

Measurement and QCD analysis of neutral and charged current cross sections at HERA

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Abstract. The inclusive e^+p single and double differential cross sections for neutral and charged current processes are measured with the H1 detector at HERA. The data were taken in 1999 and 2000 at a centre-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV and correspond to an integrated luminosity of 65.2 pb^{-1} . The cross sections are measured in the range of four-momentum transfer squared Q^2 between 100 and $30\,000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and Bjorken x between 0.0013 and 0.65. The neutral current analysis for the new e^+p data and the earlier e^-p data taken in 1998 and 1999 is extended to small energies of the scattered electron and therefore to higher values of inelasticity y , allowing a determination of the longitudinal structure function F_L at high Q^2 ($110 - 700 \text{ GeV}^2$). A new measurement of the structure function $x\tilde{F}_3$ is obtained using the new e^+p and previously published $e^\pm p$ neutral current cross section data at high Q^2 . These data together with H1 low Q^2 precision data are further used to perform new next-to-leading order QCD analyses in the framework of the Standard Model to extract flavour separated parton distributions in the proton.

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1 Introduction

In 1992 the HERA accelerator began operation, colliding lepton and proton beams within the H1 and ZEUS experiments. The phase space covered by HERA inclusive deep inelastic scattering (DIS) cross section measurements ranges from small Bjorken x at low Q^2 , the four-momentum transfer squared, to large x at Q^2 values larger than the squared masses of the W and Z gauge bosons. These measurements provide an insight into the partonic structure of matter and the dynamics of strong interactions and test quantum chromodynamics (QCD) over a huge kinematic range.

Both neutral current (NC) interactions, $ep \rightarrow eX$ via γ or Z^0 exchange, and charged current (CC) interactions, $ep \rightarrow \nu X$ via W exchange, can be observed at HERA, yielding complementary information on the QCD and electroweak (EW) parts of the Standard Model. The cross sections are defined in terms of three kinematic variables Q^2 , x and y , where y quantifies the inelasticity of the interaction. The kinematic variables are related via $Q^2 = sxy$, where s is the ep centre-of-mass energy squared.

Measurements of the NC and CC cross sections in e^+p scattering have been made by H1 and ZEUS based on $\simeq 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ data sets taken between 1994 and 1997 [1, 2] with protons of energy 820 GeV and positrons of energy 27.6 GeV, leading to a centre-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 301 \text{ GeV}$. Here, new e^+p NC and CC cross section measurements, based on data taken at $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$ in 1999 and 2000, are presented with improved precision using a luminosity of 65.2 pb^{-1} . The increased centre-of-mass energy stems from the change in the proton beam energy from 820 GeV to 920 GeV since 1998. These data sets together provide the most accurate neutral and charged current cross sections measured by H1 at high Q^2 ($\geq 100 \text{ GeV}^2$) in the first phase of HERA operation (HERA-I).

The NC analysis is extended to higher y up to 0.9 for $100 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q^2 \leq 800 \text{ GeV}^2$. This extension of the kinematic range allows a determination of the longitudinal structure function, $F_L(x, Q^2)$, to be made at high Q^2 for the first time. This analysis is performed on both the 99–00 e^+p data and the e^-p data, taken in 1998 and 1999 with a luminosity of 16.4 pb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$. The extended high- y e^-p analysis and F_L extraction complement the inclusive cross section measurements published in [3].

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The difference in NC cross sections between e^+p and e^-p scattering at high Q^2 is employed to update the measurement of $x\tilde{F}_3$, superseding the earlier measurement [3].

The accuracy and kinematic coverage of the H1 neutral and charged current cross section data enable dedicated QCD analyses, which test the prediction of logarithmic scaling violations over four orders of magnitude in Q^2 and allow parton distribution functions (PDFs) of the proton to be deduced. This in turn allows predictions to be made for future facilities such as the LHC, deviations from which may be due to exotic phenomena beyond the Standard Model.

A next-to-leading order (NLO) QCD analysis of the H1 data alone is performed, using a novel decomposition of the quark species into the up- and down-type quark distributions to which the NC and CC cross section data are sensitive. The fit parameter space is narrowed using theoretical constraints adapted to the new ansatz and the experimental and phenomenological uncertainties are systematically approached. This leads to a description of the complete set of NC and CC data as well as to new determinations of the PDFs and their uncertainties. For comparison, the QCD analysis is further extended to include the accurate proton and deuteron data from the BCDMS muon scattering experiment [4].

This paper is organised as follows. In Sect. 2 the definitions of the inclusive NC and CC cross sections are given. In Sect. 3 the detector, simulation and measurement procedures are described. The QCD analysis method is explained in Sect. 4, followed by the measurements and the QCD analysis results in Sect. 5. The paper is summarised in Sect. 6.

2 Neutral and charged current cross sections

After correction for QED radiative effects, the measured NC cross section for the process $e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm X$ with unpolarised beams is given by

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{NC}^\pm}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} \phi_{NC}^\pm (1 + \Delta_{NC}^{\pm,weak}), \quad (1)$$

$$\text{with} \quad \phi_{NC}^\pm = Y_+ \tilde{F}_2 \mp Y_- x \tilde{F}_3 - y^2 \tilde{F}_L, \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha \equiv \alpha(Q^2 = 0)$ is the fine structure constant. The $\Delta_{NC}^{\pm,weak}$ corrections are defined in [5], with α and the Z and W boson masses (taken here as in [3] to be $M_Z = 91.187 \text{ GeV}$ and $M_W = 80.41 \text{ GeV}$) as the main electroweak inputs. The weak corrections are typically less than 1% and never more than 3%. The NC structure function term ϕ_{NC}^\pm was introduced in [1] and is expressed in terms of the generalised structure functions \tilde{F}_2 , $x\tilde{F}_3$ and \tilde{F}_L . The helicity dependences of the electroweak interaction are contained in $Y_\pm \equiv 1 \pm (1-y)^2$. The generalised structure functions \tilde{F}_2 and $x\tilde{F}_3$ can be further decomposed as [6]

$$\tilde{F}_2 \equiv F_2 - v_e \frac{\kappa Q^2}{(Q^2 + M_Z^2)} F_2^{\gamma Z}$$

$$+(v_e^2 + a_e^2) \left(\frac{\kappa Q^2}{Q^2 + M_Z^2} \right)^2 F_2^Z, \quad (3)$$

$$x\tilde{F}_3 \equiv -a_e \frac{\kappa Q^2}{(Q^2 + M_Z^2)} xF_3^{\gamma Z} \\ + (2v_e a_e) \left(\frac{\kappa Q^2}{Q^2 + M_Z^2} \right)^2 xF_3^Z, \quad (4)$$

with $\kappa^{-1} = 4 \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} (1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2})$ in the on-mass-shell scheme [7]. The quantities v_e and a_e are the vector and axial-vector weak couplings of the electron¹ to the Z^0 [7]. The electromagnetic structure function F_2 originates from photon exchange only. The functions F_2^Z and xF_3^Z are the contributions to \tilde{F}_2 and $x\tilde{F}_3$ from Z^0 exchange and the functions $F_2^{\gamma Z}$ and $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ are the contributions from γZ interference. The longitudinal structure function \tilde{F}_L may be decomposed in a manner similar to \tilde{F}_2 . Its contribution is significant only at high y .

Over most of the kinematic domain at HERA the dominant contribution to the cross section comes from pure photon exchange via F_2 . The contributions due to Z^0 boson exchange only become important at large values of Q^2 . For longitudinally unpolarised lepton beams the \tilde{F}_2 contribution is the same for e^- and for e^+ scattering, while the $x\tilde{F}_3$ contribution changes sign as can be seen in (2).

In the quark parton model (QPM) the structure functions F_2 , $F_2^{\gamma Z}$ and F_2^Z are related to the sum of the quark and anti-quark momentum distributions, $xq(x, Q^2)$ and $x\bar{q}(x, Q^2)$,

$$[F_2, F_2^{\gamma Z}, F_2^Z] = x \sum_q [e_q^2, 2e_q v_q, v_q^2 + a_q^2] \{q + \bar{q}\} \quad (5)$$

and the structure functions $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ and xF_3^Z to their difference, which determines the valence quark distributions, $xq_v(x, Q^2)$,

$$[xF_3^{\gamma Z}, xF_3^Z] = 2x \sum_q [e_q a_q, v_q a_q] \{q - \bar{q}\} \\ = 2x \sum_{q=u,d} [e_q a_q, v_q a_q] q_v. \quad (6)$$

In (5) and (6), e_q is the electric charge of quark q and v_q and a_q are respectively the vector and axial-vector weak coupling constants of the quarks to the Z^0 . In the QPM the longitudinal structure function $\tilde{F}_L \equiv 0$.

For CC interactions the measured unpolarised ep scattering cross section corrected for QED radiative effects may be expressed as

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{CC}^\pm}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi x} \left[\frac{M_W^2}{Q^2 + M_W^2} \right]^2 \\ \times \phi_{CC}^\pm (1 + \Delta_{CC}^{\pm,weak}), \quad (7)$$

¹ In this paper “electron” refers generically to both electrons and positrons. Where distinction is required the symbols e^+ and e^- are used

with

$$\phi_{CC}^\pm = \frac{1}{2} (Y_+ W_2^\pm \mp Y_- x W_3^\pm - y^2 W_L^\pm), \quad (8)$$

where $\Delta_{CC}^{\pm,weak}$ represents the CC weak radiative corrections. In this analysis G_F is defined [8] using the weak boson masses and is in very good agreement with G_F determined from the measurement of the muon lifetime [7]. The CC structure function term ϕ_{CC}^\pm [1] is expressed in terms of the CC structure functions W_L^\pm , W_2^\pm and xW_3^\pm , defined in a similar manner to the NC structure functions [8]. In the QPM (where $W_L^\pm \equiv 0$), they may be interpreted as lepton beam-charge dependent sums and differences of quark and anti-quark distributions and are given for an unpolarised lepton beam by

$$W_2^+ = x(\bar{U} + D), \quad xW_3^+ = x(D - \bar{U}), \\ W_2^- = x(U + \bar{D}), \quad xW_3^- = x(U - \bar{D}). \quad (9)$$

Below the b quark mass threshold, xU , xD , $x\bar{U}$ and $x\bar{D}$ are defined respectively as the sum of up-type, of down-type and of their anti-quark-type distributions

$$xU = x(u + c) \\ x\bar{U} = x(\bar{u} + \bar{c}) \\ xD = x(d + s) \\ x\bar{D} = x(\bar{d} + \bar{s}). \quad (10)$$

For the presentation of the subsequent measurements it is convenient to define the NC and CC “reduced cross sections” as

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}(x, Q^2) \equiv \frac{1}{Y_+} \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi\alpha^2} \frac{d^2\sigma_{NC}}{dx dQ^2}, \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{CC}(x, Q^2) \equiv \frac{2\pi x}{G_F^2} \left[\frac{M_W^2 + Q^2}{M_W^2} \right]^2 \frac{d^2\sigma_{CC}}{dx dQ^2}. \quad (11)$$

3 Experimental technique

3.1 H1 Apparatus and trigger

The H1 co-ordinate system is defined such that the positive z axis is in the direction of the outgoing proton beam (forward direction). The polar angle θ is then defined with respect to this axis. A full description of the H1 detector can be found in [9–11]. The detector components most relevant to this analysis are the Liquid Argon (LAr) calorimeter, which measures the positions and energies of particles over the range $4^\circ < \theta < 154^\circ$, a lead-fibre calorimeter (SPACAL) covering the range $153^\circ < \theta < 177^\circ$, the Plug calorimeter covering the range $0.7^\circ < \theta < 3.3^\circ$ and the inner tracking detectors, which measure the angles and momenta of charged particles over the range $7^\circ < \theta < 165^\circ$. In the central region, $25^\circ \lesssim \theta \lesssim 165^\circ$, the central jet chamber (CJC) measures charged track trajectories in the (r, ϕ) plane and is supplemented by two z

drift chambers to improve the θ measurement of reconstructed tracks. The forward tracking detector, $\theta \lesssim 30^\circ$, is used to determine the vertex position of events when no reconstructed CJC track is found.

The ep luminosity is determined by measuring the QED bremsstrahlung ($ep \rightarrow ep\gamma$) event rate by tagging the photon in a photon detector located at $z = -103$ m. An electron tagger is placed at $z = -33$ m adjacent to the beam-pipe. It is used to check the luminosity measurement and to provide information on $ep \rightarrow eX$ events at very low Q^2 (photoproduction) where the electron scatters through a small angle ($\pi - \theta < 5$ mrad).

NC events are triggered mainly using information from the LAr calorimeter. The calorimeter has a finely segmented geometry allowing the trigger to select localised energy deposits in the electromagnetic section of the calorimeter. For electrons with energy above 11 GeV this is 100% efficient as determined using an independently triggered sample of events. At lower energies the triggers based on LAr information are supplemented by using additional information from the tracking detectors. In 1998 the LAr calorimeter electronics were upgraded in order to trigger scattered electrons with energies as low as 6 GeV, the minimum value considered in this analysis. This gives access to the high y kinematic region. For electron energies of 6 GeV, the overall trigger efficiency is 96% for the e^+p data set and 90% for the earlier e^-p data set.

The characteristic feature of CC events is a large missing transverse momentum P_T^{miss} , which is identified at the trigger level using the LAr calorimeter vector sum of “trigger towers”, i.e. groups of trigger regions with a projective geometry pointing to the nominal interaction vertex. At low P_T^{miss} , the efficiency is enhanced by making use of an additional trigger requiring calorimeter energy in association with track information from the inner tracking chambers. For the minimum P_T^{miss} of 12 GeV considered in the analysis the efficiency is 60%, rising to 90% for P_T^{miss} of 25 GeV. In terms of Q^2 , the efficiency is 79% at 300 GeV² and increases to 98% at 3 000 GeV². These efficiencies are determined from the data using a sample of NC events in which all information from the scattered lepton is suppressed, the so-called *pseudo-CC* sample. The trigger energy sums are then recalculated for the remaining hadronic final state. This sample also provides a useful high statistics cross check of further aspects of the CC analysis.

3.2 Simulation programs

Simulated DIS events are used in order to determine acceptance corrections. DIS processes are generated using the DJANGO [12] Monte Carlo (MC) simulation program, which is based on LEPTO [13] for the hard interaction and HERACLES [14] for single photon emission off the lepton line and virtual EW corrections. LEPTO combines $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ matrix elements with higher order QCD effects using the colour dipole model as implemented in ARIADNE [15]. The JETSET program is used to simulate the hadronisation process [16]. In the event generation the DIS cross

section is calculated with the PDFs of [17]. The simulated cross section is reweighted using a NLO QCD fit (H1 97 PDF fit) to previous data [1].

The detector response to events produced by the generation programs is simulated in detail using a program based on GEANT [18]. These simulated events are then subjected to the same reconstruction and analysis chain as the data.

The dominant photoproduction background processes are simulated using the PYTHIA [19] generator with leading order PDFs for the proton and photon taken from [20]. Further background from QED-Compton scattering, lepton pair production via two-photon interactions, prompt photon production and heavy gauge boson (W^\pm, Z^0) production are included in the background simulation. Further details are given in [1].

3.3 Polar angle measurement and energy calibration

In the neutral current analysis the polar angle of the scattered electron (θ_e) is determined using the position of its energy deposit (cluster) in the LAr calorimeter, together with the interaction vertex reconstructed with tracks from charged particles in the event. The relative alignment of the calorimeter and tracking chambers is determined using a sample of events with a well measured electron track, using information from both the CJC and the z drift chambers. Minimisation of the spatial discrepancy between the electron track and cluster allows the LAr calorimeter and the inner tracking chambers to be aligned. The residual discrepancy then determines the systematic uncertainty on the measurement of θ_e , which varies from 1 mrad for $\theta_e > 135^\circ$ to 3 mrad for $\theta_e < 120^\circ$.

The calibration of the electromagnetic part of the LAr calorimeter is performed using the method described in [1]. Briefly, the redundancy of the detector information allows a prediction of the scattered electron energy (E_e') to be made based on the electron beam energy (E_e), the polar angle measurement of the scattered electron and the inclusive polar angle (γ_h) [1] of the hadronic final state. This prediction of the double angle (DA) kinematic reconstruction method [21] is then compared with the measured electromagnetic energy, allowing local calibration factors to be determined in a finely segmented grid in z and ϕ . The calibration procedure is also performed on the simulated data. The final calibration is obtained by application of a further small correction determined from simulation, which accounts for small biases in the reconstruction of γ_h . The calibration is cross checked using independent data samples from QED-Compton scattering and two-photon e^+e^- pair production processes. The total systematic uncertainty on the absolute electromagnetic energy scale varies from 0.7% in the backward part of the calorimeter to 3% in the forward region, where statistics are limited.

The hadronic final state is measured using energy deposits in the LAr and SPACAL calorimeters supplemented by low momentum tracks. Isolated low energy calorimetric deposits are classified as noise and excluded from the

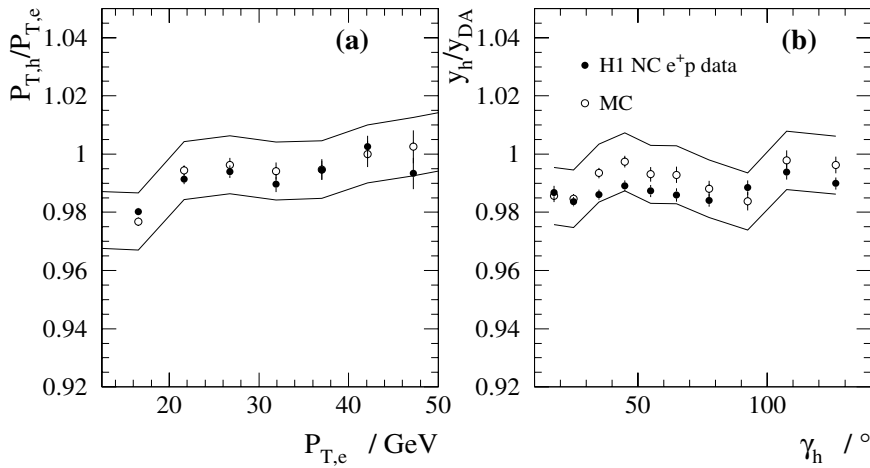


Fig. 1a,b. Mean values of **a** $P_{T,h}/P_{T,e}$ as a function of $P_{T,e}$ and **b** y_h/y_{DA} as a function of γ_h for neutral current data (solid points) and Monte Carlo (MC) simulation (open points) for $\gamma_h > 15^\circ$ and $12 \text{ GeV} < P_{T,h} < 50 \text{ GeV}$. The curves correspond to a $\pm 1\%$ variation around the simulation

analysis. The response of the detector to hadrons is calibrated by requiring transverse momentum conservation between the precisely calibrated scattered electron and the hadronic final state in NC events as described in [1]. The electron transverse momentum is defined as $P_{T,e} = \sqrt{p_{x,e}^2 + p_{y,e}^2}$. The hadronic transverse momentum is determined from $P_{T,h} = \sqrt{(\sum_i p_{x,i})^2 + (\sum_i p_{y,i})^2}$, where the summation is performed over all hadronic final state particles i , assuming particles of zero rest mass.

Detailed studies and cross checks of the hadronic response of the calorimeter using the enlarged data sample have led to an improved understanding of the hadronic energy measurement. The calibration procedure is cross checked by requiring energy-momentum conservation, $E - P_z \equiv (E'_e - p_{z,e}) + (E_h - P_{z,h}) = 2E_e$, with $E_h - P_{z,h}$ being the contribution of all hadronic final state particles $\sum_i (E_i - p_{z,i})$. In addition, the reference scale may be taken from the double angle method prediction rather than from the scattered electron. These studies have allowed the systematic uncertainty on the hadronic scale to be reduced with respect to previous measurements [1,3] in the region $12 \text{ GeV} < P_{T,h} < 50 \text{ GeV}$ and $\gamma_h > 15^\circ$. The uncorrelated part (see Sect. 3.6) of the hadronic scale uncertainty is reduced to 1% from 1.7% previously.

Figure 1 demonstrates the quality of the hadronic calibration in the stated region of $P_{T,h}$ and γ_h , showing the level of agreement between data and simulation after the calibration procedure. In Fig. 1a the mean value of the ratio $P_{T,h}/P_{T,e}$ is shown. In Fig. 1b the inelasticity y_h , defined from the hadron reconstruction method [22] as $y_h = (E_h - P_{z,h})/2E_e$, is compared with the DA variable y_{DA} . In this analysis, it is the relative difference between data and simulation that is relevant and good agreement is found to within 1%. In addition a 1% correlated uncertainty is considered, accounting for possible remaining biases in the reference scale used for the calibrations.

3.4 Neutral current measurement procedure

Events from inelastic ep interactions are required to have a well defined interaction vertex to suppress beam-induced

background. High Q^2 neutral current events are selected by requiring a compact and isolated energy deposit in the electromagnetic part of the LAr calorimeter². The scattered electron is identified as the cluster of highest transverse momentum. In the central detector region, $\theta > 35^\circ$, the cluster has to be associated with a track measured in the inner tracking chambers.

As mentioned earlier, energy-momentum conservation requires $E - P_z = 2E_e$. Restricting the measured $E - P_z$ to be greater than 35 GeV thus considerably reduces the radiative corrections due to initial state bremsstrahlung, where photons escape undetected in the backward direction. It also suppresses photoproduction background in which the scattered electron is lost in the backward beam-pipe and a hadron fakes the electron signal in the LAr calorimeter. Since the photoproduction background contribution increases with y , the analysis is separated into two distinct regions where different techniques are employed to suppress this background. The *nominal analysis* is restricted to $y_e < 0.63$ for $90 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q_e^2 < 890 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $y_e < 0.90$ for $Q_e^2 > 890 \text{ GeV}^2$. This limits the minimum E'_e to 11 GeV. The *high- y analysis* is performed for $E'_e > 6 \text{ GeV}$, $0.63 < y_e < 0.90$ and $90 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q_e^2 < 890 \text{ GeV}^2$. Here y_e and Q_e^2 are reconstructed using the scattered electron energy and angle, the so-called electron method.

The NC kinematics in the nominal analysis are reconstructed using the $e\Sigma$ method [23], which uses E'_e , θ_e and $E_h - P_{z,h}$ and has good resolution and small sensitivity to QED radiative corrections over the accessible phase space. In the high- y analysis the electron method gives the best resolution and is used to define the event kinematics.

The nominal data sample consists of about 185 000 events. The comparison of the data and the simulation is shown in Fig. 2 for the scattered electron energy and polar angle spectra and the distribution of $E - P_z$, which are used in the reconstruction of x and Q^2 . All distributions are well described by the simulation, which is nor-

² Local detector regions are removed where the cluster of the scattered electron is not expected to be fully contained in the calorimeter, or where the trigger is not fully efficient

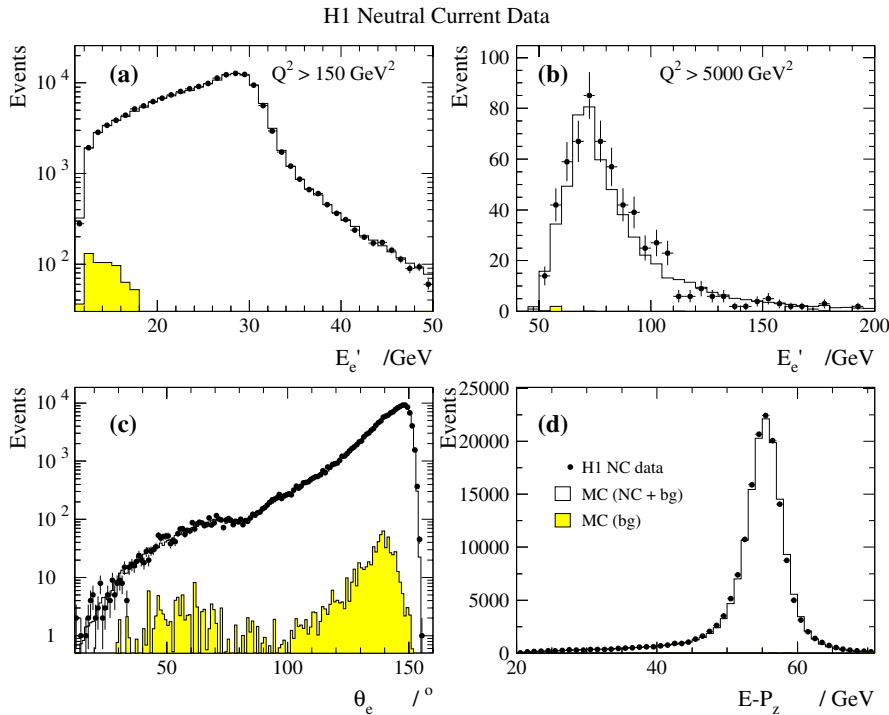


Fig. 2a–d. Distributions of E_e' for **a** $Q^2 > 150 \text{ GeV}^2$ and **b** $Q^2 > 5000 \text{ GeV}^2$, **c** θ_e and **d** $E - P_z$ for e^+p data (solid points) and Monte Carlo (MC) simulation (open histograms) in the nominal analysis. The shaded histograms show the simulated background (bg) contribution, dominated by photoproduction

malised to the luminosity of the data. In the nominal analysis the small photoproduction contribution is statistically subtracted using the background simulation.

In the high- y analysis, the photoproduction background plays an increasingly important role, as low energies of the scattered electron are accessed. For this analysis, the calorimeter cluster of the scattered electron is linked to a well measured track having the same charge as the electron beam. This requirement removes a sizeable part of the background, where $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays give rise to fake scattered electron candidates. The remaining background from photoproduction was estimated from the number of data events in which the detected lepton candidate has opposite charge to the beam lepton. This background is statistically subtracted assuming charge symmetry. The charge symmetry is determined to be 0.99 ± 0.07 by measuring the ratio of wrongly charged fake scattered lepton candidates in e^+p and e^-p scattering, taking into account the difference in luminosity. The charge symmetry is cross checked using a sample of data events in which the scattered electron is detected in the electron tagger and a systematic uncertainty of 10% on the charge symmetry is assigned. Further details are given in [24, 25].

In total about 24 000 e^+p events and 5 000 e^-p events are selected in the high- y analysis. Figures 3a–c show the scattered lepton energy spectrum, the polar angle distribution and the $E - P_z$ spectrum for both the e^+p and e^-p data sets after background subtraction. The simulation, normalised to the luminosity of the data, provides a good description of these distributions. In Fig. 3d the energy spectra of wrong charge lepton candidates in the data sets are shown. Good agreement is observed when the e^+p data are normalised to the luminosity of the e^-p data set.

3.5 Charged current measurement procedure

The selection of charged current events requires a large missing transverse momentum, $P_T^{miss} \equiv P_{T,h} \geq 12 \text{ GeV}$, assumed to be carried by an undetected neutrino. In addition the event must have a well reconstructed vertex as for the NC selection. The kinematic variables y_h and Q_h^2 are determined using the hadron kinematic reconstruction method [22]. In order to restrict the measurement to a region with good kinematic resolution the events are required to have $y_h < 0.85$. In addition the measurement is confined to the region where the trigger efficiency is $\gtrsim 50\%$ by demanding $y_h > 0.03$. The ep background is dominantly due to photoproduction events in which the electron escapes undetected in the backward direction and missing transverse momentum is reconstructed due to fluctuations in the detector response or undetected particles. This background is suppressed using the ratio V_{ap}/V_p and the difference in azimuth between $\vec{P}_{T,h}$ as measured in the main detector and the Plug calorimeter, $\Delta\phi_{h, \text{Plug}}$ [3]. The quantities V_p and V_{ap} are respectively the transverse energy flow parallel and anti-parallel to $\vec{P}_{T,h}$, the transverse momentum vector of the hadronic final state. The residual ep background is negligible for most of the measured kinematic domain, though it reaches 15% at the lowest Q^2 and the highest y . The simulation is used to estimate this contribution, which is subtracted statistically from the CC data sample with a systematic uncertainty of 30% on the number of subtracted events. The non- ep background is rejected as described in [1] by searching for event topologies typical of cosmic ray and beam-induced background. For further details see [26, 27].

After all selection criteria are applied, the final CC data sample contains about 1 500 events. The data and

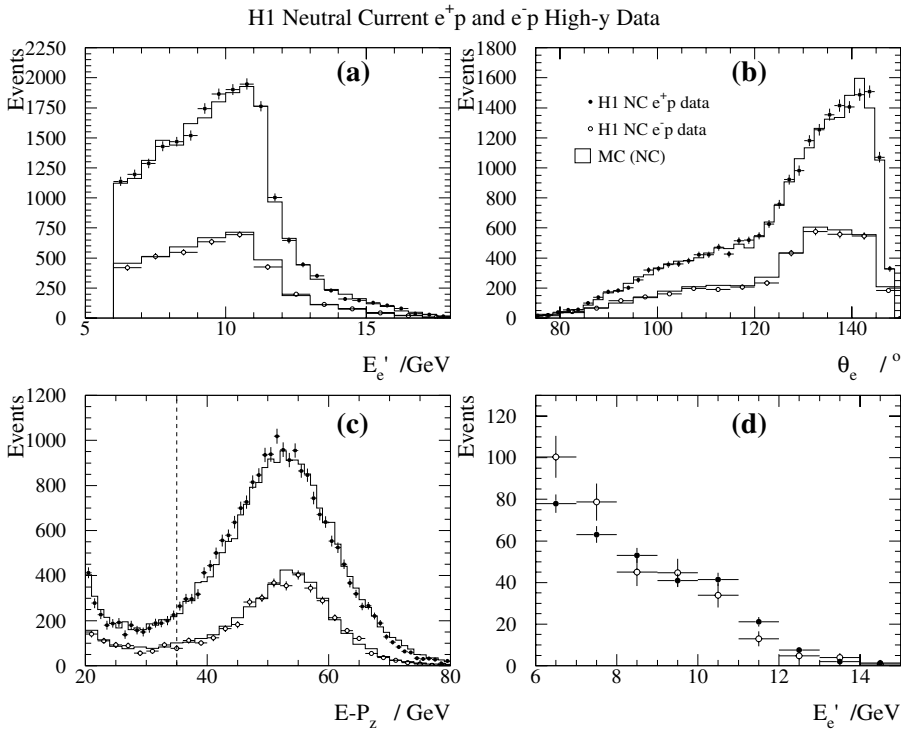


Fig. 3a–d. Distributions of **a** E_e' , **b** θ_e and **c** $E - P_z$ for e^+p data (solid points), e^-p data (open points) and Monte Carlo (MC) simulation (histograms) in the high- y analysis after background subtraction (see text). In **c** the $E - P_z$ cut is not applied, but is indicated by the dashed vertical line. Shown in **d** is the energy distribution of wrongly charged lepton candidates in background events. In **d** the e^+p data have been normalised to the luminosity of the e^-p data set

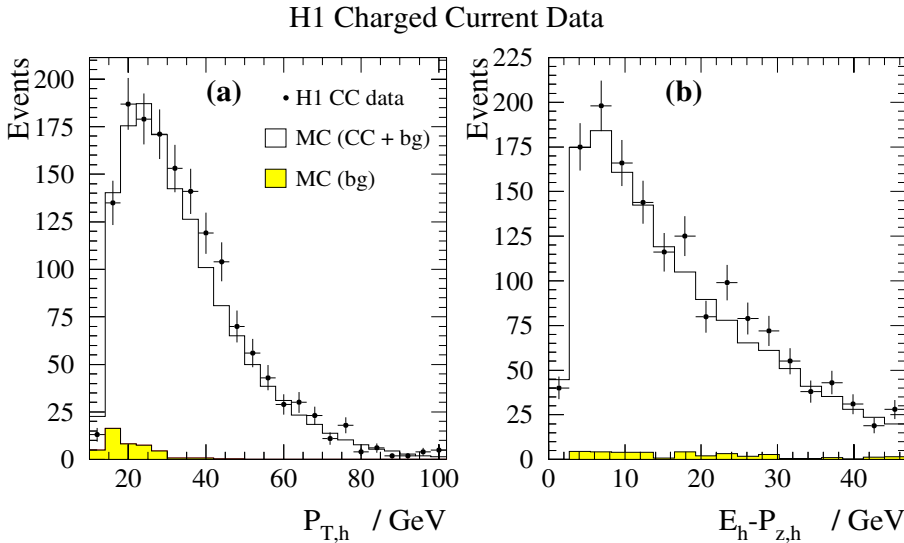


Fig. 4a,b. Distributions of **a** $P_{T,h}$ and **b** $E_h - P_{z,h}$ for CC data (solid points) and Monte Carlo (MC) simulation (open histograms). The shaded histograms show the simulated background (bg) contribution, dominated by photoproduction

simulation are compared in Fig. 4 for the $P_{T,h}$ and $E_h - P_{z,h}$ spectra, which are directly used in the reconstruction of the kinematic variables y and Q^2 . In both cases the simulation gives a reasonable description of the data.

3.6 Cross section measurement and systematic uncertainties

For both the NC and CC analyses the selected event samples are corrected for detector acceptance and migrations using the simulation and are converted to bin-centred cross sections. The bins in the (x, Q^2) plane are defined as in refs. [1, 3], based on the consideration of the detec-

tor resolution and event statistics. The bins used in the measurement are required to have values of stability and purity³ larger than 30%. This restricts the range of the NC measurements to $y \gtrsim 0.005$. The QED radiative corrections ($\Delta_{NC(CC)}^{QED}$) are defined in [1] and were calculated using the program HERACLES [14] as implemented in DJANGO [12].

The systematic uncertainties on the cross section measurements are presented in Tables 6-13. They are split into

³ The stability (purity) was defined in [1] as the number of simulated events which originate from a bin and which are reconstructed in it, divided by the number of generated (reconstructed) events in that bin

Table 1. Data sets from H1 used in the H1 PDF 2000 fit and from BCDMS μ -proton and μ -deuteron scattering used in the H1+BCDMS fit. As for the previous H1 QCD analysis [30], the original BCDMS data are used at four different beam energies imposing the constraint $y_\mu > 0.3$. The inelasticity y_μ was defined using BCDMS beam energies. The normalisation uncertainties of each data set ($\delta^{\mathcal{L}}$) are given as well as the kinematic ranges in x and Q^2 . The uncertainty $\delta^{\mathcal{L}}$ includes a common error of 0.5% for the H1 data sets (see text). The nominal analysis and high- y analysis do not overlap in kinematic coverage (see Sect. 3.4)

data set	process	x range		Q^2 range		$\delta^{\mathcal{L}}$ (%)	ref.	comment
				(GeV ²)	(GeV ²)			
H1 minimum bias 97	e^+p NC	0.00008	0.02	1.5	12	1.7	[30]	$\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV
H1 low Q^2 96 – 97	e^+p NC	0.000161	0.20	12	150	1.7	[30]	$\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p NC	0.0032	0.65	150	30 000	1.5	[1]	$\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p CC	0.013	0.40	300	15 000	1.5	[1]	$\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p NC	0.0032	0.65	150	30 000	1.8	[3]	$\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p CC	0.013	0.40	300	15 000	1.8	[3]	$\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p NC	0.00131	0.0105	100	800	1.8	this rep.	$\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV; high- y data
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p NC	0.0032	0.65	150	30 000	1.5	this rep.	$\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV; incl. high- y data
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p CC	0.013	0.40	300	15 000	1.5	this rep.	$\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV
BCDMS-p	μp NC	0.07	0.75	7.5	230	3.0	[4]	require $y_\mu > 0.3$
BCDMS-D	μD NC	0.07	0.75	7.5	230	3.0	[4]	require $y_\mu > 0.3$

Table 2. Treatment of the correlated systematic error sources for the H1 data sets used in the fits. For each of the eight correlated systematic error sources, one or more parameters are included in the QCD fit procedure. The sources considered are due to the luminosity uncertainty ($\delta^{\mathcal{L}}$), the electron energy uncertainty (δ^E), the electron polar angle measurement uncertainty (δ^θ), the hadronic energy uncertainty (δ^h), the uncertainty due to noise subtraction (δ^N), the photoproduction dominated background simulation error (δ^B), the uncertainty due to the cuts against photoproduction in the CC analysis (δ^V) and the error on the charge symmetry in the high- y analysis (δ^S). The table entries indicate the correlation of the error sources across the H1 data sets. For example, the uncertainty due to the noise subtraction is the same for all data sets leading to one common parameter in the fit ($N1$), whereas the electron energy uncertainty has two independently varying parameters ($E1$ and $E2$) for the H1 NC data sets only

data set	process	$\delta^{\mathcal{L}}$	δ^E	δ^θ	δ^h	δ^N	δ^B	δ^V	δ^S
H1 minimum bias 97	e^+p NC	$\mathcal{L}1$	$E1$	$\theta1$	$h1$	$N1$	$B1$	–	–
H1 low Q^2 96 – 97	e^+p NC	$\mathcal{L}2$	$E1$	$\theta1$	$h1$	$N1$	$B1$	–	–
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p NC	$\mathcal{L}3$	$E2$	$\theta2$	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	–	–
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p CC	$\mathcal{L}3$	–	–	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	$V1$	–
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p NC	$\mathcal{L}4$	$E2$	$\theta3$	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	–	$S1$
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p CC	$\mathcal{L}4$	–	–	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	$V2$	–
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p NC	$\mathcal{L}5$	$E2$	$\theta3$	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	–	$S1$
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p CC	$\mathcal{L}5$	–	–	$h2$	$N1$	$B2$	$V2$	–

bin-to-bin correlated and uncorrelated parts. All the correlated systematic errors are found to be symmetric to a good approximation and are assumed so in the following. The total systematic error is formed by adding the individual errors in quadrature.

The correlated and uncorrelated systematic errors are discussed briefly below (see refs. [24, 26, 28, 27, 25] for more

details). In addition, there is a global uncertainty of 1.5% and 1.8% on the luminosity measurement for the e^+p and e^-p data respectively, of which 0.5% is common to both (see Sect. 4.1).

- The total uncertainty on the electron energy scale is 1% if the z impact position of the electron at the calorimeter surface (z_{imp}) is in the backward part of the detector ($z_{imp} < -150$ cm), 0.7% in the region -150 cm $< z_{imp} < 20$ cm, 1.5% for $20 < z_{imp} < 100$ cm and 3% in the forward part ($z_{imp} > 100$ cm). The correlated part of the total uncertainty comes mainly from the possible bias of the calibration method and is estimated to be 0.5% throughout the LAr calorimeter. It results in a correlated systematic error on the NC cross section which is typically below 1%, increasing at low y to $\sim 3\%$ for $Q^2 \lesssim 1000$ GeV² and $\sim 8\%$ for larger Q^2 .
- The correlated uncertainty on the electron polar angle is 1 mrad, 2 mrad and 3 mrad for $\theta_e > 135^\circ$, $120^\circ < \theta_e < 135^\circ$ and $\theta_e < 120^\circ$, respectively. This leads to a typical uncertainty on the NC reduced cross section of less than 1%, increasing up to $\sim 5\%$ at high x .
- A 0.5% (1%) uncorrelated error originates from the electron identification efficiency in the NC nominal (high- y) analysis for $z_{imp} < -5$ cm. For $z_{imp} > -5$ cm the uncertainty is increased to 2%. The precision of this efficiency is estimated using an independent track based electron identification algorithm, limited for $z_{imp} > -5$ cm by statistics.
- A 0.5% uncorrelated error is assigned on the efficiency of the scattered electron track-cluster link requirement in the NC nominal analysis. In the high- y analysis this is increased to 1%.
- An uncorrelated 1% uncertainty on the hadronic energy measured in the LAr calorimeter is assigned for the region 12 GeV $< P_{T,h} < 50$ GeV and $\gamma_h > 15^\circ$.

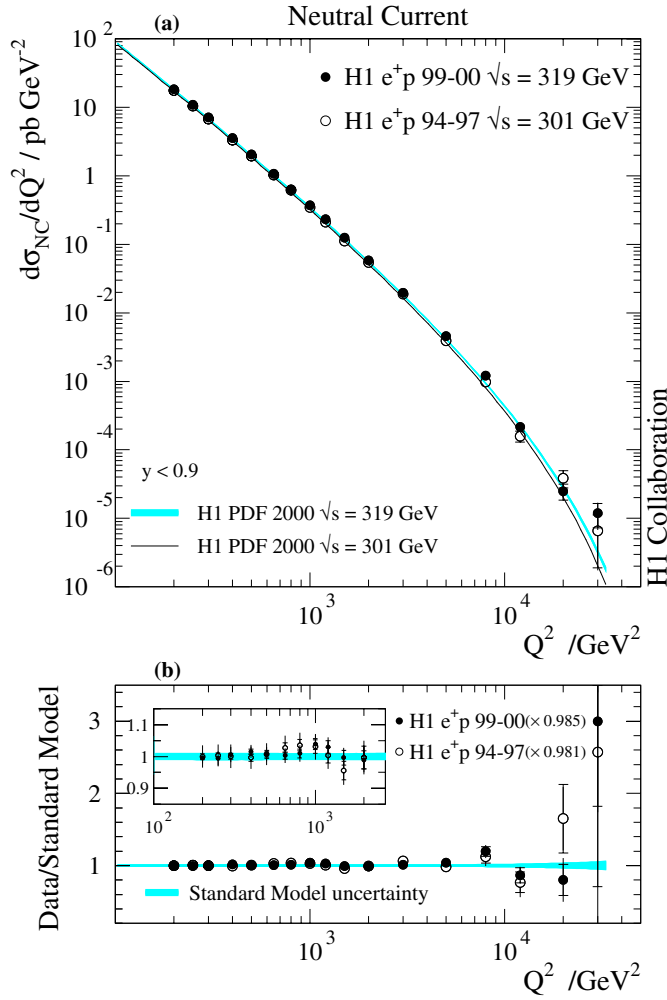


Fig. 5. a The Q^2 dependence of the NC cross section $d\sigma/dQ^2$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94 – 97 e^+p (open points) data. The error band and full curve represent the Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV and $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV, respectively. **b** The ratios of the 94 – 97 and 99 – 00 data to their corresponding Standard Model expectations, where the normalisation shifts as determined from the fit are applied to the data (see Table 3). The error band shows the Standard Model uncertainty for $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV by adding in quadrature the experimental uncertainty as derived from the fit and the model uncertainty (see Sect. 5.3). In **a** and **b**, the inner and outer error bars represent respectively the statistical and total errors. The luminosity uncertainty is not included in the error bars

Outside this region the uncertainty is increased to 1.7%. In addition, a 1% correlated component to the uncertainty is added in quadrature, originating from the calibration method and from the uncertainty on the reference scale. This yields a total uncertainty of 1.4% and 2% for the two regions respectively.

- The uncertainty on the hadronic energy scale of the SPACAL calorimeter is 5%. The uncertainty on the hadronic energy measurement due to the inclusion of low momentum tracks is obtained by shifting their con-

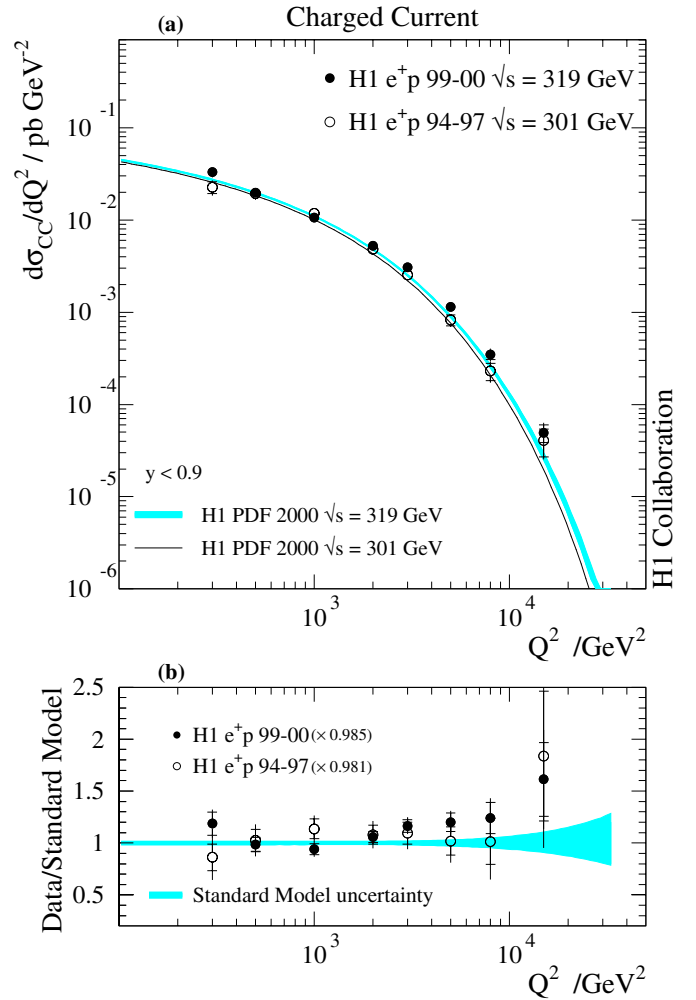


Fig. 6. a The Q^2 dependence of the CC cross section $d\sigma/dQ^2$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94 – 97 e^+p (open points) data. The error band and full curve represent the Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV and $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV, respectively. **b** The ratios of the 94 – 97 and 99 – 00 data to their corresponding Standard Model expectations, where the normalisation shifts as determined from the fit are applied to the data (see Table 3). The error band shows the Standard Model uncertainty for $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV. The error bars and band are defined as for Fig. 5

tribution by 3%. The influence on the cross section measurements from these sources is small compared with that from the correlated uncertainty from the LAr calorimeter energy scale. The three contributions (LAr, SPACAL, tracks) are thus combined, resulting in a single correlated hadronic error from the hadronic energy measurement, which is given in the tables. The corresponding error on the NC and CC cross sections is typically $\lesssim 1\%$, but increases at low y to $\sim 5\%$.

- A 25% uncertainty is assigned on the amount of energy in the LAr calorimeter attributed to noise, which gives rise to a sizeable correlated systematic error at low y , reaching $\simeq 10\%$ at $x = 0.65$ and $Q^2 \lesssim 2000$ GeV² in the NC measurements.

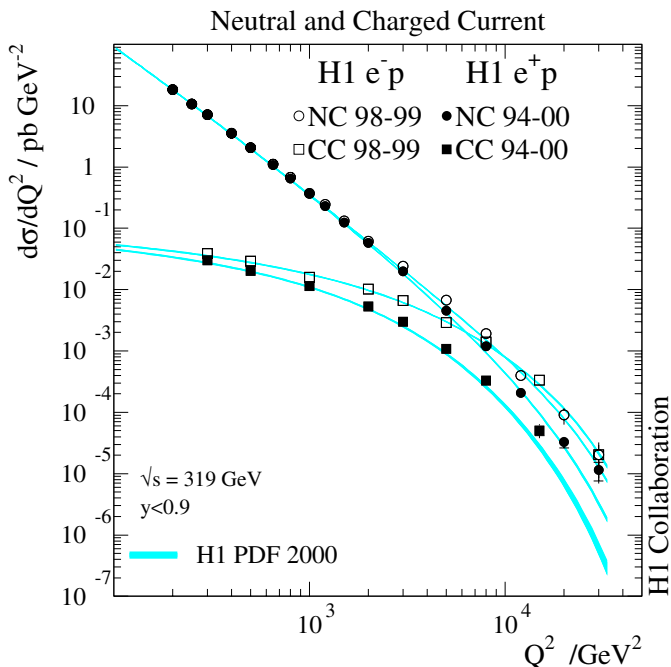


Fig. 7. The Q^2 dependences of the NC (circles) and CC (squares) cross sections $d\sigma/dQ^2$, shown for the combined 94 – 00 e^+p (solid points) and 98 – 99 e^-p (open points) data. The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. The error bars and bands are defined as for Fig. 5

- In the CC analysis the correlated uncertainties due to the cuts against photoproduction on V_{ap}/V_p and $\Delta\phi_{h,Plug}$ are only significant at high y , low Q^2 and low $P_{T,h}$, reaching a maximum of $\sim 7\%$.
- In the CC and the NC nominal analyses the photoproduction background is estimated from simulation. A 30% correlated uncertainty on the subtracted photoproduction background is determined from a comparison of data and simulation for a phase space region dominated by photoproduction background. This results in a systematic error of typically $\lesssim 1\%$.
- In the NC high- y analysis the photoproduction background is estimated directly from the data by using wrongly charged (fake) scattered lepton candidates, which leads to a 10% correlated uncertainty on the subtracted photoproduction background. The resulting uncertainty on the measured cross sections is 1% or less.
- A 0.3% uncorrelated error is considered on the trigger efficiency in the NC nominal analysis and 2 – 6% in the CC analysis. For the NC high- y analysis the uncertainty on the cross section is $\sim 2\%$ at low Q^2 , decreasing to 0.6% at the highest Q^2 in the analysis.
- An uncorrelated error of 1% (NC) and 3% (CC) is estimated on the QED radiative corrections by comparing the radiative corrections predicted by the Monte Carlo program (DJANGO) with those calculated from HECTOR and EPRC [29]. The error also accounts for a small missing correction in DJANGO due to the ex-

change of two or more photons between the electron and the quark lines.

- A 3% uncorrelated error is assigned on the event losses due to the non- ep background finders in the CC analysis, estimated from pseudo-CC data (see Sect. 3.1).
- A 2% uncorrelated error (5% for $y < 0.1$) on the vertex finding efficiency for CC events is estimated using pseudo-CC data.

Overall a typical total systematic error of about 3% (6%) is reached for the NC (CC) double differential cross section. This precision has been achieved through detector improvements for triggering and a better understanding of the hadronic response of the detector, the electron identification and its angular measurement.

4 QCD analysis

The cross section data presented here, together with the low Q^2 precision data [30] and high Q^2 $e^\pm p$ data [1, 3] previously published by the H1 Collaboration, cover a huge range in Q^2 and x . The improved accuracy now available allows the predictions of perturbative QCD to be tested over four orders of magnitude in Q^2 from about 1 GeV^2 to above 10^4 GeV^2 , and x from below 10^{-4} to 0.65. The measurements of NC and CC $e^\pm p$ scattering cross sections provide complementary sensitivity to different quark distributions and the gluon distribution, $xg(x, Q^2)$. This is used to determine the sum of up-type xU , of down-type xD and of their anti-quark-type $x\bar{U}$ and $x\bar{D}$ distributions, employing only H1 inclusive cross section data.

With the current beam energies, the HERA collider data do not give access to the large x region of deep inelastic scattering at medium Q^2 ($\sim 100 \text{ GeV}^2$). Complementary information on quark distributions in this region is provided by fixed-target lepton-proton data. Lepton-deuteron scattering data, which provide further constraints on the PDFs, are not yet available from HERA. Therefore, in the subsequent analysis, the H1 data are also combined with the precise BCDMS muon-proton and muon-deuteron scattering data and the results are compared for cross checks of the PDFs obtained from the analysis of the H1 data alone.

4.1 Ansatz

Traditionally, QCD analyses of inclusive deep inelastic scattering cross section data have used parameterisations of the valence quark distributions and of a sea quark distribution, imposing additional assumptions on the flavour decomposition of the sea [1, 31–33]. The neutral and charged current cross section data presented here, however, are sensitive to four combinations of up- and down-type (anti-)quark distributions which, for Q^2 less than the bottom quark production threshold, are given above in (10). Working in terms of these combinations weakens the influence of necessary assumptions on the flavour decom-

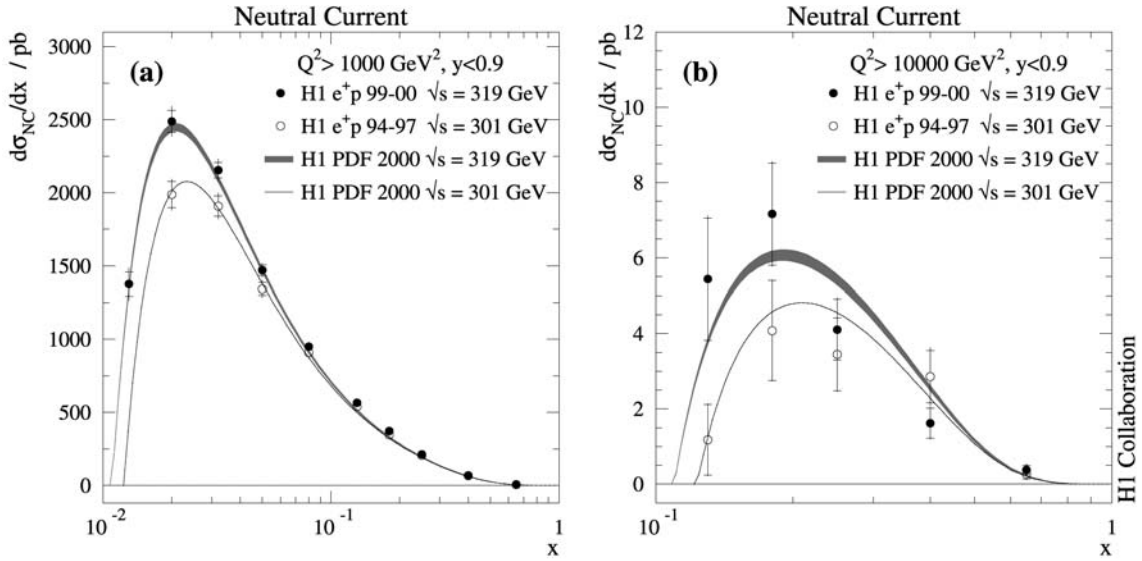


Fig. 8a,b. The x dependence of the NC cross section $d\sigma/dx$ for **a** $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and **b** $Q^2 > 10000 \text{ GeV}^2$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94 – 97 e^+p (open points) data. The error bands and full curves represent the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 301 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The error bars and bands are defined as for Fig. 5

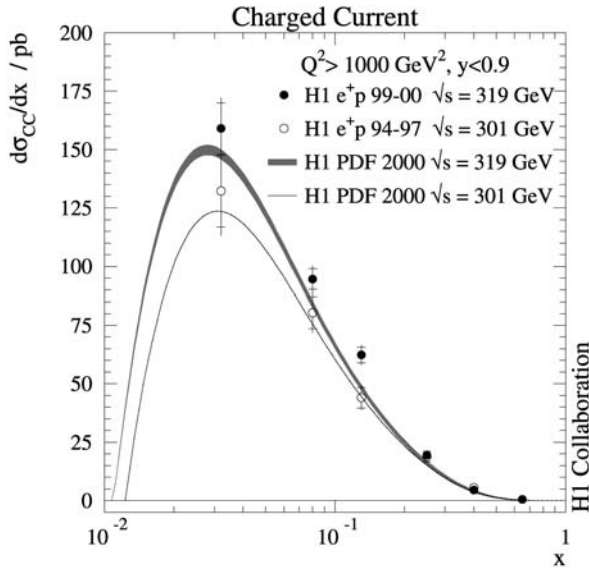


Fig. 9. The x dependence of the CC cross section $d\sigma/dx$ for $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94 – 97 e^+p (open points) data. The error band and full curve represent the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 301 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. The error bars and band are defined as for Fig. 5

position of the sea in the fit. The valence quark distributions are obtained from

$$xu_v = x(U - \bar{U}), \quad xd_v = x(D - \bar{D}) \quad (12)$$

and are not fitted directly.

In the QPM, the charged current structure function terms ϕ_{CC}^\pm are superpositions of the distributions given in

(10) according to

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{CC}^+ &= x\bar{U} + (1-y)^2 xD, \\ \phi_{CC}^- &= xU + (1-y)^2 x\bar{D}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The neutral current structure function terms ϕ_{NC}^\pm are dominated by the electromagnetic structure function F_2 , which can be written as

$$F_2 = \frac{4}{9} x(U + \bar{U}) + \frac{1}{9} x(D + \bar{D}). \quad (14)$$

In the high Q^2 neutral current data, complementary sensitivity is obtained from the interference structure function $xF_3^{\gamma Z} = x[2(U - \bar{U}) + (D - \bar{D})]/3$, but still higher luminosity is required to exploit this for a dedicated determination of the valence quarks.

In the fit to the H1 and BCDMS data, the isoscalar nucleon structure function F_2^N is determined by the singlet combination of parton distributions and a small contribution from the difference of strange and charm quark distributions,

$$F_2^N = \frac{5}{18} x(U + \bar{U} + D + \bar{D}) + \frac{1}{6} x(c + \bar{c} - s - \bar{s}). \quad (15)$$

The nucleon data obtained from the BCDMS muon-deuteron cross sections are measured for $x \geq 0.07$. For these data nuclear corrections are applied following [34]. In (15) the charm and strange quark distributions occur explicitly and may be constrained using experimental data as provided by H1 and ZEUS on the charm contribution to F_2 [35,36] and from NuTeV on the strangeness content of the nucleon [37]. The analysis of the H1 data, however, is rather insensitive to these quark distributions. They are assumed to be fixed fractions of the up- and down-type

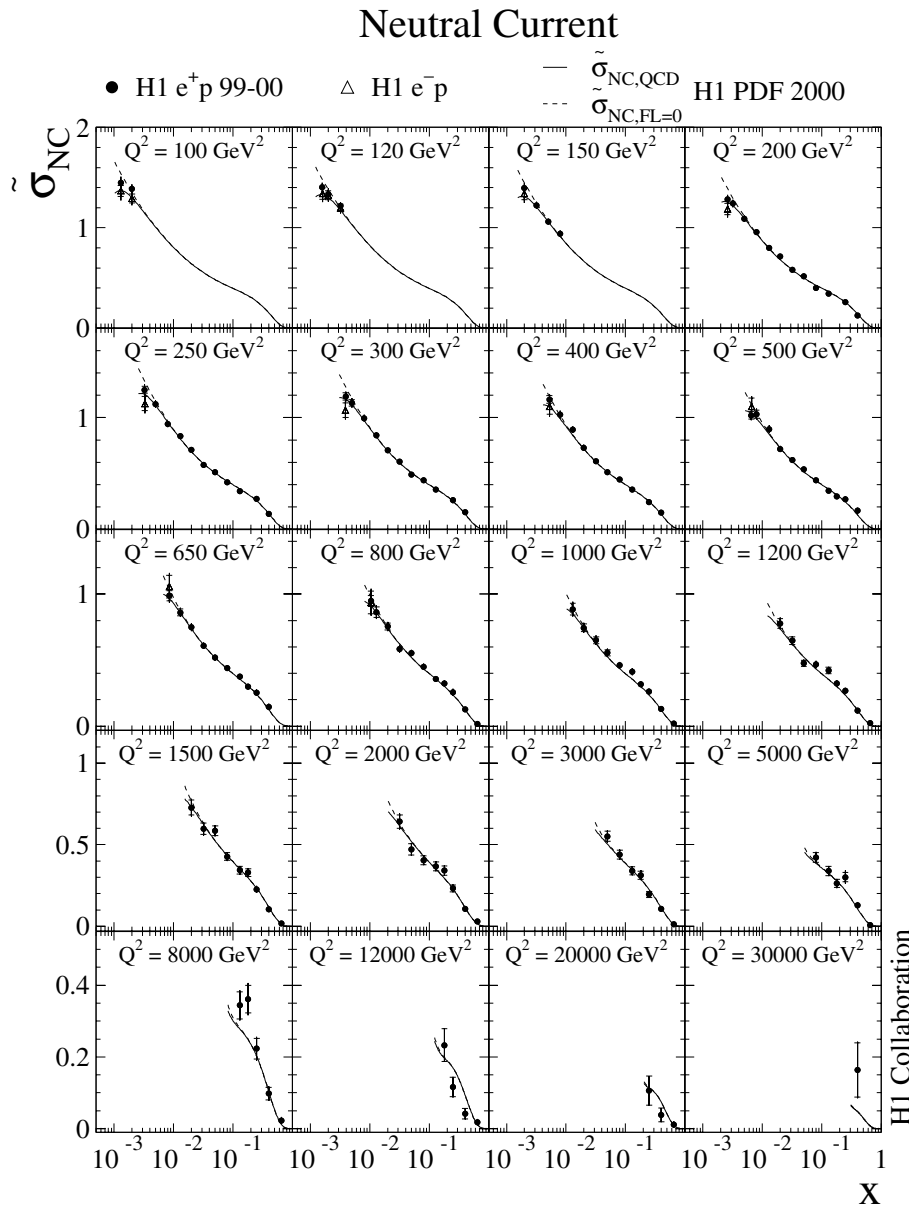


Fig. 10. The NC reduced cross section $\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}(x, Q^2)$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and high- y analysis of the 98 – 99 e^-p (open triangles) data. The full (dashed) curves, labelled as $\tilde{\sigma}_{NC,QCD}$ ($\tilde{\sigma}_{NC,FL=0}$), show the Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit by including (excluding) the F_L contribution in the reduced cross section. The error bars are defined as for Fig. 5

quark distributions respectively at the initial scale of the QCD evolution (see Sect. 4.2).

The analysis is performed in the \overline{MS} renormalisation scheme using the DGLAP evolution equations [38] at NLO [39]. The structure function formulae given here are thus replaced by integral convolutions of coefficient functions and PDFs. An approach is used whereby all quarks are taken to be massless, including the charm and bottom quarks, which provides an adequate description of the parton distributions in the high Q^2 kinematic range of the new data presented here. The bottom quark distribution, xb , is assumed to be zero for $Q^2 < m_b^2$ where m_b is the bottom quark mass. Its contribution for Q^2 above the mass threshold is included in $x\overline{D}$ and $x\overline{D}$ distributions.

Fits are performed to the measured cross sections calculating the longitudinal structure functions to order α_s^2 and assuming the strong coupling constant to be equal to

$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1185$ [7]. All terms in (1) and (8) are calculated, including the weak corrections, $\Delta_{NC,CC}^{\pm,weak}$. The analysis uses an x space program developed inside the H1 collaboration [40], with cross checks performed using an independent program [41]. In the fit procedure, a χ^2 function is minimised which is defined in [30]. The minimisation takes into account correlations of data points caused by systematic uncertainties allowing the error parameters (see Table 2), including the relative normalisation of the various data sets, to be determined by the fit. The fit to only H1 inclusive cross section data, termed H1 PDF 2000, uses the data sets as specified in Table 1. The table additionally lists the BCDMS data used in a further fit for comparison with the H1 PDF 2000 fit.

The correlated systematic uncertainties for the H1 cross section measurements may be correlated across data sets as well as between data points, since they may arise from

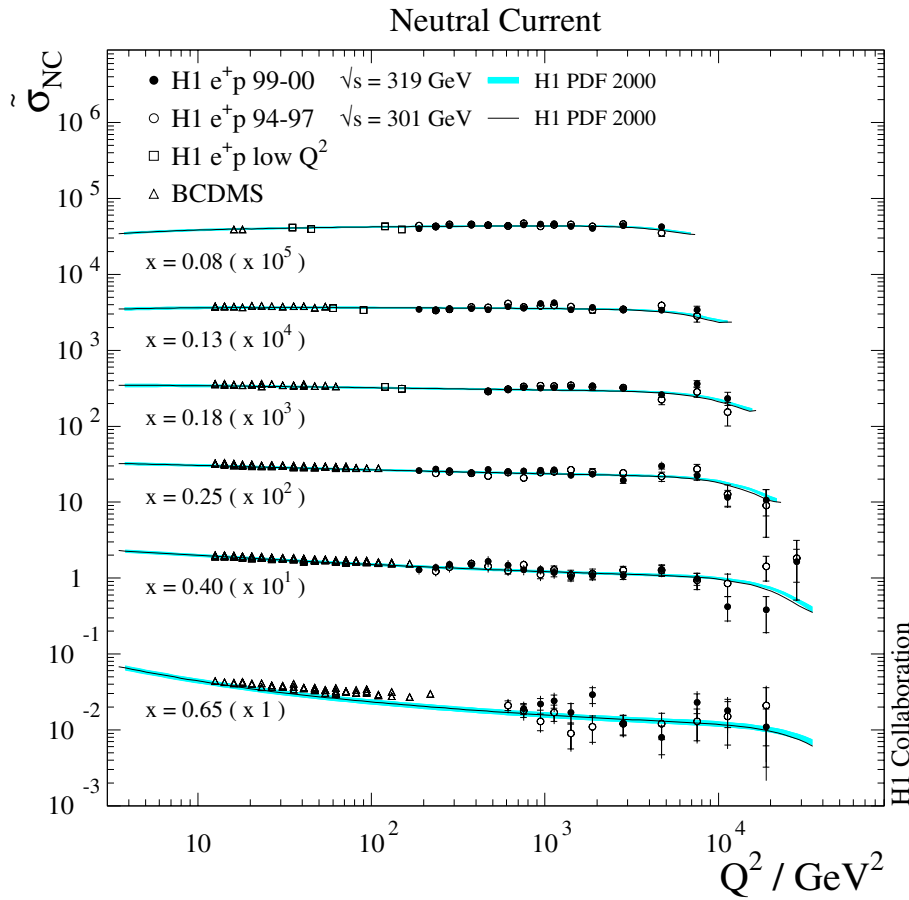


Fig. 11. The NC reduced cross section $\bar{\sigma}_{NC}(x, Q^2)$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94 – 97 e^+p (open points) data. The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV (error bands) and $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV (full curves), respectively. Also shown are data from H1 measured at lower Q^2 (open squares), as well as from the fixed-target experiment BCDMS (open triangles). The BCDMS data are not used in the fit. The error bars and bands are defined as for Fig. 5

the same source. They are thus not treated independently in the QCD analysis presented here. The relationship between the error sources as used in the fitting procedure is summarised in Table 2 for each of the eight correlated systematics considered. This leads to 18 independent error parameters. In addition, all H1 quoted luminosity uncertainties have a common contribution of 0.5% arising from the theoretical uncertainty on the Bethe-Heitler cross section. This common contribution has been taken into account in the QCD analysis.

4.2 Parameterisations

The initial parton distributions, $xP = xg, xU, xD, x\bar{U}, x\bar{D}$, are parameterised at $Q^2 = Q_0^2$ in the following general form

$$xP(x) = A_P x^{B_P} (1-x)^{C_P} \times [1 + D_P x + E_P x^2 + F_P x^3 + G_P x^4]. \quad (16)$$

The QCD analysis requires choices to be made for the initial scale (Q_0^2) and the minimum Q^2 of the data considered in the analysis (Q_{min}^2). Variations of both Q_0^2 and Q_{min}^2 are studied. As in [30] Q_0^2 is chosen to be 4 GeV^2 and $Q_{min}^2 = 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. Reasonable variations of these choices are considered as part of the model uncertainties on the parton distributions (Sect. 5.3).

The general ansatz, (16), represents an over-parameterisation of the data considered here. The specific choice of these parameterisations is obtained from saturation of the χ^2 : an additional parameter D, E, F or G is considered only when its introduction significantly improves the χ^2 . The appropriate number of parameters also depends on the data sets included in the fit. The H1 data requires less parameters than the combined H1 and BCDMS data due to the precise BCDMS proton and deuteron data in the large x region, where the cross section variations with x are particularly strong.

The fit to the H1 data uses the following functional forms

$$\begin{aligned} xg(x) &= A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} \cdot [1 + D_g x] \\ xU(x) &= A_U x^{B_U} (1-x)^{C_U} \cdot [1 + D_U x + F_U x^3] \\ xD(x) &= A_D x^{B_D} (1-x)^{C_D} \cdot [1 + D_D x] \\ x\bar{U}(x) &= A_{\bar{U}} x^{B_{\bar{U}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{U}}} \\ x\bar{D}(x) &= A_{\bar{D}} x^{B_{\bar{D}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{D}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

in which the number of free parameters are further reduced using the constraints and assumptions detailed below.

The number of parameters required by the fit for the different parton distributions follows the expectation. A high x term $E_g x^2$ is not needed in the gluon distribution, since at large x the scaling violations are due to gluon

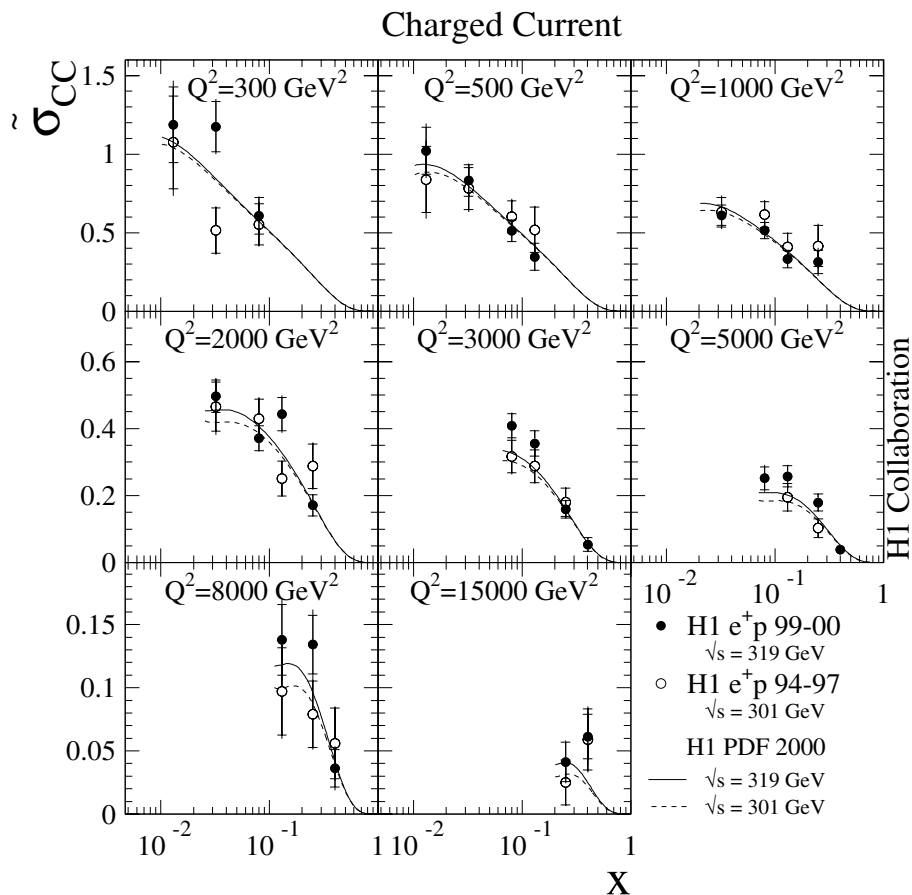


Fig. 12. The CC reduced cross section $\tilde{\sigma}_{CC}(x, Q^2)$, shown for the new e^+p (solid points) and previously published 94–97 e^+p (open points) data. The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV (full curves) and $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV (dashed curves), respectively. The error bars are defined as for Fig. 5

bremsstrahlung, i.e. are independent of the gluon distribution. The xU and xD distributions require more parameters than the anti-quark distributions $x\bar{U}$ and $x\bar{D}$ because the former are a superposition of valence and sea quarks, in contrast to the latter. Due to the different electric charges, $e_u^2 = 4e_d^2$, and the y dependence of the charged current cross section, the data are much more sensitive to the up quark than to the down quark distributions. Thus less parameters are needed for xD than for xU .

A number of relations between parameters can be introduced naturally in this ansatz. At low x the valence quark distributions are expected to vanish and the sea quark and the anti-quark distributions can be assumed to be equal. Thus the low x parameters A_q and B_q are required to be the same for xU , $x\bar{U}$ and for xD , $x\bar{D}$. In the absence of deuteron data from HERA there is no distinction possible of the rise towards low x between xU and xD . Thus the corresponding B parameters are required to be equal, i.e. $B_U = B_D = B_{\bar{U}} = B_{\bar{D}} \equiv B_q$. Further constraints are the conventional momentum sum rule and the valence quark counting rules.

The ansatz presented above allows the quark distributions xU , xD , $x\bar{U}$, $x\bar{D}$ to be determined. Further disentangling the individual quark flavour contributions to the sea is possible only with additional experimental information and/or assumptions. Assuming that the strange and charm sea quark distributions xs and xc can be expressed

as x -independent fractions f_s and f_c of $x\bar{D}$ and $x\bar{U}$ at the starting scale of $Q_0^2 = 4$ GeV² (see Table 5), a further constraint is used in the fit: $A_{\bar{U}} = A_{\bar{D}} \cdot (1 - f_s)/(1 - f_c)$, which imposes that $\bar{d}/\bar{u} \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

The total number of free parameters of the five parton distributions is thus equal to 10 in the fit to the H1 data. The χ^2 value is hardly improved by including any half integer power of x . The parametric form of (17) is also found starting from an alternative polynomial in x^k , which includes half integer powers up to $x^{5/2}$. The addition of the large x BCDMS μp and μD data leads to two additional terms, $G_U x^4$ and $F_D x^3$, in the polynomials.

5 Results

5.1 NC and CC cross sections $d\sigma/dQ^2$, $d\sigma/dx$ and σ_{CC}^{tot}

The e^+p single differential neutral current cross section $d\sigma/dQ^2$ measured for $y < 0.9$ is shown in Fig. 5a. The data are compared with previous H1 e^+p measurements made at $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV. The new cross sections are found to be higher than the measurement from 94–97 as expected due to the increase in centre-of-mass energy. Both cross sections, falling by over six orders of magnitude for the measured Q^2 region between 200 GeV² and 30 000 GeV², are well described by the H1 PDF 2000 fit. The error

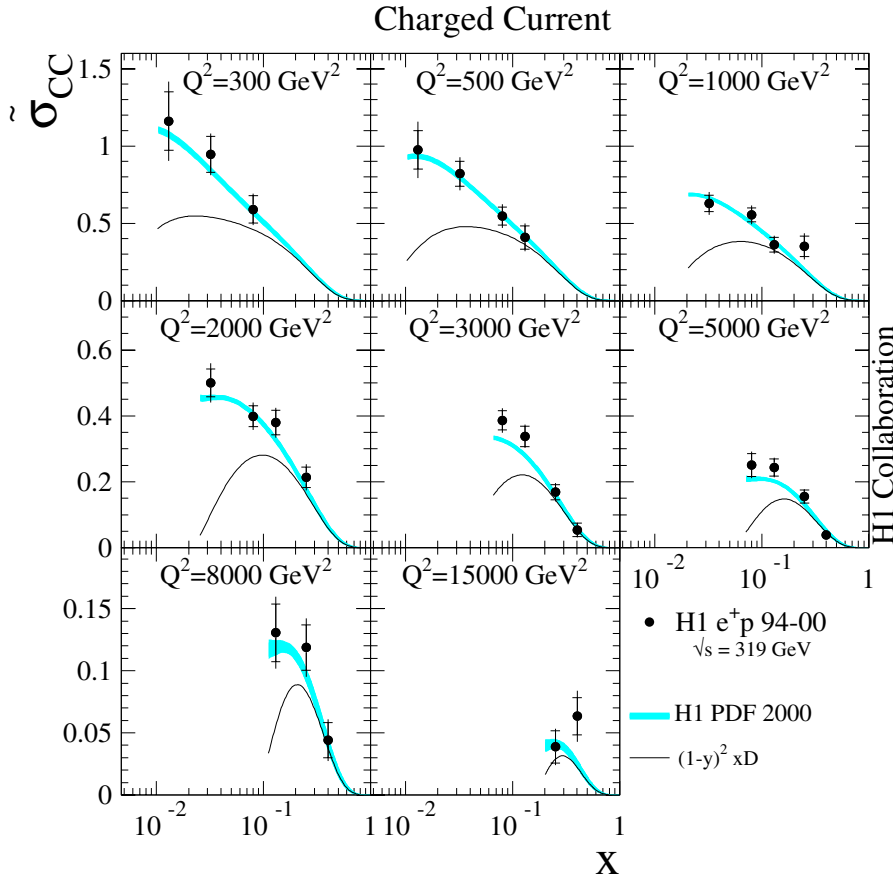


Fig. 13. The CC reduced cross section $\tilde{\sigma}_{CC}(x, Q^2)$, shown for the combined 94 – 00 e^+p data (solid points). The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectation (error bands) determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit at $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV. The full curves indicate the expected xD contributions. The error bars and bands are defined as for Fig. 5

band represents the total uncertainty as derived from the QCD analysis by adding in quadrature the experimental and model uncertainty. The experimental uncertainty on the predicted cross sections is significantly larger than the model uncertainty, which is discussed in Sect. 5.3. Figure 5b shows the ratios of the measurements to the corresponding Standard Model expectation determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. Note that in this lower figure the H1 data are scaled by the normalisation shift imposed by the QCD fit given in Table 3. The new data are given in Table 6.

The Q^2 dependence of the charged current cross section from the 99 – 00 data is shown in Fig. 6a. For consistency with the NC cross sections, the data are presented in the range $y < 0.9$, after correction⁴ for the kinematic cuts $0.03 < y < 0.85$ and $P_{T,h} > 12$ GeV (Sect. 3.5). The data are compared with the previous measurement taken at lower centre-of-mass energy. The ratios of data to expectations are shown in Fig. 6b together with the Standard Model uncertainty. Again in this lower figure the H1 data are scaled by the normalisation shift imposed by the QCD fit, given in Table 3. The two data sets agree well with each other, though the new data have a tendency to be higher than the fit result at high Q^2 . The data are listed in Table 7.

Figure 7 shows the Q^2 dependences of the NC and CC cross sections representing the total e^+p and e^-p data sets

taken at HERA-I. The e^+p data have been combined after scaling the 94 – 97 data to $\sqrt{s} = 319$ GeV, using the H1 PDF 2000 fit and the procedure described in [27]. At low Q^2 the NC cross section exceeds the CC cross section by more than two orders of magnitude. The sharp increase of the NC cross section with decreasing Q^2 is due to the dominating photon exchange cross section with the propagator term $\propto 1/Q^4$. In contrast the CC cross section ($\sim [M_W^2/(Q^2 + M_W^2)]^2$) approaches a constant at low Q^2 . The CC and NC cross sections are of comparable size at $Q^2 \sim 10^4$ GeV², where the photon and Z^0 exchange contributions to the NC cross sections are of similar size to those of W^\pm exchange. These measurements thus illustrate unification of the electromagnetic and the weak interactions in deep inelastic scattering. While the difference in NC cross sections between e^+p and e^-p scattering is due to γZ interference, the difference of CC cross sections arises from the difference between the up and down quark distributions and the less favourable helicity factor in the e^+p cross section (see (13)).

The single differential cross sections $d\sigma/dx$ are measured for $Q^2 > 1000$ GeV² for both NC and CC and also for $Q^2 > 10000$ GeV² in the NC case. The NC data are compared in Fig. 8 with the previous H1 e^+p measurement at $\sqrt{s} = 301$ GeV and the corresponding expectations from the fit. A similar comparison for the CC data is shown in Fig. 9. Increases with \sqrt{s} are observed in both the NC and the CC cross sections, in agreement with the

⁴ The correction factors are given in Table 7

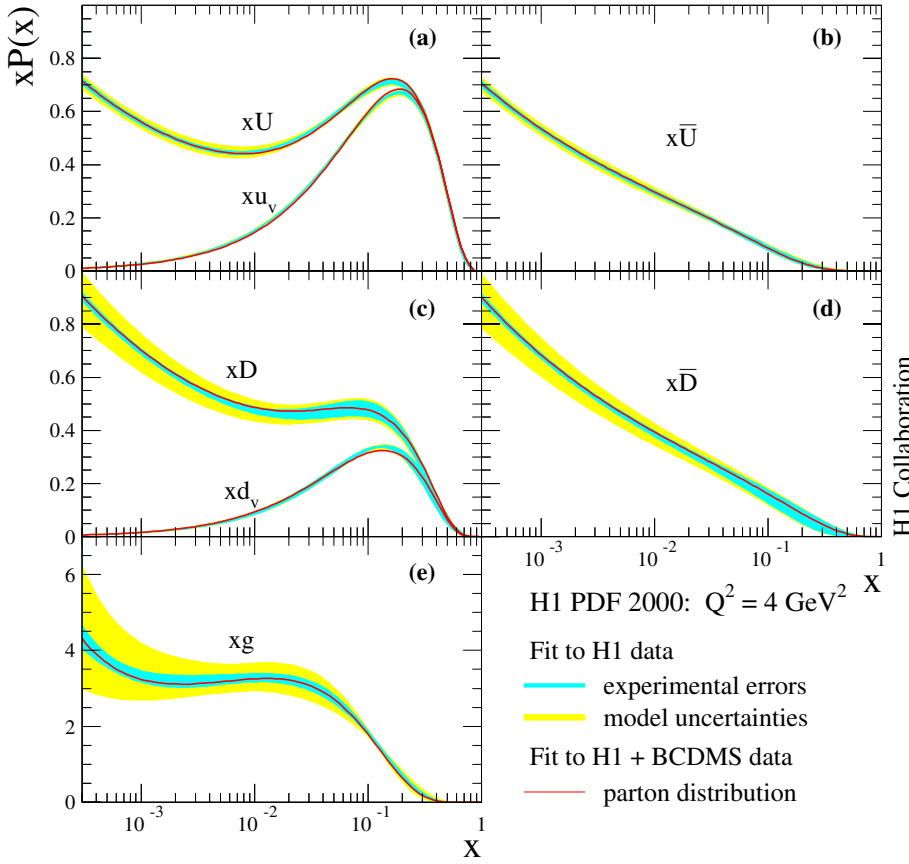


Fig. 14a–e. Parton distributions **a** xU , **b** $x\bar{U}$, **c** xD , **d** $x\bar{D}$ and **e** xg as determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit to H1 data only. The distributions are shown at the initial scale $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. The inner error band represents the experimental uncertainty as determined from the fit. The outer error band shows the total uncertainty by adding in quadrature the experimental and model uncertainties (see text). The valence quark distributions xu_v **a** and xd_v **c** are also shown. For comparison, the parton distributions from the fit to H1 and BCDMS data are shown as the full curves

expectations. The fall in the cross sections at low x is due to the restriction $y < 0.9$. The measurements are summarised in Tables 8–10.

The total CC cross section has been measured in the region $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $y < 0.9$ after applying a small correction factor of 1.03 for the y and $P_{T,h}$ cuts, determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p; \sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}) \\ = 19.19 \pm 0.61(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.82(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}, \end{aligned}$$

where the 1.5% normalisation uncertainty is included in the systematic error. This is to be compared with the value from the H1 PDF 2000 fit $\sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p) = 16.76 \pm 0.32 \text{ pb}$. The difference between the measurement and the fit is 2.3 standard deviations assuming the correlation of uncertainties between measurement and fit is negligible. An unbiased theoretical expectation for $\sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p)$ may be obtained by repeating the H1 PDF 2000 fit but excluding the new 99–00 CC data, which leads to $16.66 \pm 0.54 \text{ pb}$.

Additionally, the analysis has been performed on the 94–97 data set at the lower centre-of-mass energy, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p; \sqrt{s} = 301 \text{ GeV}) \\ = 16.41 \pm 0.80(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.90(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}. \end{aligned}$$

This is to be compared with the cross section obtained from the H1 PDF 2000 fit $\sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p) = 14.76 \pm 0.30 \text{ pb}$. Assuming that the systematic uncertainties are fully cor-

related and part of the luminosity uncertainties are common (Sect. 4.1), the 94–97 and 99–00 measurements are combined [27] yielding a value of

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{CC}^{tot}(e^+p; \sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}) \\ = 18.99 \pm 0.52(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.81(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}. \end{aligned}$$

5.2 NC and CC double differential cross sections

The double differential NC reduced cross section, $\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}$ (defined in (11)), is shown in Fig. 10 for both the nominal and high- y 99–00 e^+p data. In addition the new high- y 98–99 e^-p data are presented. The data agree well with the expectations of the H1 PDF 2000 fit, which are also shown⁵. The rise of the Standard Model DIS cross section towards low x (high y) departs from the monotonic behaviour of F_2 due to the contribution of the longitudinal structure function F_L . This allows F_L to be determined in the high y region (Sect. 5.5).

In Fig. 11 the e^+p NC large x cross section data at $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$ are compared with the data obtained previously [1] at $\sqrt{s} = 301 \text{ GeV}$. The two data sets are found to be in agreement with each other and with the H1 PDF 2000 fit. Figure 11 also shows the data from the recent H1 measurement at lower Q^2 [30] and the fixed-target data

⁵ The normalisation factors as determined by the QCD fit (Table 3) are not applied to the data shown in the figure

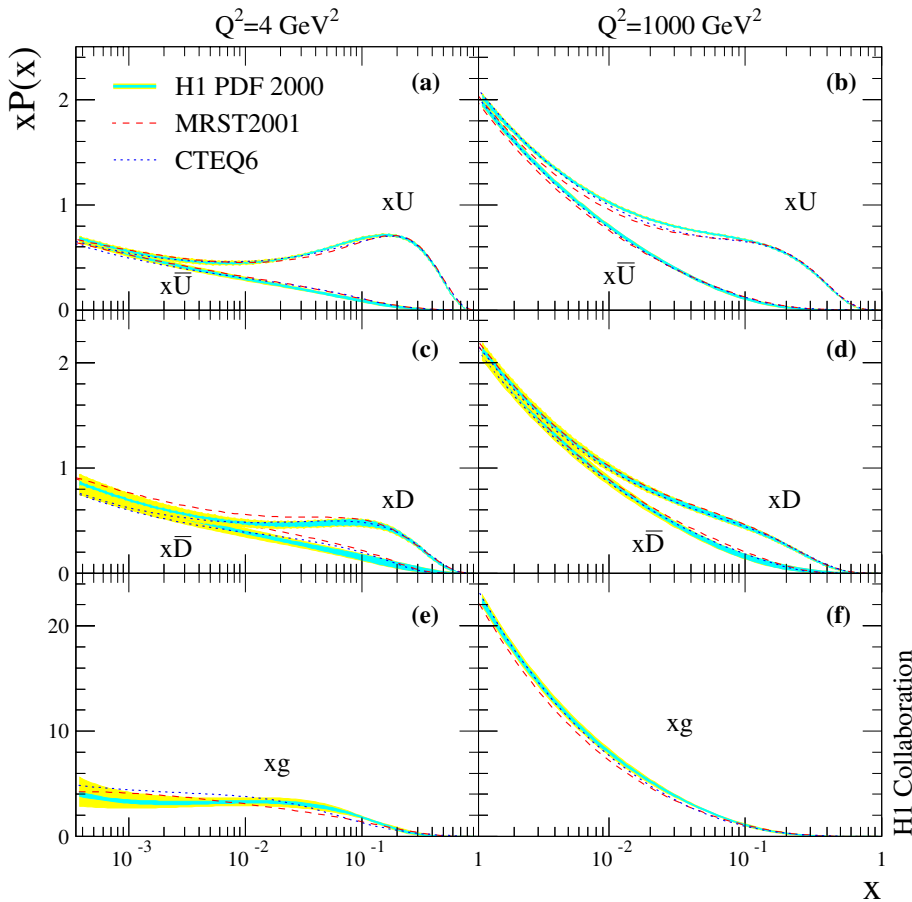


Fig. 15a–f. Parton distributions **a**, **b** xU and $x\bar{U}$, **c**, **d** xD and $x\bar{D}$, and **e**, **f** xg as determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit to H1 data only. The distributions are shown at $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ **a**, **c**, **e** and at $Q^2 = 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ **b**, **d**, **f**. The error bands are defined as for Fig. 14. For comparison, recent results from the MRST and CTEQ groups are also shown

from BCDMS [4]. The fit description of the BCDMS data, which are not used in the fit, is remarkably good except at very large $x = 0.65$. A similar observation has already been reported in [1,30]. At the highest Q^2 a decrease of the cross section is expected due to the negative γZ interference in e^+p scattering.

In Fig. 12 the reduced CC cross section, $\tilde{\sigma}_{CC}$ (defined in (11)), is shown for the new data and the data taken at lower energy between 1994 and 1997. These data are found to be compatible with each other considering the weak energy dependence of the reduced CC cross section. An extension of the x range for $Q^2 = 3000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and 5000 GeV^2 is achieved due to the improved trigger efficiency. The combined 94 – 00 result is compared in Fig. 13 with the expectation from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. Also shown is the expected contribution of the xD distribution, which dominates the cross section at large x . The HERA e^+p CC data can thus be used to constrain the d quark distribution in the valence region.

All double differential measurements together with the contributions of each of the major systematic uncertainties are listed in Tables 11-13.

5.3 Fit results

In this section, the results of the QCD analysis are presented. The χ^2 value of the uncorrelated errors for each

data set is given in Table 3 as well as the optimised relative normalisation as determined from the fit. Taking account in addition the contribution from the correlated errors, the total χ^2 value⁶ per degree of freedom (χ^2/ndf) is $540/(621 - 10) = 0.88$. This is to be compared with $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.92$ when the correlated systematic errors are not considered in the fit. The NLO QCD fit requires the lowest Q^2 data (H1 minimum bias 97, $Q^2 \leq 12 \text{ GeV}^2$) to be raised by 3.7%, corresponding to 2.3 standard deviations in terms of the normalisation uncertainty excluding the common error of 0.5% (see Sect. 4.1). In contrast all data for $Q^2 \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ are lowered, by at most 1.9%. It can not yet be decided whether this behaviour is due to inadequacies in the theory (e.g. the missing higher order terms in $\ln Q^2$) or experimental effects.

The parameters of the initial parton distributions are given in Table 4 (see also [42]) and the distributions are shown in Fig. 14. The inner error band describes the experimental uncertainty, while the outer band represents the experimental and model uncertainties added in quadrature.

The experimental accuracy of the initial distributions is typically a few percent in the bulk of the phase space

⁶ In the calculation of the χ^2 , the assumption is made that the uncorrelated errors among different data points within one data set stay uncorrelated with the corresponding data points from an independent data set

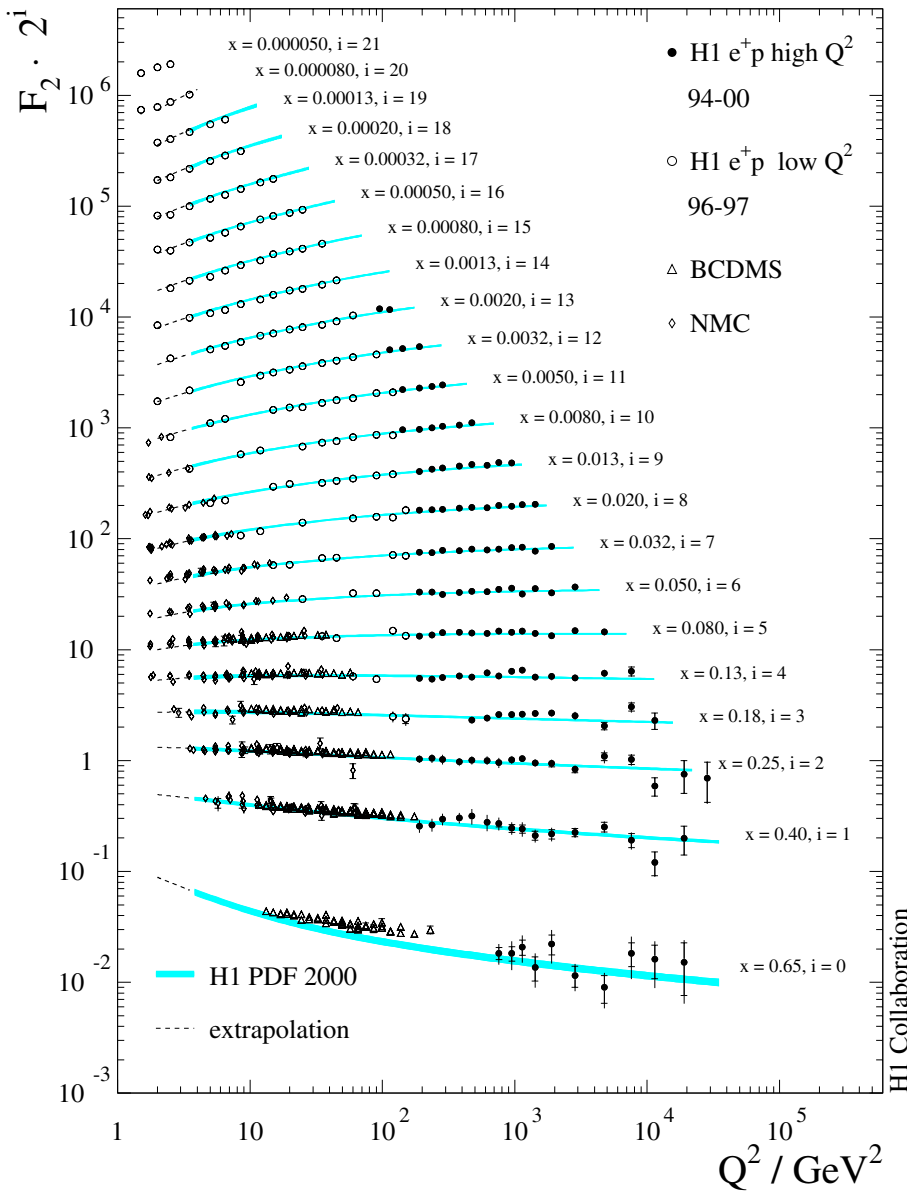


Fig. 16. The proton structure function F_2 shown for the combined 94–00 e^+p (solid points) and previously published low Q^2 (open circles) data. The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectation determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit (error bands). The dashed curves show the backward extrapolation of the fit to $Q^2 < Q_{min}^2$. Also shown are the F_2 data from BCDMS and NMC, which are not used in the fit. The error bars and bands are defined as for Fig. 5

of the H1 data. This accuracy has negligible dependence on Q^2 but a strong dependence on x . The best precision is achieved for the xU quark distribution, which amounts to 1.5% at $x = 0.001$, 1.3% at $x = 0.01$ and reaches 2.9% and 6.5% at $x = 0.4$ and 0.65 , respectively. The xD quark distribution is only determined with moderate precision as it is predominantly constrained by the CC e^+p cross sections, which are still subject to limited precision. The corresponding uncertainties on xD at the four quoted x values are respectively 1.6%, 2.7%, 10% and 27%.

These uncertainties reflect the kinematic dependence and size of the measurement errors. However the error size also depends significantly on the fit assumptions. If, for example, the constraint between $A_{\bar{U}}$ and $A_{\bar{D}}$ on the low x behaviour of the anti-quark distributions is relaxed, the small uncertainty at low $x = 0.001$ ($x = 0.01$) is much increased to 12% (8%) and 36% (28%) respectively for xU and xD . The uncertainties remain unchanged at

higher x . The measurement of the low x behaviour of up and down quarks and their possible distinction requires electron-deuteron data to be taken at HERA.

The model parameter uncertainties on the PDFs are determined in a similar manner to [30] and the sources of uncertainty are specified in Table 5. The model uncertainties are relatively small with respect to those from experimental sources except at small x and low Q^2 , where they reach 4% and 10% respectively for xU and xD at $x = 0.001$.

Within the functional form considered (see (16)), the parameterisation given in (17) is found uniquely. Possible variations within the $\Delta\chi^2 \simeq 1$ region of the parameter space do not lead to noticeably different distributions. Thus in this analysis no account is made of uncertainties due to the choice of parameterisations. A completely different ansatz, however, may well lead to different initial distributions, as seen, for example, in the complicated

Table 3. For each data set used in the H1 PDF 2000 fit, the number of data points is shown, along with the χ^2 contribution determined using the uncorrelated errors (unc. err. with the statistical and uncorrelated systematic errors added in quadrature). Also shown is the optimised normalisation of the data set as determined by the fit. The H1 NC 98 – 99 e^-p and H1 NC 99 – 00 e^+p data include the high- y analyses

data set	process	data points	χ^2 (unc. err.)	normalisation
H1 minimum bias 97	e^+p NC	45	37.5	1.037
H1 low Q^2 96 – 97	e^+p NC	80	71.2	1.008
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p NC	130	89.6	0.981
H1 high Q^2 94 – 97	e^+p CC	25	18.0	0.981
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p NC	139	114.7	0.991
H1 high Q^2 98 – 99	e^-p CC	27	19.5	0.991
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p NC	147	142.5	0.985
H1 high Q^2 99 – 00	e^+p CC	28	32.4	0.985
Total		621	525.4	–

Table 4. Parameters of the H1 PDF 2000 fit to the H1 data alone for the initial distributions at $Q_0^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. Equal parameter values reflect the constraints imposed by the fit (see Sect. 4.2). The uncertainties and their correlations are available in [42]

P	A	B	C	D	F
xg	0.0183	–0.872	8.97	3450.	
xU	0.112	–0.227	5.08	48.0	373.
xD	0.142	–0.227	4.93	23.5	
$x\bar{U}$	0.112	–0.227	7.28		
$x\bar{D}$	0.142	–0.227	4.36		

Table 5. Model uncertainties considered in the QCD analysis

source of uncertainty	central value	variation
Q_{min}^2 (GeV 2)	3.5	2.0 – 5.0
Q_0^2 (GeV 2)	4.0	2.0 – 6.0
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	0.1185	0.1165 – 0.1205
f_s , strange fraction of $x\bar{D}$	0.33	0.25 – 0.40
f_c , charm fraction of $x\bar{U}$	0.15	0.10 – 0.20
m_c (GeV)	1.4	1.2 – 1.6
m_b (GeV)	4.5	4.0 – 5.0

shape of xg chosen in [33]. The gluon distribution determined in this analysis is consistent with the distribution obtained previously by H1 [30] if the effects of the different heavy flavour treatments are taken into account.

The full curve in Fig. 14 is the result [43] of the fit to H1 and BCDMS data, which gives a $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 883/(1014 - 12) = 0.88$. Excellent agreement of the PDFs between the two fits is observed. For large x , the high Q^2 data of H1 allow distinction between up and down flavours yielding results compatible with those from BCDMS proton and deuteron data. At low x only HERA data are available

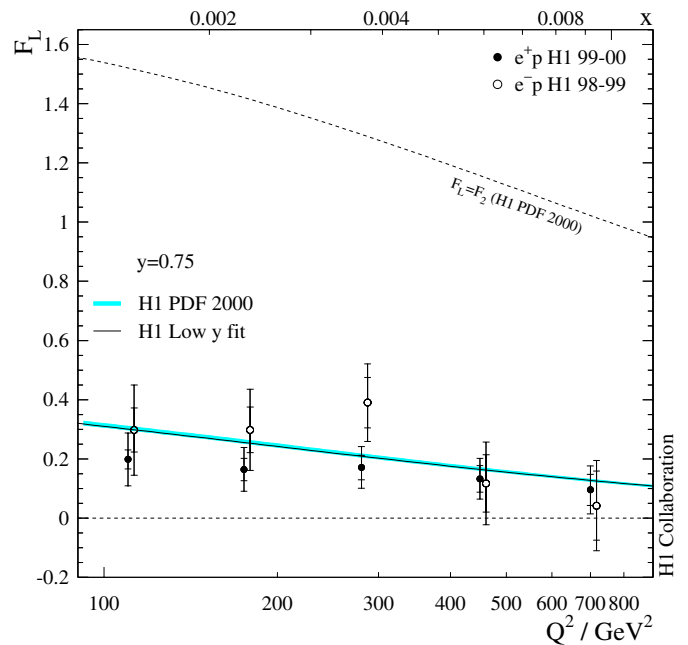


Fig. 17. Determination of F_L shown for the high y e^-p and e^+p data at fixed $y = 0.75$ as a function of Q^2 (lower scale), or equivalently x (upper scale). The inner error bar represents the statistical error, the intermediate error bar shows the statistical and systematic errors added in quadrature and the outer error bar also includes the uncertainty arising from the extrapolation of F_2 . The error band, defined as for Fig. 5, shows the expectation for F_L and its uncertainty, determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. The full curve shows the expectation for F_L determined from the H1 Low- y fit. The upper and lower dashed curves are the maximum and minimum allowed values for F_L

and thus the two fits are forced to be in agreement, apart from possible small effects due to sum rules.

The PDFs from the H1 PDF 2000 fit are further compared in Fig. 15 with recent results from the MRST [32] and CTEQ [33] groups for two values of Q^2 at 4 GeV^2 and

Table 6. The NC e^+p cross section $d\sigma_{NC}/dQ^2$ for $y < 0.9$ after correction (k_{cor}) according to the Standard Model expectation determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit for the kinematic cut $E'_e > 6$ GeV for $Q^2 < 890$ GeV². The statistical (δ_{stat}), uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}), correlated systematic (δ_{cor}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors are provided. In addition the correlated systematic error contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the electron energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$), of the polar electron angle error ($\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors

Q^2 (GeV ²)	$d\sigma_{NC}/dQ^2$ (pb/GeV ²)	k_{cor}	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)
$y < 0.9$											
200	$1.835 \cdot 10^1$	1.012	0.5	1.4	0.6	1.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.1
250	$1.080 \cdot 10^1$	1.009	0.6	1.9	0.9	2.2	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.2	-0.1
300	$7.076 \cdot 10^0$	1.006	0.6	2.0	1.0	2.3	0.9	-0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.1
400	$3.565 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	0.8	1.6	0.8	2.0	0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1
500	$2.049 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	0.9	1.8	1.0	2.2	1.0	-0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1
650	$1.065 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	1.1	1.7	1.1	2.3	0.9	-0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0
800	$0.638 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	1.4	1.8	1.0	2.5	0.9	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
1000	$0.373 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	1.6	1.9	1.1	2.7	0.9	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.2
1200	$0.231 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	1.9	1.9	1.3	3.0	0.8	-0.9	0.1	0.1	-0.2
1500	$0.125 \cdot 10^0$	1.000	2.3	1.9	0.9	3.1	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2
2000	$0.580 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.000	2.8	2.4	1.3	3.9	1.1	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2
3000	$0.195 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.000	2.7	2.6	1.2	4.0	1.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2
5000	$0.460 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.000	3.7	3.5	0.8	5.1	0.7	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.2
8000	$0.122 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.000	5.7	5.2	1.5	7.8	1.4	-0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2
12000	$0.215 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.000	12.0	6.6	0.9	13.7	0.9	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3
20000	$0.250 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.000	26.3	10.6	1.8	28.4	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.6
30000	$0.119 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.000	38.7	18.7	4.3	43.1	2.6	3.4	0.1	0.0	-0.7

Table 7. The CC e^+p cross section $d\sigma_{CC}/dQ^2$ for $y < 0.9$ after correction (k_{cor}) according to the Standard Model expectation determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit for the kinematic cuts $0.03 < y < 0.85$ and $P_{T,h} > 12$ GeV. The statistical (δ_{stat}), uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}), correlated systematic (δ_{cor}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors are also given. In addition the correlated systematic error contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the error due to the cuts against photoproduction ($\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors. The last column gives the correction for QED radiative effects (Δ_{CC}^{QED})

Q^2 (GeV ²)	$d\sigma_{CC}/dQ^2$ (pb/GeV ²)	k_{cor}	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)	Δ_{CC}^{QED} (%)
$y < 0.9$											
300	$0.330 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.40	9.4	6.8	4.5	12.4	3.8	-2.0	1.2	-0.1	1.4
500	$0.198 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.18	6.9	4.7	2.5	8.7	2.2	-1.1	0.8	0.0	-2.2
1000	$0.106 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1.05	5.6	4.2	2.1	7.3	1.8	-0.9	0.4	0.0	-2.4
2000	$0.527 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.03	5.0	3.8	1.3	6.4	1.1	-0.3	0.6	0.0	-5.0
3000	$0.307 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.03	5.3	3.7	1.3	6.6	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.0	-7.1
5000	$0.114 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1.04	7.2	5.1	3.1	9.4	0.6	2.7	1.4	0.0	-12.0
8000	$0.347 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.04	11.9	9.4	5.4	16.1	0.3	5.1	1.8	0.0	-11.1
15000	$0.492 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1.06	21.7	16.9	6.5	28.2	0.2	6.4	0.9	0.0	-15.7

Table 8. The NC e^+p cross section $d\sigma_{NC}/dx$ measured for $y < 0.9$ and $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$. The statistical (δ_{stat}), uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}), correlated systematic (δ_{cor}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors are provided. In addition the correlated systematic error contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the electron energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$), of the polar electron angle error ($\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors

x	$d\sigma_{NC}/dx$ (pb) $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ $y < 0.9$	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)
0.013	$0.138 \cdot 10^4$	5.9	4.2	3.7	8.1	-0.8	-1.0	-1.5	-0.8	-3.1
0.020	$0.249 \cdot 10^4$	3.0	2.3	1.4	4.1	0.3	-1.2	0.4	0.3	-0.6
0.032	$0.215 \cdot 10^4$	2.6	2.3	1.2	3.6	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.4	-0.1
0.050	$0.147 \cdot 10^4$	2.5	2.0	1.0	3.3	0.3	-0.7	0.5	0.4	-0.1
0.080	$0.951 \cdot 10^3$	2.4	2.1	1.1	3.4	0.5	-0.6	0.5	0.6	0.0
0.130	$0.566 \cdot 10^3$	2.8	2.2	1.1	3.7	0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.4	0.0
0.180	$0.372 \cdot 10^3$	3.0	2.6	1.6	4.3	1.3	-0.8	-0.3	0.5	0.0
0.250	$0.212 \cdot 10^3$	3.3	3.4	2.1	5.2	2.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.0
0.400	$0.646 \cdot 10^2$	4.7	5.7	5.3	9.1	3.7	-0.4	-1.9	-3.5	0.0
0.650	$0.650 \cdot 10^1$	9.8	13.3	11.6	20.2	7.4	0.8	-4.0	-8.1	0.0

Table 9. The NC e^+p cross section $d\sigma_{NC}/dx$ measured for $y < 0.9$ and $Q^2 > 10000 \text{ GeV}^2$. The statistical (δ_{stat}), uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}), correlated systematic (δ_{cor}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors are provided. In addition the correlated systematic error contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the electron energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$), of the polar electron angle error ($\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors

x	$d\sigma_{NC}/dx$ (pb) $Q^2 > 10000 \text{ GeV}^2$ $y < 0.9$	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)
0.130	$0.544 \cdot 10^1$	29.7	8.9	1.9	31.0	0.1	-1.2	-1.1	-0.6	-0.8
0.180	$0.716 \cdot 10^1$	18.9	4.2	2.2	19.5	-1.1	-1.9	0.4	0.1	-0.5
0.250	$0.411 \cdot 10^1$	19.7	6.3	1.4	20.7	1.1	-0.5	0.9	0.3	-0.1
0.400	$0.162 \cdot 10^1$	24.5	11.5	2.0	27.1	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	-0.3
0.650	$0.038 \cdot 10^1$	31.6	30.5	8.4	44.8	6.3	5.1	-2.2	-0.8	0.0

1000 GeV^2 . The H1 PDF 2000 fit is in remarkable agreement with the MRST and in particular the CTEQ analyses, given the many differences in terms of the data sets used, the assumptions made and the treatment of heavy flavours.

5.4 Extraction of the proton structure function F_2

The NC structure function term ϕ_{NC} is obtained from the measured NC double differential cross section according to (1). It is dominated by the structure function F_2 in most of the kinematic range. The structure function F_2 is extracted using

$$F_2 = \frac{\phi_{NC}}{Y_+} (1 + \Delta_{F_2} + \Delta_{F_3} + \Delta_{F_L})^{-1}. \quad (18)$$

Here the correction terms Δ_{F_2} and Δ_{F_3} account for the effects of Z^0 exchange on \tilde{F}_2 and $x\tilde{F}_3$ (2-4) and Δ_{F_L} originates from the longitudinal structure function \tilde{F}_L . These corrections, shown in Table 11, are determined using the H1 PDF 2000 fit (see Sect.4). At high y and $Q^2 < 1500 \text{ GeV}^2$, Δ_{F_L} is sizeable and the extraction of F_2 in this Q^2 region is thus restricted to the kinematic range $y < 0.6$. It is extended to higher y at larger Q^2 ($\geq 2000 \text{ GeV}^2$) where the predicted contribution of \tilde{F}_L is small.

The extracted F_2 using the 99 – 00 data is presented in Table 11. Figure 16 shows the F_2 data using the combined 94 – 97 and 99 – 00 high Q^2 e^+p data sets. Also shown in the figure are the recent H1 F_2 data at lower Q^2 [30] and structure function data from BCDMS [4] and

Table 10. The CC e^+p cross section $d\sigma_{CC}/dx$ for $y < 0.9$ and $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ after correction (k_{cor}) according to the Standard Model expectation determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit for the kinematic cuts $0.03 < y < 0.85$ and $P_{T,h} > 12 \text{ GeV}$. The statistical (δ_{stat}), uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}), correlated systematic (δ_{cor}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors are also given. In addition the correlated systematic error contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the error due to the cuts against photoproduction ($\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors

x	$d\sigma_{CC}/dx$ (pb) $Q^2 > 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$	k_{cor}	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)
$y < 0.9$										
0.032	$0.159 \cdot 10^3$	1.05	6.9	4.0	2.3	8.3	2.1	-0.5	0.6	-0.4
0.080	$0.946 \cdot 10^2$	1.02	4.6	3.4	1.2	5.9	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.0
0.130	$0.623 \cdot 10^2$	1.01	5.2	3.7	2.0	6.7	0.3	1.2	1.5	0.0
0.250	$0.194 \cdot 10^2$	1.00	7.2	5.8	2.2	9.5	0.1	2.2	0.1	0.0
0.400	$0.451 \cdot 10^1$	1.06	16.6	11.3	6.0	21.0	0.0	4.9	-3.6	0.0
0.650	$0.469 \cdot 10^0$	1.26	70.6	24.5	21.3	77.7	0.0	9.2	-19.2	0.0

NMC [44]. The full H1 data cover a range of four orders of magnitude in x and Q^2 . The H1 PDF 2000 fit provides a good description of the data over the whole region except for the BCDMS data at $x = 0.65$, as seen in Fig. 11. The fit also gives a good description of the scaling violations observed in the measurements.

5.5 Determination of the longitudinal structure function F_L

The structure function term ϕ_{NC} is used to determine F_L at $y > 0.63$ and $Q^2 < 890 \text{ GeV}^2$. For statistical reasons, the measured cross sections in two neighbouring Q^2 bins are combined, assuming that the systematic uncertainties are fully correlated. The longitudinal structure function is then determined using the formula

$$\tilde{F}_L = \frac{1}{y^2} [Y_+ \tilde{F}_2 \mp Y_- x \tilde{F}_3 - \phi_{NC}^\pm], \quad (19)$$

for $e^\pm p$ scattering which, neglecting the small electroweak contributions in the region of this extraction, reduces to the expression

$$F_L = \frac{1}{y^2} [Y_+ F_2 - \phi_{NC}^\pm]. \quad (20)$$

The extraction of F_L relies upon the extrapolation of the fit result for F_2 into the high y region, that is, to larger Q^2 for given x . In order to avoid a possible influence of the high y data region on this calculation, a dedicated NLO QCD fit (H1 Low y fit) is performed to H1 data with $y < 0.35$ only and the results are extrapolated using the DGLAP evolution equations. This method was introduced in [45].

Apart from the y range restriction, the H1 Low y fit follows the same procedure as described in Sect. 4. It results in a $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 417/(455 - 10) = 0.94$ and agrees very

well with the H1 PDF 2000 fit over the full y range. The normalisation shifts of the data sets used are found to be within 1% of those from the H1 PDF 2000 fit.

In the extraction of the longitudinal structure function, the experimental cross sections are slightly modified using the results of the H1 Low y fit for the renormalisation and small shifts from the correlated uncertainties common to the low y and the high y region. The combined HERA-I measurements of the structure function term ϕ_{NC} and the extracted values of F_L are listed in Table 14. The statistical precision is due directly to the cross section measurement at high y . The systematic uncertainties arise from the measurement errors at high y and the model uncertainties related to the extrapolation of F_2 from the low y to the high y region. The correlations in the systematic uncertainties between low and high y are taken into account.

In Fig. 17 the determinations of F_L at high Q^2 are shown for both the e^+p and the e^-p data sets. The results from both data sets are mutually consistent and are in agreement with the H1 Low y fit prediction for F_L , based on the gluon distribution derived from the scaling violations of F_2 at larger x . The extreme values allowed for F_L ($F_L = 0$ and $F_L = F_2$) are clearly excluded by the data. A model independent measurement of F_L and the x dependence can, however, only be achieved with reduced beam energies at HERA.

5.6 Measurement of the generalised structure function $x\tilde{F}_3$

At high Q^2 , the NC cross section in e^+p scattering has been observed to be significantly smaller than that in e^-p scattering [3], confirming the Standard Model expectation of γZ interference. These earlier H1 data were used to obtain a first measurement of the generalised structure

Table 12. The CC e^+p double differential cross section $d^2\sigma_{CC}/dxdQ^2$ and the structure function term ϕ_{CC} , shown with statistical (δ_{stat}), systematic (δ_{sys}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors. Also shown are the total uncorrelated systematic error (δ_{unc}) and its contribution from the hadronic energy error (δ_{unc}^h). The effect of the other uncorrelated systematic errors is included in (δ_{unc}). In addition the correlated systematic error (δ_{cor}) and its contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the error due to the cuts against photoproduction ($\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$) and of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.5% is not included in the errors. The last column gives the correction for QED radiative effects (Δ_{CC}^{QED})

Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	y	$d^2\sigma_{CC}/dxdQ^2$ (pb/GeV ²)	ϕ_{CC}	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{sys} (%)	δ_{tot} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{unc}^h (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{V^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)	Δ_{CC}^{QED} (%)
300	0.0130	0.227	$0.703 \cdot 10^0$	1.184	20.3	11.8	23.5	8.2	1.5	8.6	6.7	-2.2	-0.3	-4.9	0.3
300	0.0320	0.092	$0.283 \cdot 10^0$	1.171	13.7	5.9	14.9	4.6	1.3	3.8	2.6	-1.4	1.0	-2.1	0.4
300	0.0800	0.037	$0.585 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.606	19.0	7.4	20.4	6.0	2.9	4.5	1.0	-2.4	1.6	-3.2	5.2
500	0.0130	0.379	$0.570 \cdot 10^0$	1.018	14.6	8.5	16.9	6.5	2.3	5.4	4.9	-1.4	0.4	-1.8	-4.4
500	0.0320	0.154	$0.189 \cdot 10^0$	0.829	12.1	4.8	13.0	3.9	1.2	2.8	1.8	-1.1	0.8	-1.6	-0.7
500	0.0800	0.062	$0.465 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.511	13.4	4.4	14.1	4.0	0.4	2.0	0.4	-0.7	1.9	-0.1	-0.7
500	0.1300	0.038	$0.194 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.346	25.1	7.2	26.1	6.4	2.2	2.9	0.2	-1.6	-2.2	-0.9	-3.5
1000	0.0320	0.308	$0.121 \cdot 10^0$	0.609	10.5	4.7	11.5	3.8	1.3	2.5	1.9	-1.3	0.4	-0.8	-3.1
1000	0.0800	0.123	$0.406 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.512	10.2	3.5	10.8	3.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	-0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.4
1000	0.1300	0.076	$0.162 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.332	16.5	6.1	17.6	5.9	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	-2.5
1000	0.2500	0.039	$0.794 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.313	23.5	16.8	28.9	16.1	2.0	4.9	0.0	2.4	-4.2	0.0	-4.9
2000	0.0320	0.615	$0.762 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.495	9.8	4.5	10.8	4.0	0.2	2.3	2.1	0.1	0.8	-0.2	-5.6
2000	0.0800	0.246	$0.228 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.370	9.9	3.8	10.6	3.6	0.6	1.2	0.8	-0.8	0.4	0.0	-3.1
2000	0.1300	0.152	$0.168 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.442	11.1	5.7	12.5	5.2	2.0	2.6	0.1	-1.3	2.2	0.0	-5.0
2000	0.2500	0.079	$0.337 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.171	18.4	7.3	19.8	6.9	0.3	2.0	0.0	-1.4	-1.5	0.0	-10.0
3000	0.0800	0.369	$0.201 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.407	8.7	4.3	9.7	4.2	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.0	-7.5
3000	0.1300	0.227	$0.107 \cdot 10^{-1}$	0.354	10.7	4.5	11.6	3.8	1.1	2.1	0.2	1.2	1.7	0.0	-3.9
3000	0.2500	0.118	$0.251 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.159	16.3	6.1	17.4	6.0	0.4	1.1	0.1	1.0	-0.4	0.0	-5.7
3000	0.4000	0.074	$0.531 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.054	37.8	17.1	41.5	14.2	3.9	9.6	0.0	1.8	-9.4	0.0	-12.6
5000	0.0800	0.615	$0.842 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.250	13.8	8.1	16.0	5.9	1.8	5.6	1.4	3.8	3.8	0.0	-13.0
5000	0.1300	0.379	$0.530 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.256	12.3	5.6	13.5	5.1	2.5	2.3	0.4	2.2	0.5	0.0	-13.8
5000	0.2500	0.197	$0.192 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.179	14.2	5.7	15.3	5.3	3.0	1.7	0.1	1.4	0.9	0.0	-9.8
5000	0.4000	0.123	$0.261 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.039	33.3	10.4	34.9	9.5	4.0	4.6	0.0	4.5	-0.5	0.0	-4.6
8000	0.1300	0.606	$0.178 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.137	20.3	12.6	23.9	11.4	5.1	5.4	0.6	4.7	2.7	0.0	-13.0
8000	0.2500	0.315	$0.903 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.134	17.3	11.0	20.5	9.5	8.1	5.8	0.0	5.3	2.2	0.0	-8.6
8000	0.4000	0.197	$0.152 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.036	40.8	26.0	48.4	25.2	14.5	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.2	0.0	-14.8
15000	0.2500	0.591	$0.126 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.041	37.8	16.4	41.2	15.0	13.6	6.8	0.3	6.5	1.7	0.0	-16.0
15000	0.4000	0.369	$0.117 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.061	28.8	23.2	37.0	22.0	13.4	7.6	0.0	7.4	1.3	0.0	-14.7

Table 13. The NC e^-p reduced cross section $\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}(x, Q^2)$ from the high- y analysis, shown with statistical (δ_{stat}) and total (δ_{tot}) errors. Also shown are the total uncorrelated systematic (δ_{unc}) error and two of its contributions: the electron energy error (δ_{unc}^E) and the hadronic energy error (δ_{unc}^h). The effect of the other uncorrelated systematic errors is included in (δ_{unc}). In addition the correlated systematic error (δ_{cor}) and its contributions from a positive variation of one standard deviation of the electron energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$), of the polar electron angle error ($\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$), of the hadronic energy error ($\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$), of the error due to noise subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$), of the error due to background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$) and of the error due to charge symmetry background subtraction ($\delta_{cor}^{S^+}$) are given. The normalisation uncertainty of 1.8% is not included in the errors. All e^-p data not previously reported in [3] are given, including the new high y data and three data points at $Q^2 = 100$ and 120 GeV^2 from the nominal analysis phase space

Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	$\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}$	δ_{tot} (%)	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{unc}^E (%)	δ_{unc}^h (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{E^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{\theta^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{h^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{N^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{B^+}$ (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{S^+}$ (%)
100	0.00130	1.368	7.0	4.0	5.5	1.5	0.2	1.2	-0.7	-1.0	0.5	0.4	-	-0.9
100	0.00200	1.293	5.3	3.4	3.3	0.5	0.3	2.4	0.5	-1.8	0.9	0.6	-1.1	-
120	0.00160	1.342	6.6	4.2	4.8	0.1	0.2	1.7	-0.3	-1.5	0.6	0.3	-	-0.7
120	0.00200	1.325	5.0	3.3	3.2	0.5	0.2	2.1	-0.4	-1.4	-0.3	0.3	-1.4	-
120	0.00320	1.198	4.8	3.1	3.3	1.1	0.4	1.9	0.8	-1.7	0.5	0.5	-0.3	-

Table 13. (continued)

Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	$\tilde{\sigma}_{NC}$	δ_{tot} (%)	δ_{stat} (%)	δ_{unc} (%)	δ_{unc}^E (%)	δ_{unc}^h (%)	δ_{cor} (%)	δ_{cor}^{E+} (%)	$\delta_{cor}^{\theta+}$ (%)	δ_{cor}^{h+} (%)	δ_{cor}^{N+} (%)	δ_{cor}^{B+} (%)	δ_{cor}^{S+} (%)
150	0.00200	1.339	6.7	4.4	4.8	0.9	0.2	1.2	0.8	-0.8	0.5	0.4	-	-0.6
200	0.00260	1.188	7.1	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.4	1.9	0.4	-1.7	0.6	0.4	-	-0.6
250	0.00330	1.126	7.9	5.7	4.9	0.6	0.2	2.1	1.0	-2.0	0.5	0.3	-	-0.7
300	0.00390	1.068	8.0	6.1	4.9	0.2	0.2	1.4	-0.4	-1.3	0.4	0.3	-	-0.7
400	0.00530	1.101	8.3	6.4	5.1	0.7	0.3	1.5	-0.6	-1.4	0.3	0.3	-	-0.6
500	0.00660	1.099	8.7	6.9	5.2	0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	0.4	-	-0.2
650	0.00850	1.056	9.9	8.2	5.6	1.0	0.0	0.5	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-	-0.4
800	0.01050	0.938	10.9	9.2	5.9	0.4	0.3	1.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.3	0.0	-	-0.1

Table 14. The NC structure function term $\phi_{NC}(x, Q^2)$ and the structure function F_L , shown with its statistical (δ_{stat}), systematic (δ_{sys}) and total (δ_{tot}) absolute error. The total error includes a contribution arising from the model uncertainties in the calculated \tilde{F}_2 . These are obtained by varying the assumptions of the H1 Low y QCD fit as listed in Table 5. The luminosity uncertainties of the e^+p and e^-p data sets are included in the systematic error

Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	y	ϕ_{NC}	F_L	δ_{stat}	δ_{sys}	δ_{tot}
<i>e⁻p data</i>							
110	0.00144	0.75	1.440	0.298	0.074	0.133	0.154
175	0.00230	0.75	1.346	0.298	0.077	0.113	0.139
280	0.00368	0.75	1.162	0.390	0.085	0.099	0.132
450	0.00591	0.75	1.164	0.117	0.097	0.101	0.140
700	0.00919	0.75	1.072	0.042	0.117	0.098	0.153
<i>e⁺p data</i>							
110	0.00144	0.75	1.518	0.198	0.032	0.083	0.092
175	0.00230	0.75	1.426	0.164	0.038	0.064	0.076
280	0.00368	0.75	1.292	0.171	0.041	0.057	0.072
450	0.00591	0.75	1.163	0.133	0.045	0.052	0.070
700	0.00919	0.75	1.037	0.096	0.053	0.062	0.082

and is compared in Fig. 18b with the calculation. Since at high x and low Q^2 the expected sensitivity to $x\tilde{F}_3$ is smaller than the luminosity uncertainty, the measurement is not performed in this region. The dominant contribution to $x\tilde{F}_3$ arises from γZ interference, which allows $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ to be extracted (4) according to $xF_3^{\gamma Z} \simeq -x\tilde{F}_3(Q^2 + M_Z^2)/(a_e\kappa Q^2)$ by neglecting the pure Z exchange contribution, which is suppressed by the small vector coupling v_e . This structure function is non-singlet and has little dependence on Q^2 . This is illustrated in Fig. 18c. The measured $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ at these Q^2 values can thus be averaged taking into account the small Q^2 dependence. The two lowest x bins at $x = 0.020$ and 0.032 are averaged as well. The averaged $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$, determined for a Q^2 value of 1500 GeV^2 , is shown in Table 15 and Fig. 18d in comparison with the QCD fit result. The structure function $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ determines both the shape and magnitude of the valence quark distributions independent of the sea quark distributions. The calculation from the QCD fit, in which the parton densities in the valence region are principally constrained by

Table 15. The upper part of the table shows the generalised structure function $x\tilde{F}_3$ with statistical (δ_{stat}), systematic (δ_{sys}) and total (δ_{tot}) absolute errors. The luminosity uncertainties of the e^+p and e^-p data are included in the systematic error. The lower part of the table shows the structure function $xF_3^{\gamma Z}$ obtained by averaging over different Q^2 values and transforming to a Q^2 value at 1500 GeV^2

Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	$x\tilde{F}_3$	δ_{stat}	δ_{sys}	δ_{tot}
1500	0.020	0.052	0.036	0.025	0.044
1500	0.032	0.074	0.032	0.026	0.042
1500	0.050	0.076	0.039	0.028	0.048
1500	0.080	0.067	0.050	0.035	0.061
5000	0.050	0.088	0.037	0.024	0.044
5000	0.080	0.150	0.031	0.020	0.037
5000	0.130	0.160	0.036	0.023	0.043
5000	0.180	0.099	0.041	0.025	0.048
5000	0.250	0.089	0.049	0.039	0.062
5000	0.400	0.027	0.045	0.034	0.057
5000	0.650	-0.008	0.015	0.011	0.019
12000	0.180	0.149	0.077	0.021	0.080
12000	0.250	0.113	0.053	0.017	0.056
12000	0.400	0.035	0.038	0.019	0.043
12000	0.650	-0.007	0.015	0.011	0.018
Q^2 (GeV ²)	x	$xF_3^{\gamma Z}$	δ_{stat}	δ_{sys}	δ_{tot}
1500	0.026	0.59	0.22	0.17	0.28
1500	0.050	0.38	0.13	0.09	0.16
1500	0.080	0.57	0.12	0.08	0.14
1500	0.130	0.61	0.14	0.09	0.16
1500	0.180	0.37	0.12	0.06	0.13
1500	0.250	0.29	0.11	0.05	0.12
1500	0.400	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.09
1500	0.650	-0.02	0.03	0.02	0.04

the NC and CC cross sections rather than the difference between the e^\pm NC cross sections, gives a good description of the measurement. The averaged structure function is integrated [47] over the measured x range, yielding

$$\int_{0.026}^{0.650} F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2 = 1500 \text{ GeV}^2) dx = 1.28 \pm 0.17(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst.}),$$

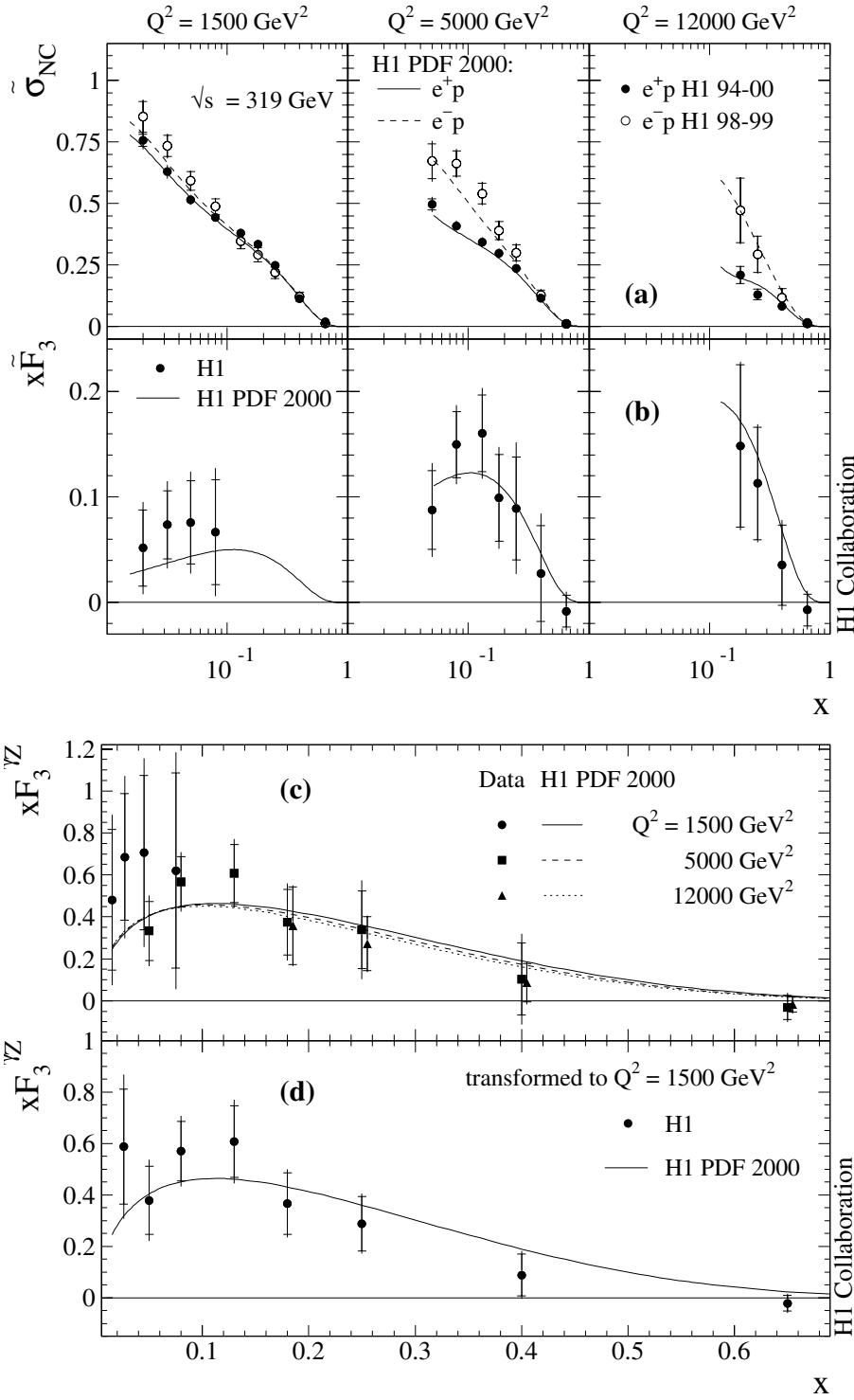


Fig. 18a–d. The measured NC reduced cross sections $\sigma_{NC}^{\pm}(x, Q^2)$ **a**, structure functions $x\bar{F}_3$ **b** and $xF_3^{\gamma/Z}$ **c**, shown for three different Q^2 values. The results are compared with the corresponding Standard Model expectations determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit. In **d**, the averaged structure function $x\bar{F}_3^{\gamma/Z}$ for a Q^2 value of 1500 GeV² is compared with the expectation determined from the same fit. The error bars are defined as for Fig. 5. The normalisation uncertainties of the e^-p and e^+p data sets are included in the systematic errors

which is in agreement with 1.06 ± 0.02 , as predicted from the H1 PDF 2000 fit.

5.7 The quark distributions xu and xd at large x

The flavour composition of the proton at high x may be disentangled by exploiting the NC and CC cross section

measurements. The e^+p CC cross section at large x is dominated by the d quark contribution as may be inferred from Fig. 13. Similarly the u distribution dominates the e^-p CC and e^+p NC cross sections at large x . Using data points for which the xu or xd contribution provides at least 70% of the cross section, as determined from the H1 PDF 2000 fit, the up and down quark distributions are determined locally, using the method described in [1,27]. The

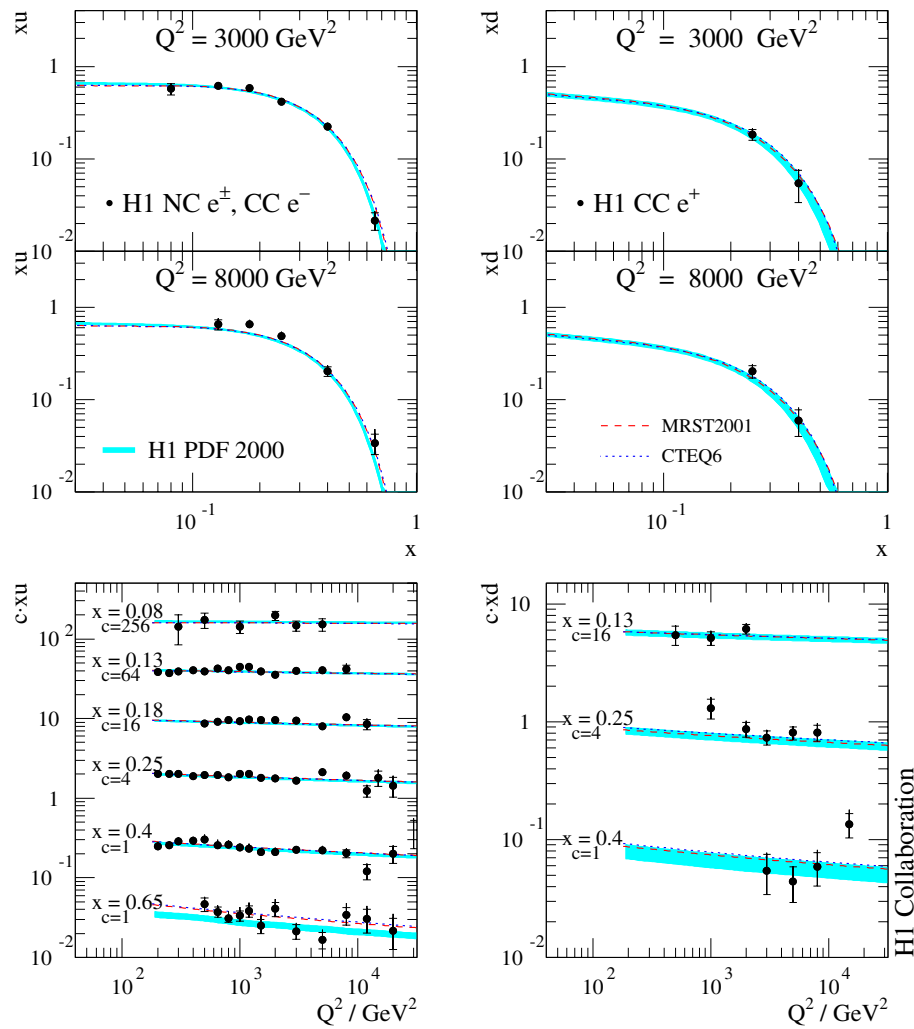


Fig. 19. The quark distributions xu and xd obtained from the local extraction method (solid points) in comparison with the expectations from the H1 PDF 2000 fit (error bands), MRST (dashed curves) and CTEQ (dotted curves)

extraction relies on weighting the differential cross section measurement with the calculated local flavour contribution and is illustrated in Fig. 19, where xu is the combined result from three independent extractions from the NC $e^\pm p$ and CC $e^- p$ data and xd is determined from the CC $e^+ p$ data only. This method is complementary to performing a QCD fit, since it is based on the *local* cross section measurements and is less sensitive to the parameterisations and dynamical assumptions used in the fit.

The extracted xu and xd distributions are further compared in Fig. 19 with the results of the H1 PDF 2000 fit by subtracting xc and $xs + xb$ from the fitted xU and xD . The two determinations are in good agreement. They also compare well with the recent parameterisations from the MRST [32] and CTEQ [33] groups except for xu at large $x = 0.65$, where the results of MRST and CTEQ, being constrained mainly by the BCDMS data, yield a larger up quark distribution.

6 Summary

New measurements are presented of inclusive deep inelastic neutral and charged current scattering cross sections

at high momentum transfers $Q^2 \geq 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ from recent $e^+ p$ data recorded in 1999 and 2000 by the H1 experiment at HERA. This analysis, together with previous analyses of the 1994 – 1997 $e^+ p$ and 1998 – 1999 $e^- p$ data, completes the H1 measurements of the inclusive cross sections at high Q^2 from the first phase of HERA operation.

The accuracy of the neutral current (NC) measurements presented here has reached the level of a few percent in the medium Q^2 range of $Q^2 < 3000 \text{ GeV}^2$. The very high Q^2 NC and charged current (CC) data are still limited by their statistical precision, which is expected to improve in the high luminosity phase of HERA.

For both $e^+ p$ and $e^- p$ scattering data, the region of very large inelasticity is explored, which allows a determination of the longitudinal structure function $F_L(x, Q^2)$ for the first time in the large momentum transfer range, $110 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q^2 \leq 700 \text{ GeV}^2$. The observed interference of the photon and Z exchange, differing between $e^+ p$ and $e^- p$ NC scattering at high Q^2 , is used to measure the structure function $x\tilde{F}_3$, superseding the earlier measurement.

The NC and CC cross sections in $e^\pm p$ scattering are sensitive to the sums of up- and down-type quark and anti-

quark distributions, xU , xD , $x\bar{U}$ and $x\bar{D}$. Based on these quark distribution decompositions, a novel NLO QCD analysis is performed, resulting in a first determination of the partonic nucleon structure from inclusive DIS scattering data from H1 alone. The experimental precision achieved in this analysis is about 3% and 10% respectively for xU and xD at $x = 0.4$. The resulting parton distributions are found to be in agreement with those obtained in an analysis also including the BCDMS muon-nucleon data at large x . The QCD analysis leads to a good description of all the fitted NC and CC cross section data and of the derived structure functions over more than four orders of magnitude in x and Q^2 .

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