

# Physics at HERA

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# Overview

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- Introduction to HERA
- Inclusive DIS & Structure Functions
  - formalism
  - HERA results
- High  $Q^2$  & Electroweak Physics
- QCD: Jet Physics, Heavy Flavour Production
- Beyond the Standard Model
- (Diffraction)

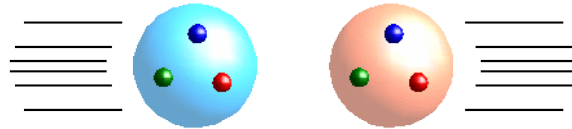
# Collider Types

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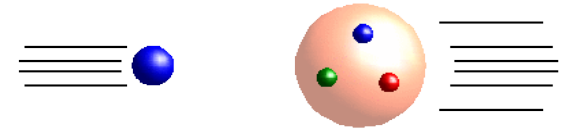
$e^+e^-$

- + clean initial and final state
- + small background
- limited energy
- LEP (200 GeV)  
ILC (1 TeV)



$p^\pm p^\pm$

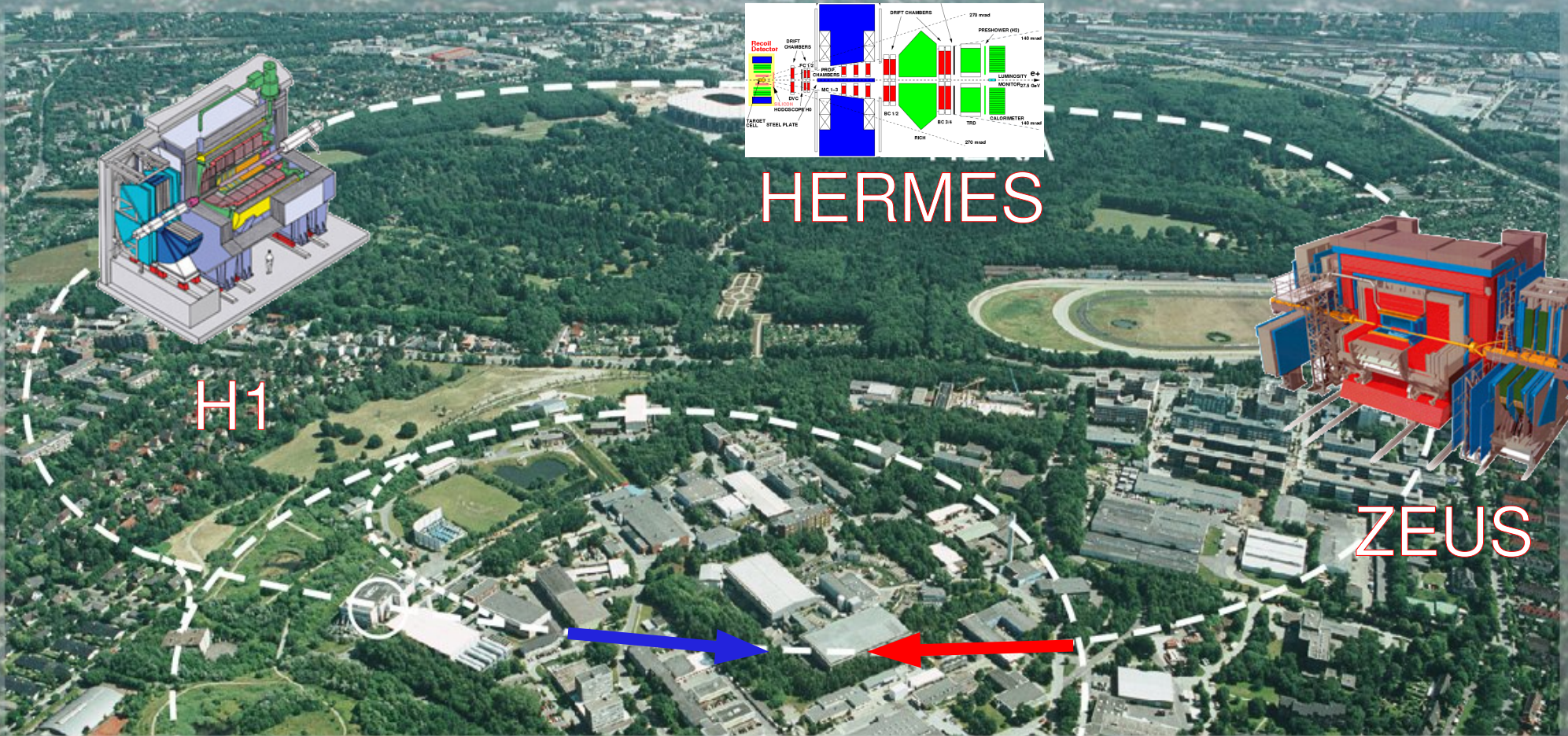
- + high energy
- complicated final state
- large background
- Tevatron (2 TeV)  
LHC (14 TeV)



$ep$

- + unique initial state
- + electron as probe of proton structure
- two accelerators
- HERA (300 GeV)

# HERA



H1

HERMES

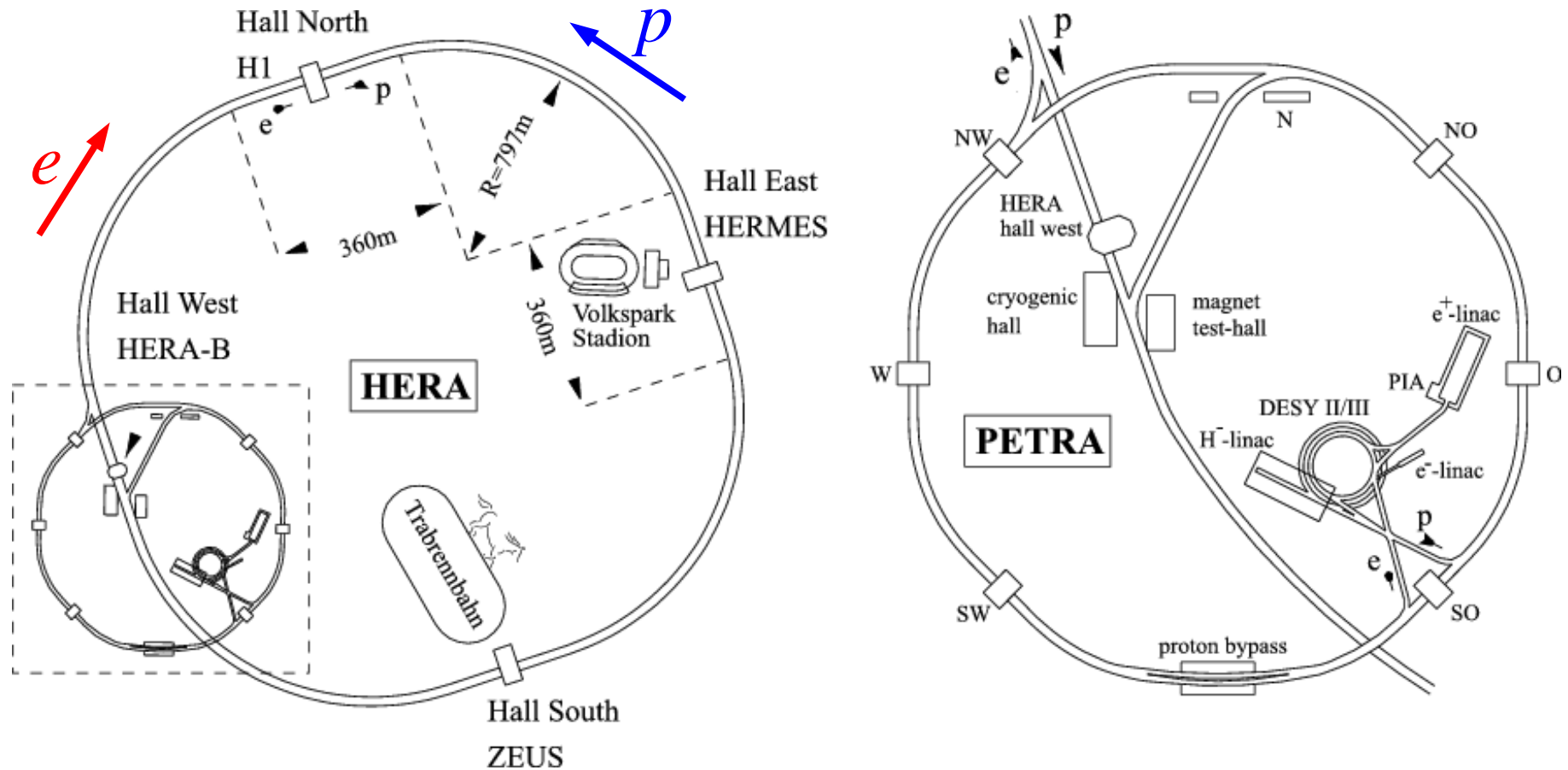
ZEUS

**p**  
**920 GeV**

**e**  
**27.6 GeV**

PETRA

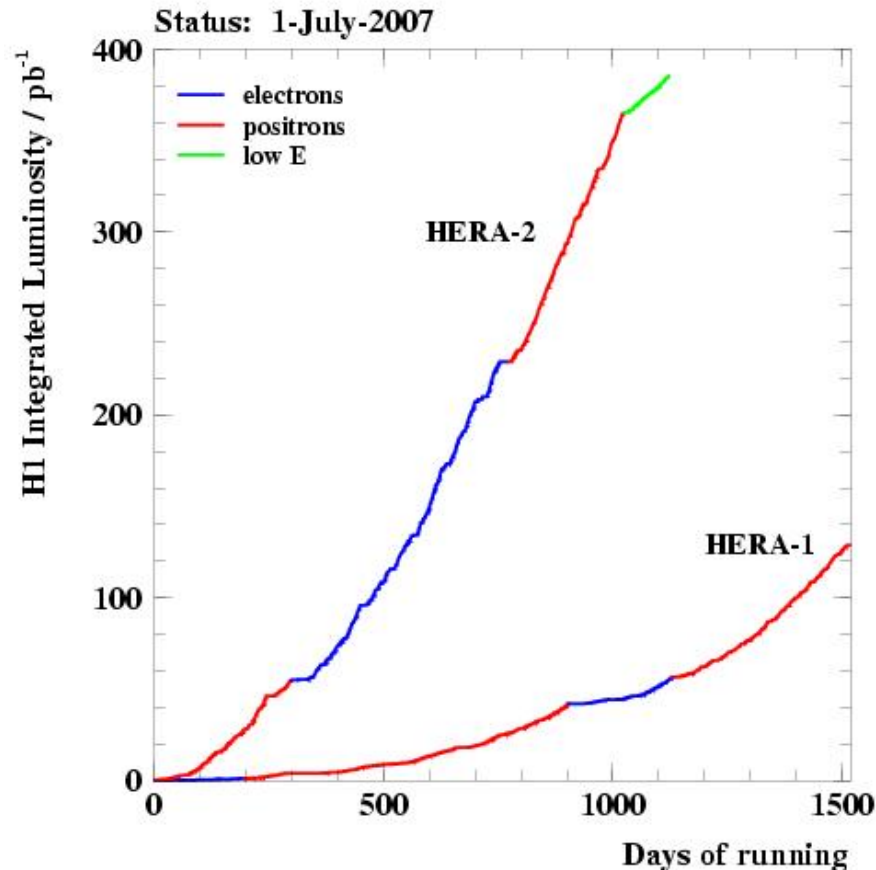
# HERA & its Pre-Accelerators



circumference: 6.3 km

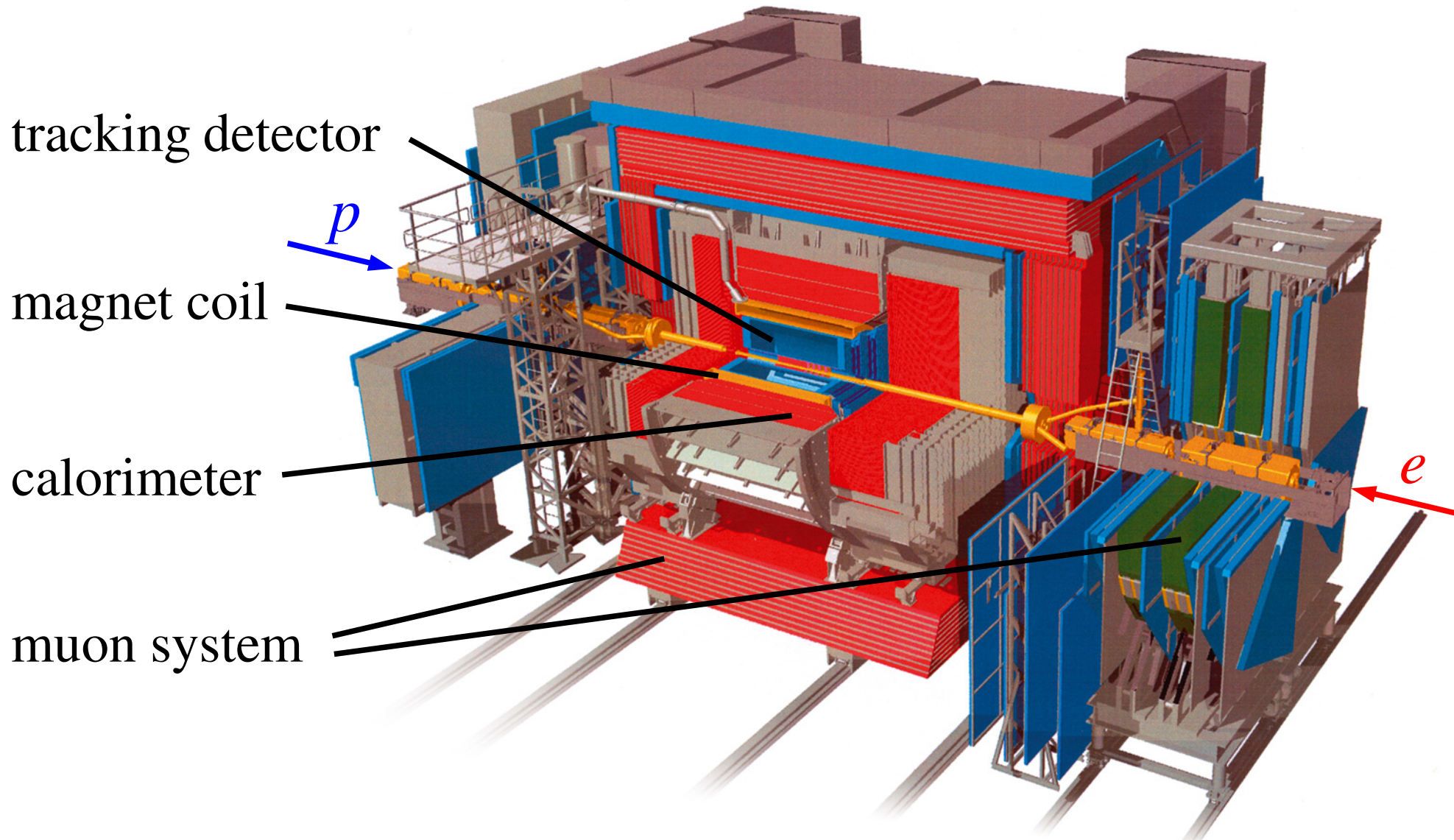
bunch crossing rate: 10.4 MHz

# Collected Luminosity

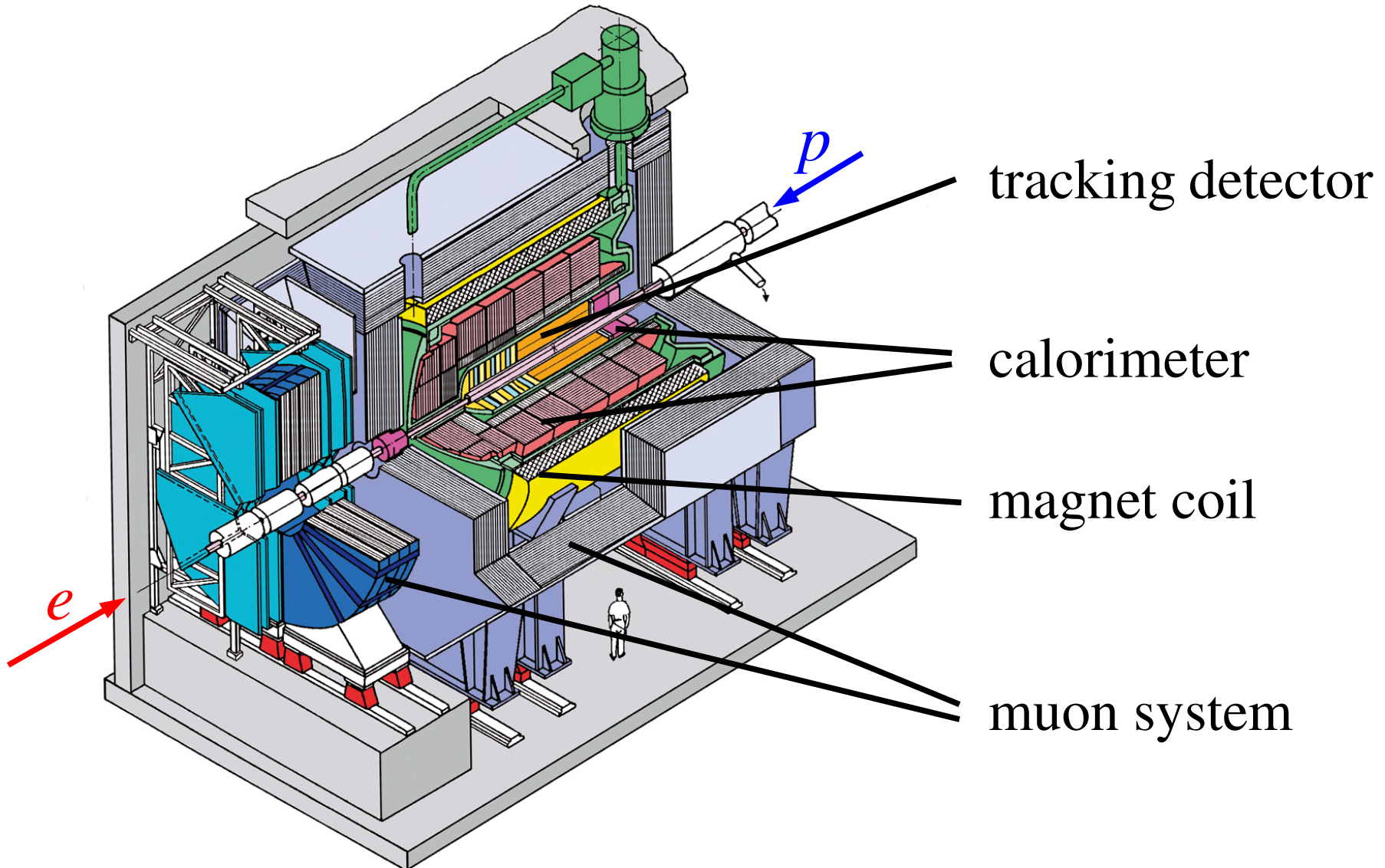


- HERA operated 1992-2007
- lumi upgrade in 2001
  - higher luminosity
  - $e$  polarization for H1 & ZEUS
  - detector upgrades
- in total  $\sim 500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of high energy data collected per experiment
- last months devoted to low  $p$  energy (460, 575 GeV)

# ZEUS Detector

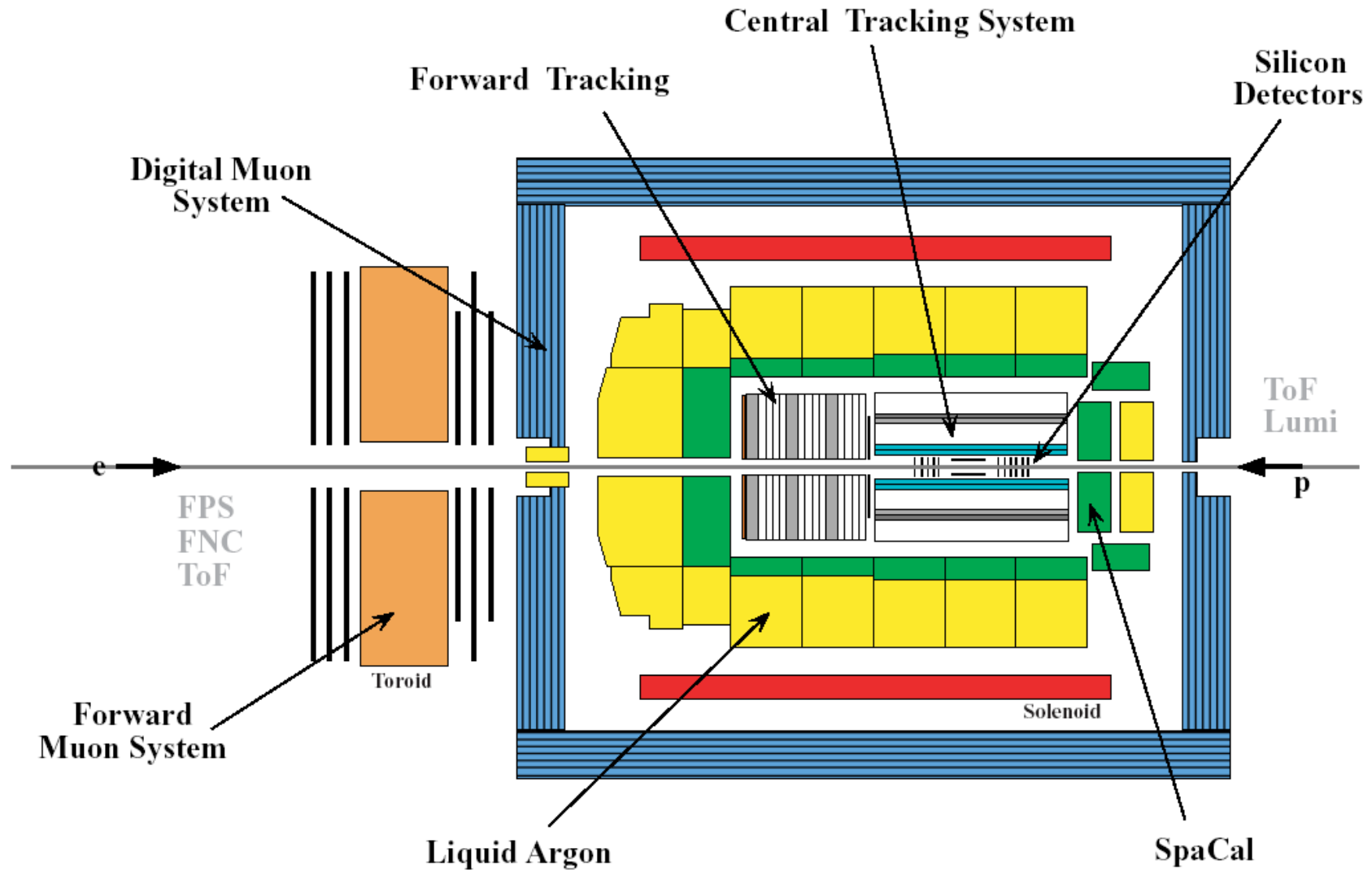


# H1 Detector

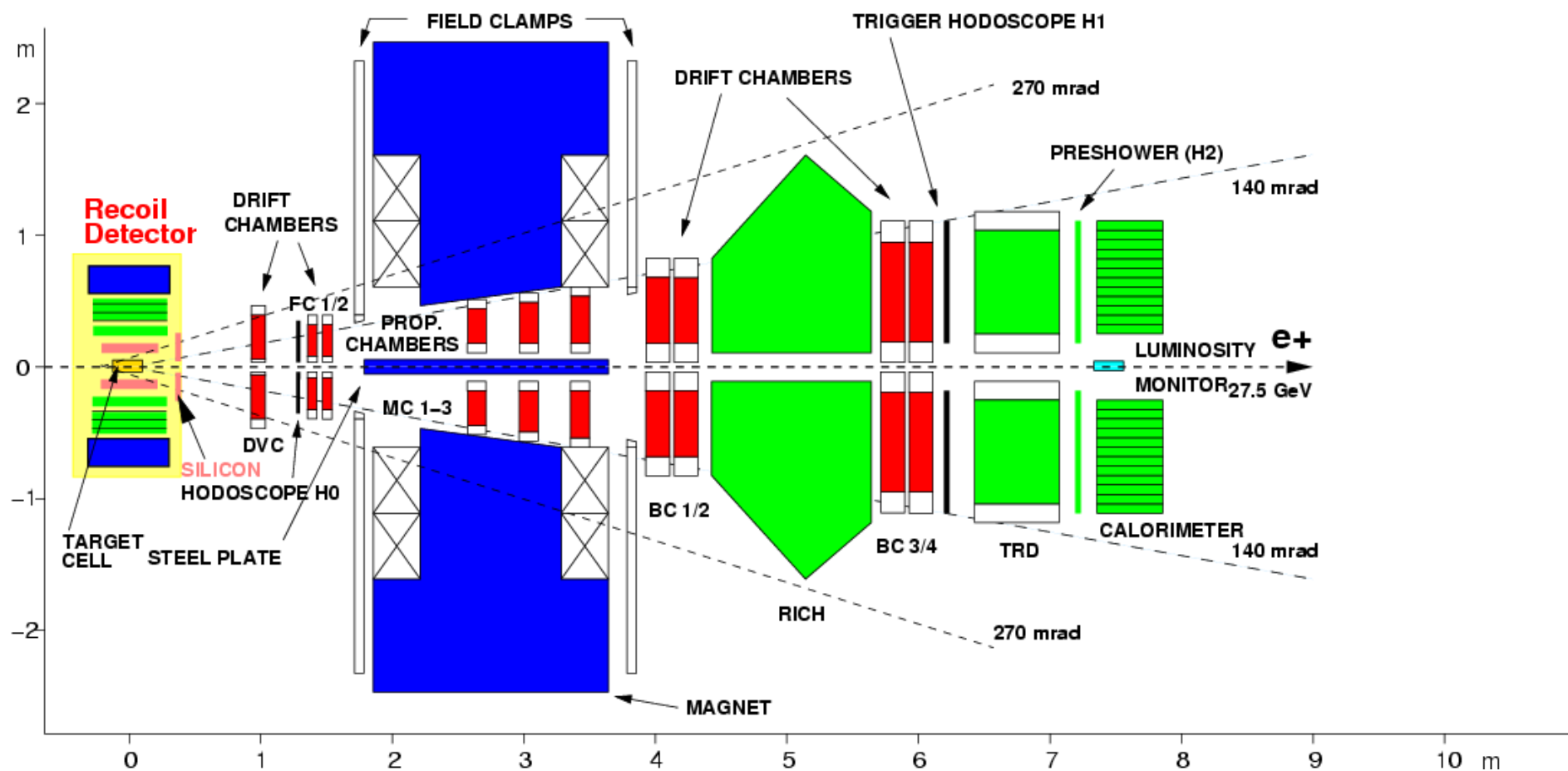




# Schematic View of the H1 Detector



# HERMES Detector



- HERMES used electron beam on polarised gas target
- spectrometer covering region around electron beam direction

# Physics Topics at HERA

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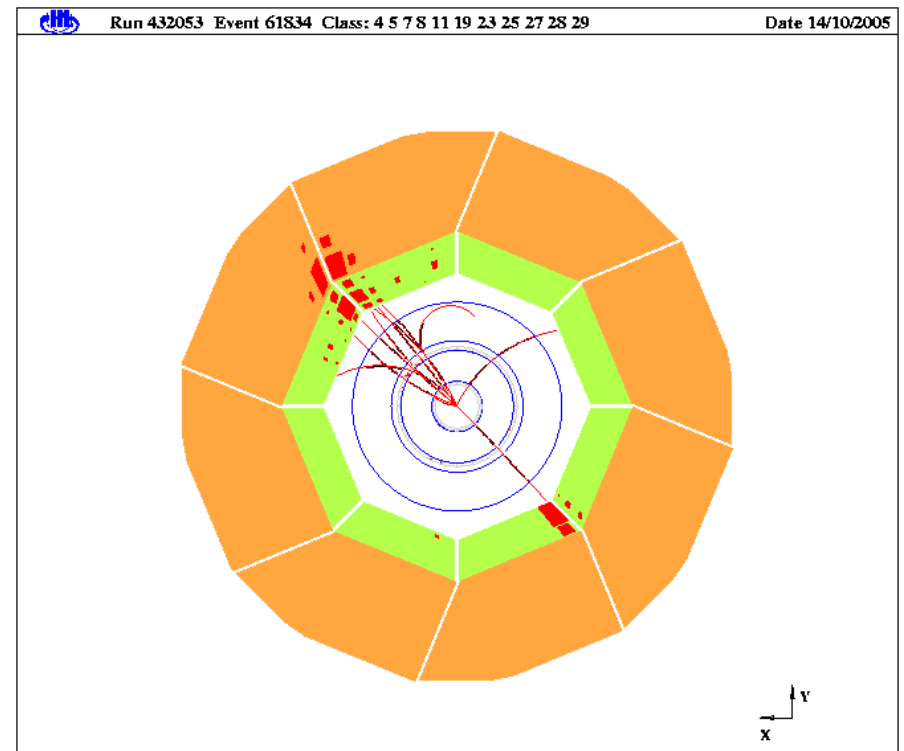
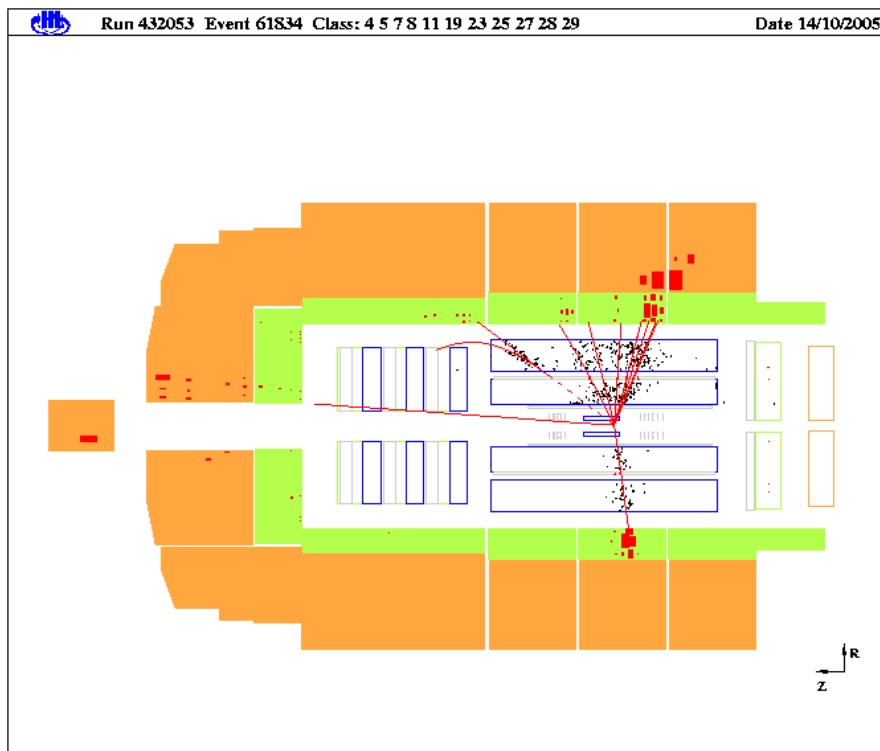
## expected

- proton structure
  - structure functions
  - parton densities
- photon structure
- perturbative QCD
  - jets
  - $\alpha_s$
  - heavy quarks
- electroweak

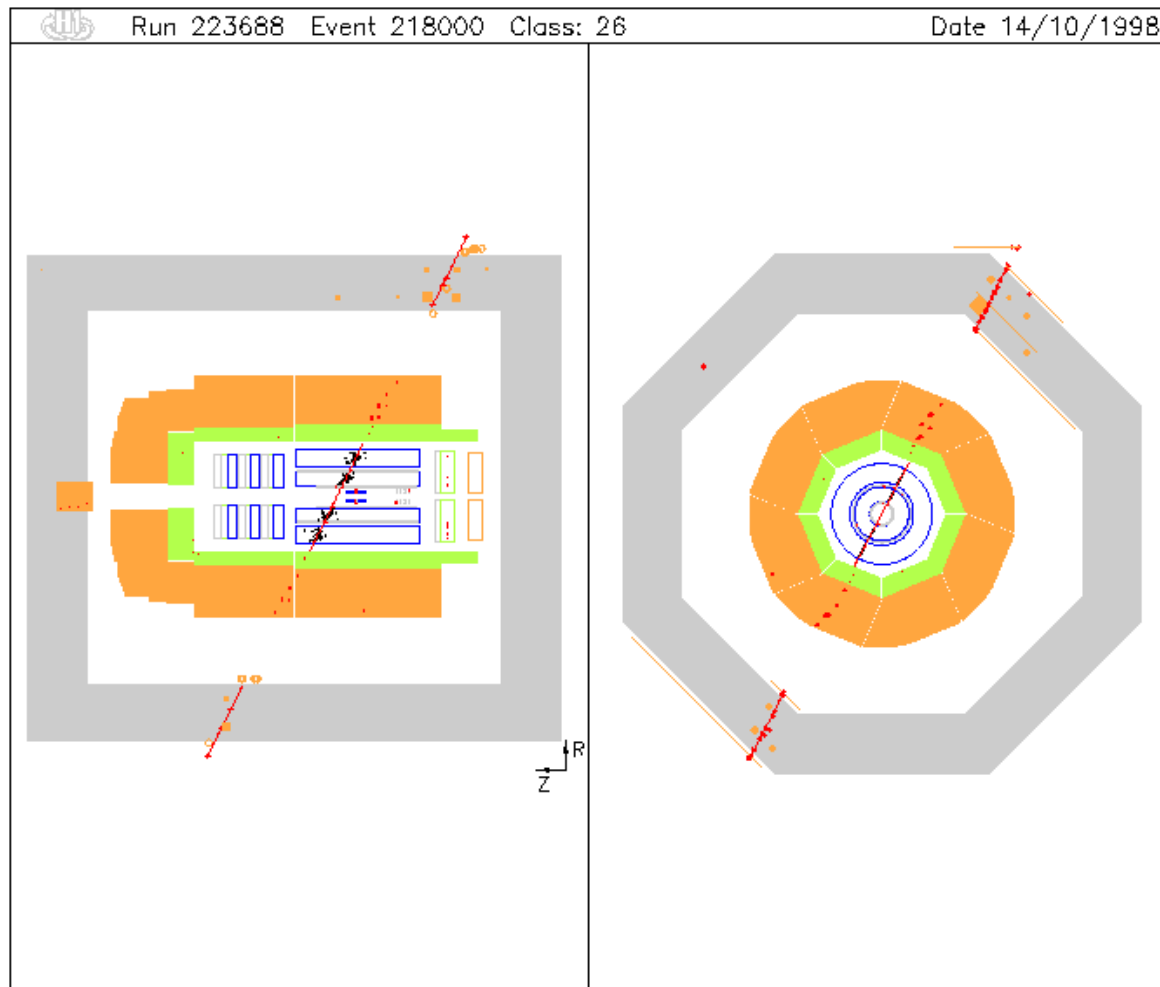
## not (so) expected

- exotics (beyond the standard model)
  - SUSY
  - leptoquarks
  - ...
- diffraction

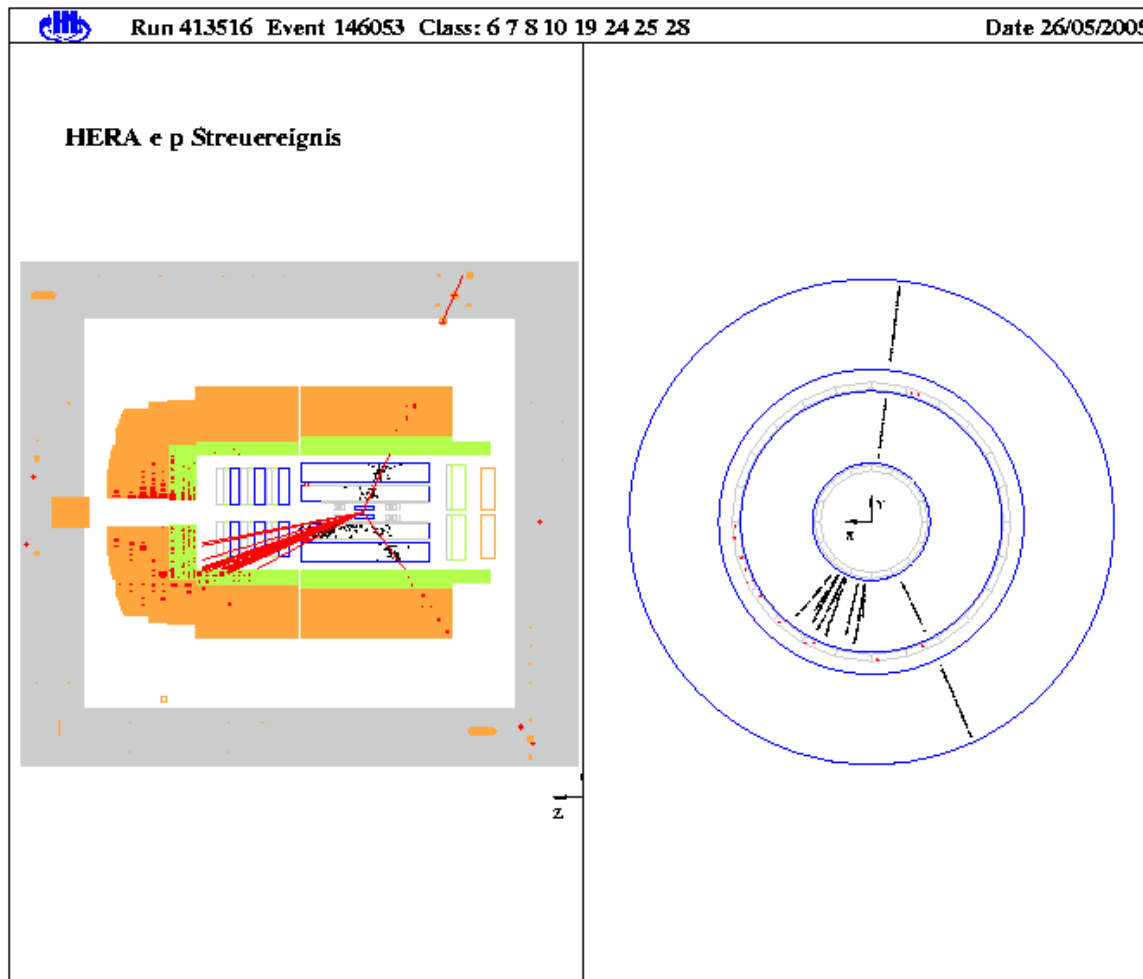
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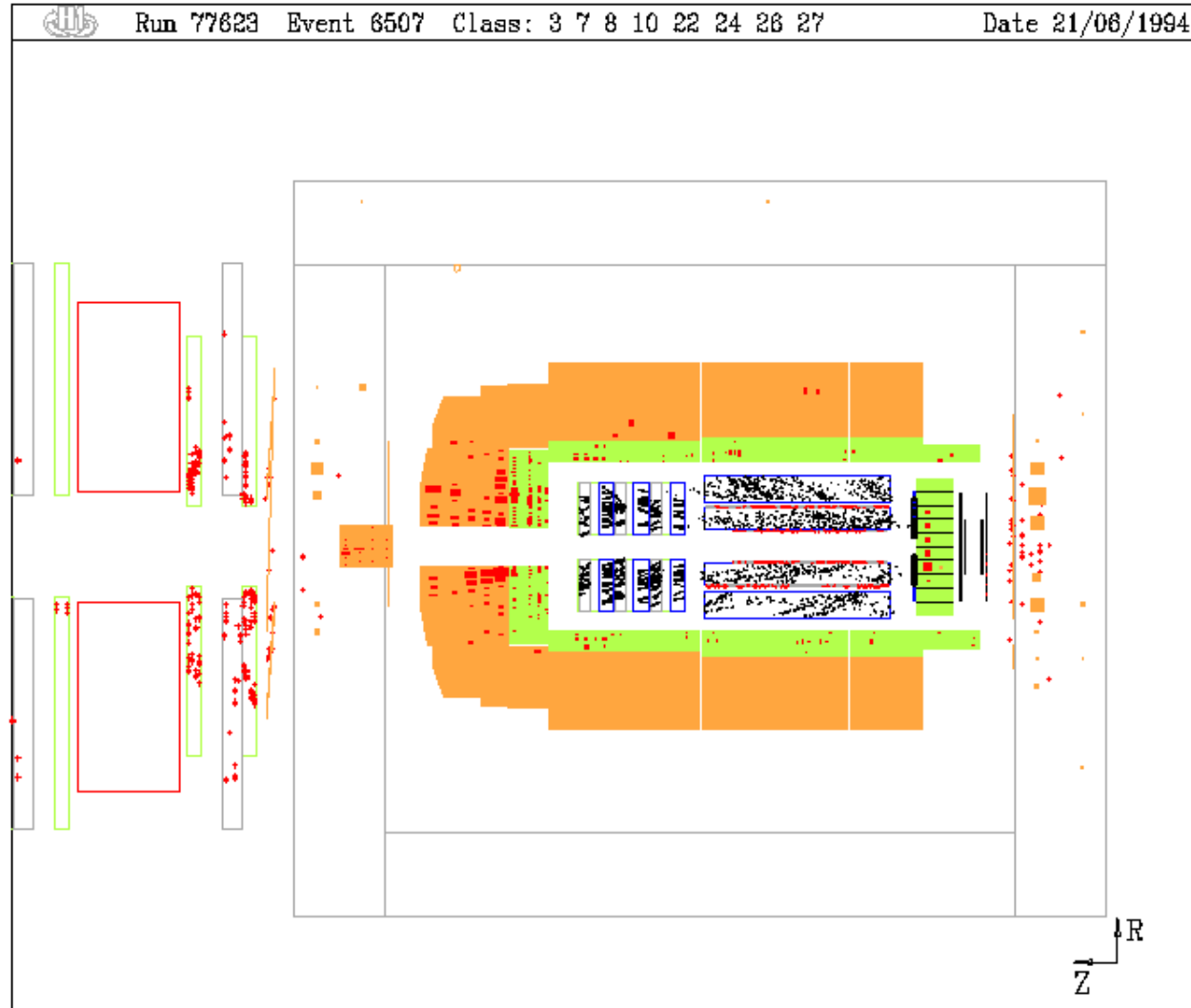
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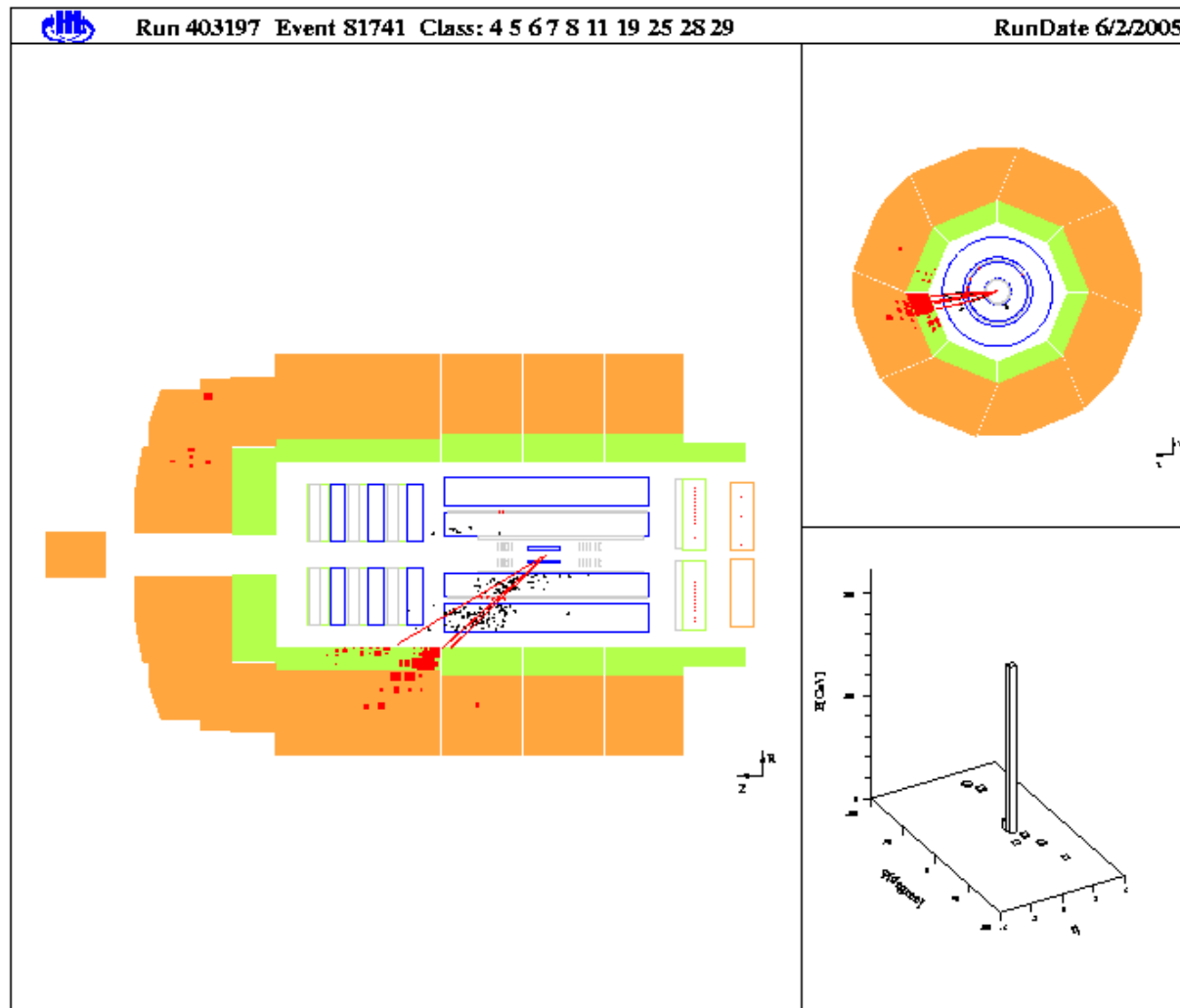
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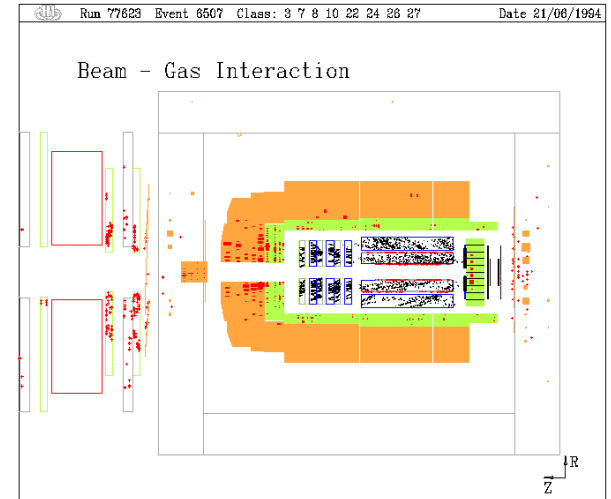
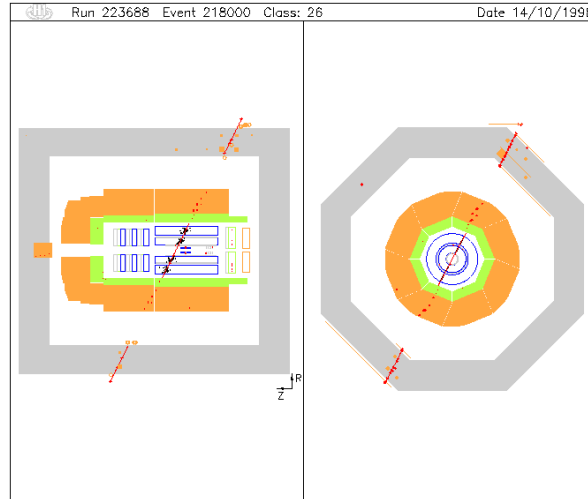




# Event Rates

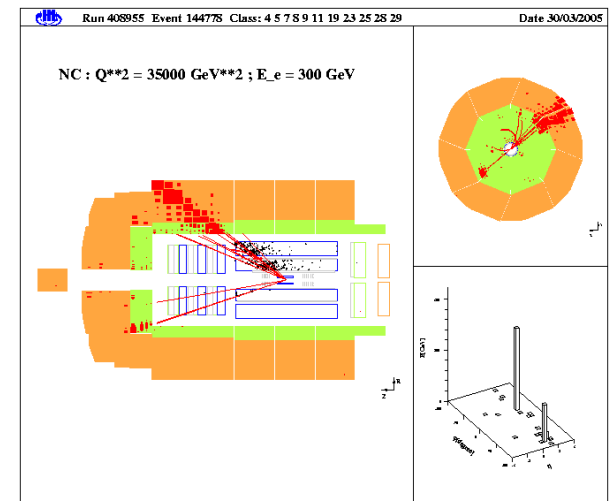
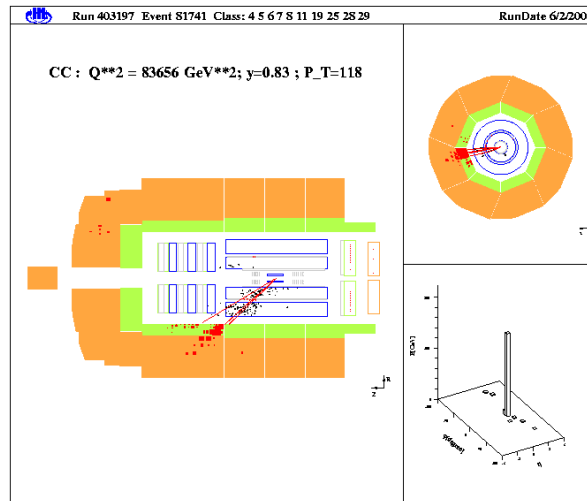
some kHz

some Hz



some  $\text{min}^{-1}$

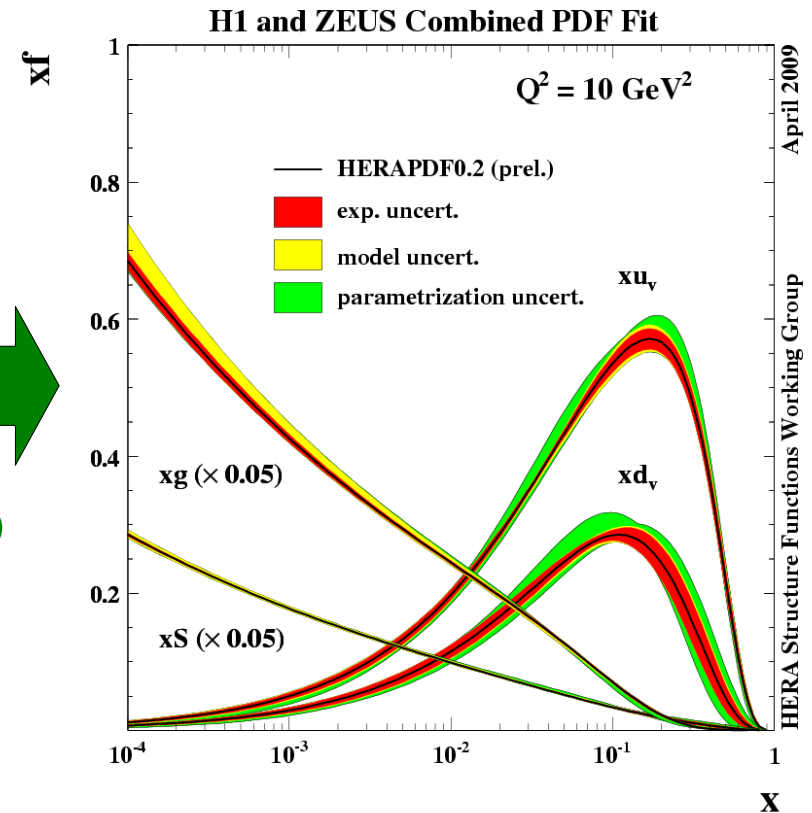
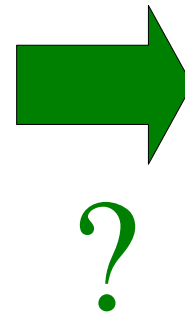
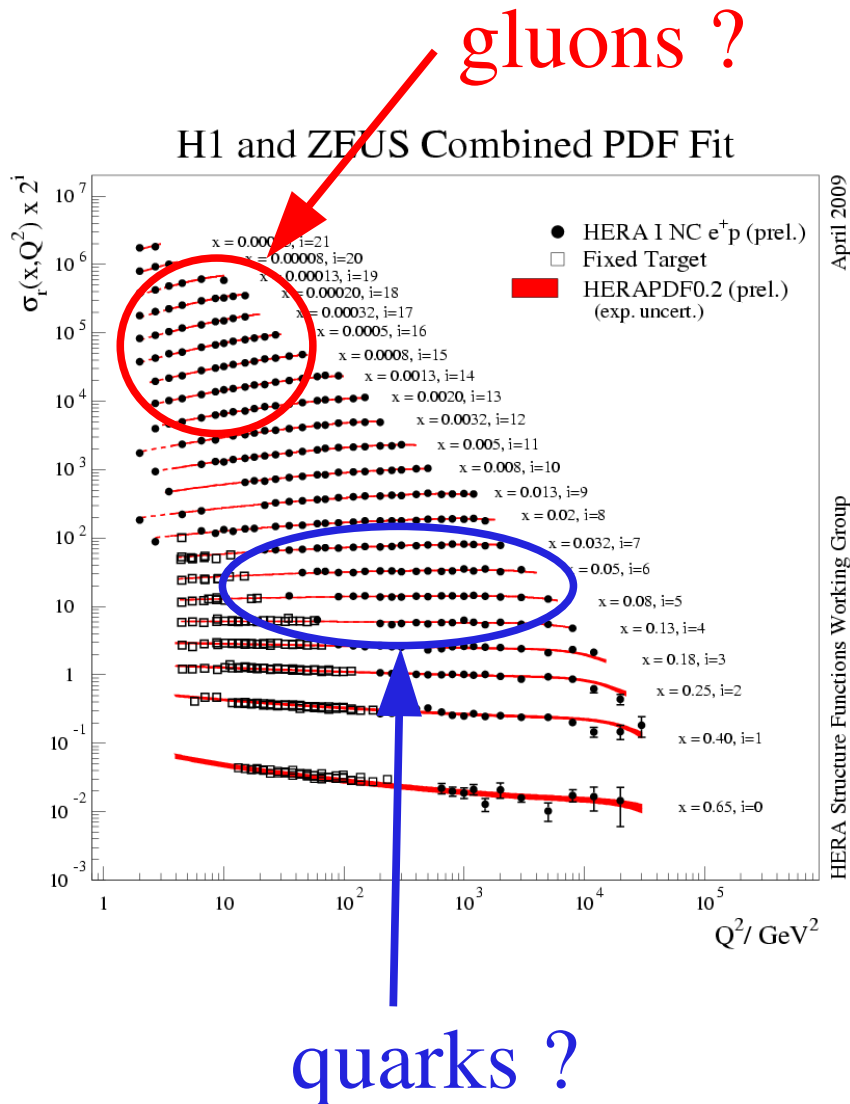
some  $\text{hour}^{-1}$



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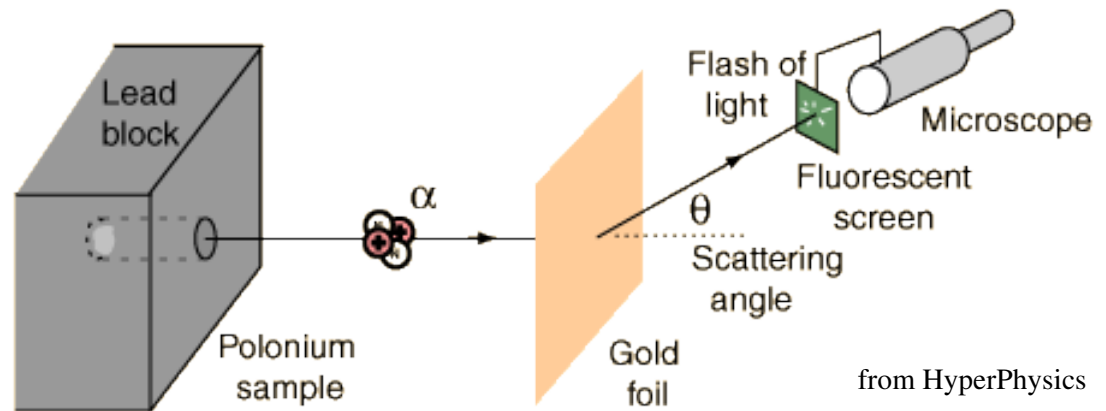
# *ep* Scattering & Structure Functions

# „The“ HERA Textbook Plots



# Rutherford Scattering

- first scattering experiment
- existence of the nucleus



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left( \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4E_{kin}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

assumes

- Coulomb potential
- no spins
- no recoil

# Elastic Electron Scattering

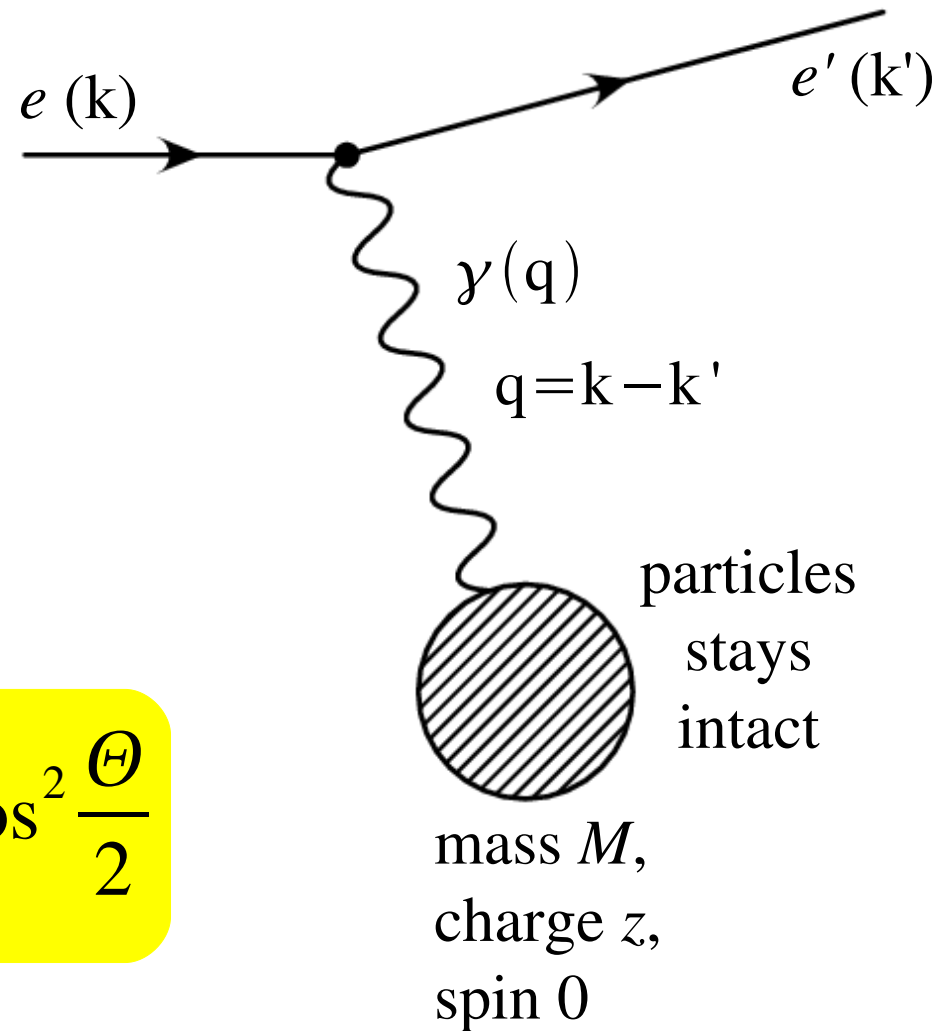
variables:

- $q = k - k'$
  - $Q^2 = -q^2$   
 $= 4 E E' \sin^2(\Theta/2)$
  - $E' = \frac{E}{1 + (2 E / M) \sin^2(\Theta/2)}$
- only one independent!

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 z^2}{Q^4} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

Coulomb-  
Potential  $\sim 1/r$

recoil



# Elastic Electron Scattering: Cross Section

- Mott Scattering: electron on a pointlike charged particle with spin 0

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{\text{Mott}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left( \frac{E'}{E} \right)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

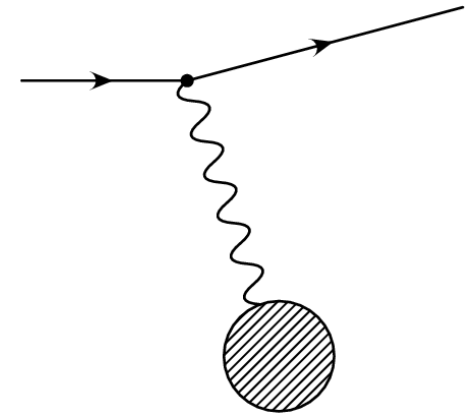
- Dirac Scattering: electron on a pointlike charged particle with spin 1/2

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{\text{Dirac}} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \left[ 1 + 2\tau \tan^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

- electron on proton: „form factors“ needed:

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{ep} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \left[ \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2(Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} \right]$$

→ protons are not pointlike!



# Electric Form Factor of the Proton

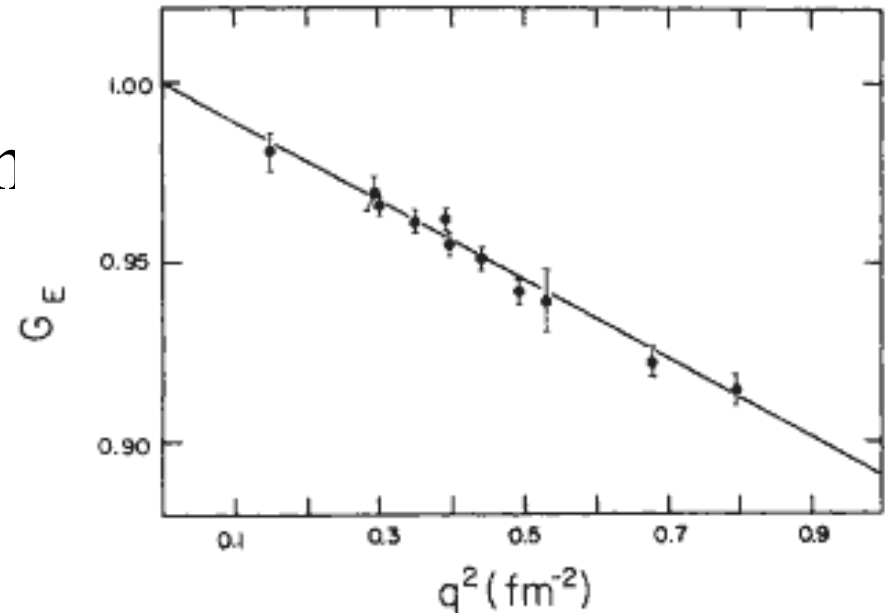
- describes the charge distribution in the proton (Fourier transform)
- measured:

- $G_E(0) = 1$

- $G_M(0) = 2.79$

- $G_E(Q^2), G_M(Q^2) \propto \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71 \text{ GeV}^2}\right)^{-2}$

→ elastic scattering only import at low  $Q^2$

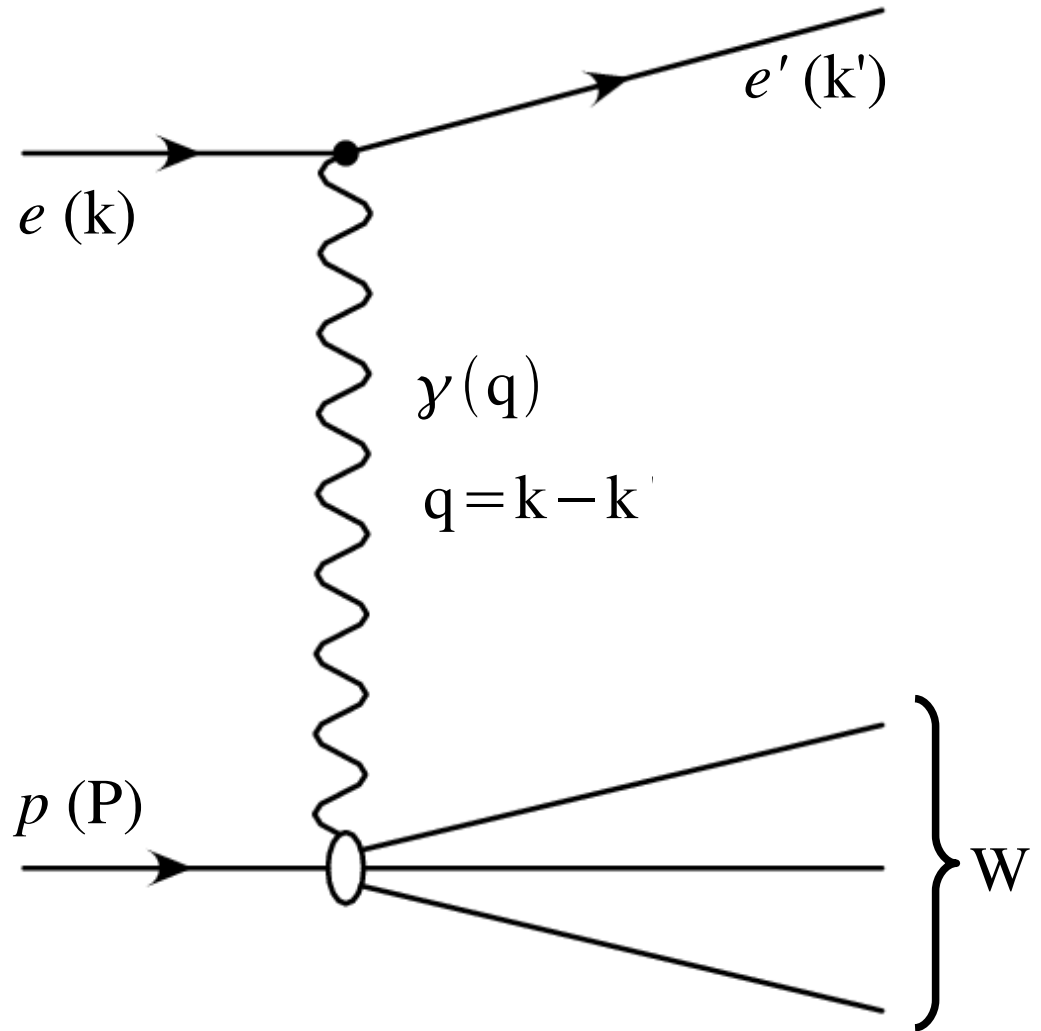


from J.J. Murphy et al., „Proton form factor from 0.15 to 0.79 fm<sup>-2</sup>“

# Inelastic Electron Scattering

variables:

- $q = k - k'$
  - $Q^2 = -q^2$
  - $s = (P + k)^2$
  - $W^2 = (P + q)^2$   
 $= M^2 + 2q \cdot P - Q^2$
  - $y = q \cdot P / k \cdot P$
- two independent!



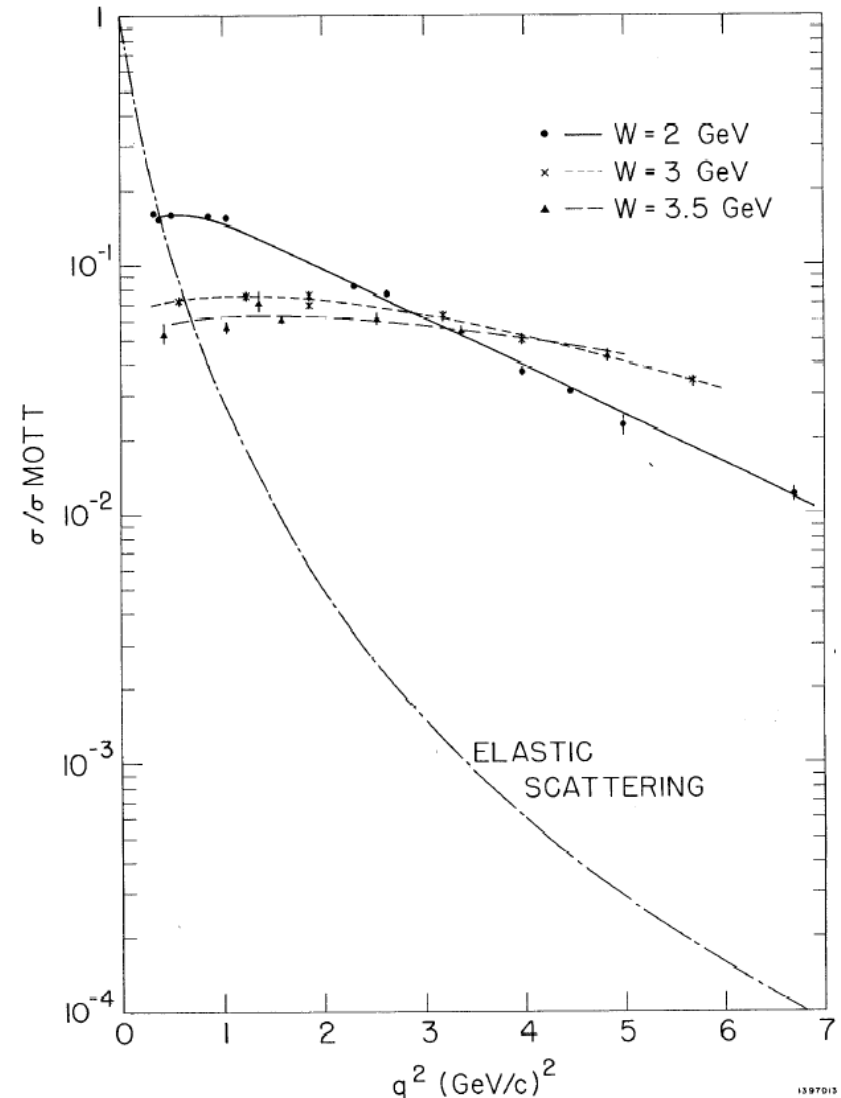
elastic:  $W = M$

inelastic:  $W > M$



# Inelastic Electron Proton Scattering

- inelastic scattering:  
 $W > M_p$
- ratio to Mott cross section  
nearly flat in  $Q^2$



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OBSERVED BEHAVIOR OF HIGHLY INELASTIC  
ELECTRON-PROTON SCATTERING

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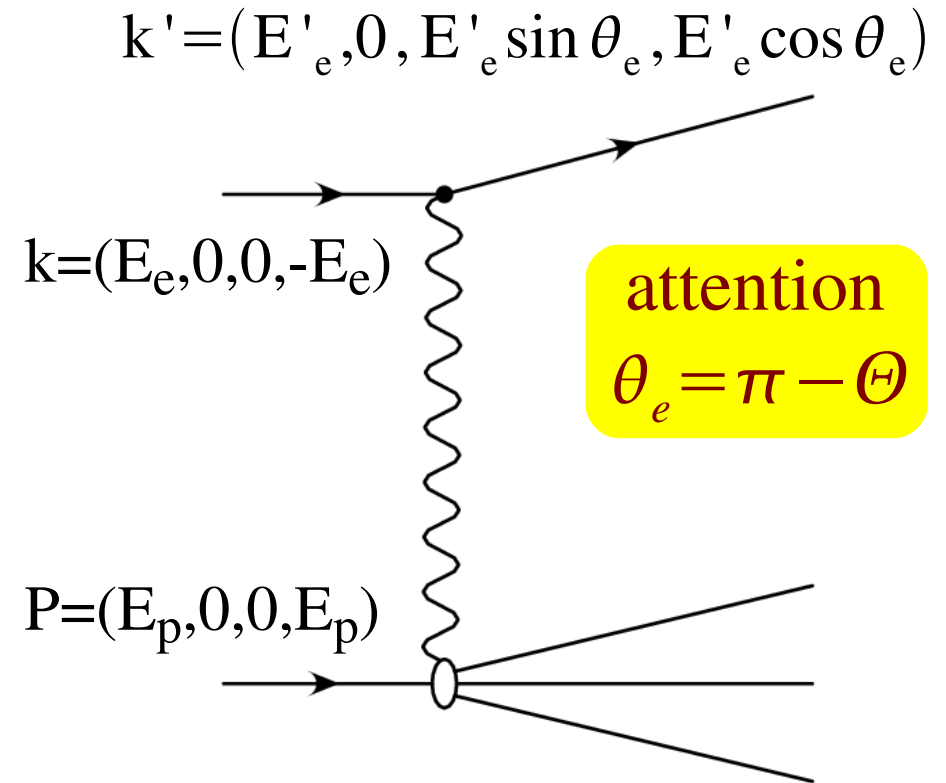
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# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

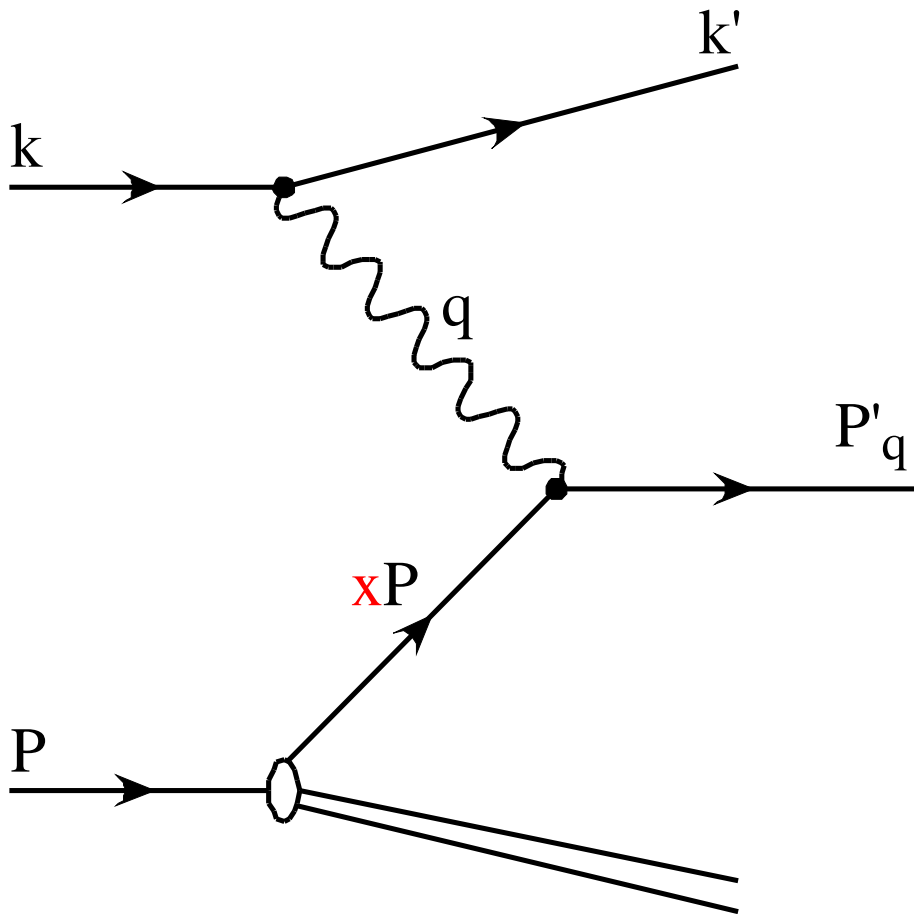
- deep:  $Q^2 > (M_p)^2$
- inelastic:  $W > M_p$
- for HERA:  $m_e, M_p \ll W$   
 → neglect  $m_e, M_p$

- $s = 4 E_p E_e$
- $Q^2 = 2 E_e E'_e (1 + \cos \theta_e)$
- $y = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \sin^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}$
- $W^2 = ys - Q^2$

- one more variable:  $x = Q^2 / (2 P \cdot q) = Q^2 / ys$



# DIS: What is $x$ ?



$x$  can be interpreted as the momentum fraction of the struck parton of the proton:

$$P'_q = q + xP$$

$$(q + xP)^2 = -Q^2 + 2x q \cdot P + (xP)^2$$

$$(q + xP)^2 = (xP)^2 = (m_q)^2$$

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

**inelastic proton scattering is scattering on a parton of the proton!**

# Structure Functions $F_1$ & $F_2$

- the DIS cross section can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 \sigma}{dx dQ^2} &= \frac{4 \pi \alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{1}{x} \left[ (1-y) F_2(x, Q^2) + \frac{y^2}{2} 2x F_1(x, Q^2) \right] \\ &= \frac{4 \pi \alpha^2}{Q^4} \frac{1}{x} \frac{E'}{E} \left[ F_2(x, Q^2) \cos^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2x^2 M_p^2} 2x F_1(x, Q^2) \sin^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} \right]\end{aligned}$$

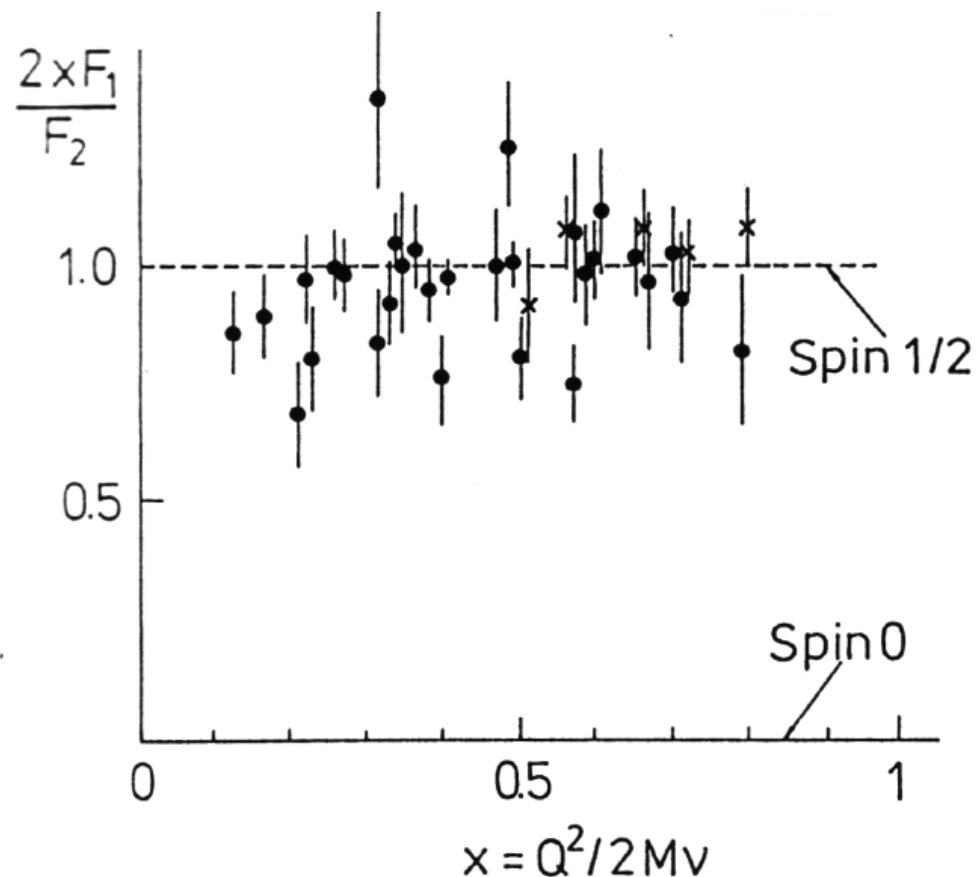
- comparison with Dirac formula

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \right)_{\text{Dirac}} = \frac{4 \pi \alpha^2 z^2}{Q^4} \left( \frac{E'}{E} \right)^2 \left[ \cos^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2M^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Theta}{2} \right]$$

- $F_2$  corresponds to **electric** field of the parton
- $F_1$  corresponds to **spin** of the parton

# Parton Spin

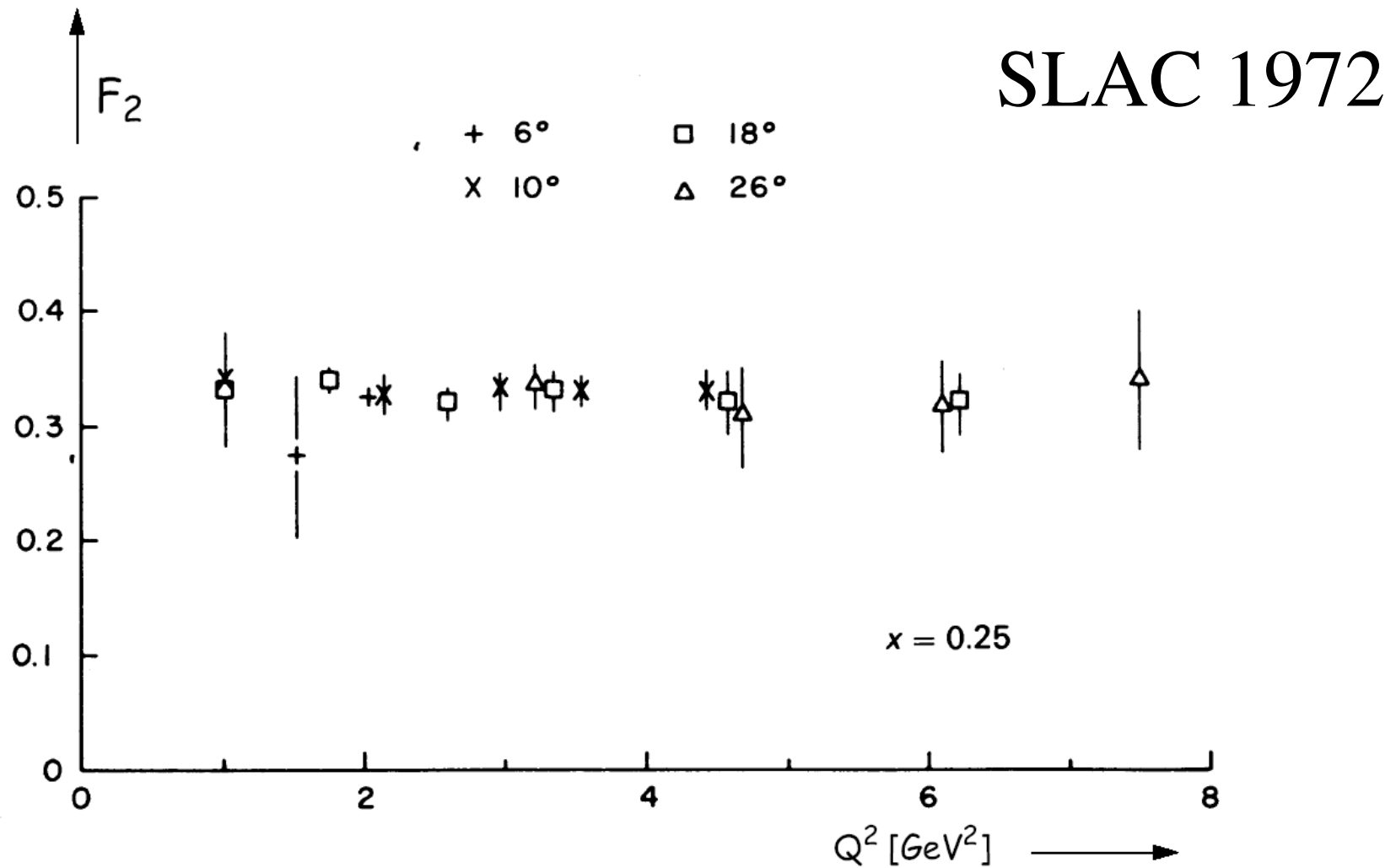
- parton spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ :  $2 \times F_1 = F_2$  (Callan Gross)
- parton spin 0:  $2 \times F_1 = 0$



partons  
have spin  $\frac{1}{2}$

from P. Schmüser, „Feynman-Graphen und Eichtheorien für Experimentalphysiker“

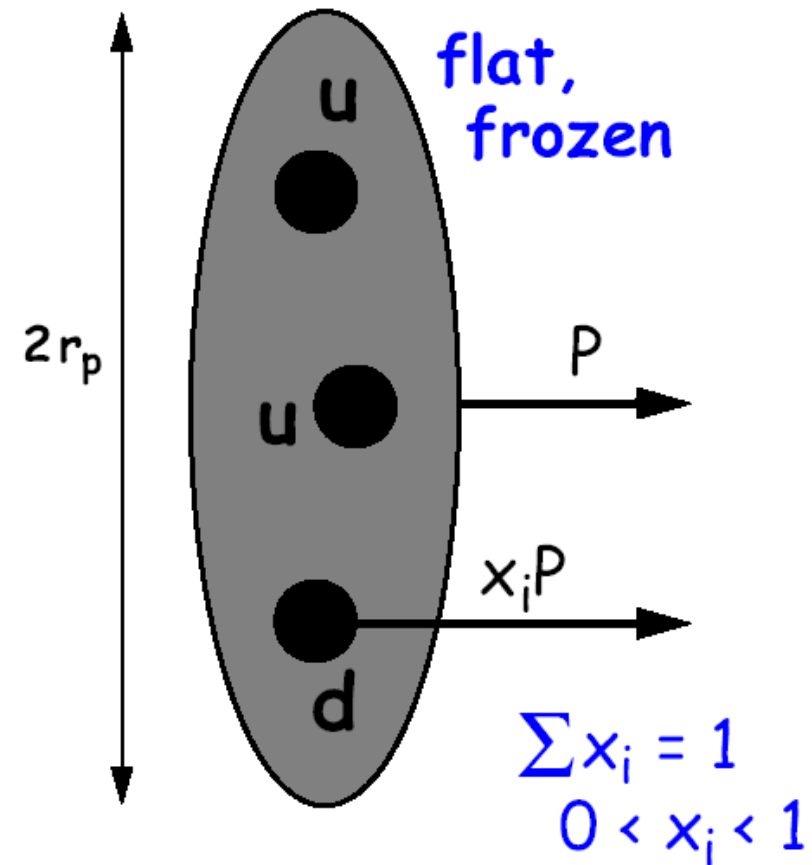
# Scaling: $F_2$ independent of $Q^2$



independent of  $Q^2$ , we always see the same partons (=quarks)

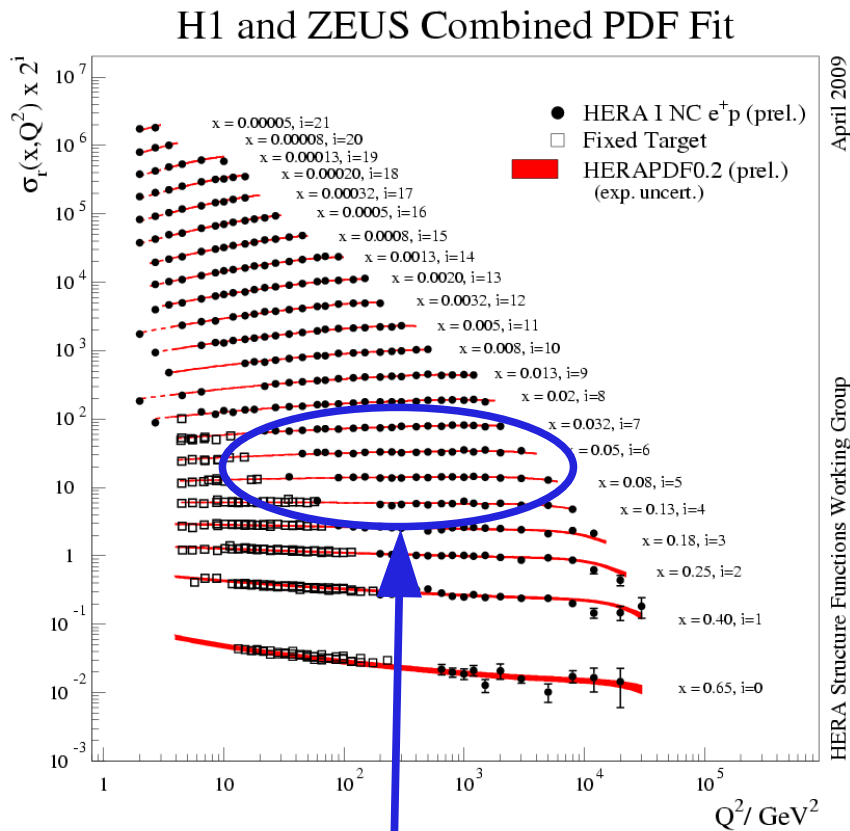
# (Naive) Quark Parton Model

- proton consists of 3 partons, identified with the QCD quarks
- during the interaction proton is „frozen“
- electron proton scattering is sum of incoherent electron quark scatterings
- proton structure is defined by **parton distributions**



$$F_2(x, Q^2) = x \sum e_q^2 q(x)$$

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quarks ✓