

# Exploring the fundamental properties of matter with an Electron-Ion Collider

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# Eternal Questions

People have long asked

**Where did we come from?**

The Big Bang theory?

**What is the world made of?**

Basic building blocks?

**What holds it together?**

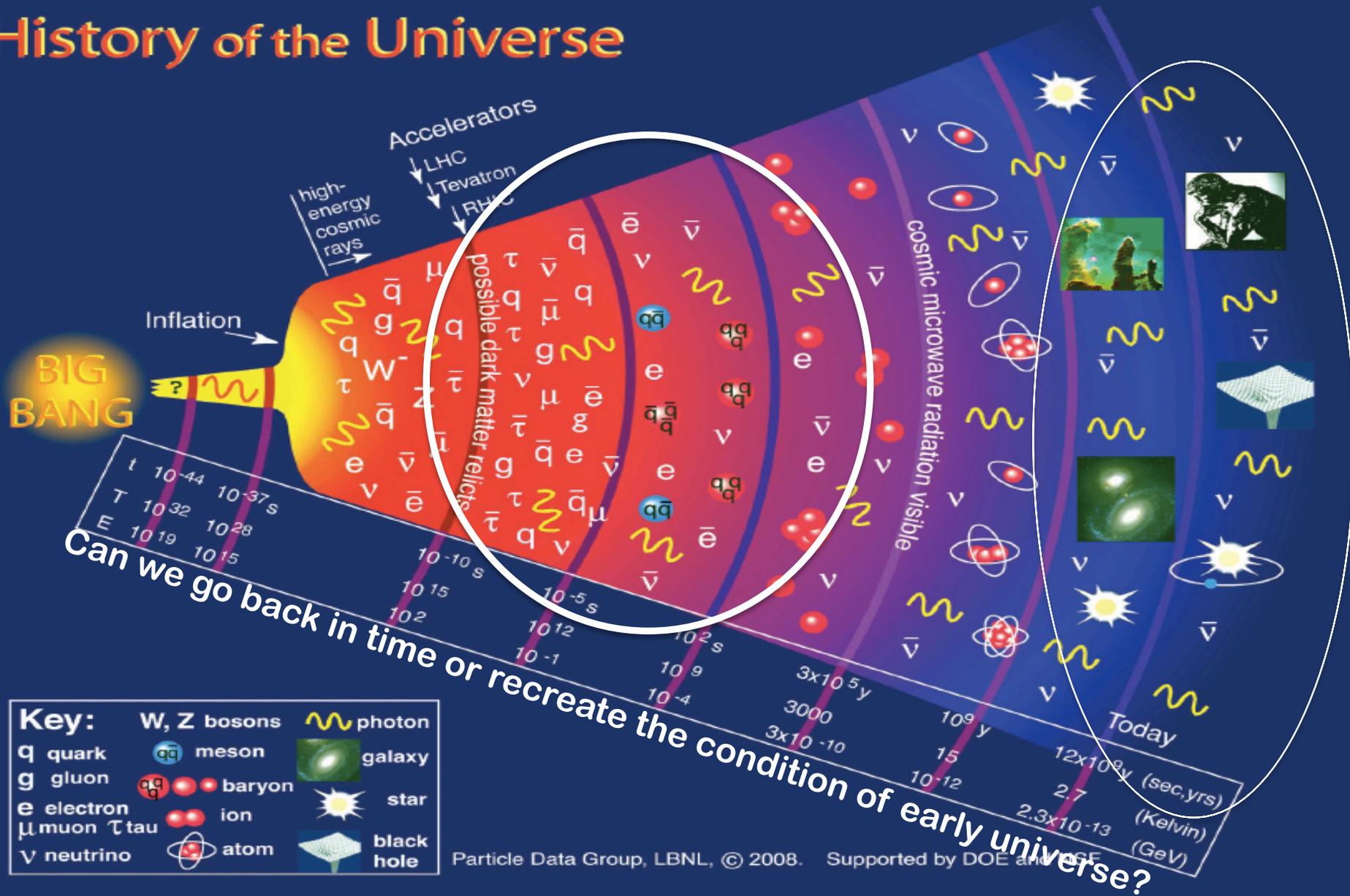
Fundamental forces?

**Where are we going to?**

The future?

# Where did we come from?

## History of the Universe



# Going back in time?

Expansion of the universe →



← Little Bang in the Laboratory

Create a matter (QGP) with similar temperature and energy density

**BNL - RHIC**

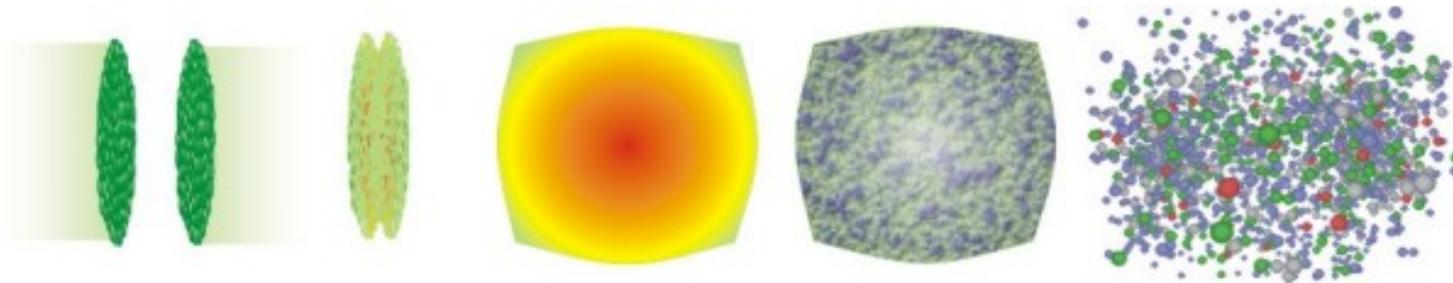
Gold - Gold

**CERN - LHC**

Lead - Lead

# Relativistic heavy-ion collisions – the little bang

## □ A virtual Journey of Visible Matter:



Lorentz contraction

Near collision

Quark-gluon plasma

Hadronization

Freeze-out

Seen in the detector

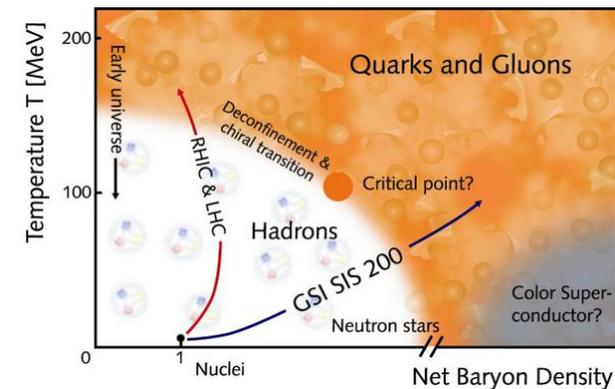
## □ Discoveries – Properties of QGP:

- ✧ A nearly perfect quantum fluid – NOT a gas!  
at 4 trillion degrees Celsius, Not, at  $10^{-5}$  K like  ${}^6\text{Li}$

## □ Questions:

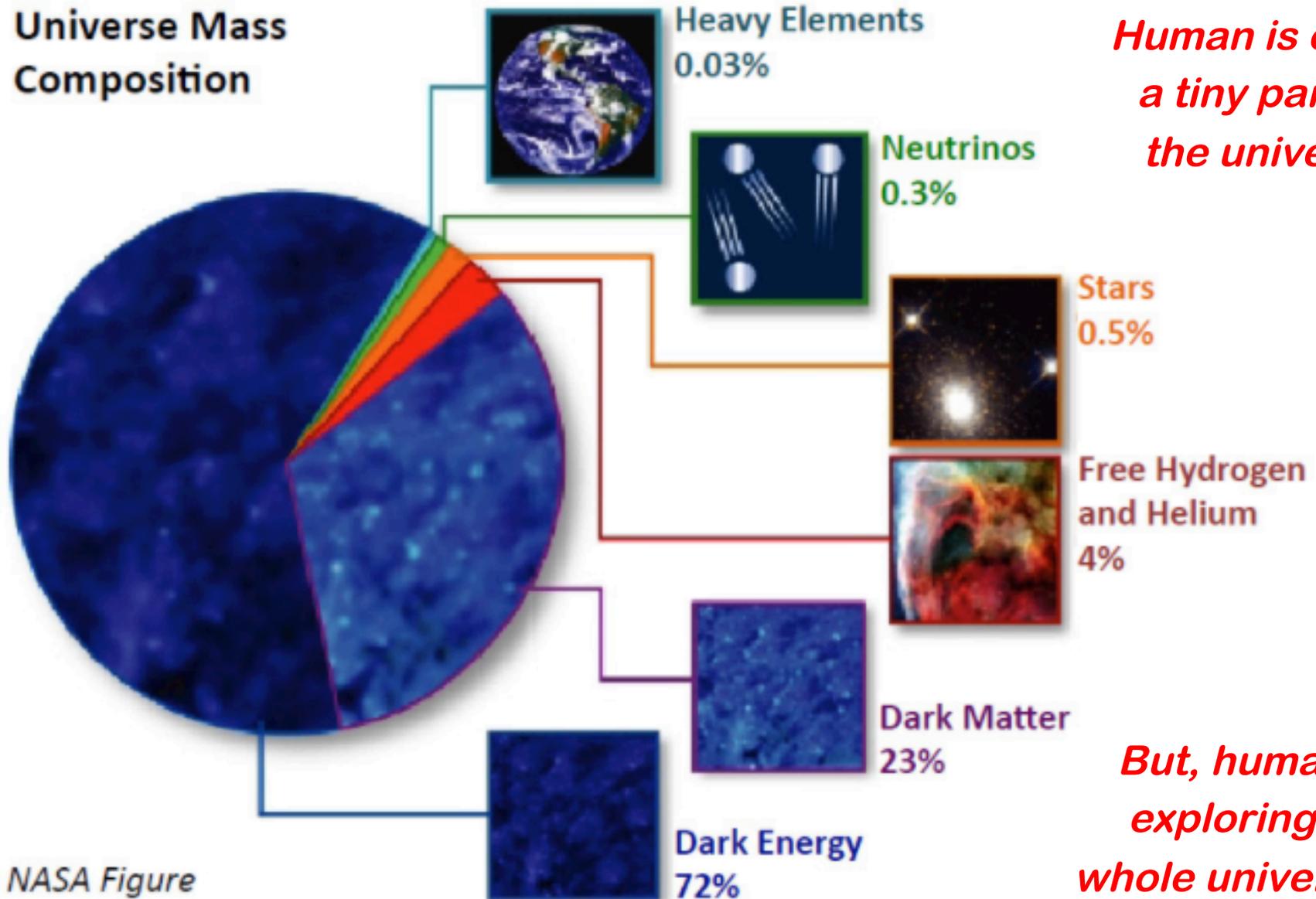
- ✧ How the observed particles were emerged (after collision)?
- ✧ Does the initial condition matter (before collision)?

Properties  
of  
visible matter



# What the world is made of?

## Universe Mass Composition



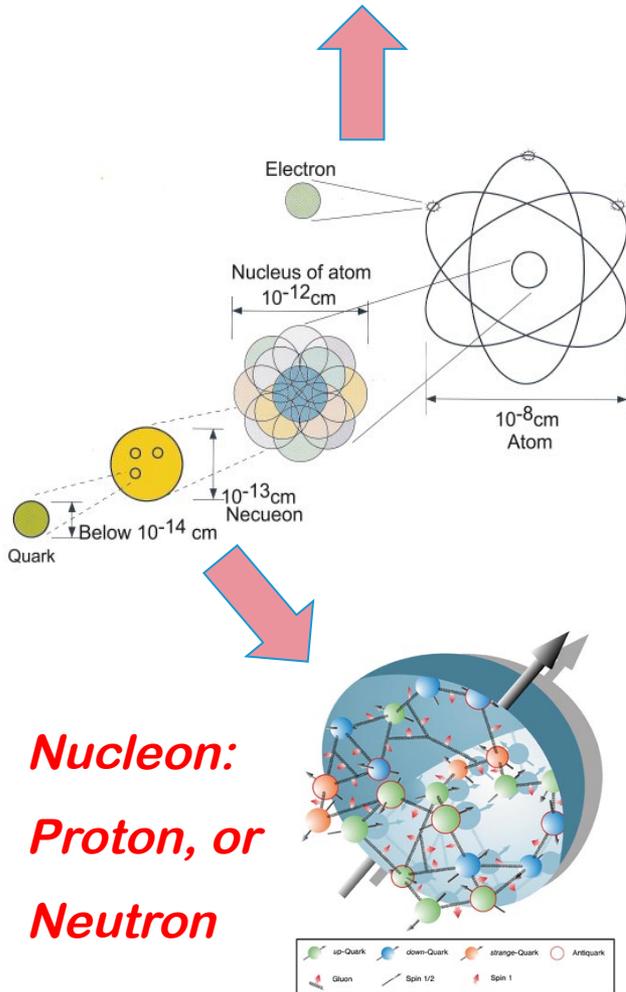
*Human is only a tiny part of the universe*

*But, human is exploring the whole universe!*

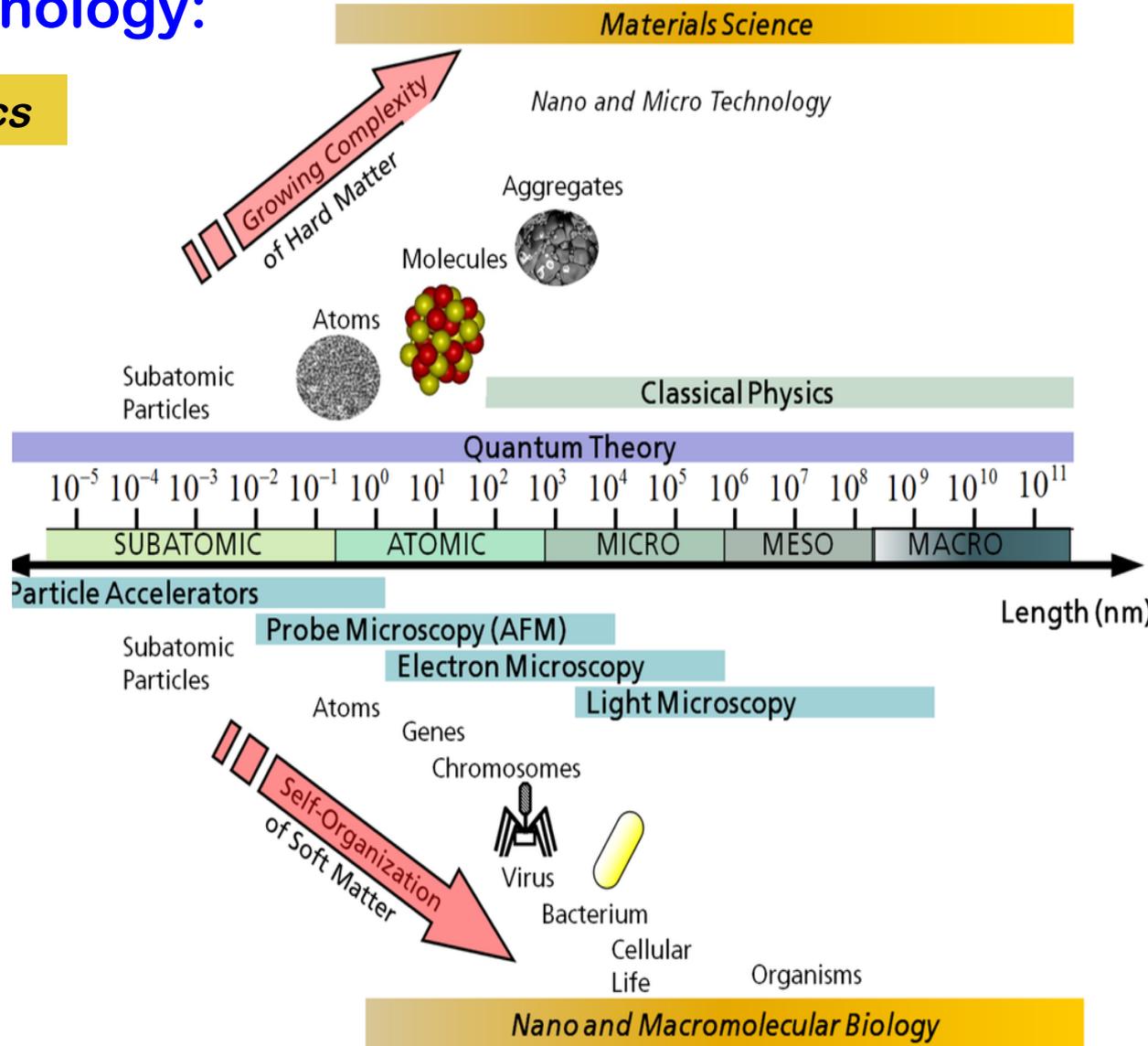
# What hold it together?

## Science and technology:

### Particle & Nuclear Physics

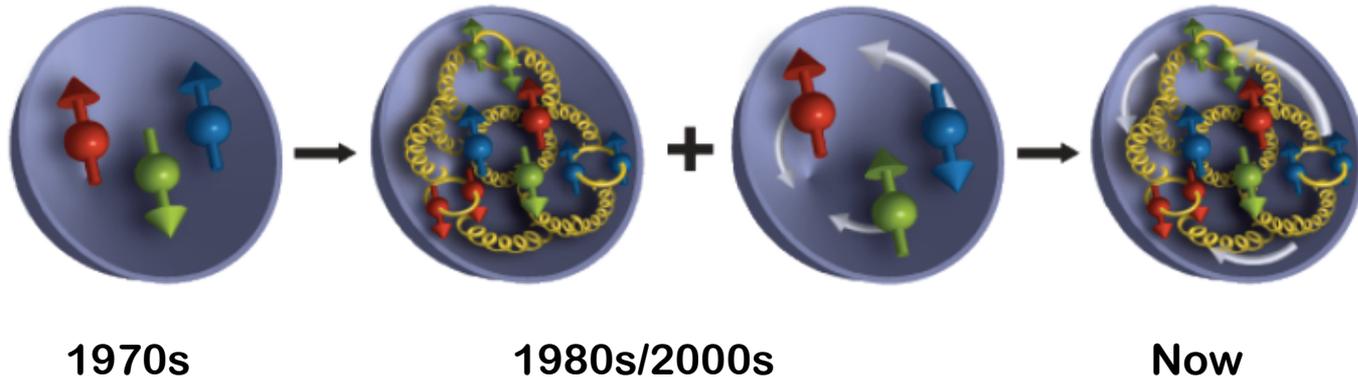


**Nucleon:  
Proton, or  
Neutron**



# Nucleon – building block of all atomic matter

- Our understanding of the nucleon evolves



**Nucleon is a strongly interacting, relativistic bound state of quarks and gluons**

- Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) bound states:

- ✧ **Neither quarks nor gluons appear in isolation!**
- ✧ **Understanding such systems completely is still beyond the capability of the best minds in the world**

- The great intellectual challenge:

***Probe nucleon structure without “seeing” quarks and gluons?***

# Why the EIC?

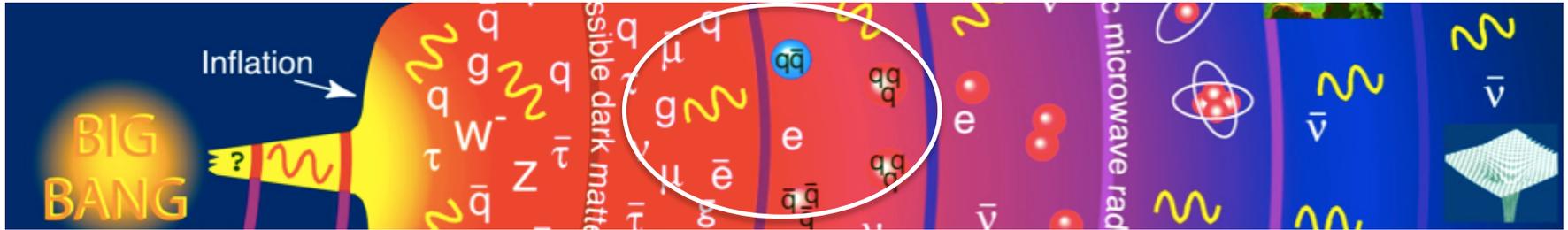
*To understand the role of gluons in binding  
Quarks and Gluons into Nucleons and Nuclei*

## Outline of the rest of my talk

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Nuclear Science
- “Big” questions/puzzles about QCD, ...
- The Electron-Ion Collider
- Key deliverables & opportunities, ...
- Summary

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Nuclear Science

□ What is the role of QCD in the evolution of the universe?

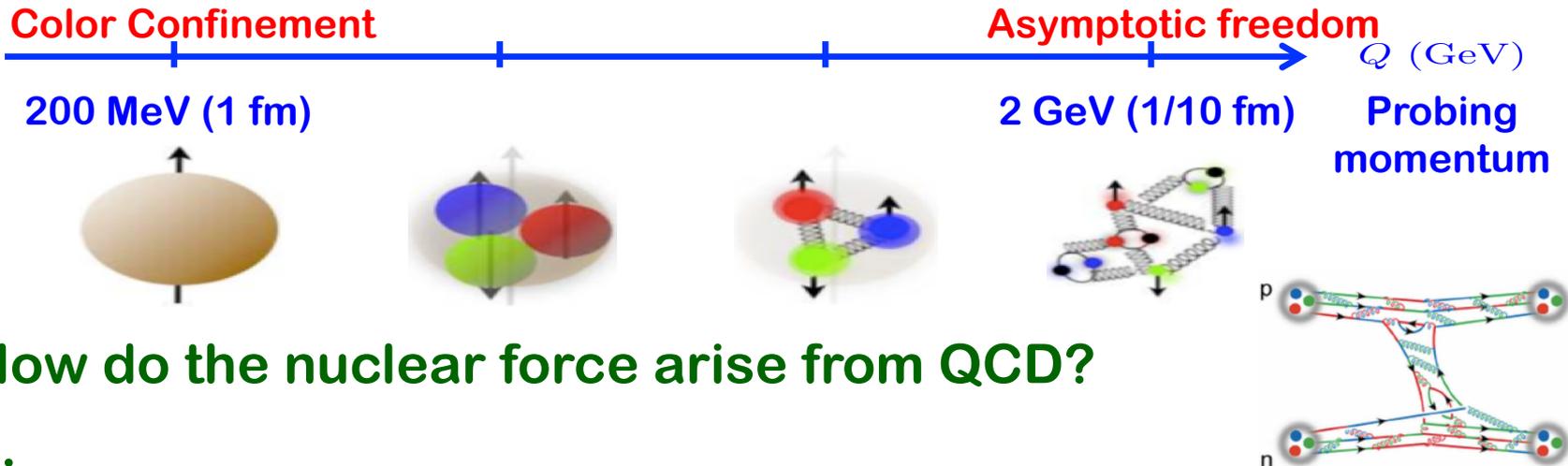


□ How hadrons are emerged from quarks and gluons?

□ How does QCD make up the properties of hadrons?

Their mass, spin, magnetic moment, ...

□ What is the QCD landscape of nucleon and nuclei?

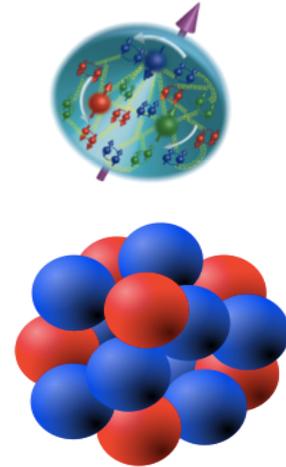
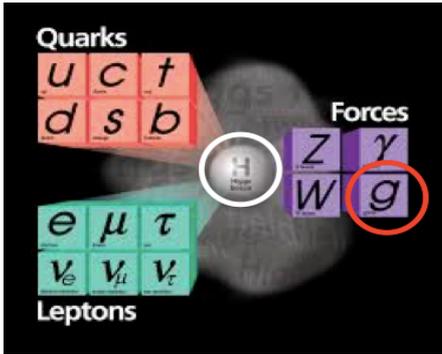


□ How do the nuclear force arise from QCD?

□ ...

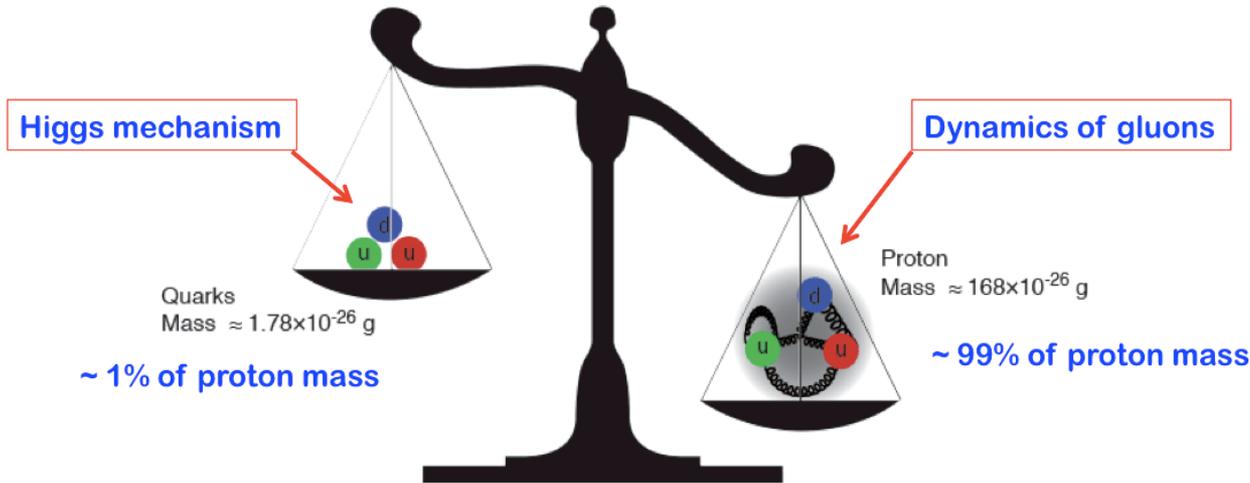
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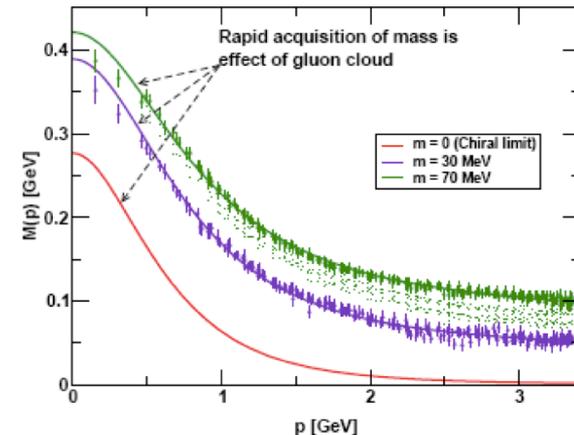


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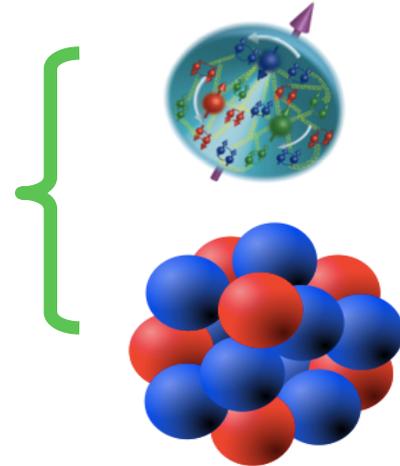
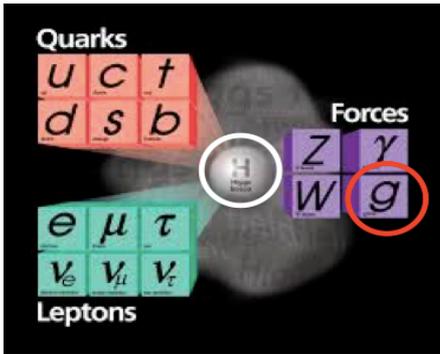
“Mass without mass!”



Bhagwat & Tandy/Roberts et al

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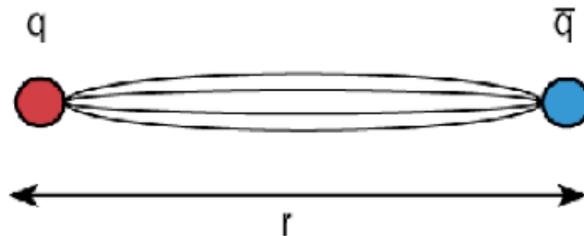
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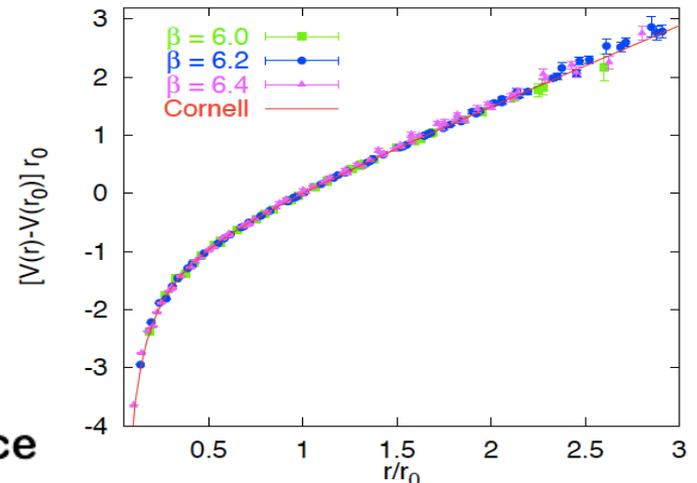
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Force between a heavy quark pair

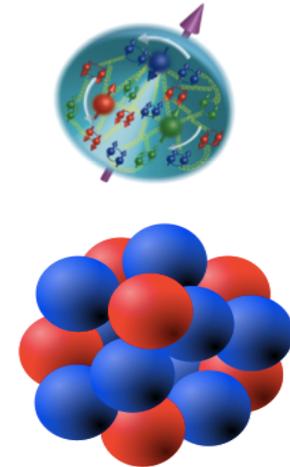
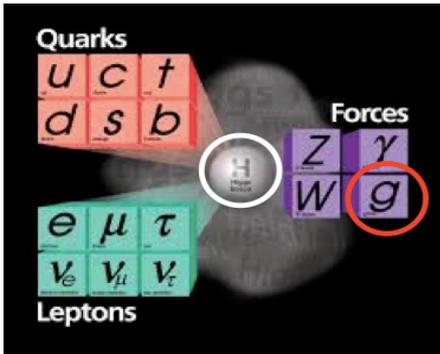


Heavy quarks experience a force of ~16 tons at ~1 Fermi ( $10^{-15}$  m) distance



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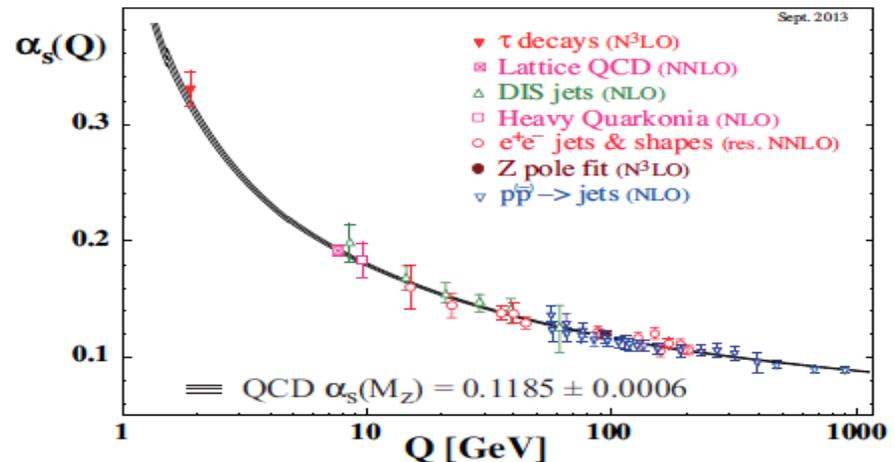
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Nobel Prize, 2004

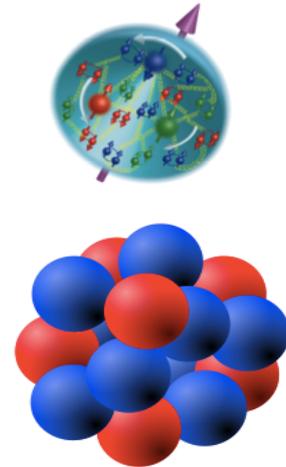
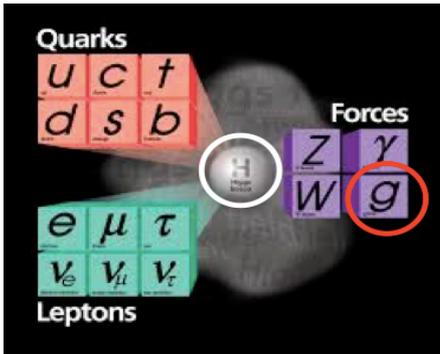


QCD perturbation theory



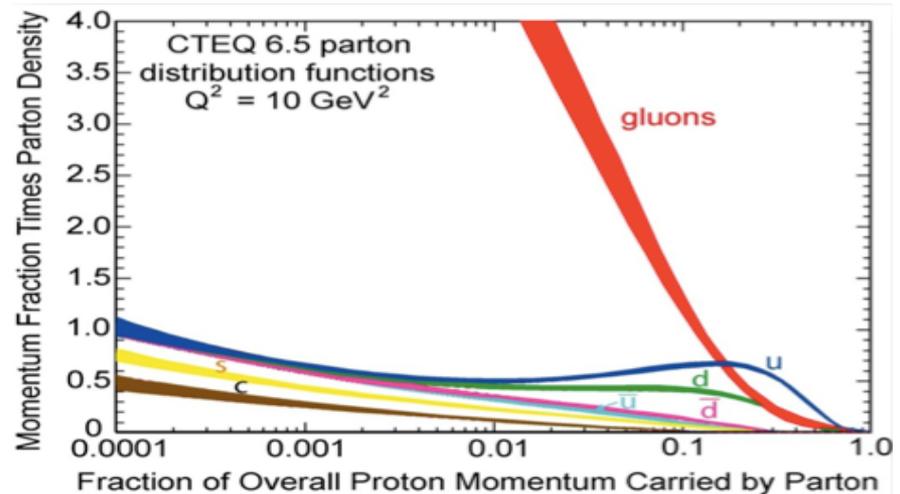
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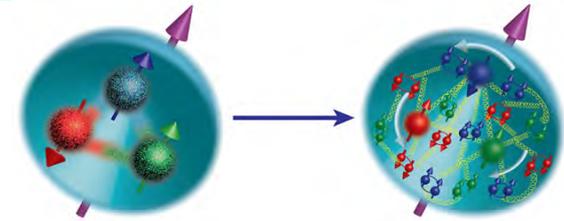
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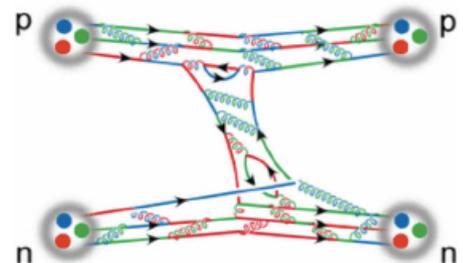
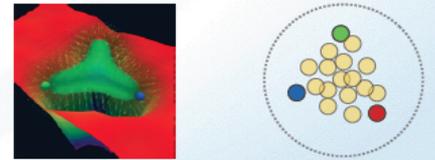
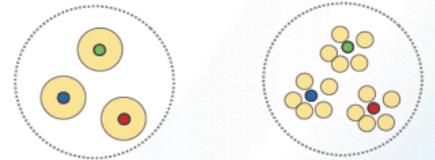
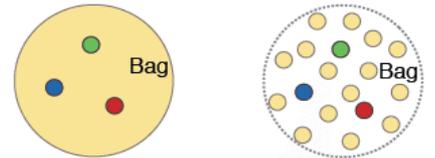
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Static High Energy



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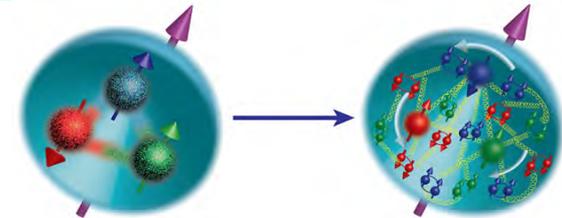
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❑ How does the glue fill out hadron’s inner space – 3D glue distribution?

✧ Can we develop better probes to go beyond the current accuracy?!

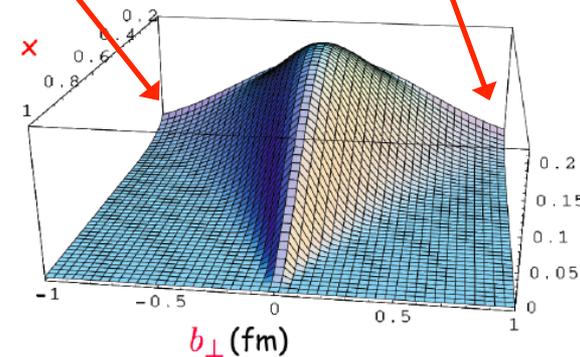
Glue distribution in proton, and in ions,  
Color confinement radius, ...  
Initial condition for HI collision,  
The physics and role of the momentum “x”, ...



Glue tomography  
toward small-x

How far does glue density spread?

How fast does glue density fall?



Only possible at EIC

# “Big” questions/puzzles about QCD, ...

## □ How hadrons are emerged from the color charge(s)?

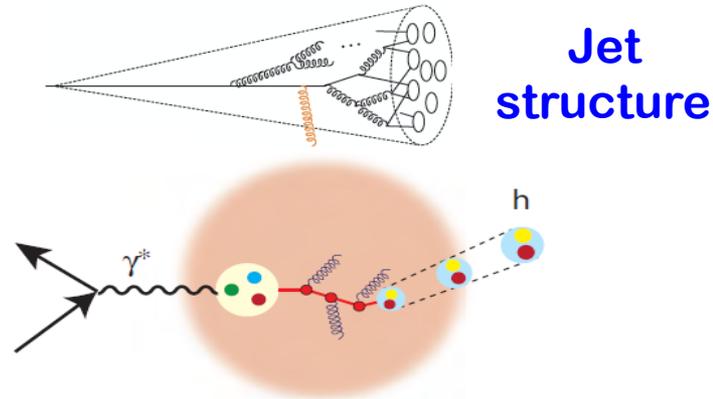
- ✧ Can we develop analytical tools to “see” the evolution of the color/jet and to predict the jet structure and the emergence of hadrons?!

Control of the partonic kinematics?  
Hadronization mechanism?

## □ How to understand the family of hadrons?

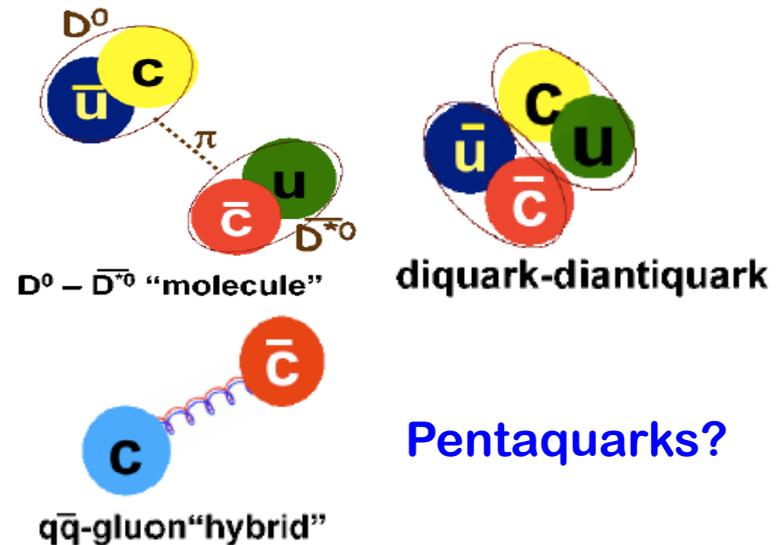
- ✧ Can we see gluonic excitations in hadron spectrum?
- ✧ Can we understand the newly observed hadronic particles, XYZ, ...?
- ✧ XYZ particles at future ep + eA, ...

Not covered here!



Nucleus as a “vertex detector”  
at a femtometer scale

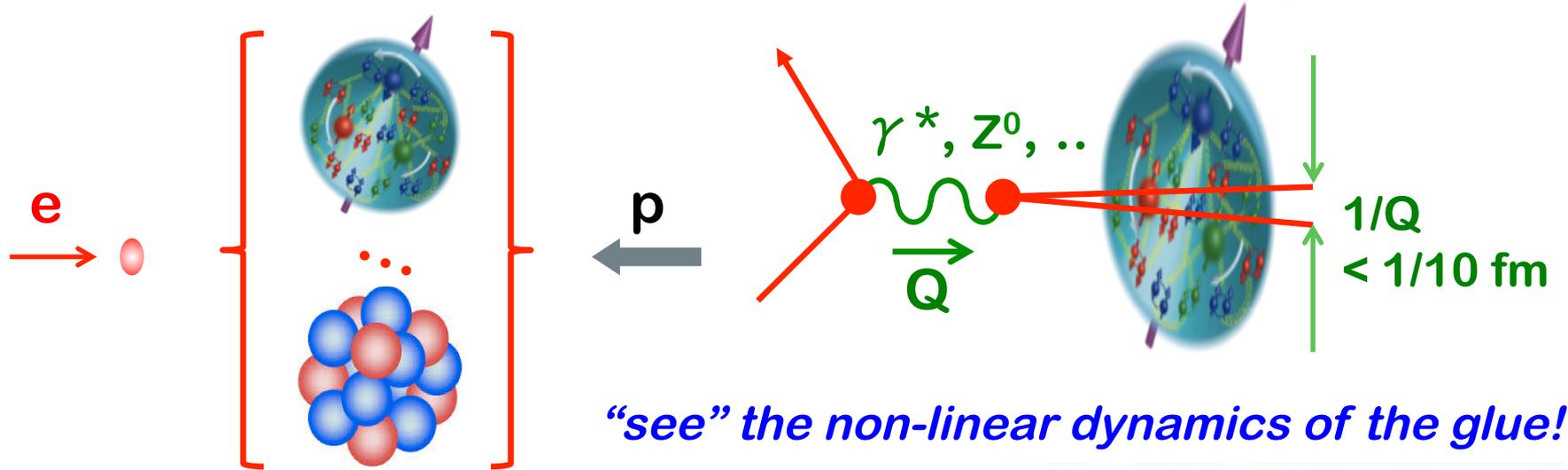
## A new particle explosion?



Pentaquarks?

# Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

- A giant “Microscope” – “see” quarks and gluons by breaking the hadron



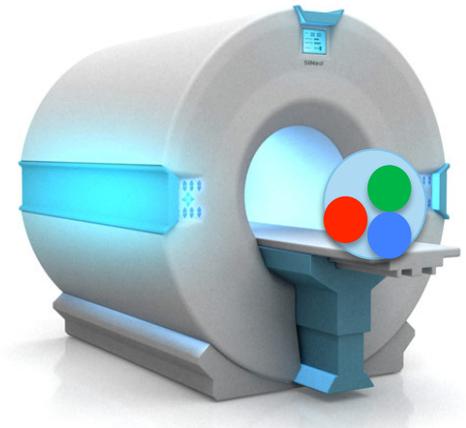
- A sharpest “CT” – “imagine” quark/gluon without breaking the hadron

- “cat-scan” the nucleon and nuclei with better than  $1/10 \text{ fm}$  resolution
- “see” the proton “radius” of gluon density

- Why now?

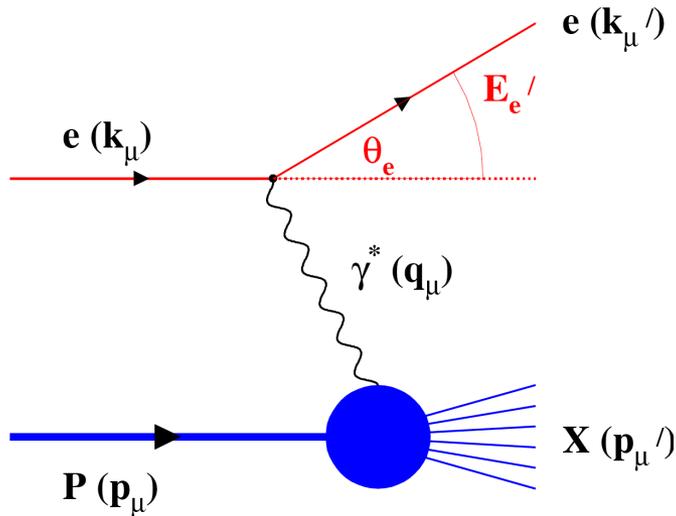
Exp: advances in luminosity, energy reach, detection capability, ...

Thy: breakthrough in factorization – “see” confined quarks and gluons, ...



# Many complementary probes at one facility

## □ Lepton-hadron facility:



$Q^2$  → Measure of resolution

$y$  → Measure of inelasticity

$x$  → Measure of momentum fraction  
of the struck quark in a proton

$$Q^2 = S \times y$$

**Inclusive events:**  $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+X$

Detect only the scattered lepton in the detector

**Semi-Inclusive events:**  $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})+X$

Detect the scattered lepton in coincidence with identified hadrons/jets

**Exclusive events:**  $e+p/A \rightarrow e'+p'/A'+h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})$

Detect every things including scattered proton/nucleus (or its fragments)

# EIC: the World Wide Interest

	HERA@DESY	LHeC@CERN	eRHIC@BNL	JLEIC@JLab	HIAF@CAS	ENC@GSI
$E_{\text{CM}}$ (GeV)	320	800-1300	45-175	12-140	12 $\rightarrow$ 65	14
proton $x_{\text{min}}$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$7 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow 3 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$
ion	p	p to Pb	p to U	p to Pb	p to U	p to $\sim {}^{40}\text{Ca}$
polarization	-	-	p, ${}^3\text{He}$	p, d, ${}^3\text{He}$ ( ${}^6\text{Li}$ )	p, d, ${}^3\text{He}$	p,d
L [ $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]	$2 \times 10^{31}$	$10^{33}$	$10^{33-34}$	$10^{33-34}$	$10^{32-33} \rightarrow 10^{35}$	$10^{32}$
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Year	1992-2007	2022 (?)	2022	Post-12 GeV	2019 $\rightarrow$ 2030	upgrade to FAIR



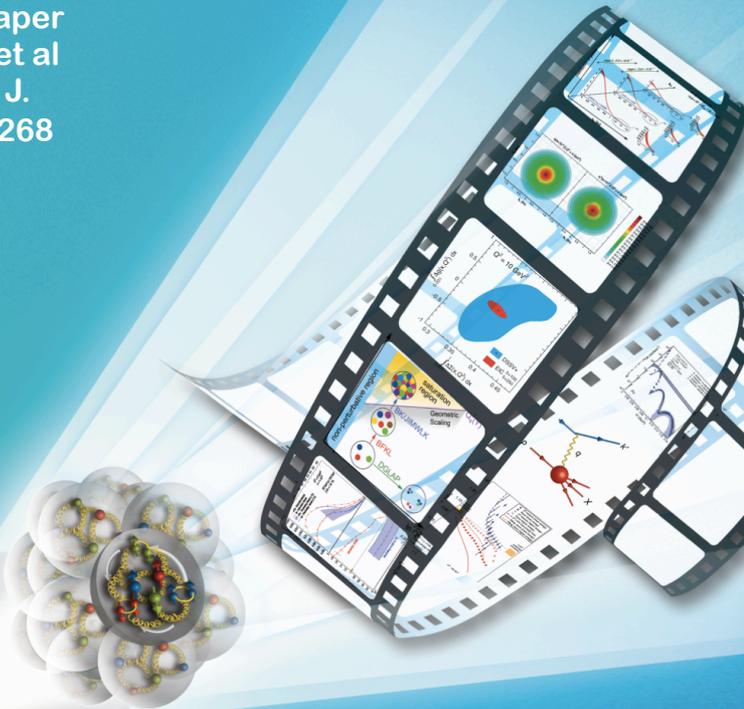
The past



Possible future

# US EIC – two options of realization

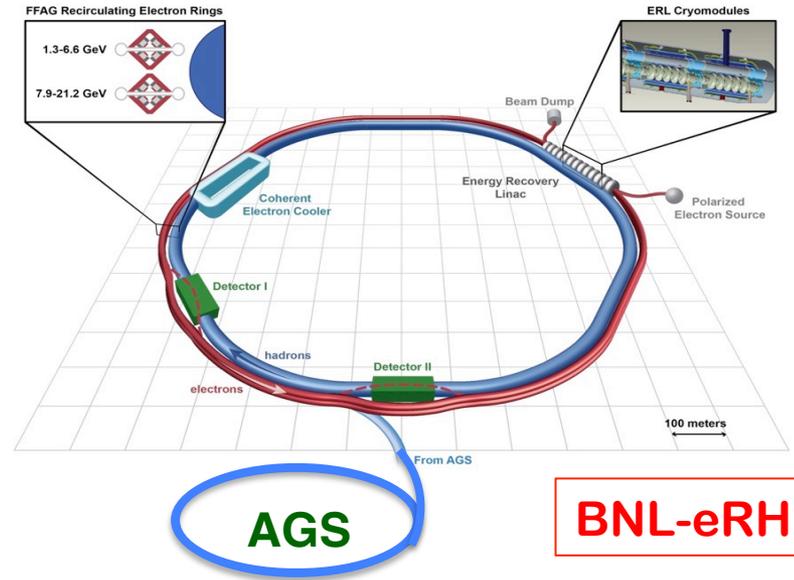
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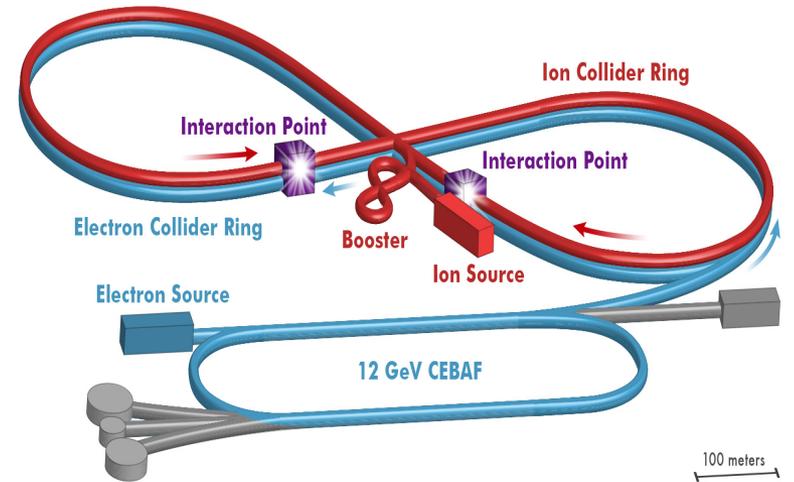
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Understanding the glue  
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SECOND EDITION

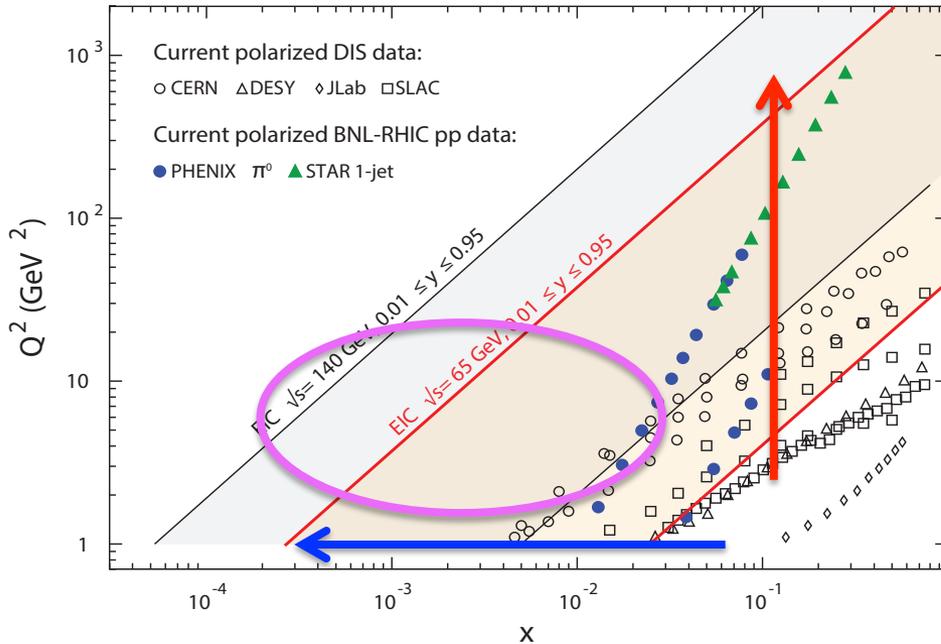


**BNL-eRHIC**



**JLab-JLEIC**

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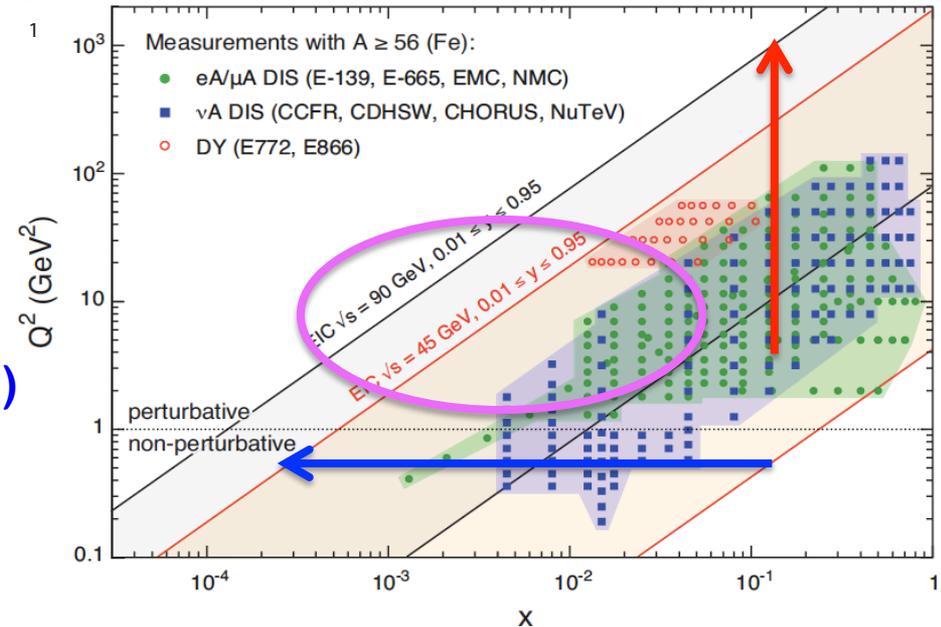


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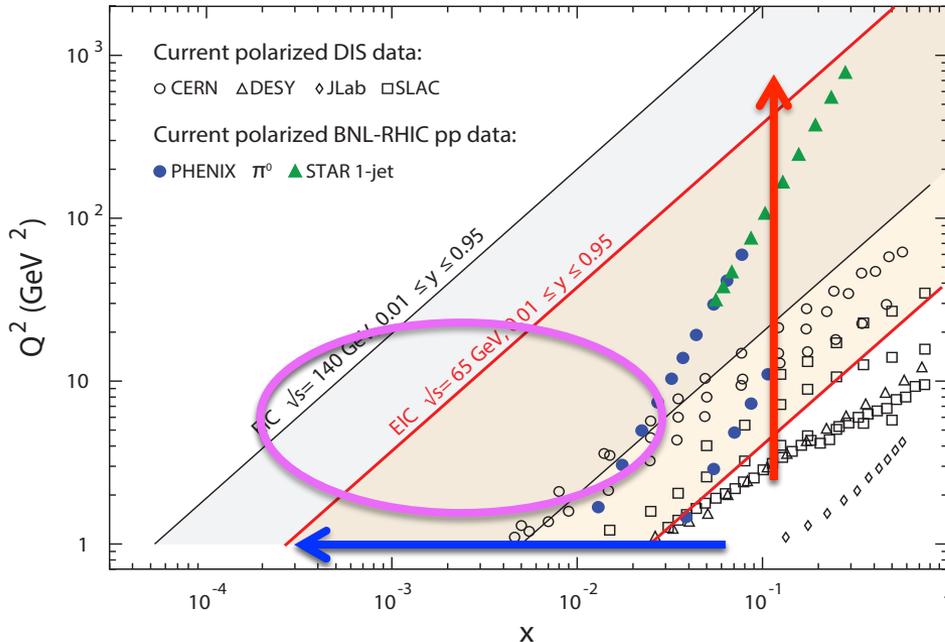
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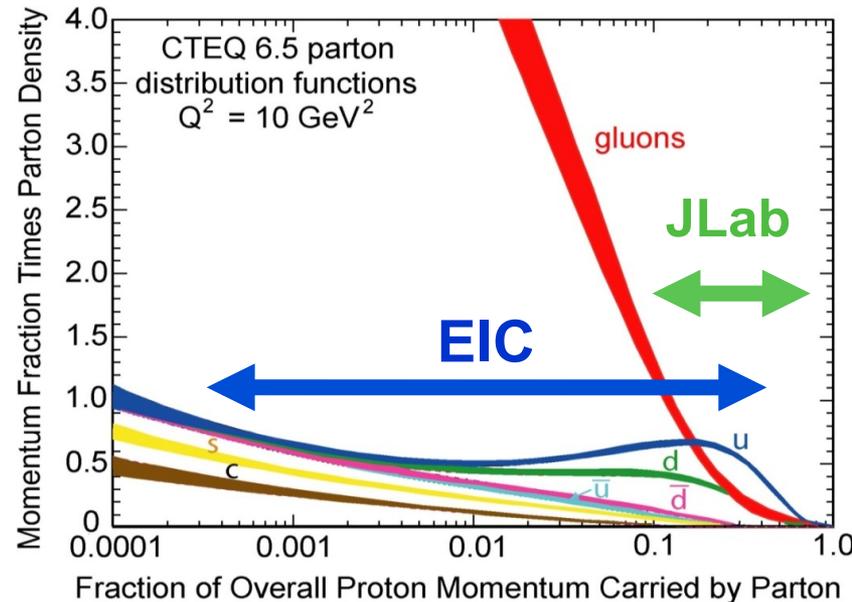
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*EIC explores the “sea” and the “glue”, the “valence” with a huge level arm*



## The key deliverables & opportunities

*Why existing facilities, even with upgrades, cannot do the same?*

# “Big” questions to be answered, ...

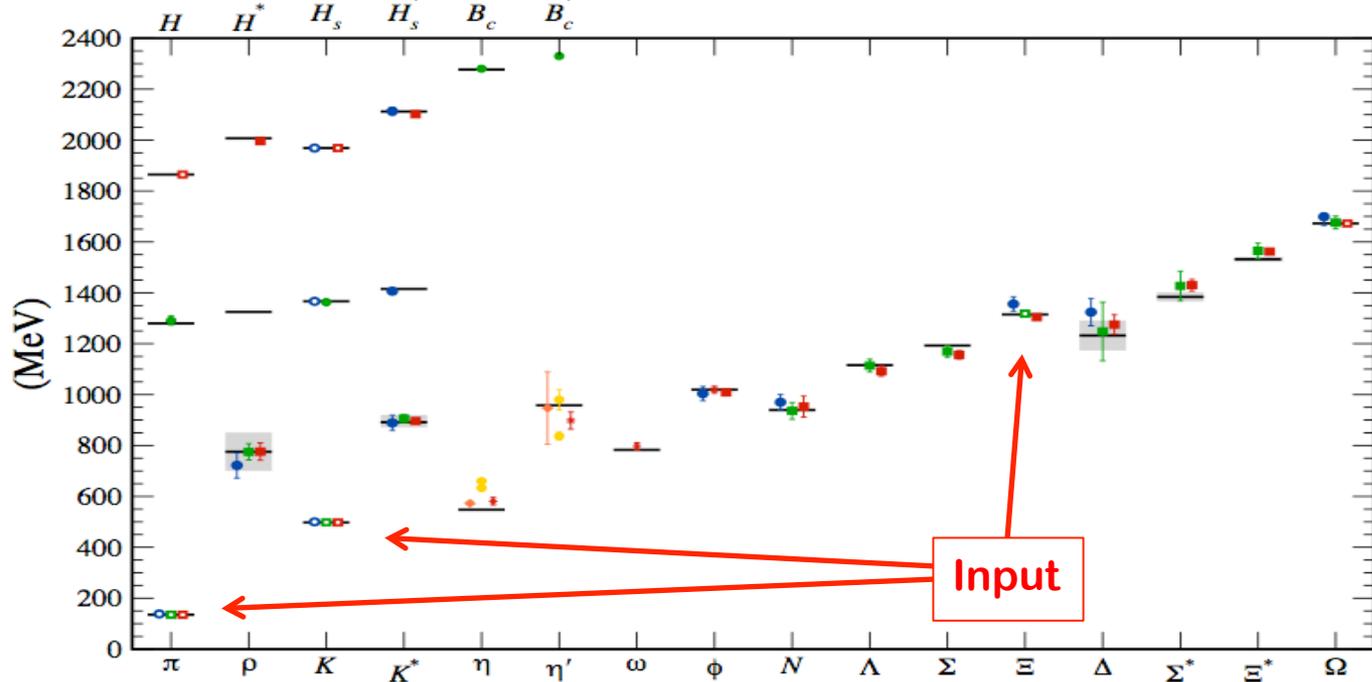
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“... The vast majority of the nucleon’s mass is due to quantum fluctuations of quark-antiquark pairs, the gluons, and the energy associated with quarks moving around at close to the speed of light. ...”

REACHING FOR THE HORIZON

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## □ Hadron mass from Lattice QCD calculation:



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## □ Role of quarks and gluons?

✧ QCD energy-momentum tensor:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{(\mu} \gamma^{\nu)} \psi + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^2 - F^{\mu\alpha} F^{\nu}_{\alpha}$$

✧ Trace of the QCD energy-momentum tensor:

$$T^{\alpha}_{\alpha} = \underbrace{\frac{\beta(g)}{2g} F^{\mu\nu,a} F^a_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{QCD trace anomaly}} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q (1 + \gamma_m) \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q$$

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

✧ Mass, trace anomaly, chiral symmetry break, and ...

$$m^2 \propto \langle p | T^{\alpha}_{\alpha} | p \rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \langle p | F^2 | p \rangle$$

 quarkonium production near the threshold, from JLab12 to EIC

“Big” questions to be answered, ...

# The Proton Mass

At the heart of most visible matter.

*Temple University, March 28-29, 2016*

<https://phys.cst.temple.edu/meziani/proton-mass-workshop-2016/>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Three-pronged approach to explore the origin of hadron mass:

- ✧ lattice QCD
- ✧ mass decomposition – roles of the constituents
- ✧ model calculation – approximated analytical approach

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The Proton Mass: At the Heart of Most Visible Matter  
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# “Big” questions to be answered, ...

- How does QCD generate the nucleon’s **spin**?

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the total proton spin into its constituent parts. At the top, a brown sphere with an upward-pointing arrow is labeled "Proton Spin". Below it, the equation  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + (L_q + L_g) = \sum \langle P, S | \hat{J}_f^z(\mu) | P, S \rangle$  is shown. Three arrows point downwards from the equation to three spheres representing the internal structure of the proton. The first sphere (left) shows three quarks with spin arrows, representing quark helicity. The second sphere (middle) shows a quark and a gluon with spin arrows, representing gluon helicity. The third sphere (right) shows a quark and a gluon with orbital angular momentum arrows, representing orbital angular momentum.

Proton Spin

**Quark helicity**  
Best known

$$\frac{1}{2} \int dx (\Delta u + \Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{s}) \sim 30\%$$

**Spin “puzzle”**

**Gluon helicity**  
Start to know

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x) \sim 20\% (\text{with RHIC data})$$

**Orbital Angular Momentum of quarks and gluons**  
Little known

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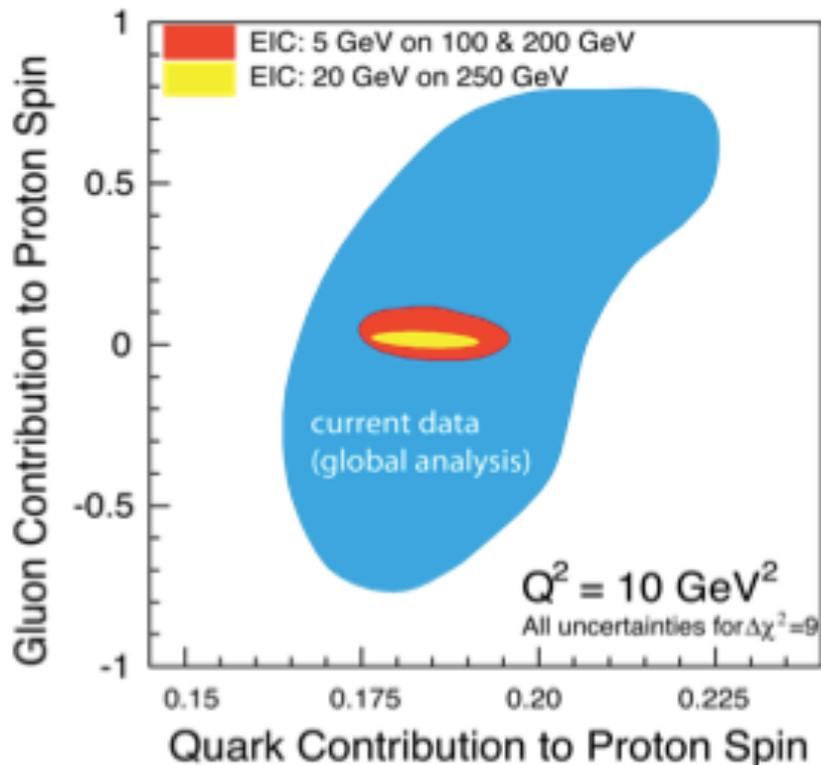
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- What can EIC do?



*To understand the proton spin, fully, we need to understand the confined motion of quarks and gluons in QCD*

➔ TMDs, GTMDs, ...

Need “probes” for two-scale observables!

# “Big” questions to be answered, ...

## 3D boosted partonic structure:

Momentum Space

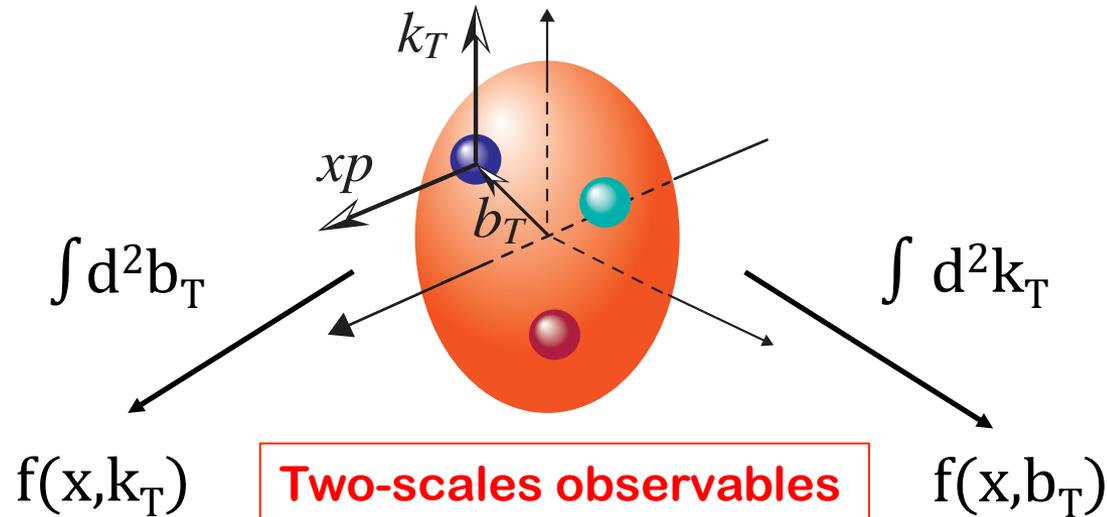
TMDs

Confined motion

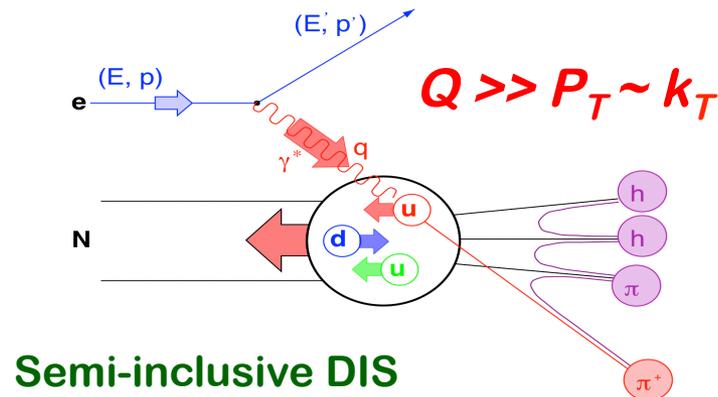
Coordinate Space

GPDs

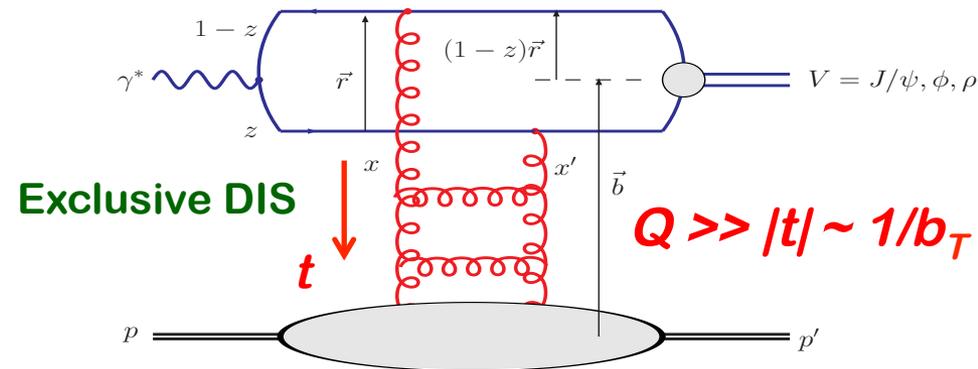
Spatial distribution



3D momentum space images



2+1D coordinate space images



JLab12 – valence quarks, EIC – sea quarks and gluons

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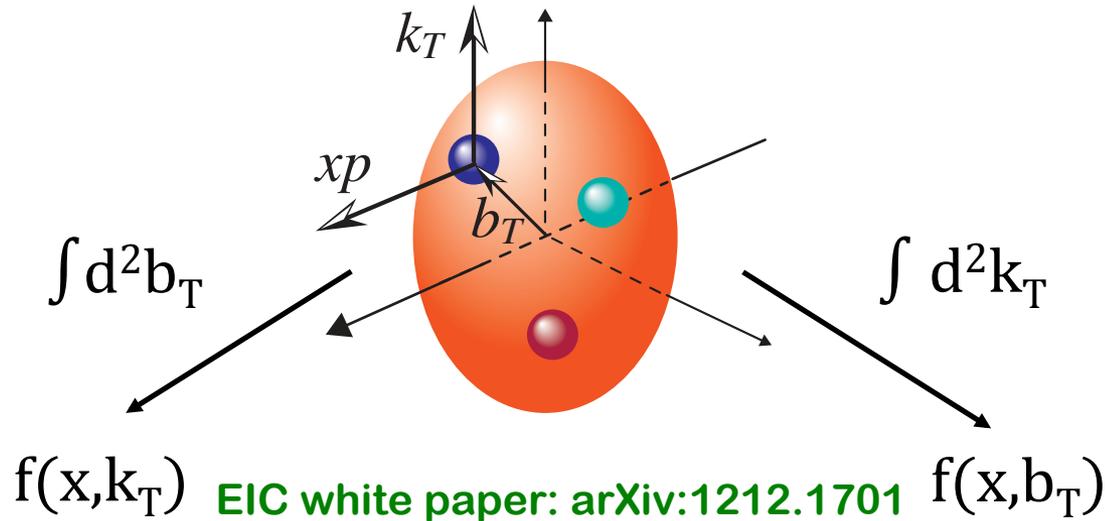
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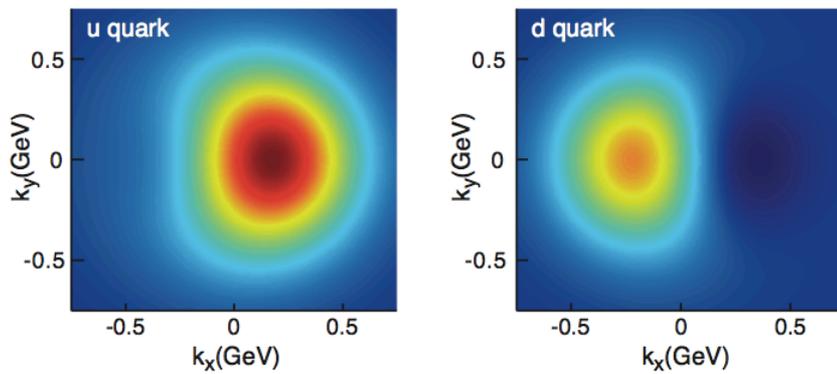
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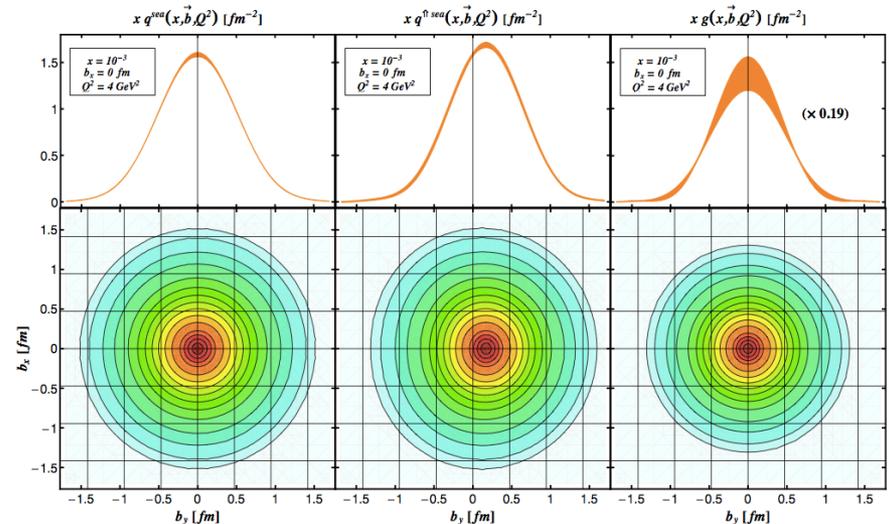
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## Sivers Function



Density distribution of an unpolarized quark in a proton moving in  $z$  direction and polarized in  $y$ -direction



Spatial density distributions – “radius”

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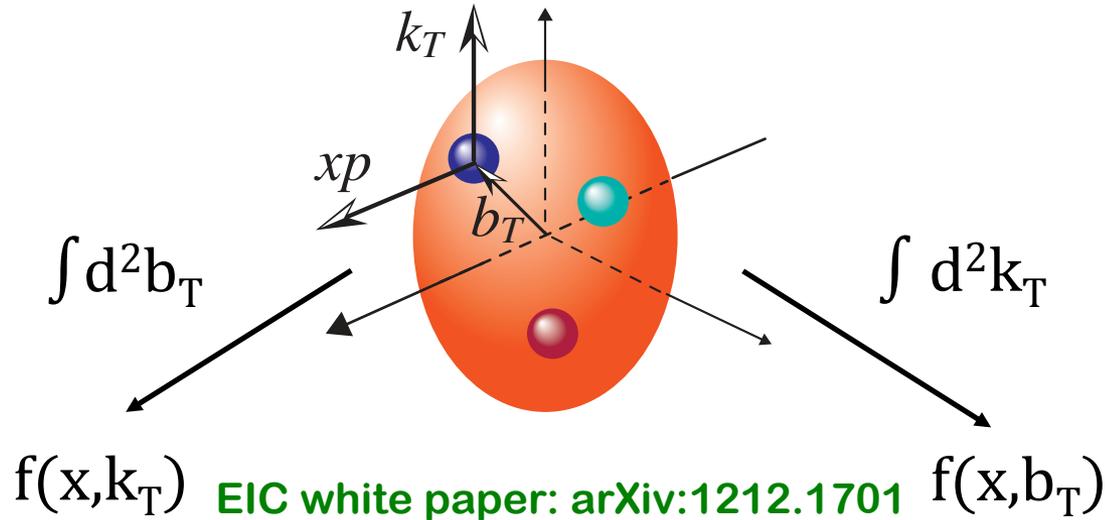
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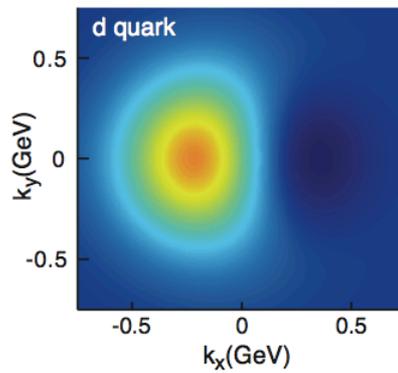
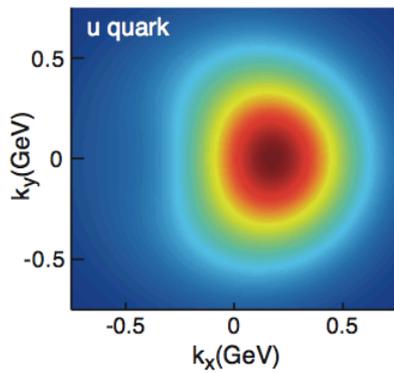
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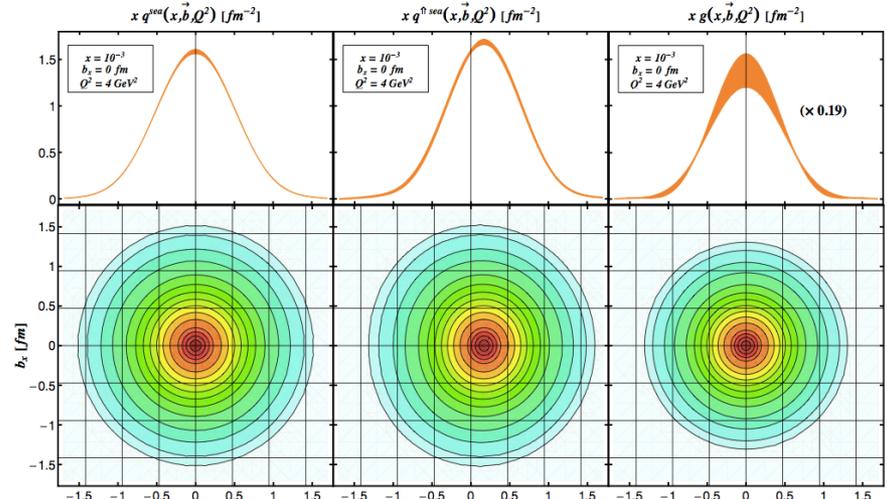
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Imaging



Position  $r \times$  Momentum  $p \rightarrow$  Orbital Motion of Partons

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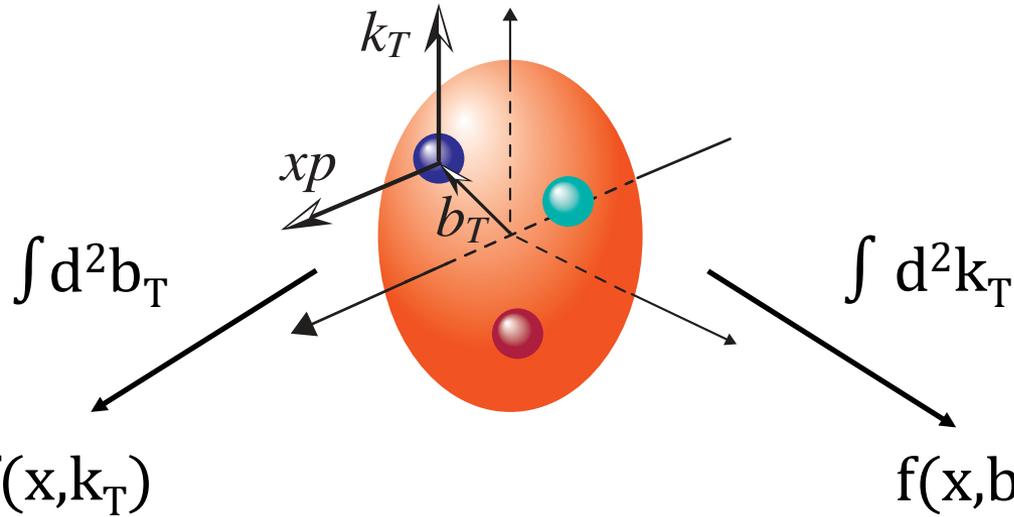
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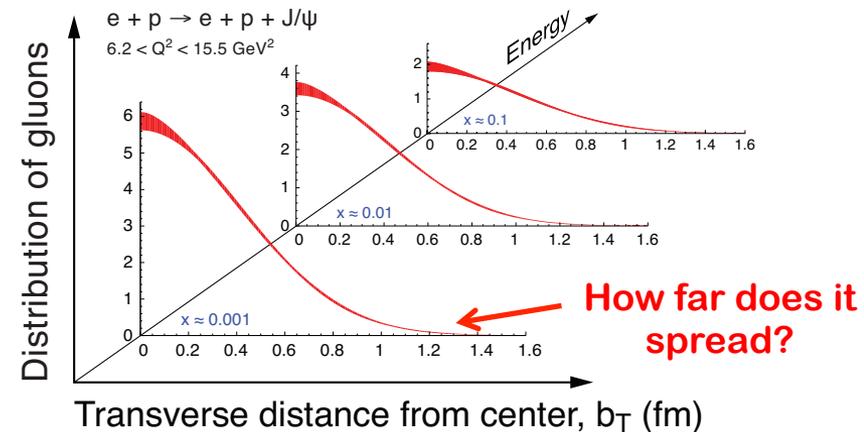
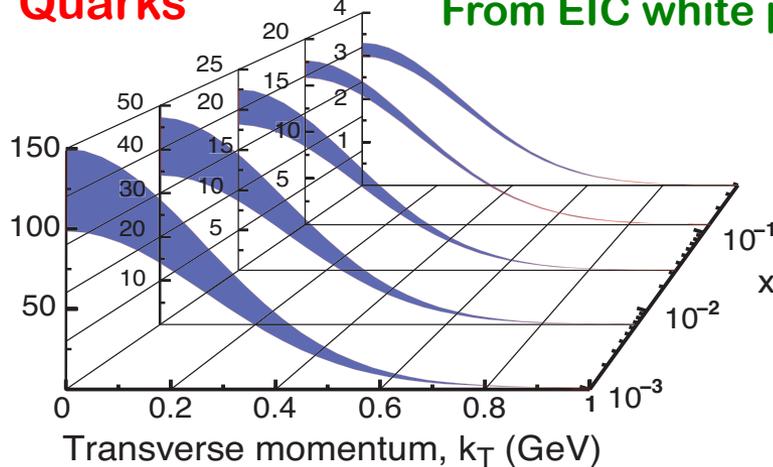
$$f(x, k_T)$$

$$f(x, b_T)$$

Quarks

From EIC white paper: arXiv:1212.1701

Gluons



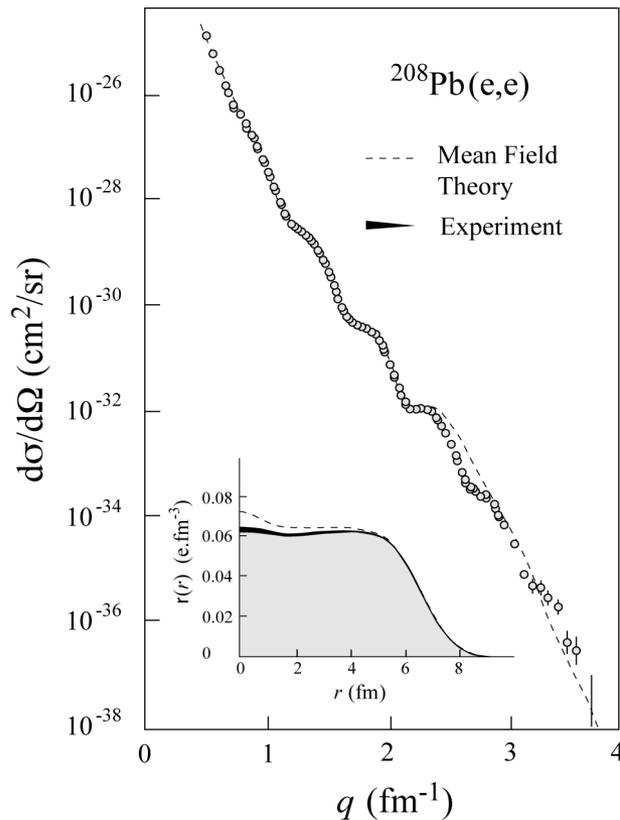
Role of momentum fraction - “ $x$ ”, and nature of pion cloud?

# Nuclear landscape, ...

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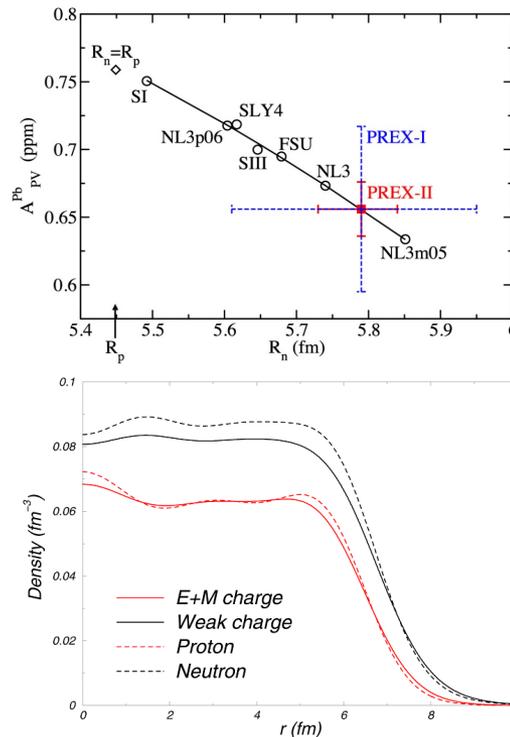
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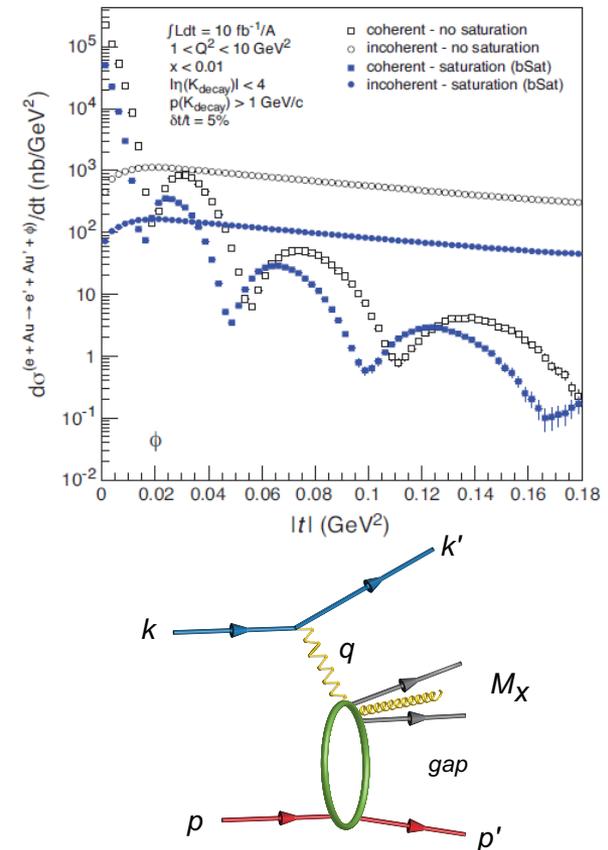
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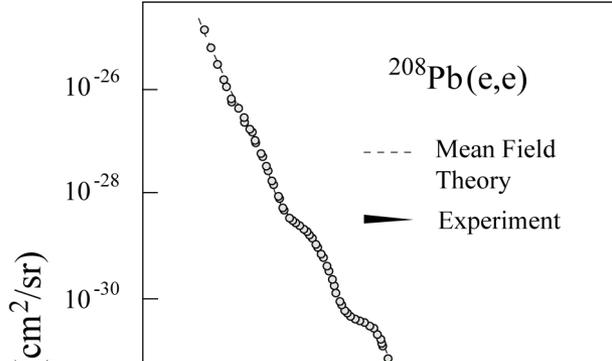


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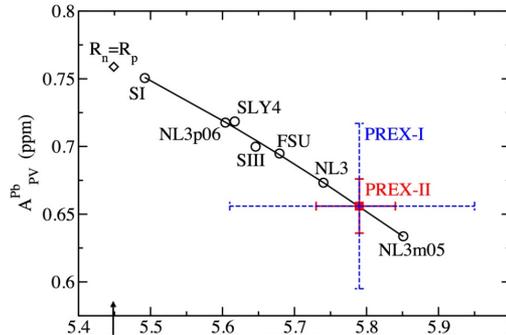
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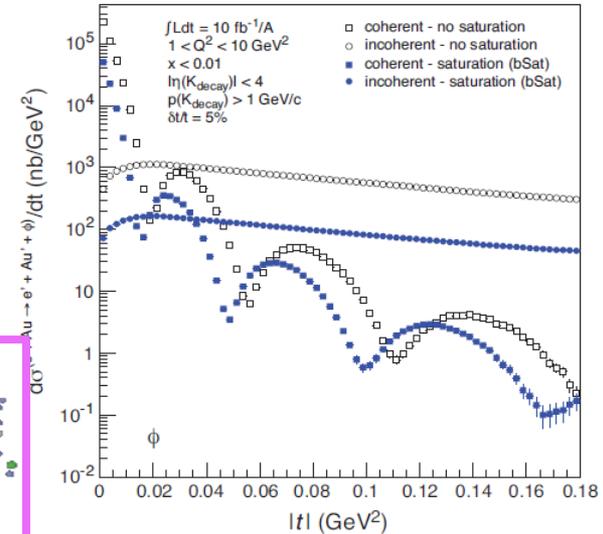
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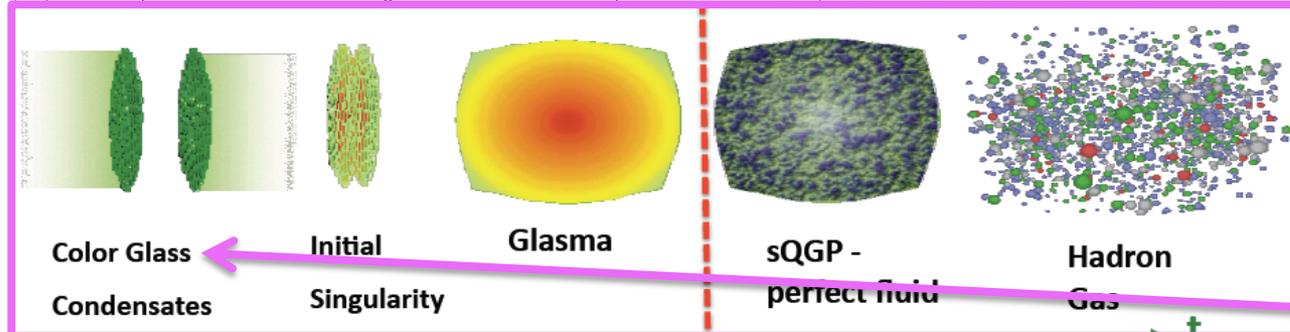
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*Fourier transform gives unprecedented info on gluon spatial distribution, including impact of gluon saturation*

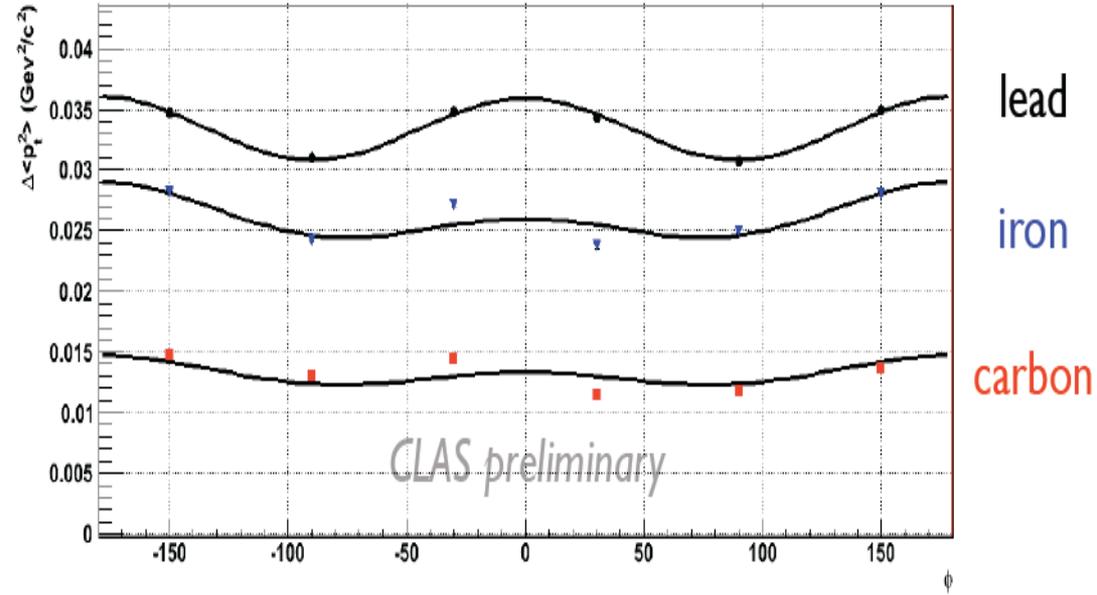
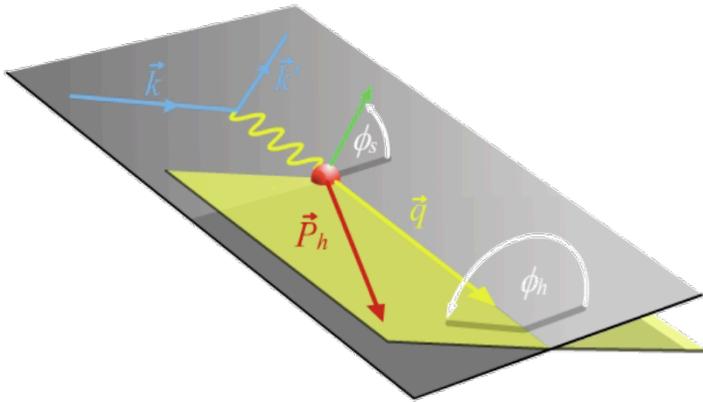


Provide important information for the initial conditions in Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions

# Color fluctuation – azimuthal asymmetry at EIC

Hicks, KEK-JPAC2013

## □ Preliminary low energy data:



*Contain terms in  $\cos(\phi_{pq})$  and  $\cos(2\phi_{pq})$   
only statistical uncertainties shown*

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## □ Classical expectation:

Any distribution seen in Carbon should be washed out in heavier nuclei

## □ Surprise:

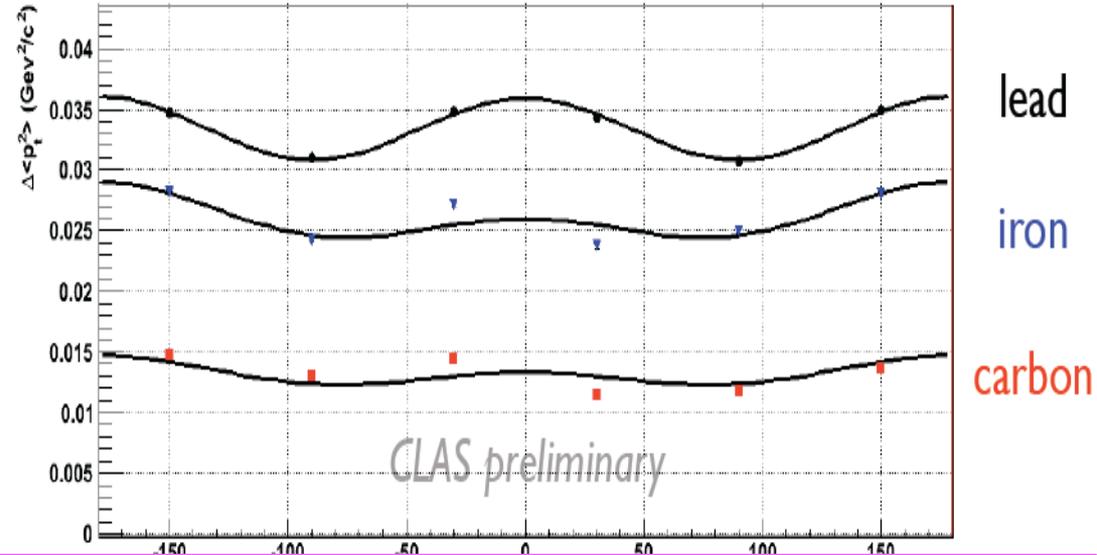
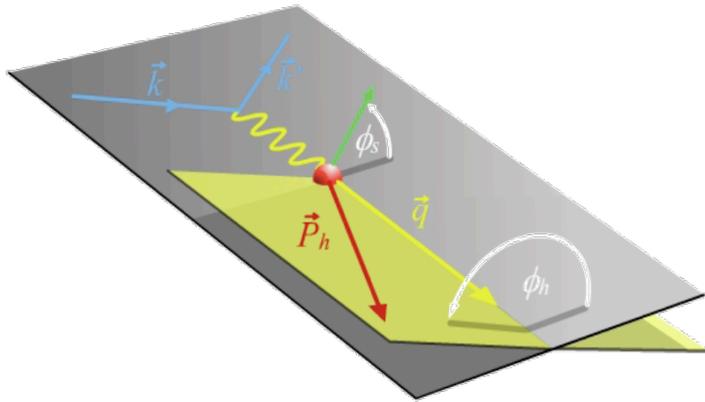
Azimuthal asymmetry in transverse momentum broadening

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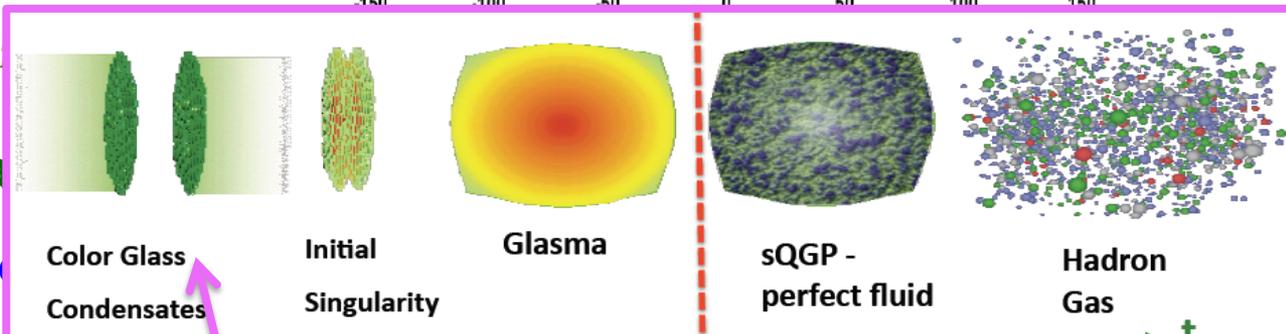
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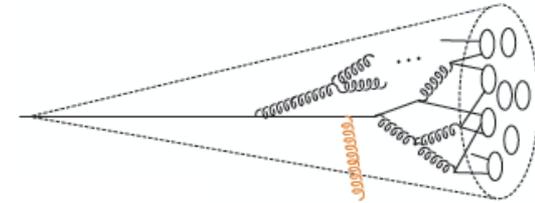
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# Emergence of hadrons/Jets – A puzzle

## Emergence of hadrons:

*How do hadrons emerge from a created quark or gluon?  
How is the color of quark or gluon neutralized?*

Jet substructure



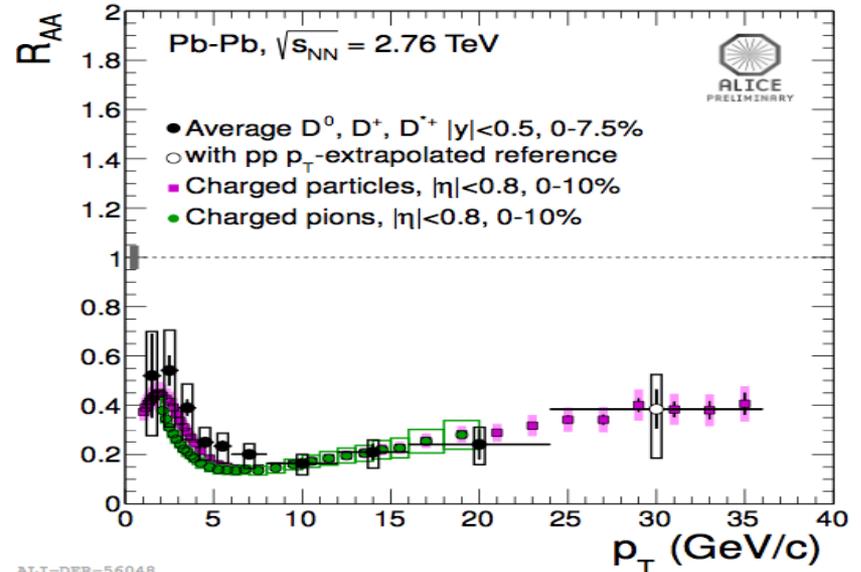
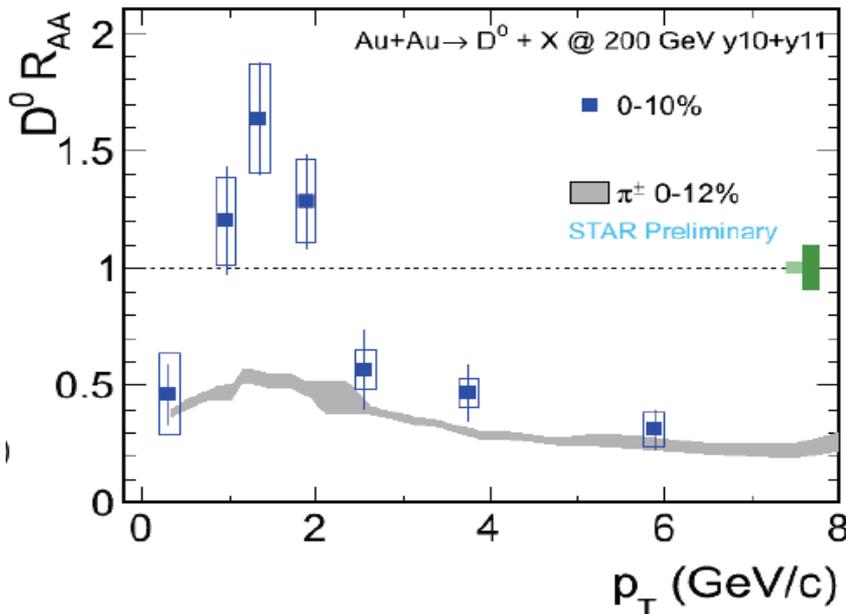
## Need a femtometer detector or “scope”:

Nucleus, a laboratory for QCD

A “vertex” detector: Evolution of hadronization

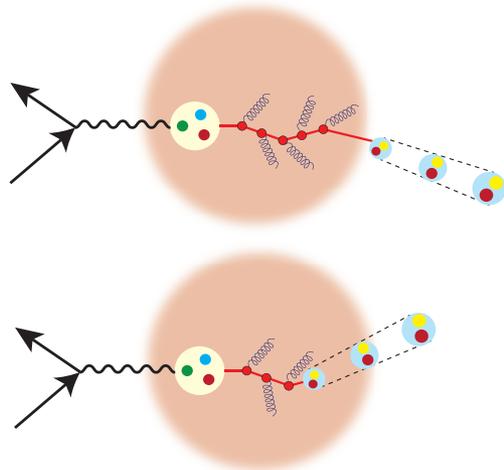
Boosted hadronization

## Strong suppression of heavy flavors in AA collisions:



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## Emergence of a hadron?

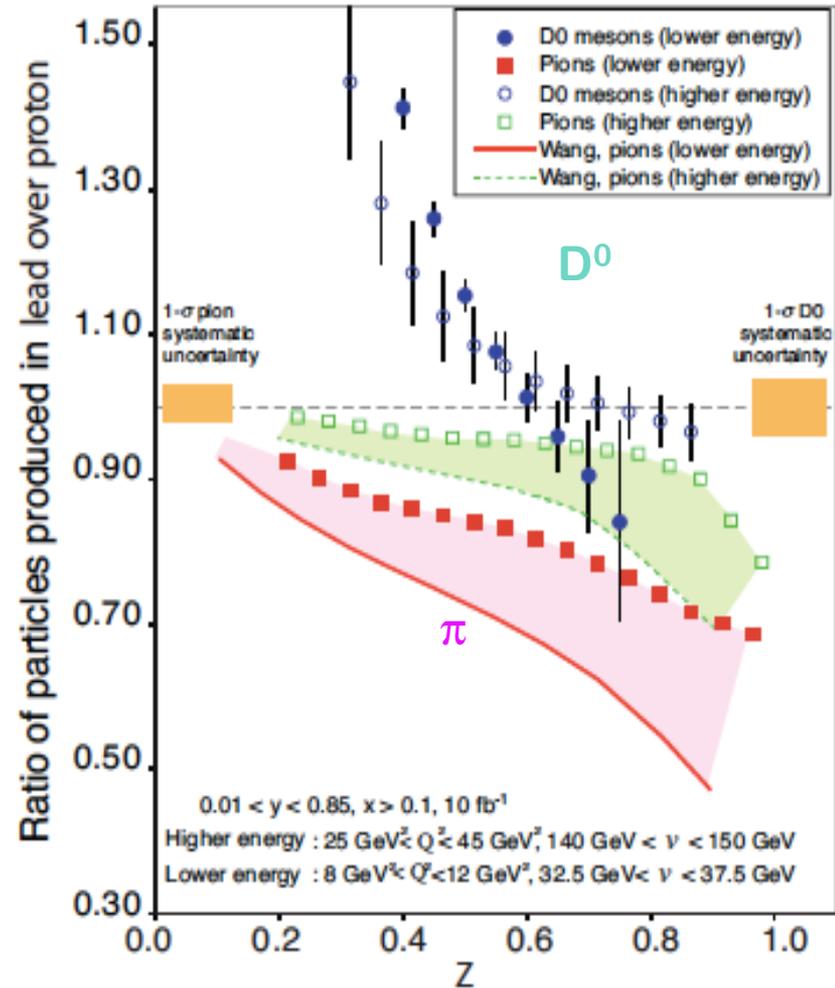
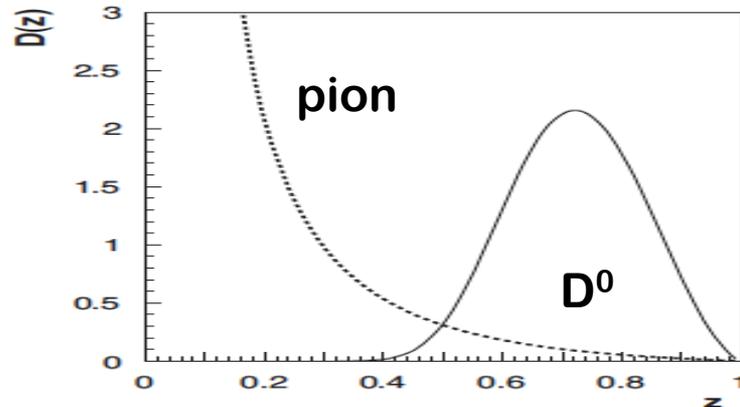


$$\nu = \frac{Q^2}{2mx}$$

Control of  $\nu$  and medium length!

## Heavy quark energy loss:

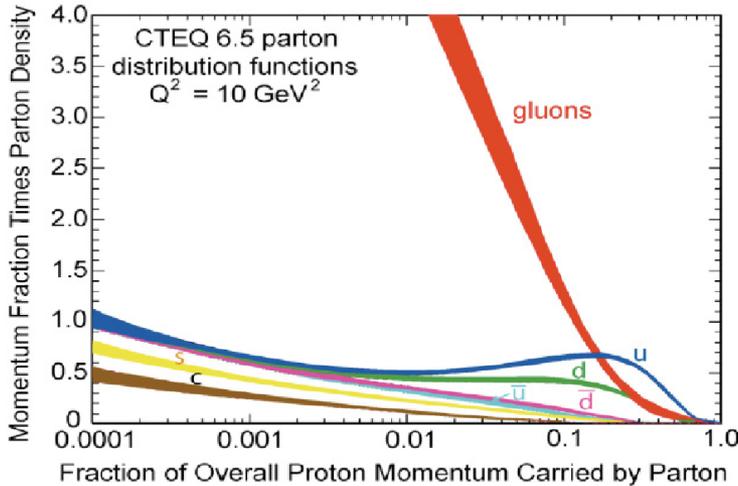
- Mass dependence of fragmentation



*Need the collider energy of EIC and its control on parton kinematics*

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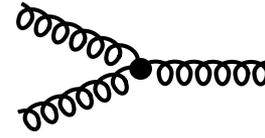
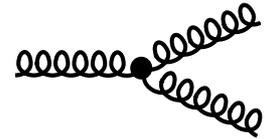
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## □ QCD vs. QED:

### QCD – gluon in a proton:

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

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

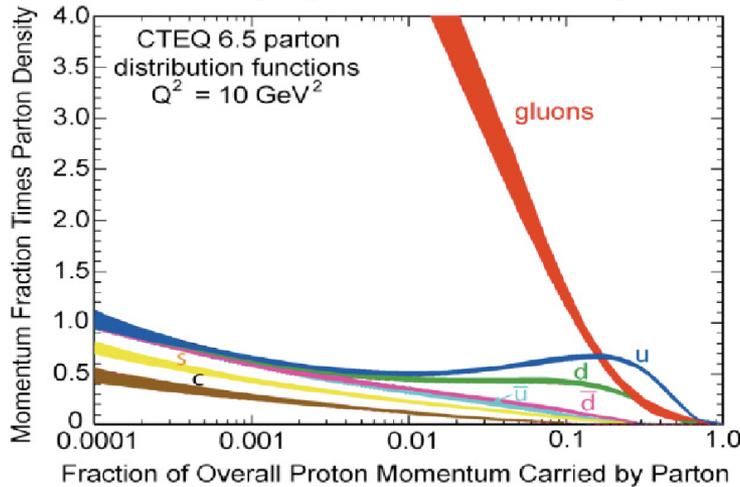
### QED – photon in a positronium:

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

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

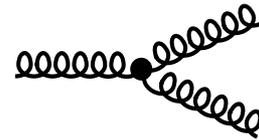
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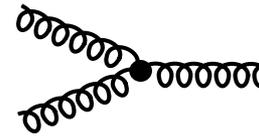
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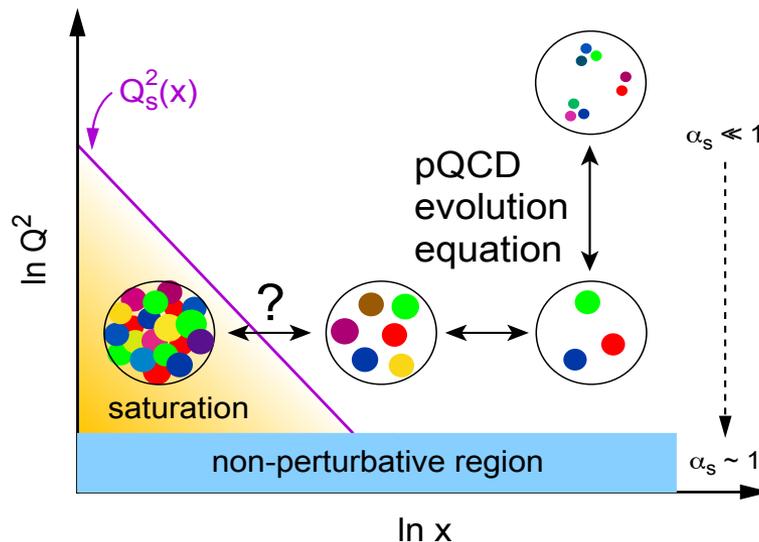


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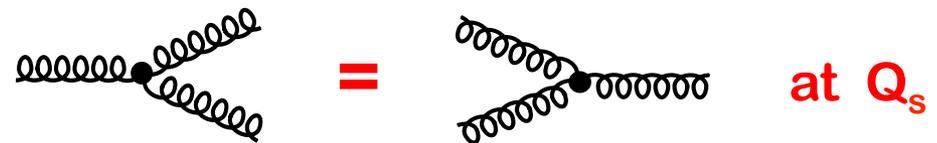


## Particle vs. wave feature:



### Gluon saturation – Color Glass Condensate

*Radiation = Recombination*



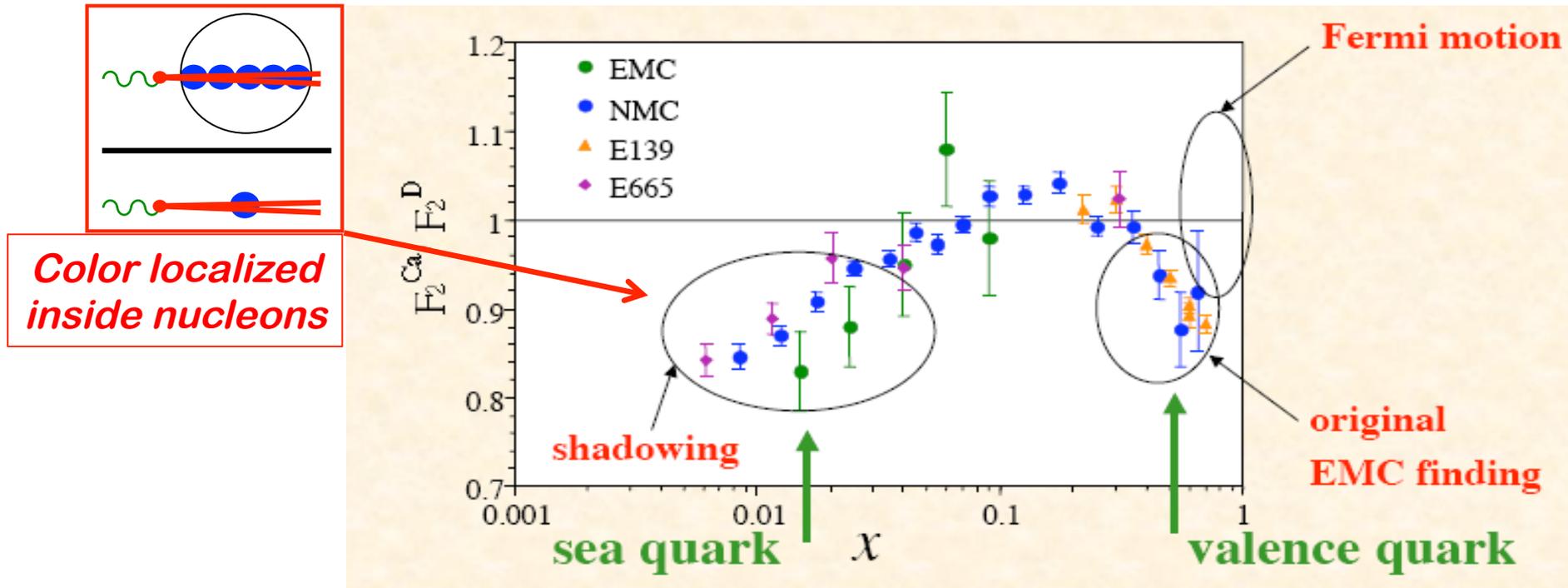
*Leading to a collective gluonic system?*

*with a universal property of QCD?*

*new effective theory QCD – CGC?*

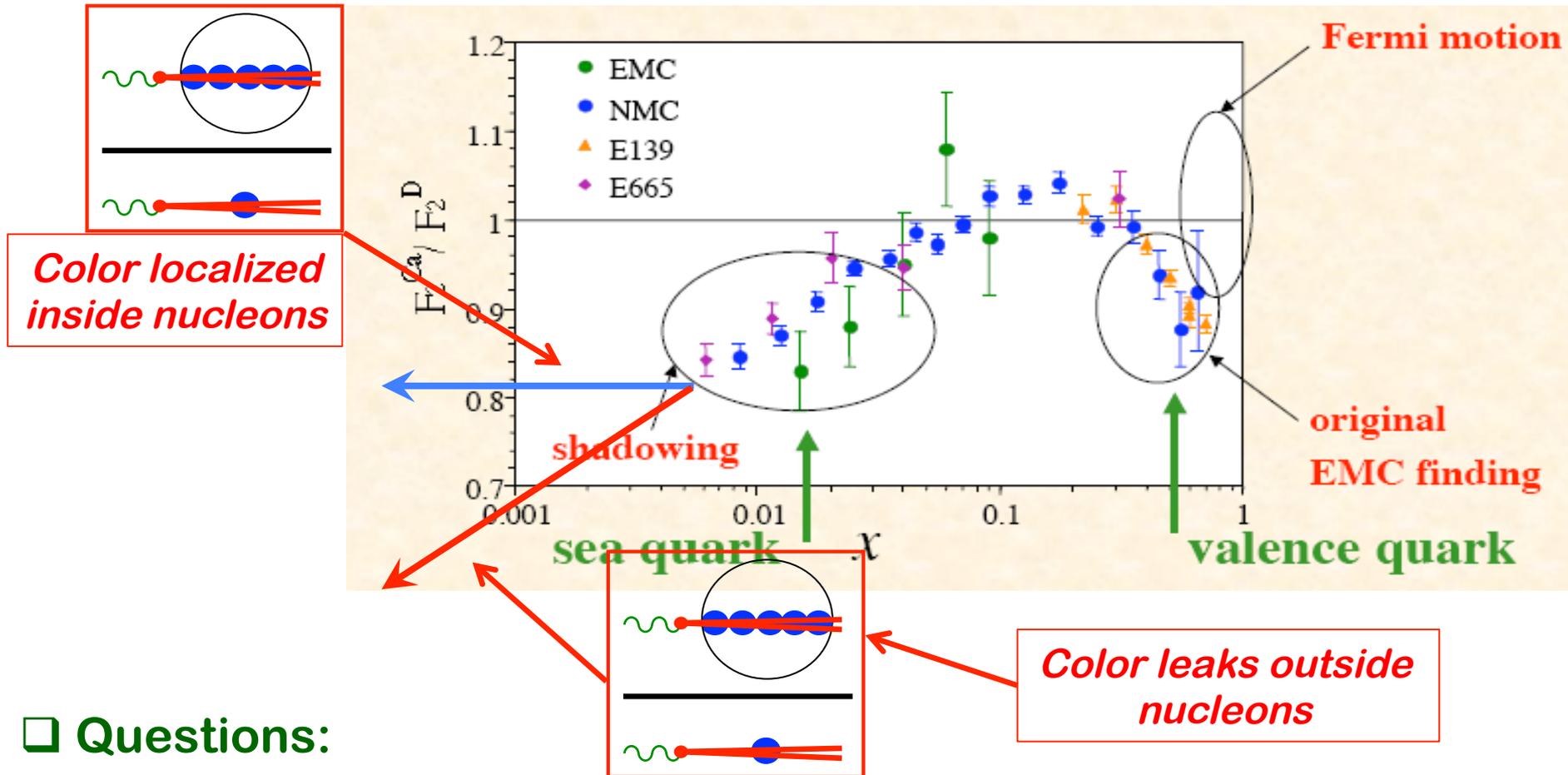
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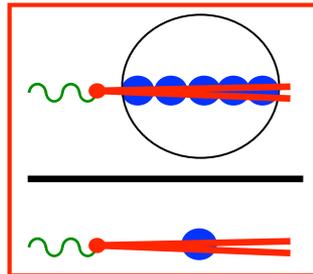
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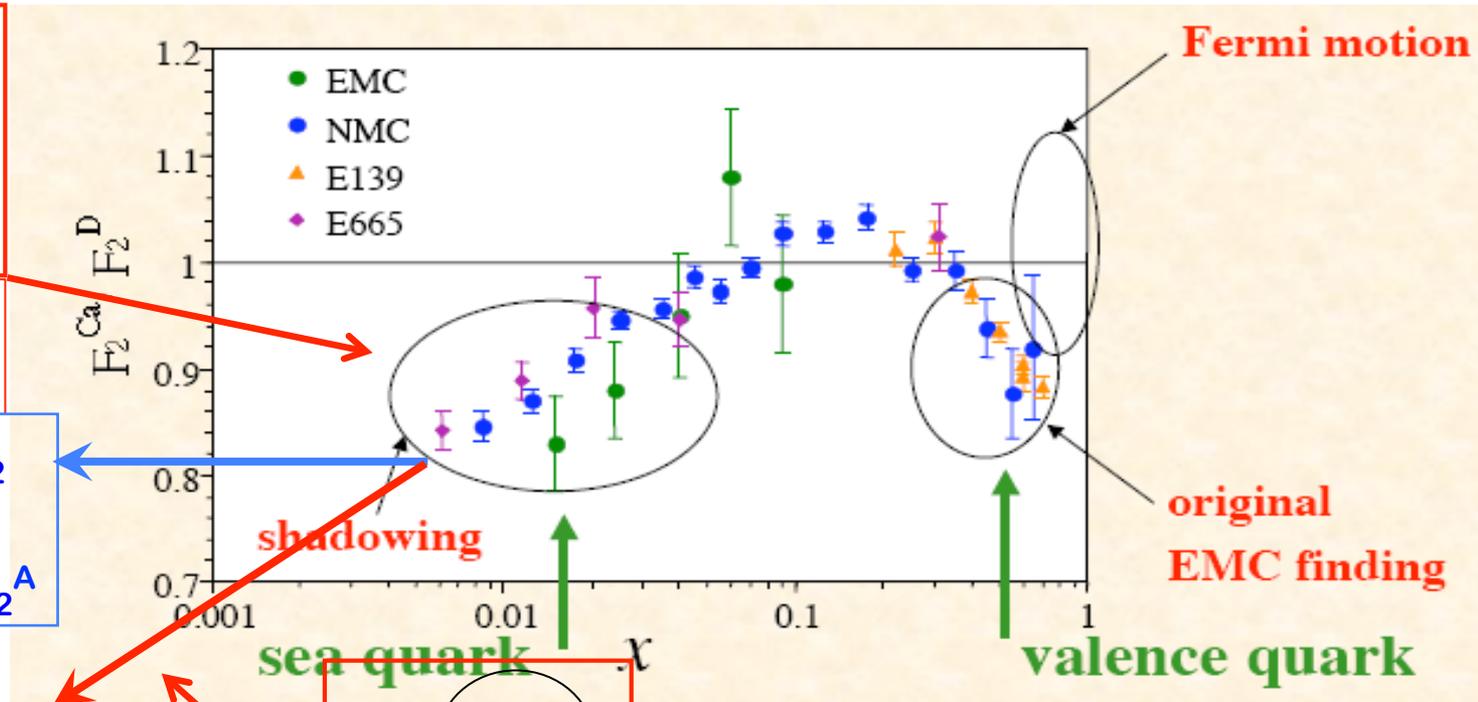


*Color localized inside nucleons*

Saturation in  $RF_2$

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No saturation in  $F_2^A$



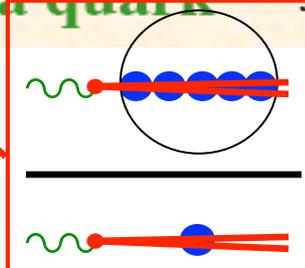
shadowing

sea quark

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Fermi motion

original EMC finding



*Color leaks outside nucleons*

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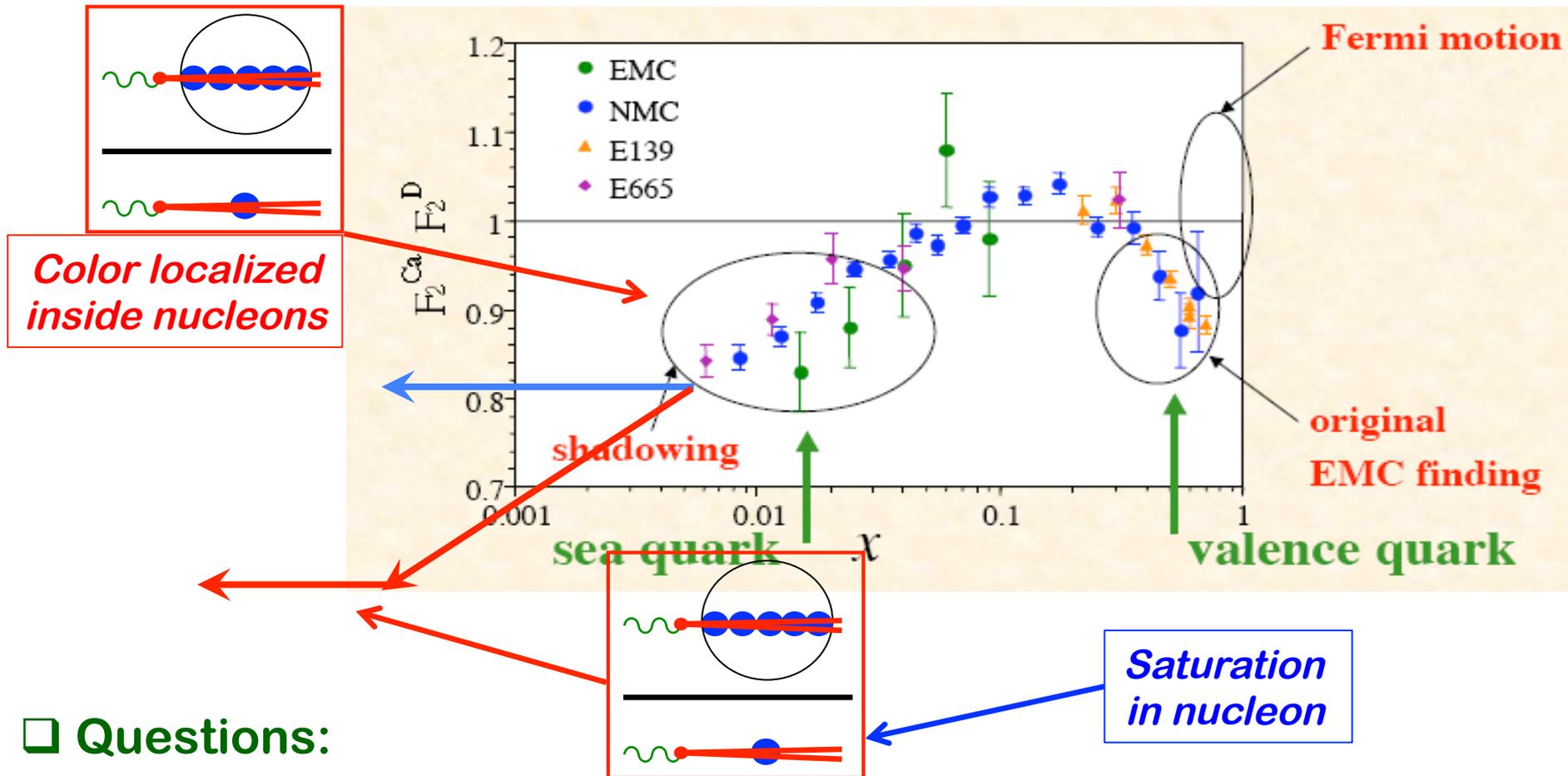
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# Summary

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  - 1) **to discover and explore** the quark/gluon structure and properties of hadrons and nuclei,
  - 2) **to search for** hints and clues of color confinement, and
  - 3) **to measure** the color fluctuation and color neutralization
- EIC is a tomographic machine for nucleons and nuclei with **a resolution better than 1/10 fm**
- EIC designs explore the polarization and intensity frontier, as well as the frontier of new accelerator/detector technology
- EIC@US is sitting at a sweet spot for rich QCD dynamics – capable of taking us to the next QCD frontier

**Thanks!**

# U.S. - based Electron-Ion Collider

## □ NSAC 2007 Long-Range Plan:

“An **Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)** with **polarized** beams has been embraced by the U.S. nuclear science community as embodying the vision for **reaching the next QCD frontier.**”

## □ NSAC Facilities Subcommittee (2013):

“The Subcommittee ranks an EIC as **Absolutely Central** in its ability to contribute to world-leading science in the next decade.”

## □ NSAC 2015 Long-Range Plan:

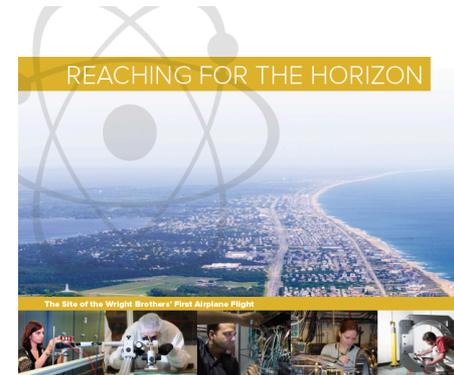
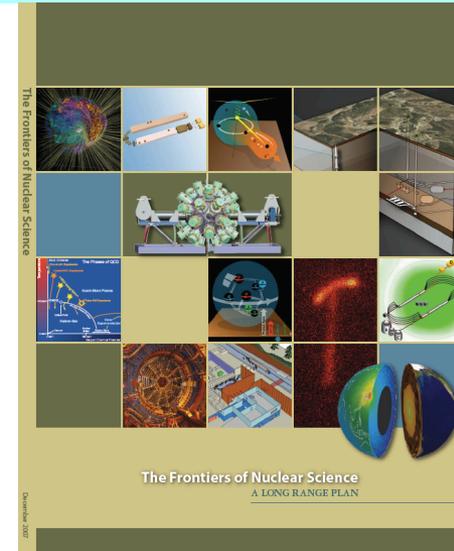
“We recommend a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC as **the highest priority for new facility construction** following the completion of FRIB.”

## □ EIC User Group Meetings:

Stony Brook University, NY – June 24-27, 2014

UC at Berkeley, CA – January 6-9, 2016

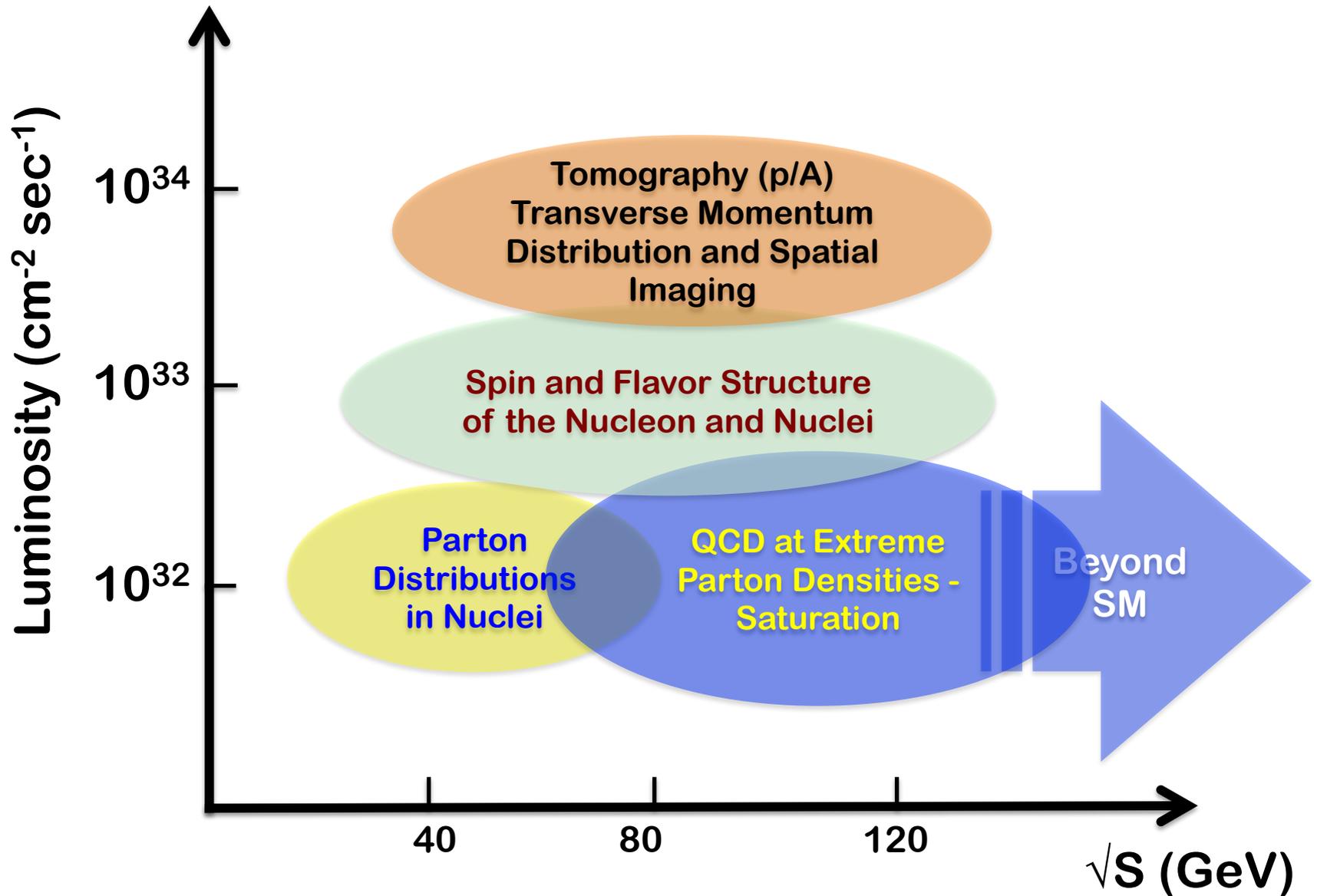
Argonne National Lab, IL – July 7-10, 2016



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# US EIC – Physics vs. Luminosity & Energies



# An immediate consequence

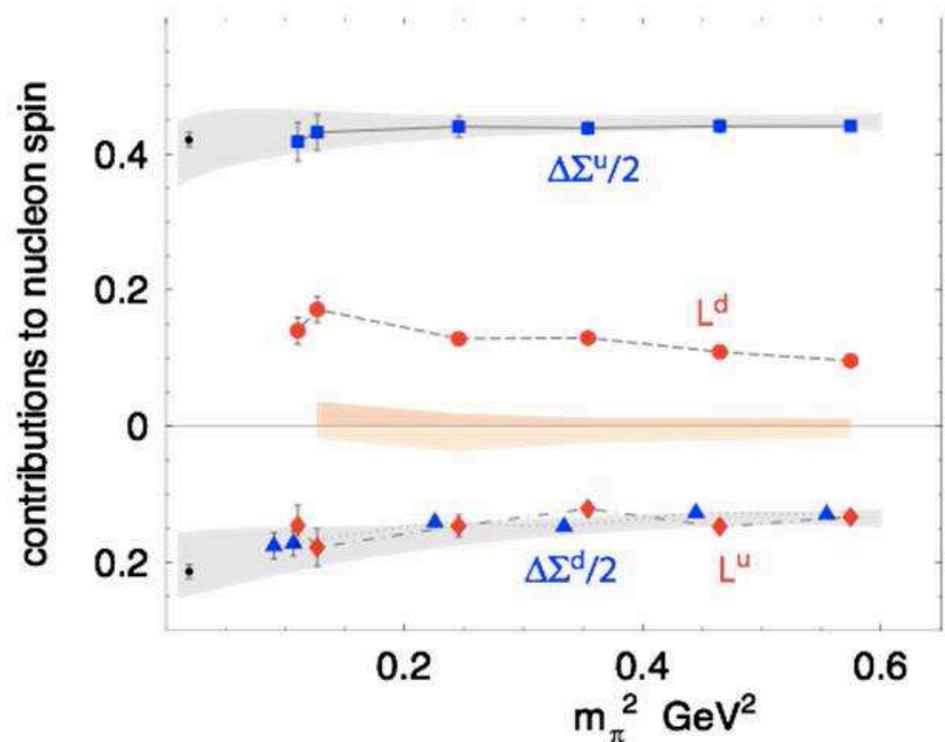
- Quark GPDs and its orbital contribution to proton's spin:

$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int dx x [H_q(x, \xi, t) + E_q(x, \xi, t)] = \frac{1}{2} \Delta q + L_q$$

The first meaningful constraint on quark orbital contribution to proton spin by combining the sea from the EIC and valence region from JLab 12

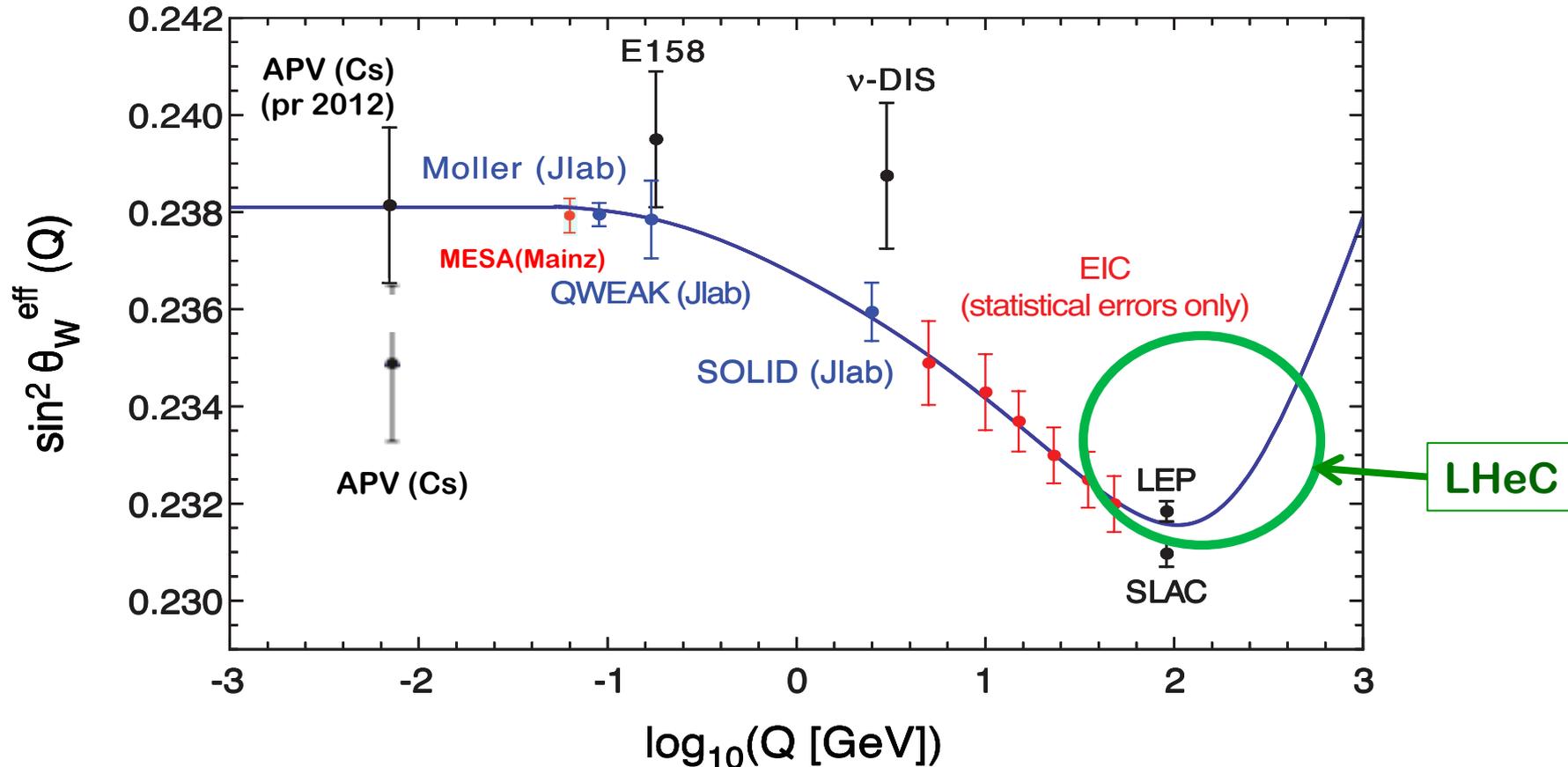
This could be checked by Lattice QCD

$$L_u + L_d \sim 0?$$



# Electroweak physics at EIC

## Running of weak interaction – high luminosity:

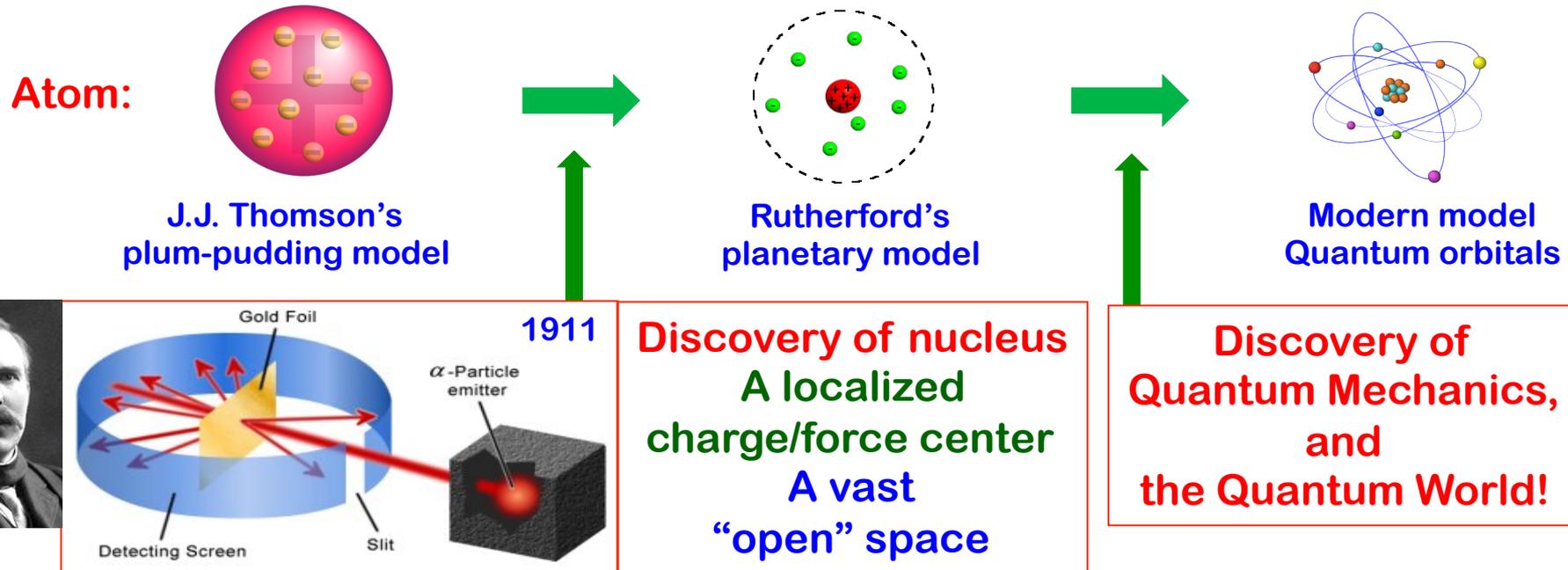


✧ Fills in the region that has never been measured

✧ *have a real impact on testing the running of weak interaction*

# Why 3D nucleon structure?

□ Rutherford's experiment – atomic structure (100 years ago):



□ Completely changed our "view" of the visible world:

- ✧ Mass by "tiny" nuclei – *less than 1 trillionth in volume of an atom*
- ✧ Motion by quantum probability – *the quantum world!*

□ Provided infinite opportunities to improve things around us:

- ✧ Gas, Liquid, Solid, Nano materials, Quantum computing, ...