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Q^2 -evolution of parton densities at small x values. Combined H1 and ZEUS F_2 data.

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(i.e. *min* information about initial conditions, or
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1. Introduction to DIS

A. Deep-inelastic scattering cross-section:

$$\sigma \sim L^{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Hadron part $F^{\mu\nu}$ ($Q^2 = -q^2 > 0$, $x = Q^2/[2(pq)]$):

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2}\right) F_1(x, Q^2) \\ - \left(p^\mu - \frac{(pq)}{q^2} q^\mu\right) \left(p^\nu - \frac{(pq)}{q^2} q^\nu\right) \frac{2x}{q^2} F_2(x, Q^2) + \dots,$$

where $F_k(x, Q^2)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, L$) - are DIS SF and q and p are photon and hadron (parton) momentums.

B. Wilson operator expansion: Mellin moments $M_k(n, Q^2)$ of DIS SF $F_k(x, Q^2)$ can be represented as sum

$$M_k(n, Q^2) = \sum_{a=NS, SI, g} \underbrace{C_k^a(n, Q^2/\mu^2)}_{\text{Coeff. function}} A_a(n, \mu^2),$$

where $A_a(n, \mu^2) = \langle N | \mathcal{O}_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n}^a | N \rangle$ are matrix elements of the Wilson operators $\mathcal{O}_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n}^a$.

C. The matrix elements $A_a(n, \mu^2)$ are Mellin moments of the unpolarized PD $f_a(n, \mu^2)$.

DGLAP [= Renormgroup] equations:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} f_a(x, Q^2) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \sum_b W_{b \rightarrow a}(x/y) f_b(y, Q^2). \quad (1)$$

The anomalous dimensions (AD) $\gamma_{ab}(n)$ of the twist-2 Wilson operators $\mathcal{O}_{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n}^a$ (hereafter $a_s = \alpha_s/(4\pi)$)

$$\gamma_{ab}(n) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} W_{b \rightarrow a}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma_{ab}^{(m)}(n) a_s^m,$$

All parton densities are multiplied by x , t.e.

structure function = combination of parton densities.

3. Method

(C.Lopez and F.J.Yndurain, 1980,1981), (A.V.K., 1994)

Here I present briefly the method, which leads to the possibility to replace the Mellin convolution of two functions

$$f_1(x) \otimes f_2(x) \equiv \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_1(y) f_2(x/y)$$

by a simple products at small x .

So, if $f_1(x) = B_k(x, Q^2)$ is perturbatively calculated Wilson kernel and $f_2(x) = x f_a(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\delta}$ at $x \rightarrow 0$, then

$$f_1(x) \otimes f_2(x) \approx M_k(1 + \delta, Q^2) f_2(x) \quad (2)$$

where $M_k(1 + \delta, Q^2)$ is the analytical continuation to non-integer arguments of the Mellin moment $M_k(n, Q^2)$ of $B_k(x, Q^2)$:

$$M_k(n, Q^2) = \int_0^1 x^{n-2} B_k(x, Q^2) \quad (3)$$

The equation (2) is correct if the moment $M_k(n, Q^2)$ has no singularity at $n \rightarrow 1$.

Remember !!! The Mellin convolution of two functions

$$f_1(x) \otimes f_2(x) \equiv \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_1(y) f_2(x/y)$$

3. Generalized double-logarithmic approach

(A.V.K. and G.Parente, 1998),

(A.Yu.Illarionov, A.V.K. and G.Parente, 2004)

(Generalized double asymptotic scaling)

1 Leading order without quarks (a pedagogical example)

At the momentum space, the solution of the DGLAP equation is

$$M_g(n, Q^2) = M_g(n, Q_0^2) e^{-d_{gg}(n)s},$$

where $M_g(n, Q^2)$ are the moments of the gluon distribution,

$$s = \ln \left(\frac{a_s(Q_0^2)}{a_s(Q^2)} \right), \quad a_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad d_{gg} = \frac{\gamma_{gg}^{(0)}(n)}{2\beta_0}$$

The terms $\gamma_{gg}^{(0)}(n)$ and β_0 are respectively the LO coefficients of the gluon-gluon AD and the QCD β -function.

For any perturbatively calculable variable $Q(n)$, it is very convenient to separate the singular part when $n \rightarrow 1$ (denoted by " \widehat{Q} ") and the regular part (marked as " \overline{Q} "):

$$Q(n) = \frac{\widehat{Q}}{n-1} + \overline{Q}(n)$$

Then, the above equation can be represented by the form

$$M_g(n, Q^2) = M_g(n, Q_0^2) e^{-\hat{d}_{gg} s_{LO}/(n-1)} e^{-\bar{d}_{gg}(n) s_{LO}},$$

with $\hat{\gamma}_{gg} = -8C_A$ and $C_A = N$ for $SU(N)$ group.

Finally, if one takes the flat boundary conditions (i.e. *min* information about initial conditions, or *min* contribution from initial conditions.)

$$x f_a(x, Q_0^2) = A_a, \quad \rightarrow \quad M_a(n, Q_0^2) = \frac{A_a}{n-1} \quad (4)$$

1.1 Classical double-logarithmic case ($\bar{d}_{gg}(n) = 0$)

(A.D.Rujula, S.L.Glashow, H.D.Politzer, S.B.Treiman, F.Wilczek and A.Zee, 1974)

Then, expanding the second exponential in the above equation

$$M_g^{cdl}(n, Q^2) = A_g \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{(-\hat{d}_{gg} s_{LO})^k}{(n-1)^{k+1}}$$

and using the Mellin transformation for $(\ln(1/x))^k$:

$$\int_0^1 dx x^{n-2} (\ln(1/x))^k = \frac{k!}{(n-1)^{k+1}}$$

we immediately obtain the well known double-logarithmic behavior

$$f_g^{cdl}(x, Q^2) = A_g \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} (-\hat{d}_{gg} s_{LO})^k (\ln(1/x))^k = A_g I_0(\sigma_{LO}),$$

where $I_0(\sigma_{LO})$ is the modified Bessel function with argument $\sigma_{LO} = 2\sqrt{\hat{d}_{gg} s_{LO} \ln(x)}$. (R.D.Ball and S.Forte, 1994),

1.2 The more general case

For a regular kernel $\tilde{K}(x)$, having Mellin moment
(nonsingular at $n \rightarrow 1$)

$$K(n) = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-2} \tilde{K}(x)$$

and the PD $f_a(x)$ in the form $I_\nu(\sqrt{\hat{d} \ln(1/x)})$ we have the following equation

$$\tilde{K}(x) \otimes f_a(x) = K(1) f_a(x) + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\hat{d}}{\ln(1/x)}}\right)$$

So, one can find the general solution for the LO gluon density without the influence of quarks

$$f_g(x, Q^2) = A_g I_0(\sigma_{LO}) e^{-\bar{d}_{gg}(1) s_{LO}} + O(\rho_{LO}),$$

where (R.D.Ball and S.Forte, 1994)

$$\rho_{LO} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{d}_{gg} s_{LO}}{\ln(x)}} = \frac{\sigma_{LO}}{2 \ln(1/x)}, \quad \bar{\gamma}_{gg}^{(0)}(1) = 22 + \frac{4}{3}f$$

and

$$\bar{d}_{gg}(1) = 1 + \frac{4f}{3\beta_0}$$

with f as the number of active quarks.

2 Leading order (complete)

At the momentum space, the solution of the DGLAP equation at LO has the form (*after diagonalization*)

$$M_a(n, Q^2) = M_a^+(n, Q^2) + M_a^-(n, Q^2) \quad \text{and}$$
$$M_a^\pm(n, Q^2) = M_a^\pm(n, Q_0^2) e^{-d_\pm(n)s} = M_a^\pm e^{-\hat{d}_\pm s / (n-1)} e^{-\bar{d}_\pm(n)s},$$

where $(\varepsilon_{ab}^\pm(n))$ are projectors)

$$M_a^\pm(n, Q^2) = \varepsilon_{ab}^\pm(n) M_b(n, Q^2), \quad d_{ab} = \frac{\gamma_{ab}^{(0)}(n)}{2\beta_0}, \quad (5)$$

As the singular (when $n \rightarrow 1$) part of the + component of the anomalous dimension is **!!!** $\hat{\gamma}_+ = \hat{\gamma}_{gg} = -8C_A$ **!!!** while the – component does not exist: **!!!** $(\hat{\gamma}_- = 0)$ **!!!**, we consider below both cases separately.

2.1 The “+” component

The analysis of the “+” component is practically identical to the case studied before. The only difference lies in the appearance of new terms $\varepsilon_{ab}^+(n)$!!! . If they are expanded in the vicinity of $n = 1$ in the form $\varepsilon_{ab}^+(n) = \bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ + (n - 1)\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+$, !!! then for the terms $\bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+$ multiplying $M_b(n, Q^2)$, we have the same results as in previous section:

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ M_b(n, Q^2) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}^{-1}} \bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ A_b I_0(\sigma_{LO}) e^{-\bar{d}_+(1)s_{LO}} + O(\rho_{LO}),$$

where the symbol $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}^{-1}}$ denotes the inverse Mellin transformation.

The values of σ and ρ coincide with those defined in the previous section because $\hat{d}_+ = \hat{d}_{gg}$.

The terms $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+$ that come with the additional factor $(n - 1)$ in front, lead to the following results

$$(n - 1)\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ \frac{A_b}{(n - 1)} e^{-\hat{d}_+ s_{LO}/(n-1)} = \tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ A_b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{(-\hat{d}_+ s_{LO})^k}{(n - 1)^k}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}^{-1}} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ A_b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{1}{(k - 1)!} (-\hat{d}_+ s_{LO})^k (\ln(1/x))^{k-1}$$

$$= \tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ A_b \rho_{LO} I_1(\sigma_{LO}),$$

i.e. the additional factor $(n - 1)$ in momentum space leads to replacing the Bessel function $I_0(\sigma_{LO})$ by $\rho_{LO} I_1(\sigma_{LO})$ in x -space.

Thus, we obtain that the term $\varepsilon_{ab}^+(n) M_b(n, Q^2)$ leads to the following contribution in x space **!!!** :

$$(\bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ I_0(\sigma_{LO}) + \tilde{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ \rho_{LO} I_1(\sigma_{LO})) A_b e^{-\bar{d}_+(1) s_{LO}} + O(\rho_{LO})$$

Because the Bessel function $I_\nu(\sigma)$ has the ν -independent asymptotic behavior **!!!** $e^\sigma/\sqrt{\sigma}$ at $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e. $x \rightarrow 0$), the second term is $O(\rho)$ and must be kept only **!!!** when $\bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^+ = 0$. This is the case for the quark distribution at the LO approximation.

Using the concrete AD values, one has

$$f_g^+(x, Q^2) = (A_g + \frac{4}{9}A_q)I_0(\sigma_{LO})e^{-\bar{d}_+(1)s_{LO}} + O(\rho_{LO}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$f_q^+(x, Q^2) = \frac{f}{9}(A_g + \frac{4}{9}A_q)\rho_{LO}I_1(\sigma_{LO})e^{-\bar{d}_+(1)s_{LO}} + O(\rho_{LO})$$

where $\bar{d}_+(1) = 1 + 20f/(27\beta_0)$.

2.2 the “-” component

In this case the anomalous dimension is regular !!! and one has

$$\varepsilon_{ab}^-(n) A_b e^{-d_-(n)s} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}^{-1}} \bar{\varepsilon}_{ab}^-(1) A_b e^{-d_-(1)s_{LO}} + O(x)$$

Using the concrete AD values !!! , we have

$$f_g^-(x, Q^2) = -\frac{4}{9} A_q e^{-d_-(1)s_{LO}} + O(x) \text{ and}$$

$$f_q^-(x, Q^2) = A_q e^{-d_-(1)s_{LO}} + O(x),$$

where $d_-(1) = 16f/(27\beta_0)$.

Finally we present the full small x asymptotic results for PD and F_2 structure function at LO of perturbation theory:

$$f_a(x, Q^2) = f_a^+(x, Q^2) + f_a^-(x, Q^2) \quad \text{and}$$
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = e \cdot f_q(z, Q^2)$$

where f_q^+, f_g^+, f_q^- and f_g^- were already given before and $e = \frac{\sum_1^f e_i^2}{f}$ is the average charge square of the f active quarks.

Extension to NLO is trivial and can be found in (A.V.K. and G.Parente, 1998)

4. Fits of HERA data

At low x , the structure function $F_2(x, Q^2)$ is related to parton densities as (A.V.K. and G.Parente, 1998)

at LO

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{5}{18} f_q(x, Q^2)$$

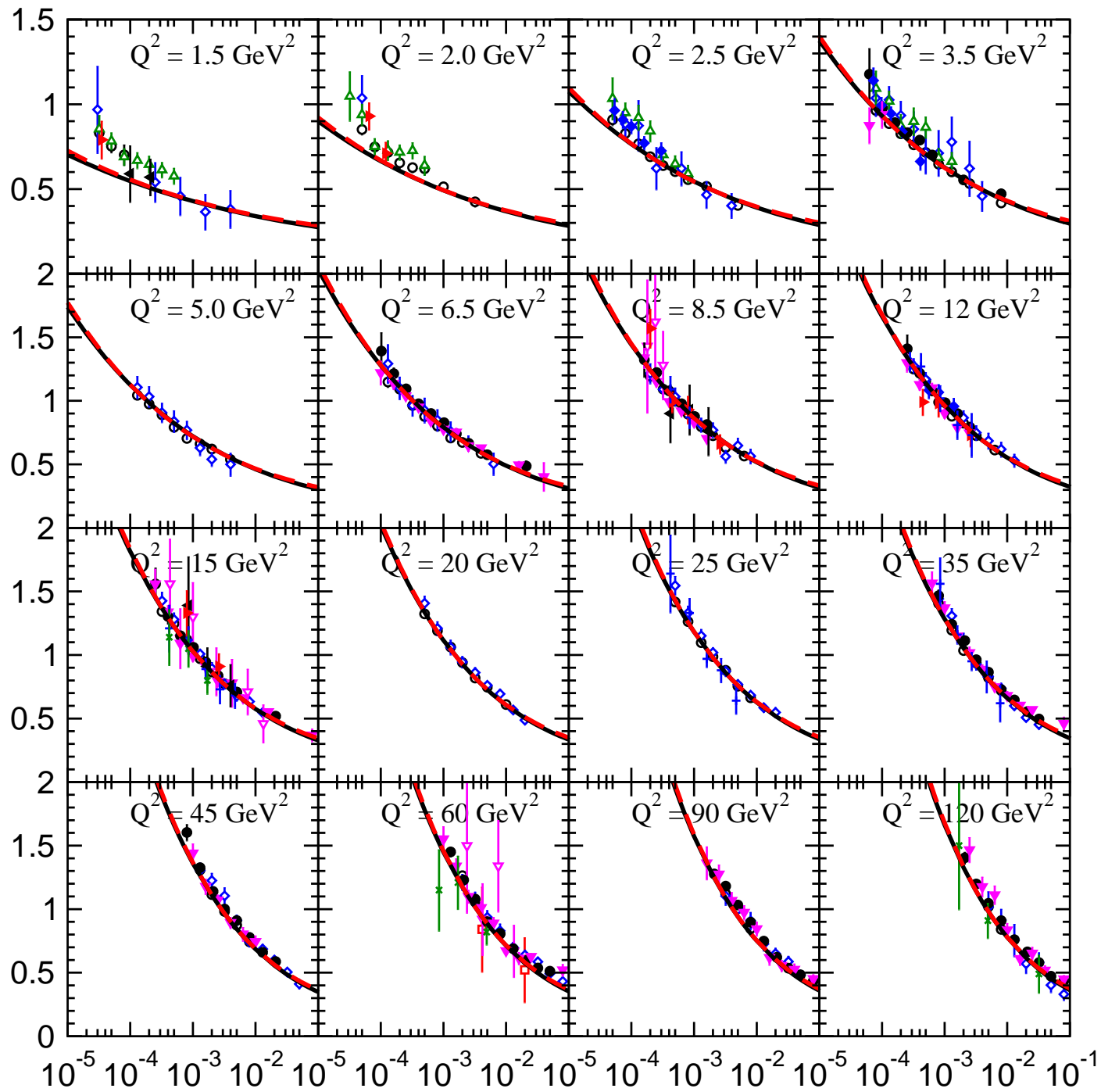
at NLO

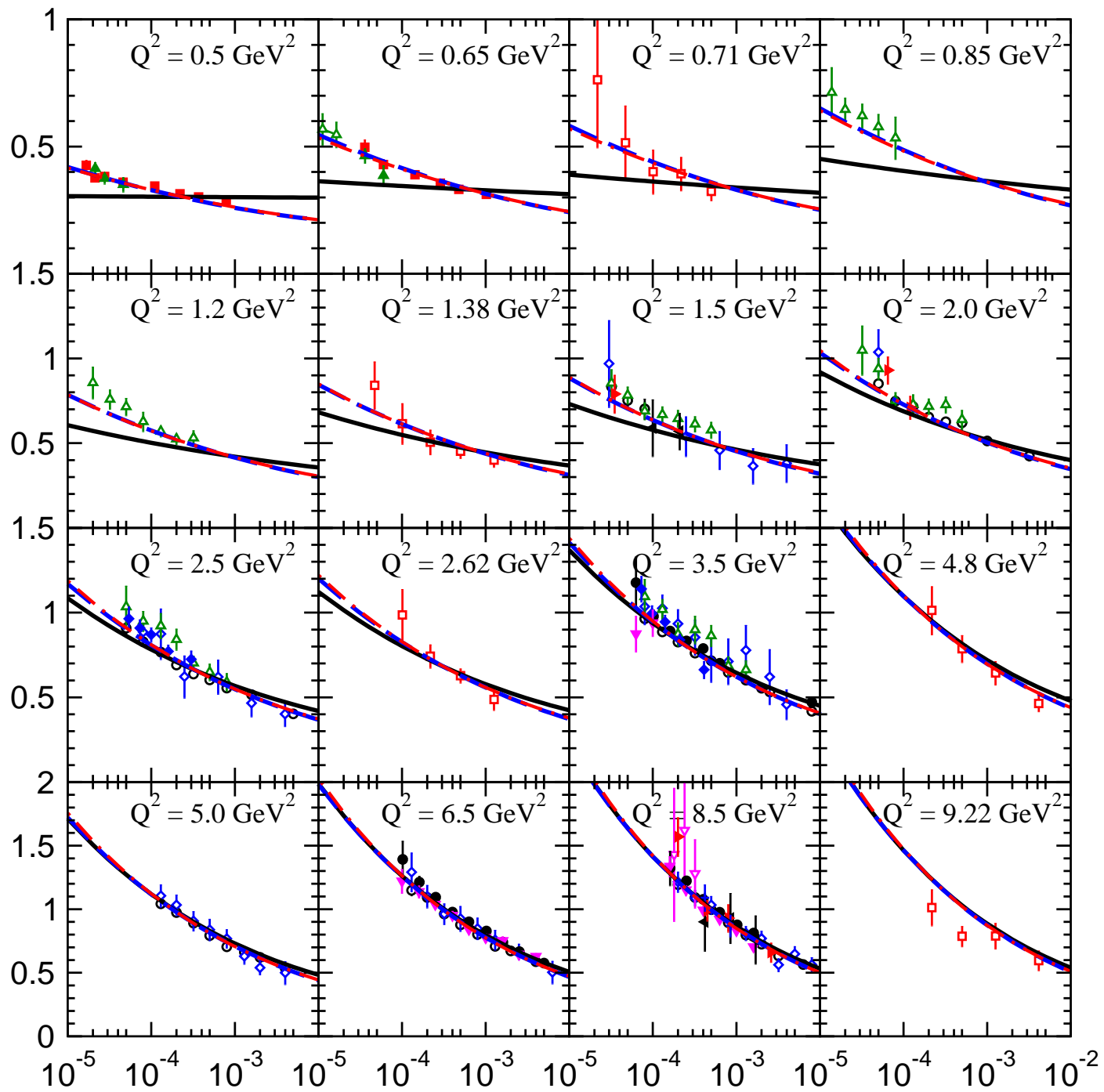
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{5}{18} \left[f_q(x, Q^2) + \frac{2f}{3} a_s(Q^2) f_g(x, Q^2) \right].$$

Fits of HERA experimental data of the structure function $F_2(x, Q^2)$ (A.Yu.Illarionov, A.V.K. and G.Parente, 2004)

!!! Only three parameters: Q_0^2 , A_q and A_g

Λ_{QCD} cannot be extracted in small x Physics.





5. Analytical and “frozen” coupling constants

Two modifications of the coupling constant (G.Cvetic, A.Yu.Illarinov, B.A. Kniehl, and A.V.K., 2009); (A.V.K. and B.G. Shaikhatdenov, 2012)

A. More phenomenological.

(G.Curci, M.Greco and Y.Sristava, 1979), (M.Greco, G. Penso and Y.Sristava, 1980), (N.N.Nikolaev and B.M.Zakharov, 1991,1992), (B.Badelek,J.Kwiecinski and A.Stasto, 1997), (A.M.Badalian and Yu.A.Simonov, 1997)

We introduce freezing of the coupling constant by changing its argument $Q^2 \rightarrow Q^2 + M_\rho^2$, where M_ρ is usually the ρ -meson mass. Thus, in the formulae of the previous Sections we should do the following replacement

$$a_s(Q^2) \rightarrow a_{fr}(Q^2) \equiv a_s(Q^2 + M_\rho^2) \quad (6)$$

B. Theoretical approach.

Incorporates the Shirkov-Solovtsov idea (D.V.Shirkov and L.I.Solovtsov, 1997), about analyticity of the coupling constant that leads to the additional its power dependence.

(K.A.Milton, A.V. Nesterenko, O.Solovtsova, G. Cvetič,
C. Valenzuela, I. Schmidt, O. Teryaev, N. Stefanis, A. Bakulev,
S. Mikhailov, ...)

Then, in the formulae of the previous Section the coupling constant $a_s(Q^2)$ should be replaced as follows

$$a_{an}^{LO}(Q^2) = a_s(Q^2) - \frac{1}{\beta_0} \frac{\Lambda_{LO}^2}{Q^2 - \Lambda_{LO}^2} \quad (7)$$

at the LO approximation and

$$a_{an}(Q^2) = a_s(Q^2) - \frac{1}{2\beta_0} \frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2 - \Lambda^2} + \dots \quad (8)$$

at the NLO approximation, where the symbol ... marks numerically small terms.

The replacement (7) and (8) is applicable only for rather large values of $Q^2!!!$

For lower Q^2 values it is better to use the fraction analytic perturbation theory

[\(A. Bakulev, S. Mikhailov, N. Stefanis, 2005\)](#) , but its direct application is rather difficult.

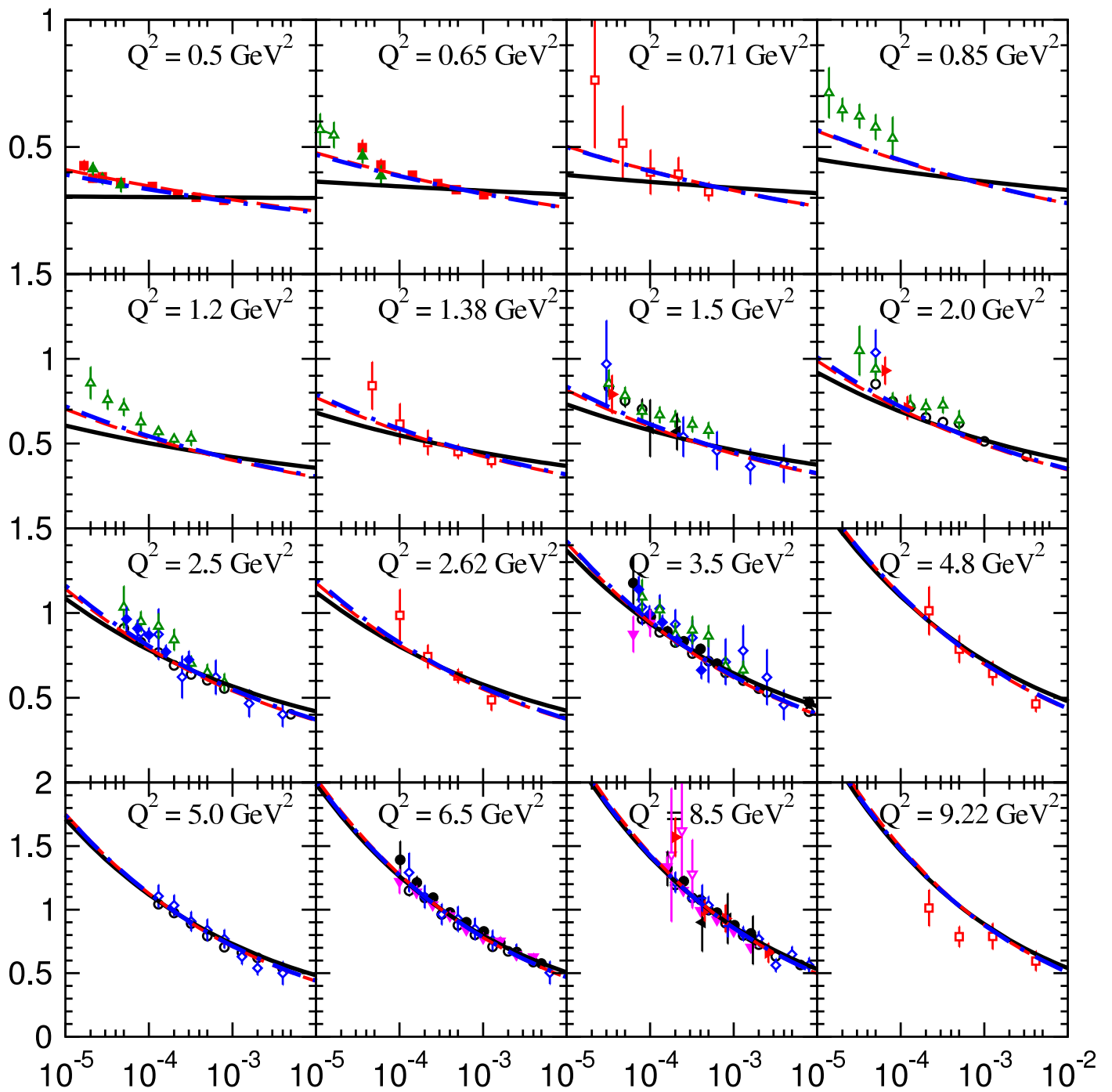


Table 1: The result of the LO and NLO fits to H1 and ZEUS data for different low Q^2 cuts. In the fits f is fixed to 4 flavors.

	A_g	A_q	Q_0^2 [GeV 2]	$\chi^2/n.o.p.$
$Q^2 \geq 1.5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	$0.784 \pm .016$	$0.801 \pm .019$	$0.304 \pm .003$	754/609
LO&an.	$0.932 \pm .017$	$0.707 \pm .020$	$0.339 \pm .003$	632/609
LO&fr.	$1.022 \pm .018$	$0.650 \pm .020$	$0.356 \pm .003$	547/609
NLO	$-0.200 \pm .011$	$0.903 \pm .021$	$0.495 \pm .006$	798/609
NLO&an.	$0.310 \pm .013$	$0.640 \pm .022$	$0.702 \pm .008$	655/609
NLO&fr.	$0.180 \pm .012$	$0.780 \pm .022$	$0.661 \pm .007$	669/609
$Q^2 \geq 0.5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	$0.641 \pm .010$	$0.937 \pm .012$	$0.295 \pm .003$	1090/662
LO&an.	$0.846 \pm .010$	$0.771 \pm .013$	$0.328 \pm .003$	803/662
LO&fr.	$1.127 \pm .011$	$0.534 \pm .015$	$0.358 \pm .003$	679/662
NLO	$-0.192 \pm .006$	$1.087 \pm .012$	$0.478 \pm .006$	1229/662
NLO&an.	$0.281 \pm .008$	$0.634 \pm .016$	$0.680 \pm .007$	633/662
NLO&fr.	$0.205 \pm .007$	$0.650 \pm .016$	$0.589 \pm .006$	670/662

- Usage of the analytical and “frozen” coupling constants leads to improvement with data: χ^2 decreased twice
- Really, no difference between results based on the analytical and “frozen” coupling constants.

!!! One example of application the analytical and “frozen” coupling constants: (A.V.Kotikov, A.V.Lipatov and N.P.Zotov, 2004)

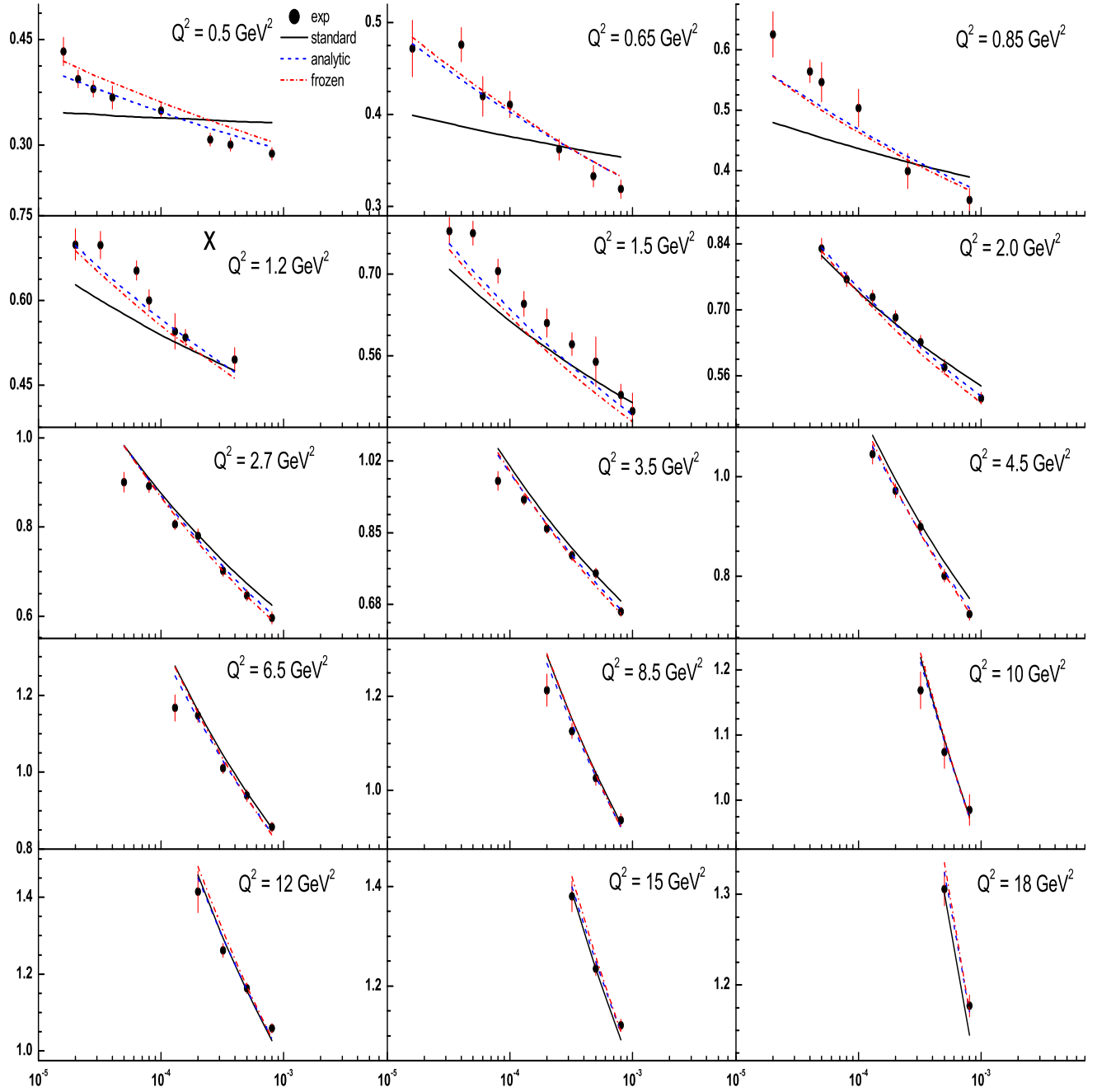
New *H1&ZEUS* (2010) experimental data for F_2 :
(F.D. Aaron *et al.*, 2010)

there is a good agreement for $Q^2 \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.

Table 2: The results of LO and NLO fits to H1 & ZEUS data with various lower cuts on Q^2 ; in the fits the n is fixed to 4.

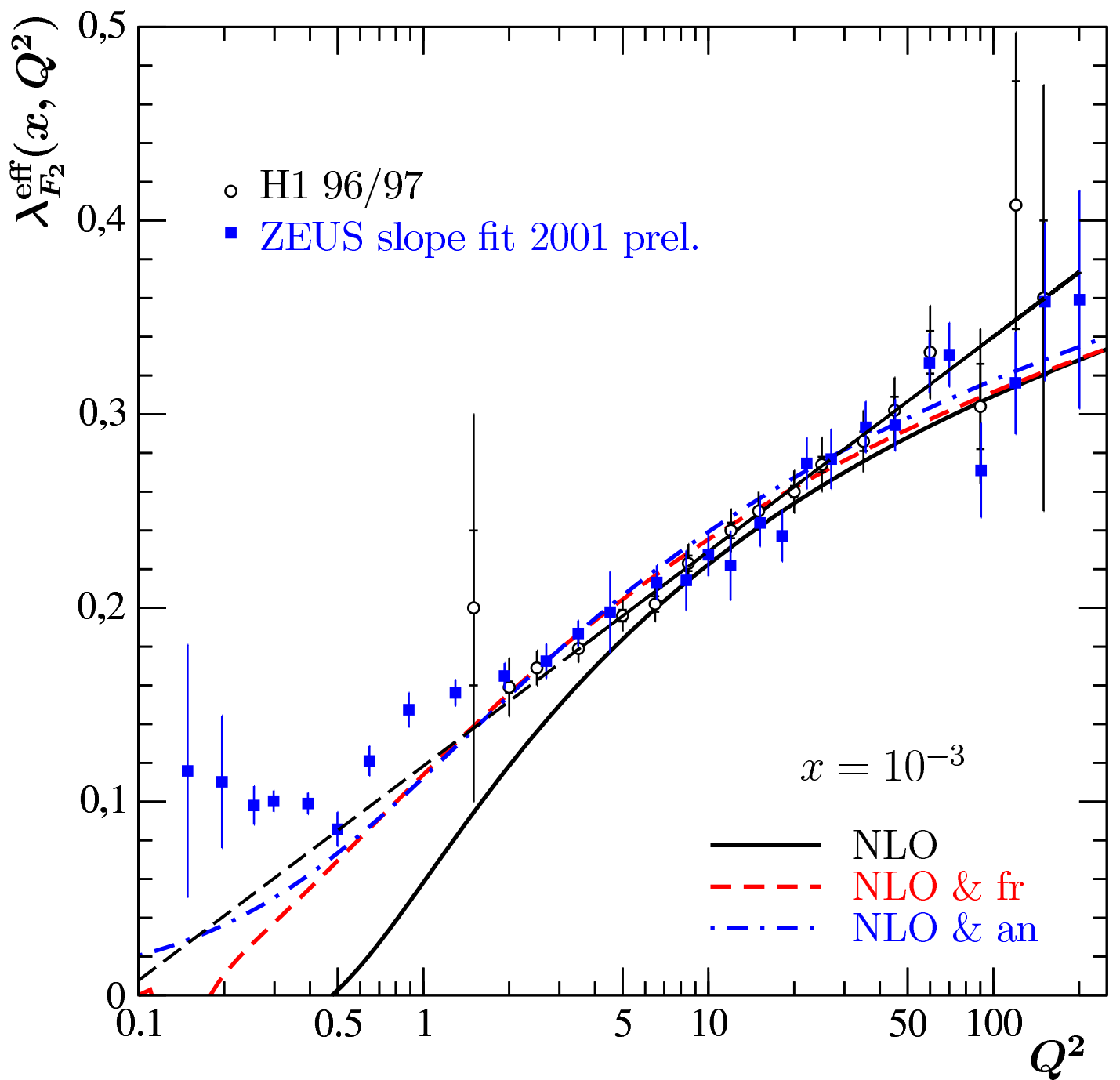
	A_g	A_q	Q_0^2 [GeV 2]	$\chi^2/n.d.f.$
$Q^2 \geq 5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	0.623±0.055	1.204±0.093	0.437±0.022	1.00
LO&an.	0.796±0.059	1.103±0.095	0.494±0.024	0.85
LO&fr.	0.782±0.058	1.110±0.094	0.485±0.024	0.82
NLO	-0.252±0.041	1.335±0.100	0.700±0.044	1.05
NLO&an.	0.102±0.046	1.029±0.106	1.017±0.060	0.74
NLO&fr.	-0.132±0.043	1.219±0.102	0.793±0.049	0.86
$Q^2 \geq 3.5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	0.542±0.028	1.089±0.055	0.369±0.011	1.73
LO&an.	0.758±0.031	0.962±0.056	0.433±0.013	1.32
LO&fr.	0.775±0.031	0.950±0.056	0.432±0.013	1.23
NLO	-0.310±0.021	1.246±0.058	0.556±0.023	1.82
NLO&an.	0.116±0.024	0.867±0.064	0.909±0.330	1.04
NLO&fr.	-0.135±0.022	1.067±0.061	0.678±0.026	1.27
$Q^2 \geq 2.5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	0.526±0.023	1.049±0.045	0.352±0.009	1.87
LO&an.	0.761±0.025	0.919±0.046	0.422±0.010	1.38
LO&fr.	0.794±0.025	0.900±0.047	0.425±0.010	1.30
NLO	-0.322±0.017	1.212±0.048	0.517±0.018	2.00
NLO&an.	0.132±0.020	0.825±0.053	0.898±0.026	1.09
NLO&fr.	-0.123±0.018	1.016±0.051	0.658±0.021	1.31
$Q^2 \geq 0.5\text{GeV}^2$				
LO	0.366±0.011	1.052±0.016	0.295±0.005	5.74
LO&an.	0.665±0.012	0.804±0.019	0.356±0.006	3.13
LO&fr.	0.874±0.012	0.575±0.021	0.368±0.006	2.96
NLO	-0.443±0.008	1.260±0.012	0.387±0.010	6.62
NLO&an.	0.121±0.008	0.656±0.024	0.764±0.015	1.84
NLO&fr.	-0.071±0.007	0.712±0.023	0.529±0.011	2.79

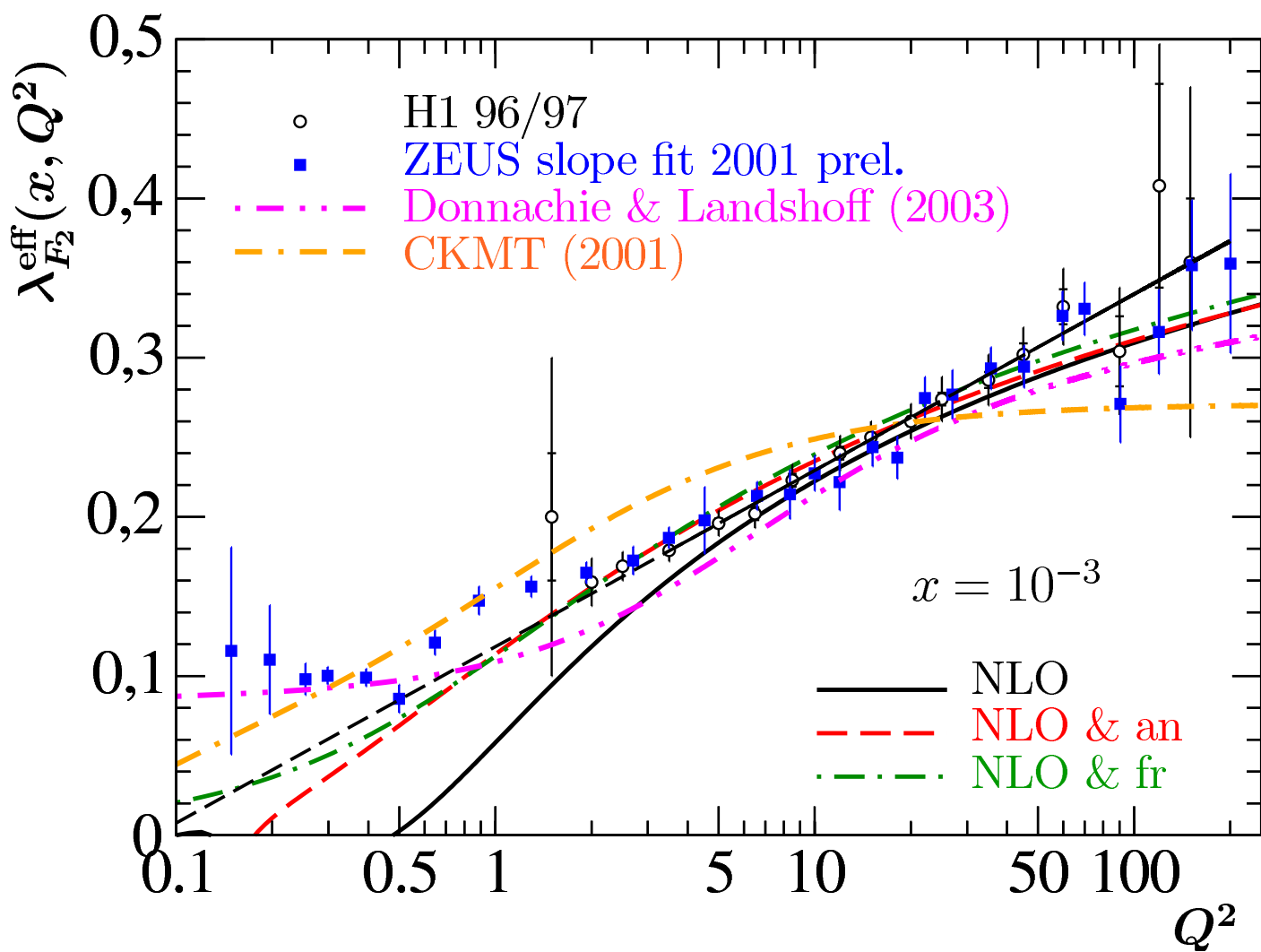
$F_2(x, Q^2)$

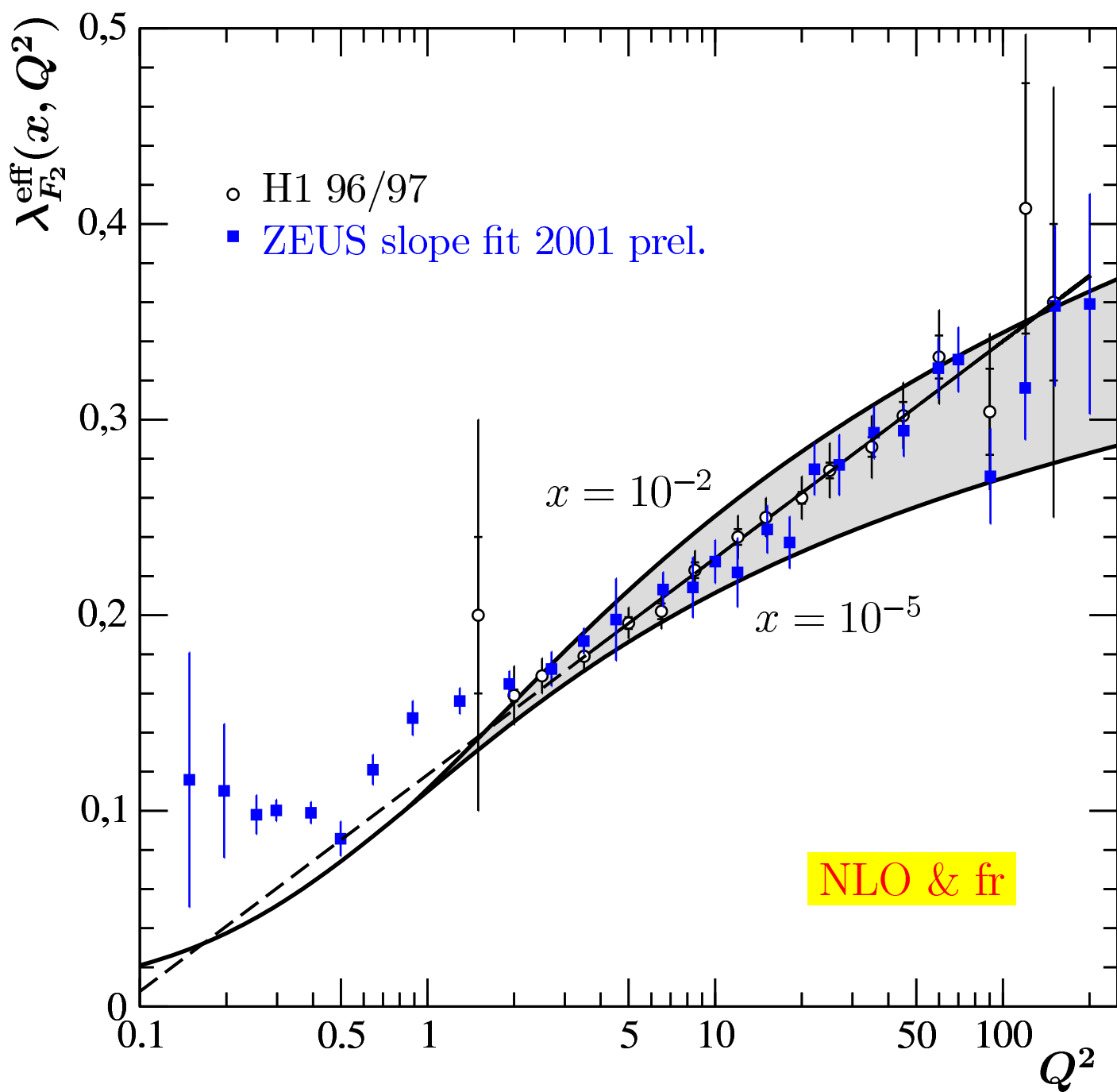


The results for F_2 and for the slope of the SF F_2
The double-logarithmic behaviour can mimic a power law shape
over a limited region of x, Q^2 .

$$f_a(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda_a^{eff}(x, Q^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad F_2(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda_{F_2}^{eff}(x, Q^2)}$$







Conclusion

- I have demonstrated the low x asymptotics of parton densities and SF F_2 .
 - Low x asymptotics of F_2 are in good agreement with data from HERA at $Q^2 \geq 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$.
 - Usage of the analytical and “frozen” coupling constants leads to improvement with data from HERA at $Q^2 \leq 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, including the new H1+ZEUS data for F_2 .
- (F.D. Aaron *et al.*, 2010).

Next steps:

- To add the NNLO corrections (which has $\sim 1/(n-1)^2$ poles at $n \rightarrow 1$). So, the NNLO small- x asymptotics $\sim \exp[\sim (\ln(1/x))^{2/3}]$ is more singular than the corresponding LO and NLO ones $\sim \exp[\sim \sqrt{\ln(1/x)}]$.
- To consider the new H1+ZEUS data for F_2^c .
(H. Abramowitz *et al.*, 2012).