

# What Have We Learned from Electron Deep Inelastic Scattering?

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- Introduction - the four interactions, the Standard Model, and the role of electron scattering

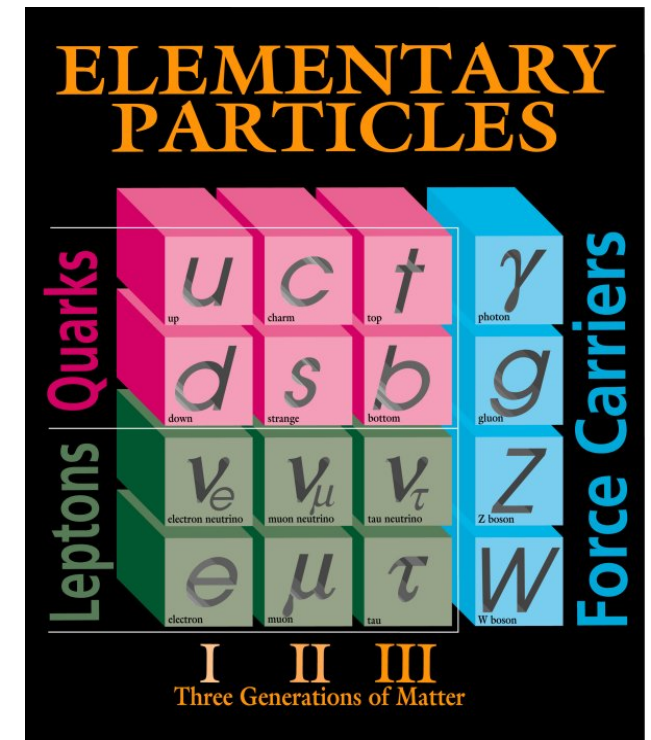
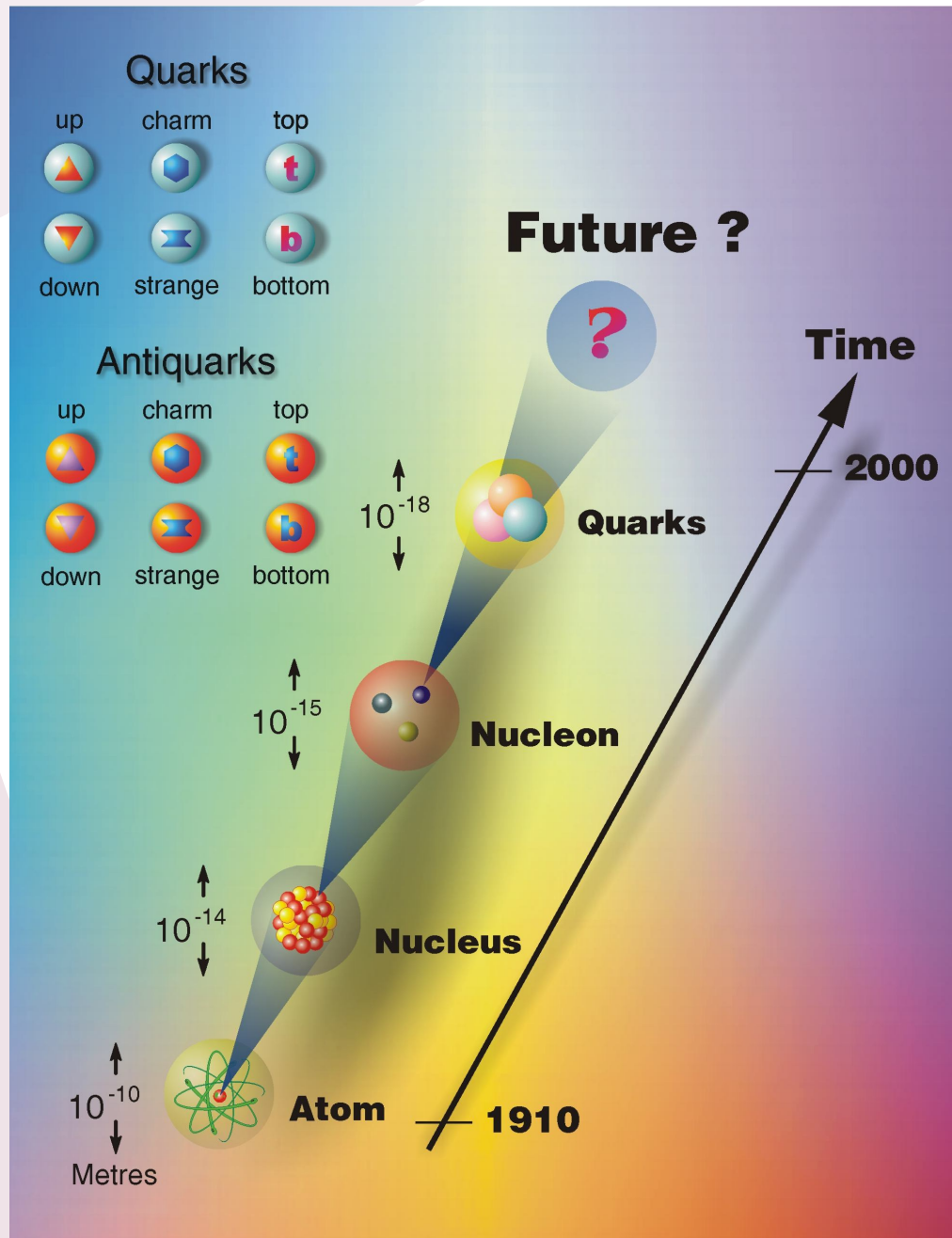
How is the nucleon energy shared among quarks?

How are quarks polarized inside the nucleon?

How do quarks behave in neutral weak interactions?

- Summary

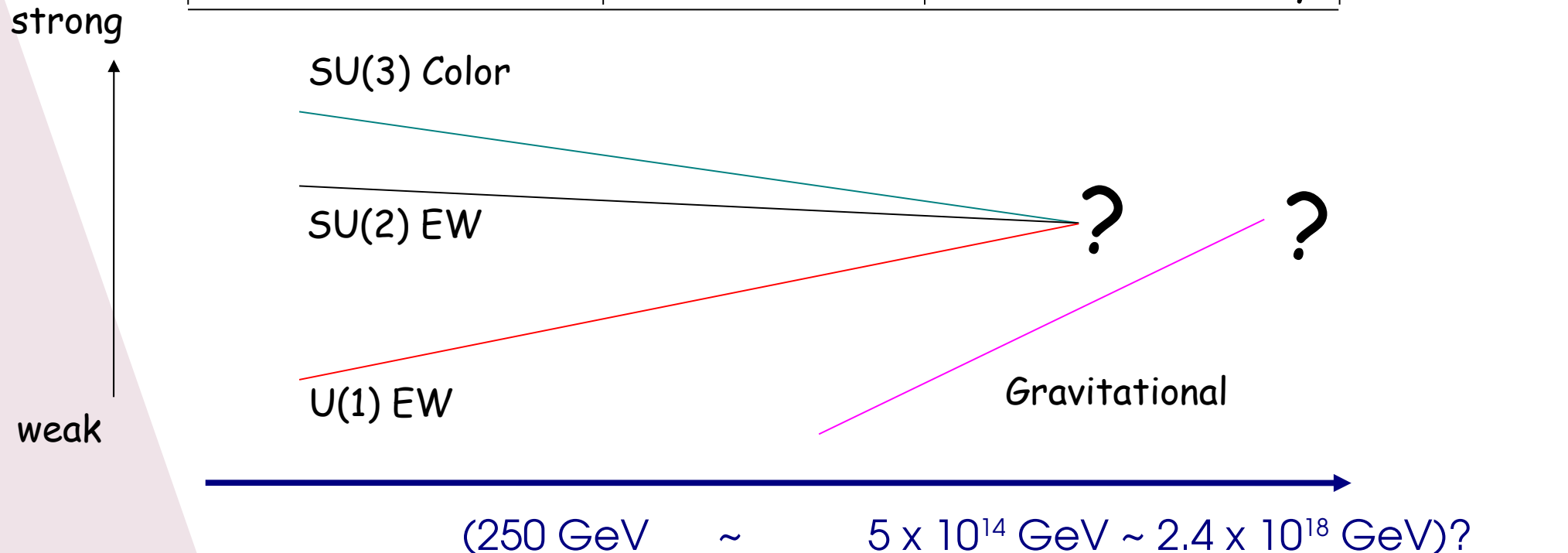
# What Is the World Made of?



Mass of the nucleon: 1 GeV  
 $\sim 10^{-10}$  Joules  
 $\sim (5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})^{-1} = (5 \text{ fm})^{-1}$   
 $\sim (10^{-24} \text{ seconds})^{-1}$   
 $\sim 10^{-24}$  grams,  
 $(10^{-35}$  of Empire State Building)

# And How Do They Interact?

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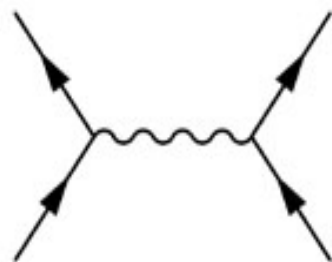


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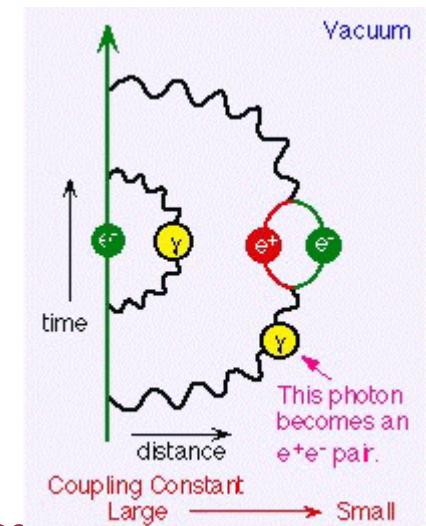
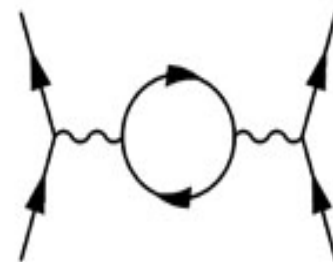
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## Electromagnetic Interaction - Interaction of electric charge (QED)

- Carried by photons: massless, spin-1, electrically neutral
- Well understood, higher order processes correctable, tested to  $10^{-9}$  accuracy



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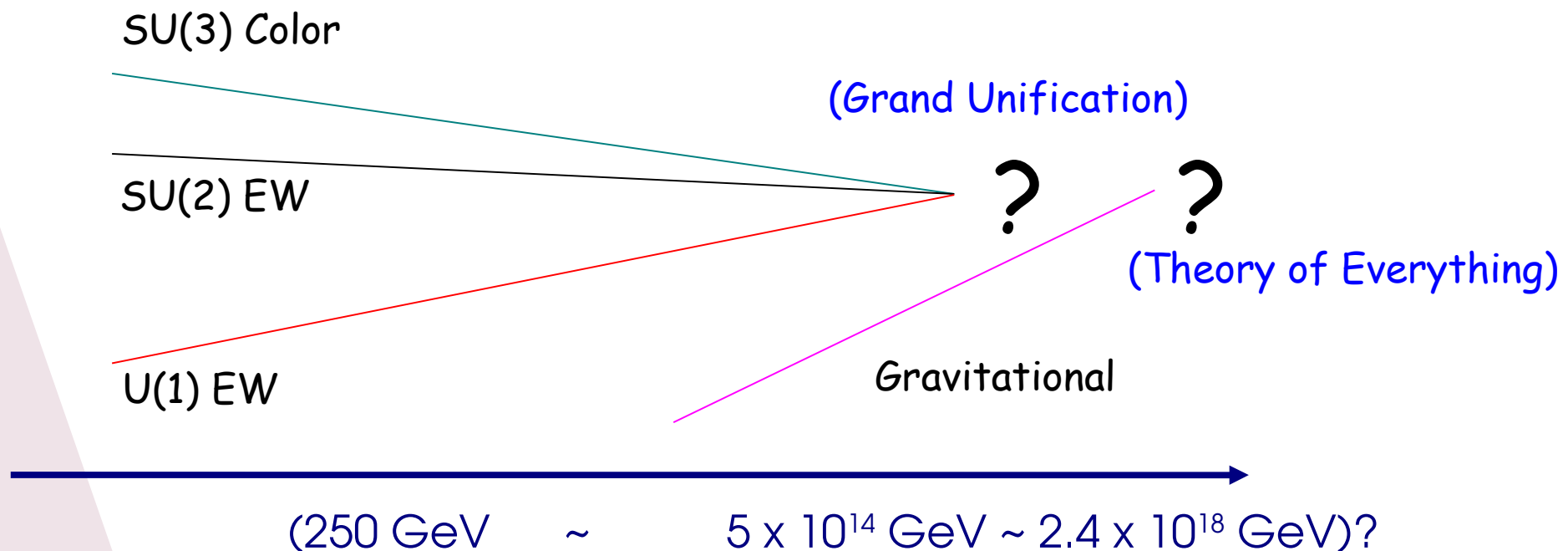
### Weak Interaction - Interaction of Weak Charges

- Massive spin-1 bosons  $Z^0$ ,  $W^\pm$ ; Appears to be weak at low energies;
- Unified with electromagnetic interaction via the "mixing" of SU(2)xU(1);
- Violates parity symmetry;
- Tested to good precision, but is challenged by experiments (neutrino oscillations, etc.)

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## Weak Interaction - Interaction of Weak Charges

Indirect search for  
(signs of) Beyond  
the Standard  
Model Physics, such  
as tiny changes in  
interaction  
strengths,  
eV-GeV



Direct search  
(LHC...) 7 TeV

Gravitational

(250 GeV ~  $5 \times 10^{14}$  GeV ~  $2.4 \times 10^{18}$  GeV)?

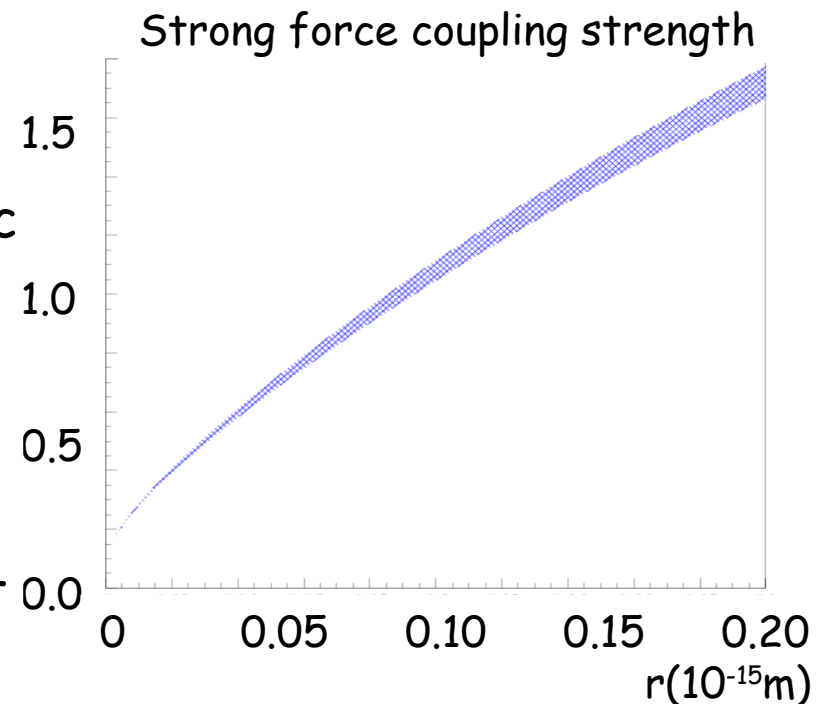


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## Strong Interaction - Interaction of 3 Color Charges (QCD)

- Gluons: massless, spin-1, but carries colors
- Higher order processes gives:
  - small couplings at high energies (asymptotic freedom, perturbative QCD)
  - large couplings  $\alpha_s > 1$  at long distances ( $> 0.1\text{fm}$ ), calculation very difficult
- Colored objects do NOT exist in Nature - experiments with free quarks and gluons not possible; Color confinement cannot be computed in QCD (yet).





# The Role of Electron-Nucleon Scattering

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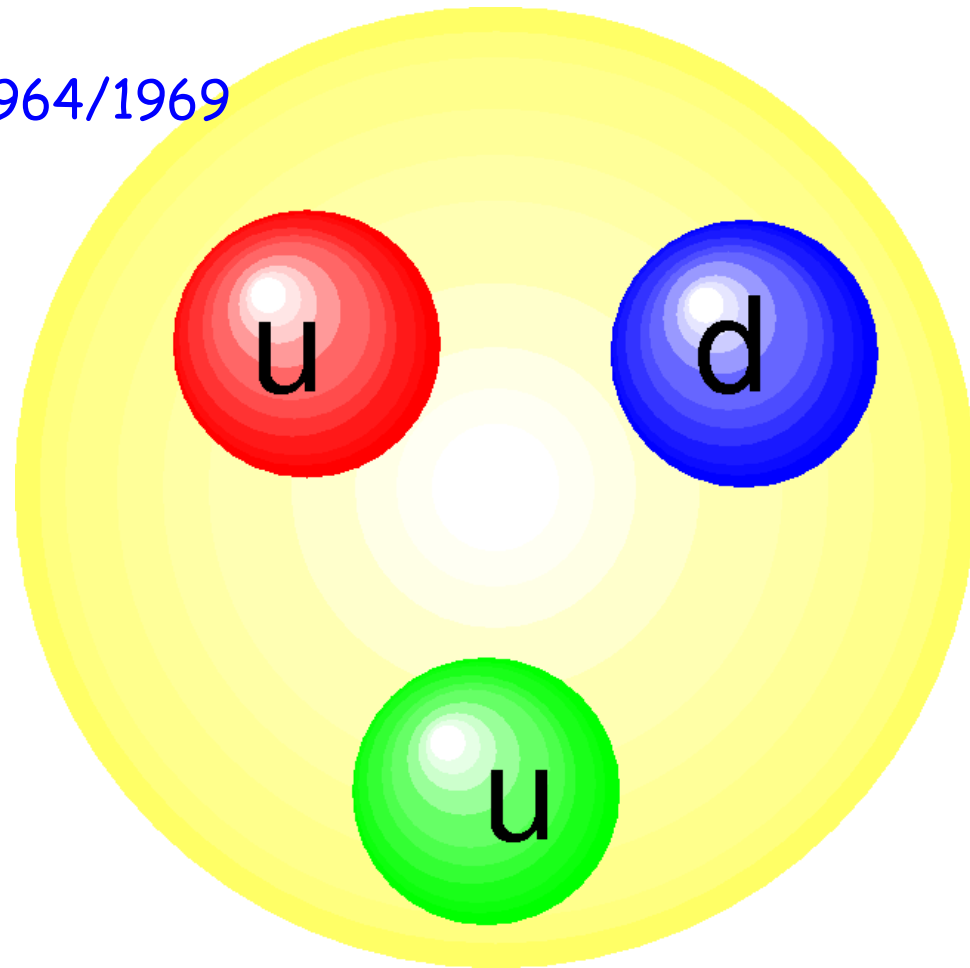
Electron beam = a source of photons and  $Z^0$ 's

- $\gamma$ 's: probe structure of the nucleon - how do quarks form the nucleon energy, mass, spin ... .. **via strong interactions?**
- $Z$ 's: parity violation electron scattering

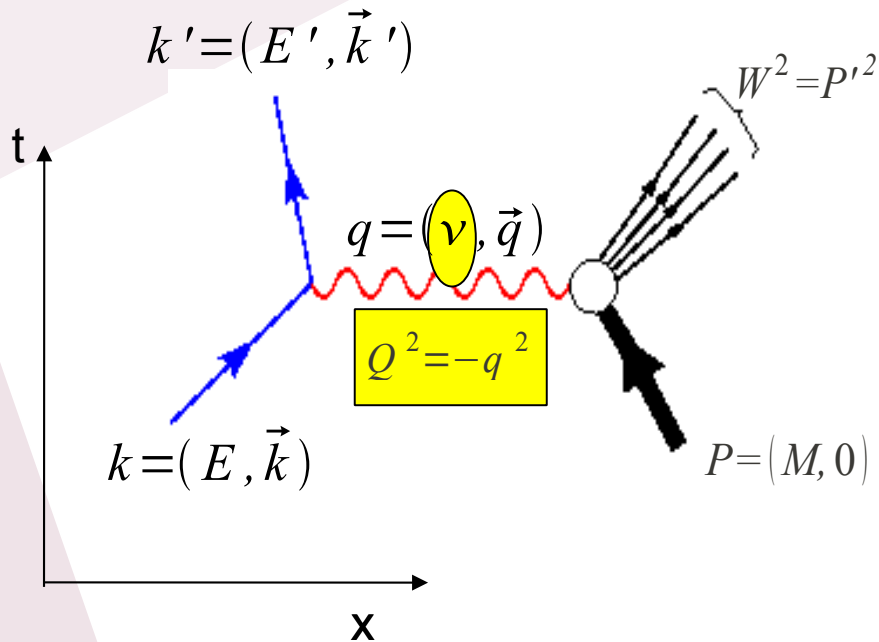
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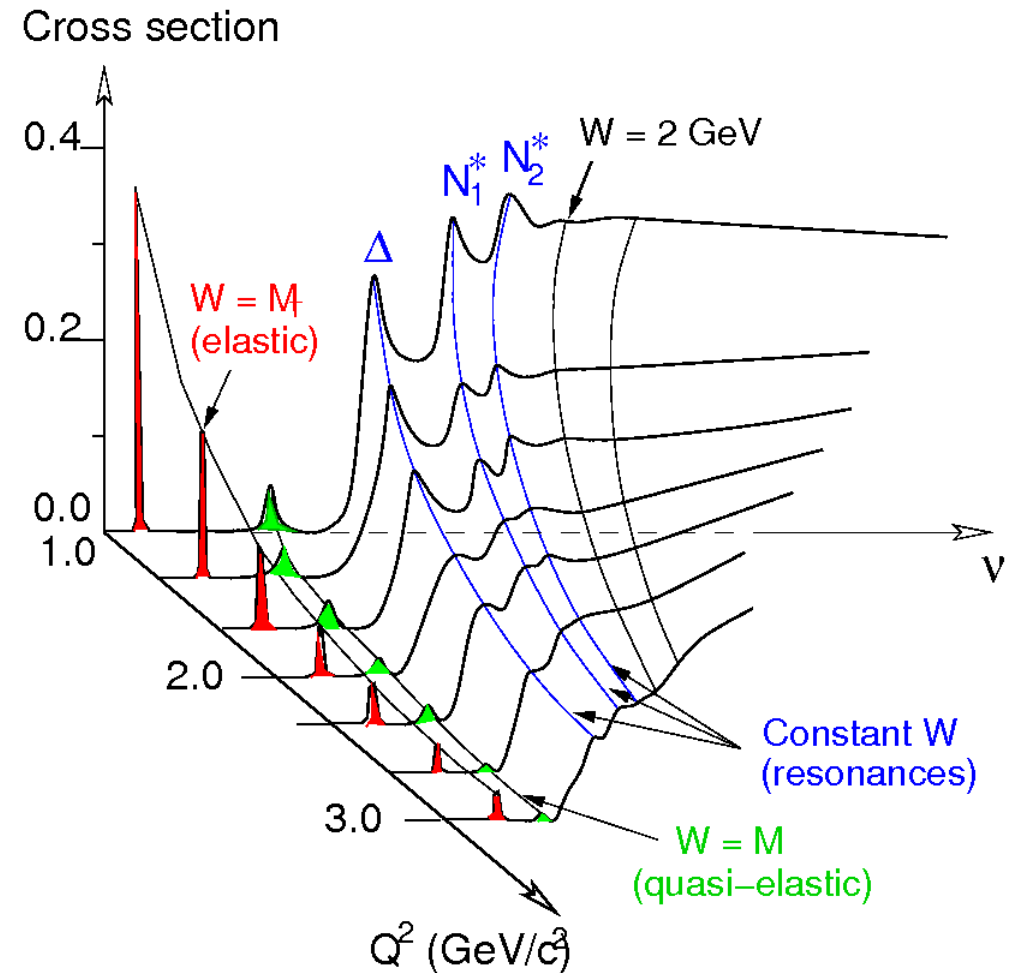
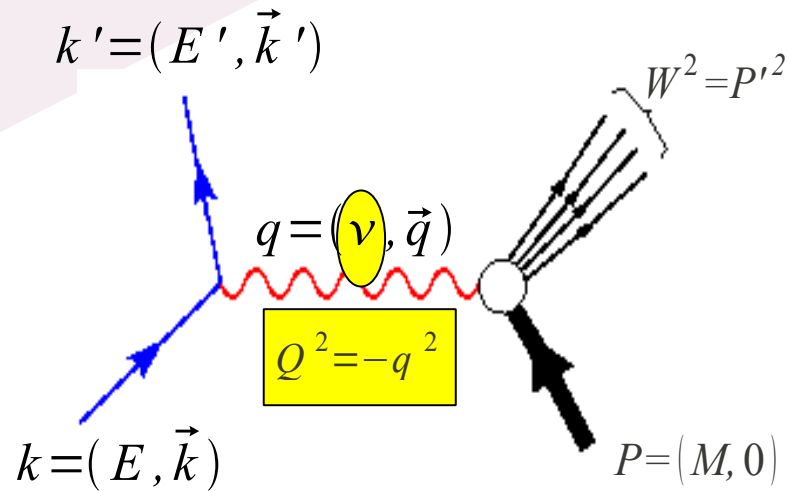


- The inclusive scattering "cross section" describes the probability of electrons being scattered to  $E'$  and  $\Omega$ .

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{Mott} \left[ \alpha F_1(Q^2, \nu) + \beta F_2(Q^2, \nu) \right]$$

For point-like target

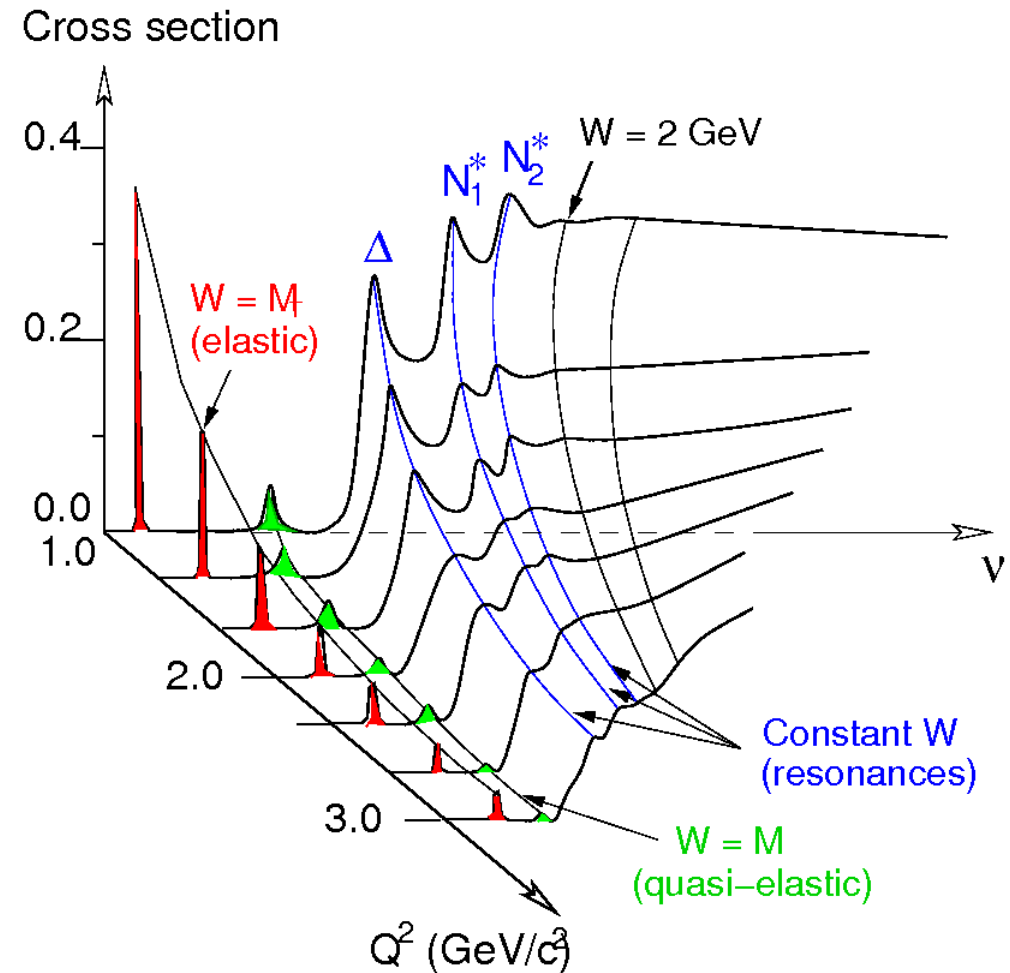
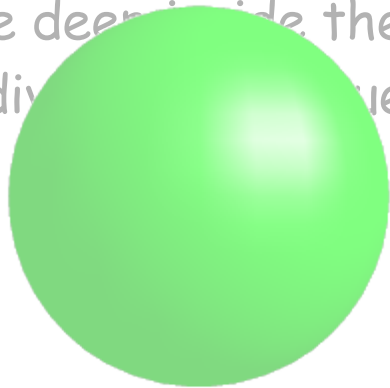
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- Resonance region - quarks inside the nucleon excited to resonance modes
- Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS):
  - start to see deep inside the nucleon (individual constituents)



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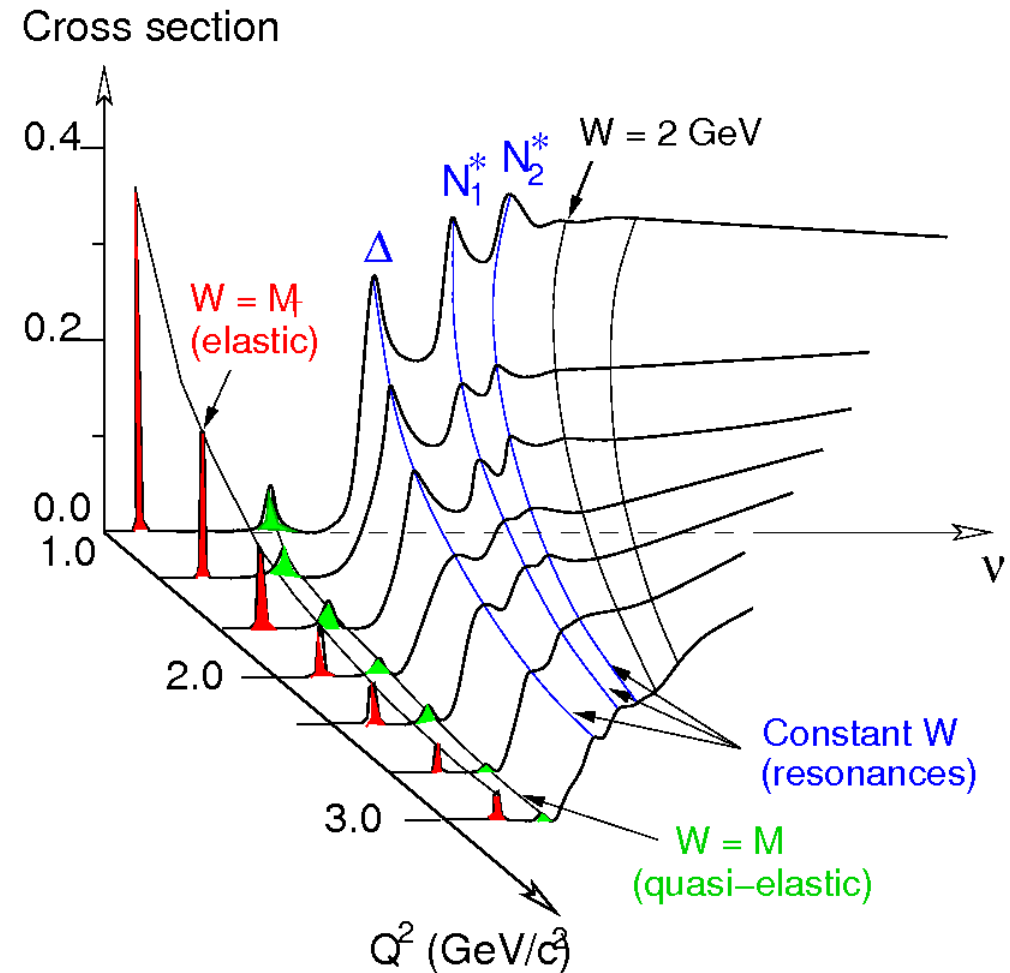
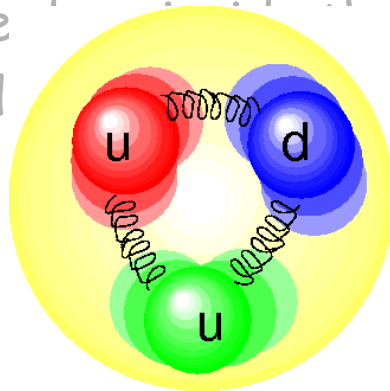
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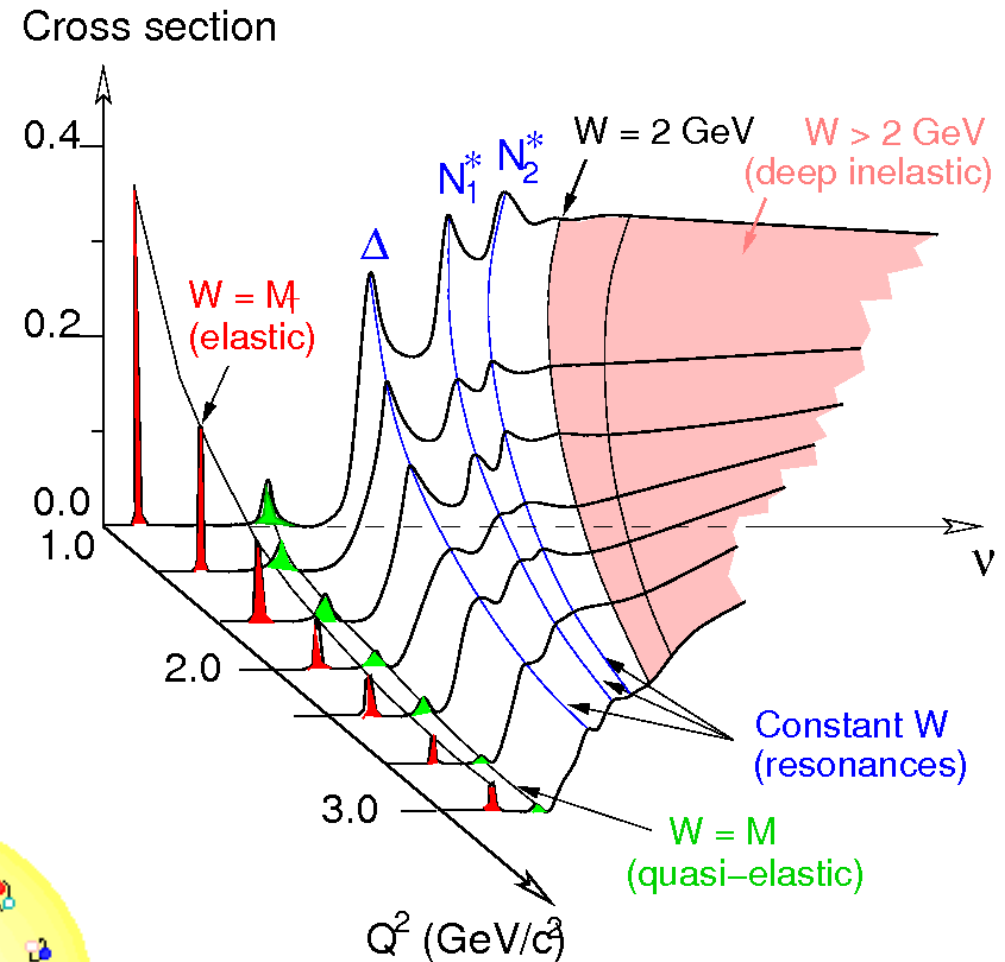
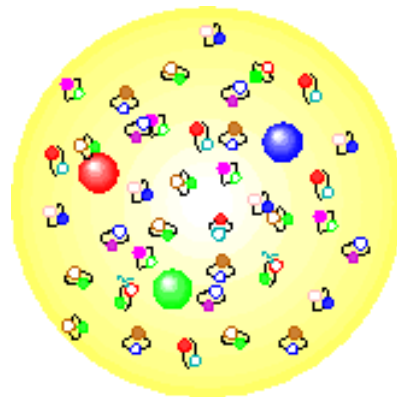


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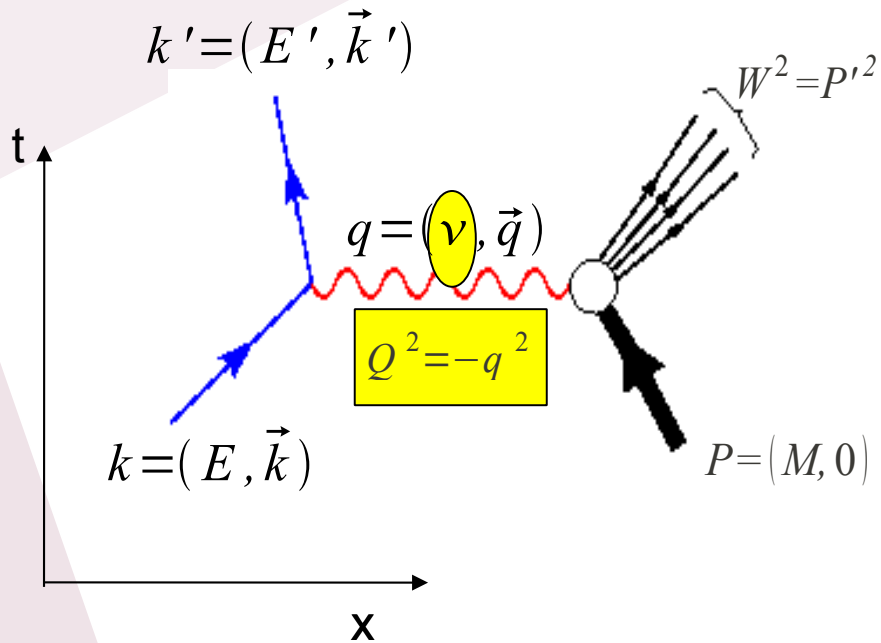
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# Virtual photon compared to (real, visible) photon



- ◆ Focus (spatial resolution):  $1/Q^2$
- ◆ Time exposure  $1/\nu$

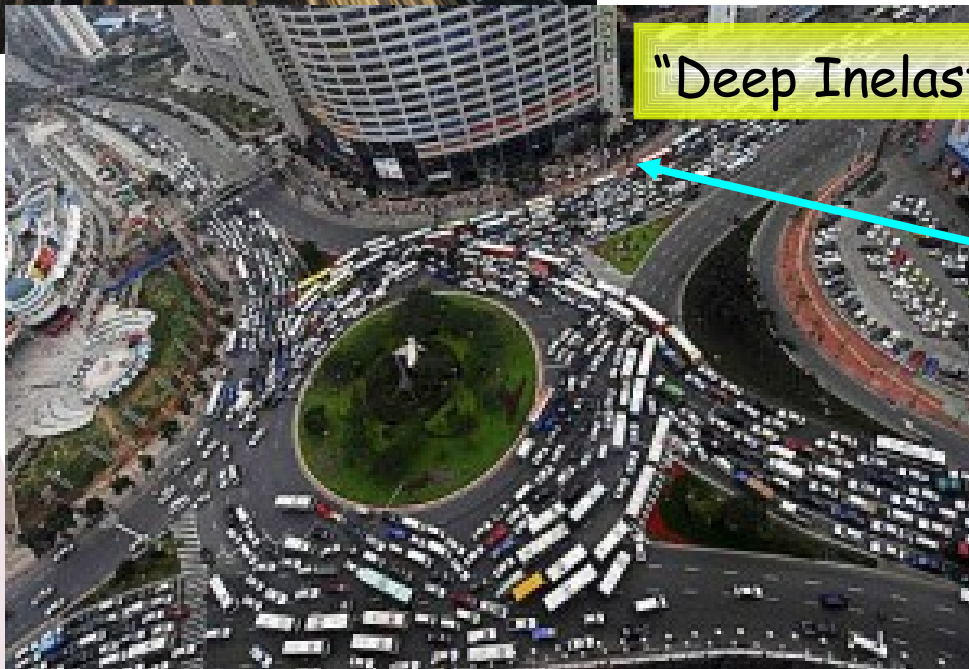
"Resonance"



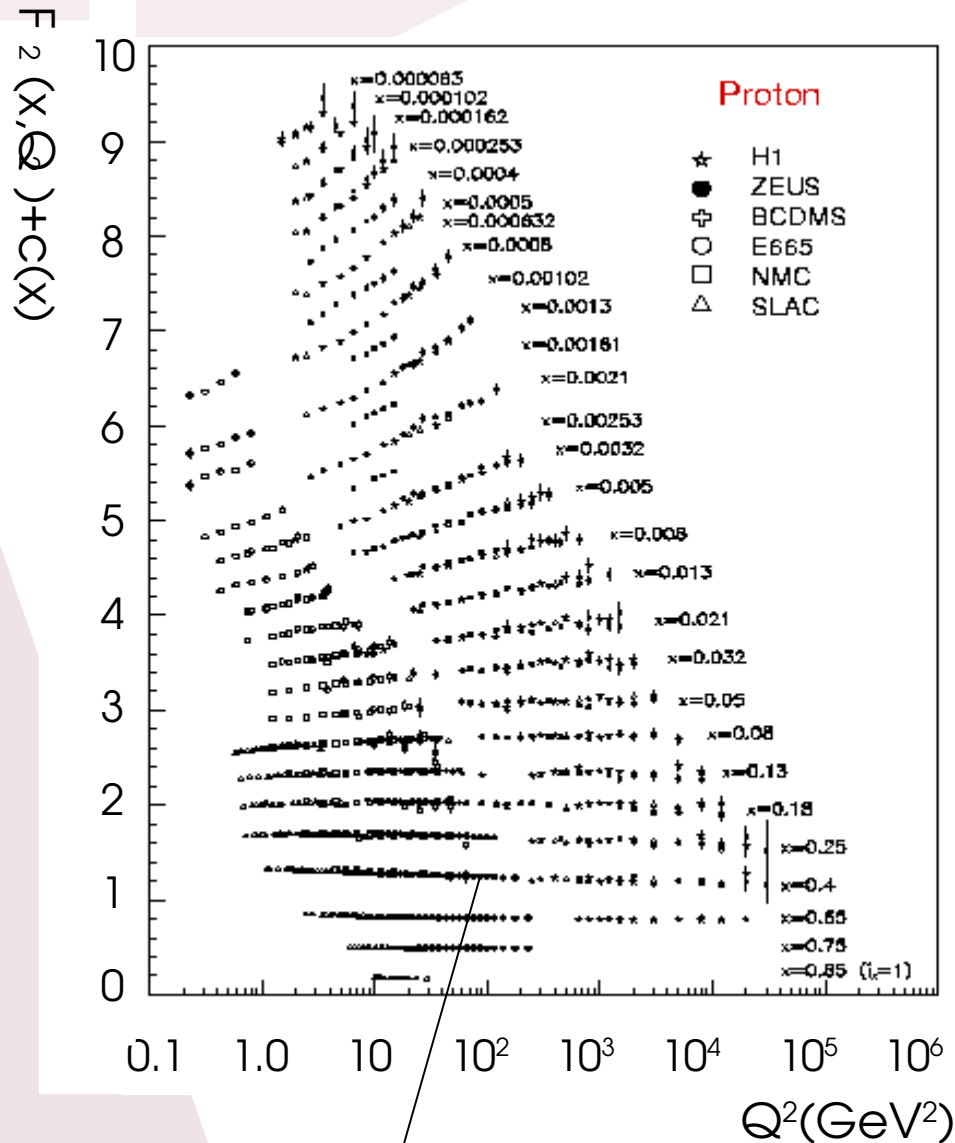
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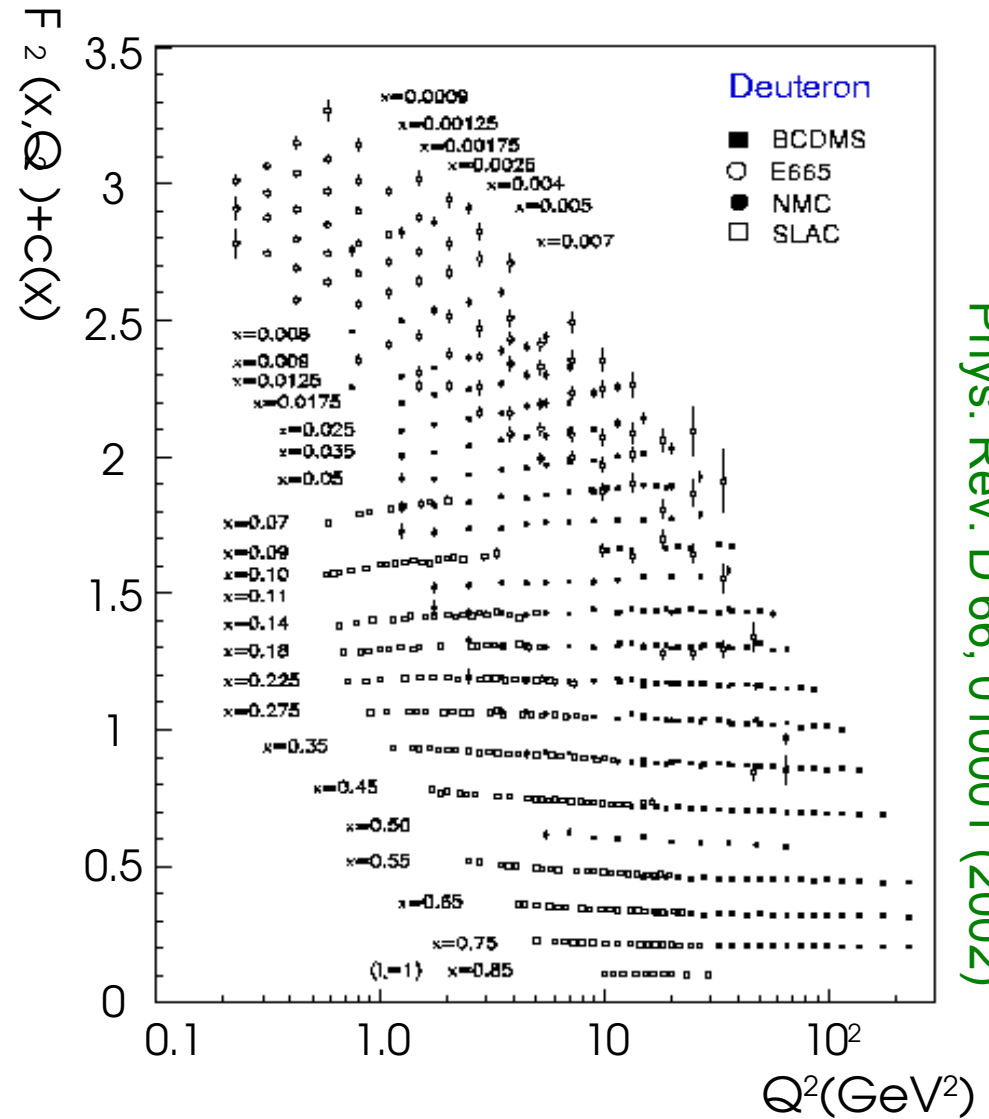
"Deep Inelastic"



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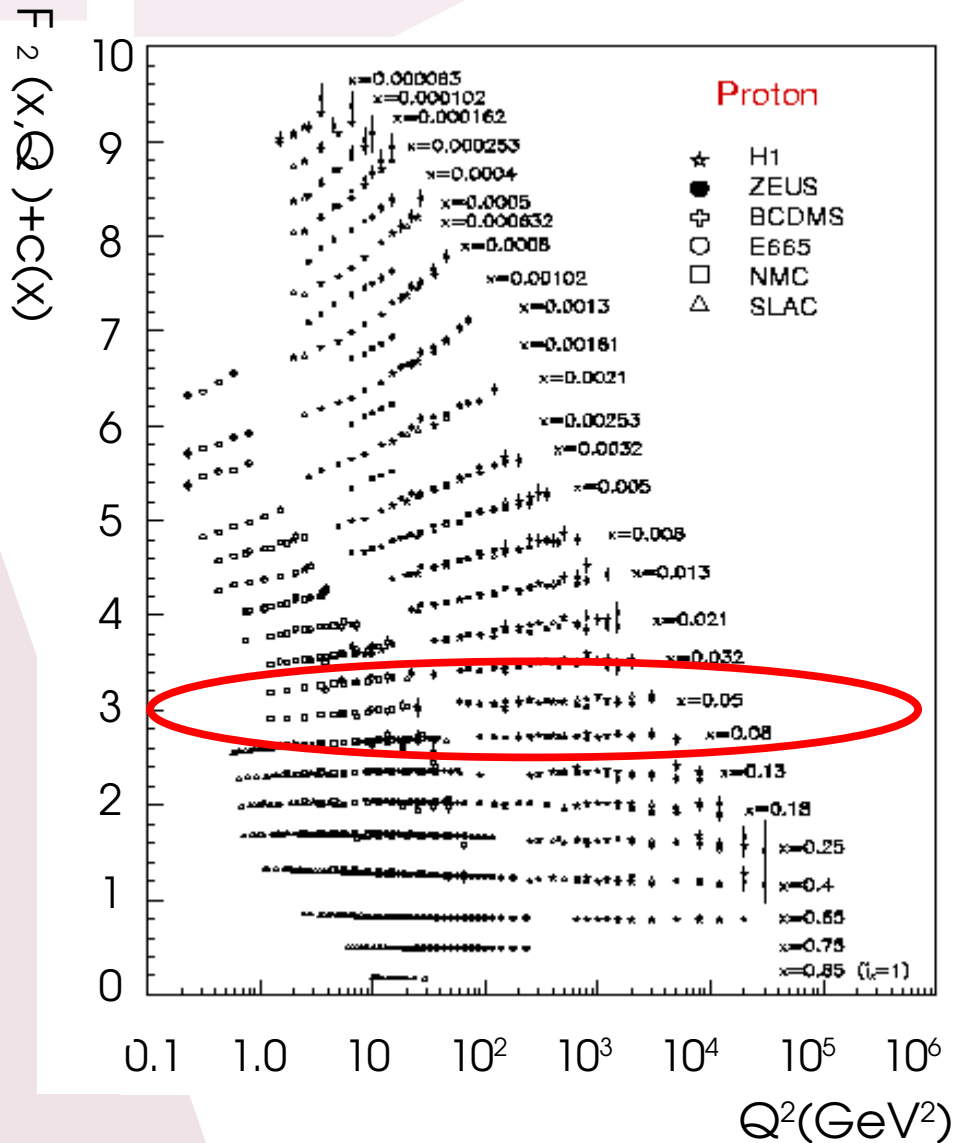


shifted according to  $Q^2/\nu$



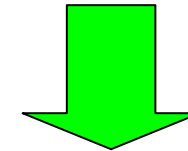
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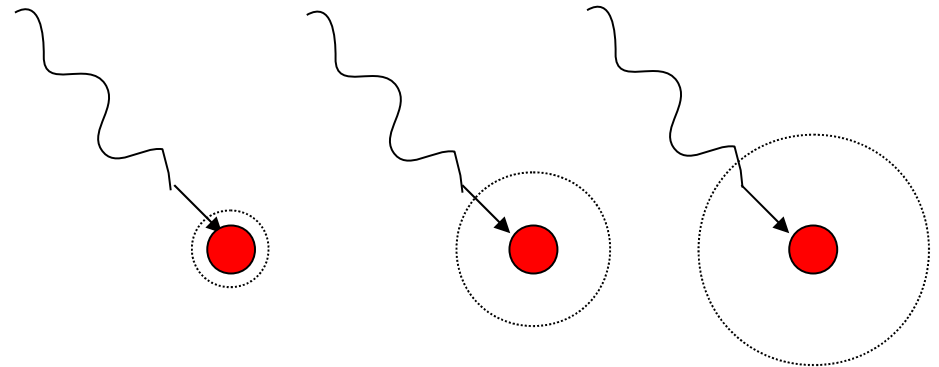


"scaling":

What we observe is independent of the resolution of the photon probe ( $1/Q^2$ )

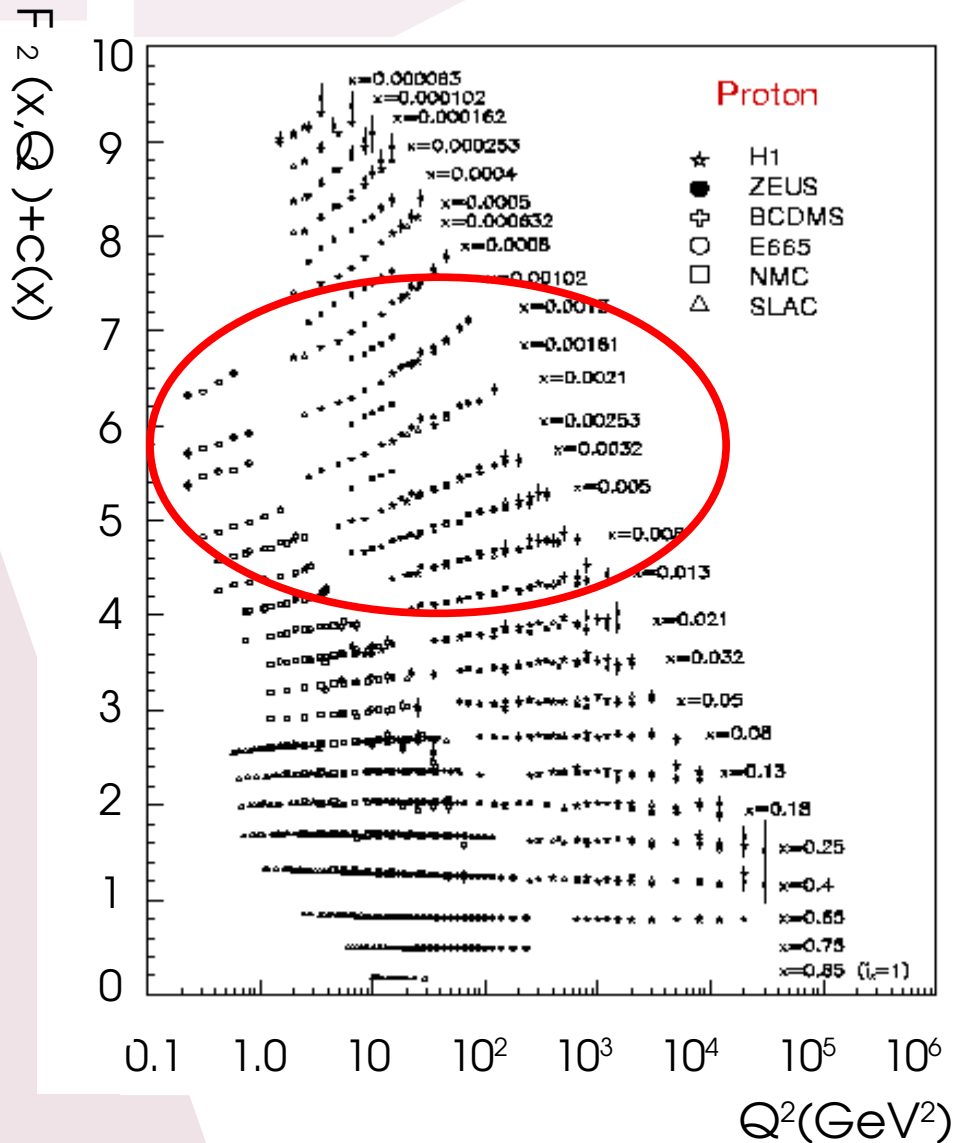


the constituents must be point-like particles, spaced far apart.



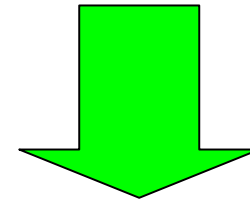
Friedman, Kendall, Taylor et al. 1968/1990

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"scaling violation"

Log( $Q^2$ ) dependence



the quarks are weakly  
interacting inside the nucleon  
"Asymptotic Freedom"

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{4\pi}{(11 - 2n_f/3) \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)}$$

+ Hooft 1972/1999

Gross, Wilczek, Politzer 1972/2004

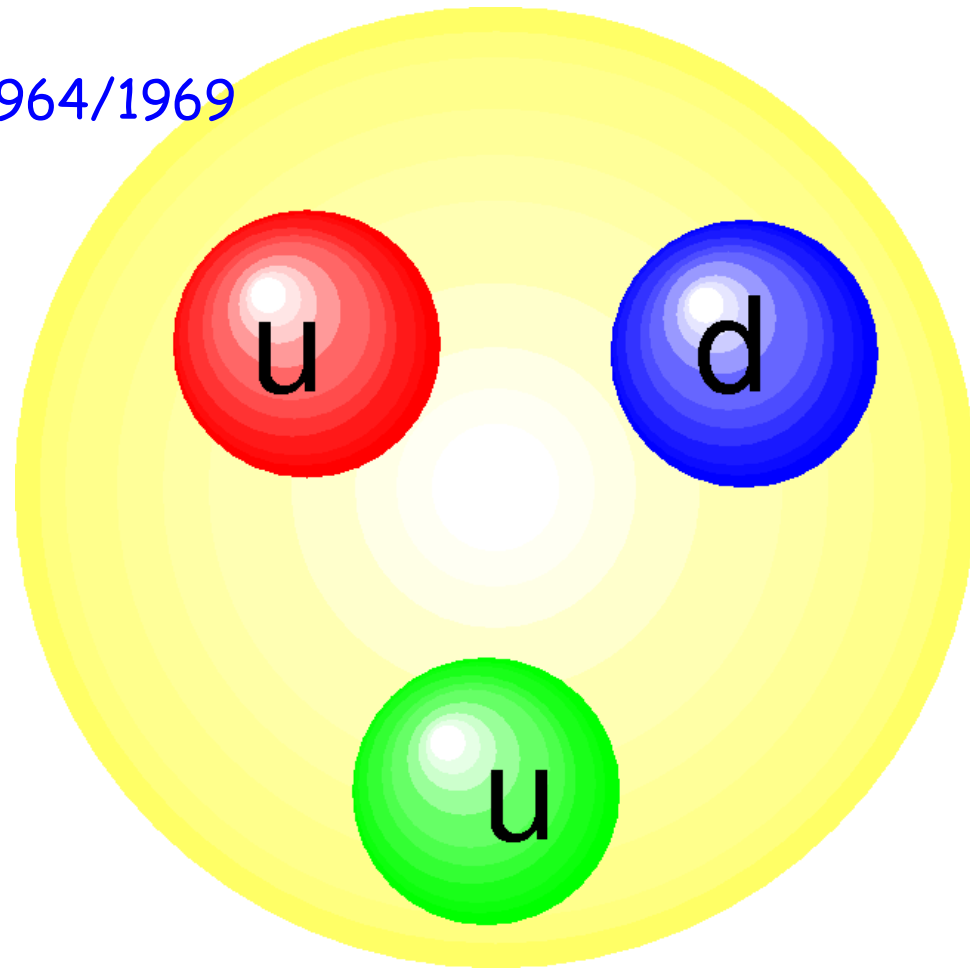
Agree very well with perturbative QCD calculations



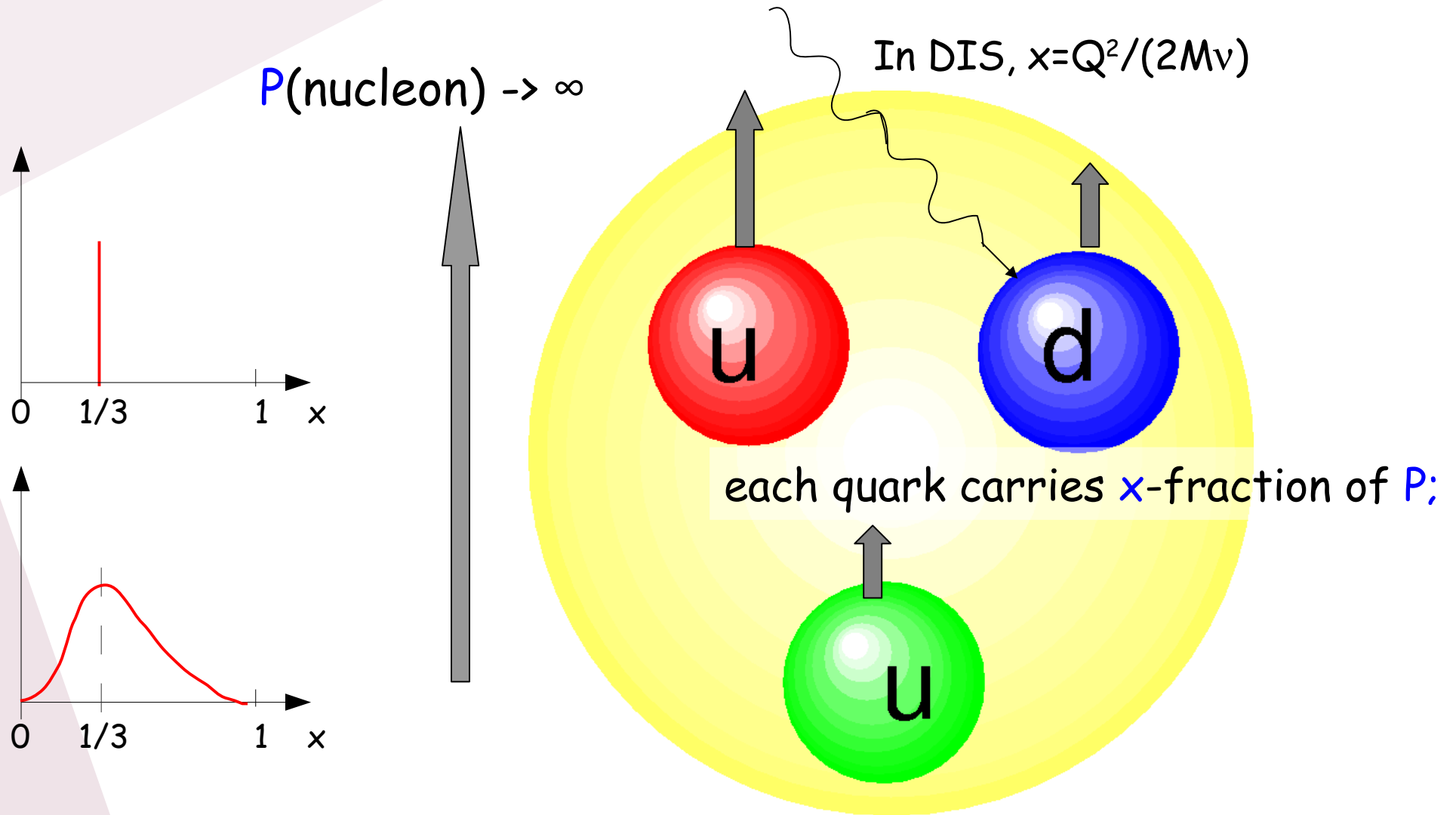
# How Does the (inside of) Nucleon Look Like?

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# Feynman's Quark Parton Model

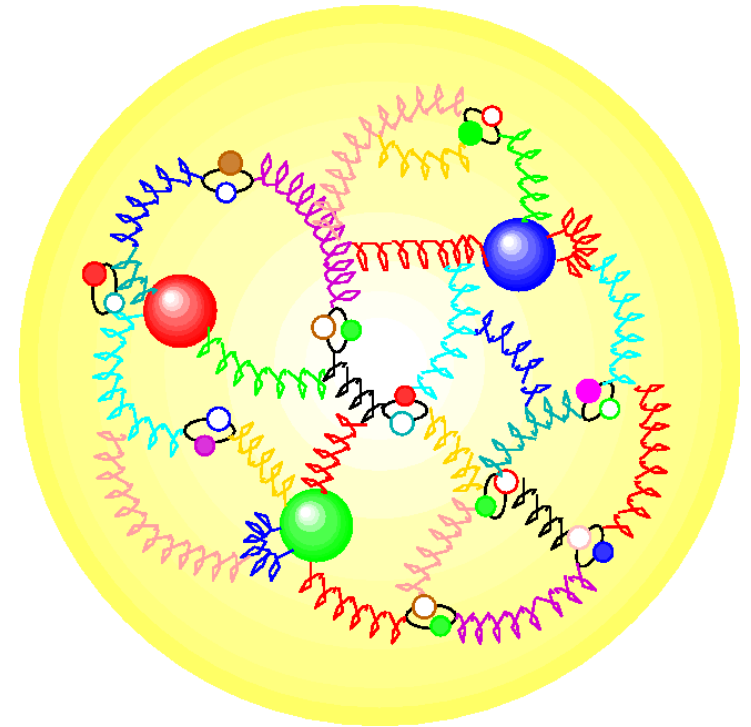
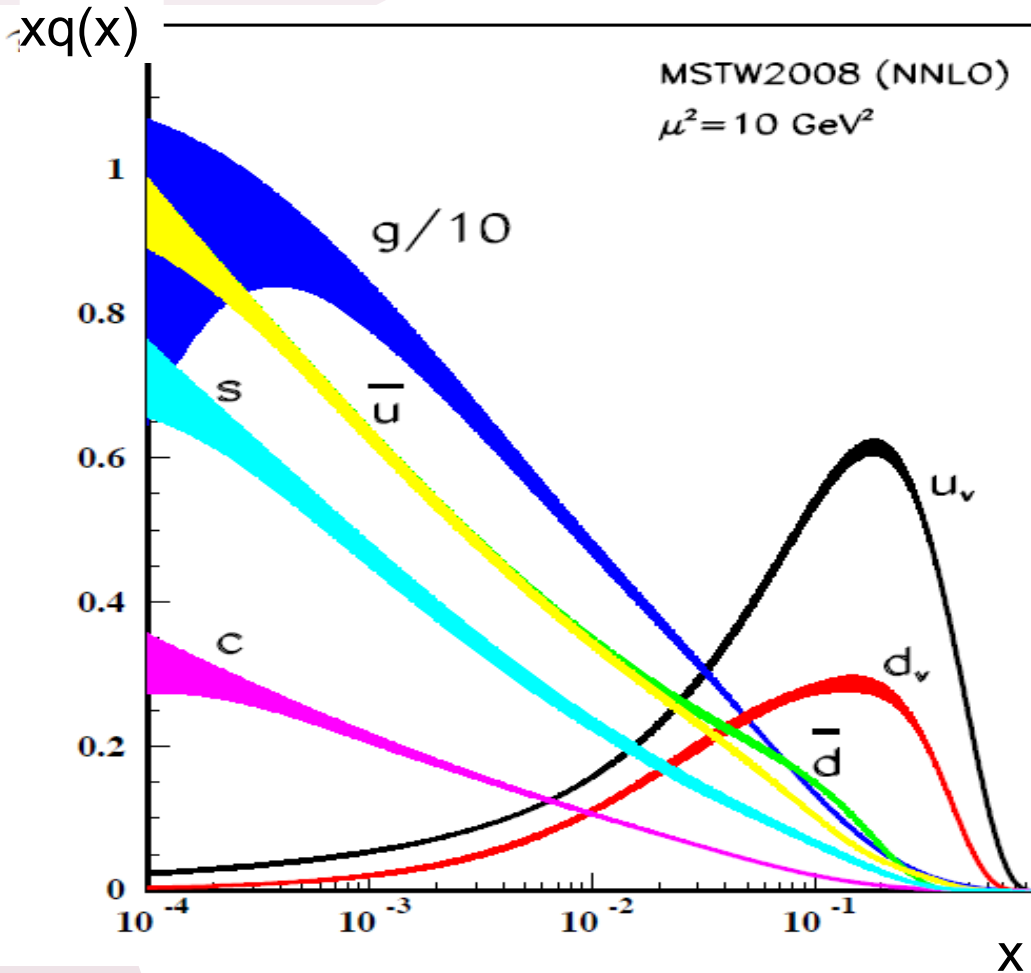


**Parton distribution function  $q(x)$ :** Probability to find the u, d, s... quarks carrying  $x$ -fraction of the nucleon's momentum



# What is the Probability to find a Quark or Gluon at $x$ ?

A.D. Martin et al, Eur. Phys. J. C63, 189 (2009)



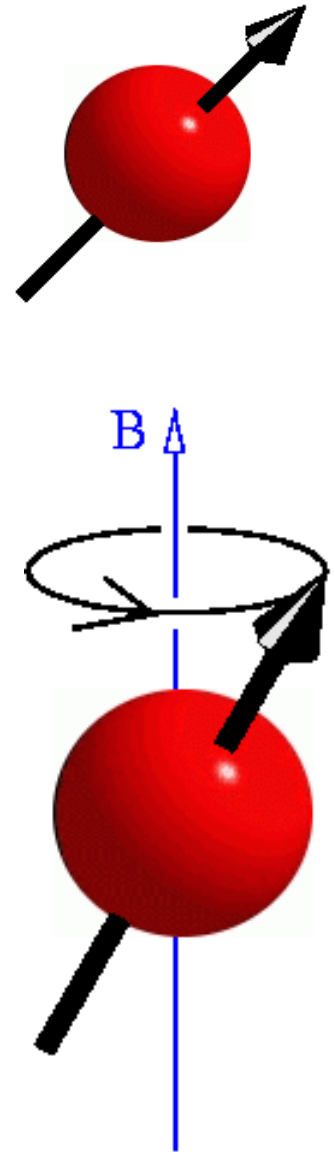
- After four decades of DIS experiments, we know reasonably well how quarks carry the nucleon energy. However, our study of the nucleon has just started... ..

Adding one more Degree of Freedom:

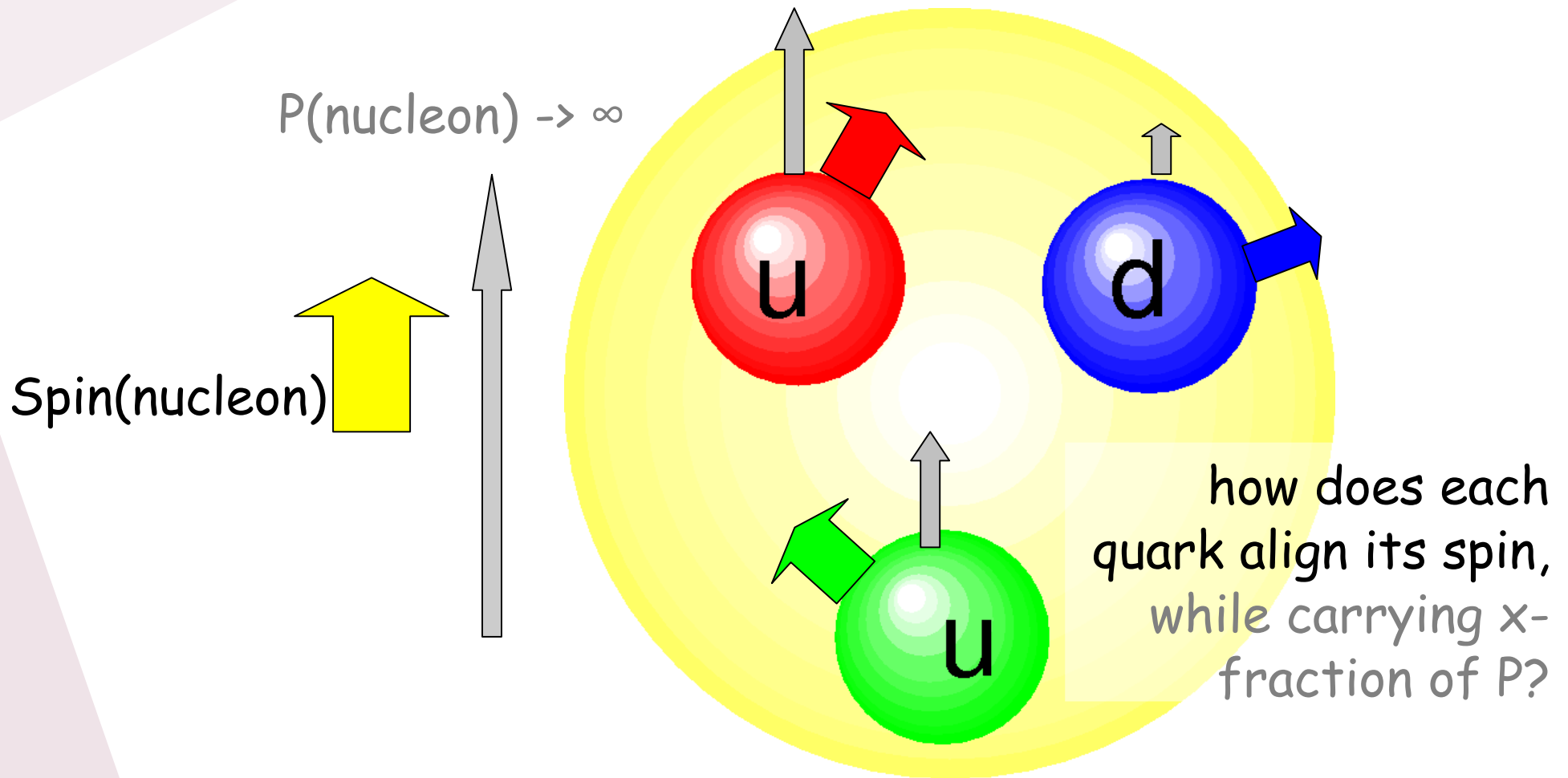
The SPIN

# Spin and Polarized Deep Inelastic Scattering

- + Spin describes particles' intrinsic angular momentum;
  - + Spin follows rules of angular momentum;
  - + Spin allows magnetic moment — a small magnet, interacts with magnetic field (wide applications:)
  - + Fundamental interactions are often spin-dependent
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- Scattering cross section is spin-dependent (imaging throwing two small magnets together)

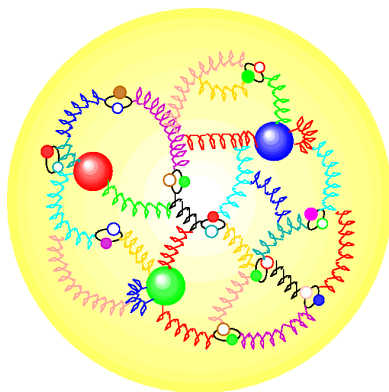
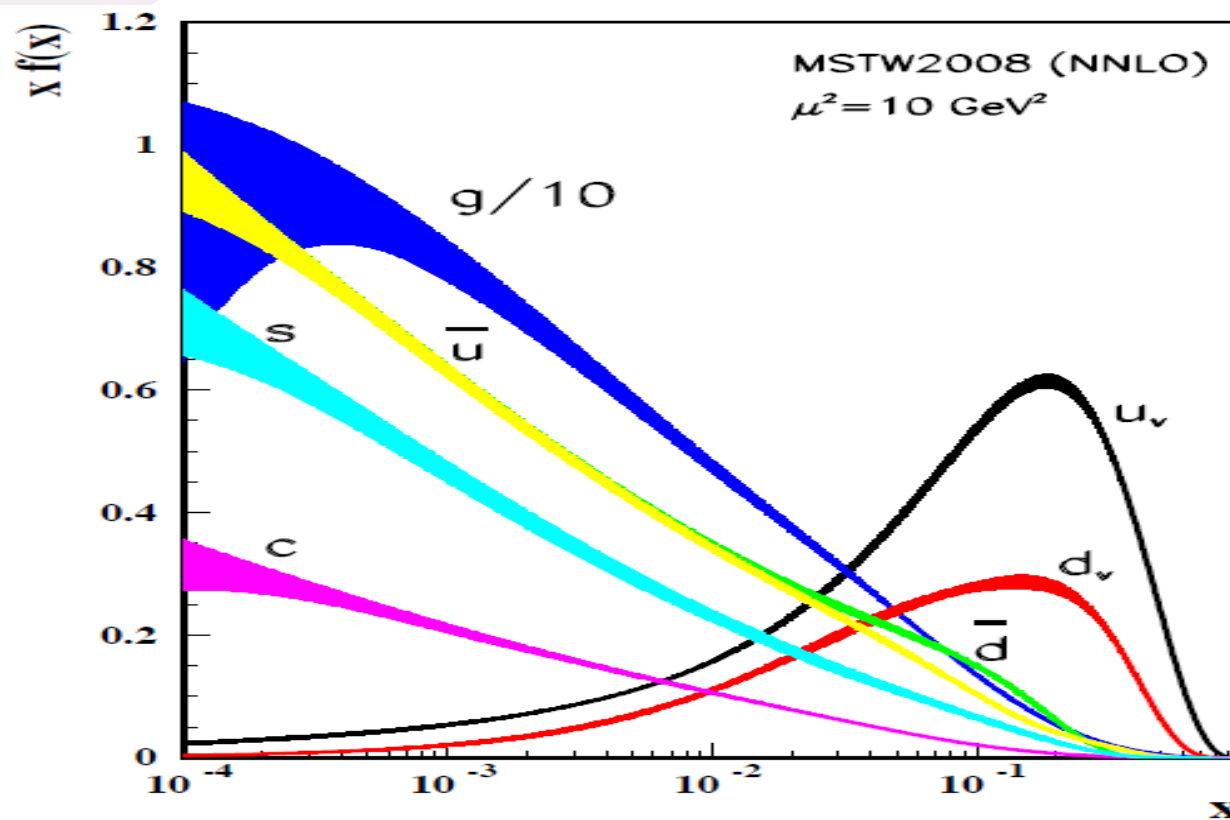


# How Are Quarks Polarized Inside the Nucleon?

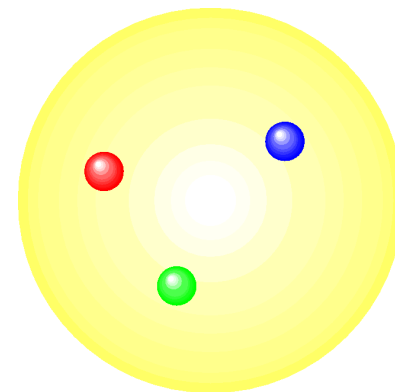


Polarized parton distribution function  $\Delta q(x)$ :  $\Delta u(x)/u(x)$ ,  $\Delta d(x)/d(x)$ ,  $\Delta \bar{u}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ ,  $\Delta \bar{d}(x)/\bar{d}(x)$  ... ..

# Question: Do Data Agree with (QCD) Calculations?



We need to work  
with Valence Quarks!  
(large  $x$ )



# Predictions for Valence Quark Polarizations

$$|p^\uparrow| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |u^\uparrow(ud)_{00}| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} |u^\uparrow(ud)_{10}| - \frac{1}{3} |u^\downarrow(ud)_{11}| \\ - \frac{1}{3} |d^\uparrow(uu)_{10}| - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} |d^\downarrow(uu)_{11}|$$

based on the symmetry of the 3 quarks' wavefunctions:

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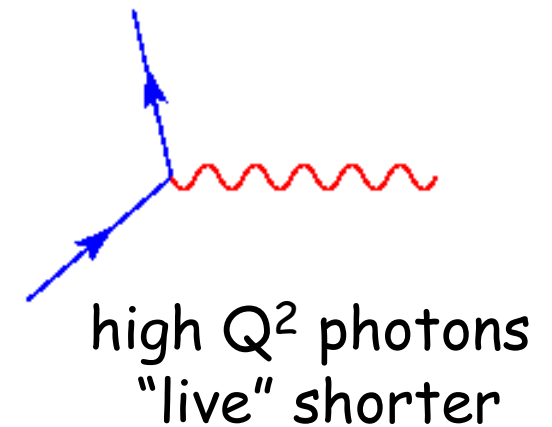
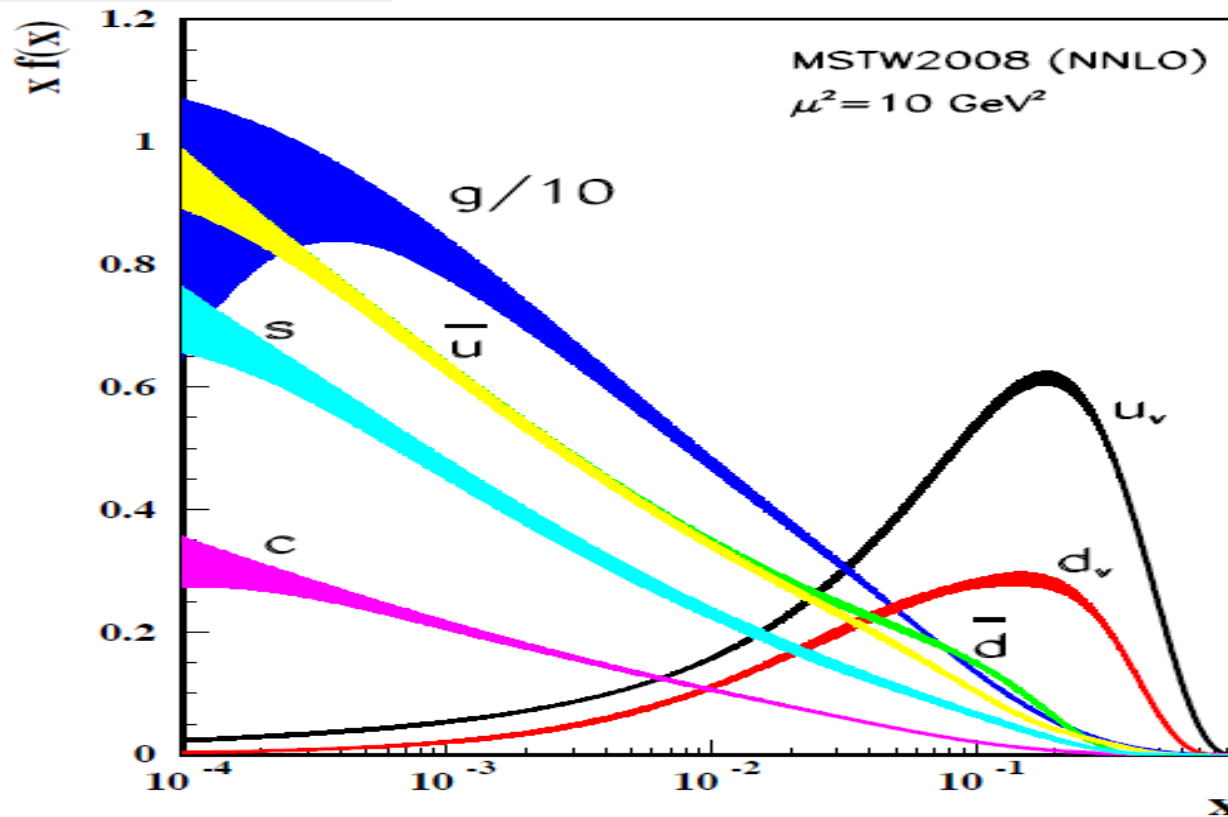
"spin asymmetries"

Model	$\Delta u/u$	$\Delta d/d$	$A_1^n$	$A_1^p$
SU(3) flavor (u,d,s) + SU(2) spin	2/3	-1/3	0	5/9
Quark-diquark + hyperfine interaction	1	-1/3	1	1
pQCD + neglecting quark orbital motion	1	1	1	1

$$A_1^p(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \Delta u(x) + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 \Delta d(x)}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 u(x) + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 d(x)}$$



# It's not Easy To Probe the Valence Quarks



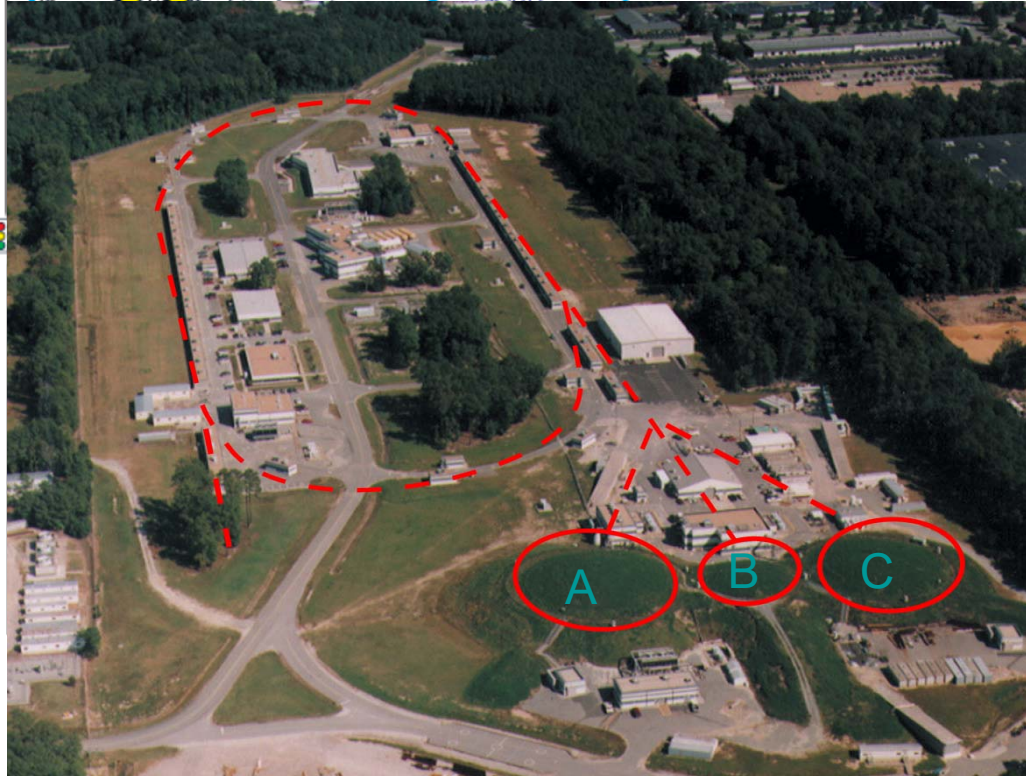
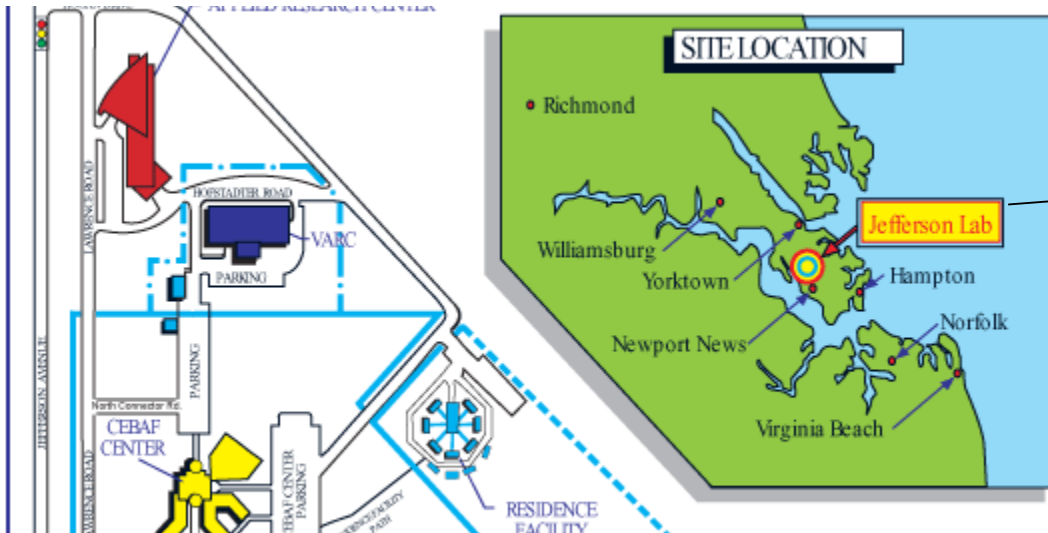
Large  $x$  + high  $Q^2$

= doubly small chance to find the quarks

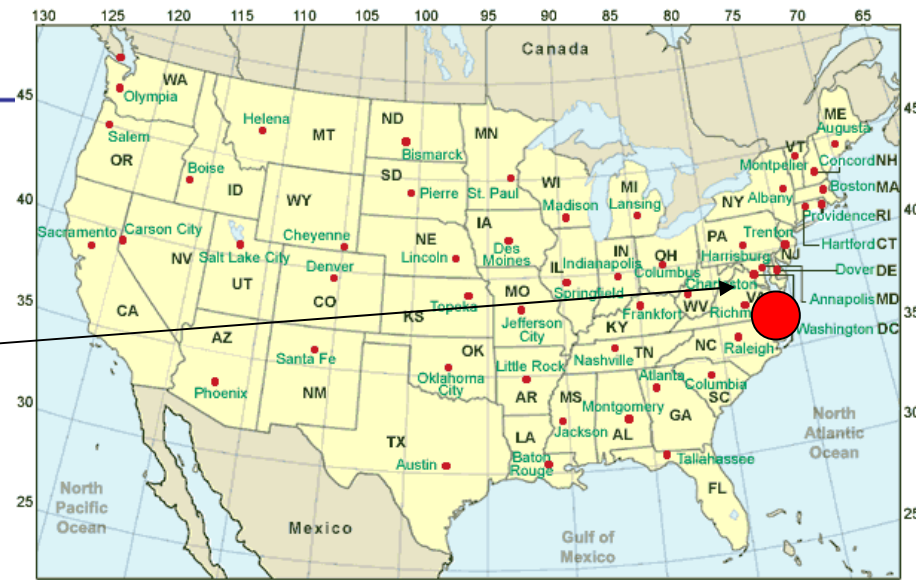
= need high intensity beam and very dense targets (high luminosity)

# Jefferson Lab

● Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility



Accelerator Site Fence



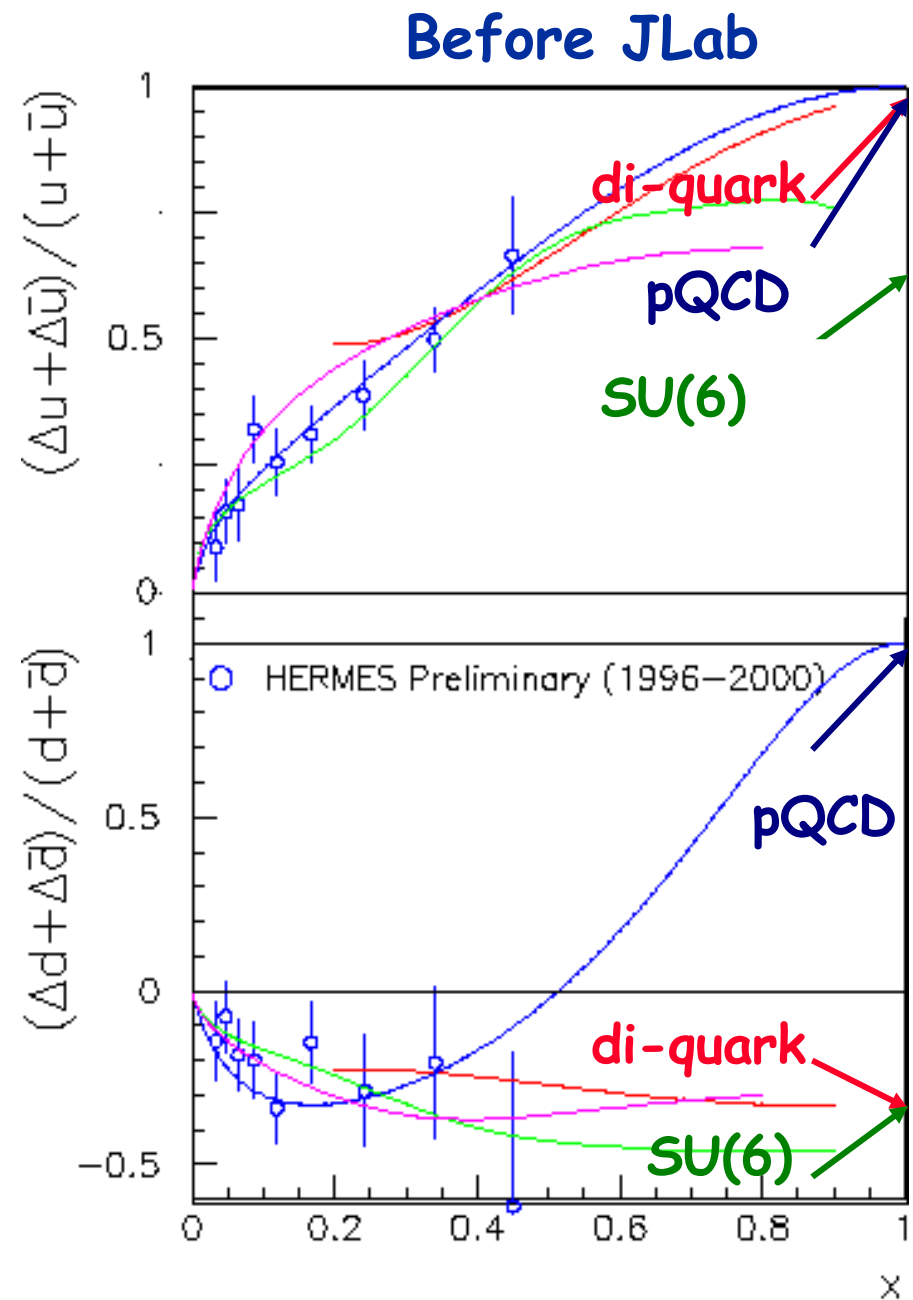
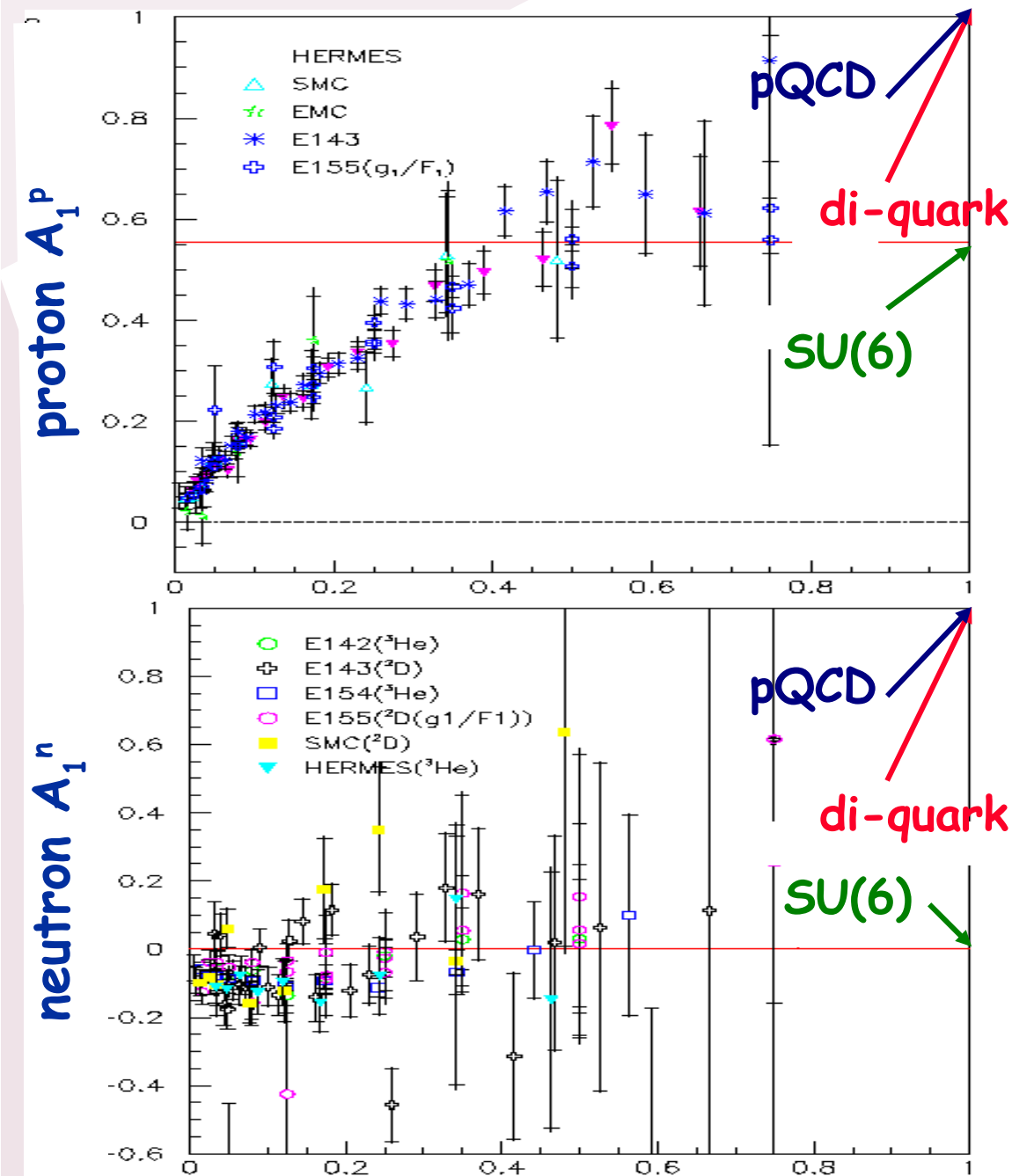
● Staff: ~650

● User community: ~1300

Unique superconducting radio frequency accelerator provides the highest polarized luminosity of the world

- 334/249 PhDs (~1/3 of US PhDs in Nuclear Physics)
- Energy: 6 GeV(1995-present), 12 GeV (2013)

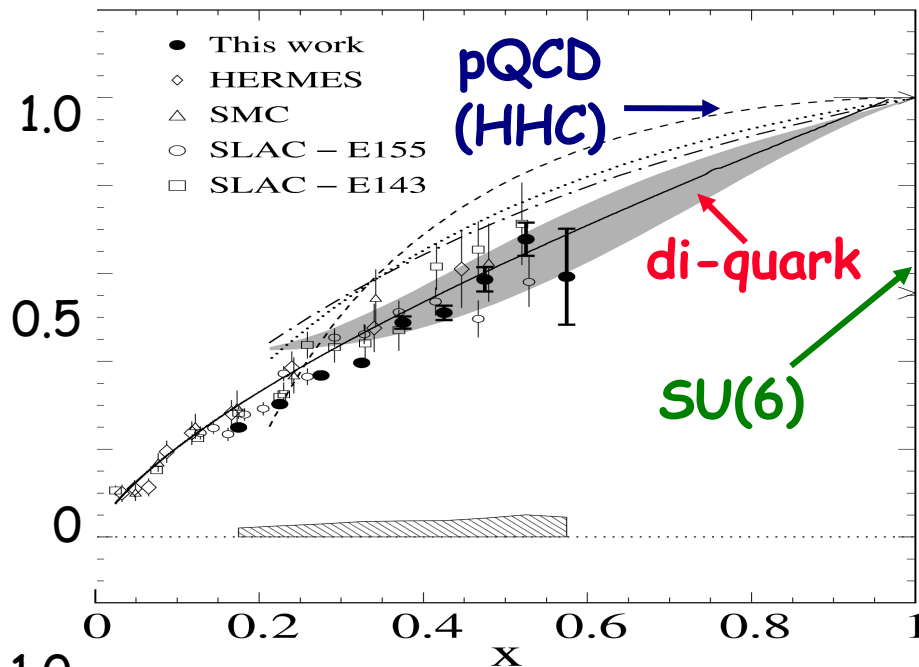
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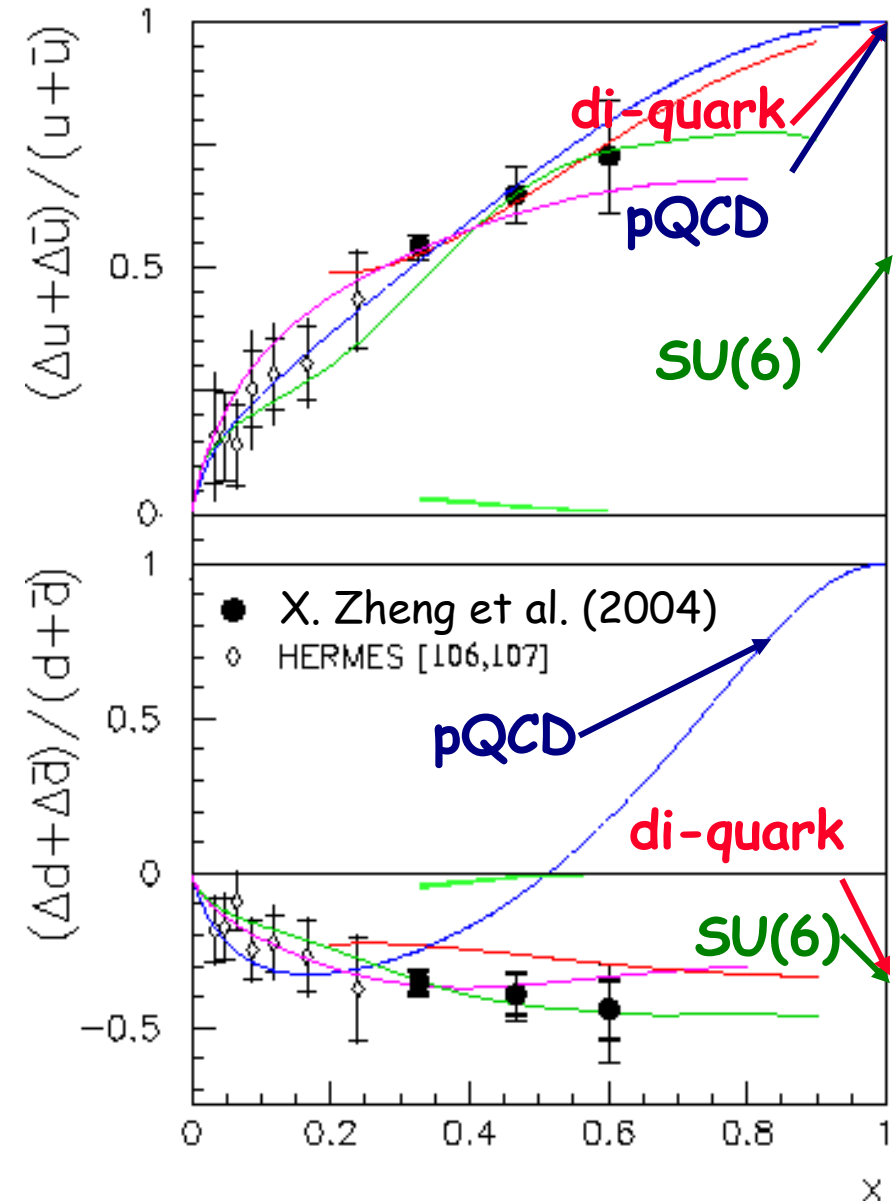
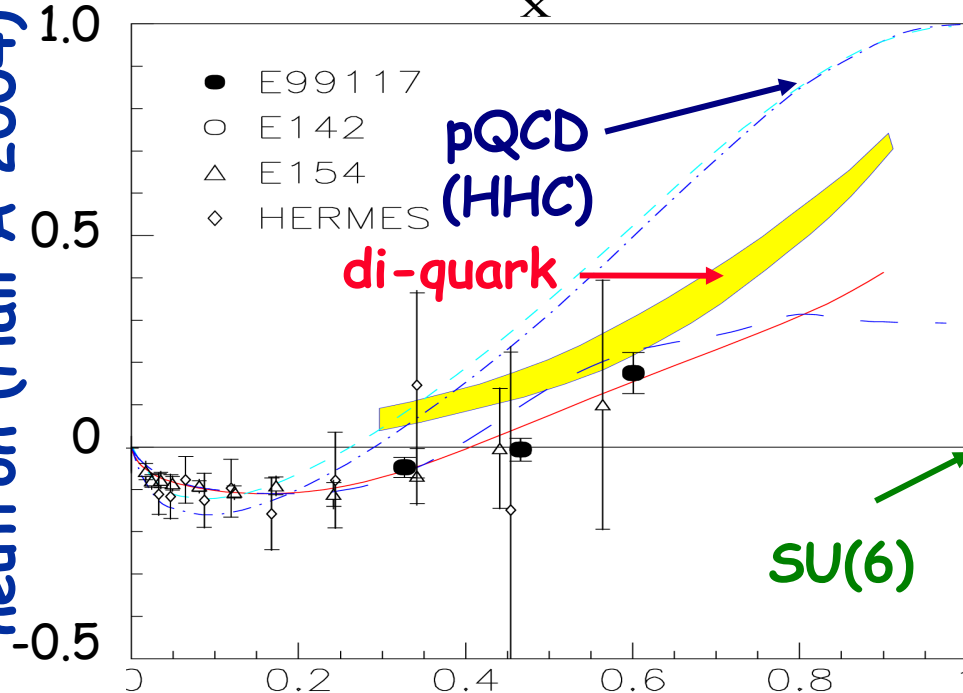
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with JLab 6 GeV data

proton (CLAS 2006)



neutron (Hall A 2004)



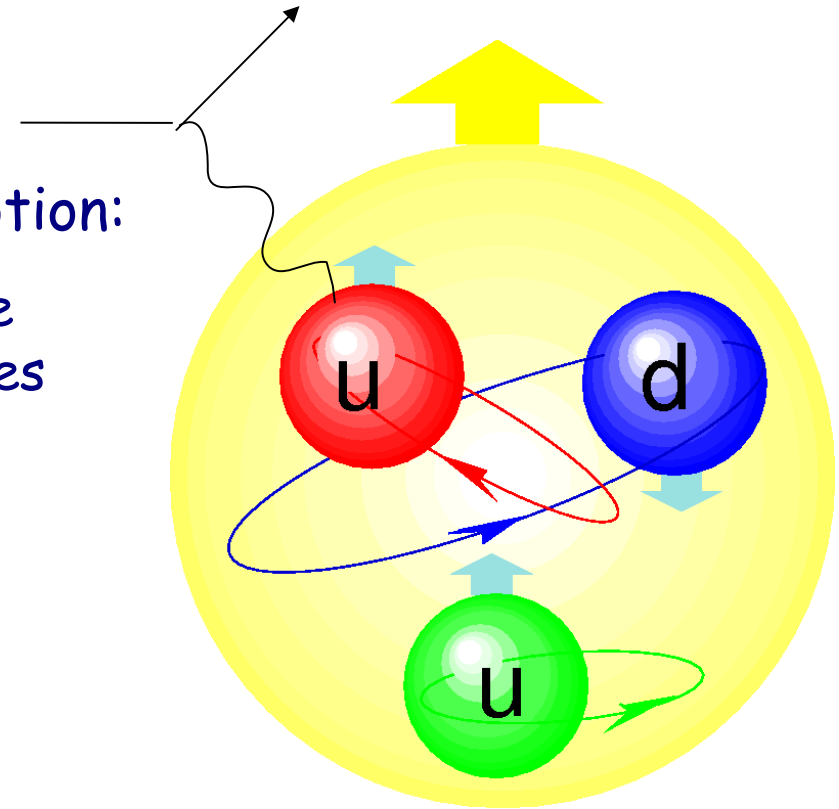
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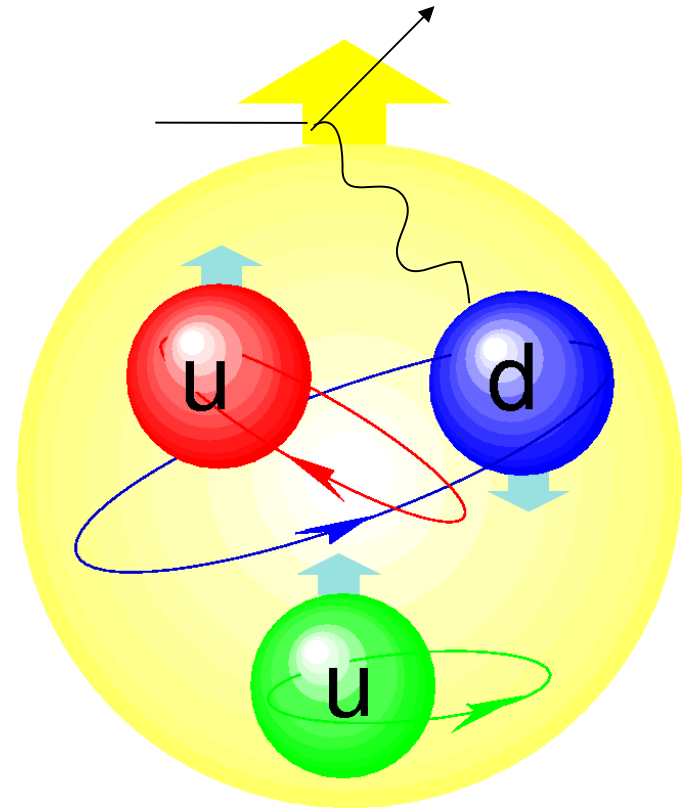
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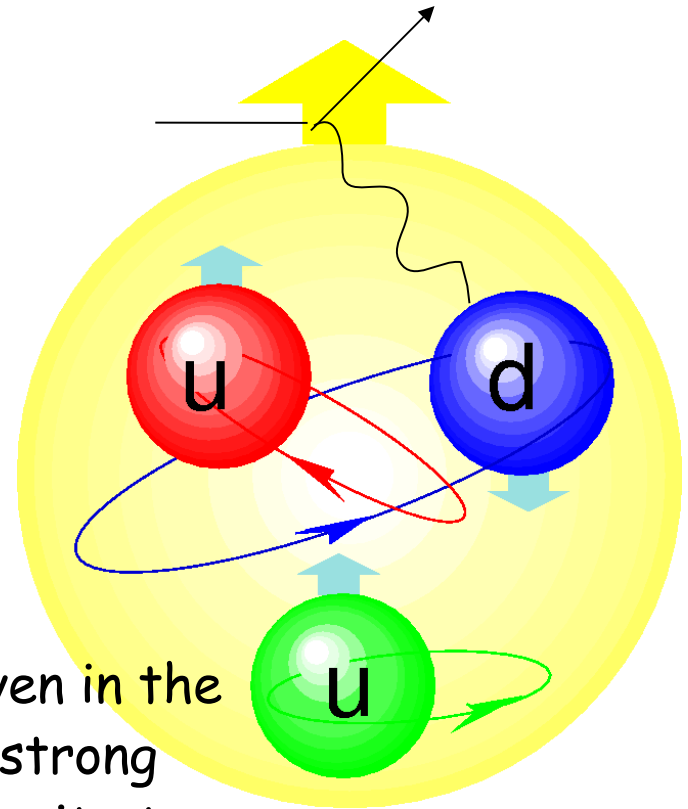
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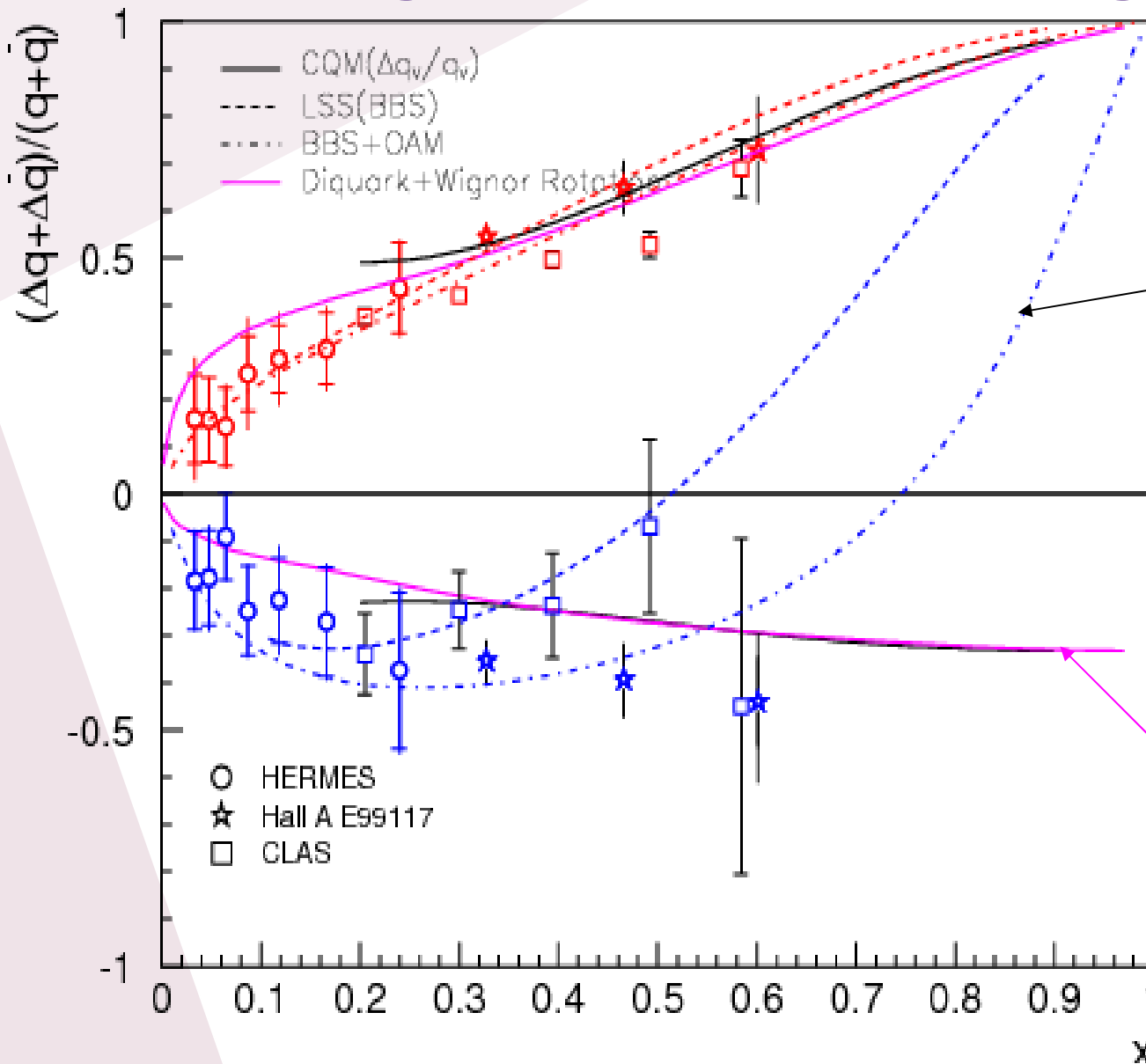
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- The quark orbital motion is NOT negligible even in the highly energetic, large  $x$  region - **How?** Does strong interaction force the down quark to align opposite to the proton spin? Is the diquark hyperfine interaction strong enough to flip the down quark?



★ The JLab Hall A data were quoted in the 2007 long range plan of the US Nuclear Science Advisory Committee as one of the "most important accomplishments since the 2002 LRP":

# Including the Quark Orbital Angular Momentum?

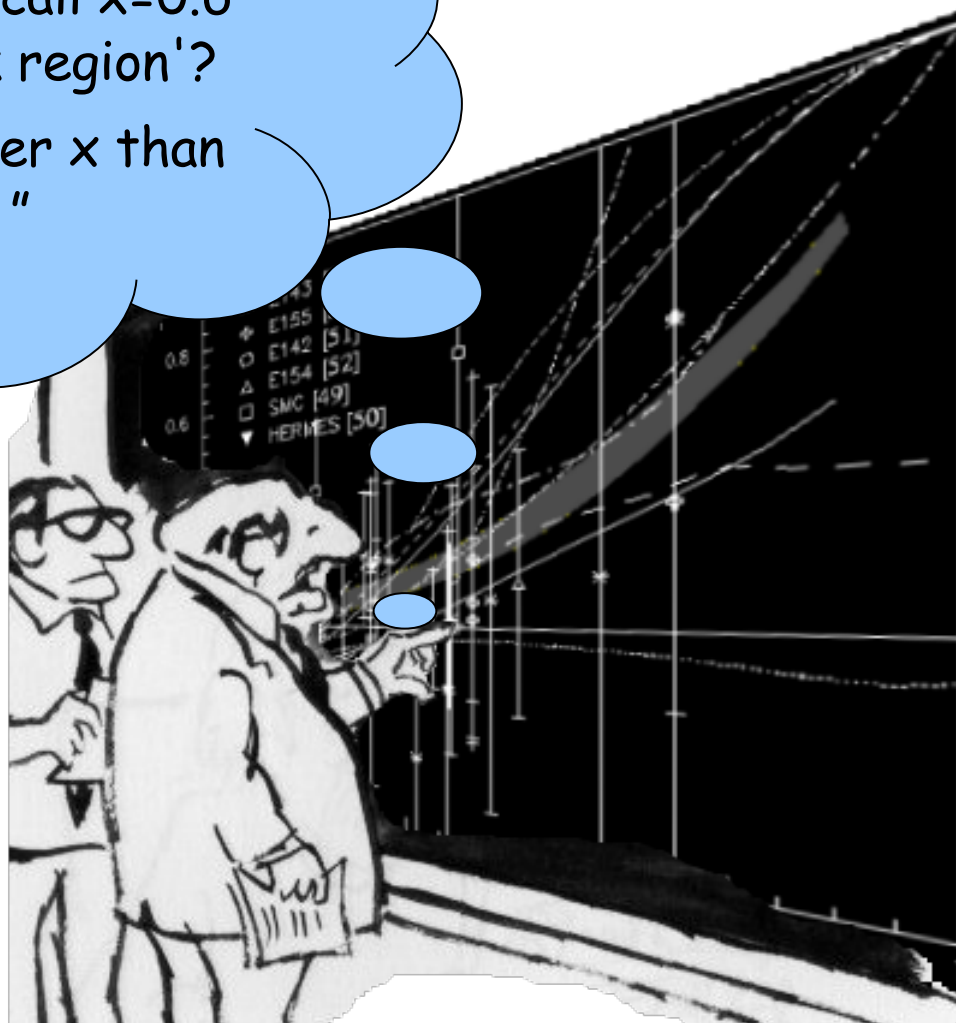


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light-cone quark/diquark model  
X. Chen, Y. Mao, B.-Q. Ma, Nucl.  
Phys. A 759, 188 (2005)

# (The Most) Frequently Asked Question

"Come on, you call  $x=0.6$   
'valence quark region'?  
You need higher  $x$  than  
that ! "



# The Planned JLab 12 GeV Neutron Measurement

Hall A spokespeople:

G.D. Cates, N.Liyanage, G. Rosner,  
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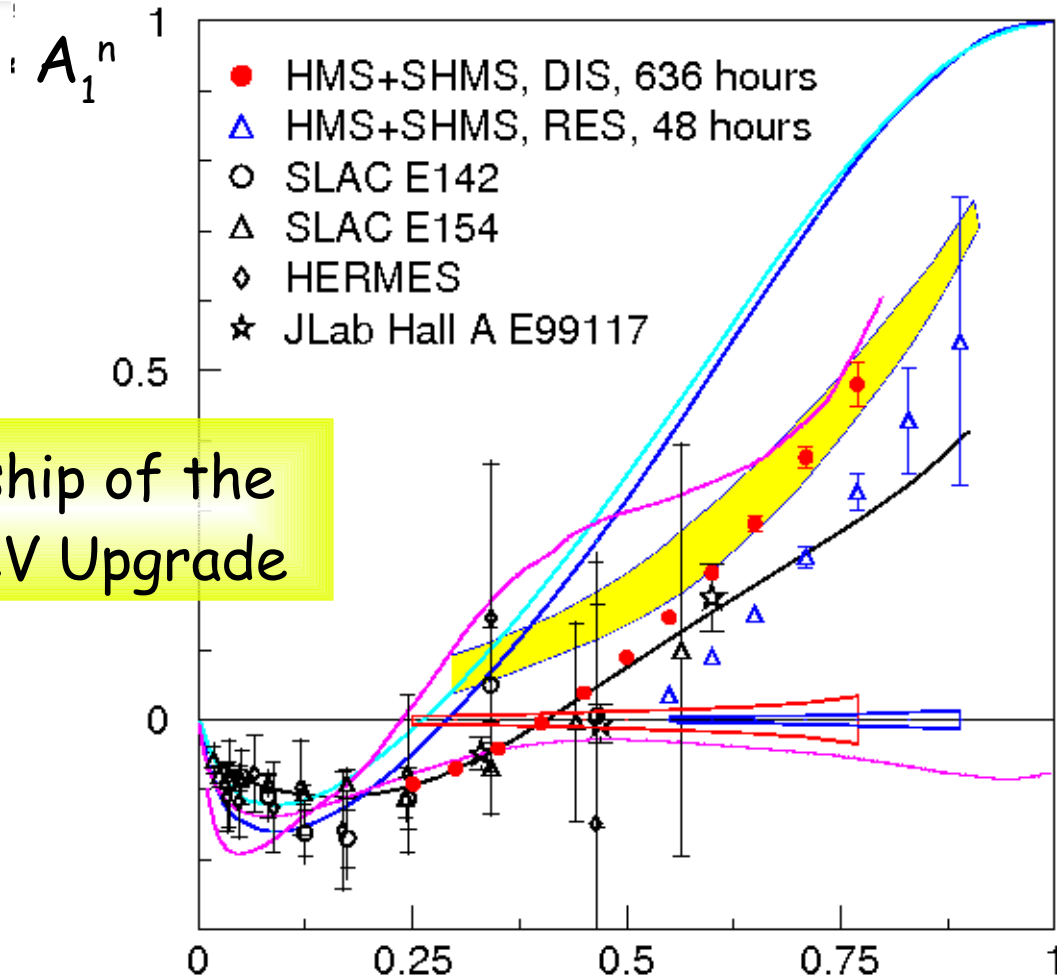
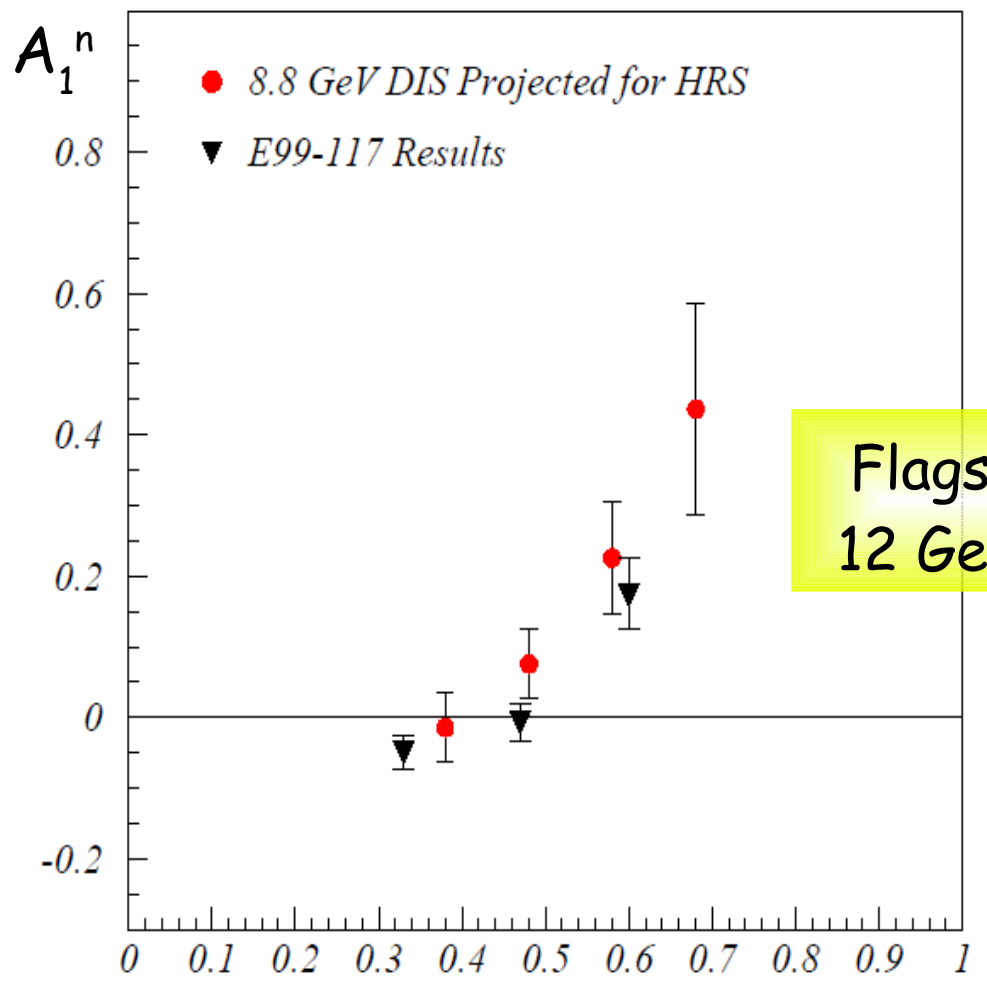
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Approved for 35 days, rated A



# Perhaps Once We Understand the Rules of Spin in Strong Interactions

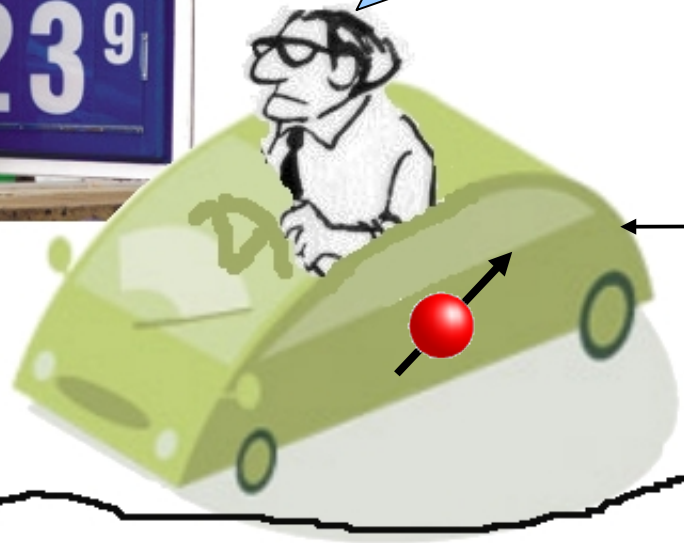
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Sure ! After all, I have this 150-mpg spinergy car thanks to your work !

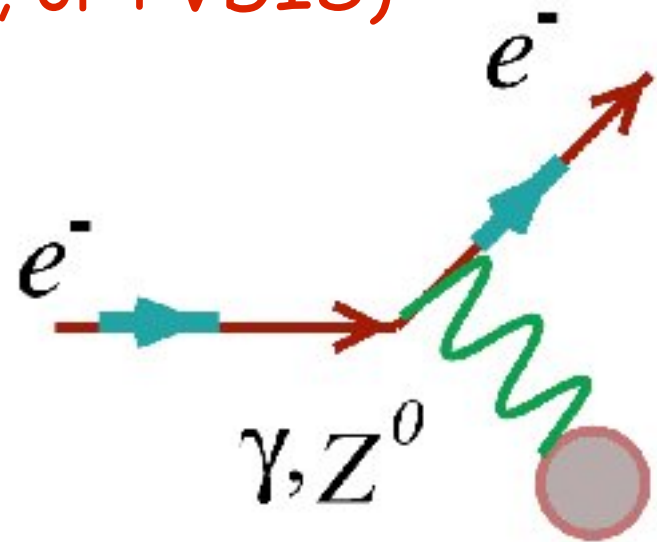


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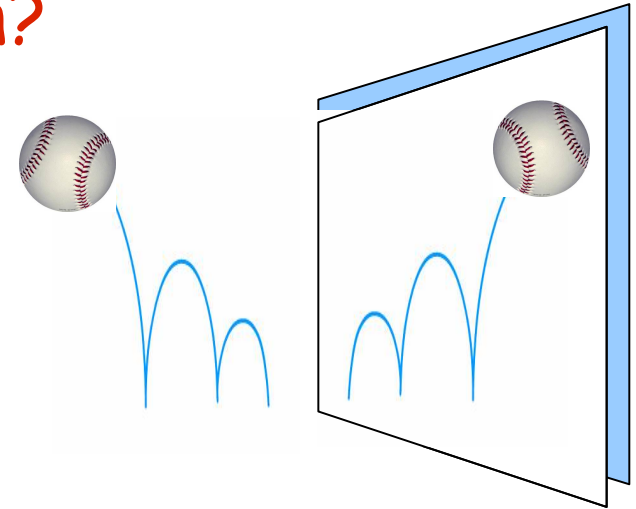


## (Neutral) Weak Interaction in DIS (Parity Violating DIS, or PVDIS)



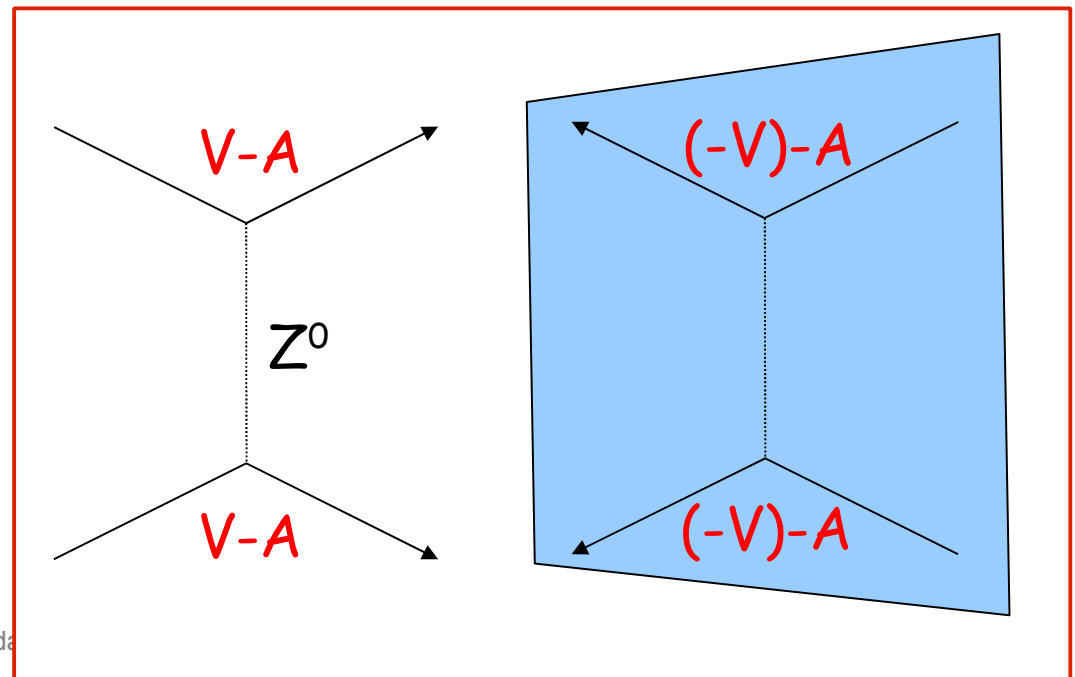
# What is Parity Violation?

- The parity symmetry: the physical laws behind all phenomena must be the same as those behind their mirror images;
- However this symmetry is broken in weak interactions.  
Yang, Lee (Wu) 1957/1957



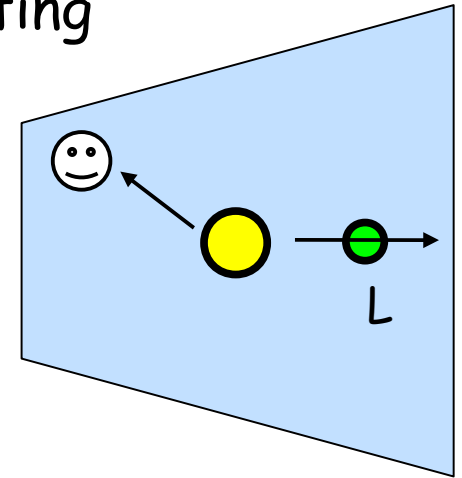
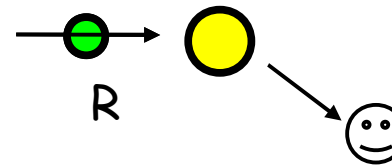
- In the Standard Model,  
weak interaction current =  $V$ (vector) minus  $A$ (axial-vector)

- Parity violation is from the cross products  $V \times A$



# Parity Violating Electron Scattering

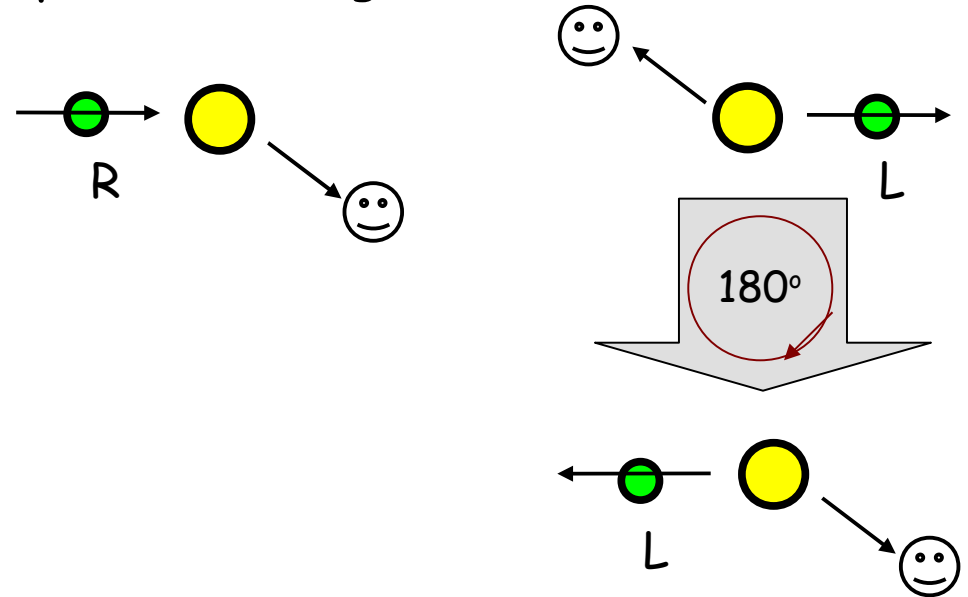
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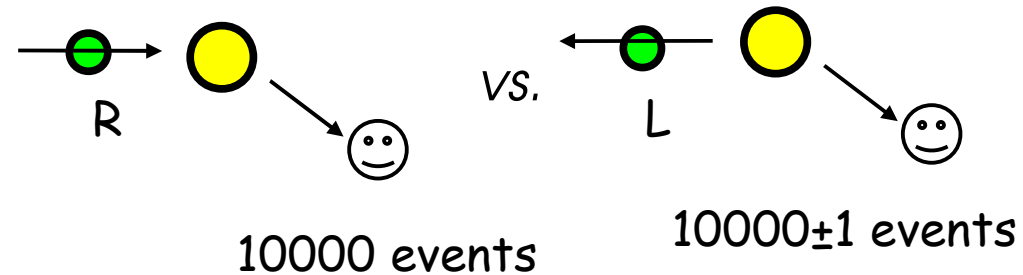
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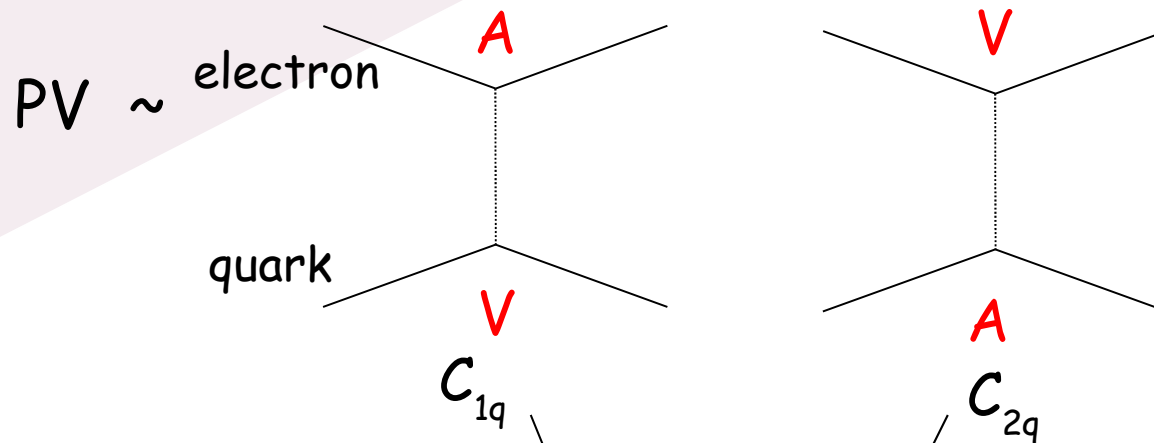


$A_{LR} = \frac{\text{Diagram 1}}{\text{Diagram 2}} \approx \frac{Q^2}{M_Z^2} \approx 120 \text{ ppm at } Q^2 = 1 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$

Diagram 1:  $M_Z = 91 \text{ GeV}^2$ , 10000 events,  $10000 \pm 1$

Diagram 2:  $M_\gamma = 0$

# Parity Violation in Deep Inelastic Scattering



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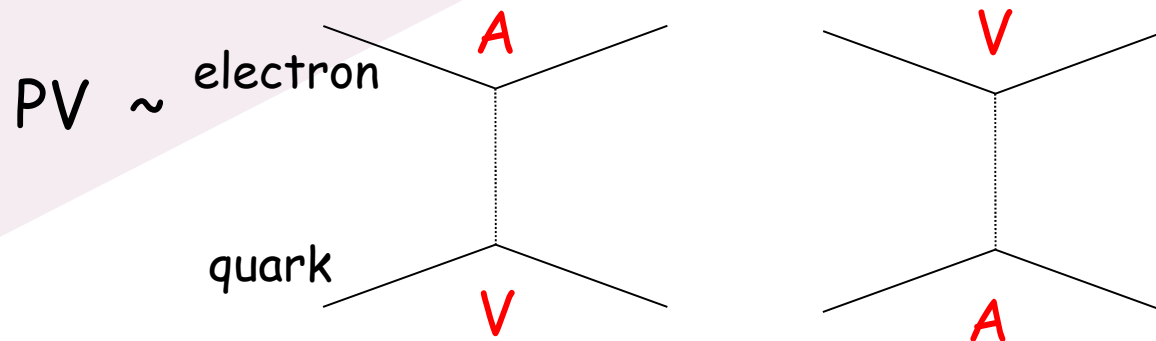


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SLAC E122 (1978):

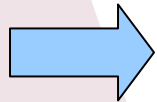
- ◆ The first parity violation electron scattering experiment, also the only PVDIS until 2009
- ◆ Established Weinberg & Salam's specific mixing of  $SU(2)$  and  $U(1)$  as the theory of electroweak unification.

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Require careful planning!

6 GeV (moderate precision, two kinematics) - accessing the  $C_{2q}$   
 12 GeV (high precision, wide kinematics) - accessing both.

# The 6 GeV JLab PVDIS Measurement (E08-011)

Spokespeople: P.E. Reimer, R. Michaels, X. Zheng

Grad. Students: Kai Pan (MIT), Diancheng Wang (UVa), Xiaoyan Deng (UVa)

Postdoc: Ramesh Subedi

(Hall-A Collaboration Experiment, A- rating)

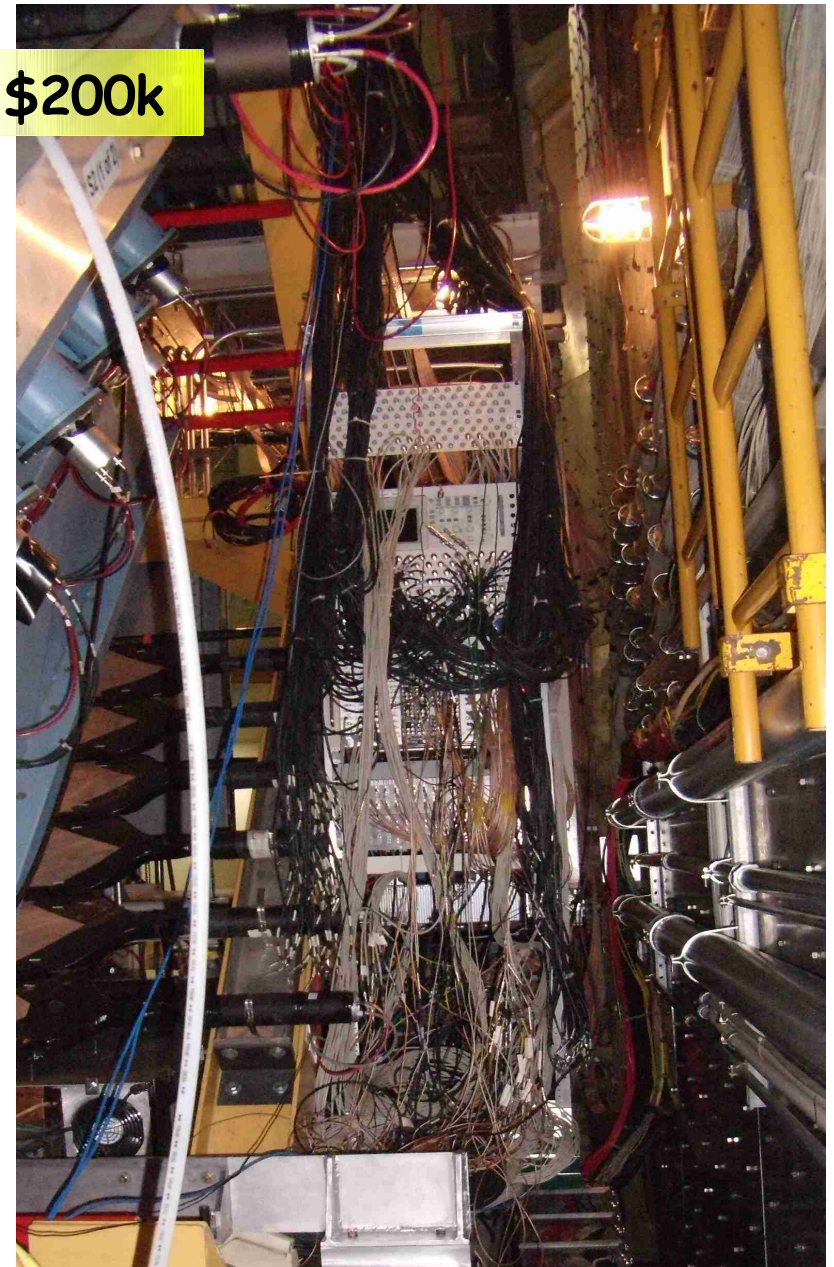
- Ran successfully from Oct-Dec. 2009 in JLab Hall A;
- $105\mu\text{A}$ , 6 GeV, 90% polarized beam, helicity flip every 33msec;
- 20-cm liquid deuterium target;
- $\sim 500\text{kHz}$  scattered electron events with high pion background;
- Measure  $A_{PV}$  at  $Q^2=1.10$  and  $1.90\text{ GeV}^2$  to 3% and 4% (stat.), systematic uncertainties are smaller.
- Analysis on-going. From the  $1.90\text{ GeV}^2$  point, expect to achieve factor of 5 improvement on  $2C_{2u}-C_{2d}$ .



# It's not easy to count electrons! — Our customized fast counting DAQ with online particle identification

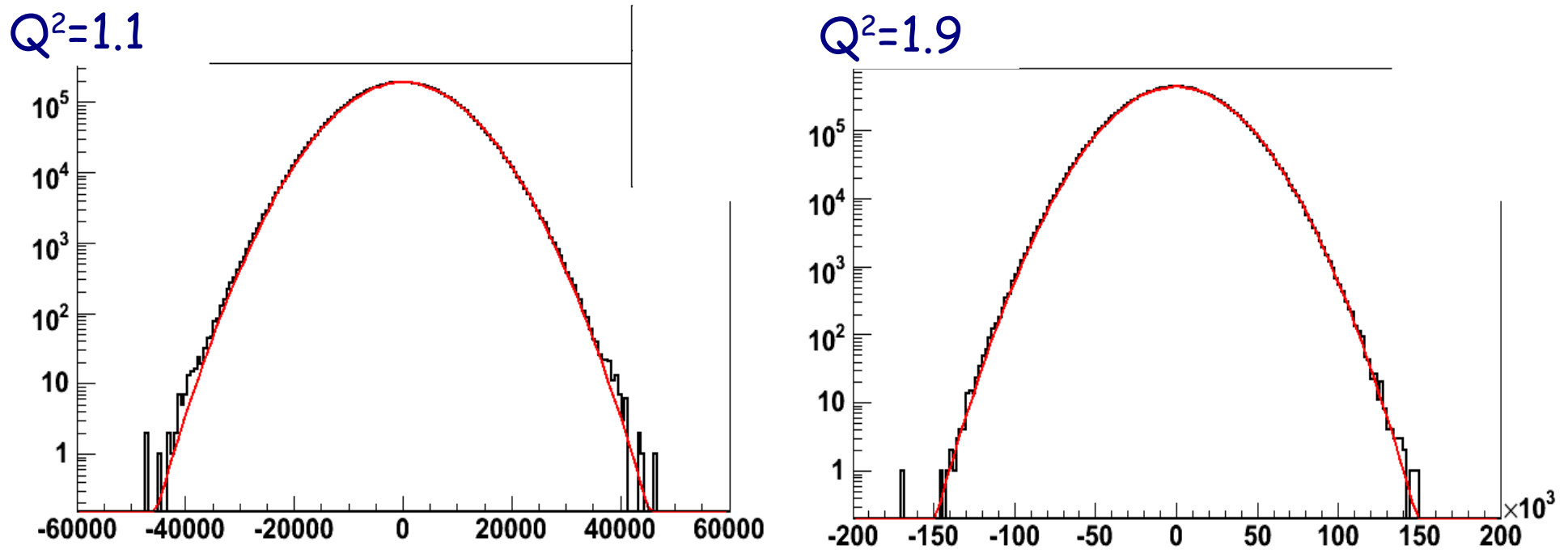


total cost: \$200k



# Statistical Quality of Data

purely statistical = pure Gaussian

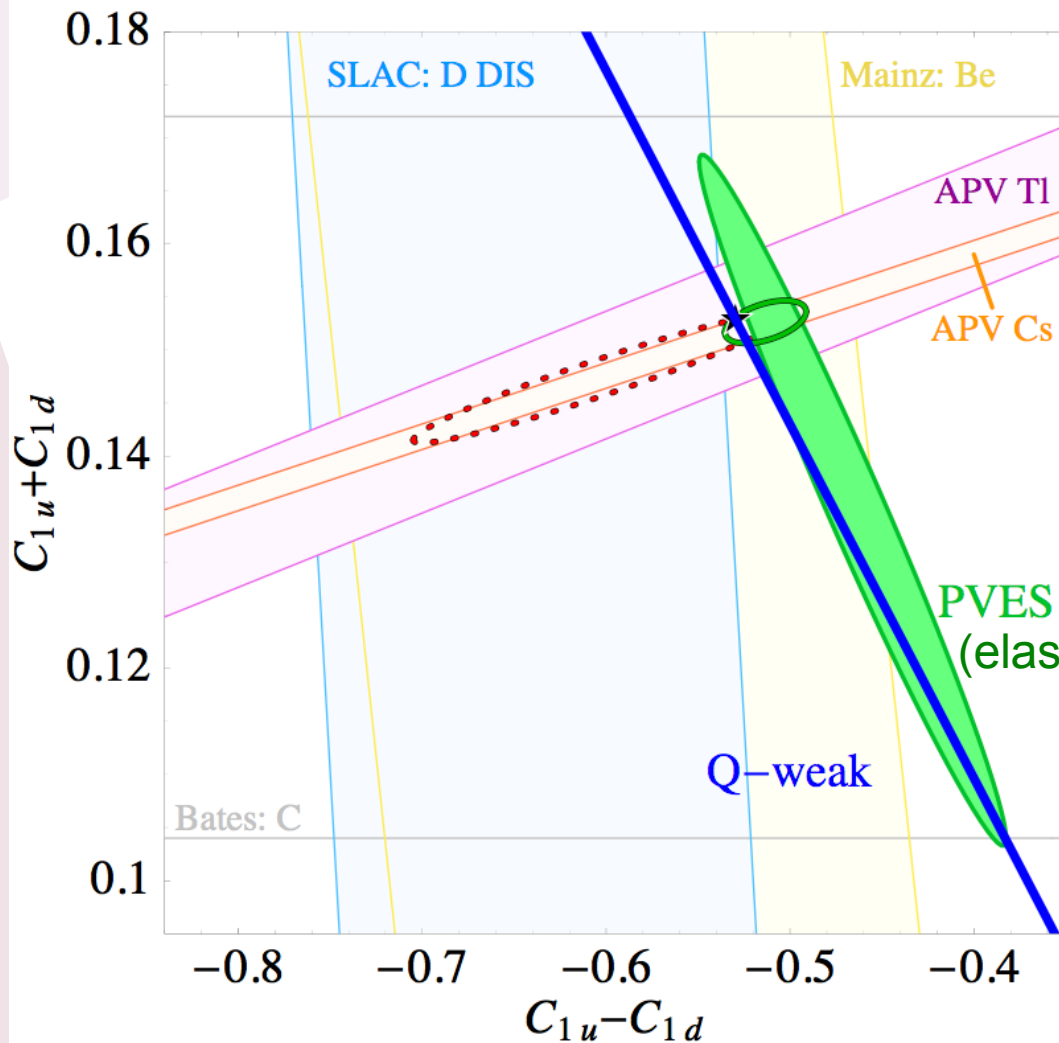


asymmetry of electron counts within 66msec-long beam helicity L/R pairs (in ppm)

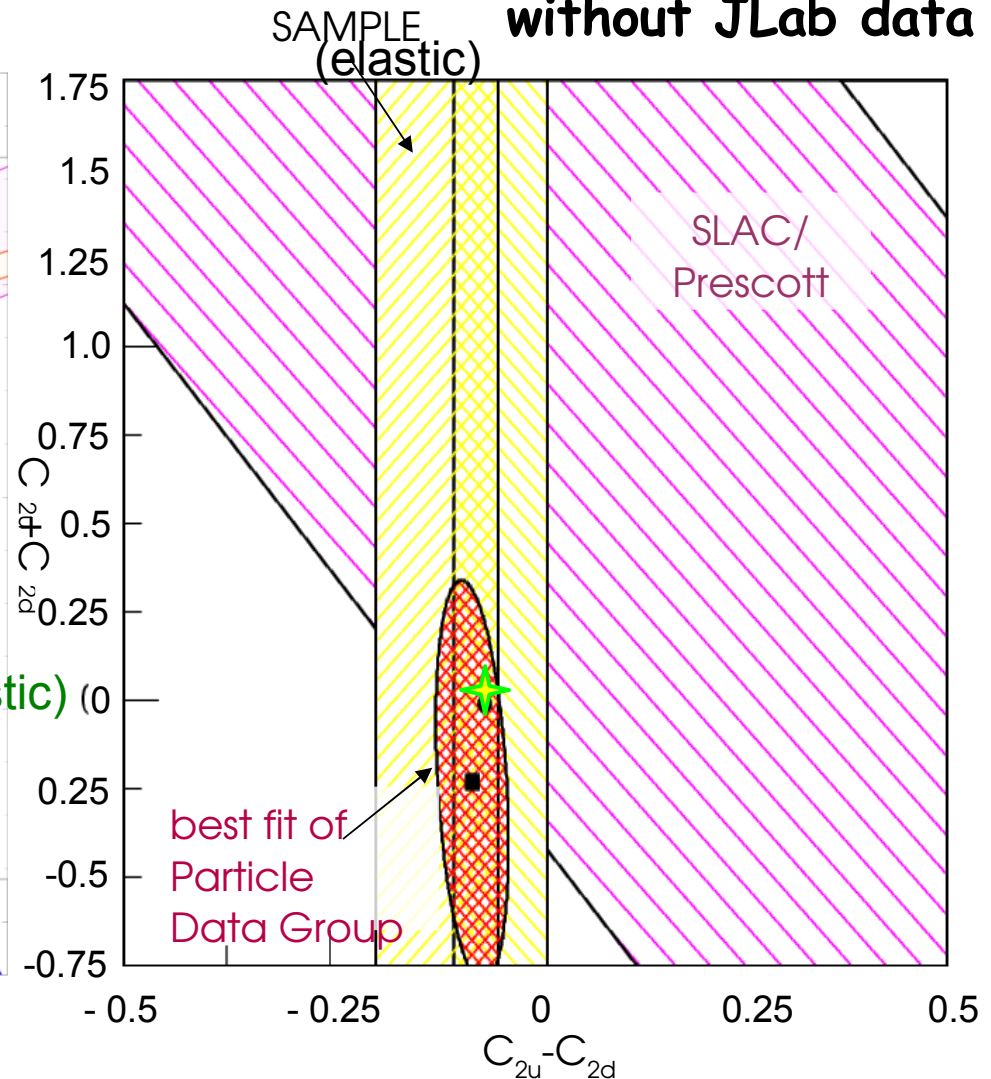
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without JLab data

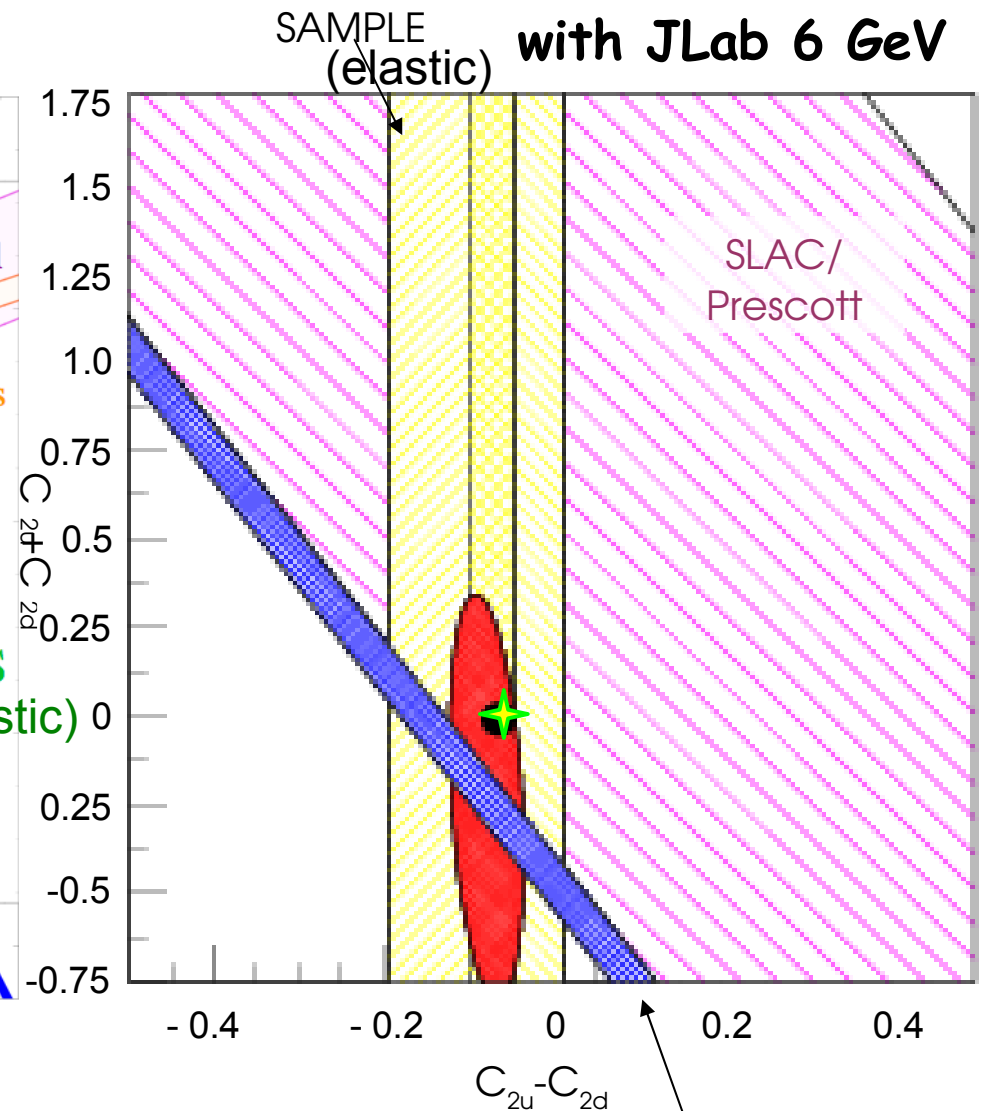
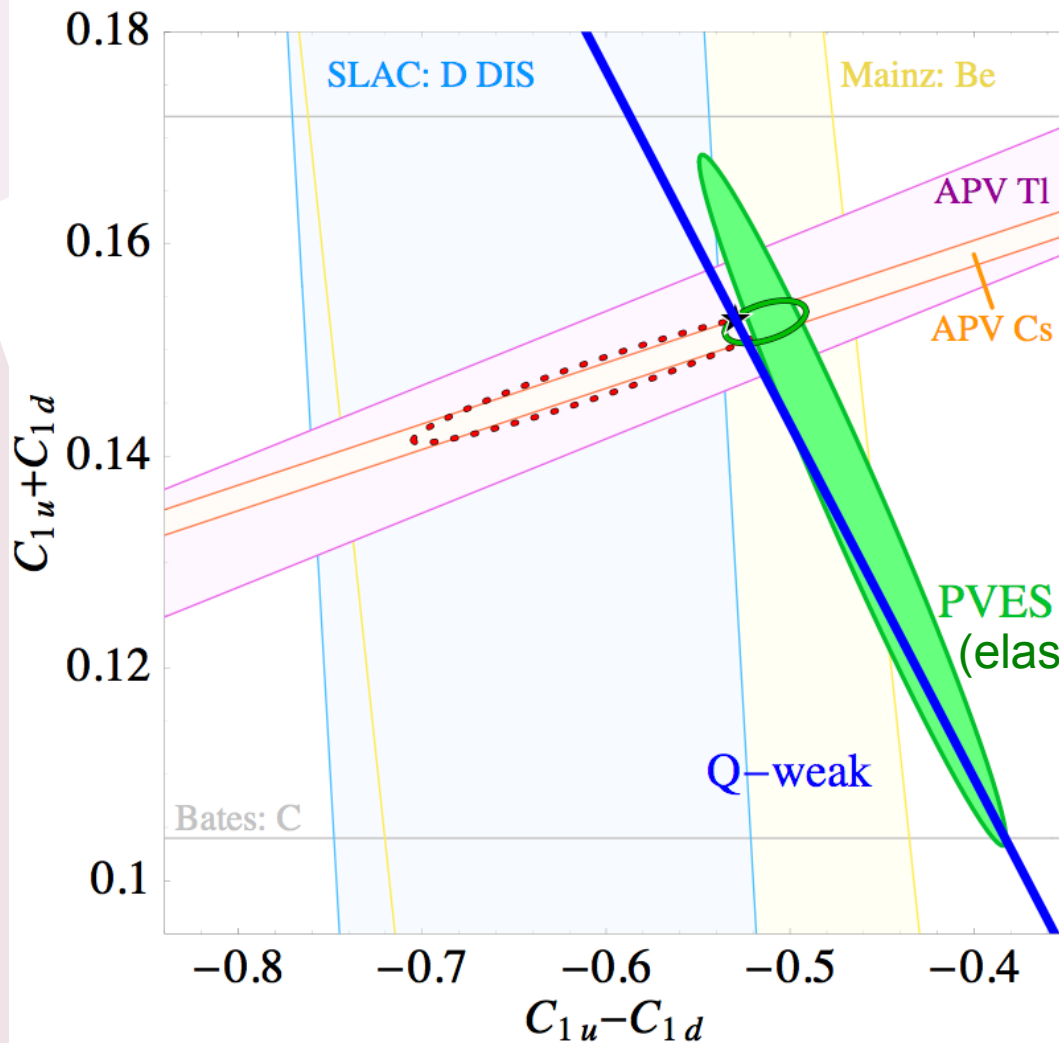




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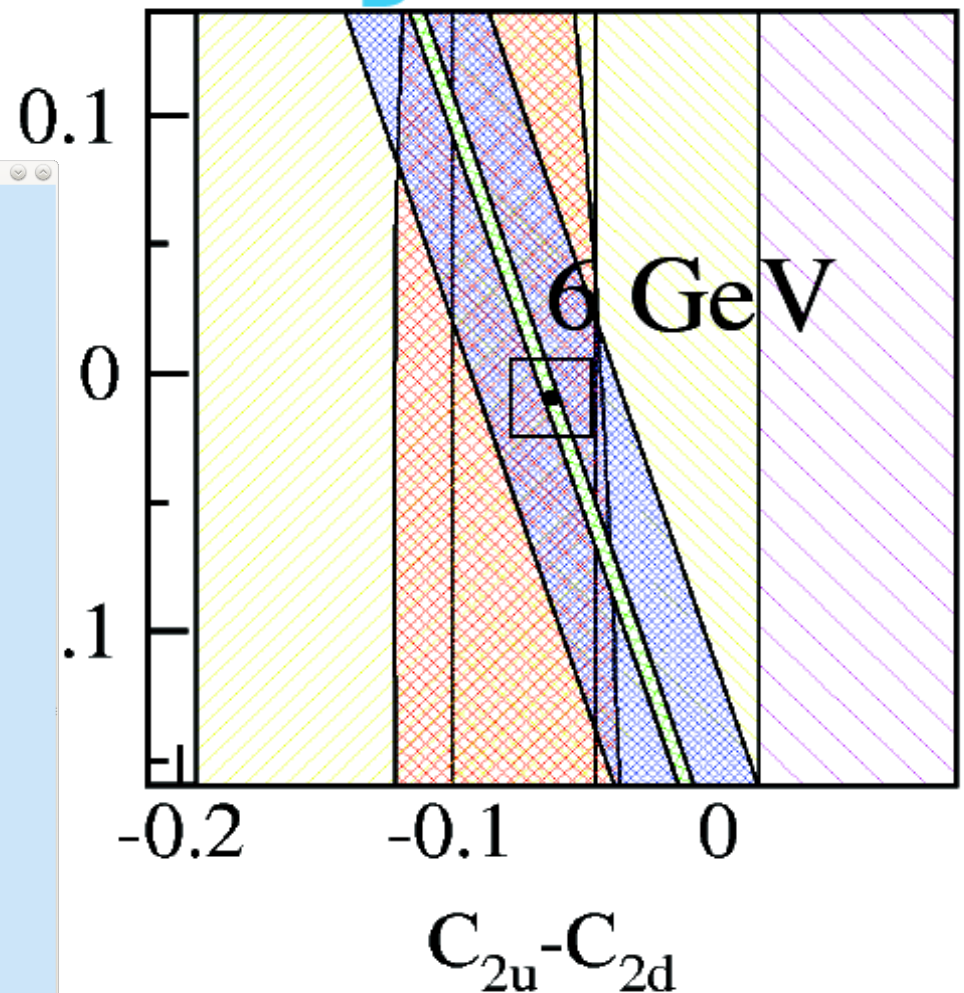
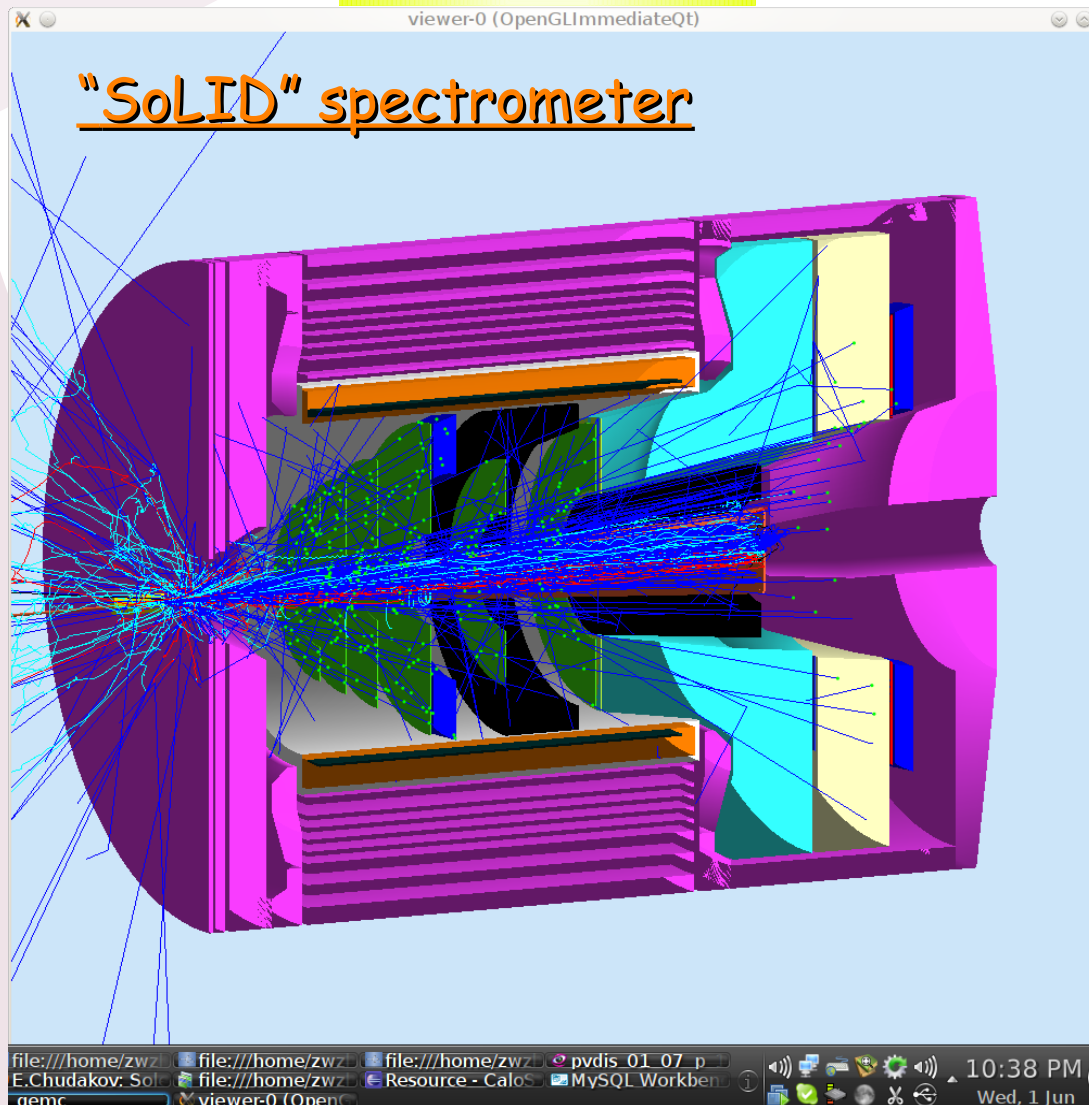


**PVDIS @ JLab 6 GeV:** potential to improve  $C_{2q}$  knowledge if hadronic effects are small.

# Coherent PVDIS Program with SoLID @ 11 GeV

Fully approved, 180 days, rated A

**A 20M\$ device**



Other PVDIS physics topics:  $\sin\theta_w$ , charge symmetry violation, diquarks, d/u of the proton (90 days);

Also Semi-inclusive DIS.

# Thanks to Everyone Working (Worked) with Me

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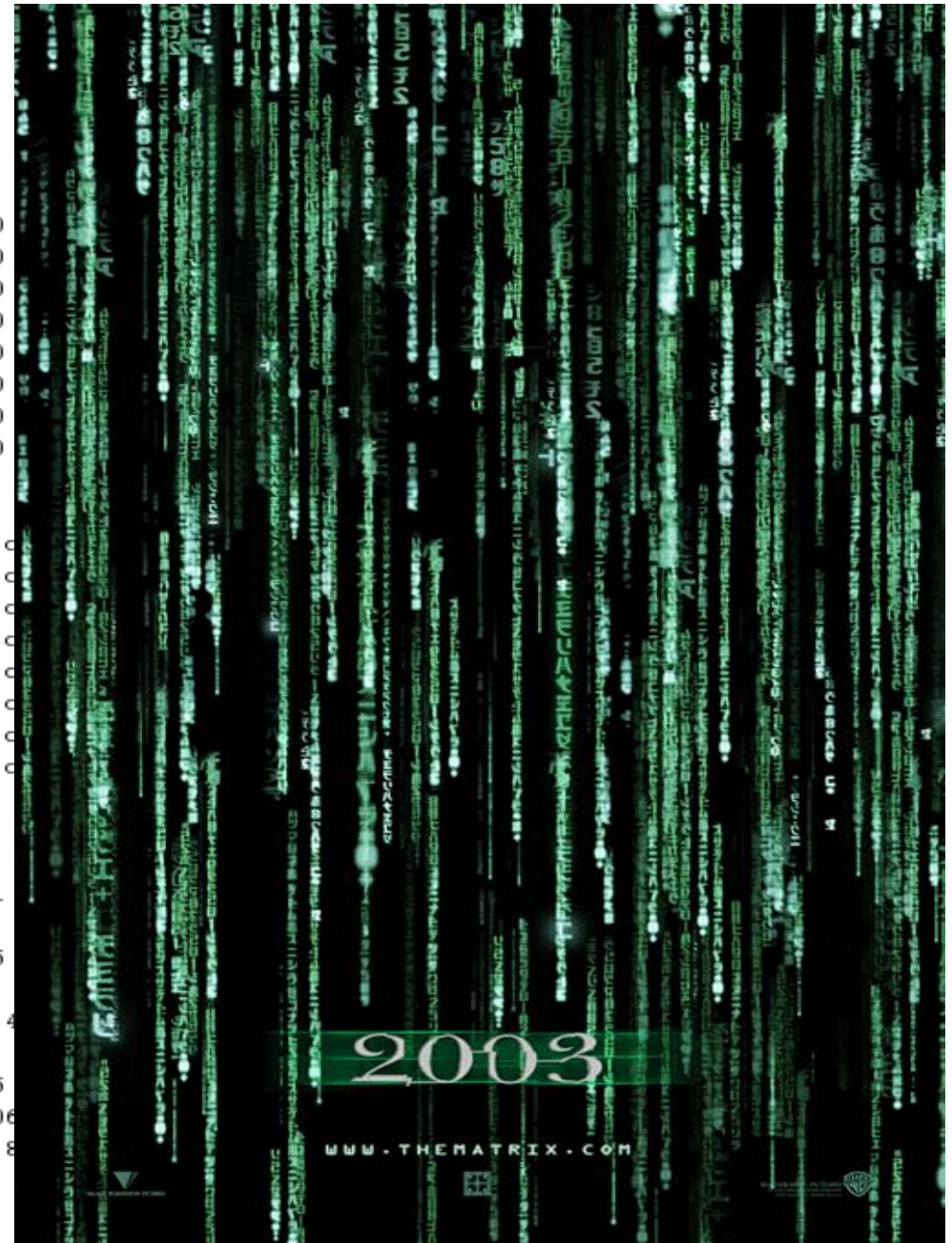
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# Summary

My involvement:

Sponsored by

NSF Nuclear Physics  
(2007-2009)

DoE Early Career  
(2010-2014)

- We have learned a lot from deep inelastic scattering experiments: how quarks and gluons share the energy of the nucleon
- And how quarks are polarized inside the nucleon:
  - The 6 GeV results from JLab showed the importance of the quark orbital motion
  - several 12 GeV measurements have been planned (flagship experiments of the 12 GeV Upgrade);
- Parity Violation DIS experiments can access the quark neutral weak coupling + the structure of the nucleon beyond the simple parton model:
  - The 6 GeV PVDIS measurement at JLab was completed successfully in Dec 2009, data to be released before 2012;
  - The 12 GeV SoLID program is being planned.

(sole) PhD student,  
2000-03

spokesperson of  
2 neutron  
experiments

leading spokesperson,  
2003-2005-2008-  
2009-present

Core group, leading  
simulation and  
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