

# Search for Leptoquarks and Contact Interactions at HERA

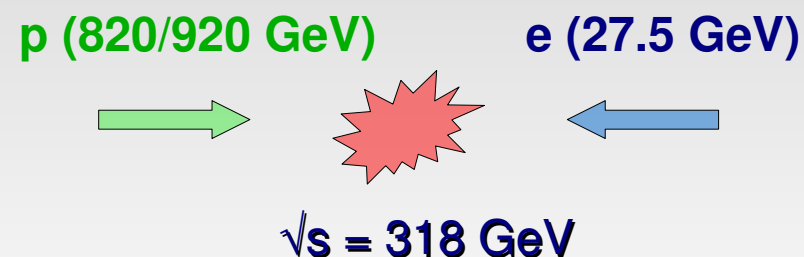
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# HERA operation

World's only  $ep$  collider, located at DESY Hamburg.  
 Ended in June 2007, after 15 years of successful running.  
 Two colliding experiments: H1 and ZEUS.



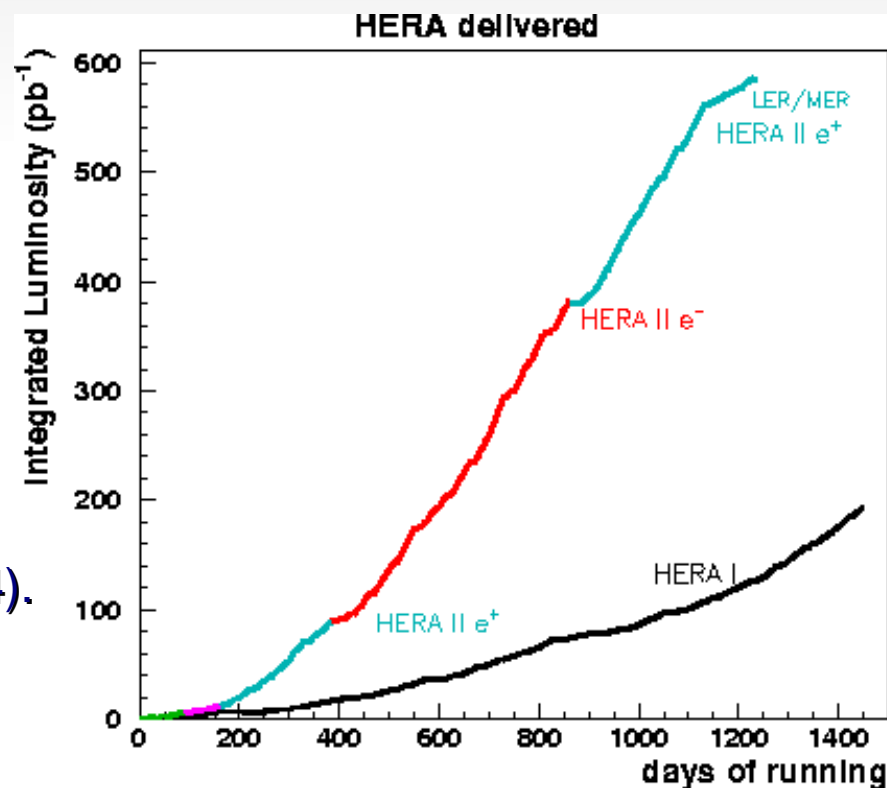
## HERA I (1994-2000)

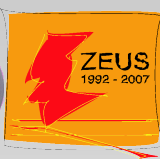
$L \sim 120 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  collected per experiment.  
 Mostly  $e^+p$ .

## HERA II (2002-2007)

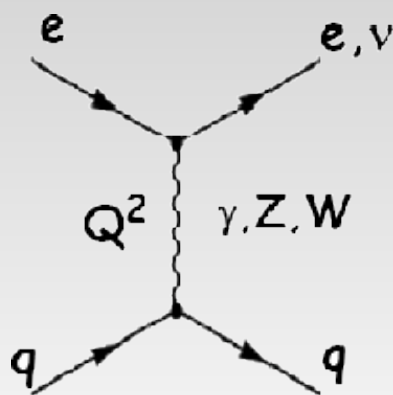
$L \sim 360 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  collected per experiment.  
 Similar amount of  $e^+p$  and  $e^-p$ .  
 Longitudinal polarisation of lepton beam ( $P=0.3-0.4$ ).

Presented results are based on full datasets  
 (almost  $0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment).





# High- $Q^2$ NC and CC Cross Sections



Main processes studies at HERA:

Neutral Current (NC) DIS,  $ep \rightarrow eX$ , mediated by  $\gamma$  or  $Z^0$ .

Charged Current (CC) DIS,  $ep \rightarrow \nu X$ , mediated by  $W^\pm$ .

Excellent agreement between data and SM predictions over many orders of magnitude. Precise tests of QCD and EW physics.

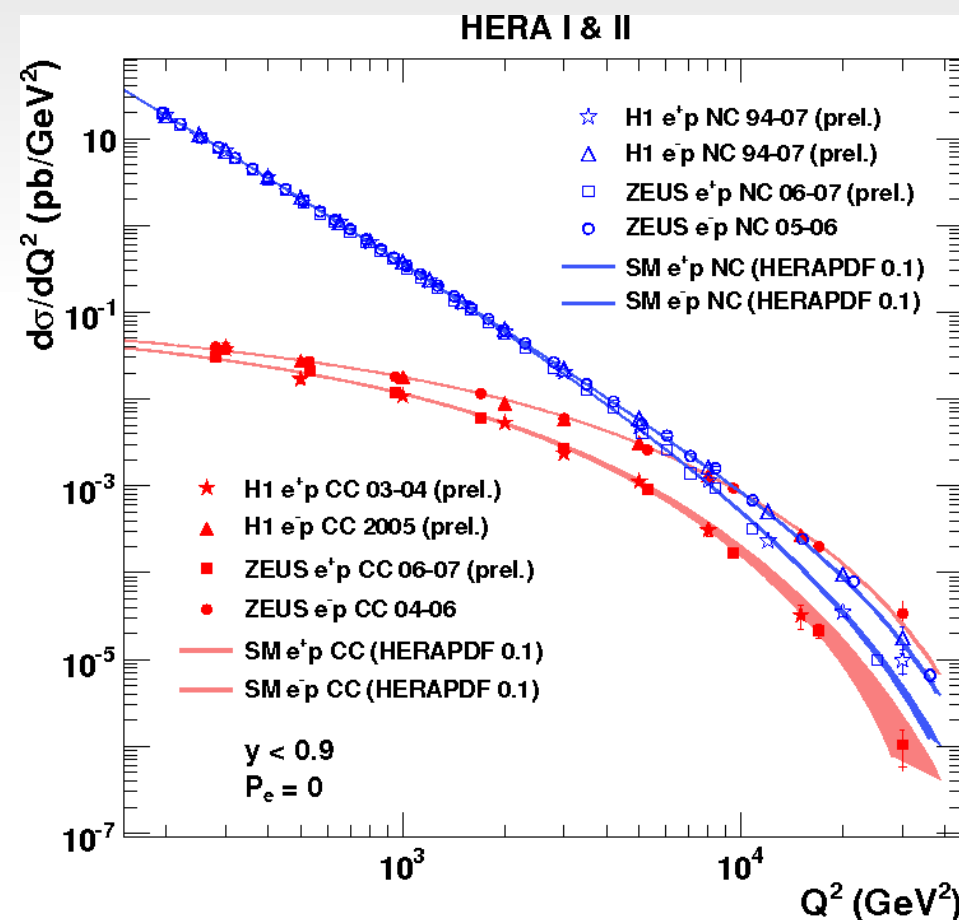
$Q^2$  (resolving power) up to  $40000 \text{ GeV}^2$ .  
Spatial resolution  $\sim 1/Q \simeq 10^{-18} \text{ m} = 10^{-3} \text{ fm}$ .  
1/1000 of proton radius.

Search for Beyond SM physics performed by looking for possible deviations at highest  $Q^2$ :



Contact Interactions (NC)

Leptoquark production (NC,CC)



# Quark Radius

Quark form-factor (electron assumed to be point-like).

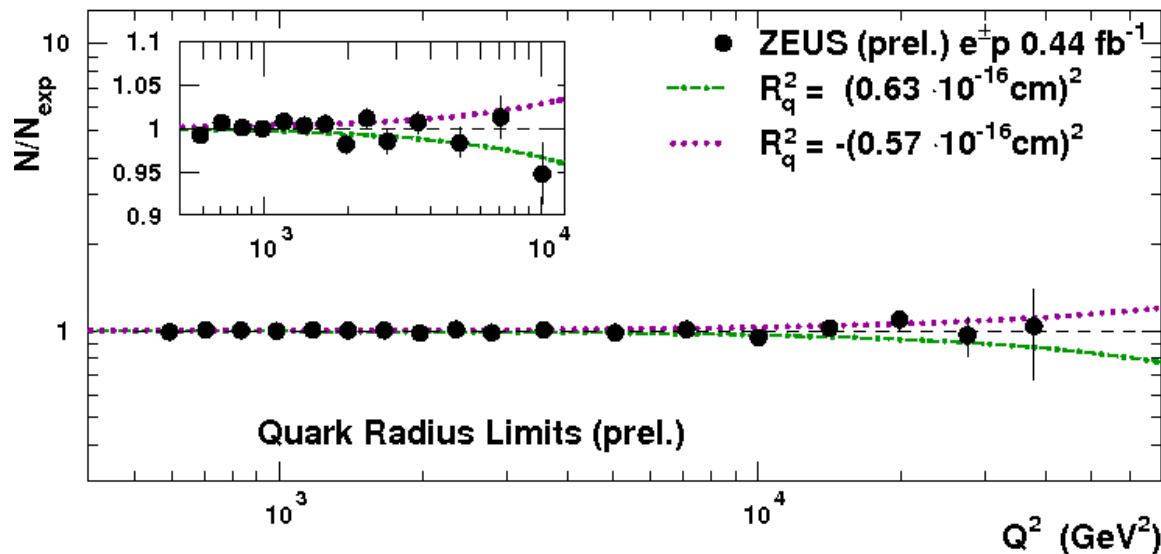
If a quark has a finite size, the SM cross section is expected to decrease at higher  $Q^2$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{d\sigma^{SM}}{dQ^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{R_q^2}{6} Q^2 \right]^2$$

$R_q$  is a root-mean-square radius of the EW charge distribution in the quark.

The same dependence expected for  $e^-p$  and  $e^+p$ .

ZEUS



Excellent agreement with SM expectations up to highest  $Q^2$ .

ZEUS (94-07 data):  $R_q < 0.63 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fm}$   
H1 (94-07 data):  $R_q < 0.74 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fm}$   
@ 95% C.L.

# Large Extra Dimensions

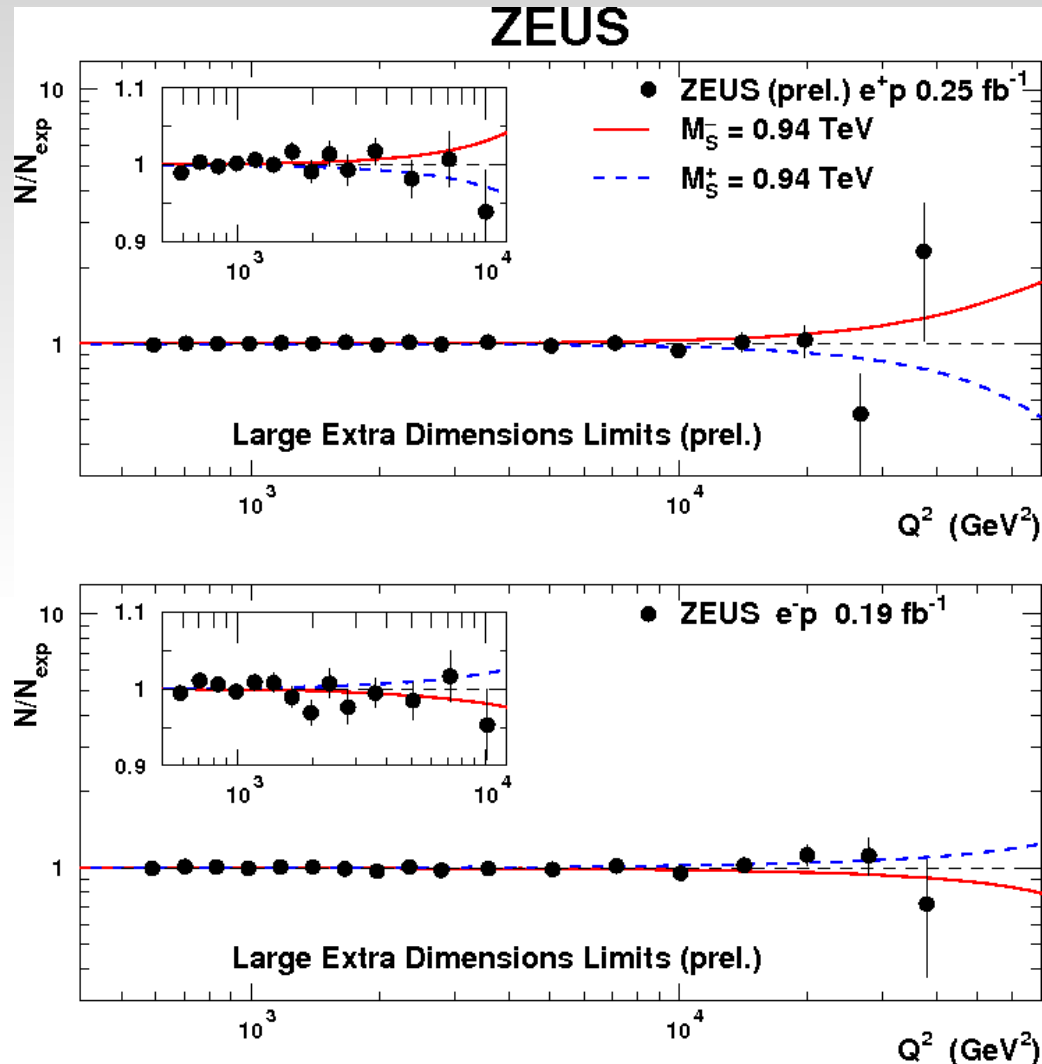
## Arkani-Hamed-Dimopolous-Dvali Model

If gravity propagates in  $4+\delta$  dimensions, effective Planck scale  $M_S$  can be as low as 1 TeV. Gravity becomes comparable in strength to electroweak interactions.

Contribution of graviton exchange (Kaluza-Klein tower) to  $e^\pm p$  NC DIS can be described by effective coupling:

$$\eta_G = \lambda \frac{\epsilon^2}{M_S^4}$$

where  $\lambda = \pm 1$  is the coupling strength and  $\epsilon$  is related to the energy scale of hard interaction.



ZEUS (94-07 data):  $M_S^+ > 0.94$  TeV,  $M_S^- > 0.94$  TeV (95% C.L.)

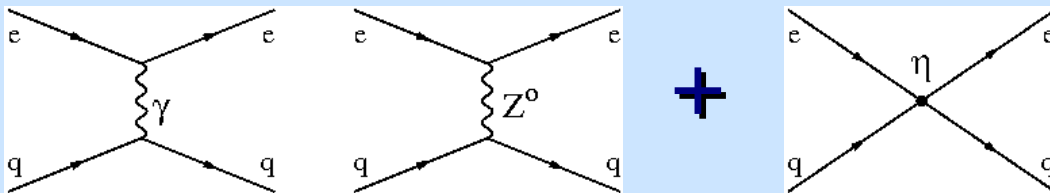


# Contact Interactions (CI)

New interactions at higher scale ( $\Lambda \gg \sqrt{s}$ ) can be effectively described at lower energies as 4-fermion  $eeqq$  Contact Interactions (CI).

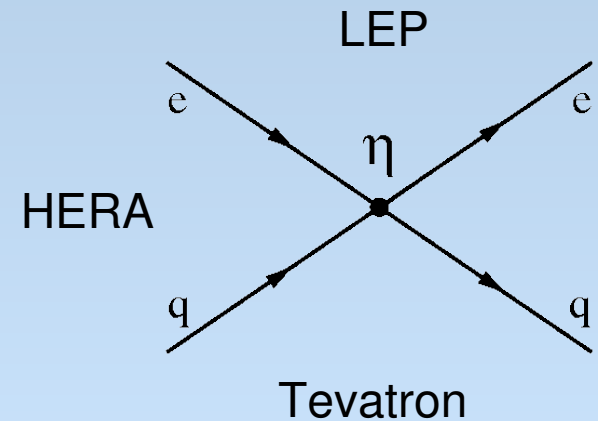
Reminder: before  $W$  and  $Z^0$  were discovered, weak interactions ( $\Lambda \approx M_W$ ) were described as 4-fermion CI with Fermi constant  $G_F = g^2/M_W^2$ .

At HERA:



$$M_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}(Q^2) = \frac{e^2 e_q}{Q^2} - \frac{e^2}{\sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} \frac{g_\alpha^e g_\beta^q}{Q^2 + M_Z^2} + \eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}$$

CI modify the tree level  $eq \rightarrow eq$  scattering amplitudes.



$$L_{CI} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq} (\bar{e}_\alpha \gamma^\mu e_\alpha) (\bar{q}_\beta \gamma^\mu q_\beta)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are electron and quark helicities (L,R).

$e^-p$  sensitive to  $\eta_{LL}^{eq}$  and  $\eta_{RR}^{eq}$   
 $e^+p$  sensitive to  $\eta_{LR}^{eq}$  and  $\eta_{RL}^{eq}$

# CI, General Models

Also referred to as **Compositeness Models**.

Couplings  $\eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}$  are related to the mass scale  $\Lambda$  at which new interactions occur:

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq} = \frac{\epsilon g_{CI}^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

$g_{CI}$  is a coupling strength of new interactions and  $\epsilon = \pm 1$ .

By convention  $g_{CI}^2 = 4\pi$ .

Different models assume different helicity structure of new interactions, given by set of couplings  $\eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}$  (4 for every q flavour).

Parity conserving models fulfill the relation:

$$\eta_{LL}^{eq} + \eta_{LR}^{eq} - \eta_{RL}^{eq} - \eta_{RR}^{eq} = 0$$

Family universality assumed.

Models conserving parity:

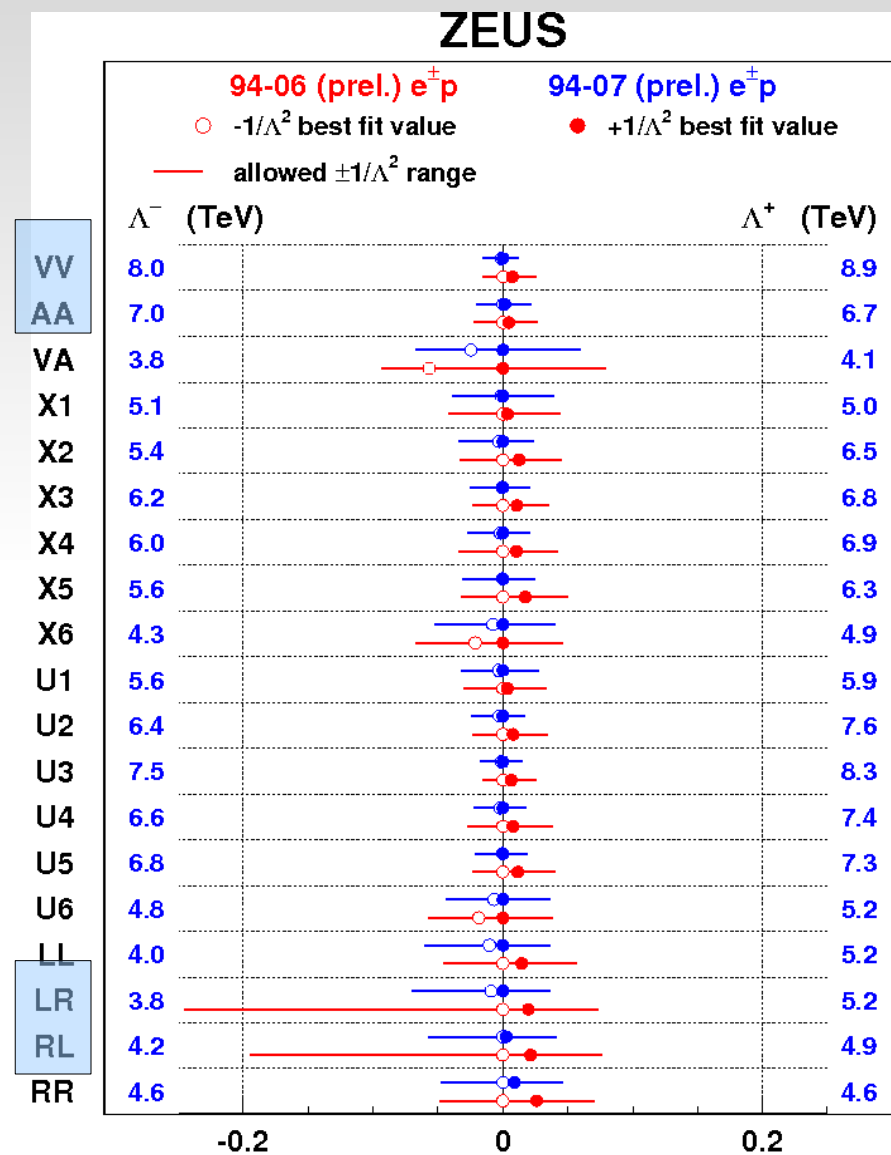
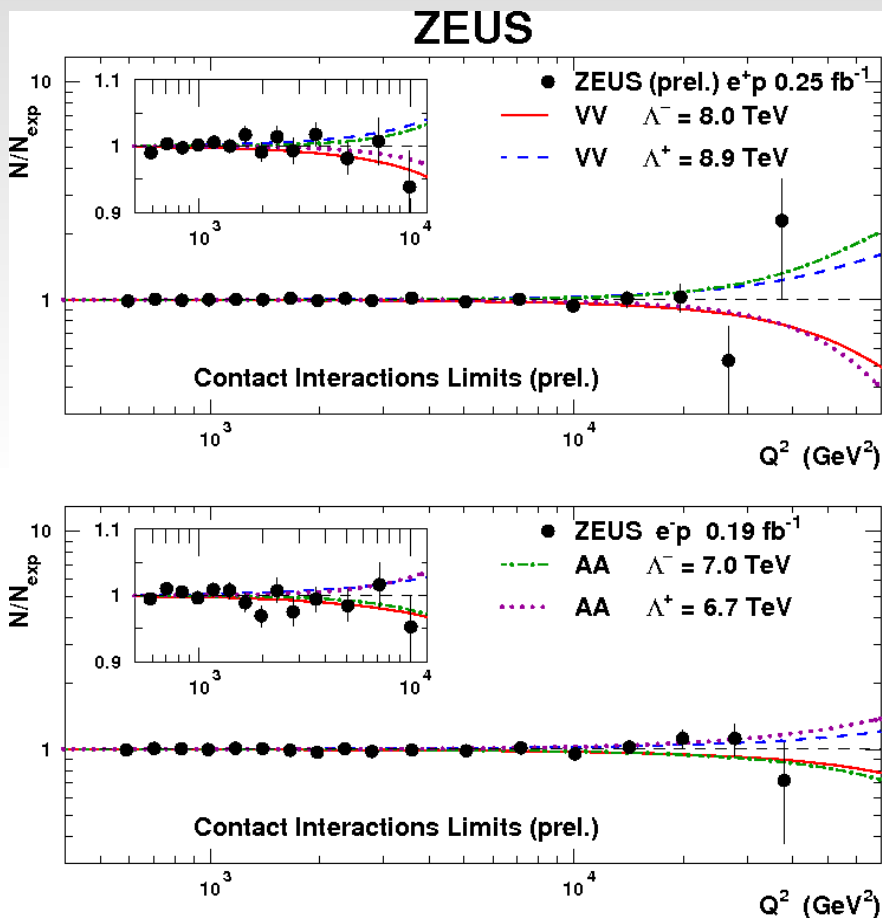
Model	$\eta_{LL}^{ed}$	$\eta_{LR}^{ed}$	$\eta_{RL}^{ed}$	$\eta_{RR}^{ed}$	$\eta_{LL}^{eu}$	$\eta_{LR}^{eu}$	$\eta_{RL}^{eu}$	$\eta_{RR}^{eu}$
VV	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$
AA	$+\eta$	$-\eta$	$-\eta$	$+\eta$	$+\eta$	$-\eta$	$-\eta$	$+\eta$
VA	$+\eta$	$-\eta$	$+\eta$	$-\eta$	$+\eta$	$-\eta$	$+\eta$	$-\eta$
X1	$+\eta$	$-\eta$			$+\eta$	$-\eta$		
X2	$+\eta$		$+\eta$		$+\eta$		$+\eta$	
X3	$+\eta$			$+\eta$	$+\eta$			$+\eta$
X4		$+\eta$	$+\eta$			$+\eta$	$+\eta$	
X5		$+\eta$		$+\eta$		$+\eta$		$+\eta$
X6			$+\eta$	$-\eta$			$+\eta$	$-\eta$
U1					$+\eta$	$-\eta$		
U2					$+\eta$		$+\eta$	
U3					$+\eta$			$+\eta$
U4						$+\eta$	$+\eta$	
U5						$+\eta$		$+\eta$
U6							$+\eta$	$-\eta$

Models violating parity:

LL	$+\eta$				$+\eta$			
LR		$+\eta$				$+\eta$		
RL			$+\eta$				$+\eta$	
RR				$+\eta$				$+\eta$

# CI, General Models

ZEUS CI analysis based on full NC sample of  $L=0.44 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
(with recently included NC  $e^+p$  data).



**ZEUS (94-07 data):  $\Lambda > 3.8 - 8.9 \text{ TeV}$  (95% C.L.)**



# Leptoquarks Production

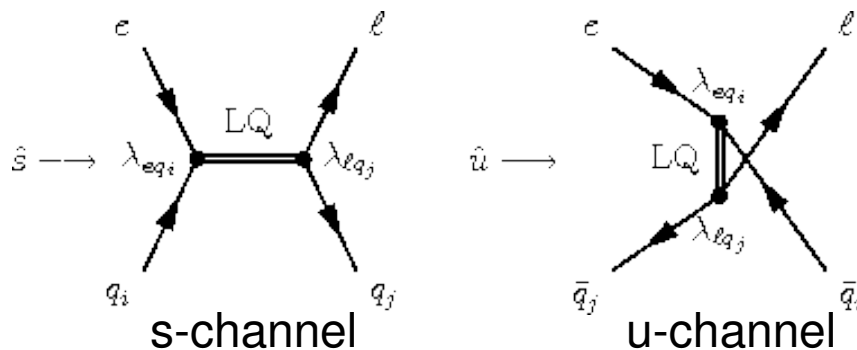
## The Buchmueller-Rueckl-Wyler Model

Leptoquarks (LQ) - hypothetical boson connecting lepton and quark sectors. Carry SU(3) colour, fractional electric charge, lepton (L), barion (B) and fermion number  $F=3B+L=0,2$ . Conserve SM symmetries. Chiral objects ie. either left- or right-handed coupling to lepton, but not both.

7 scalar and 7 vector LQs coupling to  $eq$ .

4 LQs couple also to  $\nu q$ .

At HERA LQs can be resonantly produced in s-channel ( $M_{LQ} < \sqrt{s}$ , with  $\Gamma = \lambda^2 M_{LQ}$ ) or exchanged in u-channel.



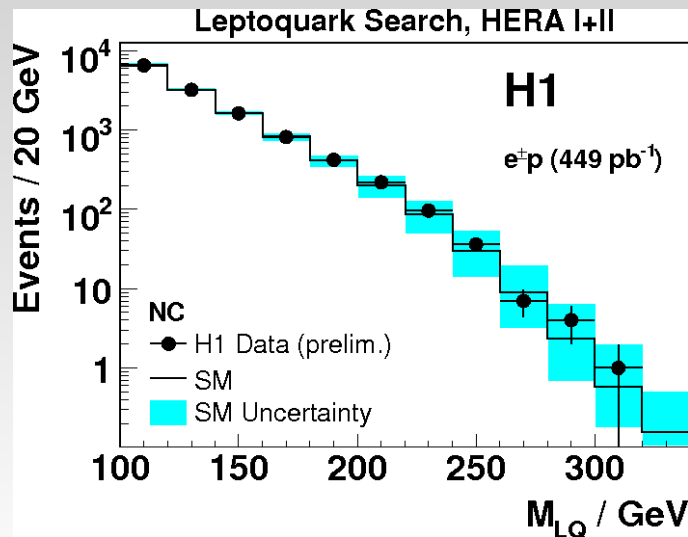
$\lambda$  is the Yukawa LQ- $e$ - $q$  coupling.

Limit setting on  $M_{LQ}/\lambda$ .

$F = 2$	Prod./Decay	$\beta_e$	$F = 0$	Prod./Decay	$\beta_e$
<div> <div><math>\mathbf{e}^-\mathbf{p}</math></div> <div>Scalar Leptoquarks</div> <div><math>\mathbf{e}^+\mathbf{p}</math></div> </div>					
$S_{0,L}$	$e_L^- u_L \rightarrow e^- u$ $\rightarrow \nu d$	$1/2$ $1/2$	$S_{1/2,L}$	$e_R^+ u_R \rightarrow e^+ u$	$1$
$S_{0,R}$	$e_R^- u_R \rightarrow e^- u$	$1$	$S_{1/2,R}$	$e_L^+ u_L \rightarrow e^+ u$	$1$
$\tilde{S}_{0,R}$	$e_R^- d_R \rightarrow e^- d$	$1$		$e_L^+ d_L \rightarrow e^+ d$	$1$
$S_{1,L}$	$e_L^- d_L \rightarrow e^- d$	$1$	$\tilde{S}_{1/2,L}$	$e_R^+ d_R \rightarrow e^+ d$	$1$
	$e_L^- u_L \rightarrow e^- u$	$1/2$			
	$\rightarrow \nu d$	$1/2$			
Vector Leptoquarks					
$V_{1/2,R}$	$e_R^- d_L \rightarrow e^- d$	$1$	$V_{0,R}$	$e_L^+ d_R \rightarrow e^+ d$	$1$
	$e_R^- u_L \rightarrow e^- u$	$1$	$V_{0,L}$	$e_R^+ d_L \rightarrow e^+ d$ $\rightarrow \bar{\nu} u$	$1/2$ $1/2$
$V_{1/2,L}$	$e_L^- d_R \rightarrow e^- d$	$1$	$\tilde{V}_{0,R}$	$e_L^+ u_R \rightarrow e^+ u$	$1$
$\tilde{V}_{1/2,L}$	$e_L^- u_R \rightarrow e^- u$	$1$	$V_{1,L}$	$e_R^+ u_L \rightarrow e^+ u$	$1$
				$e_R^+ d_L \rightarrow e^+ d$ $\rightarrow \bar{\nu} u$	$1/2$ $1/2$



# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Leptoquarks



H1 analysis based on full NC and CC samples of  $L=0.45 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

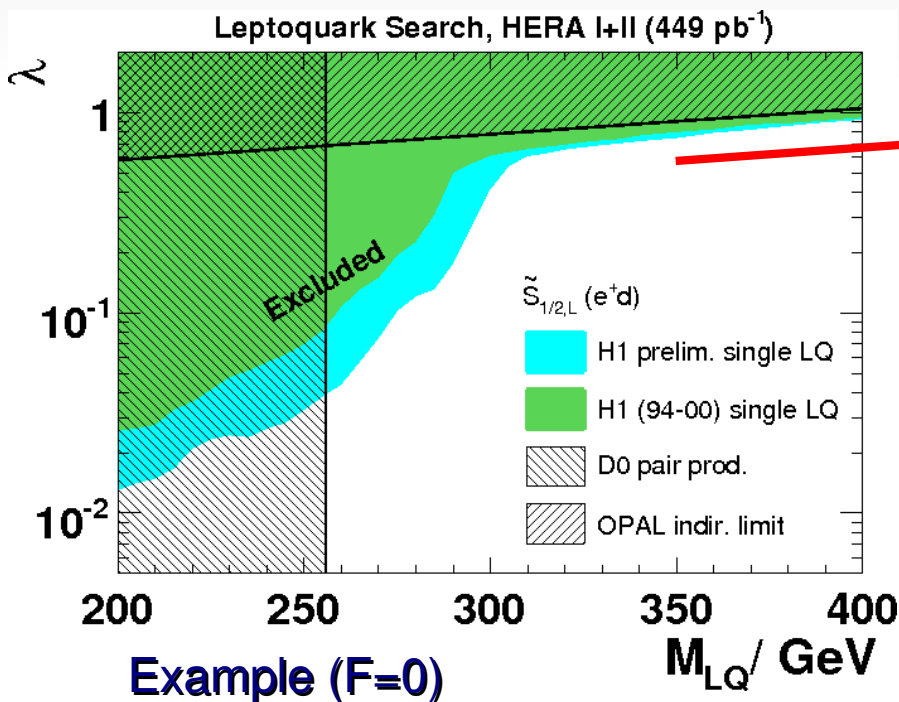
$LQ \rightarrow eq$

Large SM background from NC and CC processes.

Good description of data by SM prediction (also for CC, for  $e^-p$  and  $e^+p$  separately and for polarized samples). No LQ signal observed.

Limits set for all 14 LQs.

H1 (94-07 data): For  $\lambda = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha} = 0.3$   
 $M_{LQ} < 291-330 \text{ GeV}$  are excluded at 95% C.L.



ZEUS CI (94-07 data):

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq} \propto \left( \frac{\lambda}{M_{LQ}} \right)^2$$

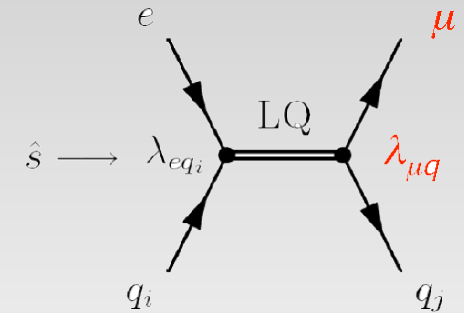
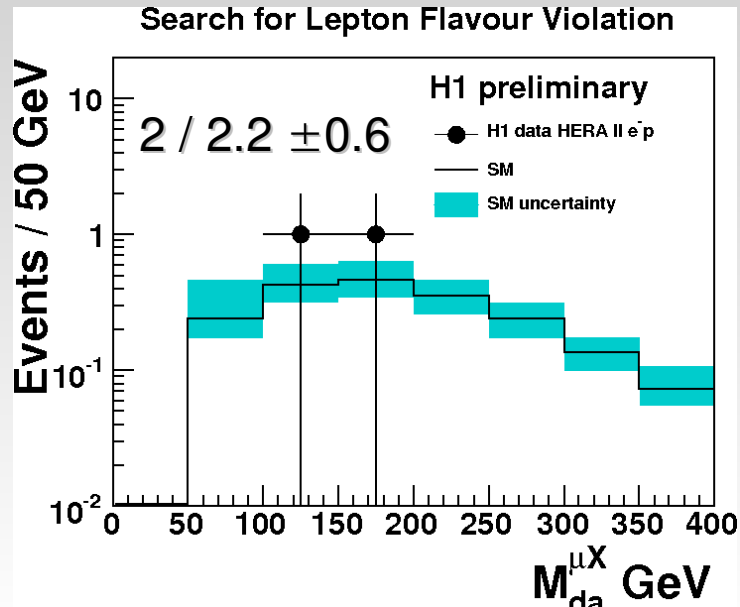
$M_{LQ}/\lambda > 0.41-1.88 \text{ TeV @95\% C.L.}$

LEP (OPAL, L3): indirect constraints from  $ee \rightarrow qq$ .

Tevatron (D0): LQ+LQ pair production from  $qq$  annihilation or  $gg$  fusion ( $\lambda$  independent).

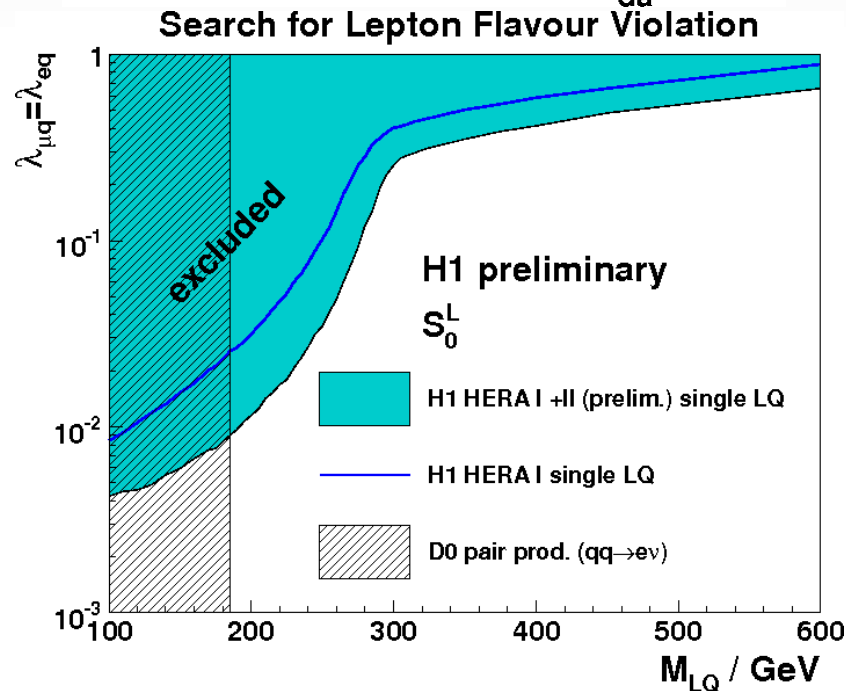


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Leptoquarks



e<sup>+</sup>p → LQ → μX with e<sup>+</sup>p data.

Search for Lepton Flavour Violation mediated by LQ.  
Experimentally clear process. Background dominated by lepton pair production.  
No evidence for signal.



Limits set for 7 LQs (F=2), under assumption:  
 $\lambda_{\mu q} = \lambda_{eq}, \lambda_{\tau q} = 0.$

For  $\lambda = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha} = 0.3$

$M_{LQ} < 291-433 \text{ GeV}$  are excluded at 95% C.L.

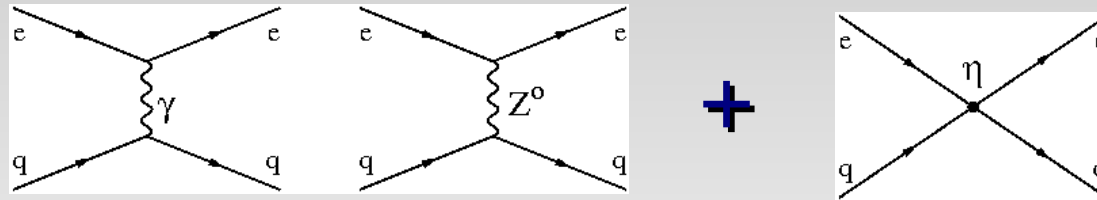


# Summary

- Search for deviations from SM in High- $Q^2$   $e^+p$  and  $e^-p$  DIS data has been performed by ZEUS and H1 based on full datasets of  $\sim 0.45 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (per experiment).
- No deviations have been found.
- ZEUS (NC DIS): 95% C.L. limits have been set for different CI models.
- H1 (NC, CC DIS): 95% C.L. limits have been set for resonant and non-resonant LQ production.
- HERA limits complementary to Tevatron and LEP limits.

# Contact Interactions

4-fermion CI at HERA:



$$M_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}(Q^2) = \frac{e^2 e_q}{Q^2} - \frac{e^2}{\sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} \frac{g_\alpha^e g_\beta^q}{Q^2 + M_Z^2} + \eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}$$

$\alpha, \beta$  - electron and quark helicities (L,R).

NC  $e^-p$  scattering:

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma(e^- p)}{dx dy} = \frac{sx}{16\pi} \sum q(x) \left\{ \boxed{P_- M_{LL}^2 + P_+ M_{RR}^2} + (1-y)^2 (P_- M_{LR}^2 + P_+ M_{RL}^2) \right\} \\ + \bar{q}(x) \left\{ P_- M_{LR}^2 + P_+ M_{RL}^2 + (1-y)^2 (P_- M_{RR}^2 + P_+ M_{LL}^2) \right\}$$

NC  $e^+p$  scattering:

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma(e^+ p)}{dx dy} = \frac{sx}{16\pi} \sum q(x) \left\{ \boxed{P_+ M_{LR}^2 + P_- M_{RL}^2} + (1-y)^2 (P_+ M_{LL}^2 + P_- M_{RR}^2) \right\} \\ + \bar{q}(x) \left\{ P_+ M_{LL}^2 + P_- M_{RR}^2 + (1-y)^2 (P_+ M_{LR}^2 + P_- M_{RL}^2) \right\}$$

At high  $Q^2$  and high  $x$  quark distribution dominate (valence quarks).

Some contributions are suppressed by helicity factor  $(1-y)^2$ .

$$P_\pm = 1 \pm P$$

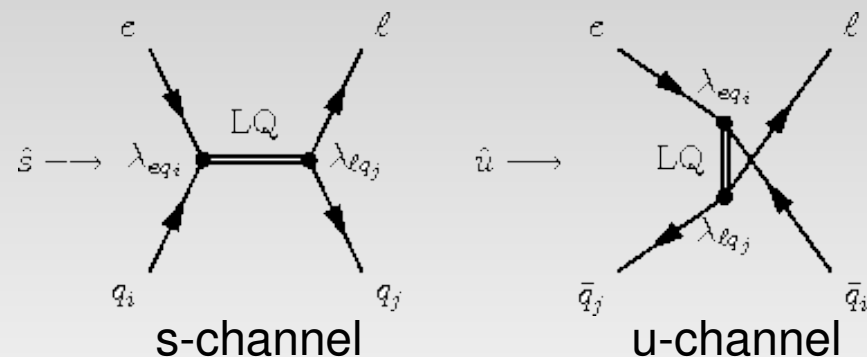
NC  $e^-p$  sensitive to LL and RR, NC  $e^+p$  sensitive to LR and RL configurations.

SM MEs modified by quark form-factor:  $M_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}(Q^2) = M_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}(Q^2)^{SM} (1 - R_q^2 Q^2/6)$

# CI, Heavy Leptoquarks

## The Buchmueller-Rueckl-Wyler Model

At HERA can be resonantly produced in s-channel ( $M_{LQ} < \sqrt{s}$ ) or exchanged in u-channel.



For high mass LQs ( $M_{LQ} \gg \sqrt{s}$ )

virtual production/exchange results in the effective CI coupling:

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta}^{eq} = a_{\alpha\beta}^{eq} \left( \frac{\lambda}{M_{LQ}} \right)^2$$

where  $a_{\alpha\beta}^{eq}$  is a coefficient

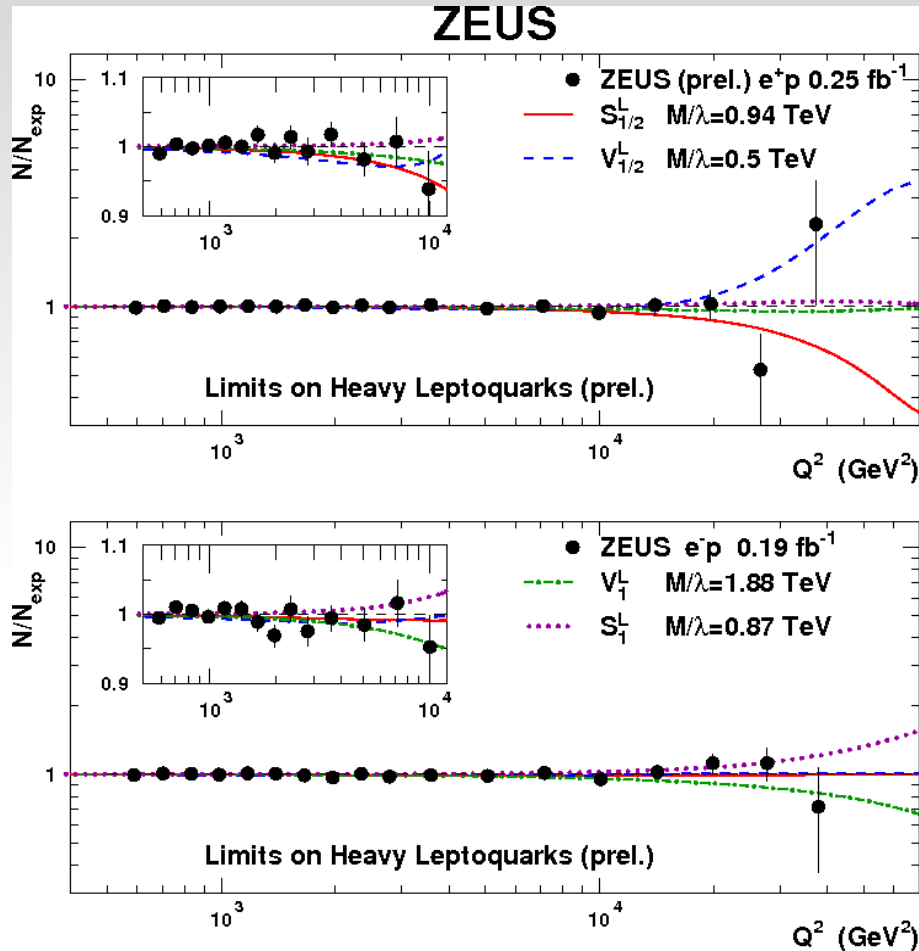
and  $\lambda$  is the Yukawa LQ-e-q coupling.

Limit setting on  $M_{LQ}/\lambda$ .

Model	$a_{LL}^{ed}$	$a_{LR}^{ed}$	$a_{RL}^{ed}$	$a_{RR}^{ed}$	$a_{LL}^{eu}$	$a_{LR}^{eu}$	$a_{RL}^{eu}$	$a_{RR}^{eu}$
$S_0^L$					$+\frac{1}{2}$			
$S_0^R$								$+\frac{1}{2}$
$\tilde{S}_0$				$+\frac{1}{2}$				
$S_{1/2}^L$					$-\frac{1}{2}$			
$S_{1/2}^R$			$-\frac{1}{2}$				$-\frac{1}{2}$	
$\tilde{S}_{1/2}$		$-\frac{1}{2}$						
$S_1$	$+1$				$+\frac{1}{2}$			
$V_0^L$	$-1$							
$V_0^R$				$-1$				
$\tilde{V}_0$								$-1$
$V_{1/2}^L$		$+1$						
$V_{1/2}^R$			$+1$				$+1$	
$\tilde{V}_{1/2}$						$+1$		
$V_1$	$-1$				$-2$			



# CI, Heavy Leptoquarks



ZEUS Preliminary 1994-2007 $e^\pm p$		95% C.L. (TeV)
Model Coupling Structure		$M_{LQ}/\lambda_{LQ}$
$S_\circ^L$	$a_{LL}^{eu} = +\frac{1}{2}$	1.24
$S_\circ^R$	$a_{RR}^{eu} = +\frac{1}{2}$	1.02
$\tilde{S}_\circ^R$	$a_{RR}^{ed} = +\frac{1}{2}$	0.41
$S_{1/2}^L$	$a_{LR}^{eu} = -\frac{1}{2}$	0.94
$S_{1/2}^R$	$a_{RL}^{ed} = a_{RL}^{eu} = -\frac{1}{2}$	0.81
$\tilde{S}_{1/2}^L$	$a_{LR}^{ed} = -\frac{1}{2}$	0.60
$S_1^L$	$a_{LL}^{ed} = +1, a_{LL}^{eu} = +\frac{1}{2}$	0.87
$V_\circ^L$	$a_{LL}^{ed} = -1$	1.05
$V_\circ^R$	$a_{RR}^{ed} = -1$	0.77
$\tilde{V}_\circ^R$	$a_{RR}^{eu} = -1$	1.50
$V_{1/2}^L$	$a_{LR}^{ed} = +1$	0.50
$V_{1/2}^R$	$a_{RL}^{ed} = a_{RL}^{eu} = +1$	1.36
$\tilde{V}_{1/2}^L$	$a_{LR}^{eu} = +1$	1.60
$V_1^L$	$a_{LL}^{ed} = -1, a_{LL}^{eu} = -2$	1.88

Only sensitive to  $M_{LQ}/\lambda$ .

ZEUS (94-07 data):  $M_{LQ}/\lambda > 0.41 - 1.88 \text{ TeV}$  (95% C.L.)

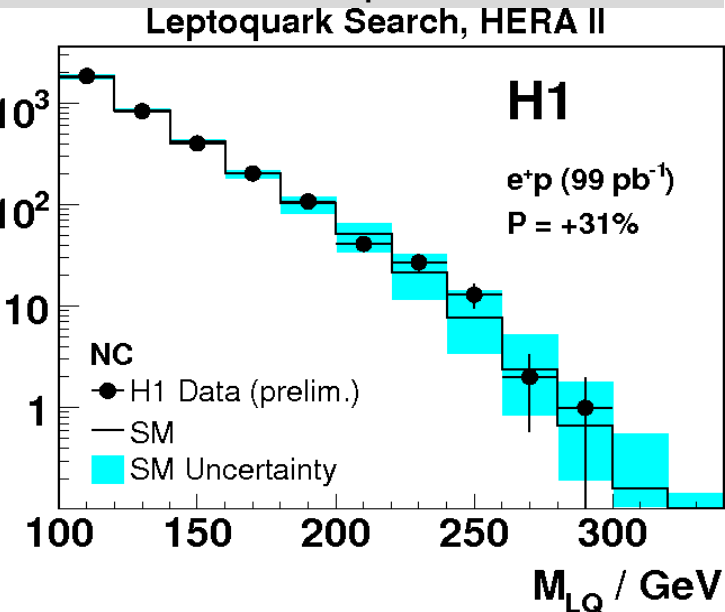
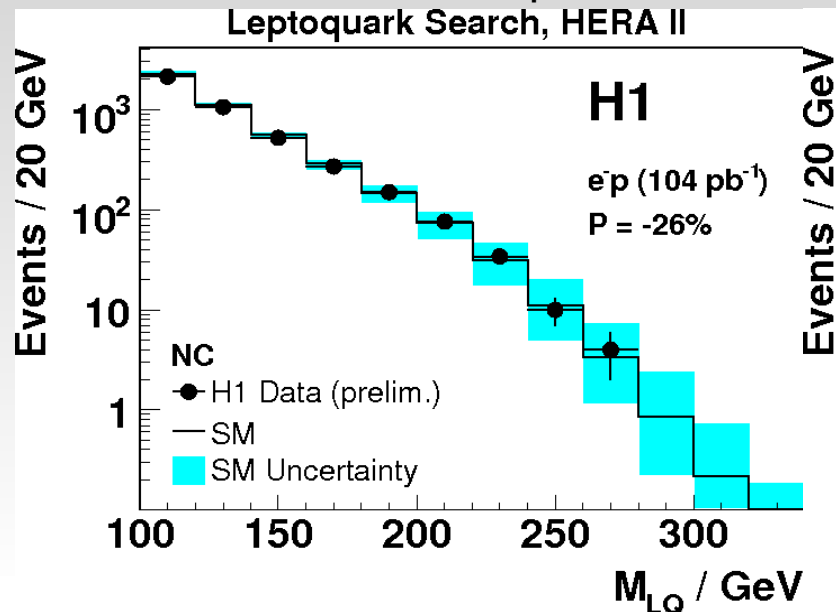


# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Leptoquarks

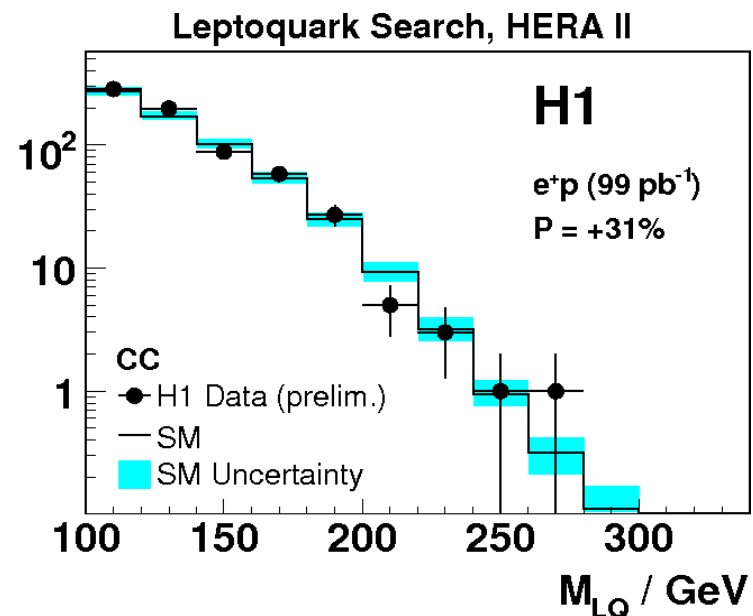
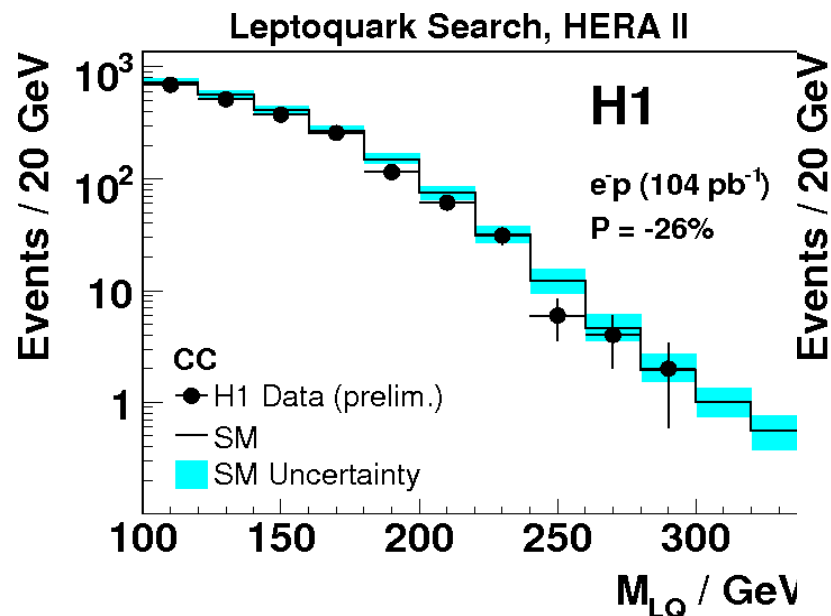
LH  $e^-p$

RH  $e^+p$

NC:



CC:





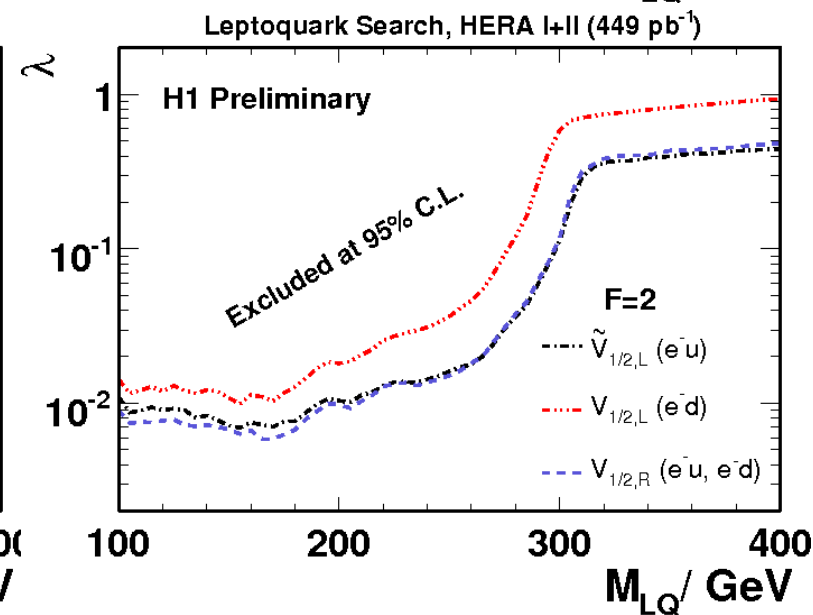
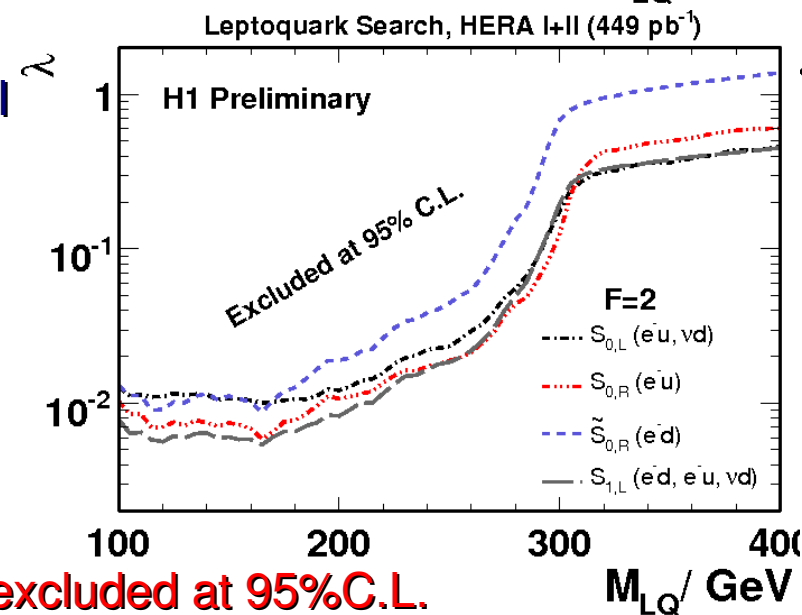
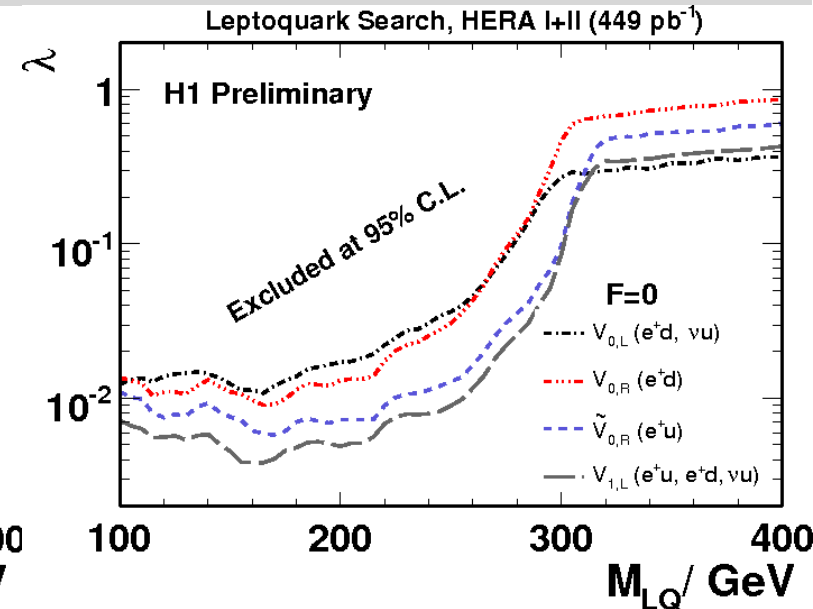
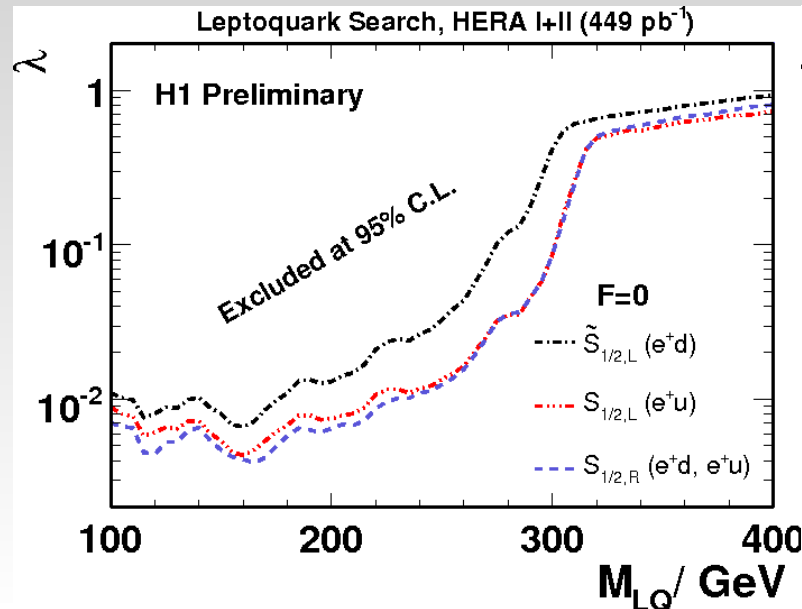
# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Leptoquarks

Limits for all 14 LQs.

$M_{LQ} < \sqrt{s} = 300 \text{ GeV}$   
resonant production  
stronger limits.

$M_{LQ} > \sqrt{s}$ , only u-channel  
exchange, CI region.

For  $\lambda = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha} = 0.3$   
 $M_{LQ} < 291\text{--}330 \text{ GeV}$  are excluded at 95% C.L.



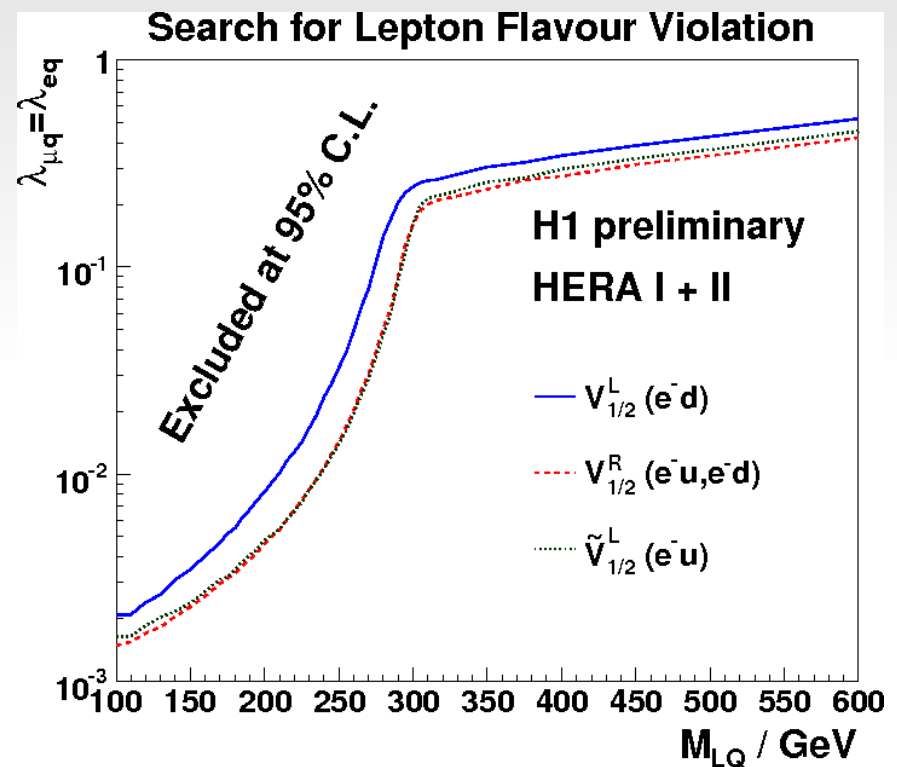
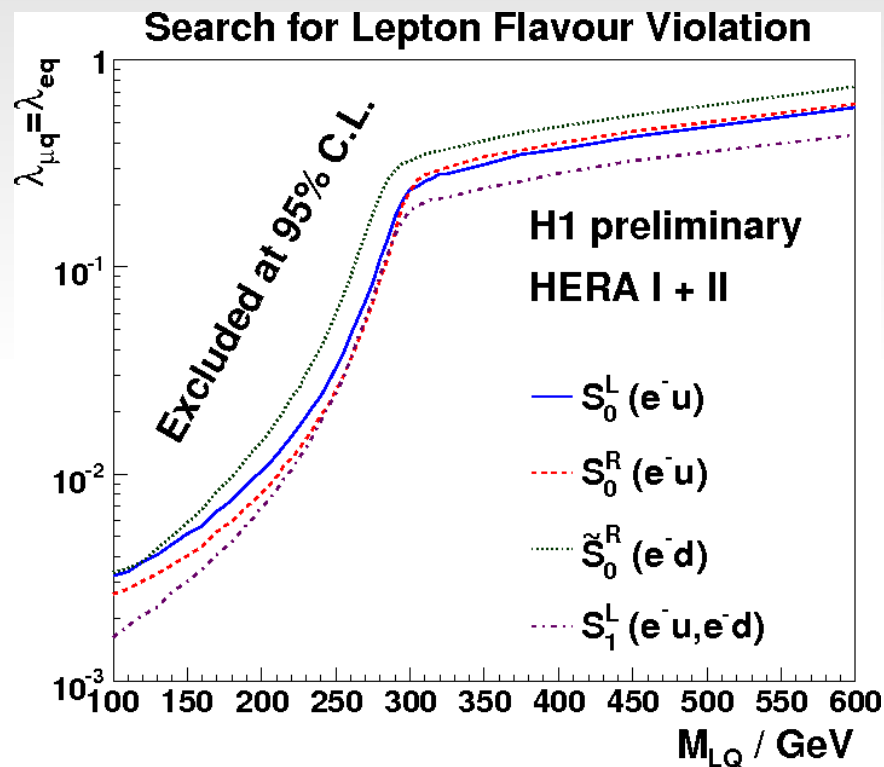


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Leptoquarks

$e^-p \rightarrow LQ \rightarrow \mu X$  with  $e^-p$  data.

Search for Lepton Flavour Violation mediated by LQ.

Limits set for 7 LQs (F=2), under assumption  $\lambda_{\mu q} = \lambda_{eq}$ ,  $\lambda_{\tau q} = 0$ .



For  $\lambda = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha} = 0.3$

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Leptoquarks

H1 analysis based on HERA-I data.  
(DESY 07-009)

Limits set for 14 LQs,  
under assumption  $\lambda_{\tau q} = \lambda_{eq}$

H1 Search for lepton flavour violation

