

Elastic vs. inelastic scattering

elastic scattering (LI form) for spin=1/2 particles - Rosenbluth formula

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} &= \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left[\frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} \left(1 - y - \frac{m_p^2 y^2}{Q^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} y^2 G_M^2(Q^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left[f_2(Q^2) \left(1 - y - \frac{m_p^2 y^2}{Q^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} y^2 f_1(Q^2) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$Q = -q$: 4-momentum transfer

$y = \frac{p_2 \cdot q}{p_2 \cdot p_1}$ (fractional energy loss, depend on Q^2 alone for el. scattering)

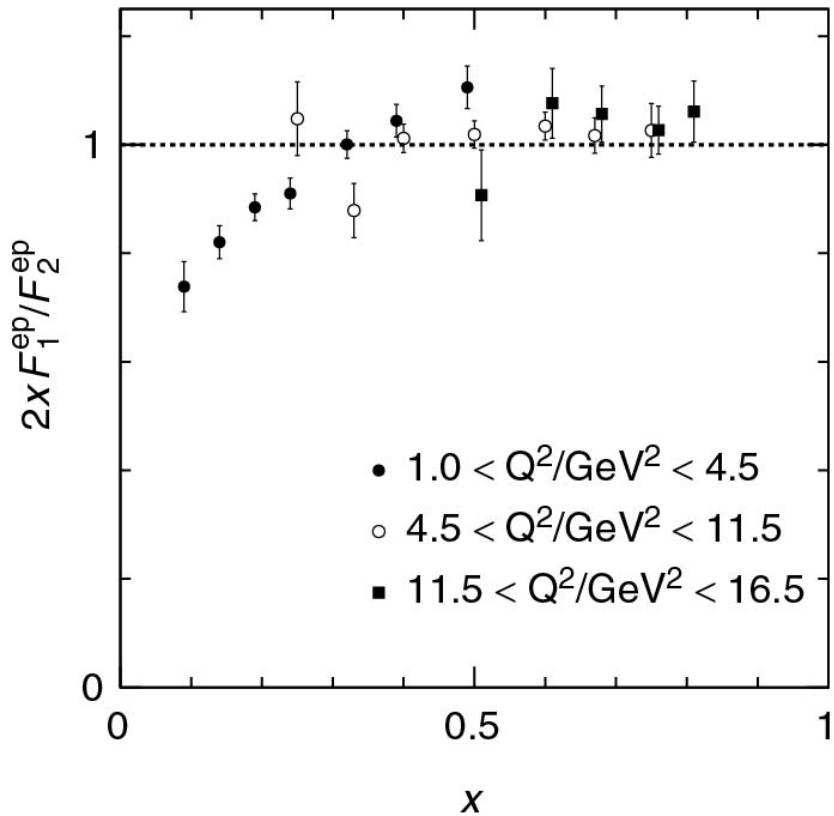
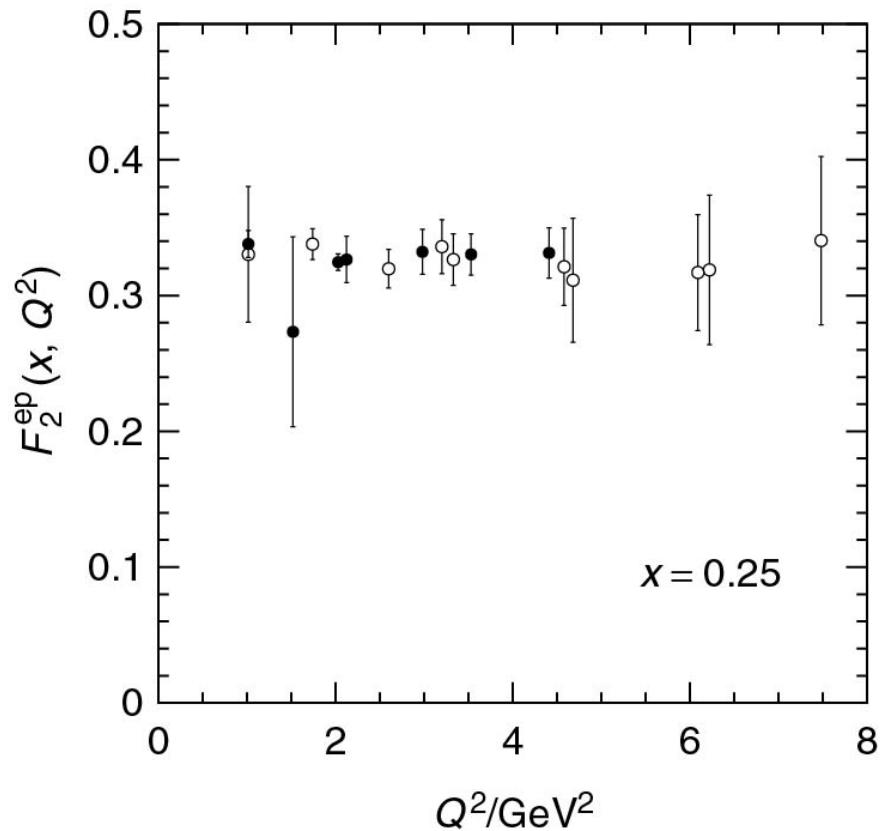
for point-like particles (Dirac particles) $f_1(Q^2) = f_2(Q^2) = 1$

Inelastic scattering (LI form)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left[\frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{x} \left(1 - y - \frac{m_p^2 y^2}{Q^2}\right) + y^2 F_1(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$F_1(X, Q^2), F_2(x, Q^2)$ are called structure functions

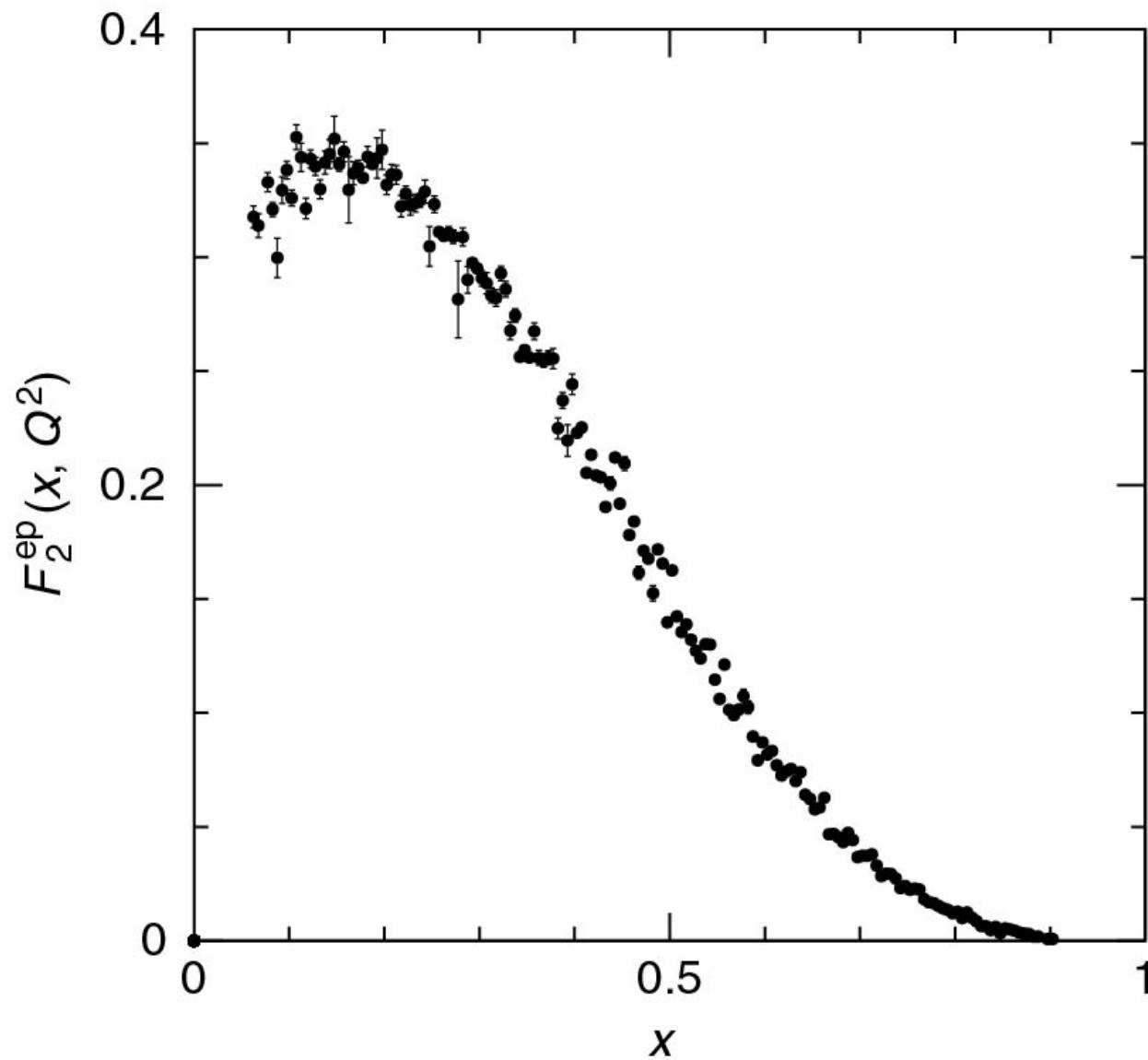
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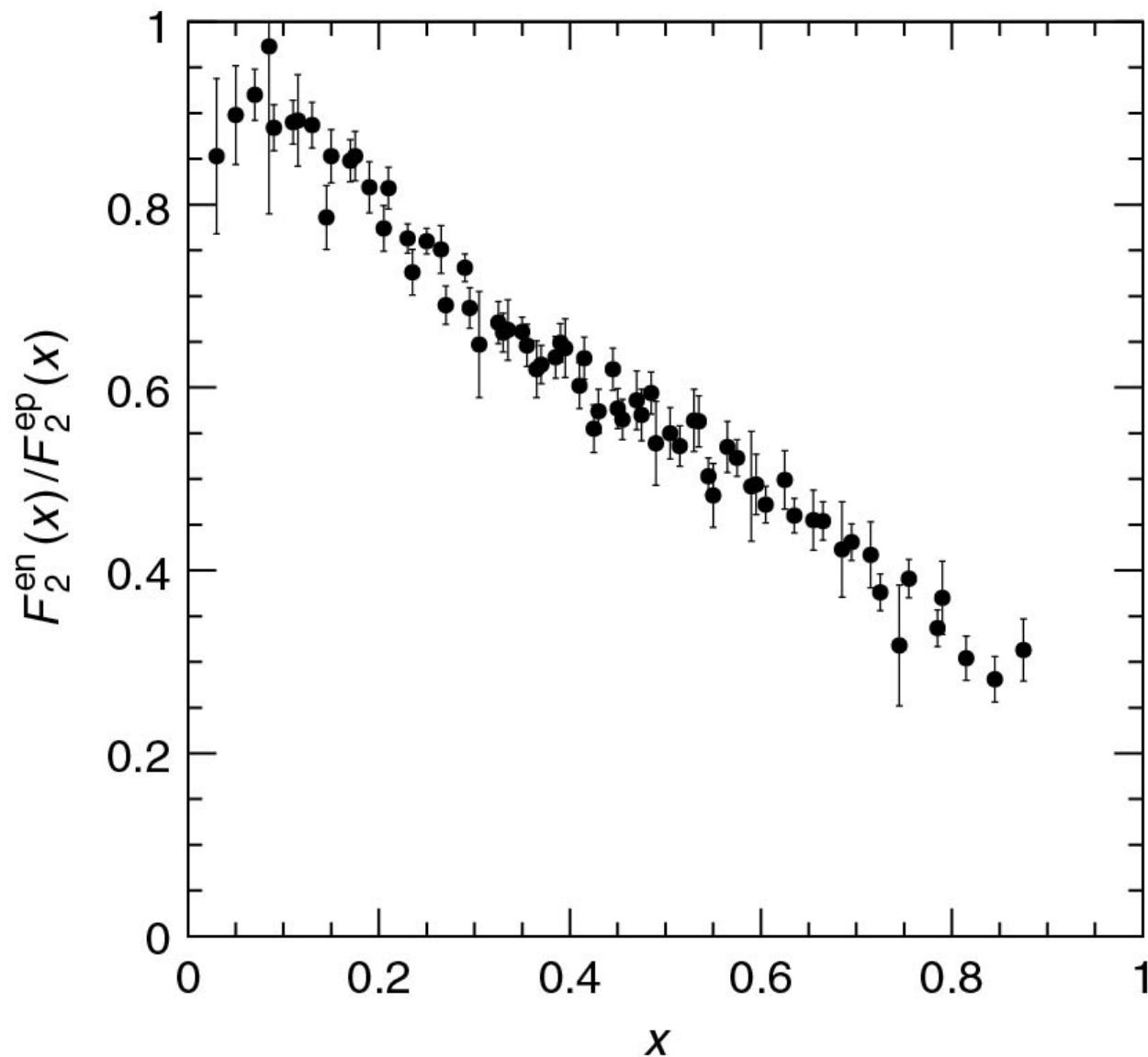
The proton consists of Dirac (point-like Spin 1/2) particles!

Callan-Cross relation $F_2(x, Q^2) = 2xF_1(x, Q^2)$

Measurement of structure function

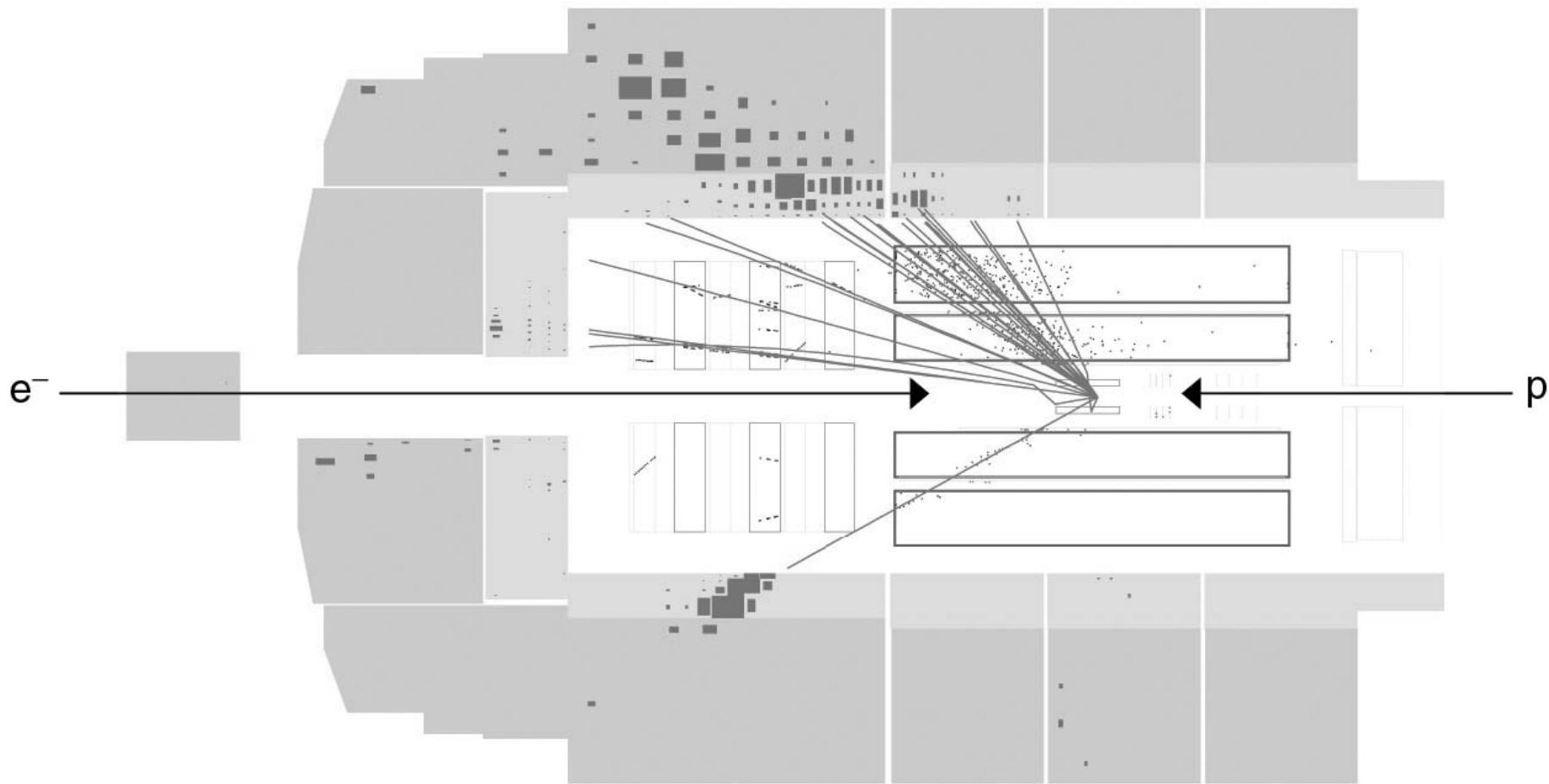


Ratio of Form Factors



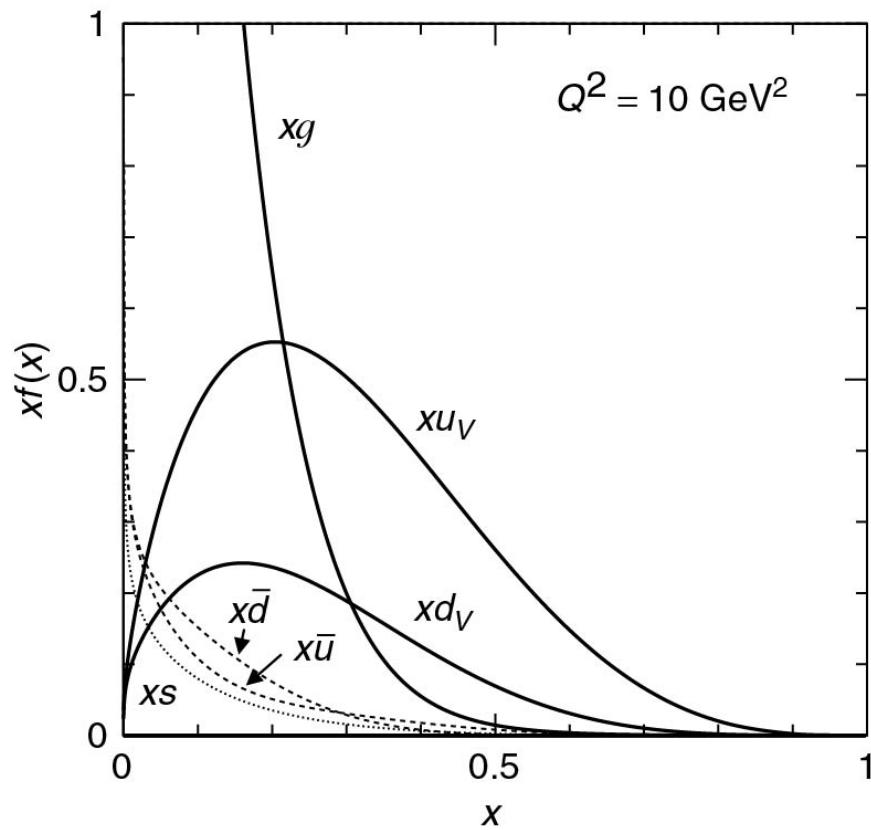
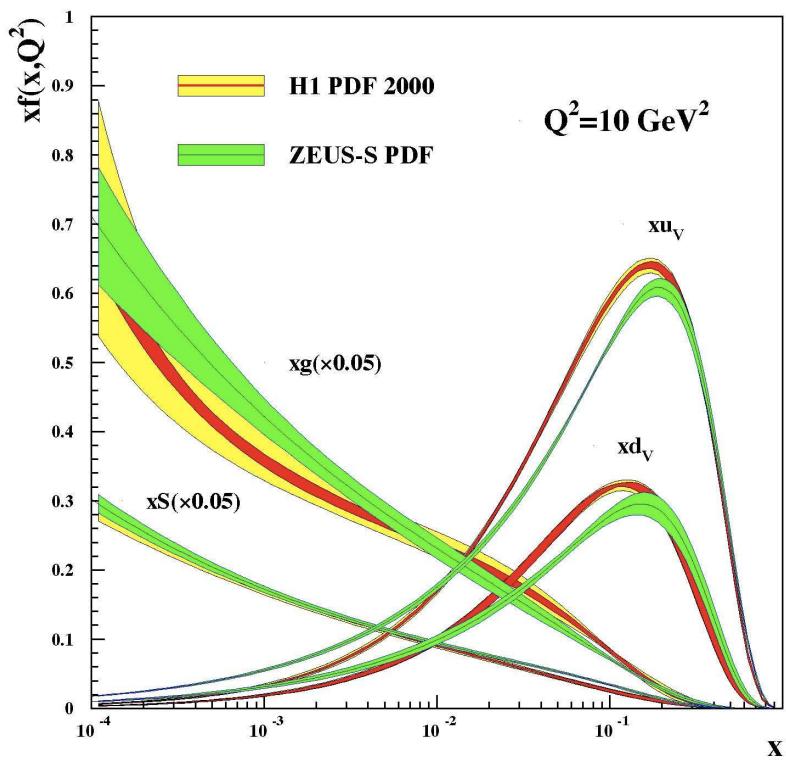
H1 at HERA

Two detectors measuring structure functions located at HERA/DESY
(1991-2007): ZEUS & H1



$$E_e = 27.5 \text{ GeV}, E_p = 820 \text{ or } 920 \text{ GeV}$$

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Structure functions

