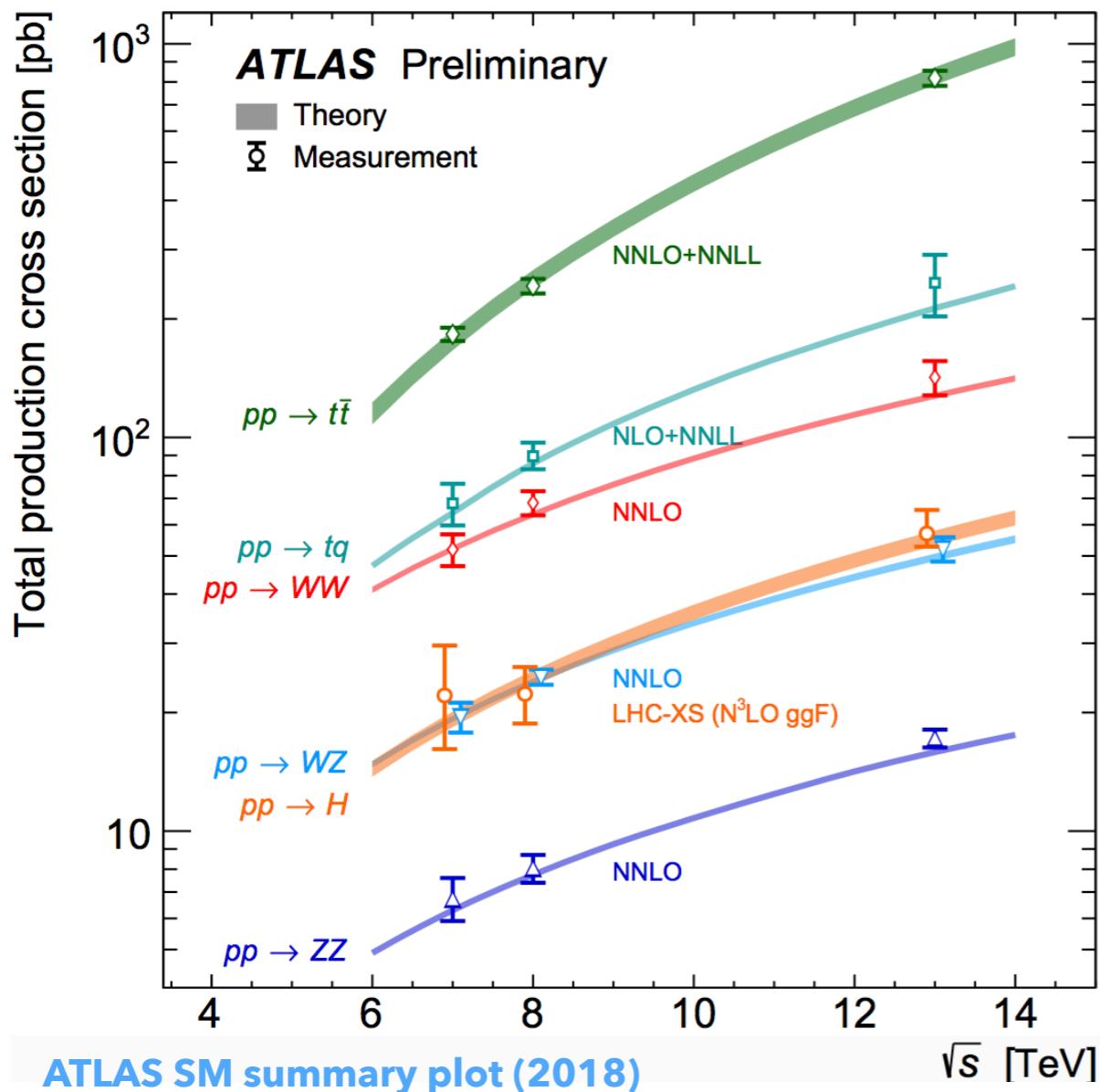


QCD: NNPDF

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A new precision era in particle physics

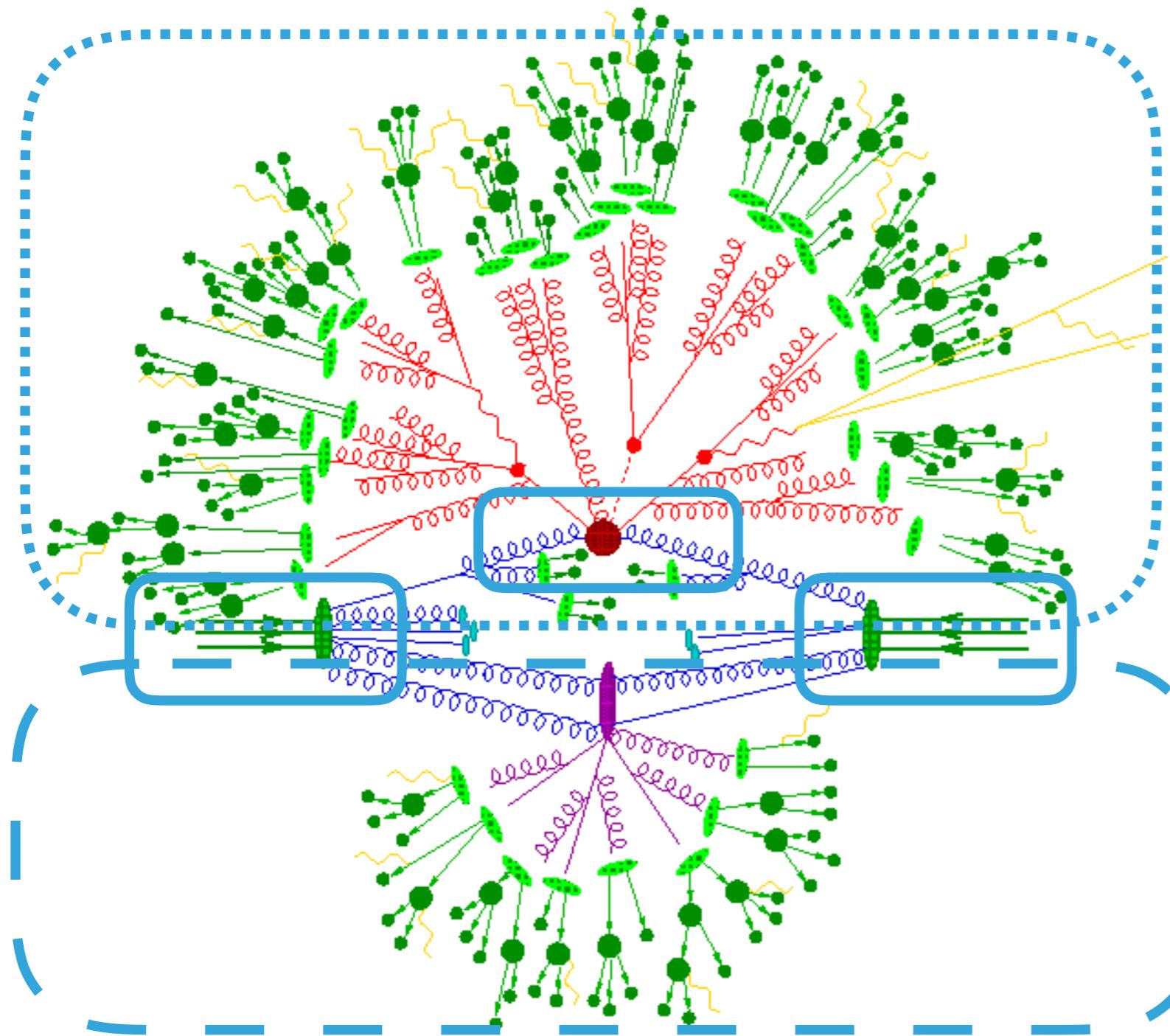
- Is precision physics possible/necessary at hadron colliders?
At the LHC a paradigm shift took place: discovery → discovery through precision
- Theoretical predictions to catch up with precision of experimental data



- Precise theoretical predictions are key not to miss unique opportunity given by precise data in the next 20+ years



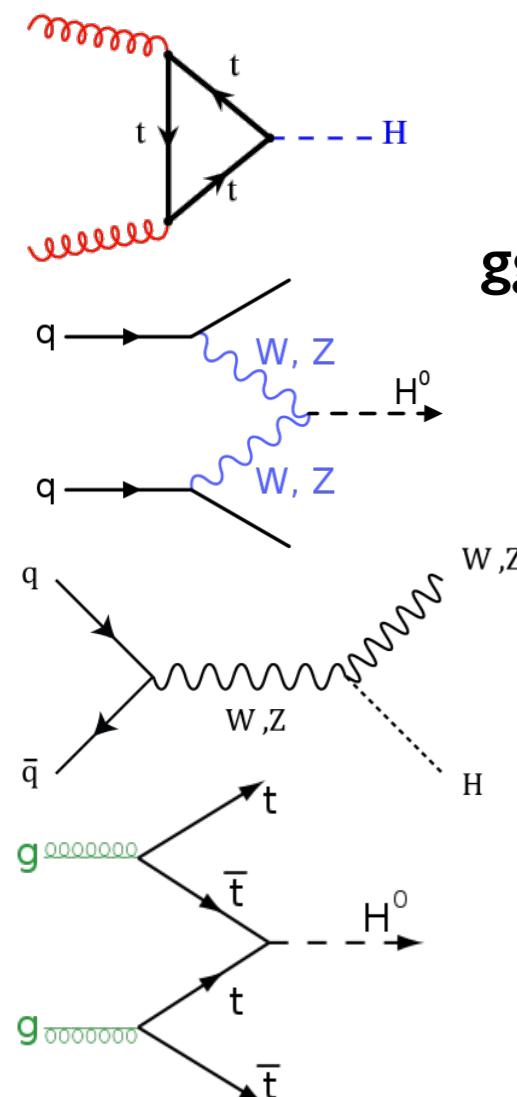
The precision ingredients



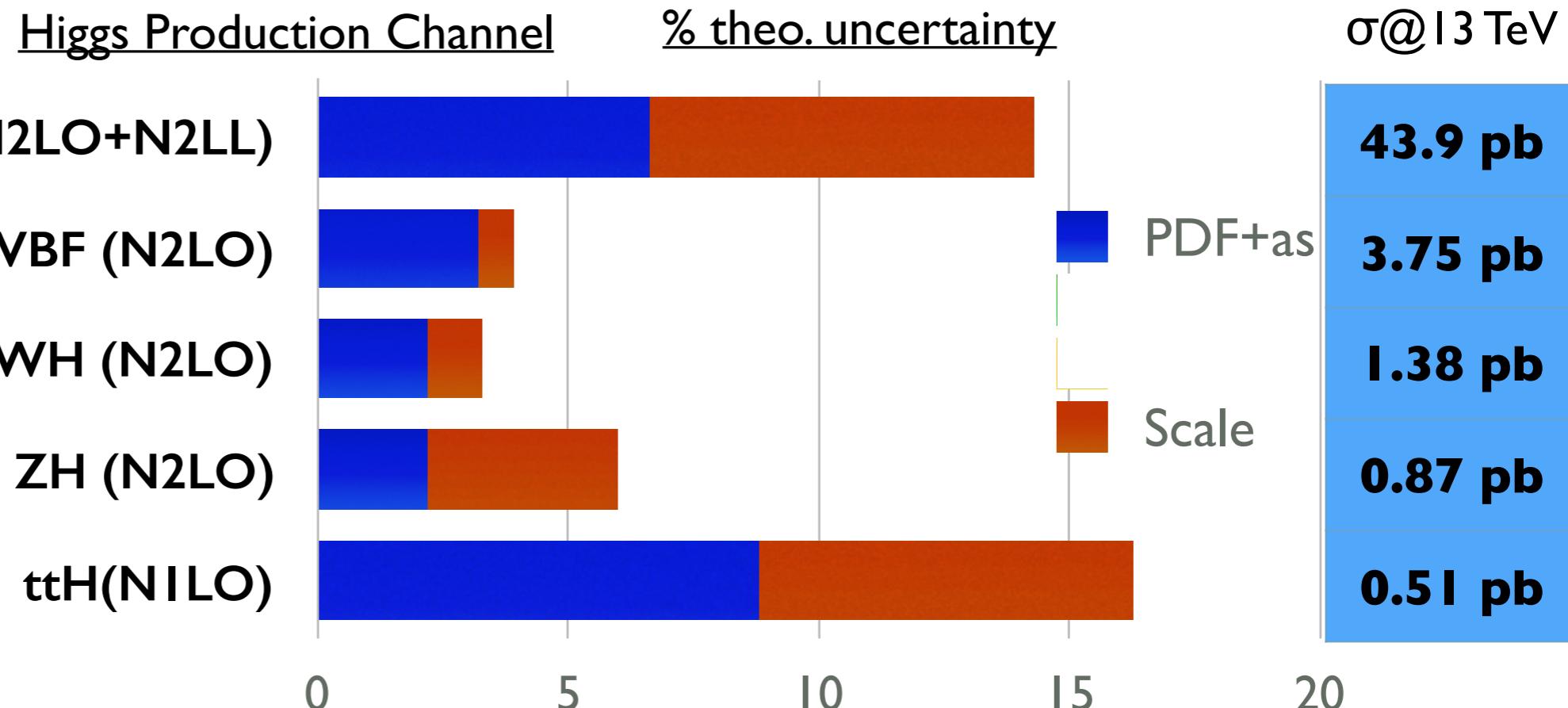
- Hard scattering of partons (Perturbative QCD+EW)
- Parton Distribution Functions
- Parton Showering and Hadronization
- Multiple Parton Interaction, Underlying Events

The role of PDF uncertainties

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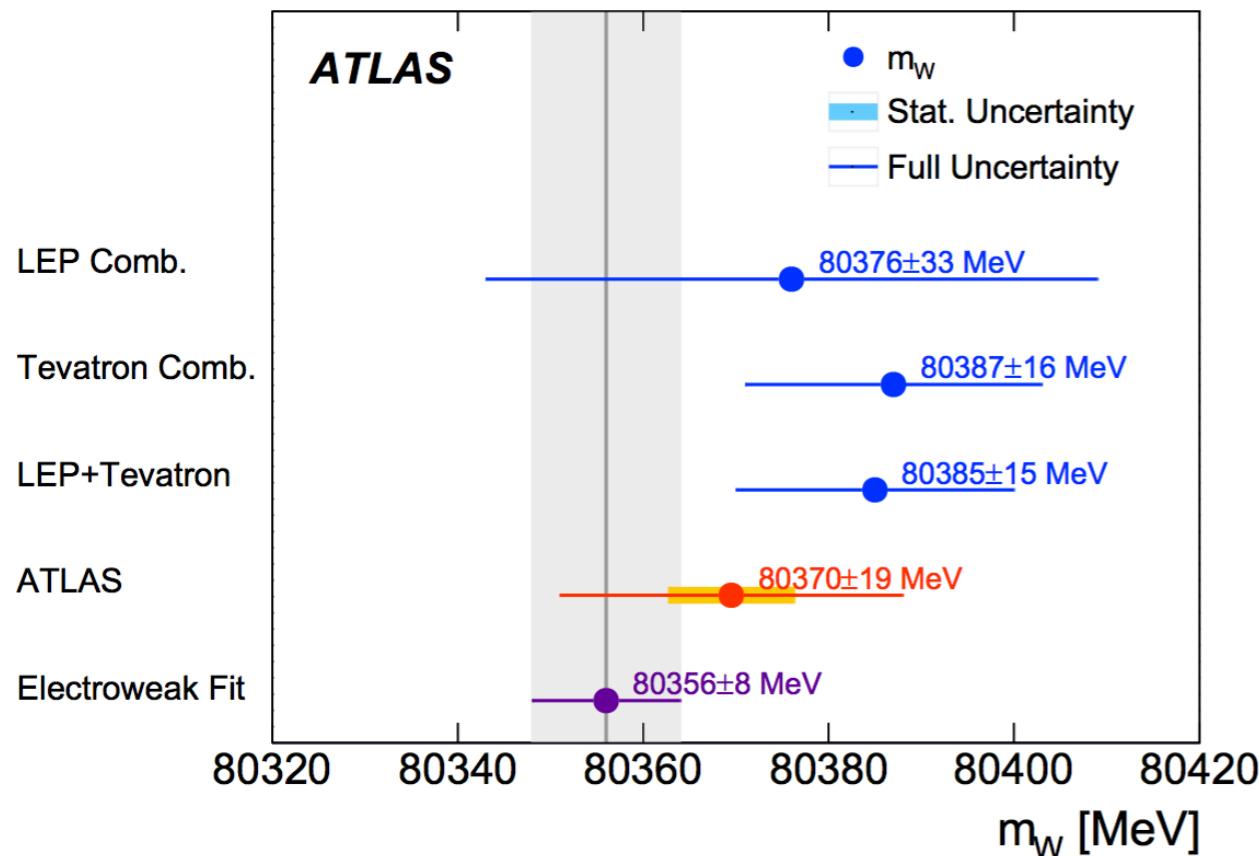
Higgs physics



PDF uncertainties limiting factor in the accuracy of theoretical predictions

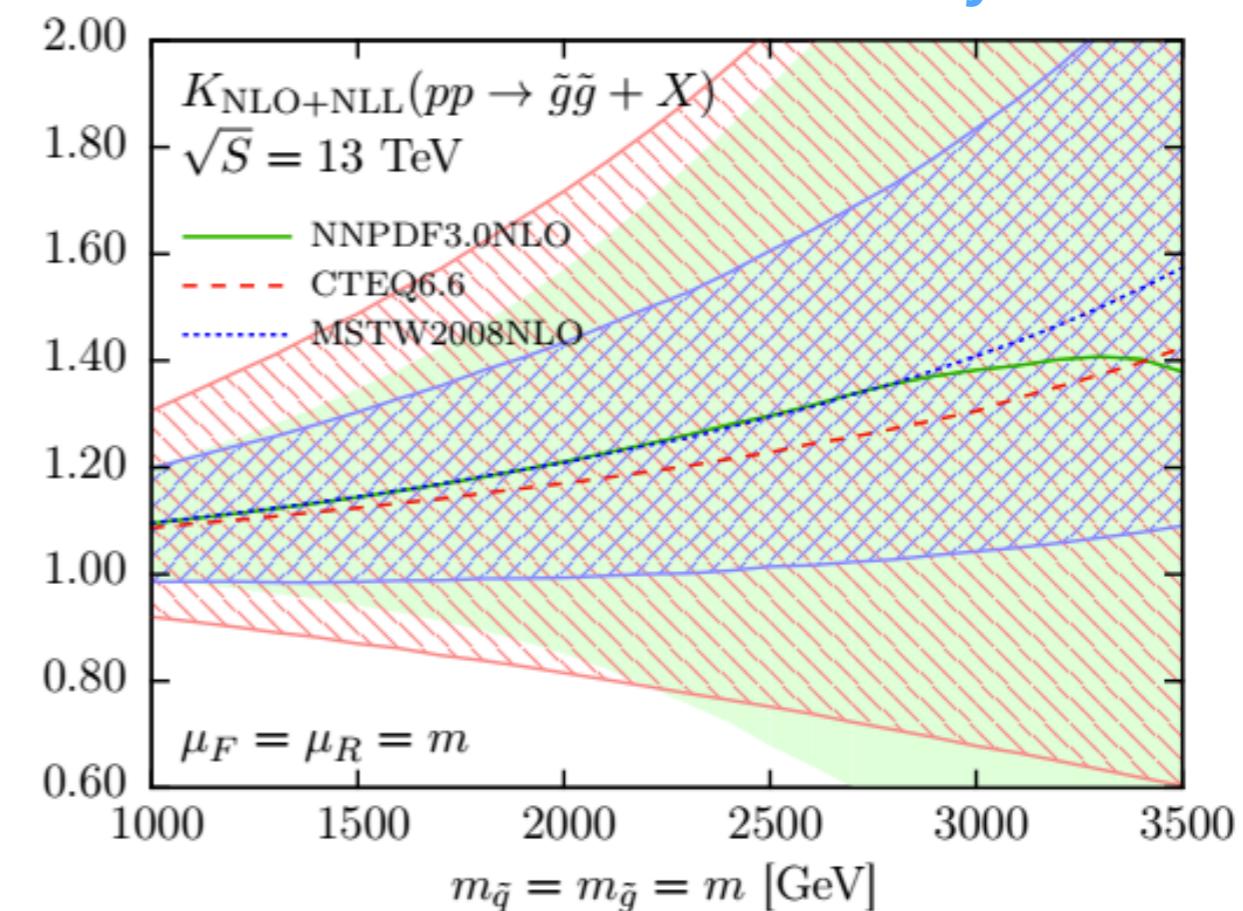
The role of PDF uncertainties

Determination of SM parameters



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New Physics



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| Channel | $m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$ [MeV] | Stat. Unc. | Muon Unc. | Elec. Unc. | Recoil Unc. | Bckg. Unc. | QCD Unc. | EW Unc. | PDF Unc. | Total Unc. |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| $W \rightarrow e\nu$ | -29.7 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 30.7 |
| $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ | -28.6 | 16.3 | 11.7 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 26.0 | 33.2 |
| Combined | -29.2 | 12.8 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 28.0 |

Outline

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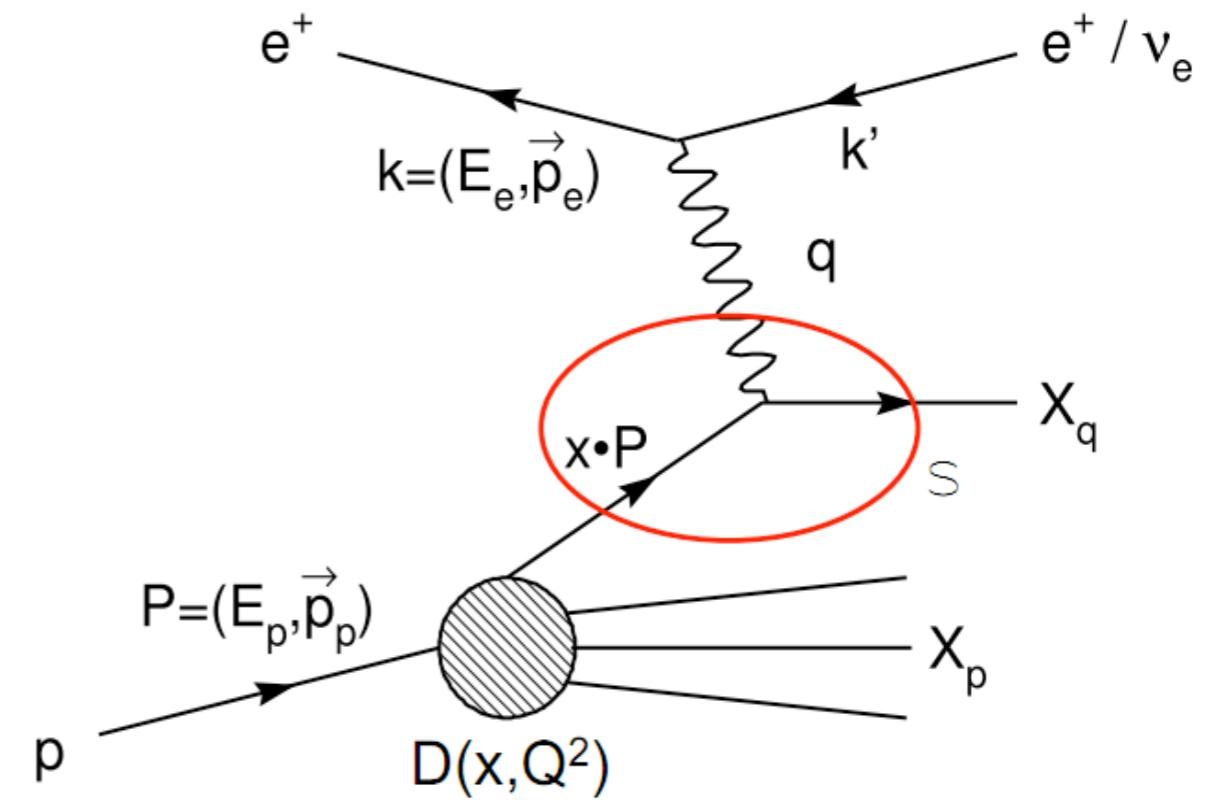
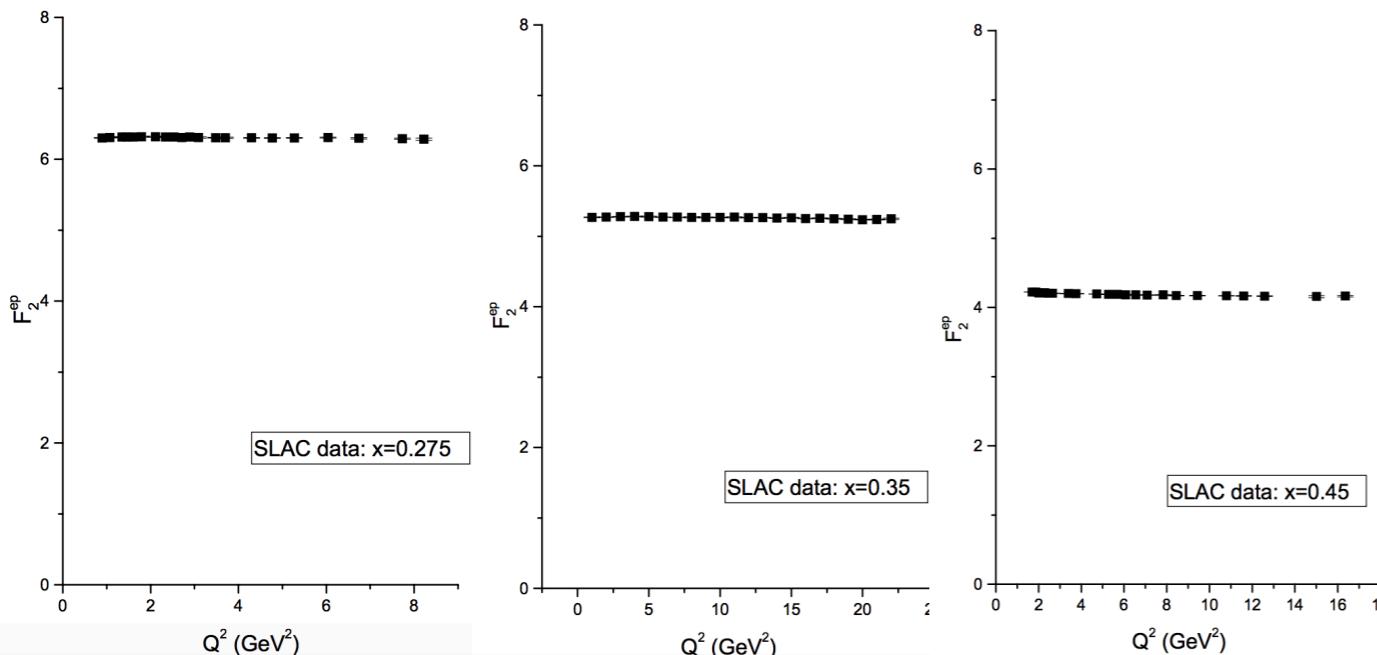
Introduction

Parton Model

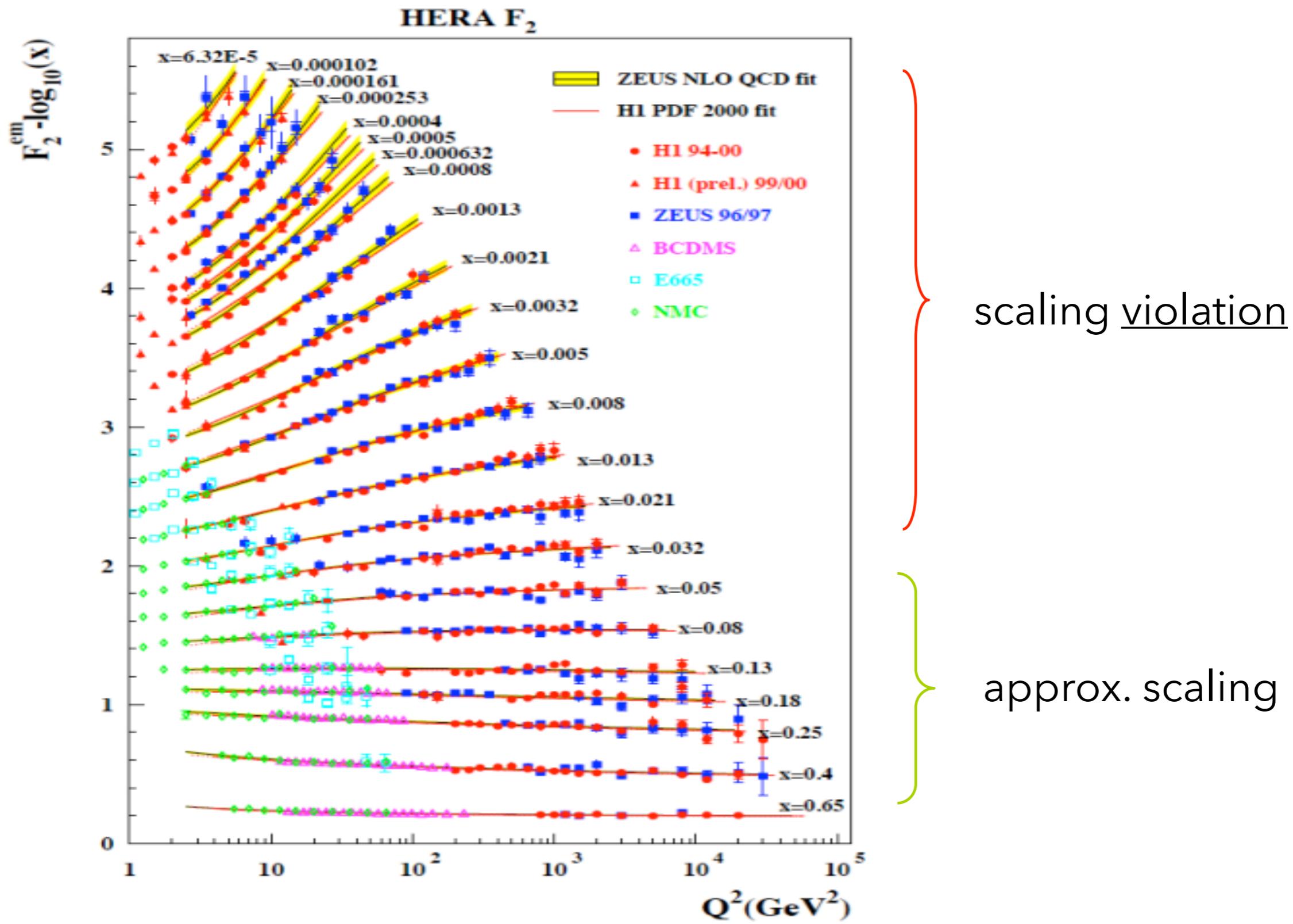
The parton model (**Feynman 1969**)

- Photon scatters incoherently off massless, free, point like, spin 1/2 quarks
- The functions $q(x)$ are the Parton Distribution Functions encode probability that a quark carries a fraction x of parent proton's
- They encode information about proton deep structure

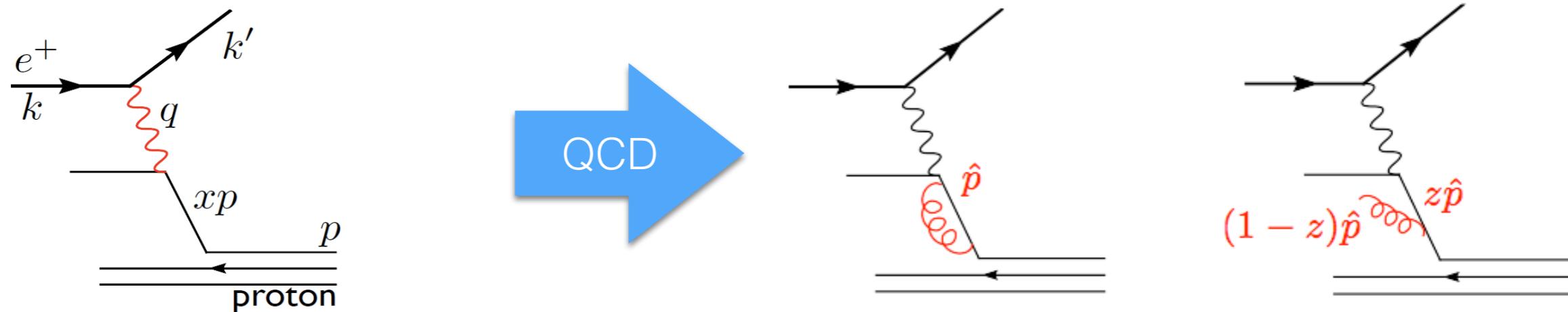
$$F_2^{\gamma, Z}(x) = x \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} c_i [q_i(x) + \bar{q}_i(x)]$$



Parton Model



QCD and improved parton model



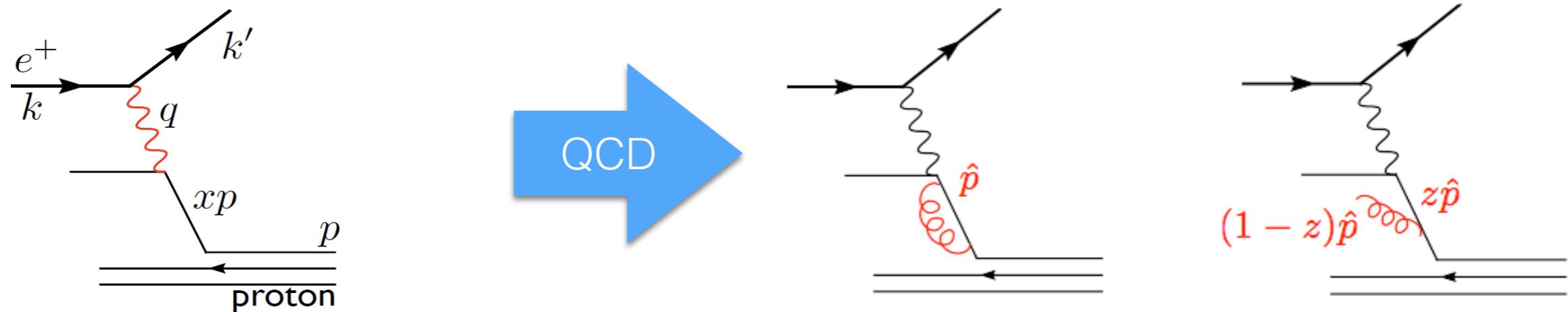
Adding **real emission** and **virtual correction**

$$\sigma^{(1)} = C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_\perp^2}{dk_\perp^2} \int_0^1 dz P(z) \left(\sigma^{(0)}(z\hat{p}) - \sigma^{(0)}(\hat{p}) \right)$$

∞!

- Soft limit ($z \rightarrow 1$): singularity cancels between real and virtual terms
- For $z < 1$ a collinear singularity appears for $k_\perp \rightarrow 0$
- Naive parton model does not survive QCD radiative corrections
- Need “renormalization” of collinear divergences as in the case of UV divergences

QCD and improved parton model



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$$\longrightarrow \sigma^{(1)} = C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_{\lambda^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_\perp^2}{dk_\perp^2} \int_0^1 dz [P(z)]_+ \sigma^{(0)}(z\hat{p})$$

With $\int_0^1 dz f(z)_+ g(z) = \int_0^1 dz f(z)(g(z) - g(1))$ Plus prescription

QCD and improved parton model

The trick is to factorize the collinear singularities by splitting the log

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$$\log\left(\frac{Q^2}{\lambda^2}\right) = \log\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\mu_F^2}{\lambda^2}\right)$$

$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)} = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \log \frac{\mu_F^2}{\lambda^2} P_+\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2} P_+\right)$$



$$\sigma(p, \mu_F) = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2} P_+\right) \times \sigma^{(0)}(p)$$

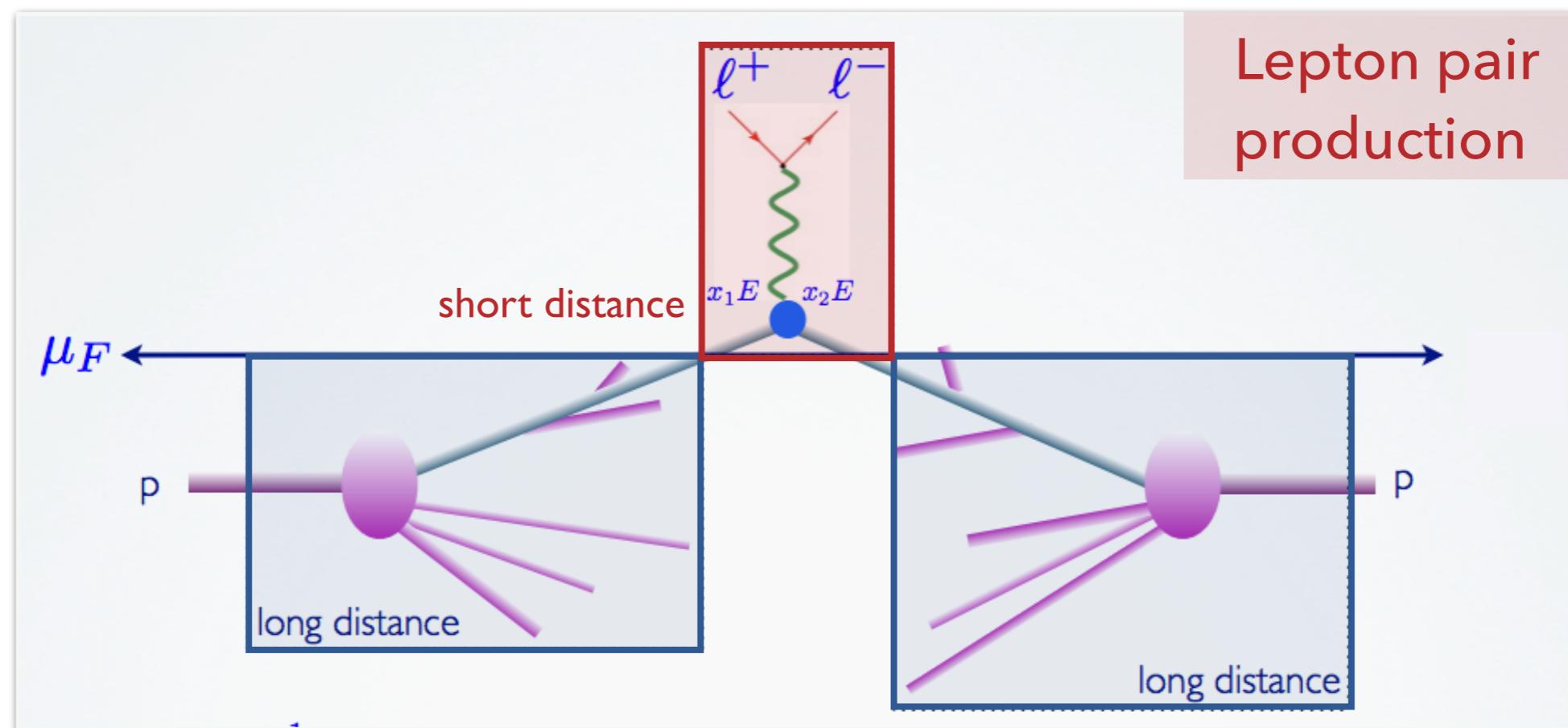
$$f(x, \mu_F) = f(x) \times \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\lambda^2} P_{qq}^{(0)}\right)$$

Both PDFs and partonic cross section acquire dependence on arbitrary scale μ_F

Collinear Factorisation Theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{ep \rightarrow ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i=-n_f}^{+n_f} \int_{x_B}^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_i(z, \mu_F) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_i^{ei}}{dX}(zS, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^n}{S^n}\right)$$

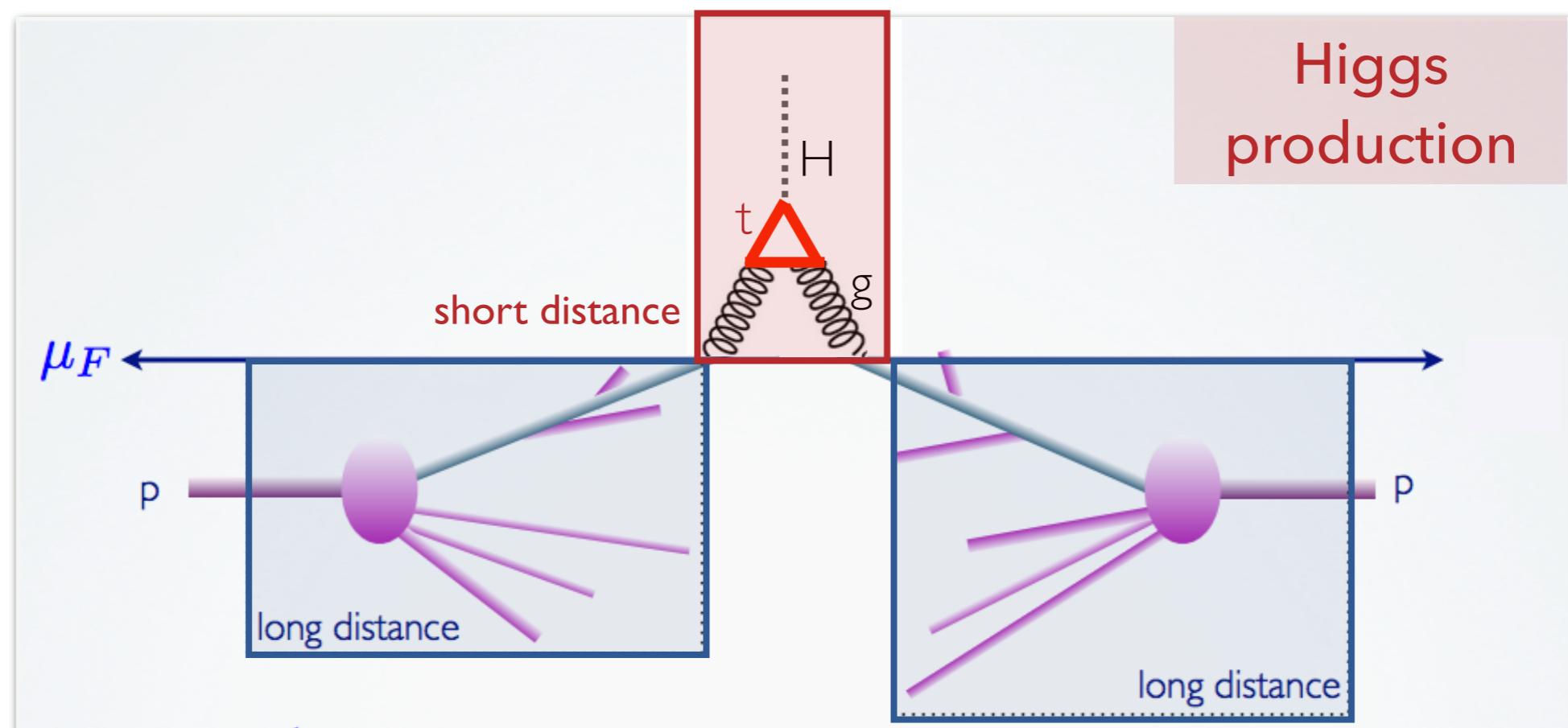
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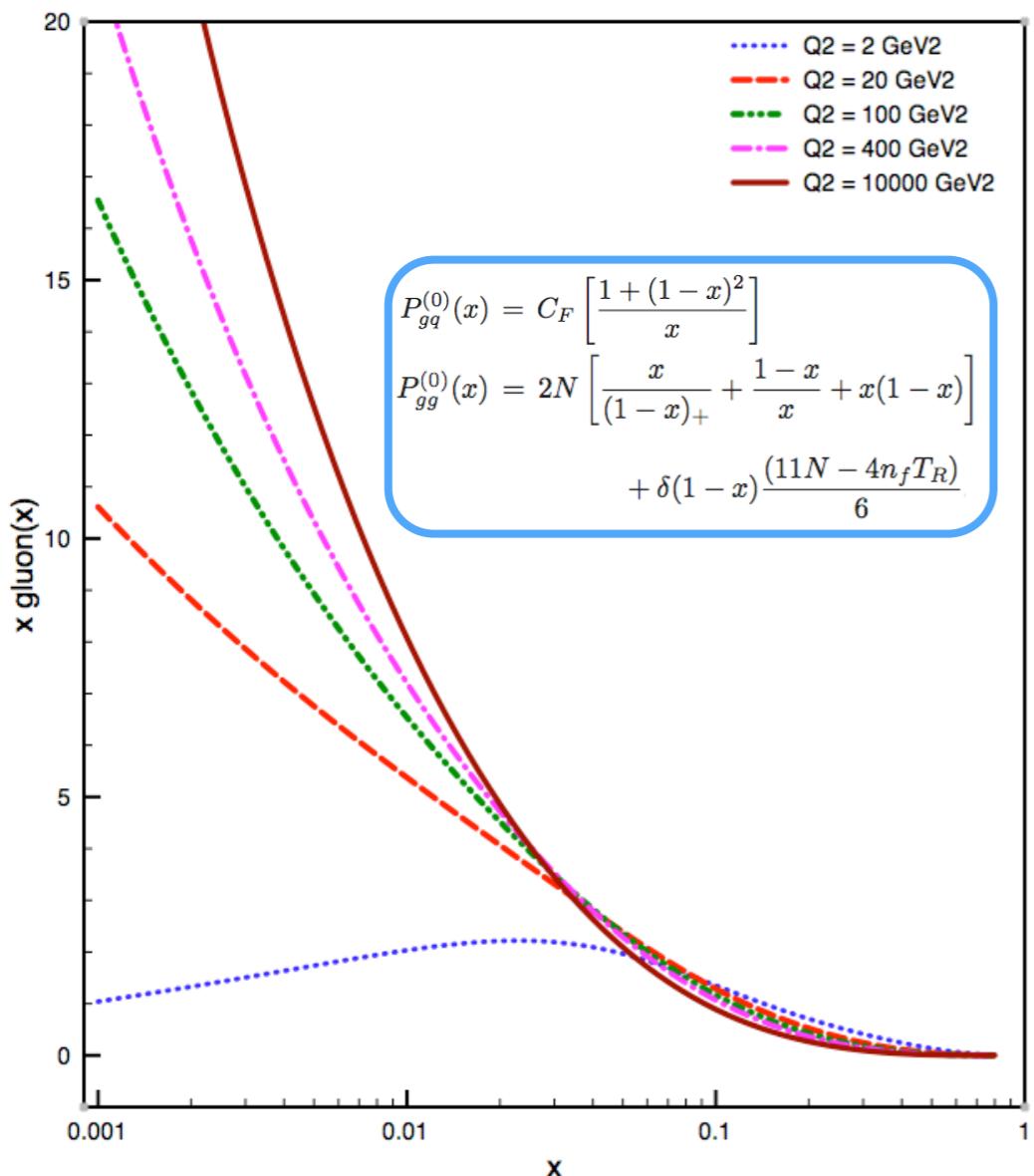
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DGLAP evolution equations

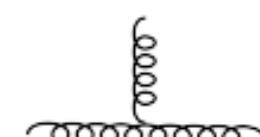
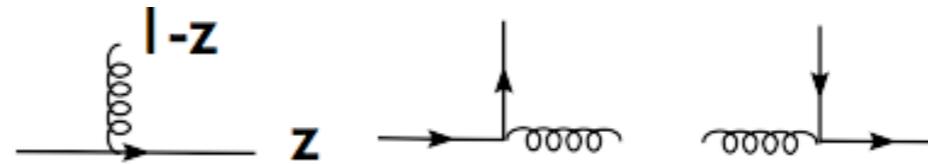
In analogy with running coupling, imposing that cross section does not depend on arbitrary scale μ , get renormalisation group equations for PDFs

$$t = \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} q_i(x, t) \\ g(x, t) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \sum_{j=q,\bar{q}} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \begin{pmatrix} P_{ij} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \alpha_s(t) \right) & P_{ig} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \alpha_s(t) \right) \\ P_{gj} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \alpha_s(t) \right) & P_{gg} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \alpha_s(t) \right) \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q_j(\xi, t) \\ g(\xi, t) \end{pmatrix}$$



Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi equations

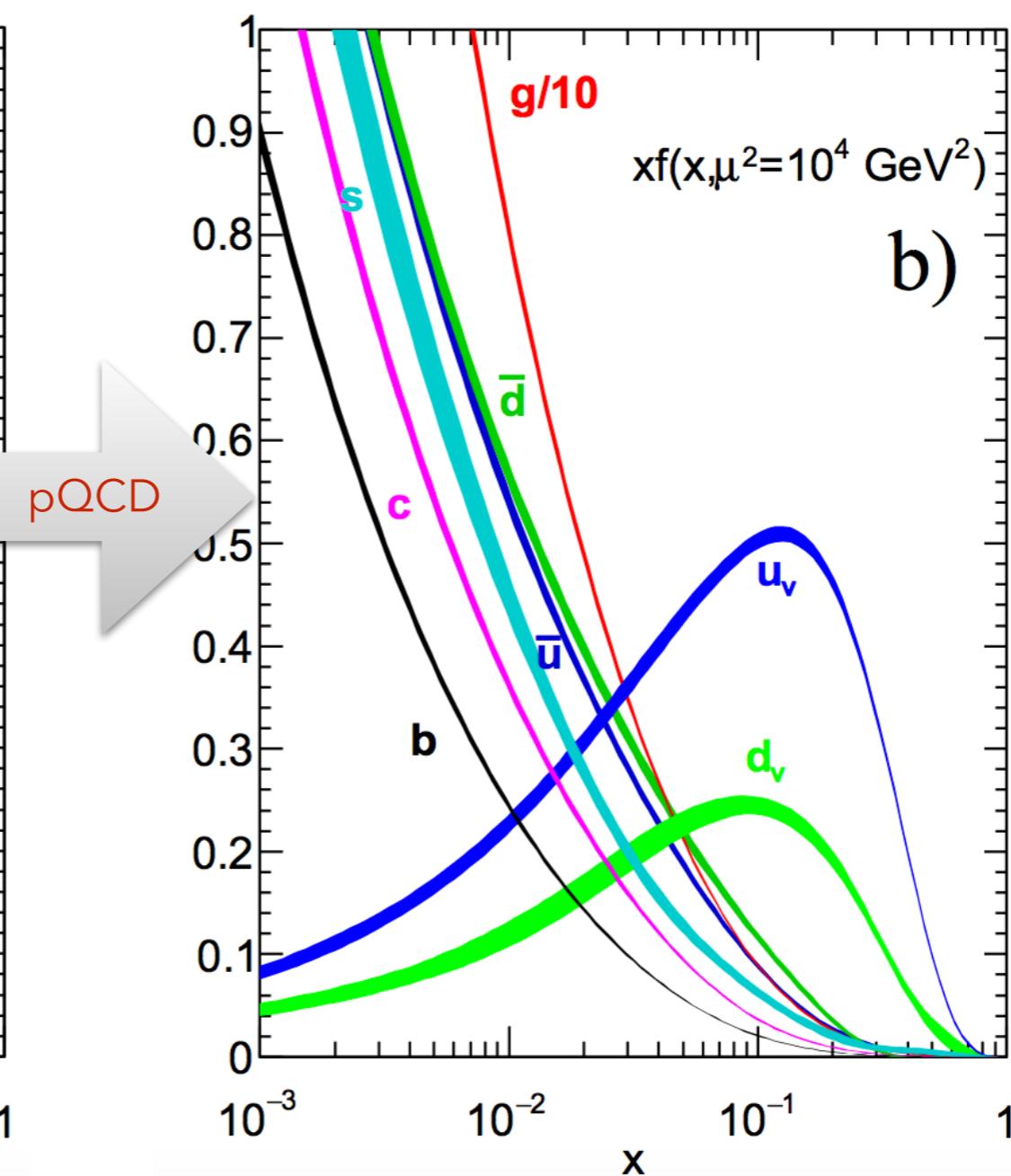
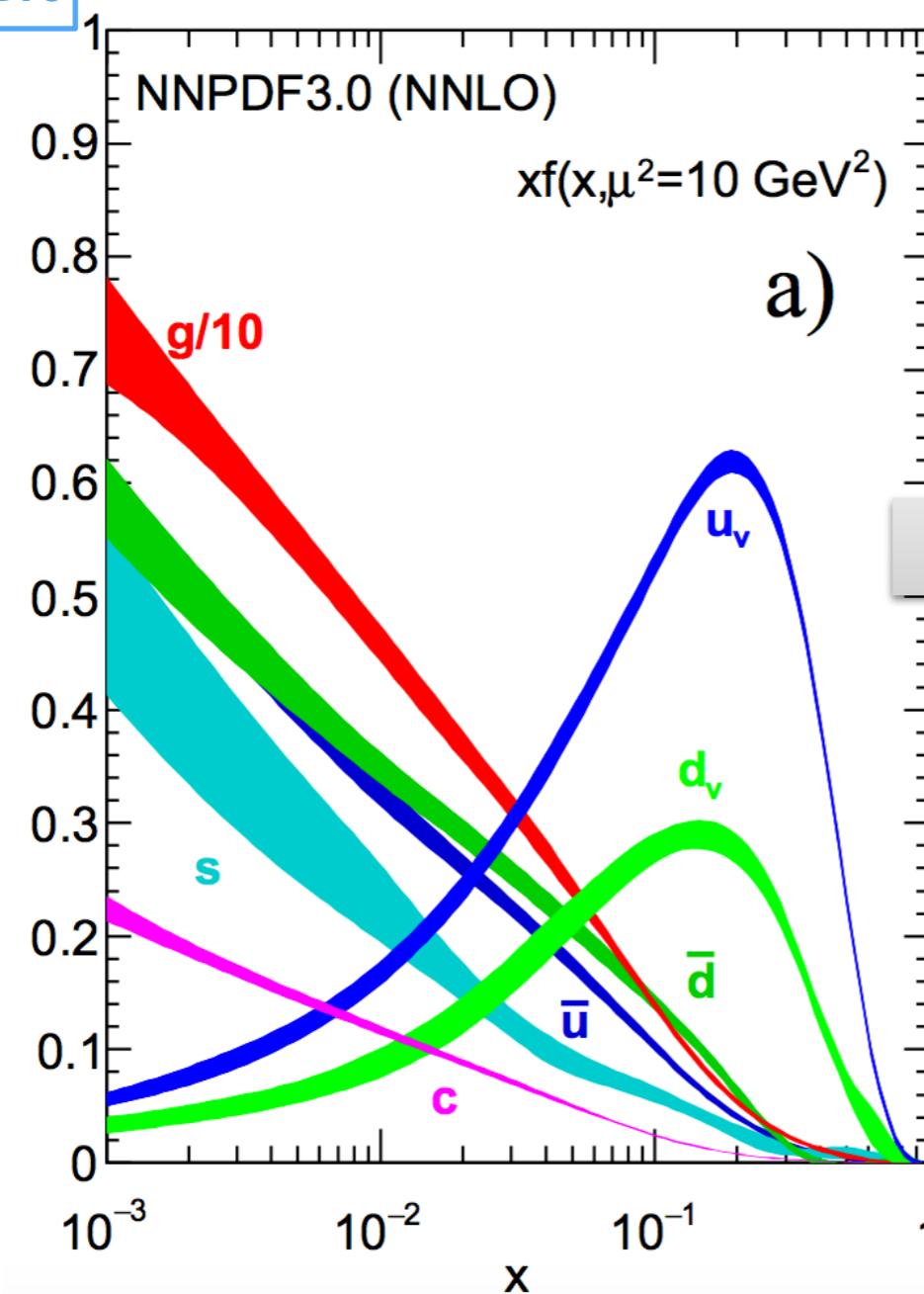
- Functional dependence on μ^2 is totally predicted by solving DGLAP evolution eqns
- Splitting functions known up to NNLO:
 - LO** Dokshitzer; Gribov, Lipatov; Altarelli, Parisi (1977)
 - NLO** Floratos, Ross, Sachrajda; Floratos, Lacaze, Kounnas, Gonzalez-Arroyo, Lopez, Yndurain; Curci, Furmanski Petronzio, (1981)
 - NNLO** - Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2004



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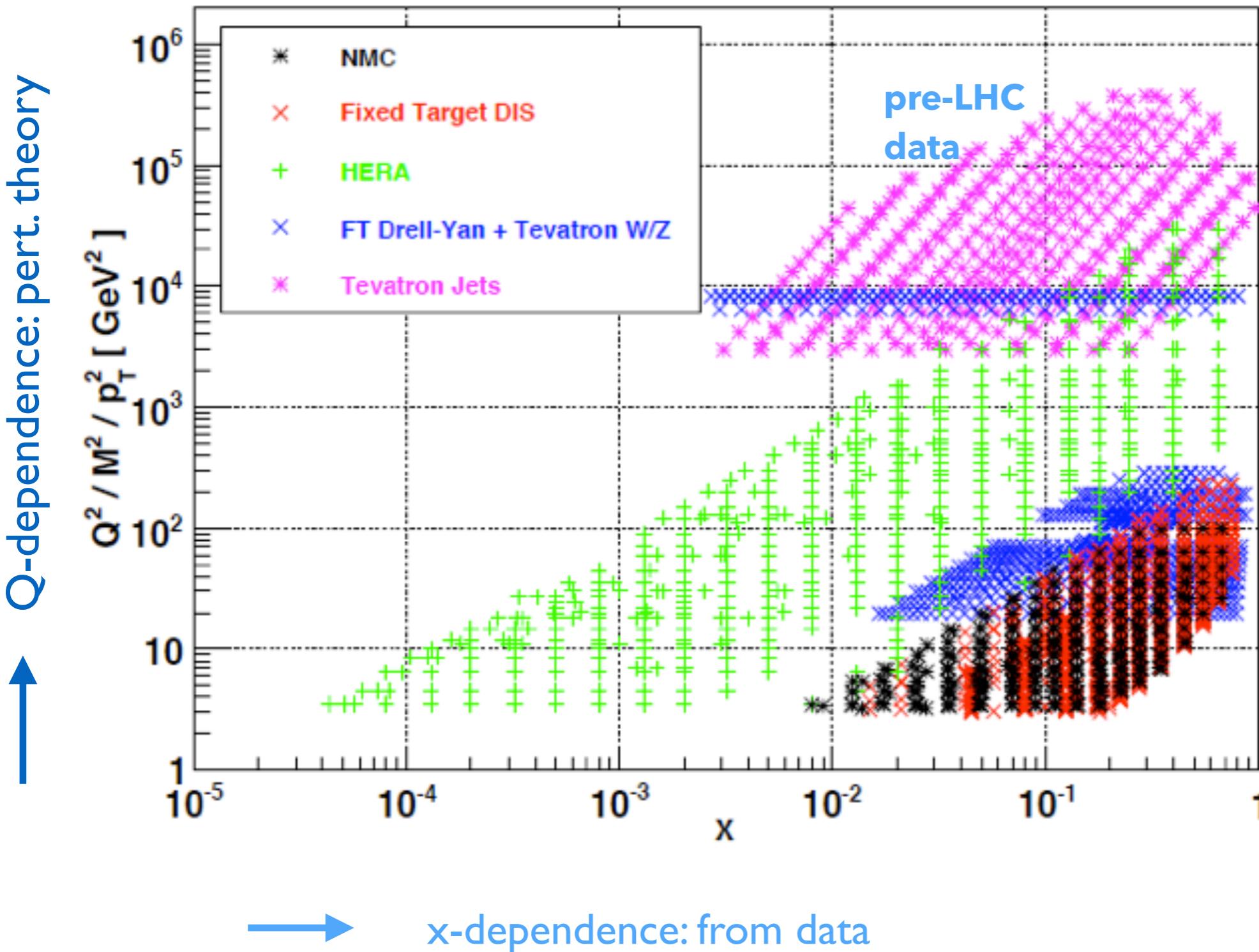
Functional dependence of PDFs on the scale is totally predicted up to NNLO accuracy by solving DGLAP evolution equations

Hadronic scale:
global fit of PDFs



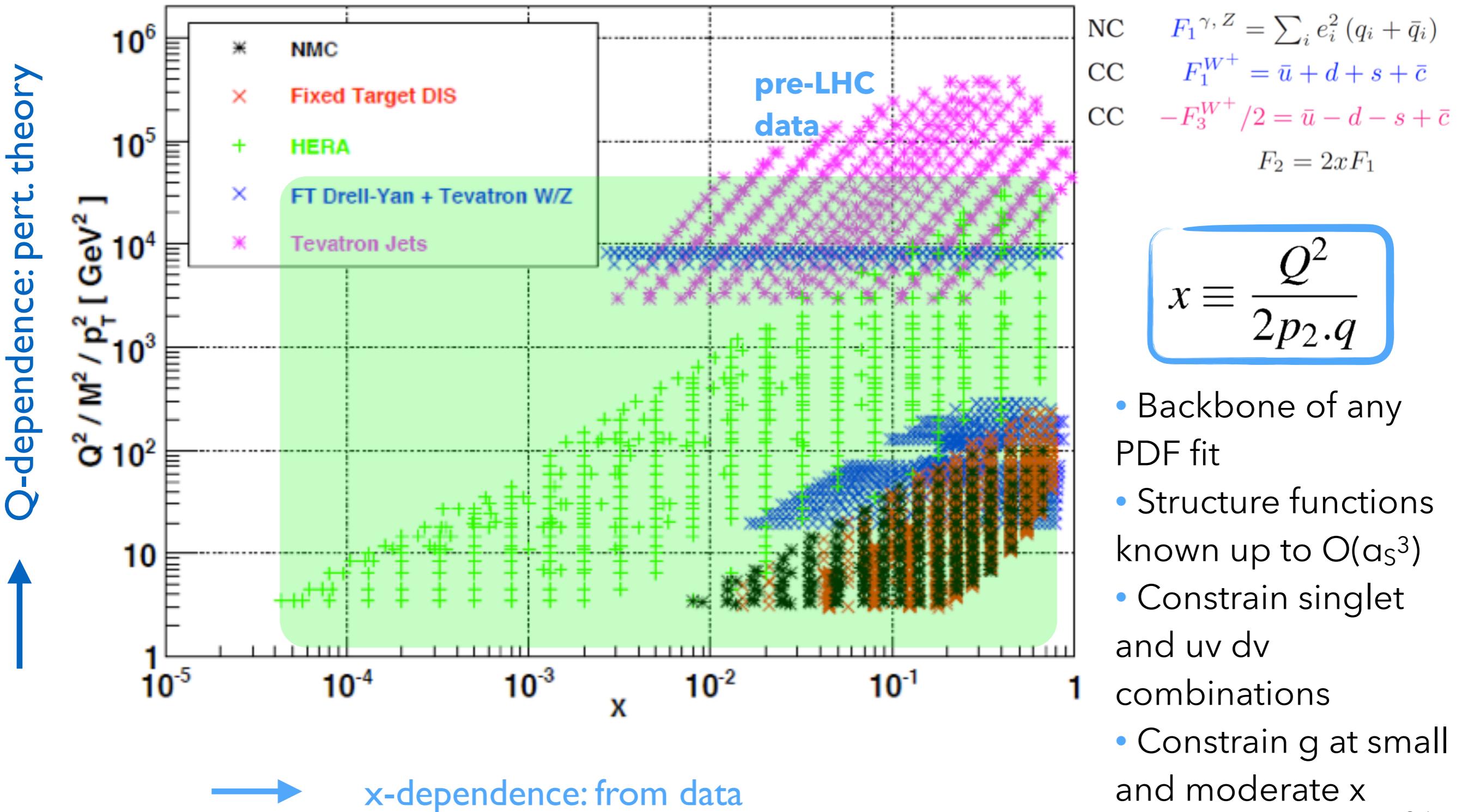
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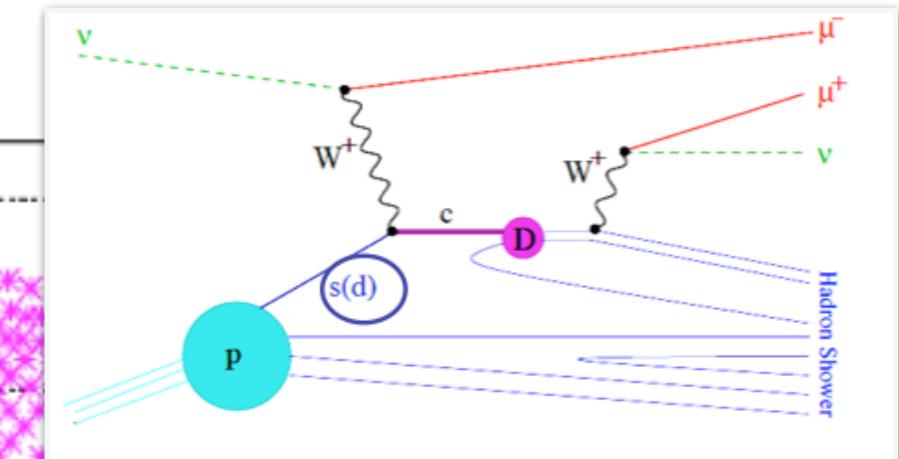
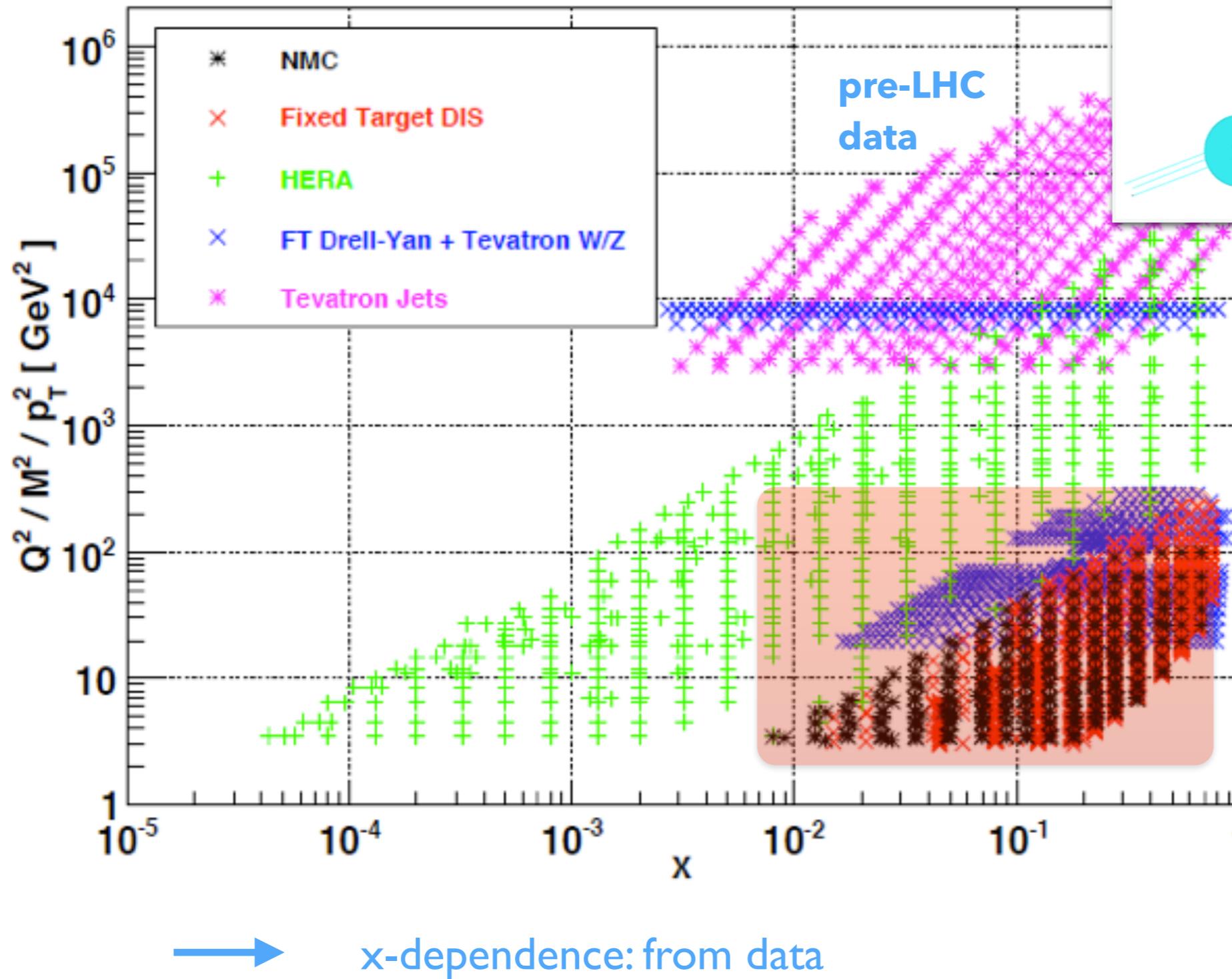
Different data constrain different PDF combinations in different kinematic regions.

PDF determination



PDF determination

Q-dependence: pert. theory

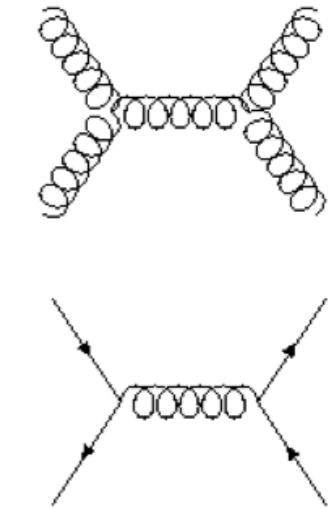
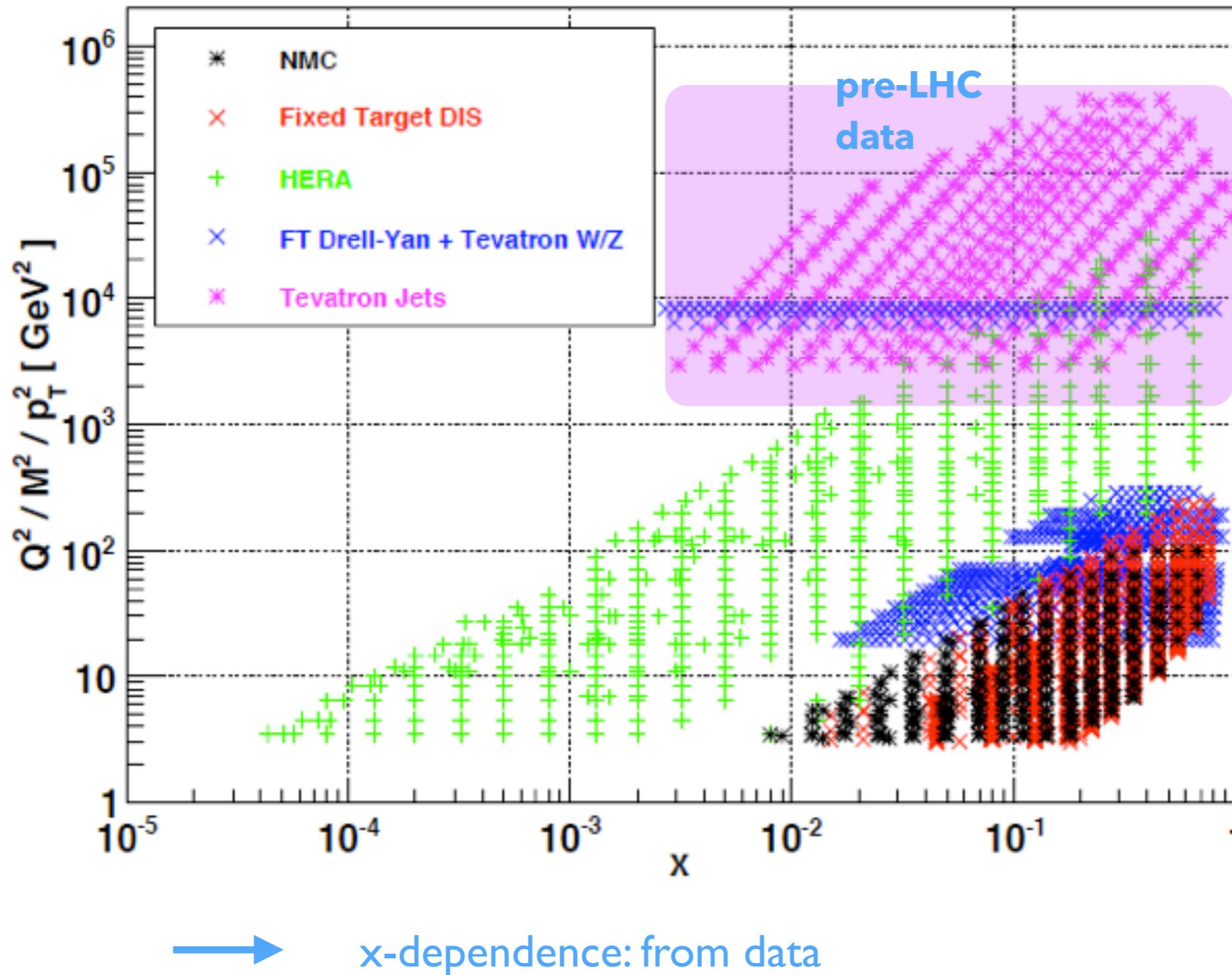


$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M_n E_\nu y}$$

- Deep inelastic neutrino production of charm
- Constrain strange and anti-strange at moderate $x > 10^{-2}$

PDF determination

↑ Q-dependence: pert. theory



$$x_{1,2} = \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{S}} e^{\pm \eta}$$

- Jet data
- Direct handle on quarks and gluons at large x

LHC data

GLUON

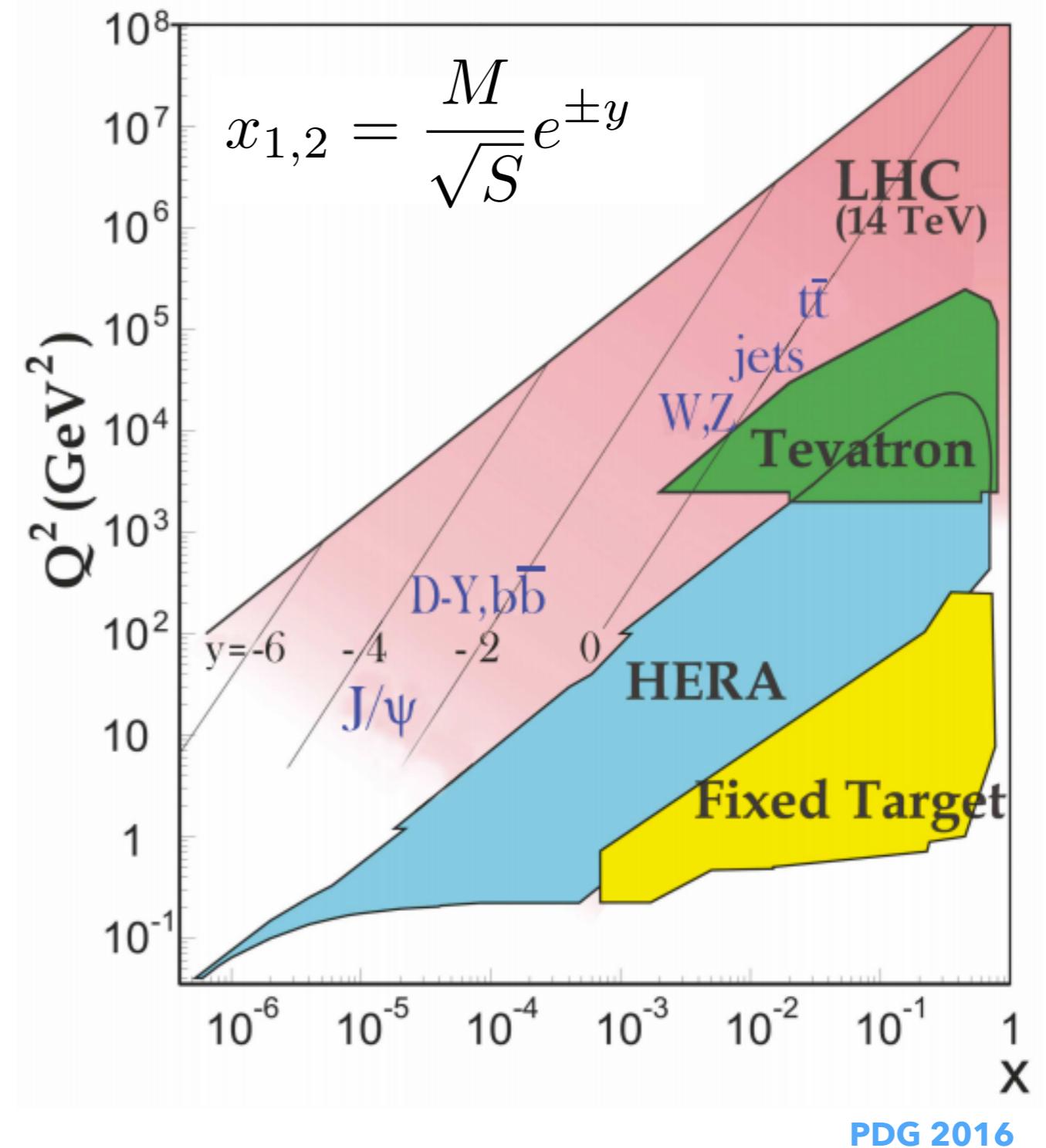
- { Inclusive jets and dijets
(medium/large x)
- Isolated photon and γ +jets
(medium/large x)
- Top pair production **(large x)**
- High p_T V(+jets) distribution
(small/medium x)

QUARKS

- { High p_T W(+jets) ratios
(medium/large x)
- W and Z production
(medium x)
- Low and high mass Drell-Yan
(small and large x)
- W_c **(strangeness at medium x)**

PHOTON

- { Low and high mass Drell-Yan
- WW production



The name of the game

- Choose **experimental data** to fit and include all info on correlations
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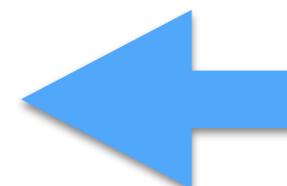
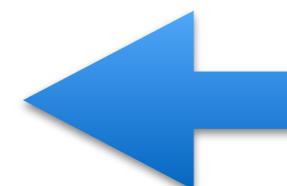
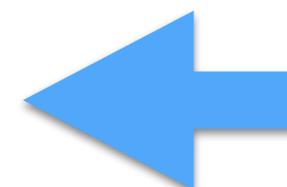
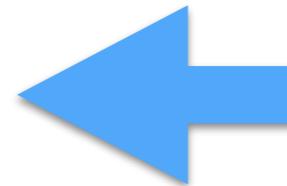
Not as simple as it may look...

$$\langle \mathcal{O}[\{f\}] \rangle = \int [Df] \mathcal{O}[\{f\}] \mathcal{P}[\{f\}]$$

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A quite complicated game

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Must propagate data uncertainty into PDF uncertainty.
How to deal with inconsistencies?

*Hidden uncertainty:
still an option?*

*Parametric versus
non-parametric
approach*

Methodology

*Hessian versus MC
approach*

Standard solution

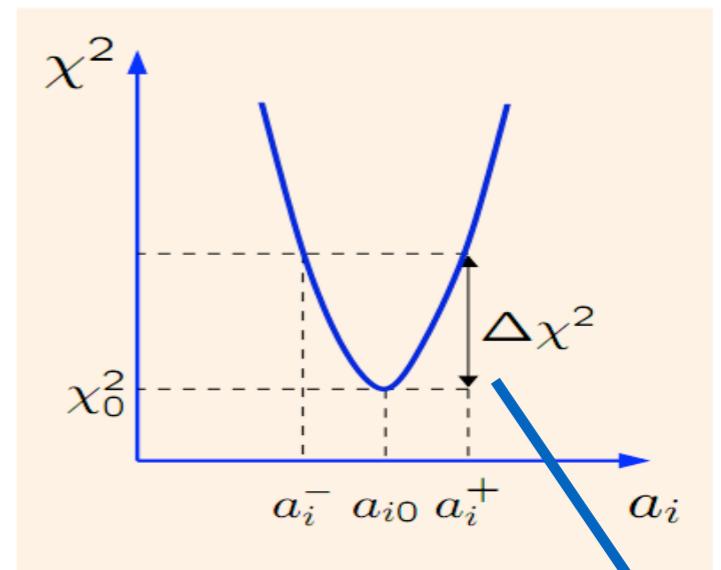
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Propagation of experimental uncertainty

$$\langle \mathcal{O}[\{f\}] \rangle \simeq \int da_1 da_2 \dots da_{N_{par}} \mathcal{O}[\vec{a}] \mathcal{P}[\vec{a}]$$

- Hessian approach: Project into a n-dimensional space of parameters and use linear approximation around minimum χ^2



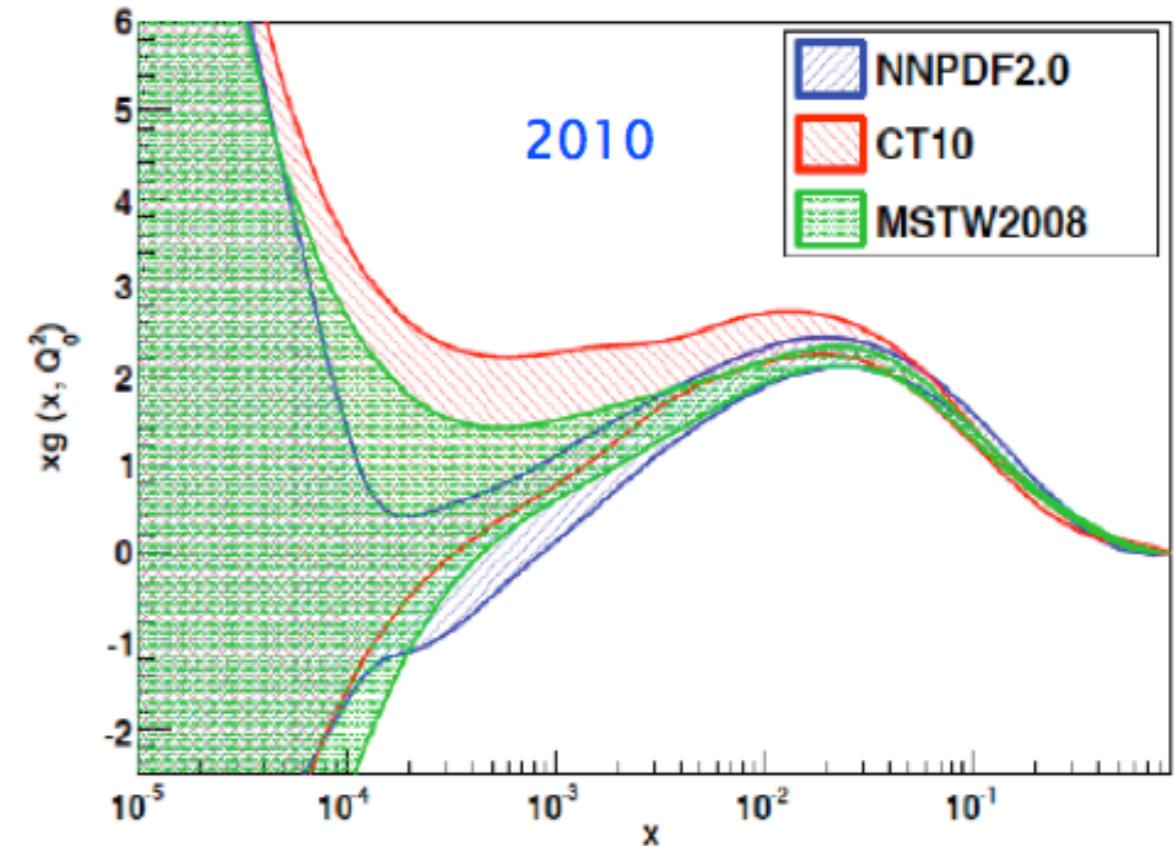
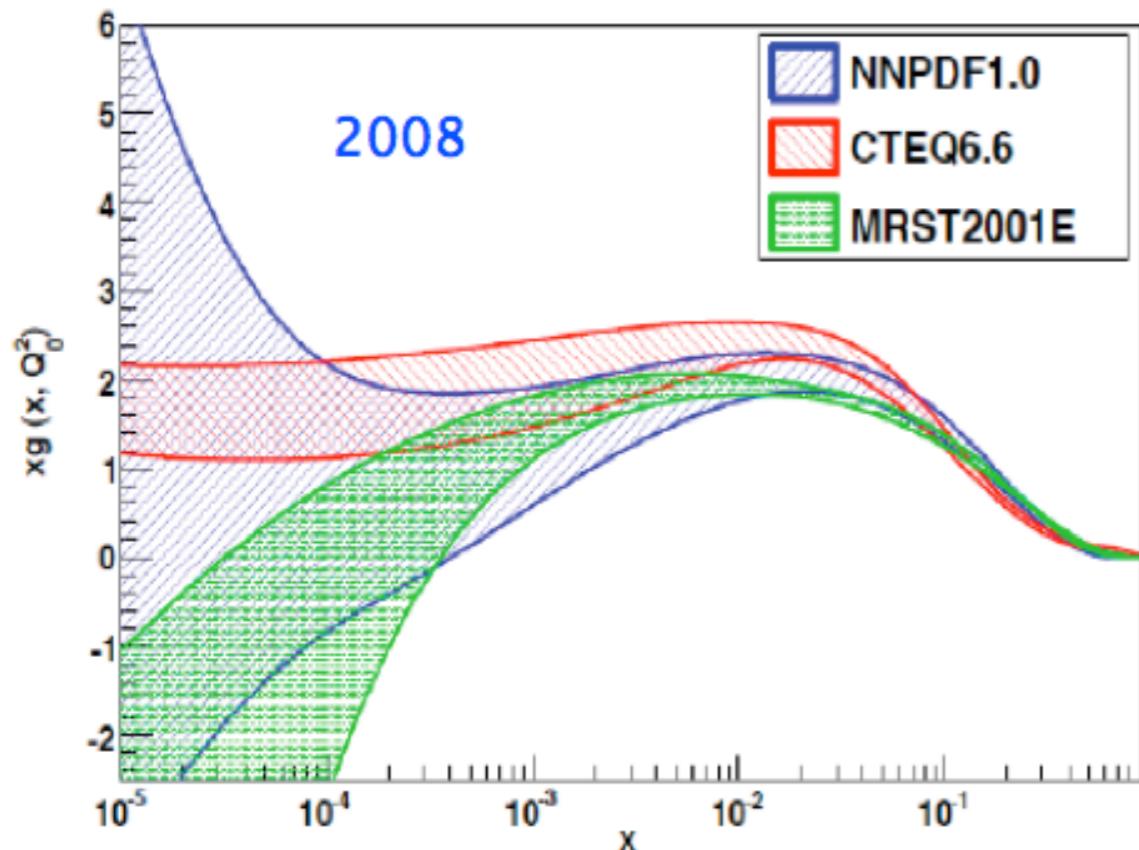
Parametrisation

- Introduce a simple functional form with enough free parameters
- Typically about 20-40 free parameters for 7 independent functions

Tolerance

$$f_i(x, Q_0^2) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1 - x)^{a_2} P(x, a_3, a_4, \dots),$$

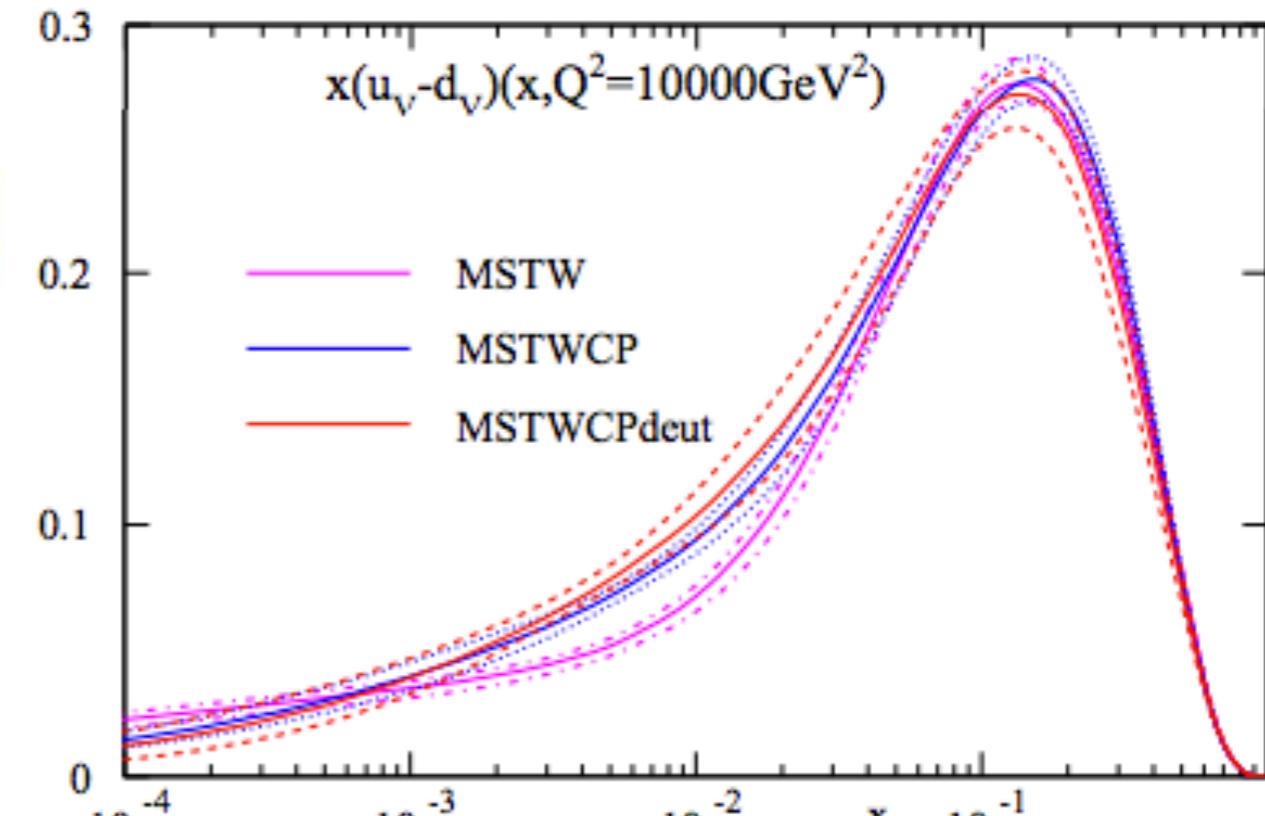
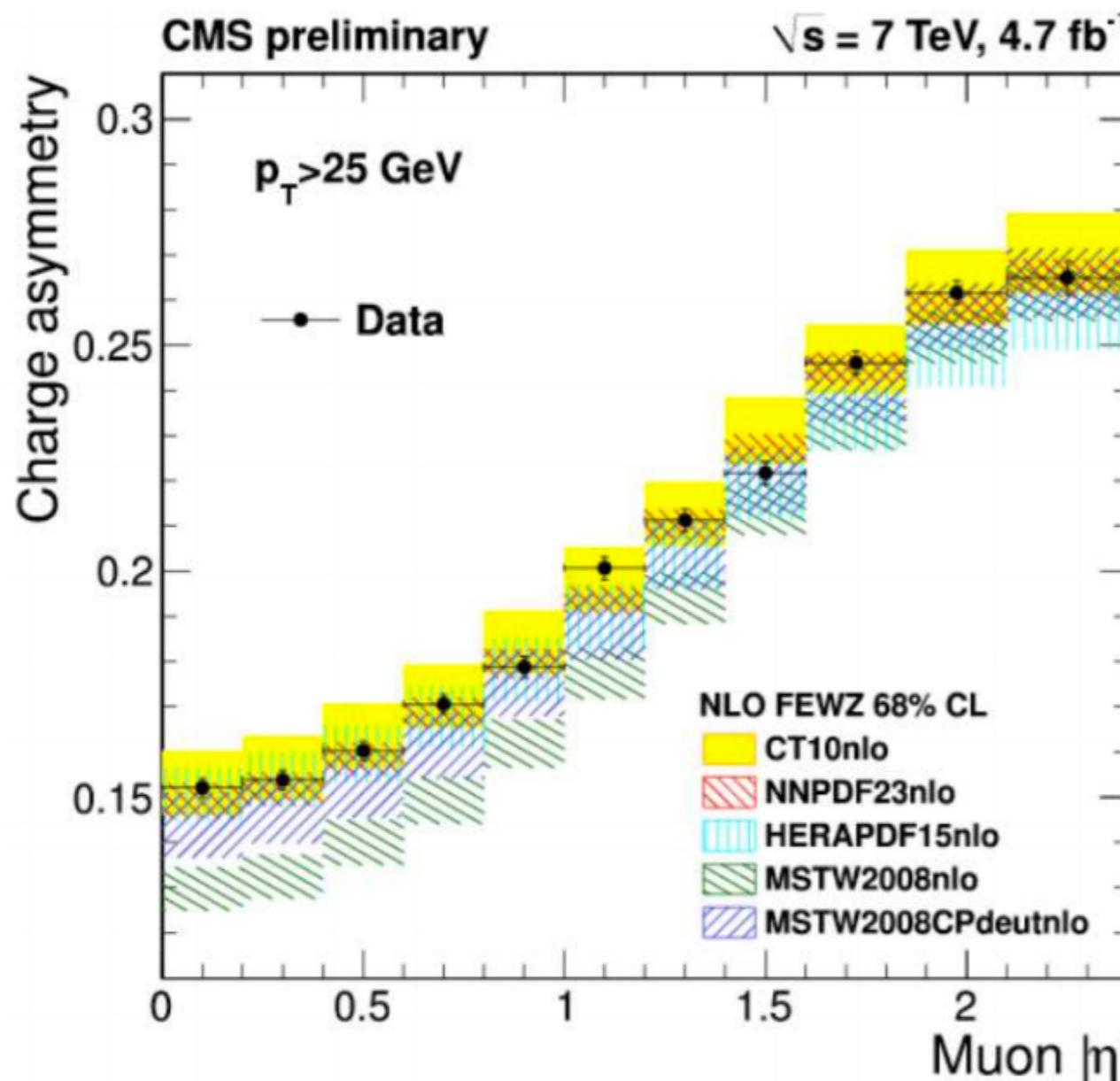
Data-driven progress



$$xg = A_g x^{\delta_g} (1-x)^{\eta_g} (1 + \epsilon_g \sqrt{x} + \gamma_g x) + A_{g'} x^{\delta_{g'}} (1-x)^{\eta_{g'}}$$

- PDF uncertainties tuned to data (tolerance $\Delta\chi^2 > 1$ - many studies/improvements)
- Fixed parametrisation was forced to be more flexible by new data => less biased parametrisation form (a posteriori data-driven progress)

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The NNPDF idea

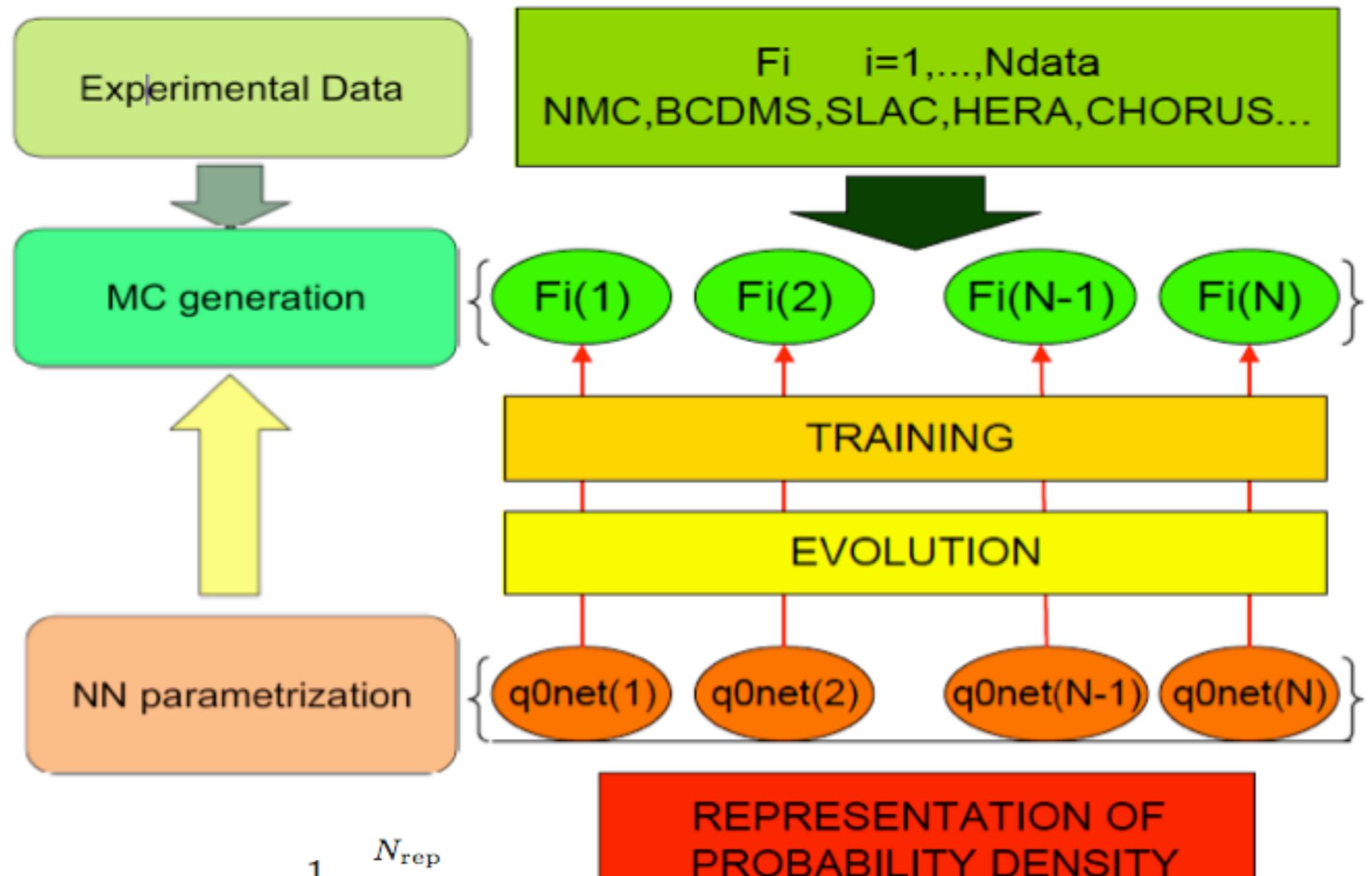


- Fit of structure function
(2005)
- DIS-only fit of PDFs
(2008)
- First NNPDF global fit
(2010)
- First fit including LHC data **(2013)**
- Closure test **(2016)**
- Fitted charm **(2018)**
- ...

<http://nnpdf.mi.infn.it>



The NNPDF approach



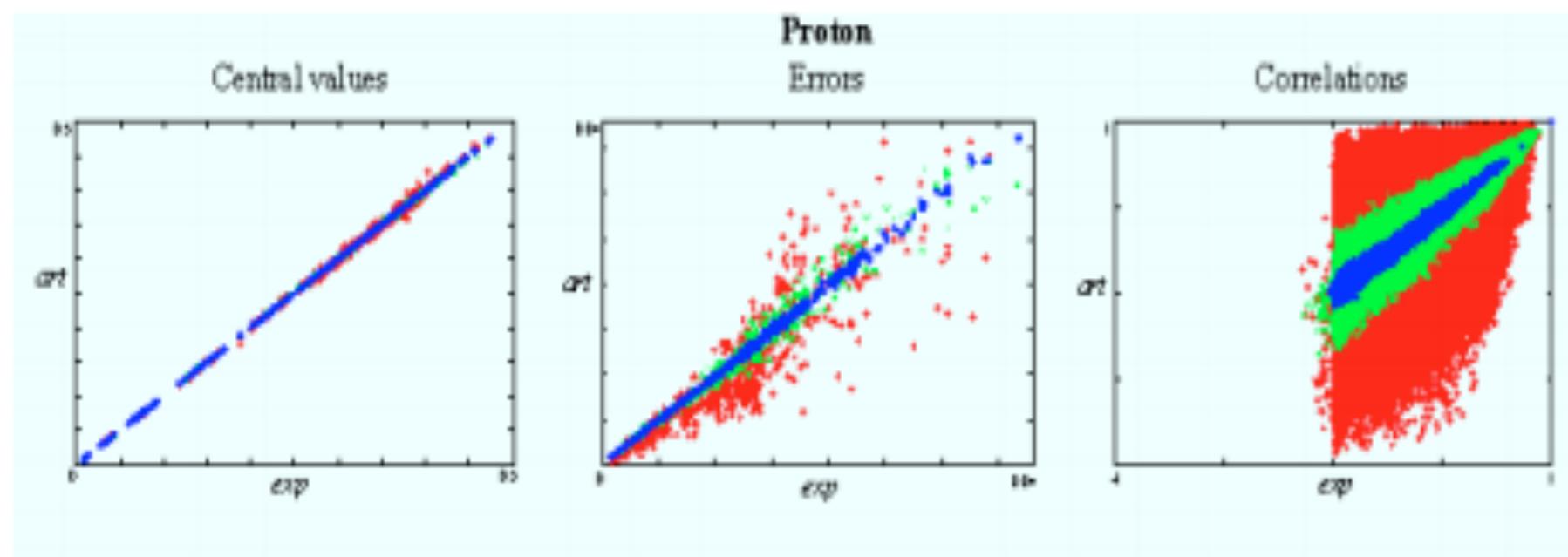
$$\langle \mathcal{O}[\{f\}] \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}} \mathcal{O}[f_i]$$

Monte Carlo sampling

$$F_p^{(\text{art})(k)} = S_{p,N}^{(k)} F_p^{(\text{exp})} \left(1 + \sum_{l=1}^{N_c} r_{p,l}^{(k)} \sigma_{p,l} + r_p^{(k)} \sigma_{p,s} \right)$$

Normalisation

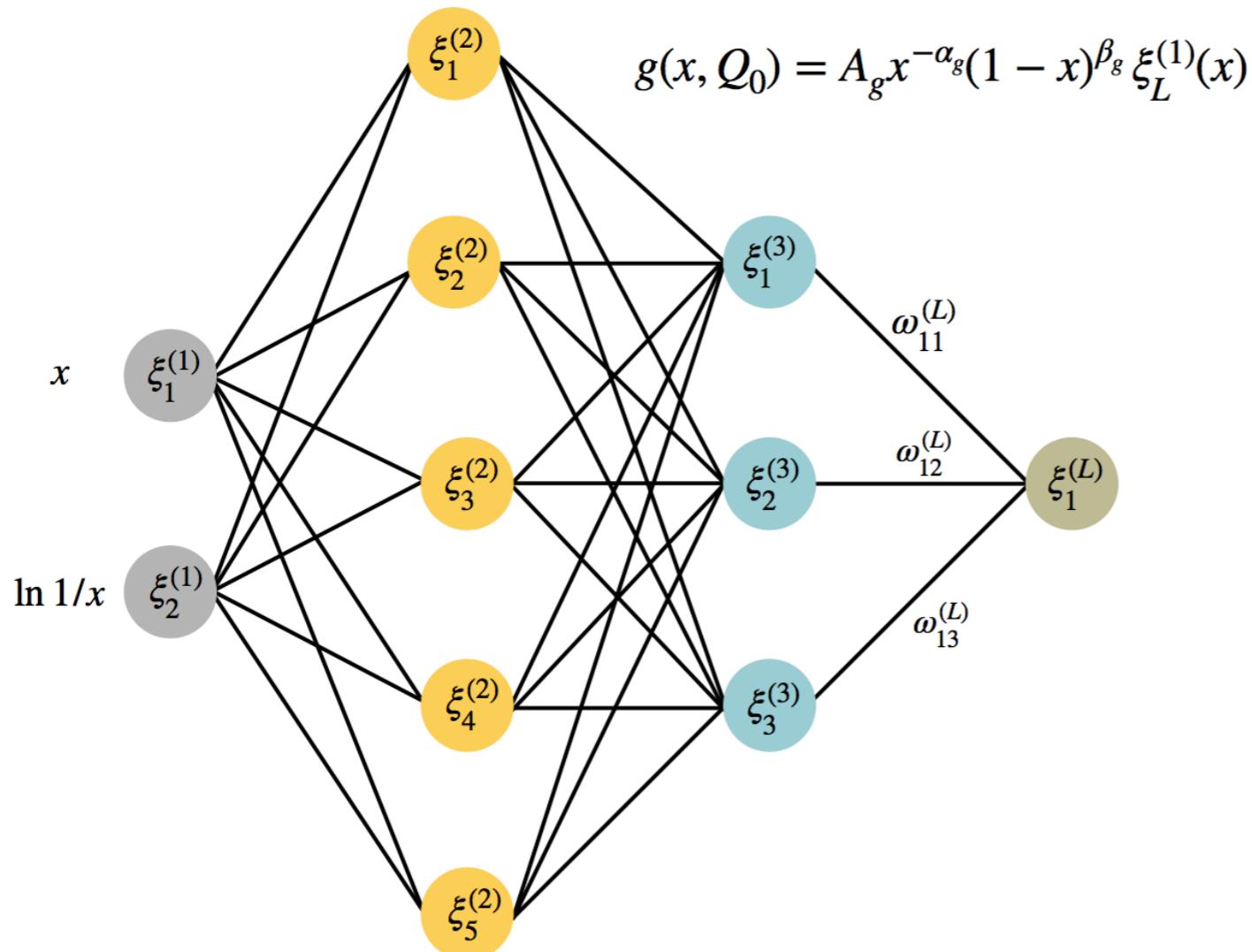
- Monte Carlo techniques: sampling the probability measure in PDF functional space projecting from space of experimental data



$$\langle F \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}}} \sum_i^{N_{\text{rep}}} F^{(k)},$$

$$\sigma^2[F] = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}} - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}} (F^{(k)} - \langle F \rangle)^2,$$

Neural network parametrisation



- Neural Networks: all independent PDFs are associated to an unbiased and flexible parametrization: $O(300)$ parameters versus $O(30)$ in polynomial parametrization
- 2-5-3-1 Neural network associated to each independent PDF (gluon, up, anti-up, down, anti-down, strange, anti-strange and charm)

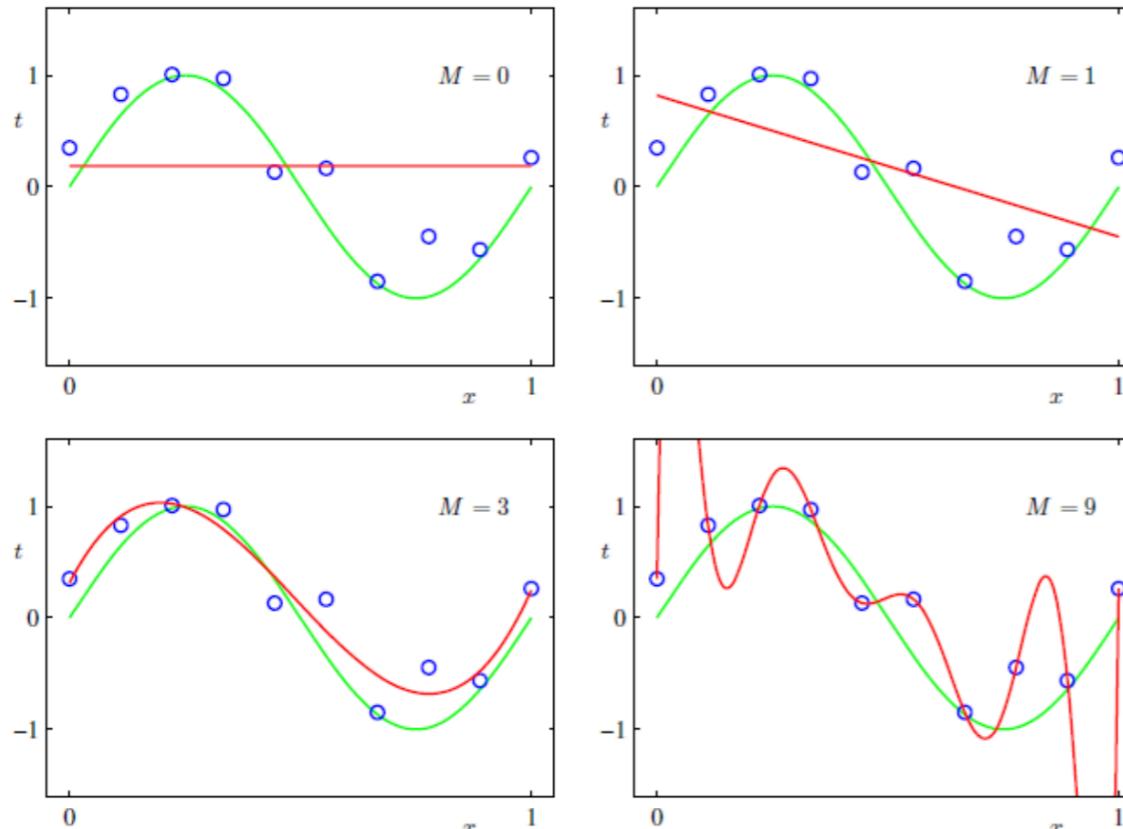
For a 1-2-1 feedforward neural network can write explicitly functional form

$$\xi_1^{(3)}(\xi_1^{(1)}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\theta_1^{(3)} - \frac{\omega_{11}^{(2)}}{1 + e^{\theta_1^{(2)} - \xi_1^{(1)} \omega_{11}^{(1)}}} - \frac{\omega_{12}^{(2)}}{1 + e^{\theta_2^{(2)} - \xi_1^{(1)} \omega_{21}^{(1)}}}}}$$

$$\xi_i = g \left(\sum_j \omega_{ij} \xi_j - \theta_i \right)$$

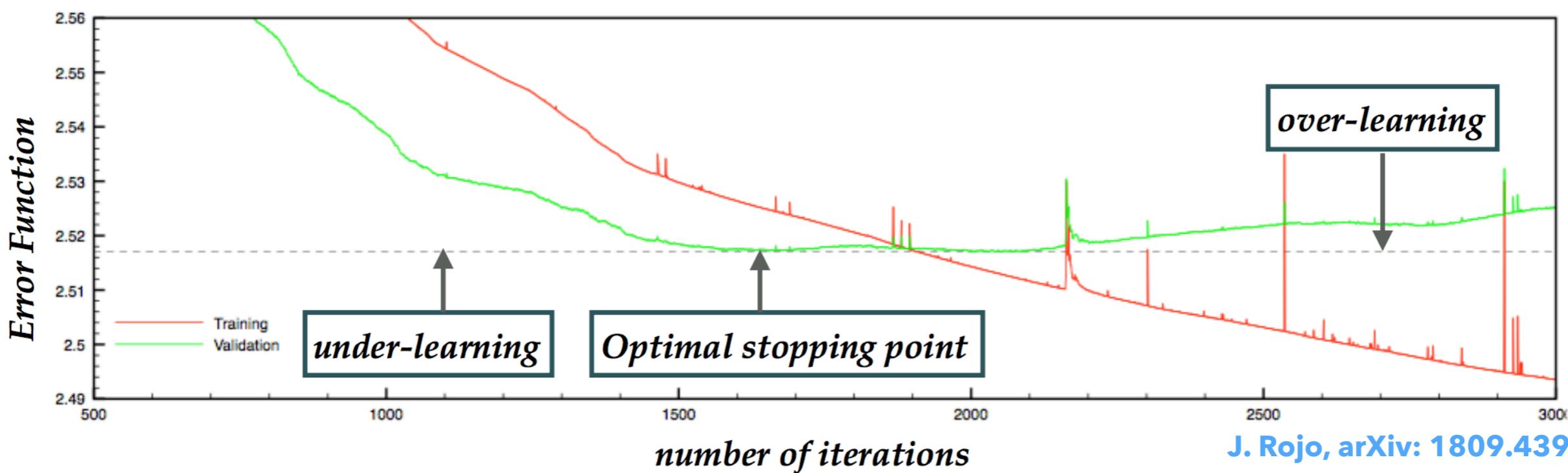
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

Minimisation

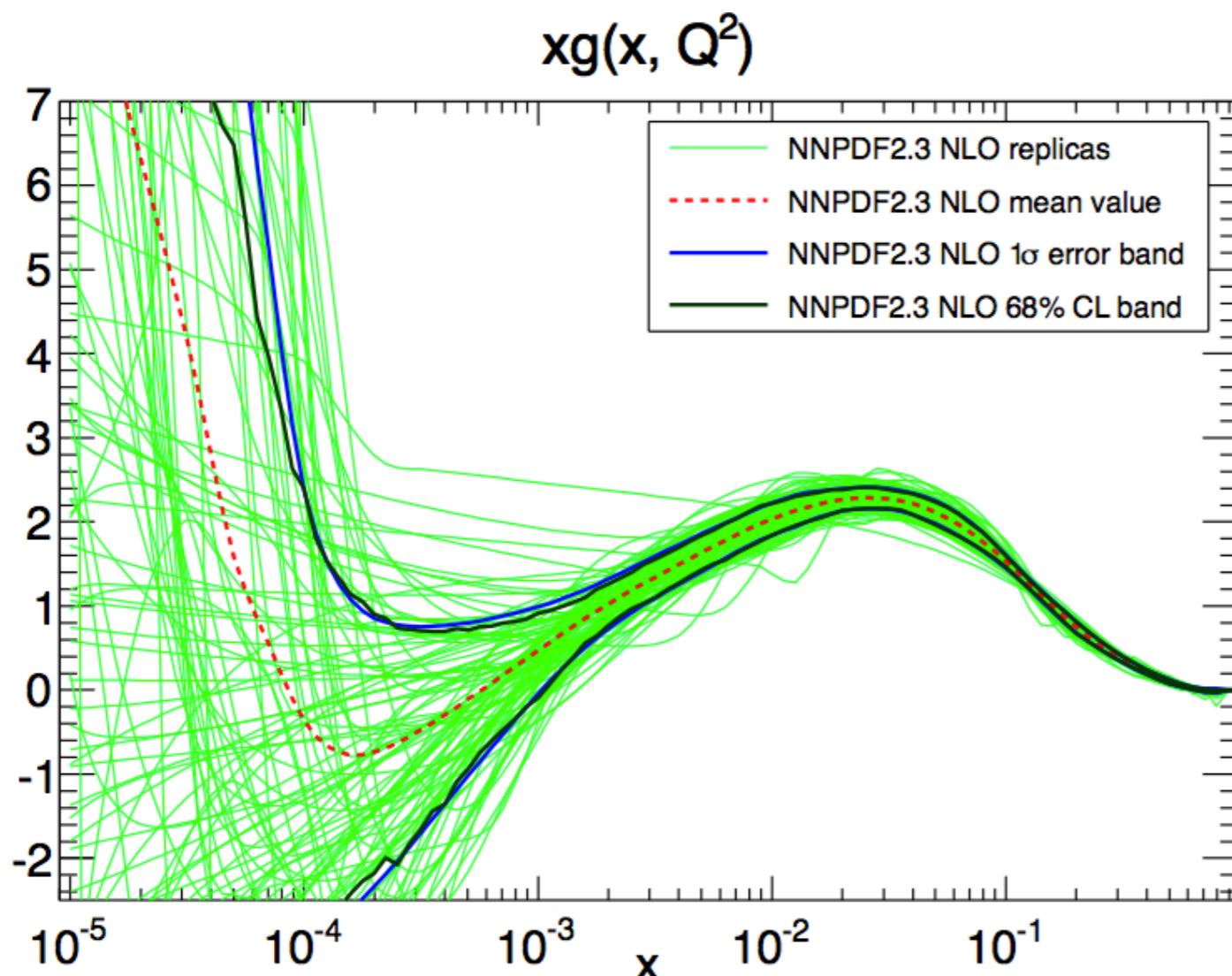


- Large parameter space: need an algorithm that is able to explore it without getting trapped in local minima such as genetic algorithm

- Redundant parametrization: risk of over-fitting. Cross-validation necessary.



The NNPDF solution



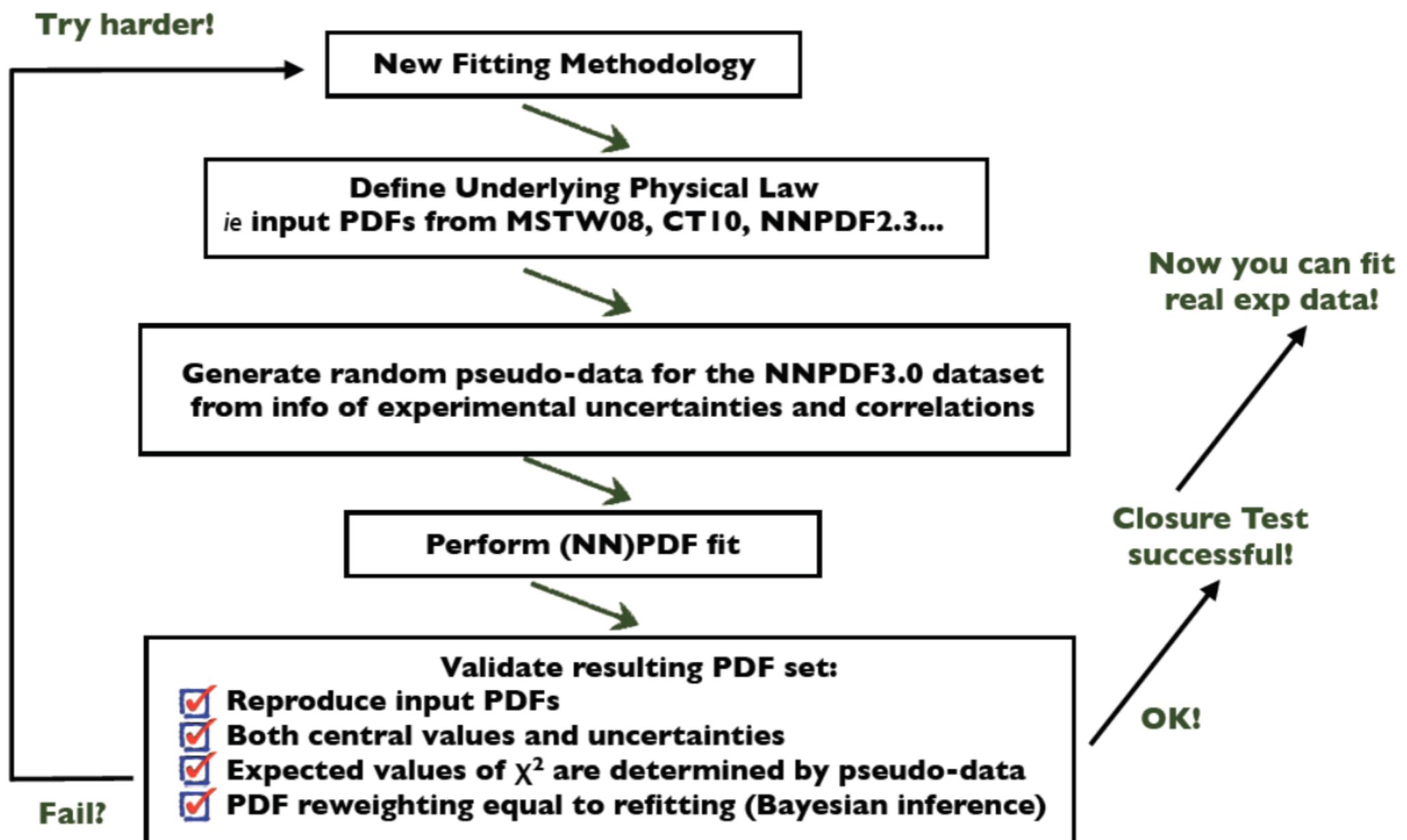
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- ✓ Precise error estimate not driven by theoretical prejudice
- ✓ No need to add new parameters when new data are included
- ✓ Statistical interpretation of uncertainty bands
- ✓ Possibility to include data via re-weighting: no need to refit

Validation

NNPDF3.0 Closure Test



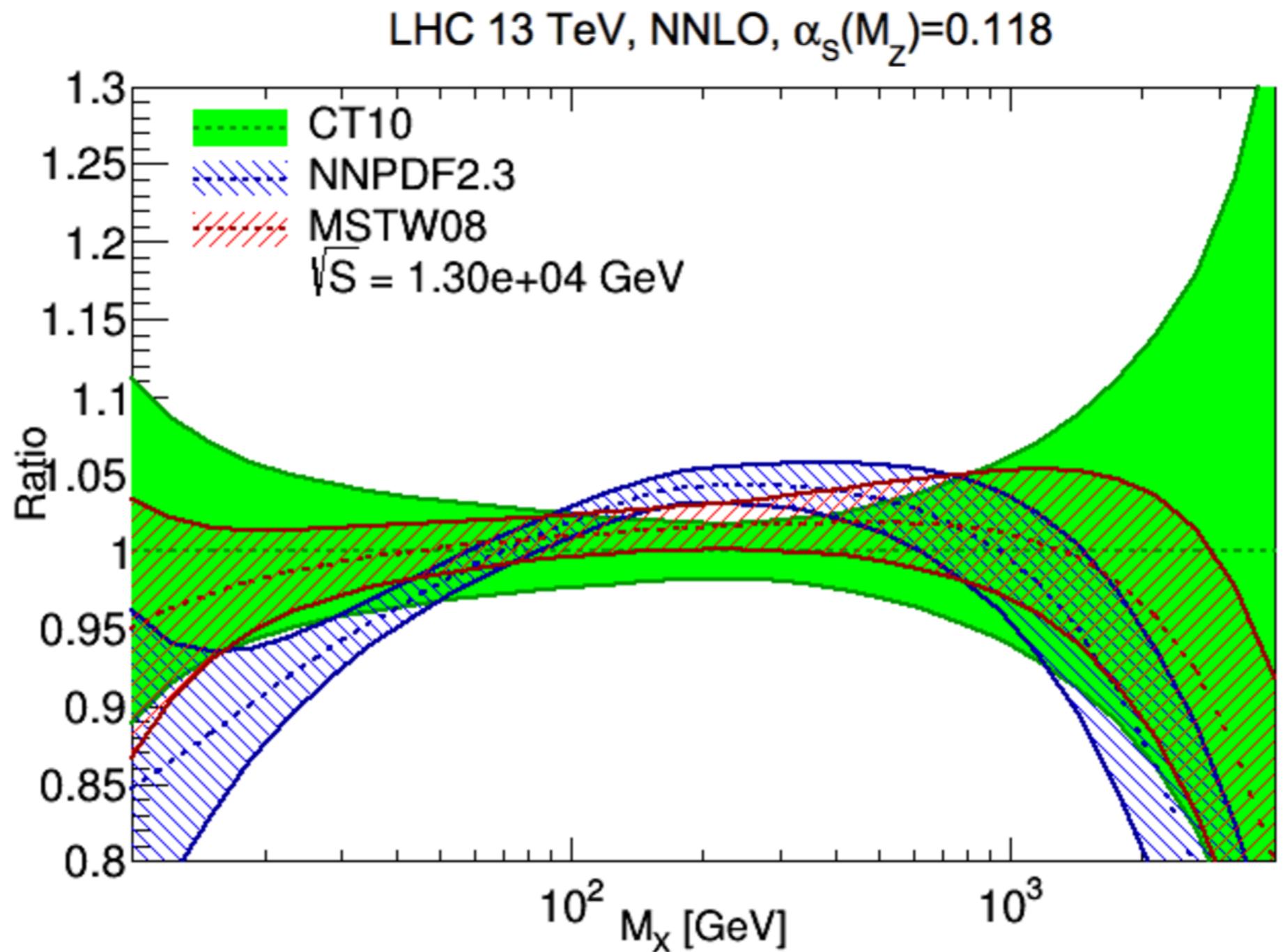
State of the art and frontiers

The players

| June 2017 | NNPDF3.0 → 3.1 | MMHT2014 | CT14 | ABMP16 |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed Target DIS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| HERA I+II | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| HERA jets | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Fixed Target DY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tevatron W,Z | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tevatron jets | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| LHC jets | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| LHC vector boson | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| LHC top | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Stat. treatment | Monte Carlo | Hessian $\Delta\chi^2$ dynamical | Hessian $\Delta\chi^2$ dynamical | Hessian $\Delta\chi^2=1$ |
| Parametrization | Neural Networks (259 pars) | Chebyshev (37 pars) | Bernstein (30-35 pars) | Polynomial (15 pars) |
| HQ scheme | FONLL | TR' | ACOT- χ | FFN (+BMST) |
| Order | NLO/NNLO | NLO/NNLO | NLO/NNLO | NLO/NNLO |

Gluon luminosity

NNPDF2.3 / CT10 / MSTW2008

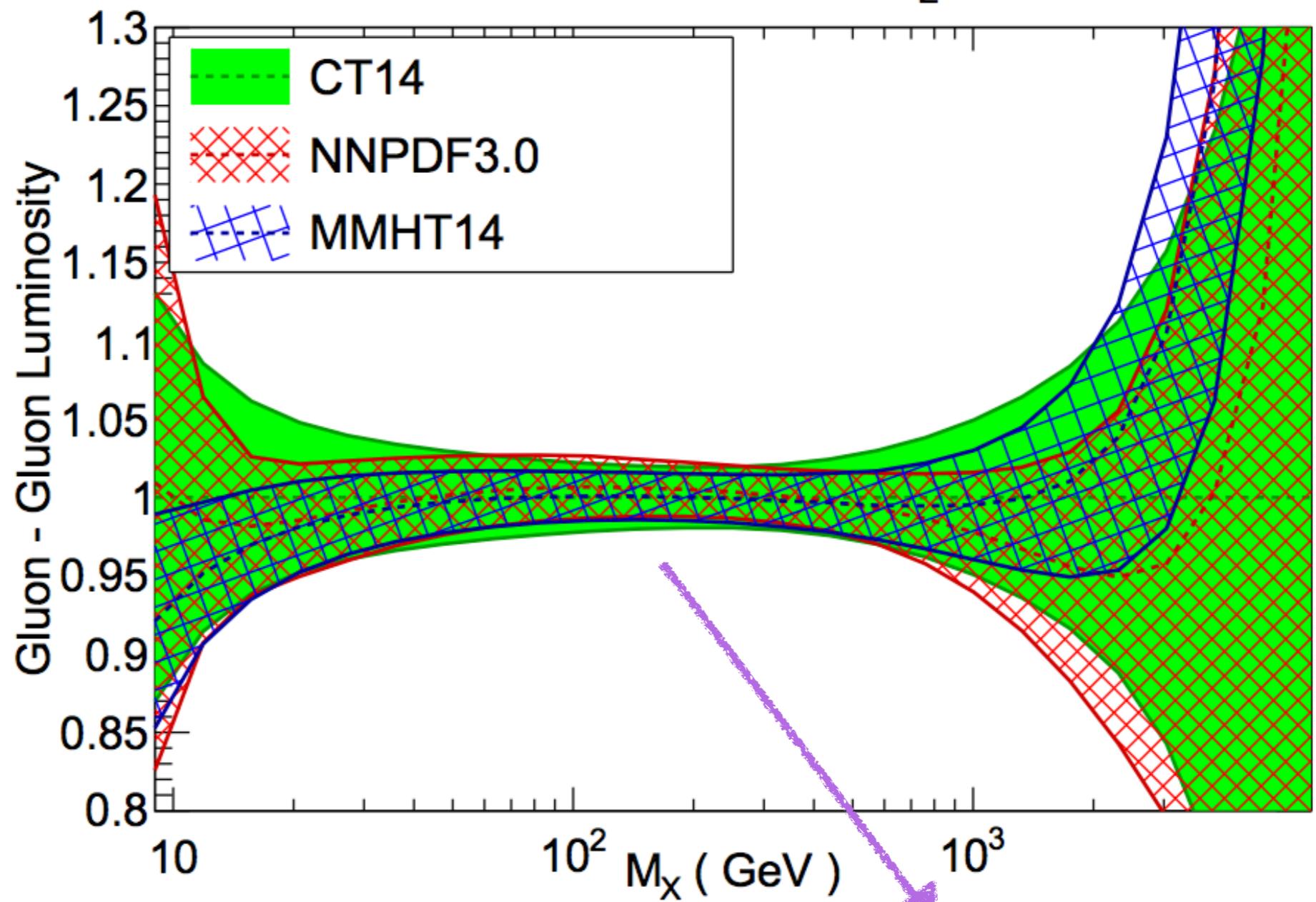


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LHC 13 TeV, NNLO, $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$

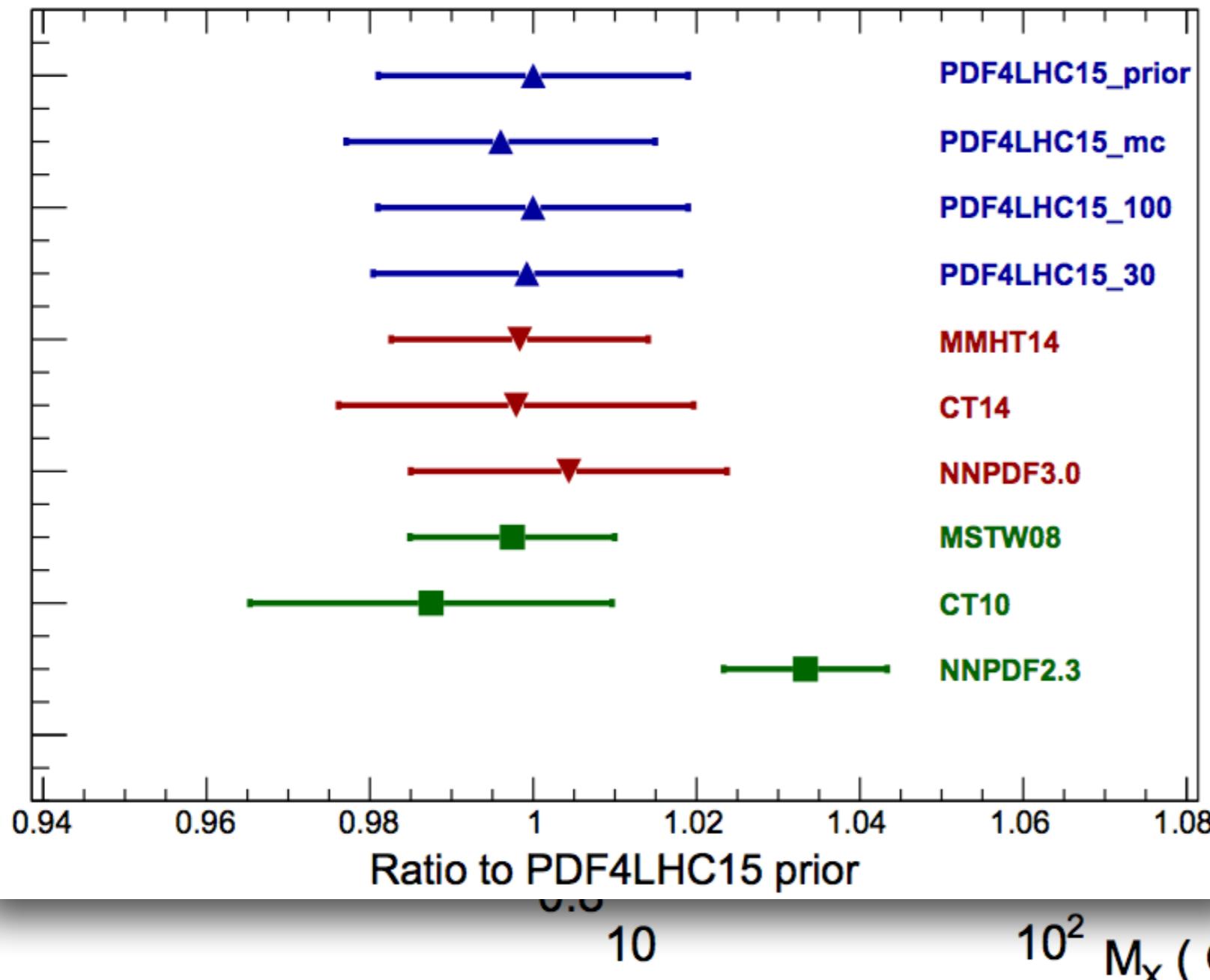


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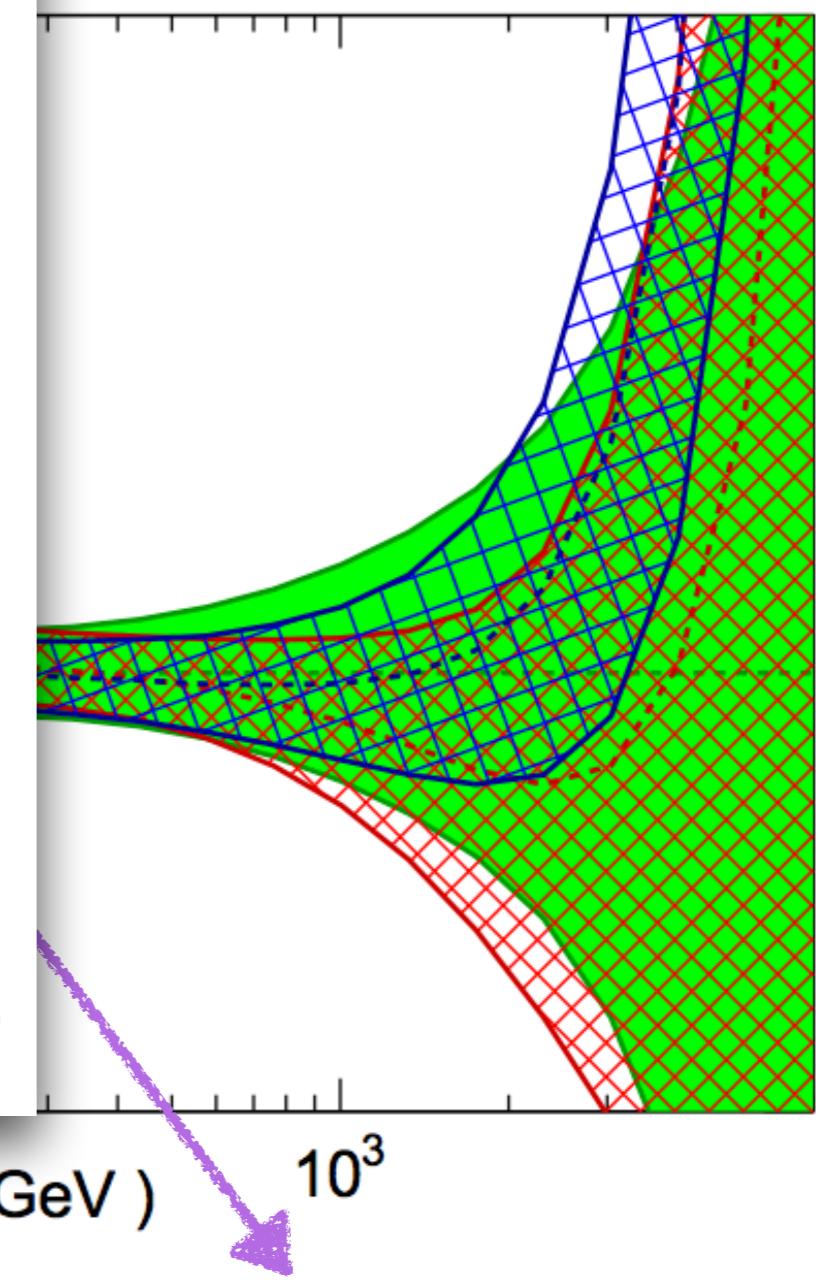
Impact on Higgs physics

Consequence: Higgs physics

Gluon-Fusion Higgs production, LHC 13 TeV

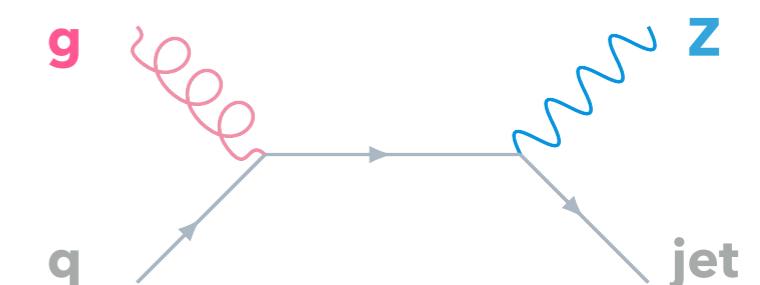
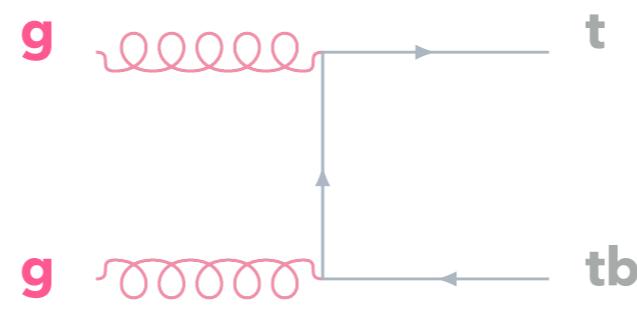
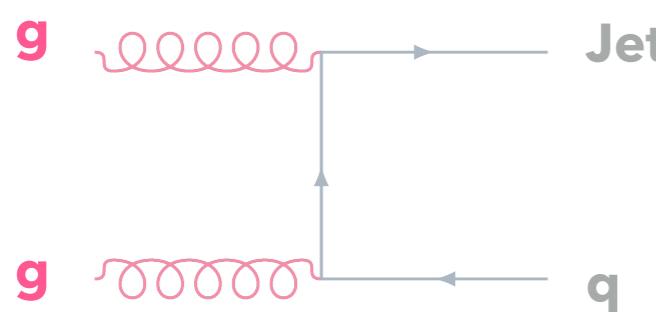
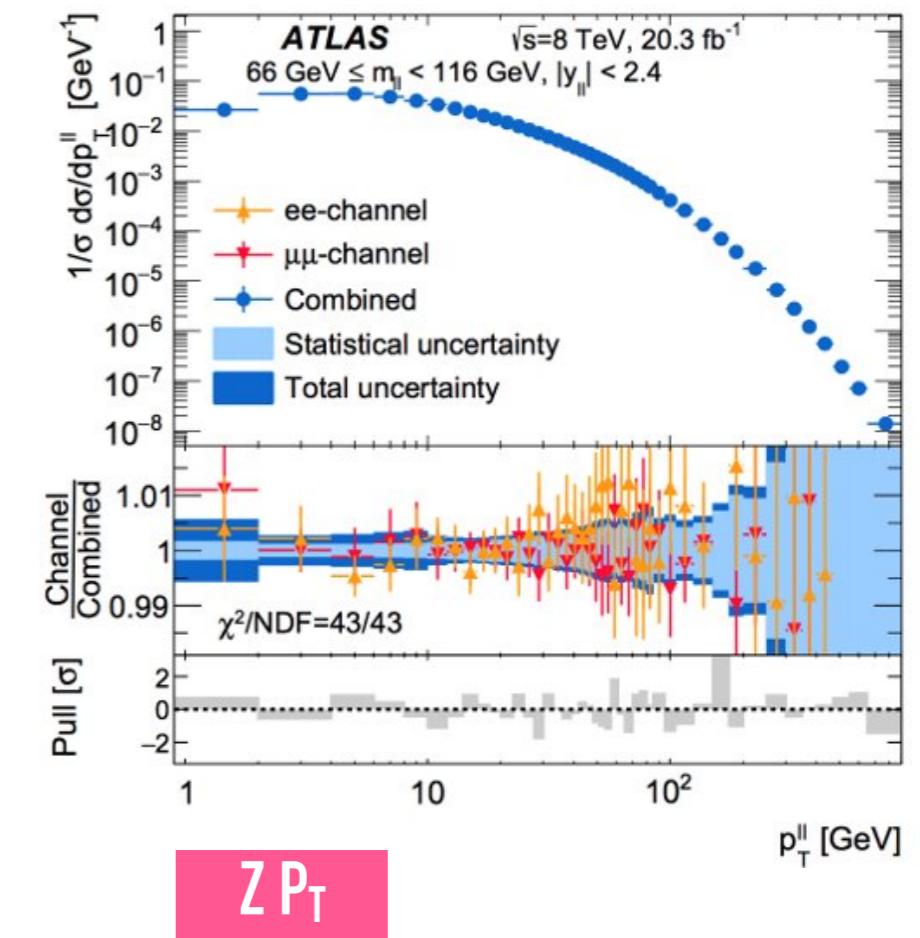
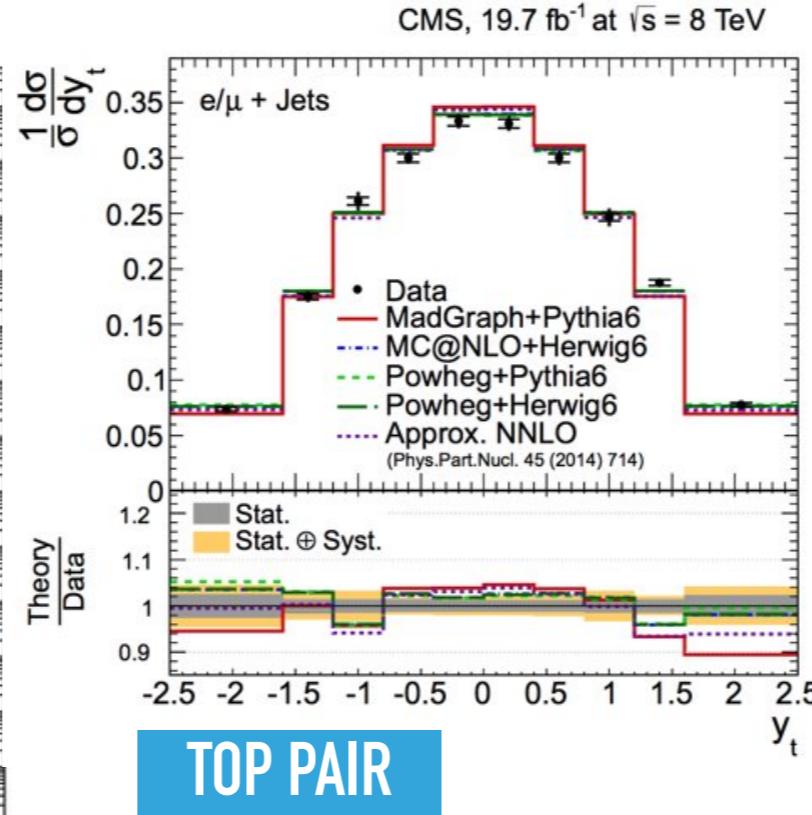
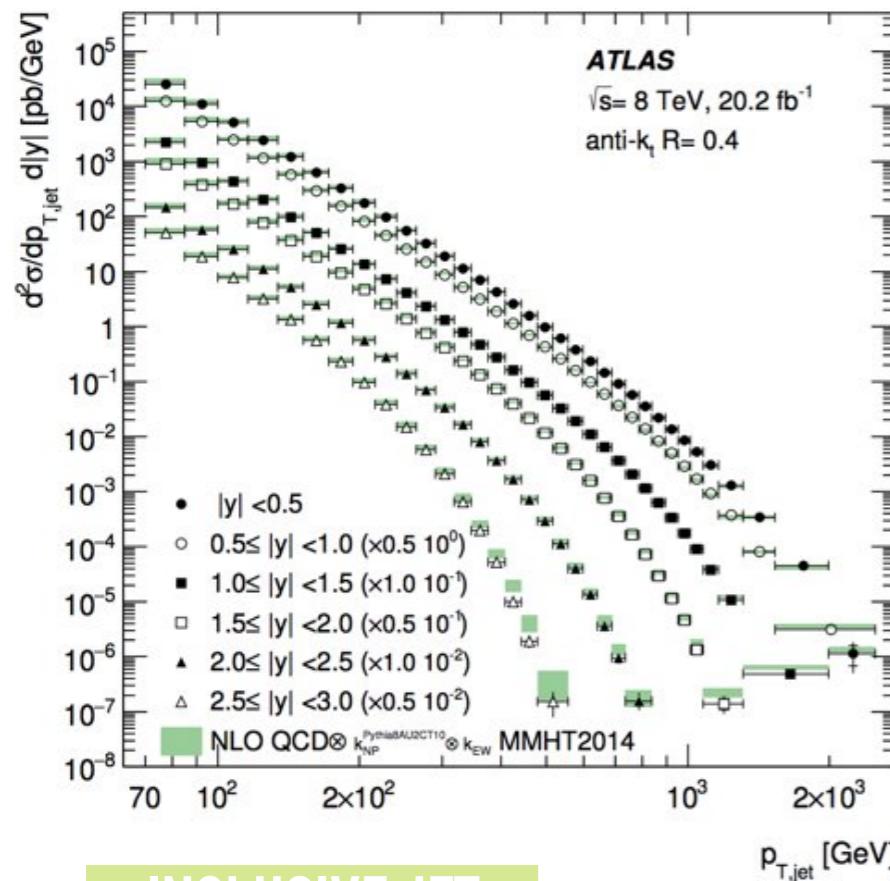


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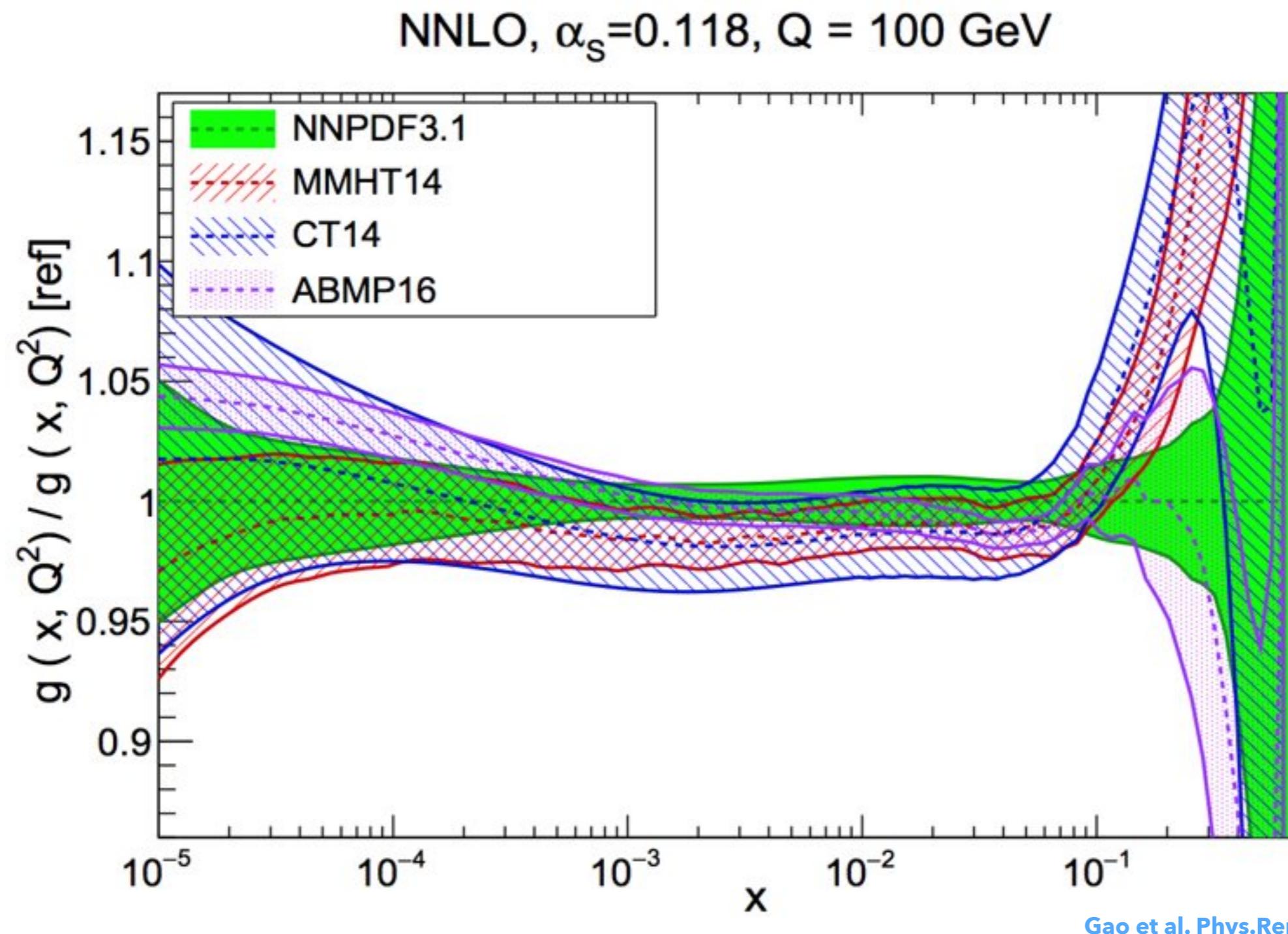


Impact on Higgs physics

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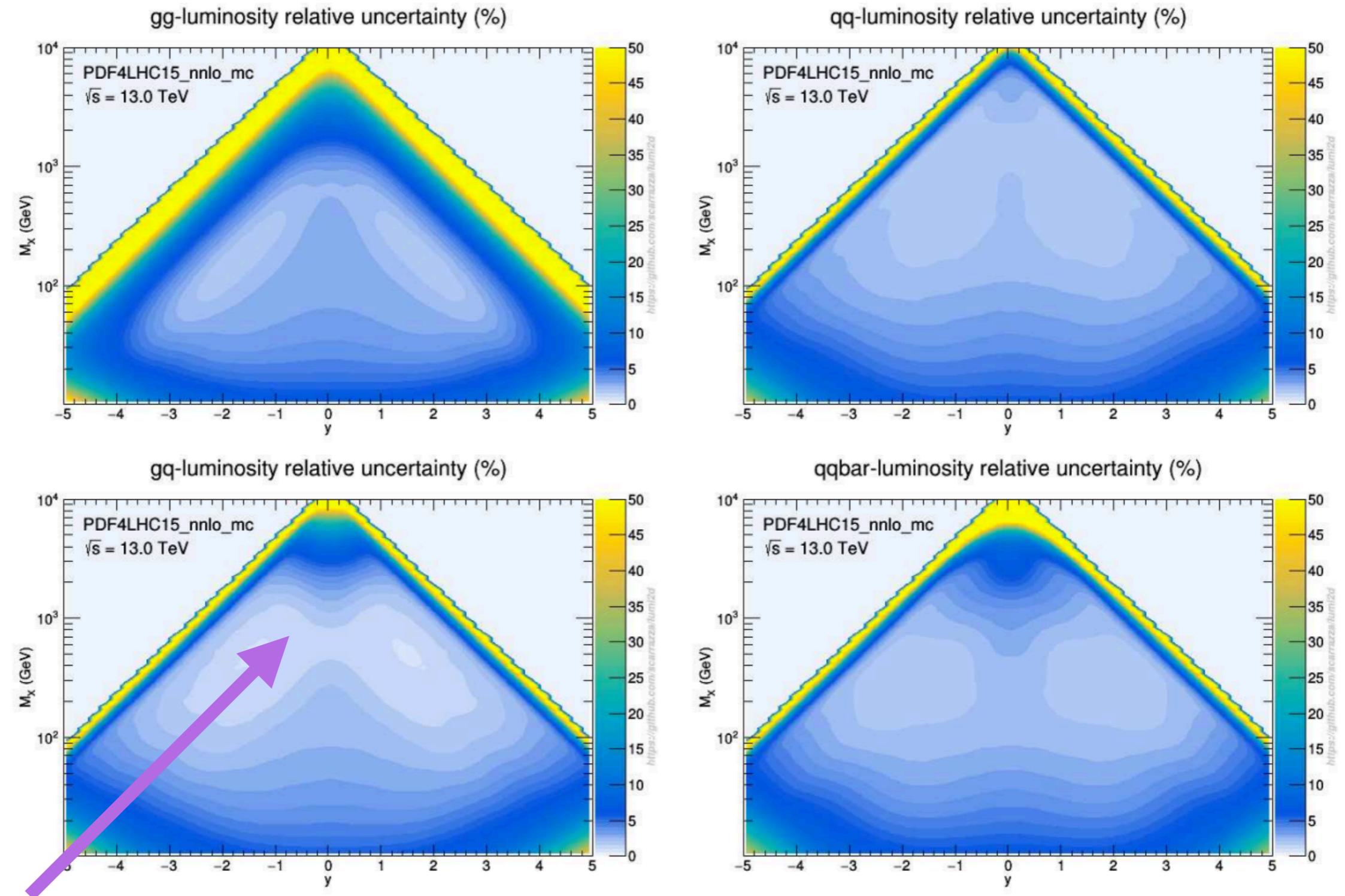


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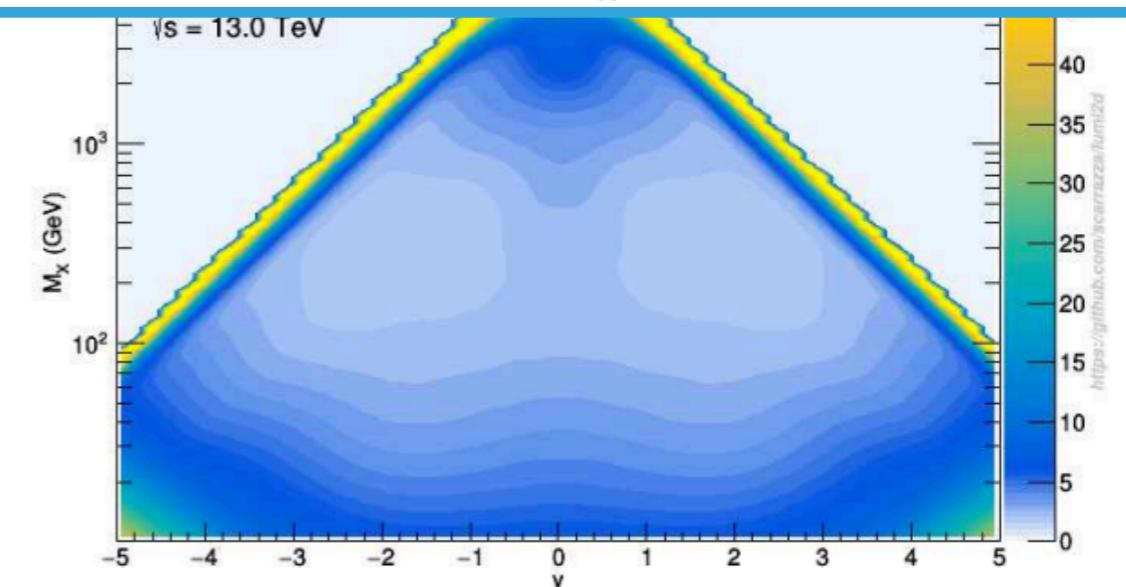
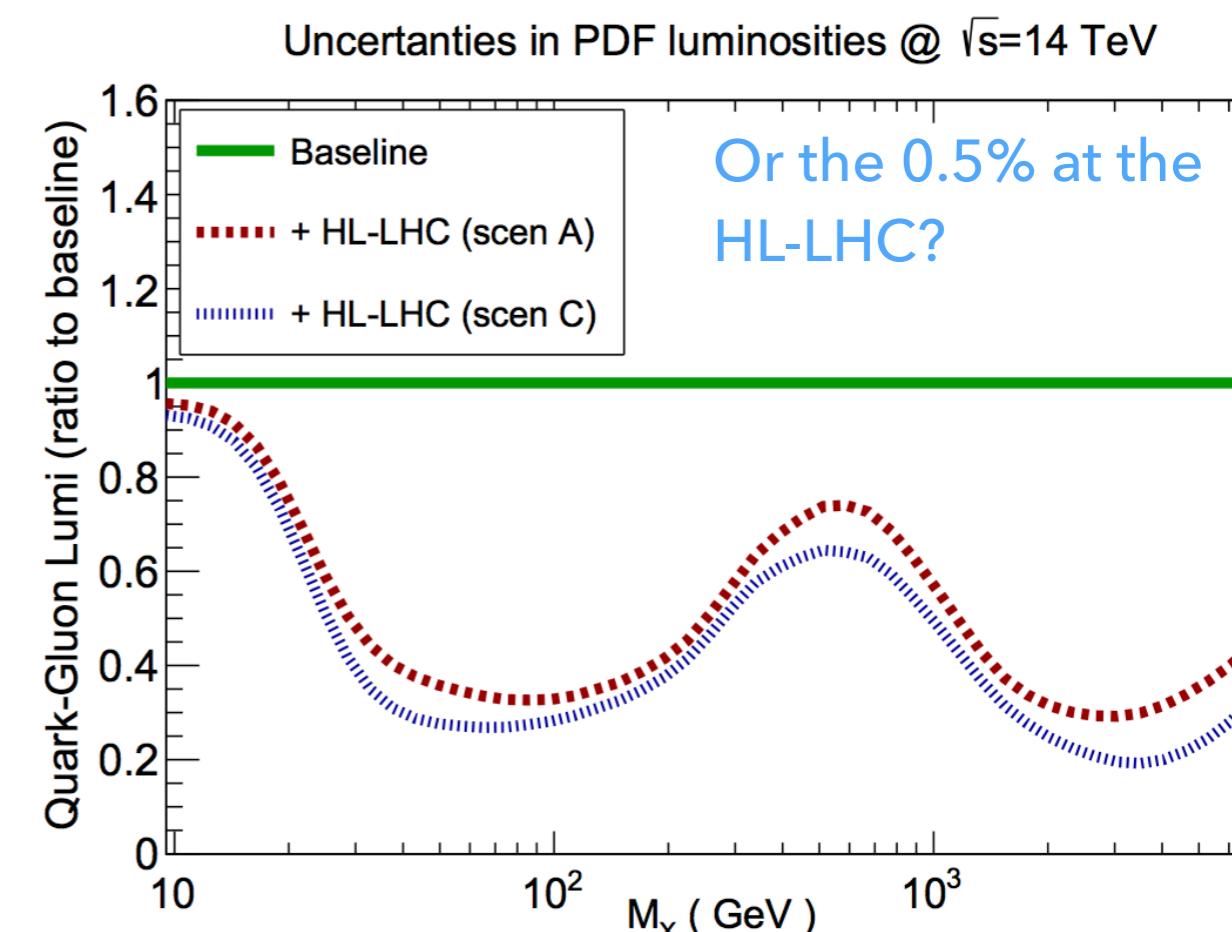
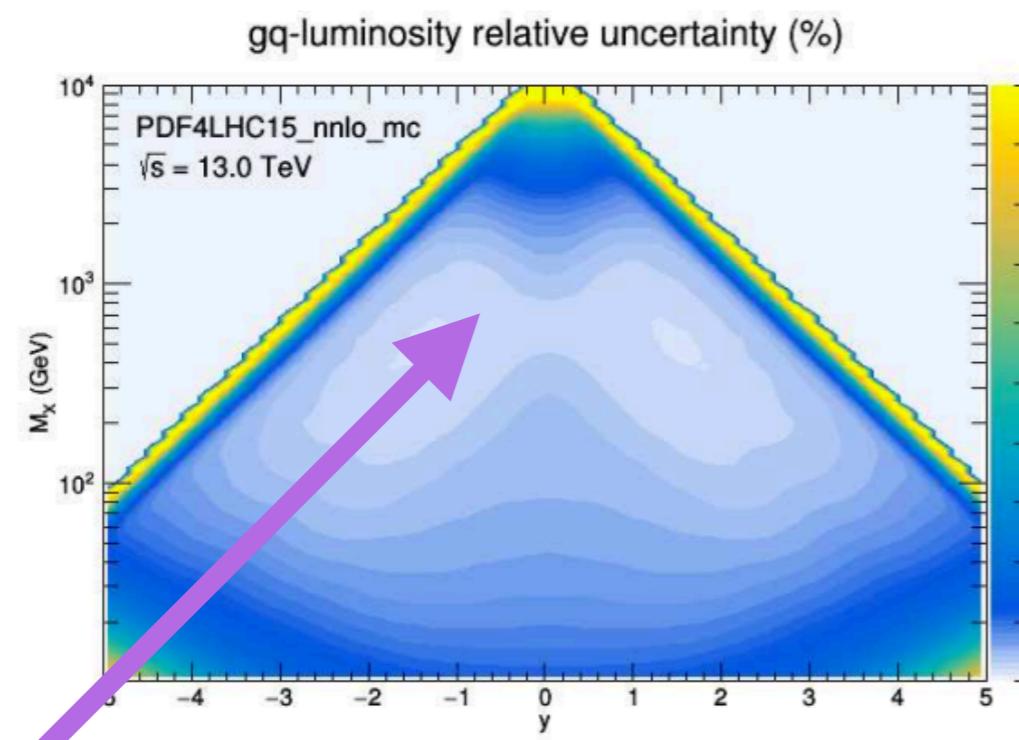
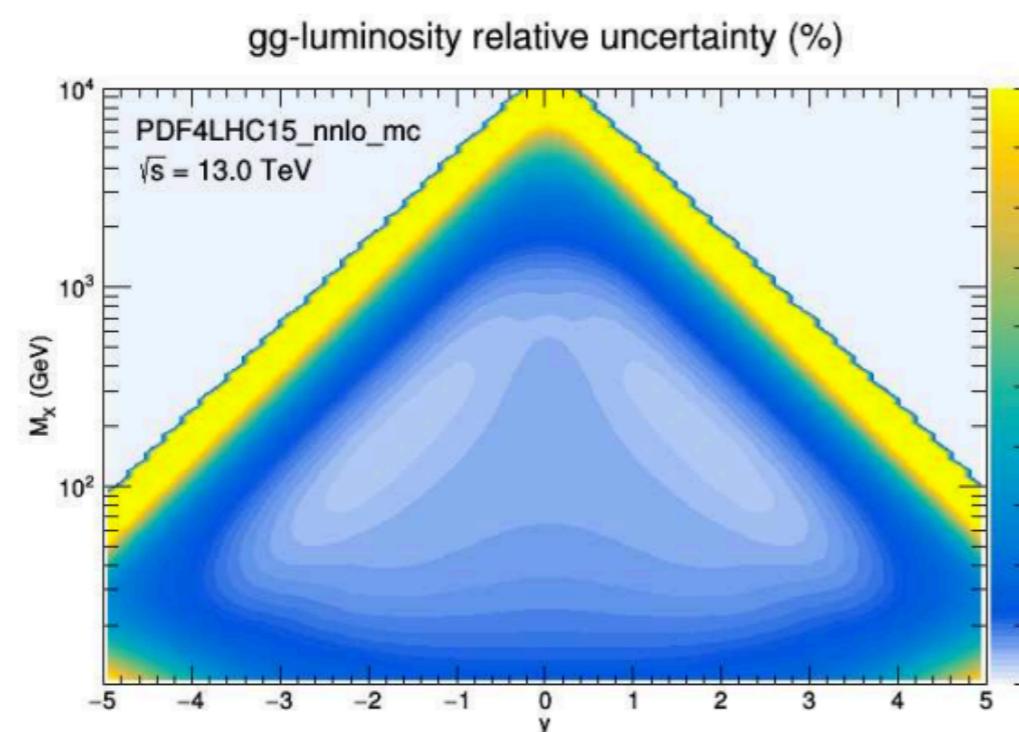
NNPDF3.1 gluon shifted upwards and smaller uncertainty due to LHC Run I data
New combination of PDF sets foreseen later this year

The precision frontier



Can we trust 1% accuracy?

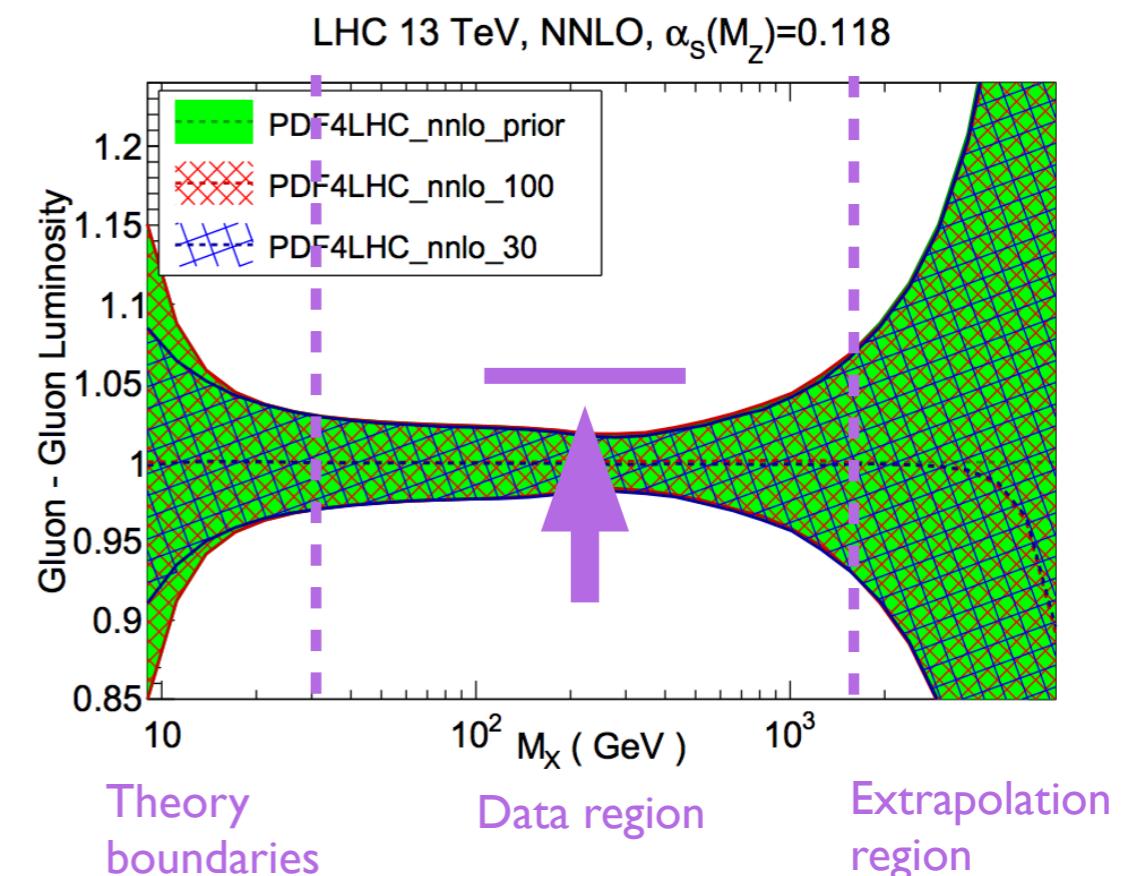
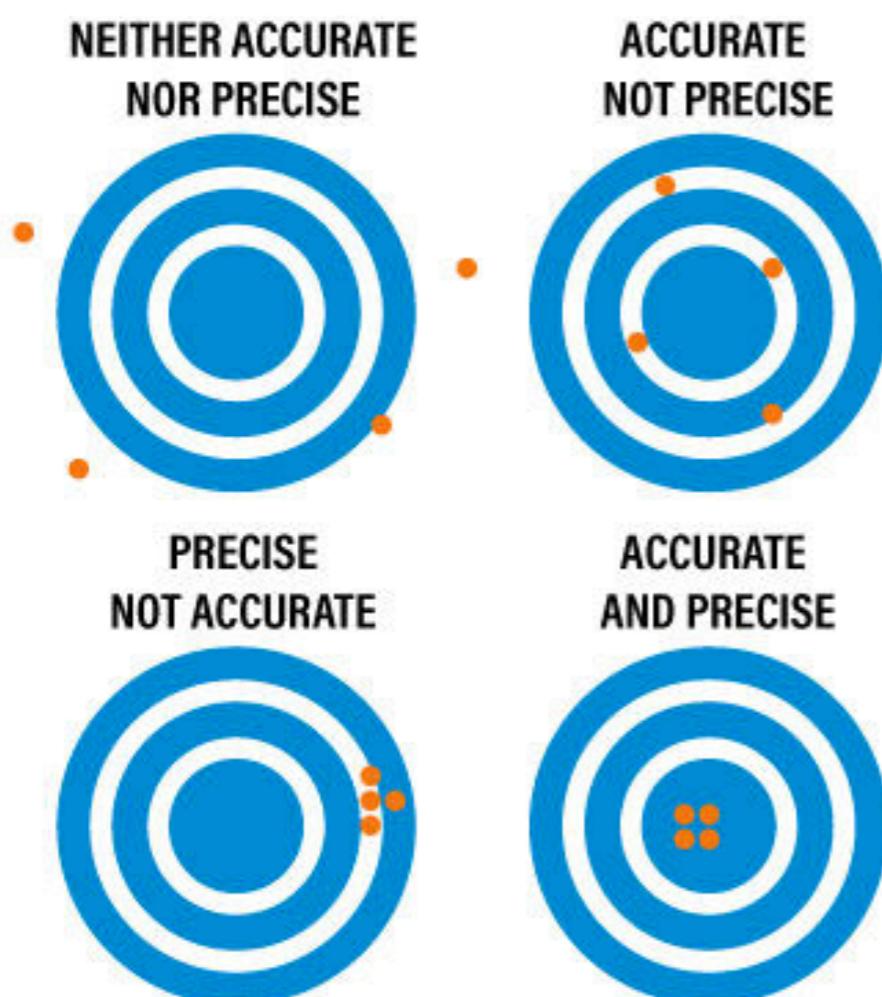
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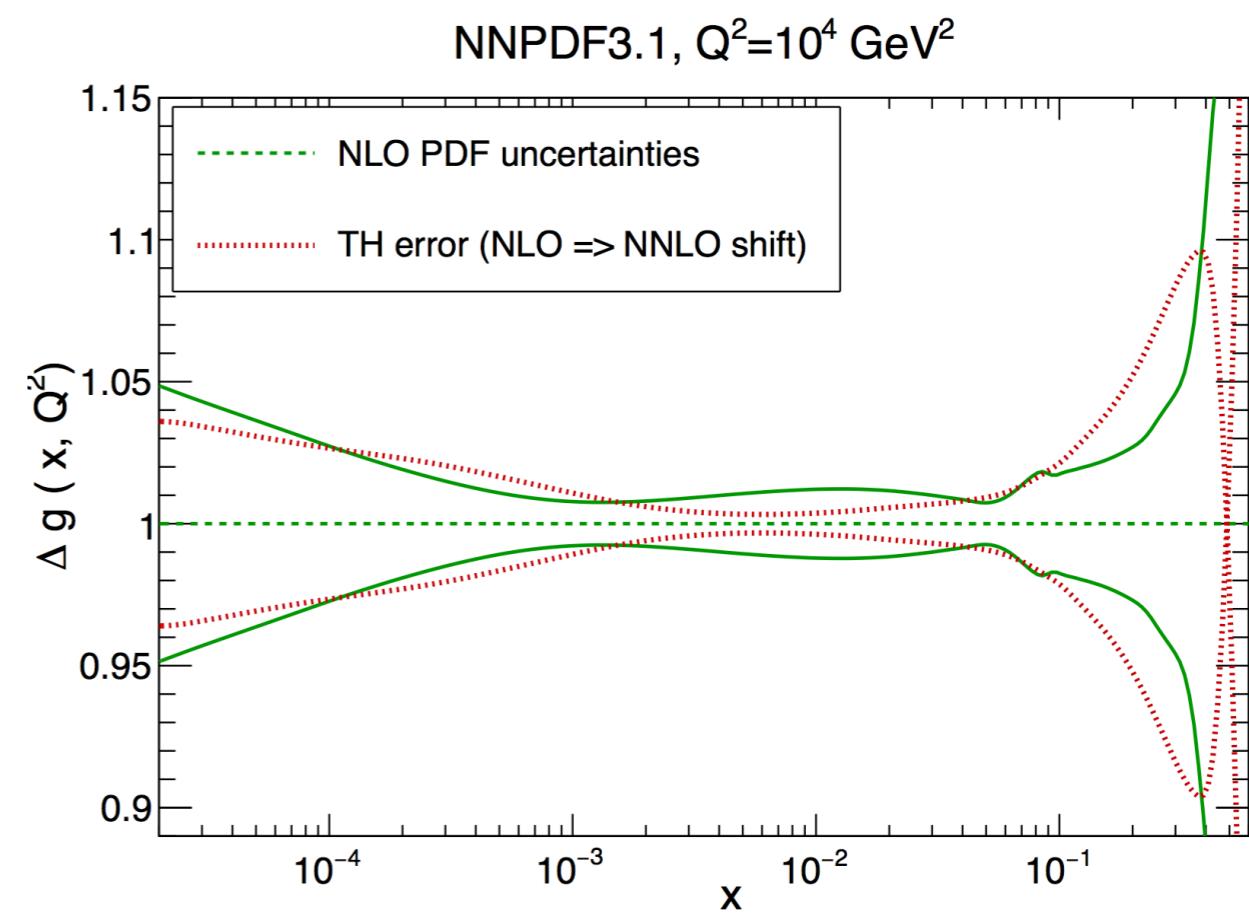
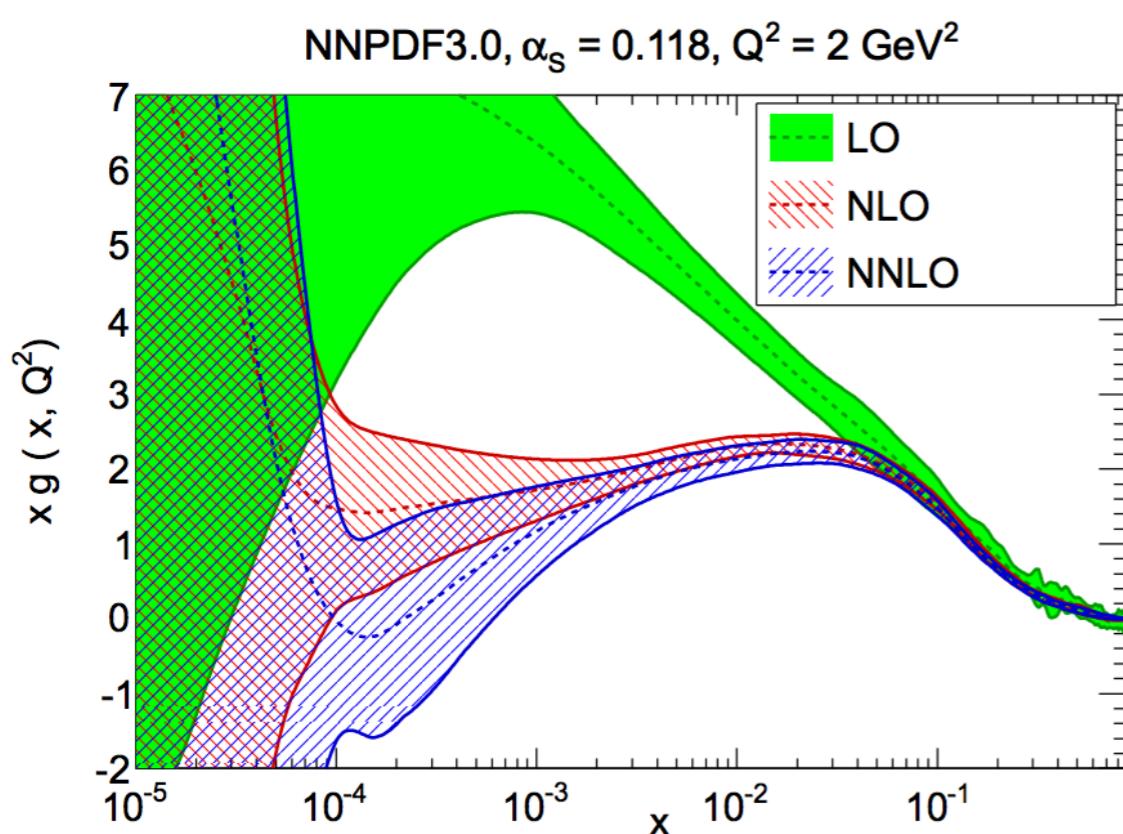
In updated PDF analysis, shift between old and new set may be larger than PDF uncertainties



- Inconsistent data → Tolerance/
Statistical
estimators
- Updated parametrization
- Differences in fitting methodology/minimisation? → Closure Test
- **Changes in theory?**

Theory uncertainties

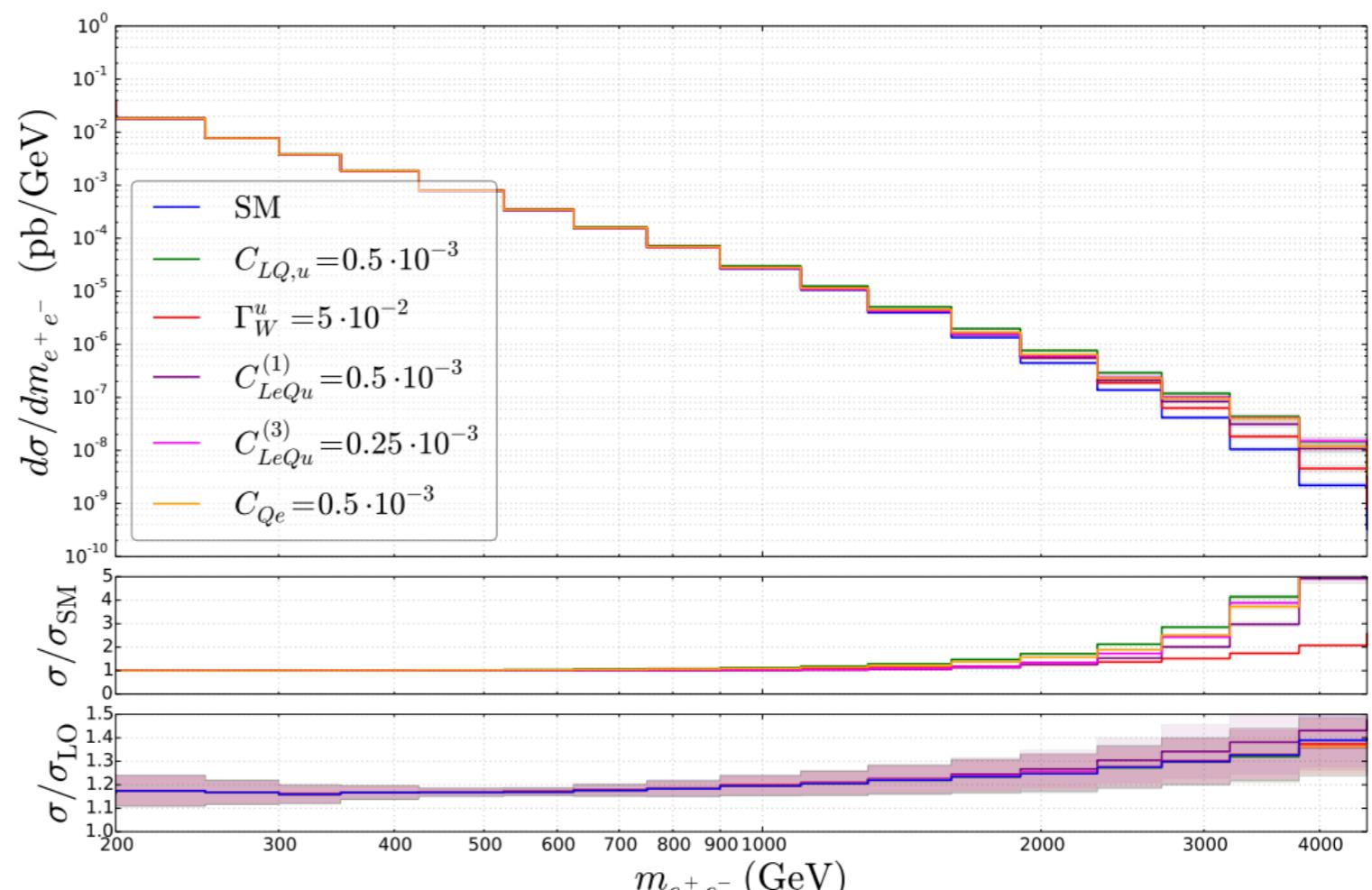
- PDF fits performed at given perturbative order
- PDF uncertainties only reflect lack of information from data
- Theoretical uncertainties (dominated by MHOU) ignored so far
- At NLO PDF uncertainties and MHOU comparable
- Near future: NNLO PDF uncertainties will go down to level of MHOU
- Inclusion of theory uncertainties is the next frontier



PDFs and new physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}^{(5)} + \mathcal{L}^{(6)} + \mathcal{L}^{(7)} + \dots, \quad \mathcal{L}^{(d)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} Q_i^{(d)} \quad \text{for } d > 4$$

- Many studies analyse effect of higher-dimensional operators on observables measured at the LHC
- Extract constraints on dim-6 operators that contribute to NC and CC Drell-Yan production at the LHC, H+V production and VFB

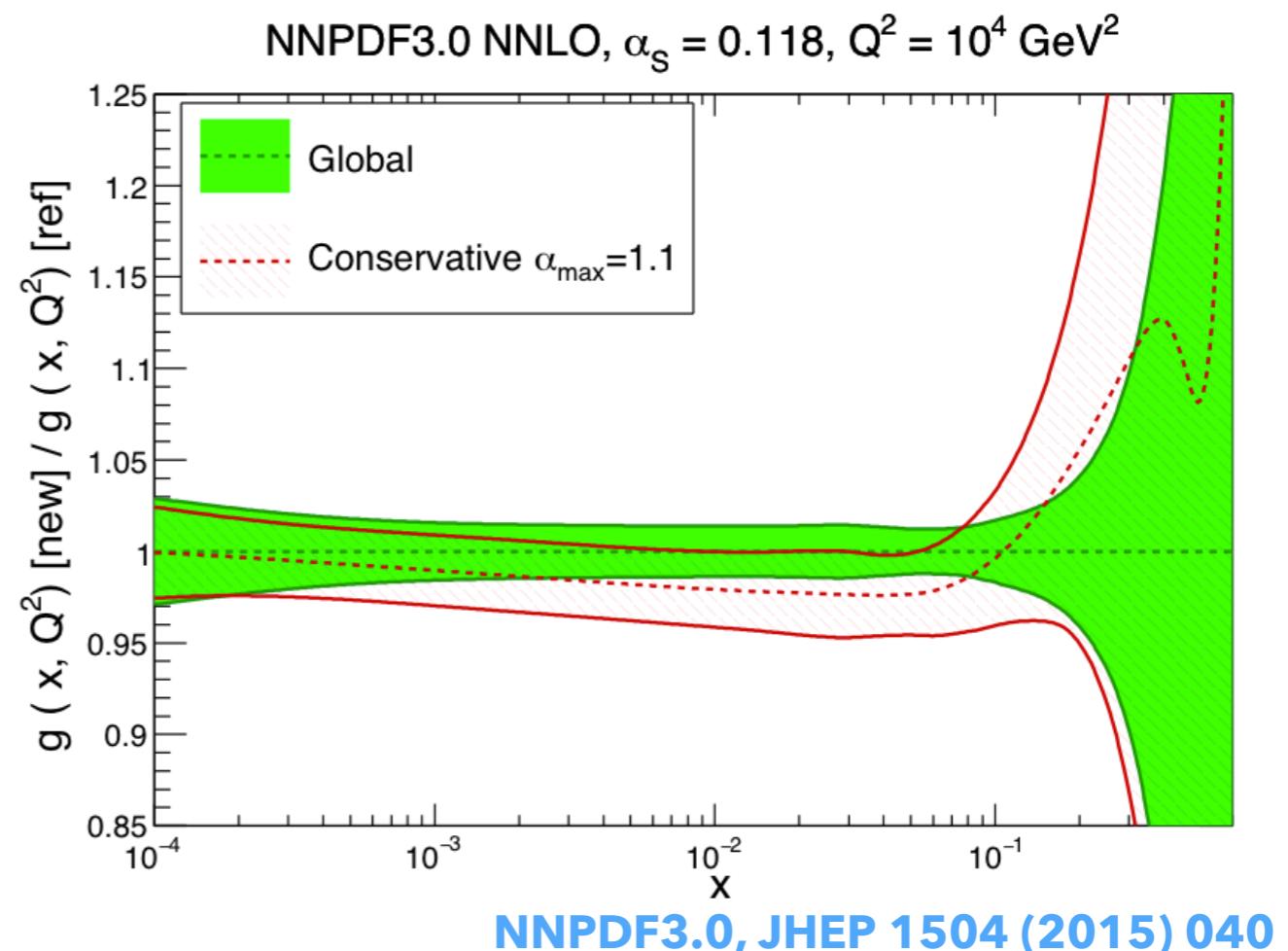


[Alioli et al, 1804.07407](#)

PDFs use some of these data and are determined within SM Framework

PDFs and new physics

- As more data at higher energy will be released, how can we make sure that new physics effects are not absorbed in the PDFs?
- If effects were big we would have bad chi2 and signs of inconsistency but probably would show up as mild inconsistencies
- Inconsistency of any individual dataset with the bulk of global fit may suggest its understanding is incomplete but might be due to many factors



Are conservative partons the answer?
- Not really: simultaneous fits of EFT coefficients and PDFs is the new frontier

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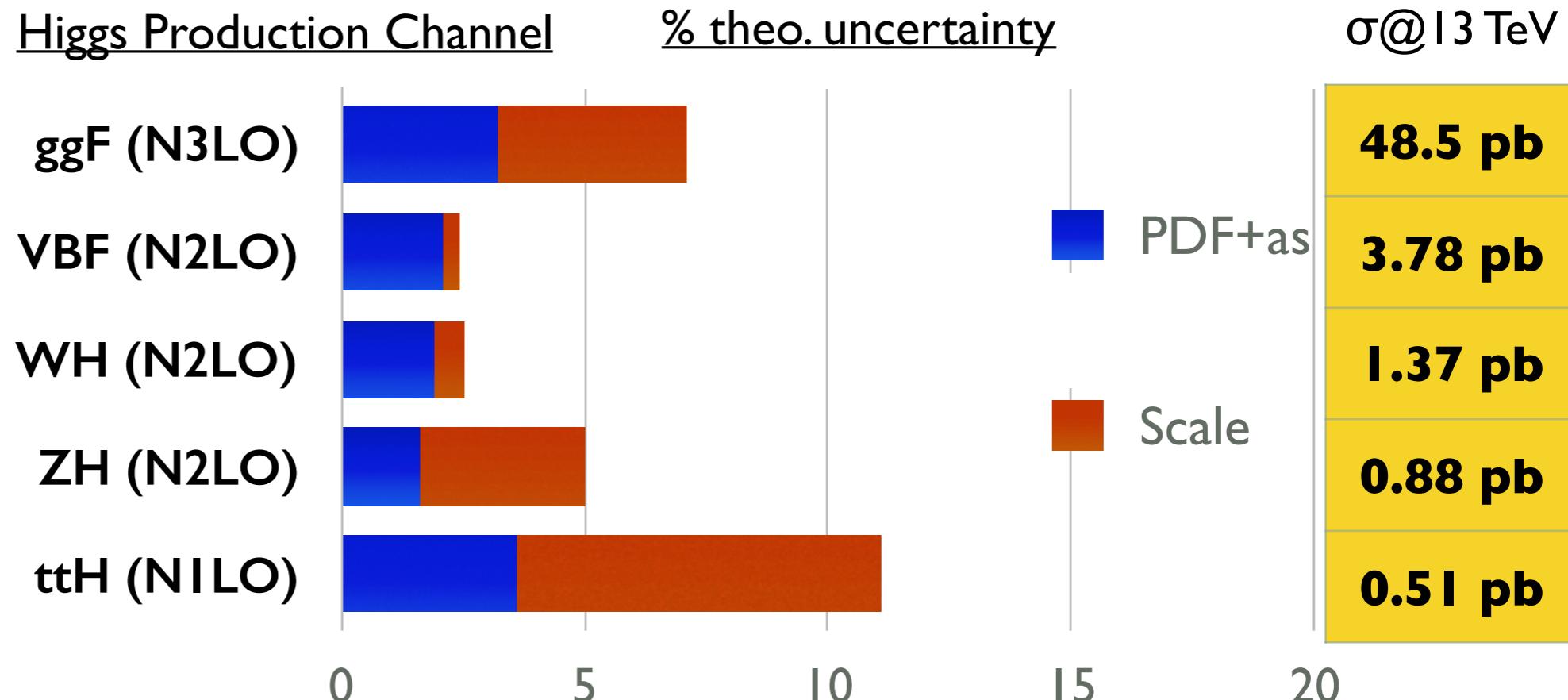
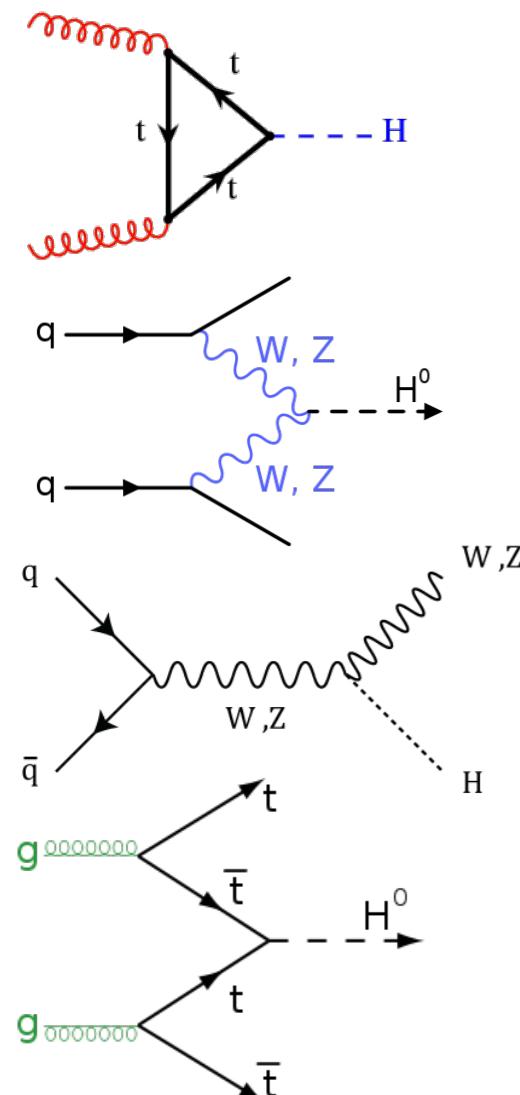
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Thank you for your attention!

Extra material

The role of PDF uncertainties

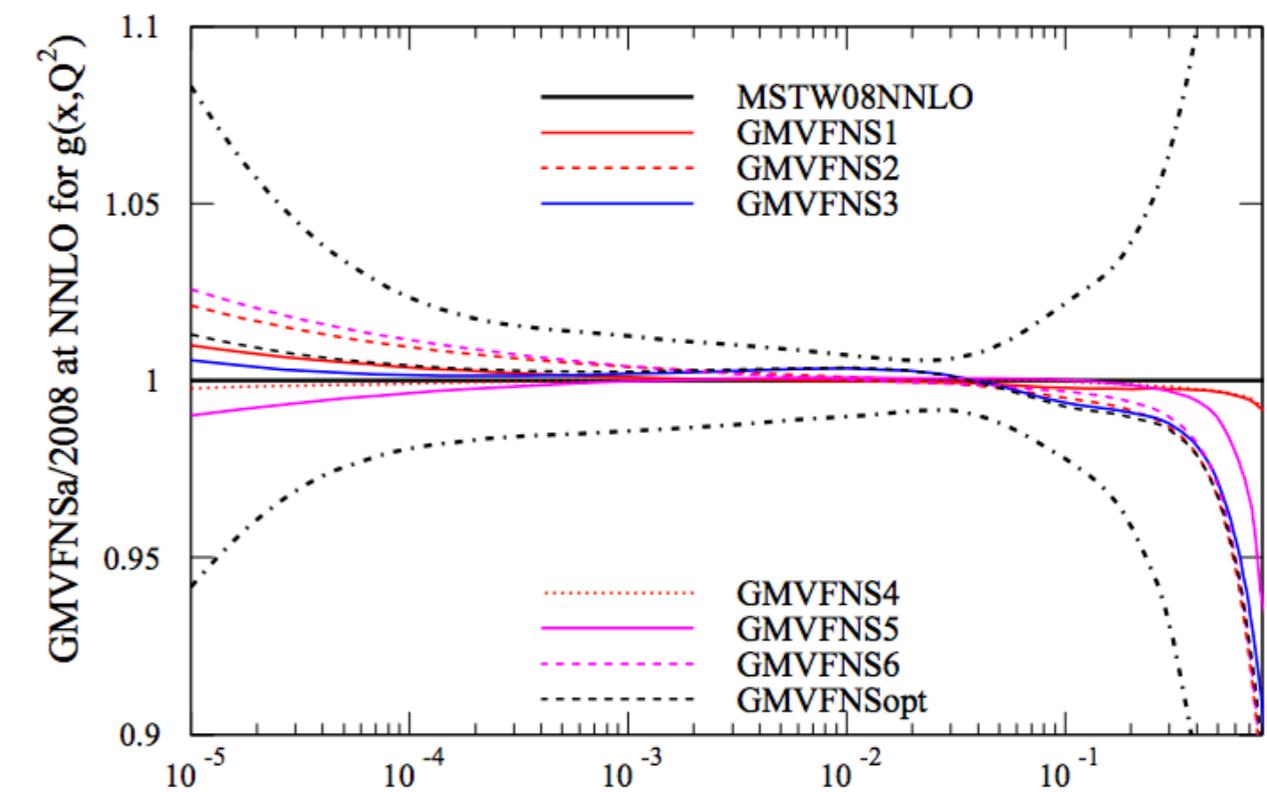
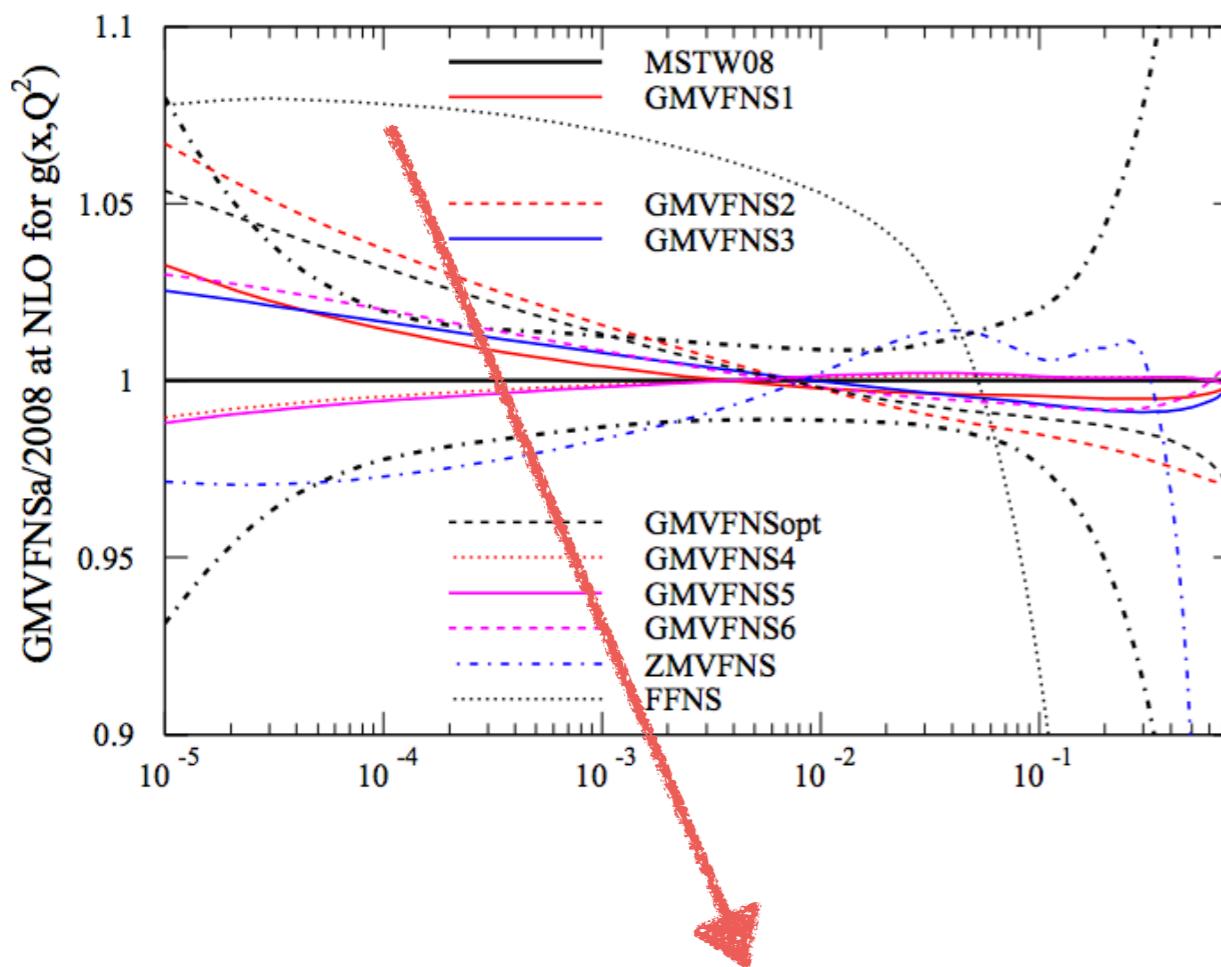
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Reduced (still often dominant)
PDF uncertainties

Theory settings

- Comparable GM-VFN schemes for inclusion of HQ masses (sub-leading differences less important at NNLO)
- Common $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$ (external parameter)
- NNLO (although with some caveat - especially concerning jets data)
- Extensive benchmarking

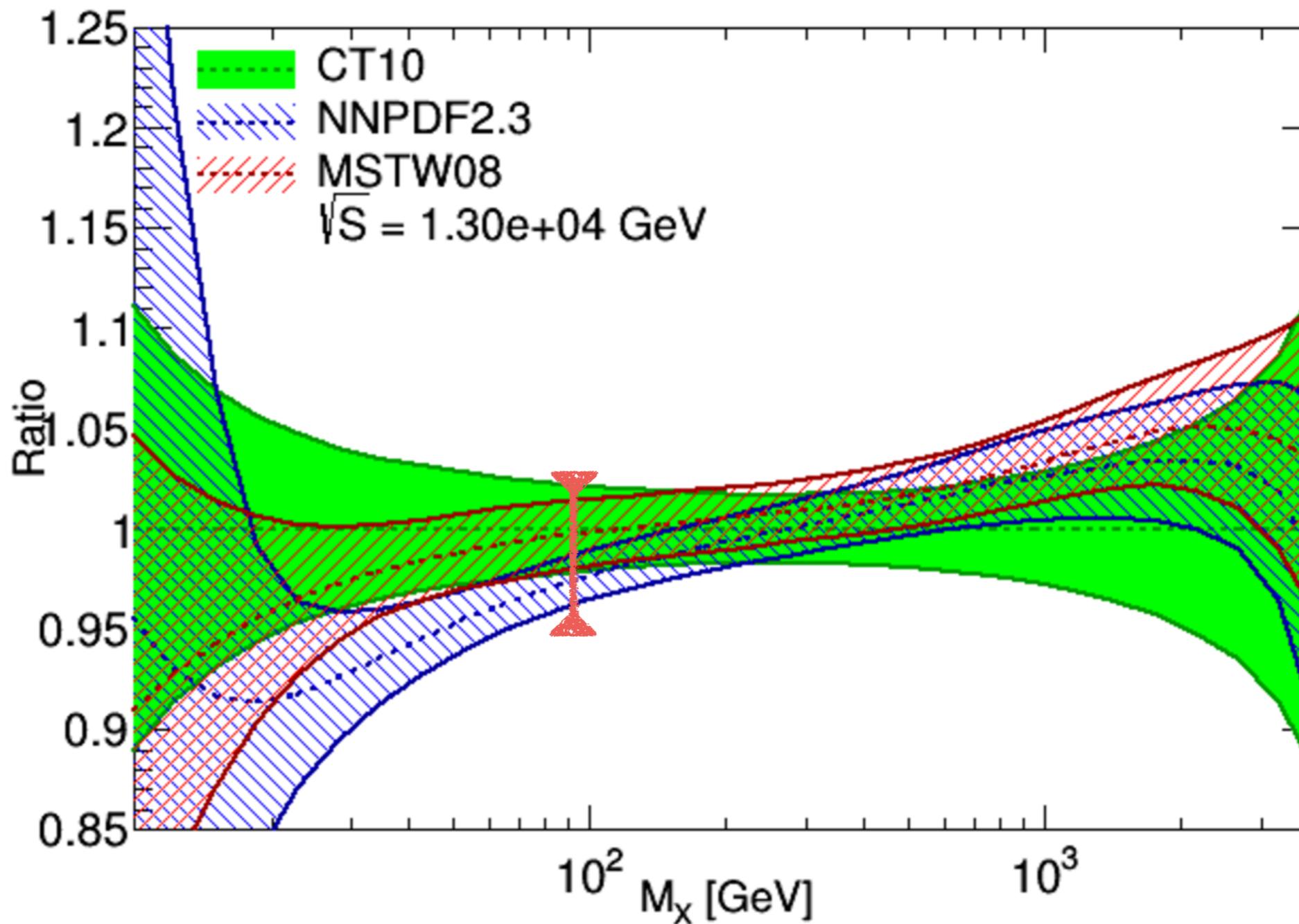


Compensate by lower $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ in structure function scaling

Quark-Antiquark luminosity

NNPDF2.3 / CT10 / MSTW2008

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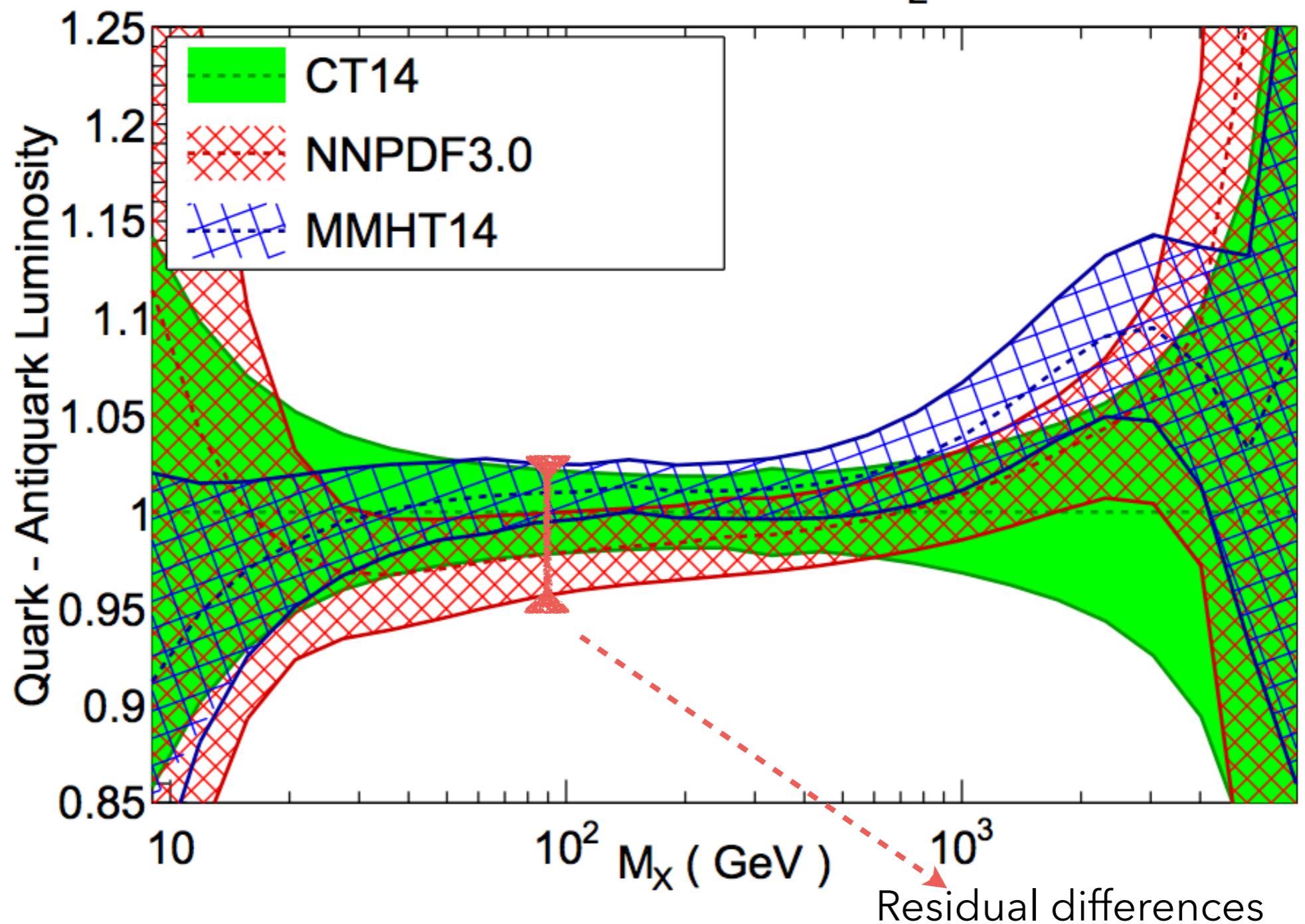


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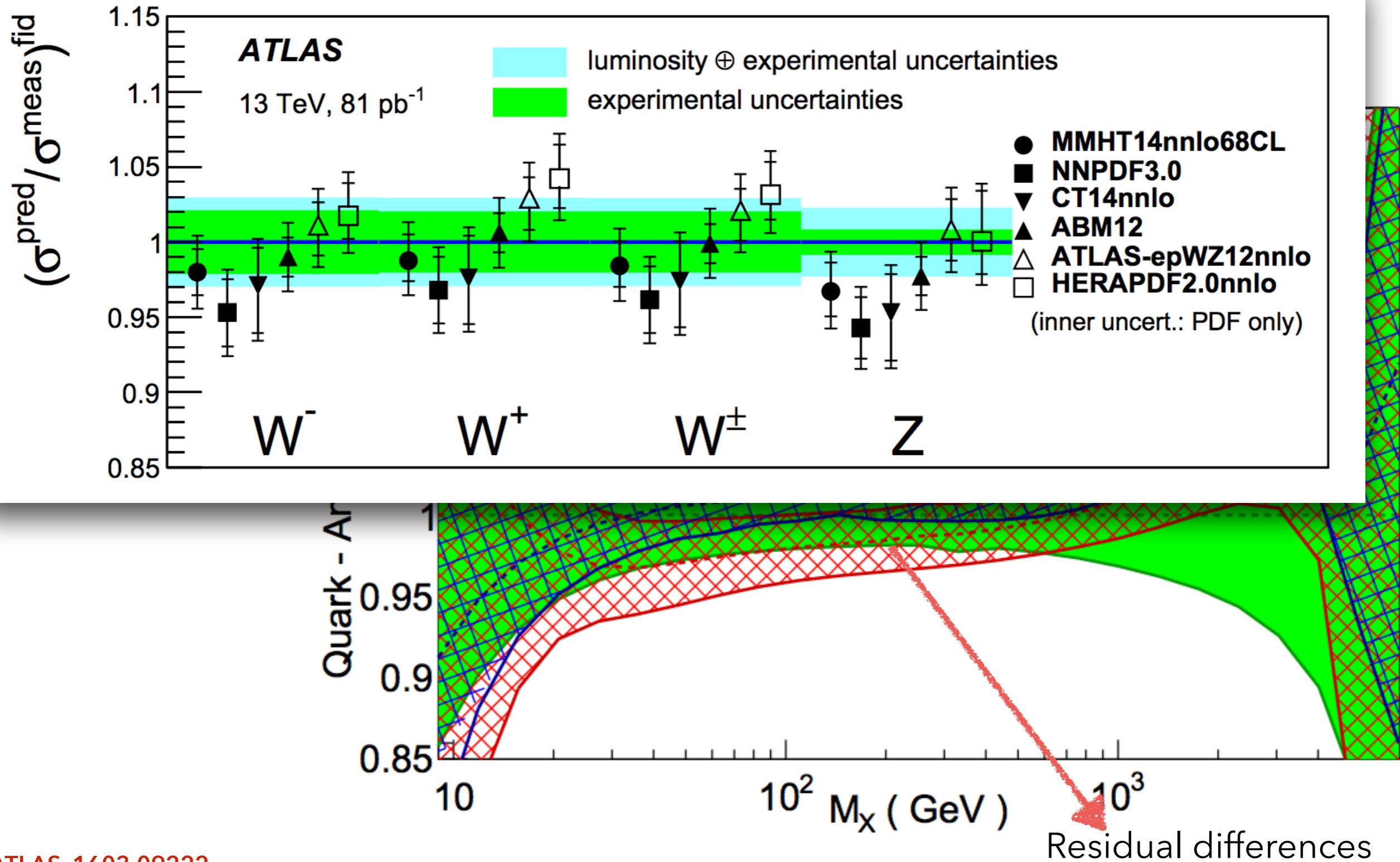
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i - New data from the LHC

NNPDF3.1

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ATLAS jets 2.76 TeV and 7 TeV + 2011 data 7 TeV | gluon large x |
| ATLAS high-mass DY at 7 TeV + low mass | q/q~ separation |
| ATLAS W pT data at 7 TeV + ATLAS & CMS double diff Z pT | g and q at moderate x |
| CMS (Y,M) double diff distributions 7 TeV + 8 TeV | flavour separation |
| CMS jets at 7 TeV + 2.76 and 8 TeV jet data | gluon large x |
| CMS muon charge asymmetry at 7 TeV + 8 TeV | quark separation |
| CMS W+c at 7 TeV | strangeness |
| LHCb Z rapidity distribution at 7 TeV + 8 TeV (legacy data) | small/large x quarks |
| ATLAS+CMS tt total xsec at 7/8 TeV + differ. distributions | gluon large x |
| D0 legacy W asymmetry data | q/q~ separation |

The NNLO frontier

- NNLO calculations are essential to reduce theoretical uncertainties in PDF analyses
 - ✓ NNLO top pair production
Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov [PRL 116(2016) 082003]
Czakon, Mitov [JHEP 1301(2015)]
 - ✓ W/Z+j and W/Z transverse momentum distributions
Gehrmann-De Ridder et al [1605.04295]
Boughezal, Liu, Petriello [1602.08140]
Boughezal, Liu, Petriello [1602.06965]
Boughezal et al [PRL 116(2016) 152001 & 062002]
Gehrmann-De Ridder et al [1507.02850]
 - ✓ Inclusive jet cross section
Currie et al. [1611.01460]
Gehrmann-De Ridder et al [PRL 110 (2016)
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- Great progress also in tools to interface NLO (NNLO?) codes to PDF fitting code

$$\sigma = \sum_{i,j}^{n_f} \sum_{\alpha,\beta}^{n_x} W_{ij\alpha\beta} f_i(x_\alpha, Q_0^2) f_j(x_\beta, Q_0^2)$$



the APPgrid project

| Observable | APPLGRID | APFELcomb |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| W^+ production | 1.03 ms | 0.41 ms (2.5x) |
| Inclusive jet production | 2.45 ms | 20.1 μ s (120x) |

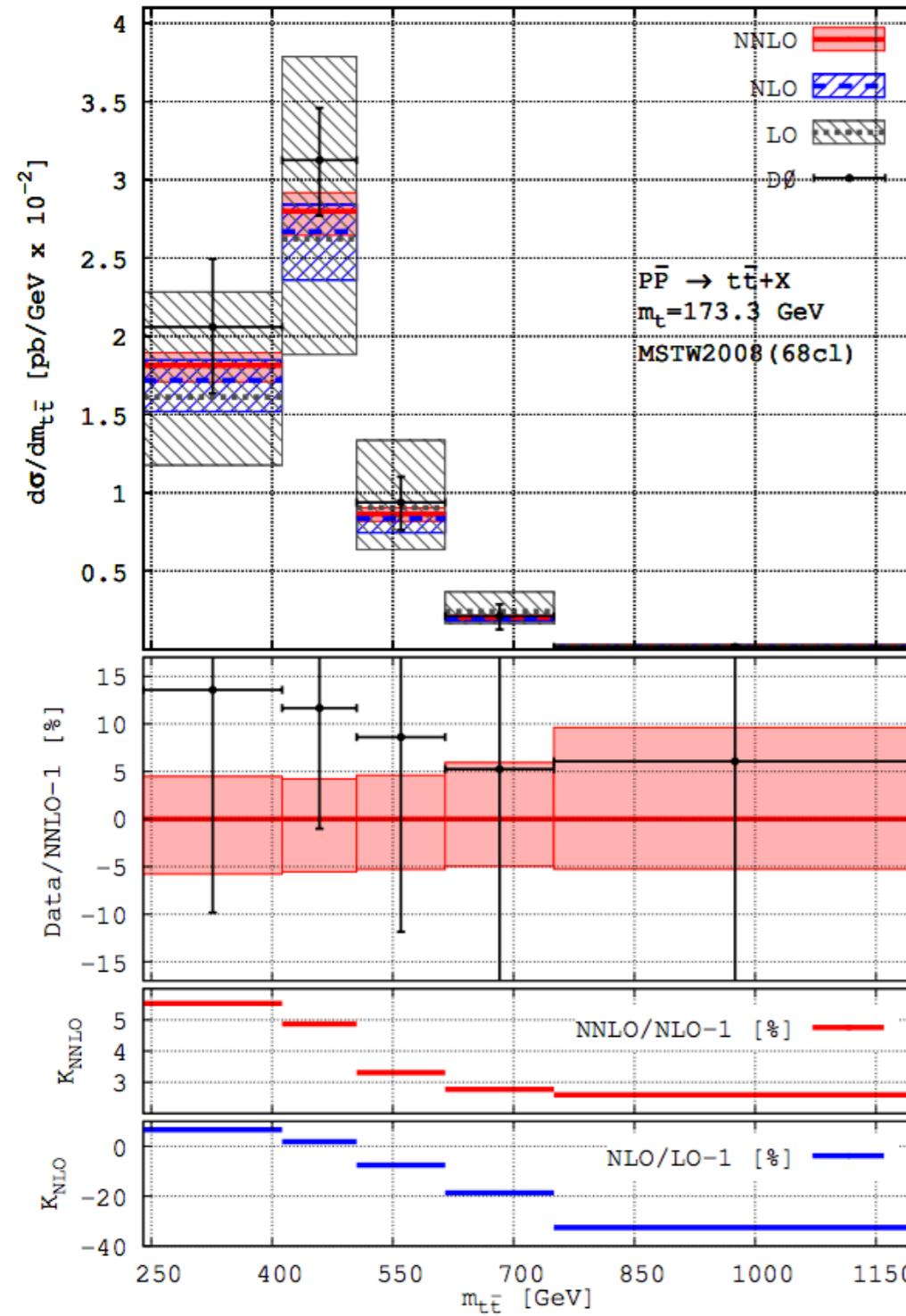
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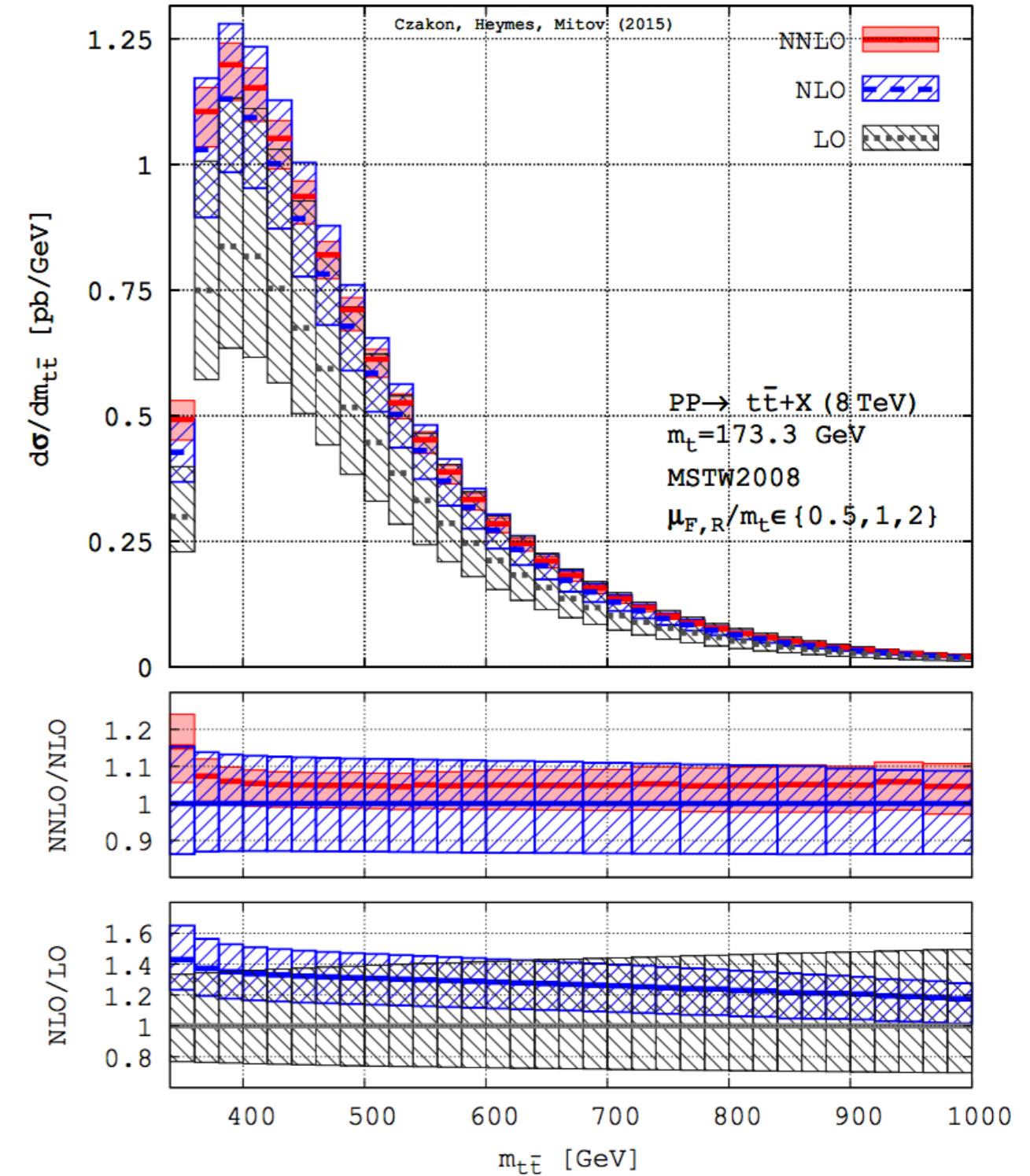
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The NNLO frontier - top data

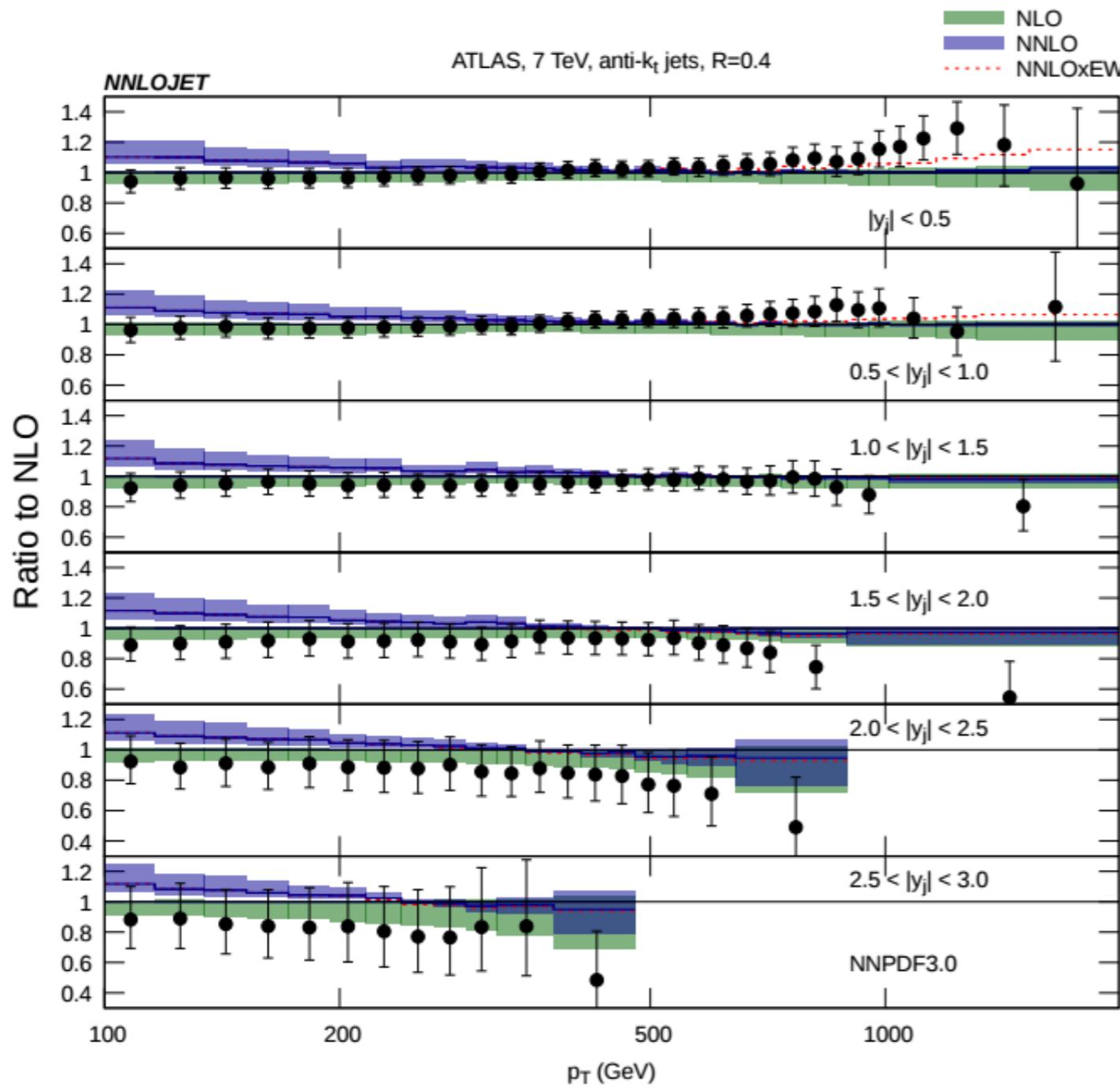


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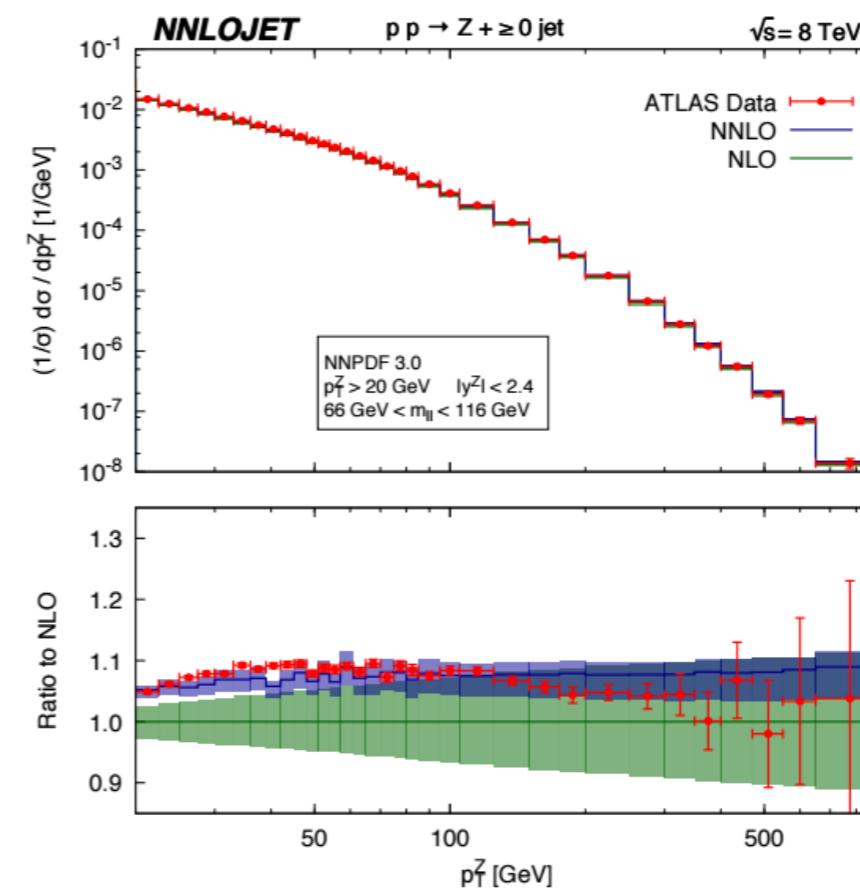
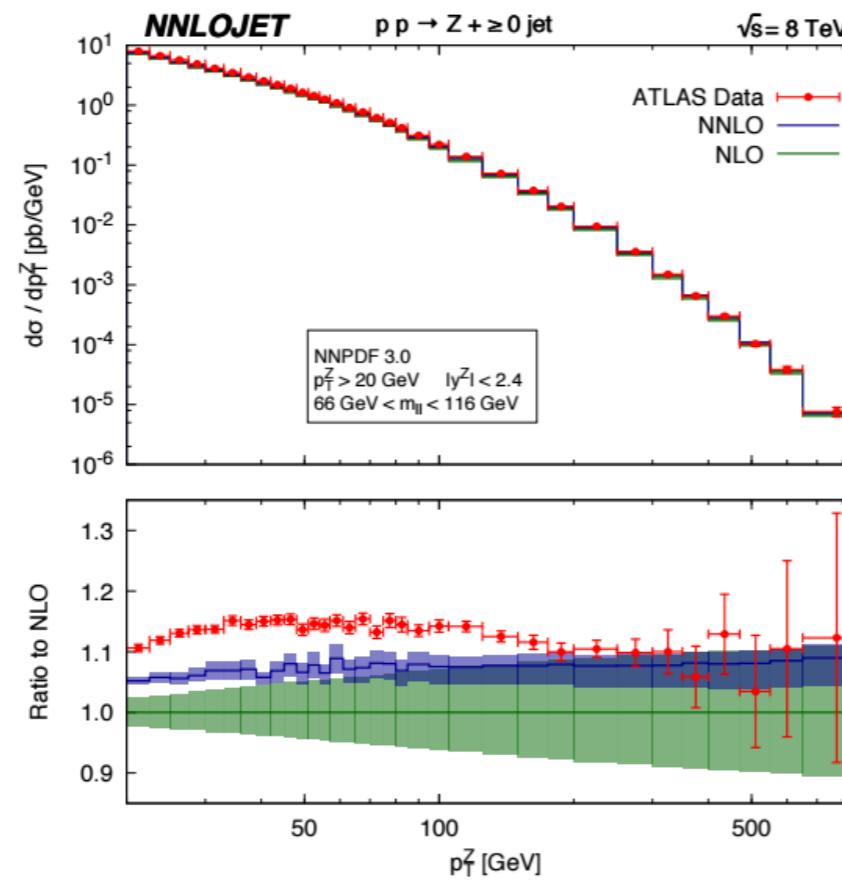
The NNLO frontier - jets data



- NNLO corrections now known for all partonic channels (leading colour contribution only)
- So far several PDF groups made different choices: CT14 includes all jet data in NNLO fit assuming overall C-factor small, MMHT14 and ABM12 do not include LHC jet data at NNLO, NNPDF3.0 include some jet data based on goodness of threshold approximation
- These choices affect precision of the gluon!

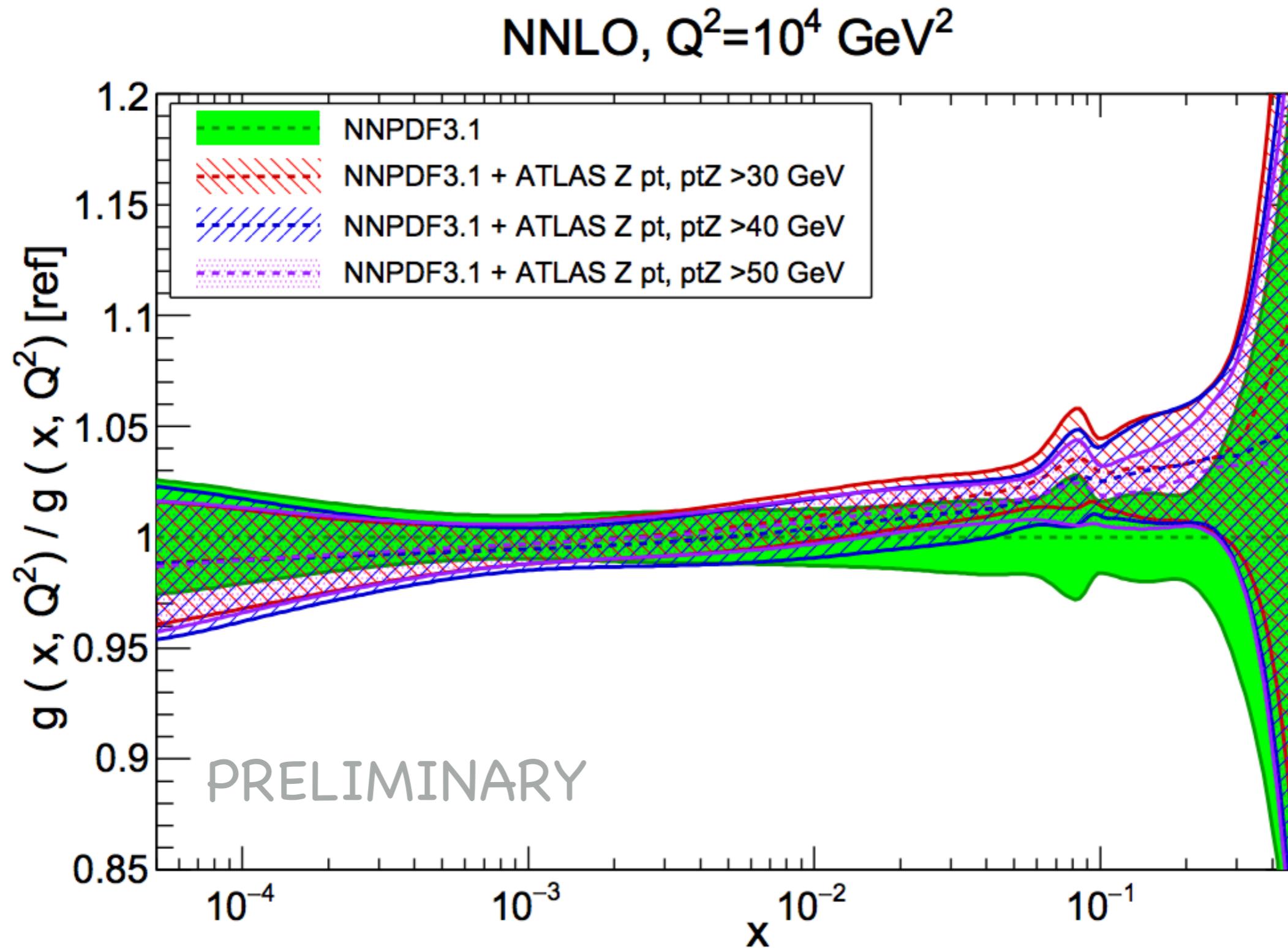
The NNLO frontier - Z pT data

- Experimental precision < 1% up to $p_T \sim 200$ GeV
- Data hugely dominate by correlated systematic uncertainties
- Interesting case-study to probe current theory-experiment frontier



- ATLAS Z pT @LHC7, normalised distributions, 3 rapidity bins ($0 < Y < 1$, $1 < Y < 2$, $2 < Y < 2.5$)
~50 data in perturbative region $p_T > 30$ GeV
- ATLAS Z pT @LHC8, normalised/unnormalised distributions, 6 rapidity bins in Z peak + low/high M
~150 data in perturbative region $p_T > 30$ GeV
- CMS Z pT @LHC8, normalised/unnormalised distributions, 5 rapidity bins in Z peak
~50 data in perturbative region $p_T > 30$ GeV

The NNLO frontier - Z pT data



Closure test

- Level-0: if pseudo-data are identical to the input theory, then agreement with theory should be arbitrarily good, i.e. $\chi^2 \rightarrow 0$
- Level-1: let pseudo-data fluctuate about their central values within data uncertainty, then $\chi^2 \rightarrow 1$
- Level-2: generate Monte Carlo replicas of pseudo-data with fluctuations, then $\chi^2 \rightarrow 2$

