

# Flavor separation at large $x$

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# Outline

Why large  $x$  (and low- $Q^2$ )

➔ Up and down: the CTEQ6X fit

➔ Gluons

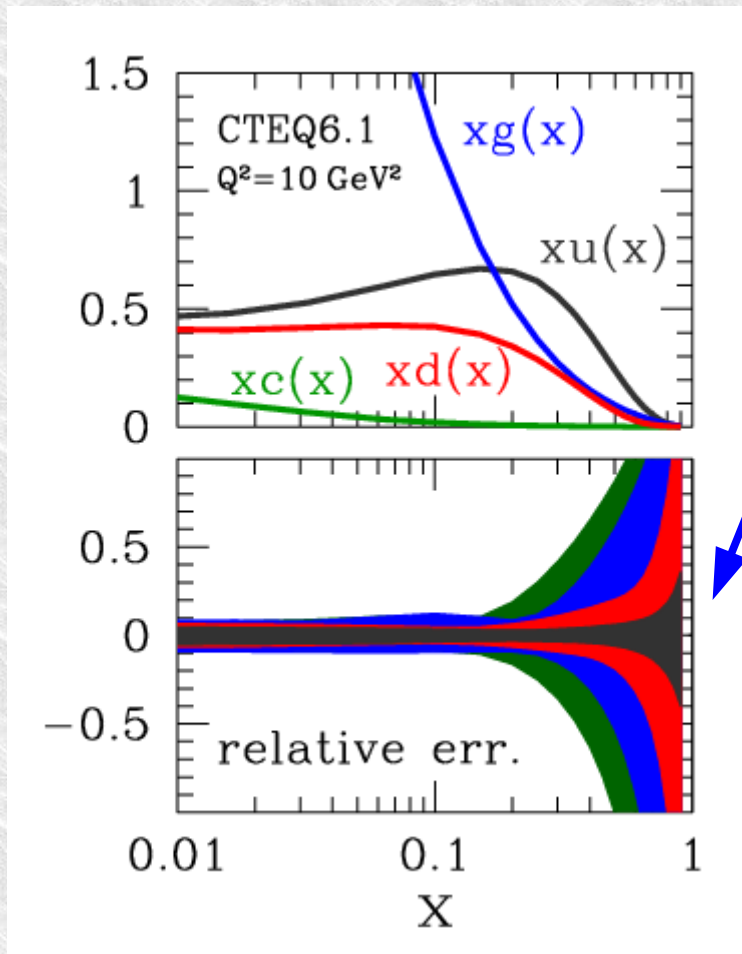
➔ Intrinsic charm

Conclusions

**Why large-x, low-Q<sup>2</sup>?**

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- ➔ Large uncertainties in quark and gluon PDF at  $x > 0.4$  – e.g., CTEQ6.1



- ➔ **PDF errors**

- ➔ propagation of exp. errors into the fit
- ➔ statistical interpretation
- ➔ reduced by enlarging the data set

- ➔ **Theoretical errors**

- ➔ often poorly known
- ➔ difficult to quantify
- ➔ **can be dominant**

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➤ at LHC, Tevatron

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- 2) QCD background in high-mass new physics searches

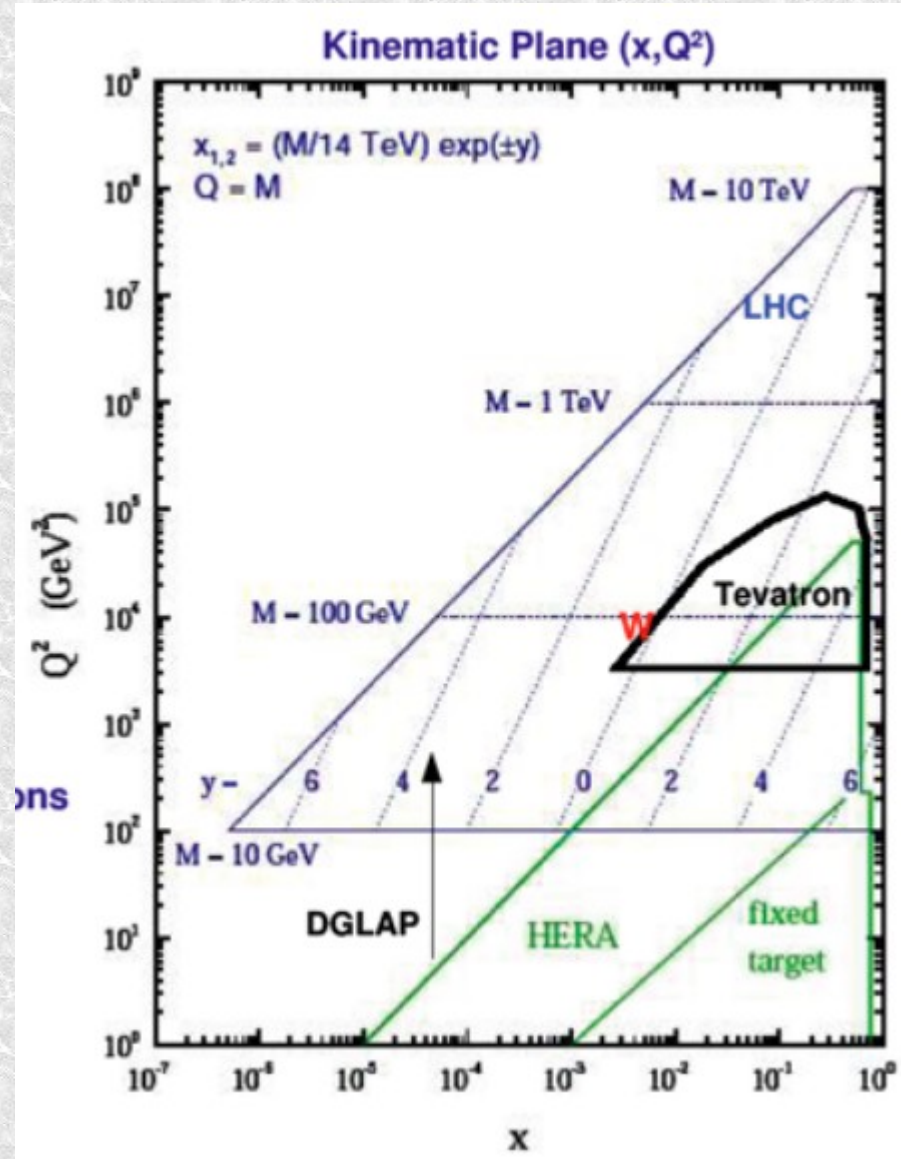
➤ Example:  $Z'$  production

$$M_{Z'} \gtrsim 200 \text{ GeV} \quad x = \frac{m_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$$

$$x \geq 0.02 \text{ (LHC)}, 0.1 \text{ (Tevatron)}$$

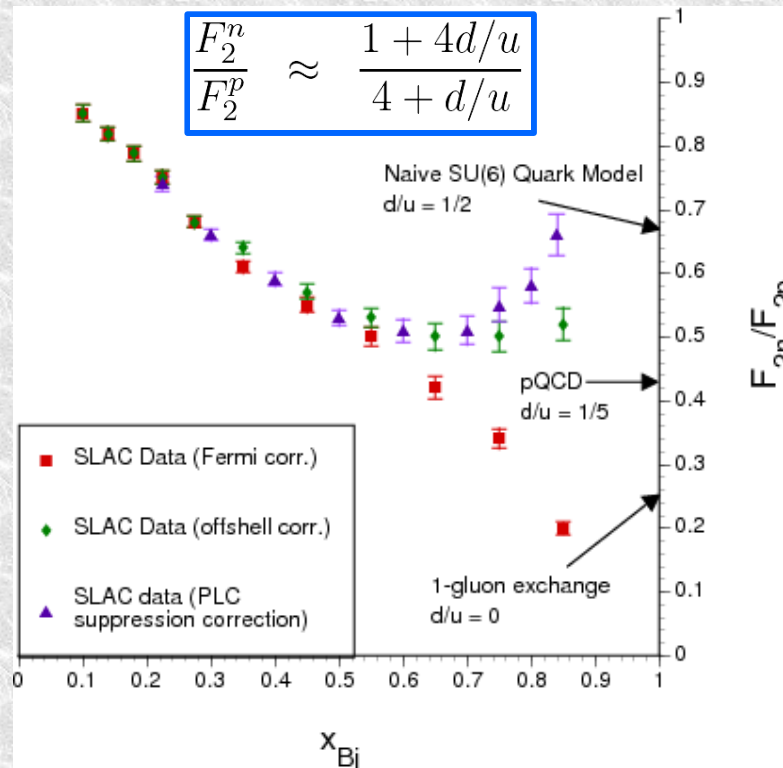
but recent work raises the bar:

$$M_{Z'} \gtrsim 900 \text{ MeV}$$



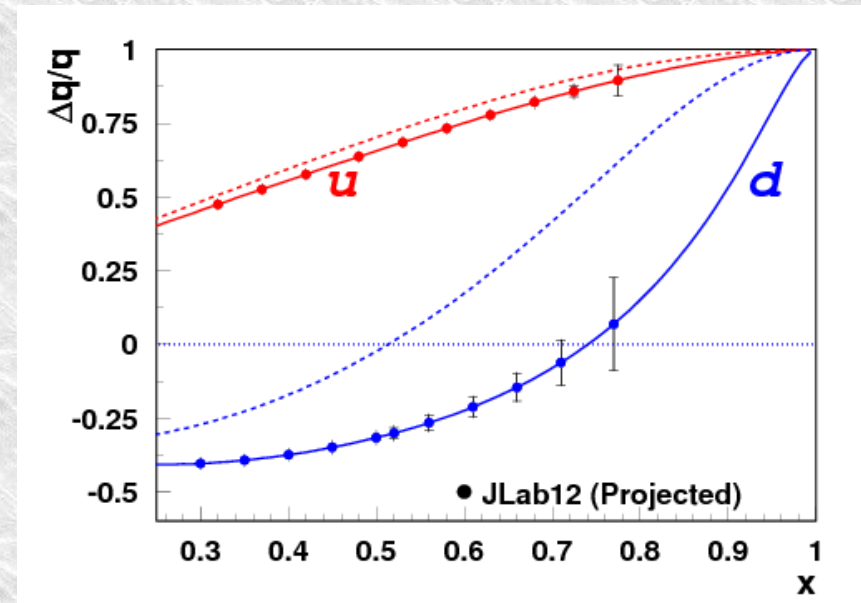
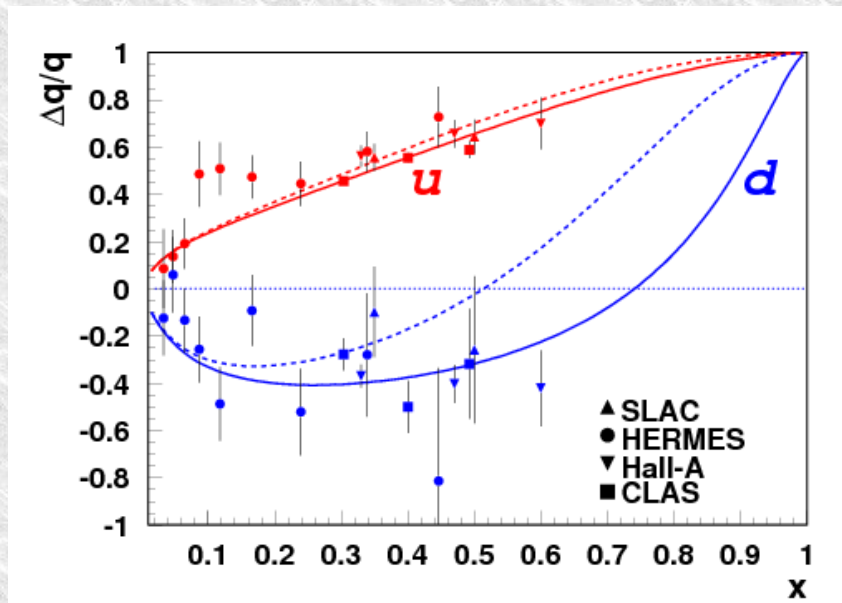
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  - spin structure of the nucleon *at small  $x$*  [see R.Seidl's talk]
  - neutrino oscillations



# Why large $x$ and low $Q^2$ ?

➡ JLab and SLAC have precision DIS data at large  $x$  , BUT low  $Q^2$

➡ need of theoretical control over

1) higher twist  $\propto \Lambda^2/Q^2$

2) target mass corrections (TMC)  $\propto x_B^2 m_N^2/Q^2$

3) heavy-quark mass corrections  $\propto m_Q^2/Q^2$

4) nuclear corrections

} this talk

5) jet mass corrections (JMC)  $\propto m_j^2/Q^2$

6) large- $x$  resummation

7) large- $x$  DGLAP evolution

8) quark-hadron duality

9) parton recombination at large  $x$

10) perturbative stability at low- $Q^2$

11) ...

# Up and down: the CTEQ6X fit

Accardi, Christy, Keppel, Melnitchouk, Monaghan, Morfín, Owens,  
Phys. Rev. D 81, 034016 (2010)

# CTEQ6X vs. CTEQ

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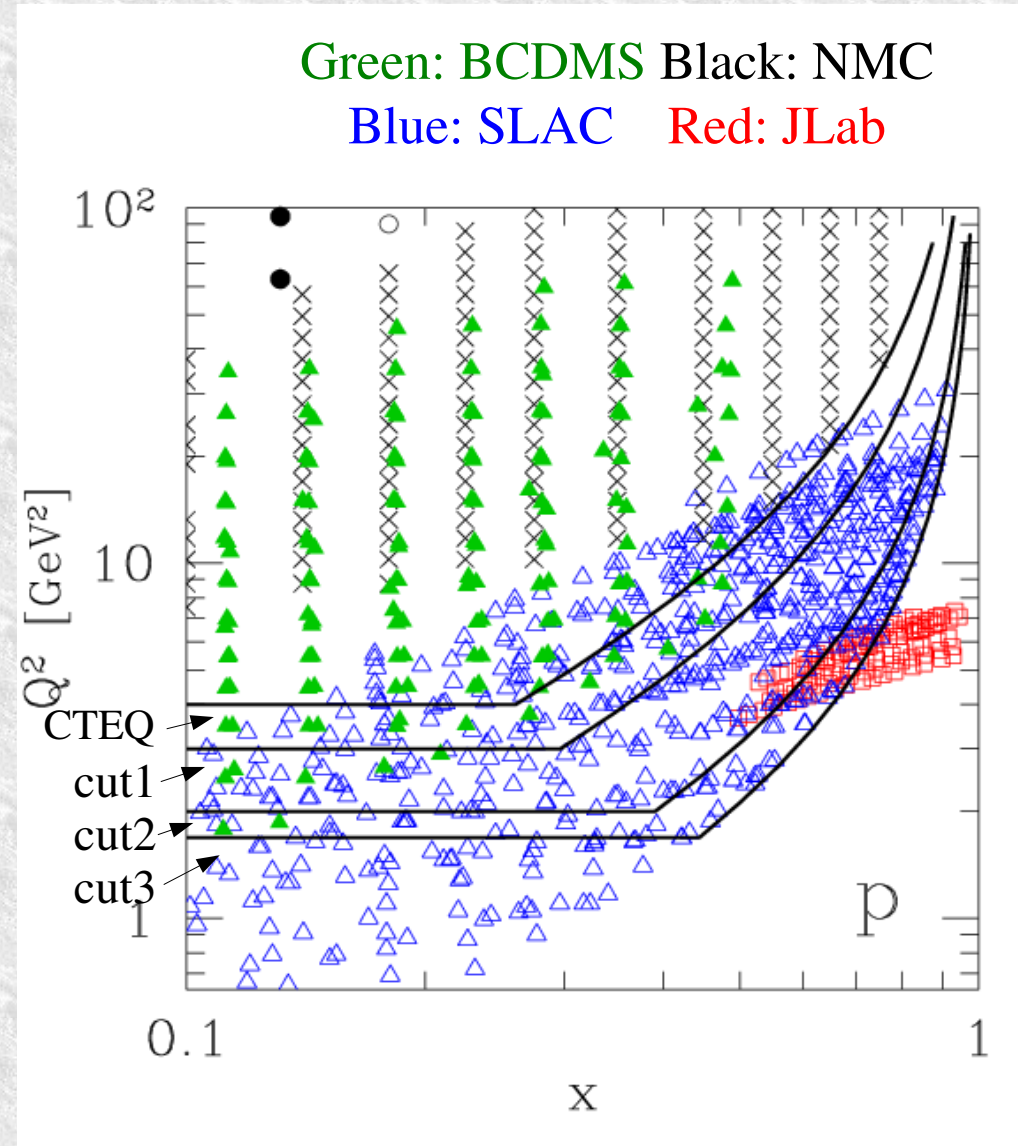
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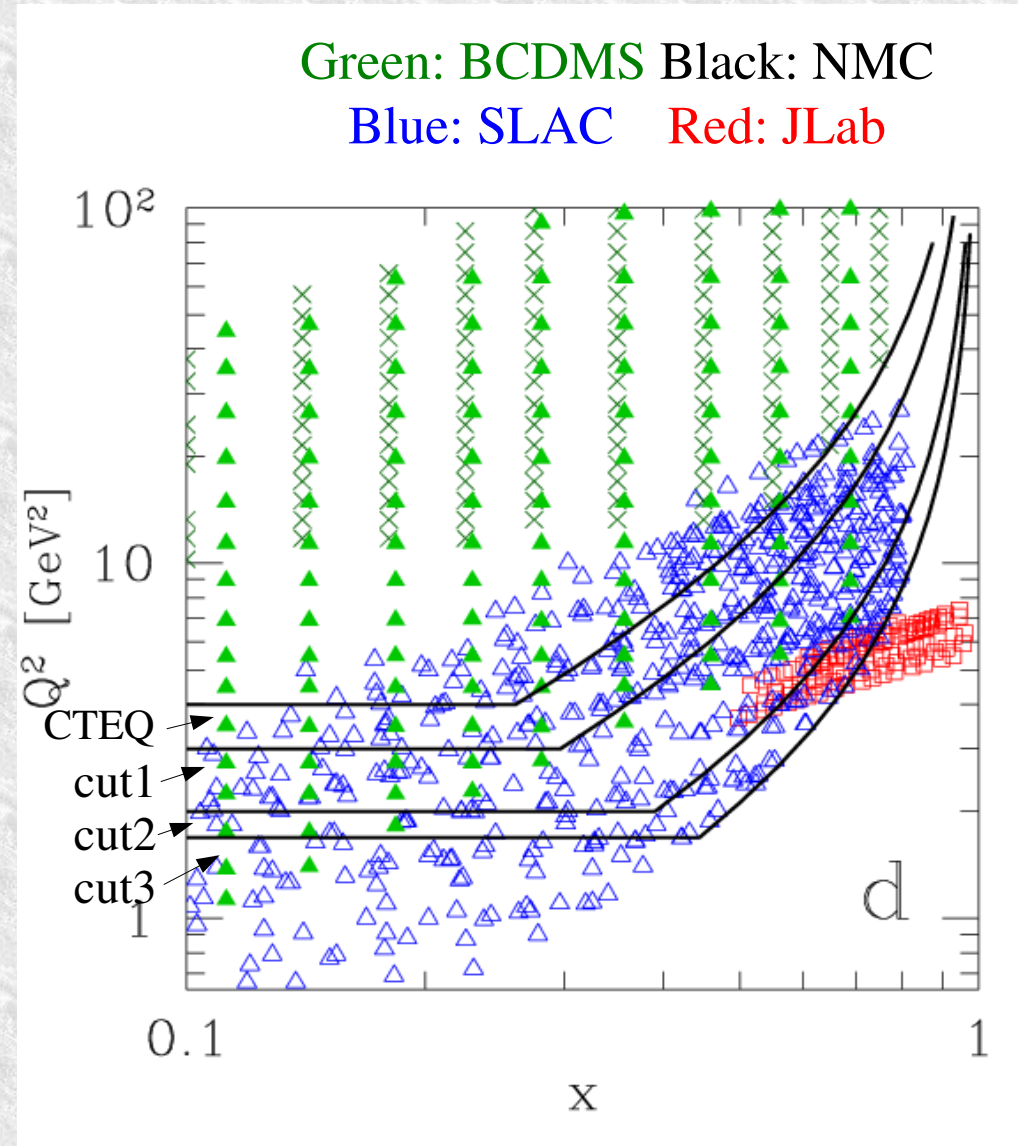
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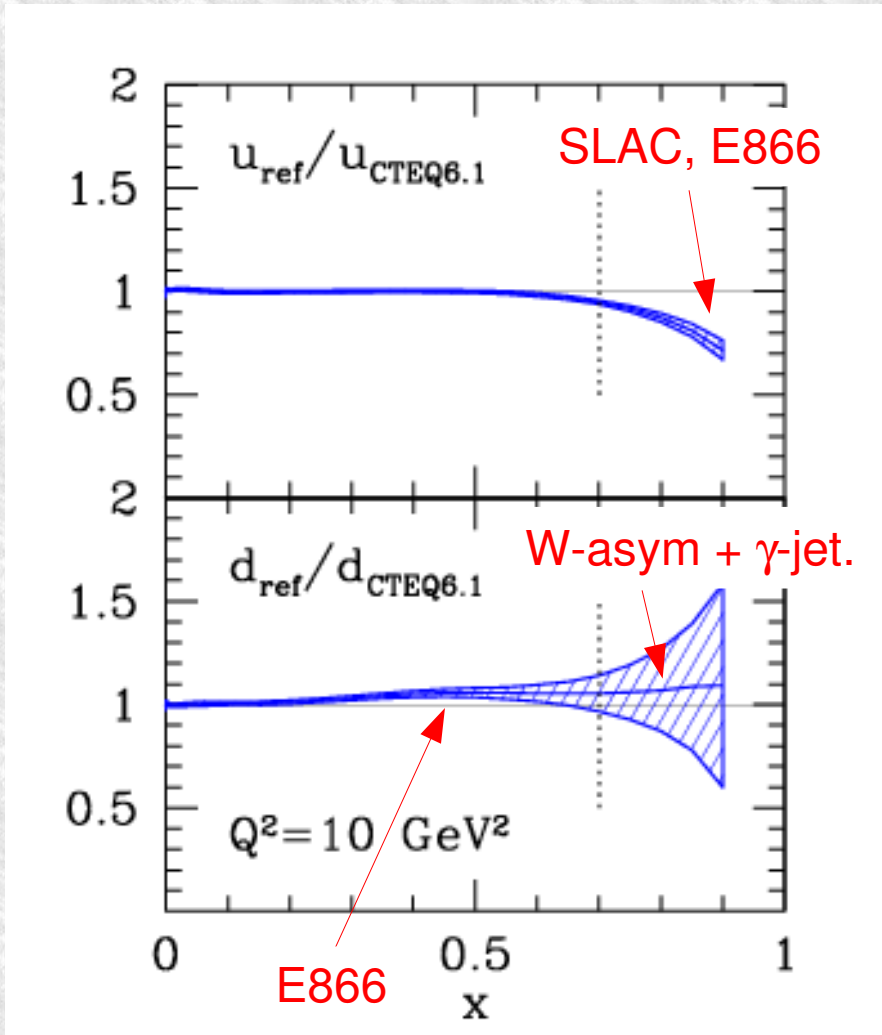


# Reference fit vs. CTEQ6.1

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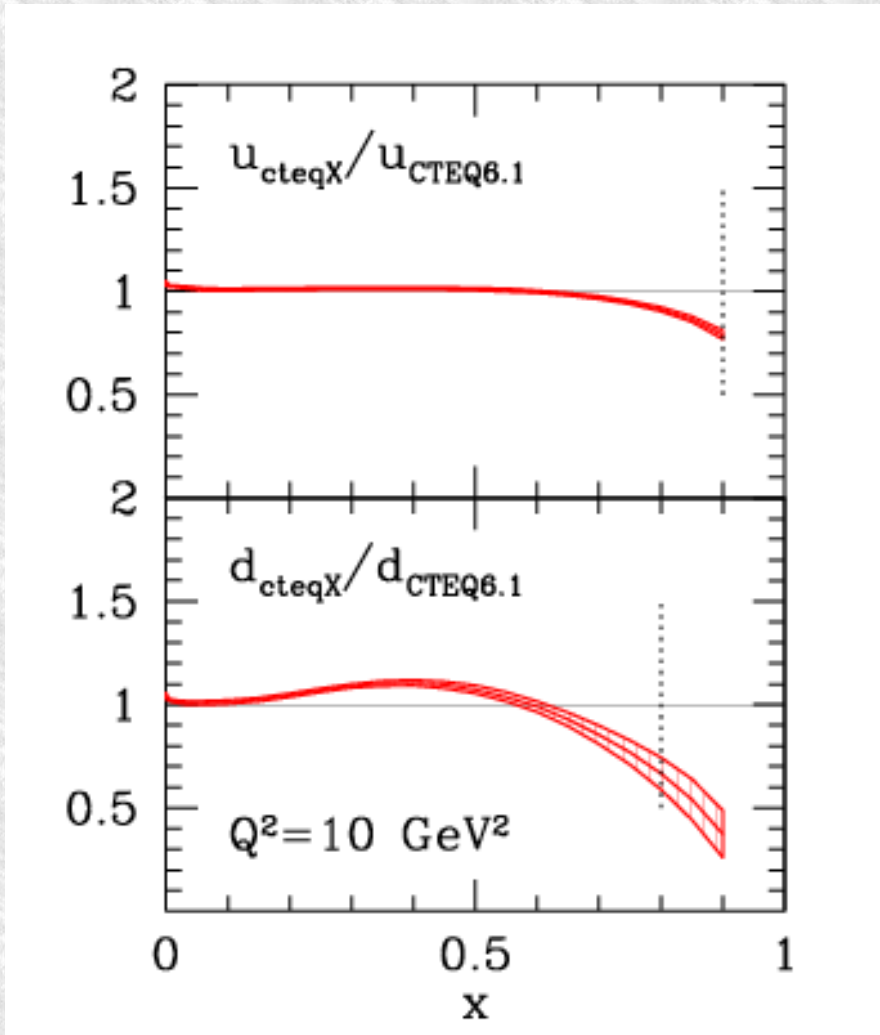
◆ cut0, no corrections

◆ PDF errors with  $\Delta\chi=1$



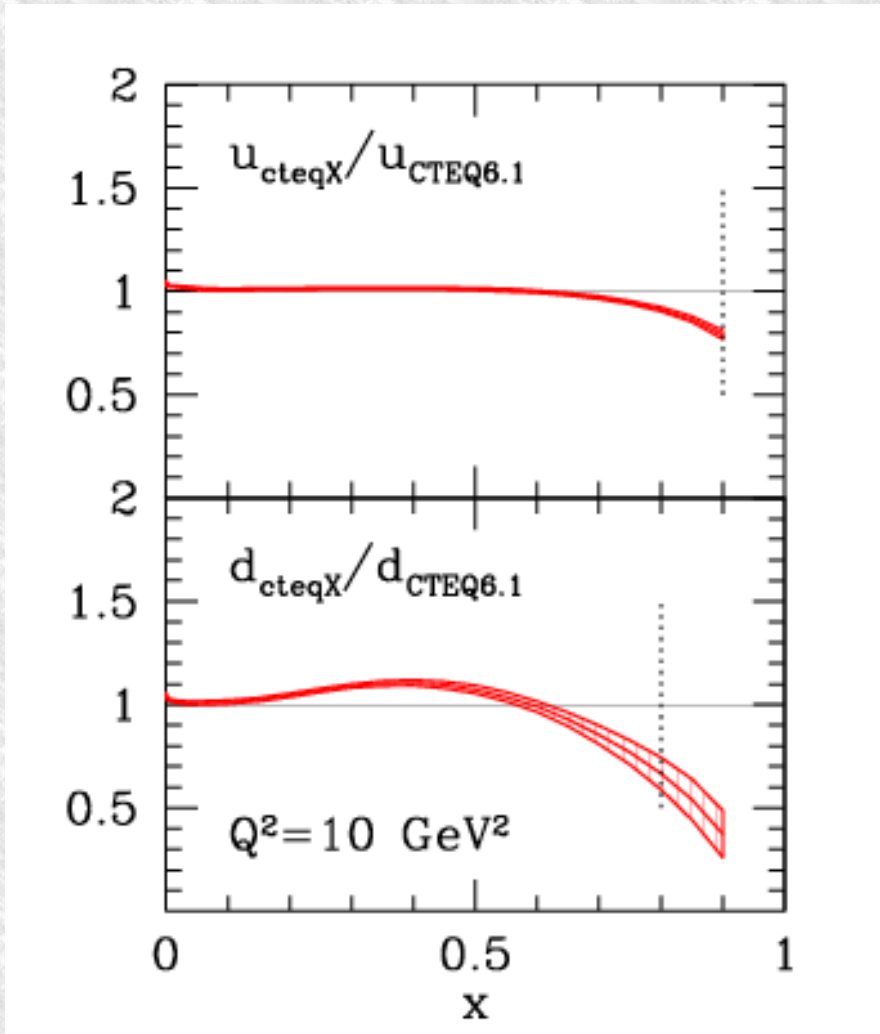
	data	CTEQ6.1
DIS	(JLab)	NO
	SLAC	NO
	NMC	✓
	BCDMS	✓
	H1	✓
	ZEUS	✓
DY	E605	✓
	E866	NO
W	CDF '98 ( $l$ )	✓
	CDF '05 ( $l$ )	NO
	D0 '08 ( $l$ )	NO
	D0 '08 ( $e$ )	NO
	CDF '09 ( $W$ )	NO
jet	CDF	✓
	D0	✓
$\gamma$ +jet	D0	NO

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  - cut3, TMC+HT
  - deuteron corrections
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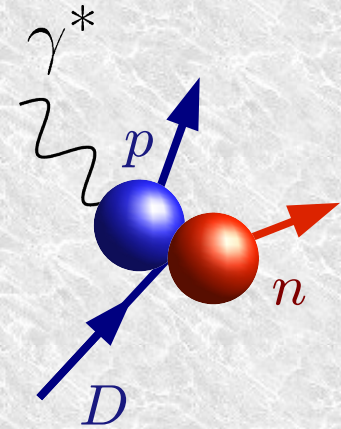
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## ◆ Reduced PDF errors

- ◆ approx factor 2

# Deuterium corrections

- ➔ Nuclear Smearing Model [Kahn et al., PRC79(2009)  
Accardi, Qiu, Vary, *in preparation*]
- ➔ nucleon Fermi motion and binding energy
- ➔ use non-relativistic deuteron wave-function
- ➔ **finite- $Q^2$  corrections** (very important!)

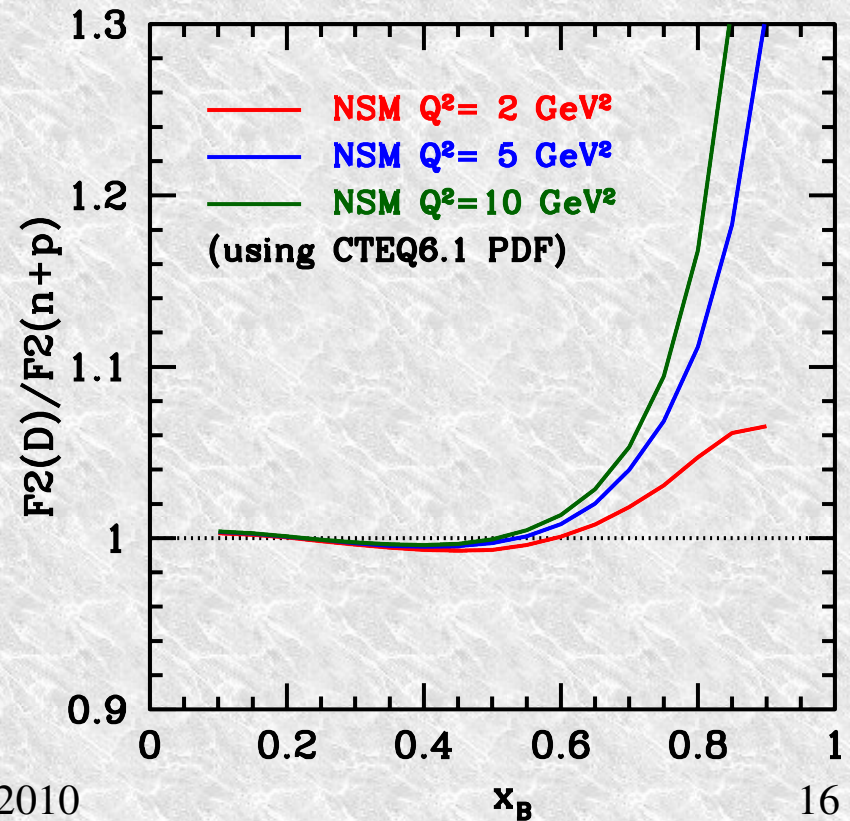


$$F_{2A}(x_B) = \int_{x_B}^A dy \mathcal{S}_A(y, \gamma, x_B) F_2^{TMC}(x_B/y, Q^2)$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 + 4x_B^2 m_N^2 / Q^2}$$

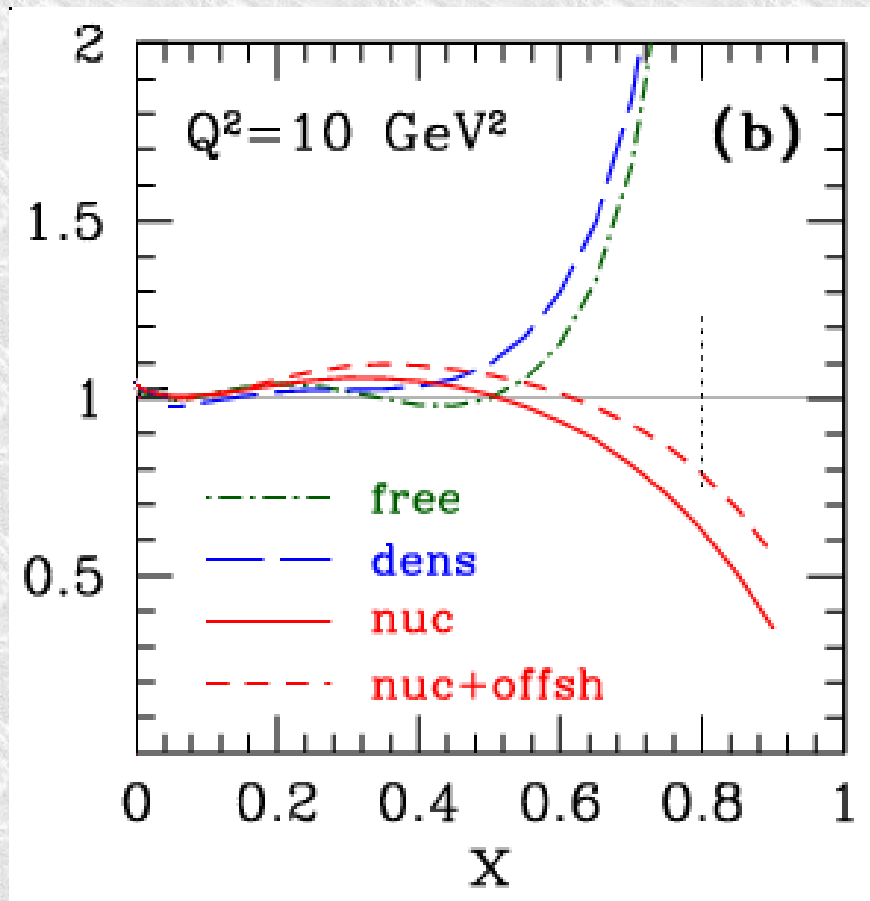
$$\frac{x_B}{y} = -\frac{q^2}{2p_N \cdot q}$$

- ➔ off-shell effects can be included in  $\mathcal{S}_A$





# Deuterium corrections



- ◆  $d$ -quarks are very sensitive to deuterium corrections
- ◆ Off-shell corrections completely absorbed by the  $d$ -quark

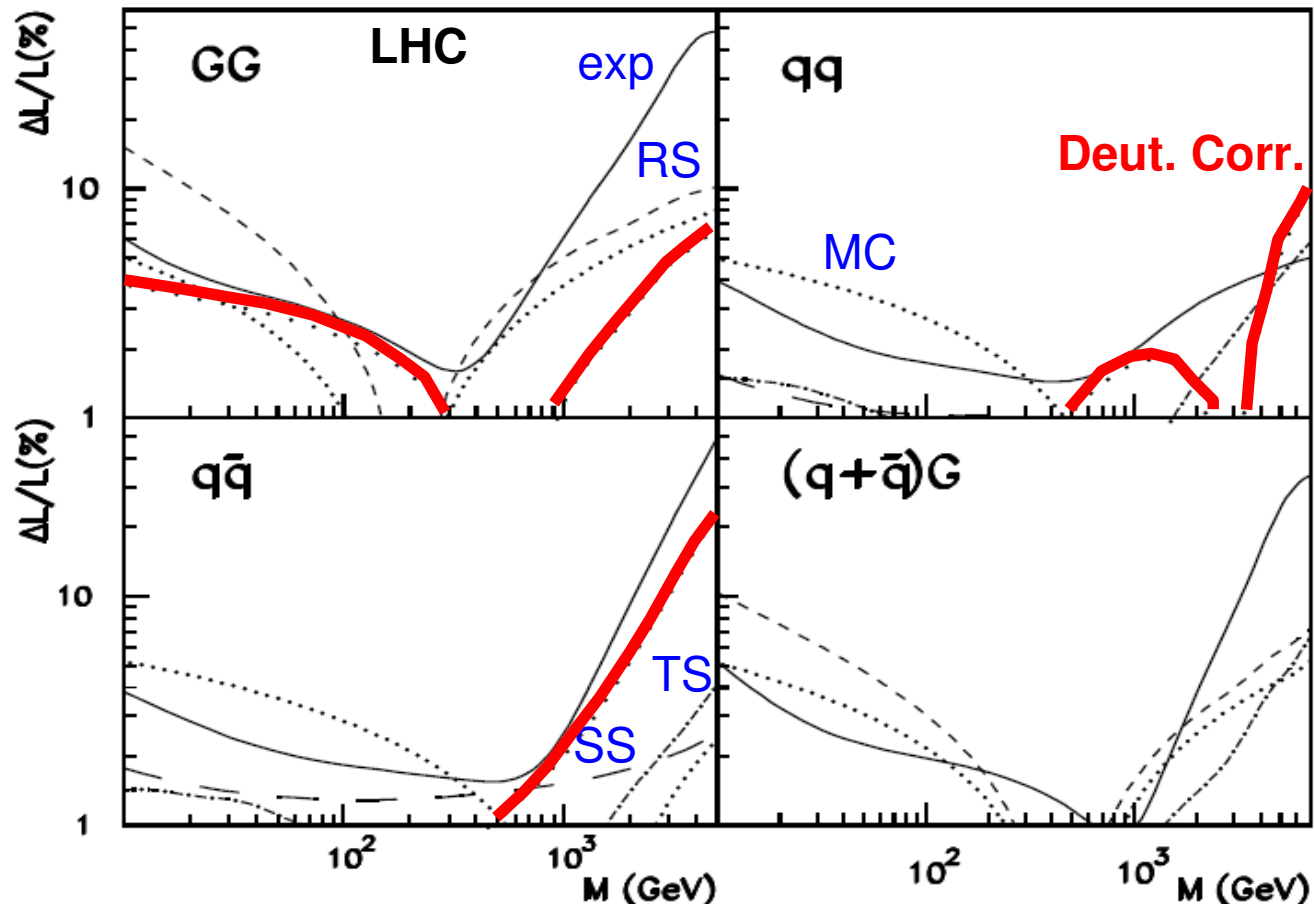
free = free p+n  
dens = density model corrections  
nuc = WBA smearing model  
offsh = off-shell corrections

[Mel'nitchouk et al., '94]

# Impact on LHC

- Parton luminosities  $L_{i,j}(M) = \frac{1}{S} \int_{M^2/s}^1 \frac{dx}{x} q_i(x, M^2) q_j(M^2/(xs), M^2)$
- Nuclear model uncertainty  $\sim 10\%$  at large  $x$ :
  - dominates  $Z$  cross-sections used as luminosity monitor

[Alekhin PRD63 (2001)]



exp = experimental  
 RS = renorm. scale  
 MC = charm mass  
 TS = charm threshold  
 SS = strangeness suppr.

# d-quarks at large $x$

## ➔ Large theoretical uncertainties on $d$ -quark at large $x$

- ➔ coming from deuteron corrections  
(no deuteron  $\Rightarrow$   $d$  unconstrained at large  $x$ )
- ➔ unavoidable at the moment: model dependent

## ➔ How to progress?

### ➔ Avoid them

- Free nucleon targets  $\hookrightarrow$  not enough data so far

### ➔ Constrain them

- $Q^2$  dependence of  $D/p$  ratios at large  $x$
- Use quasi-free nucleon targets
- Use ratio of  ${}^3\text{He}$  -  ${}^3\text{H}$  mirror nuclei

# Free nucleon targets

➤ Constraints on large- $x$   $d$ -quarks from

➤  $p+p(\bar{p})$  : DY at large  $x_F$

$$p p(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$$

➤  $p+p(\bar{p})$  : W-asymmetry at large rapidity  
[DØ and ZEUS]

$$p p(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow W^\pm X$$

➤  $\nu+p$  and  $\nu\text{-bar}+p$

$$\nu(\bar{\nu}) p \longrightarrow l^\pm X$$

- WA21 already has data  
(but hard to reconstruct cross-sections from published “quark distributions”)
- MINERvA with a hydrogen target

➤ Parity Violating DIS \*

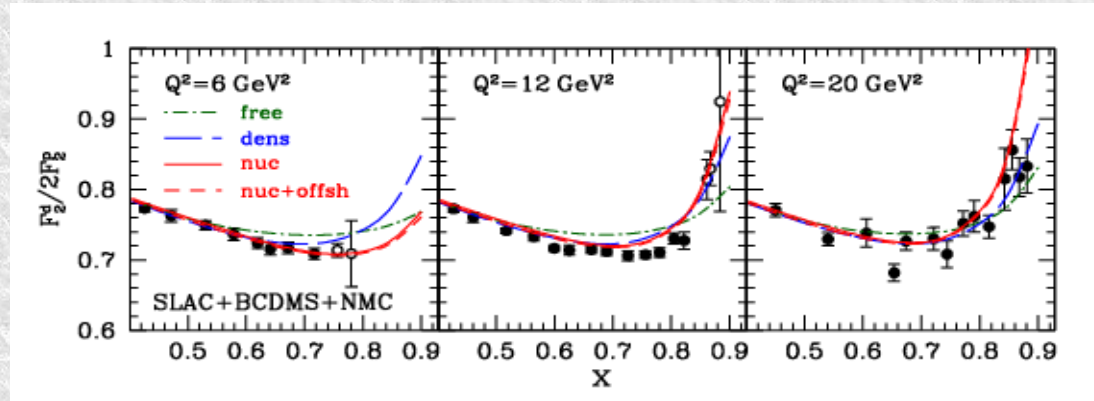
$$\vec{e}_L(\vec{e}_R) p \longrightarrow e X$$

- L/R electron asymmetry  $\Rightarrow \gamma/Z$  interference  $\propto d/u$

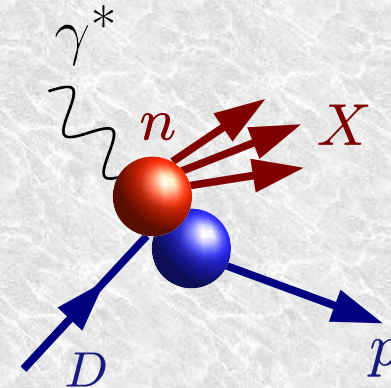
\* planned for Jlab at 12 GeV

# Constraining the nuclear corrections

- $Q^2$  dependence of  $D/p$  ratios at large  $x$



- Quasi-free nucleon targets \*  
[BONUS, E94-102 and EG6 at JLab 6 GeV]



- $^3\text{He}$  -  $^3\text{H}$  mirror nuclei \*

$$\frac{{}^3\text{H}}{{}^3\text{He}} \approx \frac{n}{p} \frac{2 + p/n}{2 + n/p}$$

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**Gluons**

# Observables for gluons

## ◆ Jets in $p+p$ collision – CT09

- ➔ limited statistics
- ➔ only very large  $Q^2$ , and smallish  $x$

## ◆ $dF_2 / d(\ln Q^2)$

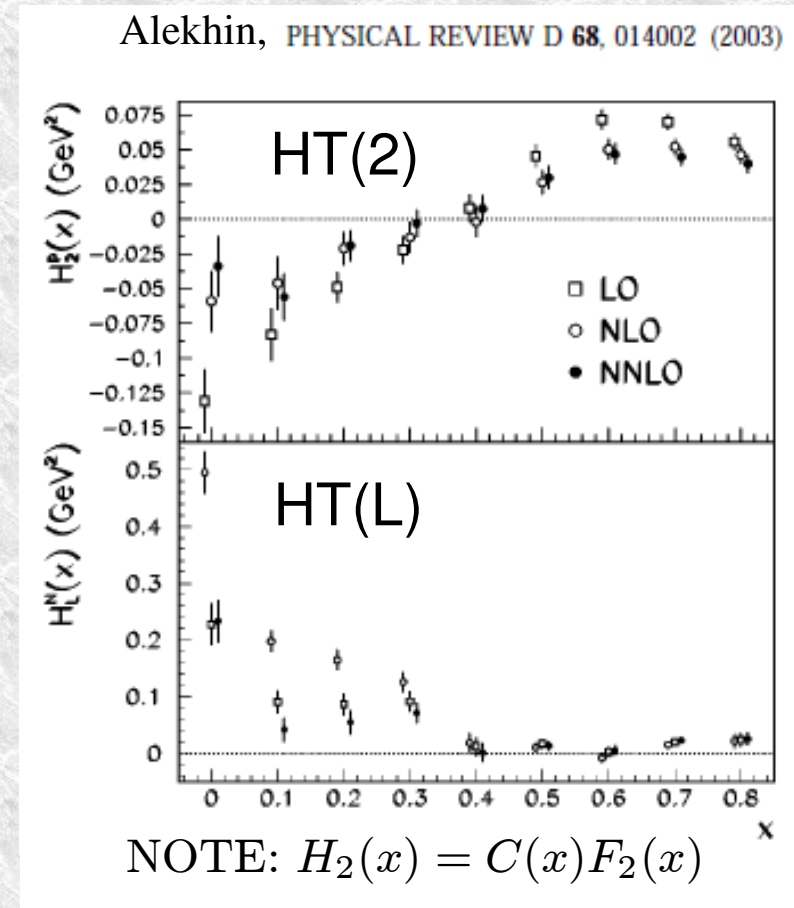
- ➔ indirect
- ➔ little leverage at large  $x$ , large errors

## ◆ Longitudinal $F_L$

- ➔ directly sensitive to gluons
- ➔ so far not many data points
- ➔ JLab / JLab12 will improve large- $x$  coverage, but low  $Q^2$

# $F_L$ – HT and perturbative stability

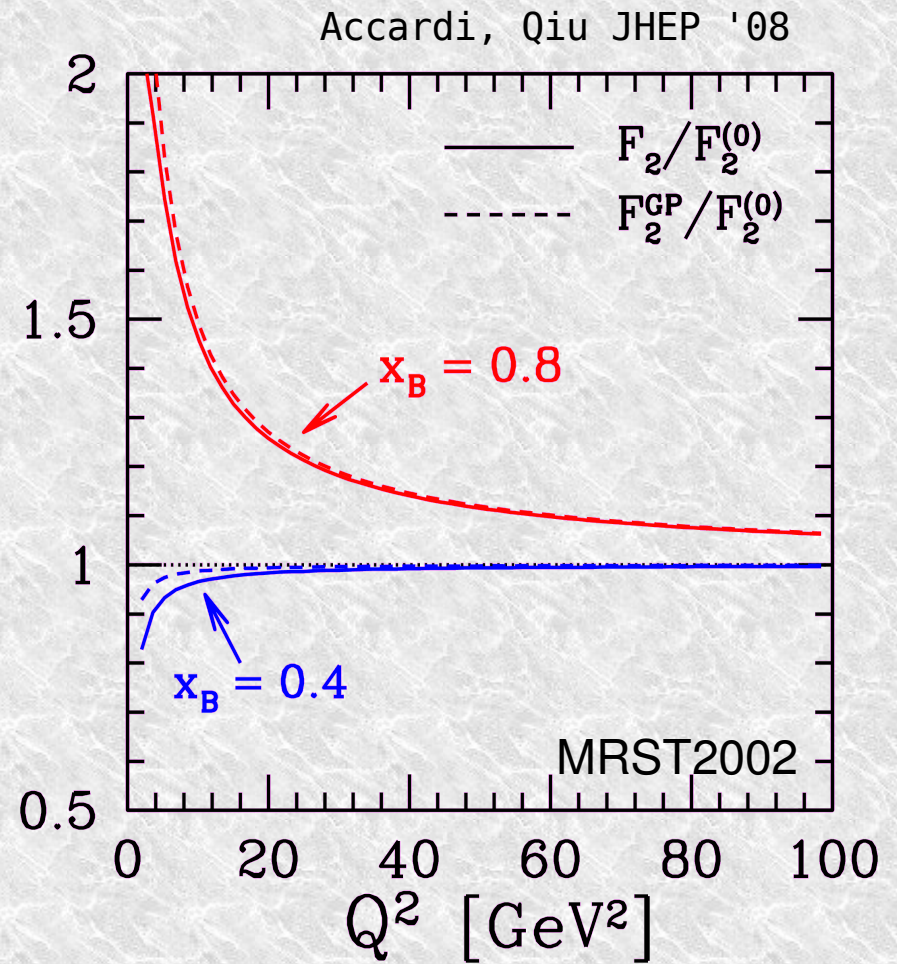
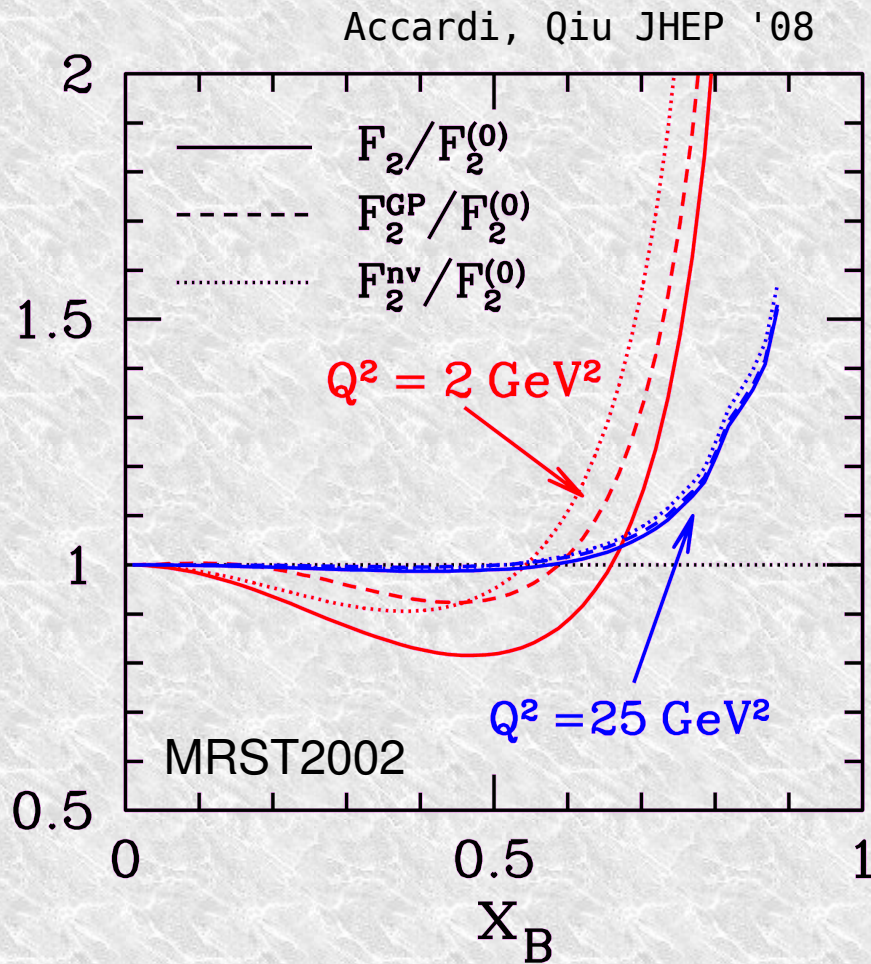
- ◆ HT for  $F_L$  have little constraints from theory, some guidance from renormalon calculations
  - ➡ Perturbatively unclear at large  $x$
  - ➡ When fitted, large at NLO, decrease at NNLO
- ◆ “The high  $x$  and low  $Q^2$  domain is ‘dangerous’. This is another reason, along with target mass, to avoid fitting data in this region”  
[Martin, Stirling, Thorne, PLB635(06)]
- ◆ Should we dare more?  
[see e.g., Alekhin et al., arXiv:0710.0124]





# Target Mass Corrections

- ◆ Difference between Coll. Fact. [Accardi, Qiu] and OPE [Georgi, Politzer] for  $F_2$
- different slope in  $Q^2 \Rightarrow$  different gluons from  $dF_2/d(\ln Q^2)$  !



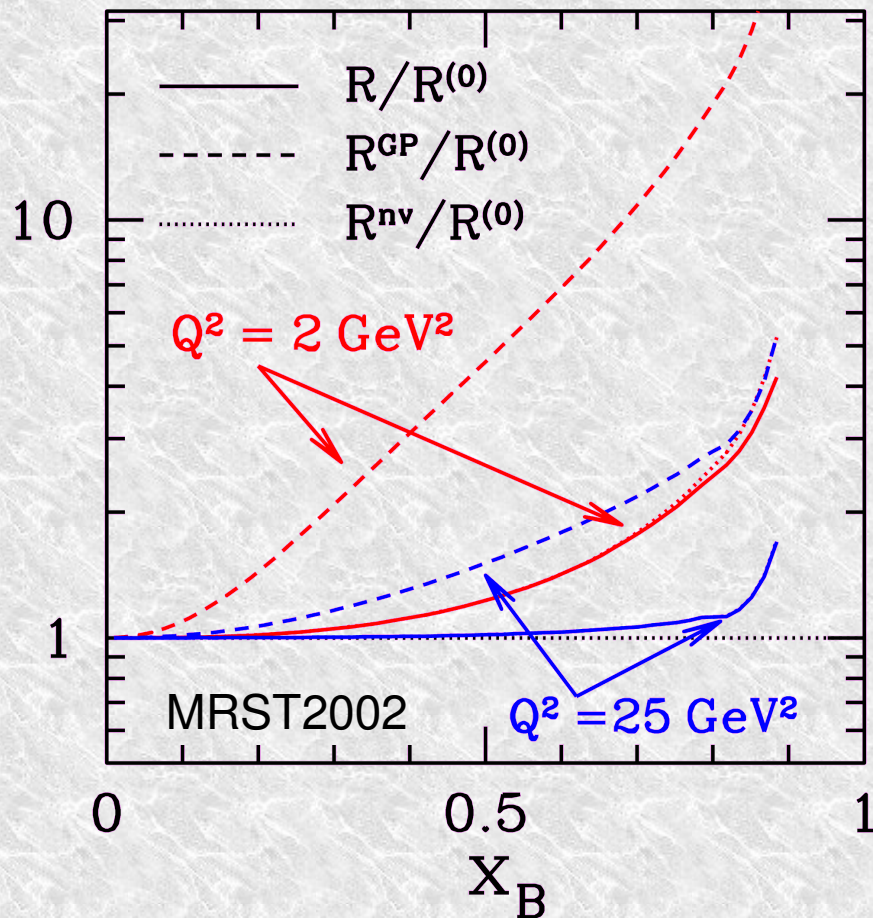
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## Very different $F_L$ correction

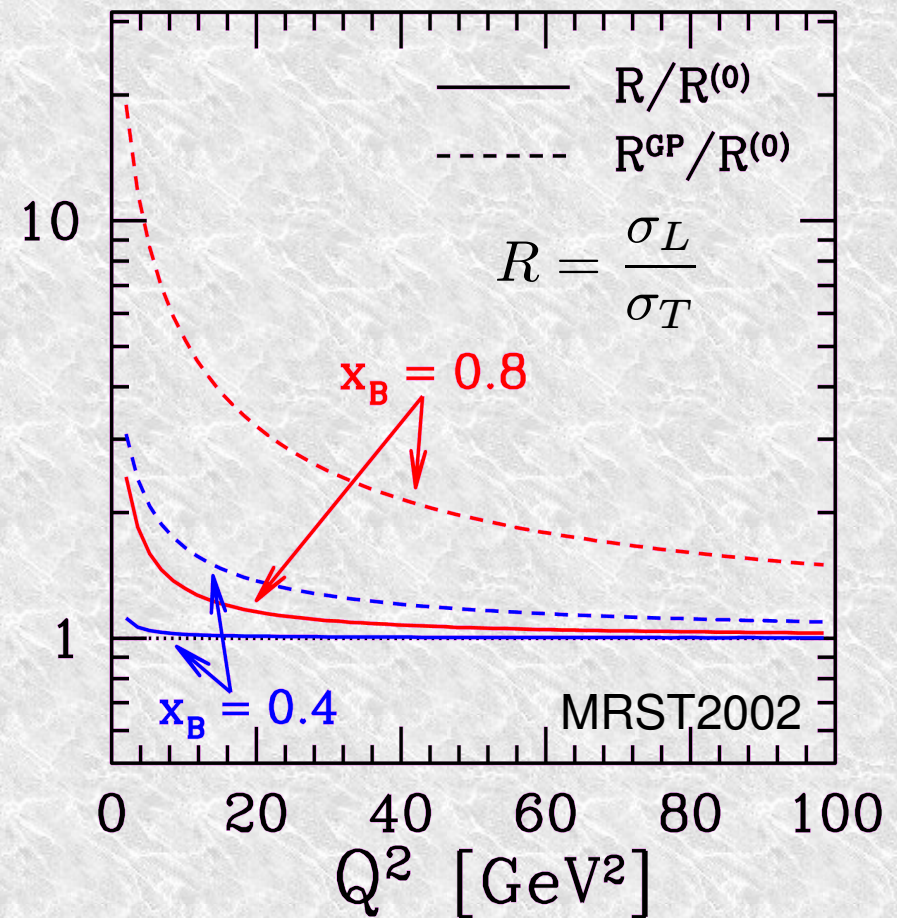
Can the differences be absorbed in HT terms ?

Play  $F_L$  and  $F_2$  off each other  $\Rightarrow$  can differentiate TMC method ??

Accardi, Qiu JHEP '08



Accardi, Qiu JHEP '08



**Intrinsic charm**

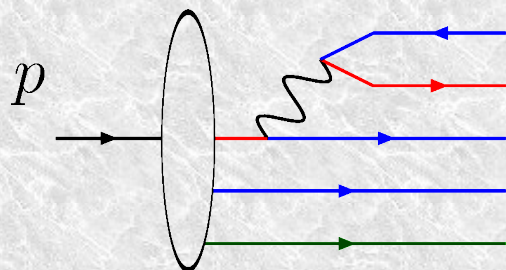
# Intrinsic vs. radiative charm

- ➡ Usual assumption in global fits: at threshold

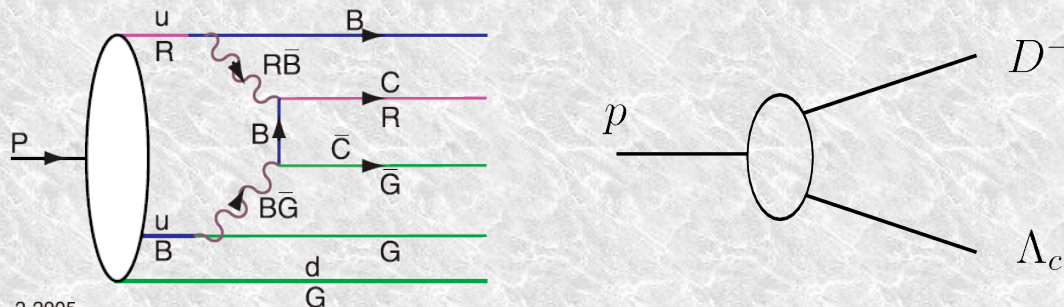
Pumplin, PRD73(06),  
Brodsky et al., PRD73(06)  
+ references therein

$$c(x, Q_c \approx m_c) = 0$$

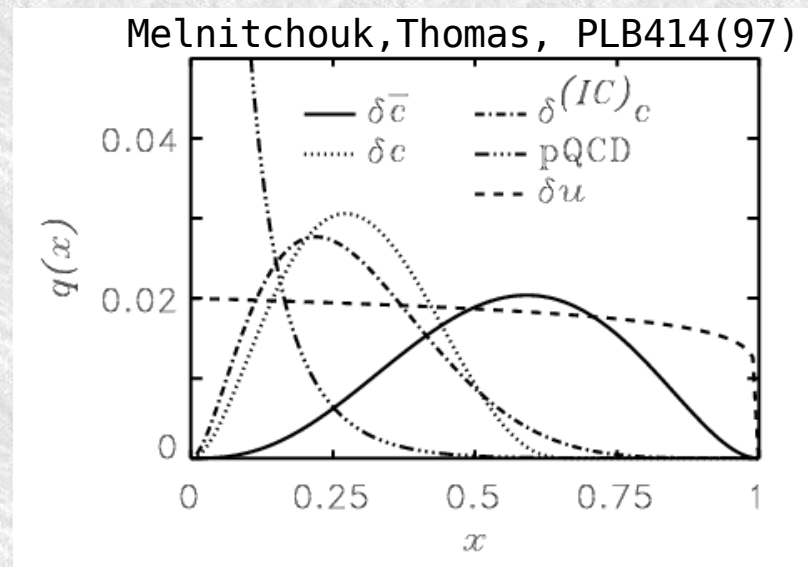
- ➡ charm generated during DGLAP evolution



- ➡ but QCD predicts intrinsic charm



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- ➡ a c-cbar pair fluctuation already exists, peaked at large  $x \sim 0.4$
- ➡ fully participates in DGLAP evolution
- ➡ c, cbar asymmetry: small @ NLO (pQCD) or large (nonpert. models)

# Indications from global fits

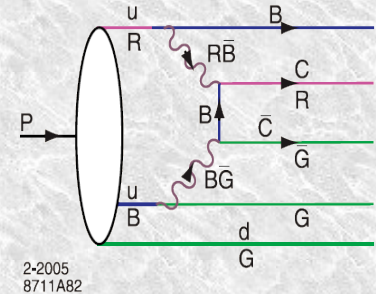
[Pumplin, Lai, Tung, PRD75(07)]

- ➔ 3 models at  $\mu = m_c$   
 [see Pumplin PRD 73(06) for review of models]

## 1) Brodsky-Hoyer-Peterson-Sakai [PLB 93 (80)]

$$c(x) = \bar{c}(x)$$

$$= A x^2 [6x(1+x) \ln x + (1-x)(1+10x+x^2)]$$

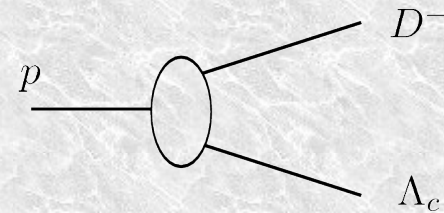


## 2) meson-cloud model

[Navarra et al '96, '98;  
 Melnitchouk, Steffens, Thomas '97, '99]

$$c(x) = A x^{1.897} (1-x)^{6.095}$$

$$\bar{c}(x) = \bar{A} x^{2.511} (1-x)^{4.929}$$



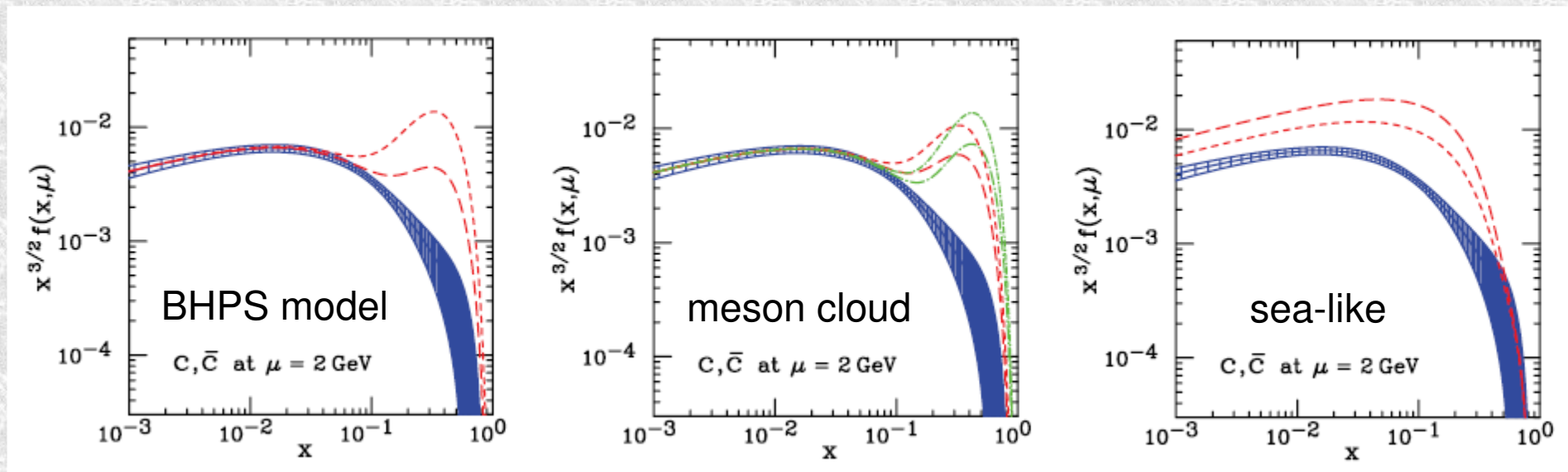
## 3) phenomenological “sea-like”

$$c(x) = \bar{c}(x) \propto \bar{d}(x) + \bar{u}(x)$$

# Indications from global fits

[Pumplin, Lai, Tung, PRD75(07)]

- ➡ All models allow **IC = 0-3% intrinsic charm**
- ➡ Evolution redistributes IC to lower  $x$ , but large- $x$  peak persists
- ➡ sea-like spread out over  $x$

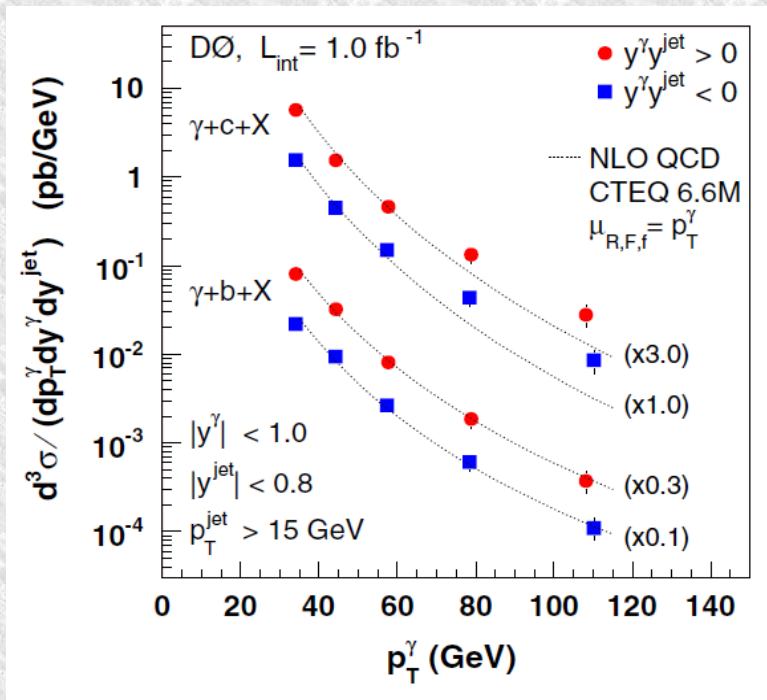


# Experimental evidence - D0

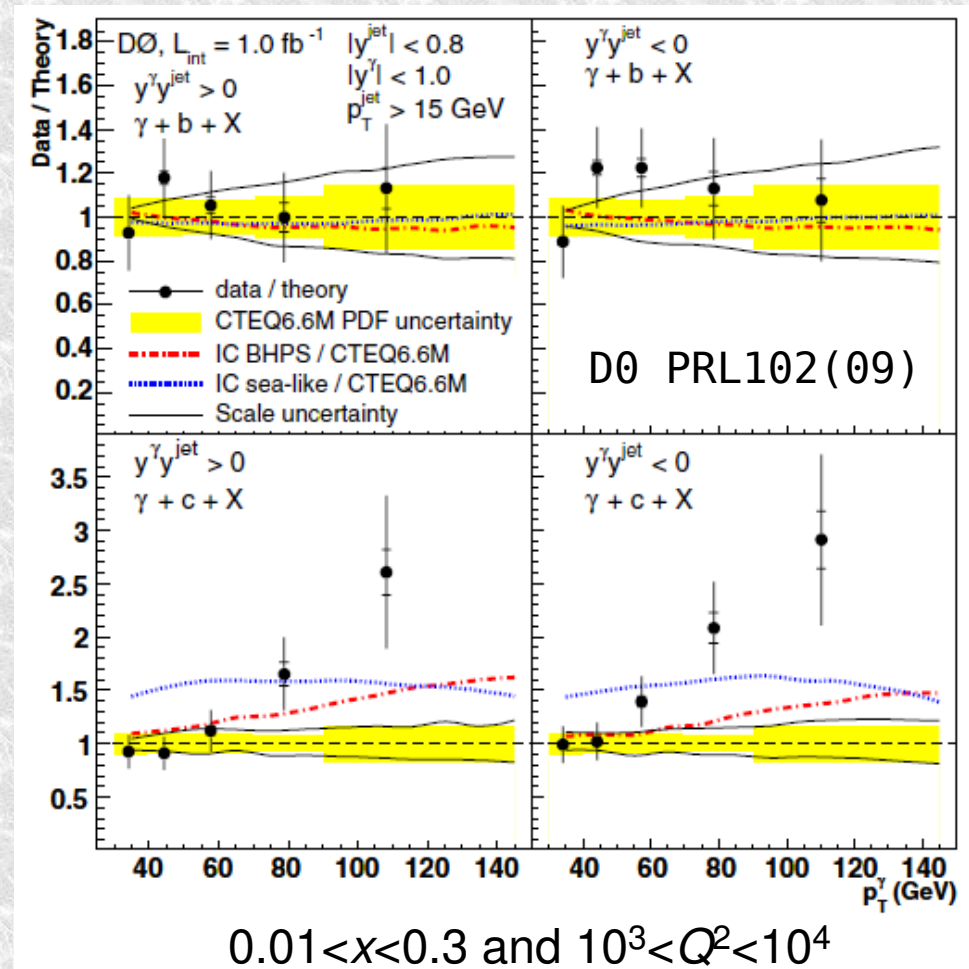
- ➡ D0 measured excess of  $\gamma$ +charm jets compared CTEQ6.6 [D0, PRL102(09)]

$$g + Q \rightarrow \gamma/Z + Q$$

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma/Z + g \rightarrow \gamma/Z + Q\bar{Q}$$



- ➡ Difference due to
  - ➡ intrinsic charm?
  - ➡ underestimate of  $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  ?



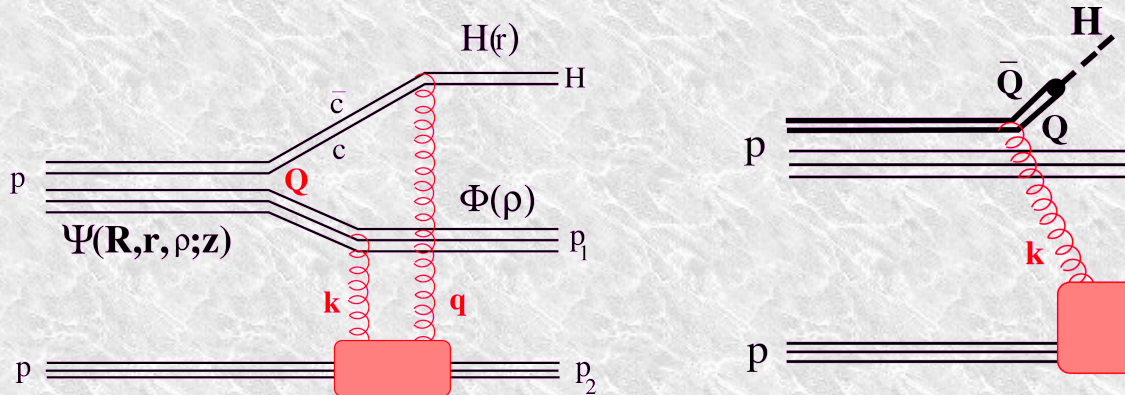
# Phenomenological implications

➔ SM and beyond at Tevatron and LHC

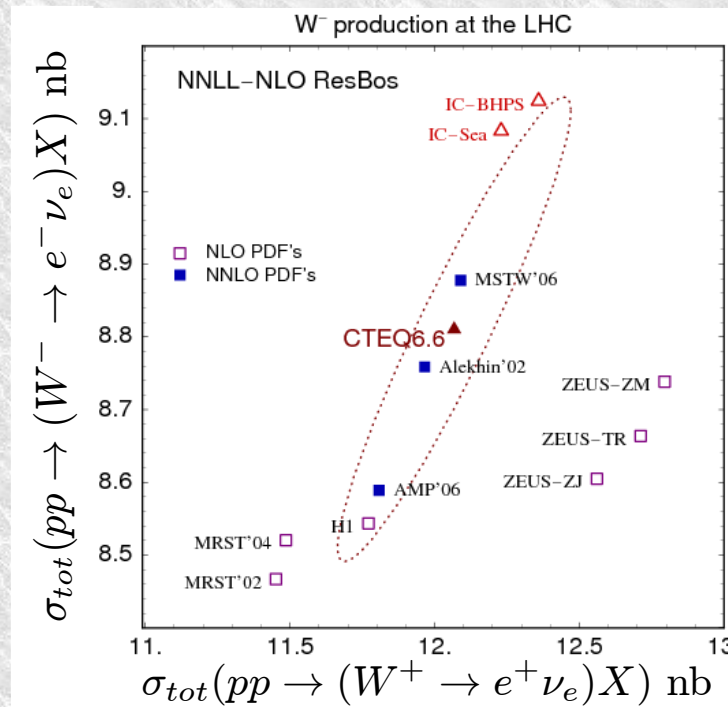
➔ Higgs and single top production sensitive to heavy quarks

➔ Novel Higgs production mechanisms at large  $x_F \approx 0.7-0.9$  [Brodsky et al.

PRD73(06),  
NPB907(09)]



➔ W production



[Nadolsky et al. PRD78(08)]



# How to measure – hadronic collisions

## ➔ $\gamma/Z$ + charm jet

- ➔ sensitive to  $g + Q \rightarrow \gamma/Z + Q$  and  $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma/Z + g \rightarrow \gamma/Z + Q\bar{Q}$
- ➔  $y_\gamma y_{jet} > 0$  and  $y_\gamma y_{jet} < 0$  sensitive to different  $x_1, x_2$
- ➔ allows constraints on  $Q, Qbar$ , and gluons
- ➔ angular dependence to distinguish above sub-processes

## ➔ Also,

- High  $x_F$   $pp \rightarrow J/\psi X$
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- High  $x_F$   $pp \rightarrow \Lambda_c X$
- High  $x_F$   $pp \rightarrow \Lambda_b X$
- High  $x_F$   $pp \rightarrow \Xi(ccd)X$  (SELEX)

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# How to measure – DIS

## ➤ HERA charm and bottom events

➤ already included in the fits

➤ most data at small  $x$ , where  $\gamma g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  dominates over  $\gamma c \rightarrow cX$

➤ needs larger  $x$

## ➤ $F_L/F_2$ ratio [Ivanov, NPB814(09)]

## ➤ JLAB 6/12

➤ Ideally placed across the charm threshold

➤ D+ vs. D- sensitive to c/cbar asymmetry

## ➤ EIC (LHeC ??)

➤ jet measurements are possible

➤ larger  $Q^2$  range

# Target and heavy-quark mass corrections

DIS in collinear factorization: [Accardi, Qiu JHEP '08]

$$F_{T,L}(x_B, Q^2, m_N) = \sum_f \int_{x_f^{min}}^{x_f^{max}} \frac{dx}{x} h_{T,L}^f\left(\frac{\xi_f}{x}, Q^2\right) \varphi_f(x, Q^2)$$

$f$  parton mass

Nachtmann variable

$$\xi_f = \xi \left[ 1 - \frac{\xi^2 m_f^2}{x^2 Q^2} \right]^{-1} \quad \begin{array}{l} m_f \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \xi \quad \begin{array}{l} M_N \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} x_B$$

$$x_f^{min} = \xi \frac{Q^2 + (c-1)m_f^2 + \Delta[m_f^2, -Q^2, cm_f^2]}{2Q^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} m_f \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \xi \quad \begin{array}{l} M_N \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} x_B$$

$$x_f^{max} = \xi \frac{Q^2/x_B + 3m_f^2 + \Delta[m_f^2, -Q^2, Q^2(1/x_B - 1)]}{2Q^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} m_f \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} \xi/x_B \quad \begin{array}{l} M_N \rightarrow 0 \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} 1$$

$$\Delta[a, b, c] = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2(ab + bc + ca)} \quad \xi = 2x_B / \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x_B^2 M_N^2 / Q^2} \right)$$

# Conclusions

- ★ **Flavor separation at large  $x$  important**

- ➔ to understand the nucleon structure

- ➔ for phenomenological applications

- ★ **but needs theoretical corrections**

- ➔ target/quark mass, HT, nuclear corrections, ...

- ★ **u, d quarks**

- ➔ CTEQ6X reveals d-quark suppression compared to CTEQ / MRST fits

- ➔ Essential to control nuclear corrections, or use free nucleon target

- ★ **Gluons:** will be included in the CTEQ6X global fit

- ★ **Intrinsic charm:** interesting direction for the future

**BACKUP SLIDES**

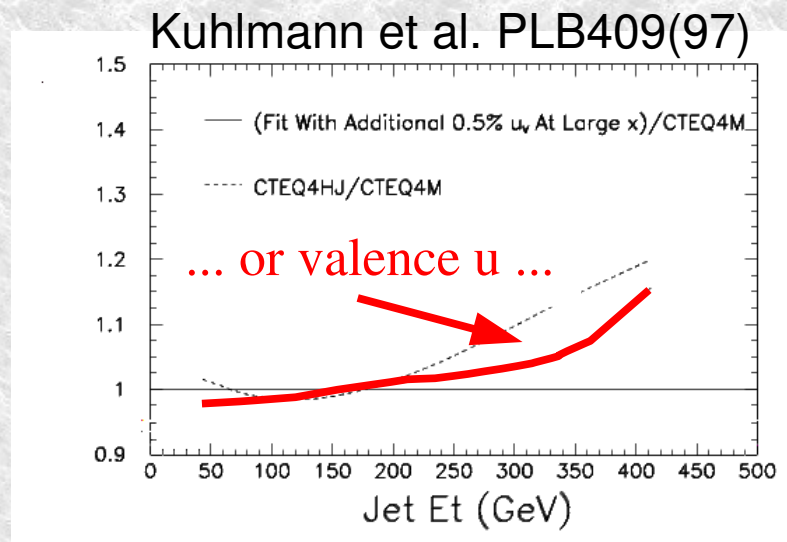
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- Large uncertainties in quark and gluon PDF at  $x > 0.4$
- Precise PDF at large  $x$  are needed, e.g.,

➤ at LHC, Tevatron

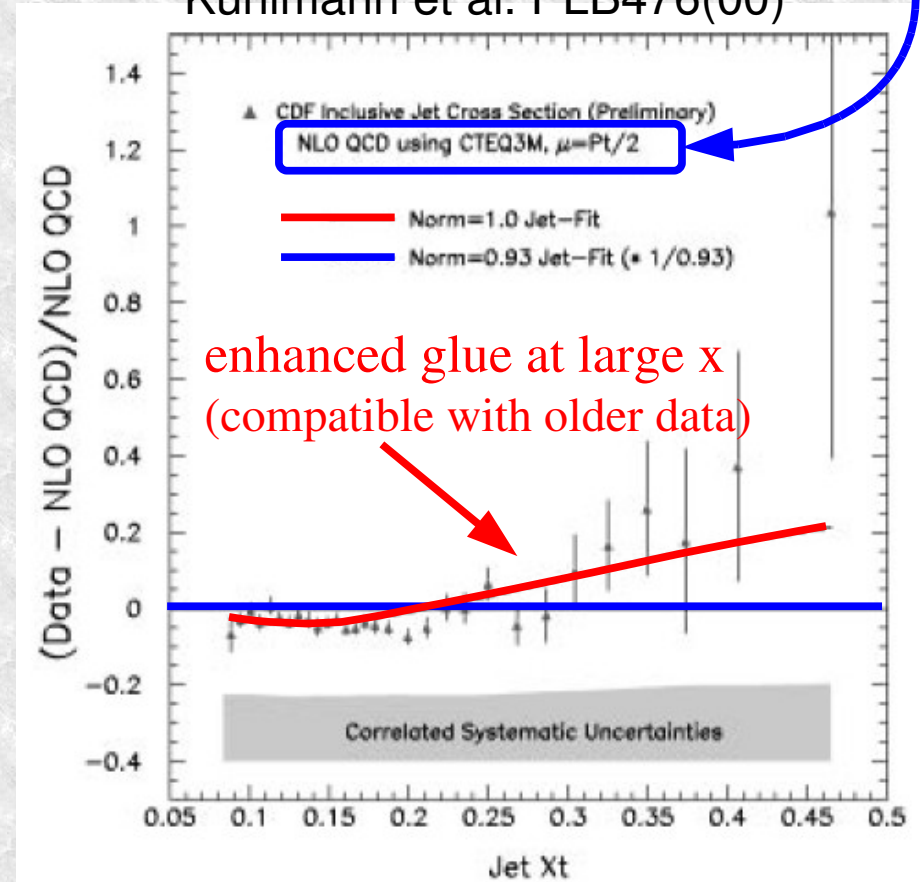
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➤ Example 2: 1996 CDF  $p_T$  excess



NLO state of the art at the time

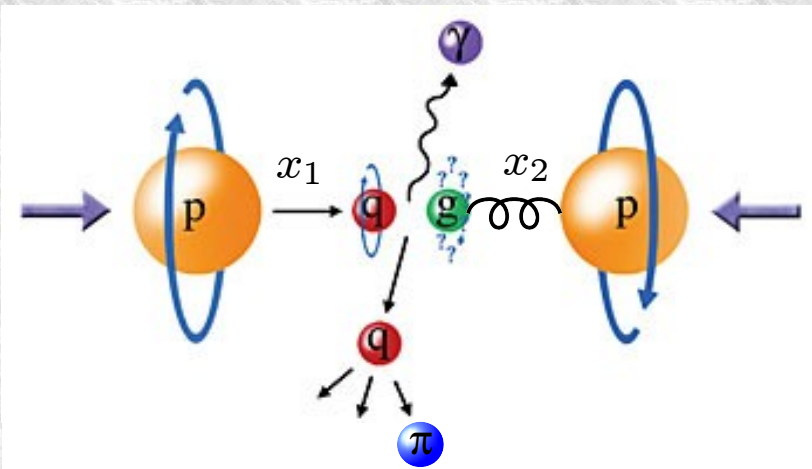
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# Why large $x_B$ and low $Q^2$ ?

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  - non-perturbative nucleon structure
  - spin structure of the nucleon – most spin at large- $x$ , but also, e.g.,

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \propto \Delta q(x_1) \Delta g(x_2) \hat{\sigma}^{qg \rightarrow qg} \otimes D_q^{\pi^0}(z)$$



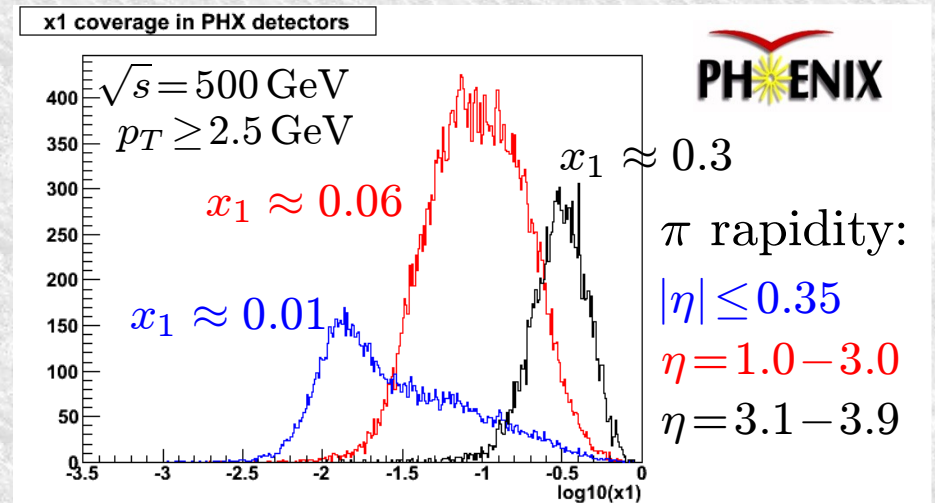
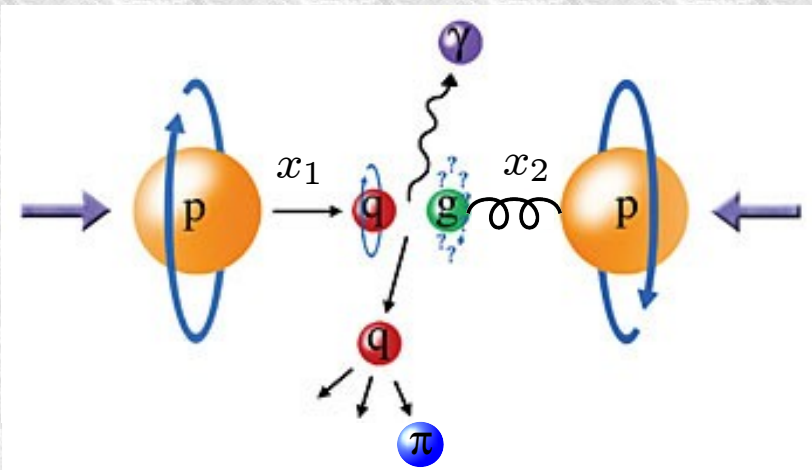
$$x_1 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$$

$$x_2 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y}$$

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# Target mass corrections

➤ Nachtmann variable:  $\xi = \frac{2x_B}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x_B^2 m_N^2 / Q^2}} < 1$  at  $x_B = 1$

➤ **Standard Georgi-Politzer (OPE)**

[Georgi, Politzer 1976; see review by Schienbein et al. 2007]

➤ leads to non-zero structure functions at  $x_B > 1$  (!)

➤ **Collinear factorization** [Accardi, Qiu, JHEP 2008; Accardi, Melnitchouk 2008]

Structure fns as convolutions of parton level structure fns and PDF

$$F_{T,L}(x_B, Q^2, m_N) = \sum_f \int_{\xi}^{\frac{\xi}{x_B}} \frac{dx}{x} h_{T,L}^f\left(\frac{\xi}{x}, Q^2\right) \varphi_f(x, Q^2)$$

➤ respects kinematic boundaries

➤  **$\xi$ -scaling**, uses  $x_{\max} = 1$  [Aivazis et al '94; Kretzer, Reno '02]

$$F_{T,L}^{nv}(x_B, Q^2, m_N) \equiv F_T^{(0)}(\xi, Q^2)$$

➤ leads to non-zero structure functions at  $x_B > 1$  (!)

# “Higher-Twists” parametrization

- ▶ Parametrize by a multiplicative factor:

$$F_2(data) = F_2(TMC) \times \left( 1 + \frac{C(x_B)}{Q^2} \right)$$

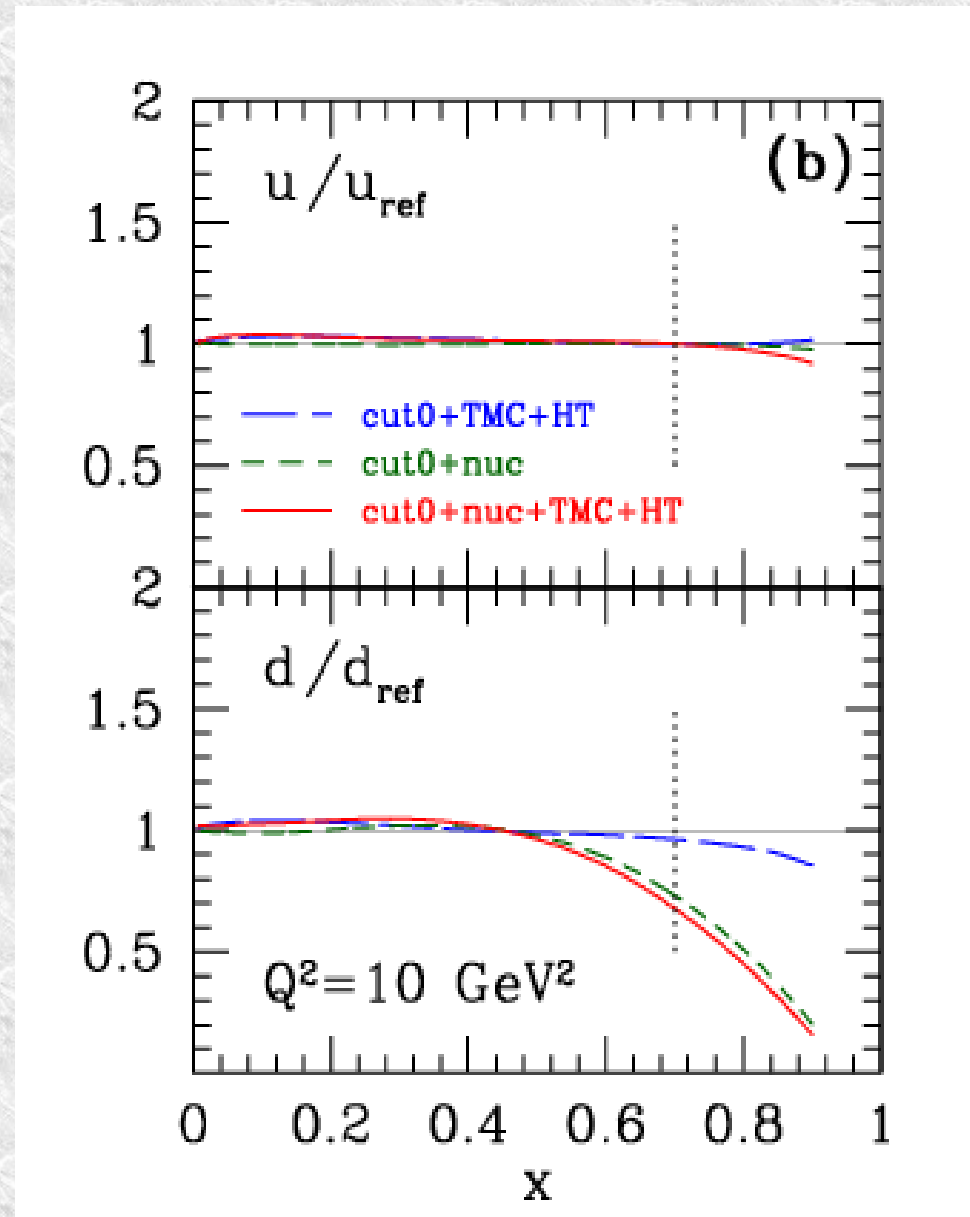
with

$$C(x_B) = a x^b (1 + c x)$$

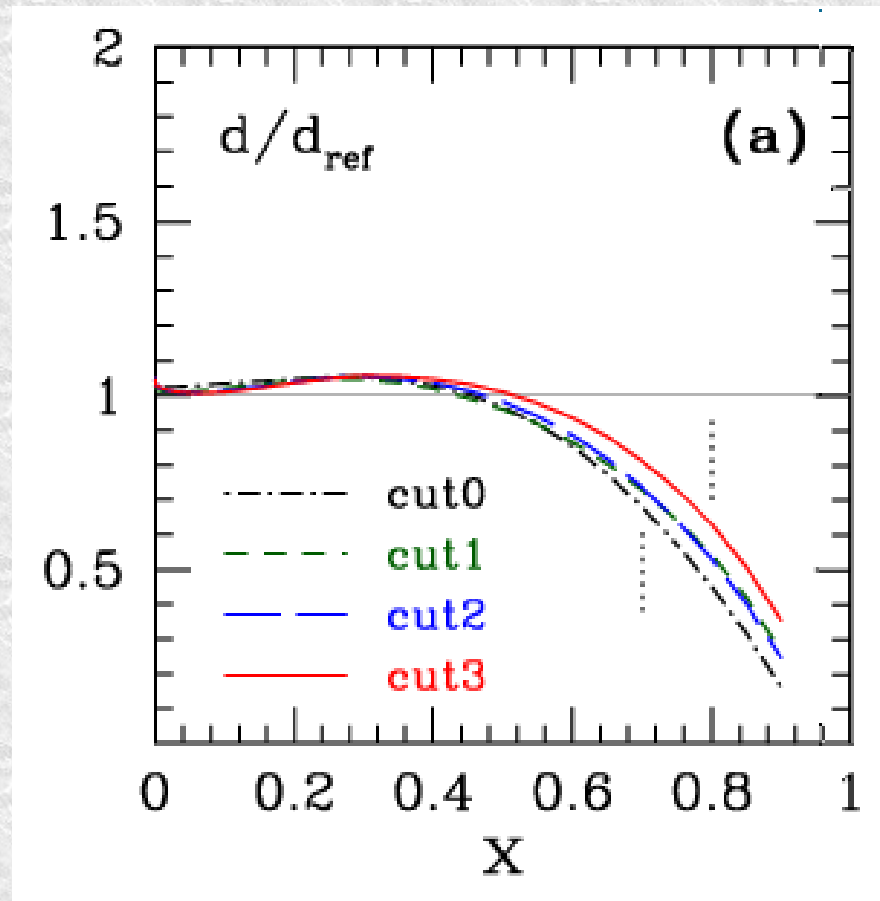
- ▶ parametrization is sufficiently flexible to give good fits to data
- ▶  $c$  parameter allows negative HT at small  $x_B$
  
- ▶ **Important:**  $C(x_B)$  includes
  - ▶ dynamical higher-twists (parton correlations)
  - ▶ all uncontrolled power corrections, e.g.,
    - √ TMC model uncertainty, Jet Mass Corrections
    - √ NNLO corrections (power-like at small  $Q$ )

# Effects of corrections on reference fit

- ➡ Apply the theoretical corrections one at a time
- ➡ 2 important lessons:
  - ➡ **cut0 removes TMC+HT**  
(as desired)
  - ➡ **nuclear corrections are large starting from  $x > 0.5$  !!**  
("safe cuts" aren't safe everywhere)

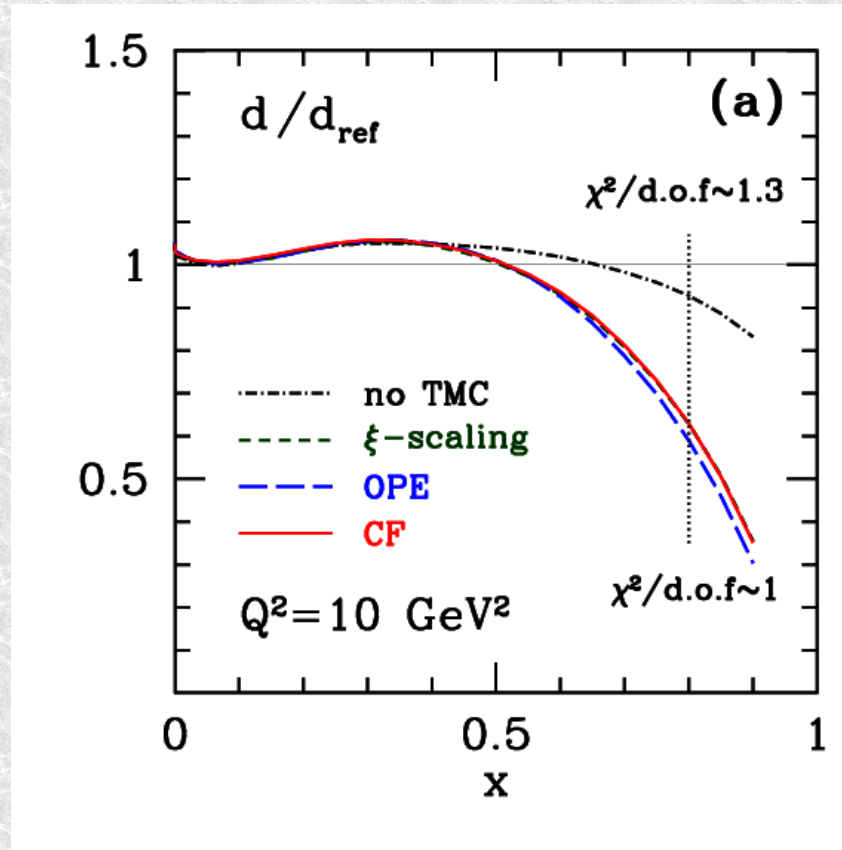


# Stability of the d-quark fit



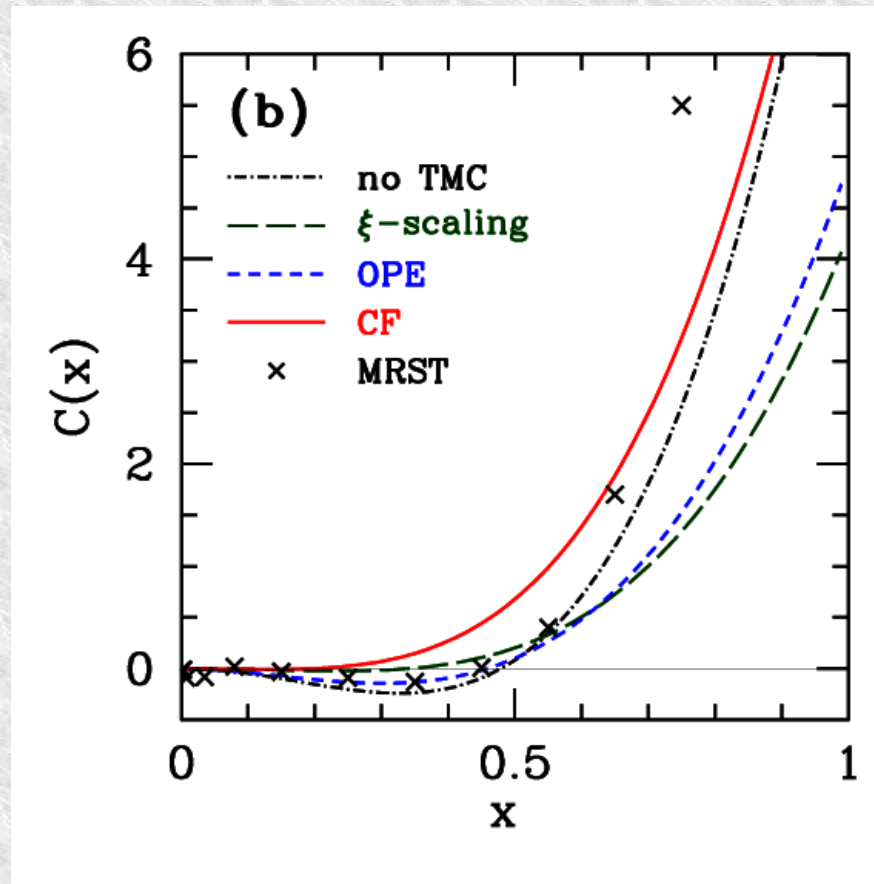
- Relatively stable against kinematic cuts, but
  - the d-quark suppression is lessened by the less restrictive cuts
  - effect still sizable at  $x=0.5-0.7$  in the nominal range of validity of cut0

# TMC vs HT



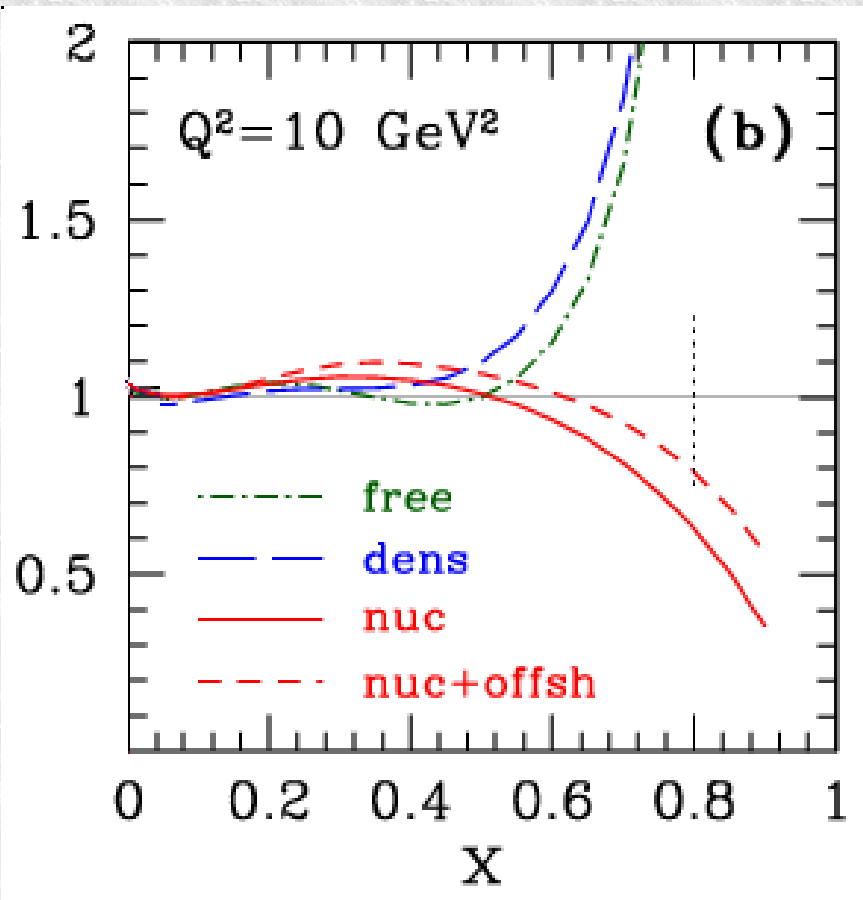
- ➡ Extracted twist-2 PDF much less sensitive to choice of TMC
  - ➡ fitted HT function compensates the TMC
  - ➡ except when no TMC is included
- ➡ Inclusion of TMC allow for economical HT parametrization (3 params)

# TMC vs HT



- ➔ **Extracted higher-twist term depends on the type of TMC used**
  - ➔  $Q^2 > 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  (referred to as “cut03”)
  - ➔ lower cuts  $\Rightarrow x_B < 0.85$  compared to  $x_B < 0.7$  in CTEQ/MRST
  - ➔ No evidence for negative HT

# Off-shell corrections



$$F_2^p = \frac{4}{9} x u \left( 1 + \frac{d}{4u} \right) \quad \text{no corrections}$$

$$F_2^d = \frac{5}{9} x u \left( 1 + \frac{d}{u} \right). \quad \text{O.S. corrections}$$

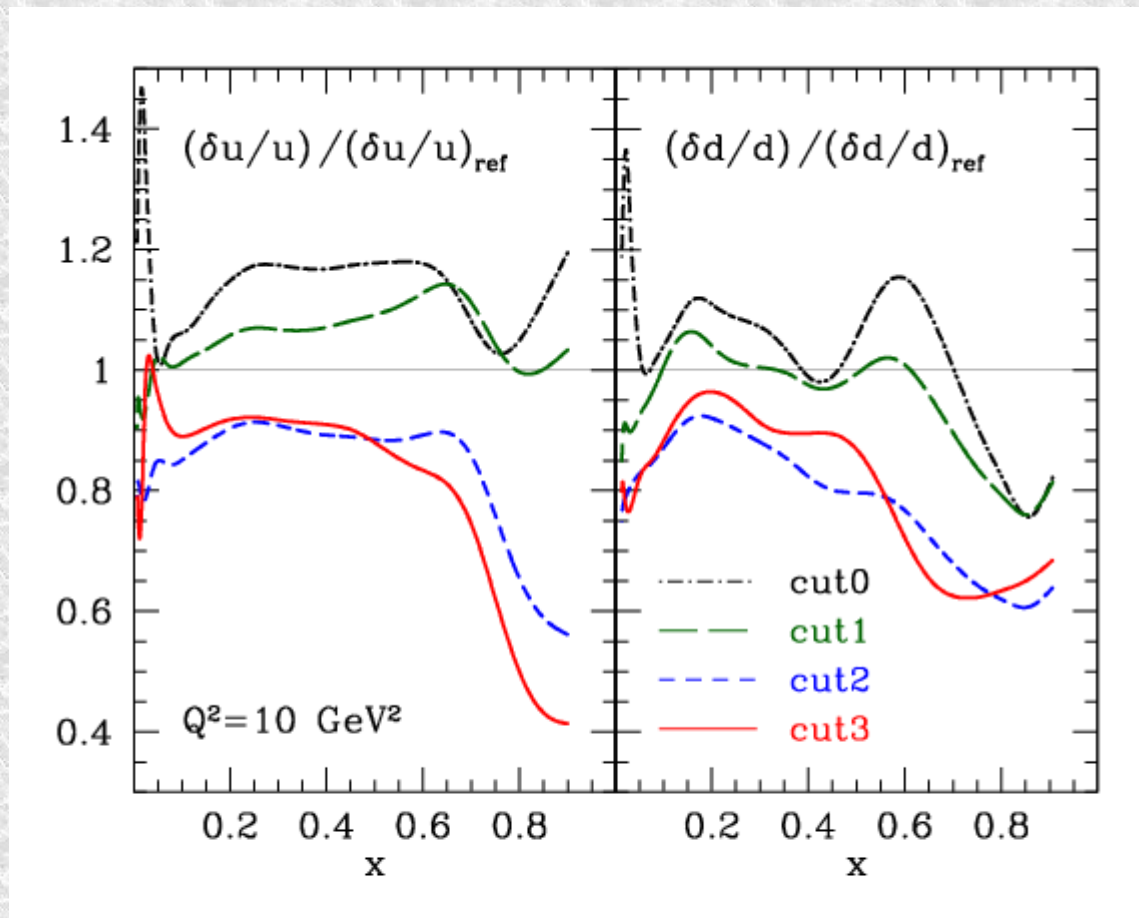
$$\frac{\delta d}{d} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\delta F_2^d}{F_2^d} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{d/u} \right).$$

1.5% on  $F_2^d \Rightarrow 40\%$  on  $d$ -quark !!!

- ➡ **d-quark is strongly correlated to choice of Off-Shell correction !**
  - ➡ on-shell or mild off-shell correction  $\Rightarrow$  d-quark suppression
  - ➡ might as well be enhanced...
- ➡ **Need to constrain the models ! – see later**

# Experimental uncertainties: PDF errors

- ▶ PDF errors at large  $x$  are reduced by lowering the cuts
- ▶ Note: these are exp. errors propagated in the fit
- ▶ nuclear correction uncertainty for d-quarks likely larger than this!

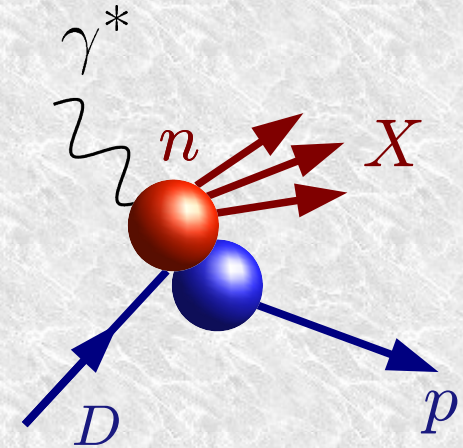




# Quasi-free nucleon targets

BONUS and E94-102 experiments at JLab

- DIS on deuterium with tagged proton
  - tagged proton momentum is measured
  - neutron off-shellness can be reconstructed



- Study the off-shell dependence of  $F_2(n)$  and quark PDFs

$$q \equiv q_D(x, Q^2, p^2)$$

- Extrapolate to a free neutron target  $p^2 \rightarrow M_n^2$

# D/p ratios

- ➔ Strong  $Q^2$  dependence of nuclear smearing
- ➔ use fixed  $x_B$  data up to larger  $Q^2$
- ➔ needs resonance region  $\Rightarrow$  quark-hadron duality
- ➔ off-shell corrections can't be constrained

