

# Physics 214 UCSD/225a UCSB

## Lecture 14

- Schedule for remaining Quarter
- Selected topics from chapters 8&9
  - inelastic scattering
  - deep inelastic scattering
    - parton density distributions

# Schedule for remaining Quarter

- Week of 11/26 - 11/30
  - Mo lecture
  - Tuesday 2-4pm Seminars
  - We lecture
  - Thursday 2-4pm Seminars
  - Thursday 6pm start of take-home final
- Week of 12/3 - 12/7
  - Mo lecture: hand-in take home final before lecture.
  - We lecture
  - Quarter Finished
- Week of 12/10 - 12/14
  - You get your grades before the week is over.

# Logic of what we are doing:

- Electron - muon scattering in lab frame
  - Show what spin 1/2 on spin 1/2 scattering looks like for point particles.
- Elastic electron - proton scattering
  - Introduce the concept of form factors
  - Show how the charge radius of proton is determined
- Inelastic electron - proton scattering
  - Parameterize cross section instead of amplitude
- Deep inelastic electron - proton scattering
  - Introduce partons and parton density function
  - Discuss parton density function of proton
- Construct “parton-parton luminosity” for pp and ppbar
  - Explain the excitement about the LHC

# e-proton vs e-muon scattering

- What's different?
- If proton was a spin 1/2 point particle with magnetic moment  $e/2M$  then all one needs to do is plug in the proton mass instead of muon mass into:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{E'}{E} \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{q^2}{2M^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

- However, magnetic moment differs, and we don't have a point particle !!!

# Proton Current

$$J^\mu = -e\bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \frac{\kappa}{2M} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p) e^{i(p'-p)x}$$

***We determine  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $\kappa$  experimentally, with the constraint that  $F_1(0)=1=F_2(0)$  in order for  $\kappa$  to have the meaning of the anomalous magnetic moment.***

The two form factors  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  parametrize our ignorance regarding the detailed structure of the proton.

# Cross Section in labframe

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{E'}{E} \left[ \left( F_1^2 - \frac{\kappa^2 q^2}{4M^2} F_2^2 \right) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{q^2}{2M^2} (F_1 + \kappa F_2)^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{E'}{E} \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 2\tau G_M^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$G_E = F_1 - \kappa\tau F_2$$

$$G_M = F_1 + \kappa F_2$$

$$\tau = -\frac{q^2}{4M^2}$$

**Introduced  $G_E$  and  $G_M$  to avoid terms like  $F_1 F_2$  which are harder to fit for experimentally.**  
**Introduced tau to save some writing.**

# Experimental Observation

Both  $G$ 's are of the form:  
(See figure 8.4 in H&M)

$$G = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{q^2}{0.71}\right)^2} \quad (\text{in units of GeV})$$

From this we obtain the  
charge radius of the proton as:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = 6 \frac{dG_E(q^2)}{dq^2} \Big|_{q^2=0} = 0.8 \text{ fm}$$

(for more details see H&M Exercise 8.8)

***Size of the proton ~ 0.8fm***

# Inelastic Scattering

- If we wanted to work at the amplitude level, we would have to produce a current that includes a sum over all possible final state multiplicities.
  - Not a very appealing formalism!
- Instead, we go back to the cross section in terms of the product of electron and muon tensor, and generalize the muon tensor, rather than the muon current !!!



# Inelastic Cross section

$$d\sigma \propto L_{electron}^{\mu\nu} L_{muon}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$d\sigma \propto L_{electron}^{\mu\nu} L^{"proton"}_{\mu\nu}$$

**The  $W_i$  ;  $i=1,2,3,4$  are called proton structure functions.**

$$L^{"proton"}_{\mu\nu} \equiv W_{\mu\nu}$$

$$W_{\mu\nu} = -W_1 g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{W_2}{M^2} p^\mu p^\nu + \frac{W_4}{M^2} q^\mu q^\nu + \frac{W_5}{M^2} (p^\mu q^\nu + q^\mu p^\nu)$$

**Note the omission of  $W_3$**  . It is reserved for a parity-violating structure function that is present in neutrino-proton scattering. Here the virtual photon is replaced by a virtual W or Z that interacts with the proton, or its constituents.

**Note: antisymmetric  $pq$ - $qp$  vanishes** because electron tensor is symmetric.

# Not all $W_i$ are independent

$$d\sigma \propto L_{electron}{}^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}$$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} W_5 &= -\frac{pq}{q^2} W_2 \\ W_4 &= \left(\frac{pq}{q^2}\right)^2 W_2 + \frac{M^2}{q^2} W_1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**Current conservation**  
**See Exercise 8.10 in H&M**

$$\Rightarrow W^{\mu\nu} = W_1 \left( -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \right) + \frac{W_2}{M^2} \left( p^\mu - \frac{pq}{q^2} q^\mu \right) \left( p^\nu - \frac{pq}{q^2} q^\nu \right)$$

# $W_i$ are functions of Lorentz scalars

- Unlike elastic scattering, there are two Lorentz scalars in inelastic scattering (after all,  $M$  after collision is not fixed):

$$q^2 = (k - k')^\mu (k - k')_\mu$$

*This notation is just to write less ->*  $v \equiv \frac{p \cdot q}{M}$

- These are more commonly replaced by  $x, y$  defined as follows:

$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q} = \frac{-q^2}{2Mv}$$

- We'll get back to  $x, y$  later.

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

# Two comments on $x, y$

- The physical region for  $x, y$  is within  $[0, 1]$
- Both  $x, y$  depend only on measurement of:
  - Incoming electron 3-vector in lab
  - Outgoing electron 3-vector in lab
  - Incoming 3-vector of proton in lab

$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

*Note:*

$$q^2 = -2kk' < 0$$

$pq > 0$  and thus  $x > 0$ .

$$M'^2 = (p+q)^2 = M^2 + 2pq + q^2$$

As  $M' > M$ ,  $pq$  must be  $> 0$  and thus  $x < 1$ .

# Cross section for inelastic electron proton scattering

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left[ W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$W_i = W_i(\nu, q^2)$$

See H&M chapter 8.3 for details.

# Deep inelastic scattering

- Intuitively, it seems obvious that small wavelength, i.e. large  $-q^2$ , virtual photons ought to be able to probe the charge distribution inside the proton.
- If there are pointlike spin 1/2 particles, i.e. “quarks” inside, then we ought to be able to measure their charge via electron-proton scattering at large  $-q^2$ .
- *Within the formalism so far, this means that we measure  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  to have a form that indicates pointlike spin 1/2 particles.*

***What's that form?***

***Let's compare e-mu, elastic, and inelastic scattering.***

**Electron muon:**

$$W_1 = -(q^2/2M^2) \delta[v + (q^2/2m)]$$

$$W_2 = \delta[v + (q^2/2m)]$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{q^4} \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{q^2}{2m^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \delta \left( v + \frac{q^2}{2m} \right)$$

**Elastic electron proton:**

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**Inelastic electron proton:**

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega} \right|_{lab} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{q^4} \left[ W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

# Aside

- Let's replace  $-q^2$  by  $Q^2$  in order to always have a positive  $Q^2$  value in all our expressions.
- Mathematical aside:  $\delta[ax] = \delta[x]/a$
- Let's introduce the dimensionless variable  $\omega$

$$\omega = \frac{2q \cdot p}{Q^2}$$



# $W_1, W_2$ for point particles in proton

$$2mW_1 = \frac{Q^2}{2m} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{Q^2}{2m}\right) \Rightarrow 2mW_1 = \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu} \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu}\right)$$

$$\nu W_2 = \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu}\right)$$

Both of these structure functions are now functions of only one dimensionless variable !!!

**$\Rightarrow$  Bjorken Scaling**

Both of these structure functions are obviously related. In this case, there is only one  $F(x)$ . More on this in a sec.

# Scaling as characteristic of point particles inside the proton

- To understand why the scale independence itself is the important characteristics of having point particles inside the proton, compare  $W_i$  for e-mu with elastic e-proton:

$$2mW_1 = \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu} \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu}\right) \quad 2MW_1^{elastic} = G(Q^2) \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu} \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}\right)$$

$$\nu W_2 = \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2m\nu}\right) \quad \nu W_2^{elastic} = G(Q^2) \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}\right)$$

- For elastic scattering, there is an explicit  $Q^2$  dependence. The 0.71GeV mass scale in the pole of  $G$  sets a size cut-off below which the proton is more likely to disintegrate than scatter elastically.

$$G = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71}\right)^2}$$

# Bjorken Scaling

$$\omega = \frac{2q \cdot p}{Q^2}$$

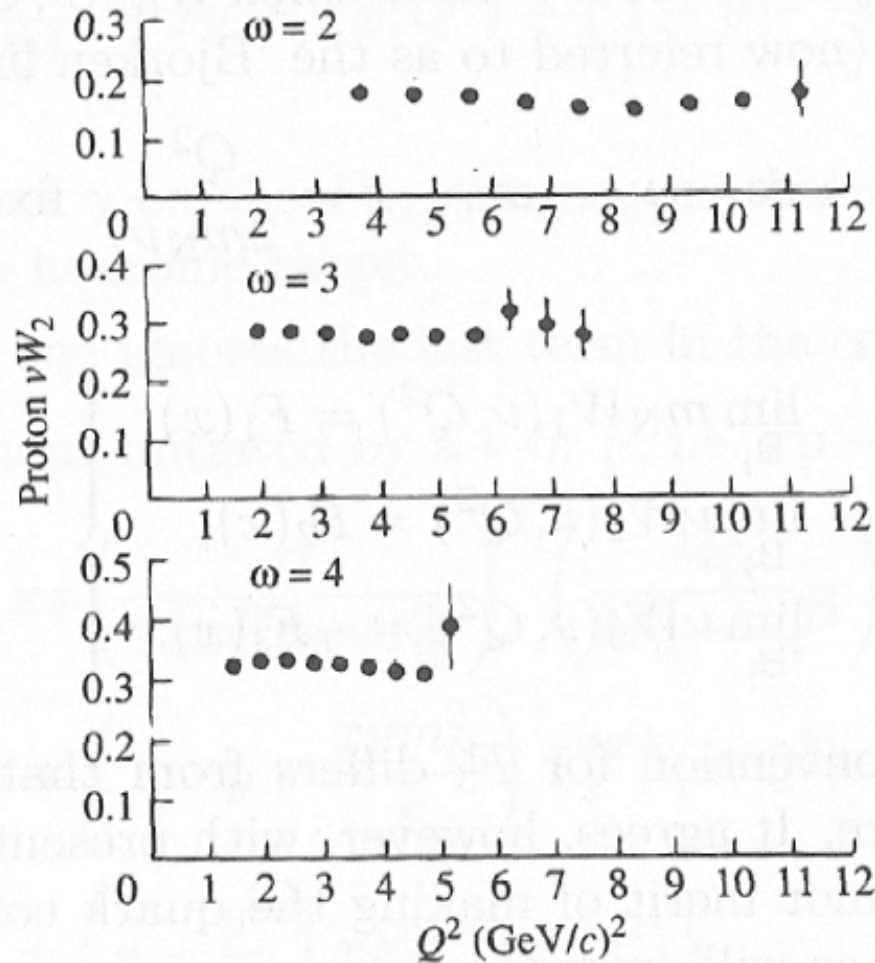


Fig. 15.9. Scaling behaviour of electromagnetic structure function  $\nu W_2$  at various  $\omega$  values. There is virtually no variation with  $Q^2$ . (From Panofsky, 1968.)

# The parton picture of the proton

- Proton is made up of some set of partons.
  - Some of which are charged
  - Others aren't.
- Each parton carries a fraction,  $x$ , of the momentum.

	Proton	Parton
Energy	$E$	$xE$
Momentum	$p_L$	$x p_L$
	$p_T = 0$	$p_T = 0$
Mass	$M$	$xM$

- All fractions add up to 1: 
$$\sum_i \int dx \ x f_i(x) = 1$$

# What weirdo frame is that?

- The only way you can have the kinematic assignments from the previous page is if

$$|p| \gg m, M$$

- Everything is thus highly relativistic, all partons move at  $\sim c$ , and the kinematics described makes sense.
- Relativistic time dilation in this “frame” leads to partons being free particles, i.e. the  $dt$  during which the virtual photon interaction takes place is  $\ll$  than the time for the partons to interact with each other.
  - $\Rightarrow$  We can add probabilities for interacting with each parton, rather than the amplitudes.
  - $\Rightarrow$  This is referred to as the *incoherence assumption*, and implicit in our use of  $f_i(x)$ :

$$\sum_i \int dx \quad xf_i(x) = 1$$

# Recap of parton structure function

- There is only one  $F(x)$ .
- It is made out of the incoherent sum of *probabilities for finding a given type  $i$  of parton at a given  $x$*  in the proton:

$$2xF_1(x) = F_2(x) = \sum_i e_i^2 x f_i(x)$$

- The experimental problem is thus to *extract  $f_i(x)$  from a large variety of measurements*.
- For deep inelastic e-proton, the gluon structure function can be obtained from the requirement that it all adds up. Gluons are the leftovers.

# Simple Example for determining structure function for quarks.

- Compare e-proton with e-deuteron deep inelastic scattering.

⇒ This gives us  $F^{ep}$  and  $F^{en}$  structure function.

$$\frac{1}{x} F^{ep} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x)\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} F^{en} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(u^n(x) + \bar{u}^n(x)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(d^n(x) + \bar{d}^n(x)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(s^n(x) + \bar{s}^n(x)\right)$$

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 u - \bar{u} = u_v \\
 d - \bar{d} = d_v
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 \frac{1}{x} F_2^{ep}(x) = \frac{1}{9} [4u_v(x) + d_v(x)] + \frac{12}{9} S(x) \\
 \frac{1}{x} F_2^{en}(x) = \frac{1}{9} [u_v(x) + 4d_v(x)] + \frac{12}{9} S(x)
 \end{array}$$

Here  $S(x)$  refers generically to sea quarks, while  $12/9$  accounts for the sum of  $e^2$  for  $u, d, s$  and their anti-quarks in the sea.

*Note: charm and beauty is ignored in this discussion.*



# Some observations

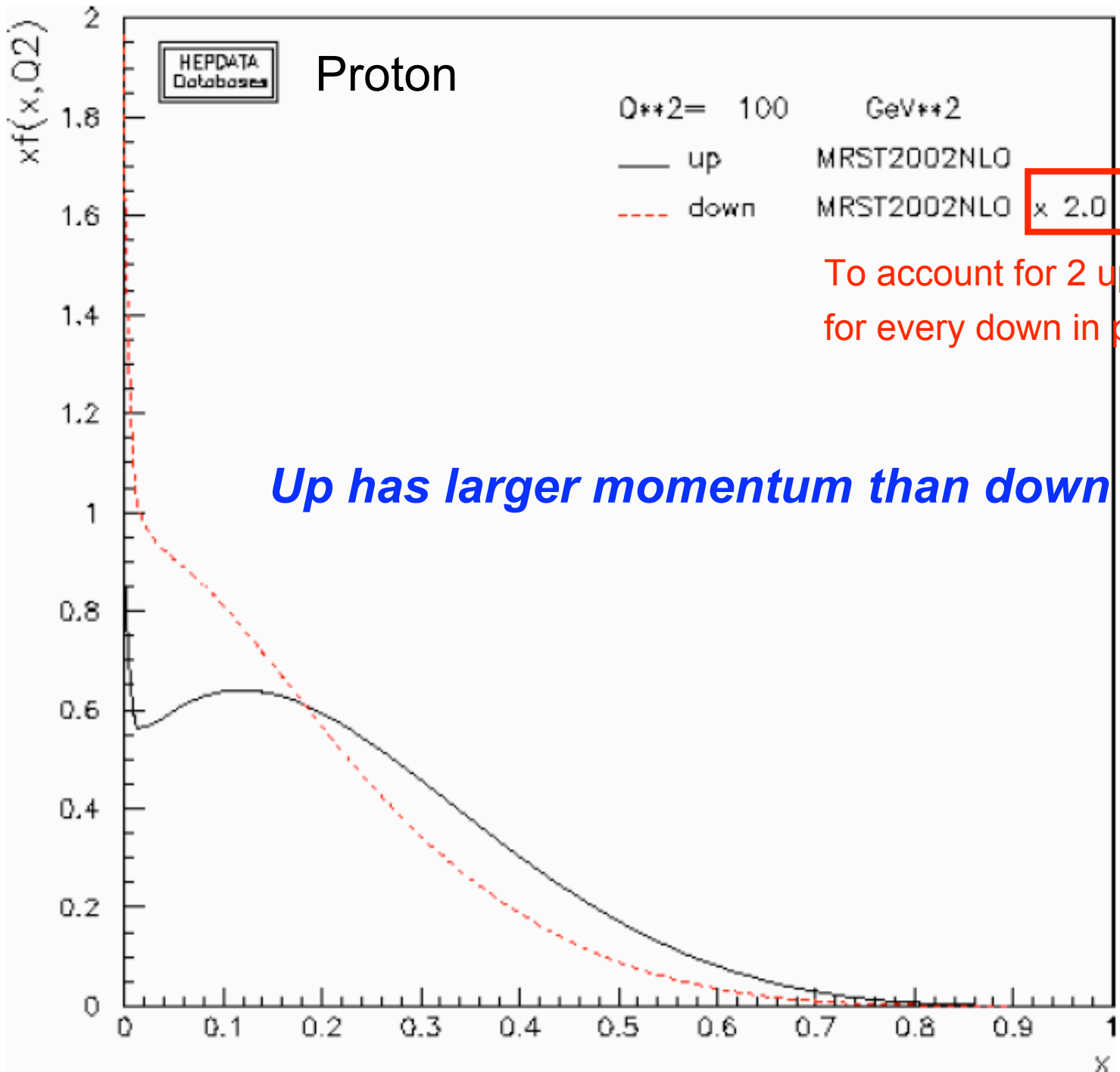
- Since gluons create the sea  $q$ - $\bar{q}$  pairs, one should expect a momentum spectrum at low  $x$  similar to bremsstrahlung:

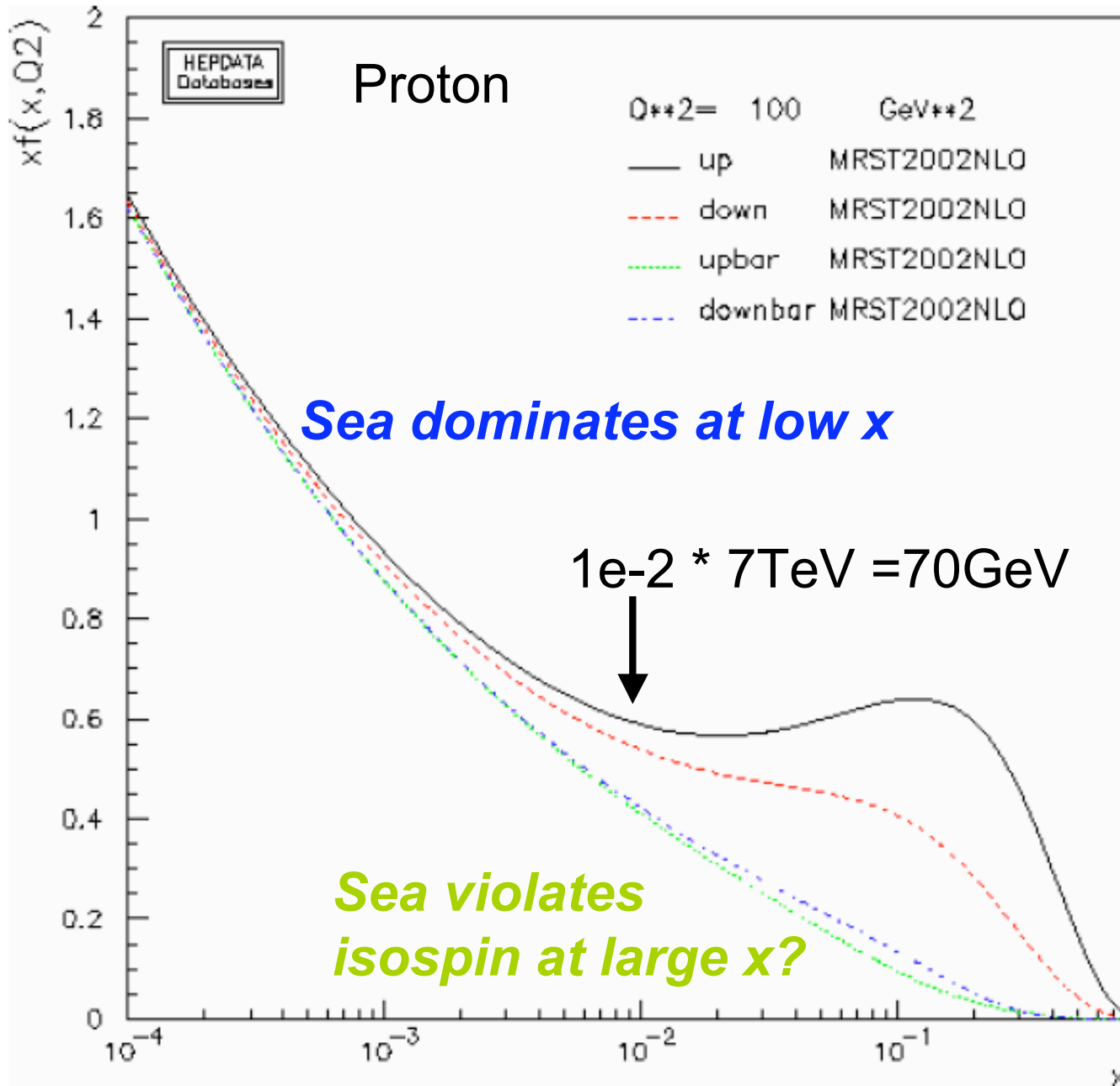
$\Rightarrow S(x) \rightarrow 1/x$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  at fixed  $Q^2$  .

$\Rightarrow F^{\text{ep}}/F^{\text{en}} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$

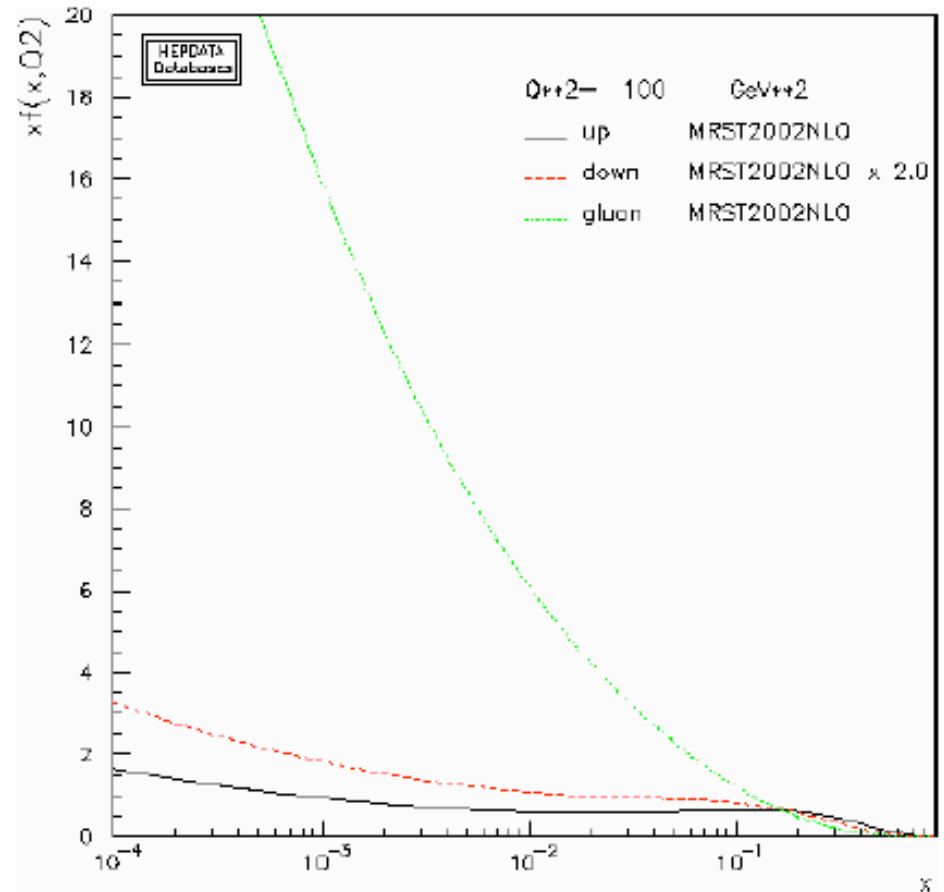
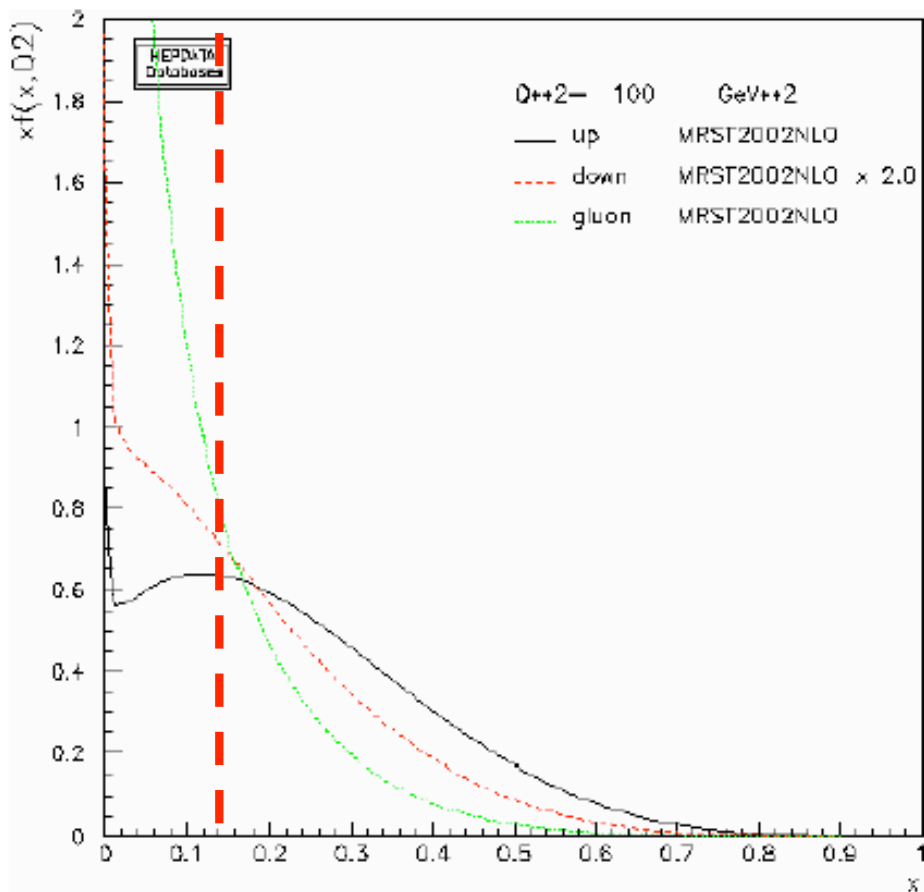
$\Rightarrow F^{\text{ep}}/F^{\text{en}} \rightarrow (4u_v + d_v)/(u_v + 4d_v)$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$

- Experimentally, we observe:
  - $F^{\text{ep}}/F^{\text{en}} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  as expected.
  - $F^{\text{ep}}/F^{\text{en}} \rightarrow 0.25$  as  $x \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow u_v$  appears to dominate at high  $x$ .
- Fitting structure functions of proton and anti-proton is an industry. There are 3 independent groups doing it, using a large number of independent measurements including  $ep, en$ , neutrino- $p$ , neutrino- $n$ , photon cross section,  $DY$ ,  $W$  forward-backward asymmetry etc. etc. etc.
- This is very important “engineering” work for the LHC !!!





A 14TeV collider can be pp instead of ppbar !!!



Gluons dominate at low  $x$  .

To set the scale,  $x = 0.14$  at LHC is  $0.14 * 7\text{TeV} = 1\text{TeV}$

**$\Rightarrow$  The LHC is a gluon collider !!!**



