

# Exploring hadron structure in Drell-Yan measurements at SeaQuest

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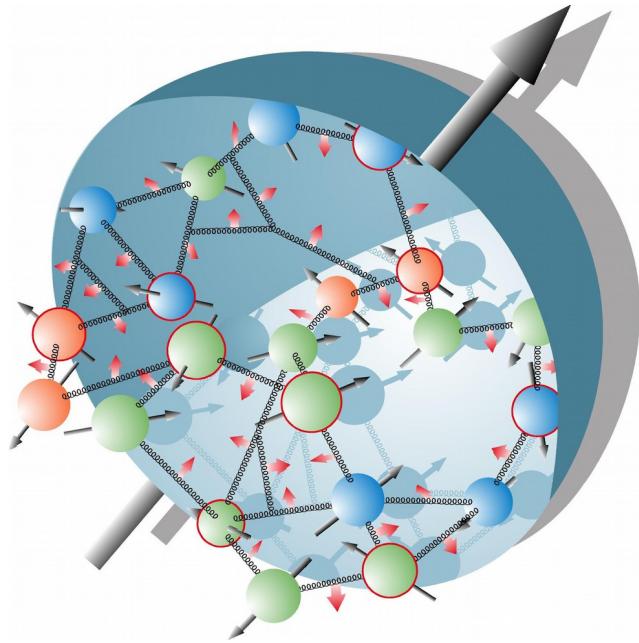
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SeaQuest – Drell-Yan experiment at FNAL

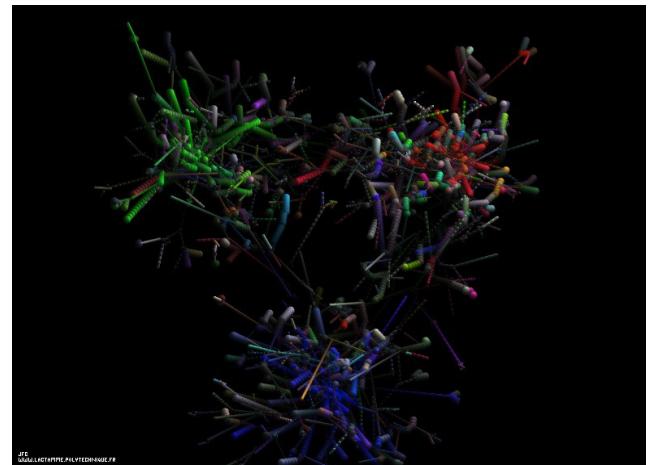
# The inner structure of the nucleon

bound state of the strong interaction

relativistic  
quarks  
that  
exchange  
gluons



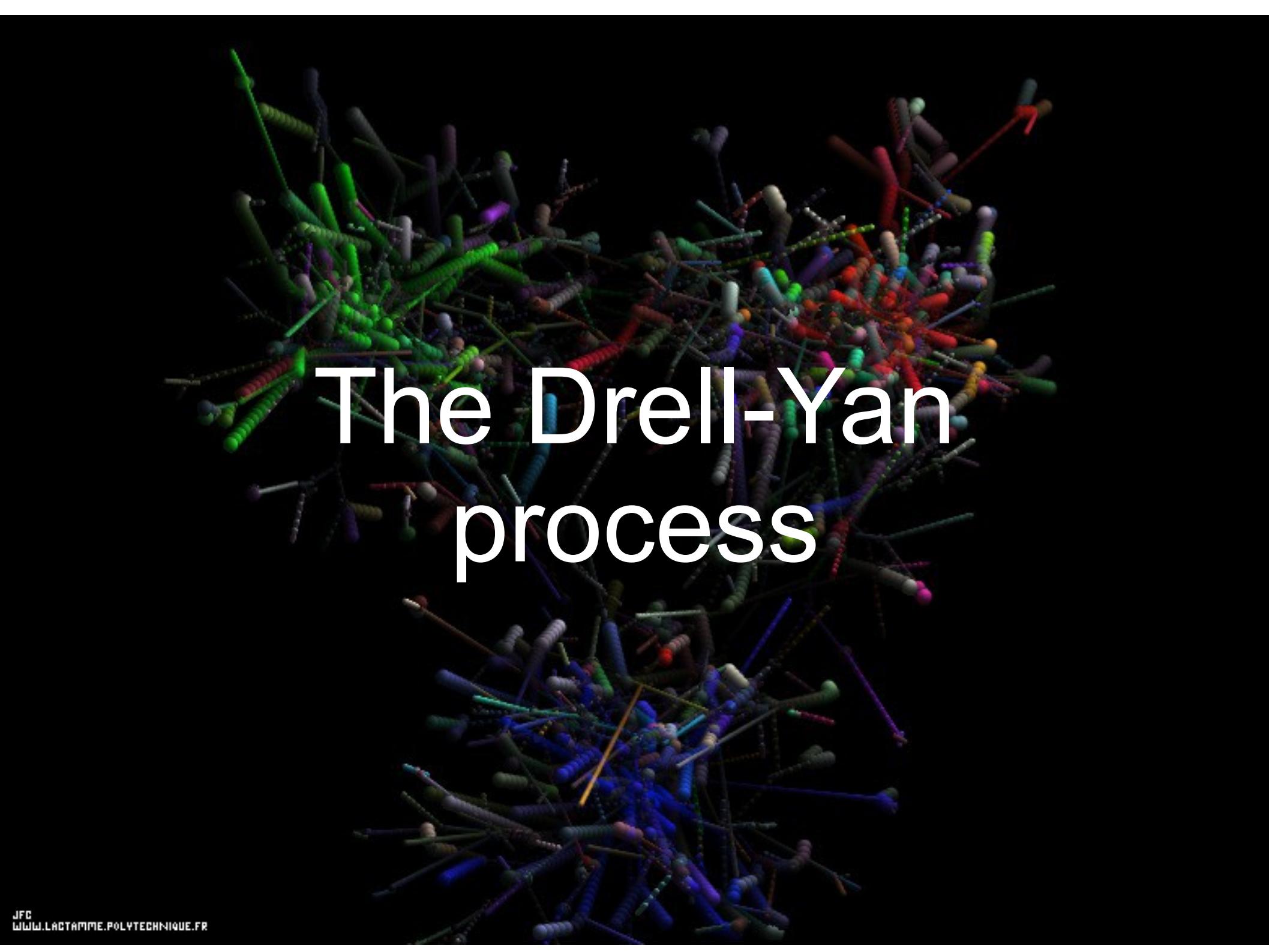
gluons  
radiate off  
gluons  
or quark  
antiquark  
pairs



experimental investigation in Drell-Yan

unique sensitivity to antiquarks

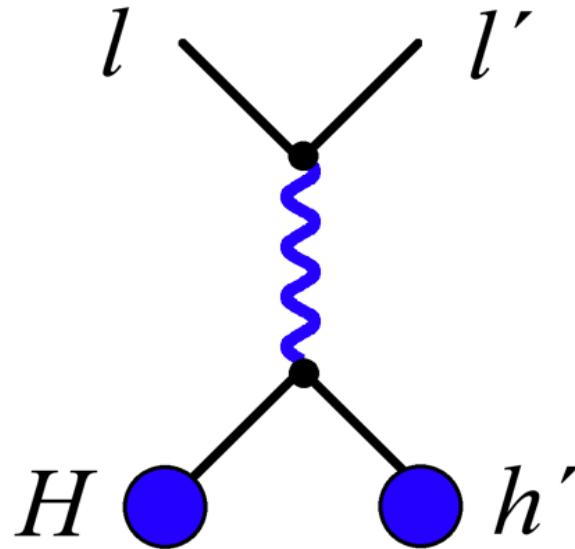
SeaQuest – Drell-Yan experiment at FNAL

The background of the slide features a complex, multi-colored 3D simulation of particle tracks. These tracks are represented by small spheres connected by thin lines, forming a dense web of paths. The colors range from green and blue at the bottom to red, orange, and yellow at the top, suggesting a depth or energy scale. The tracks are highly overlapping, creating a sense of volume and motion.

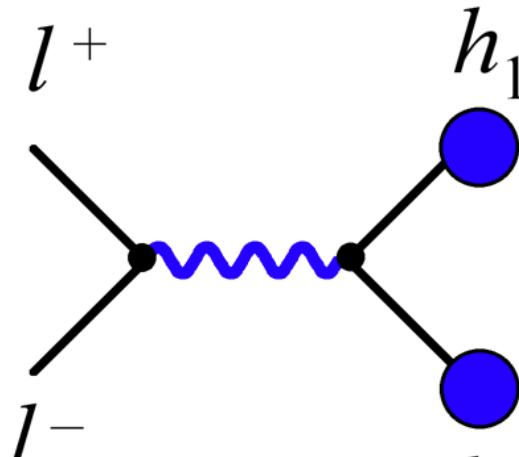
# The Drell-Yan process

# Fundamental (electro-weak) processes

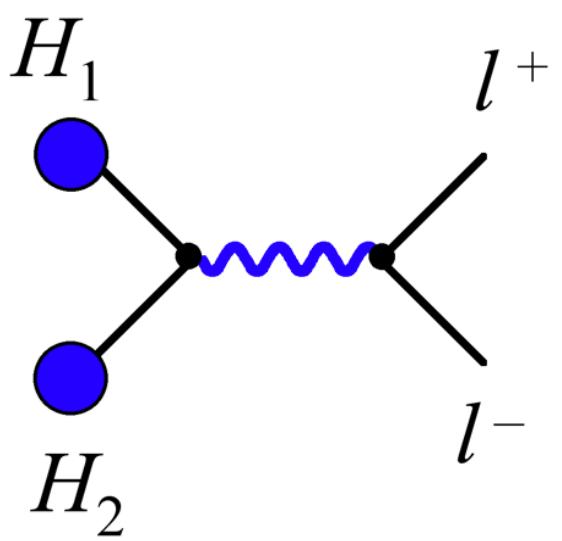
semi-inclusive DIS



e+e- annihilation



Drell-Yan



**QCD factorization theorem**

$$\sum_q e_q^2 \mathbf{f}_q^{(\mathbf{H})}(x) \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{h}'}(z) \sum_q e_q^2 \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{h}_1}(z_1) \mathbf{D}_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}^{\mathbf{h}_2}(z_2) \sum_q e_q^2 \mathbf{f}_q^{(\mathbf{H}_1)}(x_1) \mathbf{f}_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}^{(\mathbf{H}_2)}(x_2)$$

- measure all processes to disentangle **distribution** (f) and **fragmentation** (D) functions
- measure as many **hadron species**  $H, h$  as possible to disentangle **quark flavors**  $q$

# The Drell-Yan process

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## Observation of Massive Muon Pairs in Hadron Collisions\*

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(Received 8 September 1970)

Muon Pairs in the mass range  $1 < m_{\mu\mu} < 6.7$  GeV have been observed in collisions of high-energy protons with uranium nuclei. At an incident energy of 29 GeV, the cross section varies smoothly as  $d\sigma/dm_{\mu\mu} \approx 10^{-32} / m_{\mu\mu}^5 \text{ cm}^2 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$  and exhibits no resonant structure. The total cross section increases by a factor of 5 as the proton energy rises from 22 to 29.5 GeV.

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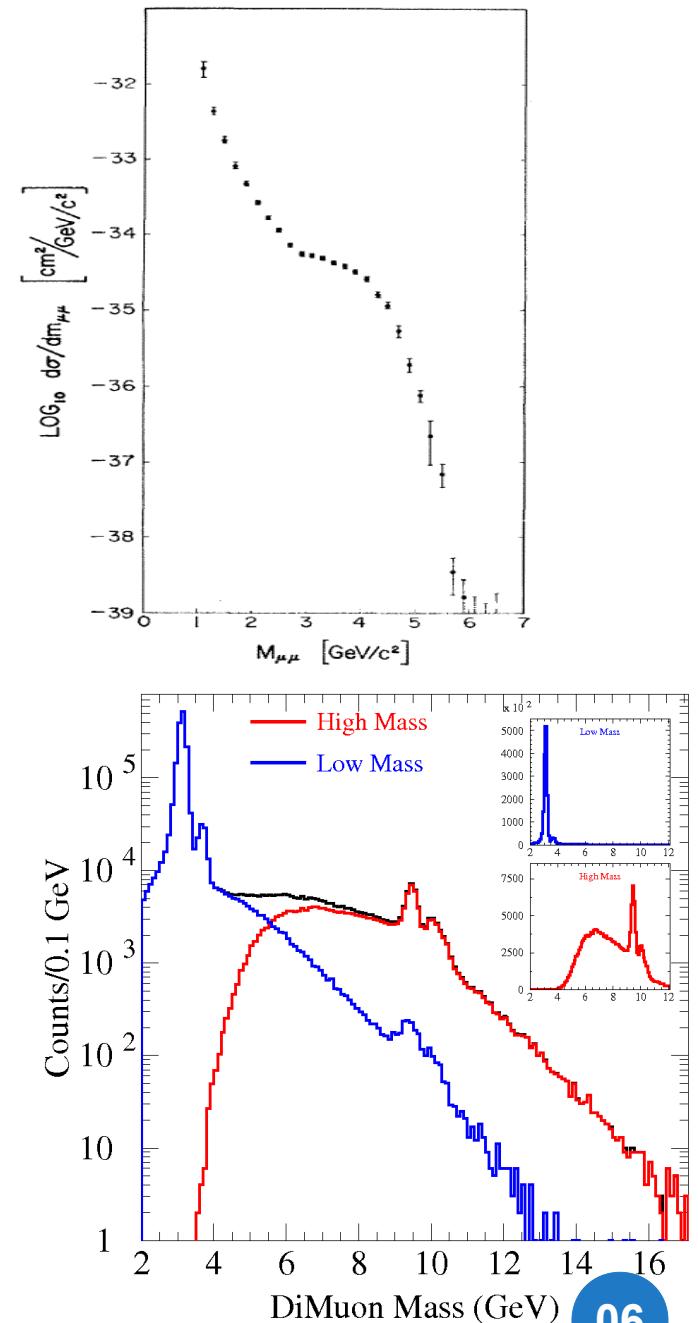
## MASSIVE LEPTON-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HADRON-HADRON COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES\*

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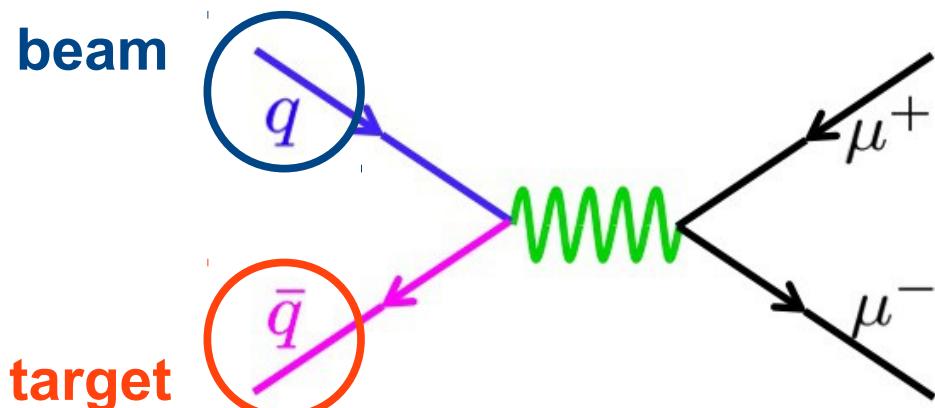
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On the basis of a parton model studied earlier we consider the production process of large-mass lepton pairs from hadron-hadron inelastic collisions in the limiting region,  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Q^2/s$  finite,  $Q^2$  and  $s$  being the squared invariant masses of the lepton pair and the two initial hadrons, respectively. General scaling properties and connections with deep inelastic electron scattering are discussed. In particular, a rapidly decreasing cross section as  $Q^2/s \rightarrow 1$  is predicted as a consequence of the observed rapid falloff of the inelastic scattering structure function  $\nu W_2$  near threshold.

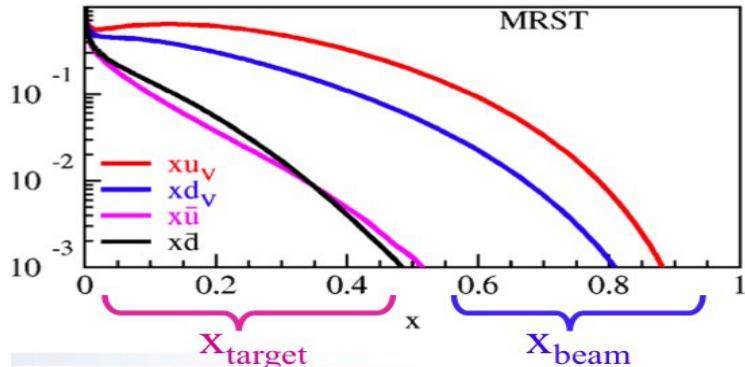


# A laboratory for sea quarks

## The Drell-Yan process

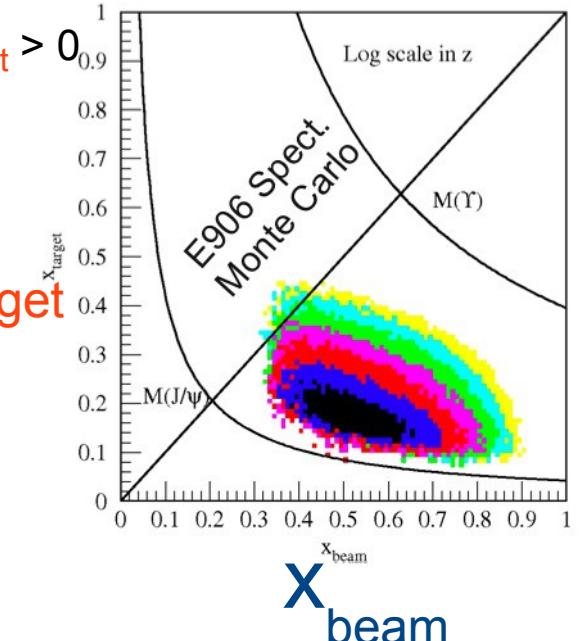


$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_b dx_t} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9x_b x_t} \frac{1}{s} \sum_q e_q^2 [\bar{q}_t(x_t) q_b(x_b) + q_t(x_t) \bar{q}_b(x_b)]$$

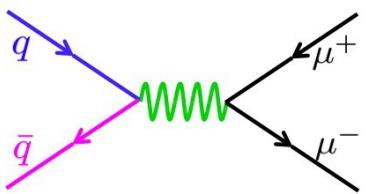


fixed target + forward spectrometer

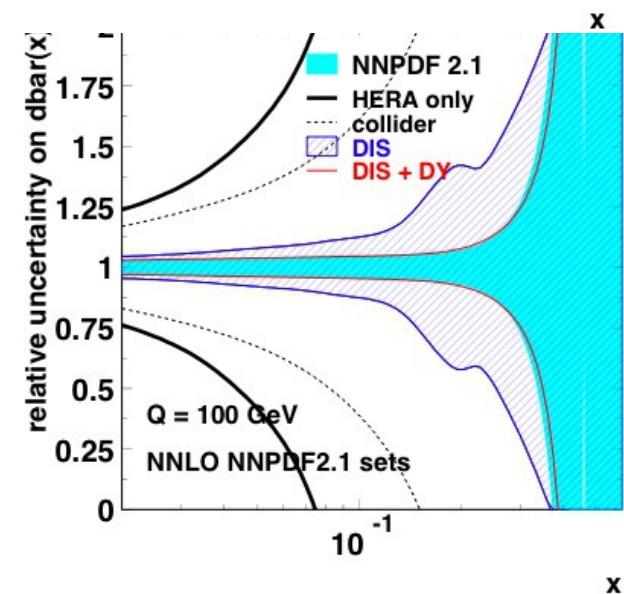
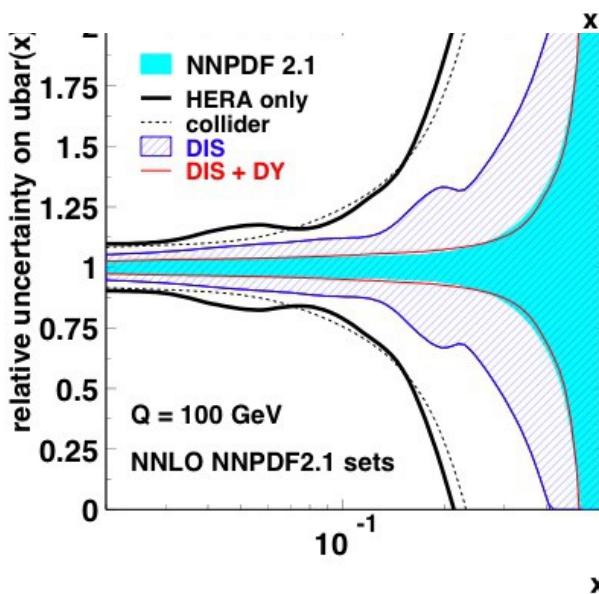
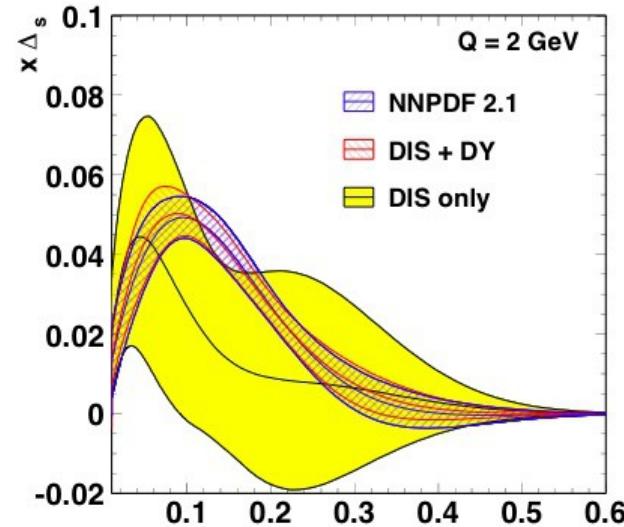
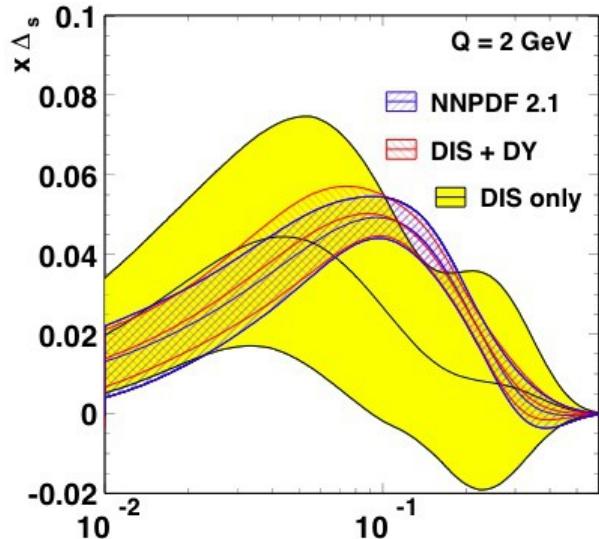
$$\rightarrow x_F = x_b - x_t > 0$$

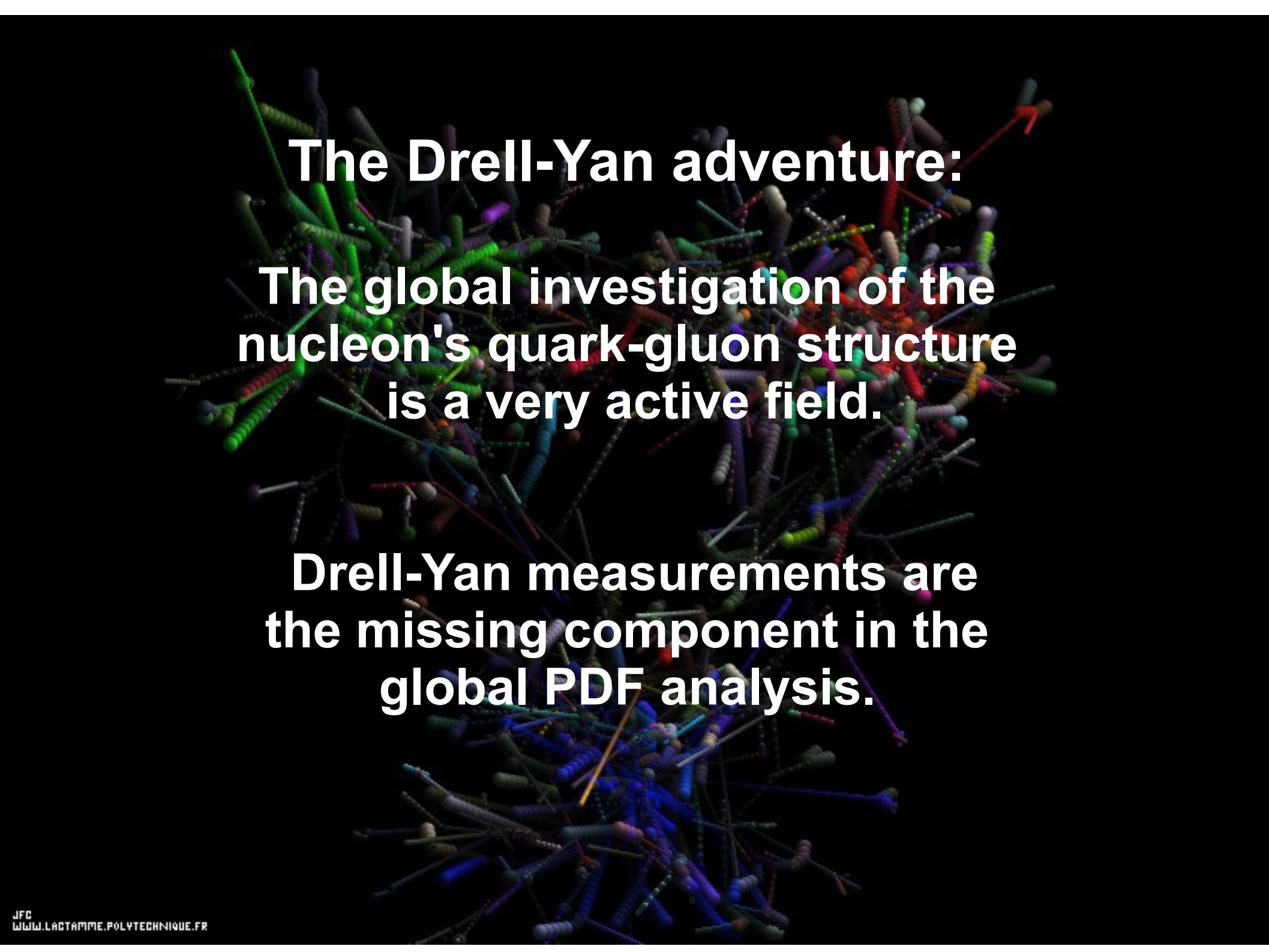


**beam:** valence quarks at high-x  
**target:** sea quarks at intermediate-x



# : unique sensitivity to sea quarks

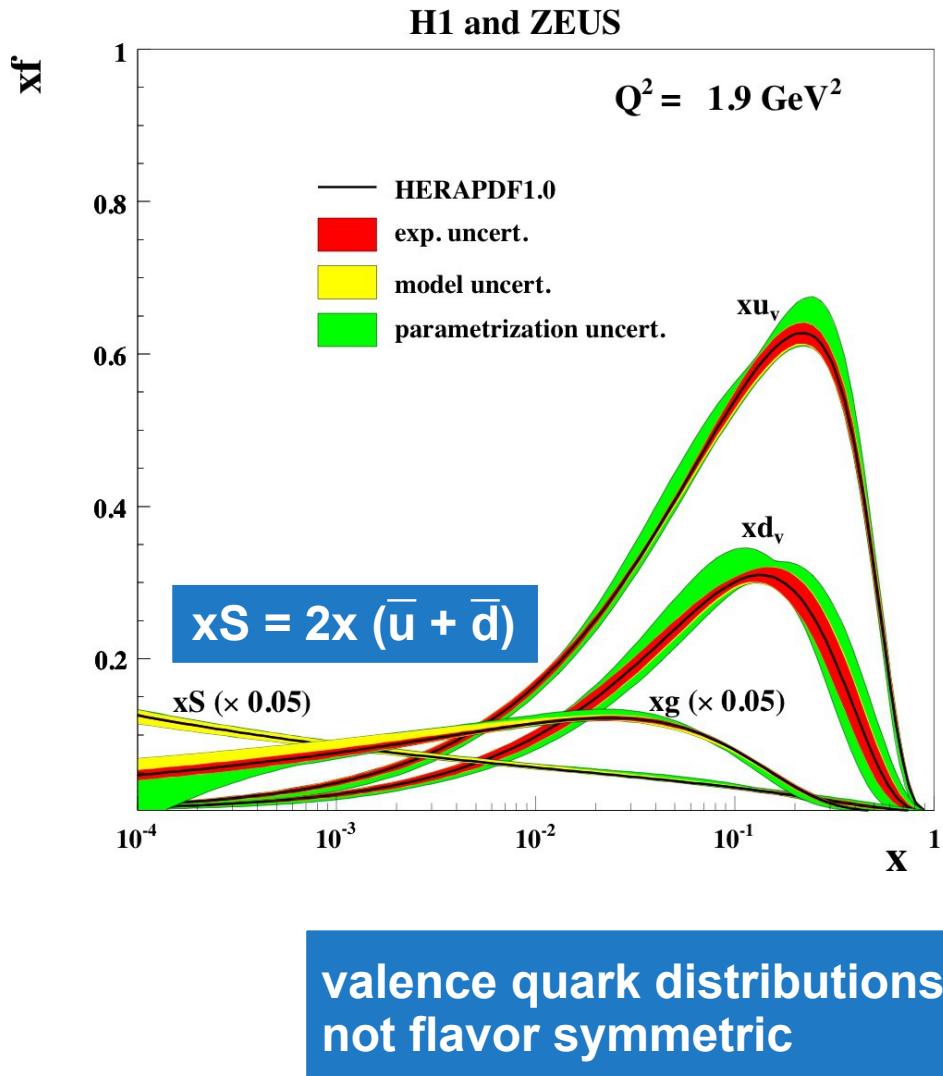




**The Drell-Yan adventure:  
The global investigation of the  
nucleon's quark-gluon structure  
is a very active field.**

**Drell-Yan measurements are  
the missing component in the  
global PDF analysis.**

# The nucleon sea



- **atomic physics**: relatively minor role of particle-antiparticle pairs
- **hadronic physics**:
  - large strong coupling strength  $\alpha_s$
  - **quark-antiquark pairs** are readily produced in strong interactions
  - **integral part of nucleon's structure**
- **first evidence for nucleon sea**: structure functions continue to rise as  $x \rightarrow 0$
- assumptions in earliest parton models:
  - proton sea assumed to be SU(3) flavor symmetric
  - comparable masses for u and d
  - nearly up-down flavor symmetric nucleon sea

# Seminal result by NMC

- Gottfried integral  $I_G$  in DIS:

$$I_G = \int_0^1 [F_2^p(x) - F_2^n(x)] / x \, dx = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 [\bar{u}_p(x) - \bar{d}_p(x)] \, dx,$$

$$\bar{d}(x) = \bar{u}(x) \rightarrow I_G = \frac{1}{3}$$

- derived assuming charge symmetry (CS) at the partonic level:

$$u_p(x) = d_n(x), \bar{u}_p(x) = \bar{d}_n(x), d_p(x) = u_n(x), \bar{d}_p(x) = \bar{u}_n(x)$$

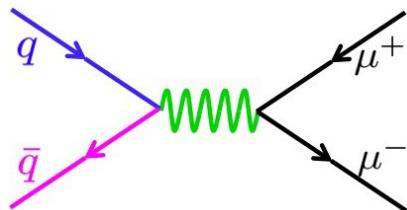
- New Muon Collaboration (NMC) at CERN:

$$I_G = 0.235 \pm 0.026 < \frac{1}{3}$$

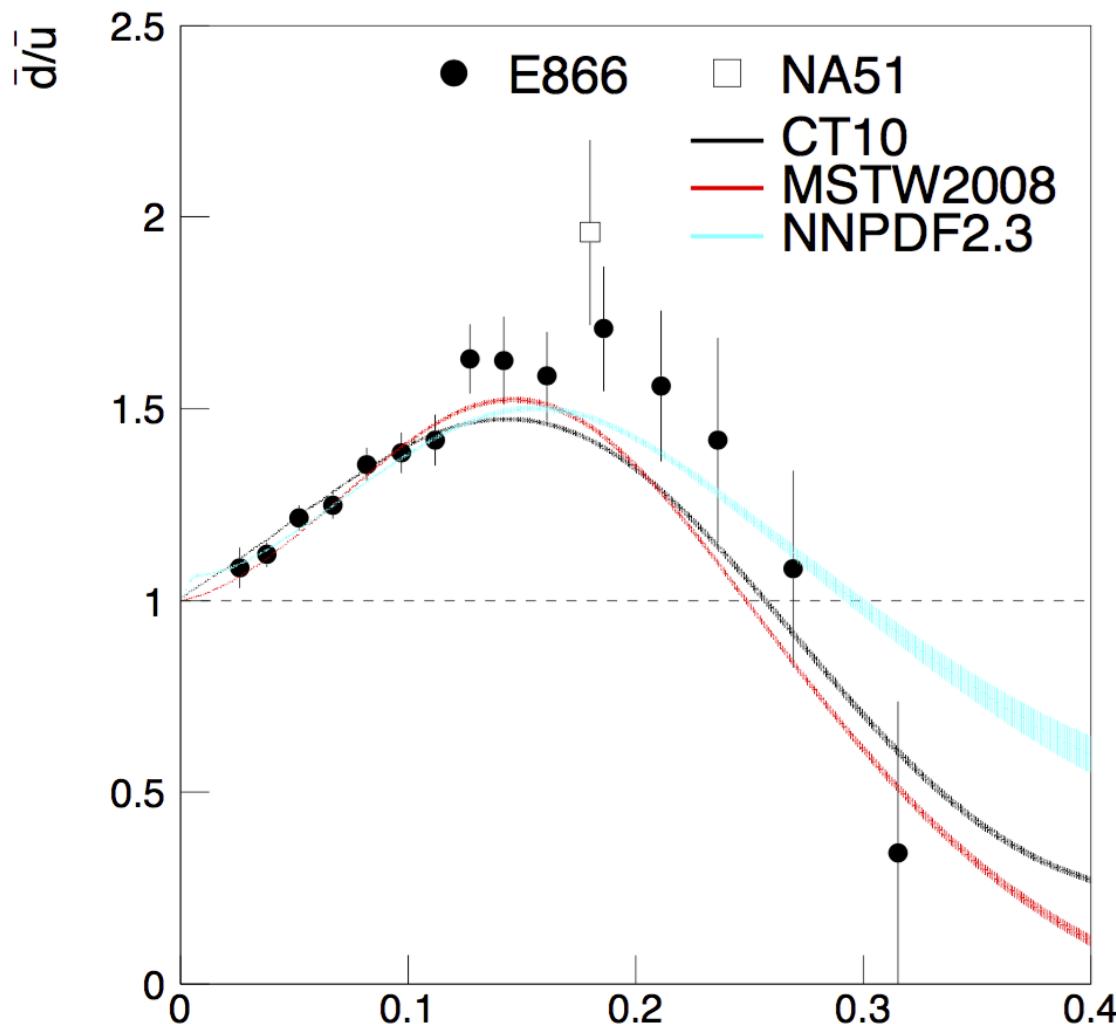
- Possible interpretation from the NMC result:

- unusual behavior of the parton distributions at unmeasured small  $x$  region
- violation of CS at partonic level
- $\bar{d}(x) \neq \bar{u}(x)$

# Experimental evidence for $\bar{d}(x) \neq \bar{u}(x)$



**NA51** at CERN:  
450 GeV proton beams  
**E866** at FNAL:  
800 GeV proton beams



**forward rapidity region:**

$$\left. \frac{\sigma^{pd \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}}{\sigma^{pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}} \right|_{x_b \gg x_t} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)} \right]$$

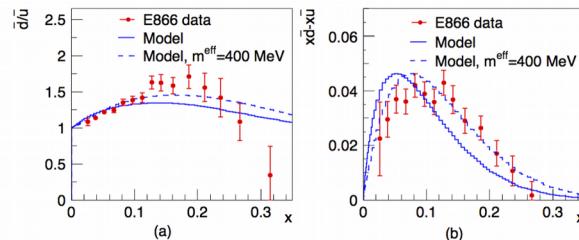
# Implications of $\bar{d}(x) / \bar{u}(x)$ asymmetry

- many theoretical models have been proposed to explain  $\bar{d}(x) / \bar{u}(x)$  asymmetry:

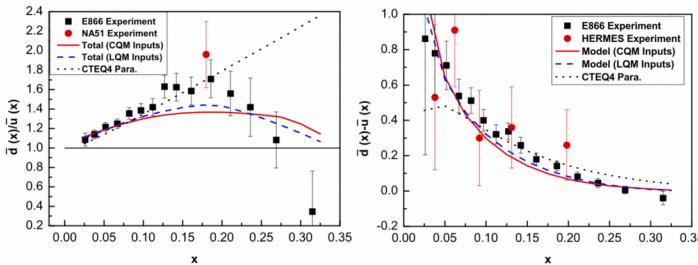
+ Pauli-blocking  
(however, too small)

+ instanton model

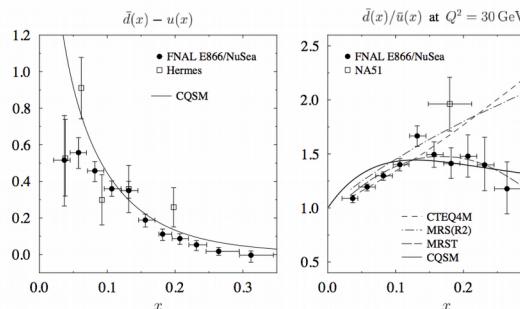
+ statistical model



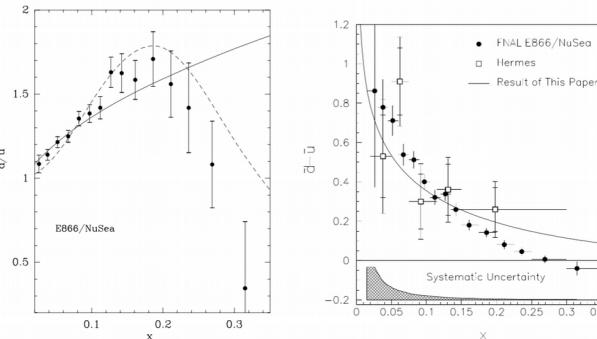
(a) Meson cloud model.



(b) Chiral quark model.



(c) Chiral quark soliton model.



(d) Statistic model.

(e) Balance model.

$x < 0.25$ :  
successful explanation

$x > 0.3$ :  
sign change (if confirmed)  
challenges model

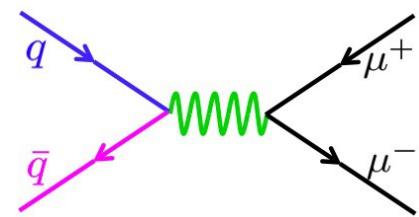
- most of these models emphasize the important contribution of **meson cloud** to nucleon's sea quark content:

less probable configuration

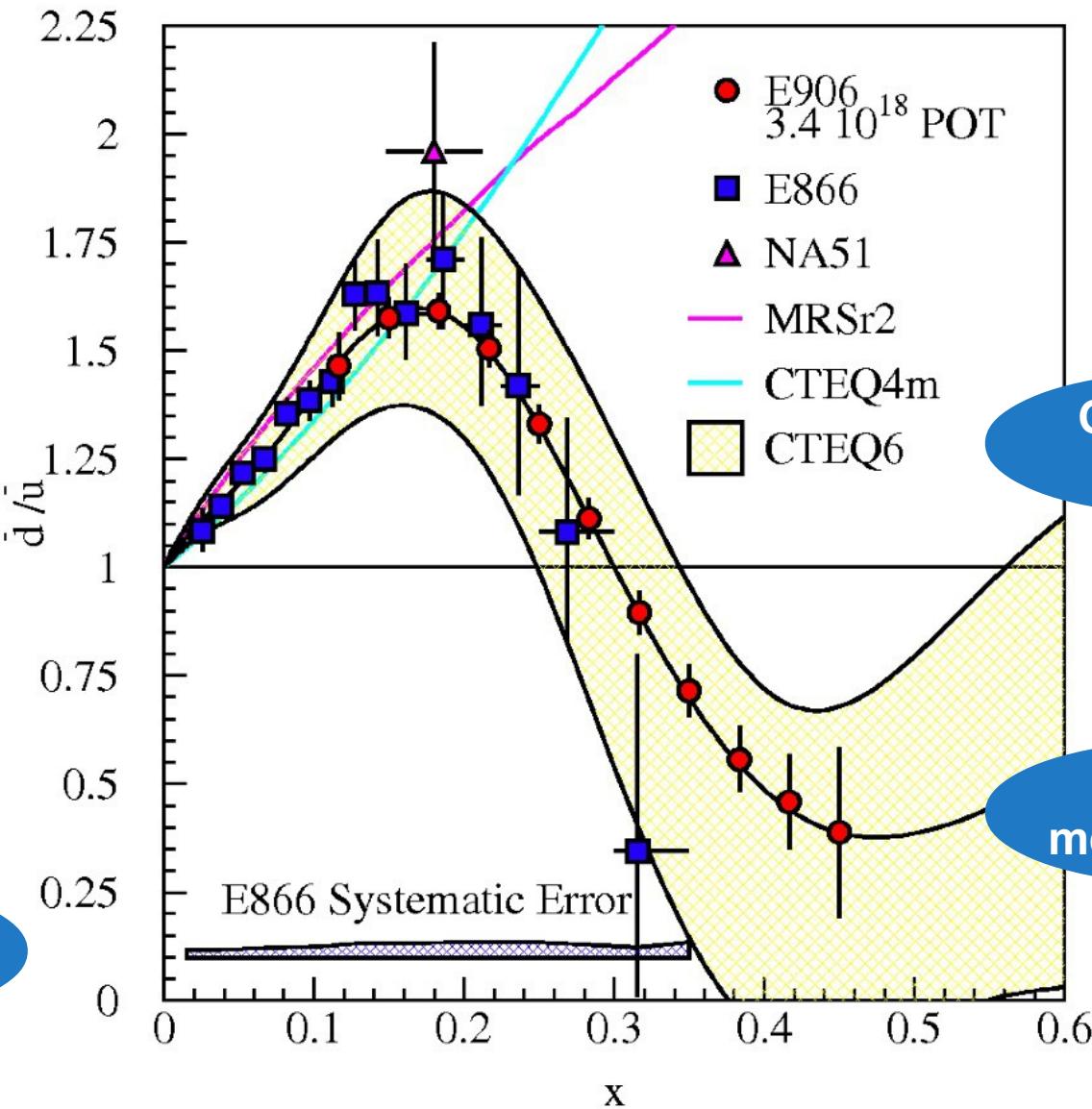
$$\begin{aligned}
 |p\rangle &= \sqrt{Z} |p_0\rangle + a_{N\pi/p} \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}|p_0\pi^0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|n_0\pi^+\rangle \right] \\
 &\quad + a_{\Delta\pi/p} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}|\Delta_0^{++}\pi^-\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}|\Delta_0^+\pi^0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}|\Delta_0^0\pi^+\rangle \right] \\
 &\quad + a_{\Lambda K/p} |\Lambda_0 K^+\rangle + a_{\Sigma K/p} \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}|\Sigma_0^+ K^0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}|\Sigma_0^0 K^+\rangle \right] + ...
 \end{aligned}$$

dominant configuration

# SeaQuest: $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ at high $x$

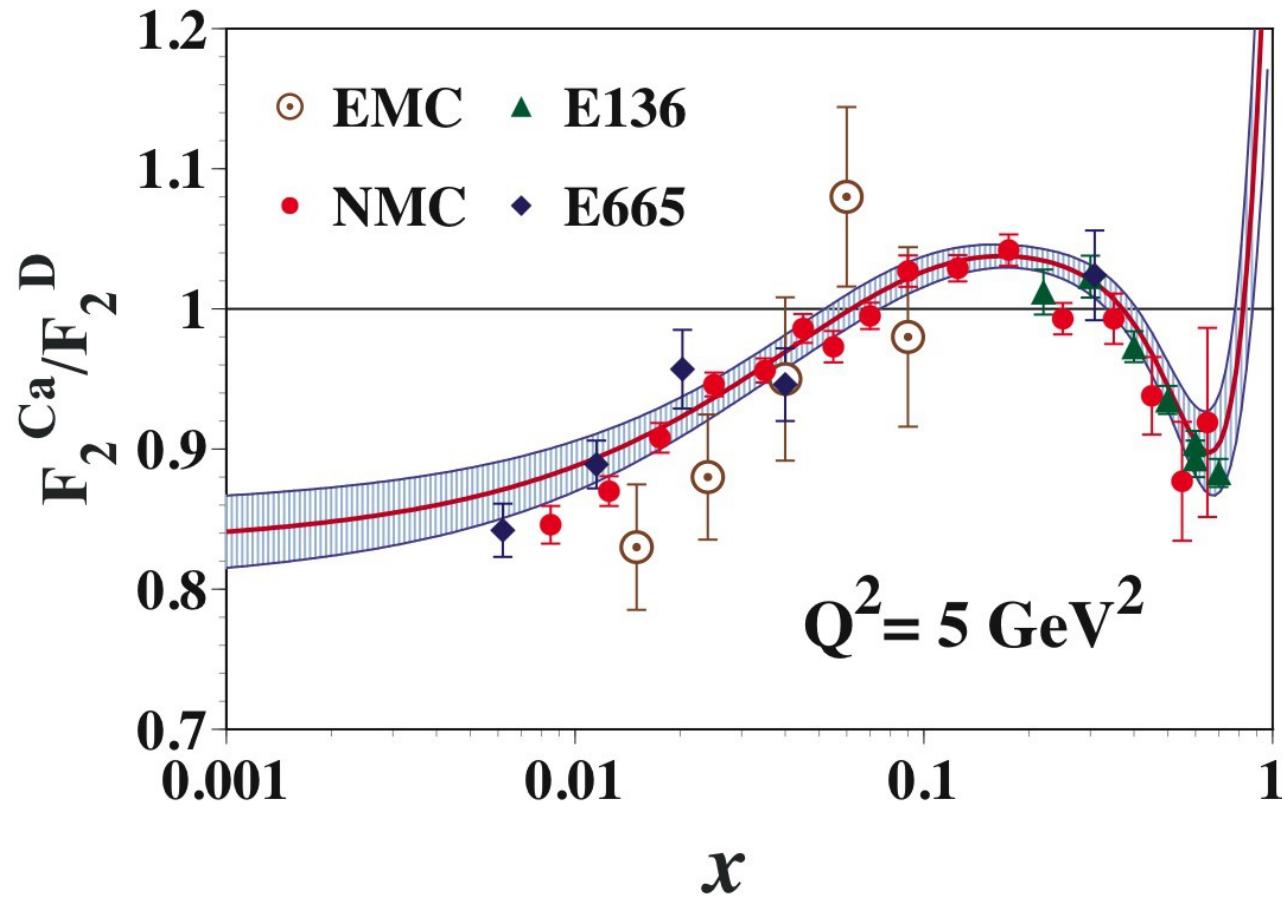


SeaQuest:  
Syst. ~ 1%



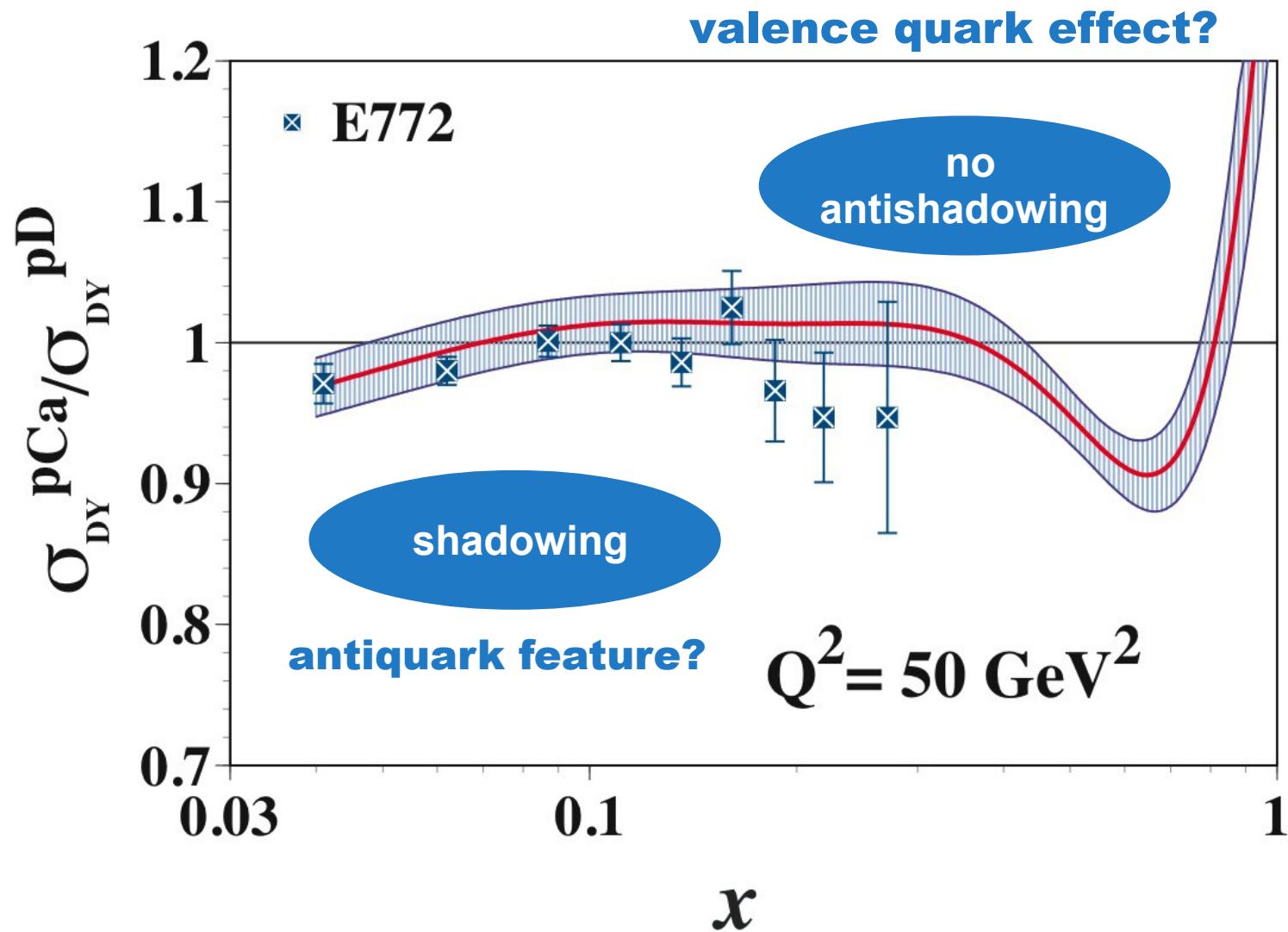
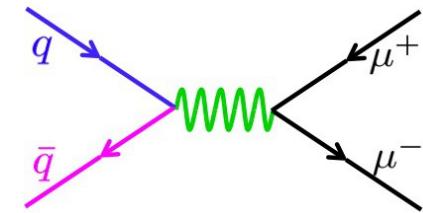
# Nucleons embedded in nuclei

- Do nucleons change their internal properties when embedded in a nucleus? Is confinement influenced by the nuclear medium?



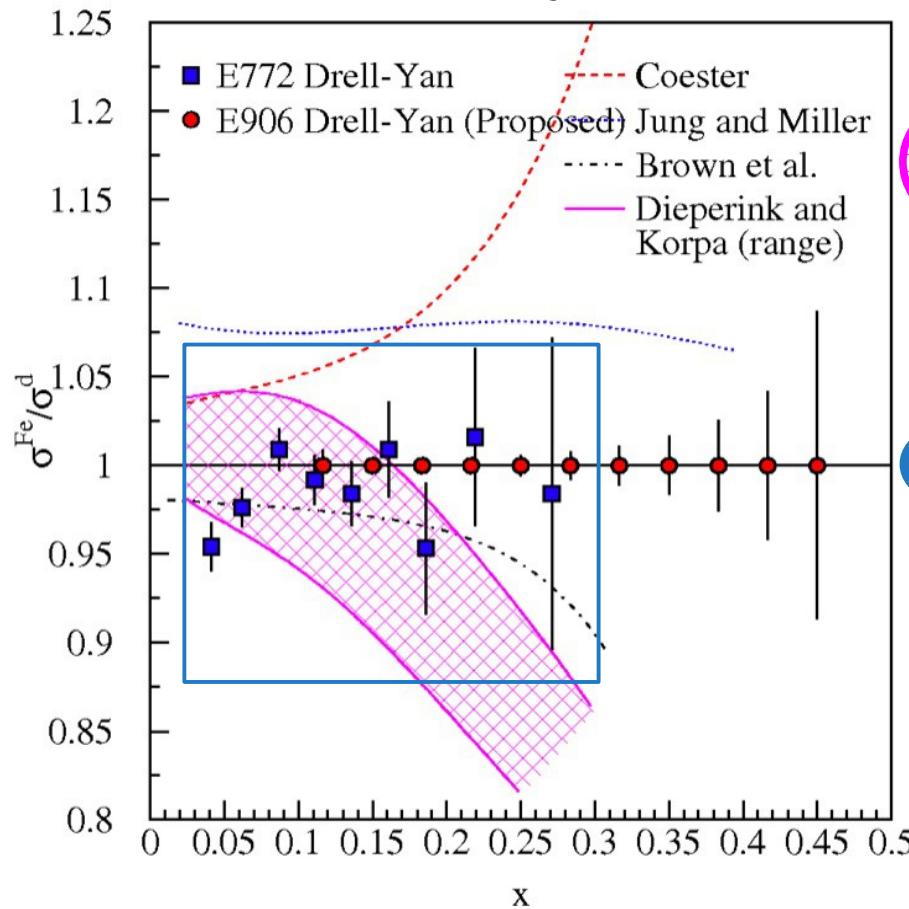
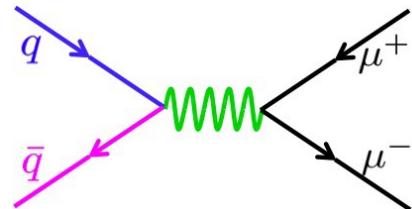
- Do quarks and gluons play any role in the understanding of nuclear forces?

# Nuclear dependence in



# The inner structure of a nucleus

- nuclear force mediated by meson exchange



large effects to  
antiquark PDF predicted  
as x increases

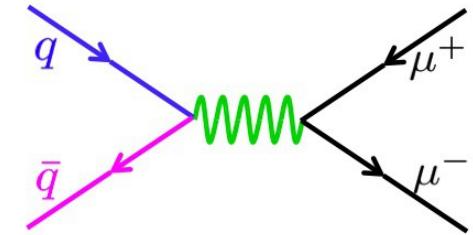
no antiquark  
enhancement

- Where are the *nuclear pions*?

# The SeaQuest mission

## What is the structure of the nucleon?

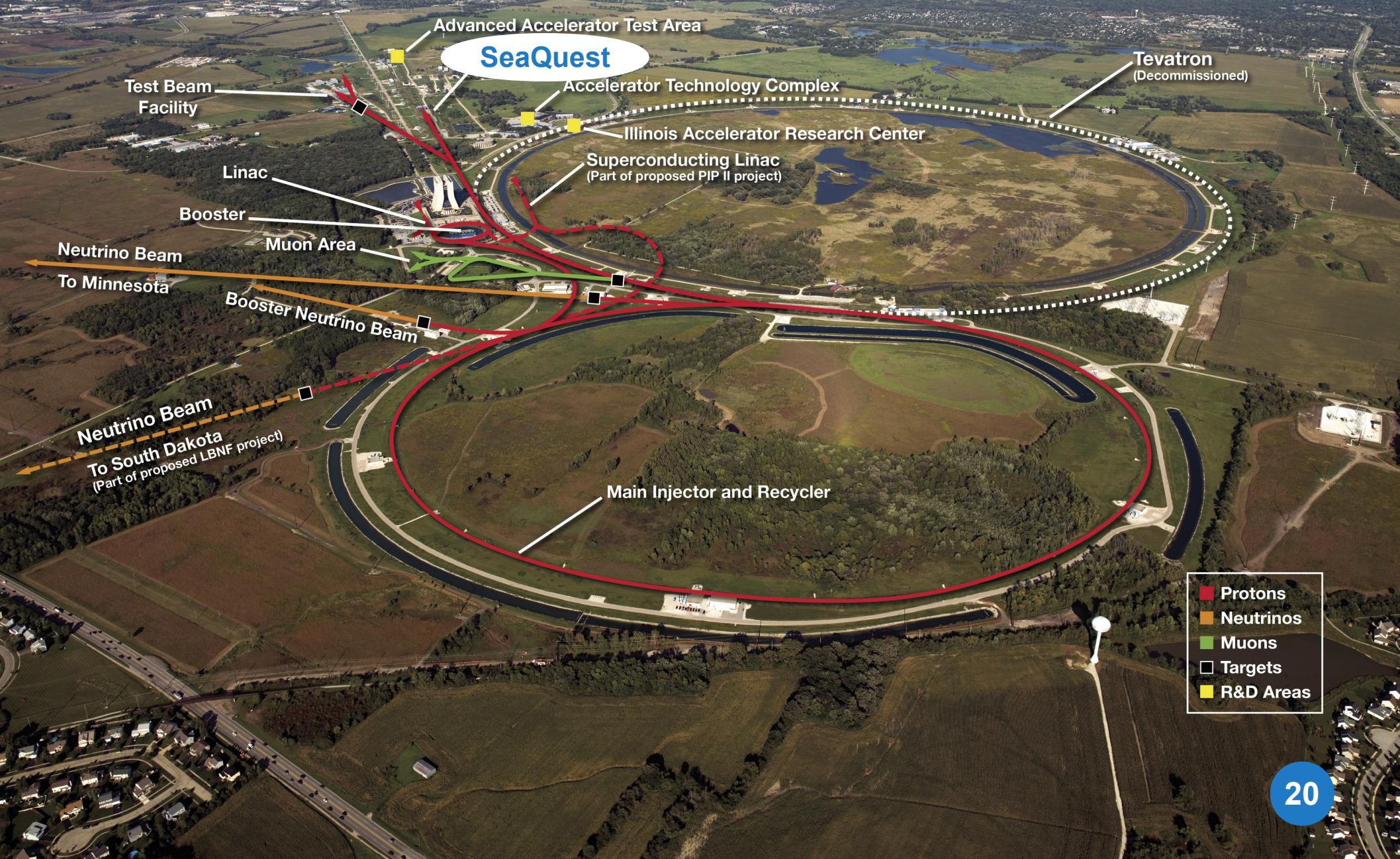
- What is  $\bar{d}$  /  $\bar{u}$ ?
- What are the origins of the sea quarks?
- What is the high-x structure of the proton?
- How are quark spin and orbital motion correlated?
- **What is the structure of nucleonic matter?**
  - Where are the *nuclear* pions?
  - Is antishadowing a valence effect?
- **Do partons lose energy in cold nuclear matter?**
- **Do dark photons couple to a dilepton pair (E1067)?** → M. Medeiros
- **Answers from SeaQuest:**
  - significant increase in physics reach
  - unique access to **sea quarks at high-x**



# The SeaQuest experiment

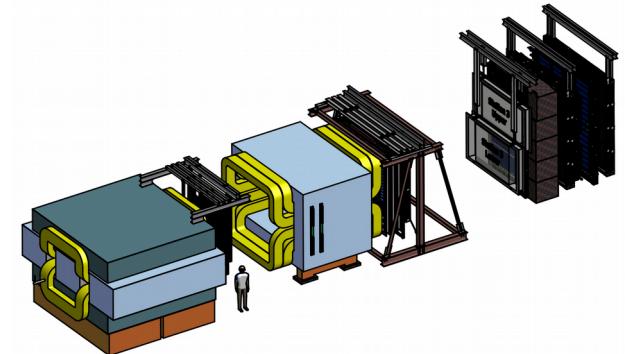
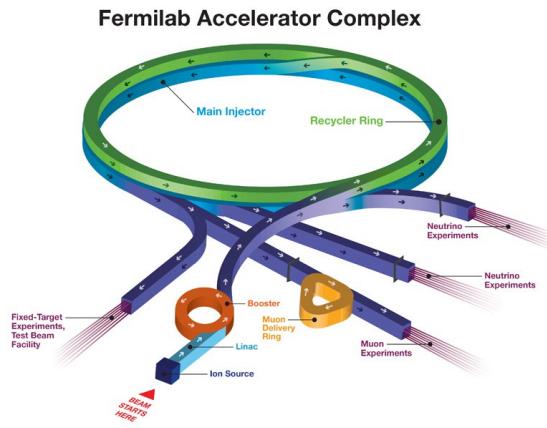


# Fermilab (FNAL)



# The SeaQuest Experiment

– continuing a series of high-mass dilepton experiments at FNAL



## Proton Beam

**slow extraction** from MI

$6 \times 10^{12}$  protons / s for  $\sim 4$ s spills each minute

**beam energy**: E-866: 800 GeV → E-906: **120 GeV**

→ 50x luminosity as E-866  
(for same spectrometer rate)

## Target Table

liquid target flasks:

**H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>**

solid state targets:

**C, Fe, W**

empty flask, no target  
moves between spills

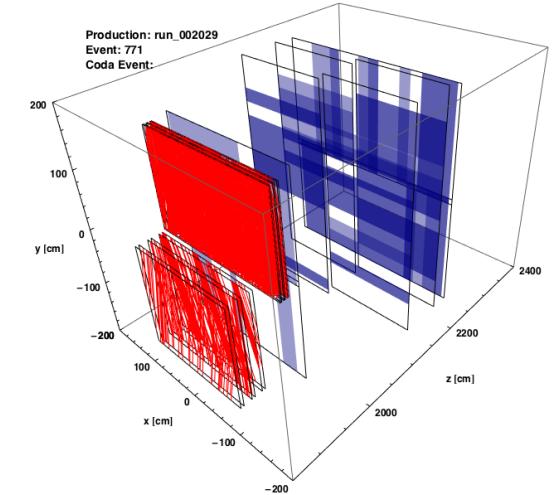
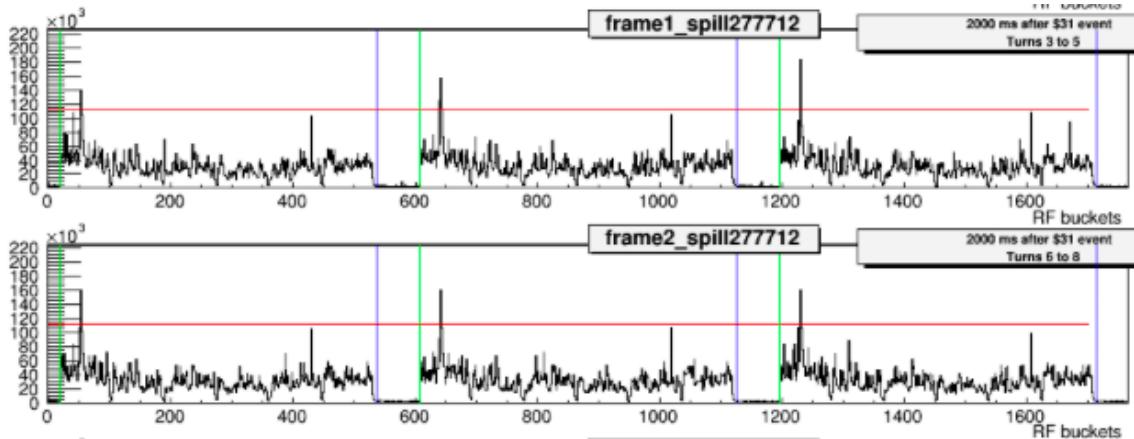
## Spectrometer

reused and recycled components

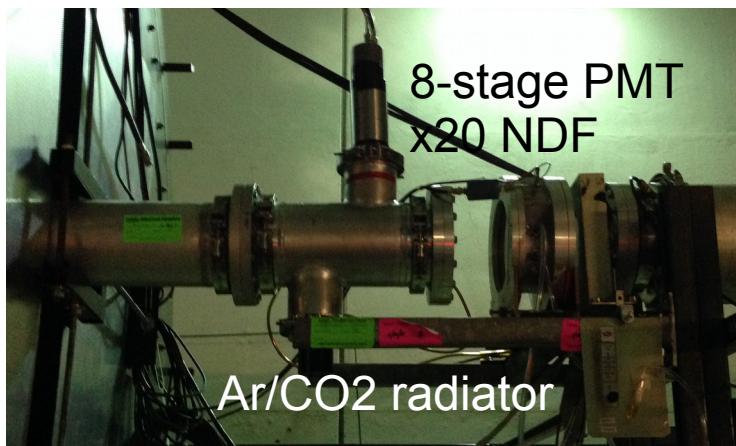
selected updates: new drift chambers, PMT bases for high-rate capability, beam diagnostics, trigger redesign, ...

# Spill Structure

large **variations** in **instantaneous beam intensity** → high hit occupancy

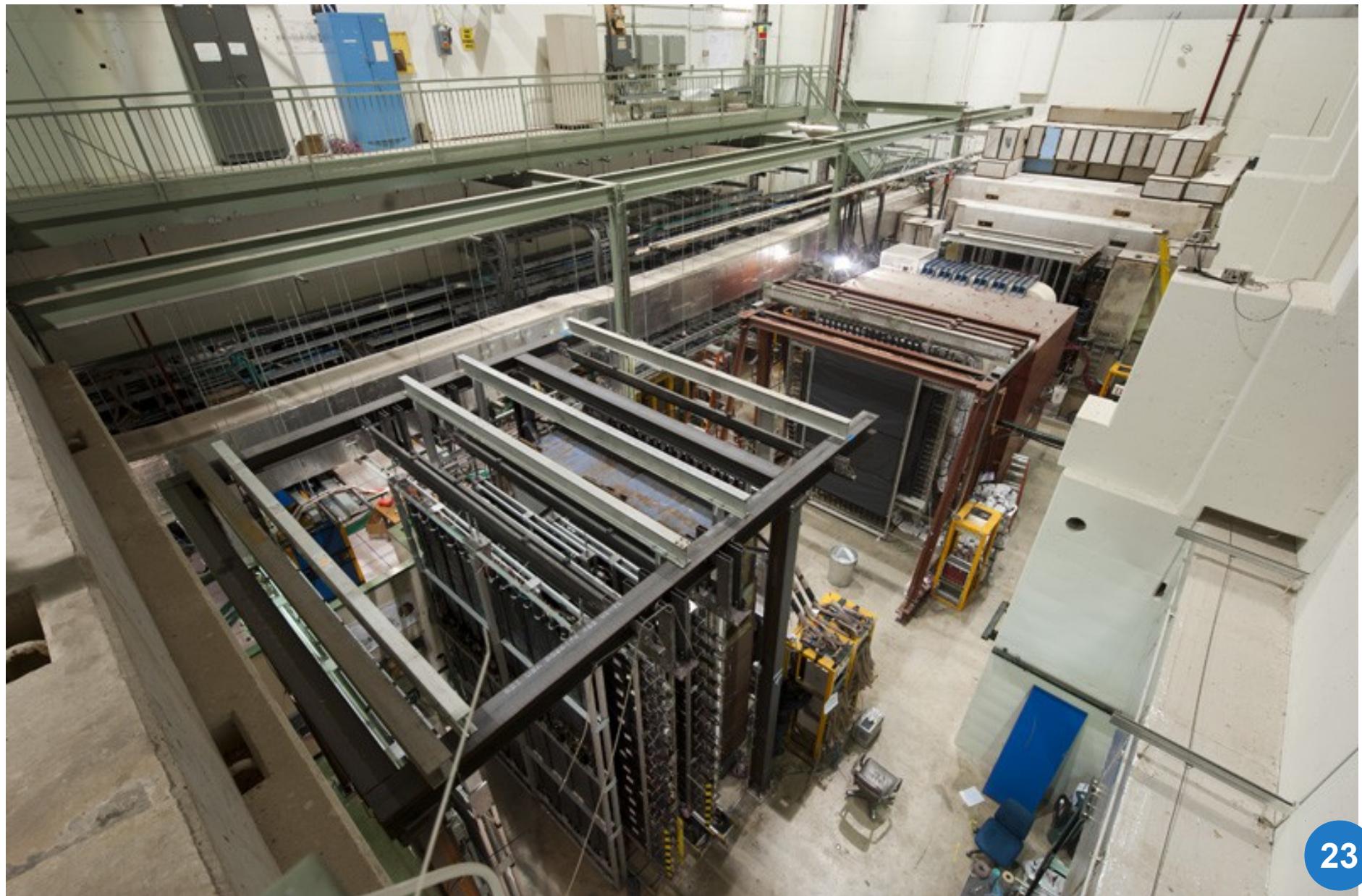


**beam-line Cherenkov monitor** for beam diagnostics:



- **beam diagnostics**: measurement of RF-bucket by RF-bucket intensity
- **trigger inhibit**: veto on single RF buckets as a function of intensity,  
½ beam inhibited due to 10x expected beam/RF-bucket

# The SeaQuest spectrometer

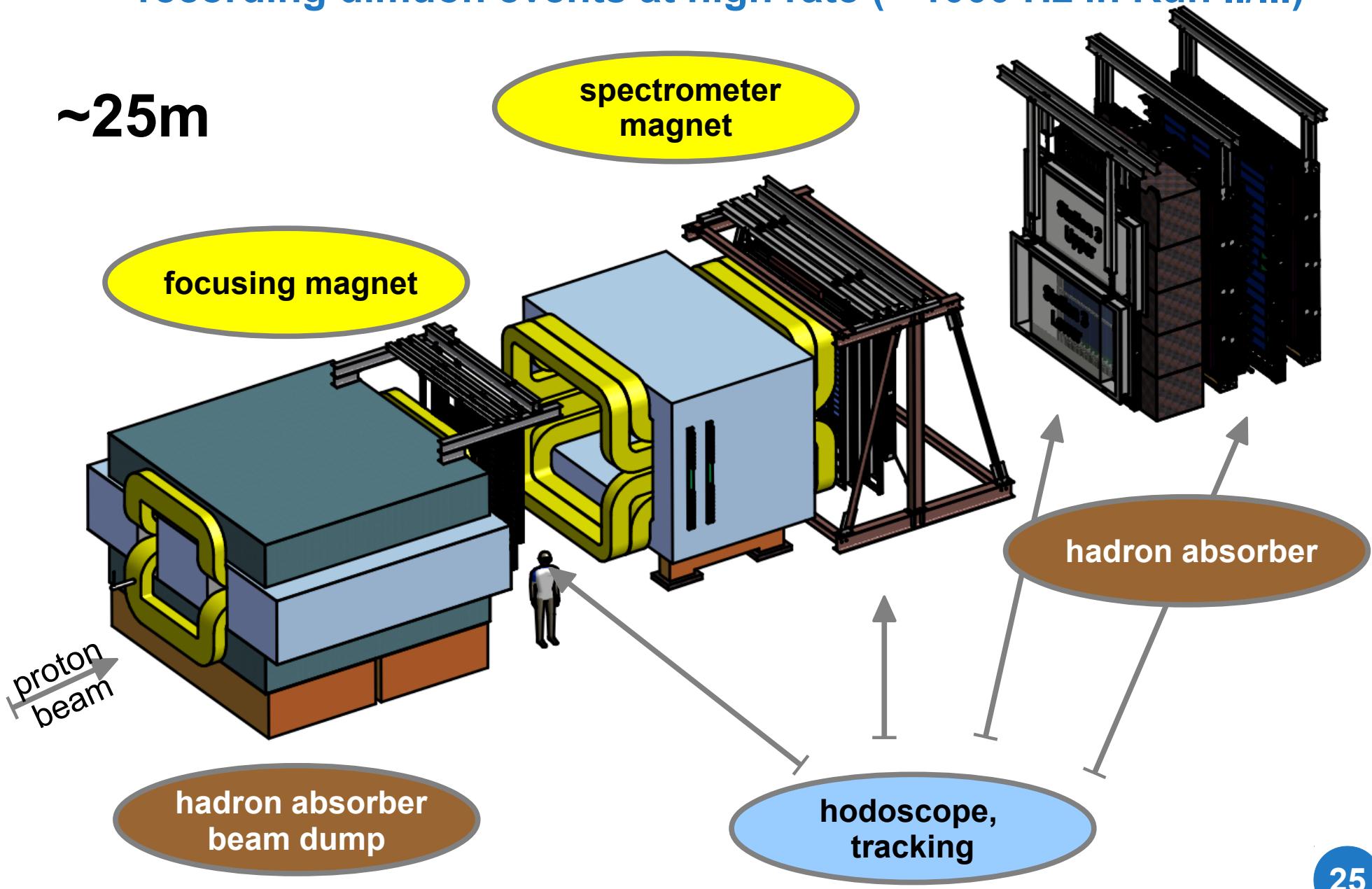


# The SeaQuest spectrometer



# The SeaQuest Spectrometer

– recording dimuon events at high rate ( $\sim 1000$  Hz in Run II/III)



# Status of the analysis

- data taking:

02/2014 – 09/2014

Physics Run II

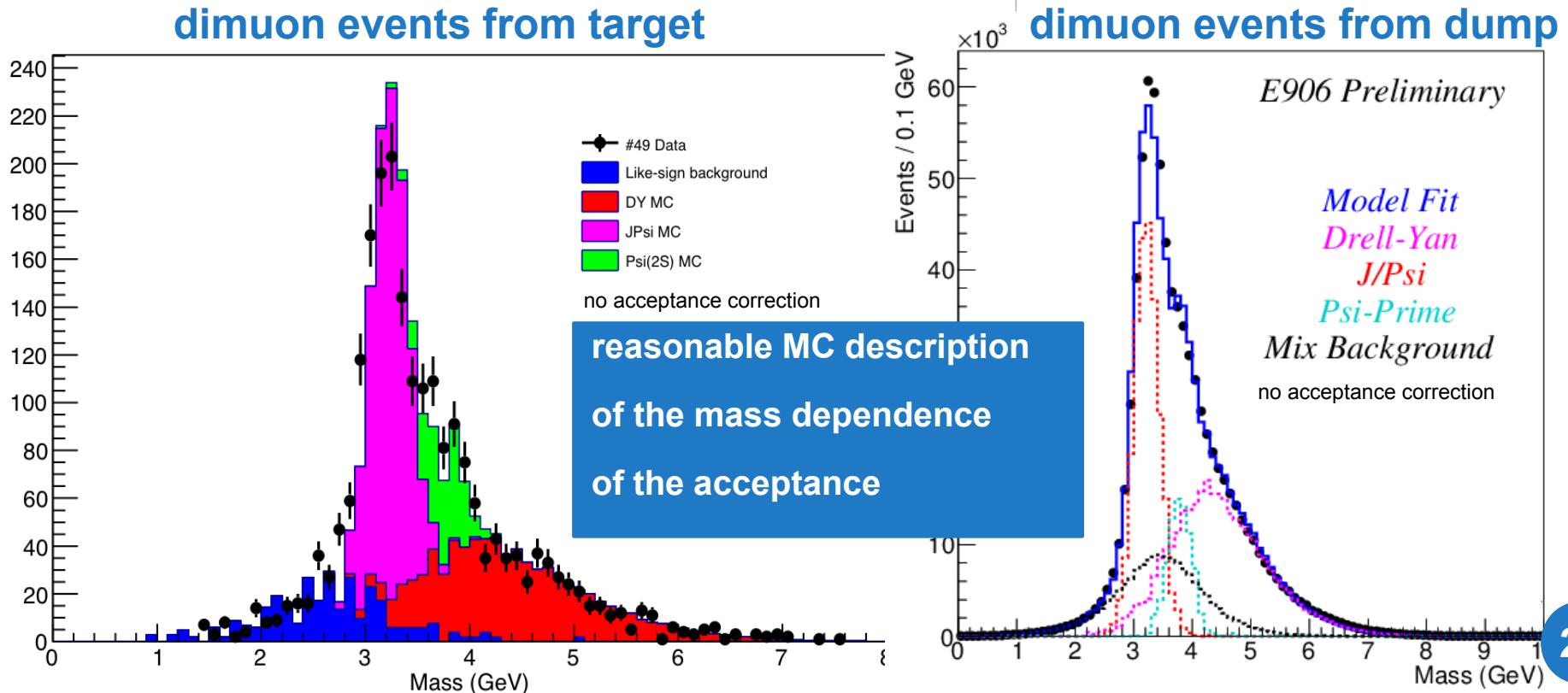
11/2014 – 07/2015

Physics Run III

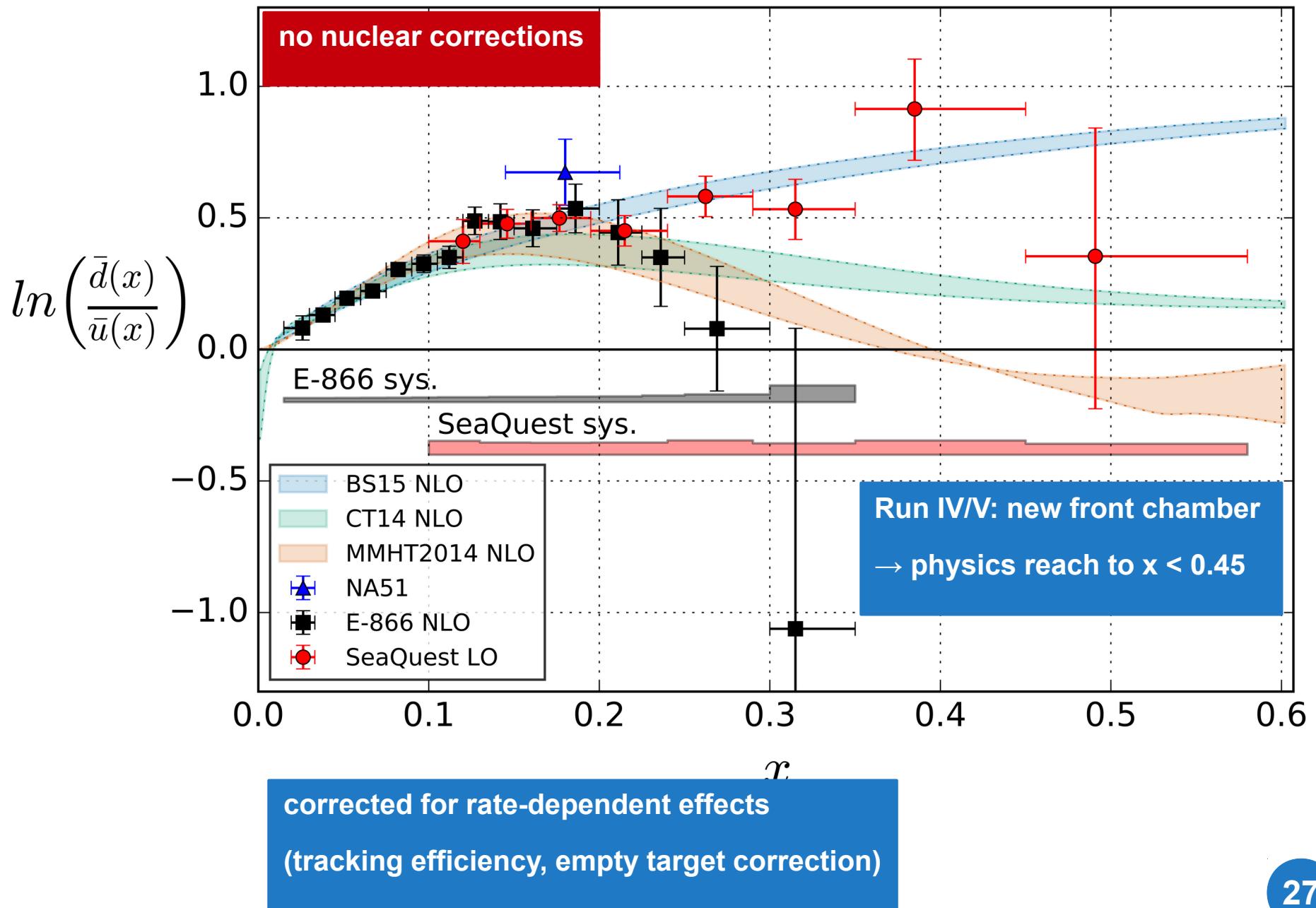
11/2015 – summer of 2017

Physics Run IV + V

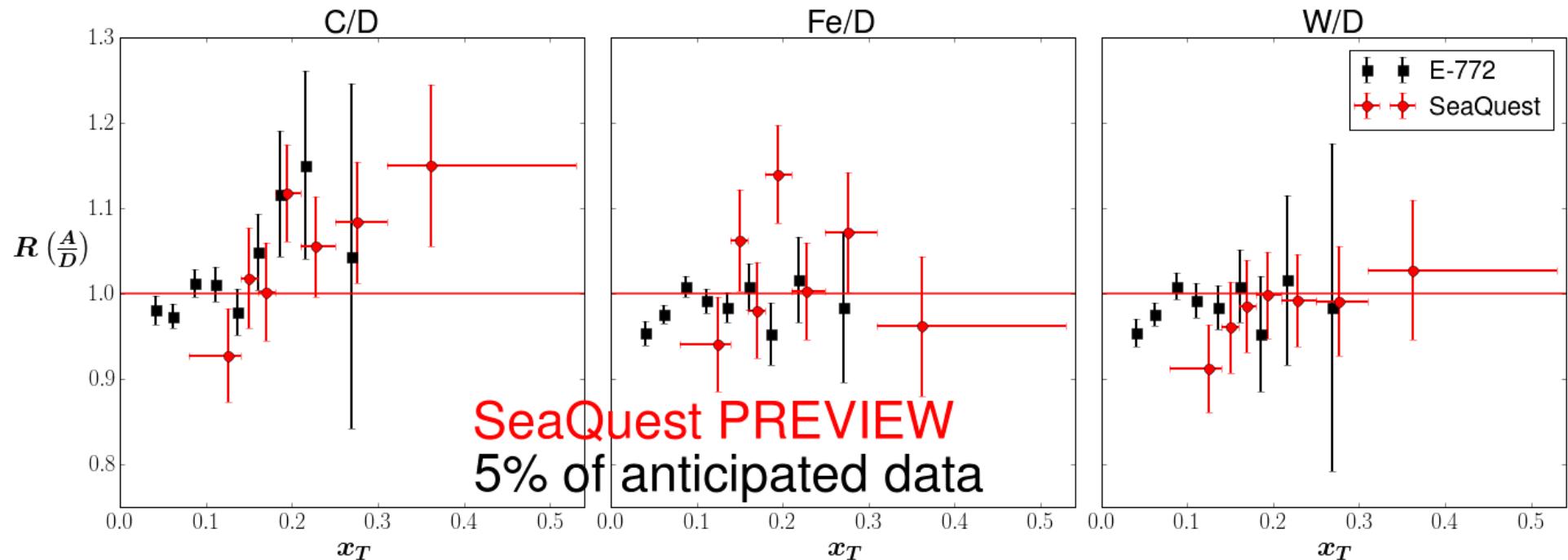
- first preliminary physics results at APS April meetings 2015 and 2016
- **track and dimuon reconstruction** (from early Run II data sample):



# Preliminary result on $\bar{d}(x) / \bar{u}(x)$



# Preview on nuclear dependence



not corrected for (kinematic-dependent) rate-dependent effects

# The Drell-Yan adventure of the future:

The global investigation of the  
nucleon's quark-gluon structure  
is a very active field.

Polarized Drell-Yan measurements are  
the missing component in the  
global TMD analysis.

# Planned Drell-Yan experiments

Experiment	Particles	Energy (GeV)	$x_b$ or $x_t$	Luminosity ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$A_{\tau}^{\sin\phi_S}$	$P_b$ or $P_t(f)$	rFOM <sup>#</sup>	Timeline
COMPASS (CERN)	$\pi^\pm + p^\uparrow$	160 GeV $\sqrt{s} = 17$	$x_t = 0.1 - 0.3$	$2 \times 10^{33}$	0.14	$P_t = 90\%$ $f = 0.22$	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	2015, 2018
PANDA (GSI)	$\bar{p} + p^\uparrow$	15 GeV $\sqrt{s} = 5.5$	$x_t = 0.2 - 0.4$	$2 \times 10^{32}$	0.07	$P_t = 90\%$ $f = 0.22$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	>2018
PAX (GSI)	$p^\uparrow + \bar{p}$	collider $\sqrt{s} = 14$	$x_b = 0.1 - 0.9$	$2 \times 10^{30}$	0.06	$P_b = 90\%$	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	>2020?
NICA (JINR)	$p^\uparrow + p$	collider $\sqrt{s} = 26$	$x_b = 0.1 - 0.8$	$1 \times 10^{31}$	0.04	$P_b = 70\%$	$6.8 \times 10^{-5}$	>2018
PHENIX/STAR (RHIC)	$p^\uparrow + p^\uparrow$	collider $\sqrt{s} = 510$	$x_b = 0.05 - 0.1$	$2 \times 10^{32}$	0.08	$P_b = 60\%$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	>2018
fsPHENIX (RHIC)	$p^\uparrow + p^\uparrow$	$\sqrt{s} = 200$ $\sqrt{s} = 510$	$x_b = 0.1 - 0.5$ $x_b = 0.05 - 0.6$	$8 \times 10^{31}$ $6 \times 10^{32}$	0.08	$P_b = 60\%$ $P_b = 50\%$	$4.0 \times 10^{-4}$ $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	>2021
SeaQuest (FNAL: E-906)	$p + p$	120 GeV $\sqrt{s} = 15$	$x_b = 0.35 - 0.9$ $x_t = 0.1 - 0.45$	$3.4 \times 10^{35}$	---	---	---	2012 - 2016
Pol tgt DY <sup>‡</sup> (FNAL: E-1039)	$p + p^\uparrow$	120 GeV $\sqrt{s} = 15$	$x_t = 0.1 - 0.45$	$4.4 \times 10^{35}$	$0 - 0.2^*$	$P_t = 85\%$ $f = 0.176$	0.15	2017-2018
Pol beam DY <sup>§</sup> (FNAL: E-1027)	$p^\uparrow + p$	120 GeV $\sqrt{s} = 15$	$x_b = 0.35 - 0.9$	$2 \times 10^{35}$	0.04	$P_b = 60\%$	1	>2018

<sup>‡</sup> 8 cm  $\text{NH}_3$  target / <sup>§</sup>  $L = 1 \times 10^{36} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $\text{LH}_2$  tgt limited) /  $L = 2 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (10% of MI beam limited)

\*not constrained by SIDIS data / # rFOM = relative lumi \*  $P^2 * f^2$  wrt E-1027 (f=1 for pol p beams, f=0.22 for  $\pi^-$  beam on  $\text{NH}_3$ )

# Polarized Drell-Yan measurements

- pioneering analysis of TMDs in (polarized) SIDIS:
  - 3D-densities in momentum space
  - spin-orbit correlations within the nucleon
  - possible link to orbital angular momentum contribution to proton spin?
- complementary information from **polarized Drell-Yan**:
  - **missing piece** in the global TMD analysis
  - **verify sign change of Sivers TMD**: “Test unique QCD predictions for relations between single-transverse spin phenomena in p-p scattering and those observed in deep-inelastic scattering.”  
(NSAC Milestone HP13 (2015))
  - TMDs for **sea quarks**
- **polarized Drell-Yan measurements at:**

COMPASS II, RHIC Spin, polarized SeaQuest

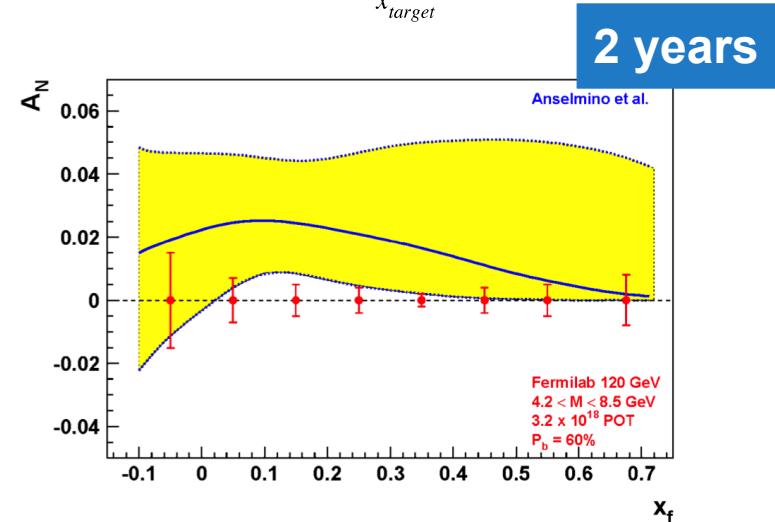
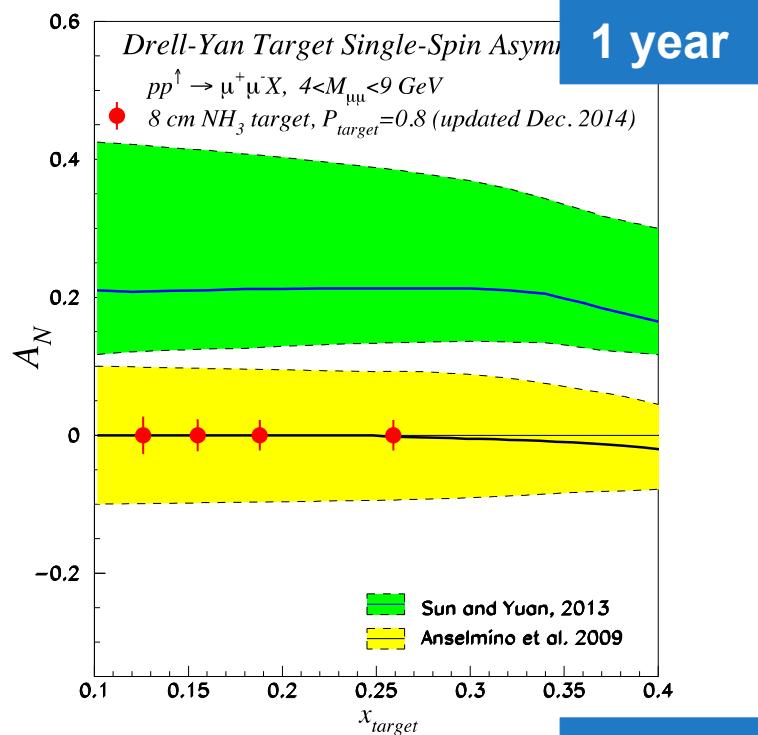
# Reestablishing spin at Fermilab

- **E-1039: SeaQuest with polarized target**

- Stage-1 approval
- sensitive to Sivers TMD for sea quarks
- hint for substantial role of sea quark Sivers effect in SIDIS data
- LANL and UVa provides polarized proton (NH<sub>3</sub>) target, at FNAL
- production running in FY18???

- **E-1027: SeaQuest with polarized beam**

- Stage-1 approval
- sensitive to beam valence quarks at high-x
- large effects → sign, size, and maybe shape of Sivers TMD



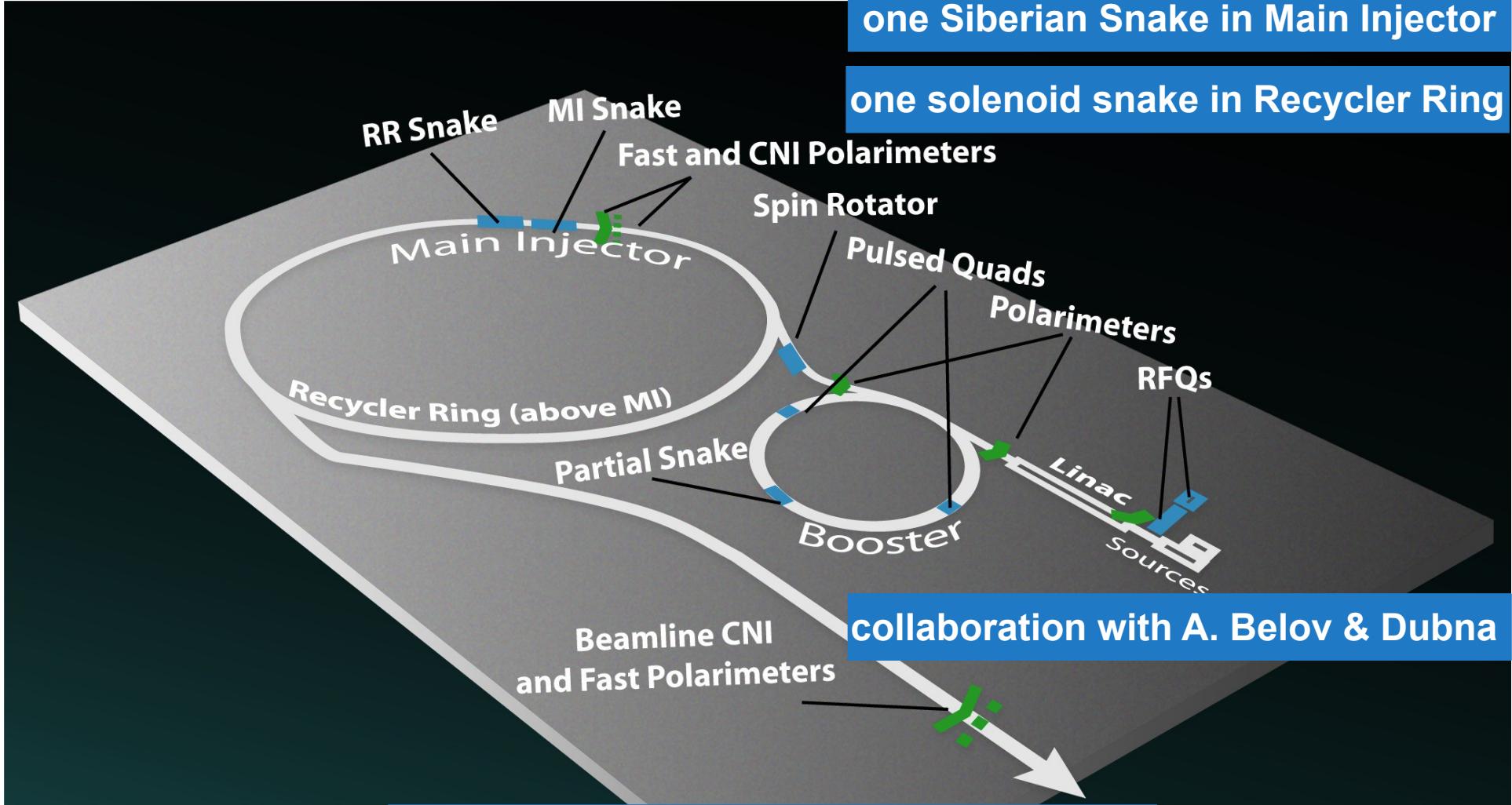
# The polarized beam project

cost estimate: 10 million USD

design by SPIN@Fermi collaboration

one Siberian Snake in Main Injector

one solenoid snake in Recycler Ring



support by FNAL AD

# Polarized Drell-Yan experiments

	beam type	polarization beam	target	favored quarks	physics goals				
					Sivers TMD	$L_{sea}$	sign change	size	shape
COMPASS II	pion	✗	✓	valence	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
E-1039	proton	✗	✓	sea	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
E-1027	proton	✓	✗	valence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Beyond	proton	✓	✓	valence + sea	helicity, transversity, and other TMDs				

# The SeaQuest mission

**unique laboratory for sea quarks at high-x**

→ structure of nucleons and nucleonic matter

**physics running started in 2014**

→ preliminary results first shown at APS2016

**exciting extensions possible**

→ polarized Drell-Yan measurements

→ missing piece in the global spin program

→ unique opportunity for Fermilab