

High Q^2 jet multiplicity

Incl. jet normalized to DIS NC cross section (H1)

HERA I - 65.4 pb⁻¹

HERA II - 320 pb⁻¹

reduced jet phase space:

$$-0.8 < \eta_{\text{lab}}^{\text{jet}} < 2$$

NLO pQCD (FastNLO):

$$\mu_F = Q; \quad \mu_R = E_T;$$

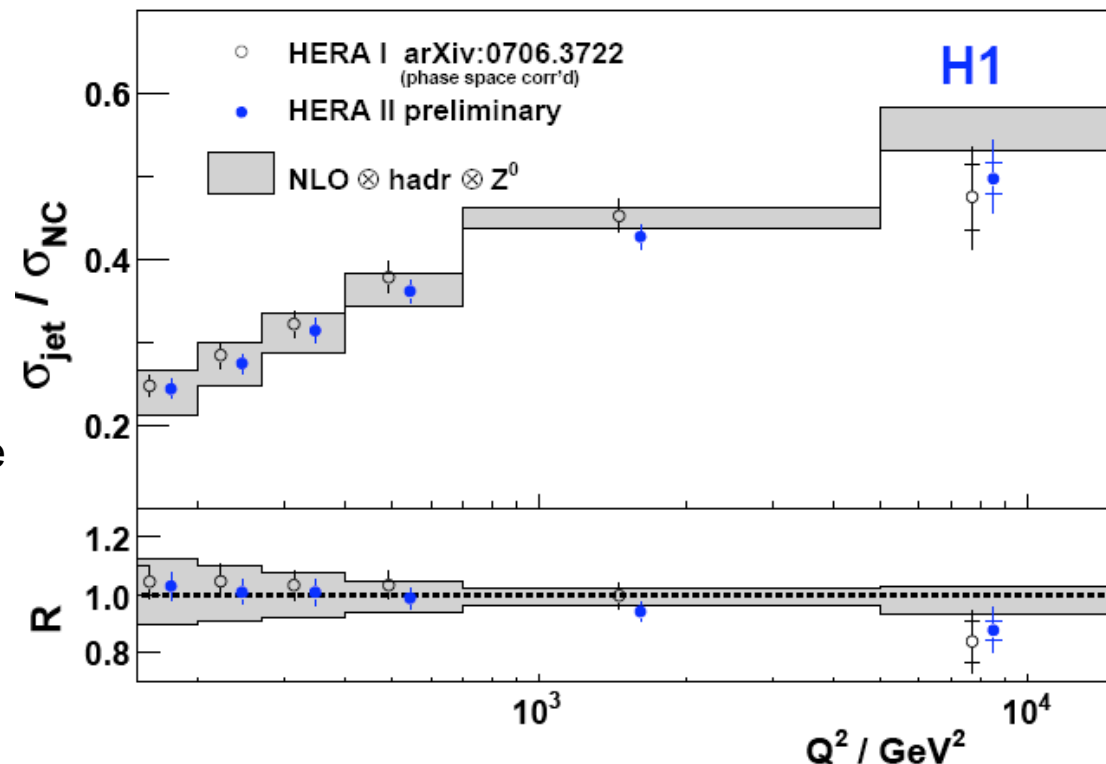
experimental uncertainties (~6%):

- jet energy scale (calibration) ~4%
- data correction model dependence ~2-3%

theory uncertainties (~5-10%):

- renormalization scale dependence (missing higher orders)
- PDF dependence

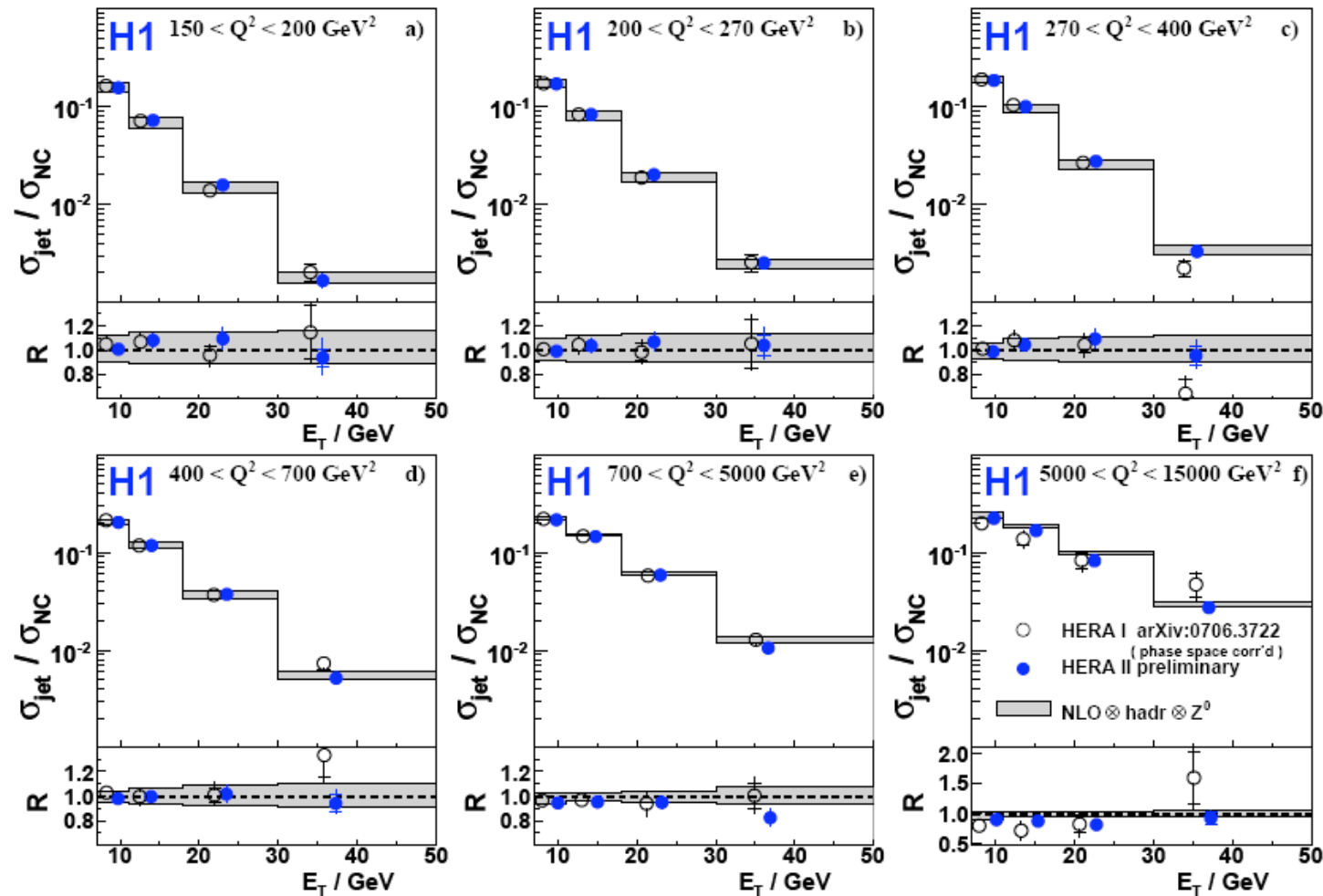
Partial cancellation of exp. syst. uncertainties:
~7% → 6% on multiplicities
=> ~ 40% reduction of experimental uncertainties on α_s



Good agreement with NLO QCD prediction

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Significant errors improvement at high Q^2 and E_T in HERA II compared to HERA I