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Kinematics of Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering



Jet Production in Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering



• Perturbative QCD calculations of jet cross sections:

$$d\sigma_{jet} = \sum_{a=q,ar{q},g}\int dx\, f_a(x,\mu_F^2)\, d\hat{\sigma}_a(x,lpha_s(\mu_R),\mu_R^2,\mu_F^2)$$

- $-f_a$: parton *a* density in the proton, determined from experiment; long-distance structure of the target
- $-\hat{\sigma}_a$: subprocess cross section, calculable in pQCD; short-distance structure of the interaction

Jet Production in Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering

- In the region where the wealth of data from fixed-target and collider experiments has allowed an accurate determination of the proton PDFs, measurements of jet production in NC DIS provide
 - \rightarrow a sensitive test of the pQCD predictions of the short-distance structure
 - ightarrow a determination of the strong coupling constant $lpha_s$
- To perform a stringent test of the pQCD predictions and a precise determination of α_s :
 - * Observables for which the predictions are directly proportional to α_s
 - \rightarrow Jet cross sections in the Breit frame
 - * Small experimental uncertainties \rightarrow Jets with relatively high transverse energy
 - * Small theoretical uncertainties \rightarrow NLO QCD calculations
 - \rightarrow Jet algorithm: longitudinally invariant k_T cluster algorithm (Catani et al)
 - (small parton-to-hadron effects, infrared safe, suppression of beam-remnant jet)
 - \rightarrow Jet selection criteria
- Exploration of the parton evolution at low $x \Rightarrow$ footprints of BFKL effects?

High- E_T **Jet Production in the Breit Frame**



- In the Breit frame the virtual boson collides head-on with the proton
- High- E_T jet production in the Breit frame
 - \rightarrow suppression of the Born contribution (struck quark has zero E_T)
 - \rightarrow suppression of the beam-remnant jet (zero E_T)
 - \rightarrow lowest-order non-trivial contributions from $\gamma^*g \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ and $\gamma^*q \rightarrow q g$
 - \Rightarrow directly sensitive to hard QCD processes (α_s)

Inclusive Jet Cross Sections in NC DIS at $Q^2 > 125 \text{ GeV}^2$

• New measurement of inclusive jet cross sections in the kinematic region defined by $Q^2 > 125 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $|\cos \gamma| < 0.65$ for jets with $E^B_{T,jet} > 8$ GeV and $-2 < \eta^B_{jet} < 1.5$ using $\mathcal{L} = 81.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

 \rightarrow no cut is applied in the laboratory frame

• Advantages:

- \rightarrow infrared insensitivity (no dijet cuts!)
- \rightarrow suited to test resummed calculations
- \rightarrow smaller theoretical uncertainties than for dijet
- Small experimental uncertainties:
 - → jet energy scale (1% for $E_{T,jet} > 10$ GeV) ⇒~ ±5% on the cross sections
- Small parton-to-hadron corrections (C_{had}) : < 10%
- NLO QCD calculations $(\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2))$ using $\mu_R = E_{T,jet}^B$, $\mu_F = Q$ and the MRST99 parametrisations of the proton PDFs describe the measurements well



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• Small theoretical uncertainties:

- \rightarrow higher-order terms (> NLO); varying μ_R between
 - $\frac{1}{2} \cdot E^B_{T,jet}$ and $2 \cdot E^B_{T,jet} \Rightarrow \pm 5\%$
- \rightarrow uncertainty on $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ (±0.0027); $\Rightarrow \pm 4\%$
- ightarrow uncertainties on the proton PDFs; $\Rightarrow \pm 3\%$



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Inclusive Jet Cross Sections in NC DIS at $Q^2 > 125 \text{ GeV}^2$

- New measurement of the inclusive jet cross section $d\sigma/dE^B_{T,jet}$ in different regions of Q^2 for jets with $E^B_{T,jet} > 8$ GeV and $-2 < \eta^B_{jet} < 1.5$
- NLO QCD calculations provide a good description of the data \rightarrow validity of the description of the dynamics of inclusive jet production by pQCD at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$
- Inclusive jet cross sections in NC DIS in the Breit frame provide <u>direct</u> sensitivity to α_s and the <u>gluon density</u> in the proton with <u>small</u> experimental and theoretical uncertainties¹⁰



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Inclusive Jet Cross Sections and extraction of α_s

- The inclusive jet cross section $d\sigma/dQ^2$ at $Q^2 > 500~{
 m GeV^2}$ has been used to extract $lpha_s(M_Z)$
 - $lpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1196 \pm 0.0011 ext{ (stat.)} \ +0.0025 \ -0.0019 ext{ (exp.)}^{+0.0017}_{-0.0029} ext{ (th.)}$
- Experimental uncertainties:
- \rightarrow jet energy scale (1% for $E_{T,jet} > 10$ GeV)
- Theoretical uncertainties:
- ightarrow terms beyond NLO $\Delta lpha_s(M_Z) = 1-2\%$
- ightarrow uncertainties proton PDFs $\Delta lpha_s(M_Z)=1\%$
- ullet Consistent with other determinations of α_s
- Very precise determination of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$!



• The measurements are consistent with the running of α_s predicted by perturbative QCD

- New measurement of dijet and trijet cross sections over a wide range in $Q^2 \rightarrow 150 < Q^2 < 15000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and 0.2 < y < 0.6 for jets with $E_T^{jet}(\text{Breit}) > 5 \text{ GeV}, -1 < \eta^{jet}(\text{Lab}) < 2.5, M_{jj} > 25 \text{ GeV} (M_{jjj} > 25 \text{ GeV})$ using $\mathcal{L} = 65.4 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- Trijet cross sections test QCD beyond LO directly $ightarrow \sigma_{3jet} \propto lpha_s^2$



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• NLO QCD gives a good description of the data over a wide range in Q² (Z⁰-exchange effects not included in NLO; significant only for the highest Q² point)

• New measurement of the ratio of the trijet to dijet cross section over a wide range in Q^2

$$ightarrow R_{3/2} \equiv rac{\sigma_{
m trijet}(Q^2)}{\sigma_{
m dijet}(Q^2)}$$

- Small experimental uncertainties.
- Small theoretical uncertainties:
 - \rightarrow uncertainties on the proton PDFs
 - \rightarrow higher-order terms (> NLO) (reduced to ~ 5%)





• The measured values of $R_{3/2}$ have been fitted with NLO QCD calculations to extract a combined value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$:

 $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1175 \pm 0.0017 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.0050 \text{ (syst.)}^{+0.0054}_{-0.0068} \text{ (th.)}$



Parton evolution at low xe+ e^+ virtual photon ~ ~ ~ X Tn 2222 2222 2222 LER X K T2 vere x k Jet proton

Searching for BFKL-induced effects

• DGLAP equations sum the leading powers of $\alpha_s \log Q^2$ in the region of strongly-ordered transverse momenta $Q^2 \gg k_{T_n}^2 \gg \ldots \gg k_{T_2}^2 \gg k_{T_1}^2$ • When $\log Q^2 \ll \log 1/x$ terms proportional to $lpha_s \log 1/x$ become important and need to be summed the BFKL equation accomplishes that; the integration is taken over the full k_T phase space of the gluons \Rightarrow no k_T ordering • Mueller and Navelet's proposal: forward (proton's direction) jet production with x_1/x as large as possible and $k_{T1} \sim Q$

Measurement of Forward Jet Production at low x



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 \bullet Measurement of the triply-differential cross section $d^3\sigma/dxdQ^2dp_t^2$

 \rightarrow NLO QCD fails at low $Q^2, x, p_t \rightarrow$ RG-DIR+RES best overall

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Photoproduction of Jets

- Production of jets in γp collisions has been measured via ep scattering at $Q^2 \approx 0$
- At lowest order QCD, two hard scattering processes contribute to jet production \Rightarrow
- pQCD calculations of jet cross sections

$$d\sigma_{jet} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dy \ f_{\gamma/e}(y) \int_0^1 dx_\gamma \ f_{a/\gamma}(x_\gamma,\mu_{F\gamma}^2) \int_0^1 dx_p \ f_{b/p}(x_p,\mu_{Fp}^2) \ d\hat{\sigma}_{ab
ightarrow jj}$$

longitudinal momentum fraction of $\gamma/e^+(y)$, parton $a/\gamma(x_{\gamma})$, parton $b/\text{proton}(x_p)$ $\rightarrow f_{\gamma/e}(y) = \text{flux of photons in the positron (WW approximation)}$ $\rightarrow f_{a/\gamma}(x_{\gamma}, \mu_{F\gamma}^2) = \text{parton densities in the photon (for direct processes <math>\delta(1 - x_{\gamma})$)} $\rightarrow f_{b/p}(x_p, \mu_{Fp}^2) = \text{parton densities in the proton}$ $\rightarrow \sigma_{ab \rightarrow jj}$ subprocess cross section; short-distance structure of the interaction



Photoproduction of Jets

- Measurements of jet photoproduction provide parametrisations of the proton and photon PDFs
- \rightarrow Dynamics of resolved and direct processes
- \rightarrow Photon structure: information on quark densities from F_2^{γ} in e^+e^- ; gluon density poorly constrained. Jet cross sections in photoproduction are sensitive to both the quark and gluon densities in the photon at larger scales $\mu_{F\gamma}^2 \sim E_{T,jet}^2 (200 - 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2)$ \rightarrow Proton structure: well constrained by DIS except
- for the gluon density at high x. Jet cross sections in γp are sensitive to parton densities at x_p up to ~ 0.6
- Observable to separate the contributions: the fraction of the photon's energy participating in the production of the dijet system

$$x_{\gamma}^{OBS} = rac{1}{2E_{\gamma}} \sum_{\mathrm{i}=1}^{2} E_{T}^{jet_{i}} e^{-\eta^{jet_{i}}}$$



Dijet Photoproduction: photon structure

- New measurement of the dijet cross sections $d\sigma/dx_{\gamma}$ and $d\sigma/dx_{p}$ for dijet events with $E_{T,max} > 25 \text{ GeV}, E_{T,second} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ and $-0.5 < \eta^{jet} < 2.75$ (both jets) in the kinematic region $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ and 0.1 < y < 0.9
- x_p variable: $x_p = rac{1}{2E_p} \sum_{i=1}^2 E_T^{jet_i} e^{\eta^{jet_i}}$
- Measurements of $d\sigma/dx_{\gamma}$ for $x_p < 0.1~(g_p \text{ processes})$ and $x_p > 0.1~(q_p \text{ processes})$
- Comparison to NLO calculations using CTEQ6M (proton) and GRV-HO (photon) PDFs
- ightarrow Good description of the data along the entire range of x_{γ} for both ranges in x_p
- Consistent with QCD-evolved photon PDFs determined from 150 measurements in $\gamma\gamma$ at lower scales 100 and proton PDFs as determined from 50 HERA and fixed-target experiments 0



Dijet Photoproduction: proton structure

- New measurements of $d\sigma/dx_p$ for $x_\gamma < 0.8$ (resolved processes) and
 - $x_\gamma > 0.8$ (direct processes)
- Comparison to NLO calculations using CTEQ6M (proton) and GRV-HO (photon) PDFs
- Theoretical uncertainties:
- ightarrow terms beyond NLO; estimated by varying μ_R up and down by a factor of 2
 - \Rightarrow dominant at low x_p
- \rightarrow uncertaintites of the proton PDFs; \Rightarrow increasingly important as x_p increases
- The NLO QCD calculations agree with the data in the low x_p range
- At high x_p ($x_p > 0.32$) there are g discrepancies between data and NLO
- $\rightarrow \text{Measurements at high } x_{\gamma} \text{ provide} \\ \text{further constraints on the proton} \\ \text{PDFs, particular the gluon density,} \\ \text{free from the photon PDFs} \\ \end{cases}$





Measurements at $x_{\gamma} > 0.8 \Rightarrow$ useful constrain in a global determination of proton PDFs

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- Fixed-target D15: Ingher twists, neavy-target corrections and isospin-symm. assumption of the symmetry of th
- That's the past! NOW there are measurements of jet cross sections at HERA
- \Rightarrow <u>directly sensitive</u> to the <u>gluon density</u> with <u>small</u> experimental+theoretical uncertainties!
- Sufficient sensitivity to determine the proton PDFs within a single (ep) experiment

Determination of PDFs using structure function and jet data from ZEUS



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Data sets used in the fit (577 data points):
 → Structure function measurements: reduced double differential cross sections in x and Q²

- ullet neutral current DIS e^+p and e^-p
- ullet charged current DIS e^+p and e^-p
- \rightarrow Jet cross section measurements:
 - inclusive jet production in NC DIS
 - \bullet dijet production in γp collisions
- Evolution of the PDFs with the energy scale: DGLAP equations at NLO (\overline{MS} scheme); 11 free parameters ($+\alpha_s$ when free)
- Full account of correlated experimental uncertainties using the offset method
- A good description of the data is obtained: $\chi^2 = 470$ for 577 data points



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• Compatible with MRST2001 and CTEQ6.1M

• Compatible with H1 analysis

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Improving the gluon distribution: jet data

- Comparison of gluon distributions from fits with and without jet data
- → no significant change of the shape: no tension between jet and inclusive data
- \rightarrow the jet cross sections constrain the gluon density in the range 0.01 - 0.4

 \rightarrow Sizeable reduction of the gluon uncertainty

e.g. from 17% to 10% at
$$x=0.06$$
 and $Q^2=7~{
m GeV}^{2^{-0.4}_{-0.4}}$

 \rightarrow similar reduction by a factor of two in the mid-x region over the full Q^2 range



Determination of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

- Simultaneous determination of the proton PDFs and $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- Jet cross sections are <u>directly sensitive</u> to $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ via $\gamma^{(*)}g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (coupled to gluon density) and via $\gamma^{(*)}q \rightarrow qq$ (NOT coupled to gluon density)
- ⇒ The inclusion of the jet cross sections allows an extraction of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ that is NOT strongly correlated₀ to the gluon density
- Determination of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from the ZEUS-JETS- α_s fit:

 $lpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1183 \pm 0.0007 \; (ext{uncorr.}) \pm 0.0022 \; (ext{corr.}) \ \pm 0.0016 \; (ext{norm.}) \pm 0.0008 \; (ext{model})$

+ estimation of the uncertainty due to terms beyond NLO $o \Delta lpha_s(M_Z) = \pm 0.0050$

 \Rightarrow Precise determination $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1183 \pm 0.0058$ from ZEUS data alone



• **Direct processes** provide a clean way to study the effects of the different color configurations



• The predicted cross section at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^2)$ can be written as

$$\sigma_{ep \to 3 \text{jets}} = C_F^2 \cdot \sigma_A + C_F C_A \cdot \sigma_B + C_F T_F \cdot \sigma_C + T_F C_A \cdot \sigma_D$$

- <u>Variables</u> to highlight the contributions from the different color configurations
 - \Rightarrow angular correlations between the jets
- $\rightarrow \theta_H$ (Muñoz-Tapia, Stirling);

 $ightarrow lpha_{23}$

- $\rightarrow \cos \beta_{KSW} = \cos \frac{1}{2} [\angle [(\vec{p_1} \times \vec{p_3}), (\vec{p_2} \times \vec{p_B})] + \angle [(\vec{p_1} \times \vec{p_B}), (\vec{p_2} \times \vec{p_3})]],$ where $\vec{p_i}$ is the momentum of jet i (ordered according to decreasing E_T^{jet}) and $\vec{p_B}$ is a unit vector in the direction of the proton beam;
- Fixed-order $(\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^2))$ calculations using direct processes \rightarrow separation of the different colour components

 $\sigma_{ep \to 3jets} = C_F^2 \cdot \sigma_A + C_F C_A \cdot \sigma_B + C_F T_F \cdot \sigma_C + T_F C_A \cdot \sigma_D$ \rightarrow The predicted relative contributions for SU(3):

 $A \rightarrow 13\%, B \rightarrow 10\%, C \rightarrow 45\%, D \rightarrow 32\%$

• Example: the distribution in θ_H for the contribution σ_B is particularly distinct from the other color configurations



jet 1

θ

beam line

iet 3

iet 2



• Measurement of the normalised cross section $1/\sigma \ d\sigma/d\theta_H$ for the production of events with three jets satisfying $E_T^{\text{jet}} > 14 \text{ GeV}, -1 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 2.5$ and $x_{\gamma}^{\text{obs}}(3 \text{ jets}) > 0.7$ in the kinematic region $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ and 0.2 < y < 0.85

• Comparison to the predictions of PYTHIA and HERWIG (leading-logarithm parton-shower calculations based on SU(3))

- \rightarrow PYTHIA reproduces reasonably well
 - the measured distribution
- ightarrow The distributions for direct and resolved processes ($\sim 34\%$) are very similar



• Comparison to fixed-order calculations based on differente symmetry groups SU(3), SU(N) with $N \gg 1, U(1)^3$ and the extreme choice $C_F = 0$

- $U(1)^3$ vs SU(3): similar shapes due to the smallness of σ_B
- The data disfavour $T_F/C_F pprox 0 \, (SU(N \gg 1))$ or $C_F = 0$
- ullet The predictions of SU(3) describe reasonably well the data

Jet Substructure

- At sufficiently high E_T^{jet} , where fragmentation effects become negligible, the jet substructure is expected to be calculable by pQCD
- Measurement of jet substructure allows investigations on
- \rightarrow the differences between quark- and gluon-originated jets and
- \rightarrow the dynamics of the different partonic final states,
- ightarrow as well as determinations of $lpha_s$

Integrated jet shape:
$$\langle \Psi(r)
angle = rac{1}{N_{jets}} \sum_{jets} rac{E_T(r)}{E_T(r=1)}$$

- Jet substructure in photoproduction:
- ightarrow Resolved processes give rise to quark and gluon jets through $q_{\gamma}g_p
 ightarrow qg, g_{\gamma}g_p
 ightarrow gg, ...$
- ightarrow Direct processes give rise mostly to quark jets through $\gamma g
 ightarrow q ar q$

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 $\Psi(\mathbf{r})$

Jet Substructure in Photoproduction



• Comparison with model predictions for resolved and direct processes including initialand final-state QCD radiation (PYTHIA): good description of the data

• The jets in the region $x_{\gamma} < 0.75$ are broader than in the region $x_{\gamma} > 0.75$, consistent with a larger fraction of gluon (broad) jets in resolved-photon events than in direct-photon events

Jet Substructure in Photoproduction

- The dependence of $\langle \Psi(r=0.5)
 angle$ on $\eta^{jet}, E_T^{jet}, E^{jet}$ and x_γ :
 - \rightarrow the jet becomes broader as η^{jet} increases (proton direction)
 - \rightarrow the jet becomes narrower as E_T^{jet} or x_γ increases (direct processes)
- The measured dependencies of $\langle \Psi(r=0.5) \rangle$ on the different variables are well described by the predictions of PYTHIA
- The observed decrease in $\langle \Psi(r=0.5) \rangle$ as η^{jet} increases is consistent with the increase in the fraction of gluon jets as predicted by PYTHIA

• Dominant hard subprocesses:

 $\gamma g \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ in direct processes $q_{\gamma}g_p \rightarrow qg$ in resolved processes with a large and increasing fraction of gluon jets as η^{jet} increases (\hat{t} -pole)



Jet Substructure in Photoproduction: Charm jets

- Investigation of the different processes contributing to charm photoproduction by selecting dijet events with one jet tagged as the charmed jet and measuring the jet shape of the "other jet" in the event
- At high x_{γ} the major process contributing to the sample is boson-gluon fusion \Rightarrow the "other jet" in an event is also a charm quark





• Sample of dijet events with a μ -tagged jet: measurement of $\langle \Psi(r) \rangle$ for the "other" jet (purity of the tagged jet: 71 - 73%; the background is statistically subtracted)

The predictions of PYTHIA (including charm-excitation) describes well the data in the region x_γ > 0.75; differences are observed in the region x_γ < 0.75 ⇒ the data suggest a smaller fraction of gluon jets at low x_γ than predicted by PYTHIA

Jet Substructure in Photoproduction: Charm jets



and the "other jet" in μ -tagged dijet events ("charm events")

Jet Substructure in Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering

• The lowest non-trivial-order contribution to the measurements is given by $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s)$ pQCD calculations

$$\langle 1-\Psi(r)
angle = rac{\int dE_T \; E_T [d\sigma(ep
ightarrow 2 \mathrm{partons})/dE_T]}{E_T^{jet} \; \sigma_{\mathrm{jet}}(E_T^{jet})}$$

- NLO QCD calculations of jet substructure can be made in the laboratory frame since it is possible to have 3 partons in the same jet (not possible in the Breit frame)
- The dependence of the pQCD calculations on the knowledge of the proton PDFs is reduced
- Measurements of jet substructure in NC DIS provide:
- \rightarrow a stringent test of pQCD calculations beyond LO
- ightarrow a determination of $lpha_s$





Jet Substructure in Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering

- Measurement of $\langle \Psi(r) \rangle$ for an inclusive sample of jets with $E_T^{jet}(\text{Lab}) > 17 \text{ GeV}$ and $-1 < \eta^{jet}(\text{Lab}) < 2.5$ in NC DIS at $Q^2 > 125 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Study of the E_T^{jet} -dependence of $\langle \Psi(r) \rangle$: the jets become narrower as E_T^{jet} increases
- Comparison to NLO QCD calculations corrected for hadronisation effects $(< 5\% \text{ for } E_T^{
 m jet} > 21 \text{ GeV at } r = 0.5)$



• NLO QCD calculations provide a good description of the data: \rightarrow (DATA-NLO)/NLO smaller than 0.2% for r = 0.5

Jet Substructure in Neutral Current DIS and extraction of $lpha_s(M_Z)$

• The measurements of $\langle \Psi(r = 0.5) \rangle$ for $E_T^{jet}(\text{Lab}) > 21 \text{ GeV}$ have been used to extract the value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$:

$$lpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1176 \pm 0.0009 ext{ (stat.)} \ +0.0009 ext{ (exp.)}^{+0.0091}_{-0.0072} ext{ (th.)}$$

• Small experimental uncertainties:
$$\Delta \alpha_s / \alpha_s = ^{+0.8}_{-2.2} \%$$

- \rightarrow terms beyond NLO $\Delta \alpha_s(M_Z) = ^{+0.0089}_{-0.0070}$
- ightarrow parton-to-hadron effects $\Delta lpha_s(M_Z) = \pm 0.0018$
- \rightarrow uncertainty due to those of the proton PDFs (negligible)





Summary of α_s determinations





ightarrow Consistent with the running predicted by QCD over a large range in $E_T^{
m jet}$



• In many areas the measurements have reached a level of precision such that the theoretical uncertainties dominate in the accuracy of the final results

• To further improve the accuracy of the determination of the fundamental parameters of QCD and of the tests at higher orders, and to fully exploit the HERA II programme, \Rightarrow further theoretical work will be useful

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