

# Nuclear Gluons with Charm at a future EIC

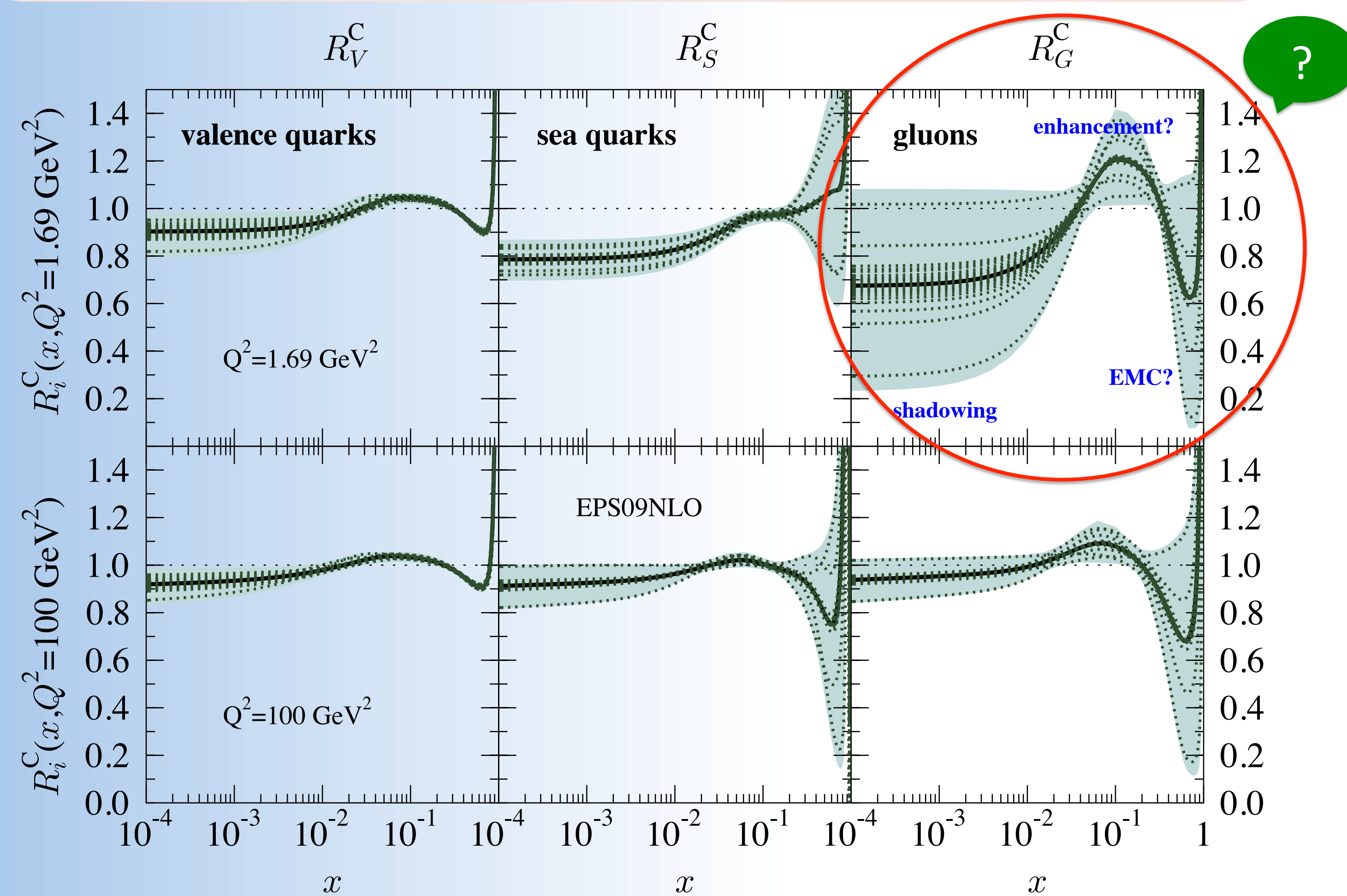


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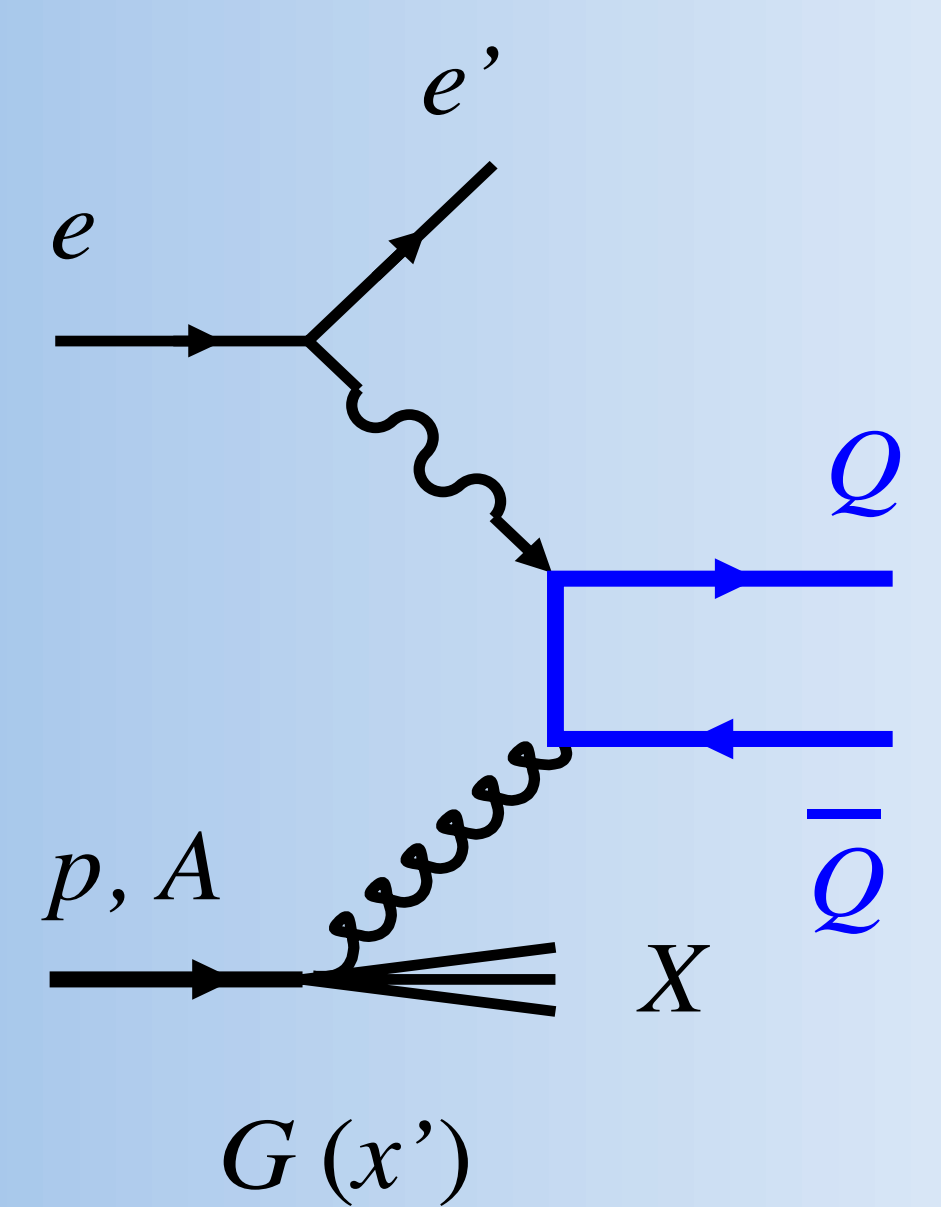


## Nuclear Gluons



- Nucleon's partonic structure is modified in nucleus
- Is nuclear gluon density suppressed at  $x > 0.3$ ?
- Are gluons enhanced at  $x \sim 0.1$  (antishadowing)?

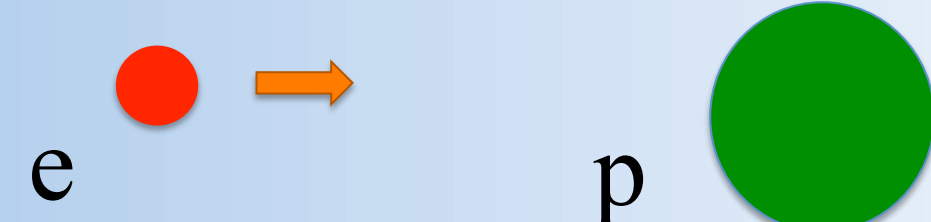
## Charm production



- Clean probes of Gluons because of coupling to Charm, Beauty quarks
- Heavy-Quark production have been used in eP (HERA), PP (LHC)
- Can be adapted to nuclei

## Why collider

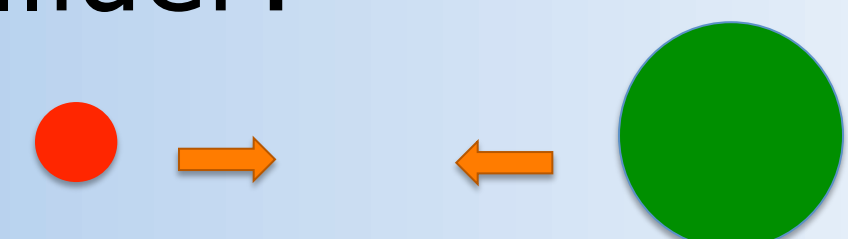
Fixed Target:



Squared Center-of-mass Energy

$$S = 2 * M_p * P_{lab}$$

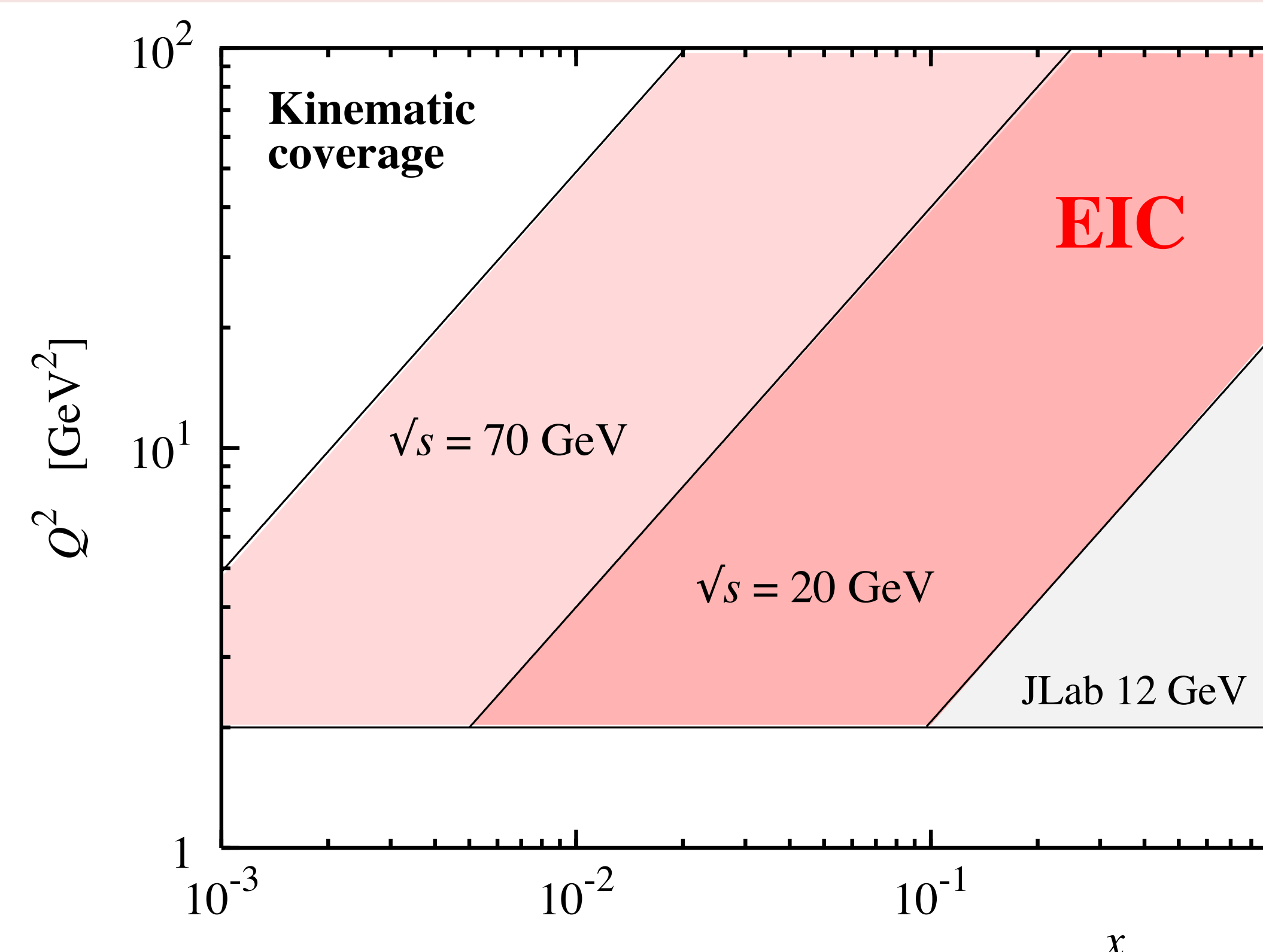
Collider:



$$S = 4 * E_e * E_p$$

Collider can go to much higher S to get to high Q2 and Heavy-Quark final states

## Electron-Ion-Collider



- Electron-ion luminosity of  $\sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Center-of-mass energy 20-70 GeV (eP)
- Next-generation detector, Particle ID, resolution make excellent combination for clean probes using heavy quarks

## Simulation tools

### HVQDIS:

- Uses QCD, heavy quark fragmentation function and nucleon PDFs (CTEQ5, GRV98)
- Permits MC integration over phase space
- Calculates the differential cross section for Charm production.

### F<sub>2</sub><sup>CC</sup> Code:

- QCD based parameterization of Charm structure function
- Calculates absolute cross section for C production in fixed bin of x and Q<sup>2</sup>

### EPS09:

- Modification factor for PDFs in nuclei

$$F_i^A(x, Q^2) = R_i^A(x, Q^2) * F_i^P(x, Q^2)$$

Nuclear 's PDFs

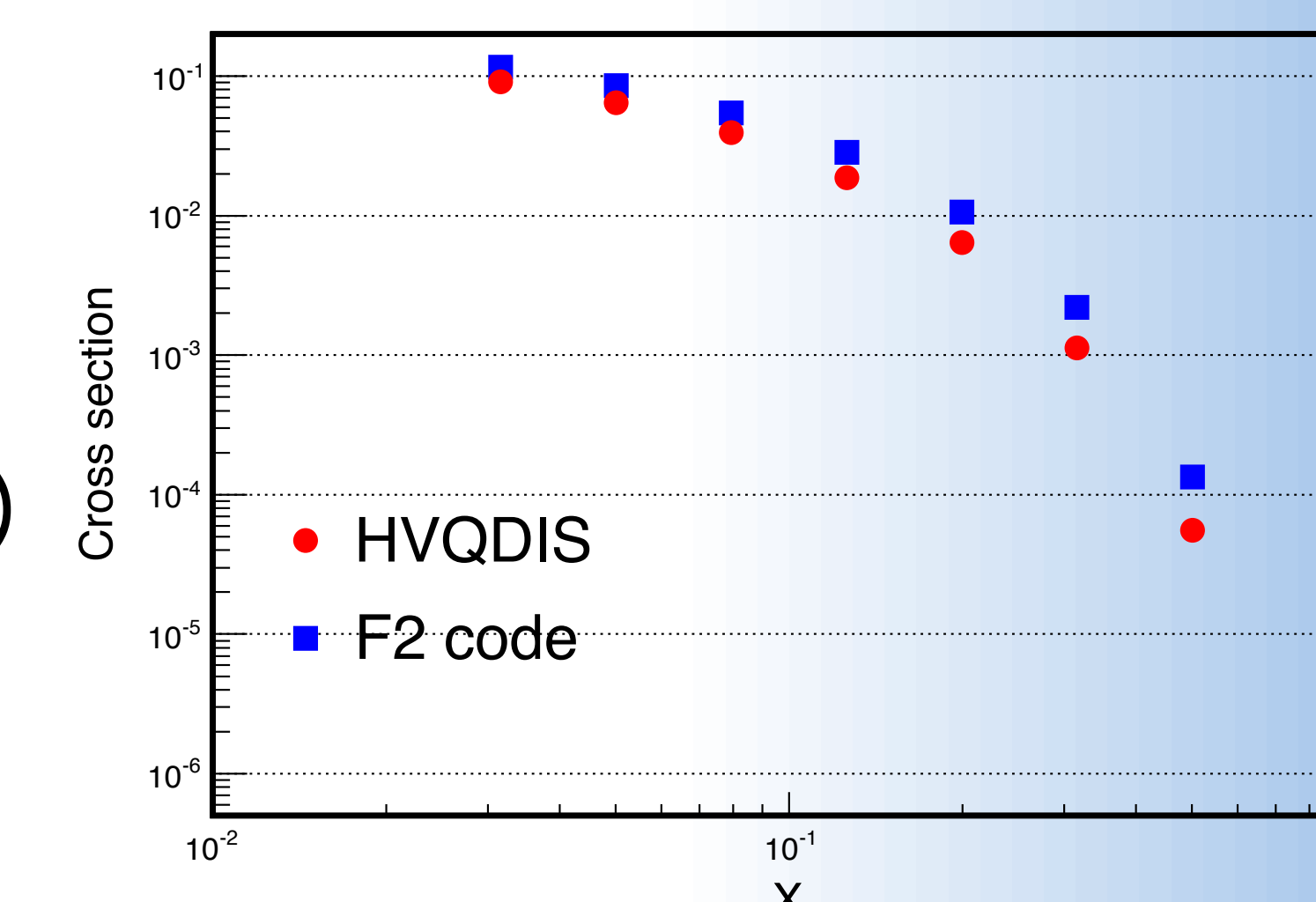
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Nucleon's PDFs

## Results

### First result:

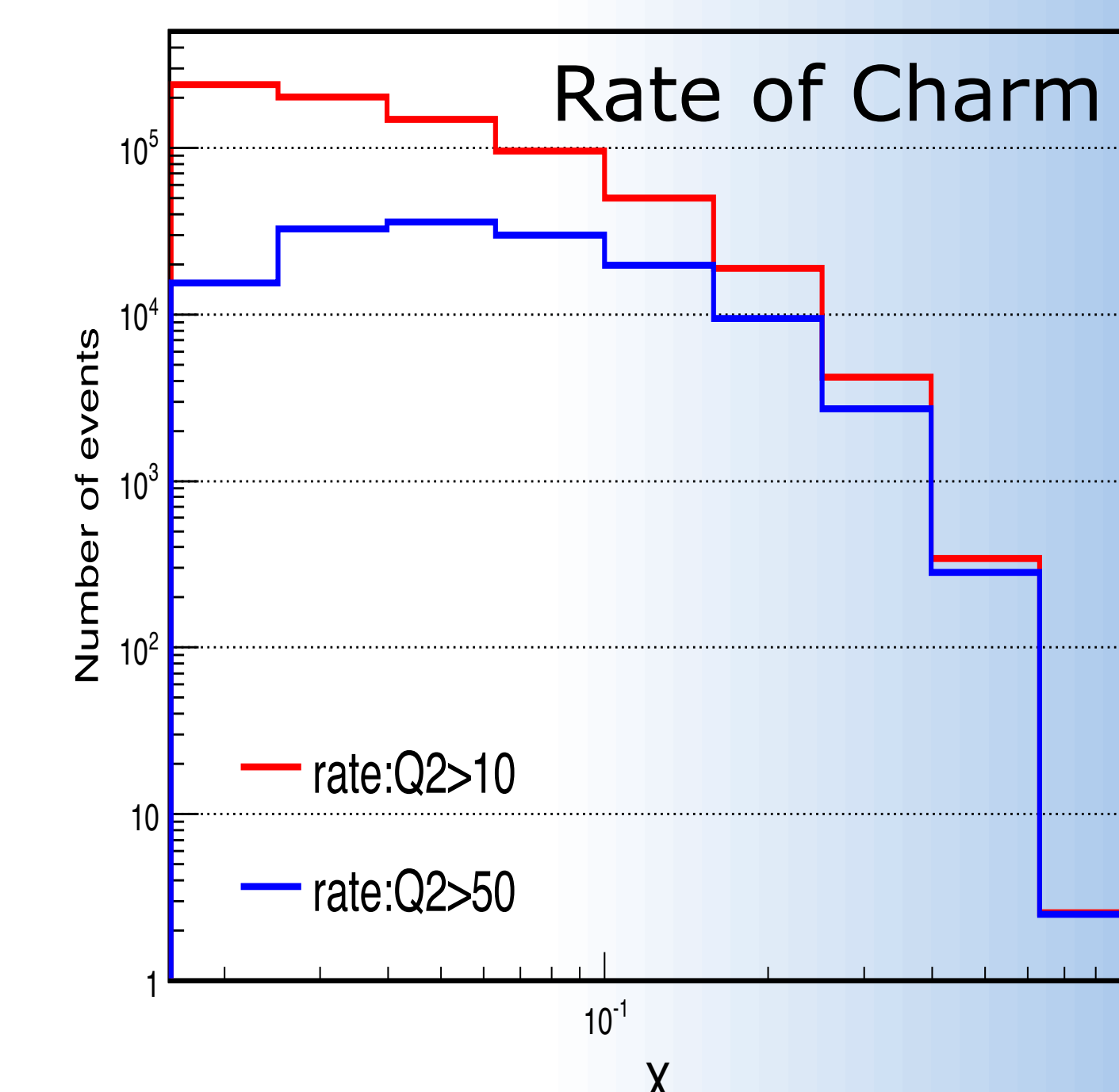
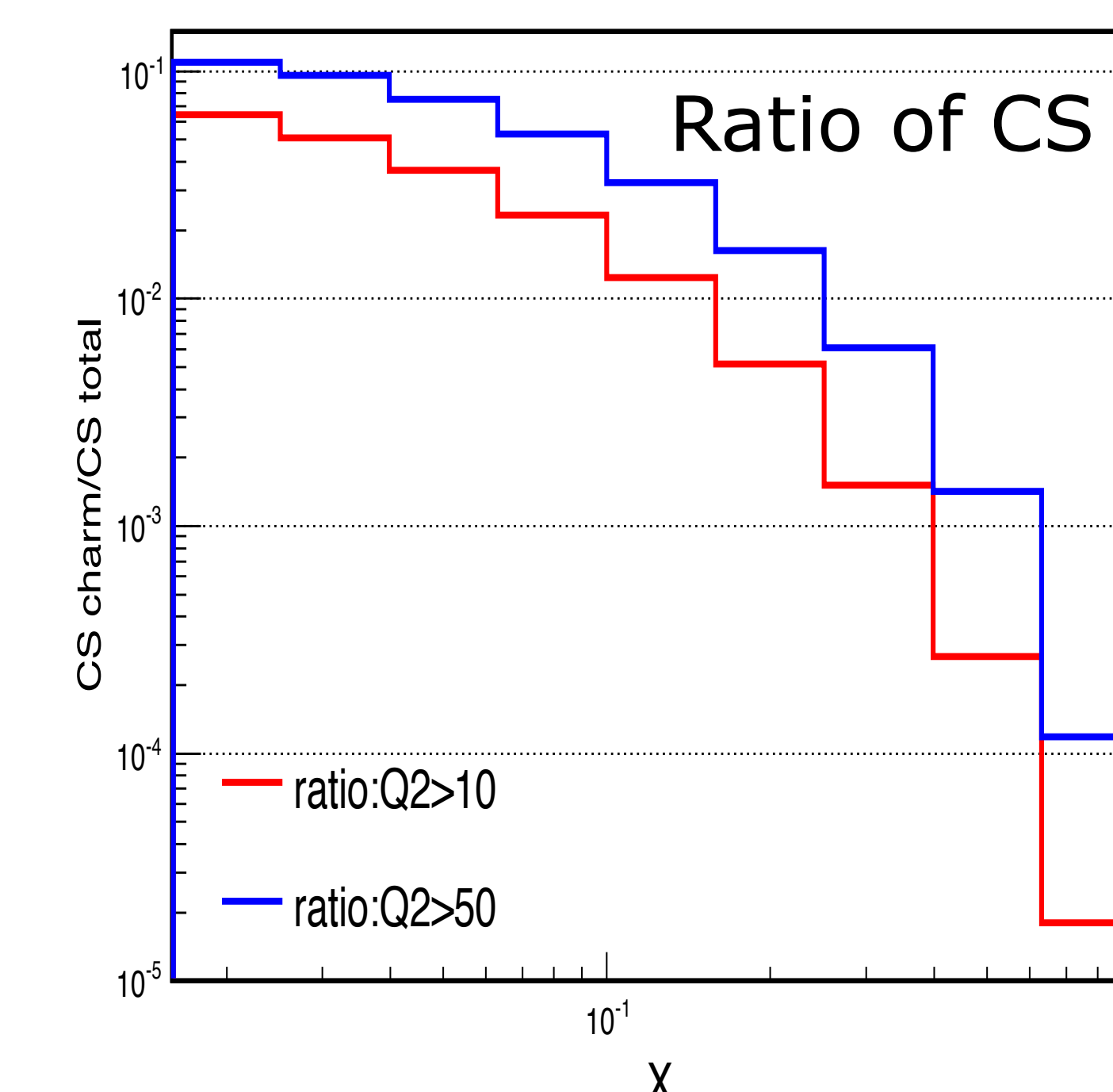
- Compared C CS from HVQDIS and F<sub>2</sub><sup>CC</sup> code
- Good agreement (30%) sufficient for simulation



### Second result:

- Added EPS09 and CTEQ6 in HVQDIS for nuclear PDFs
- Estimate the rate of Charm production and total

S=4000, L=10<sup>6</sup> nb<sup>-1</sup>



- Rate of Charm production drops rapidly at  $x > 0.1$
- Ratio of Charm to total cross section higher with higher Q<sup>2</sup>, but rate of Charm is lower with higher Q<sup>2</sup>
- Optimize where ratio is high and rate is reasonable

## Summary

- Prospect of direct probe of nuclear gluon at  $x > 0.1$
- Reasonable C production rate with JLEIC luminosity
- Next steps for C reconstruction and physics in progress

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