Neutrino / Anti-neutrino Deep-Inelastic Scattering off of Massive Nuclear Targets

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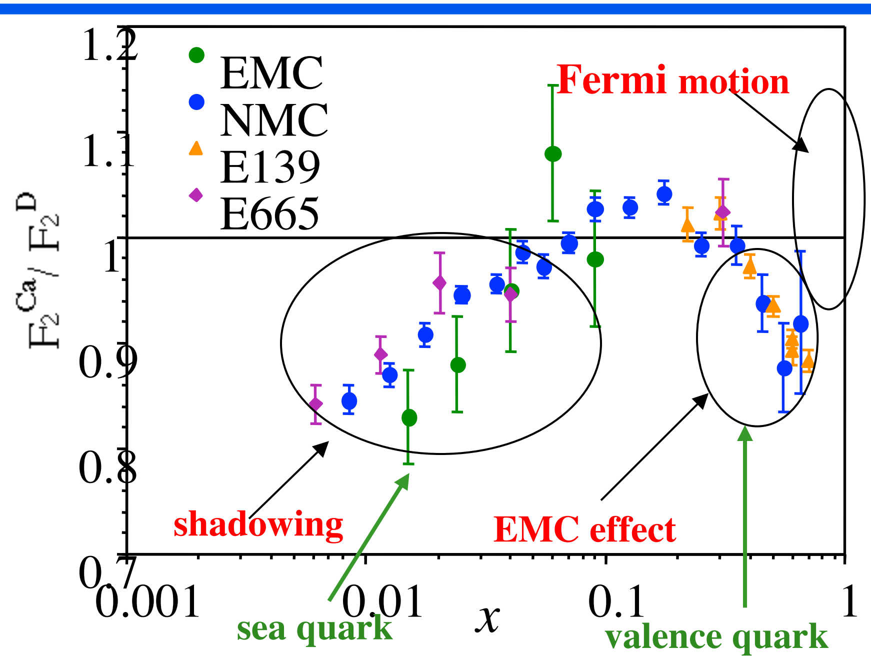
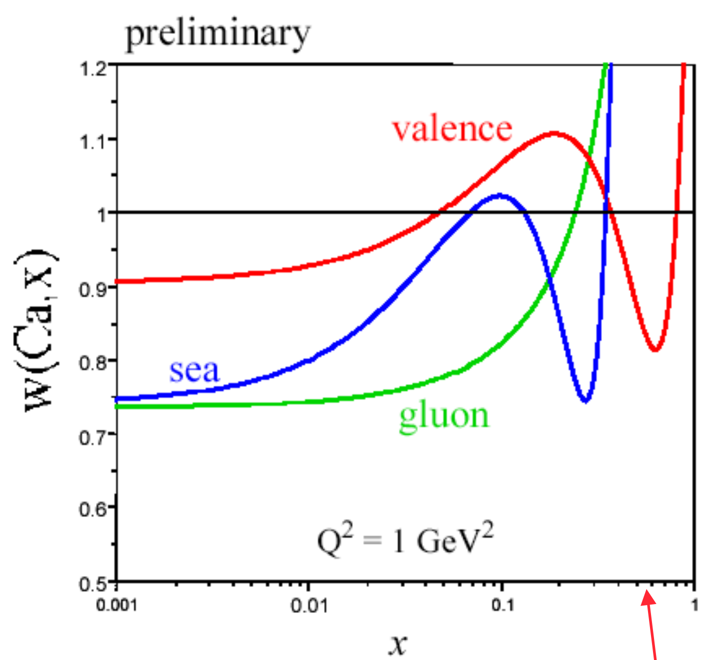
Nuclear Effects in Neutrino Interactions

- Target nucleon in motion - spectral functions (Benhar et al.)
- Certain reactions prohibited - Pauli suppression
- Quasi-elastic form factors are modified within the nuclear environment. (Butkevich / Kulagin, Tsushima et al.)
- Meson exchange currents: multi-nucleon initial states
- Produced topologies are modified by final-state interactions modifying topologies and reducing detected energy.
  - Convolution of $\delta\sigma(n\pi)$ $\otimes$ formation zone uncertainties $\otimes$ π-absorption uncertainties yield larger oscillation-parameter systematics
- **Cross sections and structure functions are modified and parton distribution functions within a nucleus are different than in an isolated nucleon. Observations from an on-going CTEQ analysis.**

Experimental Studies of (Parton-level) Nuclear Effects with Neutrinos: until recently - essentially NON-EXISTENT





- F_2 / nucleon changes as a function of A. Measured in μ/e - A **not in ν − A**
- **Good reason to consider nuclear effects are DIFFERENT in ν - A**.
  - **Presence of axial-vector current.**
  - **SPECULATION: Stronger shadowing for ν -A but somewhat weaker "EMC" effect.**
  - **Different nuclear effects for valance and sea --> different shadowing for xF_3 compared to F_2.**

Addressing the lack of F_2^{ν} Nuclear Effects Analyses

Nuclear PDFs from neutrino deep inelastic scattering

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C. Keppel (Hampton & JeffersonLab) J.G.M. (Fermilab),
F. Olness (SMU), J.F. Olness (Florida State U)

Also analyses by:
K. Eskola, V. Kolhinen and C. Salgado
and
D. de Florian, R. Sassot, P. Zurita and M. Stratmann

CTEQ High-x Study: nuclear effects
No high-statistics D_2 data – "make it" from PDFs

- Form reference fit mainly nucleon (as opposed to nuclear) scattering results:
  - BCDMS results for F_2^p and F_2^d
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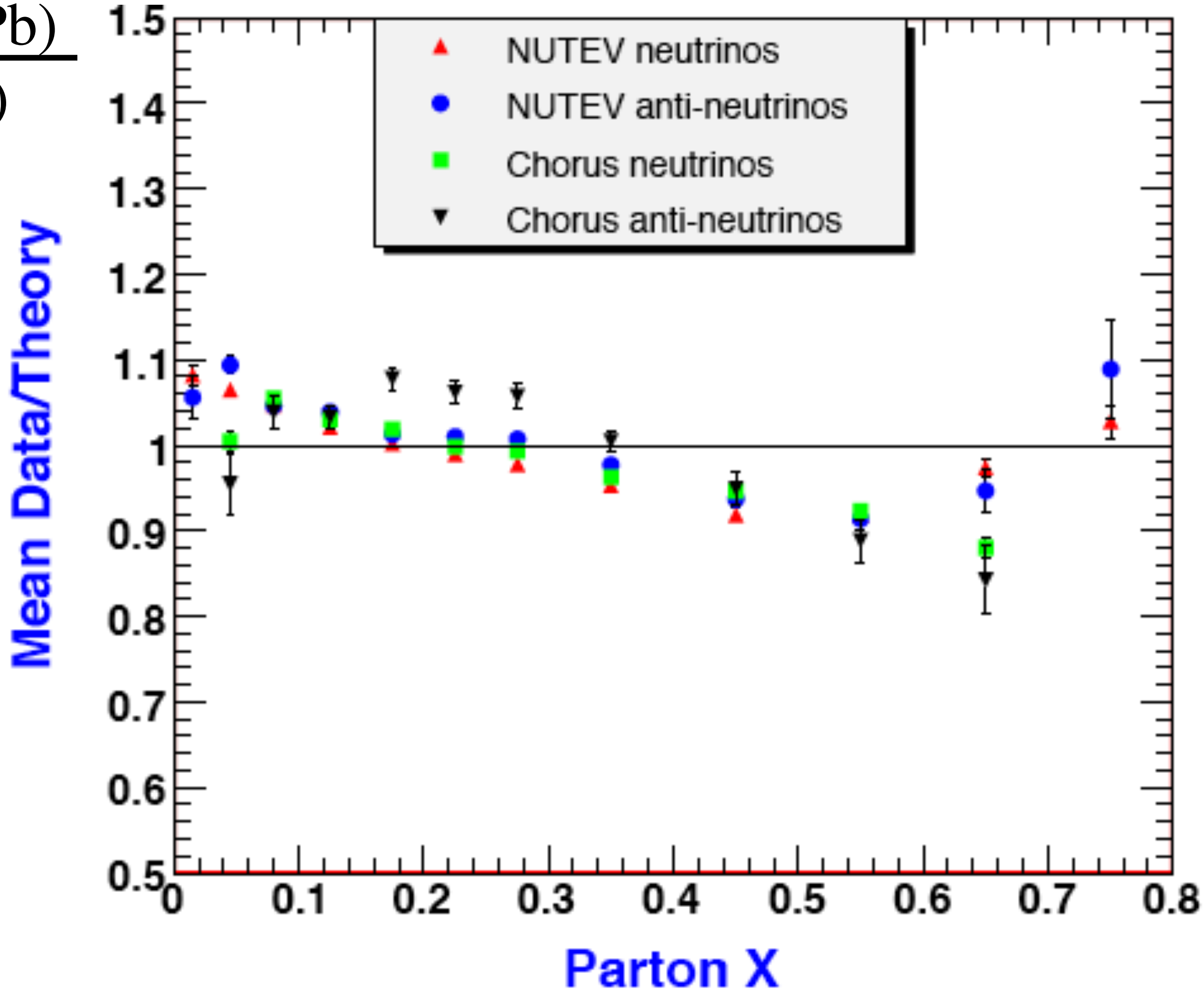

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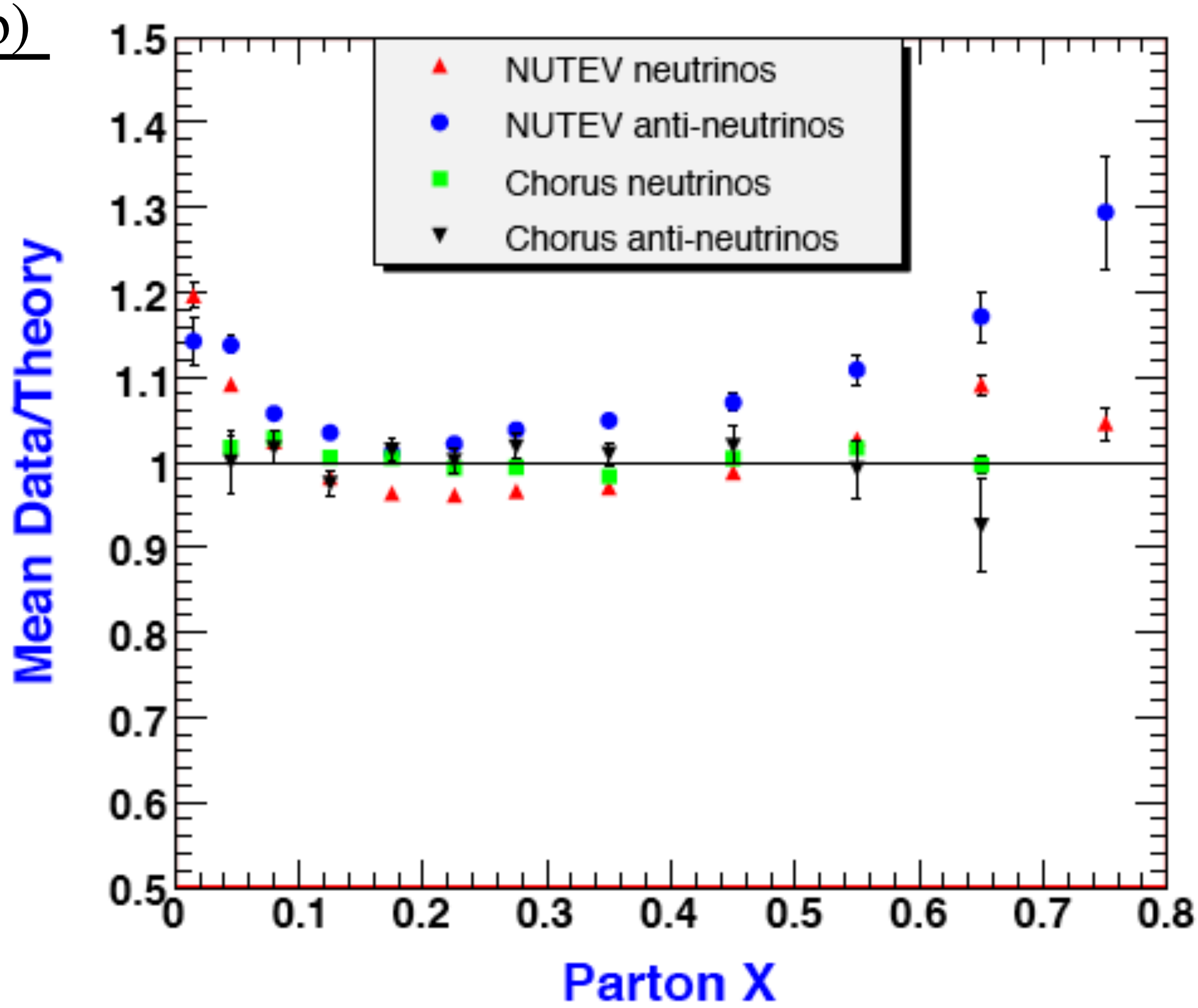
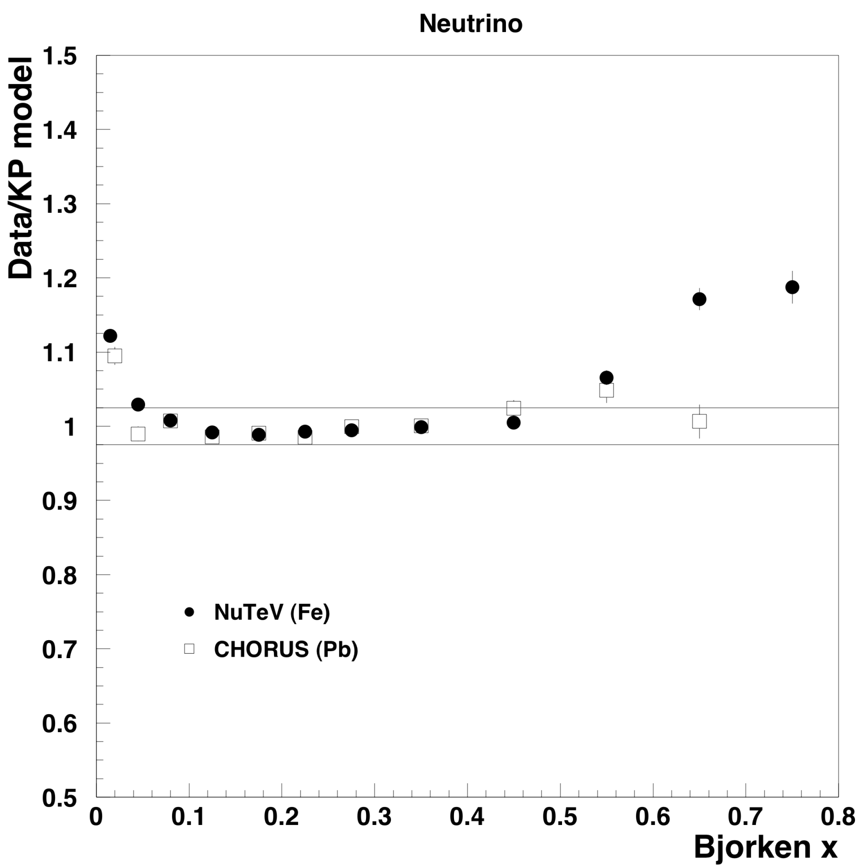
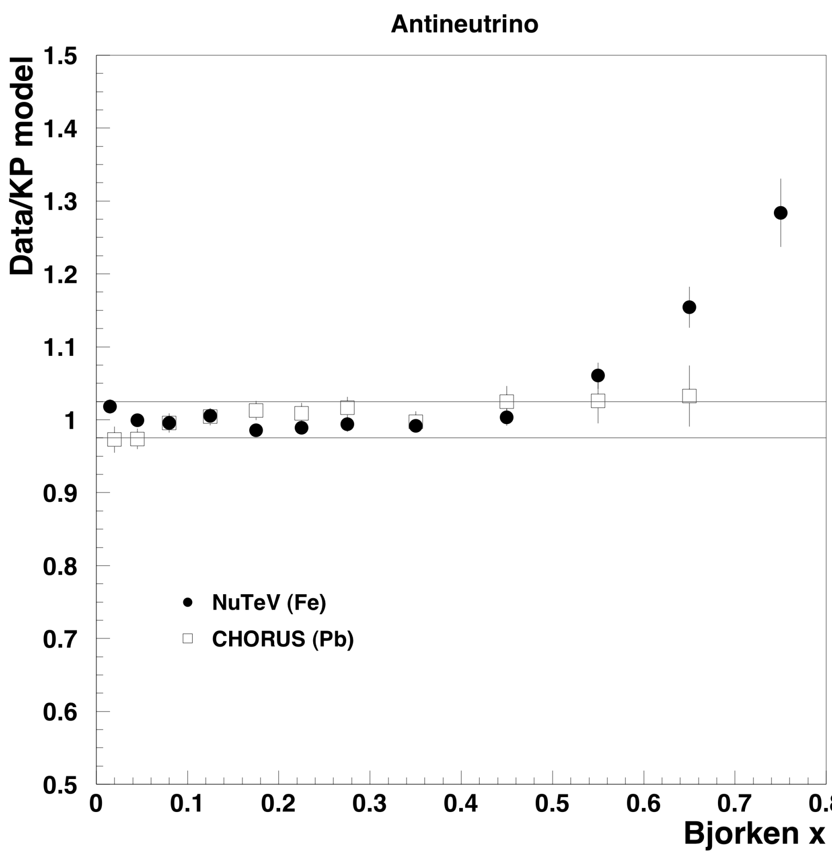


Comparison of Data to the Kulagin-Petti Model

thanks to Roberto Petti





Extraction of Nuclear PDFs and Nuclear Correction Factors from ν–A Scattering

- PDF Parameterized at Q_0 = 1.3 GeV as

$$xf_i(x,Q_0) = \begin{cases} A_0 x^{A_1}(1-x)^{A_2} e^{A_3 x}(1+e^{A_4}x)^{A_5} & : i = u_v, d_v, g, \bar{u}+\bar{d}, s, \bar{s}\,, \\ A_0 x^{A_1}(1-x)^{A_2} + (1+A_3 x)(1-x)^{A_4} & : i = \bar{d}/\bar{u}\,, \end{cases}$$

- PDFs for a nucleus are constructed as:

$$f_i^A(x,Q) = \frac{Z}{A}\, f_i^{p/A}(x,Q) + \frac{(A-Z)}{A}\, f_i^{n/A}(x,Q)$$

- Resulting in nuclear structure functions:

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- The differential cross sections for CC scattering off a nucleus::

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx\,dy}^{\overset{(-)}{\nu}A} = \frac{G^2 ME}{\pi}\Big[(1-y-\frac{Mxy}{2E})F_2^{\overset{(-)}{\nu}A} + \frac{y^2}{2}2xF_1^{\overset{(-)}{\nu}A} \pm y(1-\frac{y}{2})xF_3^{\overset{(-)}{\nu}A}\Big]$$

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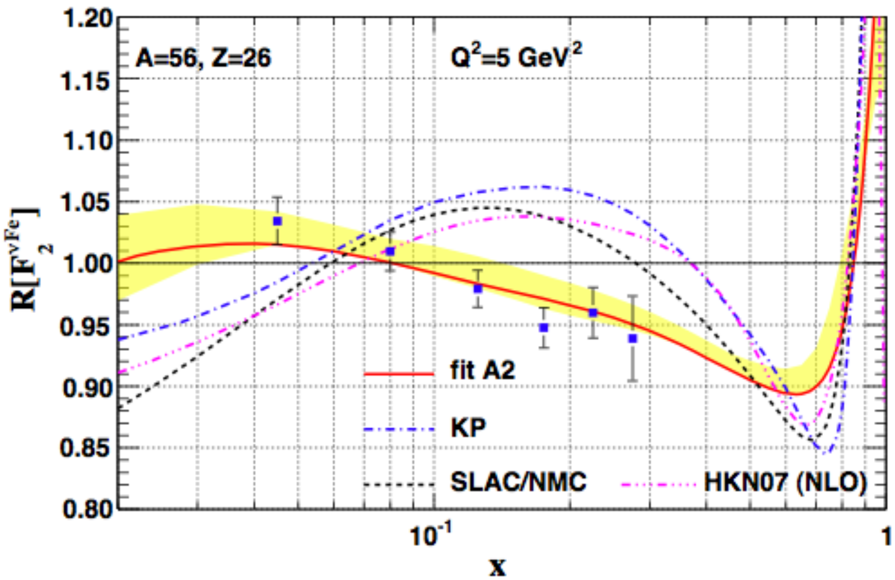

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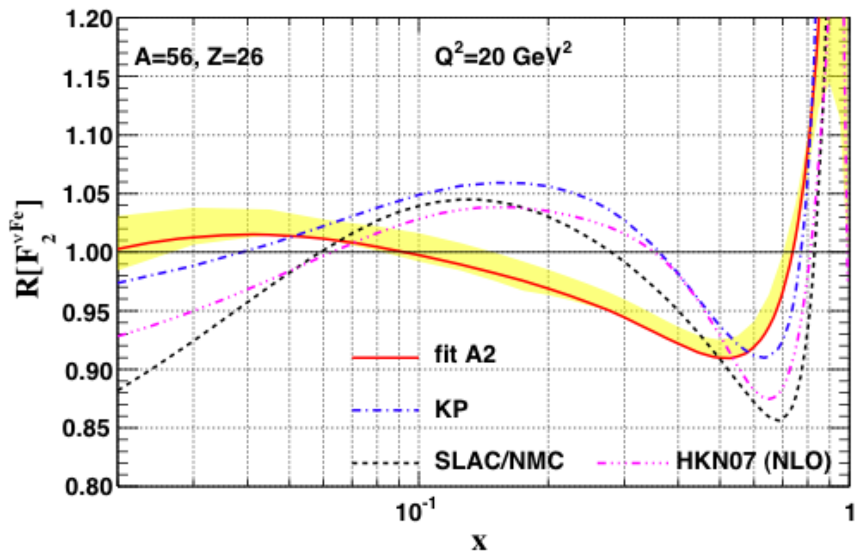

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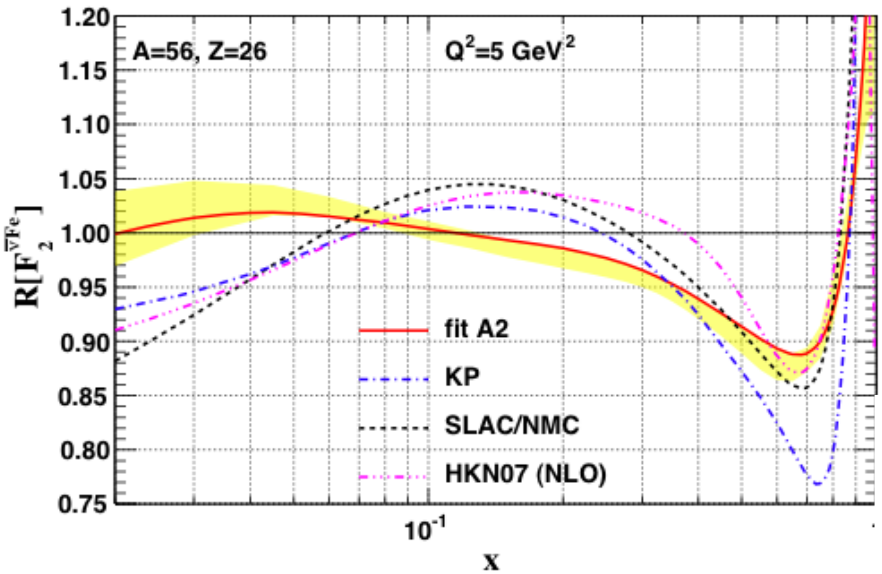

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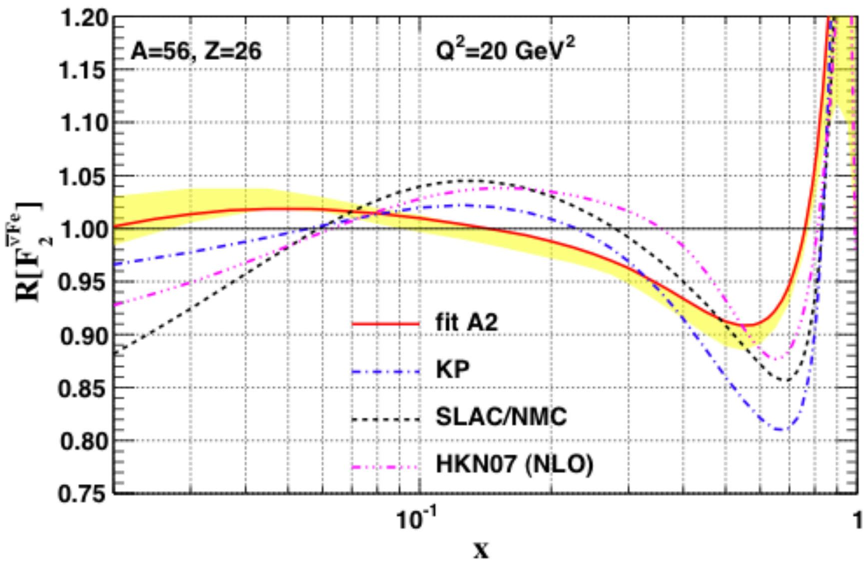

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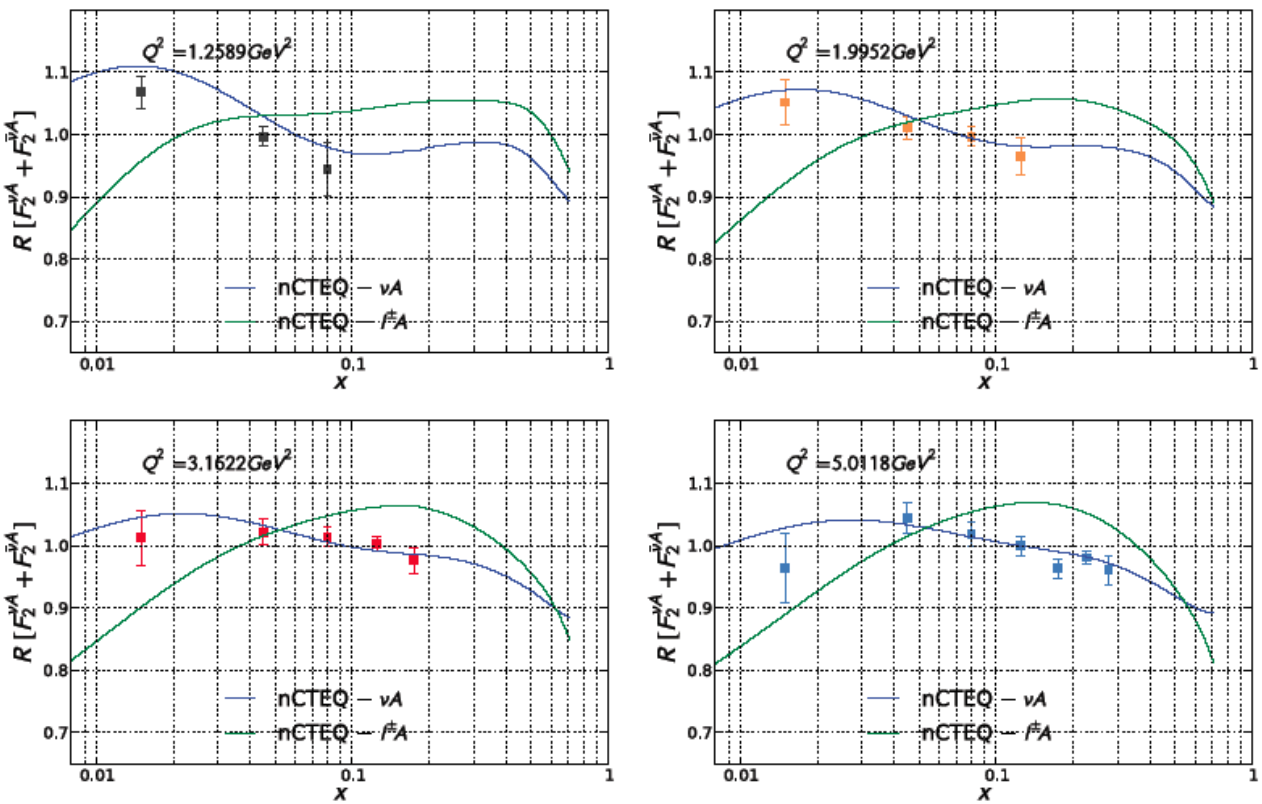

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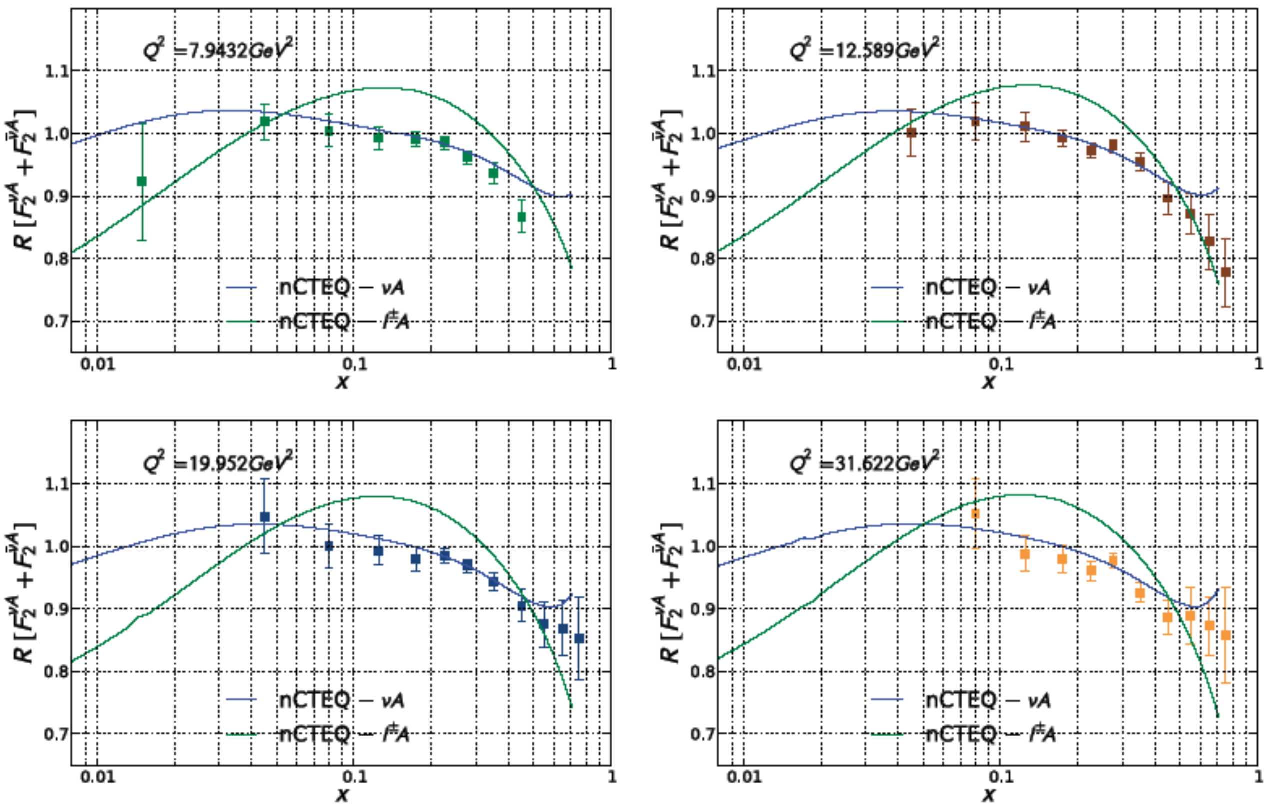

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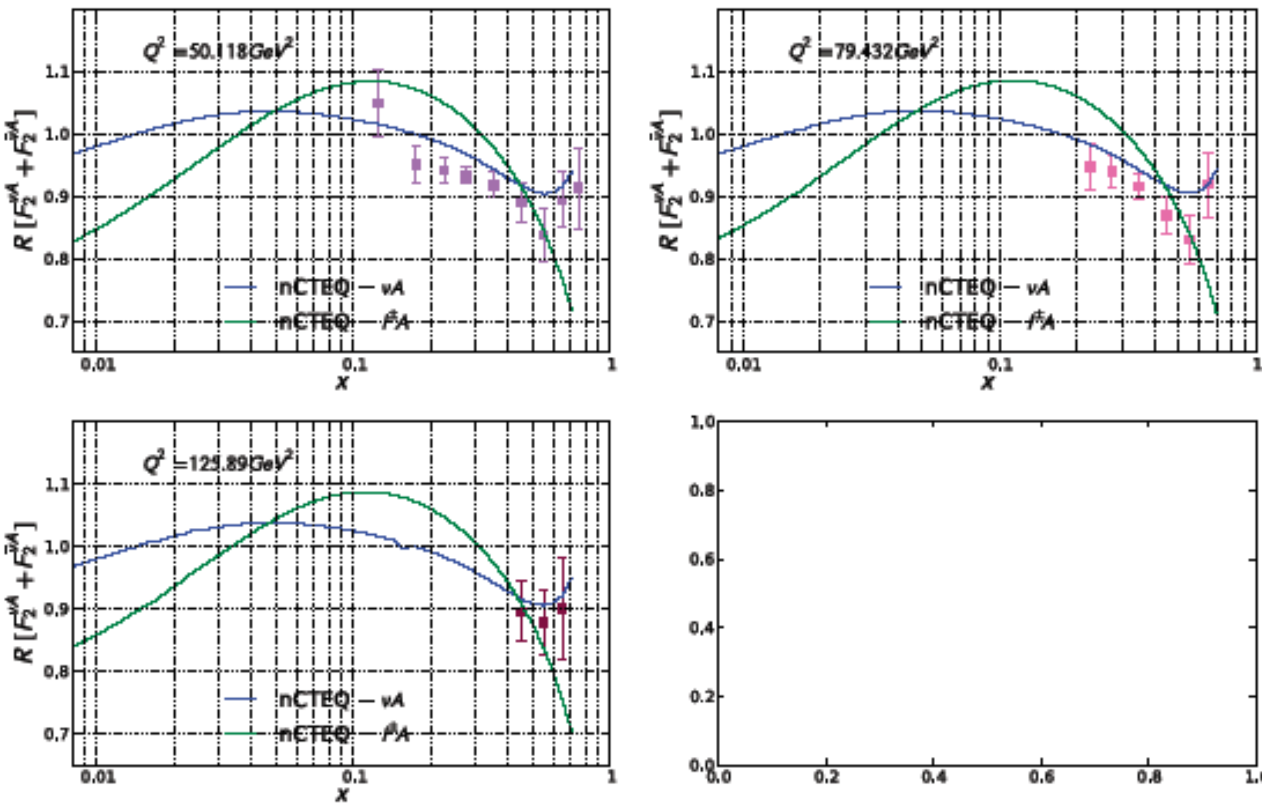

Combined Analysis of ν A, ℓA and DY data

Kovarik, Yu, Keppel, Morfin, Olness, Owens, **Schienbein**, Stavreva

- Take an earlier analysis of $\ell^{\pm}$A data sets (built in A-dependence)
  - Schienbein, Yu, Kovarik, Keppel, Morfin, Olness, Owens,
  - PRD80 (2009) 094004
- For $\ell^{\pm}$A take $F_2(A)/F_2(D)$ and $F_2(A)/F_2(A')$ and DY $\sigma(pA)/\sigma(pA')$
  - 708 Data points with $Q > 2$ and $W > 3.5$
- Use **8 Neutrino data sets**
  - NuTeV cross section data: $\nu\, Fe$, $\overline{\nu}\, Fe$
  - NuTeV dimuon off Fe data
  - CHORUS cross section data: $\nu\, Pb$, $\overline{\nu}\, Pb$
  - CCF*R* dimuon off Fe data
- Initial problem, with standard CTEQ cuts of $Q > 2$ and $W > 3.5$ **neutrino data points (3134) far outnumber $\ell^{\pm}$A (708)**.

Try to Find a Simultaneous Fit to Both $\ell^{\pm}$ and ν

- Analysis of fits with different weights of neutrino DIS (using correlated errors)

Weight	Fit name	ℓ data	χ^2 (/pt)	ν data	χ^2 (/pt)	total χ^2 (/pt)
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$w = 1$	global2b	708	736 (1.04)	3134	4277 (1.36)	5014 (1.30)
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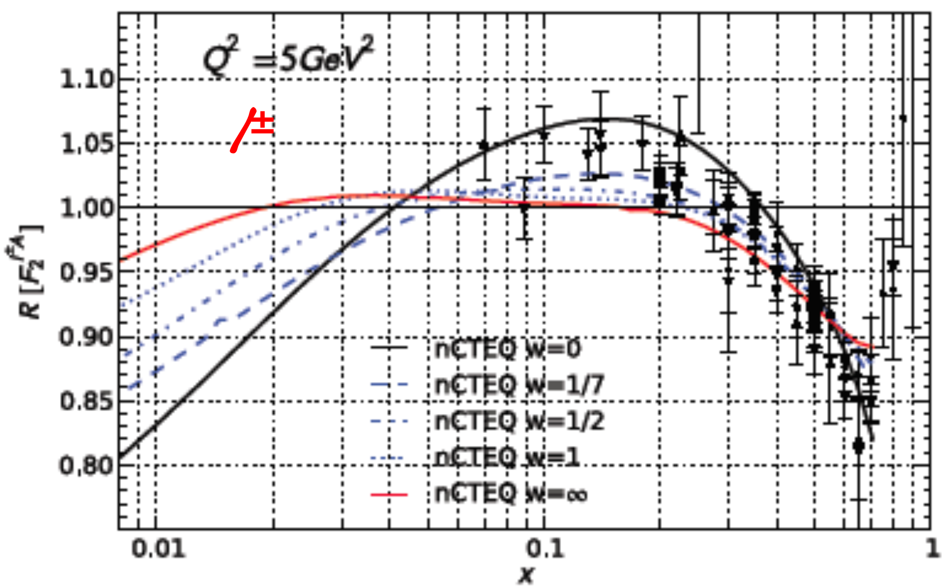

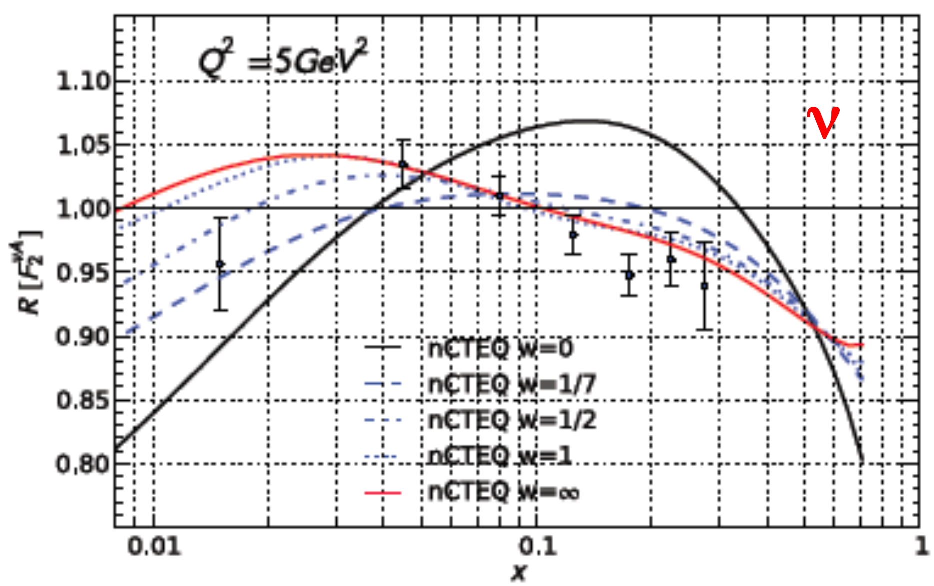

Quantitative χ^2 Analysis of a Combined Fit

- Up to now we are giving a qualitative analysis. Consider next quantitative criterion based on χ^2
- Introduce "tolerance" (T). Condition for compatibility of two fits:

The 2nd fit χ^2 should be within the 90% C.L. region of the first fit χ^2

- Charged: 638.9 ± 45.6 (best fit to charged lepton and DY data)
- Neutrino: 4192 ± 138 (best fit to only neutrino data)

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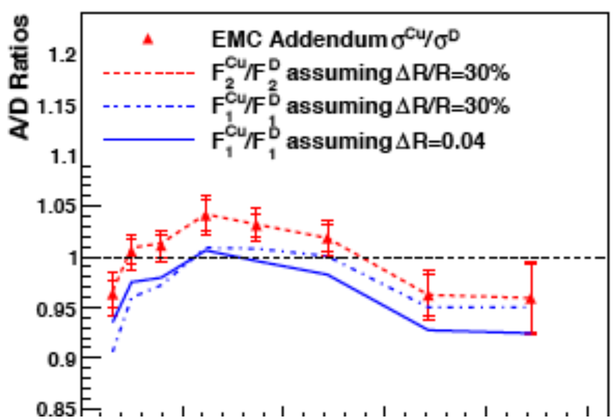
Others Do NOT Find this Difference between $\ell^{\pm}$ and ν

- The analyses of K. Eskola et al. and D. de Florian et al. do not find this difference between $\ell^{\pm}$–A and ν–A scattering.
- They do not use the full covariant error matrix rather adding statistical and systematic errors in quadrature.
- They do not use the full double differential cross section rather they use the extracted structure functions which involve assumptions:
  - Assume a value for ΔxF_3 ($= F_3^{\nu} - F_3^{\nu}$) from theory.
  - Assume a value for $R = F_L / F_T$.
- If nCTEQ makes these same assumptions, than a combined solution of $\ell^{\pm}$–A and ν–A scattering can be found.

If Difference between both $\mu^{\pm}$-A and ν–A persists?

- In neutrino scattering, low-Q^2 is dominated by the (PCAC) part of the axial-vector contribution of the longitudinal structure function F_L.
- Shadowing is led by F_T and the shadowing of F_L lags at lower x.



V. Guzey et al. arXiv 1207.0131

  - F_1 (Blue) is purely transverse and F_2 (Red) is a sum of F_T (F_1) and F_L
  - This could be a contributing factor to such a difference.
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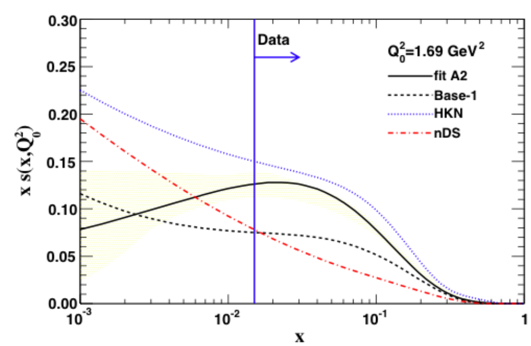
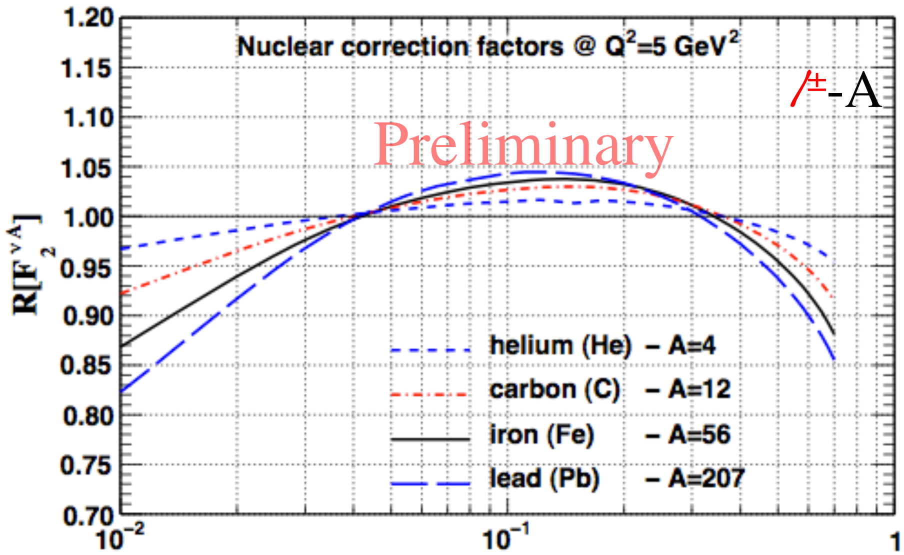
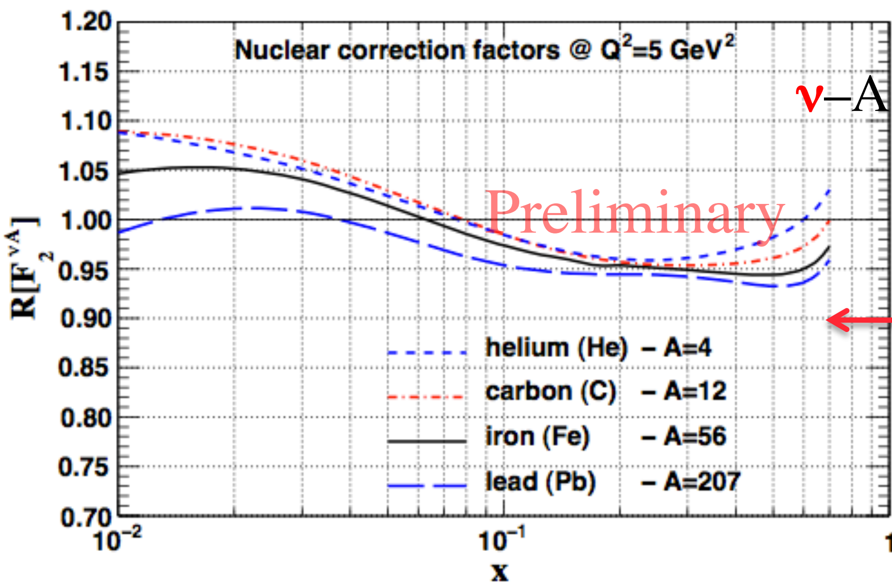
  - In the shadowing region at low-x, y is large and the σ are primarily probing the d- and s-quarks.
- This is very different from $l^{\pm}$ scattering where the d- and s-quarks are reduced by a factor of 4 compared to the u- and c-quarks.
  - If shadowing of the d- or s-quarks is negligible this would explain the NuTeV result.
  - Diminished shadowing of the nuclear s-quark is suggested by early extraction of nPDFs by nCTEQ.

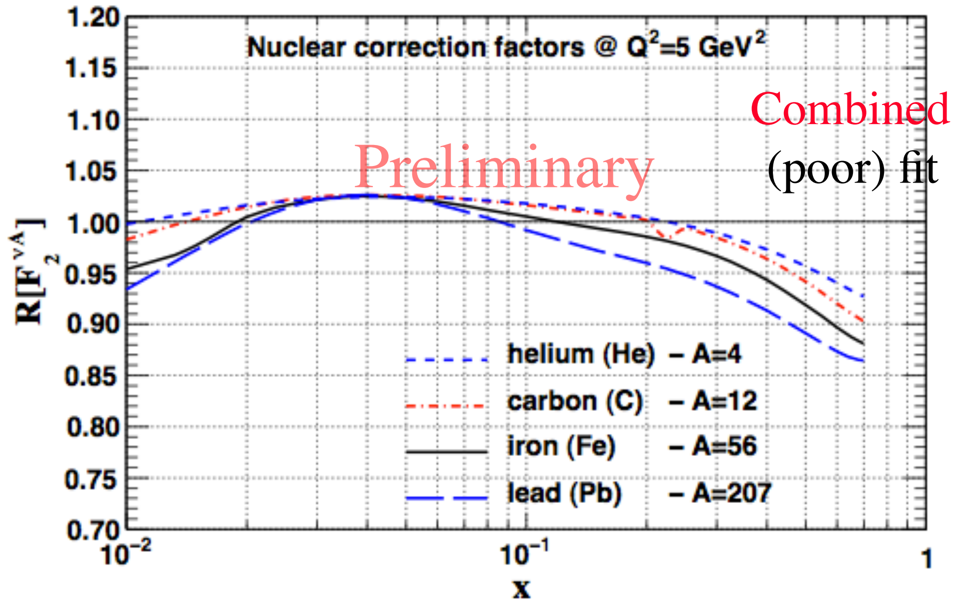


What could MINERνA Contribute?

Preliminary Predictions for MINERνA Targets







Careful! Based on analysis of NuTeV ν-Fe results and scaled in A **as charged lepton nucleus** scattering results!

(Karol Kovarik – Katlsruhe)

Summary and Conclusions

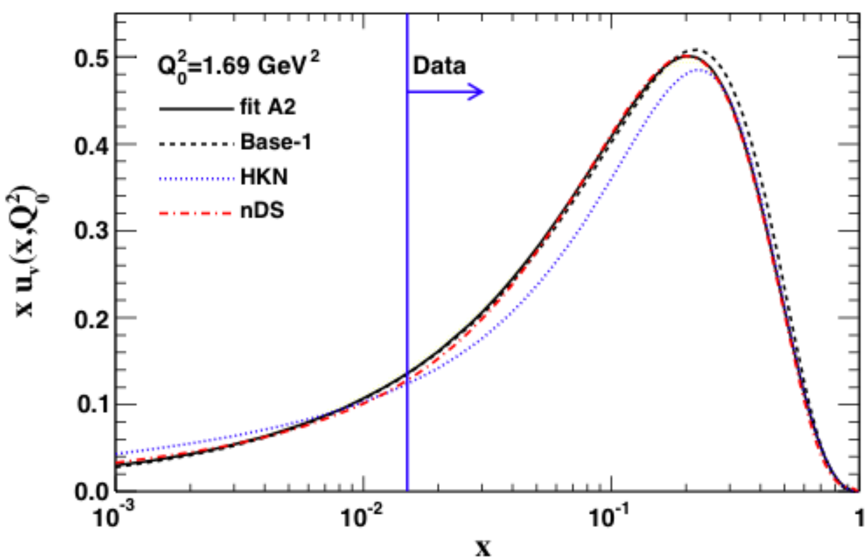
- There are indications from **one** experiment using **one** nucleus that **ν-induced parton-level nuclear effects are different** than $\ell^{\pm}$-nuclear effects.
  - Based on nuclear corrections factors $\bar{R}$ and the tolerance criterion, there is no good compromise fit to the $\ell^{\pm}A + DY + \nu A$ data.

- If these differences between $\ell^{\pm}-A$ and $\nu-A$ scattering persist, the difference in shadowing may (partially) be due to the large contribution of F_L at low Q^2 in $\nu-A$ scattering and/or shadowing of the strange quark.

- Need systematic **experimental** study of **ν-induced nuclear effects in A and D_2 such as MINERνA in the ME Beam.**

Additional Details

Iron PDFs



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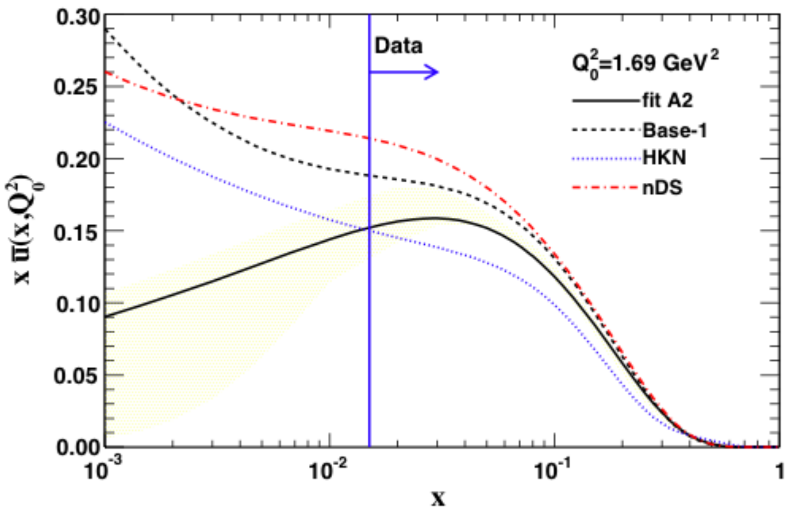

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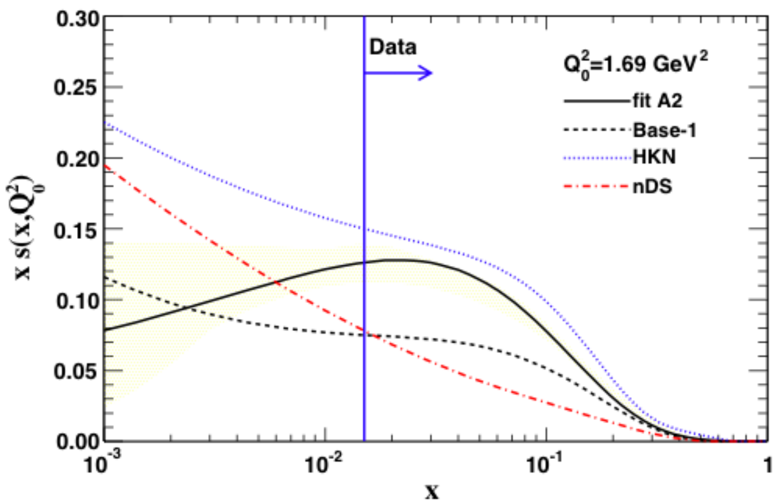

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Kulagin-Petti Model of Nuclear Effects

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- Global Approach -aiming to obtain quantitative calculations covering the complete range of x and Q^2 available with thorough physics basis for fit to data.
- Different effects on structure functions (SF) are taken into account:

$$F_i^A = F_i^{p/A} + F_i^{n/A} + F_i^{\pi/A} + \delta F_i^{coh}$$

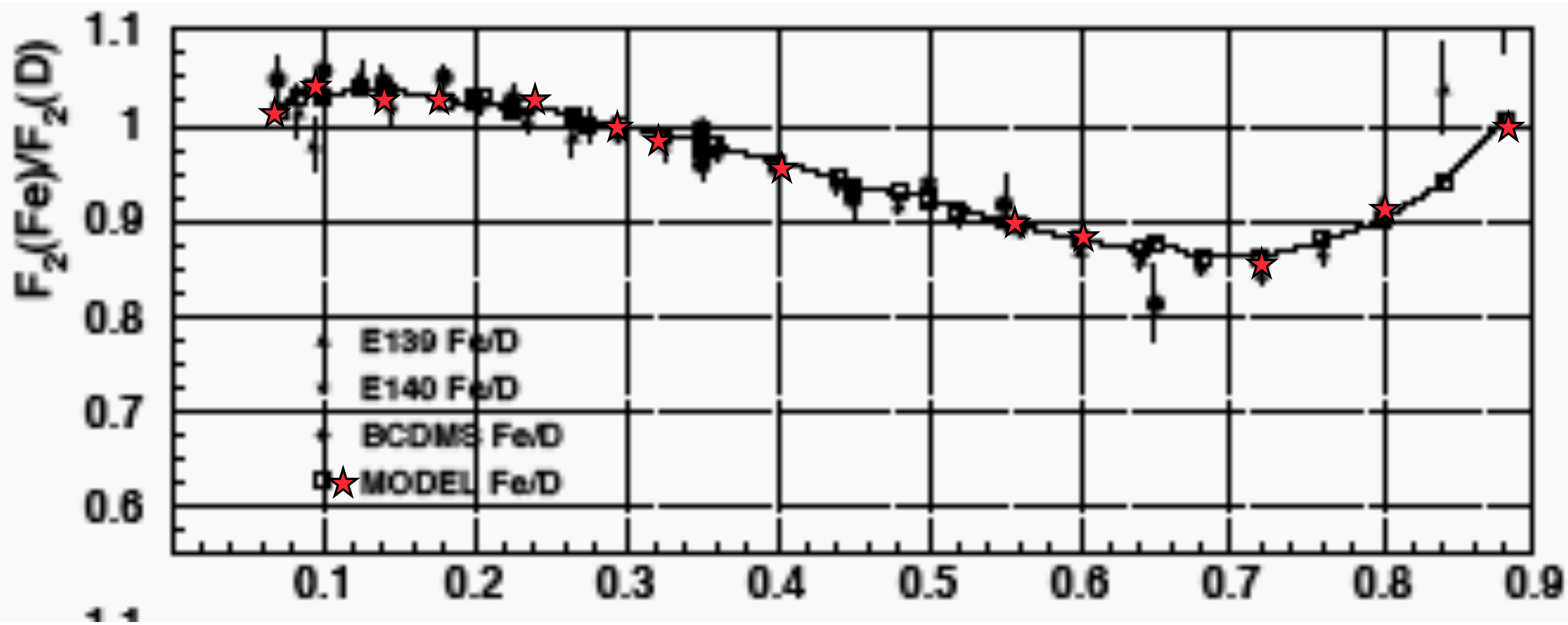
  - $F_i^{p(n)/A}$ bound proton(neutron) SF with Fermi Motion, Binding (FMB) and Off-Shell effect (OS)
  - $F_i^{\pi/A}$ nuclear Pion excess correction (PI)
  - δF_i^{coh} contribution from coherent nuclear interactions: Nuclear Shadowing (NS)

- **Fermi Motion** and **Binding** in nuclear structure functions is calculated from the convolution of nuclear spectral function and (bound) nucleon SFs:
- Since bound nucleons are off-mass shell there appears dependence on the nucleon virtuality $\kappa^2 = (M + \varepsilon)^2 - k^2$ where we have introduced an **off-shell structure function $\delta f_2(x)$**

$$F_2(x, Q^2, k^2) = F_2(x, Q^2)\left(1 + \delta f_2(x)(k^2 - M^2)/M^2\right)$$

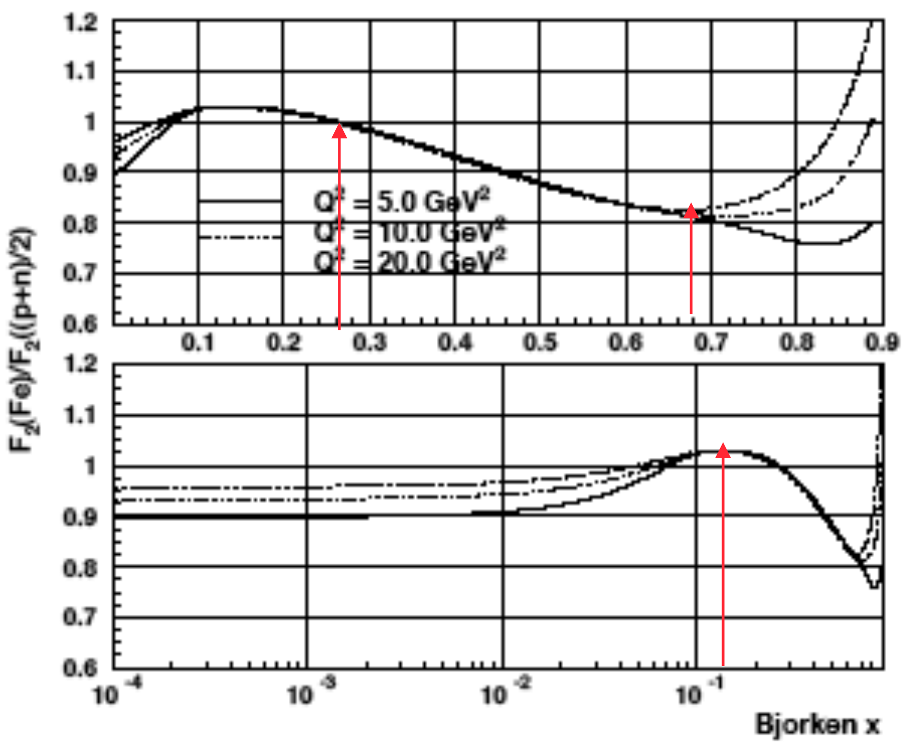
- Leptons can scatter off mesons which mediate interactions among bound nucleons yielding a **nuclear pion correction**

Kulagin-Petti compared to e/μ+Fe data
F_2 (e/μ+Fe) / F_2 (e/μ+D)



Charged Lepton

$F_2\,(\mu+Fe)\,/\,F_2\,(\mu+N)$ compared to $F_2\,(\nu+Fe)\,/\,F_2\,(\nu+N)$



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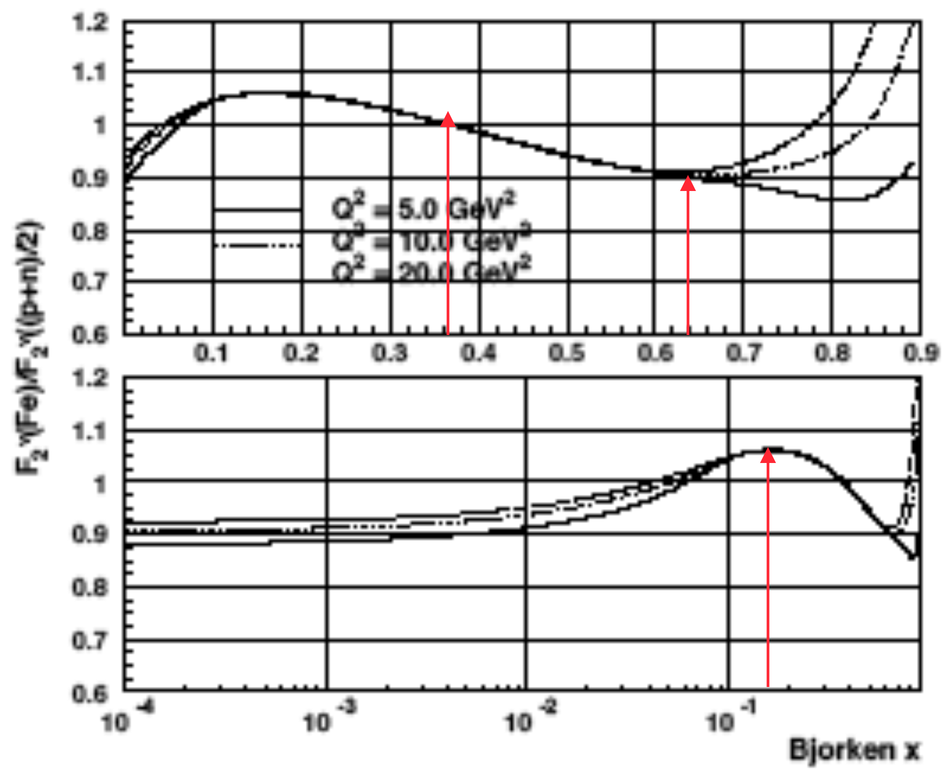

Neutrino

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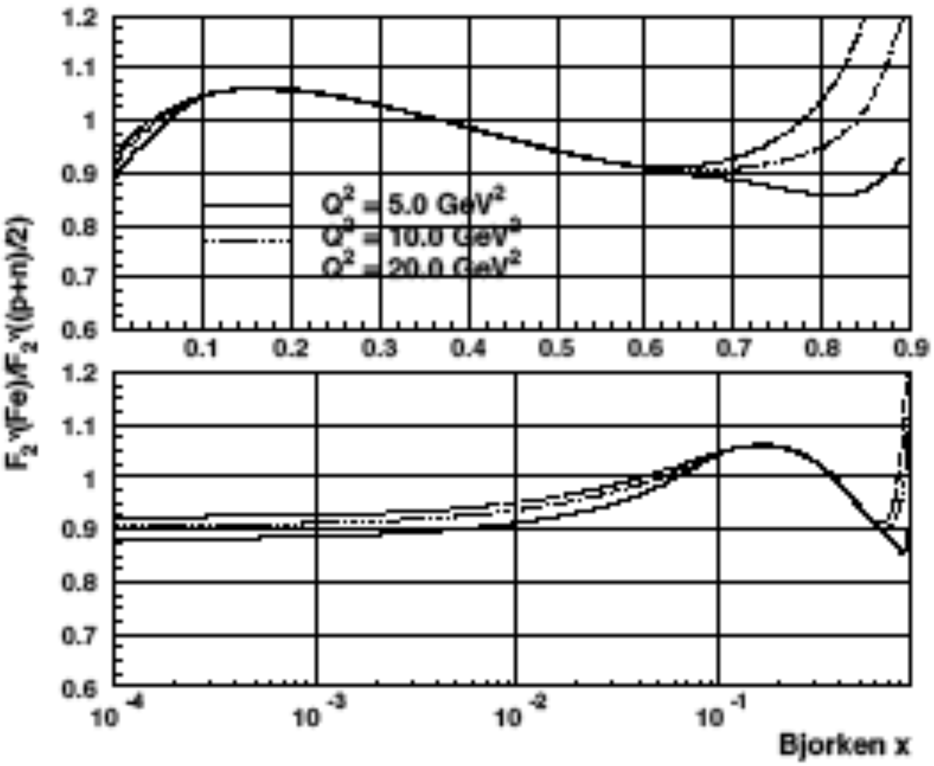
(n excess included in effect)



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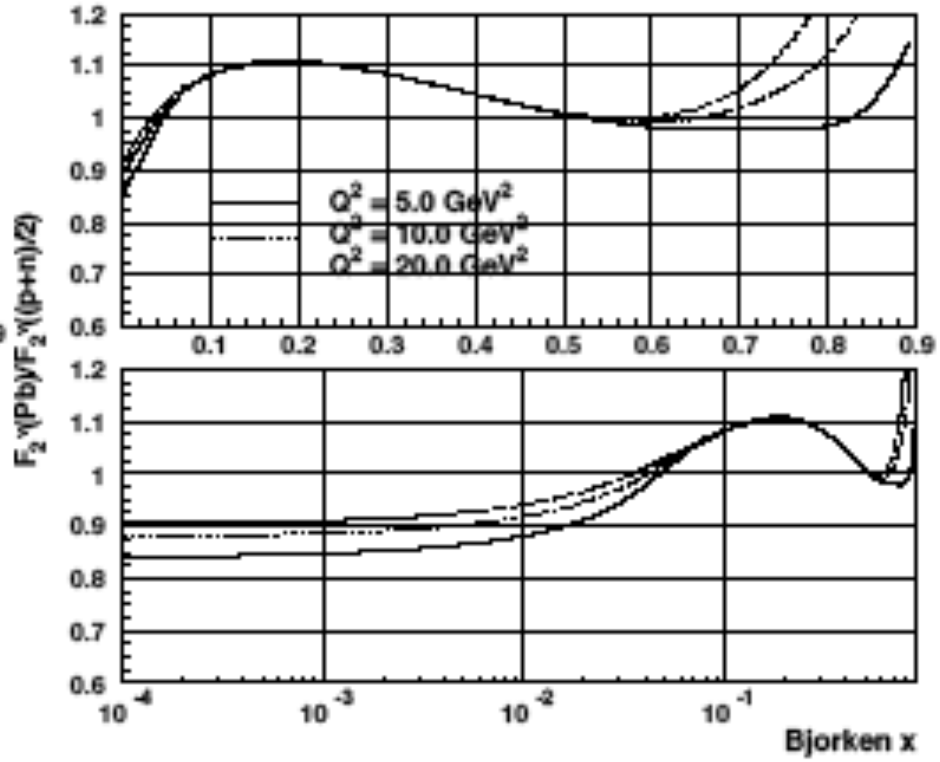

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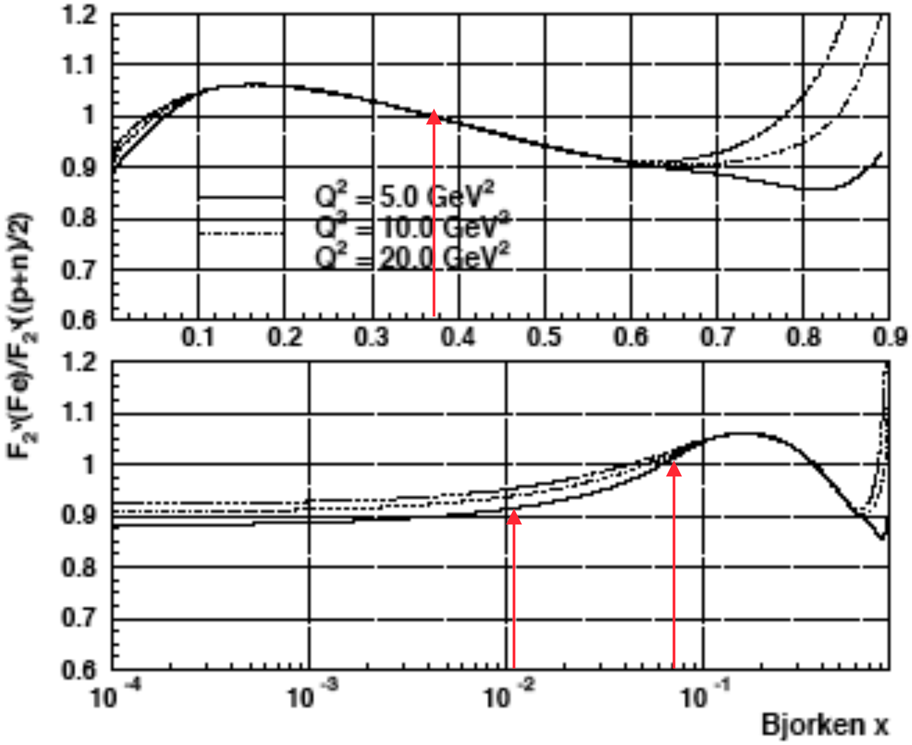
Kulagin-Petti: ν-Fe Nuclear Effects



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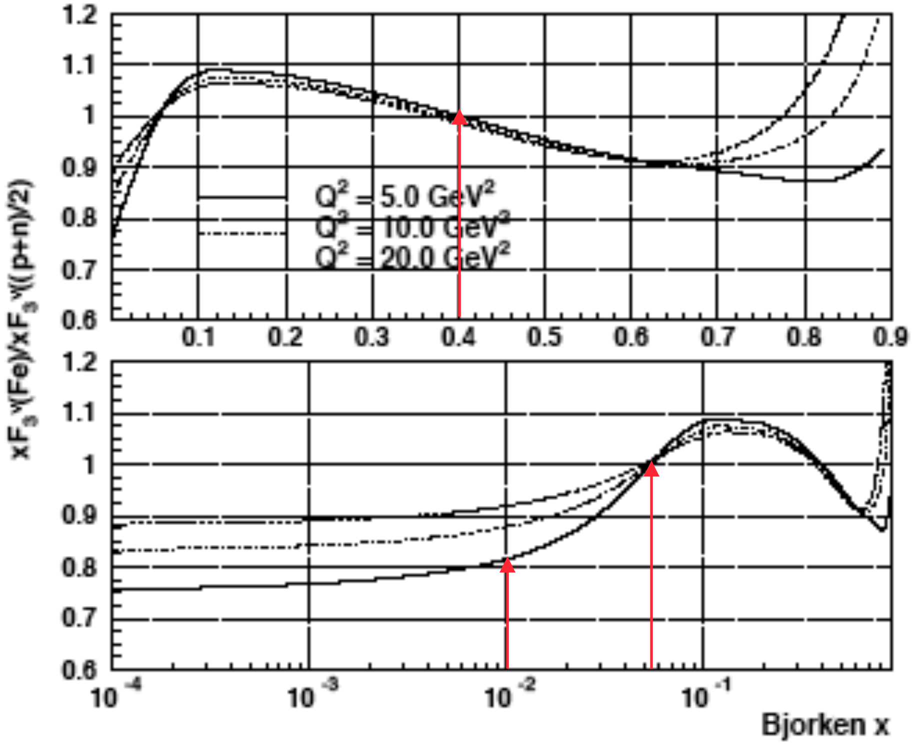
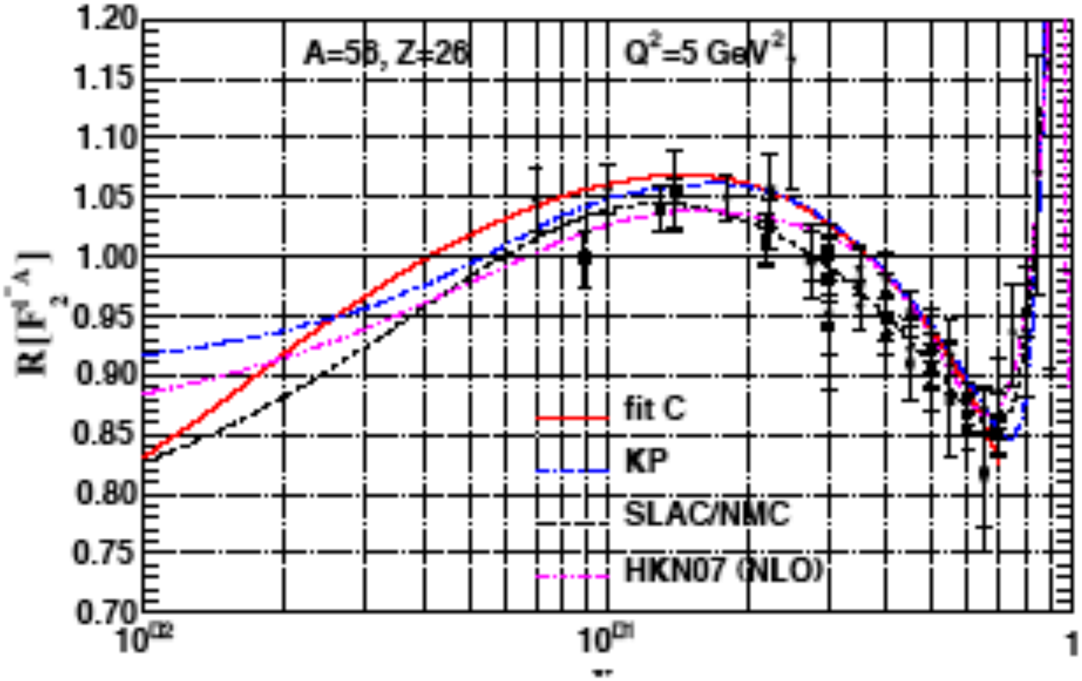


xF_3

Nuclear Structure Function Corrections
$\ell^{\pm}$ (Fe/D_2)



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