

Charm production in DIS (and γp) at HERA

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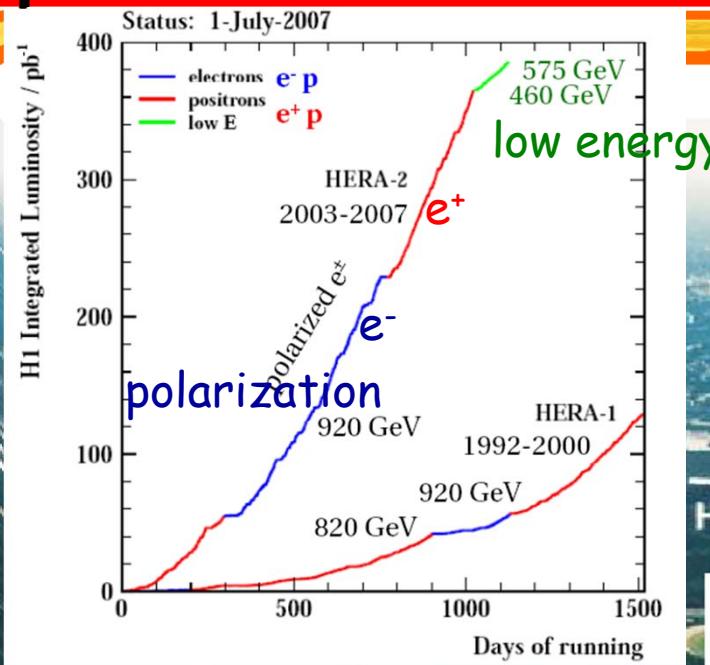


- Introduction
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- Inclusive charm production in DIS
- Charm fragmentation fractions (γp)
- Conclusions

selection
of recent
results

PETRA

The HERA ep collider and experiments

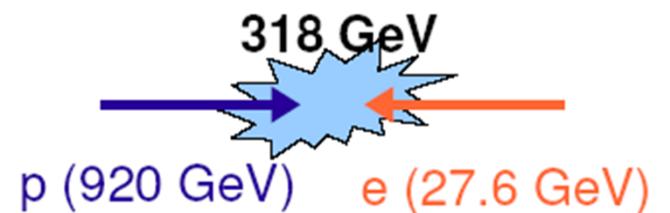


HERA I: ~ 130 pb⁻¹ (physics)

HERA II: ~ 380 pb⁻¹ (physics)

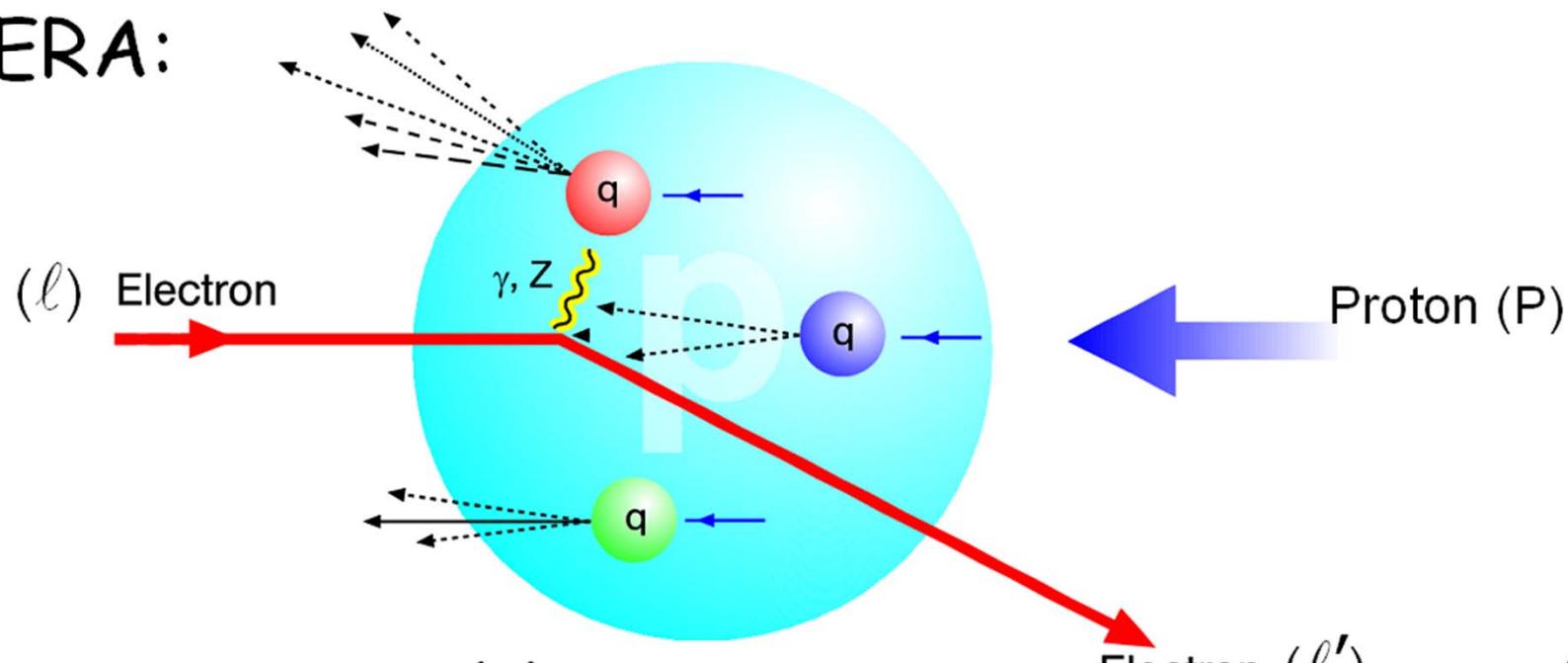
combined: ~ 2 x 0.5 fb⁻¹

HERA:



Kinematics of Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

HERA:



kinematic variables:

$$Q^2 = -\mathbf{q}^2 \quad \text{photon (or } Z\text{) virtuality, squared momentum transfer}$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2Pq} \quad \text{Bjorken scaling variable,}\\ \text{for } Q^2 \gg (2m_q)^2: \text{ momentum fraction of p constituent}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{qP}{\ell P} \quad \text{inelasticity,}\\ \gamma \text{ momentum fraction (of e)}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \ell - \ell'$$

$Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$:
photoproduction

$Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$:
DIS

Why are heavy flavours important?

- charm contribution to DIS data up to 40%!
- **kinematic effect of mass**
- **competing scales for perturbative expansion**

e.g. $m, Q^2, p_T \rightarrow$ terms $\log Q^2/m^2$

$\log p_T^2/m^2$ etc.



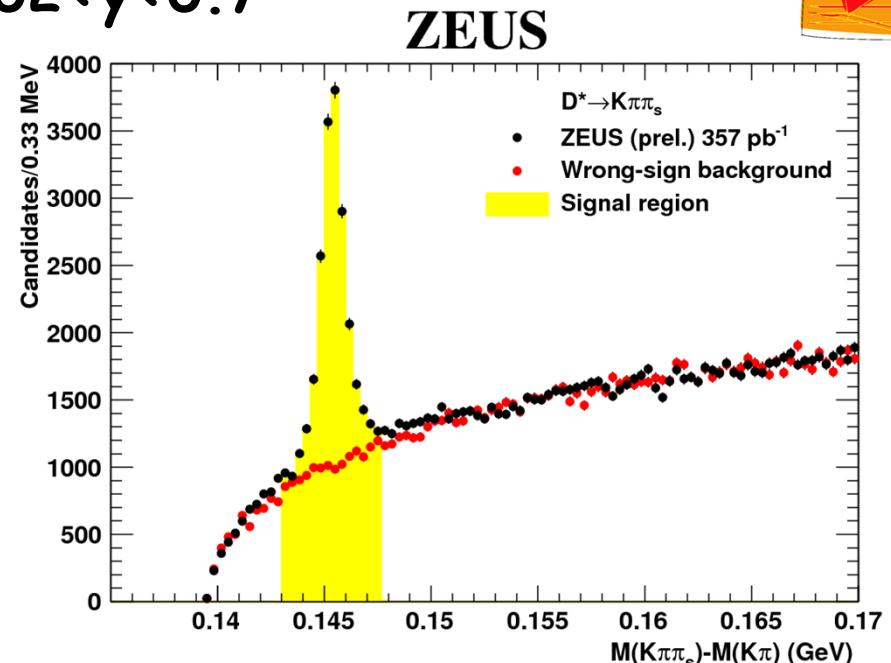
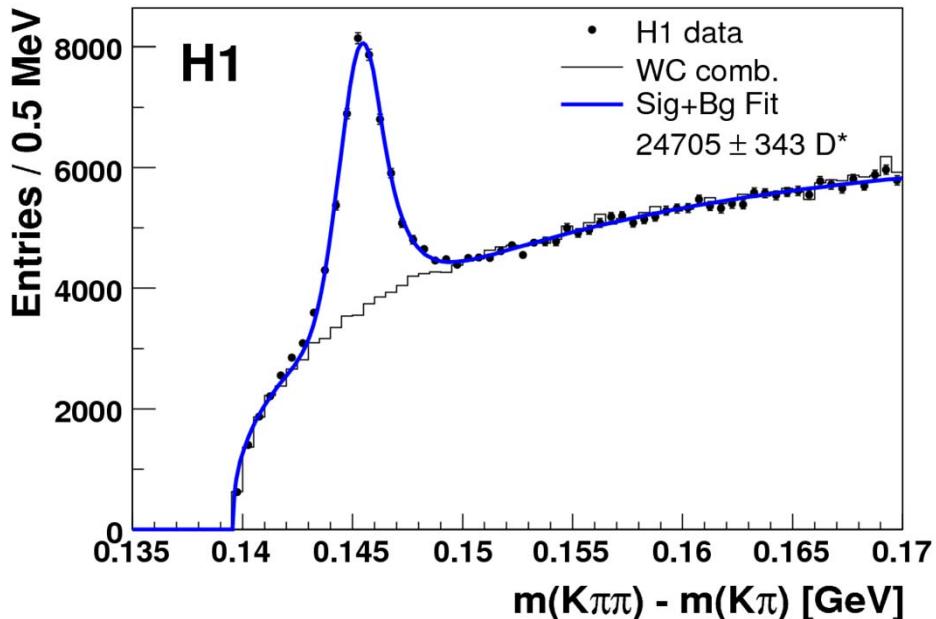
- => "massless" treatment allows **resummation**, but **fails** near "mass threshold" -> avoid !
- => "massive" treatment gets **kinematics** right,
but does **not allow resummation** (fixed flavour number schemes)
or induces **ambiguities** in QCD corrections near flavour threshold
(variable flavour number schemes)

check different schemes against HERA data

D^* production in DIS



$Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2, 0.02 < y < 0.7$



$|\eta(D^*)| < 1.8$
 $p_T(D^*) > 1.25 \text{ GeV}$

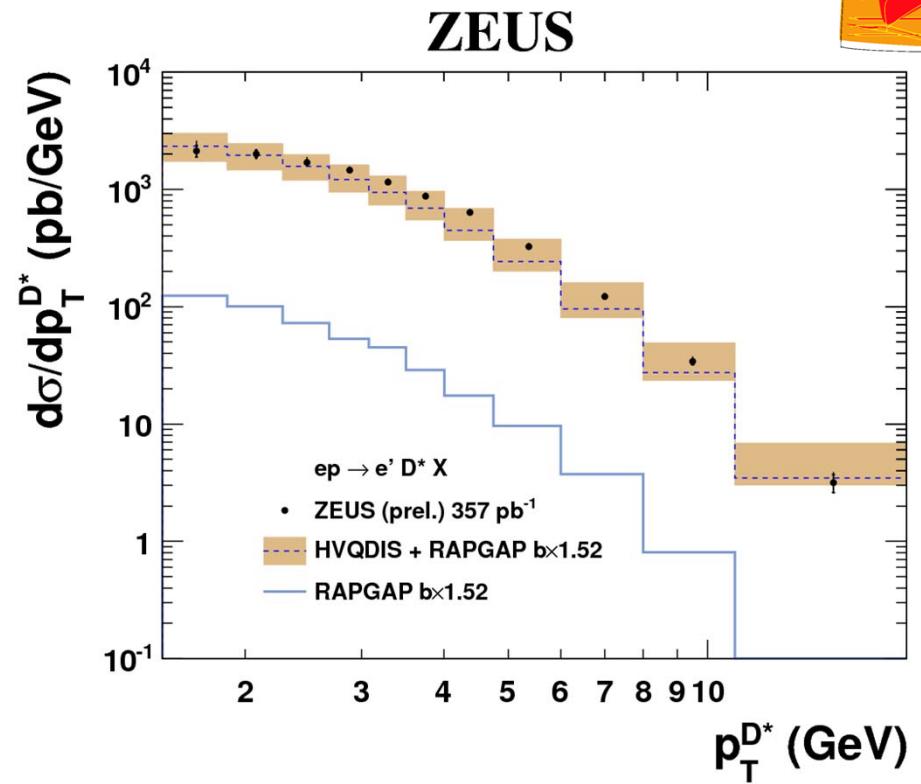
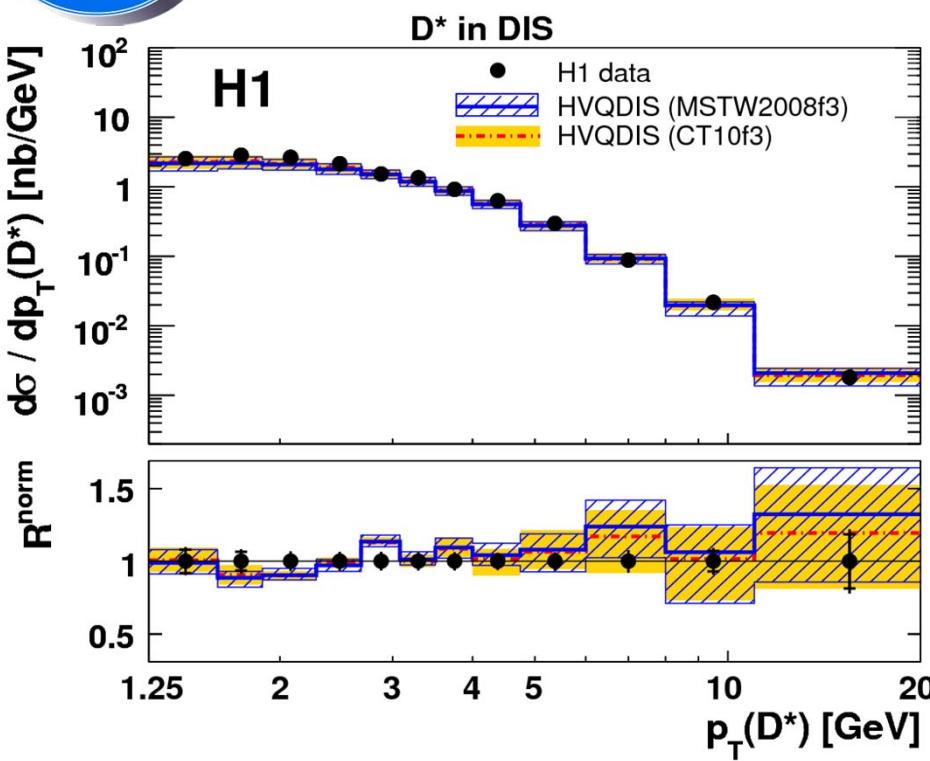
large statistics!

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$|\eta(D^*)| < 1.5$
 $p_T(D^*) > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$
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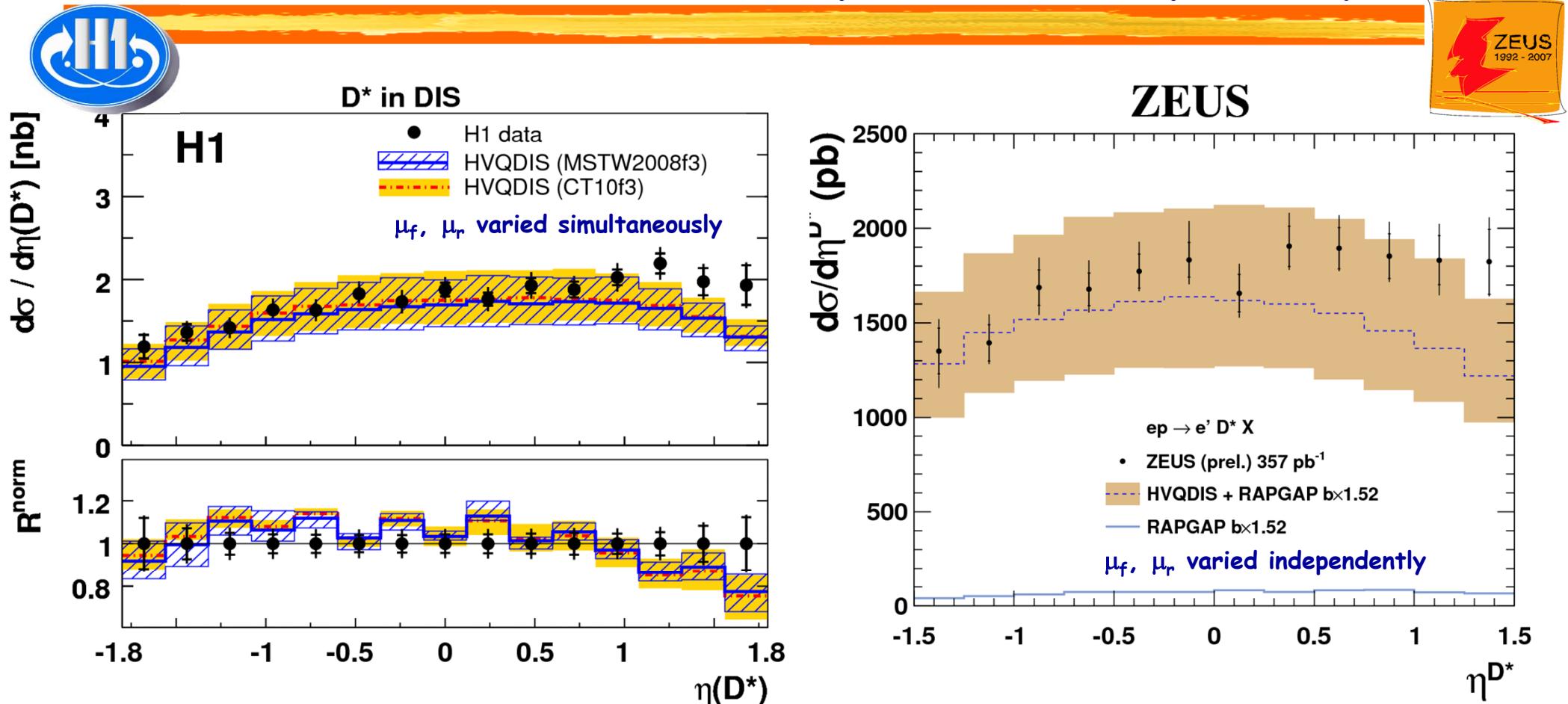
H1 slightly larger phase space
ZEUS slightly better mass resolution

D^* cross section vs. p_T



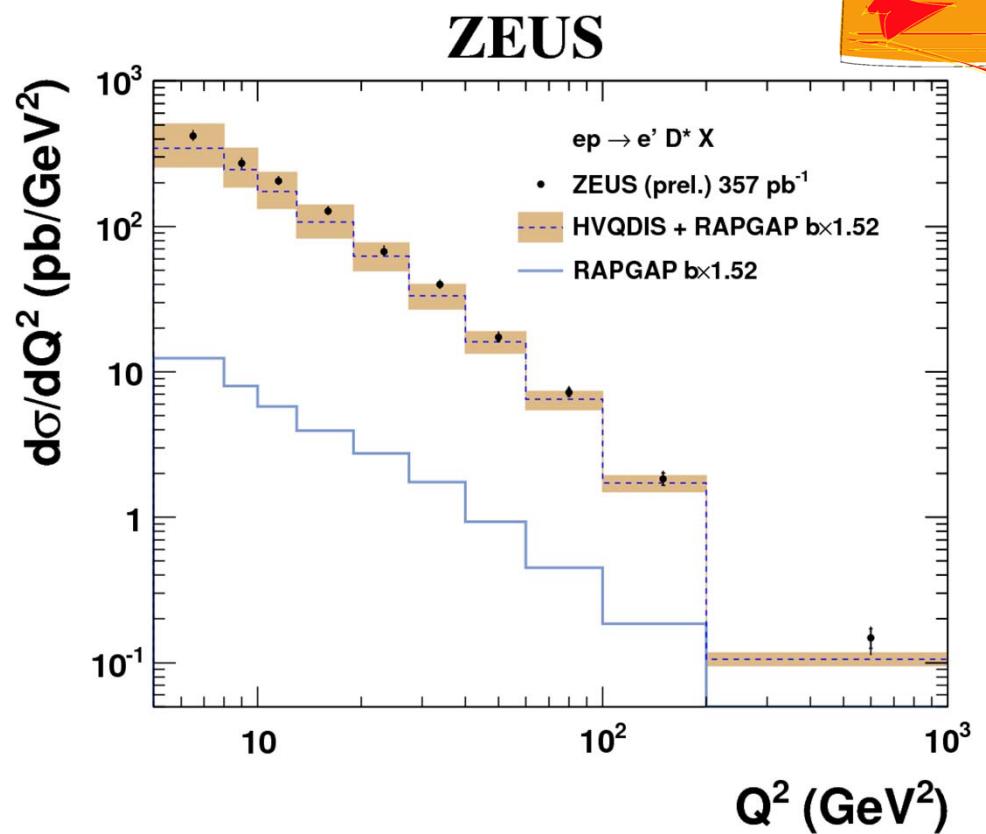
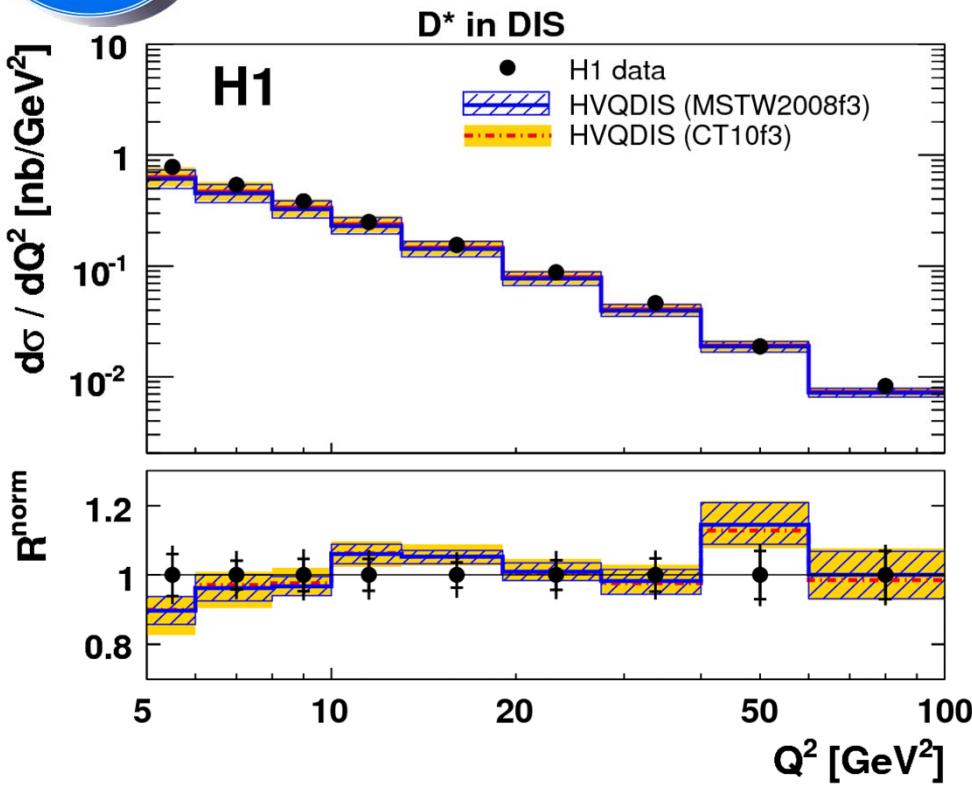
- good agreement between H1 and ZEUS and with NLO QCD (massive differential predictions only available in fixed flavour number scheme)

D^* cross section vs. pseudorapidity η



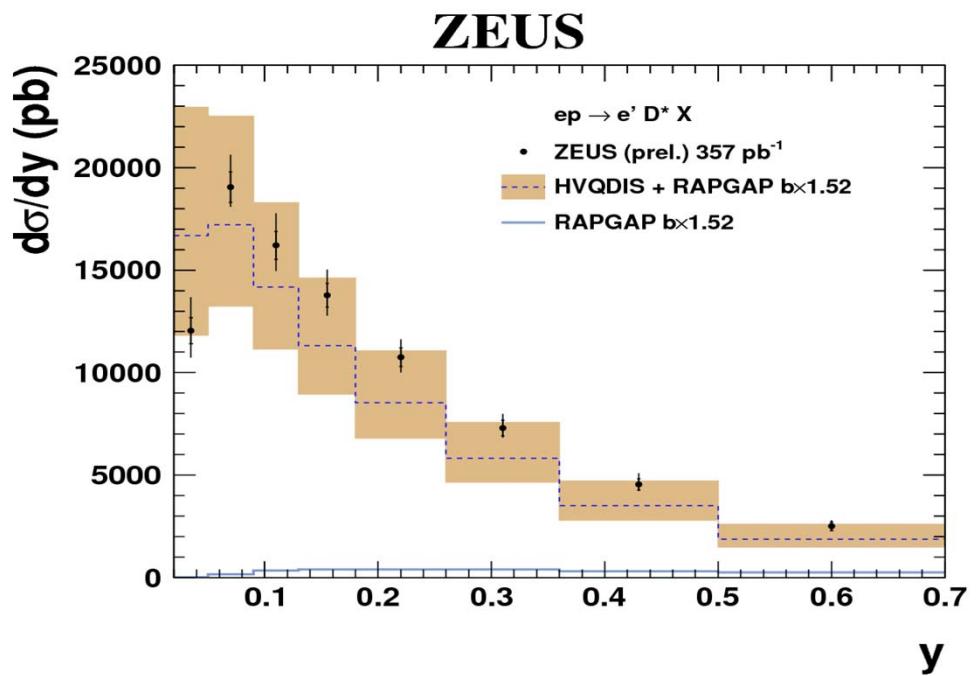
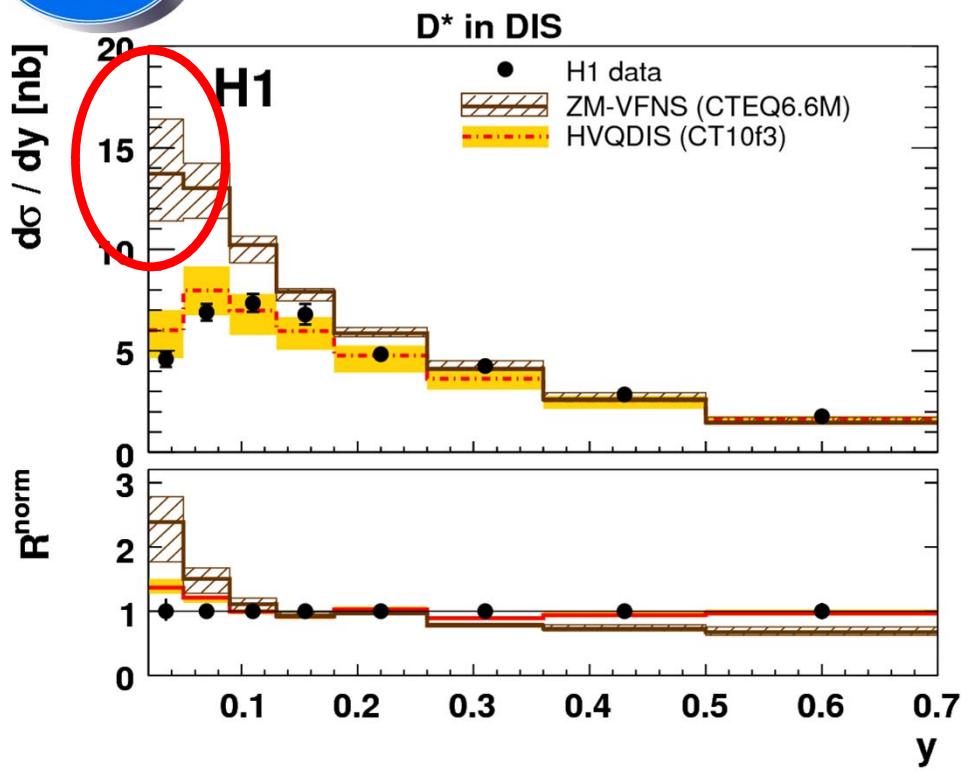
- good agreement between experiments
- tendency for somewhat more forward D^* 's than NLO QCD predicts?

D^* cross section vs. Q^2



- good agreement between experiments and with NLO QCD

D^* cross section vs. inelasticity y

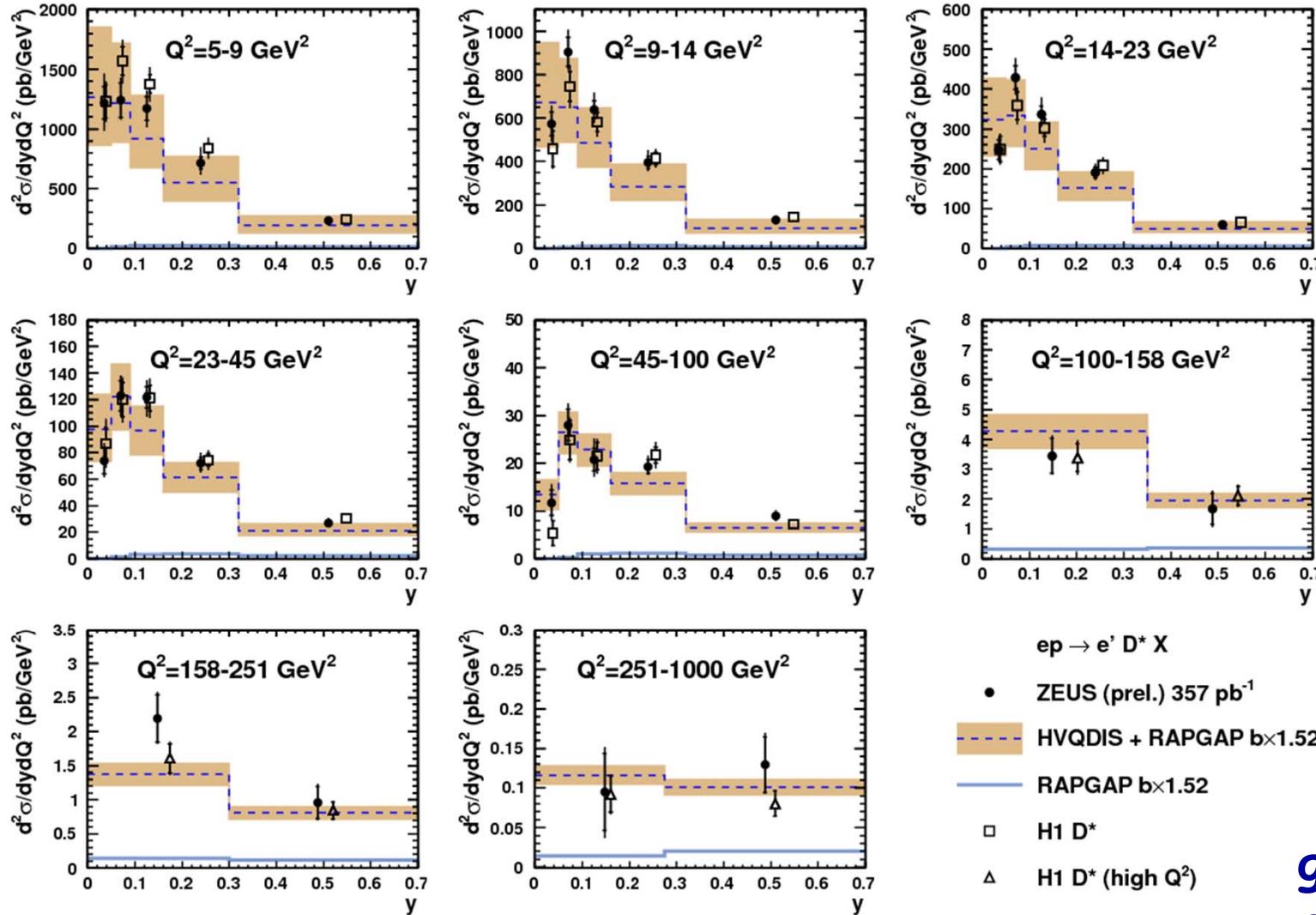


- good agreement between experiments and with massive NLO QCD calculations
- massless NLO calculation (ZM-VFNS) fails at low y

D^* double differential cross sections



now H1 in same phase space as ZEUS



$ep \rightarrow e' D^* X$

- ZEUS (prel.) 357 pb⁻¹
- HVQDIS + RAPGAP $b \times 1.52$
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- H1 D^*
- △ H1 D^* (high Q^2)

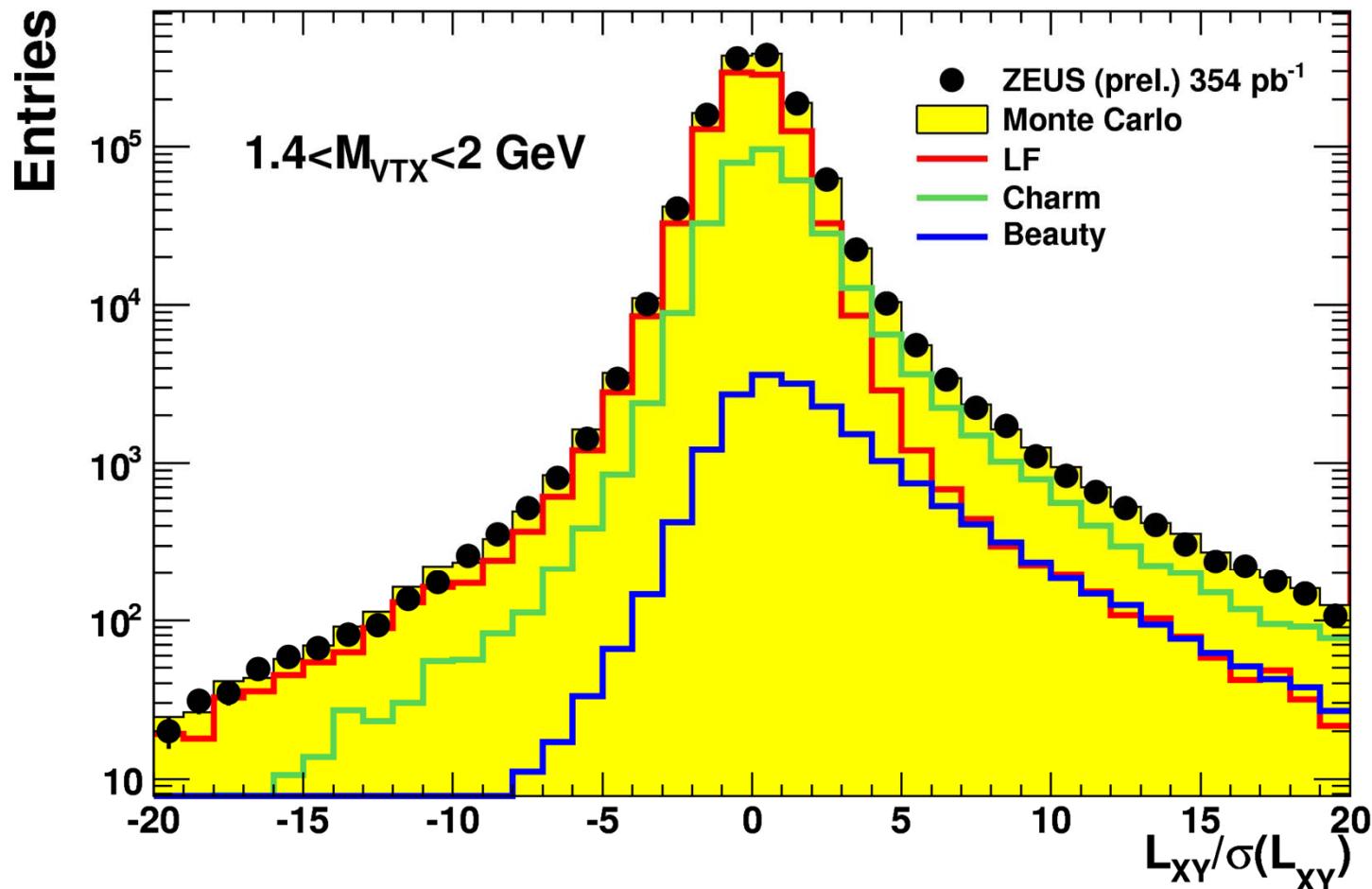
good
agreement!

Charm in DIS from inclusive secondary vertices



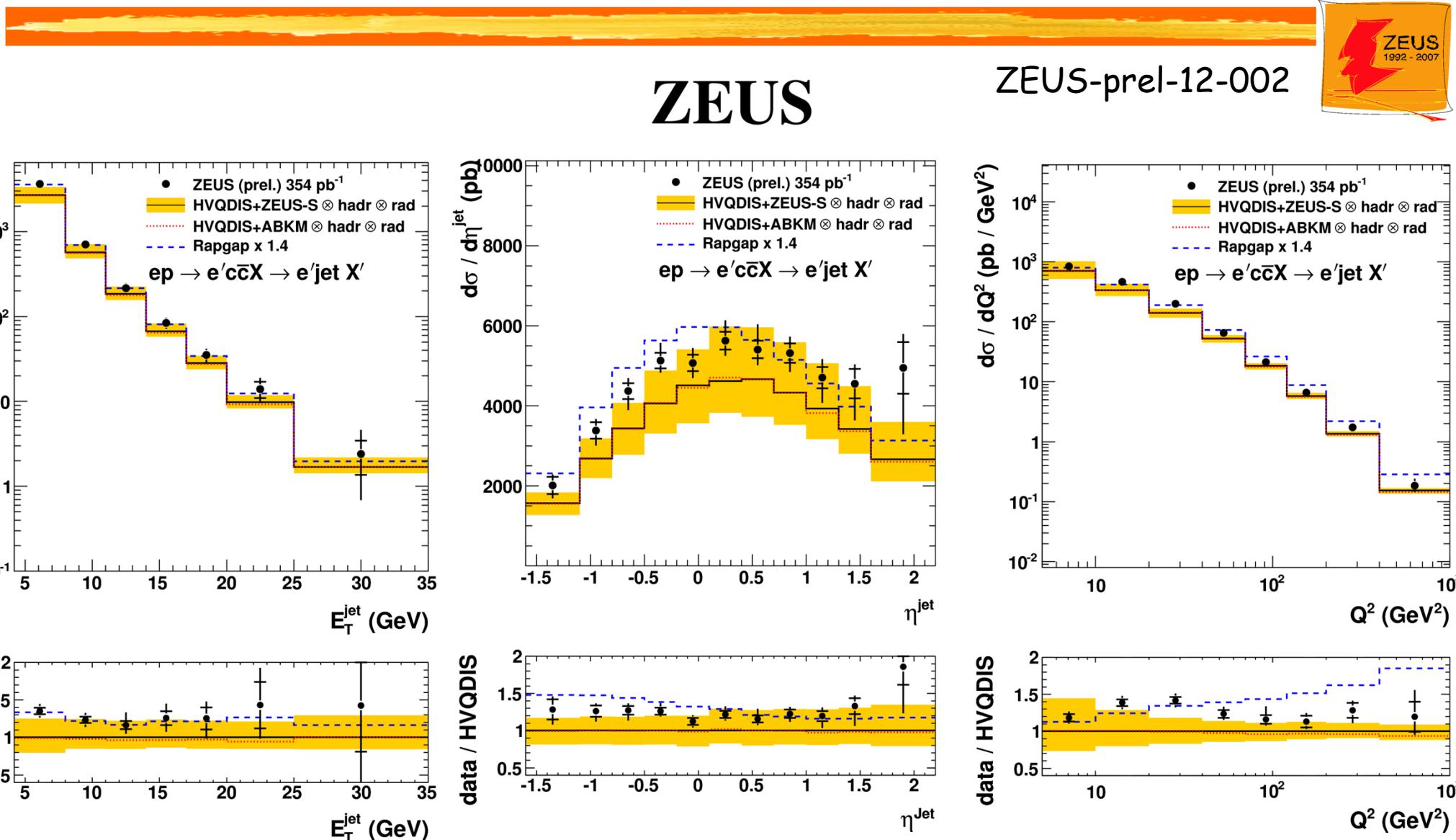
ZEUS

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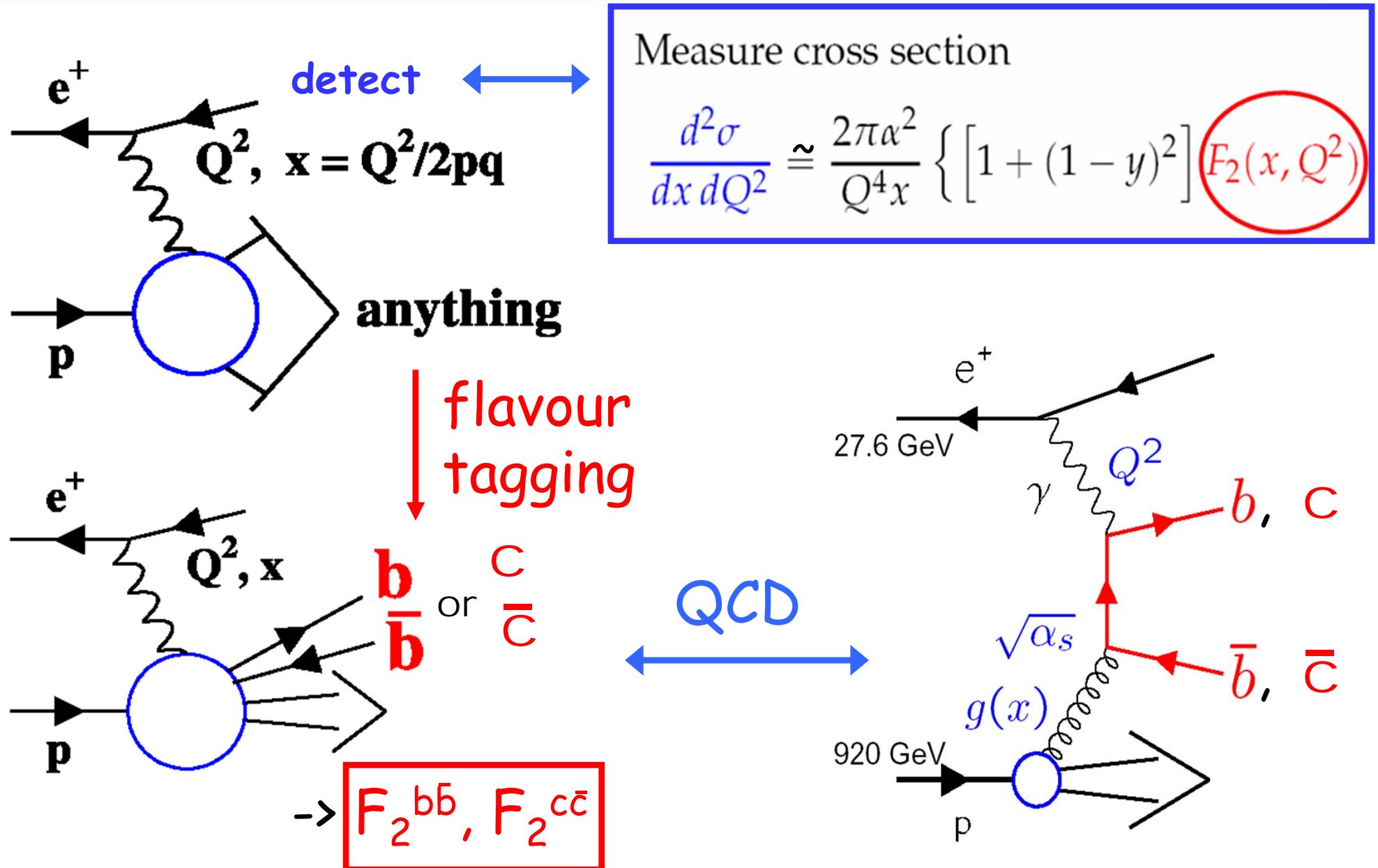
asymmetry of vertex significance distribution well described

Charm cross section, incl. sec. vtx

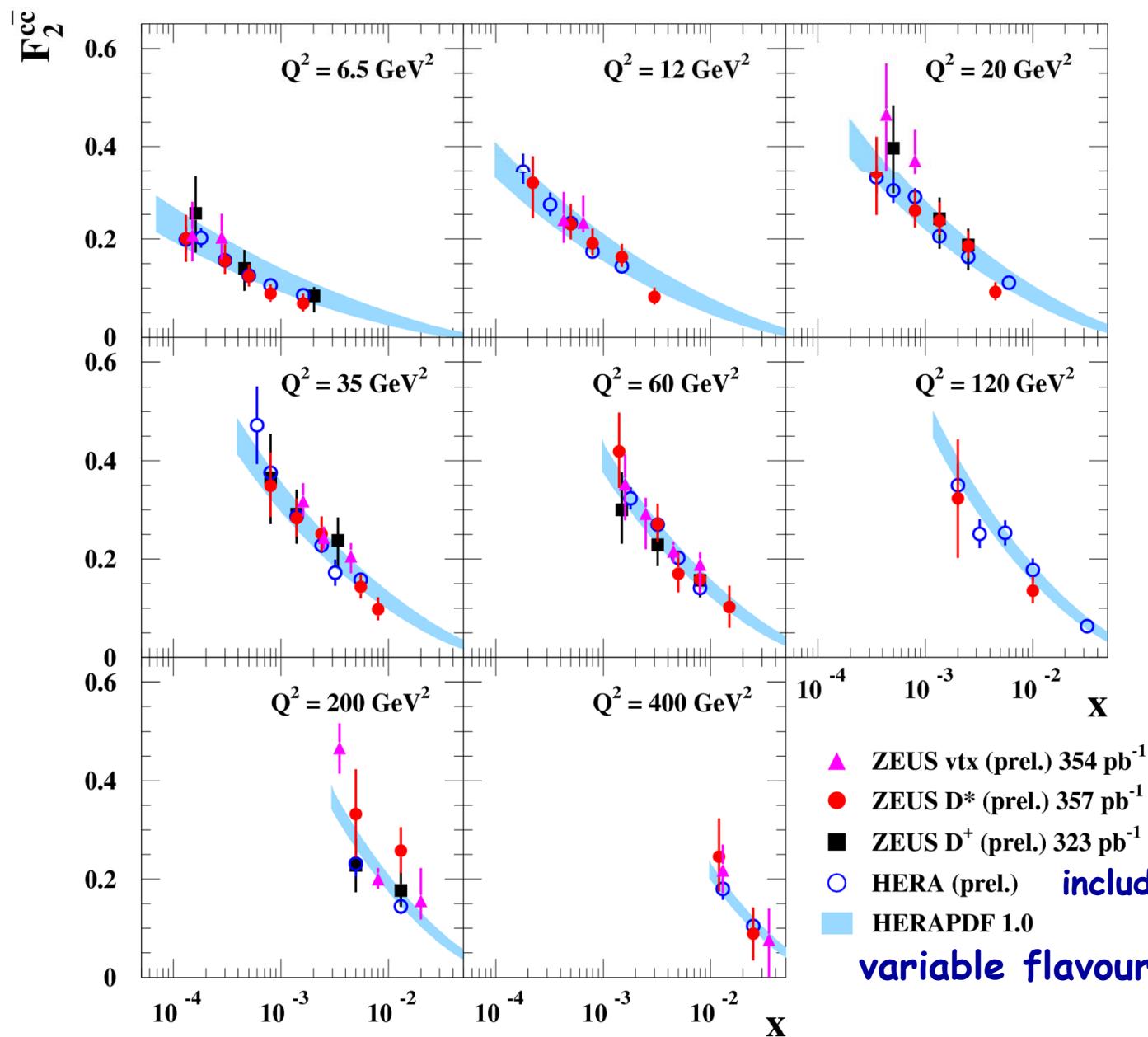


access higher p_T , η , and Q^2 ; same conclusions as from D^* data

Heavy flavour contributions to F_2



ZEUS

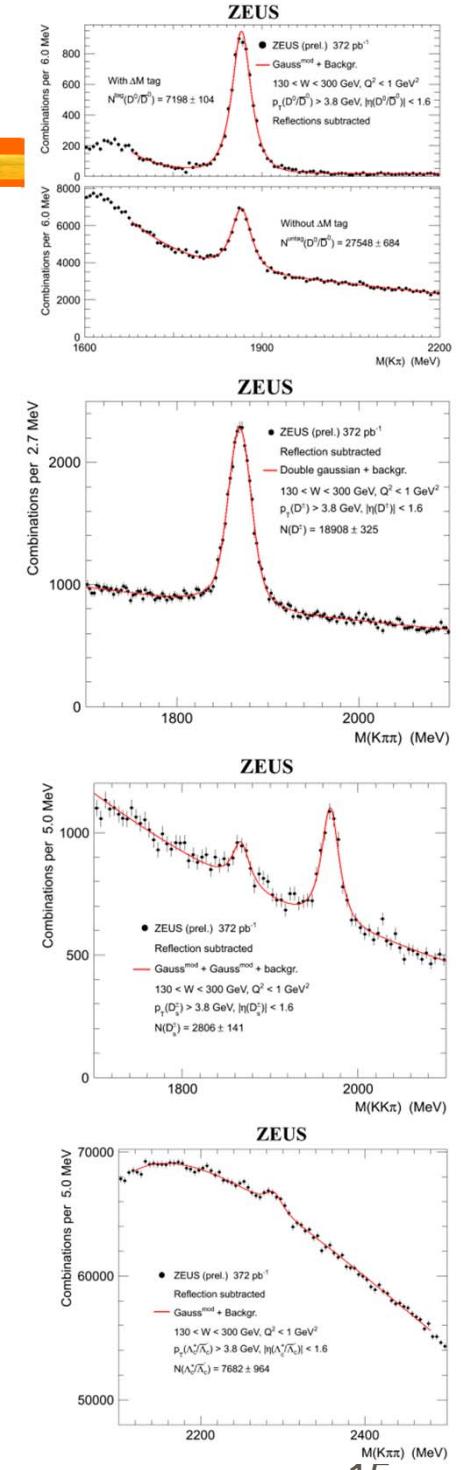
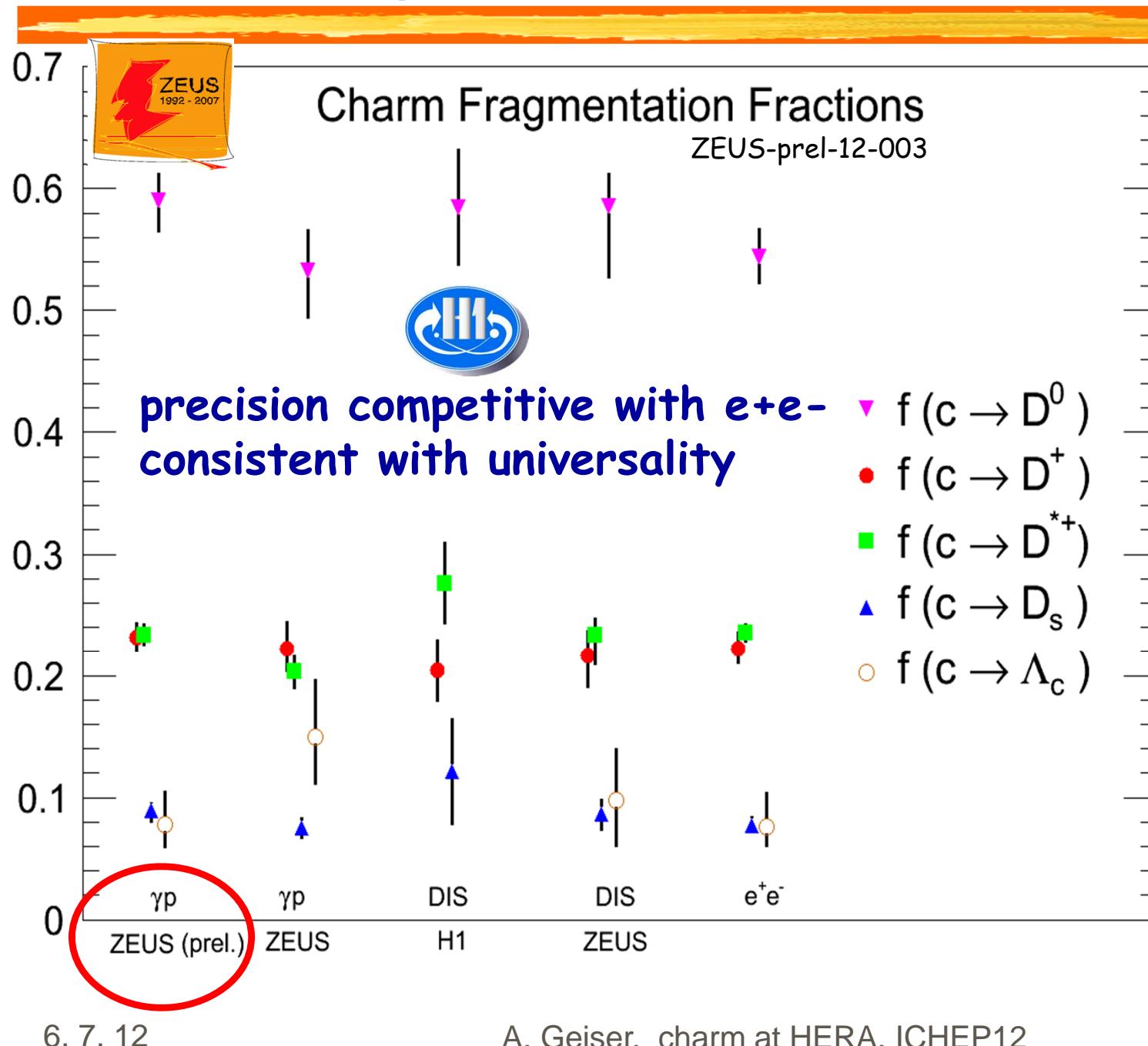


good agreement between all data sets, and with theory

use to constrain PDFs and to measure the charm mass (in preparation)

variable flavour number scheme, works

charm fragmentation fractions



Summary and conclusions

- different measurements of charm production in DIS yield good agreement with each other and with NLO theory
 - > allows to further constrain PDFs and measure charm mass (ongoing work, see also talk R. Plaçakyte)
 - > better predictions for processes at HERA, Tevatron, and LHC
- recent measurement of charm fragmentation fractions in charm photoproduction competitive with e^+e^- and consistent with universality
- most HERA results now available with full HERA statistics, but final results, in particular H1-ZEUS combinations, still to come.