

Physics with Neutrinos at the CERN SPS in the early 1980s

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Physics landscape at the end 1970s

- Parton model for nucleon
 - > partons are fractionally charged quarks (gluons postulated)

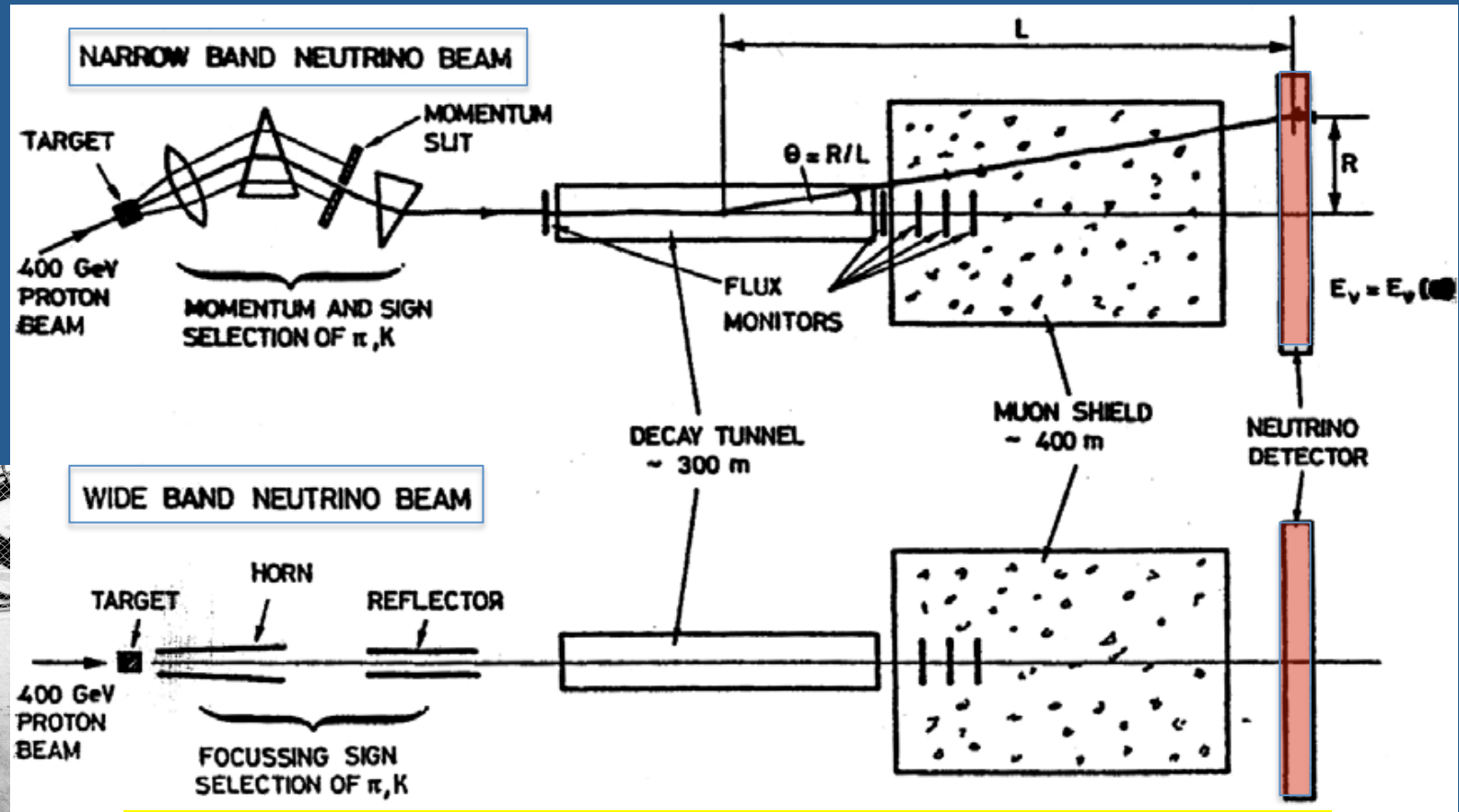
$$\int_0^1 x \cdot [u(x) + \bar{u}(x) + d(x) + \bar{d}(x)] dx = 1 - \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon \approx 0.5$$

- Charm quark was discovered 1974
- QCD, a theory for strong interaction
- Neutrinos may have mass and oscillate?

Deep inelastic neutrino - nucleon scattering

- Neutrino (ν_μ) beam at SPS
- CDHS(W) experiment
- EW physics
 - “Weinberg angle”
 - charm production
- QCD
 - Structure of proton
 - “Scaling violation” of $F(Q^2)$ \rightarrow gluon radiation
 - Strong coupling constant
- Search for neutrino oscillations

SPS Neutrino beam (1977-1998)



<----- 880 m ----->

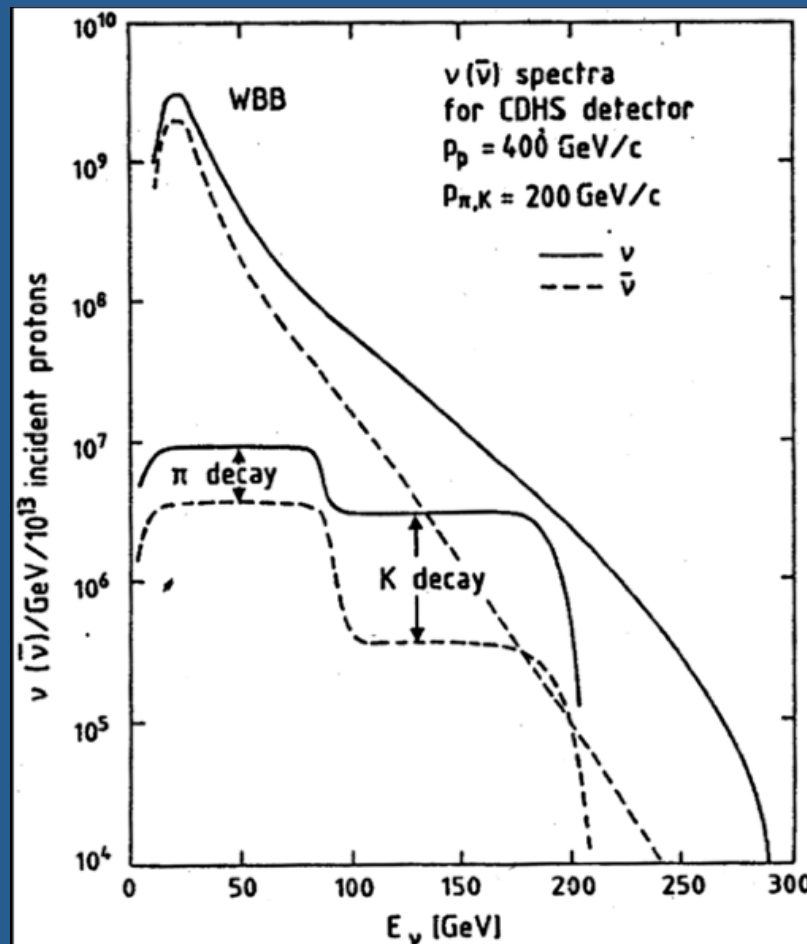


van der Meer horn

SPS Neutrino beam

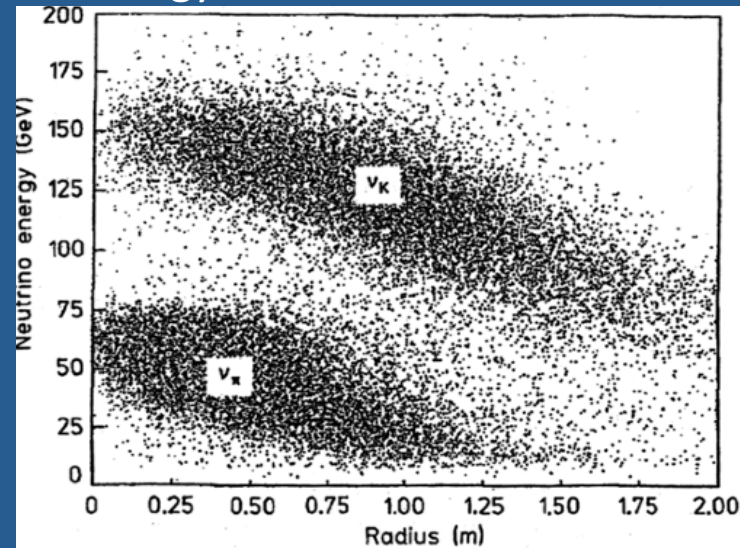
2 types: Wide-Band Beam and Narrow-Band Beam

Energy spectrum



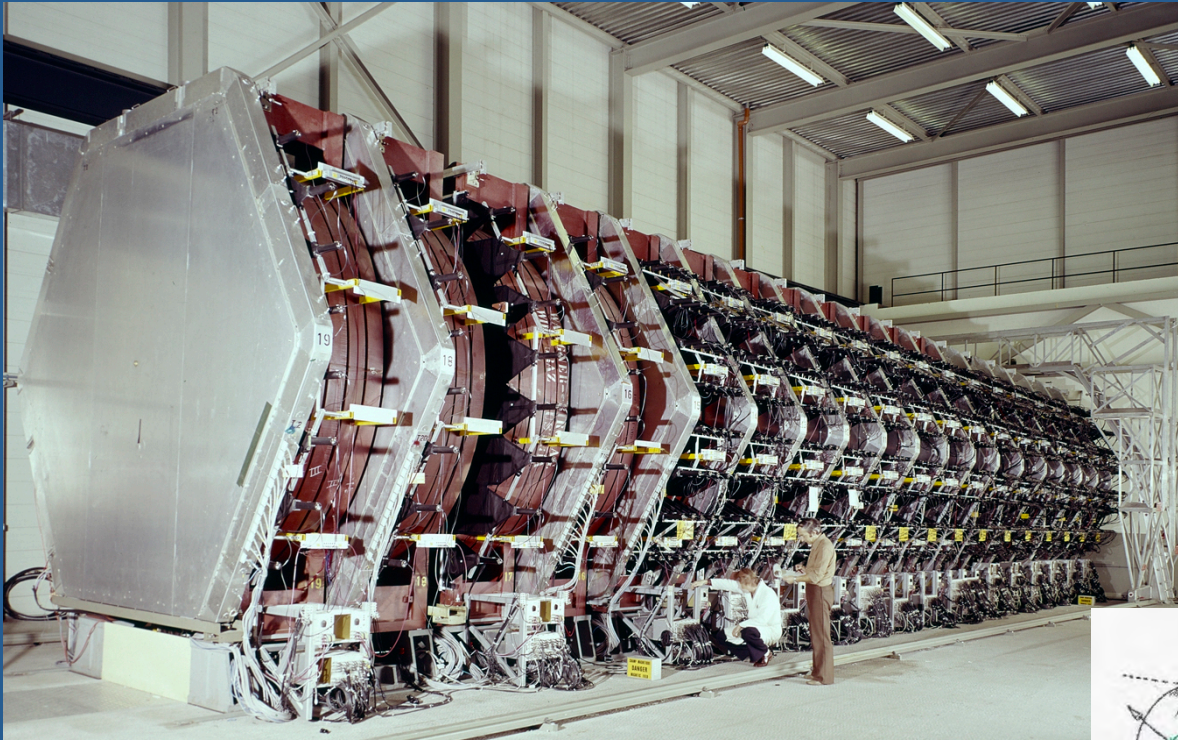
NBB

Energy vs radius at detector



The CDHS Experiment

1977-1985



1977-79:

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Dortmund

Heidelberg

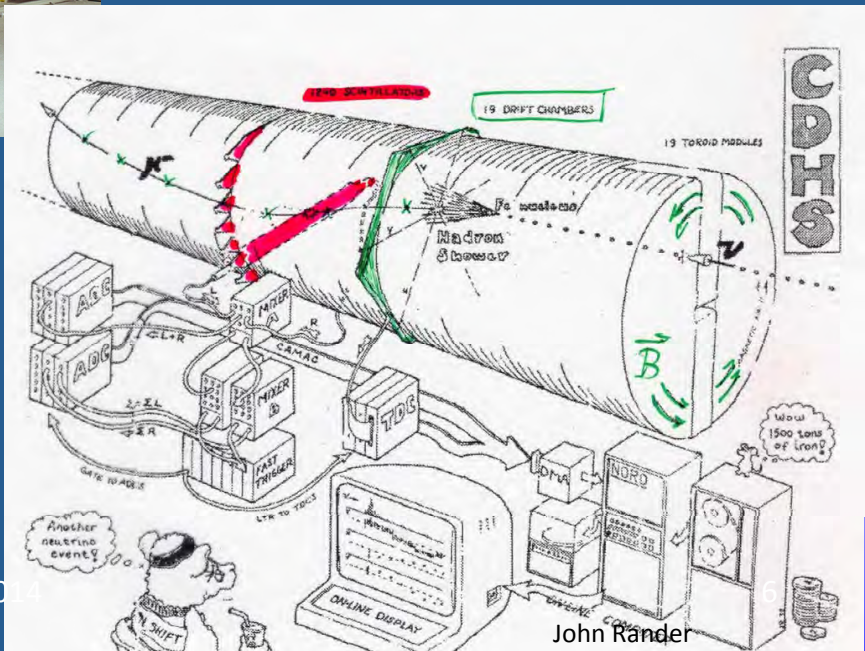
Saclay

~ 35 members

1980-85:

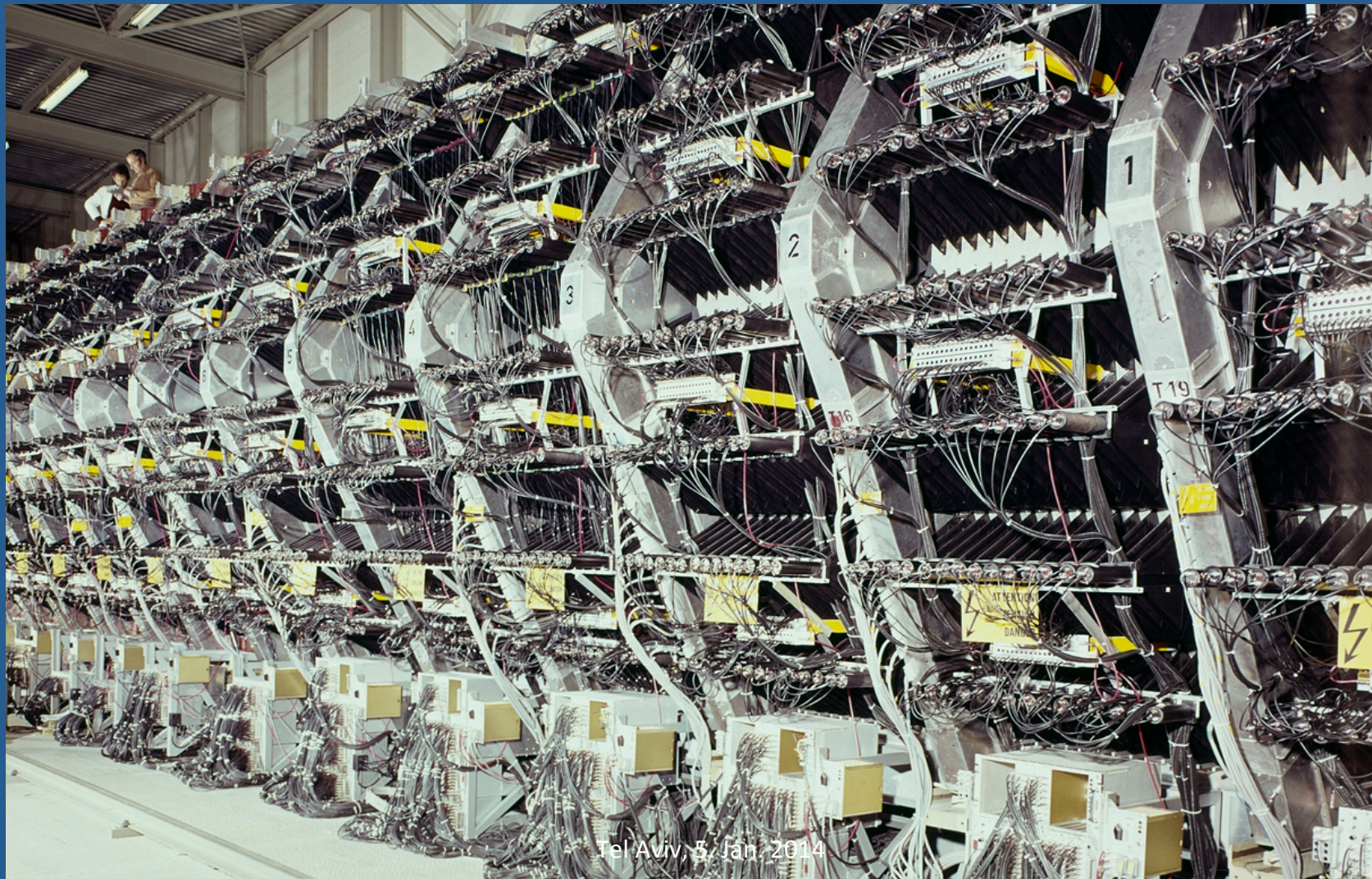
CDHSW (+Warsaw)

- 20 m long
- 1.8 m radius
- 1200 t iron (magnetized)
- 19 drift chambers
- 1500 scintillators
- 3000 PMs



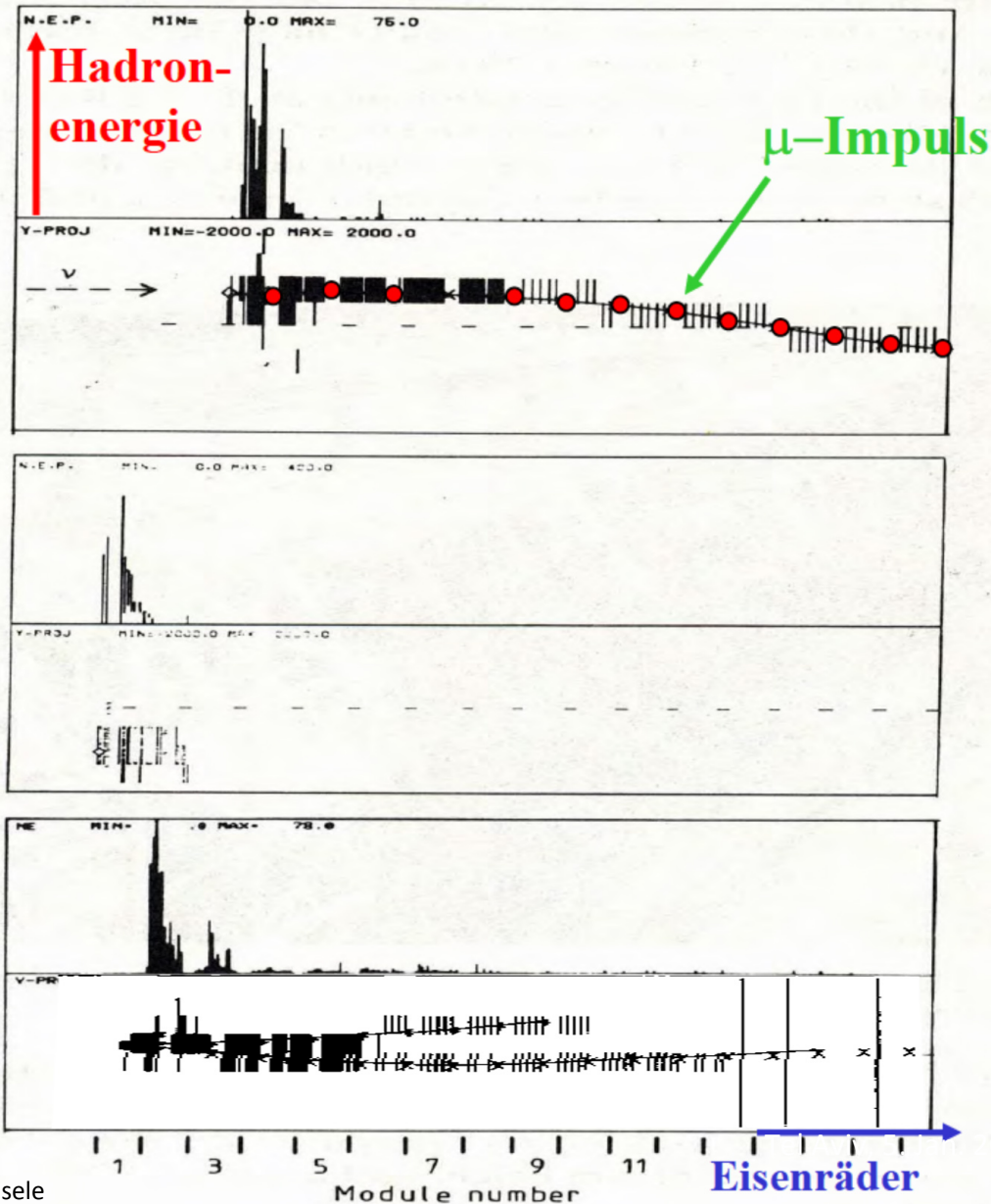
Fe-scintillator calorimeter

~ 3000 photomultipliers + 19 drift chambers interleaved.
Magnetized iron



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Events in the detector



$\nu + N \rightarrow \mu + X$
charged current (W exchange)

$\nu + N \rightarrow \nu + X$
neutral current (Z exchange)

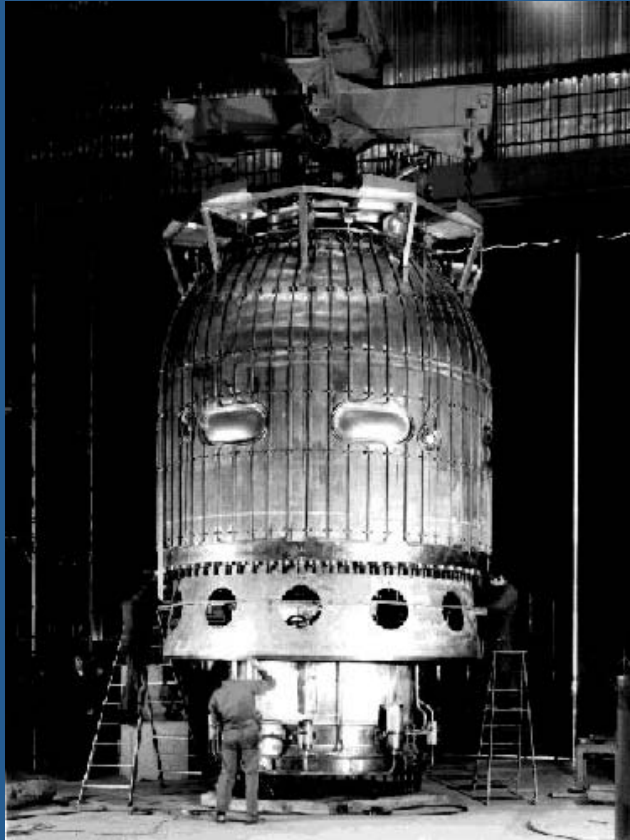
$\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$
CC + charm decay

Some Team members

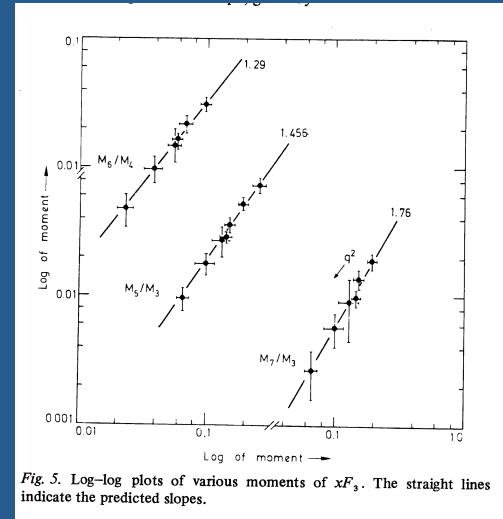


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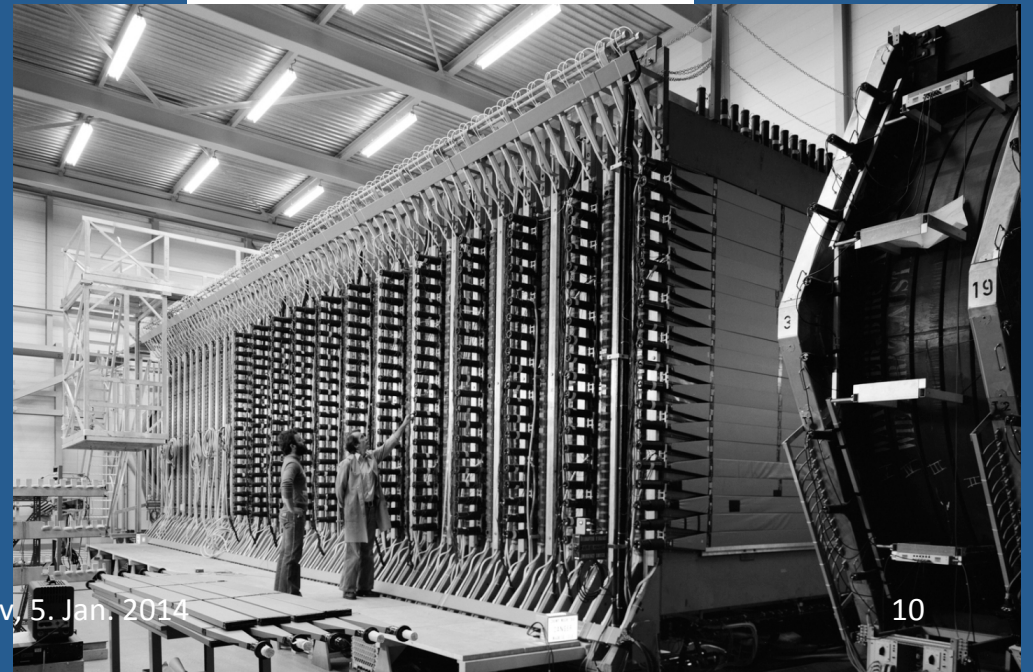
CERN Competition in same ν beam



- BEBC
1976-84

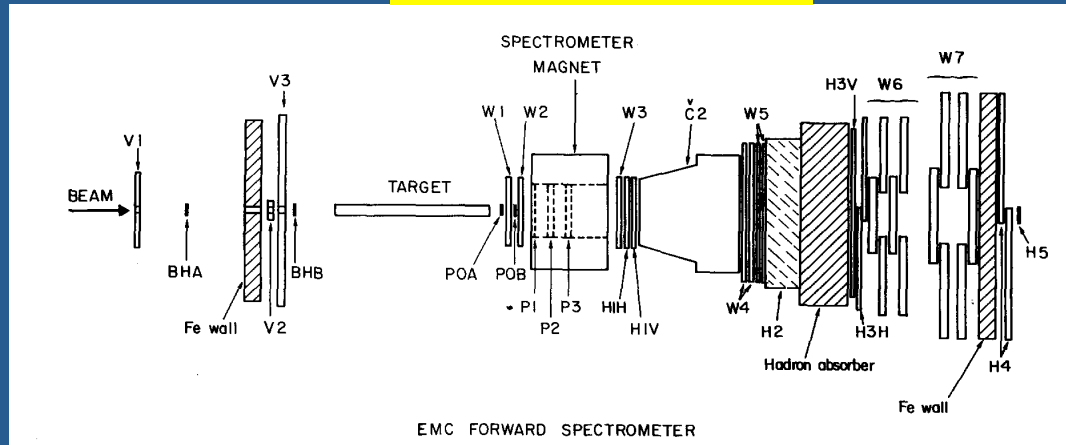


- CHARM \rightarrow NC
1979-84

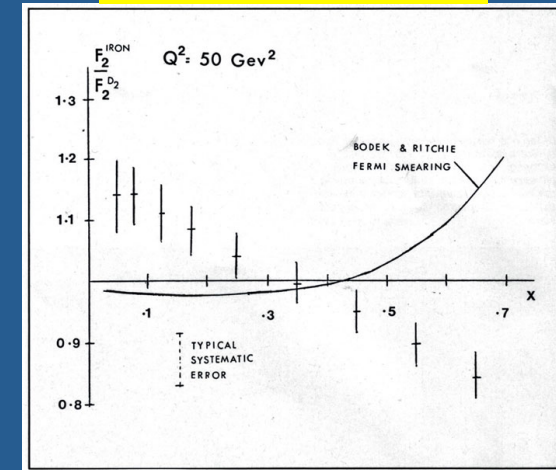


Muon experiments (EMC + BCDMS), structure functions

EMC spectrometer

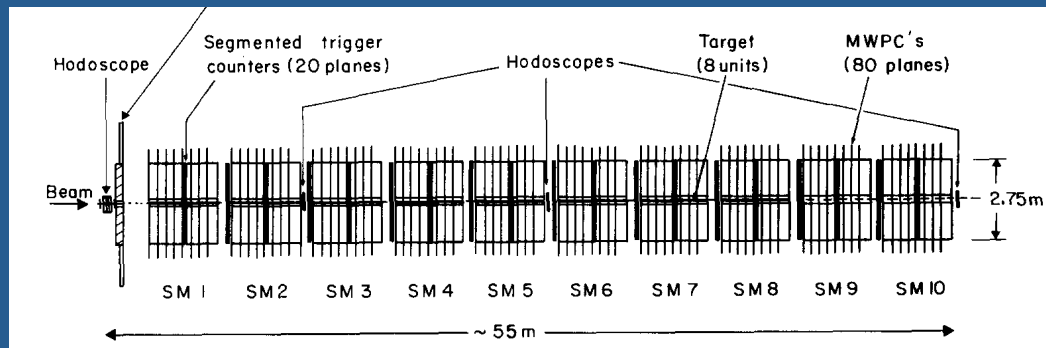


EMC effect, 1982



EMC on F_2 :

“Measurement of the nucleon structure function F_2 in muon - iron interactions at 120-GeV, 250-GeV and 280-GeV”: EMC Coll., PLB, Aug, 1981



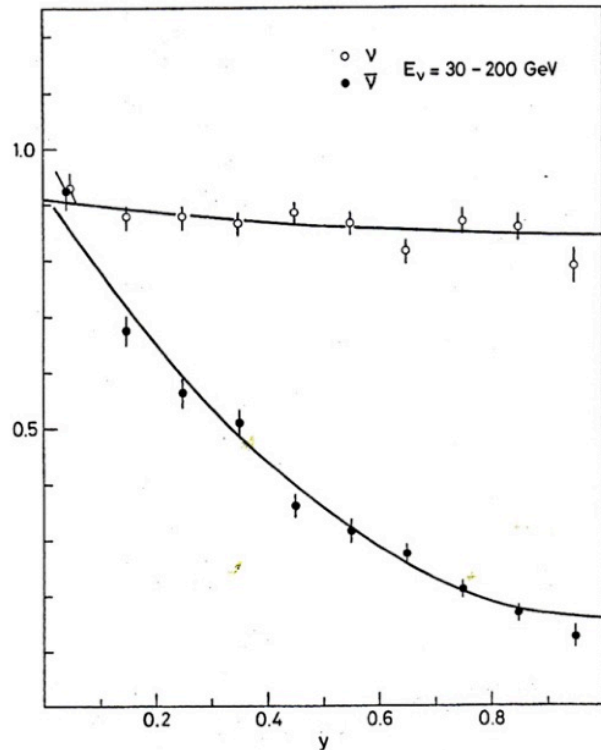
BCMS on F_2 :

“A measurement of the nucleon structure function from muon-carbon deep inelastic scattering at high Q^2 ”: BCDMS-Coll., PLB, Sep. 1981

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CDHS Structure of Proton

$$y \approx E_{\text{had}} / E_\nu$$

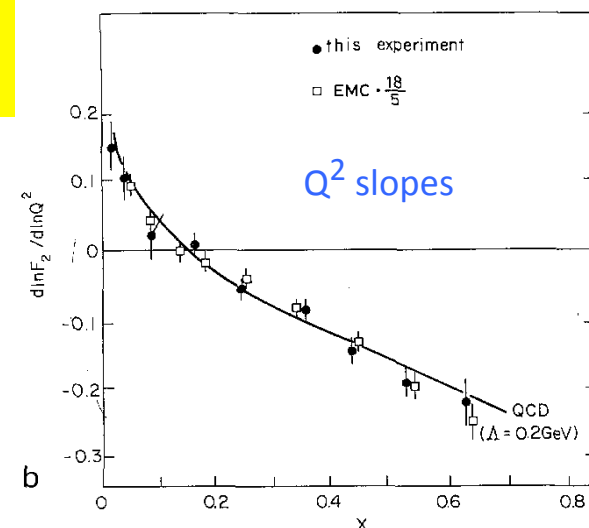
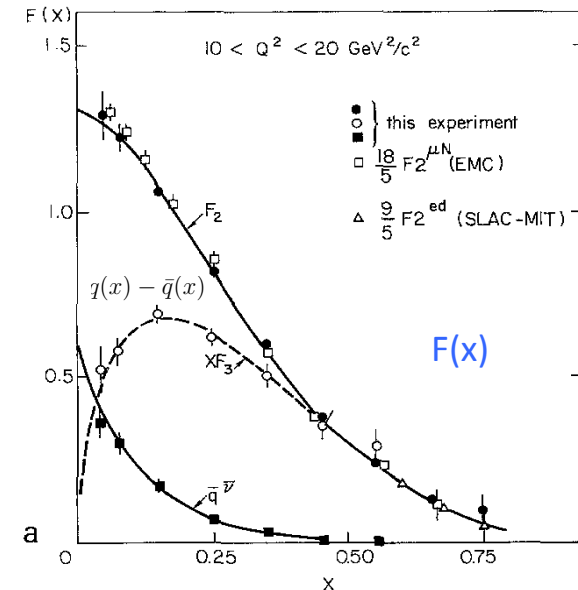


lines = parton model

Comparison:
 $F_2(\nu p)$
 $= 9/5 F_2^{\text{ed}}(\mu p)$
 $= 18/5 F_2^{\text{ed}}(\mu p)$

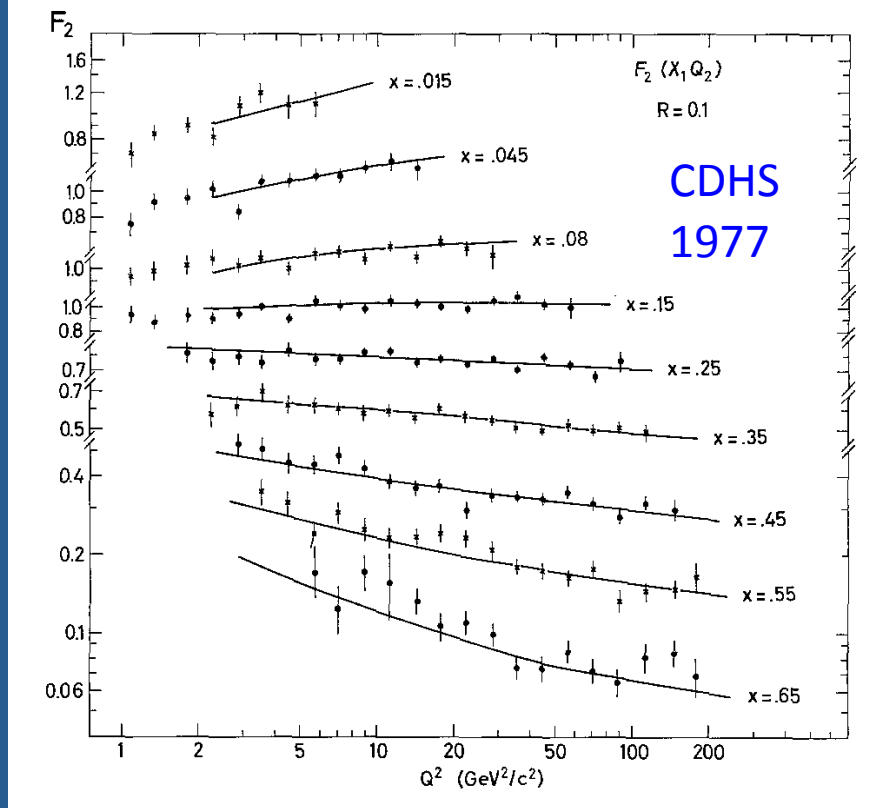
-> partons =
 quarks with
 $Q=1/3e, 2/3e$

H. Abramowicz et al., Z.Phys.C (1983)

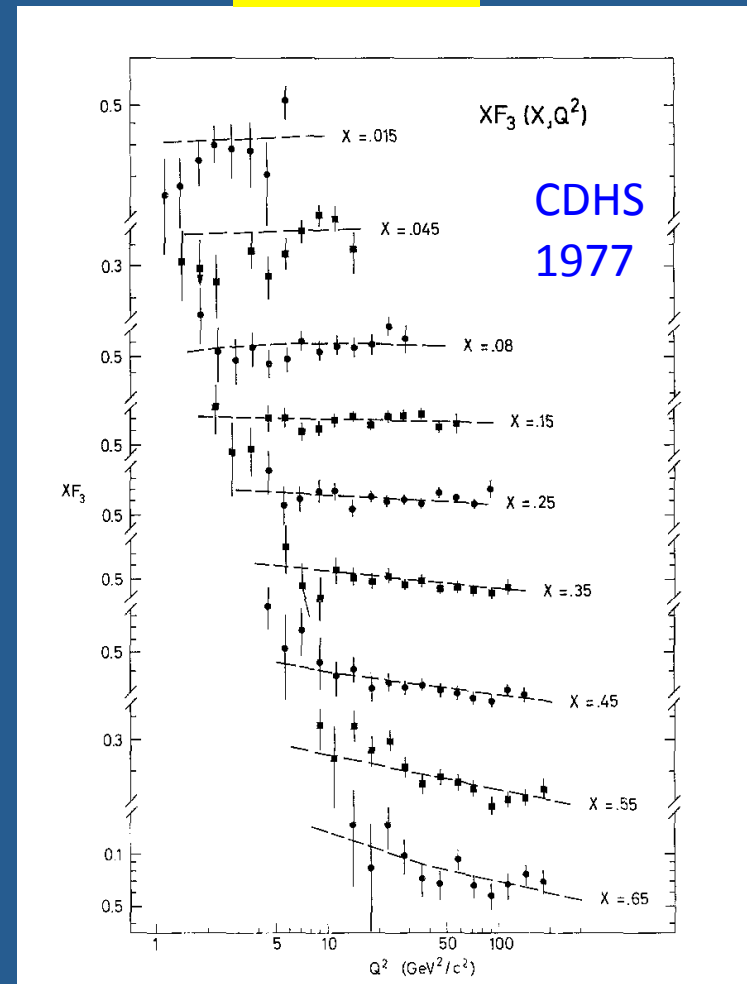


Q^2 evolution of structure functions

$q(x) + \bar{q}(x)$



$q(x) - \bar{q}(x)$

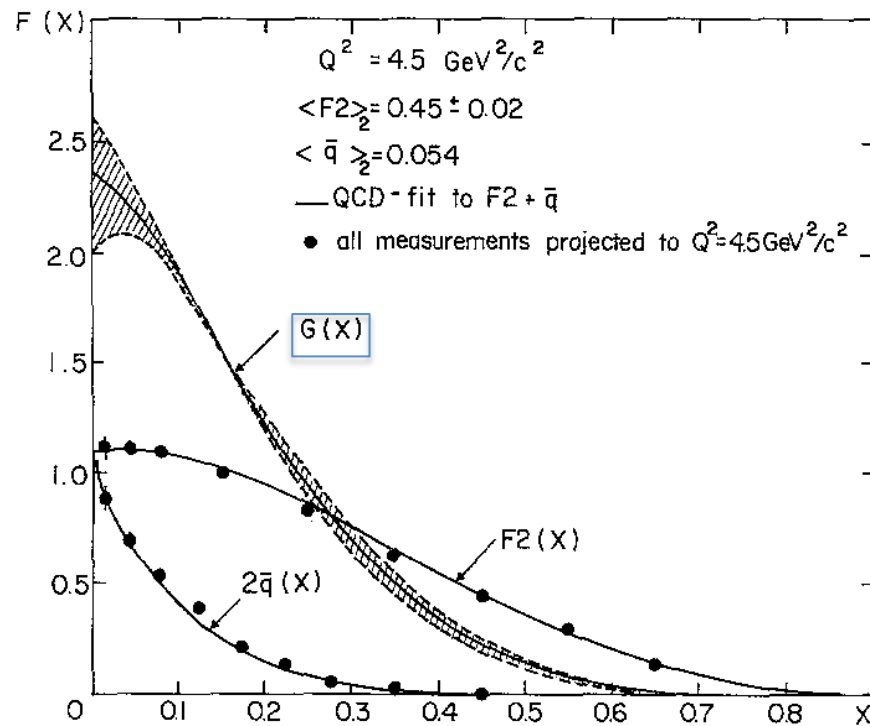


QCD fit with DGLAP evolution equations:
"Scaling violations" agree with gluon emission

Gluon distribution and strong coupling

Combined QCD analysis of $F_2(Q^2, x)$ and $\bar{q}(Q^2, x)$
projection of gluon distribution in the nucleus.

H. Abramowicz et al. Z. Phys.C (1982)



Strong coupling constant
and Λ_{QCD} in LO:

$$\alpha_s(Q_0^2) = \frac{12\pi}{25 \ln(Q_0^2/\Lambda_{\text{LO}}^2)}$$

Result: $\Lambda = 250 (+150 -100) \text{ MeV}$
 $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.128 (10)$

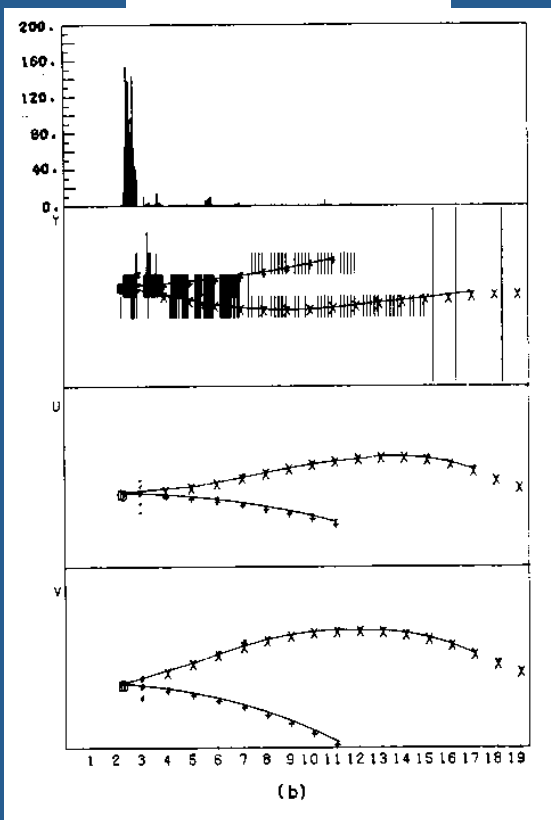
Today
 RPP(2012): $\Lambda_5 = 213 (8) \text{ MeV}$
 $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.120 (2)$

Charm production (GIM)

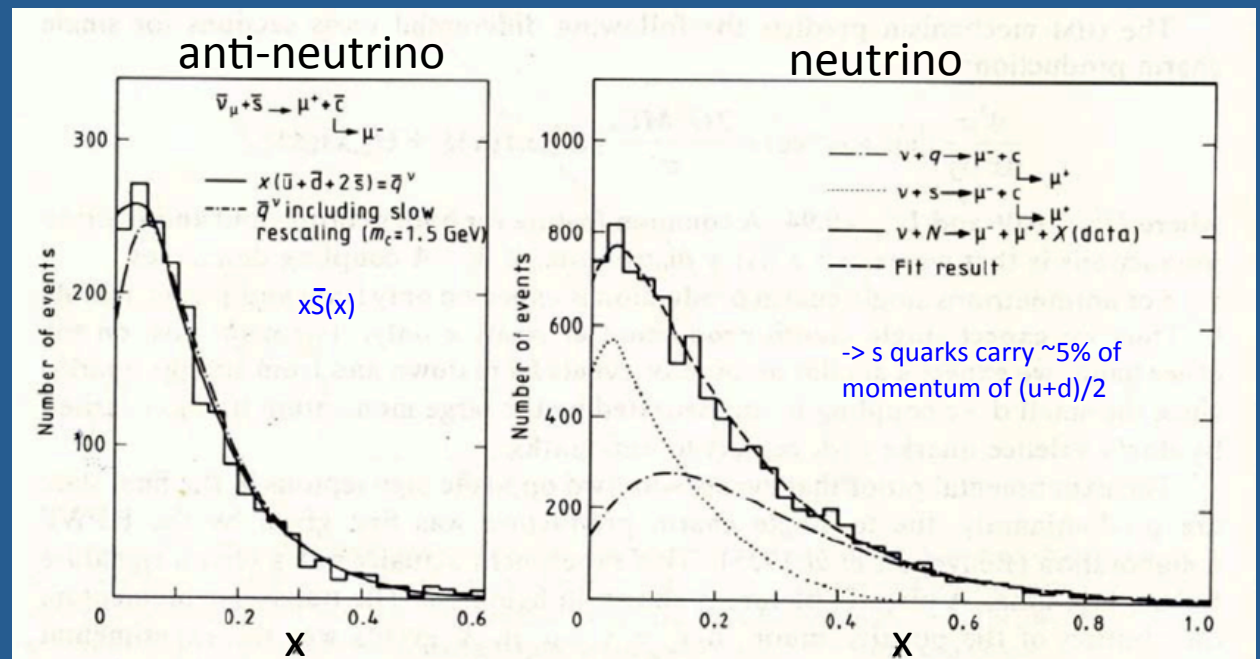
CC event with additional charm quark production and semi-leptonic decay

e.g.: $\nu_\mu + d \rightarrow \mu^- + c, \quad c \rightarrow s + \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$

dimuon event



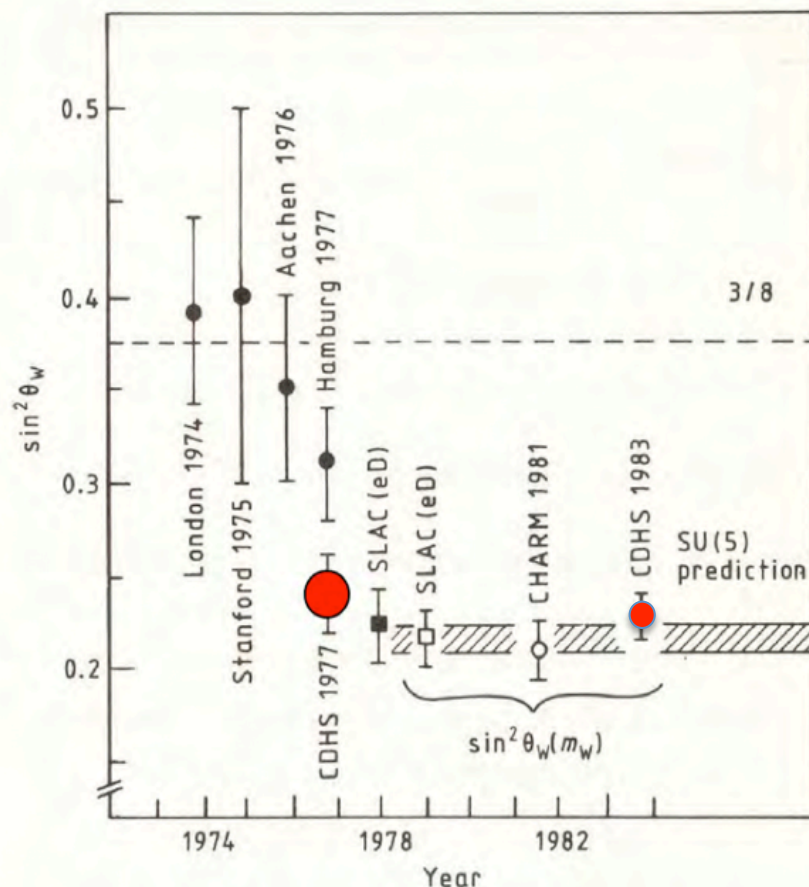
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Electroweak mixing parameter, $\sin^2\theta_W$ "Weinberg angle"

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High energy neutrino interactions



Using neutral-charged current ratio:

First measurements

Gargamelle: $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.3 - 0.4$

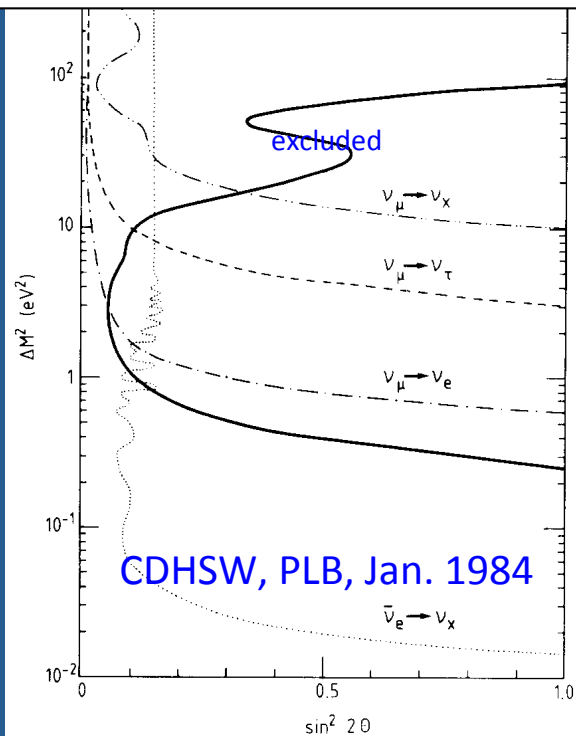
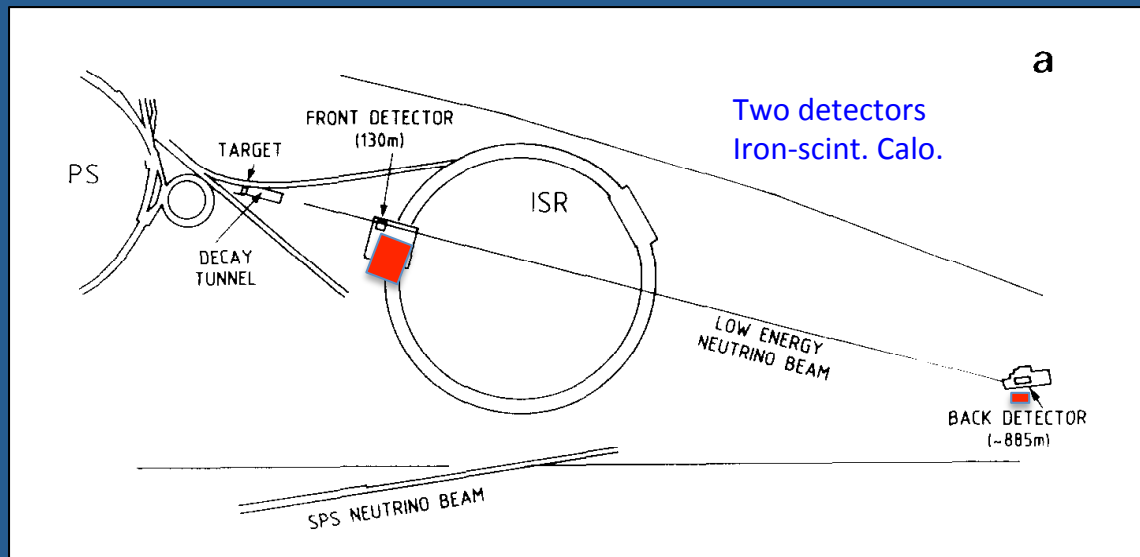
Early CDHS: $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.24 \pm 0.02$

GUT in SU(5): $\sin^2\theta_W \sim 0.2$!

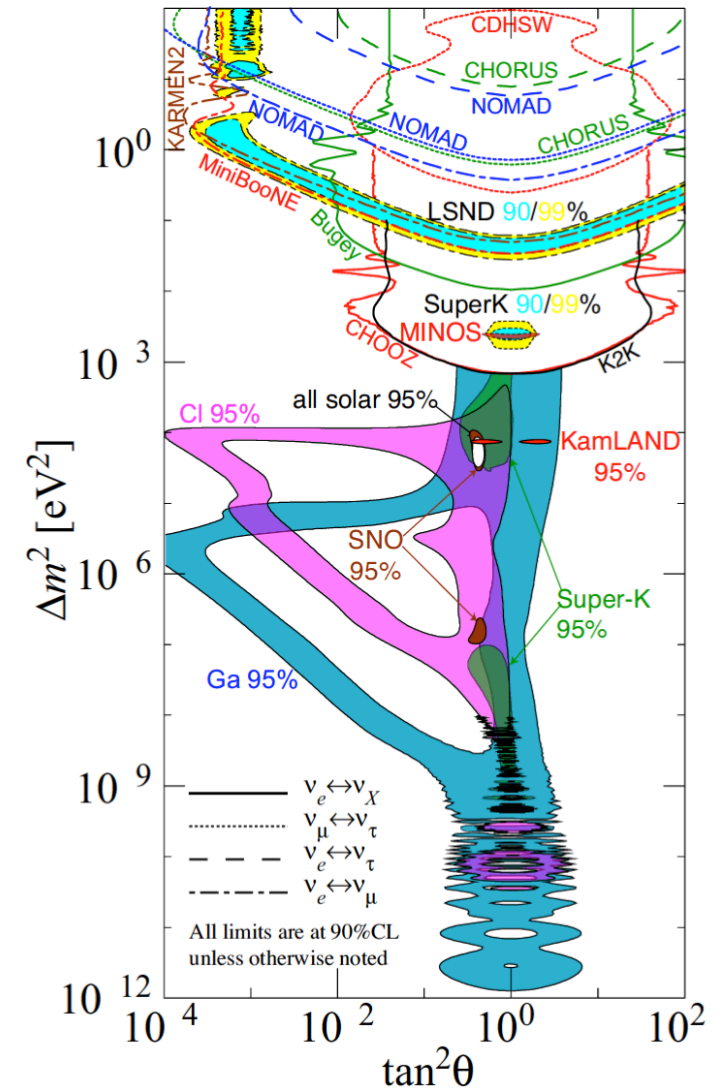
Final: $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.225 (5)_{\text{exp}} (3)_{\text{th}}$
 $+0.013(m_c - 1.5\text{GeV}/c^2)$

Search for ν_μ oscillations

RPP 2013
H. Murayama



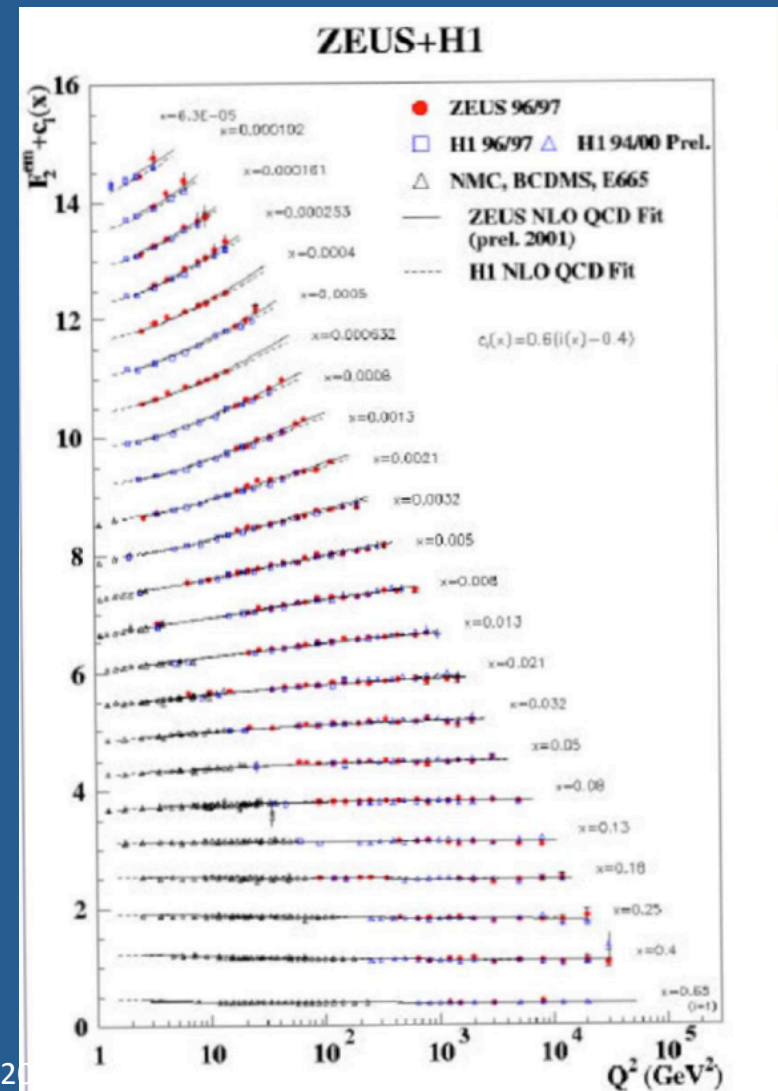
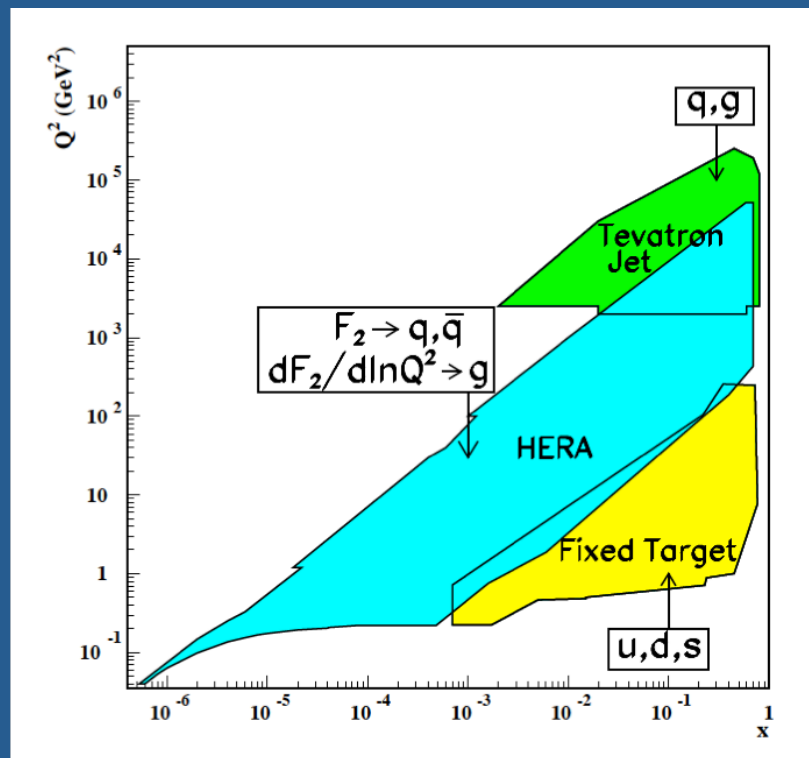
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Conclusion

- Neutrinos were an excellent tool to study the Standard Model and the nucleon structure
- CERN SPS neutrino beam and the CDHS detector was a great opportunity
- Understanding “scaling violations” provided first quantitative confirmation of QCD
- First good measurement of $\sin^2\theta_W$
- ep deep inelastic scattering at HERA was a natural continuation

Next came HERA



on the way to Hamburg



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Happy birthday!

Halina

