

Elastic scattering

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta\Omega} = \frac{4\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E'^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \left(\frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} G_M^2(Q^2) \right)$$

where $\tau = \nu^2/Q^2$.

Inelastic Scattering

Note: $Q^2 = 2EE'(1-\cos\theta) \Rightarrow \Delta Q^2 = 2EE'\sin\theta\Delta\theta$, $\Delta\Omega = 2\pi \sin\theta\Delta\theta = \pi/EE' \Delta Q^2 \Rightarrow \Delta\sigma/\Delta Q^2 = \pi/EE' \Delta\sigma/\Delta\Omega$

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} (W_2(Q^2, \nu) + 2 \tan^2(\theta/2) W_1(Q^2, \nu))$$

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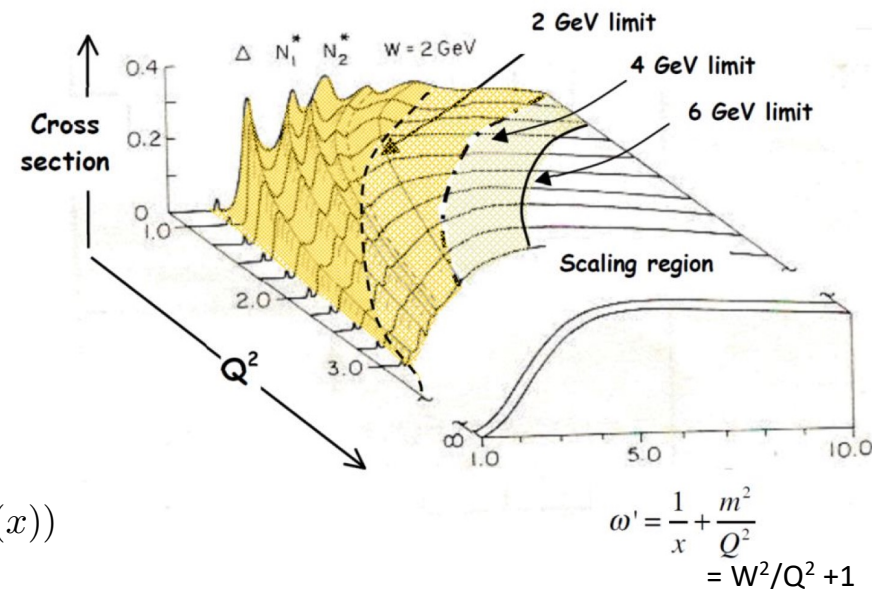
with $\epsilon = (1 + 2(1 + \tau)\tan^2(\theta/2))^{-1}$

Deep Inelastic Scattering (large Q^2 , large ν)

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} \left(\frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x) + 2 \tan^2(\theta/2) \frac{1}{M} F_1(x) \right)$$

$$F_1(x) = MW_1(Q^2, \nu) \quad F_2(x) = \nu W_2(Q^2, \nu)$$

Only “mildly” dependent on Q^2



Picture from F. Gross,
«Making the case for Jefferson Lab»
The first decade of Science at Jefferson Lab
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Inelastic Cross Section - What's different

Phase space factor $d^3k' = k'^2 d\Omega_{k'} dk'$
 (δ -function drops since E' can have any value)

— conversion —

$$\begin{aligned} k'^2 d\Omega dk' &= E'^2 2\pi \sin\theta d\theta dE' \\ &= -2E'^2 d\cos\theta \pi dE' \\ &= \frac{\pi E'}{E} \underbrace{(-2EE'd\cos\theta)}_{+dQ^2} \underbrace{dE'}_{|dv|} \text{ since } \nu = E - E' \end{aligned}$$

Replace $\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau}$ with $W_2(Q^2, \nu)$ *)

and τG_M^2 with $W_1(Q^2, \nu) \Rightarrow$

$$\Delta\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} \left[W_2 + 2 \tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} W_1 \right] \Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu$$

$$*) \Rightarrow W_2^{\text{el}}(Q^2, \nu) = \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \cdot \delta(\nu - \nu_{\text{el}})$$

$$W_1^{\text{el}}(Q^2, \nu) = \tau G_M^2 \cdot \delta(\nu - \nu_{\text{el}})$$

Elastic Cross section - final form

$$\Delta\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2}{Q^4} \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} \left[\underbrace{\frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau}}_{\text{LONGITUDINAL (charge)}} + 2\tau \tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} \underbrace{G_M^2}_{\text{TRANSVERSE (magnetic)}} \right] \cdot E'^2 \Delta\Omega \frac{E'}{E} \text{ recoil}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}, \quad G_E(Q^2), \quad G_M(Q^2):$$

Form Factors

Dirac Particle: $G_E = G_M = 1$ (const.)

Anomalous magnetic moment: $G_M \approx (1 + \mu)/G_E$

Extended Charge distribution:

$G_E(Q^2) \approx$ Fourier transform of $\rho(r)$

$$\text{Ex: } \rho(r) \approx \frac{a^3}{8\pi} e^{-ar} \Rightarrow G_E(Q^2) \approx \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{a^2}} \right)^2$$

(Dipole Form). $p: a^2 \approx 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$

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$$W_1^{el}(Q^2, \nu) = \tau G_M^2 \cdot \delta(\nu - \nu_{el})$$

Interpretation of $W_1(Q^2, \nu)$

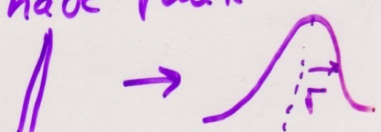
(transverse) electromagnetic transition probability to final state characterized by ν , with resolution $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{Q^2}}$

Transition to discrete final states (resonances):

$$W_1(Q^2, \nu) \simeq \tau G_M^2(\text{transition}) \cdot \delta(\nu - \nu_R)$$

$$\nu_R \text{ is given by } M_{Res}^2 \stackrel{!}{=} W_{Res}^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu_R - Q^2$$

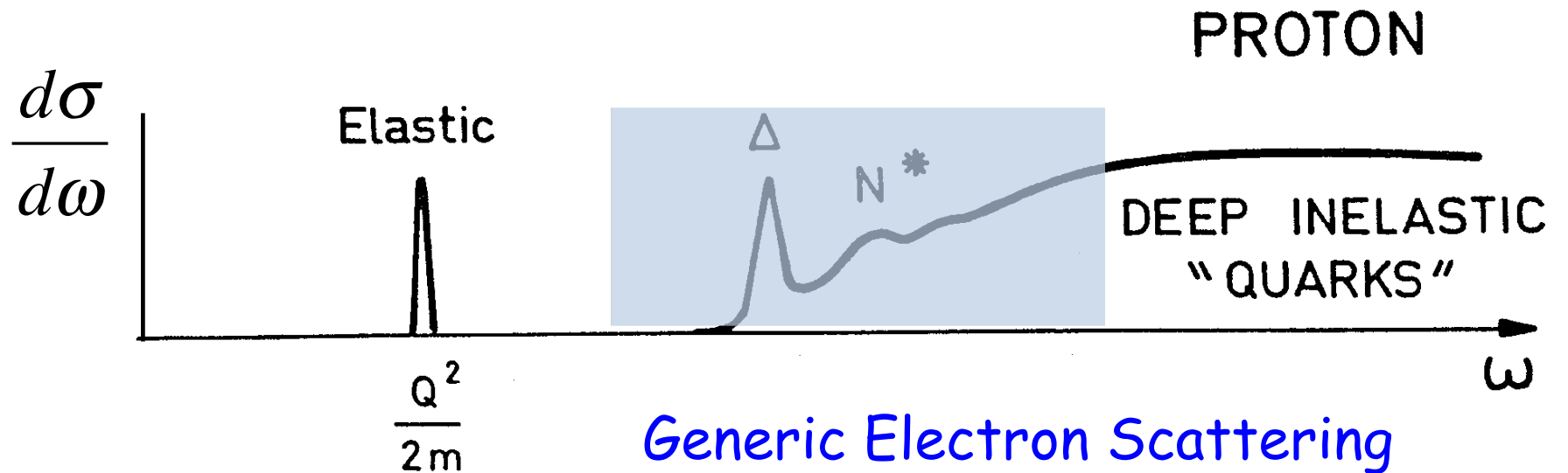
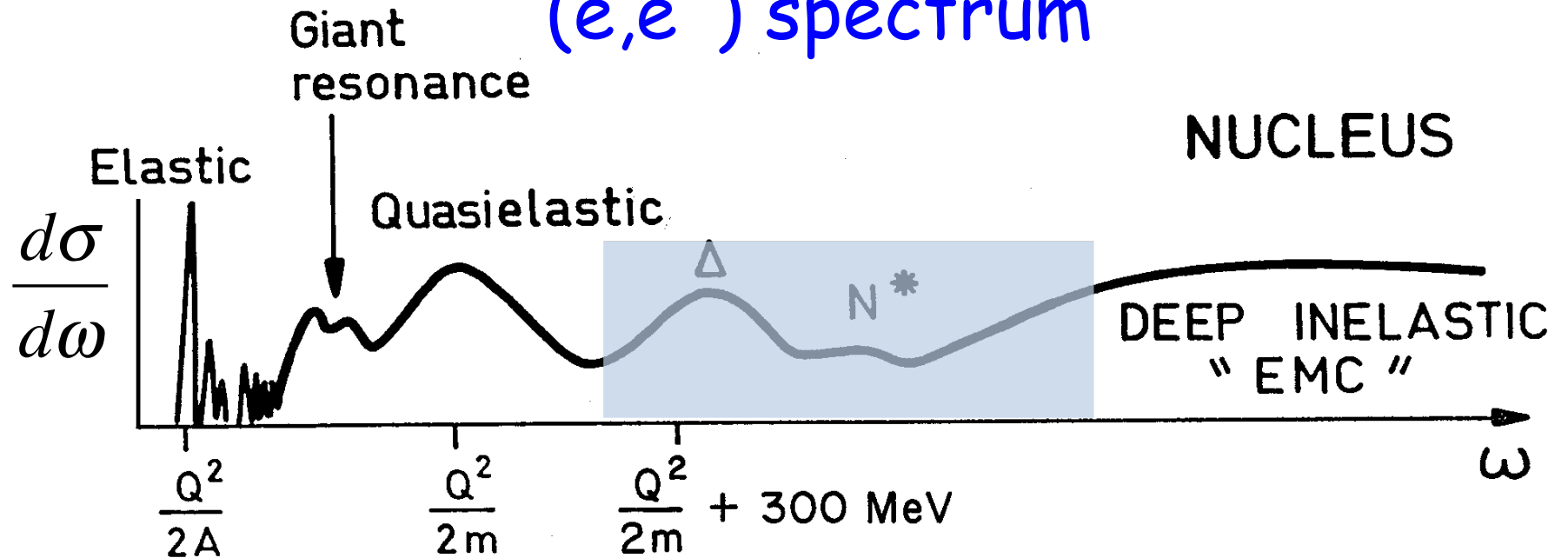
In reality: Resonances have finite

width $\Gamma \sim \frac{1}{\tau_{life}} \Rightarrow$ 

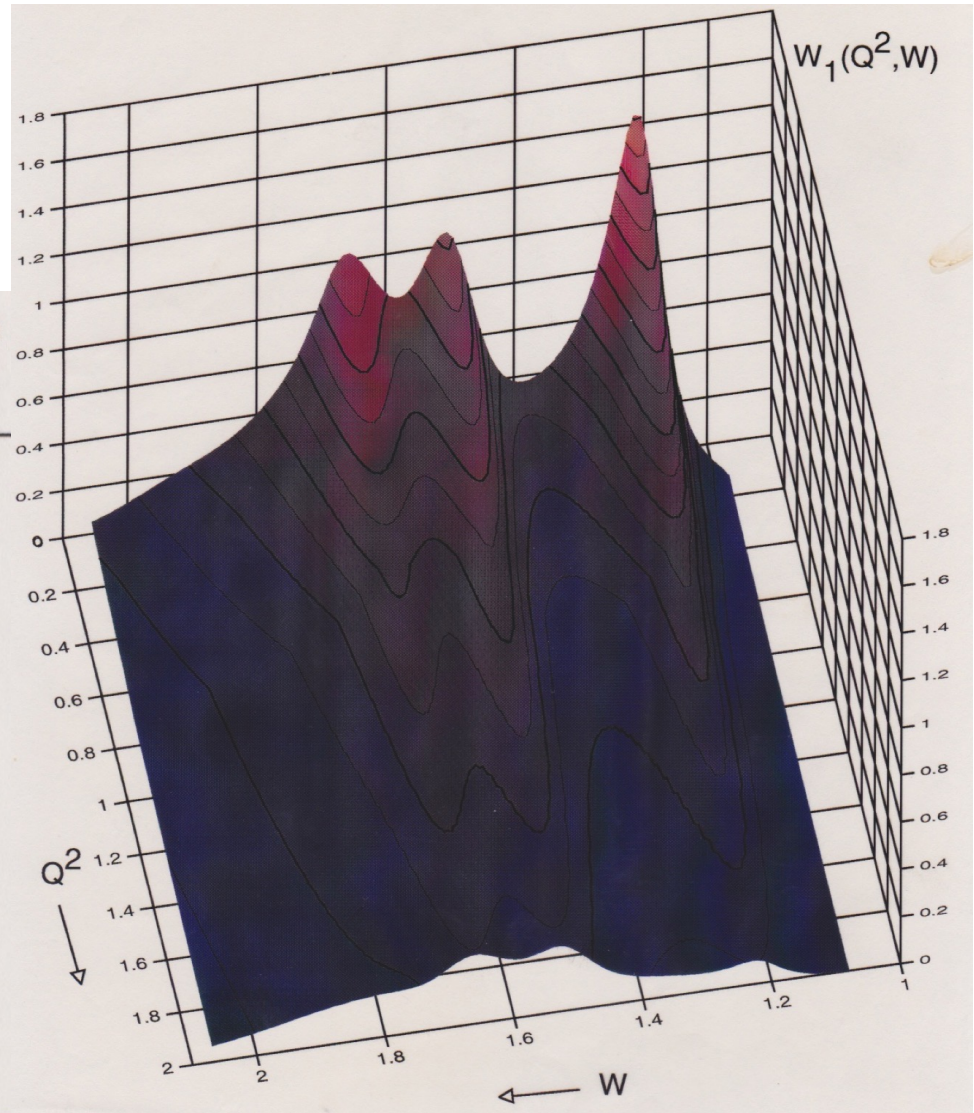
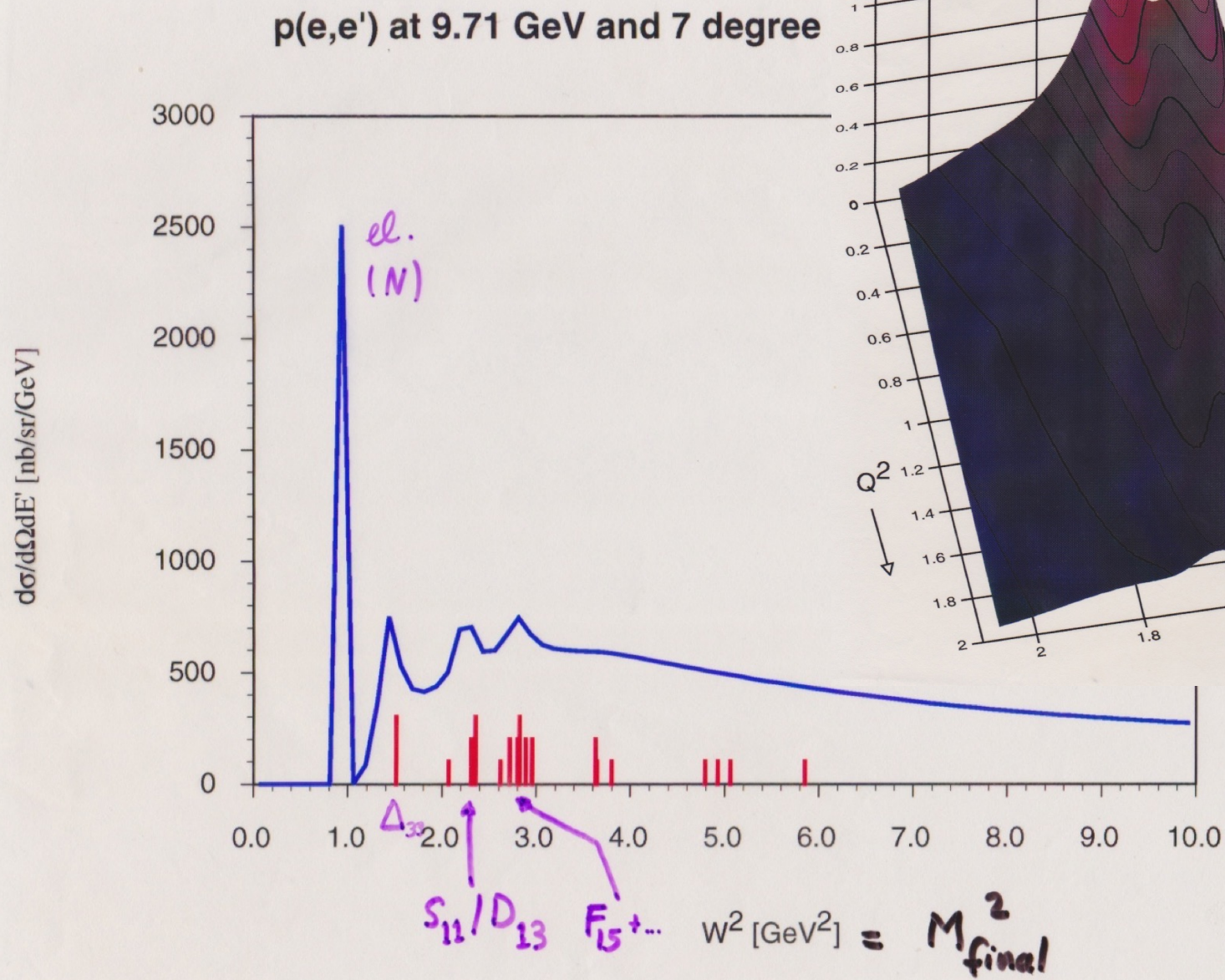
(except elastic transition) δ -function

$$\text{Threshold: } W_{min}^2 = (M + m_\pi)^2 = (1.08 \text{ GeV})^2$$

(e,e') spectrum

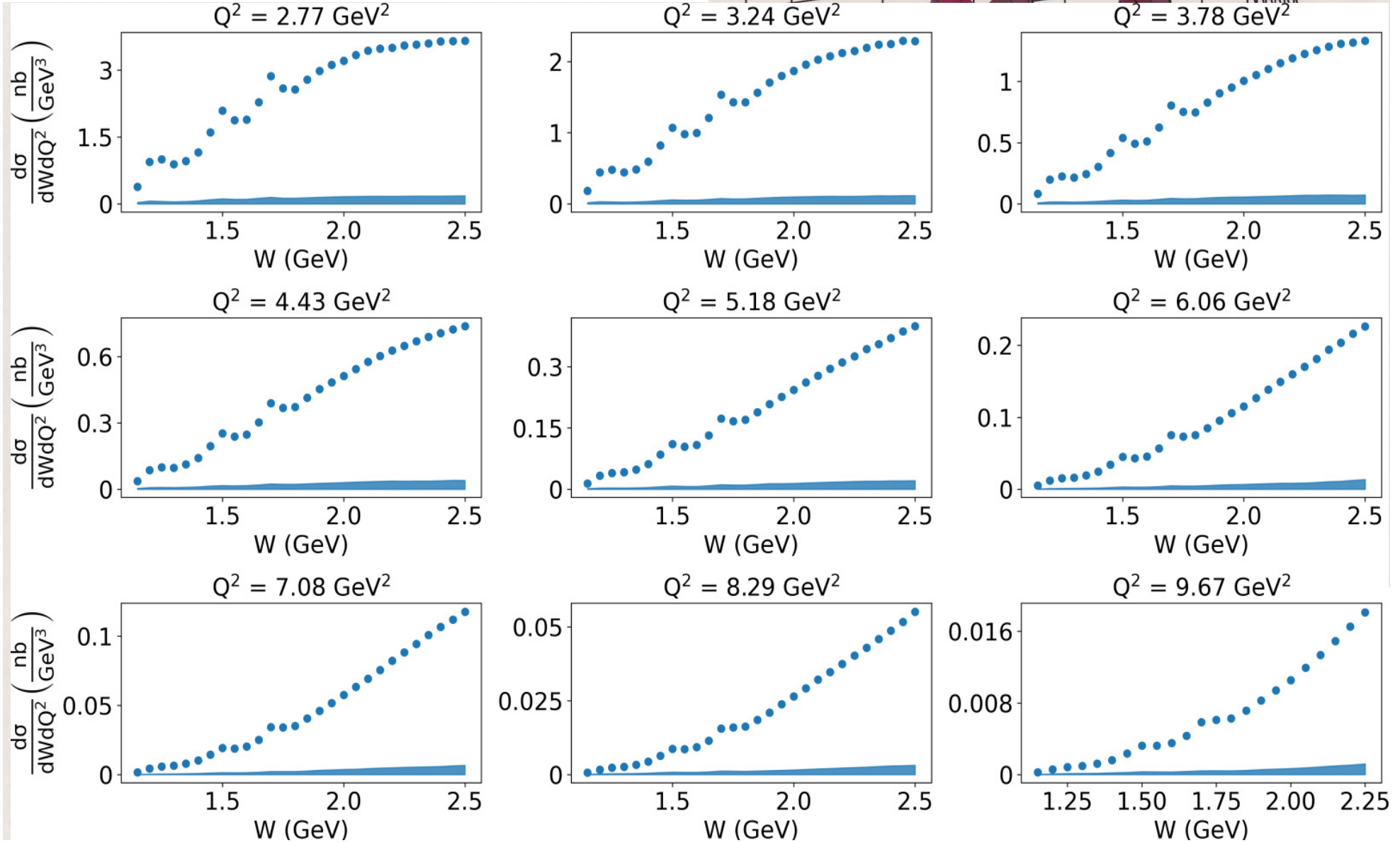


Generic Electron Scattering
at fixed momentum transfer





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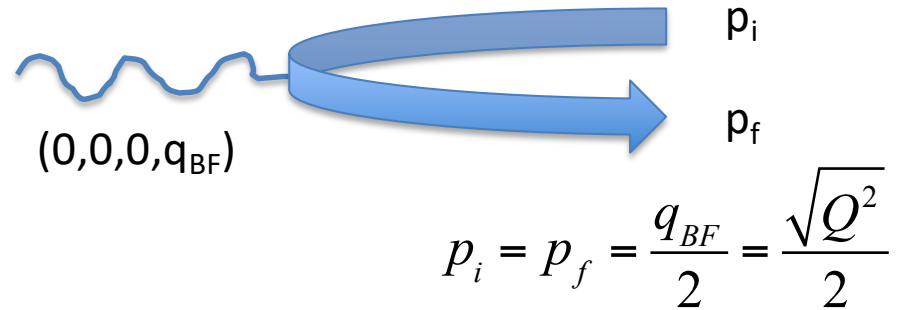


Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

Breit ("Brickwall") Frame

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & 0 & 0 & \Gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \Gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \Gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ q_{BF} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{q}{\sqrt{Q^2}}, \Gamma\beta = \frac{\nu}{\sqrt{Q^2}}, q_{BF} = \sqrt{Q^2}$$

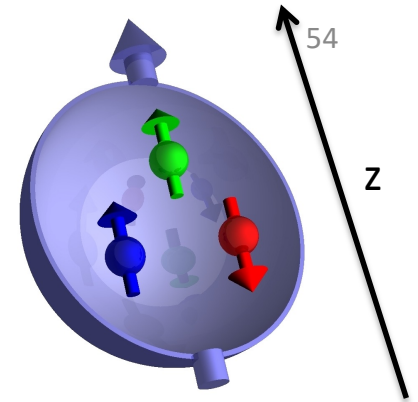


$$\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & 0 & 0 & \Gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \Gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \Gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma M \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \Gamma\beta M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{qM}{\sqrt{Q^2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\nu M}{\sqrt{Q^2}} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{p_i^{BF}}{P_i^{BF}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{Q^2}}{2}}{\frac{\nu M}{\sqrt{Q^2}}} = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty, \nu \rightarrow \infty, x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \text{ fixed: } q = \nu \sqrt{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2}} = \nu \sqrt{1 + \frac{4M^2 x^2}{Q^2}} \approx \nu$$

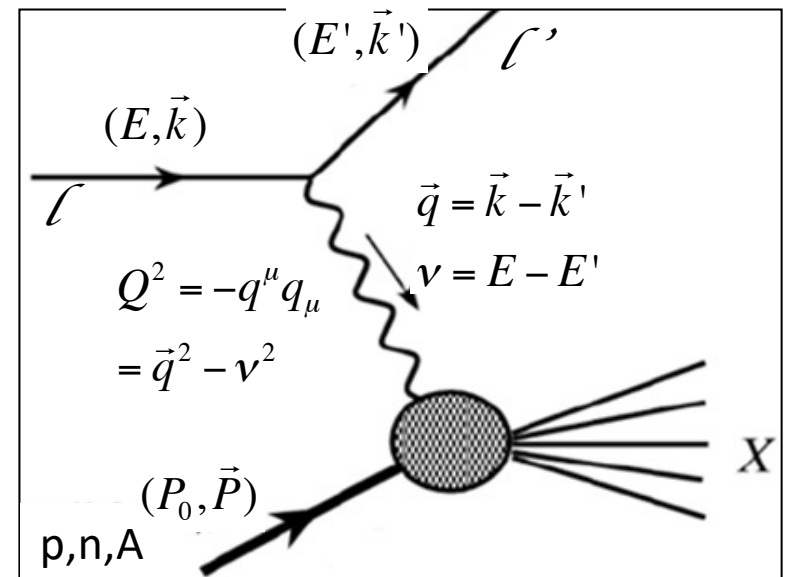
Parton Distribution Functions



- The 1D world of nucleon/nuclear collinear structure:
 - Take a nucleon/nucleus
 - Move it real fast along z
 $\Rightarrow$ momentum P_z ($\gg M$)
 - Select a “parton” (quark, gluon) inside
 - Measure **its**
 p_z ($m \approx 0$)
 - $\Rightarrow$ Momentum Fraction $x = p_z/P_z$
 - In DIS ^{*)}: p_z/P_z
 $\approx x_{Bj} = Q^2/2M\nu$
 - Probability:
 $f_1^i(x), i = u, d, s, \dots, G$

In the following, will often write “ $q_i(x)$ ” for $f_1^i(x)$

^{*)} DIS = “Deep Inelastic (Lepton) Scattering” $\rightarrow$ very large Q^2 , ν



Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

Reminder: Elastic scattering

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2} = \frac{4\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E'^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{Q^4} \frac{E'}{E} \left(\frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} G_M^2(Q^2) \right)$$

Elastic scattering from quarks:

$$\Delta\sigma = \frac{4\pi z_q^2 \alpha^2 (\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} (q(x)\Delta x + 2\nu^2/Q^2 \tan^2(\theta/2) q(x)\Delta x) \Delta Q^2. \quad (12)$$

We can use the relation $\Delta x = -Q^2/(2M\nu^2)\Delta\nu = -x\Delta\nu/\nu$ to rewrite this as

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} \left(\frac{x}{\nu} z_q^2 q(x) + \frac{1}{M} \tan^2(\theta/2) z_q^2 q(x) \right). \quad (13)$$

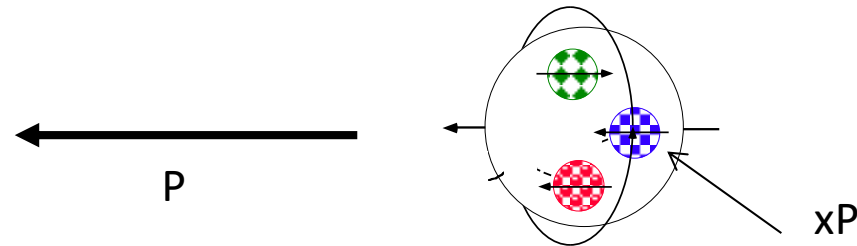
Reminder: IN-Elastic scattering

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} \left(\frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x) + 2 \tan^2(\theta/2) \frac{1}{M} F_1(x) \right)$$

NOTE: $\Rightarrow$
 $F_2 = 2xF_1$
 Callan-Gross

$$\Rightarrow F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{9} [u(x) + \bar{u}(x)] + \frac{1}{9} [d(x) + \bar{d}(x) + s(x) + \bar{s}(x)] + \dots \right) \quad \text{No } Q^2!$$

Quark-Parton Structure of the Proton – with spin



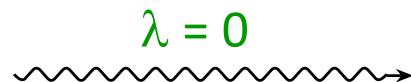
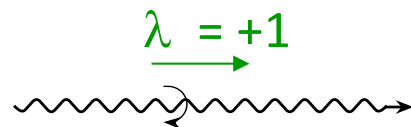
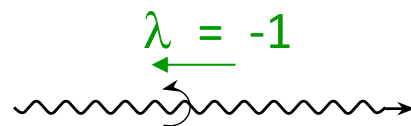
$$q(x) \sim \langle P, s | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q | P, s \rangle = q \uparrow \uparrow (x) + q \uparrow \downarrow (x) + \bar{q} \uparrow \uparrow (x) + \bar{q} \uparrow \downarrow (x)$$

Nucleon Spin
Quark Spin
Quarks
Anti-Quarks

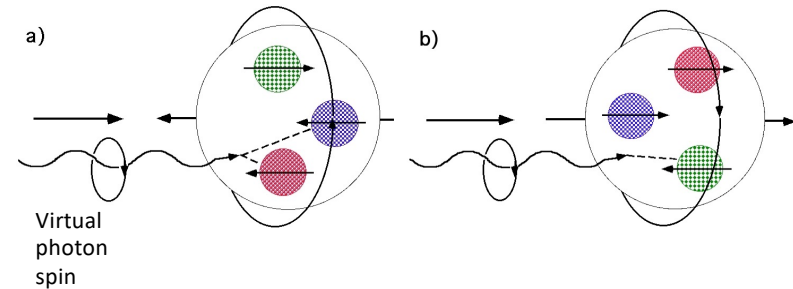
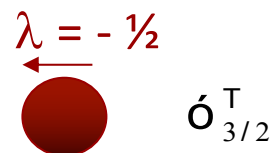
Similarly G(x) for gluons

Virtual Photon Asymmetries

Virtual photon



Nucleon



$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_T}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \frac{\sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_T}$$

related to quark polarizations
 $\Delta q/q$

$$\Delta q(x) = q \uparrow \uparrow (x) - q \uparrow \downarrow (x) + \bar{q} \uparrow \uparrow (x) - \bar{q} \uparrow \downarrow (x) \sim \langle P, s | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q | P, s \rangle$$

Structure Functions

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 (\hbar c)^2 E' \cos^2(\theta/2)}{Q^4 E} \left(\frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x) + 2 \tan^2(\theta/2) \frac{1}{M} F_1(x) \right)$$

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} \downarrow \uparrow - \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta Q^2 \Delta\nu} \uparrow \uparrow = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{M\nu Q^2 E^2} \left[(E + E' \cos \theta) \mathbf{g}_1 - 2xM \mathbf{g}_2 \right]$$

Electron Spin Nucleon Spin

Unpolarized: $F_1(x, Q^2)$ and $F_2(x, Q^2)$

Polarized: $g_1(x, Q^2)$ and $g_2(x, Q^2)$

Parton model:

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x) \quad \text{and} \quad F_2(x) = 2xF_1(x)$$

$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i e_i^2 \Delta q_i(x) \quad \text{and} \quad g_2(x) = 0$$

$i = \text{quark flavor}$
 $e_i = \text{quark charge}$

the structure functions $\mathbf{g}_1$ and $\mathbf{g}_2$ are linear combinations of $\mathbf{A}_1$ and $\mathbf{A}_2$

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{\tau}{1 + \tau} \left(A_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} A_2 \right) F_1$$

$$g_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{\tau}{1 + \tau} (\sqrt{\tau} A_2 - A_1) F_1$$

$$\tau = \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}$$

Parton Distribution Functions and NLO pQCD

Two effects modify simple
parton picture:

- 1) (Gluon) radiative
corrections change
elementary cross section



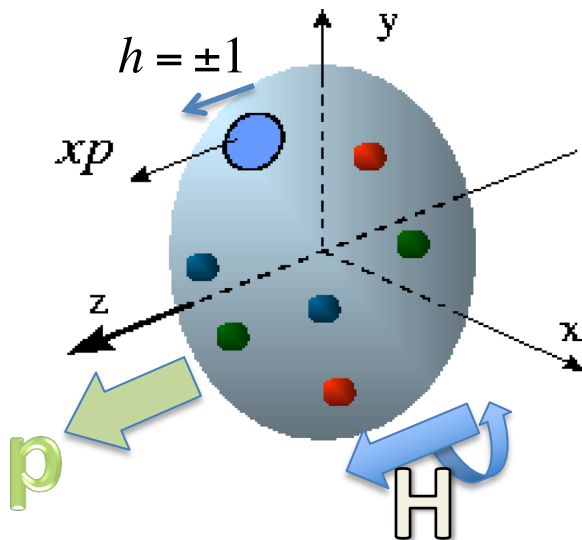
$$g_1(x, Q^2)_{pQCD} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q^{N_f} e_q^2 [(\Delta q + \Delta \bar{q}) \otimes (1 + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \delta C_q) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \Delta G \otimes \frac{\delta C_G}{N_f}]$$

$\delta C_q, \delta C_G$ – Wilson coefficient functions

- 2) pQCD evolution makes
PDFs Q^2 -dependent

Inclusive lepton scattering

Parton model: DIS can access



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

Traditional “1-D” Parton Distributions (PDFs) (integrated over many variables)

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x) \quad (\text{and } F_2(x) \approx 2xF_1(x)) \quad \text{Callan-Gross}$$

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

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

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

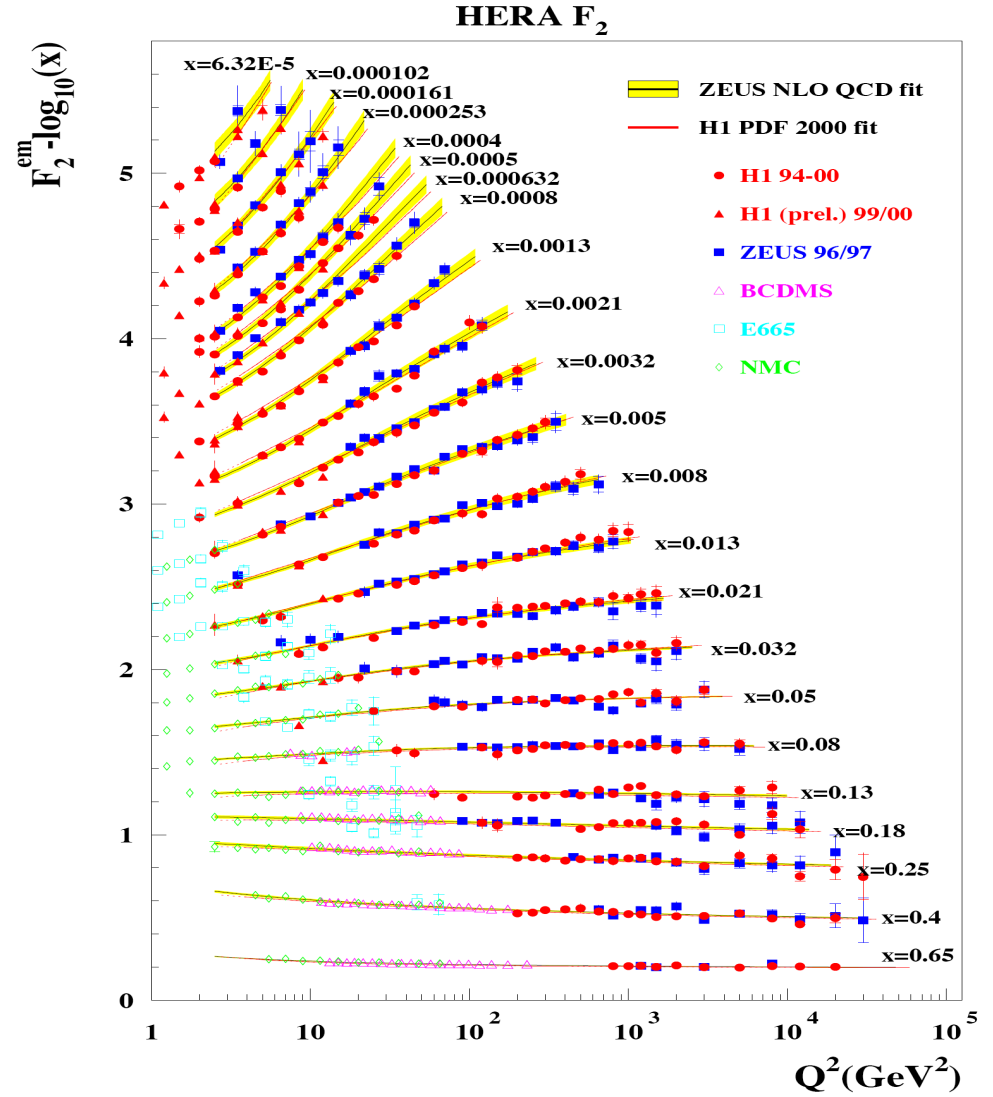
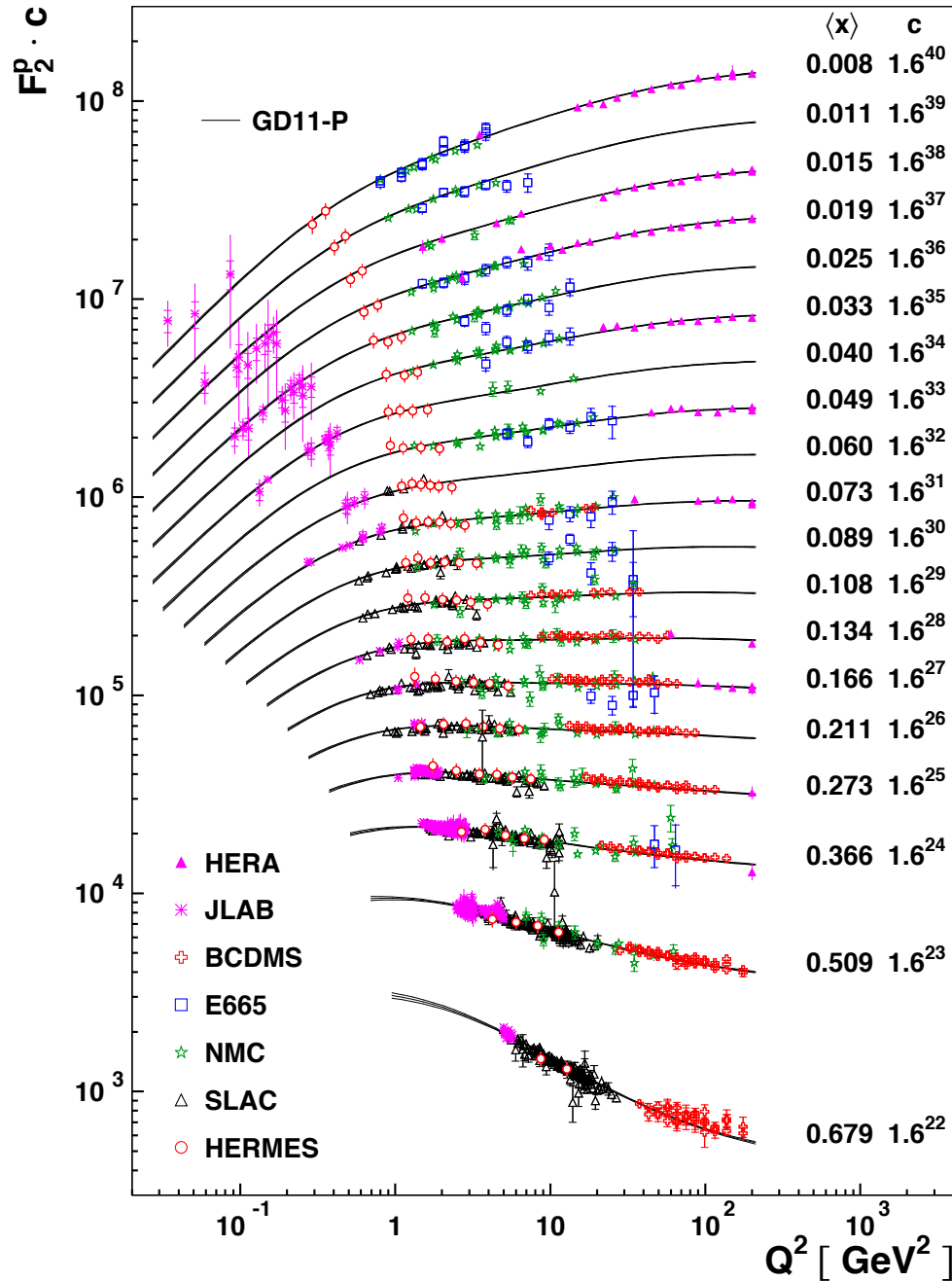
$\Rightarrow$ access to gluons. $\delta C_q, \delta C_G$ – Wilson coefficient functions

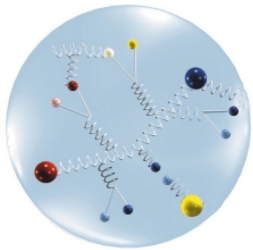
SIDIS: Tag the flavor of the struck quark with the leading FS hadron $\Rightarrow$ separate $q_i(x, Q^2)$, $\Delta q_i(x, Q^2)$

Jefferson Lab kinematics: $Q^2 \approx M^2 \Rightarrow$ target mass effects, higher twist contributions and resonance excitations

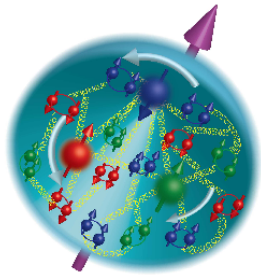
- Non-zero $R = \frac{F_2}{2xF_1} \left(\frac{4M^2x^2}{Q^2} + 1 \right) - 1$, $g_2^{HT}(x) = g_2(x) - g_2^{WW}(x)$
- Further Q^2 -dependence (power series in $\frac{1}{Q^n}$)

Results

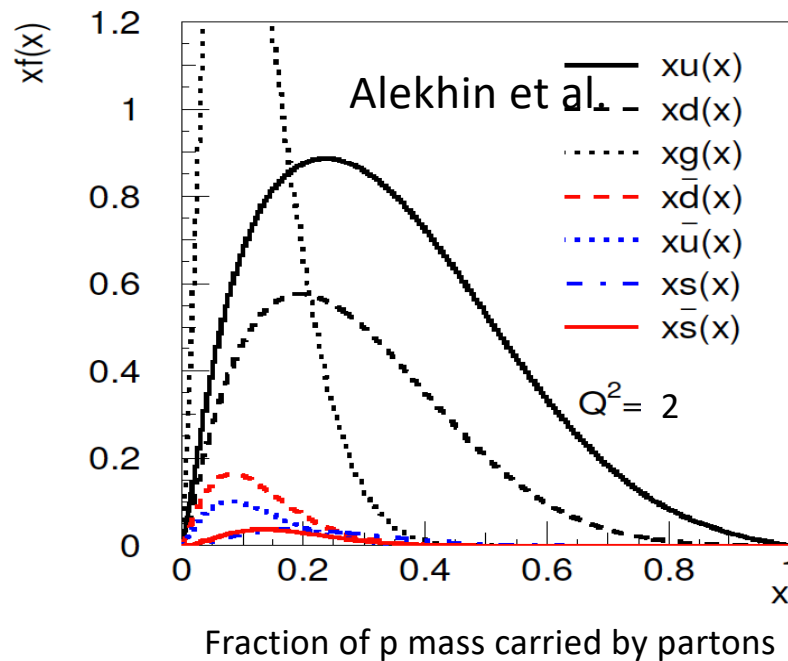




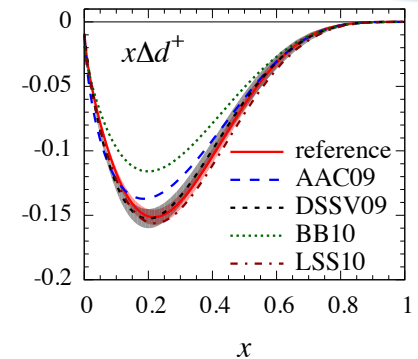
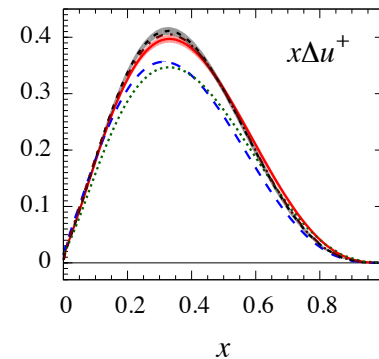
...and what have we learned?



How many of those partons are there?



...times spin



- Begun to map the 1D and even 3D motion of quarks and gluons inside nucleons
- Developed an approximate solution of QCD (Lattice QCD) that can predict masses, excited states etc.
- “Sorta” understand the size, magnetic moment and other properties of nucleons
- Begun to get a QCD-based picture of nuclei
- BUT: Much left to do – will you join us?

⇒ Our 1D View of the Nucleon

(depends on energy ν and wave length of the virtual photon $\sim 1/Q^2$)

$$W = \text{final state invariant mass} = \sqrt{M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2}$$

$$x = \text{energy fraction of hit object} = Q^2/2M\nu$$

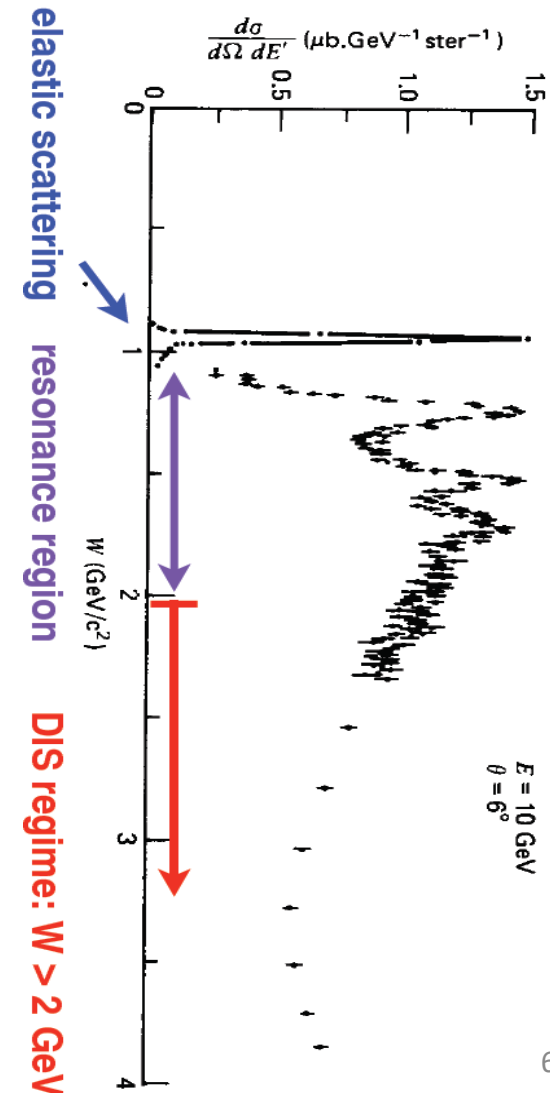
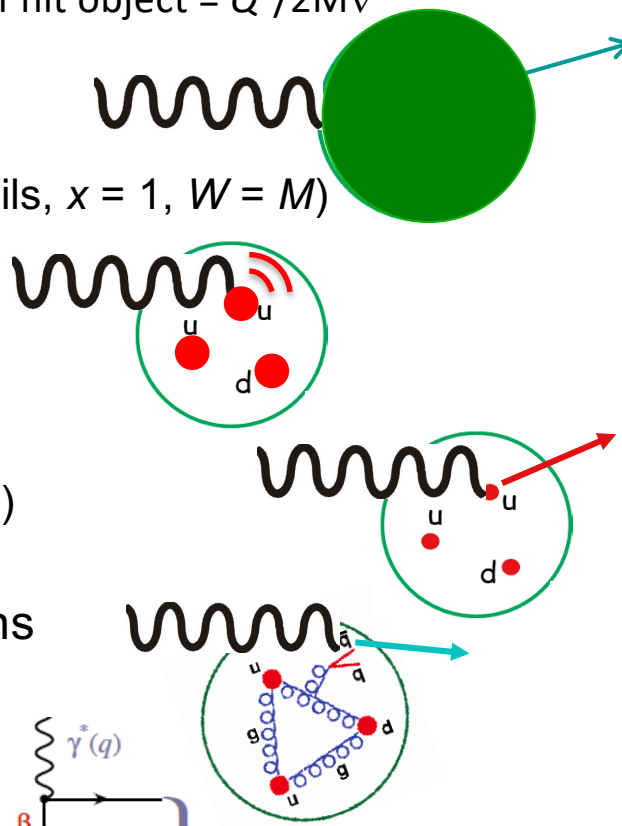
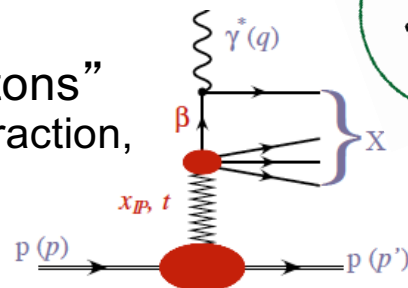
• Elastic scattering
(Whole system recoils, $x = 1$, $W = M$)

• Resonances
($x < 1$, $W < 2 \text{ GeV}$)

• Valence quarks
($x \geq 0.3$, $W > 2 \text{ GeV}$)

• Sea quarks, gluons
($x < 0.3$)

• “Wee Partons”
($x \rightarrow 0$, Diffraction, Pomerons)



Electron Scattering

Kinematic Variables

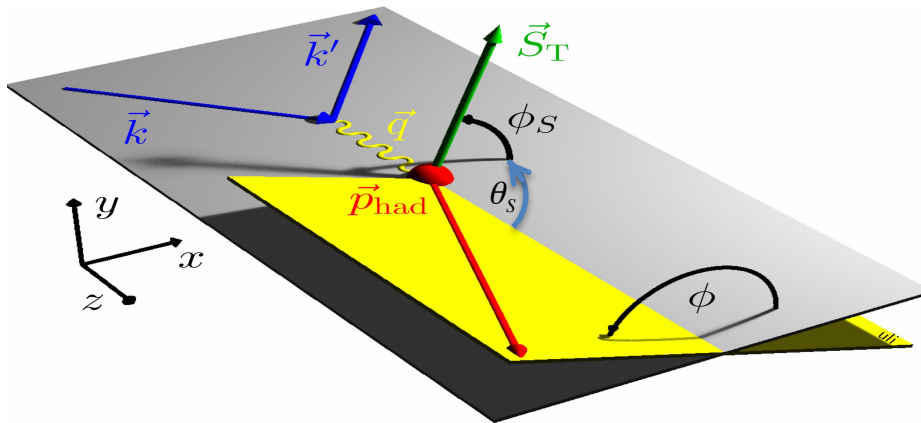
$$\nu = E - E' = |\vec{k}| - |\vec{k}'|$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k} - \vec{k}'; \quad q^\mu = (\nu, \vec{q}) = k^\mu - k'^\mu$$

$$Q^2 = -(k - k')^2 = \vec{q}^2 - \nu^2 \approx 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{q^\mu P_\mu}{k^\mu P_\mu} = \frac{\nu}{E}; \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2q^\mu P_\mu} = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

$$W = \sqrt{(P_\mu + q^\mu)^2} = \sqrt{M^2 + (1/x - 1)Q^2}$$



Lepton variables

Inclusive

Semi-Inclusive

Hadron variables

$$P_{had}^\mu = \left(z\nu, \sqrt{z^2\nu^2 - m_h^2 - P_{hT}^2}, \vec{P}_{hT} \right)$$

$$z = E_h / \nu$$

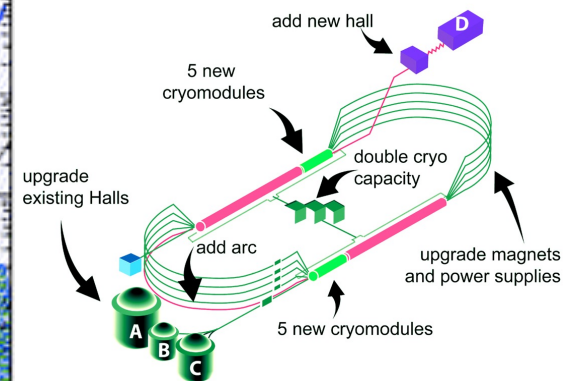
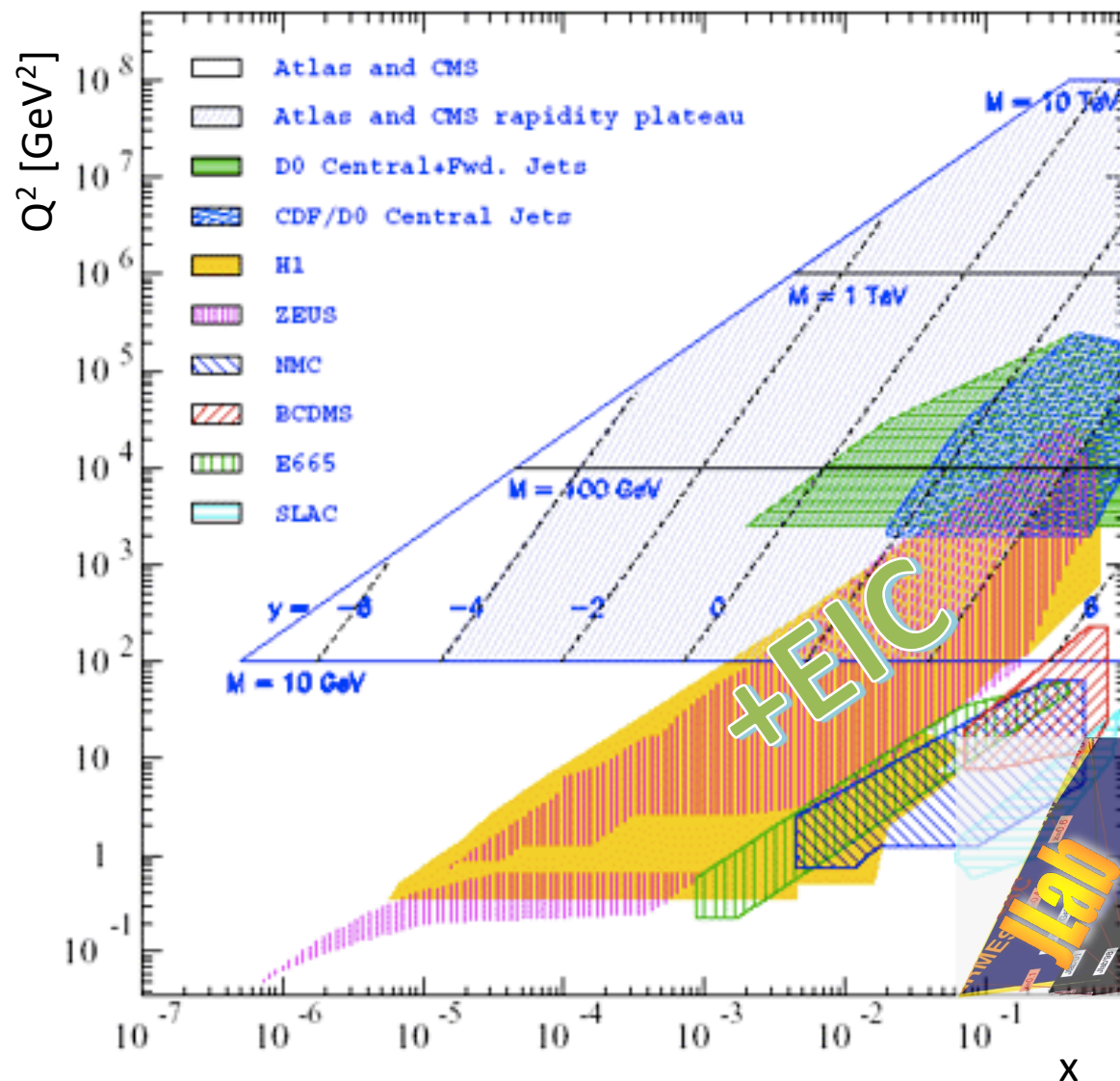
$$\vec{P}_{hT} = |\vec{P}_{hT}| (\sin \theta_h \cos \phi_h, \sin \theta_h \sin \phi_h)$$

$$x_F = \frac{\vec{P}_h^{c.m.} \cdot \hat{q}}{|\vec{P}_h^{c.m.}|(\max)}$$

$$\text{Rapidity} \quad \text{artanh} \frac{|\mathbf{p}|c}{E} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + |\mathbf{p}|c}{E - |\mathbf{p}|c}$$

$$\text{Pseudo-Rapidity} \quad \eta = -\ln \left[\tan \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

Jefferson Lab in Perspective



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Now: 12 GeV

$Q^2 = 1 \dots 13 \text{ GeV}^2$

$x = 0.06 \dots 0.8$

$W < 4 \text{ GeV}$

The future landscape of Nuclear Physics

1. Study how nucleons are made up from quarks (“flavor”, p , L , $S \rightarrow$ 3D tomography)
2. Study how hadronic quark structure is influenced by the nuclear environment
3. Understand nuclear structure and dynamics in terms of quark degrees of freedom
4. Study extreme forms of nuclear matter: high energy (Quark-Gluon plasma), high density (short range correlations, n stars, “color glass condensates”, ...), non-zero strangeness (hypernuclei, strangelets, ...), large n/p imbalance (radioactive beams)...
5. Study fundamental symmetries, neutrinos, nuclei in the universe
6. Develop new applications in medicine, energy, materials, homeland security, ...

Hadron Machines



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Electron machines



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Electron-Ion-Collider (2025?)

