

HERA Collider physics - introduction



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Results from H1 and ZEUS





Outline

- Introduction
 - The HERA collider and collider experiments
 - HERA kinematics
- Selected physics results in perturbative QCD
 - Inclusive cross sections, structure functions, PDFs
 - Heavy flavor production

Next talk: E. Gallo about
searches and electroweak
physics at HERA

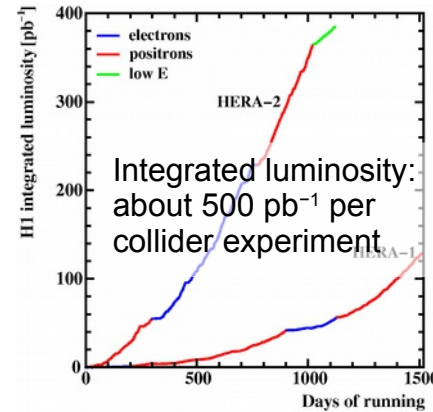
Disclaimer:

this talk is on HERA result, but
reflects my personal opinions only.

There is a slight preference in
showing results from H1 rather than
ZEUS, simply because I know the
H1 results better. Please apologize
for that.

The HERA collider

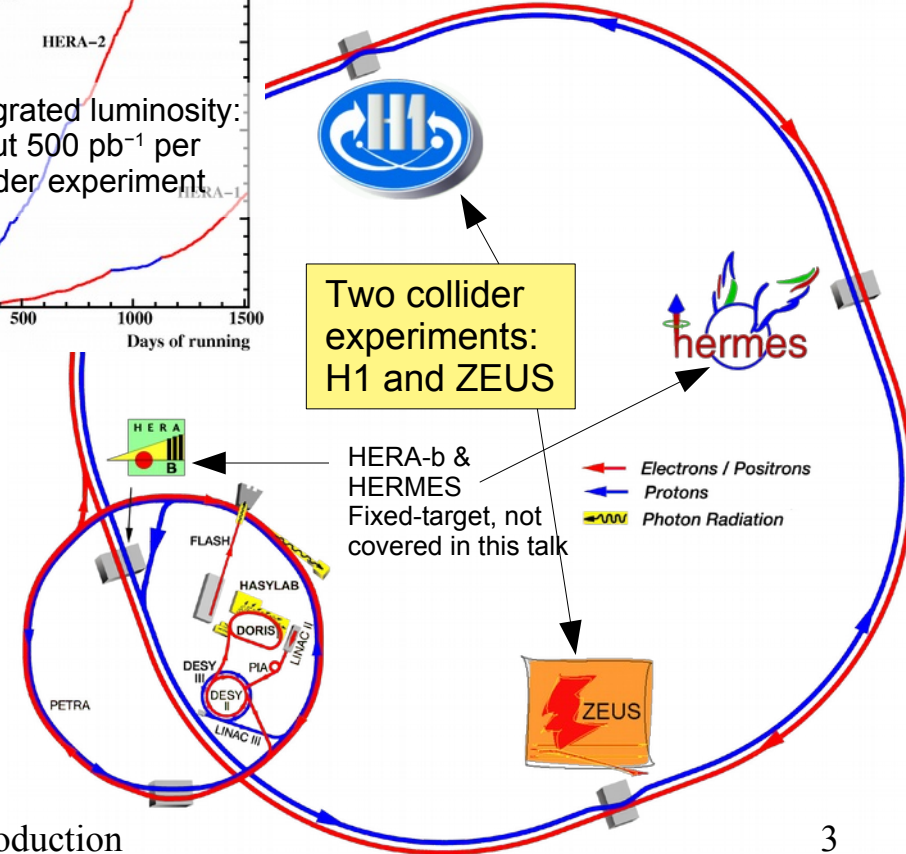
- Operated from 1992 to 2007
- Circumference 6.3 km
- Electrons or positrons colliding with protons
- Proton: 460-920 GeV, Leptons 27.6 GeV
- Peak luminosity $\sim 7 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Lepton beam polarisation up to 40-60% (Sokolov-Ternov effect, rise-time ~ 30 minutes)



Straight section



Curved section

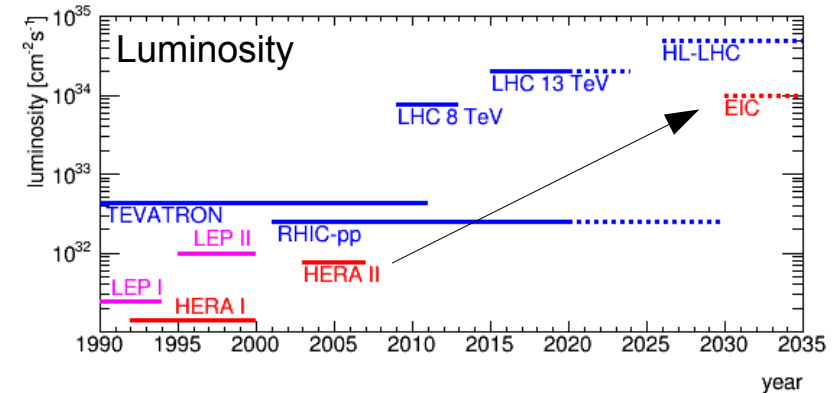
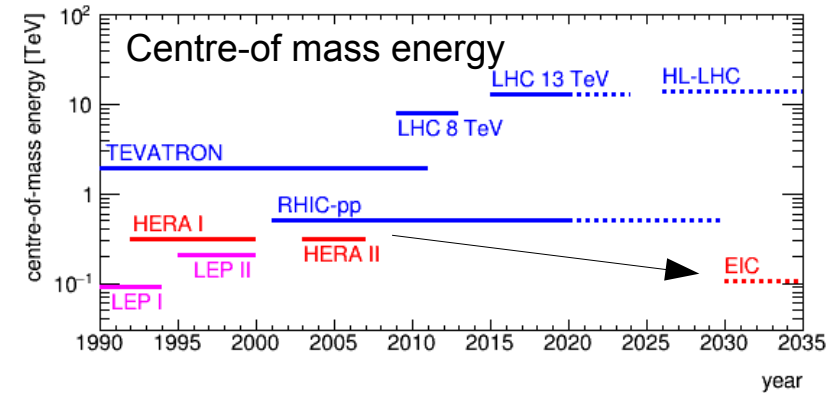


HERA compared to other colliders

- HERA at construction time: energy frontier ($E_p \sim \text{Tevatron}$, $E_e \sim \frac{1}{2} \text{ LEP}$)

Detectors were designed for discoveries, not so much for precision

- EIC compared to HERA:
 - Reduced center-of-mass energy $\times 0.3$
 - Much higher luminosity $\times 100$
 - Better lepton polarisation
 - Target polarisation
 - Heavy targets
 - Much improved detectors: tracking, acceptance, particle identification, forward detectors, ...





The HERA publication harvest

Status: Feb 2020

H1+ZEUS combined	8 publication
H1	223 publications
ZEUS	250 publications

- Both collaborations are still active and open for new members
- Data are available for analysis at DESY, including computing infrastructure (batch system)

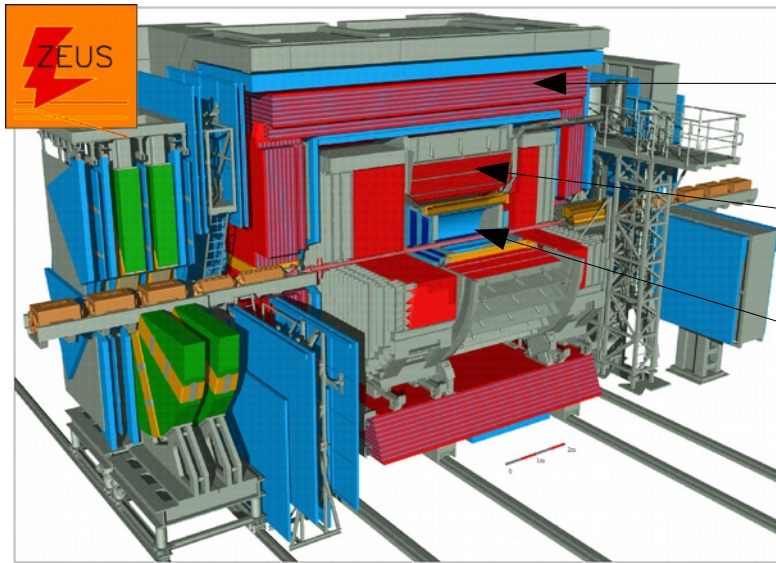
- **Top-ten cited (excluding detector papers)**

JHEP 1001 (2010) 109	H1+ZEUS	1000+ Data combination, PDF
Eur.Phys.J. C21 (2001) 33	H1	700+ Low-x, PDF, alpha_s
Nucl.Phys. B470 (1996) 3	H1	500+ Low-x, PDF
Eur.Phys.J. C21 (2001) 443	ZEUS	500+ Low-x, PDF
Phys.Lett. B315 (1993) 481	ZEUS	500+ Observation of diffraction
Nucl.Phys. B407 (1993) 515	H1	400+ Rise of F2 at low-x
Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 580	H1+ZEUS	400+ Data combination, Low-x, PDF
Phys.Lett. B316 (1993) 412	ZEUS	400+ Rise of F2 at low-x
Z.Phys. C76 (1997) 613	H1	400+ Diffractive PDF
Z.Phys. C74 (1997) 207	ZEUS	400+ High Q ² DIS

- 500+ citations: proton at low-x and PDFs
- 250+ citations: total cross-section, diffractive PDF, diffractive vector mesons, pentaquark
- 200+ citations: charm, jets, DVCS

**HERA data are used mainly to study:
PDFs and perturbative QCD, low-x and diffraction,
transition from soft to hard QCD**

The HERA detectors H1 and ZEUS



ZEUS (HERA)

Software: SDRIC IDEAS (level V1)
Performed by: Carsten Hartmann
Status: October 1993

Uranium-scintillator calorimeter
 $\sigma_{\text{had}} = 0.35/\sqrt{E}$, $\sigma_{\text{EM}} = 0.18/\sqrt{E}$, $-3.5 < \eta < 4$

Asymmetric detectors
Centre-of-mass system is
boosted to proton-direction
 $E_e = 27.6 \text{ GeV}$, $E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$

Muon chambers

4 π em+had.
calorimeters

Drift-chambers
as main tracking
devices + silicon
vertex detectors

Liquid Argon calorimeter
 $\sigma_{\text{had}} = 0.5/\sqrt{E}$, $\sigma_{\text{EM}} = 0.11/\sqrt{E}$, $-1.5 < \eta < 3.4$
Lead+fiber in backward (electron) direction
[SpaCal] $\sigma_{\text{EM}} = 0.07/\sqrt{E}$, $-4 < \eta < 1.4$



tail catcher / muon chambers

solenoid

Liquid argon calorimeter

SpaCal

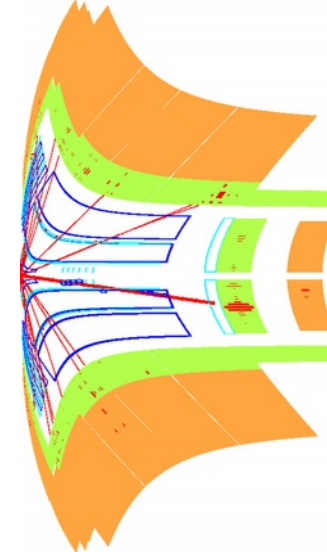
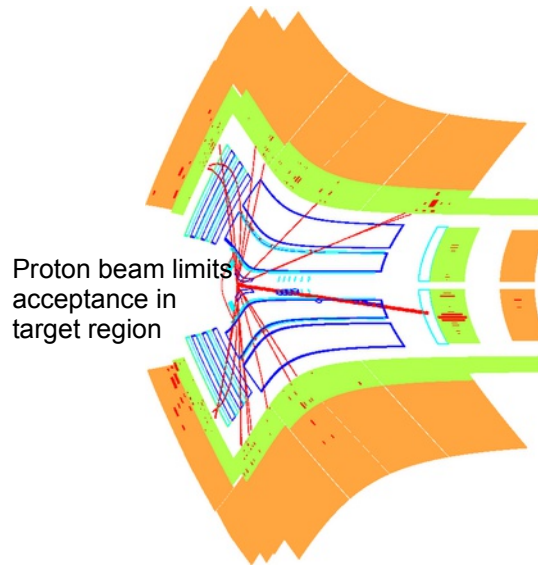
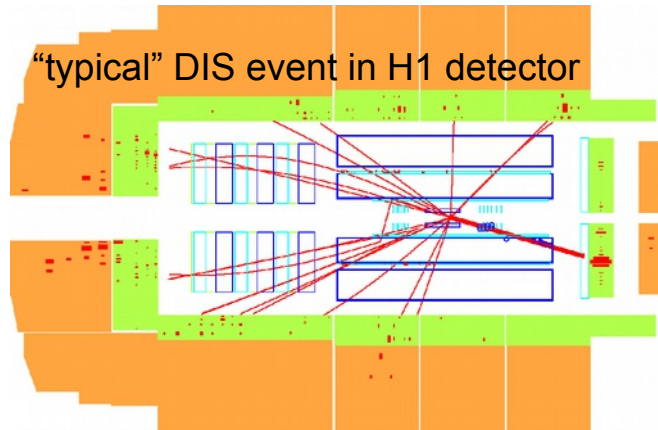
electron beam

proton beam

Silicon
detectors

Central
tracker

HERA boost visualized



$E_e = 27.6 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$

Laboratory system

$E_e = 160 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = 160 \text{ GeV}$

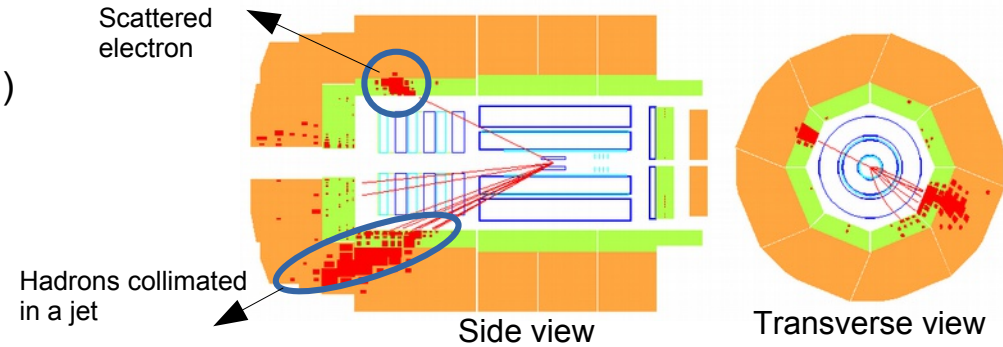
ep center-of-mass system

$E_e = 54000 \text{ GeV}$

Proton rest-frame
c.f. fixed-target
experiment

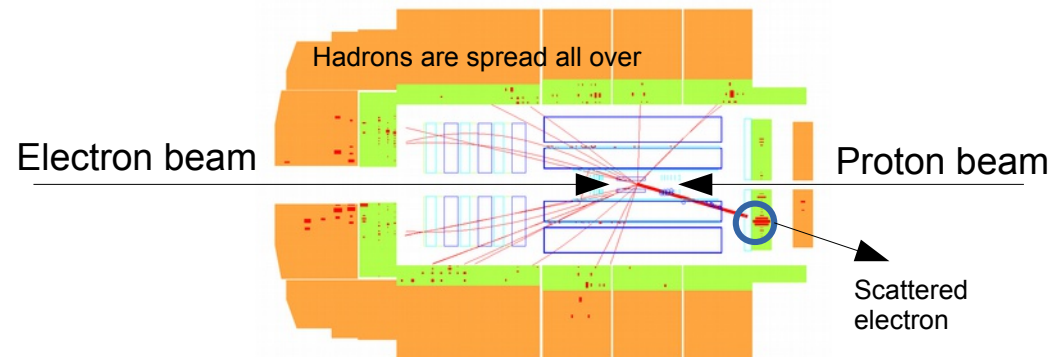
Processes studied at the HERA collider

- **Neutral Current DIS** (Deep Inelastic Scattering)
 - electron in main detector
- Charged current DIS
 - neutrino with high transverse momentum (escapes detection)
- Photoproduction
 - Electron scattered at very low angle (dedicated low-angle detector or not detected)



Large electron scattering angle (rare event)

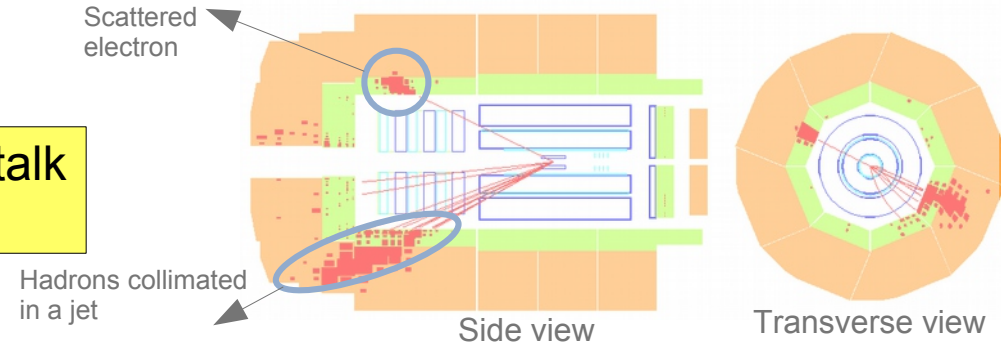
Small electron scattering angle (frequent event)



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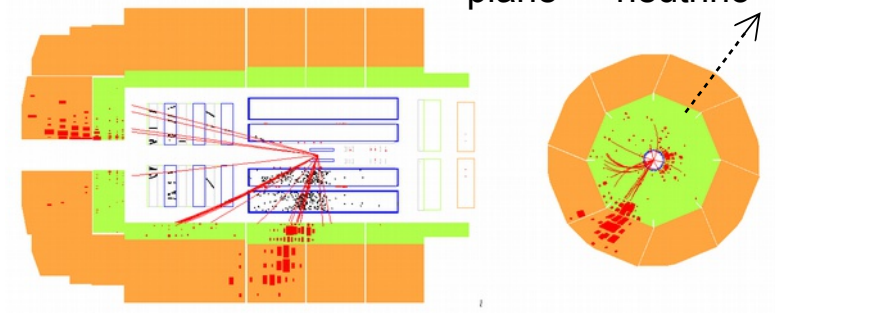
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See next talk
E. Gallo



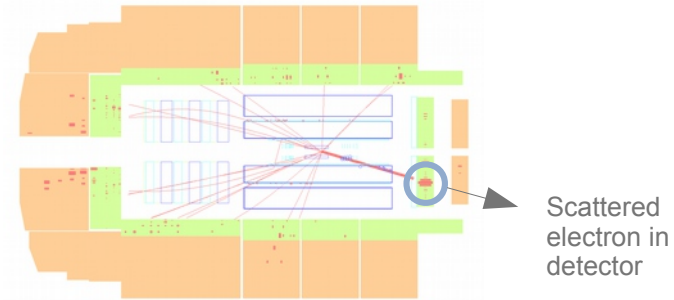
Neutral current (NC) event

Charged current (CC) event



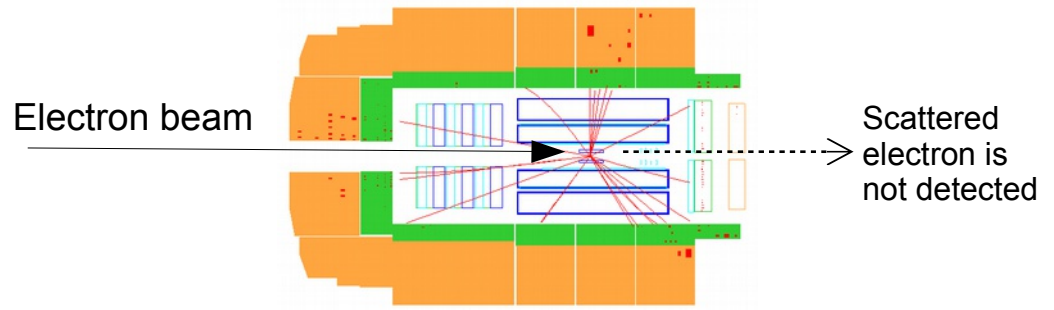
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- Photoproduction
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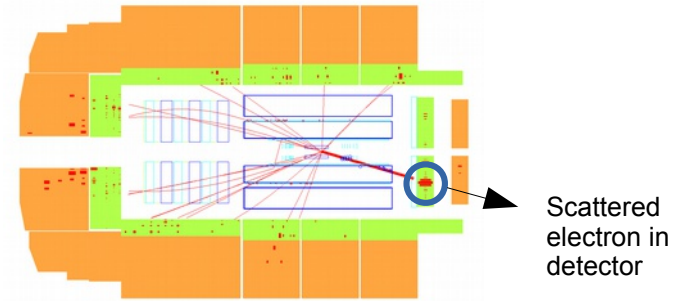
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Photoproduction (most frequent type of event)



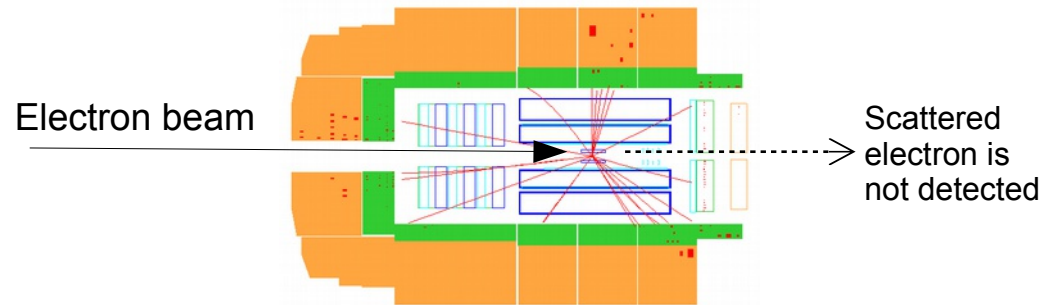
Photoproduction and DIS

- **Main kinematic variable: negative four-momentum squared $Q^2 = -(e-e')^2$**
- Q^2 provides a natural hard scale for perturbative calculations
- Deep-inelastic scattering (**DIS**): $Q^2 \gg 0$
 - Perturbative QCD applicable
- **Photoproduction:** $Q^2 \sim 0$
 - Perturbative QCD works only if there is another hard scale (jet, heavy quark, etc)



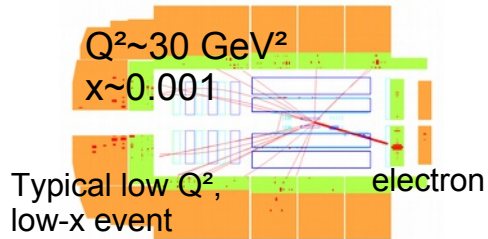
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Neutral current DIS kinematics at HERA

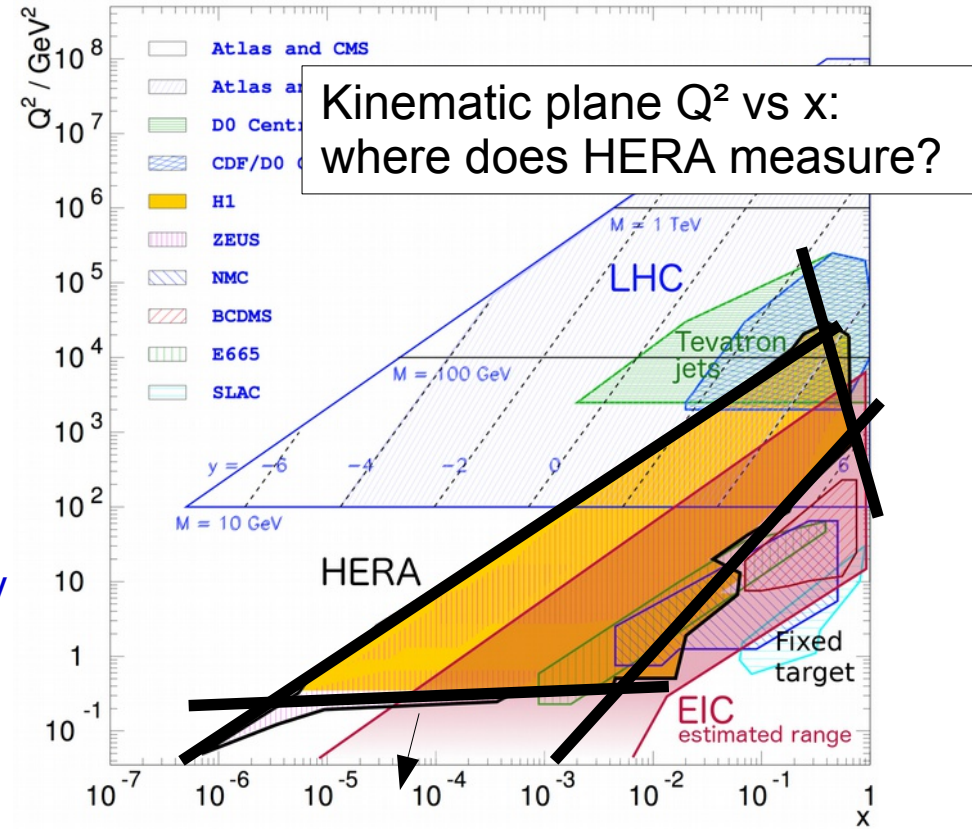
- Kinematic variables: Q^2 , x , y , $Q^2 = sxy$
- Determine from 4-vectors of beam particles e , p , scattered electron e' and hadronic final state X



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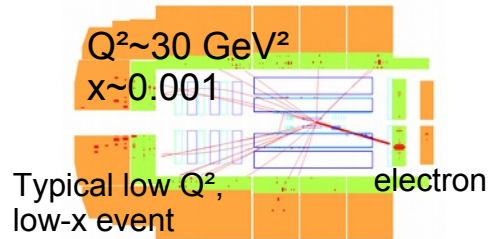
$$Q^2 = \frac{p_T^2}{1-y}, x = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

- “Electron” method: $y = y_e$ and $p_T = p_{T,e}$
- At low y , the electron method is limited by energy resolution, initial and final state radiation
→ use $y = y_h$ (sigma method)
- Other methods also in use: double-angle, etc



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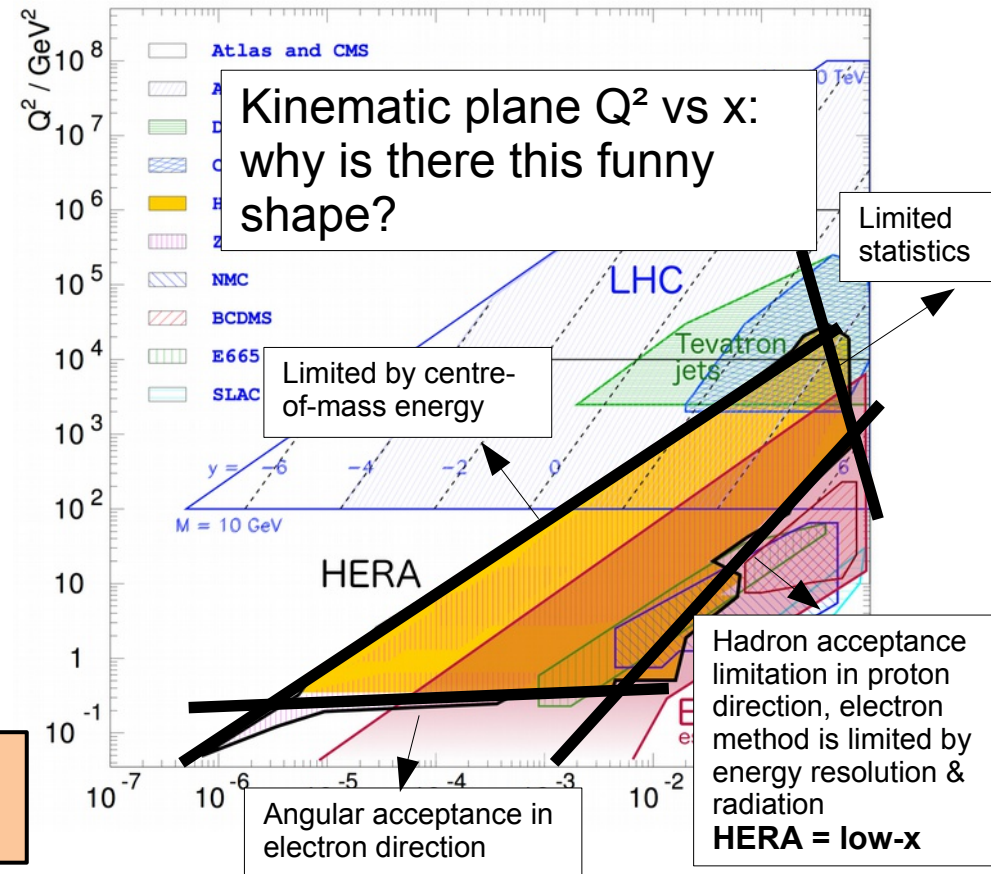


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- “Electron” method: $y = y_e$ and $p_T = p_{T,e}$
- At low y , use $y = y_h$ (sigma method) → hadrons contributing to y_h have to be within detector acceptance → low y / high x is not accessible

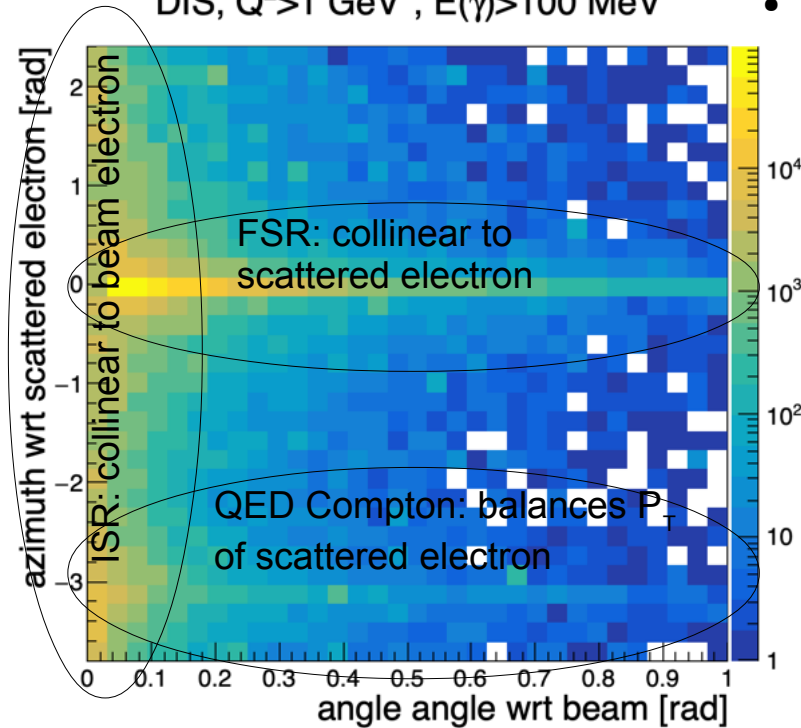
HERA is “low- x ” because of acceptance limitations in the forward (proton) direction



Radiative effects

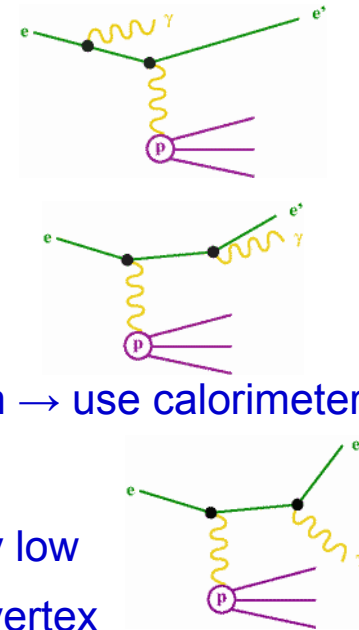
Kinematics of radiative photons

DIS, $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, $E(\gamma) > 100 \text{ MeV}$



• Radiation from electron line

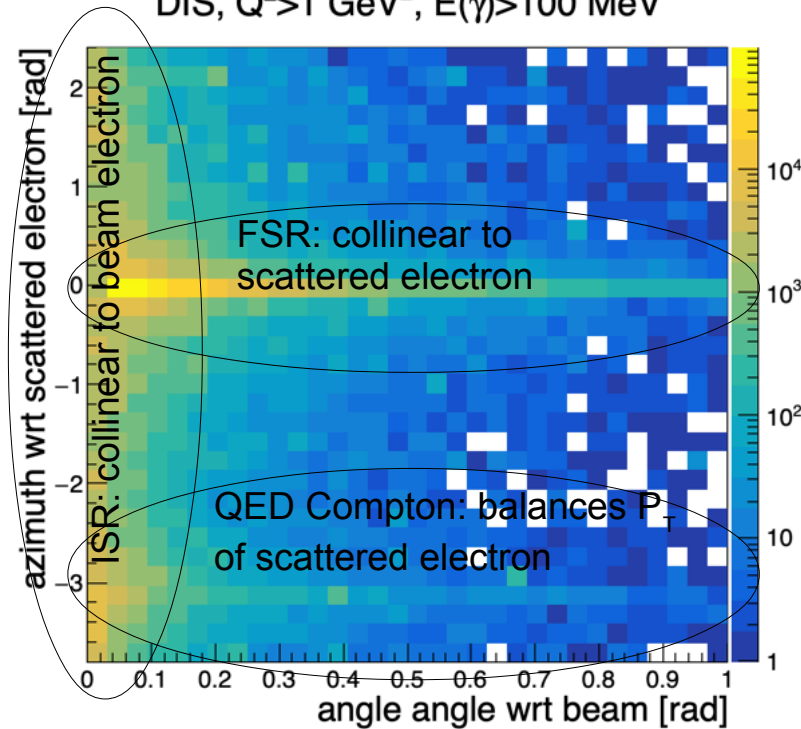
- Initial state (ISR) effectively reduces beam energy
- Final state (FSR) reduces measured electron momentum → use calorimeter
- QED Compton corresponds to very low “true” Q^2 at proton vertex



Radiative effects: HERA methods

Kinematics of radiative photons

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Radiation from electron line has three poles: ISR, FSR, QED Compton

Radiation has two effects

- **For a given event, the kinematic reconstruction is distorted**
→ apply cuts, use “robust” kinematic reconstruction (Sigma method or similar)
- **For a given class of events, the predicted cross section changes wrt. the Born level**
→ radiative corrections, ratio of prediction with and without radiation, model-dependent

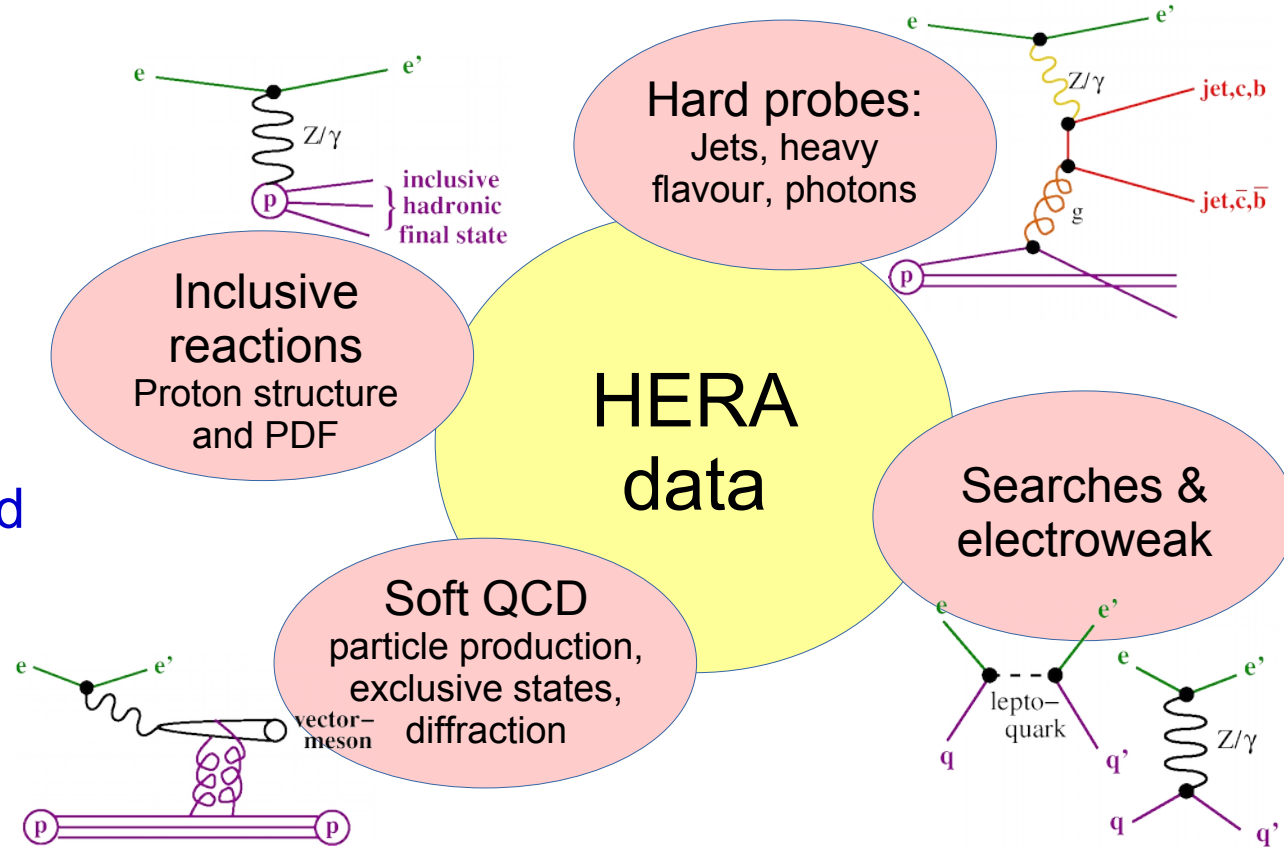
HERA physics topics

Electron

- Color-neutral probe, source of virtual or quasi-real photons

Proton

- Source of quarks and gluons



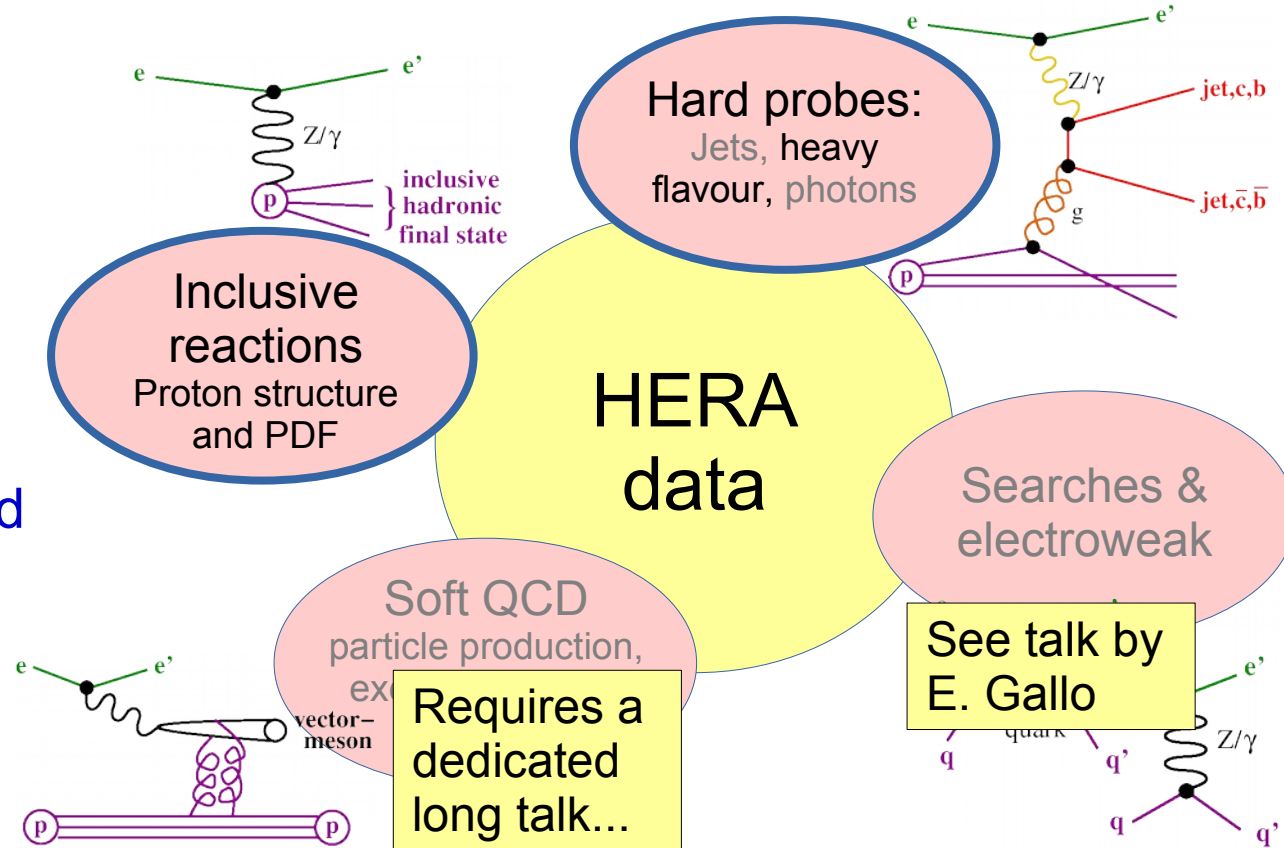
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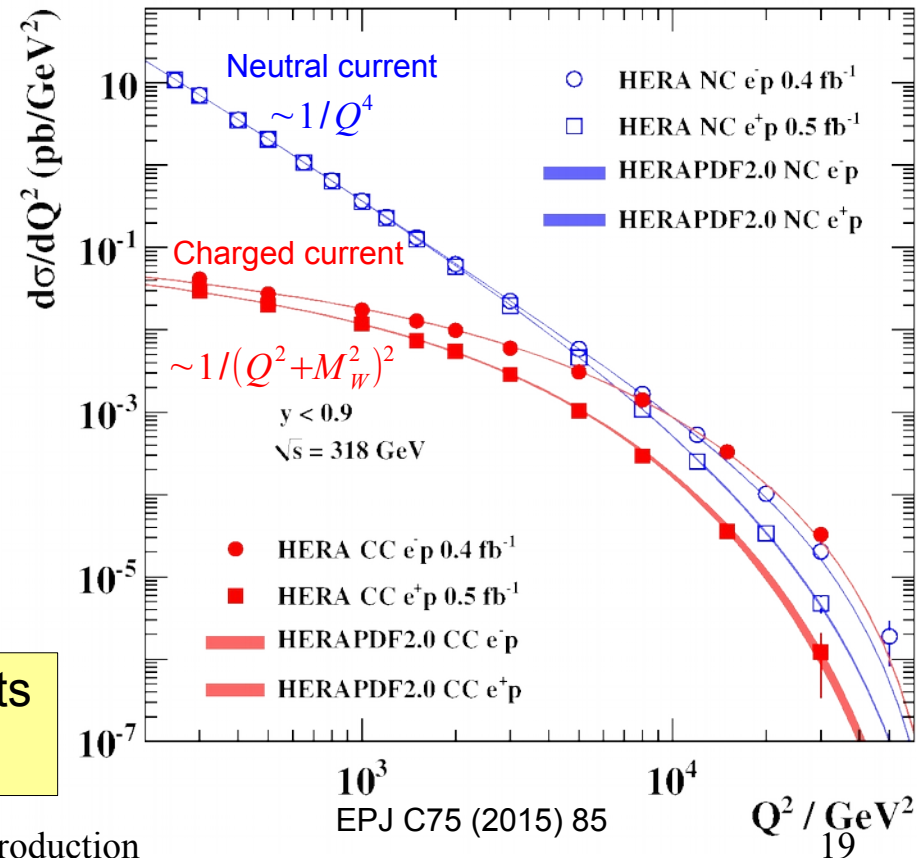
H1+ZEUS Data combination
Inclusive cross sections, PDF fit
Longitudinal structure function

Deep-inelastic scattering at HERA

- Measure Cross section as a function of Q^2
- High $Q^2 \sim 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$ probes smallest distances
- **Combination of H1 and ZEUS data (41 datasets)**
- Neutral Current (NC):
 - photon, Z-boson exchange
 - Cross section shape similar to $1/Q^4$
- Charged Current (CC):
 - W-boson exchange $M_W = 80.4 \text{ GeV}$
 - Cross section shape $\sim 1/(Q^2 + M_W^2)^2$

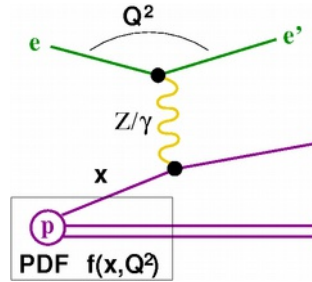
High Q^2 : rare events
→ Talk by E. Gallo

H1 and ZEUS



Proton structure measurement at HERA

- Momentum transfer Q^2
- Second variable: Bjorken- x
- Cross sections depend on Q^2 and Bjorken- x



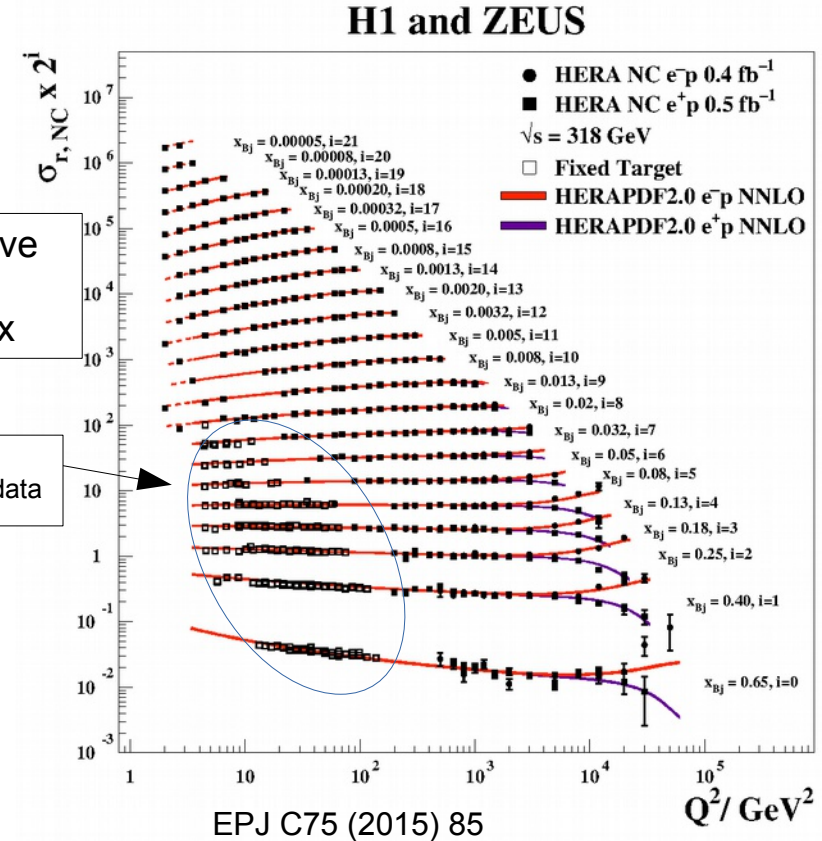
$$Q^2 = -(e - e')^2 \text{ and } x = \frac{Q^2}{2p(e - e')}$$

e : beam electron 4-momentum
 p : beam proton 4-momentum
 e' : scattered electron 4-momentum

- Interpretation in the quark-parton model: x is the momentum fraction of the struck quark
- Scaling violations: for fixed x , the cross section does change with Q^2

Each curve is for a different x

Fixed-target data



Structure functions and parton densities

- Cross section differential in Q^2, x is related to structure functions

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma_{NC}^\pm}{dx dQ^2} \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi \alpha_+^{2Y}} = \sigma_{r, NC}^\pm = \tilde{F}_2^\pm \mp \frac{Y_-}{Y_+} x \tilde{F}_3^\pm - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} \tilde{F}_L^\pm$$

inelasticity $y = Q^2 / (sx)$

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

Suppressed by y^2 B 1

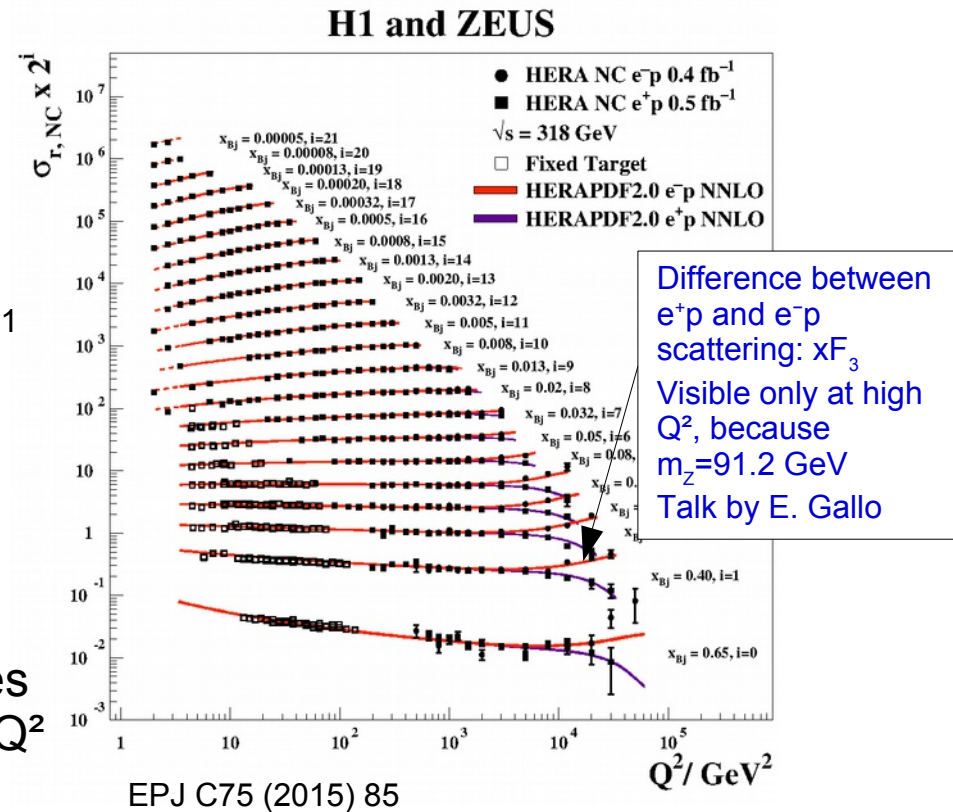
- Structure functions are related to quark and gluon count in the proton

$$\tilde{F}_2 \sim \sum (xq + x\bar{q}) \text{ valence plus sea quarks} \rightarrow \text{dominant}$$

$$x \tilde{F}_3 \sim \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + m_Z^2} \sum (xq - x\bar{q}) \text{ valence quarks} \rightarrow \text{contributes only at high } Q^2$$

$$\tilde{F}_L \sim xg \text{ gluons}$$

talk by E. Gallo

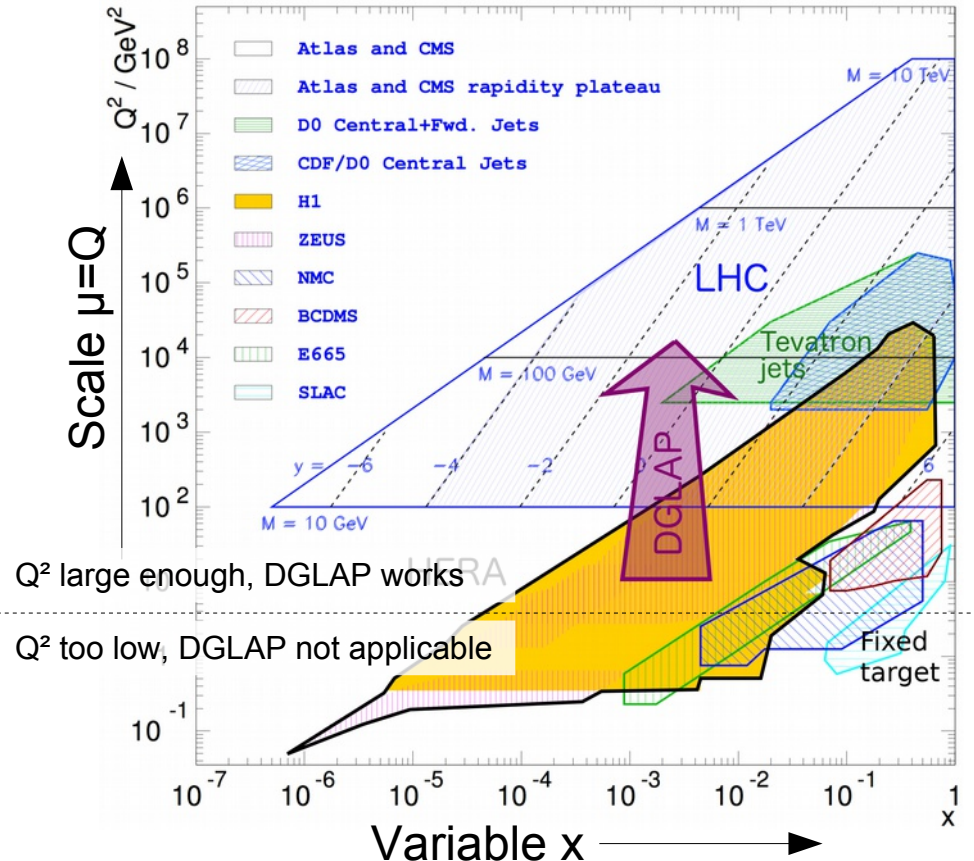


DGLAP and PDF fit: from HERA to LHC

- QCD fit: extract PDF (i.e. quark and gluon densities) from structure functions
- Based on DGLAP equations Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi
- Given the PDF as a function of x at one scale μ_0 , DGLAP predicts the PDF at another scale μ_1
- Factorisation: PDFs are universal: ep, pp, ...

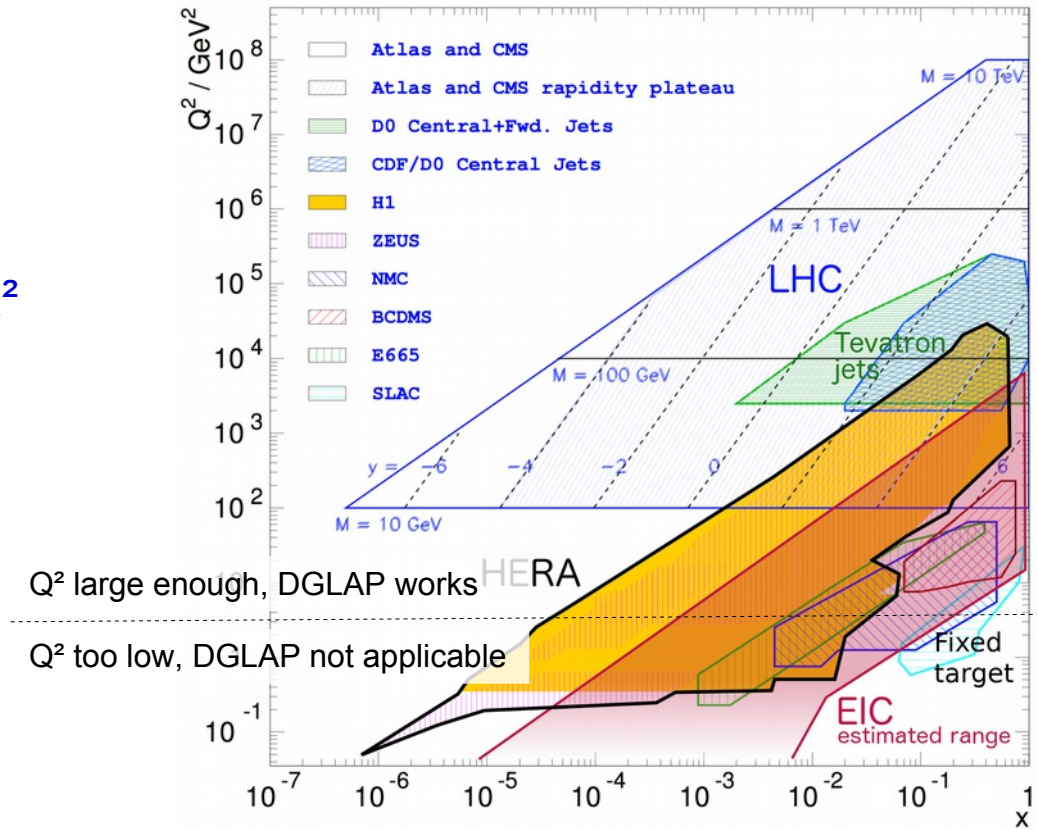
$$\sigma_{ep} = \text{PDF}(\mu, x) \otimes |M|^2 + \text{higher twist}$$

$$\sigma_{pp} = \text{PDF}(\mu, x_1) \otimes \text{PDF}(\mu, x_2) \otimes |M|^2 + \text{higher twist}$$
- Measure at HERA $\rightarrow$ predict LHC cross section
- Within HERA: measurements at different $\mu^2=Q^2$ are fitted to the same PDF using DGLAP



HERA and EIC kinematic reach

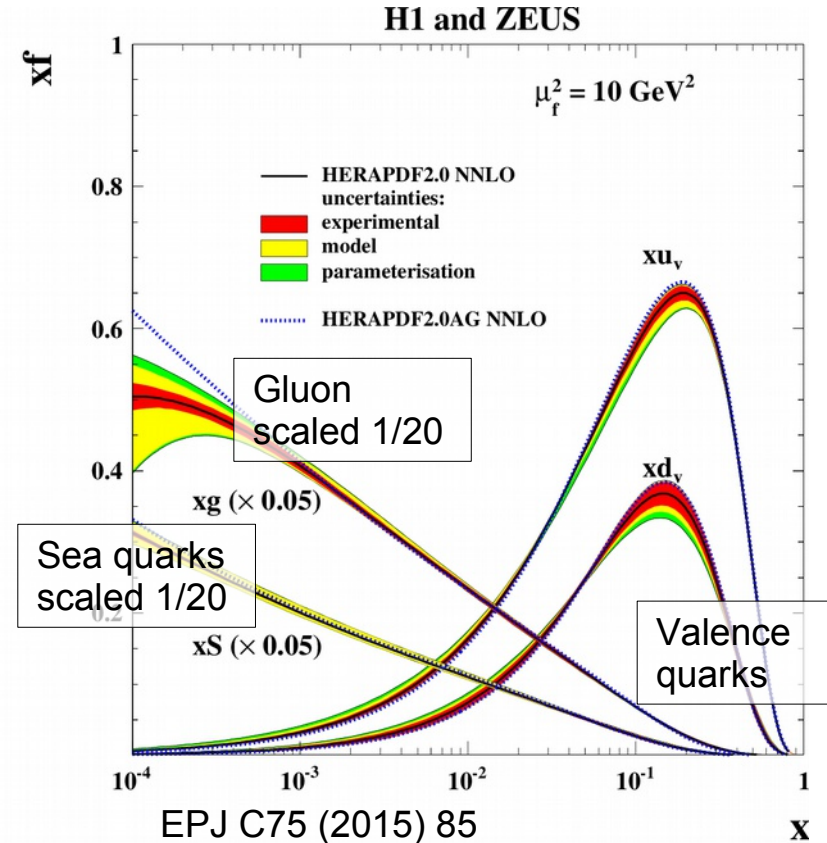
- HERA kinematic reach
 - For low $Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$:
low- x : $3 \times 10^{-5} < x < 3 \times 10^{-2}$
 - High- x is probed only for or high Q^2 (but is statistically limited)
- Nevertheless, HERA data is the fundament of all modern PDF determinations
- **The EIC is going to improve substantially the precision at high x**



HERAPDF NNLO QCD fit

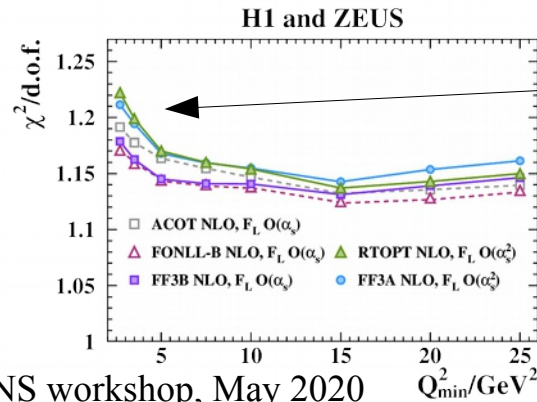
- Proton PDFs at a scale $\mu^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2$, from NNLO QCD fit of HERA data (14 parameter fit)
- The experimental uncertainties are small
- At low $x < 10^{-3}$, model and parametrization uncertainties dominate
- The high- x region is not measured well, only constrained by sum-rules and choice of parametrization

→ EIC data are needed to improve on this



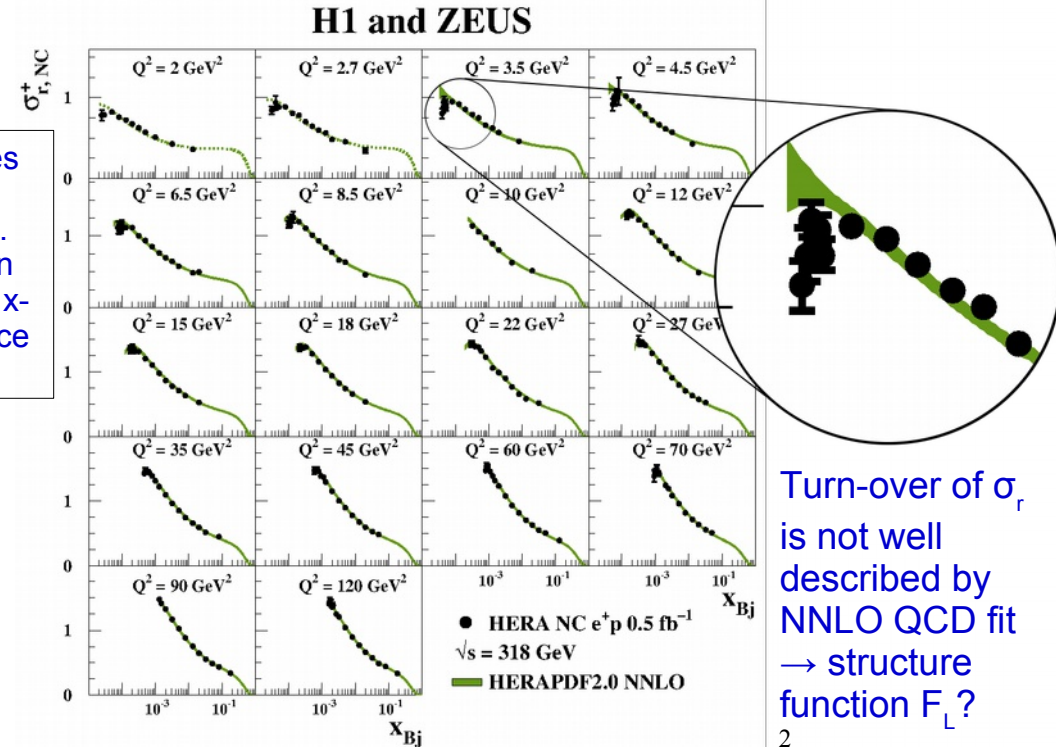
Data at low-x and DGLAP fit

- Zoom in at low-x, low Q^2
- Theoretically and experimentally challenging
- Experiment: low-y $\rightarrow$ low electron energy, background
- Theory: higher orders, resummation, ...



Fit quality deteriorates as more data at lower Q^2 are included

Q^2 changes between subpanels. For a given panel, the x-dependence is shown



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$$\sigma_{r,NC} \simeq F_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L$$

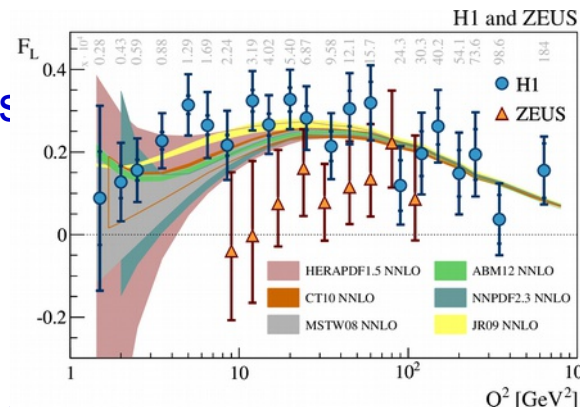
Measurement of F_L

- DGLAP fit probes gluon by scaling violations
 F_L probes the gluon more directly

$$\sigma_{r,NC} \simeq F_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L \quad y = Q^2 / (sx)$$

$F_L \sim \alpha_s xg(x)$ direct probe of gluon density

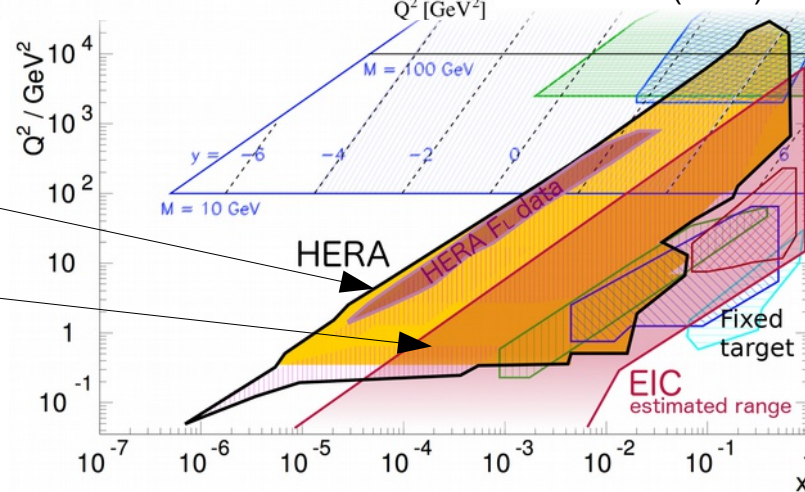
- Reasonable agreement of F_L and predictions
- HERA: small energy range $\sqrt{s}=225-320$ GeV, so only limited range of F_L is accessible
- HERA+EIC: possible measurement of F_L over a much large range $\rightarrow$ powerful test of QCD**



H1/ZEUS compatible at 1-2 σ

HERA measurements of F_L : large range in Q^2 but Q^2/x is fixed.

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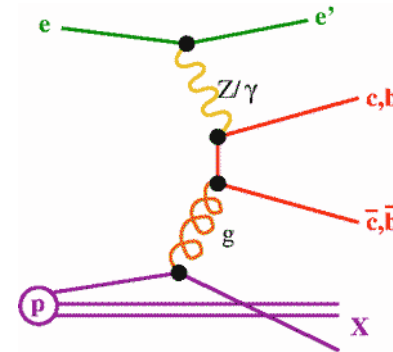


Hard probes: heavy flavour

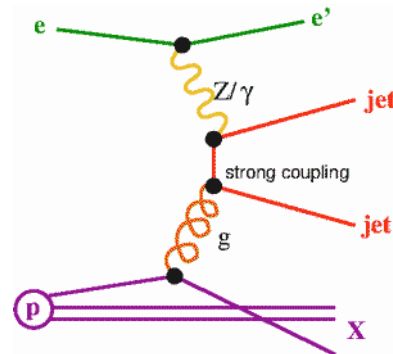
H1+ZEUS charm and beauty data combination
Charm and beauty masses

Heavy flavor and jet production

- Charm and beauty quarks or extra partons are emitted in higher order QCD processes
- Sensitive to fundamental QCD parameters: couplings and quark masses
- Measurement presented here
 - Charm and beauty structure functions



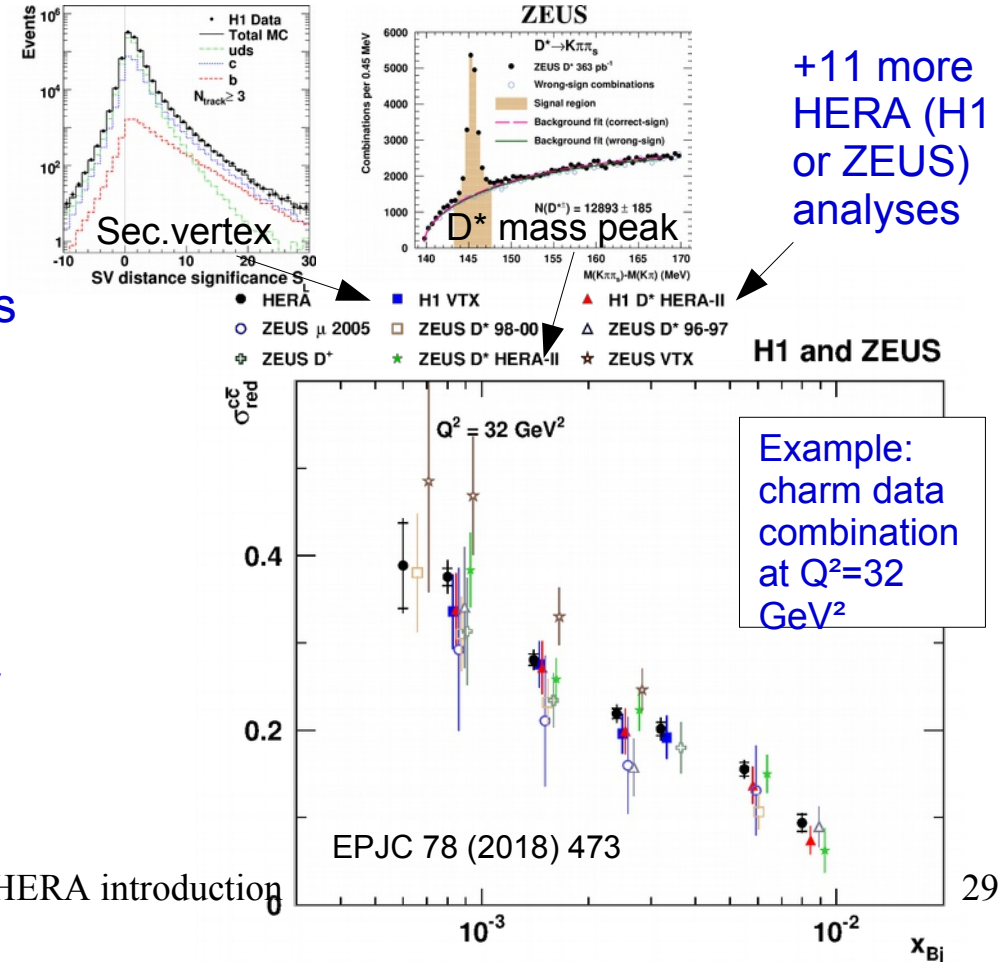
Example contribution to charm and beauty production



Example contribution to jet production

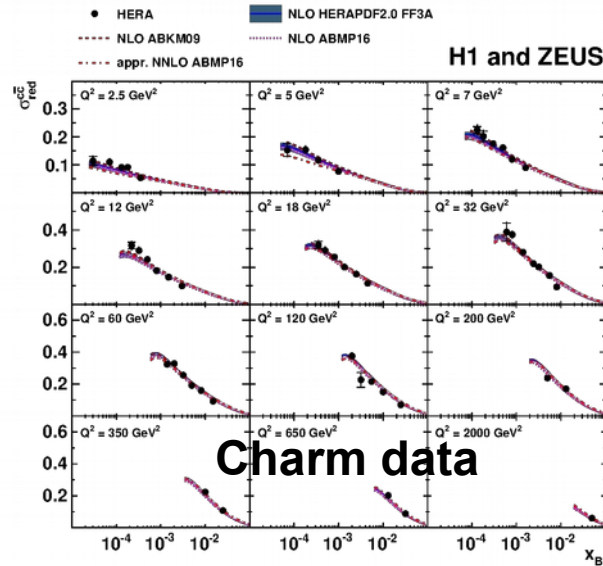
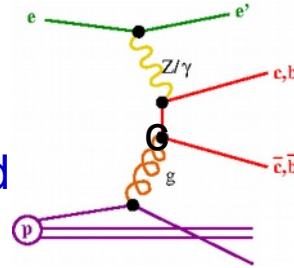
Charm and beauty data combination

- Combination of 13 datasets on charm and beauty in DIS from H1 and ZEUS
- Experimental methods
 - Fully reconstructed D or D* decays
 - High P_T leptons from heavy flavor decays
 - Secondary decay vertices
- Accuracy of the combined data:
 - ~5-9% for charm, ~15-25% for beauty



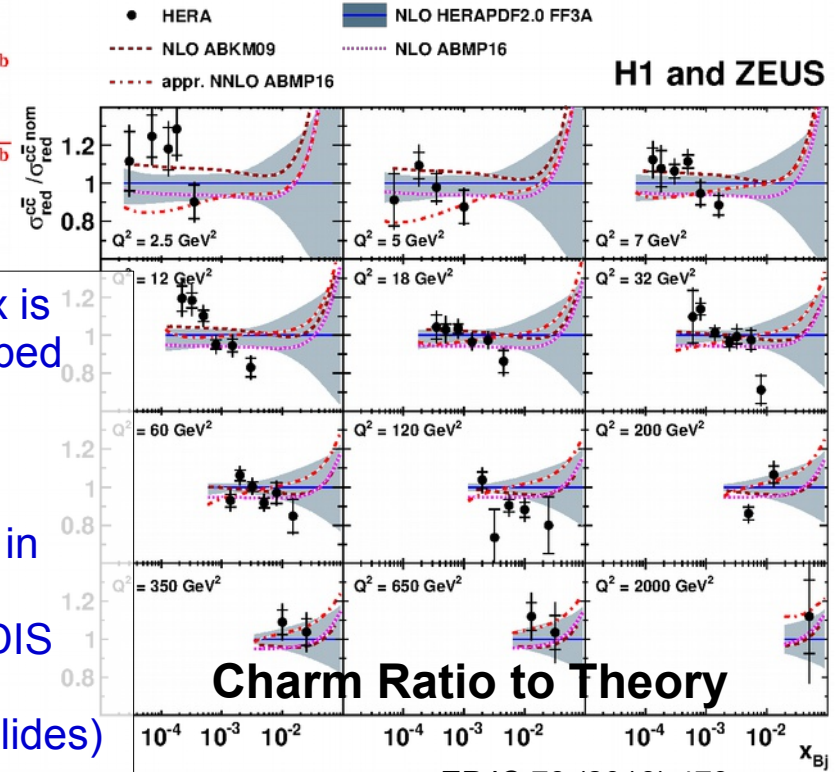
Structure functions with charm, beauty

- Heavy quarks are produced mainly in boson-gluon fusion
- Theory is challenging: multiple hard scales, massive particles, etc



Q^2 is changing between subpanels
Each subpanel shows the x dependence

Shape in x is not described perfectly. Could be related to difficulties in describing inclusive DIS data (see previous slides)



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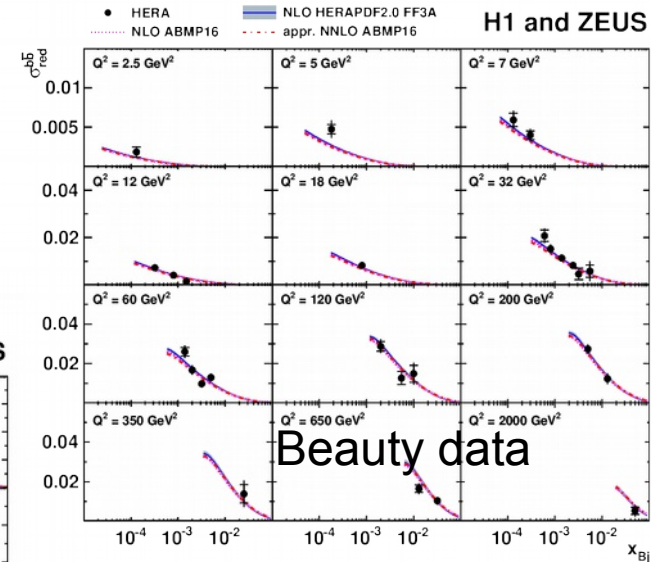
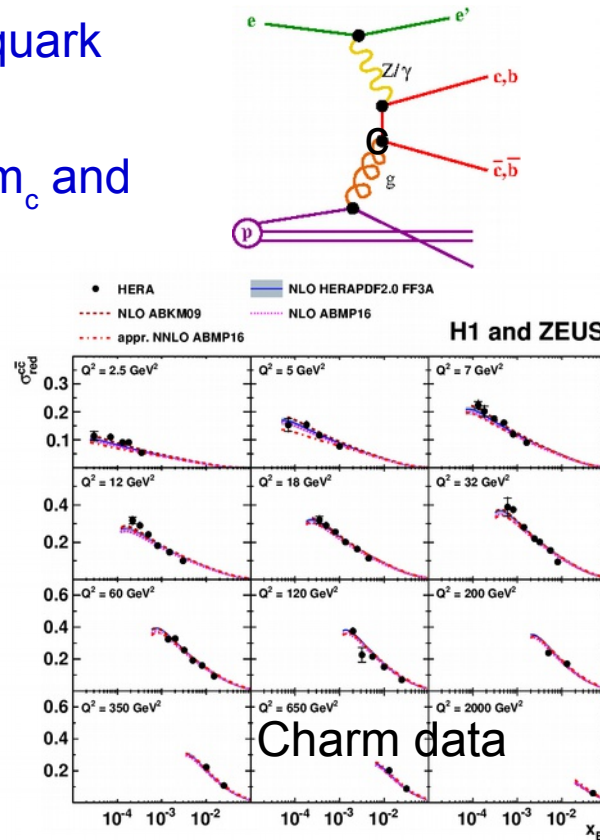
Structure functions with charm, beauty

- Probability to produce heavy quark depends on its mass
→ can extract quark masses m_c and m_b from HERA data alone:

$$m_c(m_c) = 1.290^{+0.077}_{-0.053}$$

$$m_b(m_b) = 4.049^{+0.138}_{-0.118}$$

Particle data group:
 $m_c = 1.28 \pm 0.025$ GeV
 $m_b = 4.18 \pm 0.03$ GeV



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Data are statistically limited →
**looking forward to have
precision data from EIC.**

Summary

- HERA: operated 1993-2007, still with active analyses
- New members are welcome in H1 or ZEUS, to contribute some of the studies we missed in the past
- Kinematic reconstruction: forward (proton) acceptance and photon radiation from electron line together limit the accessible range in (Q^2, x)
→ improvement at EIC expected from $3\times$ lower centre-of-mass energy (at same Q^2 access $\sim 10\times$ higher x) and from better detector acceptance
- Some highlights from HERA combined data: inclusive cross sections, PDF fits, charm and beauty production in DIS

Backup slides

Accelerators for particle physics at DESY

- DESY was founded in 1959
- German national laboratory for particle physics, accelerators, synchrotron sources
- Accelerators for particle physics
 - **DESY 1964-1978 [6 GeV]**
Since 1978: used as pre-accelerator only
 - **DORIS 1974-1992 [e^+e^- $\sqrt{s}=12$ GeV]**
1992-2012: used as synchrotron source
 - **PETRA 1978-1986 [e^+e^- $\sqrt{s}=45$ GeV]**
1990-2007: pre-accelerator, since 2009 synchrotron source
 - **HERA 1992-2007 [$e^\pm p$ $\sqrt{s}=320$ GeV]**
- DESY accelerators in 2020
→ photon science



The Sigma method

- Kinematic reconstruction using four-vectors (neglecting p and e masses):

$$y_e = 1 - \frac{(e' p)}{(ep)}, y_h = \frac{(Xp)}{(ep)}$$

$$Q^2 = \frac{p_T^2}{1-y}, x = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

- HERA frame: electron beam along -z axis → ratios of 4-vector products result in expressions involving $(E-p_z)$

For electron: $(E-p_z)_e = E_e(1-\cos \theta_e)$

Low Q^2 : $(E-p_z)_e$ is close to $2E_e$

- Electron method:

$$y_e = \frac{2E_0 - E_e(1-\cos \theta_e)}{2E_0}$$

$$Q_e^2 = 2E_0E_e(1+\cos \theta_e)$$

- ISR effectively changes beam energy E_0 → very poor reconstruction of low y
- Sigma method: estimate effective E_0 from data and get y from hadrons

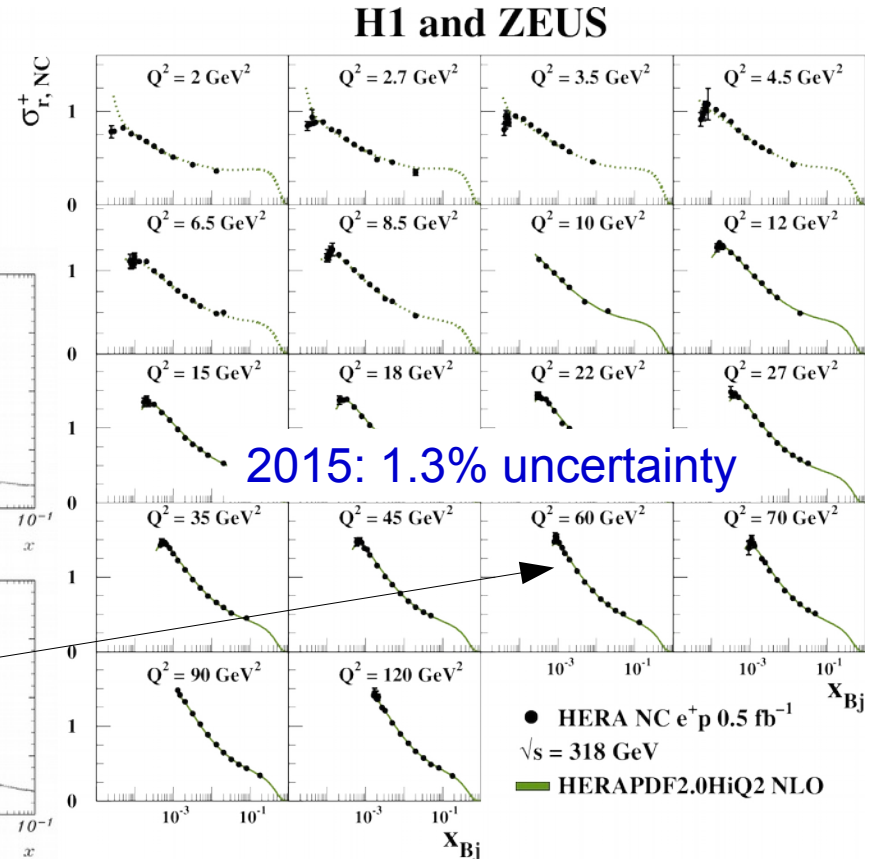
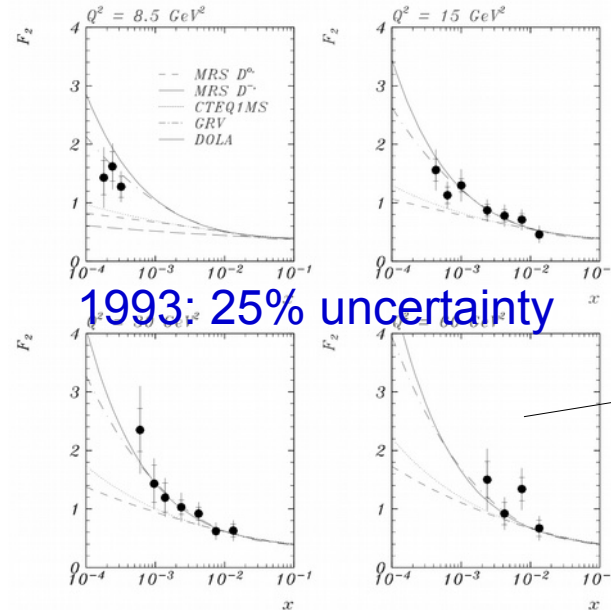
$$\Sigma = (E - p_z)_e + (E - p_z)_X$$

$$y_h \rightarrow y_\Sigma = \frac{(E - p_z)_X}{\Sigma}$$

Take Q^2 from electron method ($e\Sigma$) or use Σ also in the Q^2 calculation

The HERA “discovery”: rise of F_2 at low x

- Discovery in the early HERA data: structure function F_2 rises strongly at low x
- At the time: a surprise
- Impressive improvement in precision – it took >20 years to achieve this



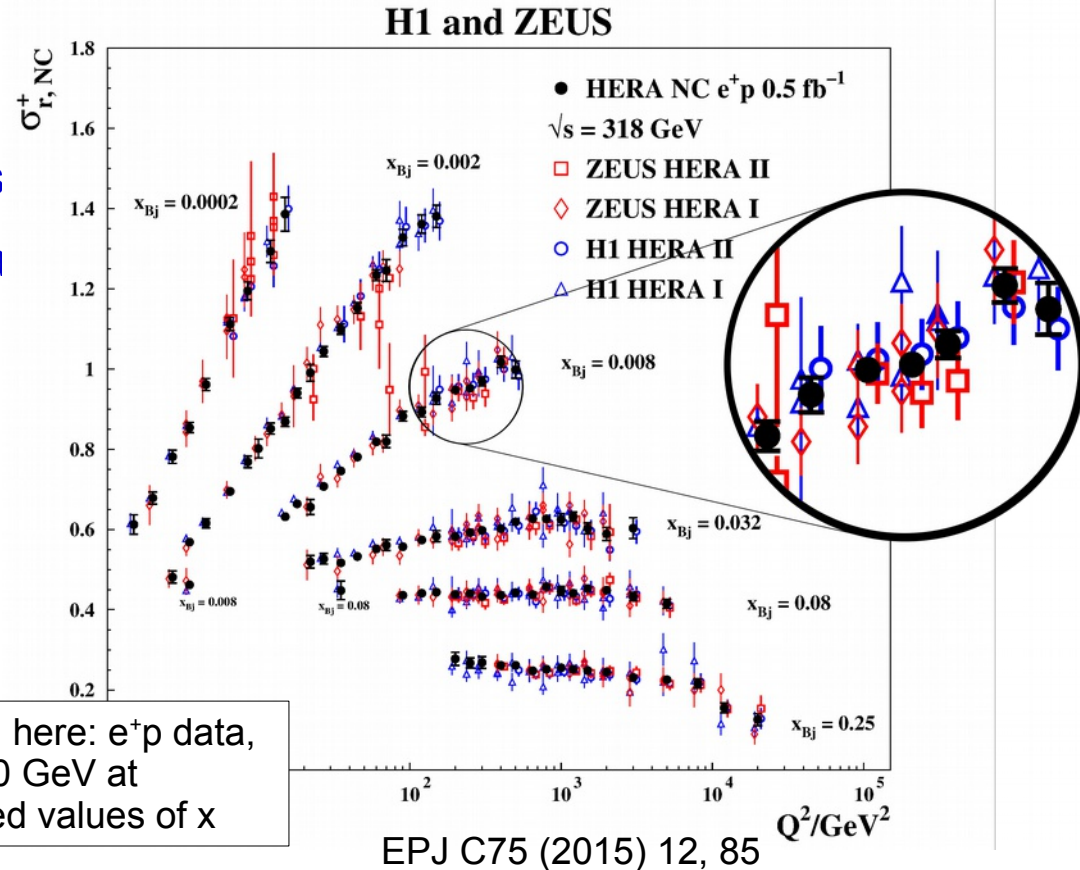
Towards the best precision: data combination

- Measurements of inclusive processes have been published in a total of **41 H1 and ZEUS papers**
- Data have been combined to a uniform HERA dataset: **EPJ C75 (2015) 12, 85**
 - Measurements of NC and CC for both e^+p and e^-p scattering at $\sqrt{s}=318$ GeV
 - Measurements of NC e^+p scattering at $\sqrt{s}=\{225,252,300,318\}$ GeV
- Precision better than 1.5% is reached for large parts of the data

Data Set	x_B Grid from to	Q^2 [GeV ²] Grid from to	$\mathcal{L}$ pb ⁻¹	e^+/e^-	$\sqrt{s}$ GeV	x_{Bj}, Q^2 from equations	Ref.
HERA I $E_p = 820$ GeV and $E_p = 920$ GeV data sets							
H1 svx-mb [2]	95-00	0.000005 0.02	0.2 12	2.1	e^+p	301, 319	[3]
H1 low Q^2 [2]	96-00	0.0002 0.1	12 150	22	e^+p	301, 319	[4]
H1 NC	94-97	0.0032 0.65	150 30000	35.6	e^+p	301	[5]
H1 CC	94-97	0.013 0.40	300 15000	35.6	e^+p	301	[5]
H1 NC	98-99	0.0032 0.65	150 30000	16.4	e^-p	319	[6]
H1 CC	98-99	0.013 0.40	300 15000	16.4	e^-p	319	[6]
H1 NC HY	98-99	0.0013 0.01	100 800	16.4	e^-p	319	[7]
H1 NC	99-00	0.0013 0.65	100 30000	65.2	e^+p	319	[7]
H1 CC	99-00	0.013 0.40	300 15000	65.2	e^+p	319	[7]
ZEUS BPC	95	0.000002 0.00006	0.11 0.65	1.65	e^+p	300	[11]
ZEUS BPT	97	0.0000006 0.001	0.045 0.65	3.9	e^+p	300	[12]
ZEUS SVX	95	0.000012 0.0019	0.6 17	0.2	e^+p	300	[13]
ZEUS NC [2] high/low Q^2	96-97	0.00006 0.65	2.7 30000	30.0	e^+p	300	[14]
ZEUS CC	94-97	0.015 0.42	280 17000	47.7	e^+p	300	[15]
ZEUS NC	98-99	0.005 0.65	200 30000	15.9	e^-p	318	[16]
ZEUS CC	98-99	0.015 0.42	280 30000	16.4	e^-p	318	[17]
ZEUS NC	99-00	0.005 0.65	200 30000	63.2	e^+p	318	[18]
ZEUS CC	99-00	0.008 0.42	280 17000	60.9	e^+p	318	[19]
HERA II $E_p = 920$ GeV data sets							
H1 NC ^{1.5p}	03-07	0.0008 0.65	60 30000	182	e^+p	319	[8] ¹
H1 CC ^{1.5p}	03-07	0.008 0.40	300 15000	182	e^+p	319	[8] ¹
H1 NC ^{1.5p}	03-07	0.0008 0.65	60 50000	151.7	e^-p	319	[8] ¹
H1 CC ^{1.5p}	03-07	0.008 0.40	300 30000	151.7	e^-p	319	[8] ¹
H1 NC med Q^2 ^{*y.5}	03-07	0.0000986 0.005	8.5 90	97.6	e^+p	319	[10]
H1 NC low Q^2 ^{*y.5}	03-07	0.000029 0.00032	2.5 12	5.9	e^+p	319	[10]
ZEUS NC	06-07	0.005 0.65	200 30000	135.5	e^+p	318	[13,14,20]
ZEUS CC ^{1.5p}	06-07	0.0078 0.42	280 30000	132	e^+p	318	[23]
ZEUS NC ^{1.5}	05-06	0.005 0.65	200 30000	169.9	e^-p	318	[20]
ZEUS CC ^{1.5}	04-06	0.015 0.65	280 30000	175	e^-p	318	[21]
ZEUS NC nominal ^{*y}	06-07	0.000092 0.008343	7 110	44.5	e^+p	318	[24]
ZEUS NC satellite ^{*y}	06-07	0.000071 0.008343	5 110	44.5	e^+p	318	[24]
HERA II $E_p = 575$ GeV data sets							
H1 NC high Q^2	07	0.00065 0.65	35 800	5.4	e^+p	252	[9]
H1 NC low Q^2	07	0.0000279 0.0148	1.5 90	5.9	e^+p	252	[10]
ZEUS NC nominal	07	0.000147 0.013349	7 110	7.1	e^+p	251	[24]
ZEUS NC satellite	07	0.000125 0.013349	5 110	7.1	e^+p	251	[24]
HERA II $E_p = 460$ GeV data sets							
H1 NC high Q^2	07	0.00081 0.65	35 800	11.8	e^+p	225	[9]
H1 NC low Q^2	07	0.0000348 0.0148	1.5 90	12.2	e^+p	225	[10]
ZEUS NC nominal	07	0.000184 0.016686	7 110	13.9	e^+p	225	[24]
ZEUS NC satellite	07	0.000143 0.016686	5 110	13.9	e^+p	225	[24]

The power of combining

- A total of 2927 H1 and ZEUS measurements are averaged to about 1307 combined reduced cross sections
- Up to six measurements contribute to a single point
- Systematic uncertainties and their cross-correlations are handled consistently
- Better than 1.5% precision is reached over a wide kinematic range
- Excellent data consistency:
 $\chi^2/N_{\text{D.F.}} = 1687/1620$

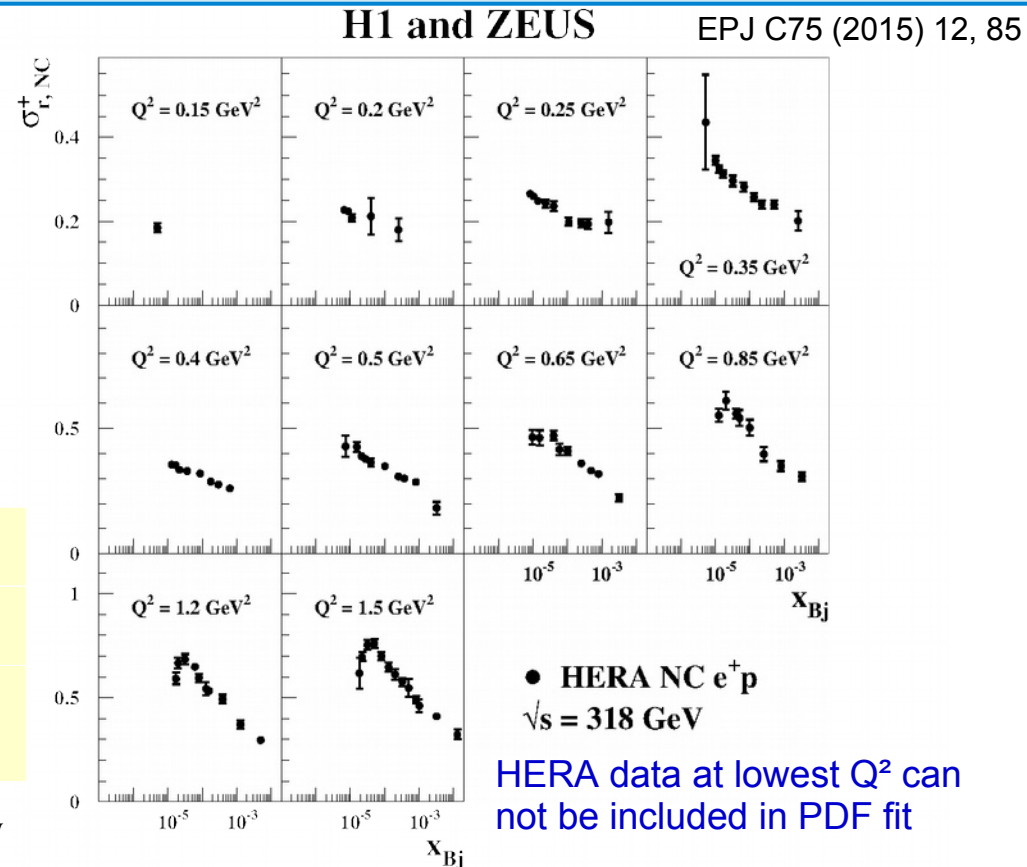


Transition to photoproduction

- At HERA, both deep-inelastic scattering ($Q^2 > 0$) and photoproduction ($Q^2 = 0$) can be measured
- Can map the transition region, where Q^2 is very small
- challenge for perturbative calculations

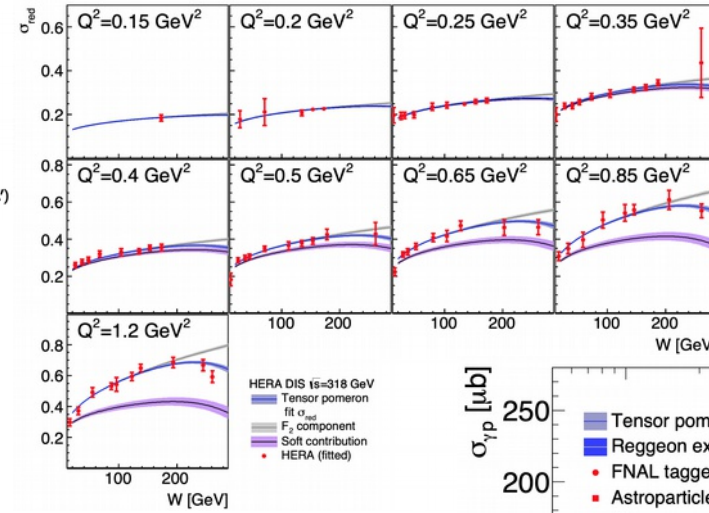
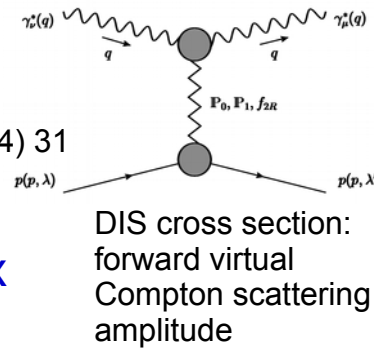
Perturbative QCD	Regge theory
High $Q^2 \gg 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	High energy $W \gg Q$
Q^2 evolution: DGLAP equations	W -dependence: Regge trajectories

$$W = \sqrt{(q + p)^2} = Q^2(1/x - 1) \text{ photon-proton energy}$$



Fit of photoproduction and HERA DIS data

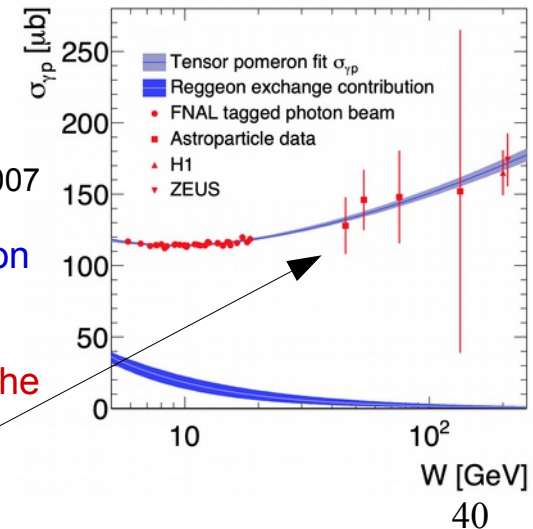
- Tensor-pomeron model (Ewerz, Maniatis, Nachtmann) Ann.Phys 342 (2014) 31
- Coherent description of photoproduction and low-x DIS data
- Fit three trajectories and Q^2 dependencies
 - Reggeon $\sim W^{2\epsilon_2}$ where $\epsilon_2 = 0.0485^{+0.0088}_{-0.0090}$
 - Hard Pomeron $\sim W^{2\epsilon_0}$ where $\epsilon_0 = 0.3008^{+0.0073}_{-0.0084}$
 - Soft pomeron $\sim W^{2\epsilon_1}$ where $\epsilon_1 = 0.0935^{+0.0076}_{-0.0064}$



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HERA photoproduction data: $W \sim 200$ GeV

EIC data can bridge the gap to fixed target in photoproduction

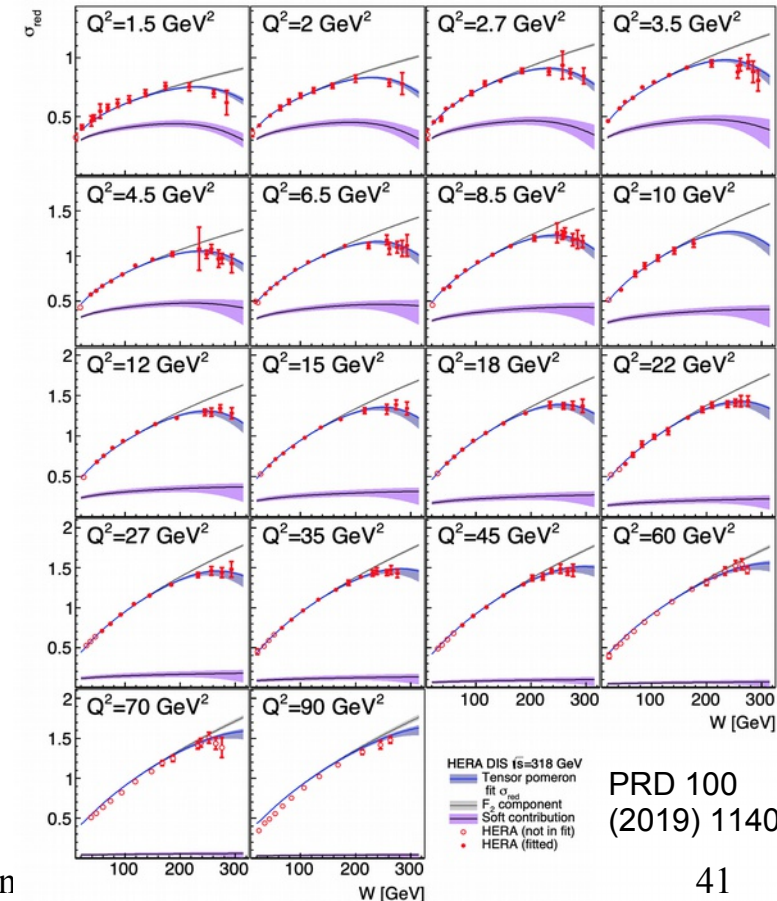


Subset of HERA DIS data at low Q^2 wrt. W

Compatible with canonical DL intercept $\alpha_0 = 1 + \epsilon = 1.0808$
 Good fit quality: $\chi^2/N_{\text{D.F.}} = 587.9 / 536$ (probability 6%)

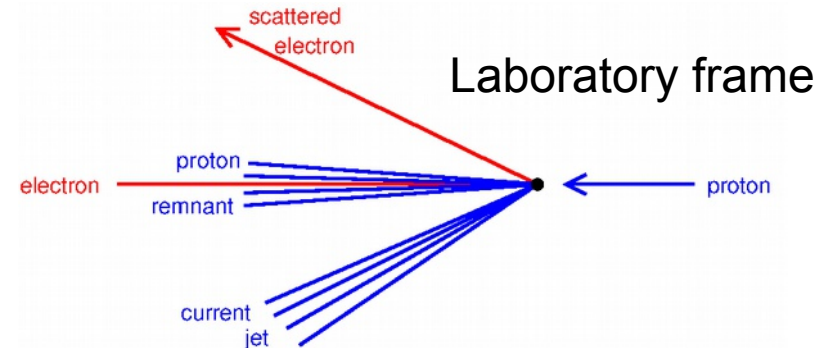
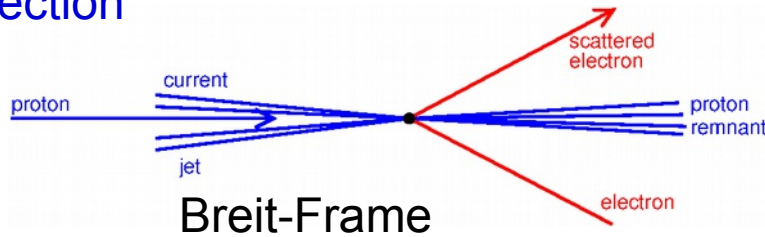
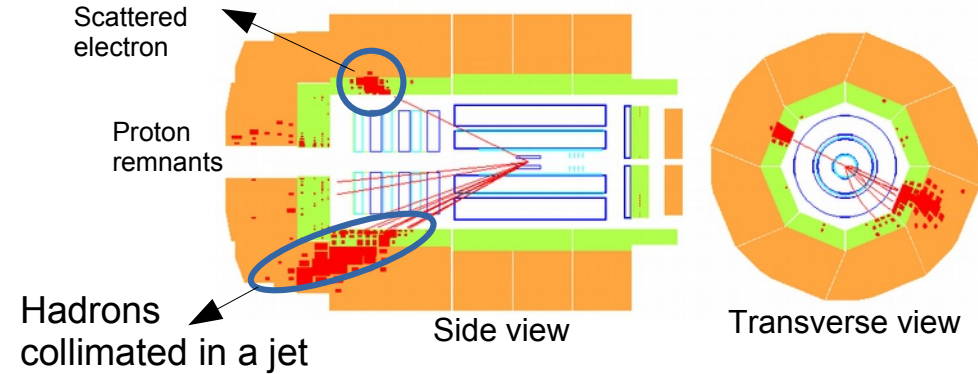
Tensor pomeron fit at larger Q^2

- HERA data at $\sqrt{s}=318$ GeV, $Q^2 \geq 1.5$ GeV²
- Described well by the Tensor pomeron fit
- **Soft pomeron contribution is significant even at $Q^2=10$ GeV²**
- Could be an indication of sizable non-perturbative contributions to the DIS data relevant for PDF fits
(e.g. HERAPDF fit includes data at $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV²)



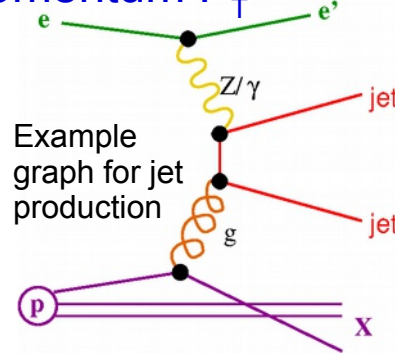
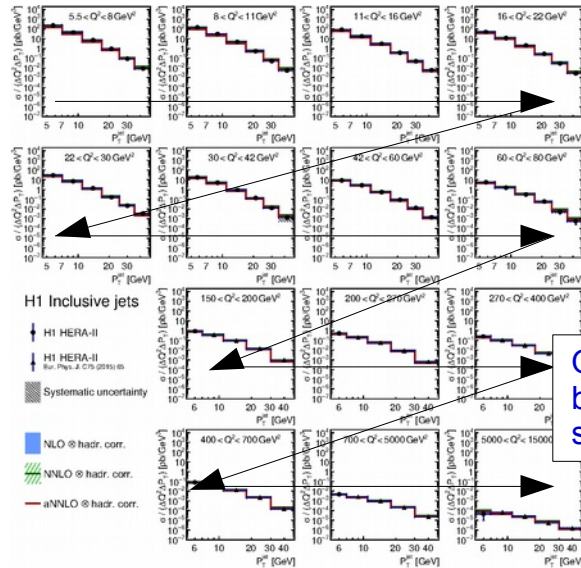
Jet production in the Breit frame

- Hadrons are emitted in jets
- Interpretation: a parton is scattered off the proton and fragments
- Breit-frame: Lorentz-transformation to have proton remnant and current-jet well separated
- Measure the emission of further jets which have $P_T > 0$ wrt expected current jet direction



Jet cross section measurements

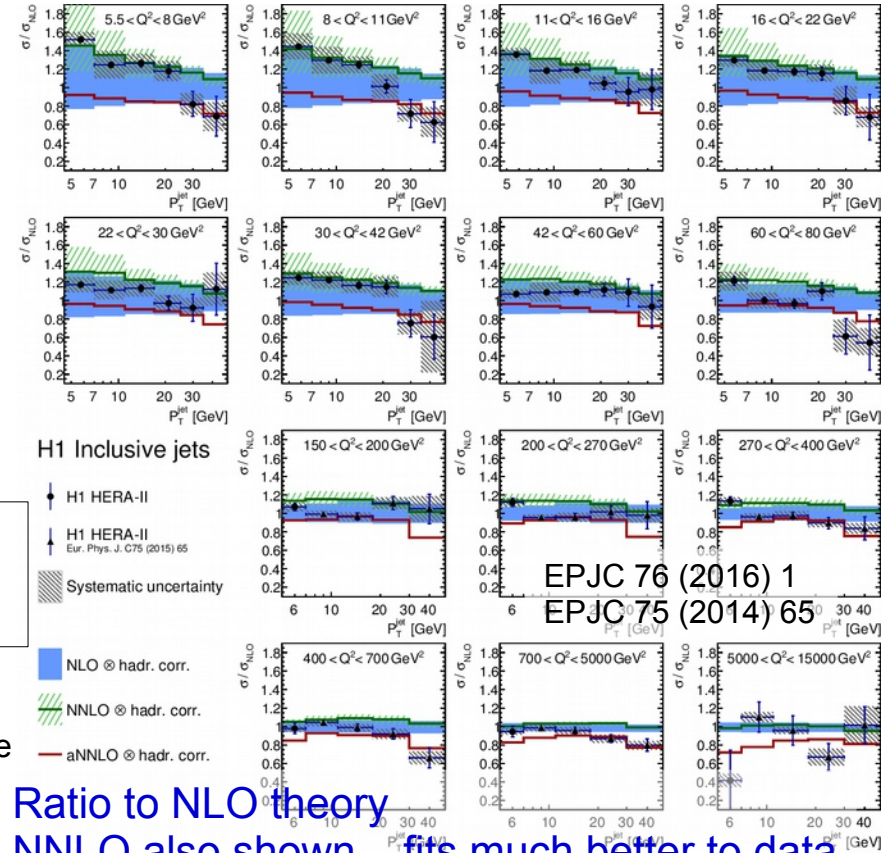
- Jet production measured as a function of Q^2 and the jet transverse momentum P_T



Q^2 increases between subfigures

Accuracy: 1-2% plus 2.5% normalisation

Achieved with sophisticated unfolding technique

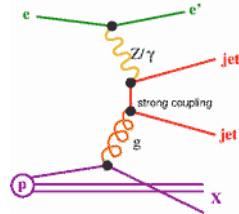


Each subfigure shows the P_T dependence
Steeply falling cross section → look at ratio to theory

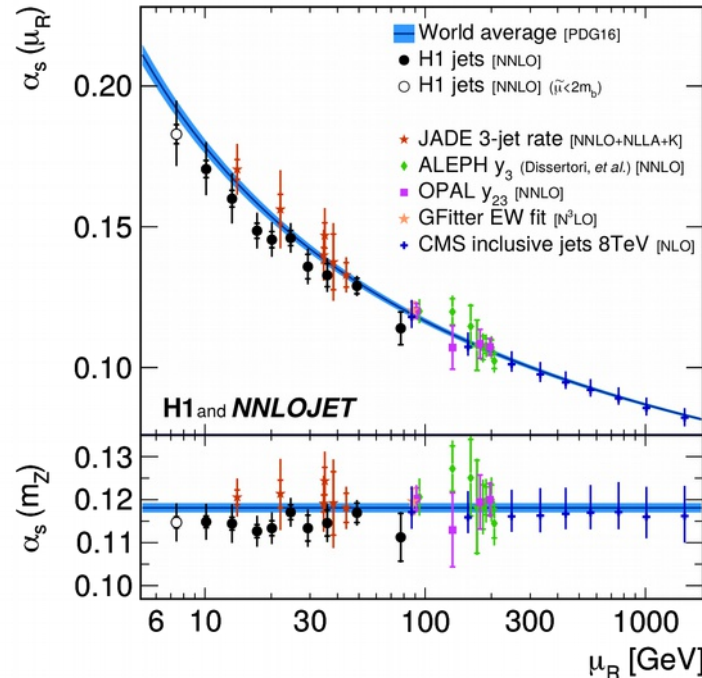
Ratio to NLO theory
NNLO also shown – fits much better to data

Measurement of α_s

- Fundamental parameter in QCD: coupling α_s
- Coupling is running with the scale $\mu^2 = Q^2 + P_T^2$



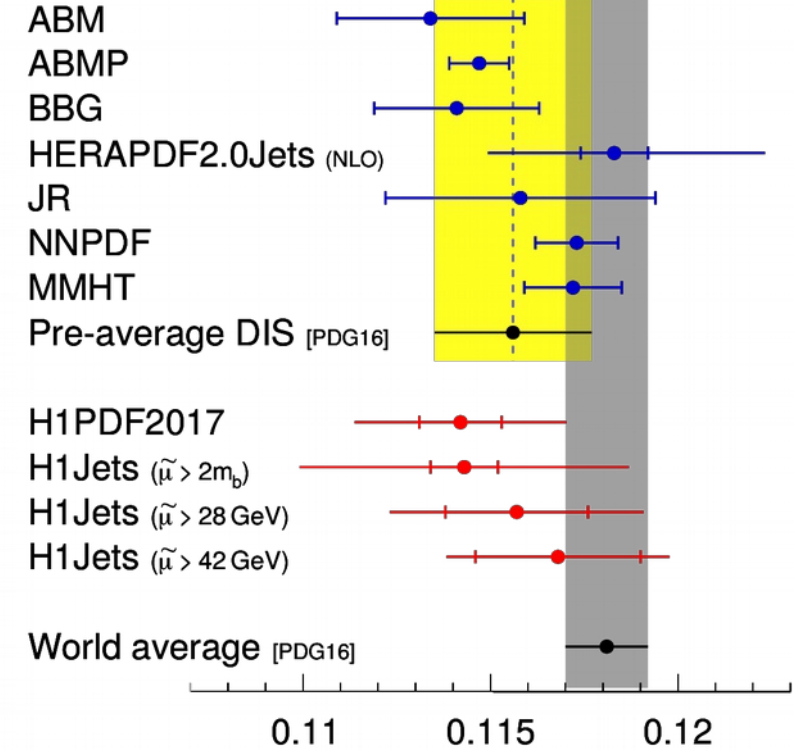
- Probe this running in a single experiment
- Extract the coupling at the conventional scale $\mu = m_Z$



S.Schmitt, HERA introduction

α_s determinations in NNLO

H1 and NNLOJET



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$\alpha_s(m_Z)$
44