

# A Muon-Ion Collider at BNL

The future QCD frontier and path to a new energy frontier of  $\mu^+\mu^-$  colliders

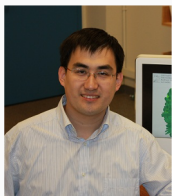
[arXiv:2107.02073](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.02073)

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# Who we are



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Many examples of successful synergies between HEP and NP in CMS in physics measurements, detector design, operations and upgrades

We like chatting about the future of each other’s field and looking for opportunities to collaborate

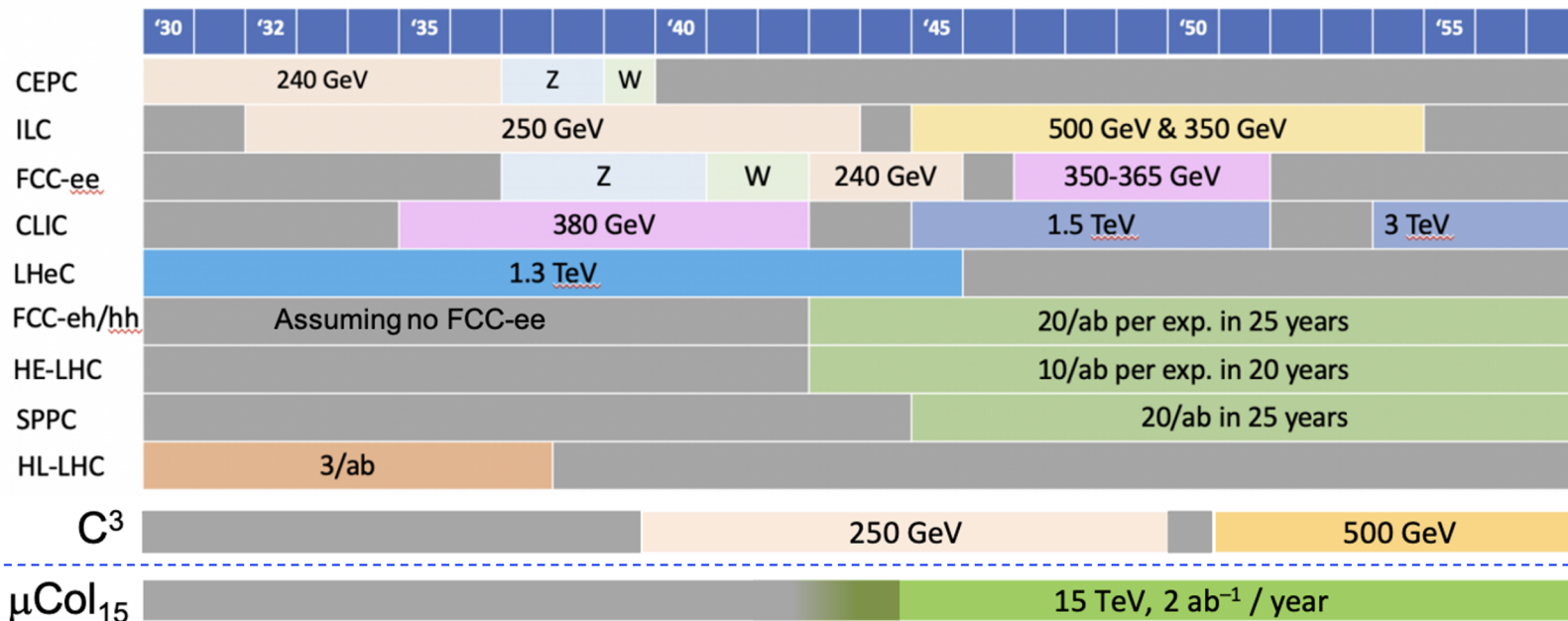
n.b. Neither of us is an accelerator expert, not to mention muon colliders...

# Future of HEP energy frontier



- What would be an optimal and realistic path forward?
- Can US play a role in hosting future colliders?

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Growing interests in muon colliders!

# An Energy Frontier Muon Collider

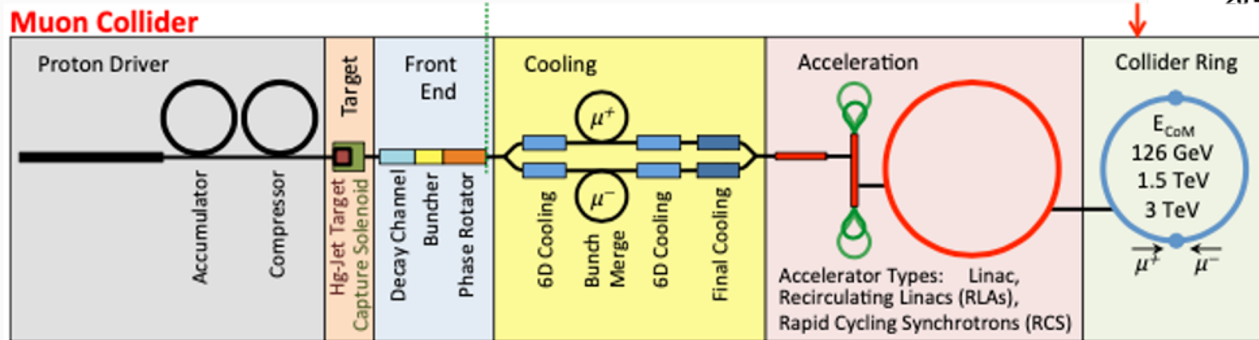
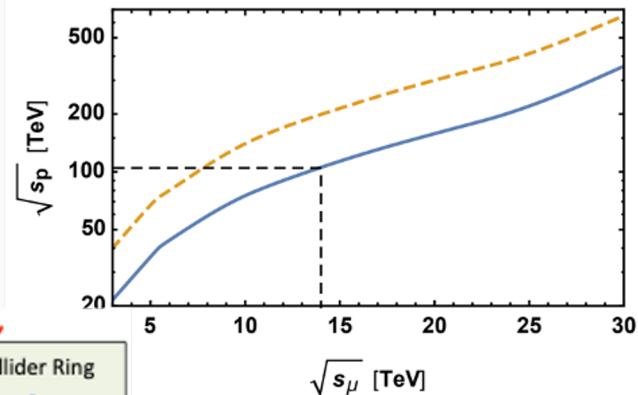


A more compact and innovative facility to incorporate the advantages of a high precision lepton collider and an energy frontier machine

[IMC: arXiv:1901.06150](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.06150)

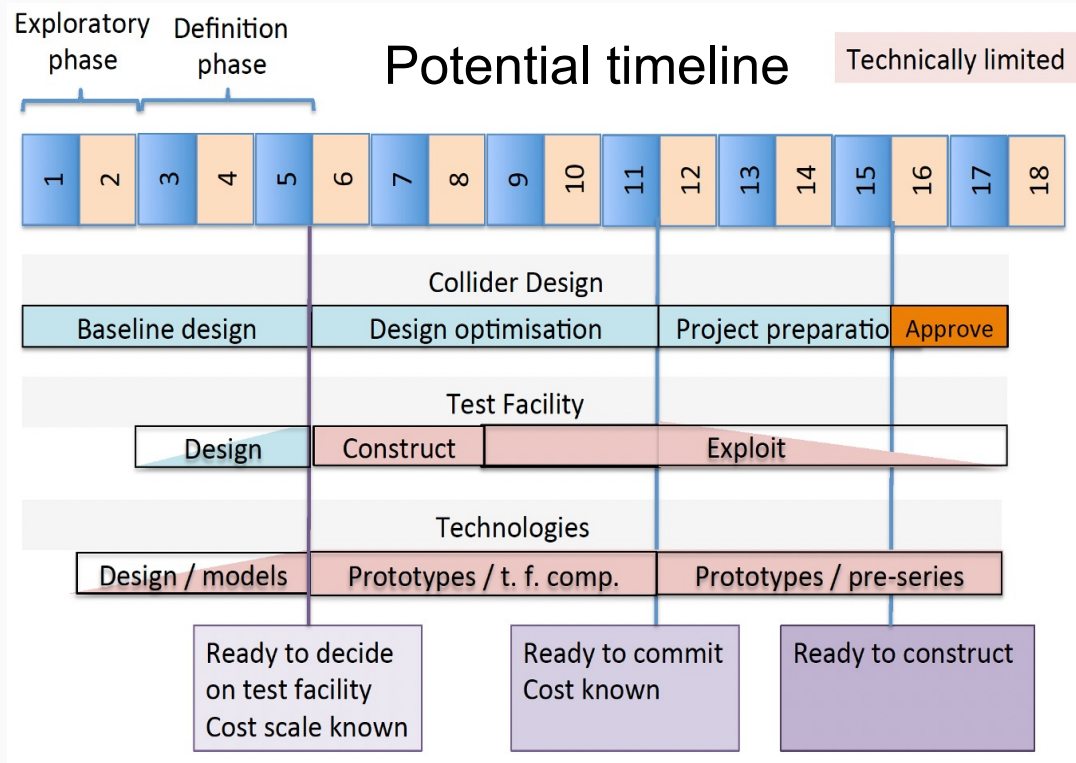
An  $O(10)$  TeV muon collider has the equivalent mass reach to an  $O(100)$  TeV proton collider

But much R&D still to do...



Muon Accelerator Program (2011-2016)



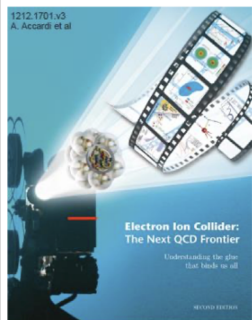


Before reaching O(10+) TeV, a demonstrator is with compelling science program:

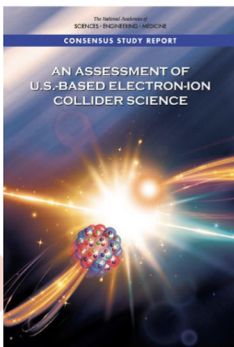
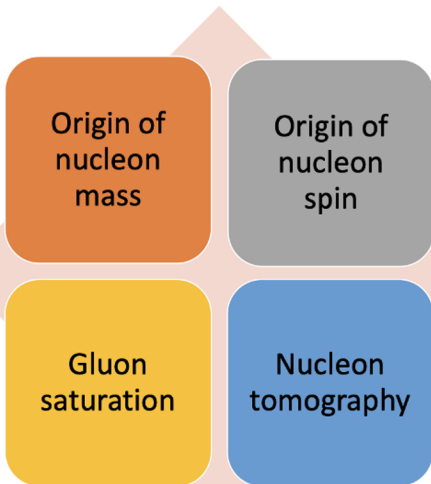
- IMCC is focusing on a design of 3 TeV  $\mu^+\mu^-$  as its next step
- Higgs factory?
- Muon-Ion Collider?

~ 15 years to fully develop the technology

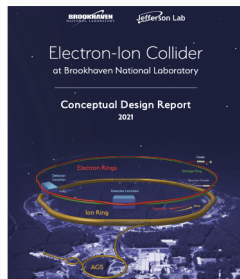
## Electron-Ion Collider at BNL (2030-) – a new QCD frontier (CD-1, funded by DOE-NP)



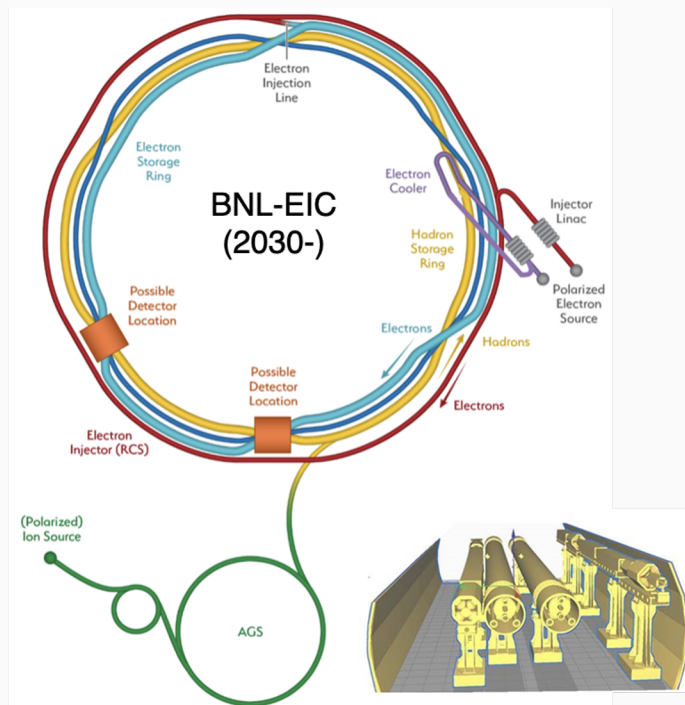
White paper  
arXiv:1212.1701



NAS report  
July 2018



CDR 2021



first conceived in late 90s

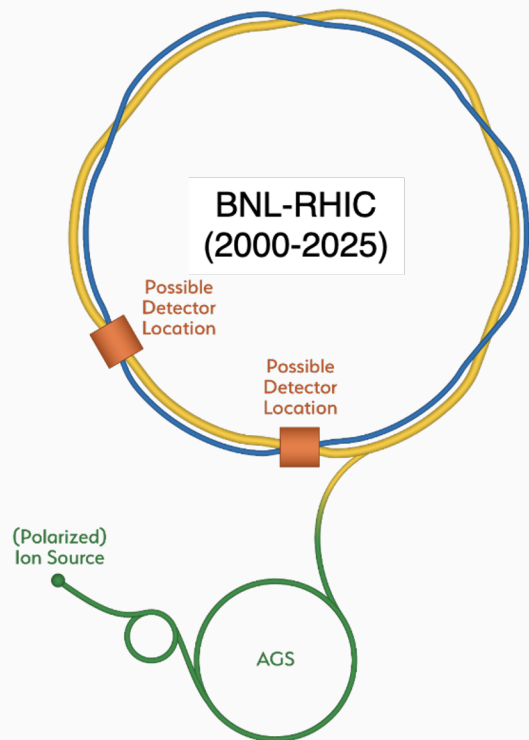
Time to think: **What's after EIC?**

ep, eA (any ion in periodic table) up to 140 GeV;  
Polarized e, p,  $^3\text{He}$  beams (70% polarization)

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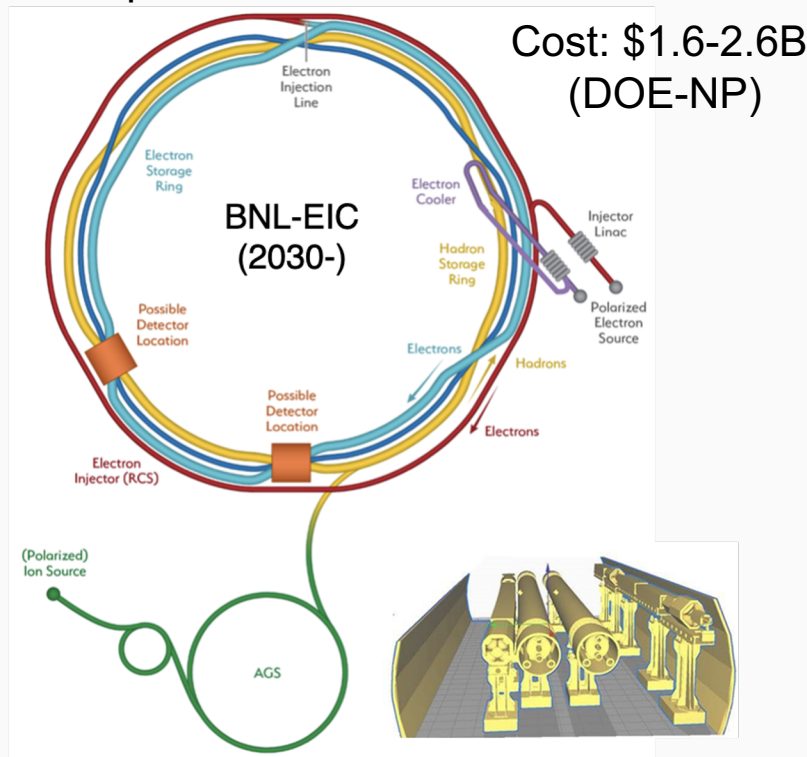
pp, pA, AA up to 500 GeV



upgrade

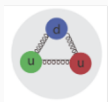


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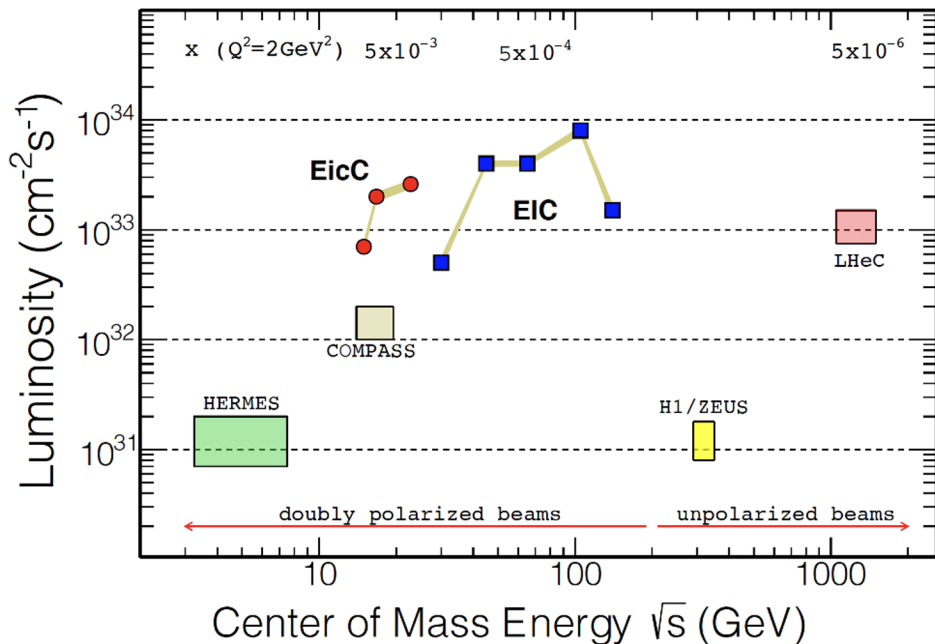


Re-using existing facility & infrastructure is key to the realization of EIC

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→ Gluon saturation



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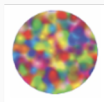
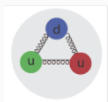
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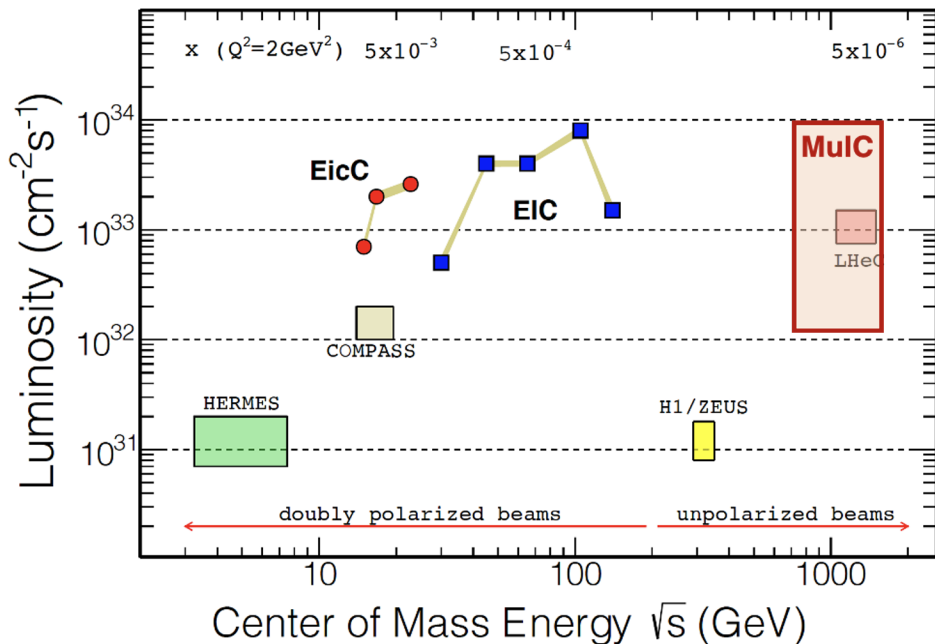
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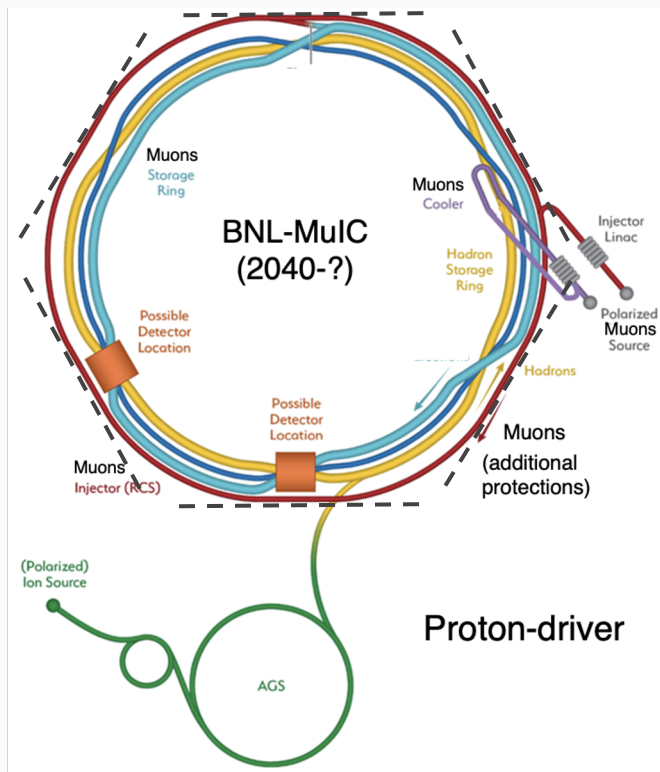
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(eps. with polarized muons)

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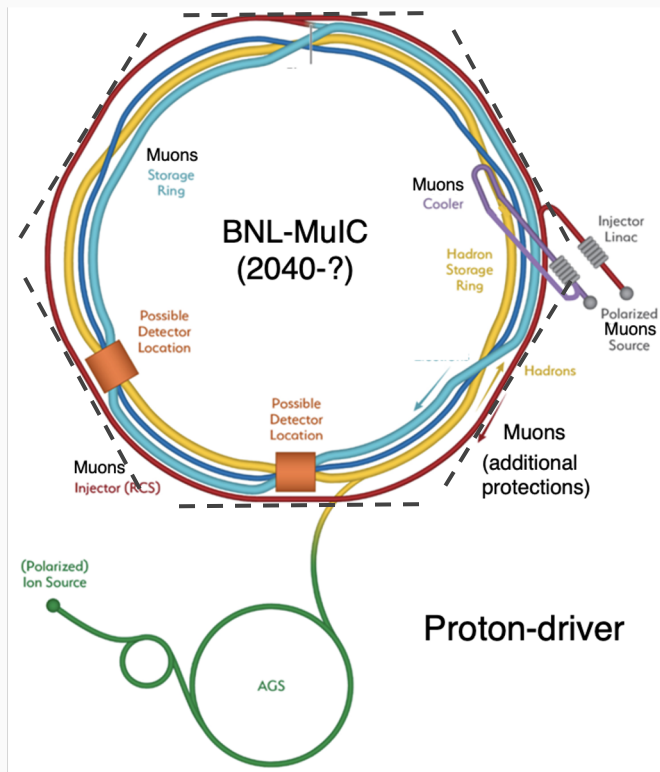
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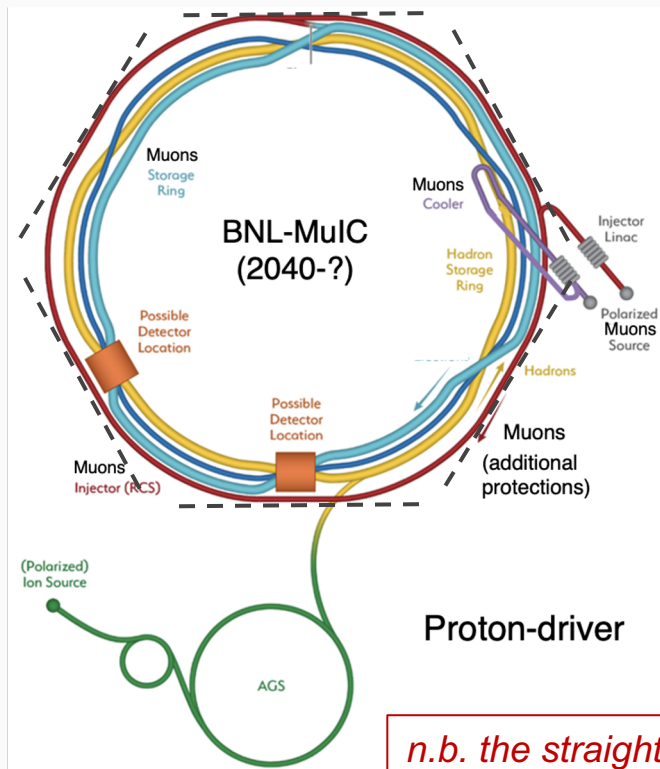
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*n.b. the straight sections would provide collimated beams of neutrinos as well*

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Luminosity estimate:

$$f_c^\mu = f_{\text{rep}} * N_c$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu p} = \frac{N^\mu N^p}{4\pi \max[\sigma_x^\mu, \sigma_x^p] \max[\sigma_y^\mu, \sigma_y^p]} \min[f_c^\mu, f_c^p] H_{hg}$$

arXiv:1905.05564

| Parameter  | Muon         | Proton |
|--|--------------|--------|
| Energy (TeV)   | 0.96         | 0.275  |
| CoM energy (TeV)   | 1.03         |        |
| Bunch intensity (10 <sup>11</sup> )                              | 20           | 3      |
| Norm. emittance, $\epsilon_{x,y}$ (μm)                           | 25           | 0.2    |
| $\beta^*_{x,y}$ @IP (cm)   | 1            | 5      |
| Trans. RMS beam size, $\sigma_{x,y}$ (μm)                        | 5.2          | 5.8    |
| Muon repetition rate, $f_{\text{rep}}$ (Hz)                      | 15           |        |
| Cycles/Collisions per muon bunch, $N_c$                          | 3279 (~300B) |        |
| $L_{\mu p}$ (10 <sup>33</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | 7            |        |

Muon beam (MAP):

arXiv:1901.06150

Table 1: Main parameters of the proton driver muon facilities

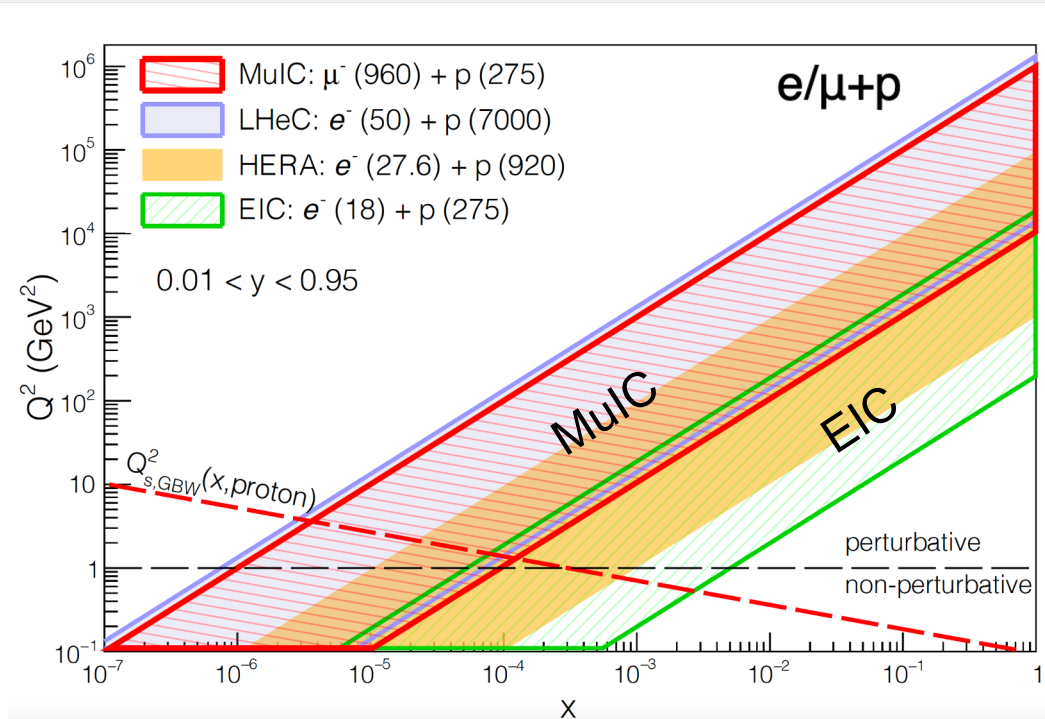
| Parameter                                      | Units   | Higgs  | Multi-TeV |         |         |
|--|---|--------|-----------|---------|---------|
| CoM Energy                                     | TeV   | 0.126  | 1.5       | 3.0     | 6.0     |
| Avg. Luminosity                                | 10 <sup>34</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> | 0.008  | 1.25      | 4.4     | 12      |
| Beam Energy Spread                             | %   | 0.004  | 0.1       | 0.1     | 0.1     |
| Higgs Production/10 <sup>7</sup> sec           |   | 13'500 | 37'500    | 200'000 | 820'000 |
| Circumference                                  | km  | 0.3    | 2.5       | 4.5     | 6       |
| No. of IP's                                    |   | 1      | 2         | 2       | 2       |
| Repetition Rate                                | Hz  | 15     | 15        | 12      | 6       |
| $\beta^*_{x,y}$                                | cm  | 1.7    | 1         | 0.5     | 0.25    |
| No. muons/bunch                                | 10 <sup>12</sup>                                  | 4      | 2         | 2       | 2       |
| Norm. Trans. Emittance, $\epsilon_{\text{TN}}$ | μm-rad  | 200    | 25        | 25      | 25      |
| Norm. Long. Emittance, $\epsilon_{\text{LN}}$  | μm-rad  | 1.5    | 70        | 70      | 70      |
| Bunch Length, $\sigma_s$                       | cm  | 6.3    | 1         | 0.5     | 0.2     |
| Proton Driver Power                            | MW  | 4      | 4         | 4       | 1.6     |
| Wall Plug Power                                | MW  | 200    | 216       | 230     | 270     |

Polarized proton beam from eRHIC/EIC

arXiv:1409.1633

Peak possible luminosity:  $\sim 7 \times 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , but staging from lower luminosity and energy is still compelling and typical for a new collider.

# Science potential at the MuIC

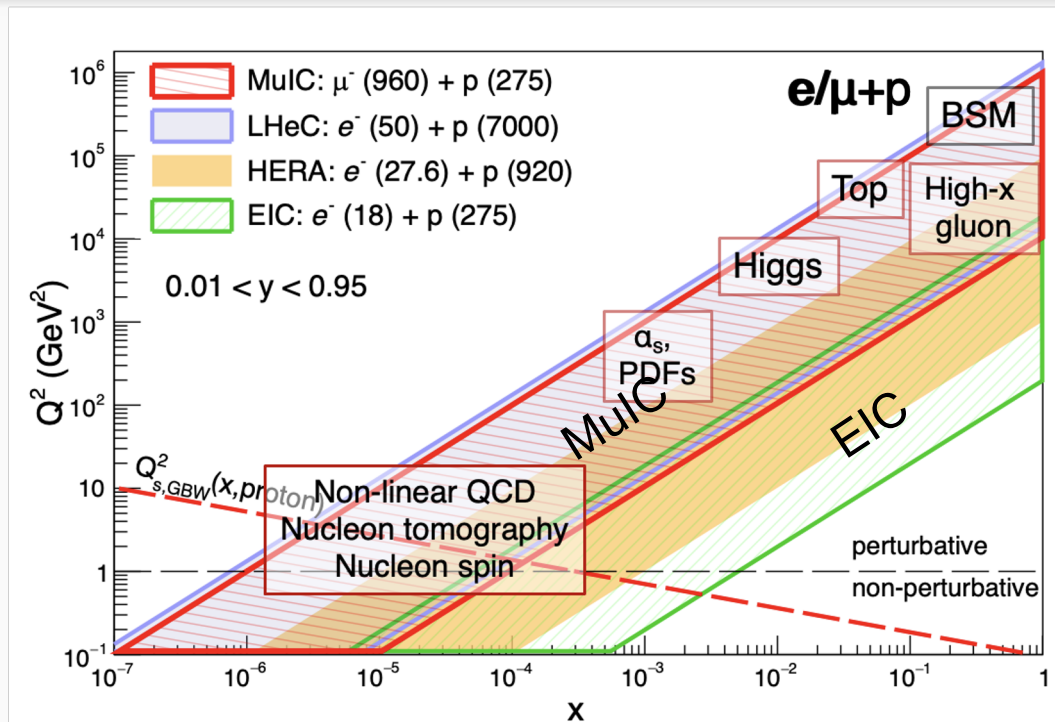


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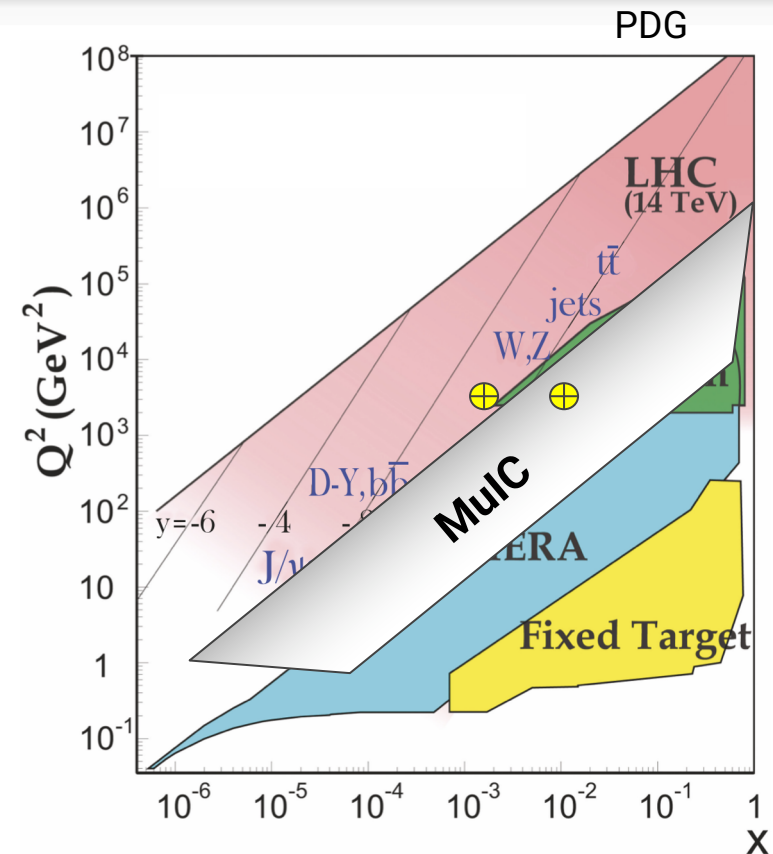
Rich physics in  
NP and HEP!

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LHC data also can be used to extract parton densities from Drell-Yan, W, jet, and top production measurements

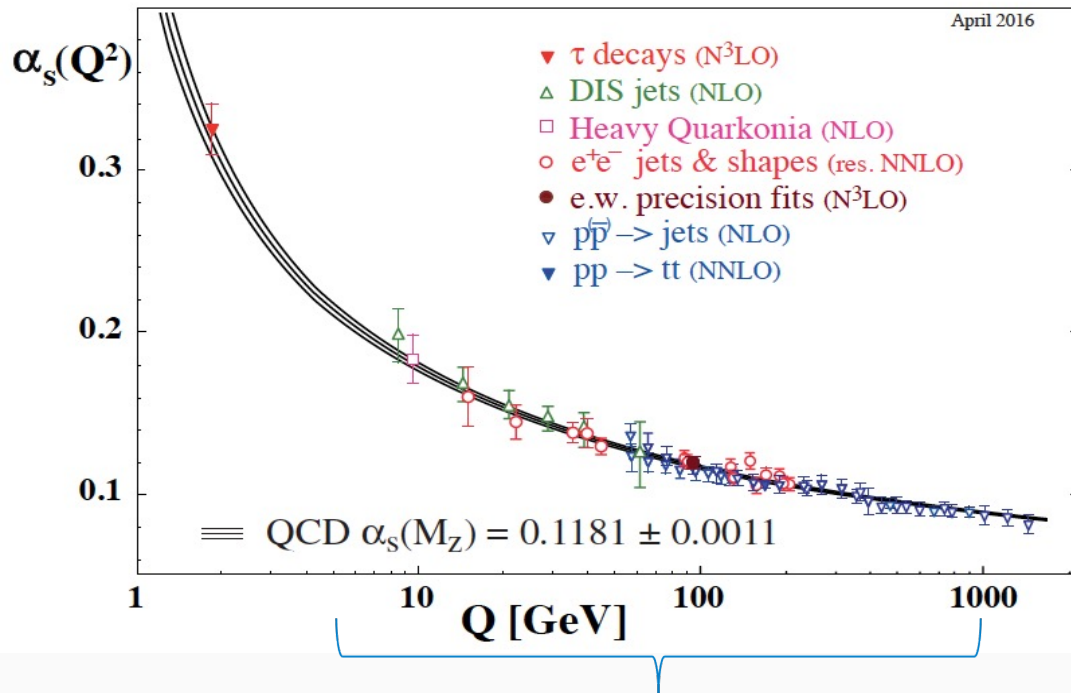
- But it's a bit circular when also trying to measure those cross sections...
- Also convoluted with QCD effects and quark flavor

DIS measurements can more cleanly decouple quark flavor and QCD effects

The MuIC also can directly probe parton densities at the scale for Higgs production at the (HL)LHC and for a future 100 TeV FCChh

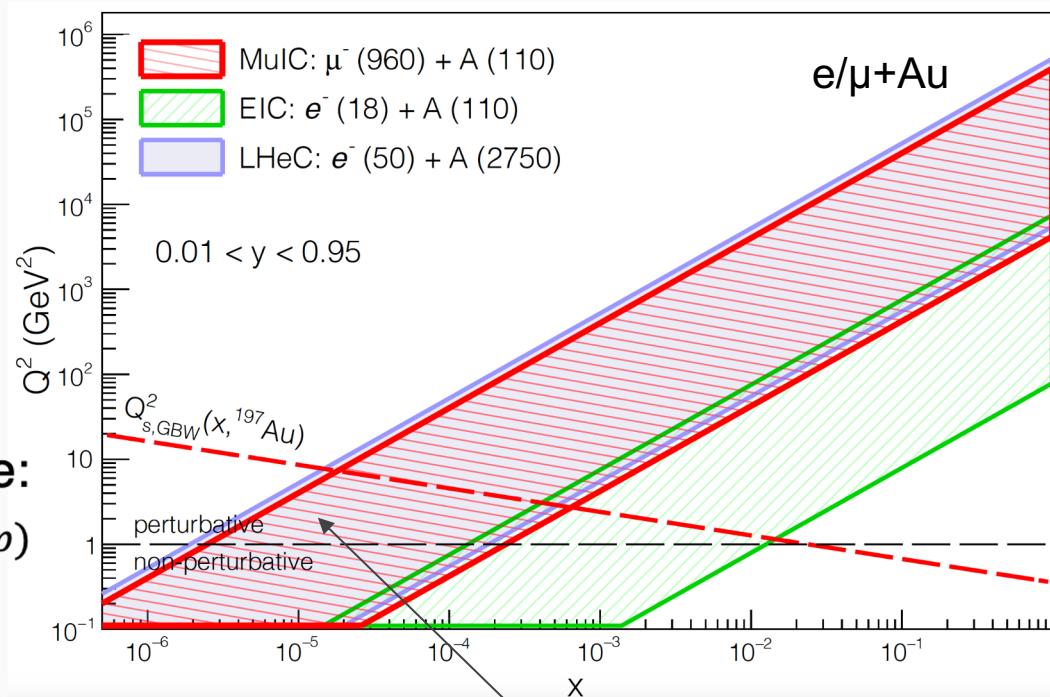
- Less reliant on fit extrapolation  $\rightarrow$  smaller uncertainties on cross sections ( $< \sim 1\%$ )
- Useful input for an FCChh program
  - As HERA was for the LHC

# QCD and the Running of $\alpha_s$

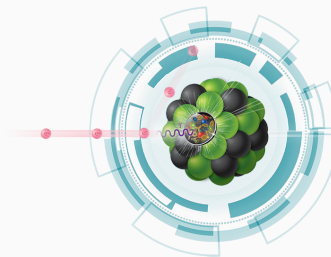


- Measurements can span an even broader range to measure  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  in a **single experiment**
  - Both from QCD evolution fits to structure function data, and from DIS multijet rate measurements
  - Removes some inter-experiment systematics

# Science potential at the MuIC



Lepton-ion mode



Saturation scale:

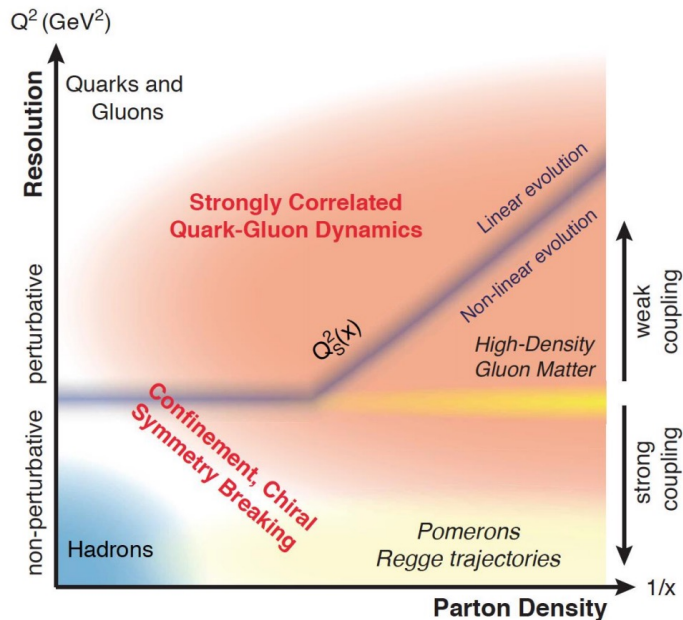
$$Q_s^2(A) = A^{1/3} Q_s^2(p)$$

While the EIC approaches the saturation regime, the MuIC will bring us well into the it to fully explore the non-linear QCD, saturation phenomena

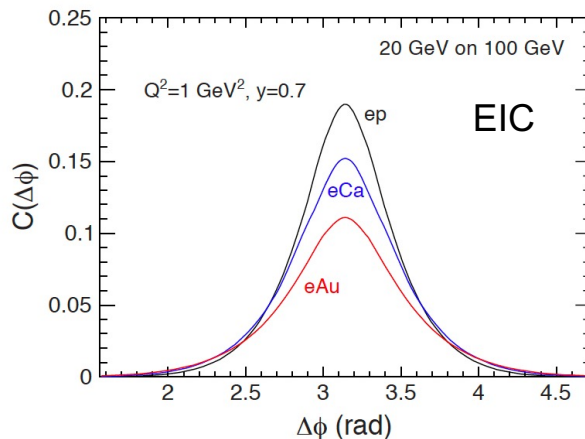
In particular, MuIC can scan a wide range of ion species

## The nucleus: a lab for QCD many-body systems

- Collective behavior of dense gluonic matter
- Propagation of color charges in a nuclear medium



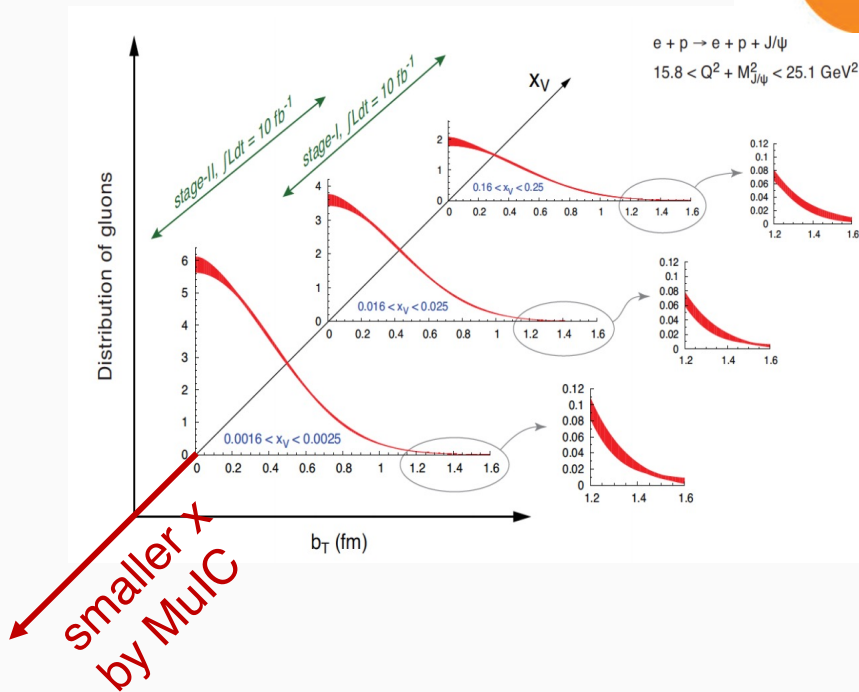
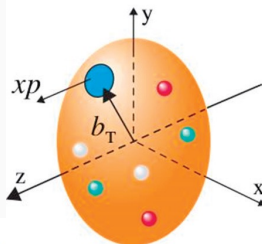
## Suppression of back-to-back correlations



MuIC will unambiguously discover saturation at  $x \sim 10^{-5}$

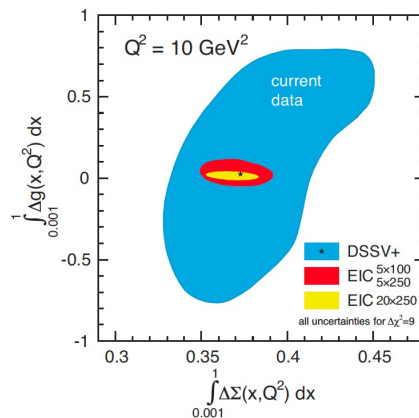


## 3D Nucleon structure



## “Helicity sum rule”

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



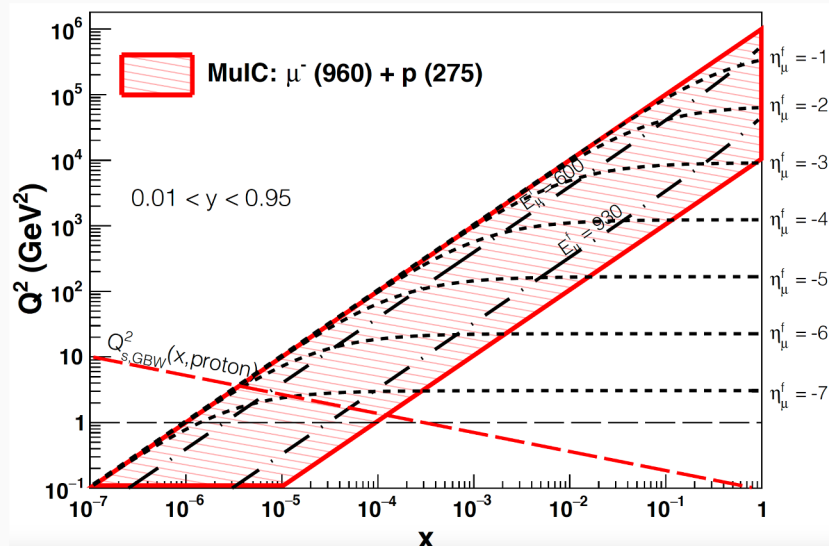
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# Detector requirements and design

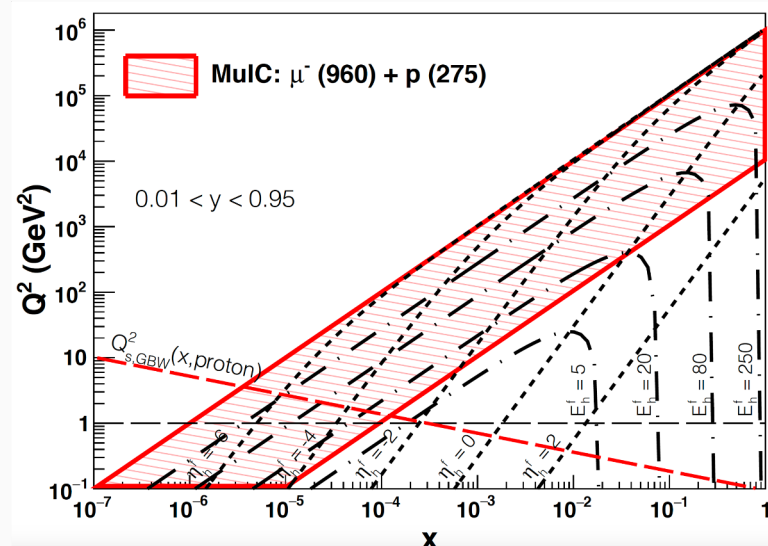


## Kinematics for scattered muon



High-energy muons very backward ( $-7 < \eta < -1$ )

## Kinematics for struck quark (jets)

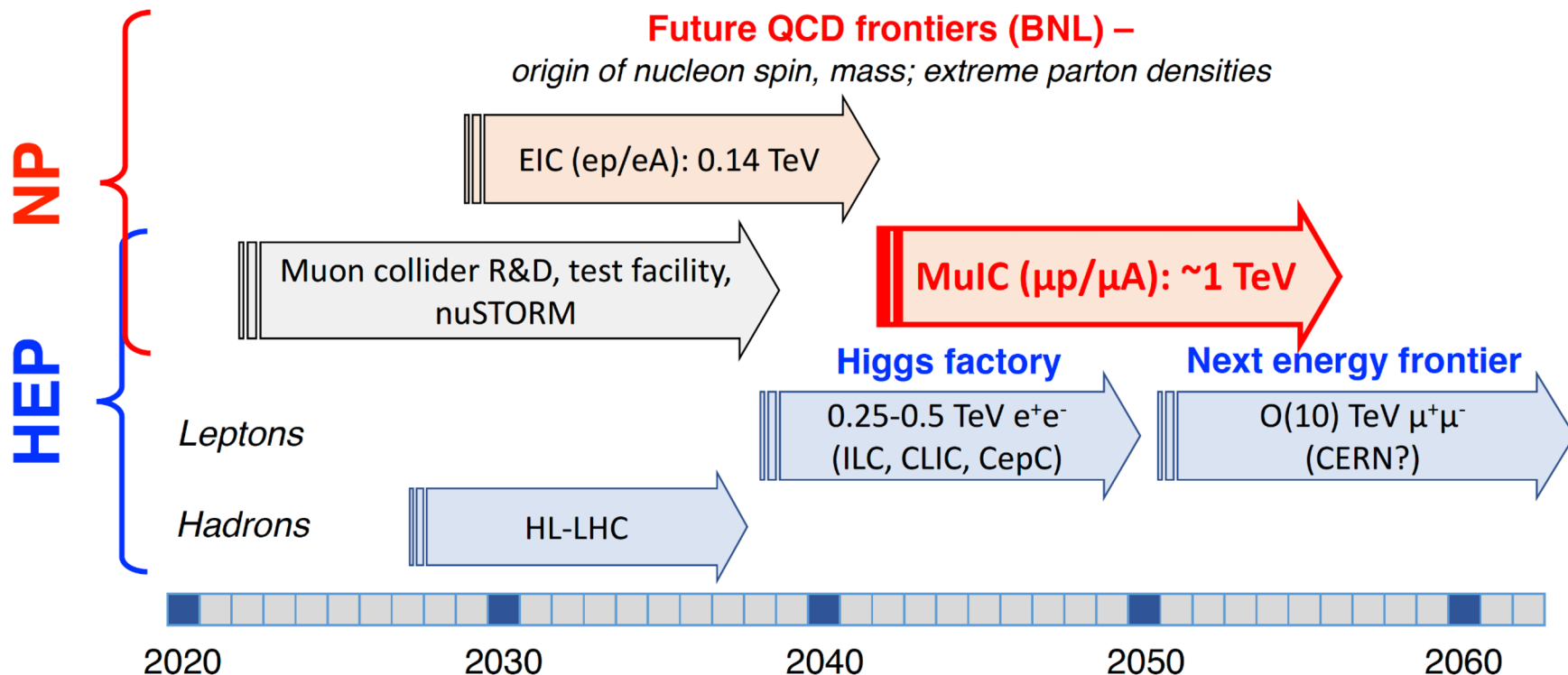


Jet largely central and backward ( $-4 < \eta < 2$ )

Distinct experimental challenges from EIC:

- muon detection crucial – **far-backward muon spectrometer**
- muon beam induced backgrounds – **high granularity, timing detectors**

# Path forward (in our view)

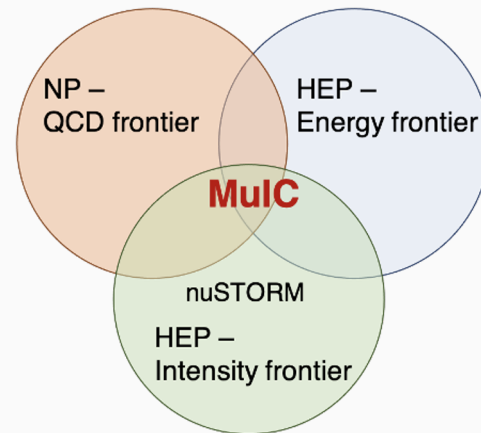


*A possible roadmap to future muon colliders in NP and HEP*



## Key merits of MuIC concept:

- Compelling sciences with synergies across NP, HEP energy and intensity (e.g, nuSTORM) frontiers
- Serves as a demonstrator or staging option to establish the muon collider technology toward the ultimate  $O(10+)$  TeV  $\mu^+\mu^-$  (CERN?)
- Affordable as an “upgrade” to the EIC by re-using the existing facility, infrastructure, accelerator expertise
- A unique muon collider sited in US with a clear design goal by join efforts of HEP and NP communities, and even attracting worldwide interests





## Next steps:

- In discussion with accelerator experts in AF4 and muon collider forum and preparing a white paper on muon-ion collider (ideas, suggestions from EF06 very welcome!). Also bring up the idea to the next NP LRP (possibly in 2022).
- Try to engage BNL to consider MuIC as a future option of the lab, to start conceiving a possible design, revive muon collider R&Ds in US, and establish test facilities in collaboration with US HEP, IMCC.
- Engage broader theoretical and experimental communities to fully explore physics potential and study detector design requirements/challenges (workshops, collaboration/working groups)



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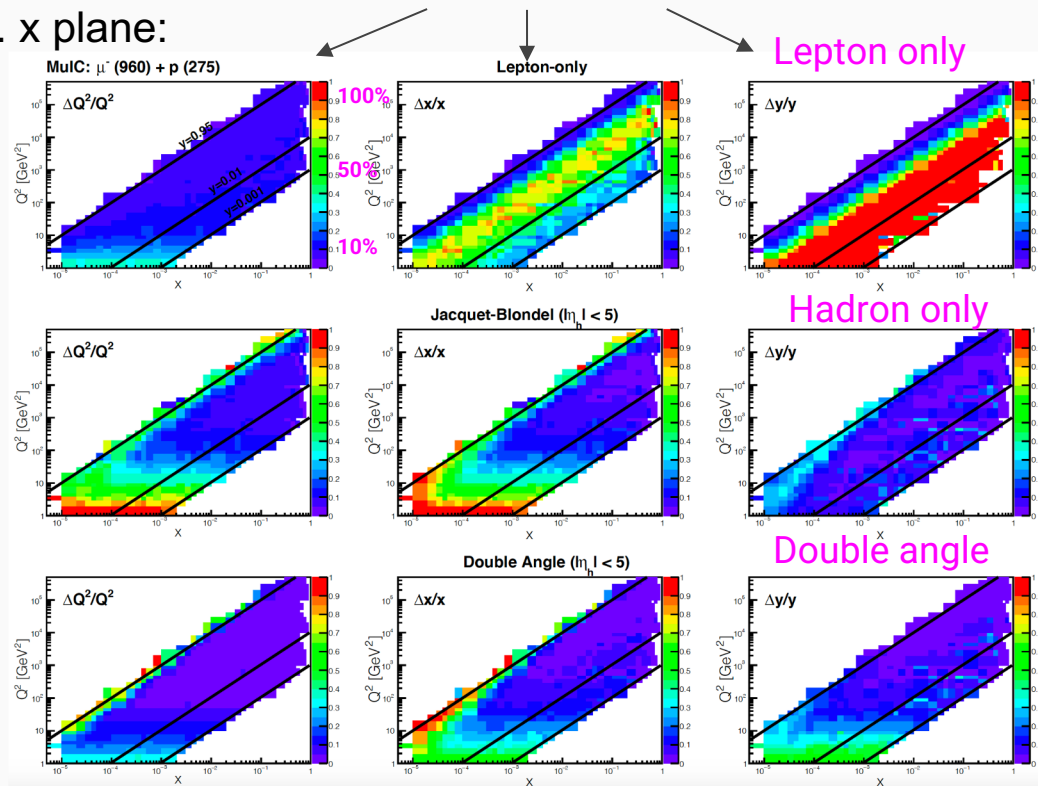


Resolutions of reconstructed  $Q^2$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  with 3 methods

$Q^2$  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           | $0.01\% p \otimes 1\%$                         | $0.2 \times 10^{-3}$                                  |
| Charged particles ( $\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/\bar{p}, e^\pm$ ) | Tracker + PID        | $0.1\% p \otimes 1\%$                          | $\left(\frac{2}{p} \otimes 0.2\right) \times 10^{-3}$ |
| Photons  | EM Calorimeter       | $\frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \otimes 2\%$            | $\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$                             |
| Neutral hadrons ( $n, K_L^0$ )                           | Hadronic Calorimeter | $\frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E}} \otimes 10\%$           | $\frac{0.087}{\sqrt{12}}$                             |



Future work with detailed simulations to fully demonstrate the experimental feasibility

# 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

- $\sqrt{s} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
  - $Q^2$  up to  $10^6 \text{ GeV}^2$
  - $x$  as low as  $10^{-6}$
- } **An order of magnitude beyond the HERA ep collider**

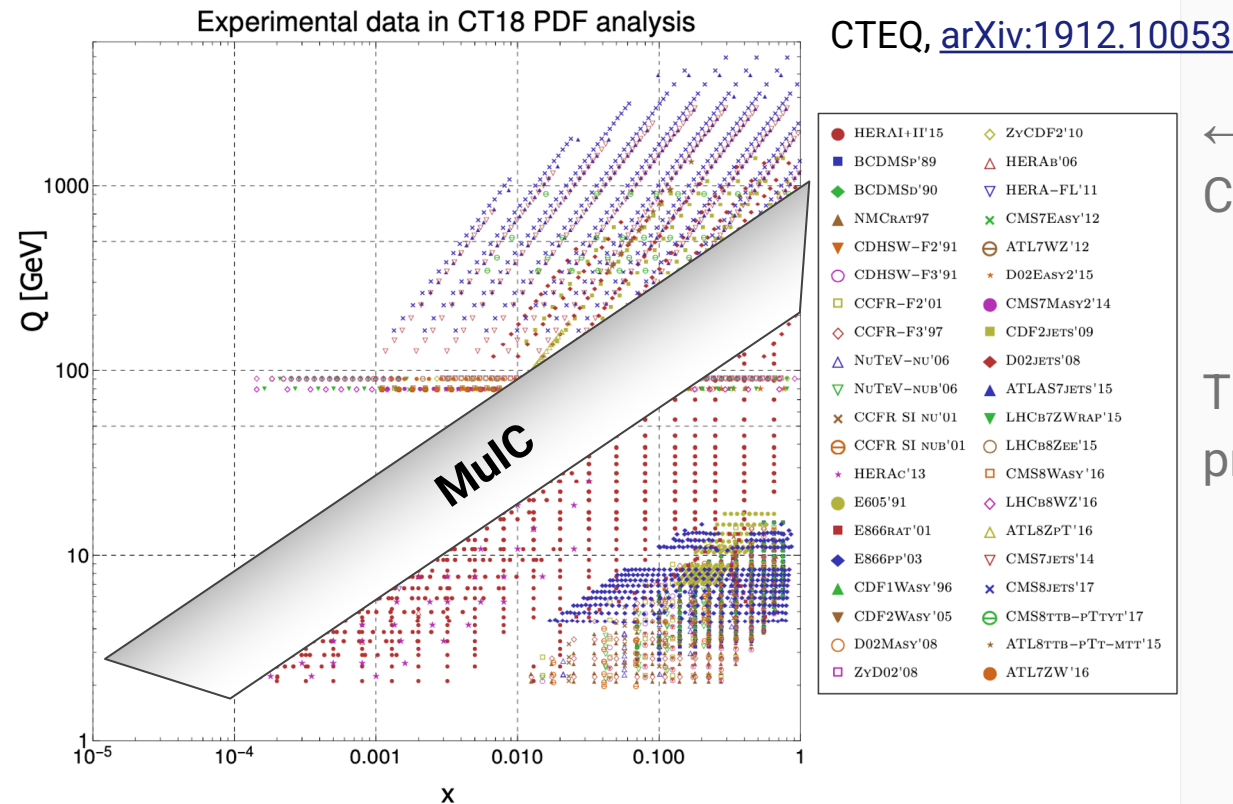
Build a science case for a **TeV muon storage ring** as a demonstrator for a multi-TeV  $\mu^+\mu^-$  collider

- QCD and hadron/nucleon structure in new regimes
- Higgs, Top, BSM

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

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

# Science potential at the MuIC: PDF Measurements



← Data used for global CTEQ fits

The MuIC would definitely probe new territory

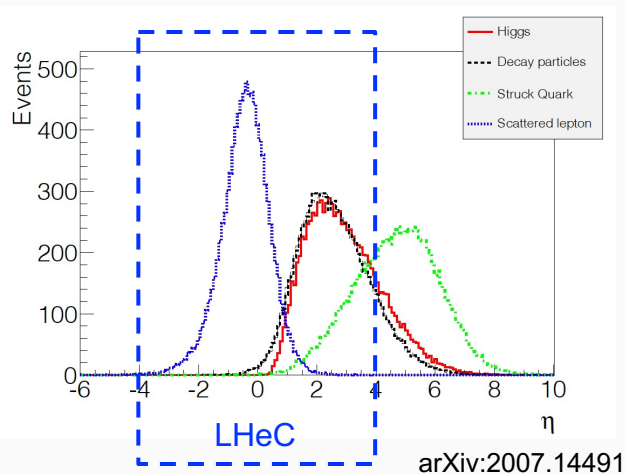
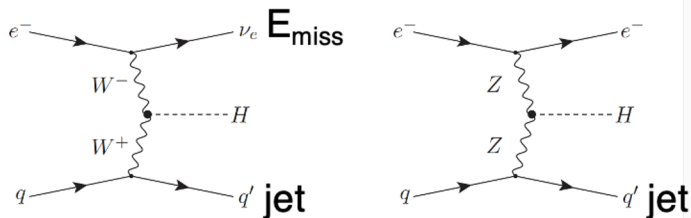




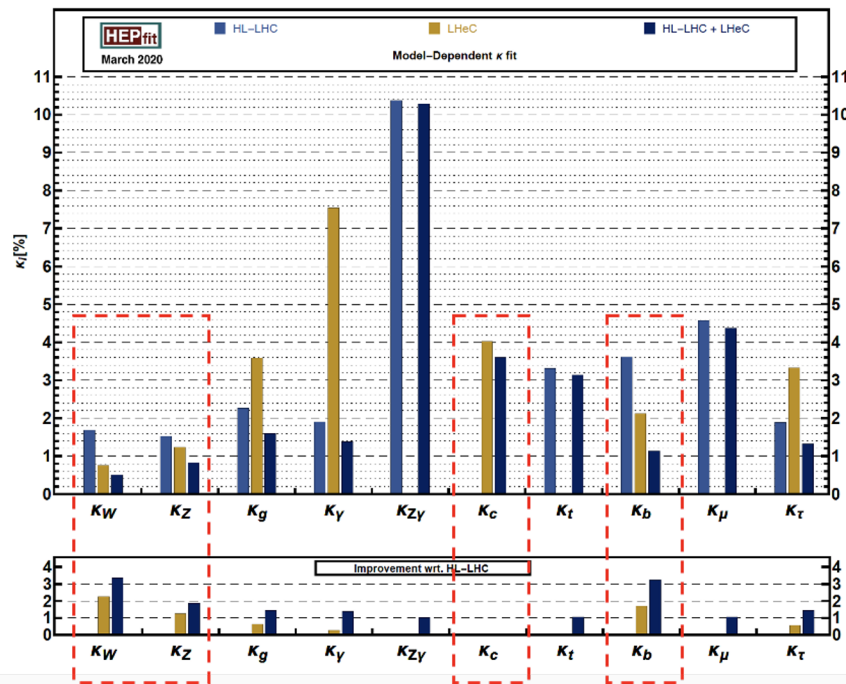
## Some specific questions/challenges to address :

- Can we preserve muon beam polarization during acceleration? Muons can be extracted with 20-50% polarization.
- Is neutrino radiation a concern, for a single muon beam of  $\sim 1$  TeV? RHIC/EIC is on the surface.
- To what extent, parts of EIC can be re-used? Can MuIC be fit into the EIC tunnel? Financial implications ...

# Higgs at the MuC

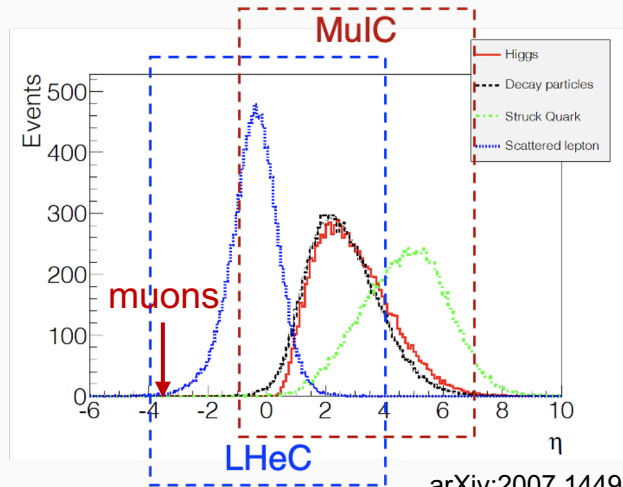
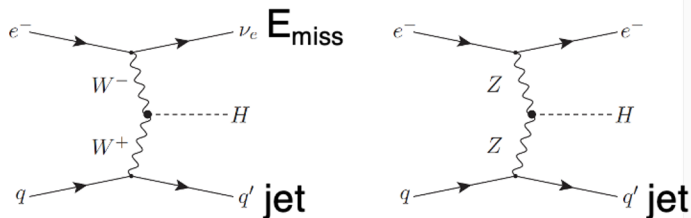


## Uncertainties of Higgs couplings



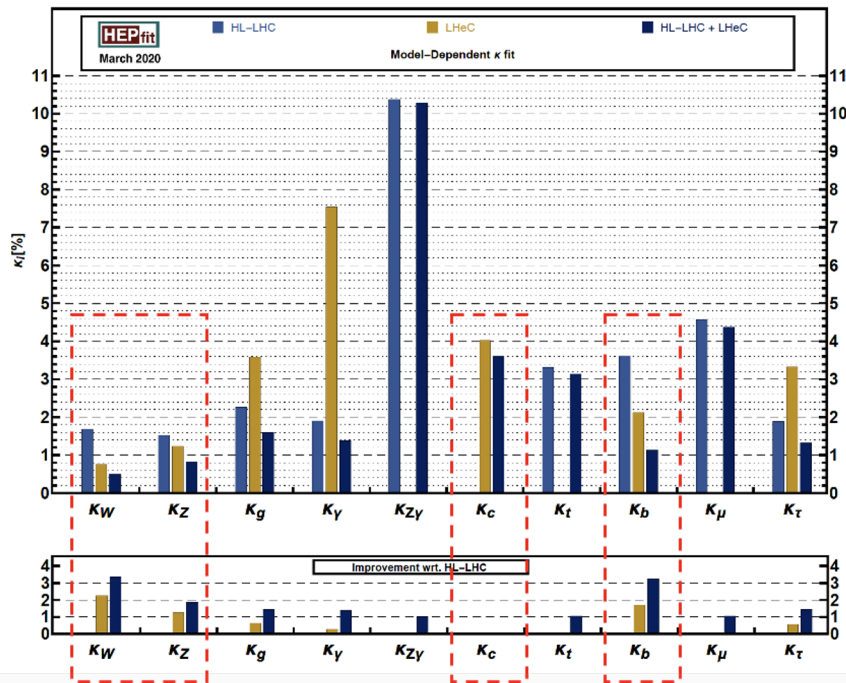
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# Higgs at the MuC



At MuC, kinematics for Higgs, jets more favorable but scattered muon is very forward.

## Uncertainties of Higgs couplings

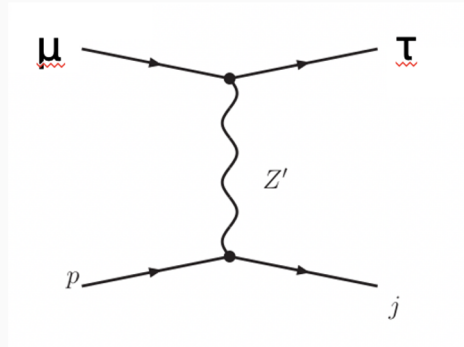


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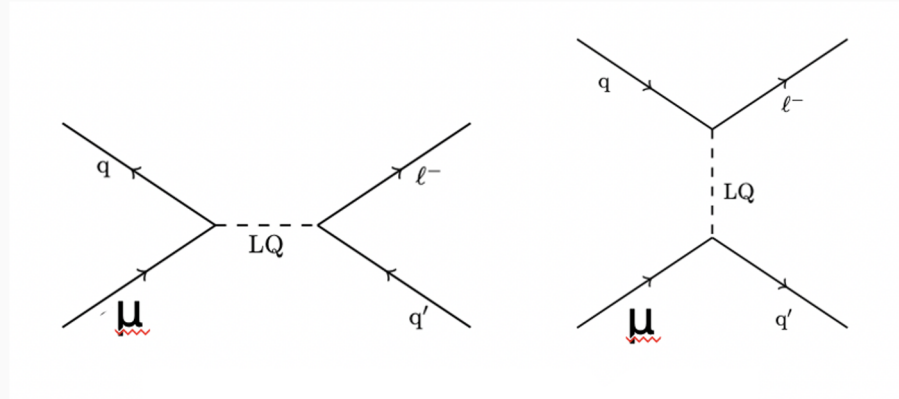


## Searches for charged lepton flavor violation

$$\mu + N \rightarrow \tau + N$$



Leptoquarks coupled to  $\mu$



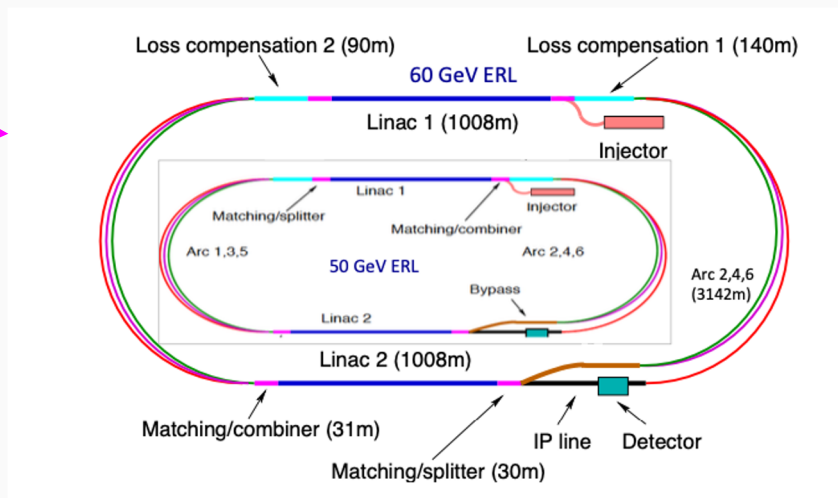
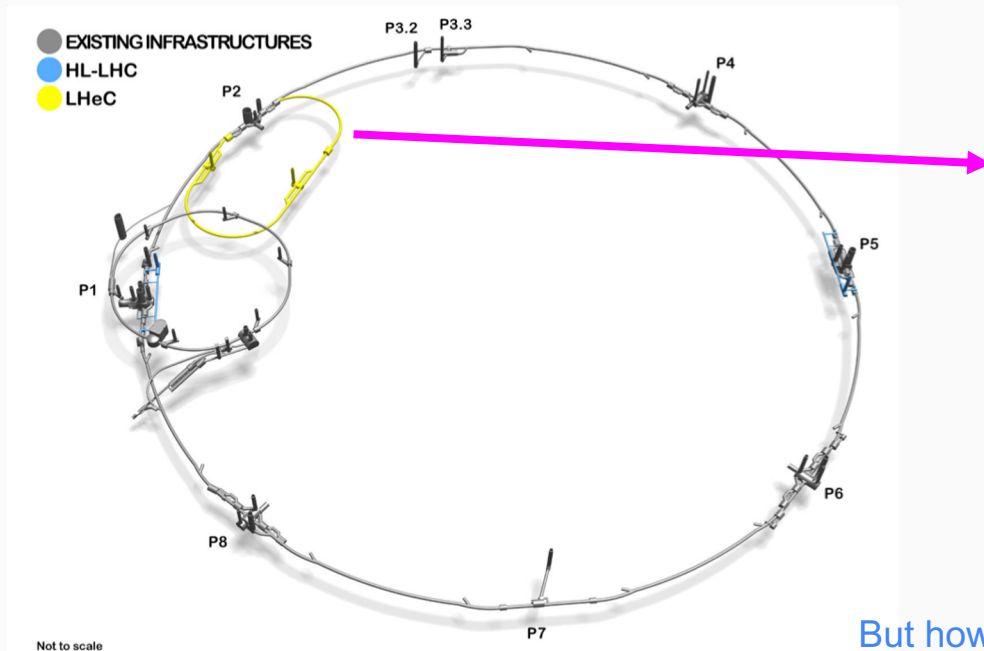
# One Approach: the Large Hadron Electron Collider



- **LHeC: 50 – 60 GeV  $e^-$  on 7 TeV p ( $\sqrt{s} = 1.2\text{--}1.3$  TeV)**

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

- Two oppositely directed linacs and 3 arcs
- Two design options: 50 GeV (smaller) vs. 60 GeV (larger, more expensive)



But how realistic is this option for the HL-LHC timescale?