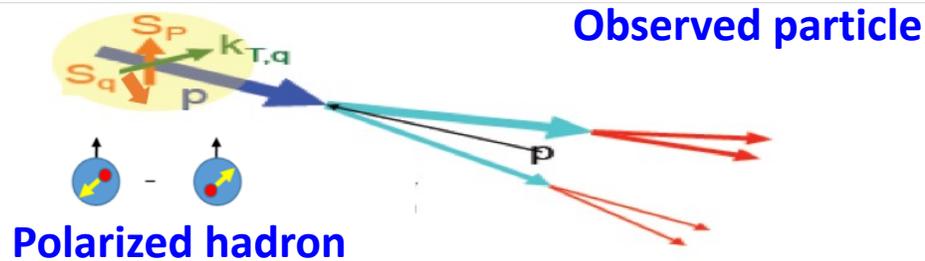
- Quantum correlation between hadron spin and parton motion:



Sivers effect – Sivers function

Hadron spin influences parton's transverse motion

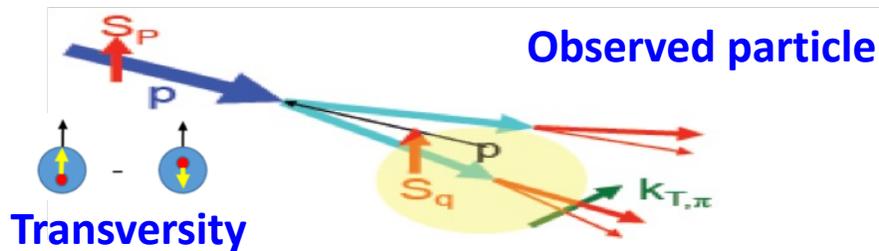
- Quantum correlation between hadron spin and parton spin:



Pretzelosity – model OAM

Hadron spin and parton spin influence parton's transverse motion

- Quantum correlation between parton's spin and its hadronization:



Collins effect – Collins function

Parton's transverse polarization influences its hadronization

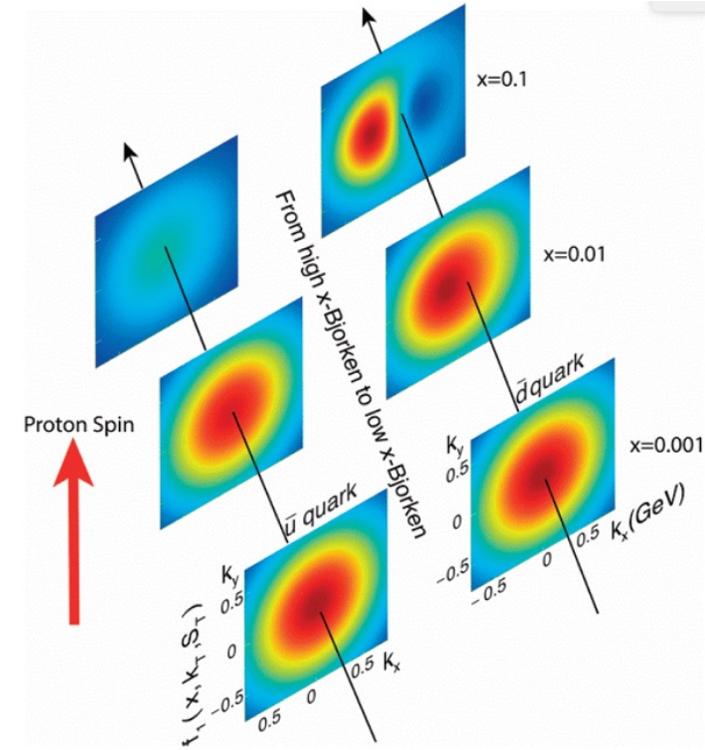


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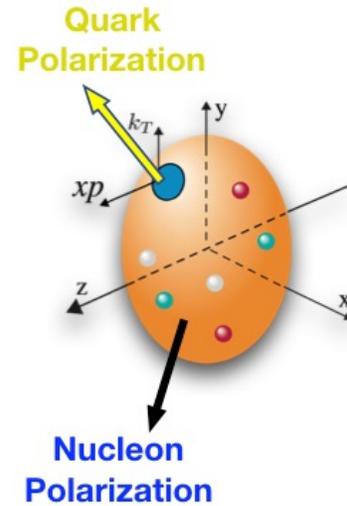
Transverse Momentum Dependent PDFs (TMDs) – Power of SIDIS

Quark TMDs with polarization:

| | | Quark Polarization | | |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | Unpolarized (U) | Longitudinally Polarized (L) | Transversely Polarized (T) |
| Nucleon Polarization | U | $f_1(x, k_T^2)$ | | $h_1^\perp(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Boer-Mulders</i> |
| | L | | $g_1(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Helicity</i> | $h_{1L}^\perp(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Long-Transversity</i> |
| | T | $f_1^\perp(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Sivers</i> | $g_{1T}(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Trans-Helicity</i> | $h_1(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Transversity</i> $h_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2)$ <i>Pretzelosity</i> |

Analogous tables for:

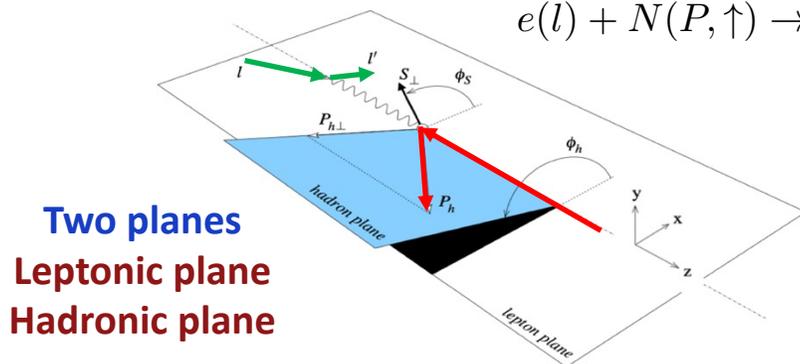
- Gluons** $f_1 \rightarrow f_1^g$ etc
- Fragmentation functions**
- Nuclear targets** $S \neq \frac{1}{2}$



See also TMD Handbook [2304.03302]

Polarized lepton-hadron SIDIS:

$$e(l) + N(P, \uparrow) \rightarrow e(l') + h(P_h) + X$$



Single Transverse-Spin Asymmetry

$$A_{UT} = \frac{1}{P} \frac{\sigma_{lN(\uparrow)} - \sigma_{lN(\downarrow)}}{\sigma_{lN(\uparrow)} + \sigma_{lN(\downarrow)}}$$

In photon-hadron frame:

$$A_{UT}^{Collins} \propto \langle \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \rangle_{UT} \propto h_1 \otimes H_1^\perp$$

$$A_{UT}^{Sivers} \propto \langle \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \rangle_{UT} \propto f_{1T}^\perp \otimes D_1$$

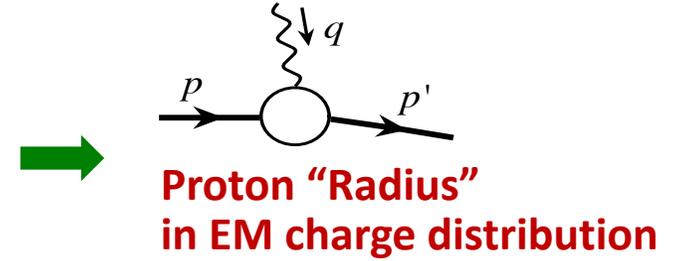
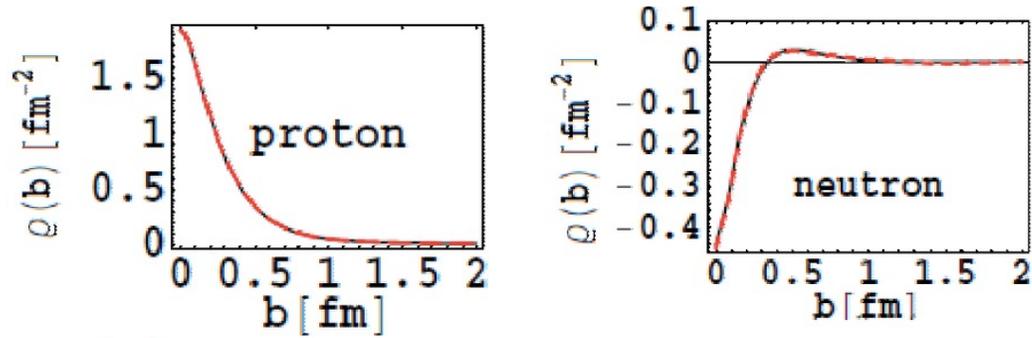
$$A_{UT}^{Pretzelosity} \propto \langle \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) \rangle_{UT} \propto h_{1T}^\perp \otimes H_1^\perp$$

Angular modulation provides the best way to separate TMDs

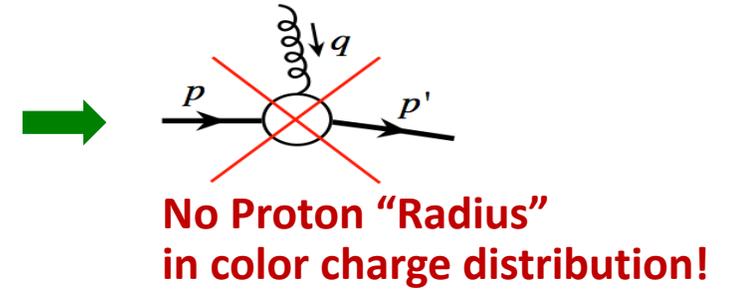
GPDs: Explore Internal Structure of Hadron without Breaking it?

Form factors:

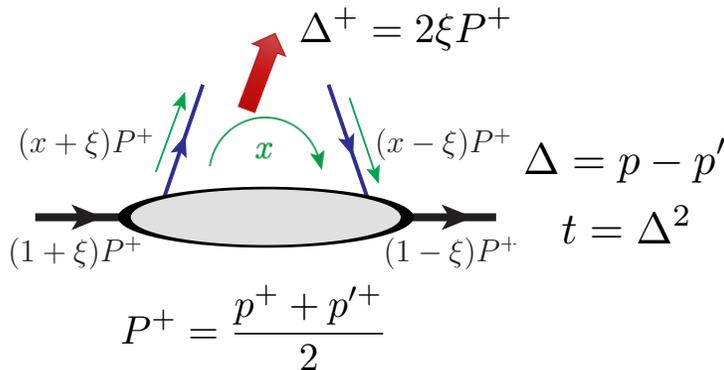
Elastic electric Form Factor
 → Charge distributions



But, there is NO elastic "color" form factor in QCD!



Combine PDF and Form Factor – GPDs:



Similar definition for gluon GPDs

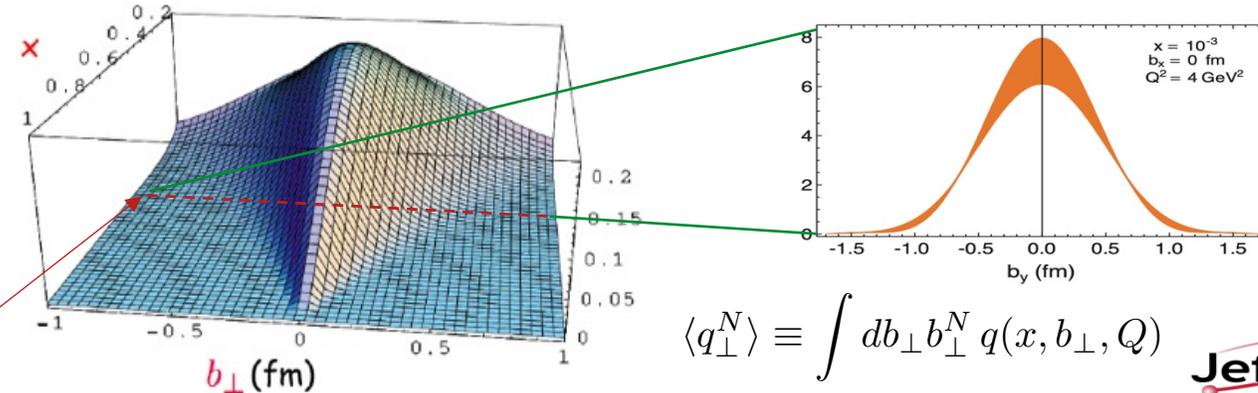
Q: $r_q(x) > r_g(x)$?
 $r_q(x) < r_g(x)$?

Modeled by
 M. Burkardt,
 PRD 2000

Impact parameter dependent parton density distribution:

$$q(x, b_\perp, Q) = \int d^2\Delta_\perp e^{-i\Delta_\perp \cdot b_\perp} H_q(x, \xi = 0, t = -\Delta_\perp^2, Q) \rightarrow \text{Quark density in } dx d^2b_T$$

Tomographic image of hadron in slice of x:



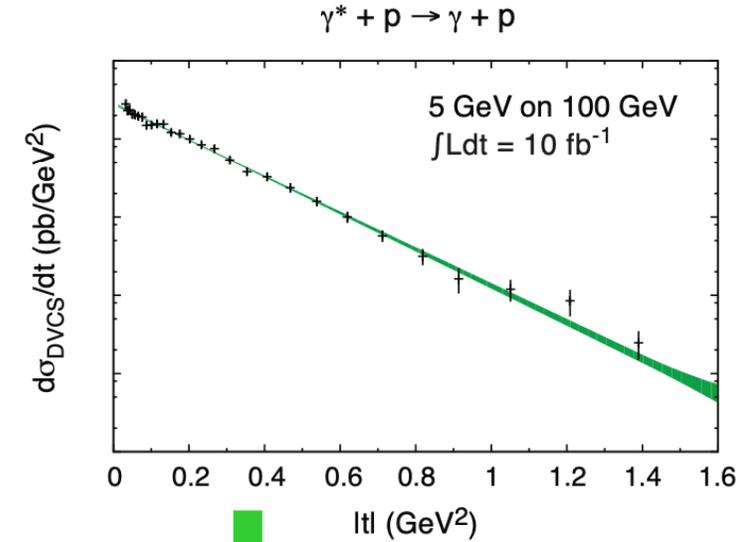
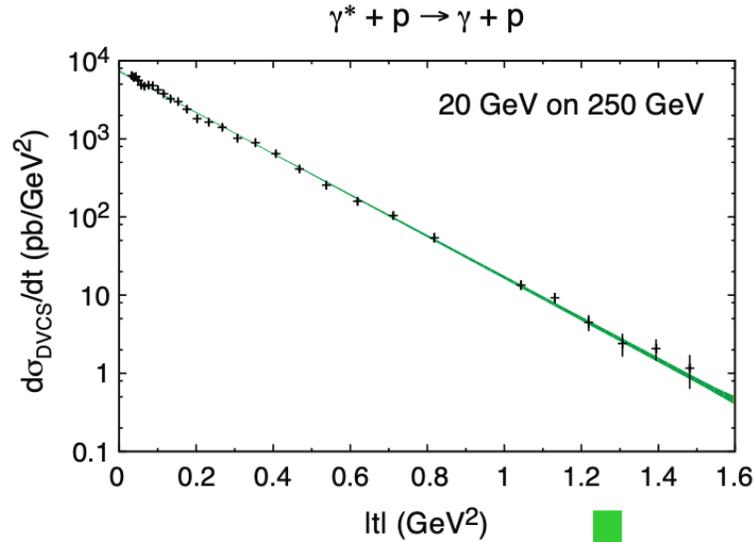
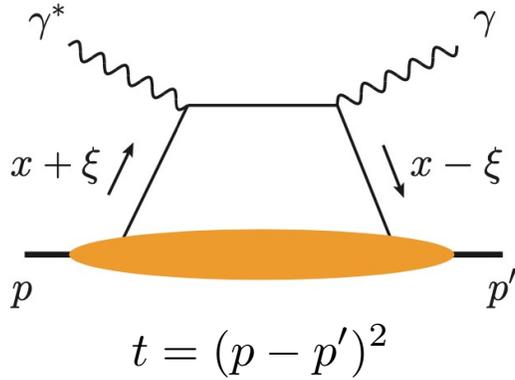
Slice in (x, Q)

Proton radius?

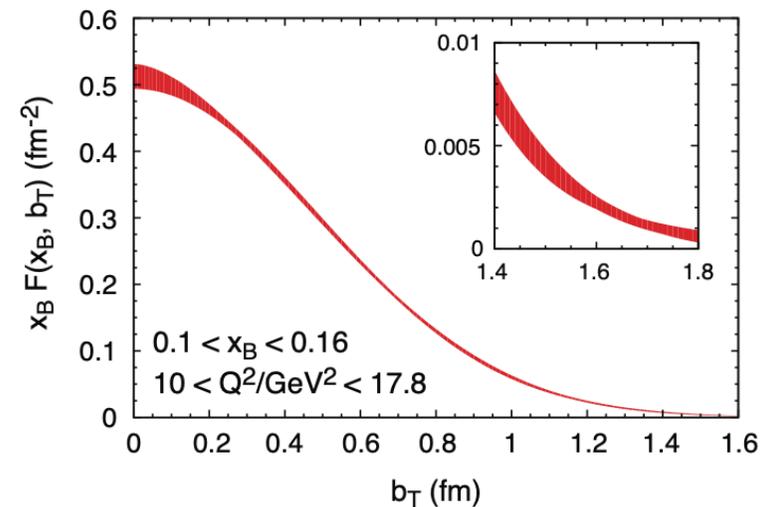
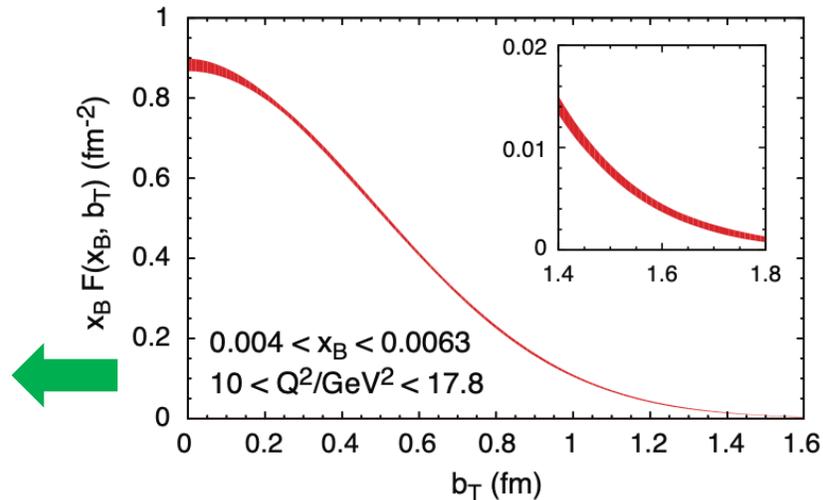
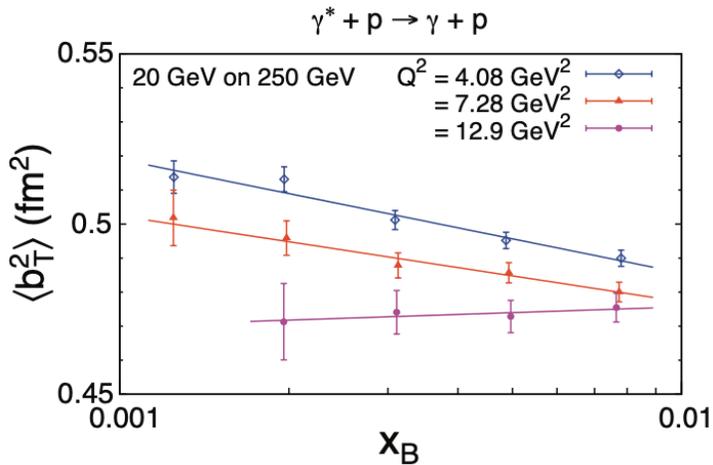
$$\langle q_\perp^N \rangle \equiv \int db_\perp b_\perp^N q(x, b_\perp, Q)$$

DVCS at a Future EIC (White Paper)

Cross Sections:



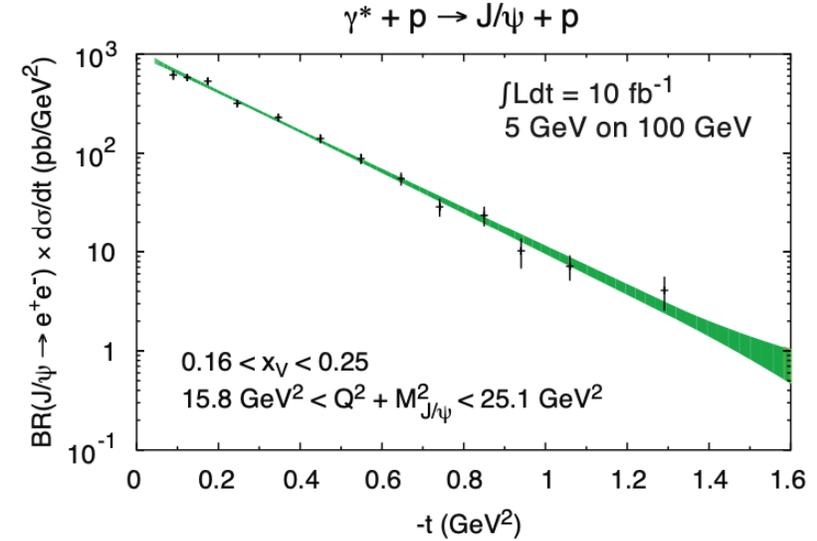
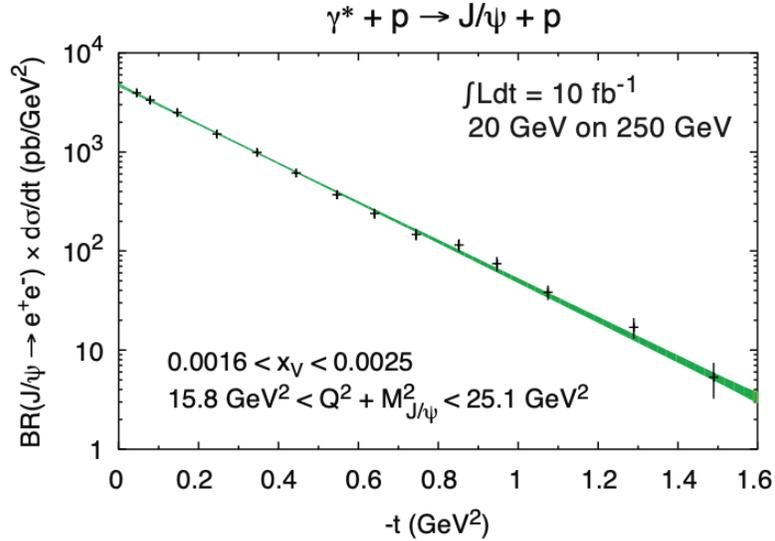
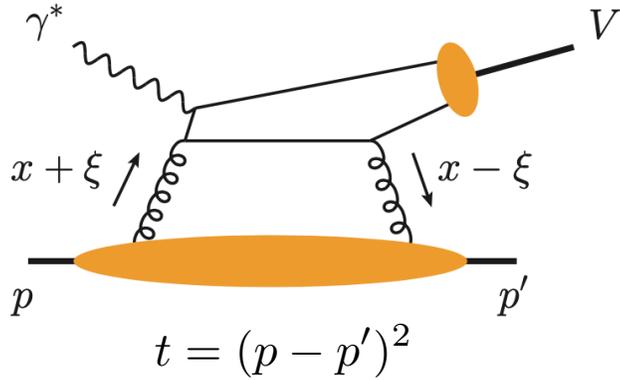
Spatial distributions:



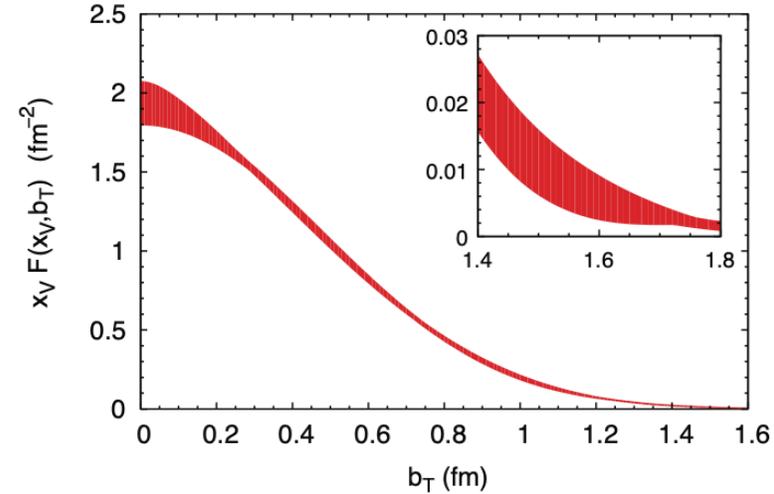
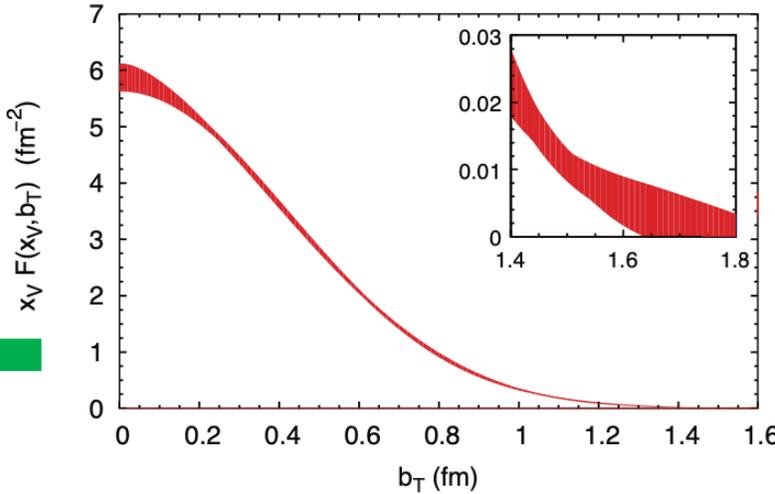
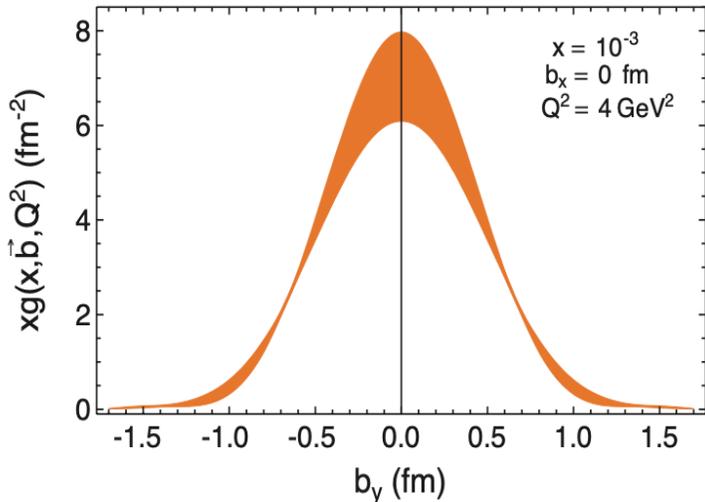
Effective “proton radius” in terms of quarks as a function of x_B

Imaging the Gluon at the EIC (White Paper)

Exclusive vector meson production:

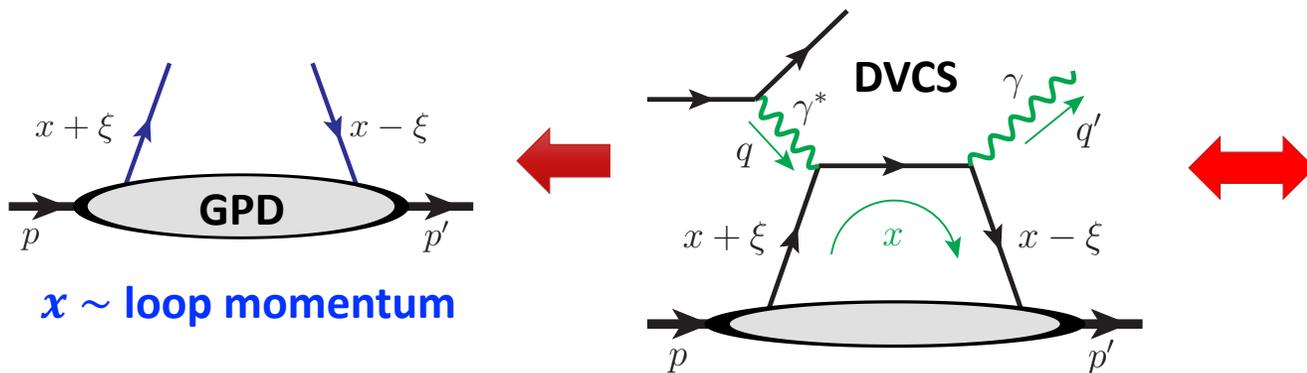


Spatial distributions:



The x -dependence of GPDs is very *difficult* to measure!

Amplitude nature: exclusive processes



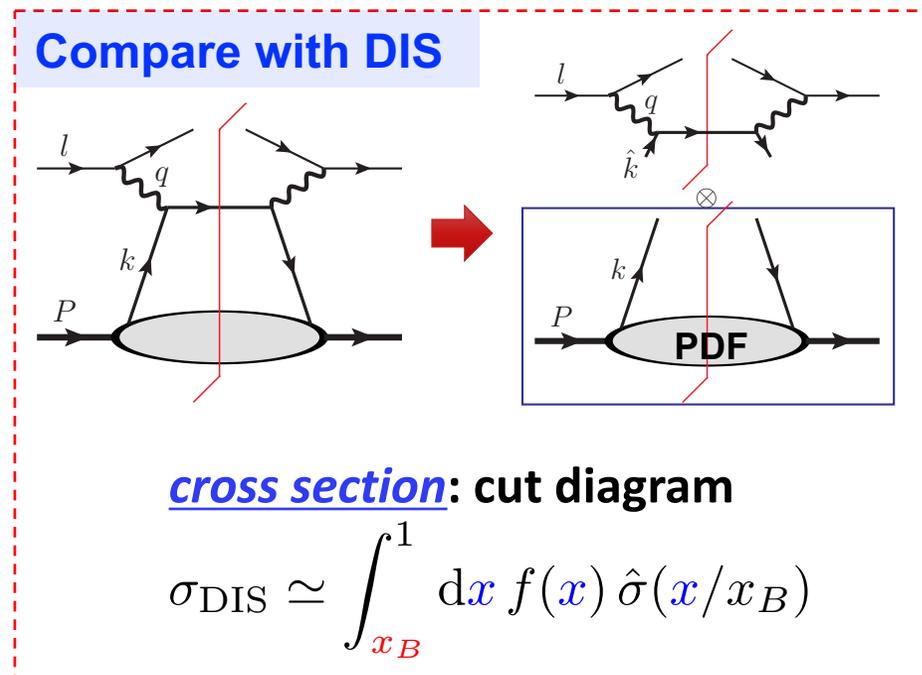
$$i\mathcal{M} \sim \int_{-1}^1 dx F(x, \xi, t) \cdot C(x, \xi; Q/\mu)$$

Full range of x , including $x = 0$; $x = \pm\xi$

Sensitivity to x : comes from $C(x, \xi; Q/\mu)$

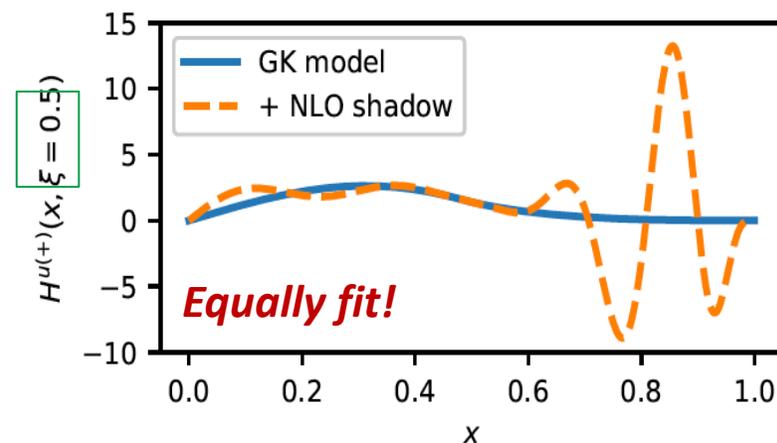
$$C(x, \xi; Q/\mu) = T(Q/\mu) \cdot G(x, \xi) \propto \frac{1}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow i\mathcal{M} \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} \equiv \text{“}F_0(\xi, t)\text{”} \quad \text{“moment”}$$



cross section: cut diagram

$$\sigma_{\text{DIS}} \simeq \int_{x_B}^1 dx f(x) \hat{\sigma}(x/x_B)$$



[Bertone et al. PRD '21]

Processes sensitive to GPD's x -Dependence – New Development

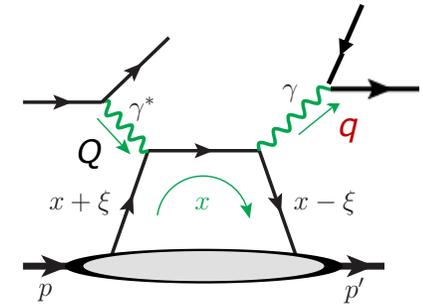
- Create an entanglement between the internal x and an externally measured variable?

$$i\mathcal{M} \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{F(x, \xi, t)}{x - x_p(\xi, q) + i\varepsilon}$$

Change external q to sample different part of x .

- Double DVCS (two scales):

$$x_p(\xi, q) = \xi \left(\frac{1 - q^2/Q^2}{1 + q^2/Q^2} \right) \rightarrow \xi \text{ same as DVCS if } q \rightarrow 0$$

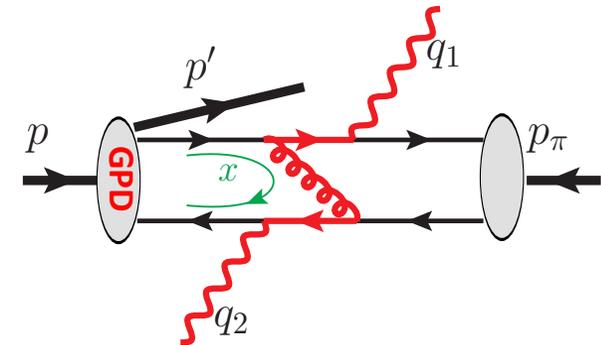


- Production of two back-to-back high p_T particles (say, two photons):

$$\pi^-(p_\pi) + P(p) \rightarrow \gamma(q_1) + \gamma(q_2) + N(p')$$

Hard scale: $q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ Soft scale: $t \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$

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- Factorization:

$$\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T) = \int_{-1}^1 dx F(x, \xi, t; \mu) \cdot C(x, \xi; q_T/\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/q_T) \quad \text{[suppressing pion DA factor]}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt d\xi dq_T} \sim |\mathcal{M}(t, \xi, q_T)|^2$$

q_T distribution is "conjugate" to x distribution

$$x \leftrightarrow q_T$$

The “Origin” of Hadron Properties – the x-Moments of GPDs

□ Form Factors of QCD energy-momentum tensor:

Ji, PRL78, 1997

$$\langle N' | \hat{T}_{\mu\nu}^a | N \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[\begin{aligned} & A^a(t, \mu^2) \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{M} \\ & + J^a(t, \mu^2) \frac{i(P_\mu \sigma_{\nu\rho} + P_\nu \sigma_{\mu\rho}) \Delta^\rho}{2M} + \bar{C}^a(t, \mu^2) M g_{\mu\nu} \\ & + D^a(t, \mu^2) \frac{\Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4M} \end{aligned} \right] u(p)$$

□ Connection to GPD moments:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x F_i(x, \xi, t) \propto \langle p' | T_i^{++} | p \rangle$$

➡ **Angular momentum sum rule:**

$$J_i = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H_i(x, \xi, t) + E_i(x, \xi, t)]$$

$$i = q, g$$

➡ **3D tomography**
Relation to “GFF”

➡ **x-moments**
of GPDs!

Need to know the x-dependence of GPDs to construct the proper moments and the “origin” of hadron properties – New observables for the EIC!

- **Conserved current:**

$$\partial_\mu \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \hat{T}_{\mu\nu} = \sum_a \hat{T}_{\mu\nu}^a \quad (a = q, g)$$

- **Sum over flavor:**

$$A(t) = \sum_a A^a(t, \mu^2), \text{ etc, } \sum_a \bar{C}^a(t, \mu^2) = 0$$

- **Constraints:**

mass $\Leftrightarrow A(0) = 1$

q/g carry total hadron momentum

spin $\Leftrightarrow J(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

q/g carry total hadron spin

D-term $\Leftrightarrow D(0) \equiv D$

Unconstrained/largely unknown

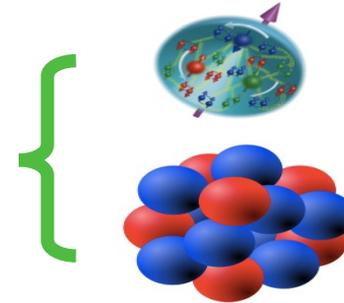
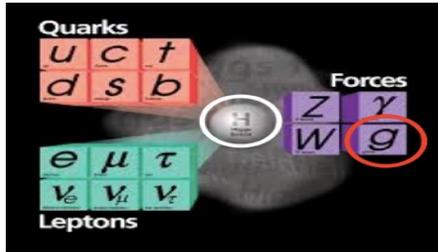
Related to pressure & stress force inside hadron

Polyakov, Schweitzer,
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Properties of Dense Systems of Gluons – Nonlinear Dynamics of QCD?

□ Understanding the Glue that binds us all:

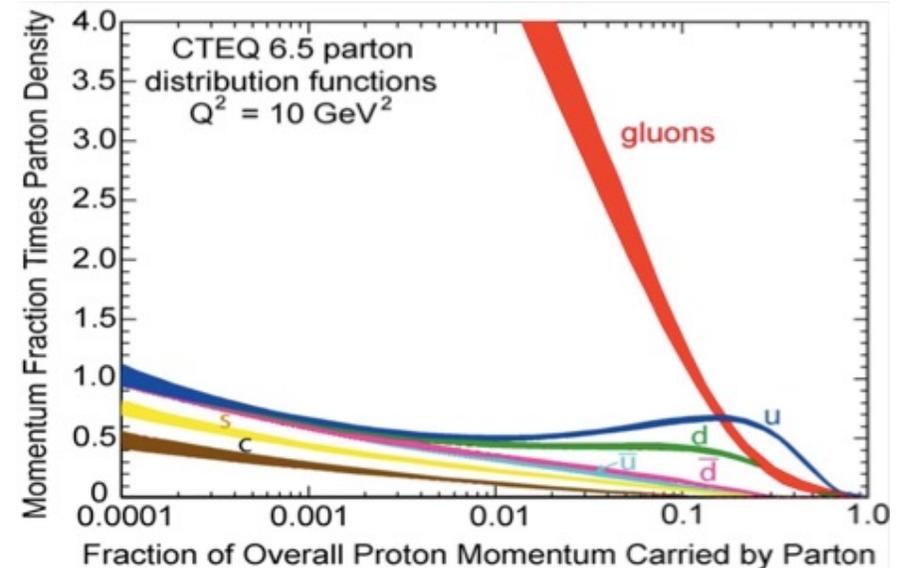


□ Gluons are weird particles!

- Massless, yet, responsible for a lot of visible mass
- Carry color charge, unlike photon, responsible for color confinement, but, also for asymptotic freedom, as well as the abundance of glue!

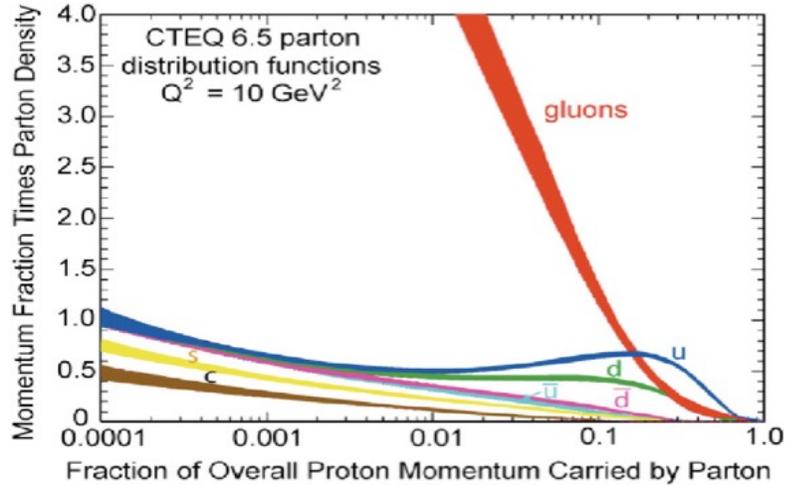
*Without gluons, there would be
NO nucleons, NO atomic nuclei, ... NO visible world!*

- *What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?*
- *What does a nucleus look like if we only see quarks and gluons?*
- *What is the coherent length of color force? ...*



Gluon Saturation – Color Glass Condensate

□ Run away gluon density at small-x?



What causes the low-x rise?

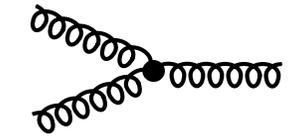
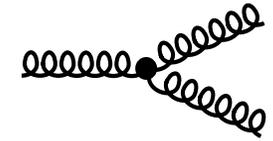
gluon radiation

– non-linear gluon interaction

What could tame the low-x rise?

gluon recombination

– non-linear gluon interaction



□ QCD vs. QED:

QCD – gluon in a proton:

$$Q^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} xG(x, Q^2) \approx \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} x' G(x', Q^2)$$

QED – photon in a positronium:

$$Q^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} x\phi_\gamma(x, Q^2) \approx \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \left[-\frac{2}{3} x\phi_\gamma(x, Q^2) + \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} x' [\phi_{e^+}(x', Q^2) + \phi_{e^-}(x', Q^2)] \right]$$

✧ At very small-x, proton is **“black”**, positronium is still **transparent!**

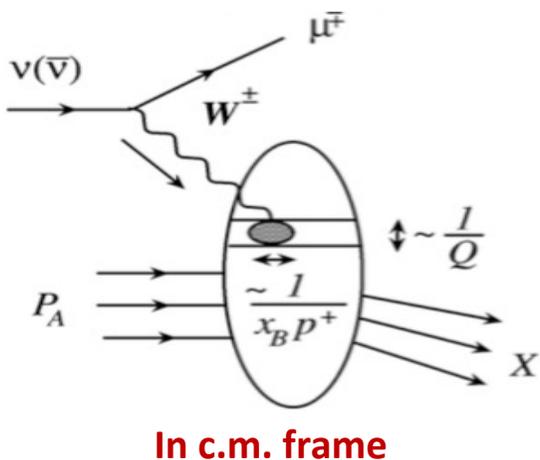
✧ Recombination of large numbers of glue could lead to **saturation phenomena**

In the dipole model: $\frac{\partial N(x, k^2)}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \alpha_s \mathcal{K}_{\text{BFKL}} \otimes N(x, k^2) - \alpha_s [N(x, k^2)]^2$

BK Equation

What a nucleus look like if we only see quarks and gluons?

- Need hard probes to “see” quarks and gluons at small-x!
But, a hard probe at small-x is **NOT necessarily “localized”**:

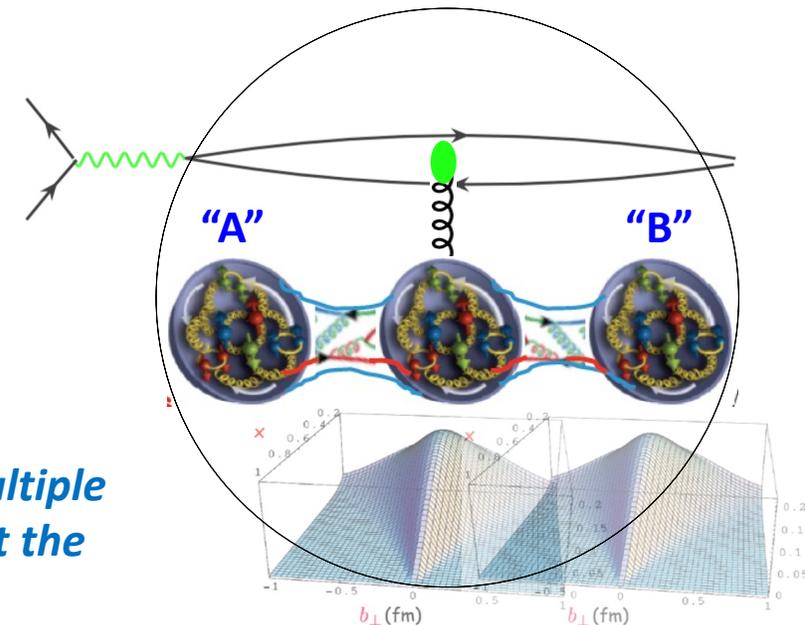


Longitudinal probing size

> Lorentz contracted nucleon

if $\frac{1}{xp} > 2R \frac{m}{p}$ or $x < 0.1$

➔ A hard probe at small-x can interact with multiple nucleons (partons from multiple nucleons) at the same impact parameter **coherently**



- A simple, and fundamental, question:

Does the color of a parton in nucleon “A” know the color of a parton in nucleon “B”?

IF YES, Nucleus could act like a bigger proton at small-x (long range of color correlation), and could reaching the **saturation** much sooner!

IF NOT, only short-range color correlation, and observed nuclear effect in cross-section at small-x is dominated by coherent **collision effect**

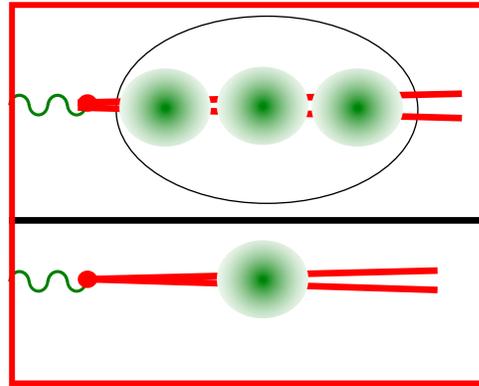
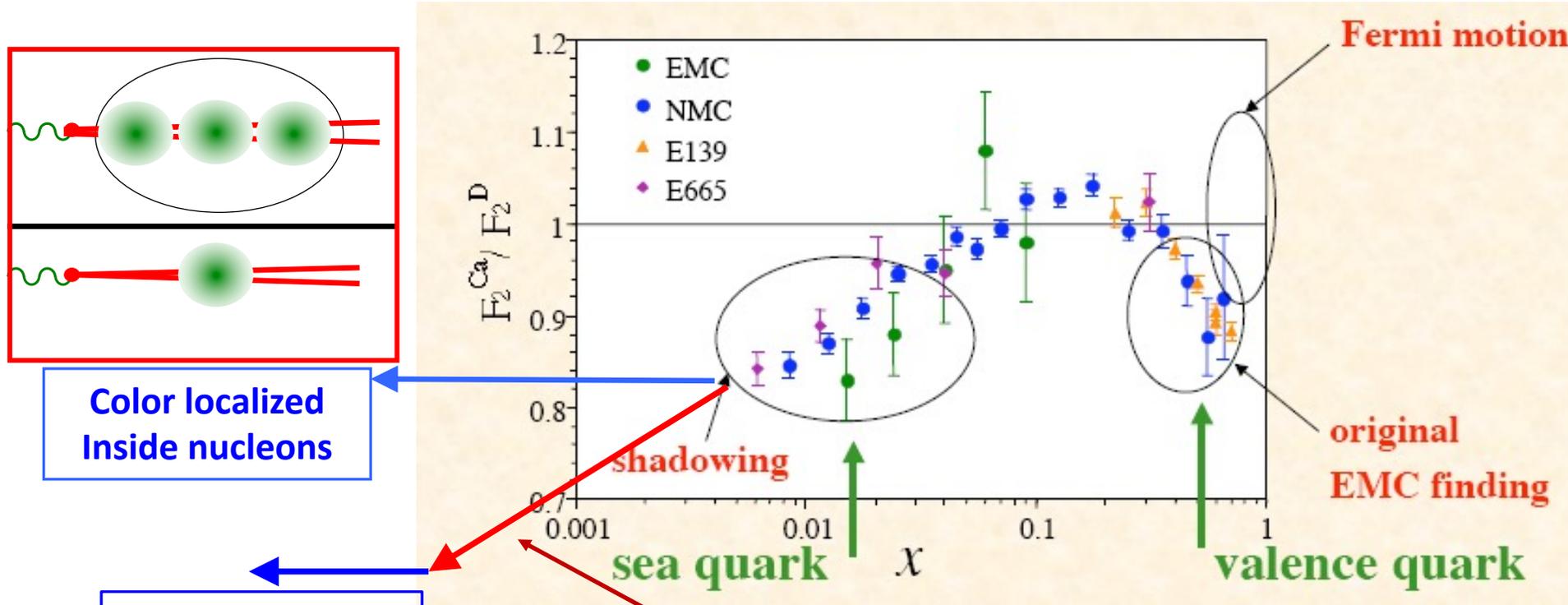
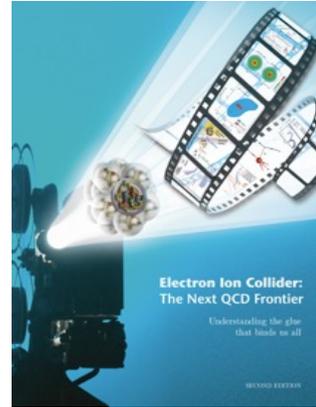
Saturation of gluons is a part of QCD, where to find it?

EIC can tell !

Coherent Length of the Color

- A simple experiment to address a “simple” question:
Will the nuclear shadowing continue to fall as x decreases?

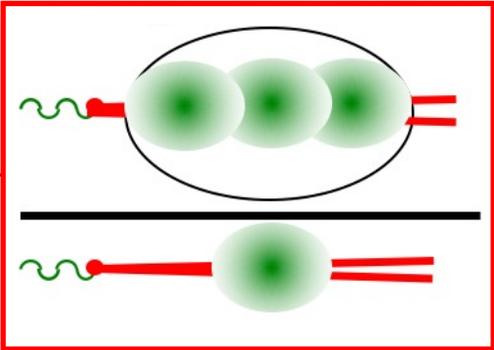
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Color localized
Inside nucleons

Nucleus as a
bigger proton

Color leaks outside nucleons
Proton radius of soft gluon is larger !



*EIC can
tell !*

Summary and Outlook

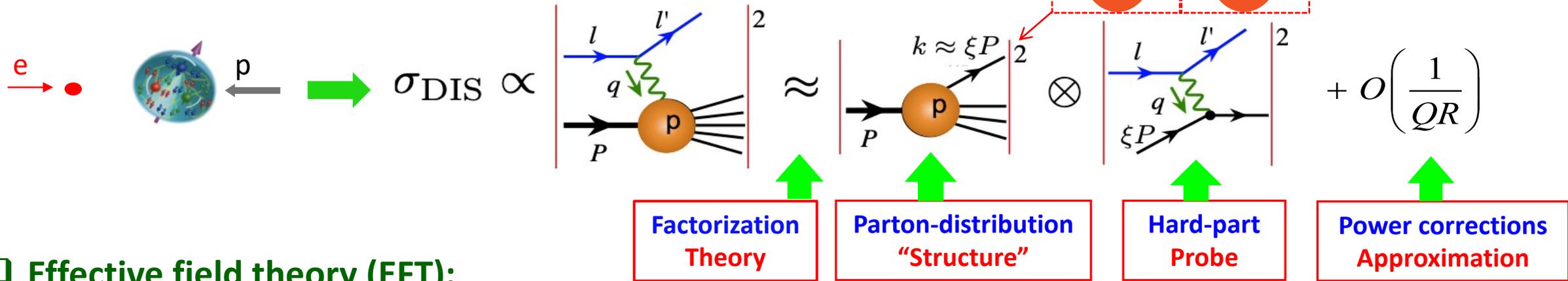
- ❑ **We have a right theory for the String Force – QCD, but, unprecedented challenges**
 - QCD has been very successful in describing the short-distance dynamics, in particular, phenomena at the LHC
 - Challenges to understand the emergent phenomena of QCD:
 - Hadron properties, such as the mass, spin, ..., in the most fundamental way
 - Internal structure and landscape of hadrons, such as confined motion, spatial tomography of nuclei, ...
 - Emergence of hadrons from quarks and gluons, neutralization of the color, femto-meter sized detectors, ...
 - Particle and wave nature of quarks and gluons, ...
 - Role in BSM searches, ...
- ❑ **CEBAF (luminosity) & EIC are two complementary QCD machines, capable of discovering and exploring the emergent phenomena of QCD, and the role of color and glue, ...**
- ❑ **US-EIC, to be constructed at BNL, is sitting at a sweet spot for rich QCD dynamics, capable of taking us to the next frontier of QCD and the Standard Model!**

Thanks!

Theoretical Approaches – Approximations:

□ Perturbative QCD Factorization:

– Approximation at Feynman diagram level



□ Effective field theory (EFT):

– Approximation at the Lagrangian level

Soft-collinear effective theory (SCET), Non-relativistic QCD (NRQCD), Heavy quark EFT, chiral EFT(s), ...

□ Lattice QCD:

– Approximation for finite lattice spacing, finite box, lightest quark masses, ... with Euclidean time formulation (removable with increased computational cost)

Hadron structure, hadron spectroscopy, nuclear structure, phase shift, ...

□ Other approaches:

Light-cone perturbation theory, Dyson-Schwinger Equations (DSE), Constituent quark models, AdS/CFT correspondence, ...

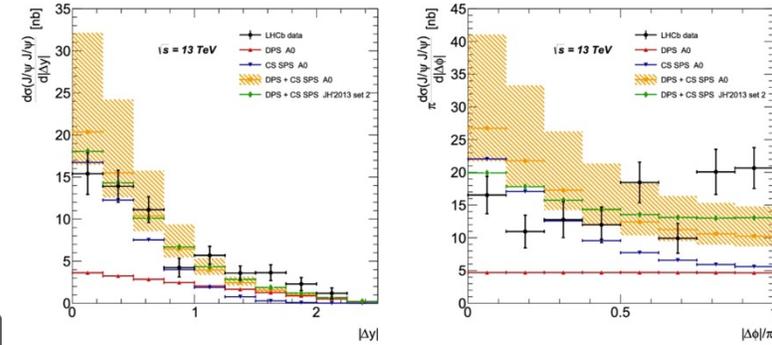
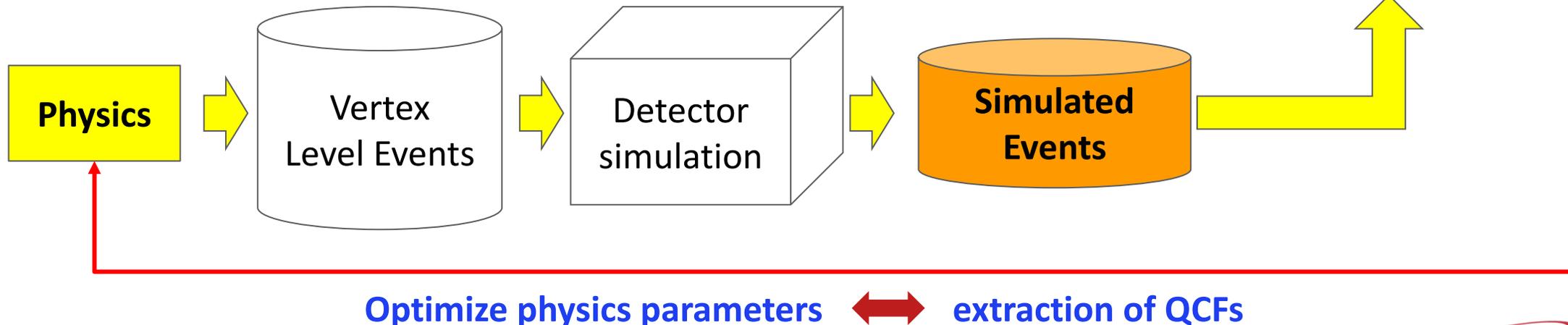
From Cross Sections to Quantum Correlation Functions (PDFs, TMDs, GPDs, ...)

Event-based analysis – replacing the histogram approach?

Why?

- Avoid histograms and minimize systematic uncertainties
- Avoid unfolding and use direct simulation at the event level

Can we compare real vs synthetic events?

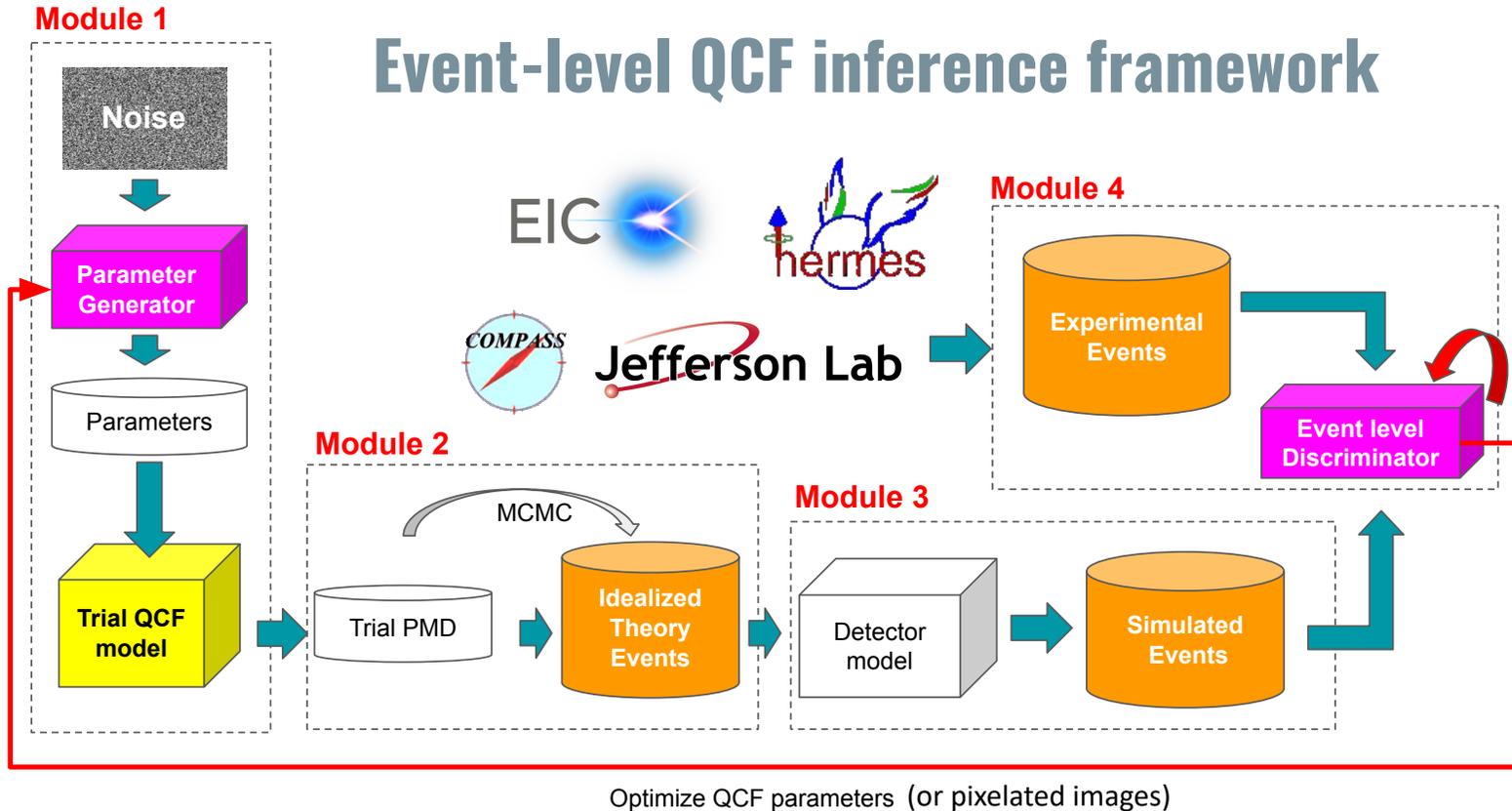


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From Cross Sections to Quantum Correlation Functions (PDFs, TMDs, GPDs, ...)

□ Femtoscale Imaging of Nuclei using Exascale Platforms:

Pixelating hadron in terms of probabilities to find quarks and gluons in slices of the momentum fraction x



NP: ANL, JLab, ODU, VT
ASCR: FASTMath, RAPIDs

Exp Events (PMD):

- **DIS:**
1 particle inclusive
- **SIDIS:**
2 particle inclusive
- **SDHEP:**
3 particle exclusive

Generated Events:

Many templates from trial QCFs & trusted theory

Inference:

Optimized QCFs or pixelated images in trusted phase space

New regimes:

Go beyond the trusted phase space

