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# How Can We Use Neutrinos as a Probe of the Strong Interaction?

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

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# Neutrino Experiments have been studying QCD for about 40 years

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- ◆ For example, Gargamelle made one of the first measurements of  $\Lambda_{ST}$  in the early 1970's using sum rules and the  $x\text{-}Q^2$  behavior of the structure functions  $F_2$  and  $xF_3$  measured off heavy liquids.
- ◆ BEBC followed with QCD studies using  $\nu + p$  and  $\nu + D$  scattering.

# Most “Recent” DIS Experiments

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- ◆ There followed a long string of  $\nu$  scattering experiments with **increasing statistics and decreasing systematic errors** ....

	$E_\nu$ range ( $< E_\nu >$ ) (GeV)	Run	Target A	$E_\mu$ scale	$E_{HAD}$ scale	Detector
NuTeV (CCFR)	30-360(120)	96-97	Fe	0.7%	0.43%	Coarse
NOMAD	10-200(27)	95-98	Various (mainly C)	0.2%	$\approx 0.5\%$	Fine-grained
CHORUS	10-200(27)	95-98	Pb	2%	5%	Fine-grained
MINOS	3-15	05-10	Fe	2.5%	5.6%	Coarse

## $F_2$ and $xF_3$ Measurement

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$F_2$

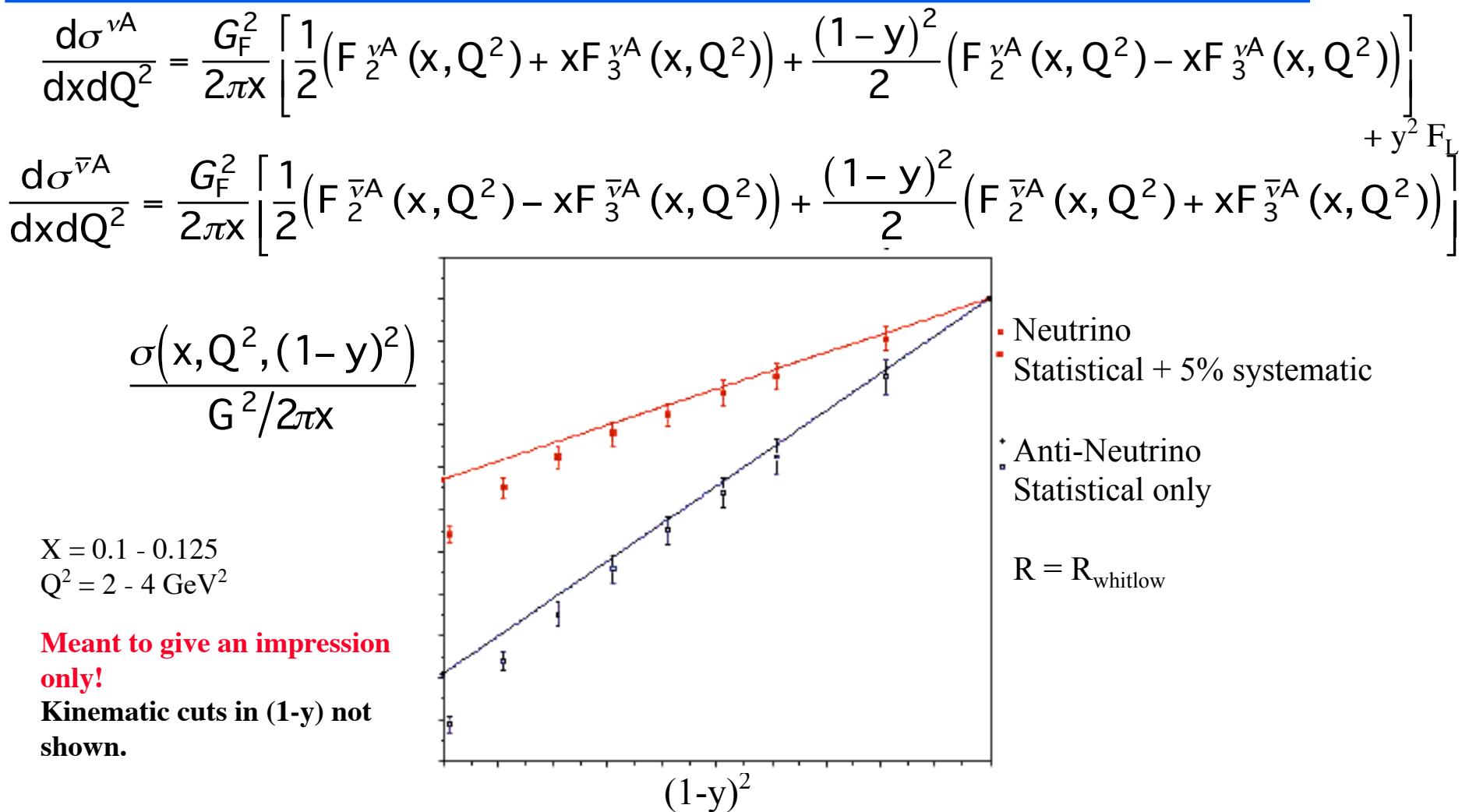
$$\left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy}^v + \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy}^{\bar{v}} \right] \frac{\pi}{G_F^2 ME} = \\ = 2 \bar{F}_2 \left( 1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E} + \frac{y^2}{2} \frac{1+4M^2x^2/Q^2}{1+R} \right) + y \left( 1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) \Delta x F_3$$

$x F_3$

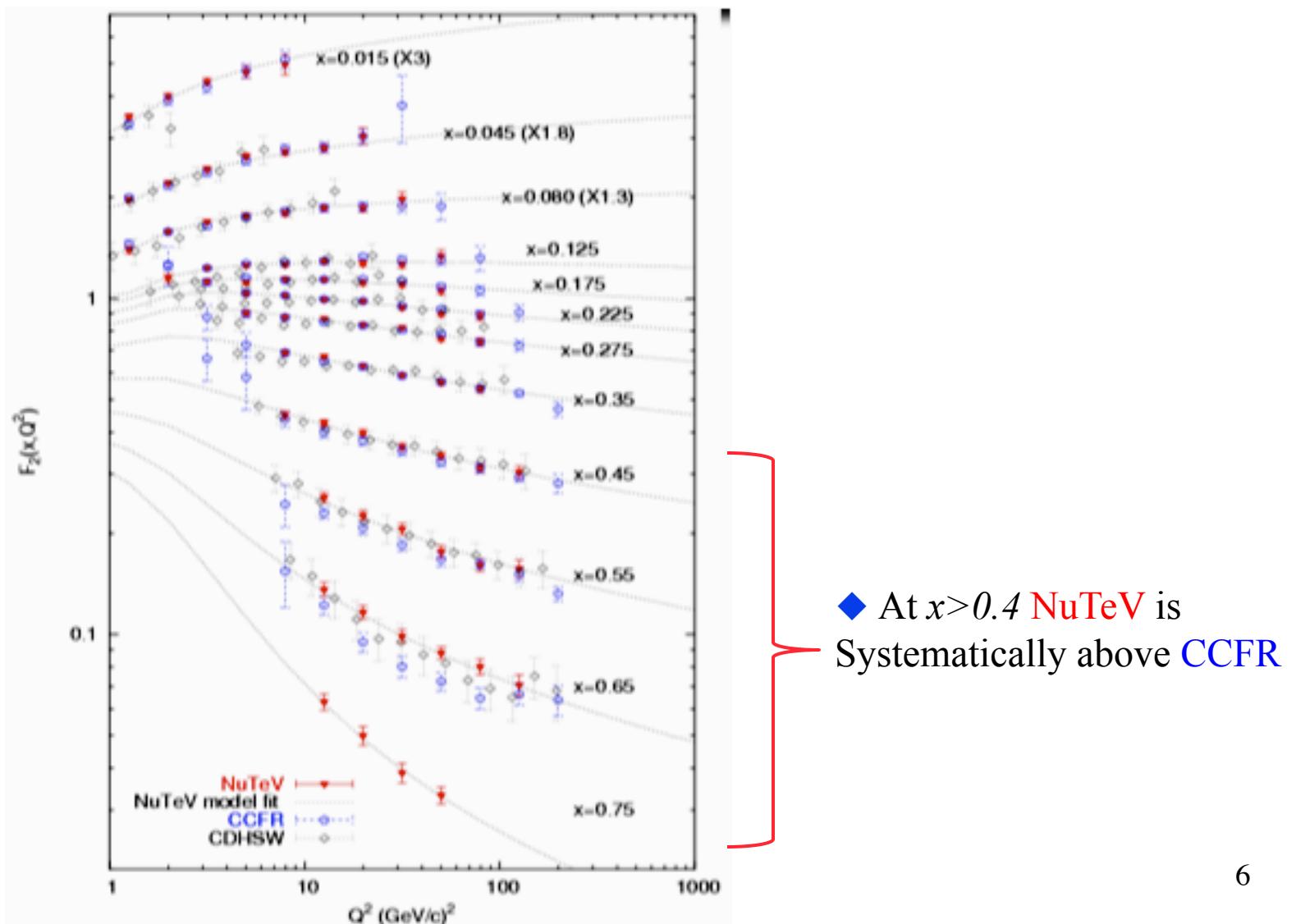
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- ◆ Perform 1-parameter fit for  $F_2$
  - ◆  $\Delta x F_3$  model
  - ◆  $R_L$  model
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- ◆ Radiative corrections applied
  - ◆ Isoscalar correction applied

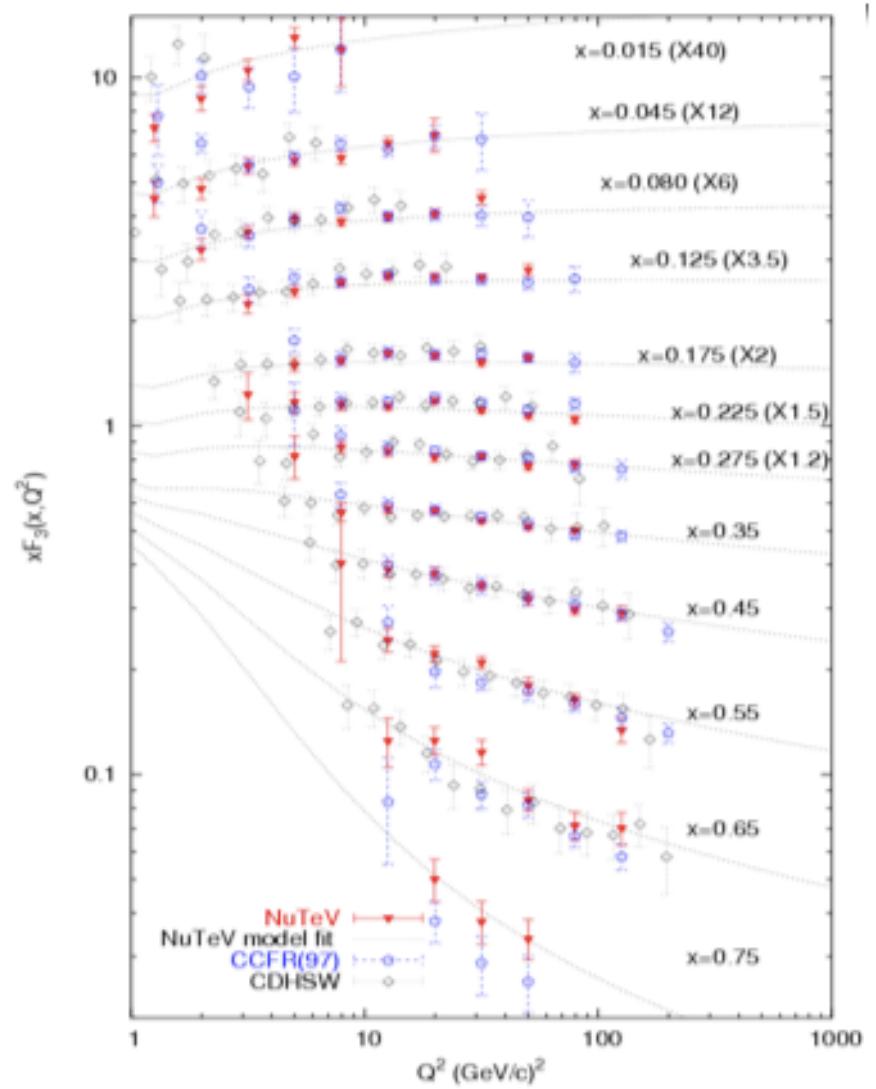
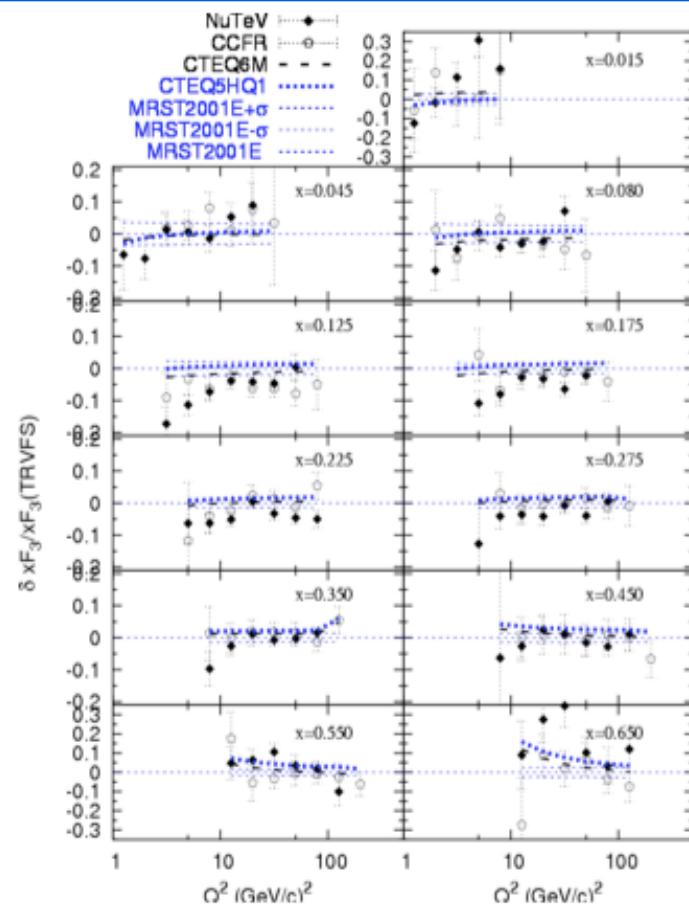
# Physics Results: Six Structure Functions for Maximal Information on PDF's



# NuTeV $F_2$ Measurement

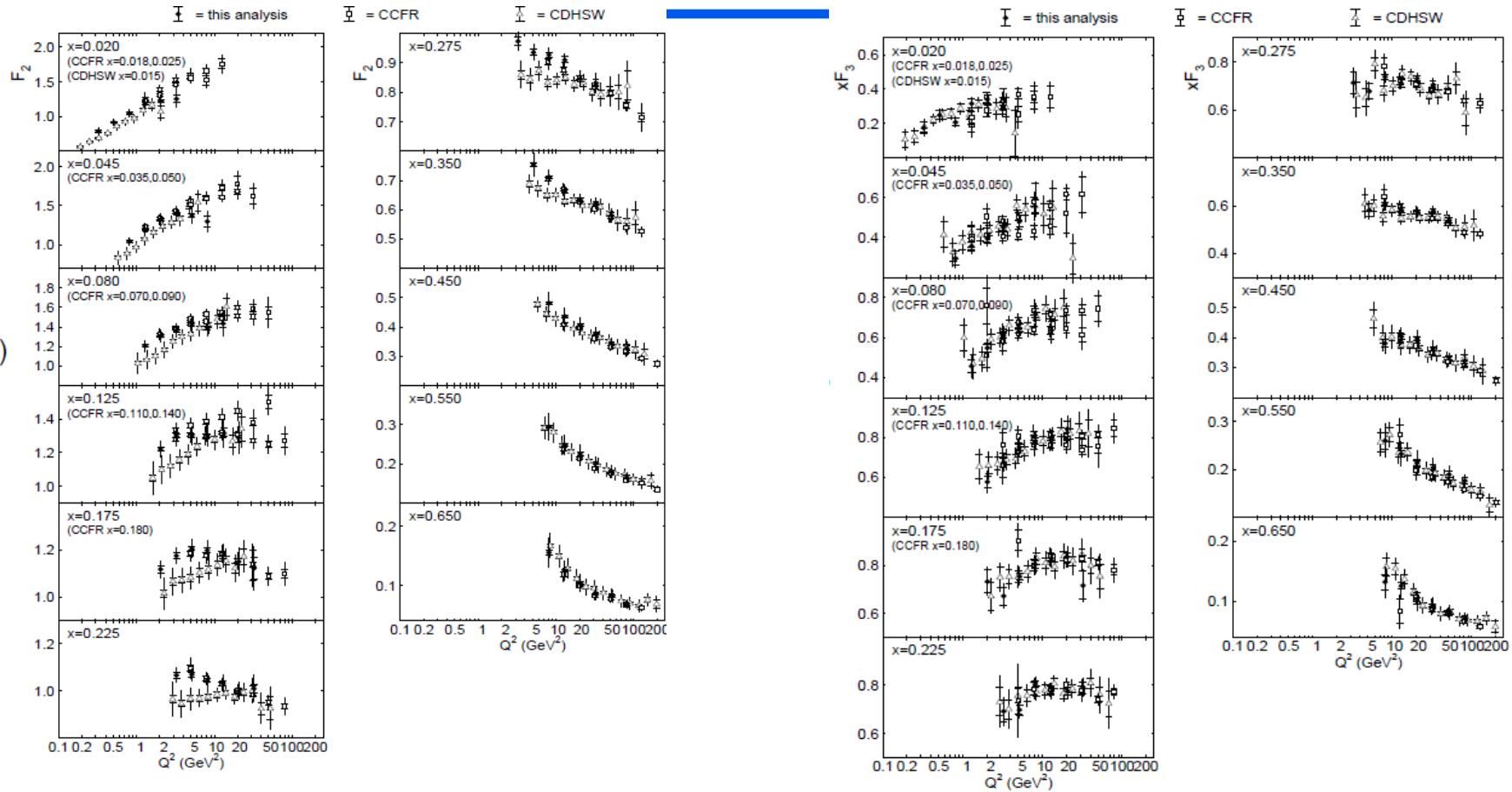


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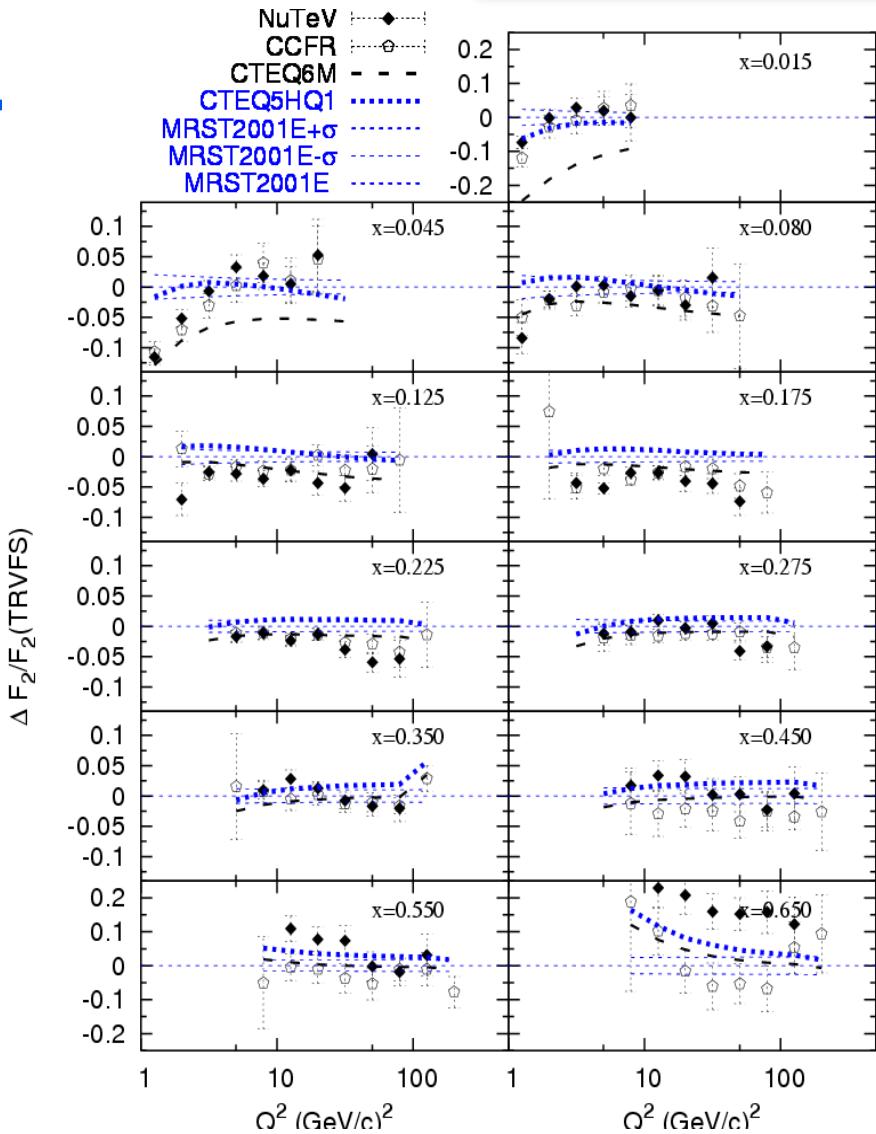
- ◆ At  $x > 0.5$  NuTeV is systematically above CCFR
- ◆ NuTeV  $xF_3$  agrees with theory for medium  $x$ .
- ◆ At low  $x$  different  $Q^2$  dependence

# CHORUS Structure Functions: $\nu$ Pb



- ◆ First  $\nu$ -Pb differential cross section and structure functions.
- ◆ CHORUS measurement somewhat favors CCFR over NuTeV at high  $x$ .
- ◆ Much larger systematic errors than the NuTeV experiment.

## Comparison with Global Fits for $F_2$



- Baseline is TRVFS(MRST2001E)

- NuTeV and CCFR  $F_2$  are compared to TRVFS(MRST2001E)

$$\frac{F_2^{\text{NuTeV}} - F_2^{\text{TRVFS}}}{F_2^{\text{TRVFS}}}$$

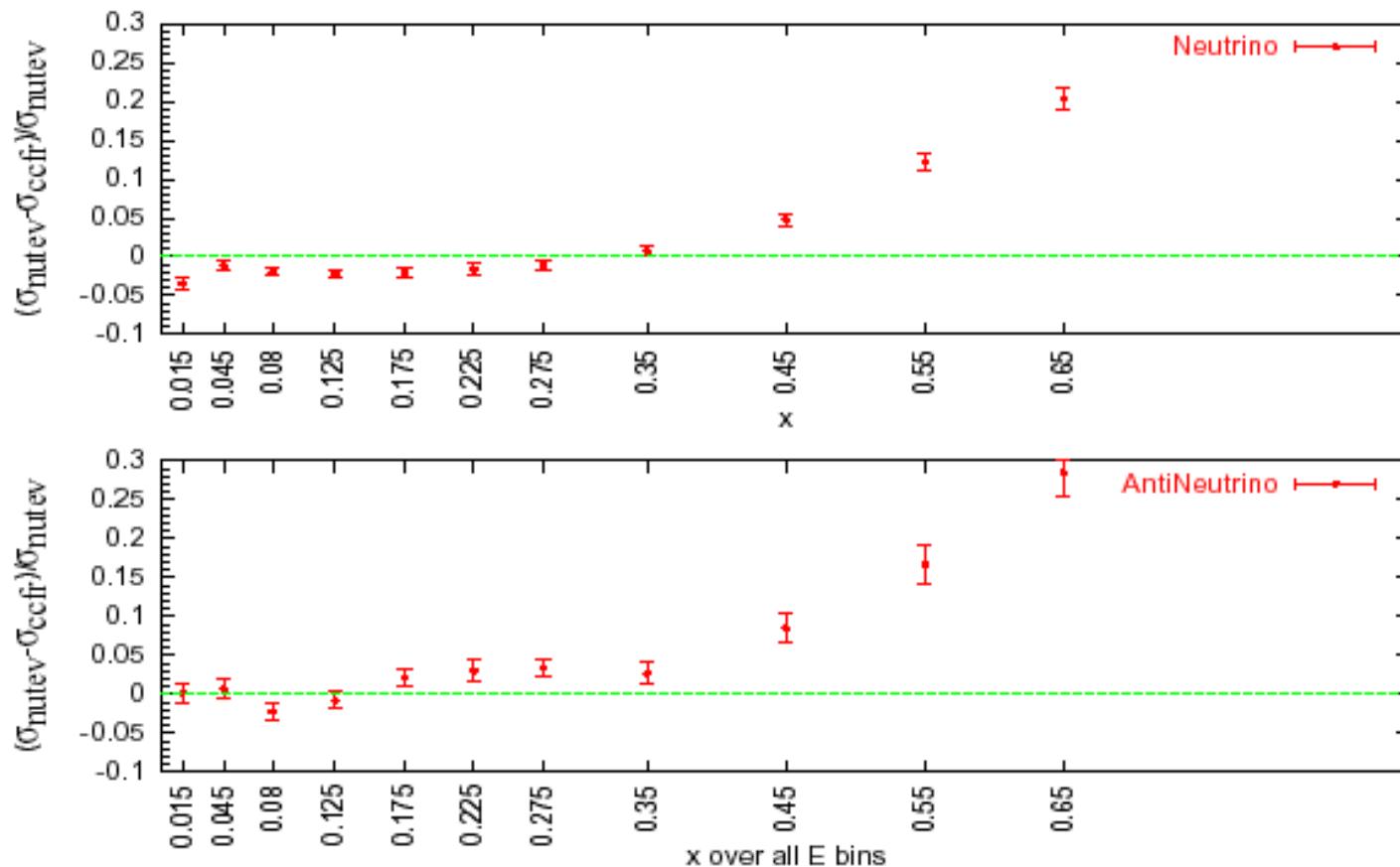
- Theoretical models shown are:
  - ACOT(CTEQ6M)
  - ACOT(CTEQ5HQ1)
  - TRVFS (MRST2001E)

- Theory curves are corrected for:

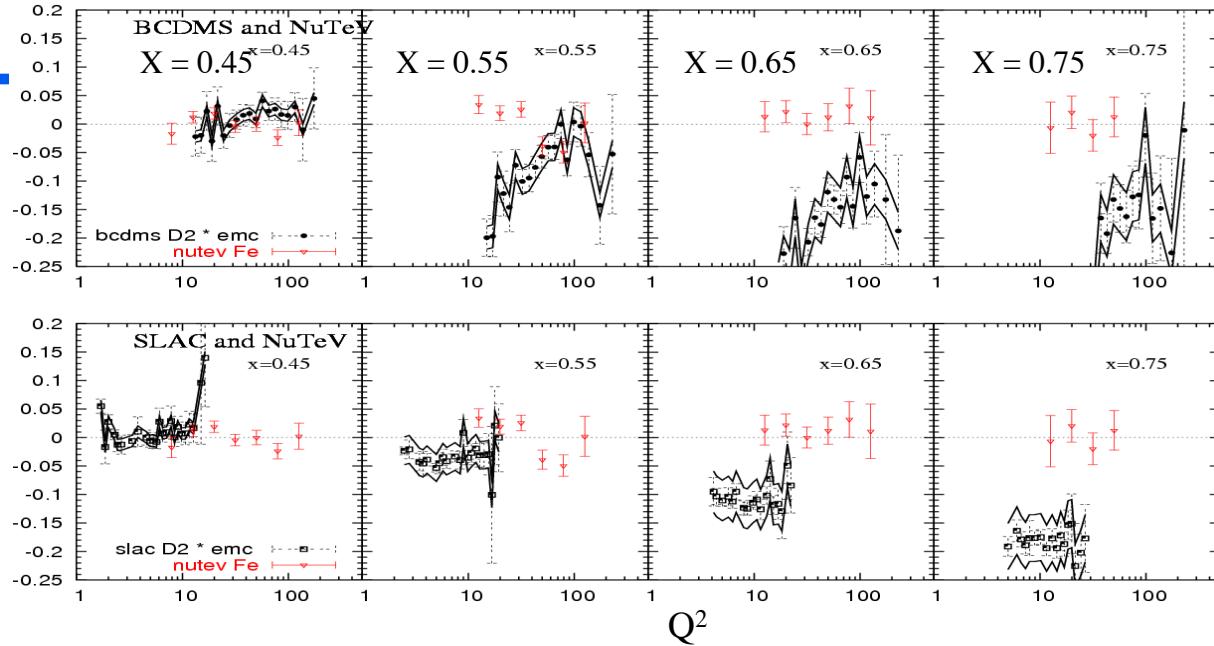
- target mass  
(H. Georgi and H. D. Politzer, Phys. Rev. D14, 1829)
- nuclear effects – parameterization from charge lepton data, assumed to be the same for neutrino scattering (no  $Q^2$  dependence added) nuclear effects parameterization is dominated by SLAC (lower  $Q^2$  in this region) data at high-x

- NuTeV  $F_2$  agrees with theory for medium x.
- At low x different  $Q^2$  dependence.
- At high x ( $x > 0.5$ ) NuTeV is systematically higher.

# NuTeV ( $\nu$ -Fe) Compared to CCFR. (CHORUS ( $\nu$ -Pb) in between CCFR and NuTeV at high x)

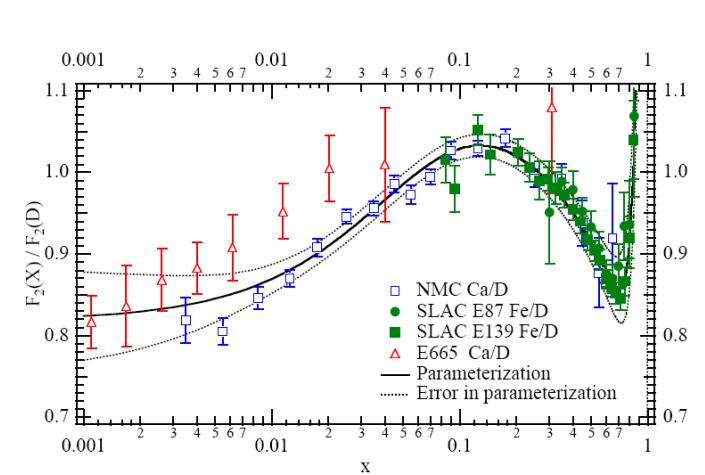


## Comparison with Charge Lepton Data for $x > 0.4$



- NuTeV agrees with charge lepton data for  $x=0.45$ .
- NuTeV is higher than BCDMS( $D_2$ ), different  $Q^2$  dependence
  - 7% at  $x=0.55$ , 12% at  $x=0.65$ , and 15% at  $x=0.75$
- NuTeV is higher than SLAC( $D_2$ ) (bottom 4 plots)
  - 4% at  $x=0.55$ , 10% at  $x=0.65$ , and 17% at  $x=0.75$

- Baseline is NuTeV model fit
- data points are  $\frac{F_2^{DATA} - F_2^{BG}}{F_2^{BG}}$
- charge lepton data is corrected for:
  - $\frac{F_2^V}{F_2^I}$  using CTEQ4D
  - heavy target  $\frac{F_2^N}{F_2^D}$



the nuclear correction is dominated by SLAC data, which is at lower  $Q^2$  than NuTeV in this region

**“Perhaps the nuclear correction is smaller for neutrino scattering at high x.”**

Martin Tzanov

## Summary ν Scattering Results – NuTeV

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NuTeV accumulated over 3 million neutrino / antineutrino events with  $20 \leq E_\nu \leq 400$  GeV.

NuTeV considered 23 systematic uncertainties.

NuTeV  $\sigma$  agrees with other  $\nu$  experiments and theory for medium  $x$ .

**At low  $x$  different  $Q^2$  dependence.**

**At high  $x$  ( $x > 0.5$ ) NuTeV is systematically higher.**

**All of the NuTeV Results are for  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  – Fe interactions and where necessary have assumed the nuclear corrections for neutrino interactions are the same as those for charged leptons.**

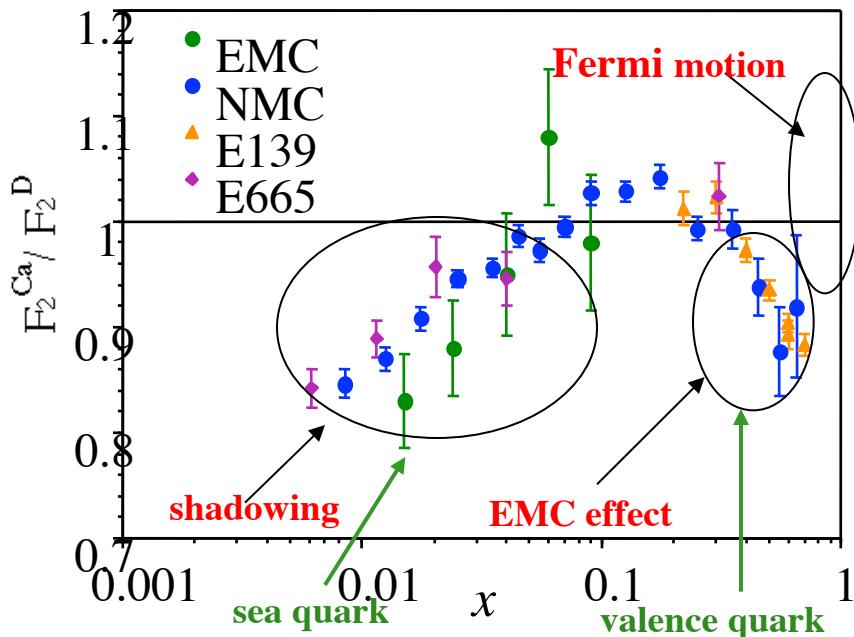
**Is this really the case?**

# Nuclear Effects in Neutrino Interactions

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- ◆ 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
- ◆ Produced topologies are modified by final-state interactions modifying topologies and reducing detected energy.
  - ▼ Convolution of  $\delta\sigma(n\pi)$  formation zone uncertainties  $\times \pi$ -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 Nuclear Effects with Neutrinos: until recently - essentially NON-EXISTENT



- ◆  $F_2 / \text{nucleon}$  changes as a function of  $A$ . Measured in  $\mu/e - A$ ,  $\nu - A$

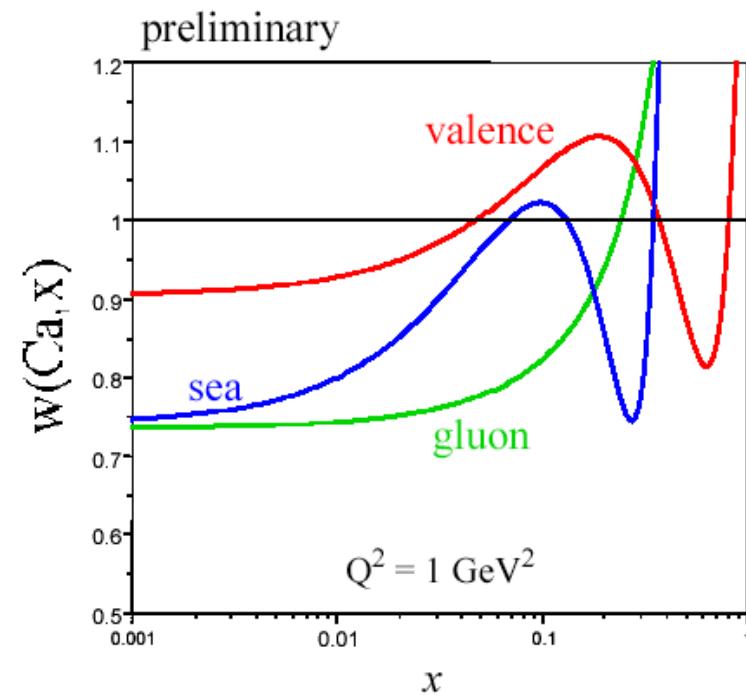
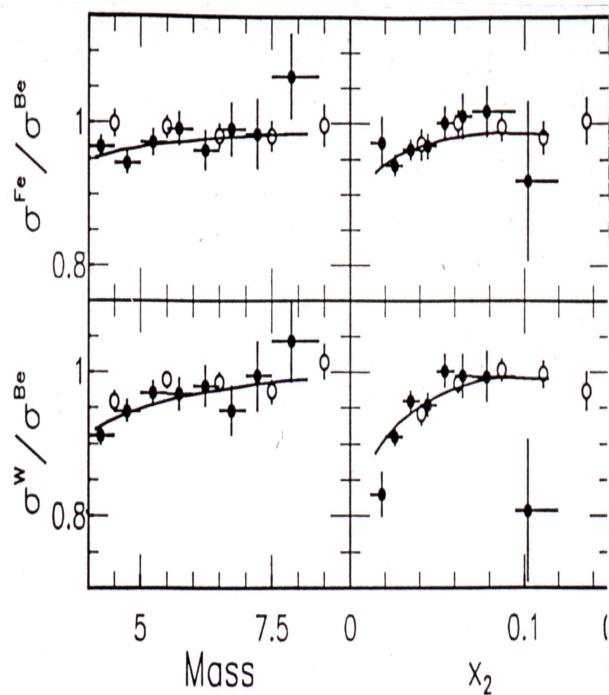
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  - ▼ Presence of axial-vector current.
  - ▼ Different nuclear effects for valance and sea --> different shadowing for  $xF_3$  compared to  $F_2$ .

# Nuclear Effects

## A Difference in Nuclear Effects of Valence and Sea Quarks?

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- ◆ Nuclear effects similar in Drell-Yan and DIS for  $x < 0.1$ . Then no “anti-shadowing” in D-Y while “anti-shadowing” seen in DIS (5-8% effect in NMC).
- ◆ This quantified via **Nuclear Parton Distribution Functions**: K.J. Eskola et al and S. Kumano et al. Currently, K. Kovarik, I. Schienbein and Ji Young Yu + CTEQ nPDF fits
- ◆ **Sergei Kulagin and Roberto Petti have also provided a look at ν + A effects**

# 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:

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

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

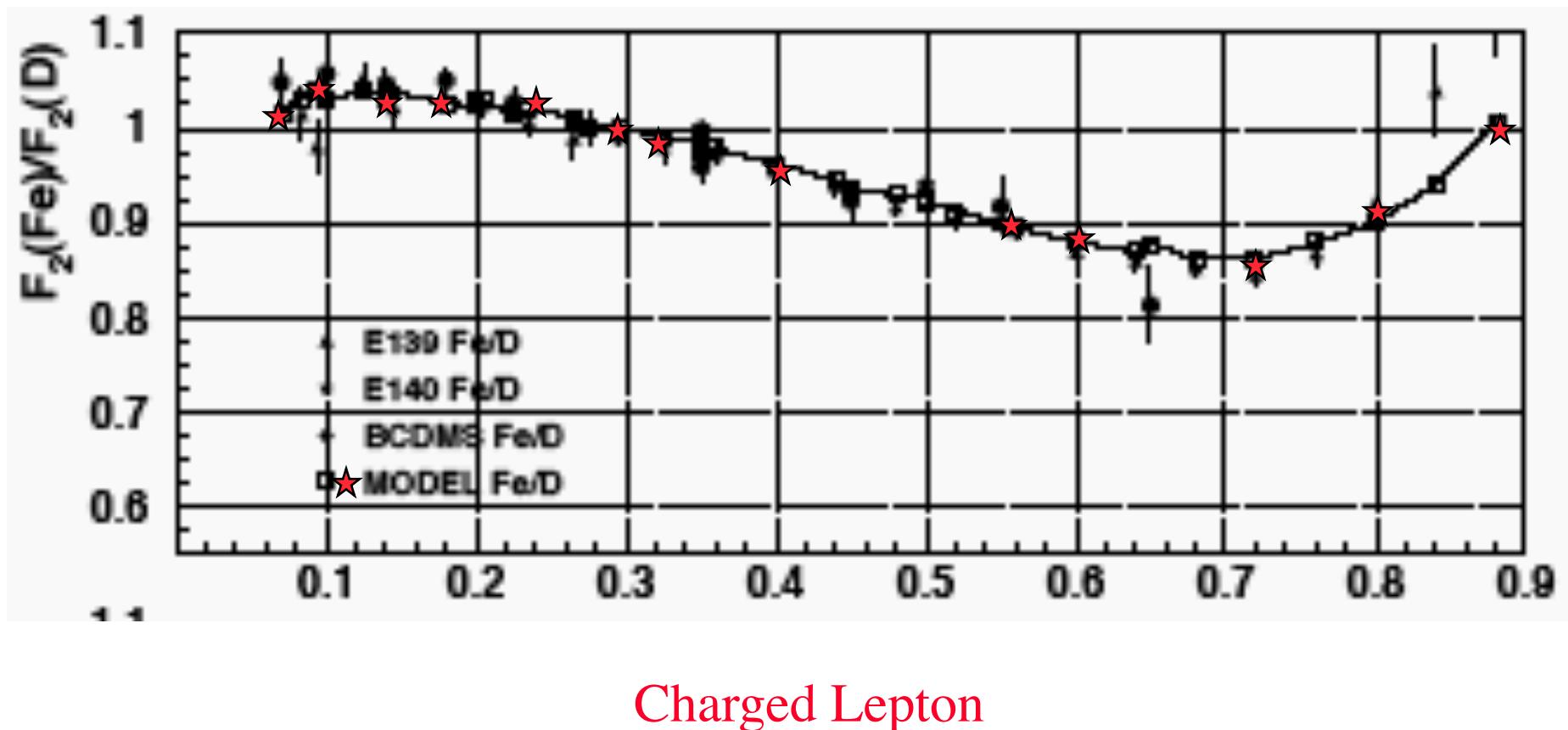
- ◆ **Fermi Motion** and **Binding** in nuclear structure functions is calculated from the convolution of nuclear spectral function and (bound) nucleon SFs:
- ◆ Since bound nucleons are off-mass shell there appears dependence on the nucleon virtuality  $\kappa^2 = (M + \epsilon)^2 - k^2$  where we have 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/ $\mu$ +Fe data

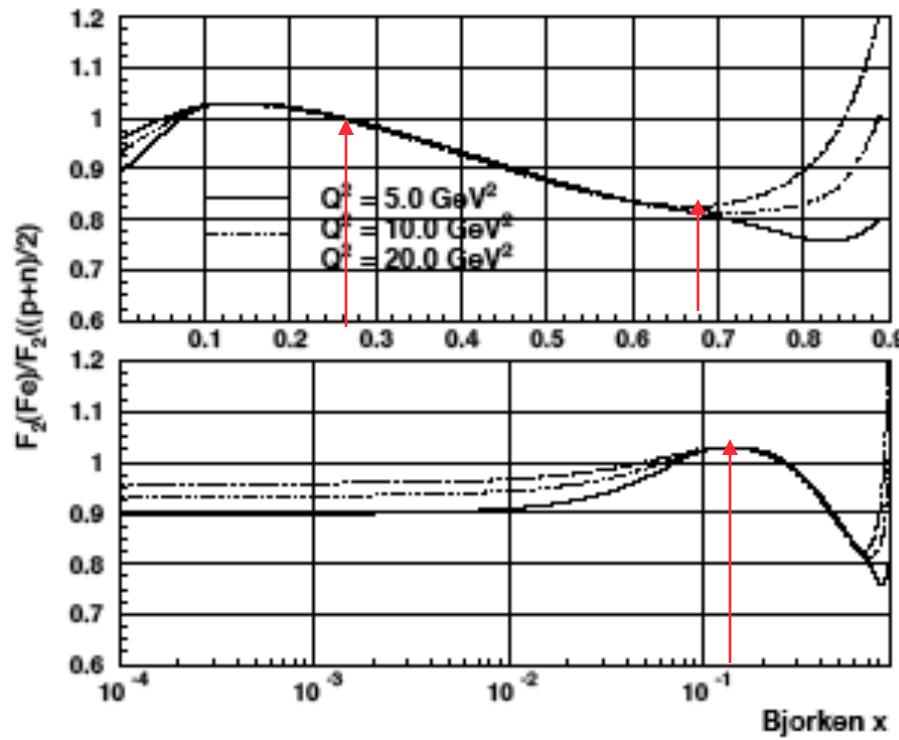
## $F_2(e/\mu+\text{Fe}) / F_2(e/\mu+\text{D})$



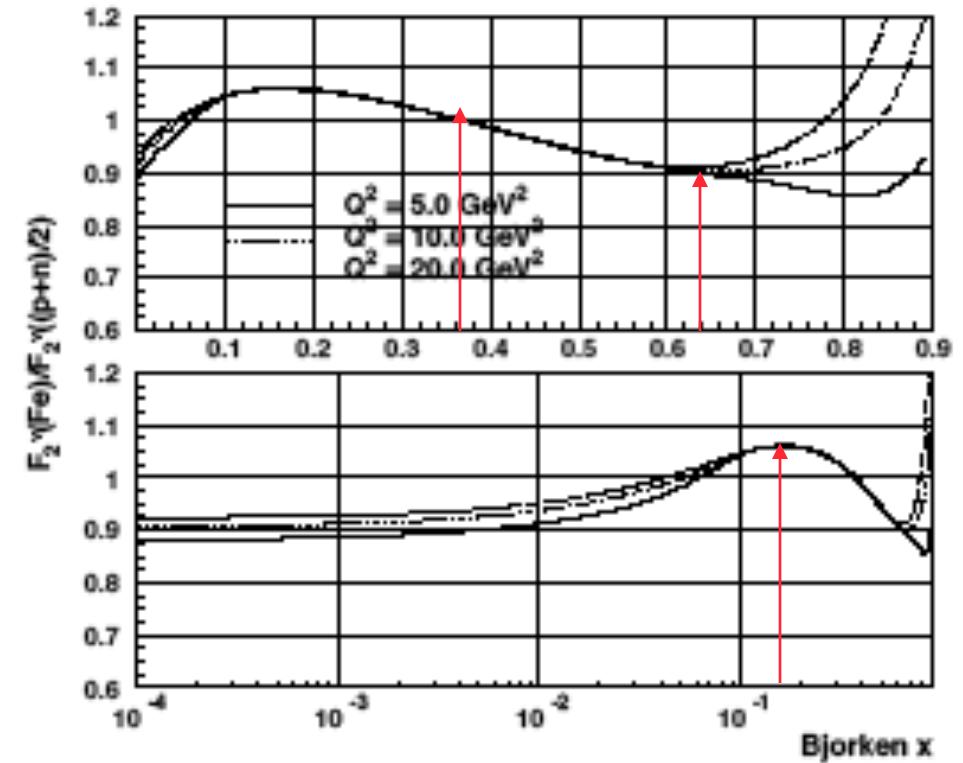
Charged Lepton

# $F_2(\mu+\text{Fe}) / F_2(\mu+\text{N})$ compared to $F_2(\nu+\text{Fe}) / F_2(\nu+\text{N})$

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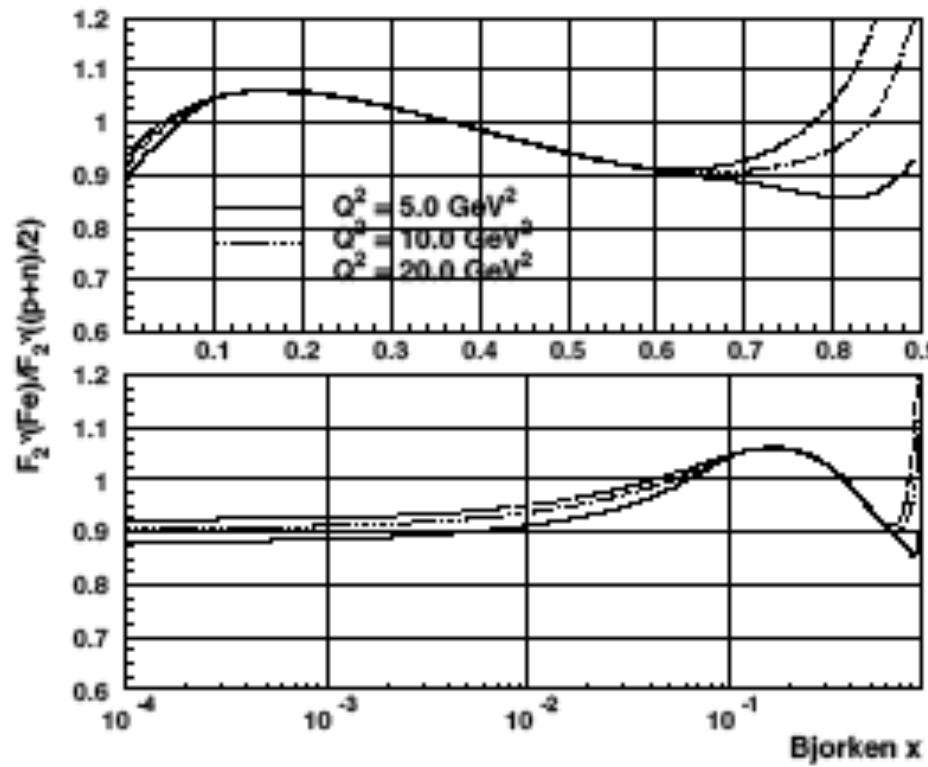


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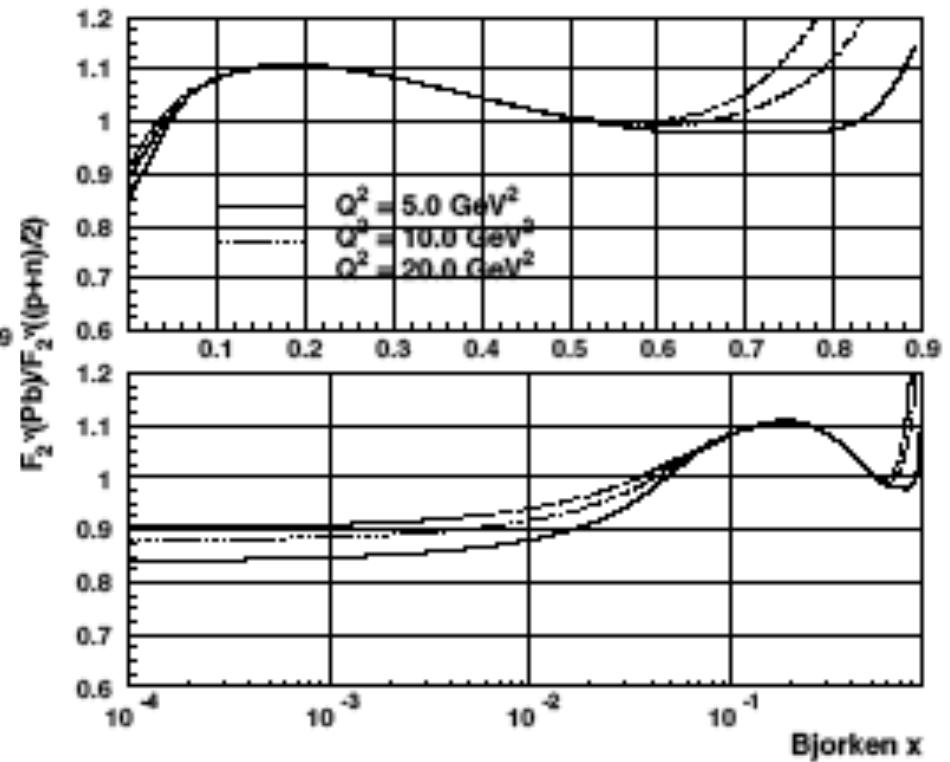
# $F_2(v+A) / F_2(v+N)$

(n excess included in effect)

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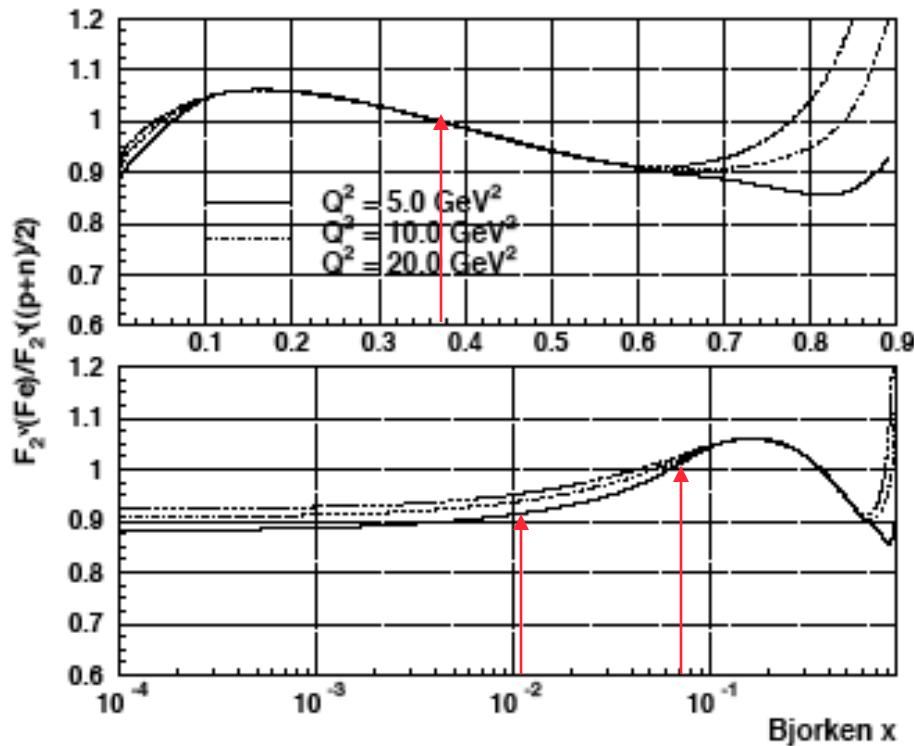


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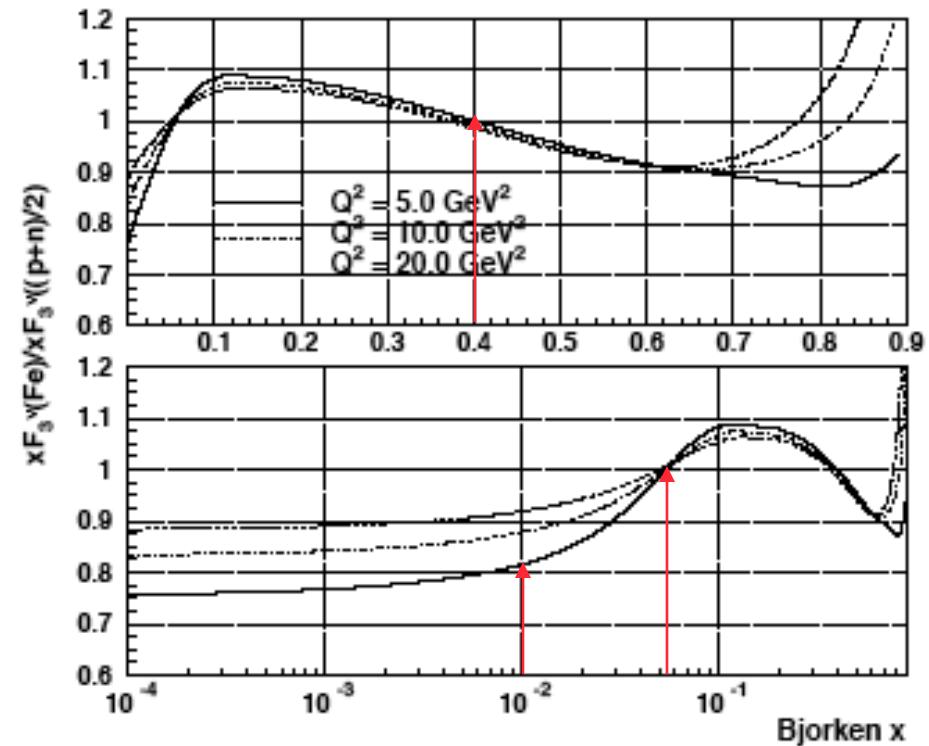


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# Kulagin-Petti: $\nu$ -Fe Nuclear Effects



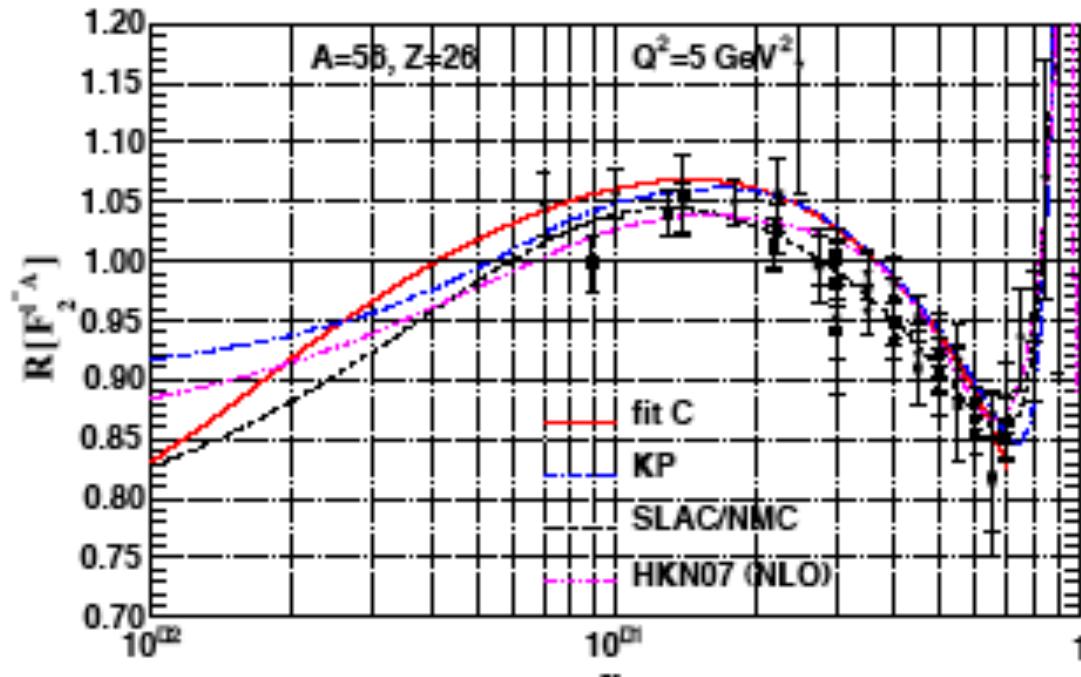
$F_2$



$x F_3$

# Nuclear Structure Function Corrections

## $\mathcal{Q}^\pm$ (Fe/D<sub>2</sub>)



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# **CTEQ study: The Impact of new neutrino DIS and Drell-Yan data on large-x parton distributions**

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JGM - Fermilab, Fred Olness - SMU, Jeff Owens - Florida State,  
Jon Pumplin and Dan Stump - MSU

Published in **Phys.Rev.D75:054030,2007.**  
e-Print: **hep-ph/0702159**

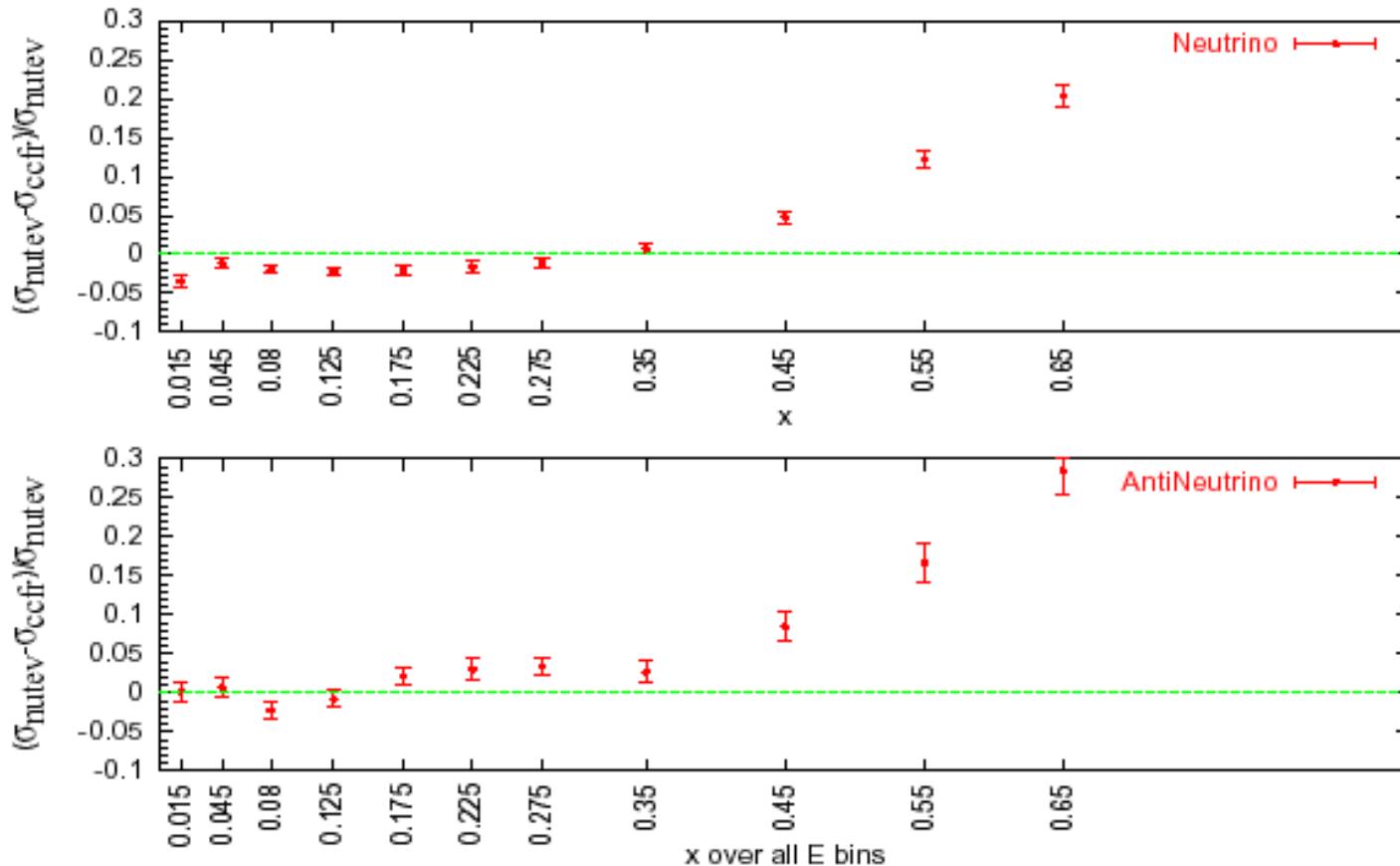
Had to use  $l^\pm$ -Fe correction factors to combine NuTeV  $\nu$ -Fe results with  
E866 p-H and p-D Drell-Yan results.

Tension between NuTeV and E866 started us on a rather convoluted path  
to extracting **nuclear effects from neutrino interactions**.

NuTeV ( $\nu$ -Fe) Compared to CCFR (in PDF fits).  
 At High-x NuTeV Indicates Effect **Opposite** to E866 D-Y.  
**(CHORUS ( $\nu$ -Pb) in between CCFR and NuTeV at high x)**

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Is the tension between NuTeV and E866 coming from applying  
 $\text{l}^\pm\text{-Fe}$  nuclear corrections to the NuTeV  $\nu$ -Fe measurements?



# CTEQ High-x Study: nuclear effects

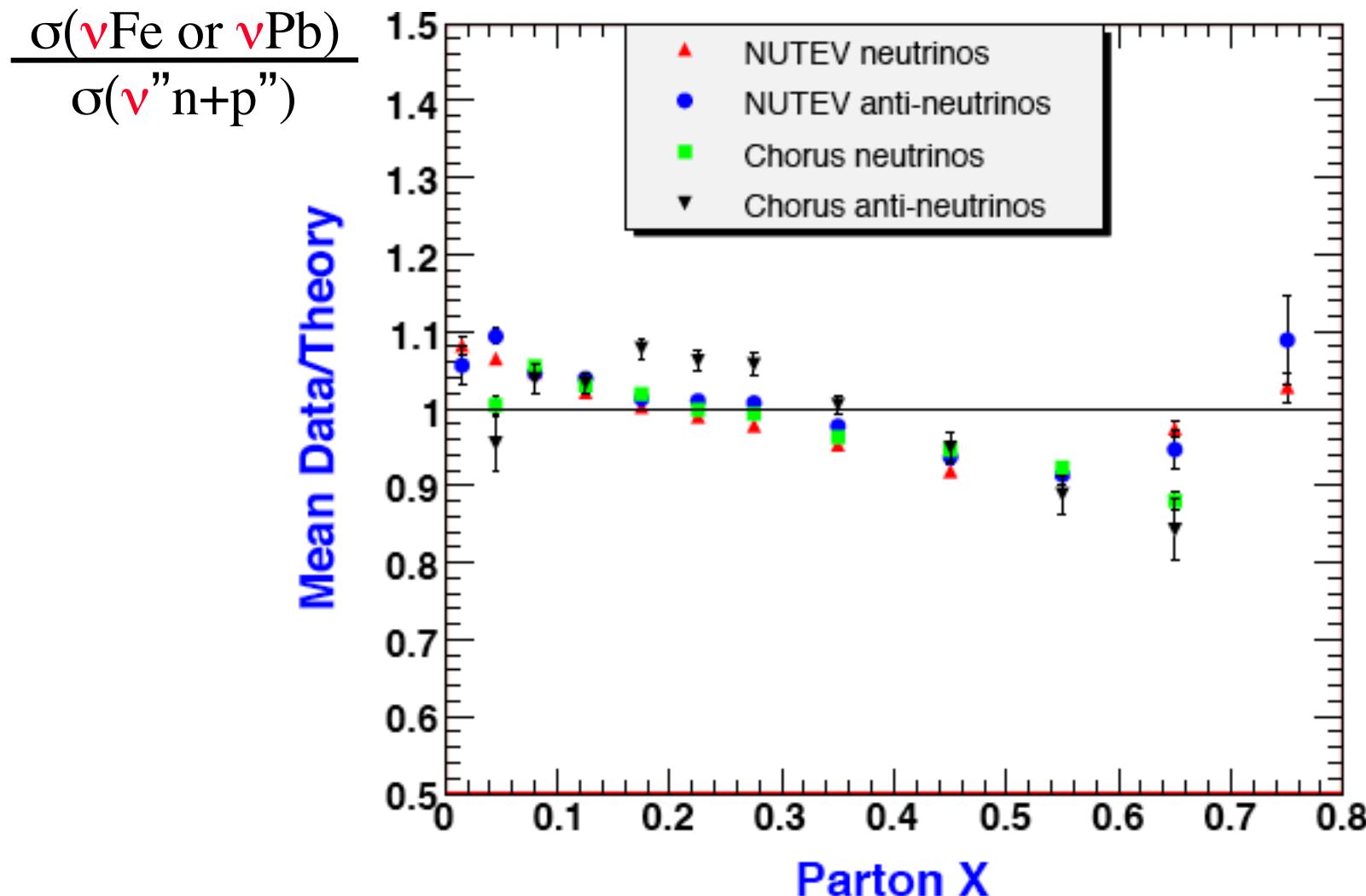
## No high-statistics D<sub>2</sub> data – “make it” from PDFs

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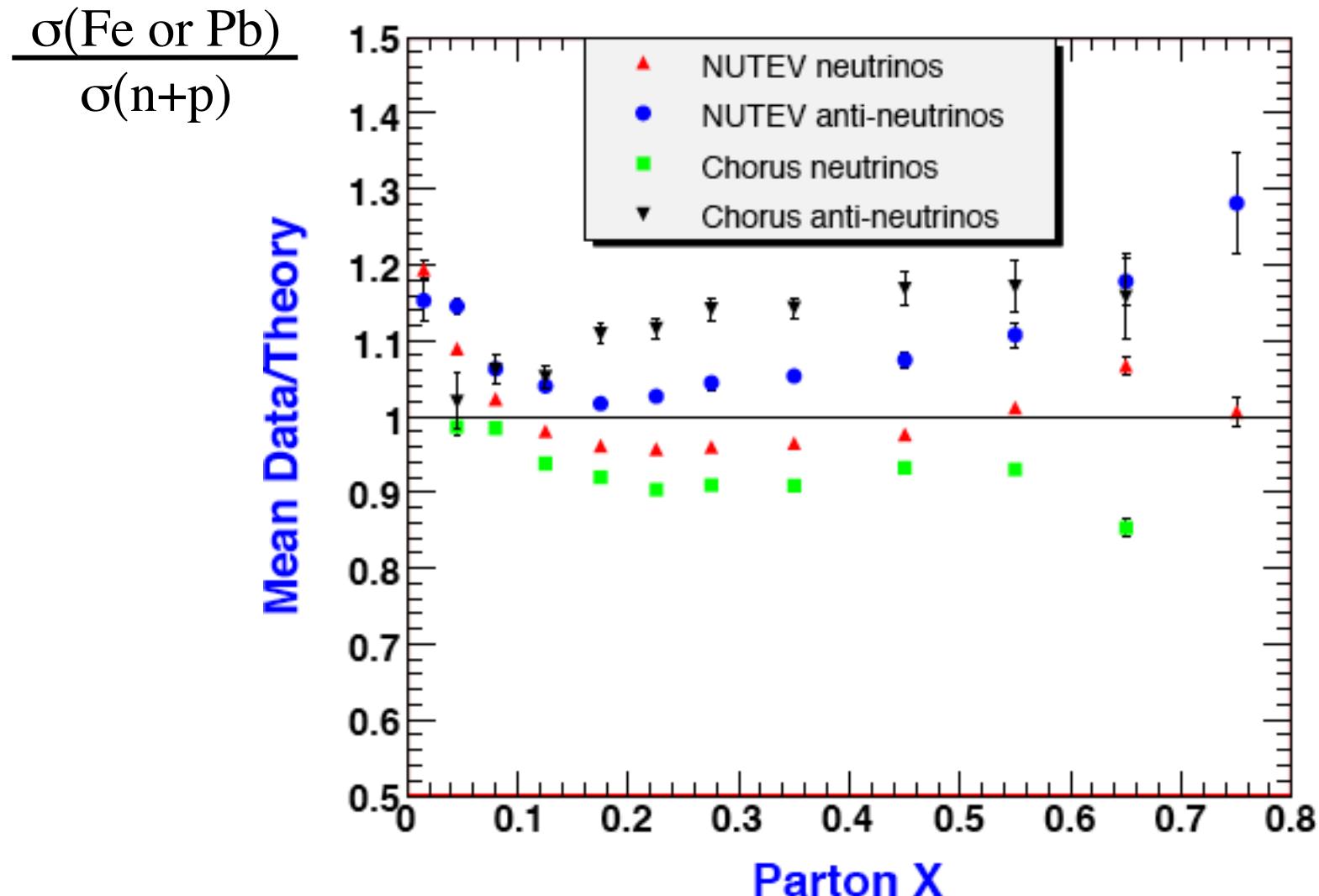
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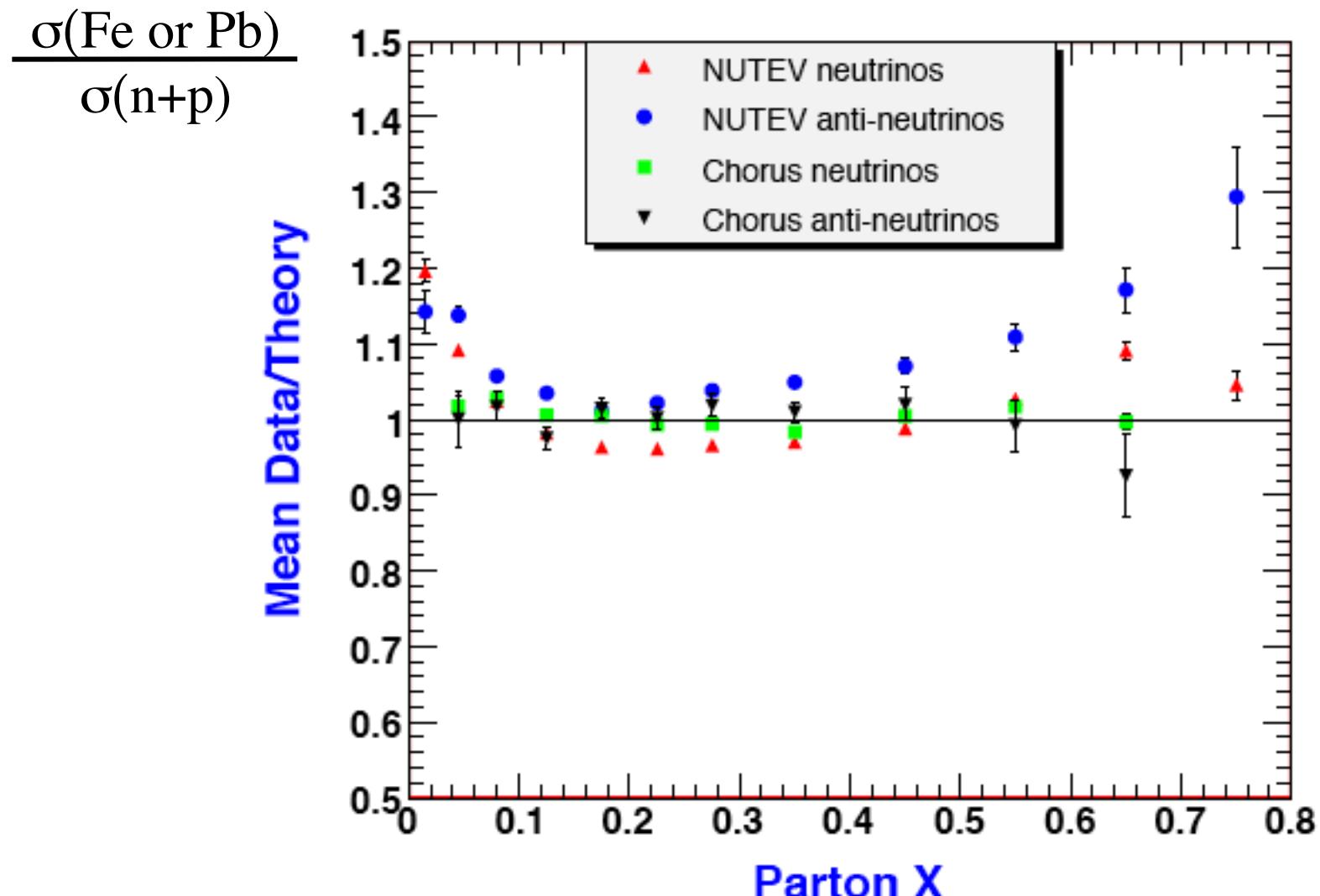
# NuTeV $\sigma(\text{Fe})$ & CHORUS $\sigma(\text{Pb})$ $\nu$ scattering (un-shifted) results compared to reference fit **Kulagin-Petti nuclear corrections**

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# **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)**

e-Print: **arXiv:0710.4897 [hep-ph]**

# Formalism

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- ◆ PDF Parameterized at  $Q_0 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$  as

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

- ◆ 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:

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

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

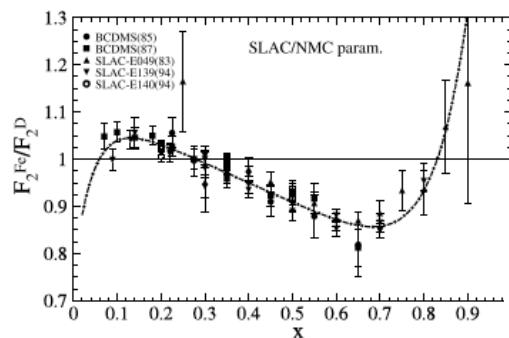
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} {}^{(\bar{\nu})A} &= \frac{G^2 M E}{\pi} \left[ (1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E}) F_2 {}^{(\bar{\nu})A} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{y^2}{2} 2xF_1 {}^{(\bar{\nu})A} \pm y(1 - \frac{y}{2}) xF_3 {}^{(\bar{\nu})A} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Same Reference Fit as Earlier Analysis

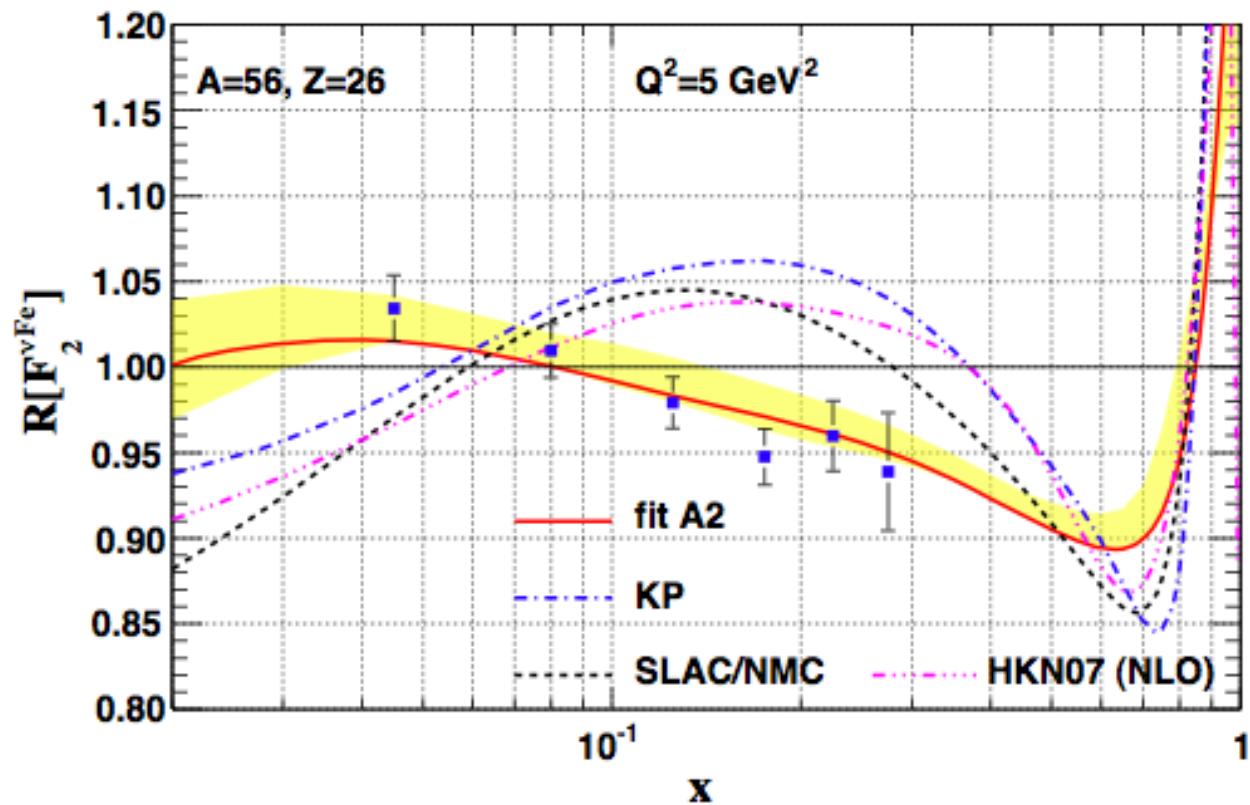
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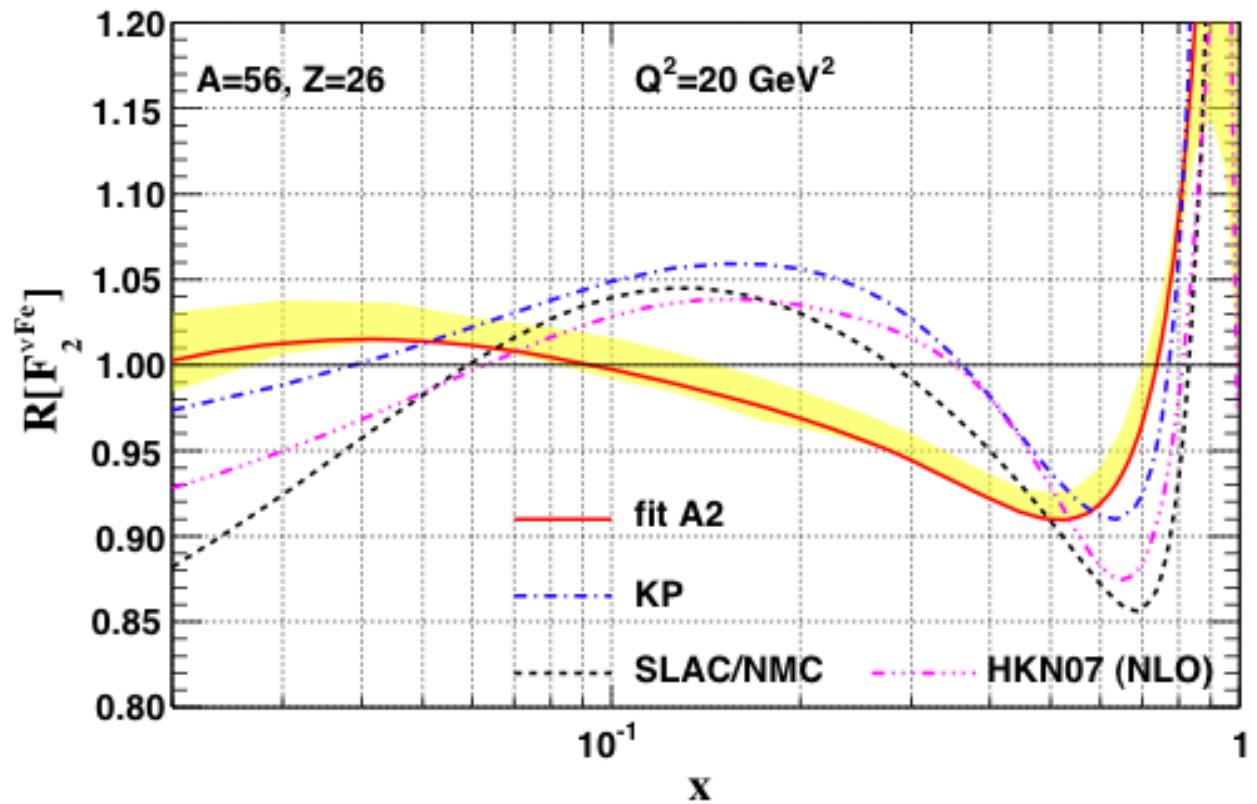
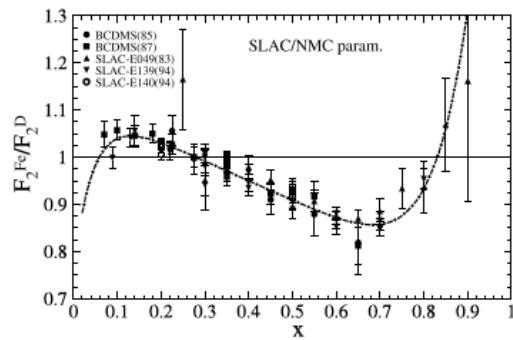
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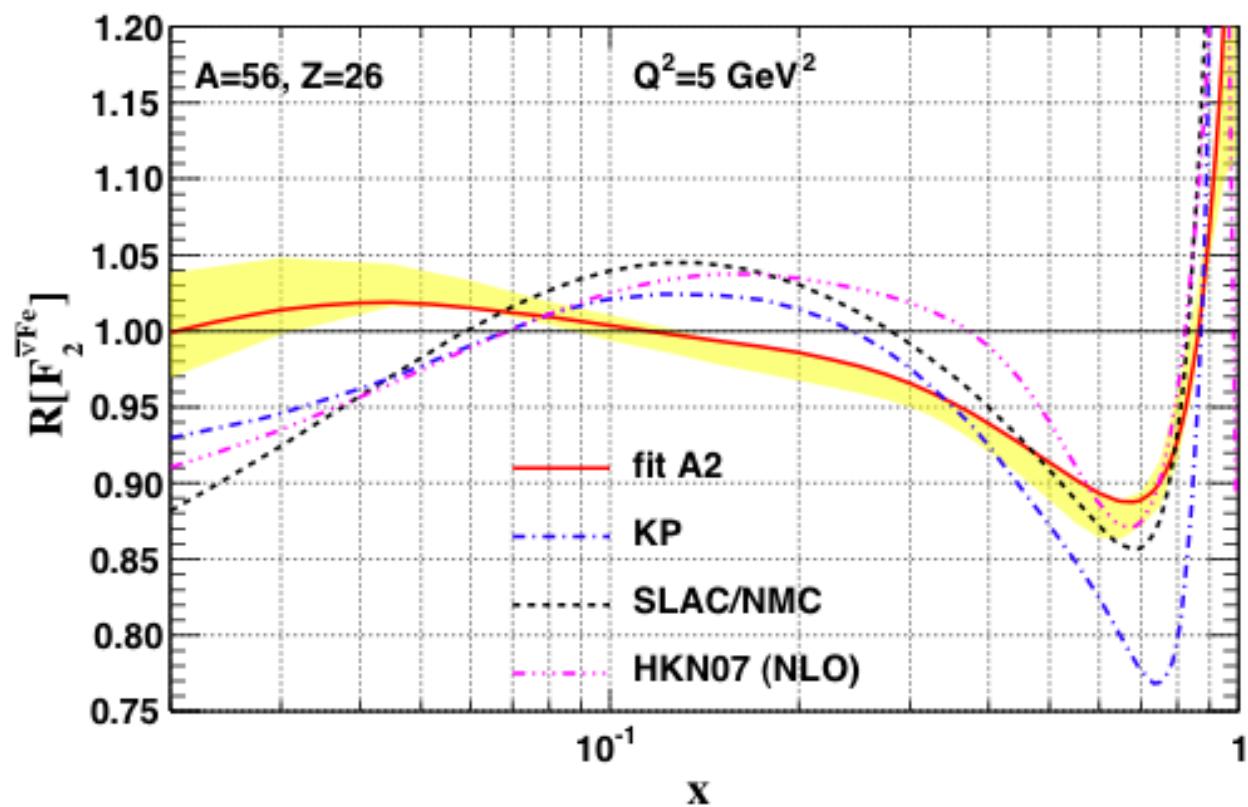
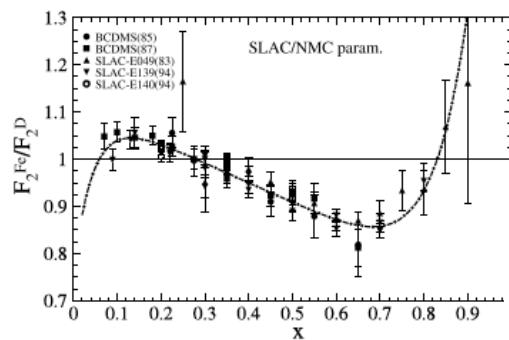
$$\frac{F_2(\nu + \text{Fe})}{F_2(\nu + [\text{n}+\text{p}])}$$



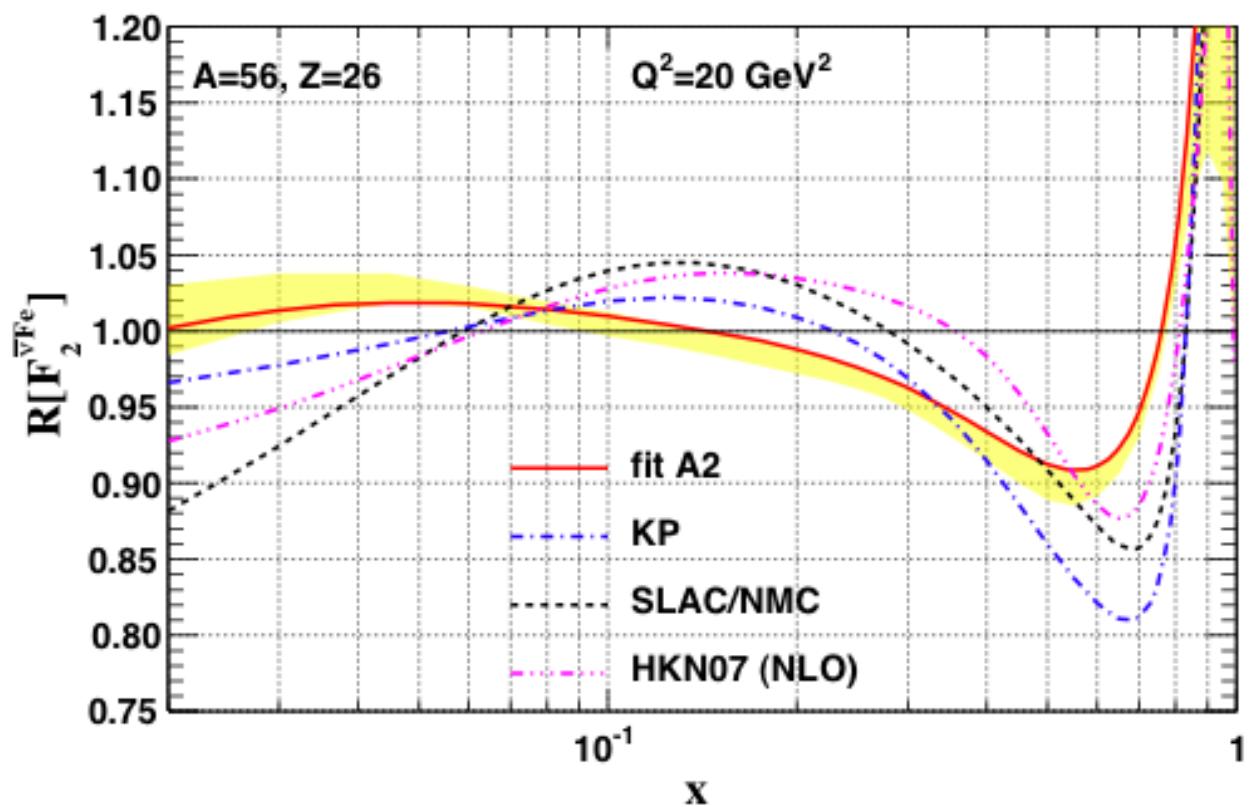
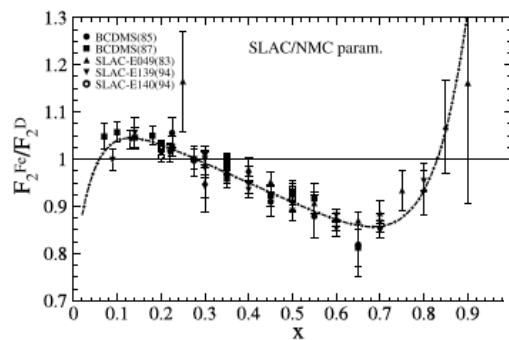
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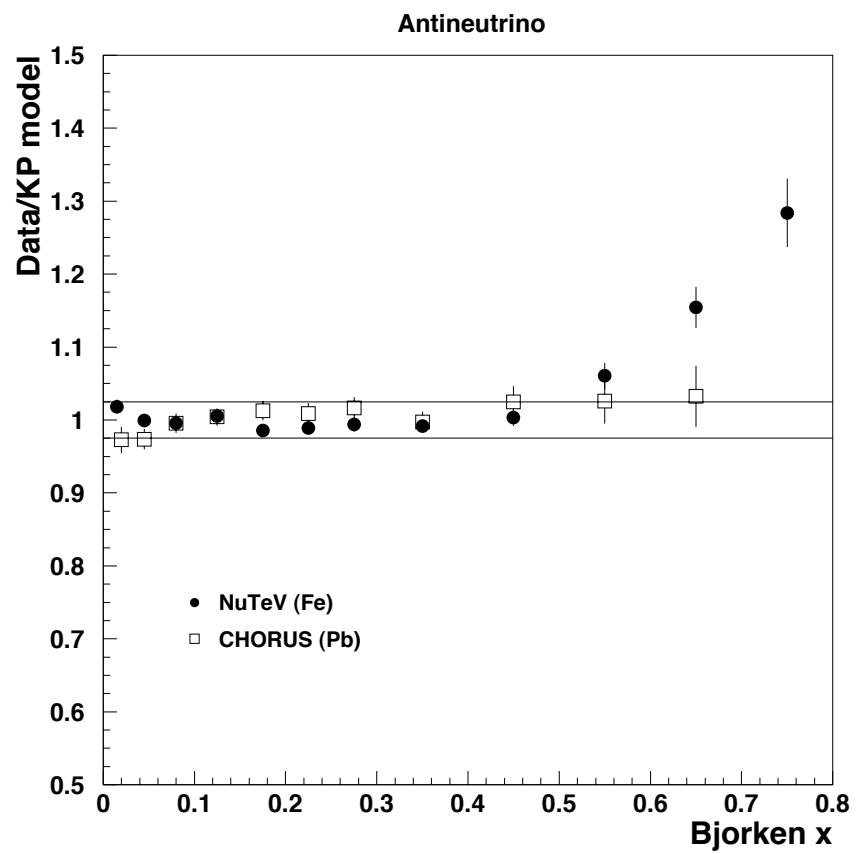
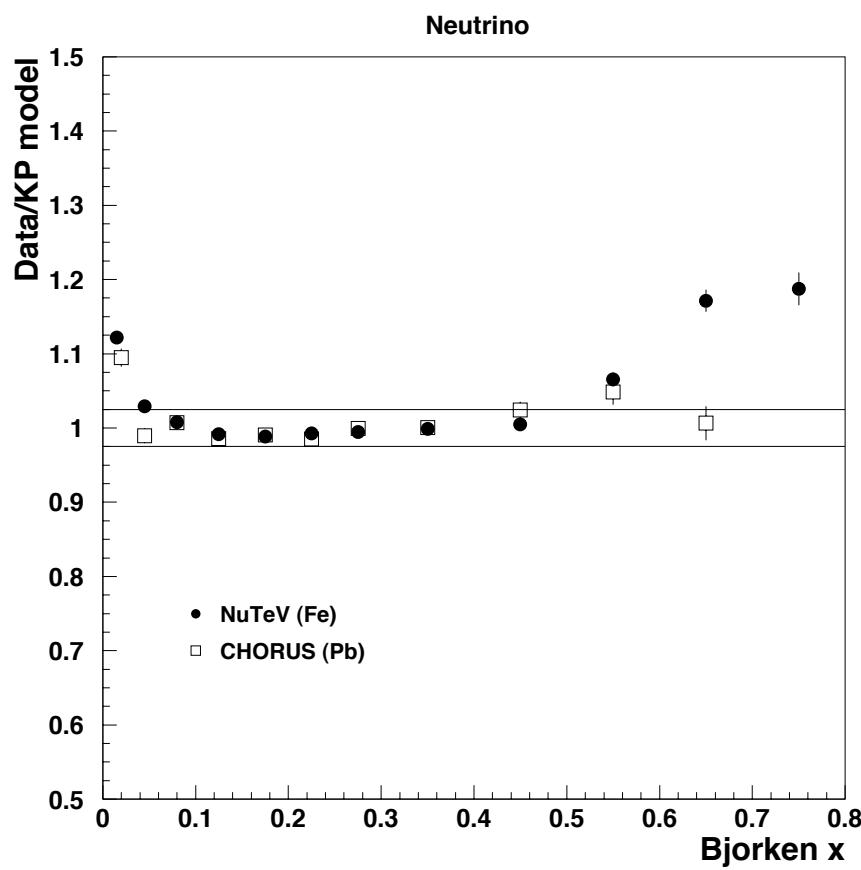


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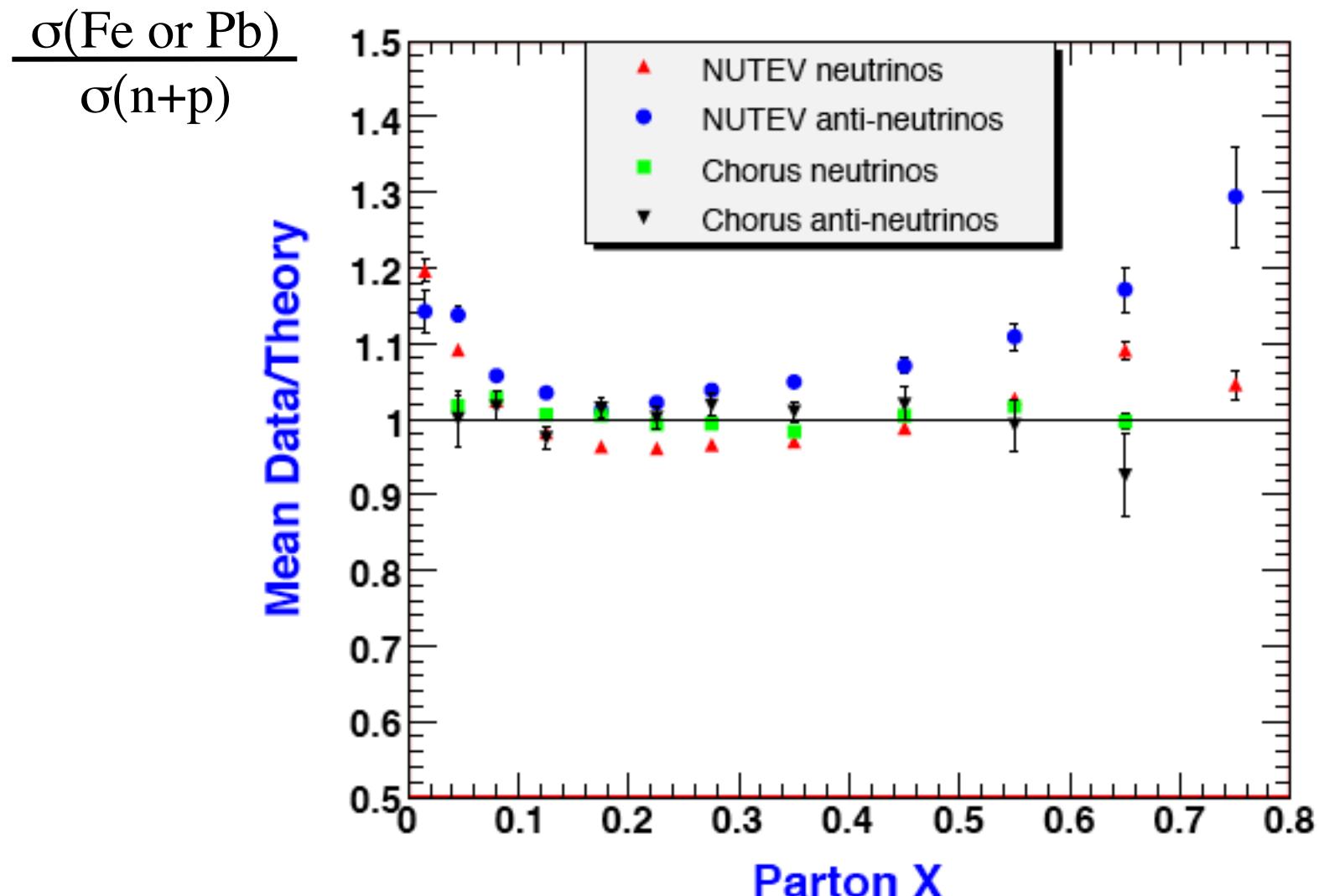
# Comparison of Data to the Kulagin-Petti Model

thanks to Roberto Petti



# NuTeV $\sigma(\text{Fe})$ & CHORUS $\sigma(\text{Pb}) \nu$ scattering (shifted) results compared to reference fit **Kulagin-Petti nuclear corrections**

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## First Conclusions

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- ◆ All high-statistics neutrino data is off nuclear targets. Need nuclear correction factors to include data off nuclei in fits with nucleon data.
- ◆ Nuclear correction factors ( $R$ ) different for neutrino-Fe scattering compared to charged lepton-Fe.
- ◆ **Results from one experiment on one nuclear target... careful.**
- ◆ If we combine  $\nu$ -nucleus with charged  $l^\pm$ -nucleus results and D-Y in a single global fit can we find a common description acceptable to both?

# Combined Analysis of $\nu A$ , $\ell A$ and DY data

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

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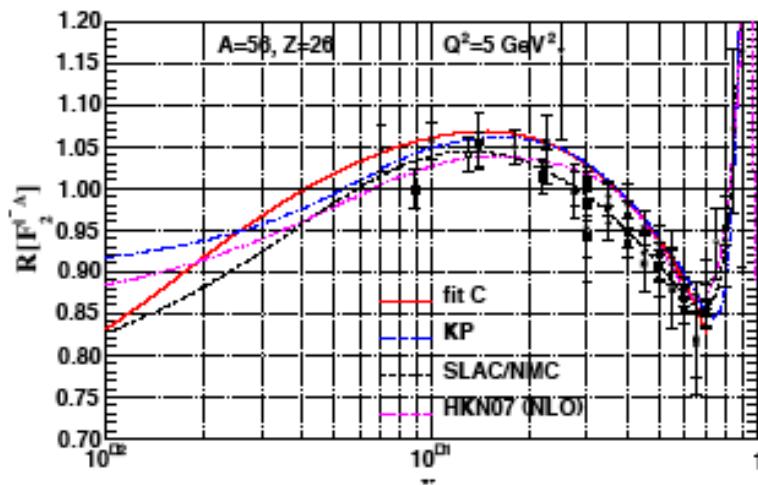
- ◆ Take an earlier analysis of  $\ell^\pm A$  data sets (built in A-dependence)
  - ▼ Schienbein, Yu, Kovarik, Keppel, Morfin, Olness, Owens,
  - ▼ PRD80 (2009) 094004
- ◆ For  $\ell^\pm A$  take  $F_2(A)/F_2(D)$  and  $F_2(A)/F_2(A')$  and DY  $\sigma(pA)/\sigma(pA')$ 
  - ▼ 708 Data points with  $Q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

Use the usual procedure of observing the behavior of the fits as you adjust the  
“weight” of the dominant data sample

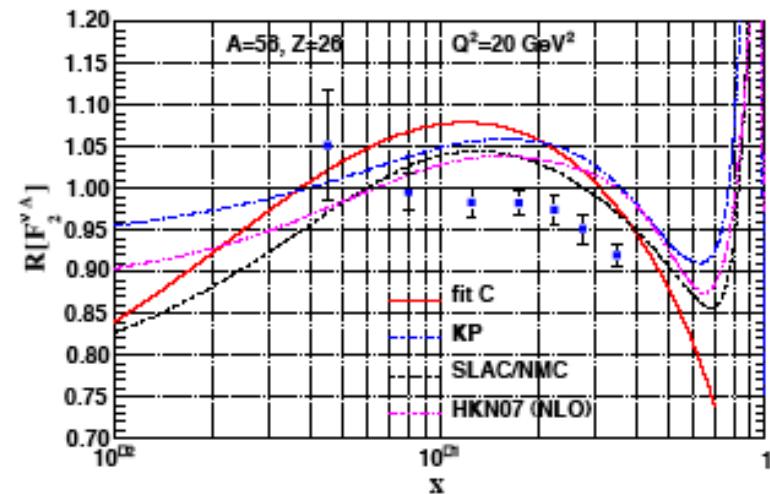
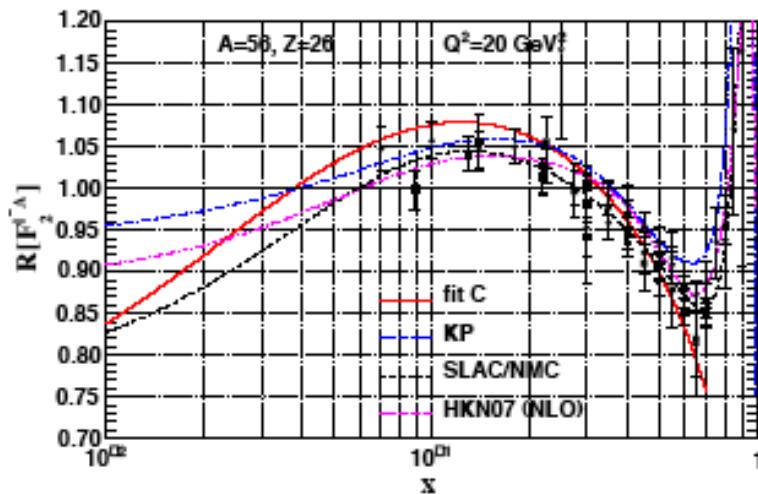
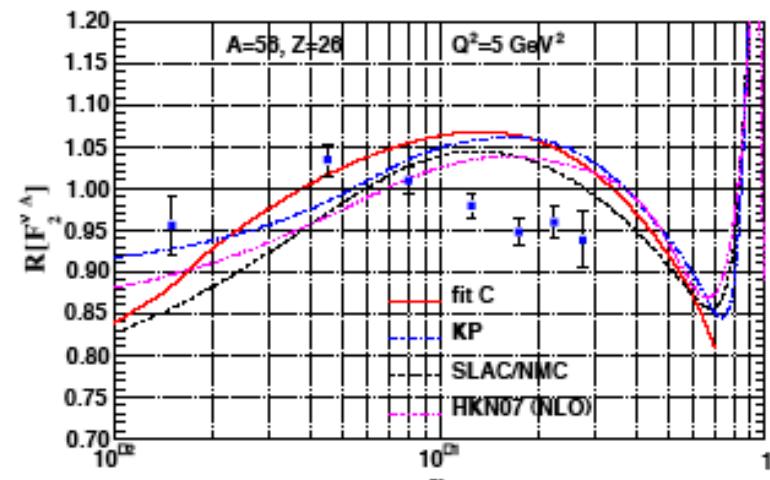
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$R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$



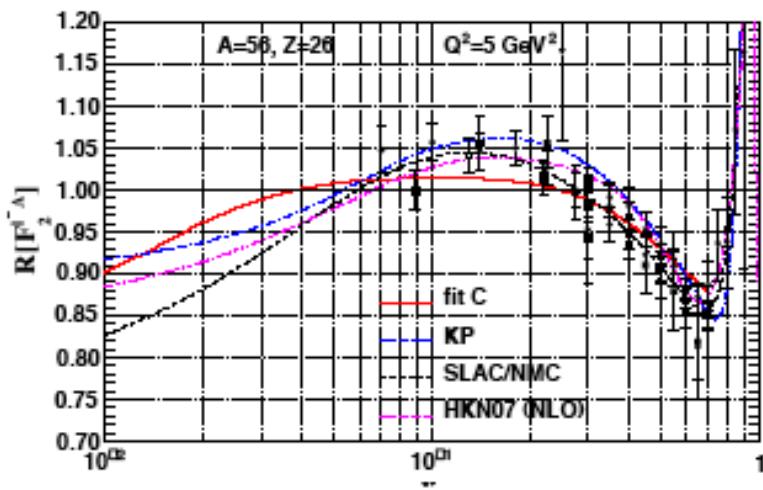
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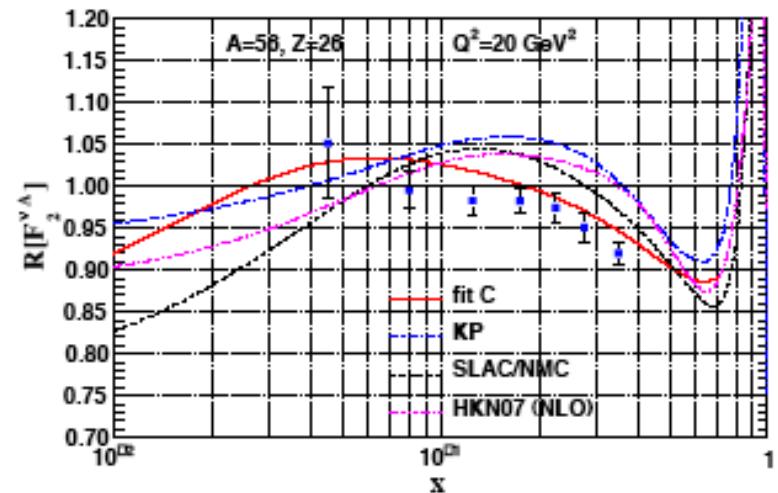
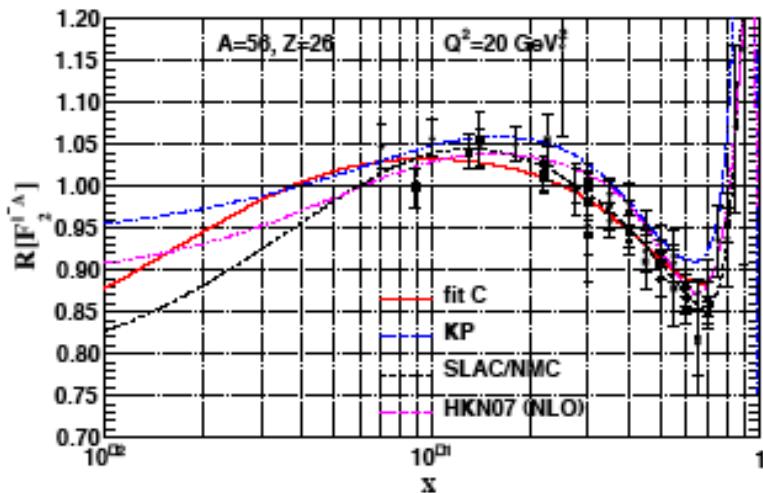
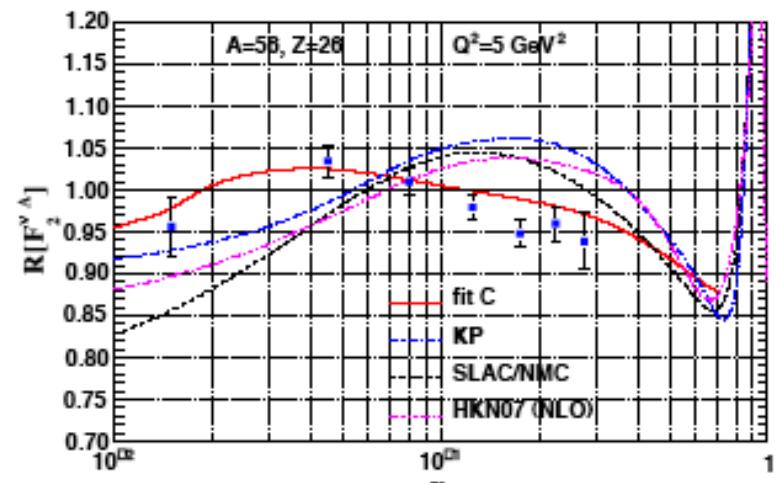
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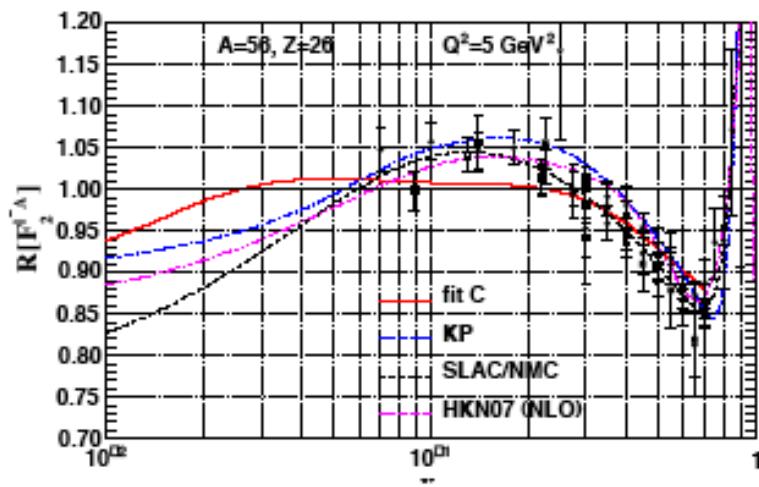
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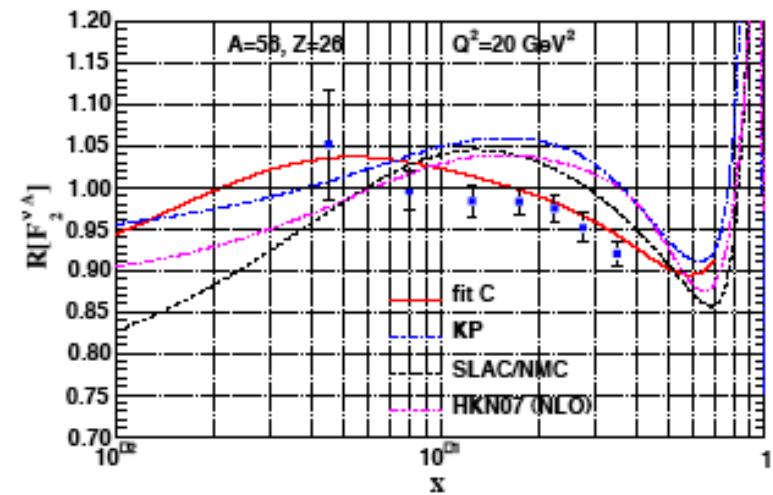
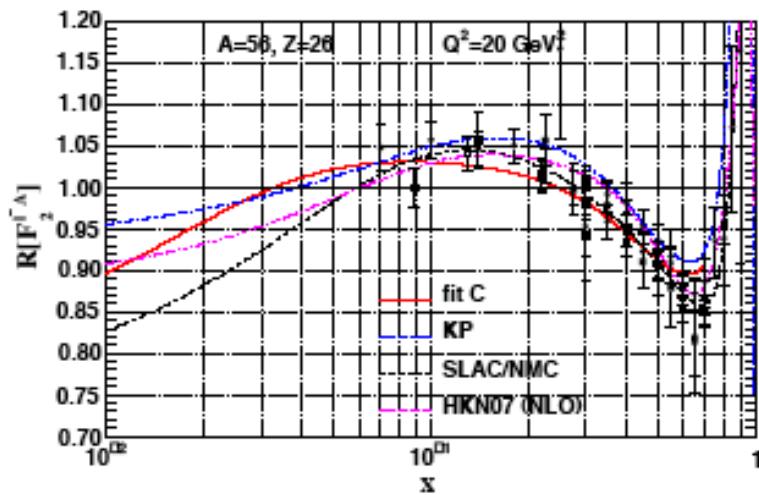
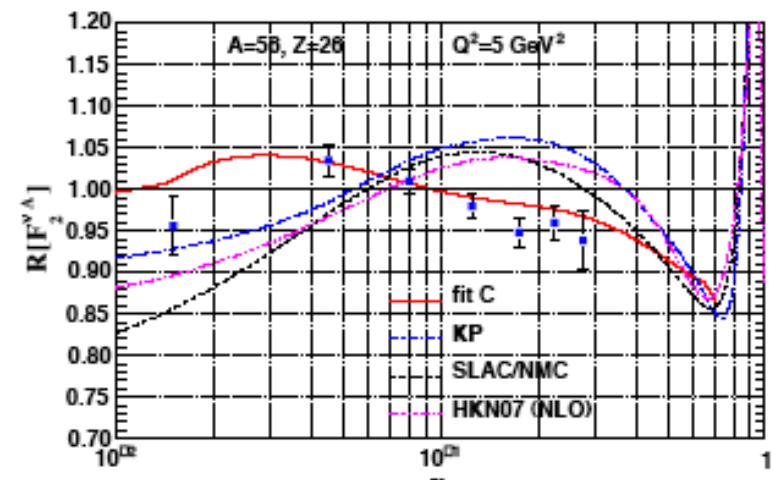
$W = 1$

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$R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$



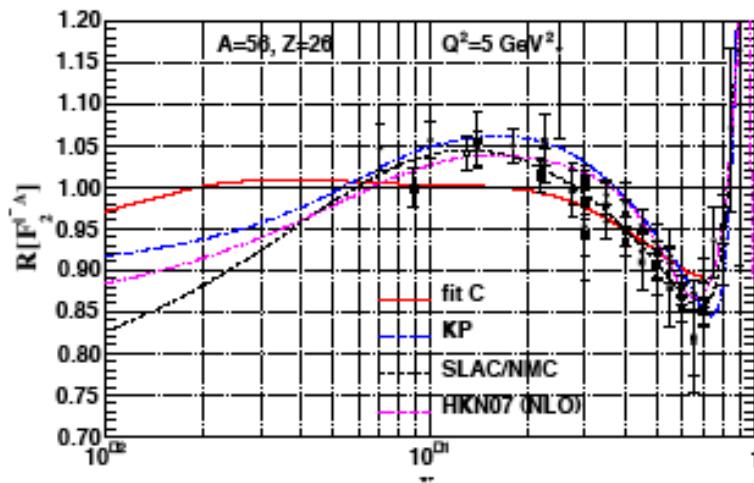
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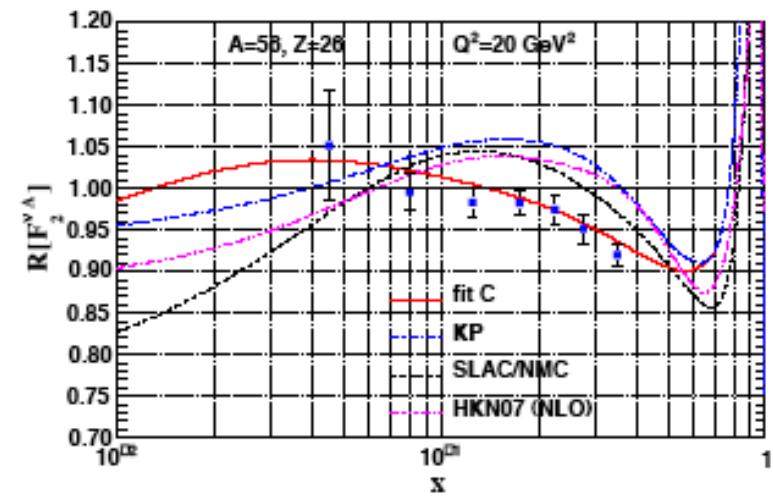
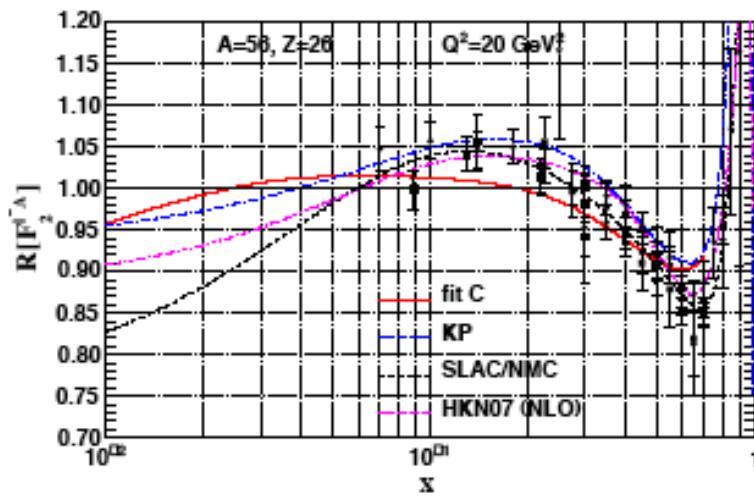
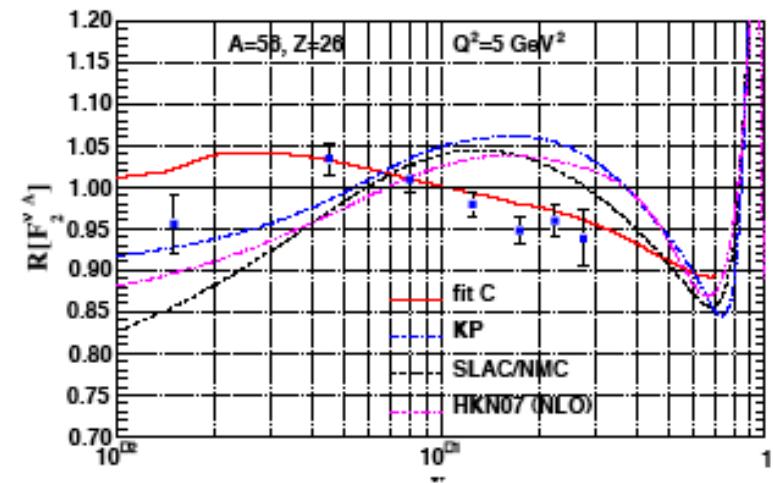
$$W = \infty$$


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$R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$



$R[F_2(v \text{ Fe})]$



## Fit results

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Weight	Fit name	$\ell$ data	$\chi^2$ (/pt)	$\nu$ data	$\chi^2$ (/pt)	total $\chi^2$ (/pt)
$w = 0$	decut3	708	639 (0.90)	-	-	639 (0.90)
$w = 1/7$	glofac1a	708	645 (0.91)	3134	4710 (1.50)	5355 (1.39)
$w = 1/4$	glofac1c	708	654 (0.92)	3134	4501 (1.43)	5155 (1.34)
$w = 1/2$	glofac1b	708	680 (0.96)	3134	4405 (1.40)	5085 (1.32)
$w = 1$	global2b	708	736 (1.04)	3134	4277 (1.36)	5014 (1.30)
$w = \infty$	nuanua1	-	-	3134	4192 (1.33)	4192 (1.33)

- ◆  $w = 0$ : **No.** Problem:  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$ .
- ◆  $w = 1/7$ : **No.** Problem:  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$ .
- ◆  $w = 1/4; 1/2$ : **No.**
  - ▼  $Q2 = 5$ : Undershoots  $R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$  for  $x < 0.2$ . Overshoots  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$  for  $x \gtrsim [0.1; 0.3]$ .
  - ▼  $Q2 = 20$ :  $R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$  still ok. Overshoots  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$ .
- ◆  $w = 1$ : **No.** Possibly there is a compromise if more strict  $Q2$  cut?
  - ▼  $Q2 = 5$ : Undershoots  $R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$  for  $x < 0.2$ .  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$  ok.
  - ▼  $Q2 = 20$ :  $R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$  still ok.  $R[F_2(\nu \text{ Fe})]$  ok.
- ◆  $w = \infty$ : **No.** Problem:  $R[F_2(\ell^\pm \text{ Fe})]$ .

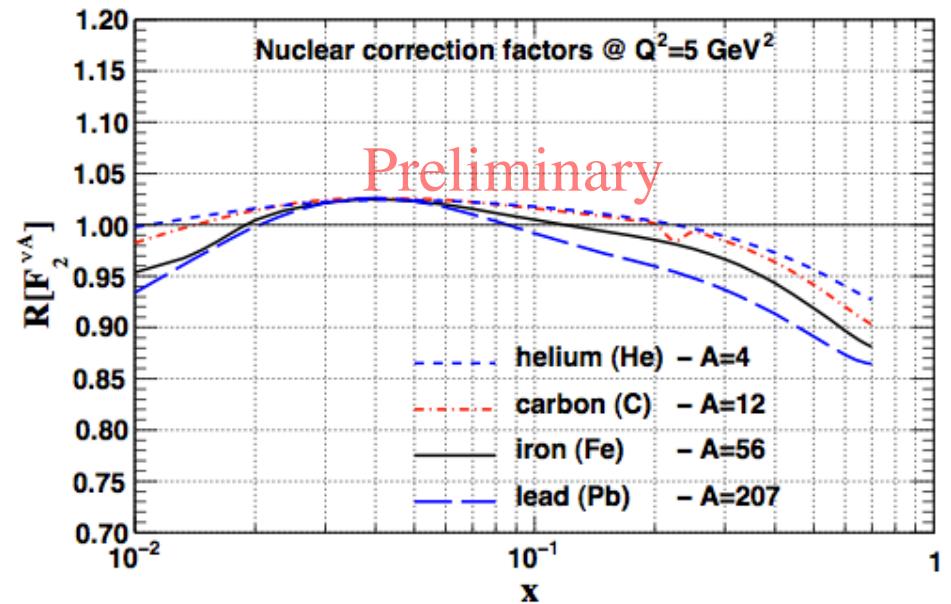
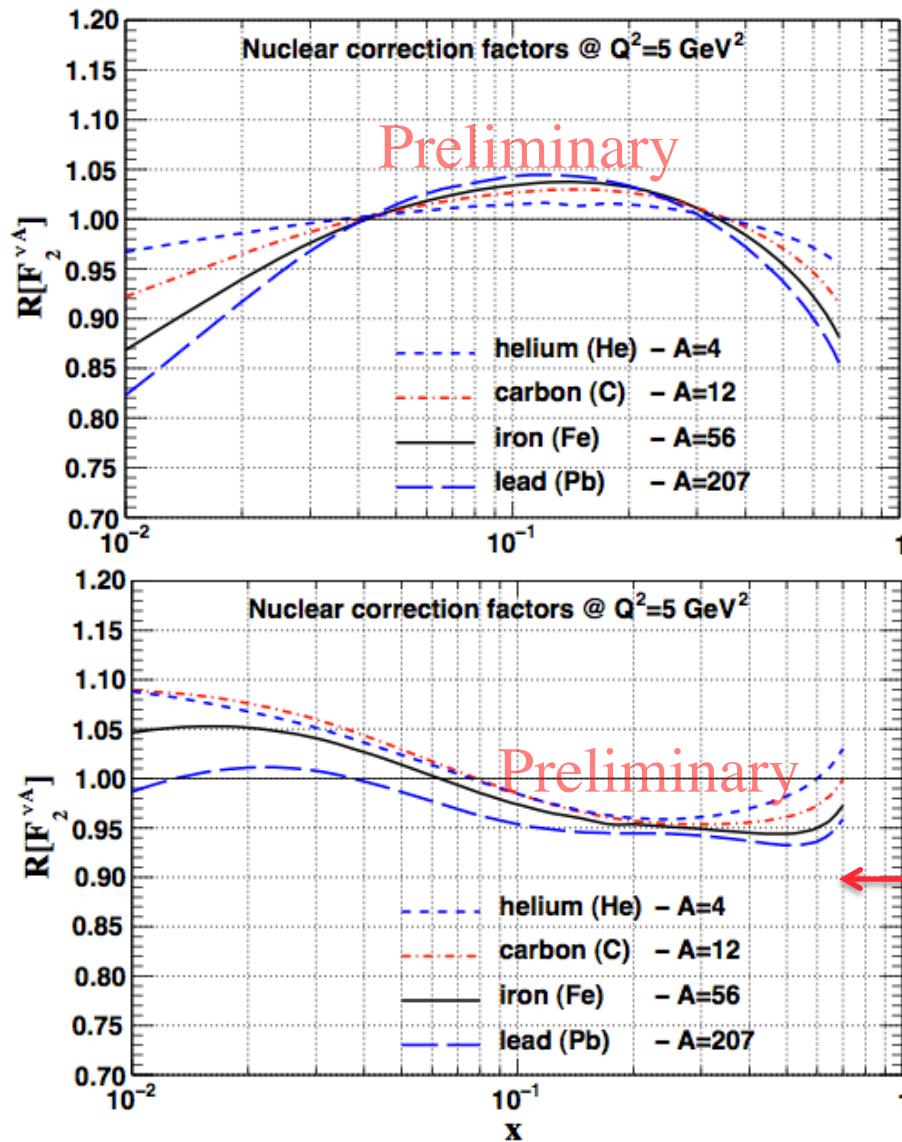
# Quantitative $\chi^2$ Analysis

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- ◆ Up to now we are giving a qualitative analysis. Consider next quantitative criterion based on  $\chi^2$
- ◆ Introduce “tolerance” ( $T$ ). Condition for compatibility of two fits:  
The 2nd fit  $\chi^2$  should be within the 90% C.L. region of the first fit  $\chi^2$
- ◆ Charged:  $638.9 \pm 45.6$  (best fit to charged lepton and DY data)
- ◆ Neutrino:  $4192 \pm 138$  (best fit to only neutrino data)

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# Few Days Old - VERY Preliminary Predictions for MINERvA Targets



Careful! Based on analysis of NuTeV  
 $\nu$ -Fe results and scaled in A as charged  
lepton nucleus scattering results!

(Karol Kovarik – Karlsruhe)

# Summary and Conclusions

- ◆ Neutrino scattering can provide an important look at the nucleon from a different (and complimentary) angle than electro-production.
  - ▼ The ability of neutrinos and anti-neutrinos to taste particular flavors of quarks can help isolate PDFs
- ◆ To understand the neutrino (oscillations, mixing, matter effects and  $\delta^{\text{CP}}$ ) neutrino experiments use heavy nuclear targets to obtain statistics. **Need to understand  $\nu$ -induced nuclear effects!**
  - ▼ Use the difference between  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  to measure  $\delta^{\text{CP}}$ . Nuclear effects are NOT the same?
- ◆ There are indications from one experiment using one nucleus that  **$\nu$ -induced nuclear effects are different** than  $\ell^\pm$ -nuclear effects.
  - ▼ Based on nuclear corrections factors R and the tolerance criterion, there is no good compromise fit to the  $\ell^\pm A + D Y + \nu A$  data.
- ◆ Need systematic **experimental** study of  **$\nu$ -induced nuclear effects in A and D<sub>2</sub>**.
- ◆ **MINERνA** –  $4.9 \times 10^{20}$  POT in LE and  $12.0 \times 10^{20}$  POT in ME configuration:
  - ▼ If ME beam **all neutrino** expect produced (NEUGEN)  $\approx 4.3 \times 10^6$  DIS events in 3 tons plastic, over 1 million DIS events in Fe and Pb and  $\frac{1}{2}$  million DIS events in water.

## Additional Details

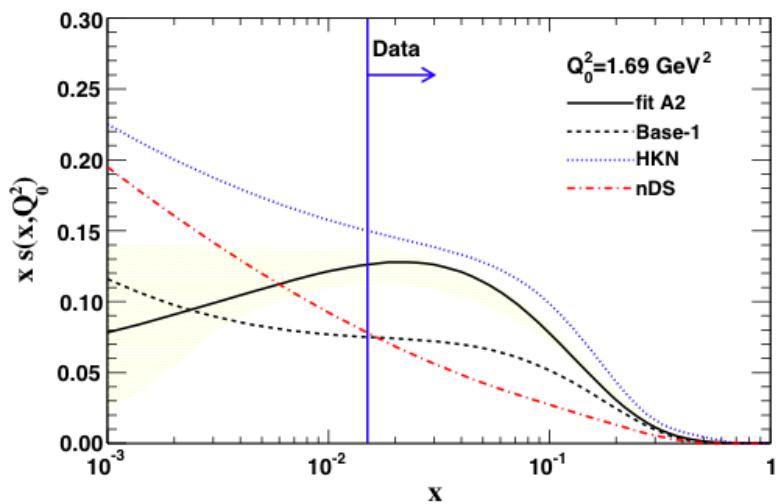
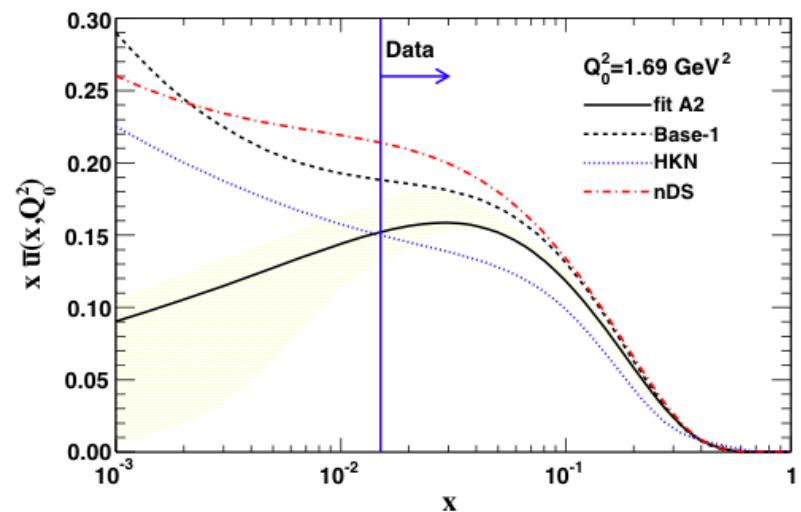
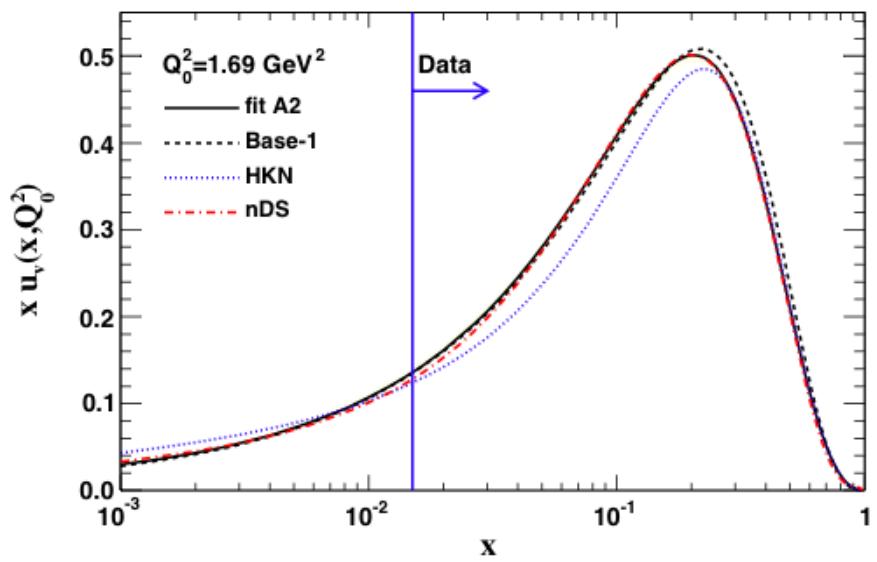
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# Motivation for Studying $\nu$ DIS

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- ◆ Interacting with the weak current means a **much smaller interaction rate** than e/ $\mu$  scattering
  - ▼ Need huge, higher-A detectors and intense neutrino beams
  - ▼ The neutrino flux is difficult to predict and measure.
- ◆ However **can select which set of quarks involved in the interaction via  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$**
- ◆ While  $F_2$  is measured precisely by the charge lepton scattering,  **$xF_3$  is accessible by neutrino DIS.**
  - ▼  $\Delta xF_3$  yields increased sensitivity to the **valence quark distributions**.
  - ▼ However, through  $\Delta xF_3 = 4x(s-c)$ ,  $\Delta xF_3$  is **also sensitive to heavy quarks**.
- ◆ Speaking of heavy quarks, examining charm production with neutrinos also gives us insight into the **strange quark distribution**.
- ◆ **Electroweak physics** has been a rich neutrino subject for decades.
- ◆ Finally, recent **phenomenological / experimental work is indicating some interesting differences concerning nuclear effects with neutrinos compared to charged lepton scattering.**

# Iron PDFs



# Charged lepton data points

- DIS  $F_2^A/F_2^D$  data sets: 862 points (before cuts)
- DIS  $F_2^A/F_2^{A'}$  data sets: 297 points (before cuts)
- DY data sets  $\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{pA}/\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{pA'}$ : 92 points (before cuts)

Table from Hirai et al., arXiv:0909.2329

R	Nucleus	Experiment	EPS09	HKN07	DS04
DIS	D/p	NMC		0	
	4He	SLAC E139	0	0	0
		NMC95	0 (5)	0	0
	Li	NMC95	0	0	
	Be	SLAC E139	0	0	0
		EMC-88, 90		0	
	C	NMC 95	0	0	0
		SLAC E139	0	0	0
		FNAL-E665		0	
	N	BCDMS 85		0	
		HERMES 03		0	
	Al	SLAC E49		0	
		SLAC E139	0	0	0
		EMC 90		0	
	Ca	NMC 95	0	0	0
		SLAC E139	0	0	0
		FNAL-E665		0	
		SLAC E87		0	
	Fe	SLAC E139	0 (15)	0	0
		SLAC E140		0	
		BCDMS 87		0	
	Cu	EMC 93	0	0	
	Kr	HERMES 03		0	
	Ag	SLAC E139	0	0	0
	Sn	EMC 88		0	
	Au	SLAC E139	0	0	0
	Pb	SLAC E140		0	
		FNAL-E665		0	
A/C	Be	NMC 96	0	0	0
	Al	NMC 96	0	0	0
	Ca	NMC 95		0	
		NMC 96	0	0	0
	Fe	NMC 96	0	0	0
	Sn	NMC 96	0 (10)	0	0
A/Li	Pb	NMC 96	0	0	0
	C	NMC 95	0	0	
	Ca	NMC 95	0	0	
DY	C		0	0	0
	A/D	Ca	FNAL-E772	0 (15)	0
		Fe		0 (15)	0
		W		0 (10)	0
	A/Be	Fe	FNAL E866	0	0
		W		0	0
$\pi \text{ pro}$		dA/dp	Au	RHIC-PHENIX	0 (20)

## High-x PDFs

### ν - p Scattering

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F_2^{\nu p} = 2x (d + \bar{u} + s) \\ F_2^{\bar{\nu} p} = 2x (\bar{d} + u + \bar{s}) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{At high } x} \boxed{\frac{F_2^{\nu p}}{F_2^{\bar{\nu} p}} = \frac{d}{u}}$$

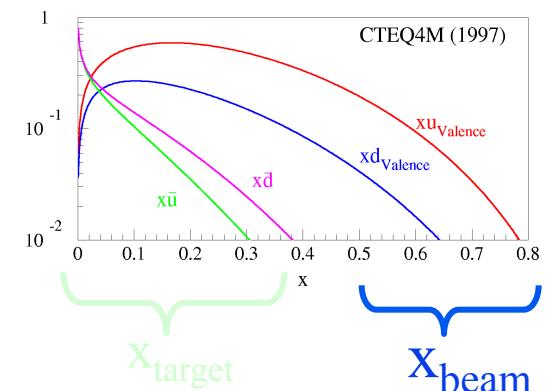
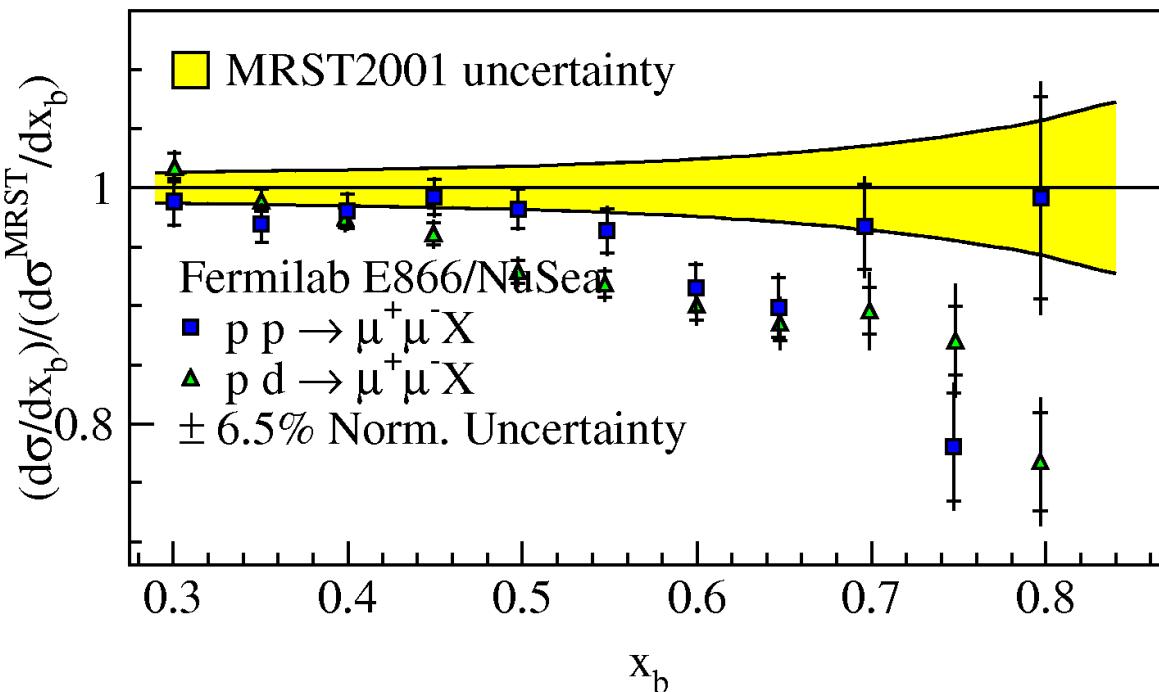

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Add in...

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} xF_3^{\nu p} = 2x (d - \bar{u} + s) \\ xF_3^{\bar{\nu} p} = 2x (-\bar{d} + u - \bar{s}) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{} \begin{array}{l} F_2^{\nu p} - xF_3^{\nu p} = 4x\bar{u} \\ F_2^{\bar{\nu} p} + xF_3^{\bar{\nu} p} = 4xu \end{array}$$

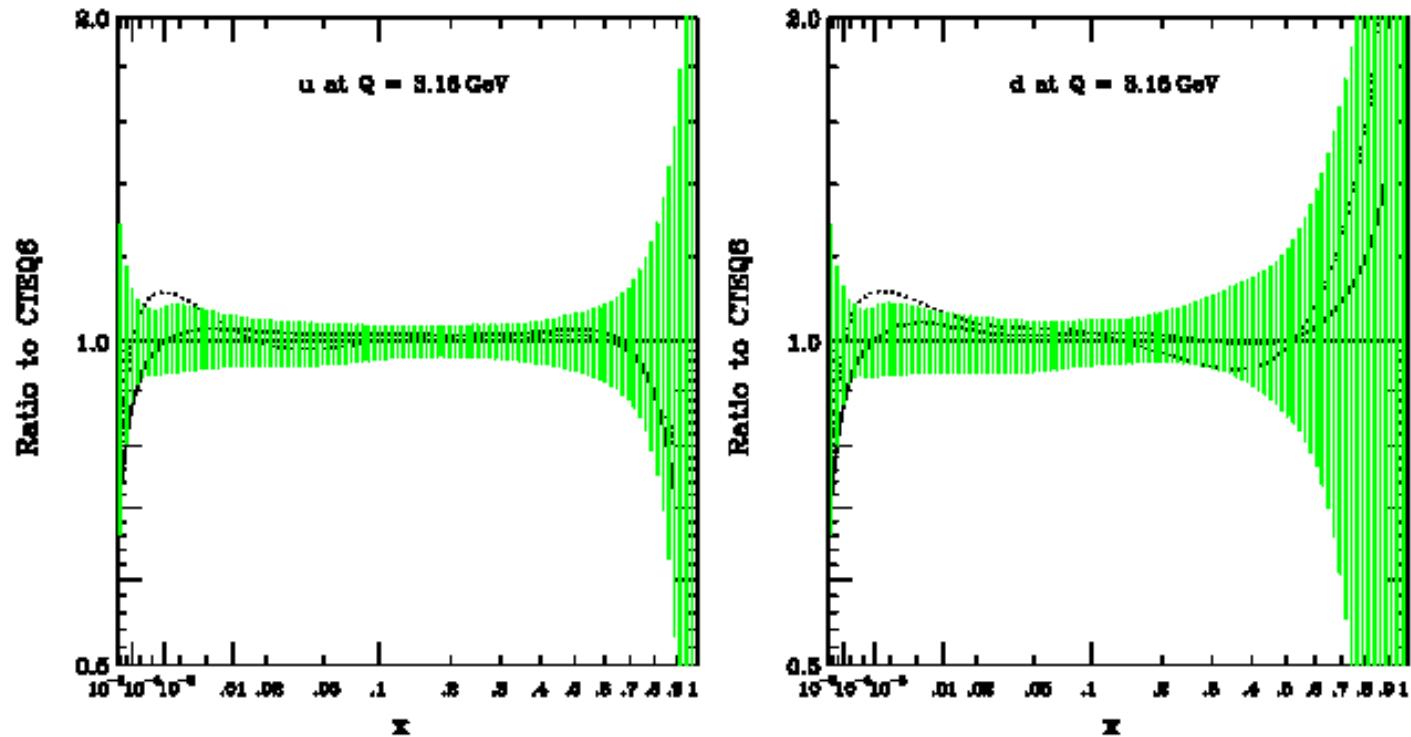
# Further indications that the valence quarks not quite right at high-x??

E866 -Drell-Yan Preliminary Results (R. Towell - Hix2004)



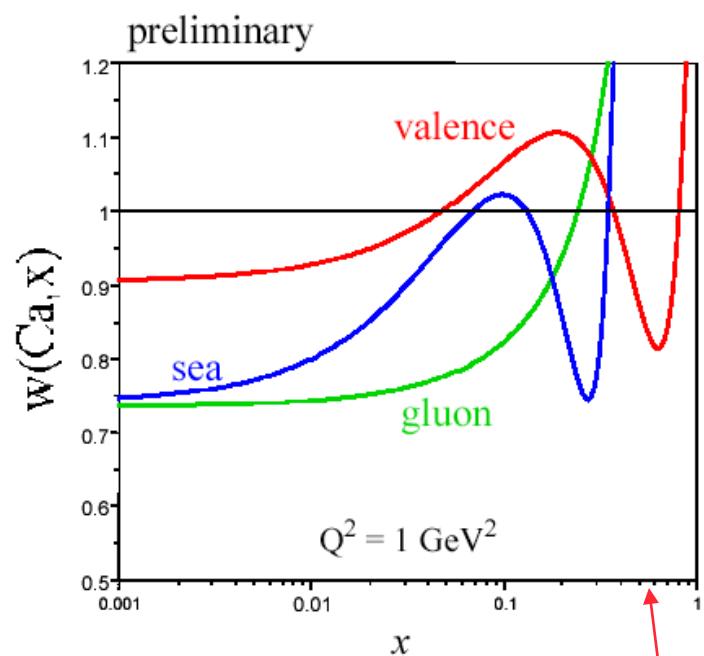
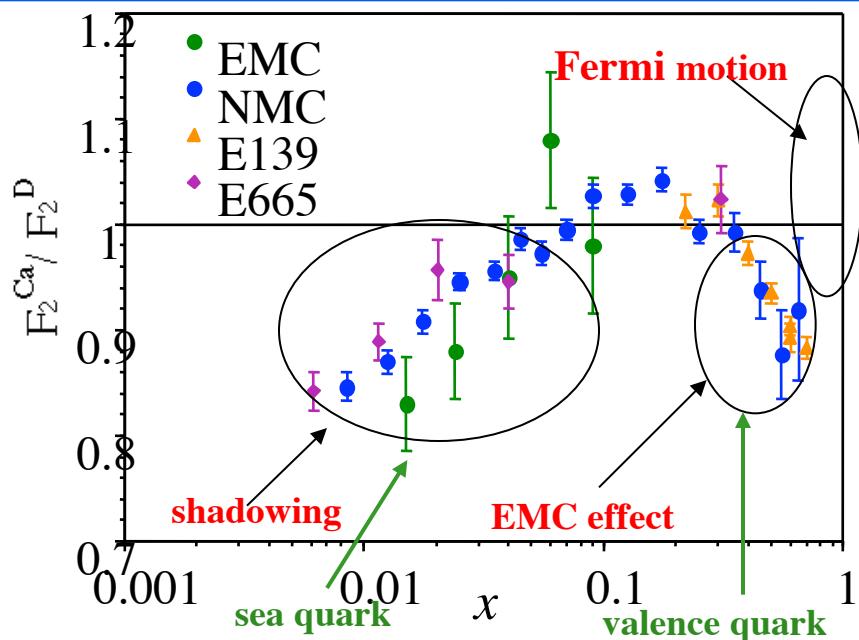
- $x_{\text{beam}}$  distribution measures  $4u + d$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .
- Both MRST and CTEQ overestimate valence distributions as  $x \rightarrow 1$  by 15-20%.
- Possibly related to  $d/u$  ratio as  $x \rightarrow 1$ , but requires full PDF-style fit.
- Radiative corrections have recently been calculated. (Not yet fully applied)

# Present Status: $\nu$ -scattering High $x_{Bj}$ parton distributions



- ◆ Ratio of CTEQ5M (solid) and MRST2001 (dotted) to CTEQ6 for the u and d quarks at  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The shaded green envelopes demonstrate the range of possible distributions from the CTEQ6 error analysis.
- ◆ CTEQ / MINERvA working group to investigate high- $x_{Bj}$  region.

# Knowledge of Nuclear Effects with Neutrinos: essentially NON-EXISTENT



- ◆  $F_2$  / nucleon changes as a function of  $A$ . Measured in  $\mu/e - A$  not in  $\nu - A$
- ◆ Good reason to consider nuclear effects are DIFFERENT in  $\nu - A$ .
  - ▼ Presence of axial-vector current.
  - ▼ SPECULATION: Much stronger shadowing for  $\nu - A$  but somewhat weaker “EMC” effect.
  - ▼ Different nuclear effects for valance and sea  $\rightarrow$  different shadowing for  $xF_3$  compared to  $F_2$ .
  - ▼ Different nuclear effects for d and u quarks.

# Formalism

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- ◆ PDF Parameterized at  $Q_0 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$  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:

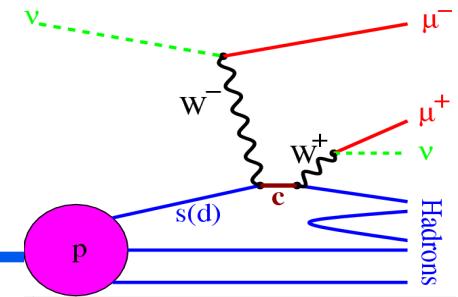
$$F_i^A(x, Q) = \frac{Z}{A} F_i^{p/A}(x, Q) + \frac{(A-Z)}{A} F_i^{n/A}(x, Q)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} {}^{(\bar{\nu})A} &= \frac{G^2 M E}{\pi} \left[ (1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E}) F_2^{(\bar{\nu})A} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{y^2}{2} 2xF_1^{(\bar{\nu})A} \pm y(1 - \frac{y}{2}) xF_3^{(\bar{\nu})A} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Charm Production by Neutrinos

## a direct look at strange sea.



- ◆ Charm quark is produced from CC neutrino interaction with s(d) quark in the nucleon. d-quark interaction is CKM suppressed
- ◆ Detect charm via the semi-leptonic decay which yields a very clear signature – two opposite sign muons
- ◆ It is sensitive to  $m_c$  through  $E_\nu$  dependence.
- ◆ With high-purity  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  beams, NuTeV made high statistics separate s and  $\bar{s}$  measurements: 5163  $\nu$  and 1380  $\bar{\nu}$
- ◆ Could then make a measurement of  $s - \bar{s}$ .

# Strange Sea Asymmetry

$$S^- = (S - \bar{S})$$

$$S^- = \int_0^1 x s^-(x) dx = 0.00196 \pm 0.00046 \pm 0.00045 \pm 0.00128$$

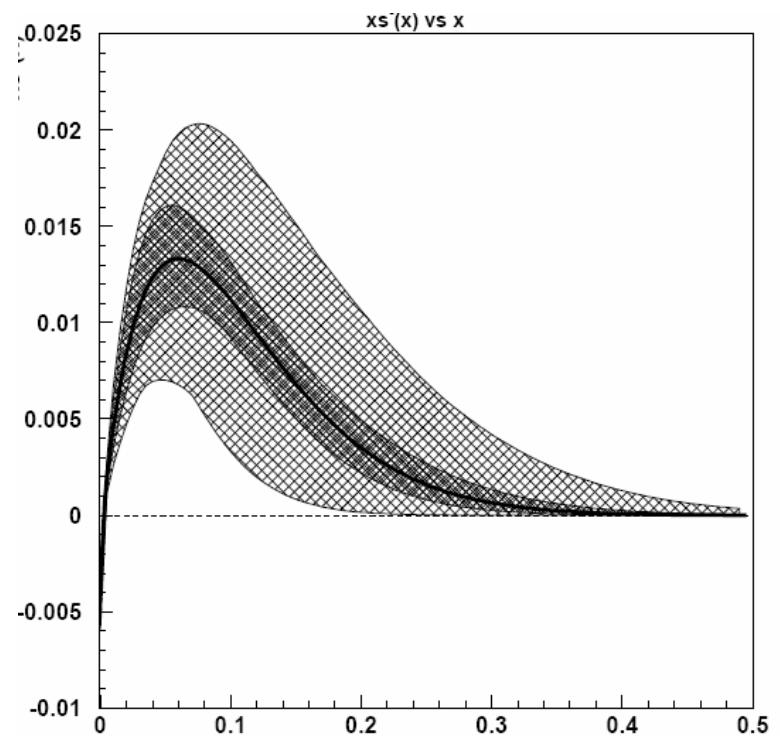
(stat)      (syst)      (external)

- ◆ CTEQ inspired NLO model,
- ◆ in the fit net strangeness of the nucleon is forced to 0.

$$m_c = 1.41 \pm 0.10(\text{stat}) \pm 0.008(\text{syst}) \pm 0.12(\text{ext}) \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

**This is an analysis of strange quarks in an Fe nucleus!**

**Are  $\nu$  nuclear effects known? Are they the same for  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$ ?**



# Parton Distribution Functions: What Can We Learn With All Six Structure Functions?

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Recall Neutrinos have the ability to directly resolve flavor of the nucleon's constituents:  
 $\nu$  interacts with d, s,  $\bar{u}$ , and  $\bar{c}$  while  $\bar{\nu}$  interacts with u, c, d and s.

Using Leading order expressions:

$$F_2^{\nu N}(x, Q^2) = x[u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d} + 2s + 2c]$$

$$F_2^{\bar{\nu} N}(x, Q^2) = x[u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d} + 2\bar{s} + 2\bar{c}]$$

$$xF_3^{\nu N}(x, Q^2) = x[u + d - \bar{u} - \bar{d} - 2\bar{s} + 2c]$$

$$xF_3^{\bar{\nu} N}(x, Q^2) = x[u + d - \bar{u} - \bar{d} + 2s - 2\bar{c}]$$

Taking combinations of the Structure functions

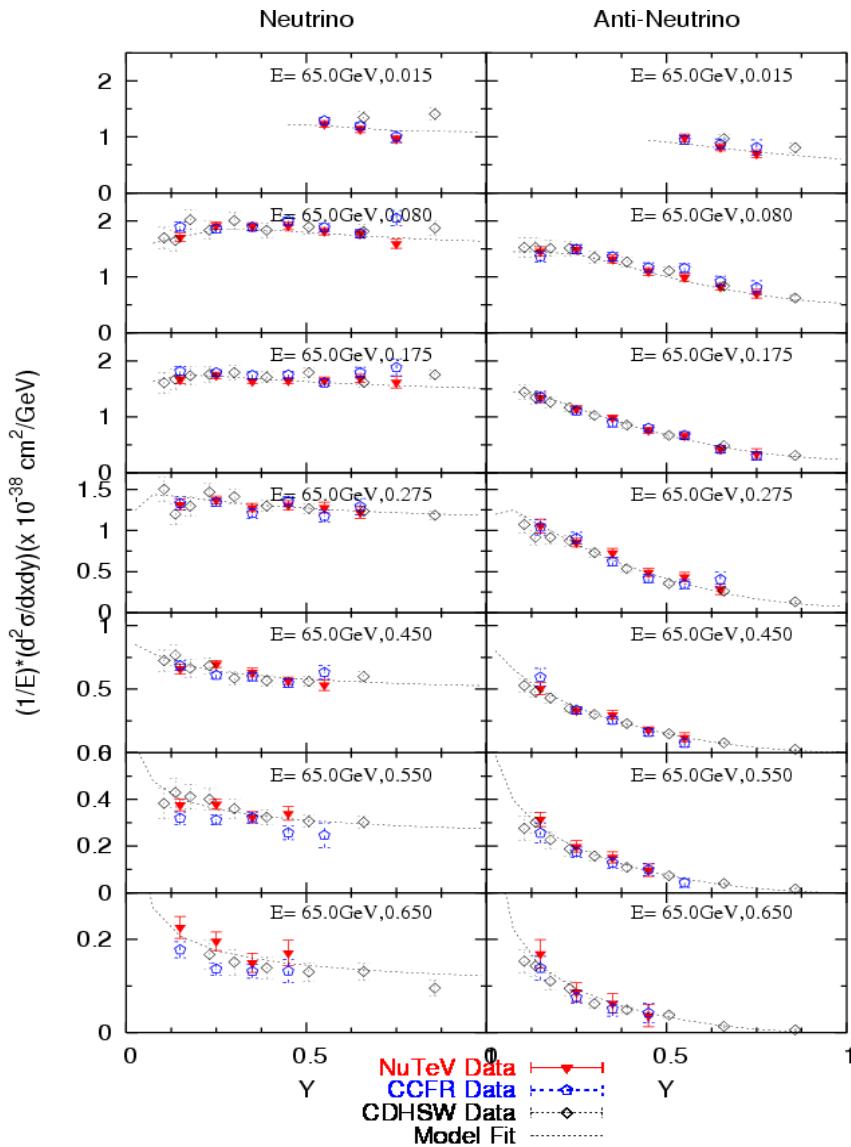
$$F_2^\nu - xF_3^\nu = 2(\bar{u} + \bar{d} + 2\bar{c})$$

$$F_2^{\bar{\nu}} - xF_3^{\bar{\nu}} = 2(\bar{u} + \bar{d} + 2\bar{s})$$

$$xF_3^\nu - xF_3^{\bar{\nu}} = 2[(s + \bar{s}) - (\bar{c} + c)]$$

# NuTeV CC Differential Cross Section

$d\sigma/dy$  for different  $E_\nu$

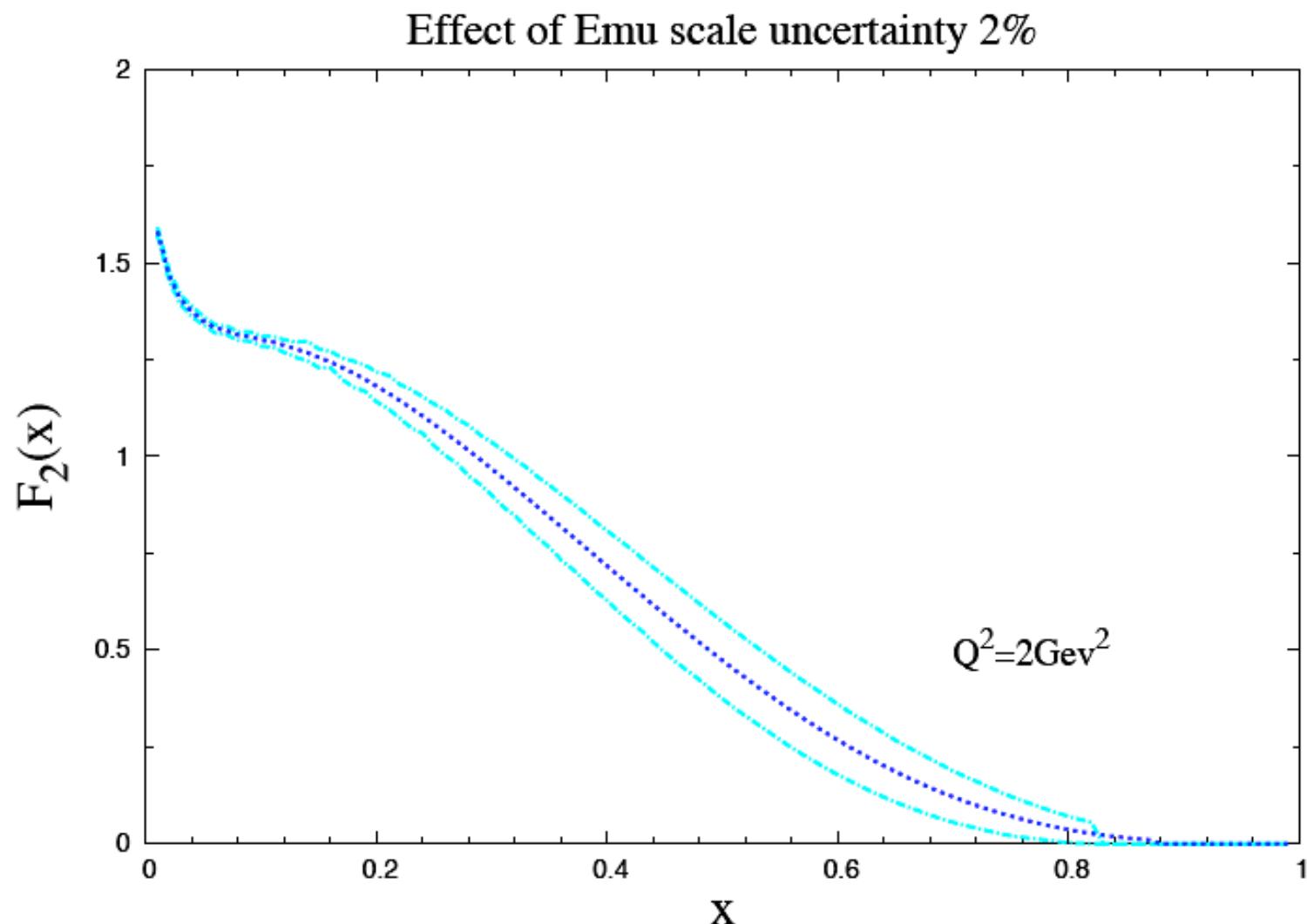


	$E_\mu$ scale	$E_{\text{HAD}}$ scale	$E_\nu$ range (GeV)
CDHSW	2%	2.5%	20-200
CCFR	1%	1%	30-360
NuTeV	0.7%	0.43%	30-360

- ◆ NuTeV has increased statistics compared to other  $\nu$ -Fe experiments.
- ◆ Significant reduction in the largest systematic uncertainties : -  $E_\mu$  and  $E_{\text{HAD}}$  scales

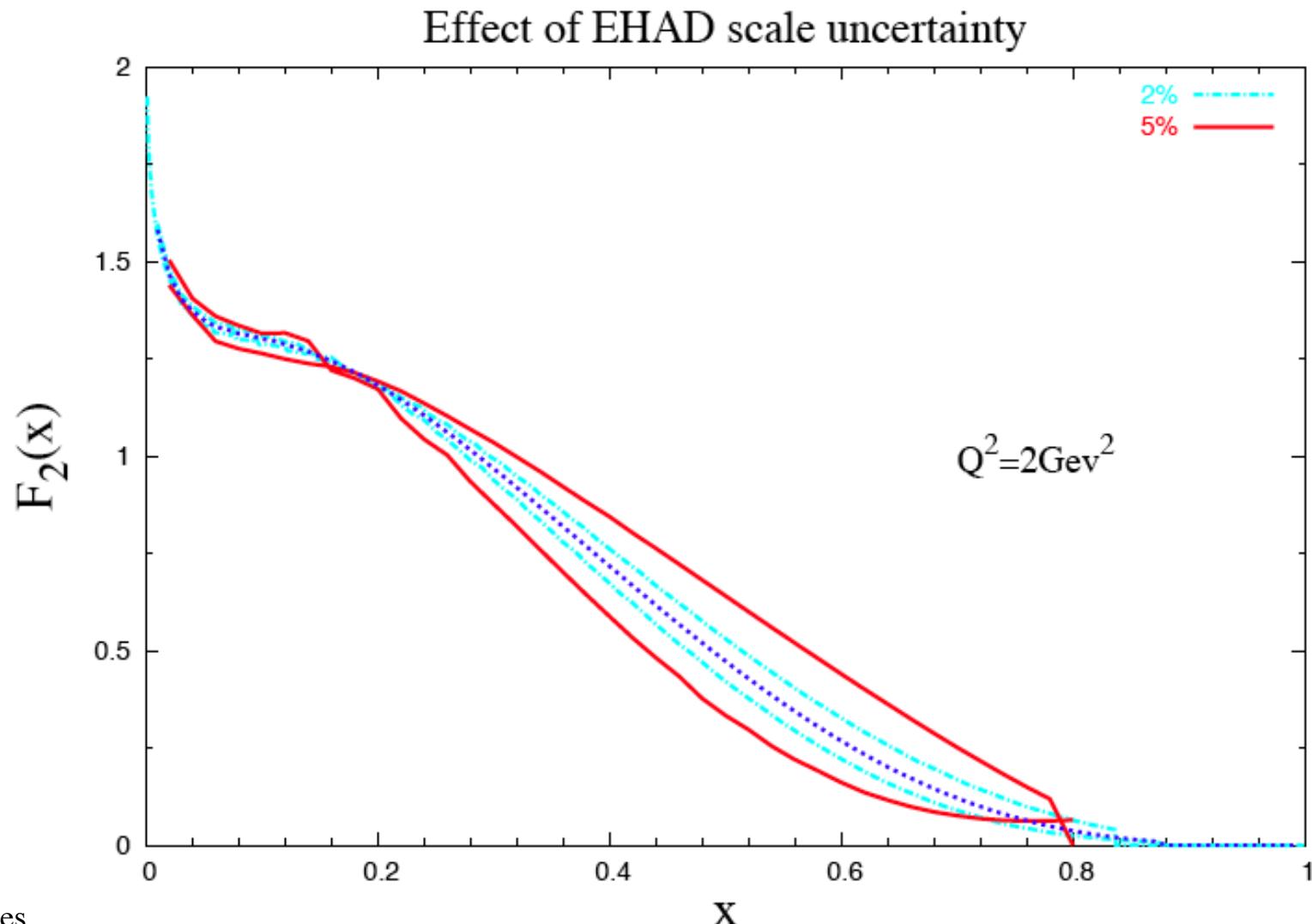
# Estimated systematic error: $E_\mu$ scale

NuTev achieved 0.7%

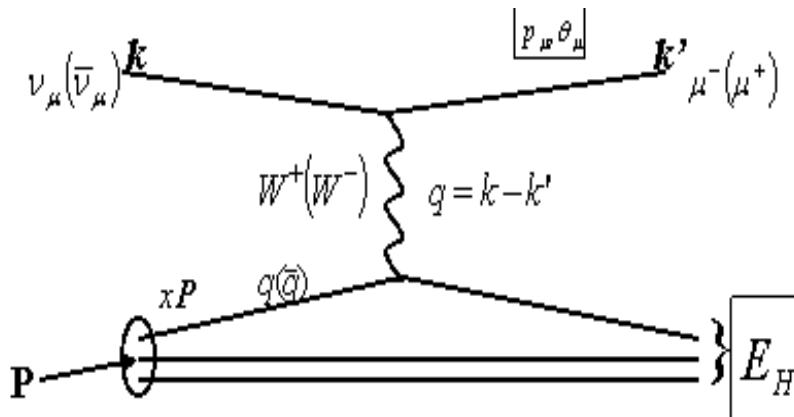


# Estimated systematic error: $E_{had}$ scale

NuTev achieved 0.43%



# The Parameters of ν DIS



$Q^2 = 4E_\nu E_\mu \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2},$	Squared 4-momentum transferred to hadronic system
$x = \frac{Q^2}{2ME_{HAD}},$	Fraction of momentum carried by the struck quark
$y = \frac{\nu}{E_\nu} = \frac{E_{HAD}}{E_\nu},$	Inelasticity

Differential cross section in terms of structure functions:

$$\frac{1}{E_\nu} \frac{d^2\sigma^{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{dxdy} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi(1+Q^2/M_W^2)} \left[ \left( 1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E_\nu} + \frac{y^2}{2} \frac{1+4M^2x^2/Q^2}{1+R(x,Q^2)} \right) F_2^{\nu(\bar{\nu})} \pm \left( y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) x F_3^{\nu(\bar{\nu})} \right]$$

Structure Functions in terms of parton distributions (for ν-scattering)

$$F_2^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N} = \sum [xq^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N}(x) + x\bar{q}^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N}(x) + 2xk^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N}(x)]$$

$$xF_3^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N} = \sum [xq^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N}(x) - x\bar{q}^{\nu(\bar{\nu})N}(x)] = x(d_\nu(x) + u_\nu(x)) \pm 2x(s(x) - c(x))$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T}$$