

HERA Physics

Inclusive measurements

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- DIS ep kinematics
- Polarised cross section measurements
- Structure functions & parton densities
 - QCD & electroweak fits
 - quark couplings & strong coupling
 - heavy flavour structure functions
 - diffractive parton densities
- Searches – isolated lepton events, multi-leptons
- Future measurement of F_L



HERA performance

HERA II

- $E_e = 27.6 \text{ GeV}$, $E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$, $\sqrt{s} = 320 \text{ GeV}$

- Detectors & luminosity upgrade

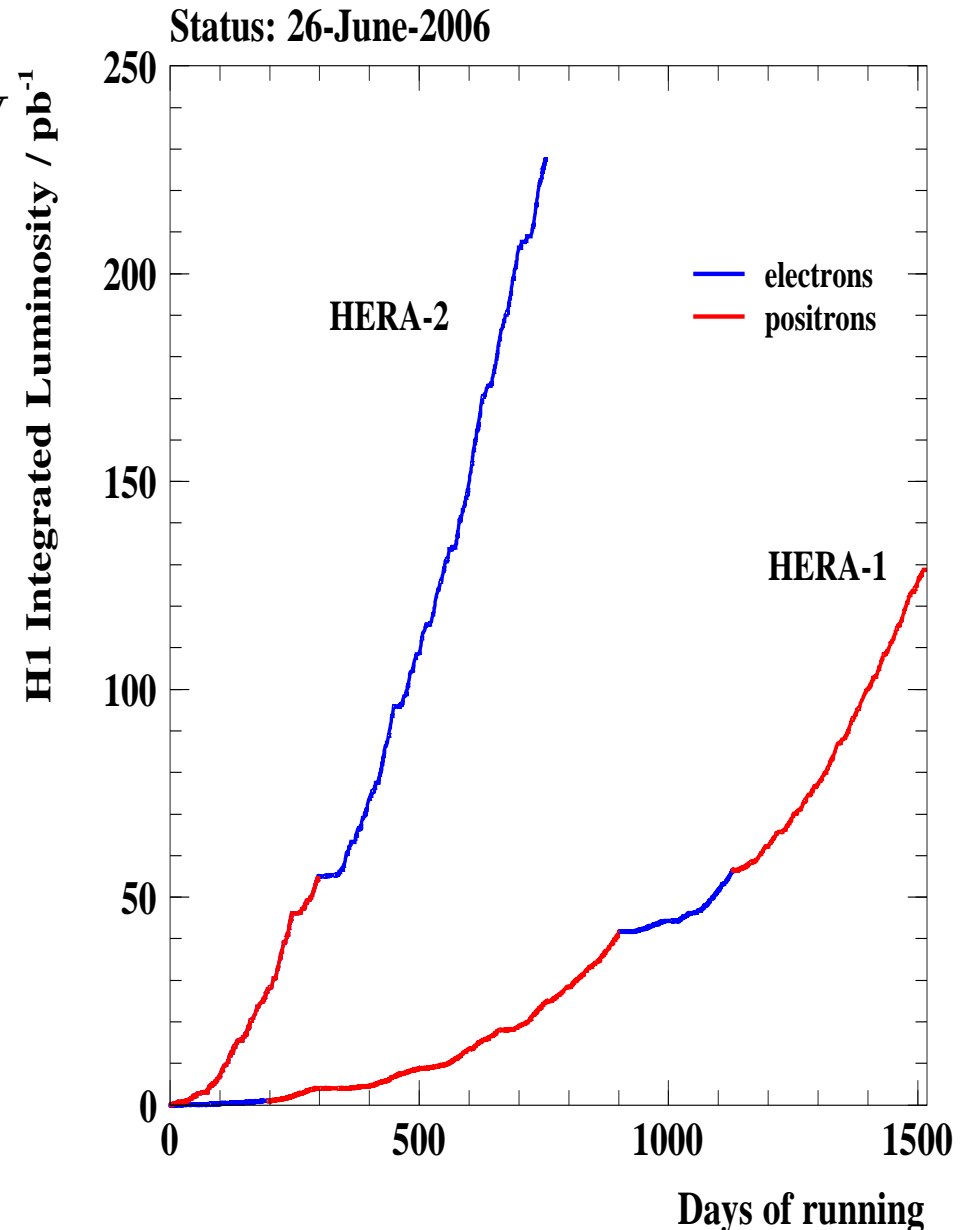
\mathcal{L} per expt		e^+p	e^-p
HERA I	93-00	$\sim 120 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$\sim 20 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
HERA II	03-now	$\sim 50 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$\sim 210 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
HERA II	total?	$\sim 200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$\sim 210 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

- Longitudinally polarised lepton beams

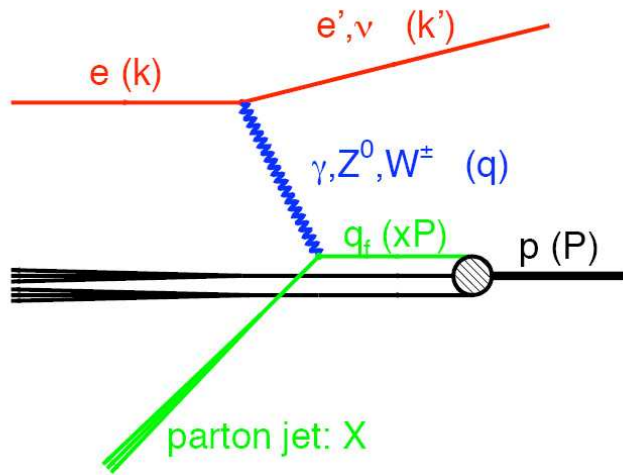
typically $\mathcal{P}_e \simeq 30 - 40\%$, $t_P \sim 30 \text{ min}$
helicity flip every 2-3 months

- Schedule

- switch to positrons July
collect $\mathcal{L} \sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- measure F_L at lower $E_p = 460 \text{ GeV}$
run 3 months for $\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- end of HERA data taking June 2007



Kinematics of ep interactions



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

$$x = Q^2 / 2(P \cdot q)$$

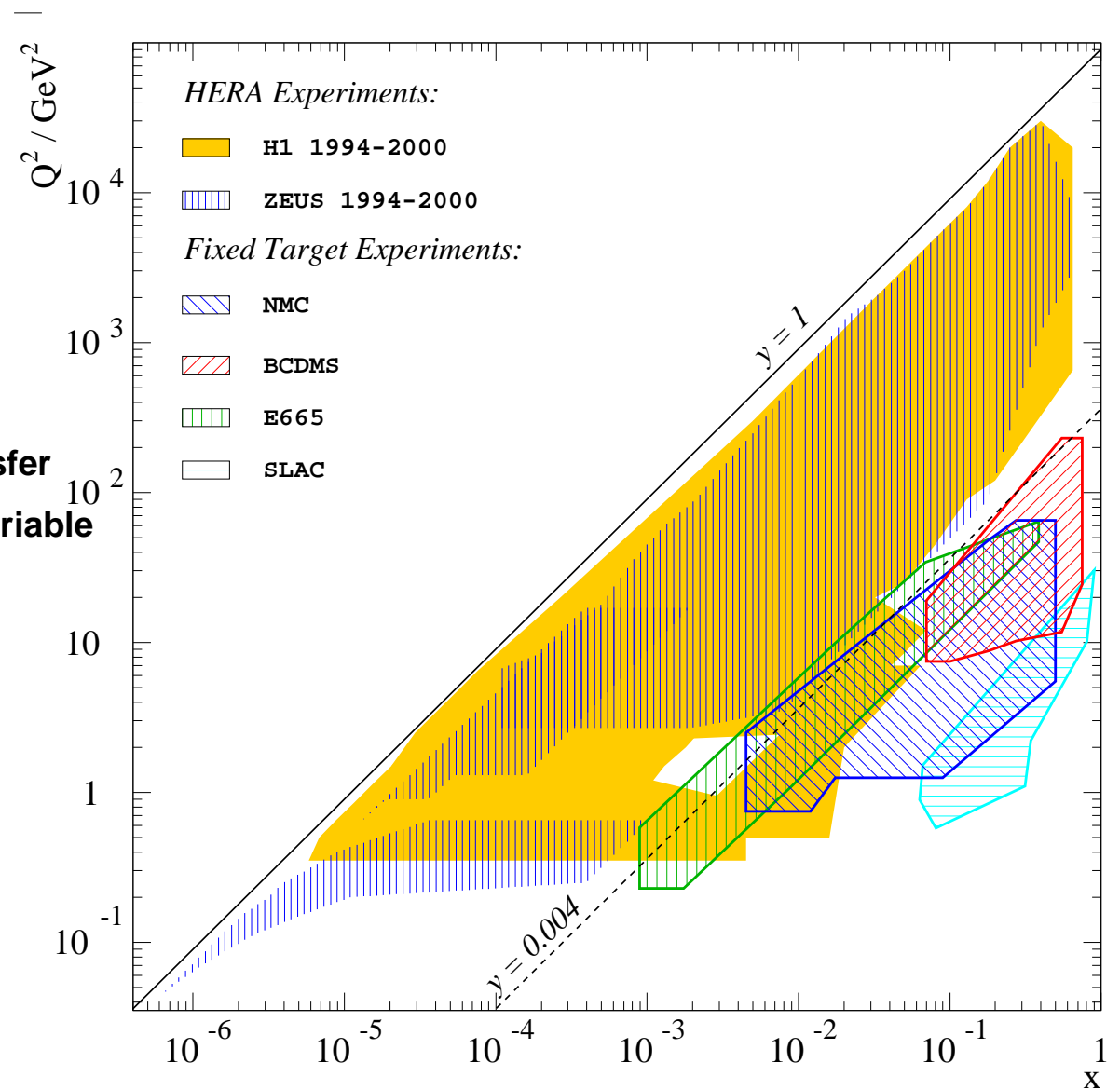
$$y = (P \cdot q) / (P \cdot k)$$

$$Q^2 = x y s$$

4-momentum transfer

Bjorken scaling variable

inelasticity



Inclusive DIS ep interactions

- **NC** $e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm X$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{NC}^\pm}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} \left[Y_+ \tilde{F}_2 \mp Y_- x \tilde{F}_3 - y^2 \tilde{F}_L \right] \equiv \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} Y_+ \tilde{\sigma}_{NC}^\pm$$

$$Y_\pm = 1 \pm (1 - y)^2$$

\tilde{F}_2	dominant contribution in LO QCD	$\{F_2, F_2^{\gamma Z}, f_2^Z\} = x \sum_q \{e_q^2, 2e_q v_q, v_q^2 + a_q^2\} (q + \bar{q})$
$x\tilde{F}_3$	γZ interference at $Q^2 \sim m_Z^2$	$\{xF_3^{\gamma Z}, xF_3^Z\} = 2x \sum_q \{e_q a_q, v_q a_q\} (q - \bar{q})$
\tilde{F}_L	sensitivity at low Q^2 , high y	$\sim \alpha_s x g(x, Q^2)$

- **CC** $e^\pm p \rightarrow \nu X$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{CC}^\pm}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi x} \left[\frac{m_W^2}{Q^2 + m_W^2} \right]^2 \left[Y_+ \tilde{W}_2 \mp Y_- x \tilde{W}_3 - y^2 \tilde{W}_L \right]$$

$\tilde{\sigma}_{CC}^+$	$= x[(\bar{u} + \bar{c}) + (1 - y)^2(d + s)]$	sensitive to d quark at high x
$\tilde{\sigma}_{CC}^-$	$= x[(u + c) + (1 - y)^2(\bar{d} + \bar{s})]$	sensitive to u quark at high x

NC & CC cross sections

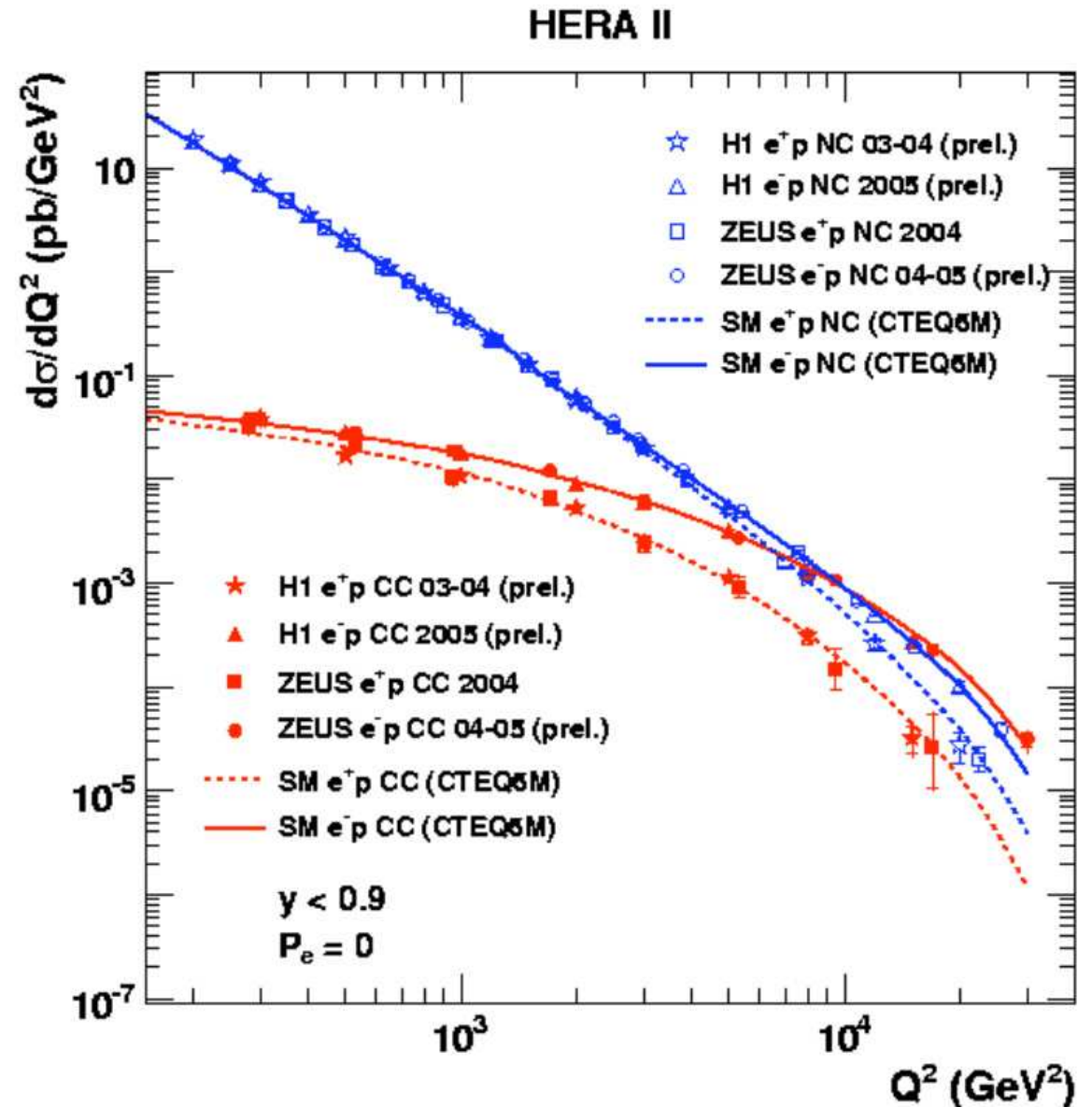
- Excellent agreement with SM prediction over many orders of magnitude
- CC cross section suppressed at low Q^2 by W propagator
- NC and CC comparable cross sections at high $Q^2 \sim M_W^2$
- $\sigma^{e^-p} > \sigma^{e^+p}$ at high Q^2 electroweak effects

⇒ Stringent limits on eq compositeness

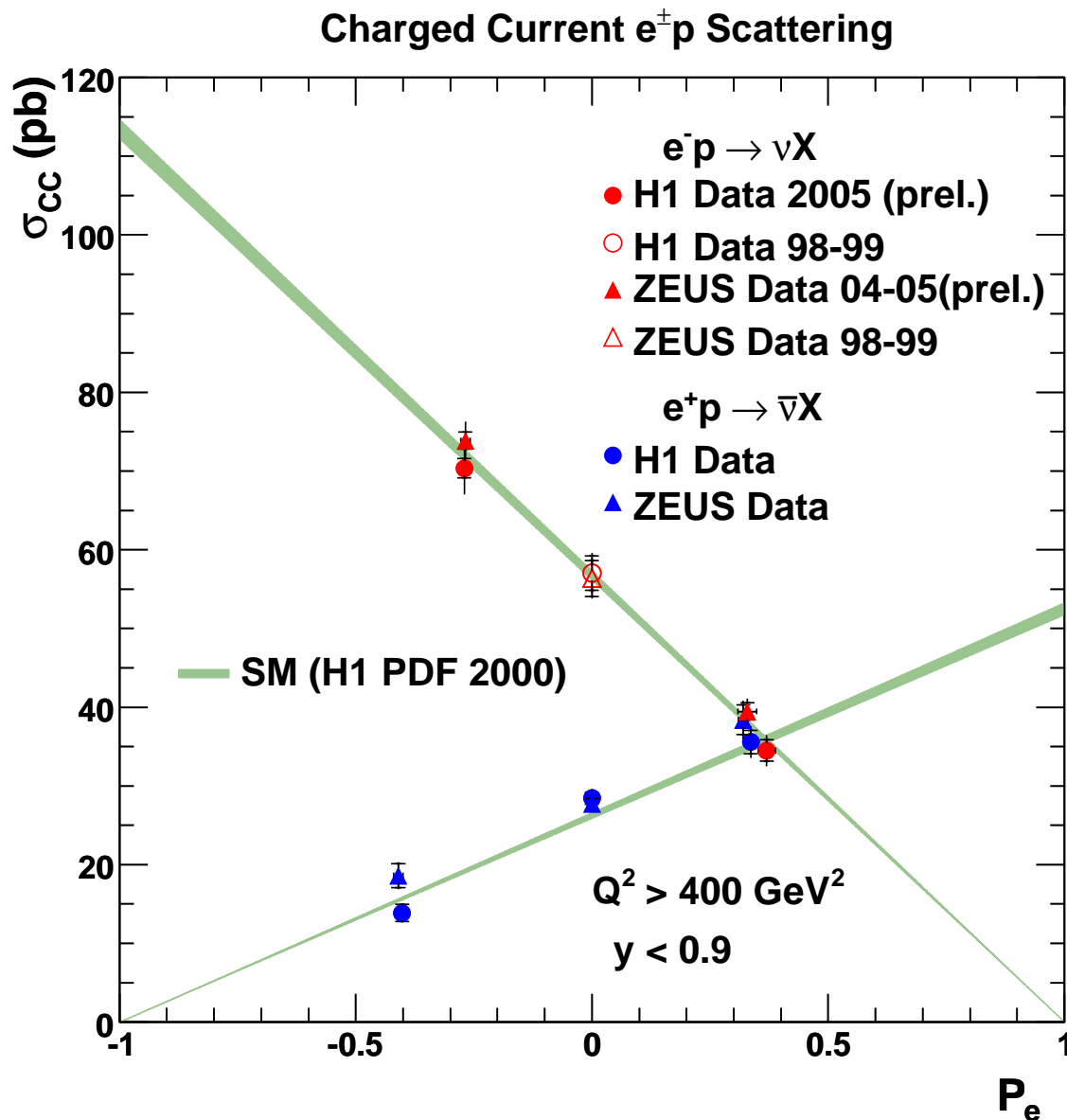
quark radius $R_q < 1 \cdot 10^{-18}$ m

LQ's $M_{LQ}/\lambda \gtrsim 1$ TeV

LED $M_S > 0.8$ TeV



Polarised CC cross section



- Test V-A structure of CC interaction
- No right-handed current in SM
- Linear polarisation dependence

$$\sigma_{CC}^\pm = (1 \pm \mathcal{P}_e) \sigma_{CC,unpol}^\pm$$

- Extrapolation to
 $\mathcal{P}_{e^-} = +1$ resp $\mathcal{P}_{e^+} = -1$

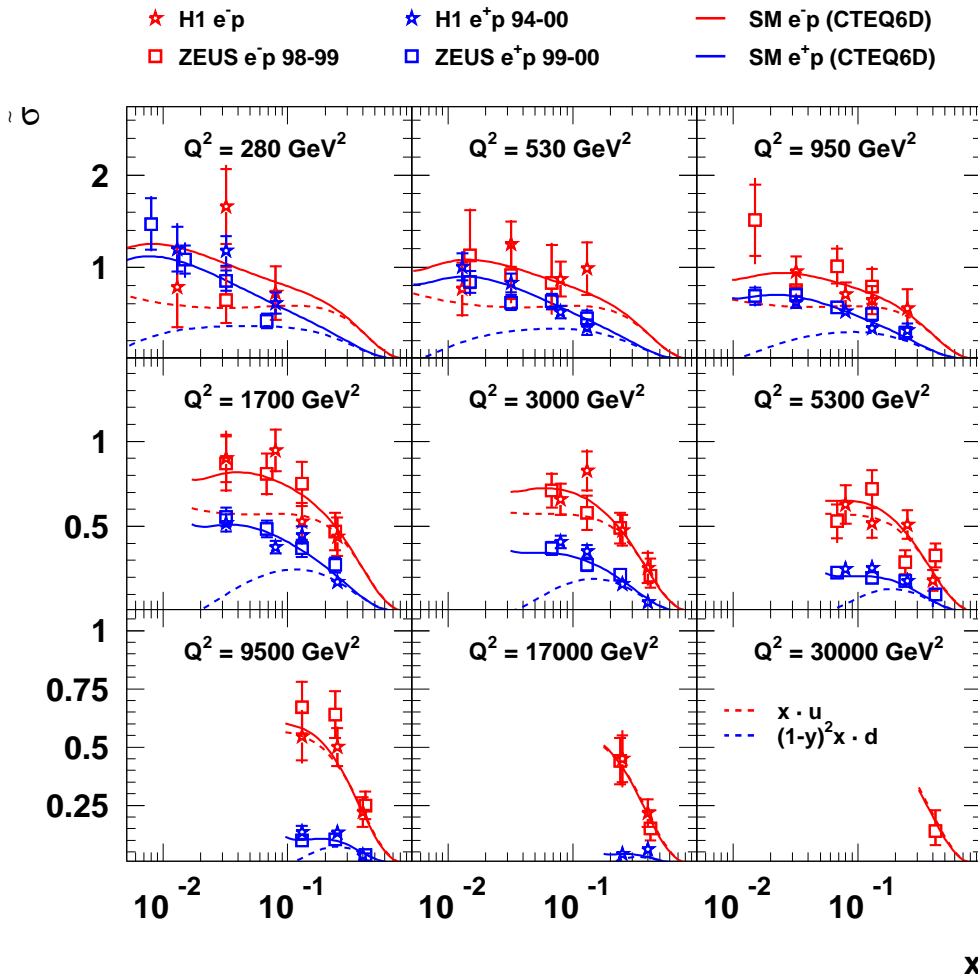
sets limit on W_R

$$M_{W_R} \gtrsim 200 \text{ GeV}$$

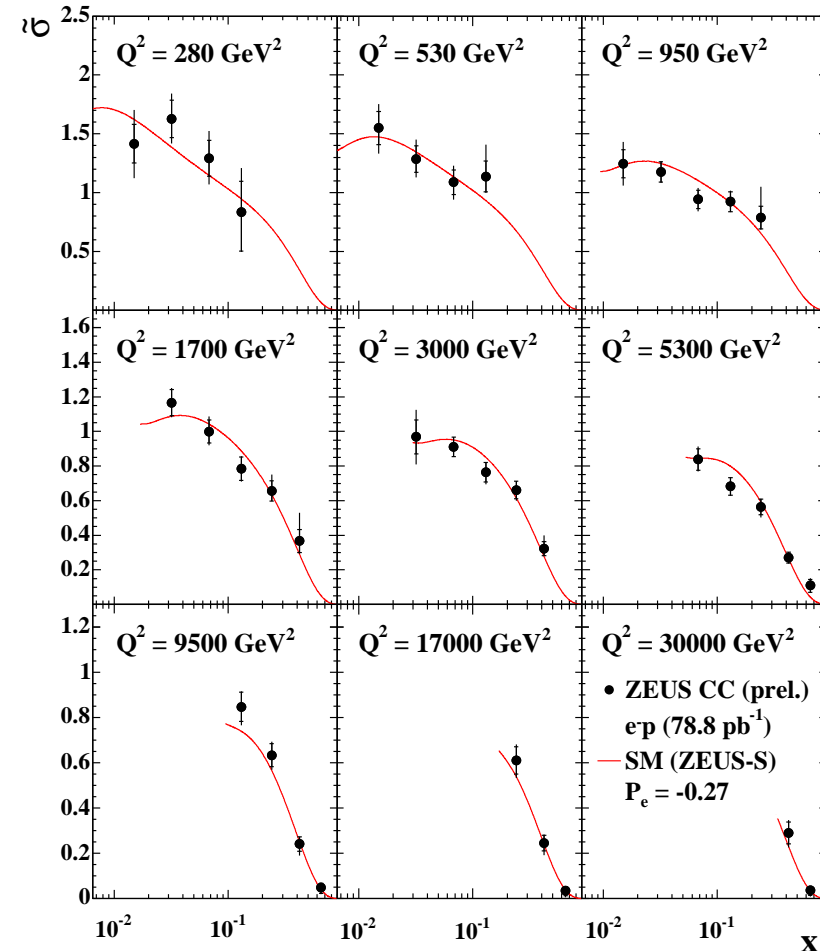
CC cross section

- u, d quark separation at high x dominating for $x > 0.2$, consistency check with $x F_3 \sim 2u_v + d_v$
- e^+p sensitive to d quark, particularly valuable (free of nuclear effects of eD scattering)
- e^-p sensitive to u quark, new HERA II meas. improve u_v

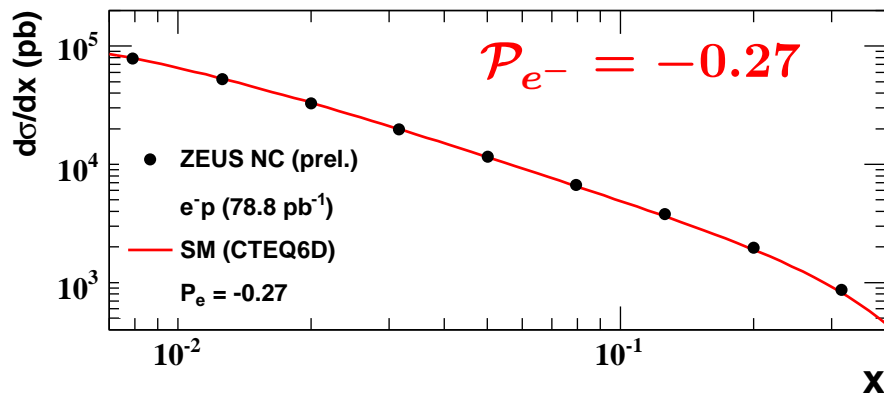
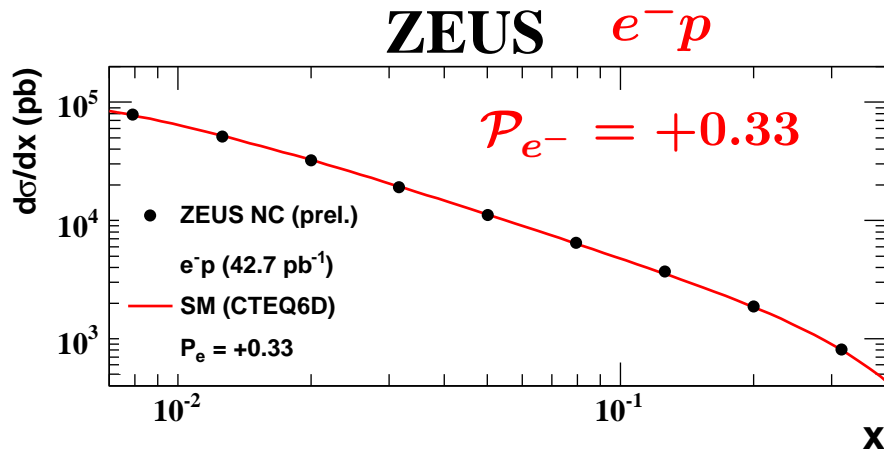
HERA Charged Current unpolarised



ZEUS $e_L^- p$ polarised

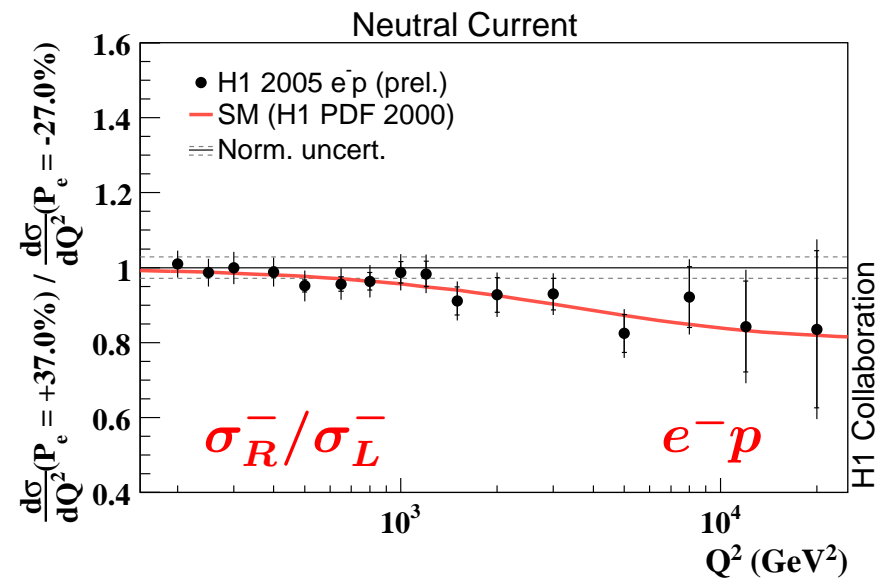
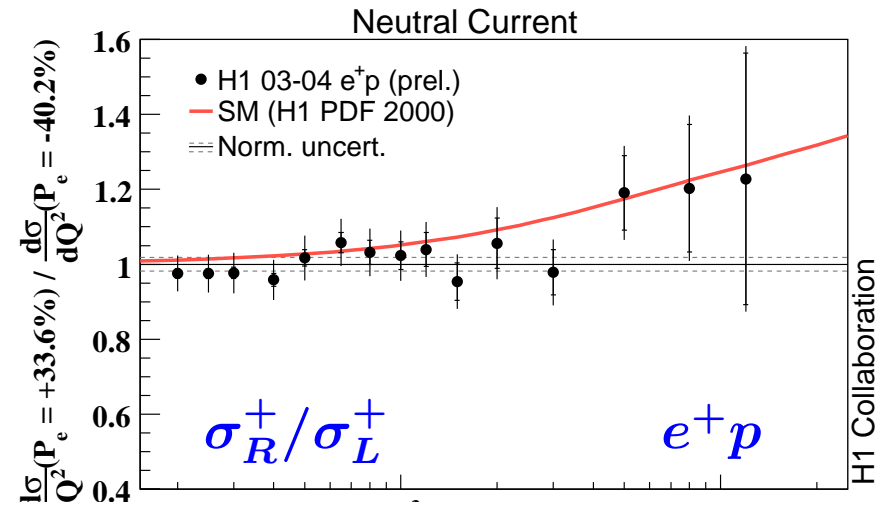


NC polarised cross sections



$$\sigma_{NC}^{\pm} \sim F_2 \mp \mathcal{P}_e a_e \chi_Z F_2^{\gamma Z} \mp a_e \chi_Z x F_3^{\gamma Z}$$

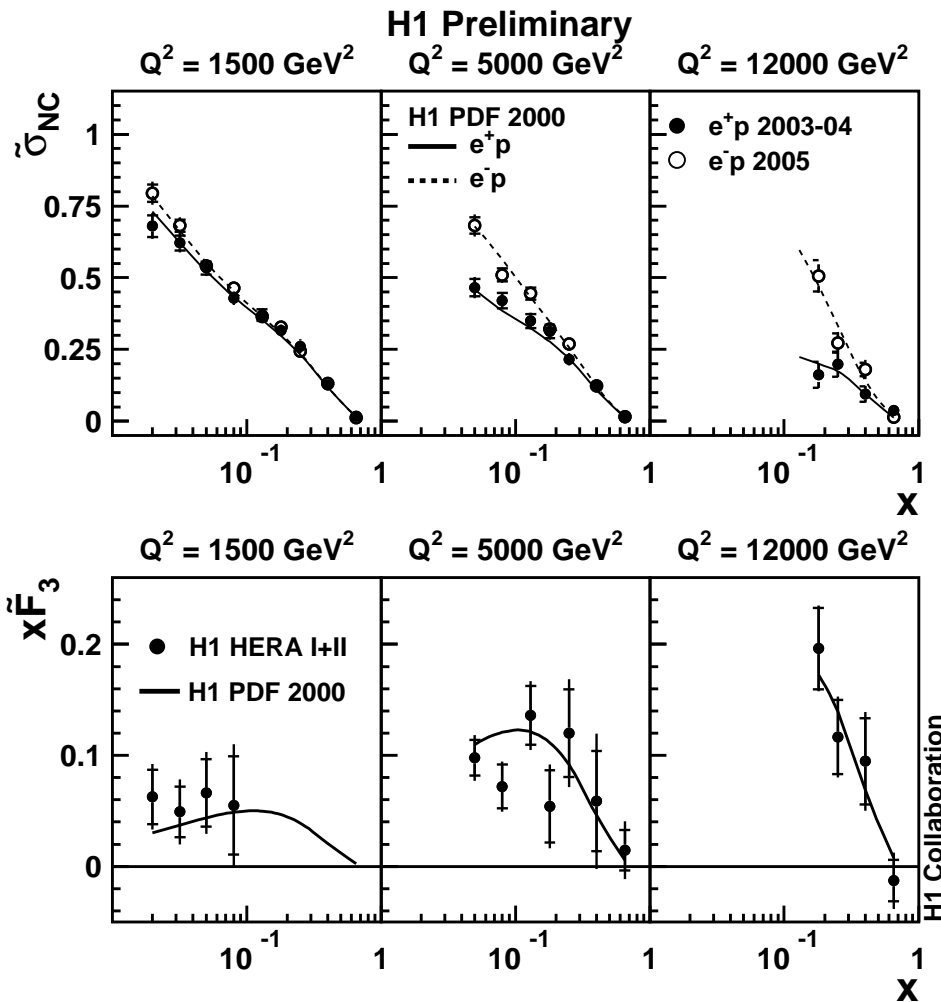
Polarisation effects at high Q^2
clearly established in NC



Measurement of $x\tilde{F}_3$

$$x\tilde{F}_3 = (\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}^- - \tilde{\sigma}_{NC}^+)(Y_+/2Y_-)$$

$$xF_3^{\gamma Z} = x\tilde{F}_3 / [-a_e \kappa_W / (Q^2 + M_Z^2)] \sim 2u_v + d_v$$



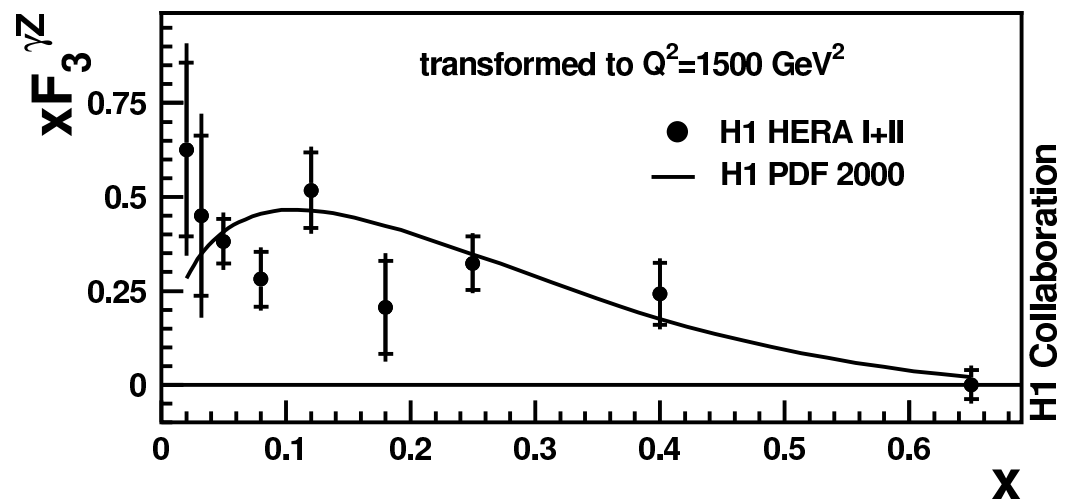
HERA I $15 \text{ pb}^{-1} e^-$, $100 \text{ pb}^{-1} e^+$
HERA II $120 \text{ pb}^{-1} e^-$, $50 \text{ pb}^{-1} e^+$

corrected for polarisation effects

precision increased by 20%

neglect pure Z contribution (small) & correct for propagator (Q^2) terms

→ Test x dependence of valence quarks



NC cross section at very high x

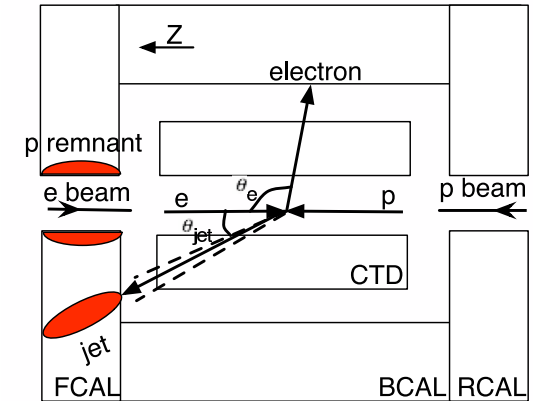
ZEUS technique to access high x region

Q^2 well measured by electron

jet in detector x from jet $E_T > 10 \text{ GeV}, \theta > 0.12$

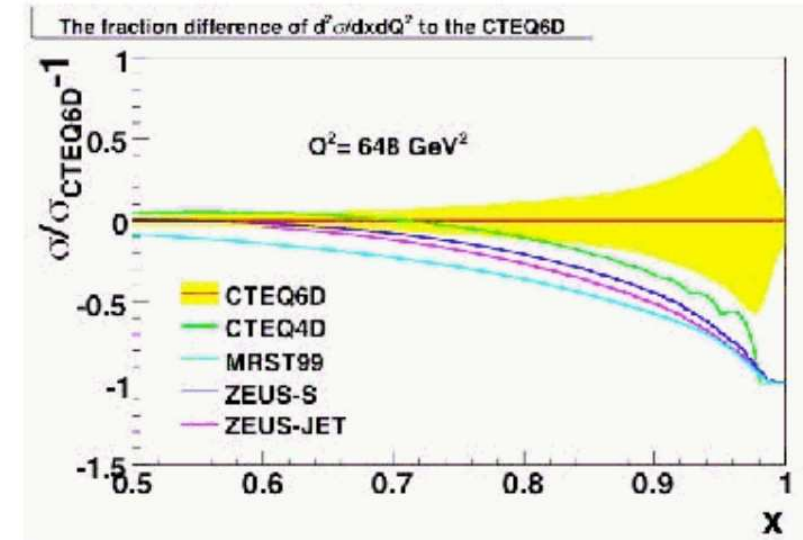
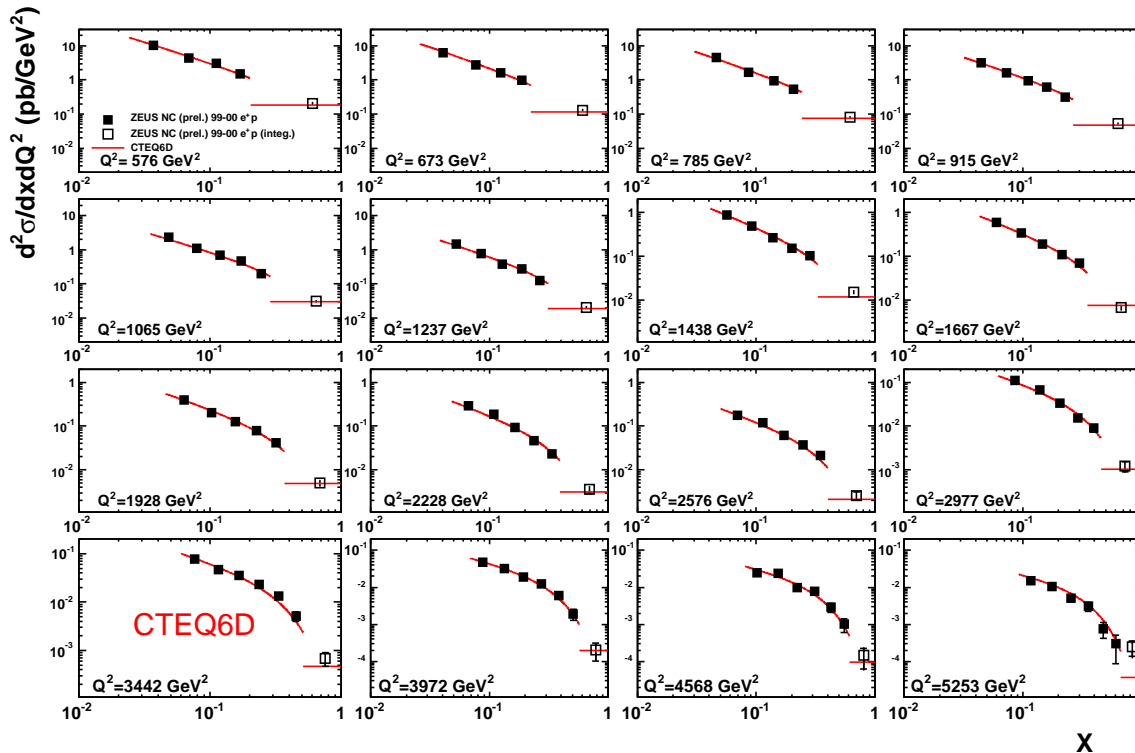
jet in beampipe integrate σ over $x_{edge}(Q^2) < x < 1$

discard ≥ 2 jet events

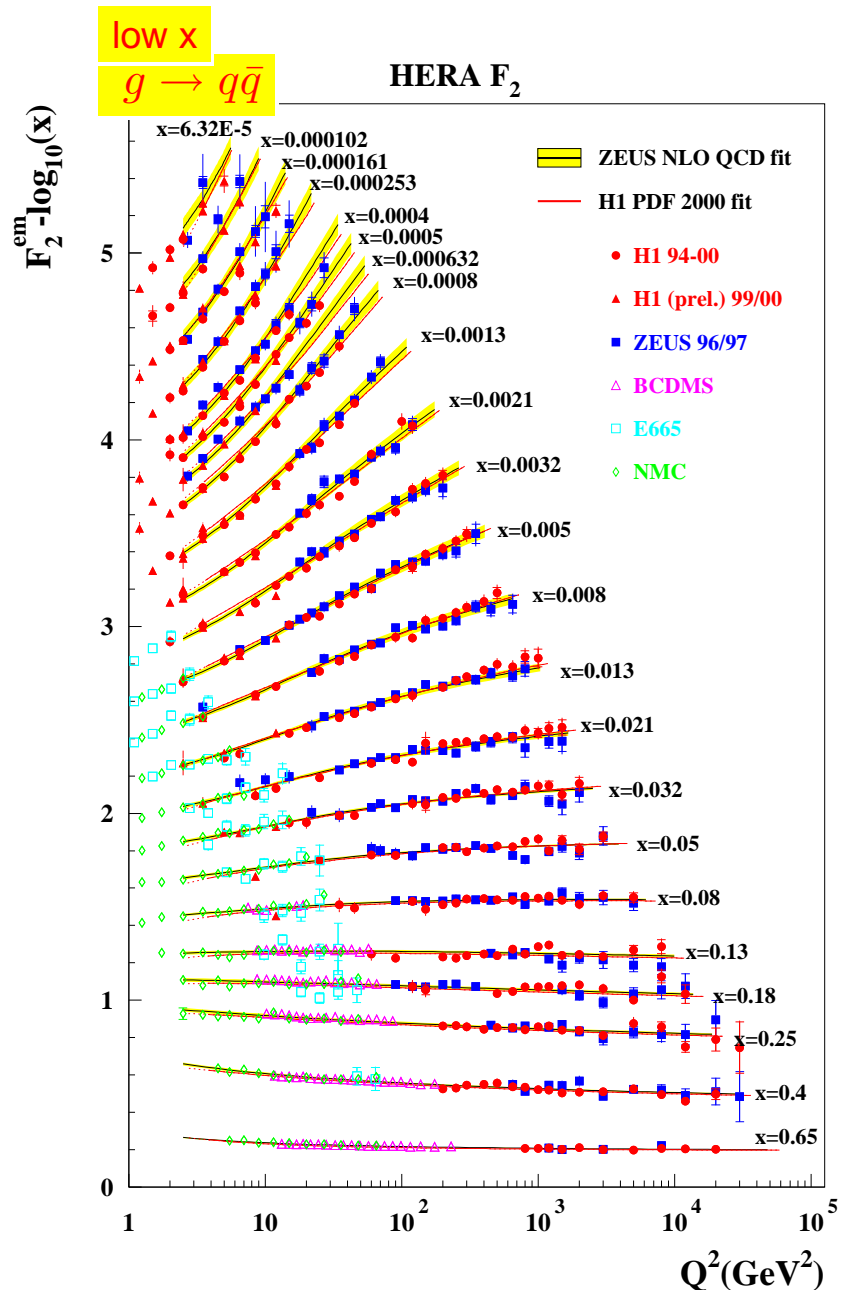


Still large uncertainties at high x

Input to PDF fits, integrated points tend to lie above CTEQ6D

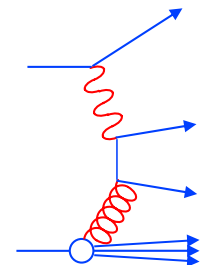


Structure functions & parton densities



- HERA data well described by NLO QCD
- parton densities parametrised at some Q_0^2
e.g. $xf(x) = ax^b(1-x)^c(1+dx)$
 Q^2 evolution using DGLAP in NLO
- low x sea, gluon constrained by F_2 @ low Q^2
- high x u, d valence constrained by high Q^2 NC & CC cross sections
- medium x gluon constrained by jet data (DIS jets and γp di-jets)

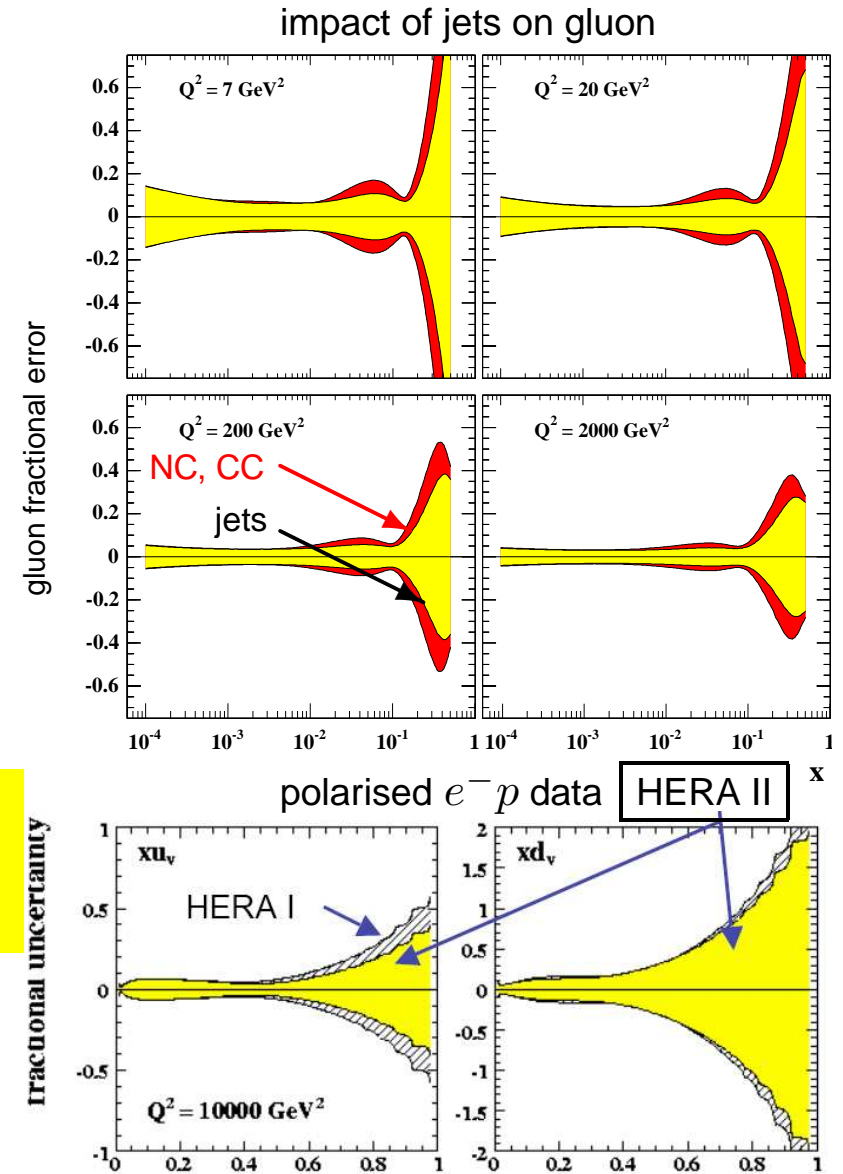
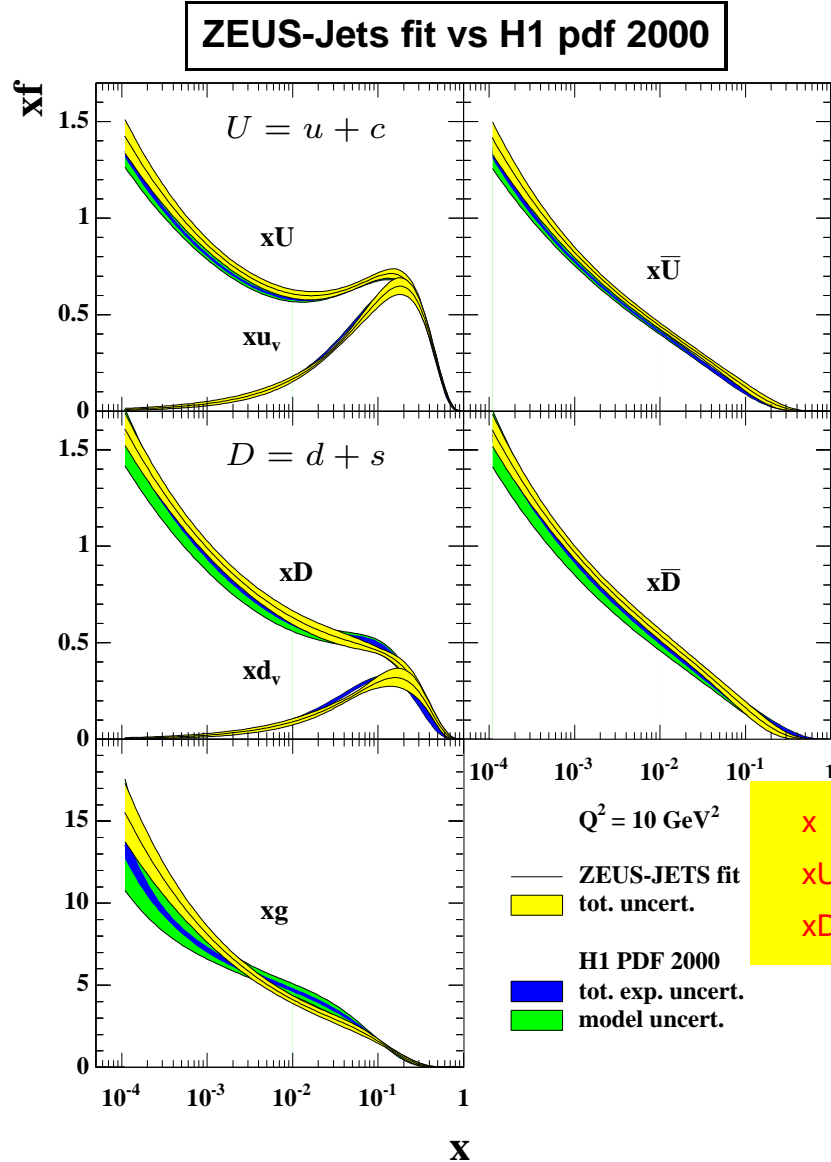
boson gluon fusion, QCD Compton



- correlations between $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ and $g(x, Q^2)$ resolved by using wide range of x and Q^2
- consistent analysis within a single experiment, advantage for treatment of error correlations

high x
 $q \rightarrow qg$

Combined QCD & EW fits



ZEUS and H1 PDFs consistent (and MRST, CTEQ)
 slight differences in $g(x)$ at $x \sim 0.01$
 combined H1/ZEUS analysis in progress

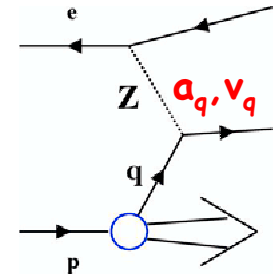
jet data improve error on gluons
 polarised e^-p reduce $u_v(d_v)$ uncertainty

Light quark couplings

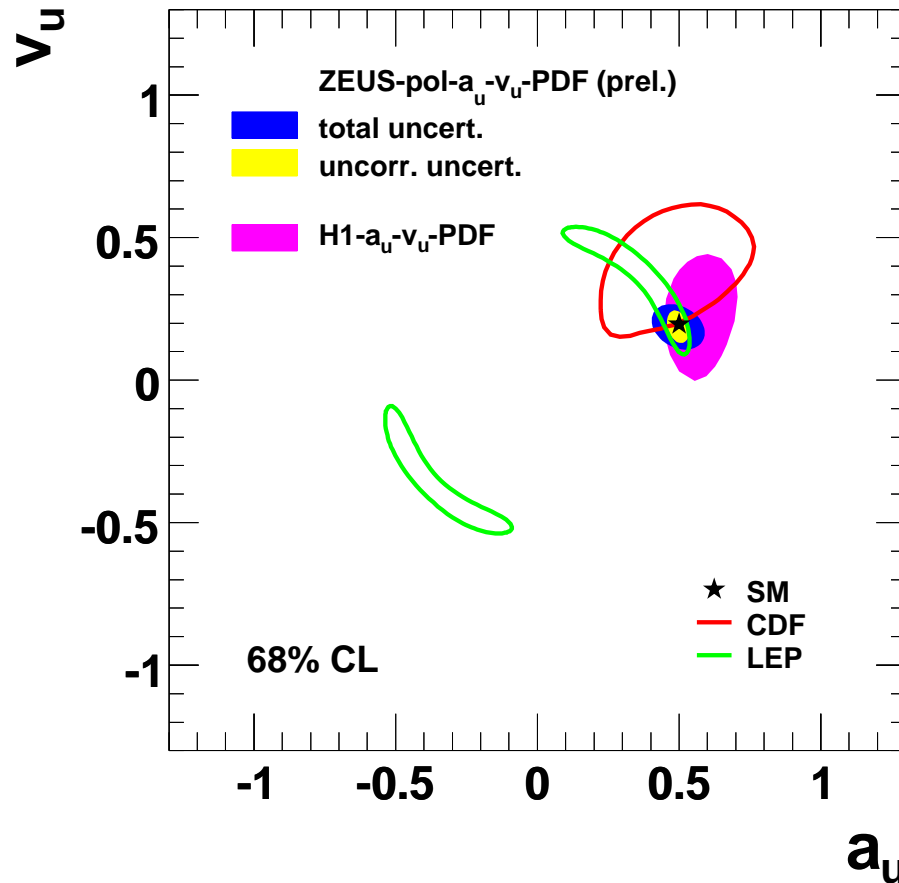
Combined QCD & EW fit in space-like region: $a_q \leftrightarrow xF_3$ and $v_q \leftrightarrow F_2^{pol}$

H1 HERA I unpolarised data, ZEUS HERA II polarised data

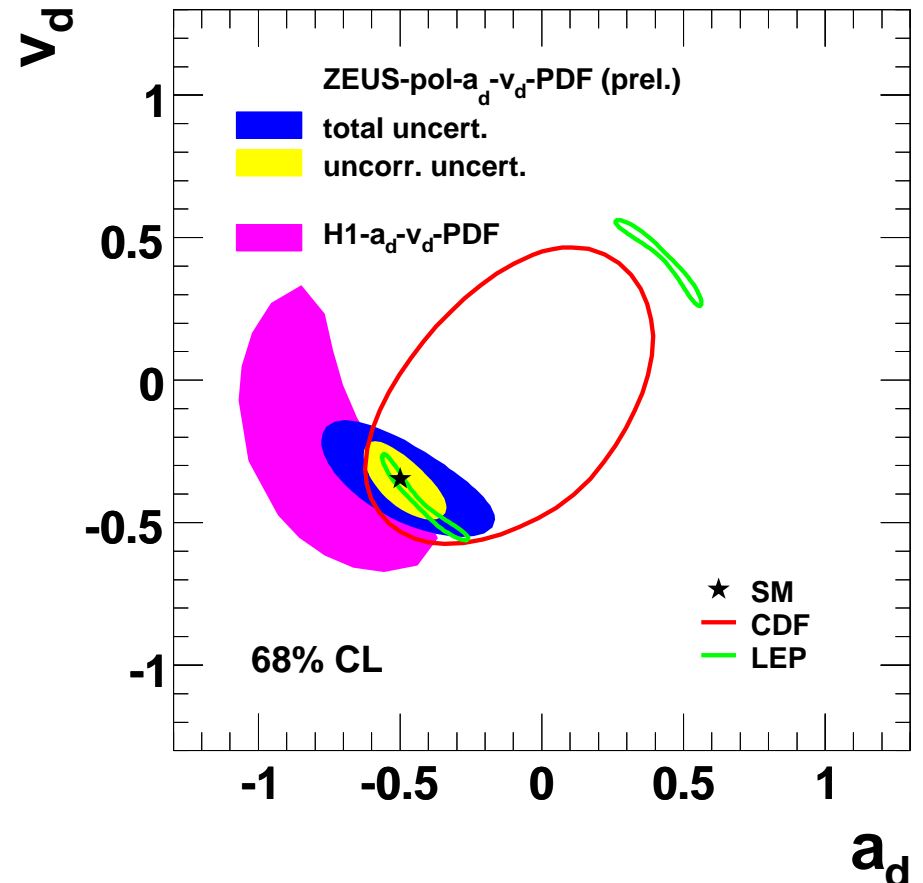
Precision on axial and vector couplings of u and d quarks comparable with LEP, ambiguity resolved



HERA I+II

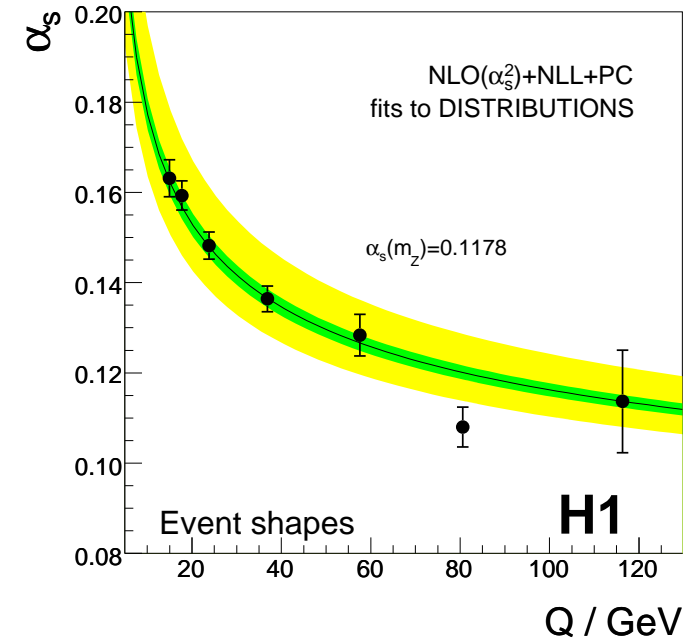
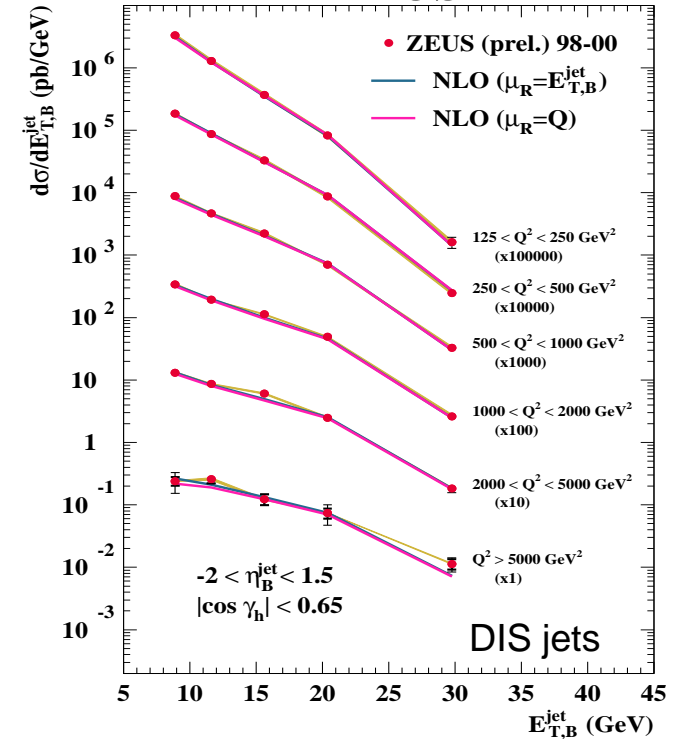
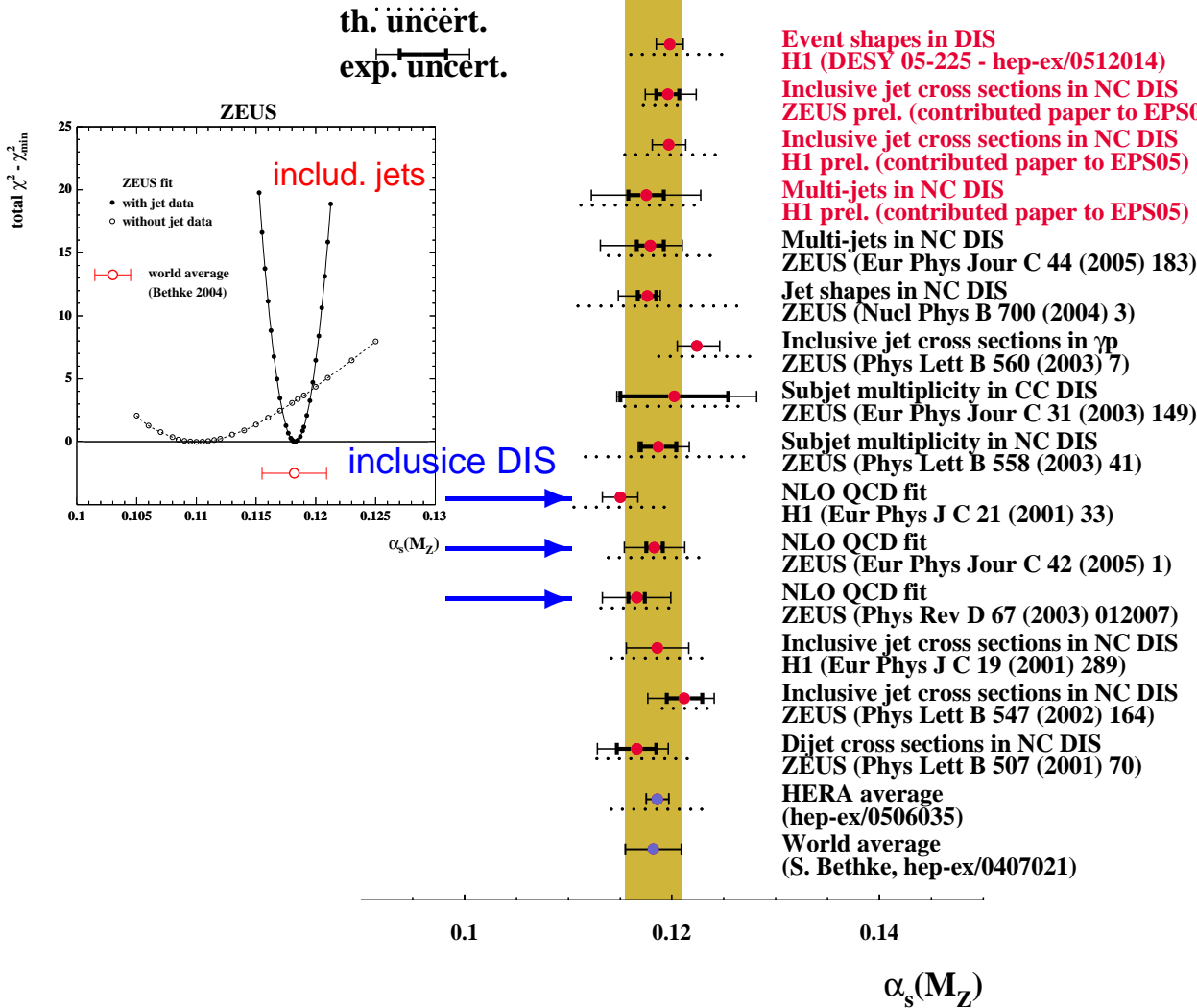


HERA I+II



QCD fits, DIS inclusive, jets and α_s

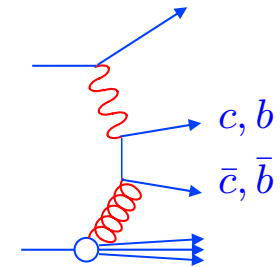
ZEUS



Precise α_s measurements at HERA
uncertainty dominated by theory, NNLO required
Evolution $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ from jets, event shapes in a single experiment

Measurement of $F_2^{c\bar{c}}$ and $F_2^{b\bar{b}}$

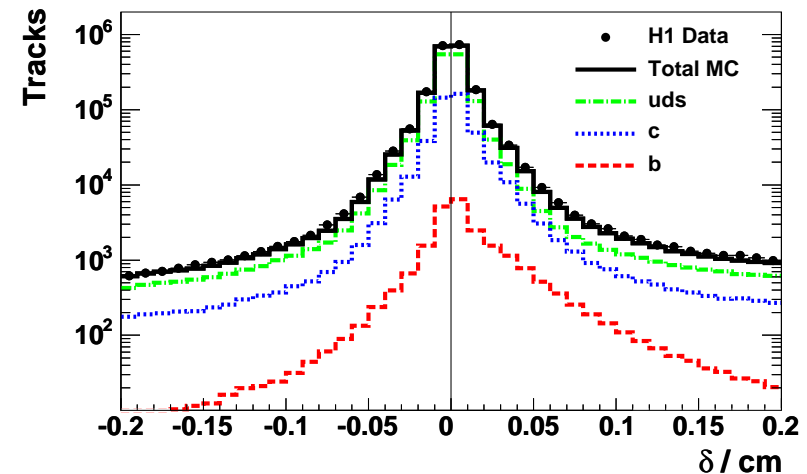
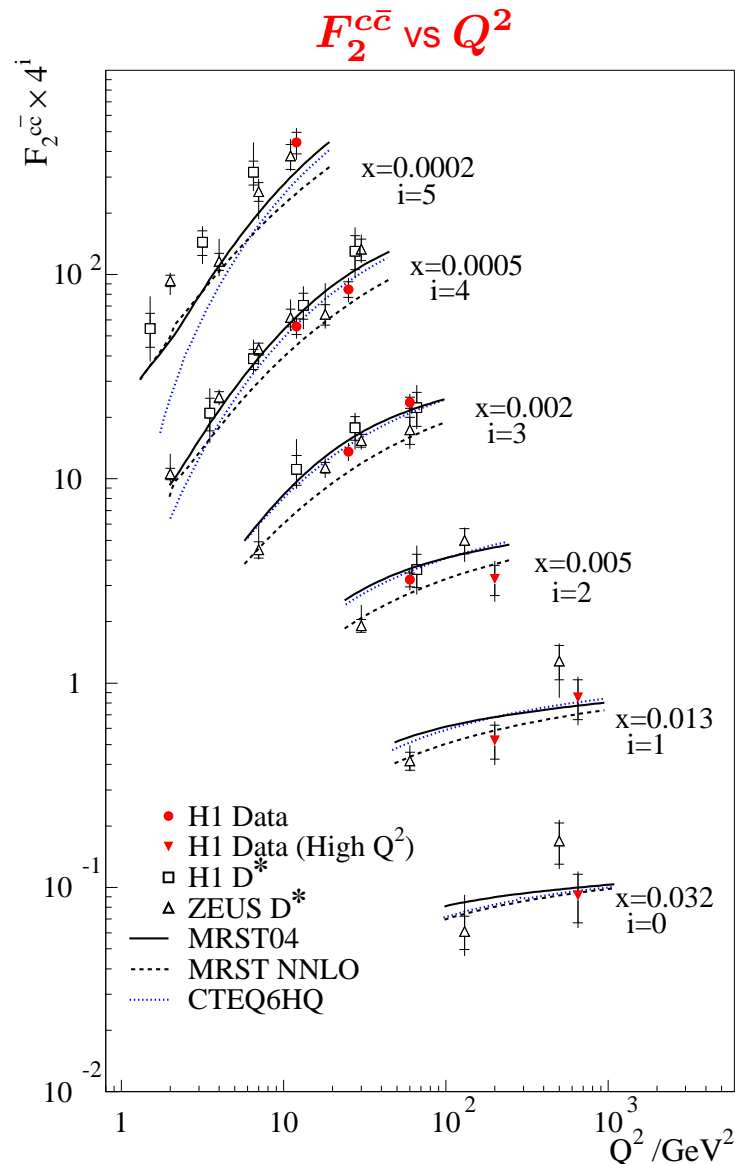
Heavy quark production via boson gluon fusion



Flavour ID:

D^* reconstruction (charm)

Impact parameter of track to vertex (charm & bottom)
using Si tracker, minimal extrapolation needed to
extract $F_2^{c\bar{c}}$ and $F_2^{b\bar{b}}$

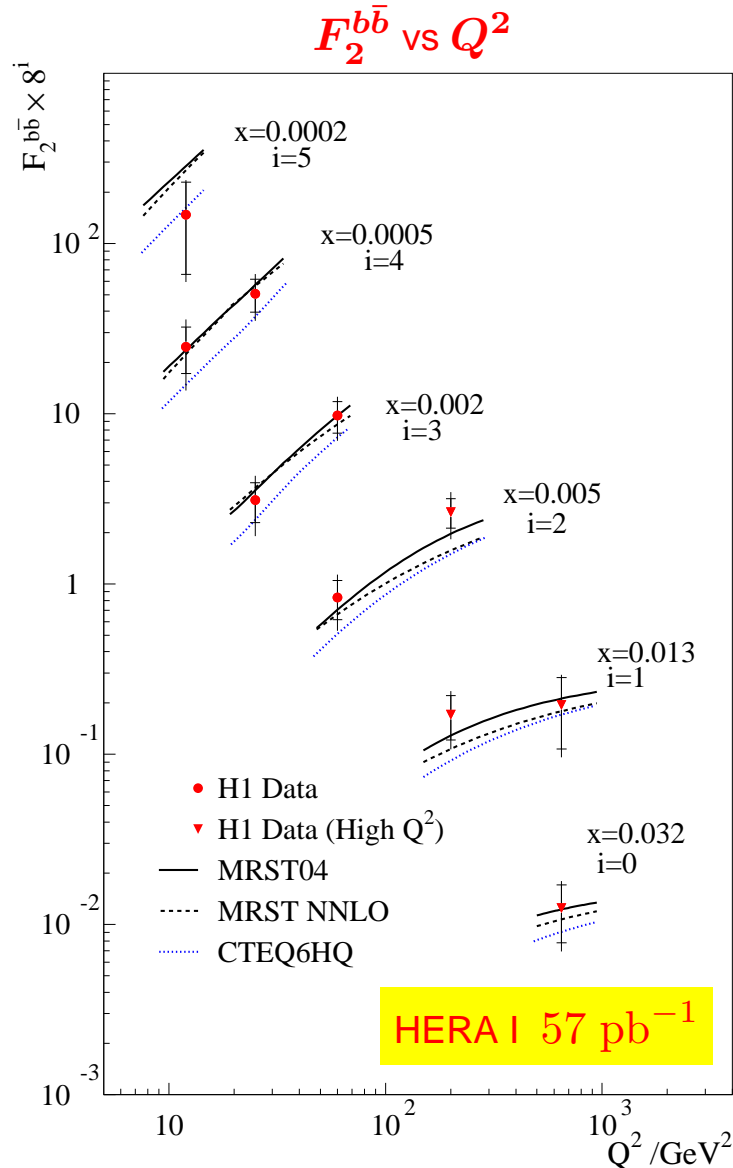


$F_2^{c\bar{c}}$

both methods agree
good agreement with SM

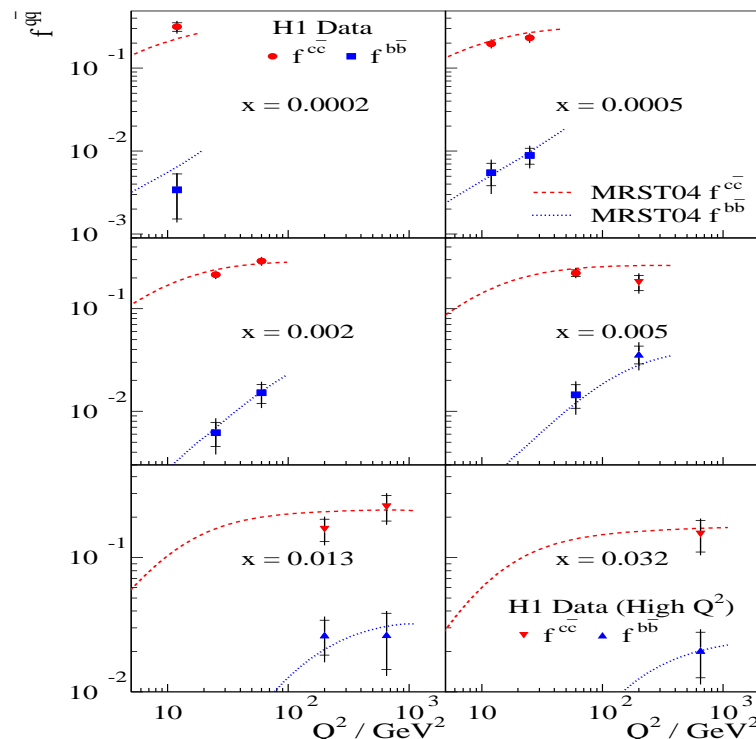
Measurement of $F_2^{c\bar{c}}$ and $F_2^{b\bar{b}}$

$F_2^{b\bar{b}}$ first measurement
 good agreement with SM, no excess
 CTEQ + MRST differences at low Q^2



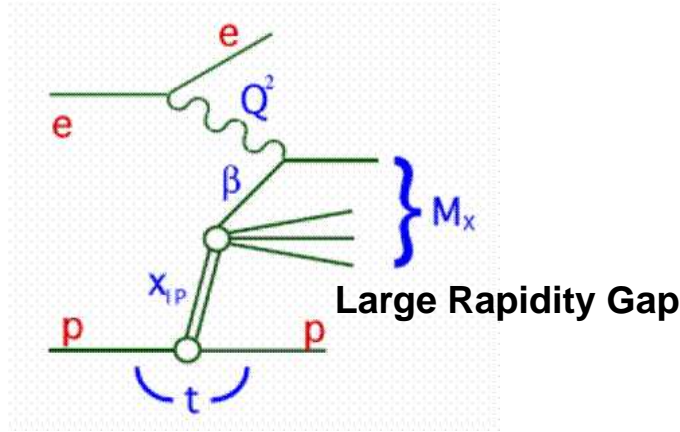
HERA II expect $\sim 450 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ per expt

charm and bottom fractions



$f^{c\bar{c}} \sim 20 - 30\%$
 $f^{b\bar{b}} \sim 0.3 - 1.5\%$

Diffraction DIS



Diffraction inclusive cross section

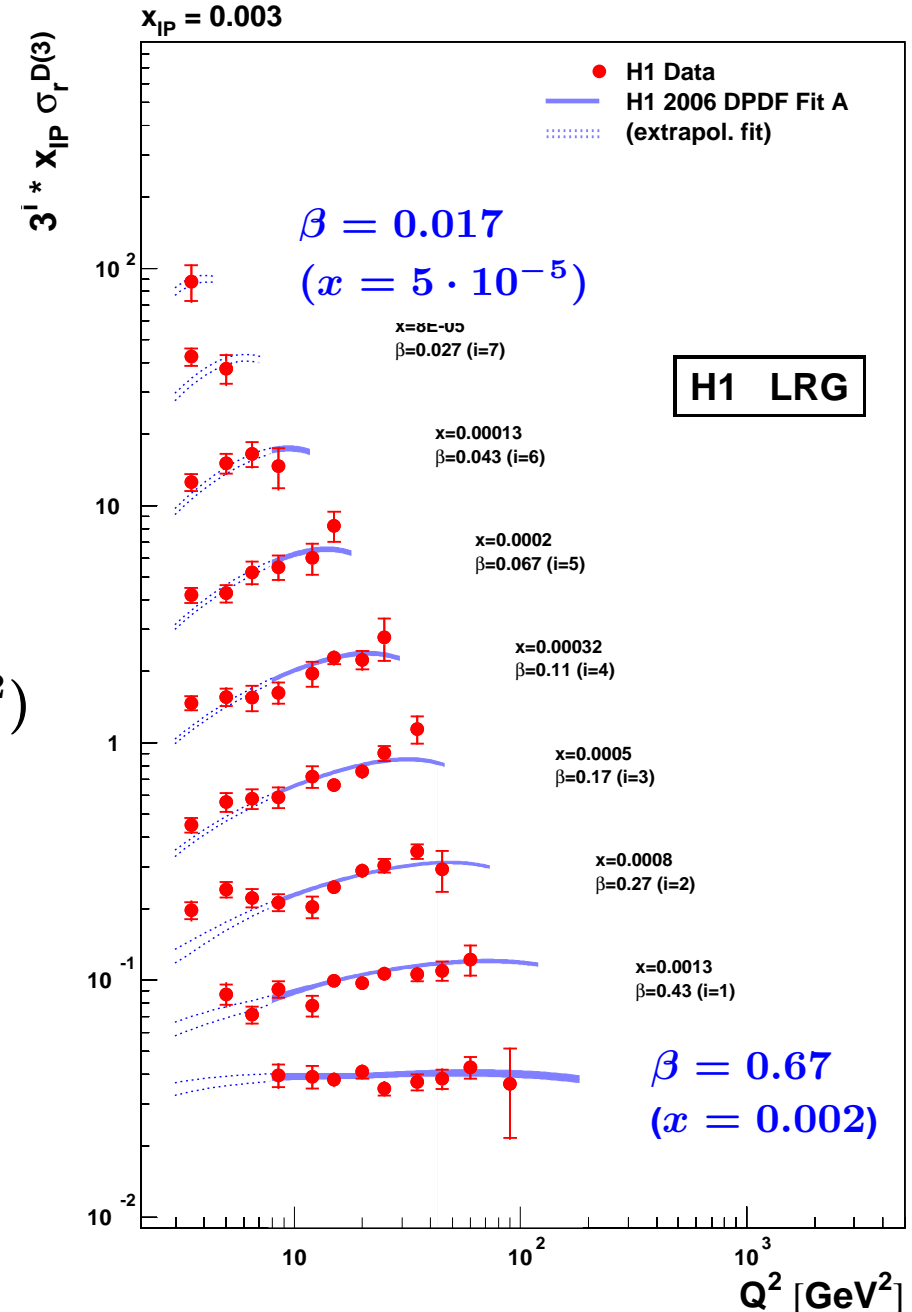
$$\frac{d^3 \sigma_{NC}^{diff}}{dx_{IP} d\beta dQ^2} \propto \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} F_2^{D(3)}(x_{IP}, \beta, Q^2)$$

$$F_2^D(x_{IP}, \beta, Q^2) = f(x_{IP}) \cdot F_2^P(\beta, Q^2)$$

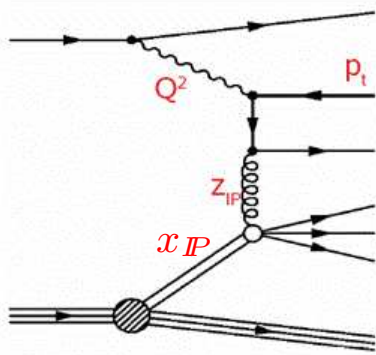
extract DPDF and $xg(x)$ from scaling violation

Large kinematic domain $3 < Q^2 < 1600 \text{ GeV}^2$

Precise measurements sys 5%, stat 5–20 %



Diffractive parton densities



diffractive di-jet production

Combined fit of F_2^D and di-jet data constrain quark and in particular gluon densities in the range $0.05 < z_{IP} < 0.9$

gluon carries $\sim 70\%$ of the momentum of the colourless exchange

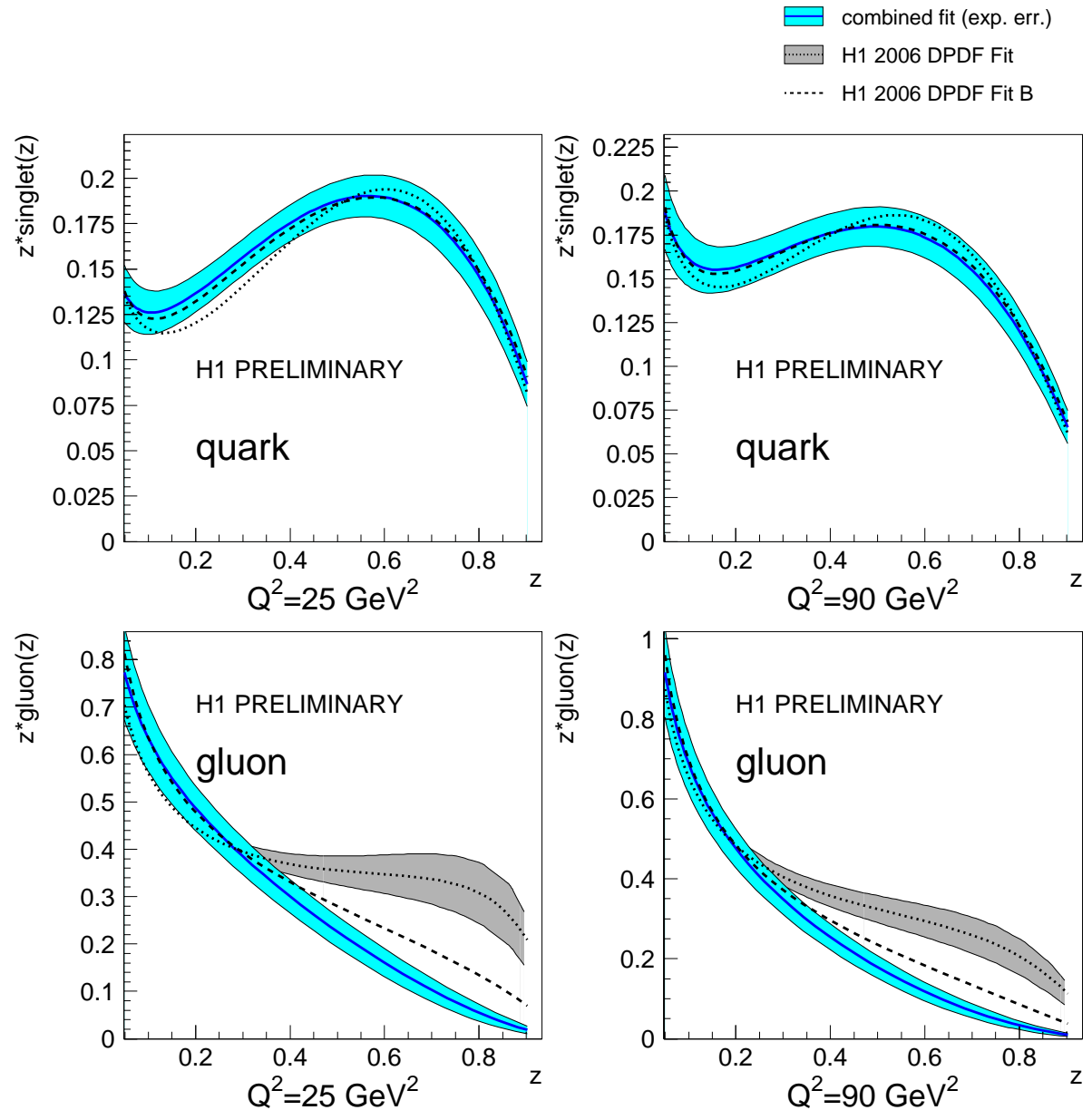
Sensitivity to gluon at scale Q_0

$$z f_g(z) = A_g z^{B_g} (1 - z)^{C_g}$$

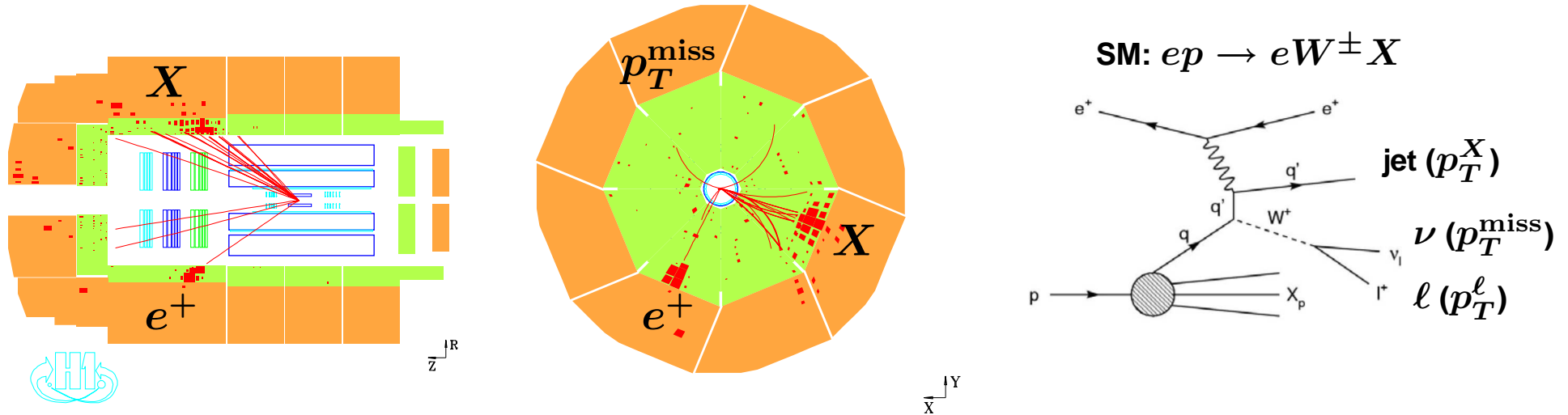
F_2^D not sensitive to B_g

DPDF Fit $z f_g(z) = A_g (1 - z)^{C_g}$

DPDF Fit B $z f_g(z) = A_g$



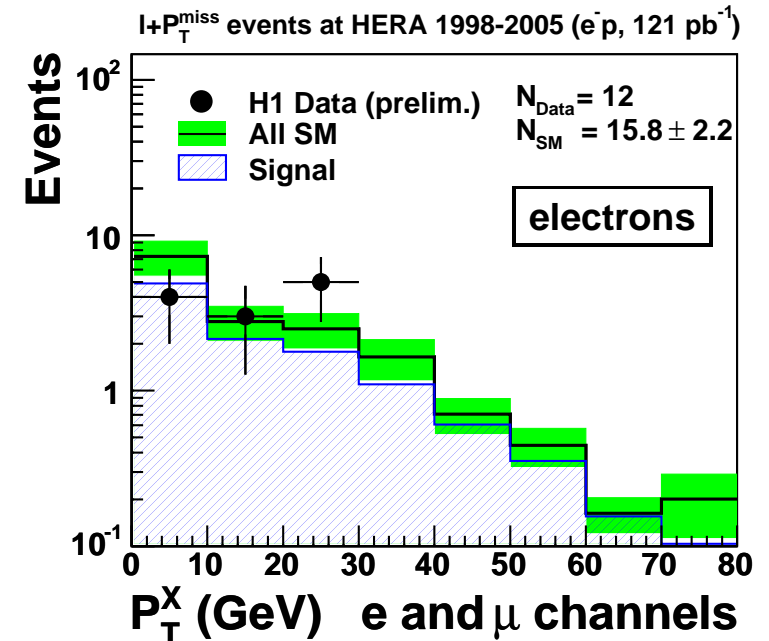
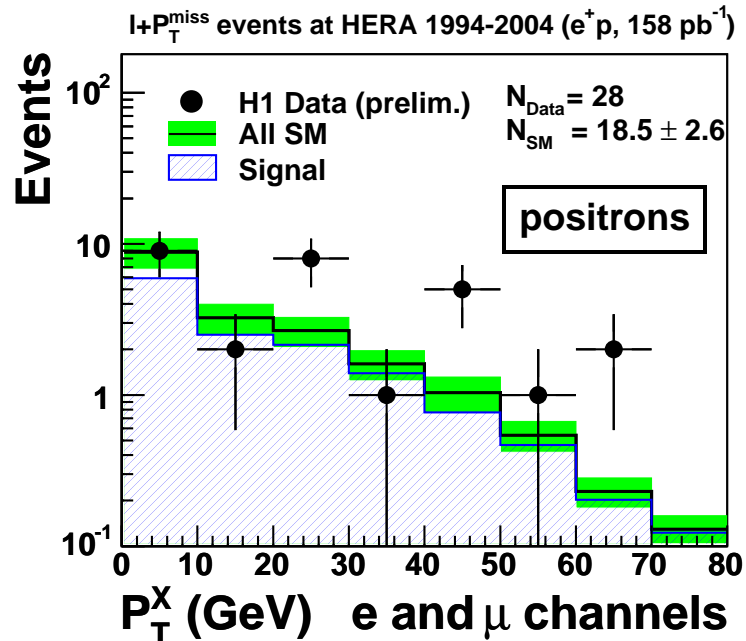
Events with isolated lepton and missing p_T



HERA I: H1 observes excess of e, μ in high p_T^X in e^+p collision

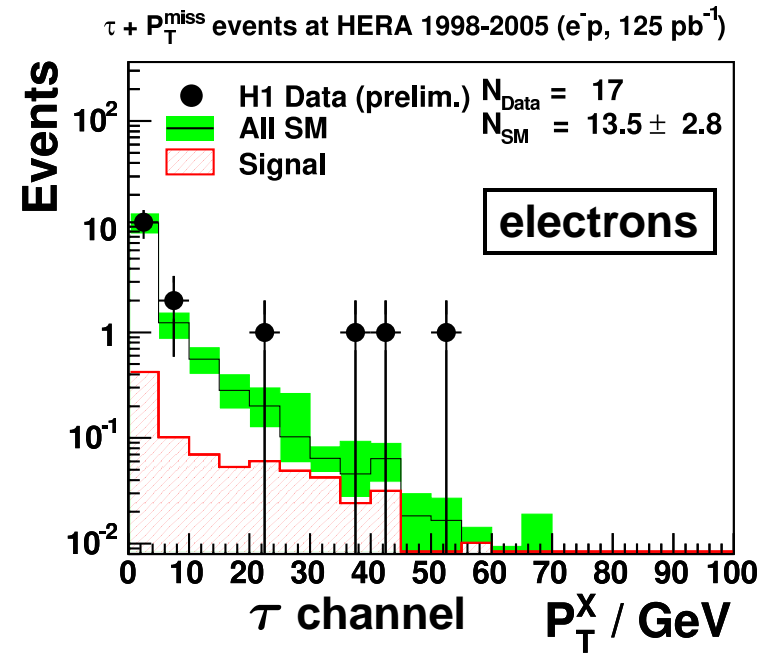
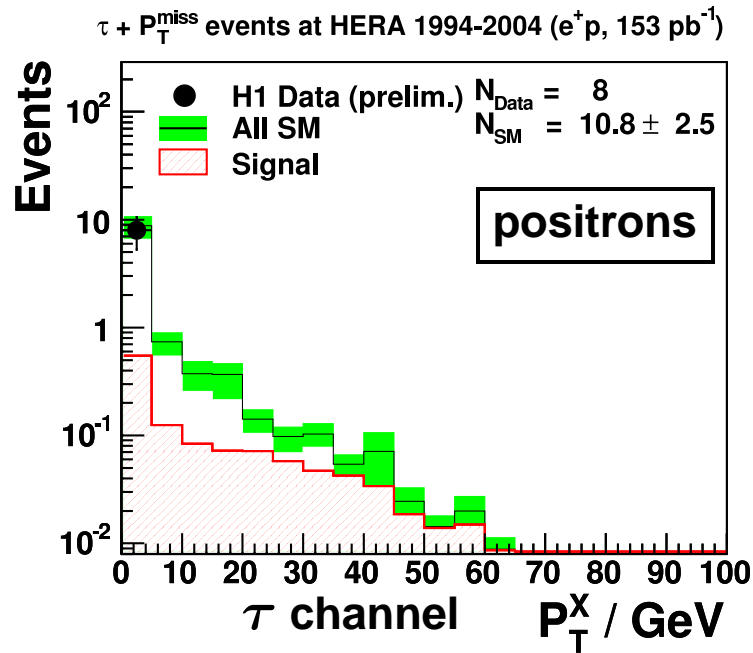
HERA II: excess persists in e^+p data only

Isolated e and μ



Events with isolated leptons and missing p_T

Isolated τ



$p_T^X > 25 \text{ GeV}$			e channel	μ channel	τ channel
H1	e^+p	158 pb^{-1}	9/2.3	6/2.3	0/0.4
H1	e^-p	175 pb^{-1}	3/3.6	0/2.9	3/0.4
ZEUS	e^+p	106 pb^{-1}	1/1.5		2/0.2
ZEUS	e^-p	143 pb^{-1}	3/2.9	2/1.4	

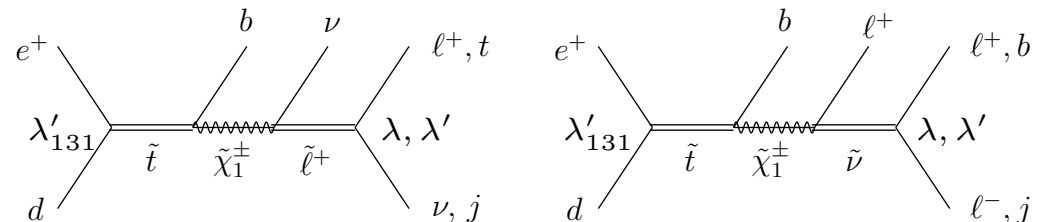
Inconclusive situation

Expect final e^-p analysis and future e^+p running

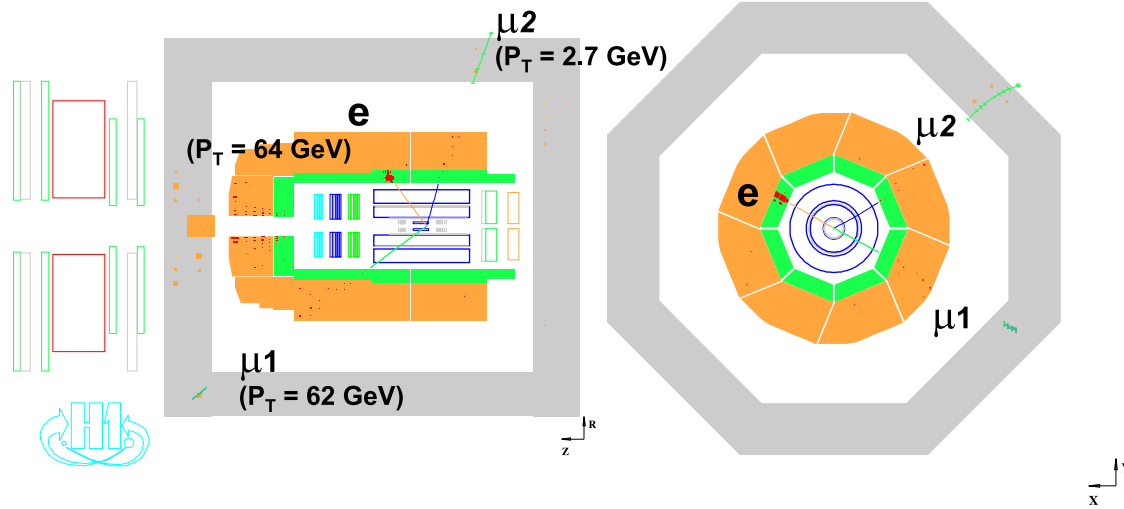
Possible explanation of H1 excess

R parity violating SUSY

couplings: λ'_{LQD} and λ_{LLE}



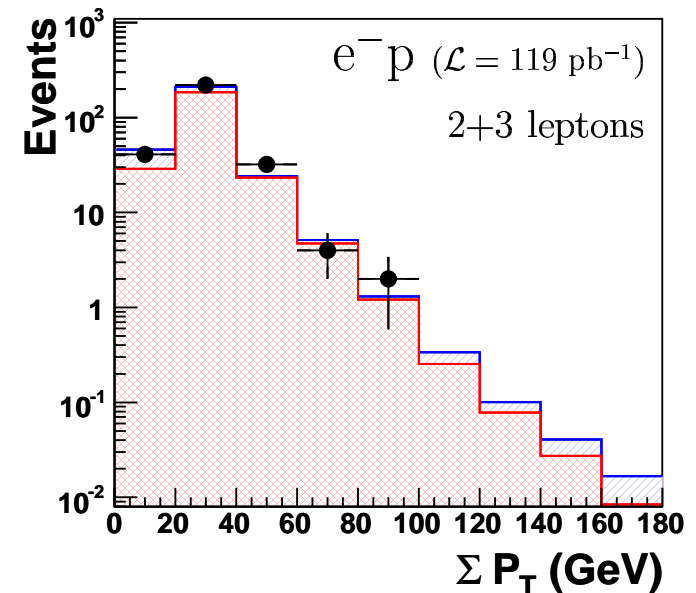
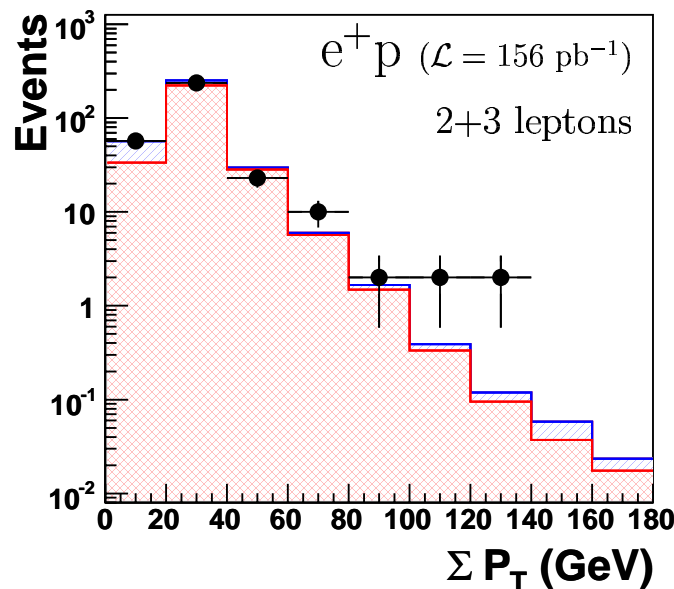
Multi-lepton events



H1 investigates high p_T lepton topologies $ee, \mu\mu, e\mu, eee, e\mu\mu$
 HERA I+II data $\mathcal{L} = 275 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

striking events observed at
 large $\sum p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$
 only in e^+p scattering

$\sum p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$	Data/SM
e^+p (156 pb^{-1})	4/0.6
e^-p (119 pb^{-1})	0/0.5
$e^\pm p$ (275 pb^{-1})	4/1.1



Prospect: Measurement of F_L

$$\sigma_r = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x, Q^2)$$

Longitudinal structure function gives direct access to poorly known gluon density at low x , theoretically very uncertain, important to understanding of pQCD

$$F_L = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} x^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z^3} \left[\frac{16}{3} F_2 + 8 \sum e_q^2 \left(1 - \frac{x}{z}\right) z g \right]$$

sizeable at large $y > 0.6$

Measure cross section at same x, Q^2 and different y , change $y = Q^2/xs$ by lowering s with $E_p = 460$ GeV

Challenge to machine lower E_p , reduced lumi $\sim 1/4$
 Challenge to experiment low scattered $e^+ E'_e \gtrsim 3$ GeV, huge γp bkg at high y

H1 + ZEUS: F_L is a must for HERA

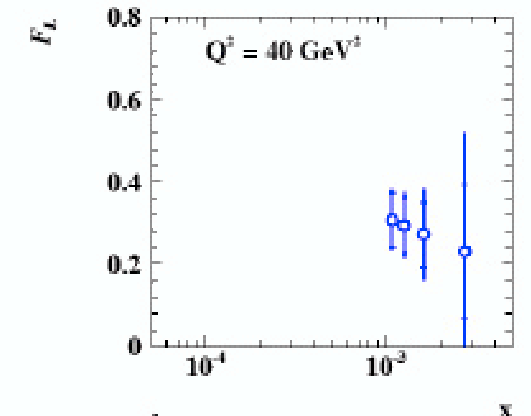
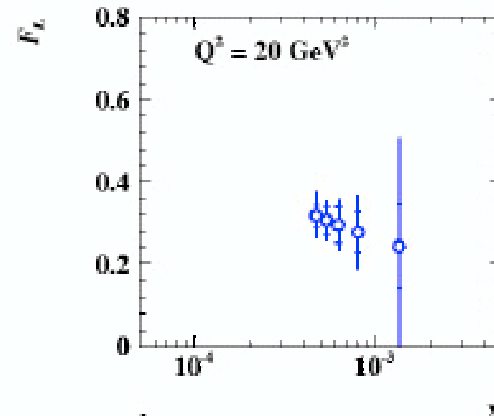
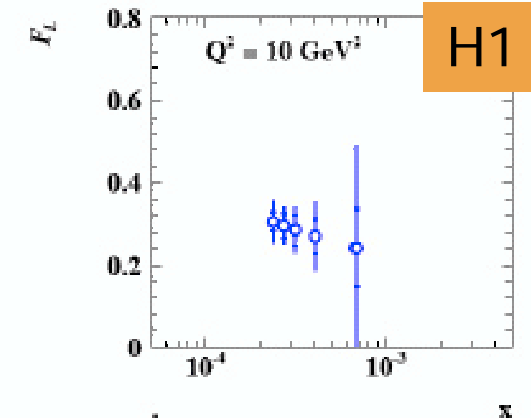
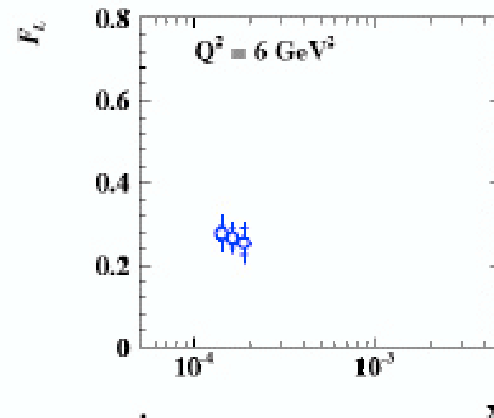
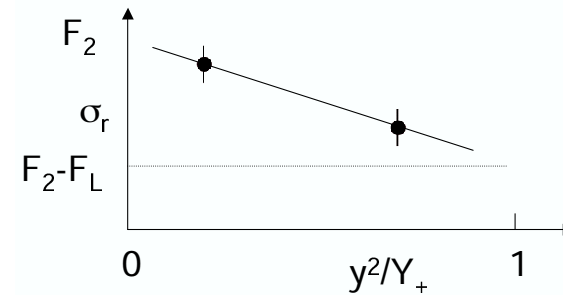
agreed to collect $\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

3 months data taking

$Q^2 = 5 - 40 \text{ GeV}^2, x = (0.1 - 4) \cdot 10^{-3}$

expect moderate precision $\delta F_L \sim 0.05$

corresponding to 5 st. dev depending on F_L



Summary & outlook

- Beautiful inclusive HERA data available over 4 orders of magnitude in x and Q^2
 - Rich physics output centered around QCD, but electroweak physics become interesting
 - Expect considerable progress
 - e^-p data to be analysed, e^+p data to be collected
 - more involved and sophisticated QCD analyses
 - combine DIS inclusive & exclusive processes, H1 & ZEUS data, ...
 - Searches for a discovery ongoing
 - isolated lepton and multi-lepton events, leptoquarks, RPV Susy, ...
 - Low E_p run and measurement of F_L towards end of HERA
- ⇒ Precision measurements of proton structure functions & parton distributions provide solid basis for LHC physics