

# $F_2(p,n,d)$ at the EIC

- flavor separation at largish  $x$  -

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Large- $x$  at the EIC

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# Overview

- **A PDF landscape**
- **State of the art at large  $x$ : the CJ15 fit**
  - NUCL/HEP symbiosi
- **Why EIC ?**
- **Simulations with  $F_2(p)$   $F_2(d)$  and  $F_2n(p\text{-tagged})$** 
  - u/d flavor separation
  - Bound nucleon structure
  - Gluons
- **Final thoughts**
  - What else can we do at EIC?

# A PDF landscape

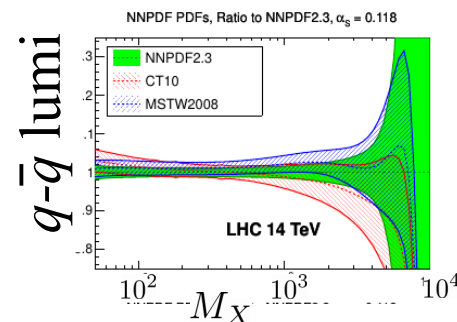
*Accardi, PoS DIS2015 001 – “PDFs from protons to nuclei”*

# Why PDFs ?

Accardi – *Mod.Phys.Lett. A28 (2013) 35*  
 Forte and Watt – *Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 63 (2013) 291*

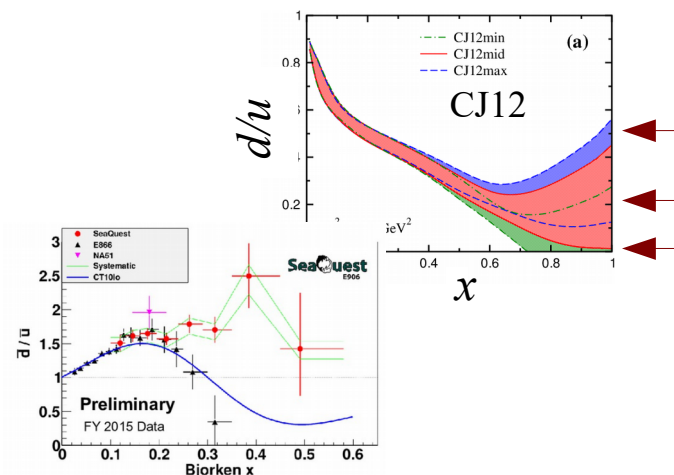
## High-energy (*large to small x*)

- Beyond the Standard Model searches
- Precision (Higgs) physics
- NuTeV weak mixing angle
- Small- $x$  and gluonic “matter”



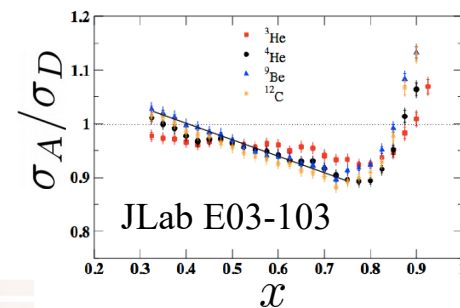
## Hadron structure (*large to medium x*)

- Effects of confinement on valence quarks
- $q - \bar{q}$  asymmetries; isospin asymmetry
- Strangeness, intrinsic charm

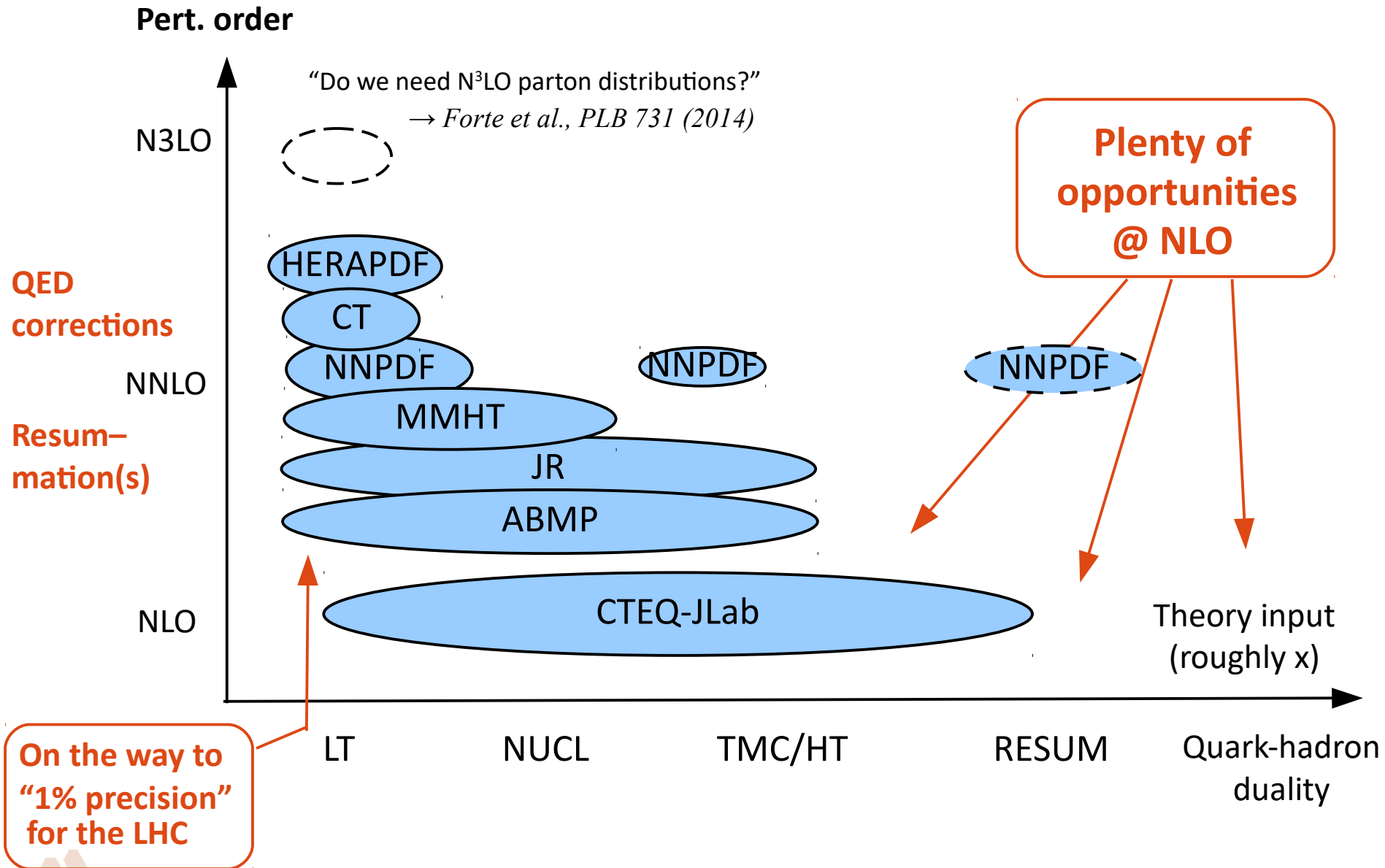


## Nuclear Physics

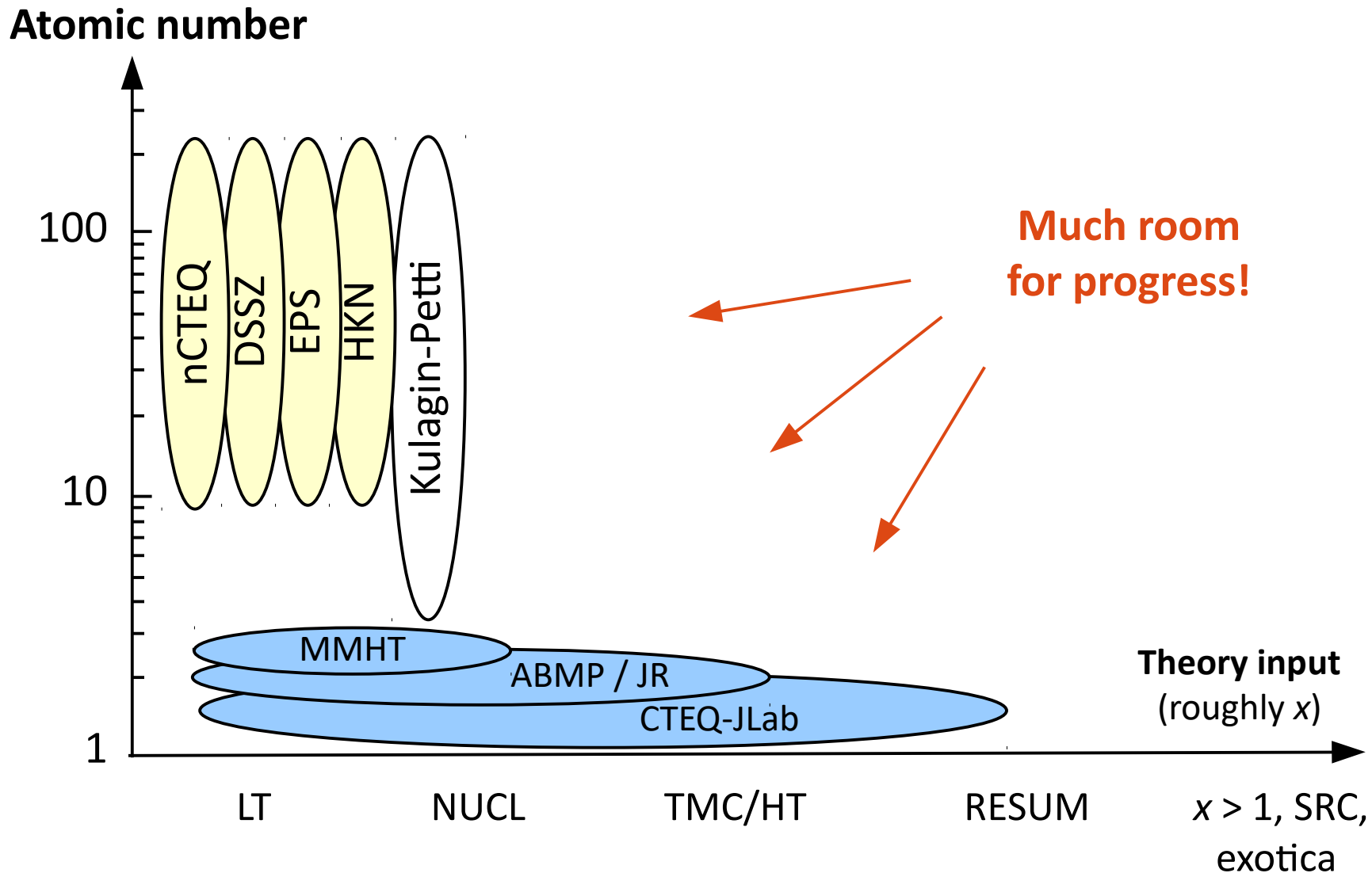
- Bound nucleons, EMC effect, SRC
- $p+A$  and  $A+A$  collisions at RHIC / LHC
- Color propagation in nuclear matter



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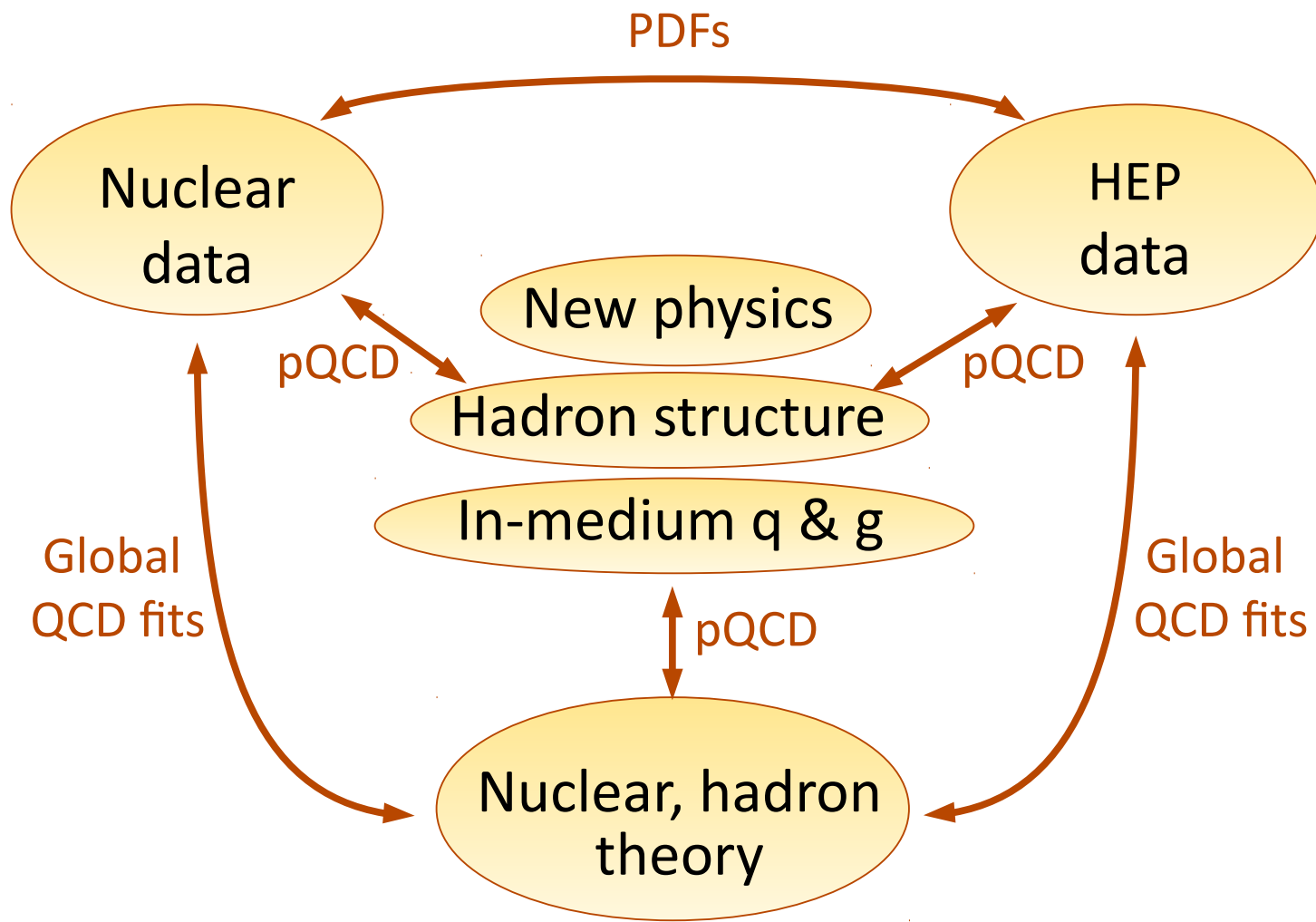


# A nPDF landscape



# Needs the betrothal of HEP and NUCL

## □ A global approach across subfields



# New fitting methods

- More computing power, efficient implementations
  - New fitting, analysis methods
- Traditional fits:
  - Detailed  $\chi^2$  scans, refined statistical analysis
- Monte carlo fitting methods:
  - **NNPDF**: bootstrap + neural network fit
  - **JAM**: bootstrap + Iterative Monte Carlo (IMC) approach
    - *Sato, Ethier, et al. (2015 & 2016)*

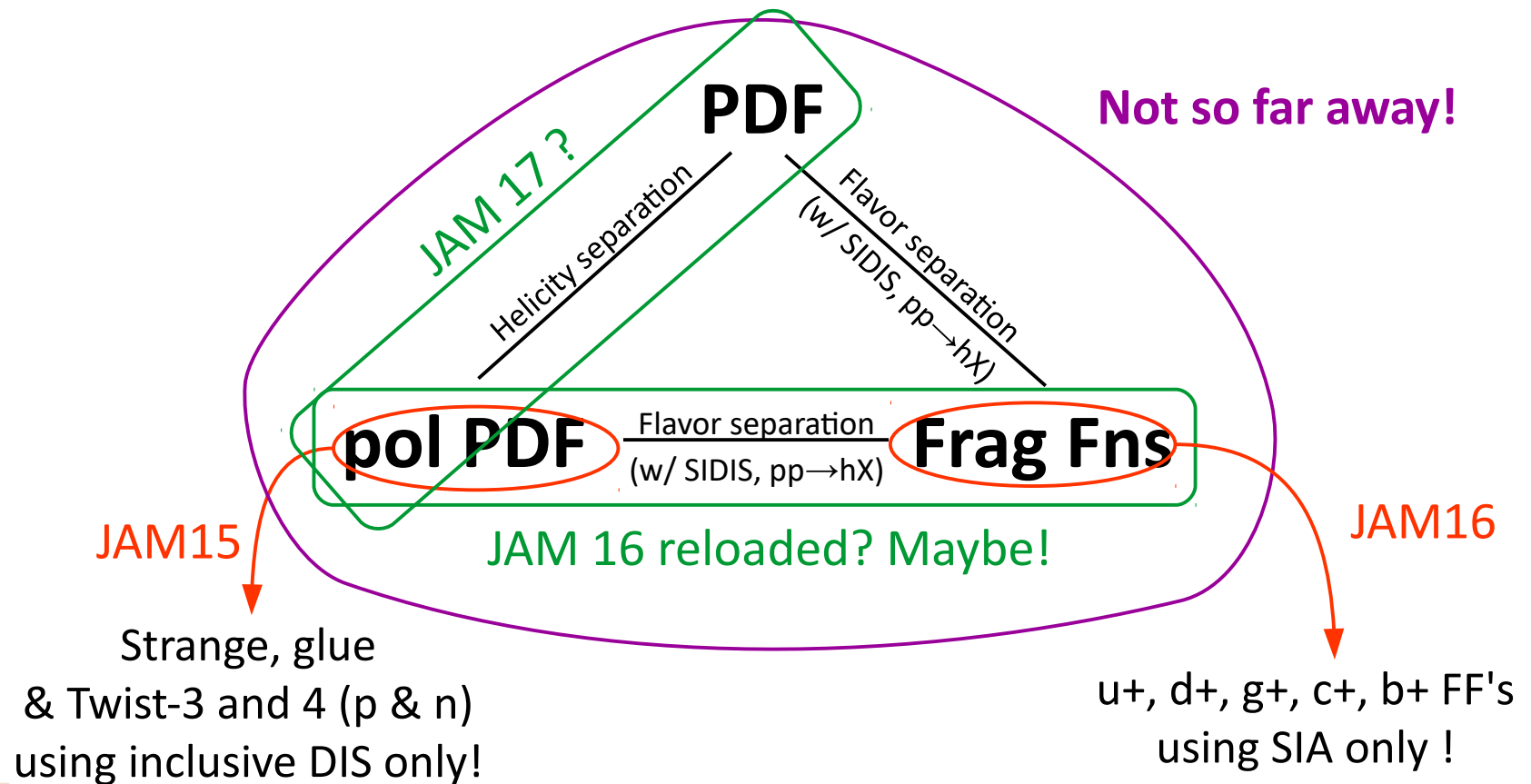
Large number of parameters, trustable uncertainty estimates
- Self organizing maps → *Liuti et al.*



# Iterative Monte Carlo approach

*N.Sato et al [JAM], PRD93 (2016) 074005 and arXiv:1609.00899*

- Provides control over large number of parameters
- Maximizes extraction of physics information from data



# Proton and neutron PDFs - the CJ15 global fit -

*Accardi, Brady, Melnitchouk, Owens, Sato  
PRD93 (2016) 114017*

*PDFs available on: [www.jlab.org/cj](http://www.jlab.org/cj) & LHAPDF*

# The CJ15 fit at a glance

	JLab & BONUS	HER MES	HERA I+II	Tevatron new W,Z	LHC	v+A di- $\mu$	Large-x treatment			
							Nucl.	HT TMC	Flex $d$	low-W DIS
<b>CJ15 *</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>in prog.</i>	✗	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓
CT14			DIS 2016	✓ ✘	✓	✓			✓	
MMHT14			✘✘✘	✓ ✘	✓	✓	✓			
NNPDF3.0					✓	✓		TMC only		
JR14	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
ABM15 **				✓ ✘	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
HERAPDF2.0			✓	✘						

\* NLO only \*\* No jet data ✘ see 1503.05221 ✘✘ see 1508.06621 ✘✘ no reconstructed W

# New in CJ15

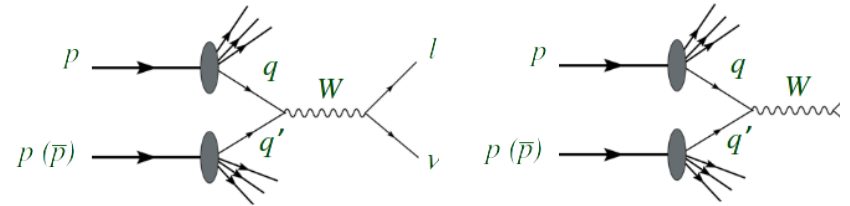
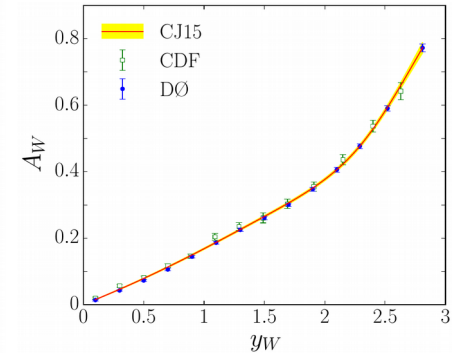
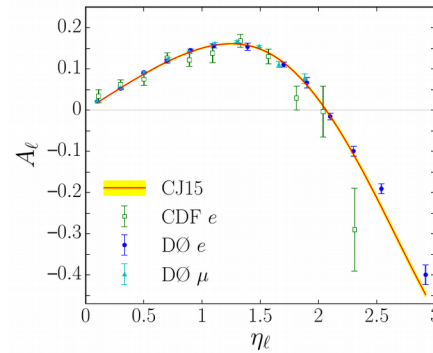
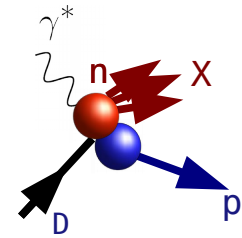
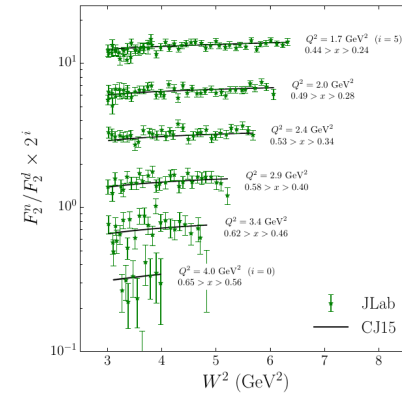
□ s-ACOT scheme for heavy flavors

□ New data:

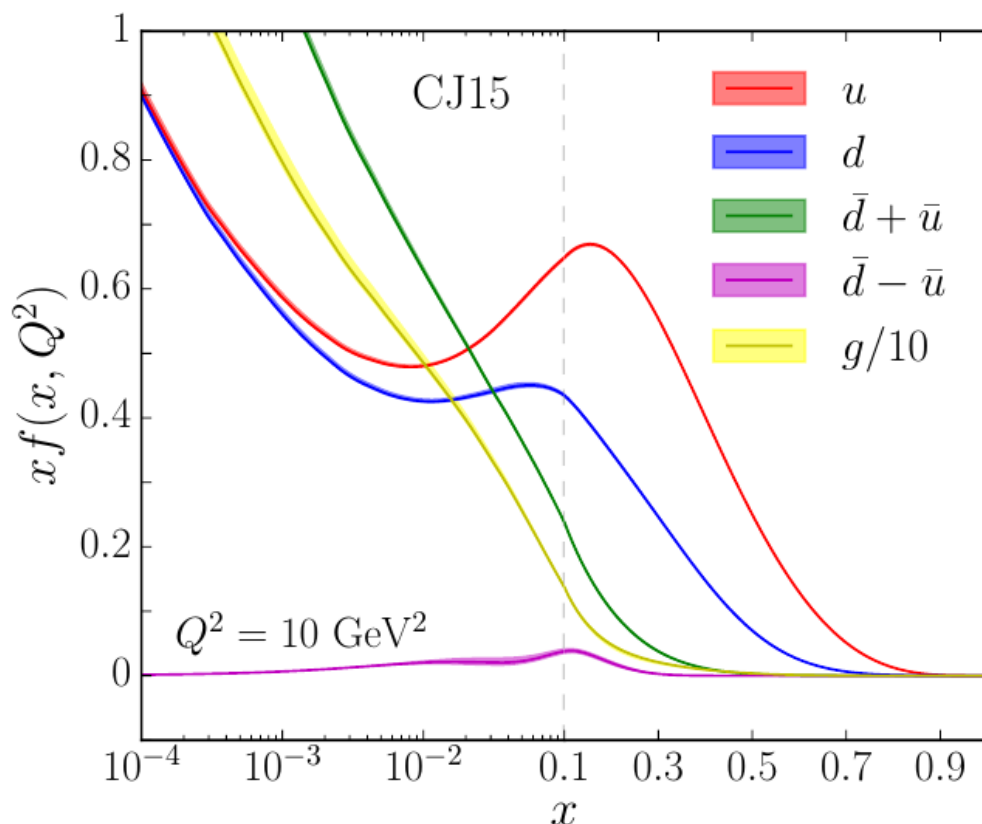
- BONUS spectator tagged DIS
- HERA I+II combination
- HERMES F2
- High-statistics W-boson charge asymmetries from DØ

□ New off-shell nucleon treatment in deuteron targets (DIS and DY)

- Parametrized vs. modeled → absorbs wave function uncertainty



# CJ15 - PDFs



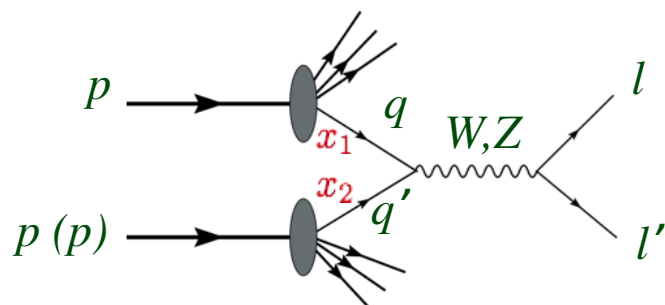
- Hessian error analysis
  - Correlated errors where available
- Error bands displayed for  $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.71$  (90% confidence level in a perfect, Gaussian world)

□ NLO fit gives  $\chi^2/\text{datum} = 1.04$

□ LO fit much worse – cannot accommodate  $Q^2$  dependence of data

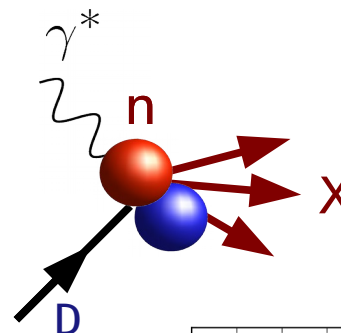
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- $W$  and  $Z \rightarrow$  constrain  $d$ -quark at largest  $x$  on proton targets

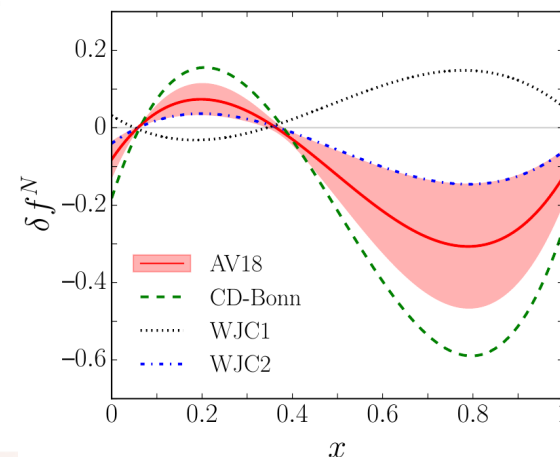


$$A_W(y) \approx \frac{d/u(x_2) - d/u(x_1)}{d/u(x_2) + d/u(x_1)}$$

- Compare to deuteron DIS
  - $\rightarrow$  constrain deuteron corrections
  - $\rightarrow$  **Off shell correction – first time in Deuteron!**



- Abundant DIS deuteron data
  - $\rightarrow$  precise  $u, d$  flavor separation



# NUCL / HEP symbiosis

Observable	Experiment	# points	$\chi^2$			
			LO	NLO	NLO (OCS)	NLO (no nucl)
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Z rapidity	CDF ( $Z$ ) [90]	28	100	<b>27</b>	27	26
	DØ ( $Z$ ) [91]	28	25	<b>16</b>	16	16
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Drell-Yan	E866 ( $pp$ ) [29]	121	148	<b>139</b>	139	145
	<b>E866 (<math>pd</math>) [29]</b>	129	207	<b>145</b>	143	<b>158</b>
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$\chi^2/\text{datum}$			1.33	<b>1.04</b>	1.04	1.09

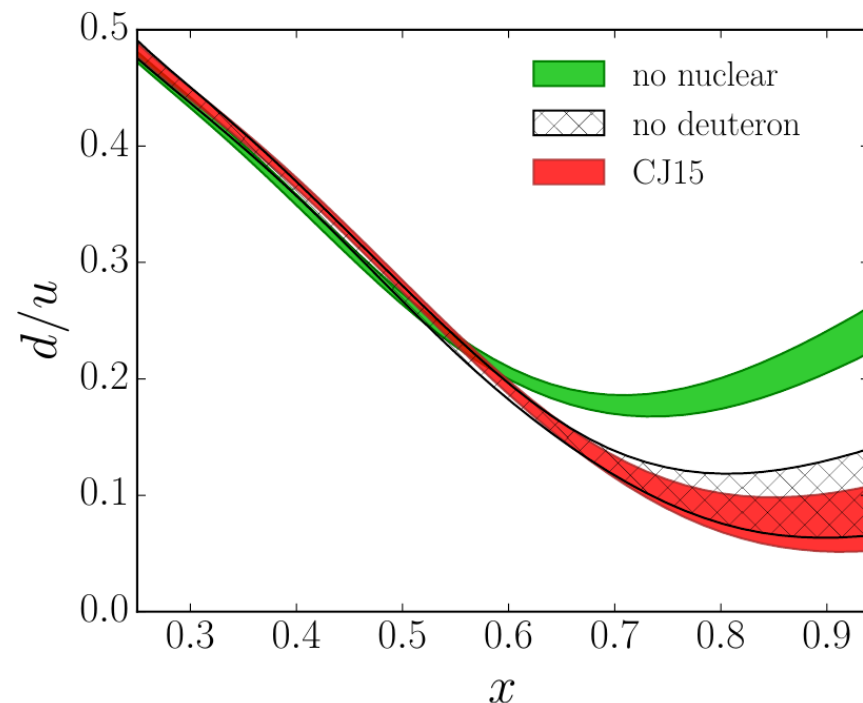
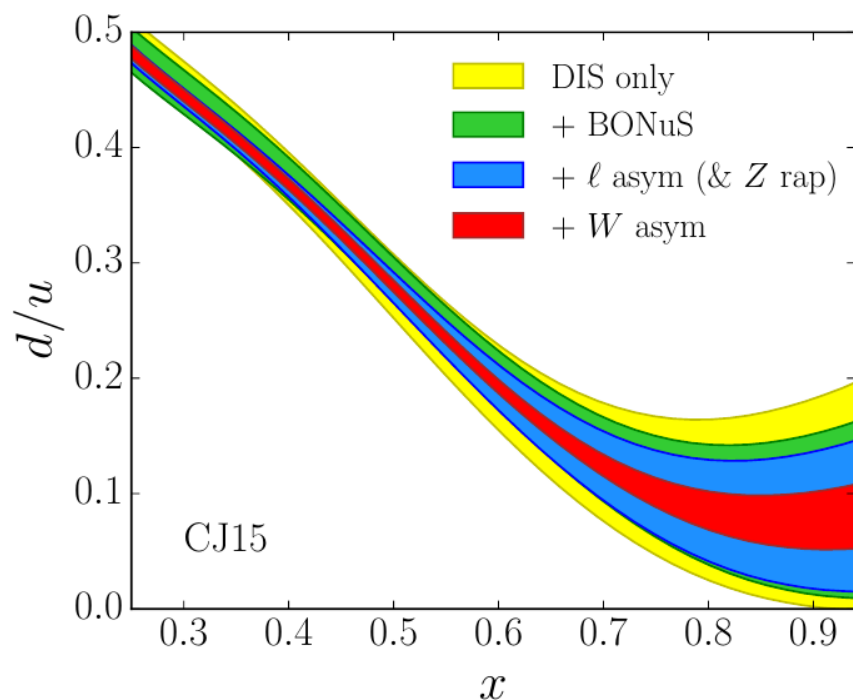
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- ❑ If one ignores nuclear dynamics,
  - SLAC( $d$ ) and DØ( $W$ ) pull  $d$  quark in opposite directions
    - **DØ ( $W$ ) data determine nuclear corrections !!**
    - other asymmetries inconclusive by themselves
    - **BONUS data validate DØ( $W$ ) analysis**



# Hadronic physics output: d/u ratio



□ **d-quark determined by  $p+p \rightarrow W+X$**

□ **Nuclear corrections dominant at large  $x$**

- SLAC(d)'s statistical power used to fit the off-shell function...
- ... and to improve d/u flavor separation, esp. at  $x < 0.3$  (see backup)

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→  $d/u$  ratio at high  $x$  of interest for nonperturbative models of nucleon

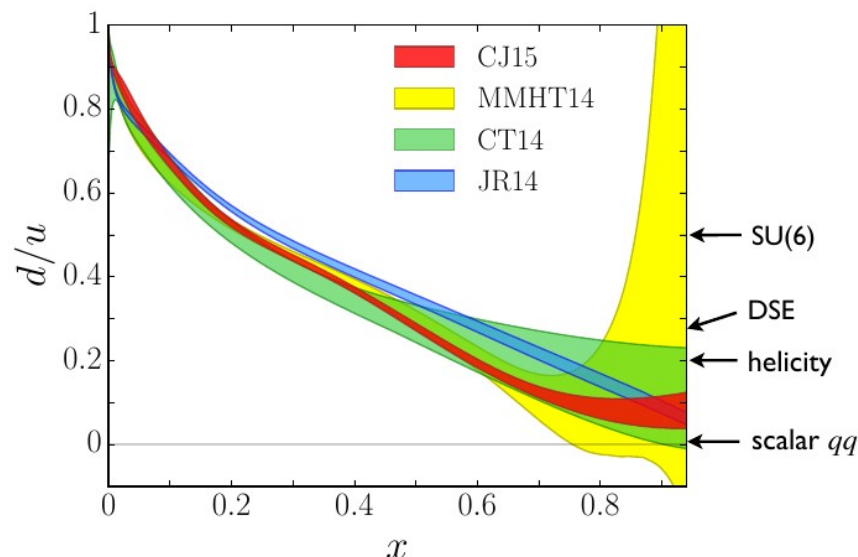
→ **CJ15:**

more flexible parametrization

$$d \rightarrow d + b x^c u$$

allows finite, nonzero  $x = 1$  limit

(standard PDF form gives 0 or  $\infty$  unless  $a_2^d = a_2^u$ )



**MMHT14:** fitted deuteron corrections  
standard  $d$  parametrization  
→ “UNDERCONSTRAINED”

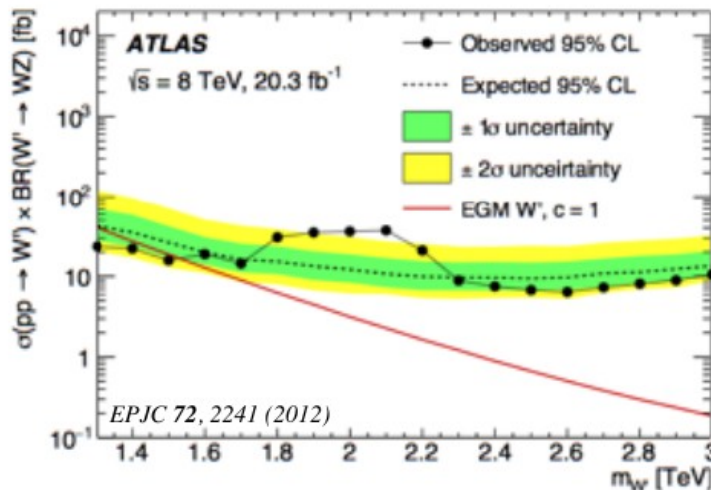
**JR14 (and ABM12):**

Similar deuteron corrections  
standard  $d$ ; no lepton/W asym.  
→ “OVERCONSTRAINED”

**CT14:**  $\beta_u = \beta_d \implies d/u$  finite  
No nuclear corrections

# HEP output: BSM searches

- Observation of new physics signals requires accurate determination of QCD backgrounds, which depend on PDFs
  - *e.g.*, heavy  $W'$  boson production at LHC



- 3.4  $\sigma$  excess in  $WZ$  diboson channel at  $\sim 2 \text{ TeV}$
- extended gauge model  $W' \rightarrow WZ$  with  $M < 1.5 \text{ TeV}$  excluded at 95% c.l.

- For  $W'$ -production the parton luminosity is

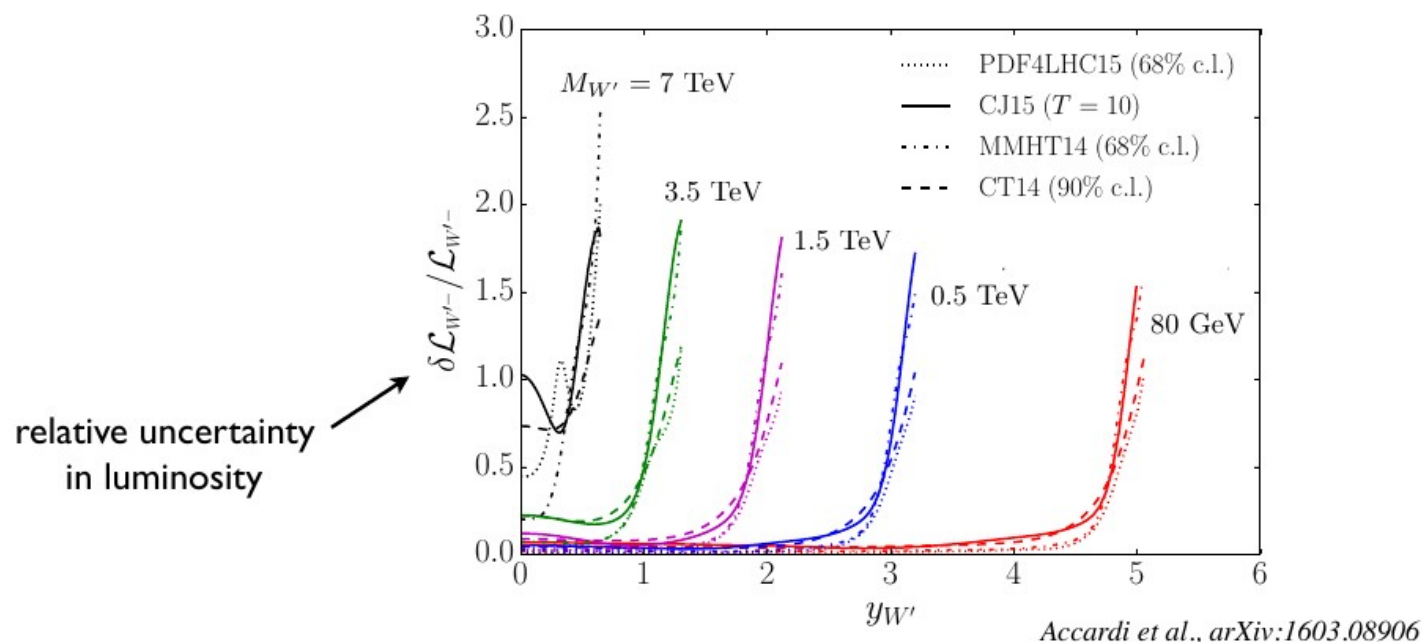
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{W'^-} &\sim x_1 x_2 \left[ \cos^2 \theta_C (d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2) + s(x_1) \bar{c}(x_2)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sin^2 \theta_C (s(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2) + d(x_1) \bar{c}(x_2)) \right] + (x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2) \\ &\sim d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2) \quad \text{at large rapidity } y_{W'} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{M_{W'}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm y_{W'}}$$

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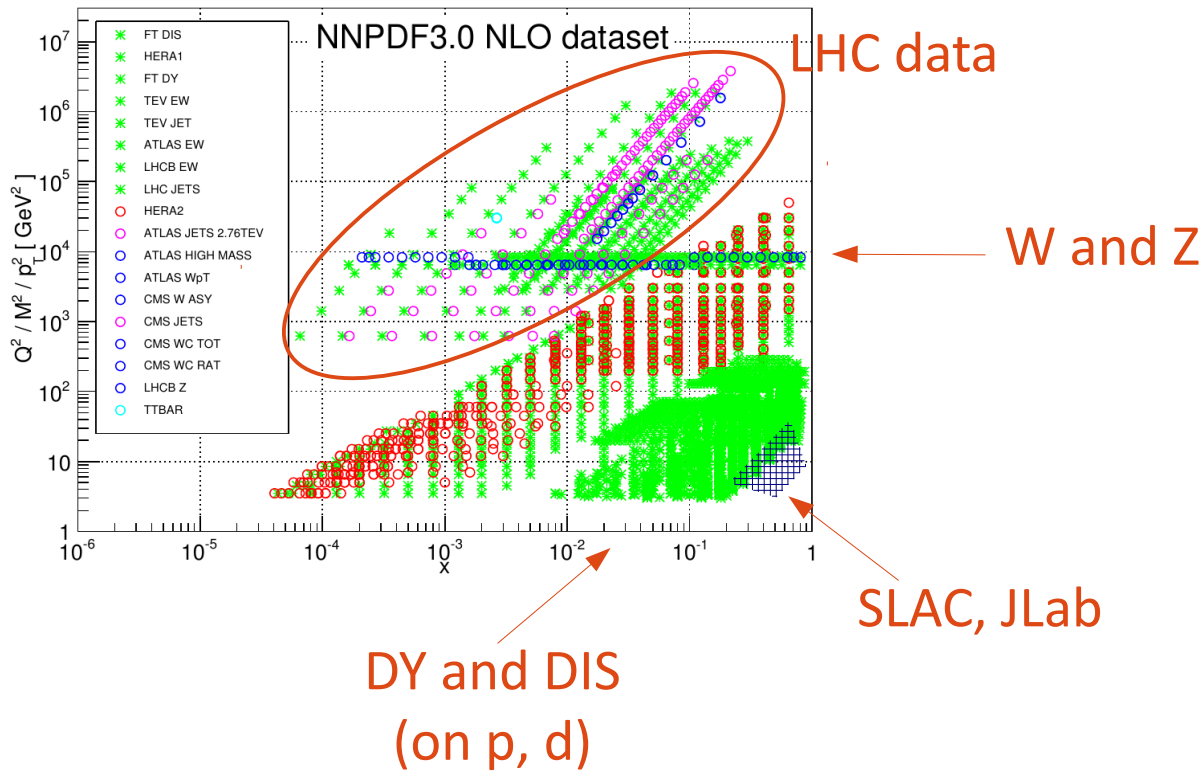
- Large- $x$  uncertainties scale with masses



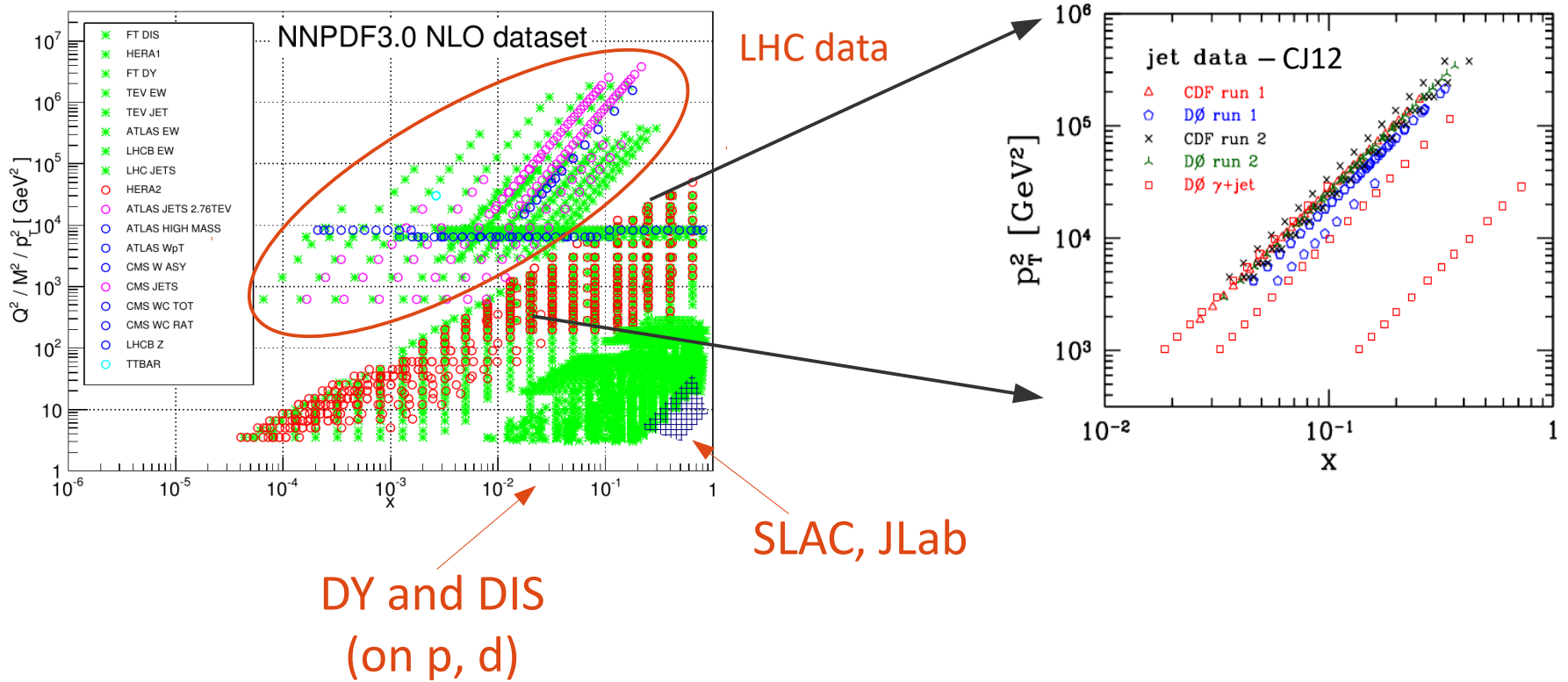
- PDF uncertainty is small at low  $x$ , rises dramatically at large  $y$  for all  $M_{W'}$

# Why EIC?

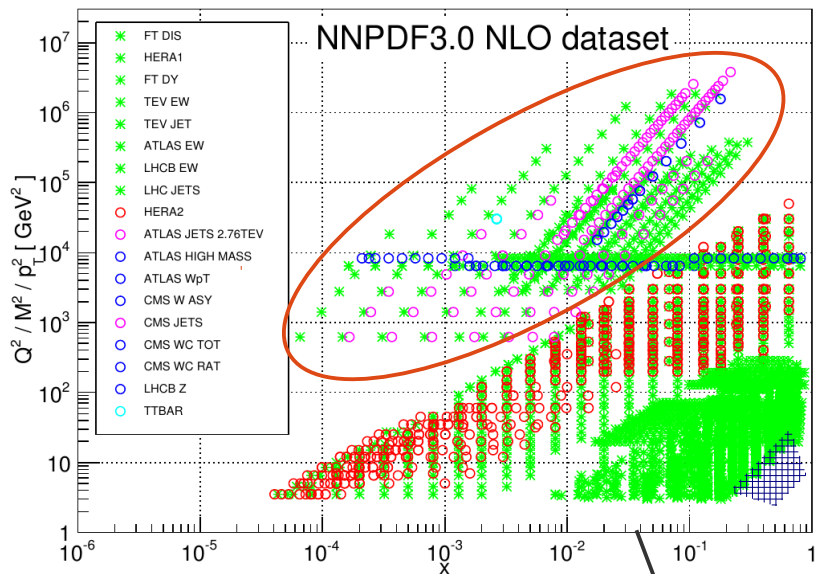
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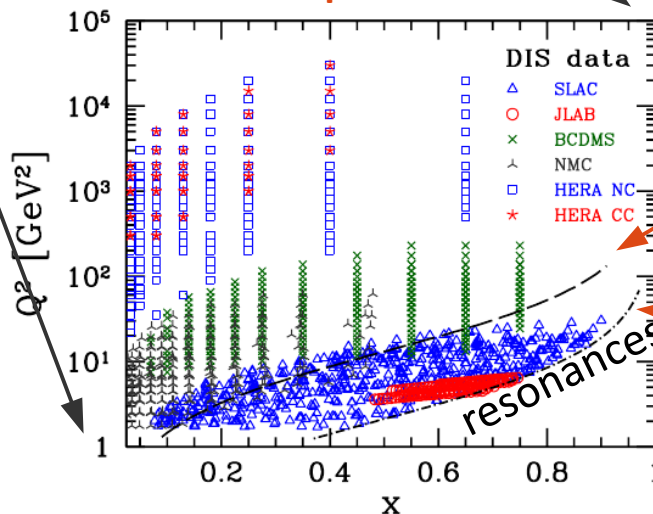
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LHC data

Scant large-x coverage in DIS !

DIS – prot. & deut.



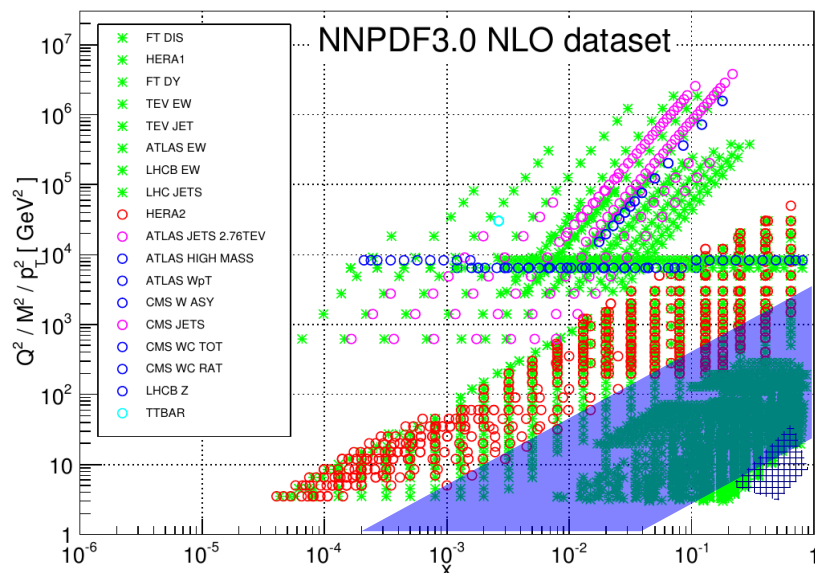
standard cut  
 $W^2 \gtrsim 14 \text{ GeV}^2$

CJ15  
 $W^2 \gtrsim 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

– CJ12



# Enters the EIC



- Interpolates fixed target and HERA
- Large  $Q^2$  leverage
  - More evolution at large  $x$
  - Better separation of LT and HT
- High luminosity  $\rightarrow$  large  $x$  capabilities

## Unique at the EIC

- “Easy” spectator tagging in DIS
  - Quasi-free neutron targets  $\leftarrow$  this talk
- Strong PID capabilities  $\rightarrow F_2^c, F_2^{cc}, \dots$
- High luminosity  $\rightarrow$  CC, PVDIS  $\rightarrow$  d/u, strange quarks, dbar/ubar, ...
- Unpolarized & polarized scattering (also light ions)

# Preliminary simulations

## - impact of EIC on d,u,g -

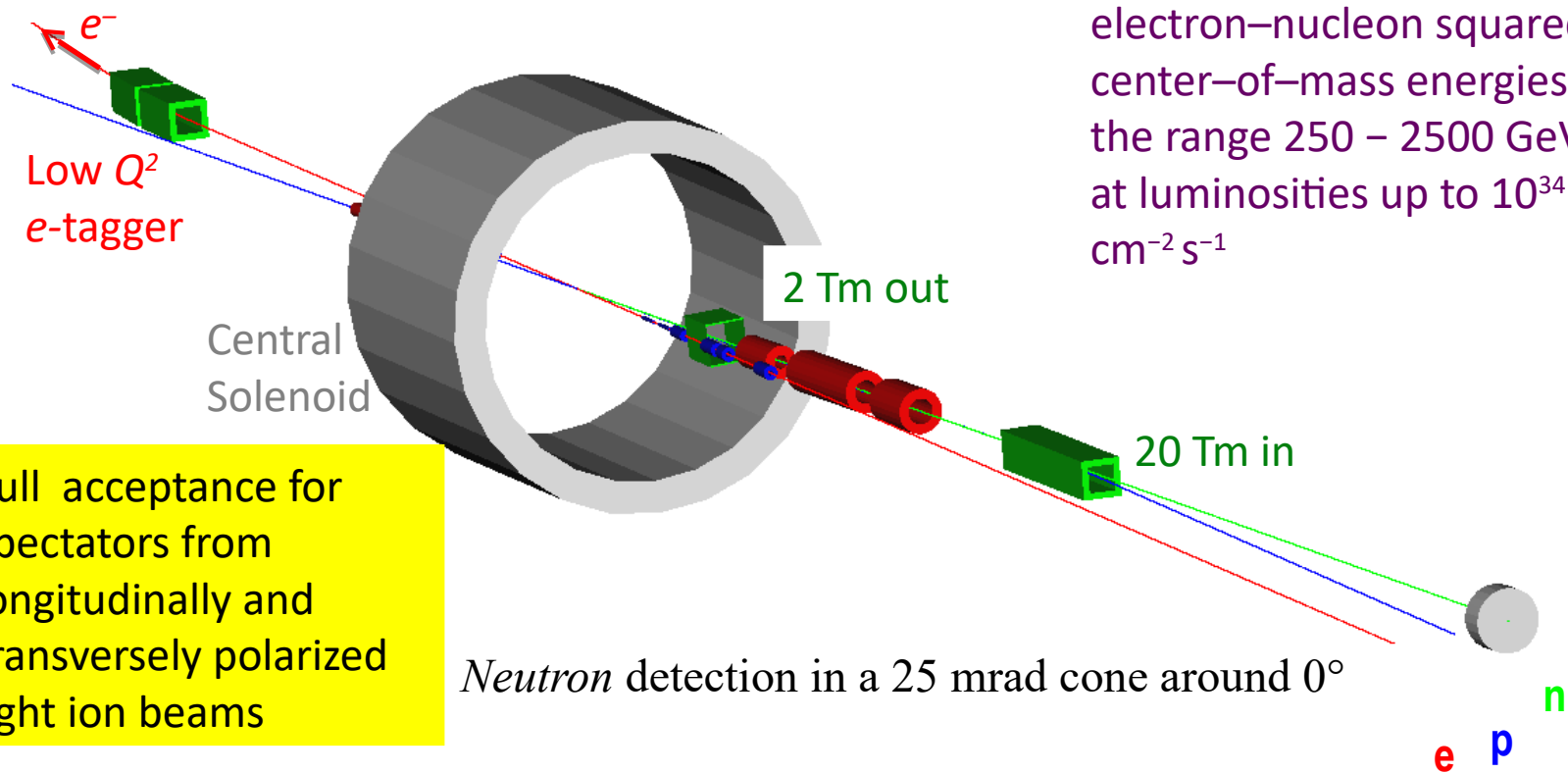
In collaboration with:

- R. Ent, C. Keppel, K. Park, R. Yoshida (JLab),
- M. Wing (UC London)

# Can EIC help?

- Flavor separation, nuclear corrections with  $F_2(p)$  and  $F_2(d)$ 
  - “bread and butter”, but: how large in  $x$ , what precision?
  - What impact on PDFs ?
- d-quarks without nuclear corrections:  $F_2(n)$ 
  - possible with planned EIC spectator tagging capabilities
- Gluons through scaling violation
  - require range in both  $x$ ,  $Q^2$
  - not currently possible at large  $x$  without the EIC
  - Don't forget jets!
- To begin investigating possibilities, we used rough projected data kinematics and uncertainties, and the “CJ” global PDF fit...

# Tagged structure functions at the EIC



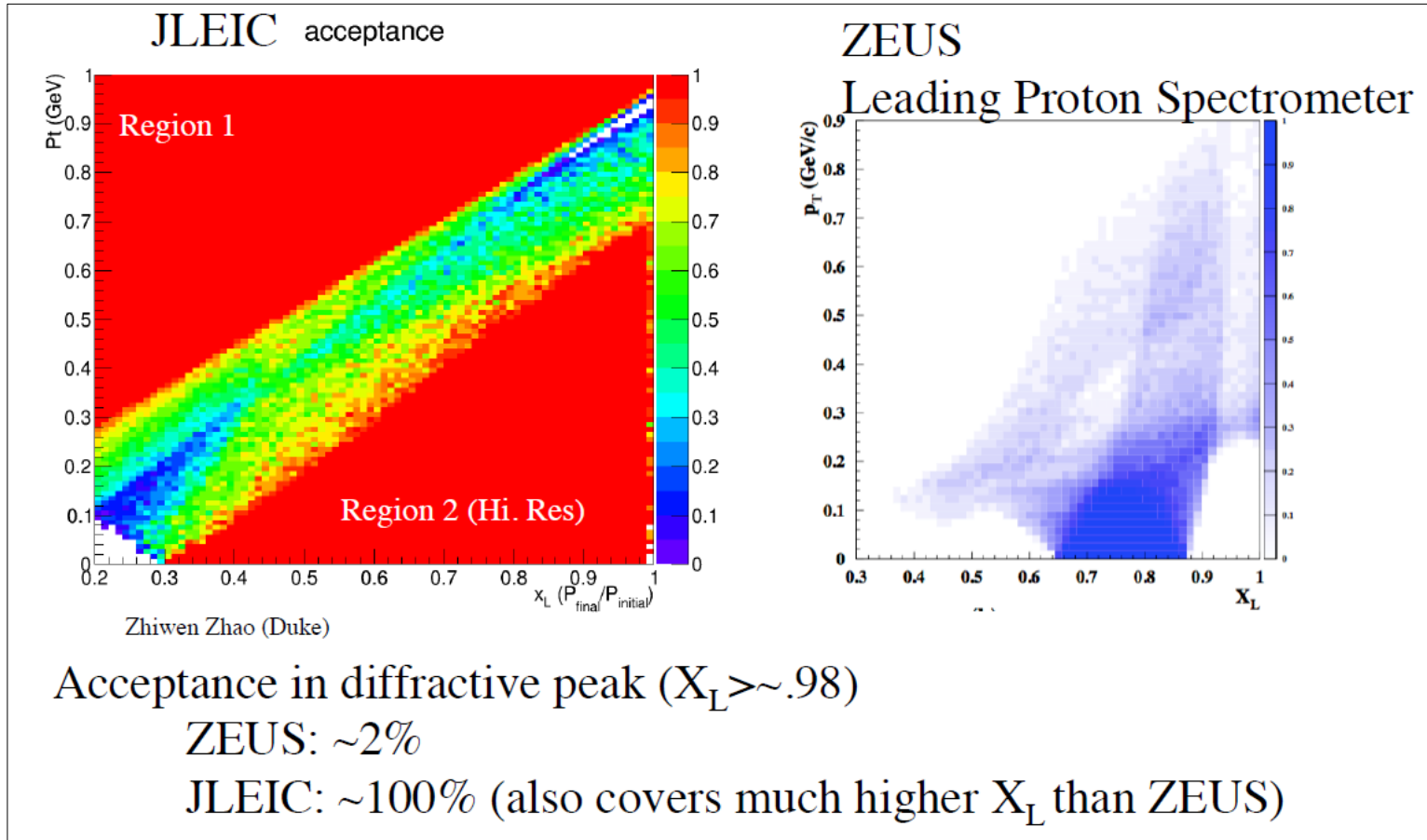
The JLEIC design provides electron–nucleon squared center–of–mass energies in the range 250 – 2500 GeV<sup>2</sup> at luminosities up to  $10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

- Full acceptance for spectators from longitudinally and transversely polarized light ion beams

*Neutron* detection in a 25 mrad cone around  $0^\circ$

# EIC: full acceptance for forward physics

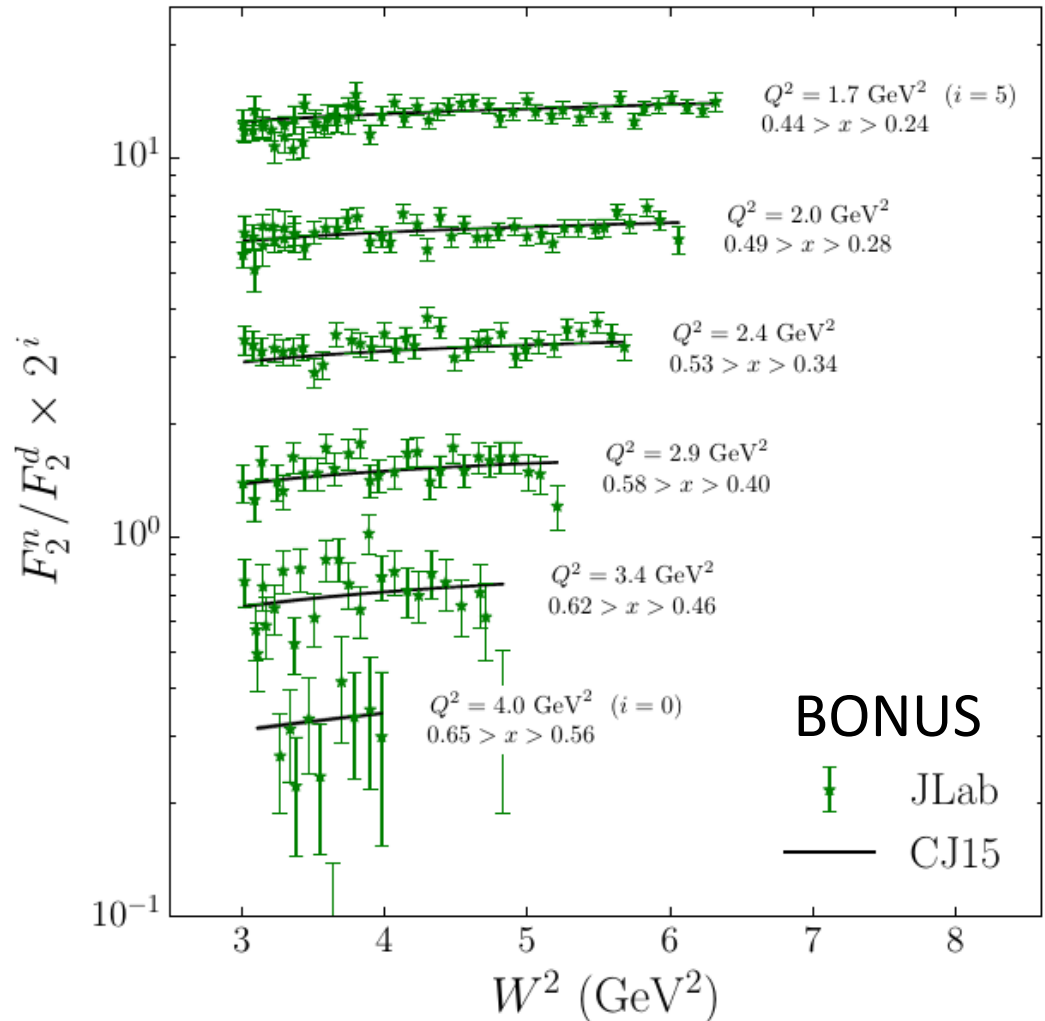
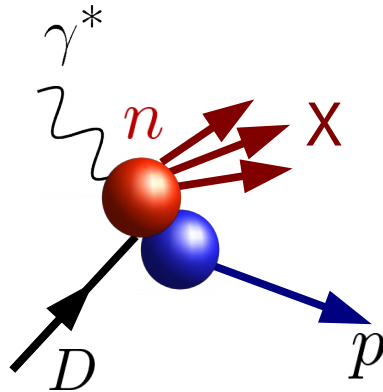
Example: acceptance for  $p'$  in  $e + p \rightarrow e' + p' + X$



Huge gain in acceptance for forward tagging to measure  $F_2^n$  and diffractive physics!!!

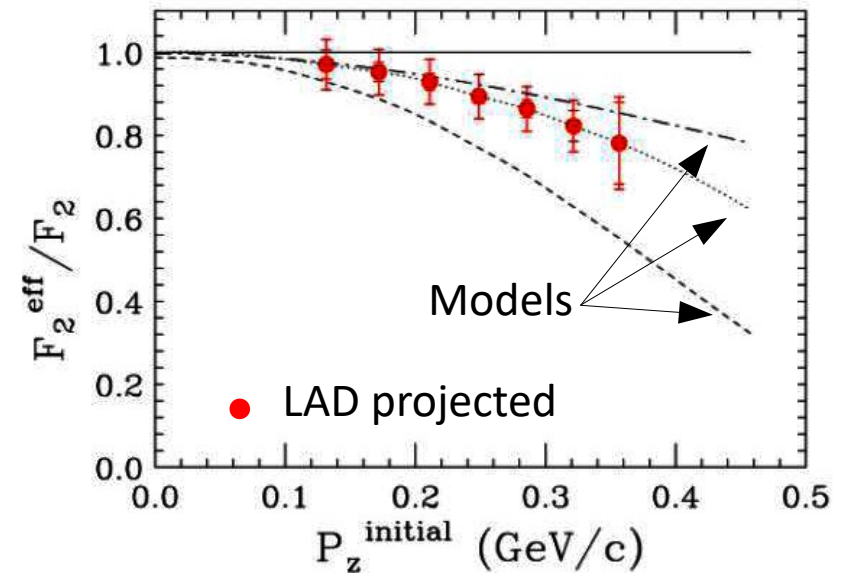
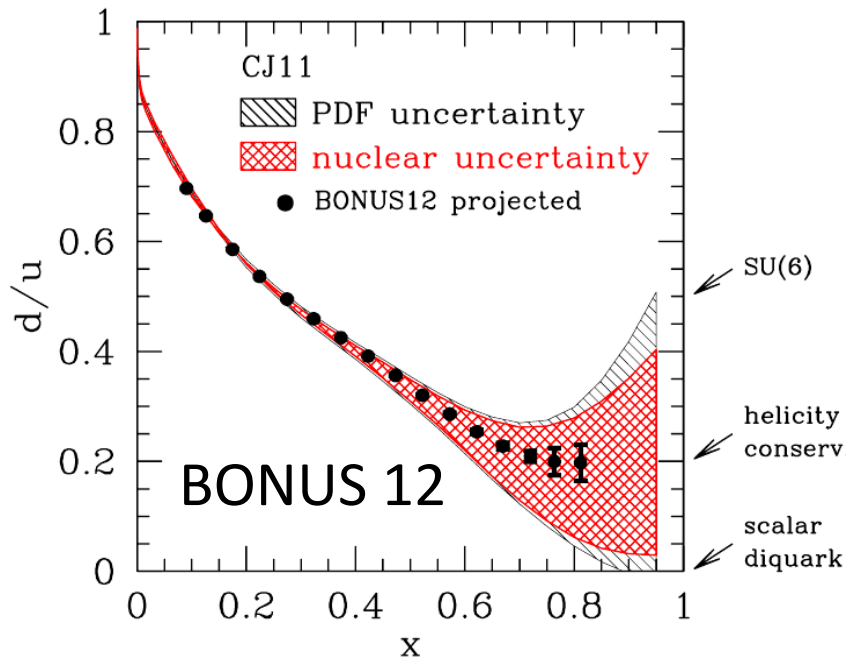
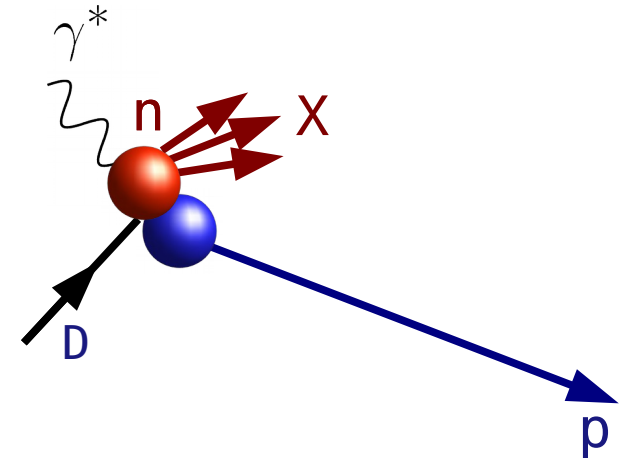
# Spectator tagging at Jlab: quasi-free neutrons

N.Baillie et al., PRL 108 (2012) 199902



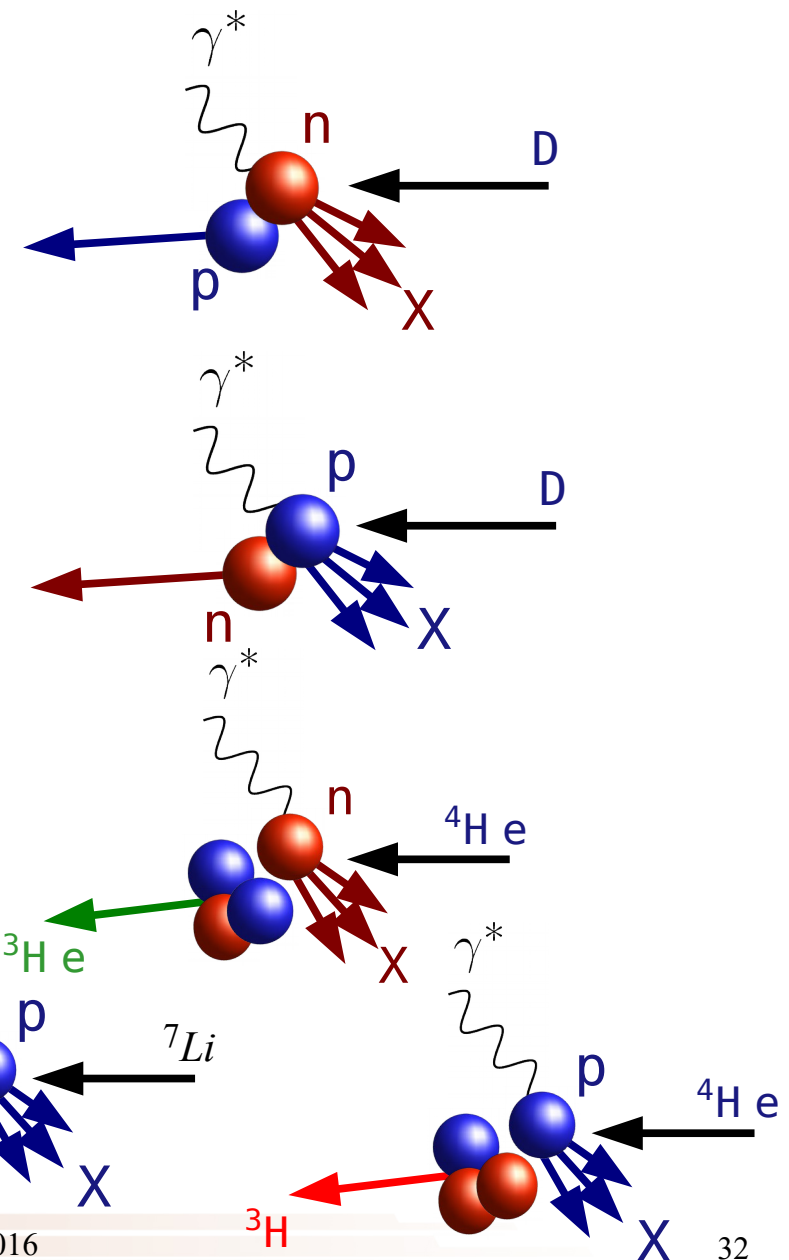
# Spectator tagging at JLab12

- Neutron off-shellness depends on on spectator momentum:
  - Slow: nearly on-shell (BONUS12)
  - Fast: more and more off-shell (LAD)



# Spectator tagging at EIC: even better!

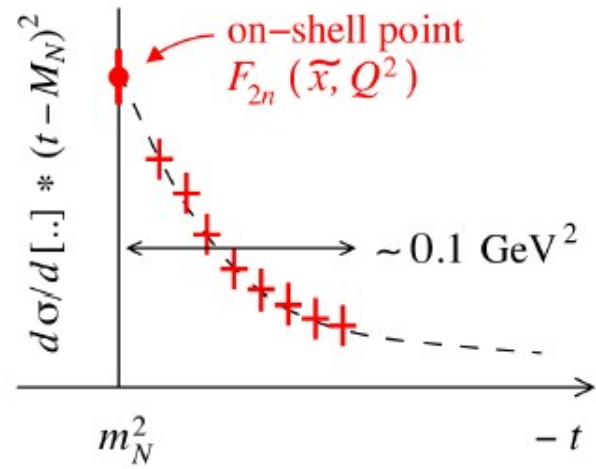
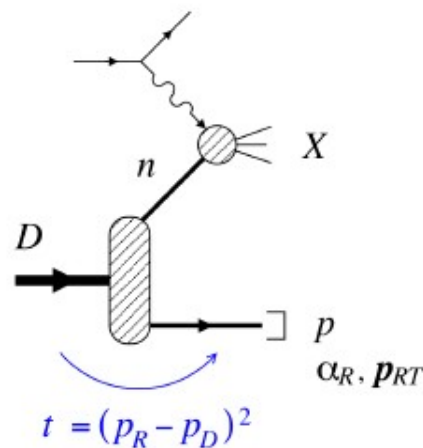
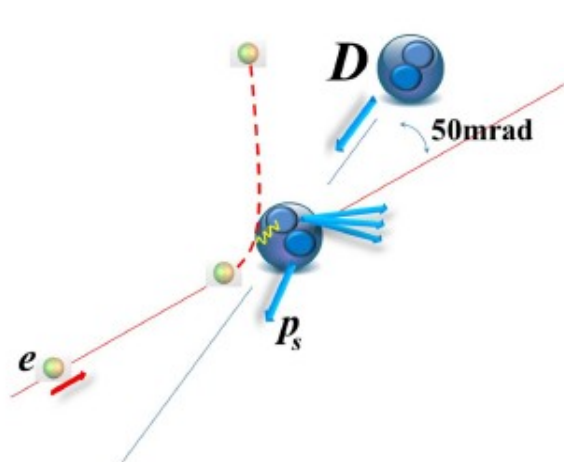
- measure **neutron  $F_2$**  in D target
  - flavor separation
  
- measure **proton  $F_2$**  in D target
  - **Unique at colliders**
  - Compare off-shell to free proton
  - Establish nuclear effects
  - Validate on-shell extrapolation techniques
  
- **proton, neutron in light nuclei**
  - embedding in nuclear matter  
**(a piece of the EMC puzzle)**





# (Tagged) neutron structure extrapolation in $t$

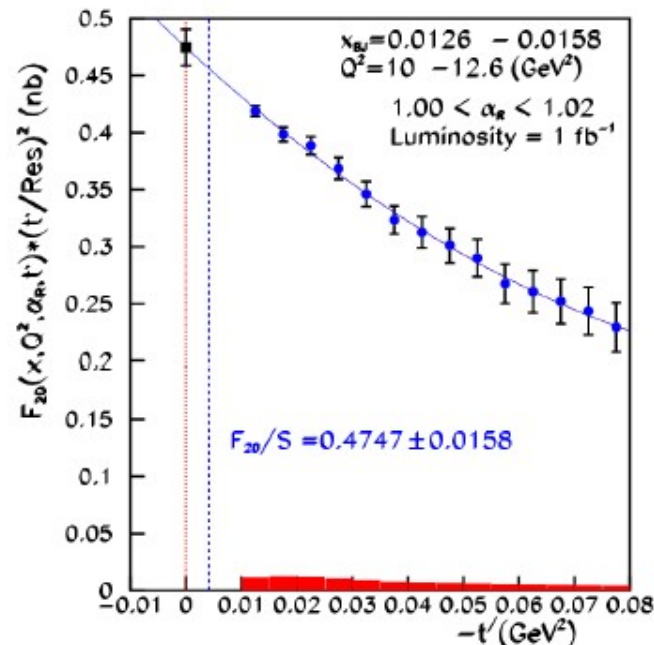
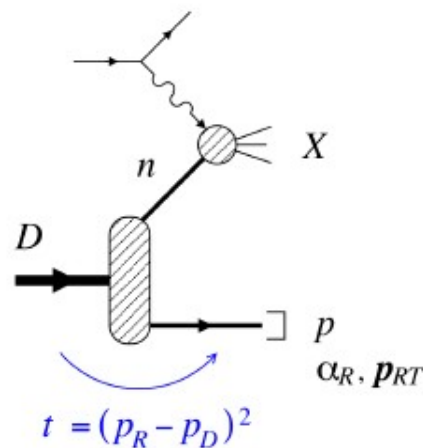
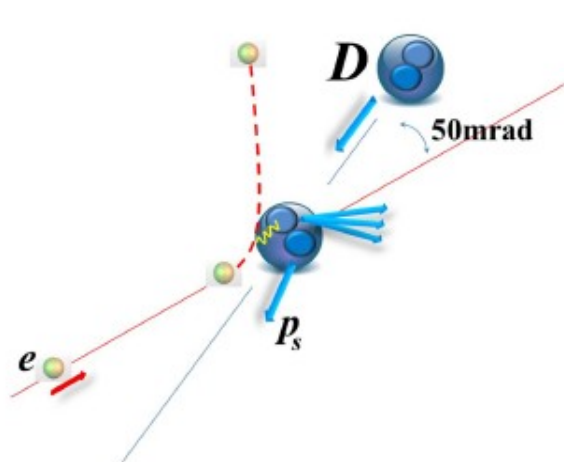
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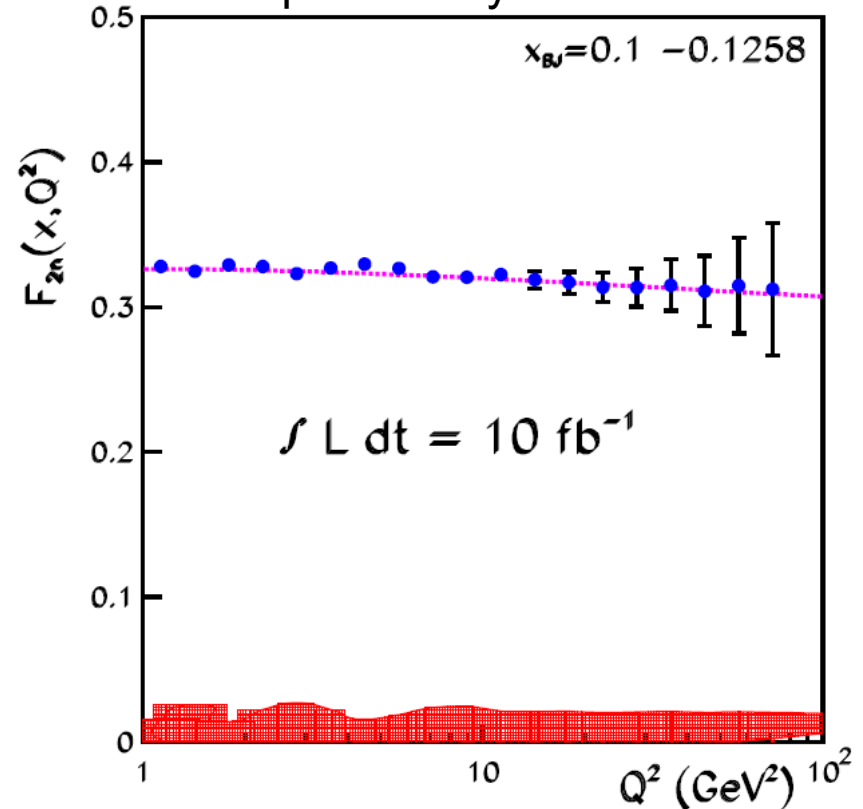
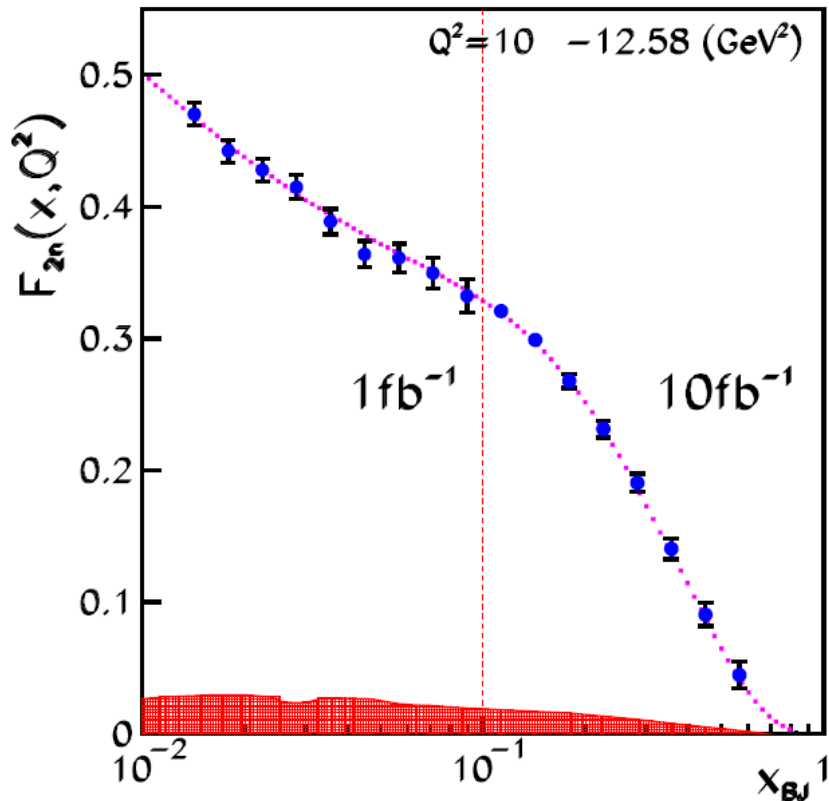
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Preliminary examples (courtesy Kijun Park)

Uncertainties include on-shell neutron extrapolation systematics



- 1 year of EIC @ luminosity of  $10^{32}$  gives about  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 1 year of EIC @ luminosity of  $10^{33}$  gives about  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- 1 year of EIC @ luminosity of  $10^{34}$  gives about  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ←

# Projected data (so far) and impact on PDFs

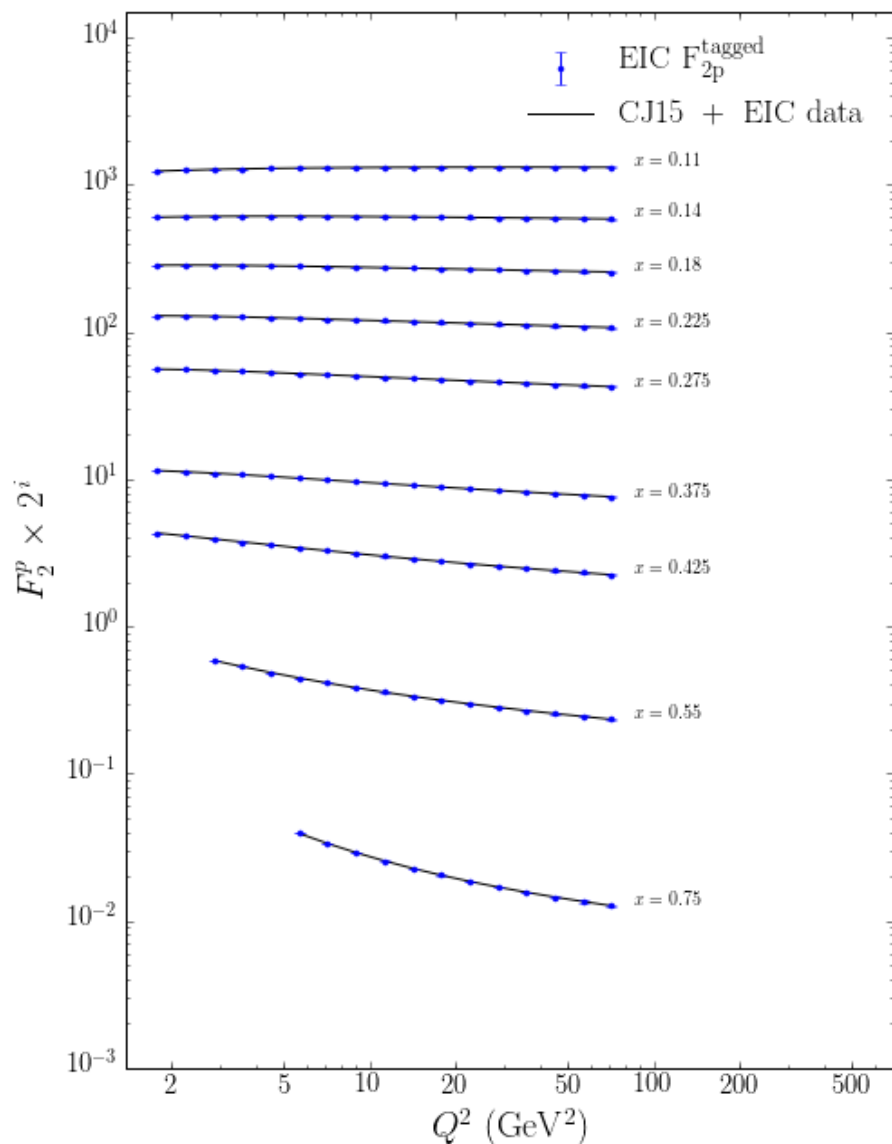
So far, JLEIC 10x100 GeV<sup>2</sup> projections in bins  $0.1 < x < 0.9$  for:

- ✓  $F_2^p$
  - ✓  $F_2^n$  from deuterium with tagged proton spectator
  - ✓  $F_2^d$
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- *Assume 1% systematic uncertainty*
  - $W^2 > 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2 > 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2$  (standard CJ15 cuts)

Finally,

- fit projected data along rest of CJ15 data sets
- examine impact on d, u, g
- ***A simple study so far (first results from this summer )...***

# Can EIC help?

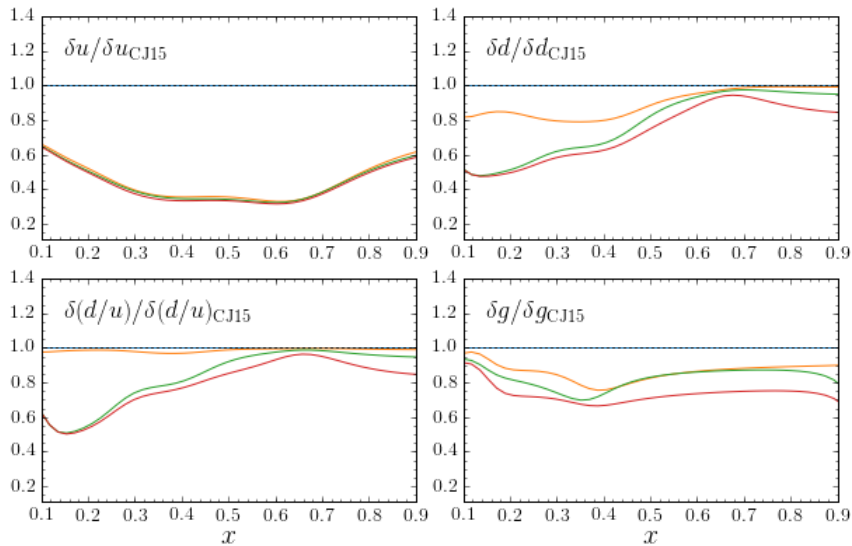


Compressed scale makes it somewhat difficult to see the experimental and fit uncertainties

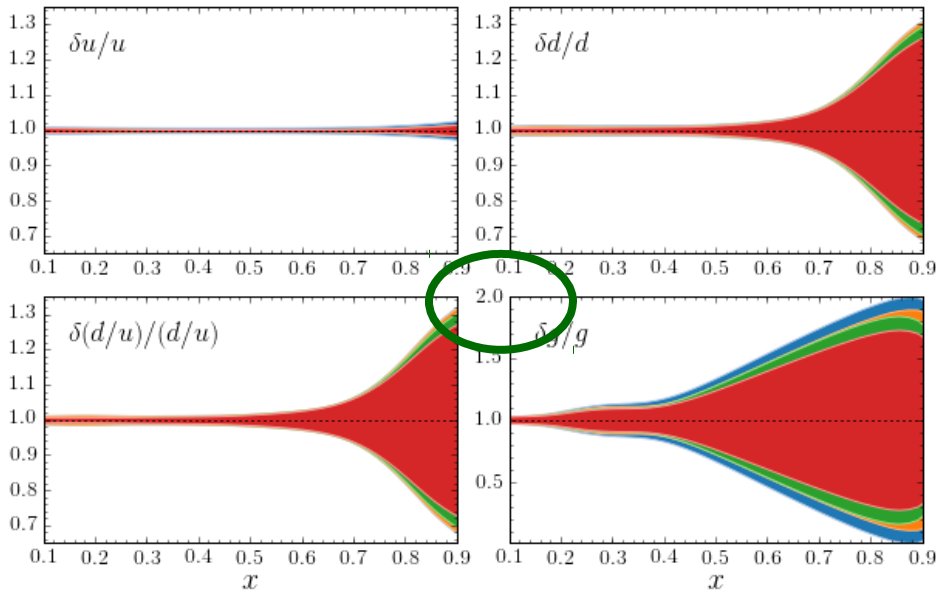
Currently no cut in  $y$ :

- would lose a little bit in the high  $Q^2$  range from  $y < y_{\text{max}}$ ,
- would lose some low  $Q^2$  at large  $x$  from a  $y_{\text{min}}$  cut,  $\rightarrow$  impact on gluon fits ?
- requires more careful simulations, evaluation of systematic uncertainties

# 10/fb luminosity



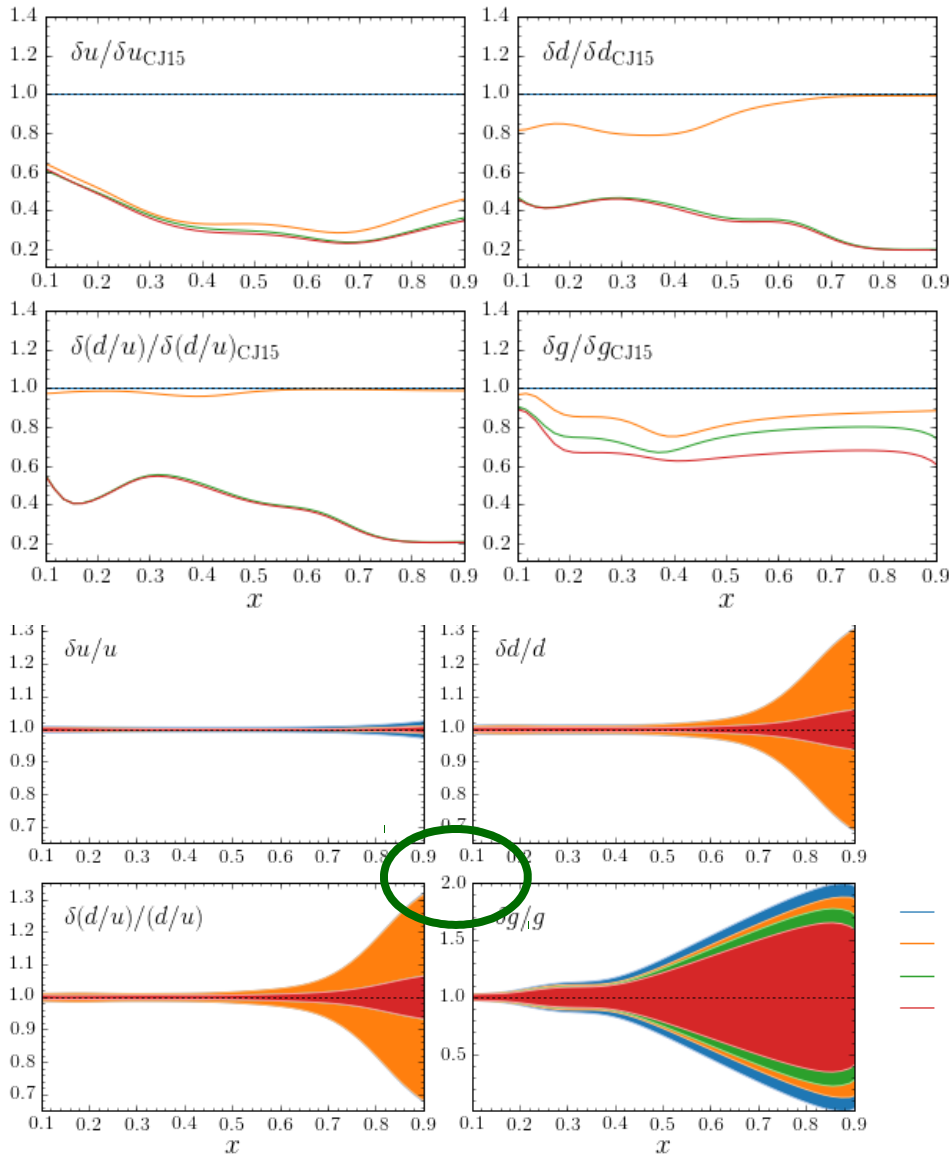
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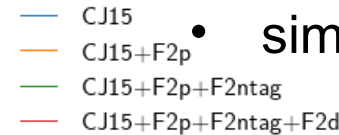
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- Top: improvement in relative PDF uncertainties compared to CJ15
- Bottom: relative uncertainties compared to CJ15
- Improvement in u impressive, but already small uncertainty
- Large improvement in  $d(x)$ , ~50%
- $d/u$  tracks  $d$
- ~20% improvement in  $g(x)$

# 100/fb luminosity



- d quark precision will become comparable to current u!!*

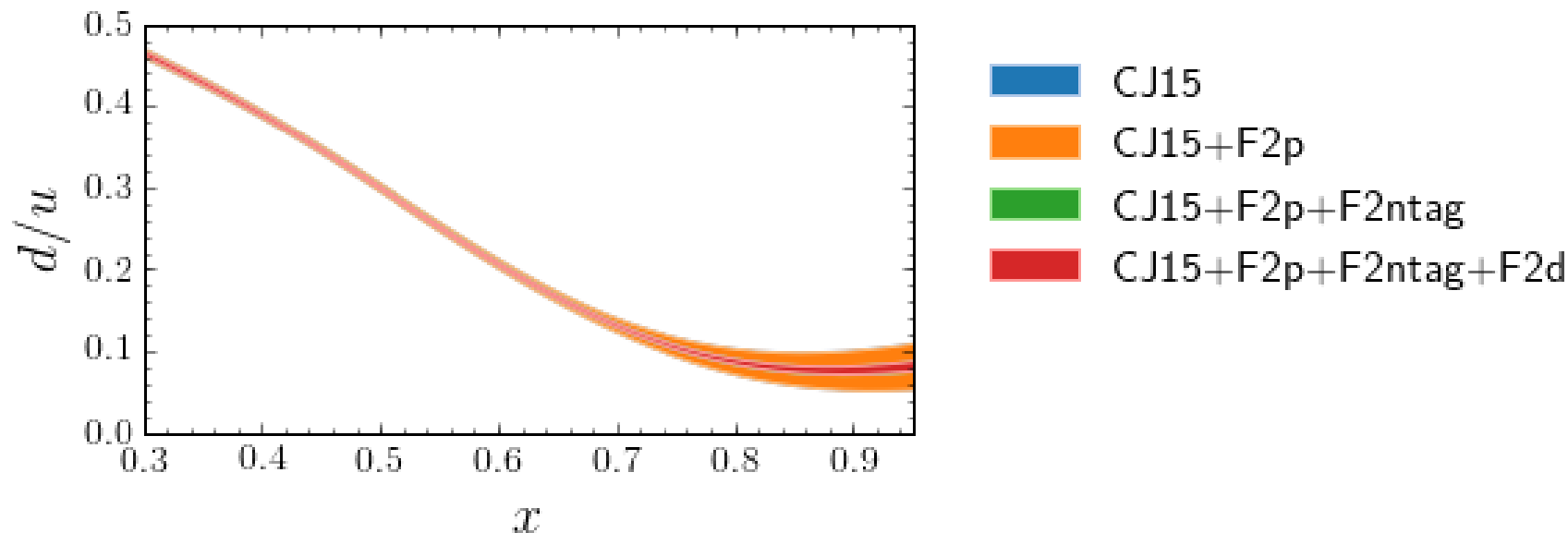


- similar improvement in  $g(x)$

- The  $u$  quark uncertainty becomes less than  $\sim 1\%$ ; may be important for large mass BSM new particles.

- With  $d$  quark nailed by  $F_2^n$ , fitting  $F_2^d$  data will explore details of nuclear effects

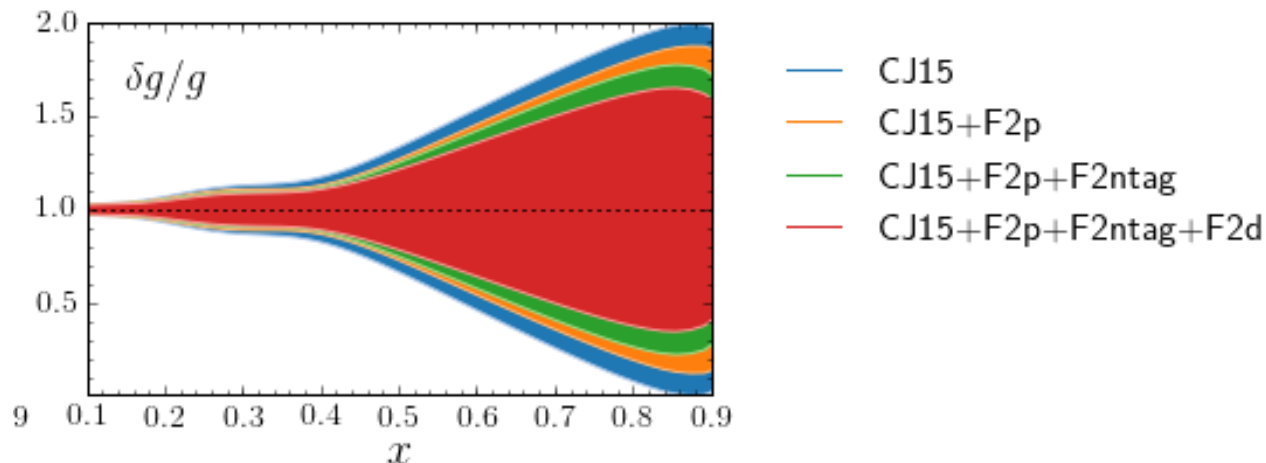
# Improved d/u precision is good news



- The d-quark goes from a few 10% to  $\sim 1\%$  percent level
- Resolve long-standing mystery of  $d/u$  at large  $x$ ,  
→ Can explore in detail fundamental models nucleon structure
- $D/(p+n)$  in one experiment for the first time –  
→ unprecedented handle on nuclear medium modifications  
→ can quantitatively address interplay of hard scattering and (soft) nucleon dynamics
- Facilitate accurate neutron excess/isoscalar corrections
  - Important also for neutrino physics and nuclear PDFs



## Improved *gluon* precision is also good news



- **Gluons improve by a bit less than 10% *per data set included*, seemingly independent of luminosity**
  - Gluons are accessed by the  $F_2$  shape in  $Q^2$ , so precision of each data point is not very important; lever arm in  $Q^2$  matters most
- Energy scans at, say, 3+100 and 6+100 may improve up to 80%
  - and also provide direct access of gluons through  $F_L$ .
- Need more work to confirm above

# Some final thoughts

# EIC has big potential

- EIC has excellent potential for
  - **u, d, g flavor determination at large x**  $\longleftrightarrow$  hadronic structure, BSM
  - Revolutionizing **nuclear structure studies using hard probes**

Needs more work, realistic systematics, grid optimization,  $y$  cuts, ...

- For discussion later: what's best to use in a QCD fit:
  - QCD cross sections at many energies
  - or, experimental extraction and fit of FL ?
- How much glue and strange can one get from QCD evolution w/o utilizing directly sensitive data (*i.e.*, on day 0, before E-scan?)
  - IMC analysis by JAM indicates non negligible info can be extracted if advanced techniques utilized in fits

# What else can we dream of doing at the EIC?

## □ Isospin violations

- Play free n from BONUS/EIC vs. free p from D0, RHIC W-asym.

## □ Strangeness from PVDIS

- Strange quarks are quaint: LHC vs fixed target; HERMES SIDIS; ...

## □ Intrinsic charm

- Positive signal only from (contested) EMC data
- Take new and better data with EIC !

## □ Large leverage in A – from light to heavy

- Combined PDF / nPDF fits
- Study propagation of charm in cold nuclei using  $\nu+A$  dimuon data

## □ Polarized and unpolarized data at large $Q^2$ from same machine

- Another combined fit  $\longleftrightarrow$  helicity separation

□ ...

**Time for discussion!**