

# Charm and beauty at HERA



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H1 and ZEUS



# Outline

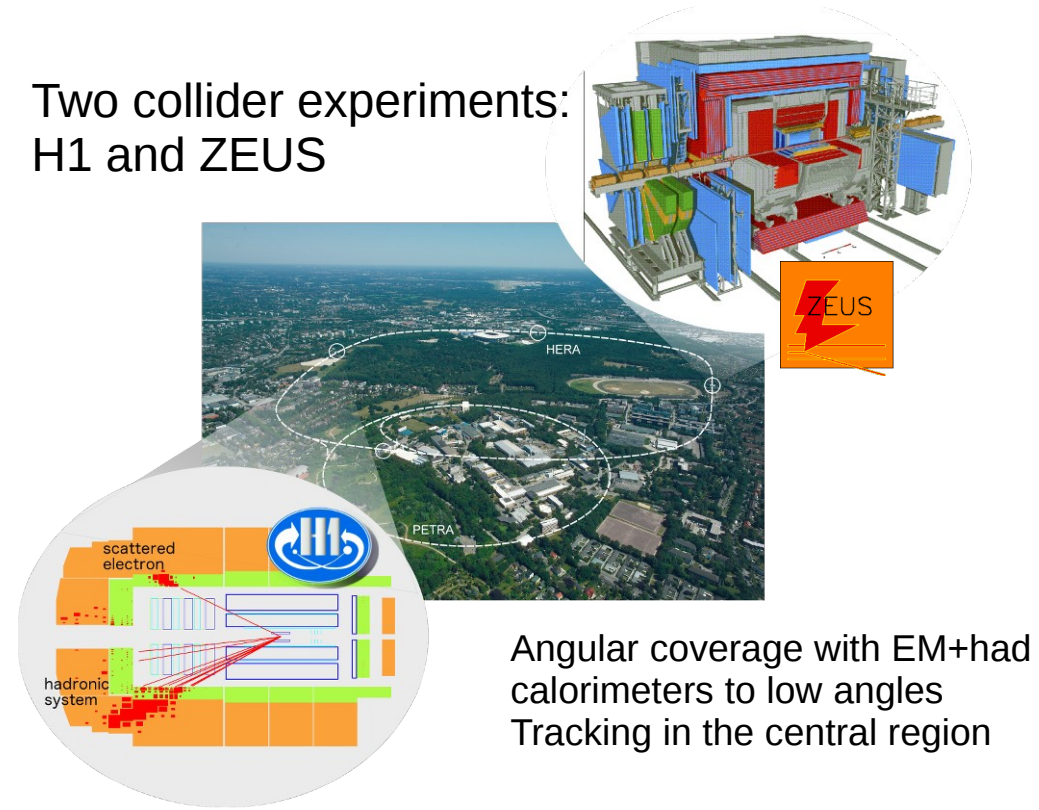


- The HERA collider
- Charm and beauty production in deep-inelastic scattering
- Data combination
- The new combined HERA charm and beauty data
- Comparisons to NLO QCD
- Charm production in diffractive DIS

# The HERA collider

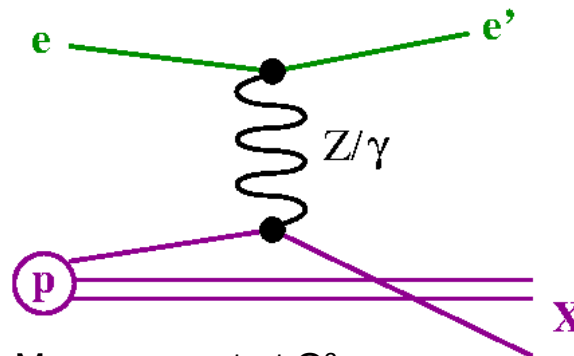
- World's only ep collider 1992-2007
- $920 \times 27.6$  GeV ( $\sqrt{s}=320$  GeV)
- Two collider experiments, H1 and ZEUS
- Integrated Luminosity:  
 $\sim 2 \times 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- $e^+p$  and  $e^-p$  data

Two collider experiments:  
H1 and ZEUS



# Deep-inelastic scattering

- Inclusive processes
  - Neutral current (NC)
  - Charged current (CC)
- Momentum transfer  $Q^2$
- Inelasticity  $y$
- Bjorken- $x$
- This talk: NC scattering with charm or beauty detected in the hadronic final state  $X$



Measurement at  $Q^2, x$   
 probes sum of (anti-) quark PDFs  
 $\sigma \sim \sum |M|^2 e_i^2 f_i(Q^2, x)$   
 (gluon enters at higher orders)

exchanged 4-momentum:

$$q = e - e' = X - p$$

Kinematic variables

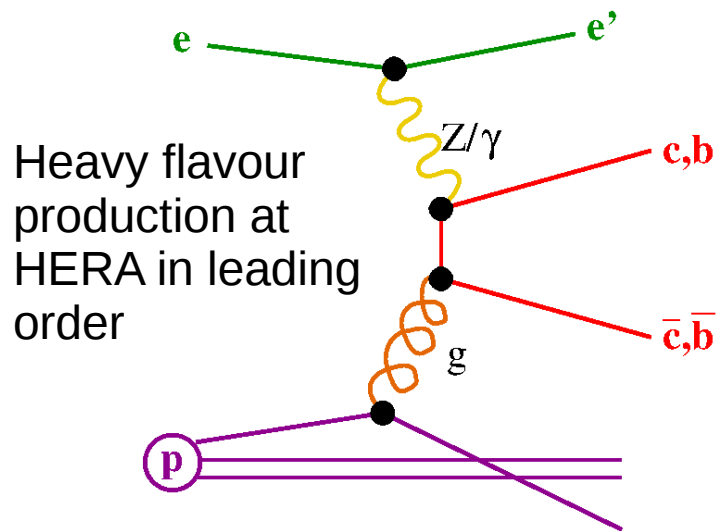
$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot e}$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$



# Charm and beauty production at HERA



Experimental methods:

High  $p_t$  lepton

Reconstructed  $D, D^*$  mesons

Impact parameter, secondary vertex

Measured quantity: reduced cross section  $\sigma_{\text{red}}$  with charm or beauty in final state

Reduced cross section: double-differential cross section divided by kinematic factors

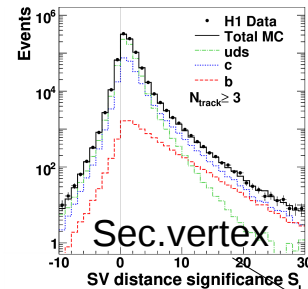
NLO calculations: fixed-flavour number scheme (FFNS) where PDF only contains light flavours  $u, d, s$  and the gluon. Massive heavy quarks are in the matrix elements

Alternative (not used in this talk): variable-flavour number scheme and massless  $c, b$  quarks in the PDF above threshold. PDFs can be converted between schemes.

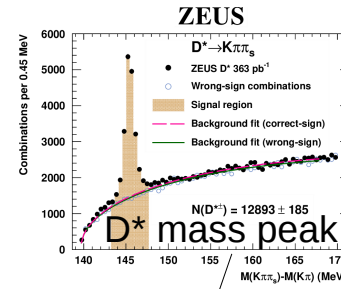
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- First combination of HERA charm data published in 2012
- [Eur.Phys.J.C73 \(2013\) 2311](#)
- This talk: new combination of charm and beauty data
- **H1prelim-17-071, ZEUS-prel-17-01**
- 13 datasets, using different experimental methods

(Data combination details: see backup slides)

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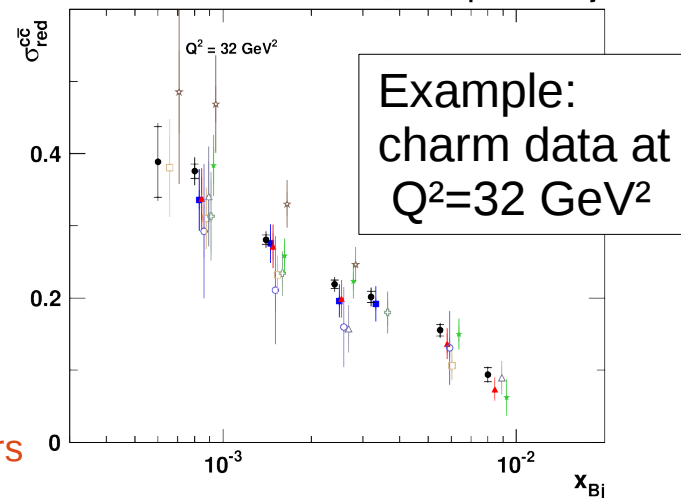


Combined data: 12 bins in  $Q^2$ , 52 charm data points and 27 beauty data points, all point-to-point correlations taken into account

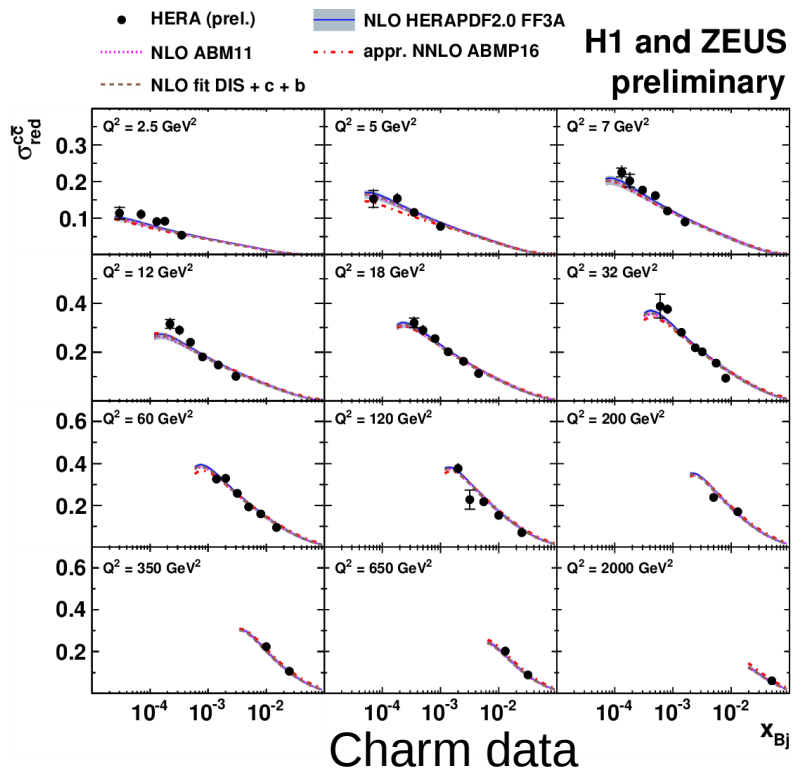


+11 more HERA (H1 or ZEUS) analyses

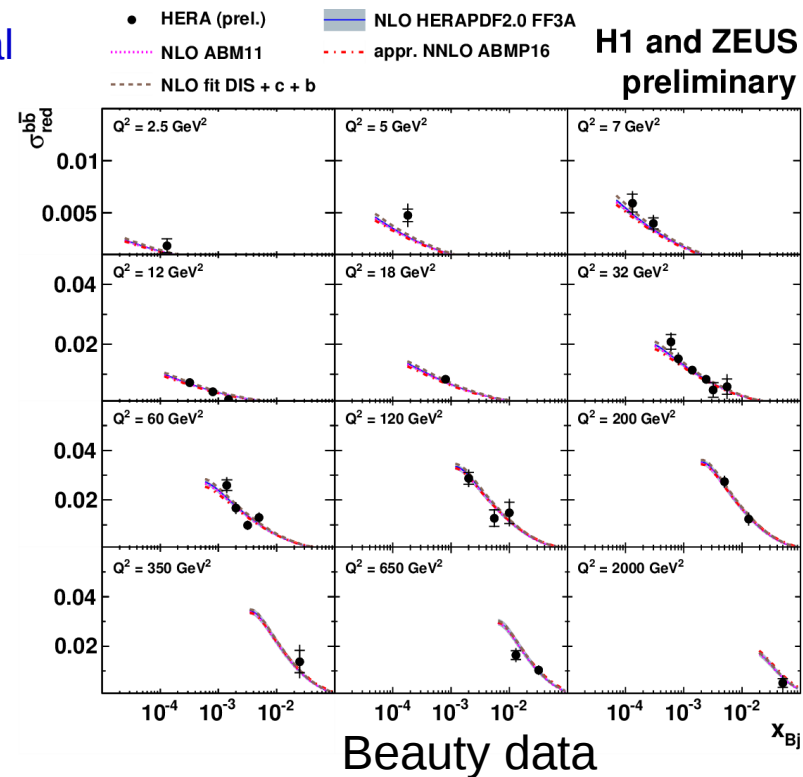
Legend for the bottom plot:  
 ■ H1 VTX  
 □ ZEUS D\* 98-00  
 ● ZEUS D\* HERA-II  
 ▲ H1 D\* HERA-II  
 △ ZEUS D\* 96-97  
 ☆ ZEUS VTX  
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 ◇ ZEUS D\*  
 ● HERA (prel.)



H1 and ZEUS preliminary

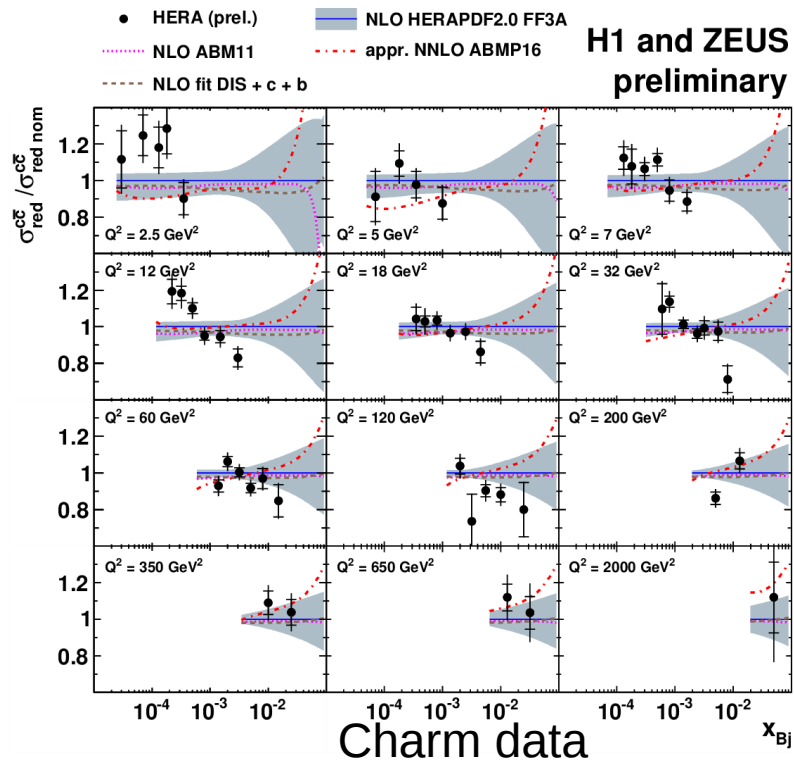


- Rise to low  $x$ : typical for sea and gluon
- Cross section evolves with  $Q^2$
- NLO predictions describe data reasonably well
- Improved precision compared to the 2012 measurement (see backup slides)
- First combination of HERA beauty data

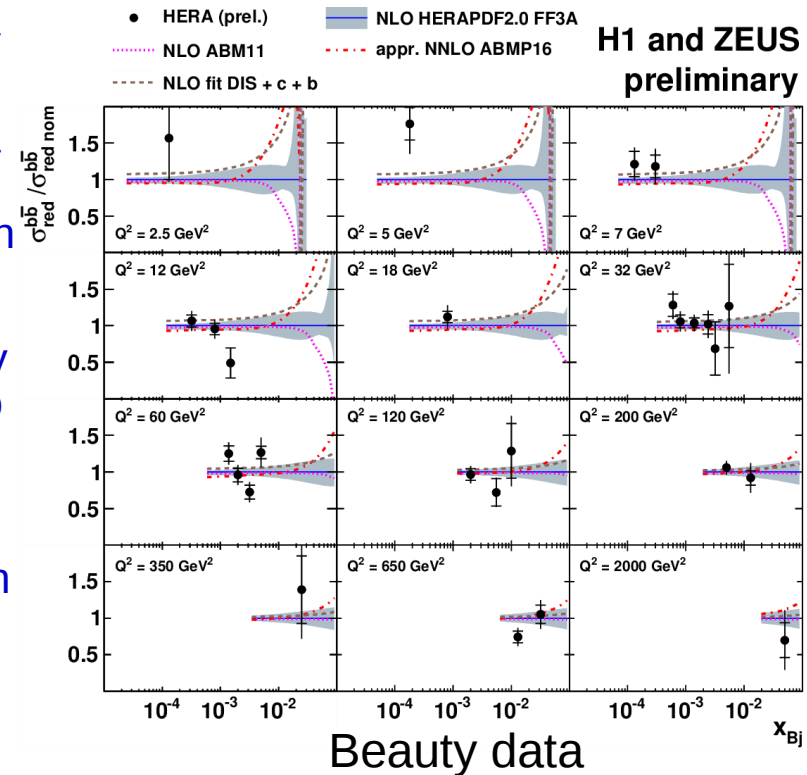


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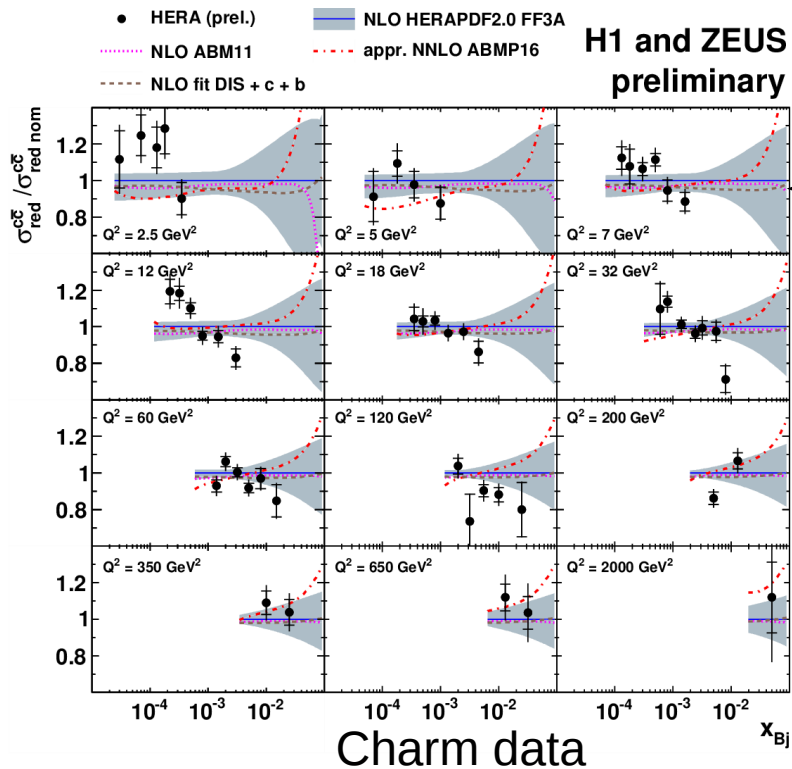


- Overall satisfactory description of the HERA c and b data by NLO QCD, not much dependent on PDF choice
- No improvement by approximate NNLO
- Slope difference between data and theory as a function of x is visible for charm data at  $Q^2 \sim 12 \text{ GeV}^2$



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- Charm and beauty data together with HERA inclusive DIS data are taken as input to a NLO QCD fit (dashed line)

- Simultaneously extract PDFs and c,b masses

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$$m_b(m_b) = 4049^{+104}_{-109}(\text{fit})^{+90}_{-32}(\text{model})^{+1}_{-31}(\text{param}) \text{ MeV}$$

- Compatible with previous HERA analyses and with world data

PDG:  $m_c(m_c) = 1270 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$   
 and  $m_b(m_b) = 4180 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$

Also see talk by A. Gizhko on running charm mass (Friday)

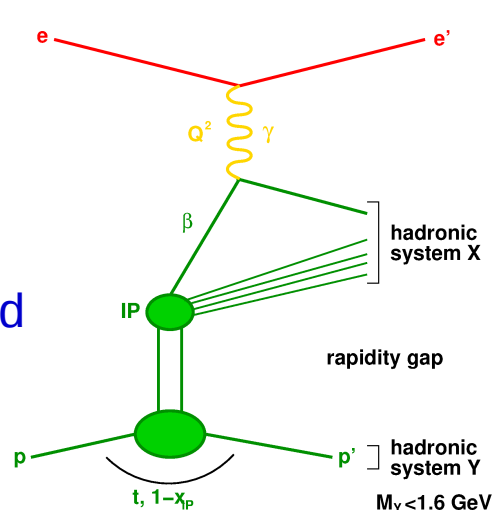
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# Charm production in diffractive DIS

- About 10% of the inclusive DIS cross section at HERA are diffractive at low  $x$
- Experimental signature: proton stays intact, no activity in forward detectors, large rapidity gap

$t$  : p vertex 4-mom. transfer squared  
 $x_{IP}$  : IP long. mom. fraction  
 $\beta$  or  $z_{IP}$  : parton long. mom. fraction

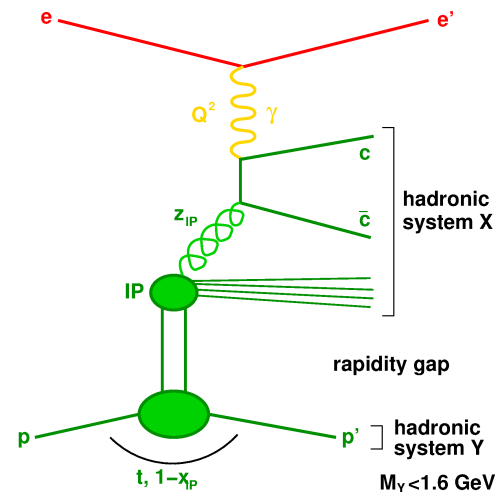
- Theory (Collins): QCD factorisation holds in diffractive DIS  $\rightarrow$  concept of diffractive PDFs (DPDFs)



Inclusive diffraction:  
extract DPDFs

$$f_i(Q^2, \beta, t, x_{IP})$$

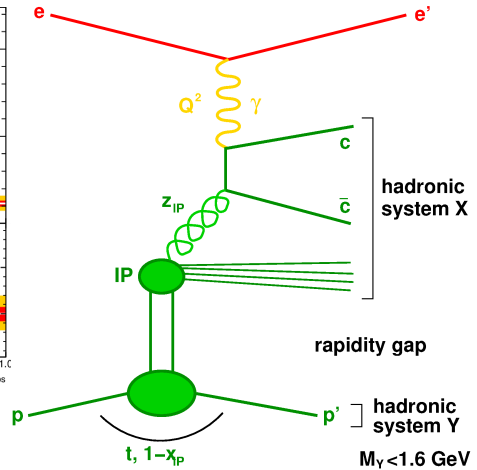
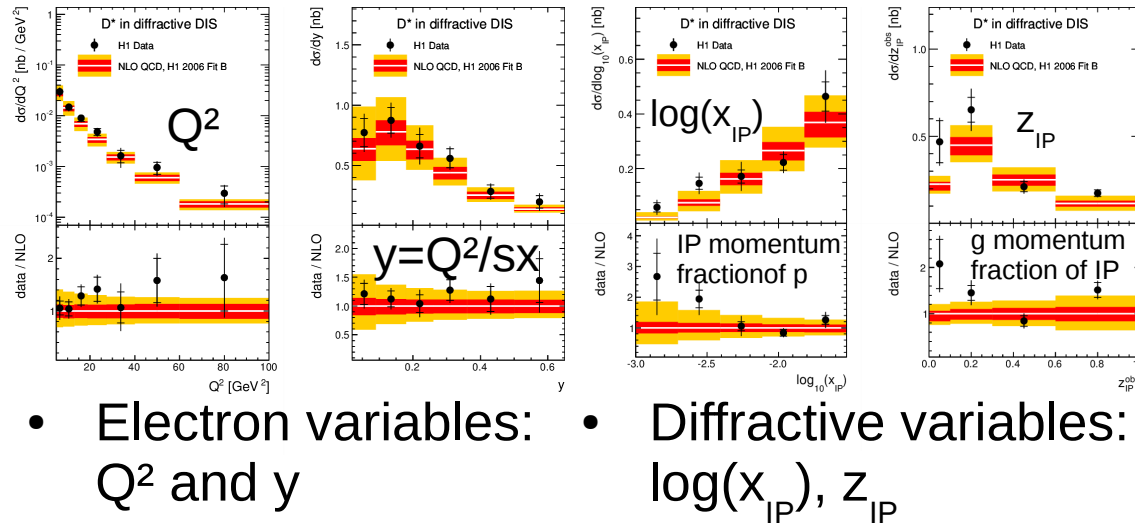
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Diffractive charm production: test factorisation theorem in diffraction

# Diffractive $D^*$ cross sections

DIS phase space
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$0.02 < y < 0.65$
$D^*$ kinematics
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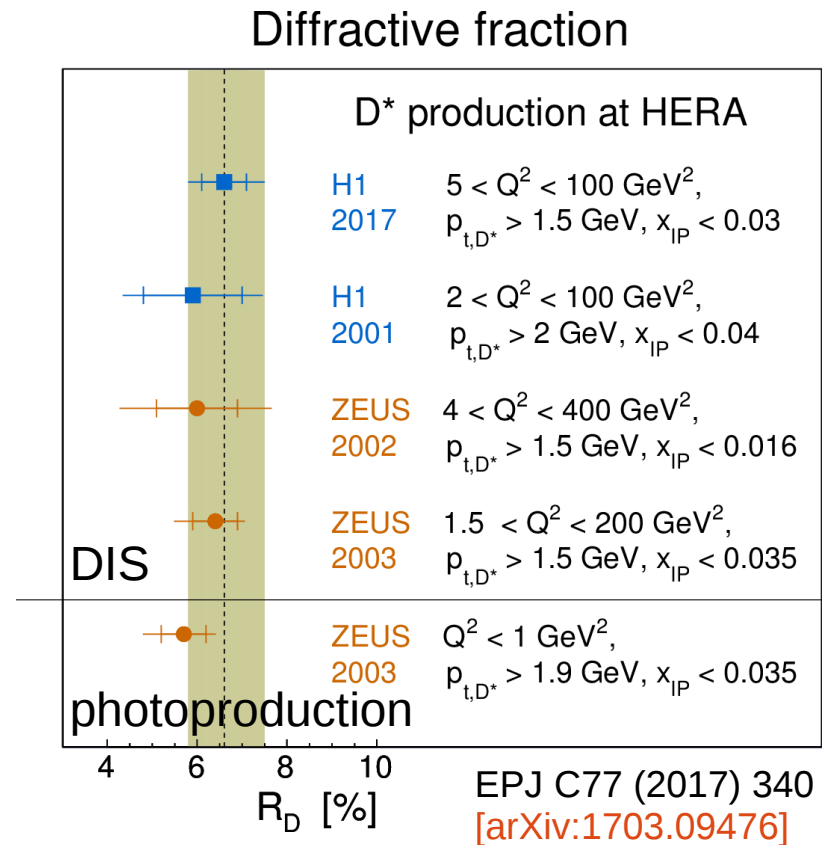


- Well described by NLO QCD, large theory scale uncertainties (yellow band)
- DPDF uncertainties (red) similar to data precision
- $D^*$  kinematic distributions also described ( $\rightarrow$  backup)

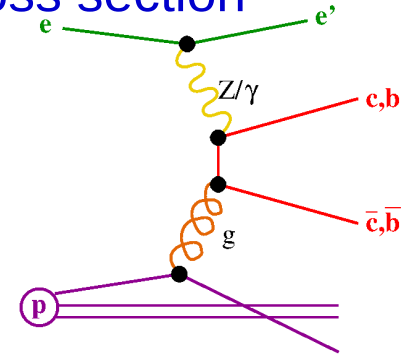
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[arXiv:1703.09476]

- Investigate diffractively produced fraction of  $D^*$  mesons
- Results of many analyses largely agree with each other
- Similar ratios are observed in deep-inelastic scattering and in photoproduction, where one possibly expects to see differences

Note: diffractive QCD factorisation theorem is proven only for DIS [ $Q^2 \gg 0$ ] not for photoproduction [ $Q^2 = 0$ ]



- New combination of **charm and beauty** double-differential cross section measurements in deep-inelastic scattering at HERA
- Test of QCD with massive quarks (multiple scale problem)
- Fixed flavour-number calculations provide good description
- PDF fit: charm and beauty data constrain quark masses



→ measure running quark masses  
from HERA data alone

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- New measurement of charm in diffractive DIS at HERA: test of diffractive QCD factorisation and diffractive PDFs
- Data are described by theory within large scale+DPDF uncertainties

# Backup

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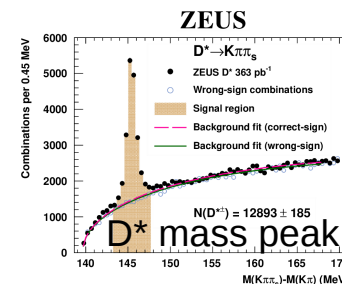
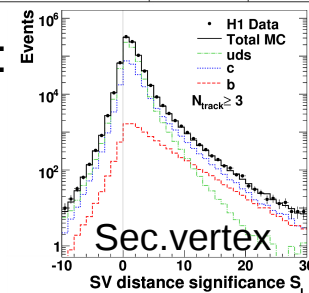
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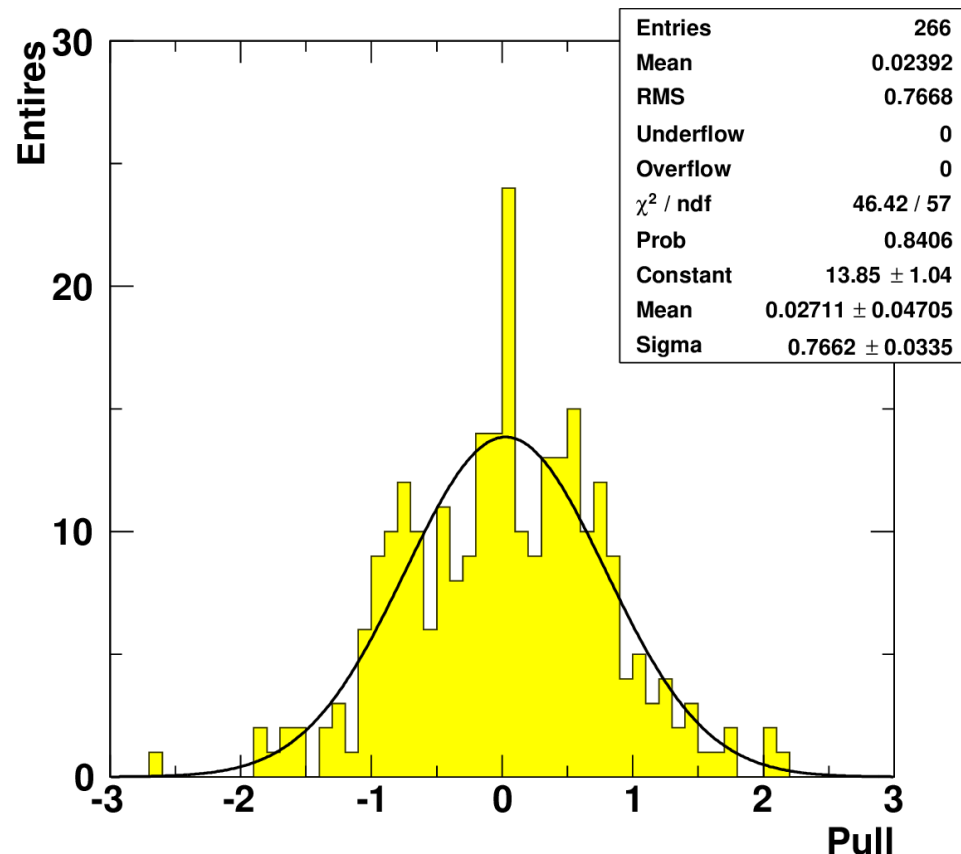
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1 H1 VTX [8]	VTX	5 – 2000	29	245	318	12
2 H1 $D^{*+}$ HERA-I [9]	$D^{*+}$	2 – 100	17	47	318	
3 H1 $D^{*+}$ HERA-II (medium $Q^2$ ) [10]	$D^{*+}$	5 – 100	25	348	318	
4 H1 $D^{*+}$ HERA-II (high $Q^2$ ) [11]	$D^{*+}$	100 – 1000	6	351	318	
5 ZEUS $D^{*+}$ 96-97 [12]	$D^{*+}$	1 – 200	21	37	300	
6 ZEUS $D^{*+}$ 98-00 [13]	$D^{*+}$	1.5 – 1000	31	82	318	
7 ZEUS $D^0$ 2005 [14]	$D^0$	5 – 1000	9	134	318	8
8 ZEUS $\mu$ 2005 [7]	$\mu$	20 – 10000	8	126	318	
9 ZEUS $D^+$ HERA-II [2]	$D^+$	5 – 1000	14	354	318	
10 ZEUS $D^{*+}$ HERA-II [3]	$D^{*+}$	5 – 1000	31	363	318	
11 ZEUS VTX HERA-II [4]	VTX	5 – 1000	18	354	318	17
12 ZEUS $e$ HERA-II [5]	$e$	10 – 1000		363	318	9
13 ZEUS $\mu$ + jet HERA-I [6]	$\mu$	2 – 3000		114	318	11

Most precise:  
secondary  
vertex,  $D^*$   
meson

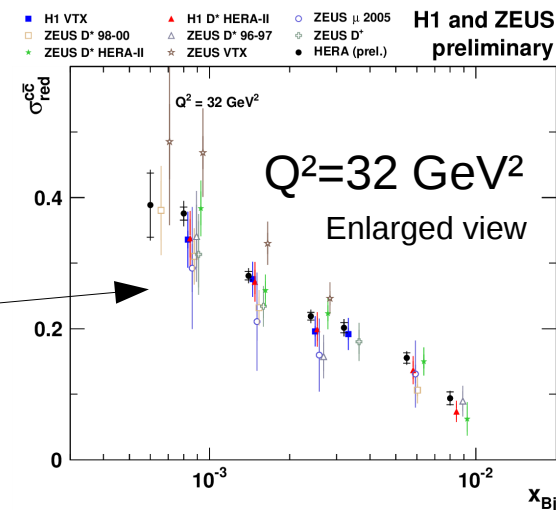
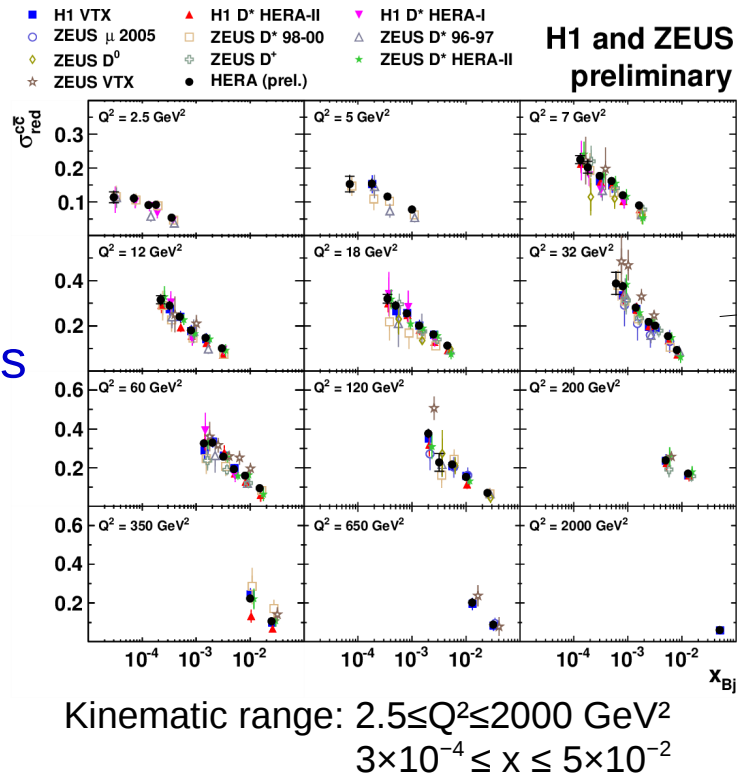




- Measurements are extrapolated to a common grid in  $(Q^2, x)$  using NLO theory. Correction factors near unity, theory variation considered as systematic uncertainty
- Combination  $\chi^2/\text{Ndf}=149/187$
- Pull distribution approximately Gaussian



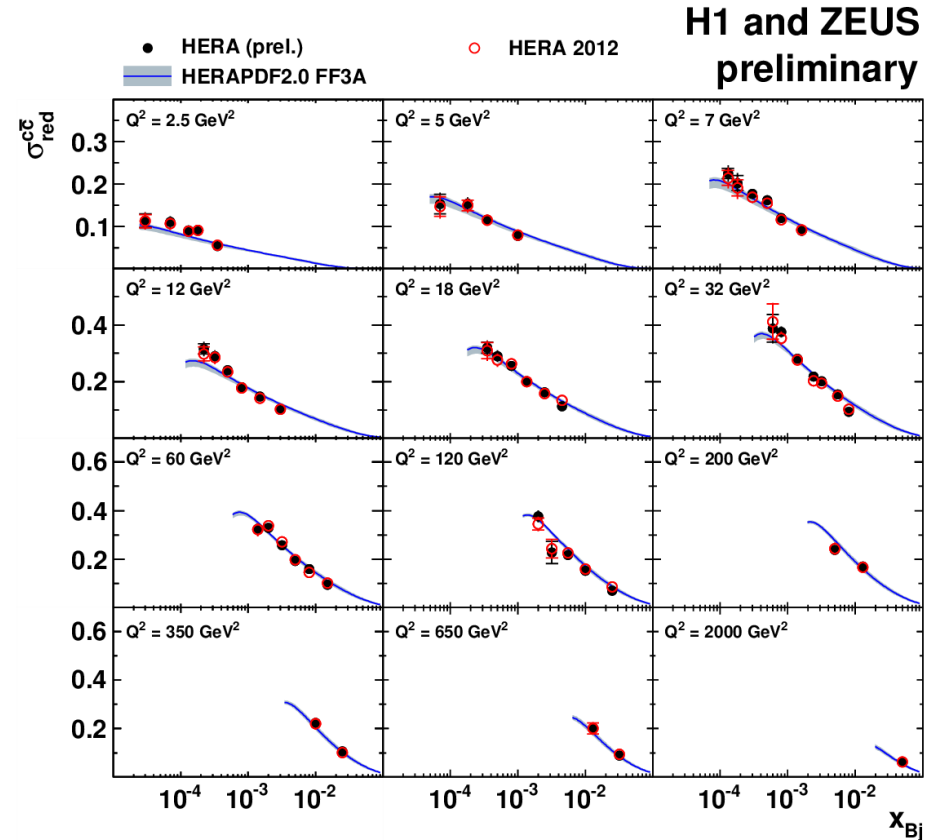
- Many measurements are combined to a single point, large gain in precision
- Correlations of systematic uncertainties between input data points accounted for
- Shown here: charm data before/after combination



Charm: 12 bins in  $Q^2$ , a total of 52 combined data points

Beauty: 12 bins in  $Q^2$ , a total of 27 combined data points

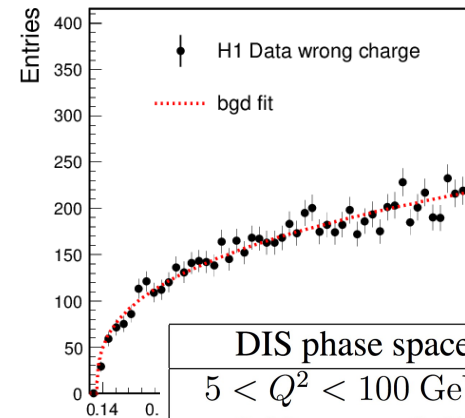
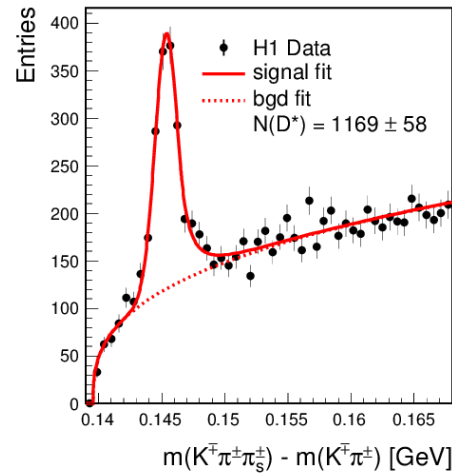
- Compare 2017 combination to 2012 combination of charm data
- Central points are similar
- Improved uncertainties by  $\sim 20\%$  at intermediate  $Q^2$



# Diffractional $D^*$ analysis

- New analysis by H1
- Large-rapidity gap to select diffractive events
- Electron in backward calorimeter
- $D^*$  reconstructed in  $K\pi\pi$  channel
- Cross sections from fit of mass distribution in each analysis bin
- NLO QCD (FFNS) with DPDF from 2006 H1 analysis of inclusive diffraction

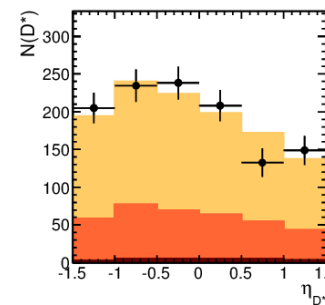
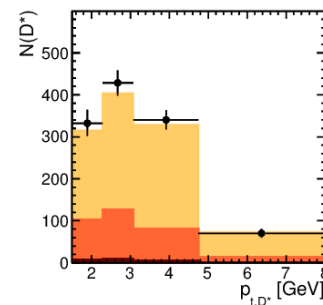
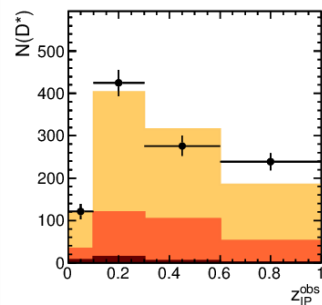
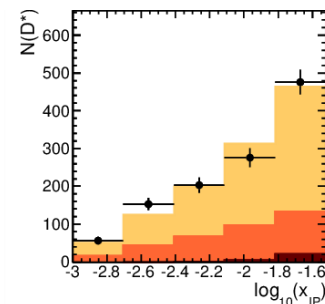
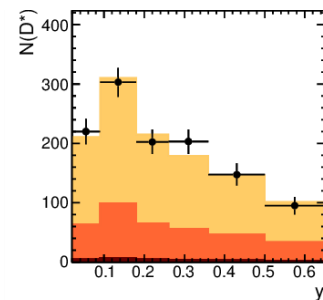
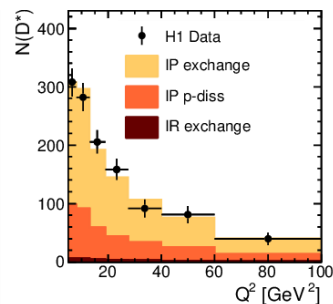
## $D^*$ in diffractive DIS



About 1100  $D^*$  mesons reconstructed.  
Background shape from wrong-charge combinations

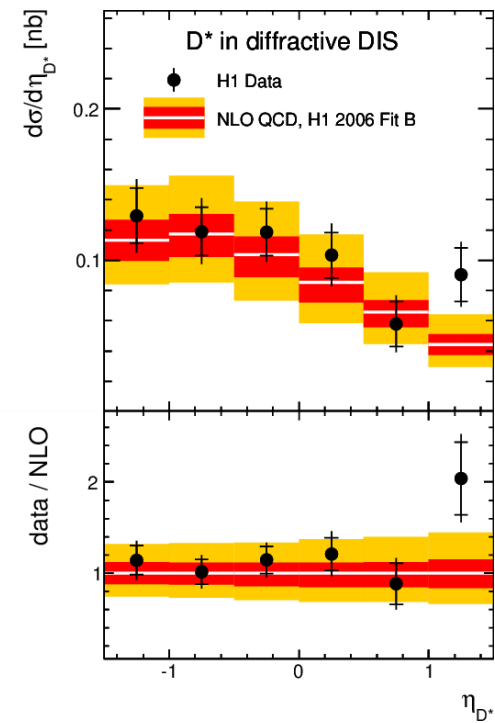
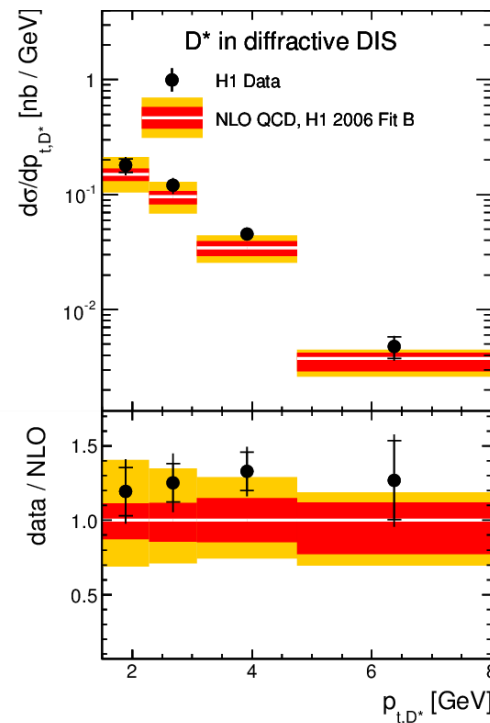
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- Analysis of diffractive  $D^*$
- Number of  $D^*$  mesons is determined from a fit of the mass in each analysis bin
- The results are well described by the MC model which is used for acceptance corrections



- The cross section is also studied wrt  $D^*$  kinematic variables
- The results are described by the NLO calculation

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# Ratio to inclusive $D^*$ production

- $D^*$  production in inclusive DIS has been measured earlier at HERA
- Shown here: ratios of diffractive to inclusive  $D^*$  production
- Ratio variations are expected from diffractive phase-space limitations
- Theory: NLO (diffractive)  
divided by NLO (inclusive)  
describes data well

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