

Potential of A TeV Muon-Ion Collider at BNL

– The ultimate QCD frontier and a path toward a new energy frontier

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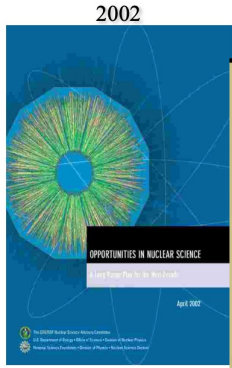
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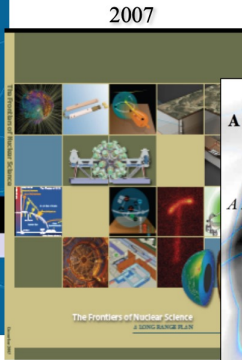
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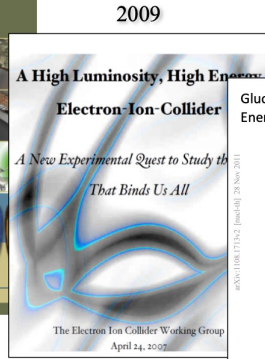
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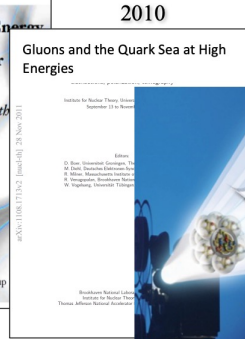
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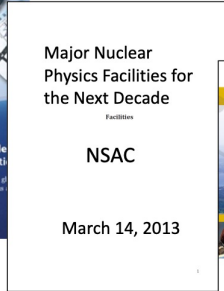
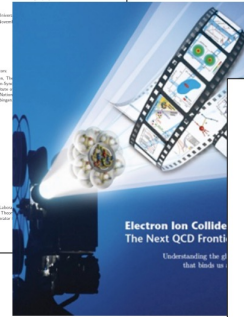
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“..a new dedicated facility will be essential for answering some of the most central questions.”

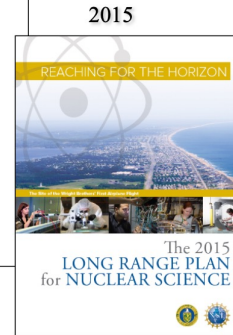


“The quantitative study of matter in this new regime [where abundant gluons dominate] requires a new experimental facility: an Electron Ion Collider..”



Electron-Ion Collider..absolutely central to the nuclear science program of the next decade.

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2002
 OPPORTUNITIES IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE
 April 2002

2007
 The Frontiers of Nuclear Science
 A LONG RANGE PLAN

2009
 A High Luminosity, High Energy
 Electron-Ion Collider
 A New Experimental Quest to Study the
 That Binds Us All
 The Electron Ion Collider Working Group
 April 24, 2007

2010
 Gluons and the Quark Sea at High
 Energies

2012
 Electron Ion Collider
 The Next QCD Frontier

2013
 Major Nuclear
 Physics Facilities for
 the Next Decade
 NSAC

2015
 REACHING FOR THE HORIZON

2018
 AN ASSESSMENT OF
 U.S.-BASED ELECTRON-ION
 COLLIDER SCIENCE

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What's after EIC?

Time to think if we want a future beyond the EIC

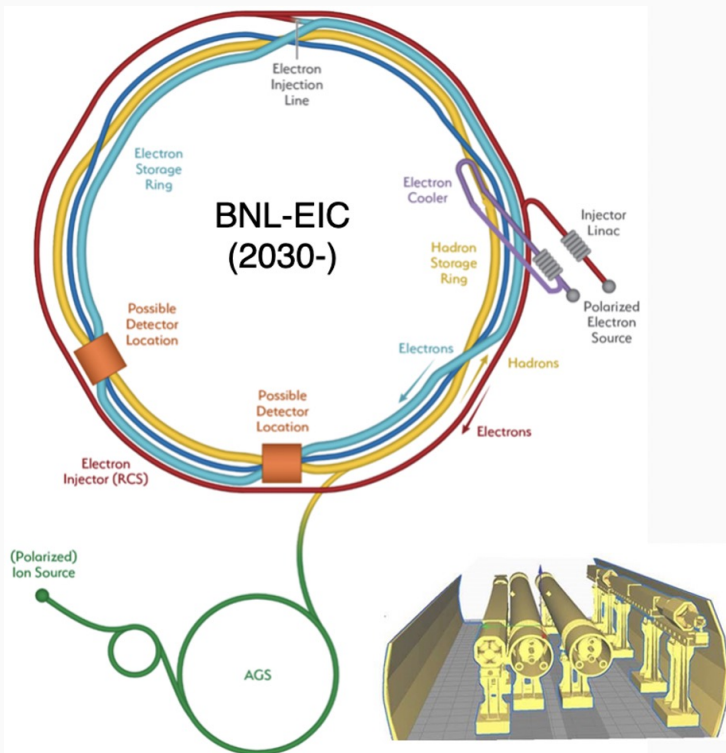
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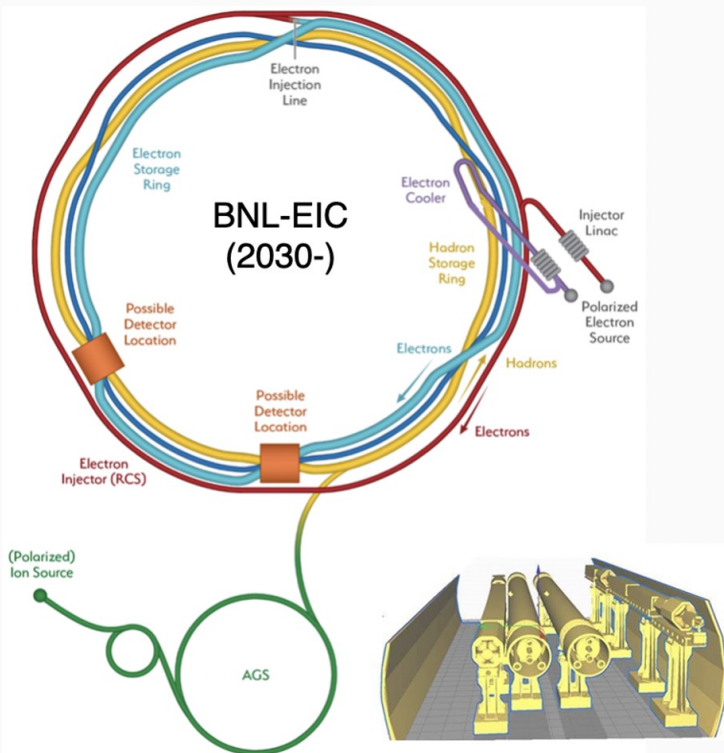
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But what if we changed leptons? – $\mu!$?

- μ 's do not radiate when bent
→ much easier acceler'n in rings
- Unfortunately, μ 's do not live long

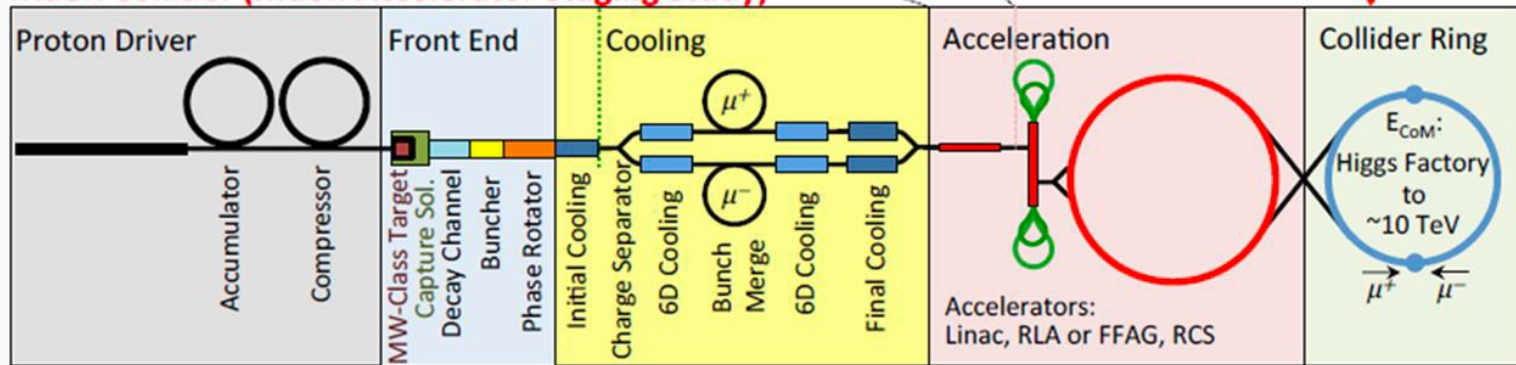


Muon Colliders



Early mentions of MC date back to 1960s and early designs in 1990s

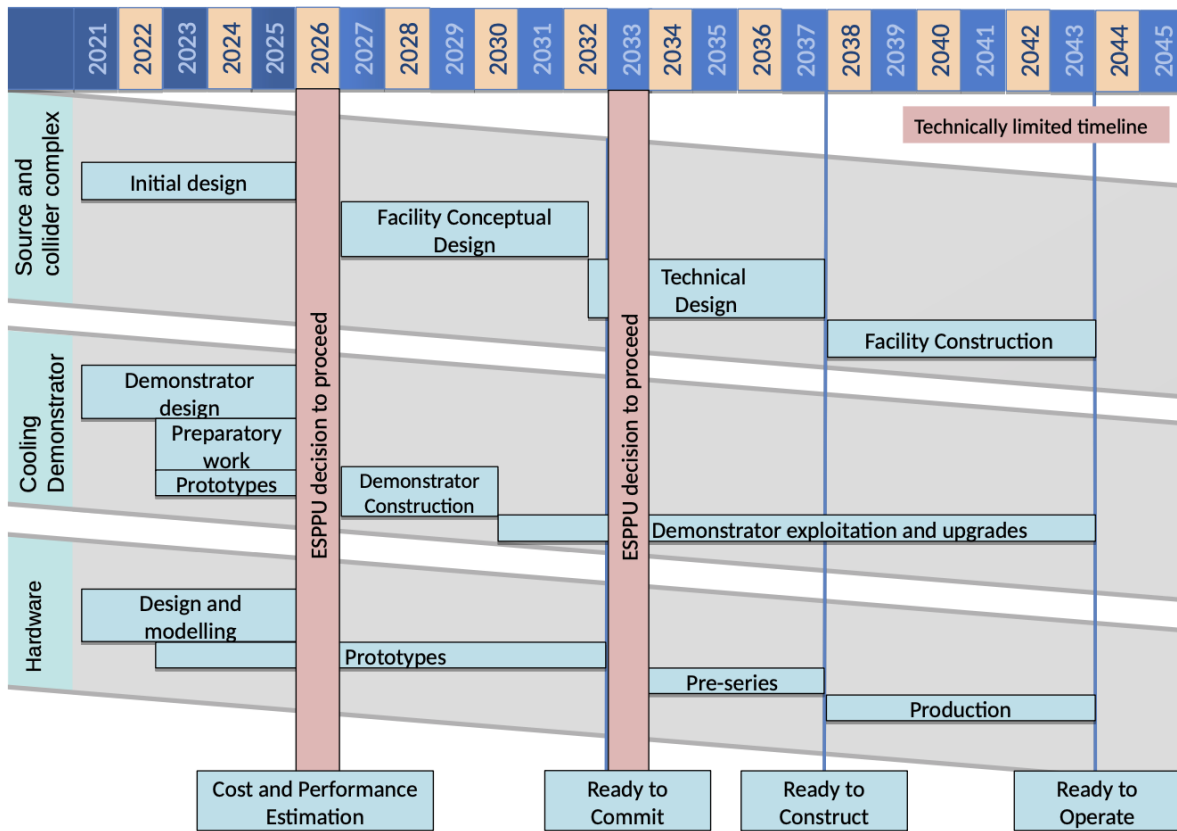
Muon Accelerator Program (MAP, 2011-2016) for feasibility studies



Reviving interests in muon colliders in HEP community recently:

- Formation of [International Muon Collider Collaboration \(IMCC\)](#) by CERN in 2021: consider **10+ TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$** with **3 TeV** as an initial step
- Muon Collider forum in US from Snowmass 21 ([white papers](#))

IMCC Timeline (technically limited)

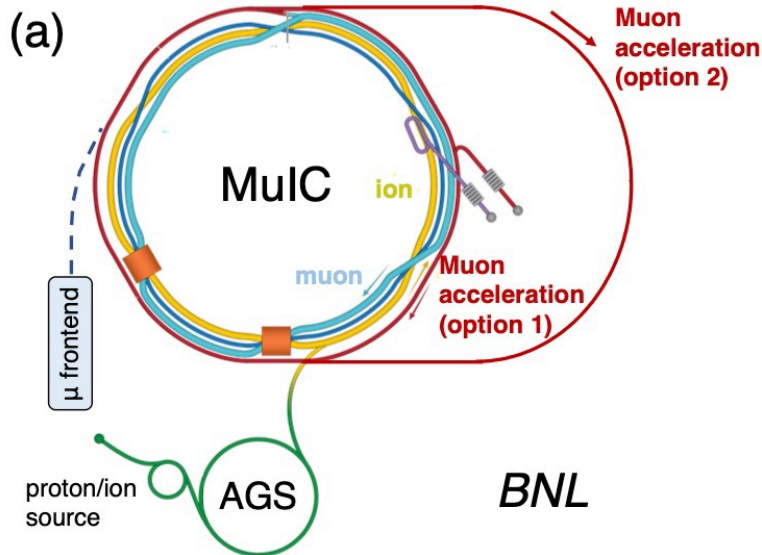


20+ years till the first MC with sustained R&D efforts

A small-scale **demonstrator** with strong science desired before going to O(10+) TeV



→ Re-use EIC facility by replacing e by μ beam



Cost effective and affordable!

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)

$\sqrt{s} \sim 1\text{TeV}$, 7-8x increase over EIC

Design Parameters – MuIC



Parameter	MuIC (BNL)			
$\sqrt{s_{\mu p}}$ (TeV)	0.33	0.74	1.0	
$L_{\mu p}$ ($10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	0.07	2.1	4.7	
Int. Lumi. (fb^{-1}) per 10 yrs	6	178	400	
	Staging options	Muon		Proton
Beam energy (TeV)	0.1	0.5	0.96	0.275
N_b (10^{11})	40	20	20	3
f_{rep}^{μ} (Hz)	15	15	15	
Cycles per μ bunch, N_{cycle}^{μ}	1134	1719	3300	
$\epsilon_{x,y}^*$ (μm)	200	25	25	0.3
$\beta_{x,y}^*$ @IP (cm)	1.7	1	0.75	5
Trans. beam size, $\sigma_{x,y}$ (μm)	48	7.6	4.7	7.1

Muon Collider parameters ([arXiv:1901.06150](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.06150))
+ BNL/EIC proton beam parameters ([CDR](#))

← \sqrt{s}

← Peak lumi.

← Beam energy

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

$$\sigma_{x,y}^{\mu,p} = \sqrt{\epsilon_{x,y}^* \beta_{x,y}^* m^{\mu,p} / E^{\mu,p}}$$

Unique challenges for MuIC

- IP design
- Machine-Detector Interface
- Neutrino radiation mitigation

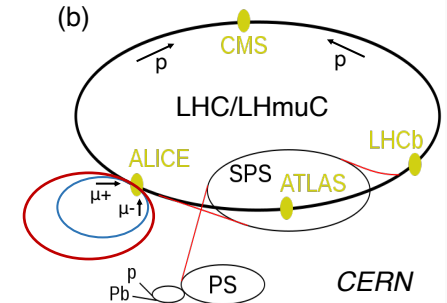
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Staging options	Muon			Proton	Muon	Proton
Beam energy (TeV)	0.1	0.5	0.96	0.275	1.5	7
N_b (10^{11})	40	20	20	3	20	2.2
f_{rep}^{μ} (Hz)	15	15	15	12		
Cycles per μ bunch, N_{cycle}^{μ}	1134	1719	3300	3300		
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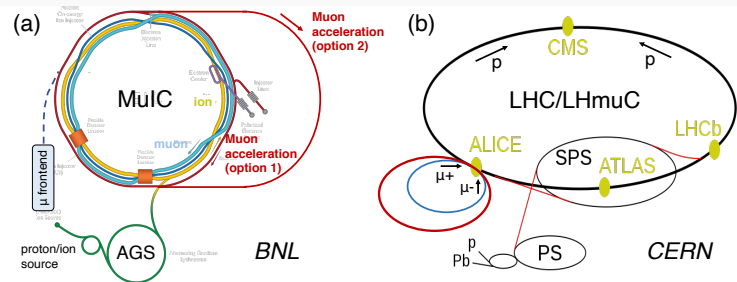
Similar idea applies to LHC



arXiv:2203.06258

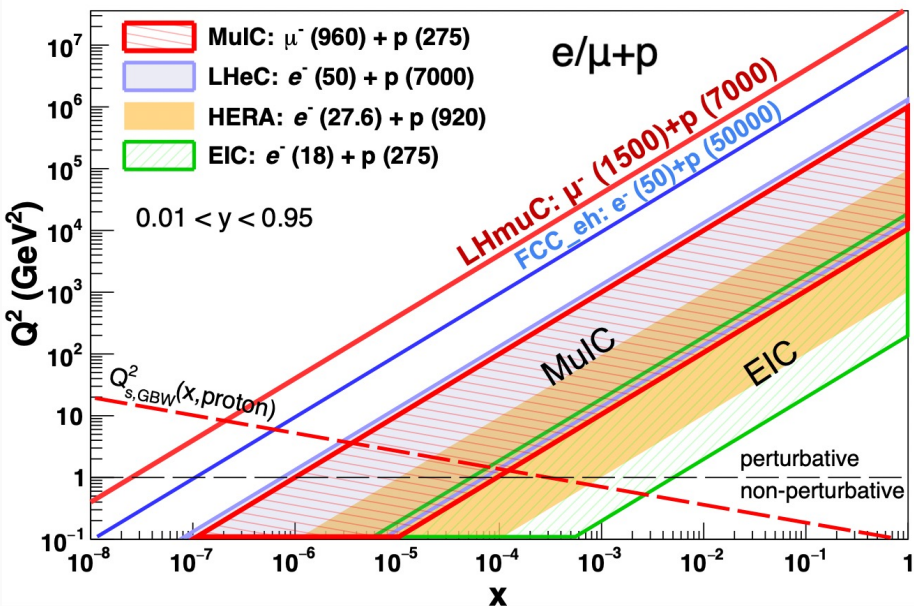
Higher \sqrt{s} than FCC-eh!
(3.5 TeV)

Science Potential and Synergy at the MuIC



Probes a **new energy scale** and **Bjorken-x** in DIS using a relatively compact machine

- $\sqrt{s} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
 - Q^2 up to 10^6 GeV^2
 - x as low as 10^{-6}
- well beyond EIC

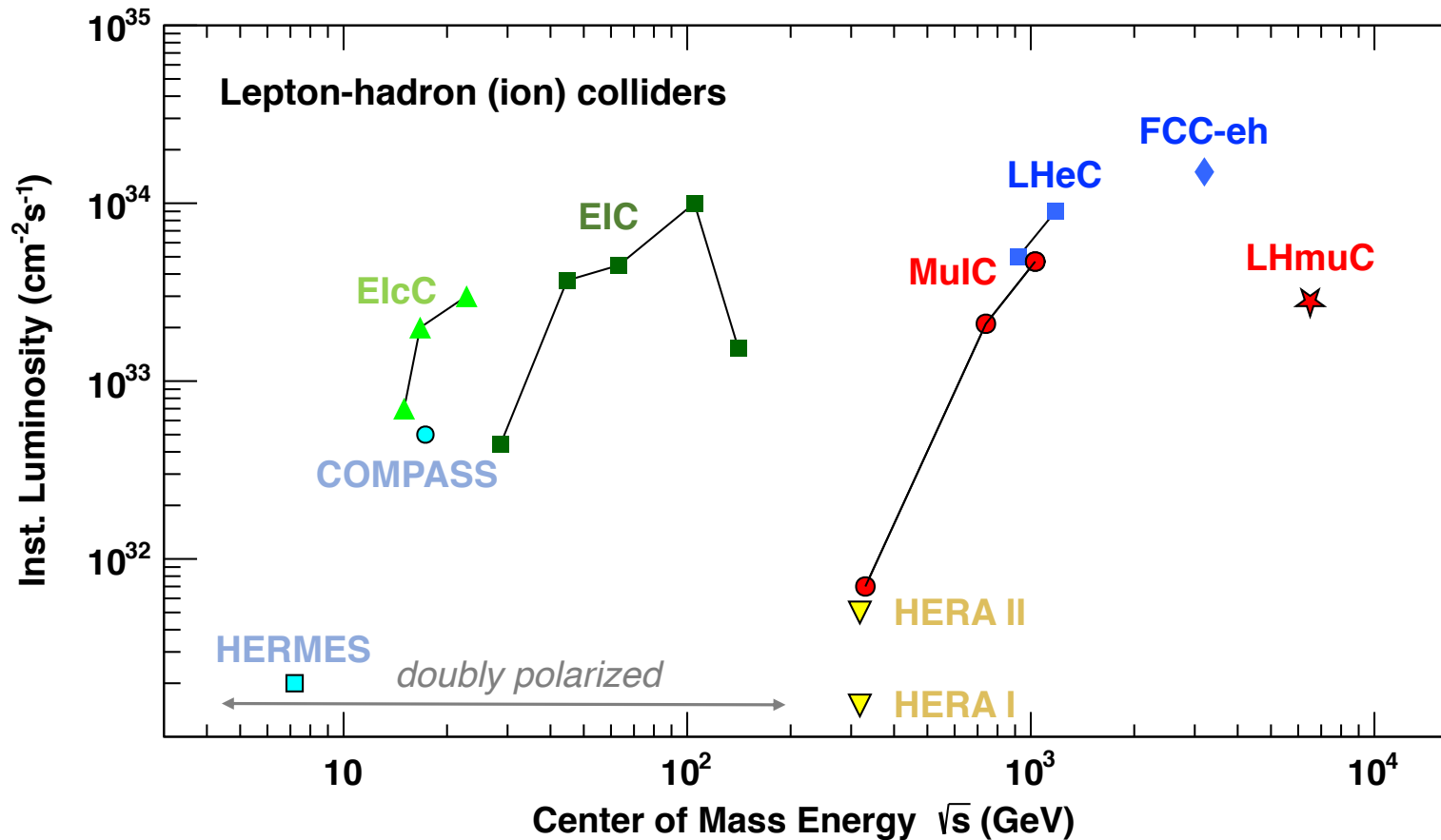


Provides a science case for a TeV muon storage ring demonstrator toward a multi-TeV $\mu+\mu^-$ collider

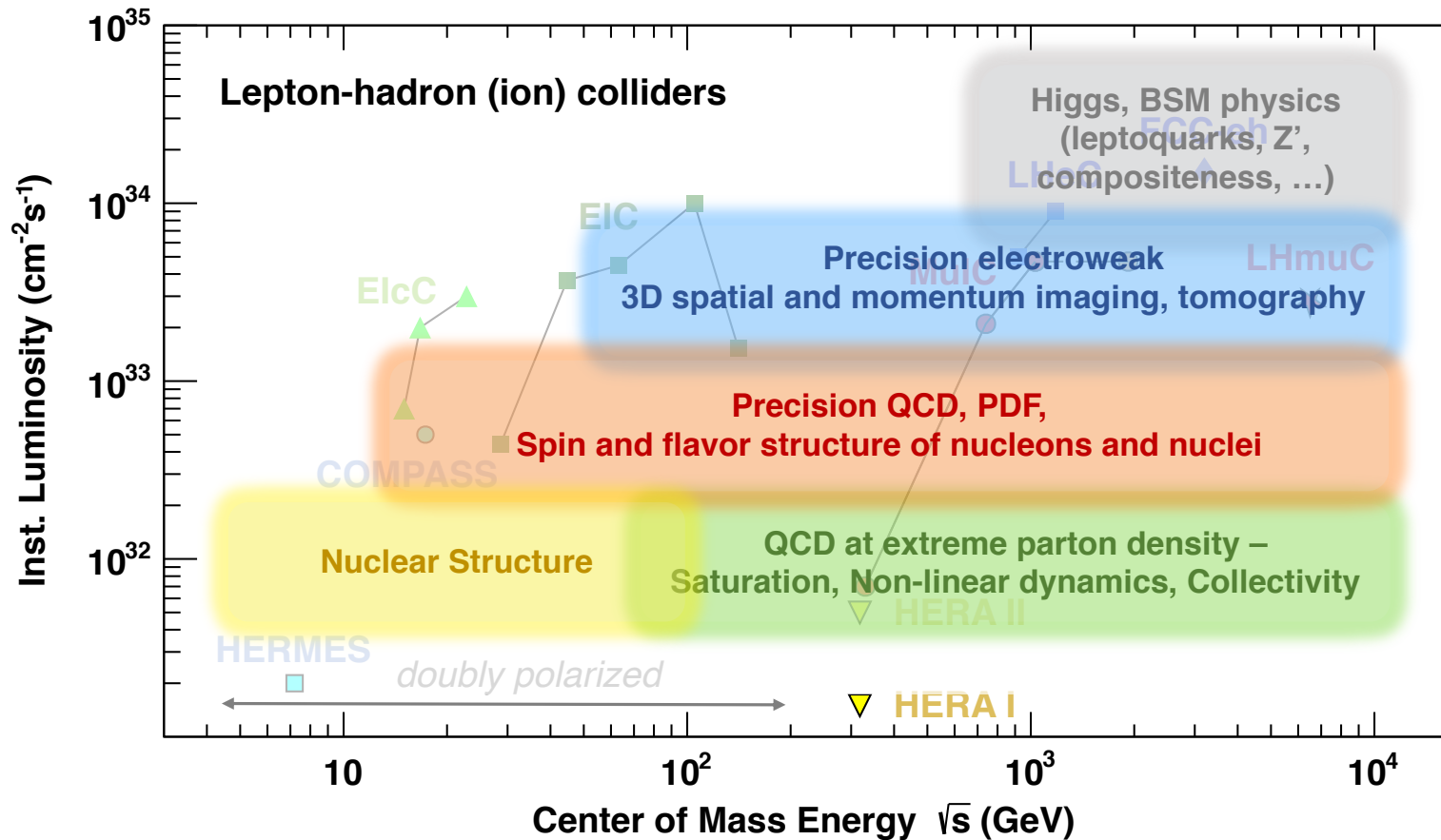
Facilitate the **collaboration of the NP and HEP communities** around an innovative and forward-looking machine

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

DIS Evolution and Physics Landscape

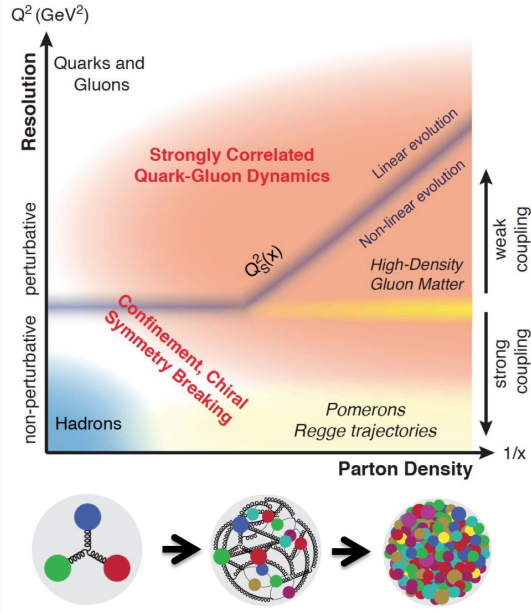


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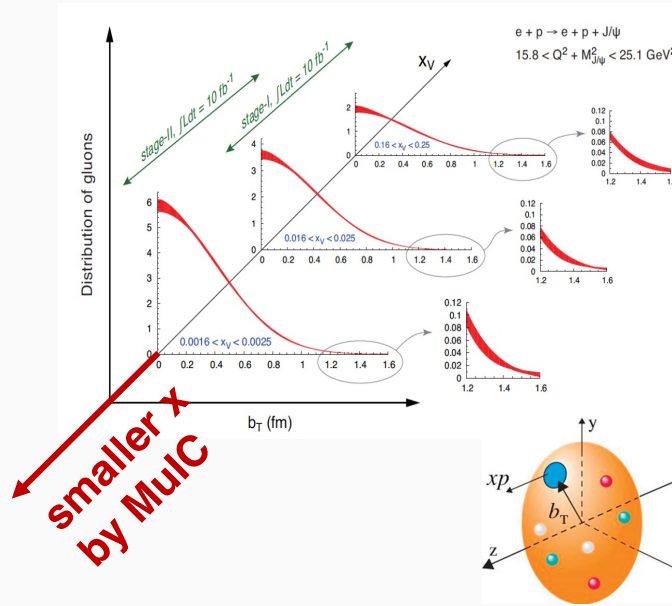
Non-linear QCD effects



Properties of gluonic matter at extreme densities

Origin of nucleon mass

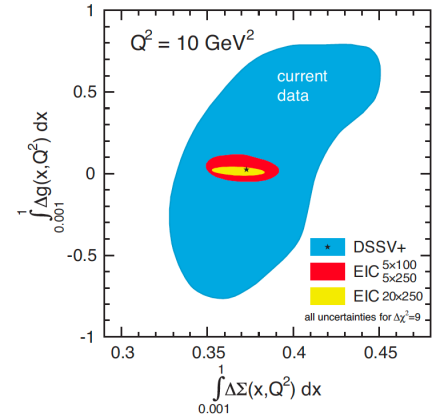
3D Nucleon structure



Nucleon spin puzzle

“Helicity sum rule”

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

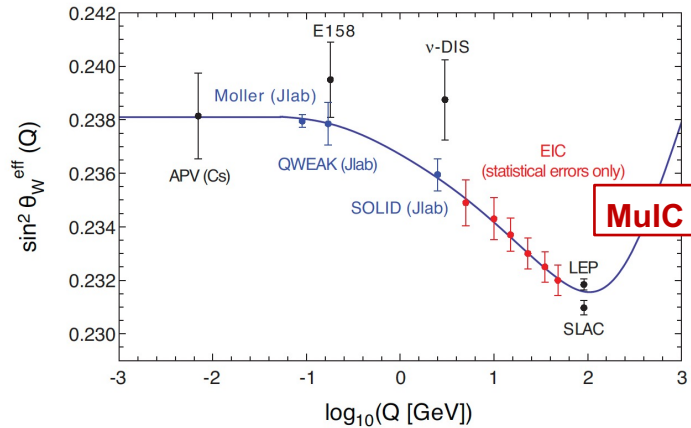


MuIC to reach $x \sim 10^{-5}$

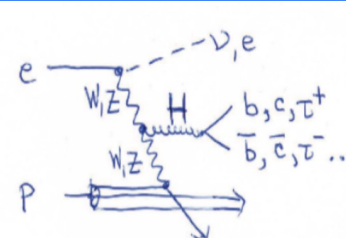
Building on the EIC science foundation!



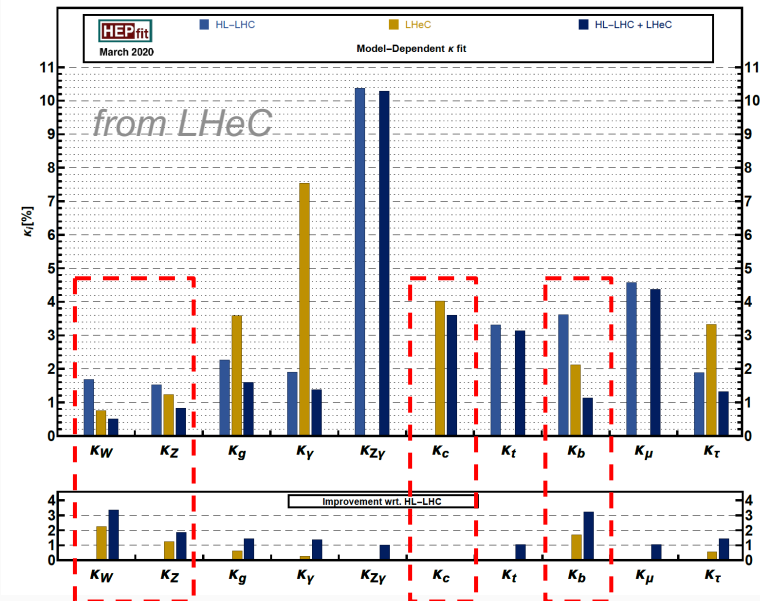
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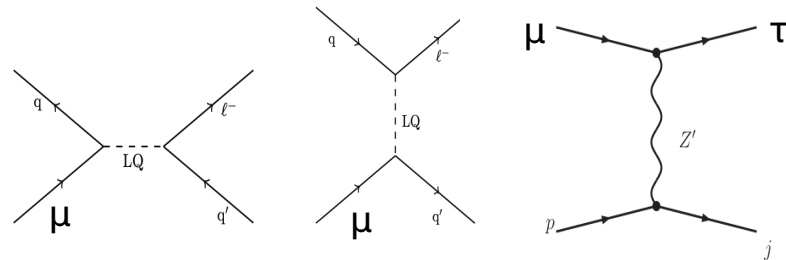
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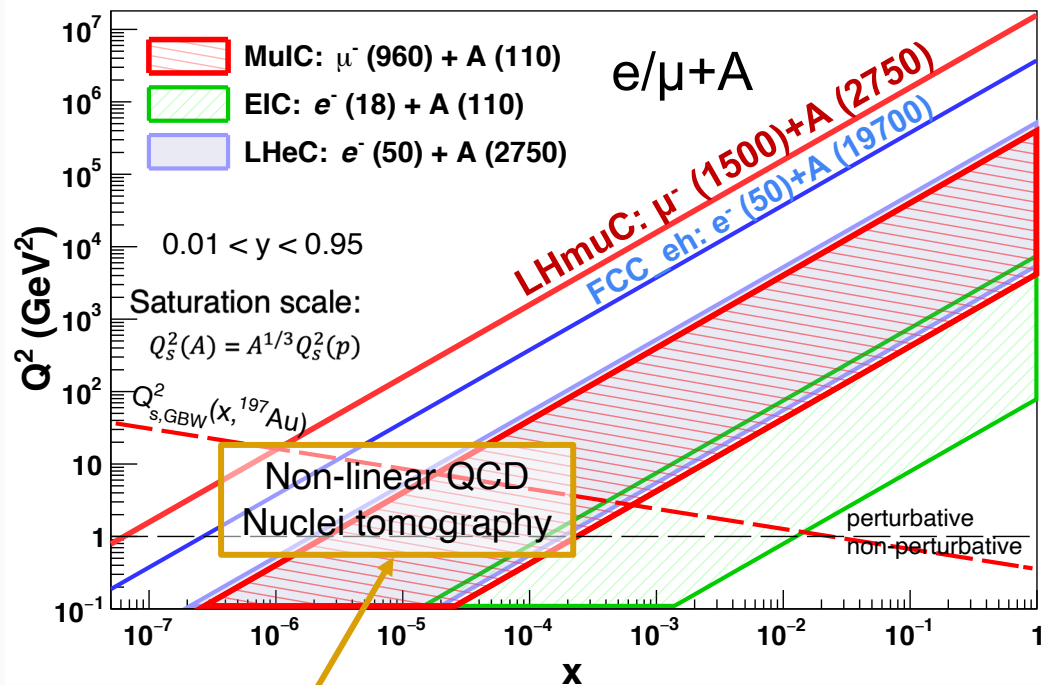
Uncertainties of Higgs couplings



BSM: Charged lepton flavor violation

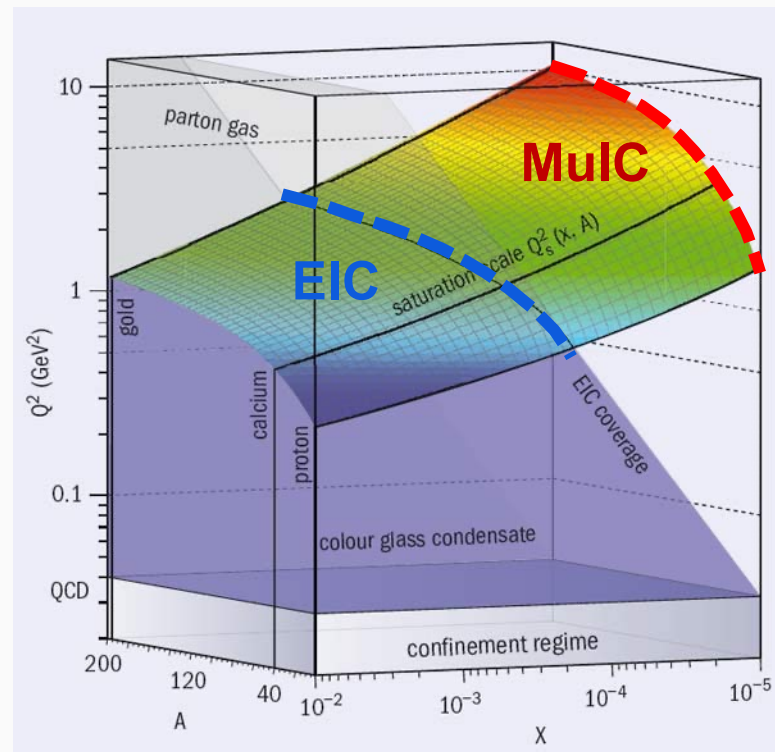


LHeC/MuIC outperforms HL-LHC for certain Higgs decay channels



MuIC will bring us well into the nonlinear regime and unambiguously discover saturation at $x \sim 10^{-5}$

Saturation scale in nuclei

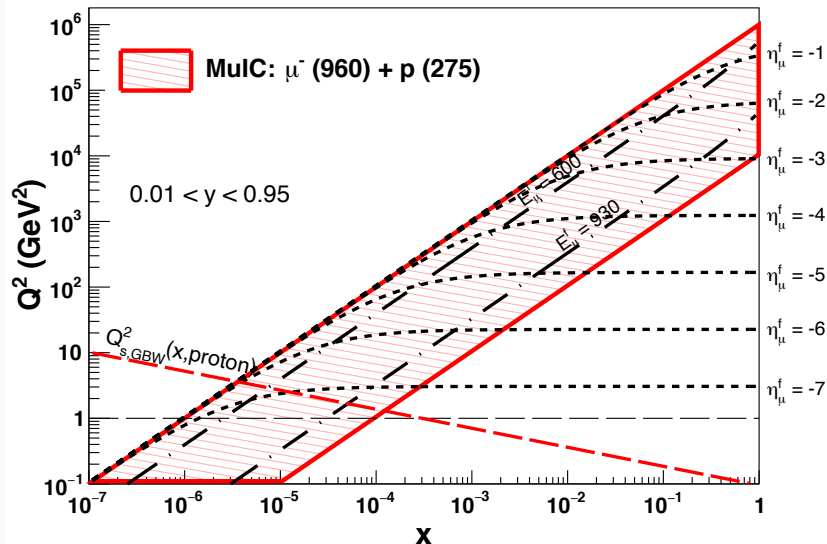


Final-state kinematics at MuIC

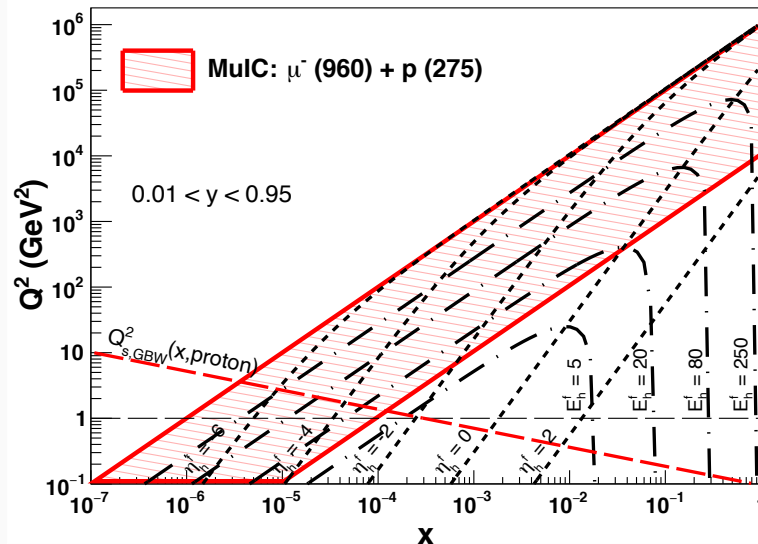


p/A μ

kinematics for scattered **muons**



kinematics for struck **quarks**



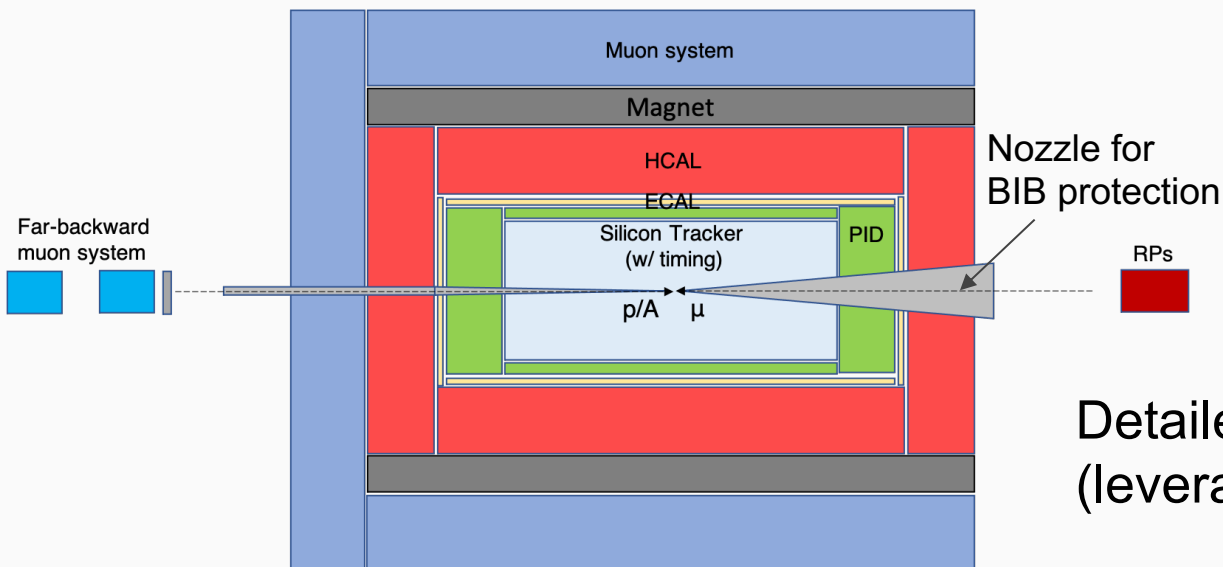
Muons very forward: $-7 < \eta < -1$

Jets/hadrons fairly central: $-4 < \eta < 2$

Unique challenges:

- **Asymmetric** beam-induced background (BIB)
- Detection of **far-backward** scattered **muons**
- Hadron **PID** at high p over wide coverage

	Main requirements
Muons	$-7 < \eta < -1$, $\sigma(p)/p < 5\%$
Tracking	$-4 < \eta < 2.4$
PID ($\pi/k/p$)	$-4 < \eta < 2.4$, $p < 100 \text{ GeV}$
Calorimetry (jets, photons)	$-5 < \eta < 2.4$



Detailed simulations in progress
(leveraging EIC Detector R&Ds)

A Roadmap (in our view)

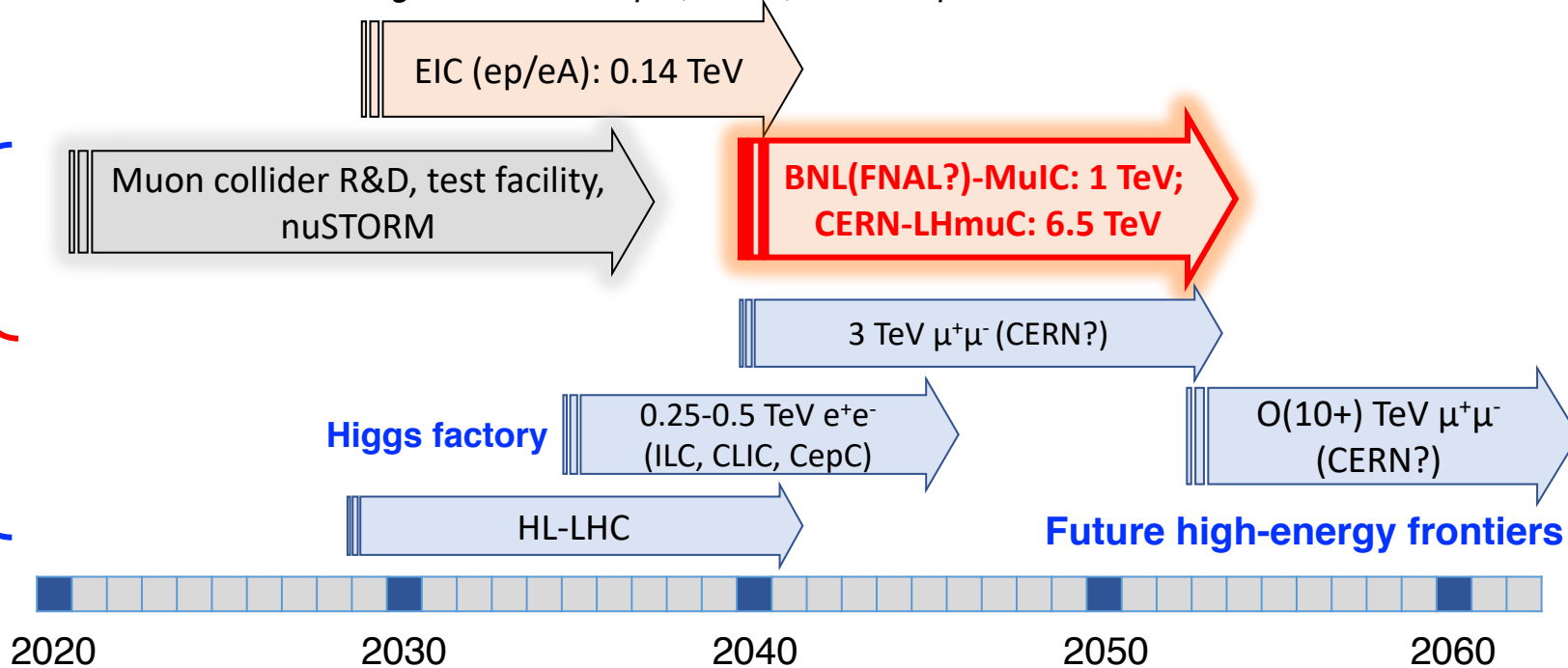


NP

HEP

Future QCD frontiers at muon-ion colliders –
origin of nucleon spin, mass; extreme parton densities

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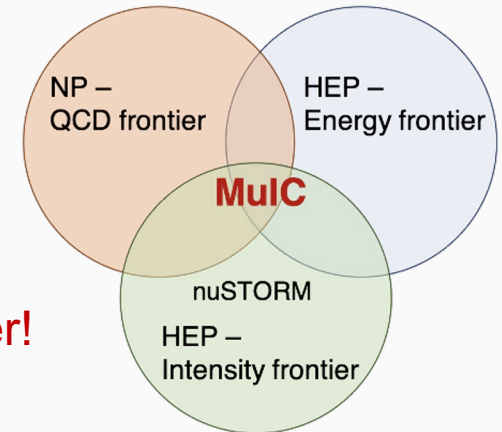
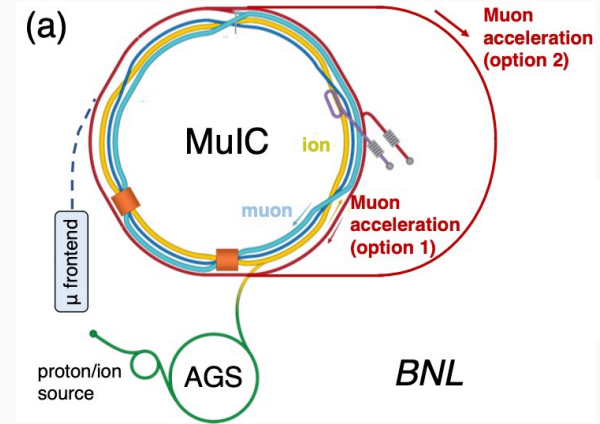


A possible roadmap to future muon colliders in NP and HEP

A Muon-Ion (proton) Collider:

- Compelling sciences with synergies across NP, HEP energy and intensity (e.g., nuSTORM) frontiers
- Provides a clear target to establish MC R&D program and serves as a demonstrator toward the ultimate 10+ TeV $\mu+\mu^-$
- Affordable (e.g., an “upgrade” to the EIC) by re-using the existing facility, infrastructure, accelerator expertise, potentially with funding resources from both HEP and NP

MuIC is an opportunity to realize the first muon-based collider!







The key concept is to **re-use an existing hadron collider facility** and add one muon beam – μp and μA .

The motivation is two-fold:

- establish a unique science program in HEP and Nuclear Physics
- serves as a demonstrator to support MC R&Ds and a stepping stone toward the ultimate $O(10+)$ TeV $\mu+\mu-$ collider

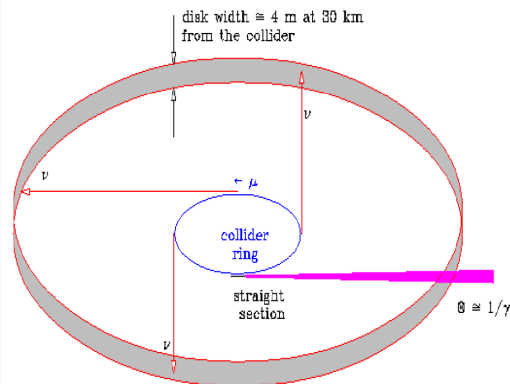
Affordable: one muon beam and leverage resources from HEP and NP to realize a (the first?) muon-based collider in US in 20-25 years!



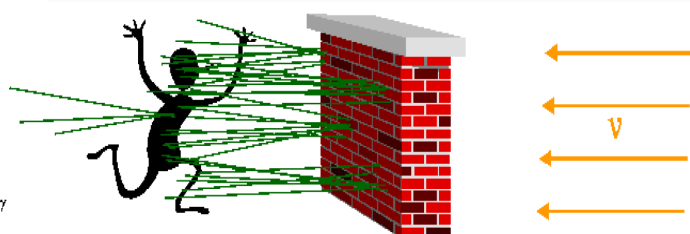
Required key accelerator technologies

- High power proton driver development
 - 2ns, 8 GeV bunches up to 4 MW with a 15 Hz rep. rate
- Target system capable of managing large instant power
 - 20 T capture solenoid with large bore that can withstand radiation
- Cooling system to reduce 6D emittance by 6 orders of magnitude
 - Demand for high B-fields @ 30-40 T range
 - Placement of NC RF cavities within multi-T B-fields
- Acceleration scheme towards TeV scale energy before decay
 - Fast ramping magnets to deliver ramp times of several T on a ms timescale
- Collider ring
 - 12-16 T dipole magnets with a 150 mm aperture
 - Neutrino flux mitigation system

Neutrino-induced radiation background



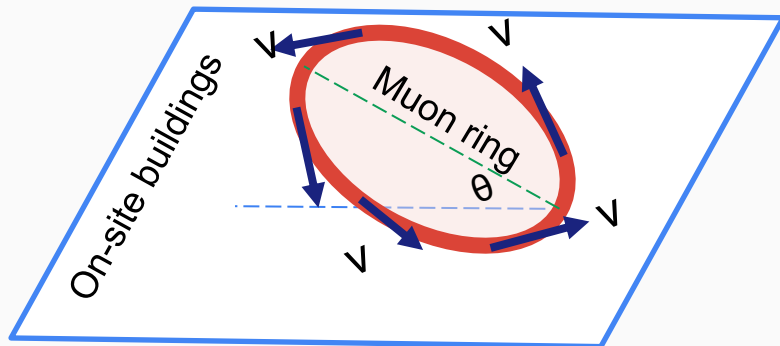
Damage by secondary particles induced by neutrinos



Nikolai Mokhov (FNAL)

- Very deep underground
- OR
- Surface of an island

RHIC-BNL tunnel is essentially **on the surface**, in a “remote island”



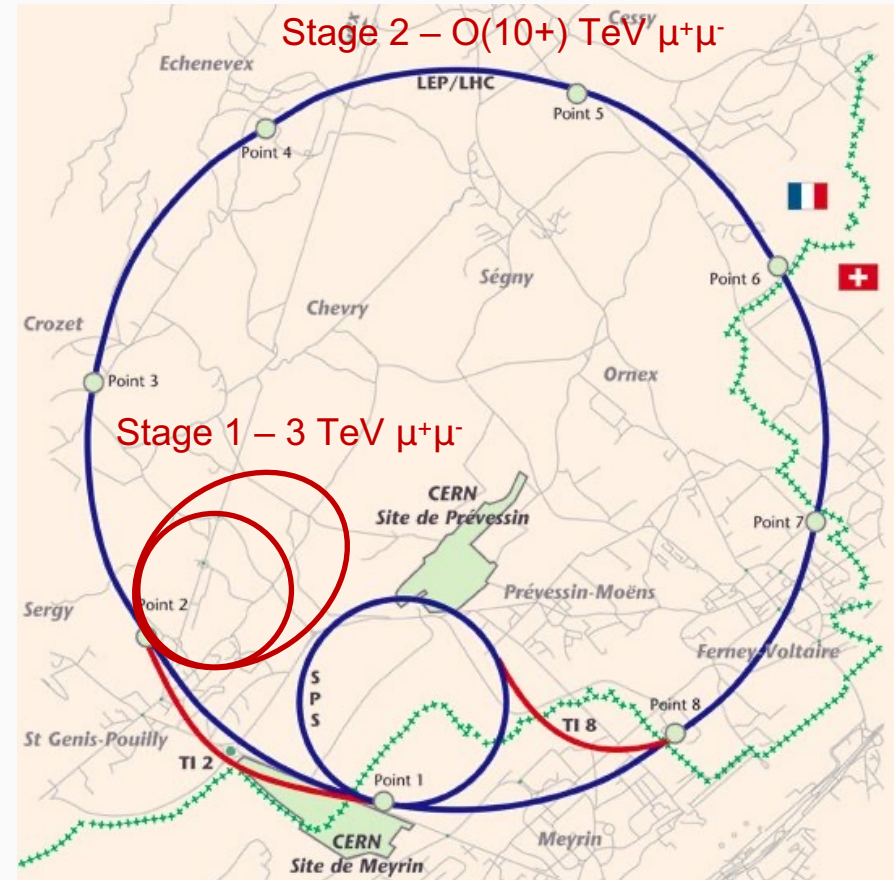
Tilt the disk plane at a small angle to direct straight sectors toward land/sea and sky?

Stage 1: assuming a 3 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ is designed by IMCC and built at CERN, a μ -p/A mode can be operated concurrently with the LHC.

- **May be even easier to start in μ -p/A mode with one muon beam?**

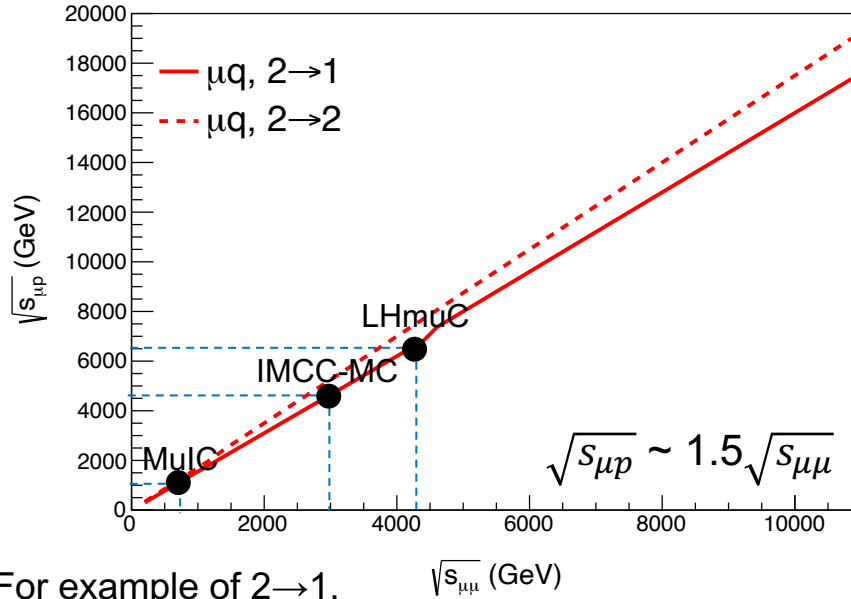
Stage 2: Once O(10+) TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ design is mature, it can be hosted in the LHC tunnel.

Stage 3: if a large tunnel is built in farther future, a O(100) TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ may be realized





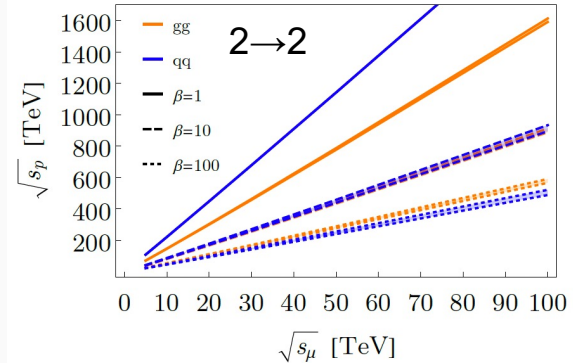
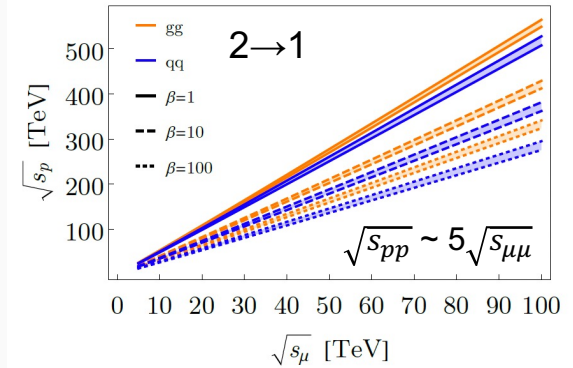
New physics potential: $\mu\text{-}p$ vs $\mu^+\mu^-$



For example of $2 \rightarrow 1$, $\sqrt{s_{\mu\mu}}$ (GeV)

- 3 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ (IMCC) \sim 4.5 TeV $\mu\text{-}p$ \sim 15 TeV pp
 - **6.5 TeV $\mu\text{-}p$ (LHmuC) \sim 4.3 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ \sim 22 TeV pp**
 - 1 TeV $\mu\text{-}p$ (MuIC) \sim 0.67 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ \sim 3.3 TeV pp
- (without considering different bkg levels)

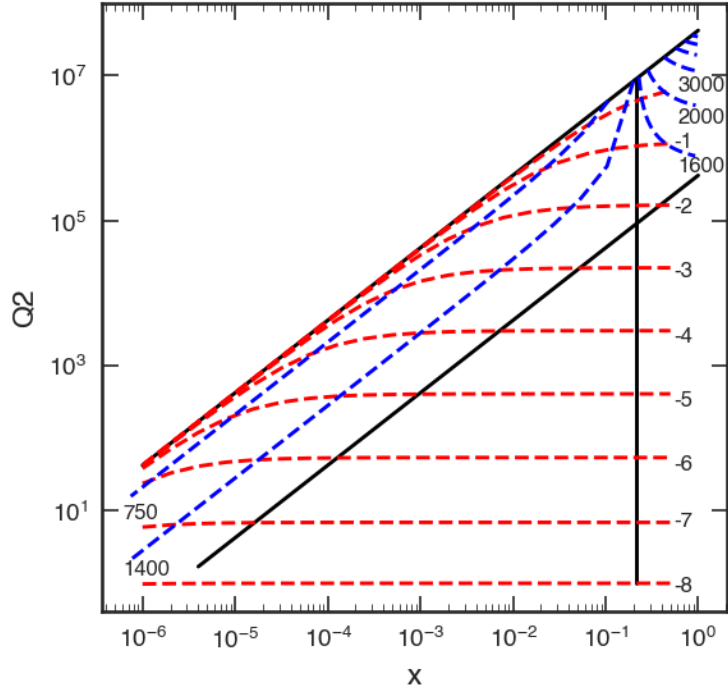
The muon smasher's guide



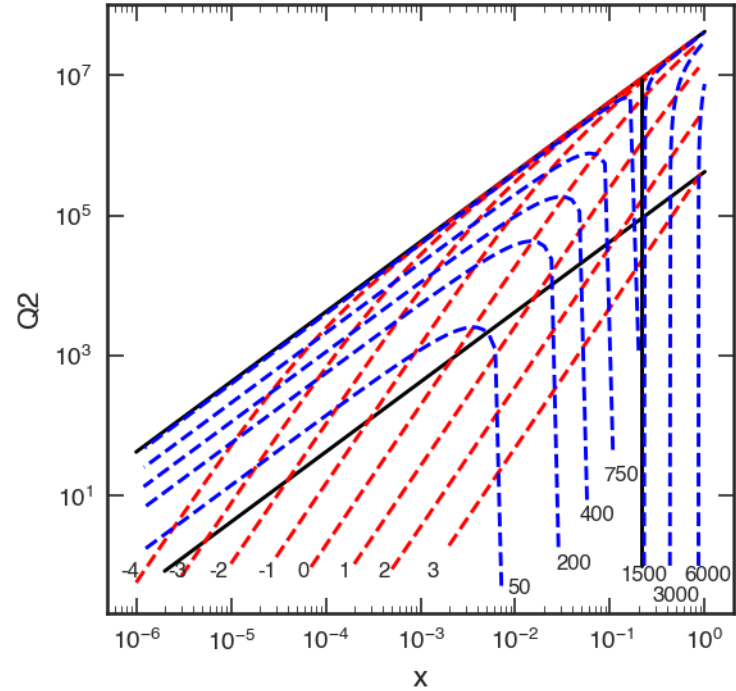
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LHmuC mu-p 1500 x 7000 GeV, Constant E - Eta_lep

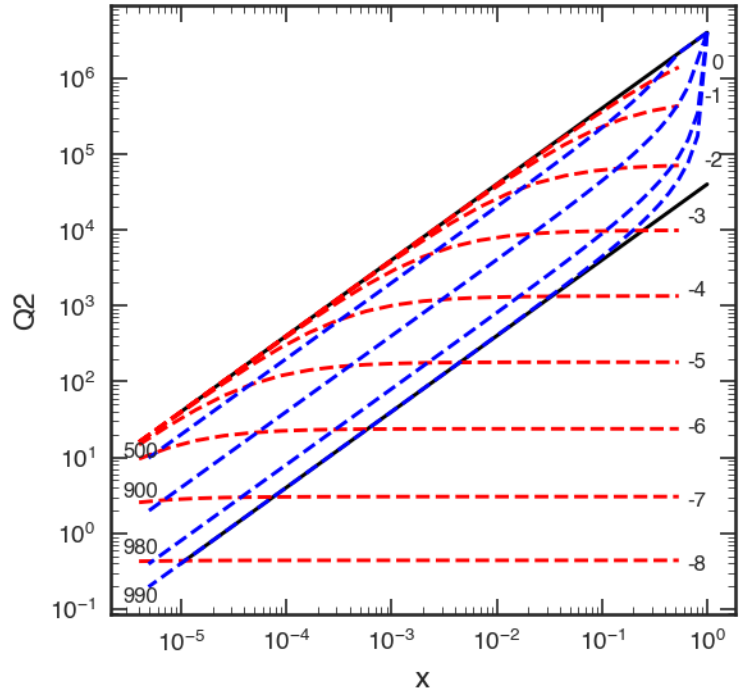


LHmuC mu-p 1500 x 7000 GeV, Constant Ehad - Eta_had





MuIC2 mu-p 1000 x 1000 GeV, Constant E - Eta_lep



MuIC2 mu-p 1000 x 1000 GeV, Constant Ehad - Eta_had

