

**Measurements of Antiquark Distributions  
in Proton via Unpolarized/Polarized  
Drell-Yan Process at  
FNAL-SeaQuest/SpinQuest Experiments**

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# Outline

## 1. Introduction

- Partonic (quark, antiquark & gluon) structure of proton
- Drell-Yan process for measurements of parton distribution function (PDF)

## 2. SeaQuest experiment

- Beam & spectrometer
- Unpolarized targets
- Flavor asymmetry of light anti-quarks:  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$
- Nuclear effects

## 3. SpinQuest experiment

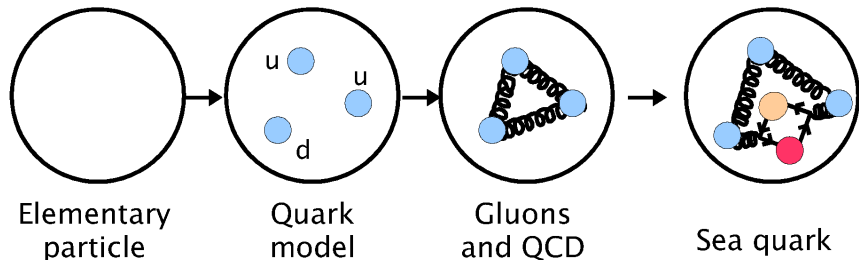
- Polarized targets
- Sivers function
- Spin asymmetry of  $J/\psi$  productions
- Schedule

## 4. Summary

# Internal Structure of Proton (Nucleon)

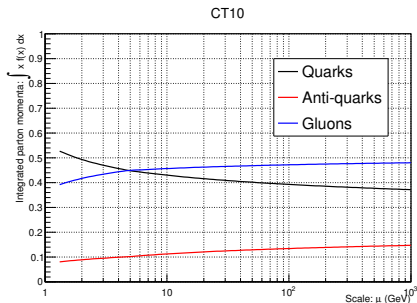
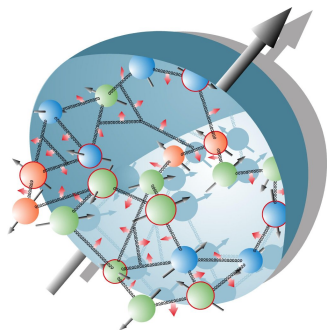
- Representations at various scale

Shorter distance, higher energy  $\Rightarrow$



- Proton structure at energy scale  $\mu \gtrsim 1$  GeV will be discussed
- Dynamical creation of **anti-quarks** from gluons ...  $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

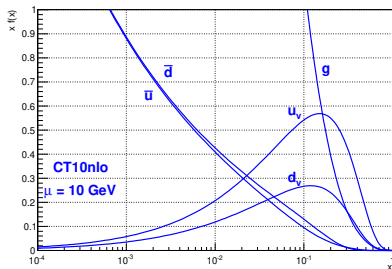
# Proton @ Short Distance



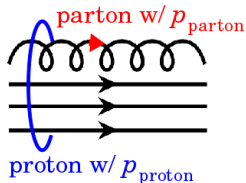
- Valence quarks, sea quarks & gluons
- Breakdown of proton momentum  
...  $q : \bar{q} : g \sim 45\% : 10\% : 45\%$  @  $\mu \sim 10$  GeV

# Parton Distribution Function: PDF

- Quarks, anti-quarks & gluons



- Global analyses of multiple experimental data  
⇒ Practical understanding of PDFs
  - Cf.: QCD-based models/calculations  
⇒ Theoretical understanding



# Access to Antiquarks via Drell-Yan Process

• Drell-Yan process:  $p + p \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$

◦ Invariant mass:  $M^2 = x_{beam}x_{target}S$ ,

Rapidity:  $\exp Y = \sqrt{x_{beam}/x_{target}}$

◦ Bjorken  $x_{beam} = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}e^Y$ ,  $x_{target} = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}e^{-Y}$

• Cross section @ LO

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_{Beam}dx_{Target}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9x_{Beam}x_{Target}} \frac{1}{s} \sum_i e_i^2 \cdot \{q_i(x_{Beam})\bar{q}_i(x_{Target}) + \bar{q}_i(x_{Beam})q_i(x_{Target})\}$$

◦ Only “ $q(x_{Beam})\bar{q}(x_{Target})$ ” survives @ forward rapidity

$\Rightarrow$   $q$  having  $x_{Beam}$  &  $\bar{q}$  having  $x_{Target}$  are distinguishable event-by-event

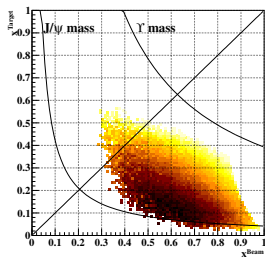
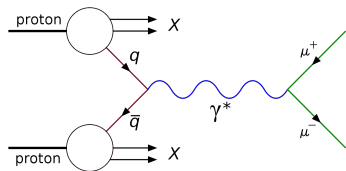
◦ Larger invariant mass

$\Rightarrow$  Larger  $x_{Target}$  (and  $x_{Beam}$ )

◦ Lower rate because of EM interaction

$\Rightarrow$  Need larger luminosity

& compete with more BG

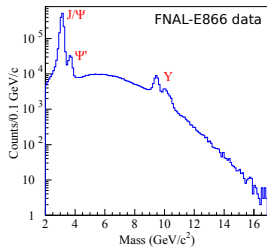


- For PDF measurements

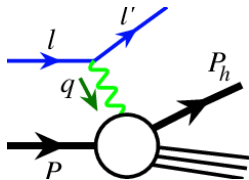
- Cross section  $\implies$  Unpolarized PDFs
- Angular distribution  $\implies$  Boer-Mulders
- With polarization  $\implies$  Sivers, Transversity, etc.
- Nuclear targets  $\implies$  Nuclear effects

- Specialty w.r.t. SIDIS

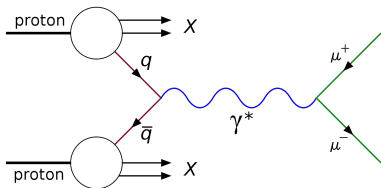
- Sensitivity to  $\bar{q}$
- TMD sign change



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Drell-Yan



# Aim to Research Antiquarks in Proton

- Proton is simplest stable object bound by strong force (QCD)
  - Best system to study QCD
  - Antiquarks are sensitive to QCD dynamics in proton (because quarks are diluted with valence component)
- Ex.: Antiquark flavor asymmetry ( $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ )?
  - Non-perturbative (i.e. low-energy) QCD effect?
  - Behavior at large  $x$ ?



1. Improve the accuracy of antiquark PDFs
  - $\bar{q}(x)$  is an input of hadron-induced processes (ex:  $u + \bar{d} \rightarrow W^+$ )
2. Understand “how the hadrons are constructed by QCD”
  - Together with spin polarization and orbital angular momentum
  - Relation/unification with hadron models based on QCD effective theory



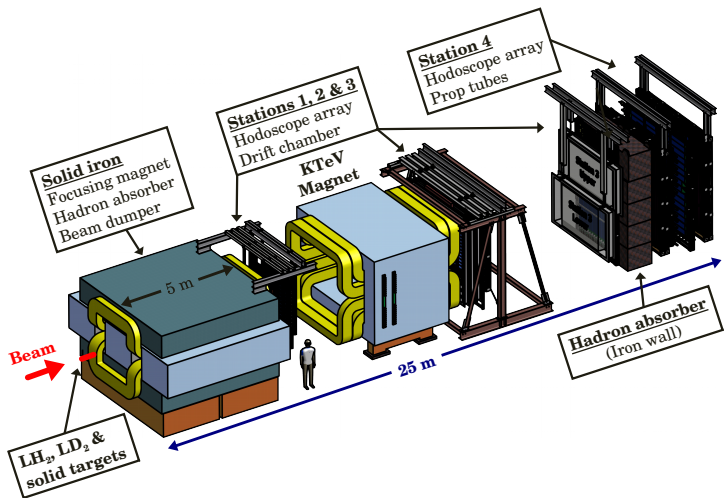
# SeaQuest Experiment (Unpolarized Targets)

# Proton Beam @ FNAL



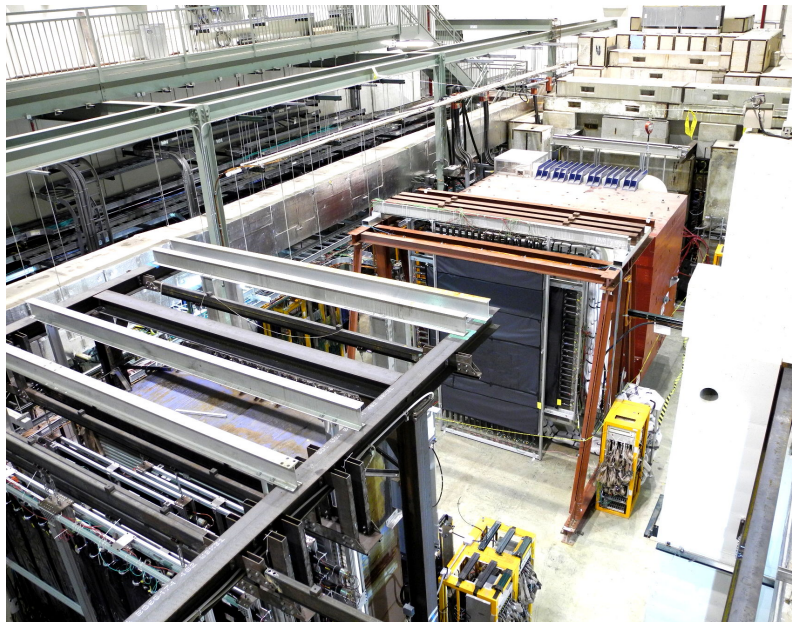
- Energy  $E = 120$  GeV  
( $\sqrt{s} = 15$  GeV)
- Duty cycle
  - 5 sec for Sea/SpinQuest
  - 55 sec for  $\nu$  exp.
- Bunch
  - Interval: 19 nsec (53 MHz)
  - $10^{13}$  protons in 5 sec

# SeaQuest Spectrometer



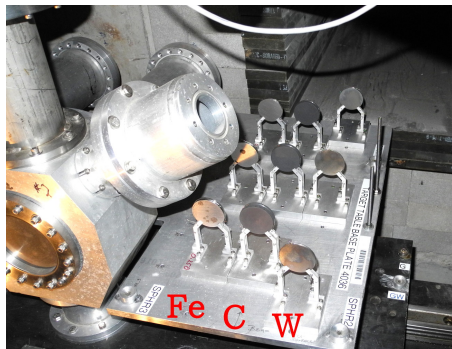
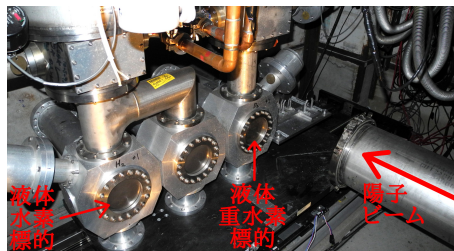
- Targets: LH<sub>2</sub>, LD<sub>2</sub>, C, Fe, W
- Focusing magnet (FMag) & Tracking magnet (KMag)
- Iron inside FMag, as hadron absorber & beam dump

# SeaQuest Hall — 2015-July-27



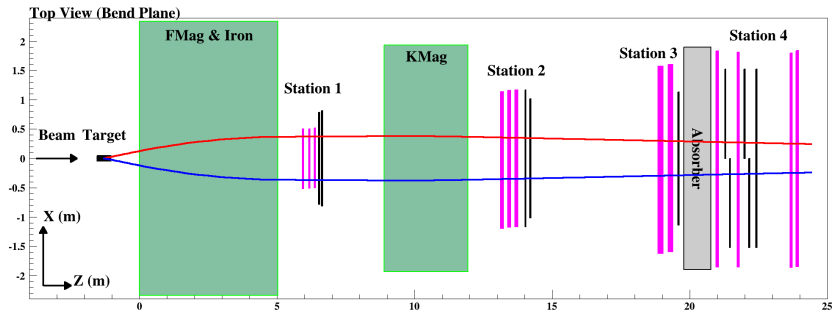
# SeaQuest Targets

- $\text{LH}_2$ ,  $\text{LD}_2$ 
  - 50.8 cm  $\sim$  0.1 interaction lengths
- Iron, Carbon, Tungsten



# Signal Event

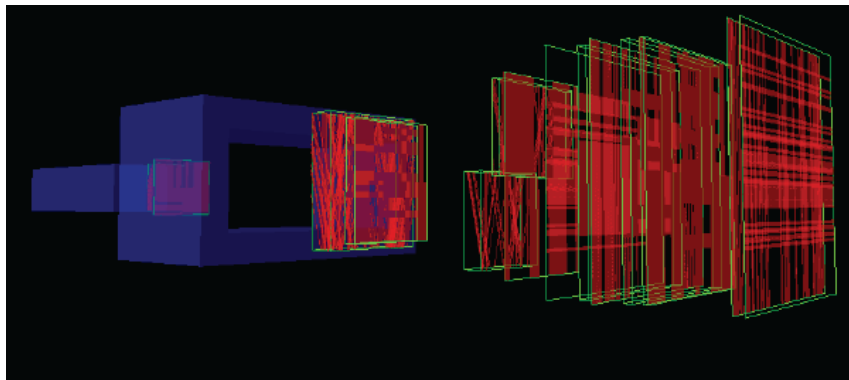
- A typical Drell-Yan event (top view) ... mass = 6 GeV,  $\theta_{\mu^+} = 90^\circ$ ,  $\phi_{\mu^+} = 0^\circ$



- Detection of dimuons
  - Station 1-3 : Tracking with drift chambers
  - Station 4 : Particle identification with drift tube
  - Momenta of detected muons are 40 GeV/c on average

# Background Event

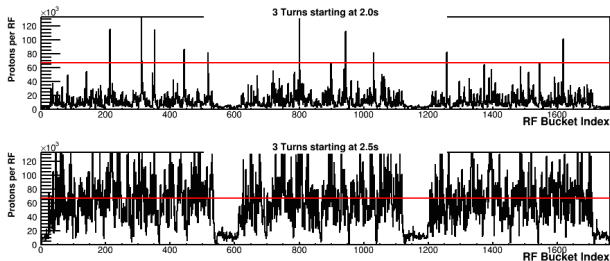
- Typical BG event during commissioning



- Detector occupancy  $\sim 100\%!!$

# Intensity of Beam RF-Buckets

- Example in Run 2

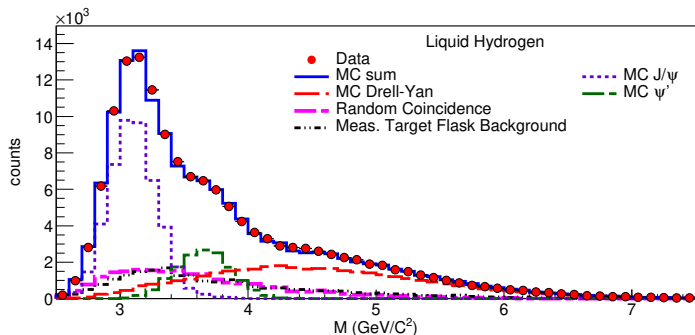


- 1 RF = 19 ns
- Supposed intensity = 40k protons/RF at max
- As high as  $\times 5!!$ 
  - Improvement at accelerator
  - Veto in trigger (and analysis)



# Reconstruction & Identification of Drell-Yan Events

- Unlike-sign muon pairs were triggered and reconstructed
- Distribution of dimuon mass

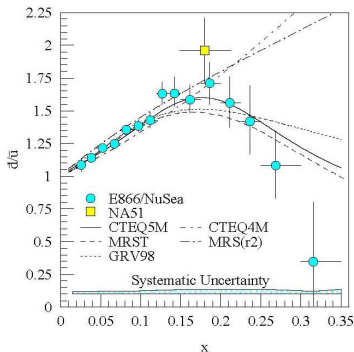


- Drell-Yan,  $J/\psi$  &  $\psi'$  events from simulation
- Non-target events from empty target
- Random-coincidence BGs from real data via event mixing
- Origins of measured dimuons well understood
- Dominated by Drell-Yan at  $M > 4.5 \text{ GeV}$

**Flavor Asymmetry of  
Light Antiquarks ( $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ )  
@ SeaQuest**

# Anti-Quark Flavor Asymmetry: $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$

- CERN NMC ('90): deep inelastic muon scattering
  - Gottfried Sum:  $S_G = 0.235 \pm 0.026 < 1/3$
  - $\int_0^1 \bar{d}(x)dx - \int_0^1 \bar{u}(x)dx = 0.147 \pm 0.039$  ... discovery of flavor asymmetry of anti-quarks in the proton (more  $\bar{d}$  than  $\bar{u}$ )
- Measurement of  $x$  dependence of  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ : Drell-Yan process
  - CERN NA51 ('94):  $\bar{d} > \bar{u}$  at  $x \sim 0.18$
  - FNAL E866/NuSea ('98):  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$  for  $x \in (0.015, 0.35)$

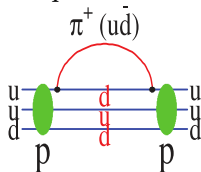
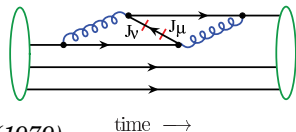


70% asymmetry!

A few % expected

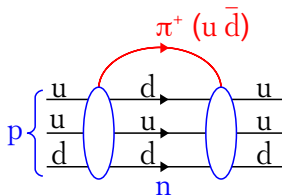
# Theories of $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$ Asymmetry (1)

- Mass difference between  $u$  &  $d$  ( $\sim 2$  &  $5$  MeV) in  $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ 
  - Very small and even results in  $\bar{d} < \bar{u}$
- Pauli blocking ... *PRD15, 2590 (1977)*
  - $Prob(g \rightarrow u\bar{u}) < Prob(g \rightarrow d\bar{d})$  since  $p = uud$
  - Cannot explain the measured size ... *NPB149, 497 (1979)*
  - Even  $\bar{d} < \bar{u}$  via connected sea (at high  $x$ )? ... *PLB736, 411 (2014)*
- Chiral quark model ... *PRD59, 034024 (1999)*
  - Effective interaction between Goldstone boson ( $\pi$ ) & constituent quark
  - $|q_{\text{constituent}}\rangle = (1 - \frac{3a}{2})|q\rangle + \frac{3a}{2}|q\pi\rangle$

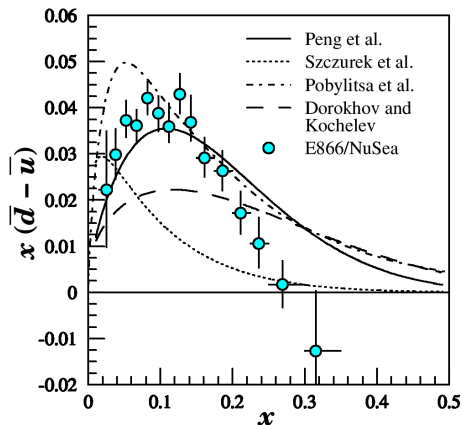


## Theories of $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$ Asymmetry (2)

- Statistical model ... *NPA941, 307 (2015)*
  - Based on the Fermi & Bose statistics
  - Predicts  $\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x) = - [\Delta\bar{d}(x) - \Delta\bar{u}(x)]$
- Meson cloud model ... *PRD58, 092004 (1998)*
  - $|p\rangle = (1 - a - b)|p_0\rangle + a|N\pi\rangle + b|\Delta\pi\rangle$
  - **More  $\bar{d}$**  in  $\pi^+$  as  $|n\pi^+\rangle$  etc.
  - **Less  $\bar{u}$**  in  $\pi^-$  as  $|\Delta^{++}\pi^-\rangle$  etc.
  - Predict non-zero  $L_{q,\bar{q}}$  like “meson tornado”  
(need  $L = 1$  of  $\pi$  to make  $J^P = 1/2^+$  of proton,  
as parity of  $\pi$  is  $J^P = 0^-$ )



# Comparison of Theories to Measurements



Meson cloud model: PRD58, 092004  
Chiral quark model: NPA596, 397  
Chiral quark model: PRD59, 034024  
Instanton model: PLB304, 167  
(Updated calculations exist)

- The  $x$  dependence of  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$  is the key to develop/examine models
  - Sharp drop at  $x \sim 0.3$ . Even go down to  $\bar{d} < \bar{u}$ ?

# Method of Measuring $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$

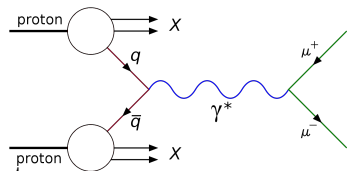
- Drell-Yan process @ forward rapidity

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_b dx_t} \approx \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9x_b x_t s} \sum_i e_i^2 q_i(x_b) \bar{q}_i(x_t)$$

- Ratio of cross sections with LH2 & LD2 targets

$$\frac{\sigma_{pd}(x_t)}{2\sigma_{pp}(x_t)} = \frac{\sigma_{pp}(x_t) + \sigma_{pn}(x_t)}{2\sigma_{pp}(x_t)} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)} \right)$$

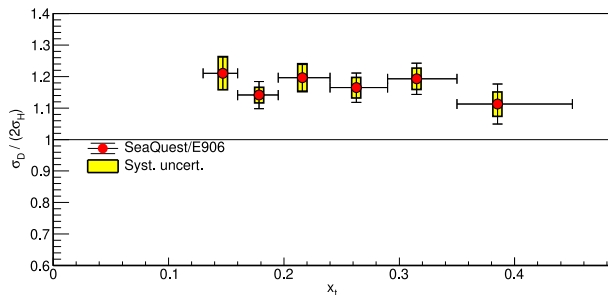
- Larger invariant mass  $\implies$  Larger  $x_{Target}$  (and  $x_{Beam}$ )



# Cross-Section Ratio: $\sigma_{pd}/2\sigma_{pp}$

- SeaQuest result

*Nature 590, 561 (2021)*



- Systematic errors

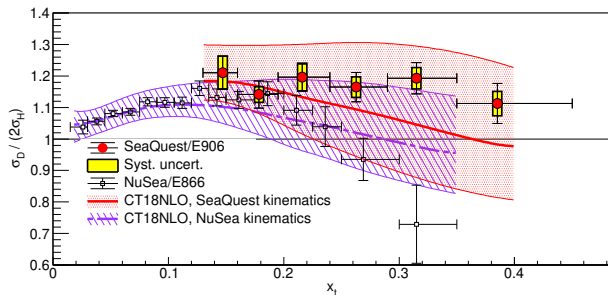
- Beam-intensity extrapolation
- Relative luminosity

- $\sigma_{pd}/2\sigma_{pp}$  always  $> 1$  in measured  $x$  range



# Cross-Section Ratio: $\sigma_{pd}/2\sigma_{pp}$

- Comparison to NuSea/E866 result

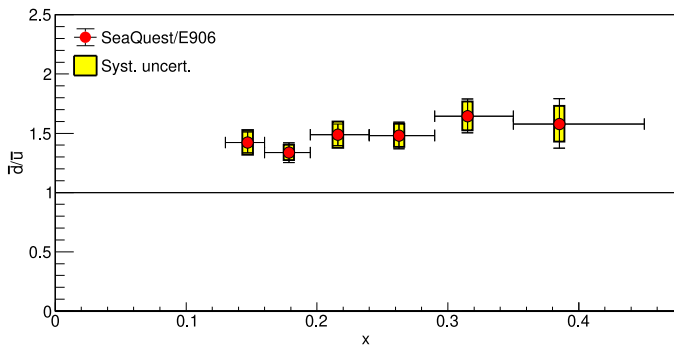


- Effects of experimental kinematics
  - Shown by the calculations using CT18 NLO
  - Account for the difference at  $x_t \sim 0.15$

# Anti-Quark Flavor Asymmetry: $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$

- SeaQuest result

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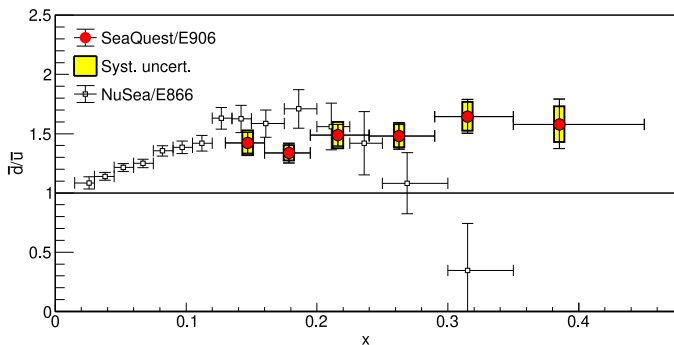
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- Errors of cross-section ratio
- $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$  above measured  $x$  region ( $> 0.45$ )
- Nuclear effect for deuterium

- Large asymmetry at high  $x$  as well as low  $x$

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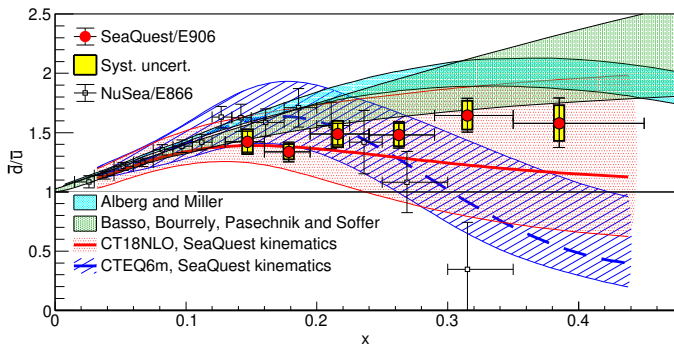
- Comparison to NuSea/E866 result



- Agreement at low  $x$  ( $\sim 0.2$ )
- The trends at high  $x$  are quite different
  - No explanation has been found yet for these differences

# Anti-Quark Flavor Asymmetry: $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$

- Comparison to theory calculations

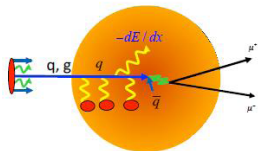
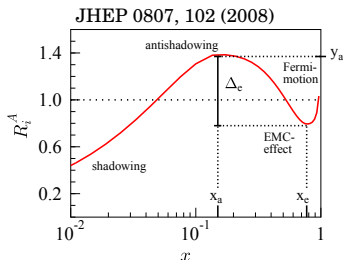


- Reasonably described by the predictions of
  - “Pion cloud model” (Alberg & Miller) and
  - “Statistical model” (Basso et al.)
- Unique data to constrain anti-quark PDFs at high  $x$  in global analyses

# Nuclear Effects @ SeaQuest

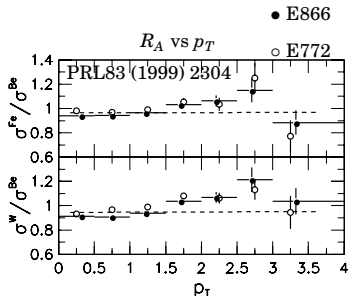
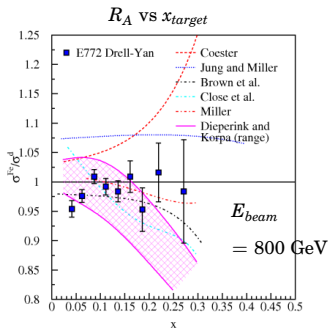
# Nuclear Effects in Drell-Yan Process

- **Observable:**  $R_A \equiv \hat{\sigma}^{p+A}(x) / \hat{\sigma}^{p+p}(x)$   
= Ratio of per-nucleon D-Y cross sections
- **Mechanism for  $R_A \neq 1$** 
  - Change of PDF in nucleus  
= "Nuclear effects" observed in DIS
    - Shadowing & anti-shadowing
    - EMC effect — PLB 123, 275 (1983)
    - Fermi motion
  - Parton energy loss in **cold nuclear matter**
    - Soft interaction between **beam-side parton** & nuclear matter
    - Collisional or radiative?
  - **No** final-state interaction
- $R_A$  should be comprehensively examined to untangle the mechanisms



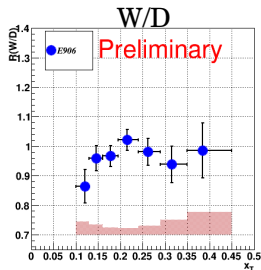
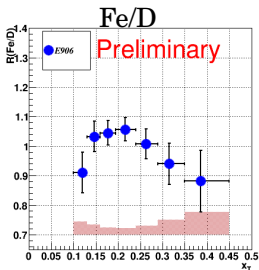
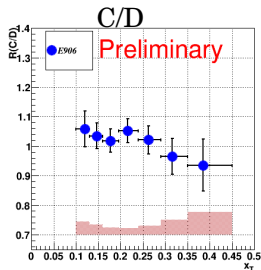
# Measurements @ SeaQuest

- Drell-Yan process at forward rapidity
- $R_A$  vs  $x_{target}$ : Effect on antiquarks
  - Smaller than that on quarks? (PRL64, 2479)
  - $0.1 < x_{target} < 0.45$
- Effect on quarks in beam proton
  - = Parton energy loss in cold-nuclear matter
  - $R_A$  vs  $x_{beam}$ : Energy loss
    - $x_{beam} > 0.6, x_{target} > 0.15$
  - $R_A$  vs  $p_T$ :  $p_T$  broadening
    - $0.1 < x_{target} < 0.45$



# $R_A$ vs $x_{target}$ by SeaQuest

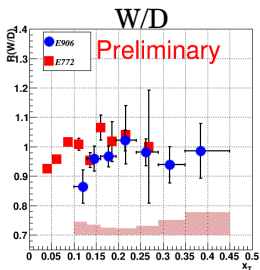
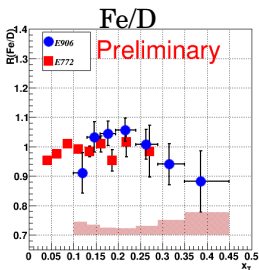
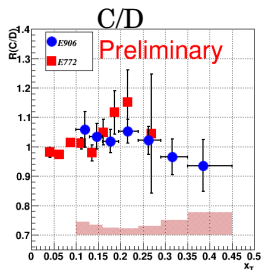
- Preliminary result



- $R_A$  deviates from 1 by 10% at max
  - Different from quarks ( $R_A \gtrsim 1.1$ )!
  - Close to the calculation of pion excess model by Miller (PRC 64, 022201)
- Same trend as the EMC effect (i.e.  $R_A$  decreases at middle  $x$ )



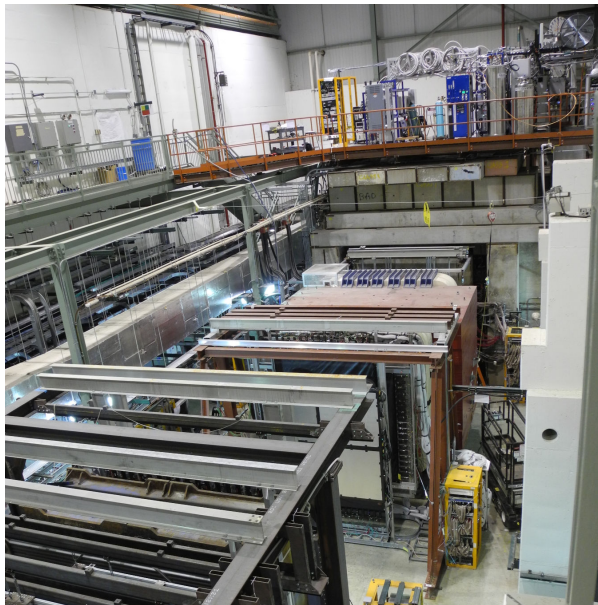
- Comparison with E772 result



- Agreement within measurement accuracy
- Better precision at  $x_{target} \gtrsim 0.2$  by SeaQuest

# **SpinQuest Experiment (Polarized Targets)**

# SpinQuest Hall — 2022-August-26

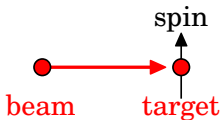


# Polarized Targets of SpinQuest

- Solid  $\text{NH}_3$  &  $\text{ND}_3$  beads
  - $L$  80 mm,  $\phi$  40 mm



- Transverse polarization



- Cryostat in “Target Cave”
  - Standalone test completed in 2018 at UVA
  - Piping & safety test ongoing in Target Cave



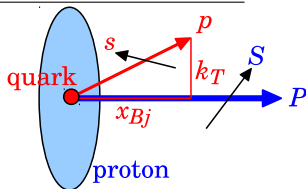
# Sivers Function @ SpinQuest

# Sivers Function: $f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T)$

- One of the eight Transverse-Momentum-Dependent (TMD) PDFs

		Parton spin		
		U	L	T
Nucleon spin	U	Density $f_1$		Boer-Mulders $h_1^\perp$
	L		Helicity $g_1$	Worm gear #2 $h_{1L}^\perp$
	T	<b>Sivers <math>f_{1T}^\perp</math></b>	Worm gear #1 $g_{1T}$	Transversity $h_1$ & Pretzelosity $h_{1T}^\perp$

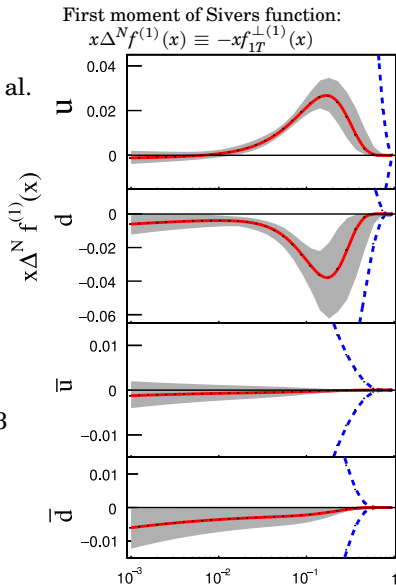
- Proposed in 1990s already
- Nucleon structure can be rich
  - $\iff$  Can be simple (i.e TMD PDFs = 0) if  $k_T$  doesn't correlate with spins



- Correlation between the **nucleon spin** ( $S$ ) & the **parton transverse momentum** ( $k_T$ )

# Sivers Function of Anti-Quarks

- Extraction by global analyses
  - PRD88 (2013) 114012, P. Sun & F. Yuan
  - PRD89 (2014) 074013, M. G. Echevarria et al.
  - JHEP 04 (2017) 046, M. Anselmino et al.
    - Use of HERMES, COMPASS & JLab data
- $f_{1T}^\perp(x)$  of **anti-quarks** is not well known
  - Since  $\bar{q}$  &  $q$  are mixed up in SIDIS
- SpinQuest will
  - Measure **Sivers asymmetry of  $\bar{u}$  &  $\bar{d}$**
  - Via proton-induced Drell-Yan process
  - Using new polarized targets of NH3 & ND3

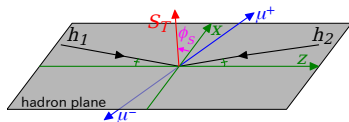


# Measurement Method @ SpinQuest

- Proton beam + Transversely-polarized  $\text{NH}_3$  &  $\text{ND}_3$  targets
- Drell-Yan processes in  $p + \vec{p}$  &  $p + \vec{d}$
- Observable: Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry  $A_N$

$$A_N(\phi_S) \equiv \frac{\sigma^\uparrow(\phi_S) - \sigma^\downarrow(\phi_S)}{\sigma^\uparrow(\phi_S) + \sigma^\downarrow(\phi_S)} \sim \frac{f(x_B) \cdot f_{1T}^{\perp, f}(x_T)}{f(x_B) \cdot f(x_T)}$$

- $\phi_S$ : Angle of proton spin w.r.t. transverse momentum of quarks

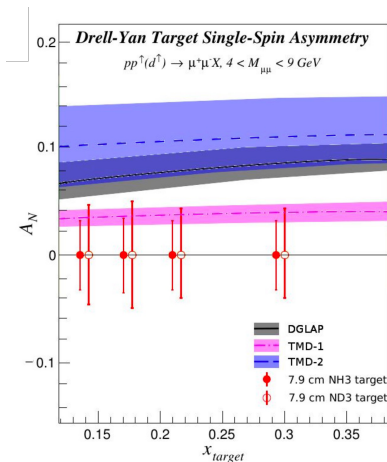


- Siverson function = correlation between proton spin & quark  $k_T$
- Non-zero correlation  $\implies$  Momentum bias in angle  $\implies$  Non-zero TSSA
- **Sivers function of antiquarks**
  - Combined analysis of TSSAs in  $p + \vec{p}$  &  $p + \vec{d}$   $\implies$  Separation of  $\bar{u}$  &  $\bar{d}$



# Anticipated Sensitivity

- Conditions
  - Two years of data taking
  - $\text{NH}_3:\text{ND}_3 = 50\%:50\%$  in time
  - Details in [the E1039 proposal](#)
- Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry (TSSA):  $A_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S}$ 
  - $0.1 \lesssim x_{\text{Target}} \lesssim 0.3$
  - Measurement precision  $\delta_{A_N} \sim 0.04$
- Aim to observe non-zero anti-quark Sivers asymmetry!!



# SpinQuest Timeline

- Schedule for data taking

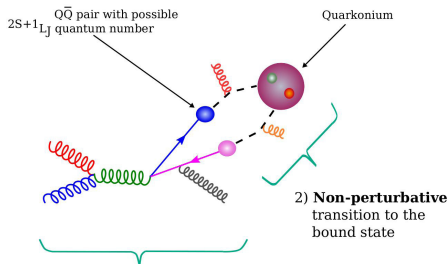
Year	Month	Event
2022	12	Commission target & spectrometer <a href="#">using beam</a>
2023	02	Start the 1st data taking ↓ 4.5 months
	07	Accelerator summer shutdown
	12	Start the 2nd data taking

- “Day-One” Physics
  - TSSA of  $J/\psi$  production
  - Sufficient statistics with first one month
- SpinQuest [Upgrades?](#)
  - Tensor polarization of antiquarks in deuteron — PRD 94, 054022 (2016)
  - Polarized nuclear effects
  - “DarkQuest”: Dark-photon search

# Spin Asymmetry of $J/\psi$ Productions @ SpinQuest

# $J/\psi$ Productions in $p + p$

- $p + p \rightarrow J/\psi + X$



- $g + g \rightarrow c + \bar{c} + X$
- $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow c + \bar{c} + X$

1) **Perturbative** part

- Color Evaporation Model (CEM) ... NPB 405, 507 (1993)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dx_F} = F_{J/\psi} \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},G} \int_{2m_c}^{2m_D} dM \frac{2M}{s\sqrt{x_F^2 + 4M^2/s}} f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \sum_n \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow c\bar{c}[n]}(x_1, x_2)$$

- Non-Relativistic QCD (NRQCD) ... arXiv:2103.11660

$$\frac{d\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dx_F} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},G} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \delta(x_F - x_1 + x_2) f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow J/\psi}(x_1, x_2)$$

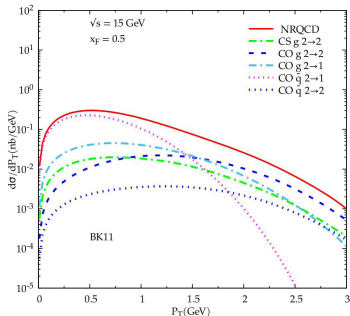
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow J/\psi} = \sum_n C_{c\bar{c}[n]}^{ij} \langle \mathcal{O}_n^{J/\psi} \rangle$$

# $J/\psi$ @ SpinQuest

- Cross section

- Based on NRQCD

(<https://confluence.its.virginia.edu/display/twist/Seminars>)



- Subprocess fractions vary with  $p_T$  largely

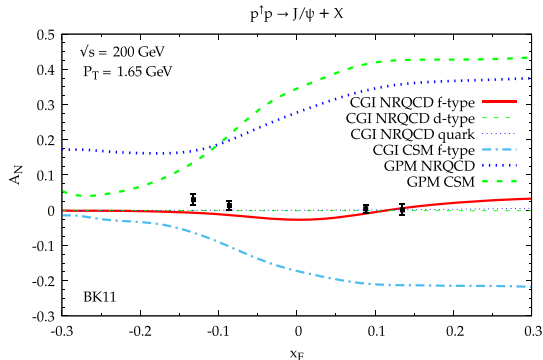
- Sensitive to distributions of anti-quarks and gluons (at target side)

- All depend on theoretical parameters (LDMEs &  $\langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle^{quark,gluon}$ )

- Unique in terms of  $\sqrt{s}$  &  $x_F$

# Transverse Single Spin Asymmetry of $J/\psi$

- Sensitive to the Sivers functions of antiquark & gluon
- Measurement at RHIC-PHENIX — PRD 98, 012006 (2018)
  - $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV,  $x_F \sim 0.1$
- Theoretical estimate
  - Maximum TSSA — PRD 102, 094011

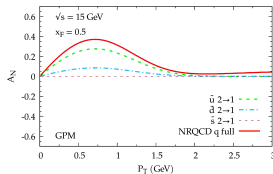
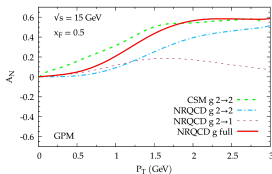


- Wide ranges of explorable asymmetry sizes & kinematic regions

# Anticipated $J/\psi$ TSSA @ SpinQuest

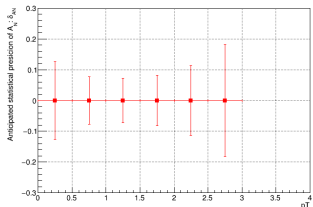
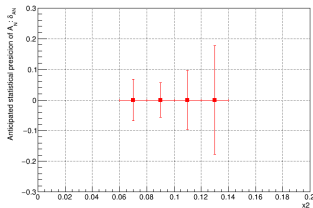
- Theoretical estimate of max Siverts asymmetry

- $\sqrt{s} = 15 \text{ GeV}, x_F \sim 0.5$



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$\delta_{AN}$  of  $J/\psi$  vs  $x_2$  and  $p_T$  (GeV)



- Anticipated statistical precision:  $\delta_{AN}$

- Based on PYTHIA8
- In case of one-week data taking

# Summary

- Drell-Yan process
  - Simplest/cleanest process in  $p+p$  scatterings
  - Becoming more important in measuring (TMD) PDFs of antiquarks
- SeaQuest experiment
  - Unpolarized Drell-Yan process
  - Flavor asymmetry of light anti-quarks:  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$
  - Nuclear effects
- SpinQuest experiment
  - Transversely-polarized Drell-Yan process
  - Sivers function
  - TSSA of  $J/\psi$  productions
- SpinQuest is starting the beam commissioning & the 1st data taking in December 2022. Please contact the spokespersons if interested:  
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