



NNPDF3.0

Next generation PDFs for the LHC Run II

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Parton Distributions for LHC Run II

- 📍 **PDFs** have been an essential ingredient for **Run I** phenomenology, and will be so even more at the upcoming **Run II at 13 TeV**
- 📍 Many crucial LHC analysis benefit from improved PDFs, from **precision Standard Model measurements**, like the W mass determination, and **Higgs boson characterization to BSM searches**
- 📍 **NNPDF3.0** is the new forthcoming PDF release from the NNPDF Collaboration, a major upgrade that accounts for recent progress in experimental constraints, theory calculations and methodological improvements. **To be released in the next few weeks.**
- 📍 In this talk I present **for the first time the final NNPDF3.0 sets**, including:
 - ☑ **New experimental data:** HERA-II structure functions, ATLAS and CMS jets, CMS W+charm, ATLAS and CMS Drell-Yan production, top quark production
 - ☑ **Improved theory calculations:** Approximate NNLO K-factors for jets, electroweak effects for Drell-Yan data, APPLgrid/FastNLO/aMCfast for all hadronic observables ...
 - ☑ **Fitting methodology:** C++ rewriting of the code, fitting strategy validated on closure tests, extended positivity, optimized Genetic Algorithms minimization
 - ☑ **Results and implications for LHC phenomenology**

New Experimental Data

LHC & HERA-II

New experimental data

☞ More than **1000 new data points** from new HERA and LHC data

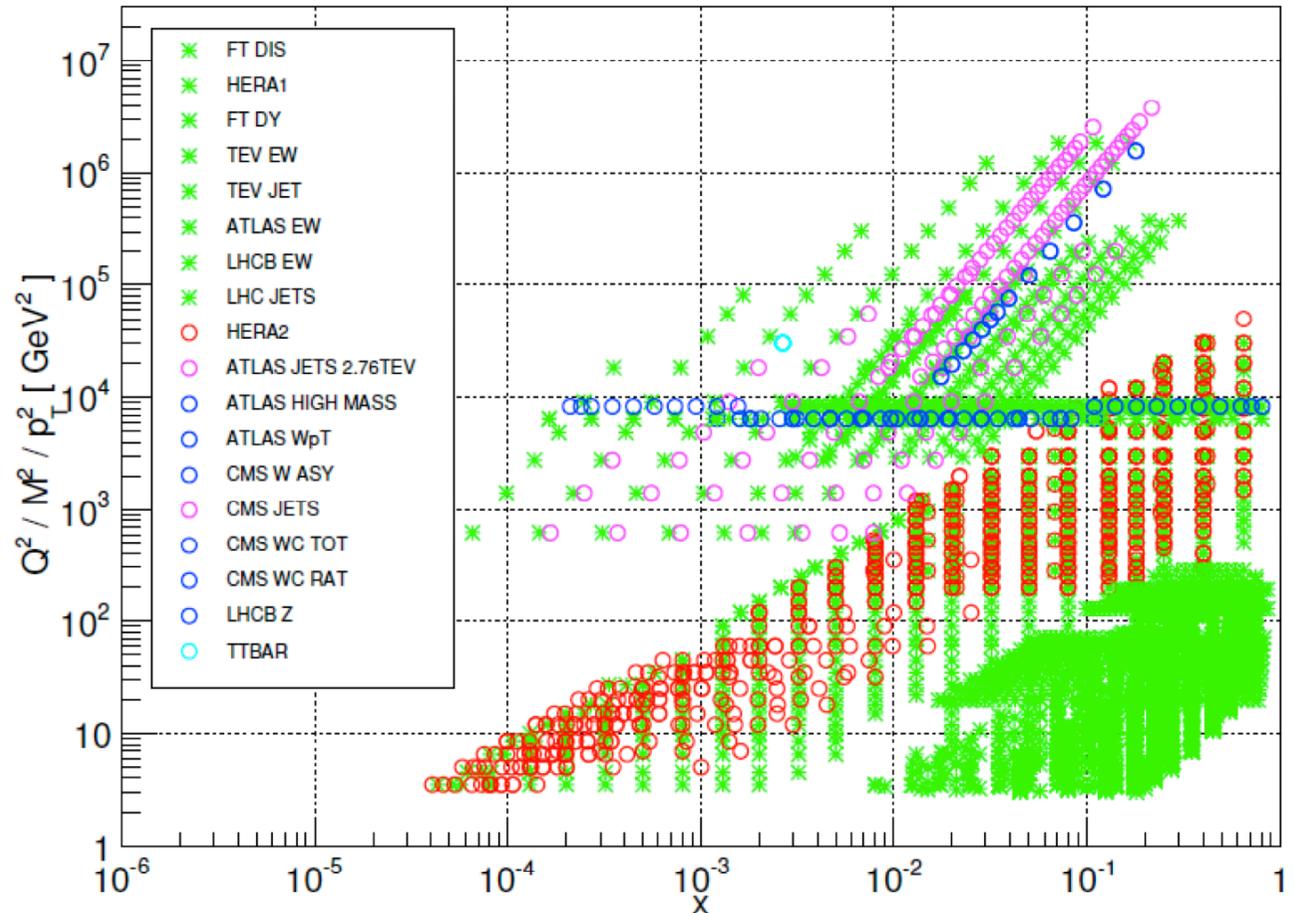
☑ **HERA structure function data:** HERA-II structure functions from H1 and ZEUS, combined HERA F_{2c} cross-sections

☑ **LHC jet data:** CMS 7 TeV inclusive jets from 2011, ATLAS 2.76 TeV jets including their correlation with the 7 TeV jet data

☑ **LHC electroweak data:** CMS muon asymmetries from 2011, LHCb Z rapidity distributions from 2011, CMS W+charm production data, ATLAS and CMS Drell-Yan production, ATLAS W p_T distributions

☑ **ATLAS and CMS top quark pair production data**

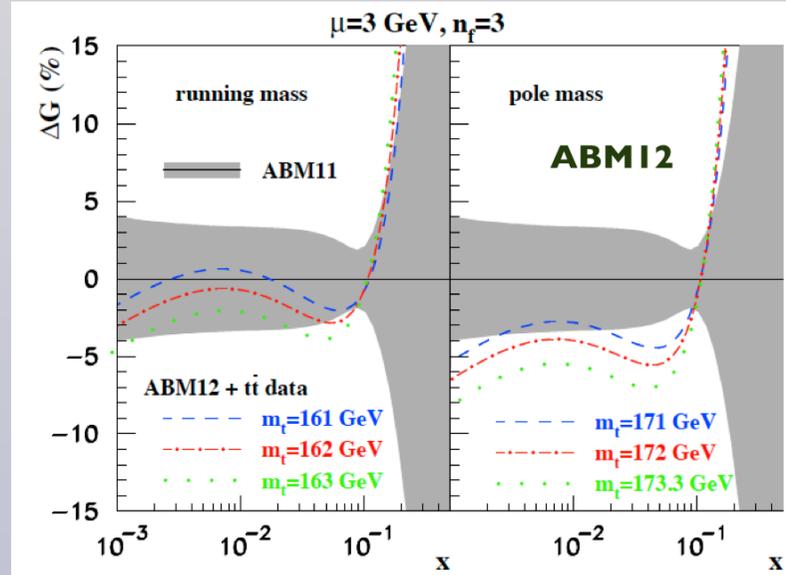
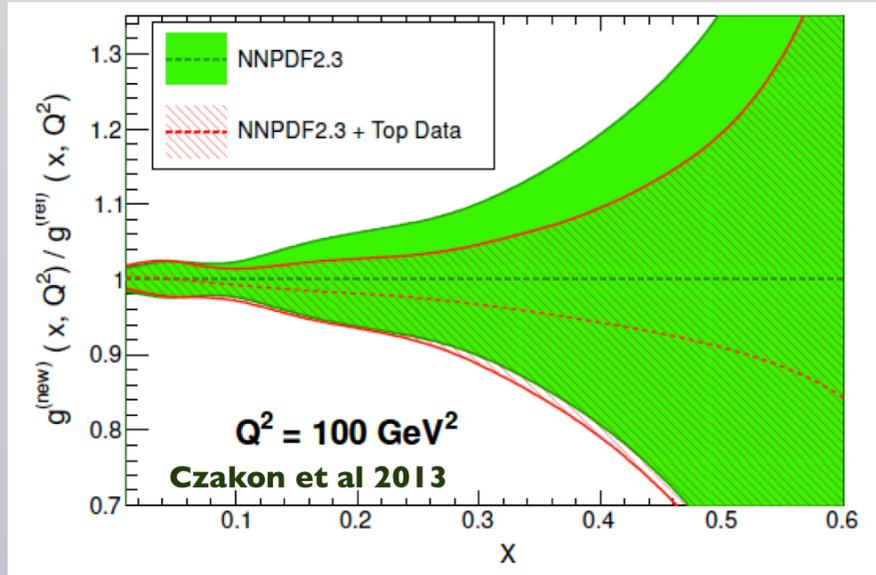
NNPDF3.0 NLO dataset



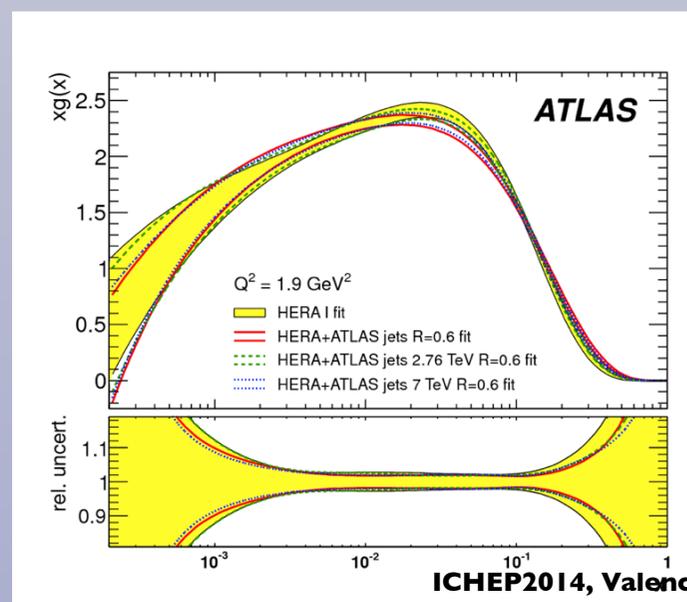
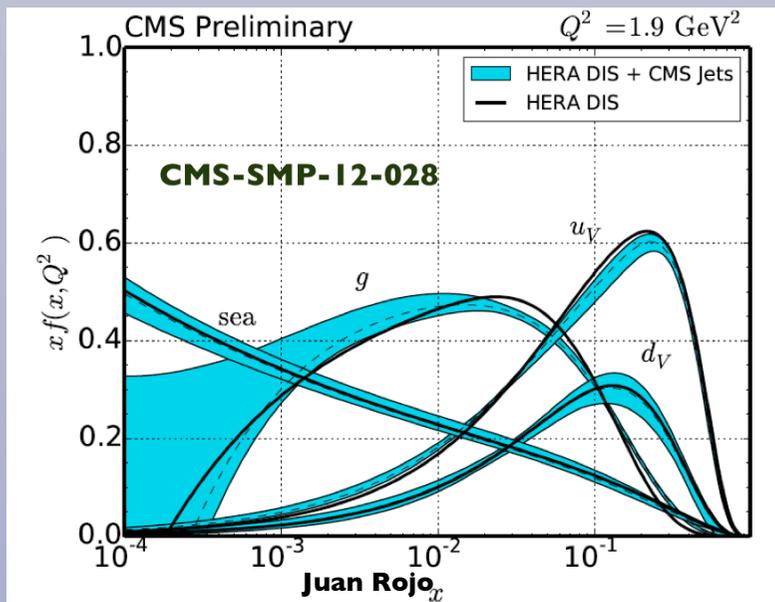
All these datasets already reasonably well described by NNPDF2.3

Motivation for new data

Top quark total cross-sections allow to constrain the large- x gluon PDF



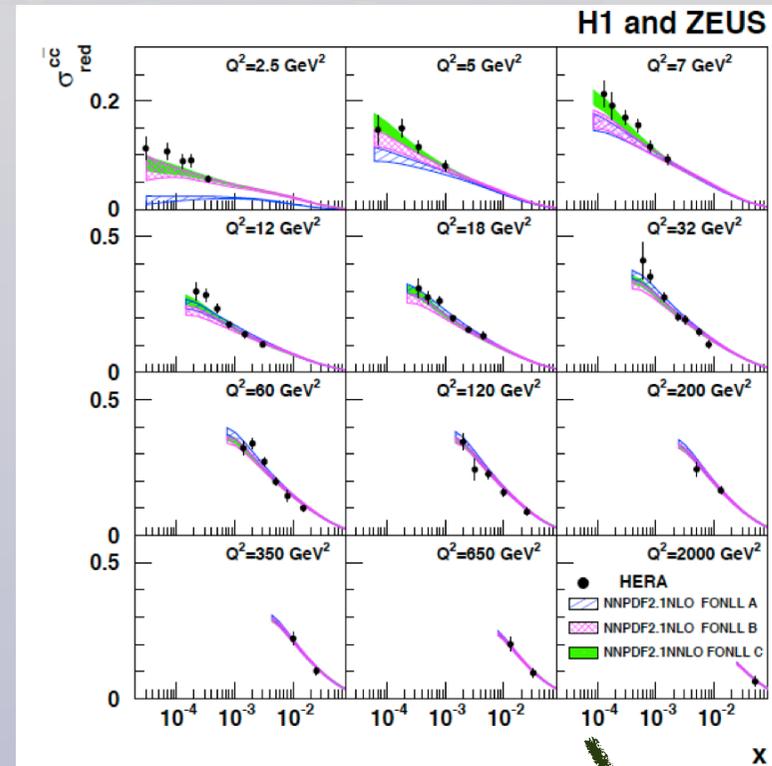
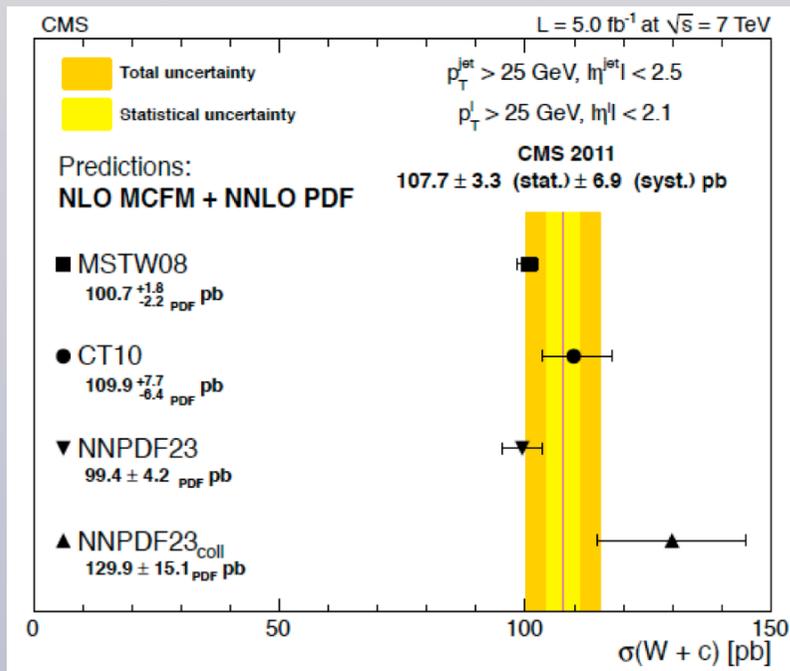
Jet cross-sections pin down medium and large- x gluon and large- x quarks



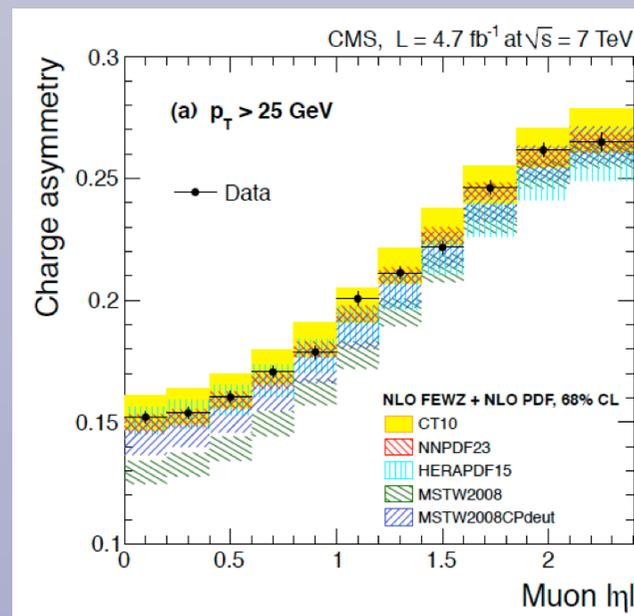
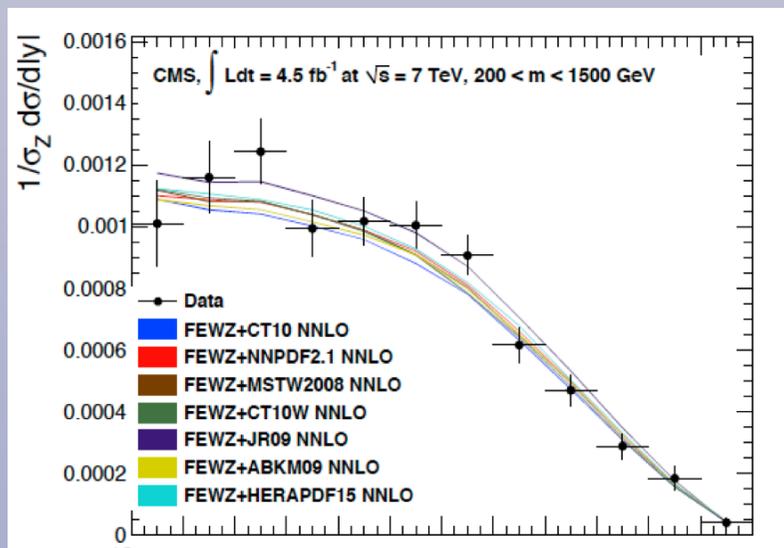
ATLAS data on the ratio 7 TeV / 2.76 for jet production, beautiful illustration of the PDF sensitivity of cross-section ratios between different center-of-mass energies (Mangano and JR 12)

Motivation for new data

W+charm production data:
directly sensitive to the **strange PDF**



On-shell and off-shell Drell-Yan data:
Sensitive to **quark flavor separation**



HERA-II inclusive
and charm data:
constrains on
medium and low- x
quarks and gluons

Theory & Tools

Fast interfaces for NLO calculations

• (N)NLO QCD calculations are too CPU-time intensive to be used directly into PDF analysis

• In the recent years, various approaches have been proposed to provide **fast interfaces to NLO calculations**, that can be used directly in PDF analysis, the main ones being:

✓ APPLgrid: interface to MCFM and NLOJet++ (arxiv:0911.2985)

✓ FastNLO: interface to NLOJet++ (arxiv:1109.1310)

✓ aMCfast: interface to Madgraph5_aMC@NLO using the APPLgrid library (arxiv:1406.7693)

✓ FastKernel: NNPDF internal (arxiv:1002.2312)

• In NNPDF3.0 we systematically use these **fast NLO calculations** for all collider data:

■ NLOjet++/FastNLO: CDF and CMS jet data

■ NLOjet++/APPLgrid: ATLAS jet data

■ MCFM/APPLgrid: ATLAS, CMS and LHCb electroweak gauge boson production, CMS W+charm production, ATLAS and CMS top quark data

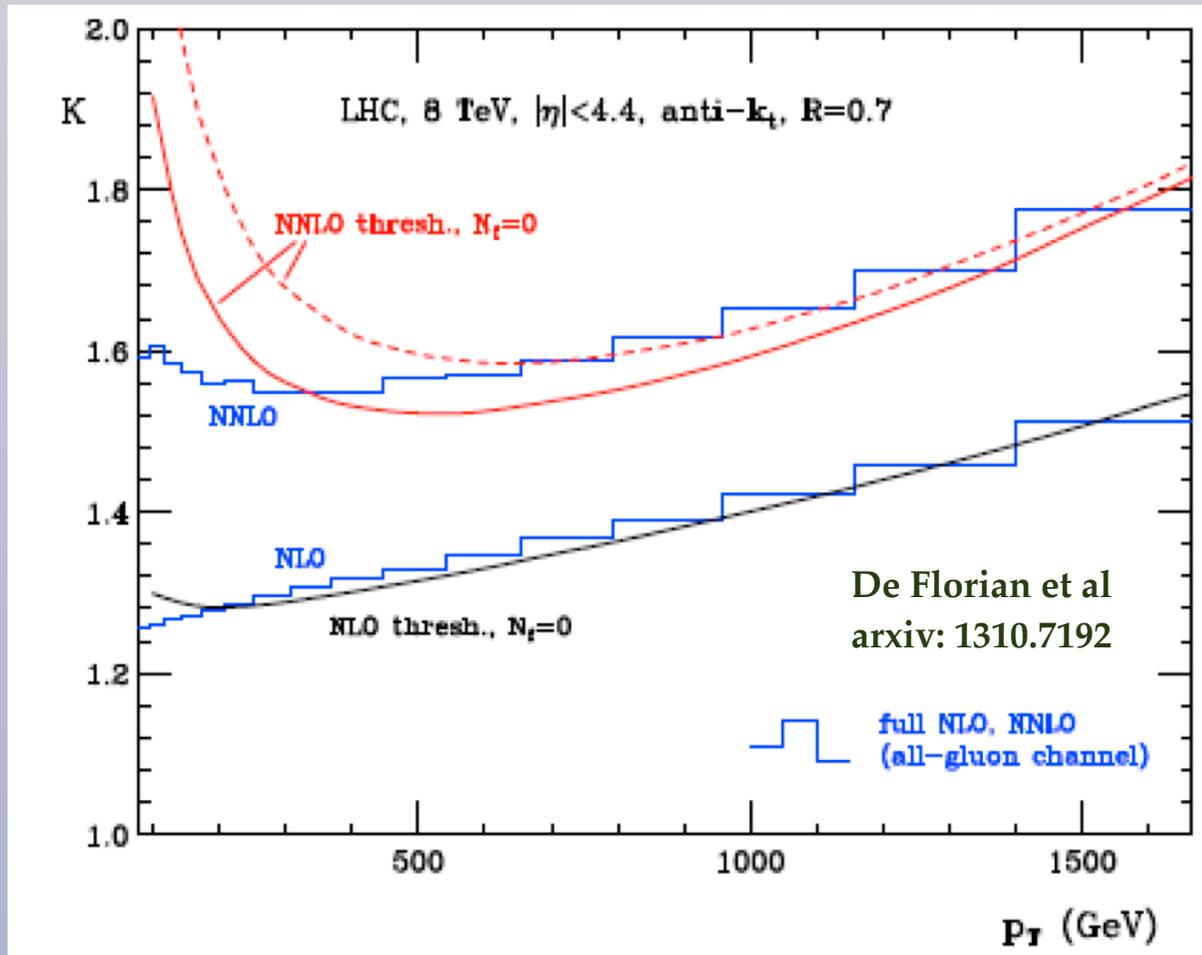
■ Madgraph5_aMC@NLO/aMCfast: Higgs xsec in gluon fusion for positivity constraints

• For the NNLO fits, the NLO calculation are supplemented with **bin-by-bin C-factors** from the corresponding NNLO calculations: **top++** for top data, **FEWZ/DYNNLO** for Drell-Yan data,...

$$C_{\text{fact}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NNLO}} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\text{NNLO}}}{\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO}} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\text{NNLO}}}$$

Jets in NNLO global fits

- The recent calculation of the **gluon-gluon channel NNLO jet cross sections** ([arxiv:1310.3993](#)) is an important milestone for inclusion of jet data in NNLO fits: **O(20-25%) enhancements wrt NLO results**
- On the other hand, the **gg channel is small** at medium and large p_T at the LHC energies
- While full NNLO result becomes available, **approximate NNLO** results can be derived from the **improved threshold calculation**: reasonable approximation to exact at large p_T , **breaks down at small p_T**



Our strategy is the following:

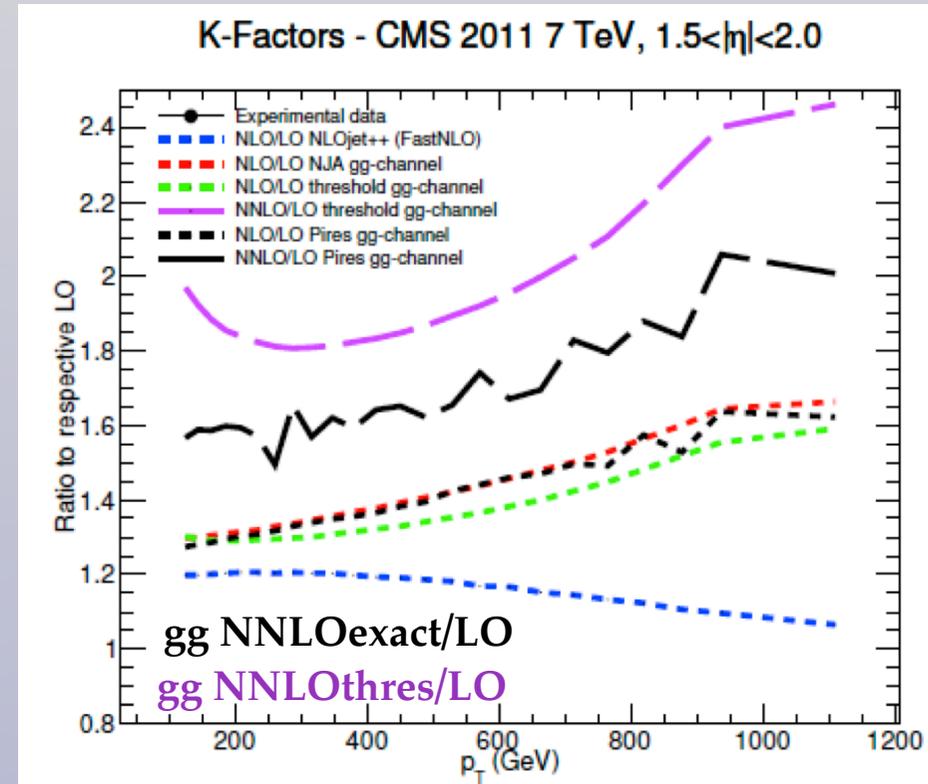
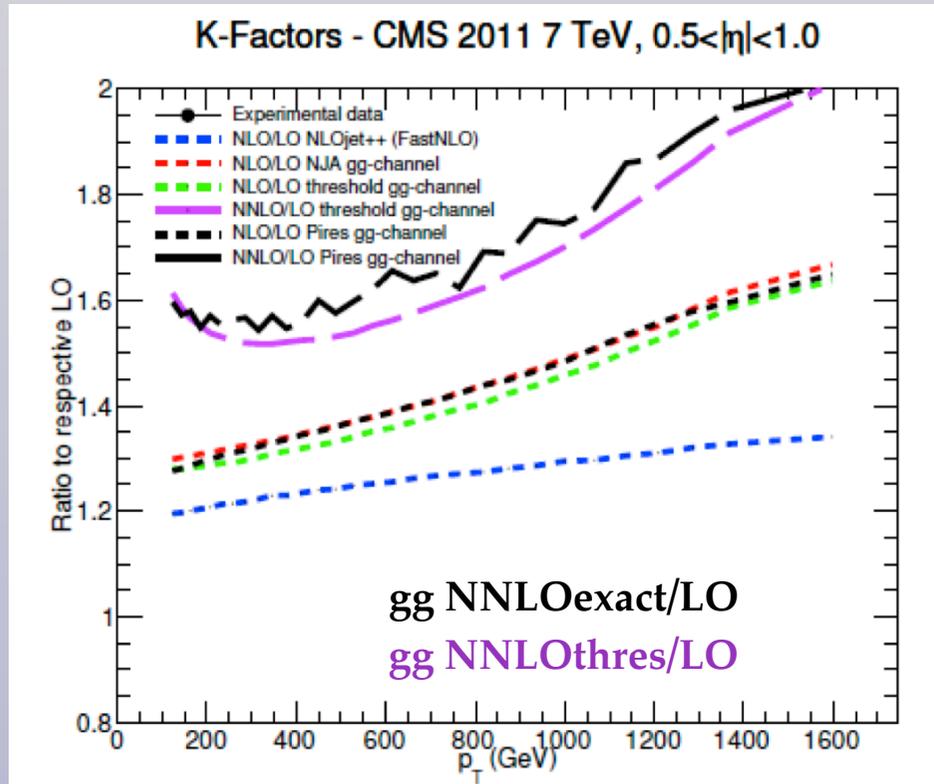
- * Compute, for all jet data, the NNLOexact and NNLOapprox in the gg channel
- * Use the exact calculation to determine the **range of validity** of the threshold calculation
- * With this information, restrict the range of fitted jet data and use the **NNLOapprox calculation** accounting for all partonic channels
- * To be **conservative**, we only include data points for which:

$$\text{NNLOapprox} < (1.15 \text{ NLOexact})$$

Jets in NNLO global fits

- Therefore, **comparison with exact gg NNLO** can determine for which values of jet p_T and η the **NNLOthres** calculation can be trusted (assumption: NNLO K-factor similar in all channels)

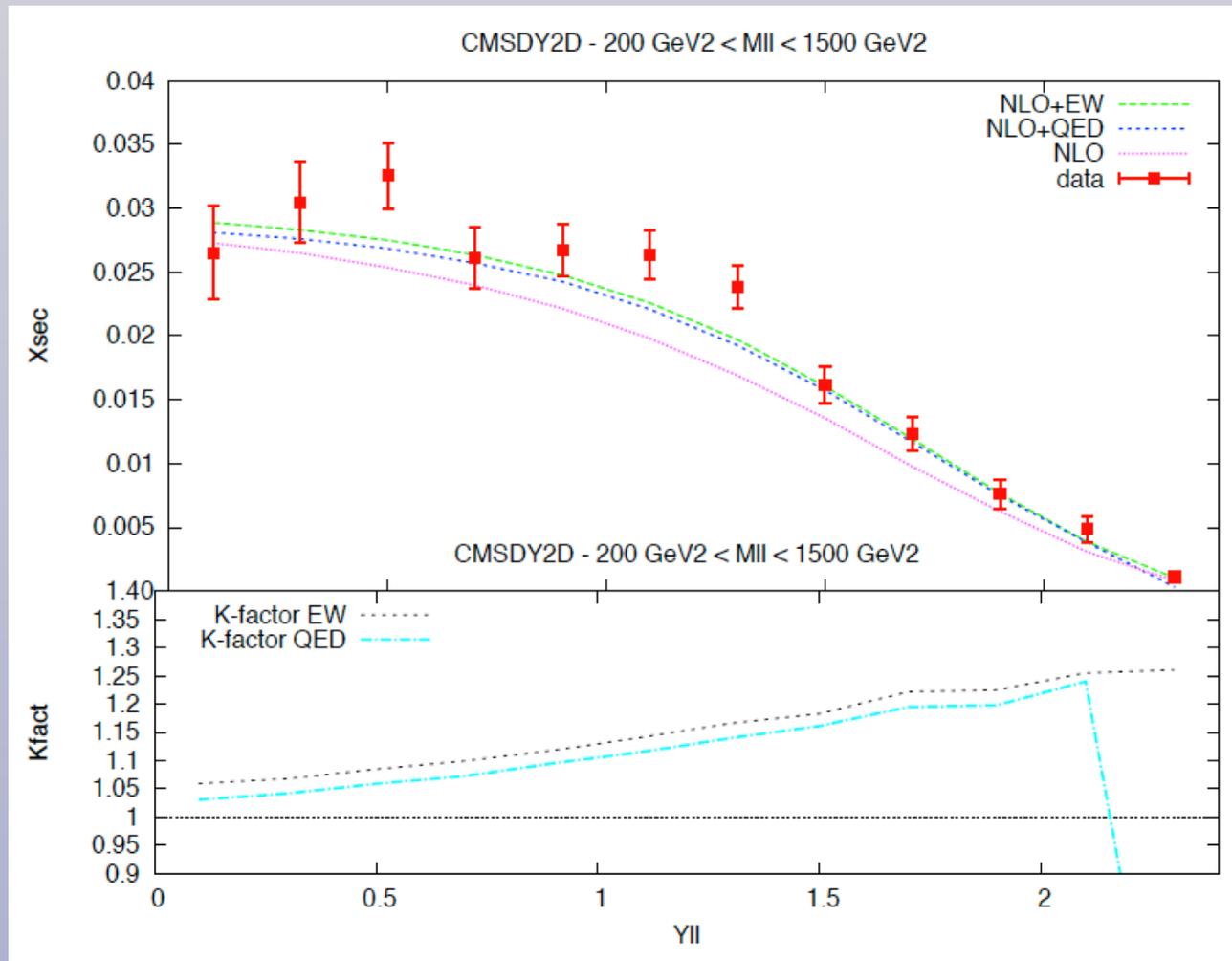
S. Carrazza and J. Pires, in preparation



- We **discard jet data** in the kinematic range where the NNLO threshold calculation cannot be trusted
- This restriction will be superseded as soon as **full exact NNLO** results available
- This approximation allows to **keep a maximum of jet data** in the NNLO fit, without this data PDF uncertainties in the large-x gluon are much larger

Electroweak corrections

- Electroweak corrections are important for **W and Z production** specially at **large invariant masses and/or transverse momentum**
- In NNPDF3.0, full NLO electroweak corrections for all **neutral current Drell-Yan** datasets have been computed with **FEWZ3.1**
- As an illustration, **high-mass Drell-Yan** from CMS 7 TeV:



Electroweak corrections up to **25% at the highest dilepton masses**

QED corrections also large, but affected by the large uncertainties of $\gamma(x, Q)$

QED corrections not included in the NNPDF3.0 QCD-only fit (NNPDF3.0 QED to follow)

For 14 TeV, including EW corrections for most datasets will be mandatory

Methodology & Closure Testing

NNPDF3.0 is really NNPDF++

Completion of a major software development project: rewriting of most of the NNPDF fitting framework from Fortran 77 to C++ and Python

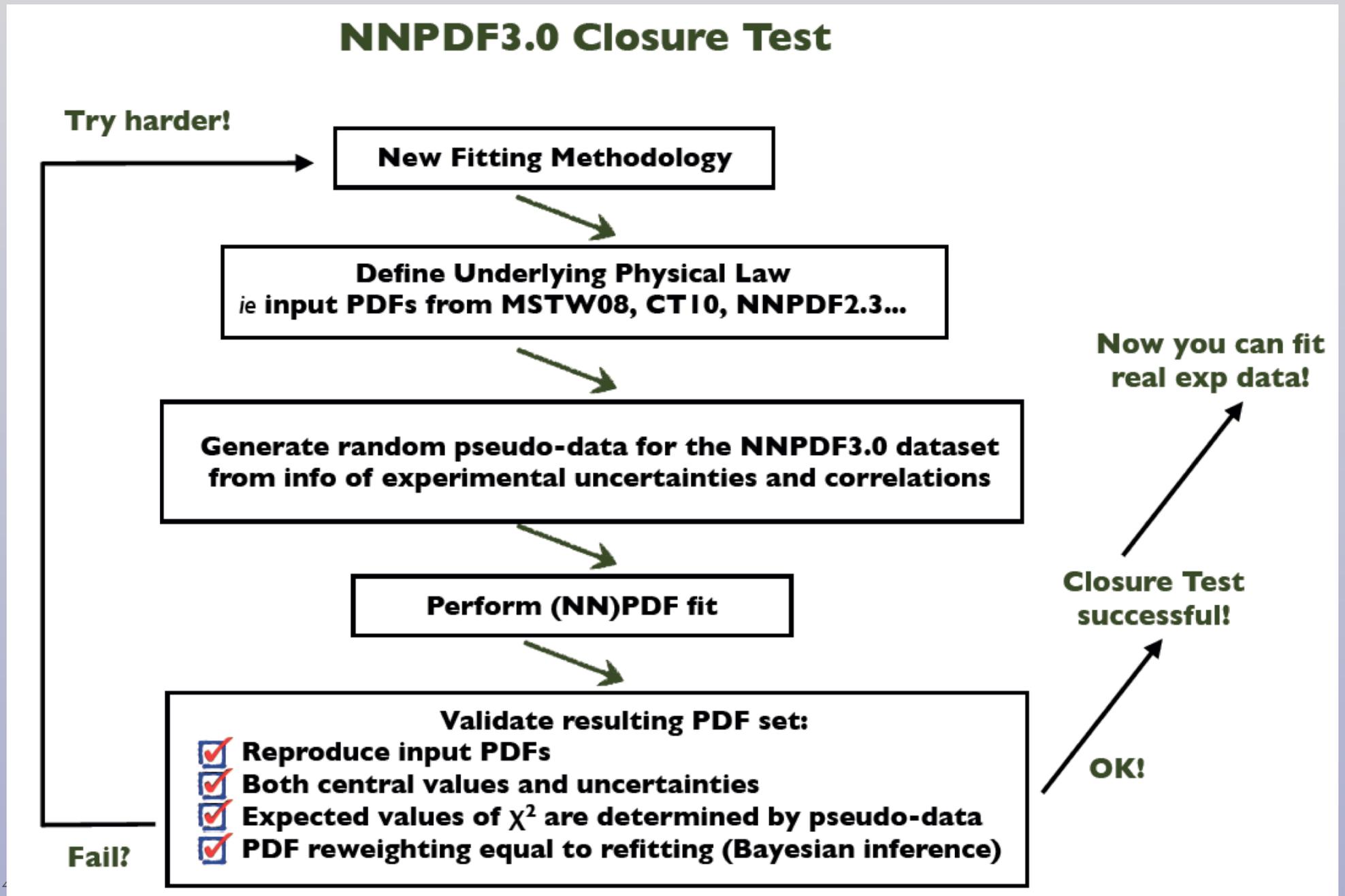
Lines of code by language in NNPDF3.0 fitting framework

Language	files	blank	comment	code
C++	106	6993	6048	26551
Fortran 77	113	115	10161	20872
C/C++ Header	134	1183	857	3920
make	34	792	447	1699
ASP.Net	1	511	0	1390
Bourne Shell	23	261	202	802
Python	8	187	168	565
Fortran 90	1	32	43	117
Bourne Again Shell	3	7	11	34
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- ✓ **Modular structure:** each dataset is an individual object, with the associated theory encapsulated in individual **FK tables:** easy to include new measurements and to upgrade theory for existing ones
- ✓ **Greatly improved fitting efficiency:** main bottleneck for PDF fits is convolution between input PDFs and theory, performed here with **assembly-like structure**
- ✓ Fits can now be easily parallelized to run in **clusters** and in **Graphical Processing Units**
- ✓ Guarantees **robustness and stability for NNPDF development** in the medium and long term

Closure Testing

Validation and optimization of fitting strategy performed on closure test with known underlying PDF set



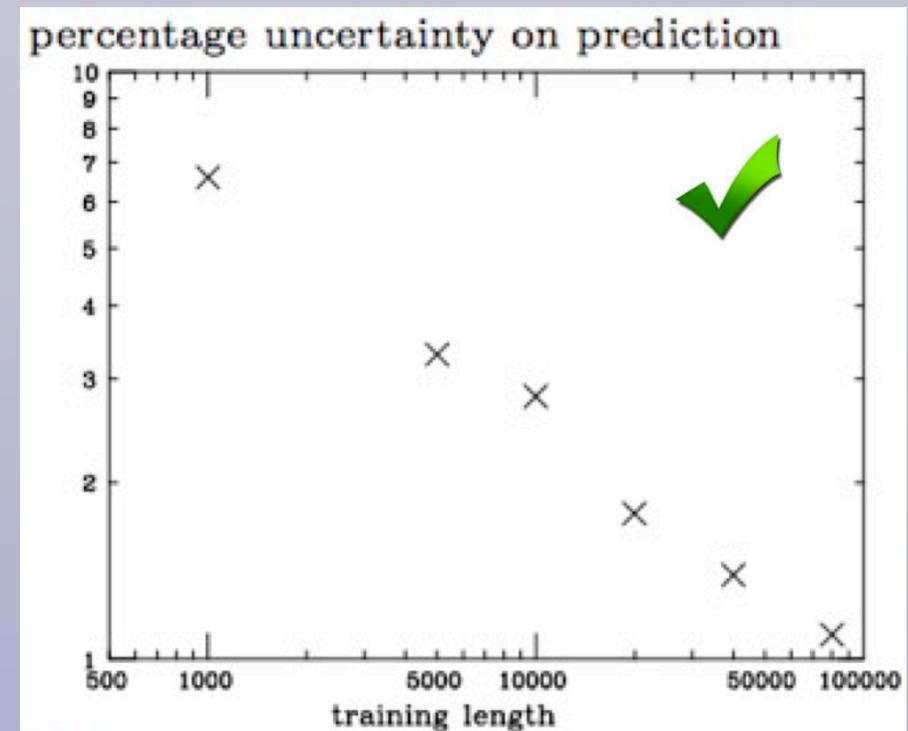
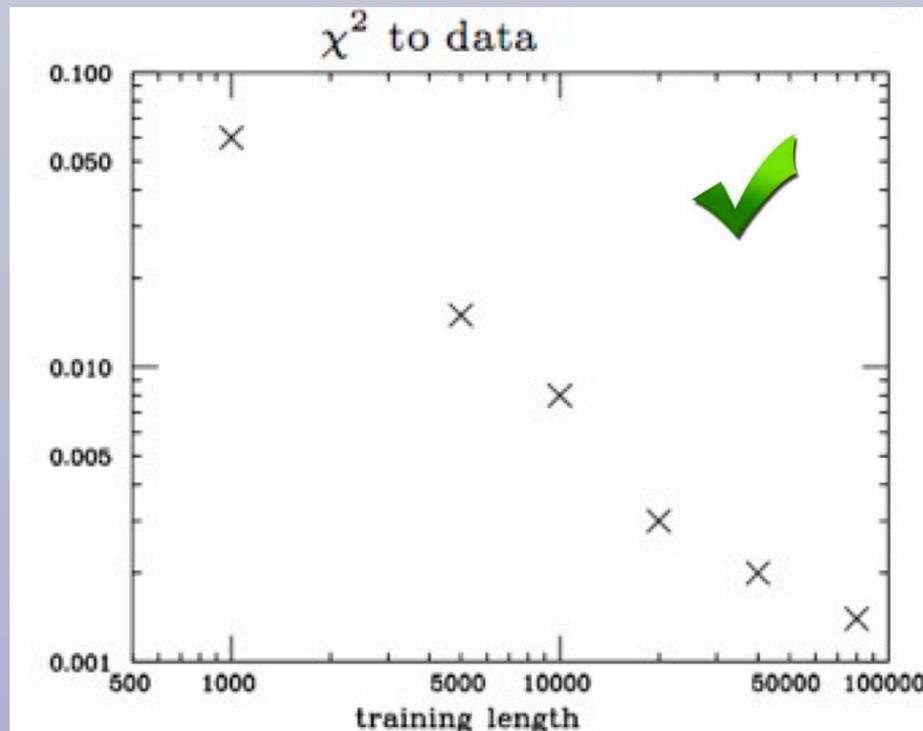
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Three levels of closure tests:

- * **Level 0:** no fluctuations on pseudo-data, no Monte Carlo replica generation
- * **Level 1:** with fluctuations on pseudo-data, no Monte Carlo replica generation
- * **Level 2:** with fluctuations on pseudo-data, with Monte Carlo replica generation

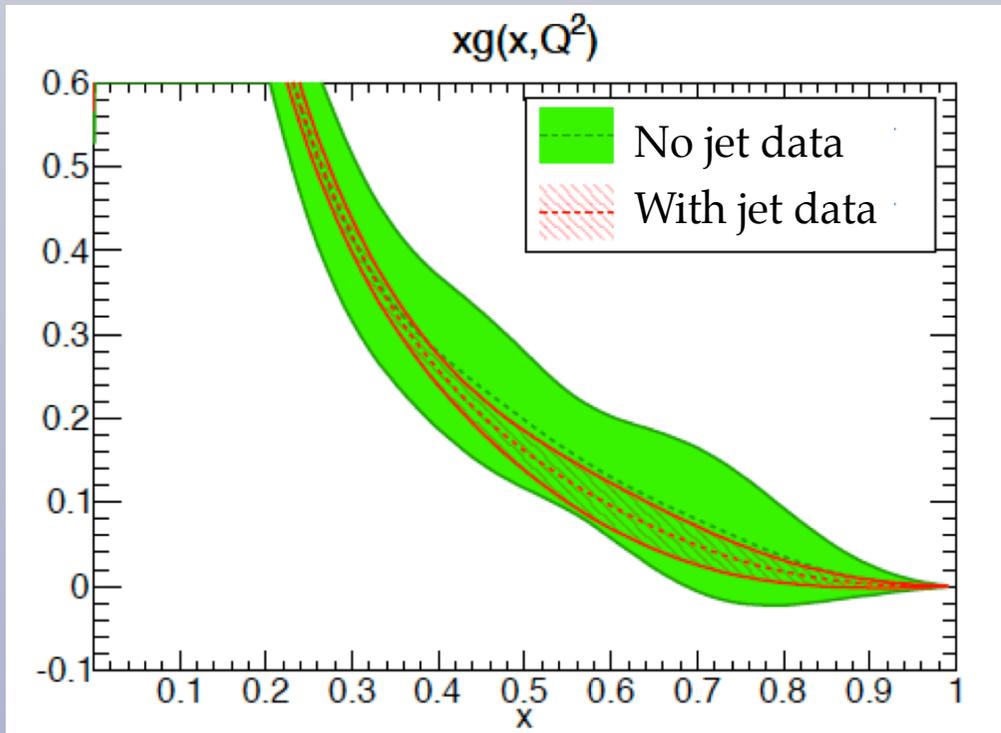
Example: **Level 0 closure tests** - Fit results successfully **converge towards underlying law**: central χ^2 to pseudo-data tends to zero, same for PDF uncertainties on predictions (all replicas converge on same underlying law)



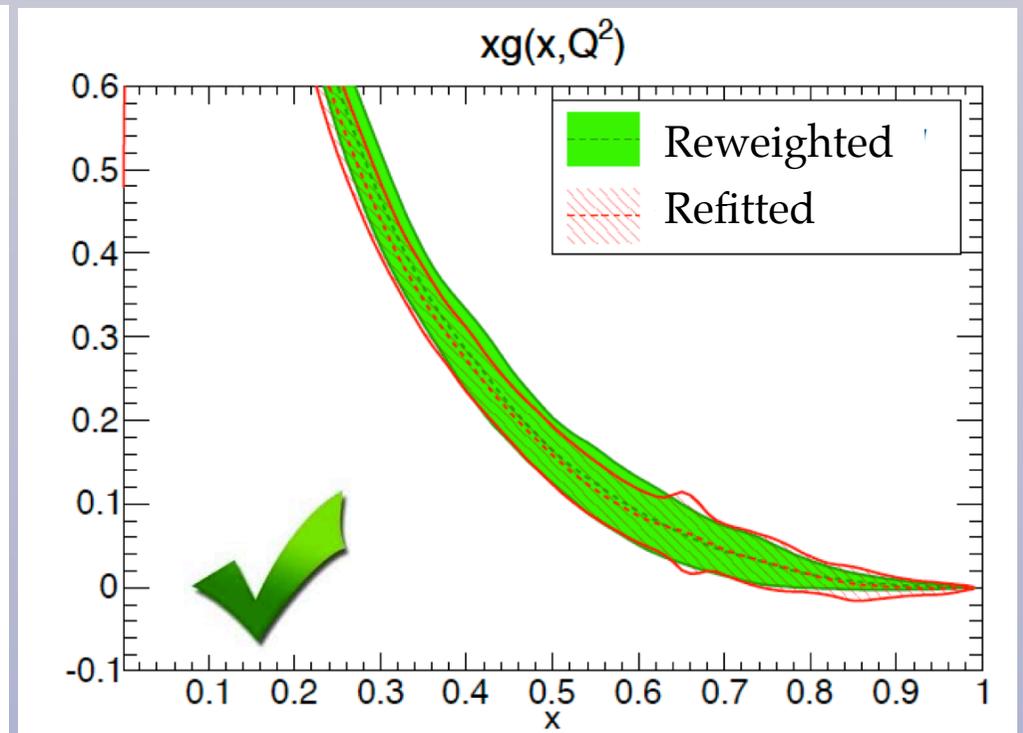
PDF reweighting

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- Thus Bayesian inference can be used as the ultimate closure test, sensitive to all the moments of the refitted/reweighting PDFs, not only central value and error
- As an illustration, compare effects of CDF, D0 and ATLAS jet data included by refitting and by reweighting. Compare both NNPDF and Giele-Keller prescriptions.

Fit wo jet data vs Fit with jet data



Fit with jet data vs RW with jet data



Note large uncertainties on gluon from missing jet data

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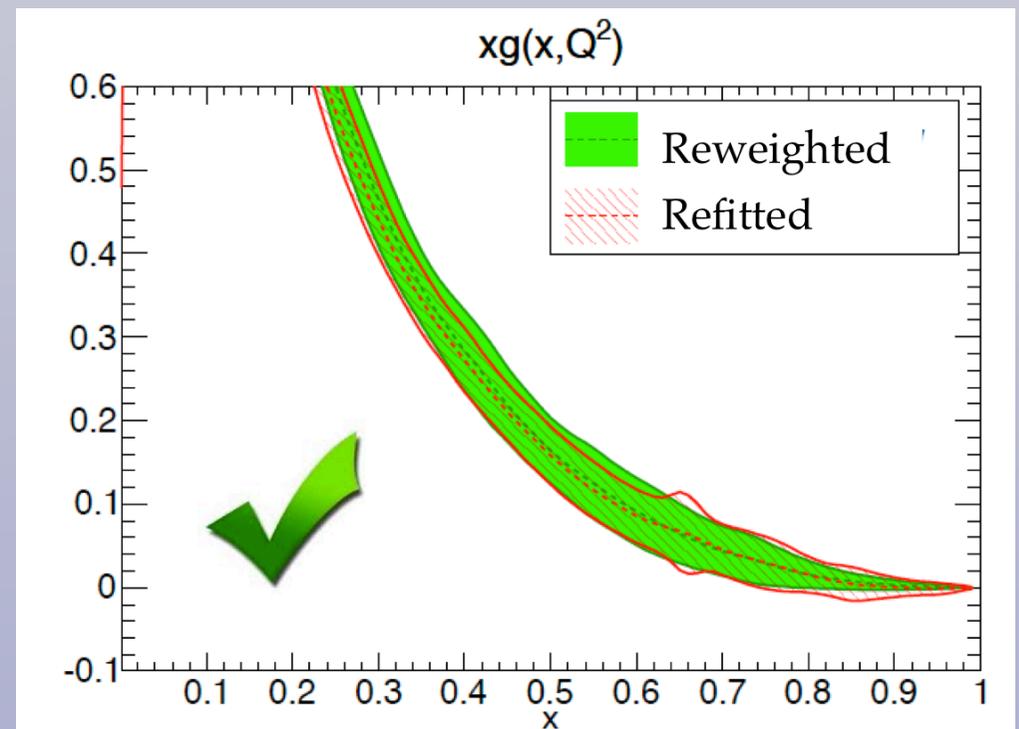
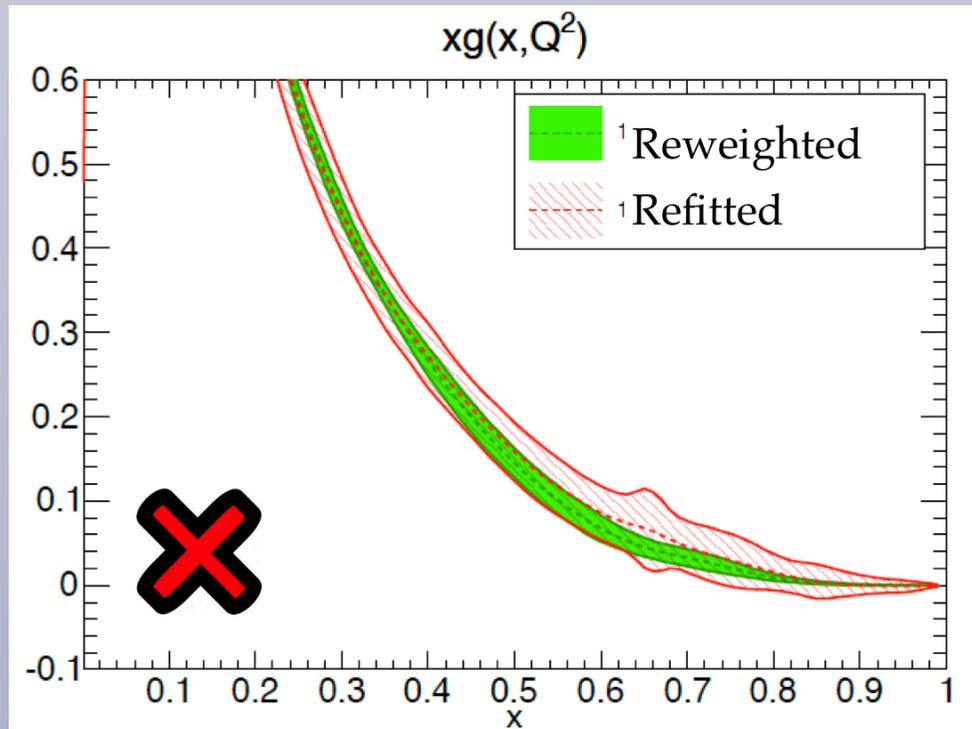
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Giele-Keller

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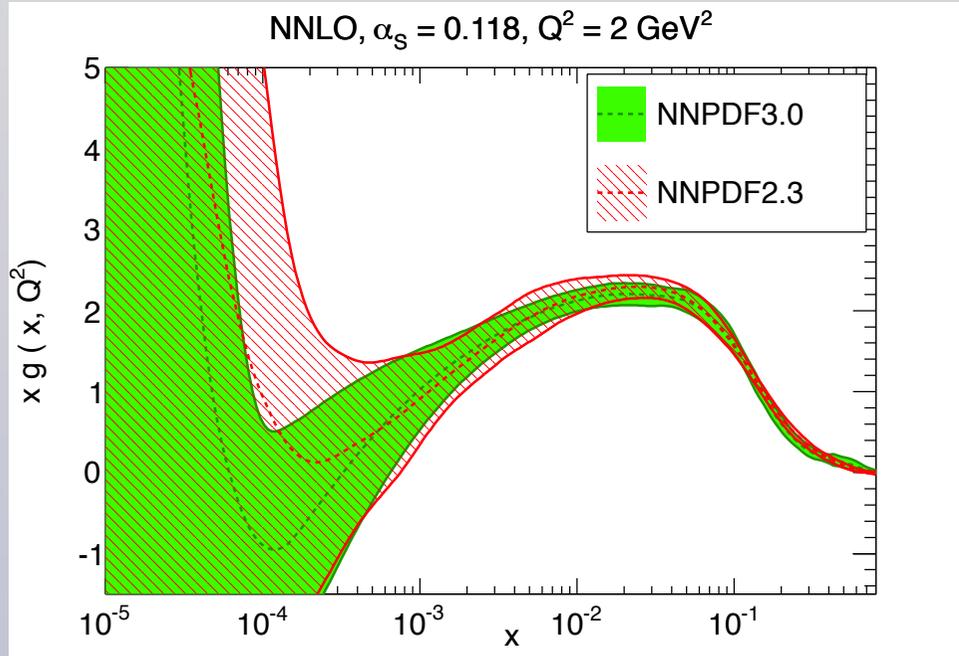
NNPDF

$$w_k = \frac{(\chi_k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\chi_k^2}}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (\chi_k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\chi_k^2}}$$



NNPDF3.0
Results &
Implications for the LHC

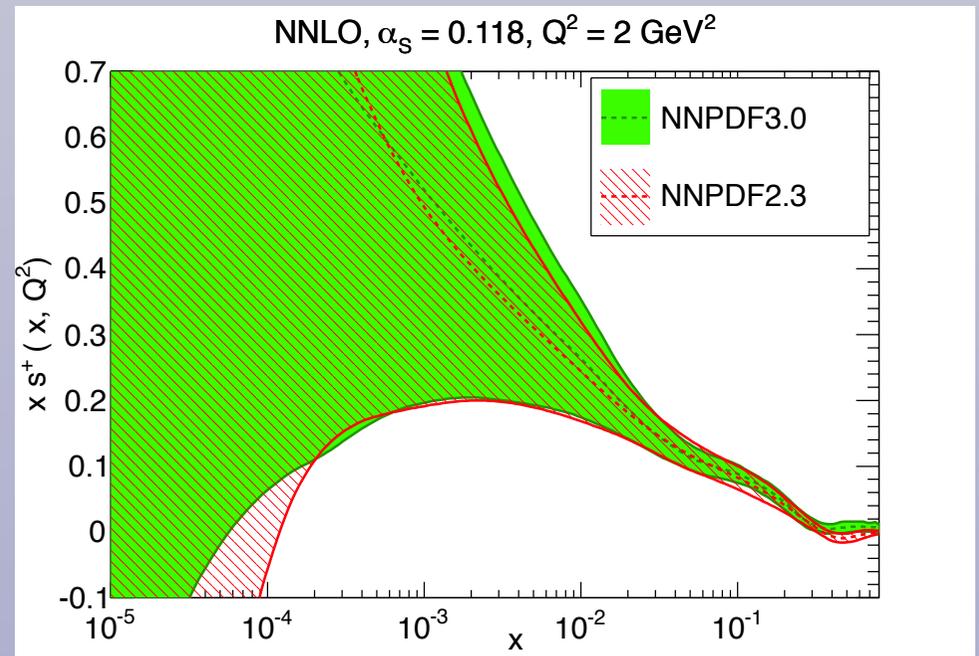
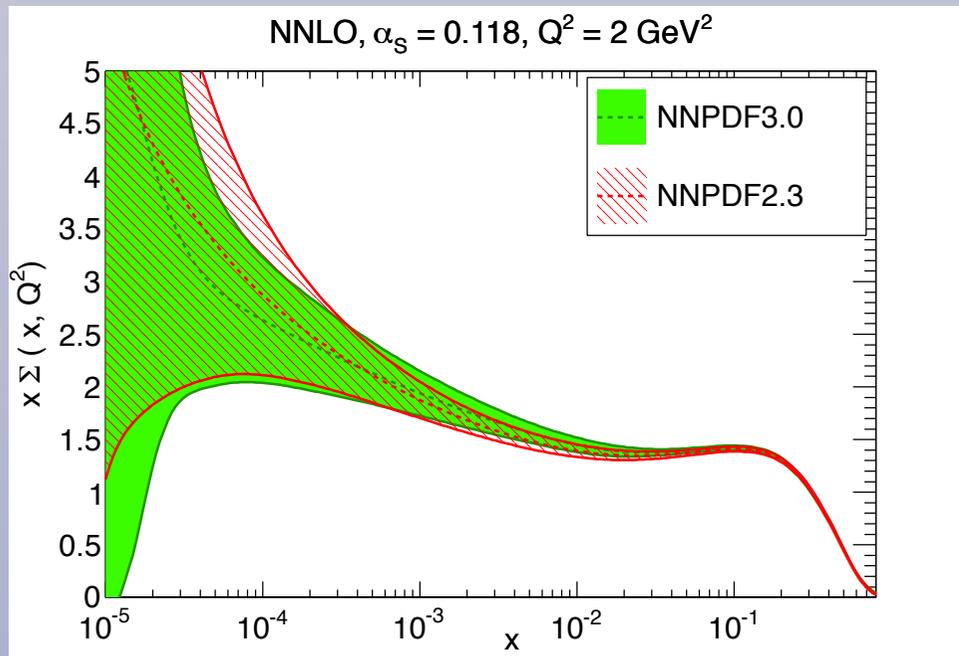
The NNPDF3.0 parton distributions



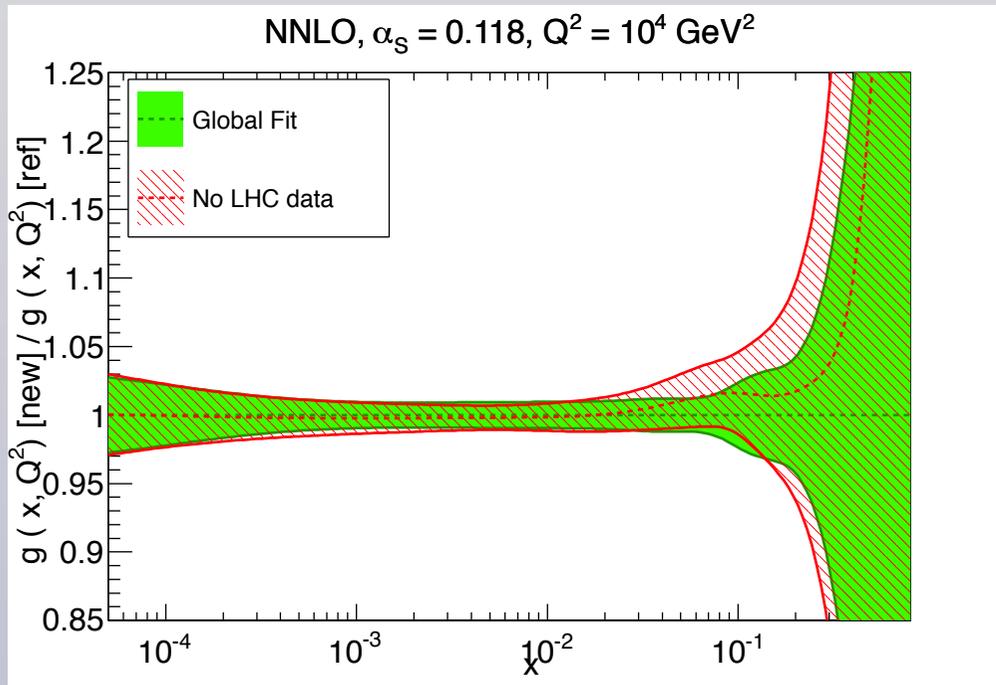
Reasonable agreement between NNPDF2.3 and NNPDF3.0: as expected, since **all the new HERA and LHC data** already well described in NNPDF2.3

Differences between PDFs at the 1-sigma level at most: impact of **new data** and of **updated theory and methodology**

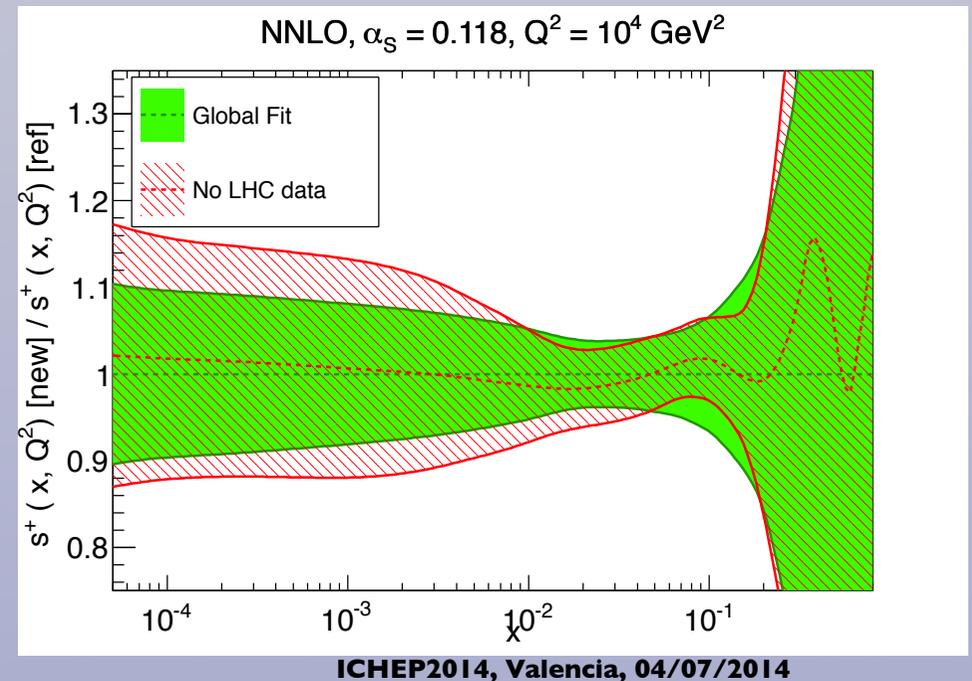
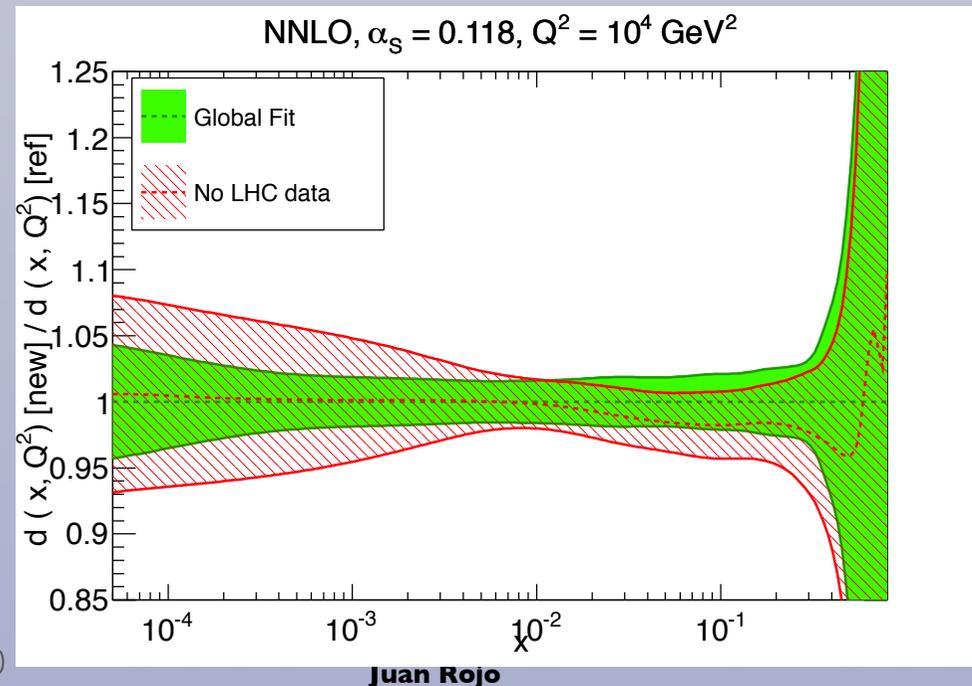
PDF **uncertainties are reduced** in many cases: small and large- x gluon, down quarks, strangeness...



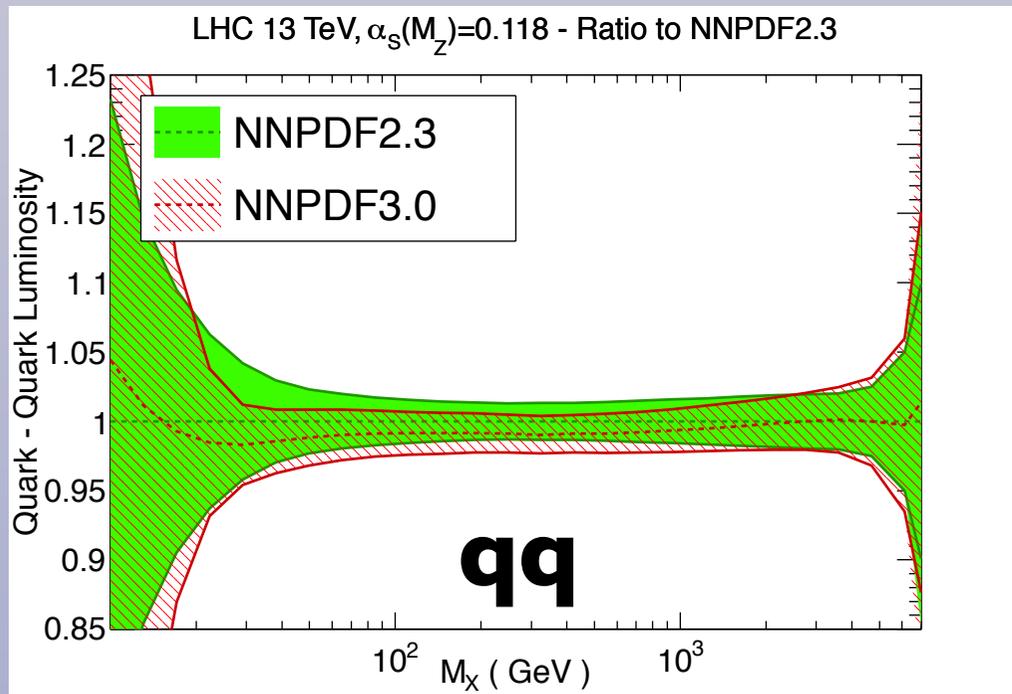
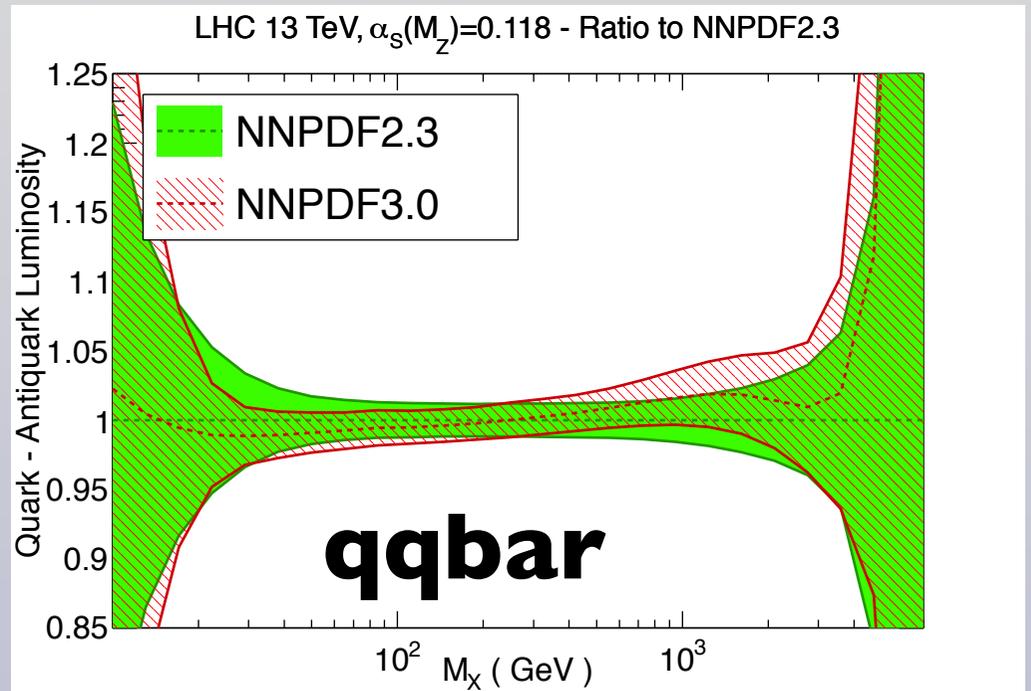
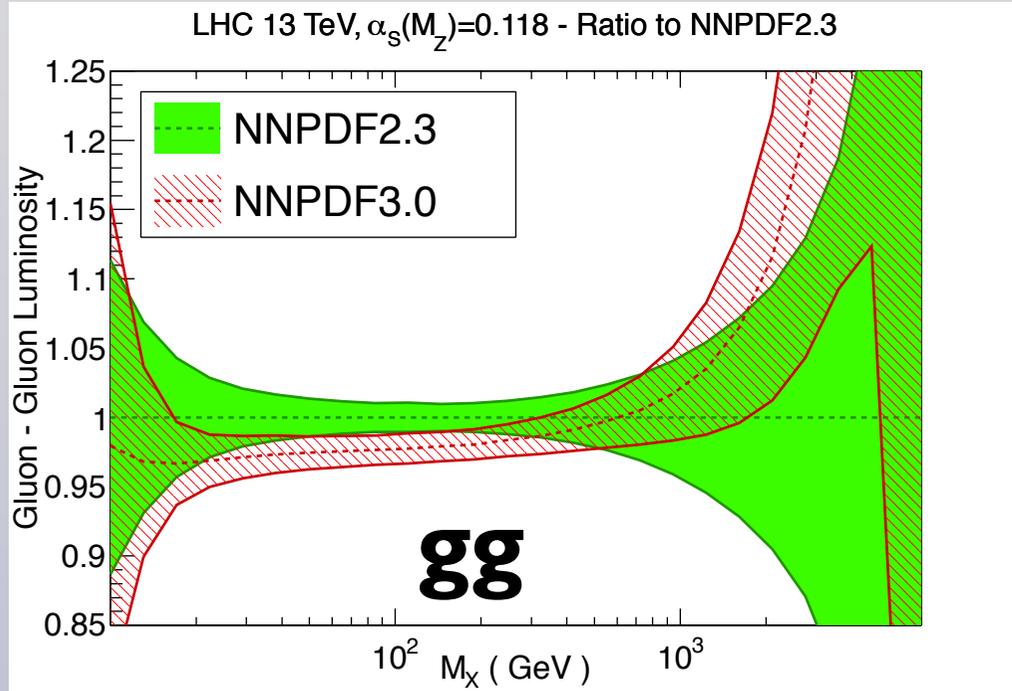
Impact of LHC data



- Compare global NNPDF3.0 fit with a fit **without LHC data**
- PDF uncertainties on **large-x gluon** reduced due to **top quark and jet data**
- PDF uncertainties on **light quarks** reduced from the **Drell-Yan and W+charm data**
- The **description of all new LHC data**, already good in NNPDF2.3, is further improved in NNPDF3.0

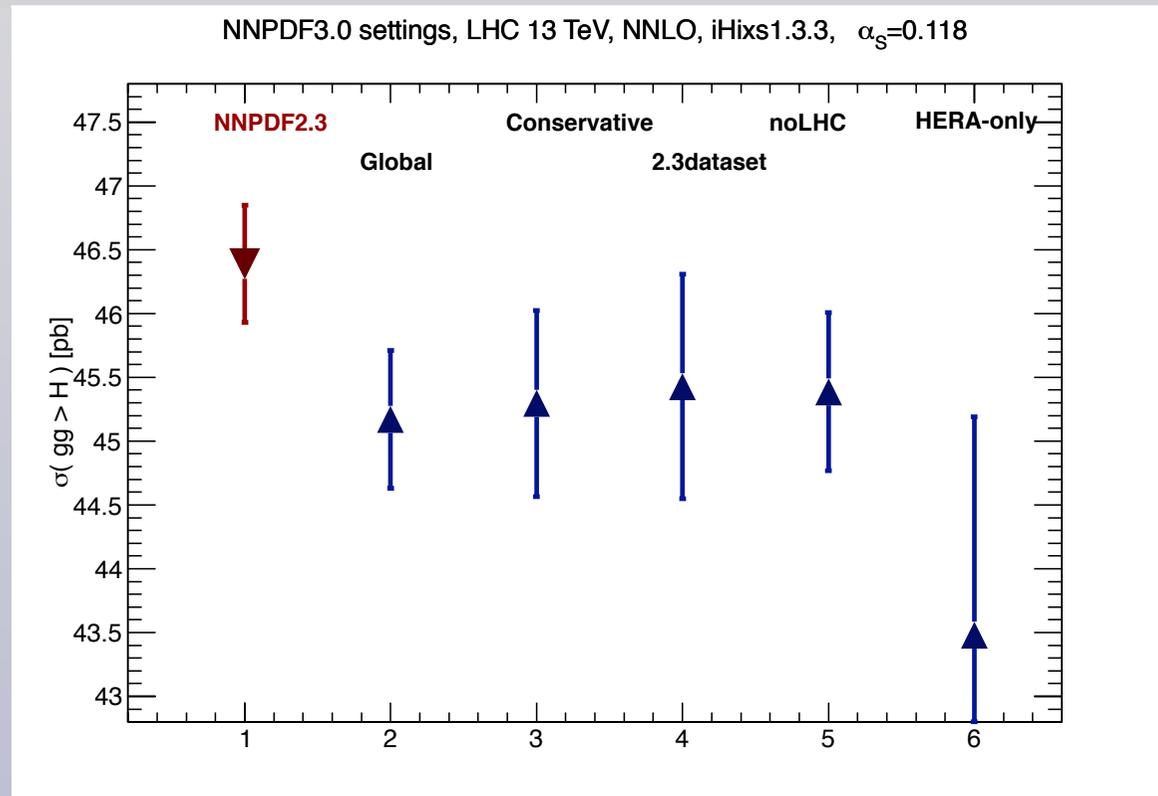


PDF luminosities



- PDF luminosities are useful to translate differences in PDFs into differences in LHC cross-sections
- For **quarks**, luminosities are similar between 2.3 and 3.0. **Antiquarks** in 3.0 at large masses are harder than in 2.3
- More differences for the **gluon-gluon luminosity**. NNPDF3.0 softer by about 1-sigma wrt NNPDF2.3 for $M < 500$ GeV: **implications for Higgs production**

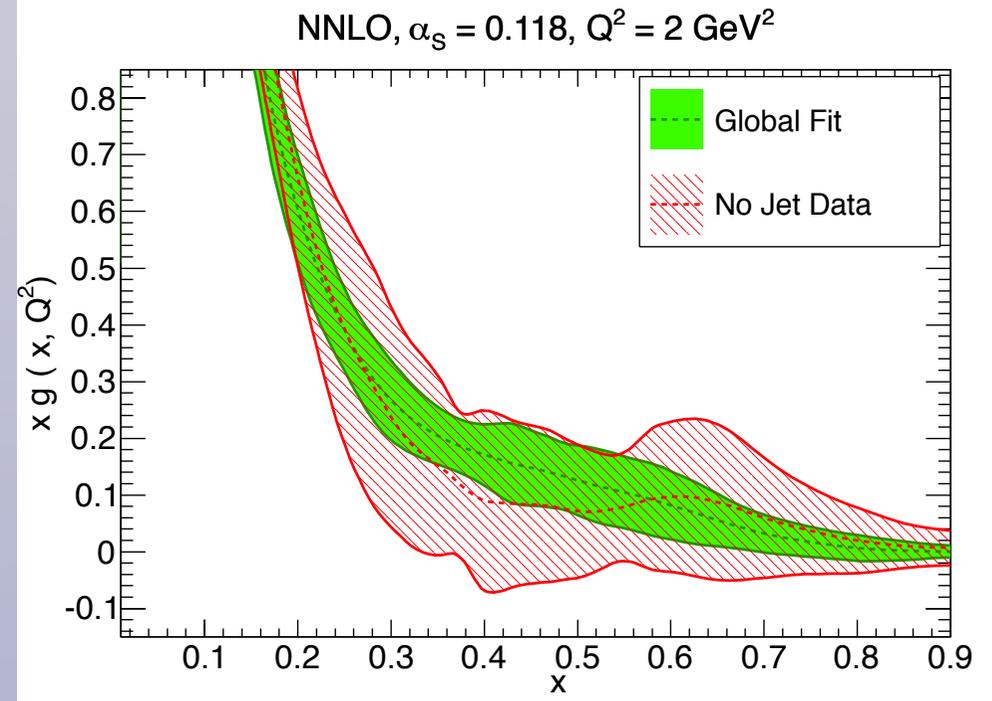
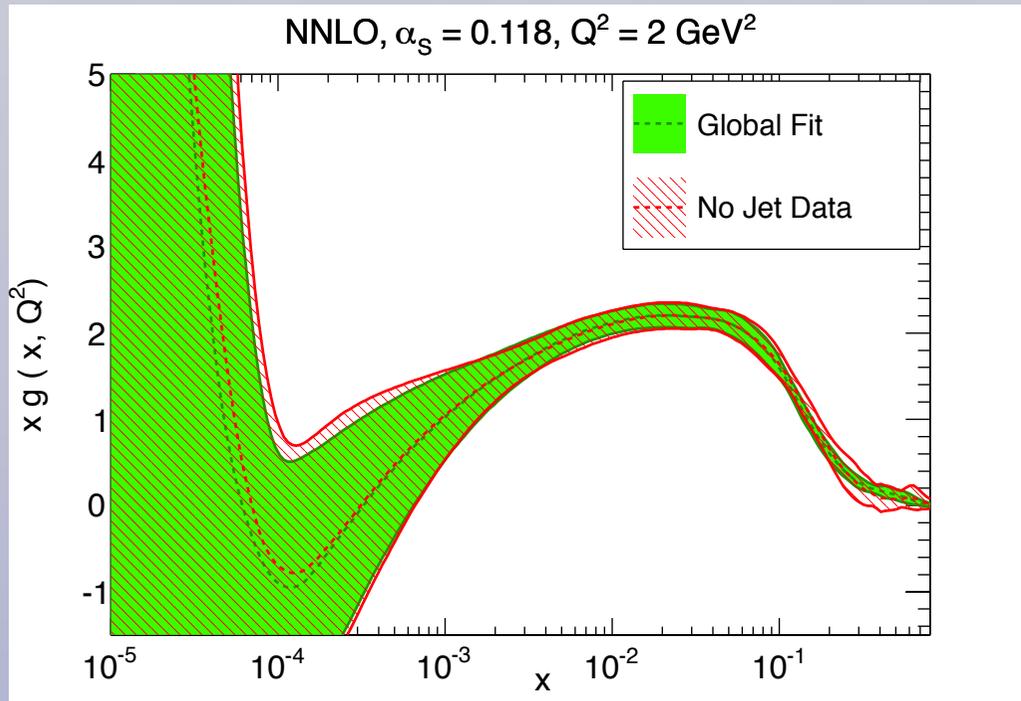
Higgs production in gluon fusion



- The softer gg luminosity in NNPDF3.0 leads to a **decrease in the ggH xsec** at the LHC 13 TeV
- This effect arises from the combination of the **improved methodology**, based on closure tests, and the **new HERA-II and LHC data**
- Remarkable **stability of the NNPDF3.0 predictions** with respect to the fitted dataset
- Interesting to compare with predictions of the **upcoming updates** from CT, HERAPDF and MSTW.
- In the pipeline: systematic comparison of NNPDF2.3 and NNPDF3.0 for a **wide range of LHC observables** using MadGraph5_aMC@NLO

Impact of jet data

- ☪ **Removing all jet data** from the NNLO global fit (until exact NNLO available) is not an option: substantial increase in **large-x gluon PDF uncertainties**
- ☪ Using the **NNLO threshold calculation**, benchmarked with the **exact NNLO results** the **gg channel**, allows to make the most of the **Tevatron and LHC jet data** until full NNLO result available
- ☪ Remarkably, in **NNPDF3.0** the **central value for $g(x)$ in jetless fit** is within 1-sigma of the global fit result: **consistency** between jet data and all other datasets



Summary & Outlook

Summary and outlook



NNPDF3.0 is the new upcoming release from the NNPDF collaboration.

It represents a **substantial improvement over NNPDF2.3** both in terms of data, theory and methodology:

- ✓ **Data:** all available **H1 and ZEUS HERA-II data included**, and many new **LHC** measurements from **ATLAS, CMS, LHCb** including **W asymmetry, W+charm, inclusive jets, high and low mass Drell-Yan, top quark production, ...**
- ✓ **Theory:** Improved **approximate NNLO K-factors for jet data** based on the partial exact NNLO results, **electroweak corrections** included for all relevant data, FONLL-B for NLO sets
- ✓ **Methodology:** fitting strategy validated using **closure tests**, optimized Genetic Algorithms, extended positivity, fast Bayesian regularization, PDF fitting basis independence

LO, NLO and NNLO sets for a range of α_s values will become available in **LHAPDF6**

Also PDF sets based on **different datasets**, PDFs sets in **different VFN schemes**, ...

In the medium and long term, **NNPDF development plans:**

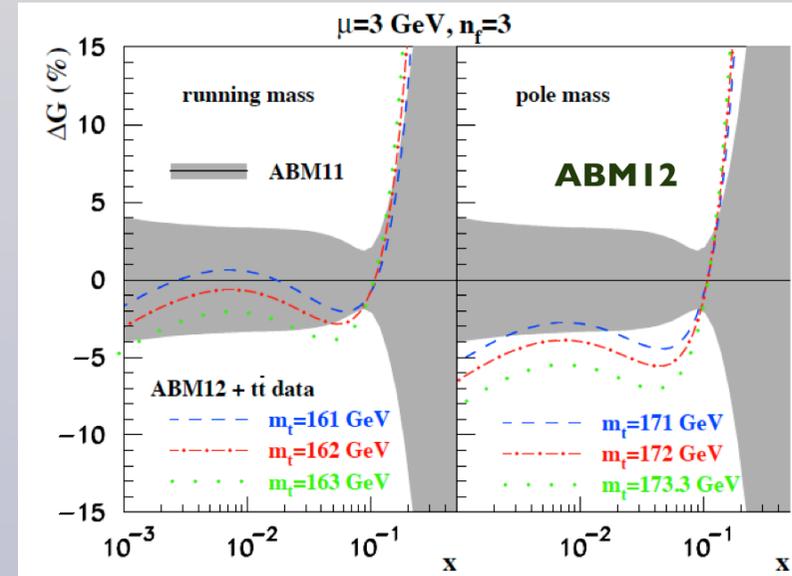
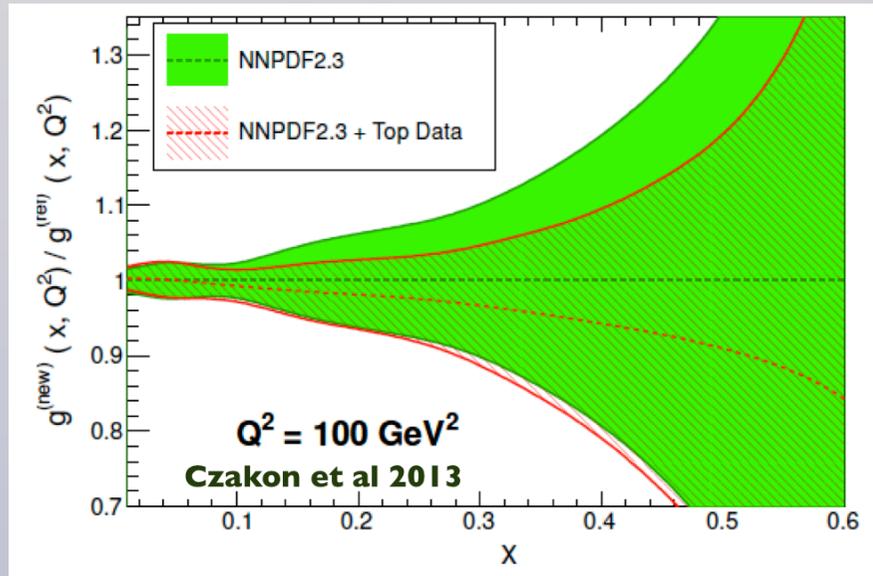
- Include all relevant **LHC Run I data:** Complete set of 8 TeV measurements, high p_T Z+jets, direct photon production. Then from 2015 also add **LHC Run II data**
- **Upgrade theory calculations** as they become available: NNLO for top quark differential distributions, exact NNLO for jets and for Z+jets
- Produce NNPDF3.0 sets with **QED corrections, intrinsic charm**, threshold and high-energy **resummation**, as well as PDF sets specific for **NLO Monte Carlo event generators**



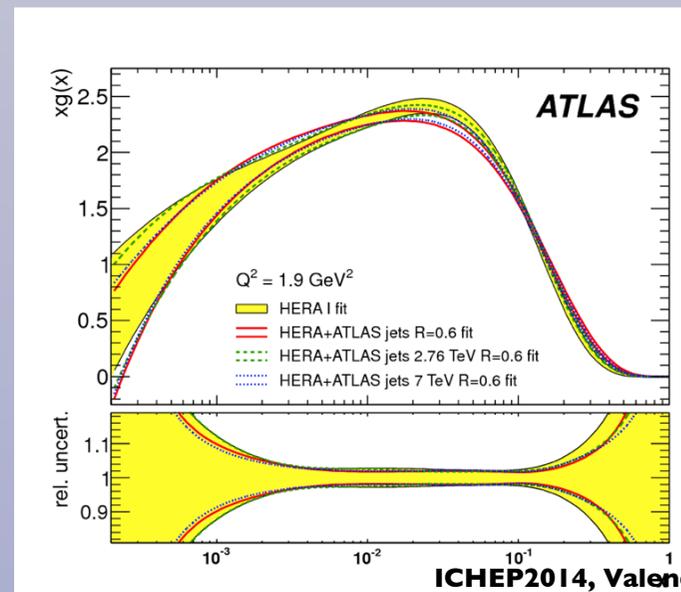
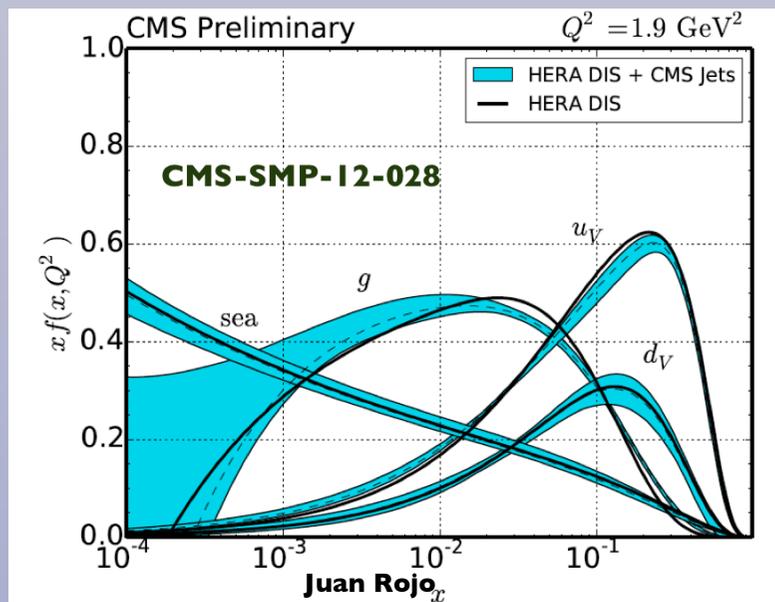
Extra Material

Motivation for new data in NNPDF3.0

☛ **Top quark total cross-sections** allow to constrain the **large-x gluon PDF** (NNLO for differential distributions will be available soon, should be able to include as well differential top production measurements)



☛ **Jet cross-sections** pin down **medium and large-x gluon and large-x quarks** (important to include properly information on NNLO corrections, see later)



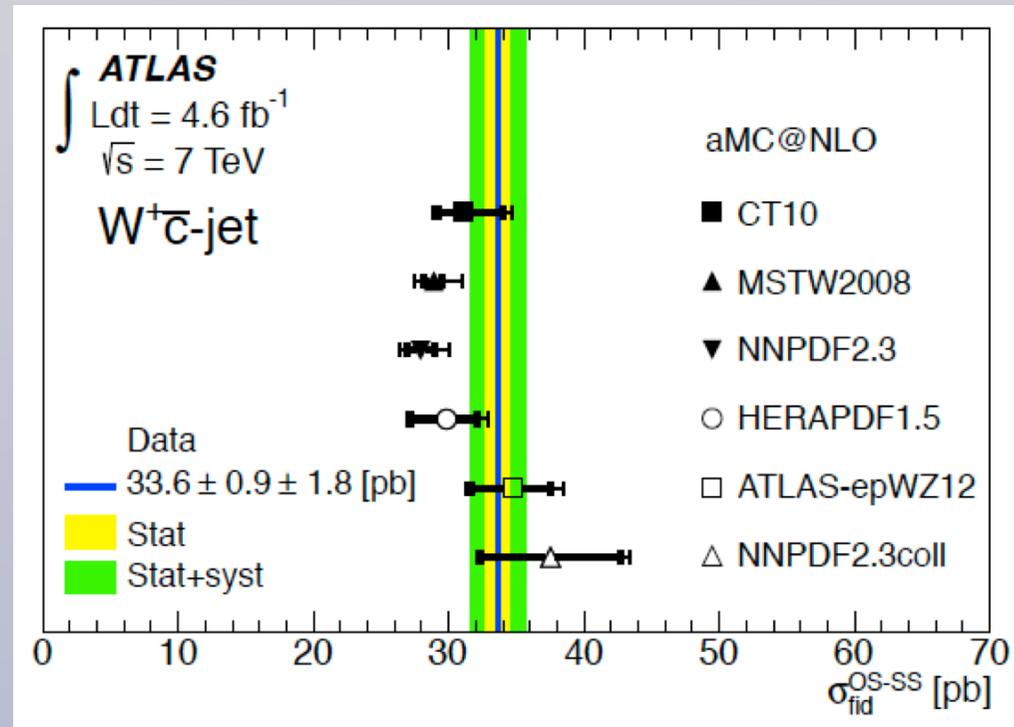
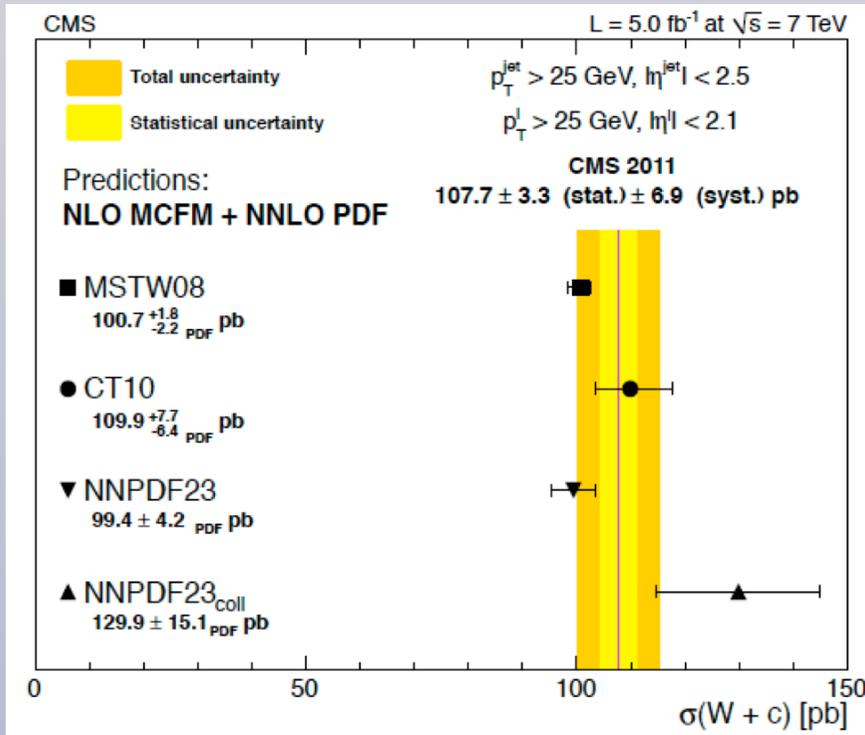
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- **W+charm** production data directly sensitive to the strange PDF
- Measured by ATLAS ([arxiv:1402.6263](https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.6263)) and CMS ([arxiv:1310.1138](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.1138)) with somewhat opposite (?) conclusions

CMS: strange suppression in agreement with DIS data

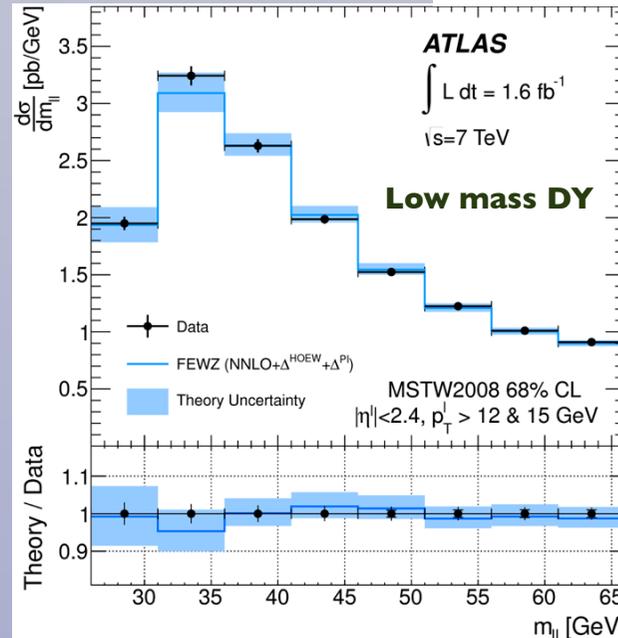
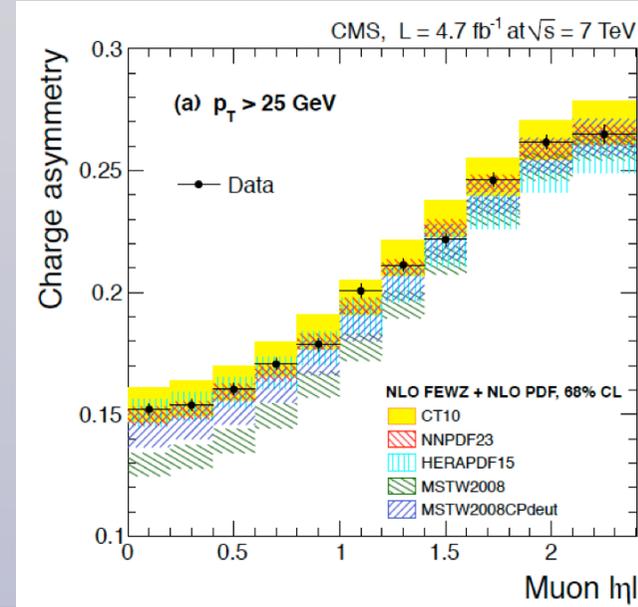
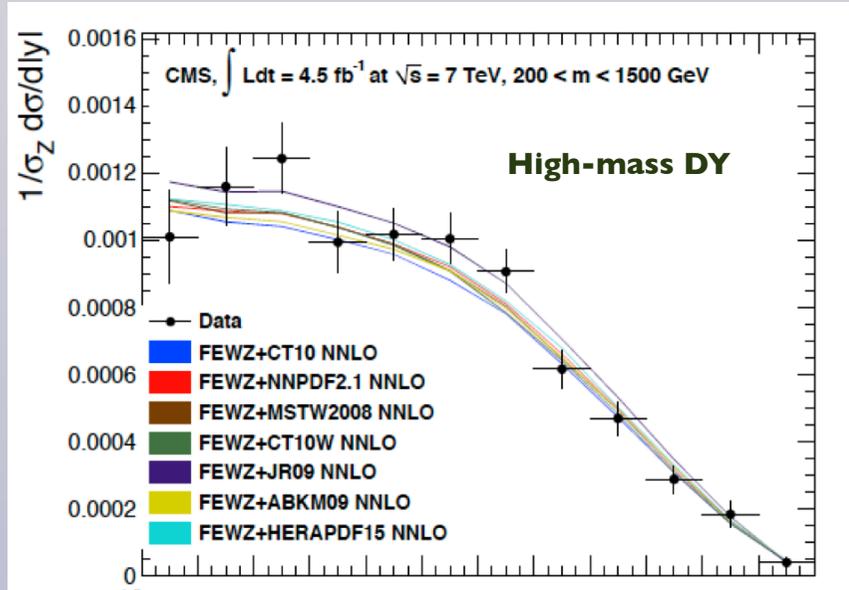
ATLAS: light quark sea symmetric preferred



- However, only in the context of a **global fit** the **optimal** value for strangeness can be determined
- A recent analysis in the **ABM framework** ([arxiv:1404.6469](https://arxiv.org/abs/1404.6469)) suggest that **fits with symmetric strangeness** cannot describe properly fixed target DIS and Drell-Yan data (**see also R. Thorne in past PDF4LHC**) and that one can fit ATLAS data with still a suppressed strangeness (same as found in NNPDF2.3 for **incl W,Z**)
- The **NNPDF3.0** will perform a similar analysis, with the advantage of using a **completely flexible parametrization** for $s(x,Q)$, which in other analysis uses a very restrictive functional form

Motivation for new data in NNPDF3.0

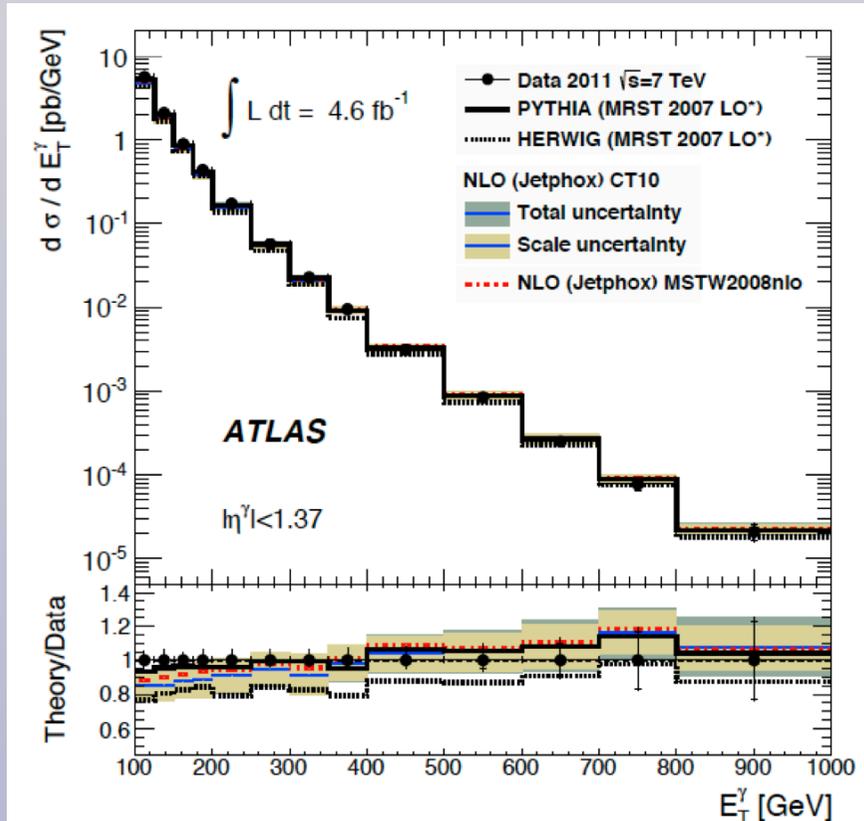
- Electroweak gauge boson production is an essential measurement for quark flavor separation
- The relevance of LHC W,Z production is even greater in **collider-only fits**
- Data on the **Drell-Yan process at low and high masses** allow to extend the kinematical coverage in Bjorken-x



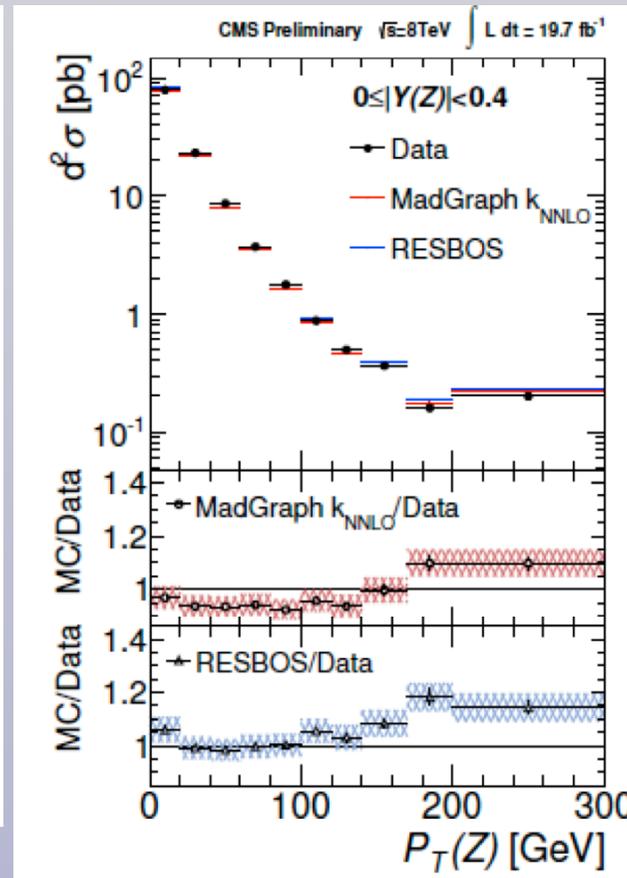
Given the data precision, NNLO corrections are essential, and also **electroweak corrections** at high masses

More data in the pipeline

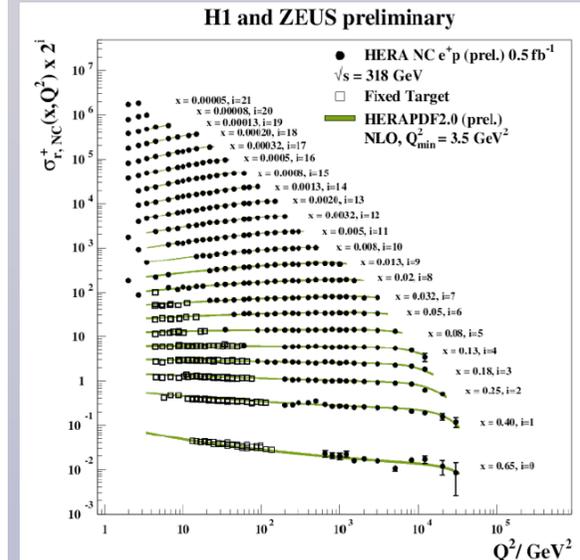
- The plethora of new LHC data that is becoming available for PDF fitting makes any PDF fit somewhat outdated shortly after it has been released
- At some point we need to put a **cut-off** about the data to include in NNPDF3.0
- Some **important measurements** that we might try to add in time for NNPDF3.0 include



ATLAS direct photon data from 2011 run
But need APPLgrids and K-factors, already available for the ATLAS analysis



CMS-SMP-13-013
Measurement of the Z pt spectrum at high p_T
But data still preliminary (see Markus's talk)



Combined HERA-II data
To supersede the separated HI and ZEUS HERA-II data already included in 3.0

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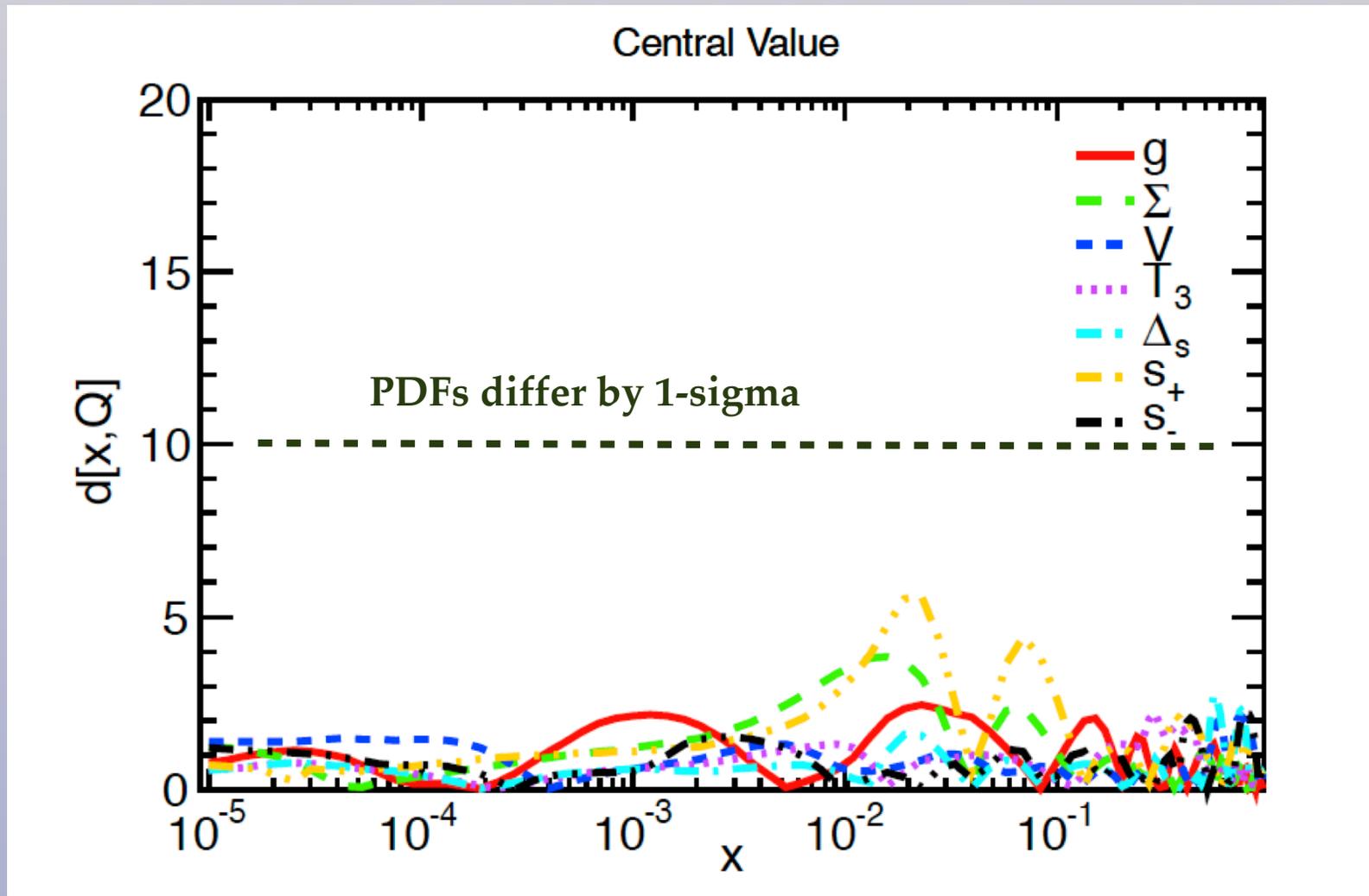


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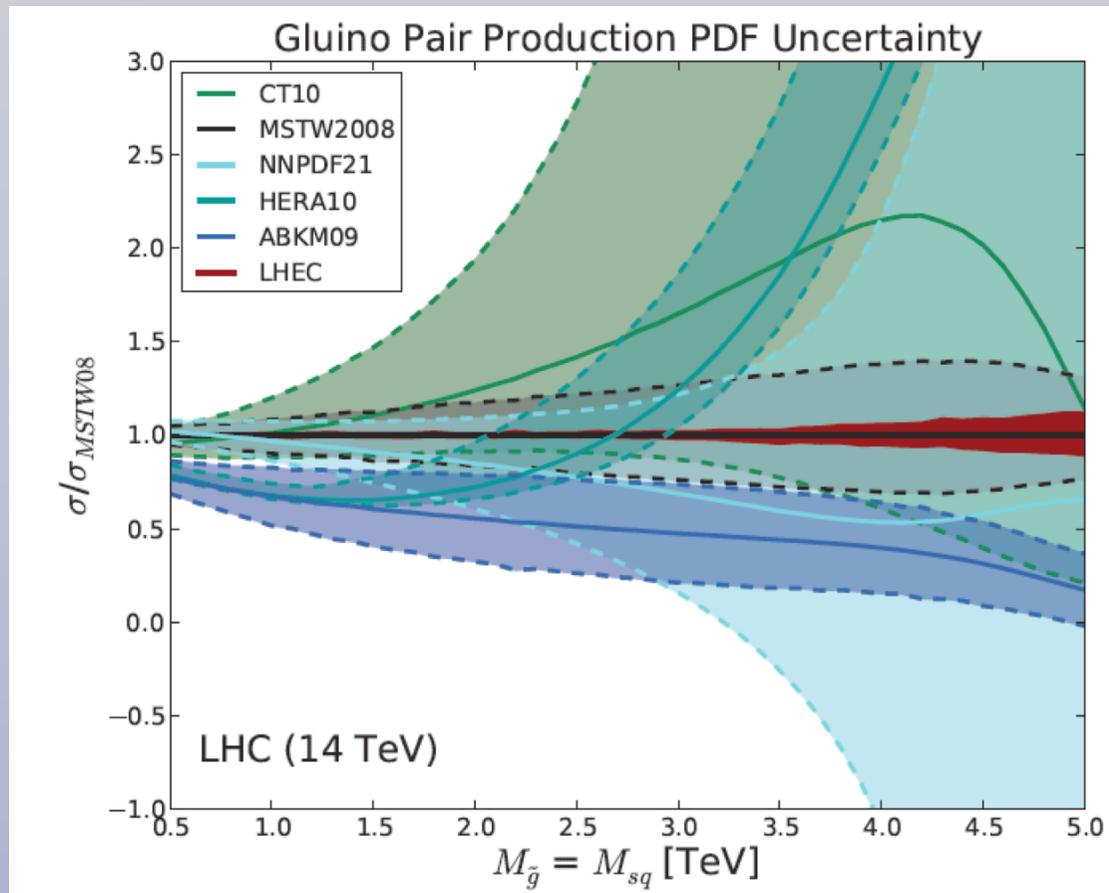
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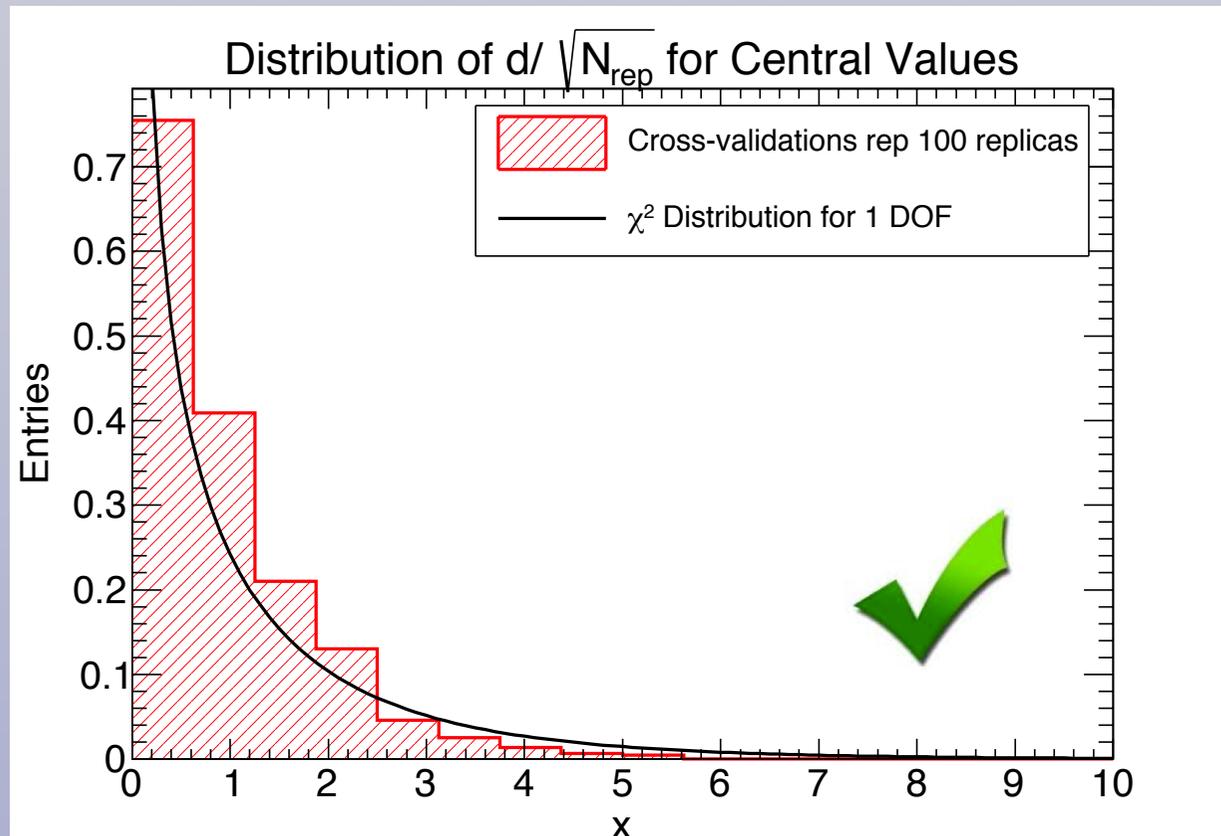
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PDF reweighting

- **Statistically identical results** should be obtained when **refitting** or when **reweighting**, even more so in a **closure test**
- Thus **Bayesian inference** can be used as the **ultimate closure test**, sensitive to all the higher moments of the refitted / reweighting PDFs
- As an illustration, compare effects of **CDF, D0 and ATLAS jet data** included by refitting and by reweighting. Compare also **NNPDF** and **Giele-Keller** prescriptions.

Distribution of distances between refit and RW



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Gluon positivity

$$F_L(x, Q^2) \propto C_g \otimes g(x, Q^2) + C_q \otimes q(x, Q^2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{higgs}}}{dy_H} \propto g(x_1, M_H^2)g(x_2, M_H^2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3) \quad M_H \equiv Q_{\text{pos}}$$

Positivity of physical cross sections imposed at a **low scale** $\sim 2 \text{ GeV}$, then maintained by evolution

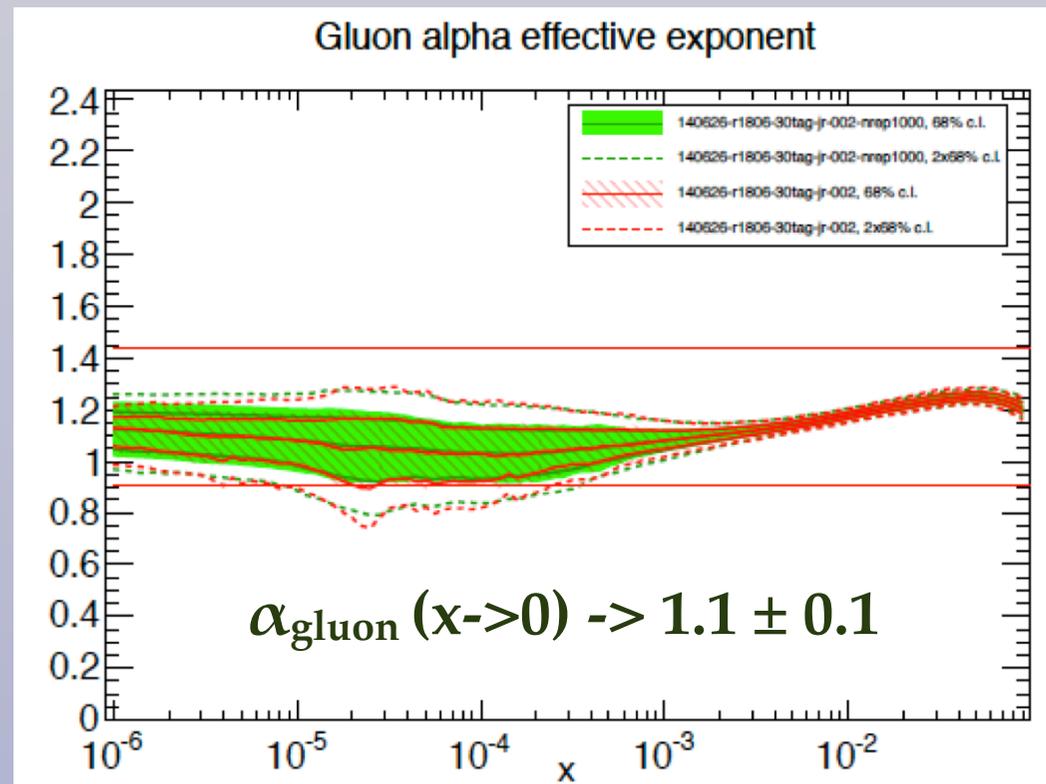
Preprocessing exponents

☪ In our PDF parametrization, the **neural networks** are complemented by **polynomial prefactors** whose goal is to **speed-up the NN minimization**: preprocessing analysis, standard in **machine learning**

$$f_i(x, Q) = A_i x^{-\alpha_i} (1 - x)^{\beta_i} \text{NN}_i(x)$$

☪ These exponents are selected at **random for each replica**, in a wide range determined dynamically by iterating the determination of the **effective preprocessing exponents**

$$\alpha_{\text{eff},i}(x) = -\frac{|f_i(x)|}{\log(x)}$$
$$\beta_{\text{eff},i}(x) = \frac{|f_i(x)|}{\log(1 - x)}$$



These effective exponents are also useful to validate different **models of non-perturbative QCD**