

Muon-Ion Collider Overview

Based on Snowmass '21 whitepaper: [arXiv:2203.06258](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06258) ,

Initial BNL MuIC paper: [NIM A1027 \(2022\)](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nim.2022.10027) ,

And some works in progress...

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Outline



- Future particle collider options, including muon colliders
- Muon-ion collider concept
 - One $O(\text{TeV})$ muon ring as a first step, colliding with a high-energy hadron beam
- Experiment considerations
- Science cases
 - Deep Inelastic Scattering structure measurements of p/ions, and QCD
 - Higgs and SM particle production processes
 - BSM physics (Z' , LQ)

The Future of Particle Physics

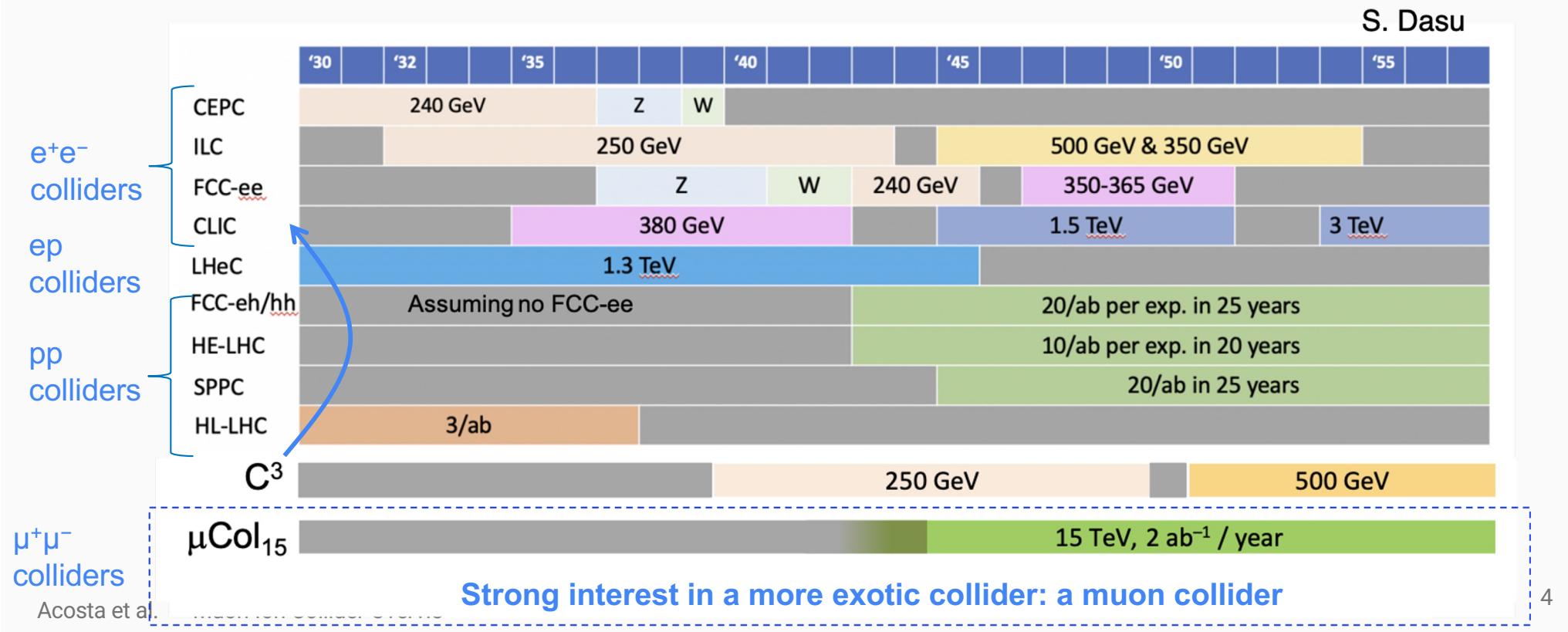


- What are the next steps beyond the LHC program to address some of the open questions in particle physics?
 - Higher precision experiments
 - Measure quantities more precisely to test for deviations from theory through higher intensity beams and collisions
 - The indirect, finessed approach
 - Higher energy colliders
 - Pack more energy into collisions to produce more massive particles
 - The brute force, direct approach
 - Or both!
- There is currently an ongoing community exercise in the U.S. to help set the priorities for the future (“Snowmass” process, followed by “P5” report to the Dept. of Energy)
 - In some ways we are at a branch point, with many possible directions
 - “Higgs factories” to study Higgs couplings more precisely
 - Energy frontier machines to produce new particles, probe Higgs potential shape

Future of High Energy Physics Energy Frontier



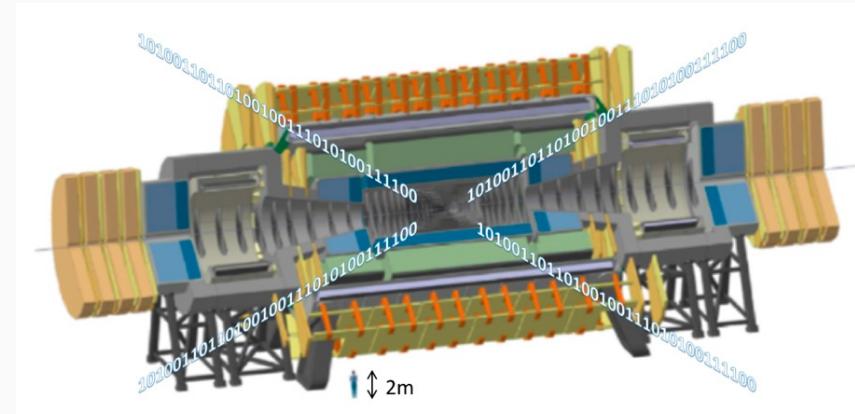
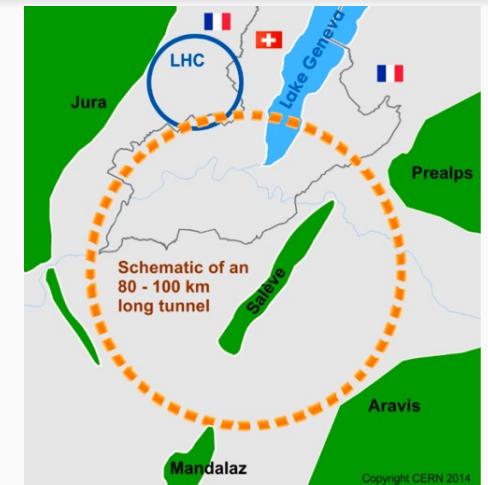
- Many options for Higgs factories and energy frontier machines
- What is an optimal and realistic path forward? Worldwide decision...



A Future Circular Collider? (hadrons)



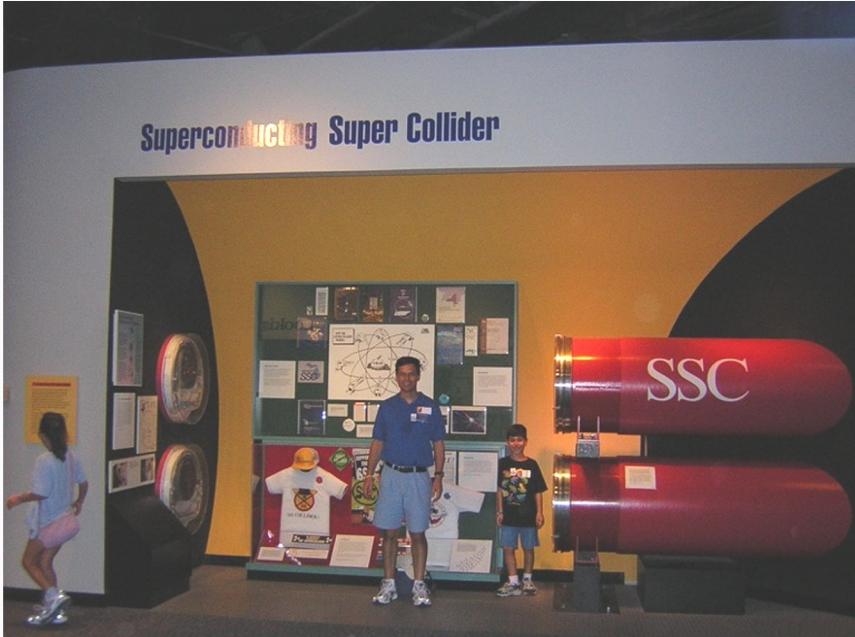
- Scale up the LHC by about a factor 5 or more
- Goals:
 - Higher energy: ~ 100 TeV
 - Explore the high energy frontier:
→ heavy new particles
 - Higher luminosity: $5-30 \times 10^{34}$ Hz/cm²
 - High precision, e.g. Higgs boson couplings
- Challenges:
 - 100 km ring
 - Though the SSC(*) in Texas would have been that size...
 - 1000 pp collisions per beam crossing
 - Higher radiation levels in tracking volume
 - Huge data rates from detectors



The SSC: A Footnote in the Smithsonian



- The Superconducting Super Collider
 - 40 TeV center-of-mass energy
 - Waxahachie, TX
 - R.I.P. 1993



Circa 2005

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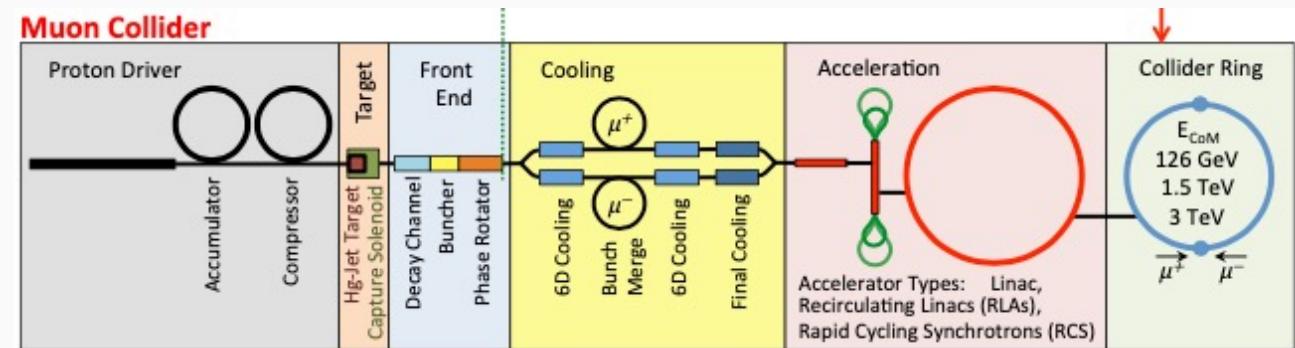
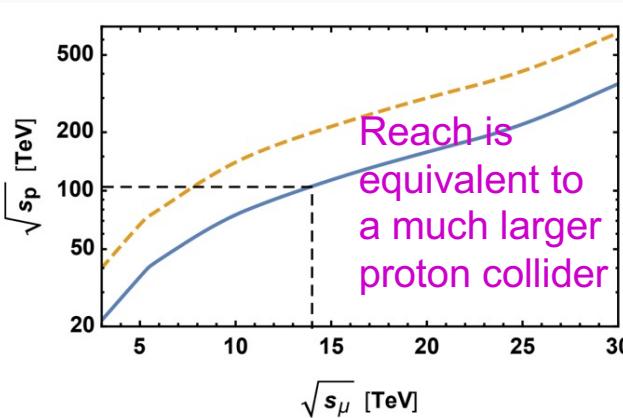


A Muon Collider?

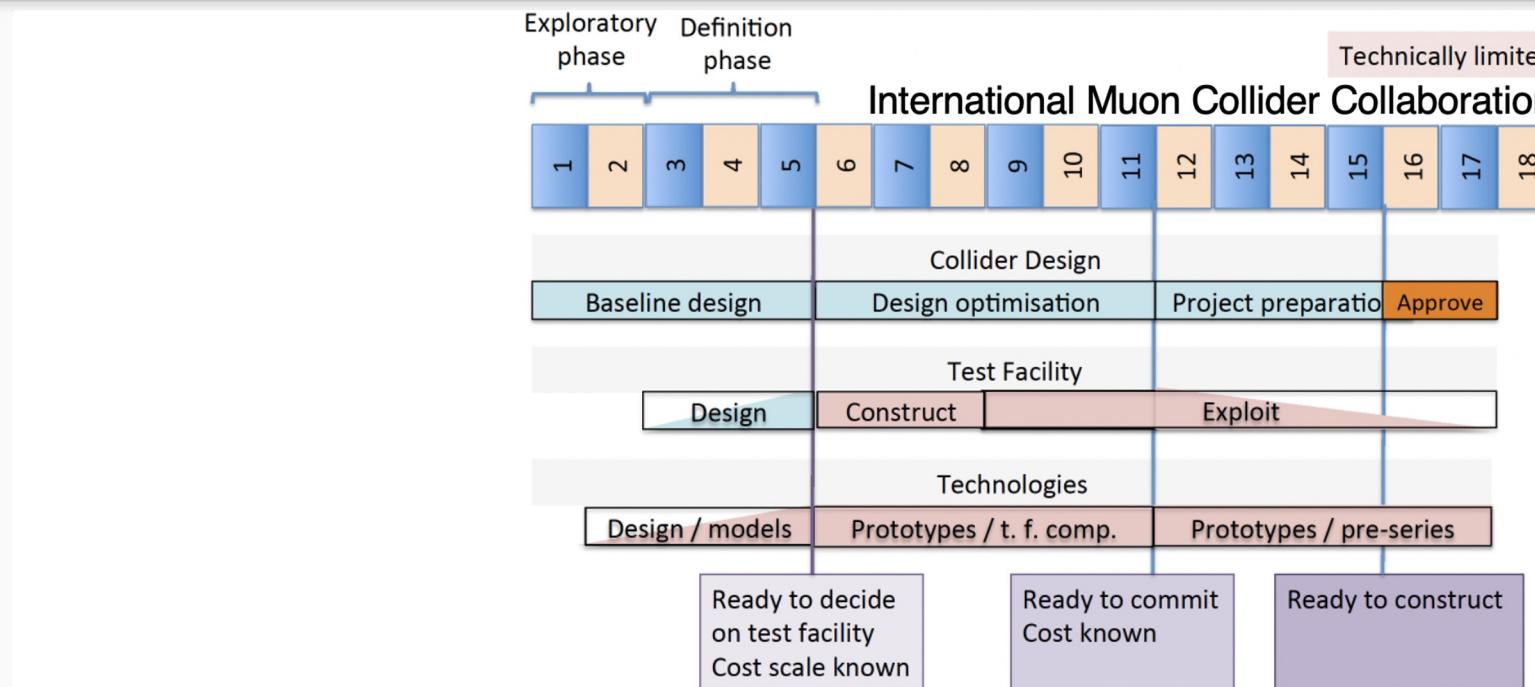


- A more **compact** and **innovative** facility to incorporate the advantages of a high precision lepton collider and an energy frontier machine
 - $\mu^+\mu^-$ annihilation uses all of the beam energy in a collision, whereas quark/gluon collisions use only a fraction of the proton beam energies
 - Muons also radiate away much less energy than an e^+e^- collider, and can be smaller than proton colliders for equivalent reach
- But it's a race against time to produce, cool, and accelerate muons !
 - Recall that muons decay in $2.2\mu s$
 - Significant extension to higher energy and intensity than g-2 storage ring

Needs R&D



Potential timeline of muon colliders



Physics potential along the way D. Schulte

Ultimate Beam Limits, April 6, 2021

arXiv:1901.06150

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A vigorous and ambitious R&D program is needed to assess the feasibility of a tens-of-TeV's muon collider. Therefore it is important to investigate the physics potential of smaller-scale machines that might be built along the way as technology demonstrators. Starting from medium energy, the first option to be considered is a muon collider operating around the top production threshold (~ 400 GeV). This

A demonstrator with compelling science is needed before going to O(10+) TeV

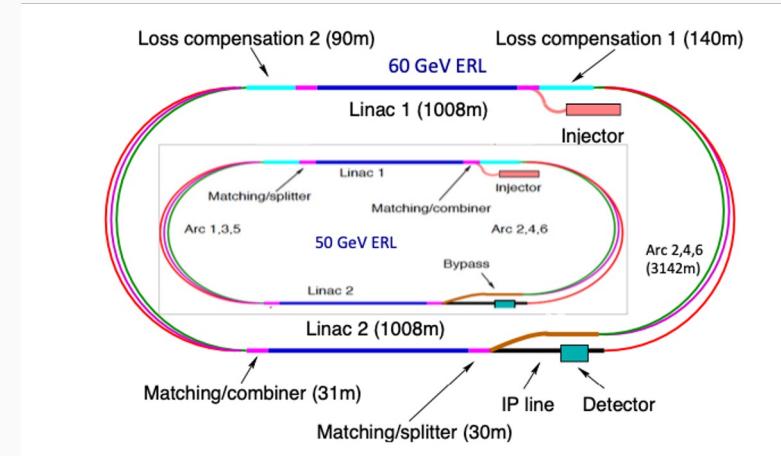
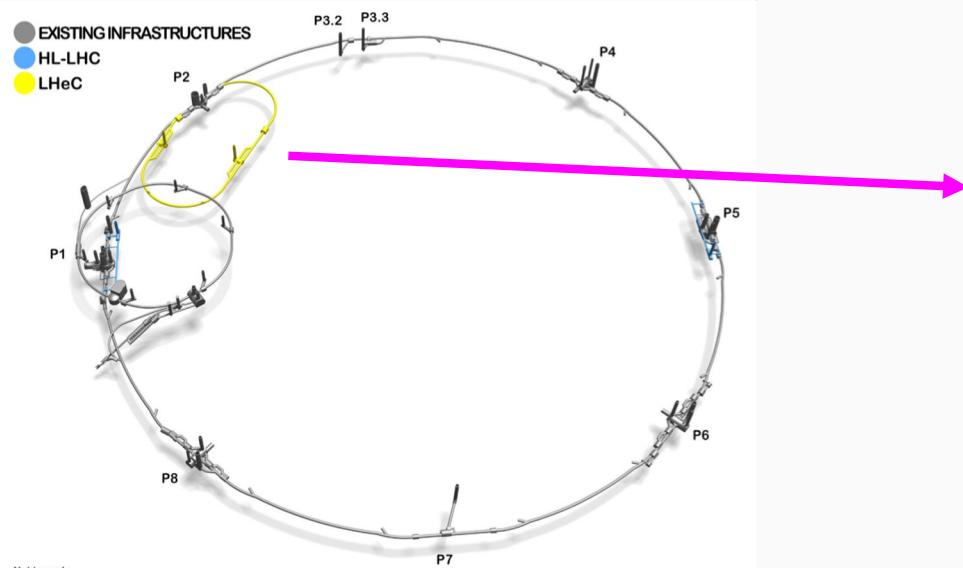
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A Hybrid Collider: The Large Hadron-Electron Collider at CERN

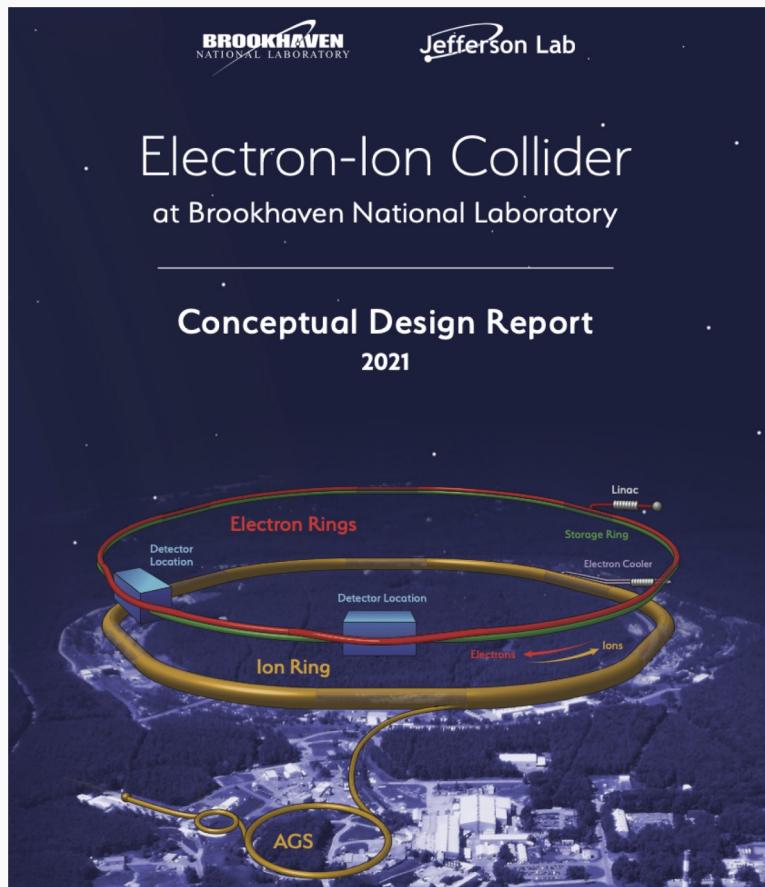


LHeC: [arXiv:2007.14491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.14491)

- A proposed next generation Deep Inelastic Scattering experiment to study nuclear structure and more
- LHeC: 50 – 60 GeV e^- on 7 TeV p ($\sqrt{s} = 1.2\text{--}1.3 \text{ TeV}$)
 - Two oppositely directed linacs and 3 arcs, collide with one LHC beam
 - Two design options: 50 GeV (smaller) vs. 60 GeV (larger, more expensive)



Inspiration: The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) at BNL



International facility approved by the U.S. nuclear physics program. [Science to begin in 2030s](#)

[EIC Conceptual Design Report](#) recently released and [project approved](#). Initial detector design selected and collaboration formed (EPIC)

Salient points:

- Electron beam energy up to 18 GeV
- Hadron beam energy up to 275 GeV
- $\sqrt{s} = 20 - 140$ GeV
- Luminosity $10^{33} - 10^{34}$ Hz/cm²
- Polarized electron, proton and ion beams (any)

But what if we changed leptons?
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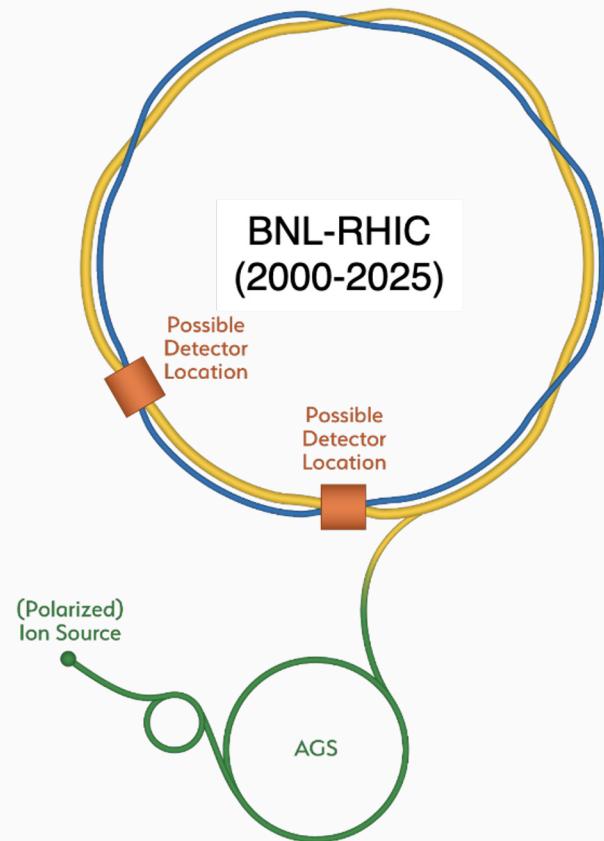
A lot of interest in $\mu\mu$ colliders...

Physics goals:

- ep and eN deep inelastic scattering
- Nucleon spin structure
- Gluon saturation scale (Q_s)

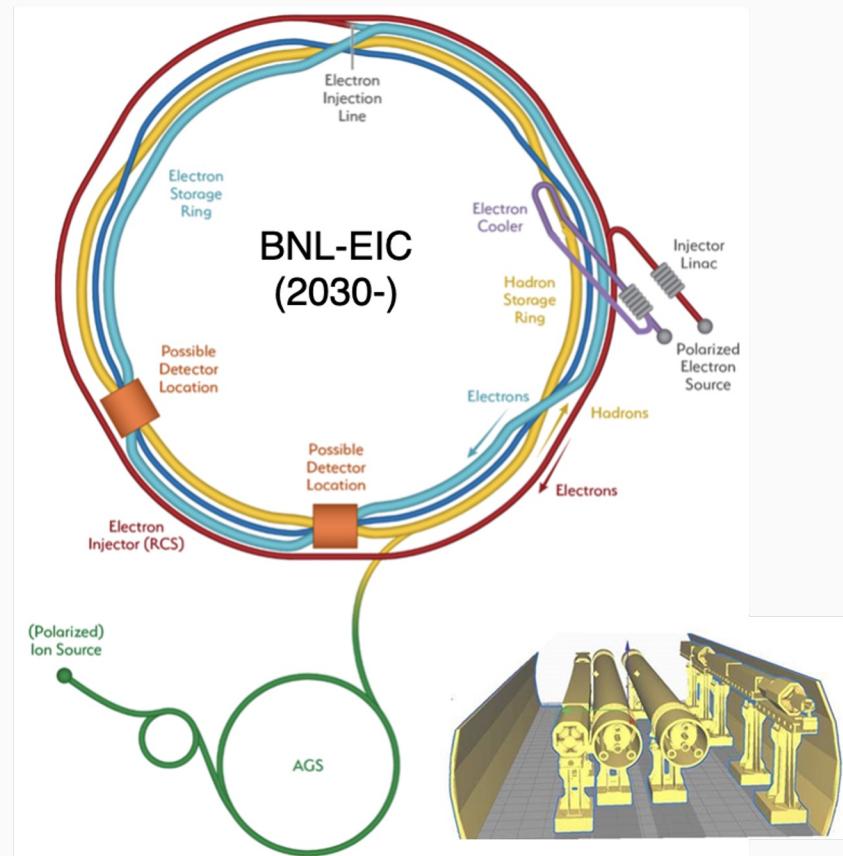
Electron-Ion Collider at BNL

pp, pA, AA up to 500 GeV



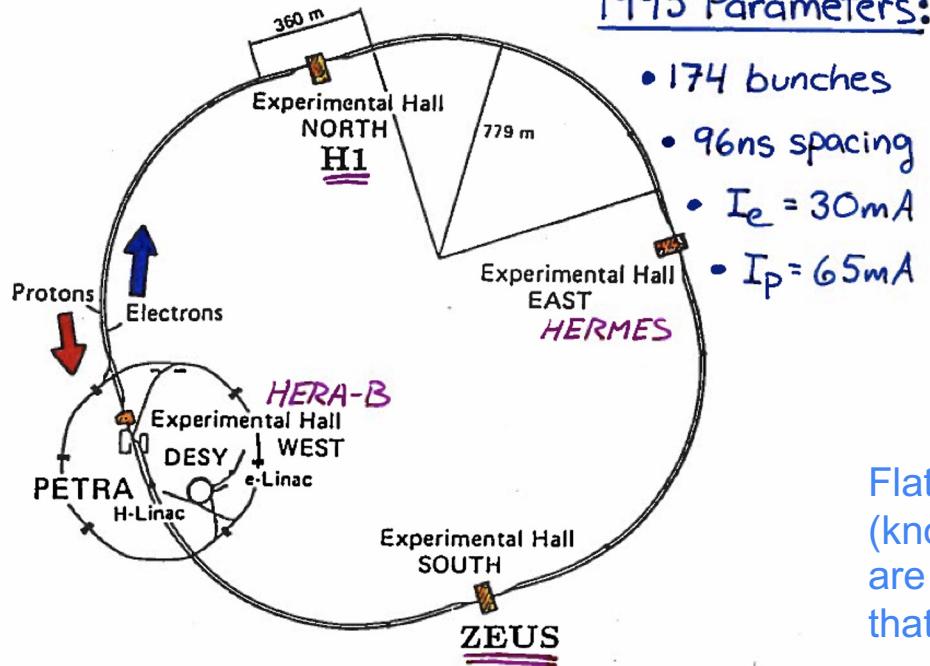
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ep, eA up to 140 GeV



A Successor to HERA

HERA



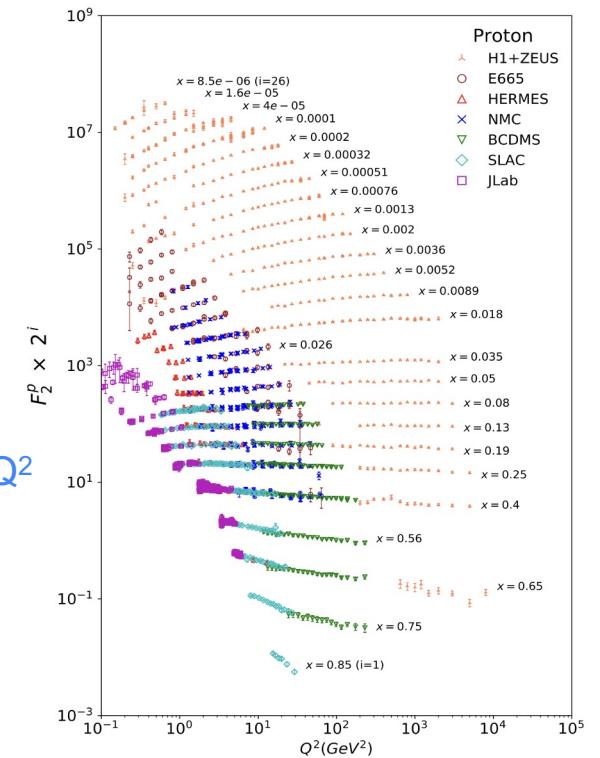
27.5 GeV e^\pm on 820-920 GeV $p \rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 318\text{ GeV}$

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- HERA probed a completely new Deep Inelastic Scattering regime from earlier fixed target experiments

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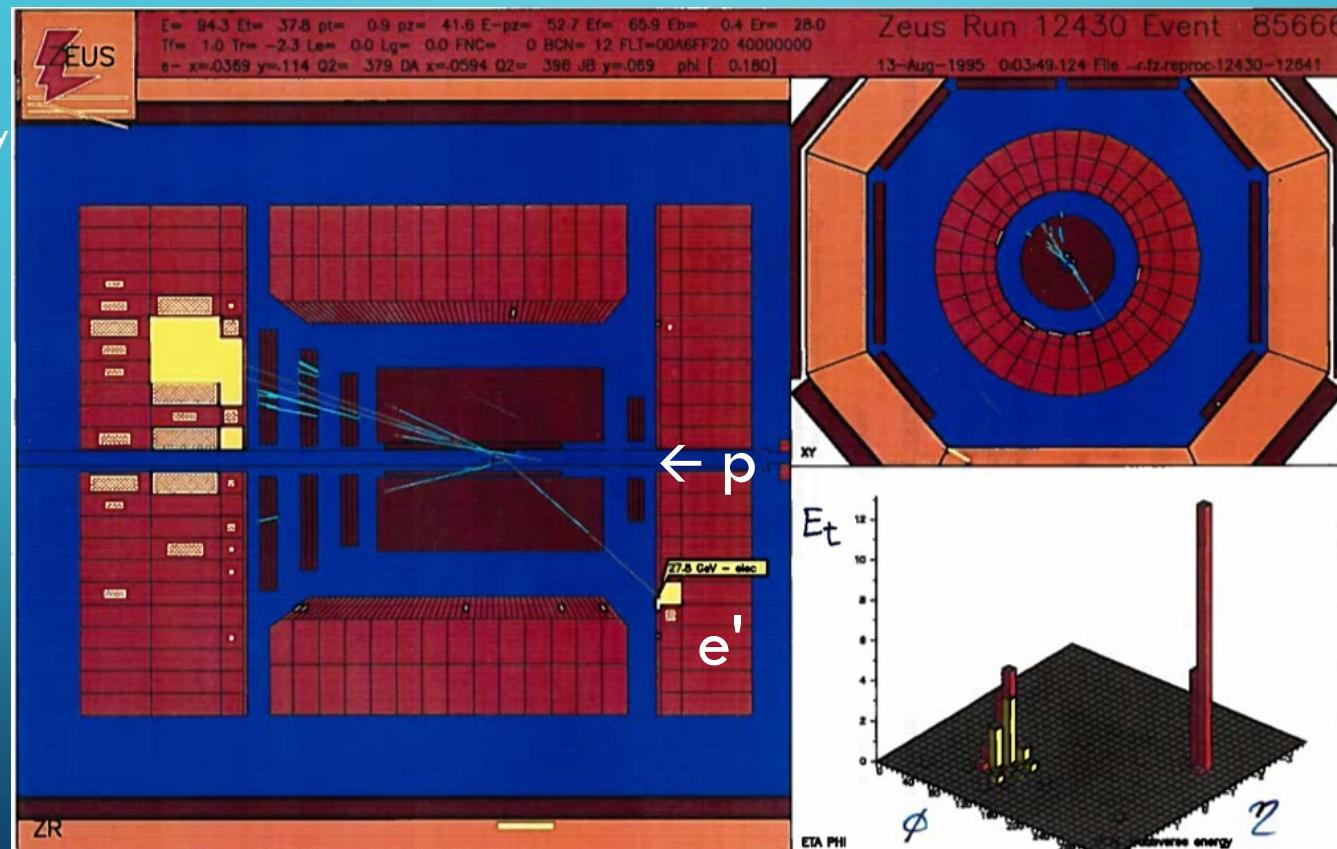
Flatness of these curves
(known as “scaling”) with Q^2
are one piece of evidence
that quarks are real



ZEUS DEEP INELASTIC SCATTERING EVENT

LAZE
event
display

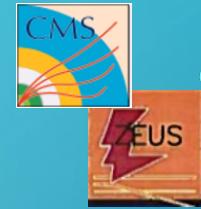
$e \rightarrow$



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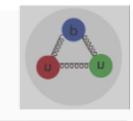
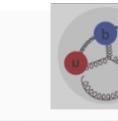
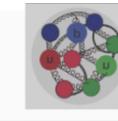
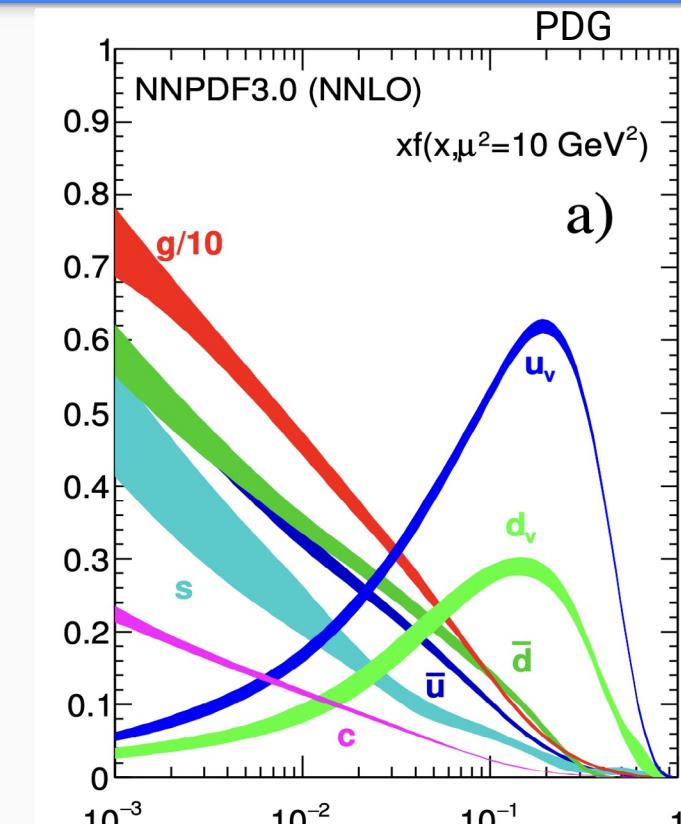
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Parton Densities



- HERA paved the way for precision LHC physics through precise structure function measurements, from which the parton densities are extracted through global fits with QCD
- HERA saw the strong rise in the gluon density at low x
 - When do saturation effects come into play?

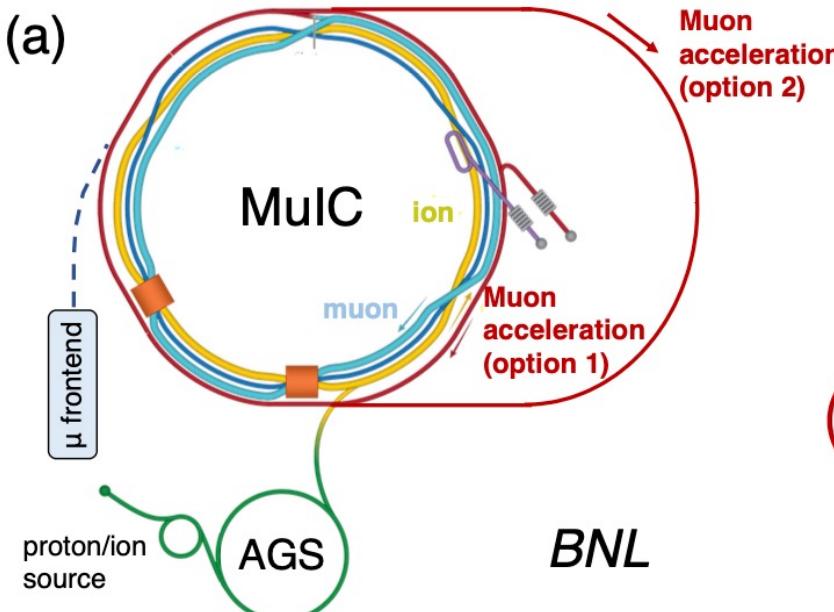


A Muon-Ion Collider at BNL?



Acosta and Li, NIM A 1027 (2022) 166334

→ Replace e by μ beam at EIC



Bending radius of RHIC tunnel: $r = 290\text{m}$

Achievable muon beam energy: $0.3Br$

Parameter	1 (aggressive)	2 (realistic)	3 (conservative)
Muon energy (TeV)	1.39	0.96	0.73
Muon bending magnets (T)	16 (FCC)	11 (HL-LHC)	8.4 (LHC)
Muon bending radius (m)		290	
Proton (Au) energy (TeV)		0.275 (0.11/nucleon)	
CoM energy (TeV)	1.24 (0.78)	1.03 (0.65)	0.9 (0.57)

$\sqrt{s} = 1 \text{ TeV} !$

7-8X increase over EIC energy

A Muon-Ion Collider? Who Ordered That?



Probe a **new energy scale** and nucleon momentum fraction in Deep Inelastic Scattering using a relatively compact machine

- $\sqrt{s} \sim 1$ TeV or more
 - Q^2 up to 10^6 GeV 2
 - x as low as 10^{-6}
- Well beyond the EIC, matches that of the proposed LHeC

Provides a science case for a TeV muon storage ring as a demonstrator toward a multi-TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider

- QCD and hadron/nucleon structure in new regimes
- Higgs, Top, and Beyond Standard Model (**particularly with LFV with muons**)

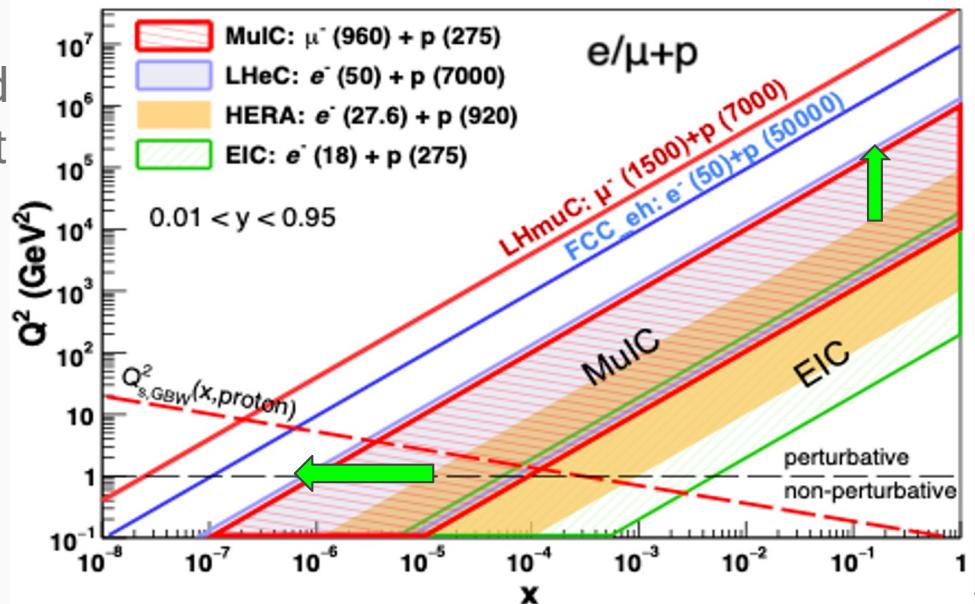
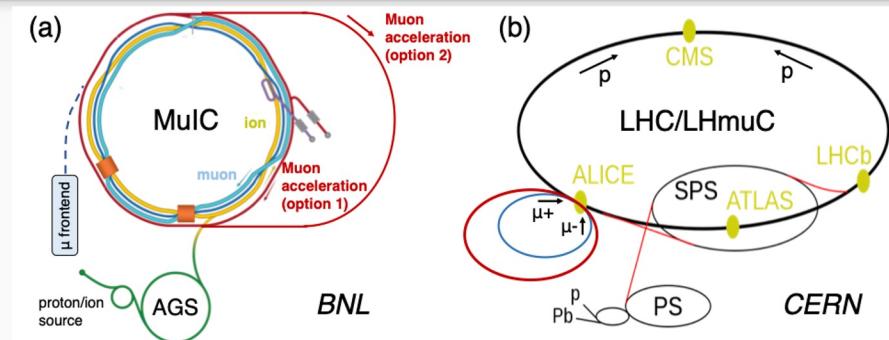
Facilitate the **collaboration of the nuclear and particle physics communities** around an innovative and forward-looking machine

Broad science program helps share costs, and re-use helps economize

Re-use existing facilities at BNL (MuLC as an upgrade to the EIC)

DIS Reach in x and Q^2 for ℓp Collisions

- Expands DIS reach at high Q^2 and low x by 1–3 orders of magnitude over HERA (the only such machine built to date) and the EIC (to be constructed)
- Coverage of **MuIC** at **BNL** would be **nearly identical** with that of the proposed Large Hadron electron Collider (**LHeC**) at CERN with 50 GeV e^- beam
 - With complementary kinematics
- Coverage of a mu-LHC collider at CERN (**LHmuC**) would significantly exceed even that of the FCC-eh option of a 50 TeV proton beam with 50 GeV e^- beam

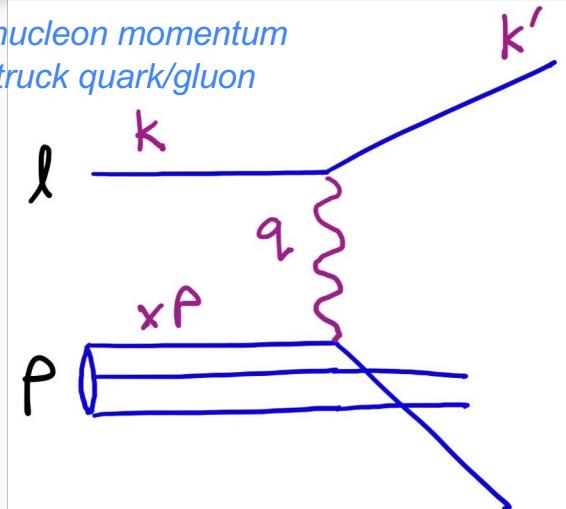


DIS Variables and Kinematics



- $x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$ Bjorken x scaling variable
- $y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot k}$ Inelasticity
- $Q^2 \equiv -q^2 = -(k - k')^2 = sxy$ 4-mom transfer
- $s = (k + P)^2$ squared c.o.m. energy

Fraction of nucleon momentum carried by struck quark/gluon



θ is the polar angle with respect to the initial hadron direction

From scattered lepton:

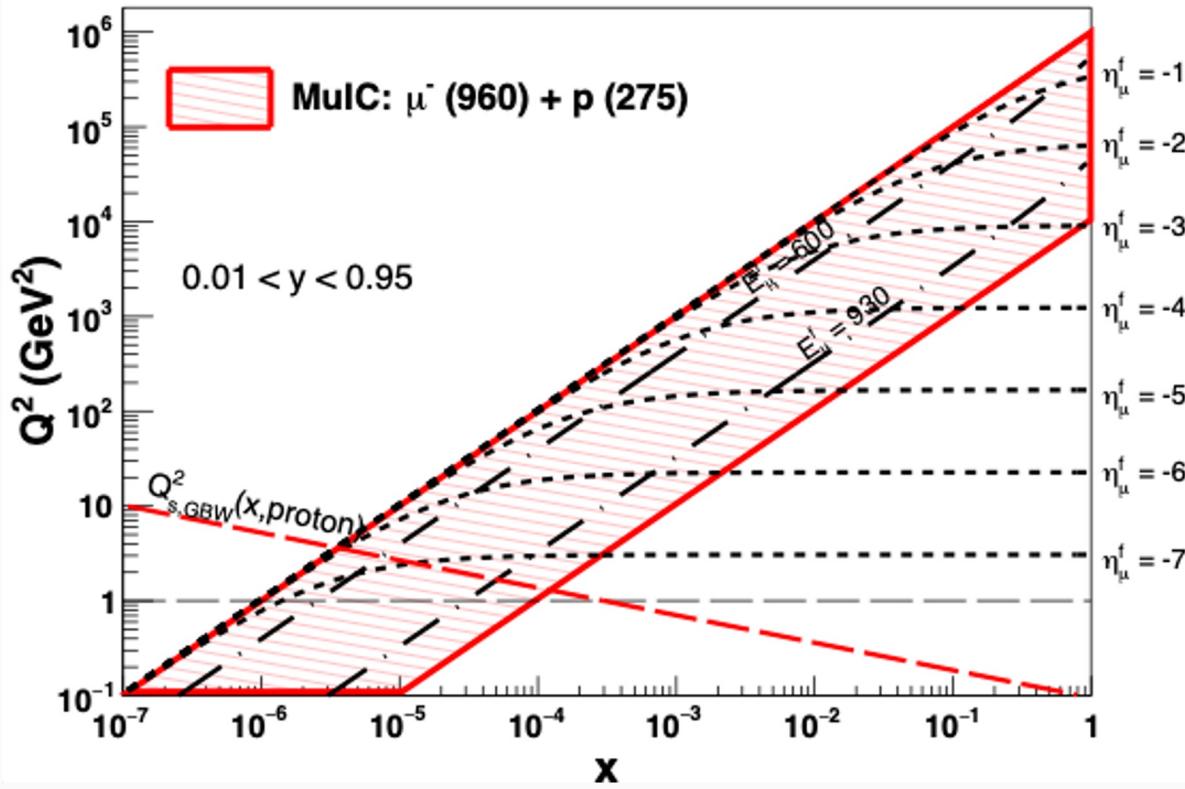
$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 &= 2E_\ell E'_\ell (1 + \cos \theta) \\ y &= 1 - \frac{E'_\ell}{2E_\ell} (1 - \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

From scattered hadrons:

$$\begin{aligned} Q^2(P, \gamma) &= \frac{P^2 \sin^2 \gamma}{1 - y(P, \gamma)}, \\ y(P, \gamma) &= \frac{P(1 - \cos \gamma)}{2E_\mu^i}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= (\Sigma_h P_h^x)^2 + (\Sigma_h P_h^y)^2 + (\Sigma_h P_h^z)^2, \\ \cos \gamma &= \frac{(\Sigma_h P_h^x)^2 + (\Sigma_h P_h^y)^2 - (\Sigma_h (E_h - P_h^z))^2}{(\Sigma_h P_h^x)^2 + (\Sigma_h P_h^y)^2 + (\Sigma_h (E_h - P_h^z))^2}, \end{aligned}$$

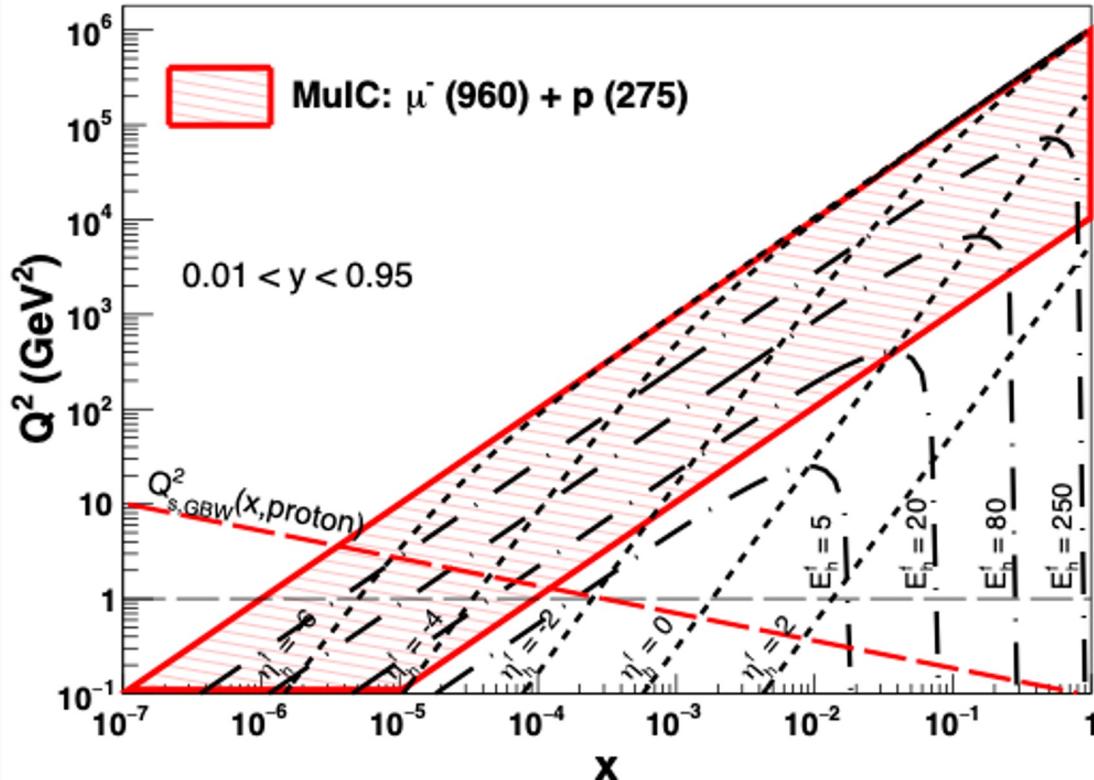
Scattered Lepton Kinematics - MuIC



- Scattered muon momentum essentially defines y (decreases with y increasing)
 - **Typically $> 500 \text{ GeV}$**
 - Scattering angle is in very backward (lepton) direction
 - **$-7 < \eta < -5$ at low Q^2**
- Only 0.1° to 0.8° from beam line

Distinct experimental challenges in tagging very forward muons to address.
 (but hundreds of GeV muons will penetrate through anything, i.e. shielding)

Scattered Hadron Kinematics - MuIC



- Scattered energy of hadron system essentially defines y (increases with y)
 - **Typically 20 – 500 GeV**
 - LHeC: < 50 GeV
- Scattering angle is in backward (lepton) direction, less so than muon except at low x
 - **Jet kinematics more central ($-4 < \eta < 2$)**

Detector requirements and design



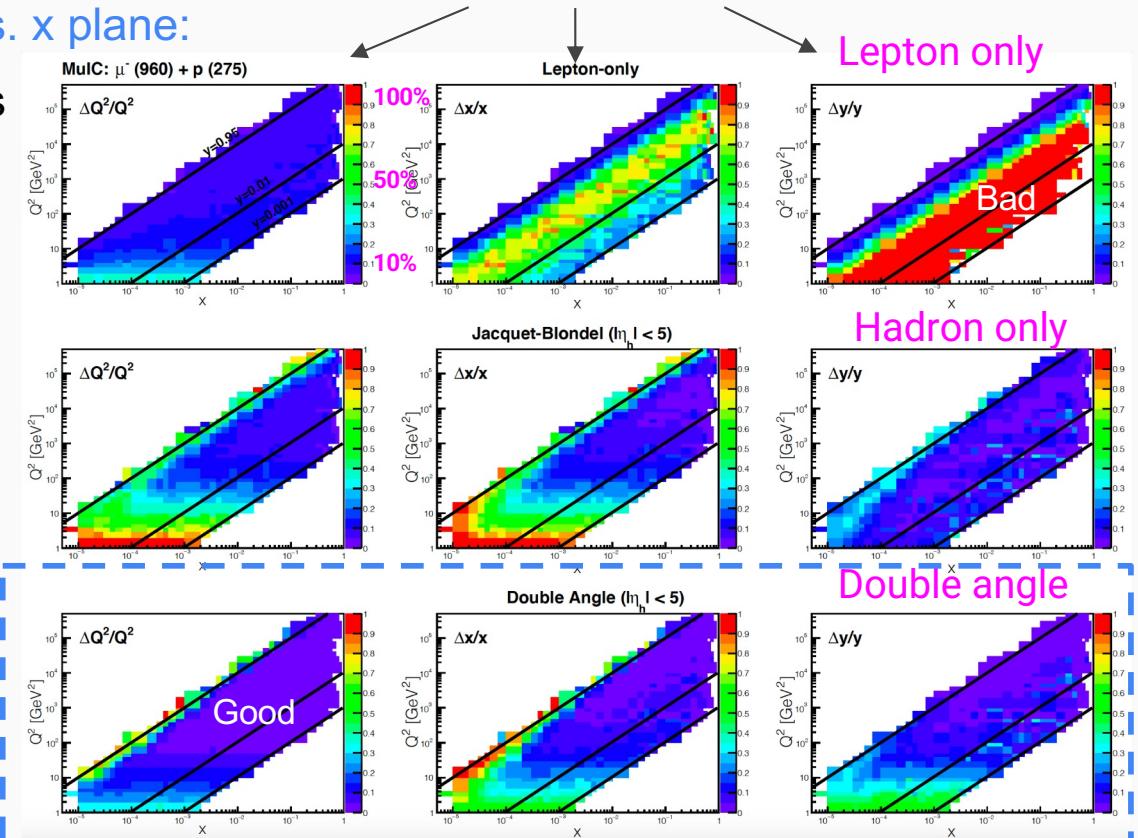
Resolutions of reconstructed Q^2 , x and y with 3 methods

Q^2 vs. x plane:

Lepton-only

Simple assumptions of detector resolutions
to smear particles from PYTHIA 8

Resolution			
Particle	Detector	$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p}$ or $\frac{\sigma(E)}{E}$	$\sigma(\eta, \varphi)$
(Forward) Muons	e.g., MPGD	$0.01\% p \oplus 1\%$	0.2×10^{-3}
Charged particles ($\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/\bar{p}, e^\pm$)	Tracker + PID	$0.1\% p \oplus 1\%$	$\left(\frac{2}{p} \oplus 0.2\right) \times 10^{-3}$
Photons	EM Calorimeter	$\frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 2\%$	$\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$
Neutral hadrons (n, K_L^0)	Hadronic Calorimeter	$\frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$	$\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$



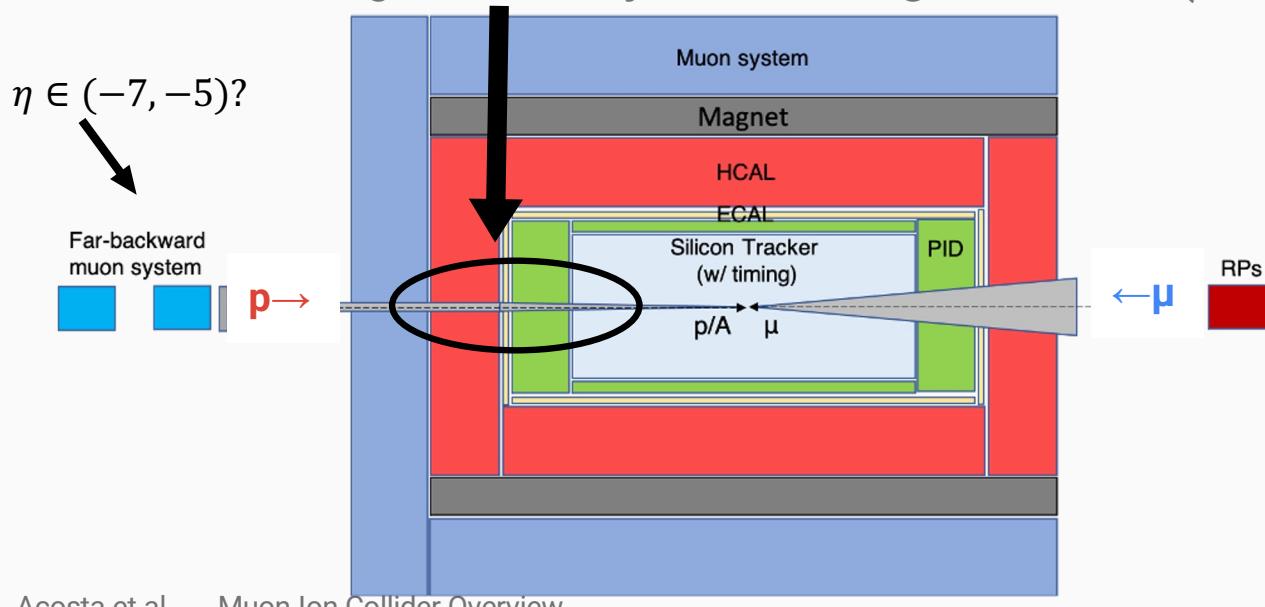
- Muons: 10% at 1 TeV, $\eta > -7$
- Hadrons: $|\eta| < 5$



Future work: detailed simulations to fully demonstrate the experimental feasibility
Real design may be challenging to achieve goals!

Detector Considerations and Challenges

- Modified $\mu^+\mu^-$ conceptual detector design
- Hadron PID over wide phase space
- Detection of scattered muons is important, mostly at high η (far-backward), with good resolution up to TeV scale
 - **Useful also for an experiment at a $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider to tag/veto NC VBF processes**
- Shielding nozzle **only on incoming muon side** (Needs Beam Induced Background study)



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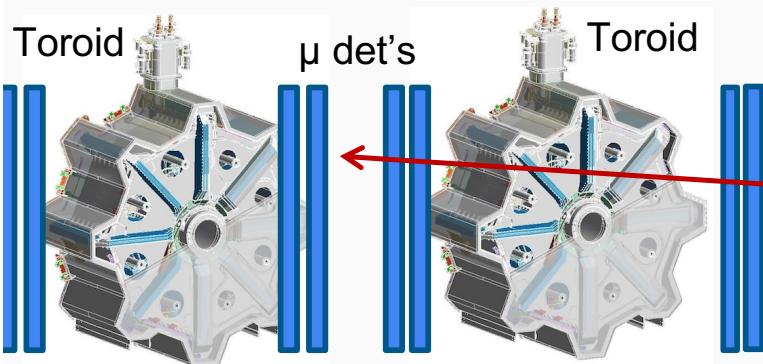
	Main requirements
Muons	$-7 < \eta < 0$, $\sigma(p)/p < 5\%$
Tracking	$-5 < \eta < 2.4$
PID ($\pi/k/p$)	$-4 < \eta < 2.4$, $p < 100 \text{ GeV}$
Calorimetry (jets, photons)	$-5 < \eta < 2.4$

A Possible Muon Spectrometer

[ATLAS-PHOTO-2022-007-6](#)

Layout adapted from Collamati et al. on $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider: [arXiv:2105.09116](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.09116)

ATLAS Endcap Toroids



Option 1:

$$Z = 400 \text{ m}$$

$$-6.9 < \eta < -5$$

$$Z = 60 \text{ m}$$

$$-5 < \eta < -3.1$$

Option 2:

$$Z = 225 \text{ m}$$

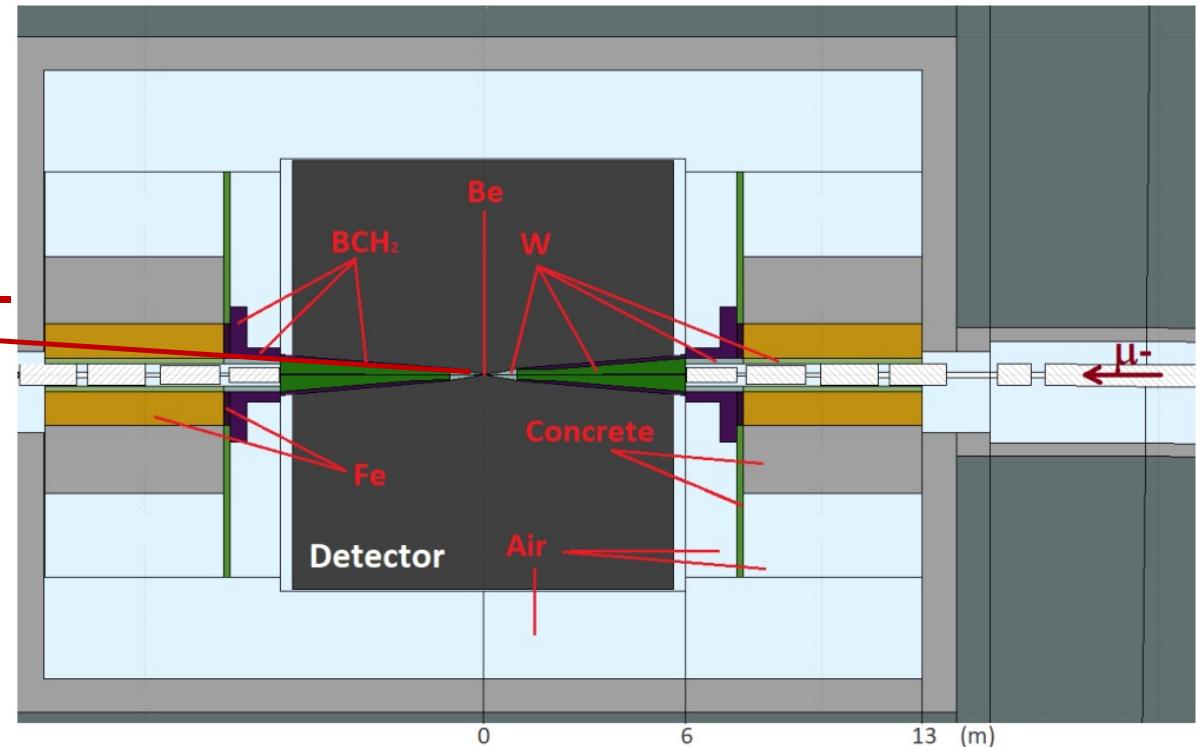
$$-6.3 < \eta < -4.4$$

$$Z = 40 \text{ m}$$

$$-4.6 < \eta < -2.7$$

Distance not to scale

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Effect of Shielding Cone on Scattered Muons



V. Di Benedetto et al 2018 JINST 13 P09004

- GEANT-4 detector study initiated by Osvaldo and Mark
- To be extended to its effect on DIS resolution, and muon spectrometer

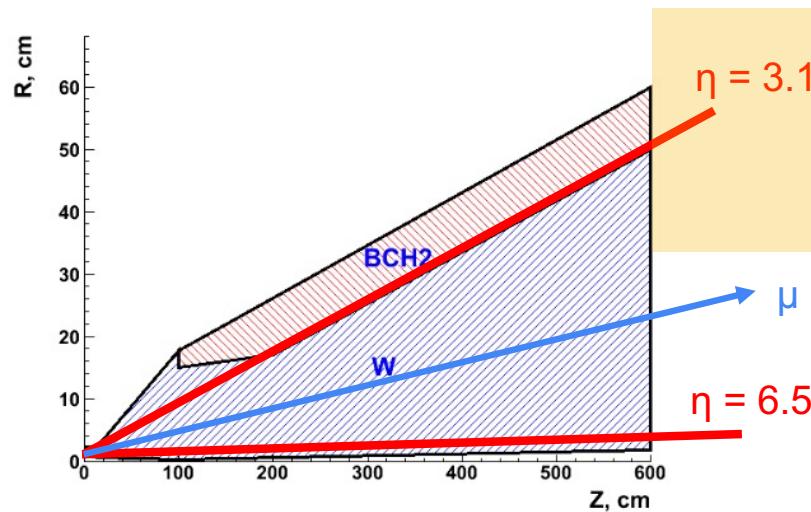


Figure 2. The shielding nozzle, general RZ view (W — tungsten, BCH2— borated polyethylene).

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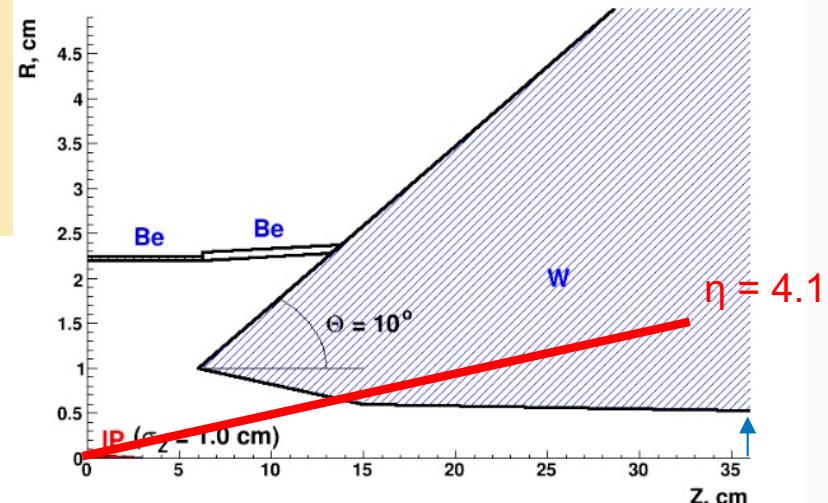
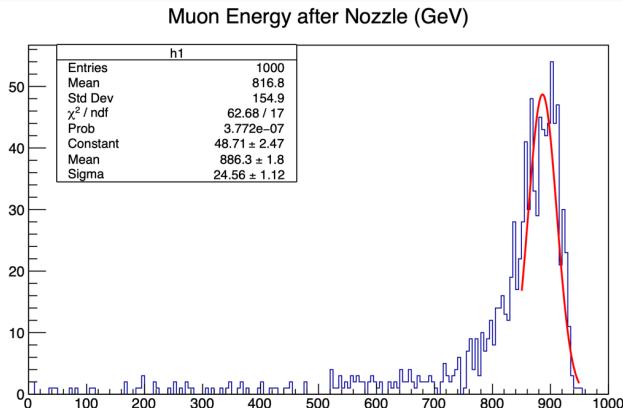


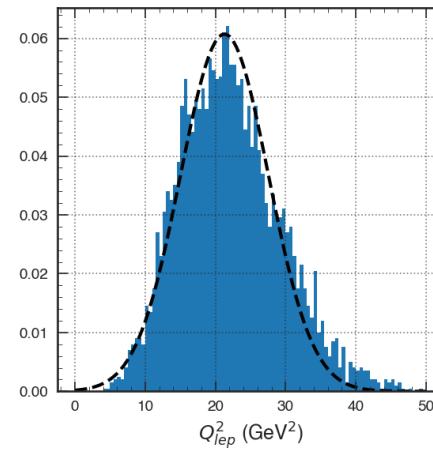
Figure 3. The shielding nozzle, zoom in near IP (Be — beryllium).

Example of Impact on Muon Measurements

- A 1 TeV muon loses >10% of its energy going through tungsten, with a long tail. Also, multiple scattering smears its outgoing angle.

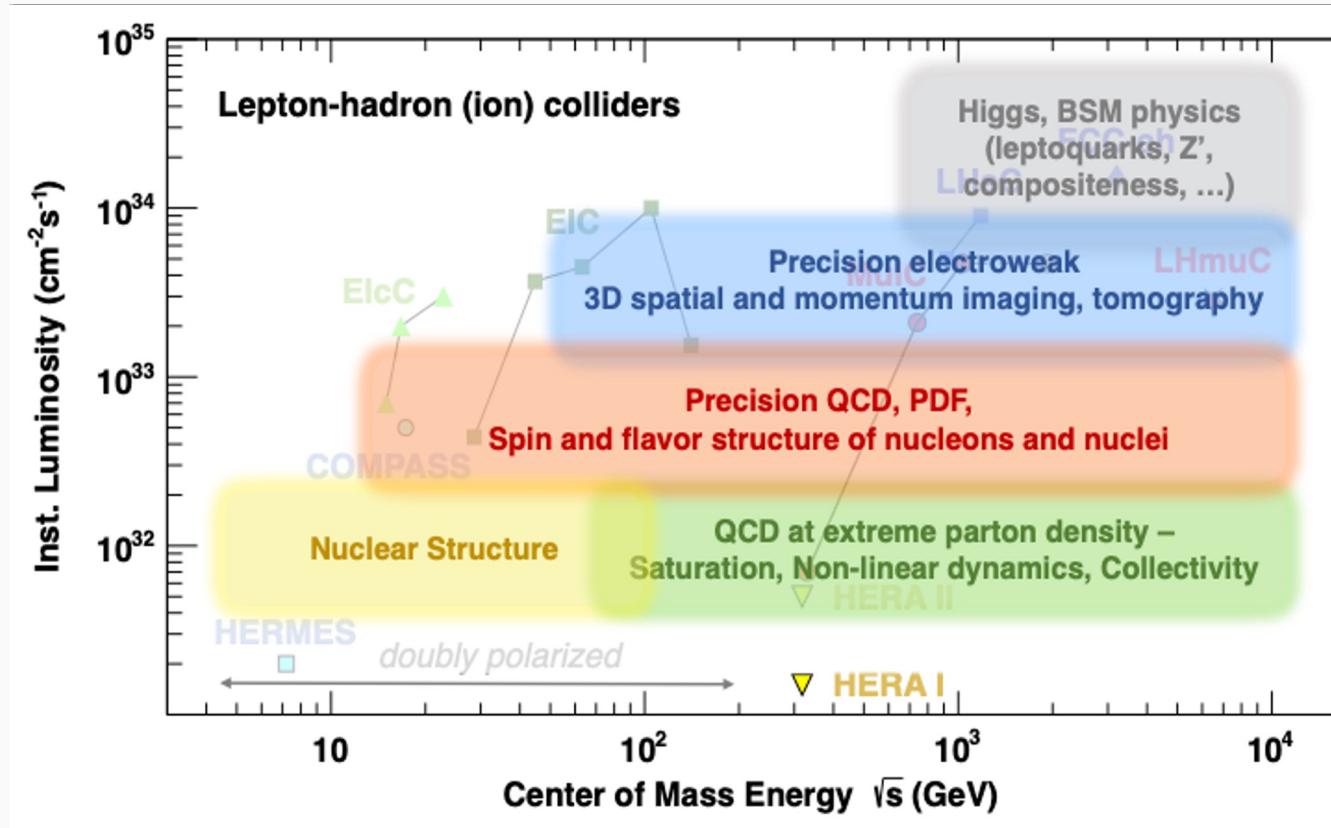


900 GeV Muon, eta=6, 6m Tungsten w MS; Q^2 (true) = 22.120451, mean = 22.124750, μ = 21.294892, σ = 6.246940

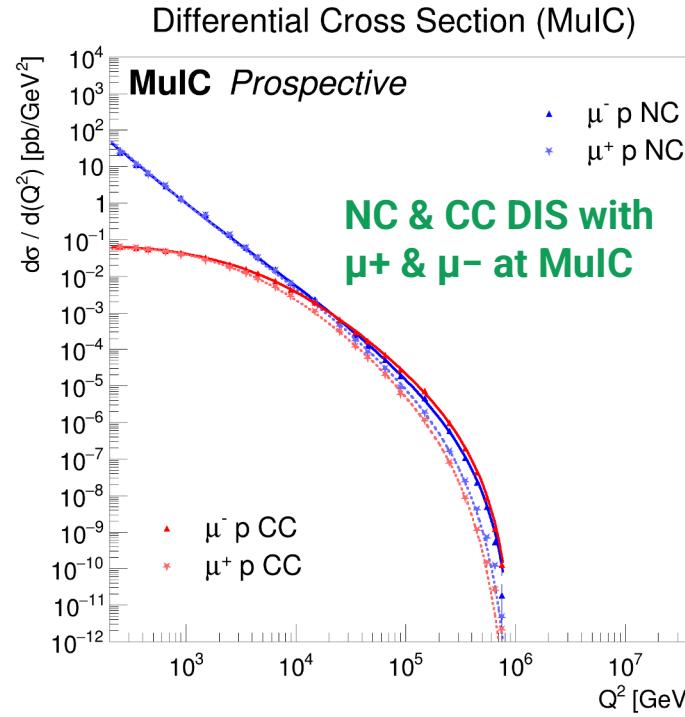
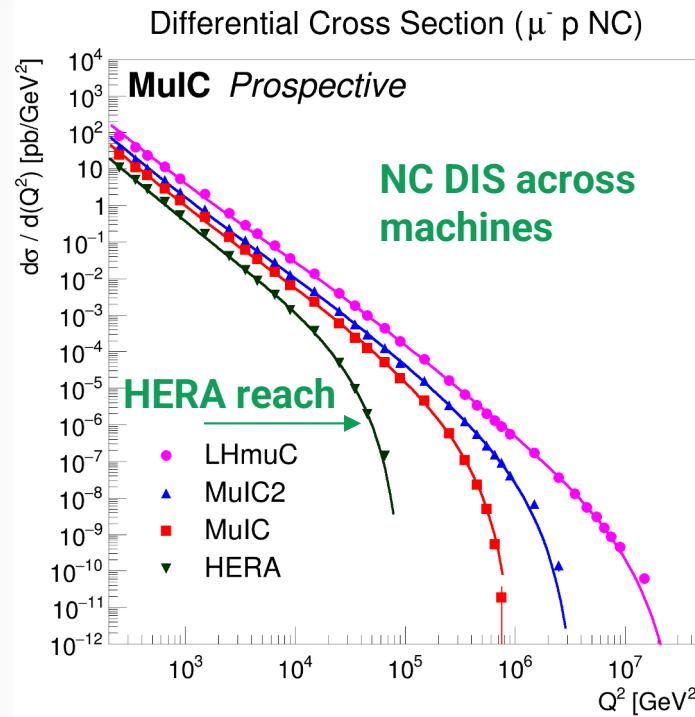


- This affects measurements:
 - e.g. 30% smearing for $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ from reconstructed muon quantities

DIS Evolution and Physics Landscape



DIS Differential Cross Sections in Q^2



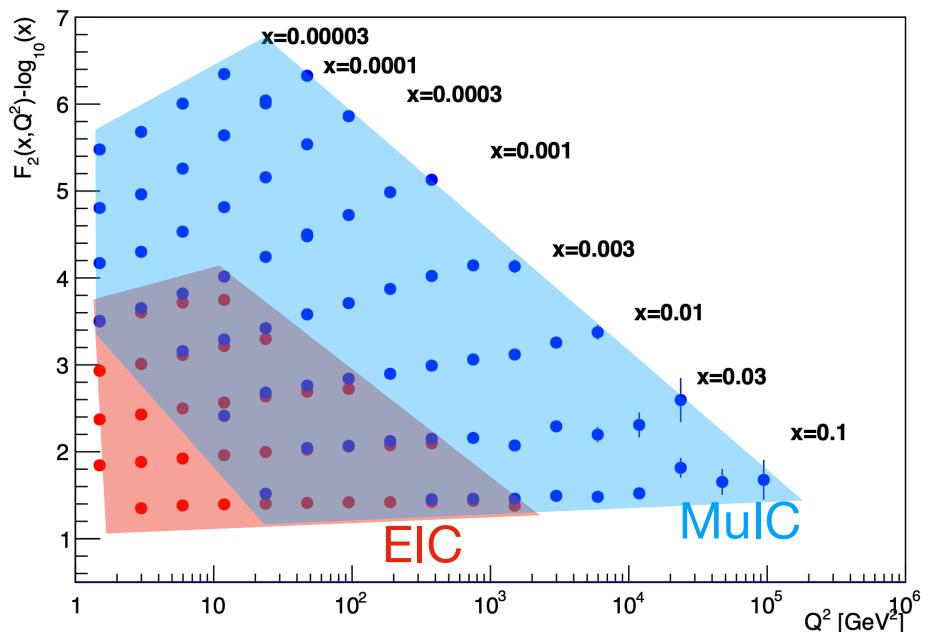
Computed with Pythia8
and NNPDF2.3 PDF set,
 $0.1 < y < 0.9$

Total integrated CC cross section

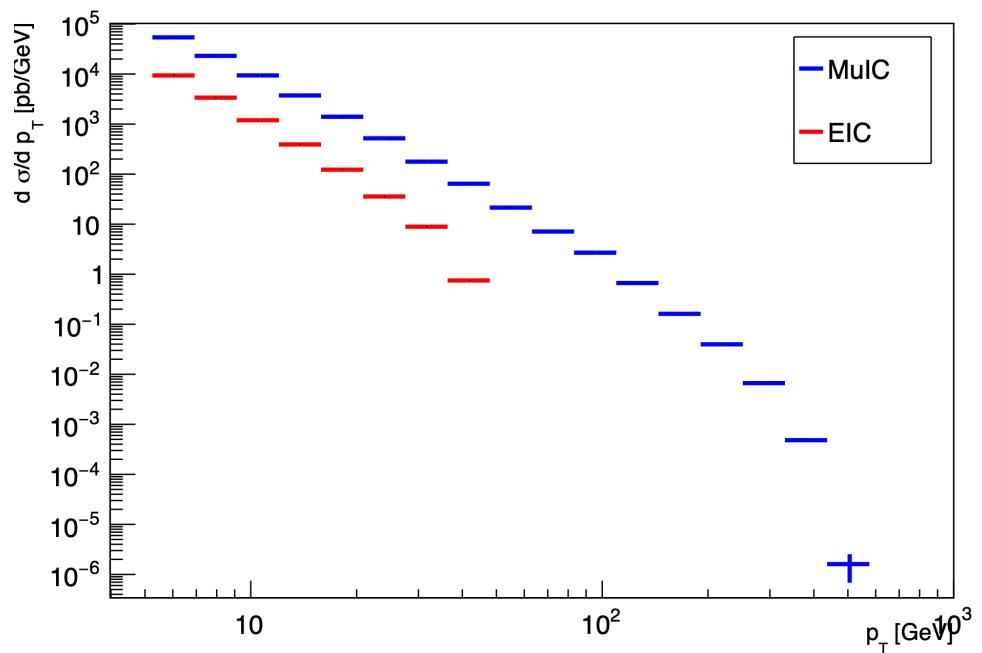
Machine	$Q^2 > 1$	$Q^2 > 3 \times 10^4$	$Q^2 > 10^5$	$Q^2 > 3 \times 10^5$
$\mu^- p \rightarrow \nu_\mu X$				
HERA	68	0.038	—	—
MuIC	200	5.2	0.12	0.0053
MuIC2	345	13	0.92	0.20
LHuMuC	860	43	4.6	1.6
$\mu^+ p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu X$				
HERA	37	0.00095	—	—
MuIC	160	1.4	0.0090	—
MuIC2	300	6.5	0.22	0.029
LHuMuC	850	36	3.0	0.83

- Probes well beyond HERA and the electroweak scale
- Highest Q^2 requires largest integrated lumi (10^{33} – 10^{34} Hz/cm 2)
 - But measurements low Q^2 and x can benefit from relatively low lumi orders of magnitude smaller

Physics Potential for Structure Function & QCD Measurements



F_2 Structure function projection of EIC vs MuIC



Single jet P_T spectra projection of EIC vs MuIC

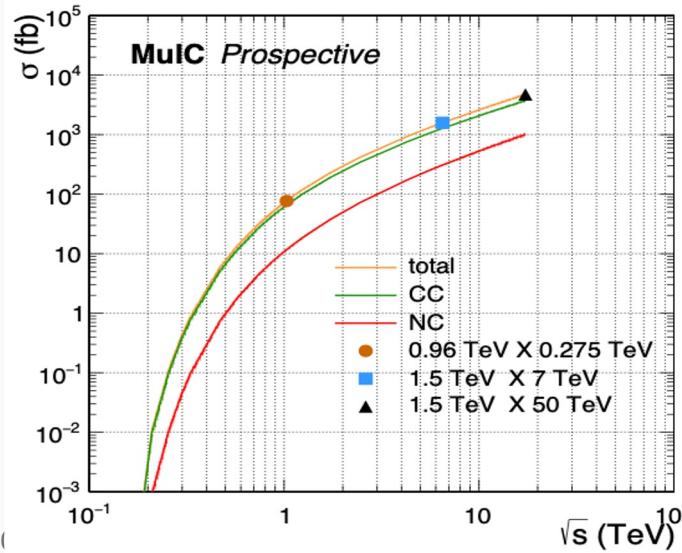
Pseudo-data representing one year of running
 $(28 \text{ weeks and } 50\% \text{ duty cycle} \rightarrow \sim 40 \text{ } fb^{-1})$

Higgs Physics with MuIC

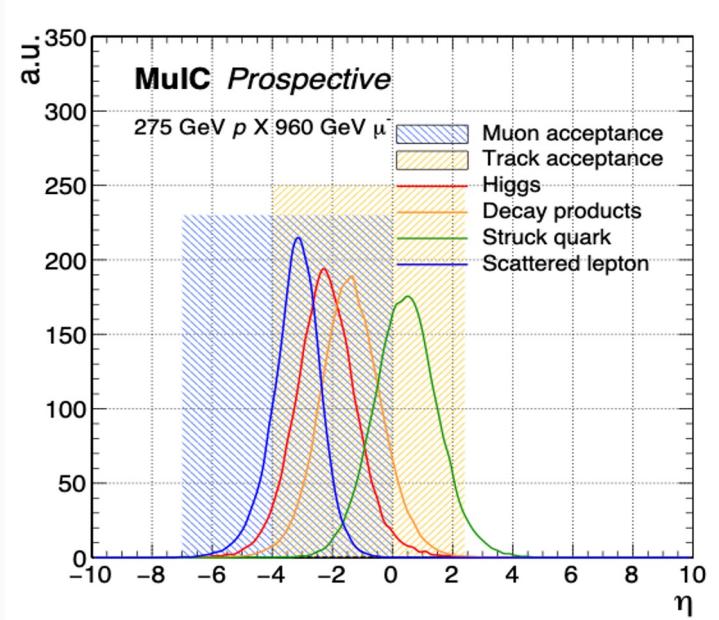
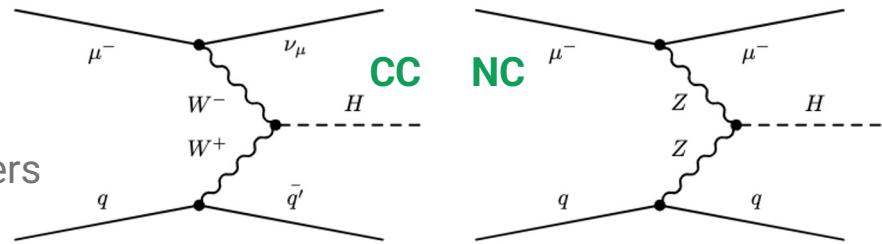


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- VBF mode
 - σ grows with \sqrt{s} , with CC exchange larger than NC
 - Cross section comparable to LHeC and $\mu^+\mu^-$ colliders
- Acceptance
 - All final state objects, other than the muon, are in **central region of detector** (in contrast to LHeC)



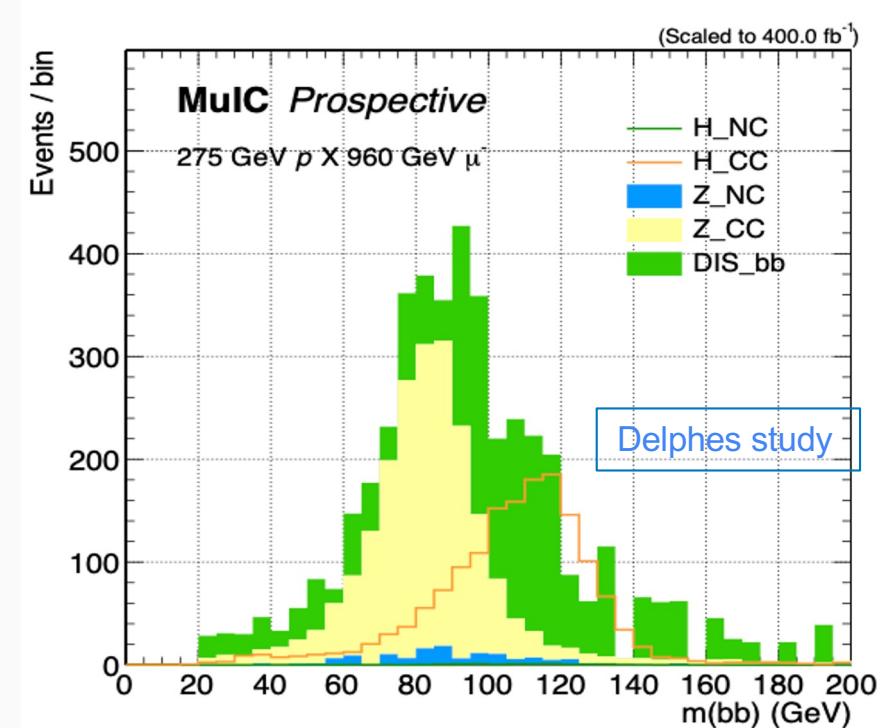
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Higgs $\rightarrow bb$ with MuIC



- Pseudo-analysis for $H \rightarrow bb$
 - Requirements that enhance CC VBF process over NC DIS bb background:
 - 3 jets in final state (2 b-tagged)
 - muon veto, MET
 - Higgs p_T
 - S/B ~ 1 for $H \rightarrow bb$
 - **Expect ~ 900 selected $H \rightarrow bb$ in 400 fb^{-1} (10y) @ 1TeV MuIC**
 - Increases by factor 10 at LHmuC
- What about $H \rightarrow cc$?
 - Difficult at LHC
 - See next slide

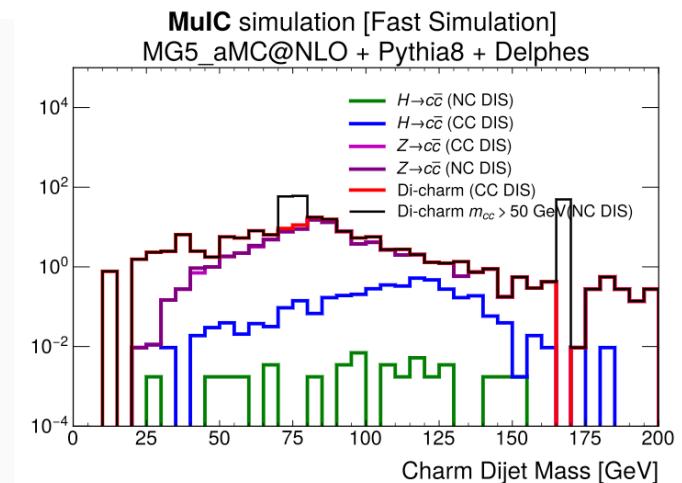
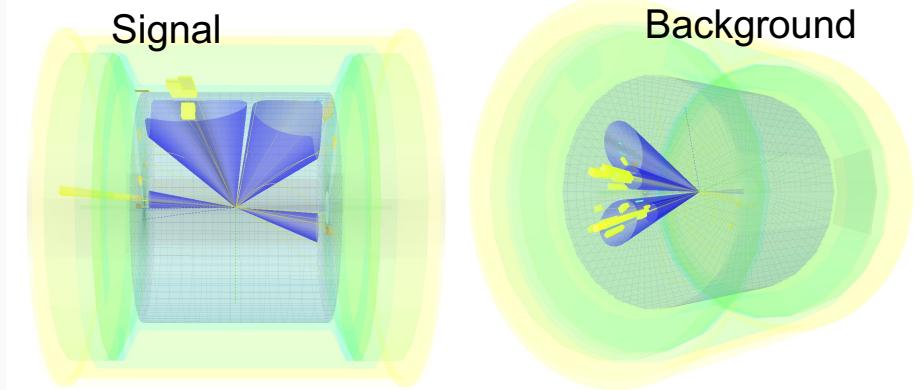


Higgs \rightarrow cc [Independent SMU group study]



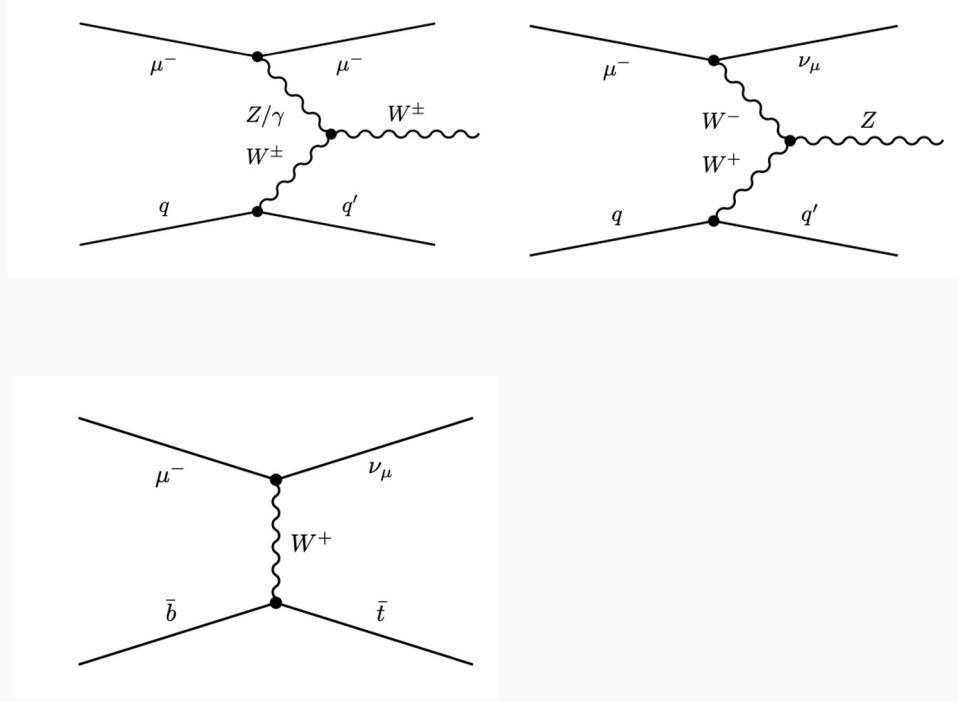
- Similar pseudo-analysis of H \rightarrow cc at 1 TeV MuIC
 - But smaller BR
 - Smaller c-tagging efficiency (27%), and more bkg...
- Selection:
 - $E_{\text{miss}} > 50 \text{ GeV}$
 - Veto scattered muon (NC)
 - ≥ 2 charm-tagged jets
- Yields only a handful of events...
- Did not study yet mis-tagged light dijet bkg, whose cross section is much larger
- However, there may be topological features useful to discriminate signal (as seen in event displays)
- Also Higgs cross section grows with \sqrt{s}
- But fair to caution using H \rightarrow cc as a motivation for MuIC... ☹

P.Ahluwalia, S.Sekula, et al. (SMU) [arXiv:2211.02615](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.02615)



Other SM Particle Production

- Vector boson production, e.g.
 - Sensitive to **triple gauge couplings**
 - $\sigma(W) = 19 \text{ pb}$ for 1 TeV MuIC
 - 2.1×10^4 leptonic $W \rightarrow l\nu$ decays into each lepton flavor for 10 fb^{-1}
- Single top production
 - Direct measurement of $|V_{tb}|$
 - $\sigma(t) = 1.0 \text{ pb}$ for 1 TeV MuIC



Potential for precision coupling measurements (and maybe mass measurements, with larger σ at higher \sqrt{s} and higher luminosity)

Probing Z' Models Relevant to LFU Violations

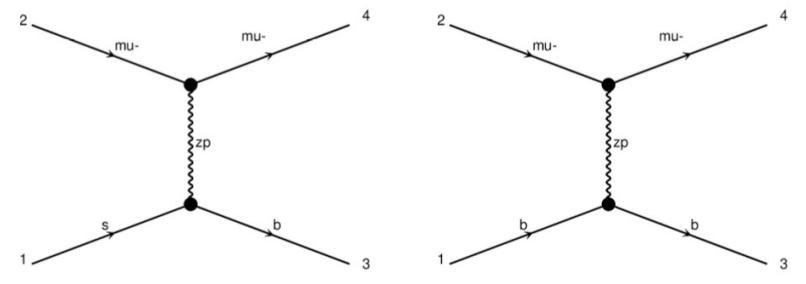


- Consider **Z' models** and couplings discussed in M.Abdullah et al., [Phys. Rev. D 97, 075035](#), that couple via O9 operator mostly to 2nd generation leptons (μ) and 2nd and 3rd generation quarks (s, b) to explain anomalies in B meson decays.

- $$\mathcal{L} \supset Z'^\mu \left[g_\mu \bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu \mu + g_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\mu + g_b \sum_{q=t,b} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L q + (g_b \delta_{bs} \bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b + \text{h.c.}) \right] \quad (6)$$

- g_μ and g_s are flavor conserving couplings
- δ_{bs} parameterizes non-flavor conserving couplings
- $g_b \delta_{bs} g_\mu (100 \text{ GeV}/m_{Z'})^2 \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ (5)
to fit lepton flavor universality violations

- Consider interference with NC DIS
 - so flavor conserving coupling dominates

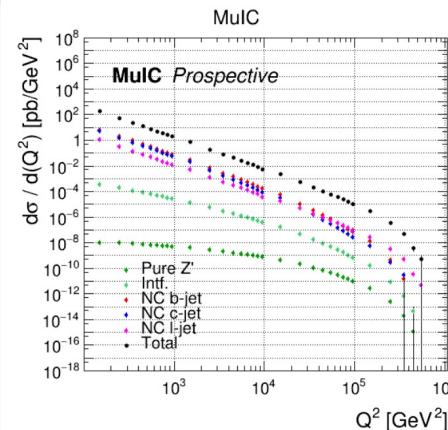


(a) $s \mu^- \rightarrow b \mu^-$ (b) $b \mu^- \rightarrow b \mu^-$

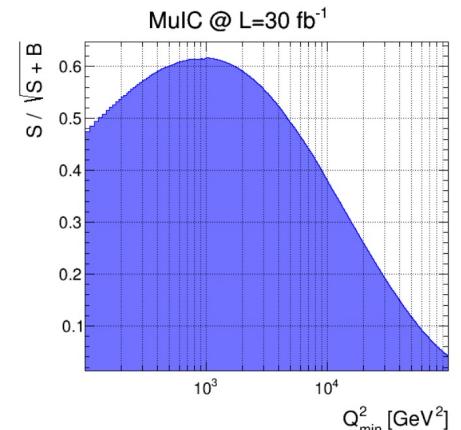
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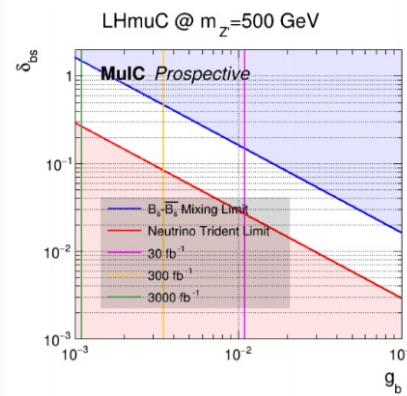
- Perform pseudo-analysis using a cut-and-count approach on the reconstructed Q^2 from the muon, optimized for sensitivity
- Apply b-tagging and mis-tagging efficiencies to final state jet
 - b, c, light: 70%, 10%, 1%
- Derive expected limits
- Generally need LHmuC (120 fb^{-1}) to be competitive with HL-LHC (3000 fb^{-1})



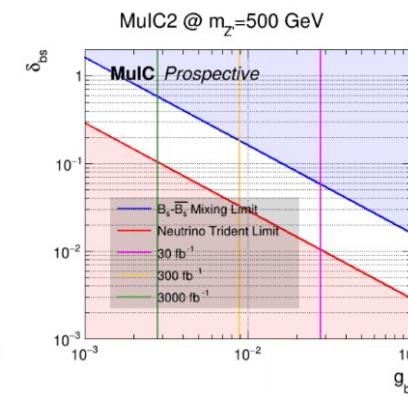
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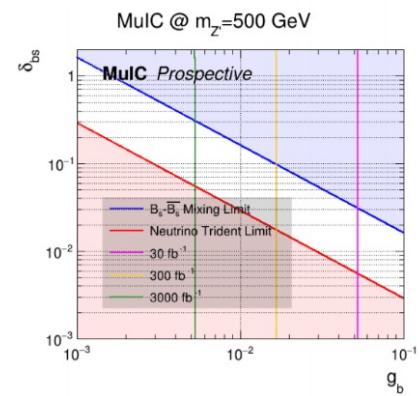
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(a) LHmuC



(b) MuIC2



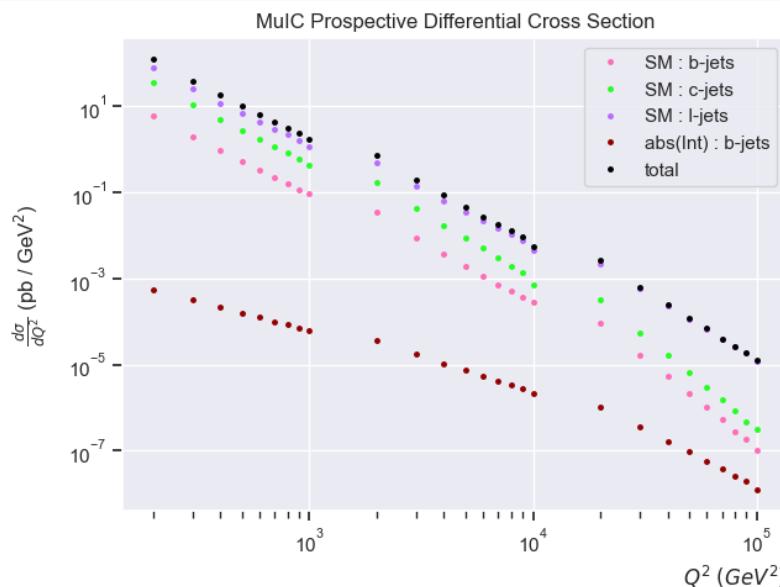
(c) MuIC

Probing Leptoquarks Relevant to LFU Violations

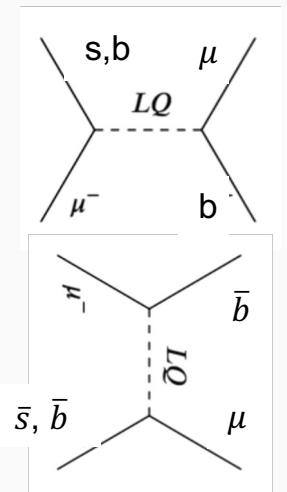
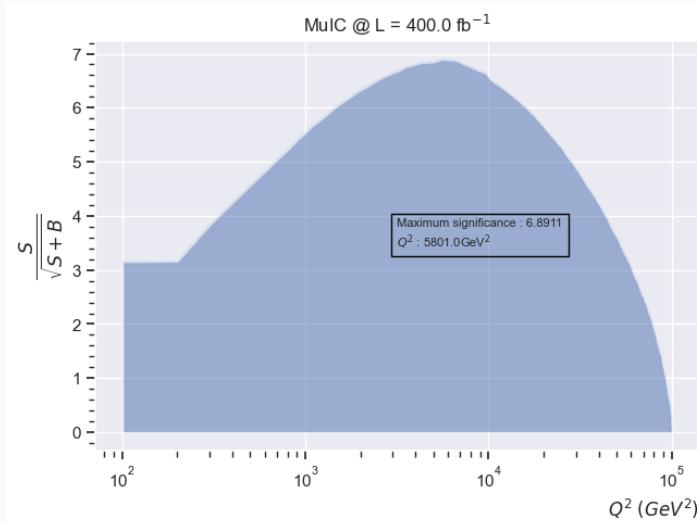


Work in Progress

- Studies focused on LQ models inspired by B and μ anomalies
 - S3 type LQ ($F=2$, LL coupling, μb), $\lambda = 0.1$, $M = 500$ GeV shown here
- Consider interference with SM DIS in both s- and t-channel
 - Negative interference term subtracts from SM DIS diff. xsec
- Try Z' cut-and-count method on reconstructed Q^2 to estimate sensitivity



(On-shell mass peak reconstruction next)



MuIC Synergies with a Muon Collider



- Siting a muon collider at a facility with a high energy hadron ring opens up an interesting additional, complementary science program
 - DIS and QCD, but also electroweak cross sections are comparable to those in $\mu^+\mu^-$ collisions
(Need 1.5X larger \sqrt{s})
- Re-use of existing hadron ring infrastructure helps allay some of the cost
 - Also simplifies the design to some degree
 - Can still benefit from a lower initial muon beam energy if collided with TeV scale hadron beam
- A MuIC provides a science case for an initial muon collider demonstrator
 - Luminosity demands for proton/nuclear structure measurements at extreme parton density (low x) are much less stringent than the ultimate needs for Higgs studies, etc.
 - Interesting DIS measurements even for staged muon energies from ~ 100 GeV
- A MuIC would have both particle physics and nuclear physics interests
 - Two communities to join in detector development and construction
 - Joint funding from particle and nuclear physics programs?
- Similar detector needs
 - Particularly interest in high eta muon spectrometer(s)

Summary



- Collisions of a TeV-scale muon beam with a high-energy proton/ion beam provides a novel way to explore new a regime in DIS at high Q^2 and low x
 - Two proposed options are at BNL/EIC ($\sqrt{s} = 1\text{-}2 \text{ TeV}$) and CERN/LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 6.5 \text{ TeV}$)
- Luminosity could be a challenge, and needs accelerator study
 - However, there is a science program to do even at low luminosity (new DIS regime)
- Precision electroweak, QCD, and SM particle production measurements (including Higgs) can be performed with sufficient integrated luminosity.
 - $H \rightarrow cc$ would be very challenging, however
- May be an interesting collider to study some BSM physics models
 - Z' study performed
 - Leptoquark study performed (Rice undergrad senior thesis)
- Many synergies with muon collider development, nuclear and particle physics programs

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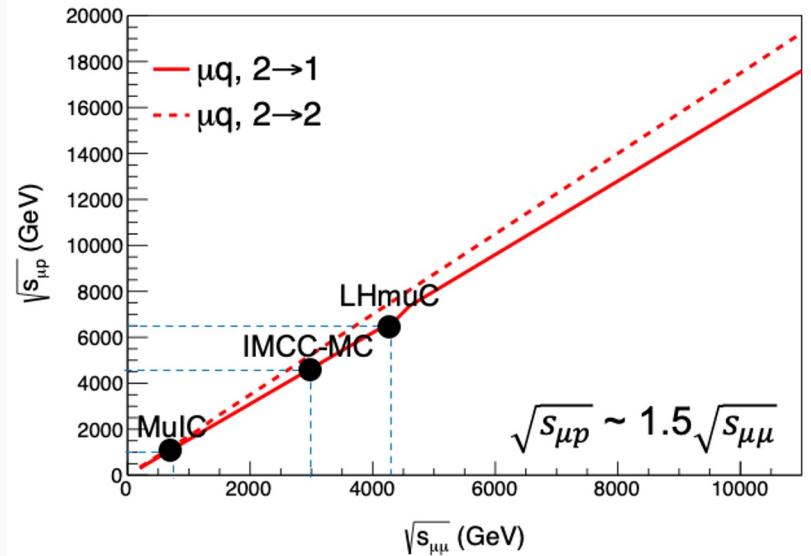
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Backup

Equivalent Reach for Production, μp vs. $\mu^+\mu^-$



- Compute equivalent parton luminosity of a μp collider for $2 \rightarrow 1$ and $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes
- We find that **a $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider is equivalent to a μp collider with $1.5\times$ higher \sqrt{s}** in terms of its discovery potential.
- Put another way, colliding just one muon beam with a well understood (existing?) high energy proton beam can explore interesting EWK phase space
 - Higgs production is via Vector Boson Fusion in both high energy $\mu^+\mu^-$ and μp collisions
 - Swapping 50 GeV e- beam with >50 GeV μ beam exceeds 1.3 TeV LHeC energy scale at CERN, but with potential to go to higher energy!



Perhaps an interesting first step for a non-US muon accelerator?

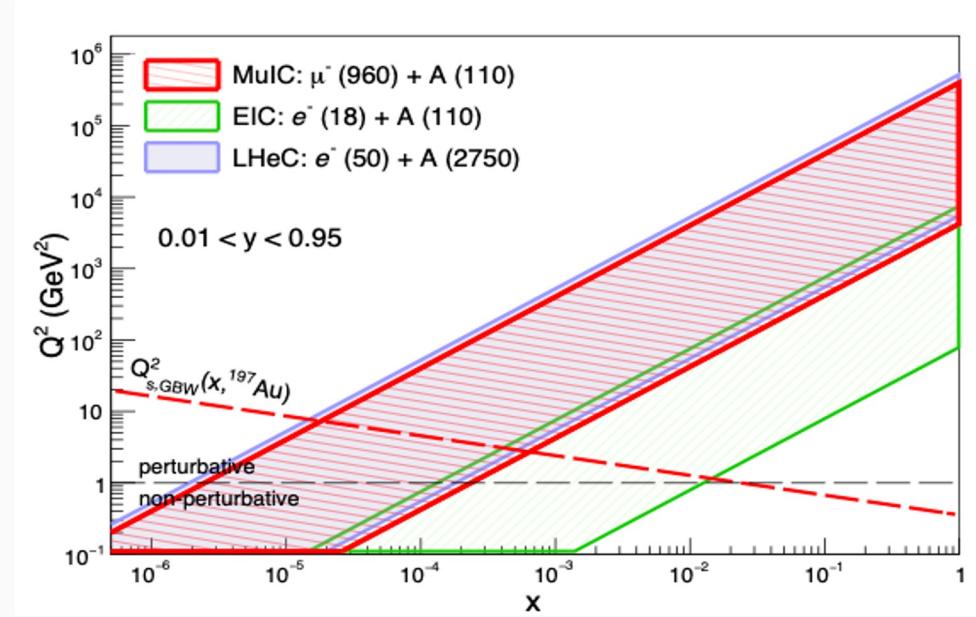
DIS Reach in x and Q^2 for ℓA Collisions



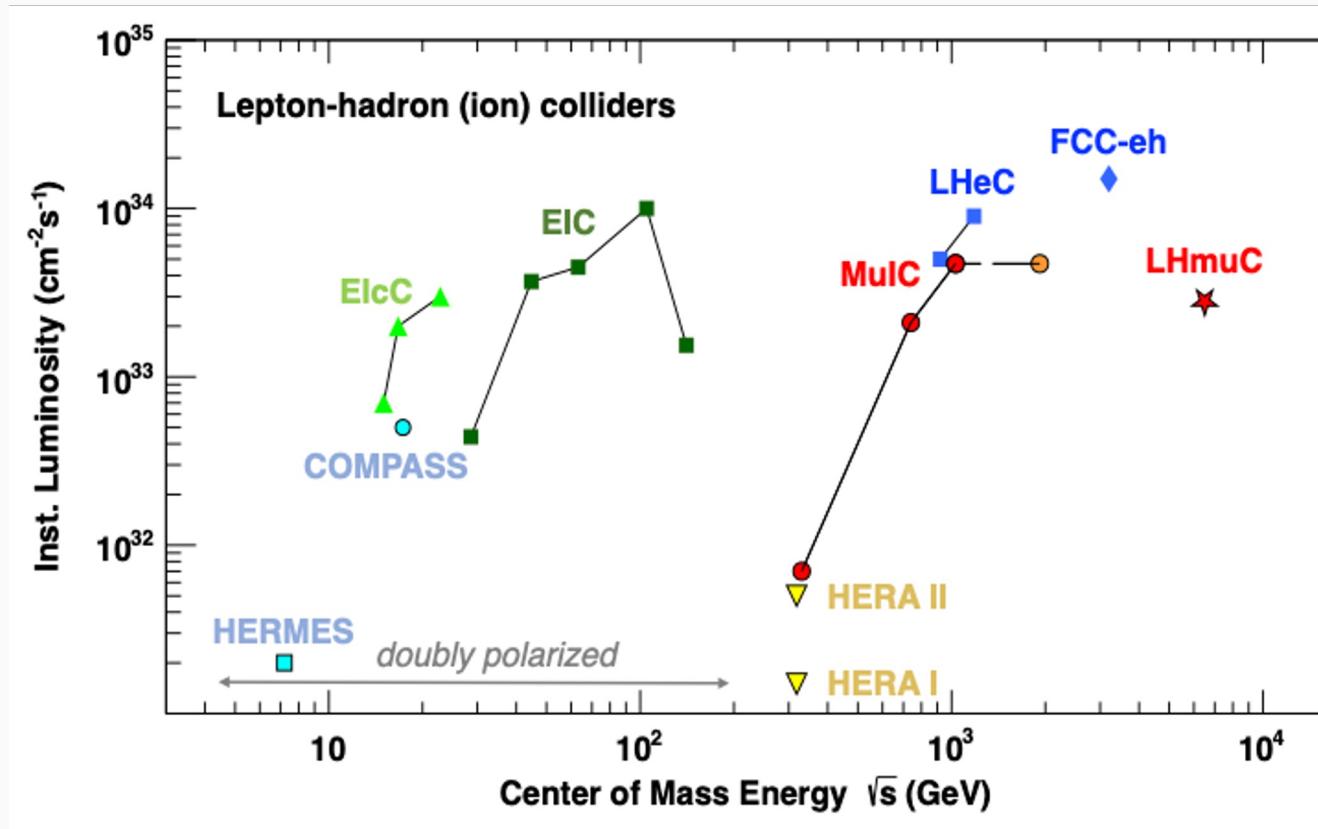
- Can explore well the predicted region of gluon saturation regime in ions at low x in the GBW model [[Phys. Rev. D 59, 014017 \(1998\)](#)] (and in protons, prev. slide)
- Also the MuIC at BNL can scan a wide range of ion species, and beam polarization

Saturation scale:

$$Q_s^2(A) = A^{1/3} Q_s^2(p)$$



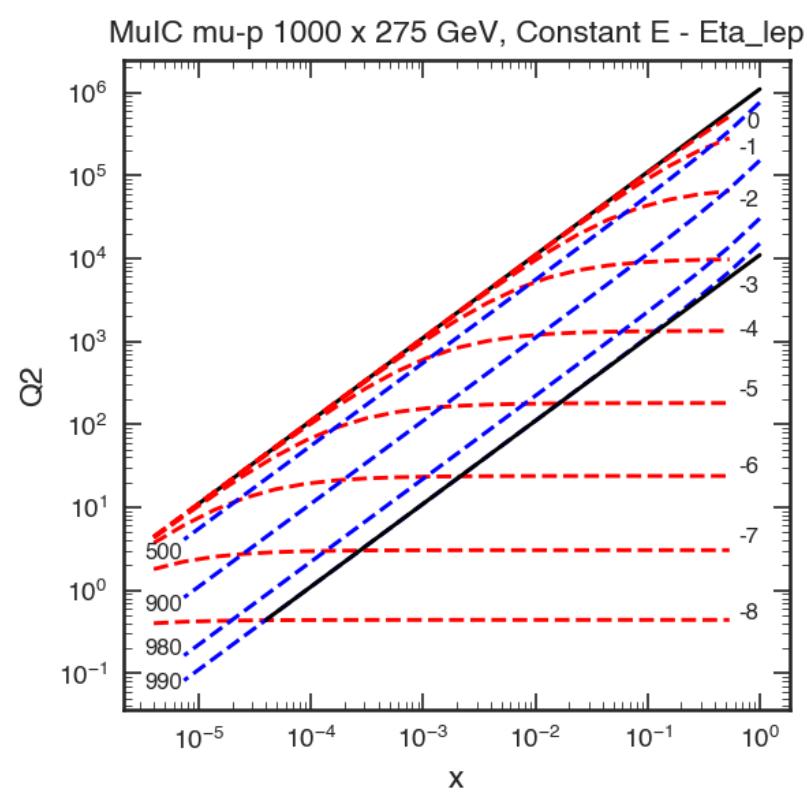
DIS Evolution and Physics Landscape



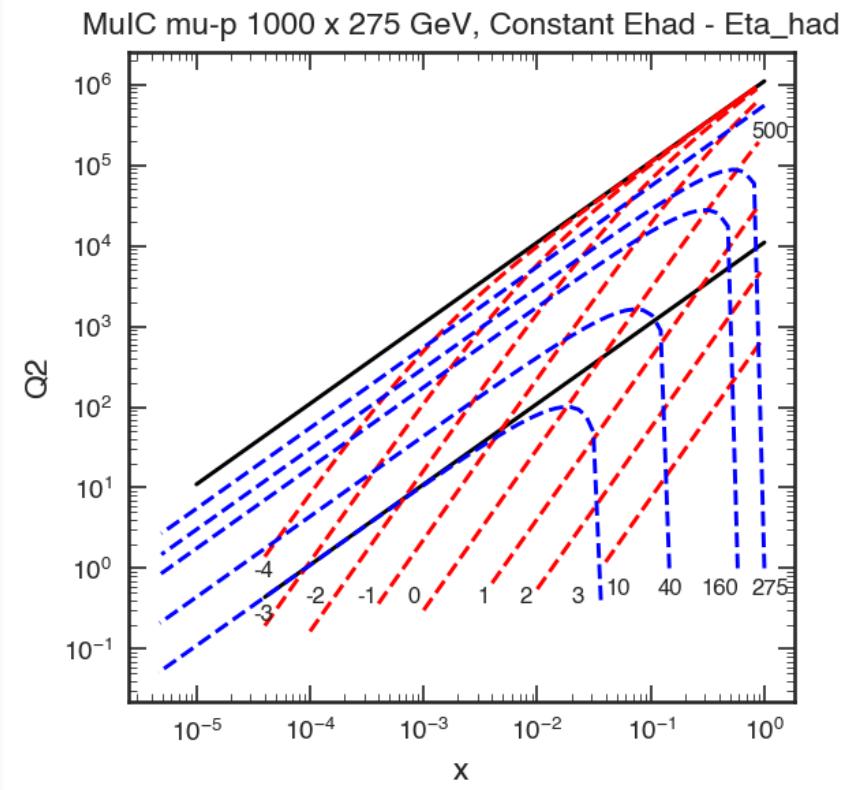
Kinematics



- Scattered muon



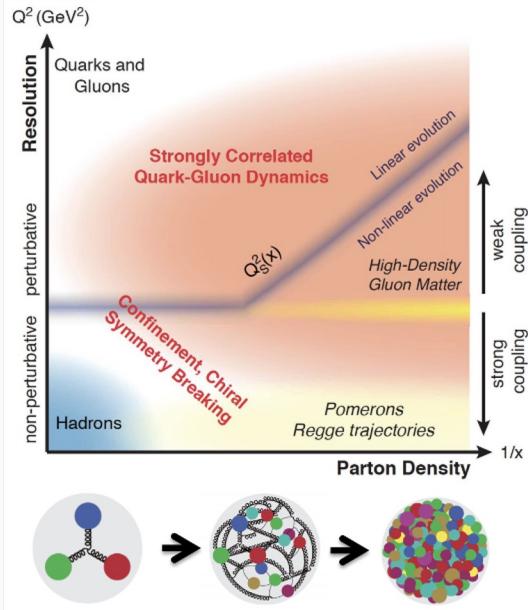
- Scattered jet



Nuclear Physics at the MuIC

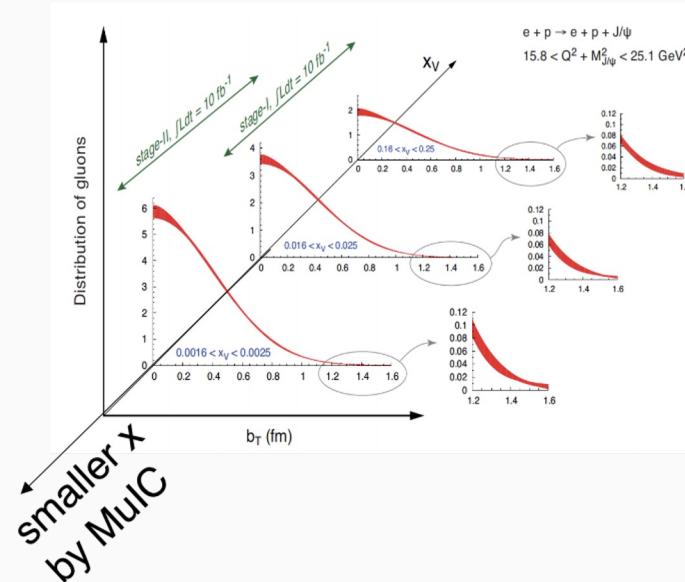


Gluon saturation



What's the property of high-density gluon matter

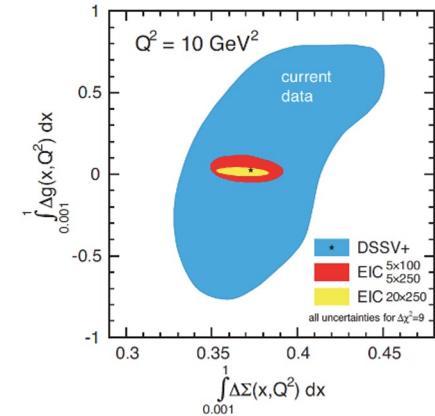
3D Nucleon structure



Nucleon spin puzzle

"Helicity sum rule"

$$\frac{1}{2}\hbar = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + \sum \underbrace{L_q^z}_{\text{quark contribution}} + \underbrace{L_g^z}_{\text{gluon contribution}} + \sum \underbrace{L_{q,g}^z}_{\text{orbital angular momentum}}$$

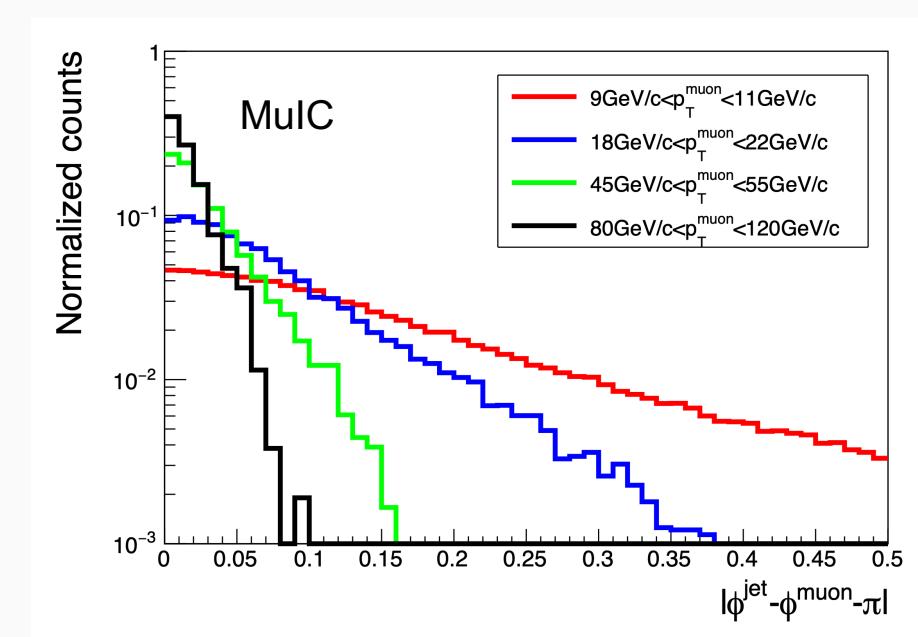
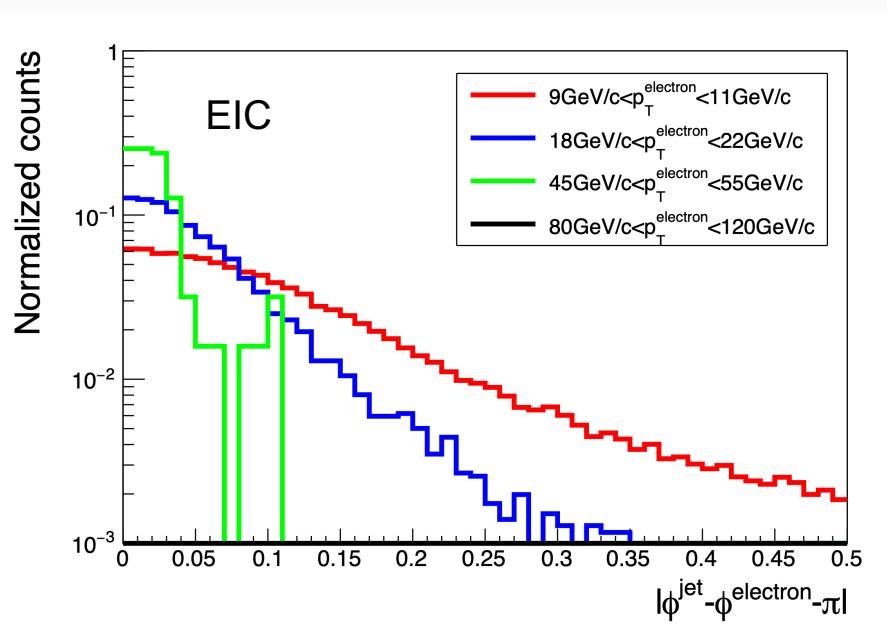


MuIC to reach $x \sim 10^{-5}$

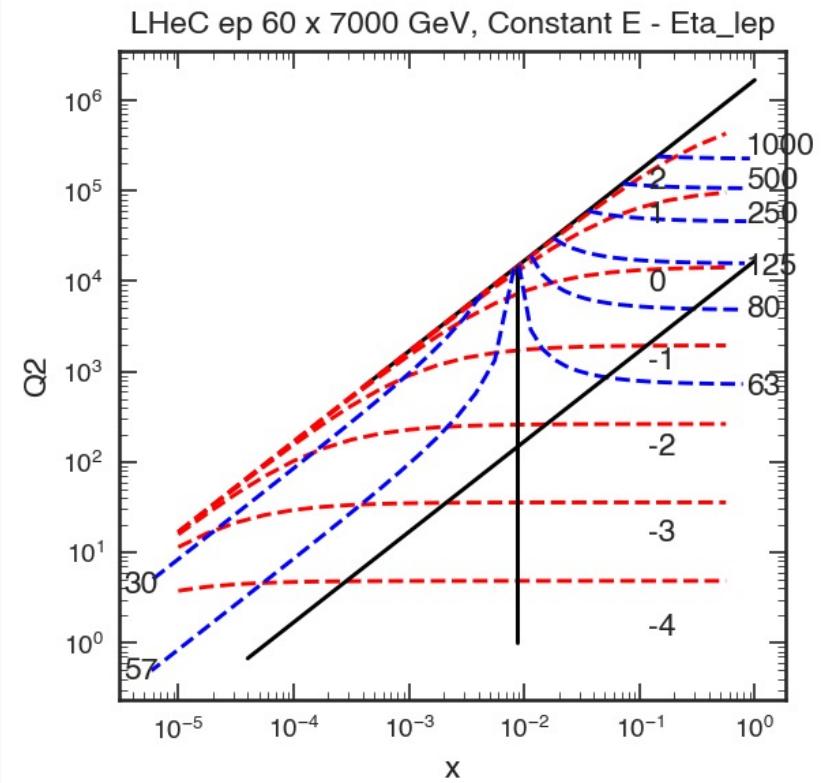
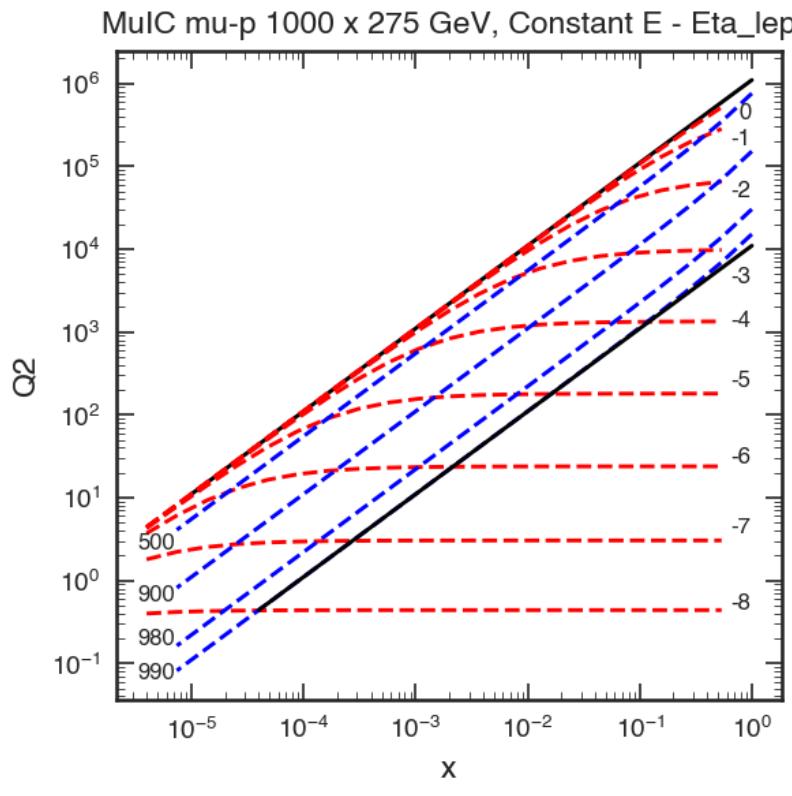
Nuclear Physics: Decorrelation of Mu-Jet Final State



- Promising observable to probe the dense gluonic medium inside a heavy nucleus, and the possible gluon saturation effect is the **decorrelation in azimuth from back-to-back of the muon-jet system**

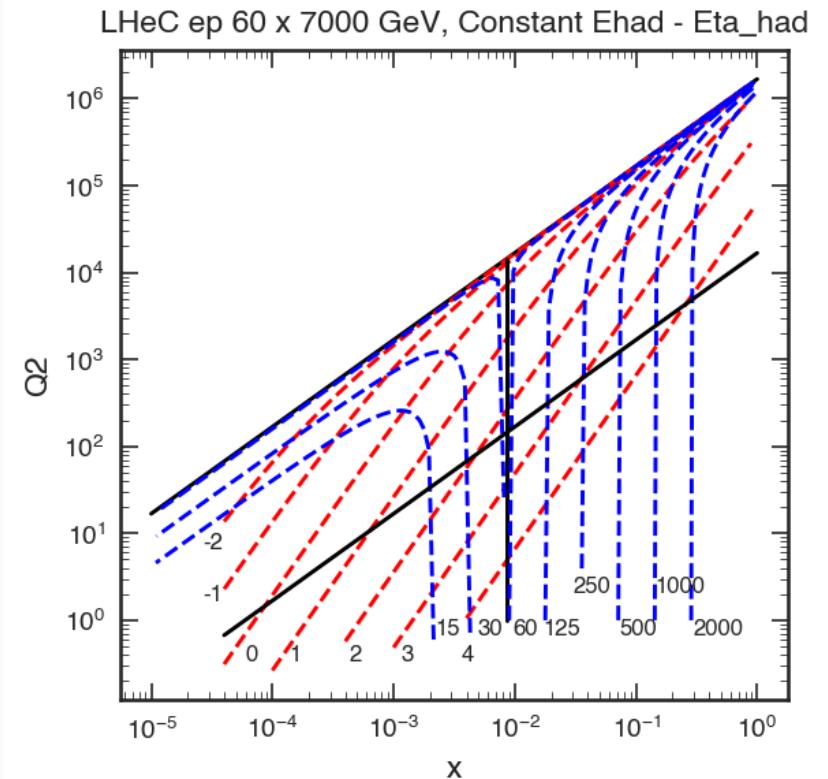
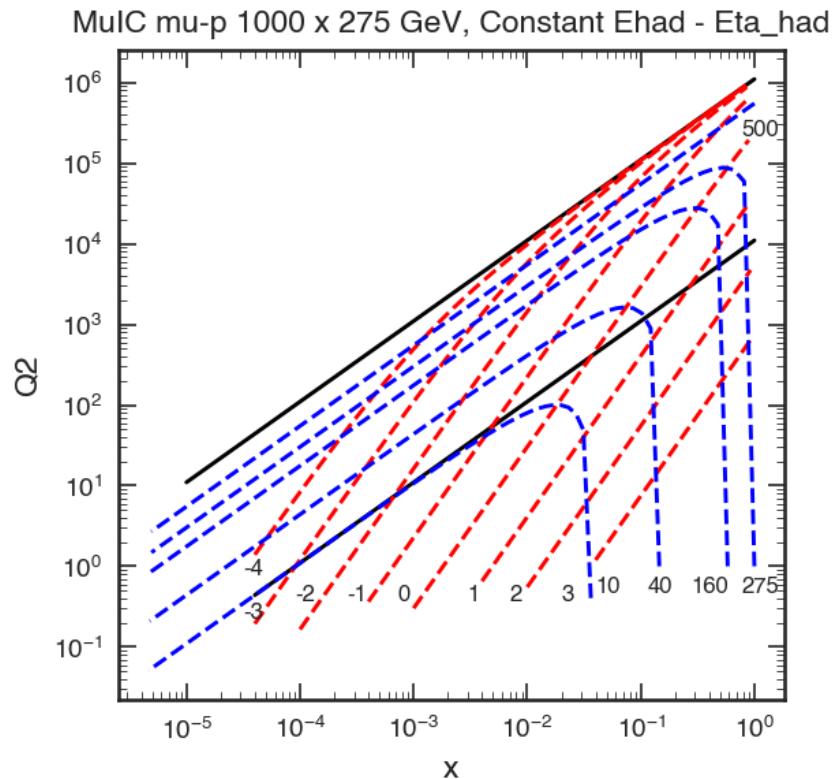


Lepton DIS Kinematics of MuIC Compared to LHeC^N



- Much higher scattered muon energy and higher $|\eta|$ at MuIC

Hadron DIS Kinematics of MuIC Compared to LHeC^N

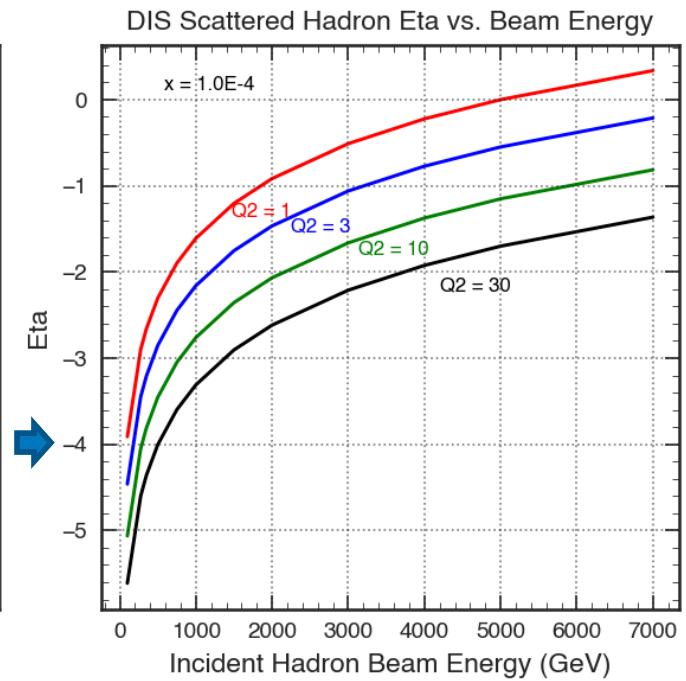
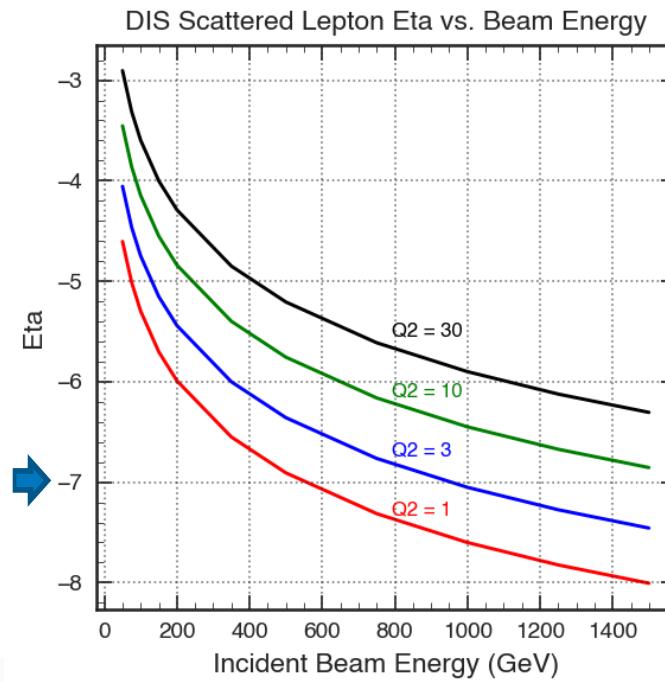
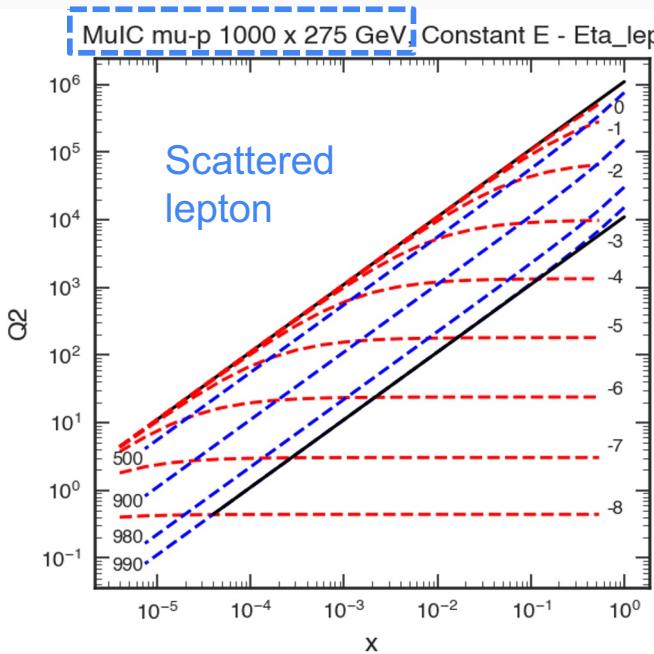


- Hadron system peaks more in proton direction and lower energy at low x for LHeC

DIS Scattering Kinematics at a μ - p Collider



- The scattered muon is in the far backward (downstream muon) direction
- Hadronic system is more central, but toward muon beam direction



DIS Resolution Studies

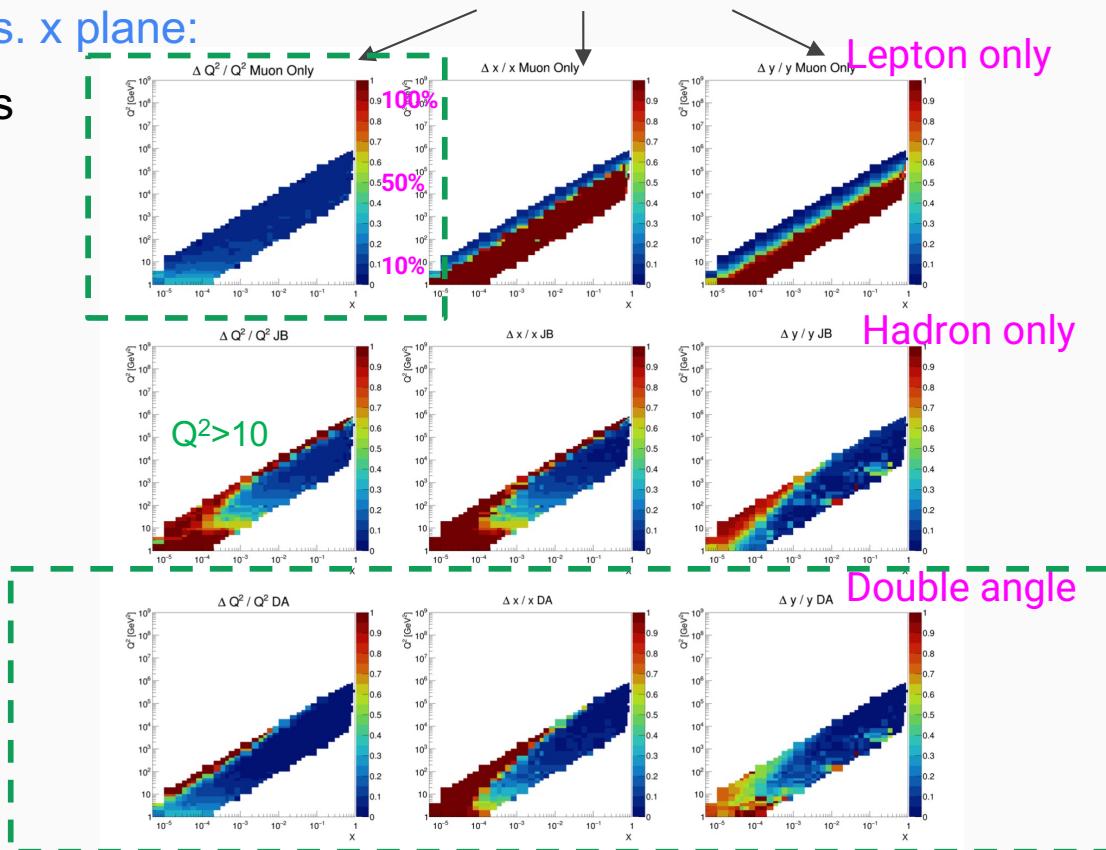


Resolutions of reconstructed Q^2 , x and y with 3 methods

Q^2 vs. x plane:

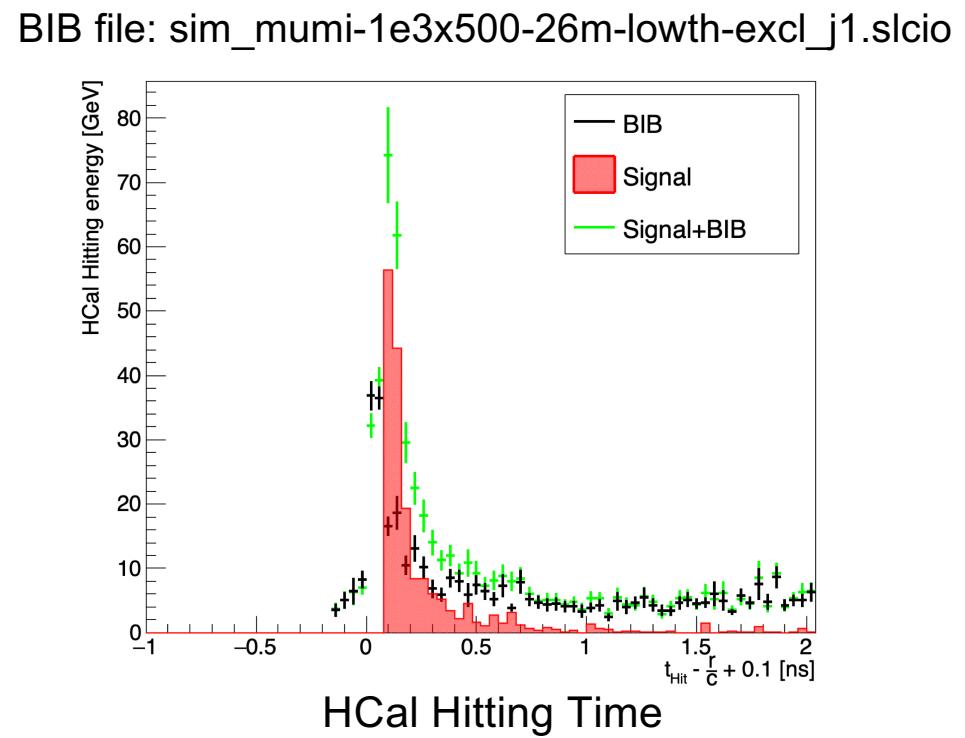
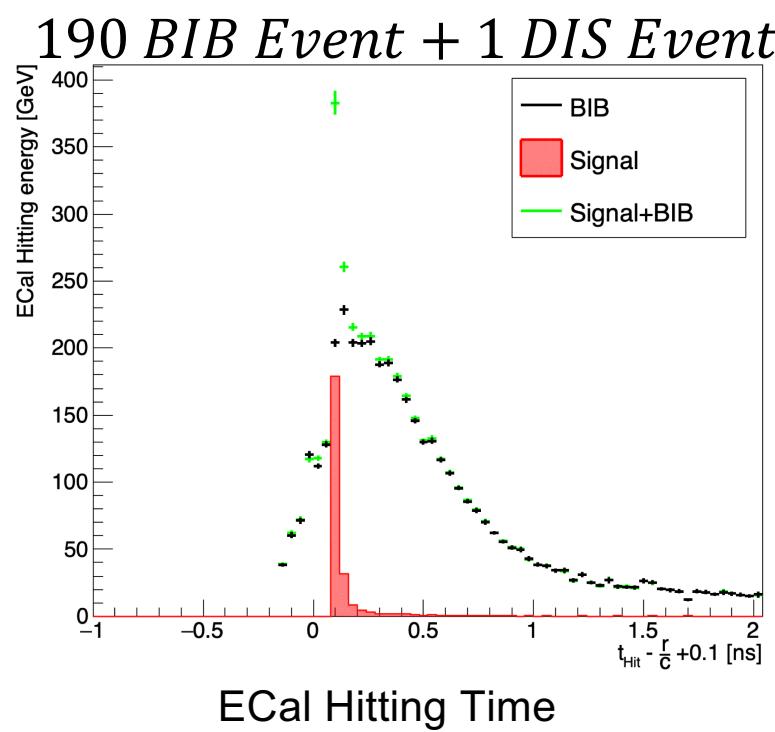
Simple assumptions of detector resolutions
to smear particles from PYTHIA 8

Particle	Detector	Resolution	
		$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p}$ or $\frac{\sigma(E)}{E}$	$\sigma(\eta, \varphi)$
(Forward) Muons	e.g., MPGD	$0.01\% p \oplus 1\%$	0.2×10^{-3}
Charged particles ($\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/\bar{p}, e^\pm$)	Tracker + PID	$0.1\% p \oplus 1\%$	$\left(\frac{2}{p} \oplus 0.2\right) \times 10^{-3}$
Photons	EM Calorimeter	$\frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 2\%$	$\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$
Neutral hadrons (n, K_L^0)	Hadronic Calorimeter	$\frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$	$\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$



- Muons: 10% at 1 TeV, $\eta > -7$
- Hadrons: $-4 < \eta < 2.4$ (shielding)

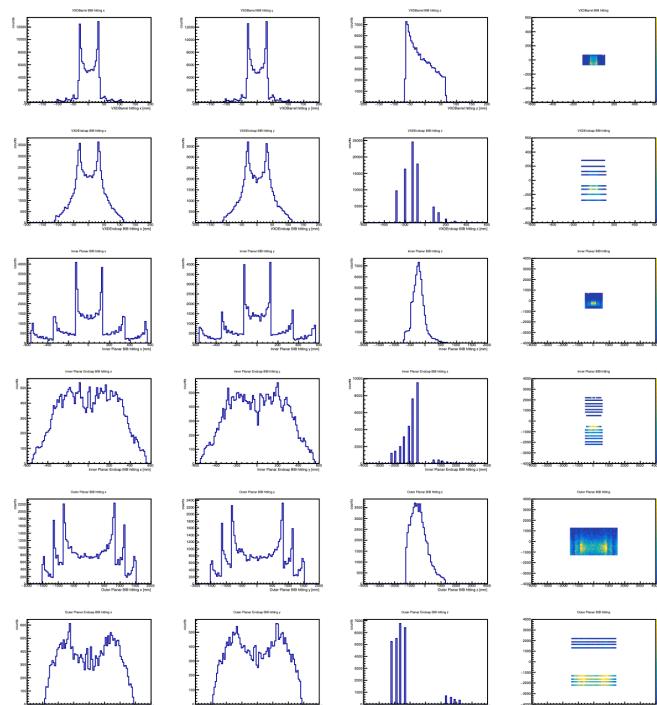
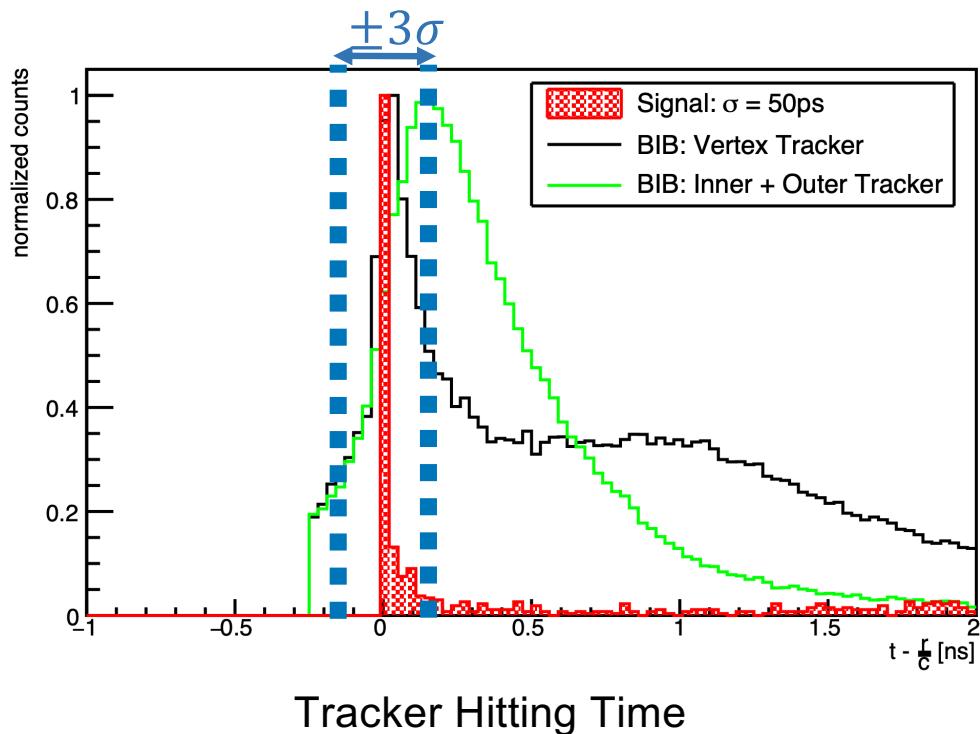
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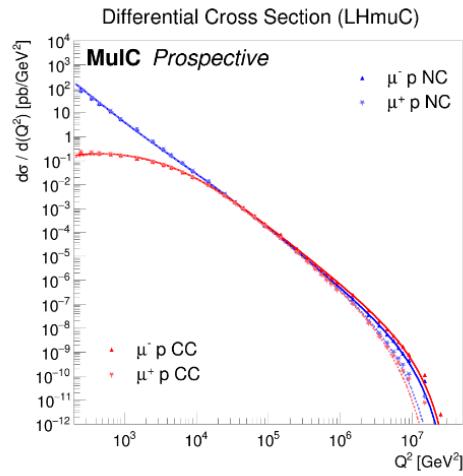
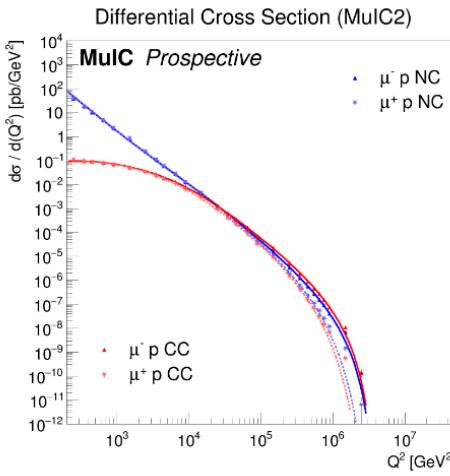
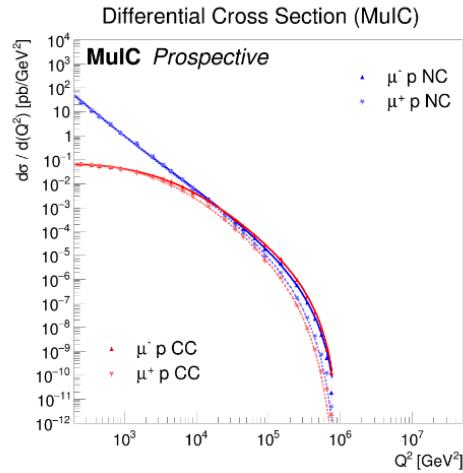
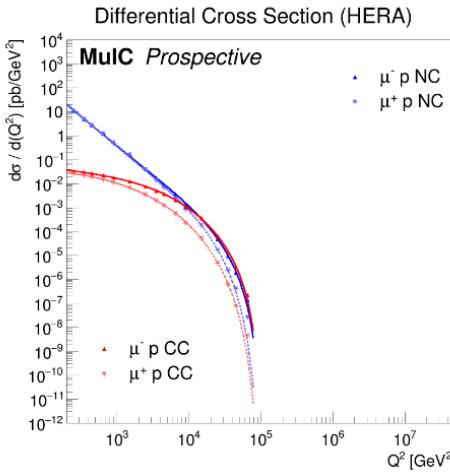
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190 BIB Event + 1 DIS Event

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DIS Differential Cross Sections in Q^2



Higgs Boson Cross Sections at MuIC



TABLE XII. Cross sections, in fb, for 125 GeV Higgs boson production in $\mu^- p$ scattering. The μ^- beam energy is 960 GeV and the proton beam energy is 275 GeV. P is the polarization of the muon beam.

	P = -40%	P = -20%	P = -10%	P = 0 %	P = 10%	P = 20%	P = 40%	P = 100%
σ_{CC}	91.1	78.2	71.7	65.1	58.8	52.1	39.0	0
σ_{NC}	12.6	12.1	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.1	10.5	8.9
σ_{tH}	0.0224	0.0187	0.0174	0.0158	0.0139	0.0128	0.0096	0
total	103.7	90.3	83.6	76.7	70.2	63.2	49.5	8.9

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	P = 40%	P = 20%	P = 10%	P = 0 %	P = -10%	P = -20%	P = -40%	P = -100%
σ_{CC}	45.0	38.2	35.6	32.1	28.9	25.6	19.2	0
σ_{NC}	12.4	12.0	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.0	10.6	9.1
σ_{tH}	0.0220	0.0190	0.0173	0.0157	0.0142	0.0127	0.0093	0
total	57.4	50.2	47.3	43.7	40.2	36.6	29.8	9.1

W Boson Cross Sections at MuIC



TABLE VIII. Cross sections for the $W^+\mu^-$ process in μ^-p collisions for different beam energy configurations and with different cutoffs on the scattered muon p_T . The listed cross sections are in pb, with scale uncertainties and PDF $\oplus\alpha_s$ uncertainties. The μ^- beam energy is unpolarized in all cases.

$E_\mu \times E_p$ (TeV 2)	Inclusive	$p_T^\ell > 1$ GeV	$p_T^\ell > 2$ GeV	$p_T^\ell > 5$ GeV
0.96×0.275	$8.93^{+1.0\%}_{-1.2\%}{}^{+0.7\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$2.29^{+2.4\%}_{-2.5\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$1.86^{+2.6\%}_{-2.7\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$1.32^{+3.2\%}_{-3.1\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$
0.96×0.96	$22.4^{+1.2\%}_{-1.7\%}{}^{+0.7\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$6.19^{+0\%}_{-0.4\%}{}^{+0.7\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$5.13^{+0\%}_{-0.3\%}{}^{+0.7\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$3.77^{+0.4\%}_{-0.7\%}{}^{+0.7\%}_{-0.7\%}$
1.5×7	$90.1^{+6.0\%}_{-6.7\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$27.4^{+4.6\%}_{-5.3\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$23.1^{+4.3\%}_{-5.0\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$17.6^{+4.0\%}_{-4.6\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$
1.5×13.5	$124^{+7.4\%}_{-8.0\%}{}^{+1.1\%}_{-1.1\%}$	$38.7^{+5.9\%}_{-6.5\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$32.6^{+5.6\%}_{-6.3\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$25.0^{+5.2\%}_{-5.9\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$
1.5×20	$150^{+8.1\%}_{-8.8\%}{}^{+1.1\%}_{-1.1\%}$	$47.0^{+6.6\%}_{-7.3\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$40.0^{+6.4\%}_{-7.0\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$30.6^{+5.9\%}_{-6.5\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$
1.5×50	$225^{+9.9\%}_{-10\%}{}^{+1.3\%}_{-1.3\%}$	$72.8^{+8.4\%}_{-8.9\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$61.7^{+8.2\%}_{-8.7\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$47.8^{+7.7\%}_{-8.2\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$

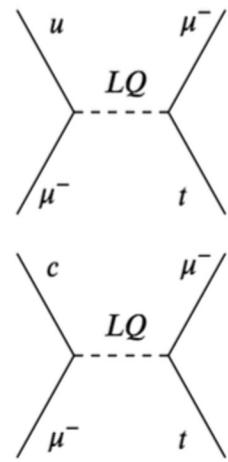
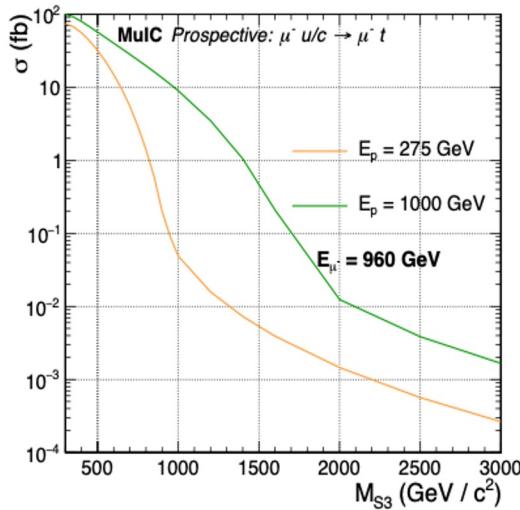
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0.96×0.96	$21.2^{+1.7\%}_{-2.3\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$5.76^{+0.7\%}_{-1.4\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$4.79^{+0.6\%}_{-1.2\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$3.57^{+0.2\%}_{-0.7\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$
1.5×7	$86.7^{+6.7\%}_{-7.4\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$26.8^{+5.5\%}_{-6.3\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$22.8^{+5.4\%}_{-6.1\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$17.8^{+5.0\%}_{-5.7\%}{}^{+0.8\%}_{-0.8\%}$
1.5×13.5	$121^{+7.9\%}_{-8.6\%}{}^{+1.1\%}_{-1.1\%}$	$38.3^{+6.8\%}_{-7.6\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$32.6^{+6.6\%}_{-7.4\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$25.6^{+6.2\%}_{-6.9\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$
1.5×20	$145^{+8.6\%}_{-9.3\%}{}^{+1.2\%}_{-1.2\%}$	$47.0^{+7.4\%}_{-8.2\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$40.1^{+7.4\%}_{-8.1\%}{}^{+1.0\%}_{-1.0\%}$	$31.6^{+7.0\%}_{-7.7\%}{}^{+0.9\%}_{-0.9\%}$
1.5×50	$221^{+11\%}_{-11\%}{}^{+1.4\%}_{-1.4\%}$	$73.6^{+9.3\%}_{-9.9\%}{}^{+1.1\%}_{-1.1\%}$	$63.3^{+9.0\%}_{-9.7\%}{}^{+1.1\%}_{-1.1\%}$	$50.3^{+8.6\%}_{-9.3\%}{}^{+1.2\%}_{-1.1\%}$

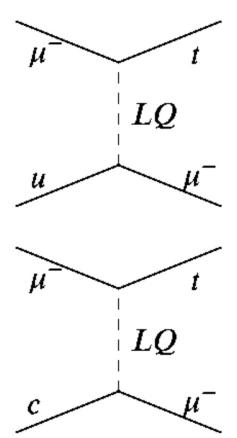
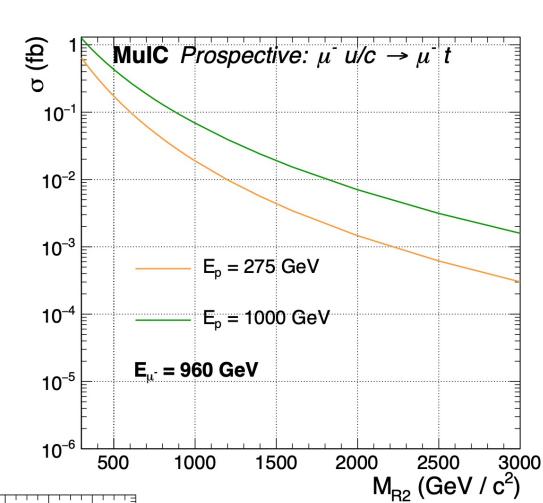
TABLE VI. Cross sections for the $W^-\nu_\mu$ process in μ^-p collisions for different beam energy configurations. The μ^- beam energy is unpolarized in all cases.

$E_\mu \times E_p$ (TeV 2)	σ (pb)	Scale unc.	PDF $\oplus\alpha_s$ unc.
0.96×0.275	1.80	$+2.8\%$ -5.6%	$+1.4\%$ -1.4%
0.96×0.96	7.47	$+7.9\%$ -11%	$+1.4\%$ -1.4%
1.5×7	52.8	$+15\%$ -17%	$+1.3\%$ -1.3%
1.5×13.5	79.8	$+16\%$ -18%	$+1.2\%$ -1.2%
1.5×20	100	$+17\%$ -19%	$+1.2\%$ -1.2%
1.5×50	167	$+19\%$ -20%	$+1.2\%$ -1.2%

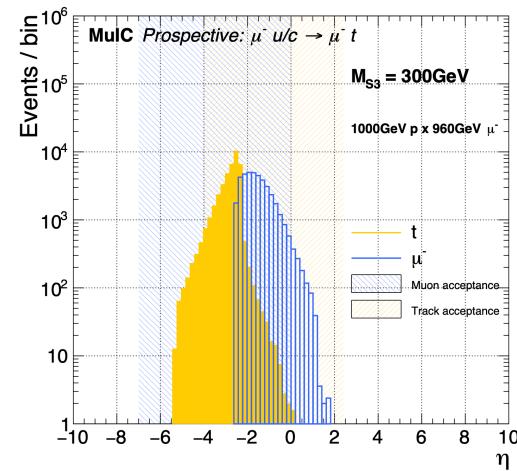
Leptoquark Production with Top



- s-channel S3 LQ production to $\mu+t$
 - Final state muon in central region of detector



- t-channel R2 LQ production to $\mu+t$



Potential limits still to be worked out

Future MuIC Workshop



- We plan to organize a workshop on the topic of MuIC later in 2023 at Rice University (secured some funding from the university)
- Aim to bring experimentalists, theorists, accelerator physicists from the HEP and NP communities together to discuss key issues in developing the muon-ion collider concept, as well as associated technologies
 - Synergistic with further muon collider discussions ?