First Extraction of Polarized Sea Asymmetry from Weak Boson Production in Proton-Proton Collisions

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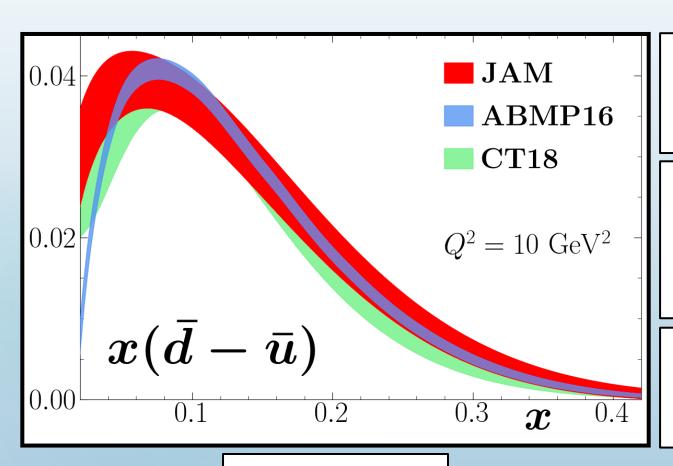
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Introduction to Sea Asymmetry



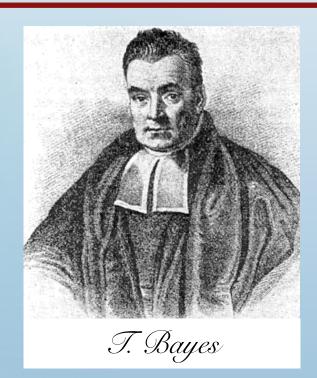
Cannot be explained from gluons splitting into quark-antiquark pairs

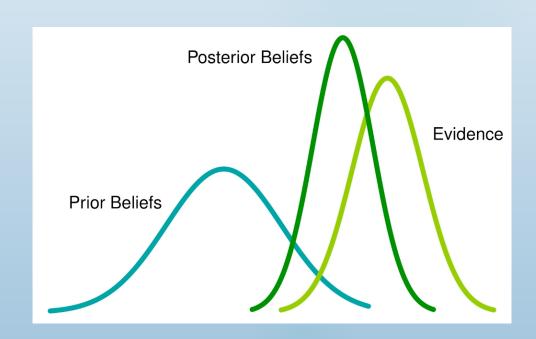
Meson Cloud Models Chiral Soliton Models Statistical Models

Still questions at high x > 0.2 and for helicity asymmetry

Unpolarized

- 1. JAM Methodology
- 2. Data and Fitting
- 3. Helicity PDFs
- 4. Conclusions and Outlook





JAM Collaboration

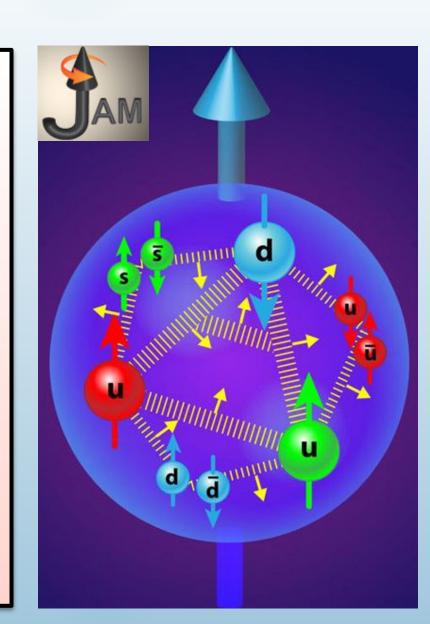
3-dimensional structure of nucleons:

- Parton distribution functions (PDFs)
- Fragmentation functions (FFs)
- Transverse momentum dependent (TMD) distributions
- Generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

Collinear factorization in perturbative QCD

Simultaneous determinations of PDFs, FFs, etc.

Monte Carlo methods for Bayesian inference



Parameters to Observables

Parameterize PDFs at input scale $Q_0^2 = m_c^2$

$$f_i(x) = Nx^{\alpha}(1-x)^{\beta}(1+\gamma\sqrt{x}+\eta x)$$

Evolve PDFs using DGLAP

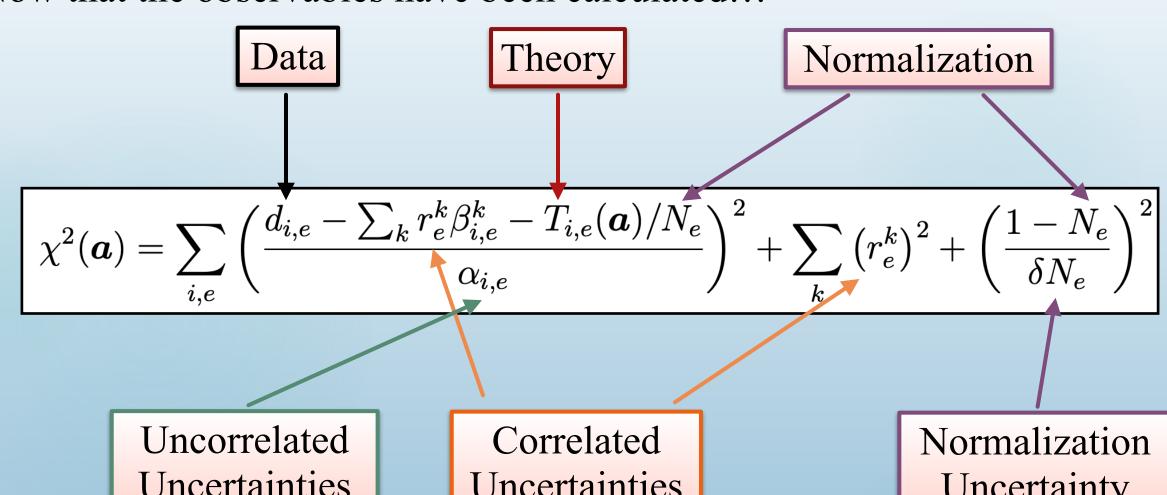
$$\left| \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} \ln(\mu^2)} f_i(x, \mu) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}(z, \mu) f_j(\frac{x}{z}, \mu) \right|$$

Calculate Observables

$$d\sigma_{\rm DY} = \sum_{i,j} H_{ij}^{\rm DY} \otimes f_i \otimes f_j$$

The χ^2 function

Now that the observables have been calculated...

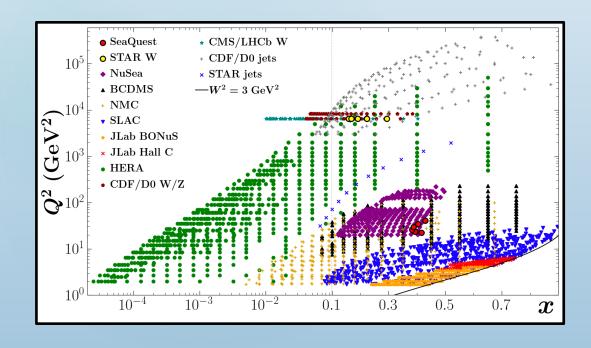


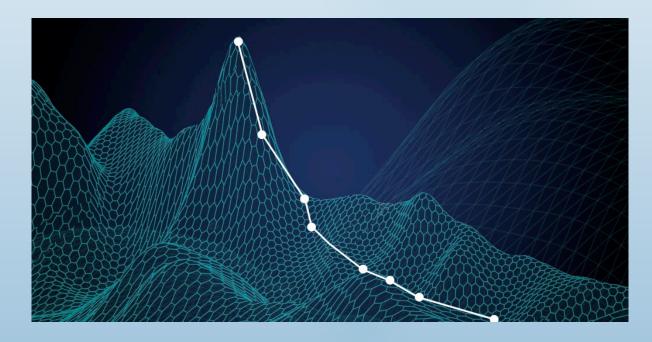
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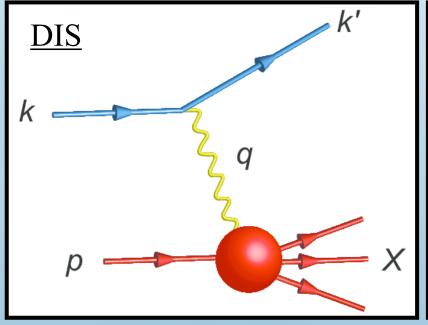
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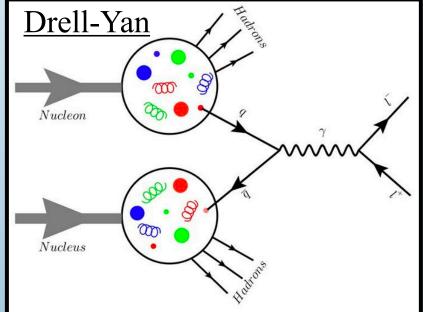


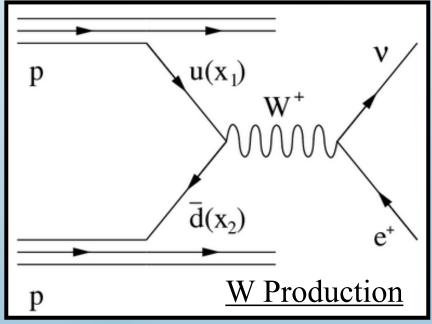


A Global Analysis

Simultaneous extraction of spin-averaged and helicity PDFs

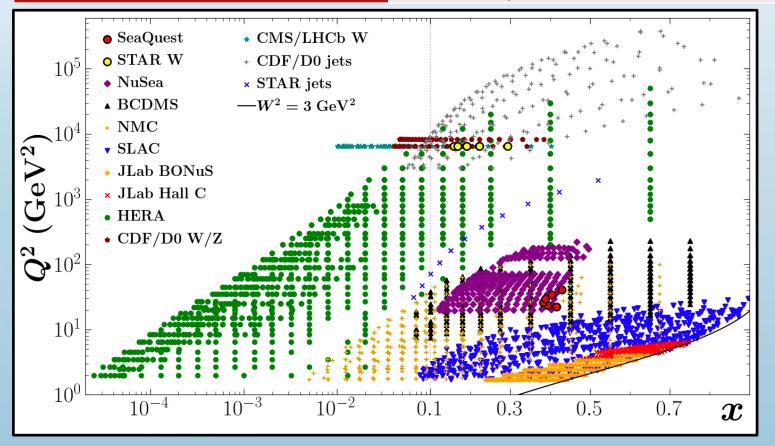






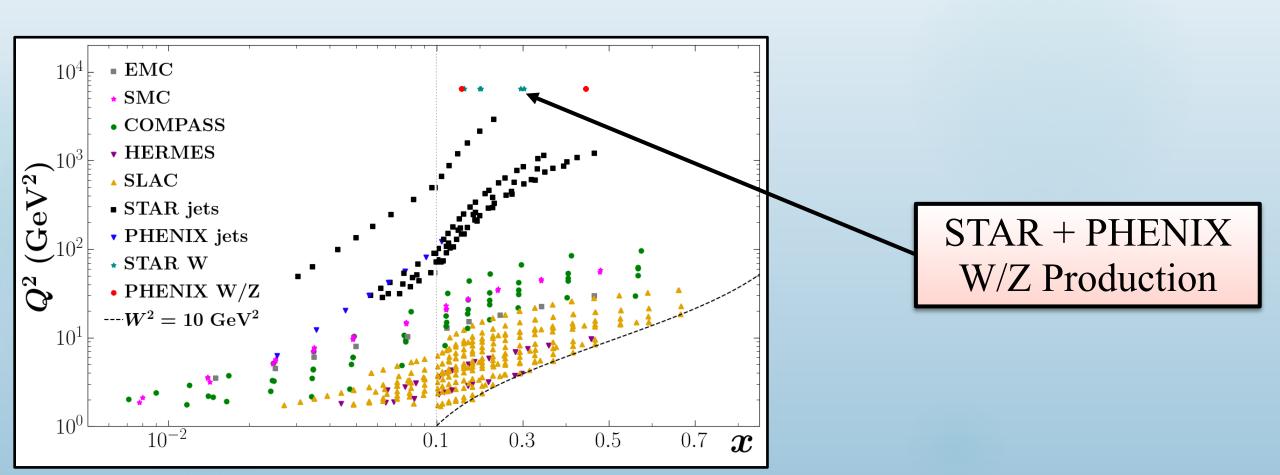
Kinematic Coverage (Spin-Averaged)

Deep Inelastic Scattering	BCDMS, NMC, SLAC, HERA, Jefferson Lab	3863	points
Drell-Yan	Fermilab E866, E906	205	points
W/Z Boson Production	CDF/D0, STAR, LHCb, CMS	153	points
Jets	CDF/D0, STAR	200	points



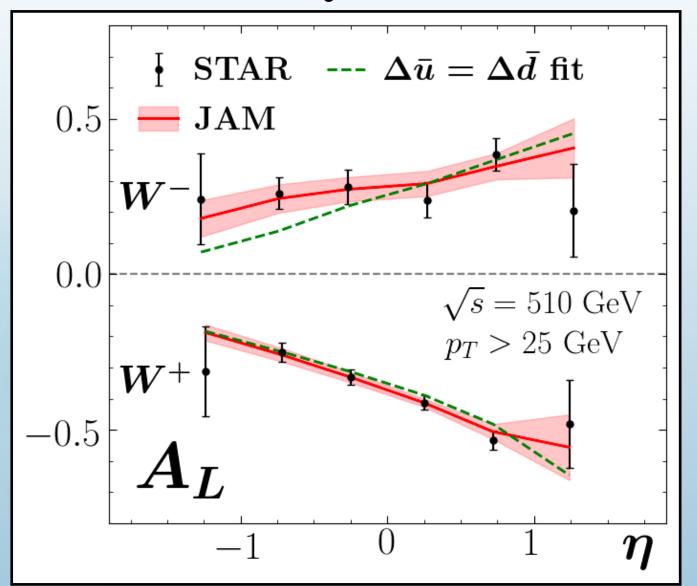
Kinematic Coverage (Helicity)

Deep Inelastic Scattering	COMPASS, EMC, HERMES, SLAC, SMC	365	points
W/Z Boson Production	STAR, PHENIX	18	points
Jets	STAR, PHENIX	61	points



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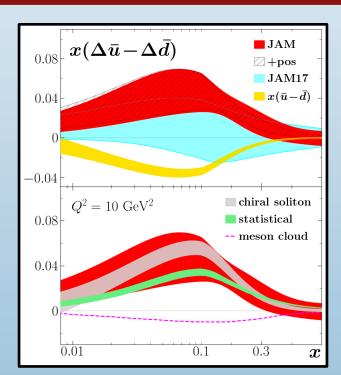
STAR Quality of Fit



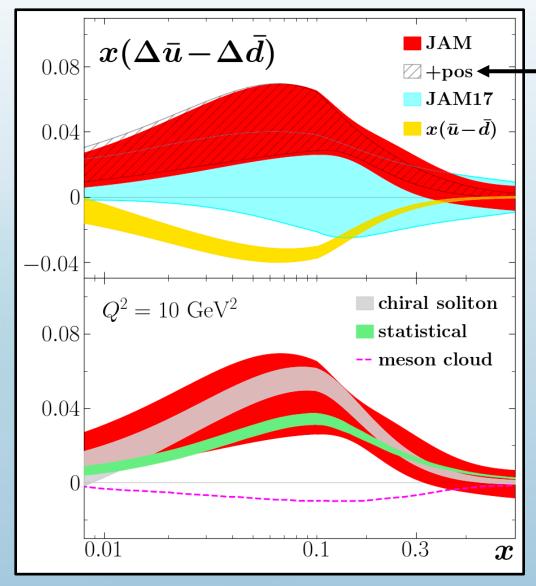
			$\chi^2/N_{ m dat}$	
process	$N_{ m dat}$	JAM	+Pos.	$\Delta \bar{u} = \Delta \bar{d}$
STAR W^{\pm}	12	0.45	0.61	1.53
PHENIX W^{\pm}/Z	6	0.47	0.46	0.48
pol. DIS	365	0.93	0.93	0.93
pol. jet	61	1.00	1.03	1.00
total	444	0.92	0.94	0.95

$$A_L^{W^+}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) - \Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) + u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}$$
$$A_L^{W^-}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) - \Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}$$

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Resulting Asymmetry



Positivity Constraints: $|\Delta f(x, Q^2)| < f(x, Q^2)$

JAM17: inclusive + semi-inclusive DIS data

Agreement with Statistical and Chiral Soliton models

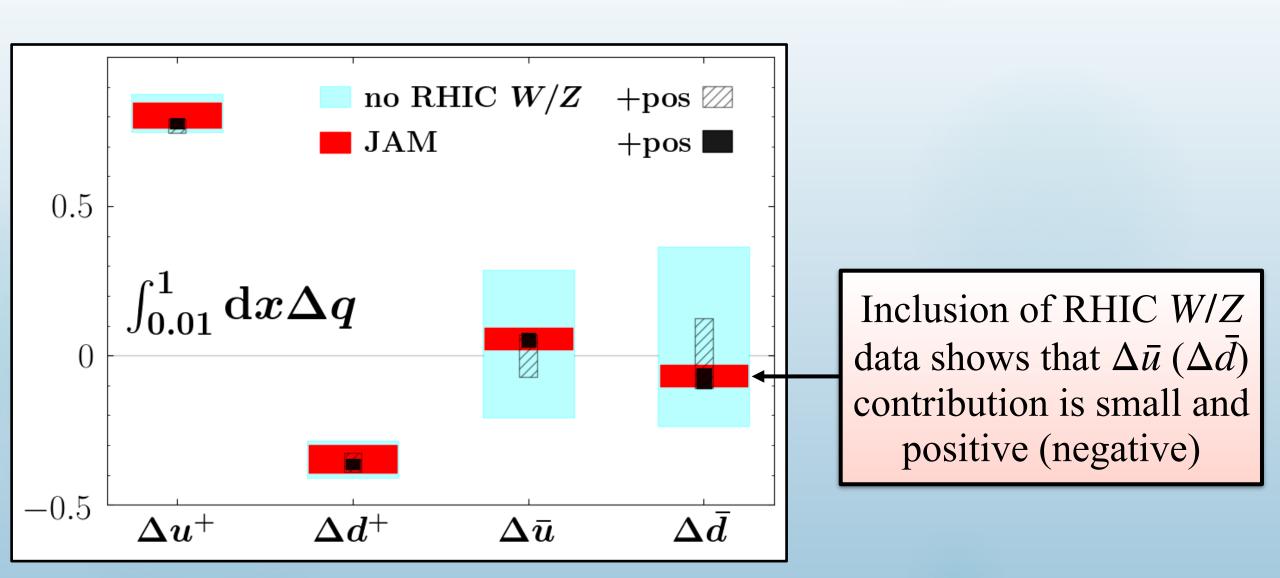
Cannot generate large asymmetry directly from meson cloud

Statistical Model: C. Bourrely and J. Soffer, Nucl. Phys. **A941**, 307-334 (2015)

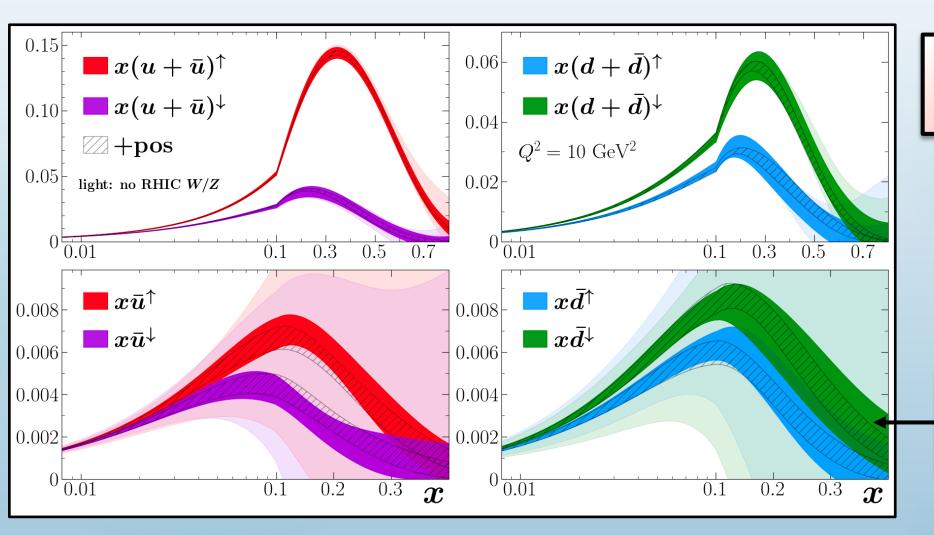
Meson Cloud Model: F. G. Cao and A. I. Signal, Phys. Rev. D. **68**, 074002 (2003)

Chiral Soliton Model: M. Wakamatsu and T. Watabe, Phys. Rev. D. **874**, 38-84 (2013)

Proton Spin Contributions



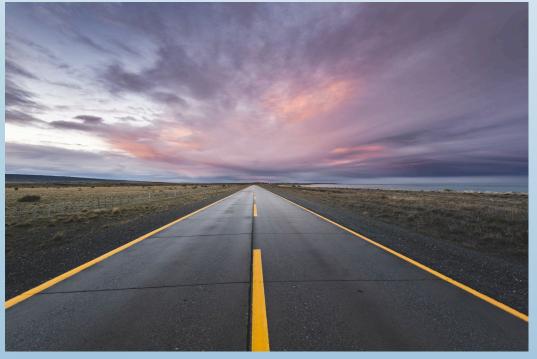
Spin Up/Down PDFs

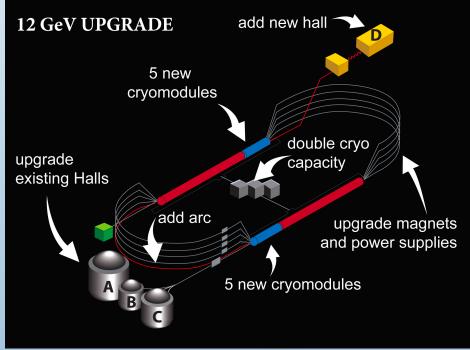


$$q^{\uparrow\downarrow} = \frac{1}{2}(q \pm \Delta q)$$

Large impact from RHIC

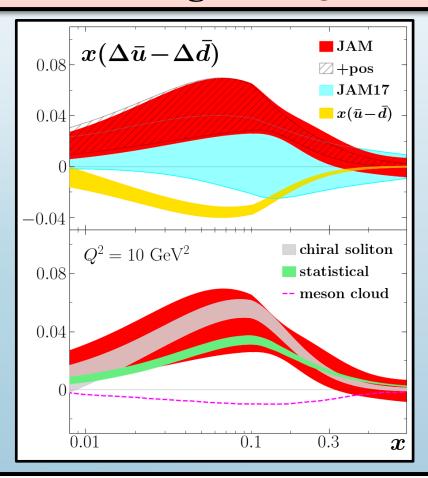
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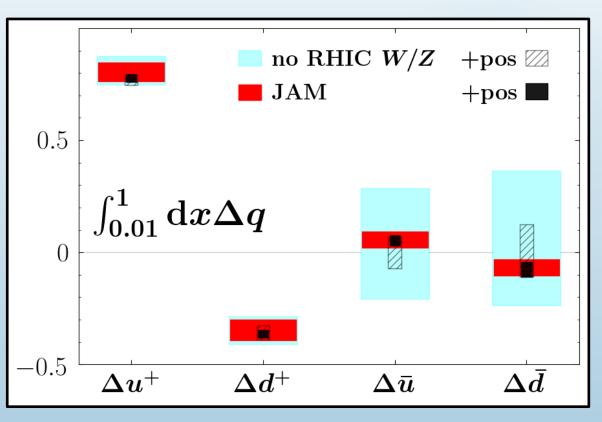




Results Summary

First global QCD analysis of latest STAR W data





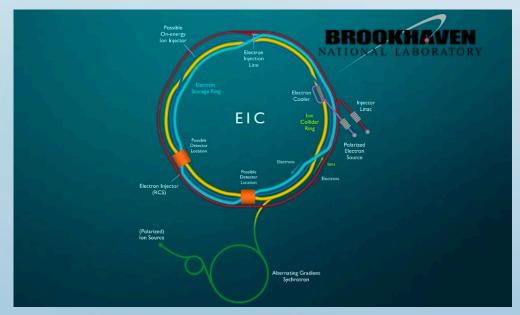
Simultaneous global QCD analysis of spin-averaged and helicity PDFs

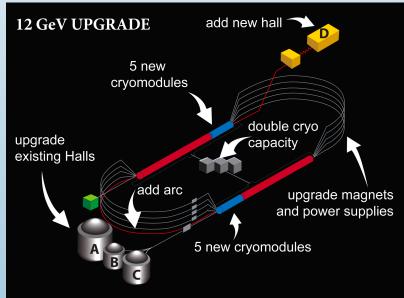
Outlook

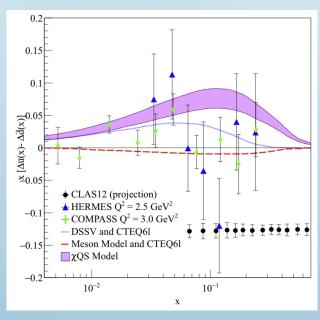
Combine analysis with semi-inclusive DIS data from HERMES, COMPASS.

Jefferson Lab CLAS12: Semi-inclusive DIS

EIC: First polarized electron-ion collider







D. F. Geesaman and P. E. Reimer, Rep. Prog. Phys. **82**, 046301 (2019)

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Extra Slides

Bayes' Theorem

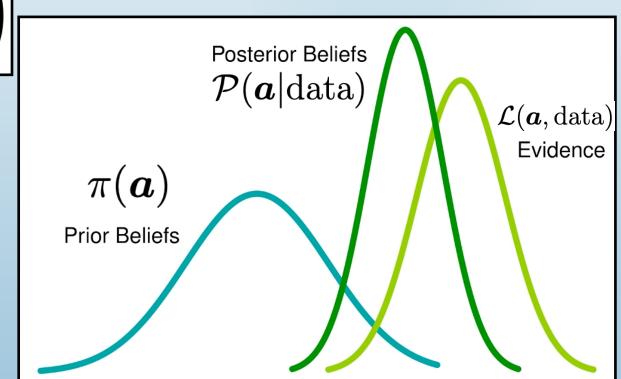
Now that we have calculated $\chi^2(a, \text{data})...$

Likelihood Function

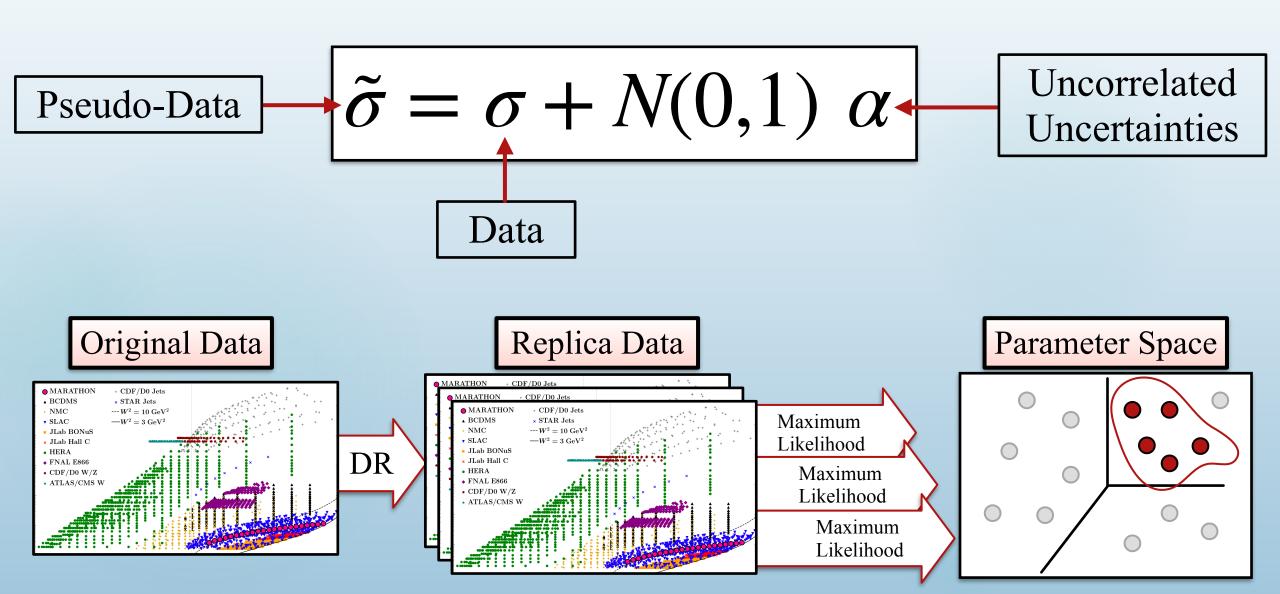
$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{a}, \text{data}) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\chi^2(\boldsymbol{a}, \text{data})\right)$$

Bayes' Theorem

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{a}|\mathrm{data}) \sim \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{a},\mathrm{data}) \,\pi(\boldsymbol{a})$$



Data Resampling



Error Quantification

For a quantity O(a): (for example, a PDF at a given value of (x, Q^2))

$$E[O] = \int d^n a \ \rho(\mathbf{a} \mid data) \ O(\mathbf{a})$$

$$V[O] = \int d^n a \ \rho(\mathbf{a} \mid data) \ \left[O(\mathbf{a}) - E[O]\right]^2$$

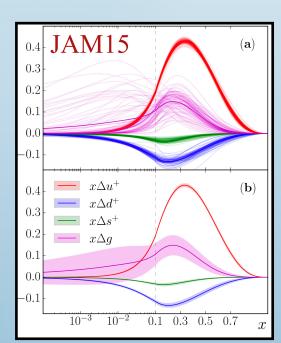
Exact, but $n = \mathcal{O}(100)!$

Build an MC ensemble

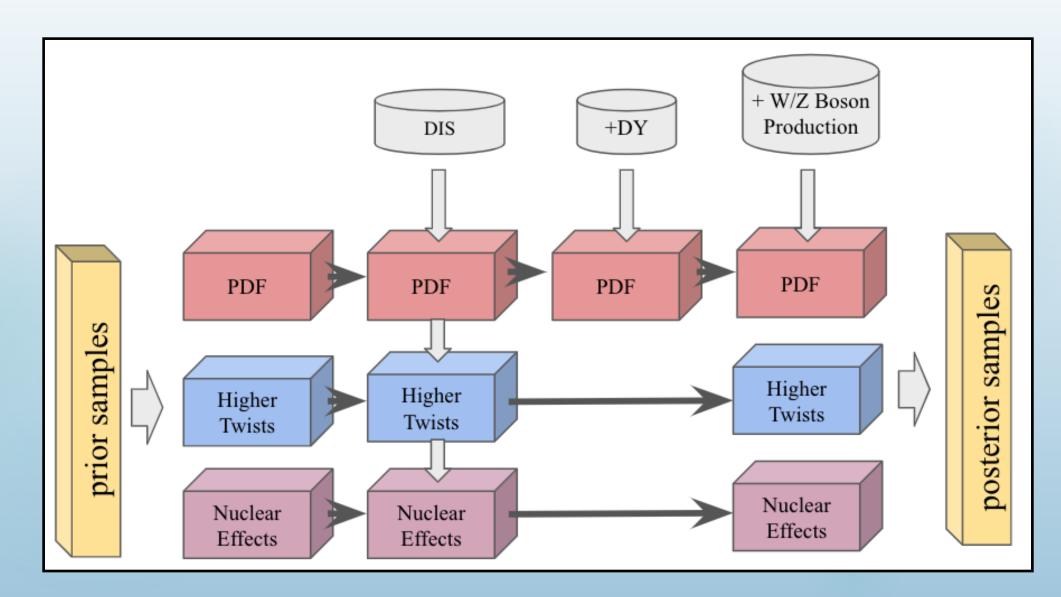
$$E[O] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k} O(a_k)$$

$$V[O] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k}^{k} \left[O(a_k) - E[O] \right]^2$$

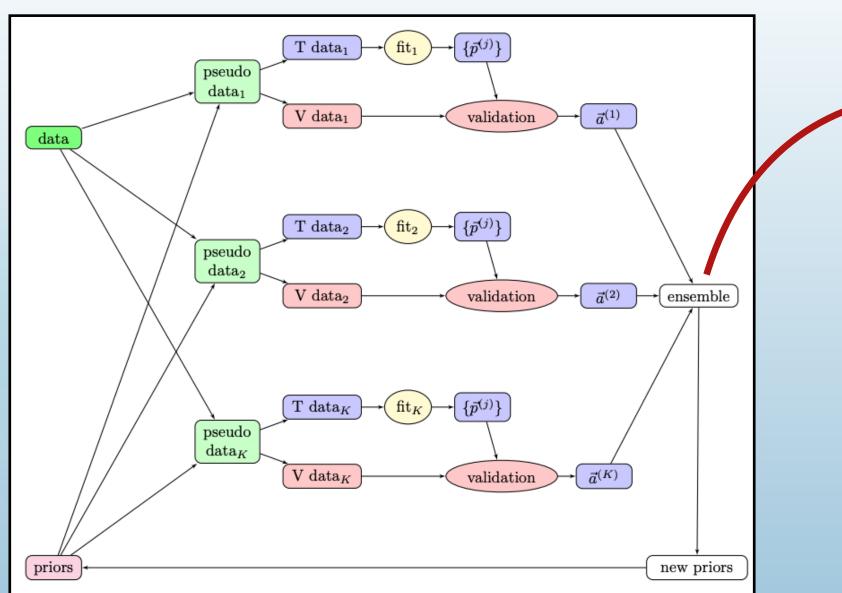
Average over k sets of the parameters (replicas)

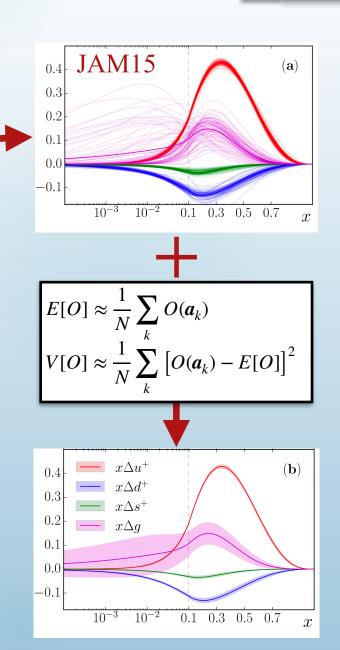


Multi-Step Strategy

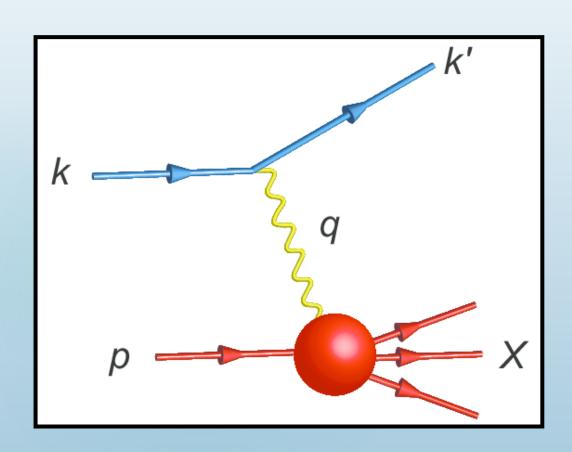


Putting it all together...





Deep Inelastic Scattering



Virtuality:

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

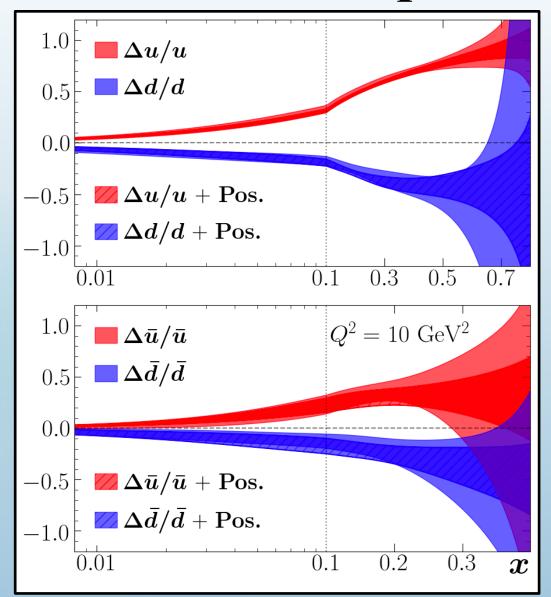
Bjorken *x*:

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

Invariant mass of outgoing particles:

$$W^2 = (p+q)^2$$

Quark and Antiquark Polarizations



First self-consistent extraction using *simultaneous* fit

Antiquark ratios have same signs as quark ratios