

Top-quark cross-section using the gluon-distribution from boson-gluon fusion

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Motivation

- At the LHC Higgs-boson is produced dominantly in gluon-gluon fusion
- Production of top-quark pairs (85% from $g g \rightarrow t \bar{t}$)
- **Precise knowledge of proton structure necessary!**

- General partonic substructure of the proton:

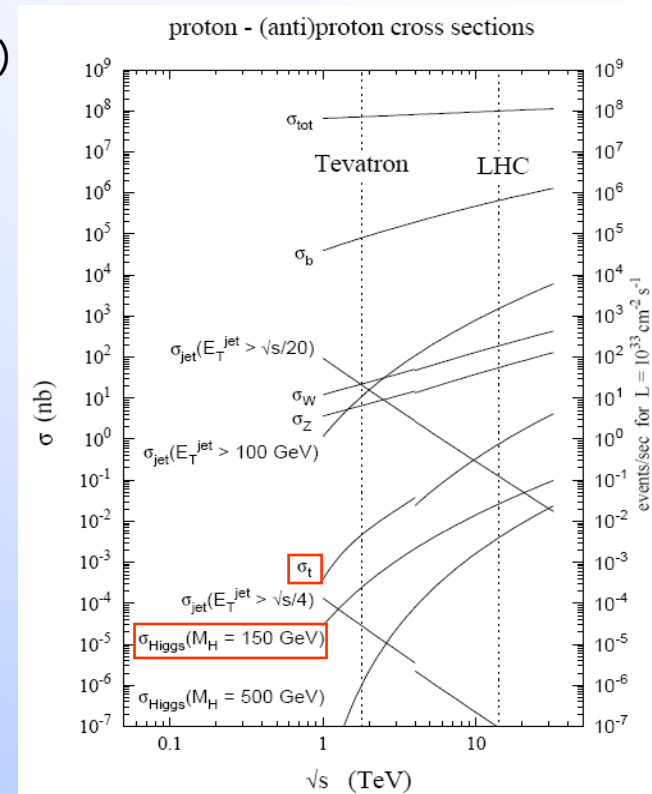
⇒ Parton-density functions $f_i(x, \mu^2)$ (PDFs)

- Bjorken scaling variable x
- Renormalization scale μ

- Experimentally constrained from fits to the

proton structure function $F_2(x, \mu^2)$

extracted from the measurements of **inclusive deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) cross-section** at HERA from $e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm X$.



- Energy scale dependence of the PDFs:

→ measured PDFs at fixed μ_0 : $f_i(x, (\mu_0)^2)$

- DGLAP evolution equation ($\mu^2 = Q^2$):

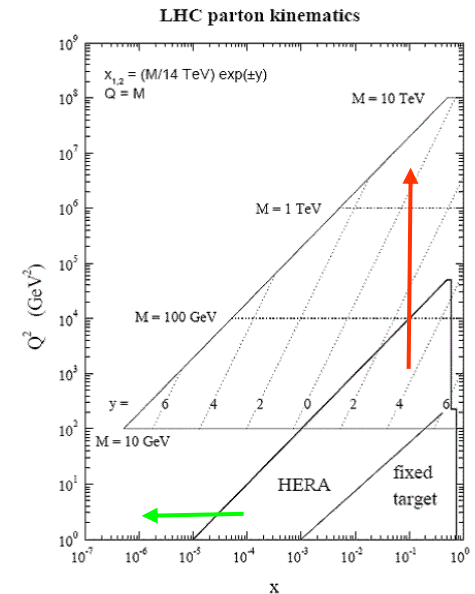
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln(Q^2)} f_i(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left(P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) f_i(y, Q^2) + P_{qg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) g(y, Q^2) \right)$$

with splitting functions $P_{qq}(z) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right)$ and $P_{qg}(z) = \frac{1}{2} (z^2 + (1-z)^2)$

give the probability for a quark with momentum fraction y to radiate a gluon, keeping momentum x .

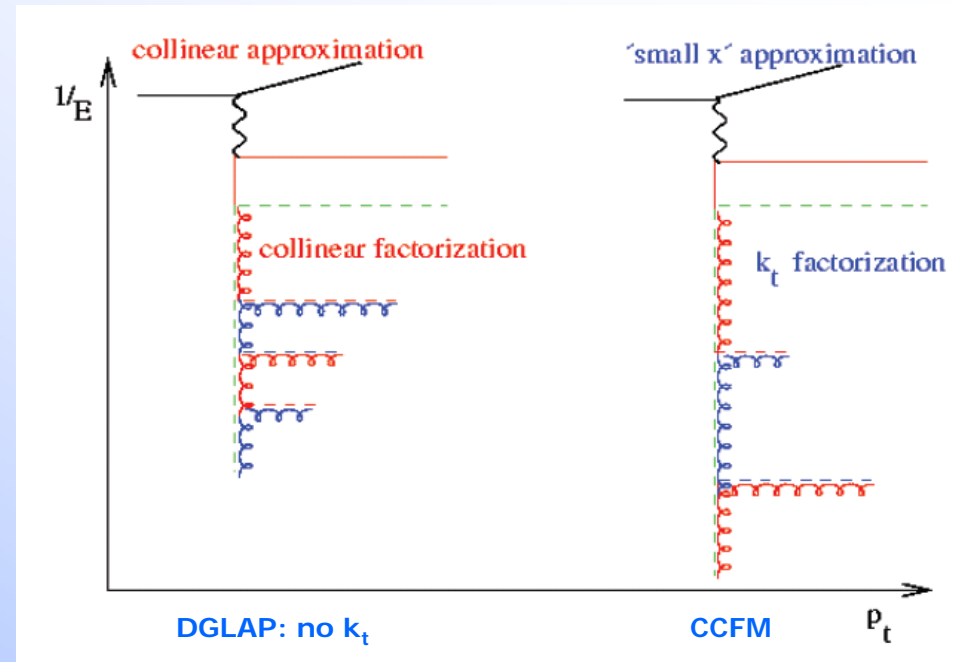
- Gluon density function:

$$\frac{\partial g(x, \mu^2)}{\partial \ln(\mu^2)} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[\sum_i q_i(y, \mu^2) P_{gq}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + g(y, \mu^2) P_{gg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \right]$$



- DGLAP \Leftrightarrow CCFM:

\Rightarrow Collinear to k_t -factorization



- Expansion towards 'small x':

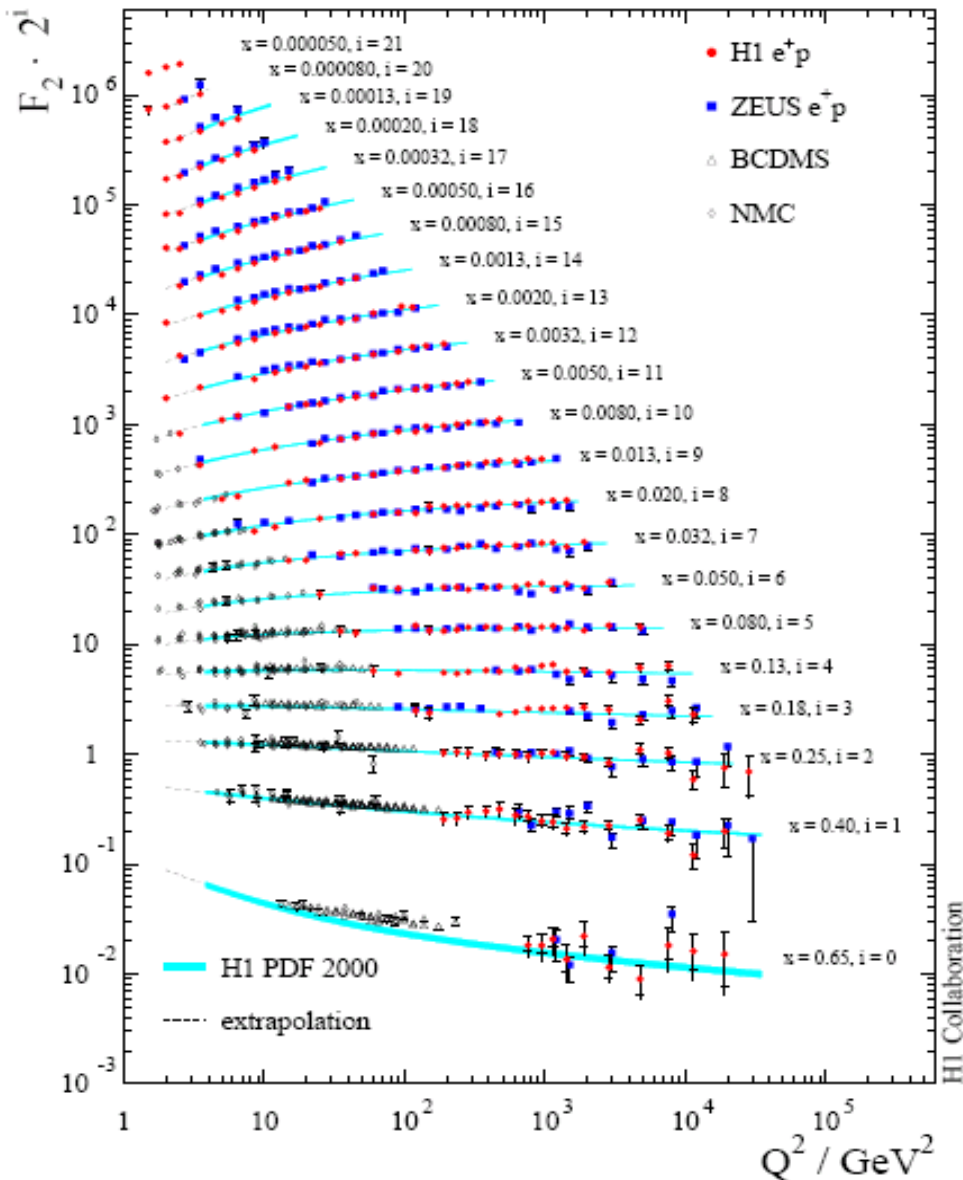
\rightarrow using k_{\perp} -dependent, unintegrated PDFs (uPDFs) $\mathcal{A}(x, k_{\perp}, Q)$

e.g. **gluon-uPDF**:

$$x g(x, Q) = \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{\pi} x A(x, k_{\perp}, Q) \theta(Q - k_{\perp})$$

- CCFM evolution equations include large and small x!

Inclusive F_2 measurements at HERA

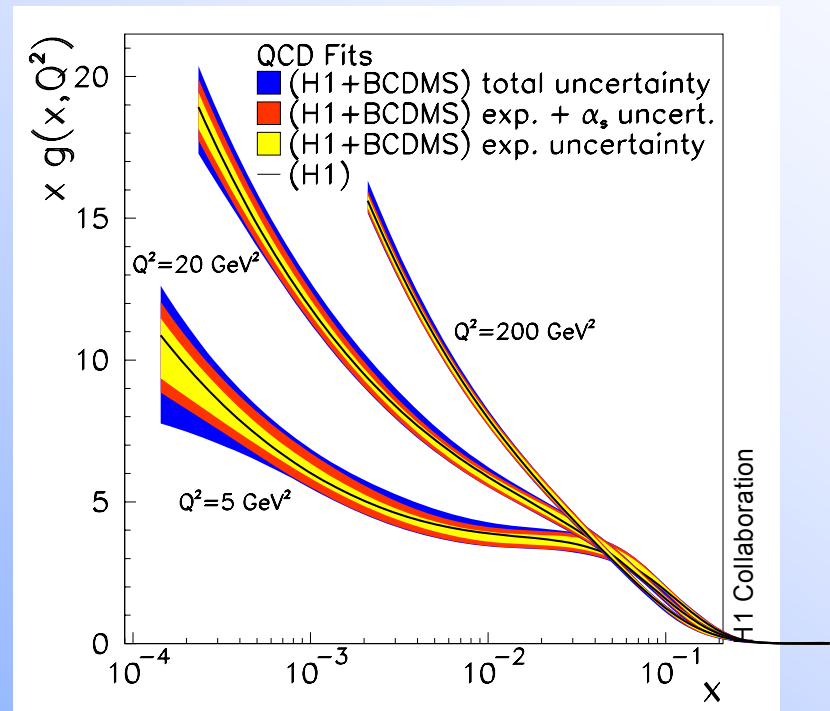


Inclusive measurement:
unknown initial parton distributions

ep kinematics: $\sqrt{s} = 318 \text{ GeV}$

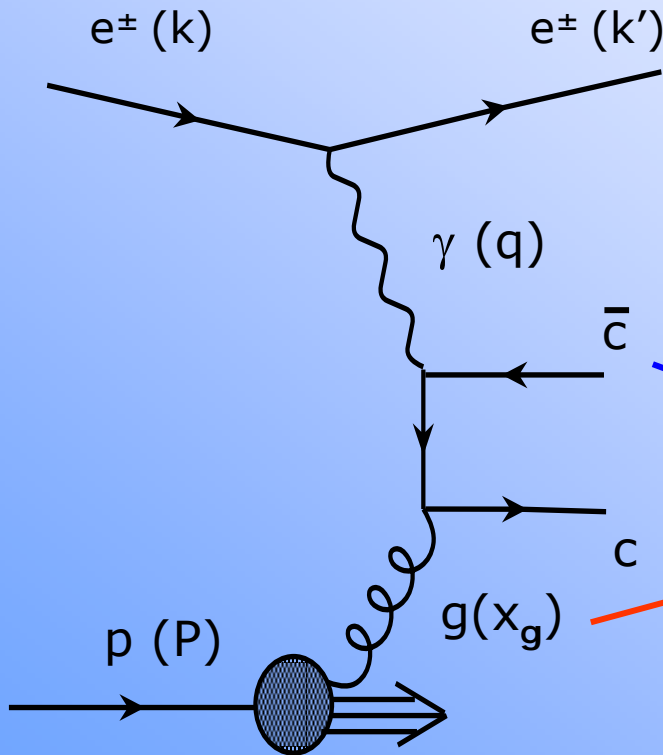
- 4-momentum transfer squared $Q^2 = -q^2$
- Bjorken scaling variable $x = Q^2/(2qP)$

- Scaling violation of $F_2(x, Q^2)$
- Extracting gluon distribution



Heavy flavour production at HERA

Dominated by boson–gluon fusion (BGF) in LO: $\gamma g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ ($b\bar{b}$)



- Measure charm-production cross-section via cross-section of D^* -production

- Extract charm-contribution F_2^c to proton structure function F_2

Charmed meson (D^*)

gluon directly involved \rightarrow constrain $g(x_g)$

$$F_2^{c\text{ LO}} \propto \int \frac{dx'}{x'} e_c^2 g(x_g, \mu^2) \sigma_{c\bar{c}}(x, \mu)$$

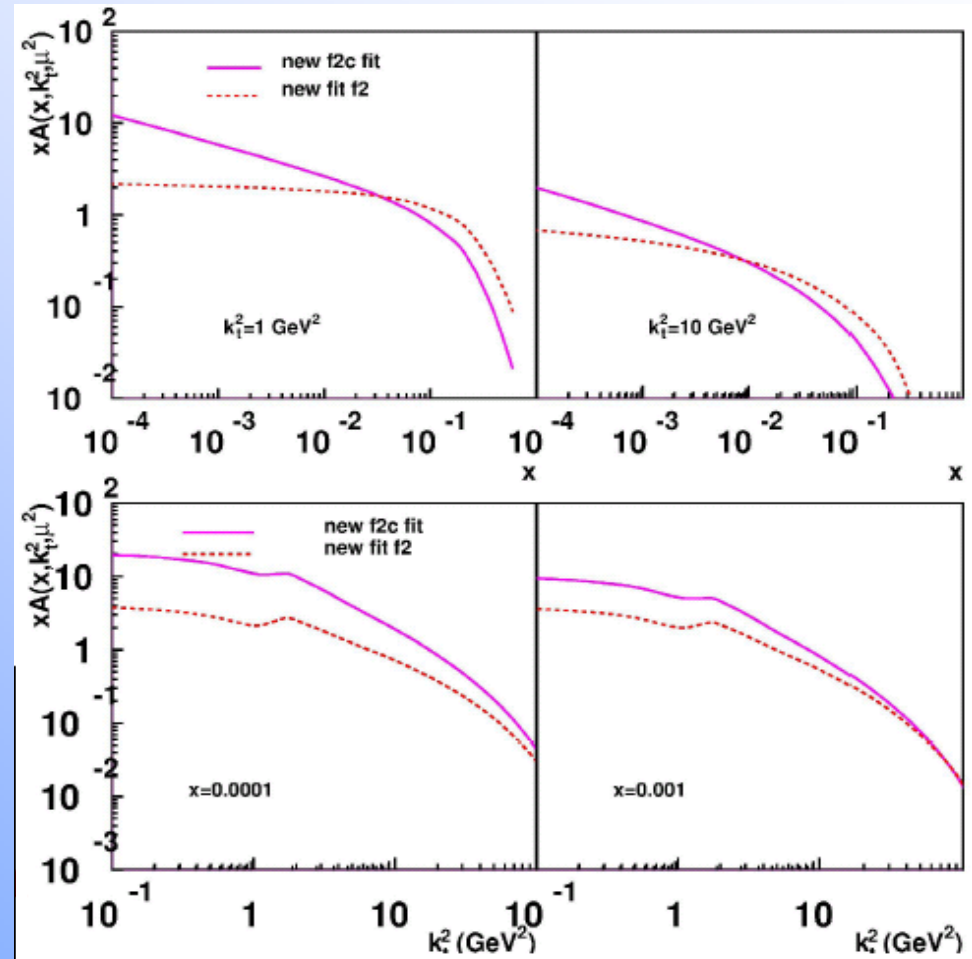
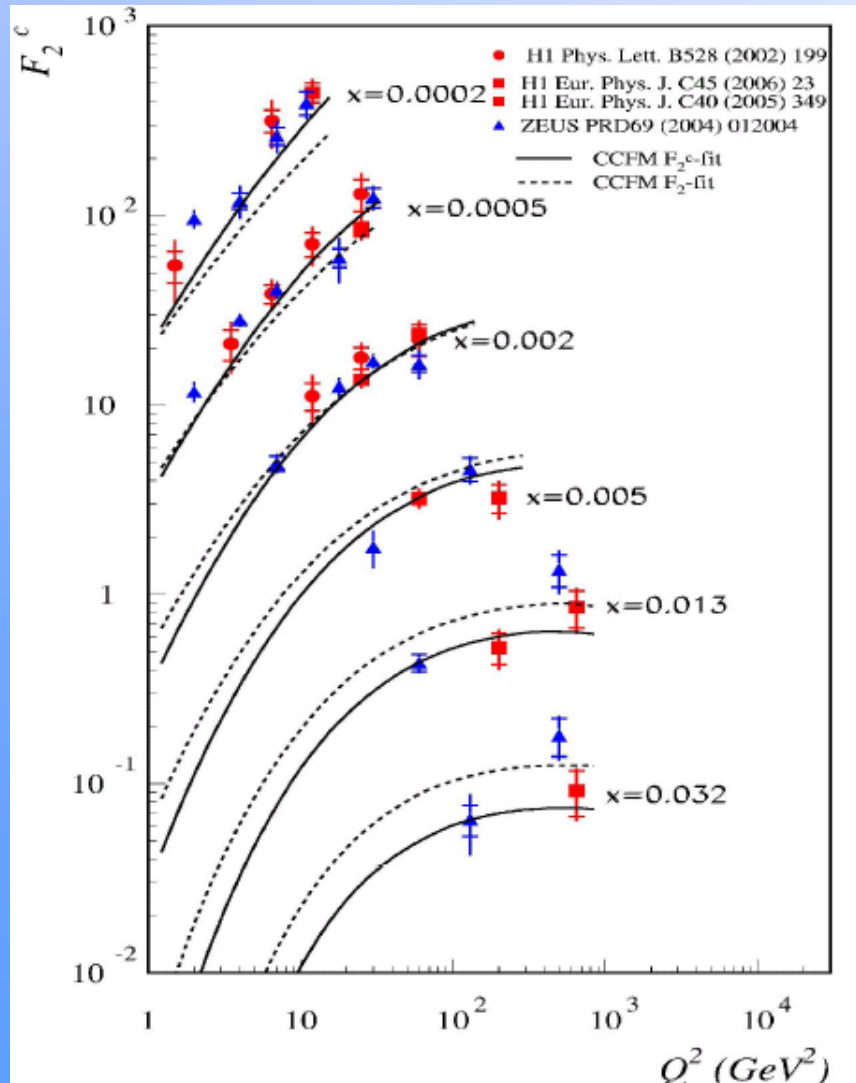
- Important cross-check of the gluon from inclusive measurements!

\Rightarrow Gluon universality!

Gluon density from fits to F_2^c

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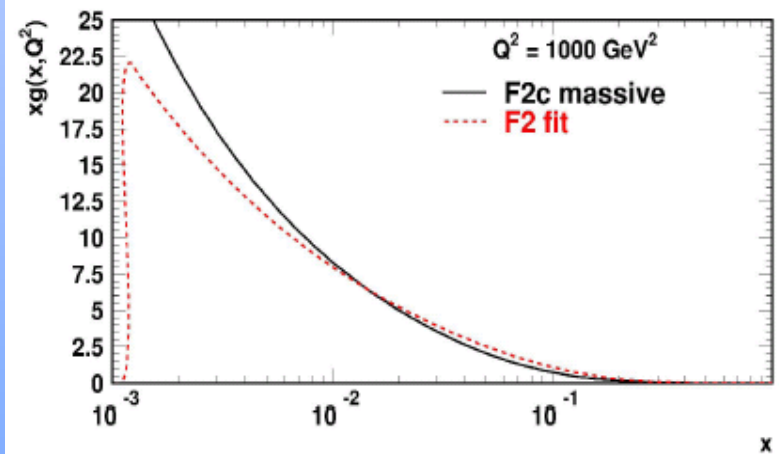
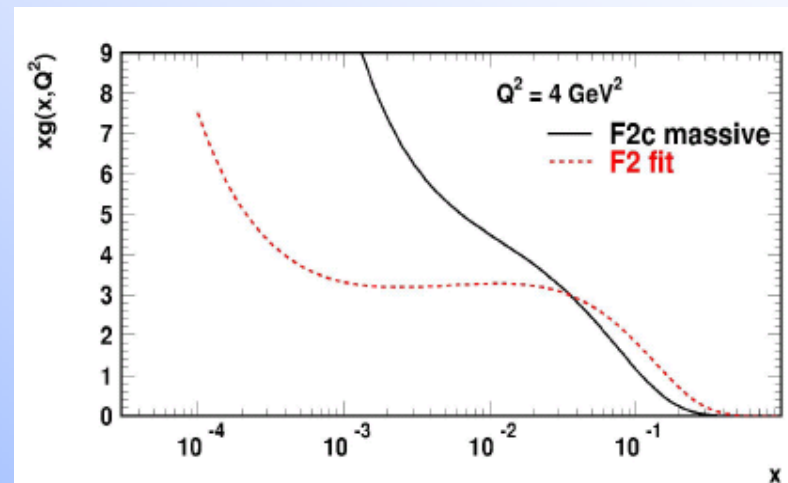
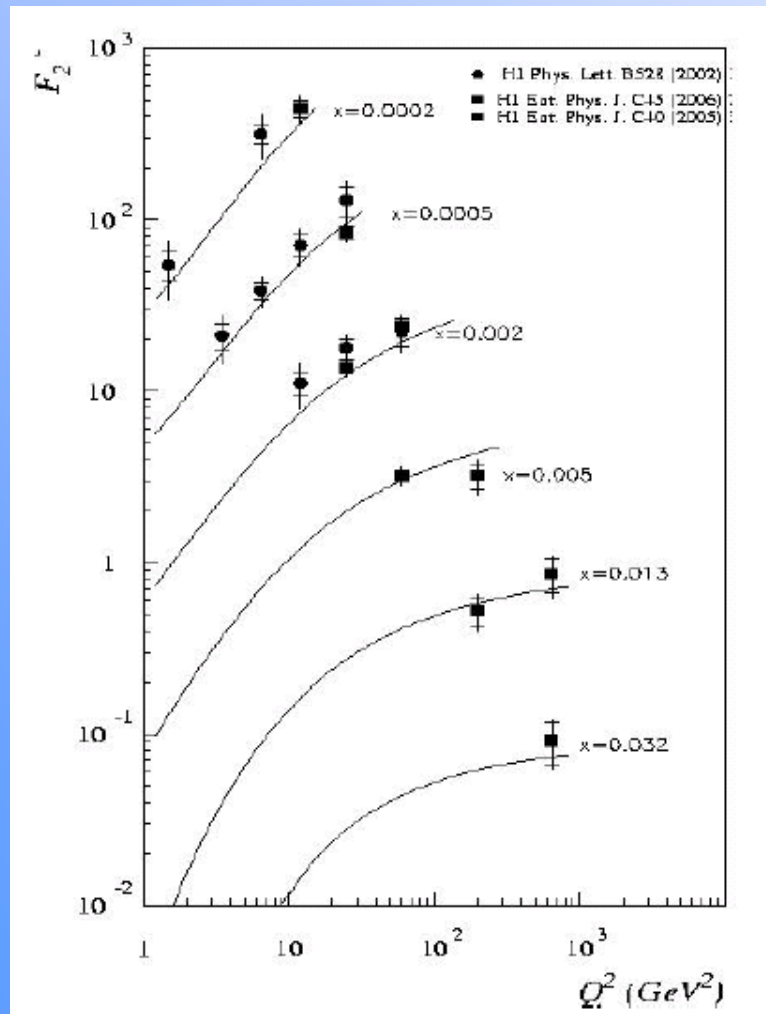
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Gluon density from fits to F_2^C

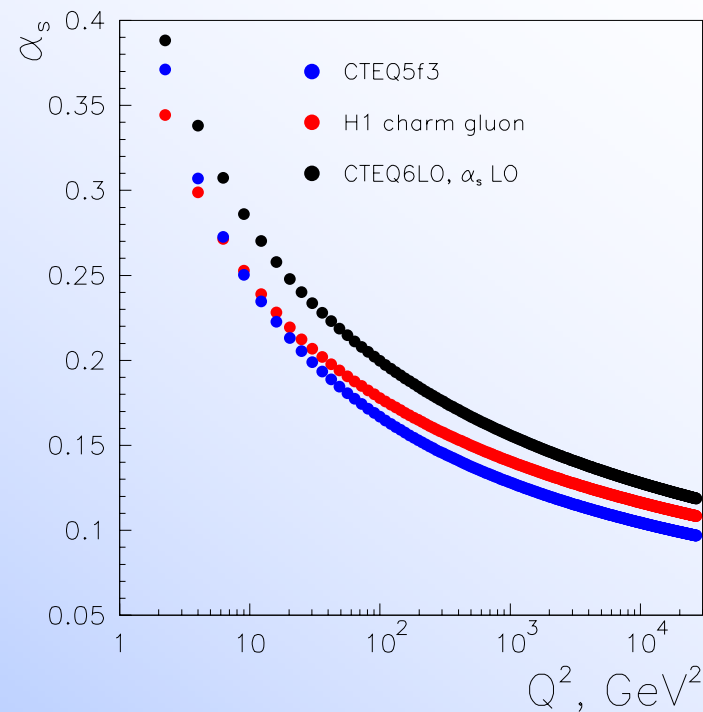
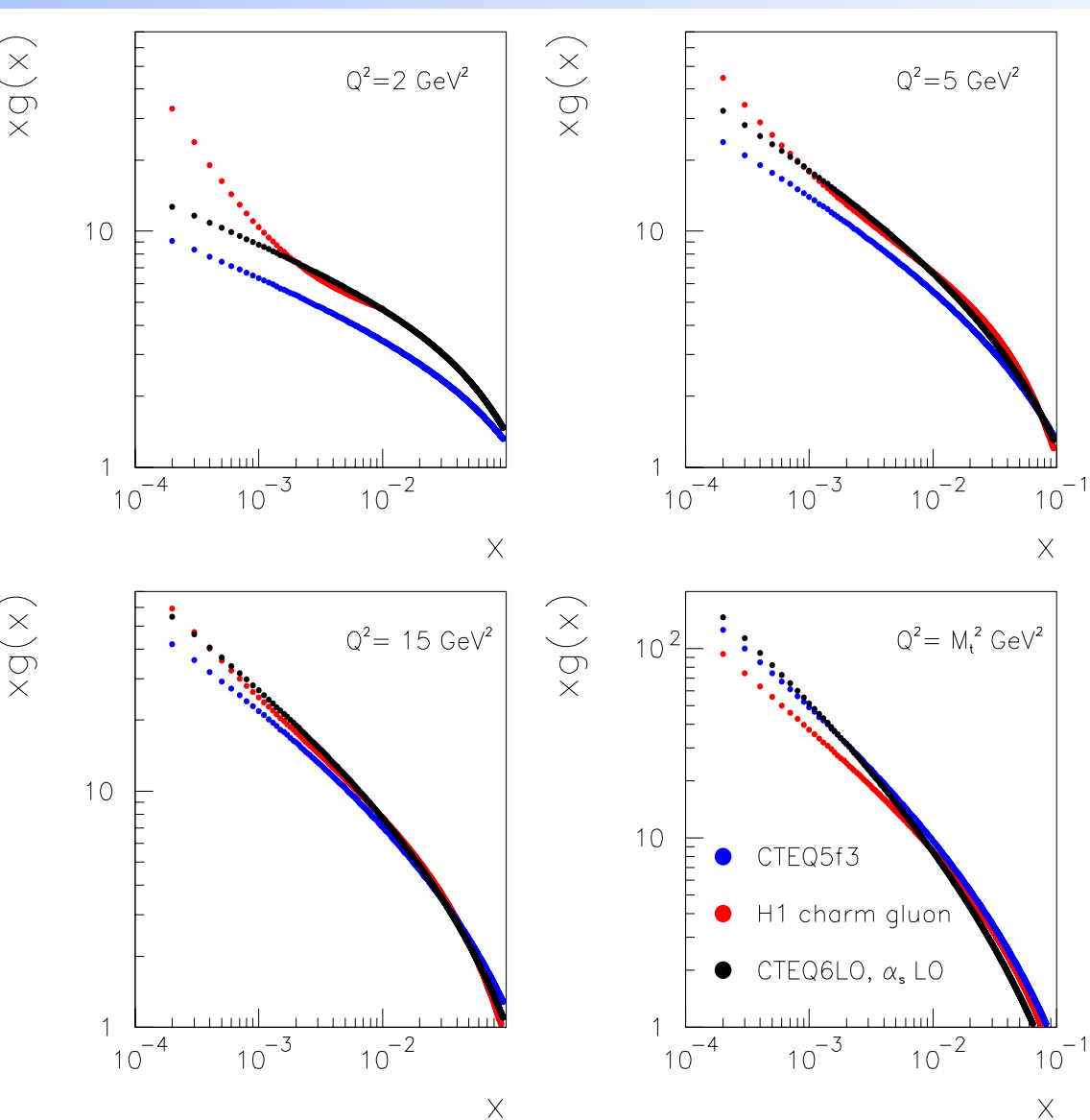
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- CCFM fits to F_2 and F_2^C give order of magnitude difference in $g(x)$ at low k_T
- DGLAP fits to F_2^C : steeper gluon at low x compared to inclusive F_2



Comparison with other gluon densities

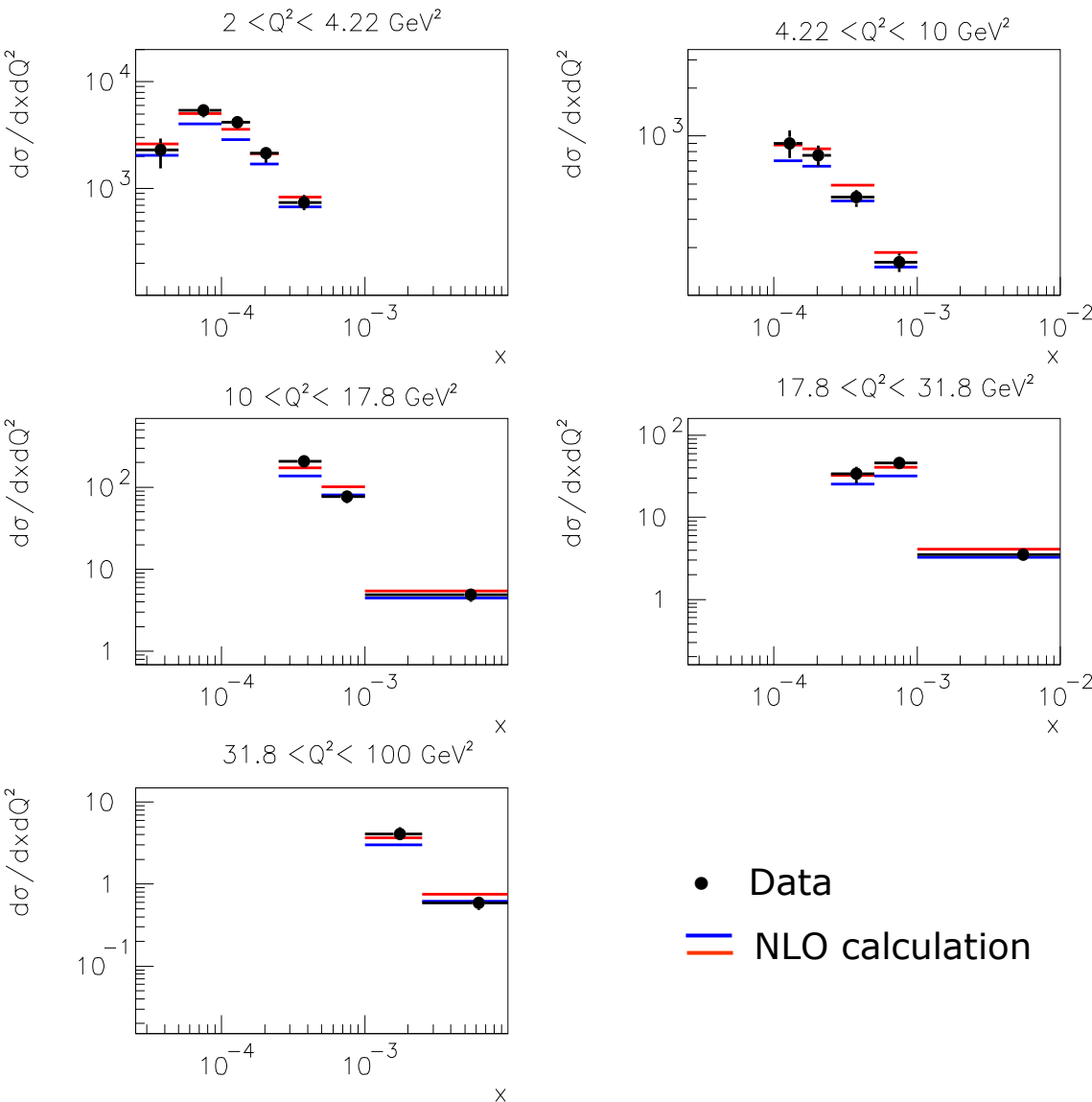
CTEQ5F3 and CTEQ6LO vs. H1 "charm gluon"



➤ H1 "charm gluon" steeper at low Q^2 , low x .

NLO cross section vs. H1 D* DIS data

- Gluon distributions used as input to the NLO cross-section calculation



- Data: H1 publication

NLO predictions with
 $m_c=1.5$, $\mu^2 = Q^2 + 4m_c^2$

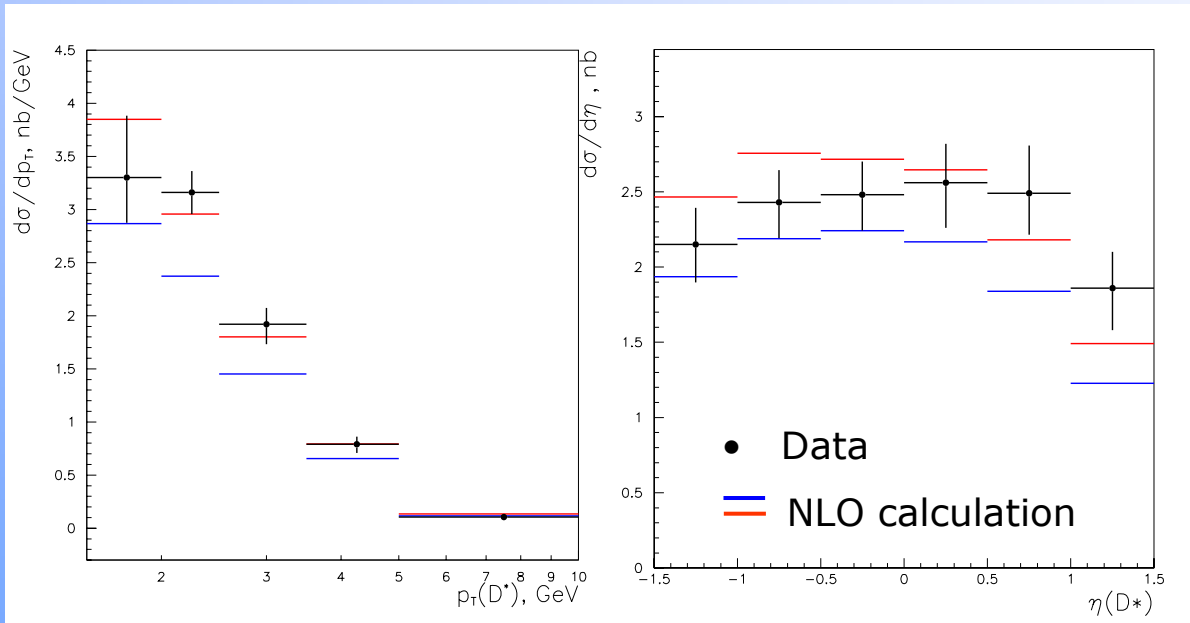
- PDFs:

- gluon from H1 fit to F_2^c
- CTEQ5F3

➤ NLO prediction with “gluon from charm” gives better results at low Q^2 and low x .

NLO cross section using gluon from F_2^c vs. H1 D^* DIS data

$$d\sigma(e p \rightarrow D^* X)/dkin$$

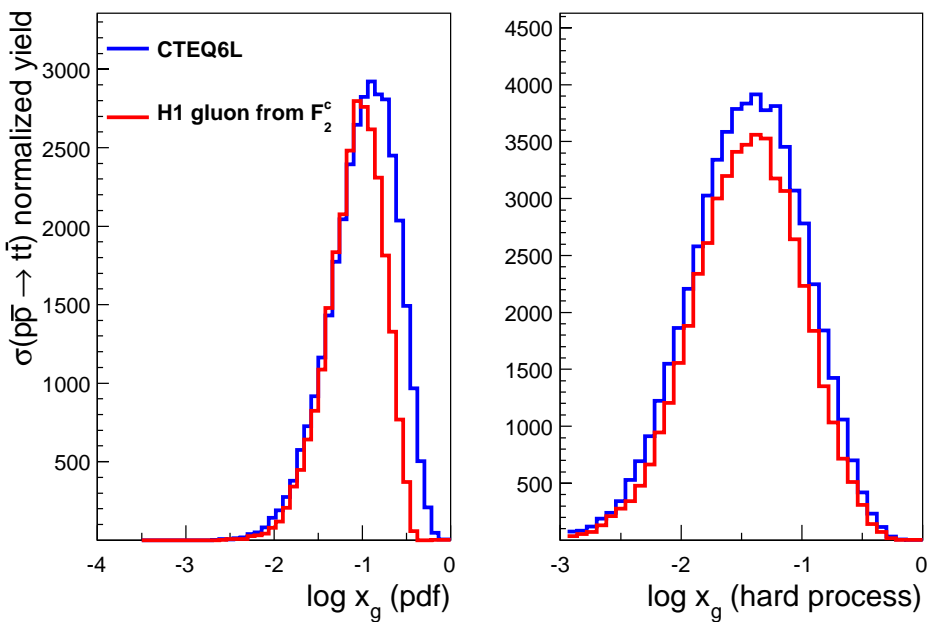


- PDFs:
 - gluon from H1 fit to F_2^c
 - CTEQ5F3
- quite different $p_T(D^*)$ slope

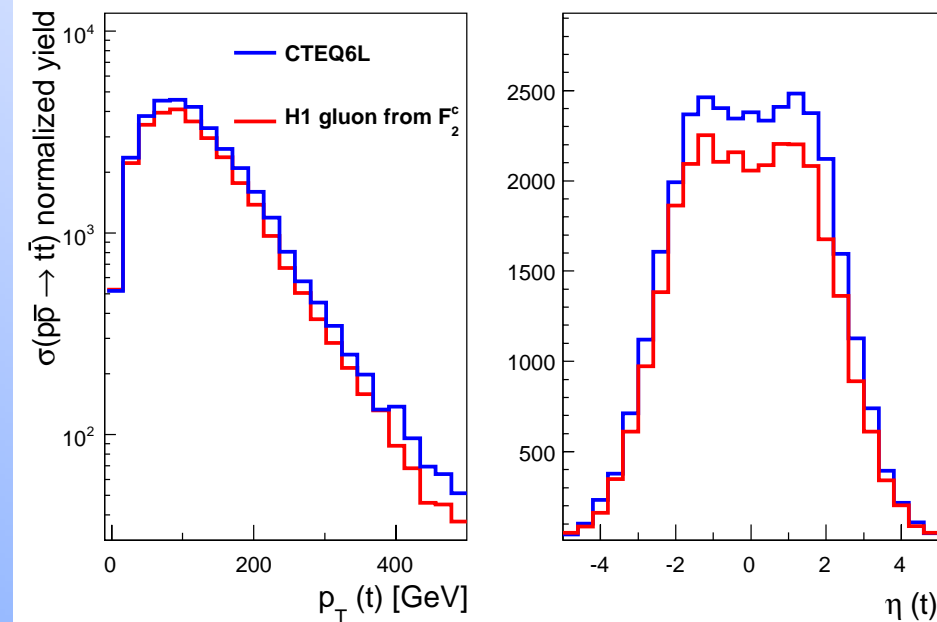
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Curiosity: Top production at the LHC

- Simulated 30000 $t\bar{t}$ events with CTEQ6LO and the gluon from H1 fit to F_2^c
 - PYTHIA 6.4 using LHAPDF version 5.2.2
 - Difference in predicted σ_{tot} ($pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$) is 14%
 - The average x_g -value is smaller for H1 $g(x)$
 - p_T (Top) spectrum slopes slightly different.



Before ISR



After ISR

Conclusion

- Top-quark production cross-section (generator level) with parton densities was studied:
 - 14% different x-section
 - No big effect on p_T (Top) slope at LHC
 - Uncertainties of the gluon distribution are not taken into account
 - x-sections with unintegrated gluon should be studied with CASCADE
 - Not yet standard MC generator at CMSSW!
- Work to include the HERA final state cross-section into the PDFs in progress..