



# **Charm production in 400GeV proton collisions**

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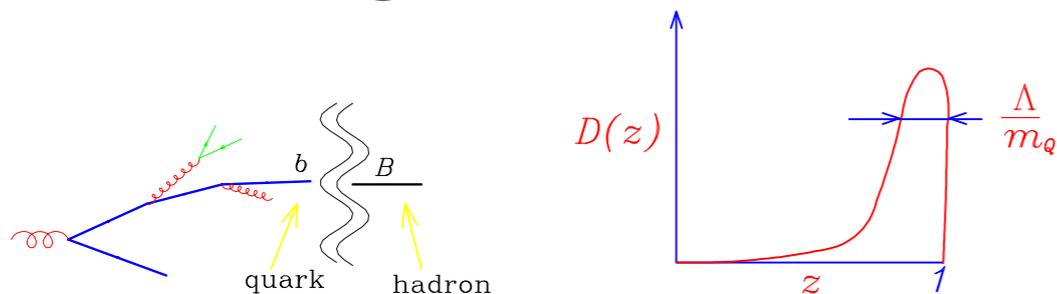


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# Heavy quark production

- ▶ In general for bottom and charm production in hadronic collisions one finds large radiative corrections, and thus one expects large unknown higher order terms
- ▶ Non perturbative effects (suppressed by powers of  $\Lambda/m_Q$ ) play a role (no theory for them)
- ▶ Still, understanding to what extent we can trust the theoretical machinery (factorization theorem) is extremely important
- ▶ We have to try models and compare with data:

## Fragmentation



width of the distribution is  $\approx \alpha_S \log p_T/m_Q$

- simple model a la Peterson not justified in hadron collisions

## Intrinsic Transverse Momentum

- Assuming that incoming partons have
$$\langle k_T \rangle \sim \Lambda$$
- perturbation theory generates
$$k_T \sim \alpha_S \cdot \text{hard scale}$$
- Affect transverse momentum of heavy quark pair, its azimuthal correlation and single transverse momentum distribution

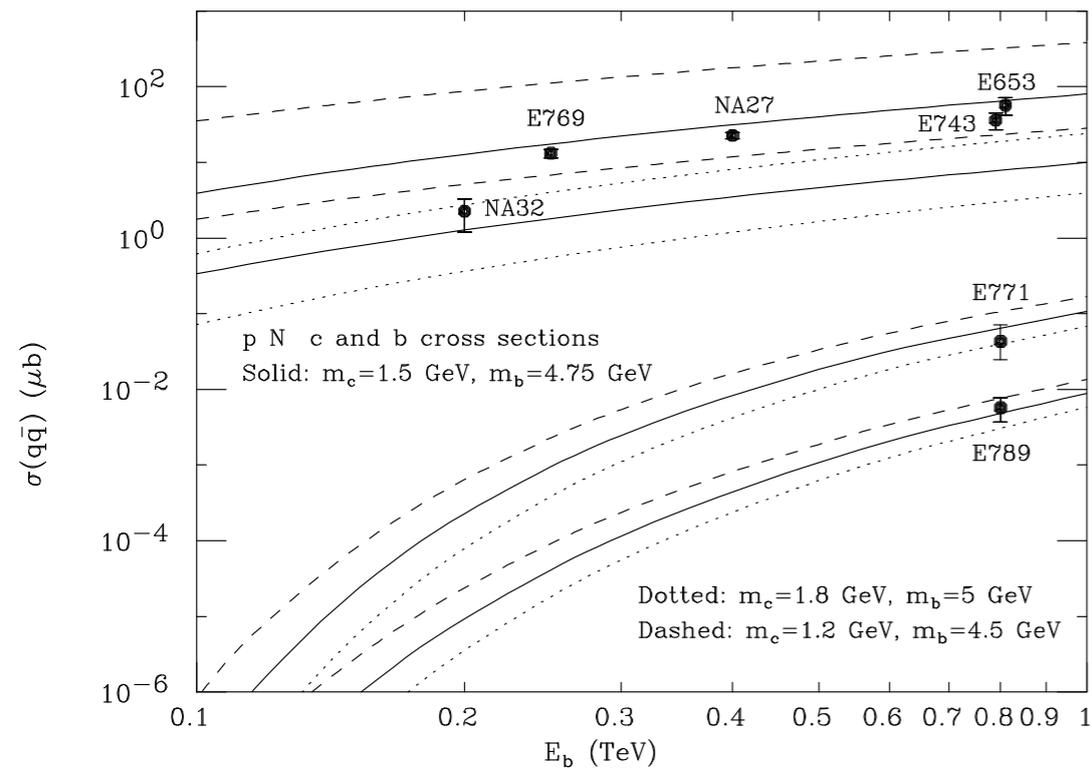
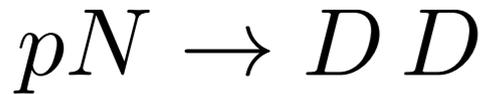
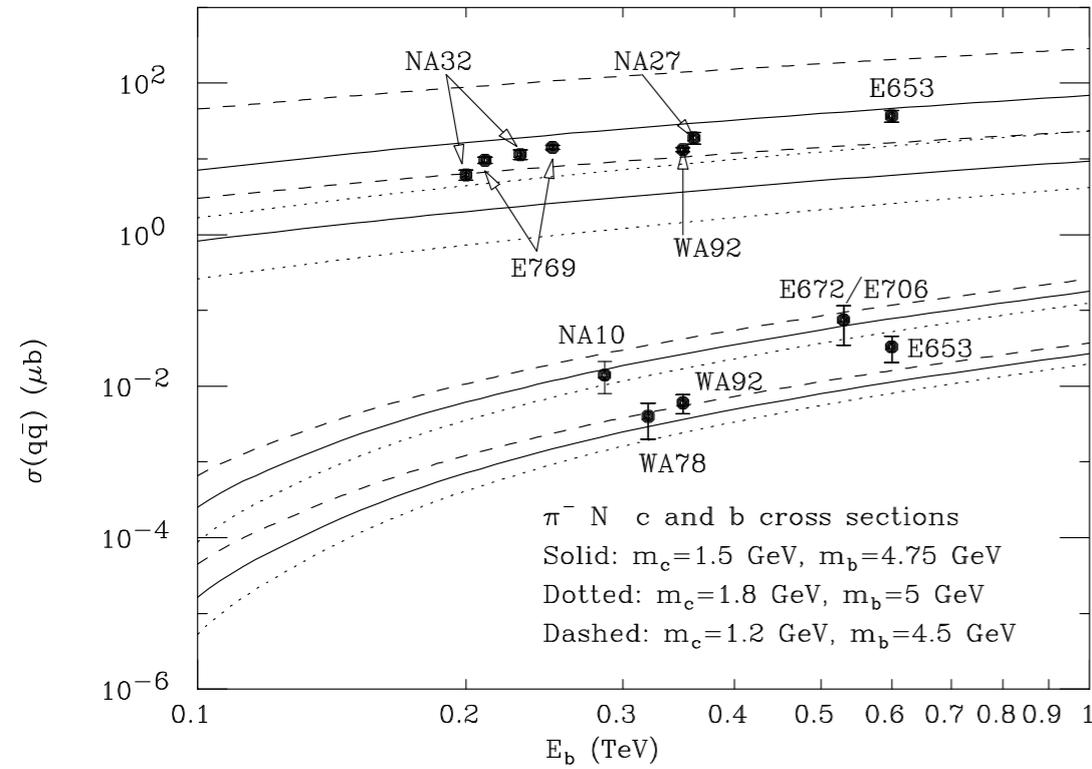
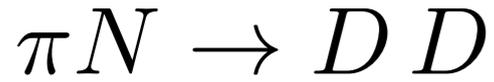
## Monte Carlo models of hadronization

- Much more effects, for example:
  - ▶ Color Drag, from projectile remnants
  - ▶ leading particle enhancement
  - ▶ asymmetries

# Total Cross Sections:

[Frixione et al PR 1997]

$q\bar{q}$  annihilation is the main channel at SHiP energies



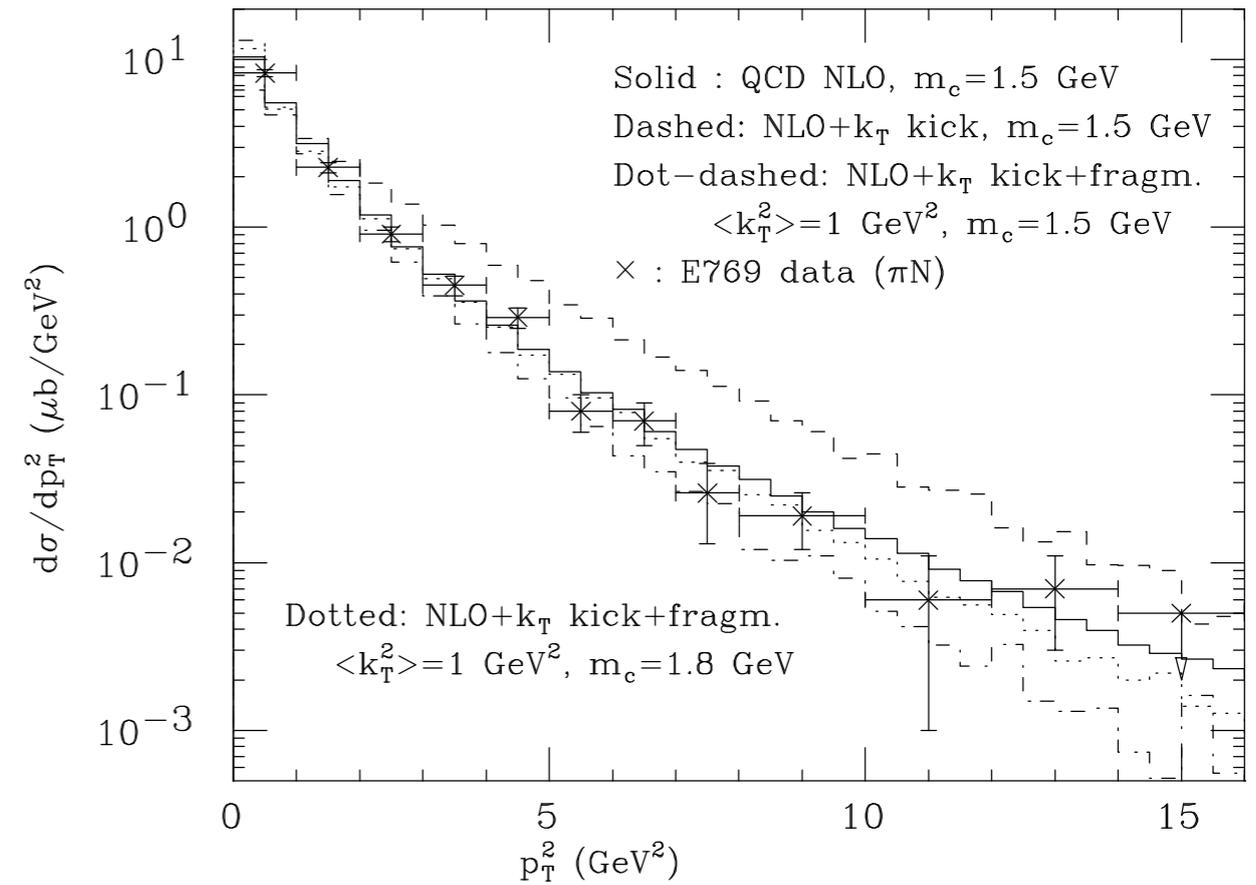
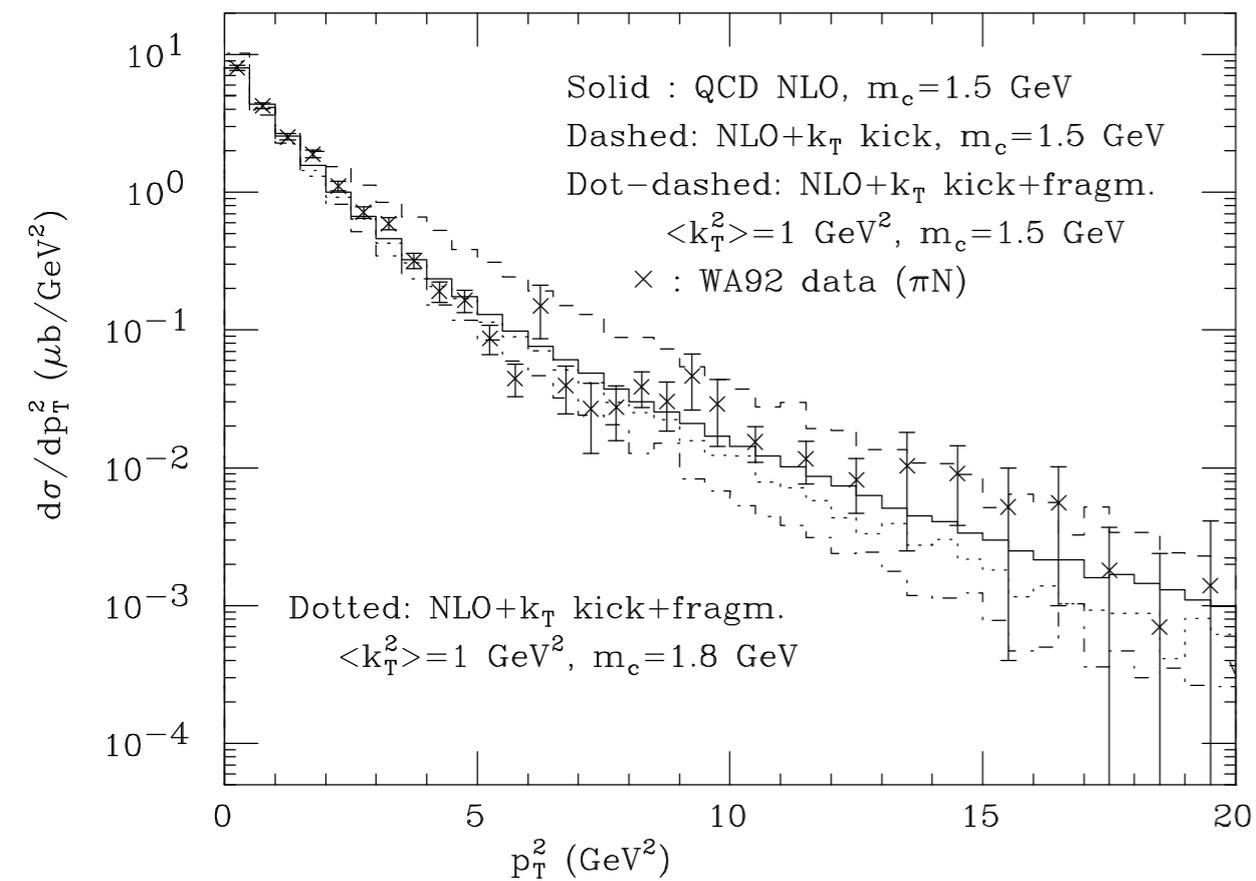
	$E_b$ (GeV)	$\sigma$ (total) or $\sigma_+$ ( $x_F > 0$ ) ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	$\sigma_{D\bar{D}}$ ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	$D^+/D^0$
$pN$ [Kodama91]	800	$\sigma(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 38 \pm 3 \pm 13$ $\sigma(D^+/D^-) = 38 \pm 9 \pm 14$	$38 \pm 10$	$1.0 \pm 0.6$
$pN$ [Barlag88]	200	$\sigma_+(D/\bar{D}) = 1.5 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.1$	$1.5 \pm 0.7$	—
$pp$ [Ammar88]	800	$\sigma(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 22^{+9}_{-7} \pm 5$ $\sigma(D^+/D^-) = 26 \pm 4 \pm 6$	$24 \pm 6$	$1.2 \pm 0.6$
$pp$ [Aguilar88]	400	$\sigma(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 18.3 \pm 2.5$ $\sigma(D^+/D^-) = 11.9 \pm 1.5$	$15.1 \pm 1.5$	$0.7 \pm 0.1$
$pN$ [Alves96]	250	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 5.6 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.5$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 3.2 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.3$	$8.8 \pm 1.5$	$0.57 \pm 0.22$
$\pi^- p$ [Aguilar85a]	360	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 10.1 \pm 2.2$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 5.7 \pm 1.6$	$12.6 \pm 2.2$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$
$\pi^- N$ [Barlag91]	230	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 6.3 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.2$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 3.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.7$	$7.6 \pm 1.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$
$\pi^- N$ [Barlag88]	200	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 3.4^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \pm 0.3$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 1.7^{+0.4}_{-0.3} \pm 0.1$	$4.1^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$
$\pi^- N$ [Kodama92]	600	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 22.05 \pm 1.37 \pm 4.82$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 8.66 \pm 0.46 \pm 1.96$	$24.6 \pm 4.3$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
$\pi^- N$ [Alves96]	210	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 6.3 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.3$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 1.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1$	$6.4 \pm 0.8$	$0.27 \pm 0.06$
$\pi^- N$ [Alves96]	250	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 8.2 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.5$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 3.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$	$9.4 \pm 0.7$	$0.44 \pm 0.06$
$\pi^+ N$ [Alves96]	250	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 5.7 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.4$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 2.6 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.2$	$6.6 \pm 0.8$	$0.46 \pm 0.09$
$\pi^- N$ [Adamovich96]	350	$\sigma_+(D^0/\bar{D}^0) = 7.78 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.52$ $\sigma_+(D^+/D^-) = 3.28 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.29$	$8.8 \pm 0.5$	$0.42 \pm 0.05$

# Distributions

- Data for proton collisions at energies close to 400GeV not available
- several  $\pi N$  experimental results
  - ➔ pion pdf fitted using DY muon pair production
    - NA10 with pions at 196GeV and 286GeV (155k events)
    - E615 with pions at 252GeV (35k events)
  - ➔ No data available to fit pion pdf at  $x \lesssim 0.2$
  - ➔ several sets available that differ for the assumptions on the sea, even using them to estimate pdf uncertainty this could be underestimated

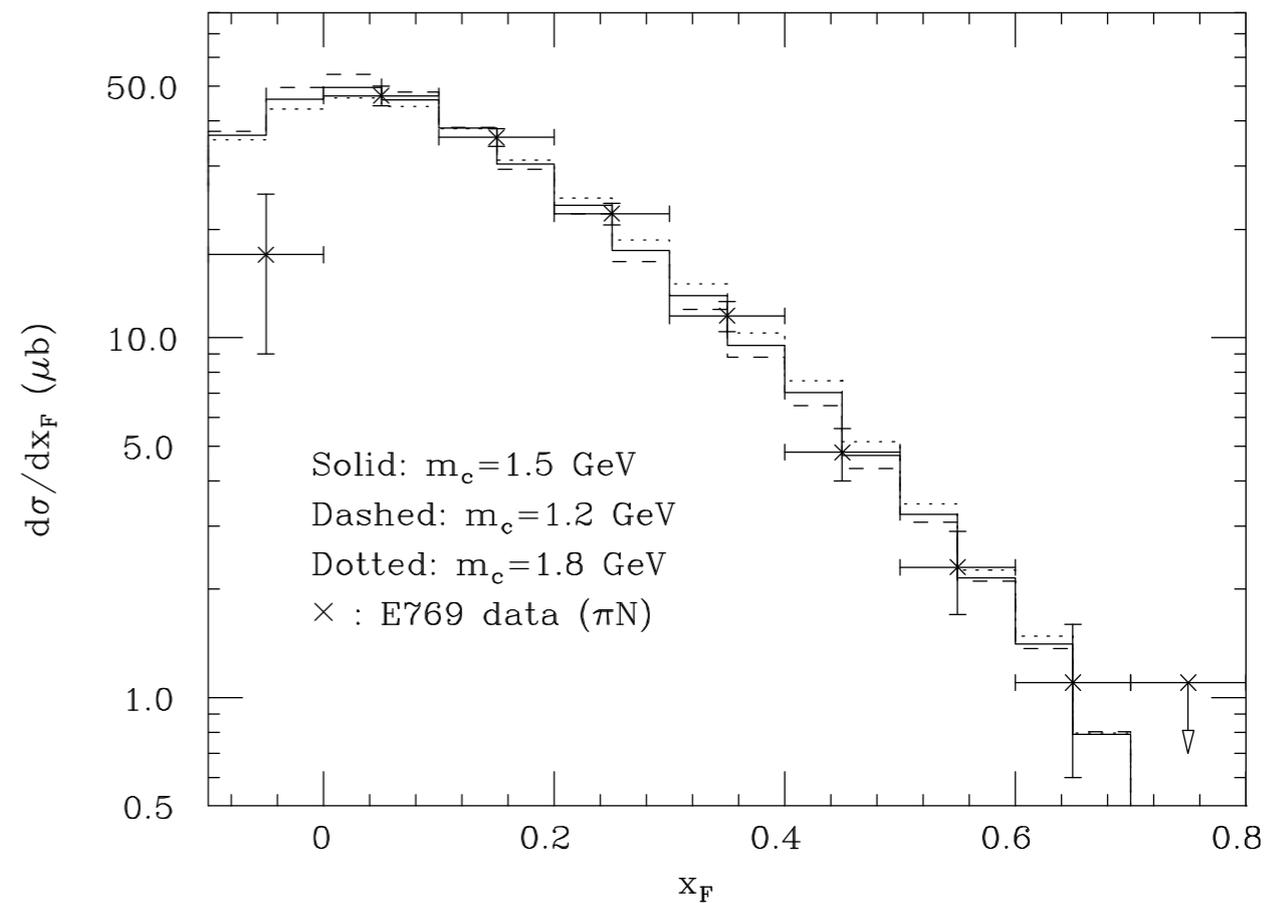
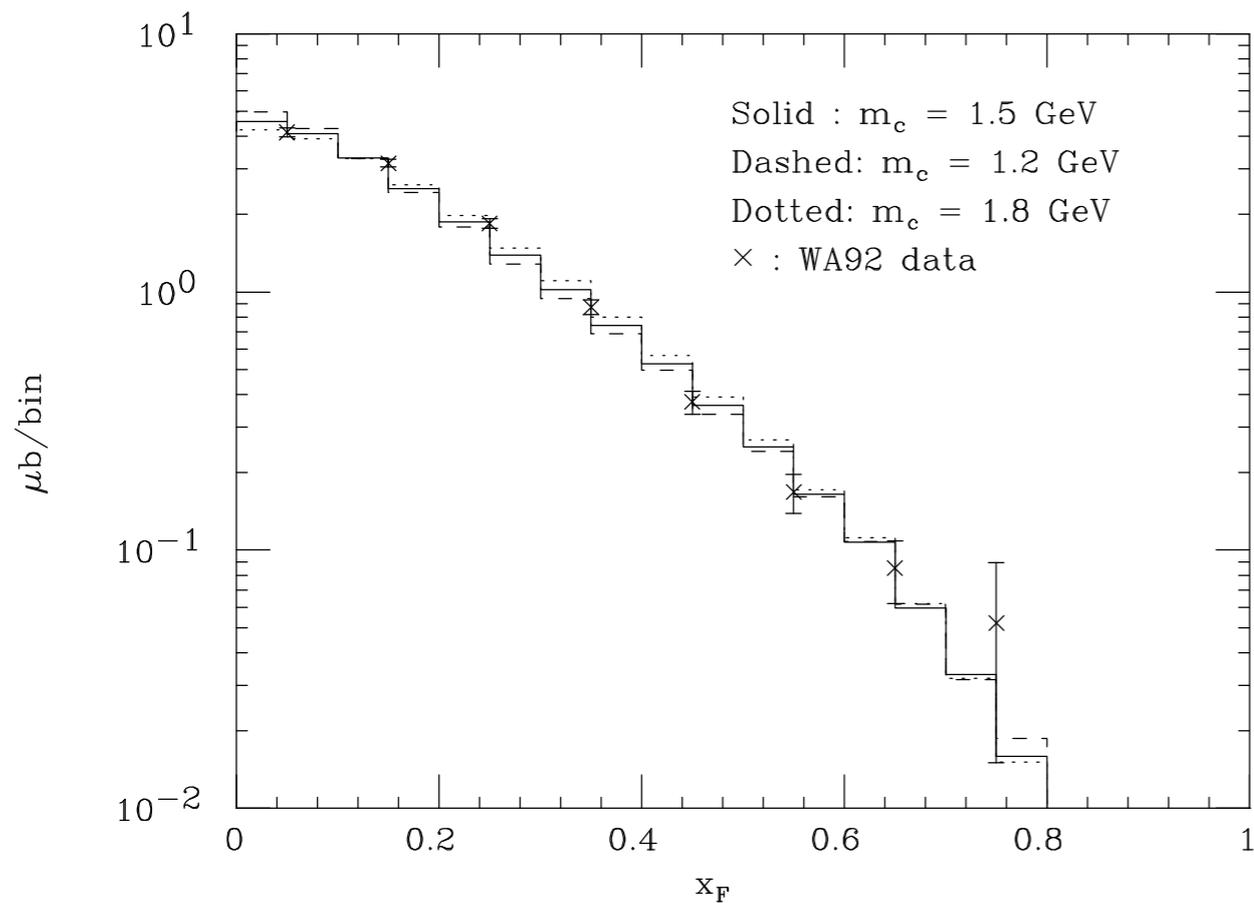
# Distributions: $p_T^2$

[Frixione et al PR 1997]



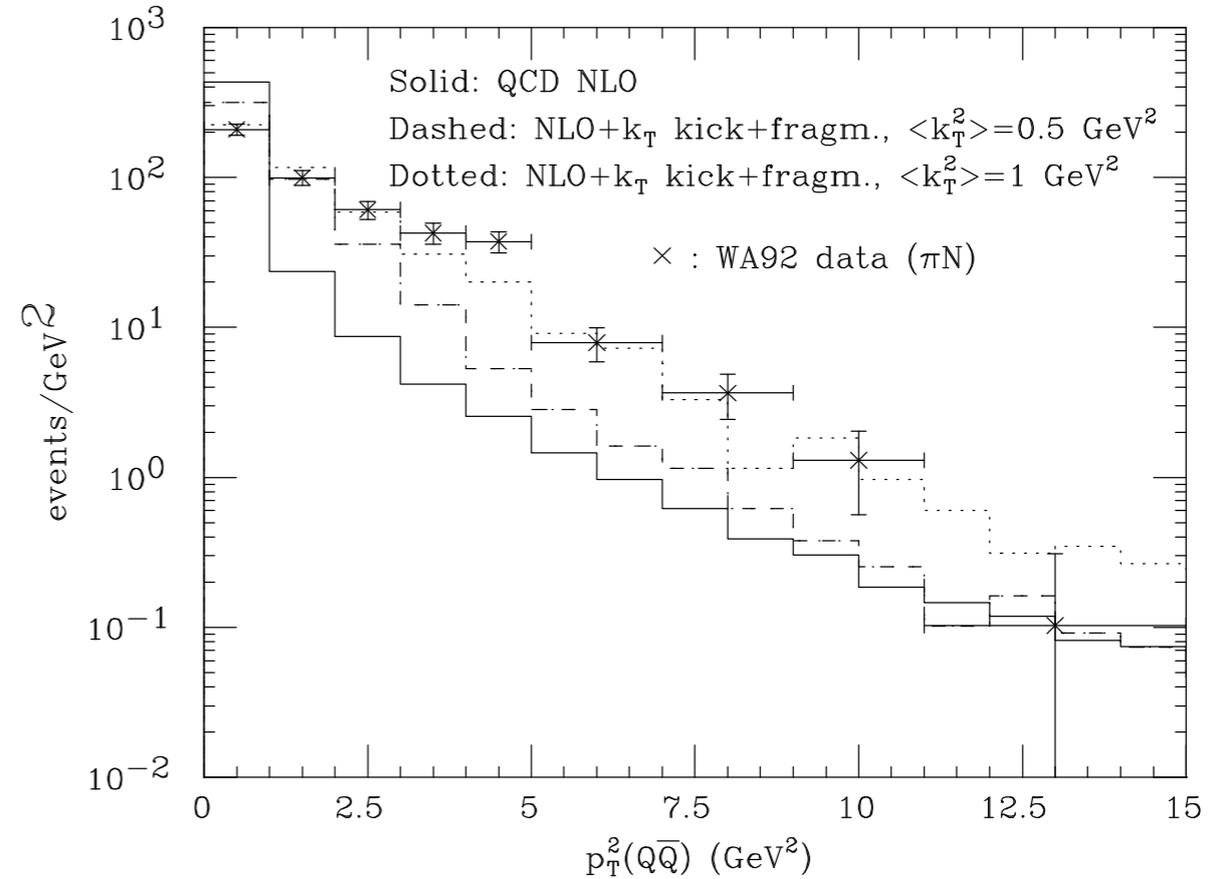
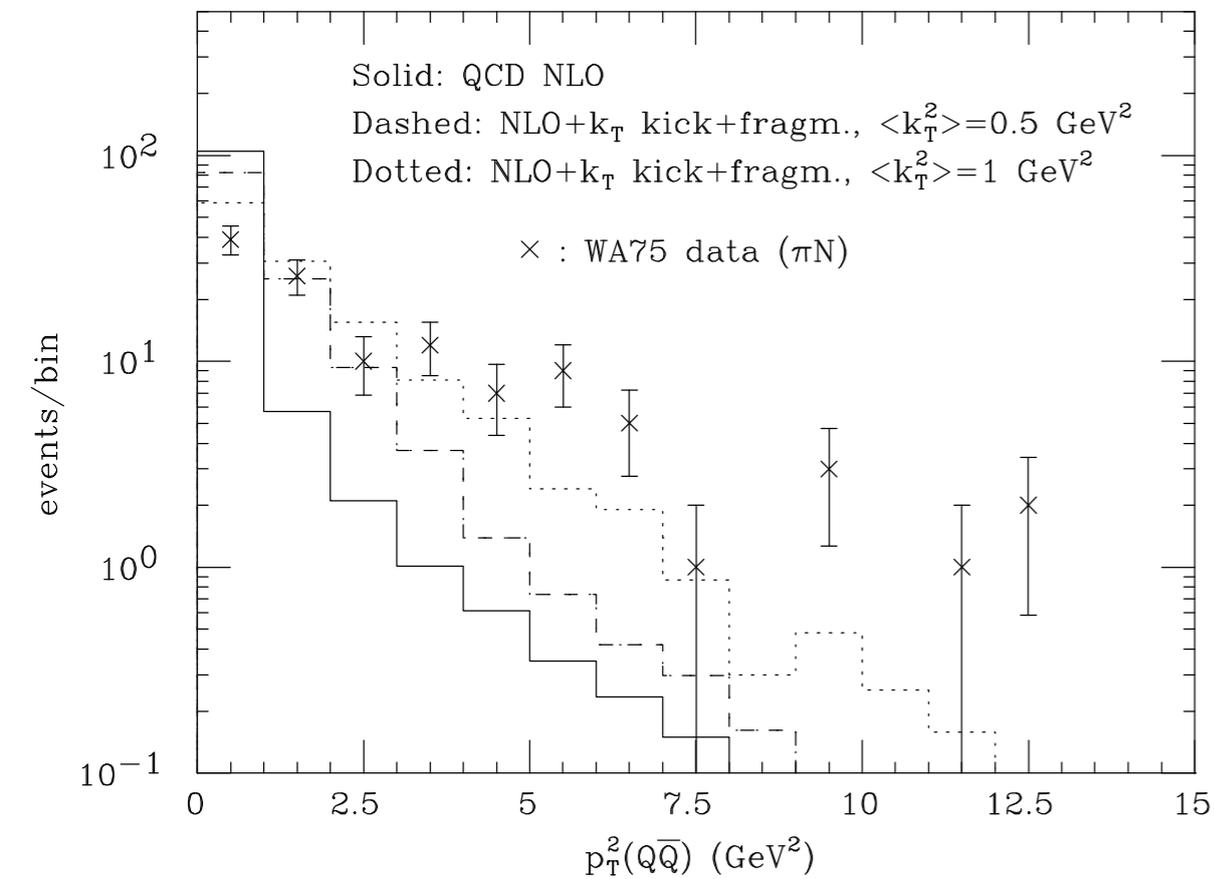
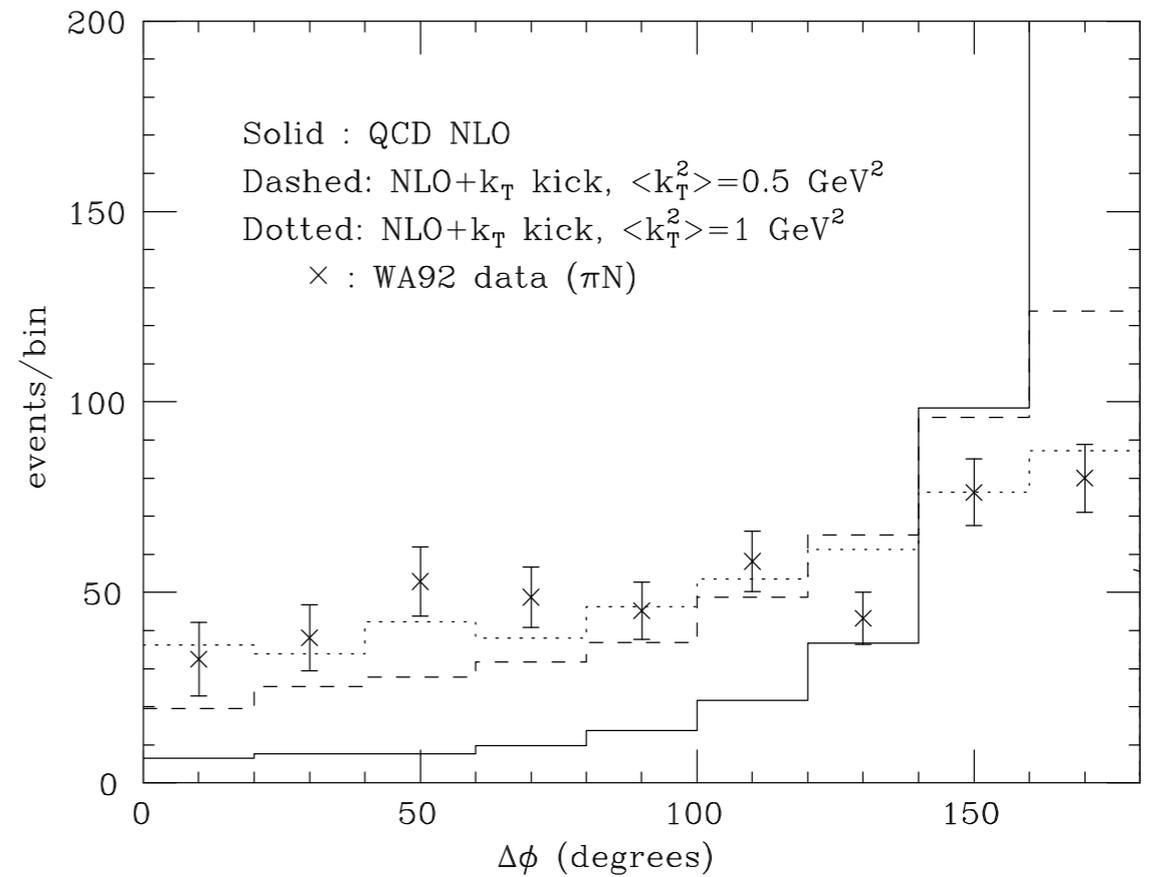
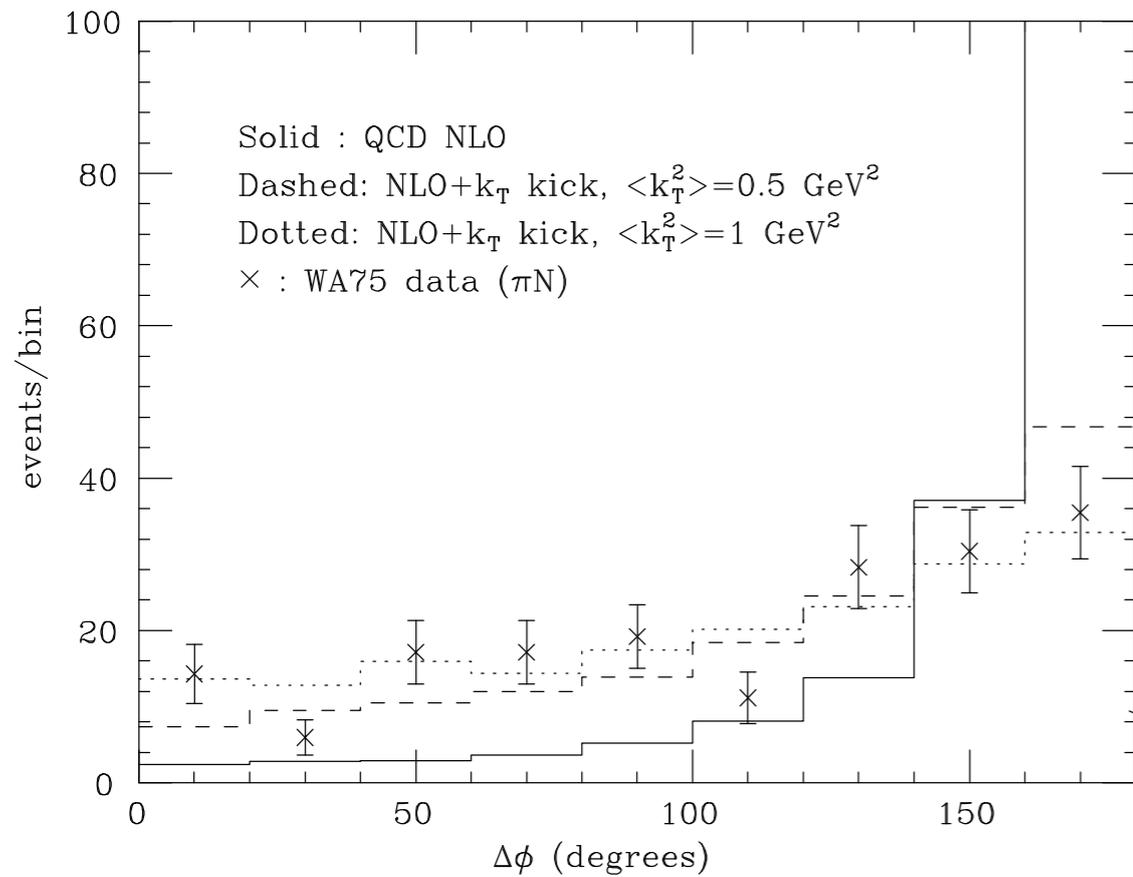
- Large non perturbative corrections
- Intrinsic  $k_T = 1 \text{ GeV}$
- Hadronization via Peterson fragmentation function

# Distributions: $x_F$



- Normalized to data
- Shape in good agreement, insensitive to the charm mass
- Hadronization via Peterson fragmentation function might not be appropriate for  $x_F$  distribution in hadronic collisions

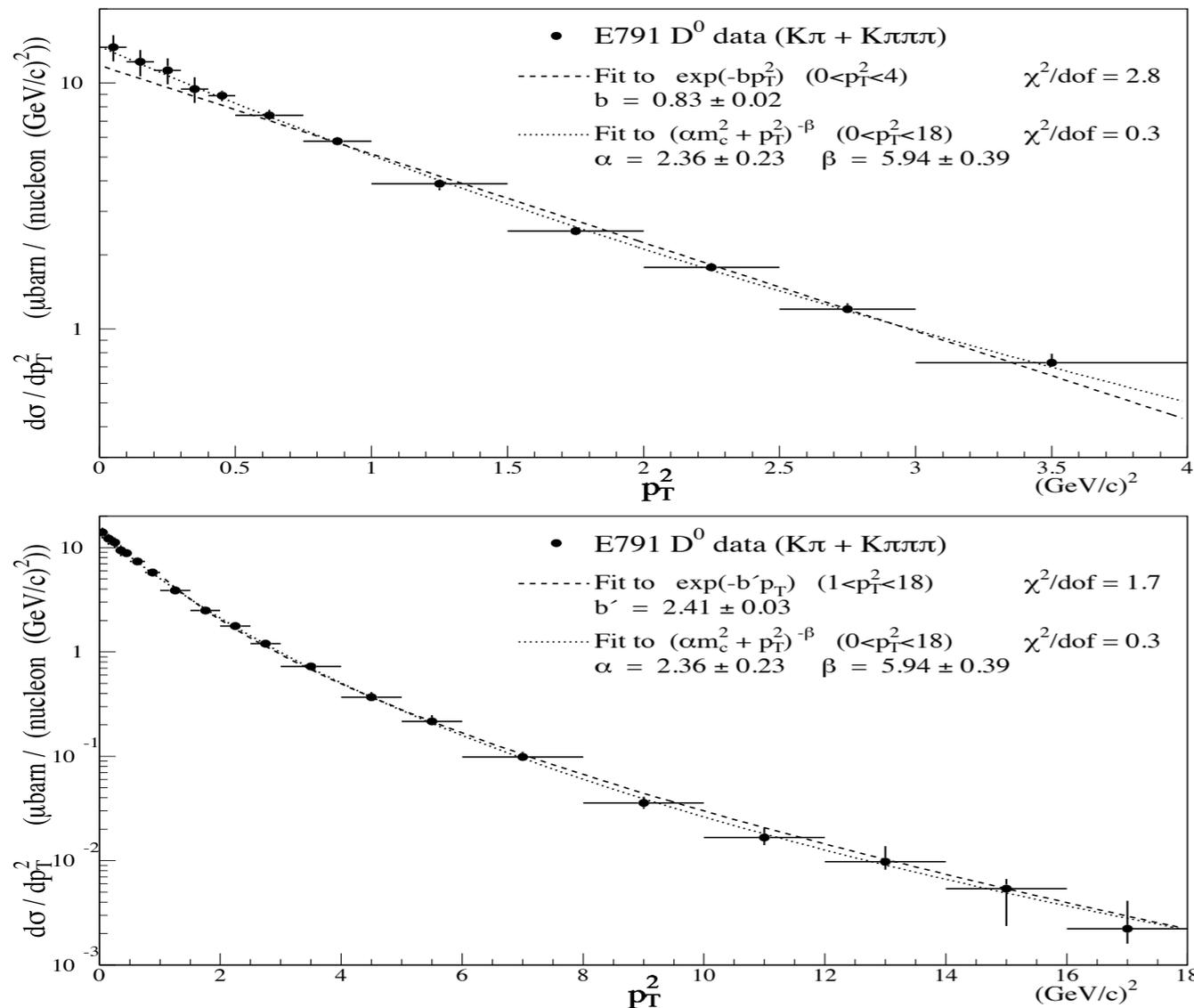
# Double differential distributions



# Distributions: E791

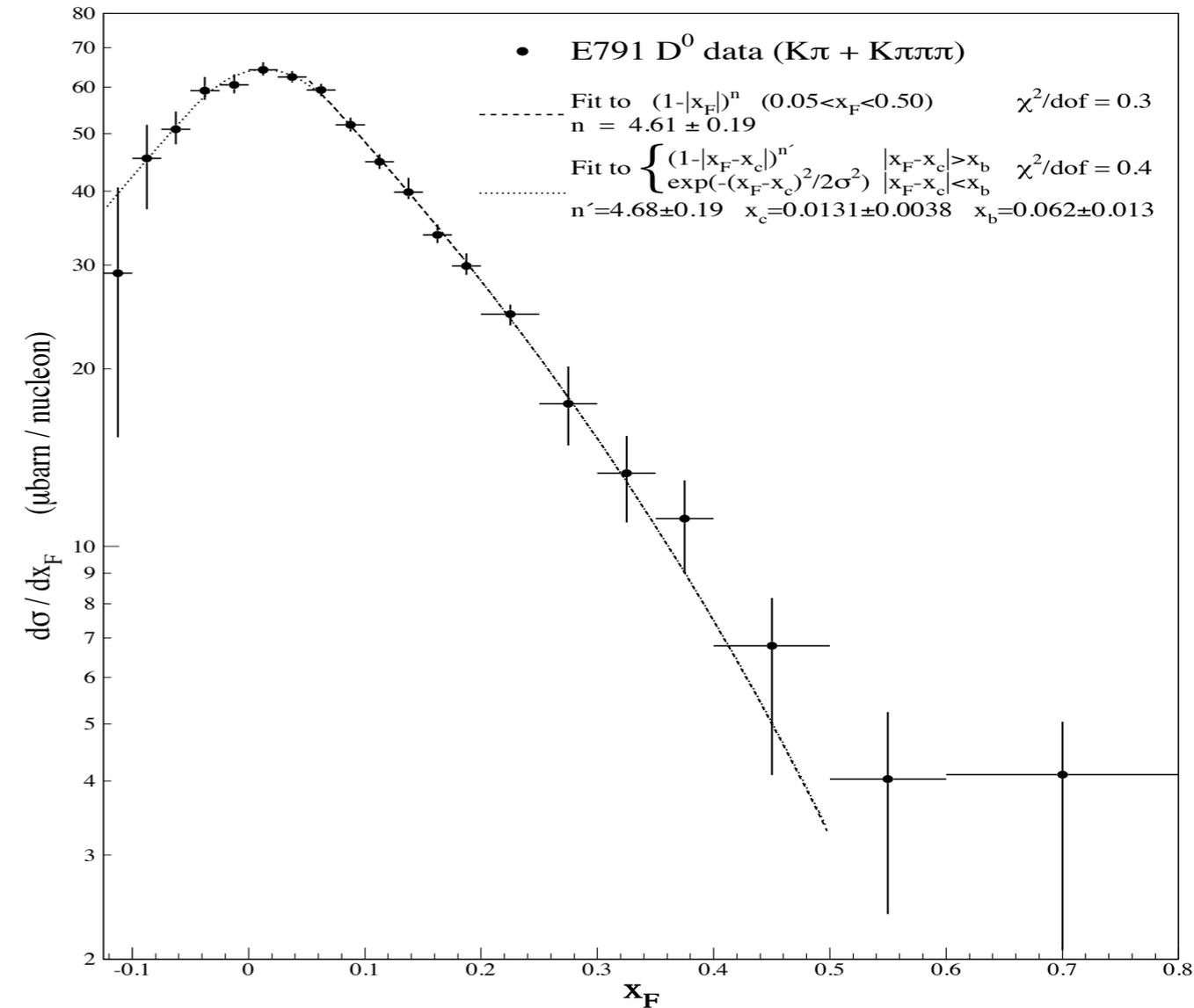
- Most precise measurements of diff. distributions
- $\pi N$  @ 500GeV
- charm is produced at  $x \sim 0.1$

missing +11% -15% on normalization



$$(\alpha m_c^2 + p_T^2)^{-\beta}$$

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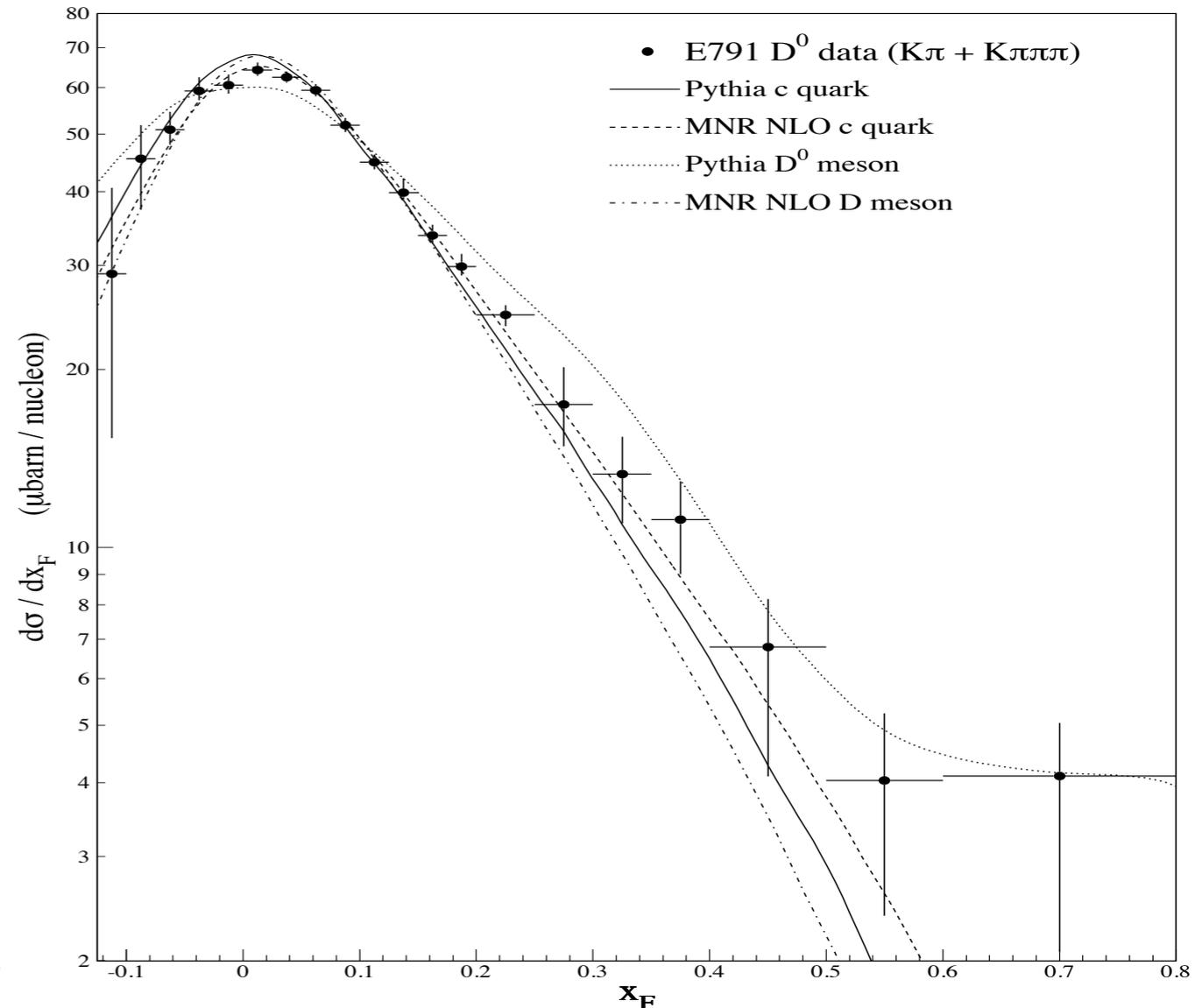
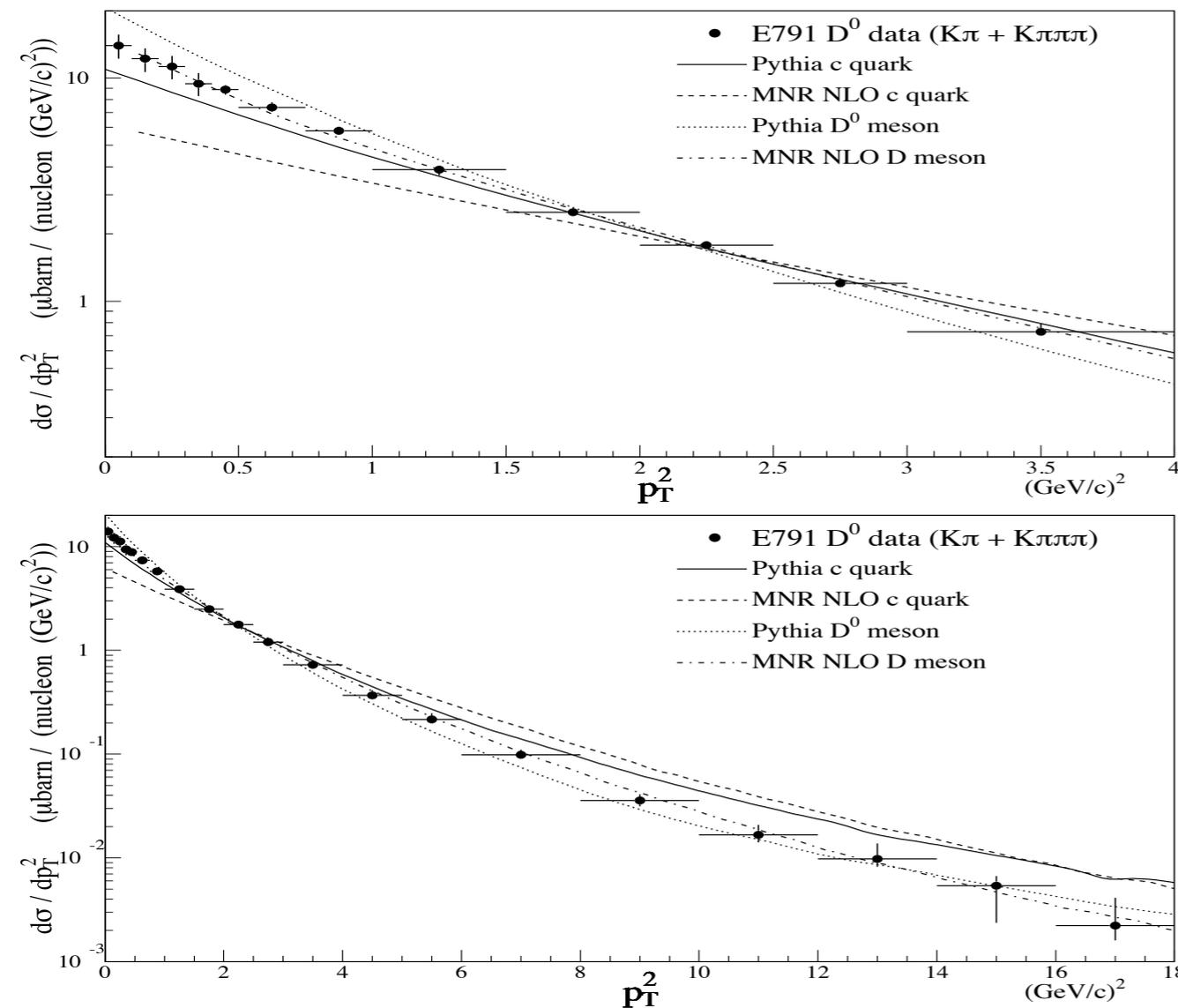
$$(1-|x_F|)^n$$

# Distributions: E791 I

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- $\pi N @ 500\text{GeV}$
- charm is produced at  $x \sim 0.1$  !

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In the prediction MNR NLO D meson:

$$\epsilon = 0.001 \quad \langle k_T^2 \rangle = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

# Data driven simulations

# NLO + Parton Shower

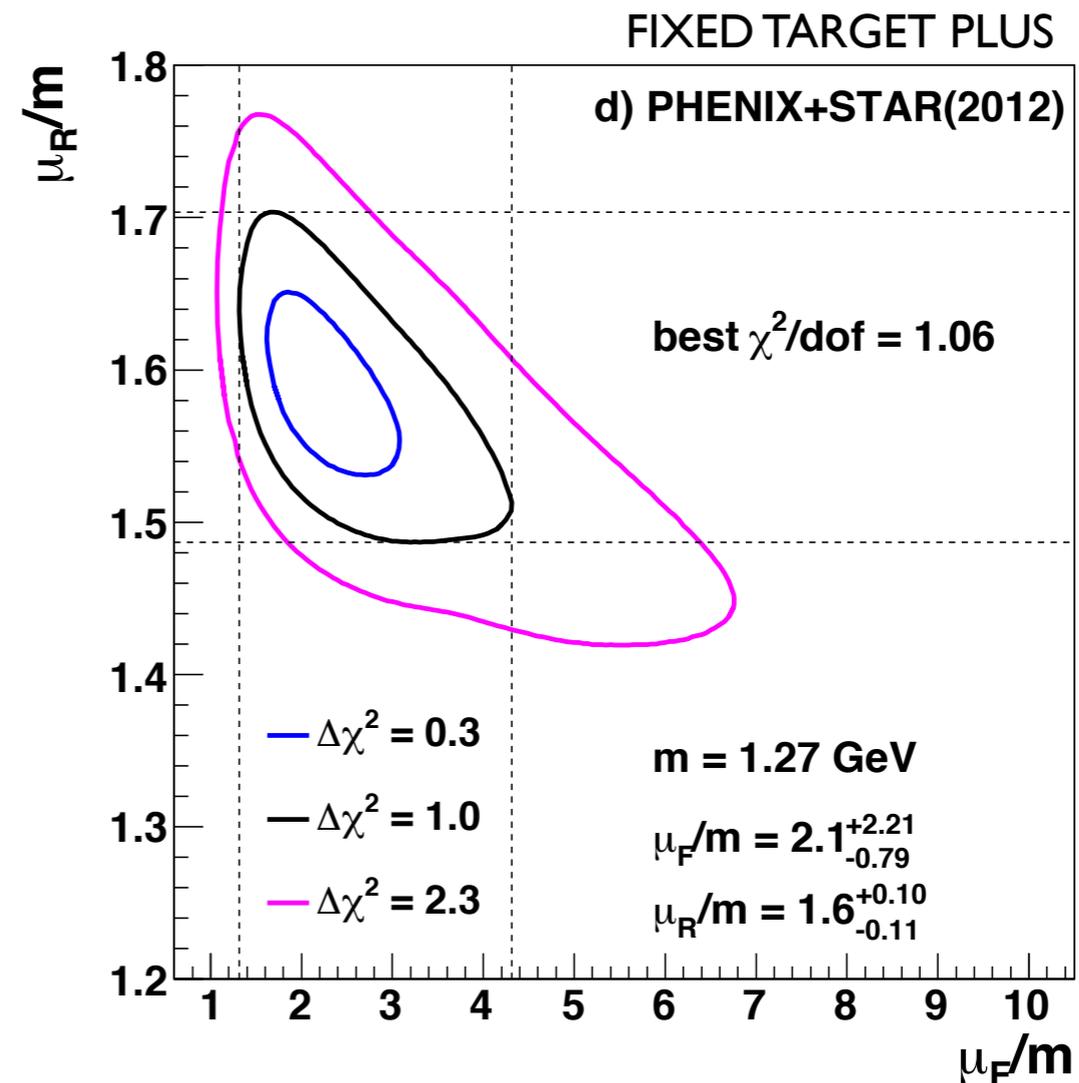
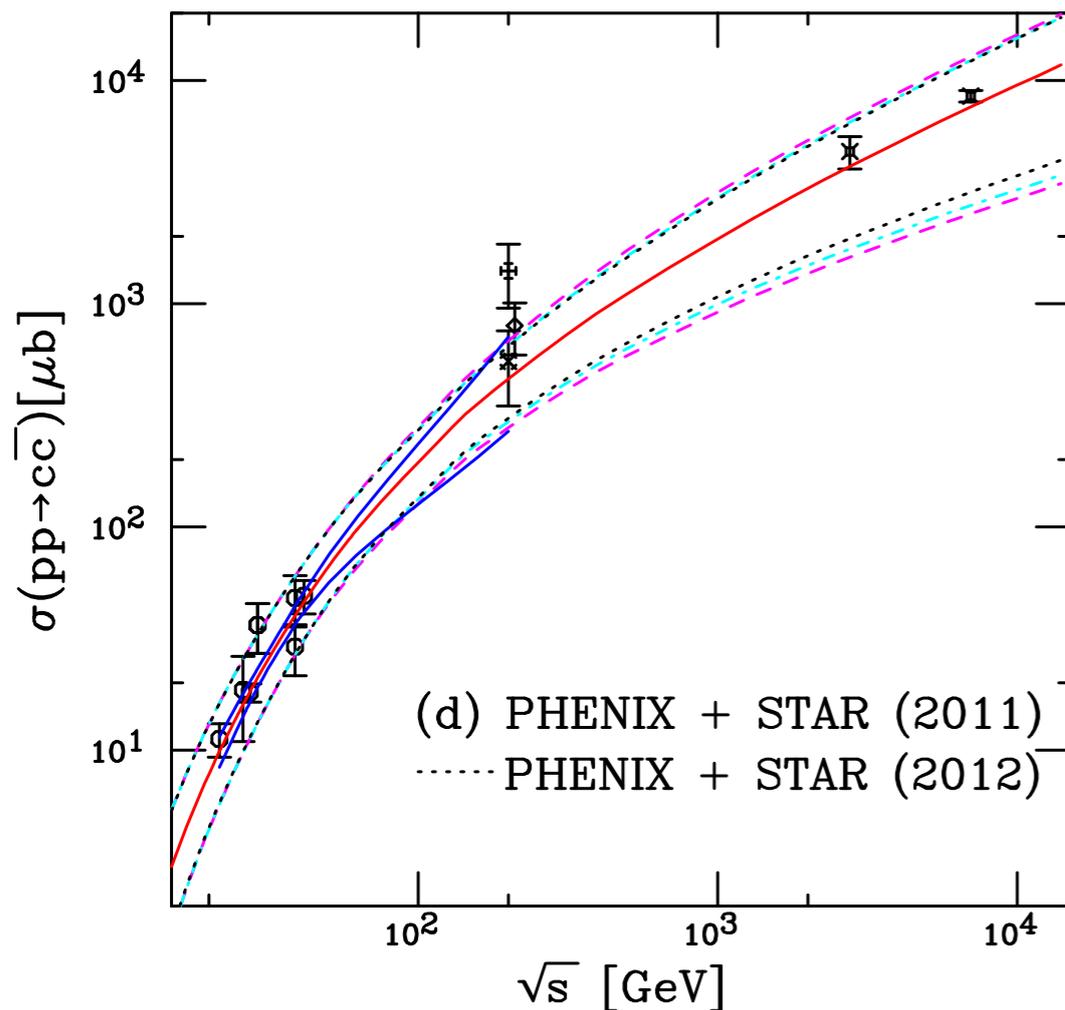
- NLO provides important pheno features
- PS resums leading logarithmic enhancement and paired with hadronization models provide full event simulation
- Double counting of radiative corrections solved with implementation of the MC@NLO and POWHEG methods
- POWHEG master formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}(\Phi_n) &= B(\Phi_n) + V(\Phi_n) \\ &+ \left[ \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}} [R(\Phi_{n+1}) - C(\Phi_{n+1})] + \int \frac{dz}{z} [G_{\oplus}(\Phi_{n,\oplus}) + G_{\ominus}(\Phi_{n,\ominus})] \right]_{\bar{\Phi}_n = \Phi_n}, \\ \Delta(\Phi_n, p_T) &= \exp \left\{ - \int \frac{[d\Phi_{\text{rad}} R(\Phi_{n+1}) \theta(k_T(\Phi_{n+1}) - p_T)]_{\bar{\Phi}_n = \Phi_n}}{B(\Phi_n)} \right\} \\ d\sigma &= \bar{B}(\Phi_n) d\Phi_n \left\{ \Delta(\Phi_n, p_T^{\min}) + \Delta(\Phi_n, k_T(\Phi_{n+1})) \frac{R(\Phi_{n+1})}{B(\Phi_n)} d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \right\}_{\bar{\Phi}_n = \Phi_n} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ In the following we will show results obtained with:  
POWHEG hvq + PYTHIA-6.4.27
- ▶ Uncertainties from matching and hadronization could be studied comparing with MC@NLO and linking PYTHIA and HERWIG respectively
- ▶ The hvq process with POWHEG can be downloaded from:  
[www.powhegbox.mib.infn.it](http://www.powhegbox.mib.infn.it)

# Tuning Total Cross Sections for proton-proton collisions:

- ✓ Mainly determined by perturbative corrections that have large uncertainty
- ✓ NNLO corrections for heavy quark production available for  $tt@LHC$  energies  
[Czakon et al PRL 2013]
- ✓ Slow convergence expected for charm @ SHiP energies
- ✓ A direct translation between the pole mass and running mass for charm is not possible because of poor convergence of the perturbative series [Marquard et al PRL 2015]
- ✓ We can make use of the data-constrained analysis of the factorization and renormalization scale dependence discussed in [Nelson et al PRC2013] (CT10nlo)



[Nelson et al PRC2013]

# E791 Tune for NP effects: setup

- Sutton, Martin, Roberts and Stirling pdf for the pion (PION2, 15% pion momentum carried by the sea)
- Martin, Roberts and Stirling for the proton (HMRSB)
- $\Lambda_{\text{QCD},5} = 220\text{MeV}$
- Default pythia-6.4.27 (no kT-kick in PYTHIA)

- fixed scales assuming  $m_c = 1.37\text{GeV}$

- ▶ cent. factorization scale  $2m_c$
- ▶ cent. renormalization scale  $1.5m_c$
- ▶ perturbative uncertainty evaluated changing the fac. scale among  $2m_c$  to  $4m_c$  and the ren. scale among  $1.25m_c$  and  $2m_c$

- dynamic scales assuming  $m_c = 1.27\text{GeV}$

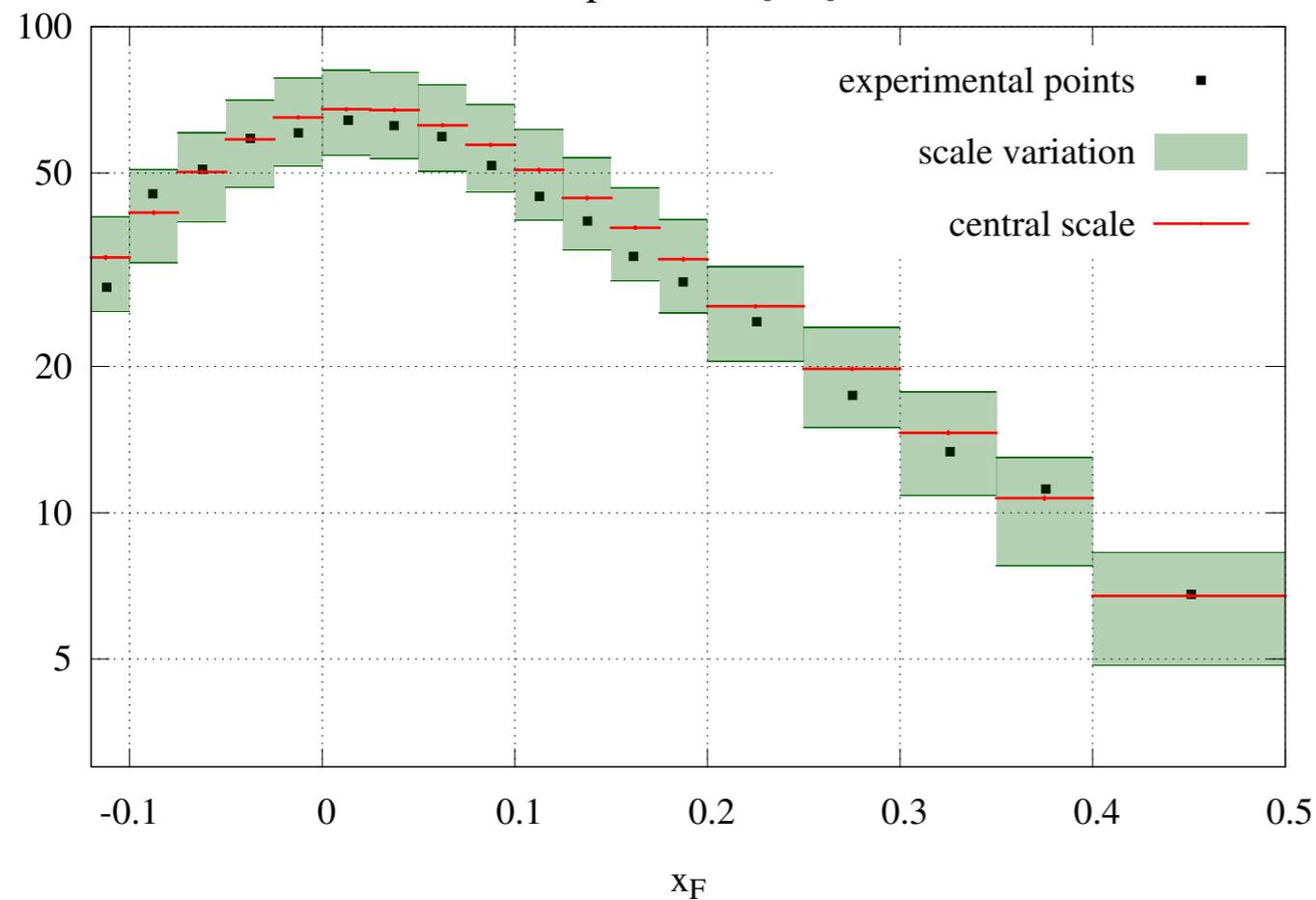
- ▶ central scales and scale variations as above changing  $m_c$  into  $\mu_d = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_c^2}$

# E79 I Tune: results

$D_0 + \bar{D}_0$   $x_F$  distribution

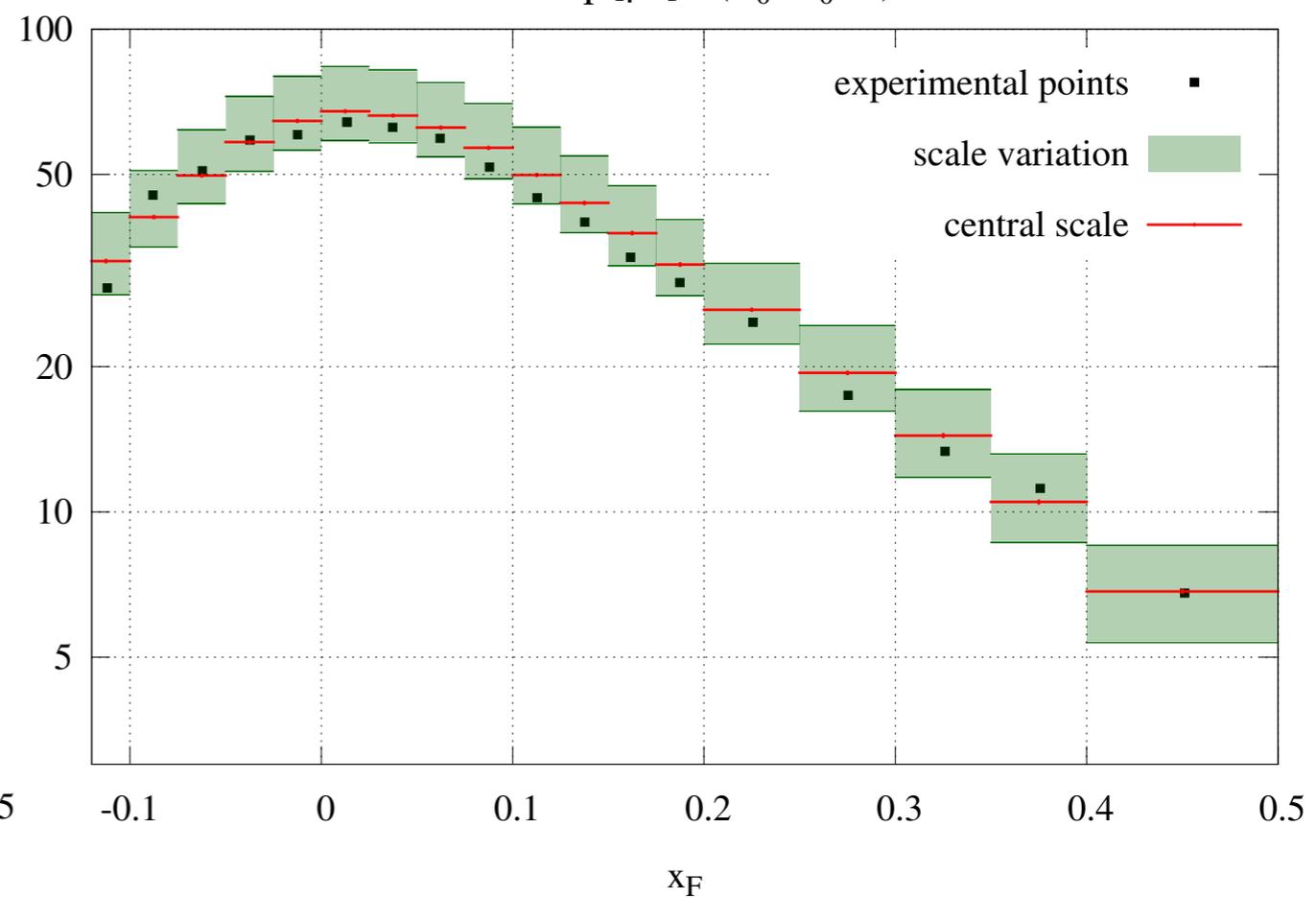
## Fixed scales

$d\sigma/dx_F$  [ $\mu\text{b}$ ] ( $D_0 + D_0\text{bar}$ )



## Dynamic scales

$d\sigma/dx_F$  [ $\mu\text{b}$ ] ( $D_0 + D_0\text{bar}$ )



# E791 Tune: results

$$D_0 + \bar{D}_0 (x_F > 0)$$

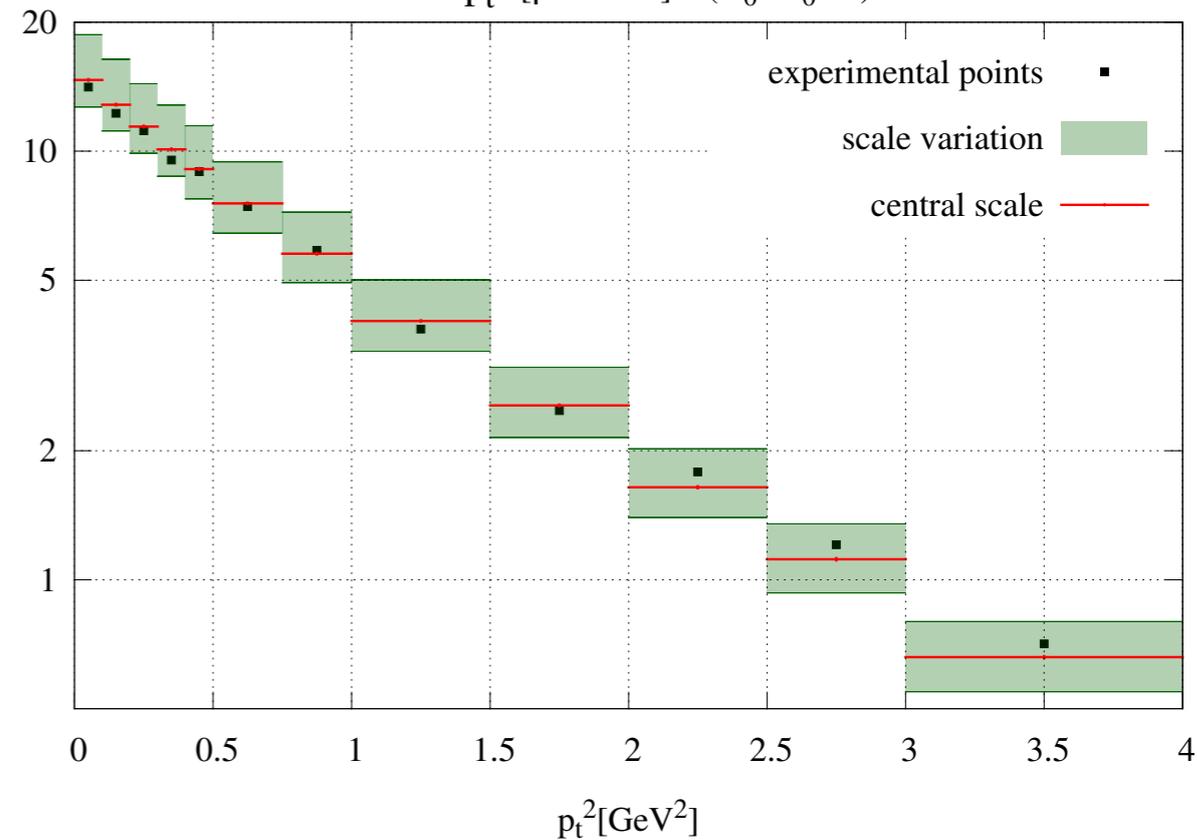
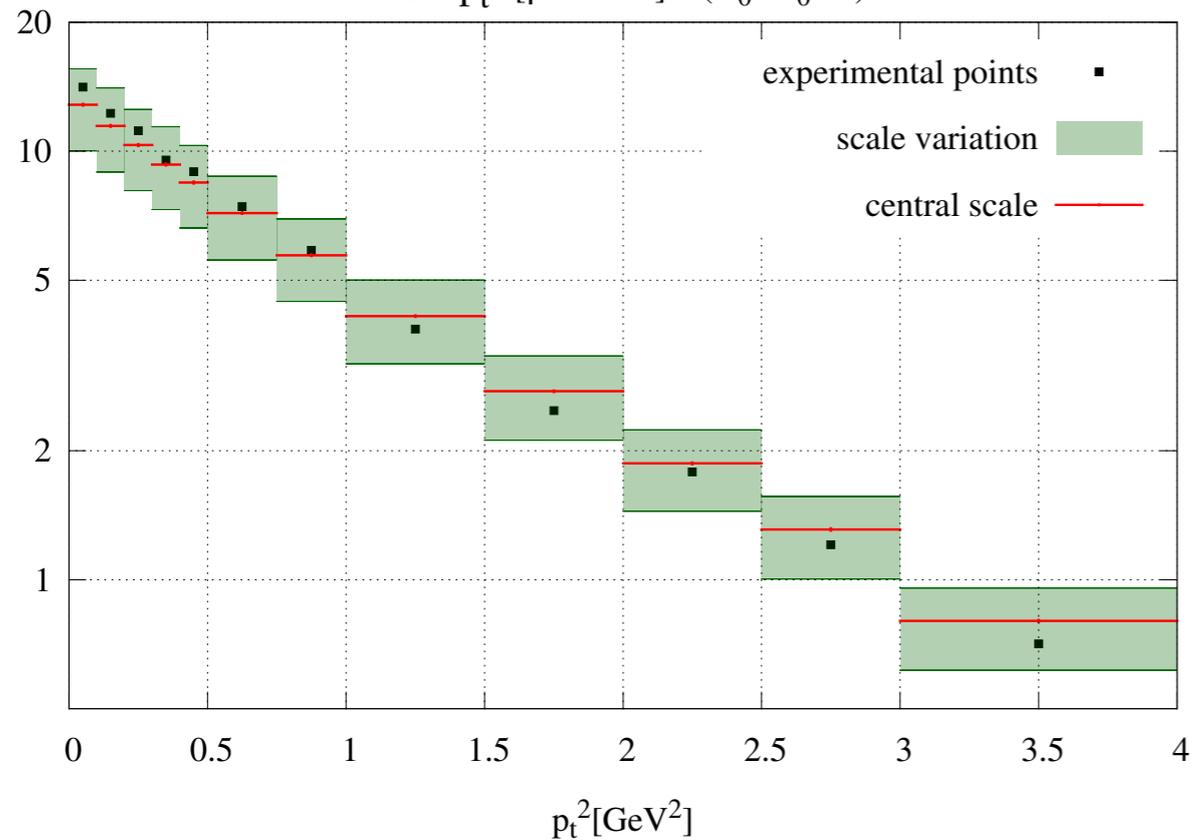
# $p_T^2$ distribution

## Fixed scales

## Dynamic scales

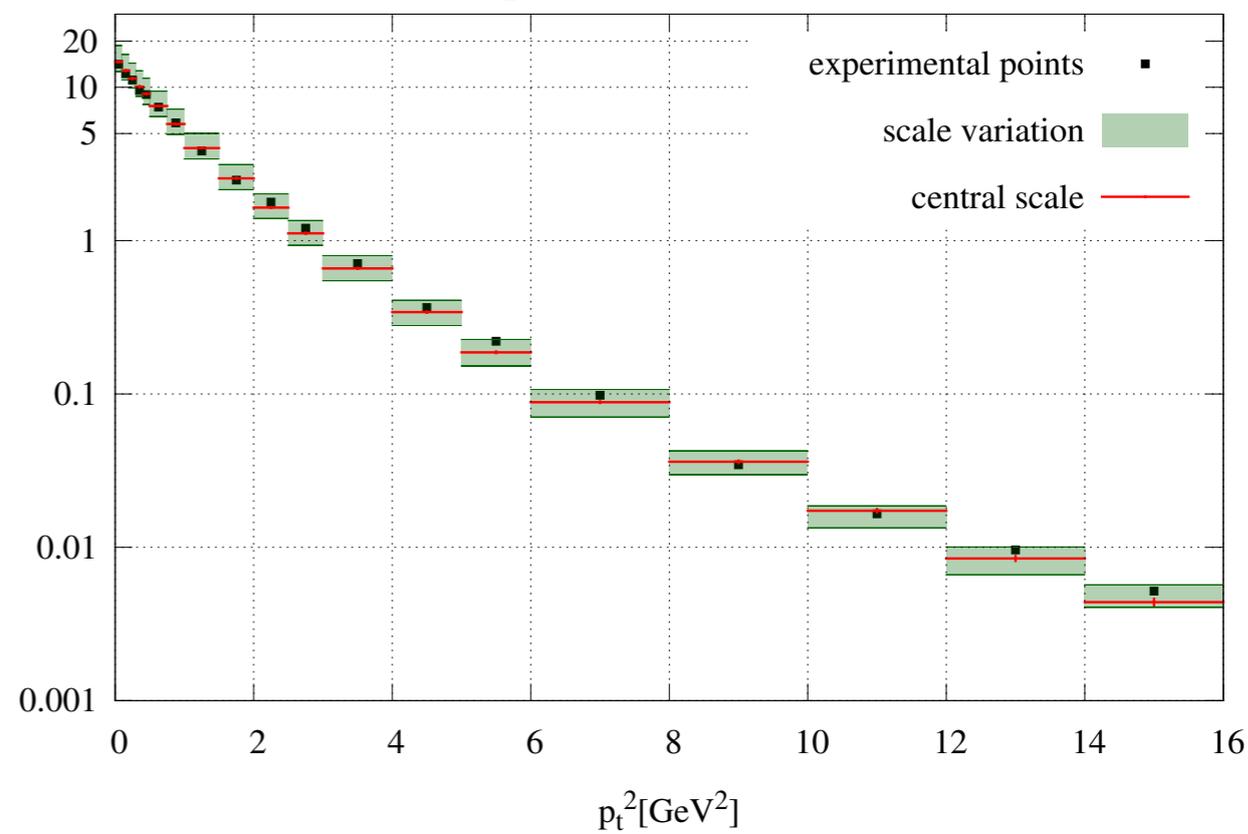
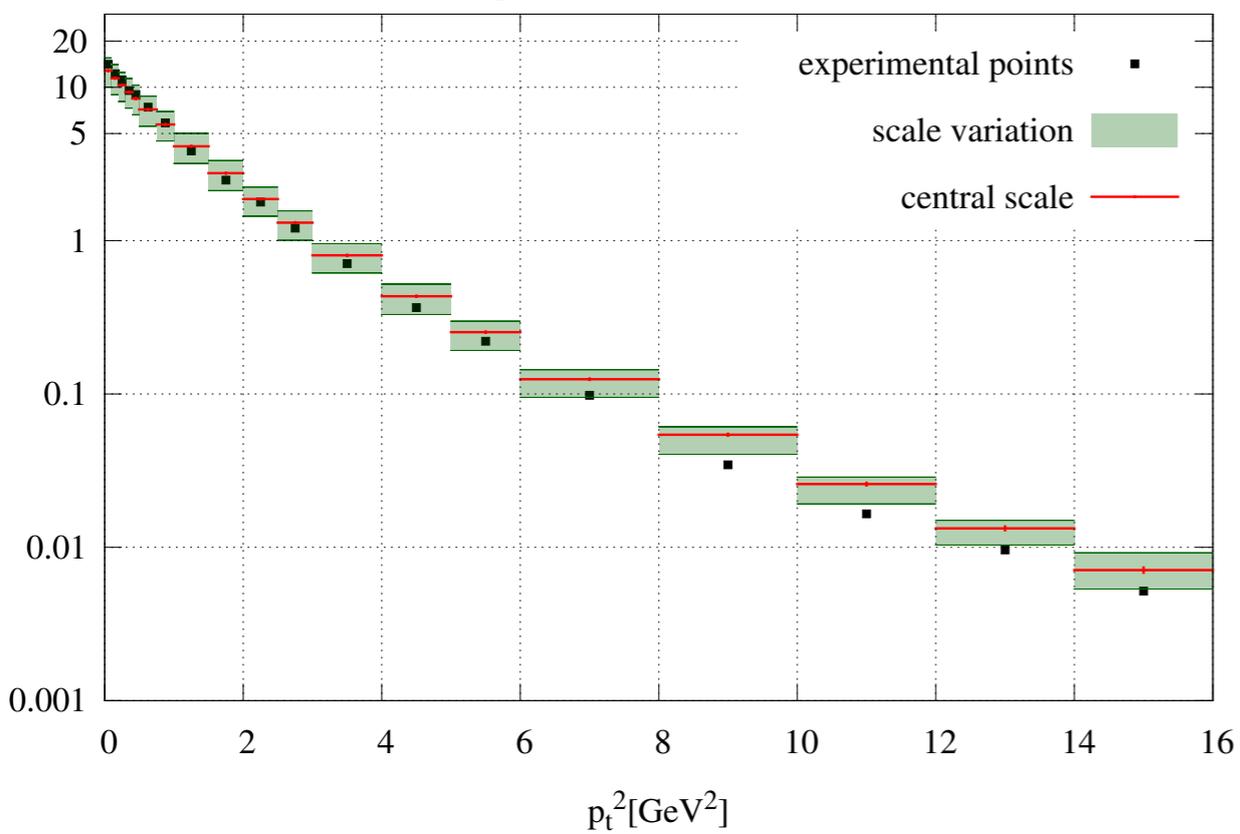
$d\sigma/dp_T^2$  [ $\mu\text{b}/\text{GeV}^2$ ] ( $D_0 + \bar{D}_0$ )

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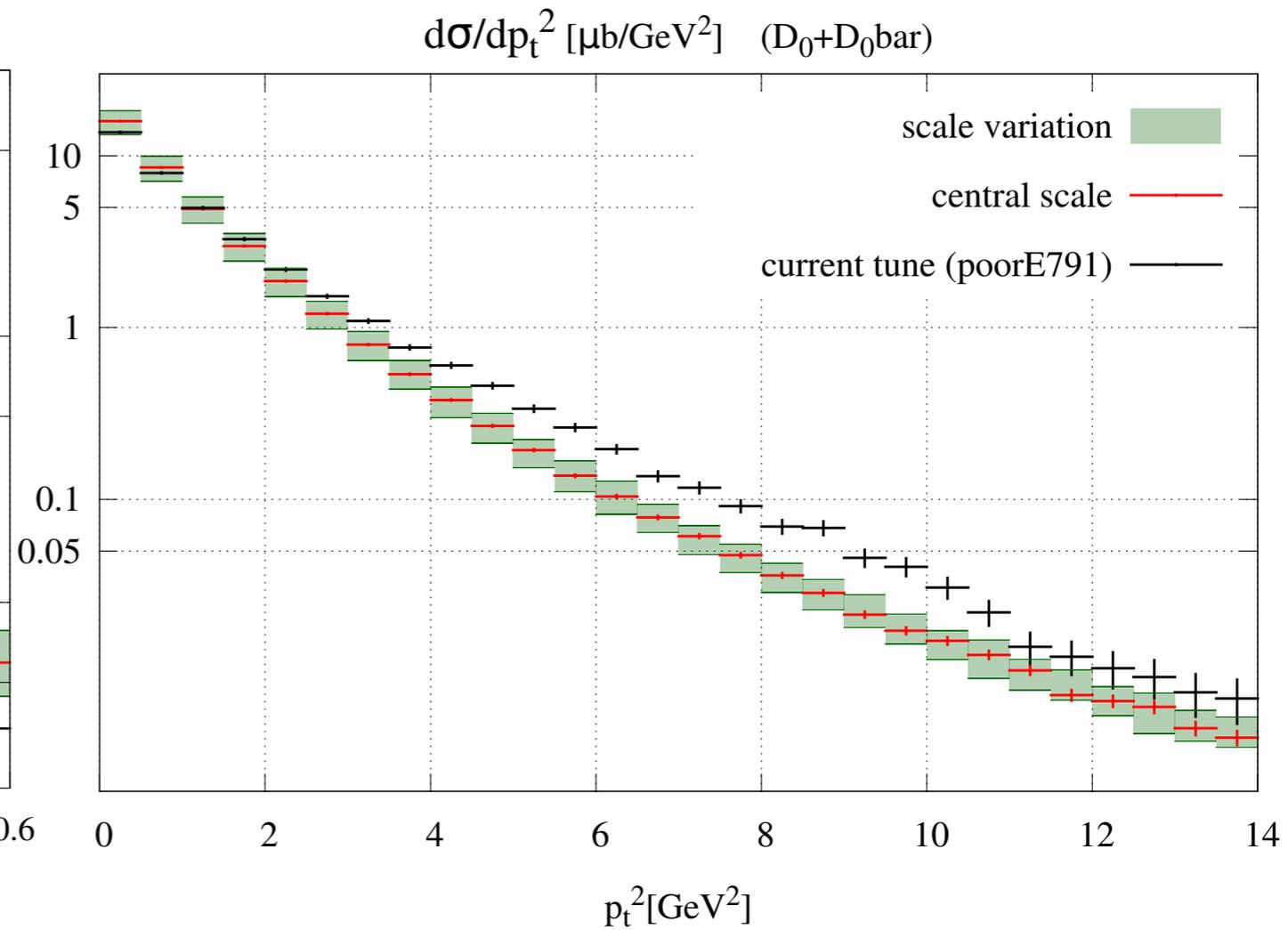
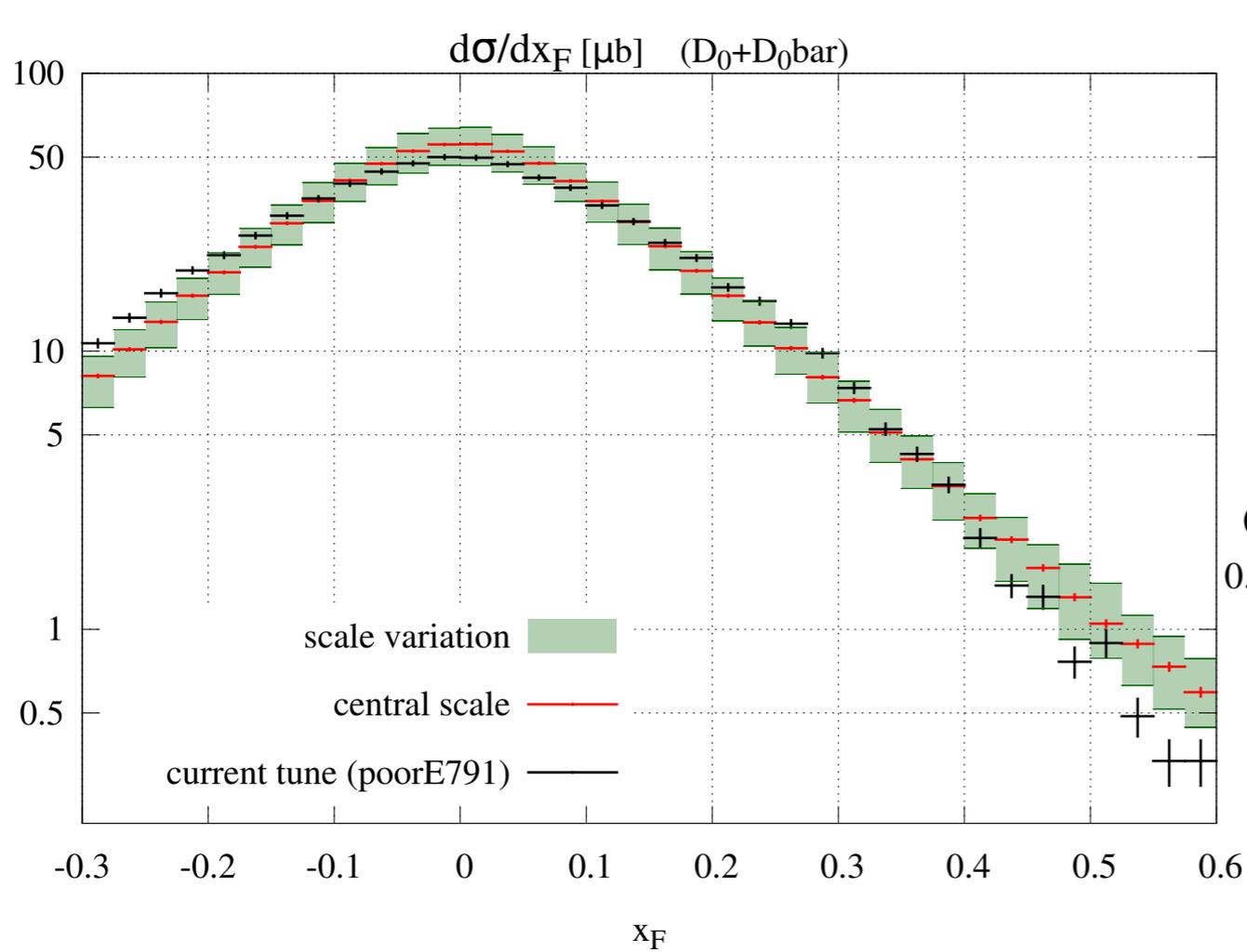


# Predictions for proton collisions

SETUP: NLO as in [Nelson et al PRC2013]

- pp collisions with  $E_b=400\text{GeV}$
- fixed scales assuming  $m_c=1.27\text{GeV}$ 
  - ▶ central factorization scale  $2m_c$
  - ▶ central renormalization scale  $1.6m_c$
  - ▶ perturbative uncertainty evaluated changing the fac. scale among  $1.25m_c$  to  $4.65m_c$  and the ren. scale among  $1.48m_c$  and  $1.71m_c$
  - ▶ CT10nlo pdf
- PYTHIA-6.4.27 default plus:
  - ▶  $\text{MSTP}(91)=0$  (no primordial kt)

# pp collisions @ $E_b=400\text{GeV}$



# Conclusions

1. An estimate of the charm rates for SHiP can be obtained tuning the total cross section and the NP effects with available data.
2. Uncertainties remain large because differential distributions for charm production in proton initiated hadron collisions are missing.
3. Charm production pp cross sections at SHiP energies are indeed important to study Non-Perturbative effects (and to understand to what extent the perturbative computation provides qualitative reliable predictions)
  - ▶ Note: measurements of D production asymmetries in proton collisions is essential to tune hadronization models that generate asymmetries and can be used to predict charge asymmetries in B production (fake CP violation signal)
4. NLO+PS is the optimal tool to address the task of event simulation
5. I gave an examples of event simulation based on the points 1 and 4
6. w/o measurement a reliable estimate of the uncertainties is hard to get
7. More systematic studies needed!