

Exploring the Parton Structure of the Nucleon through Precision Electron Scattering Experiments at Jefferson Lab

Todd Averett, William & Mary



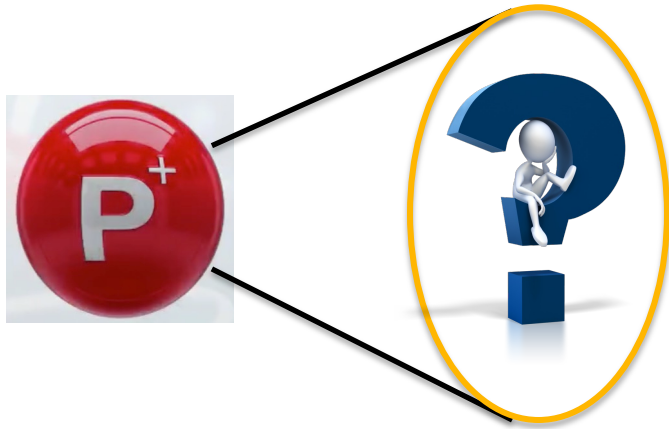
➤ W&M Jefferson Lab Research Group

- Faculty/PIs: T. Averett, D. Armstrong, K. Griffioen, J. Stevens
- Postdoc: Eric Fuchey
- Graduate Students: J. Chen, K. Evans, J. Jackson, M. Satnik, E. Wertz, D. Holmberg
- Undergraduates: A. Swartz, C. Cassidy



- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- Hardware: Particle detectors
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

GOAL: Understanding the structure of the nucleon in terms of its constituent partons



- The players: 3 valence quarks, $q\bar{q}$ pairs, gluons
- Quarks are spin $\frac{1}{2}$, electrically charged, color charged, interact via the strong nuclear force
- Gluons are spin 1, electrically neutral, color charged, self-interacting, strong force mediator

proton/neutron properties

Mass ~ 1 GeV

Spin = $\frac{1}{2}$

Charge = 0/1 (n/p)

Radius ~ 1 fm

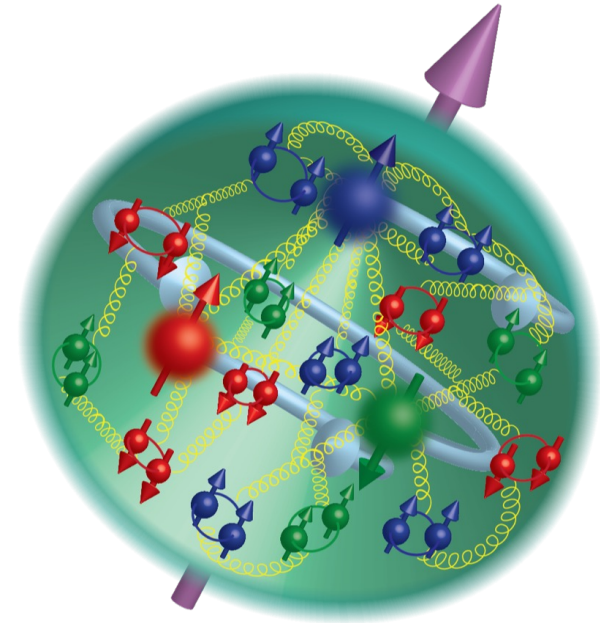
Mag. moment (μ_N) = 2.79/ -1.91 (p/n)

Dirac moment = 1/0 (p/n) $\mu = \frac{e\hbar}{2m}$



FRANK & ERNEST reproduced by permission of NEA, Inc.

- Where do quarks physically reside?
- What is the charge distribution inside the nucleon?
- How does the nucleon get its mass when the bare quark mass is $\sim 2\text{-}5\text{ MeV}$
- What is the spatial spin distribution?
- What contributes to $\text{spin} = \frac{1}{2}$?
 - Quark and gluon spin?
 - Quark and gluon angular momentum?
- What is the role of $q\bar{q}$ pairs? gluons?
- Why contributes to the magnetic moments?

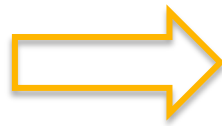


e-N scattering – a quark microscope

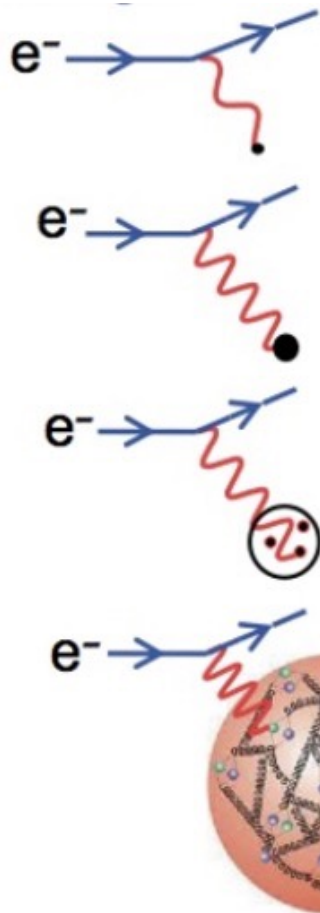


de Broglie
Wavelength

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$



Studying the internal structure
of the nucleon (N) requires a
probe with energy $\sim 1-12$ GeV



➤ Very low energy: nucleon = point-like $\lambda \gg r_N$

➤ Low energy: featureless nucleon with finite size $\lambda \sim r_N$

➤ High energy: quark structure, resonances $\lambda < r_N$

➤ Very high energy: quarks, $q\bar{q}$ pairs, gluons $\lambda \ll r_N$

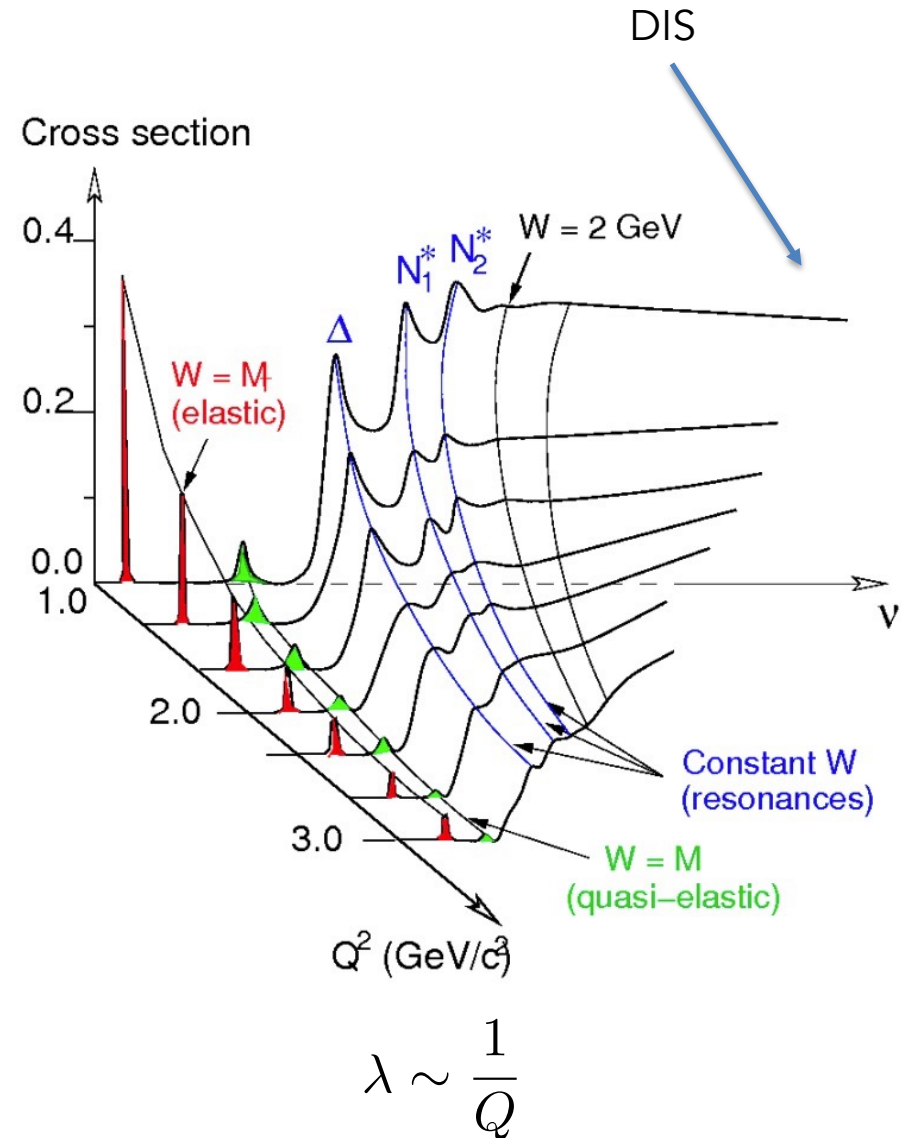
nucleon radius $r_N \sim 1$ fm

e - N Cross Section



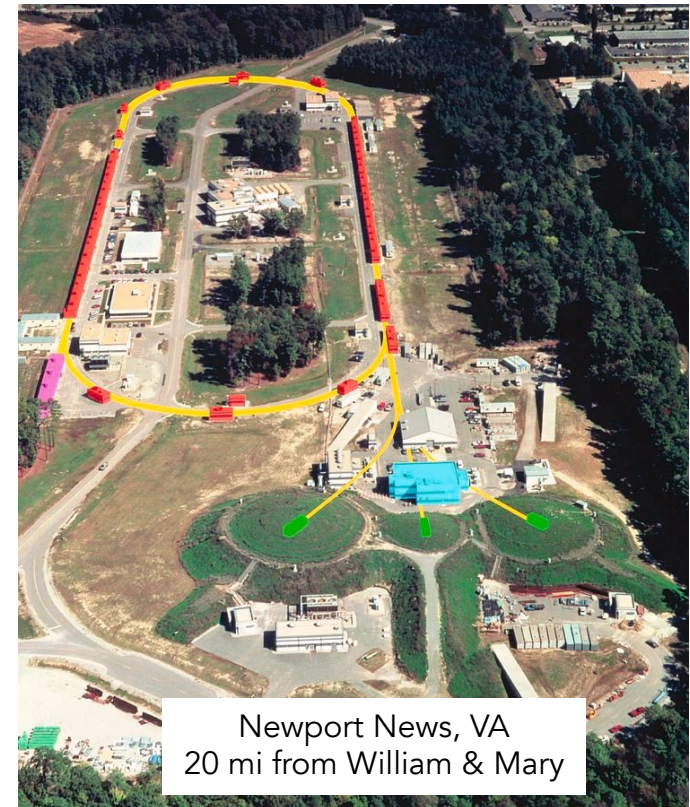
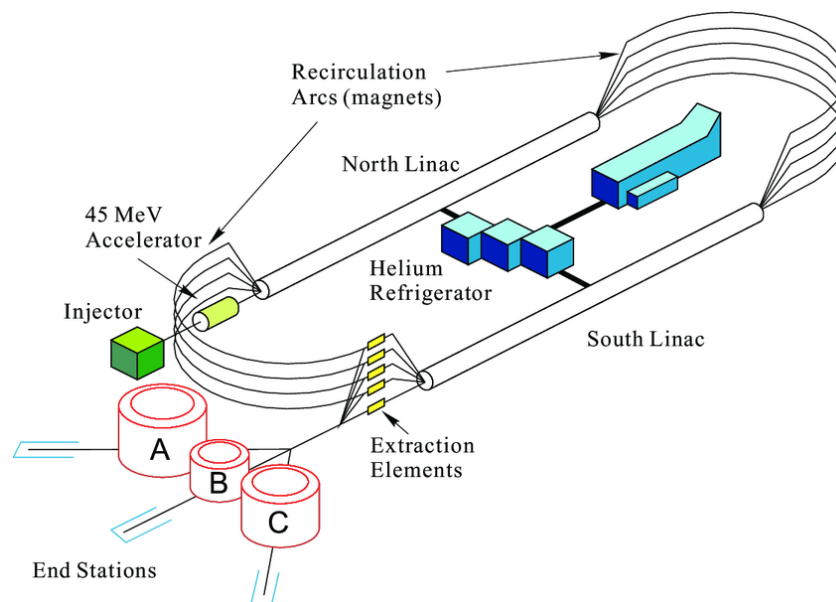
- Elastic scattering = free nucleon
- Quasi-elastic = nucleon in a nucleus
- Inelastic = nucleon resonances, $W < 2$ GeV
- Deep-inelastic (DIS) = partons

- Proton = uud
- Neutron = ddu
- $\Delta^{++} = uuu$
- DIS = $W > 2$ GeV



- Electron beam → EM scalpel, no strong interaction
 - Current up to $80 \mu\text{A}$ CW
 - Polarization ~ 85%
 - Energy 1-12 GeV
 - Diameter ~ $200 \mu\text{m}$

- 4 experimental halls
 - Hall A – high resolution, large acceptance
 - Hall B – 4π spectrometer → multi-particle
 - Hall C – High momentum
 - Hall D -- $e^- \rightarrow \gamma$: meson spectroscopy

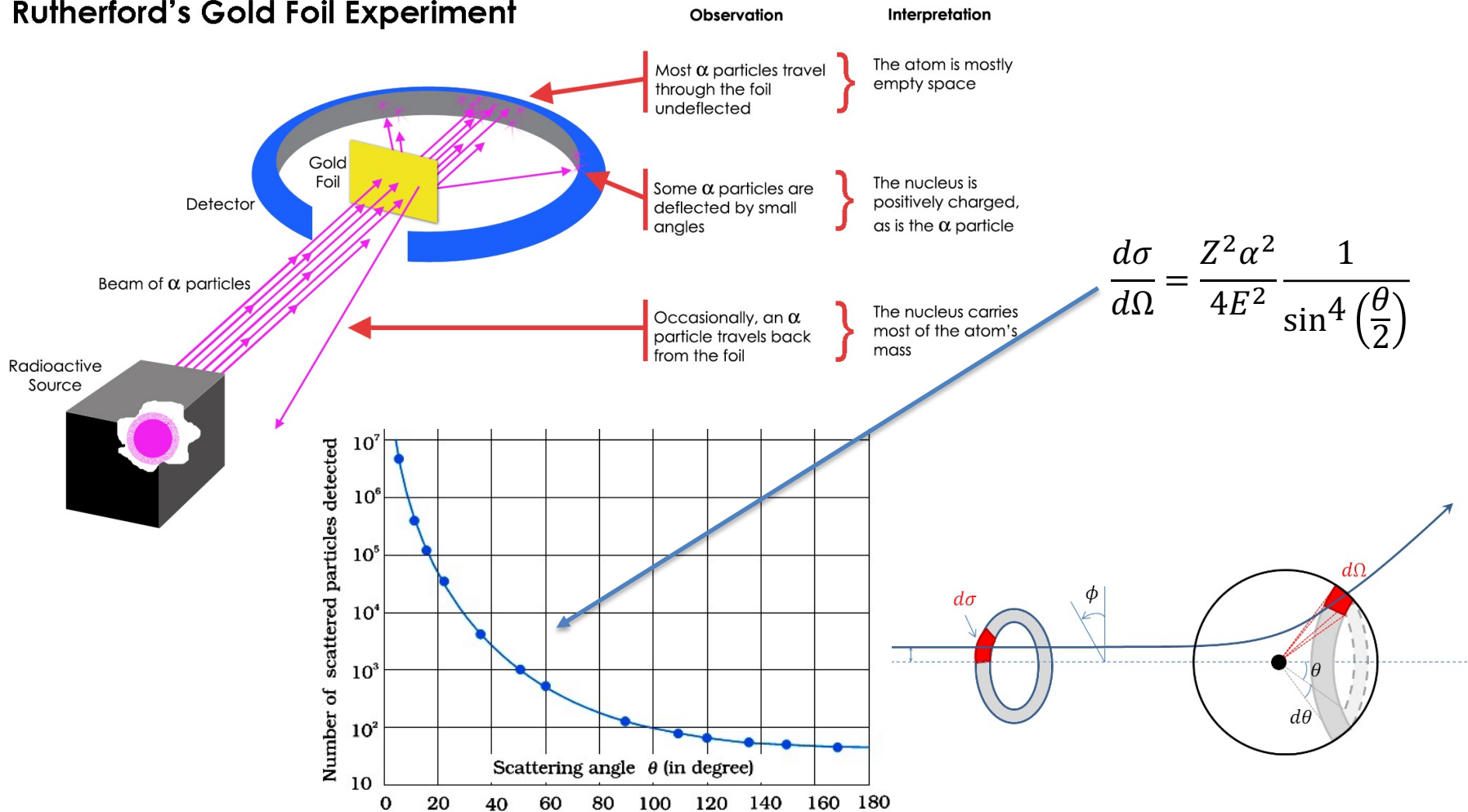


- My primary research at Jlab:
Neutron structure studies using polarized electron scattering from polarized ^3He (n) targets

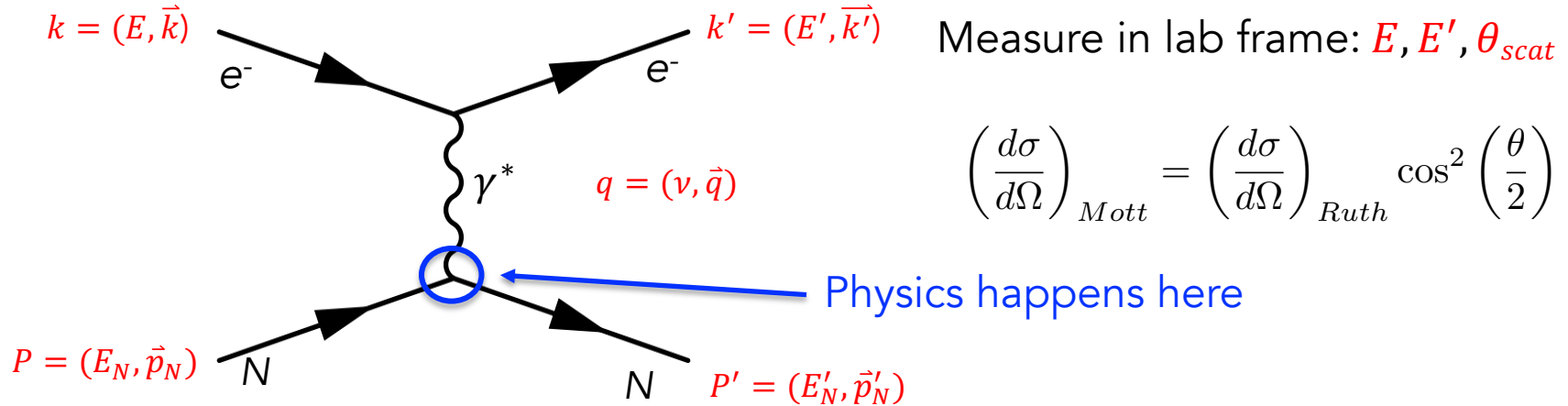
Coulomb scattering from a point-like charge

Not included: magnetic contribution, relativity, spin, Au recoil

Rutherford's Gold Foil Experiment



- Mott scattering = point-like scattering + relativistic + electron spin



Kinematic variables

- $Q^2 \equiv -q^2 = 2EE'(1 - \cos \theta)$
- $\nu = E - E'$
- $W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2$
- $x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$
- (-) four-momentum transfer²
- virtual photon energy
- invariant mass of γ^* - N system
- fraction of nucleon momentum of struck quark

- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- Hardware: Particle detectors
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

Rosenbluth formula

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{eN} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left\{ G_E^2 + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2 \right\}, \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M}$$

$$\epsilon = \left(1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)^{-1} \quad \gamma^* \text{ polarization}$$

$G_E(Q^2)$ = Electric form factor

$G_M(Q^2)$ = Magnetic form factor

➤ Depend only on Q^2

➤ “Parameterize our ignorance of the structure of the nucleon” – H&M

➤ At $Q^2 = 0$ we expect

➤ Charge

➤ Magnetic moment

$$G_E^p(0) = 1, \quad G_E^n(0) = 0$$

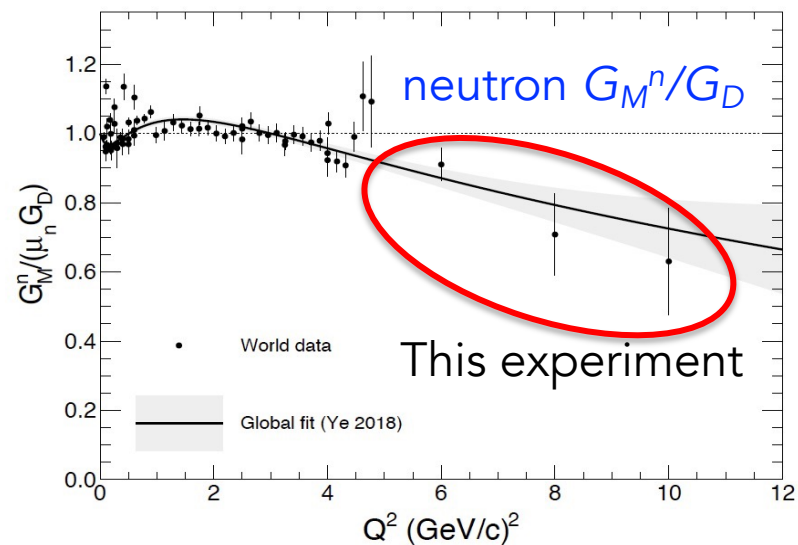
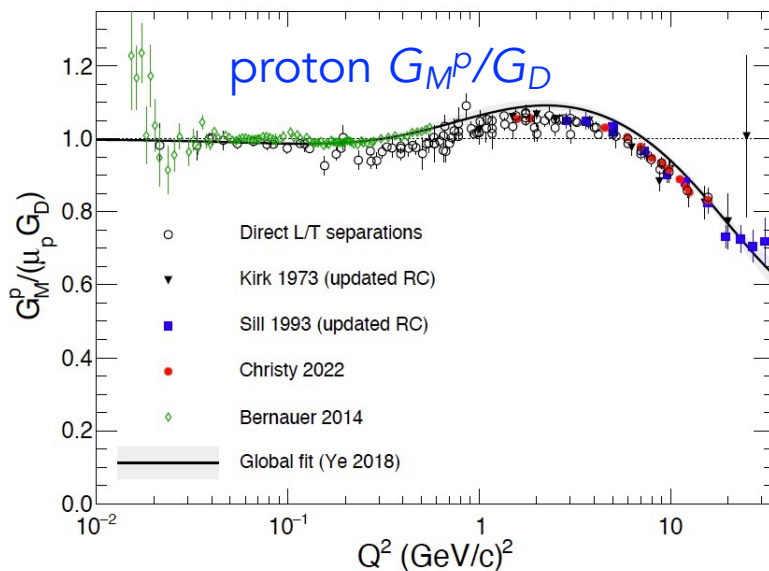
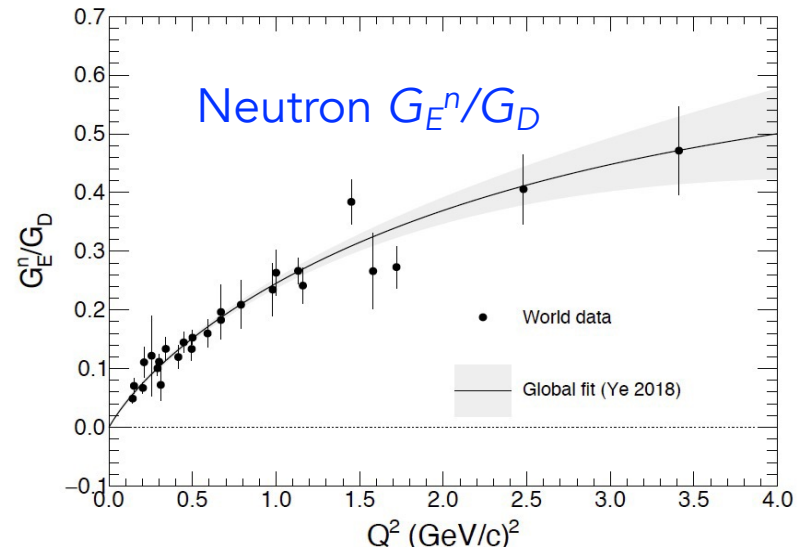
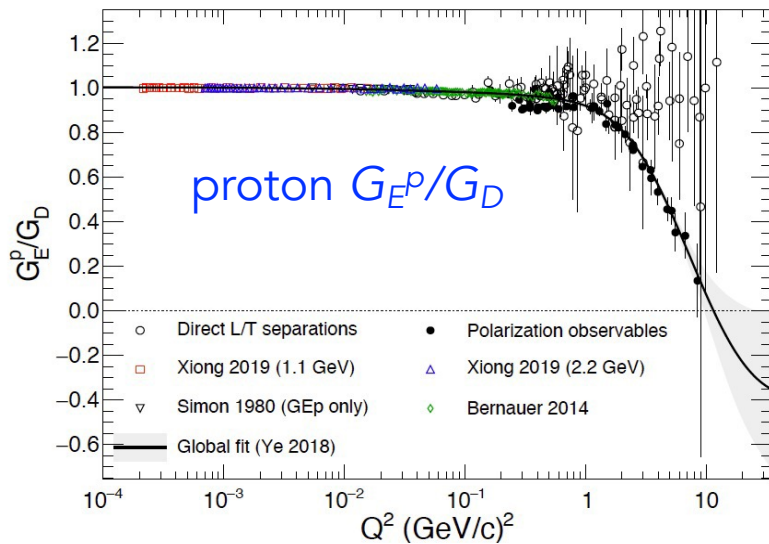
$$G_M^p(0) = \mu_p, \quad G_M^n(0) = \mu_n$$

➤ But cannot measure at $Q^2 = 0$

➤ Fit data to get intercept



- Sachs form factors ~ not too different from dipole FF at lower Q^2 (ex. G_E^n)
- Lots of nucleon dynamics entering at large Q^2



- What do these form factors tell us?

Charge radius $\langle r^2 \rangle = -6 \frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \Big|_{Q^2=0}$

$$\langle r_p^2 \rangle \simeq 0.717 \pm 0.014 \text{ fm}^2 \quad \langle r_n^2 \rangle \simeq -0.11 \pm 0.008 \text{ fm}^2$$

- Proton-- ~agreement between e-N and atomic measurements
- In the neutron case, it is the complicated dynamics of the strong force between quarks and gluons, the fermionic nature of quarks and spin-orbit correlations that leads to an asymmetric distribution of u- and d-quarks in it, thus resulting in a negative value.
Nature Commun. 12, 1759 (2021) [arXiv:2105.00571](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.00571)

Charge distribution

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \int_0^\infty e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} G_E(\vec{q}) d^3\vec{q}$$

Magnetization distribution

$$M(\vec{r}) = \int_0^\infty e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} G_M(\vec{q}) d^3\vec{q}$$

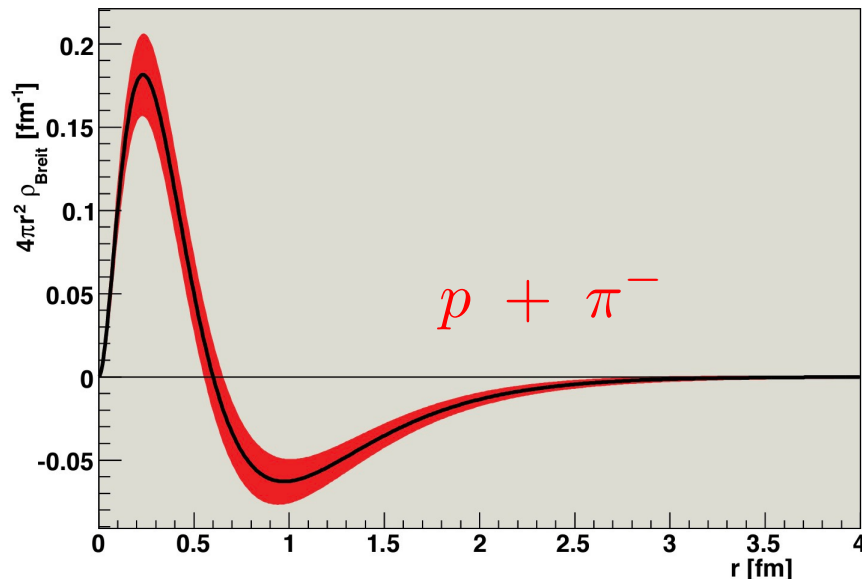
- Experimentally these limits cannot be reached

What is the charge distribution within the nucleon? → Frame dependent



- Non-relativistic: Fourier transform of lab frame spatial distributions
- With relativistic corrections: No probabilistic interpretation, $|p_f| \neq |p_i|$
- **Breit Frame:** $\vec{p}_i = -\vec{p}_f$ → probabilistic interpretation but...model-dependent boost corrections

$4\pi r^2 \rho(r)$ Breit Frame neutron



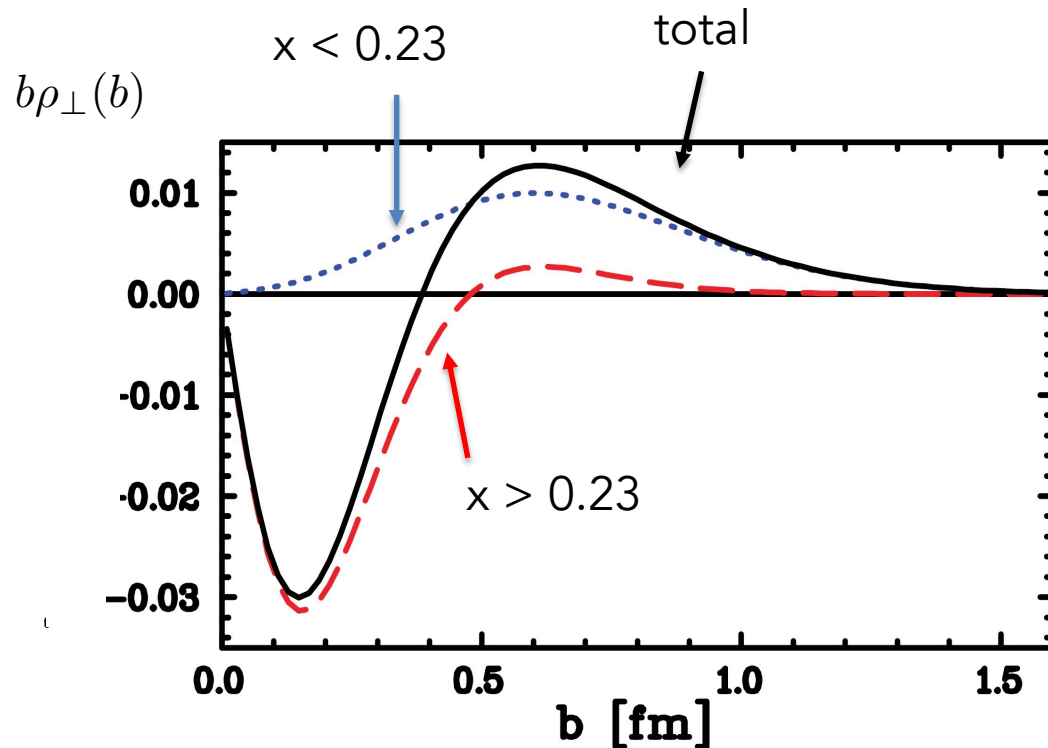
NSAC 2007 Report, "recent achievement"

→ *The charge distribution of the neutron was mapped precisely and with high resolution. The measurements confirmed that the neutron has a positively charged core and a negatively charged pion cloud.*

- IMF - Infinite Momentum Frame: Model-independent interpretation

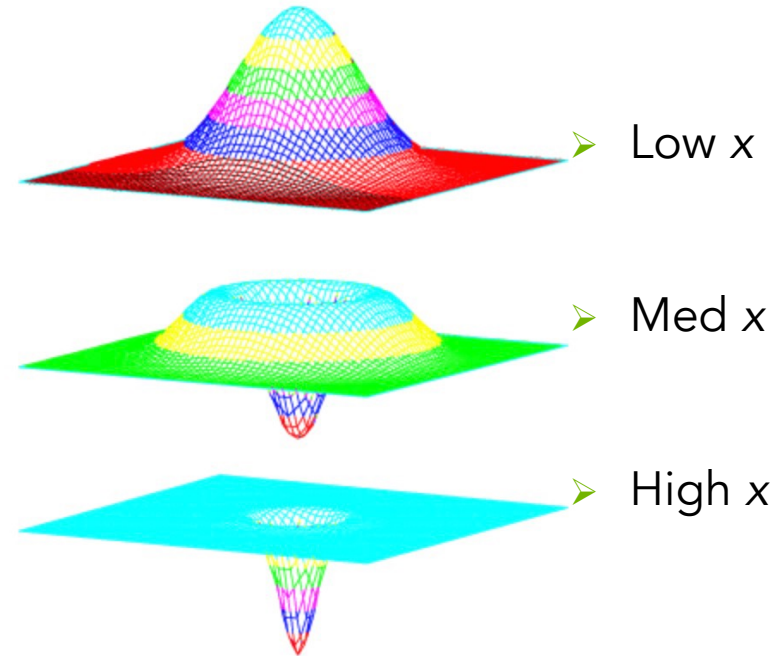
- No recoil correction needed

Transverse charge density vs. b
found to have negative core...hmmmm...



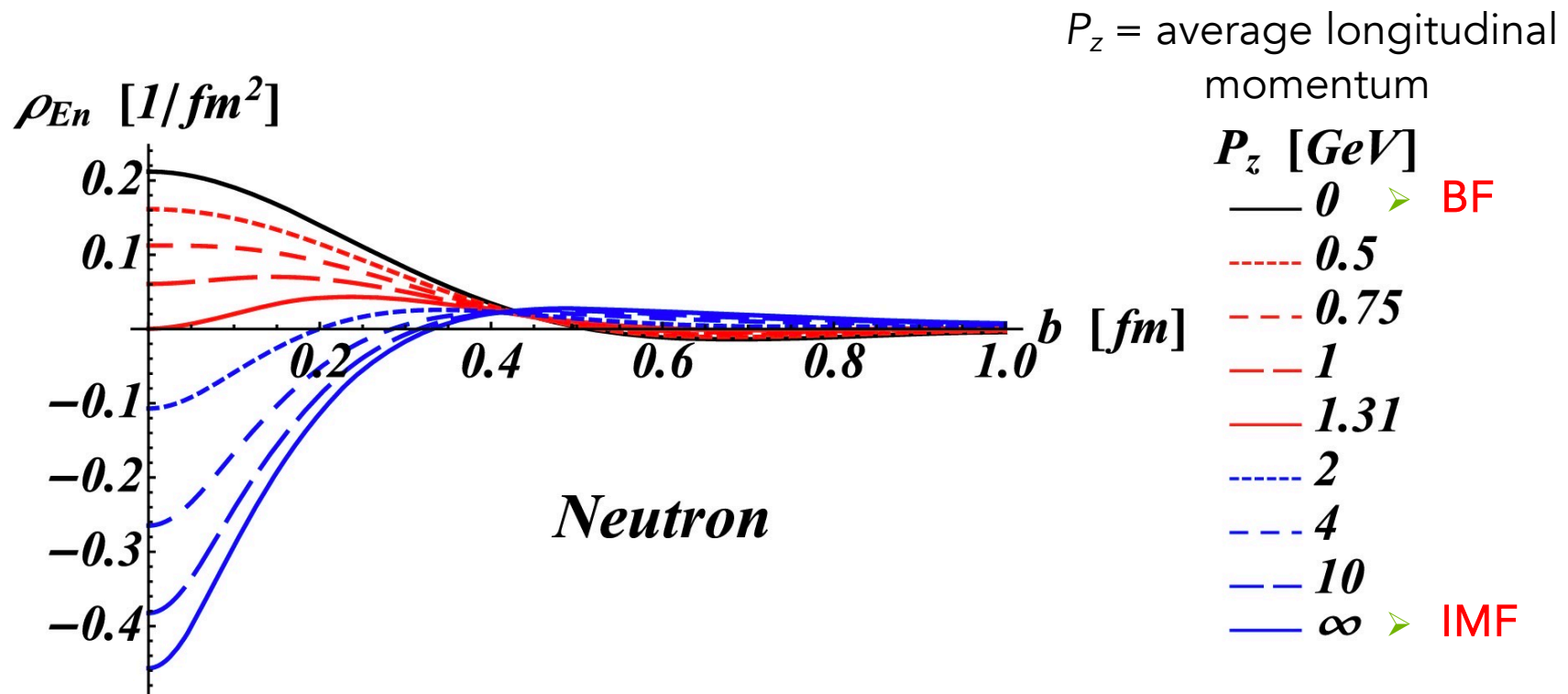
Miller, Arrington PRC 78, 032201 (R) (2008)

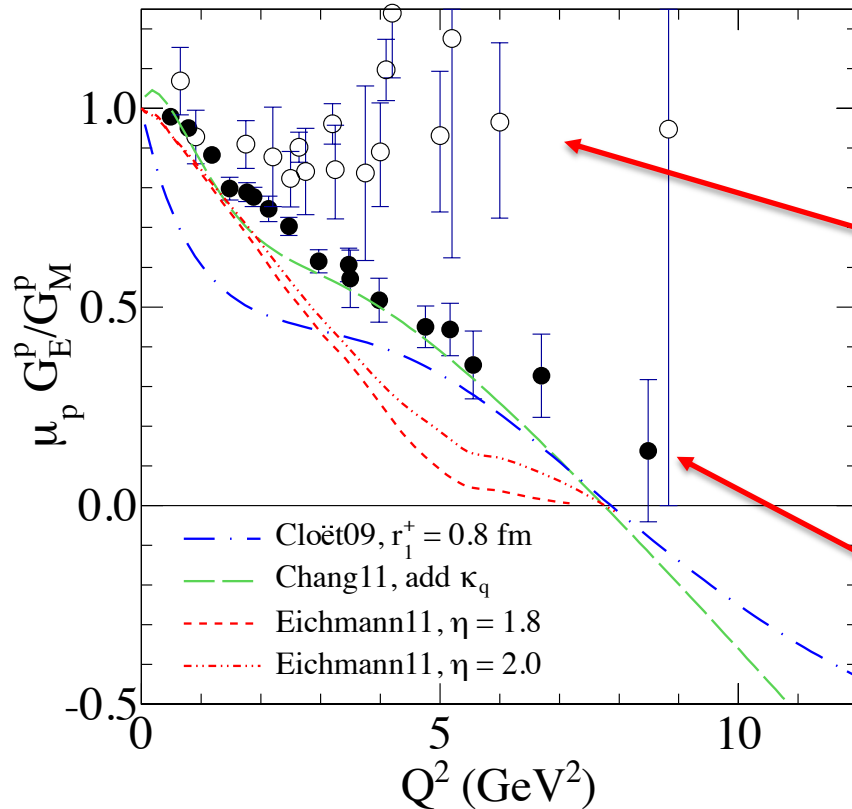
Transverse charge distribution



John Arrington, ANL

Appearance (disappearance) of negative neutron core in IMF (BF) is due to contribution from magnetization as nucleon momentum increases. Interpreted as the frame-dependence of the direction of the nucleon polarization.



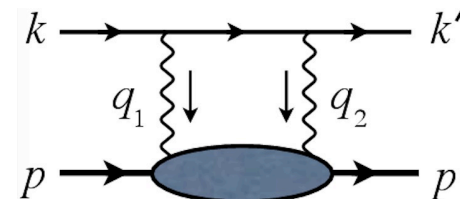


If charge and magnetization
have the same spatial distribution:

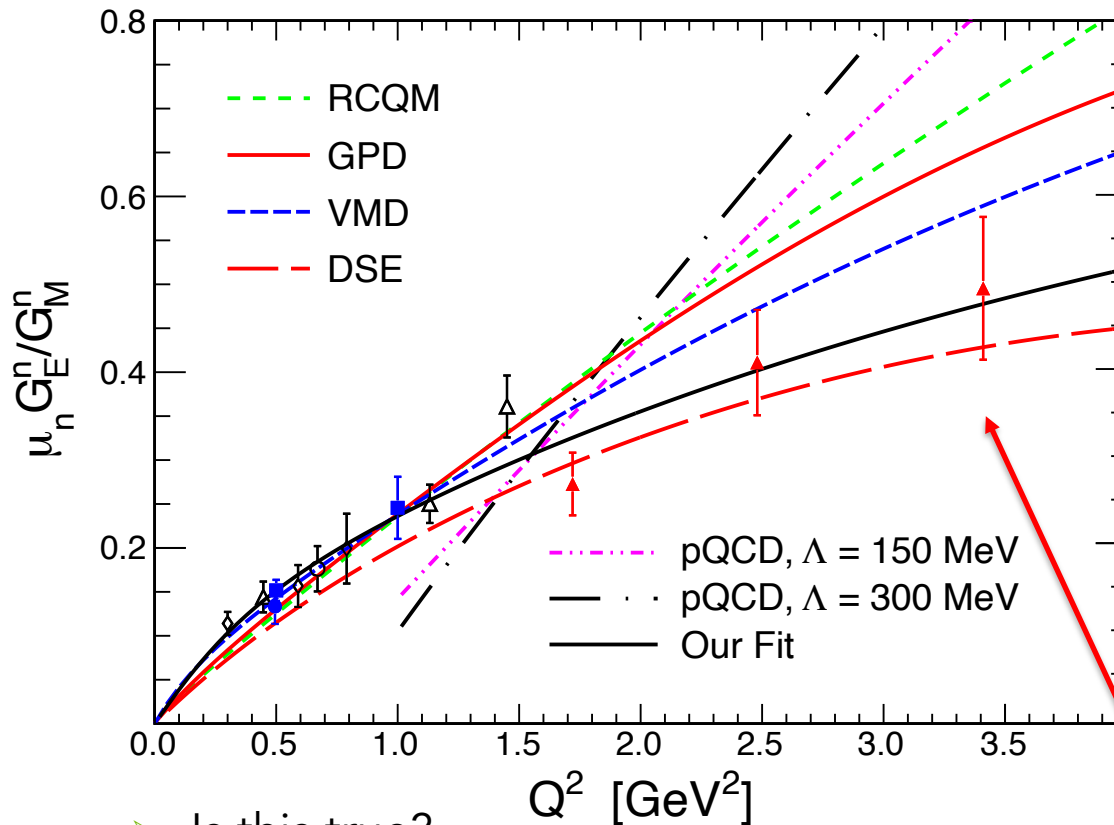
expect $\rightarrow \frac{\mu_p G_E^p(Q^2)}{G_M^p(Q^2)} = 1$

- Cannot keep decreasing with Q^2
- Data needed at higher Q^2 - Stay Tuned

- proton measured to 8 GeV^2 at JLab
- completely unexpected decrease
- 2- γ exchange was ignored.
JLab precision



A.J.R Puckett, et al.,
Phys.Rev.Lett. 104 (2010) 242301



- Measured to $Q^2 \sim 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Not converging at all
- Hard to do Fourier transform with data to only 3.5 GeV^2
- Theory all over the place
- Data at higher Q^2 needed

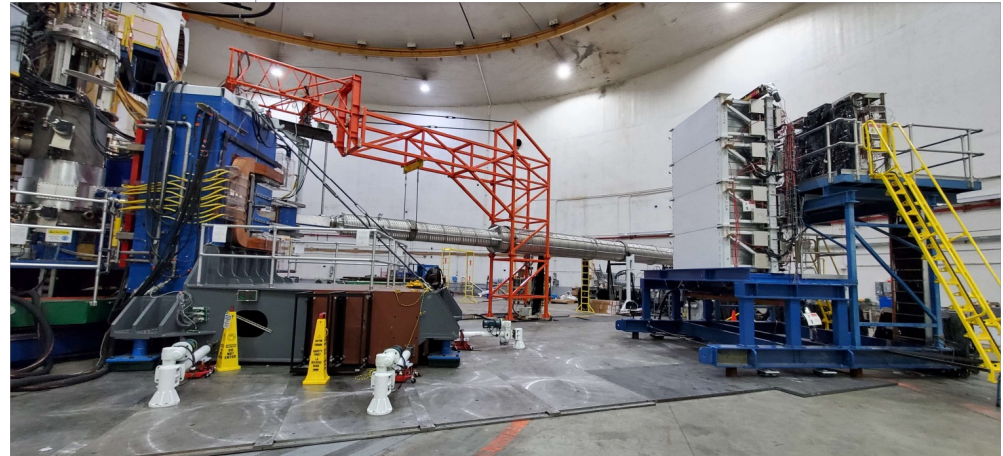
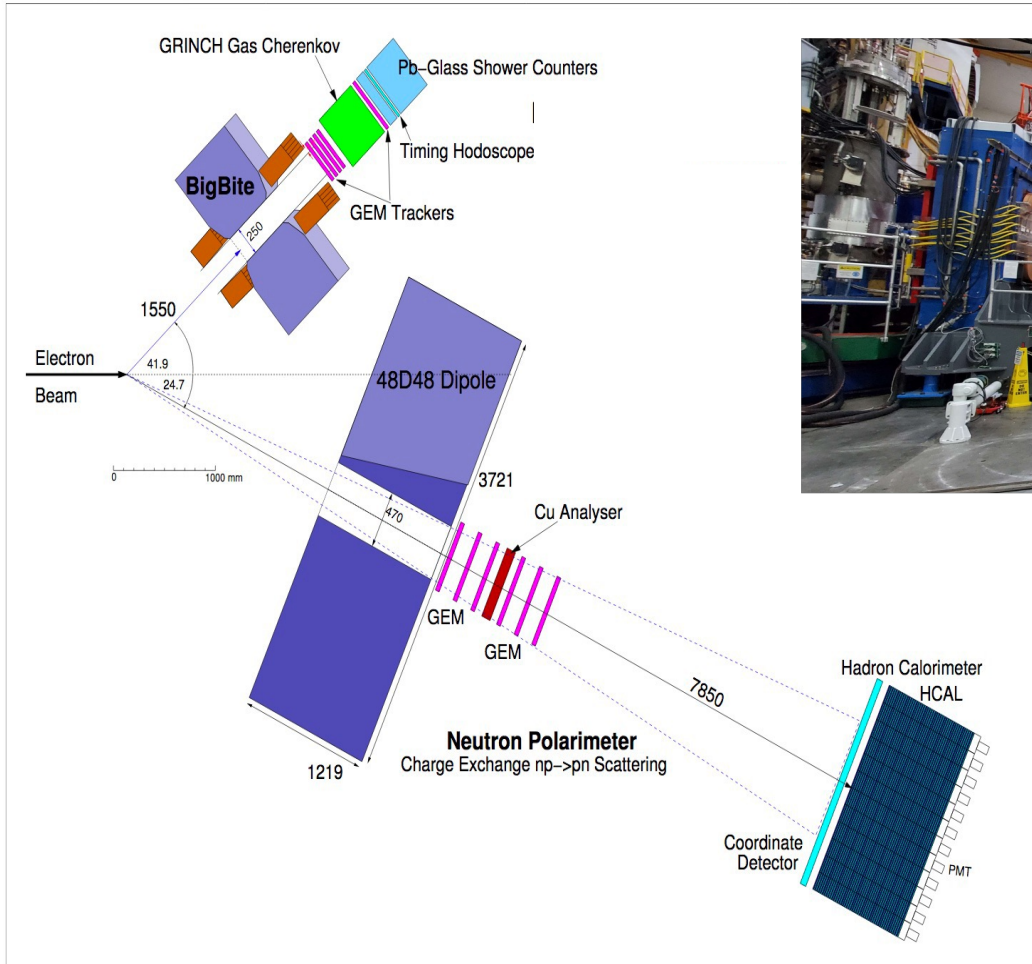
➤ Is this true?

Again, if charge and magnetization have the same spatial distribution:

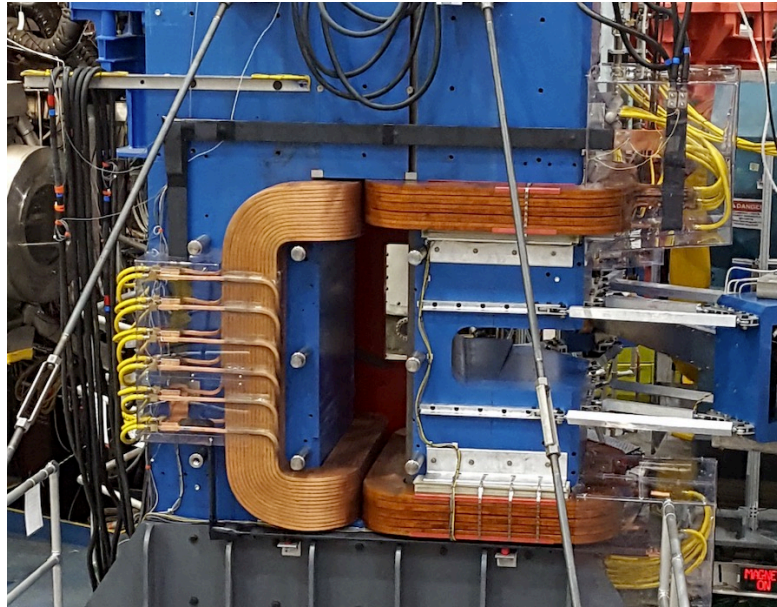
expect $\rightarrow \frac{\mu_p G_E^n(Q^2)}{G_M^n(Q^2)} = 1$

Red triangles: S. Riordan, ..., T. Averett
Phys.Rev.Lett. 105 (2010) 262302

- Small cross sections require spectrometers with large angular and momentum acceptance
- SBS = Super Big Bite Spectrometer system (SBS): electron spectrometer (BigBite) and hadron calorimeter (HCAL)

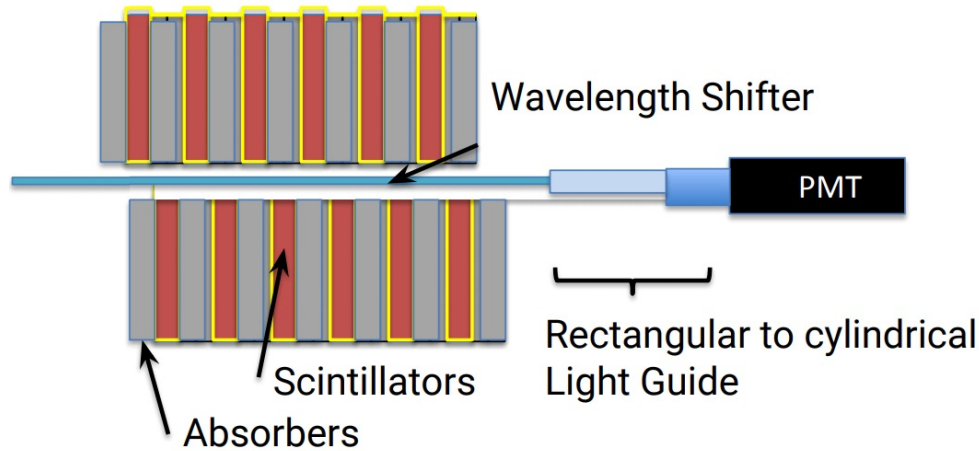
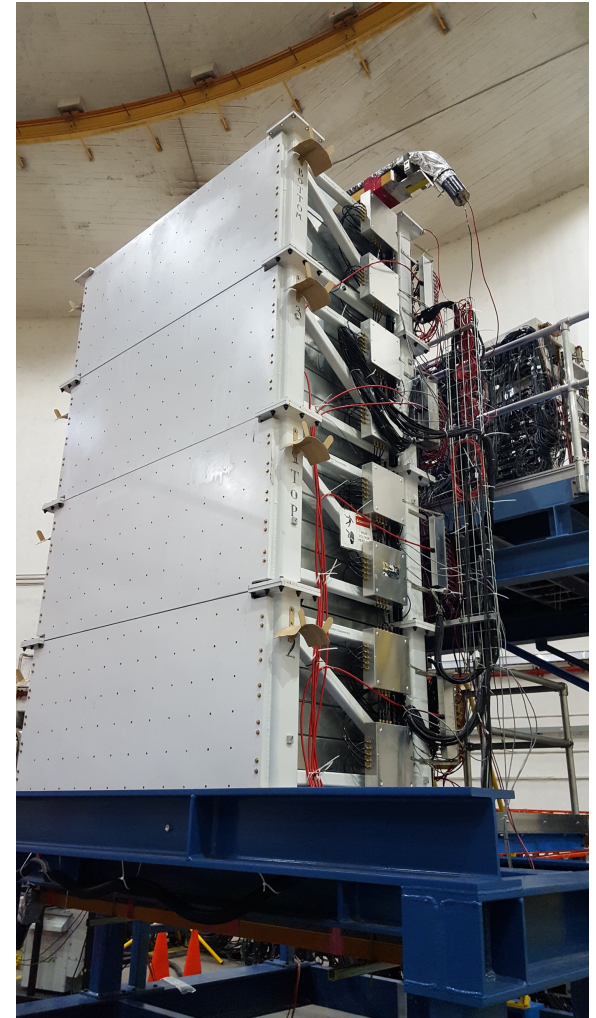


Hadron calorimeter

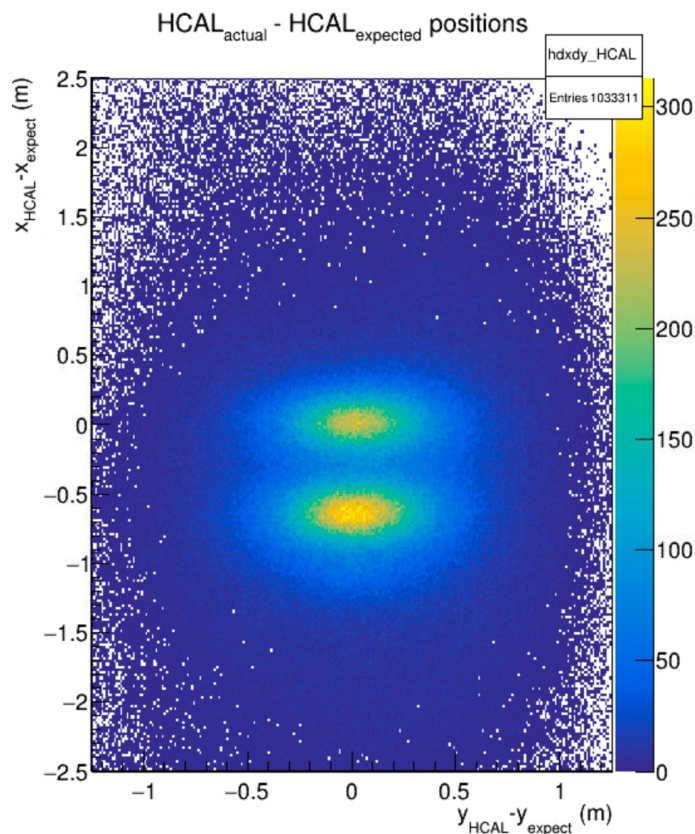


Sweeper magnet for p/n separation

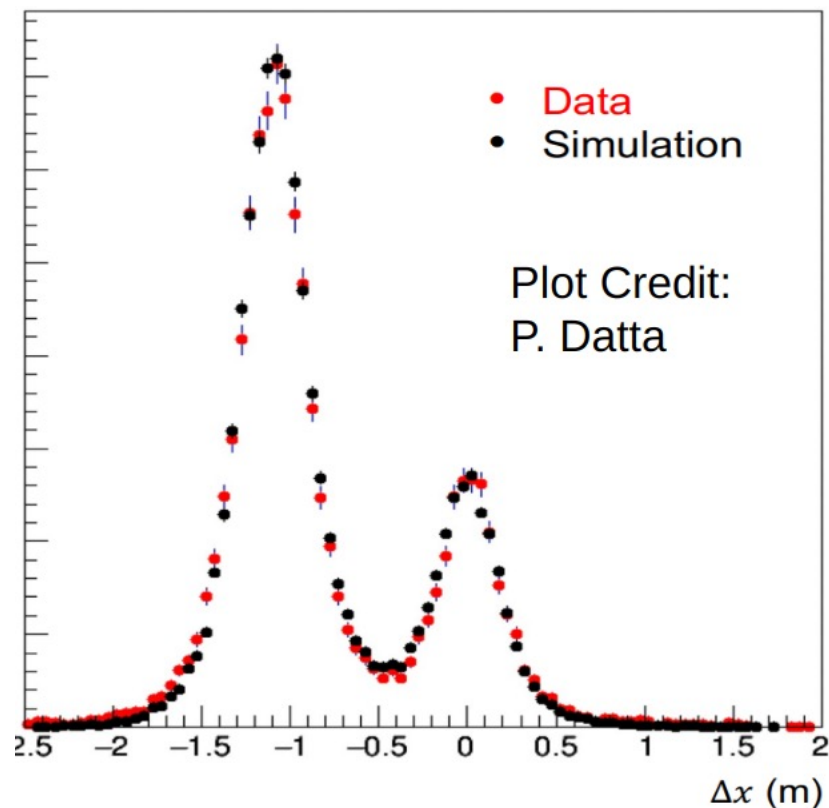
Hadron Calorimeter as currently installed



- Protons are down-bended



$Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$, $0.49 \leq W^2 \leq 1.44 \text{ GeV}^2$, Fiducial Cuts

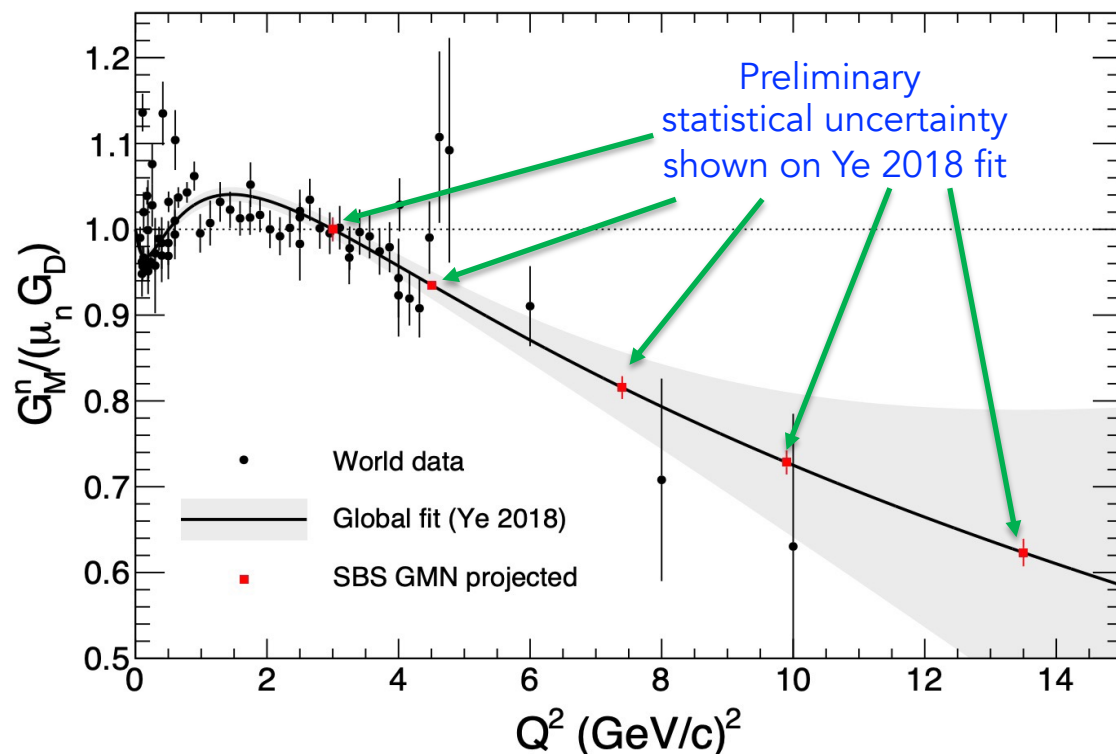


HCAL proton efficiency $\sim 95\%$

Time resolution - currently 2 ns but expect 1 ns after additional calibration

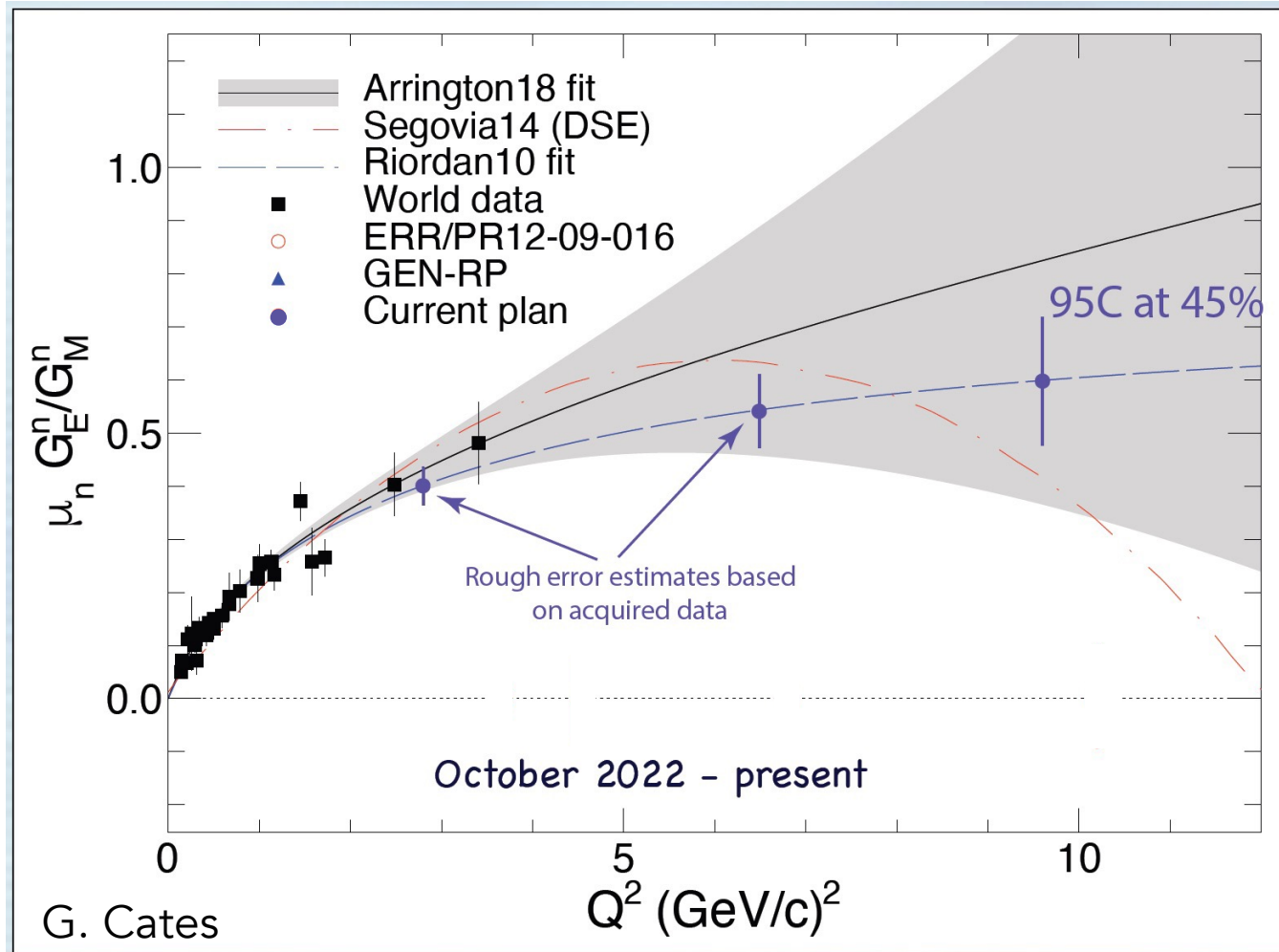
Energy resolution $\sim 30\%$

- Completed Feb. 2022
- Data analysis now on pass 2
- First results ~ Summer 2023
- Systematics ~ 3%



World data for $G_M^n / \mu_n G_D$ with **projected SBS accuracy based on completed data taking 2021-2022**

- First run complete $Q^2 = 2.9, 6.6 + \text{some } 9.7 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Second run in progress at $Q^2 = 9.7 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- Hardware: Particle detectors
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

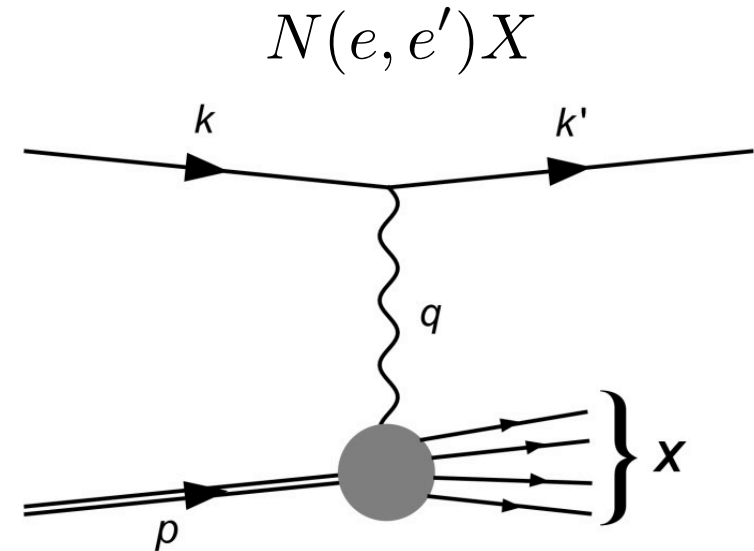
➤ Nucleon with extended structure

→ two unpolarized structure functions

$$W_1(\nu, Q^2), W_2(\nu, Q^2)$$

→ two polarized structure functions

$$g_1(\nu, Q^2), g_2(\nu, Q^2)$$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} \left(\frac{E'}{E} \right) \left\{ W_2(\nu, Q^2) + 2W_1(\nu, Q^2) \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)^{\uparrow\uparrow} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)^{\uparrow\downarrow} \propto g_1(\nu, Q^2), g_2(\nu, Q^2)$$

➤ Add g1 terms

- **Bjorken scaling:** At large Q^2 , ν with $x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$ finite, the scattering becomes the sum of incoherent elastic scattering from free quarks.
- x is the momentum fraction of the struck quark

$$W_1(\nu, Q^2), W_2(\nu, Q^2) \rightarrow F_1(x), F_2(x)$$

$$g_1(\nu, Q^2), g_2(\nu, Q^2) \rightarrow g_1(x), g_2(x)$$

Parton Model Interpretation

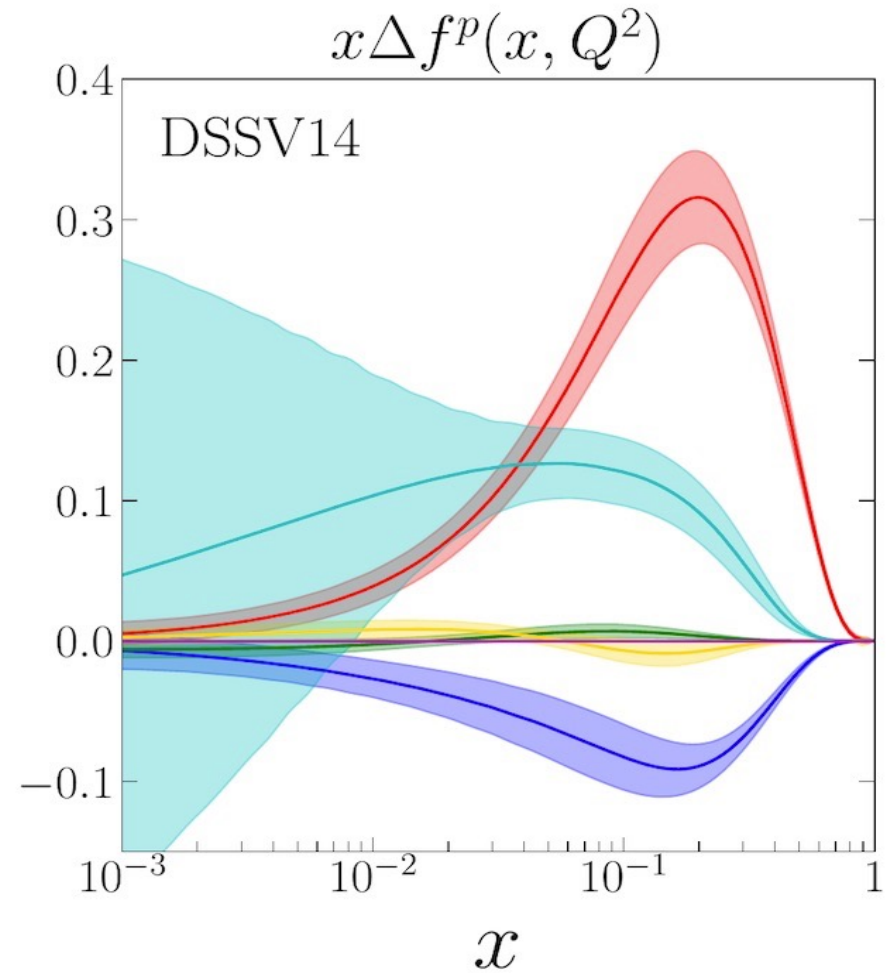
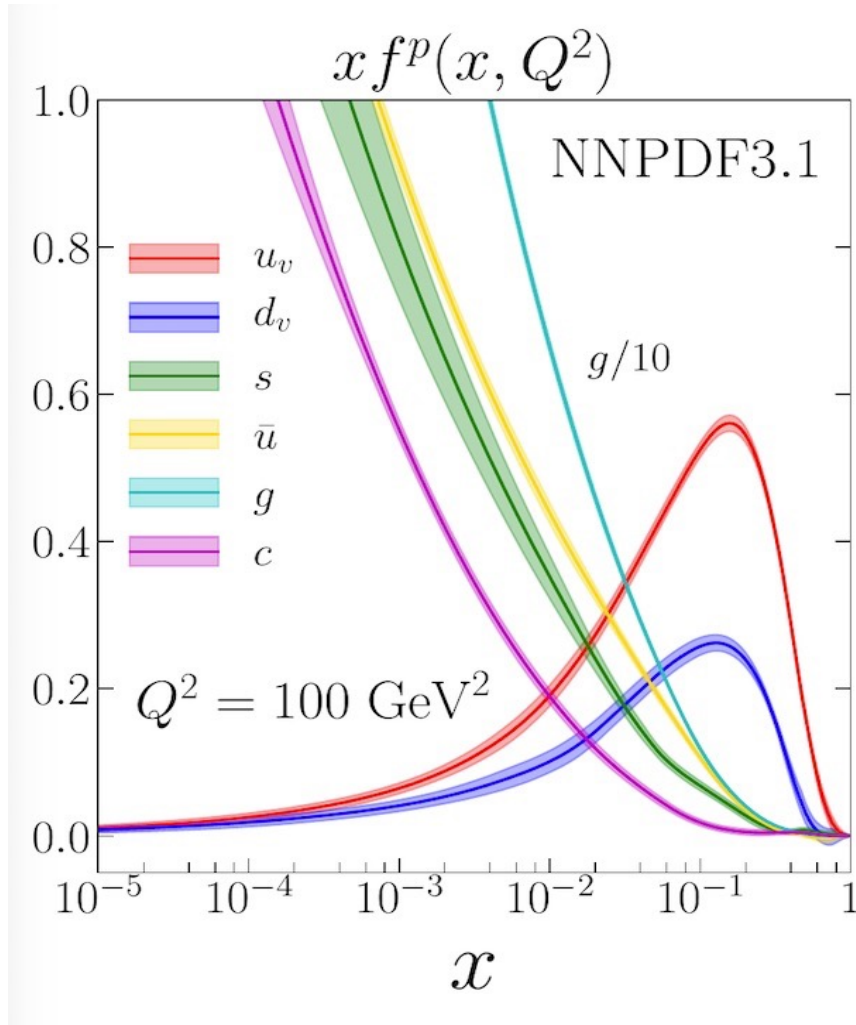
$$F_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=u,d,s} e_i^2 (q_i(x) + \bar{q}_i(x)),$$

$q_i(x)$ = probability to find a quark with flavor i and momentum fraction x

$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=u,d,s} e_i^2 (\Delta q_i(x) + \Delta \bar{q}_i(x)),$$

$$\Delta q_i(x) = q_i^\uparrow(x) - q_i^\downarrow(x)$$

$q_i^\uparrow(x)$ = probability to find a quark with flavor i and momentum fraction x parallel to the nucleon spin



Quark contribution to nucleon spin

$$\Delta\Sigma = \underbrace{\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s}_{\text{valence + sea}} + \underbrace{\Delta\bar{u} + \Delta\bar{d} + \Delta\bar{s}}_{\text{sea}}$$

- EMC (1988) finds $\Delta\Sigma = 4 - 24\%$ 'Spin Crisis'
- Averett's thesis experiment, SLAC E143, re-measured with higher precision using polarized proton and deuteron targets → Crisis confirmed!
- Current status: $\Delta\Sigma \sim 15 - 35\%$ $\Delta s = -0.1 \pm 0.04$

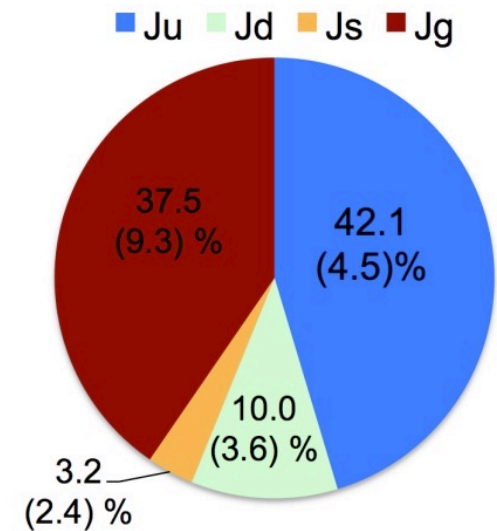
S. Bass, Rev.Mod.Phys.77:1257-1302,2005

Ji Sum Rule

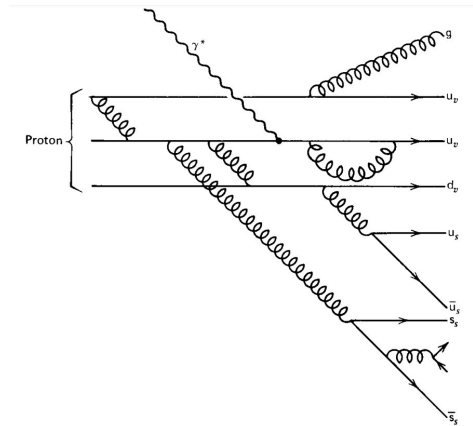
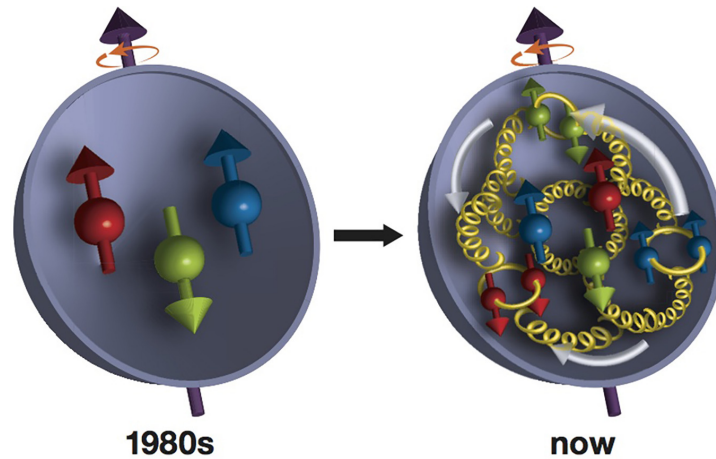
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + L_q + J_g$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \text{quark spin} + \text{quark angular momentum} + \text{gluon contribution}$$

Lattice QCD calculation



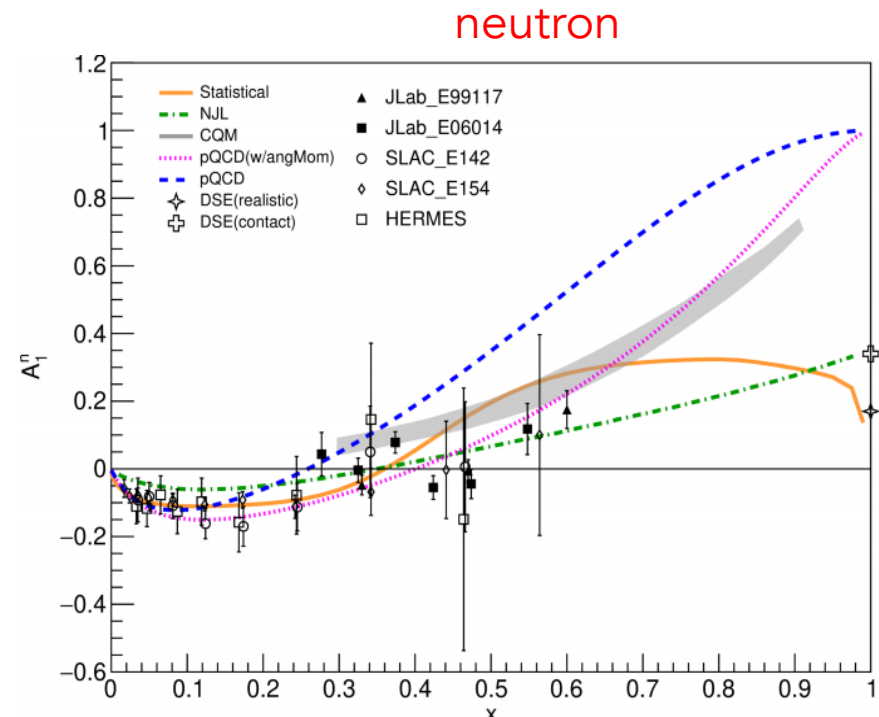
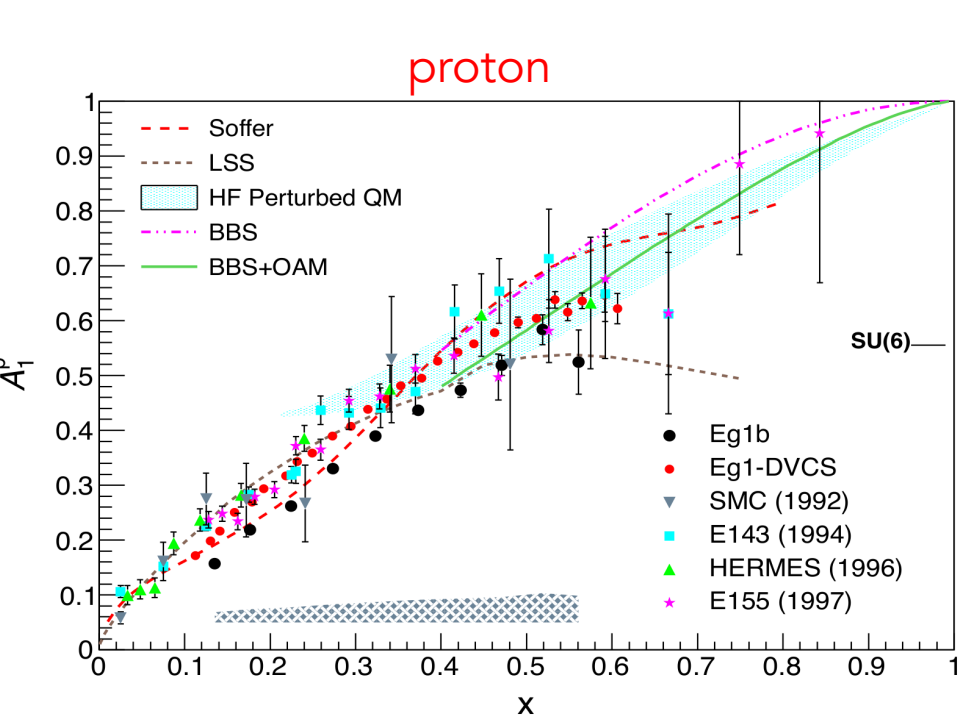
X. Ji, F. Yuan, Y. Zhao,
arXiv:2009.01291v1



- QCD is not analytically solvable. Asymptotically free \rightarrow non-perturbative
- BUT valence quarks dominate behavior as $x \rightarrow 1$; the only place theorists can make absolute predictions
- For access to the valence quarks, we measure the virtual photon asymmetry

Scaling model

$$A_1(x) = \frac{\sigma^\uparrow - \sigma^\downarrow}{\sigma^\uparrow + \sigma^\downarrow} \sim \frac{g_1(x)}{F_1(x)} \quad \Bigg| \quad A_1^p(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \Delta u(x) + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 \Delta d(x)}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 u(x) + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 d(x)}$$



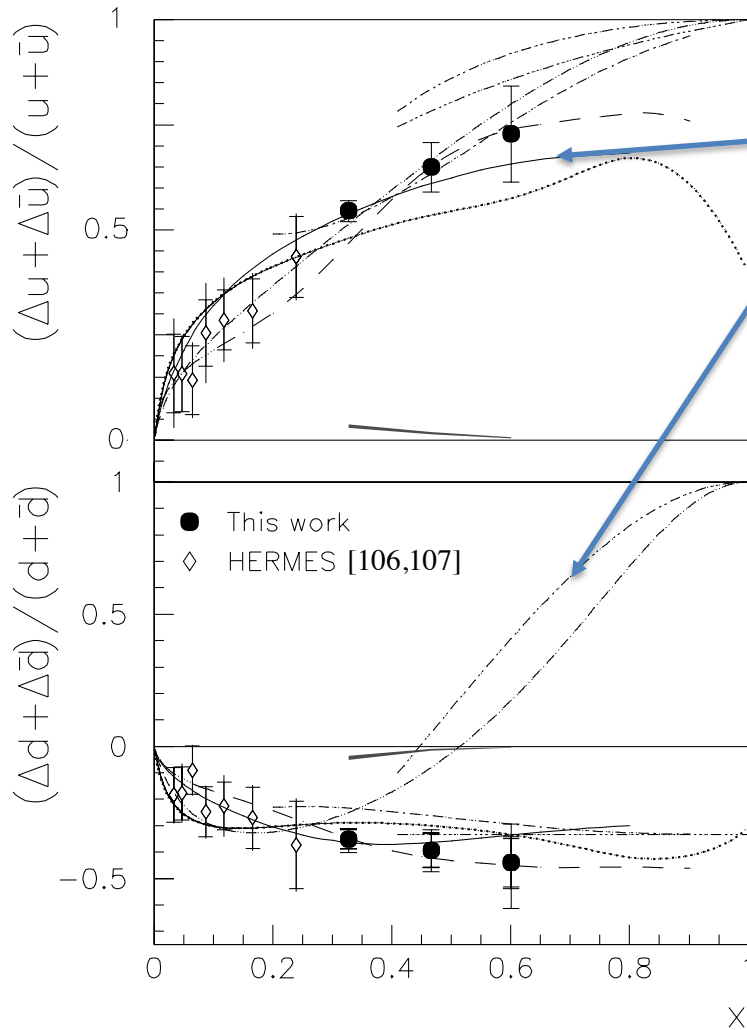
D. Parno et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) 2, 022002, [1404.4003](https://arxiv.org/abs/1404.4003)

Both data sets support pQCD calculations (pink)

Simple parton model predictions:

- proton OK; neutron???
- Data needed at large x

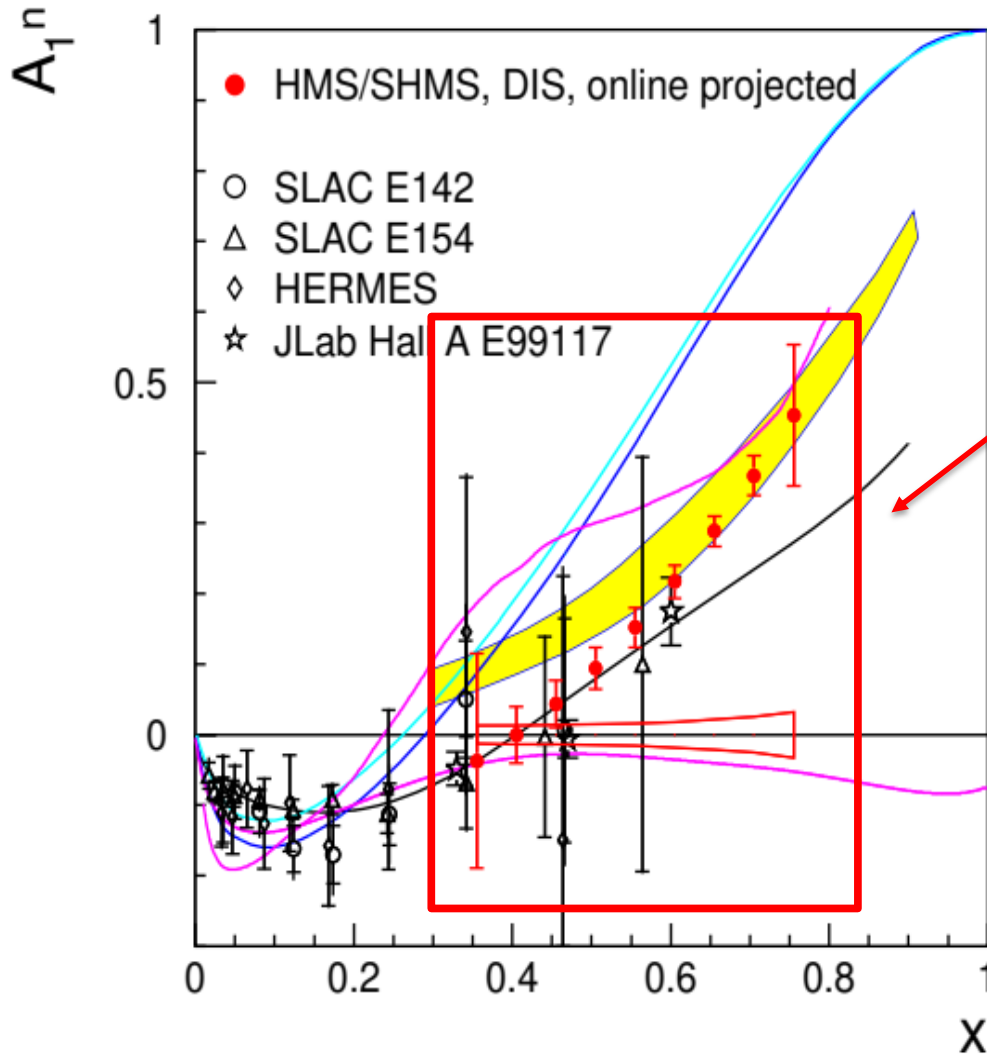
Model	$\Delta u/u$	$\Delta d/d$	\mathcal{A}_1^p	\mathcal{A}_1^n	d/u
SU(6)	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
Broken SU(6), scalar diquark	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	1	0
QCD Counting Rules	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{5}$



- pQCD with HHC works well for up quarks; not for down??
- Evidence of orbital angular momentum?
- Need more data at large x

X. Zheng, ... T. Averett,
Phys.Rev.C 70 (2004) 065207

- Measured up to $x \sim 0.75$ in the DIS region



- New measurement using state-of-the-art hyperpolarized ^3He target
- “Flagship” experiment for Jlab 12 GeV upgrade W&M PhD student Junhao Chen

Actual data coverage; arb. values

Now for the fun part!

How do we make polarize neutrons?
 What is hyperpolarized ^3He ?
 Why is it so darn cool?

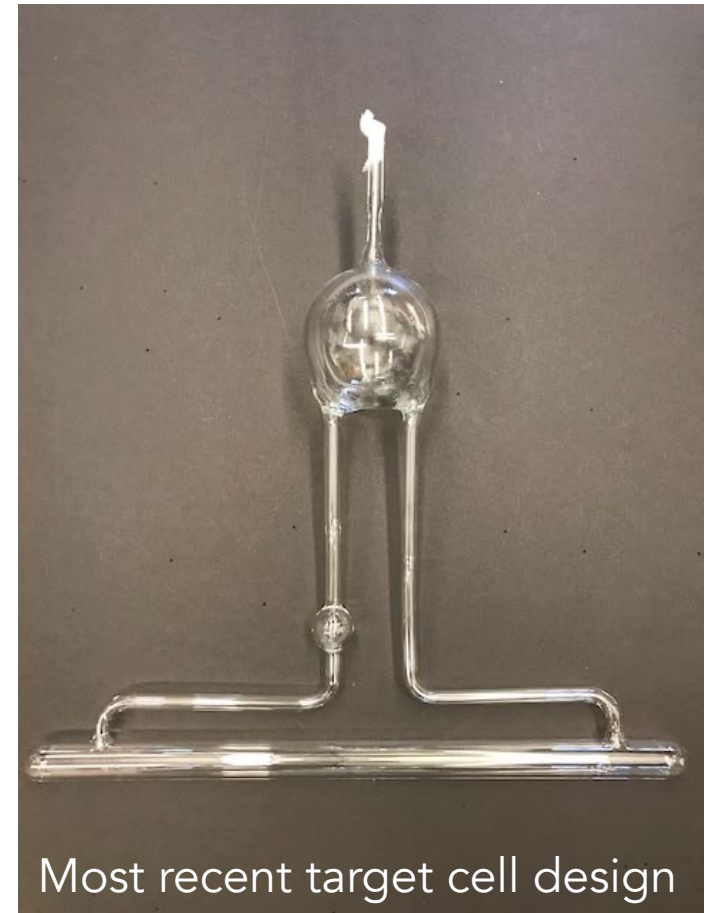


- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- Hardware: Particle detectors
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

Requirements for a polarized neutron target for DIS at high Q^2

Small cross section measurements require lots of statistics
→ high beam current

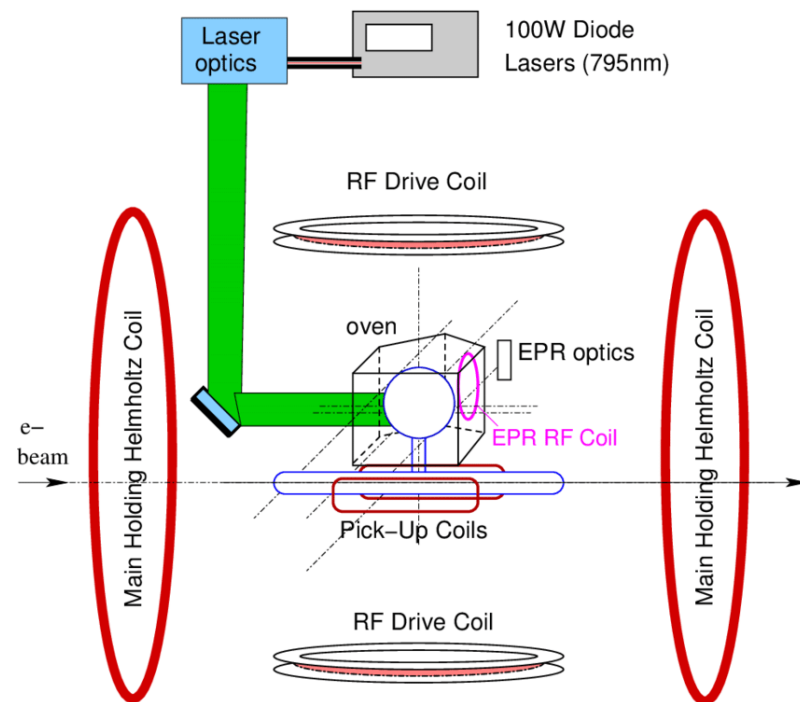
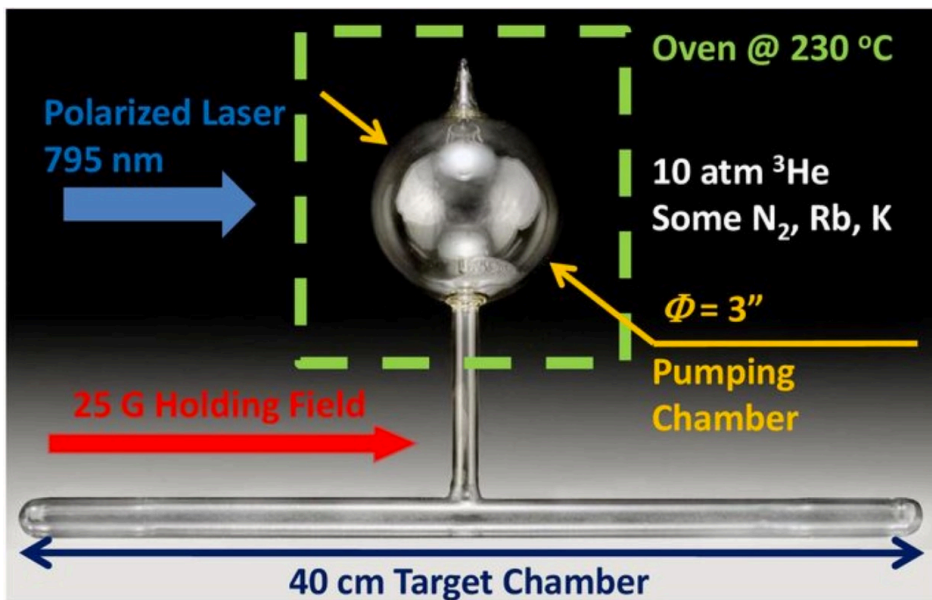
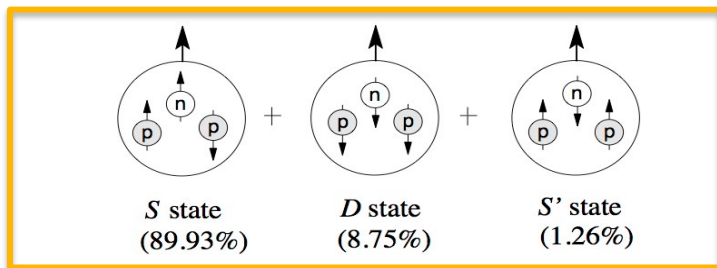
1. High density gas ~ 10 atm
2. Extended target length 40-60 cm
3. Minimum dilution → 120 μm windows
4. High polarization in-beam → convection



Hyperpolarized ^3He Targets

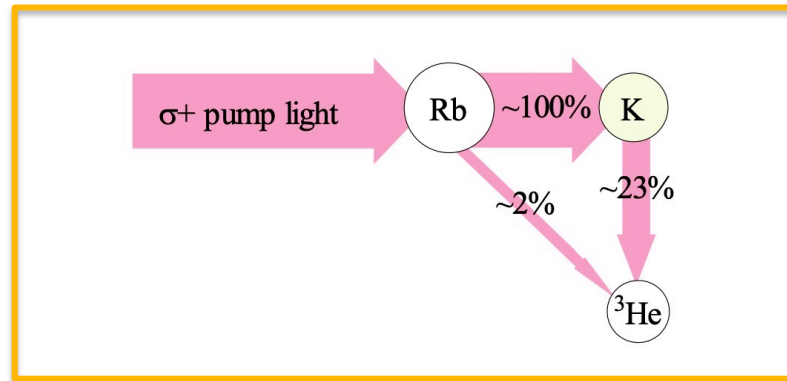
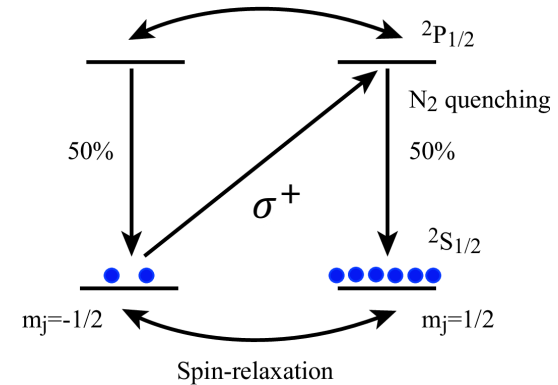


- Options: ^2H or ^3He , with nuclear corrections
- My expertise is in polarized ^3He targets
- Ground state wavefunction:



The polarization process - SEOP

- Place cell in $B \sim 25$ G field
- Optically pump Rb D1 transition | upper chamber
- Spin exchange to K
- Rb, K spin-exchange with ^3He nuclei
- Convection to circulate gas

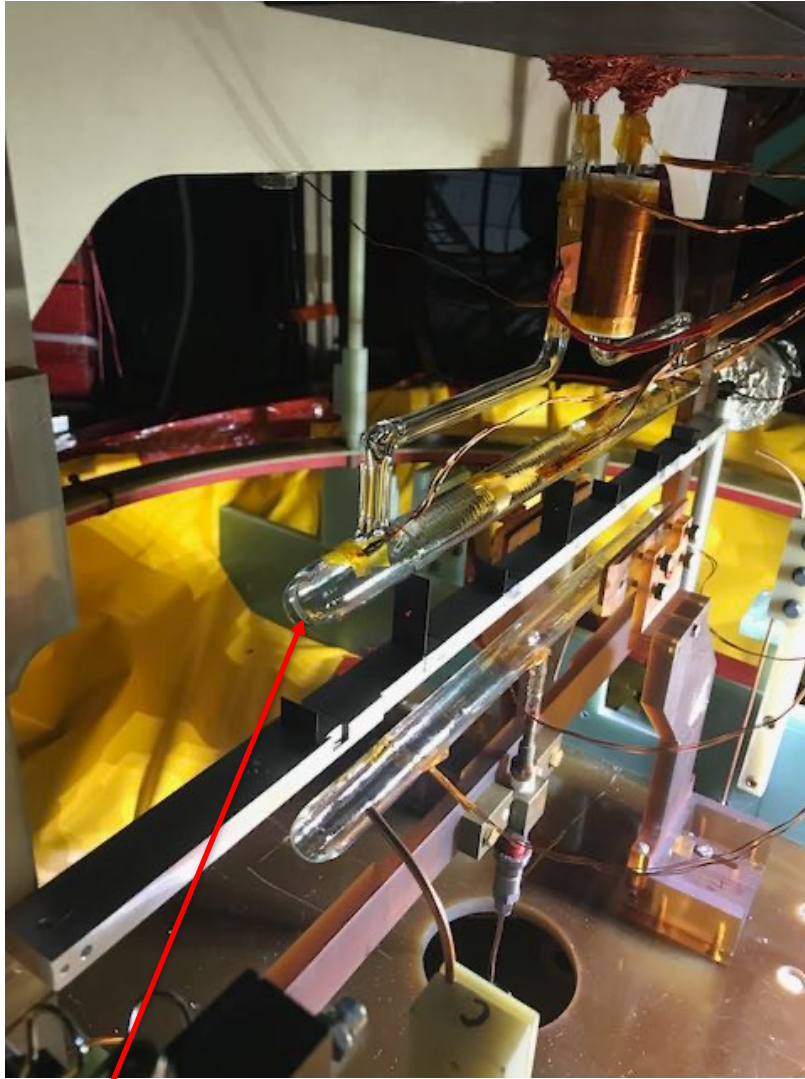


$$P(t) = \langle P_A \rangle \left[1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\gamma_{SE}}{\gamma_{SE} + \Gamma} \right)} \right]$$

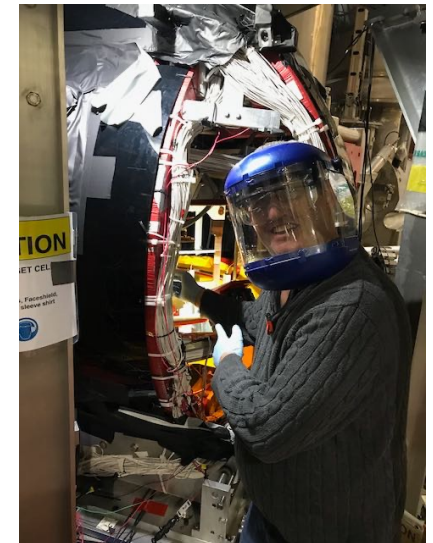
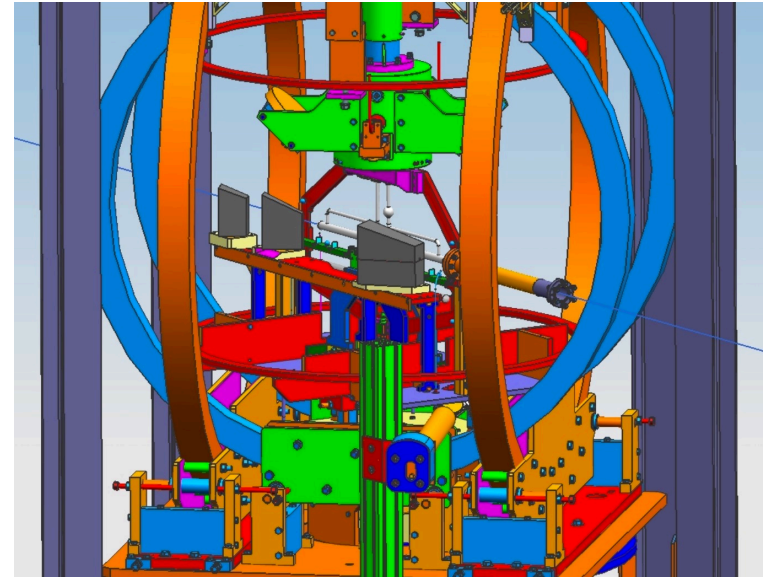
γ_{SE} = alkali - ^3He spin exchange rate

Γ = all ^3He spin relaxation mechanisms

- Require $\gamma_{SE} \gg \Gamma$

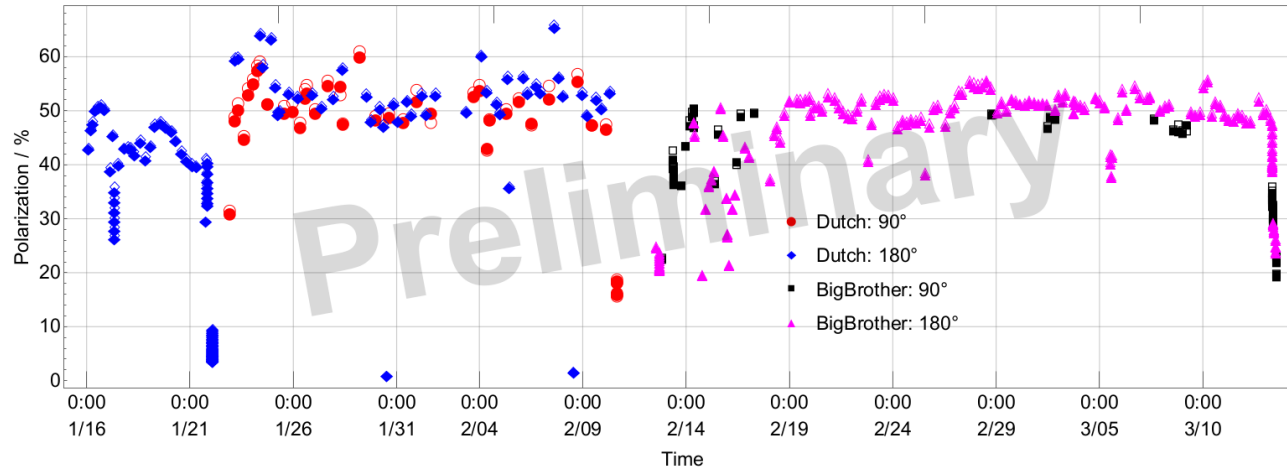


Target cell in beamline



2021 Target Performance

Most recent experiment w/ 30 uA beam current
Polarization vs. time

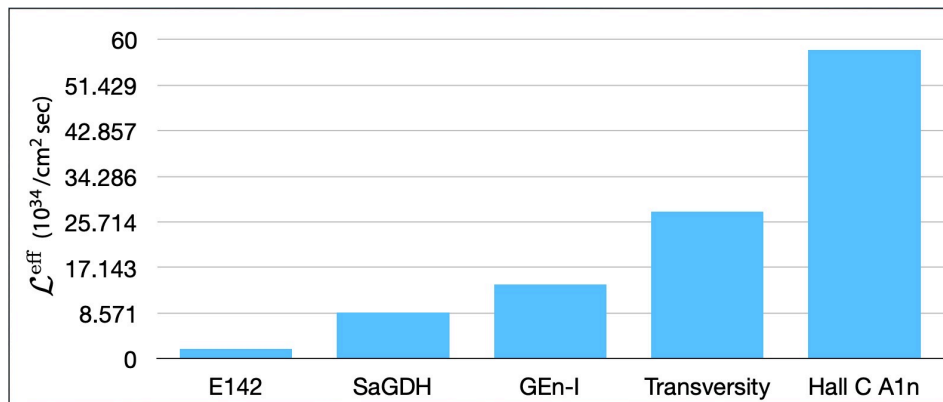


50% in-beam polarization using convection cell design

Collaborators: T. Averett, W&M, G. Cates, UVa, J.P. Chen, JLab

W&M PhD student Junhao Chen

Effective luminosity vs. time (1993-present)



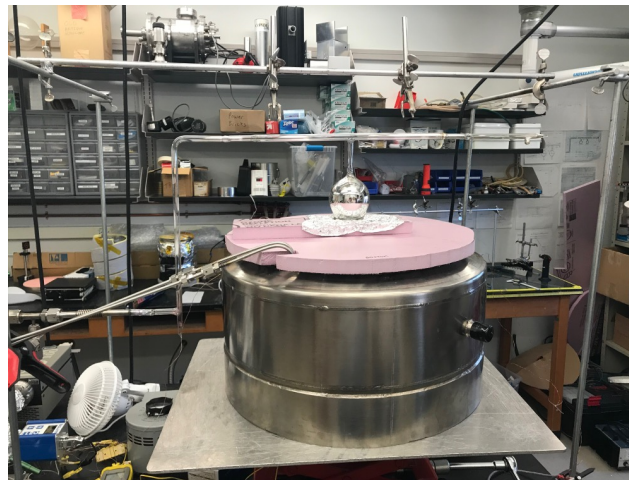
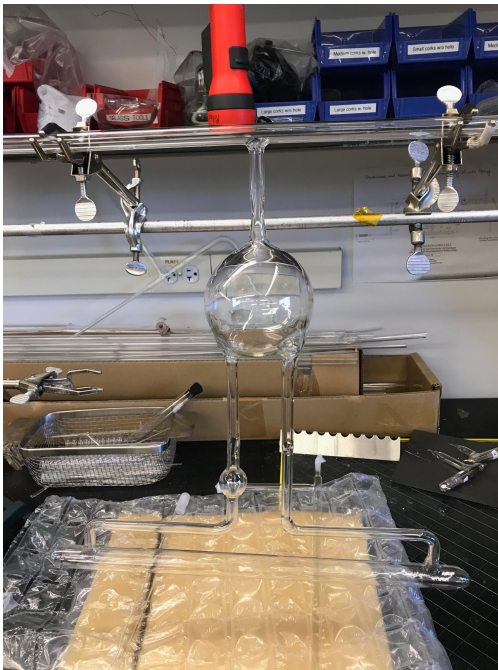
Factor of 10 improvement

- Hybrid alkali
- Line-narrowed lasers

Development of high-performance alkali-hybrid polarized ^3He targets for electron scattering, *J. Singh..., T. Averett* *Phys.Rev.C* 91 (2015) 5, 055205

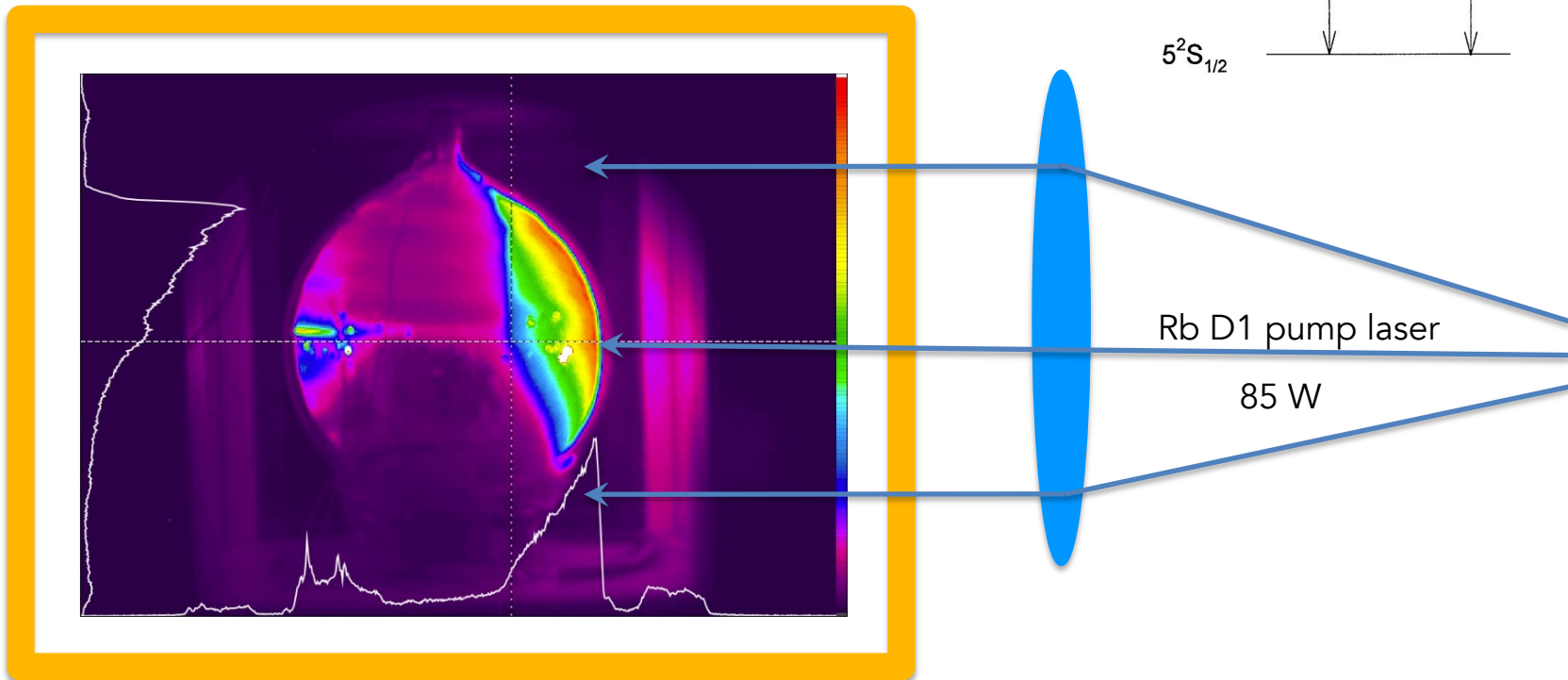
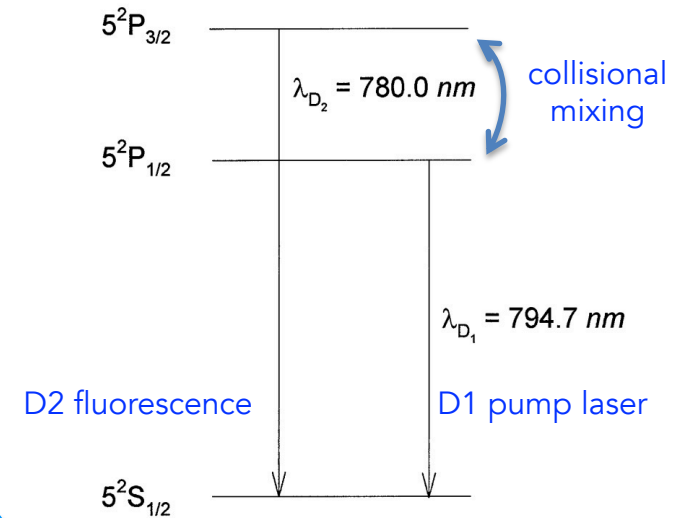
Target cell filling at W&M

- Cells constructed at Princeton by Mike Souza
- Attach to vacuum system
- Pump and bake cell to 10^{-9} Torr
- Fill with ^3He at ~ 10 atm
- Cool down with liquid ^4He
- Cell pull-off with hand torch



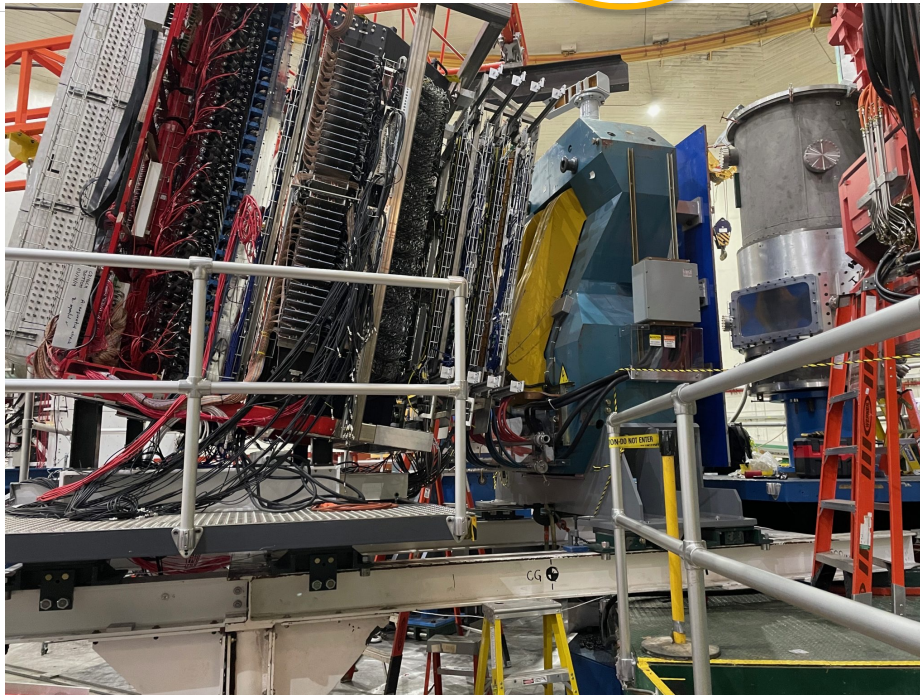
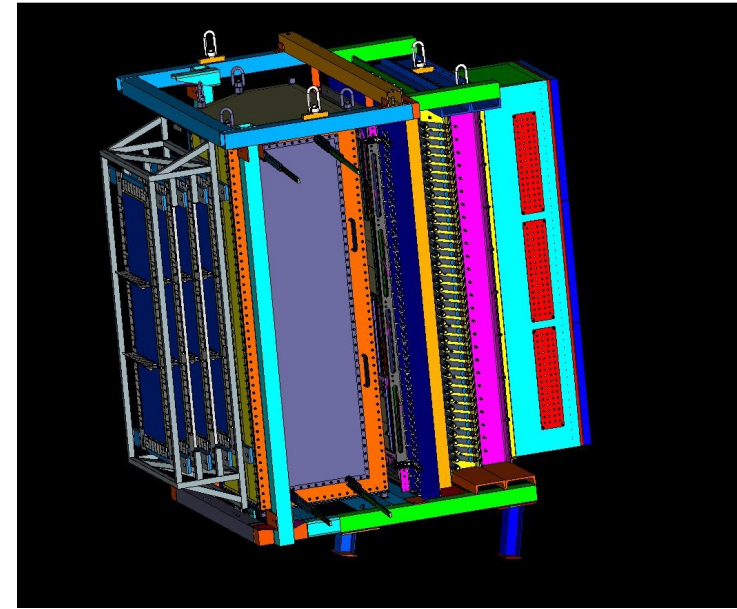
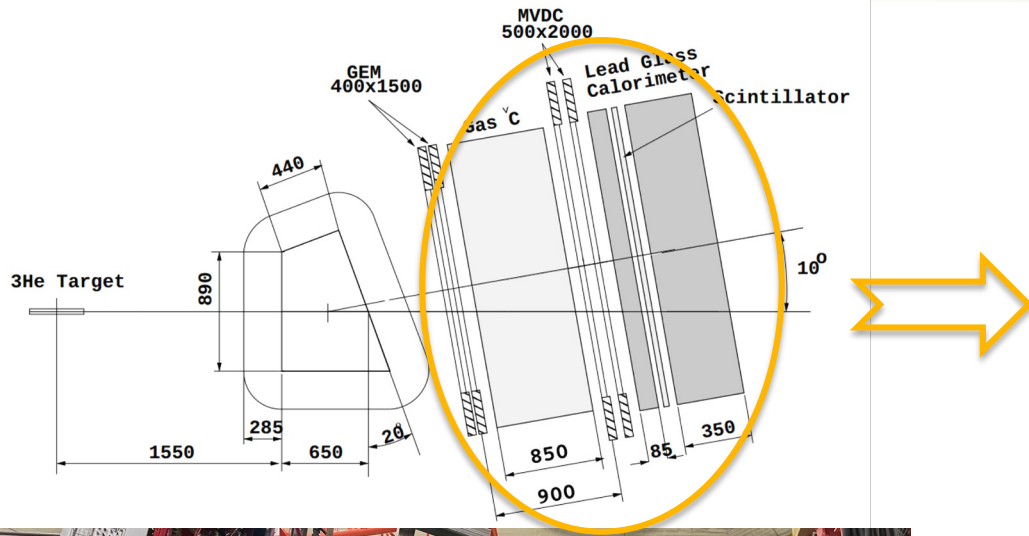


- New undergraduate project (Lauren Vannell)
- Study the characteristics of optical pumping by monitoring D2 fluorescence.
- Variables: laser intensity, spot size, circular polarization, incident angle, alkali density...



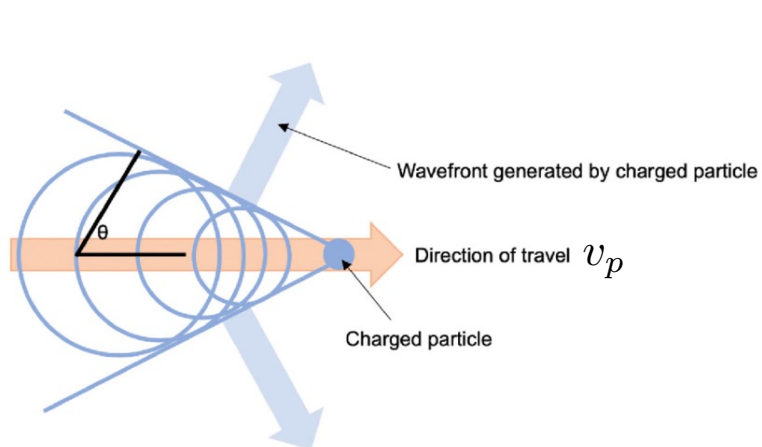
- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- **Hardware: Particle detectors**
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

SBS BigBite Electron Spectrometer



- Large angular acceptance
- Large momentum acceptance
- GEM trackers → momentum
- GRINCH Cherenkov → PID
- Scintillator hodoscope → timing
- Pb-glass EM calorimeter → E'
- Fast electronics

- Efficient electron identification is essential for e-N scattering experiments
- Largest background is from π^-
- The most efficient is a gas Cherenkov detector

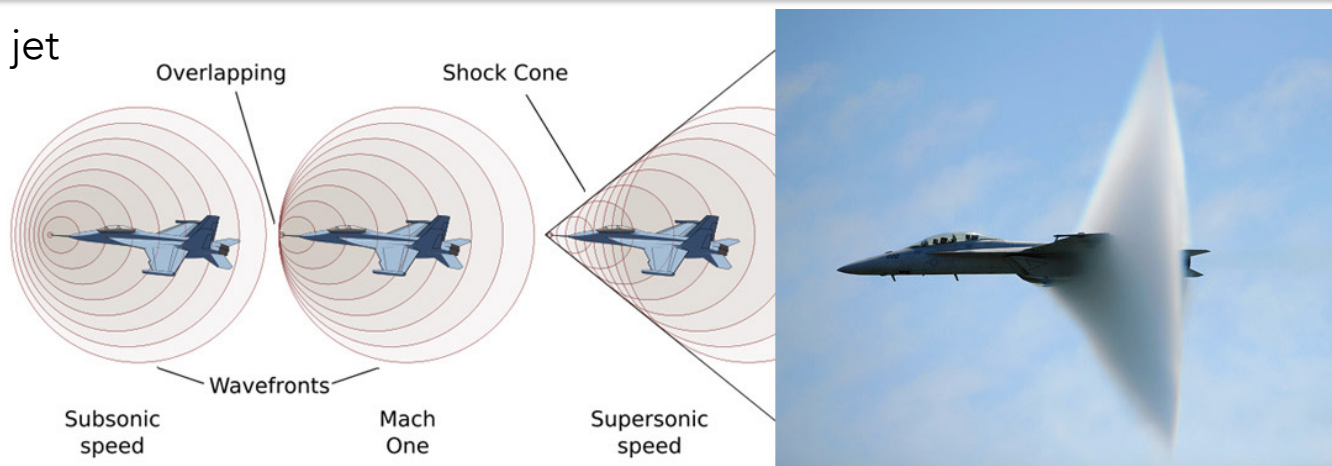


- For a particle with speed v_p , in gas with index of refraction, n , the condition for producing Cherenkov radiation is

$$v_p > \frac{c}{n}$$

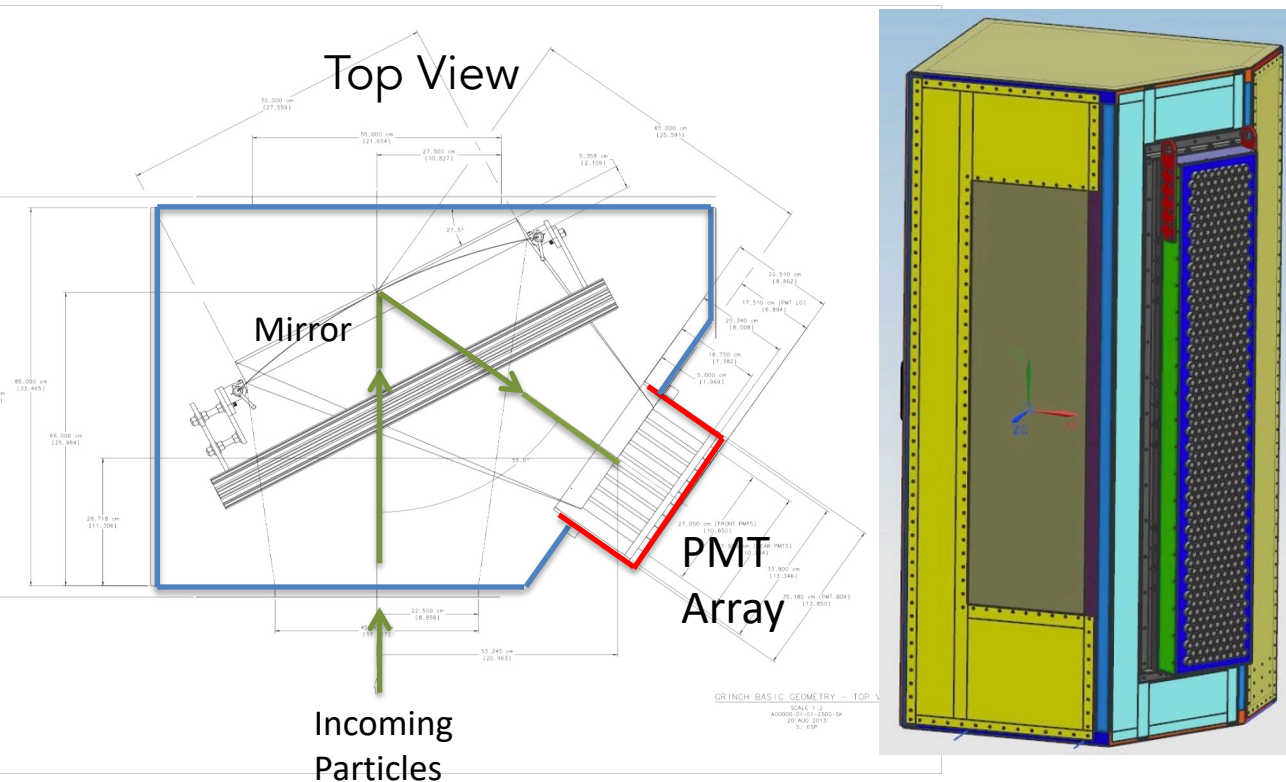
- choose n so that $v_e > \frac{c}{n}$ and $v_\pi < \frac{c}{n}$

Similar to a supersonic jet



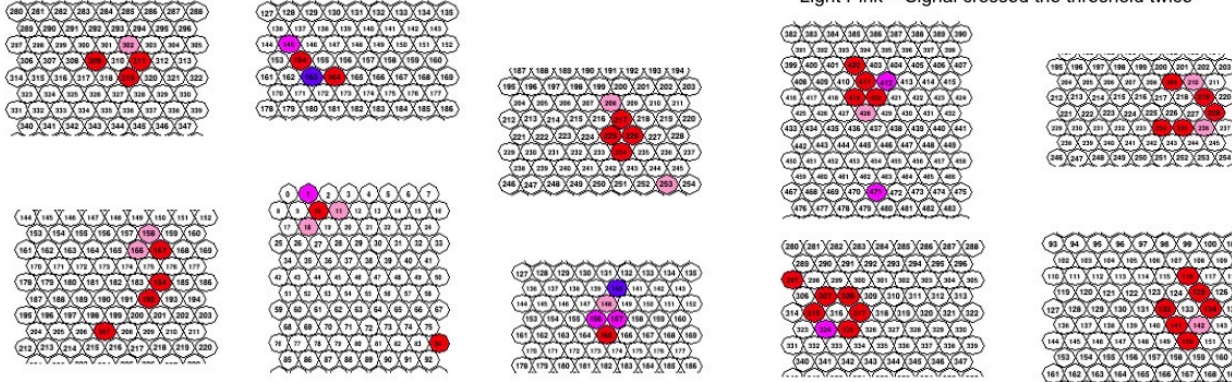
The W&M GRINCH

- GRINCH: Gas RINg imaging Cherenkov detector
- Designed, built and installed by W&M
- C_4F_8 heavy gas gives a pion threshold of ~ 2.3 GeV
- ~ 70 cm path length, 4 mirrors, 510 PMTs
- Custom, high speed electronics (JLab)
- Commissioned in early 2022, Maria Satnik, W&M PhD student



GRINCH Cluster Finding Examples

Color is related to TDC multiplicity:
 Red = Signal crossed the threshold once
 Light Pink = Signal crossed the threshold twice



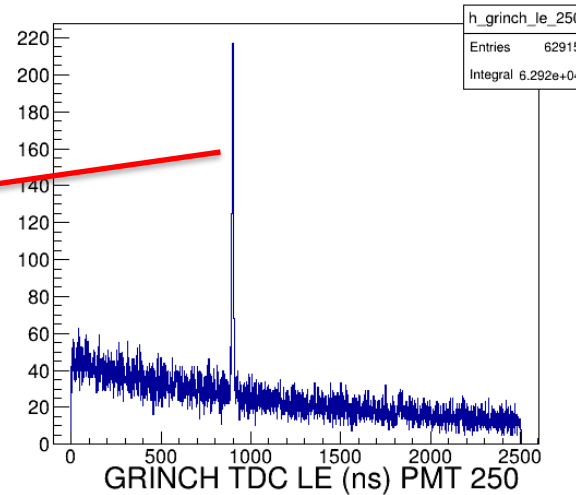
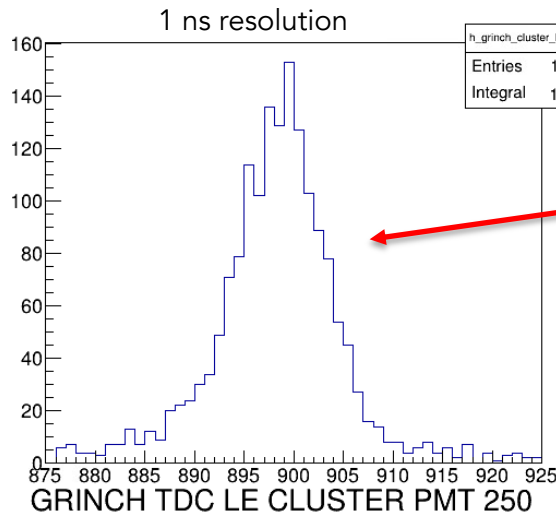
Cluster Size = 3

Cluster Size = 4

Cluster Size = 5

Cluster Size = 6

Cluster Size = 7

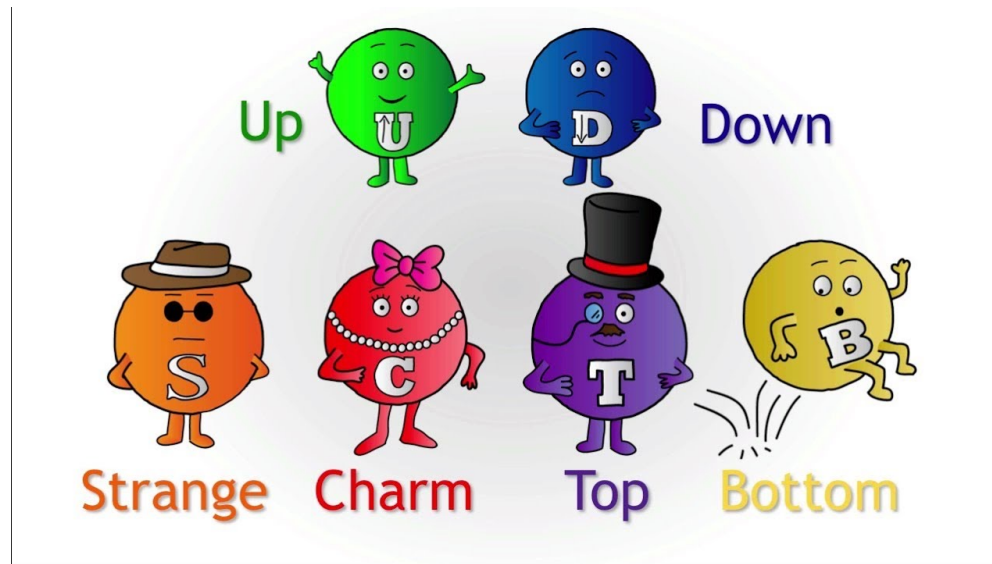


Timing spectrum for PMT 250

Plots by Maria Satnik

So that's what I do when I'm not teaching!
Thanks for your attention

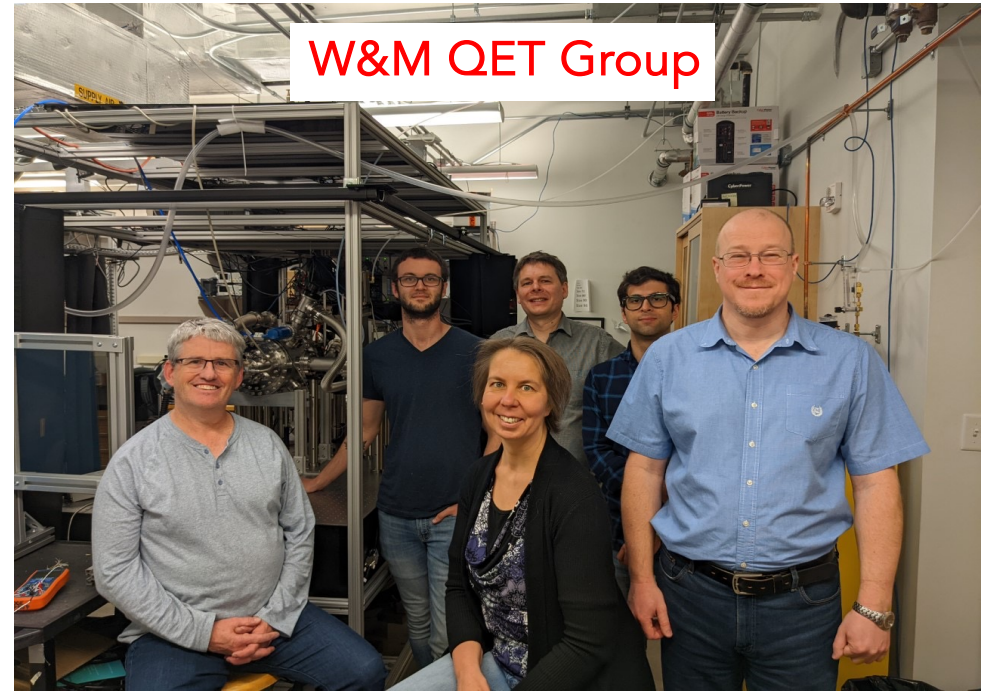
Questions?



* Anyone interested in Quantum Enhanced Tracking with Rydberg Atoms??

- Overview and Motivation
- Nucleon charge and magnetization from elastic e-N scattering
- Quark structure using deep-inelastic scattering
- Hardware: Polarized ^3He at William & Mary
- Hardware: Particle detectors
- *Quantum Enhanced Tracker (QET) project

- **W&M Faculty:** T. Averett (DOE PI)
 - AMO: S. Aubin, E. Mikhailov, I. Novikova
- **W&M Grad. Students:** N. DeStefano
 - Rob behary
- **Jefferson Lab Staff:** A. Camsonne (DAQ), G. Park (Beamline), S. Zhang (LDRD PI) (Electron Source)



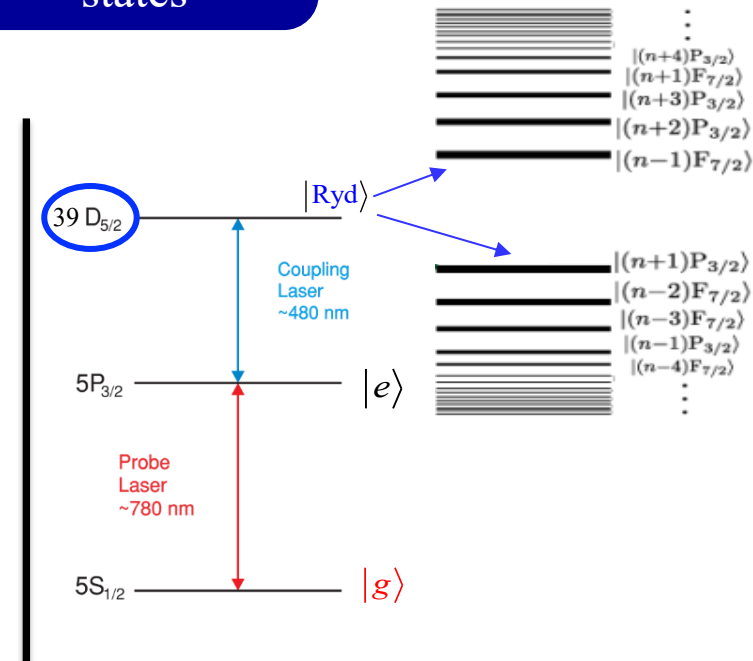
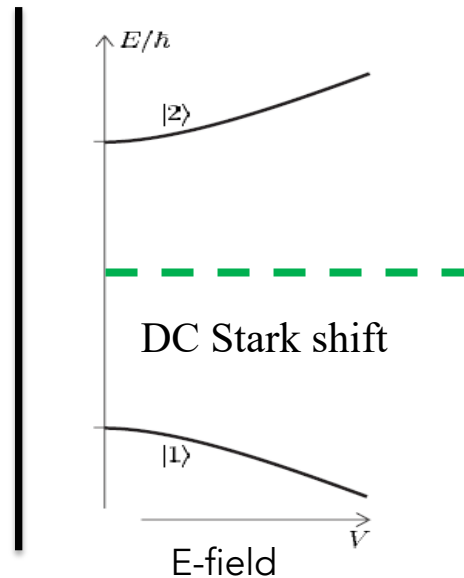
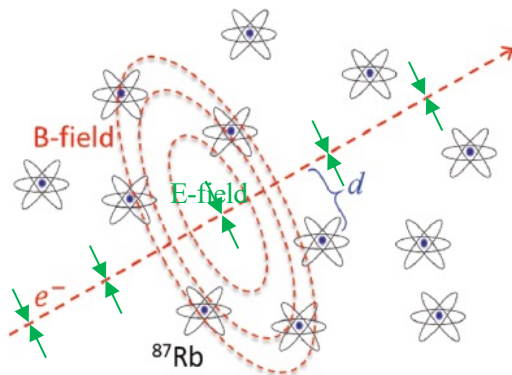
Funding: (Jefferson) Laboratory Directed R&D and DOE QIS Grant

- Use Rydberg atoms to detect passing charged particles

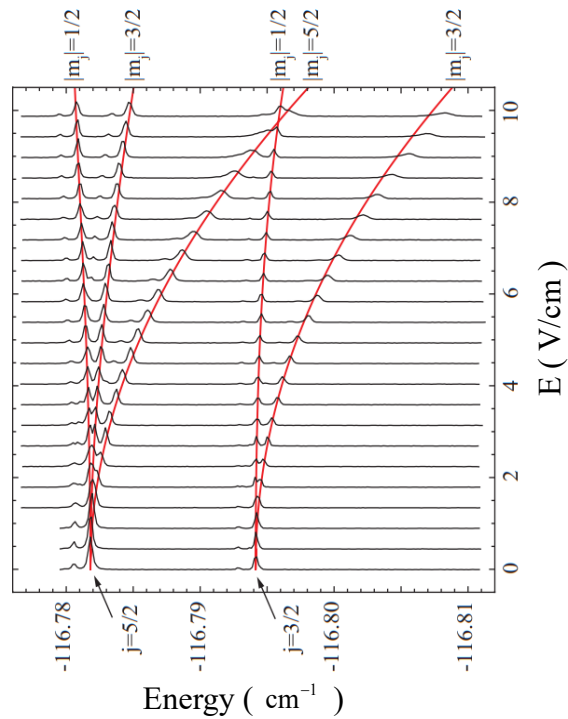
Moving charged particles produce electric & magnetic fields

Stark/ Zeeman effect perturbs energy state of atoms, changing the atomic quantum state

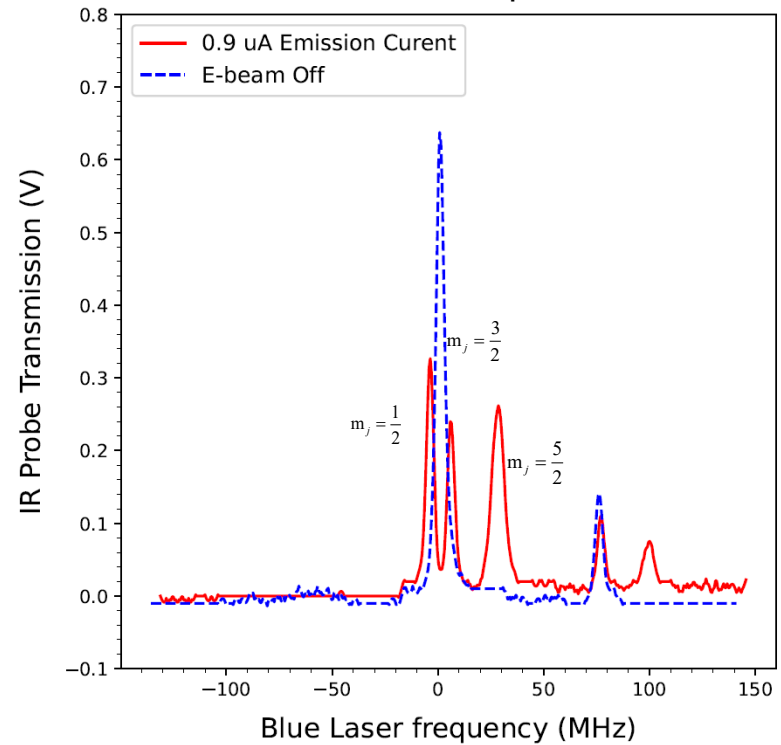
Charge particles are detected by monitoring Rydberg atom states



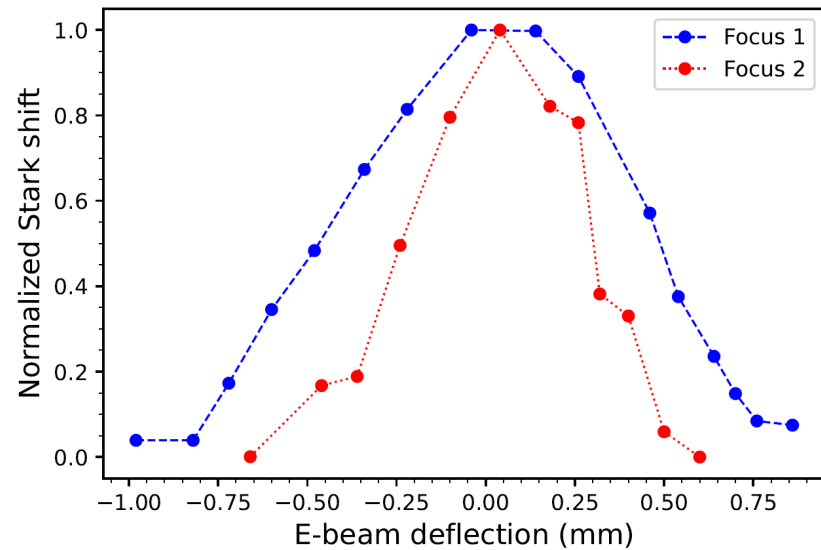
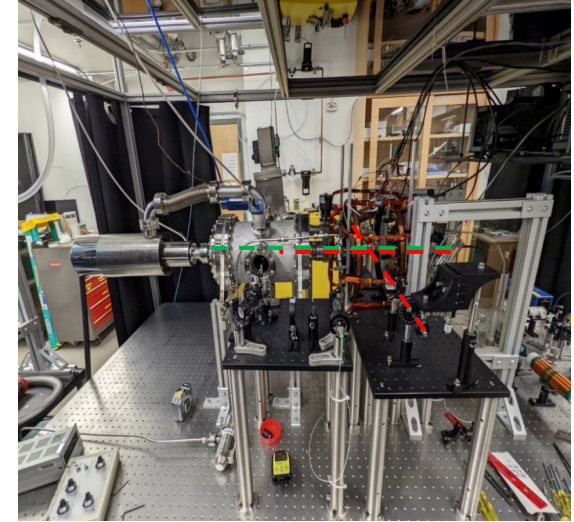
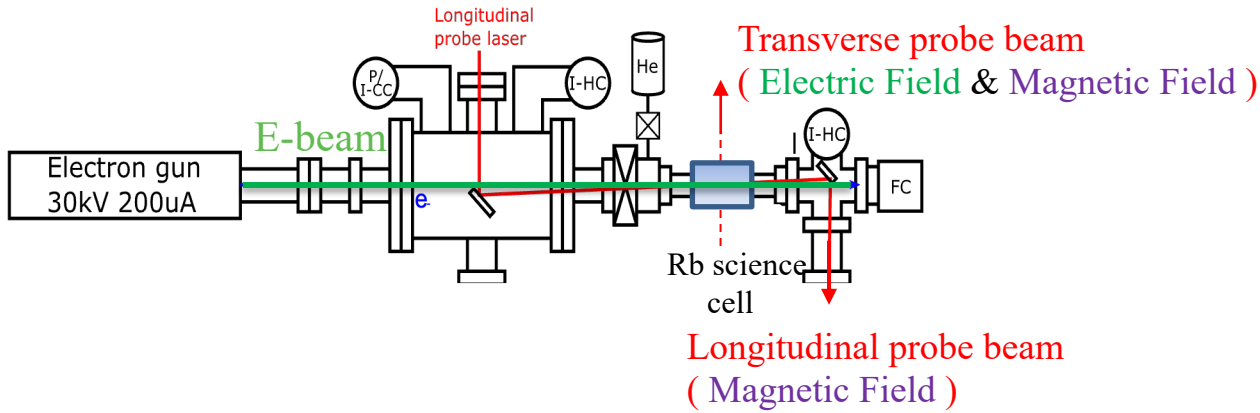
D. Fahey, et. al, Opt. Express 19, 17002-17012 (2011)

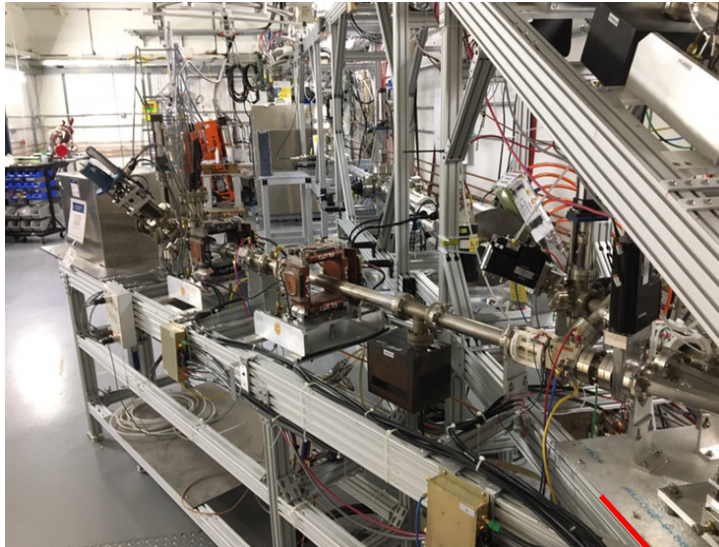


Measured spectra

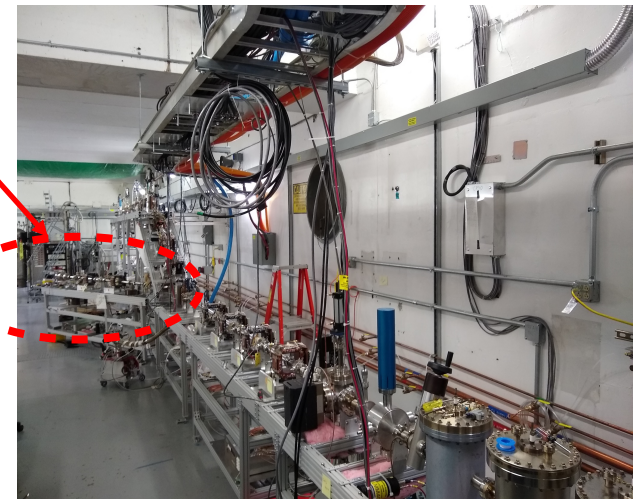


W&M QET experiment





- We are building a QET system to test at Jefferson Lab
- UITF (Upgraded Injector Test Facility) provides a 9 MeV electron beam
- Rydberg opto-mechanics and vacuum hardware are being acquired
- System built using ConFlat vacuum parts compatible with JLab beam line.
- Intended use: 2D beam tracking

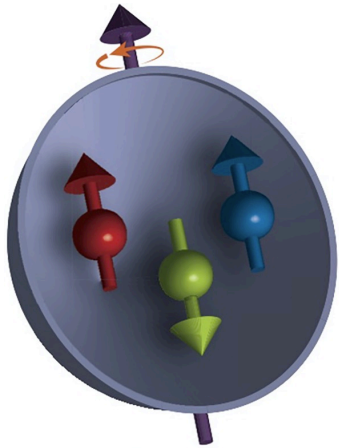


1969, J.D. Bjorken predicts when $Q^2, \nu \rightarrow \infty$ and Q^2/ν finite, the cross section becomes the incoherent sum of elastic scattering from point-like, charged, spin-1/2, non-interacting quarks. Scattering becomes a function of only one variable describing the kinematics of the struck quark!!

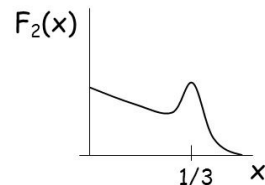
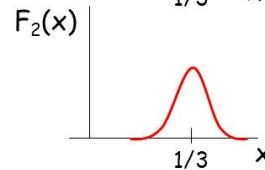
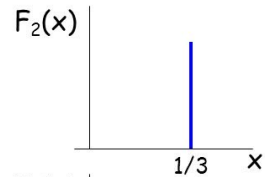
➤ $x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$; the fraction of the nucleon's momentum carried by the struck quark

➤ Bjorken Scaling: $W_1(Q^2, \nu), W_2(Q^2, \nu) \rightarrow F_1(x), F_2(x)$

Expect $F_2(x) = \frac{1}{3}$ for a nucleon consisting of only 3 non-interacting valence quarks



Kendall, Taylor, Friedmann
Nobel Prize 1990



QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.

Three quarks with 1/3 of total proton momentum each.

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

Three quarks with some momentum smearing.

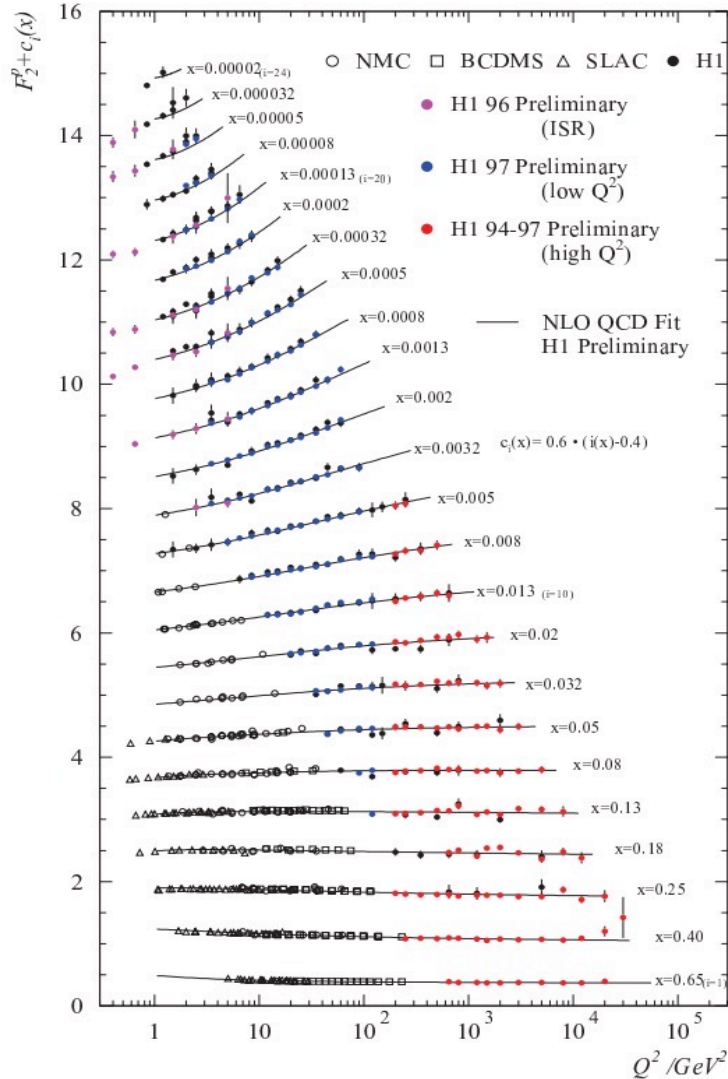
$$\text{moderate } Q^2$$

The three quarks radiate partons at low x .

$$\text{low } Q^2$$

....The answer depends on the Q^2 !

Scaling



Scaling predictions

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=u,d,s} e_i^2 (q_i(x) + \bar{q}_i(x))$$

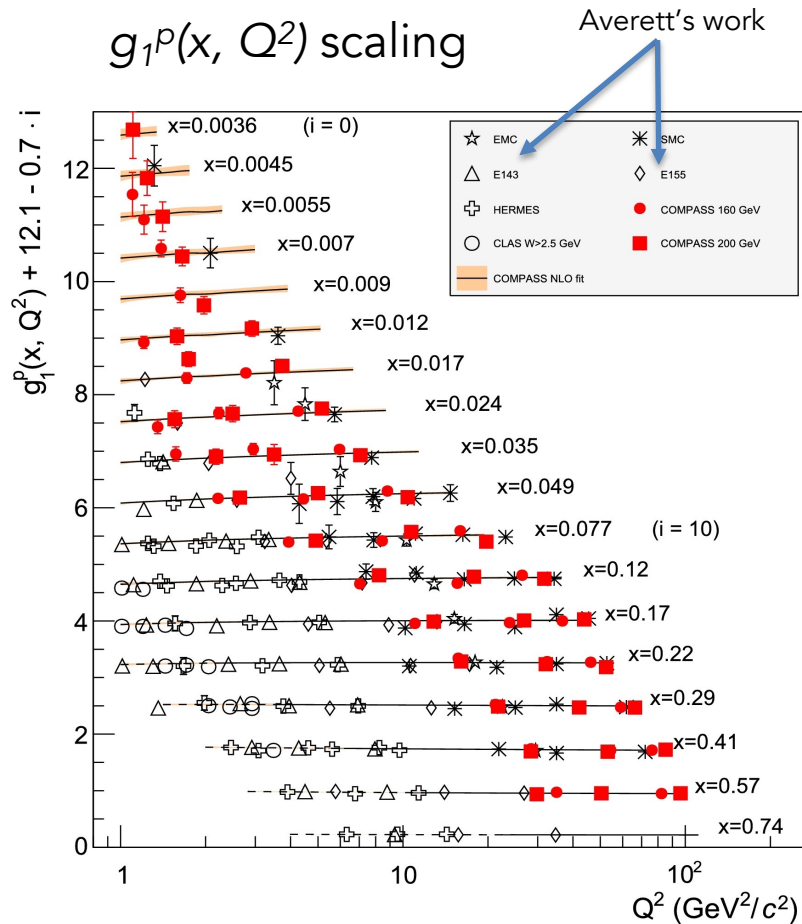
- e_i = quark charge
- $q_i(x)$ = momentum distribution

Total contribution to nucleon momentum from i^{th} quark flavor.

$$q_i = \int_0^1 q_i(x) dx$$

What about nucleon spin distributions?

$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)^{\uparrow\downarrow} \propto g_1, g_2 \rightarrow$ Two spin-dependent structure functions, $g_1(\nu, Q^2), g_2(\nu, Q^2)$



$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=u,d,s} e_i^2 (\Delta q_i(x) + \Delta \bar{q}_i(x)),$$

$$\Delta q_i(x) = q_i^\uparrow(x) - q_i^\downarrow(x)$$

→ Contribution to nucleon spin from i^{th} quark flavor:

$$\Delta q_i = \int_0^1 \Delta q_i(x) dx$$

$\Delta \Sigma$ = Total quark contribution to nucleon spin

$$\Delta \Sigma = \underbrace{\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s}_{\text{valence + sea quarks}} + \underbrace{\Delta \bar{u} + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta \bar{s}}_{\text{sea quarks}}$$