

# **Neutron structure functions at JLab and the EIC**

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- ◆ Neutrons at the EIC
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# **Motivations**

# Why large $x$ ?

- ✚ Large uncertainties in quark and gluon PDF at  $x > 0.5$
- ✚ Precise PDF at large  $x$  are needed, e.g.,
  - ✚ at LHC, Tevatron
    - 1) New physics as excess on QCD large  $p_T$  spectra  $\Leftrightarrow$  large  $x$  PDF
    - 2) DGLAP evolution feeds large  $x$ , low  $Q^2$  into lower  $x$ , large  $Q^2$
  - ✚ spin structure of the nucleon *at small  $x$*
  - ✚ neutrino oscillations

# Why large $x$ ...and low $Q^2$ ?

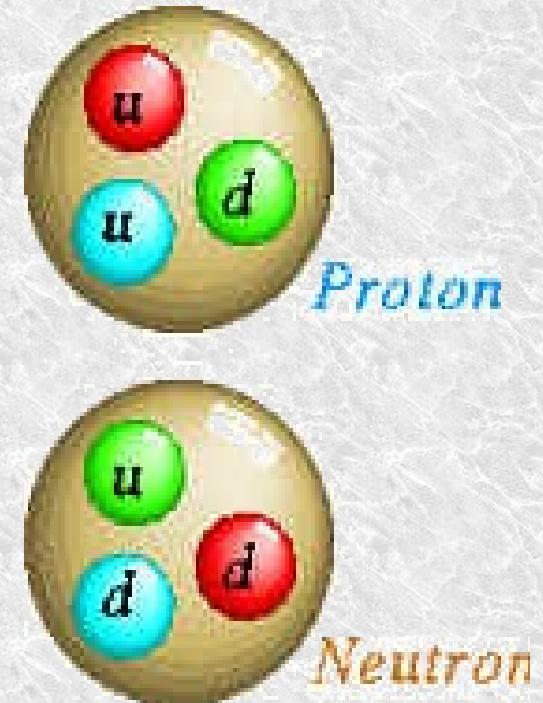
→ JLab and SLAC have precision DIS data at large  $x$  , BUT low  $Q^2$

→ need of theoretical control over

- 1) higher twist  $\propto \Lambda^2/Q^2$
  - 2) target mass corrections (TMC)  $\propto x_B^{-2} m_N^{-2}/Q^2$
  - 3) nuclear corrections
  - 4) quark-hadron duality
  - 5) jet mass corrections (JMC)  $\propto m_j^{-2}/Q^2$
  - 6) heavy-quark mass corrections  $\propto m_Q^{-2}/Q^2$
  - 7) large- $x$  resummation
  - 8) large- $x$  DGLAP evolution
  - 9) parton recombination at large  $x$
  - 10) perturbative stability at low- $Q^2$
  - 11) ...
- }
- this talk

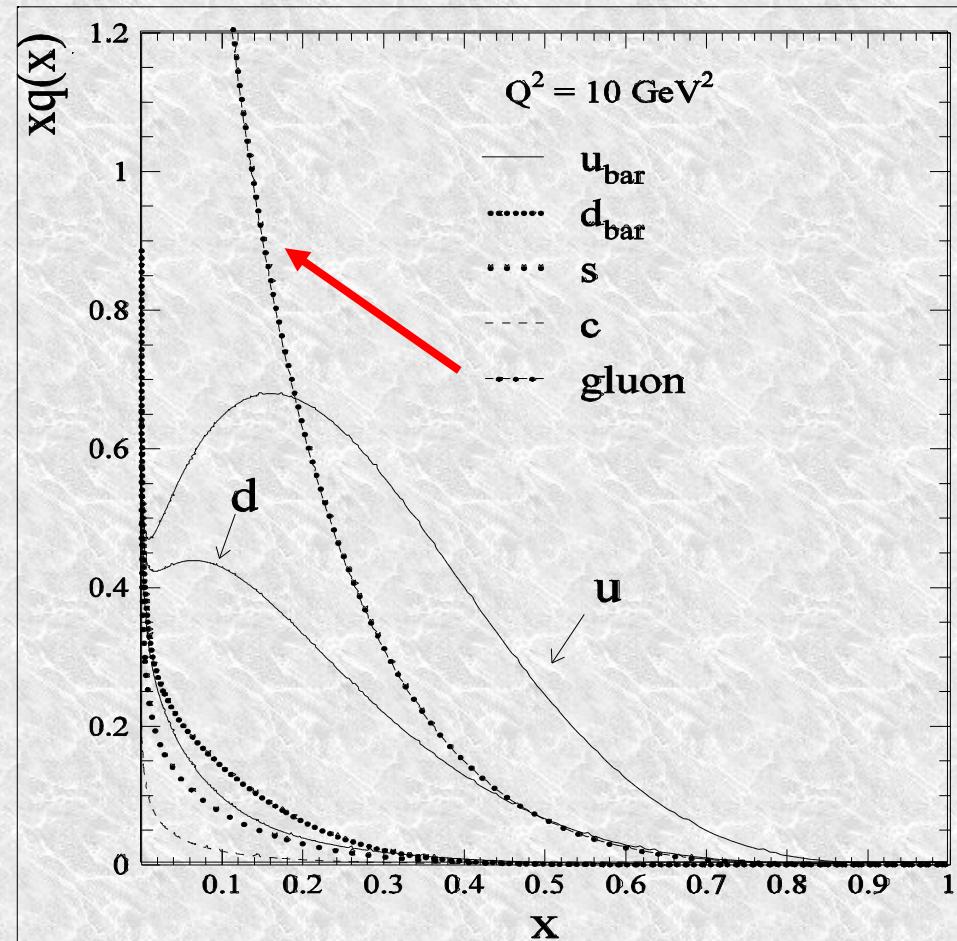
# Why neutrons?

- ◆ Most direct information on valence  $d$ -quark
- ◆ But... free neutron beams are somewhat rare:
  - ◆ Use instead light nuclei ( ${}^2\text{H}$ ,  ${}^3\text{H}$ , ...)
- ◆ Nuclear corrections:
  - ◆ binding, Fermi motion
  - ◆ nucleons are off-shell
  - ◆ other causes of EMC effect
  - ◆ anti-shadowing
  - ◆ shadowing
- ◆ A worthwhile effort?



# $F_2^p - F_2^n$ yields non-singlet PDF

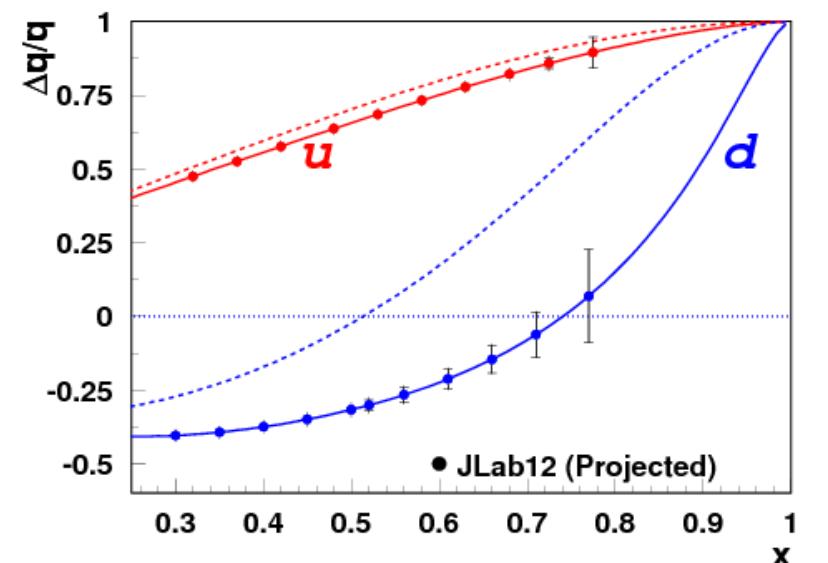
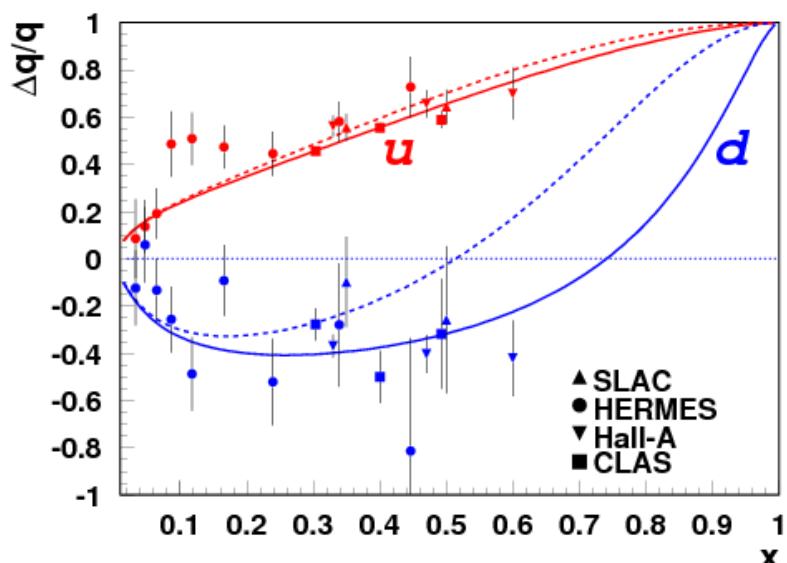
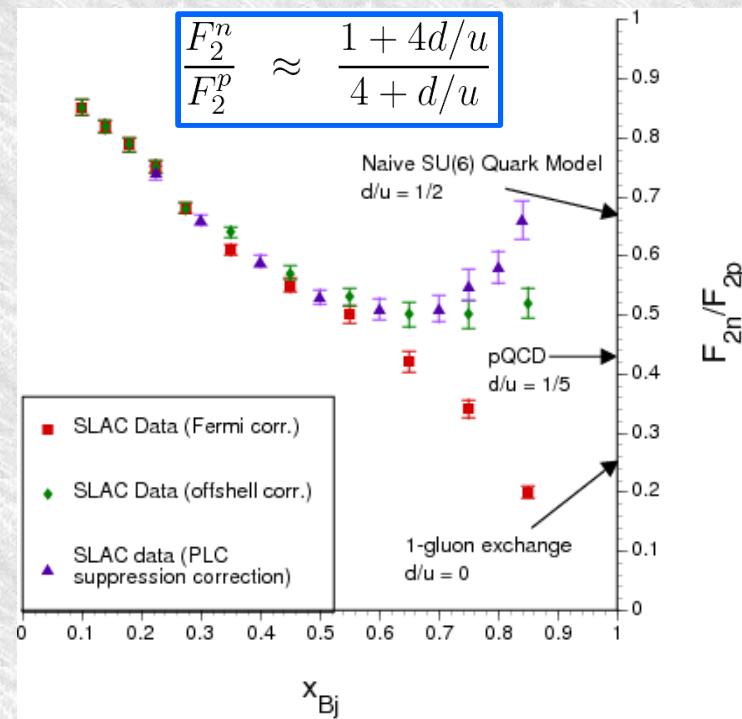
- Nucleon made of singlet (gluons, sea) and non-singlet (valence) distributions
- Assuming a charge-symmetric sea, p-n isolates the non-singlet (at LO)
- $Q^2$  evolution for non-singlet is independent of gluons
- Direct handle on nucleon quark structure
- Needed to pin down singlet, hence gluons (complementary to  $F_L$ )
- Provides determination of  $\alpha_s$  free of  $g(x)$  shape (a problem in  $F_2^p$  analyses)



# Non perturbative nucleon structure

d/u ratio

$\Delta u/u, \Delta d/d$  ratios



# **Up and down: the CTEQ6X fit**

Accardi, Christy, Keppel, Melnitchouk, Monaghan, Morfín, Owens,  
Phys. Rev. D 81, 034016 (2010)

**(a Jlab/HU/CTEQ collaboration)**

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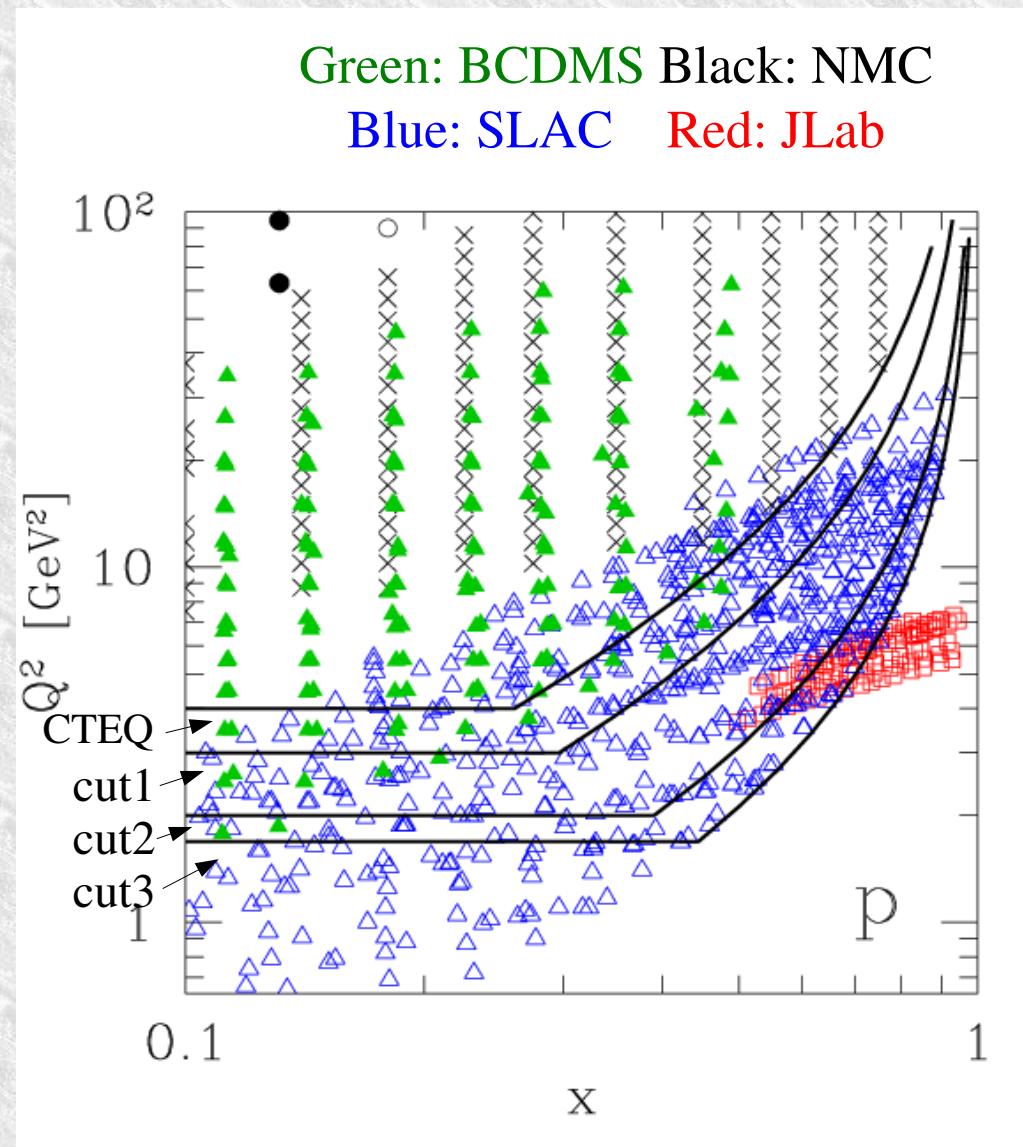
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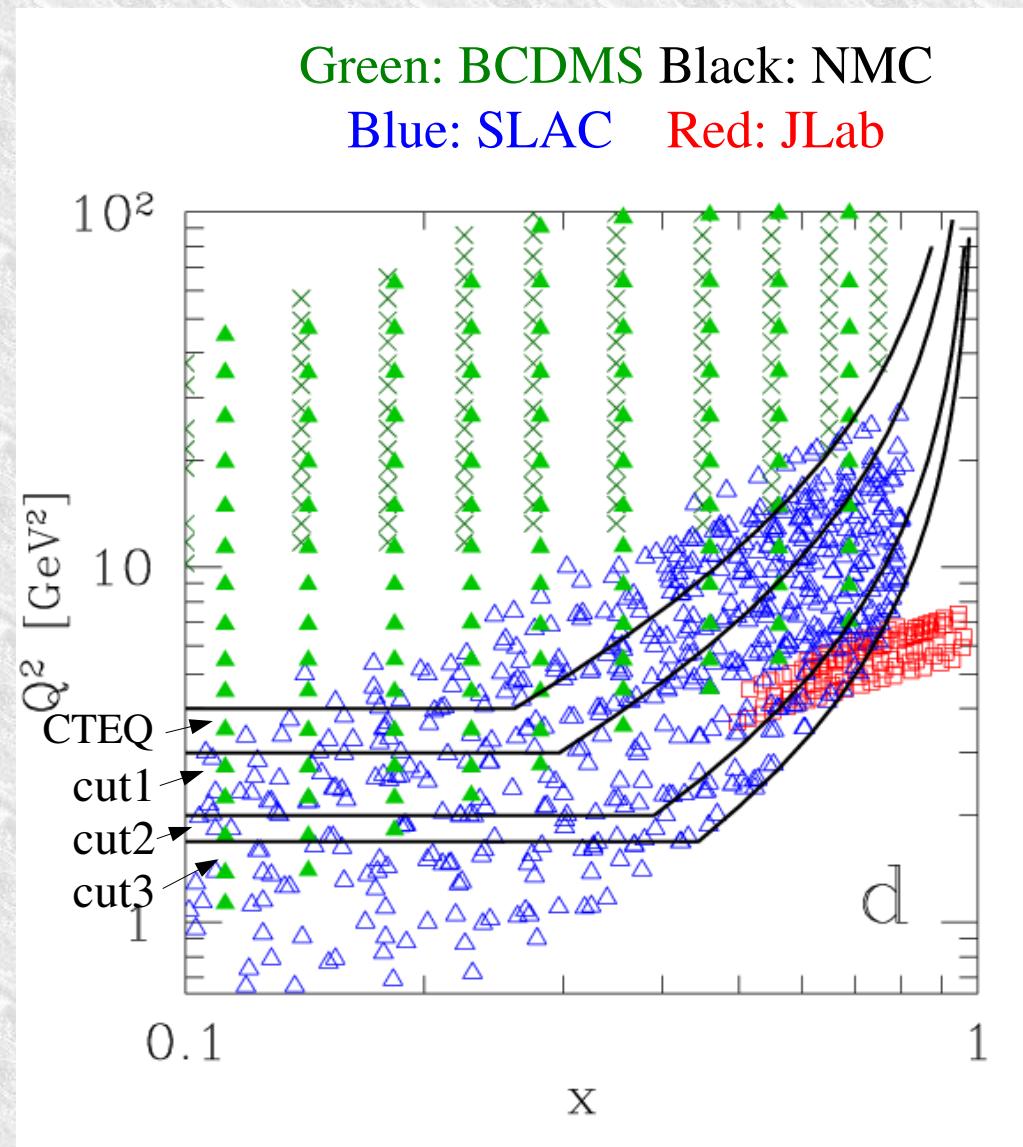
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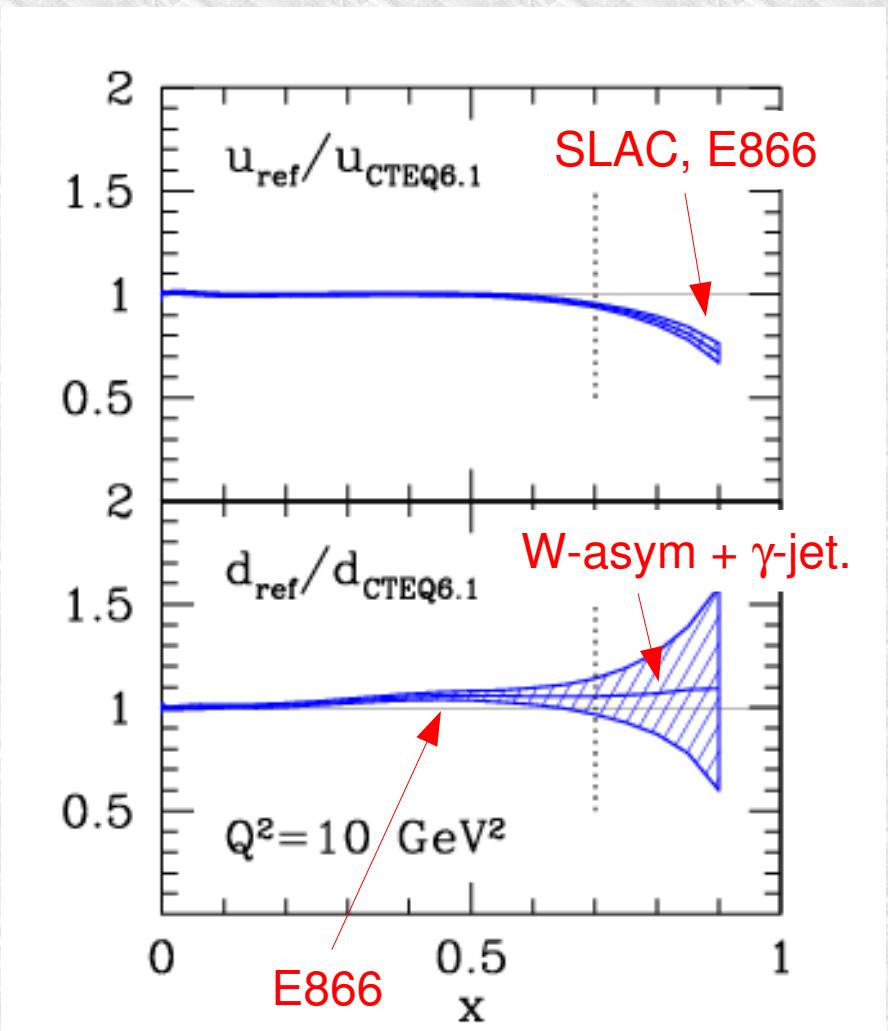
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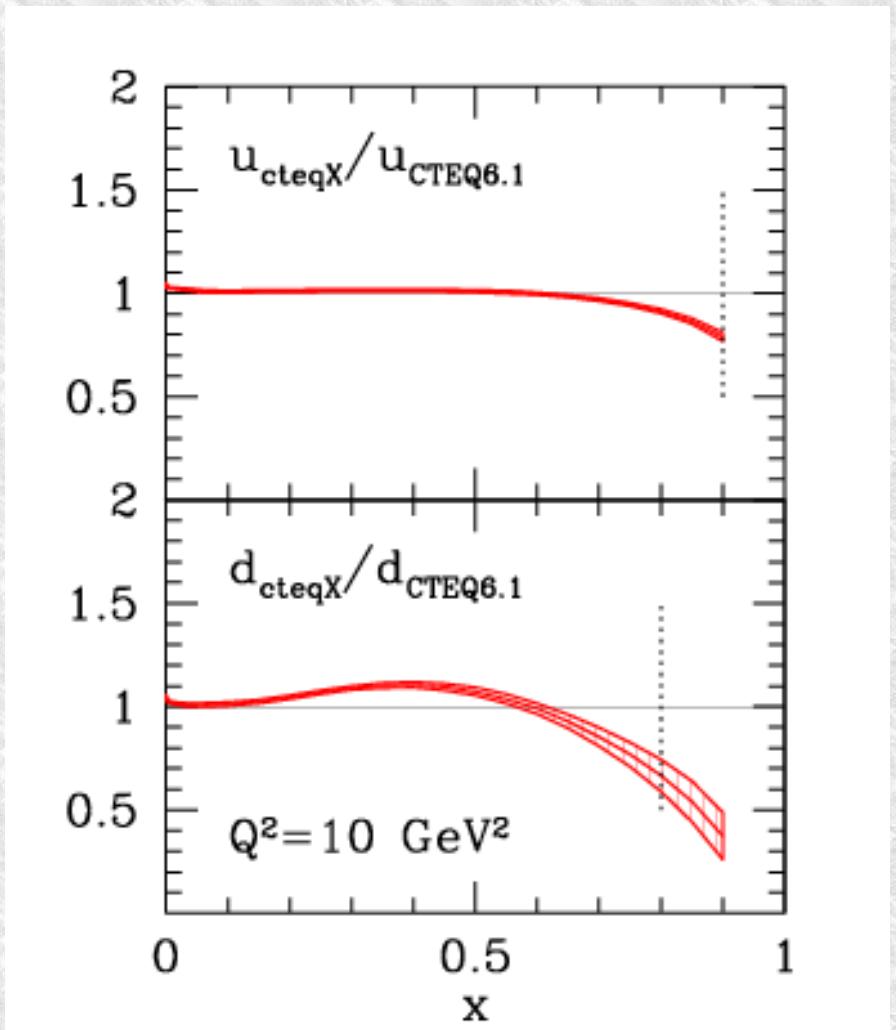
# Reference fit vs. CTEQ6.1



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  - ✚ cut0, no corrections
  - ✚ PDF errors with  $\Delta\chi=1$

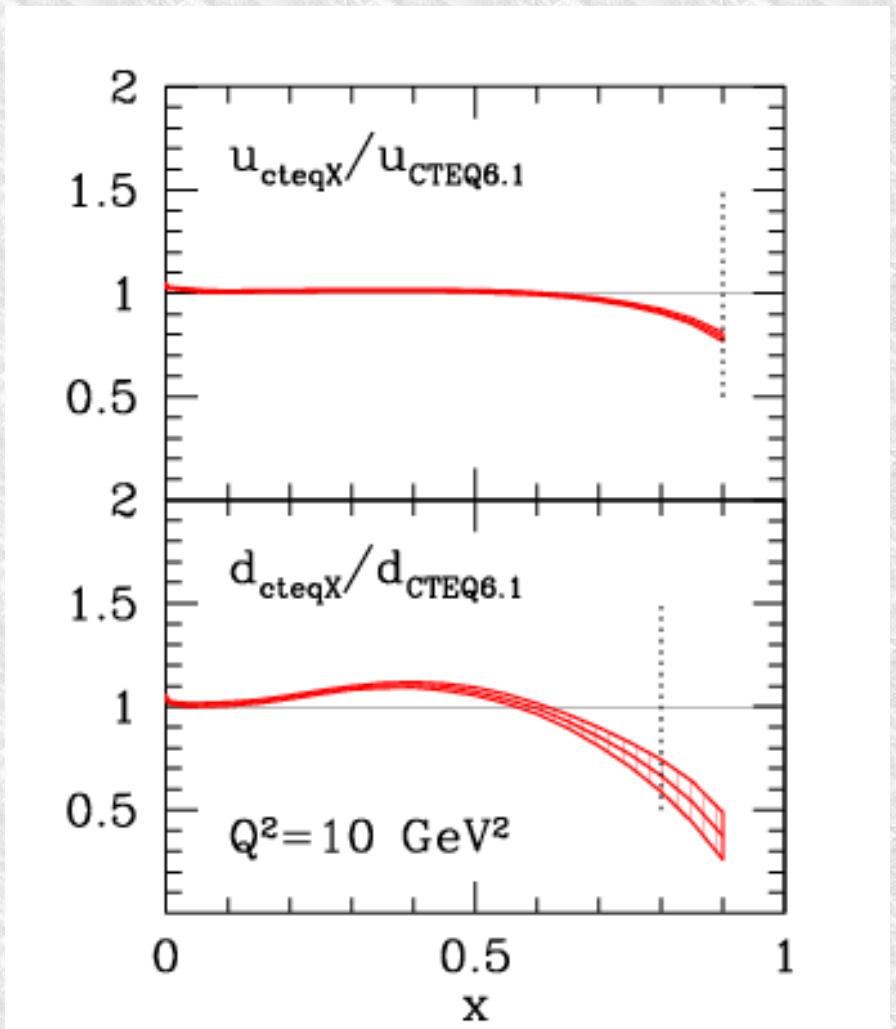
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	SLAC	NO
	NMC	✓
	BCDMS	✓
	H1	✓
	ZEUS	✓
DY	E605	✓
	E866	NO
W	CDF '98 ( $\ell$ )	✓
	CDF '05 ( $\ell$ )	NO
	D0 '08 ( $\ell$ )	NO
	D0 '08 ( $e$ )	NO
	CDF '09 ( $W$ )	NO
jet	CDF	✓
	D0	✓
$\gamma+\text{jet}$	D0	NO

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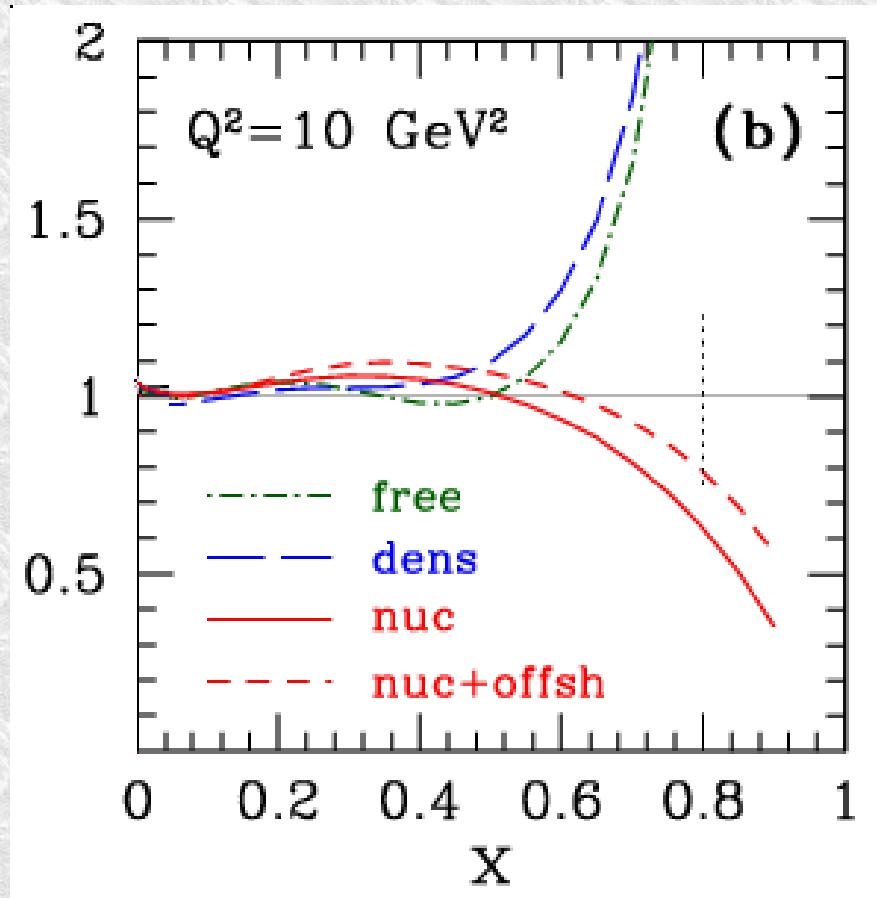
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# Deuterium corrections



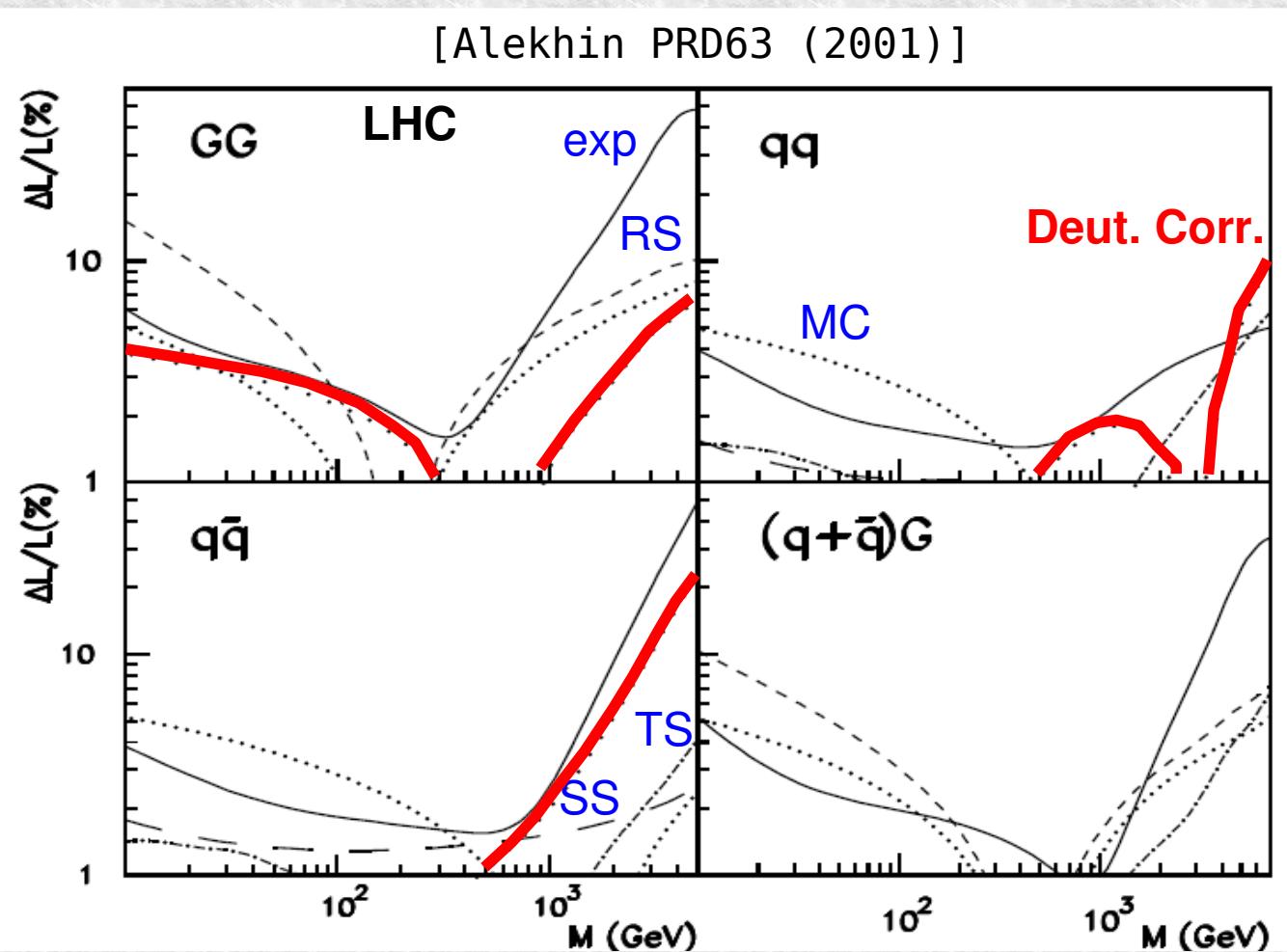
- ◆  $d$ -quarks are very sensitive to deuterium corrections
- ◆ Off-shell corrections completely absorbed by the  $d$ -quark

free = free p+n  
dens = density model corrections  
nuc = WBA smearing model  
offsh = off-shell corrections

[Melnitchouk et al., '94]

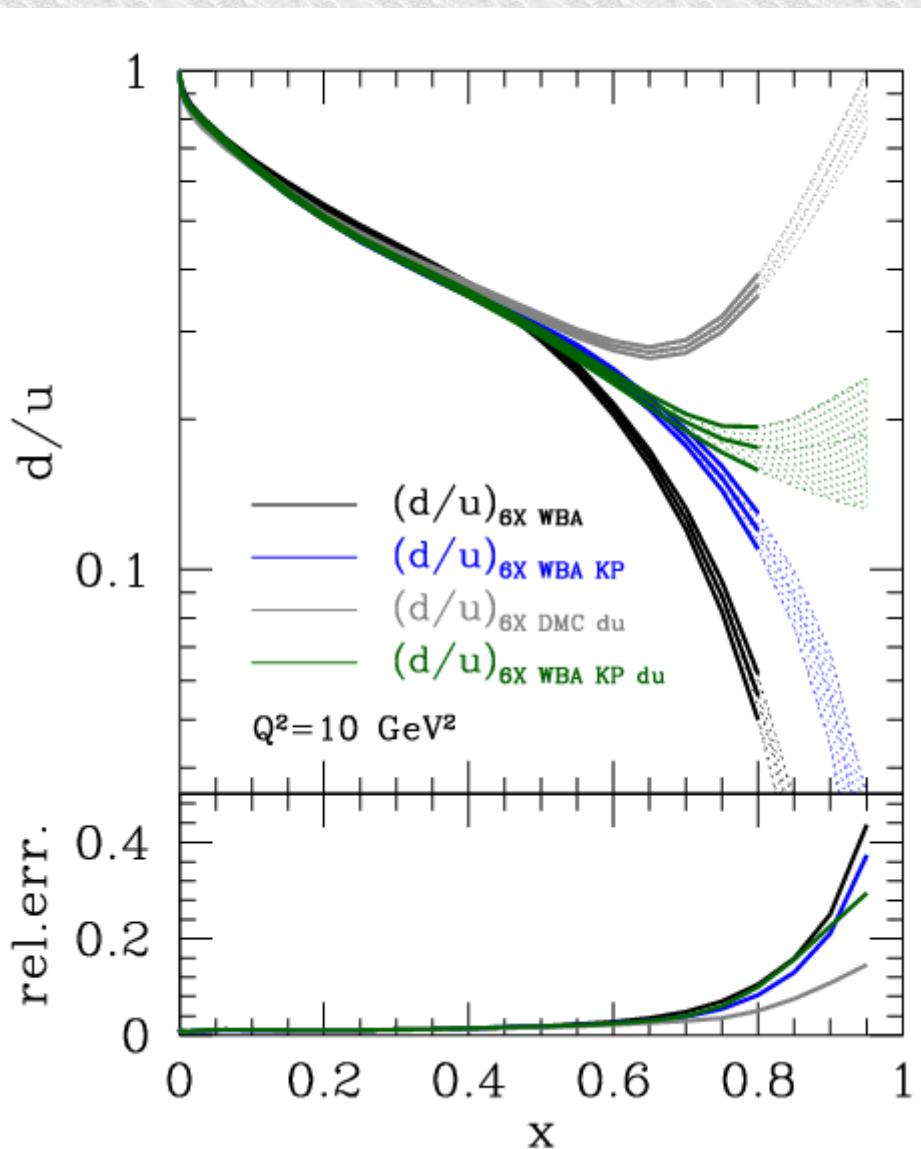
# Impact on LHC

- Parton luminosities:  $L_{i,j}(M) = \frac{1}{S} \int_{M^2/s}^1 \frac{dx}{x} q_i(x, M^2) q_j(M^2/(xs), M^2)$
- Nuclear model uncertainty  $\sim 10\%$  at large  $x$ :
  - dominates Z cross-sections used as luminosity monitor



exp = experimental  
 RS = renorm. scale  
 MC = charm mass  
 TS = charm threshold  
 SS = strangeness suppr.

# d/u fits - preliminary



- Allow  $d/u$  to be finite at  $x=1$

- + new parametrization at  $Q_0$

$$d'(x) = d(x) + cx^\alpha u(x)$$

$$d/u \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 1} c$$

- $d/u$  limit completely correlated to nuclear correction!

- HUGE theoretical uncertainty!

WBA = WBA smearing model

DMC = density model

KP = Kulagin-Petti off-shell corr.

du = new d-quark parametrization

**d-quarks at large x**

# d-quarks at large $x$

- ◆ Large theoretical uncertainties on  $d$ -quark at large  $x$ 
  - ✚ coming from deuteron corrections  
(no deuteron  $\Rightarrow d$  unconstrained at large  $x$ )
  - ✚ unavoidable at the moment: model dependent
- ◆ How to progress?
  - ✚ Avoid them
    - Free nucleon targets  $\hookrightarrow$  not enough data so far
  - ✚ Constrain them
    - $Q^2$  dependence of  $D/p$  ratios at large  $x$
    - Use quasi-free nucleon targets
    - Use ratio of  ${}^3\text{He}$  -  ${}^3\text{H}$  mirror nuclei

# Free nucleon targets

- ◆ Constraints on large- $x$   $d$ -quarks from

- ✚  $p+p(\bar{p})$  : DY at large  $x_F$

$$pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$$

- ✚  $p+p(\bar{p})$  : W-asymmetry at large rapidity [D0 and CDF]

$$pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow W^\pm X$$

- ✚  $\nu+p$  and  $\nu\bar{p}+p$

- WA21 already has data (but hard to reconstruct cross-sections from published “quark distributions”)

$$\nu(\bar{\nu}) p \longrightarrow l^\pm X$$

- ✚ Parity Violating DIS \*

- L/R electron asymmetry  $\Rightarrow \gamma/Z$  interference  $\propto d/u$

$$\vec{e}_L(\vec{e}_R) p \longrightarrow e X$$

- ✚ Charged current structure functions [H1 and ZEUS]

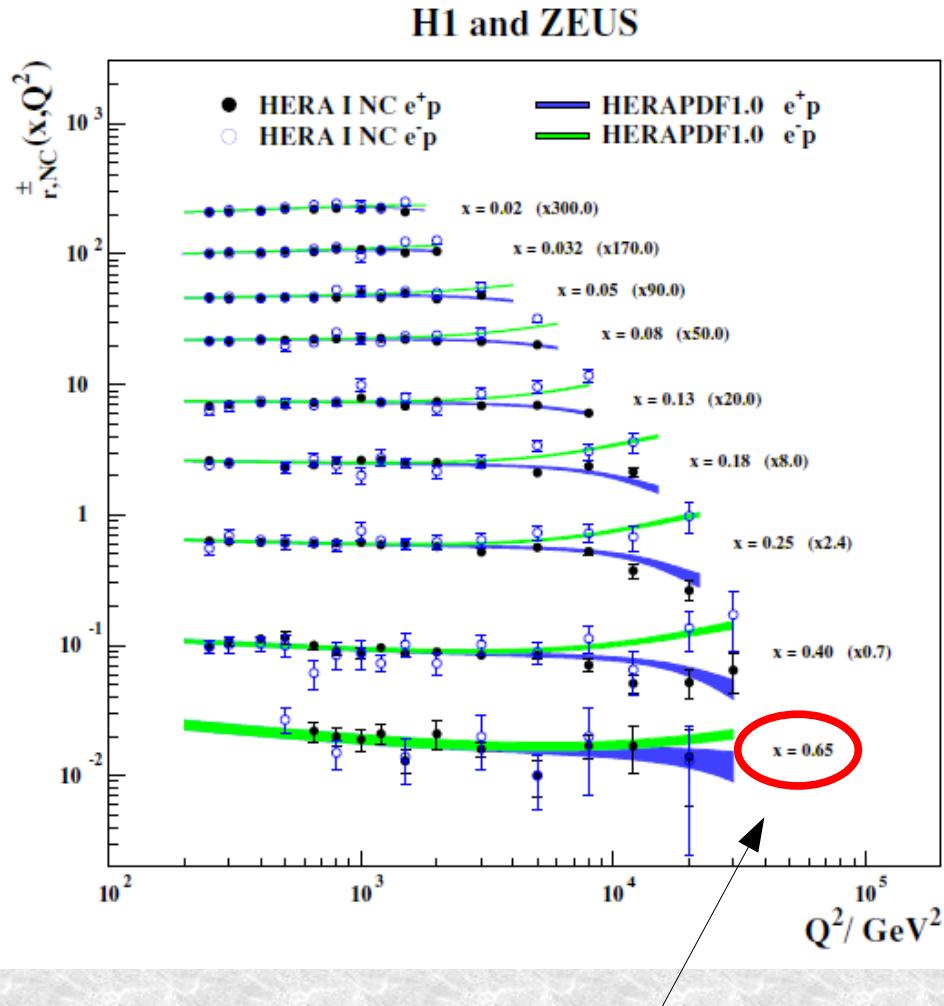
$$e p \longrightarrow \nu X$$

\* planned for Jlab at 12 GeV

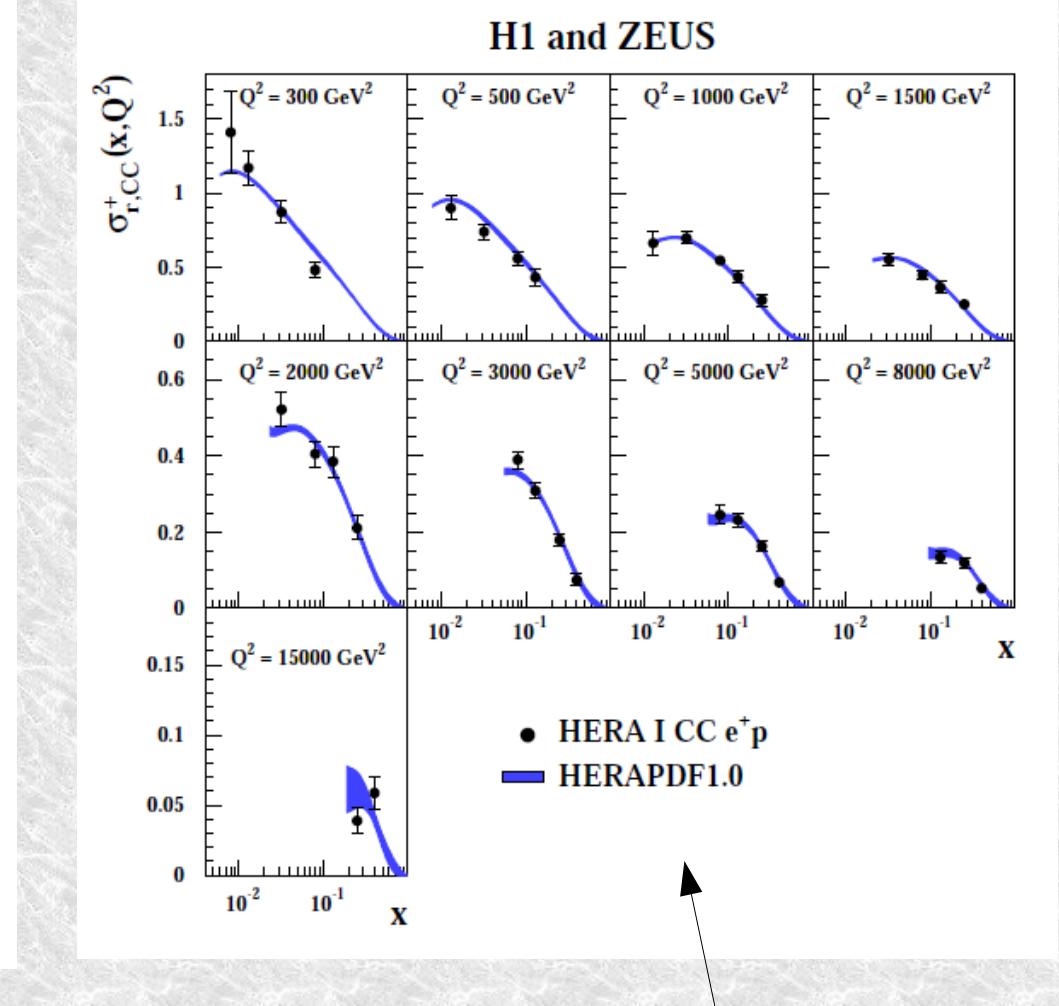
# HERA combined data

[JHEP 1001, 2010]

- H1 and ZEUS combined data on  $e^+p$  and  $e^-p$  collisions, NC & CC



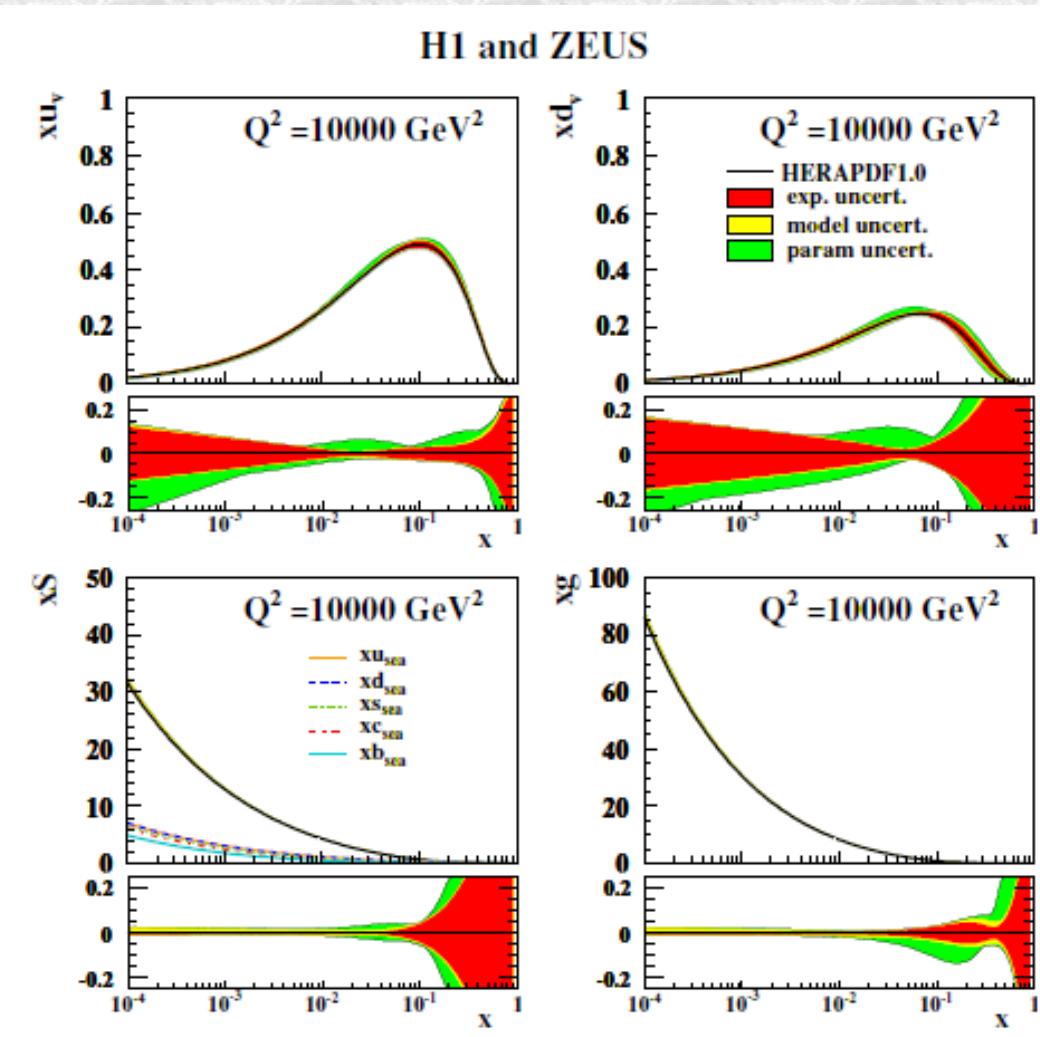
Reaches into the critical  $x$  range



Too limited  $x$  coverage

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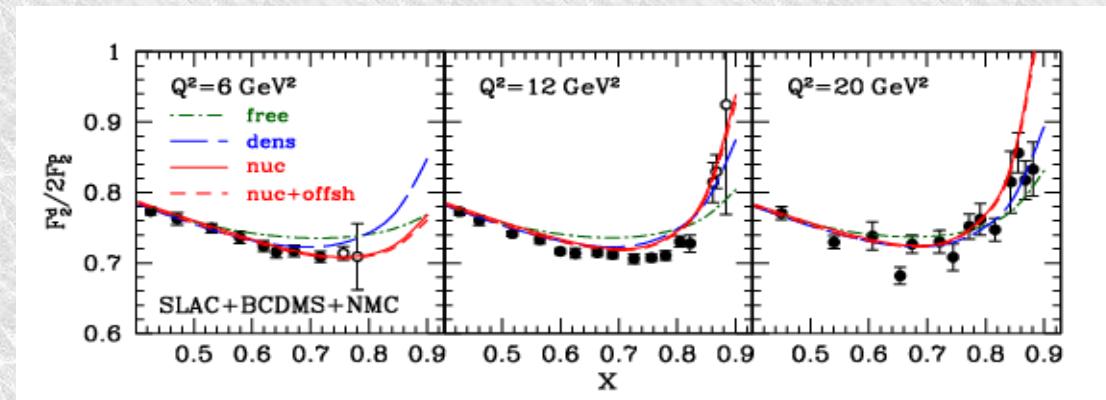
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- These data alone insufficient for  $d$ -quark at large  $x$
- combine with deuterium data, cross check nuclear corrections

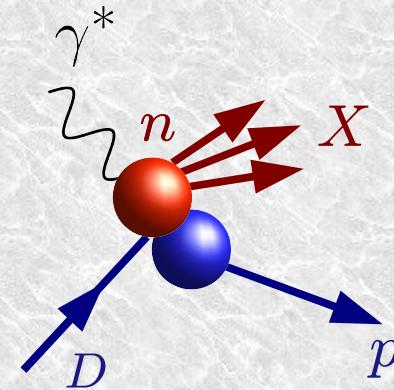
# Constraining the nuclear corrections

- ◆  $Q^2$  dependence of  $D/p$  ratios at large  $x$



- ◆ Quasi-free nucleon targets <sup>\*</sup>  
[BONUS, E94-102 and EG6 at JLab 6 GeV]

$$e A \rightarrow e (A - 1) X$$



- ◆  ${}^3\text{He} - {}^3\text{H}$  mirror nuclei <sup>\*</sup>

$$\frac{{}^3\text{H}}{{}^3\text{He}} \approx \frac{n}{p} \frac{2 + p/n}{2 + n/p}$$

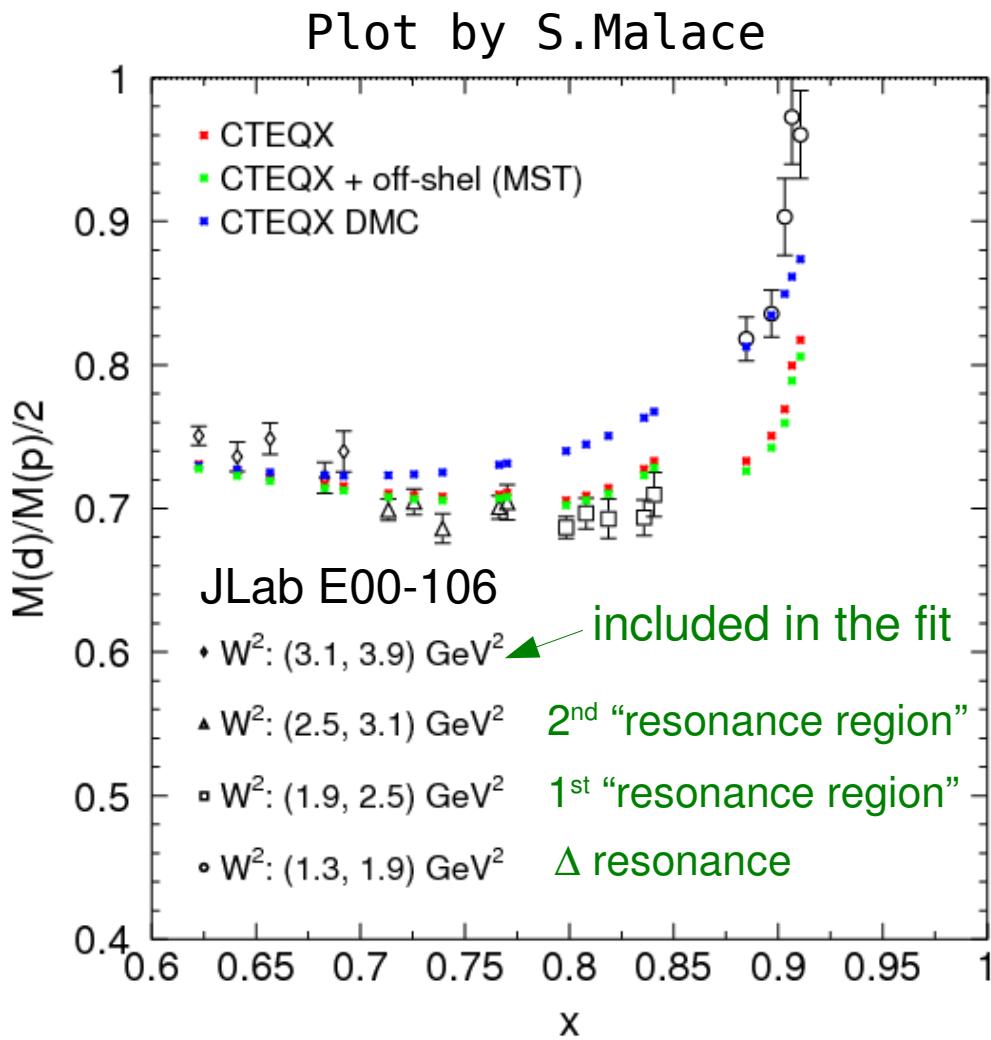
<sup>\*</sup> planned for Jlab at 12 GeV

# **Neutrons at JLab**

# Bound neutrons in the resonance region...

- Truncated moments, plotted at an “average”  $x$   
Malace et al, PRC80, 035207, 2009

$$M = \int_{W=[W_m, W_M]} dx F_2(x)$$



- Quark-hadron duality works to less than 5% up to  $\Delta$  region
- $Q^2$  runs with  $x$  – correct CTEQ6X shape
- Density Model seems ruled out?
- maybe too small  $Q^2$  leverage

# ...and beyond

Precision measurements of the  $F_2$  structure function at large  $x$  in the resonance region and beyond

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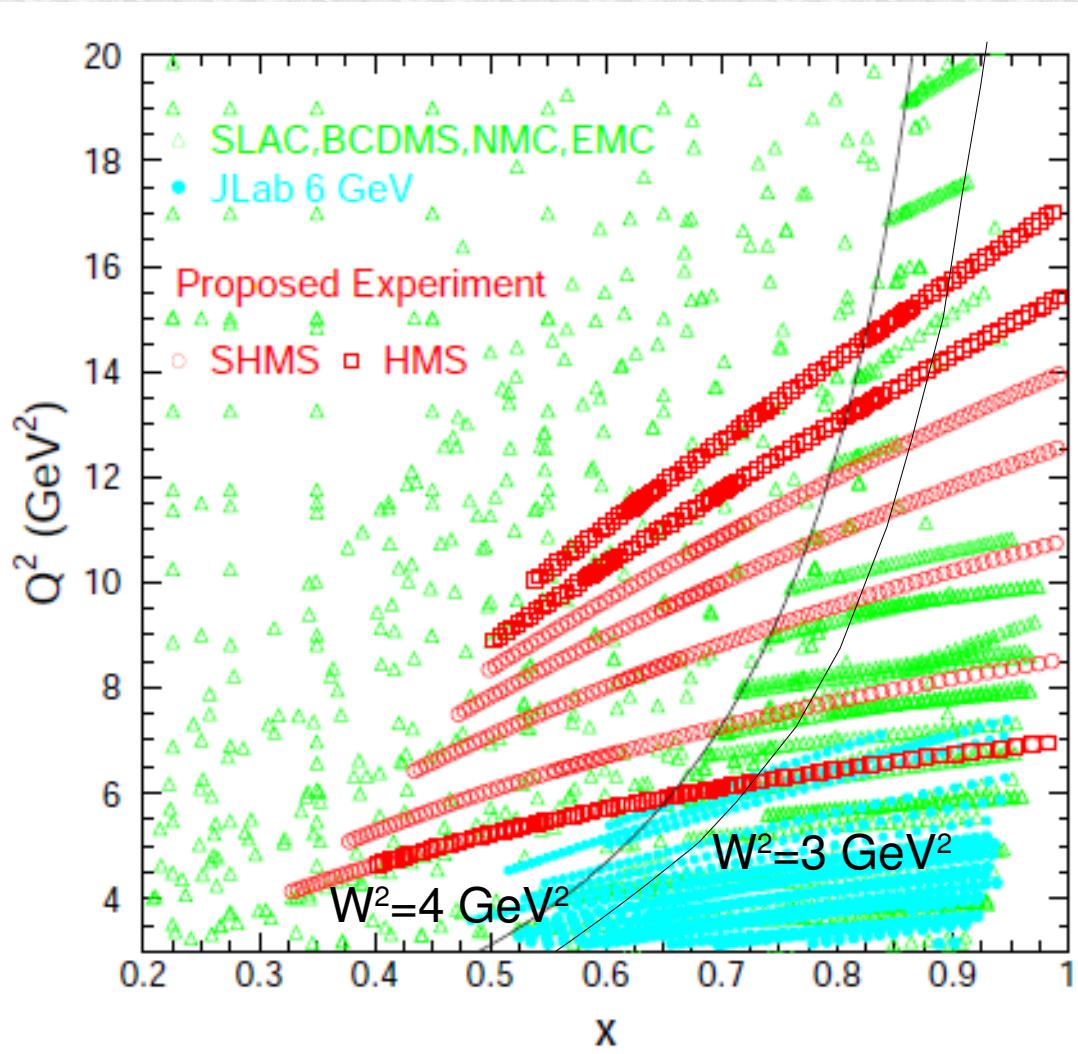
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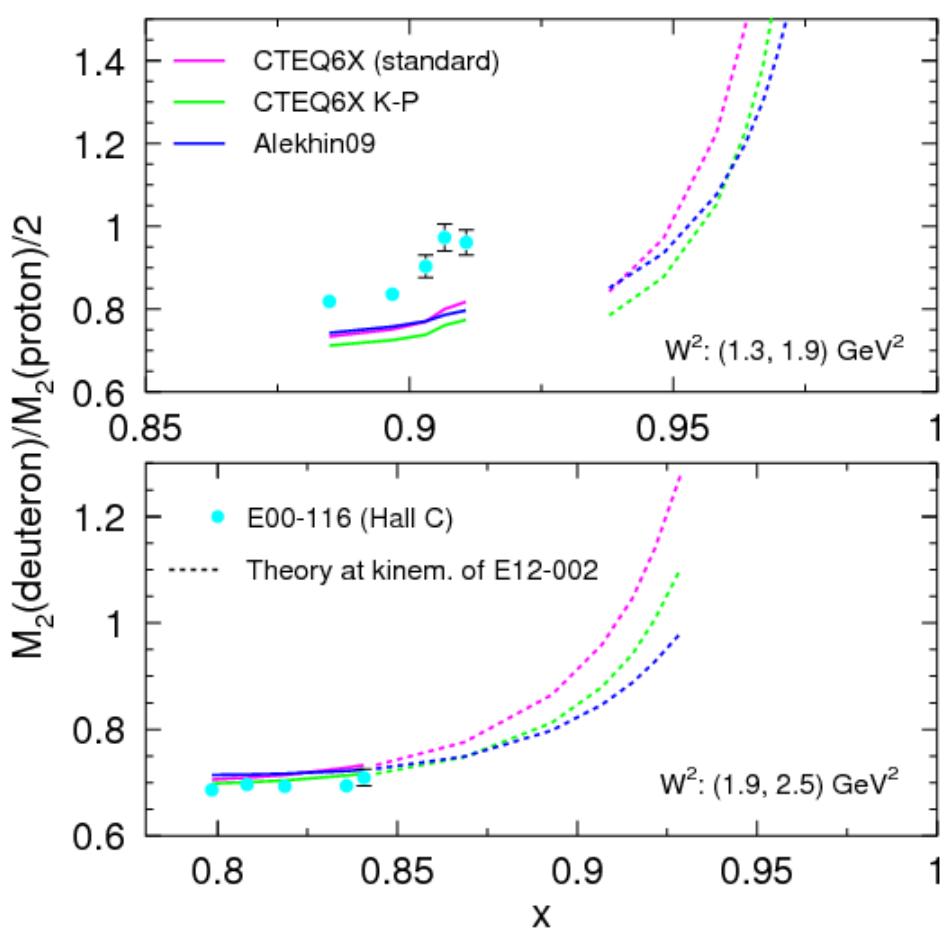
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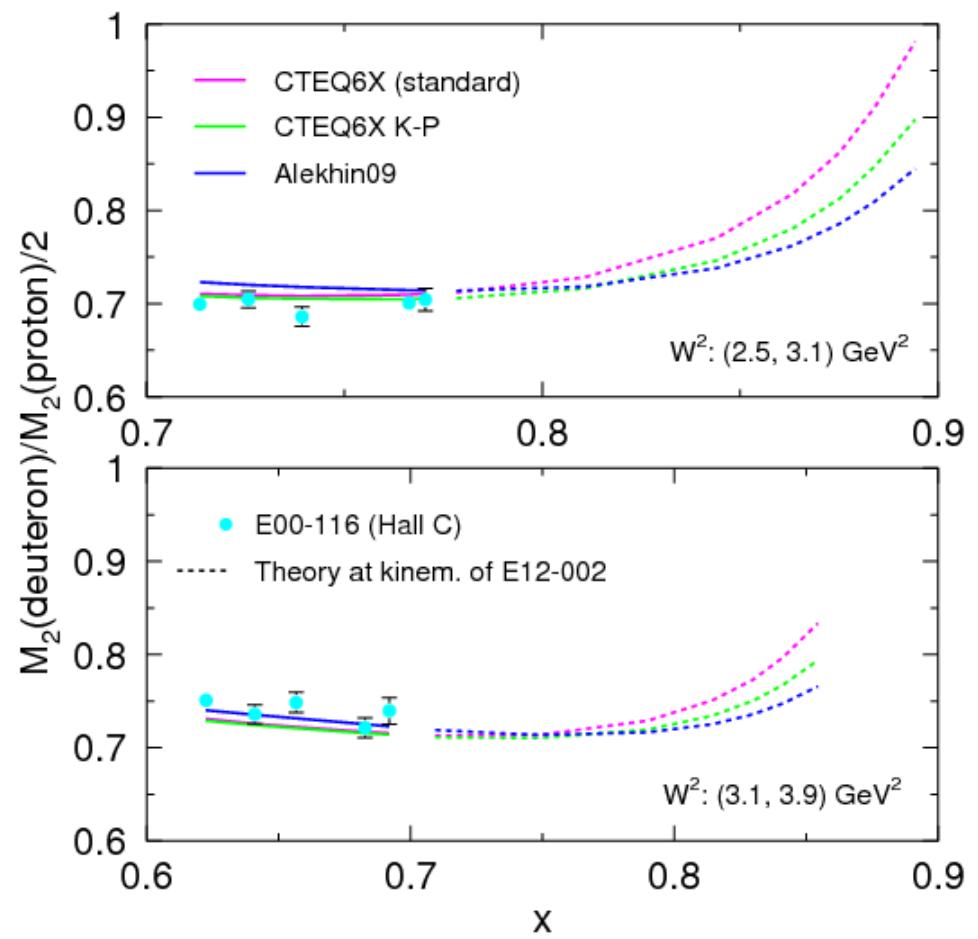
- + Much larger  $Q^2$  leverage
- + may really discriminate nuclear correction methods
- + we will also consider SLAC resonance data

# Truncated moments @ 12 GeV

Plot by S.Malace

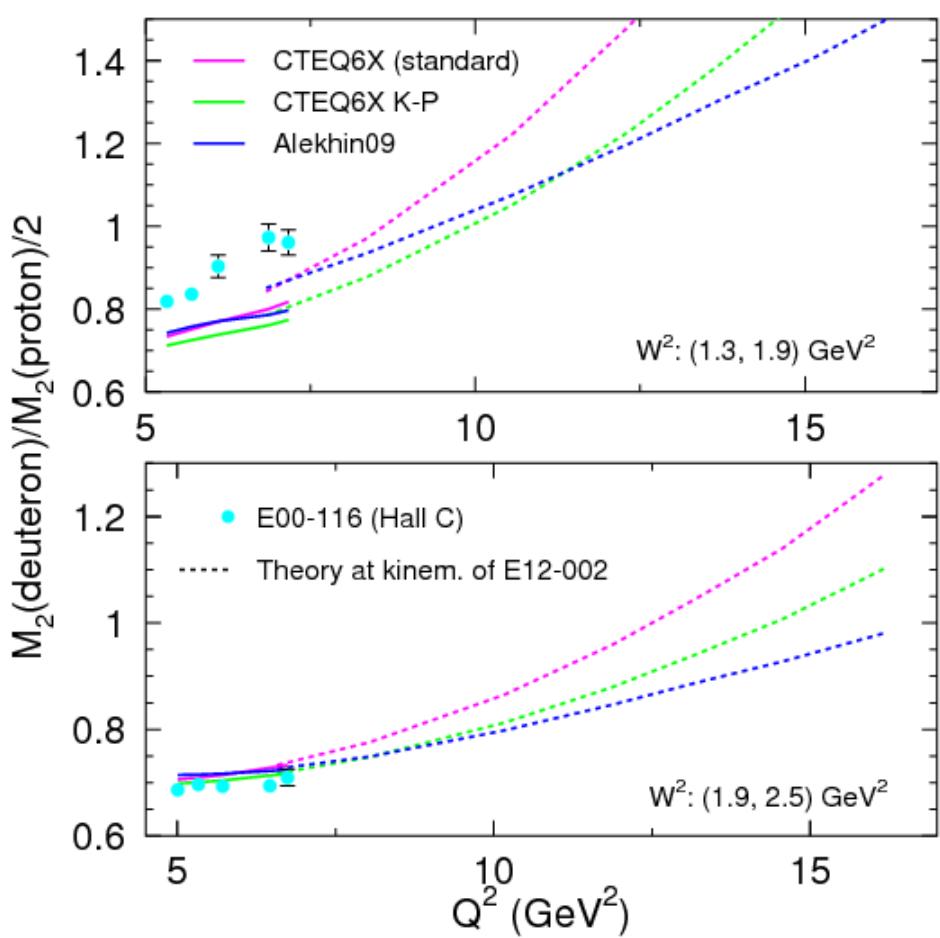


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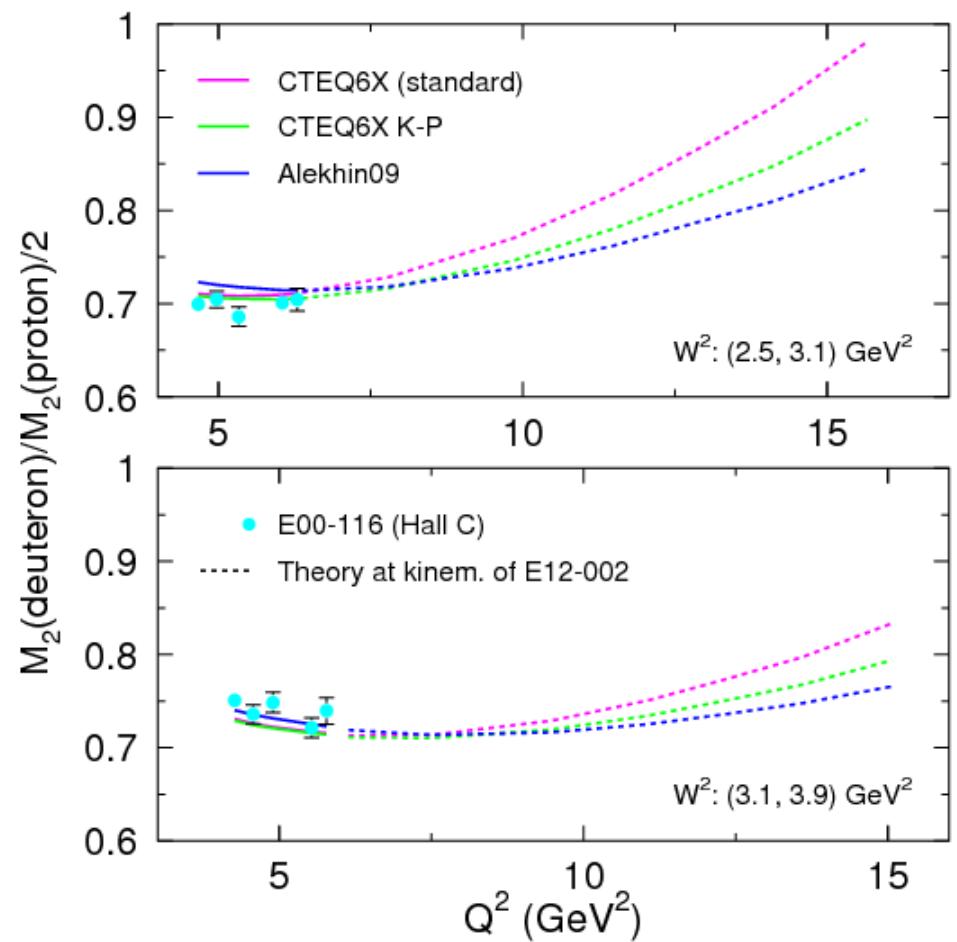


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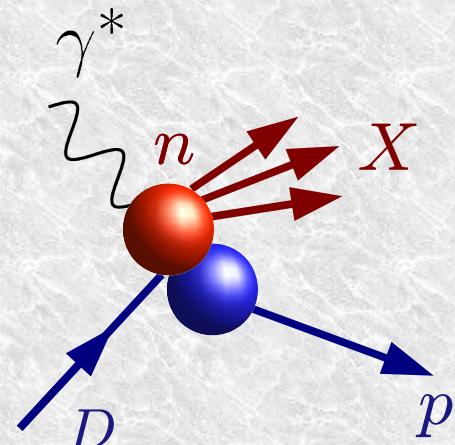


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# Quasi-free nucleon targets - BONUS

- DIS on deuterium with tagged proton
- tagged proton momentum is measured
- neutron off-shellness can be reconstructed



$$e D \longrightarrow e p X$$

- Study the off-shell dependence of  $F_2(n)$  and quark PDFs

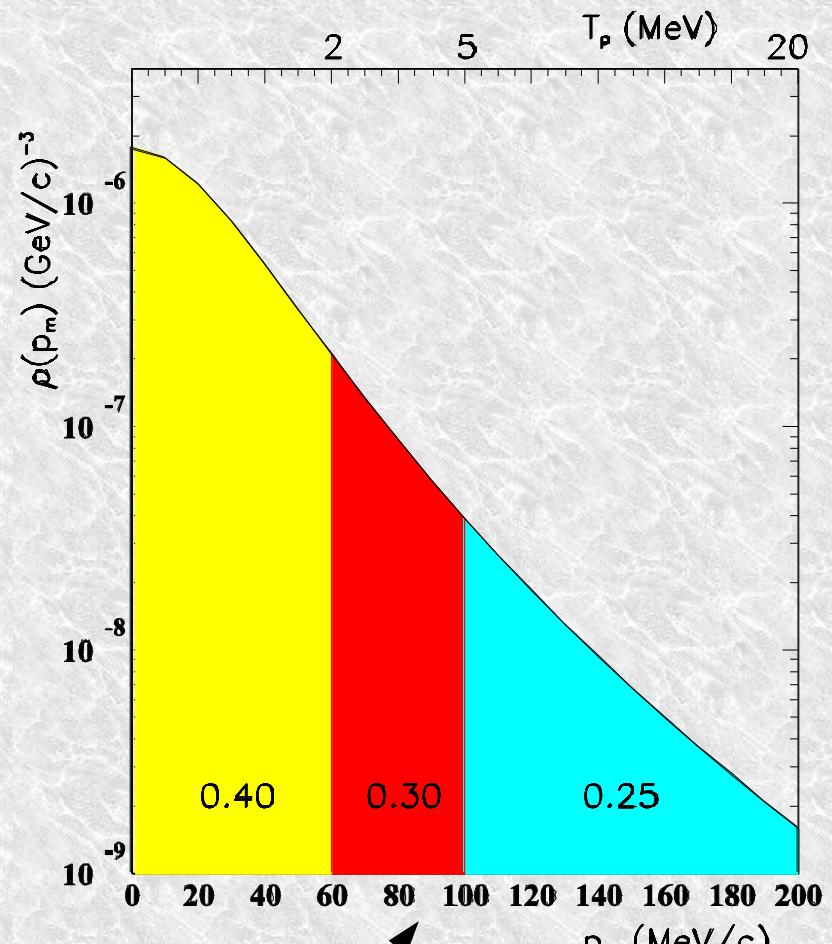
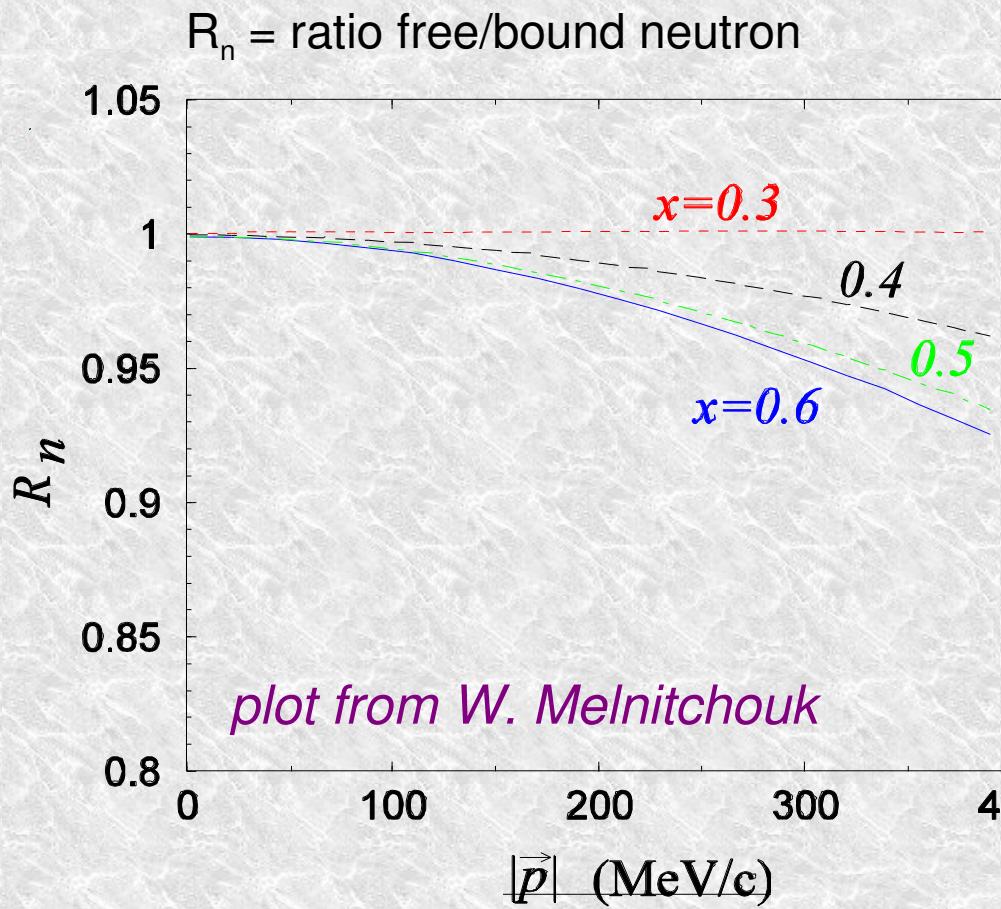
$$q \equiv q_D(x, Q^2, p^2)$$

- Extrapolate to a free neutron target  $p^2 \rightarrow M_n^2$

Sargsian, Strikman, PLB639:223, 2006

# Requirements 1 - "VIPs" (Very Important Protons)

Deuteron  $\sim$  free p + free n  
*only at small nucleon momenta*

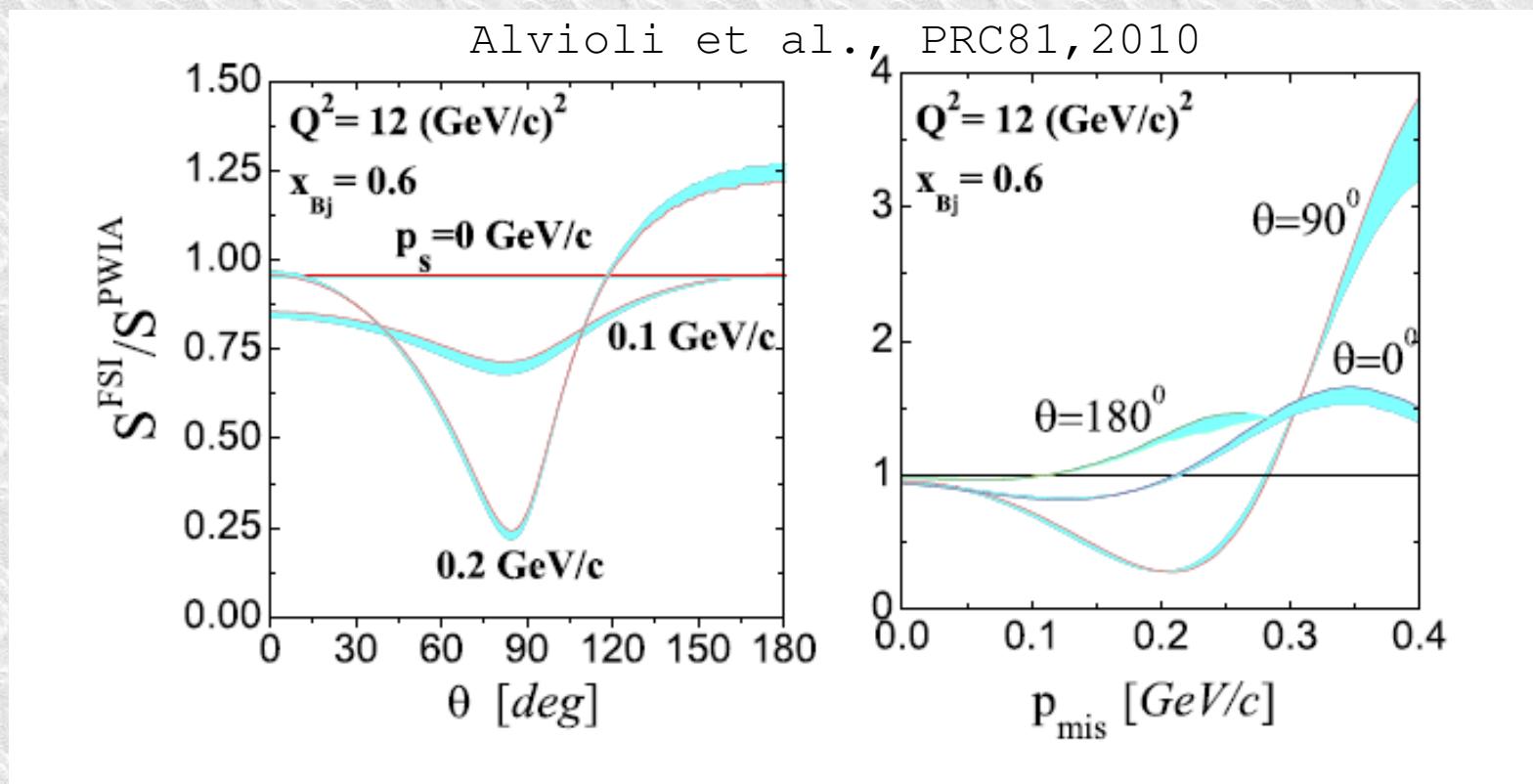


BONUS cuts  
30% of D wave function

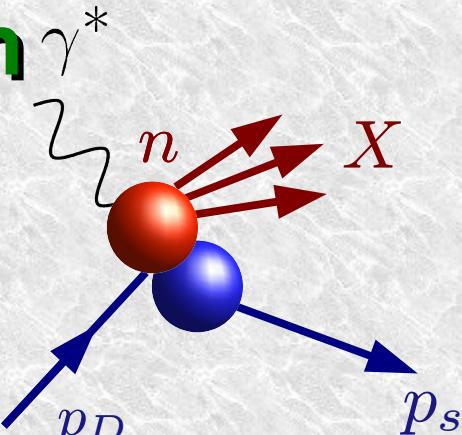
## Requirements 2 - Backwards Protons

Backward angle compared to  $\gamma^*$  to minimize Finale State Interactions

Example: BONUS cuts       $60 \text{ MeV} < p_s < 100 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\theta_s > 110^\circ$



# Experimental BONUS neutron



- Experimentally:

$$F_{2n}^{BONUS}(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta)$$

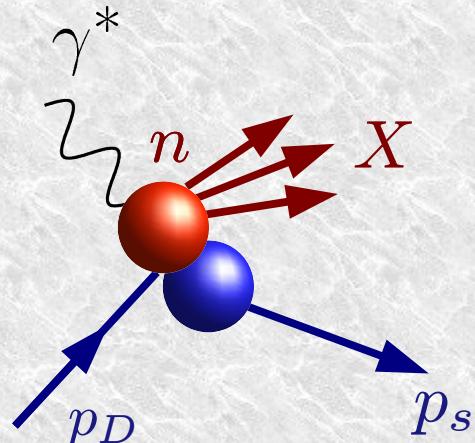
$$= \frac{N_D^T(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta)}{N_D(x, Q^2)} \times \left[ \frac{N_D^T(\bar{x}_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta)}{N_D(\bar{x}, Q^2)} \right]^{-1} \times \frac{\sigma_D^{fit}(x, Q^2)}{2(1 - y_e) \frac{4\pi\alpha}{xQ^4}}$$

where  $x_n = \frac{Q^2}{2p_n \cdot q} = \frac{x}{y}$

- Assume  $\sigma_D \approx \frac{4\pi\alpha}{xQ^4}(1 - y_e)F_{2D}$

$$F_{2n}^{BONUS}(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta) = F_{2D}^T(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta) \times \frac{F_{2D}(\bar{x}, Q^2)}{2F_{2D}^T(\bar{x}_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta)}$$

# Theoretical BONUS neutron



- Tagged and untagged F2 in impulse approx.

$$F_{2D}^T(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta) = \mathcal{S}_{n/D}(y, p_n^2, \gamma) F_{2n}(x_n, Q^2, p_n^2)$$

$$F_{2D}(x, Q^2) = \sum_{i=n,p} \int d\tilde{y} d\tilde{p}^2 \mathcal{S}_{i/D}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{p}^2, \gamma) F_{2i}(\bar{x}/\tilde{y}, Q^2, \tilde{p}^2)$$

NOTE:  $f_{n/D}$  is the same used in the CTEQ6X paper

- Therefore,

$$F_{2n}^{BONUS}(x_n, Q^2, p_s, \theta) = F_{2n}(x_n, Q^2, p_n^2) D(\bar{x}, Q^2, y, p_n^2)$$

$$D(\bar{x}, Q^2, y, p_n^2) = \frac{\sum_{i=n,p} \int d\tilde{y} d\tilde{p}^2 \mathcal{S}_{i/D}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{p}^2, \gamma) F_{2i}(\bar{x}/\tilde{y}, Q^2, \tilde{p}^2)}{2F_{2n}(\bar{x}/y, Q^2, p_n^2)}$$

# PRELIMINARY

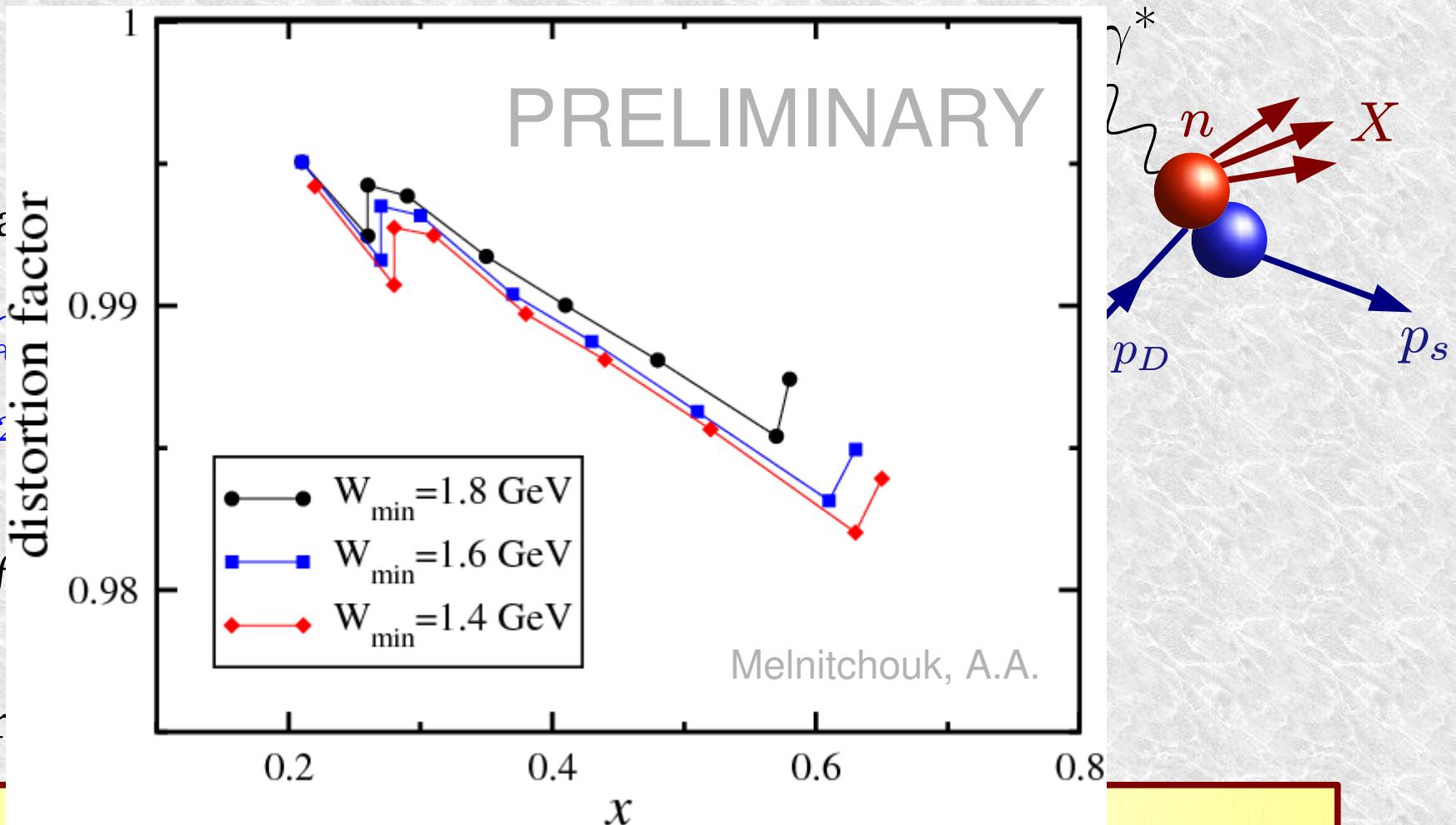
Tagged  $\alpha$

$F_{2D}^T(x_n, Q^2)$

$F_{2D}(x, Q^2)$

NOTE:  $f$

Therefore

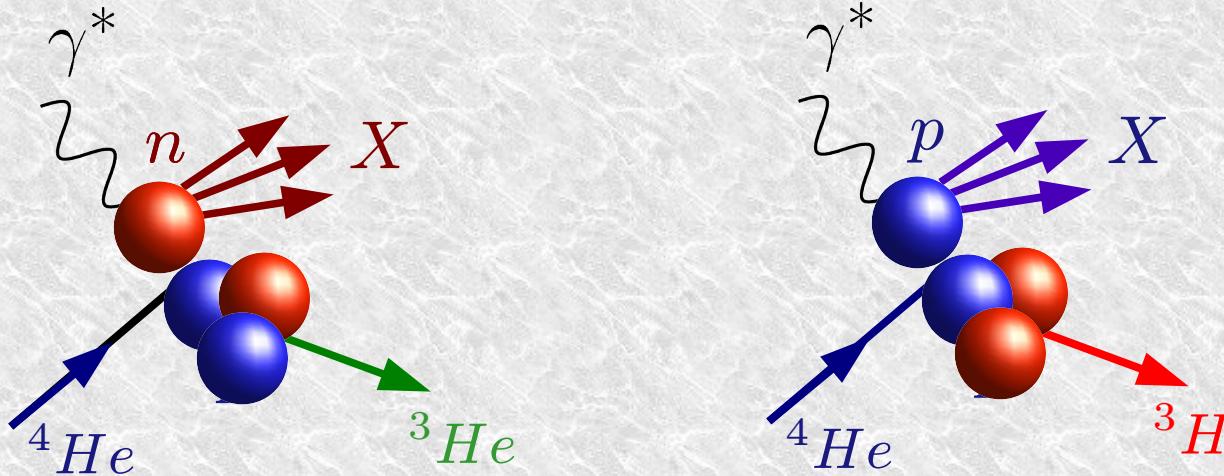


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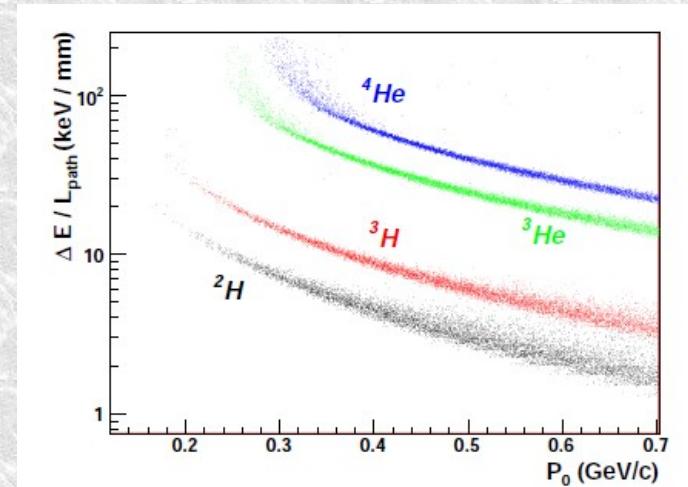
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# Quasi-free nucleon targets - EG6

- DIS on  $^4\text{He}$  with tagged  $^3\text{He}$  or  $^3\text{H}$ 
  - neutron & proton off-shellness reconstructed



- Study the off-shell dependence of  $F_2(n)$  &  $F_2(p)$
- Compare off-shell  $F_2(n/D)$  to  $F_2(n/^4\text{He})$ 
  - any nuclear dependence?
  - may want to check also  $^3\text{He}$  with tagged D
- Extrapolate to a free proton target  $p^2 \rightarrow M_n^2$ 
  - and CHECK the extrapolation procedure



# Quasi-free nucleon targets – 12 GeV

- BONUS11 – conditionally approved proposal

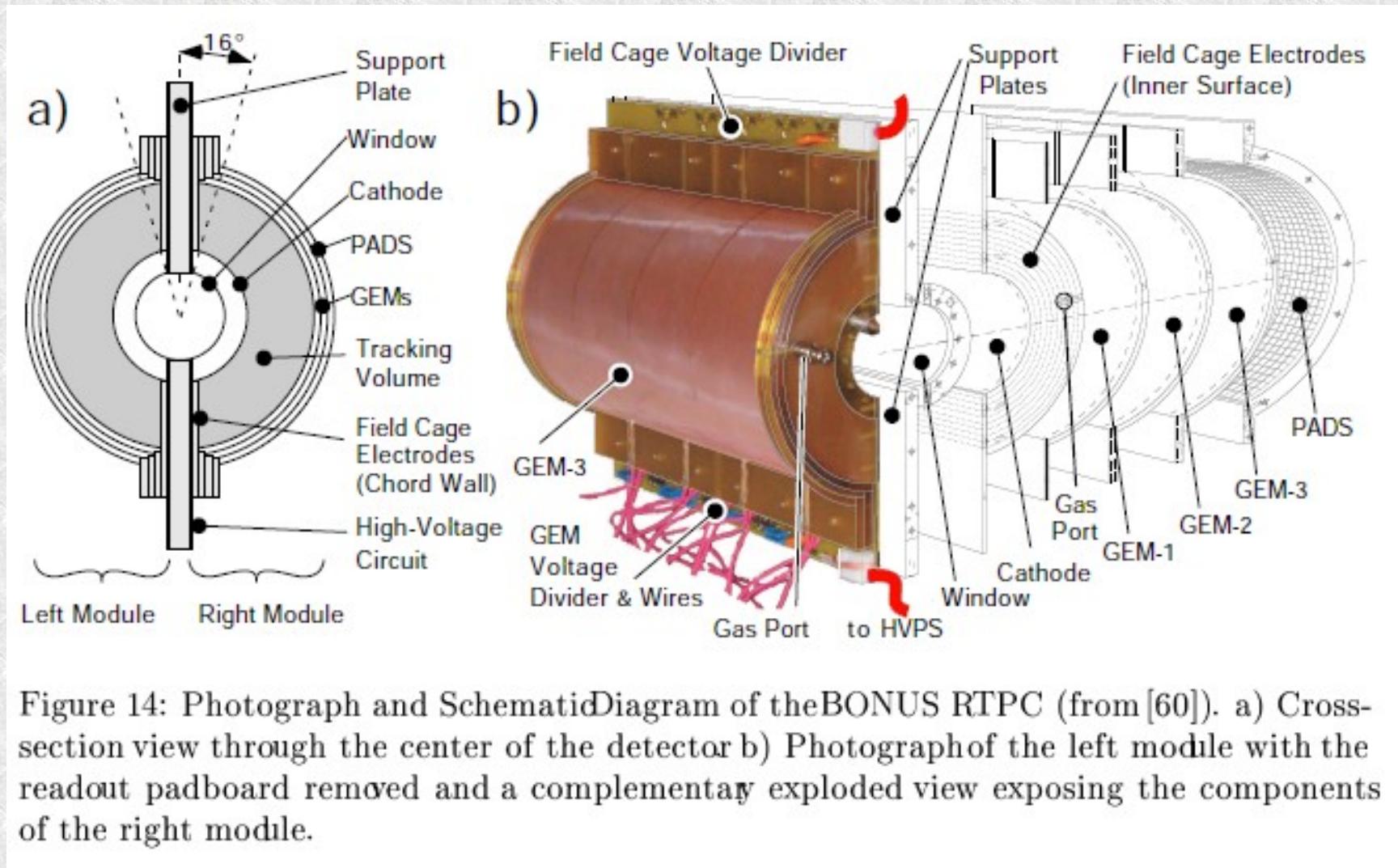
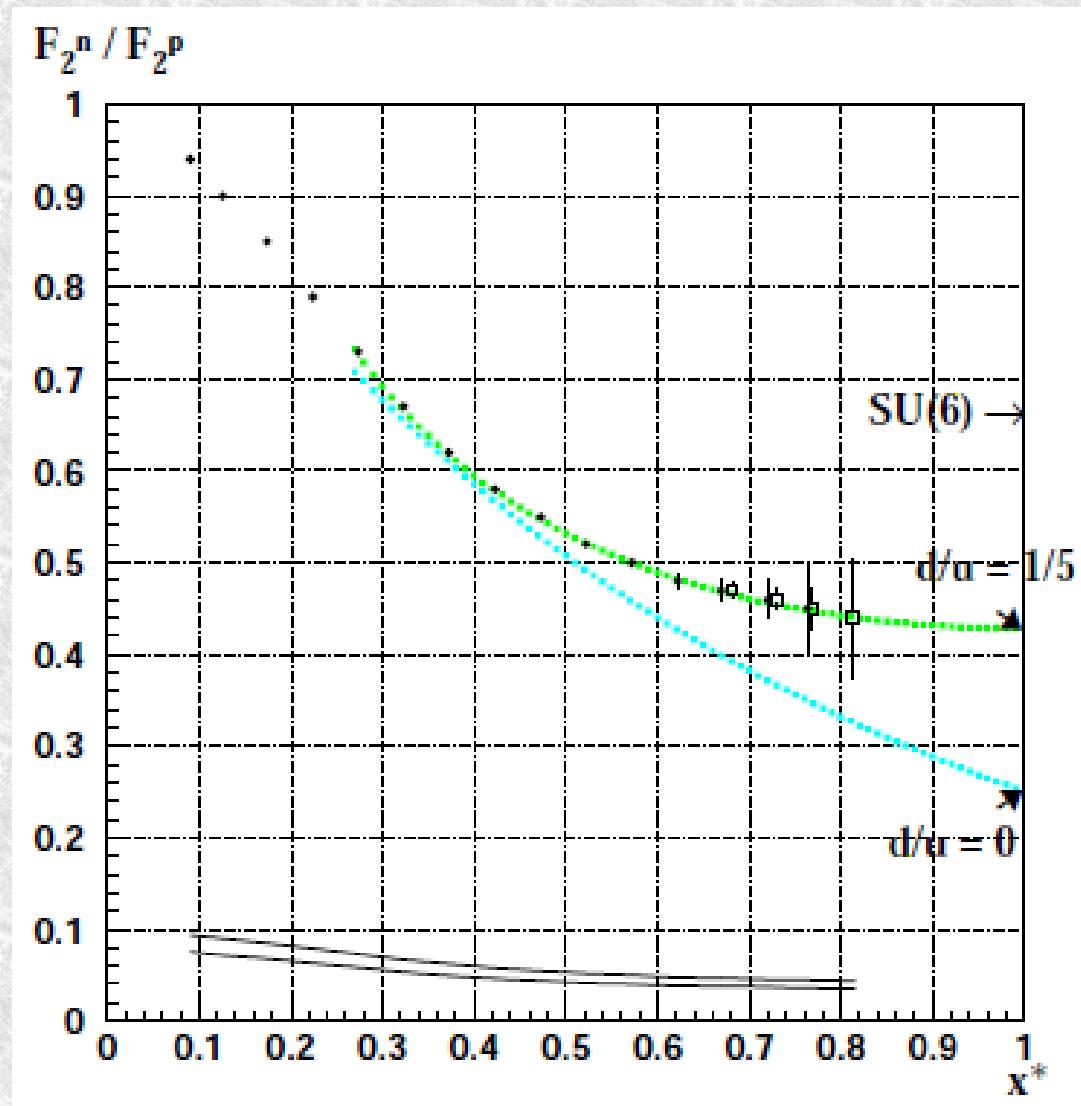


Figure 14: Photograph and SchematicDiagram of theBONUS RTPC (from [60]). a) Cross-section view through the center of the detector b) Photographof the left module with the readout padboard removed and a complementay exploded view exposing the components of the right module.

# Quasi-free nucleon targets – 12 GeV

- ◆ BONUS11 – conditionally approved proposal



# Quasi-free nucleon targets – 12 GeV

## ✚ LOI, evolution of EG6 – blessed by PAC35

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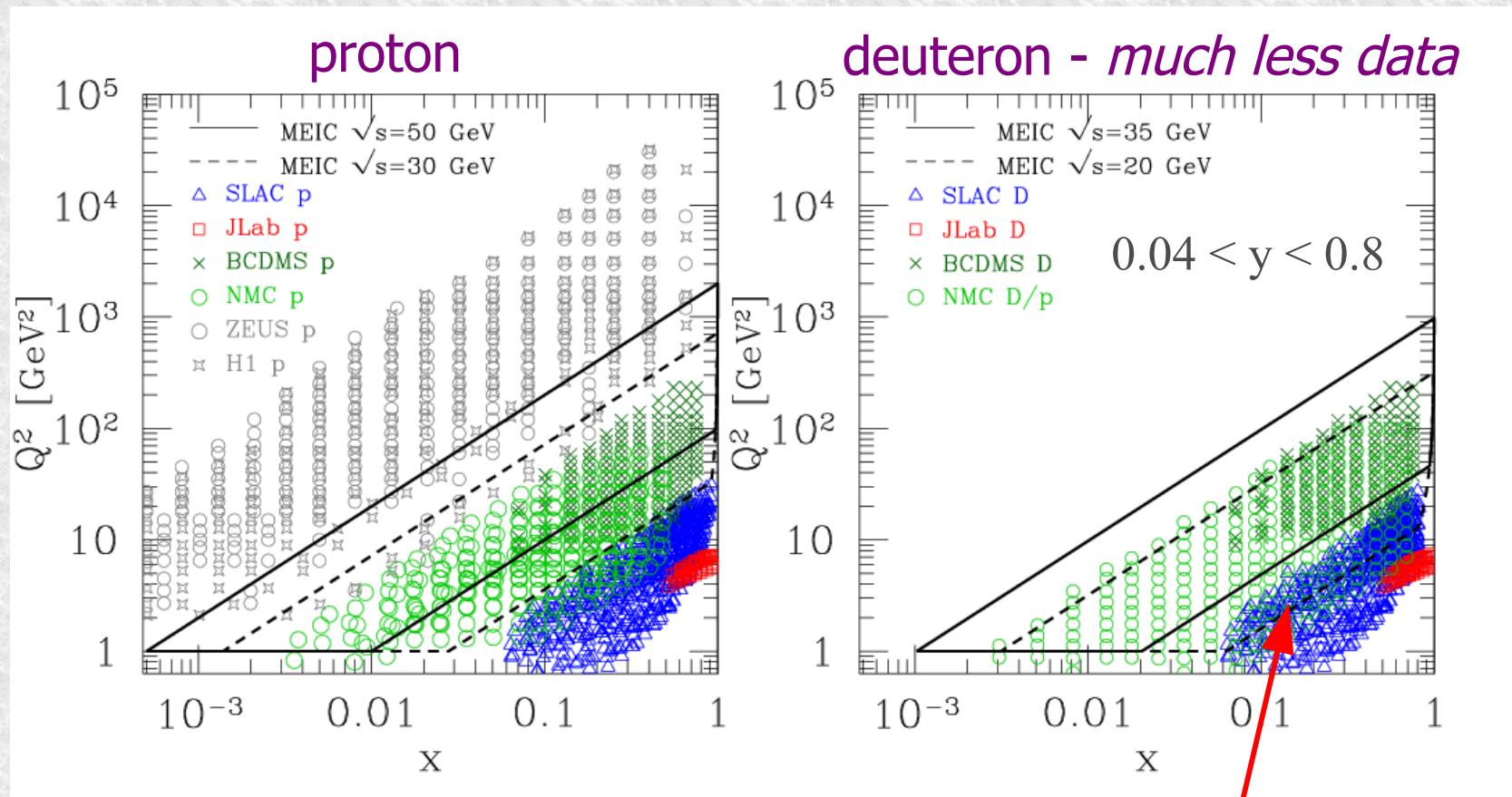
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- ✚ New recoil detector, slightly different from BONUS11
- ✚ full  $2\pi$  acceptance
- ✚ larger volume: better en.loss, momentum resolution
- ✚ ...

# **Outlook: the Electron-Ion Collider**

# The EIC for dummies

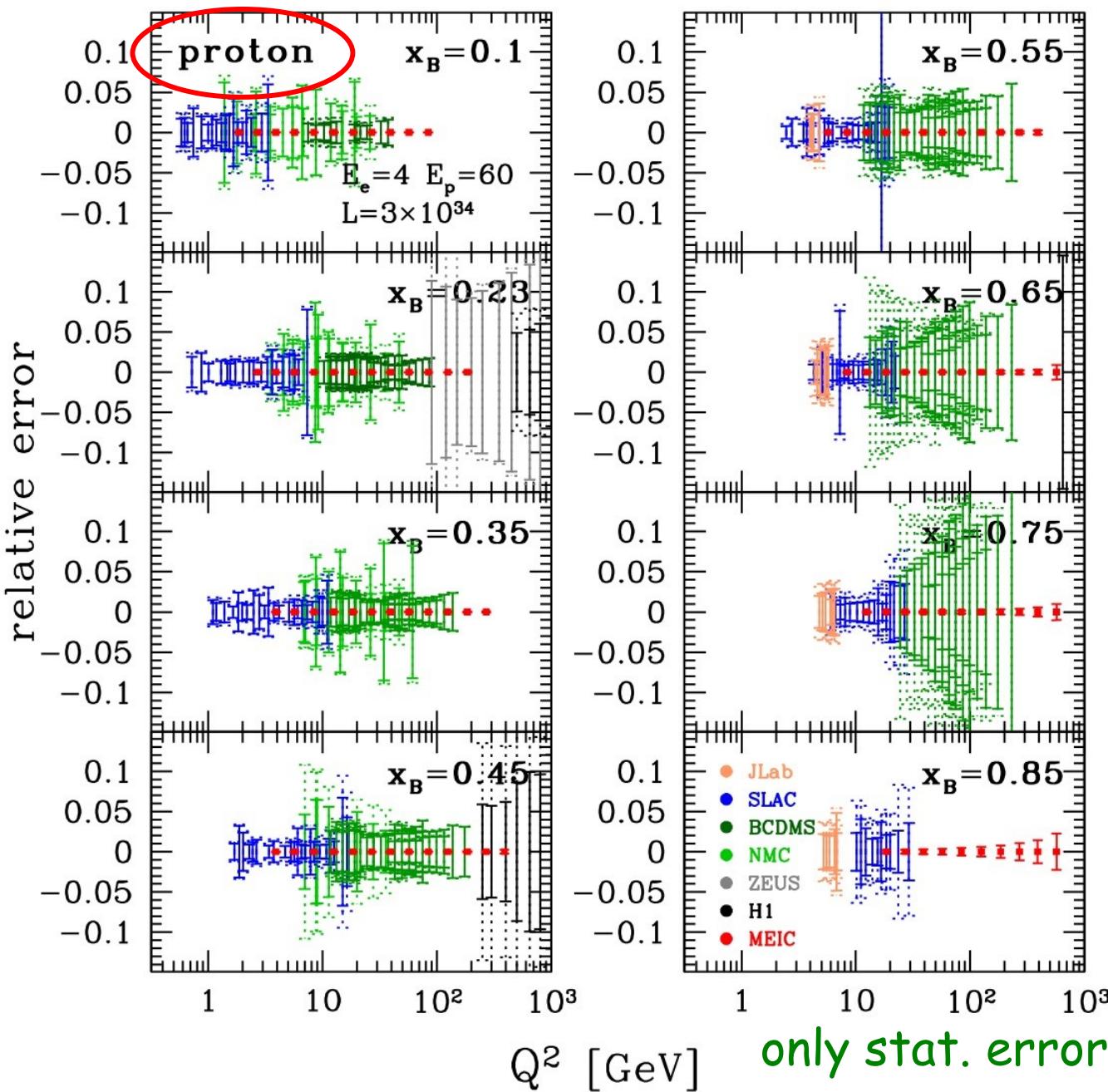
- Future US-based e+p (e+A) collider – 2 designs:
  - BNL – MeRHIC:* 4+250 GeV  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}/\text{s}^{-1}$
  - Jlab – MEIC:* 3+60 up to 11+60  $\mathcal{L} = 4 \times 10^{34} - 4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}/\text{s}^{-1}$



MEIC will probe lower  $x$  in the shadowing region, and higher  $Q^2$  at large  $x$ .

# Projected Results - $F_2^p$ Relative Uncertainty

[Accardi, Ent, in progress]



- MEIC 4+60
- 1 year of running (26 weeks) at 50% efficiency, or  $230 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

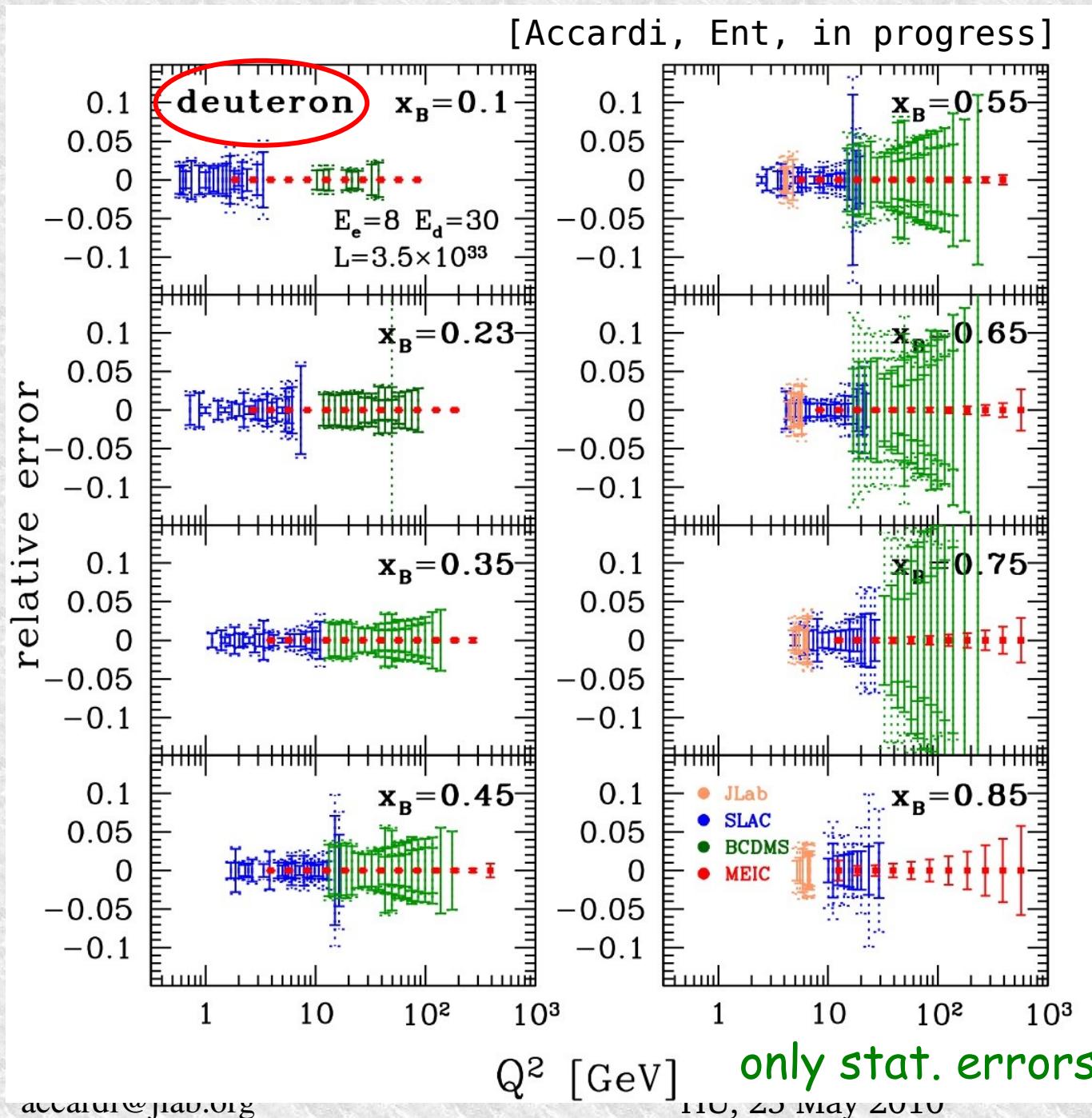
Solid lines are statistical errors, dotted lines are stat+syst in quadrature

For MeRHIC the luminosity is probably down by a factor of  $\sim 10$ , so these error bars will go up  $\sim 50\%$

*Huge improvement in  $Q^2$  coverage and uncertainty*

Will, for instance, greatly aid global pdf fitting efforts

# Projected Results - $F_2^d$ Relative Uncertainty

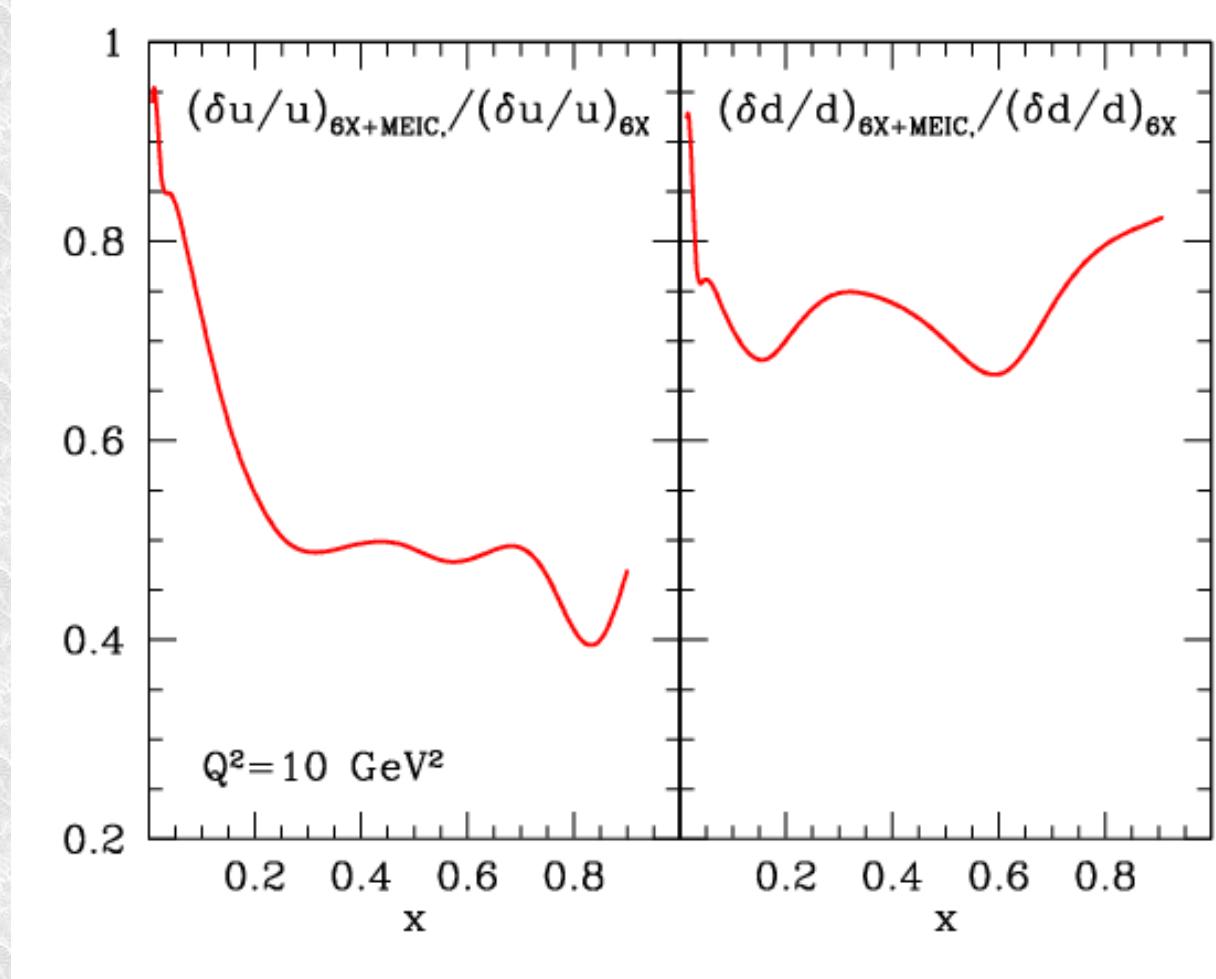


- MEIC 4+30
- 1 year of running (26 weeks) at 50% efficiency, or  $35 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Even with a factor 10 less statistics for the deuteron the improvement compared to NMC is impressive

*EIC will have excellent kinematics to measure n/p at large x!*

# Impact on global fits



Sensible reduction in PDF error,  
likely larger than shown if energy scan is performed

# Spectator Proton Tagging

100 mr horizontal crossing angle for ion beam would require large 40Tm magnet at 20 meter from the IP.

Assume Deuterium @ 60 GeV/nucleon

Proton-beam tagging after 4 m

80 cm - average

5 mm @  $p_s = 100 \text{ MeV}/c$

15 mm @  $p_s = 300 \text{ MeV}/c$

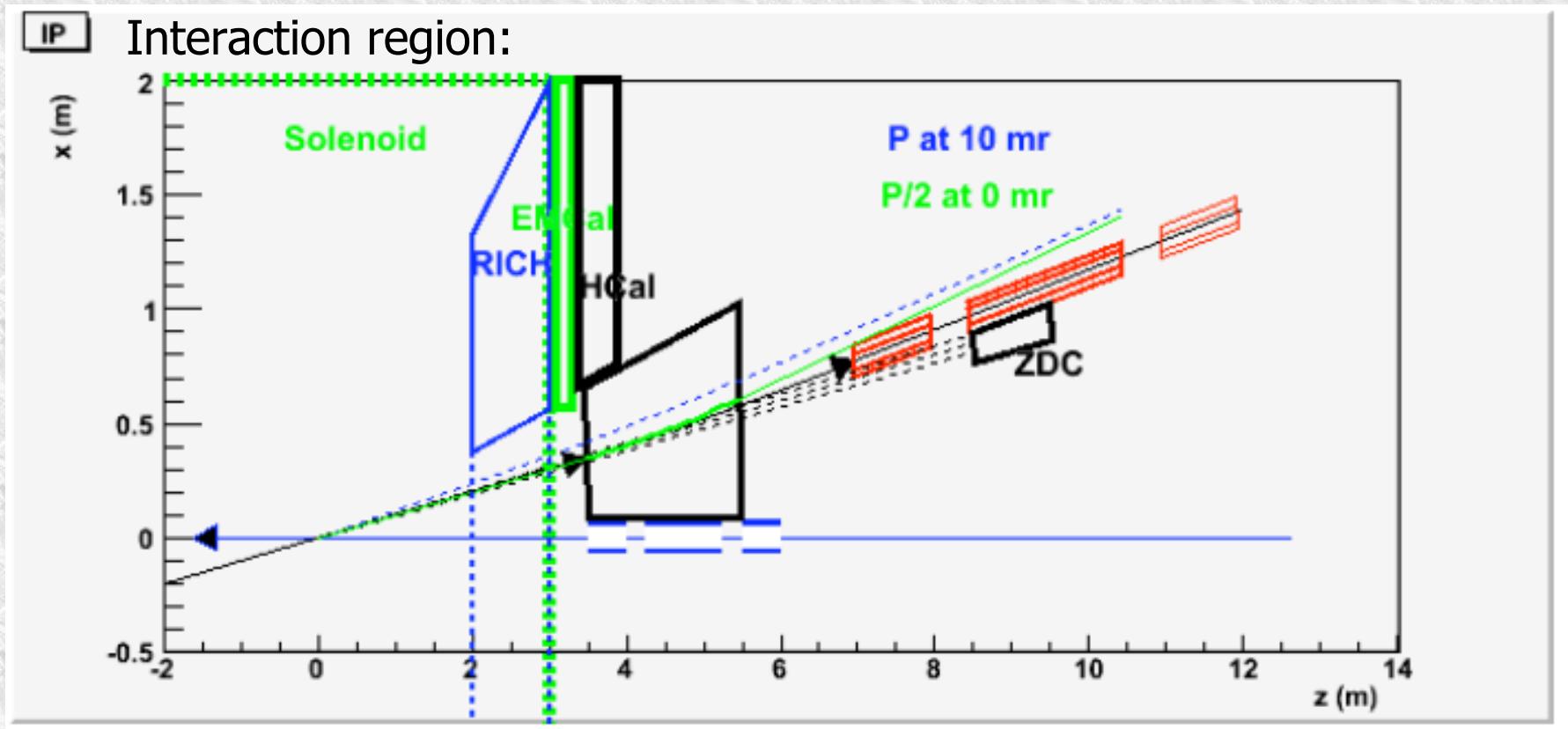
} spectator momentum relative to average

- Spectator proton detection "easy", e.g., wire chambers (no need of roman pots)
  - Need to fold in intrinsic beam spread to check resolution, (especially angular!)
- Tagging concept looks doable, even if the horizontal crossing angle was reduced by a factor of two or three.
- Perhaps also D, 3H, 3He tagging doable, though closer to beam

# Neutron Tagging

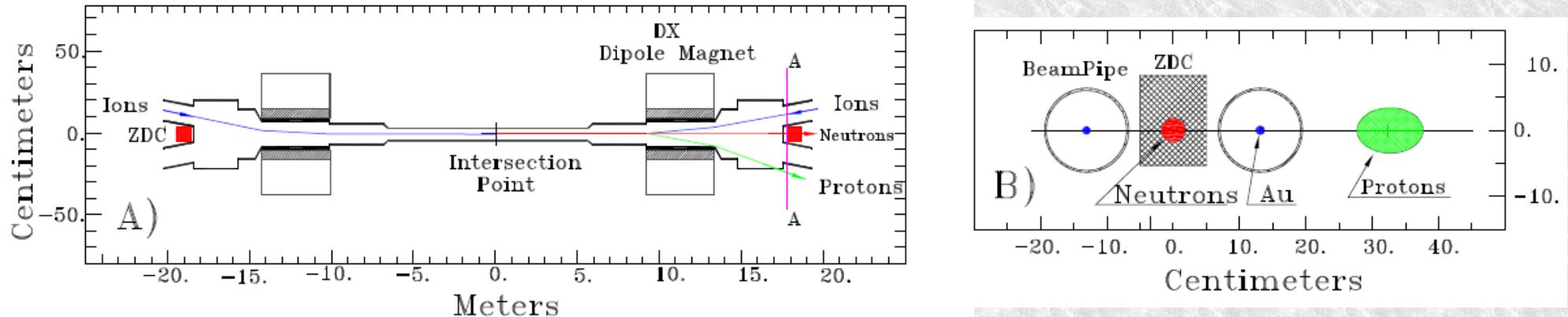
- Neutron tagging in Zero Degree Calorimeter
  - Bound vs. free proton structure functions
  - Extensive program of DVCS on tagged protons and neutron

[ C. Hyde, Rutgers '10 ]



# Neutron Tagging

The RHIC Zero Degree Calorimeters arXiv:nucl-ex/0008005v1



- EIC@JLab case: 40 Tm bend magnet at 20 meters from IP → very comparable to above RHIC case!
- 40 Tm bends 60 GeV protons with 2 times 100 mr  
→ deflection @ a distance of about 4 meters = 80 cm (protons)  
→ no problem to insert Zero Degree Calorimeter in this design

## Zero Degree Calorimeter properties:

- Example: for 30 GeV neutrons get about 25% energy resolution (*large constant term due to unequal response to electrons and photons relative to hadrons*)  
→ Should be studied more whether this is sufficient
- Timing resolution ~ 200 ps
- Very radiation hard (as measured at reactor)

# Structure functions at the EIC - summary

- **Bread and butter: inclusive DIS**

- Detailed rates:  $F_2$  and  $F_L$ , p and D
- charm and bottom str.fns.?
- Impact on global fits
  - ✓ large-x
  - ✓ small-x and saturation

- **Spectator tagging will open up an exciting physics program**

- Ongoing detector design – angular & momentum resolution
- Rate estimates needed
- p vs. n tagging:
  - ✓ “effective” neutron target
  - ✓ control nuclear effects on an “effective” proton
- Tagging with  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$  targets ???
  - ✓ EMC effect

# Conclusions

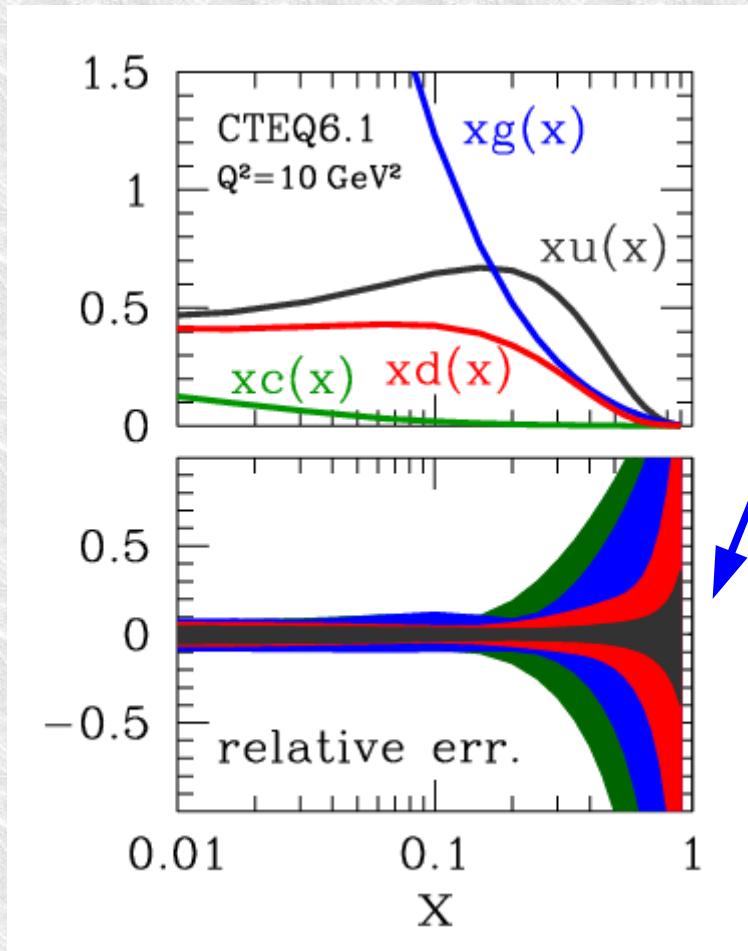
- ★ Flavor separation at large  $x$  important
  - to understand the nucleon structure
  - for phenomenological applications
- ★ but needs theoretical corrections
  - target/hadron/quark mass, HT, nuclear corrections, ...
- ★ u, d quarks: ongoing CTEQ6X studies
- ★ Lots of progress available at the Jlab 6 & 12, and the EIC

The future is bright ... and busy!

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# Why large $x$ ?

- Large uncertainties in quark and gluon PDF at  $x > 0.4$  – e.g., CTEQ6.1



- PDF errors
  - propagation of exp. errors into the fit
  - statistical interpretation
  - reduced by enlarging the data set
- Theoretical errors
  - often poorly known
  - difficult to quantify
  - can be dominant

# Why large $x$ ?

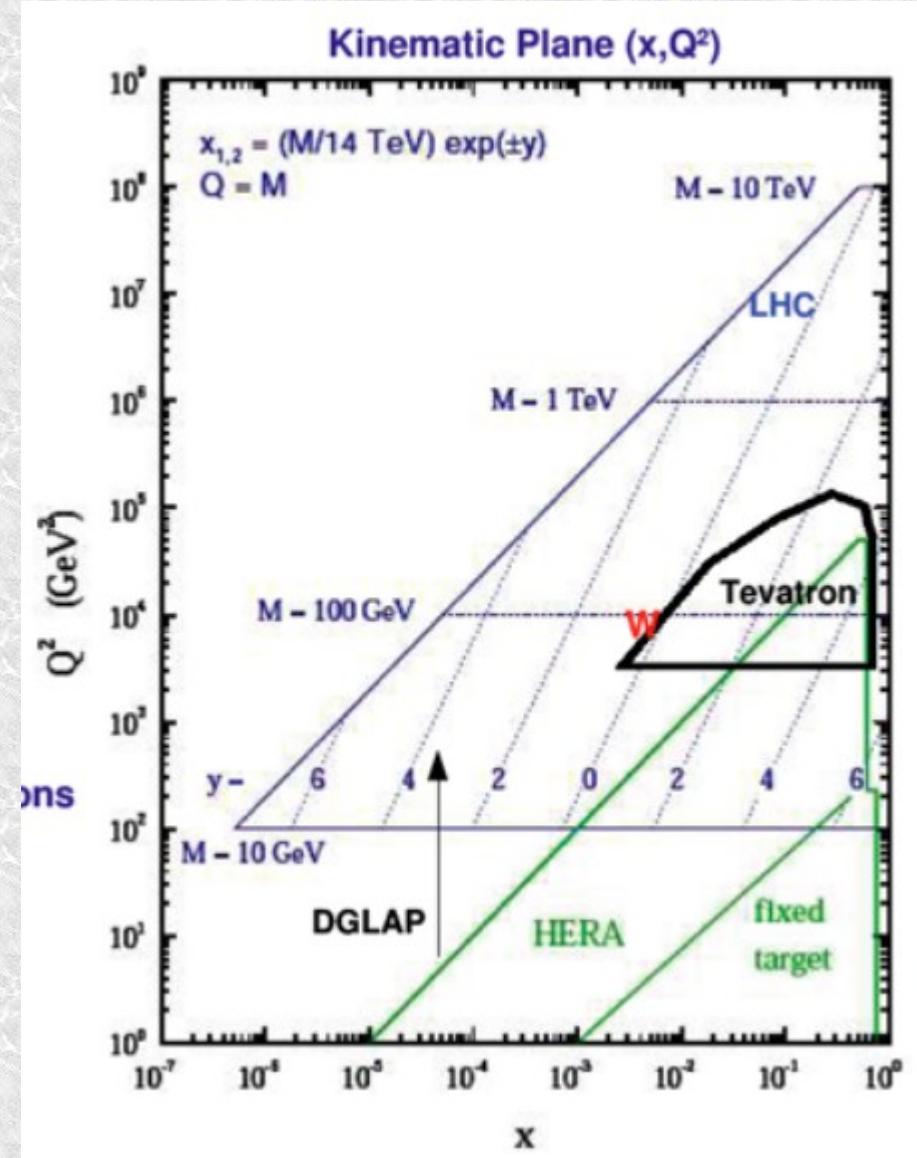
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  - ◆ at LHC, Tevatron
    - 1) DGLAP evolution feeds large  $x$ , low  $Q^2$  into lower  $x$ , large  $Q^2$
    - 2) New physics as excess on QCD large- $p_T$  spectra  $\Leftrightarrow$  large  $x$  PDF
  - ◆ Example:  $Z'$  production

$$M_{Z'} \gtrsim 200 \text{ GeV} \quad x = \frac{m_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$$

$$x \geq 0.02 \text{ (LHC)}, \quad 0.1 \text{ (Tevatron)}$$

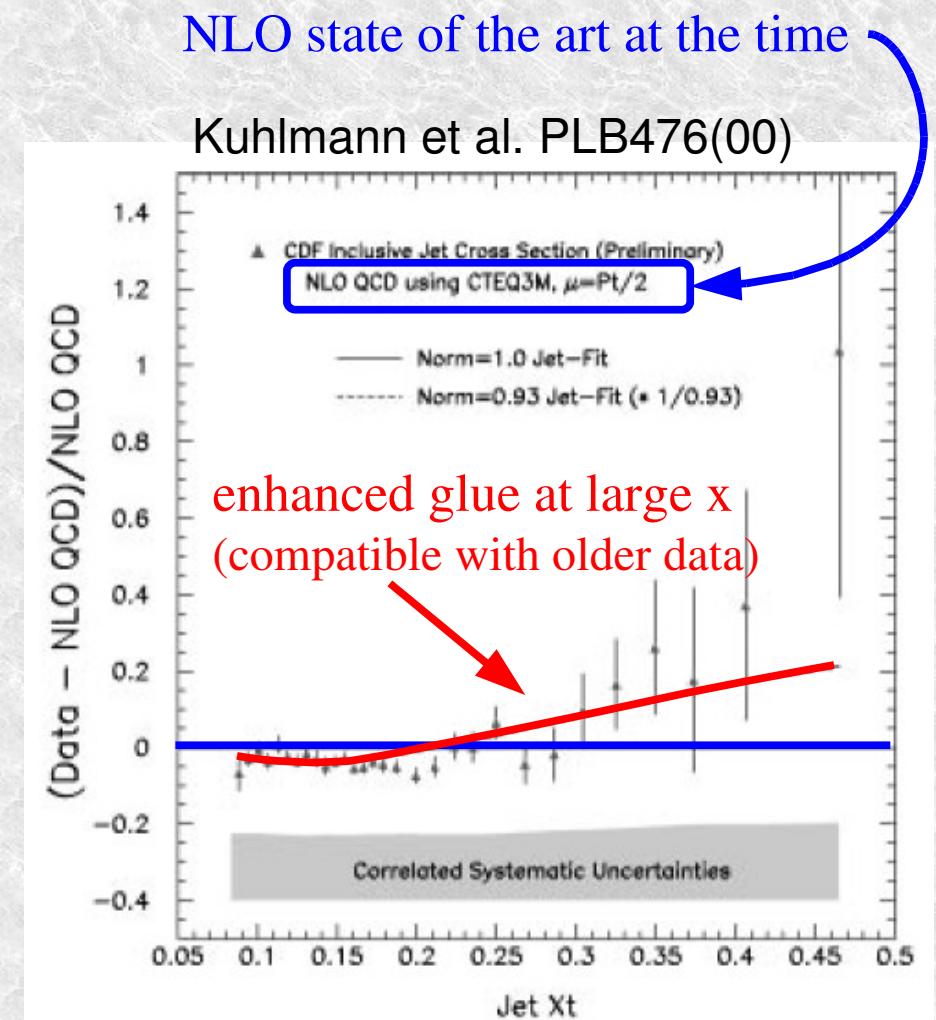
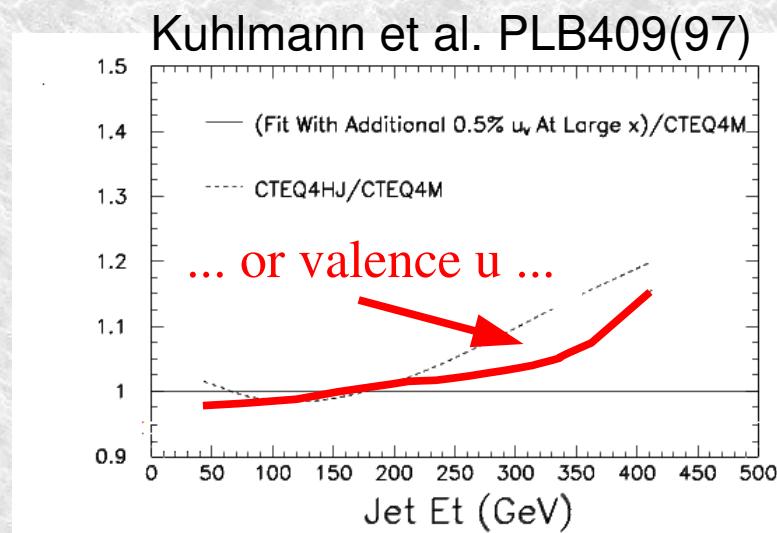
but recent work raises the bar:

$$M_{Z'} \gtrsim 900 \text{ MeV}$$



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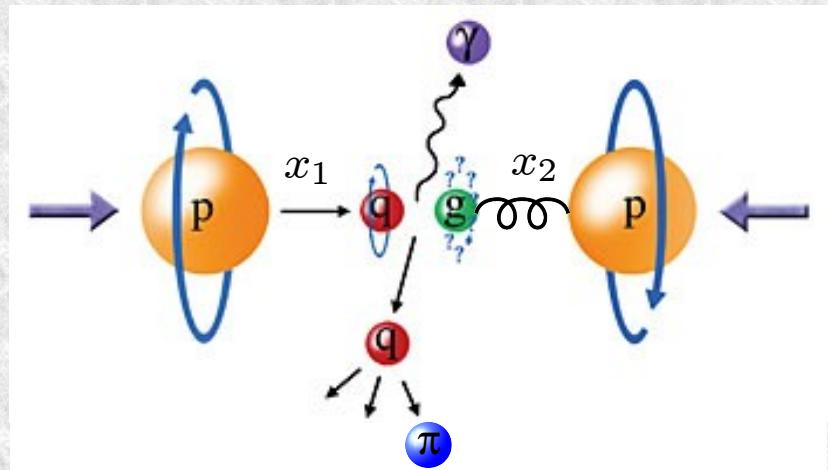
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  - ✚ Example 2: 1996 CDF  $p_T$  excess



# Why large $x$ ?

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- Precise PDF at large  $x$  are needed, e.g.,
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    - DGLAP evolution feeds large  $x$ , low  $Q^2$  into lower  $x$ , large  $Q^2$
  - spin structure of the nucleon – most spin at large- $x$ , but also, e.g.,

$$\sigma(p\vec{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \propto \Delta q(x_1) \Delta g(x_2) \hat{\sigma}^{qg \rightarrow qg} \otimes D_q^{\pi^0}(z)$$

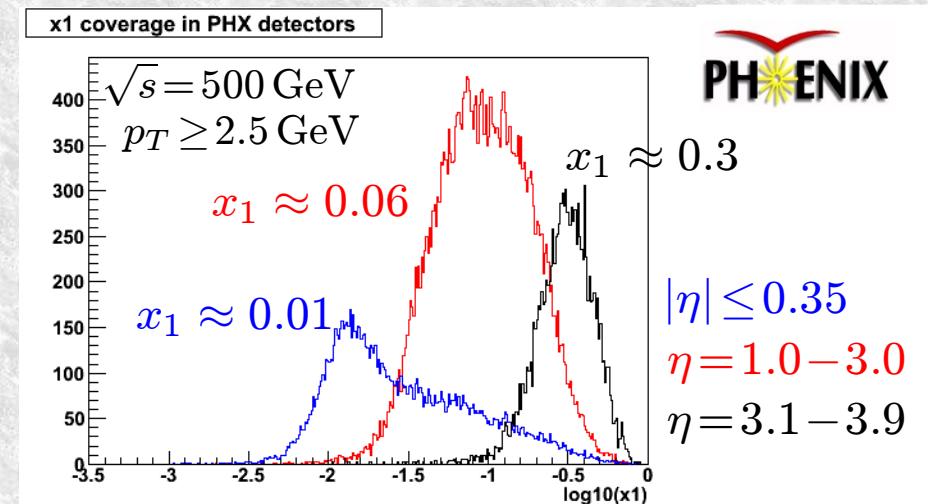
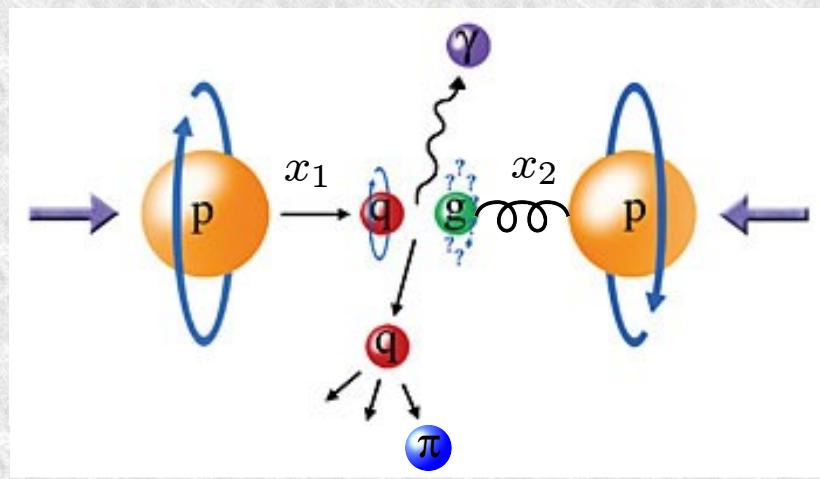


$$x_1 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$$
$$x_2 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y}$$

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# Target mass corrections

- ◆ Nachtmann variable:  $\xi = \frac{2x_B}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x_B^2 m_N^2 / Q^2}} < 1$  at  $x_B = 1$
- ◆ Standard Georgi-Politzer (OPE)  
[Georgi, Politzer 1976; see review by Schienbein et al. 2007]
  - ◆ leads to non-zero structure functions at  $x_B > 1$  (!)
- ◆ Collinear factorization [Accardi, Qiu, JHEP 2008; Accardi, Melnitchouk 2008]  
Structure fns as convolutions of parton level structure fns and PDF

$$F_{T,L}(x_B, Q^2, m_N) = \sum_f \int_\xi^\infty \frac{\xi}{x_B} \frac{dx}{x} h_{T,L}^f\left(\frac{\xi}{x}, Q^2\right) \varphi_f(x, Q^2)$$

- ◆ respects kinematic boundaries

- ◆  $\xi$ -rescaling, uses  $x_{\max} = 1$  [Aivazis et al '94; Kretzer,Reno '02]

$$F_{T,L}^{nv}(x_B, Q^2, m_N) \equiv F_T^{(0)}(\xi, Q^2)$$

- ◆ leads to non-zero structure functions at  $x_B > 0$  (!)

# “Higher-Twists” parametrization

- ◆ Parametrize by a multiplicative factor:

$$F_2(\text{data}) = F_2(\text{TMC}) \times \left(1 + \frac{C(x_B)}{Q^2}\right)$$

with

$$C(x_B) = a x^b (1 + c x)$$

- ◆ Important:  $C(x_B)$  includes
  - ◆ dynamical higher-twists (parton correlations)
  - ◆ all uncontrolled power corrections:
    - ✓ TMC model uncertainty, Jet Mass Corrections
    - ✓ NNLO corrections (power-like at small  $Q$ )
    - ✓ ...

# Deuterium corrections

- ◆ Nuclear Smearing Model

[Kahn et al., PRC79(2009)  
Accardi,Qiu,Vary, *in preparation*]

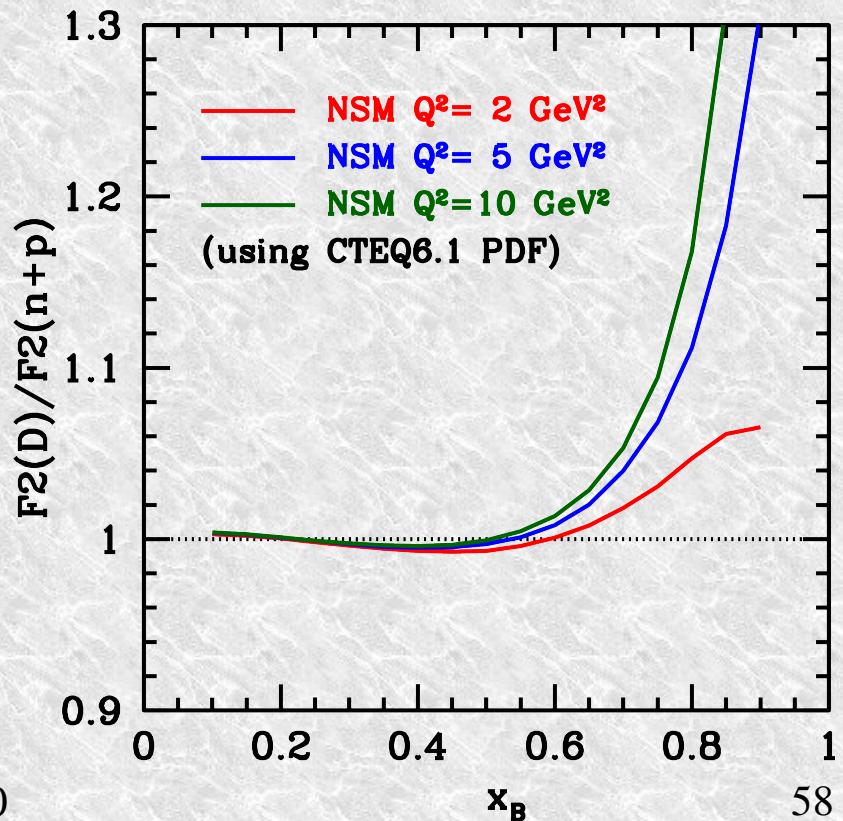
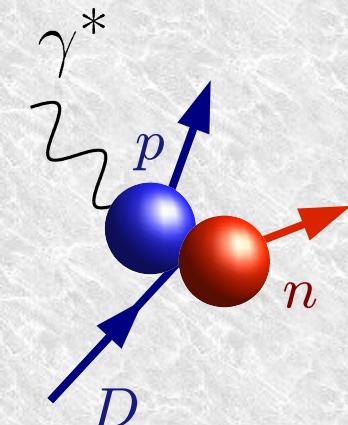
- ◆ nucleon Fermi motion and binding energy
- ◆ use non-relativistic deuteron wave-function
- ◆ finite- $Q^2$  corrections

$$F_{2A}(x_B) = \int_{x_B}^A dy S_A(y, \gamma, x_B) F_2^{TMC}(x_B/y, Q^2)$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 + 4x_B^2 m_N^2 / Q^2}$$

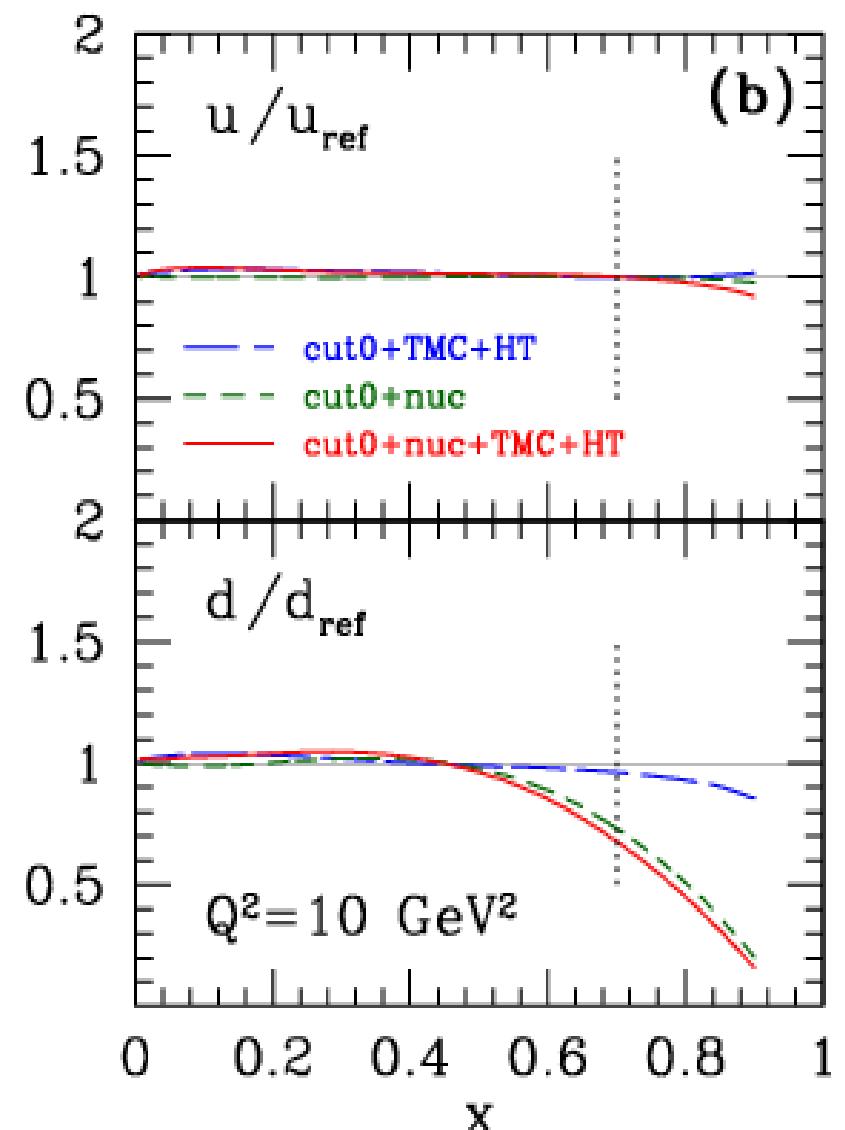
$$\frac{x_B}{y} = -\frac{q^2}{2p_N \cdot q}$$

- ◆ off-shell effects can be included in  $S_A$

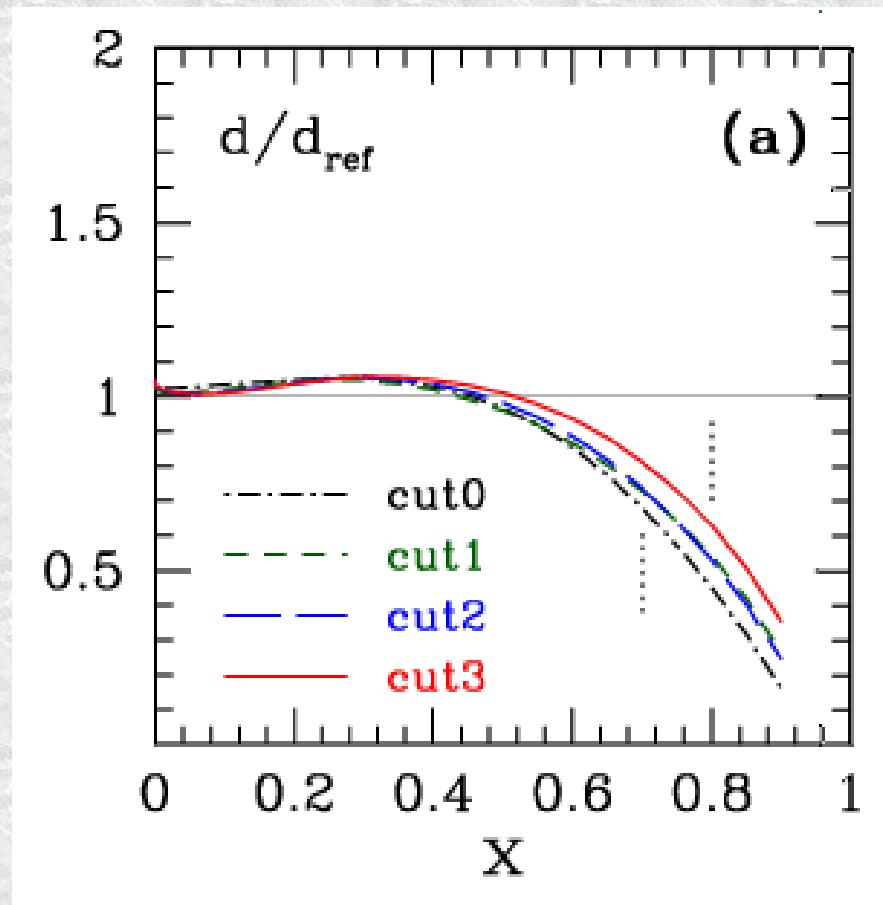


# Effects of corrections on reference fit

- Apply the theoretical corrections one at a time
- 2 important lessons:
  - cut0 removes TMC+HT (as desired)**
  - nuclear corrections are large starting from  $x > 0.5$  !!**  
("safe cuts" aren't safe everywhere)

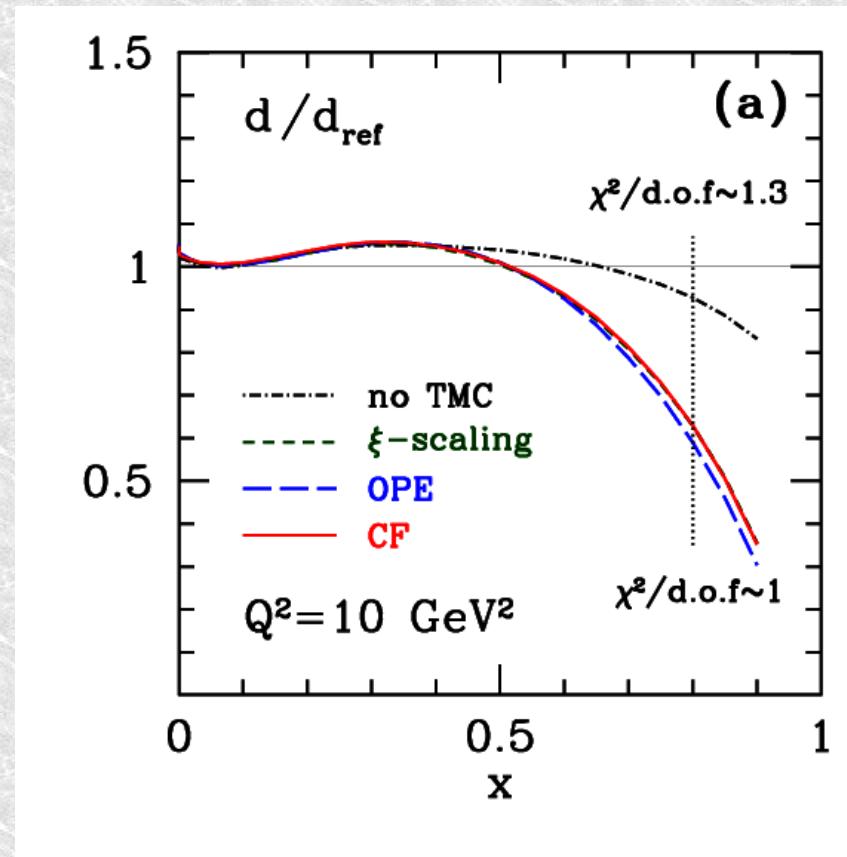


# Stability of the d-quark fit



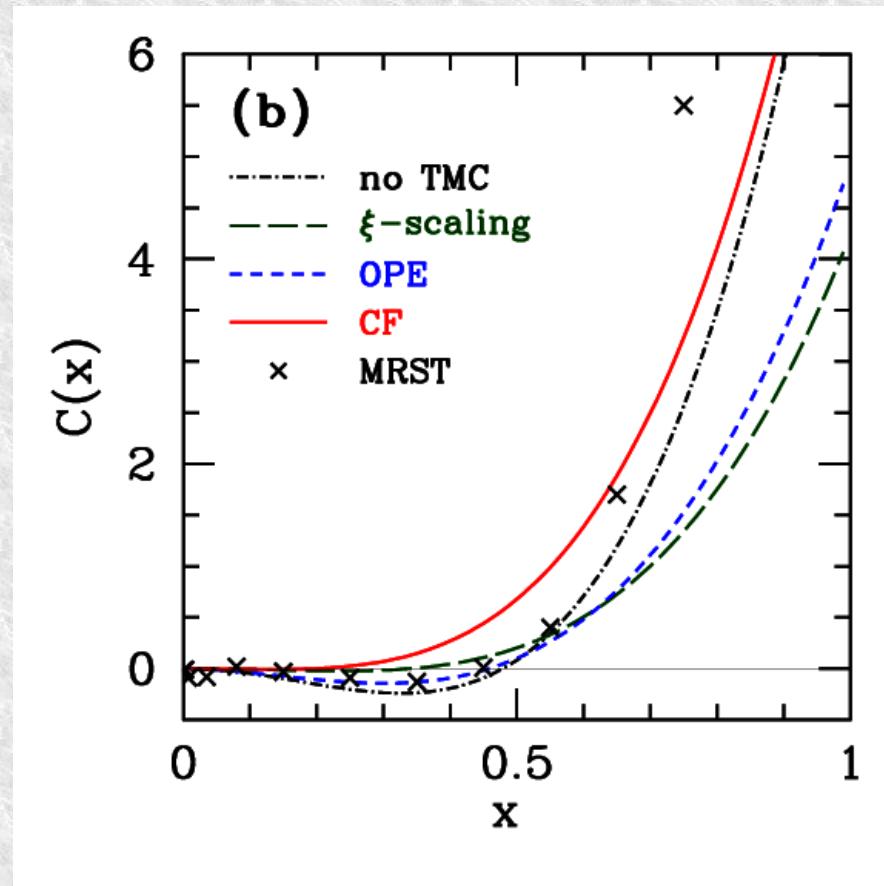
- ➔ Relatively stable against kinematic cuts, but
  - ➔ the d-quark suppression is lessened by the less restrictive cuts
  - ➔ effect still sizable at  $x=0.5$ – $0.7$  in the nominal range of validity of cut0

# TMC vs HT



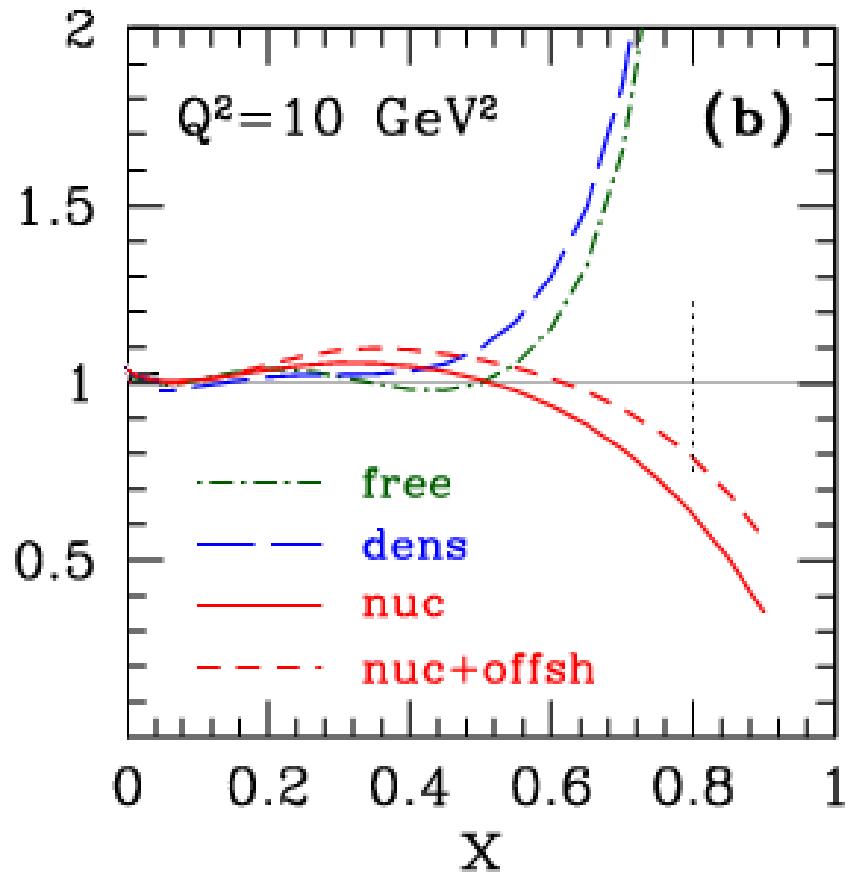
- Extracted twist-2 PDF much less sensitive to choice of TMC
  - fitted HT function compensates the TMC
  - except when no TMC is included
- Inclusion of TMC allow for economical HT parametrization (3 params)

# TMC vs HT



- Extracted higher-twist term depends on the type of TMC used
  - $Q^2 > 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  (referred to as “cut03”)
  - lower cuts  $\Rightarrow x_B < 0.85$  compared to  $x_B < 0.7$  in CTEQ/MRST
  - No evidence for negative HT

# Off-shell corrections



$$F_2^p = \frac{4}{9}x u \left(1 + \frac{d}{4u}\right) \quad \text{no corrections}$$

$$F_2^d = \frac{5}{9}x u \left(1 + \frac{d}{u}\right). \quad \text{O.S. corrections}$$

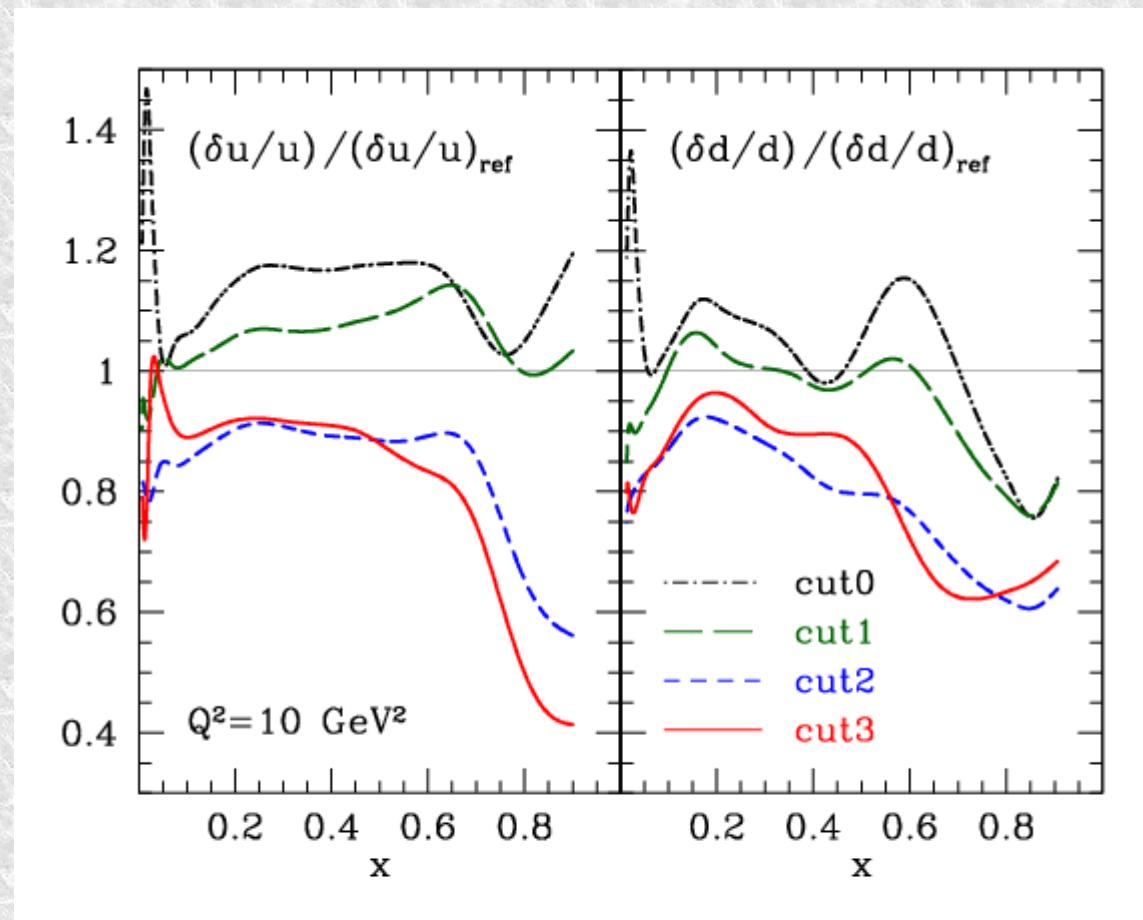
$$\frac{\delta d}{d} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\delta F_2^d}{F_2^d} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d/u}\right).$$

1.5% on  $F_2^d \Rightarrow 40\%$  on  $d$ -quark !!!

- ◆ d-quark is strongly correlated to choice of Off-Shell correction !
- ◆ on-shell or mild off-shell correction  $\Rightarrow$  d-quark suppression
- ◆ might as well be enhanced...
- ◆ Need to constrain the models ! – see later

# Experimental uncertainties: PDF errors

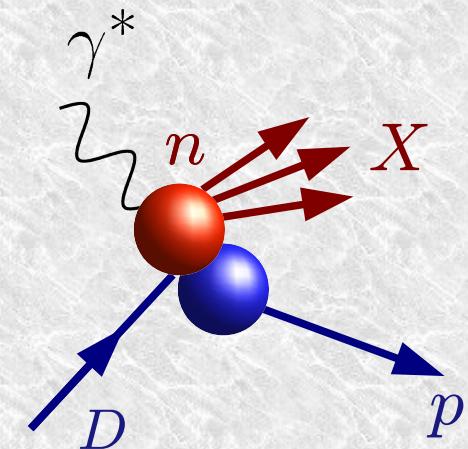
- PDF errors at large  $x$  are reduced by lowering the cuts
  - Note: these are exp. errors propagated in the fit
  - nuclear correction uncertainty for d-quarks likely larger than this!



# Quasi-free nucleon targets

BONUS and E94-102 experiments at JLab

- DIS on deuterium with tagged proton
- tagged proton momentum is measured
- neutron off-shellness can be reconstructed



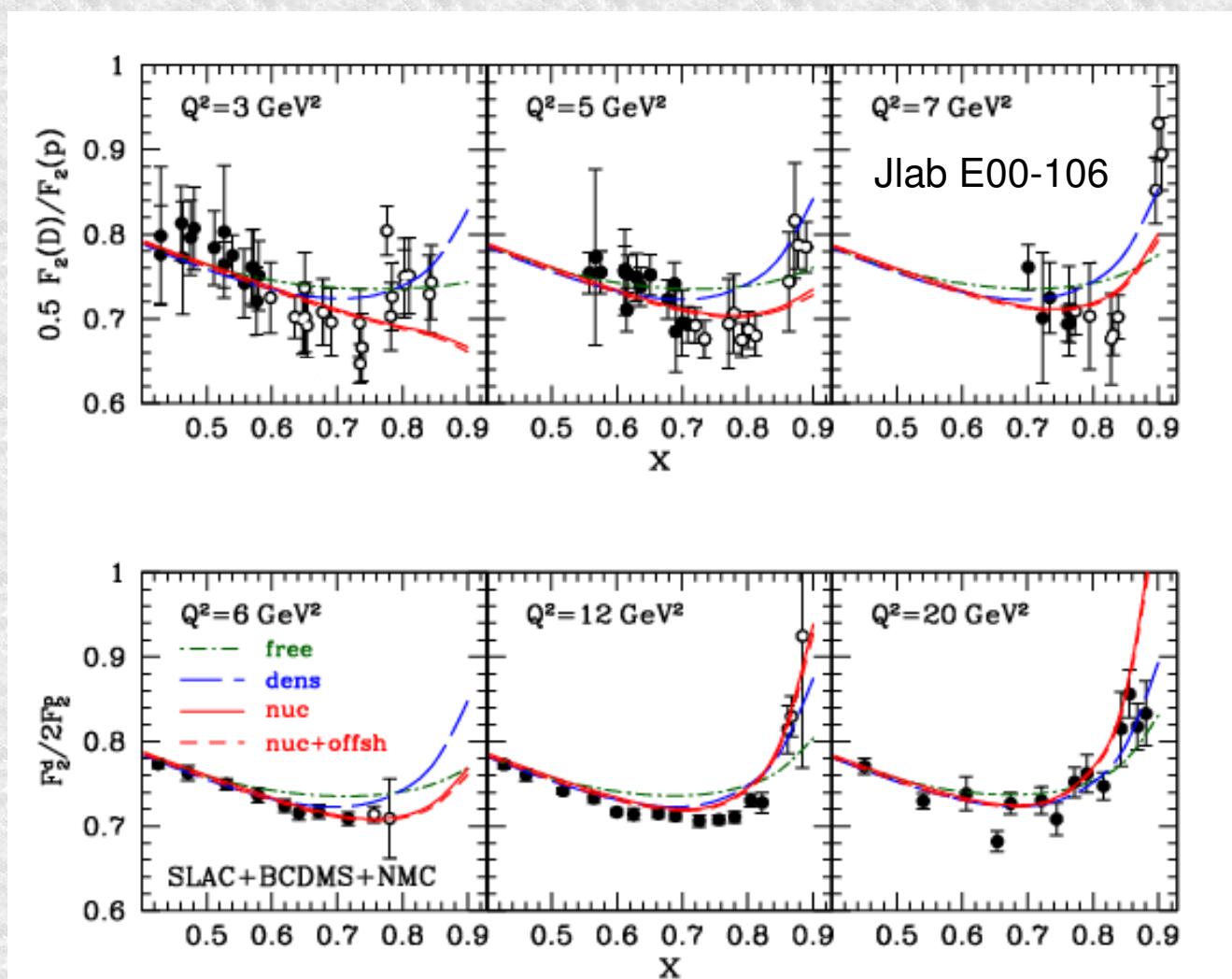
- Study the off-shell dependence of  $F_2(n)$  and quark PDFs

$$q \equiv q_D(x, Q^2, p^2)$$

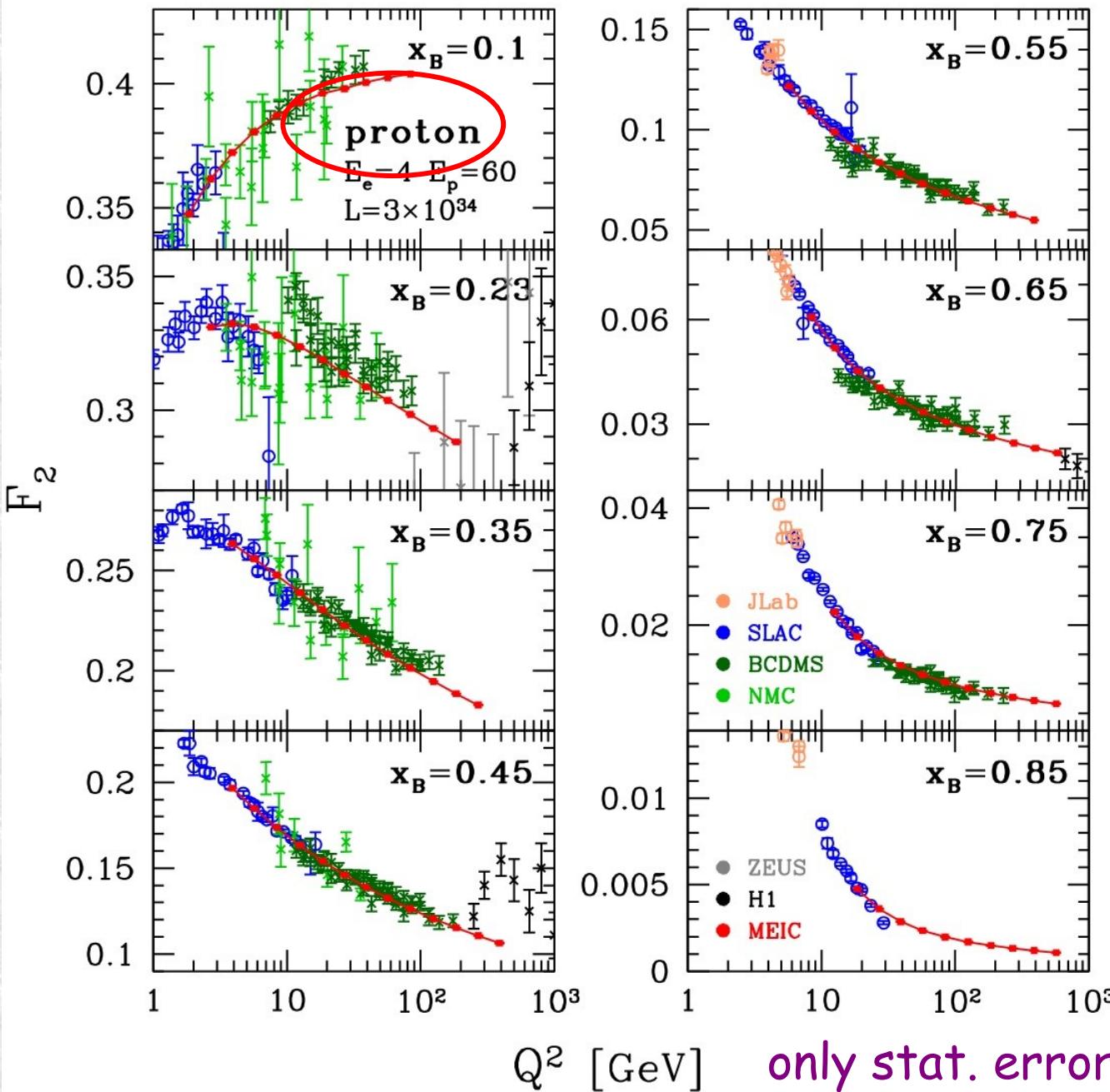
- Extrapolate to a free neutron target  $p^2 \rightarrow M_n^2$

# D/p ratios

- Strong  $Q^2$  dependence of nuclear smearing
- use fixed  $x_B$  data up to larger  $Q^2$
- needs resonance region  $\Rightarrow$  quark-hadron duality
- off-shell corrections can't be constrained



## Projected Results IIa - $F_2^p$ with CTEQ6X PDFs



- $E_e = 4 \text{ GeV}, E_p = 60 \text{ GeV}$   
( $s = 1000$ )  
- larger  $s$  ( $\sim 4000$  MeRHIC, or  $\sim 2500$  MEIC) would cost luminosity
- $0.004 < y < 0.8$
- Luminosity  $\sim 3 \times 10^{34}$
- 1 year of running (26 weeks) at 50% efficiency, or  $230 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Somewhat smaller  $Q^2$  reach and large luminosity is better choice at large  $x$ ,  $\sigma \sim (1-x)^3$

# Projected Results IIb - $F_2^d$

