

Future measurements of α_s from scaling Violations at HERA

- Report on studies done during the workshop 'Future physics at HERA', 1995-6.

■ 'Tools'

A Detailed Comparison of NLO QCD Evolution Codes

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■ 'Experimental errors'

Future Precision Measurements of $F_2(x, Q^2)$, $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ and $xg(x, Q^2)$ at HERA

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■ 'Theoretical errors'

Theoretical Uncertainties in the Determination of α_s from F_2' at HERA

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■ Comparison of NLO evolution codes

- Altarelli Parisi evolution:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \begin{bmatrix} P_{gg} & P_{g\gamma} \\ P_{\gamma g} & P_{\gamma\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \circledast \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

→ QCD splitting functions, known up to NLO

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \ln Q^2} = -\frac{\beta_0}{4\pi} \alpha_s^2 - \frac{\beta_1}{(4\pi)^2} \alpha_s^3 + \dots$$

- Solution of AP: evolve $\Sigma(x, Q_0^2)$, $g(x, Q_0^2)$, α_s given $\alpha_s(\mu_0)$ or Λ .

'x-space' Evolve numerically on a grid in x and Q^2 .

- Conceptually simple.
- Worry about numerical accuracy.

'N-space' Take moments: $f^N = \int dz z^{N-1} f(x)$

⇒ System of ordinary differential equations.

⇒ Analytical solution; transform back to x-space.

- Mathematically more involved.
- Accuracy $\sim 10^{-5}$: no problem.

- Aim for an accuracy $\lesssim 0.1\%$ over a wide kinematic range

$$\sim 10^{-5} < z < 1$$

$$\sim 4 < Q^2 < 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- HERA workshop: 4 (+2) NLO codes compared:

- Simple 'toy model' parametrisations of pdf's at input scale $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. $10^{-5} < x < 1$.
- Evolve α_s with $\Lambda = 250 \text{ MeV}$ and $f = 4$.
- Evolve pdf's up to $Q^2 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $f = 4$.
- Compare results.

- Evolution codes:

(B)	Botje / ZEUS	x-space
(PZ)	Pascual & Zomer / H1	x-space
(V)	Vogt	N-space
(R)	Riemersma	N-space

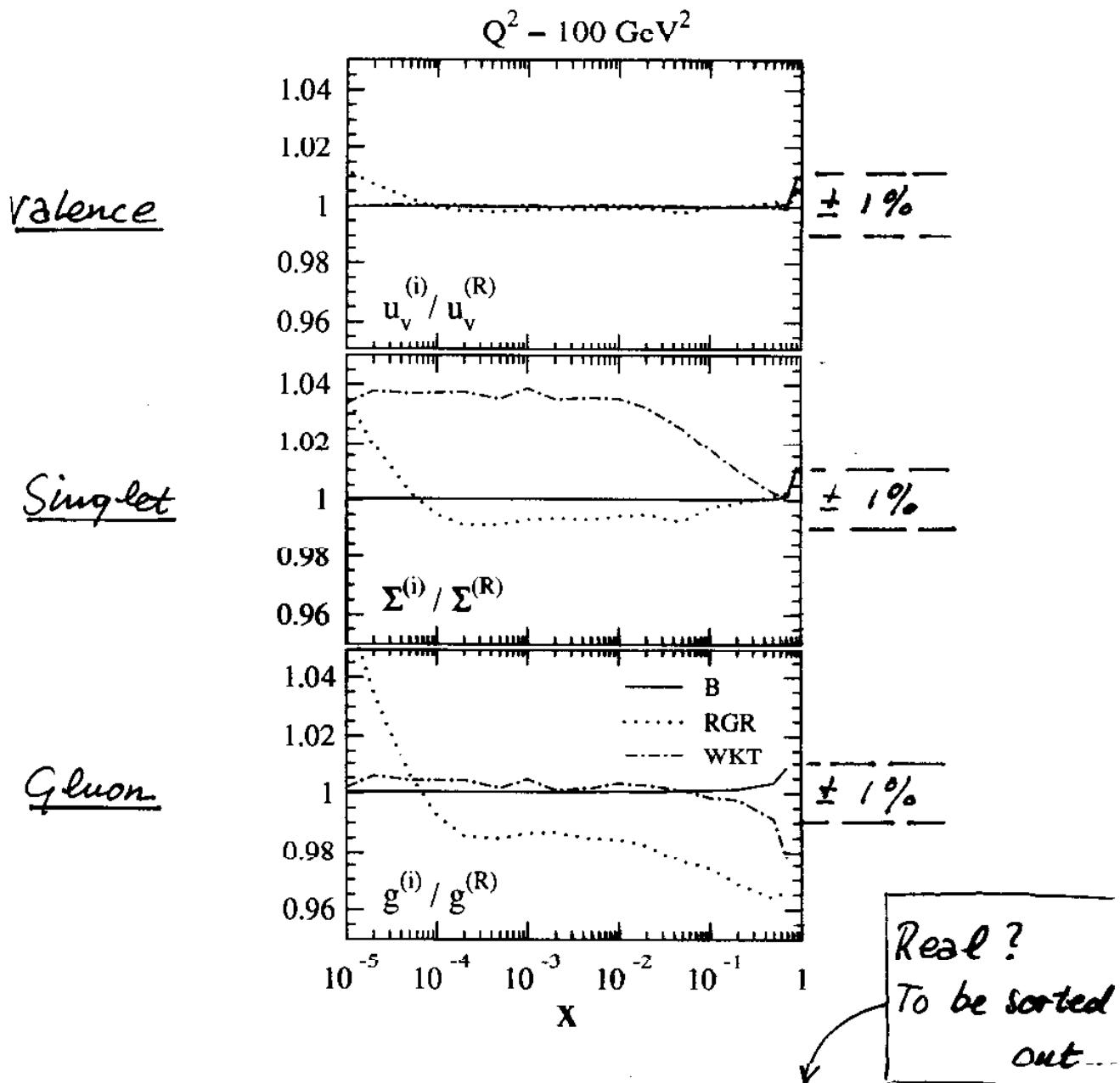
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(WKT)	W.K. Tung	x-space
(AGR)	R.G. Roberts	x-space

■ ZUOLVE to $Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$

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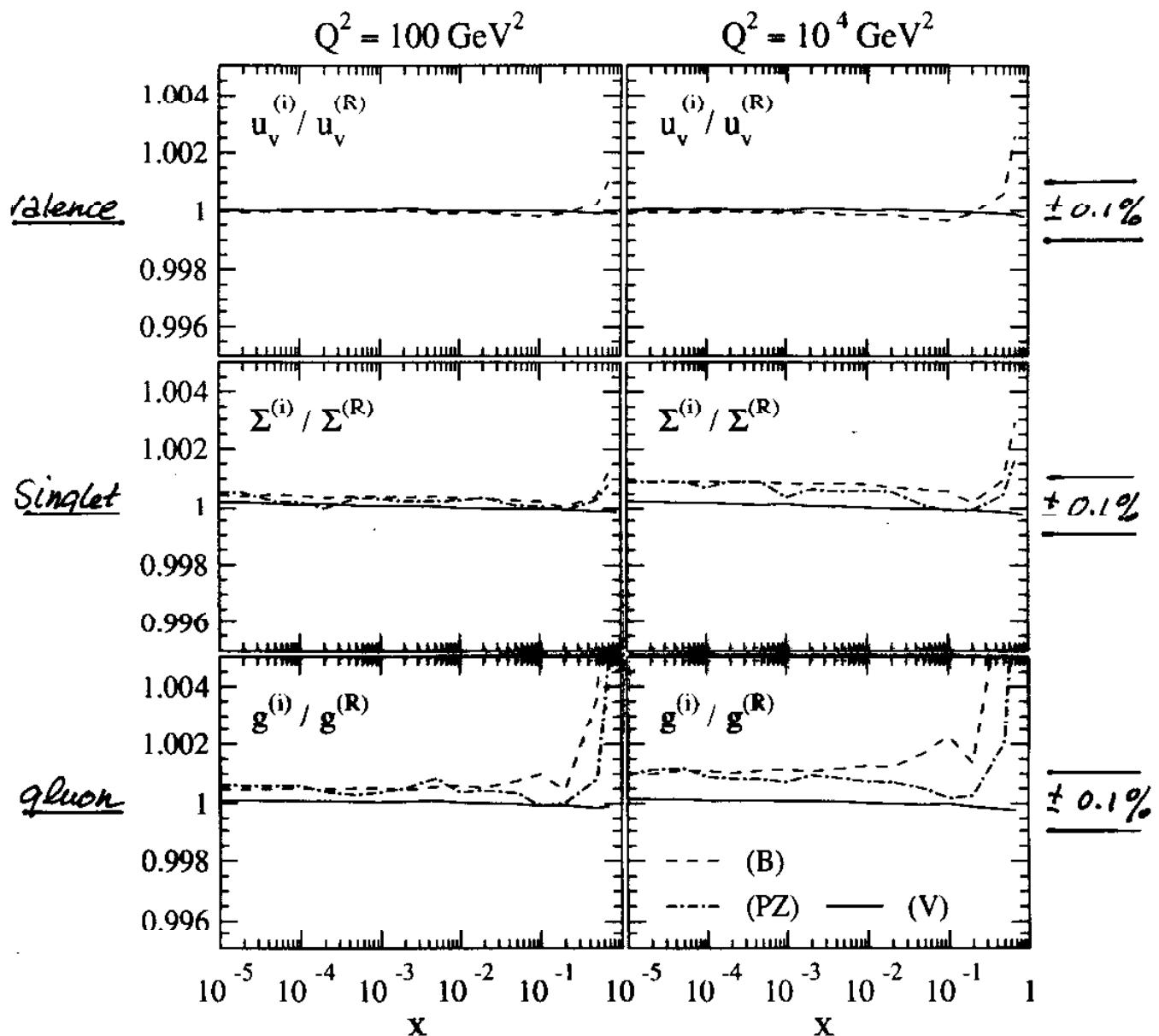
- Compare Botje (B), Tung (WKT), Roberts (RGR) to Riemersma.



⇒ WKT, RGR: $\frac{\Delta f}{f}$ up to $\sim 4\%$.

B : see next plot ($\frac{\Delta f}{f} < 0.05\%$)

- Compare Botje (B), Pascaud's former (PZ), Vogt (V) to Riemersma.



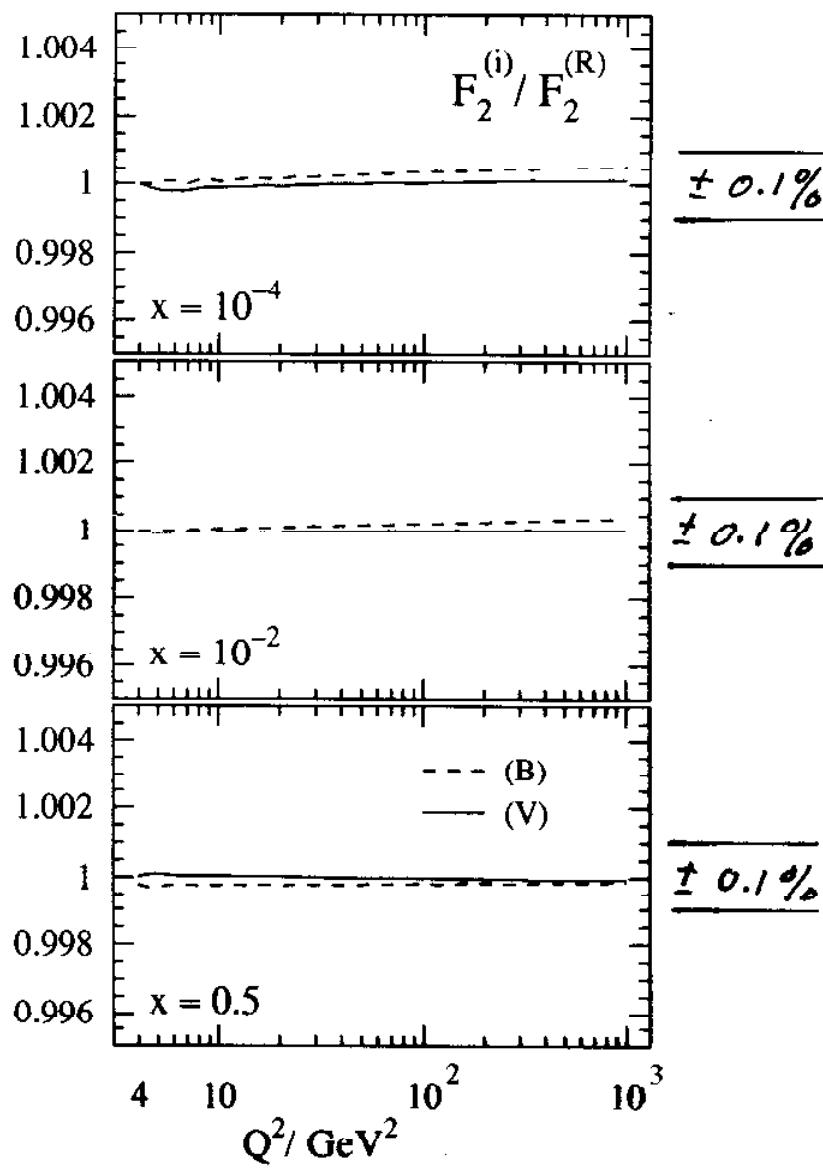
$$\Rightarrow Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2 : \Delta f/f \lesssim 0.05\%$$

$$Q^2 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2 : \Delta f/f \lesssim 0.1\%$$

Except for B, PZ (x -space programs)
at very high x (where pol's vanish).

■ F_2 vs Q^2

- Compare Botje (B), Vogt (V)
to Riemersma.



$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta F_2}{F_2} < 0.05\%$$

■ Experimental error on α_s

● Standard dataset

ep: $27.6 \times 820 \text{ GeV}$ $Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
 $Q^2 > 100 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \mathcal{L} = 500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

$$Q^2 > 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$\theta_e < 177^\circ$$

$$1.5 \cdot 10^{-5} < z < 0.7$$

$$\theta_h > 8^\circ$$

$$0.5 < Q^2 < 5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$y < 0.8$$

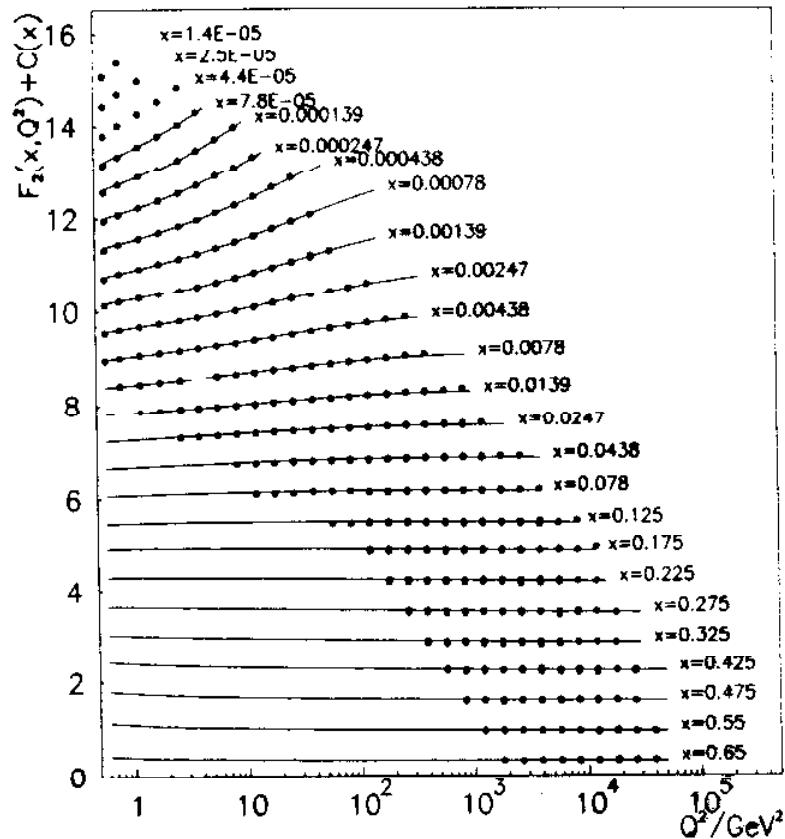
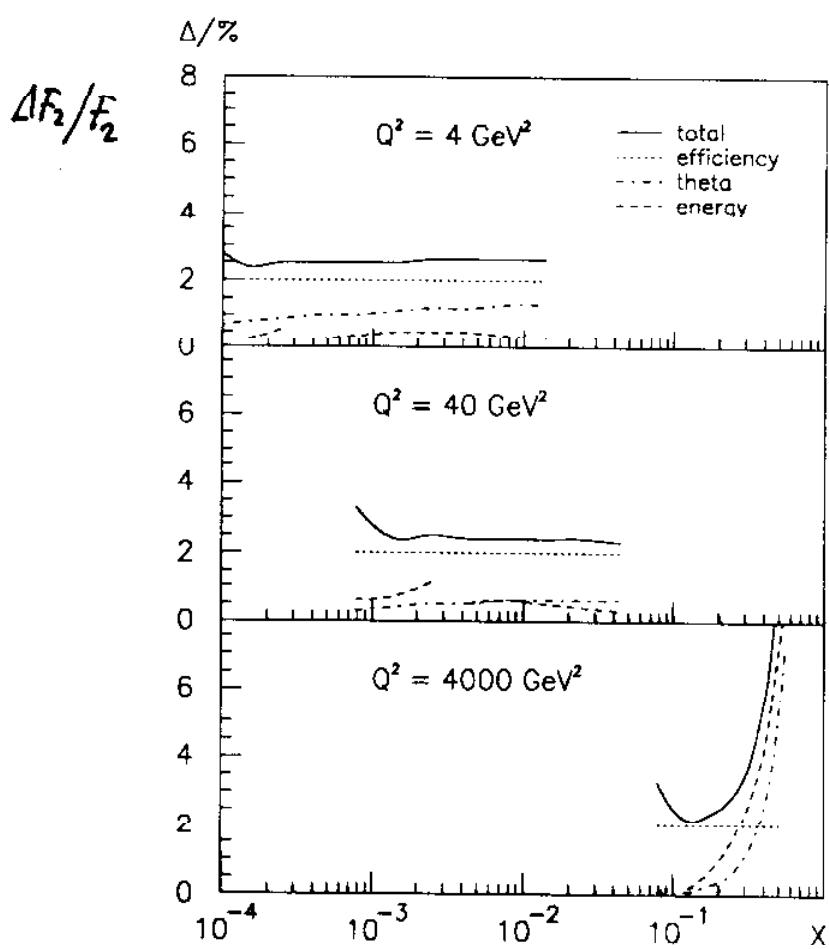


Figure 1: Simulated structure function data sets. The huge luminosity of 1 fb^{-1} will lead to precise data even at very high Q^2 . For $Q^2 \geq 10000 \text{ GeV}^2$ about 2000 events may be available. The largest bins shown are made with 20-50 events. With $\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ for $Q^2 \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ about 10^7 events are occurring which will be prescaled at lowest Q^2 . The curve represents a NLO QCD fit. The high z , low Q^2 region can not be accessed with HERA but is almost completely covered by the fixed

● Systematic errors

$Ee' \approx 0.5-1\%$	rad. corrections $\approx 1-2\%$
$\theta_e \approx 1 \text{ mrad}$	efficiency $\approx 2\%$
$E_h \approx 2\%$	$\mathcal{L} \approx 1\%$
$\gamma\text{-backg.} \approx 1-2\%$	'random' syst. error $\approx 1\%$



⇒ Total syst. error $(\Delta F_2/F_2)_{\text{syst}} \approx 3\%$ over most of the kinematic range.

factor 2-5 better than presently achieved.

■ Analysis Method

- Incorporate syst. errors in the model:

$$F_2(p, s) = F_2^{\text{QCD}}(p) \left(1 - \sum_l S_l \Delta_l\right)$$

* $F_2^{\text{QCD}}(p)$ obeys NLO DGLAP evolution eqns.

* $\{p\} = \alpha_s$

+ parameters of input parton dist's

$$Q_0^2 = 4 GeV^2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} xg = A_g x^{\delta_g} (1-x)^{\eta_g} \\ x\bar{g} = A_{\bar{g}} x^{\delta_{\bar{g}}} (1-x)^{\eta_{\bar{g}}} (1 + \epsilon_g x + \gamma_g x) \\ x\Delta_{ud} = A_{\Delta_{ud}} x^{\delta_{\Delta_{ud}}} (1-x)^{\eta_{\Delta_{ud}}} \end{array} \right.$$

* Δ_l = relative systematic error of source l

* S_l = 'syst parameter' = deviation in units of s.d.

- $\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{data points}} \left(\frac{F_2(p, s) - F_2^{\text{meas}}}{\sigma_{\text{stat}}} \right)^2 - \sum_l S_l^2$

⇒ Two types of fit:

1) Fit p and s → $\Delta \alpha_s^{\text{fit}}$

0.6 if kinematic dependences of the Δ_l are well known.

2) Set $S_l \equiv 0$ and fit only p : $\Delta \alpha_s^{\text{stat}}$
Propagate the syst. errors: $\Delta \alpha_s^{\text{syst}}$ } $\Delta \alpha_s^{\text{tot}}$

Fits to HERA F_2^P data alone

- * ep: $Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ $\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- $Q^2 > 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ $\mathcal{L} = 500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- * Fit α_s , $x\Sigma$, xg ; fix $x\Delta_{ud}$
- * $Q^2_{\text{cut}} > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z^2) \lesssim 0.004$$

$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	syst. fitted	syst. fixed
standard	.006	.012
$Q_C^2 3 \rightarrow 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.002	.006
$Q_C^2 3 \rightarrow 8 \text{ GeV}^2$.007	.012
$L 500 \rightarrow 1000 \text{ pb}^{-1}$.006	.012
$L 500 \rightarrow 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$.010	.015
* Add deuterium	.004	.009
** Add low energy	.005	?

(*) 10 pb^{-1} ed $Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
 50 pb^{-1} ed $Q^2 > 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
 fit $x\Delta_{ud} \rightarrow \Delta\alpha_s = 0.004$ is eliminated

(**) 200 pb^{-1} ep $27.6 \times 400 \text{ GeV}$ } important for
 10 pb^{-1} ep $15.0 \times 820 \text{ GeV}$ } systematics!

■ Inclusion of fixed target data

SLAC / BCDMS / NMC $W^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

$Q^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

(1) Check:

Fit to SLAC / BCDMS alone gives

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.0030 \text{ (as published)}$$

BCDMS main syst.
error left free in
the fit.

(2) HERA + fixed target:

- Much less sensitivity to Q^2_c and L .
- Systematics fitted:

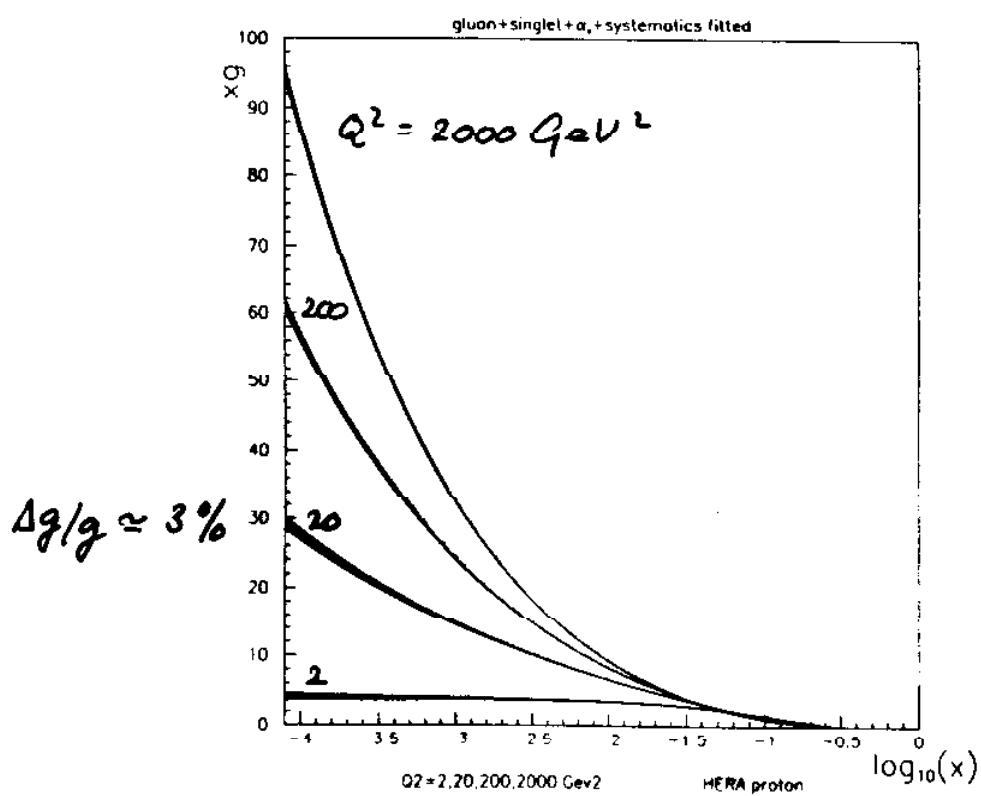
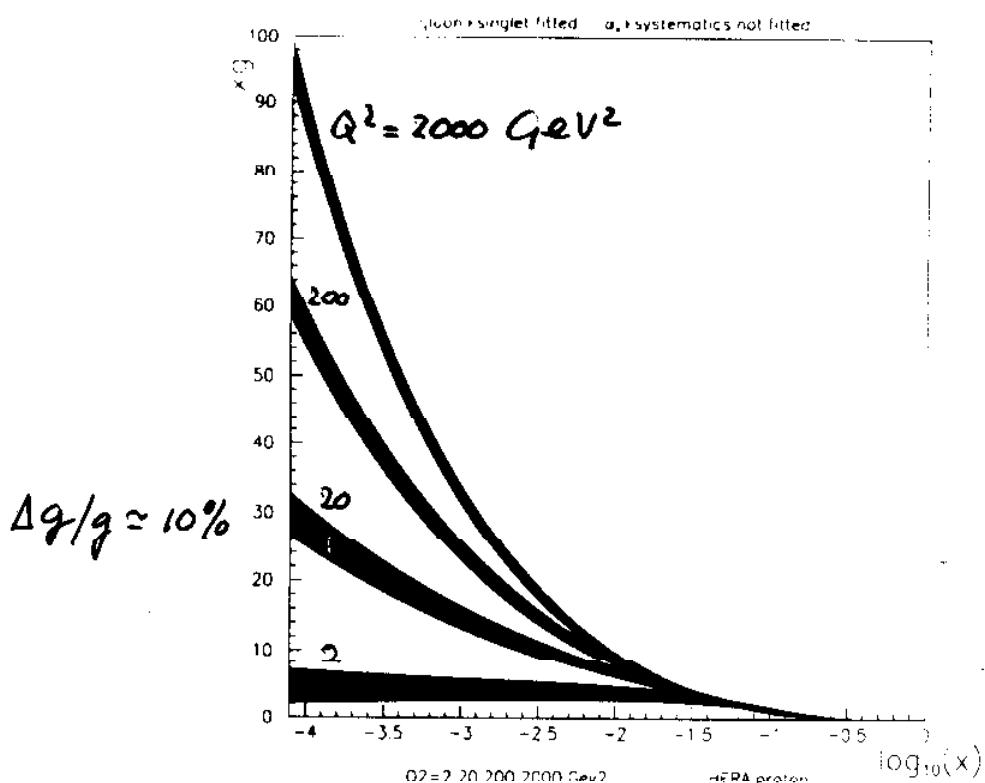
$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) = .0015 - .0020$$

- Systematics fixed :

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) = .0025 - .0035$$

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■ Aside: $xg(x)$ from HERA F_2 ?



■ Theoretical uncertainties

Three sources investigated:

① Representation of α_s ($a \equiv \alpha_s/4\pi$)

$$* \frac{1}{\alpha_s} = \frac{1}{\alpha_0} + \beta_0 \ln \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} - \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0} \ln \left\{ \frac{\alpha_s(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \alpha_0)}{\alpha_0(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \alpha_s)} \right\}$$

$$* \alpha_s = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)} - \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^3} \frac{\ln \ln Q^2/\Lambda^2}{\ln^2 Q^2/\Lambda^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) \approx 0.001$$

② Different NLO evolution prescriptions.

$$\frac{\partial f^N(\alpha_s)}{\partial \alpha_s} = - \frac{\alpha_s P_0^N + \alpha_s^2 P_1^N + \dots}{\beta_0 \alpha_s^2 + \beta_1 \alpha_s^3 + \dots} \cdot f^N(\alpha_s) \quad (*)$$

ⓐ Solve (*) directly ($\therefore x$ -space approach)

ⓑ Expand (*) in α_s and truncate:

$$\frac{\partial f^N(\alpha_s)}{\partial \alpha_s} = - \frac{1}{\beta_0 \alpha_s} \left[P_0^N + \alpha_s \left(P_1^N - \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0} P_0^N \right) + \dots \right] f^N(\alpha_s)$$

\Rightarrow ⓐ and ⓑ differ in terms NNLO and beyond

\Rightarrow Differences between ⓐ and ⓑ found to be unexpectedly large (\rightarrow fig.)

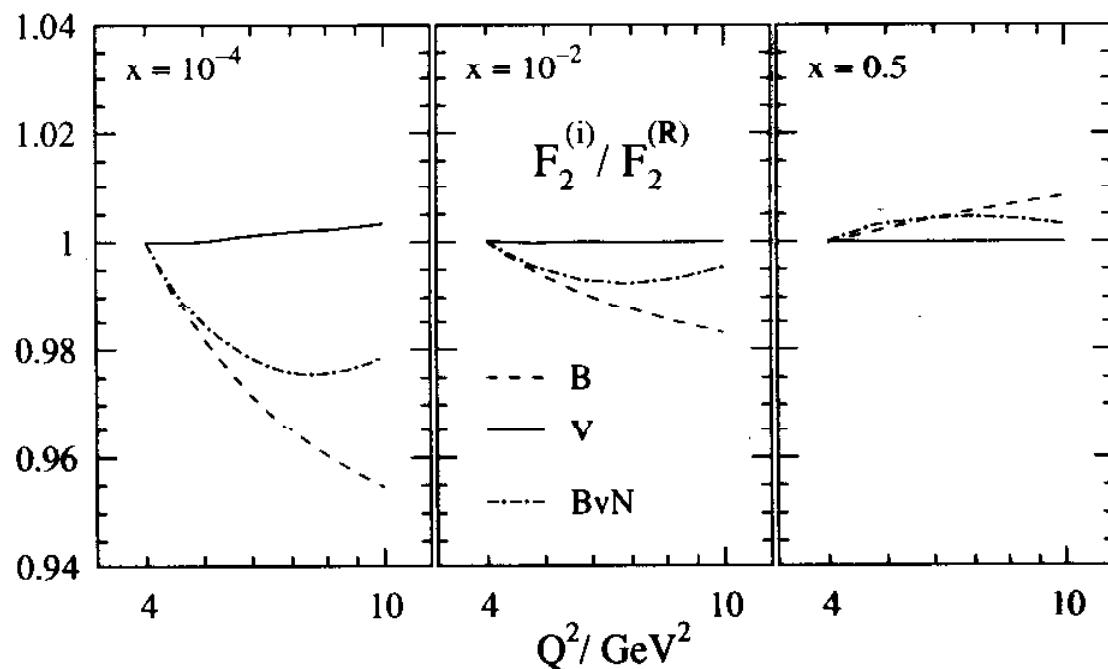
$$\Rightarrow \Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) \approx 0.003$$

■ Different NLO evolution prescriptions

R = Riemersma (V -space), truncation #1.

V = Vogt (V -space), truncation #2.

B = Botje (x -space), no truncation.



⇒ Differences due to terms NNLO and beyond.

Buildups fast close to the input scale

$Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ (where α_s is large) reaching up to 6% at $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ @ low x .

NB: BvN = Blumlein, van Neerven: Taylor expansion only valid close to Q_0^2 : used to check ' x -space' approach.

③ Renormalisation / factorisation scale uncertainties

$$\frac{\partial f^N(M^2, R^2)}{\partial \ln M^2} = \alpha_s(R^2) \left[P_0^N + \alpha_s(R^2) P_1^N \right. \\ \left. + \alpha_s(R^2) \beta_0 P_0^N \ln \frac{R^2}{M^2} \right] \cdot f^N(M^2, R^2)$$

M^2 = mass factorisation scale.

R^2 = renormalisation scale.

- (a) Create reference dataset in the HERA kinematic range with $Q^2 = M^2 = R^2$ and $\kappa_c(M_\pi^2) = 0.112$.
- (b) Perform one parameter fits to $\alpha_s(M_\pi^2)$
 - fix $M^2 = Q^2$, vary $Q^2/4 < R^2 < 4Q^2$
 - fix $R^2 = M^2$, vary $Q^2/4 < M^2 < 4Q^2$

⇒ For $Q^2_{\text{cut}} > 50 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_\pi^2) = \begin{array}{c|c} +0.004 & -0.003 \\ -0.006 & +0.003 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} R \\ M \end{array}$$

⇒ For $Q^2_{\text{cut}} > 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_\pi^2) = \begin{array}{c|c} +0.005 & -0.004 \\ -0.007 & +0.007 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} R \\ M \end{array}$$

⇒ $\Delta \alpha_s$ increases with decreasing Q^2_{cut}

Summary

- 4 independent NLO evolution codes are in agreement $\sim 0.05\text{--}0.1\%$ over a large kinematic range $10^{-5} < x < 4 < Q^2 < 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

- Combining Hera data with fixed target data may give:

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) |_{\text{exp}} \approx 0.0015$$

This requires good knowledge of the systematic errors. Extension of the fit to Q^2 as low as possible is desirable.

- Different representations of the NLO evolution yields effects much larger than expected.

For α_s : $\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) |_{\text{theor}} \approx 0.003$

- Largest th. error due to scale dependence:

$$\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z^2) \approx \pm .005(R) \pm .003(M)$$

for $Q^2 > 50 \text{ GeV}^2$.

- NNLO needed to reduce the theoretical error and fully exploit the region of low Q^2 ($\sim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$)