

# **Jets and Longitudinal Proton Structure at the EIC**

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# Outline

- Motivation and current status of polarized PDFs
- Relevance of jets at the EIC
- Theoretical calculations and phenomenology

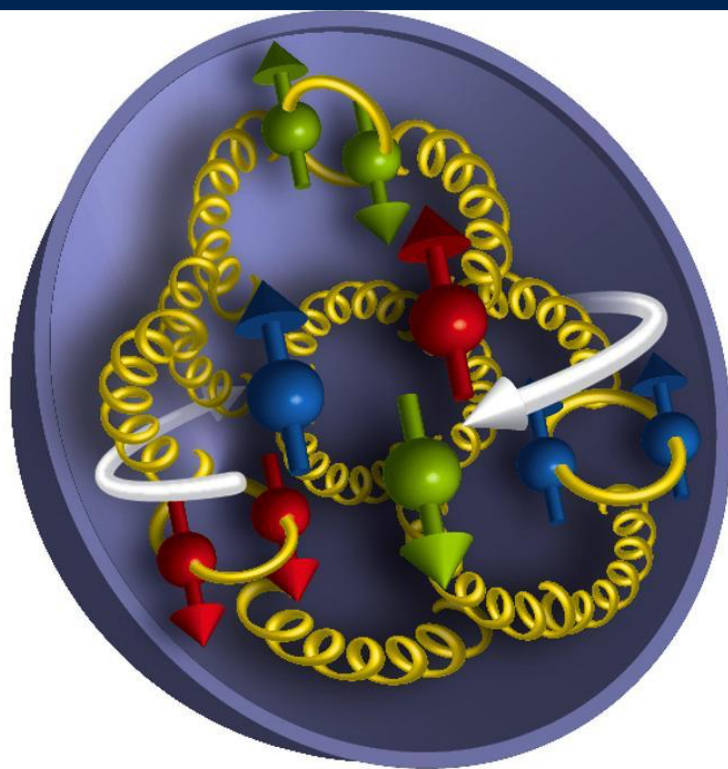


# Puzzles in proton structure

- Even after several decades of study, simple aspects of QCD still surprise us

How is the proton spin formed from its microscopic constituents?

How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum inside the nucleon?



Quark spin      Gluon spin      Orbital

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + \Delta G + L_{G+q}$$

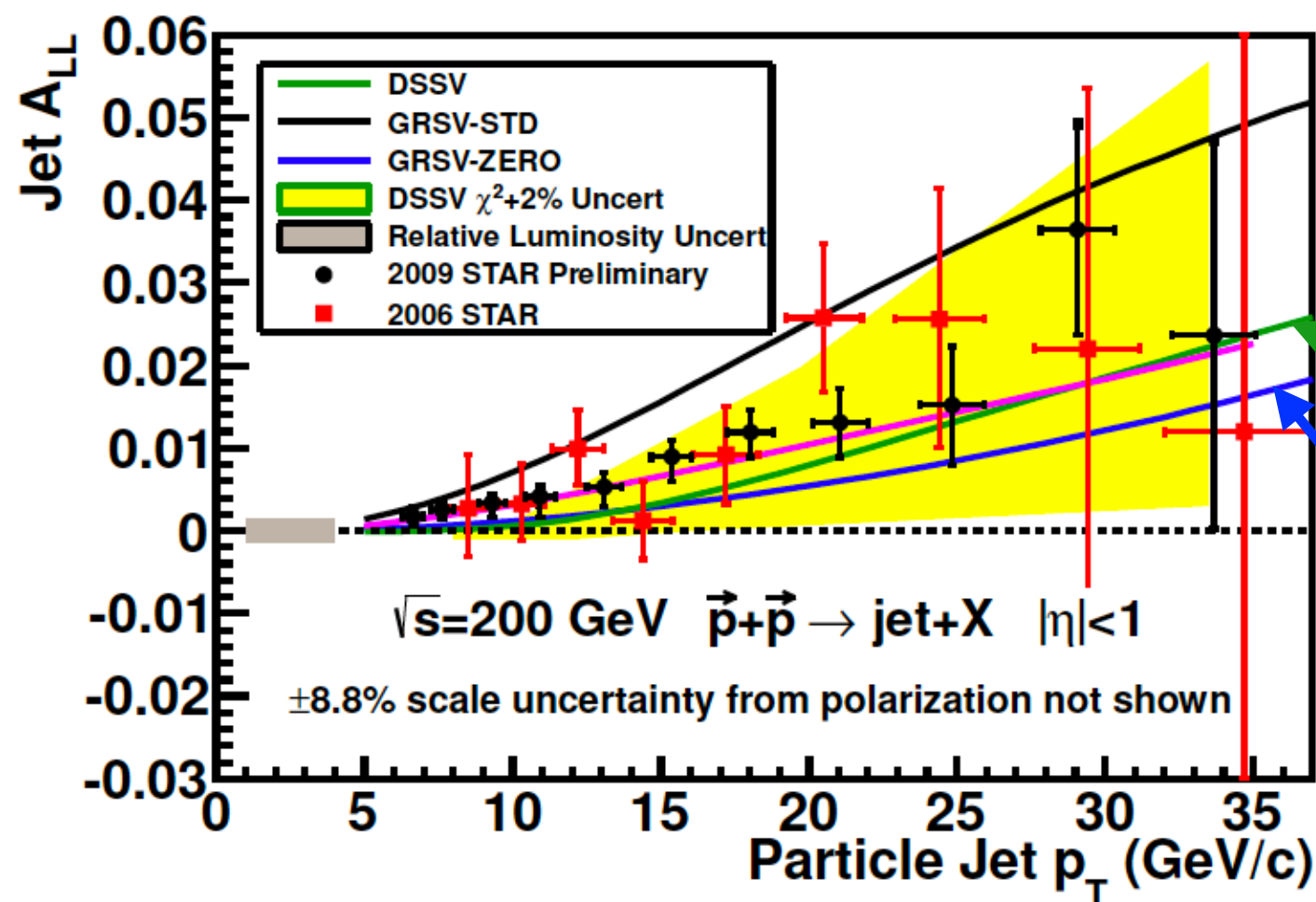
**Goal:** precision determination of polarized PDFs



# Jets at RHIC: recent progress

- In the past several years we have obtained initial insights into these questions from RHIC data

STAR, 1303.0543



$$A_{LL} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}}$$

$$A_{LL} \sim \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \Delta f_i(x_1) \Delta f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij}$$

with gluon  
polarization

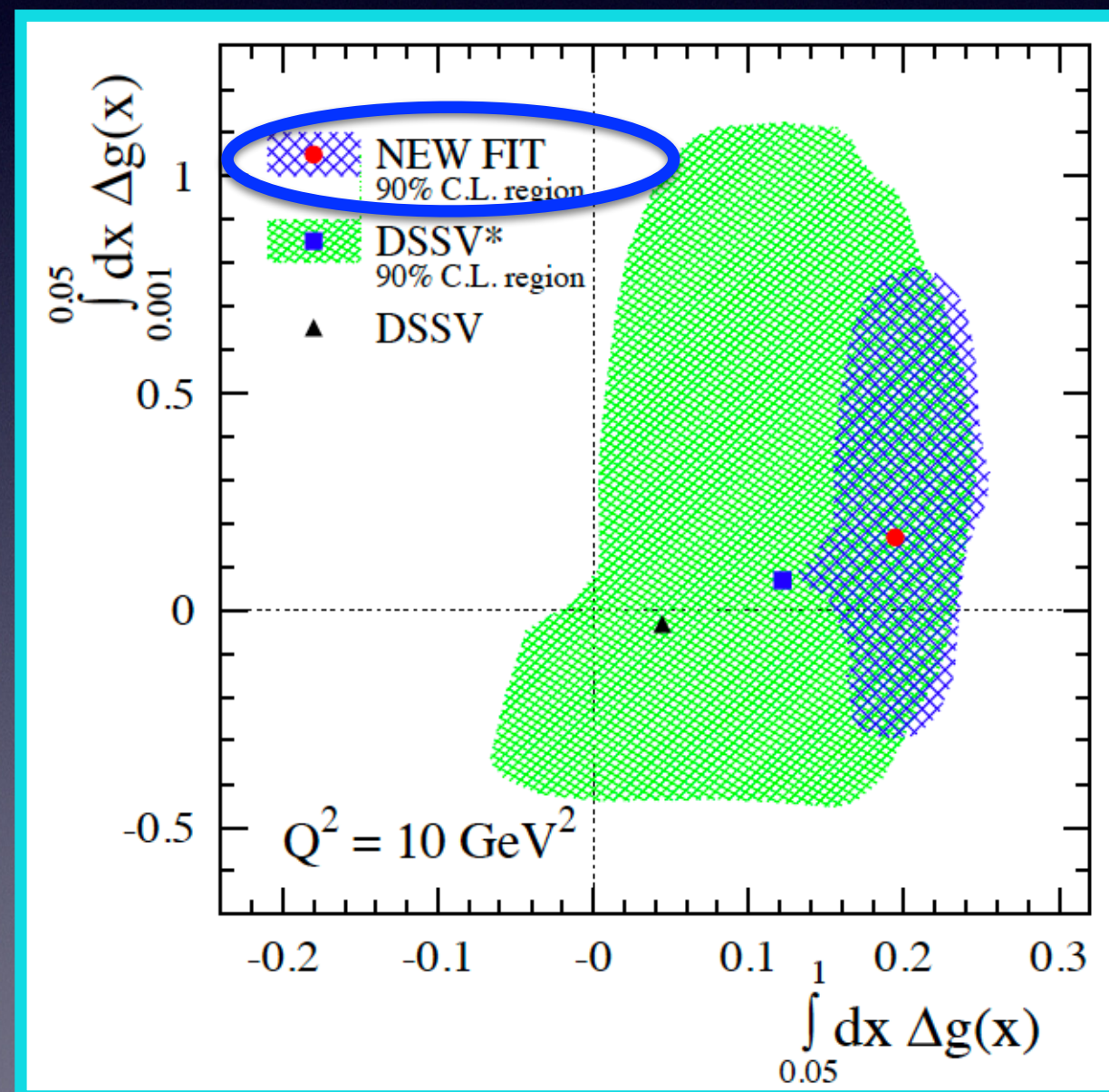
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2009 jet data shows  
preference for non-zero  
gluon polarization



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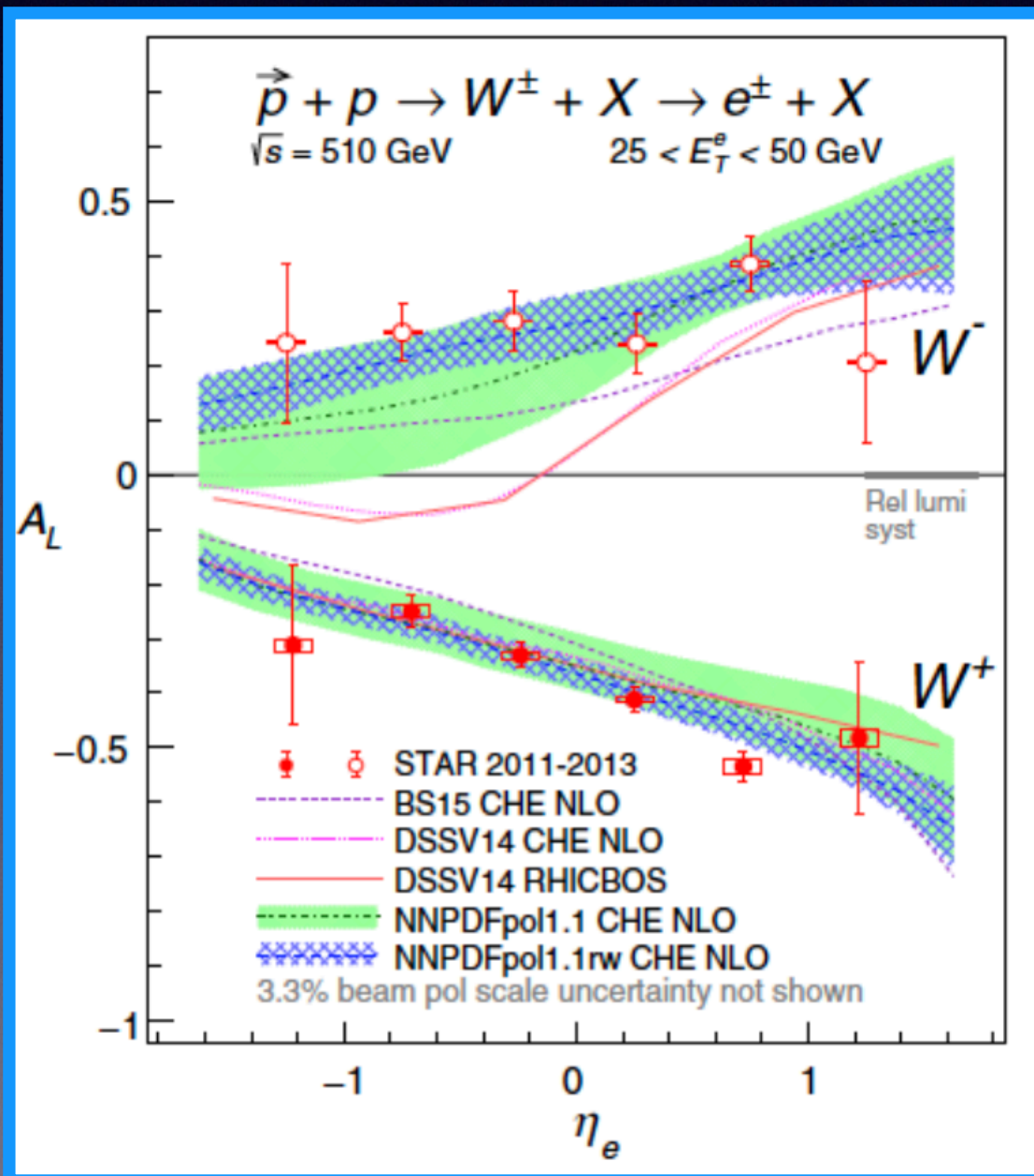
- Jet double-longitudinal spin asymmetries provide evidence of non-zero gluon polarization at high Bjorken- $x$  in the proton.





# W at RHIC: recent progress

- Longitudinal single spin asymmetries in W production provide a glimpse of flavor structure in the polarized quark sea.



$$A_L \equiv (\sigma_+ - \sigma_-) / (\sigma_+ + \sigma_-)$$

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$$y_W \gg 0 \rightarrow x_1 \gg x_2 : A_L^{W^+} \approx -\frac{\Delta u(x_1)}{u(x_1)}, A_L^{W^-} \approx -\frac{\Delta d(x_1)}{d(x_1)}$$

$$y_W \ll 0 \rightarrow x_2 \gg x_1 : A_L^{W^+} \approx \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1)}{\bar{d}(x_1)}, A_L^{W^-} \approx \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_1)}{\bar{u}(x_1)}$$

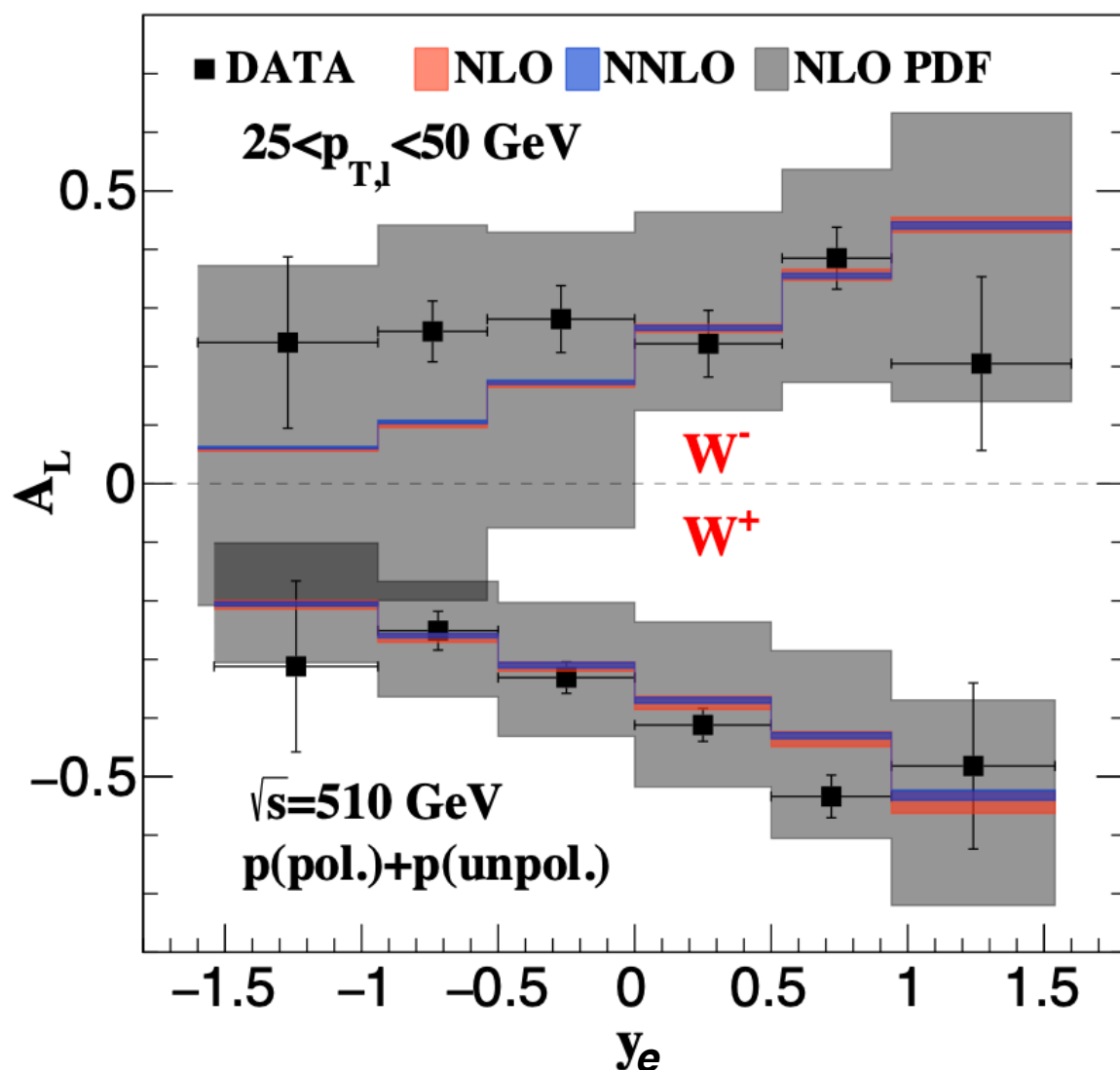
$A_L^{W^-} > 0$  and  $A_L^{W^+} < 0$  at negative  $\eta_e$   
 indicate a positive  $\Delta \bar{u} - \Delta \bar{d}$



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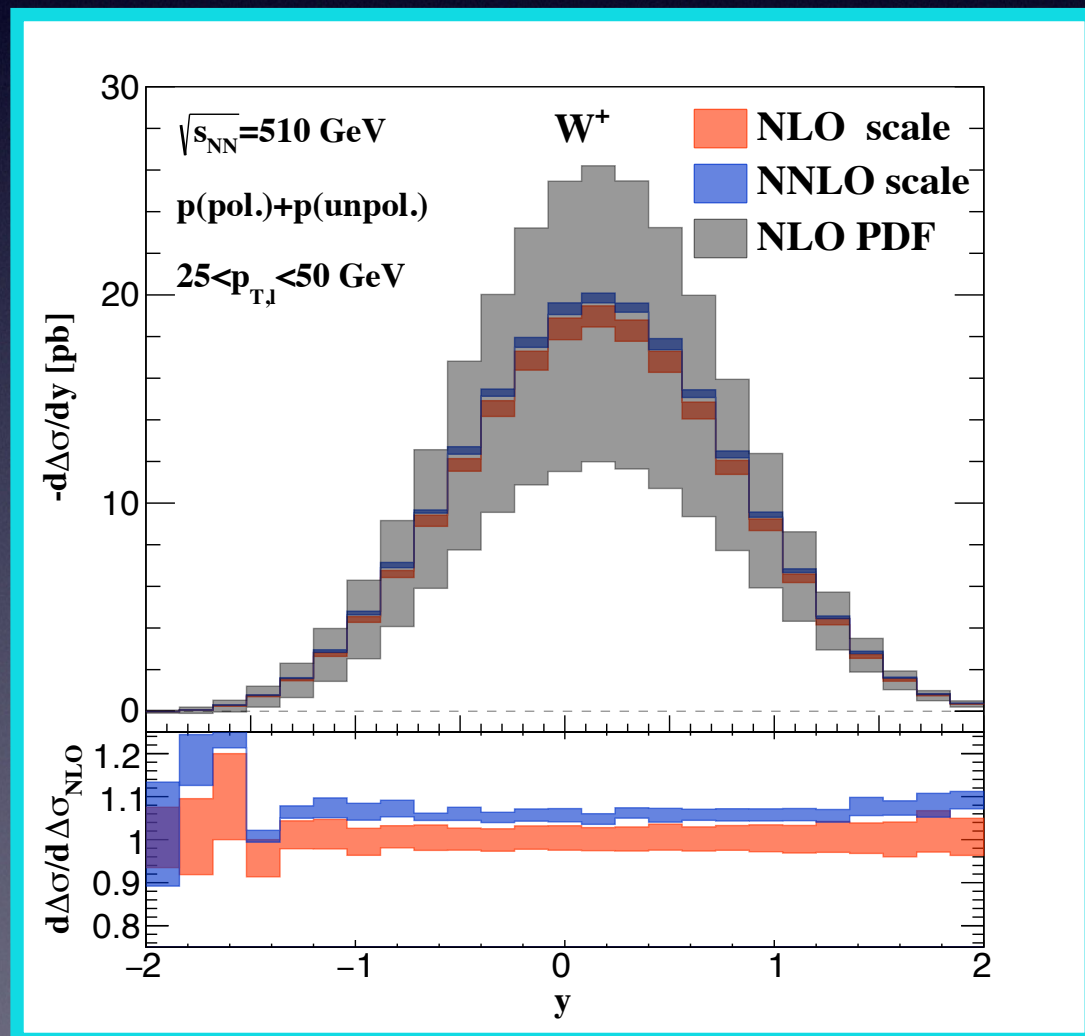
Now known at NNLO.  
Excellent stability under pQCD  
makes this a powerful probe of  
polarized sea PDFs.



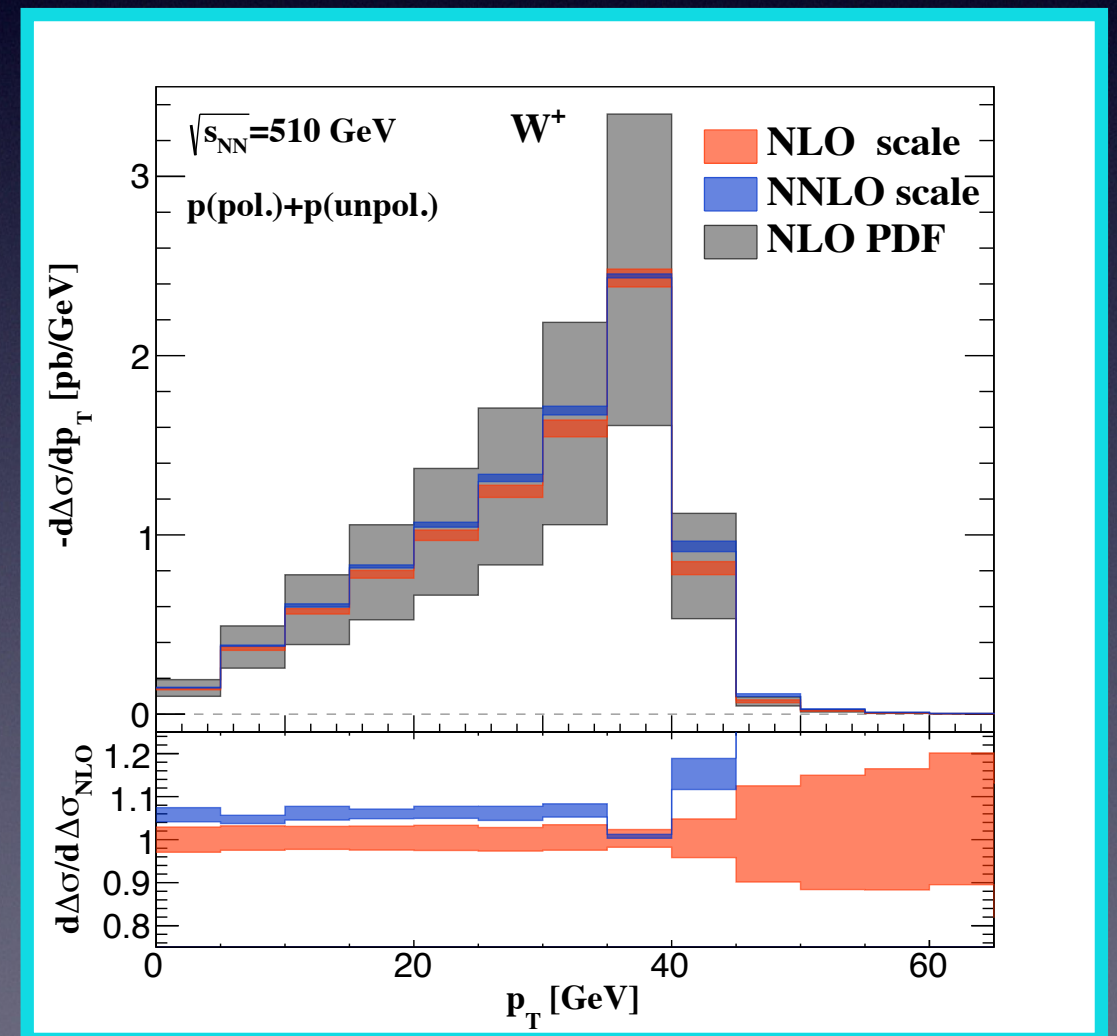
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- PDF errors dominate over QCD scale errors for multiple distributions. NNLO QCD corrections enhance the NLO result by  $\sim 6\%$ , constant over much of phase space.

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Corrections to lepton rapidity distribution have little-to-no dependence on  $y$



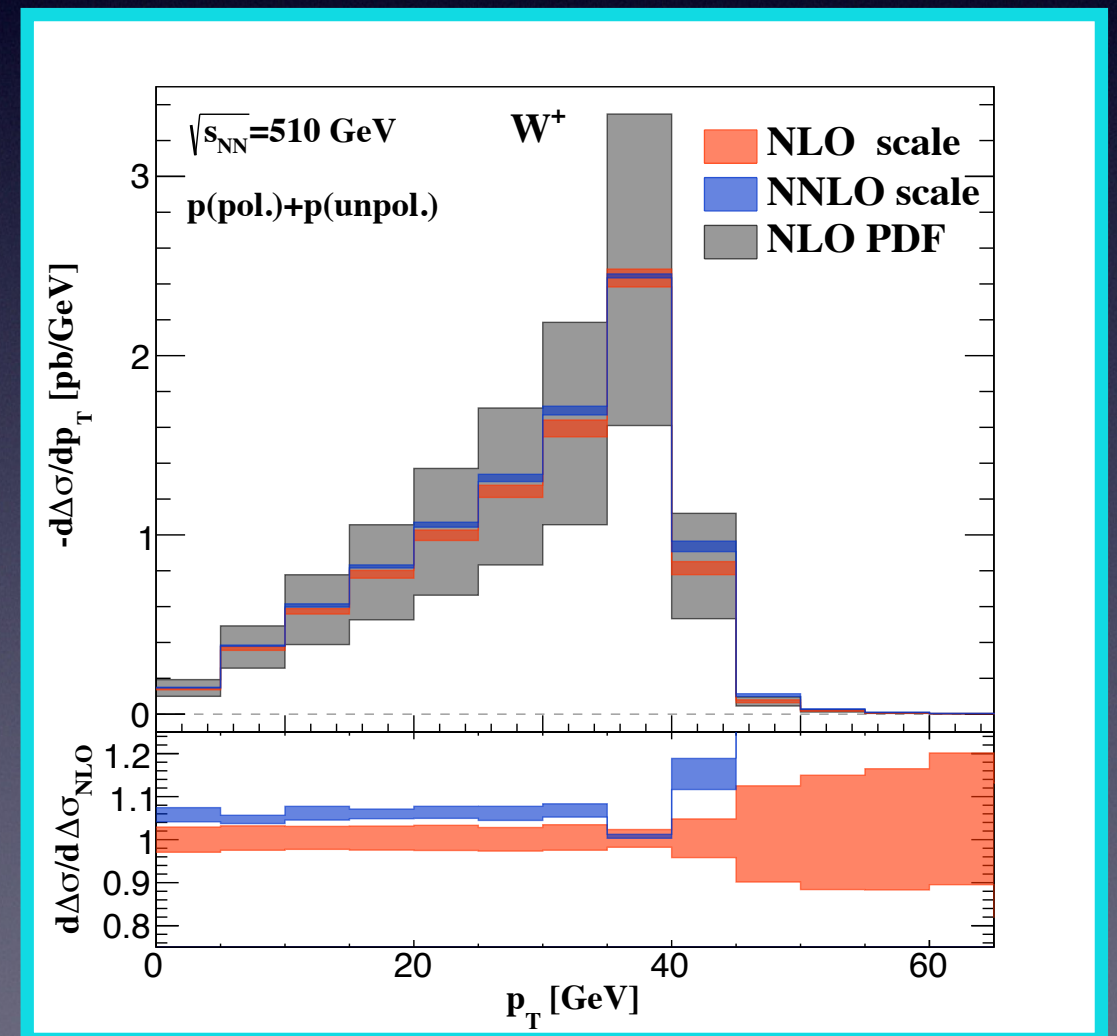
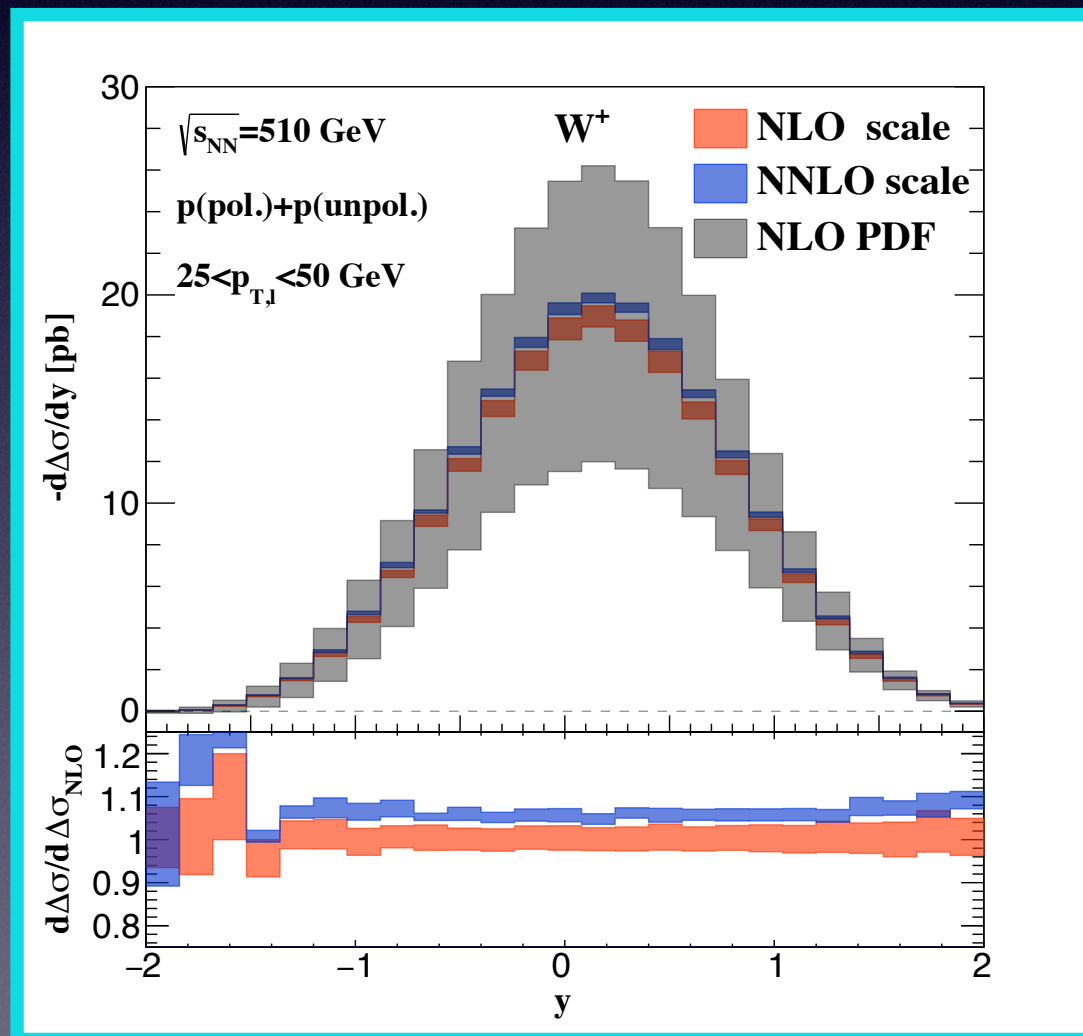
QCD corrections become large above the Jacobian peak  $p_T = M_W/2$



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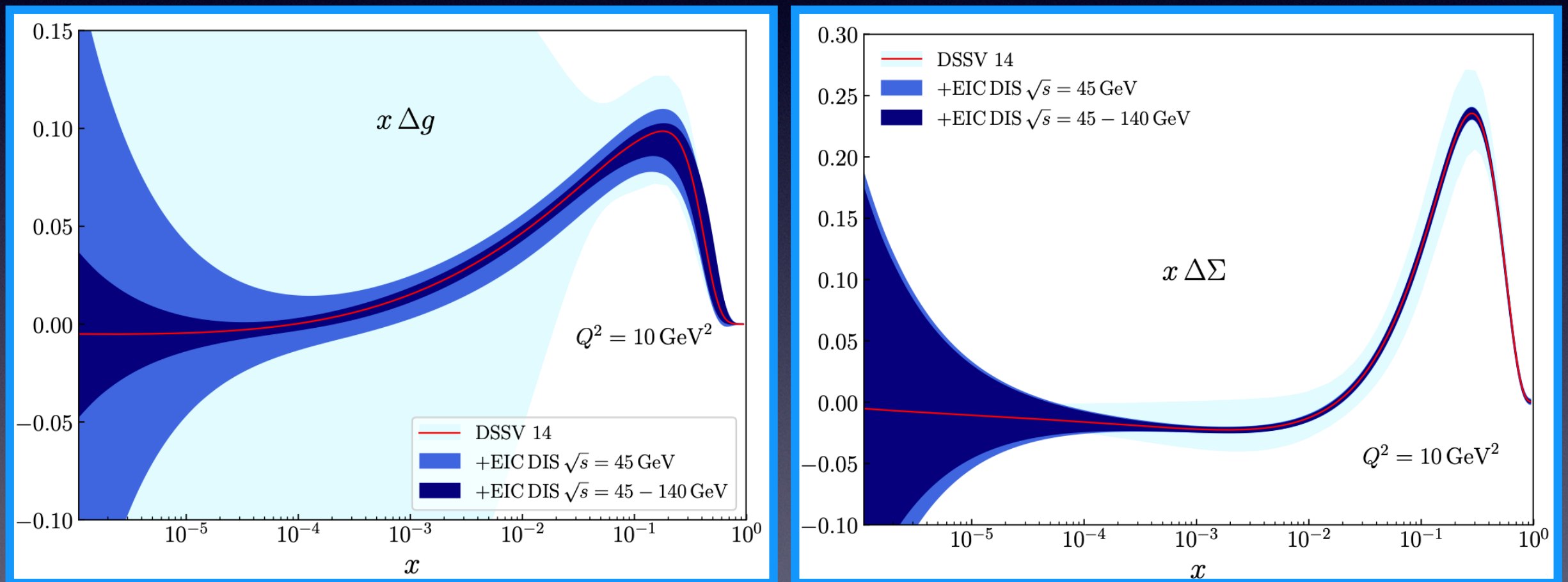
NNLO result not contained in NLO error band; *possibly* due to having PDF to only NLO accuracy



# Future projections at the EIC

- A precision determination of polarized PDFs will first come from the EIC.

**Borsa, Lucero, Sassot, Aschenauer, Nunes, 2007.08300**

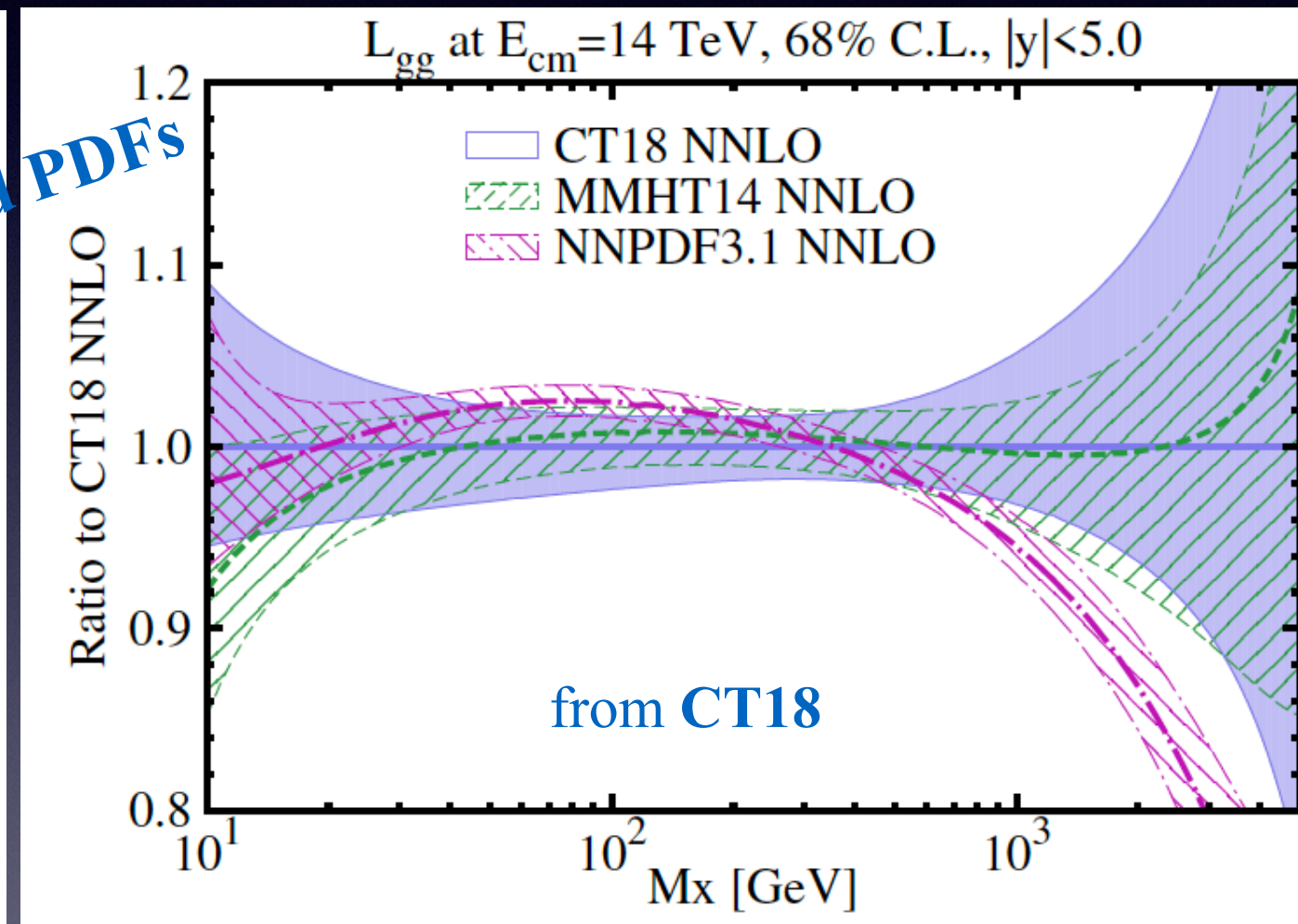
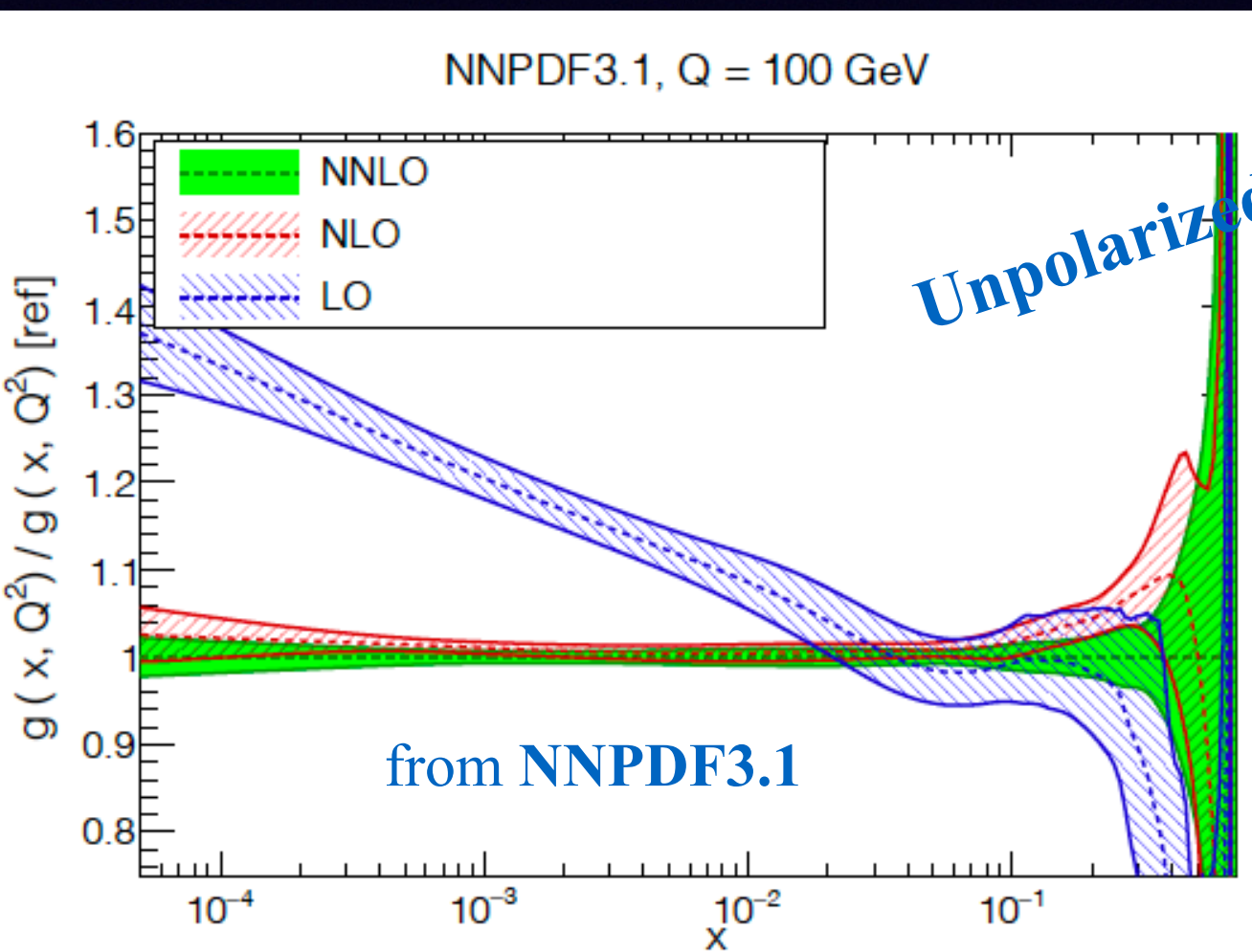


Combination of DIS and pion, kaon SIDIS simulated data.  $\Delta g$  probed through scaling violations of  $g_1$  (polarized structure function) at much lower  $x$ -values than at RHIC



# Polarized vs unpolarized PDFs at NNLO

- Current extractions of polarized PDFs are only available at NLO with large uncertainties.



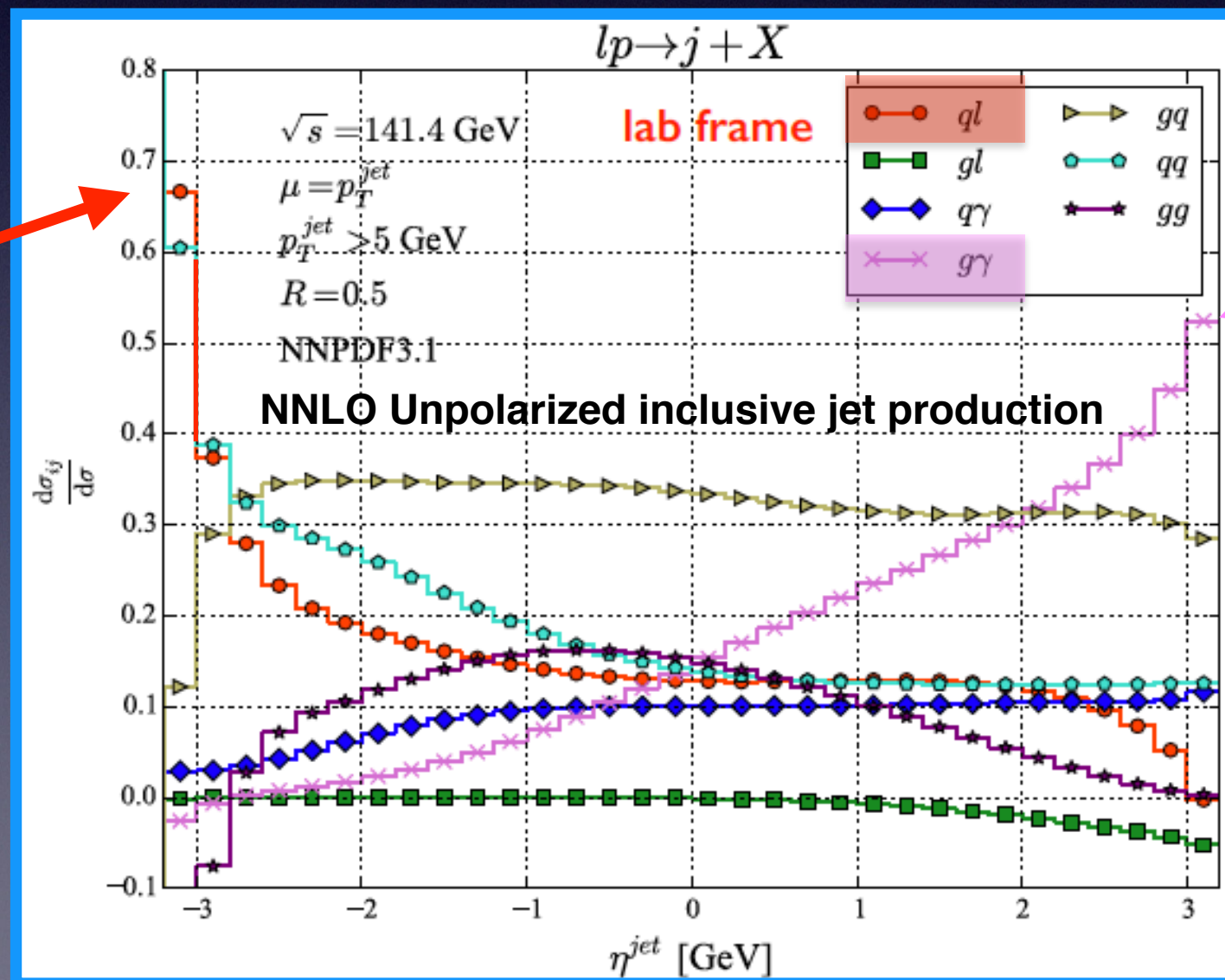
**Long-term goal:** NNLO extraction of polarized PDFs . Our understanding of unpolarized PDFs at this level has had a profound impact on our ability to understand LHC data.



# Jets and longitudinal proton structure

- Jets can play an important role in disentangling the structure of the proton.

Abelof, RB, Liu, Petriello, 1607.04921



quark-dominated

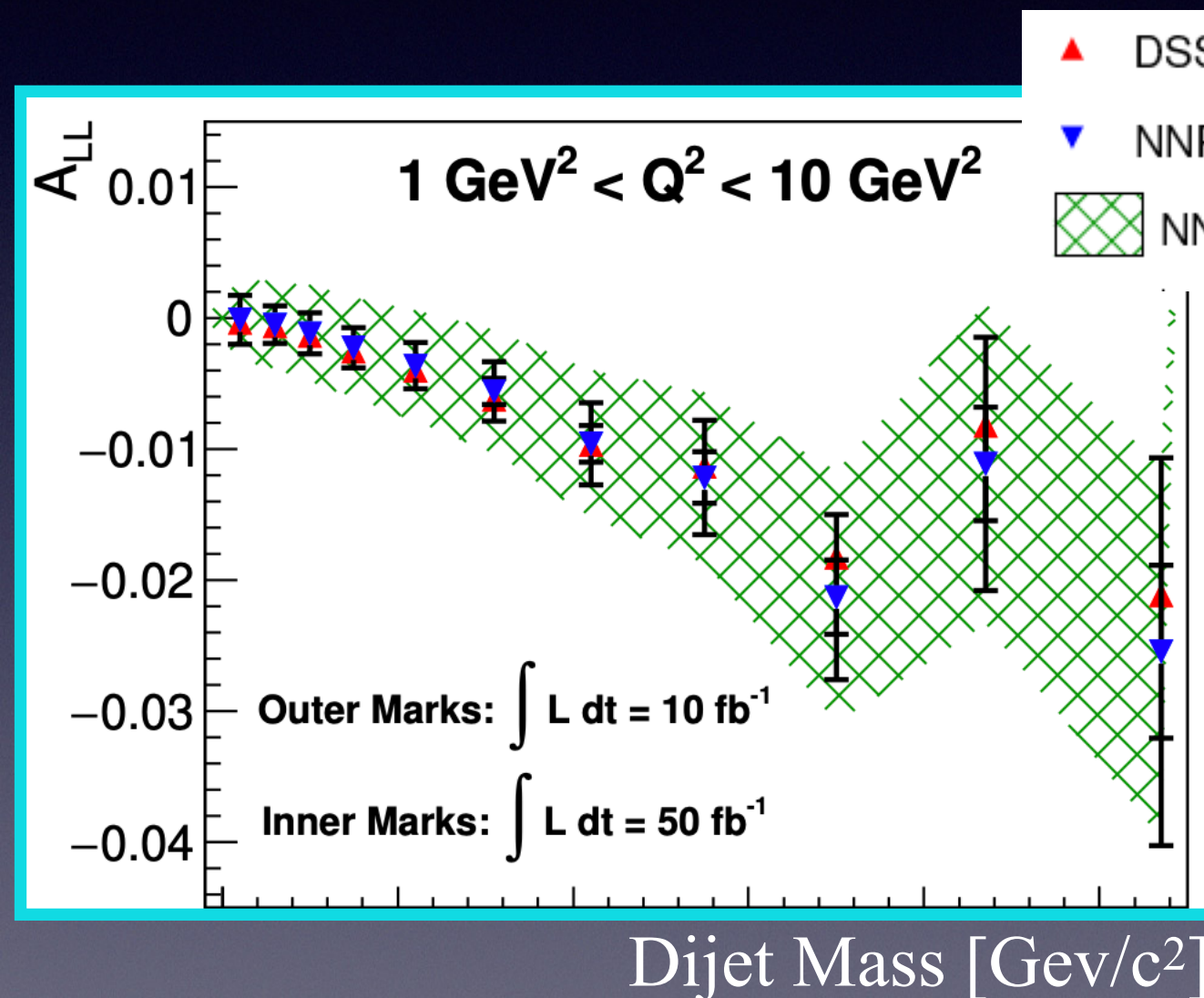
gluon-dominated

Different regions of jet phase space give access to different parton distributions

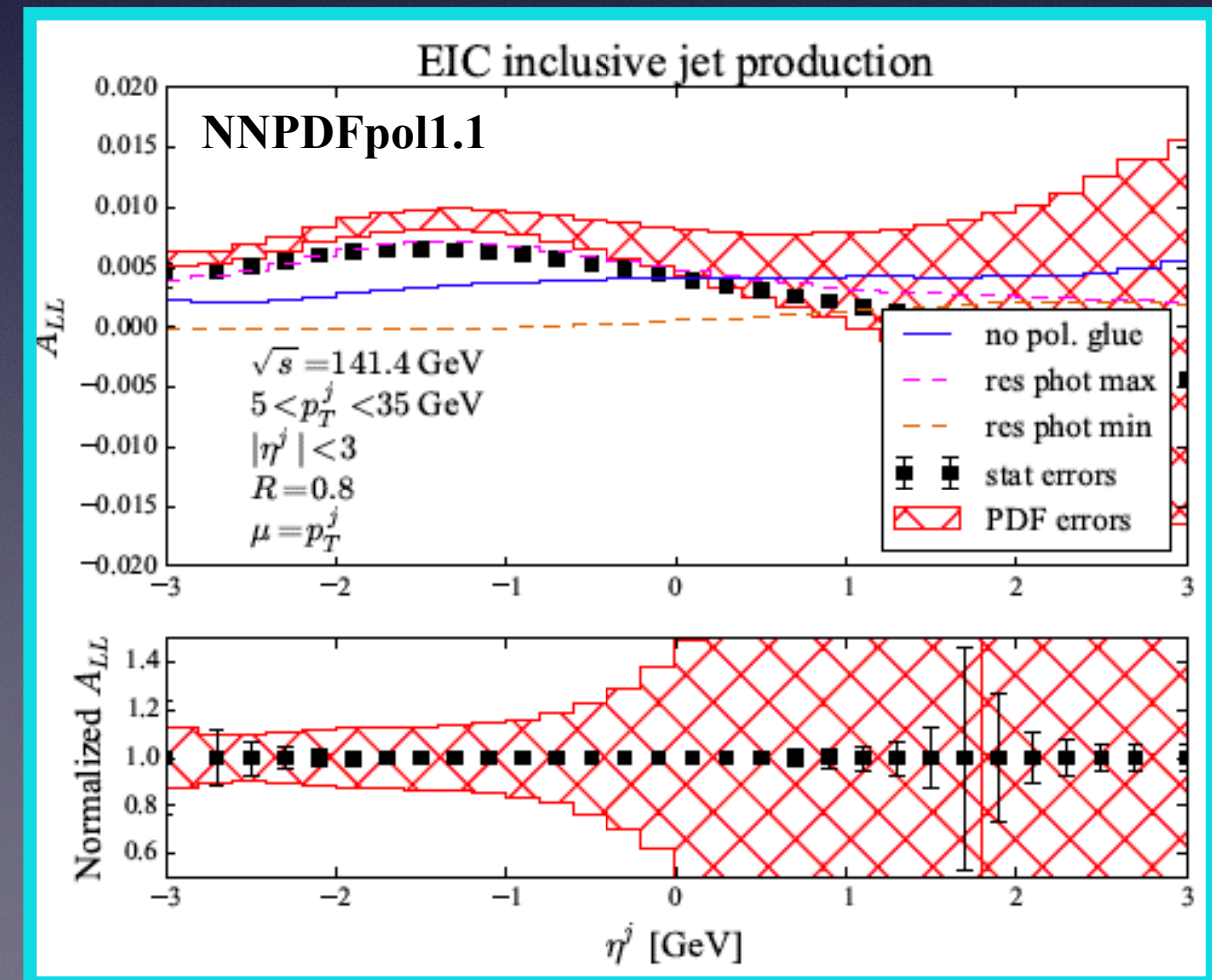


# Jets and longitudinal proton structure

- Polarized PDF errors are larger than the estimated experimental errors. These distributions can improve current PDF extractions. They can provide cross-checks of polarized gluon determination from  $g_1$ .



RB, Petriello, Xing 1806.07311



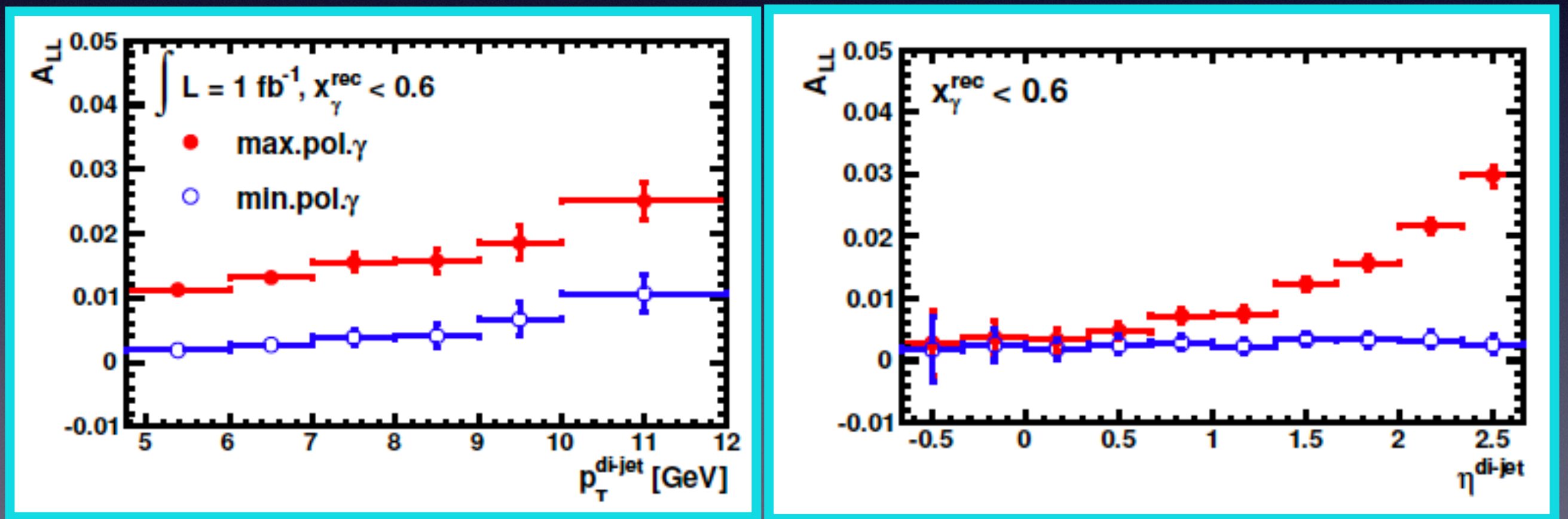
Page, Chu, Aschenauer, 1911.00657



# Jets and longitudinal photon structure

- Polarized dijet production at the EIC will provide our first view of longitudinal photon structure, which is currently based on models only.

Chu, Aschenauer, Lee, Zheng 1705.08831



Two assumptions regarding polarized photon distributions at  $\mu \approx 0.5$  GeV:

minimal:  $\Delta f^\gamma(x, \mu^2) = 0$

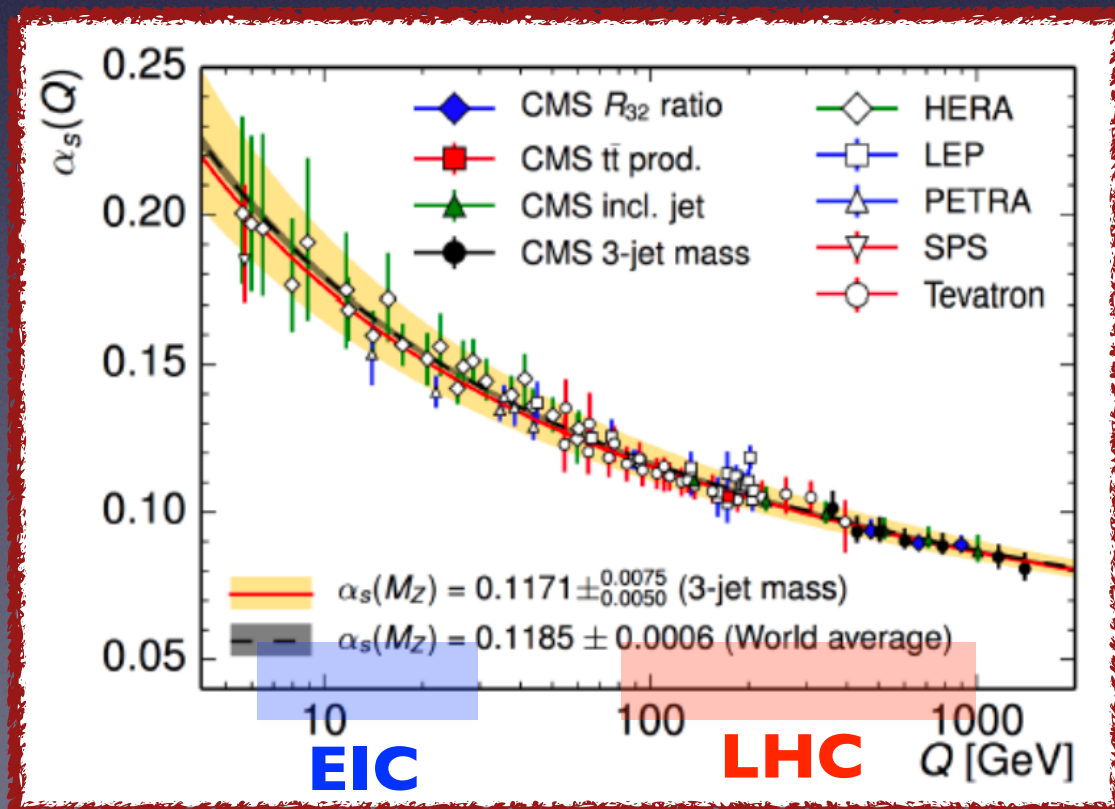
maximal:  $\Delta f^\gamma(x, \mu^2) = f^\gamma(x, \mu^2)$



# pQCD framework

- Jet observables relevant for longitudinal proton/photon structure can be systematically calculated using the perturbative expansion in collinear factorization.

$$\sigma_{ep \rightarrow X} = \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{i/e}(x_1, \mu^2) f_{j/p}(x_2, \mu^2) \sigma_{ij \rightarrow X}(x_1, x_2, \mu^2)$$



$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma^{\text{Born}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sigma^{(1)} + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^2 \sigma^{(2)} + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^3 \sigma^{(3)} + \dots \right)$$

LO  
predictions

NLO  
corrections

NNLO  
corrections

NNNLO  
corrections

**EIC:** perturbative, but corrections larger than at LHC. Must be included for any quantitative analysis



# Inclusive jet production at the EIC

- Review the theoretical calculation and phenomenology of jet production at higher orders at the EIC.

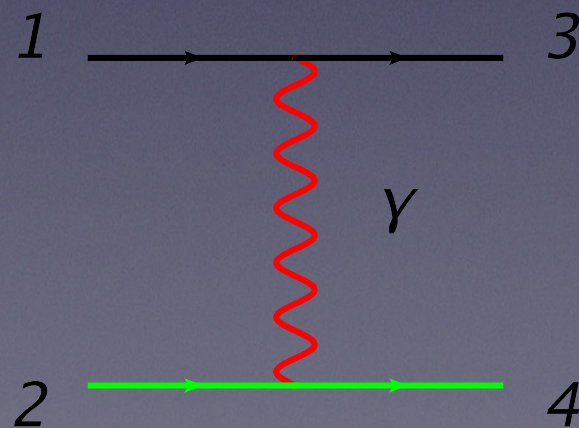
**DIS:**  $ep \rightarrow eX$

- lepton tagged
- Cut on  $Q^2$
- hard scale:  $Q$

**Inclusive jet production:**  $ep \rightarrow jX$

- lepton *not* tagged
- Cut on  $p_{Tjet}$
- hard scale:  $p_{Tjet}$

$q(p_1) + l(p_2) \rightarrow q(p_3) + l(p_4)$



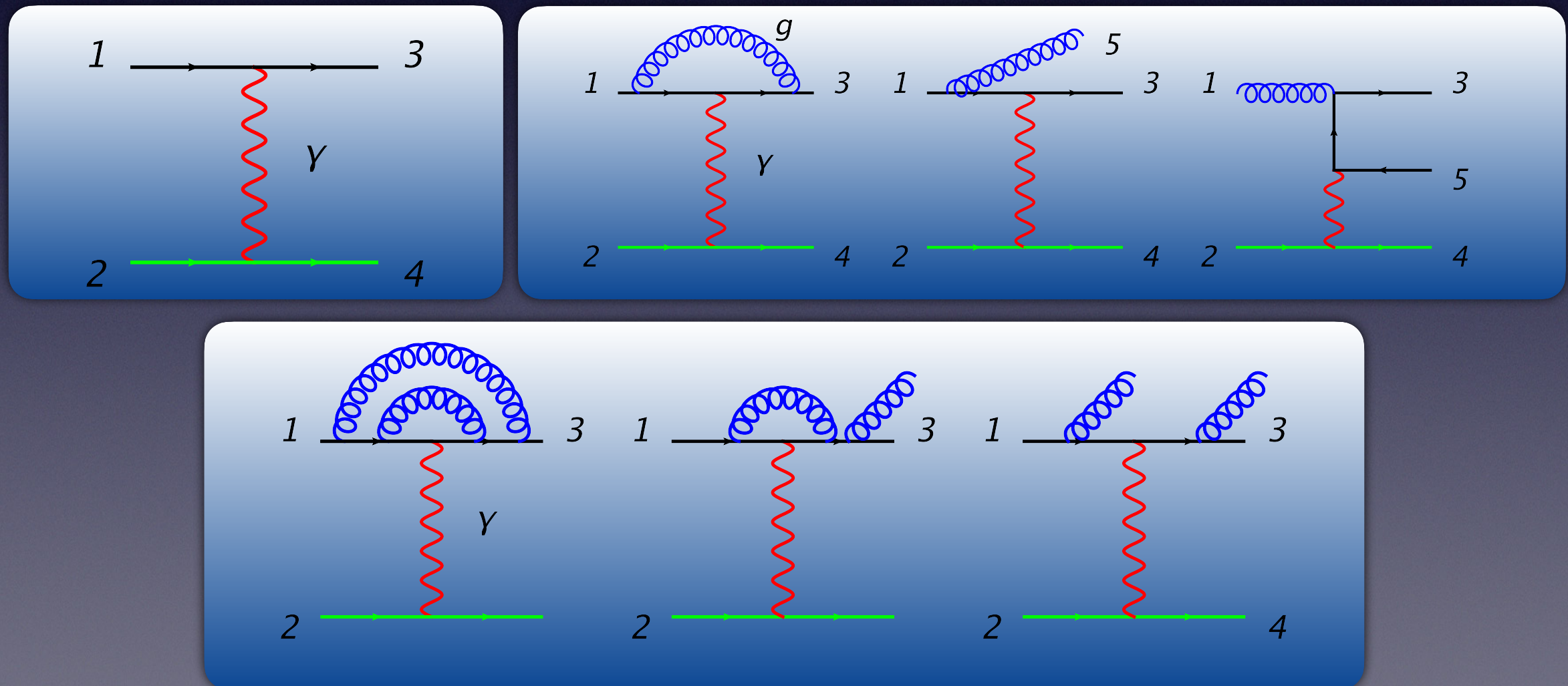
- **Leading order:** identical for both processes, lepton recoils against a jet



# Inclusive jet production at the EIC

- Three distinct contributions through  $O(\alpha_s^2)$ :

(1) DIS process:  $q_1 + l_2 \rightarrow q_3 + l_4 + X$ , begins at  $O(\alpha_s^0)$ .  $Q^2 > 0$

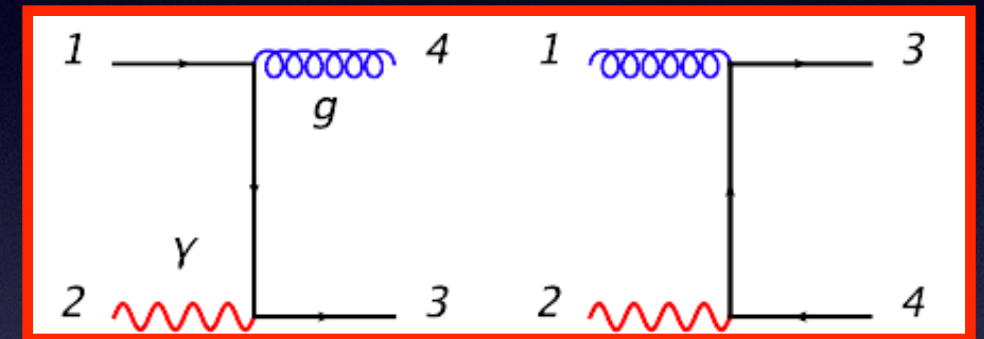




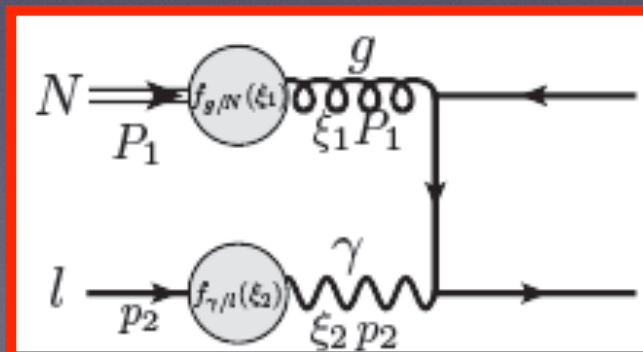
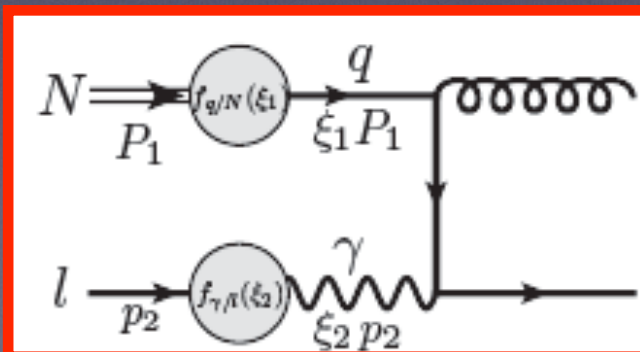
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(2) Weizsacker-Williams (WW) photon process:  $q/g_1 + \gamma_2 \rightarrow q_3 + g/q_4 + X$ , begins at  $O(\alpha_s^1)$



lepton collinear to the beam ( $Q^2 \simeq 0$ ), with two jets balancing in the transverse plane; on-shell photon scattering with quark  $\rightarrow$  differentiates DIS and inclusive jet production



$$f_{\gamma/l}(\xi) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} P_{\gamma l}(\xi) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{\xi^2 m_l^2} \right) - 1 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$

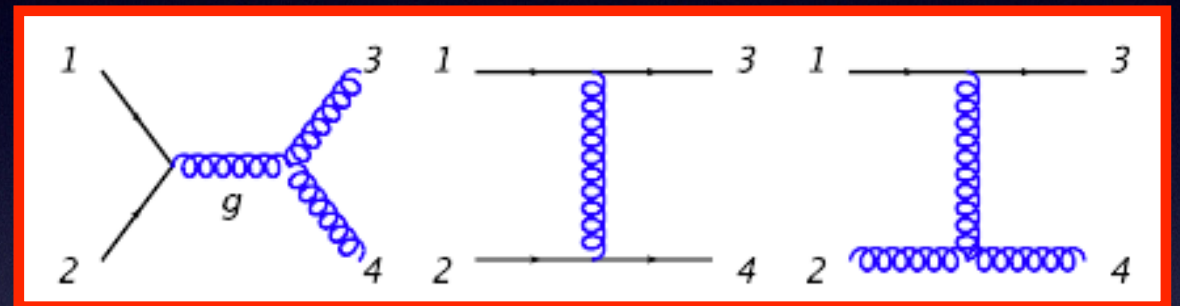
$$P_{\gamma l}(\xi) = \frac{1 + (1 - \xi)^2}{\xi}$$



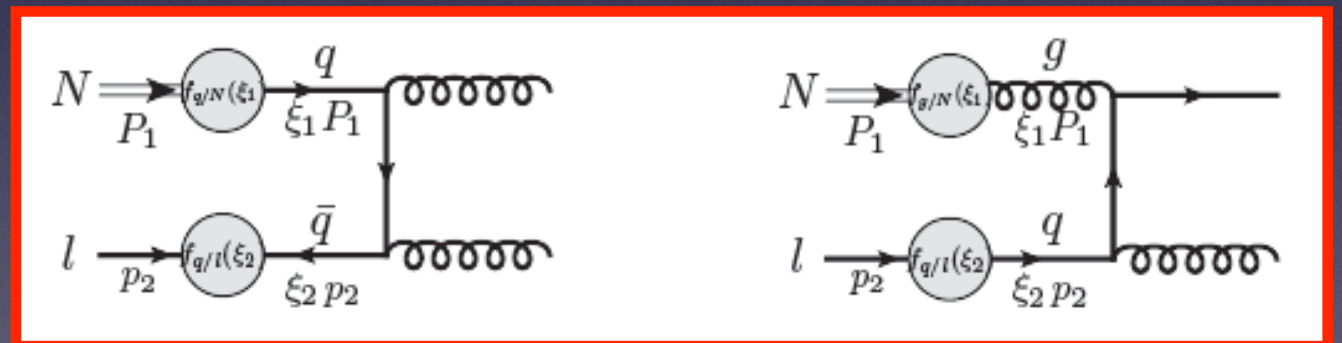
# Inclusive jet production at the EIC

- Three distinct contributions through  $O(\alpha_s^2)$ :

(3) Resolved photon process:  
 $q/g_1 + q/g_2 \rightarrow q/g_3 + q/g_4 + X$ ,  
 formally begins at  $O(\alpha_s^2)$



Incoming lepton can split into a quark, leading to parton-parton scattering channels.



$$\int \frac{d\xi_1 d\xi_2 dy}{\xi_1 \xi_2 y} \Delta f_{i/P}(\xi_1) \Delta f_{j/\gamma}(\xi_2/y) \Delta P_{\gamma l}(y) \Delta \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(y)$$

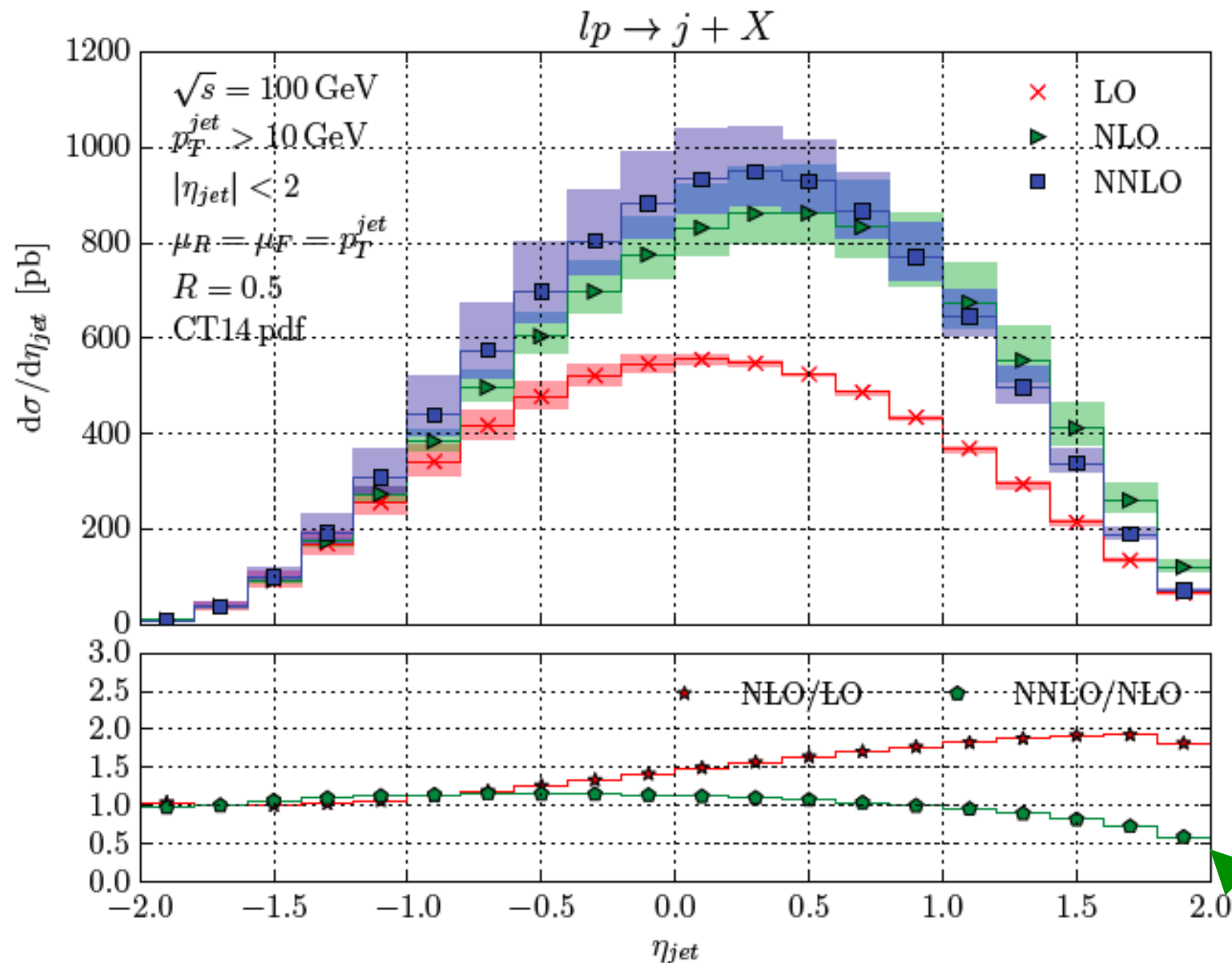
polarized  
proton PDFs

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**photon** PDFs

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QED splitting  
function



# Inclusive jet production: unpolarized

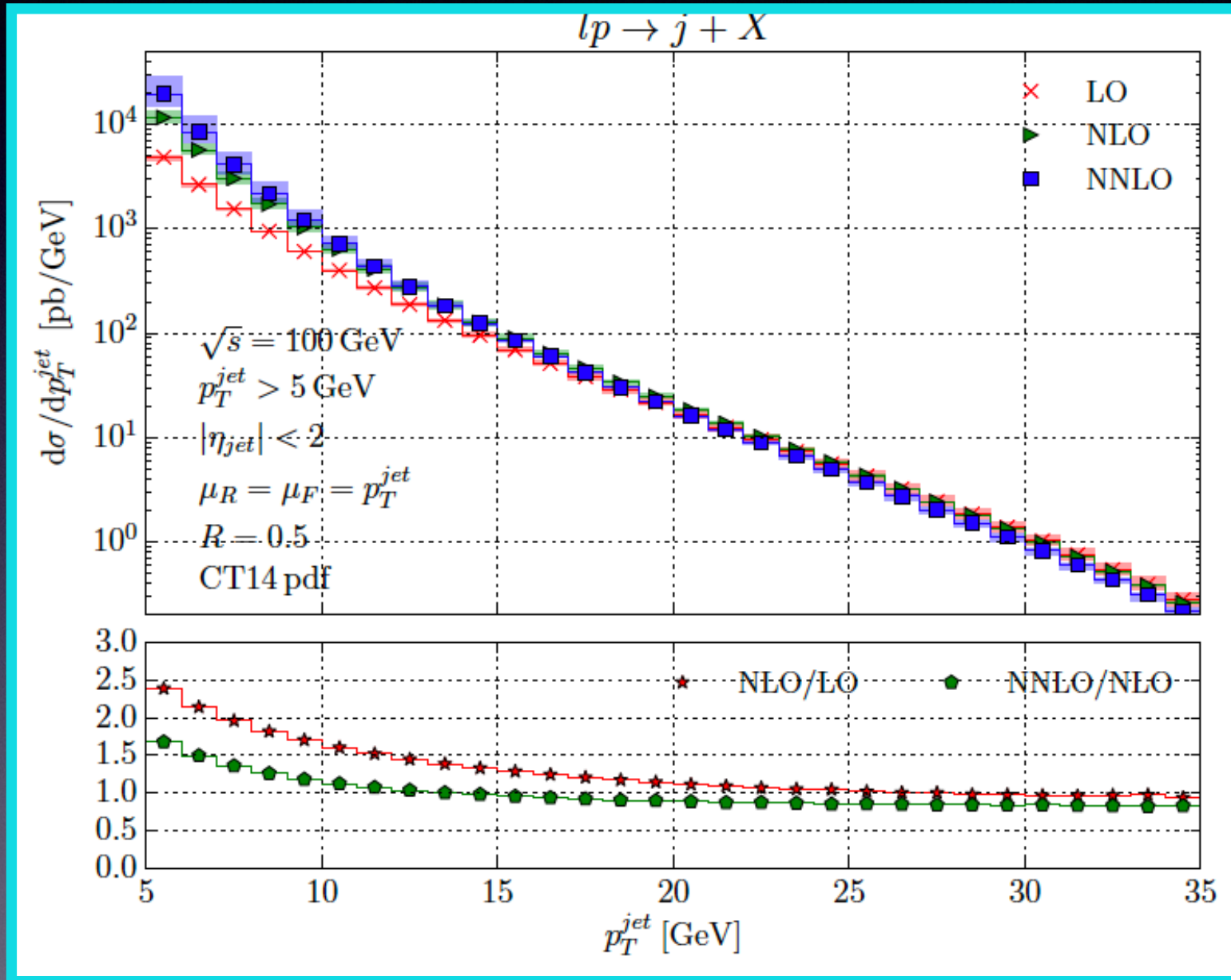


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- Requires  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  for accurate prediction; WW photons at  $O(\alpha_s)$  give large correction (Hinderer, Schlegel, Vogelsang 1505.06415).
- Larger-than-expected scale dependence at  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  from resolved photon terms.
- $O(\alpha_s^2)$  leads to slight decrease at high eta



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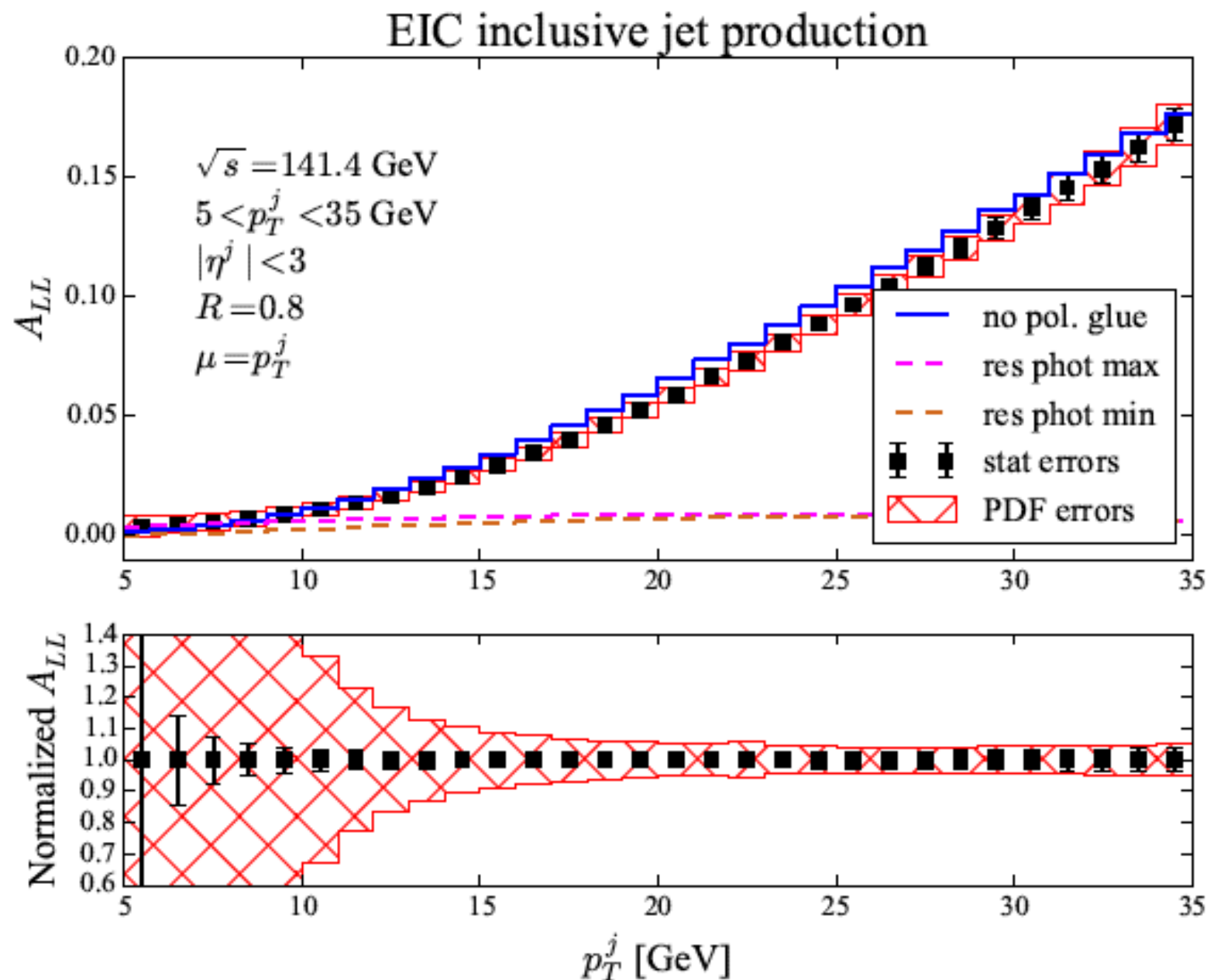


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- Large corrections at low jet transverse momentum at both NLO and NNLO
- Splitting of jets into multiple jets through real-radiation corrections at higher orders leads to this effect
- NNLO corrections enhance the distribution at low  $p_{Tj}$ . K-factor remains near unity at higher  $p_{Tj}$ .



# Inclusive jet production: polarized

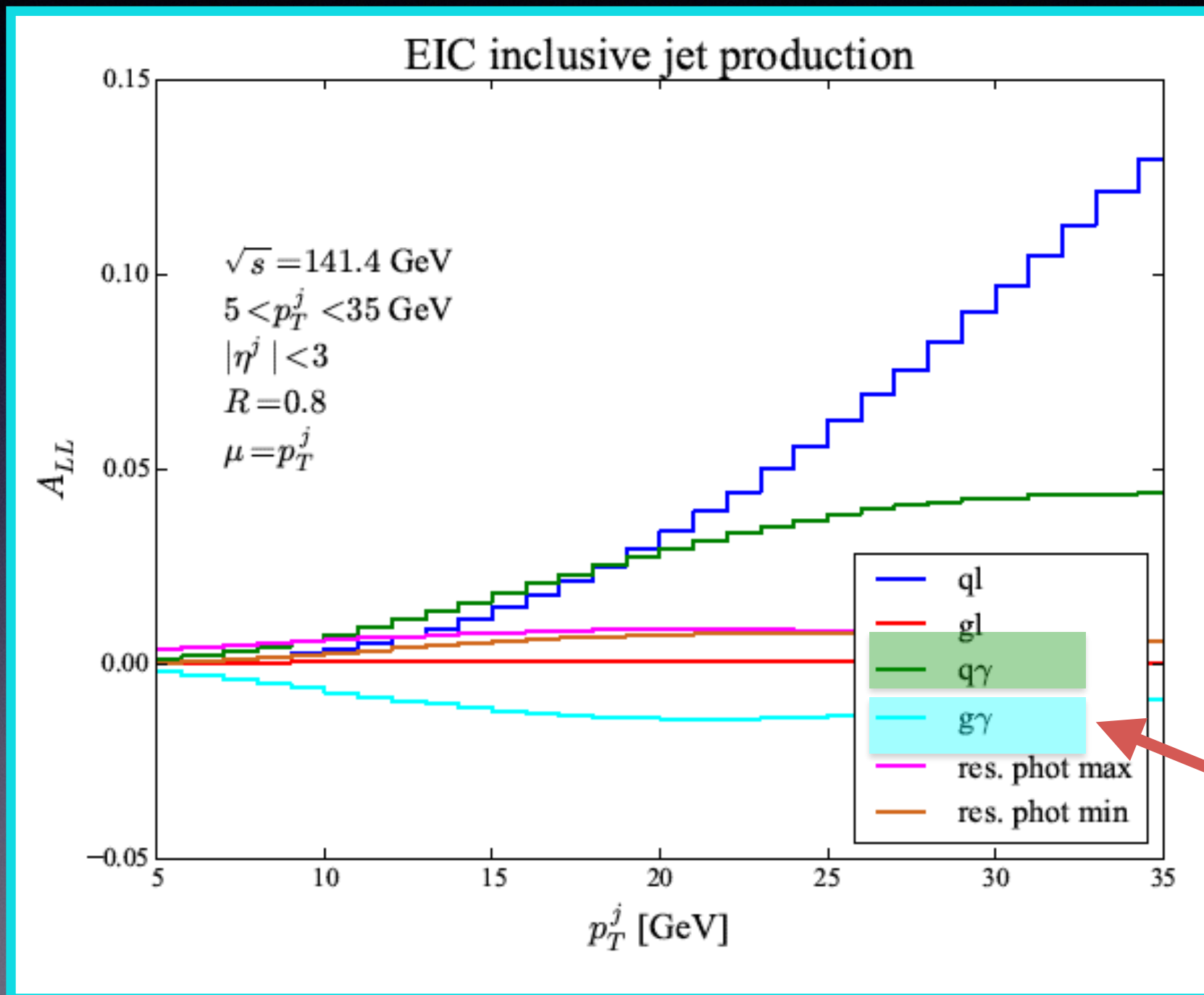


- $A_{LL}$  grows to  $\sim 20\%$
- Different polarized  $\Delta f_{i/\gamma}$  give small effects, except at low  $p_{Tj}$ .
- Turning off  $\Delta f_{g/p}$  leads to observable difference at intermediate  $p_{Tj}$ .
- PDF errors larger than estimated statistical errors for much of  $p_{Tj}$  range.

Assuming  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and 100% polarization for ep



# Inclusive jet production: polarized

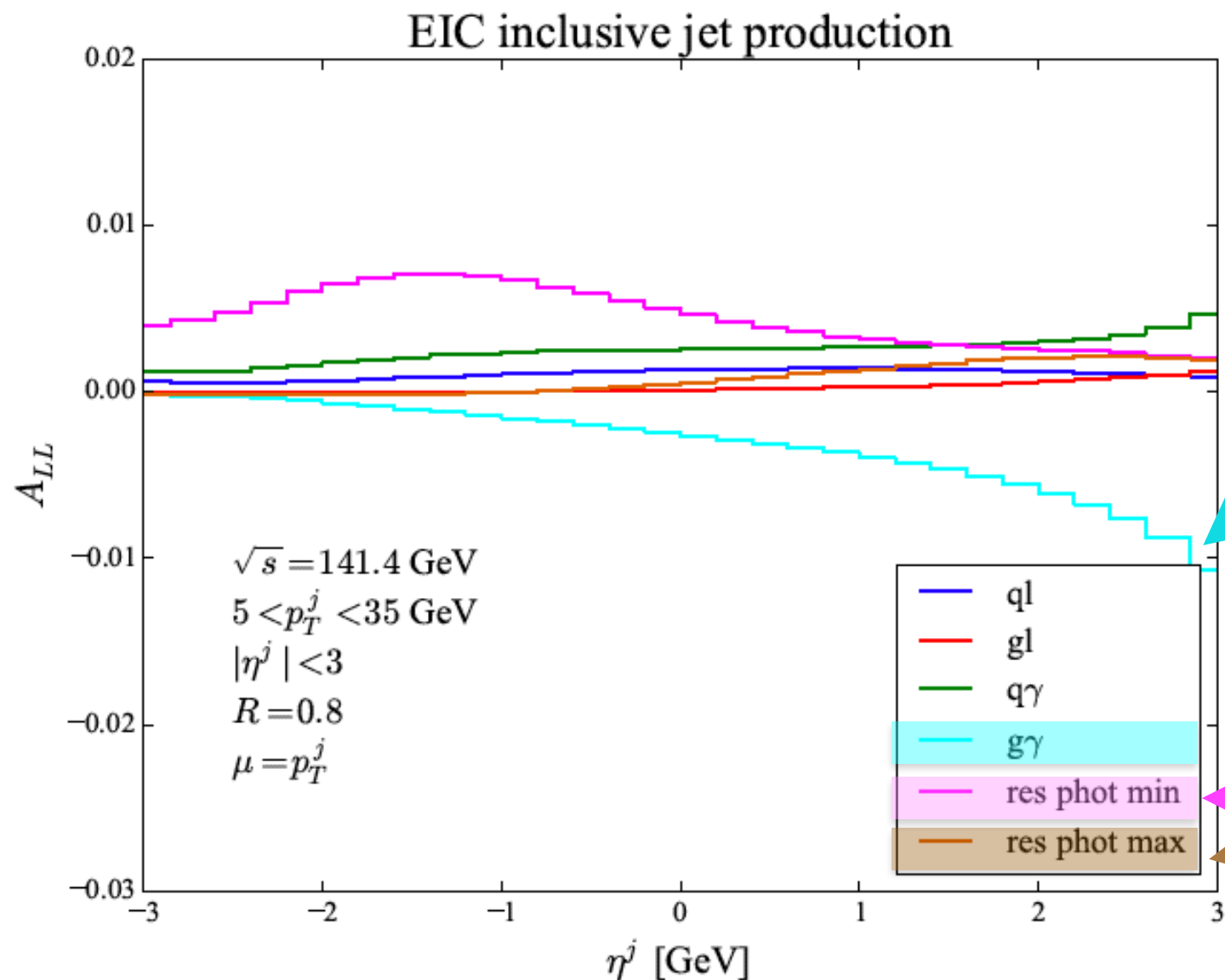


- ql channel dominates at high  $p_T$ ; gl channel small throughout
- At intermediate  $p_T$  we get contributions from  $q\gamma$  and  $g\gamma$

Sensitive to  $\Delta f_g/P$  through WW photon processes at intermediate jet momenta



# Inclusive jet production: polarized



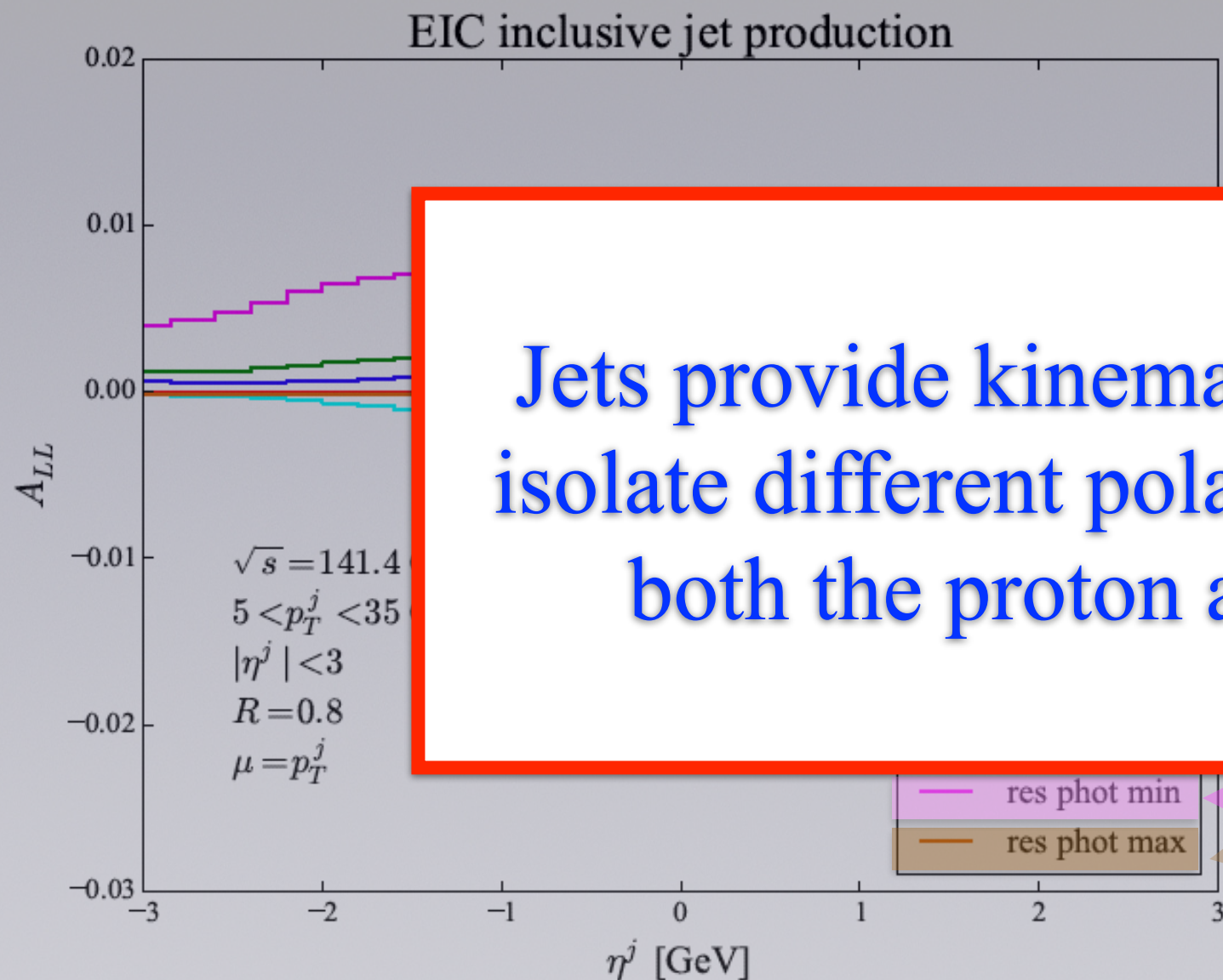
- g $\gamma$  channel dominates at forward eta region

- Sensitive to  $\Delta f_i/\gamma$  at backward eta

RB, Petriello, Xing 1806.07311: NLO analysis with resolved photons



# Inclusive jet production: polarized



Jets provide kinematic handles to isolate different polarized PDFs of both the proton and photon

•  $\sigma\gamma$  channel

at  
a region

to  $\Delta f_i/\gamma$

at backward eta



# Summary

- We are making strides to bring our understanding of polarized proton structure to the same quantitative level as unpolarized proton structure with an EIC.
- Will need global fits with numerous data sets, precision cross section calculations to achieve this goal.
- Jets can play an important role in this quest; they offer kinematic handles to separate different PDFs.
- Several needed theoretical calculations have become available.