

Modeling Nuclear Parton Distribution Functions

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Introduction

$$f_i^A(x, Q^2) \neq f_i^p(x, Q^2)$$

Nuclear parton distribution functions go well with everything:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+A \rightarrow \ell+X} &= \sum_{i=q, \bar{q}, g} f_i^A \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+i \rightarrow \ell+X} \\ \sigma_{\text{DY}}^{p+A \rightarrow l^+ l^- + X} &= \sum_{i, j=q, \bar{q}, g} f_i^p \otimes f_j^A \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow l^+ l^- + X} \\ \sigma^{A+B \rightarrow \pi+X} &= \sum_{i, j, k=q, \bar{q}, g} f_i^A \otimes f_j^B \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X} \otimes D_{k \rightarrow \pi}\end{aligned}$$

Nuclear Modifications (Phenomenology)

➡ Decomposition of nPDFs

$$f_i^A(x, Q^2) = R_i^A(x, Q^2) f_i^N(x, Q^2)$$

$$f_i^A(x, Q_0) = \int_{x_N}^A \frac{dy}{y} W_i^A(y, Q_0) f_i^p\left(\frac{x_N}{y}, Q_0\right)$$

➡ Initial scale ansatz e.g.

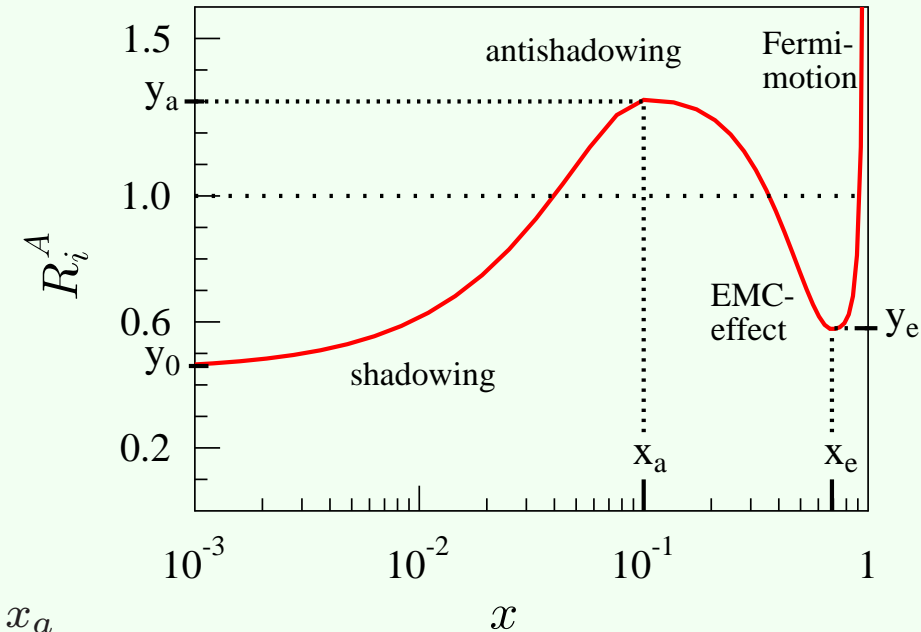
$$R_i(x, A, Z) = 1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{A^\alpha}\right) \frac{a_i(A, Z) + b_i x + c_i x^2 + d_i x^3}{(1-x)^{\beta_i}}$$

$$R_i^A(x) = \begin{cases} a_0 + (a_1 + a_2 x)[\exp(-x) - \exp(-x_a)] & x \leq x_a \\ b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 & x_a \leq x \leq x_e \\ c_0 + (c_1 - c_2 x)(1-x)^{-\beta} & x_e \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

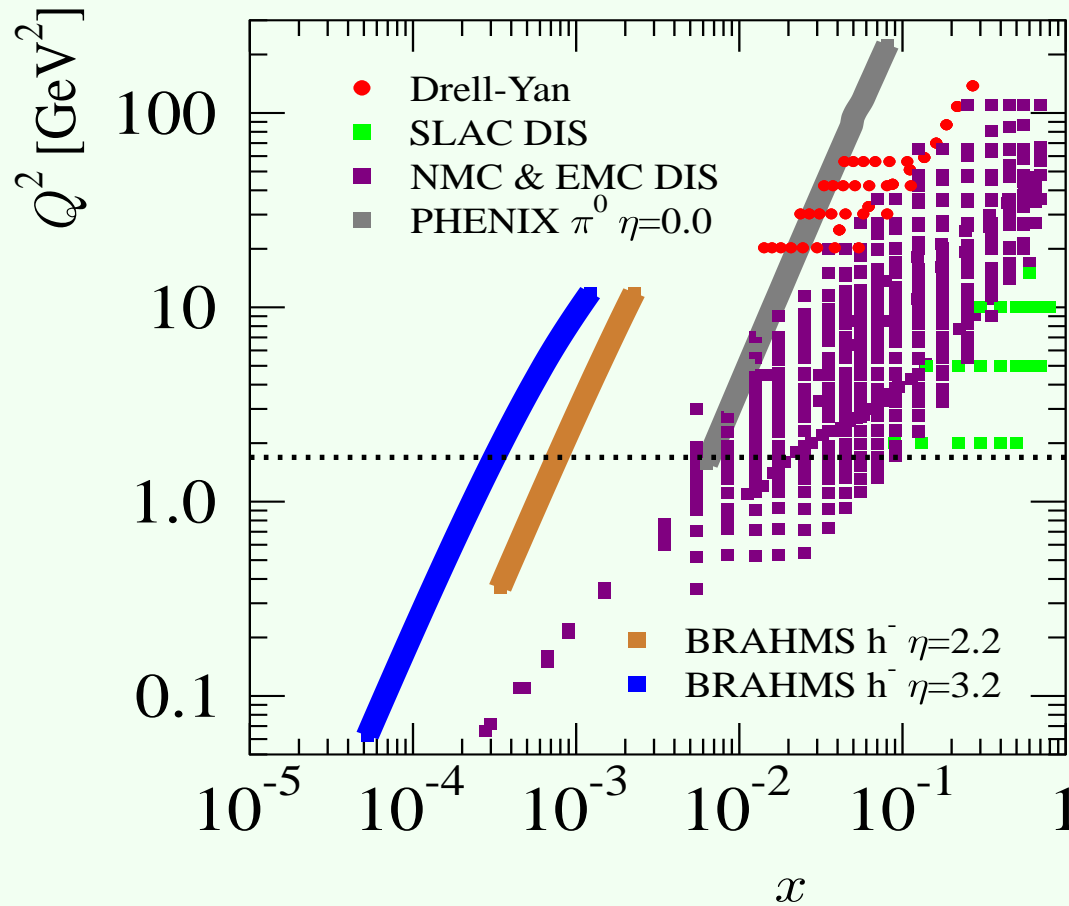
➡ Built on ‘top’ of PDF parametrizations $f_i^p(x, Q^2)$ with $0 \leq x \leq 1$

➡ Error analysis (Hessian method)

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Kinematical range of the data (pre LHC-era)



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Gluon constraints

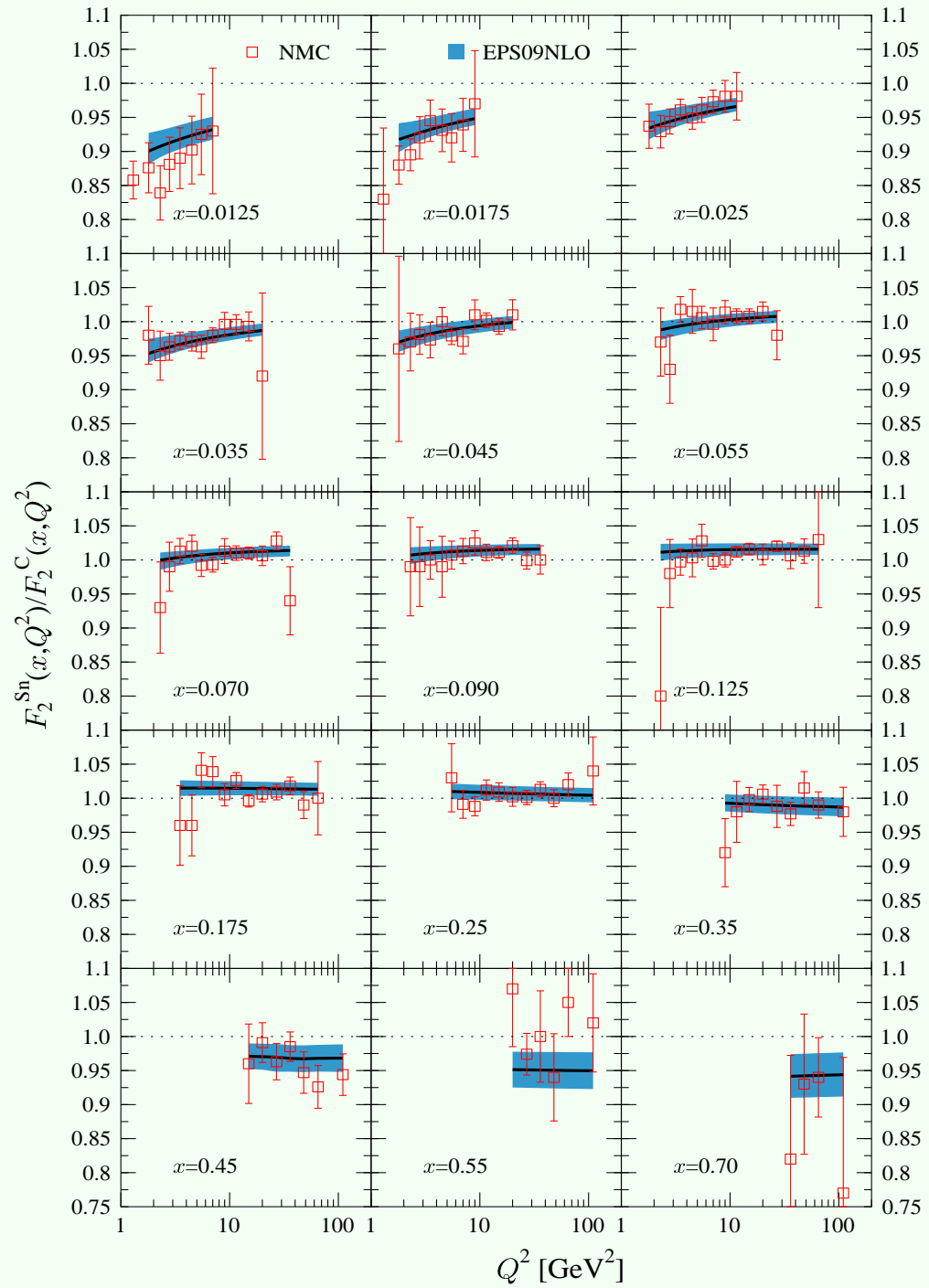
DGLAP (LO):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial x q_v(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \frac{2}{3} \int_x^1 dy \frac{z}{y} \frac{(1+z^2) y q_v(y, t) - 2x q_v(x, t)}{1-z} + \left\{ 1 + \frac{4}{3} \ln(1-x) \right\} x q_v(x, t), \\
 \frac{\partial x q_s(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \frac{2}{3} \int_x^1 dy \frac{z}{y} \left\{ \frac{(1+z^2) y q_s(y, t) - 2x q_s(x, t)}{1-z} + \frac{3}{8} (z^2 + (1-z)^2) y g(y, t) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \left\{ 1 + \frac{4}{3} \ln(1-x) \right\} x q_s(x, t), \\
 \frac{\partial x g(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \int_x^1 dy \frac{z}{y} \left\{ \frac{3(z y g(y, t) - x g(x, t))}{1-z} + \frac{3(1-z)(1+z^2)}{z} y g(y, t) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{3} \frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z} \sum_{i=q} y (q_v(y, t) + 2q_s(y, t)) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \frac{11}{4} - \frac{N_f}{6} + 3 \ln(1-x) \right\} x g(x, t), \text{ where } z = x/y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Small- x data on $R_{F_2}^A$ (LO):

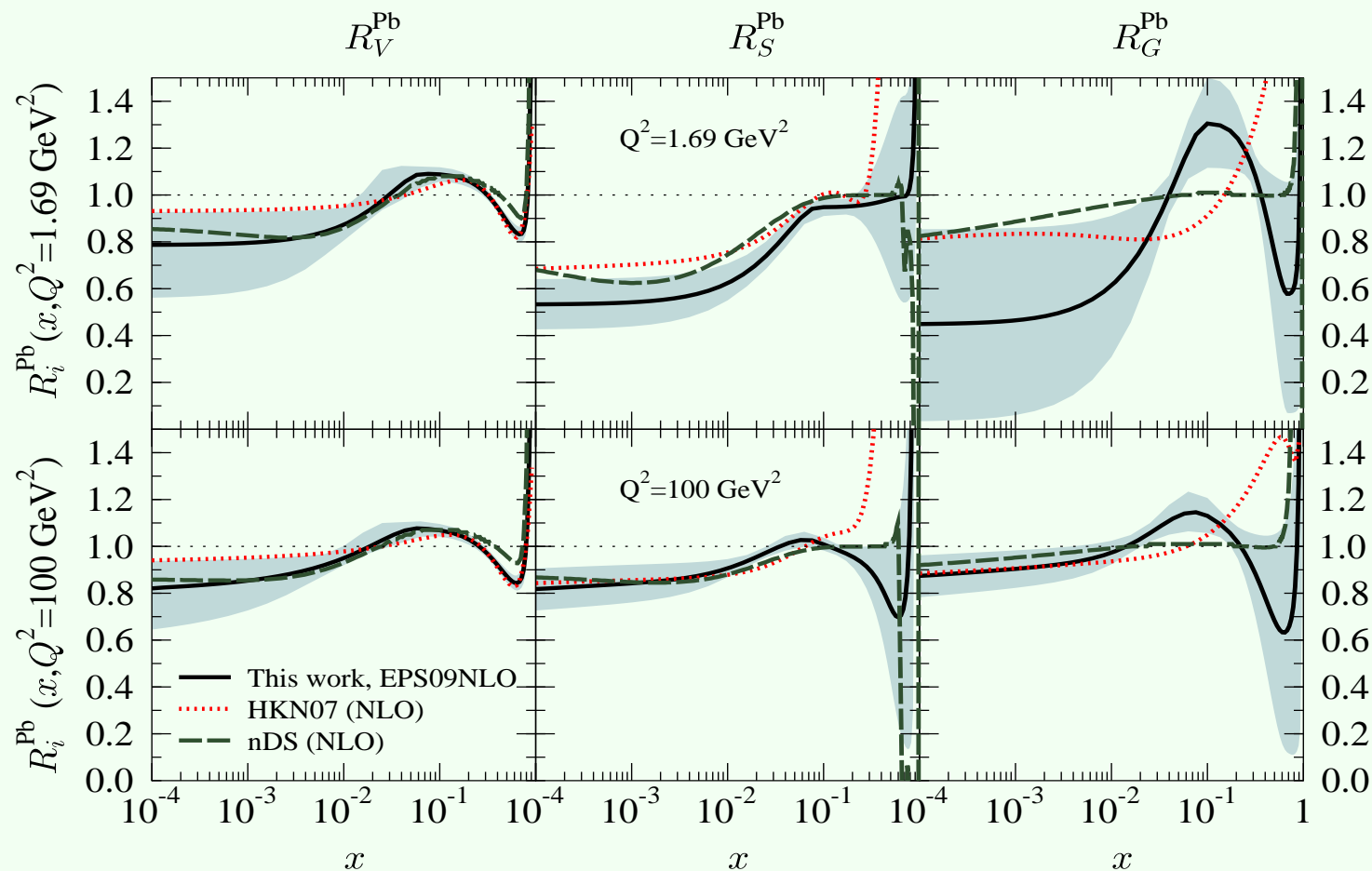
(Phys. Lett. B **311** (1993) 28, Phys. Lett. B **532** (2002) 222)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial F_2^{p(n)}(x, Q^2)}{\partial \log Q^2} &\approx \frac{10\alpha_s}{27\pi} x g(2x, Q^2) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial (\frac{1}{117} F_2^{\text{Sn}} / \frac{1}{12} F_2^{\text{C}})}{\partial \log Q^2} &\approx \frac{10\alpha_s}{27\pi} \frac{x g(2x, Q^2)}{\frac{1}{2} F_2^{\text{D}}(x, Q^2)} \frac{R_{F_2}^{\text{Sn}}(x, Q^2)}{R_{F_2}^{\text{C}}(x, Q^2)} \left\{ \frac{R_g^{\text{Sn}}(2x, Q^2)}{R_{F_2}^{\text{Sn}}(x, Q^2)} - \frac{R_g^{\text{C}}(2x, Q^2)}{R_{F_2}^{\text{C}}(x, Q^2)} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



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Comparison of different nPDF sets



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☞ Recent nPDF sets: EPS09 (JHEP **0904** (2009) 065), HKN07 (Phys. Rev. C **76** (2007) 065207), DSZS (Phys. Rev. D **69** (2004) 074028), nCTEQ (Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** (2011) 122301) ...

nPDFs for pA and AA collisions

- ☞ At small (large) values of x gg (qq) processes dominate the hadron production
 - ✿ Need more accurate description of small- x sea and gluons at the LHC!
 - ⇒ Models for nuclear shadowing: FGS nPDFs
(Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman: Phys. Rept. **512** (2012) 255)

☞ **Definition of x :** (Frankfurt, Strikman: Int. J. Mod. Phys. E **21** (2012) 1230002)

- ✿ DIS data: $x_p = Q^2 / (2q_0 m_p)$, independent of the target mass
- ✿ Bjorken- x : $x = A Q^2 / (2q \cdot p_A)$, with $0 \leq x \leq A$

$$x_p = x (1 + r_x^A), \quad \text{with } r_x^A = \frac{1}{m_p} (\epsilon_A - (m_n - m_p) N/A)$$

E.g. $\epsilon_{Pb} \approx \epsilon_C \approx 7.7$ MeV, $r_x \approx 0.008$

⇒ Large effect in the EMC region

- ☞ Fraction of nucleus momentum carried by equivalent photons
 - ✿ $\eta_\gamma(\text{Pb}) \sim 0.7\%$, $\eta_\gamma(\text{C}) \sim 0.1\%$

☞ **Impact parameter dependence**

Merged Model

FGS+EKS98/EPS09:

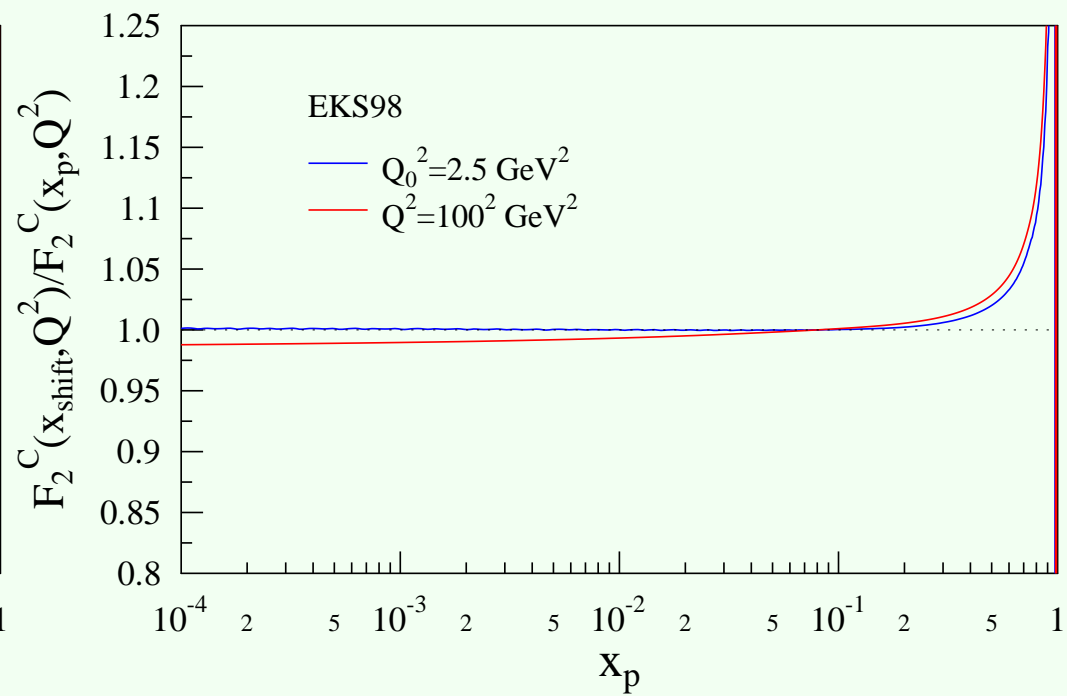
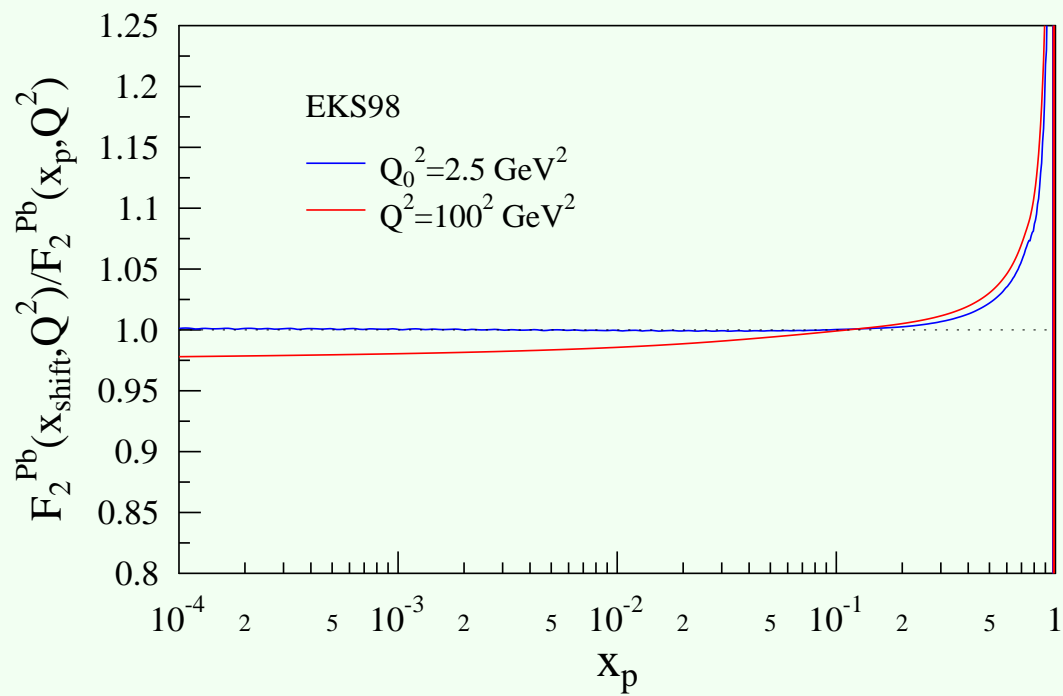
- For $x \leq 0.01$ use FGS-model(s), for $x > 0.01$ EKS98 or EPS09 (interpolate smoothly at $x \sim 0.01$) together with a PDF set (CTEQ5)
- Rescale gluons (since worst constrained by the data) such that

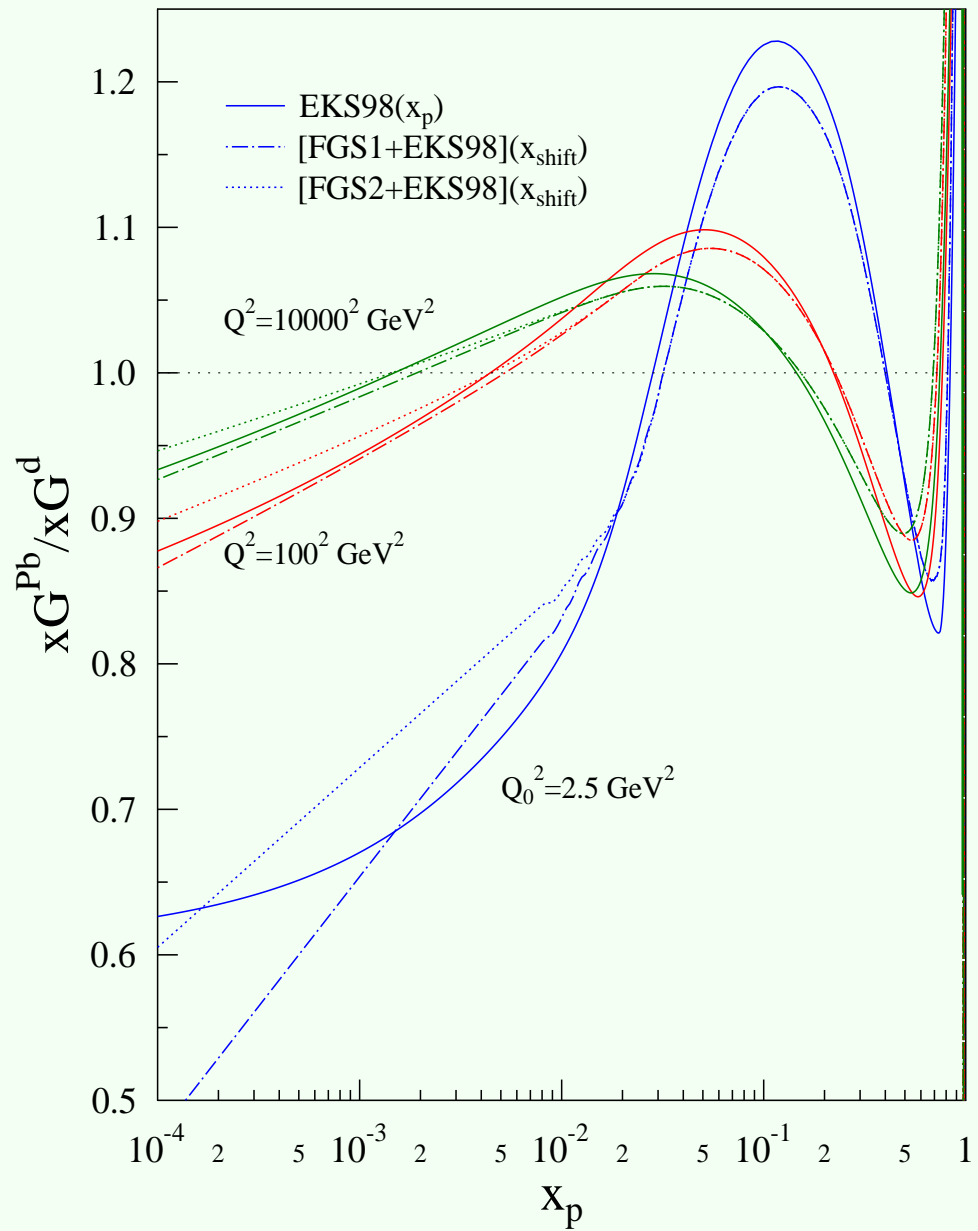
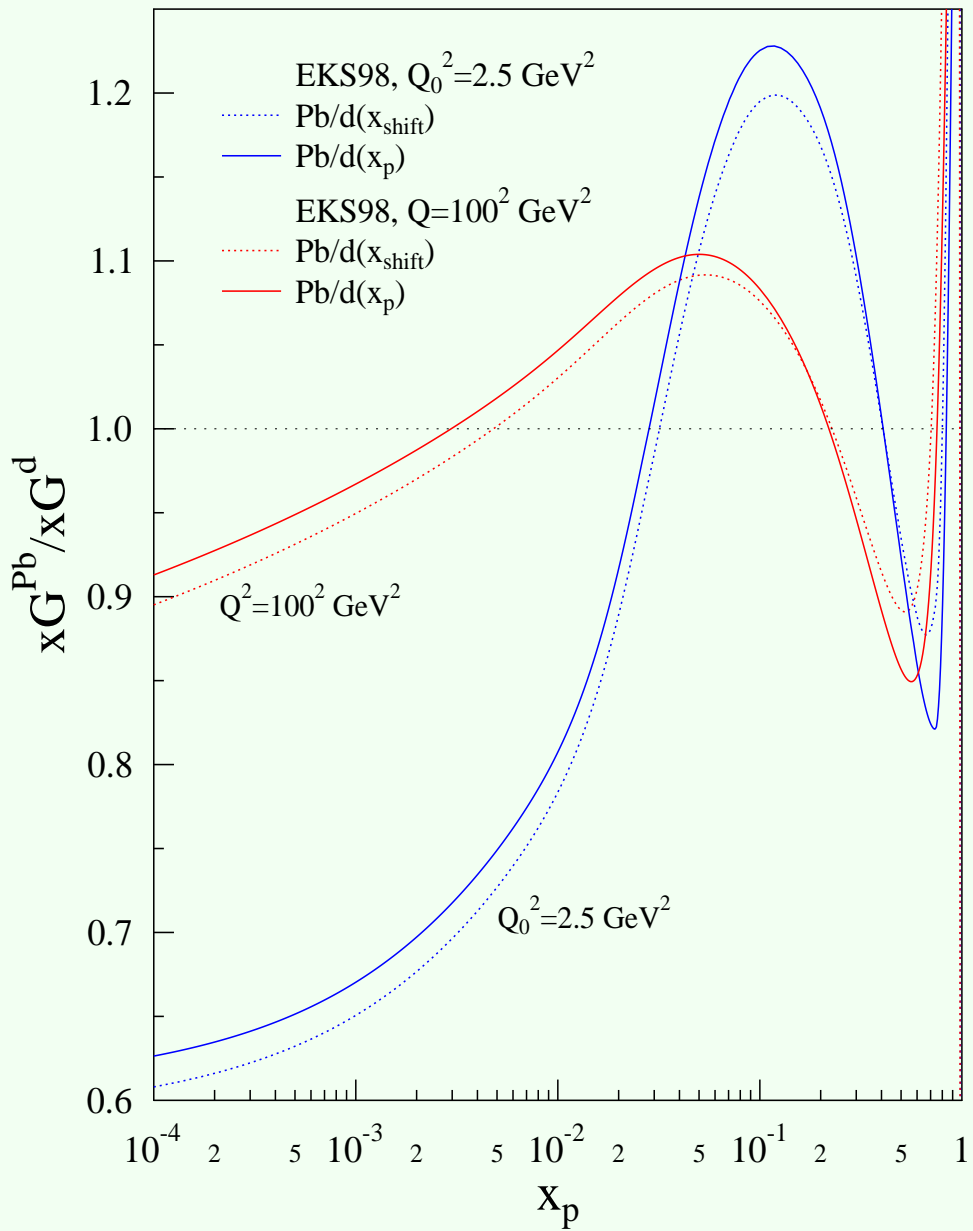
$$\sum_i \int_0^1 dx x f_i^A(x, Q^2) = 1 - \eta_\gamma(A)$$

- Percentage of the momentum carried by the gluons (41.80% for proton):

	EKS98		FGS1+EKS98		FGS2+EKS98	
	Pb	C	Pb	C	Pb	C
x_p	43.98	42.61	44.17	42.55	44.27	42.59
x_{shift}	43.16	42.11	43.35	42.05	43.46	42.09

- Decrease of 1.86% (1.17%) for Pb (C)





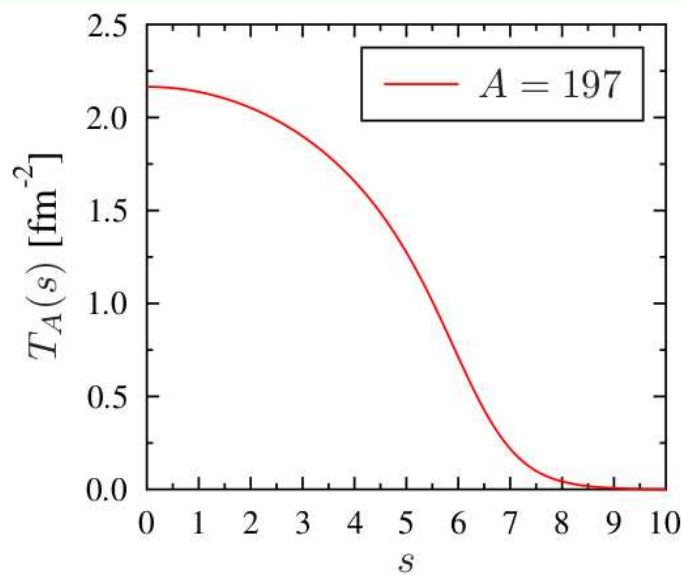
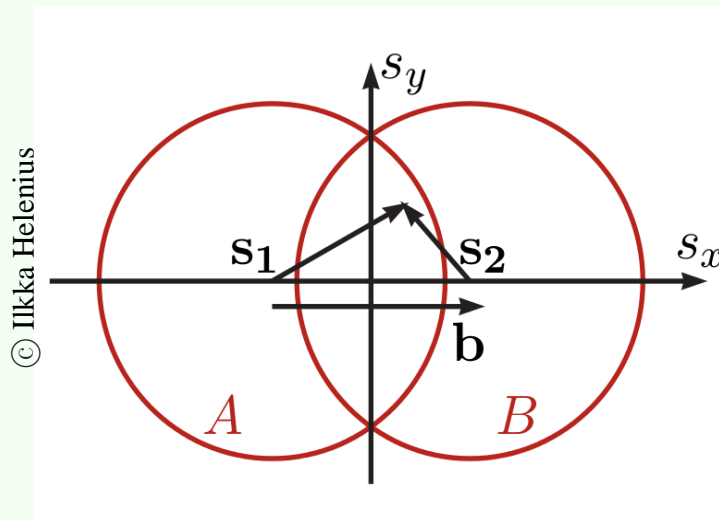
Nuclear Geometry

$$d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow k+X} = \sum_{i,j,X'} f_i^A \otimes f_j^B \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X'} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2)$$

$$dN^{AB \rightarrow k+X}(\mathbf{b}) = T_{AB}(\mathbf{b}) d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow k+X}$$

$$T_{AB}(\mathbf{b}) = \int d^2\mathbf{s} T_A(\mathbf{s}_1) T_B(\mathbf{s}_2), \quad \mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b}/2, \quad \mathbf{s}_2 = \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}/2$$

where $\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b}/2$ and $\mathbf{s}_2 = \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}/2$. Normalization: $\int d^2\mathbf{b} T_{AB}(\mathbf{b}) = AB$.



Impact Parameter Dependence (Phenomenology)

EKS98s/EPS09s: (I. Helenius, K. J. Eskola, HH, C. A. Salgado, JHEP **1207** (2012) 073)

☞ Define

$$R_i^A(x, Q^2) \equiv \frac{1}{A} \int d^2\mathbf{s} T_A(\mathbf{s}) r_i^A(x, Q^2, \mathbf{s}),$$

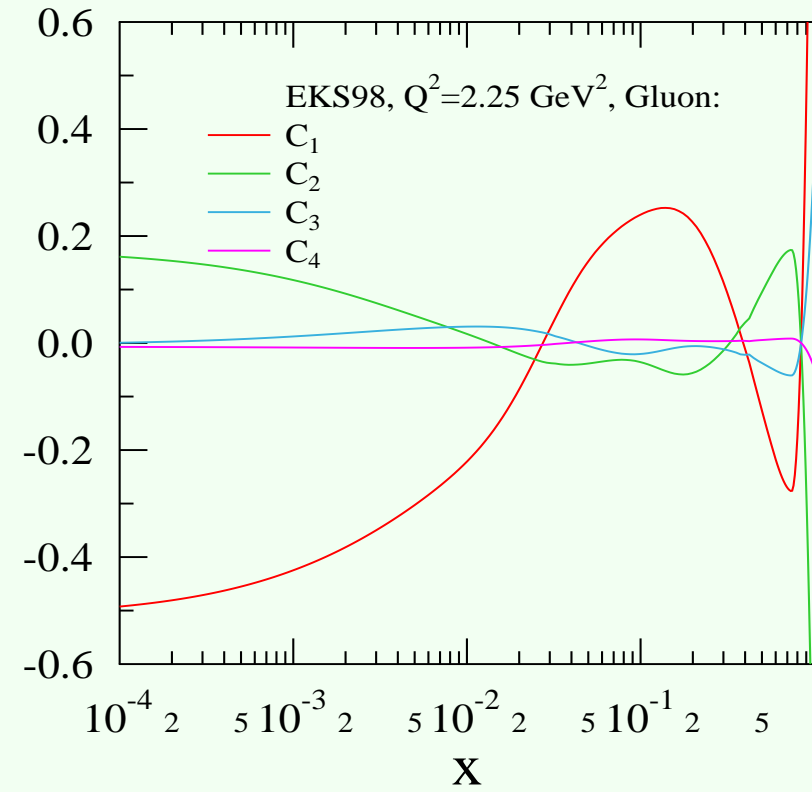
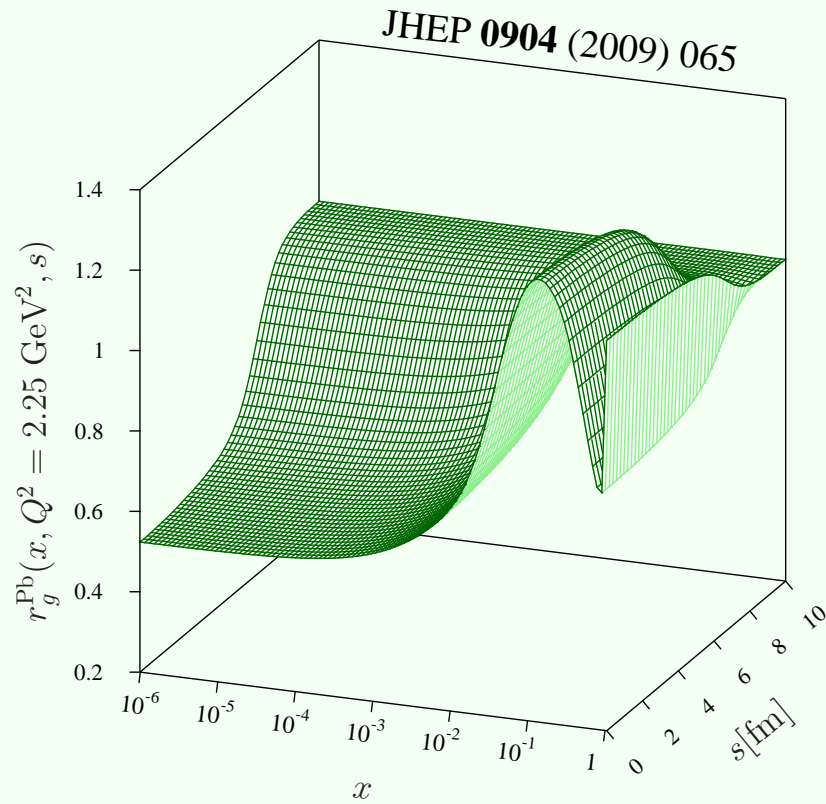
where \mathbf{s} is the transverse position of the nucleon.

✱ $R_i^A(x, Q^2)$ taken from EKS98 or EPS09

☞ Spatial dependence related to $T_A(\mathbf{s})$

$$r_i^A(x, Q^2, \mathbf{s}) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^4 c_j^i(x, Q^2) [T_A(\mathbf{s})]^j.$$

✱ Fit parameters $c_j^i(x, Q^2)$ A-independent!

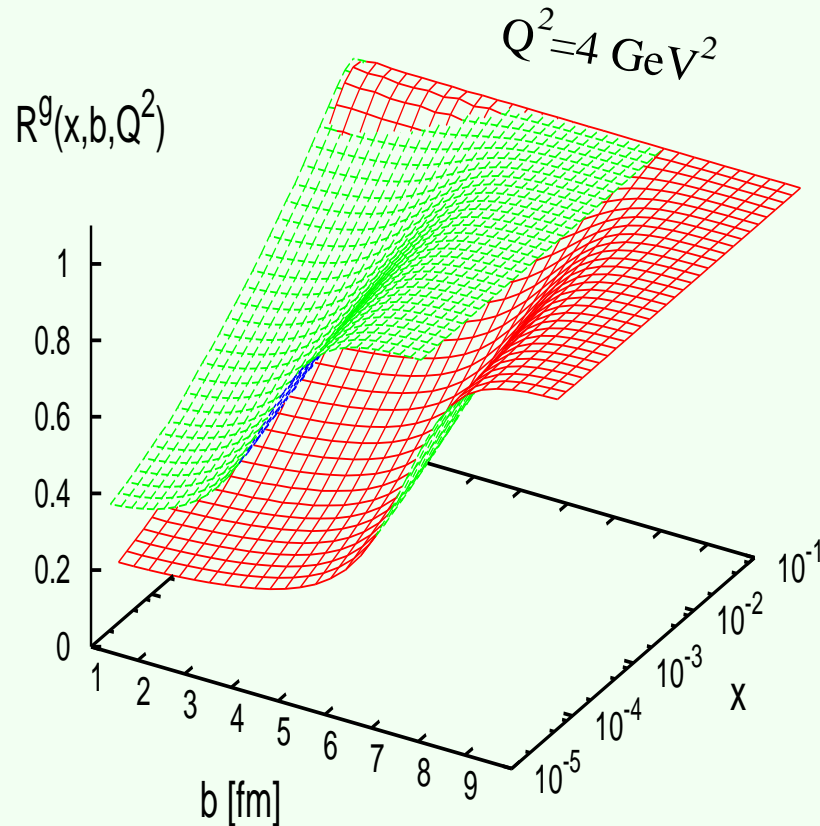


☞ At small s : $|1 - r_i^A(x, Q^2, s)| > |1 - R_i^A(x, Q^2)|$

☞ At large s : $r_i^A(x, Q^2, s) \approx 1$

Impact Parameter Dependence (Theory)

FGS: (L. Frankfurt, V. Guzey, M. Strikman, Phys. Rept. **512** (2012) 255)



- ☞ Gribov-Glauber multiple scattering formalism modeling for nuclear shadowing
 - ✿ input rescattering cross section σ_{soft}^j
- ☞ Qualitatively similar to EKS98s/EPS09s
- ☞ Allows for more detailed modeling of \mathbf{b} -dependence
 - ✿ EMC effect \iff SRC

Calculation Of Observables

Spatially averaged case:

$$dN^{AB \rightarrow k+X}(\mathbf{b}) = T_{AB}(\mathbf{b}) \sum_{i,j,X'} R_i^A f_i^N \otimes R_j^B f_j^N \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X'}$$

Spatially dependent case (EKS98/EPS09S):

$$\int_{b_1}^{b_2} d^2\mathbf{b} dN_{AB}^k(\mathbf{b}) = \sum_{n,m=0}^4 T_{AB}^{nm}(b_1, b_2) \sum_{i,j,X'} \frac{1}{AB} \sum_{N_A, N_B} c_n^i f_i^{N_A} \otimes c_m^j f_j^{N_B} \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X'},$$

where $c_0^{i,j} \equiv 1$

$$T_{AB}^{nm}(b_1, b_2) \equiv \int_{b_1}^{b_2} d^2\mathbf{b} \int d^2\mathbf{s} [T_A(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}/2)]^{n+1} [T_B(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b}/2)]^{m+1}$$

☞ For $p(d) + A$ collisions replace $T_{AB}(\mathbf{b}) \rightarrow T_A(\mathbf{b})$

☞ For final state particle, add fragmentation function, e.g.

$$dN_{dA}^{\pi^0}(\mathbf{b}) = \sum_k dN_{dA}^k(\mathbf{b}) \otimes D_{\pi^0/k}(z, Q_F^2)$$

Centrality classes:

Nuclear modification factor for $|\mathbf{b}| \in [b_1, b_2]$

$$R_{dA}^{\pi^0}(p_T, y; b_1, b_2) \equiv \frac{\left\langle \frac{d^2 N_{dA}^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy} \right\rangle_{b_1, b_2}}{\langle N_{bin}^{dA} \rangle_{b_1, b_2} \frac{1}{\sigma_{inel}^{NN}} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{pp}^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy}} = \frac{\int_{b_1}^{b_2} d^2 \mathbf{b} \frac{d^2 N_{dA}^{\pi^0}(\mathbf{b})}{dp_T dy}}{\frac{d^2 \sigma_{pp}^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy} \int_{b_1}^{b_2} d^2 \mathbf{b} T_{dA}(\mathbf{b})}$$

☞ Impact parameters b_1 and b_2 for given centrality class from optical Glauber model:

$$p_{inel}^{AB}(\mathbf{b}) \approx 1 - e^{-T_{AB}(\mathbf{b})\sigma_{inel}^{NN}},$$

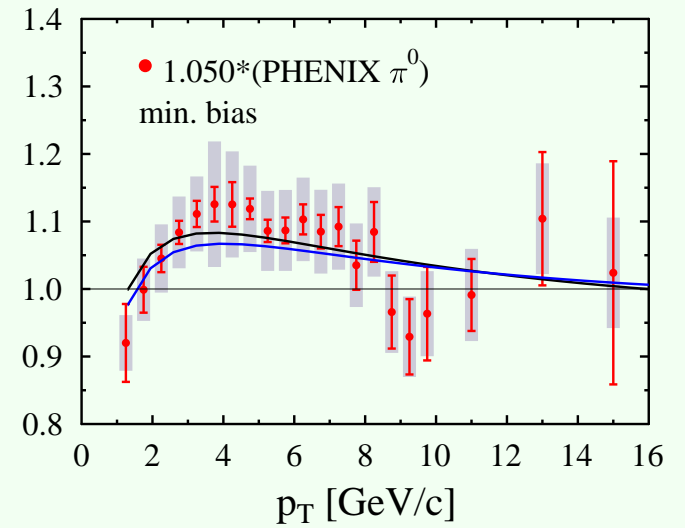
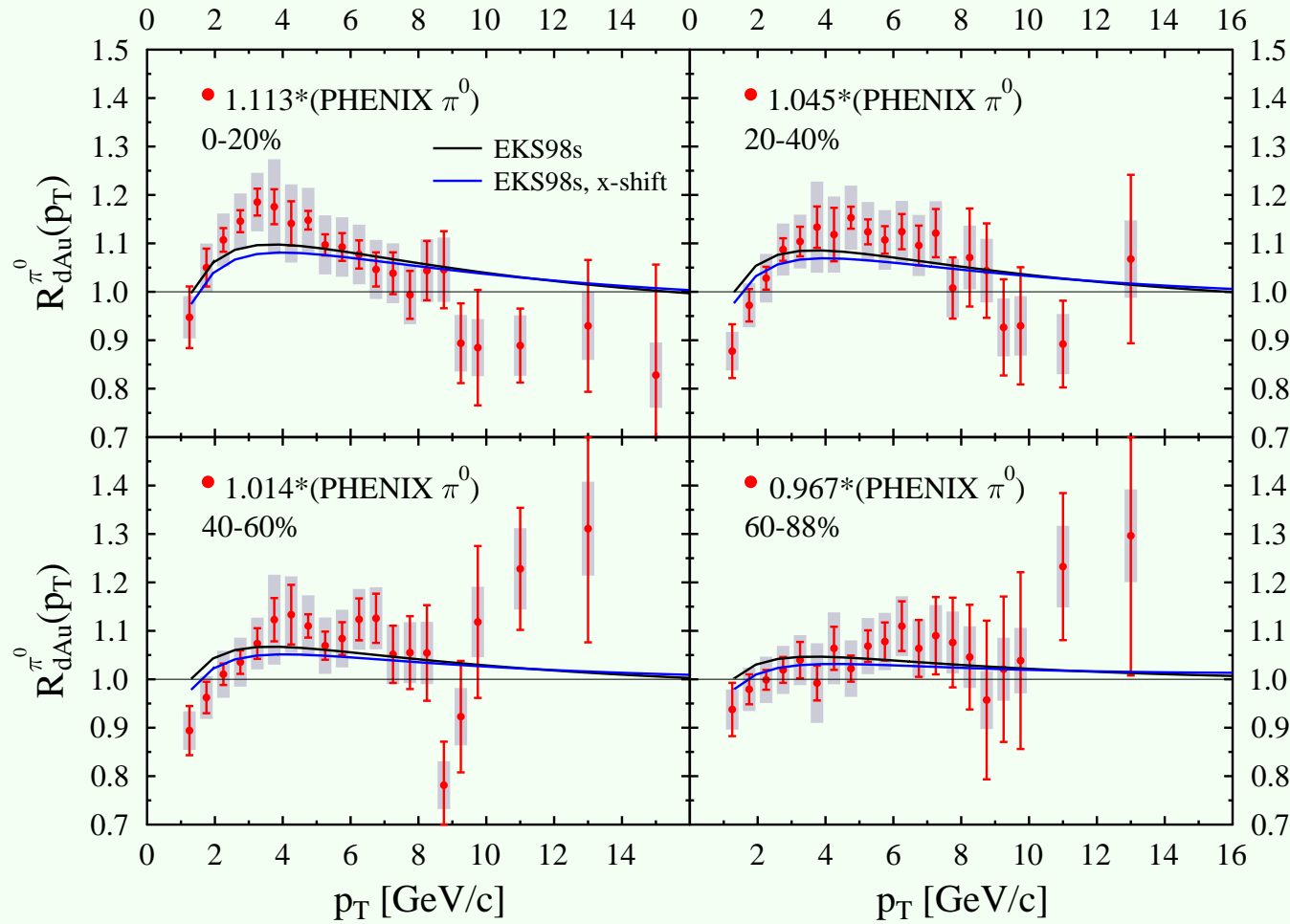
$$\sigma_{inel}^{AB} = \int d^2 \mathbf{b} p_{inel}^{AB}(\mathbf{b}) = \int d^2 \mathbf{b} (1 - e^{-T_{AB}(\mathbf{b})\sigma_{inel}^{NN}}).$$

$$(c_2 - c_1) \% = \frac{1}{\sigma_{inel}^{AB}} \int_{b_1}^{b_2} d^2 \mathbf{b} p_{inel}^{AB}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\sigma_{inel}^{AB}(b_1, b_2)}{\sigma_{inel}^{AB}}$$

Minimum bias:

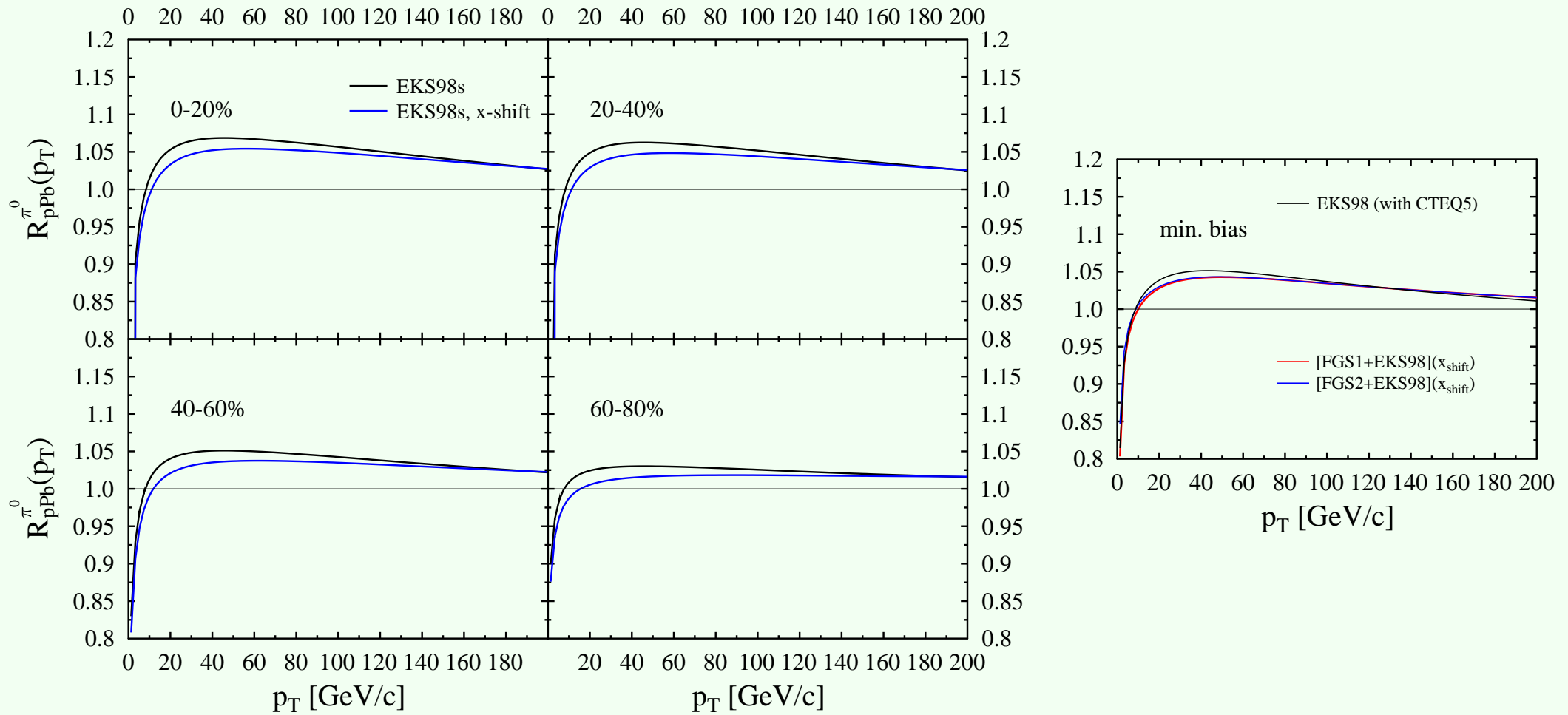
$$\left\langle R_{dA}^{\pi^0}(p_T, y) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2A} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{dA, MB}^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy} \bigg/ \frac{d^2 \sigma_{pp}^{\pi^0}}{dp_T dy},$$

Nuclear Effects At RHIC



(EKS98s results from JHEP **1207** (2012) 073)

Nuclear Effects At The LHC



☞ Centrality dependent FGS+EKS98/EPS09 results soon!

Hyvää Syntymäpäivää James!