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Inclusive Dijet Production at Low Bjorken-x in Deep Inelastic Scattering

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Abstract

Dijet production in deep inelastic ep scattering is investigated in the region of low values of the Bjorken-variable x ($10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$) and low photon virtualities Q^2 ($5 < Q^2 < 100$ GeV^2). The measured dijet cross sections are compared with perturbative QCD calculations in next-to-leading order. For most dijet variables studied, these calculations can provide a reasonable description of the data over the full phase space region covered, including the region of very low x. However, large discrepancies at low x and low Q^2 are observed for events with small separation in azimuth between the two highest transverse momentum jets. This region of phase space is described better by predictions based on the CCFM evolution equation, which incorporates k_t factorized unintegrated parton distributions. A reasonable description can be also obtained using the Color Dipole Model or models incorporating virtual photon structure.

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1 Introduction

Dijet production in deep inelastic lepton-proton scattering (DIS) provides an important testing ground for Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD). At HERA, data are collected over a large range of the negative four-momentum transfer squared, Q^2, the Bjorken-variable x and the transverse energy, E_T, of the observed jets. HERA dijet data may be used to gain insight into the dynamics of the parton cascade exchanged in low-x lepton-proton interactions. Since in this region of phase space photon-gluon fusion (Figure 1a) is the dominant underlying process for dijet production, such measurements open the possibility of studying the unintegrated gluon distribution, first introduced in [1, 2].

In leading order (LO), *i.e.* $O(\alpha_s)$, dijet production in DIS is described by the boson-gluon fusion and QCD-Compton processes (Figure 1a, b). The cross section depends on the fractional momentum x of the incoming parton, where the probability distribution of x is given by the parton density functions (PDFs) of the proton. The evolution of the PDFs with the factorization scale, μ_f^2, is generally described by the DGLAP equations [3]. To leading logarithmic accuracy, this is equivalent to the exchange of a parton cascade, with the exchanged partons strongly ordered in virtuality up to Q^2. For low x this becomes approximately an ordering in k_t, the transverse momentum of the partons in the cascade (Fig. 1c). This paradigm has been highly successful in the description of jet production at HERA at large values of Q^2 or E_T^2 of the jets [4–7].

The DGLAP approximation is expected to breakdown at low x, as it only resums leading logarithms in Q^2 and neglects contributions from $\log 1/x$ terms, which are present in the full perturbative expansion. This breakdown may have been observed in forward jet and forward particle production at HERA [8–12].

Several theoretical approaches exist which account for low-x effects not incorporated into the standard DGLAP approach. At very low values of x it is believed that the theoretically most appropriate description is given by the BFKL evolution equations [2, 13], which resum large logarithms of $1/x$ up to all orders. The BFKL resummation imposes no restriction on the ordering of the transverse momenta within the parton cascade. Thus off-shell matrix elements have to be used together with an unintegrated gluon distribution function, $f(x, \tilde{\mu}_f^2, k_t)$, which depends on the gluon transverse momentum k_t as well as x and a hard scale $\tilde{\mu}_f$. A promising approach to parton evolution at low and larger values of x is given by the CCFM [14] evolution equation, which, by means of angular-ordered parton emission, is equivalent to the BFKL ansatz for $x \to 0$, while reproducing the DGLAP equations at large x.

Experimentally, deviations from the DGLAP approach may best be observed by selecting events in a phase space region where the main assumption, the strong ordering in k_t of the exchanged partons in the cascade, is no longer expected to be fulfilled. This is the case at low x. Parton emission along the exchanged gluon ladder (Fig. 1c) increases with decreasing x. This may lead to large transverse momenta of the partons entering the hard scattering process, such that in the hadronic (photon-proton) center-of-mass system (cms) the two partons produced in the hard scattering process (Fig 1a,b) are no longer balanced in transverse momentum. For the final state studied here, one then expects an excess of events in which the two hardest jets are no

longer back-to-back in azimuth. Such configurations are not included in LO DGLAP-based calculations, necessitating the inclusion of additional contributions when calculating cross sections at low x.

An alternative approach to modelling additional contributions [15] due to non-k_t-ordered parton cascades is given by the concept of virtual photon structure. This approach mimics higher order QCD effects at low x by introducing a second k_t-ordered parton cascade on the resolved photon side, evolving according to the DGLAP formalism. This resolved contribution is expected to contribute for squared transverse jet energies, E_T^2, greater than Q^2, which is the case for most of the phase space of the present analysis. Virtual photon structure is expected to be suppressed with increasing Q^2. Leading-order QCD models which include the effects of a resolved component to the virtual photon have been successful in describing dijet production at low Q^2 [16].

The aim of this paper is to provide new data in order to identify those regions of phase space in which next-to-leading order (NLO) DGLAP-based QCD calculations are able to correctly describe the underlying dynamics of the exchanged parton cascade and those in which the measurements deviate from the DGLAP based predictions. Where deviations are observed, the data are compared with other QCD inspired models. Dijet production at low x and low Q^2 is an appropriate tool for this purpose as the jet topology reflects the dynamics of the parton cascade [17–19]. Therefore, dijet cross sections are measured multi-differentially as a function of observables particularly sensitive to low-x dynamics, considerably extending an earlier analysis [20] in terms of the observables studied, the kinematic reach and statistical precision.

2 Experimental Environment

The measurement presented is based on data collected with the H1 detector at HERA during the years 1996 and 1997. During this period the HERA collider was operated with positrons[1] of 27.6 GeV energy and protons with energy of 820 GeV. The data set used corresponds to a total integrated luminosity of 21 pb^{-1}.

The H1 detector consists of a number of sub-detectors [21] providing complementary and redundant measurements of various aspects of the final state of high energy electron-proton collisions. The detector components which are most important for this analysis are the backward calorimeter, SpaCal [22], together with the backward drift chamber, BDC [23], for identifying the scattered electron, and the Liquid-Argon (LAr) calorimeter [24] for the measurement of the hadronic final state. The central tracking system is used for the determination of the event vertex and to improve the hadronic energy measurement by the LAr calorimeter [25].

The SpaCal is a lead/scintillating-fiber calorimeter covering polar angles[2] in the range $153^\circ < \theta < 177.5^\circ$. Its electromagnetic part has a depth of 28 radiation lengths and provides an energy resolution of $\sigma_E/E \approx 0.07/\sqrt{E[\mathrm{GeV}]} \oplus 0.01$ [26]. Remaining leakage of electromagnetic showers and energy depositions of hadrons are measured in the hadronic part of the SpaCal. The

[1] In this paper we refer to the incident and scattered lepton as "electron".

[2] The z axis of the right-handed coordinate system used by H1 is defined to lie along the direction of the proton beam with the origin at the nominal ep interaction vertex.

accuracy of the polar angle measurement of the scattered electron, using the vertex position and the BDC ($156^\circ < \theta < 175^\circ$) is 0.5 mrad [27].

The LAr calorimeter covers the angular region $4^\circ < \theta < 154^\circ$. Its total depth varies between 4.5 and 8 interaction lengths, depending on the polar angle. It has an energy resolution of $\sigma_E/E \approx 0.50/\sqrt{E[\mathrm{GeV}]} \oplus 0.02$ for charged pions [28]. The LAr calorimeter surrounds the central tracking system, which consists of multi-wire proportional chambers and drift chambers, providing measurements of charged particles with polar angles of $15^\circ < \theta < 165^\circ$.

The SpaCal and LAr calorimeters are surrounded by a superconducting solenoid, which provides a uniform field of 1.15 T parallel to the beam axis in the region of the tracking system, allowing track momentum measurements.

The luminosity is determined from the rate of the Bethe-Heitler process ($ep \to ep\gamma$). The luminosity monitor consists of an electron tagger and a photon detector, both located downstream of the interaction point in the electron beam direction.

3 Selection Criteria

The analysis is based on a sample of DIS events with a clear multi-jet topology of the hadronic final state. The events are characterized by an electron scattered into the backward calorimeter, SpaCal, and at least two jets within the acceptance of the LAr calorimeter. They are triggered by demanding a localized energy deposition in the SpaCal and by track requirements, which result in a trigger efficiency of $(97.3 \pm 0.1)\%$ [29].

The scattered electron is identified as the cluster of highest energy, $E_e > 9$ GeV, in the electromagnetic part of the SpaCal. In order to select well identified electromagnetic showers, a cut of 3.5 cm is applied on the energy weighted radius of the selected cluster [29]. The energy in the hadronic part of the SpaCal within a radius of 15 cm of the shower axis is required to be less than 0.5 GeV. Moreover, an electron candidate must be associated with a track segment in the BDC.

The inclusive event kinematics are derived from the energy and polar angle measurements of the electron candidate. The kinematic range of the analysis is restricted to the low-Q^2, low-x region, $5 < Q^2 < 100$ GeV^2 and $10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$. In addition, the inelasticity $y = Q^2/xs$ is restricted to $0.1 < y < 0.7$, where $\sqrt{s}$ is the ep center-of-mass energy. In the acceptance region of the SpaCal, the restriction $y < 0.7$ always corresponds to the requirement $E_e > 9$ GeV on the energy of the scattered electron. The requirement $y > 0.1$ ensures a large central track multiplicity and hence the accurate reconstruction of the event vertex, which is required to lie within $|z_{\mathrm{vtx}}| < 35$ cm. The restriction of the y-range also reduces the effects of QED bremsstrahlung.

The requirement of $E_e > 9$ GeV supresses background from photoproduction processes in which the scattered electron escapes through the beam-pipe but an electron signal is mimicked by a particle from the hadronic final state. This background is further reduced by demanding $35 < \sum_i (E_i - p_{z,i}) < 70$ GeV. Here the sum runs over the energies and momenta of all final state

particles including the scattered electron. For fully reconstructed events, energy and momentum conservation implies that $\sum_i (E_i - p_{z,i})$ is equal to twice the energy of the incident electron beam.

Jets are reconstructed in the hadronic center-of-mass system[3] using the longitudinally boost invariant $k_\perp$-algorithm [30] and the E_T-recombination scheme. The axis of each reconstructed jet is required to be within $-1 < \eta = -\ln(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}) < 2.5$ to ensure that the jets are well contained within the acceptance of the LAr calorimeter. Finally, a minimum transverse jet energy, E_T^*, of 5 GeV is required. Demanding events with at least two jets which fulfill the criteria listed above yields a total sample of $\sim 36\,000$ inclusive dijet events.

4 Theoretical Predictions

The available NLO QCD dijet and 3-jet programs provide the partonic final state of the hard subprocess, to which the chosen jet algorithm and selection can be applied. NLO-dijet calculations provide predictions of the form $A \cdot \alpha_s + B \cdot \alpha_s^2$, with A and B being generic coefficients. A variety of NLO dijet programs [31–33] have been shown to give comparable results [34–36]. Here we use a slightly modified version of DISENT [31] in which the renormalization scale, μ_r^2, may be set to any linear combination of the two relevant scales, Q^2 and $\bar{E_T^*}^2$, where the latter represents the squared mean transverse energy of the two hardest jets. The renormalization scale μ_r^2 is set to $\bar{E_T^*}^2$ which, for most of the kinematic range under study, is larger than Q^2. The factorization scale μ_f^2 is taken to be 70 GeV^2, *i.e.* the average transverse jet energy squared, $\langle \bar{E_T^*}^2 \rangle$, of the event sample[4]. The CTEQ6M (CTEQ6L) PDF parameterizations [37] are used for all NLO (LO) predictions shown. For NLO 3-jet production, the program NLOJET [36] is used. For 3-jet production, it provides predictions of the form $C \cdot \alpha_s^2 + D \cdot \alpha_s^3$, with C and D again being generic coefficients.

Theoretical predictions beyond the DGLAP collinear approach, which incorporate low-x effects by assuming different dynamics for the exchanged parton cascade, are available in Monte Carlo event generators. CCFM evolution, based on k_t factorized unintegrated parton distributions, is implemented in the CASCADE generator [38] for initial state gluon showers. An alternative approach is provided by the ARIADNE Monte Carlo [39] program, which generates non-k_t-ordered parton cascades based on the color dipole model [40]. A LO Monte Carlo prediction, including effects due to the resolved hadronic structure of the virtual photon, and generating k_t-ordered parton cascades as in the standard DGLAP approximation, is provided by RAPGAP [41]. RAPGAP can be run with ('direct+resolved') and without ('direct') a resolved photon contribution and the data are compared with both scenarios. RAPGAP ('direct') thus also allows a comparison with the standard DGLAP approach including full simulation of the hadronic final state.

The LEPTO [42] Monte Carlo program, which models only direct photon processes within the standard DGLAP approximation, and ARIADNE are used to estimate the hadronization

[3] Variables measured in the hadronic cms are marked by a '*'.

[4] DISENT does not allow μ_f^2 to be varied with $\bar{E_T^*}^2$ event by event.

	CASCADE	**ARIADNE**	**RAPGAP**	**LEPTO**
Version	1.2	4.10	2.8	6.5
Proton PDF	JS2001 [38] J2003 [47]	CTEQ5L [48]	CTEQ5L	CTEQ5L
Photon PDF			SAS1D [49]	
Renorm. scale μ_r^2	$p_T^{*\,2} + m_q^2$	$p_T^{*\,2}$	$Q^2 + 4p_T^{*\,2}$	Q^2
Factor. scale μ_f^2	given by ang. ordering	$p_T^{*\,2}$	$Q^2 + 4p_T^{*\,2}$	Q^2
Underlying model	CCFM	Color dipole model	DGLAP + γ-structure	DGLAP
Purpose	Model comp.	Model comp. QED/had. corr. detector corr.	Model comp. QED corr. detector corr.	had. corr.

Table 1: Monte Carlo programs employed in the analysis.

corrections to be applied to the NLO predictions. All Monte Carlo models used here fragment the partonic final state according to the LUND string model [43] as implemented in JETSET/PYTHIA [44].

Higher order QED corrections are simulated using HERACLES [45], which is directly interfaced to RAPGAP and via the DJANGO [46] program to ARIADNE. Both RAPGAP (direct) and ARIADNE are used to estimate the corrections for QED radiation and for detector effects as is outlined in the next section.

The Monte Carlo programs used in the analysis are summarized in Table 1, including their basic settings. The background contribution from photoproduction events is estimated with the PHOJET [50] Monte Carlo program.

5 Correction Procedure

In order to compare data with theoretical predictions, the measured cross sections are corrected for detector acceptance and resolution, QED radiative effects and background contamination. In addition, hadronization corrections are applied to the NLO QCD calculations. The various correction factors are determined using the Monte Carlo models described above. These models reproduce the gross features of the jet data, as well as many characteristics of the final state, as shown in [29]. However, none of the models gives a satisfactory description of all aspects of the hadronic final state. The most important discrepancies are found in the jet transverse momentum spectra. Differences between the Monte Carlo models are used to estimate the systematic uncertainties of this procedure.

The corrections are applied to the data after statistical subtraction of the remaining photoproduction background. This contamination is estimated using the PHOJET Monte Carlo program. It is concentrated in the low-x region and is everywhere less than 4%.

Detector and QED corrections are estimated using events generated with ARIADNE and RAPGAP (direct) and subjected to a full detector simulation and event reconstruction. The final correction factors are taken to be the average of the estimates from these two models. Half of the difference is included in the systematic uncertainty of the measurement. For the chosen bins purities and stabilities are better than 40% for all data points. Here, the purity (stability) is defined as the number of dijet events which are both generated and reconstructed in a specific analysis bin, divided by the total number of dijet events that are reconstructed (generated) in that bin. The correction factors are in general between 0.8 and 1.2, but reach 1.8 at the lowest x and Q^2 values due to acceptance constraints in the backward calorimeter [29]. Additional minor corrections are applied to account for trigger inefficiencies.

As mentioned before, hadronization corrections to the DISENT and NLOJET predictions are estimated using LEPTO and ARIADNE. The correction factors are determined by comparing the cross sections calculated from the hadronic final state (hadron level) with those predicted from the partonic final state (LO and QCD parton showers) prior to the hadronization step. They are obtained by taking the average of the estimates derived from LEPTO and from ARIADNE. When applied to the NLO predictions, these corrections allow for comparisons between data and theory at the hadron level. The correction factors lower the NLO predictions by typically 10%. Half of the difference between the two models is taken as the systematic error on the hadronization correction.

6 Systematic Uncertainties

The different error sources and the corresponding uncertainties on the dijet cross section measurements are summarized in Table 2. The theoretical uncertainties on the NLO predictions, given by the errors on the hadronization corrections and the renormalization scale uncertainty, are also listed. The latter is estimated by varying μ_r^2 between $\bar{E}_T^{*\,2}/4$ and $4\,\bar{E}_T^{*\,2}$. The uncertainty due to the parton density of the proton is estimated by using the set of eigenvalue PDFs as provided by the CTEQ-Collaboration [37] and is found to be less than 5%. This source of uncertainty is therefore not considered further.

One of the most important error contributions arises from the uncertainty in the hadronic energy measurement used in the jet reconstruction. This scale uncertainty was estimated to be 4% and leads to an uncertainty of typically 7% on the dijet cross section measurement, with values increasing up to 20% at large transverse jet energies. The uncertainty of the electromagnetic energy scale of the SpaCal is 1% and leads to an error on the dijet cross sections of 5% in most of the phase space, reaching ~10% at large x, where in some bins it constitutes the largest contribution to the total systematic error. The influence of the hadronic energy scale uncertainty of the SpaCal of 7% is of minor importance. It only enters in the determination of $\sum_i (E_i - p_{z,i})$ and gives a 2% contribution to the final measurement error. An error of similar size arises from the polar angle measurement of the scattered electron.

The differences between the correction factors when using different Monte Carlo models lead to an error contribution of ~ 5 to 10% throughout the analyzed phase space. The 30% uncertainty on the absolute normalization of the γp-background contributes up to 1% to the systematic error on the dijet cross sections.

Source of error contributions		Variation	Uncertainty
Experimental	Hadronic energy scale	4%	7%
	SpaCal electromagnetic energy scale	1%	5%
	SpaCal hadronic energy scale	7%	2%
	Electron Polar angle measurement	0.5 mrad	2%
	Model uncertainty	—	5 – 10%
	Photoproduction background	30%	1%
	Normalization uncertainty	—	1.5%
Theoretical	Hadronization corrections	—	5%
	Renormalization scale uncertainty	—	10-30%

Table 2: Summary of error contributions and the resulting typical uncertainties on the dijet cross section measurements (experimental) and the NLO predictions (theoretical).

The total systematic error is determined by summing the individual contributions in quadrature. A 1.5% normalization uncertainty due to the luminosity measurement is not included in the quoted systematic errors on the cross sections presented here.

7 Results

Corrected results are presented for the phase space defined by $5 < Q^2 < 100\ \mathrm{GeV}^2$, $10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$, $0.1 < y < 0.7$, $156^\circ < \theta < 175^\circ$ for the polar angle of the scattered electron and $-1 < \eta < 2.5$ for the pseudorapidity of the jets in the laboratory frame.

7.1 Inclusive Dijet Cross Sections

All measured dijet cross sections are presented after correcting for detector and radiative effects. They are given multi-differentially as a function of x, Q^2 and several dijet observables and are compared with the DISENT NLO calculations after applying hadronization corrections. NLO calculations of dijet observables become sensitive to soft gluon radiation when symmetric selection criteria on the transverse jet energies are applied [35, 51, 52]. Thus, in addition to the requirement $E_T^* > 5$ GeV for the two highest transverse momentum jets, an additional requirement on the most energetic jet, $E_{T,1}^* \equiv E_{T,\mathrm{max}}^* > (5 + \Delta)$ GeV, is necessary. This avoids regions of phase space in which NLO predictions become unreliable. Figure 2 shows the dijet cross section as a function of the parameter Δ in bins of x and Q^2. Within the theoretical uncertainties, good agreement between the data and the NLO predictions is found for all values of Δ. However, an unphysical reduction in the NLO calculation occurs for $\Delta < 1$ GeV. For comparison the figure also presents the LO DISENT prediction at the parton level. The large differences between the LO and the NLO predictions, as well as the large scale uncertainties in the NLO predictions, indicate the need for higher order contributions, especially at low x and low Q^2.

Figure 3 shows the dijet cross section as a function of Bjorken-x in intervals of Q^2 for fixed $\Delta = 2$ GeV. The data show a significant increase towards low x, which is consistent with the strong rise of the gluon density observed in low-x structure function measurements at HERA [27,54]. No deviation of the data from calculations using the conventional NLO DGLAP approach is found.[5] The scale uncertainties are sizable and increase towards low x.

Measurements of the dijet cross section for $\Delta = 2$ GeV as a function of $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$ and $|\Delta\eta^*|$ in bins of Bjorken-x and Q^2 are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Here, $|\Delta\eta^*|$ is defined as the absolute distance in pseudorapidity between the two highest transverse momentum jets in the event.

Within the quoted uncertainties, good agreement between data and NLO calculations is observed, even at small values of $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$ and $|\Delta\eta^*|$, *i.e.* in a kinematic region in which effects due to low-x dynamics should be most prominent [18]. The level of agreement is more visible in Figures 6 and 7 which show the ratio of the data to the NLO predictions as a function of $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$ and $|\Delta\eta^*|$ in bins of Bjorken-x and Q^2.

The measured dijet cross sections are summarized in Tables 3 to 5. In addition, all dijet cross sections shown have been normalized to the total inclusive cross section for each bin. These dijet rates, $R_2 = N_{\mathrm{dijet}}/N_{\mathrm{DIS}}$, are listed in Tables 6 to 8.

7.2 Azimuthal Jet Separation

Insight into low-x dynamics can be gained from inclusive dijet data by studying the behavior of events with a small azimuthal separation, $\Delta\phi^*$, between the two hardest jets as measured in the hadronic center-of-mass system [17–19]. Partons entering the hard scattering process with negligible transverse momentum, k_t, as often assumed in the DGLAP formalism [53], produce at leading order a back-to-back configuration of the two outgoing jets with $\Delta\phi^* \sim 180°$. Azimuthal jet separations different from 180° occur due to higher order QCD effects. However, in models which predict a significant proportion of partons entering the hard process with large k_t, the number of events with small $\Delta\phi^*$ increases. This is the case for the BFKL and CCFM evolution schemes. As an illustration, Figure 8 shows the uncorrected $\Delta\phi^*$ distribution for several intervals in Q^2. The expected steeply falling spectrum is observed with a tail extending to small values of $\Delta\phi^*$. This behavior is broadly reproduced by the Monte Carlo programs RAPGAP (direct) and ARIADNE, which are used to correct the data and estimate model uncertainties in the same manner as for the differential cross section measurements.

Large migrations connected with the limited hadronic energy resolution make an extraction of the dijet cross section at small $\Delta\phi^*$ rather difficult. Thus the ratio

$$S(\alpha) = \frac{\int_0^{\alpha} N_{\mathrm{dijet}}(\Delta\phi^*, x, Q^2)\mathrm{d}\Delta\phi^*}{\int_0^{180°} N_{\mathrm{dijet}}(\Delta\phi^*, x, Q^2)\mathrm{d}\Delta\phi^*}, \tag{1}$$

of the number of events N_{dijet} with an azimuthal jet separation of $\Delta\phi^* < \alpha$ relative to all dijet events is measured, as proposed in [17]. This variable is also directly sensitive to low-x effects.

[5] Minor differences at low x and Q^2 as reported in [20] are still observed when using CTEQ4M [55], an older parameterization of the parton distribution functions.

For the analysis presented here $\alpha = 120^\circ$ is chosen, which results in a purity of around 45% independently of x and Q^2 and systematic uncertainties of similar size to those on the cross section measurements.

Figure 9 presents the S distribution for $\alpha = 120^\circ$ and $\Delta = 2$ GeV as a function of x for different Q^2. The measured S values are summarized in Table 9. For the chosen α, the measured values of S are of the order of 5% and increase with decreasing x. This rise of S is most prominent in the lowest Q^2 bin, where the lowest values of x are reached. Since it adds at most one additional parton to the back-to-back two parton configuration for which S is trivially zero,[6] the application of the NLO dijet DISENT calculation amounts to an effective LO, $O(\alpha_s)$, prediction for S. It leads to values for S of only $\sim 1\%$ and no rise towards low x is visible. Low values of S are expected for the NLO dijet prediction, since without any restrictions in acceptance, the two most energetic partons are always separated by more than $\Delta\phi^* = 120^\circ$ for any three parton final state. Non-vanishing predictions for S arise only due to hadronisation effects and since selection criteria have to be applied to match the experimental conditions, leading to event topologies for which some of the jets lie outside the analyzed phase space. In the same figure, predictions are also shown in which the numerator of Eq. 1 is given by an NLO 3-jet calculation, yielding an effective NLO, $O(\alpha_s^2)$, prediction for S. The resulting predictions lead to significantly larger values of S, describing the data at large Q^2 and x. However they still fail to describe the increase of the cross section towards low-x, particularly in the lowest Q^2 range.

An informative comparison of the measured S distribution with theory is also provided by models with different implementations of higher order QCD effects. Within the DGLAP approach such a model is provided for example by RAPGAP (direct). As shown in Figure 10, RAPGAP (direct) predicts a much larger ratio S than the NLO dijet calculation. However, it still fails to describe the data in the low-x, low-Q^2 region. An improved description is achieved when resolved photon processes are included in RAPGAP (direct+resolved). Even with direct and resolved photon contributions included, RAPGAP fails to describe the data at very low x and Q^2. Note that to obtain this overall level of agreement, it was necessary to choose a rather large scale, *i.e.* $\mu_r^2 = Q^2 + 4\bar{E}_T^{*\,2}$, in order to get a large enough resolved photon contribution.

If the observed discrepancies are due to the influence of non-k_t-ordered parton emissions, models based on the color dipole model or CCFM evolution may provide a better description of the ratio S. In Figure 11 the data are therefore compared with the predictions of the ARIADNE and CASCADE Monte Carlo programs. For ARIADNE we have used parameters derived from previous HERA data [56]. For CASCADE, the two predictions presented are based on the JS2001 [38] and set 2 of the J2003 [47] unintegrated parton distributions, which differ in the way the small k_t region is treated. For J2003 set 2, the full splitting function, including the non-singular term, is used, in contrast to JS2001, for which only the singular terms were considered. Whereas the prediction for S using JS2001 lies significantly above the data, that based on set 2 of J2003 describes the data rather well. Note that both PDFs describe the H1 structure function data [25]. Hence, the measurement of the ratio S improves the sensitivity to the details of the unintegrated gluon distribution. A good description of the S distribution at low x and low Q^2 can also be provided by the color dipole model incorporated in ARIADNE. However, at higher Q^2 the ARIADNE prediction falls below the measured S values.

[6] In these calculations, effects due to the finite transverse momentum of the incoming parton arising from the DGLAP evolution are entirely neglected [53].

8 Conclusion

Inclusive dijet production in deep inelastic ep scattering is measured in the kinematic range $5 < Q^2 < 100$ GeV^2, $10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$ and $0.1 < y < 0.7$. Multi-differential cross section data are compared with NLO QCD predictions and no significant deviations are observed within the experimental and theoretical uncertainties. In the kinematic range studied, the next-to-leading order DGLAP approach thus provides an adequate theory for predicting ep dijet cross sections as a function of Bjorken-x, Q^2, $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$ and $|\Delta\eta^*|$.

In addition we have studied the ratio S, of events with a small azimuthal separation of the two highest transverse momentum jets with respect to the total number of inclusive dijet events. LO QCD calculations for this observable predict values that are much too low compared with what is observed in the data. The additional hard emission, provided by NLO QCD calculations for this observable, considerably improves the description of the data, but is insufficient at low x and low Q^2. A similar description of the data is provided by RAPGAP, a DGLAP-based QCD model, which matches LO matrix elements for direct and resolved processes to k_t-ordered parton cascades. A good description of the measured ratio S at low x and Q^2 can be obtained with the ARIADNE program, which generates non-k_t-ordered parton cascades using the color dipole model. Predictions based on the CCFM evolution equation and k_t factorized unintegrated gluon densities are provided by the CASCADE Monte Carlo program. Large differences are found between the predictions for two different choices of the unintegrated gluon density, both of which describe the H1 structure function data and one of which gives a good description of S. This measurement thus provides a significant constraint on the unintegrated gluon density.

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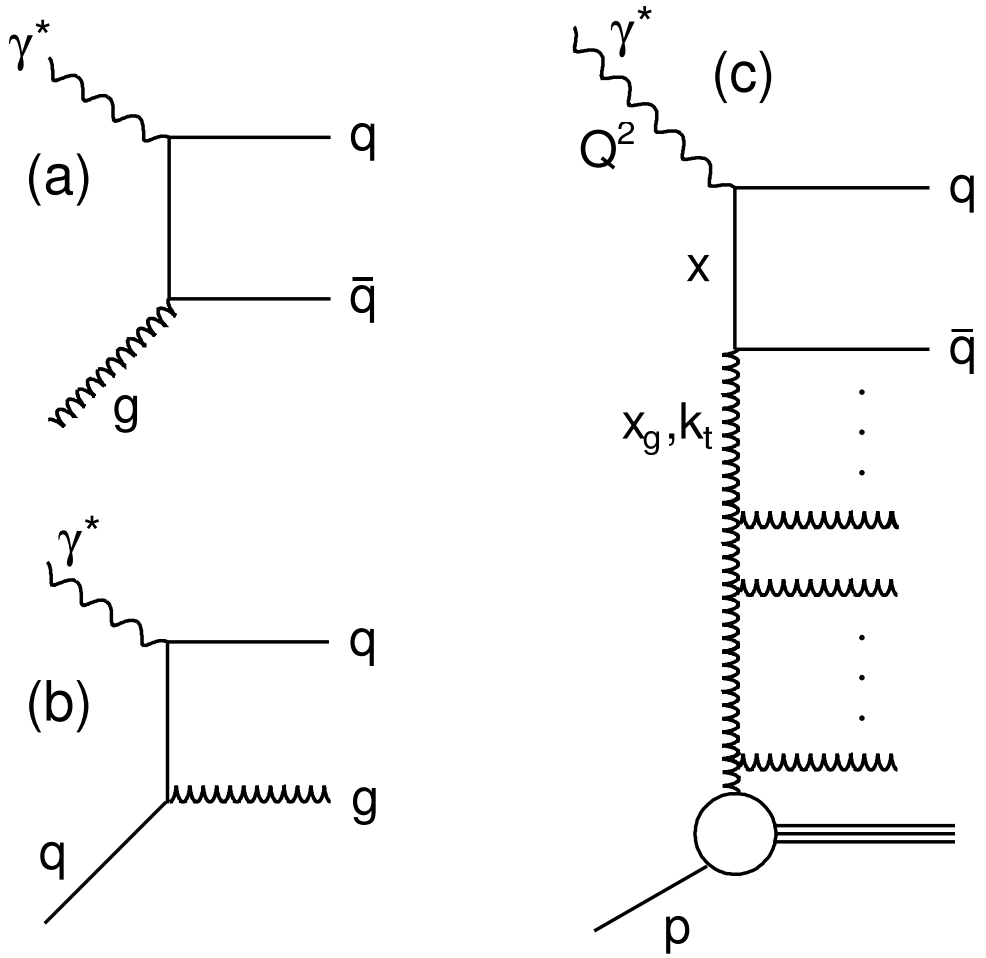

Figure 1: Leading order diagrams for dijet production in ep scattering. (a) photon-gluon fusion and (b) QCD-Compton process. (c) parton cascade diagram: k_t denotes the transverse momenta of the exchanged gluons, x_g the fractional longitudinal momentum of the gluon taking part in the hard process and x is the Bjorken scaling variable.

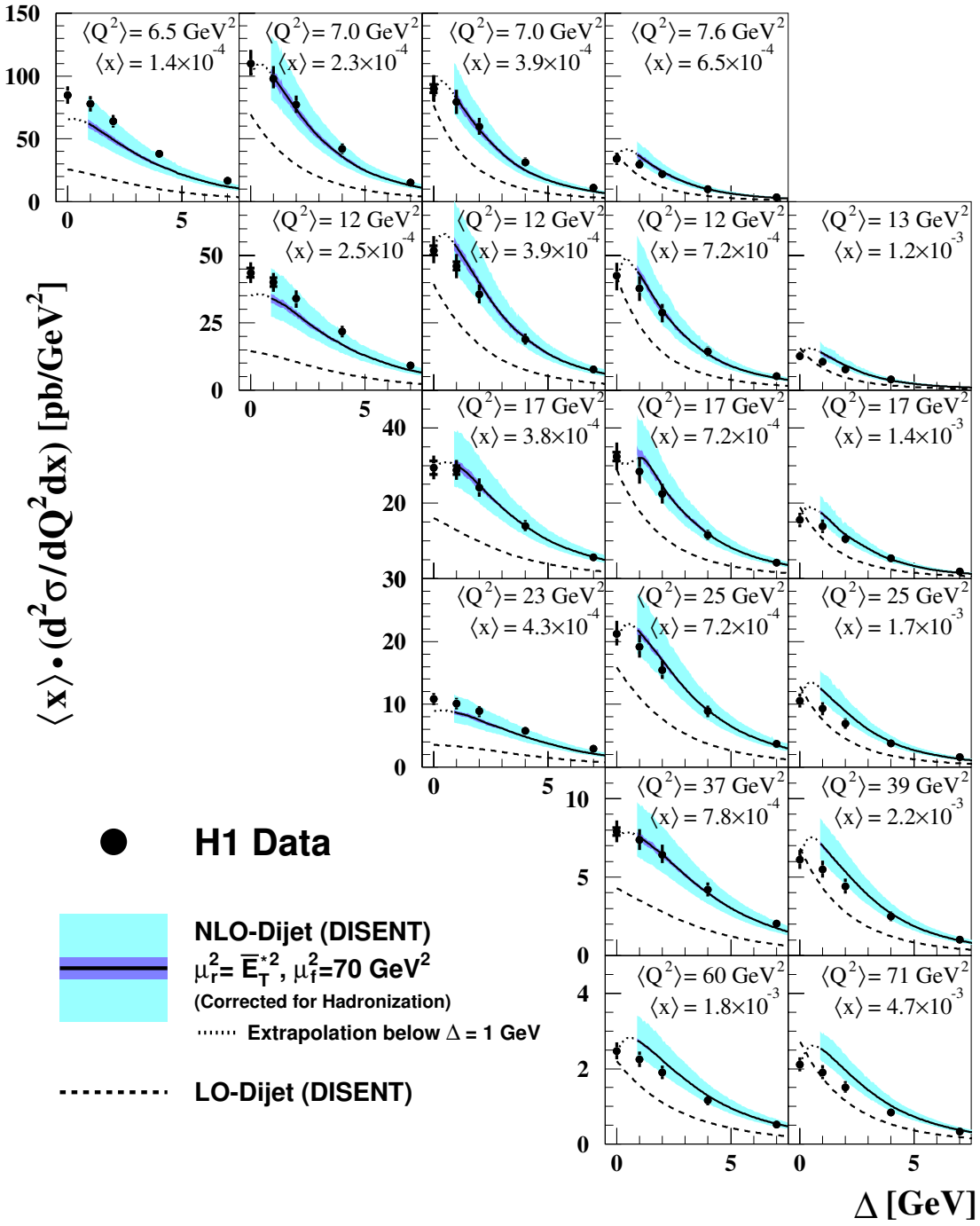

Figure 2: Inclusive dijet cross section as given in Table 3, multiplied by $\langle x \rangle$ and averaged over x and Q^2, as a function of Δ, defined by the requirement $E^*_{T,1} \equiv E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}} > (5+\Delta)$ GeV. Here $\langle x \rangle$ and $\langle Q^2 \rangle$ are the mean values of Bjorken-x and Q^2 for fully inclusive events in a given bin. The data are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). They are compared with NLO (LO) dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M (CTEQ6L) parton distribution functions. The NLO predictions are corrected for hadronization effects. The outer light error band includes the quadratic sum of hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties on the NLO predictions.

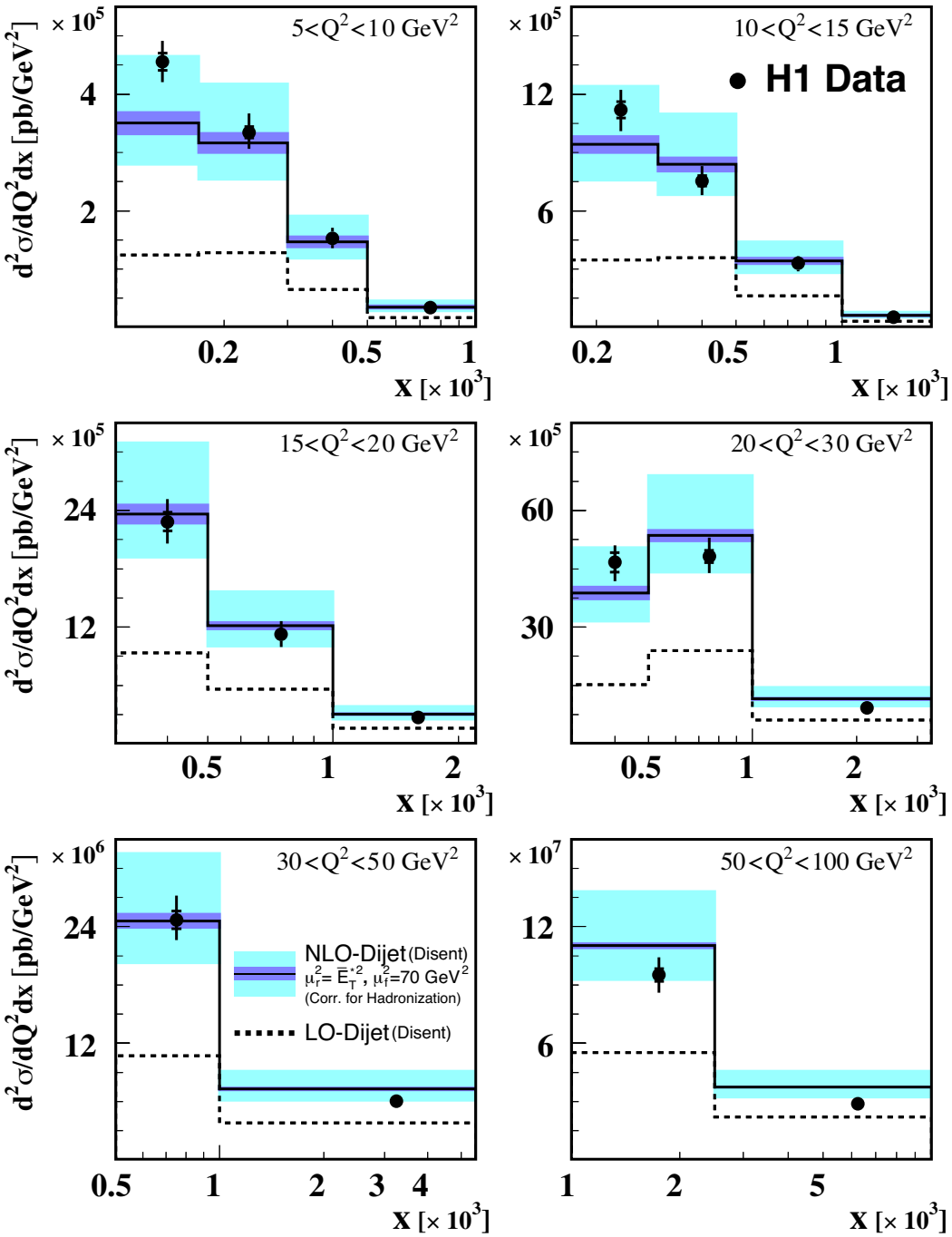

Figure 3: Inclusive dijet cross section averaged over Q^2 and Bjorken-x for $\Delta = 2$ GeV (see text). The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). They are compared with NLO (LO) dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M (CTEQ6L) parton distribution functions. The NLO predictions are corrected for hadronization effects. The outer light error band includes the quadratic sum of hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties on the NLO predictions.

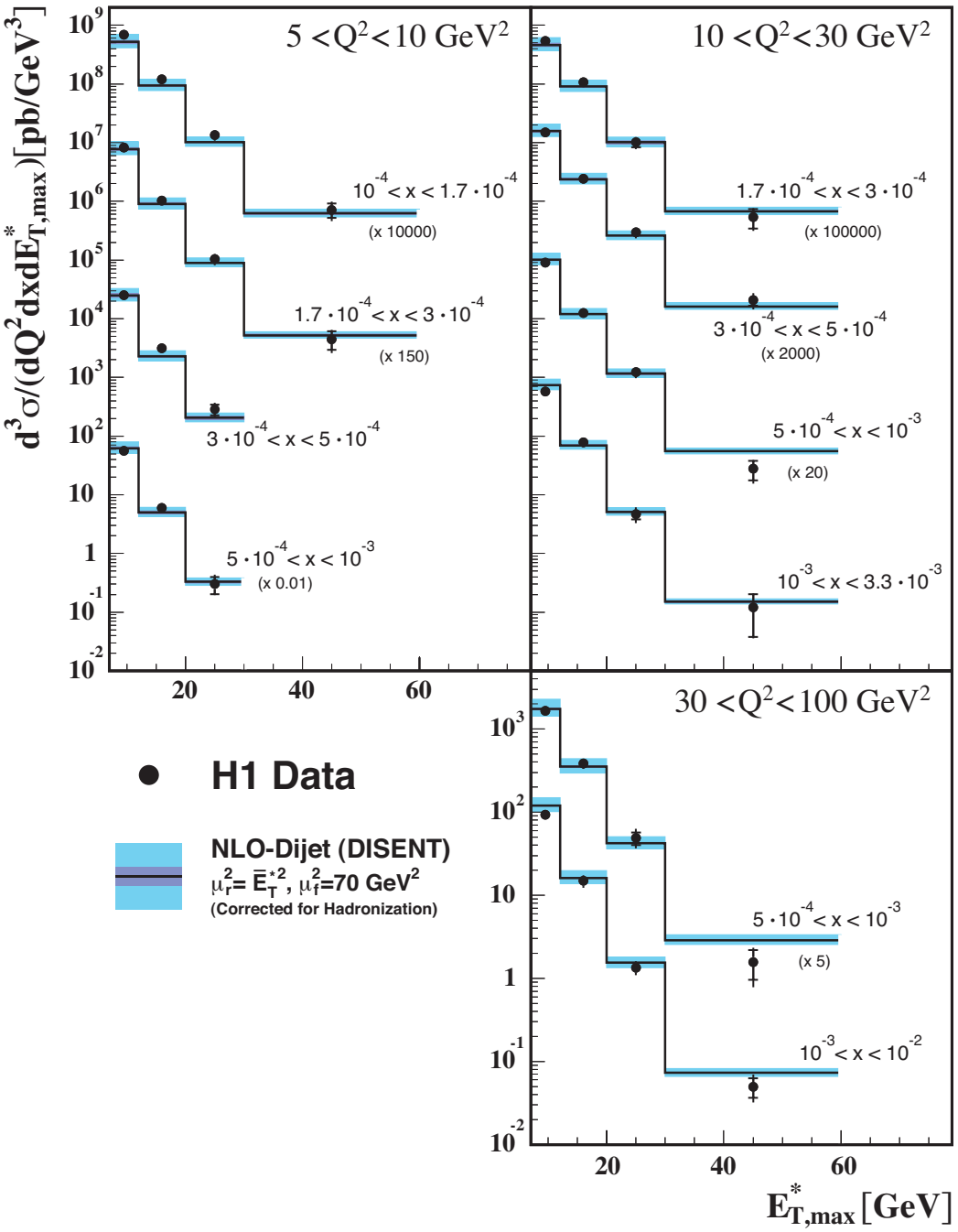

Figure 4: Inclusive dijet cross section for $\Delta = 2$ GeV averaged over Bjorken-x, Q^2 and $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$ as given in Table 4, compared with NLO dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M parton distribution functions. The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). The NLO predictions are corrected for hadronization effects. The outer light error band includes the quadratic sum of hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties on the NLO predictions.

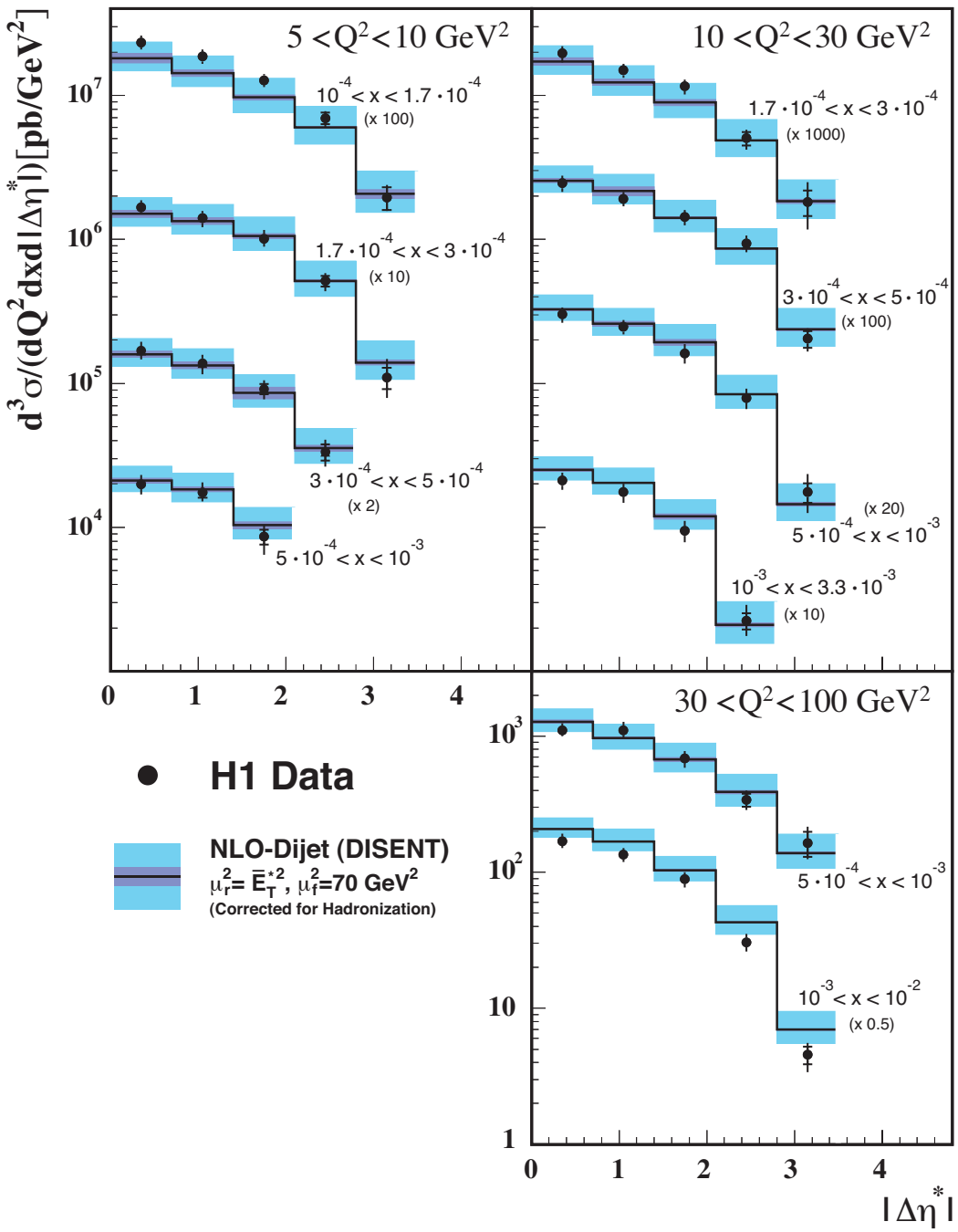

Figure 5: Inclusive dijet cross section for $\Delta = 2$ GeV averaged over Bjorken-x, Q^2 and the pseudorapidity distance $|\Delta\eta^*|$ between the two highest transverse momentum jets as given in Table 5, compared with NLO dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M parton distribution functions. The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). The NLO predictions are corrected for hadronization effects. The outer light error band includes the quadratic sum of hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties on the NLO predictions.

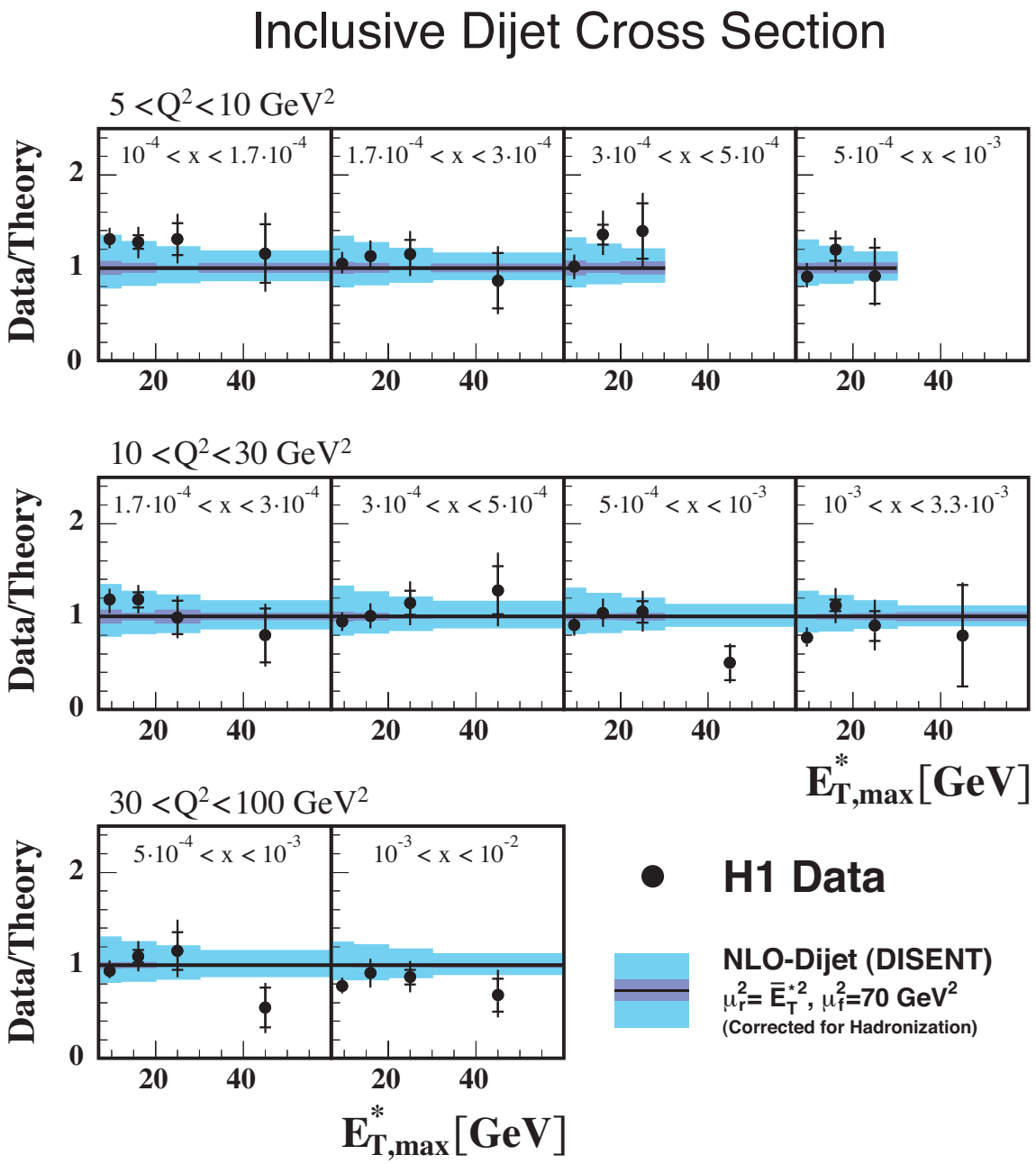

Figure 6: The ratio of the measured inclusive dijet cross section for $\Delta = 2$ GeV to the theoretical prediction in bins of Bjorken-x, Q^2 and $E^*_{T,\mathrm{max}}$. The data are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). They are compared with NLO dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M parton distribution functions. The theoretical errors are given by the light error band representing the quadratic sum of the hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties.

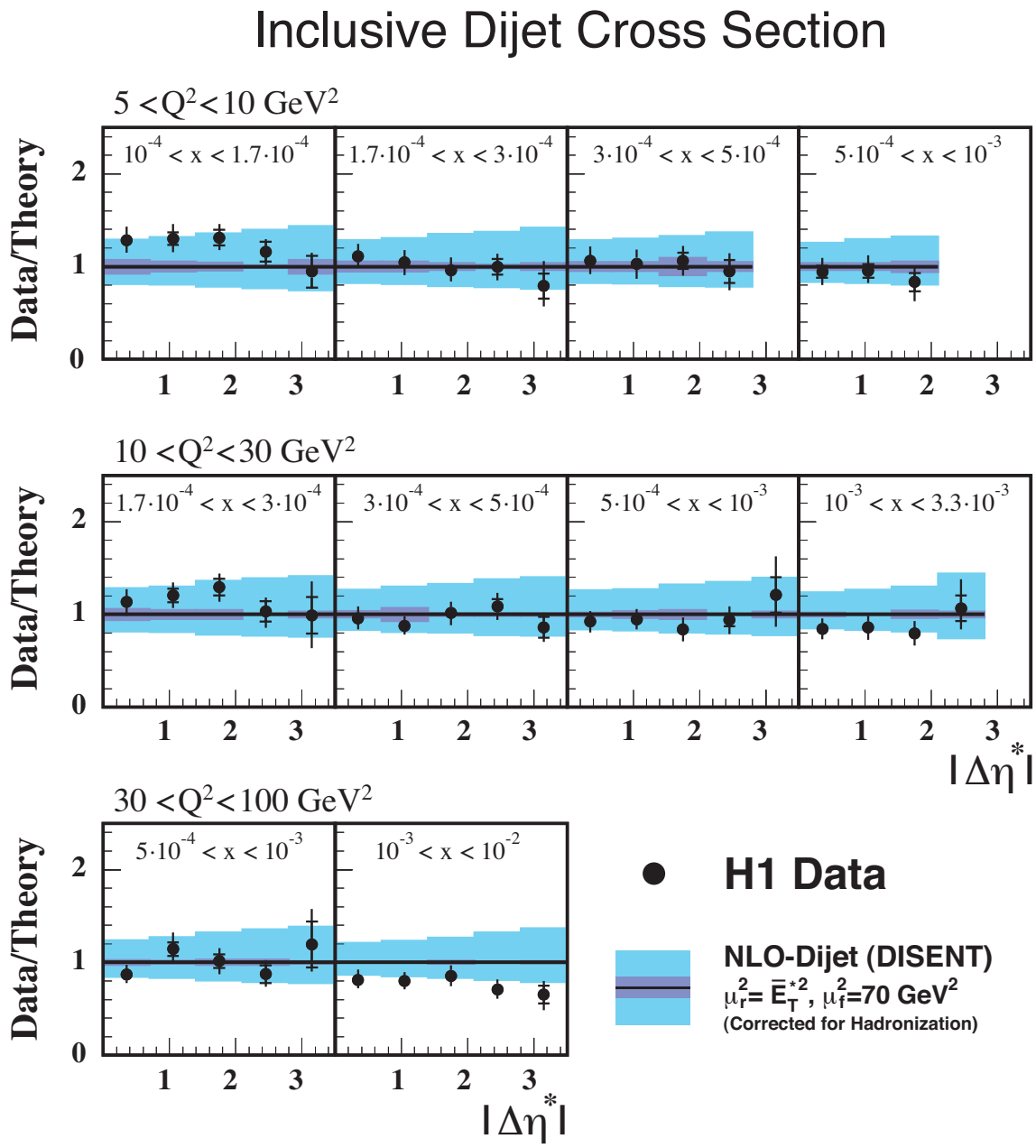

Figure 7: The ratio of the measured inclusive dijet cross section for $\Delta = 2$ GeV to the theoretical prediction in bins of Bjorken-x, Q^2 and $|\Delta\eta^*|$. The data are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). They are compared with NLO dijet QCD predictions using the CTEQ6M parton distribution functions. The theoretical errors are given by the light error band representing the quadratic sum of the hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties.

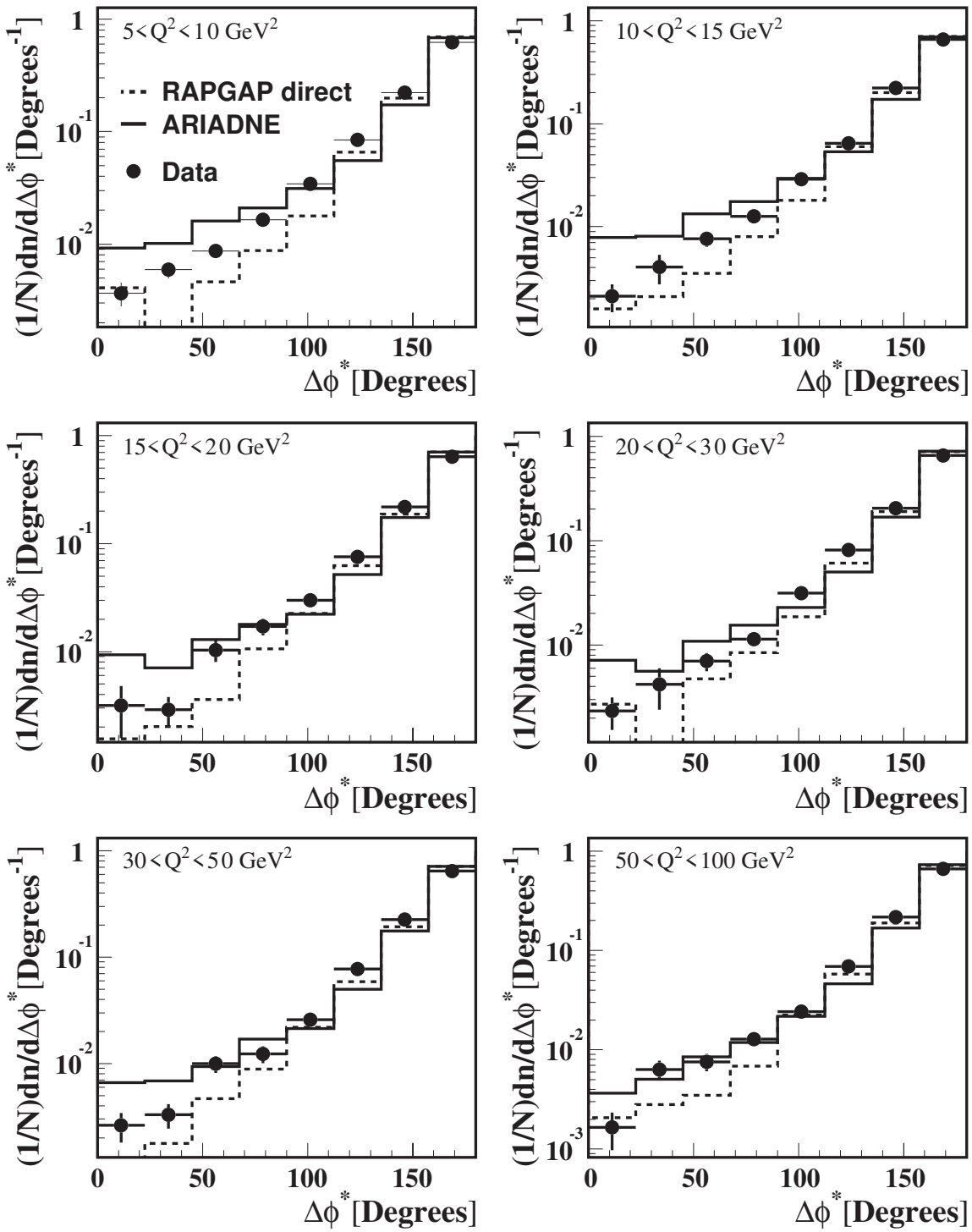

Figure 8: Normalized measured event distributions as a function of the azimuthal separation, $\Delta\phi^*$, between the two highest transverse momentum jets. The data are shown for different regions in Q^2 and are compared with two Monte Carlo models, ARIADNE and RAPGAP.

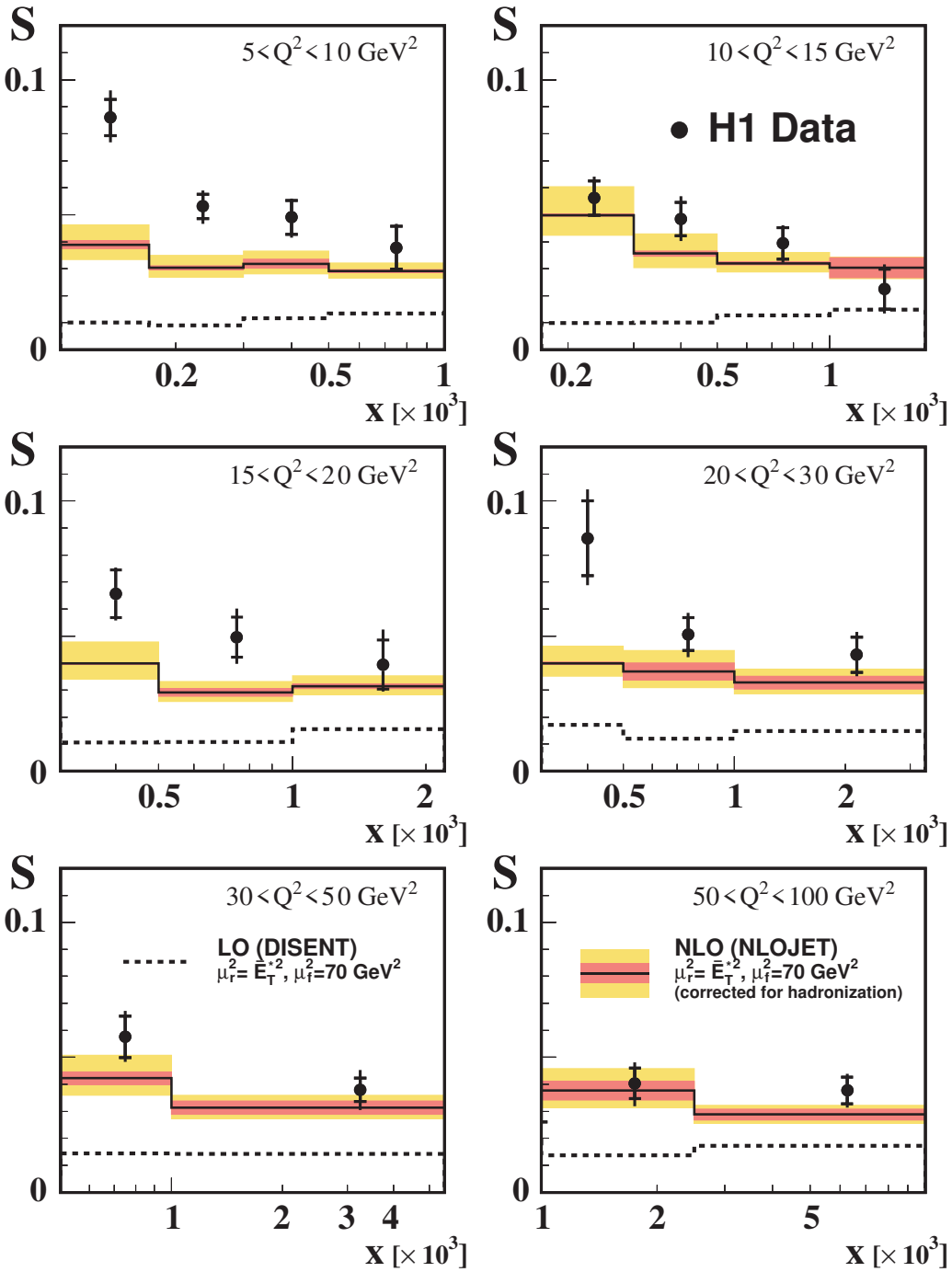

Figure 9: Ratio S of the number of events with a small azimuthal jet separation ($\Delta\phi^* < 120°$) between the two highest transverse momentum jets with respect to the total number of inclusive dijet events, as a function of Bjorken-x and Q^2. The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). The data are compared with LO and NLO QCD predictions for this observable using the CTEQ6M parton distribution functions. The theoretical errors are given by the light error band representing the quadratic sum of the hadronization (dark error band) and renormalization scale uncertainties.

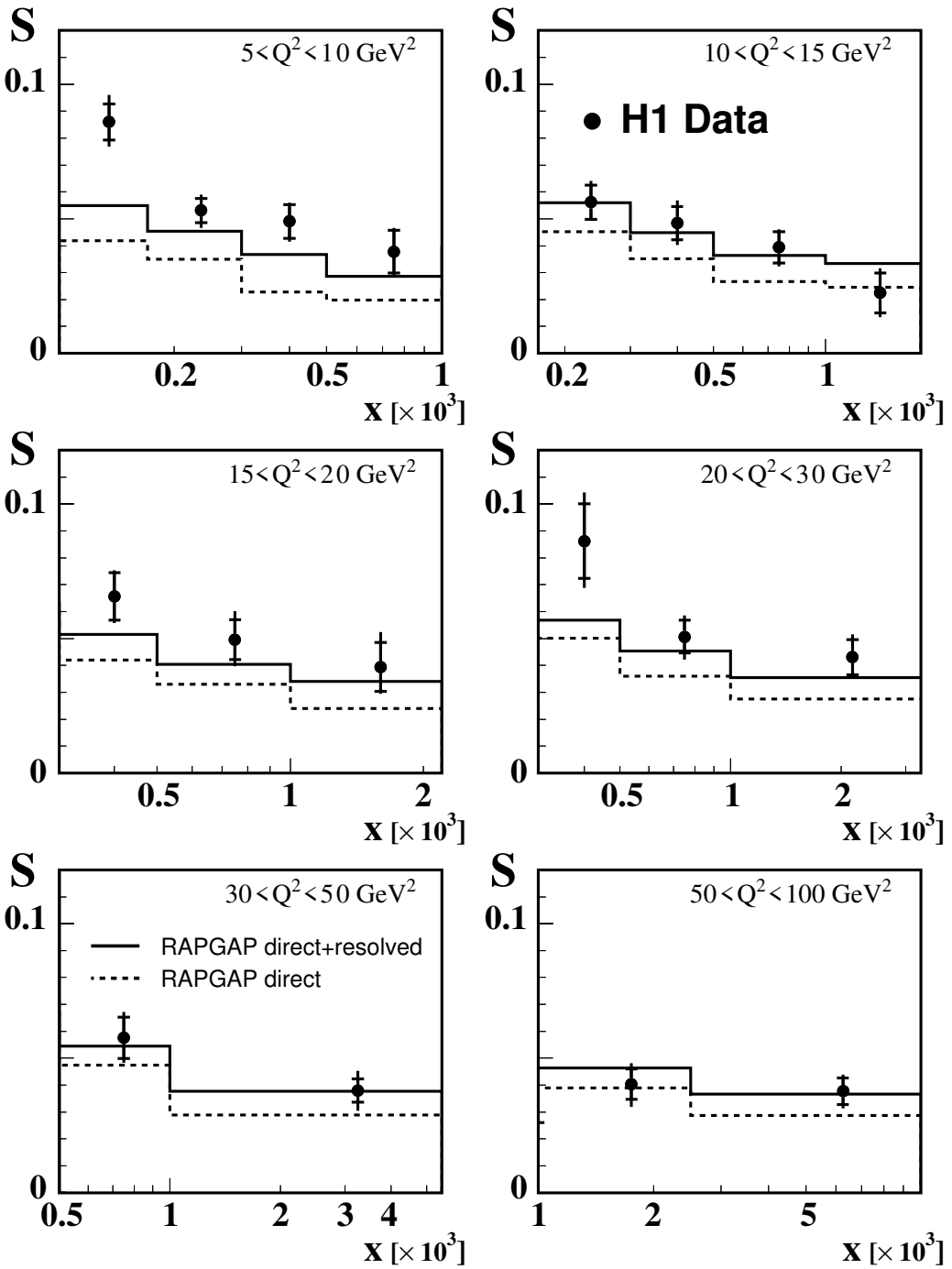

Figure 10: Ratio S of the number of events with a small azimuthal jet separation ($\Delta\phi^* < 120^\circ$) between the two highest transverse momentum jets with respect to the total number of inclusive dijet events, as a function of Bjorken-x and Q^2. The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). The data are compared with predictions from the RAPGAP generator, both with direct photons alone (full line) and with direct and resolved contributions (dashed line).

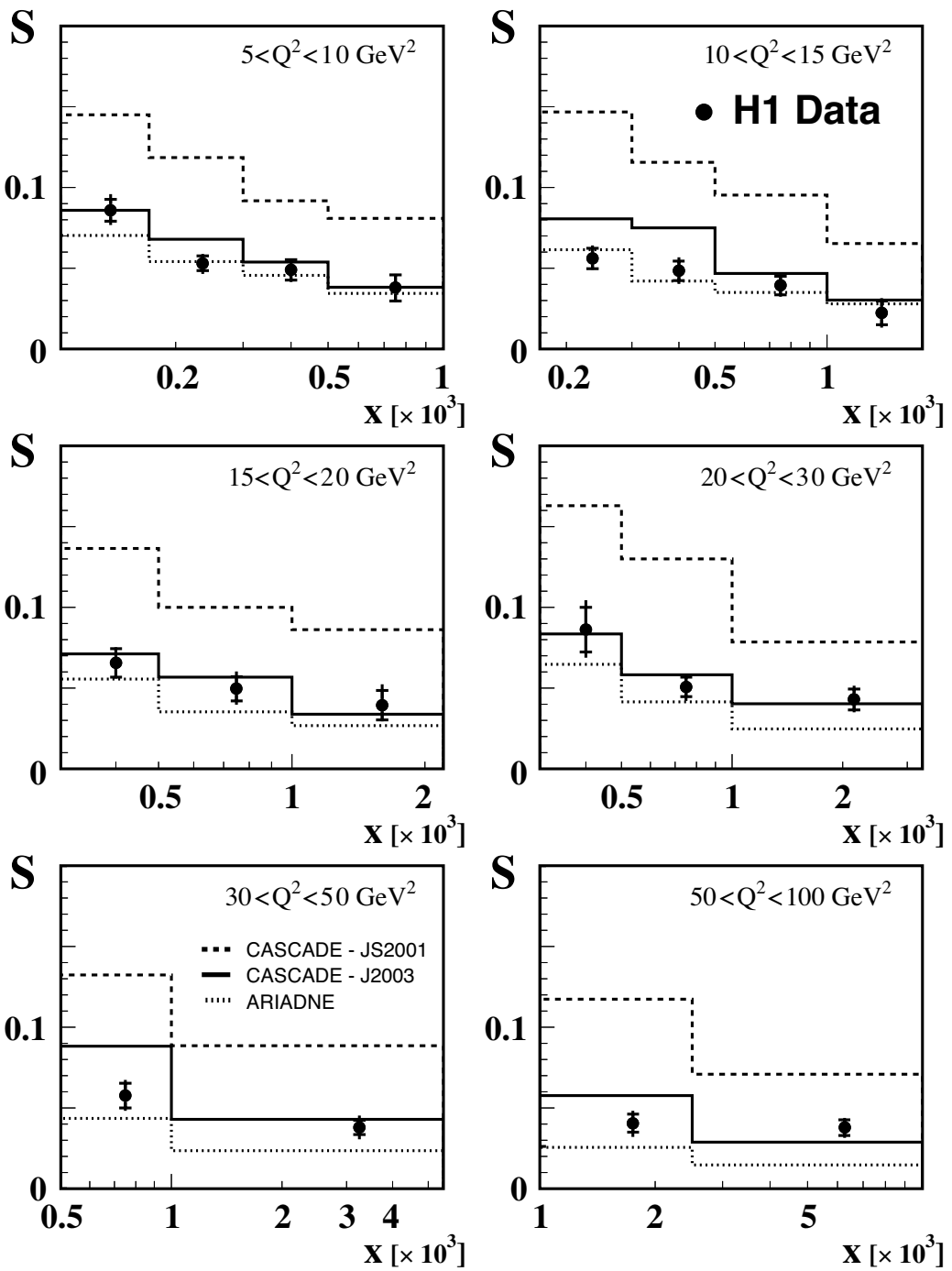

Figure 11: Ratio S of the number of events with a small azimuthal jet separation ($\Delta\phi^* < 120°$) between the two highest transverse momentum jets with respect to the total number of inclusive dijet events, as function of Bjorken-x and Q^2 . The data are plotted at the center of each bin and are shown together with their statistical uncertainties (inner error bars) and their statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature (outer error bars). They are compared with predictions from a model based on CCFM evolution (CASCADE) and using two different k_t-unintegrated gluon distribution functions, JS2001 (dashed line) and set 2 of J2003 (full line). In addition, the data are compared with predictions based on the color dipole model (ARIADNE), which produces k_t-unordered parton showers.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	Δ [GeV]	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2dx}$ [pb/GeV^2]	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	0	$6.1 \cdot 10^5$	3	8
		1	$5.6 \cdot 10^5$	3	7
		2	$4.6 \cdot 10^5$	3	7
		4	$2.7 \cdot 10^5$	4	8
		7	$1.2 \cdot 10^5$	6	9
	1.7 – 3.0	0	$4.8 \cdot 10^5$	3	9
		1	$4.3 \cdot 10^5$	3	10
		2	$3.4 \cdot 10^5$	3	9
		4	$1.8 \cdot 10^5$	4	9
		7	$6.6 \cdot 10^4$	5	11
	3.0 – 5.0	0	$2.3 \cdot 10^5$	4	12
		1	$2.0 \cdot 10^5$	4	12
		2	$1.5 \cdot 10^5$	4	11
		4	$8.0 \cdot 10^4$	5	11
		7	$2.9 \cdot 10^4$	8	13
	5.0 – 10.0	0	$5.2 \cdot 10^4$	5	14
		1	$4.6 \cdot 10^4$	5	13
		2	$3.4 \cdot 10^4$	5	13
		4	$1.6 \cdot 10^4$	7	12
		7	$5.4 \cdot 10^3$	10	15
10.0 – 15.0	1.7 – 3.0	0	$1.7 \cdot 10^5$	4	8
		1	$1.6 \cdot 10^5$	4	8
		2	$1.4 \cdot 10^5$	4	9
		4	$8.7 \cdot 10^4$	5	9
		7	$3.7 \cdot 10^4$	7	8
	3.0 – 5.0	0	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	3	10
		1	$1.2 \cdot 10^5$	3	9
		2	$9.1 \cdot 10^4$	4	9
		4	$4.8 \cdot 10^4$	5	10
		7	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	7	11
	5.0 – 10.0	0	$5.9 \cdot 10^4$	3	13
		1	$5.2 \cdot 10^4$	3	12
		2	$4.0 \cdot 10^4$	4	12
		4	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	5	12
		7	$7.3 \cdot 10^3$	7	13
	10.0 – 18.0	0	$1.1 \cdot 10^4$	6	12
		1	$8.8 \cdot 10^3$	7	13
		2	$6.4 \cdot 10^3$	7	15
		4	$3.3 \cdot 10^3$	9	15
		7	$9.3 \cdot 10^2$	17	22

Table 3: Inclusive dijet cross section averaged over the regions indicated in x and Q^2, for different values of Δ as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. The measurement is restricted to values of the inelasticity variable y between $0.1 < y < 0.7$ and to values of the polar angle of the scattered electron between $156^\circ < \theta < 175^\circ$. The jets are required to lie in the range of laboratory pseudorapidity $-1 < \eta < 2.5$ and to have transverse energies in the hadronic center of mass frame, $E^*_{T,1} > 5 + \Delta$ GeV and $E^*_{T,2} > 5$GeV

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	Δ [GeV]	$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2dx}$ [pb/GeV^2]	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
15.0 – 20.0	3.0 – 5.0	0	$7.8 \cdot 10^4$	6	9
		1	$7.6 \cdot 10^4$	4	9
		2	$6.4 \cdot 10^4$	4	9
		4	$3.7 \cdot 10^4$	5	9
		7	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$	7	10
	5.0 – 10.0	0	$4.5 \cdot 10^4$	4	11
		1	$4.0 \cdot 10^4$	4	12
		2	$3.1 \cdot 10^4$	4	11
		4	$1.6 \cdot 10^4$	5	11
		7	$5.8 \cdot 10^3$	8	12
	10.0 – 22.0	0	$1.1 \cdot 10^4$	5	12
		1	$9.9 \cdot 10^3$	5	13
		2	$7.6 \cdot 10^3$	5	12
		4	$3.8 \cdot 10^3$	7	13
		7	$1.3 \cdot 10^3$	11	15
20.0 – 30.0	3.0 – 5.0	0	$2.5 \cdot 10^4$	5	8
		1	$2.4 \cdot 10^4$	5	8
		2	$2.1 \cdot 10^4$	5	9
		4	$1.4 \cdot 10^4$	6	8
		7	$6.7 \cdot 10^3$	9	9
	5.0 – 10.0	0	$2.9 \cdot 10^4$	3	9
		1	$2.7 \cdot 10^4$	3	9
		2	$2.1 \cdot 10^4$	3	10
		4	$1.2 \cdot 10^4$	4	10
		7	$5.1 \cdot 10^3$	6	10
	10.0 – 33.0	0	$6.2 \cdot 10^3$	3	11
		1	$5.5 \cdot 10^3$	3	11
		2	$4.1 \cdot 10^3$	3	11
		4	$2.2 \cdot 10^3$	4	12
		7	$9.3 \cdot 10^2$	7	13
30.0 – 50.0	5.0 – 10.0	0	$1.0 \cdot 10^4$	3	8
		1	$9.5 \cdot 10^3$	3	8
		2	$8.2 \cdot 10^3$	4	10
		4	$5.4 \cdot 10^3$	4	9
		7	$2.6 \cdot 10^3$	6	10
	10.0 – 55.0	0	$2.8 \cdot 10^3$	2	10
		1	$2.5 \cdot 10^3$	2	10
		2	$2.0 \cdot 10^3$	3	11
		4	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	3	12
		7	$4.7 \cdot 10^2$	5	13
50.0 – 100.0	10.0 – 25.0	0	$1.4 \cdot 10^3$	3	9
		1	$1.3 \cdot 10^3$	3	9
		2	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	3	9
		4	$6.5 \cdot 10^2$	4	10
		7	$2.8 \cdot 10^2$	6	13
	25.0 – 100.0	0	$4.5 \cdot 10^2$	3	9
		1	$4.0 \cdot 10^2$	3	10
		2	$3.2 \cdot 10^2$	3	11
		4	$1.8 \cdot 10^2$	4	11
		7	$7.1 \cdot 10^1$	6	17

Table 3 continued.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	$E^*_{T,max}$ [GeV]	$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dQ^2 dx dE^*_{T,max}}$ [pb/GeV^3]	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	7.0 – 12.0	$6.8 \cdot 10^4$	4	9
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.2 \cdot 10^4$	6	12
		20.0 – 30.0	$1.3 \cdot 10^3$	13	16
		30.0 – 60.0	$7.2 \cdot 10^1$	27	27
	1.7 – 3.0	7.0 – 12.0	$5.5 \cdot 10^4$	3	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$6.8 \cdot 10^3$	5	14
		20.0 – 30.0	$6.9 \cdot 10^2$	13	17
		30.0 – 60.0	$3.0 \cdot 10^1$	35	25
	3.0 – 5.0	7.0 – 12.0	$2.5 \cdot 10^4$	4	12
		12.0 – 20.0	$3.1 \cdot 10^3$	8	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$2.9 \cdot 10^2$	21	21
	5.0 – 10.0	7.0 – 12.0	$5.6 \cdot 10^3$	5	15
		12.0 – 20.0	$6.0 \cdot 10^2$	10	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$3.0 \cdot 10^1$	33	30
10.0 – 30.0	1.7 – 3.0	7.0 – 12.0	$5.5 \cdot 10^3$	6	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	7	12
		20.0 – 30.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^2$	18	14
		30.0 – 60.0	$5.4 \cdot 10^0$	36	22
	3.0 – 5.0	7.0 – 12.0	$7.4 \cdot 10^3$	3	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	5	13
		20.0 – 30.0	$1.5 \cdot 10^2$	11	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^1$	20	25
	5.0 – 1.0	7.0 – 12.0	$4.6 \cdot 10^3$	2	12
		12.0 – 20.0	$6.2 \cdot 10^2$	4	15
		20.0 – 30.0	$6.1 \cdot 10^1$	11	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$1.4 \cdot 10^0$	36	24
	1.0 – 33.0	7.0 – 12.0	$5.7 \cdot 10^2$	3	14
		12.0 – 20.0	$7.8 \cdot 10^1$	6	16
		20.0 – 30.0	$4.6 \cdot 10^0$	18	26
		30.0 – 60.0	$0.1 \cdot 10^0$	69	23
30.0 – 100.0	5.0 – 10.0	7.0 – 12.0	$3.3 \cdot 10^2$	4	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$7.8 \cdot 10^1$	6	14
		20.0 – 30.0	$9.7 \cdot 10^0$	17	24
		30.0 – 60.0	$0.3 \cdot 10^0$	39	32
	10.0 – 100.0	7.0 – 12.0	$9.3 \cdot 10^1$	2	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.5 \cdot 10^1$	3	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$1.3 \cdot 10^0$	9	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	26	30

Table 4: Inclusive dijet cross section averaged over the regions indicated in x, Q^2 and $E^*_{T,max}$ for $\Delta = 2$ GeV as shown in Figure 4. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	$\lvert\Delta\eta^*\rvert$	$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dQ^2dxd\lvert\Delta\eta^*\rvert}$ [pb/GeV^2]	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	0.0 – 0.7	$2.3 \cdot 10^5$	4	10
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.9 \cdot 10^5$	5	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	6	9
		2.1 – 2.8	$7.0 \cdot 10^4$	9	9
		2.8 – 3.5	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	18	13
	1.7 – 3.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.7 \cdot 10^5$	4	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.4 \cdot 10^5$	4	12
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	6	14
		2.1 – 2.8	$5.1 \cdot 10^4$	8	12
		2.8 – 3.5	$1.1 \cdot 10^4$	17	30
	3.0 – 5.0	0.0 – 0.7	$8.5 \cdot 10^4$	5	14
		0.7 – 1.4	$6.9 \cdot 10^4$	6	15
		1.4 – 2.1	$4.6 \cdot 10^4$	8	13
		2.1 – 2.8	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$	13	17
	5.0 – 10.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	7	14
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$	8	16
		1.4 – 2.1	$8.6 \cdot 10^3$	12	22
10.0 – 30.0	1.7 – 3.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.0 \cdot 10^4$	5	13
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$	6	10
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.2 \cdot 10^4$	7	10
		2.1 – 2.8	$5.0 \cdot 10^3$	11	13
		2.8 – 3.5	$1.8 \cdot 10^3$	20	31
	3.0 – 5.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.5 \cdot 10^4$	4	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.9 \cdot 10^4$	4	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.4 \cdot 10^4$	5	11
		2.1 – 2.8	$9.4 \cdot 10^3$	7	11
		2.8 – 3.5	$2.0 \cdot 10^3$	13	13
	5.0 – 1.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$	3	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.2 \cdot 10^4$	3	12
		1.4 – 2.1	$8.1 \cdot 10^3$	5	15
		2.1 – 2.8	$4.0 \cdot 10^3$	7	14
		2.8 – 3.5	$8.8 \cdot 10^2$	16	30
	1.0 – 33.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.1 \cdot 10^3$	4	13
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.8 \cdot 10^3$	4	15
		1.4 – 2.1	$9.5 \cdot 10^2$	7	16
		2.1 – 2.8	$2.2 \cdot 10^2$	13	26
30.0 – 100.0	5.0 – 10.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	6	11
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	6	14
		1.4 – 2.1	$6.8 \cdot 10^2$	7	12
		2.1 – 2.8	$3.4 \cdot 10^2$	11	13
		2.8 – 3.5	$1.6 \cdot 10^2$	21	24
	10.0 – 100.0	0.0 – 0.7	$3.4 \cdot 10^2$	3	14
		0.7 – 1.4	$2.7 \cdot 10^2$	3	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.8 \cdot 10^2$	4	13
		2.1 – 2.8	$6.1 \cdot 10^1$	6	14
		2.8 – 3.5	$9.1 \cdot 10^0$	15	21

Table 5: Inclusive dijet cross section averaged over the regions indicated in x, Q^2 and $|\Delta\eta^*|$ for $\Delta = 2$ GeV as shown in Figure 5. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	Δ [GeV]	$R_2 = \frac{N_{dijet}}{N_{DIS}}$	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	0	0.031	4	9
		1	0.028	4	9
		2	0.023	3	9
		4	0.014	4	9
		7	0.006	6	10
	1.7 – 3.0	0	0.027	3	9
		1	0.024	3	9
		2	0.019	3	9
		4	0.010	4	10
		7	0.004	5	12
	3.0 – 5.0	0	0.021	4	12
		1	0.019	4	12
		2	0.014	4	11
		4	0.007	5	11
		7	0.003	8	13
	5.0 – 10.0	0	0.015	5	15
		1	0.013	5	14
		2	0.010	5	14
		4	0.004	7	14
		7	0.002	10	18
10.0 – 15.0	1.7 – 3.0	0	0.040	4	8
		1	0.037	4	8
		2	0.031	4	9
		4	0.020	5	10
		7	0.009	7	9
	3.0 – 5.0	0	0.035	3	10
		1	0.031	3	9
		2	0.024	4	9
		4	0.013	5	10
		7	0.005	7	11
	5.0 – 10.0	0	0.027	3	13
		1	0.024	4	12
		2	0.018	4	13
		4	0.009	5	13
		7	0.003	7	14
	10.0 – 18.0	0	0.019	6	15
		1	0.016	7	14
		2	0.011	7	18
		4	0.006	9	20
		7	0.002	17	24

Table 6: Dijet rate R_2 averaged over the regions indicated in Q^2 and x for different values of Δ. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	Δ [GeV]	$R_2 = \frac{N_{dijet}}{N_{DIS}}$	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
15.0 – 20.0	3.0 – 5.0	0	0.043	6	9
		1	0.042	4	8
		2	0.035	4	9
		4	0.020	5	9
		7	0.008	7	10
	5.0 – 10.0	0	0.041	4	10
		1	0.036	4	12
		2	0.028	4	11
		4	0.015	5	10
		7	0.005	8	12
	10.0 – 22.0	0	0.027	5	13
		1	0.024	5	13
		2	0.019	5	12
		4	0.009	7	14
		7	0.003	11	17
20.0 – 30.0	3.0 – 5.0	0	0.056	5	8
		1	0.052	5	8
		2	0.046	6	8
		4	0.030	7	9
		7	0.015	9	10
	5.0 – 10.0	0	0.054	3	9
		1	0.049	3	9
		2	0.040	3	9
		4	0.023	4	10
		7	0.010	6	10
	10.0 – 33.0	0	0.038	3	11
		1	0.033	3	11
		2	0.025	4	12
		4	0.014	4	13
		7	0.006	7	15
30.0 – 50.0	5.0 – 10.0	0	0.068	3	8
		1	0.064	3	8
		2	0.056	4	9
		4	0.036	4	9
		7	0.018	6	10
	10.0 – 55.0	0	0.056	2	10
		1	0.051	2	10
		2	0.041	3	11
		4	0.023	3	12
		7	0.009	5	13
50.0 – 100.0	10.0 – 25.0	0	0.087	3	9
		1	0.080	3	8
		2	0.067	3	9
		4	0.041	4	10
		7	0.018	6	13
	25.0 – 100.0	0	0.072	3	9
		1	0.065	3	10
		2	0.052	3	11
		4	0.029	4	12
		7	0.011	6	18

Table 6 continued.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	$E^*_{T,max}$ [GeV]	$\frac{dR_2}{dE^*_{T,max}}$ [GeV^{-1}]	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	7.0 – 12.0	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3	10
		12.0 – 20.0	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6	14
		20.0 – 30.0	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	13	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	27	27
	1.7 – 3.0	7.0 – 12.0	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5	14
		20.0 – 30.0	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	13	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	35	25
	3.0 – 5.0	7.0 – 12.0	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4	13
		12.0 – 20.0	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	21	22
	5.0 – 10.0	7.0 – 12.0	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	16
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	10	20
		20.0 – 30.0	$7.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	34	36
10.0 – 30.0	1.7 – 3.0	7.0 – 12.0	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	7	13
		20.0 – 30.0	$8.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	18	15
		30.0 – 60.0	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	36	23
	3.0 – 5.0	7.0 – 12.0	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$5.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	5	13
		20.0 – 30.0	$9.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	11	18
		30.0 – 60.0	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$	20	25
	5.0 – 1.0	7.0 – 12.0	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2	12
		12.0 – 20.0	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4	15
		20.0 – 30.0	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	11	19
		30.0 – 60.0	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	36	25
	1.0 – 33.0	7.0 – 12.0	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3	14
		12.0 – 20.0	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	6	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	18	27
		30.0 – 60.0	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	69	25
30.0 – 100.0	5.0 – 10.0	7.0 – 12.0	$7.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6	13
		20.0 – 30.0	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	17	23
		30.0 – 60.0	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	39	32
	10.0 – 100.0	7.0 – 12.0	$7.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2	11
		12.0 – 20.0	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3	17
		20.0 – 30.0	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	19
		30.0 – 60.0	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$	26	31

Table 7: Dijet rate R_2 averaged over the regions indicated in x, Q^2 and $E^*_{T,max}$ for $\Delta = 2$ GeV. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	$\lvert\Delta\eta^*\rvert$	$\frac{dR_2}{d\lvert\Delta\eta^*\rvert}$	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	0.0 – 0.7	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	12
		1.4 – 2.1	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	11
		2.1 – 2.8	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9	10
		2.8 – 3.5	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	18	13
	1.7 – 3.0	0.0 – 0.7	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$8.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	12
		1.4 – 2.1	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6	13
		2.1 – 2.8	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8	12
		2.8 – 3.5	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	17	31
	3.0 – 5.0	0.0 – 0.7	$7.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	14
		0.7 – 1.4	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6	15
		1.4 – 2.1	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8	15
		2.1 – 2.8	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	13	18
	5.0 – 10.0	0.0 – 0.7	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	14
		0.7 – 1.4	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8	17
		1.4 – 2.1	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	12	25
10.0 – 30.0	1.7 – 3.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5	13
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	6	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$9.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	10
		2.1 – 2.8	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	11	14
		2.8 – 3.5	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	20	30
	3.0 – 5.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	4	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	4	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	12
		2.1 – 2.8	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	11
		2.8 – 3.5	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	13	13
	5.0 – 1.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3	12
		0.7 – 1.4	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3	12
		1.4 – 2.1	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5	15
		2.1 – 2.8	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	14
		2.8 – 3.5	$8.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	16	30
	1.0 – 33.0	0.0 – 0.7	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	4	13
		0.7 – 1.4	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4	15
		1.4 – 2.1	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	18
		2.1 – 2.8	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	13	28
30.0 – 100.0	5.0 – 10.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	6	11
		0.7 – 1.4	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	6	14
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	7	12
		2.1 – 2.8	$7.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	11	13
		2.8 – 3.5	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	21	24
	10.0 – 100.0	0.0 – 0.7	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3	13
		0.7 – 1.4	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3	11
		1.4 – 2.1	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	4	12
		2.1 – 2.8	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6	14
		2.8 – 3.5	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	15	22

Table 8: Dijet rate R_2 averaged over the regions indicated in x, Q^2 and $|\Delta\eta^*|$ for $\Delta = 2$ GeV. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.

Q^2 [GeV^2]	$x/10^{-4}$	S	$\delta_{stat.}$ [%]	$\delta_{syst.}$ [%]
5.0 – 10.0	1.0 – 1.7	0.086	8	9
	1.7 – 3.0	0.053	9	9
	3.0 – 5.0	0.049	13	9
	5.0 – 10.0	0.038	21	11
10.0 – 15.0	1.7 – 3.0	0.056	11	9
	3.0 – 5.0	0.048	13	12
	5.0 – 10.0	0.039	15	10
	10.0 – 18.0	0.022	33	24
15.0 – 20.0	3.0 – 5.0	0.066	13	7
	5.0 – 10.0	0.050	15	16
	10.0 – 22.0	0.039	23	24
20.0 – 30.0	3.0 – 5.0	0.086	16	14
	5.0 – 10.0	0.051	12	12
	10.0 – 33.0	0.043	15	13
30.0 – 50.0	5.0 – 10.0	0.058	13	10
	10.0 – 55.0	0.038	11	16
50.0 – 100.0	10.0 – 25.0	0.040	14	16
	25.0 – 100.0	0.038	13	11

Table 9: Measured ratio S for jets with an azimuthal separation of $\Delta\phi^* < 120^\circ$ for $\Delta = 2$ GeV as shown in Figures 9 to 11. The measured values are given together with their statistical ($\delta_{stat.}$) and systematic ($\delta_{syst.}$) errors. See the caption of Table 3 for further details.