

Constraints on the weak mixing angle from future facilities & global QCD analysis

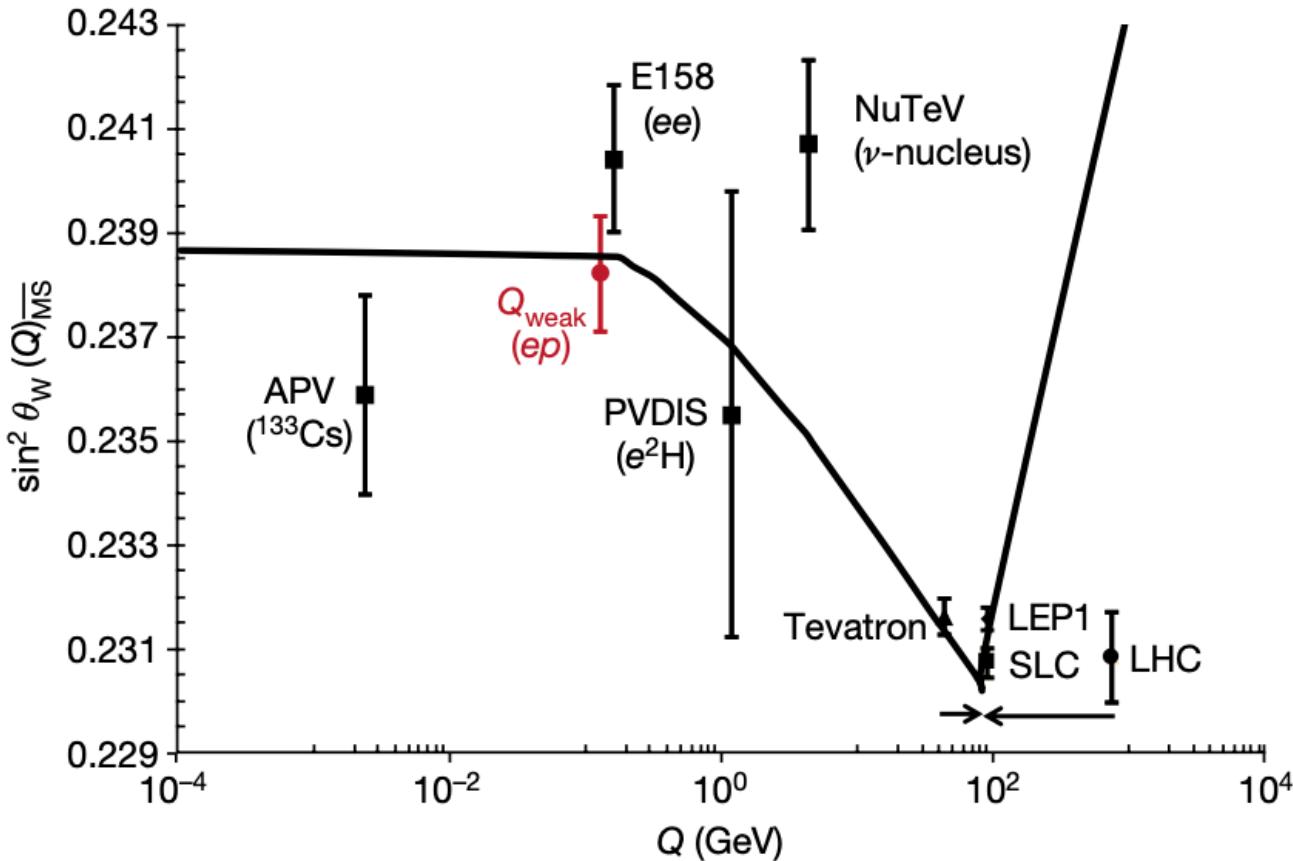
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

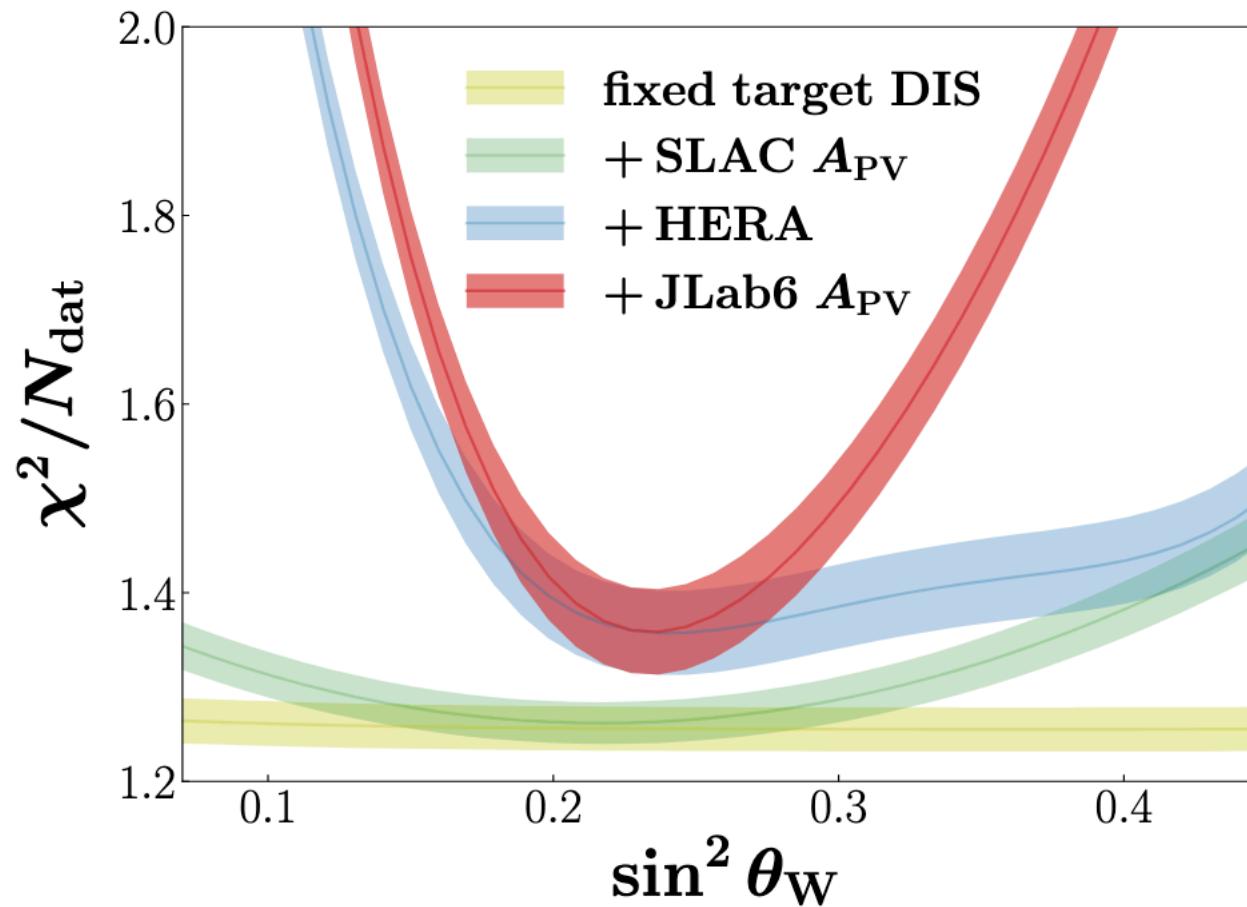
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■ Existing empirical determinations of the running of $\sin^2 \theta_W$



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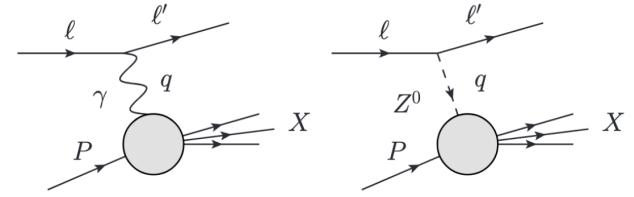
■ Sensitivity to $\sin^2 \theta_W$ from global QCD analysis



→ existing PVDIS data from JLab 6 GeV experiment provides some constraint on weak mixing angle

■ Parity-violating deep-inelastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\lambda_\ell S}}{dx_B dy} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 y}{Q^4} \sum_i \eta_i C_i L_{\mu\nu}^\gamma W_i^{\mu\nu}$$



$$\eta_\gamma = 1, \quad \eta_{\gamma Z} = \frac{M_Z^2 G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_Z^2}, \quad \eta_Z = \eta_{\gamma Z}^2$$

$$C_\gamma = 1, \quad C_{\gamma Z} = -(g_V^e + Q_\ell \lambda_l g_A^e), \quad C_Z = C_{\gamma Z}^2$$

$$L_{\mu\nu}^\gamma = 2(\ell_\mu \ell'_\nu + \ell'_\mu \ell_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} \ell \cdot \ell' - i \lambda_\ell \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \ell^\alpha \ell'^\beta)$$

$$W_i^{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} F_1^i(x_B, Q^2) + \frac{\tilde{P}^\mu \tilde{P}^\nu}{P \cdot q} F_2^i(x_B, Q^2) + i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{P_\alpha q_\beta}{2P \cdot q} F_3^i(x_B, Q^2)$$

→ PVDIS asymmetry

$$A_{PV} = \frac{d\sigma_{LU}}{d\sigma_{UU}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UU}}{dx_B dy} = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{d\sigma_{++}}{dx_B dy} + \frac{d\sigma_{+-}}{dx_B dy} + \frac{d\sigma_{-+}}{dx_B dy} + \frac{d\sigma_{--}}{dx_B dy} \right] \text{ unpolarized}$$

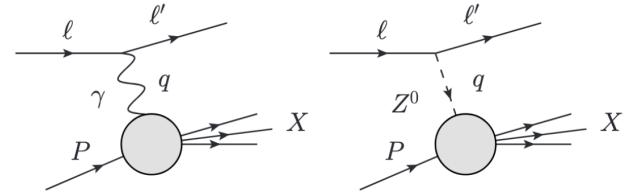
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lepton polarized

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$$K_1(x_B, y, Q^2) = x_B y^2, \quad K_2(x_B, y, Q^2) = 1 - y - \frac{x_B^2 y^2 M^2}{Q^2}, \quad K_3(x_B, y, Q^2) = x_B y \left(1 - \frac{y}{2}\right)$$

→ lepton polarized

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PVDIS asymmetry

$$A_{\text{PV}} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[a_1(x_B, Q^2) Y_1(x_B, y, Q^2) + a_3(x_B, Q^2) Y_3(x_B, y, Q^2) \right]$$

$$a_1 = 2g_A^e \frac{F_1^{\gamma Z}}{F_1^\gamma}, \quad Y_1 = \left(\frac{1+R^{\gamma Z}}{1+R^\gamma} \right) \frac{1+(1-y)^2 - \frac{y^2}{2} \left[1+r^2 - \frac{2r^2}{1+R^{\gamma Z}} \right]}{1+(1-y)^2 - \frac{y^2}{2} \left[1+r^2 - \frac{2r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right]}$$

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$$R^i = \frac{F_2^i}{2x_B F_1^i} r^2 - 1$$

$$r^2 = 1 + 4M^2 x_B^2 / Q^2$$

→ structure functions
at leading order

$$F_1^{[\gamma, \gamma Z, Z]}(x_B, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q \left[e_q^2, 2e_q g_V^q, (g_V^q)^2 + (g_A^q)^2 \right] q^+(x_B, Q^2)$$

$$F_3^{[\gamma, \gamma Z, Z]}(x_B, Q^2) = \sum_q \left[0, 2e_q g_A^q, 2g_V^q g_A^q \right] q^-(x_B, Q^2)$$

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■ PVDIS asymmetry for deuteron

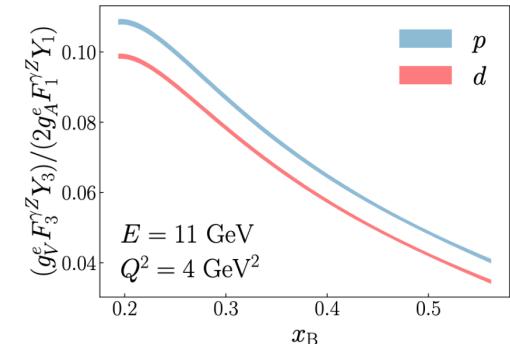
$$A_{\text{PV}}^D = \frac{3G_F Q^2}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[\frac{2g_A^e [(2g_V^u - g_V^d) + 2g_V^u R_c - g_V^d R_s] + 2g_V^e (2g_A^u - g_A^d) Y_3(y) R_V}{5 + R_s + 4R_c} \right]$$

assuming
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sensitivity to
weak mixing angle

competing contribution
from strangeness

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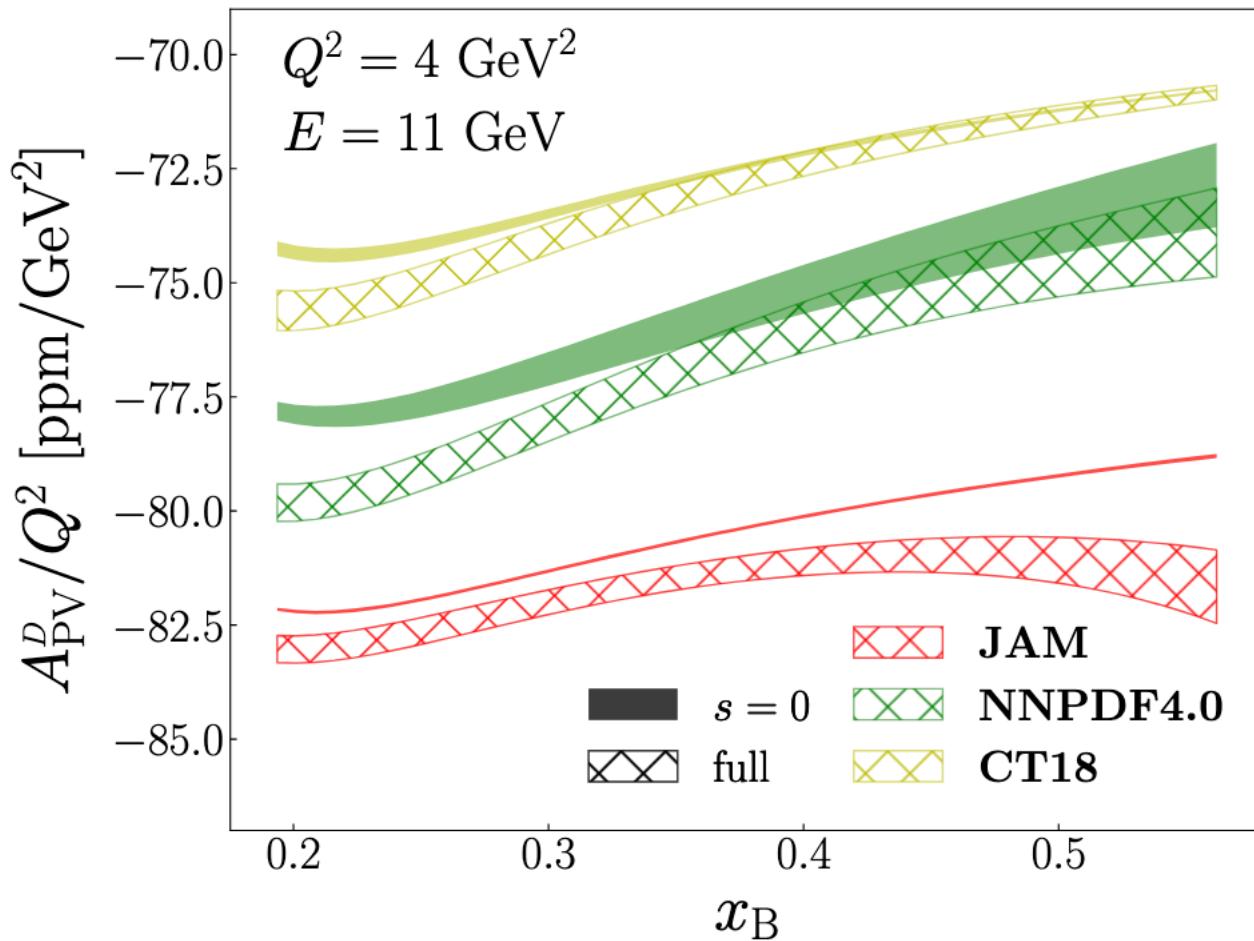
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■ PVDIS asymmetry for proton

$$A_{\text{PV}}^p \approx -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} (3g_V^u) \frac{1 - (g_V^d/2g_V^u)(d^+/u^+)}{1 + \frac{1}{4}(d^+/u^+)}$$

→ unique sensitivity to d/u PDF ratio at high x

■ PVDIS asymmetry for deuteron



→ interplay between weak mixing angle and strange PDF dependence

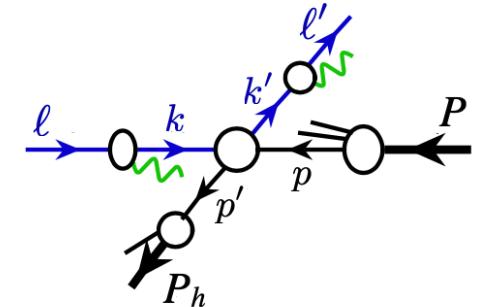
■ QED radiative corrections

→ hybrid QED+QCD factorization framework

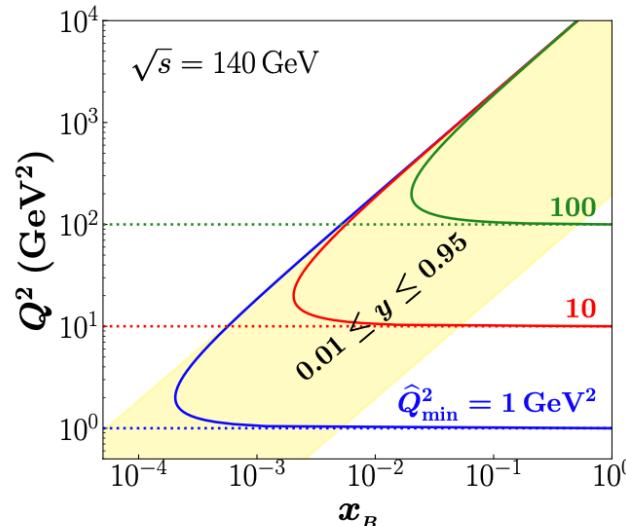
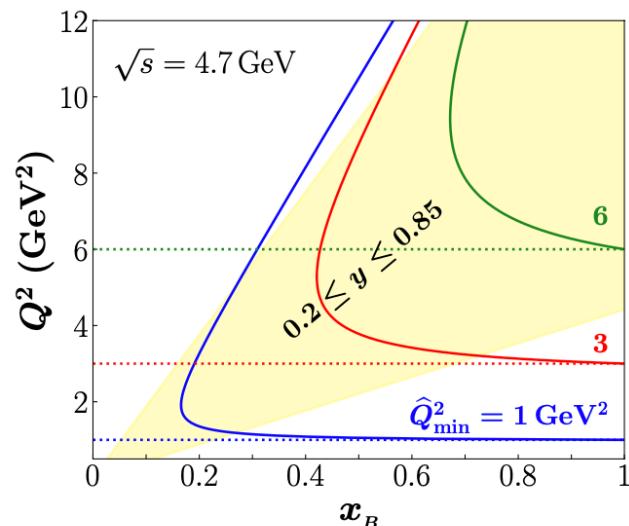
$$\frac{d\sigma_{(U/L)U}}{dx_B dy} = \int_{\zeta_{\min}}^1 \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta^2} D_{e/e}(\zeta, \mu^2) \int_{\xi_{\min}}^1 d\xi f_{e/e}(\xi, \mu^2) \left[\frac{Q^2}{x_B} \frac{\hat{x}_B}{\hat{Q}^2} \right] \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{(U/L)U}}{d\hat{x}_B d\hat{y}}$$

lepton fragmentation
function (LFF)

lepton distribution
function (LDF)



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→ induced QED radiation changes hard scale $Q^2 \rightarrow \hat{Q}^2 = (\xi/\zeta) Q^2$,
could push “true” scale out of DIS regime even when Q^2 above cut

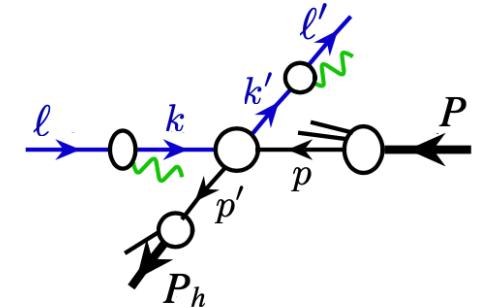
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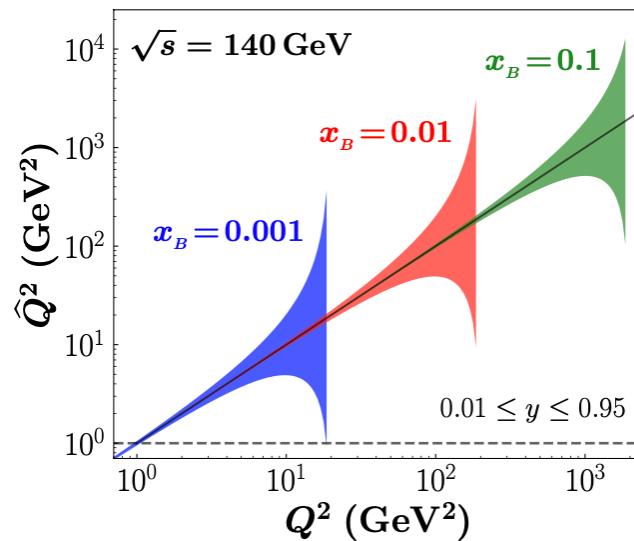
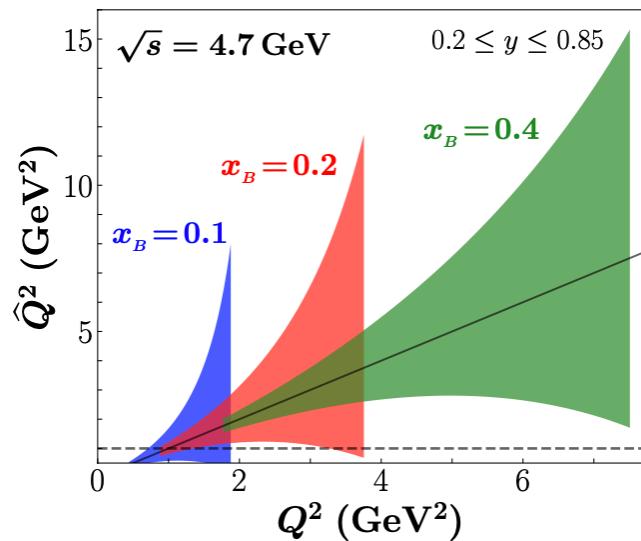
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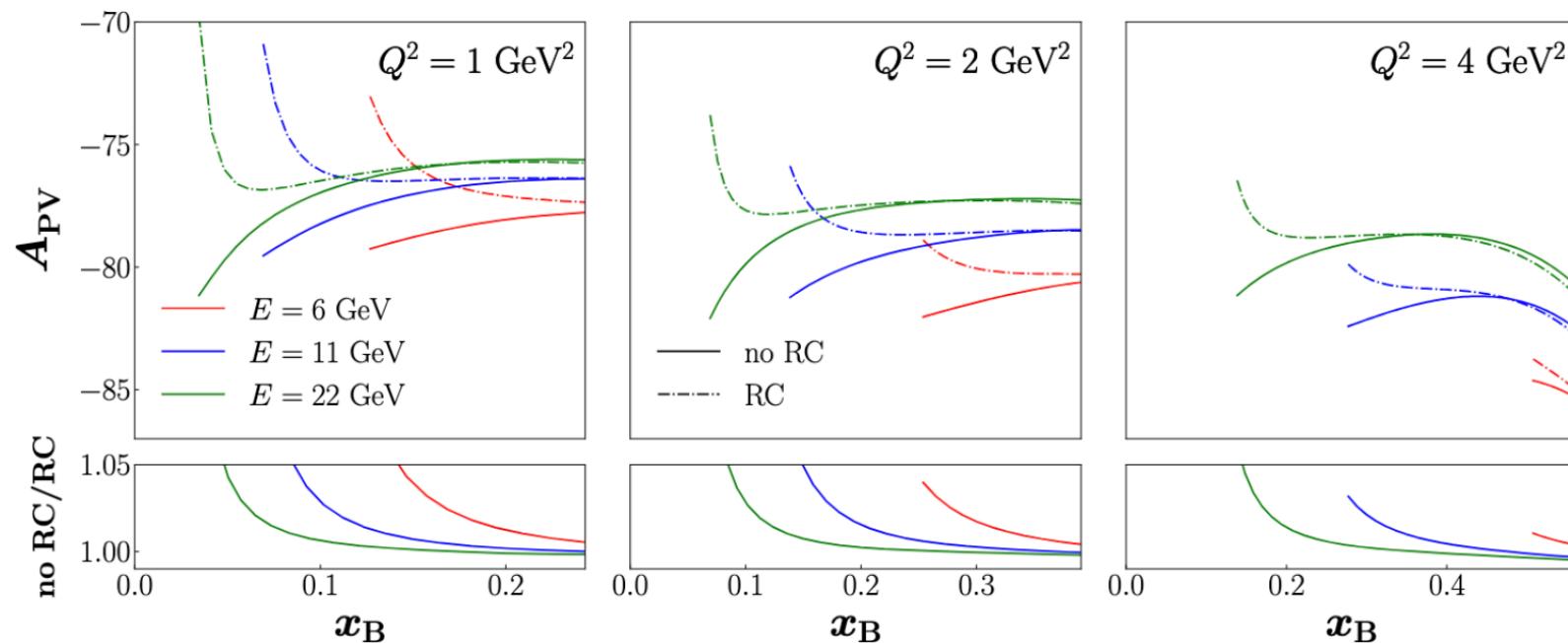
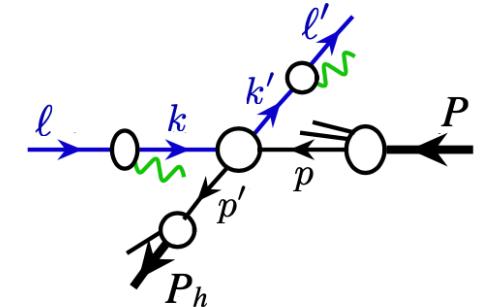


→ for given measured (x_B, Q^2) , actually probe colliding nucleon over much wider kinematic region of (\hat{x}_B, \hat{Q}^2)

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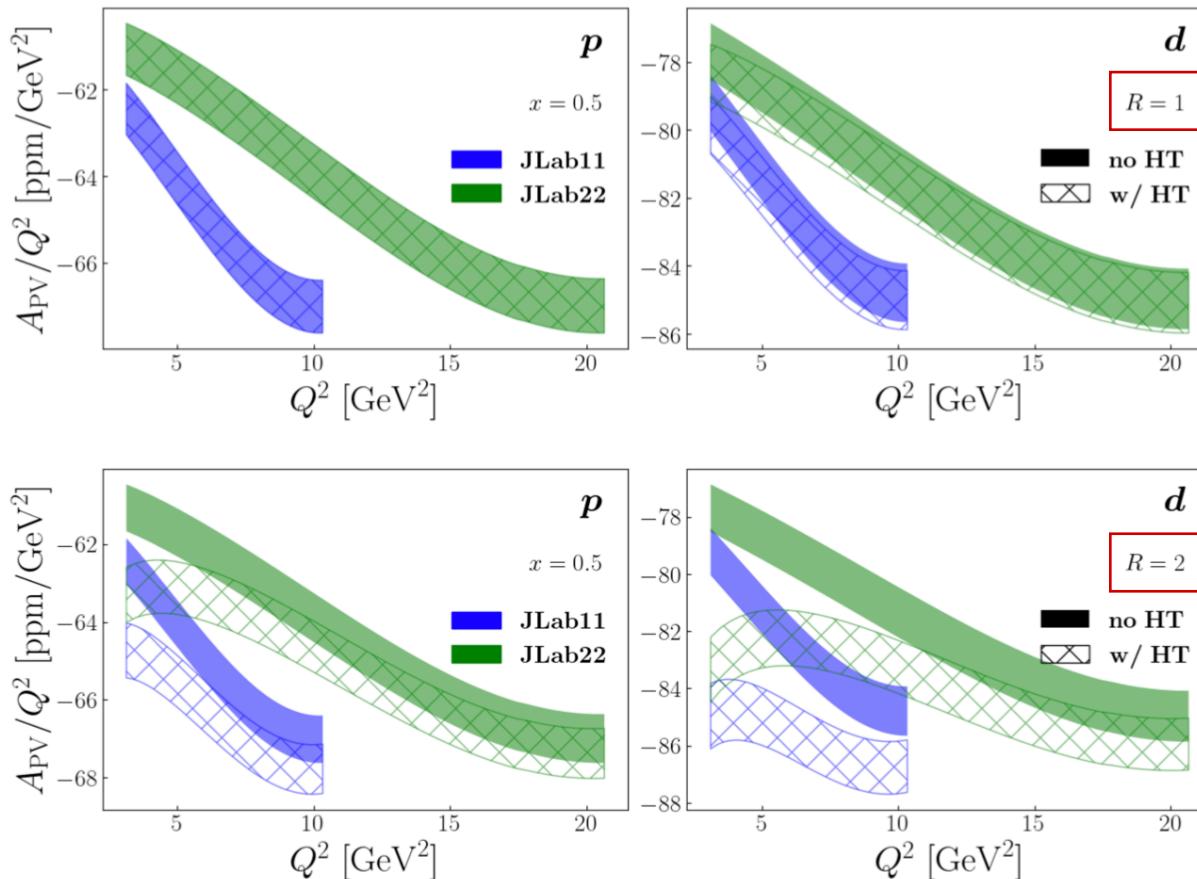
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→ effects of RCs ameliorated with increasing energy of the lepton beam

■ Higher twist corrections

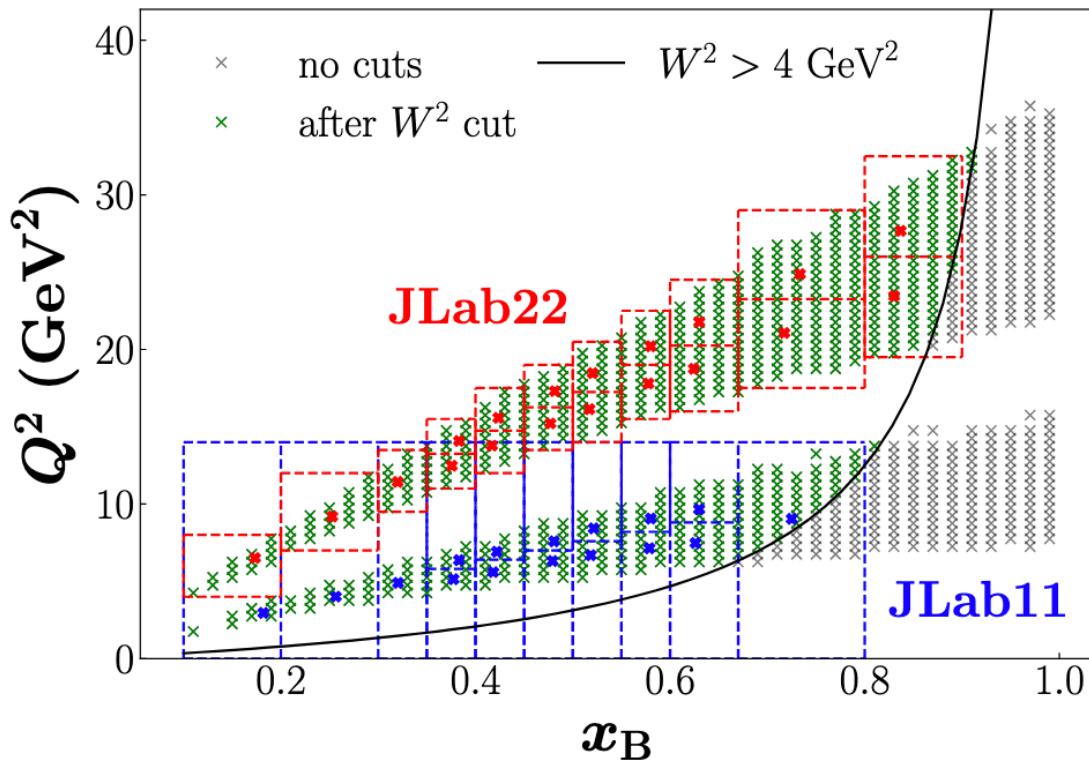
- assume multiplicative form $F_i^j = F_{i,\text{LT}}^j \left(1 + \frac{H_i^j}{Q^2}\right)$
- H_2^γ extracted from JAM global QCD analyses,
but $H_i^{\gamma Z} = R H_2^\gamma$ unknown ... study dependence on R



- need to include possible HT effects global analysis of PVDIS data

Impact study

→ pseudo-data for JLab 11 GeV and 22 GeV kinematics with SoLID



Experimental configuration

→ $P = 85\%$

→ $d\mathcal{L}/dt = 4.85 \times 10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

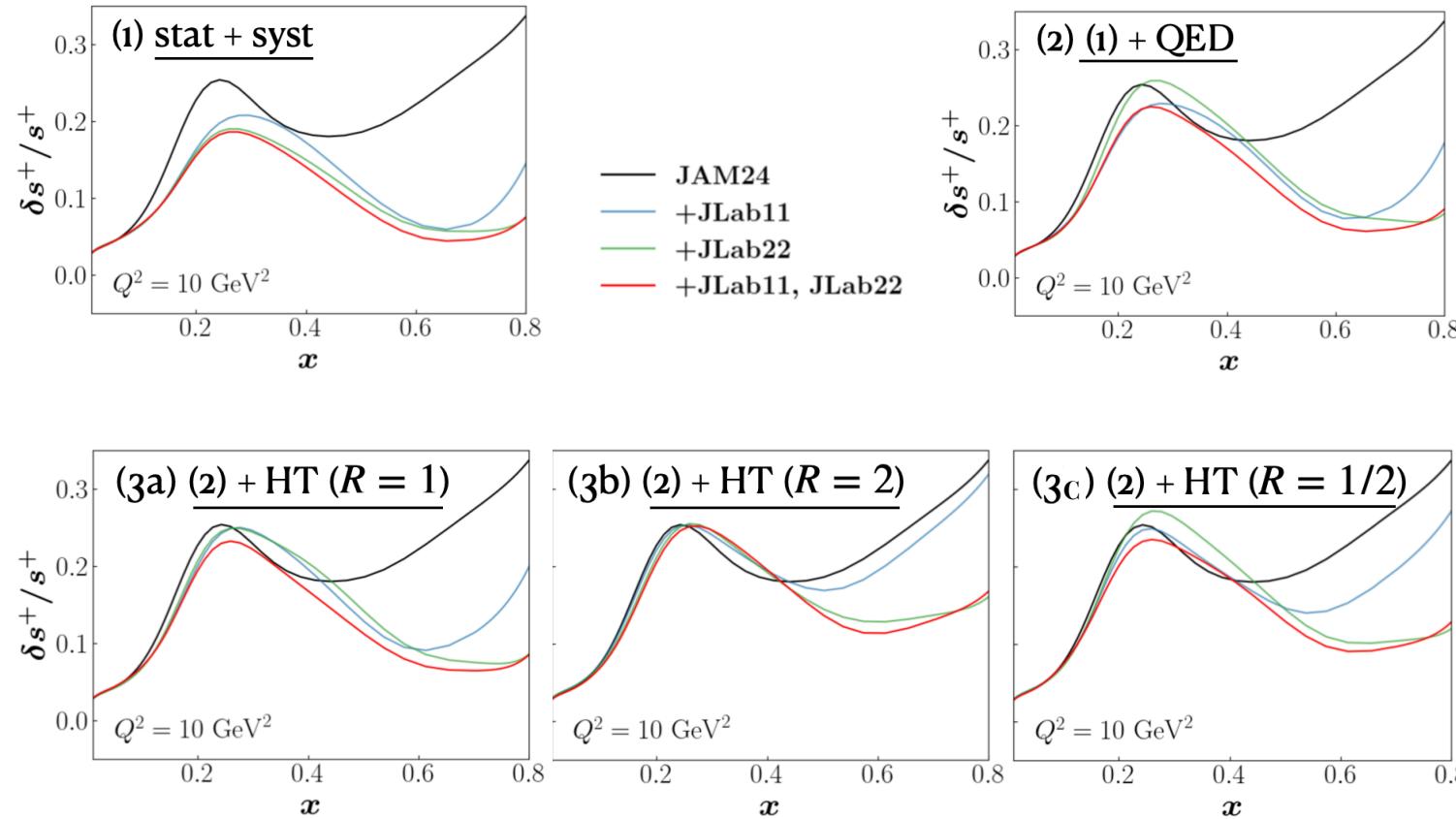
→ run time: 50 days/target

→ $\delta^{\text{syst}} A_{\text{PV}} = 0.5\%$

Scenarios

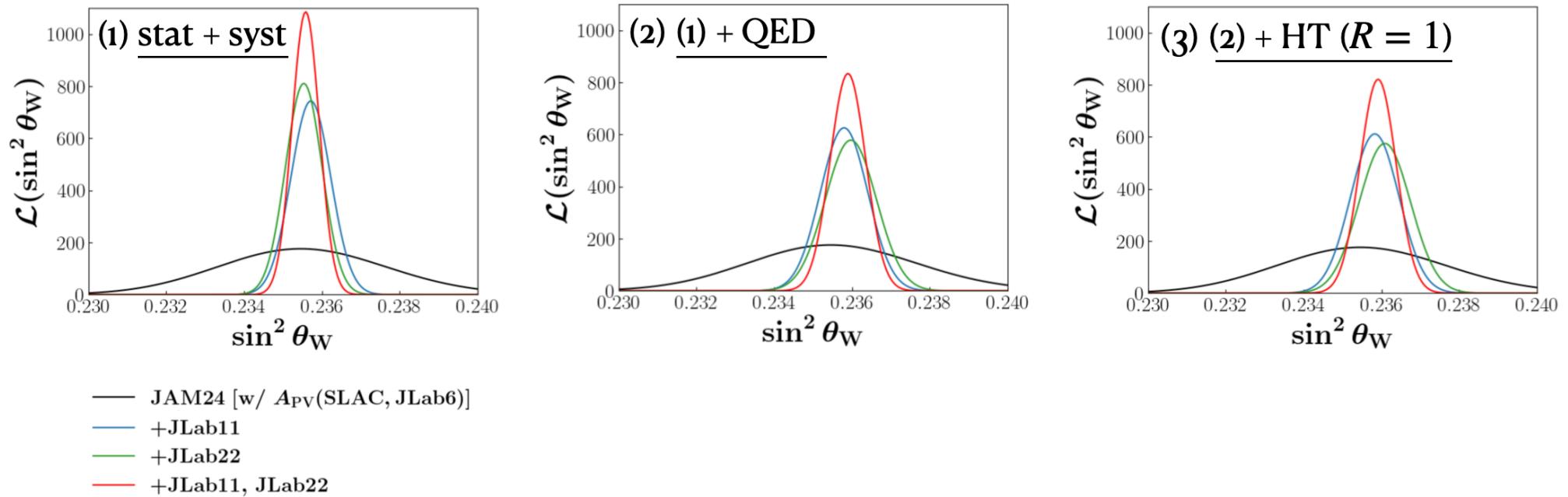
1. stat. + exp. syst. uncertainties
2. (1) + QED effects
3. (2) + HT effects

■ Impact on strange PDF determination



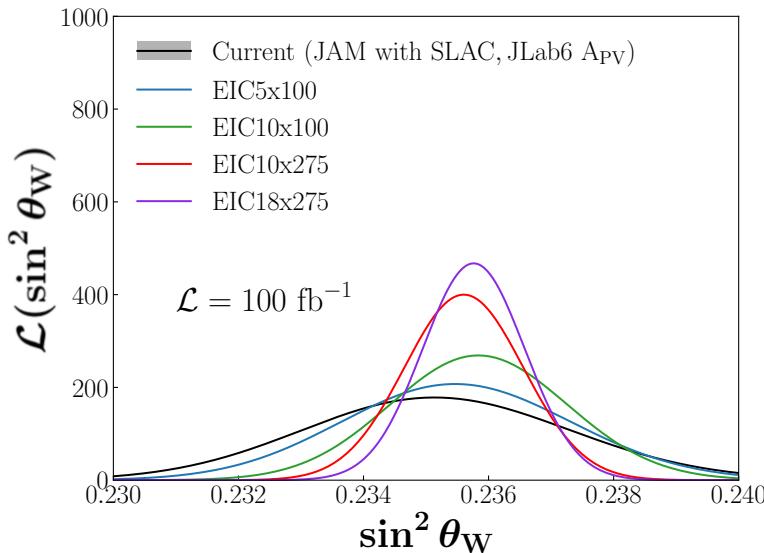
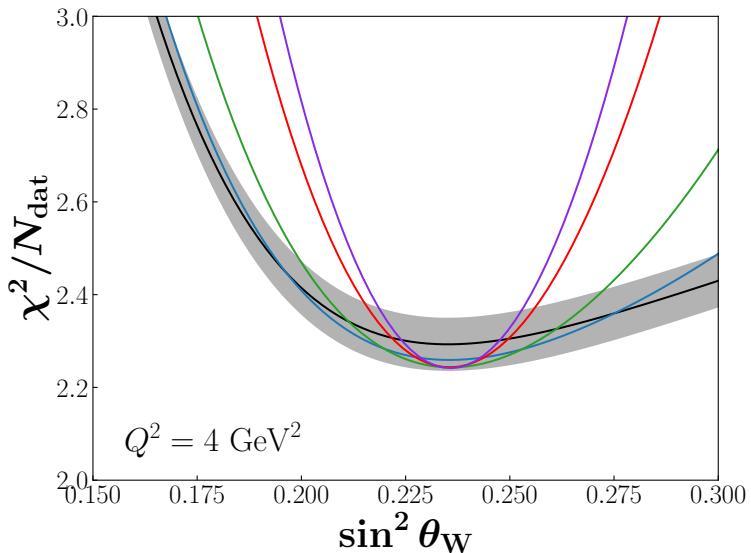
→ degree of uncertainty reduction does depend on specific value of R

■ Impact on weak mixing angle

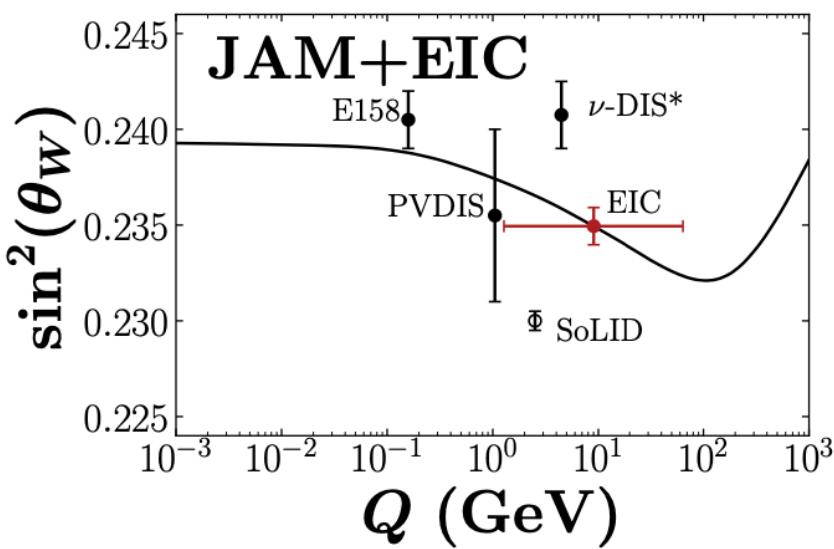


→ likelihood function $\mathcal{L} \sim \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(\sin^2 \theta_W) \right]$

Impact on weak mixing angle — EIC kinematics



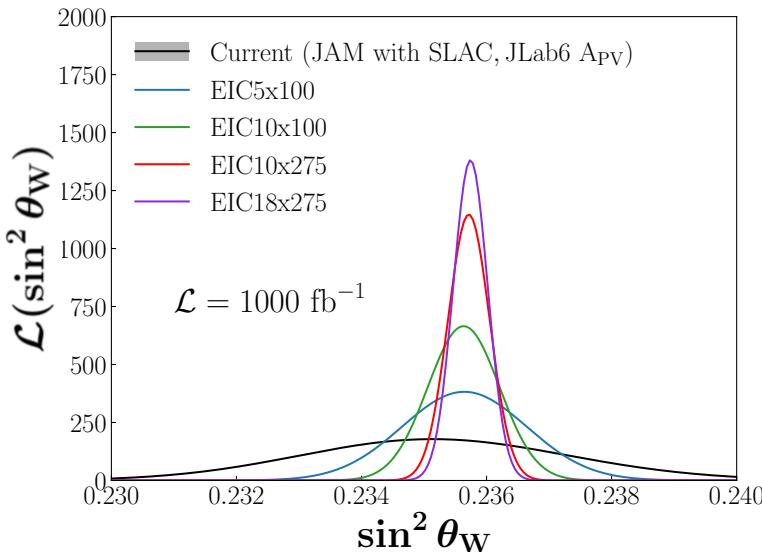
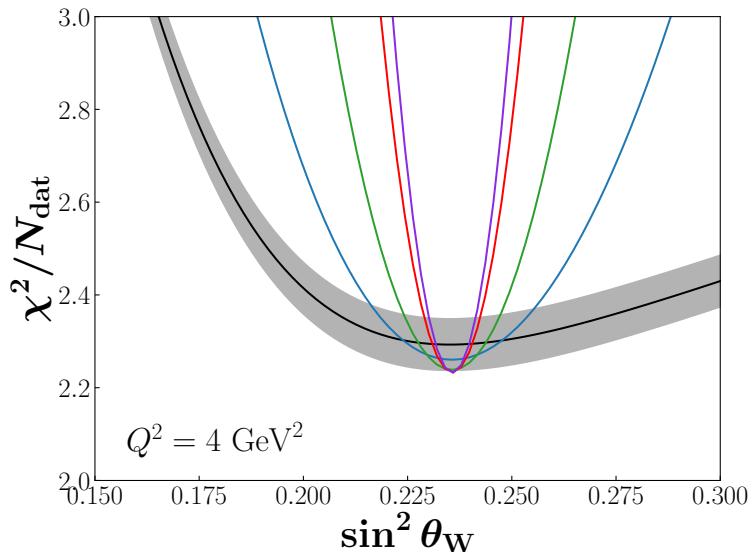
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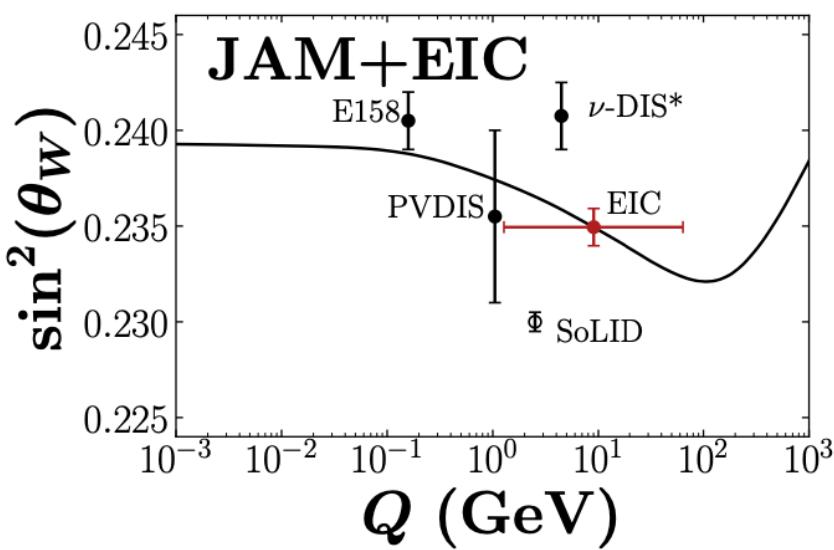
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Outlook

- PVDIS is a unique process which can provide (clean) data for input into global analyses:
 - improve determination of weak mixing angle (test BSM physics)
 - also constrain strange quark PDF in the nucleon
 - important to perform simultaneous analysis of PDF and EW parameters
- In future, consider also:
 - e^+ / e^- PVDIS to constrain $s - \bar{s}$ asymmetry
 - polarized PVDIS?
- Thanks to Richard Whitehill (grad student at ODU) & Nobuo Sato (JLab)

