

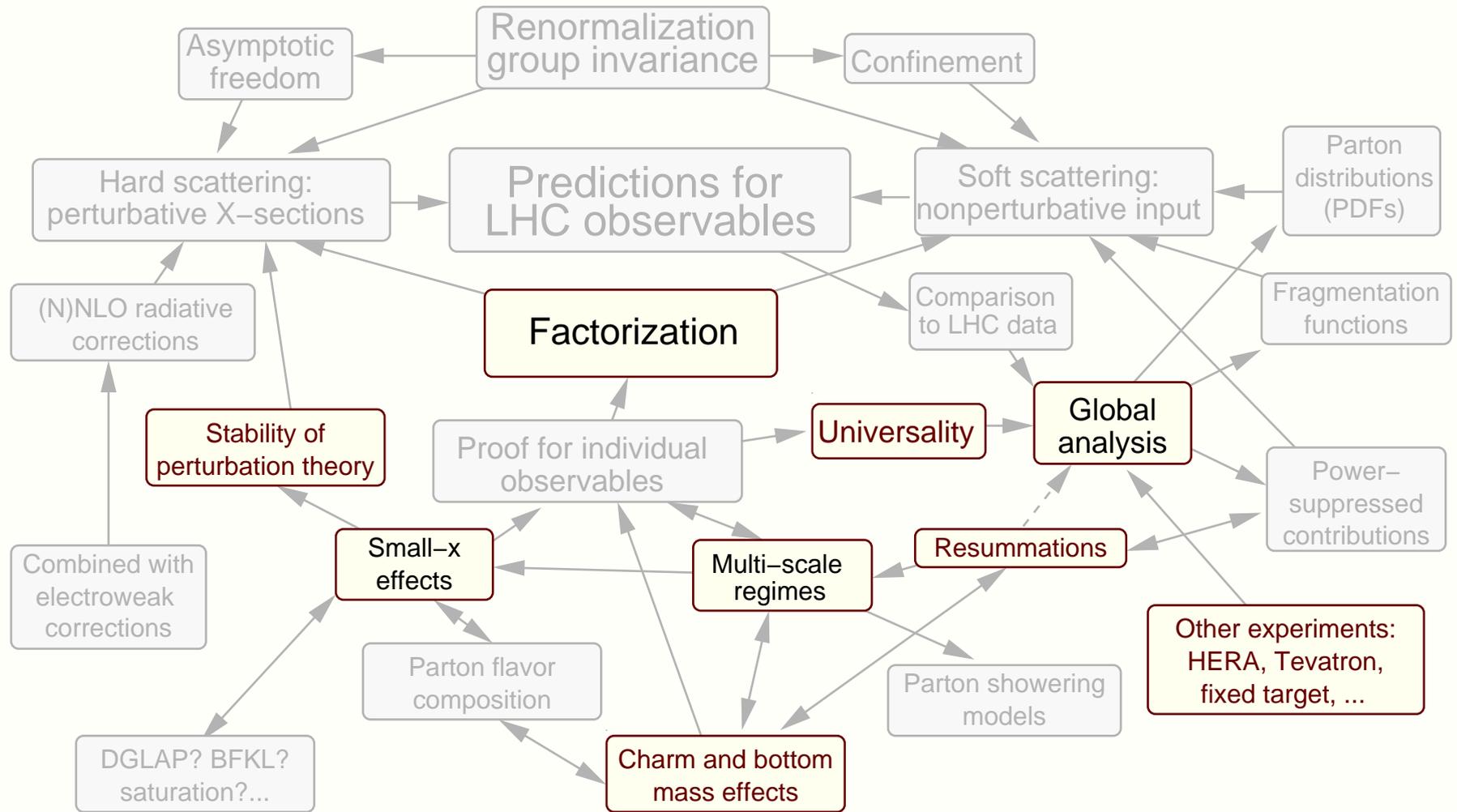
QCD challenges

at the

Large Hadron Collider

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Factorization issues (this talk)



Main point

- scattering at the LHC \neq “rescaled” scattering at the Tevatron
 - ◆ dominance of sea parton scattering
 - ◆ small typical momentum fractions x in several key searches (Higgs, lighter superpartners, ...)
 - ◆ intensive QCD backgrounds
 - ◆ complicated selection of new physics candidates
 - \Rightarrow reliance on differential distributions

At the LHC, many cross sections must be predicted at a few percent accuracy in an untested kinematical regime

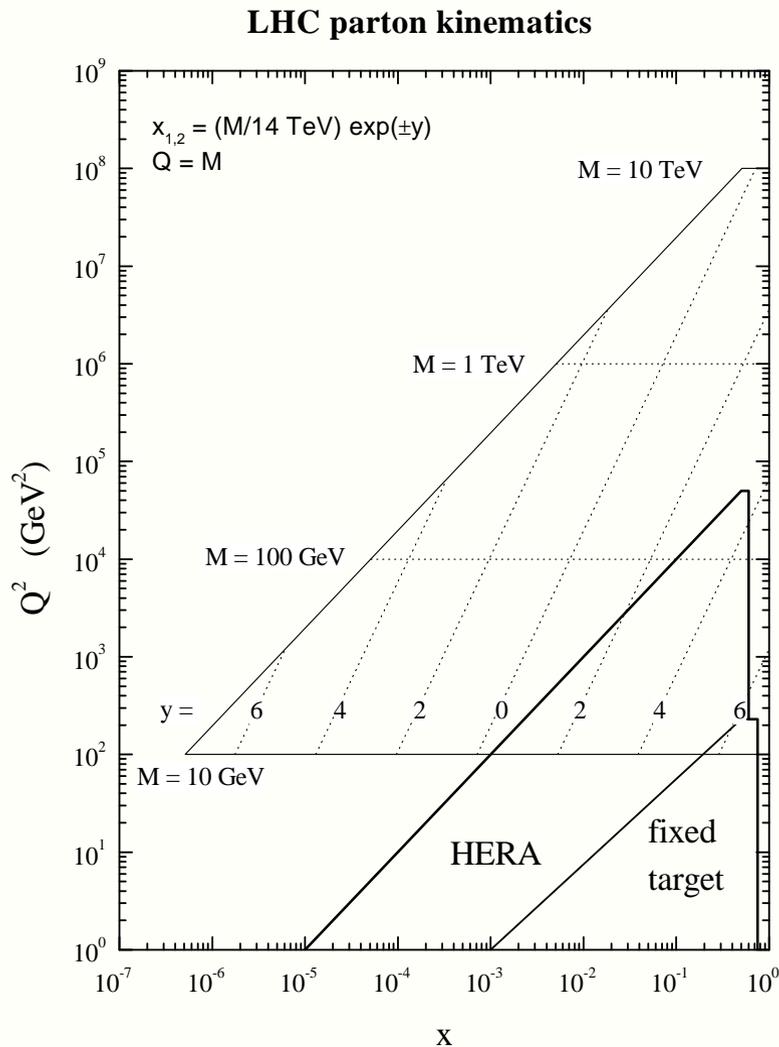
Some issues to be pursued are

- precision exploration of factorization (PDFs) and perturbative stability
- development of factorization for many-scale observables (resummation)
- understanding of new effects at small x , and in gluonic and heavy-flavor channels

I will refer to Drell-Yan-like processes (production of γ^* , W , Z , H , $\gamma\gamma$, ...) to find examples of relevant effects

Studies of QCD processes at small x , small Q , or forward rapidities at Tevatron and HERA are crucial for reducing uncertainties at the LHC

LHC [$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV] vs. Tevatron [$\sqrt{s} \approx 1.96$ GeV]: basic differences



□ In units of \sqrt{s} :

◆ Kinematics of a heavy particle with $M \sim 7M_Z \sim 700 \text{ GeV}$ is similar to the kinematics of W and Z bosons at the Tevatron

◆ $M \sim M_Z \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ at the LHC is kinematically similar to $M \sim 14 \text{ GeV}$ at the Tevatron (messy region!)

□ Hadronic dynamics does not scale!

◆ logarithmic scaling violations $[\alpha_s(M)]$

◆ different particle contents (W, Z, t, H at $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$)

◆ pp vs. $p\bar{p}$ scattering: reduced qq cross sections; enhanced qg and gg cross sections

QCD components at LHC: precision factorization for single-scale observables

Assumptions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q^2 &\gg 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \\
 \{X\} &\equiv \left\{ \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{Q^2} \right\} \sim 1 \text{ for } i \neq j \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \{\ln(X)\} \sim 0 \\
 p_i^2 \equiv m_i^2 &\sim Q^2 \text{ (or } \ll Q^2 \text{)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

- DIS structure functions $F_i(x, Q^2)$
- total cross sections for heavy particle production $\sigma_{tot} (Q^2 \sim M_h^2)$
- $d\sigma/dq_T$ at large q_T ($q_T^2 \sim Q^2$)

Inclusive structure functions for lepton-nucleon deep inelastic scattering

$$F(x, Q) = \sum_{a=u, \bar{u}, \dots, g} \int_x^1 d\xi H_a \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \frac{Q}{\mu} \right) f_{a/p}(\xi, \mu) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{Q} \right)$$

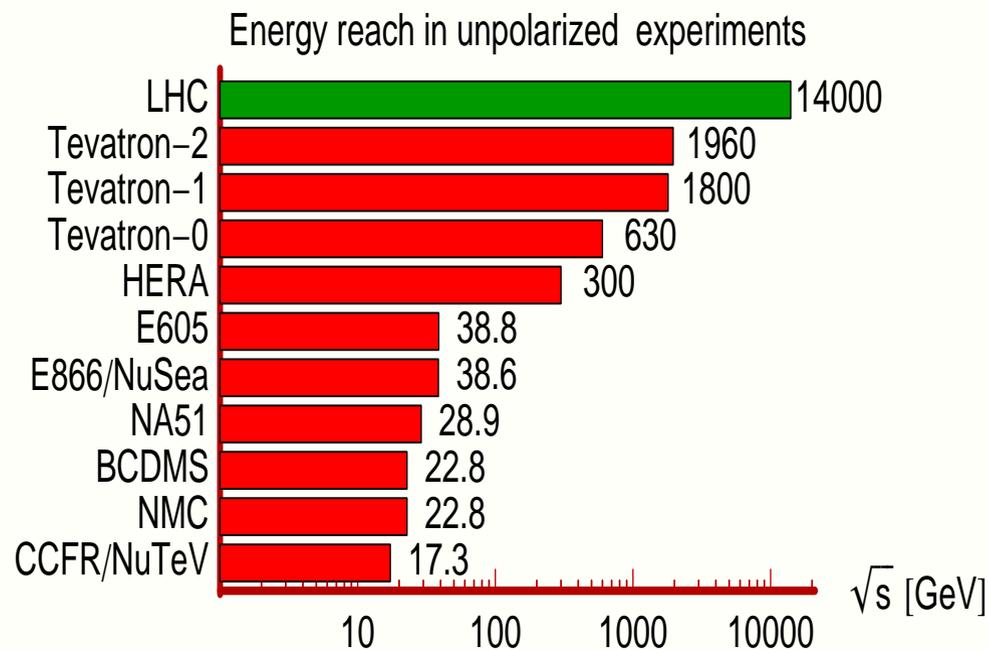
- ☞ "Hard parts" $H_a(x/\xi, Q/\mu)$ can be calculated perturbatively
- ☞ μ is a factorization scale; $\mu \sim Q$ to avoid large logs $\ln^m(Q/\mu)$ in $H_a(x/\xi, Q/\mu)$
- ☞ $f_{a/p}(\xi, \mu)$ are *universal* parton distribution functions (PDF's) satisfying the known evolution equations (DGLAP):

$$\mu \frac{df_{a/p}(x, \mu)}{d\mu} = \sum_b \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{a/b} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) f_{b/p}(y, \mu).$$

- ☞ Parameterizations of $f_{a/p}(\xi, \mu)$ at $\mu = \mu_0 \sim 1$ GeV are found by fitting to the data (DIS, vector boson and jet production,...)

Global analyses of hadronic data (CTEQ, MRST)

Minimization of 20 PDF parameters + experiment normalizations + control parameters for correlated systematic errors (about 100 parameters in total)



11 (12) experiments at

$$\langle Q^2 \rangle > 4 \text{ (2) GeV}^2, \langle x \rangle > 6 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

- deep-inelastic scattering in a large range of Q , for a variety of targets (p, d, Fe) and lepton beams (e, μ, ν)
- fixed-target Drell-Yan pair production
- W -boson production
- Tevatron jet production

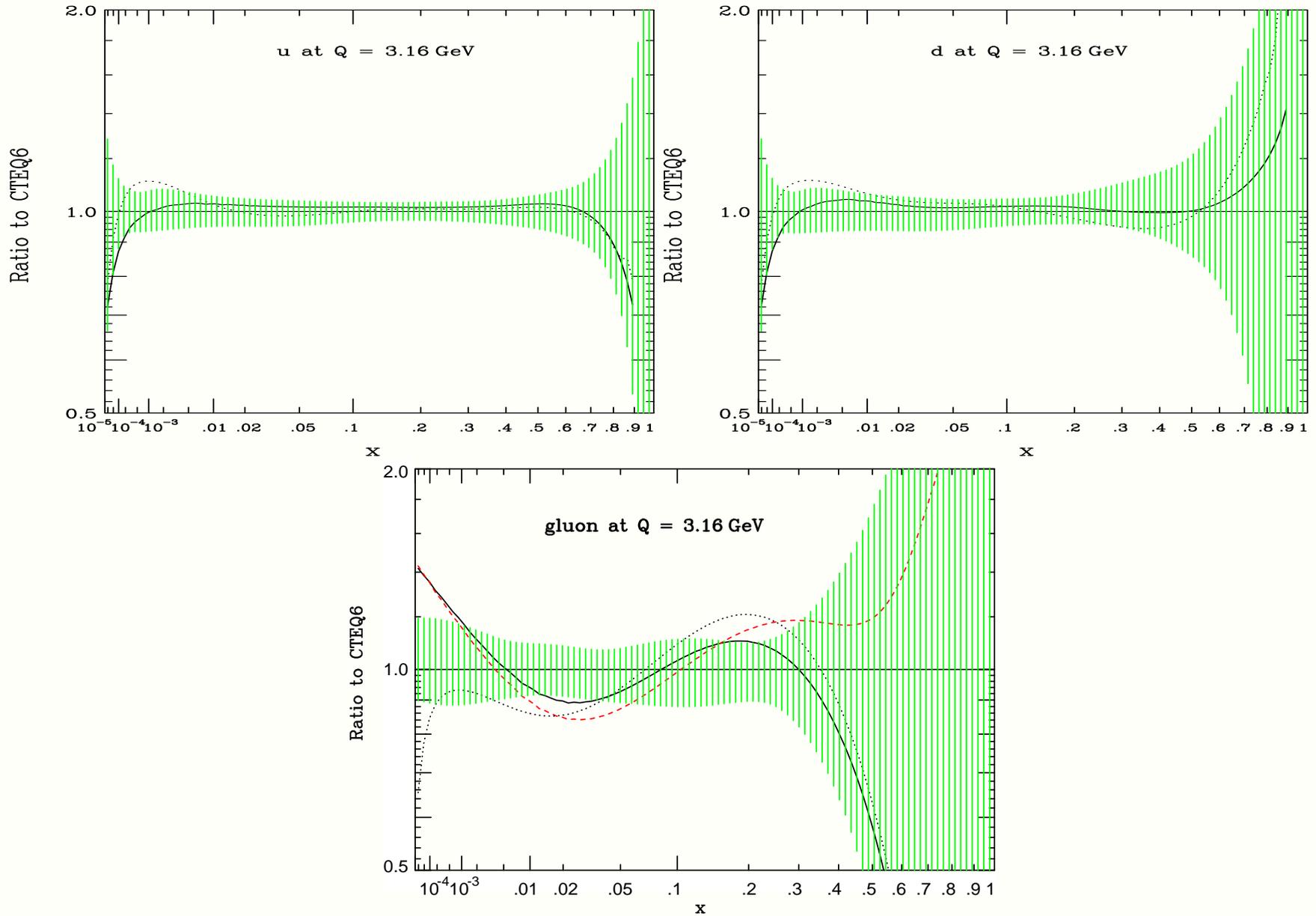
NLO (CTEQ), $N^{3/4}$ NLO (MRST)

Large number of experiments needed for flavor separation

$\bar{u}(x) \neq \bar{d}(x) \neq \bar{s}(x)$;

$s(x) \neq \bar{s}(x)$? (CTEQ, 2003); $u^p(x) \neq d^n(x)$? (MRST, 2003)

Uncertainties in $f_{a/p}(x, Q)$ at $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ (CTEQ6)



Global vs. DIS-based fits

□ Global fits (*CTEQ; MRST*)

- ◆ Data from DIS, lepton pair and inclusive jet production

- ✓ Separation of most parton flavors

- ✗ Non-negligible tensions between different experiments

- ✗ Acceptable PDF sets are selected by applying an approximate criterion

- ◇ CTEQ “tolerance”: $\delta\chi^2 = 100 \Leftrightarrow 90\%$ c.f.

- ◇ MRST “tolerance”: $\delta\chi^2 = 50$

□ DIS-based fits (*Alekhin; H1, ZEUS; Giele et al.*)

- ◆ DIS experiments only

- ✓ PDF uncertainties can be introduced according to the exact statistical definition ($\delta\chi^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow 65\%$ c.f.)

- ✗ Insufficient information about sea parton flavors ($\bar{d} - \bar{u}, g, \dots$)

- ✗ disagree with a part of pN scattering data

Total W and Z cross sections

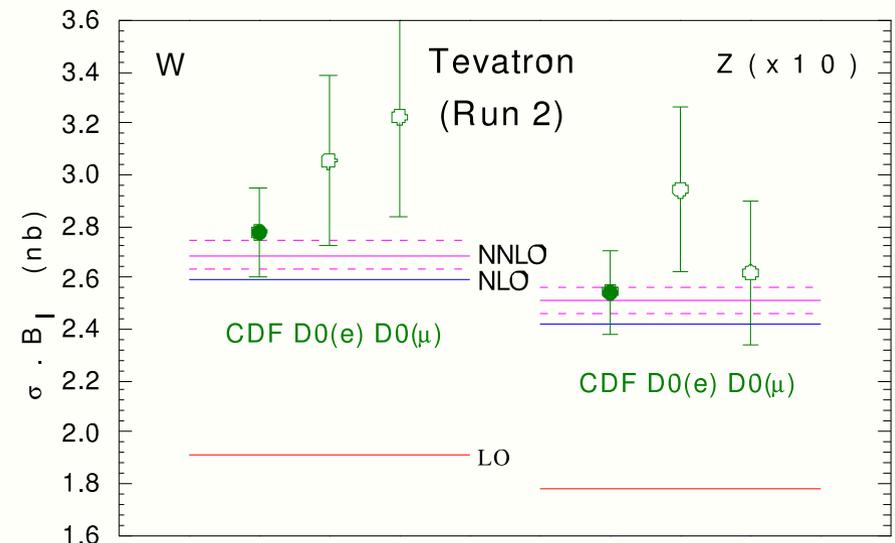
- Monitors of the beam and parton luminosity at future colliders
(*Dittmar, Pauss, Zurcher; Khoze, Martin, Orava, Ryskin; Giele, Keller*)

Total cross sections: NNLO QCD corrections

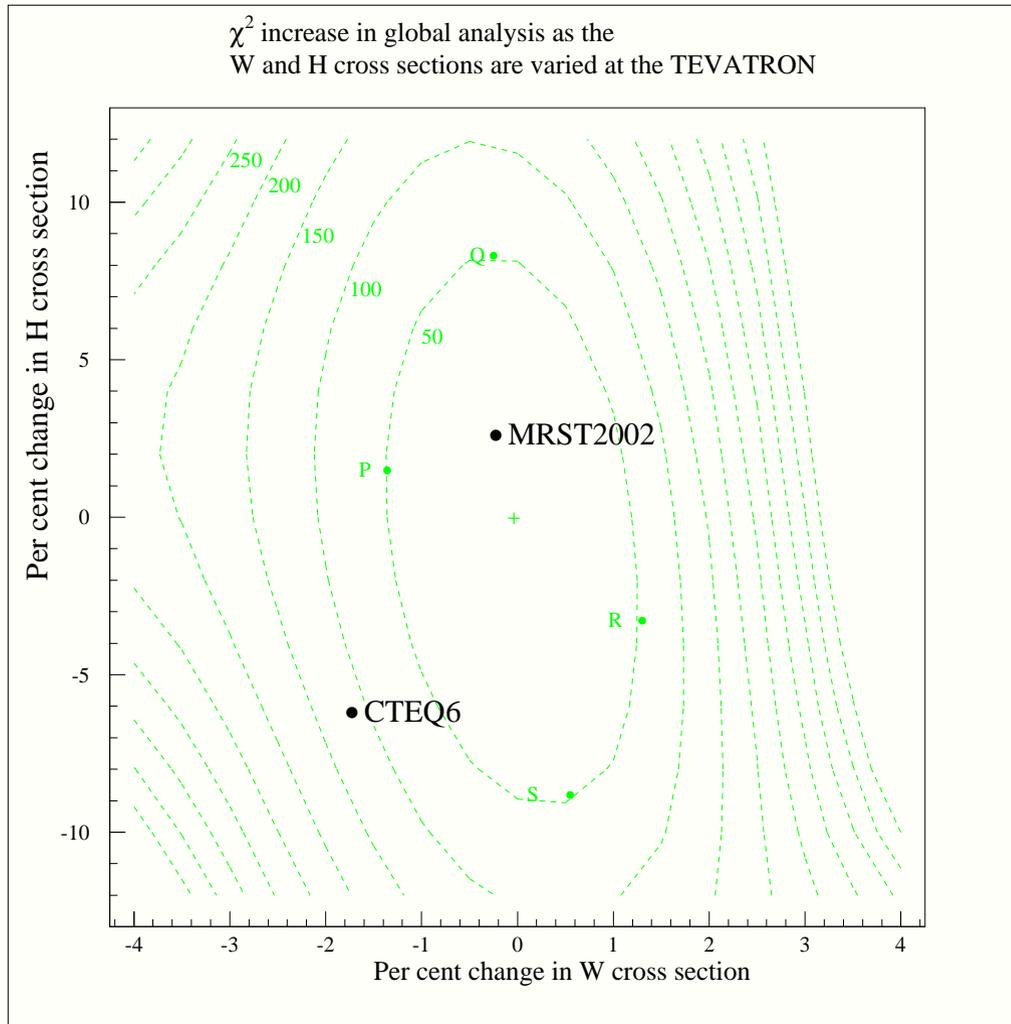
$$\sigma_{tot}(p\bar{p} \rightarrow V) = \sum_{partons} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{a/p}(x_1) f_{b/\bar{p}}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{tot}(ab \rightarrow V)$$

- NNLO hard cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{tot}(ab \rightarrow V)$
(Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura, 1991; Harlander and Kilgore, 2002)
- **Partial** NNLO results for parton distributions $f_{a/p}(x)$

- Scale dependence
of order 1%
- NNLO K -factor is about 1.04 at
the Tevatron and 0.98 at the LHC
(MRST'03)



Sources of differences between CTEQ & MRST

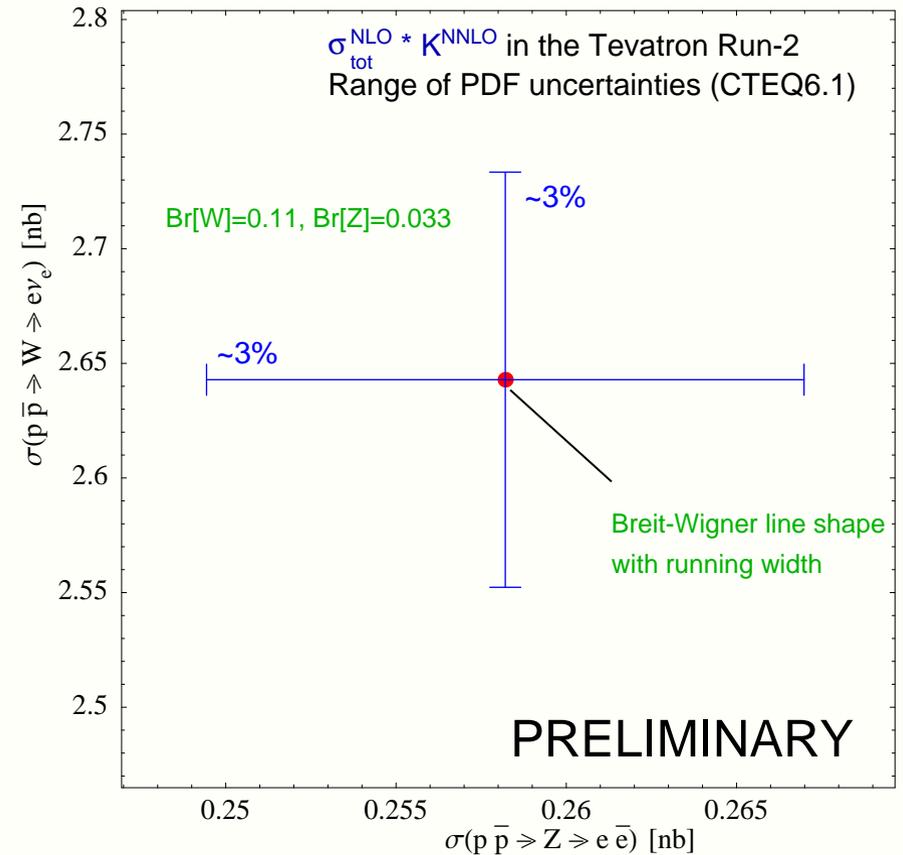


- Selection & weighting of data in the fit
- Parametric form of PDFs at $\mu = \mu_0$
- Definition of α_s at (N)NLO
- Assumptions about sea flavor symmetries
- Treatment of heavy flavors
- Electroweak corrections
- acceptance

(Frixione, Mangano, 2004)

Electroweak effects in σ_{tot}

- tree-level approximation
insufficient!
- ☞ EW corrections, updated EW
parameters

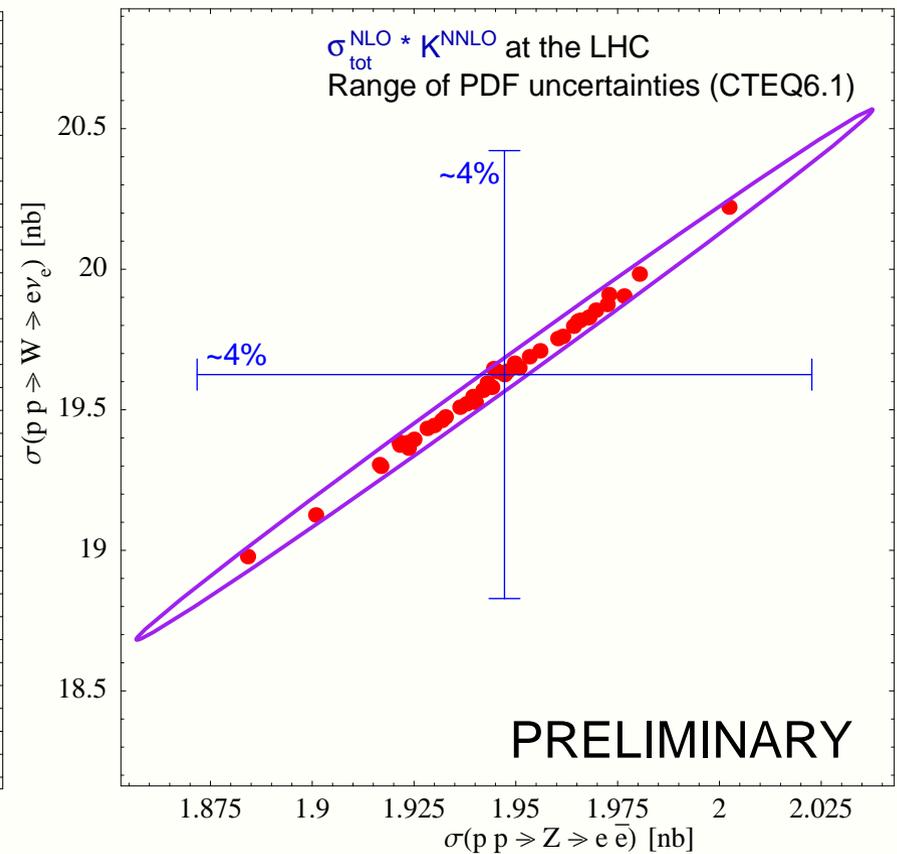
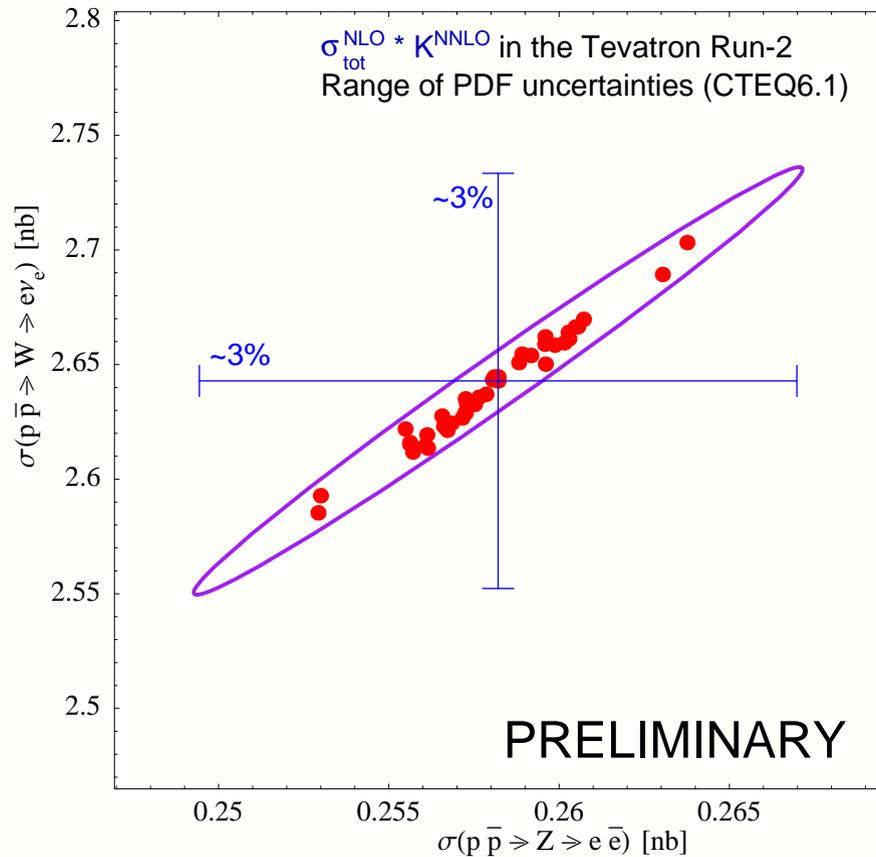


$\sigma_{tot}(W)$ and $\sigma_{tot}(Z)$: standardization of theory predictions (in progress)

Collider/ program	Cross section (pb)	CTEQ6M	MRST 2002(NLO)
Tevatron ($\sqrt{s} = 1.96\text{TeV}$) wttot	$\sigma(W \rightarrow l\nu)$ (SigmaTot1)	2526	2548
	$\sigma(W)$ at Q=80.423 GeV	23773	23988
	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1068$	2539	2562
	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1084$	2577	2601
ResBos	$\sigma(W \rightarrow l\nu)$	2588 ± 6	2606 ± 6
MRST'02 paper	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1068$		2600 (1.4% above WTTOT)
LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 14\text{TeV}$) wttot	$\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow l\nu)$ (SigmaTot1)	11525	11444
	$\sigma(W^- \rightarrow l\nu)$ (SigmaTot1)	8497	8500
	$\sigma(W \rightarrow l\nu)$ (SigmaTot1)	20022	19944
	$\sigma(W)$ at Q=80.423 GeV	188549	187885
	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1068$	20137	20066
	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1084$	20439	20367
ResBos	$\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow l\nu)$	11899 ± 43	11891 ± 43
	$\sigma(W^- \rightarrow l\nu)$	8717 ± 29	8799 ± 29
	$\sigma(W \rightarrow l\nu)$	20616 ± 52	20690 ± 52
MRST'02 paper	$\sigma(W) \cdot 0.1068$		20400 (1.6% above WTTOT)

Cancellation of PDF uncertainties in $\sigma_{tot}(Z)/\sigma_{tot}(W)$

(Huston, P. N., Pumplin, Stump, Tung, Yuan, 2004)



☞ In spite of different quark flavors, a measurement of $\sigma(Z)$ will constrain $\sigma(W)$ (and possibly other quark-dominated cross sections)!

QCD components at the LHC: multi-scale factorization (resummation)

$$Q^2 \gg 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$X_{ij} \equiv \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{Q^2} \gg 1 \quad (\ll 1) \text{ for some } i, j$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |\ln(X_{ij})| \gg 0$$

The perturbation series have to be reorganized to evaluate the sum

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^m \sum_n c_{mn} \ln^n (X_{ij})$$

Examples of resummation

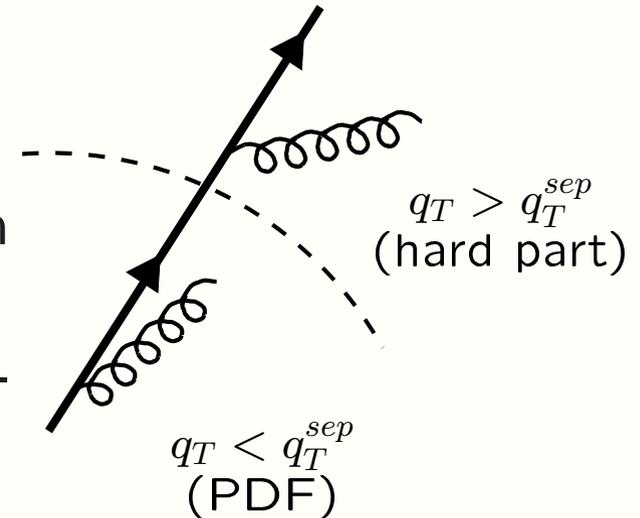
- Mass logarithms $\ln(\mu/m_i)$ (*Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi*)
- $\ln(1/x)$ (*Balitsky, Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov*)
- $\ln(q_T/Q)$ (*Dokshitzer, Dyakonov, Troyan; Parisi, Petronzio; Altarelli, Ellis, Greco, Martinelli; Collins, Soper, Sterman;...*)
- $\ln(1 - x)$ (*Sterman; Catani and Trentadue; ...*)
- $\ln(1 - x)$ and $\ln(q_T/Q)$ (*Li; Kulesza, Sterman, Vogelsang; ...*)
- $\ln(q_T/Q)$ and $\ln(\mu/M_Q)$ for heavy quarks (*P. N., Kidonakis, Olness, Yuan*)
- Inter-jet energy flow (*Dasgupta, Salam; ...*)
- ...

Resummation for transverse momentum (q_T) distributions

Conventional factorization

- ✓ is OK for inclusive cross sections
- ✓ leads to discontinuities and large logarithms in differential cross sections

$\frac{1}{q_T^2} \alpha_S^n \ln^m \frac{q_T^2}{Q^2}$, $m = 0, \dots, 2n - 1$ in q_T distributions as $q_T \rightarrow 0$



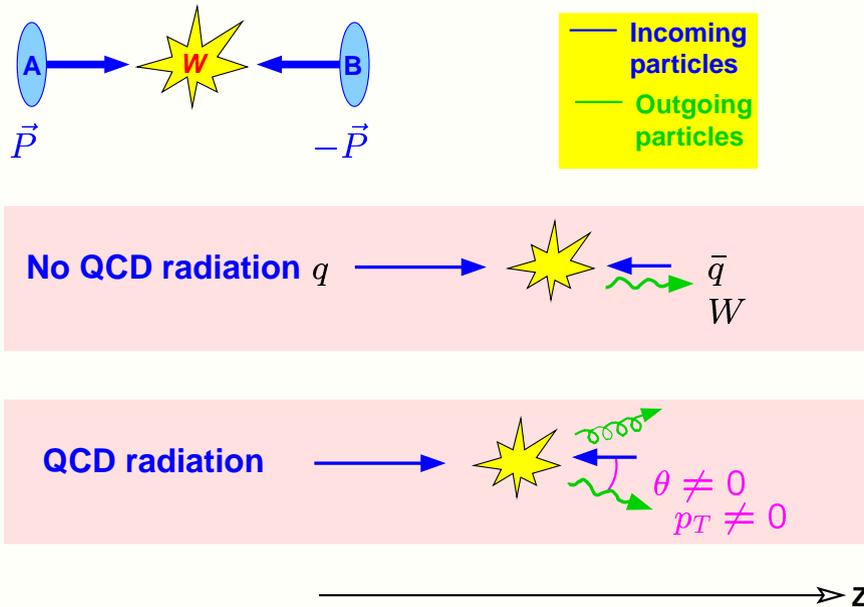
Solution: summation of logarithms through all orders of α_S (Dokshitzer, Dyakonov, Troyan; Parisi, Petronzio, Altarelli, Ellis, Greco, Martinelli; ..)

Its validity is **proved** by a factorization theorem for k_T -dependent PDF's (Collins, Soper, 1981; Collins, Soper, Sterman, 1985; Collins, Metz, 2004)

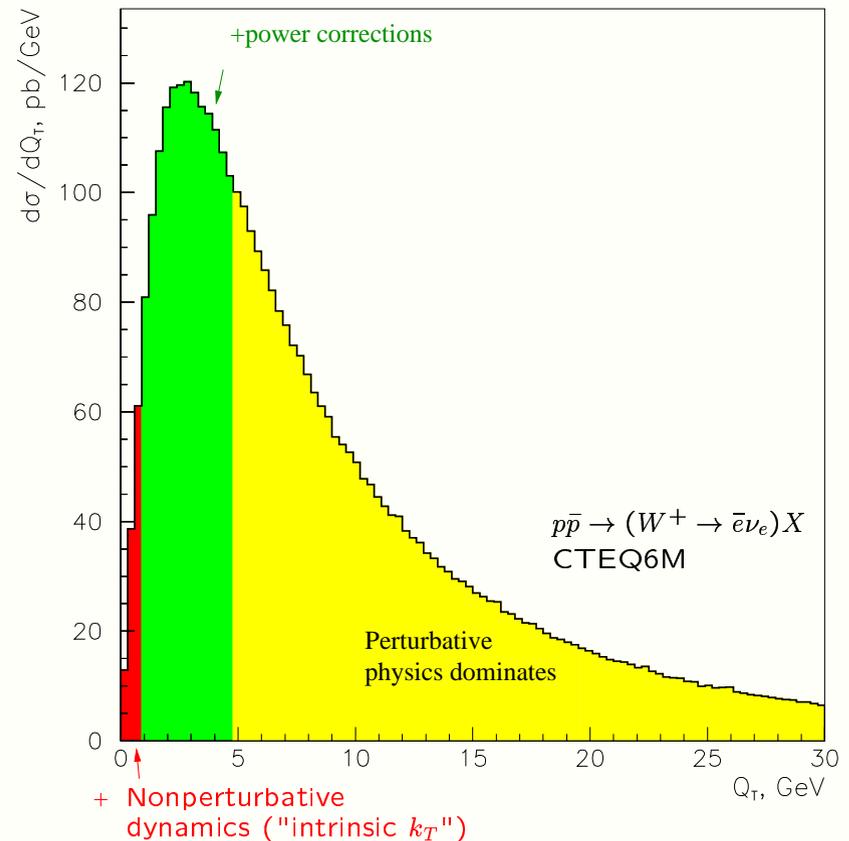
- ✓ prediction from first principles of QCD
- ✓ applicable to a wide range of processes at pp , ep , and ee colliders

q_T resummation for vector boson production at the Tevatron

Resummation: W boson production at the Tevatron



Needed to precisely measure the W -boson mass
 $(\delta M_W / M_W < 7 \cdot 10^{-4})$



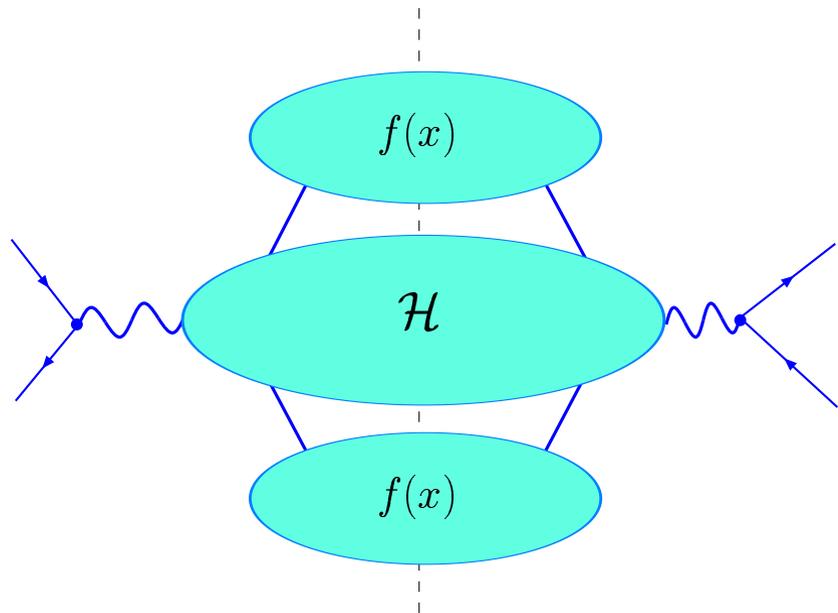
Monte-Carlo integrator ResBos (*Balazs, P. N., Yuan*): resummed NLO with elements of NNLO in Collins-Soper-Sterman (CSS) method

Resummation describes all q_T range in one unified framework

QCD factorization in hard and soft regions

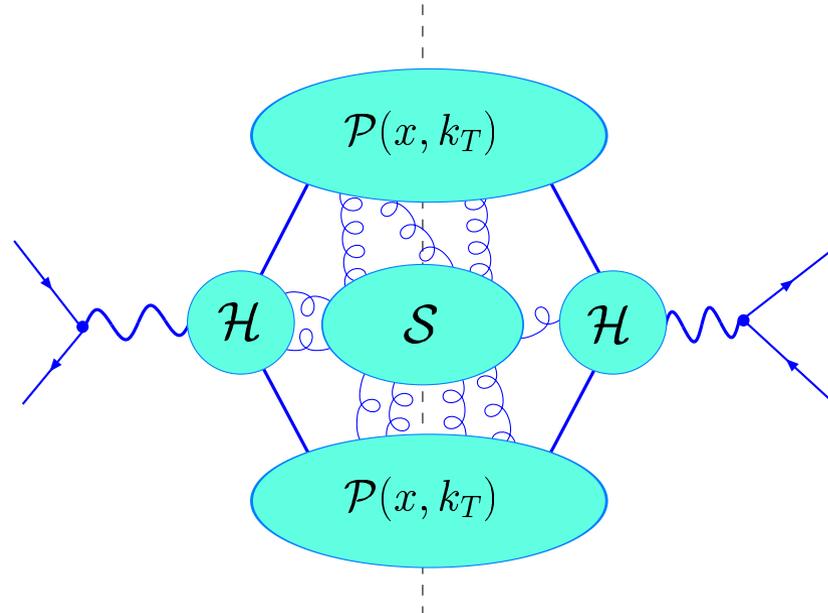
Finite-order (FO) factorization

$$\Lambda_{QCD}^2 \ll q_T^2 \sim Q^2$$

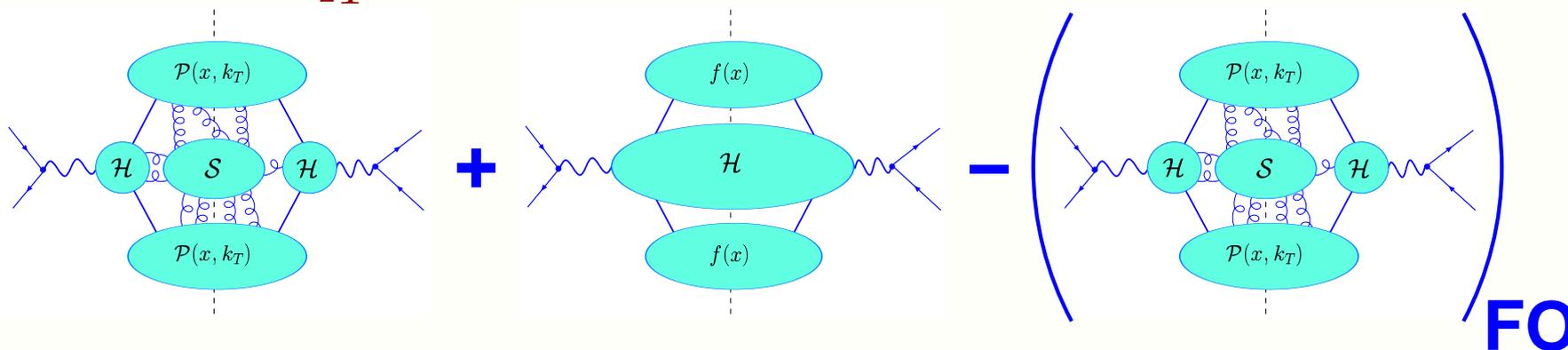


Small- q_T factorization

$$\Lambda_{QCD}^2 \ll q_T^2 \ll Q^2$$



Solution for all q_T :



Factorization at $q_T \ll Q$

Realized in space of the impact parameter b (conjugate to q_T)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{AB \rightarrow VX}}{dQ^2 dy dq_T^2} \right|_{q_T^2 \ll Q^2} = \sum_{a,b=g, \binom{(-)}{u}, \binom{(-)}{d}, \dots} \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{b}} \widetilde{W}_{ab}(b, Q, x_A, x_B)$$

$$\widetilde{W}_{ab}(b, Q, x_A, x_B) = |\mathcal{H}_{ab}|^2 e^{-S(b, Q)} \overline{\mathcal{P}}_a(x_A, b) \overline{\mathcal{P}}_b(x_B, b)$$

\mathcal{H}_{ab} is the hard vertex, S is the soft (Sudakov) factor, $\overline{\mathcal{P}}_a(x, b)$ is the unintegrated PDF

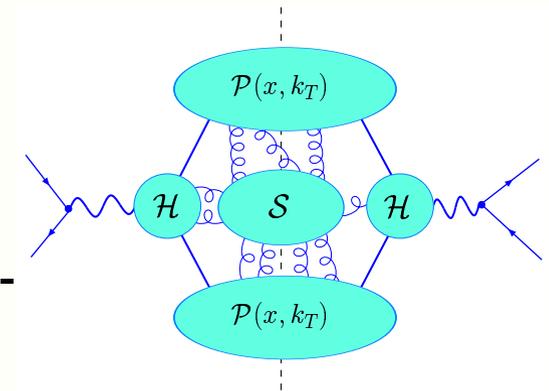
$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}_a(x, b) = \int d^{n-2} \vec{k}_T e^{-i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{b}} \mathcal{P}_a(x, \vec{k}_T)$$

When $b \ll 1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$, $S(b, Q)$ and $\overline{\mathcal{P}}_a(x, b)$ are calculable in perturbative QCD;

$\overline{\mathcal{P}}_a(x, b)$ factorizes as

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}_{a/A}(x, b) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} C_{ja}(\xi, \mu_F b) f_{j/A}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \mu_F\right) + \mathcal{O}(b^2) \equiv (C_{ja} \otimes f_{a/A}) + \mathcal{O}(b^2)$$

(note the power-suppressed terms)



Models for \widetilde{W}_{ab} at large b

To perform the Fourier transform to q_T space, we must know $\widetilde{W}_{ab}(b, Q, x_A, x_B)$ at $0 \leq b \leq \infty$

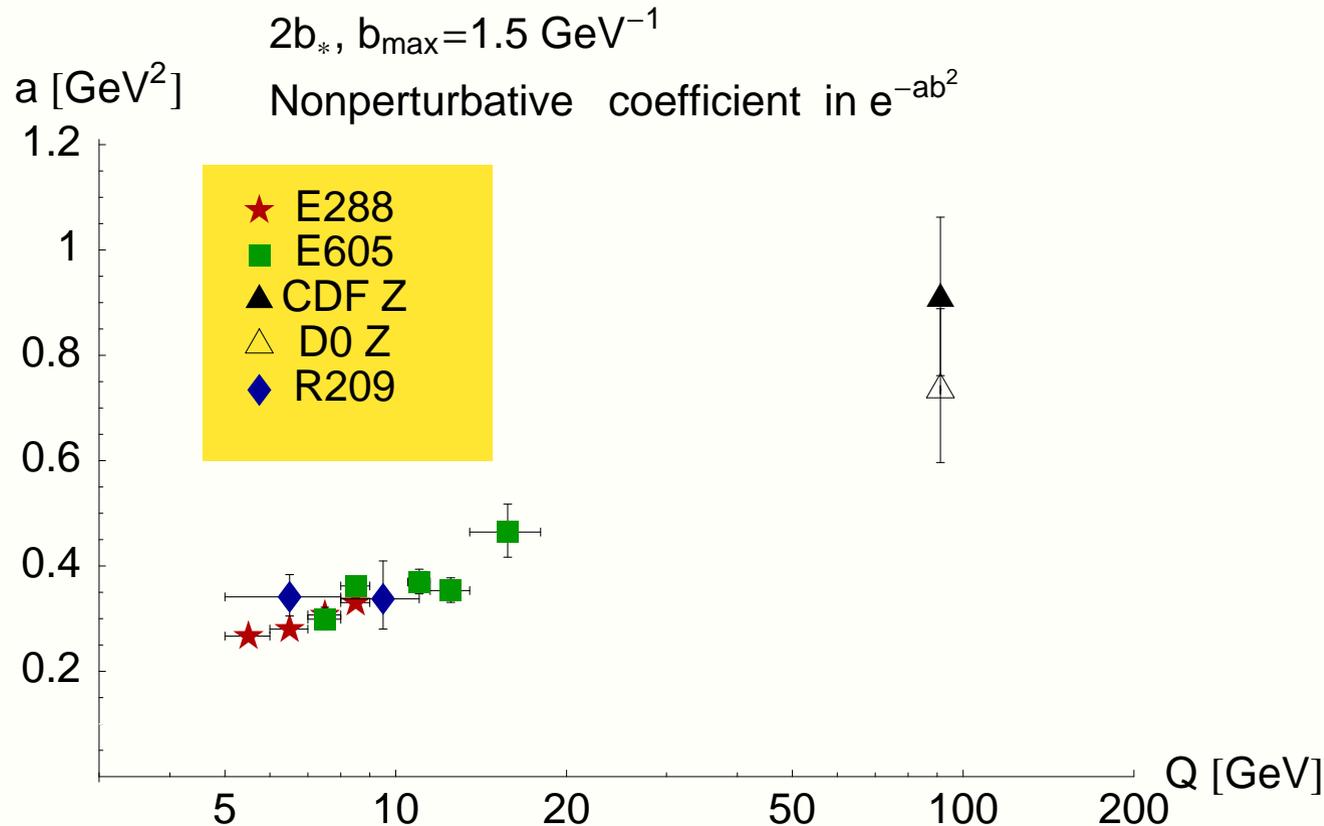
Several models exist for the large- b behavior (*Collins, Soper, 1982; CSS, 1985; Qiu, Zhang, 2001; Kulesza, Sterman, Vogelsang; Guifanti, Smye*):

$$\widetilde{W}_{ab}(b, Q, x_A, x_B) \Big|_{all\ b} = \widetilde{W}_{ab}(b_*, Q, x_A, x_B) \Big|_{pert} e^{-S_{NP}(b, Q, b_*, \dots)}$$

- $S_{NP}(b, Q)$ is an effective nonperturbative function (**universal** in Drell-Yan-like and SIDIS processes)
- Renormalon analysis (*Korchensky, Sterman; Tafat*)

$$S_{NP}(b, Q) \approx b^2 \{a_1 + a_2 \ln Q + \dots\} \\ \oplus \text{small corrections}$$

Energy dependence of the nonperturbative smearing a in Drell-Yan pair and Z boson production (Konychev, P.N., 2005)



$$S_{NP}(b, Q) \approx a(Q)b^2,$$

with

$$a \sim \langle k_T^2 \rangle / 2$$

Dependence of best-fit $a(Q)$ on $\ln Q$ is approximately linear, with the slope ($a_2 \approx 0.184 \pm 0.018 \text{ GeV}^2$) in excellent agreement with renormalon analysis + lattice QCD ($a_2 \approx 0.18_{-0.09}^{+0.12} \text{ GeV}^2$)

QCD components at the LHC:
factorization at small x

W, Z , and Higgs boson production at the LHC:
typical $x \sim \text{a few } 10^{-3} \ll 1$

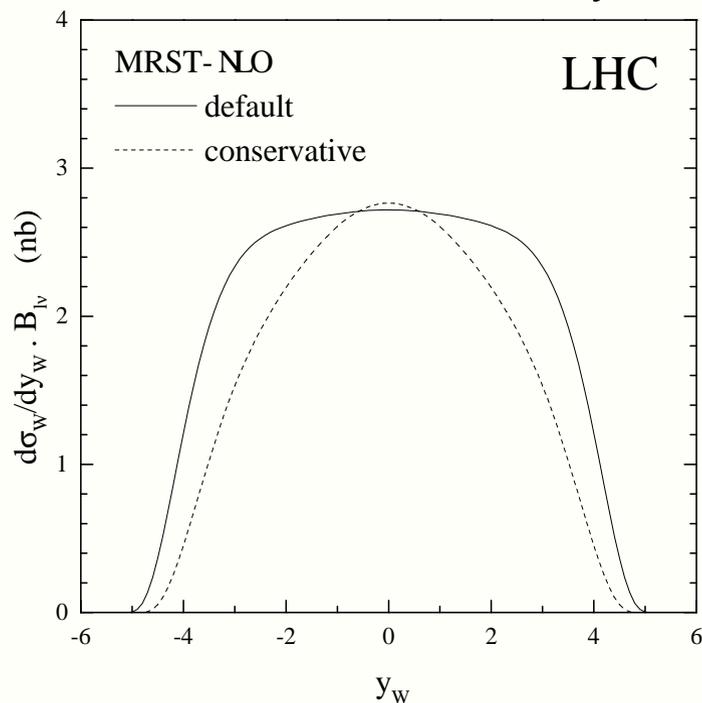
DGLAP factorization (q_T resummation) works well when x is not small

Can small- x effects affect factorization (resummation) at the LHC?

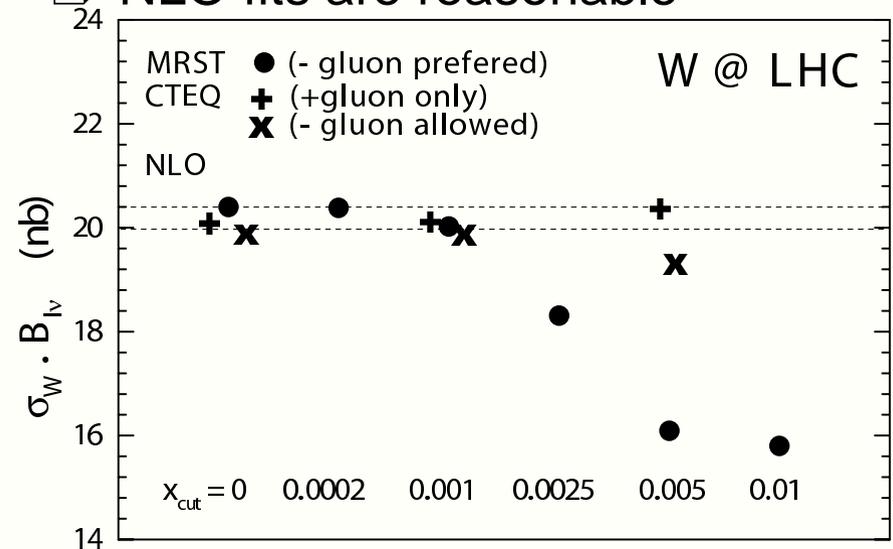
For the same hard scale Q , the magnitude of small- x effects may be negligible in one-scale observables ($\alpha_s(Q) \ll 1$) and important in multi-scale observables ($\alpha_s(q_T) \gtrsim 0.2 - 0.3$)

Tensions in NLO global fits of inclusive (one-scale) data?

- MRST (2002) finds tension between the small- x & Q DIS and high- p_T Tevatron jet data
 - ◆ Need for NNLO (resummation of $\ln(1/x)$ terms)?
- The “conservative” (without the small- x DIS data) and “standard” MRST PDFs are very different



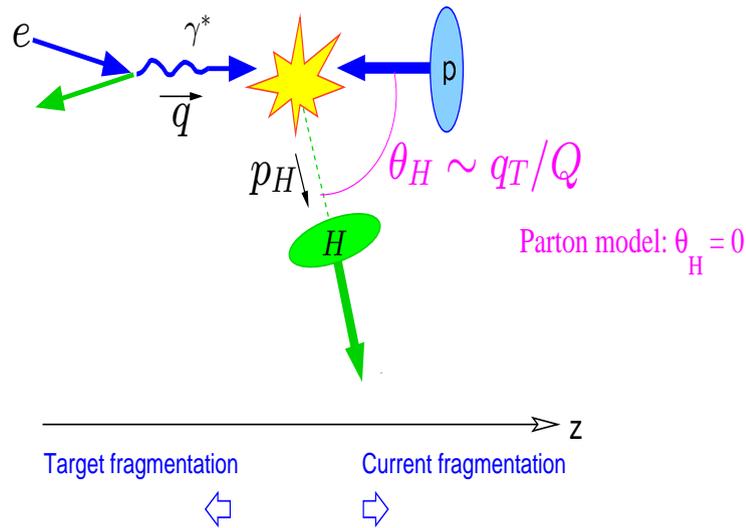
- CTEQ (2005) does not observe such a tension
- Removing the small- x & Q data changes χ^2 by $\delta\chi^2 < 100$ and approximately preserves the form of the PDFs
- NLO fits are reasonable



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ corrections to DIS production of high- p_T hadrons at HERA

(Daleo et al.; Fontannaz et al.; Kniehl et al., 2003-2004)

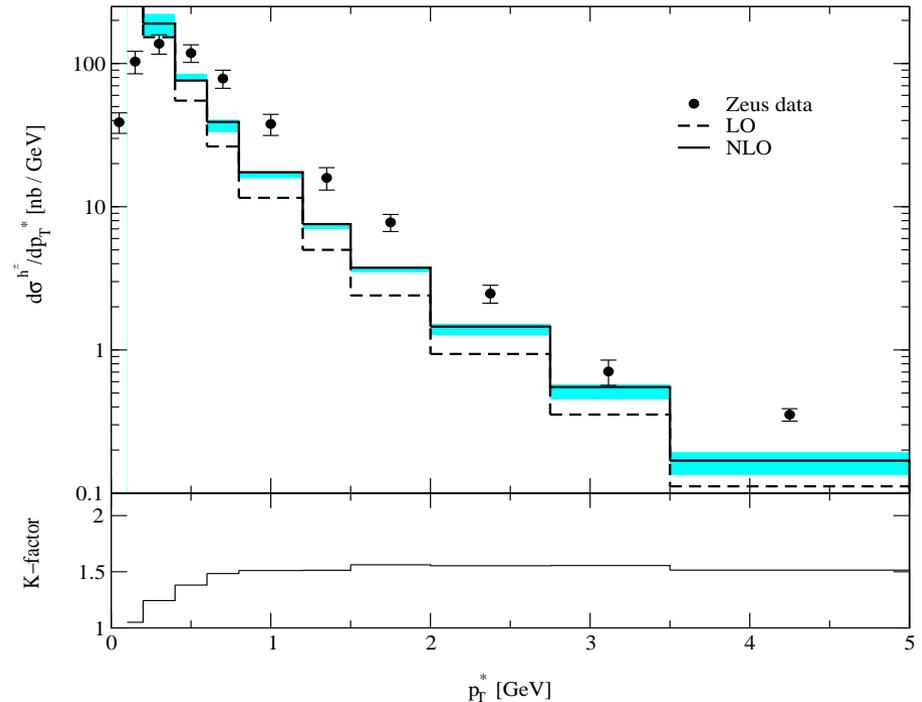
Semi-inclusive DIS in γ^*p c.m. frame



Production of light hadrons: $H = \pi, K, p, \dots$
or energy flow

Production of heavy flavors: $H = D, B, \dots$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ is not sufficient to describe the differential SIDIS data!



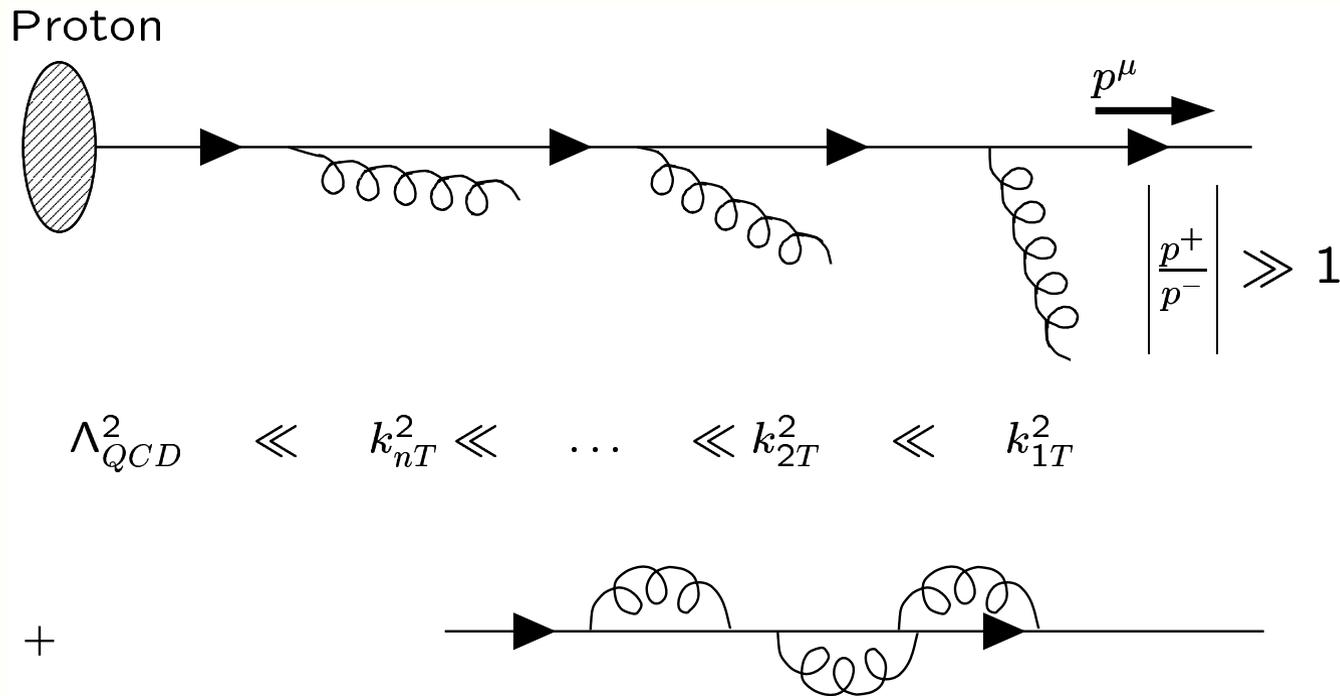
Kniehl, Kramer, Maniatis, 2004

Possible small- x effects

- Enhanced gluonic activity at $x \lesssim 10^{-2}$
 - ◆ large $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ corrections to hard gluon scattering
 - ◇ $gg \rightarrow H$
 - ◇ $\gamma^*g \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ to dijet and forward jet production at $p_T \sim Q$ in SIDIS at HERA (recently calculated)
 - ◇ ...

- Deviations from the DGLAP factorization picture caused by $\alpha_s^m(\mu) \ln^n(1/x)$ (to be resummed via BFKL equation)

Physics behind DGLAP factorization (cartoon)



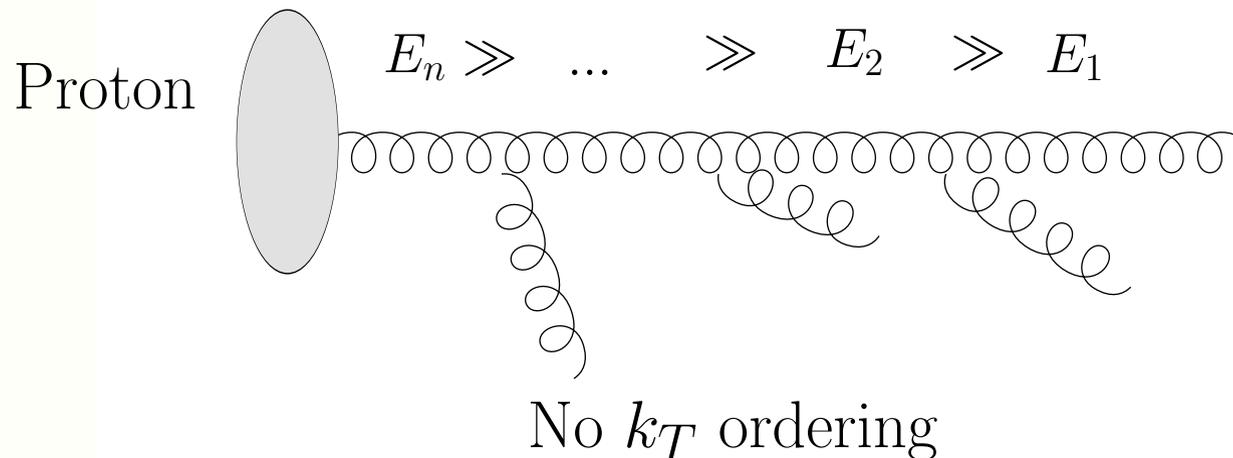
Probed parton is highly boosted throughout all evolution

Soft and collinear radiation

- dominates parton evolution
- factorizes from the hard scattering
- is “collimated” (“ k_T -ordered”)

Angular distributions are described in a b -space resummation formalism
(Collins, Soper, Sterman, 1985)

The ultimate energy loss scenario (BFKL)

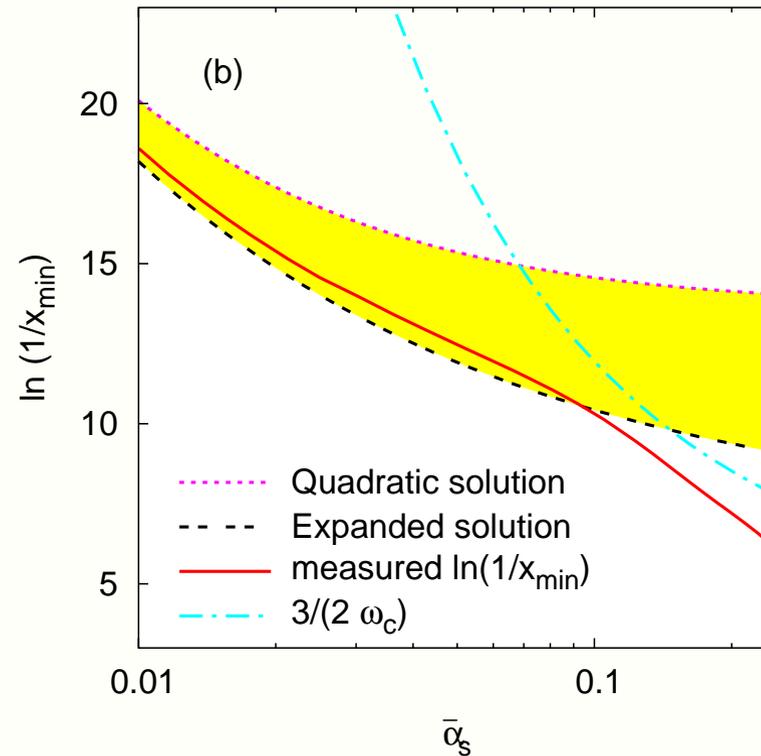


- ❑ The probed parton loses practically all energy through radiation
- ❑ The radiated partons do not have to be k_T -ordered
- ❑ Essential signature: broad angular distributions of the radiated hadrons

As x decreases, k_T -unordered dynamics may turn on faster in q_T distributions than in inclusive cross sections

$$\left[\text{Compare } \alpha_S^n(Q) \ln^m(1/x) \text{ and } \alpha_S^n(1/b) \ln^m(1/x) \right]$$

Preasymptotic suppression of $P_{gg}(x, \mu)$ at $x < 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$
and $\mu < 1 - 2$ GeV (Ciafaloni, Colferai, Salam, Stasto, 2003)



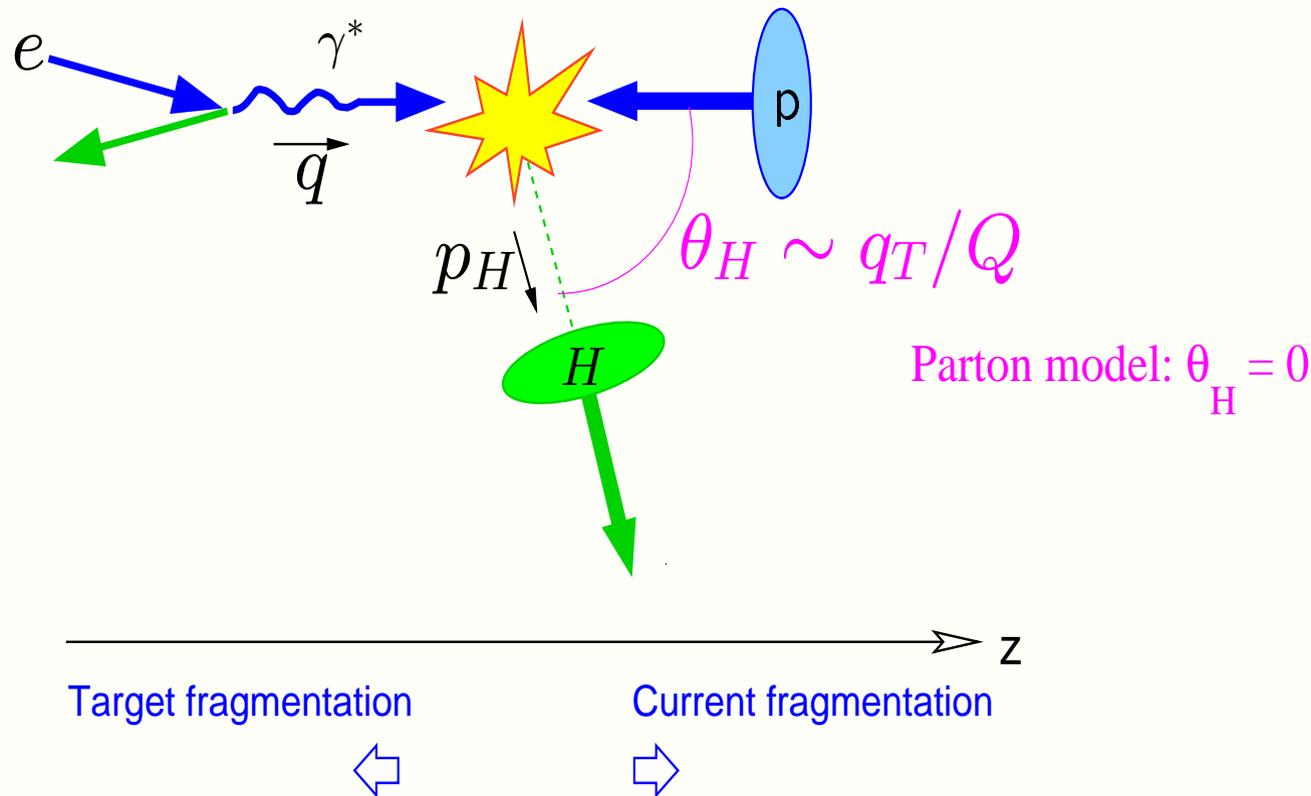
- may suppress $d\sigma/dq_T$ at $q_T < 1 - 2$ GeV
- together with enhanced gluoproduction at $q_T > 2$ GeV, may lead to hardening ("broadening") of q_T distributions

Resummation for the Tevatron and LHC at small x

(S. Berge, P. N., F. Olness, C.-P. Yuan, hep-ph/0401128; hep-ph/0410375)

$$x < 10^{-2}$$

Semi-inclusive DIS in γ^*p c.m. frame

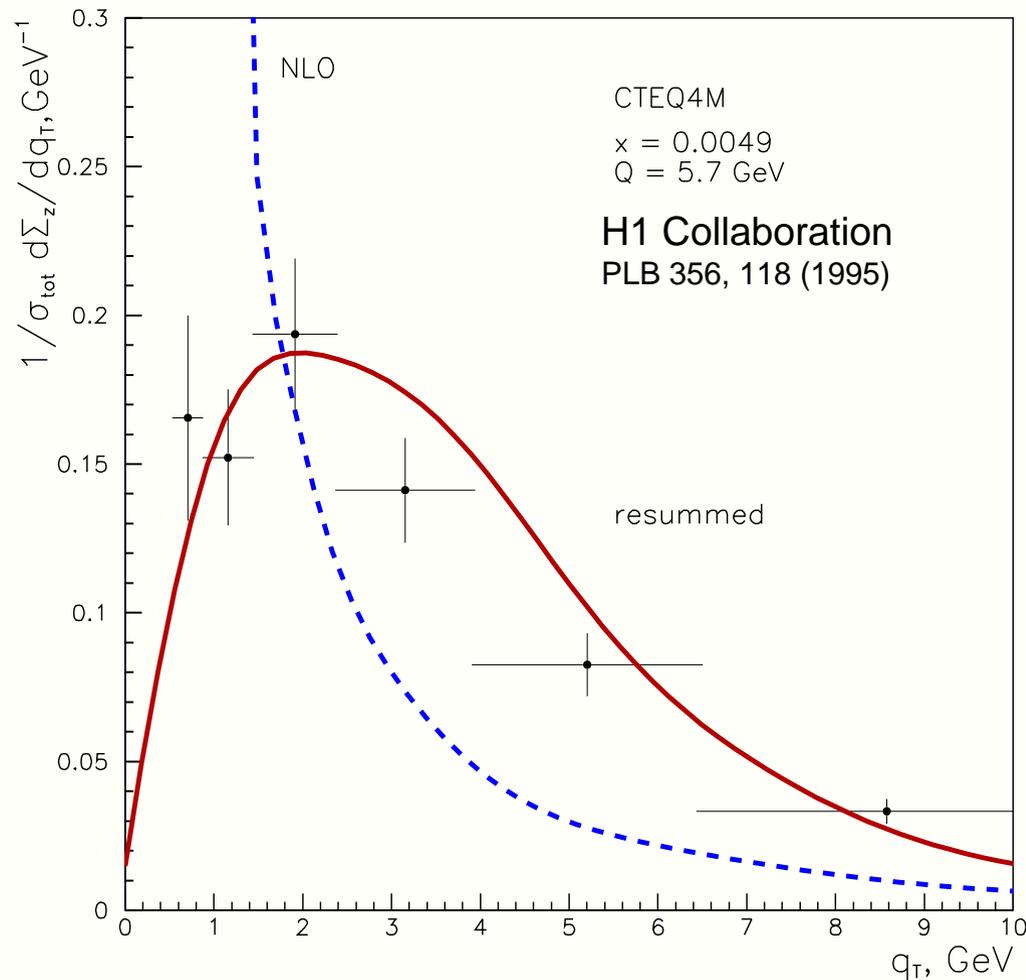


Production of light hadrons: $H = \pi, K, p, \dots$
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Production of heavy flavors: $H = D, B, \dots$

Semi-inclusive hadroproduction at small polar angles

$$\theta_H \sim q_T/Q \rightarrow 0$$

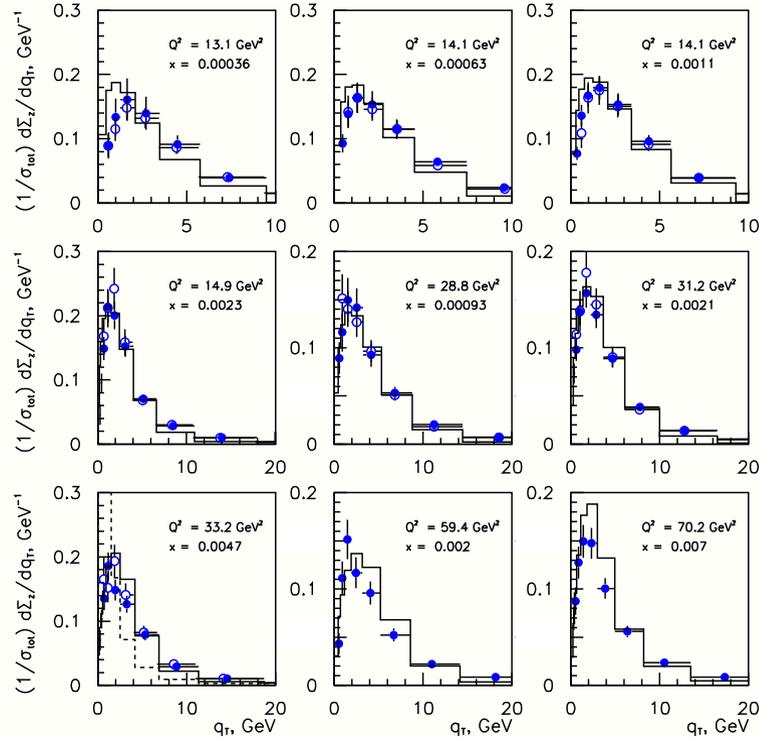


Hadronic energy flow Σ_z at small q_T

- At $\theta_H \rightarrow 0$, hadrons recoil against soft or collinear QCD radiation
- Finite-order QCD fails
 \Rightarrow **resummation!**
- Instructive tests of soft QCD radiation
 - ◆ variety of processes & observables
 - ◆ initial- and final-state radiation

q_T dependence of energy flow at small x

Data from H1 Collaboration



$$13.1 < \langle Q^2 \rangle < 70.2 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$8 \times 10^{-5} < \langle x \rangle < 7 \times 10^{-3}$$

Can be parametrized as

Resummed E_T -flow: CTEQ5M1 PDFs,

$$S_{E_T}^{NP} = b^2 \left\{ 0.013 \frac{(1-x)^3}{x} + 0.19 \ln \left(\frac{Q}{2 \text{ GeV}} \right) \right\}$$

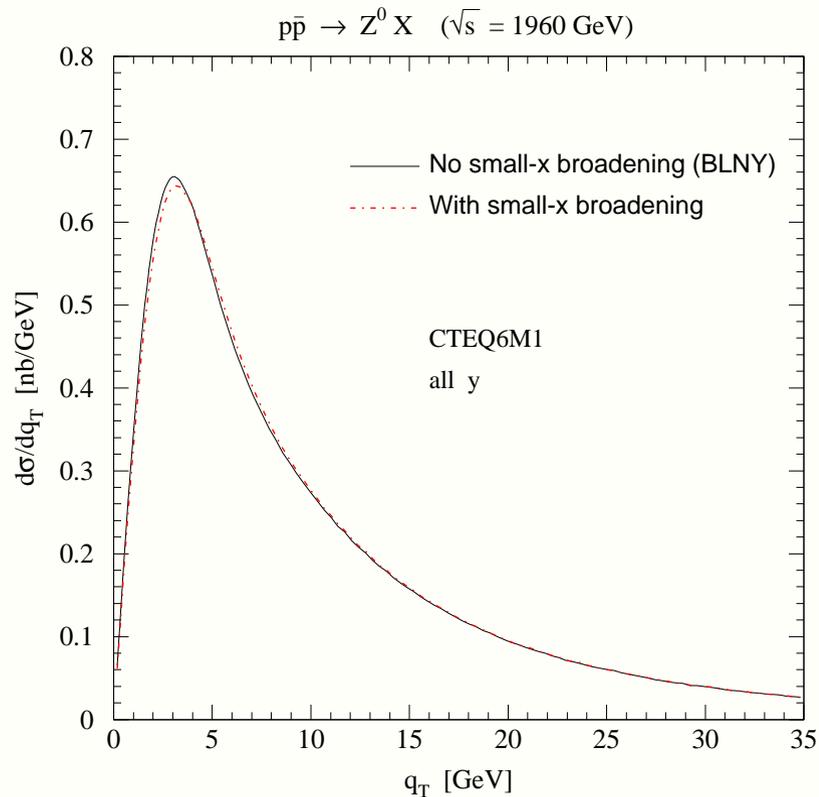
Possible interpretation:
rapid increase of “intrinsic” k_T when x decreases (first signs of k_T -unordered radiation???)

No mechanism for such increase in the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ part of the CSS formula

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}}(x, b) = (\mathcal{C} \otimes f)(x, b_*) e^{-\rho(x)b^2},$$

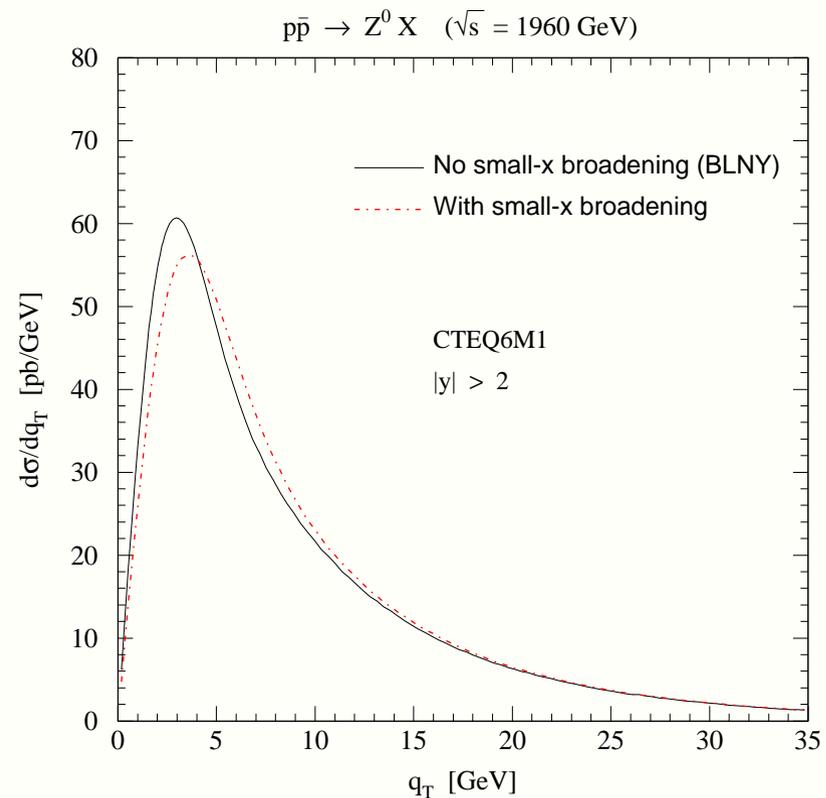
$$\rho(x) \approx \frac{0.013}{x} \text{ at } x \lesssim 10^{-2}$$

Small- x effects on $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z^0 X$ at the Tevatron



No cuts: no visible effects

(the dominant contribution comes from $x|_{y \approx 0} \approx 0.05$)

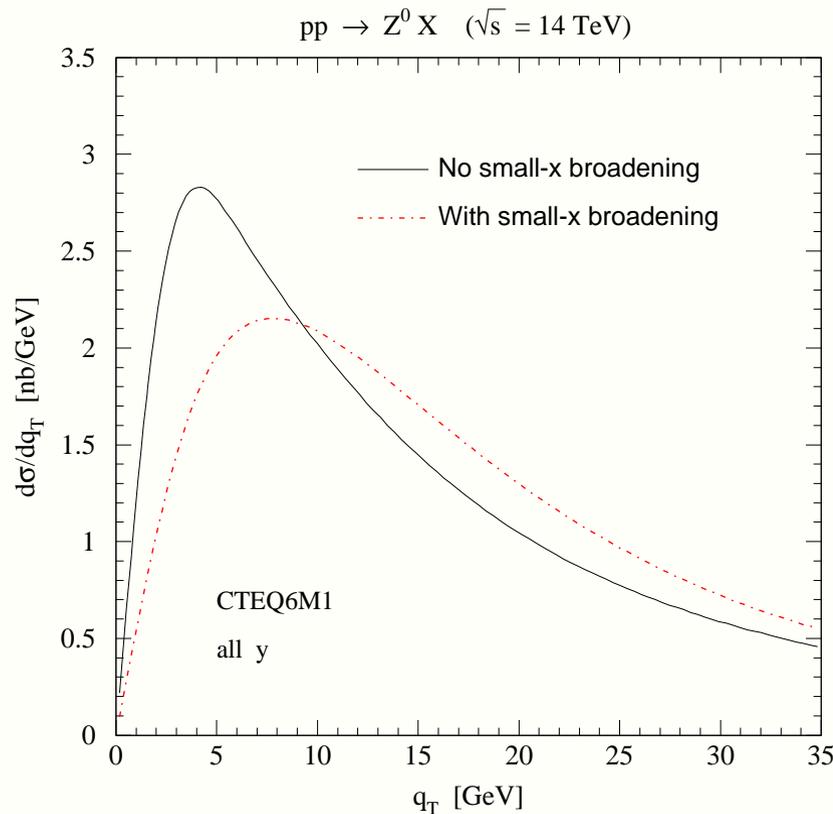


$|y| > 2$

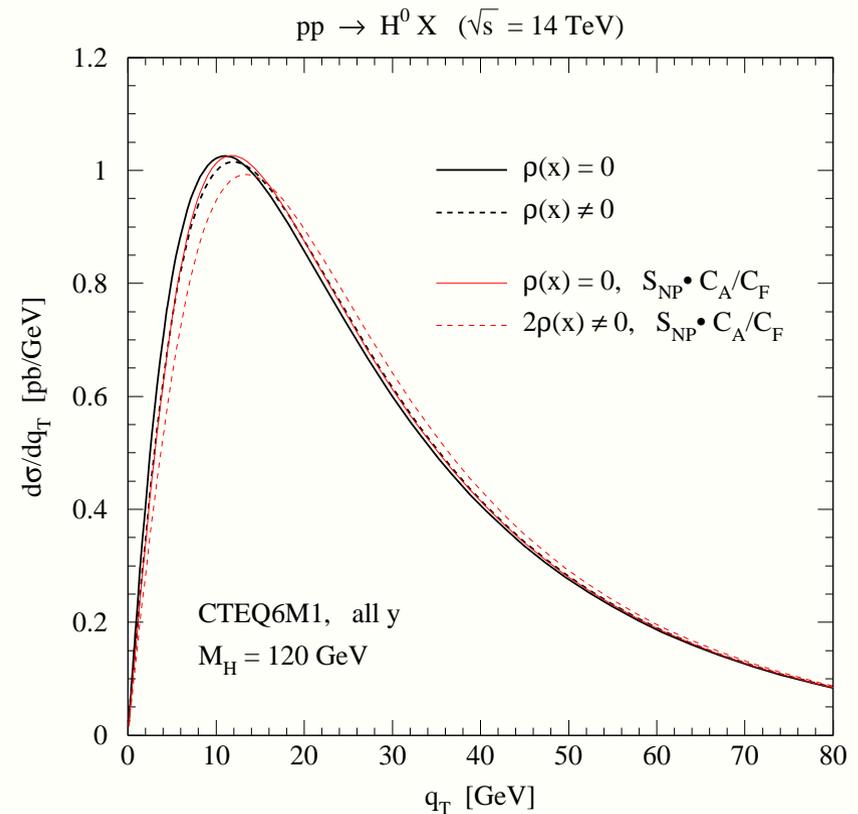
Visible broadening in the forward region

Effect measurable in the Tevatron Run-2; may change the measured M_W by 10-20 MeV

Small- x effects at the LHC: visible even in the central region!



Z^0 production ($x|_{y \approx 0} \approx 0.007$)
 Drastic differences



SM Higgs boson production Effects
 less pronounced due to (a) harder q_T
 spectrum and (b) narrower rapidity
 distribution

Broadening increases in magnitude as y grows

Summary

- LHC will be particularly sensitive to sea parton interactions, small- x scattering; percent-level predictions will be needed in this new QCD regime
- Recent developments include
 - ◆ precision methods for understanding the PDFs and their uncertainties at NNLO
 - ◆ resummations for 2- and 3-scale observables (depending on $Q, q_T, x, M_{c,b}, \dots$)
- Studies of QCD processes at small x , small Q , or forward rapidities at Tevatron and HERA are crucial for reducing uncertainties at the LHC
- If broadening of $d\sigma/dq_T$ is observed in forward Z boson (Drell-Yan pair) production in the Tevatron Run-2, it will strongly affect predictions for W and Z production at the LHC

Backup slides

Small- q_T cross section is related to a form factor in the impact parameter (b) space

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dx dz dQ^2 dq_T^2} \right|_{q_T \rightarrow 0} \propto \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{b}} \overline{\mathcal{D}}(z, b) e^{-S(b, Q)} \overline{\mathcal{P}}(x, b)$$

$S(b, Q)$: soft (Sudakov) factor (same as in DY process)

$\overline{\mathcal{P}}(x, b) \approx (\mathcal{C} \otimes f)(x, b)$: b -dependent parton distribution

$\overline{\mathcal{D}}(z, b) \approx (D \otimes \mathcal{C})(z, b)$: b -dependent fragmentation function

From angular distributions of the hadronic transverse energy flow,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\langle E_T \rangle}{dx dQ^2 dq_T^2} &\propto \int dz \cdot z \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{dx dz dQ^2 dq_T^2} \\ &\propto \text{const} \cdot \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{b}} e^{-S(b, Q)} \overline{\mathcal{P}}(x, b), \end{aligned}$$

one can learn about the x -dependence of $\overline{\mathcal{P}}(x, b)$ and make predictions for the Drell-Yan processes

What is q_T in DIS?

$q_T \sim$ polar angle θ_H in the γ^*p c.m. frame

$$q_T^2 = \frac{(p_T)_H^2}{z^2} = Q^2 \frac{(1-x)}{x} \left(\frac{\theta_H^2}{4} + \dots \right)$$

Discontinuities in $d\sigma/d\theta_H$ are due soft and collinear radiation:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_H^2} \right)_{\theta_H \rightarrow 0} \propto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^n \left\{ a_n \delta(\theta_H) + \frac{1}{\theta_H^2} \sum_{m=0}^{2n-1} v_{nm} \ln^m \left(\frac{\theta_H^2}{4} \right) \right\}$$

The all-order sum is

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 dz d\theta_H^2} \right|_{\theta_H \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\sigma_0}{S} \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{b}} \widetilde{W}(b, Q, x, z) + \dots$$