



FIG. III.14 (Color online) Ratios of the measured Drell-Yan pp (squares) and pd (triangles) cross-sections to NLO calculations based on the MRST 2001 PDF fit (Martin *et al.*, 2002a), plotted as a function of beam momentum fraction, here labeled x_1 , with averaging over the target momentum fraction. The shaded area between the solid lines represents the experimental uncertainty ranges (Martin *et al.*, 2003) on $4u(x) + d(x)$ in the MRST2001 PDF fit. The data are from the FNAL E866 experiment. [Figure adapted from (Webb, 2003; Webb *et al.*, 2003).]

sections that are primarily sensitive to the valence distributions in the proton beam, and the antiquark distributions at small x_t in the proton and deuteron targets.

Some results from analysis of the FNAL E866 Drell-Yan data are reproduced in Fig. III.14. In this figure the E866 results for pp and pd collisions are divided by the appropriate differential cross-section computed using the MRST 2001 PDFs (Martin *et al.*, 2002a). Analogous ratios plotted as a function of x_t (Webb *et al.*, 2003) indicate that the MRST2001 PDFs provide a very good description of the pp cross-section's x_t -dependence on the complete x_t -domain, and a good description of the pd cross-section for $x_t < 0.15$. In this light, consider first the pp data, which hints that the plotted ratio is smaller than one at $x_b \gtrsim 0.6$. Given that the u -quark is responsible for roughly 80% of the cross-section, this observation can be interpreted as an indication that the MRST 2001 PDFs overestimate the proton's valence u -quark distribution. There is a strong signal from the pd cross-section that the plotted ratio is less than unity for $x_b \gtrsim 0.5$. Given that this cross-section is proportional to $4u(x) + d(x)$ and the greater suppression, one can argue that the PDFs overestimate the