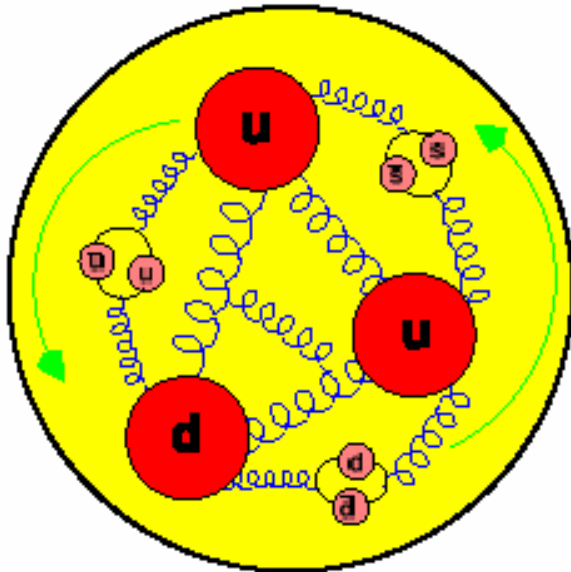# W-Bosons as a Microscope for the Observation of Quarks and Anti-Quarks Inside the Proton

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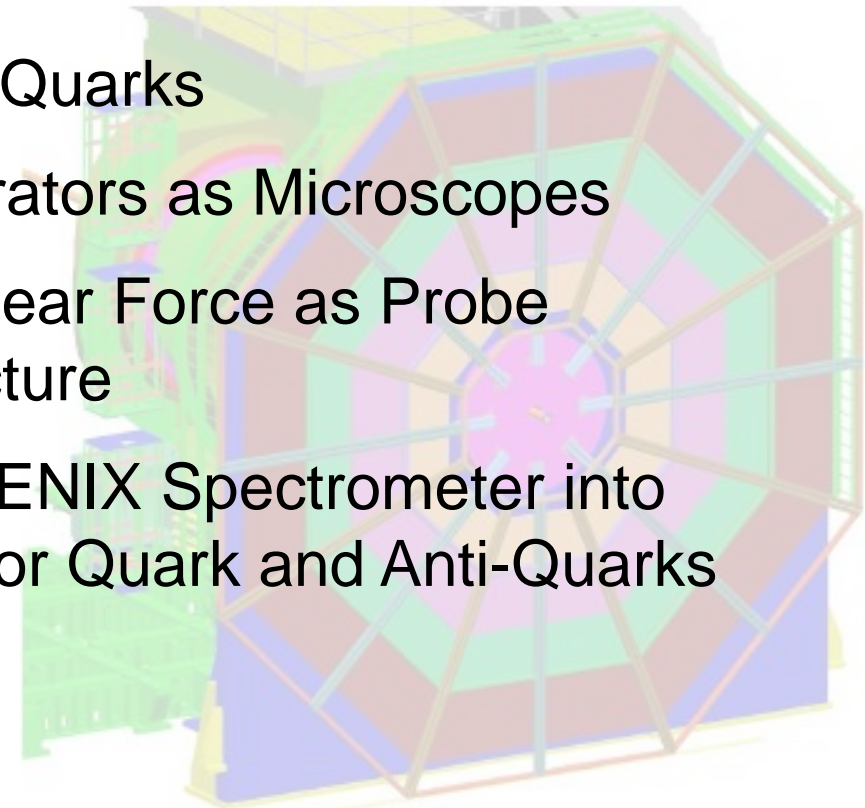
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W-Bosons as a Microscope for the Observation of Quarks and Anti-Quarks Inside the Proton

❑ From Atoms to Quarks

❑ Particle Accelerators as Microscopes

❑ The Weak Nuclear Force as Probe
   of Proton Structure

❑ Turning the PHENIX Spectrometer into
   a Microscope for Quark and Anti-Quarks

From Atoms to Quarks: What is the Substructure of Matter?

Demokrit

Asked early: Leukipp and Demokrit (~ 450-400 BC)

→ atomic hypothesis !

There are small particles, atoms, of which all matter is made and which cannot be divided in smaller parts.

Some 2400 years & 80 generations later:

Modern experimental tools may provide quantitative answers in our lifetime!

PHENIX Experiment at Brookhaven National Lab

The Atoms of the 20ᵗʰ Century: Quarks and Leptons

Elementary Particles

	Quarks			Force Carriers	
Quarks	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
Leptons	ν_e e neutrino	ν_μ μ neutrino	ν_τ τ neutrino	W W boson	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	

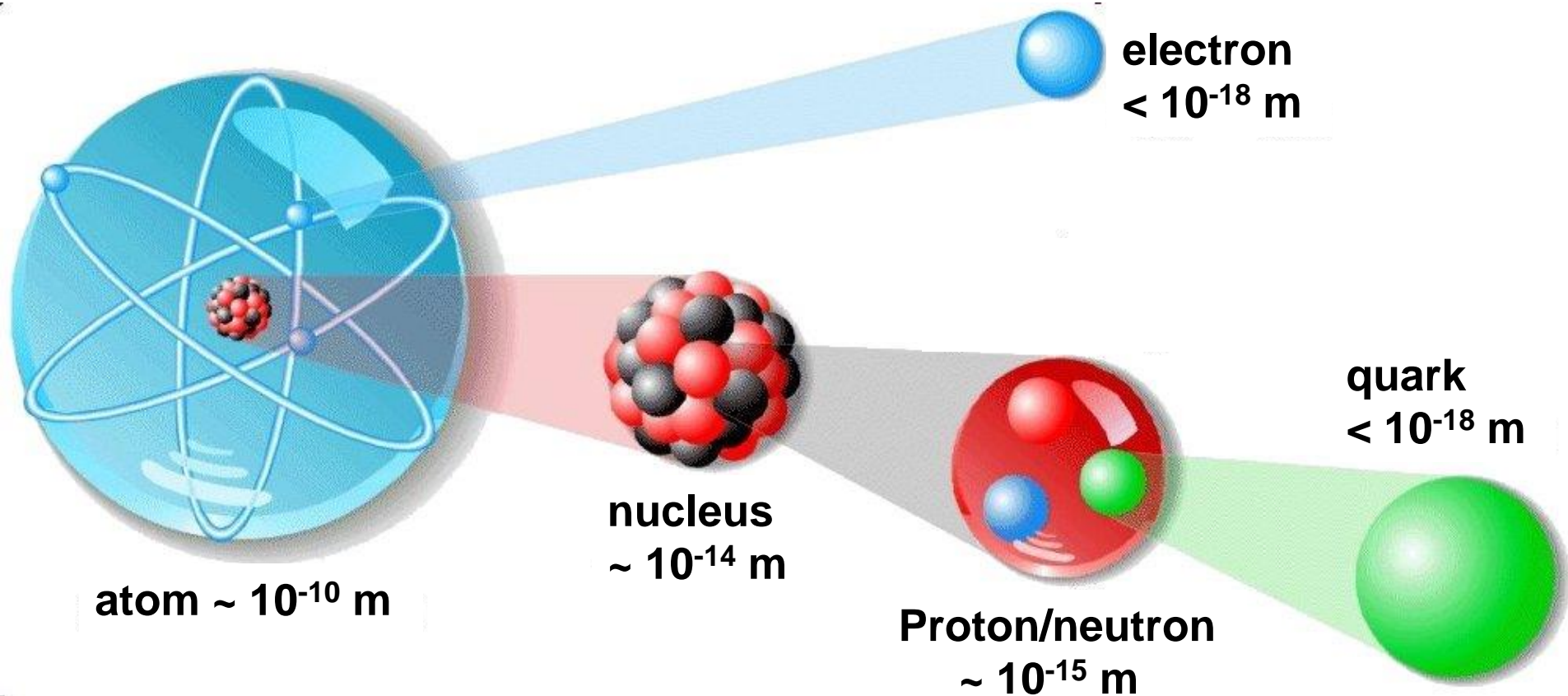$3 \rightarrow$ I   II   III   ← Generations

Up- and down-**quarks** are the building blocks of all **nuclear matter** in the nuclei of atoms.
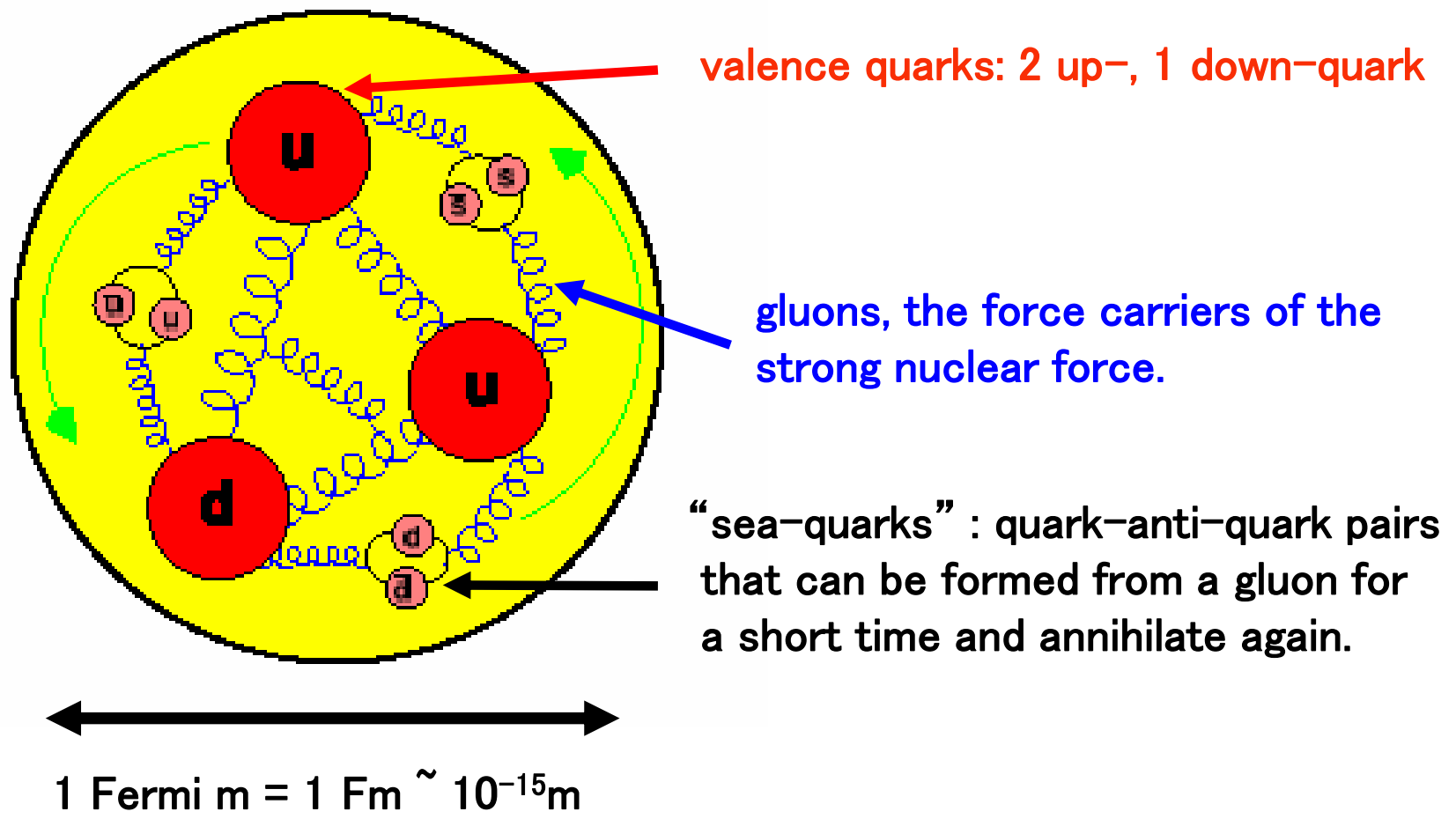
Electrons make up the **shell of atoms**.

Forces:

Electromagnetic ➔ Photon
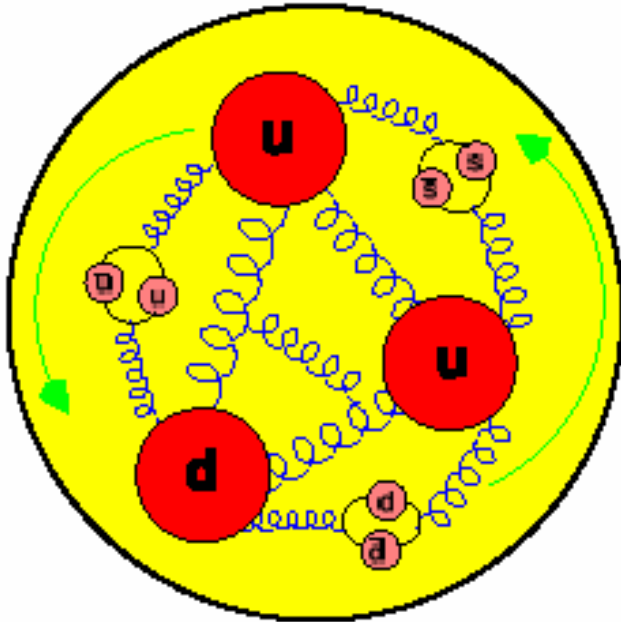Strong Nuclear ➔ Gluon
Weak Nuclear ➔ Z^0, $W^{+,-}$

Synthesis of Atomic Matter from the 20th Century Atoms

electron
< 10^{-18} m

quark
< 10^{-18} m

nucleus
~ 10^{-14} m

atom ~ 10^{-10} m

Proton/neutron
~ 10^{-15} m

The Proton, a Complex System of Quarks, Anti-Quarks and Gluons

valence quarks: 2 up-, 1 down-quark

gluons, the force carriers of the strong nuclear force.

"sea-quarks" : quark-anti-quark pairs that can be formed from a gluon for a short time and annihilate again.

1 Fermi m = 1 Fm ˜ 10^{-15}m

Quark and Gluon Momentum Distributions

relative quark momentum

$$x = \frac{p_{quark}}{p_{proton}}$$
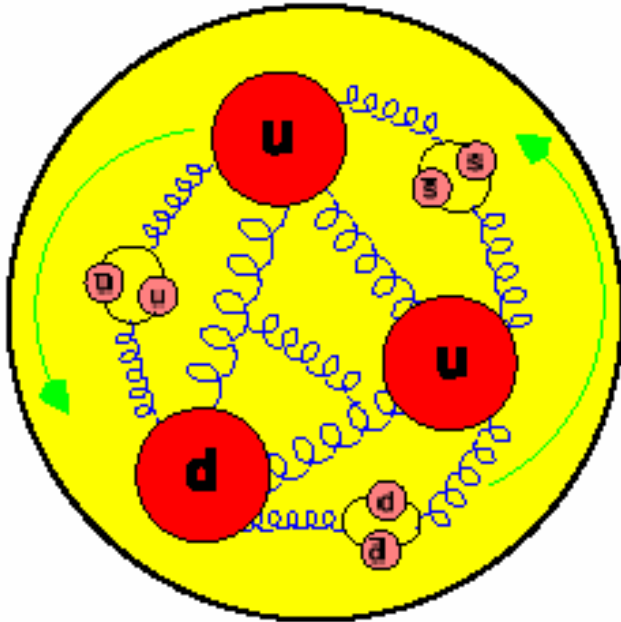
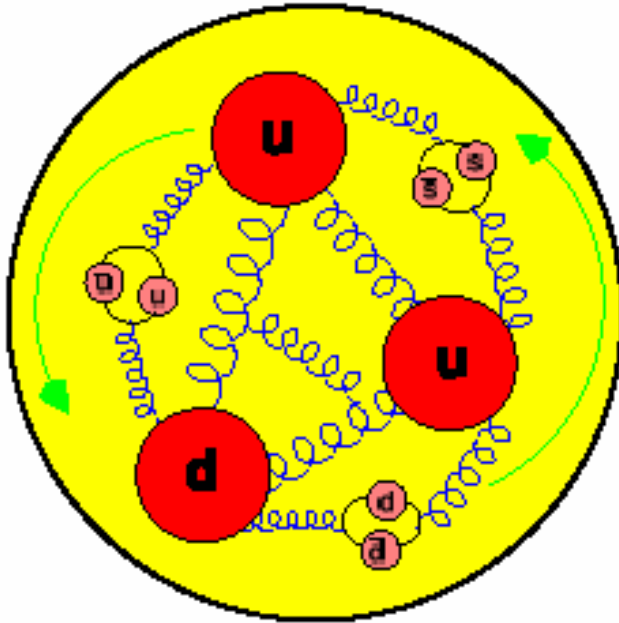**Constituents Particles of the Proton:**

quarks = u, d, s and gluons

$q(x) = $ quark momentum distribution

Probability to observe a quark q with relative momentum x.

$G(x) = $ gluon momentum distribution

Probability to observe a gluon with relative momentum x.

Quark and Gluon Spin Distributions

relative
quark
momentum

$$x = \frac{p_{quark}}{p_{proton}}$$

Constituents Particles of the Proton:

quarks = u, d, s and gluons

$\Delta q(x) =$ quark spin distribution

Probability to observe a quark with relative momentum x contributing to the proton spin.

$\Delta G(x) =$ gluon spin distribution

Probability to find gluon with relative momentum x contributing to the proton spin.

Decompostion of the Proton Spin: Quark Spin + Gluon Spin + Orbital Angular Monentum

$$x = \frac{p_{quark}}{p_{proton}}$$

Origin of the Proton Spin:

add all quark spin contributions $\Delta q(x) \rightarrow \Delta \Sigma$
add all gluon spin contributions $\Delta G(x) \rightarrow \Delta G$

$$\frac{1}{2}\hbar = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\Delta\Sigma + \hbar\Delta G + \hbar L_z$$

Quark Spin

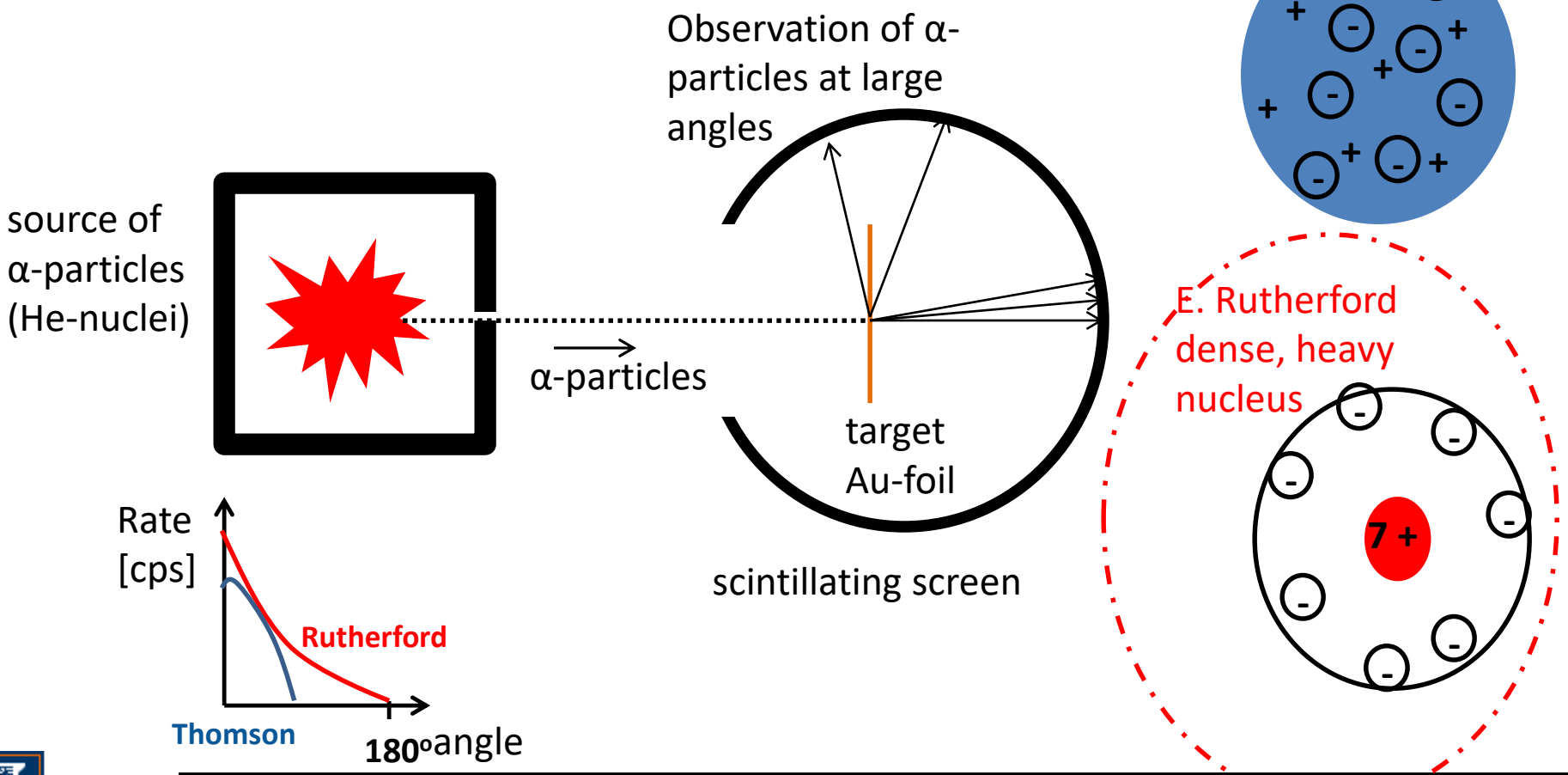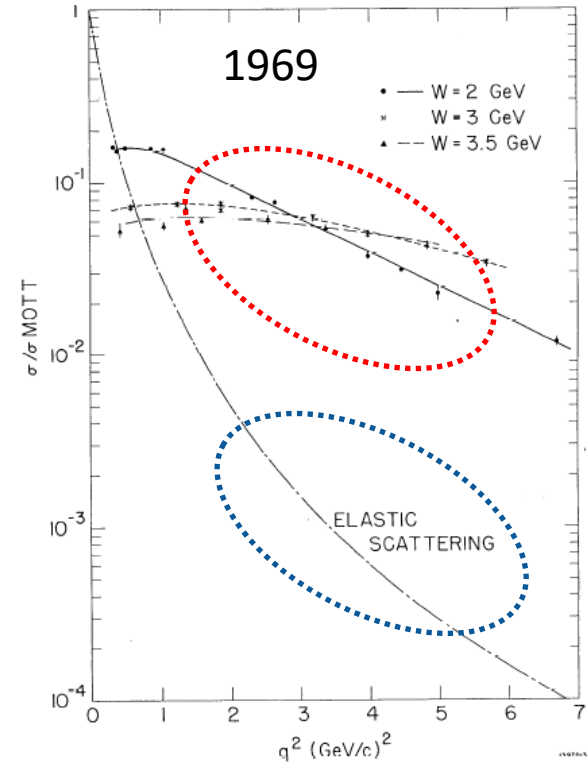Gluon Spin

Orbital Angular momentum

Experimental Method: Scattering of High Energy Particles on Target Material Under Study

Ernest Rutherford: Scattering experiments lead to the discovery of the atomic nucleus, 1911

J.J. Thomson
Atomic Plum Pudding Model

Observation of α-particles at large angles

source of α-particles (He-nuclei)

α-particles

target
Au-foil

scintillating screen

E. Rutherford
dense, heavy
nucleus

7 +

Rate
[cps]

Rutherford

Thomson

180°angle

Observing Quarks and Anti-Quarks Inside the Proton

Discovery of Quark Structure in Protons Through Electron-Proton Scattering at SLAC

1969

Nobel Prize 1990 for
Jerome Friedman, Henry Kendall and Richard Taylor

Quark Spin Distributions from the COMPASS Experiment at CERN, Switzerland

COMPASS Phys.Lett. B693 (2010) 227-235
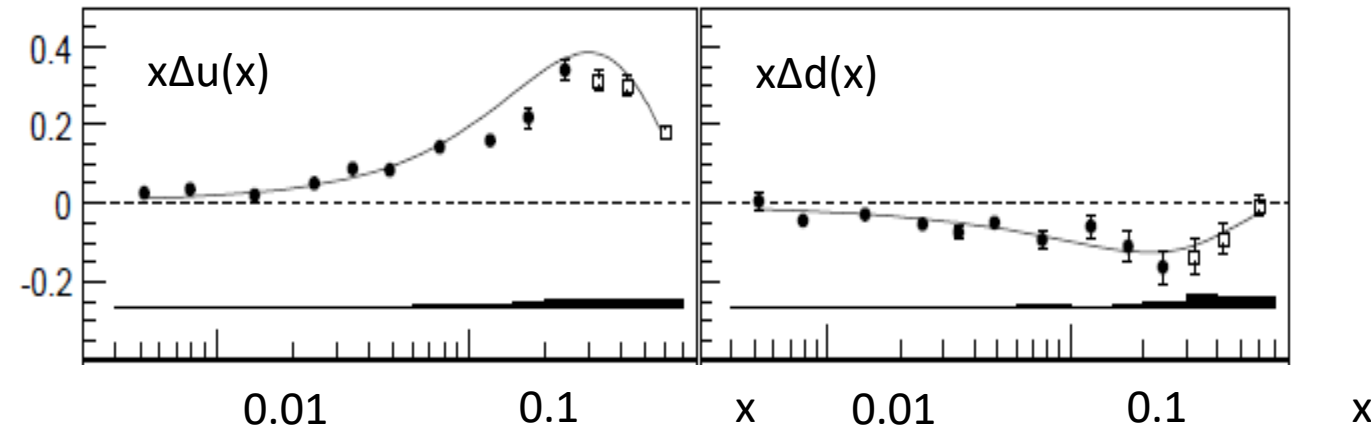
COMPASS Spectrometer

200 feet
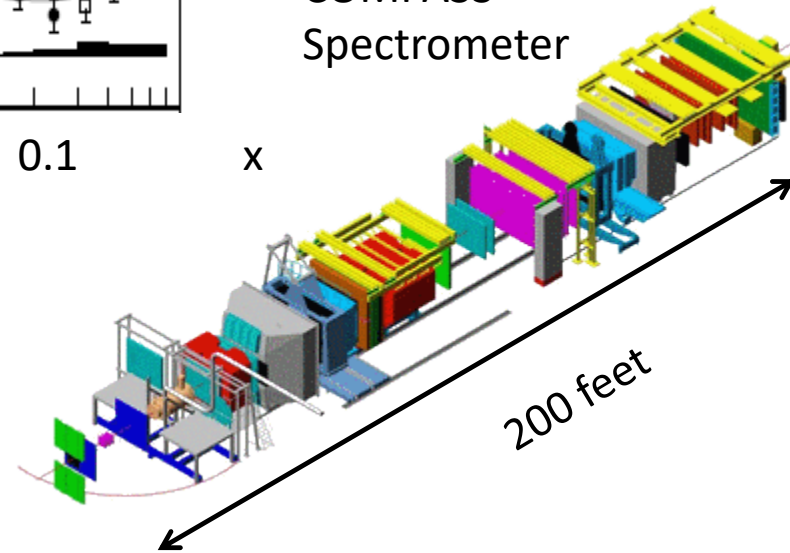
Δu is positive and contributes about + 0.69 $\hbar$

Δd is negative and contributes about - 0.33 $\hbar$

The total quark spin contribution , $\Delta\Sigma$ =   0.3 $\hbar$

Next steps: o measure gluon spin contribution
         o probe anti-quark distributions (directly)

Measurement of Spin-Dependent Anti-Quark Distributions in PHENIX at RHIC

The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider is located at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island
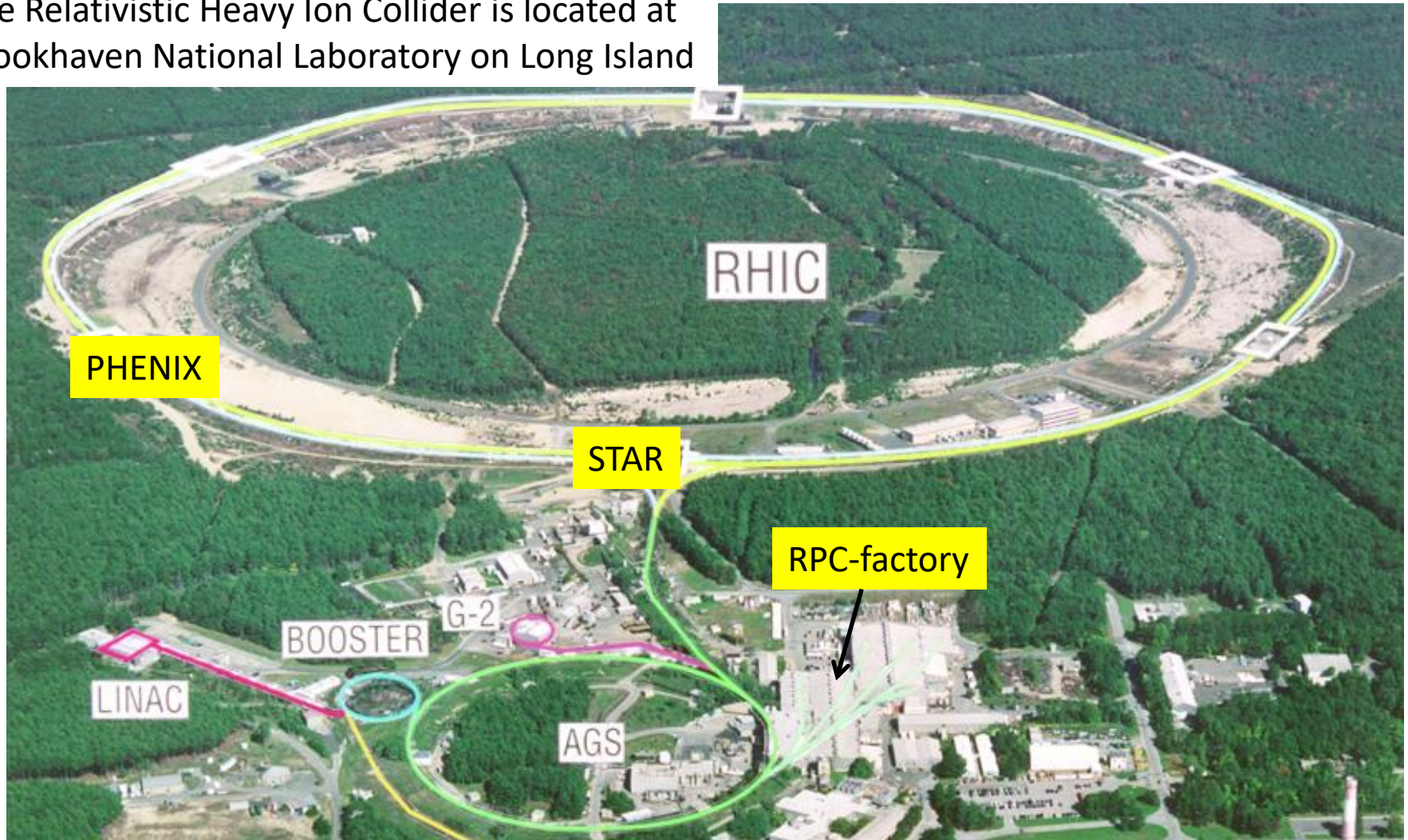
How Can we Probe Proton Spin Structure at RHIC?

At ultra-relativistic energies the proton represents a jet of quarks and gluons
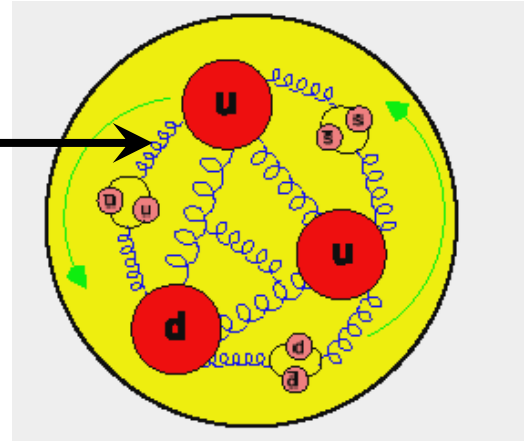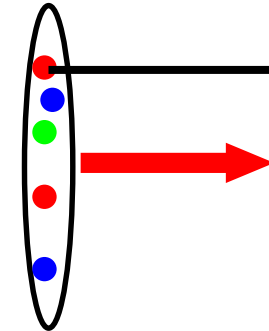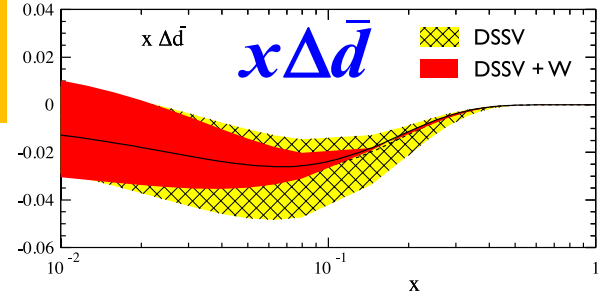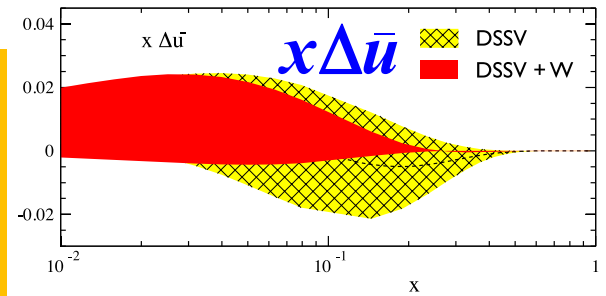

Use the weak nuclear force ($W^{+,-}$-bosons) to directly probe anti-quarks !

$$p + p \rightarrow W^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} + \nu$$

$\bar{d}^+$

W+

ν

u

μ^+

$m_W = 80\ m_{proton}$

➔ high energy muons!
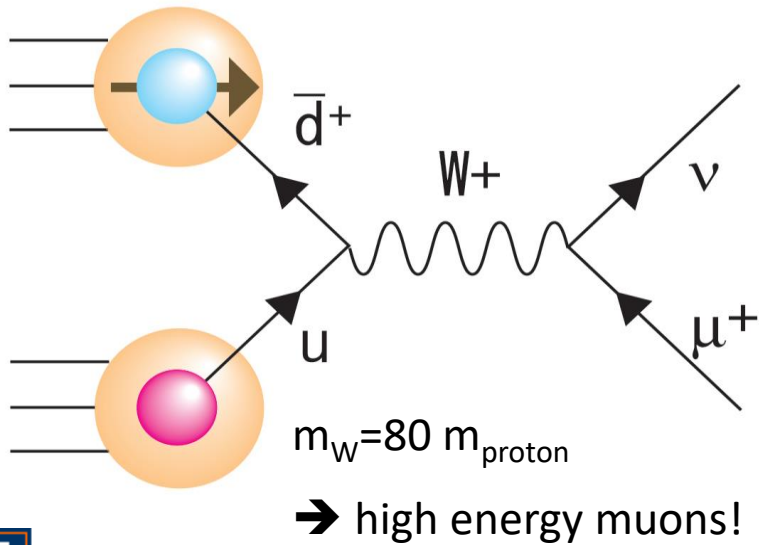
Error projections from computer simulations, the future error band from Ws at RHIC is red!

$$A_L \approx \frac{\overline{=}}{u}$$

$x\Delta\bar{u}$

DSSV
DSSV + W

$x\Delta\bar{d}$

DSSV
DSSV + W

The Experimental Challenge in PHENIX

Only 1 (useful) W-boson in 1 billion p-p collisions

Must operate at 5-10 million p-p collisions per second!

PHENIX has 350,000 readout channels 10 MHz corresponds to about 5 TeraByte/second detector data

All raw data are kept for 4 micro sec. after this only selected data can be written to tape (0.5 GigaByte/second)

Need to develop new detectors + fast online computers to find high energy muons from W-boson decay in less than 4 micro seconds!!
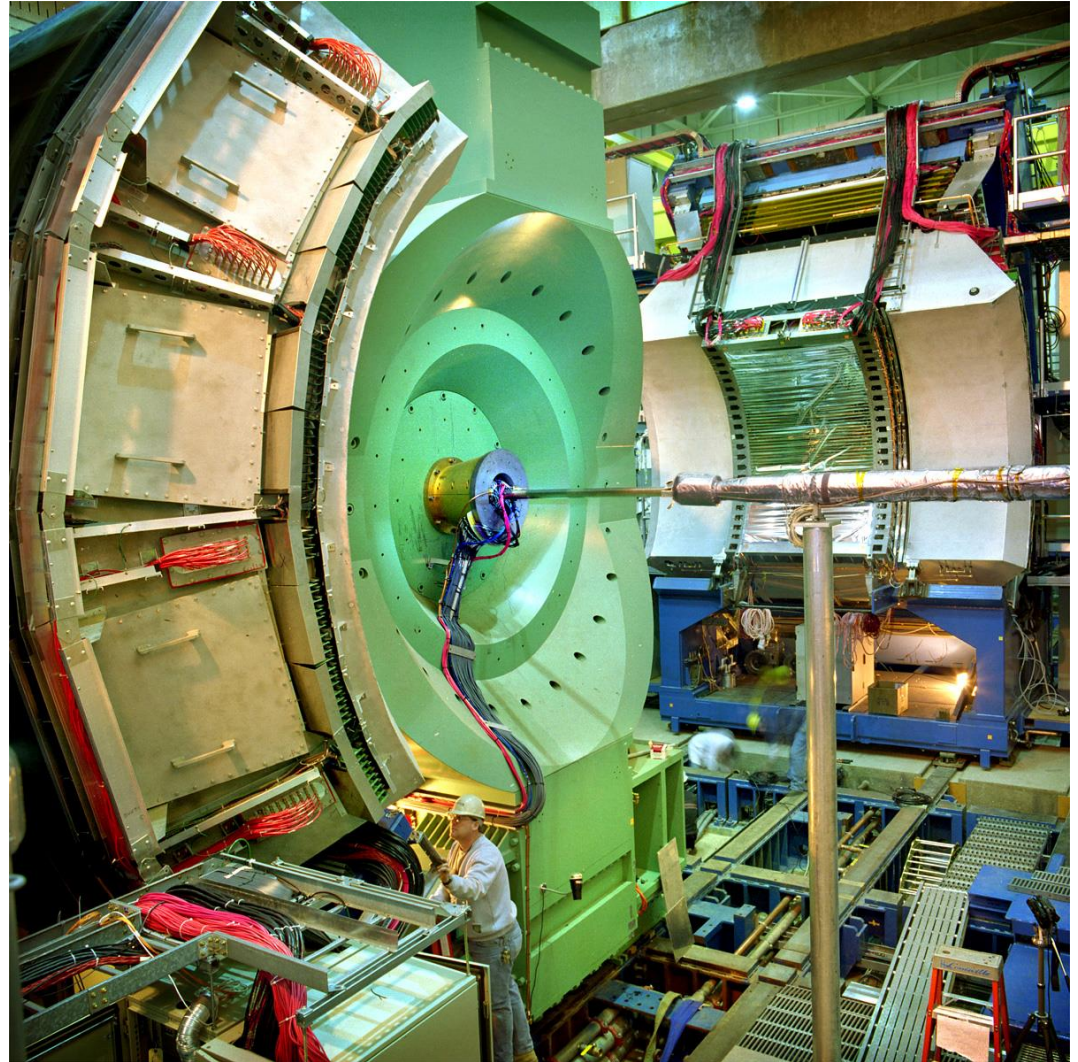
The W-Trigger Upgrade in PHENIX

(I) Develop fast processor boards to identify high energy muons in 4 micro seconds.

(II) Develop fast readout electronics for existing muon tracking chambers

(III) Develop additional fast tracking detectors, RPCs, for timing and background rejection

89 physicists from 18 institutions in the US, Japan, Korea and China:

KEK, Kyoto, RIKEN, Rikkyo, LANL, U. New Mexico, Seoul National University (JSPS funded)

UIUC, RBRC, UC Boulder , ISU, CIAE/PKU, Columbia University, GSU, UC Riverside, Korea University, ACU, Muhlenberg College, Hanyang University (NSF funded)

Construction: September 2005 to January 2012
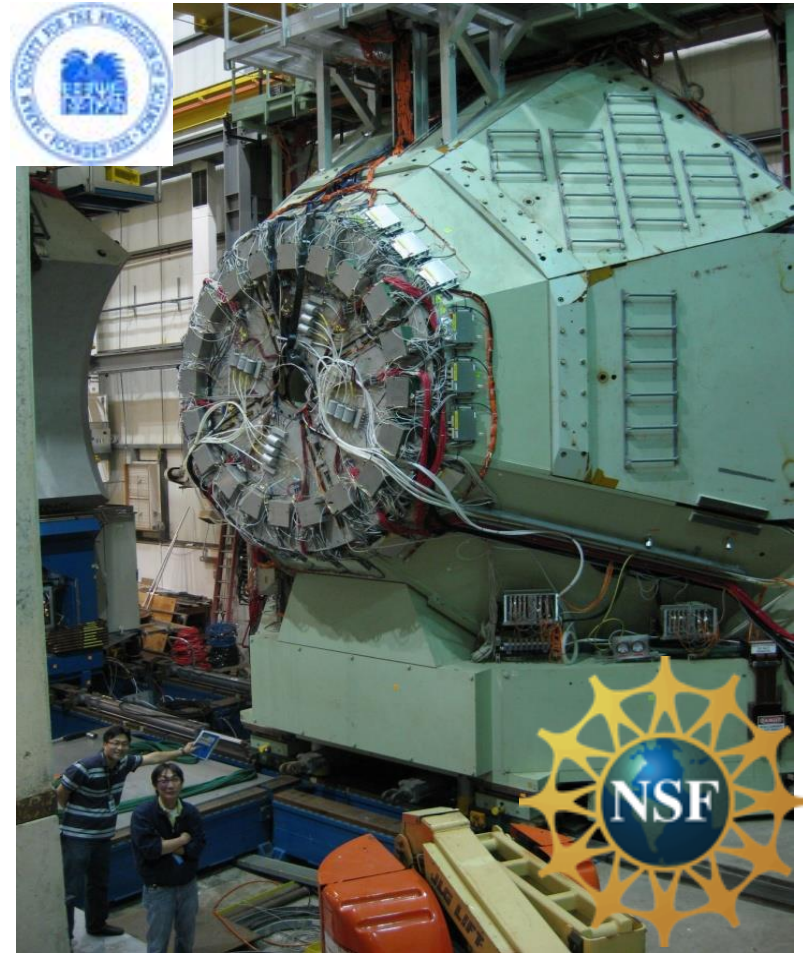
The Construction Project

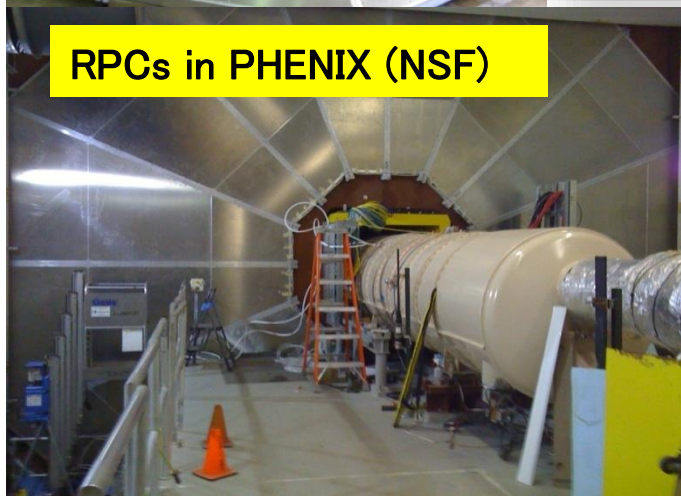muTr trigger electronics(JSPS)

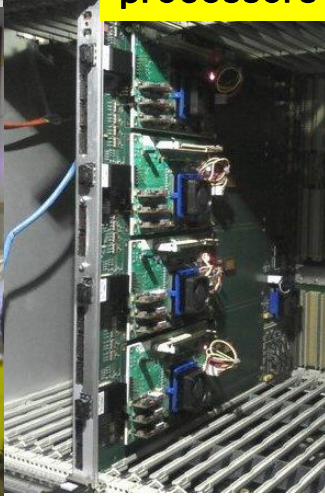SS 310 absorbers for background rejection

RPCs in Urbana (NSF)

FPGA based level-1 trigger processors

RPCs in PHENIX (NSF)

Assembly in the RPC Factory at BNL

Cosmic RPC test stand
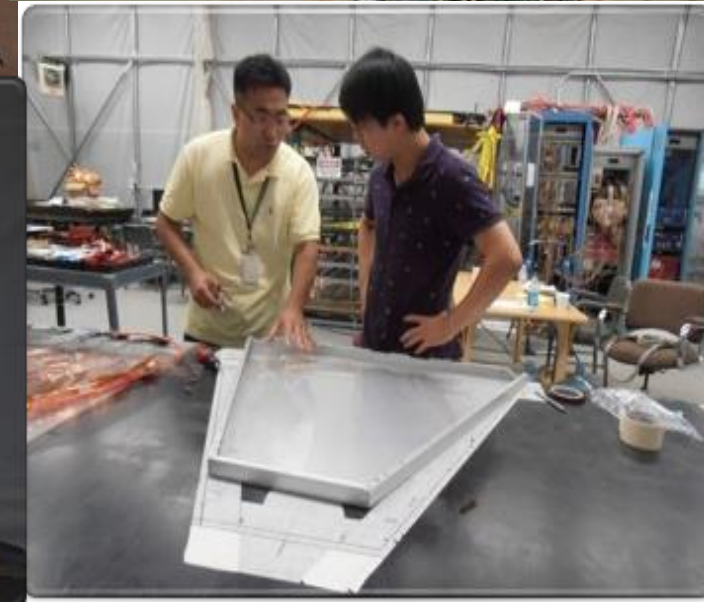
Installation in the PHENIX Spectrometer

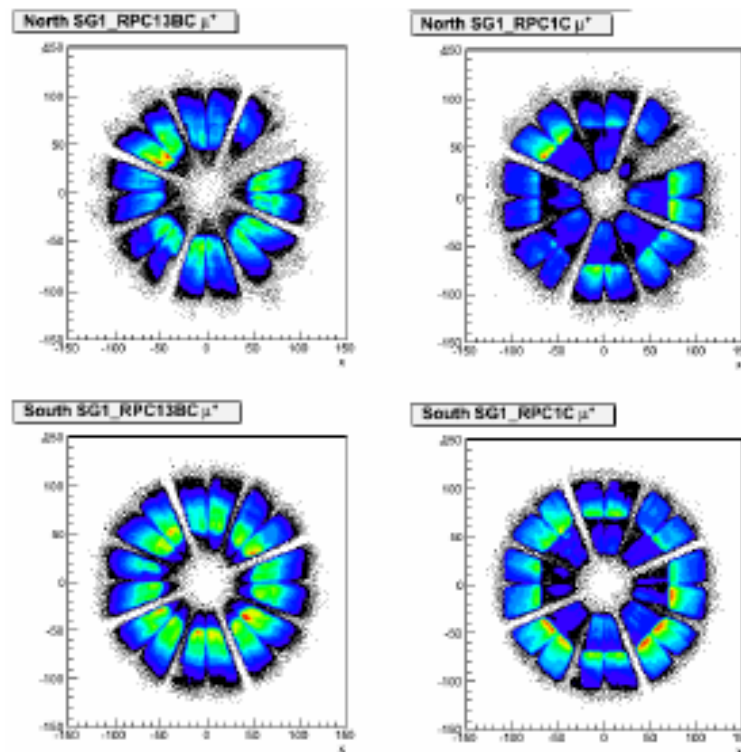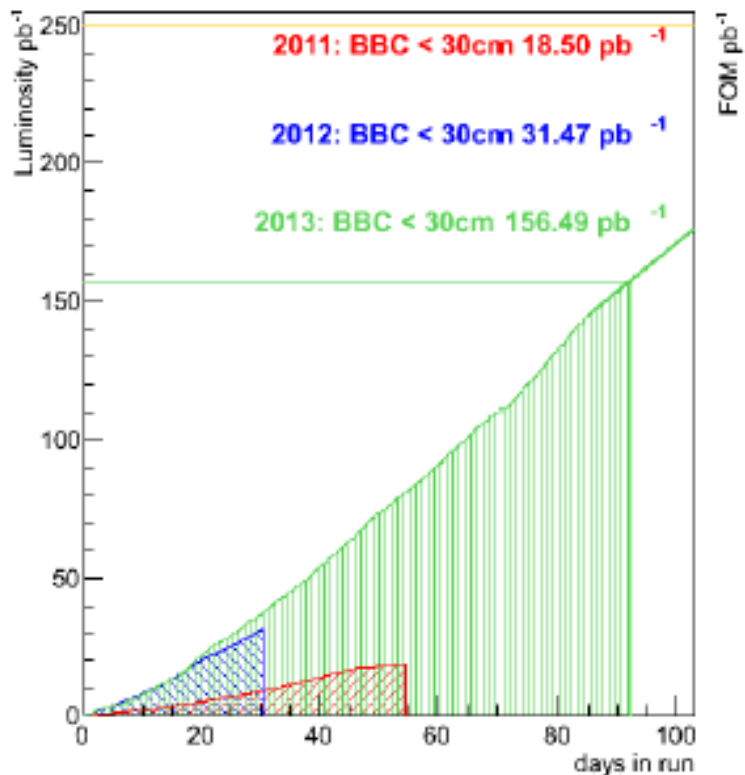PHENIX RPC-1 north (~ 3m)
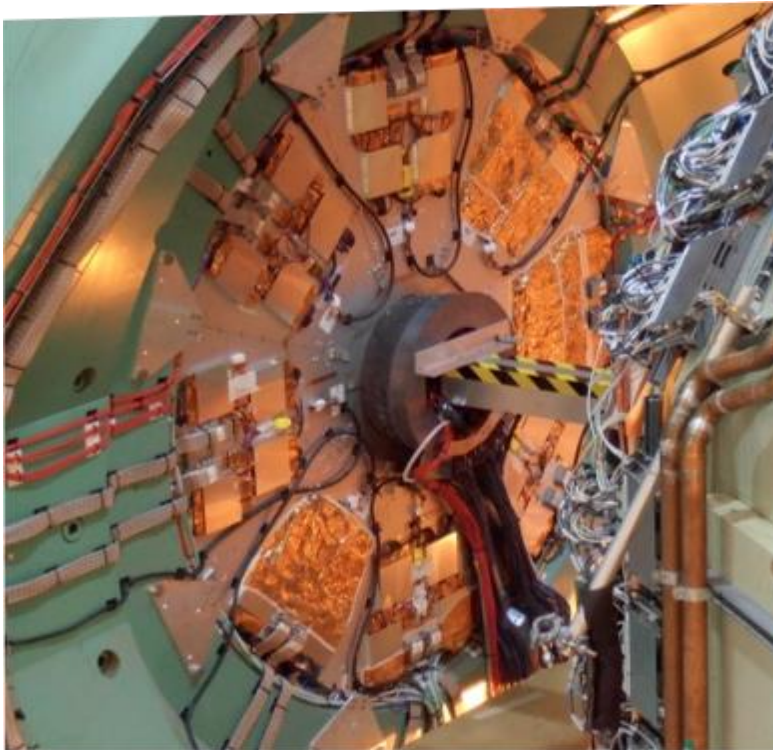
PHENIX RPC-3 north (diameter ~ 10 m)

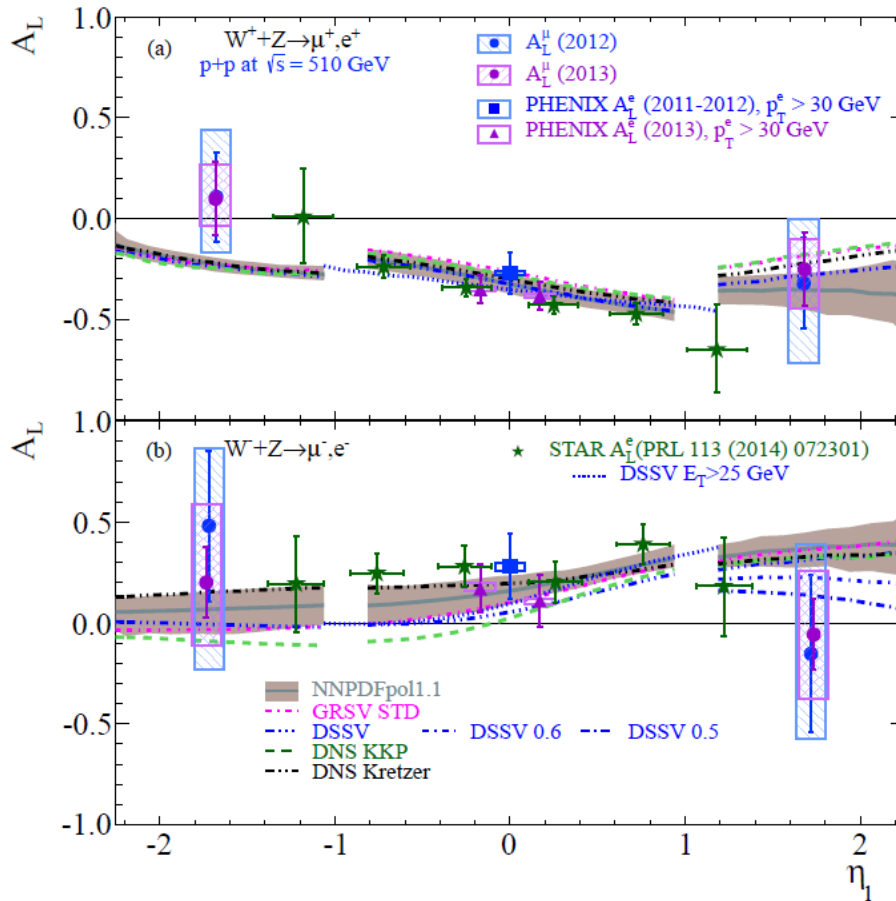# Three Years of Data Taking

Good Accelerator Performance !

Good Detector Performance !

Final results published PRD in summer 2018:

DSSV: projected impact of new
2013 STAR and PHENIX data
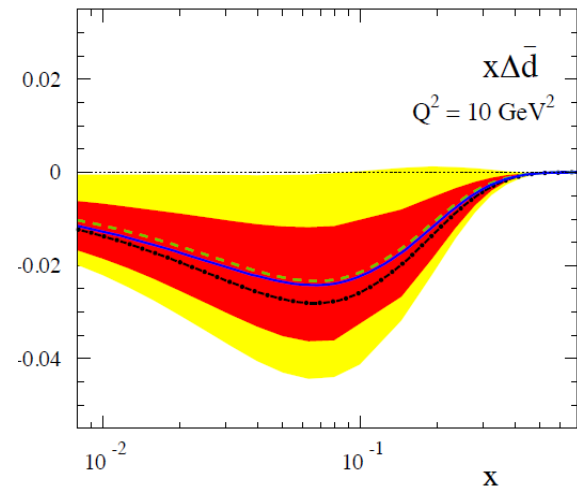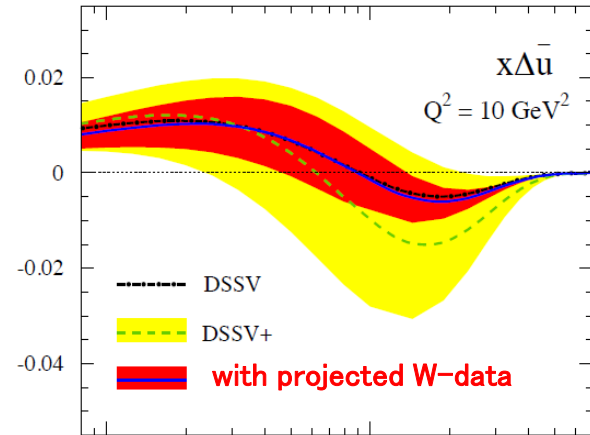
DSSV from "The RHIC Spin Program"
Aschenauer et al. arXic:1501.01220

Summary

A large experimental effort in polarized e-p and p-p is underway to determine the spin structure of the proton.

In deep inelastic e-p scattering the quark spin contribution has been found to be 1/3.

W-Production in polarized proton-proton Collisions at RHIC provide unique sensitivity to the anti-quark spin distributions in the proton.

The PHENIX detector was upgraded successfully for W-physics.
Data taking has been completed successfully and
data analysis has started.

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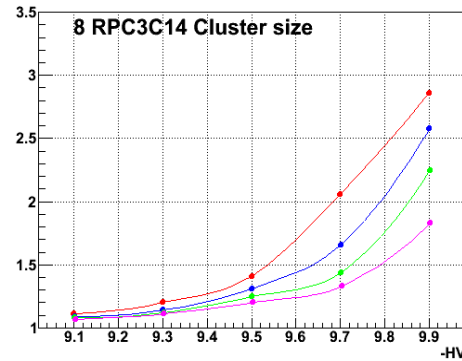
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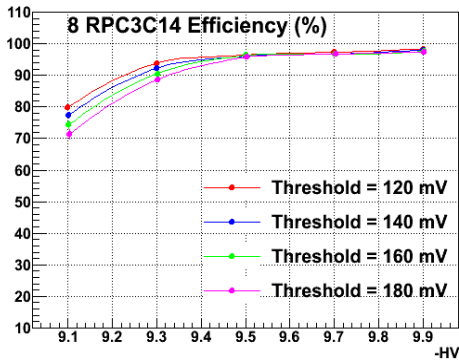JhnJea Choi
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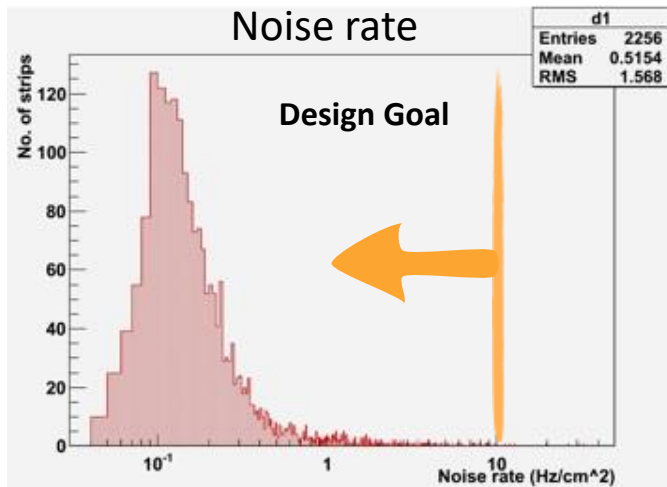Germany

Indiana U.

RPC Performance

RPC Factory: efficiency & Cluster size

8 RPC3C14 Efficiency (%)

Threshold = 120 mV
Threshold = 140 mV
Threshold = 160 mV
Threshold = 180 mV

8 RPC3C14 Cluster size

RPC3 Hit map

RPC3N

IhnJea Choi

Noise rate

Design Goal

d1
Entries 2256
Mean 0.5154
RMS 1.568

Incoming Beam Background   Collision related BG

Collision

Time (2.4 ns/bin)

IhnJea Choi+ Francesca Giordano