Nucleon (Spin) Structure at High X

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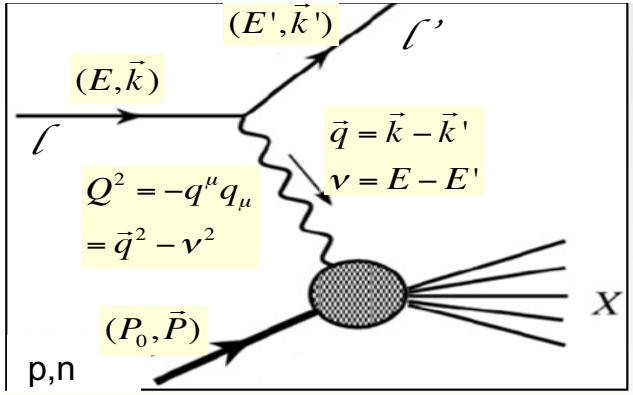
Overview

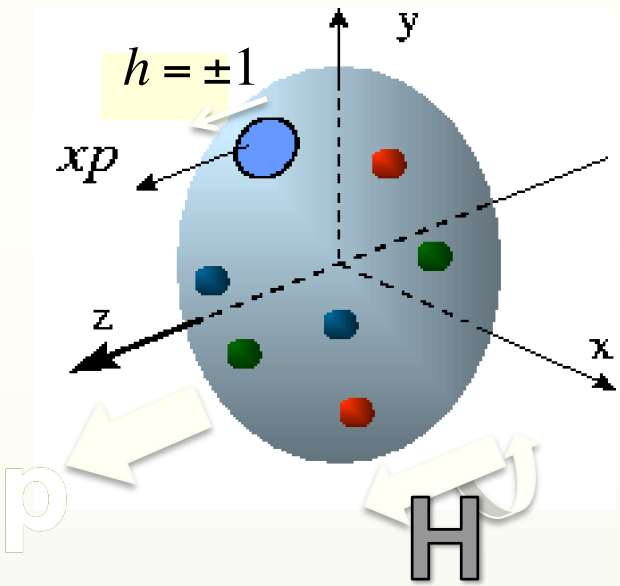
- Valence structure of the nucleon
  - Why do we care?
  - Where are we right now?
- Spin structure at high *x*
  - Existing world data
  - Recent results (Exp. and Theory)
  - Upcoming experiments
- JLab at > 20 GeV – what more can we do?
  - General considerations
  - Example: projections for A_{1n}
- Conclusions



Inclusive lepton scattering

Parton model: DIS can access $F_1(x)=\frac{1}{2}\sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x)$ (and $F_2(x)\approx 2xF_1(x)$) Callan-Gross

$g_1(x)=\frac{1}{2}\sum_i e_i^2 \Delta q_i(x)$ (and $g_2(x)\approx -g_1(x)+\int_x^1 \frac{g_1(y)}{y}dy$) Wandzura-Wilczek



$q(x;Q^2), \langle h\cdot H\rangle q(x;Q^2)$

"1-D" Parton Distributions (PDFs)
(integrated over many variables)

At finite Q^2: pQCD evolution ($q(x,Q^2)$, $\Delta q(x,Q^2)$ ⇒ DGLAP equations), and gluon radiation

$$g_1(x,Q^2)_{pQCD}=\frac{1}{2}\sum_q^{N_f} e_q^2[(\Delta q+\Delta\bar{q})\otimes(1+\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\delta C_q)+\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\Delta G\otimes\frac{\delta C_G}{N_f}]$$

⇒ access to gluons. $\delta C_q, \delta C_G$ – *Wilson* coefficient functions

SIDIS: Tag the flavor of the struck quark with the leading FS hadron ⇒ separate $q_i(x,Q^2)$, $\Delta q_i(x,Q^2)$

Fixed target kinematics: $Q^2\approx M^2$ ⇒ target mass effects, higher twist contributions and resonance excitations

- Non-zero $R=\frac{F_2}{2xF_1}\left(\frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2}+1\right)-1$, $g_2^{HT}(x)=g_2(x)-g_2^{WW}(x)$
- Further Q^2-dependence (power series in $\frac{1}{Q^n}$)
- Ultra-low Q^2: χPT, EFT,…

Duality?

Valence Region: Structure Functions for $x \to 1$

- Dominated by up and down valence quarks –> quantum numbers of the nucleon
- Important for higher power x^n moments -> Mellin Moments, LQCD
- Related to high-Q^2, lower x through DGLAP -> LHC

- MANY predictions based on pQCD and quark models:

SU(6)-symmetric proton wave function in the "naïve" quark model:

$$|p\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}}\left(3u\uparrow[ud]_{S=0} + u\uparrow[ud]_{S=1} - \sqrt{2}u\downarrow[ud]_{S=1} - \sqrt{2}d\uparrow[uu]_{S=1} - 2d\downarrow[uu]_{S=1}\right)$$

In this model: d/u = 1/2, Δu/u = 2/3, Δd/d = -1/3 for all $x \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_q \Delta q = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_p = \frac{1}{2}\sum_q \Delta q = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma; \quad g_A^{(3)} = \Delta u - \Delta d = 5/3; \quad g_A^{(8)} = \Delta u + \Delta d - 2\Delta s = 1$$

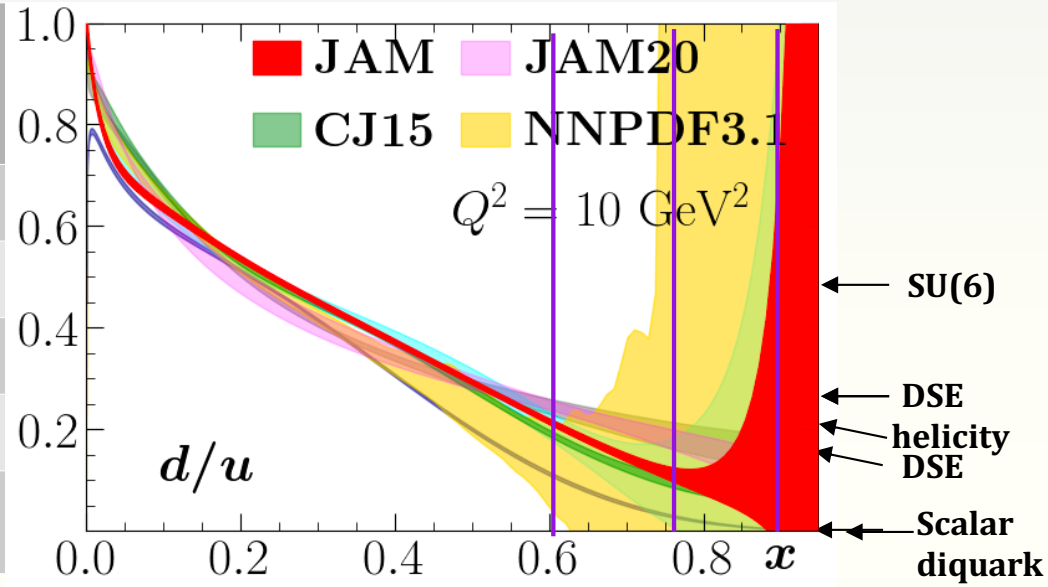
Relativistic Correction: lower component reduces axial charge, adds to orbital angular momentum (p-wave) $\Rightarrow$

$$\sum_q \Delta q = \Delta\Sigma \approx 60\%; \quad g_A^{(3)} = \Delta u - \Delta d \approx 1.26; \quad g_A^{(8)} = \Delta u + \Delta d - 2\Delta s \approx 0.6$$

Hyperfine structure effect in QM: S=1 suppressed => d/u = 0, Δu/u = 1, Δd/d = -1/3
for $x \to 1$ => $A_{1p} = 1$, $A_{1n} = 1$, $A_{1D} = 1$
pQCD: helicity conservation ($q\uparrow\uparrow p$) => d/u -> 2/(9+1) = 1/5, Δu/u -> 1, Δd/d -> 1 for $x \to 1$
Other approaches: Dyson-Schwinger Equation, statistical models, …

Unpolarized PDFs– high *x*

Nucleon Model	F_2^n/F_2^p $X \to 1$	d/u $X \to 1$
SU(6) Symmetry	2/3	0.5
Scalar diquark dominance	1/4	0
DSE contact interaction	0.41	0.18
DSE realistic interaction	0.49	0.28
PQCD (helicity conservation)	3/7	0.2



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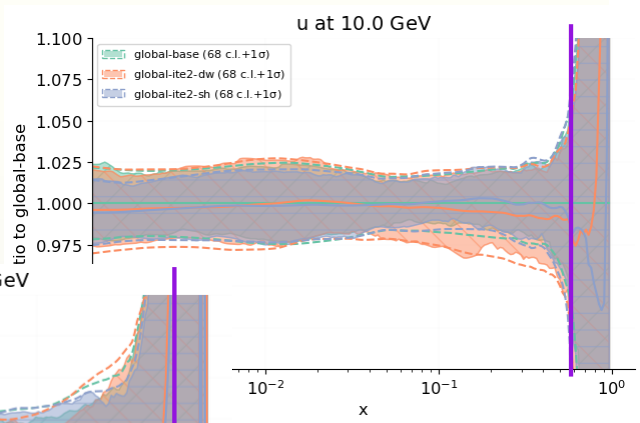
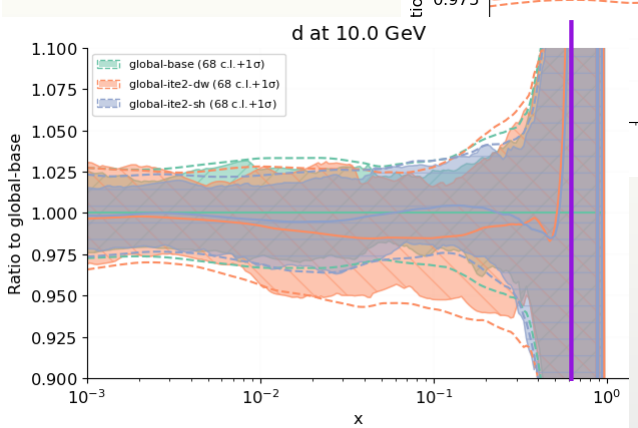
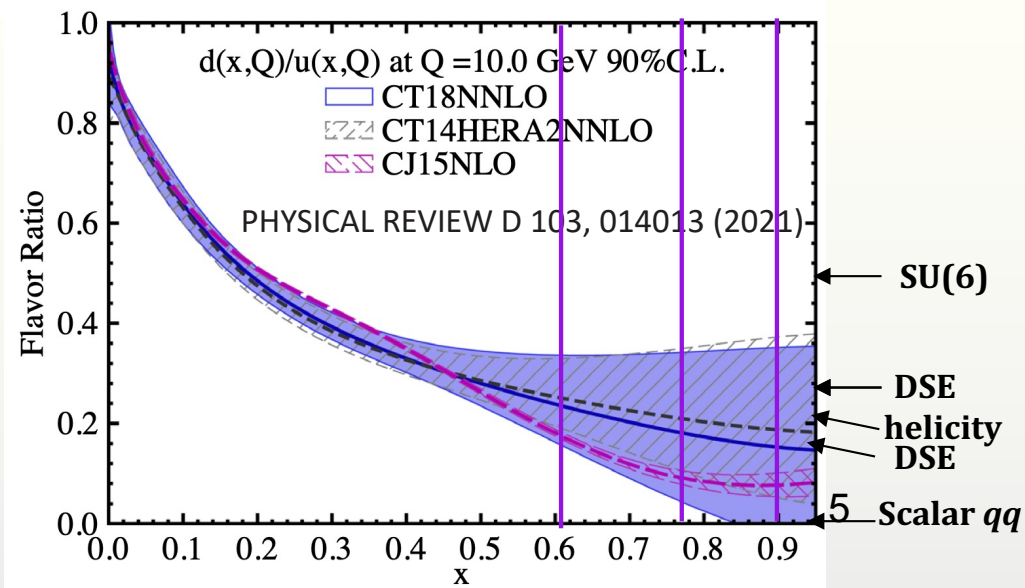


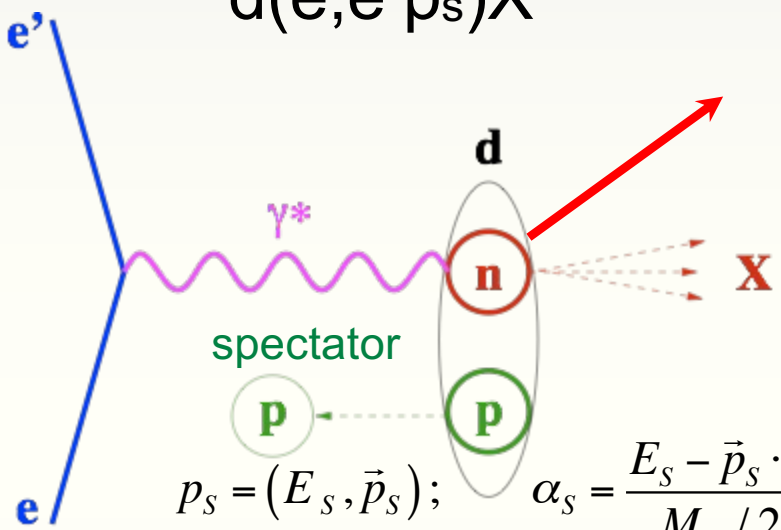




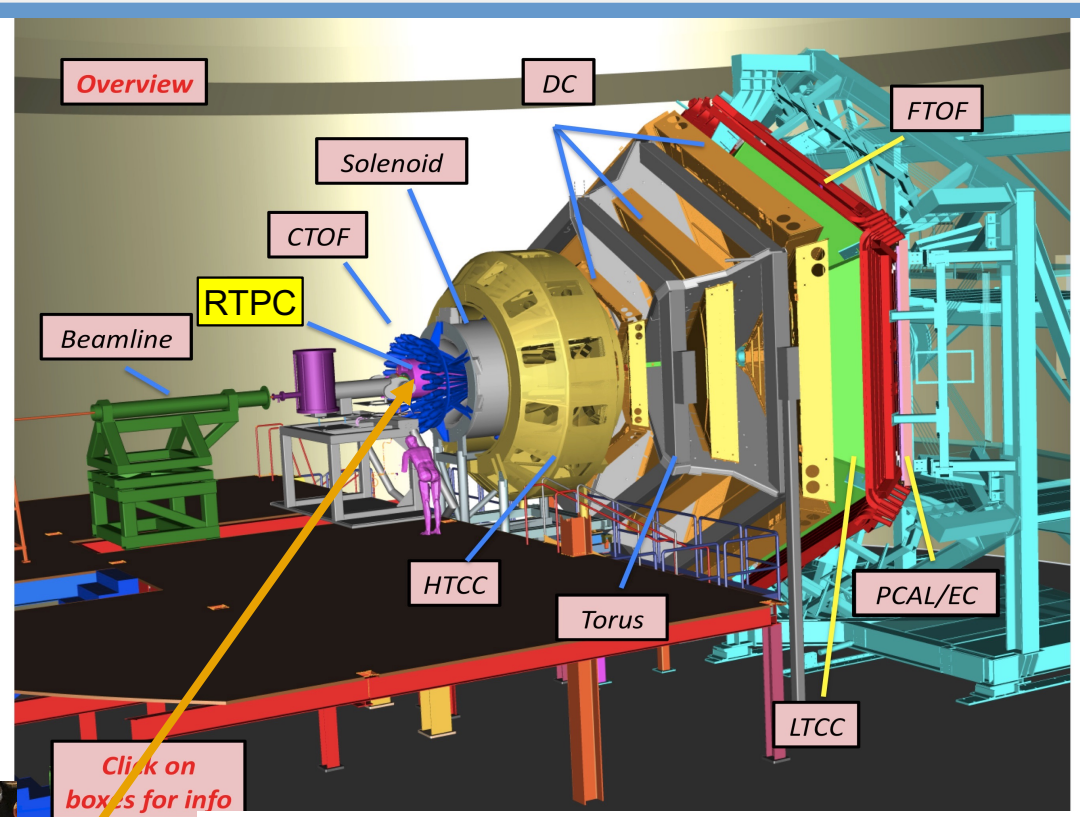
BONuS12 with CLAS12

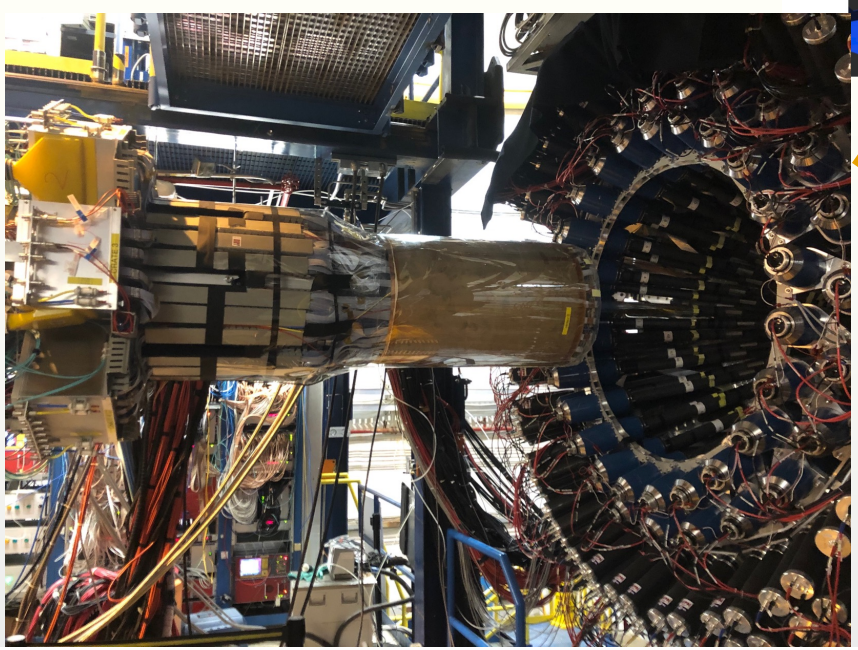
F_{2n}/F_{2p} through spectator tagging

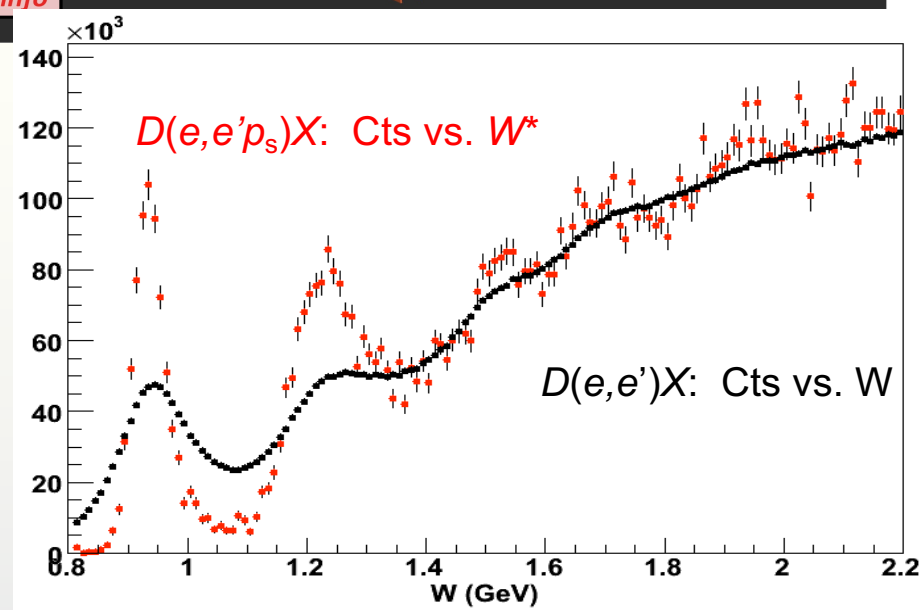
d(e,e'p_s)X



$$p_S = (E_S, \vec{p}_S); \qquad \alpha_S = \frac{E_S - \vec{p}_S \cdot \hat{q}}{M_D/2}$$

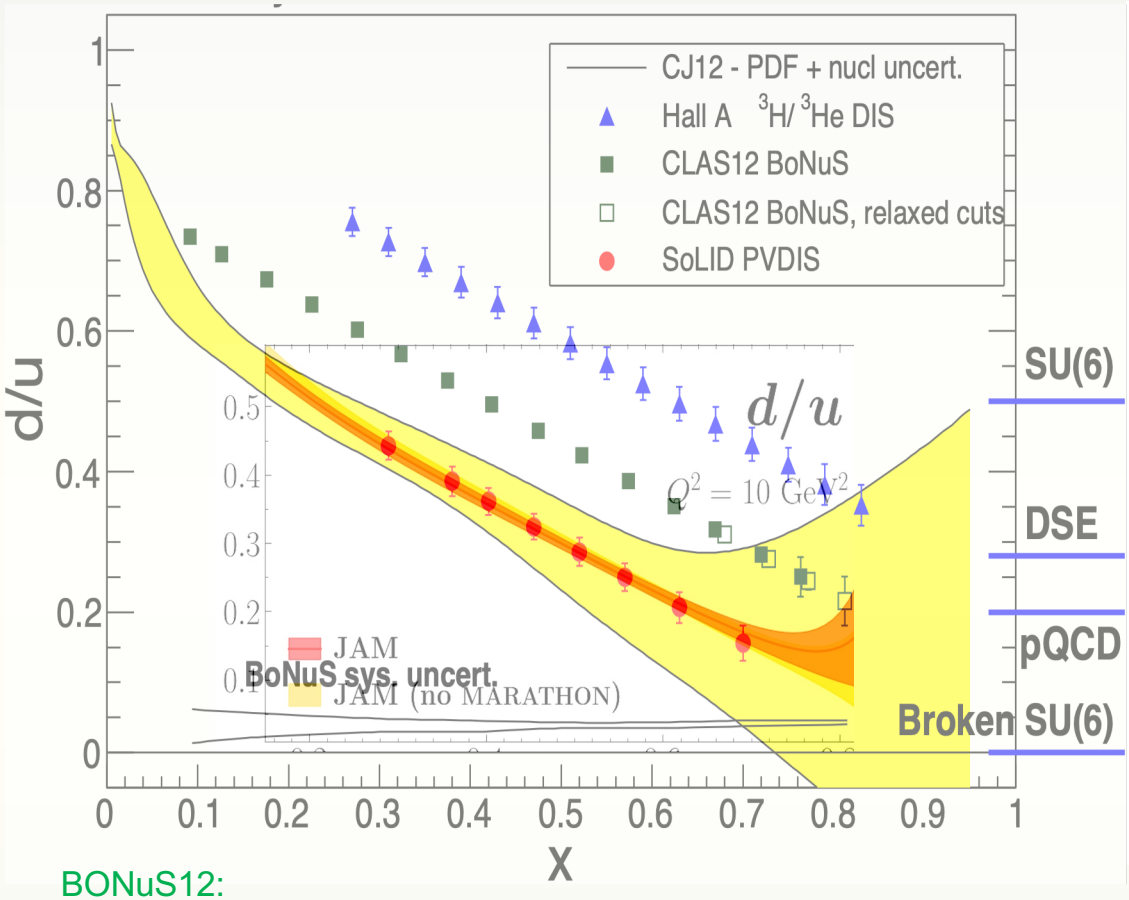


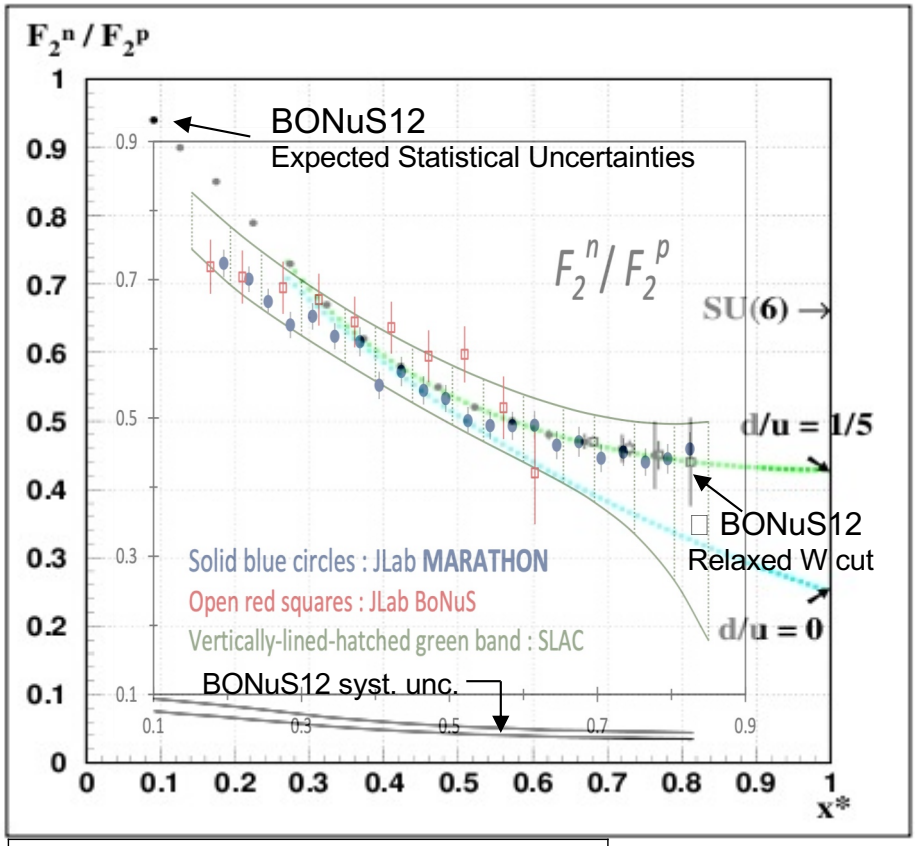




Projected JLab@12 GeV d/u Extractions

Marathon and BONuS12



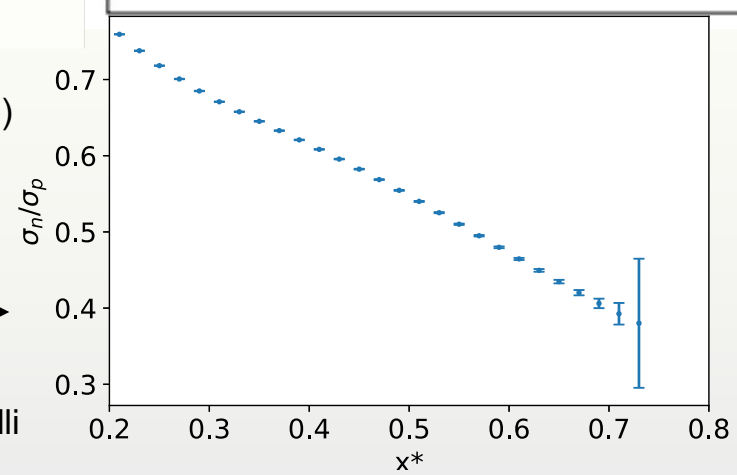


BONuS12:

Dark Symbols: W* > 2 GeV (x* up to 0.8, bin centered x* = 0.76)

Open Symbols: "Relaxed cut" W* > 1.8 GeV (x* up to 0.83)

…also: Additional data from ALERT and TDIS →



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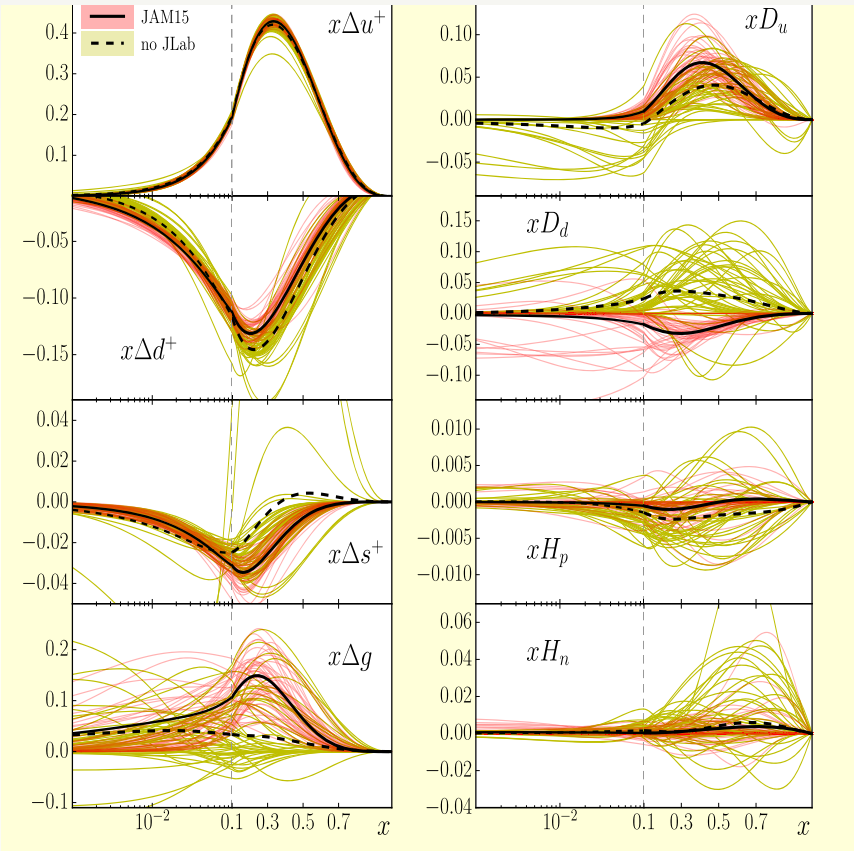
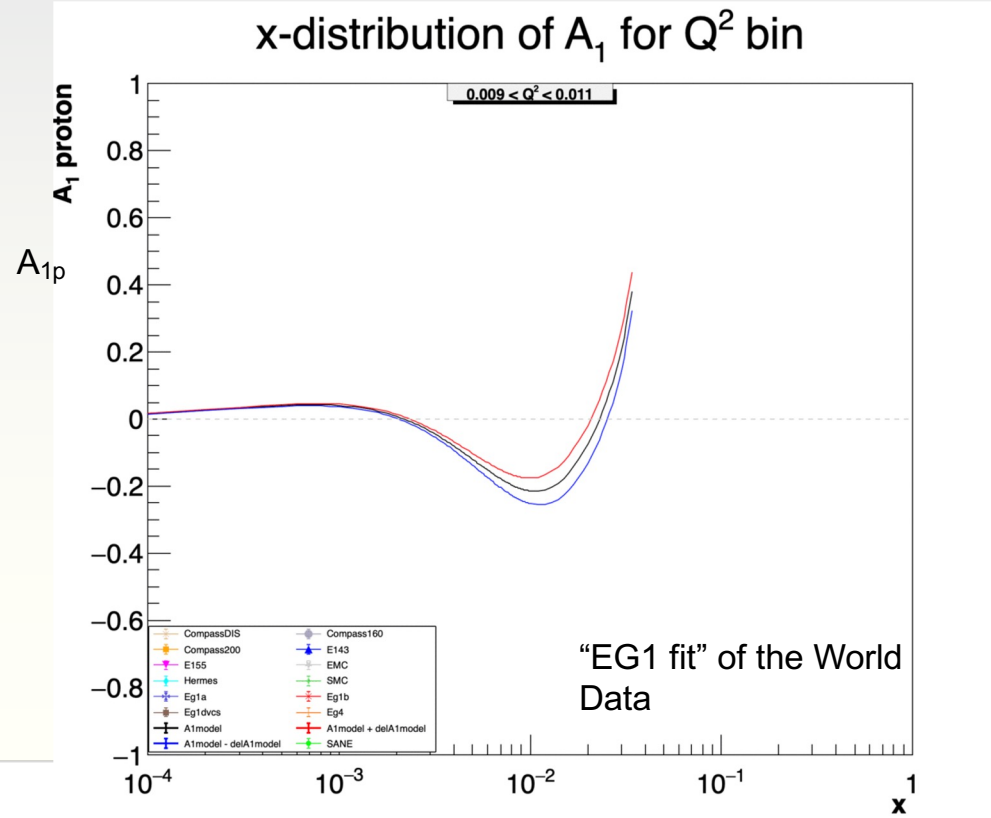
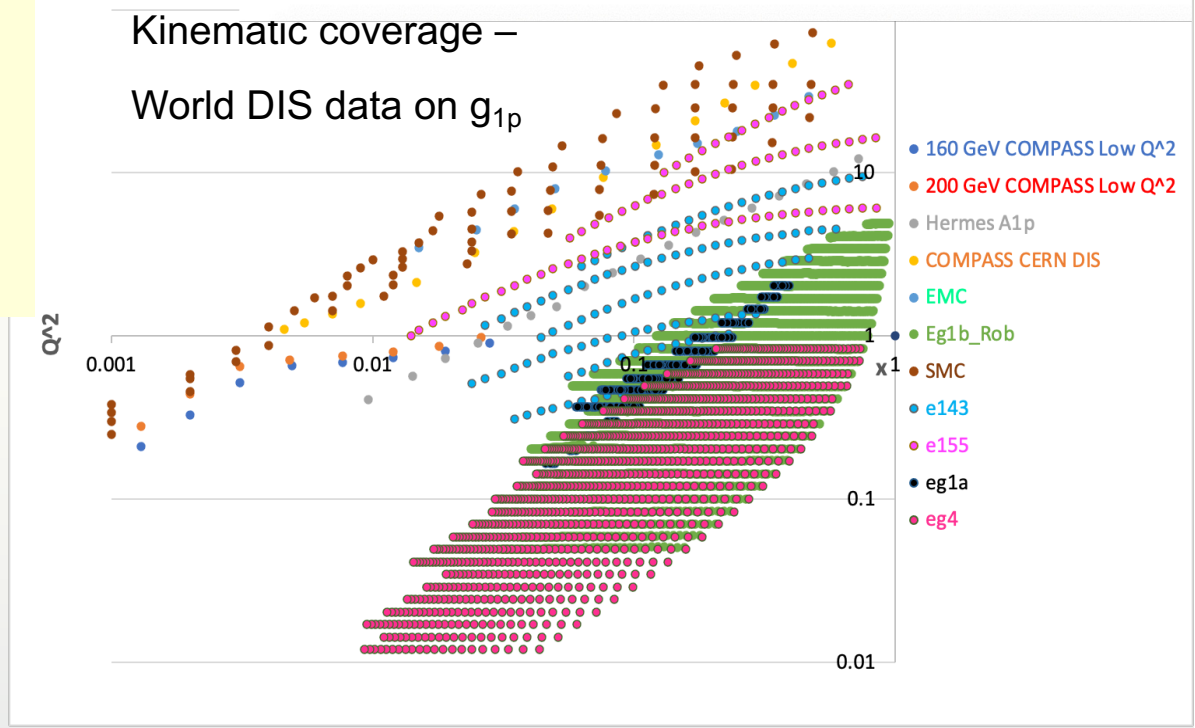
Spin Structure Functions in the last 40 years







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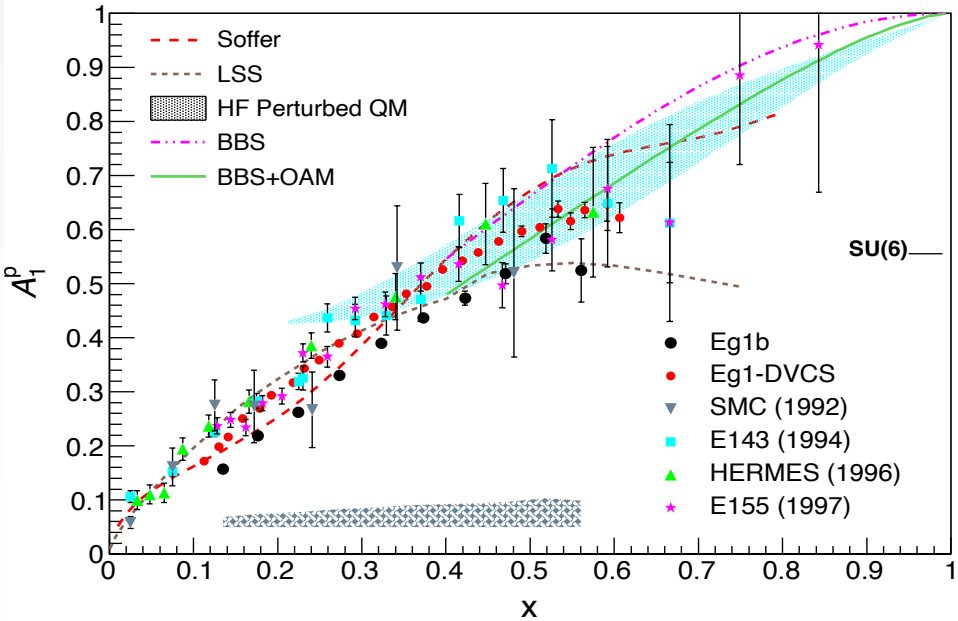
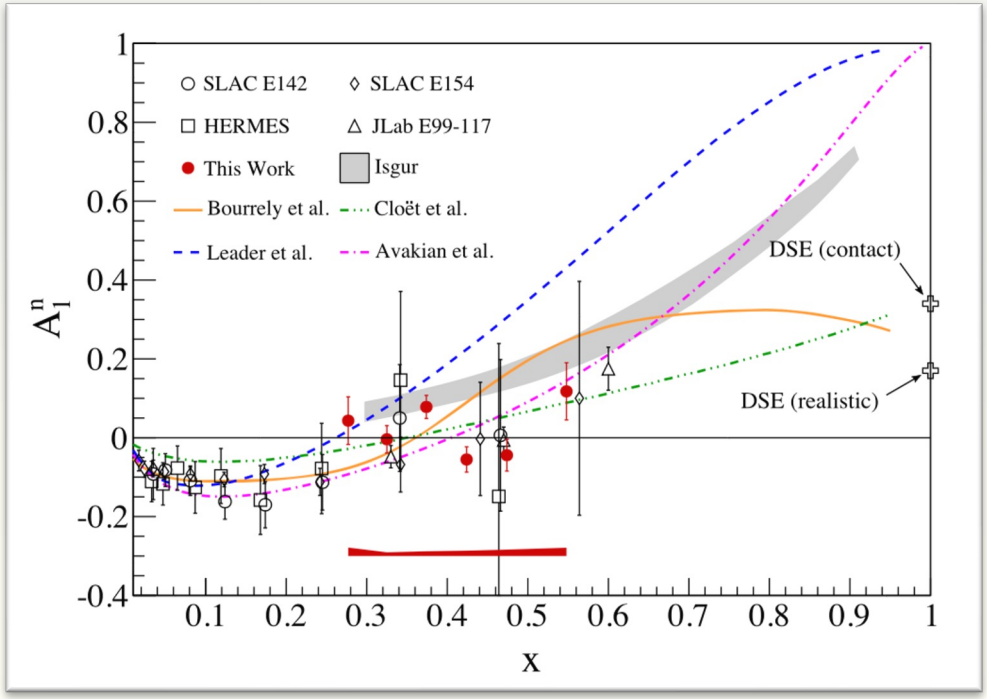
Existing Spin Structure Functions at high *x*





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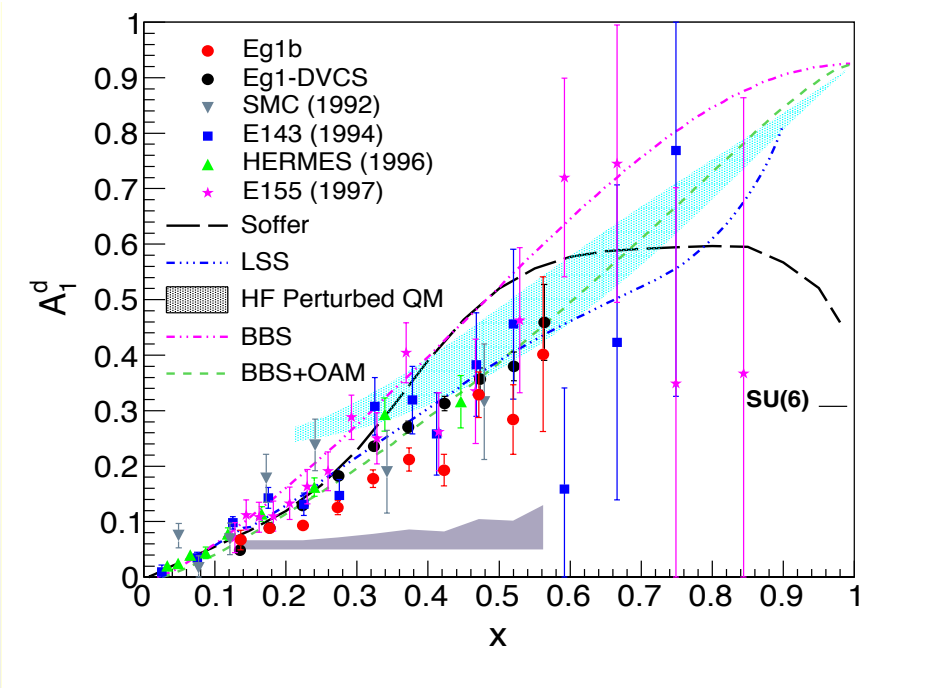
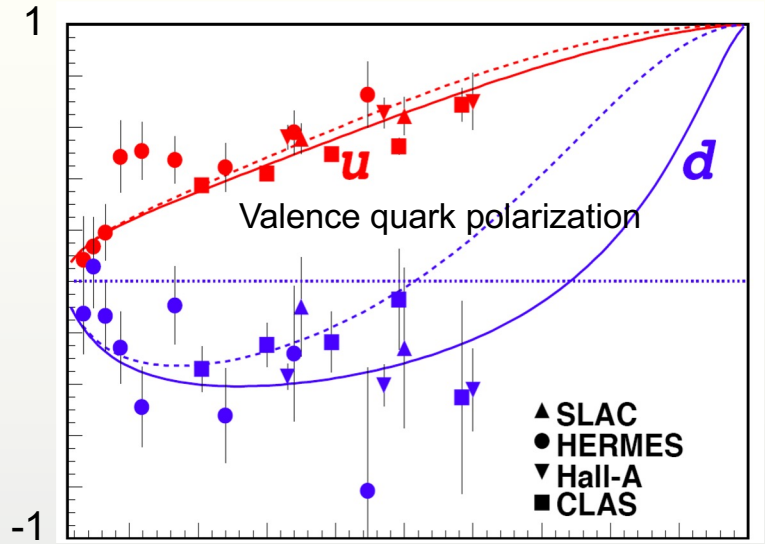
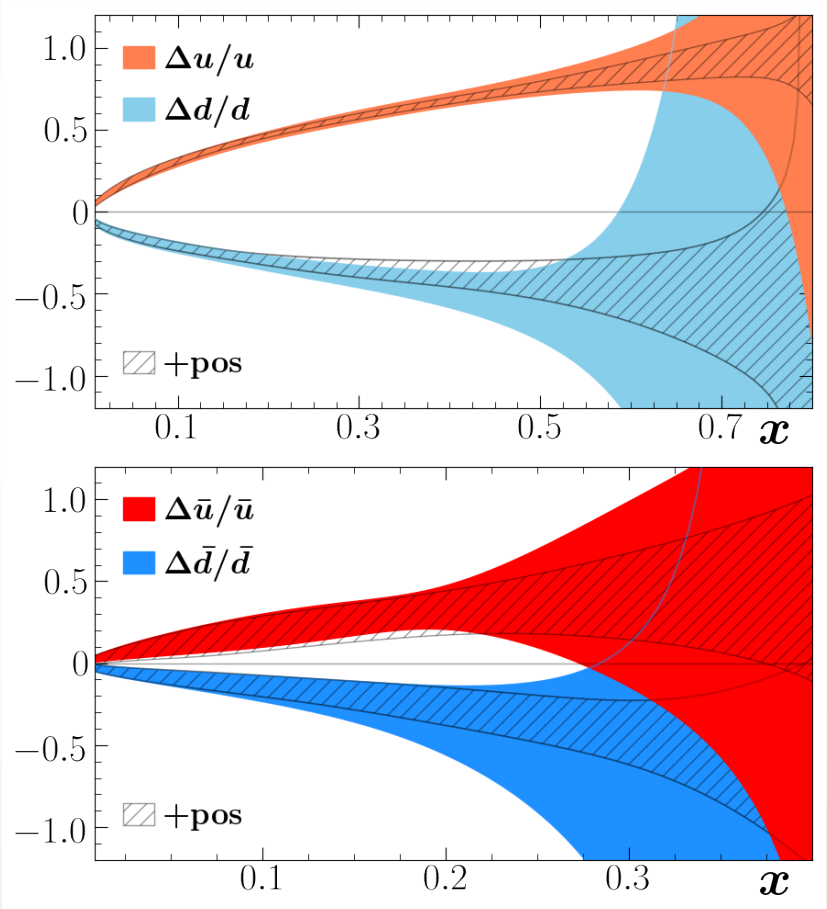




Present Status on polarized PDFs

- Newest JAM analysis including RHIC and COMPASS data



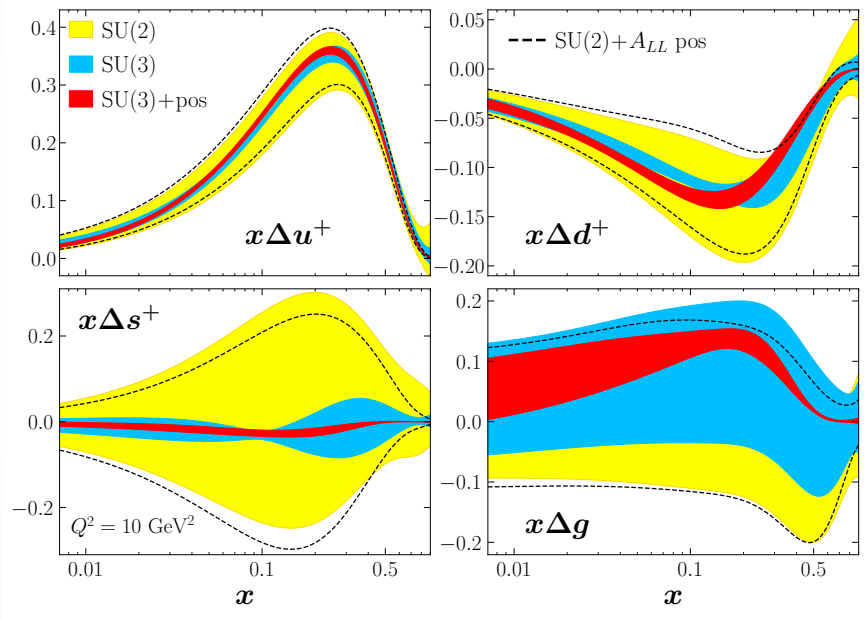


FIG. 6. Expectations values for spin-dependent Δu^+, Δd^+, Δs^+, and Δg PDFs at $Q^2 = 10$ GeV^2 fitted under various theory assumptions according to the SU(2) (yellow 1σ bands), SU(3) (blue 1σ bands) and SU(3)+positivity (red 1σ bands) scenarios, as well as with the SU(2) scenario but filtered to ensure A_{LL} positivity at large x (dashed lines).

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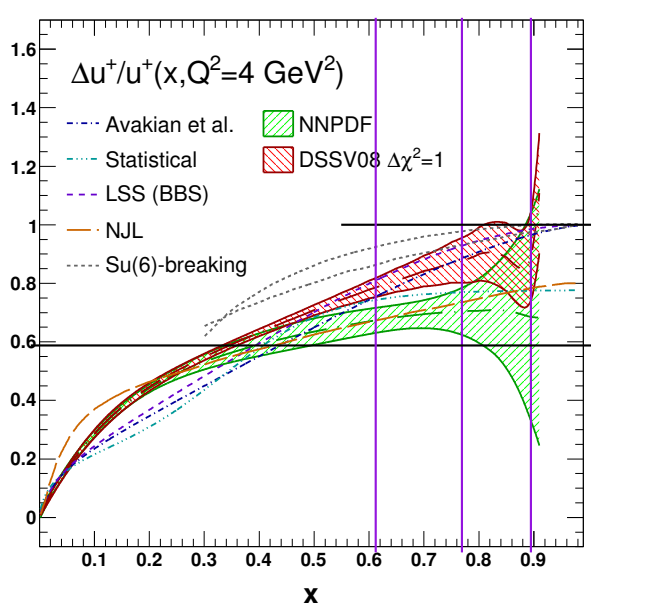
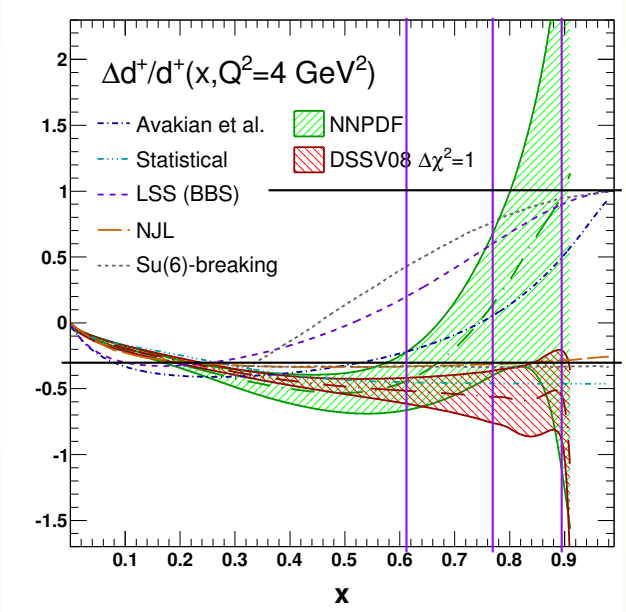
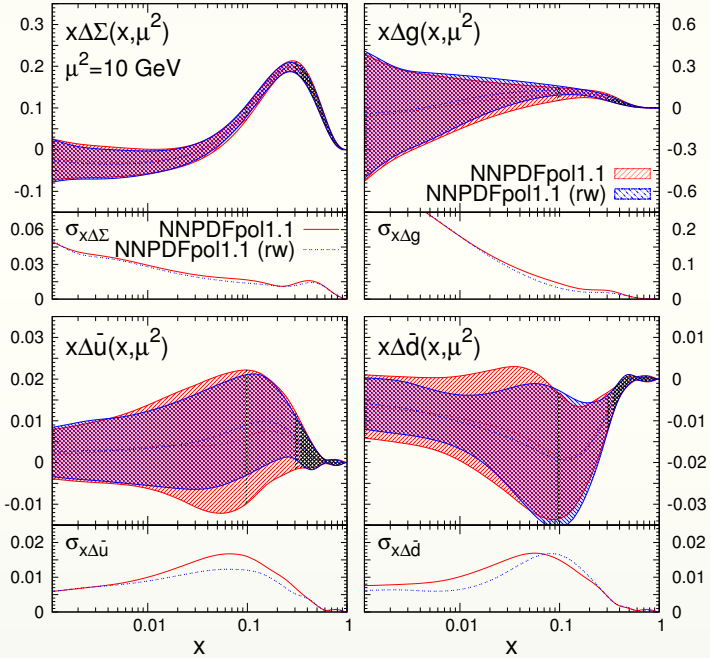
Present Status on polarized PDFs

- NNDPFpol1.1+RHIC W data analysis







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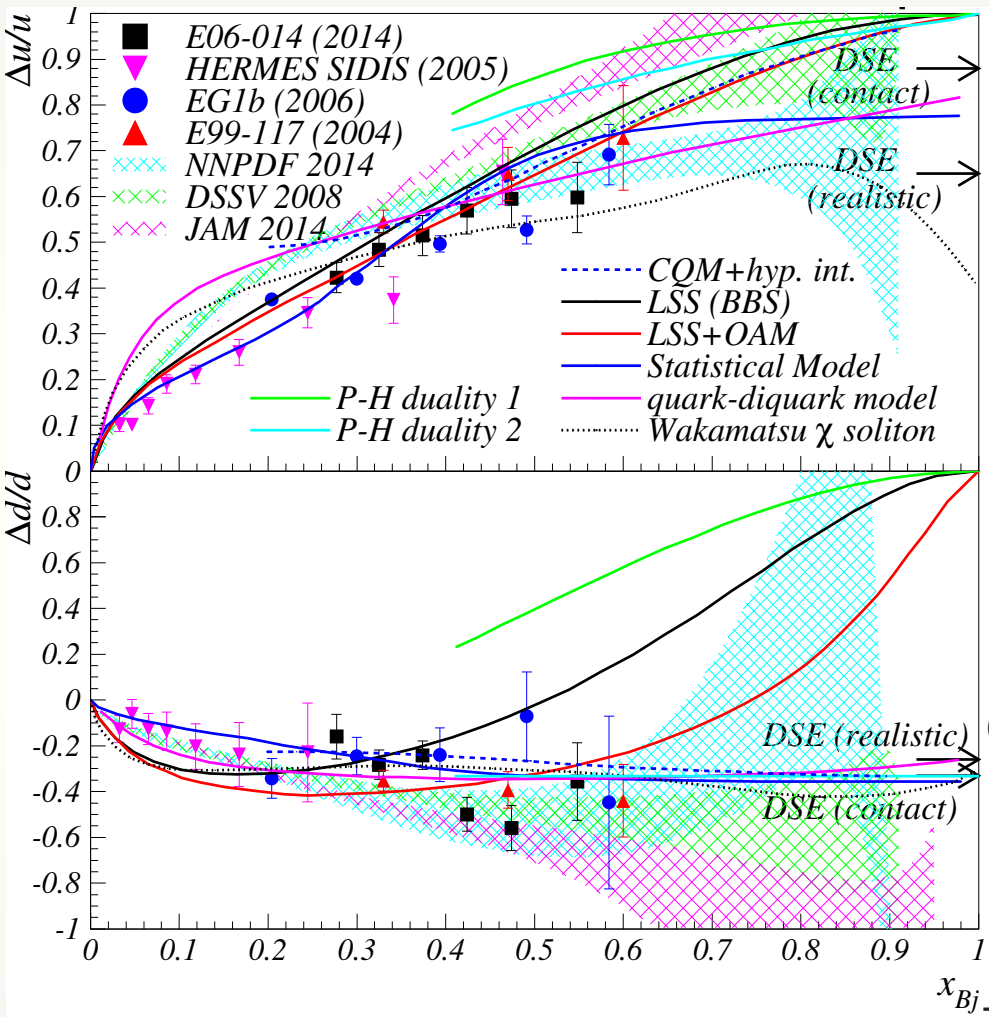
Recent theoretical predictions



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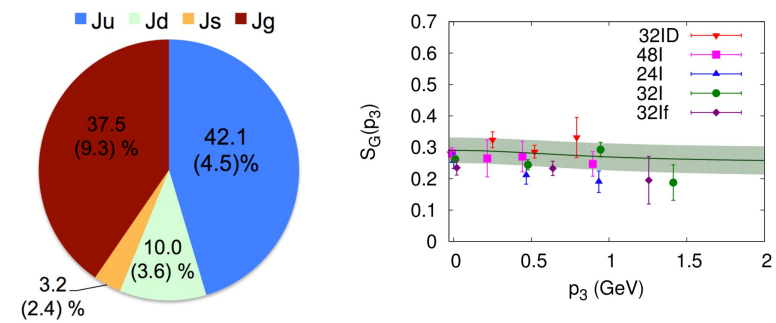
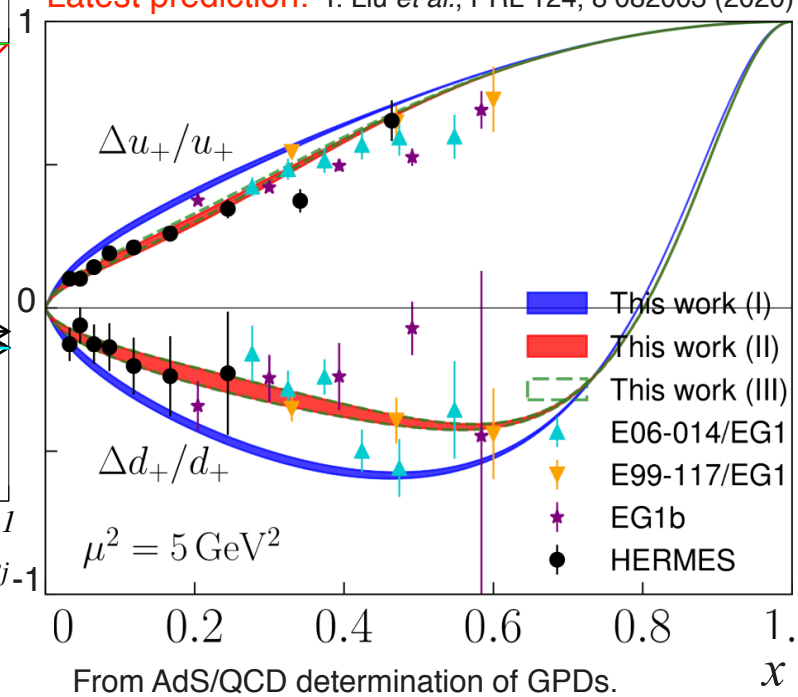


Latest prediction: T. Liu *et al.*, PRL 124, 8 082003 (2020)

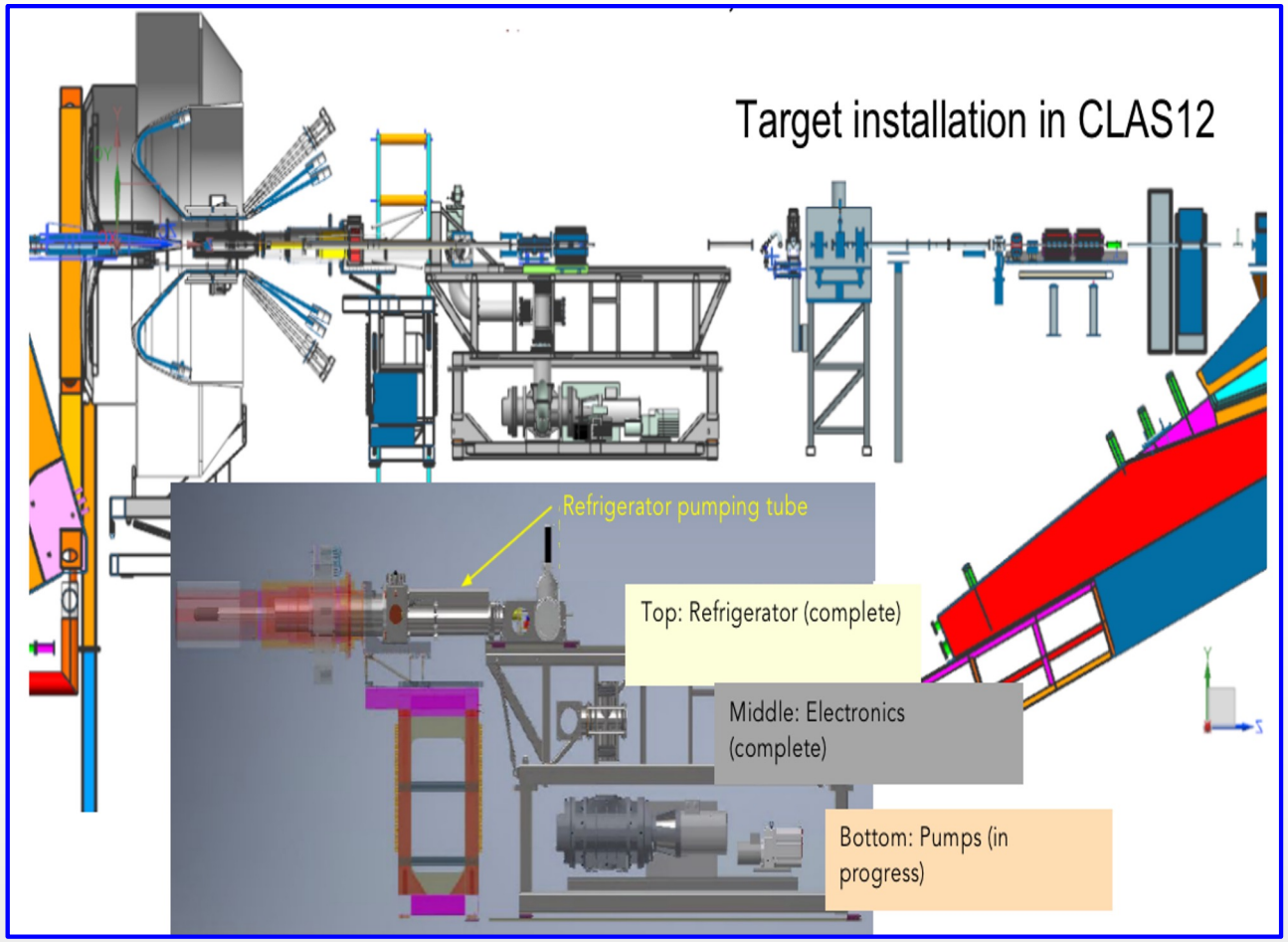


Full 12 GeV Data set will significantly constrain valence + sea quark and gluon PDF fits, higher twist effects and sum rules

From AdS/QCD determination of GPDs.
No free parameters.
Predicts Δd/d changes sign near x=0.8.
Reproduces QCD counting rules used for BBS/LSS.

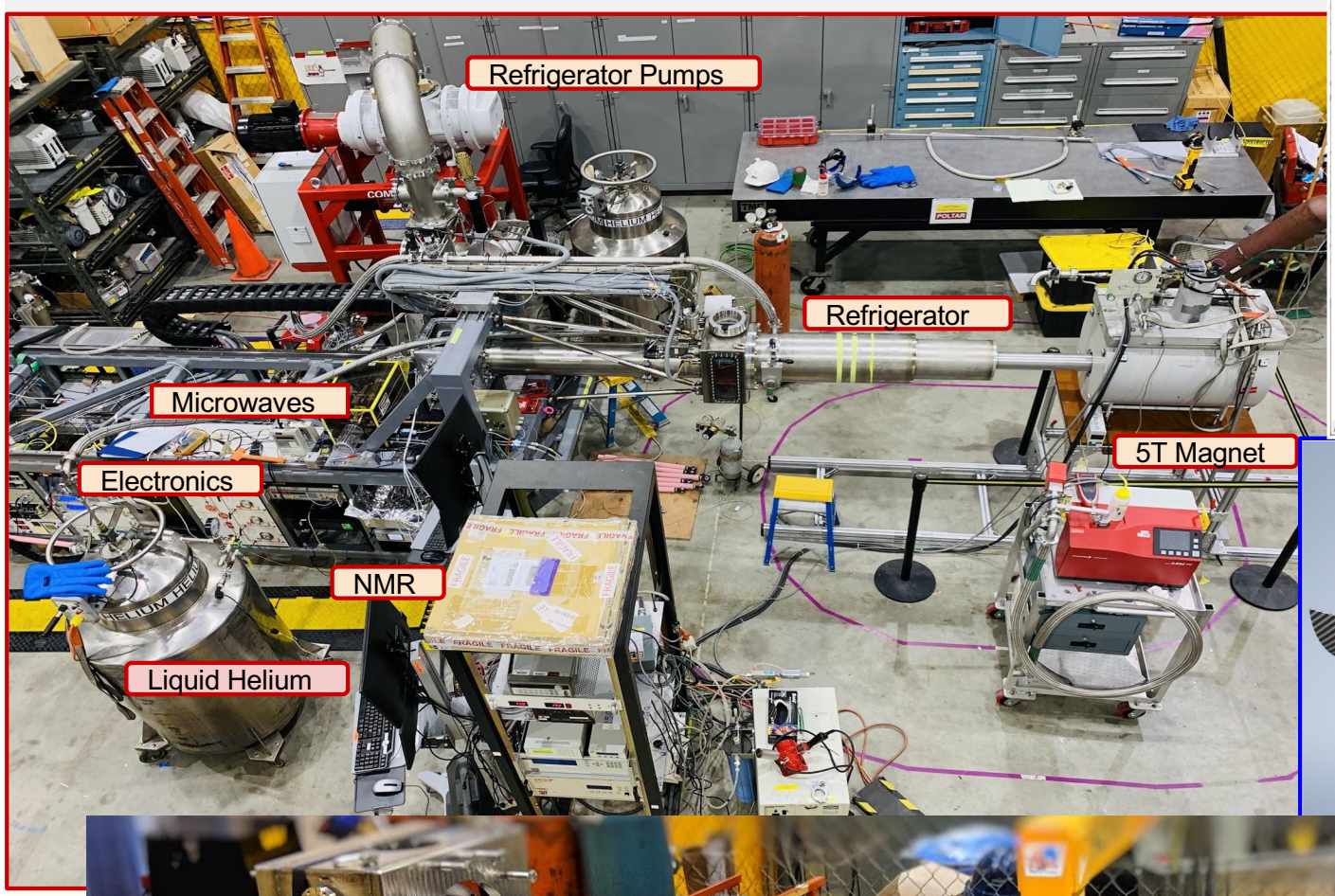
RG-C with CLAS12

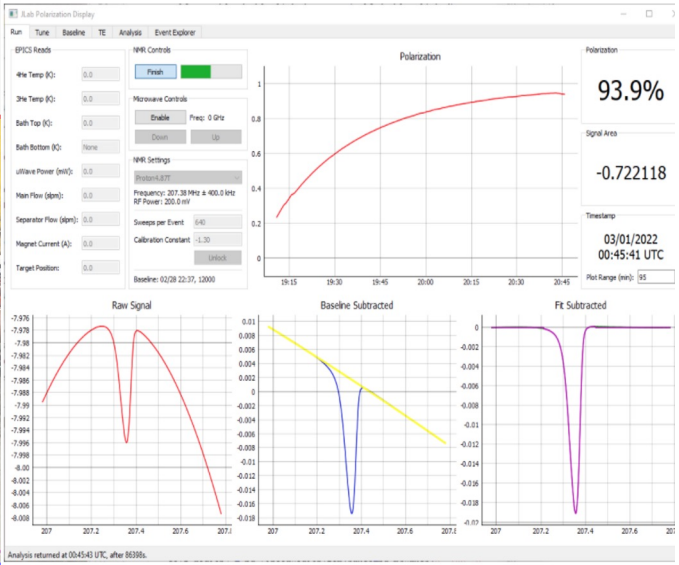
- Measure DIS inclusive spin structure functions (A_1, g_1) of the proton and deuteron.
  - Include tagging with π, K SIDIS to extract flavor-separated Δq
- Measure spin- and transverse momentum-dependent (TMD) PDFs (SIDIS).
- Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) to access Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)-Measure target single and beam/target double spin asymmetries in proton and neutron DVCS.

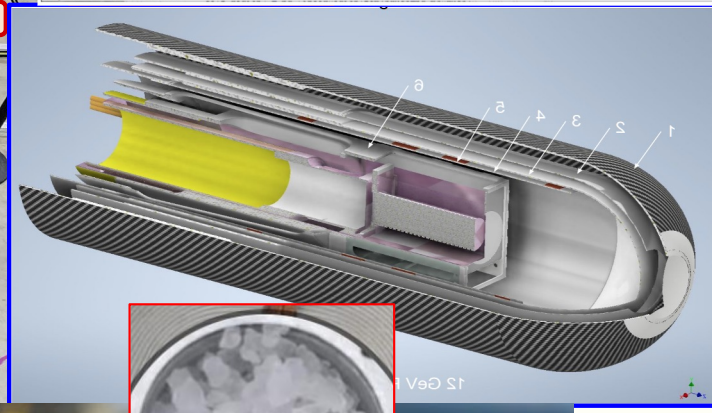


- Scheduled from June 2022 through March 2023 (240 Calendar Days)
- 10.6 GeV, 10 nA polarized electrons on 3 g/cm^2 polarized NH_3 / ND_3 ($\mathcal{L} = 10^{35}$)
- Dynamic Nuclear Polarization at 1 K, 5 T with 140 GHz μwave on irradiated ammonia
- Continuation of EG1, EG1-dvcs, EG4 to 12 GeV era
- Could in principle run at 24 GeV with somewhat higher luminosity (2x)

Longitudinally Polarized Target for CLAS12







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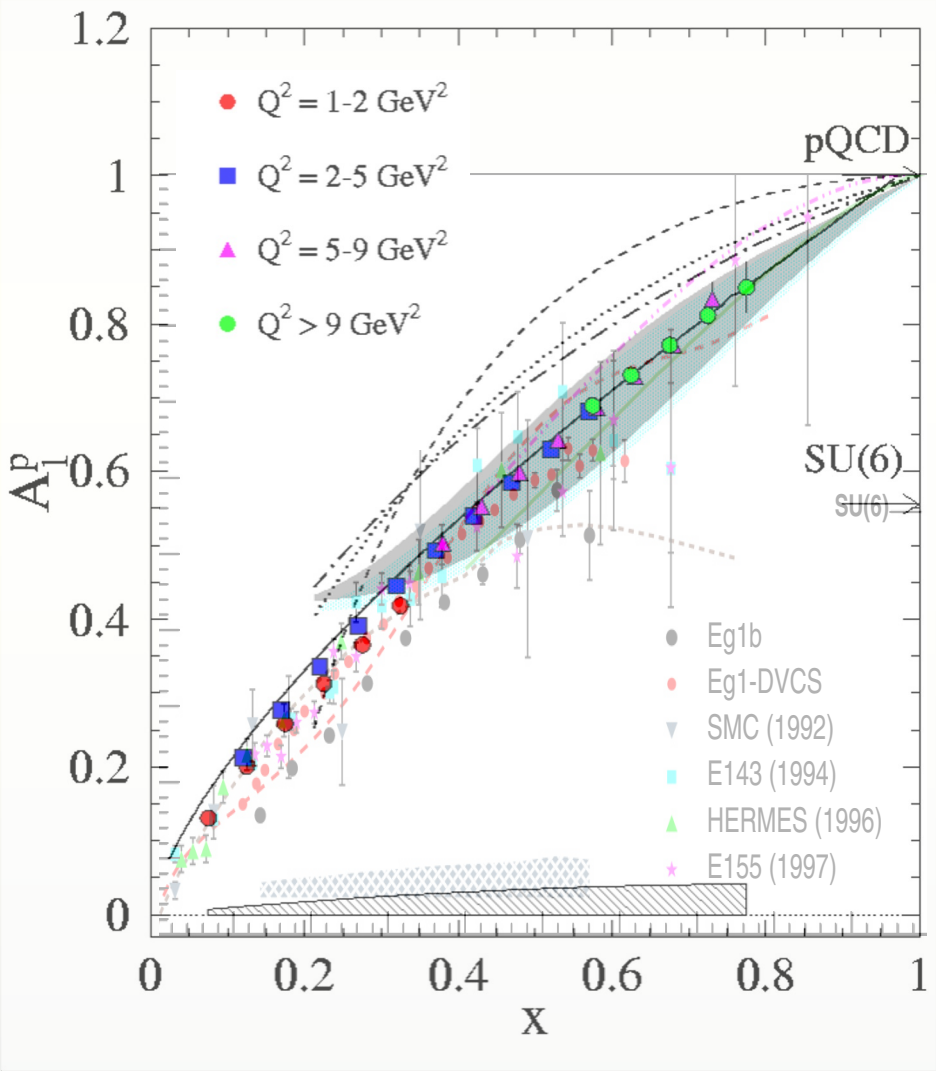
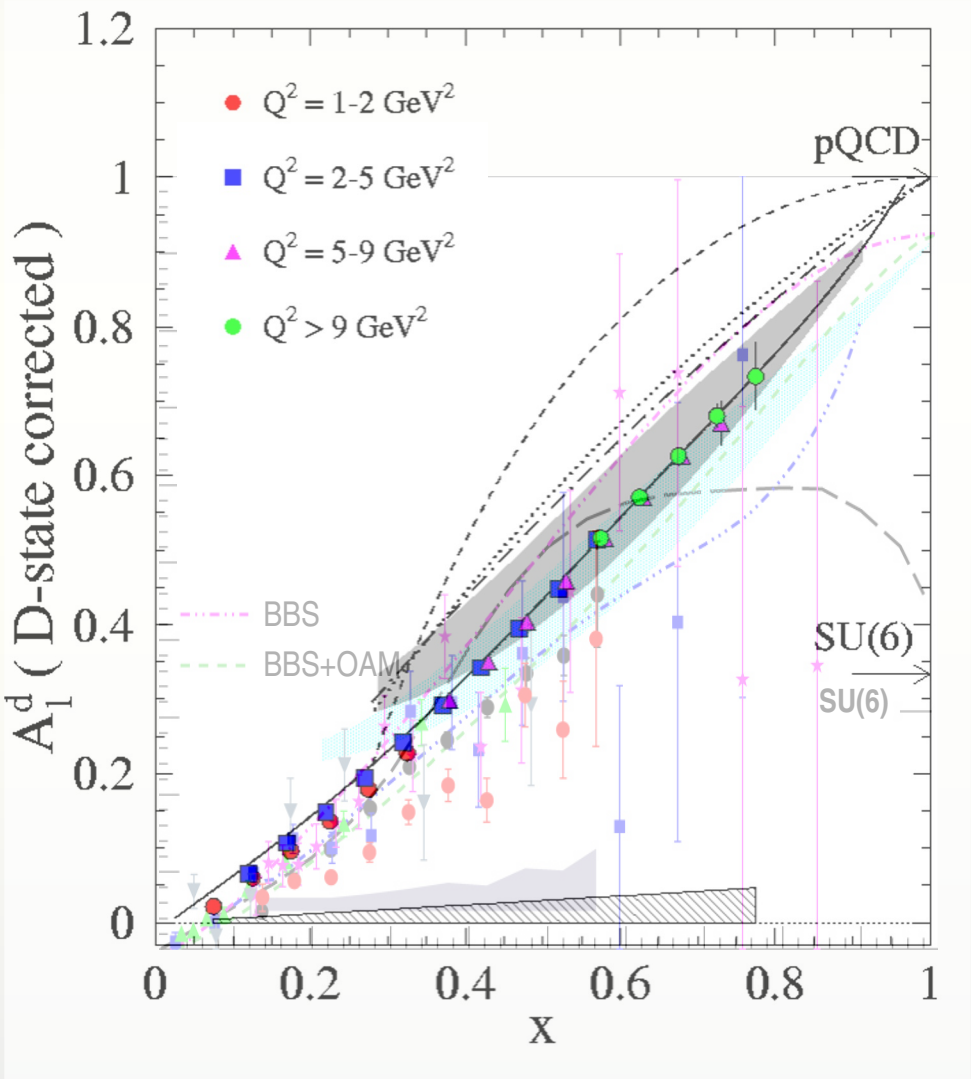
Predicted Data from CLAS12 - DIS

Proton

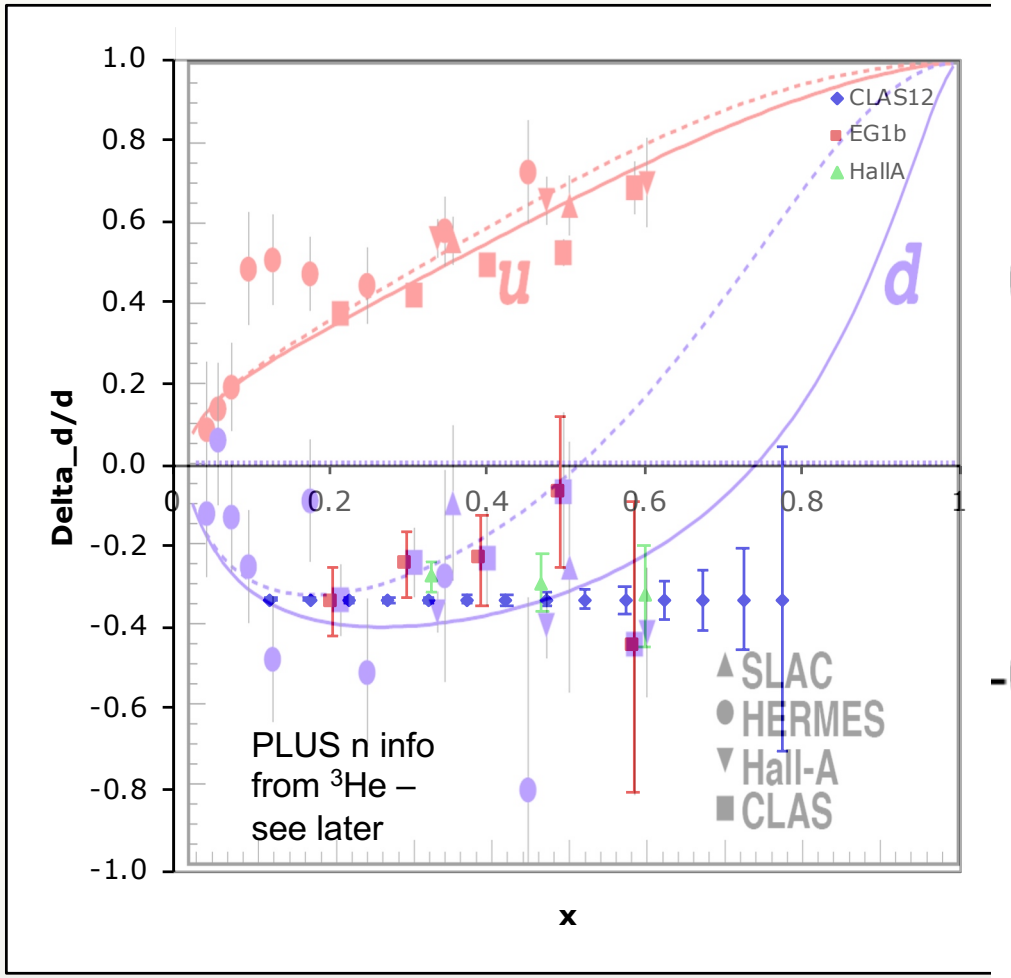
$W > 2;\ Q^2 > 1$

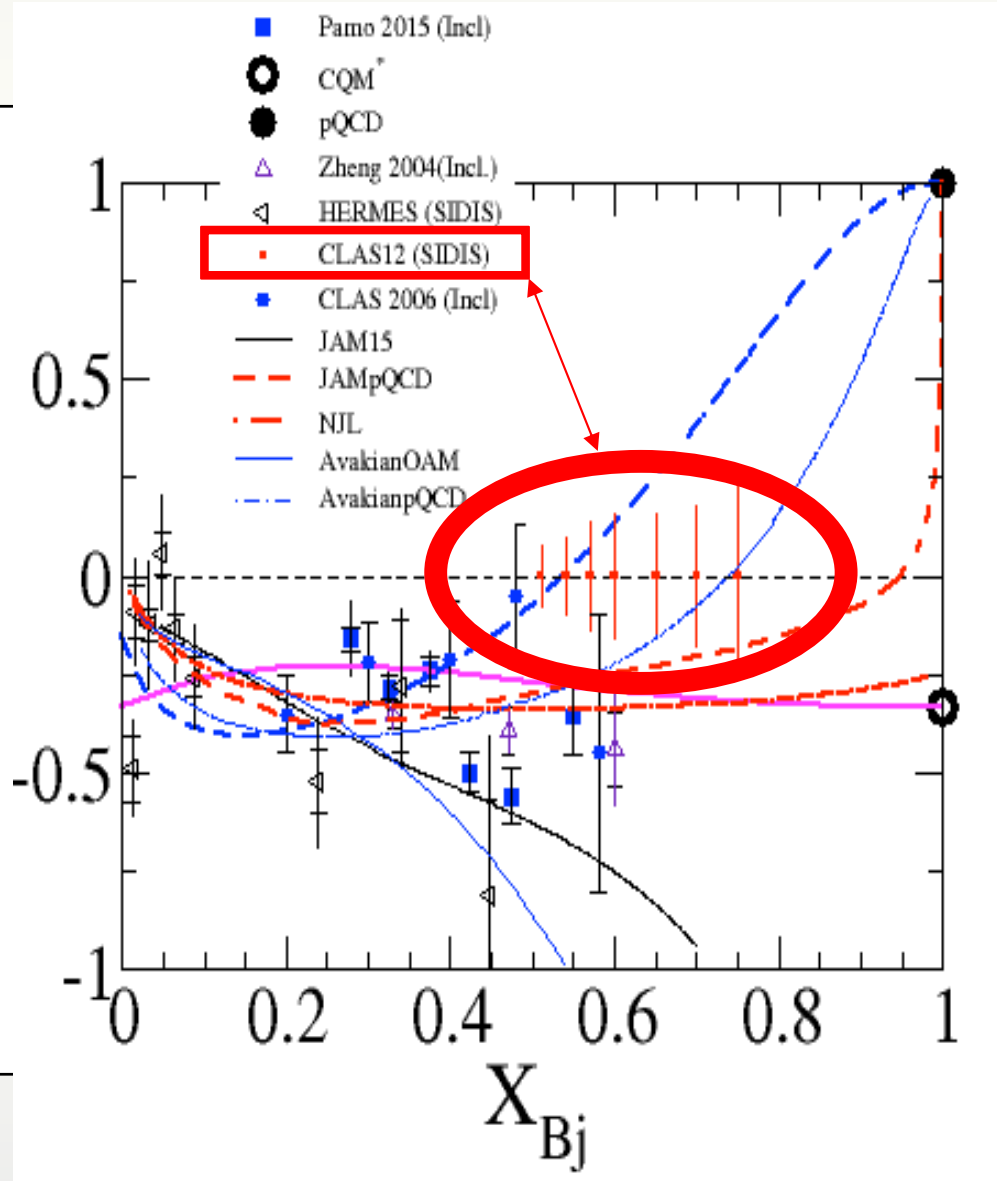
Deuteron





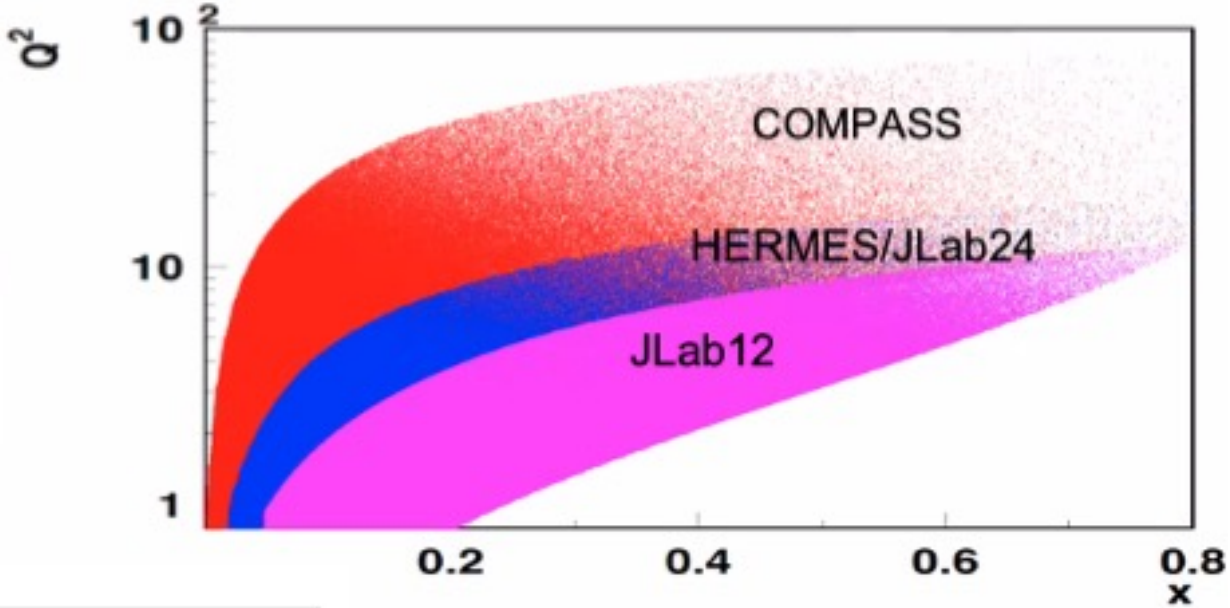
Example: Δd/d

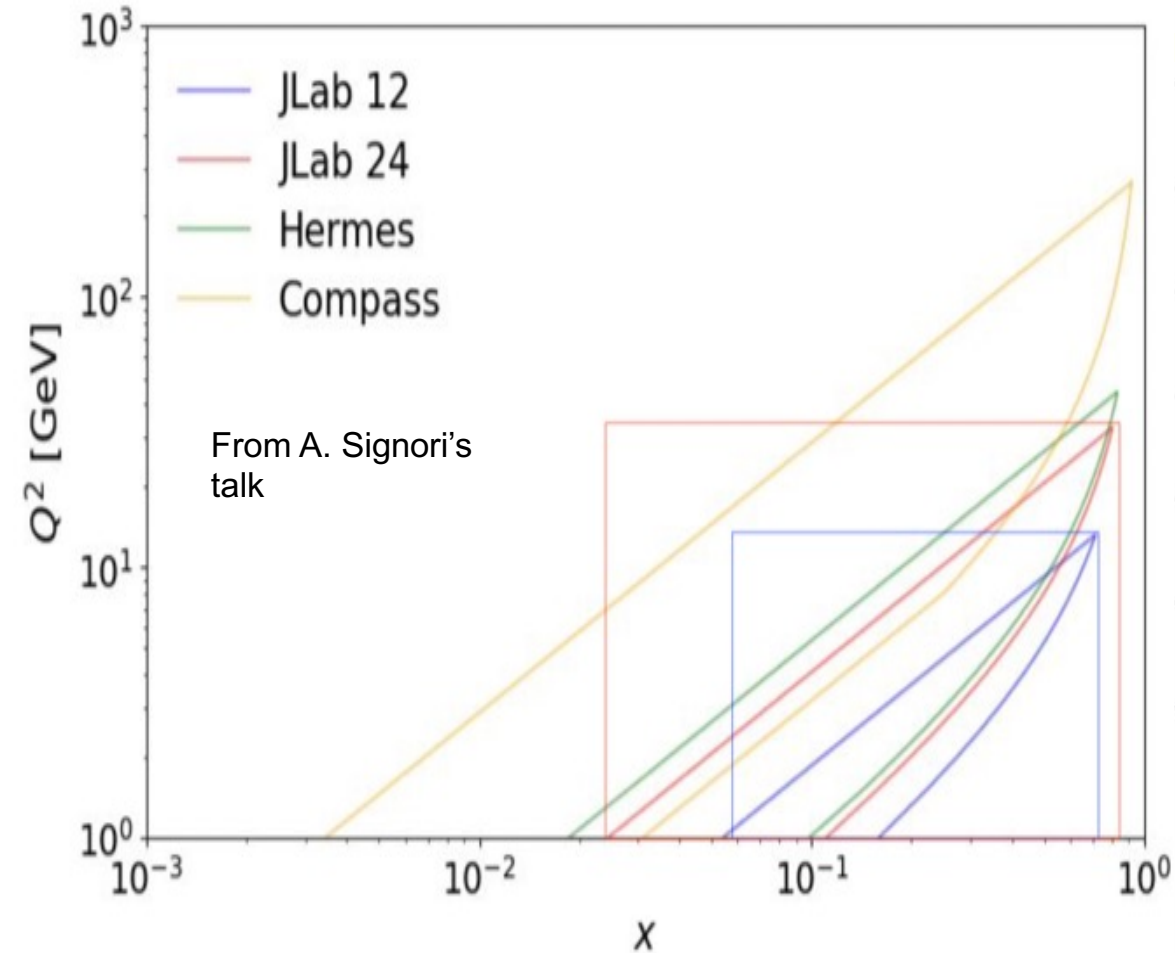




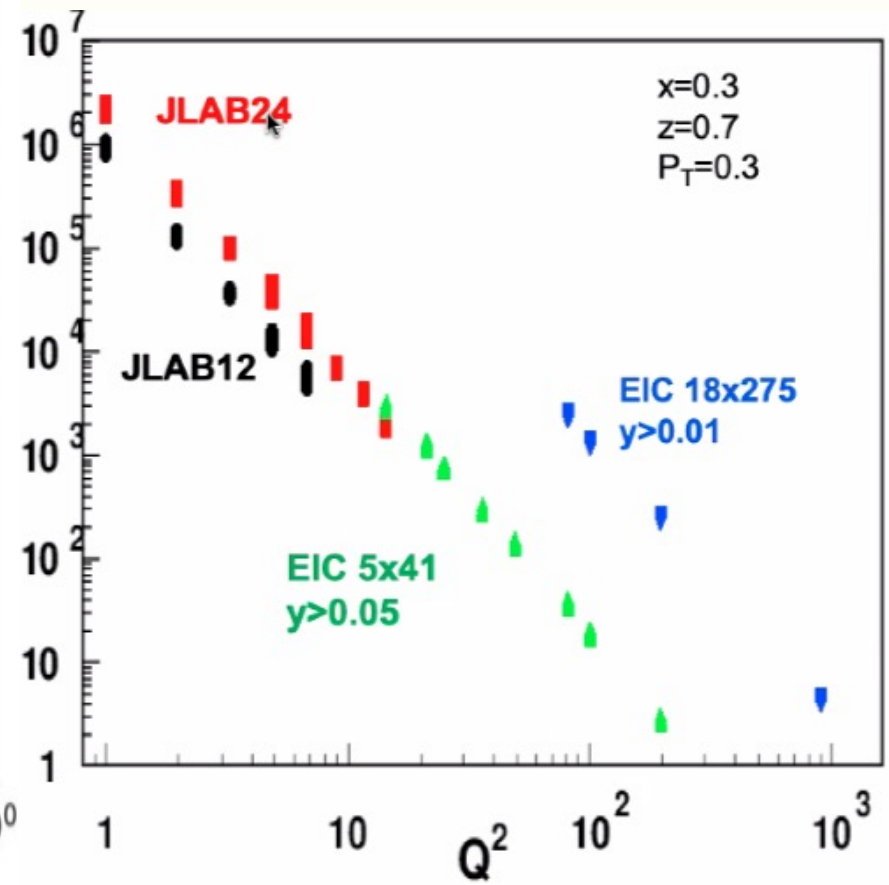
Up-to-date estimate RG-C
Inclusive and semi-inclusive data

From 12 to 24 GeV





From A. Signori's talk

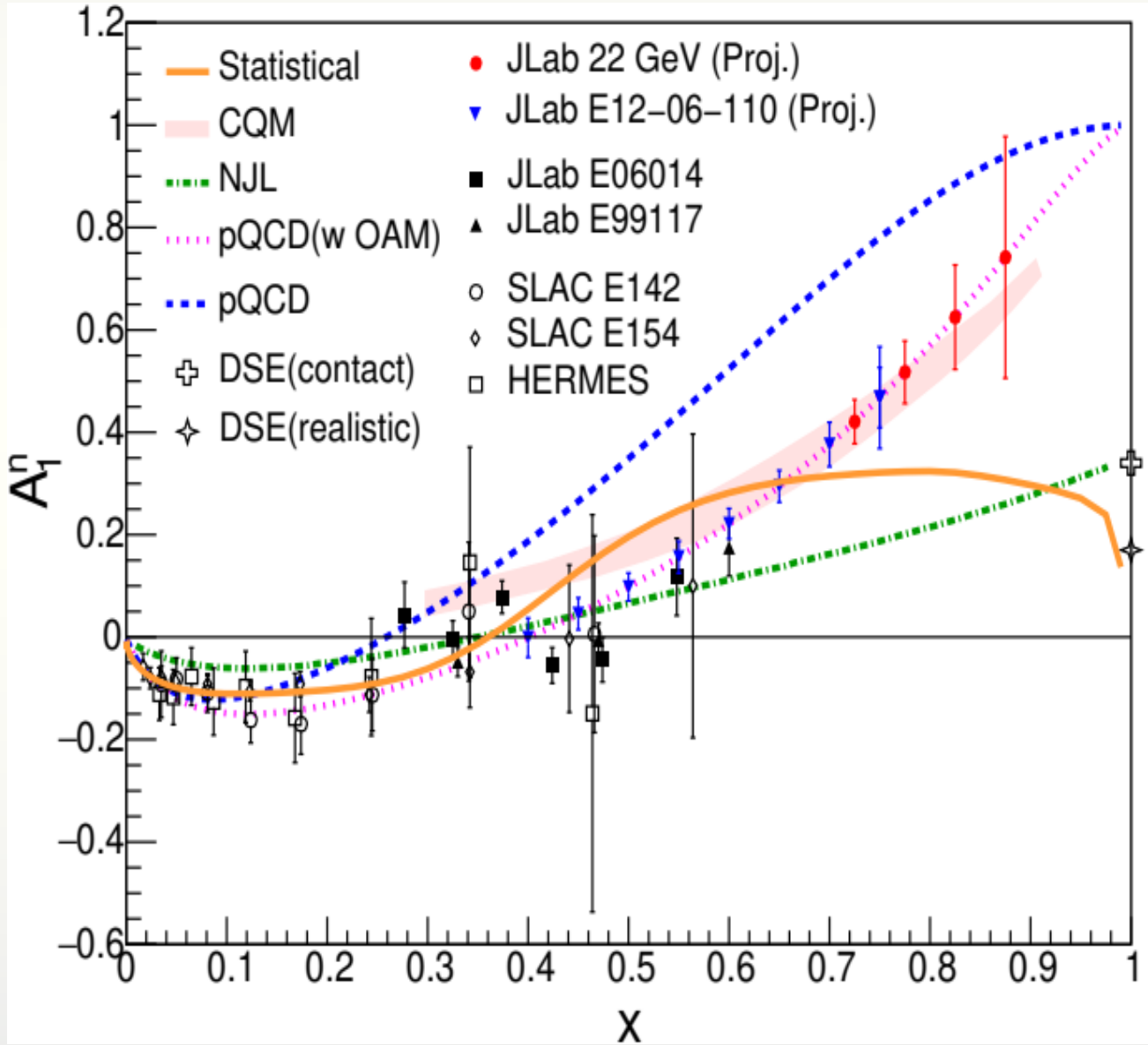


24 GeV

- Halve distance to x = 1 AND to x = 0
- Increase Q^2 range for all x -> DGLAP
- Even for same x, Q^2: higher energy -> higher rates -> better statistics
- *"SuperRosenbluth"* – expand range in ε for fixed x, Q^2
- Higher Q^2: Suppress higher twist, study logarithmic resummation
- Extend SIDIS to higher x, Q^2:
  high-x sea quarks, gluons,…
- Issues: Still need to avoid nuclear uncertainties.
- Example: A_{1n} at 24 GeV

A_{1n}

- Projection using Hall C's
  - HMS @ 30 deg, 4.6 GeV
  - SHMS @ 20 deg, 7.8 GeV
- "F1F2-21 fit" for ^{3}He → neutron "nuclear correction"
- 30 days beam time, latest polarized 3He target performance (40cm, 50%, 30uA)
- projections (12 and 24 GeV) plotted on pQCD



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Cameron Cotton (UVA/HUGS2021)
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Kinematic Reach with CLAS12

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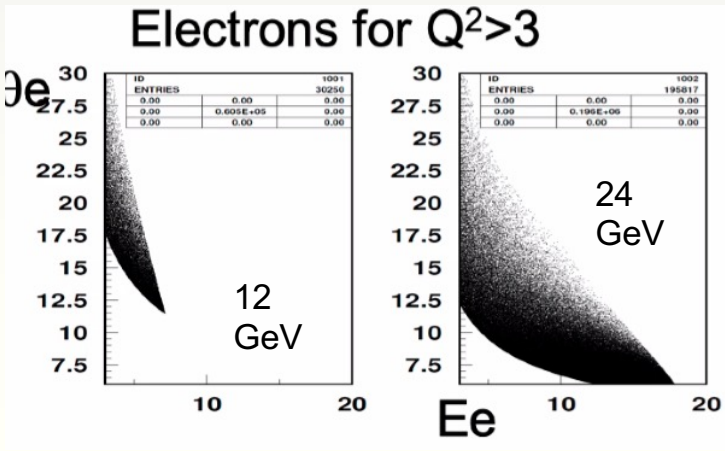

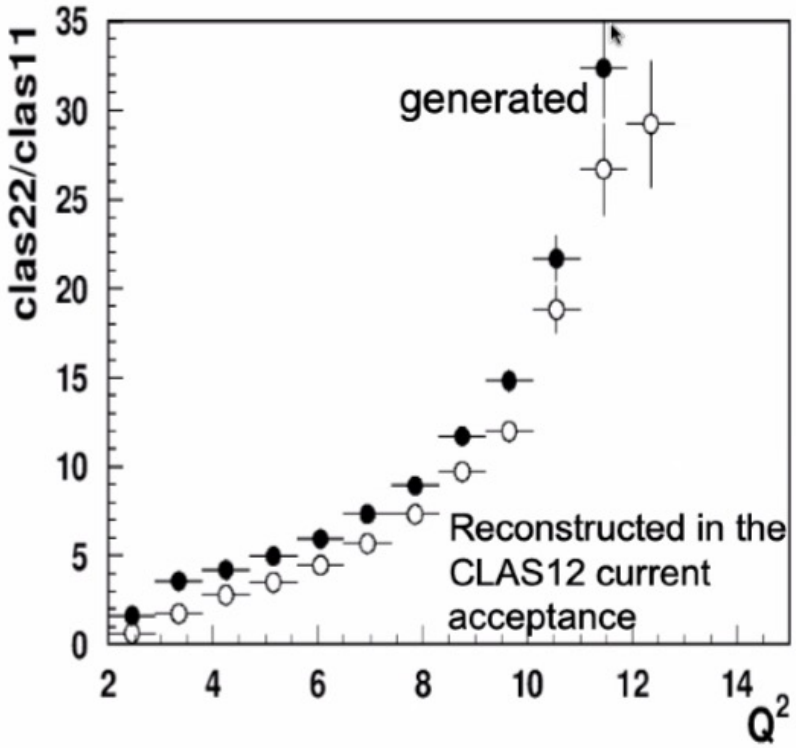

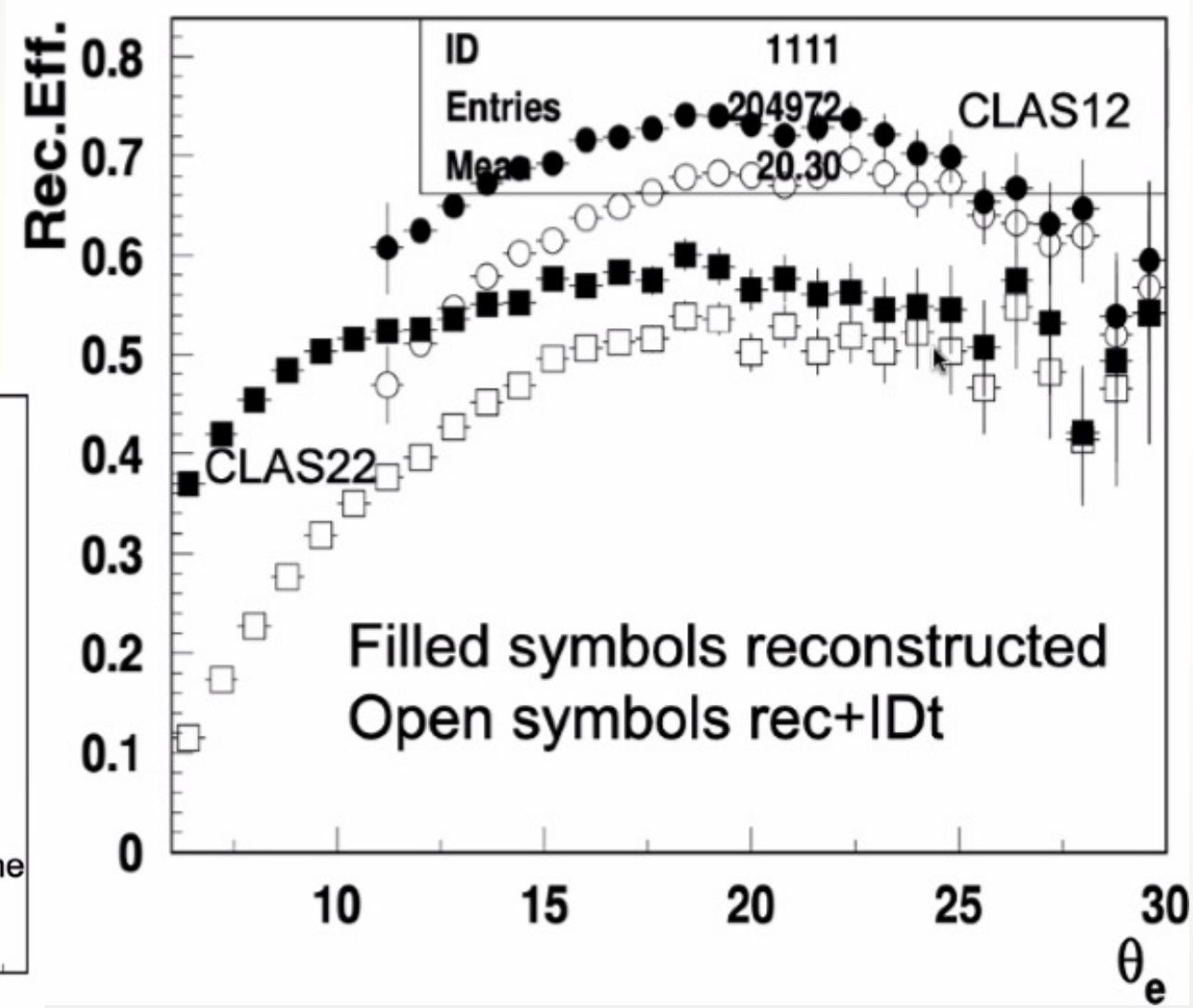

Conclusions

- Structure functions in the valence region remain of high interest
- Jefferson Lab at 12 GeV will make significant impact on our understanding of this region
- 24 GeV can expand the coverage in x from 0.75 to 0.9, thereby minimizing the extrapolation to x -> 1.
- Larger range in Q^2 and higher count rates -> minimize theoretical uncertainties and increase statistics even at lower x.
- 24 GeV necessary to close the gap with EIC
- Remaining issues: extracting neutron (polarized) structure functions from measurements on nuclei (d, ^{3}He).