

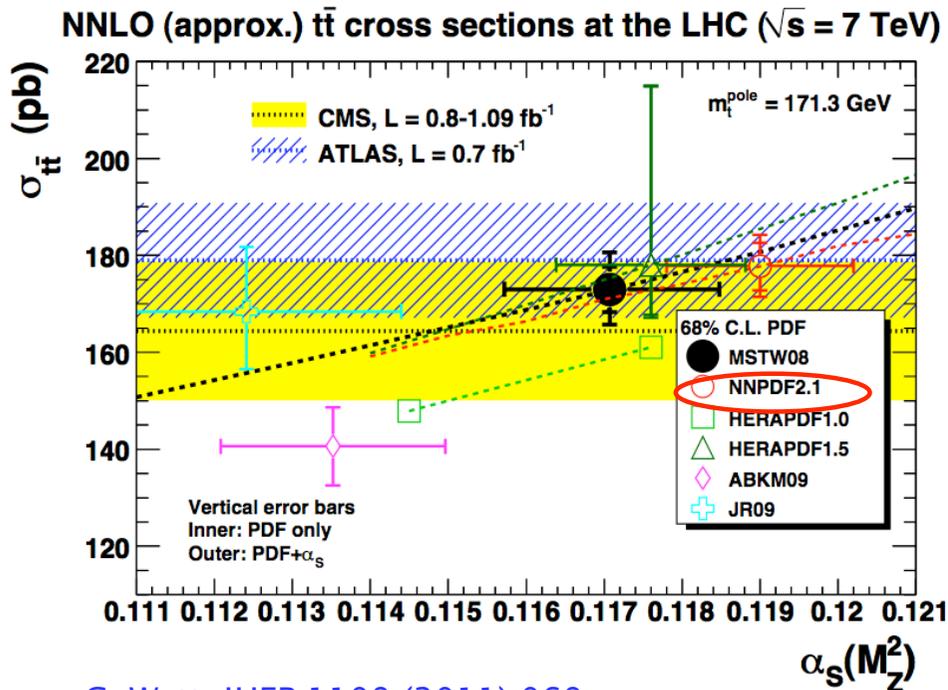
NNPDF Parton Distribution Functions

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Parton Distributions for the LHC



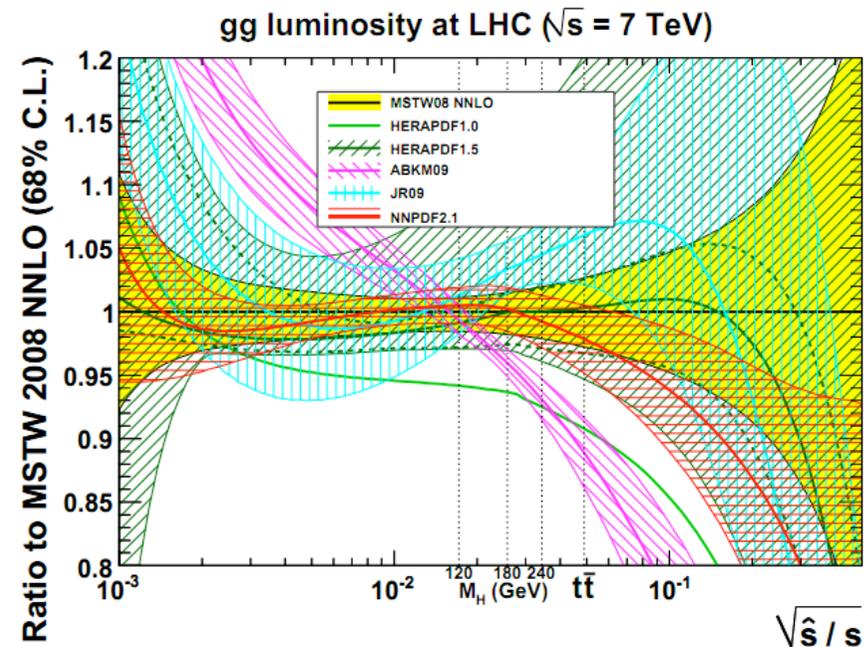
G. Watt (September 2011)

G. Watt, JHEP 1109 (2011) 069

- Can we trust PDF uncertainties?
- How do we interpret the differences between predictions obtained by using different parton sets?
- PDF4LHC: huge effort in understanding differences & improving theoretical and statistical treatments in PDF analyses

PDFs \rightarrow LHC

PDF uncertainties are crucial input for LHC: both for standard candle processes and for exclusion and discovery



Outline

⇒ The NNPDF parton sets

- NNPDF in a nutshell
- The NNPDF2.1 parton sets
- LHC phenomenology

⇒ Inclusion of LHC data

- Collider-only fit
- Inclusion of the LHC data by refitting
- Bayesian Reweighting in the NNPDF approach

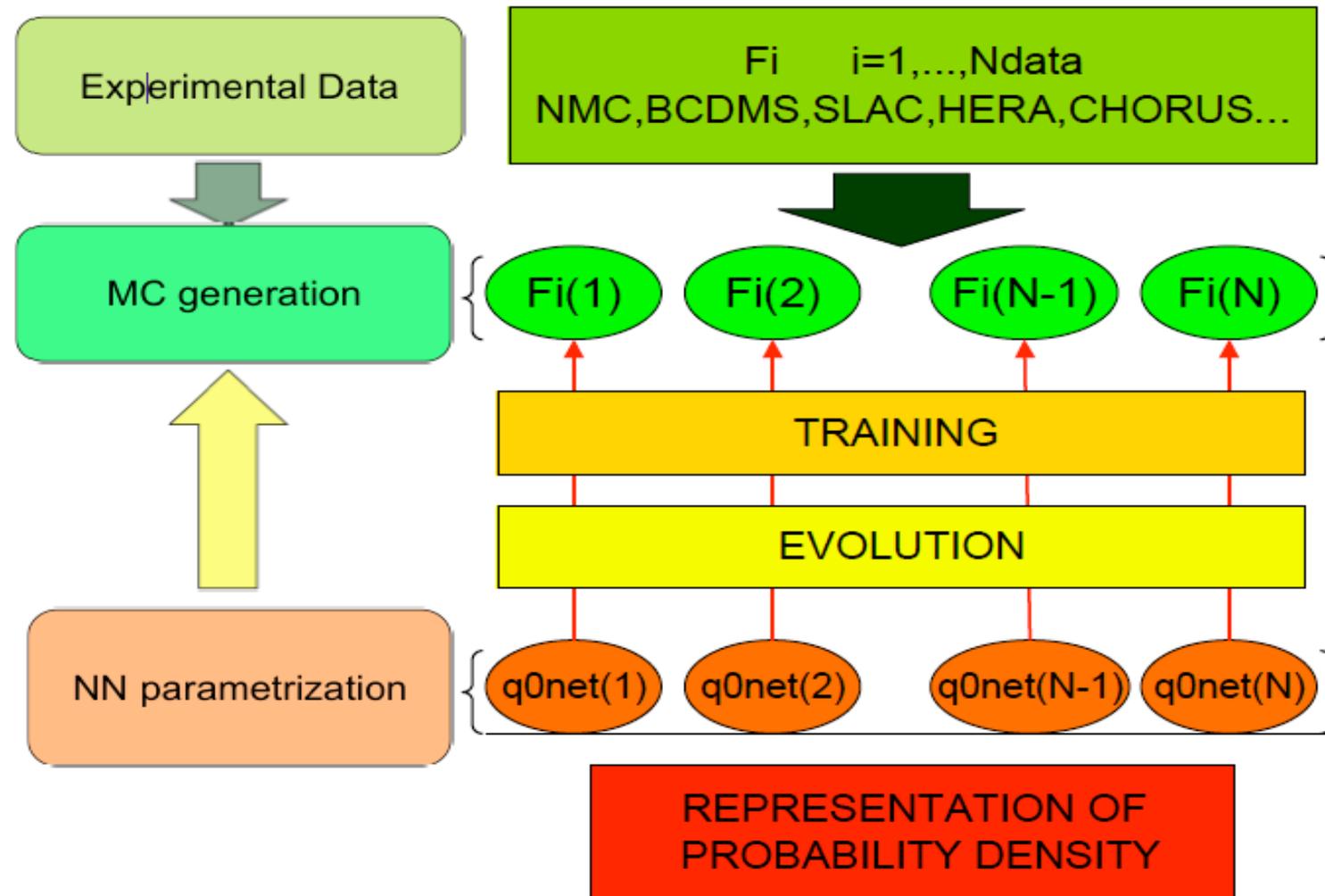
⇒ Conclusions and outlook

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NNPDF partons

Monte Carlo & Neural Networks



NNPDF partons

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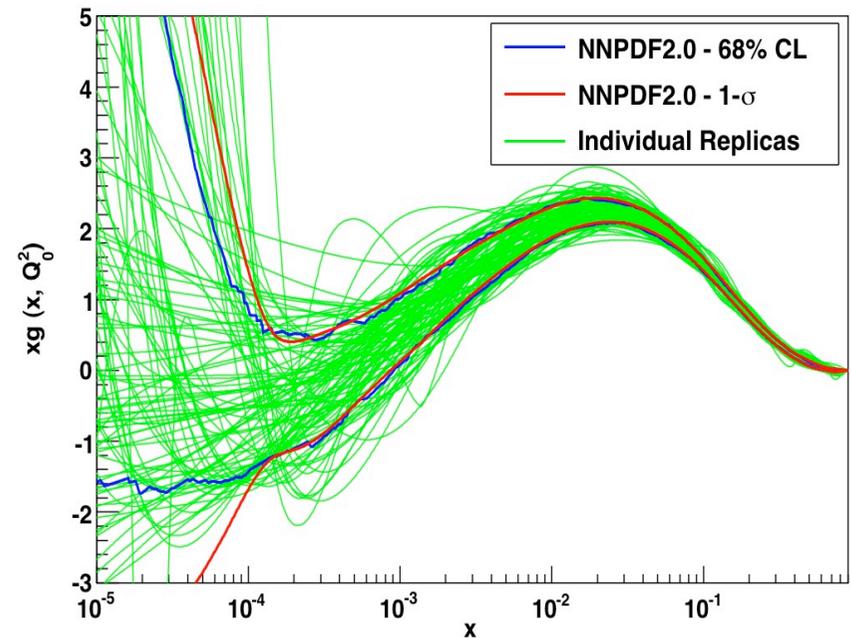
1 Monte Carlo replicas of experimental data

- Generation through MC sampling of data
- Validation against experimental data
- ✓ No need of relying on linear propagation of errors
- ✓ Possibility to test for non Gaussian behavior in fitted PDFs

2 Fit PDFs with a set of Neural Networks for each rep

- Redundant parametrization: 7 independent PDFs, 259 free parameters
- Dynamical stopping criterion: cross- validation method
- ✓ NN provide an unbiased parametrization

3 Expectation values for observables are MC integrals (same for errors, confidence levels, correlations...)



$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{\text{set}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{set}}} \mathcal{F}[q^{(i)}]$$
$$\sigma_{\mathcal{F}}^{\text{MC}} = \left(\frac{1}{N_{\text{set}}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{set}}} (\mathcal{F}[\{q^{(k)}\}] - \langle \mathcal{F}[\{q\}] \rangle)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

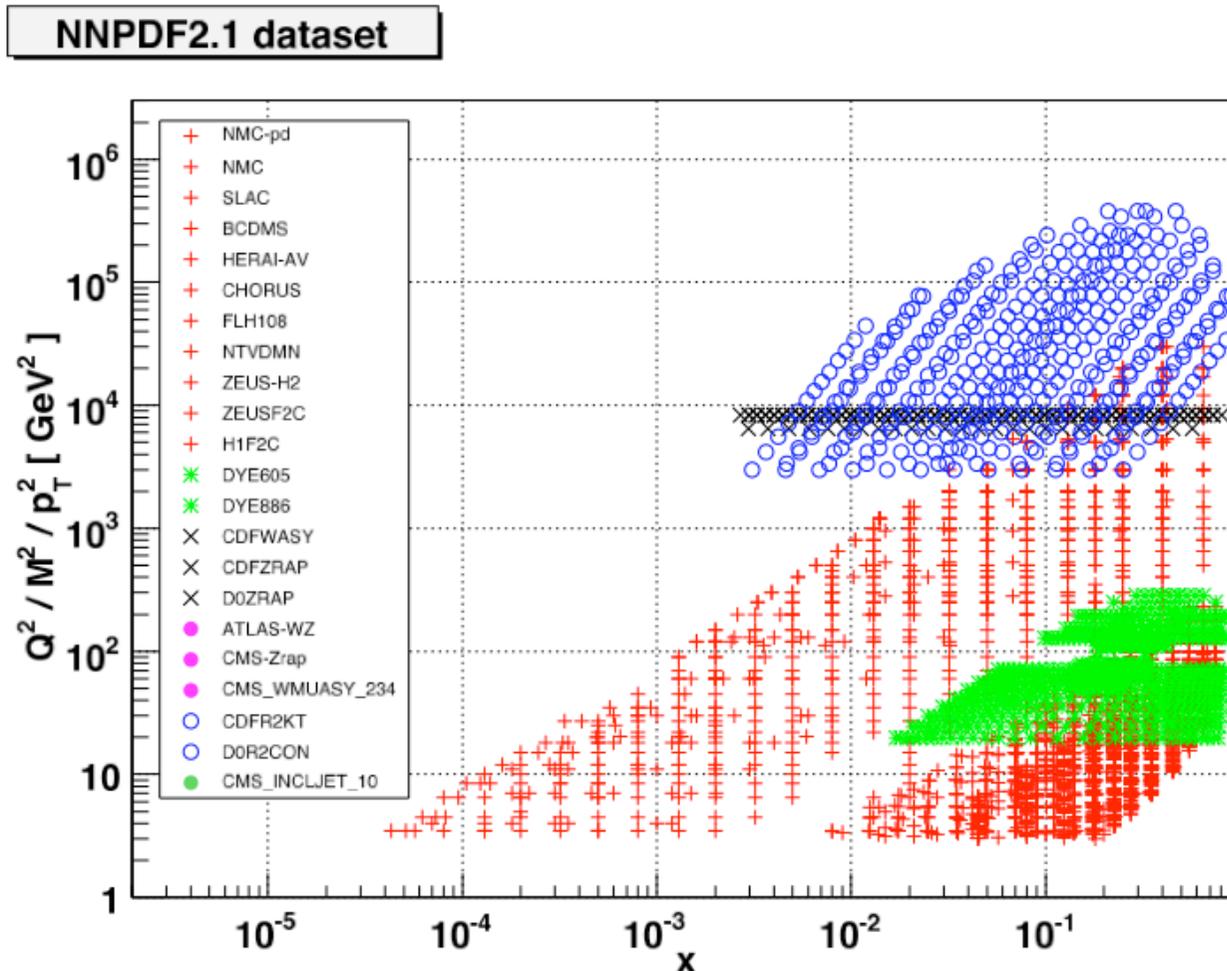
NNPDF partons Timeline

	2008		2009		2010		2011			
	NNPDF1.0	NNPDF1.2	NNPDF2.0	NNPDF2.1 NLO	NNPDF2.1 LO and NNLO	NNPDF2.2	MSTW08	CT10	HERAPDF1.5	ABM11
DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drell-Yan data	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Jet data	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
LHC data	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Independent strange and anti-strange	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heavy Quark masses	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NNLO	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

✓ only (s+sbar), s = sbar

The NNPDF2.1 parton set

Experimental data



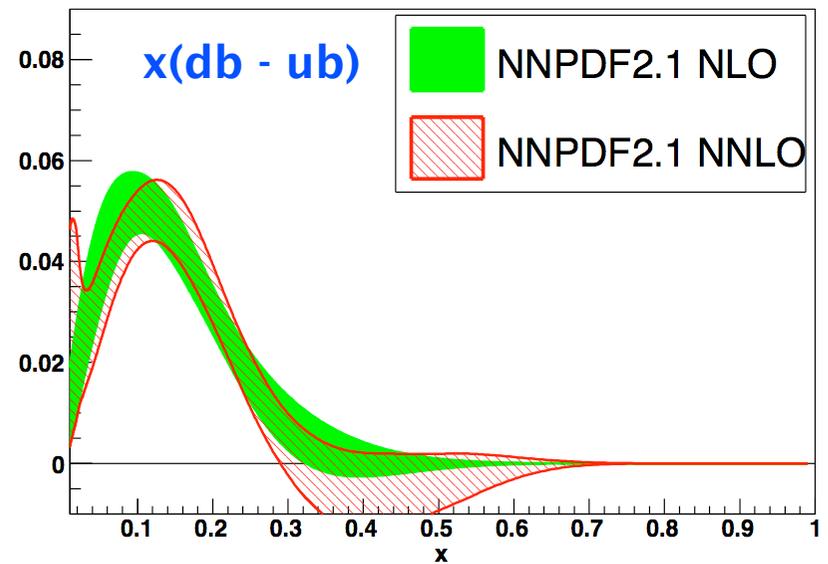
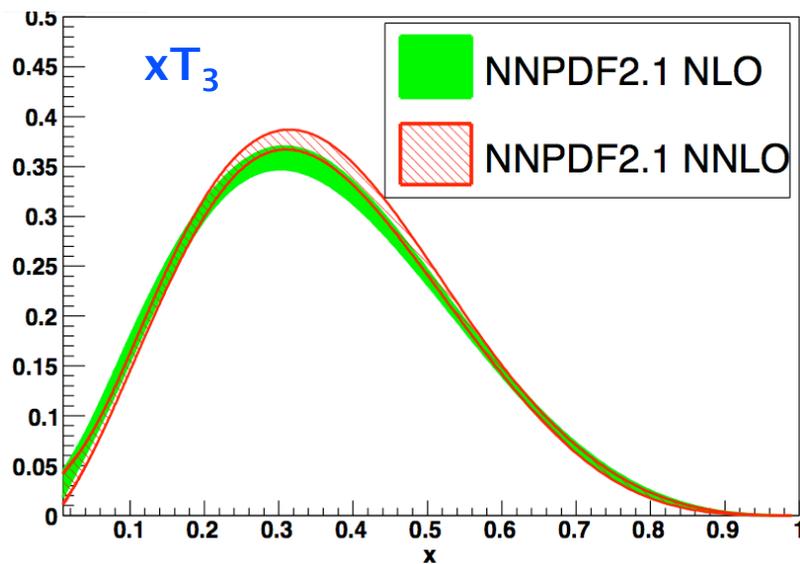
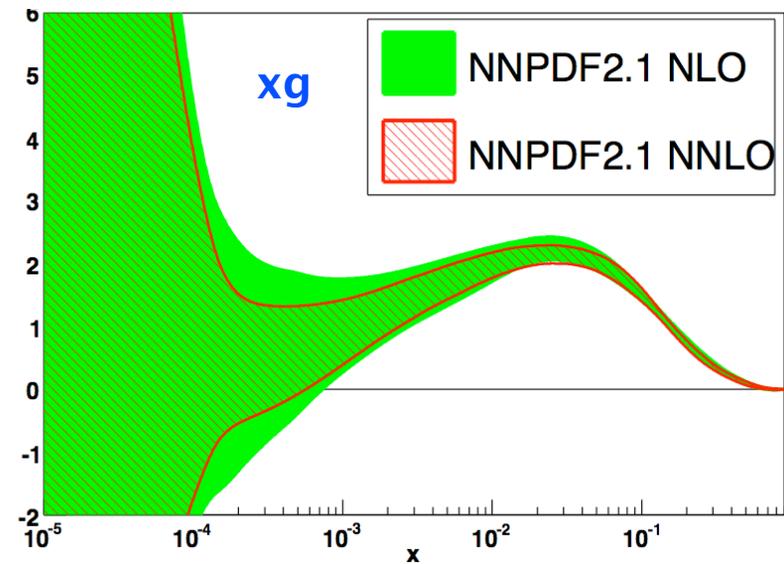
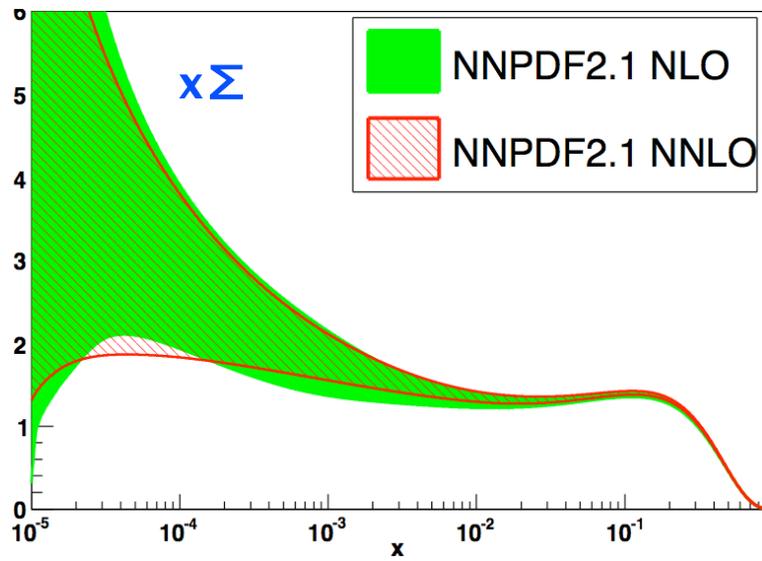
- All systematic correlated uncertainties are included (when available)
- Kinematical cuts $Q^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ $w^2 = Q^2 (1-x)/x > 12.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- In total 3333 (LO), 3338 (NLO), 3357 (NNLO) experimental points included

The NNPDF2.1 parton set

Features of the fit

- NNPDF2.1 is an ensemble of PDF sets presently available at LO, NLO and NNLO
 - [The NNPDF collaboration, Ball et al, Nucl.Phys. B849 \(2011\)](#)
 - [The NNPDF collaboration, Ball et al, Nucl.Phys. B855 \(2012\)](#)
- Global fit: DIS + DY + JET data but available also for data subsets (NNPDF2.2 includes also first LHC data)
- Heavy quark mass effects included using the General-Mass FONLL scheme up to NNLO
 - [Forte, Laenen et al, Nucl.Phys. B834 \(2010\)](#)
- Fast Kernel method for the inclusion of exact higher order corrections
 - [The NNPDF collaboration, Ball et al, Nucl.Phys. B838 \(2010\)](#)
 - DIS up to NNLO
 - DY and JET up to NLO
- NNLO correction to DY included by means of K-factors
- NNLO correction to inclusive JET observables implemented using FastNLO with approximated NNLO corrections based on threshold resummation
 - [Kluge, Rabbertz, Wobisch, hep-ph/0609285 \(2006\)](#)
 - [Kidonakis, Owens, Phys. Rev. D \(2001\)](#)
- Available for a range of $\alpha_s = 0.114, 0.115, \dots, 0.124$
 - $m_c = 1.4, \dots, 1.7$
 - $m_b = 4.25, 4.5, 4.75, 5.0$

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Results

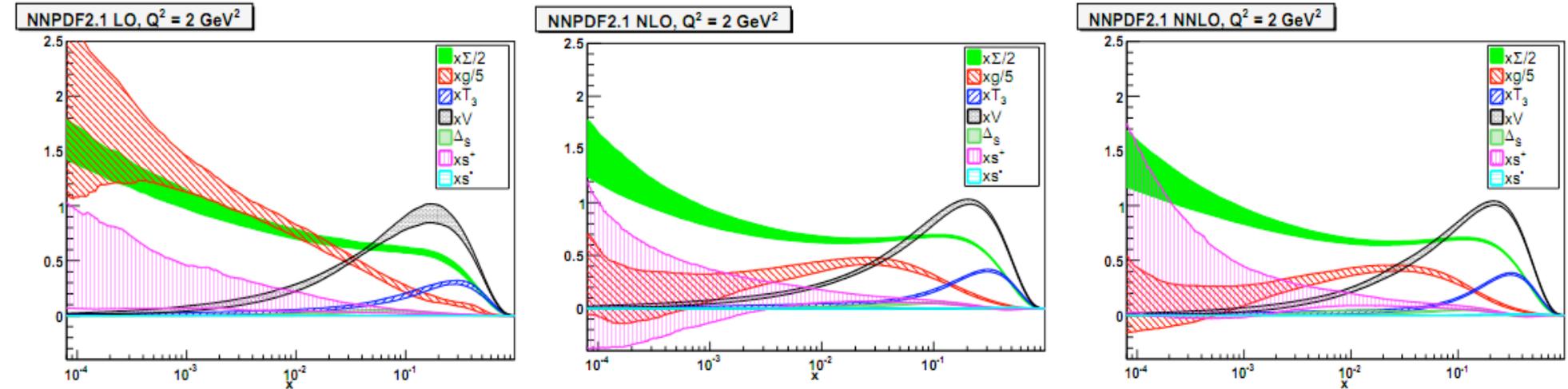


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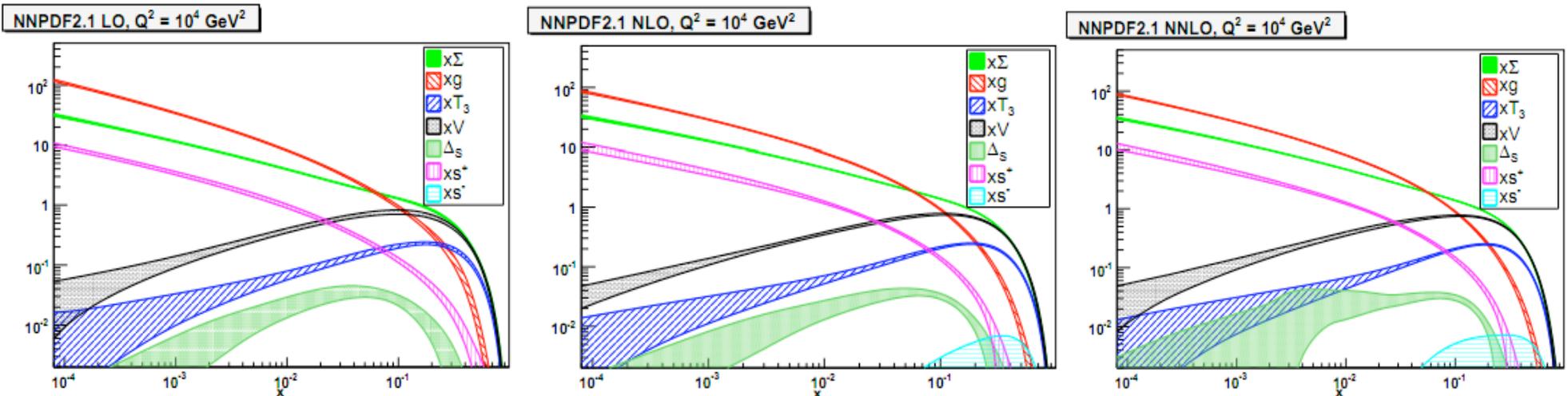
Perturbative stability

At the starting scale (2 GeV^2)

NNPDF collaboration, 1107.2652

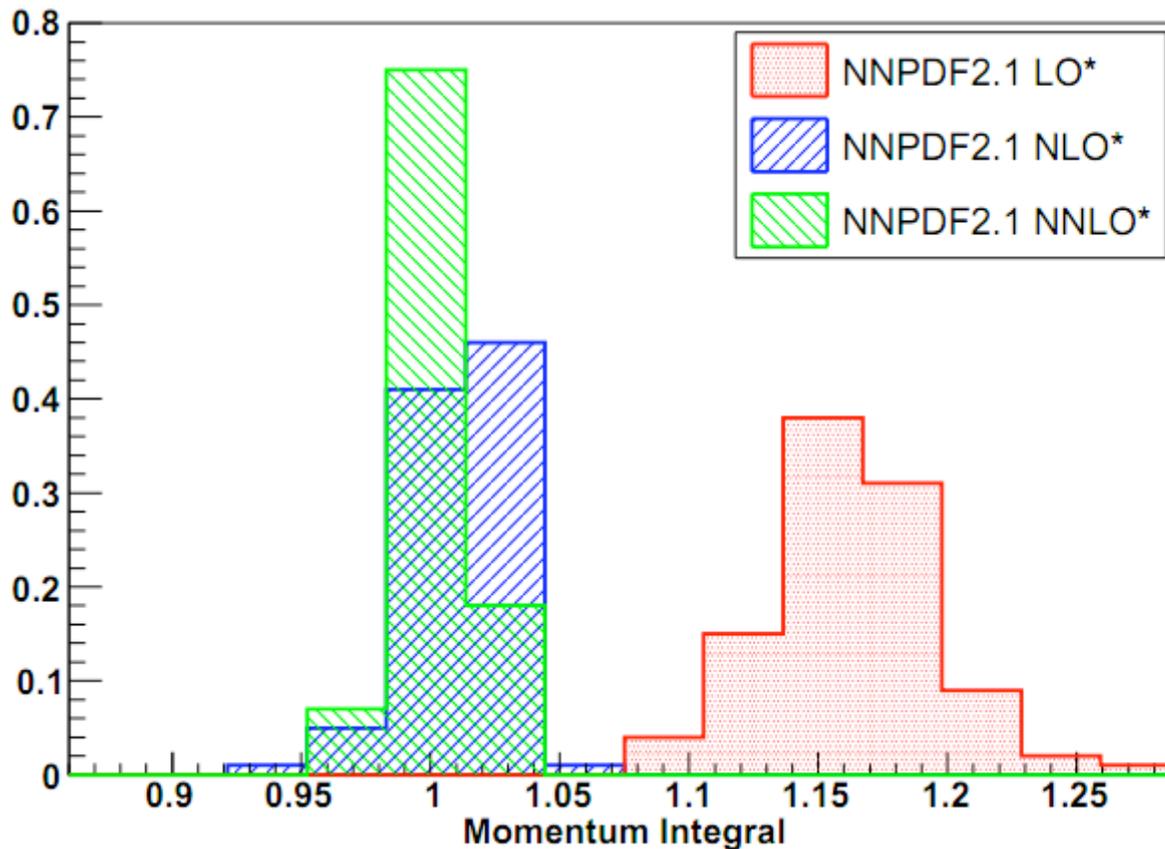


At the EW scale (100^2 GeV^2)



The NNPDF2.1 parton set

Perturbative stability



Momentum sum rule

Even without imposing momentum sum rules in the fit, the fitted PDFs tend to respect momentum sum rules and this tendency increases as perturbative order increases

$$[M]_{\text{LO}} = 1.161 \pm 0.032$$

$$[M]_{\text{NLO}} = 1.011 \pm 0.018$$

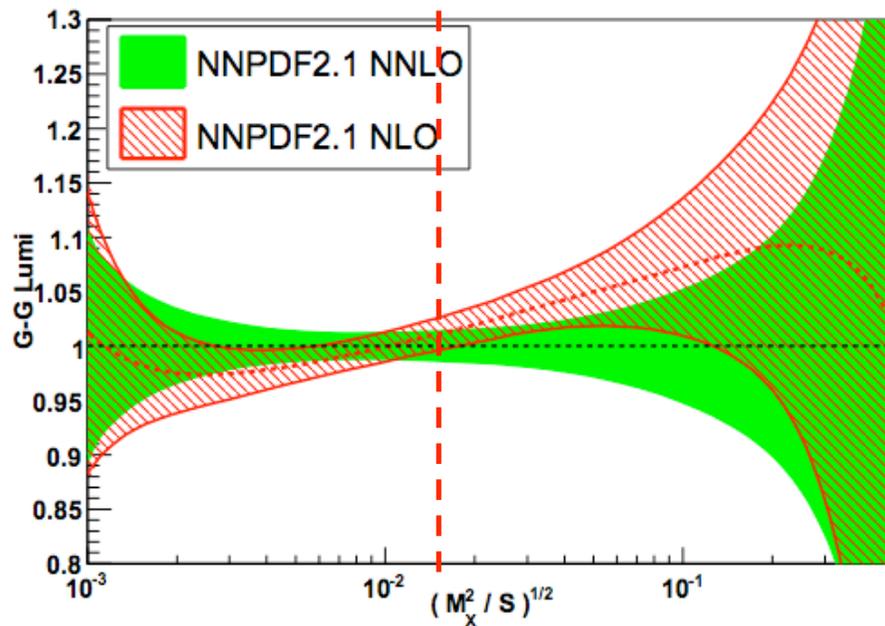
$$[M]_{\text{NNLO}} = 1.002 \pm 0.014$$

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Implications for LHC

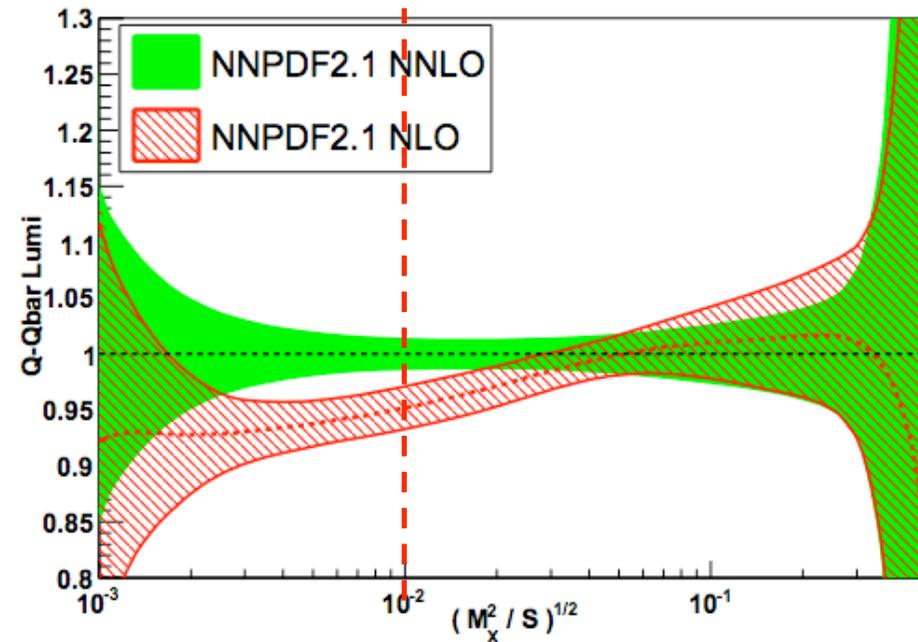
At hadron colliders, observables depend on PDFs through parton luminosities

$$\Phi_{ij} = \frac{1}{S_{\text{had}}} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_i(y, M_X^2) f_j\left(\frac{\tau}{y}, M_X^2\right) \quad \tau = \frac{M_X^2}{S_{\text{had}}}$$

PDF Uncertainty parton lumis - LHC 7 TeV - Ratio to NNPDF2.1 NNLO

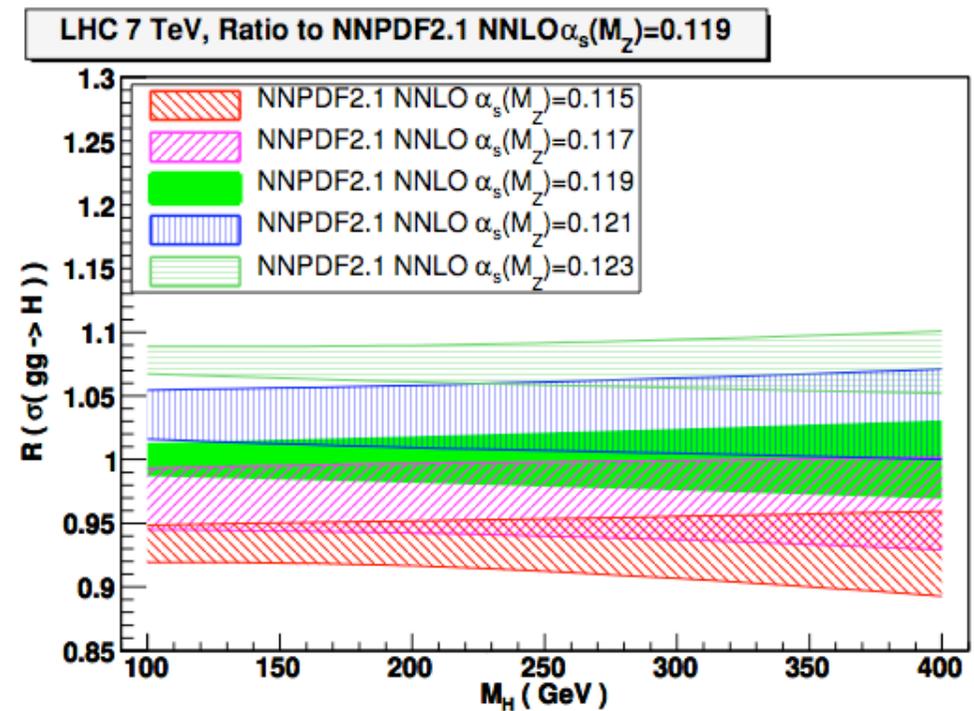
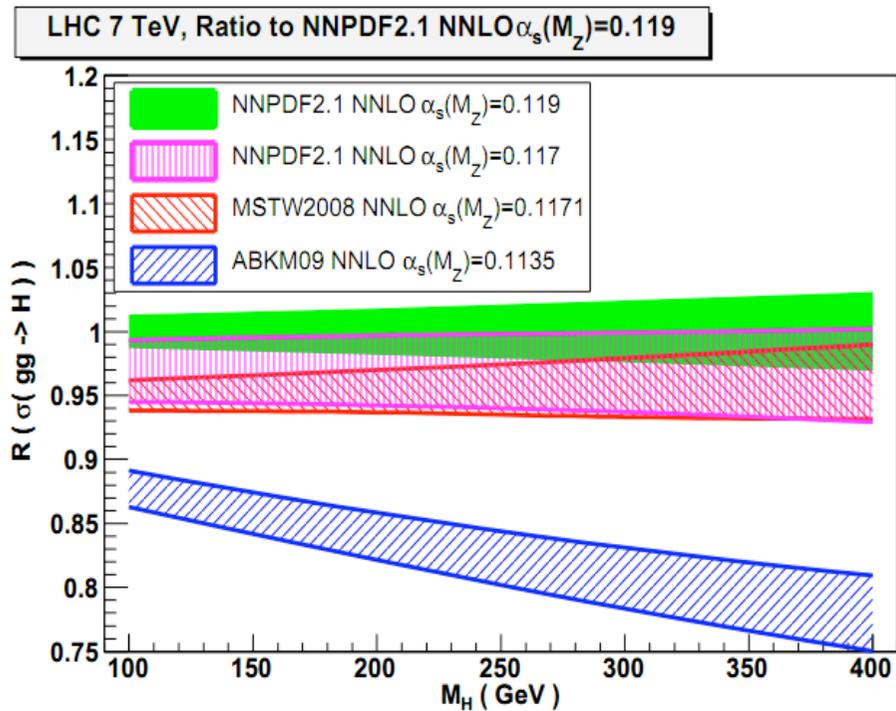


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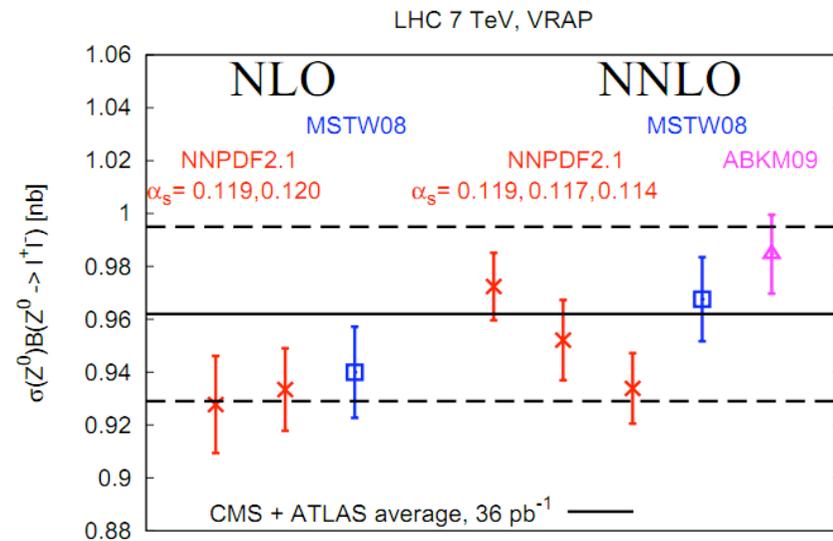
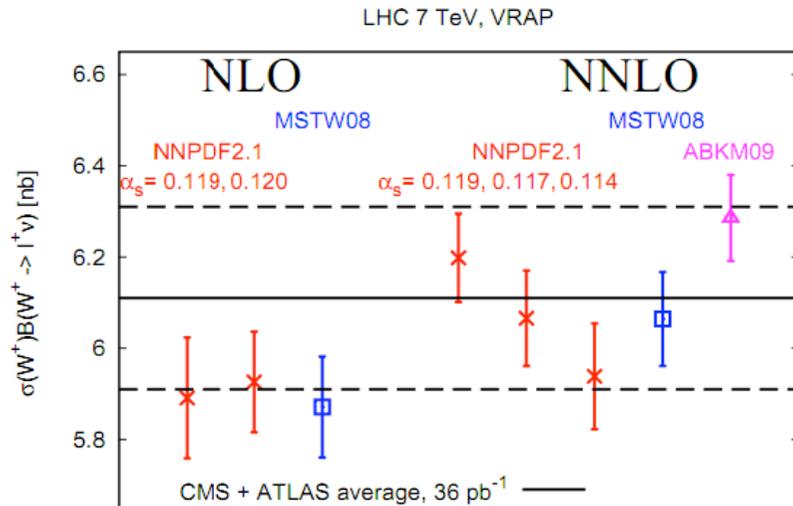
- GG luminosity particularly stable in the standard Higgs regions
- QQ luminosity significantly larger at NNLO in the W, Z region

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Implications for LHC

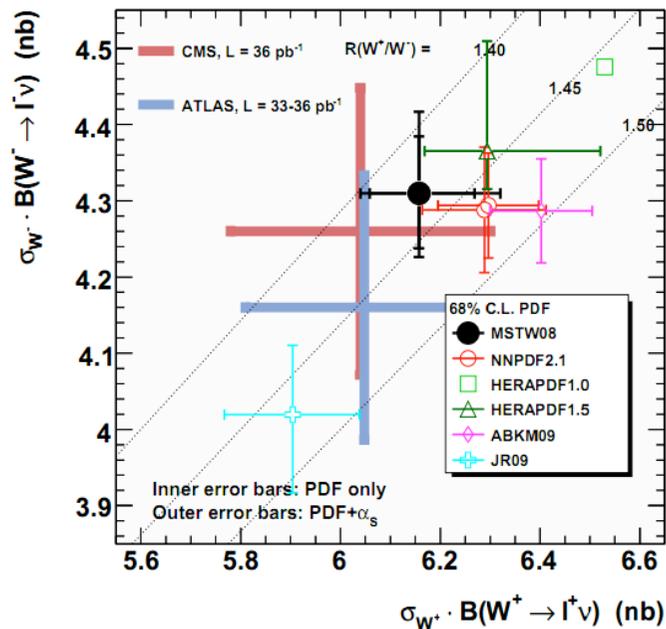


- Gluon fusion Higgs production: noticeable agreement among global sets (MSTW and NNPDF at NNLO plus CT10 at NLO)
- Agreement increases when same value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- Sizeable difference with the ABKM09 predictions, partially accounted for different value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Implications for LHC



NNLO W^+ and W^- cross sections at the LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$)



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- W and Z production: weaker dependence on $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ but non negligible higher order corrections
- Smaller differences among PDF sets

$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} \sim \frac{u(x_1) \bar{d}(x_2)}{d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2)} \sim \frac{u(x_1)}{d(x_1)}$$

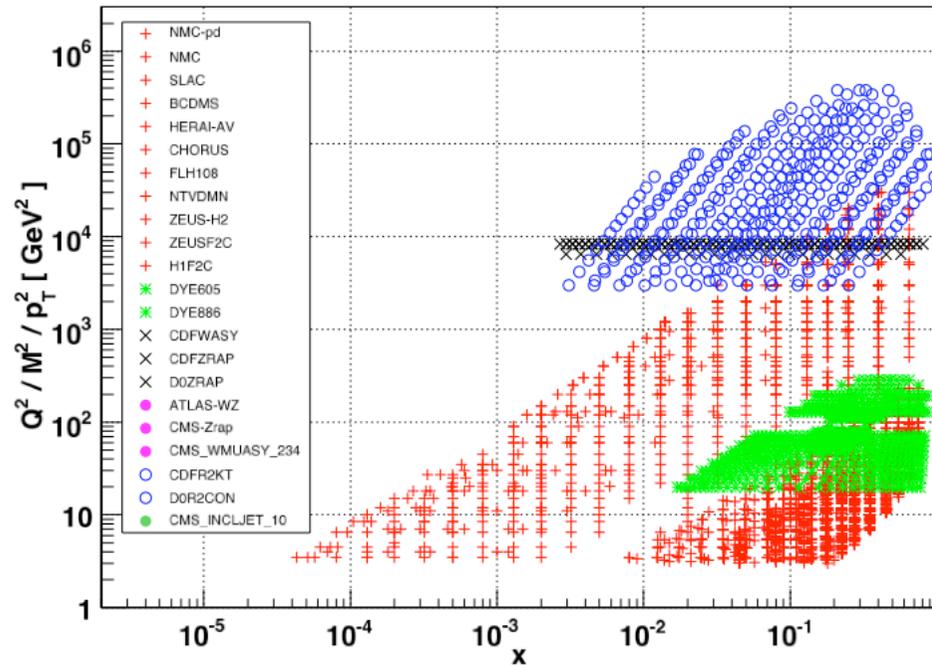
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Inclusion of LHC data

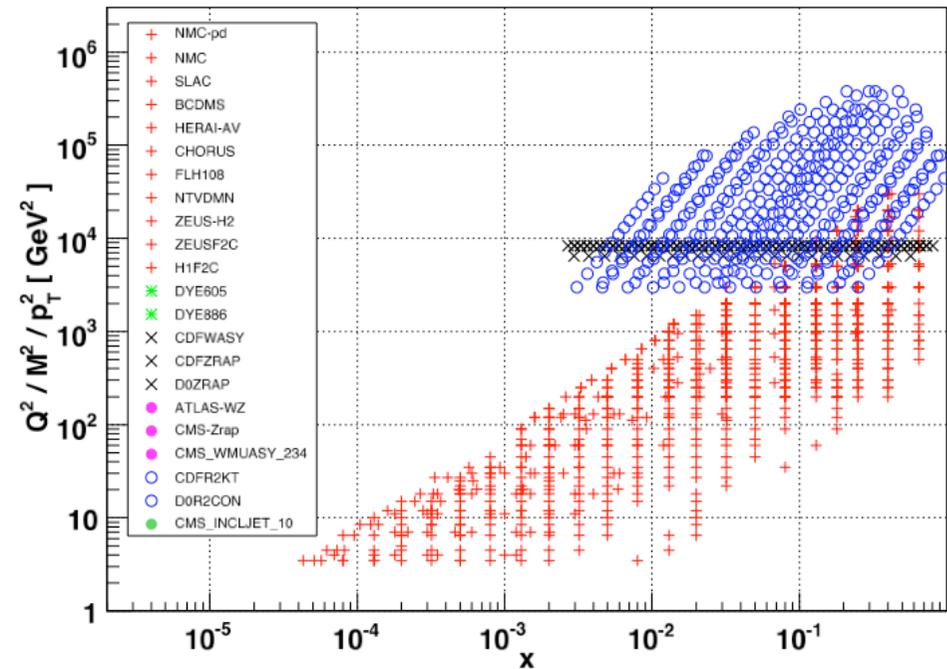
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Collider-only fit

NNPDF2.1 dataset

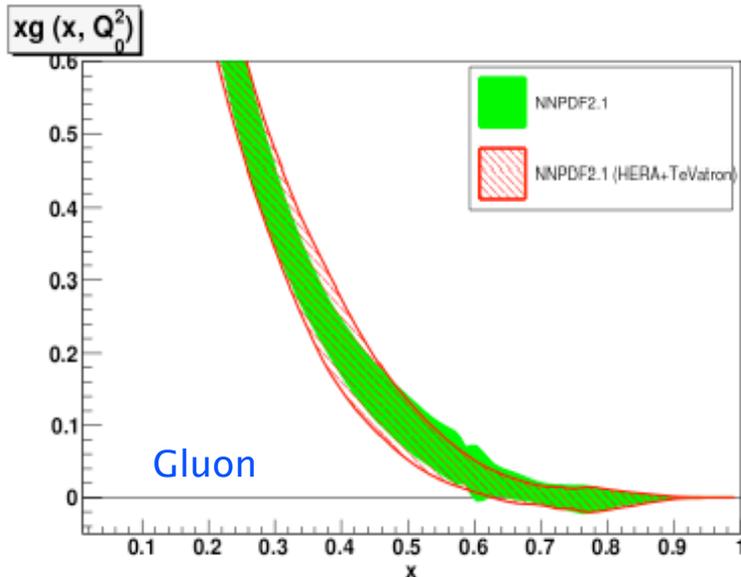
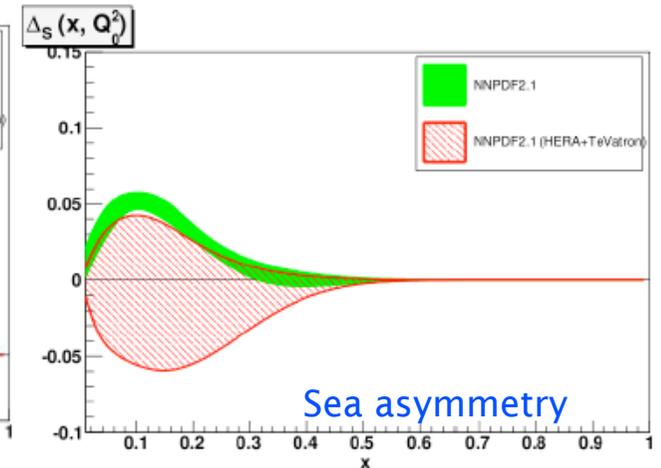
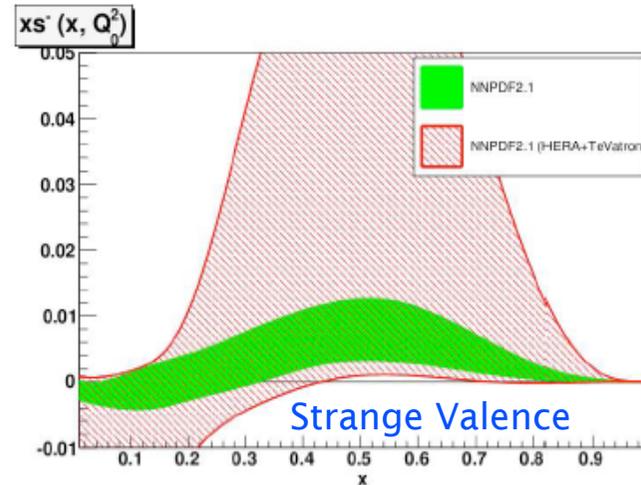
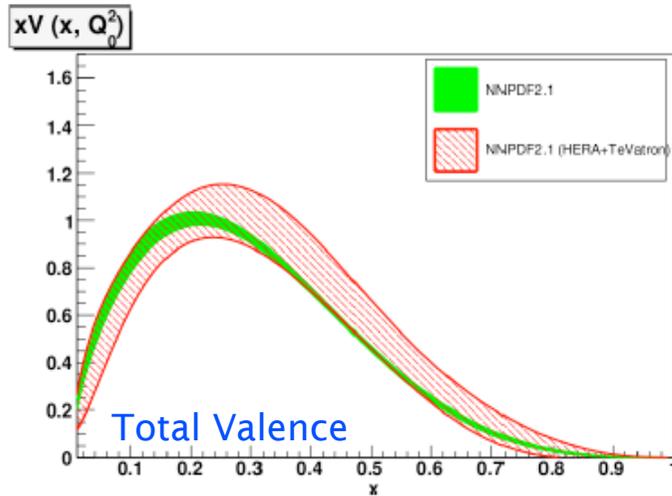


NNPDF2.1 dataset - Collider only data



- No fixed target data → No low energy troubles (nuclear corrections, higher twists...)
- PDFs from HERA + Tevatron?

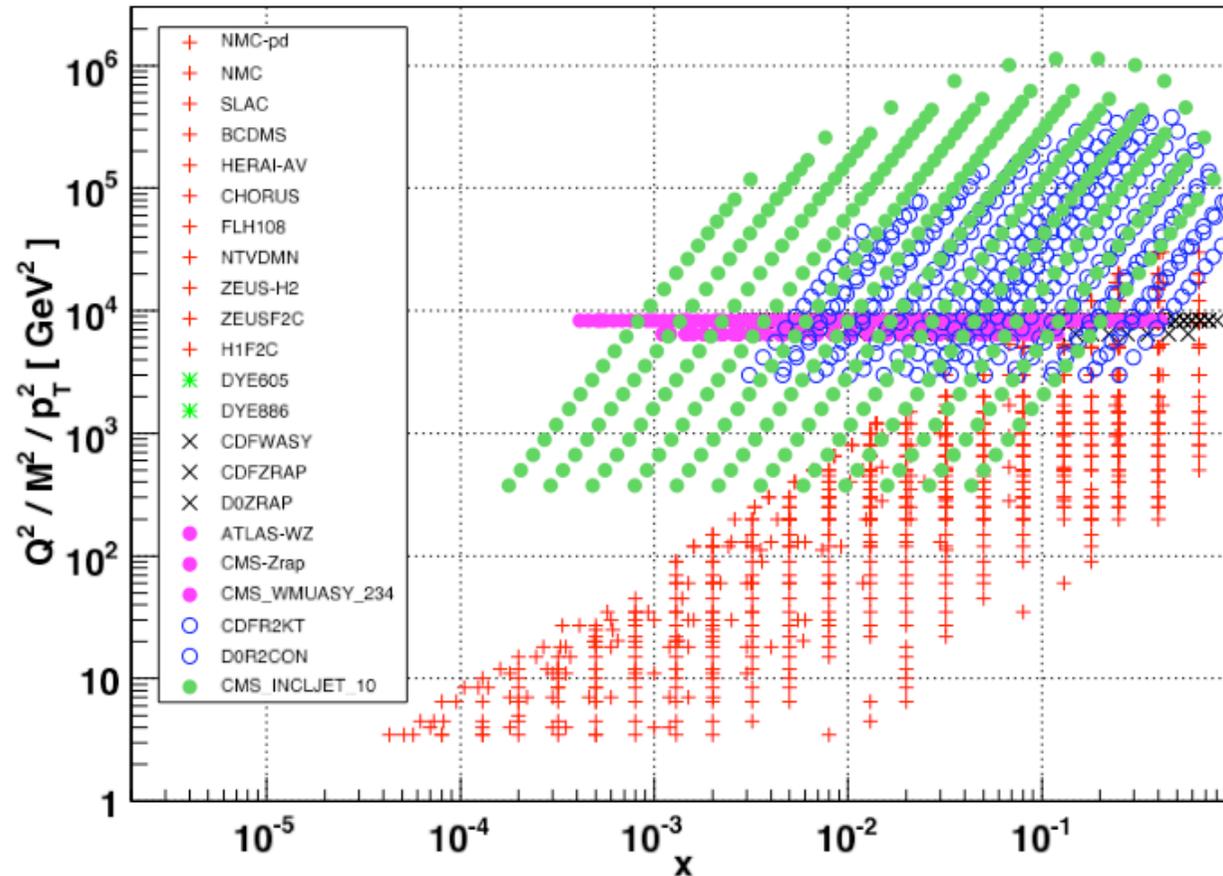
Collider-only fit



- No fixed target data → No low energy troubles (nuclear corrections, higher twists...)
- HERA + Tevatron:
 - ✓ Good accuracy for gluon
 - ✗ Loss of accuracy for flavor separation and strange
- What about
HERA + Tevatron + LHC ?

Constraints from LHC data

NNPDF2.1 dataset + LHC - Collider only data



→ Medium and large x gluon

- Prompt photon
- Precision jets data
- Top pairs

→ Light flavors at medium and small x

- Low-mass Drell-Yan
- Z rapidity distributions
- W asymmetries
- Polarized W

→ Strangeness and heavy flavors

- W_c for strangeness
- Z_c and γ_c for charm
- Z_b for bottom

Inclusion of LHC data by refitting

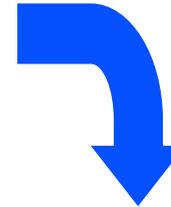
- To include LHC data in parton fits, [TOOLS](#) to interface slow NLO/NNLO codes to the fast computation needed in a fit are essential

APPLGRID [T. Carli et al, Eur.Phys.J. C66 (2010)]

FASTNLO [T. Kluge et al, hep-ph/0609285]

FASTDY [NNPDF, Nucl.Phys. B838 (2010)]

- These codes are based on
 - Pre-computation of hard part of the process on a grid
 - Polynomial Interpolation



$$d\sigma = \sum_p \sum_{m=1}^N w_m^{(p)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q_m^2)}{2\pi} \right)^p f_1(x_{1m}, Q_m^2) f_2(x_{2m}, Q_m^2)$$

- Medium-long term project [\[work in progress... NNPDF2.3 summer 2012\]](#)

Inclusion of LHC data by refitting

N. Hartland, Moriond QCD 2012

$$W = \sum_p \sum_{l=0}^{n_{\text{sub}}} \sum_{i_{y_1}} \sum_{i_{y_2}} \sum_{i_\tau} W_{i_{y_1}, i_{y_2}, i_\tau}^{(p)(l)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2(i_\tau))}{2\pi} \right)^p F^{(l)}(x_1^{(i_{y_1})}, x_2^{(i_{y_1})}, Q^2(i_\tau))$$

Fast ... but can we get faster? → combine weight tables with FastKernel evolution:

$$E_{\alpha\beta jk}^\tau = \int_{x_\alpha}^1 \frac{dy}{y} \Gamma_{ij} \left(\frac{x_\beta}{y}, Q_0^2, Q_\tau^2 \right) \mathcal{I}^{(\beta)}(y).$$

$$f_i(x_\alpha, Q_\tau^2) = \sum_j^{N_{\text{pdf}}} R_{ij} N_j(x_\alpha, Q_\tau^2) = \sum_\beta^{N_x} \sum_{j,k}^{N_{\text{pdf}}} R_{ij} E_{\alpha\beta jk}^\tau N_k^0(x_\beta).$$

Combined Weight-Evolution tables

- ▶ More of the calculation is precomputed
- ▶ Smaller flavour basis at initial scale

$$W = \sum_{\alpha, \beta}^{N_x} \sum_{i, j}^{N_{\text{pdf}}} \sigma_{\alpha\beta ij} N_i^0(x_\alpha) N_j^0(x_\beta)$$

In the meantime, is it possible to have a tool to estimate quickly the impact of new data without refitting?

Inclusion of LHC data by reweighting

R.D.Ball et al. ArXiv:1012.0836

- Bayesian reweighting method inspired by Giele and Keller [[hep-ph/9803393](#)]
- The IDEA:
 - ✓ N_{rep} of a Monte Carlo fit give the probability density in the space of PDFs
 - ✓ Expectation values are MC integrals. Same for errors, correlations...
 - ✓ One can assess the impact of including new data in the fit by **updating** the probability density distribution!

Refitting:

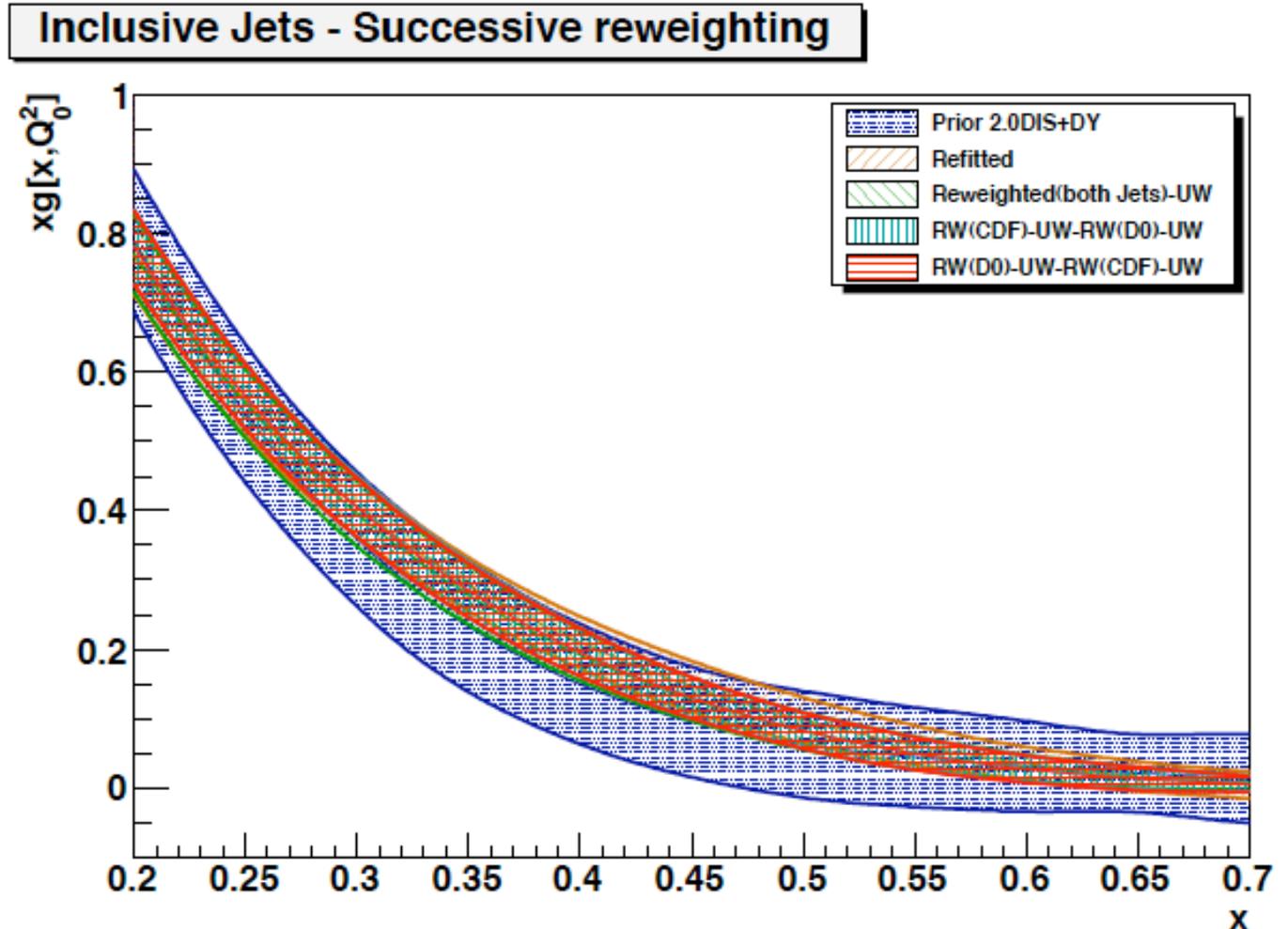
- × Whenever add new data, need to do full refitting, tune parametrization and statistic treatment
- × Can be done only by PDF fitting collaborations themselves.

Reweighting:

- ✓ Immediate: no need to refit
- ✓ Anybody can do it just evaluating weights with each replica of a PDF set and producing a new PDF set through unweighting

Reweighting versus refitting

- Start from NNPDF2.0 DIS+DY only fit (BLUE)
- Add CDF and D0 jet data by **refitting** (as a benchmark)
- Add first CDF data by reweighting, unweight, then reweight D0 data on unweighted set
- Add first D0 data by reweighting, unweight, then reweight CDF data on unweighted set
- Add CDF+D0 at the same time by reweighting
- ✓ Obtain the same results!

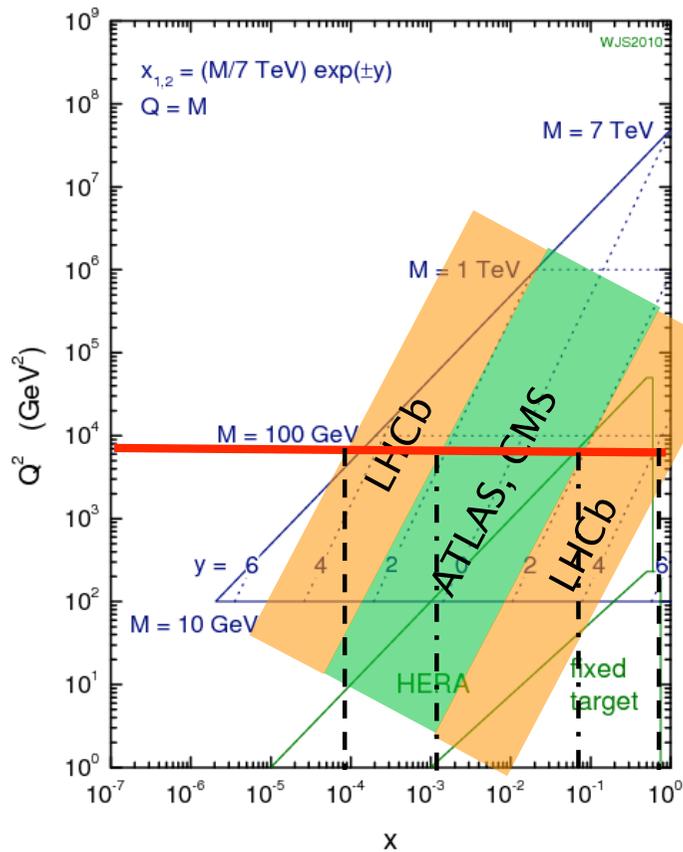


The (old) W lepton asymmetry data

$$A_l = \frac{d\sigma(l^+)/dy(l^+) - d\sigma(l^-)/dy(l^-)}{d\sigma(l^+)/dy(l^+) + d\sigma(l^-)/dy(l^-)}$$

- **D0** electron and muon asymmetry distributions [ArXiv:0709.4254] [ArXiv:0807.3367]
- **ATLAS** muon charge asymmetry 36 pb⁻¹ [ArXiv: 1103.2929]
- **CMS** electron and muon asymmetry 36 pb⁻¹ [ArXiv: 1103.3470]
- **LHCb** muon asymmetry [LHCb-CONF-2011-039]

7 TeV LHC parton kinematics



LHC

$$\frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) - d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}$$

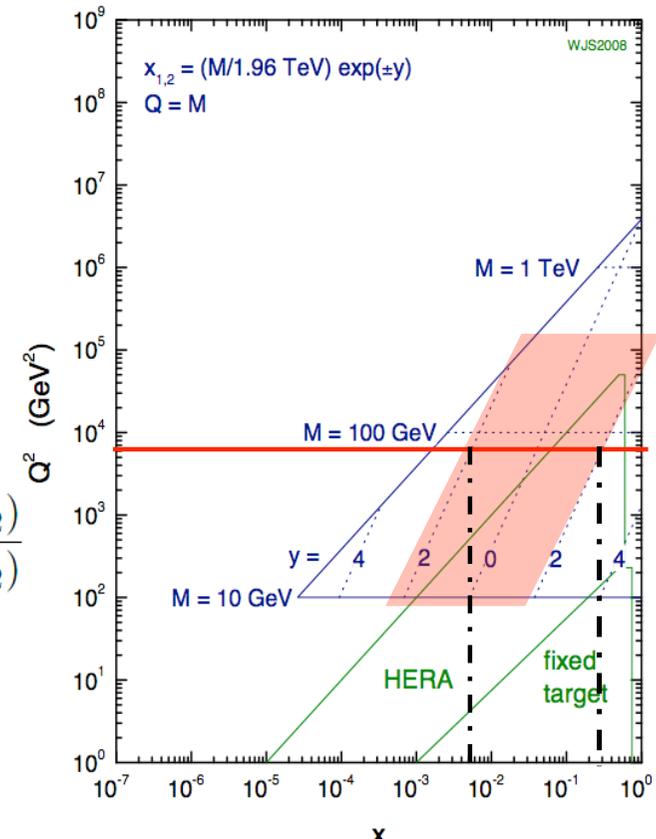
$$10^{-4} \lesssim x \lesssim 0.7$$

Tevatron

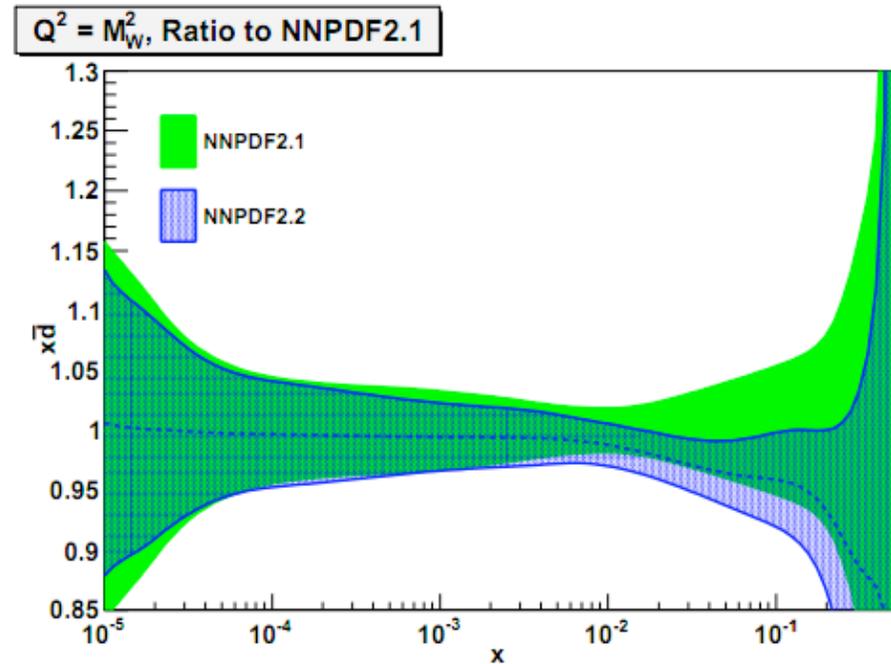
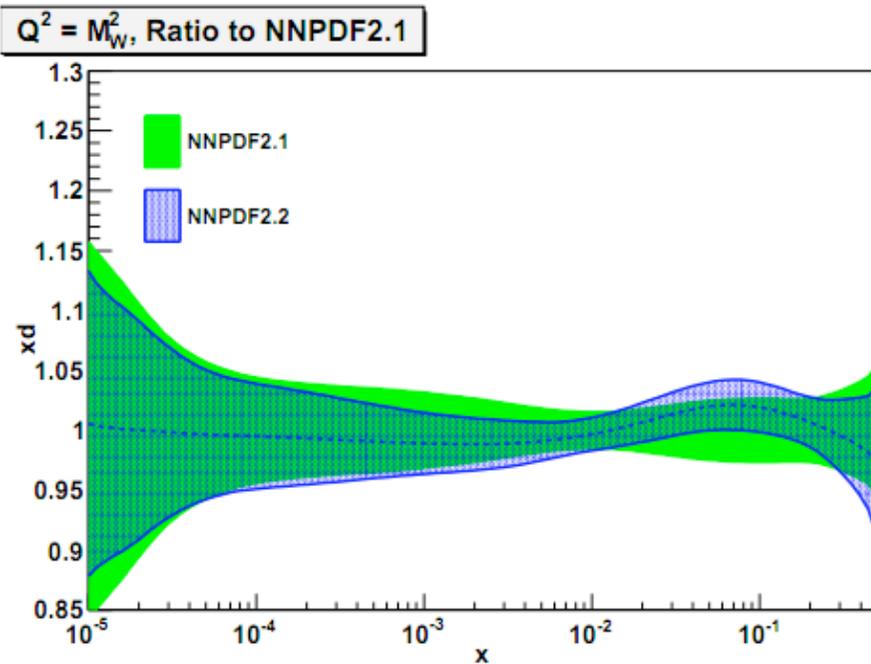
$$\frac{u(x_1)d(x_2) - d(x_1)u(x_2)}{u(x_1)d(x_2) + d(x_1)u(x_2)}$$

$$10^{-2} \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$$

Tevatron parton kinematics



The NNPDF2.2 set



- NNPDF2.2: Added ATLAS and CMS W lepton asymmetry data and Tevatron D0 electron and muon asymmetry data at the same time
- These data did not include full covariance matrix
- Their inclusion reduces uncertainty and moves central values
- Total uncertainty reduction is already pretty significant
- d PDFs: tension between Tevatron and low-energy data?

Updated LHC data

- LHC data in NNPDF2.2 now superseded
 - Full covariance matrix is available for ATLAS W lepton and Z rapidity distributions
 - Higher luminosity 234 pb⁻¹ for CMS muon asymmetry
- Additional LHC data
 - 36 pb⁻¹ inclusive jet measurements (full covariance matrix ATLAS)
 - 36 pb⁻¹ LHCb Z rapidity distribution, W asymmetries at high rapidity
 - 840 pb⁻¹ CMS W electron asymmetry with full covariance matrix
 - 4.67 fb⁻¹ CMS inclusive jet measurements

χ^2 to electroweak vector boson production data

Dataset, χ^2	NNPDF2.1	MSTW08	ABKM09	JR09	HERAPDF1.5
ATLAS W/Z Rapidity	2.7	3.6	3.6	5.0	2.0
CMS μ asym + Z Rap	2.0	3.0	2.8	3.6	2.8
LHCb W asym + Z Rap	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.6

χ^2 to inclusive jet data

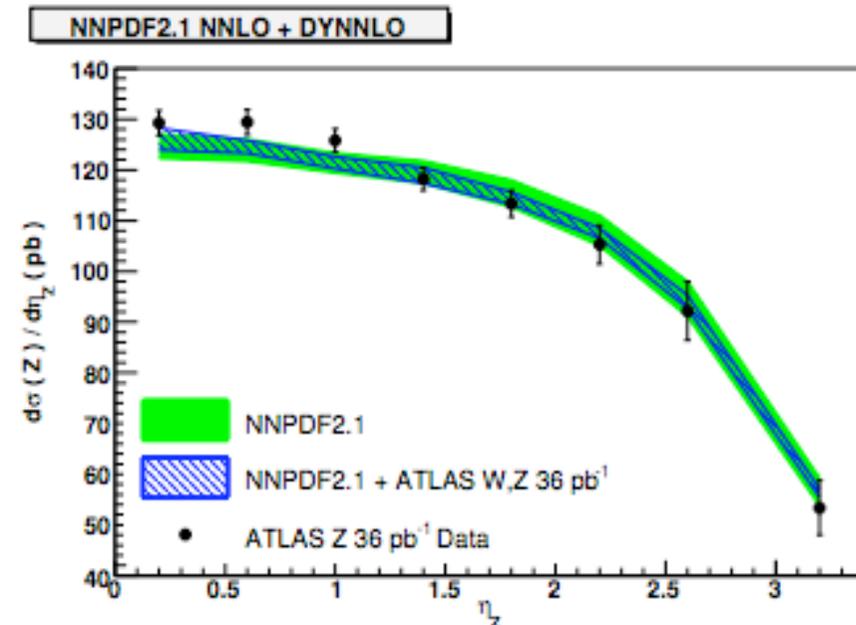
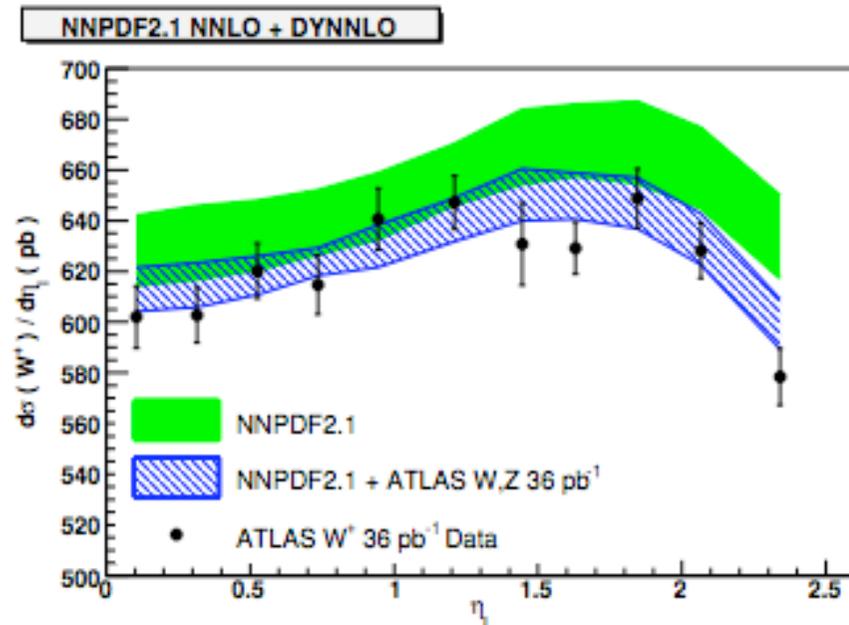
Dataset, χ^2	NNPDF2.1	MSTW08	ABKM09	JR09	HERAPDF1.5
ATLAS Incl. Jets $R = 0.4$	0.93	1.18	1.41	1.63	1.21
ATLAS Incl. Jets $R = 0.6$	1.38	1.31	1.46	1.88	1.43

NNLO predictions obtained with DYNNLO

Impact of the LHC EW data (ATLAS)

* Full covariance matrix provided

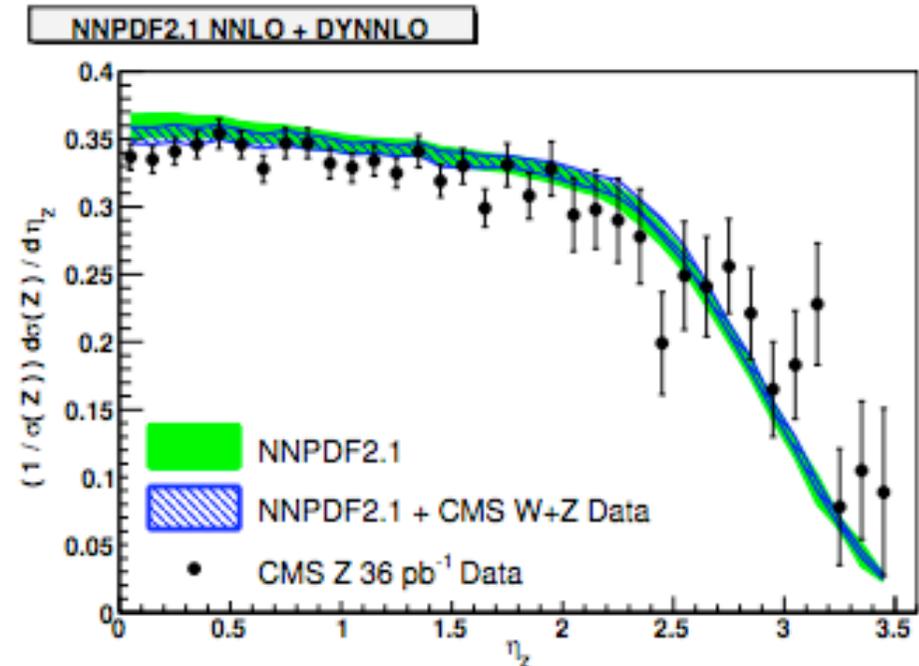
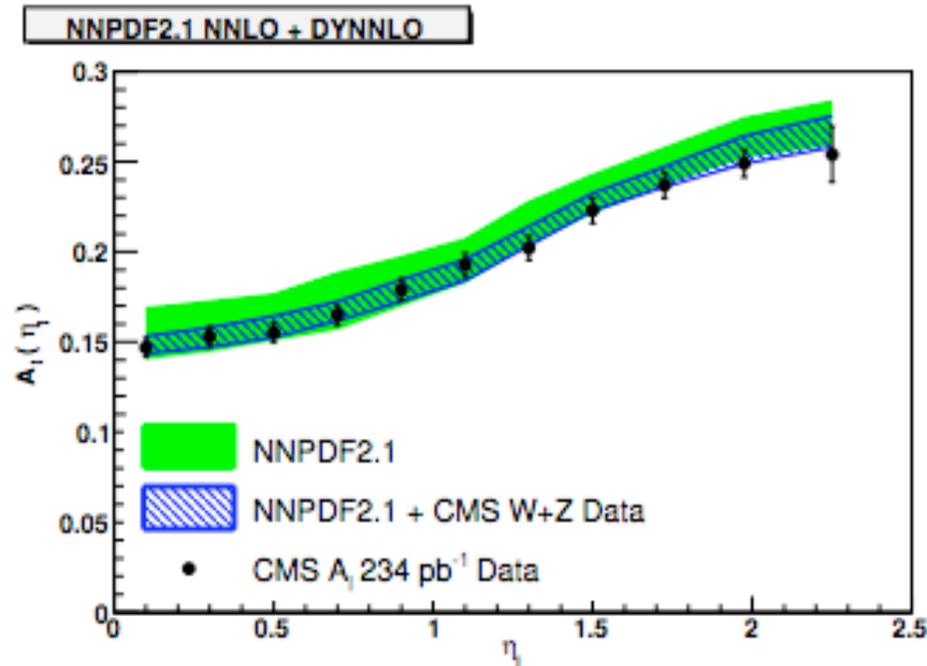
Dataset	χ^2	χ^2_{rw}	N_{eff}
ATLAS	2.7	1.2	16
ATLAS W^+ 36 pb^{-1}	5.7	1.5	17
ATLAS W^- 36 pb^{-1}	2.5	1.0	205
ATLAS Z 36 pb^{-1}	1.8	1.1	581



Impact of the LHC EW data (CMS)

* Covariance matrix not yet available

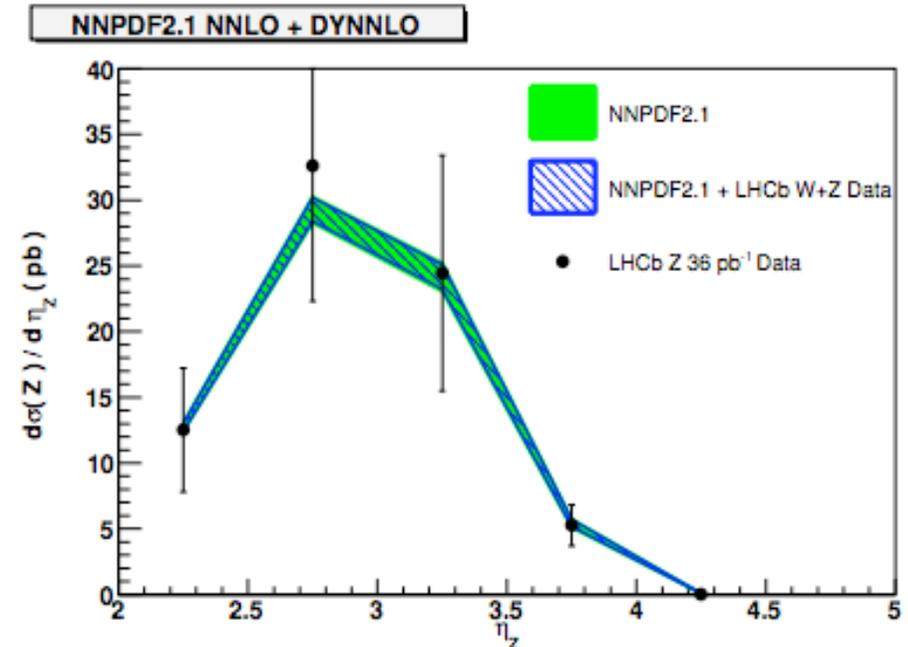
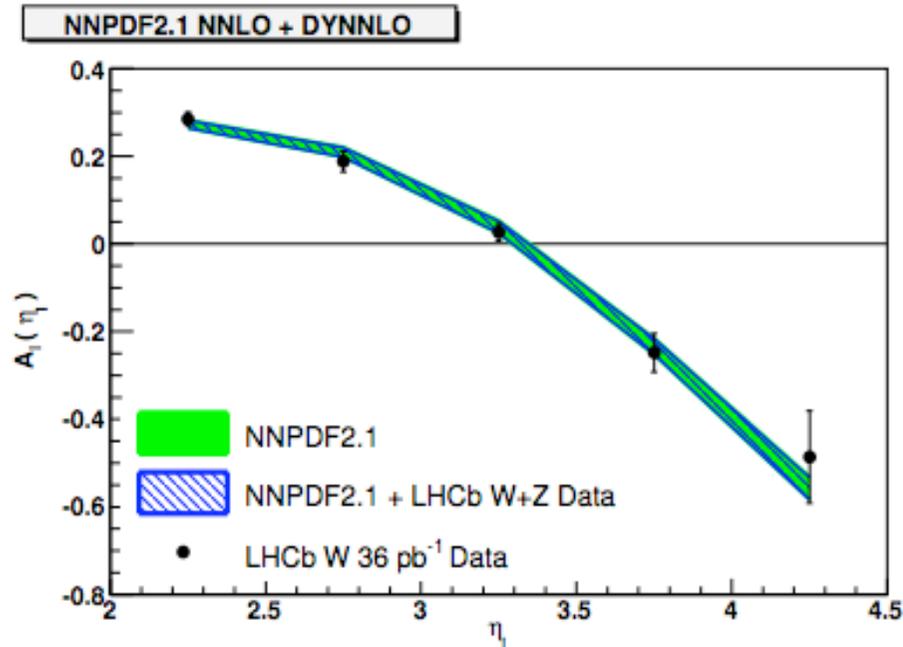
Dataset	χ^2	χ^2_{rw}	N_{eff}
CMS	2.0	1.2	56
CMS Z rapidity 36 pb^{-1}	1.9	1.4	223
CMS muon asymmetry 234 pb^{-1}	2.0	0.4	200



Impact of the LHC EW data (LHCb)

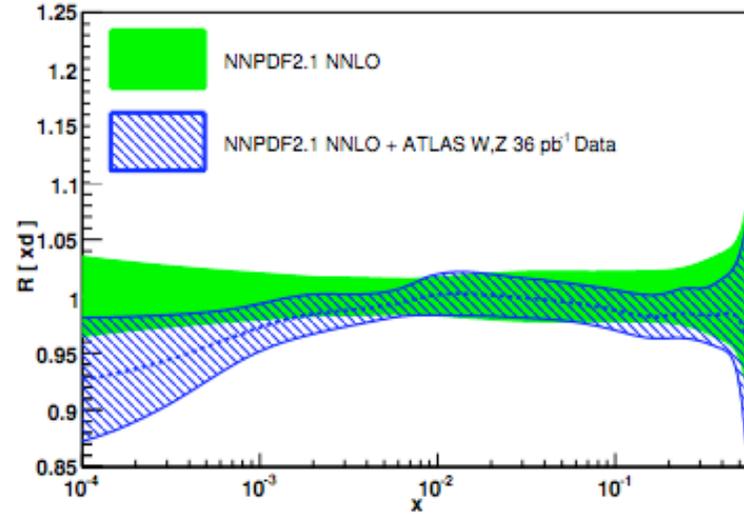
* Covariance matrix not yet available

Dataset	χ^2	χ_{rw}^2	N_{eff}
LHCb	0.8	0.8	972
LHCb Z rapidity 36 pb^{-1}	1.1	1.0	962
LHCb W lepton asymmetry 36 pb^{-1}	0.8	0.5	961

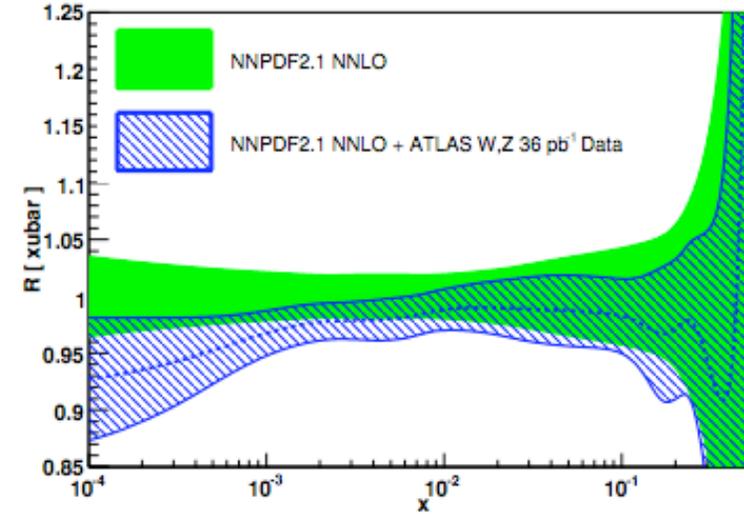


Impact of the LHC EW data on PDFs

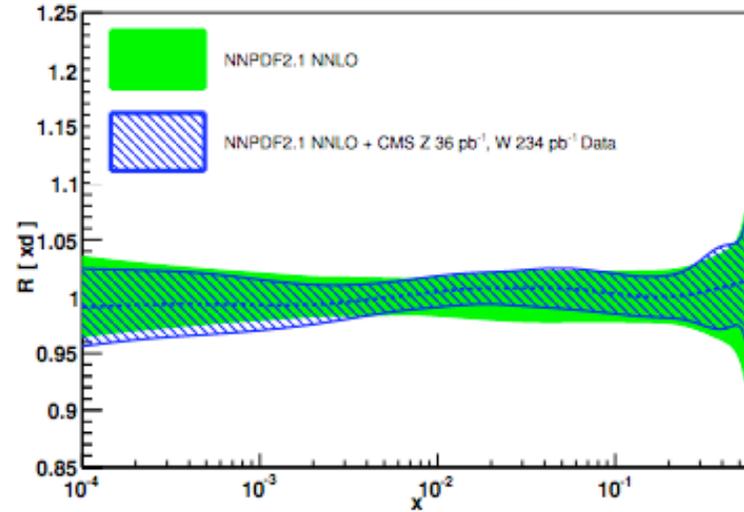
$Q^2 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$, ratio to NNPDF2.1 NNLO



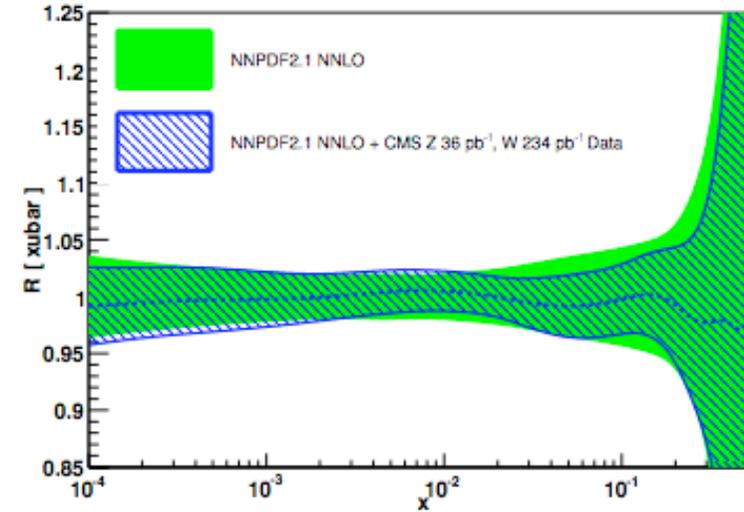
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Conclusions and outlook

- Reliable PDF uncertainties are crucial for the LHC analyses
- NNPDF partons are produced with a method which overcomes some drawbacks of standard approaches: restricted parametrization, tolerances and tuning of statistical treatment to data included in the fits
[\[ArXiv:1103.2369,1102.4407,1101.1300,1012.0836,1005.0397...\]](#)
- Next steps: inclusion of LHC data, M_S mass for charm and bottom quarks, exploring intrinsic charm contribution, EW corrections, study of theoretical uncertainty, inclusion of resummations
- NNPDF2.2 has the same features and it includes already the effect of early LHC data via reweighting
- Inclusion of new LHC data is crucial for obtaining up-to-date parton sets
- Next NNPDF releases will use as much as possible up-to-date LHC data

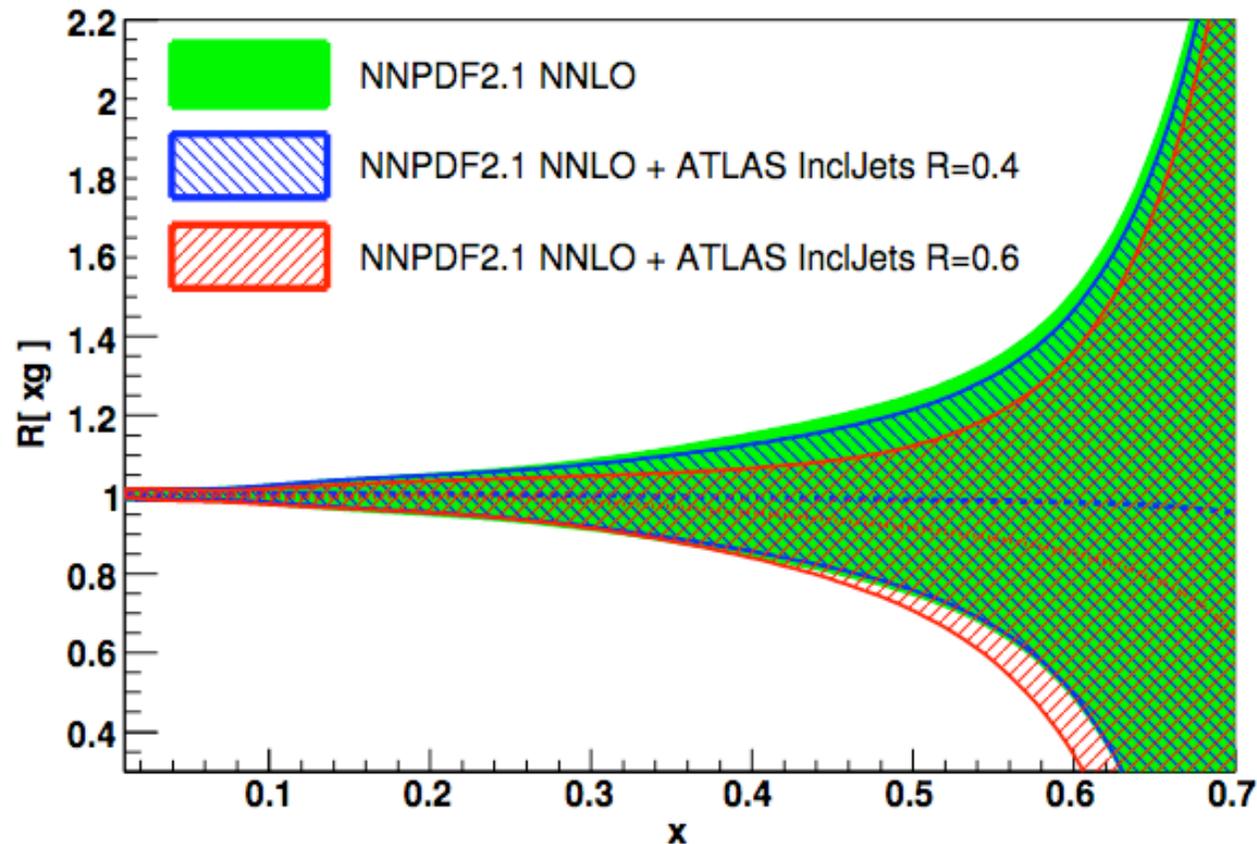
Thank you for your attention!

BACK-UP

Impact of the LHC inclusive jet data

Dataset	χ^2	χ^2_{rw}	N_{eff}
NNPDF2.1 NNLO + ATLAS Incl. Jets $R = 0.4$	0.93	0.91	904
NNPDF2.1 NNLO + ATLAS Incl. Jets $R = 0.6$	1.42	1.24	610

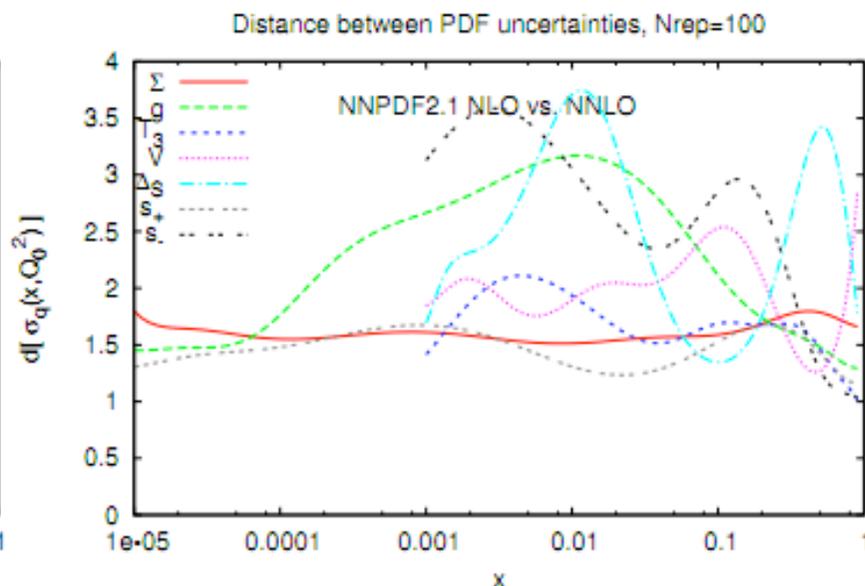
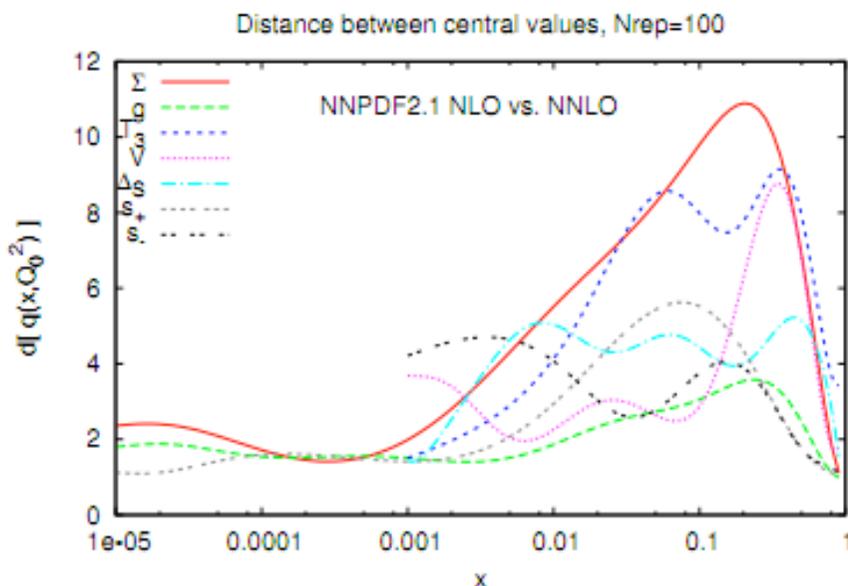
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The NNPDF2.1 parton set Results

In order to quantify the impact on the NNLO corrections, one defines the **distance**:

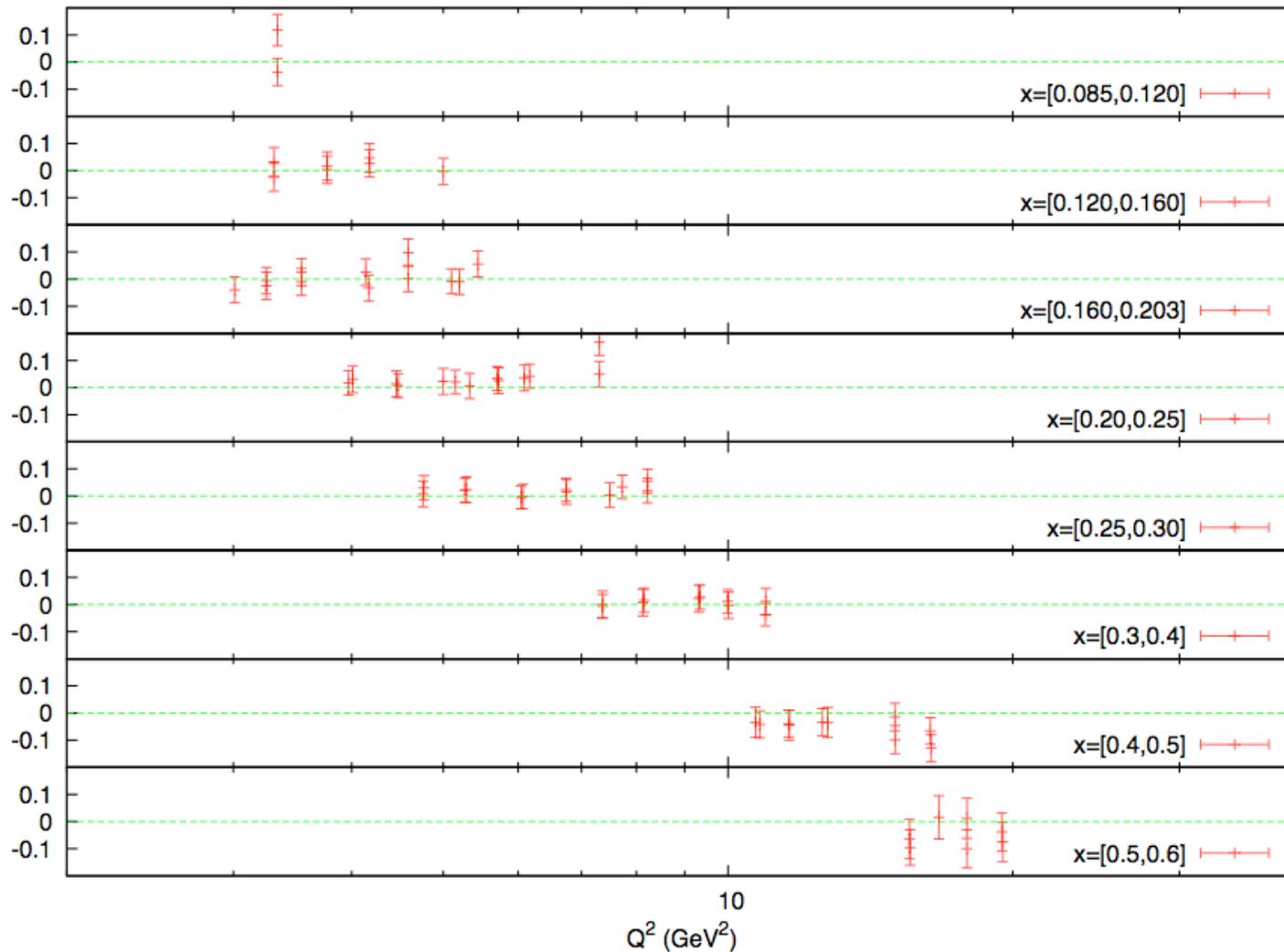
$$d^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{rep}} \frac{(\mathcal{O}_{NLO}^{(i)} - \mathcal{O}_{NNLO}^{(i)})^2}{\sigma_{NLO}^2 + \sigma_{NNLO}^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{for } N_{rep}=100, d \sim \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Statistical equivalence} \\ \sqrt{50} \simeq 7 & 1\text{-}\sigma \text{ shift} \end{cases}$$



- NLO and NNLO PDFs **very similar at small- x** ,
- Largest distances for **quarks at $x \sim 0.1 - 0.2$** ,
- very **small distances for PDF uncertainties**:
 - same (and only) **experimental uncertainties** for both NLO and NNLO fit.

Description of SLAC data

NNPDF21_FF3 NLO predictions versus SLAC data (F_2^p and F_2^d overlapped)

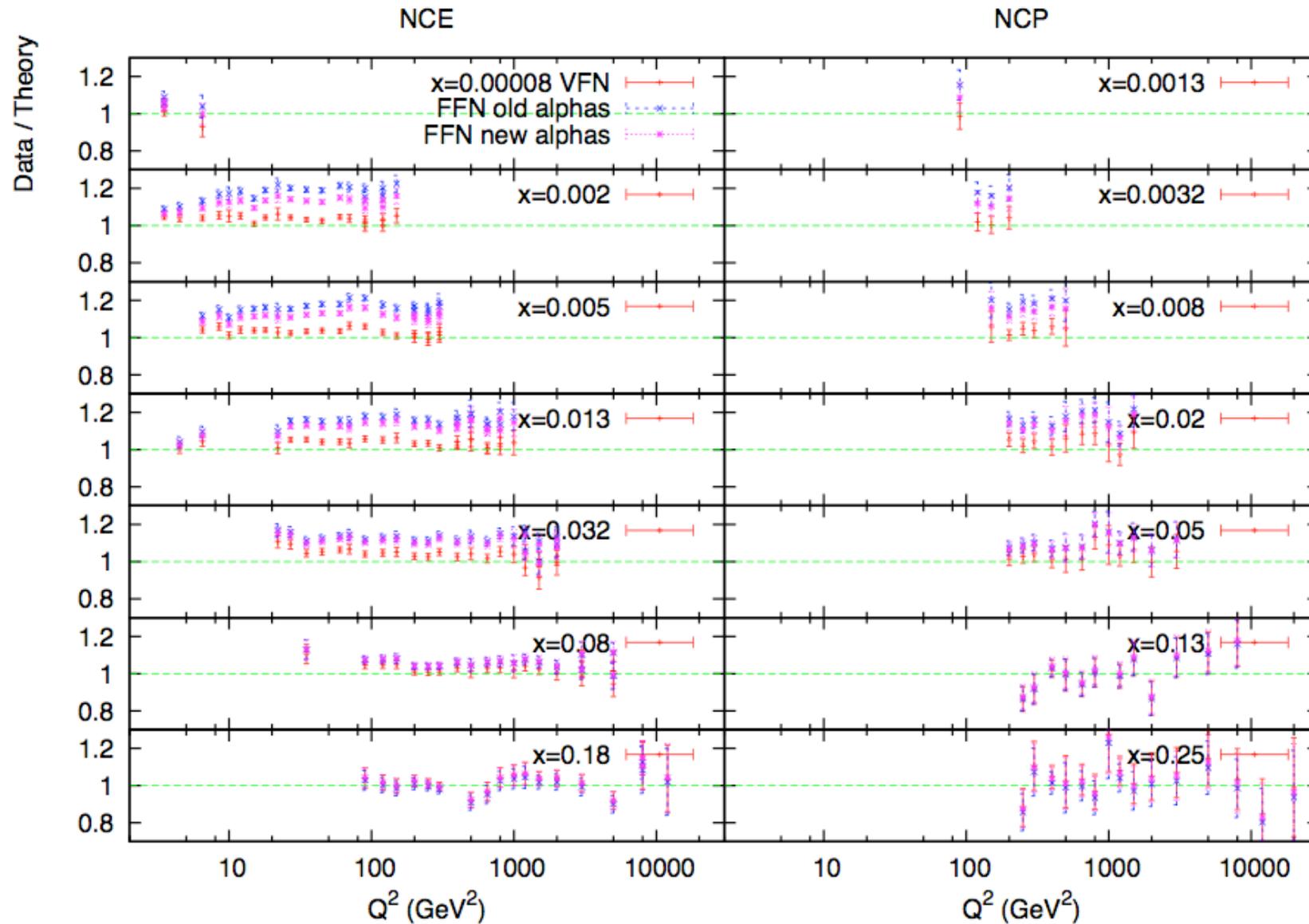


Good description
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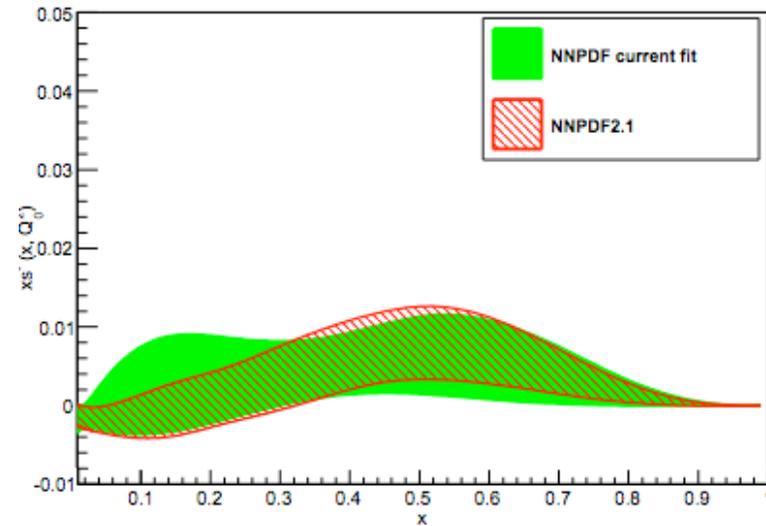
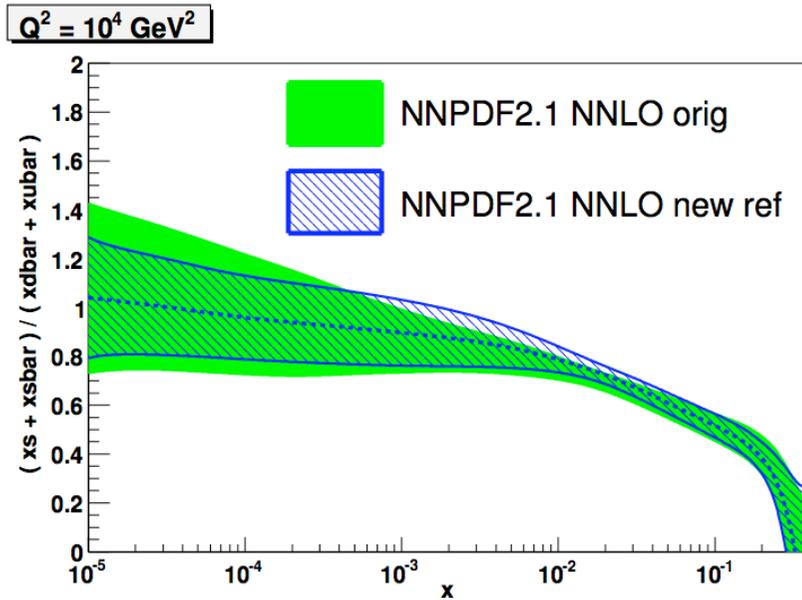
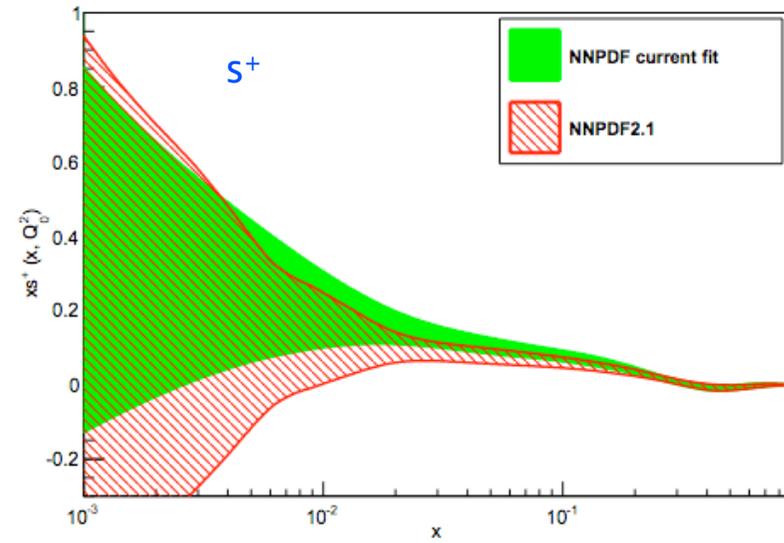
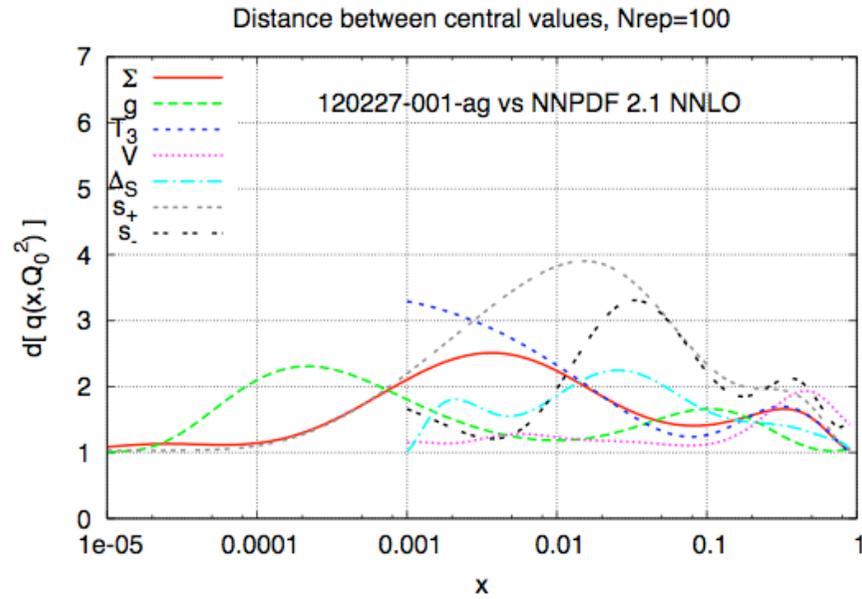
$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1.28$ (p)
 $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1.05$ (d)

Description of HERA NC data

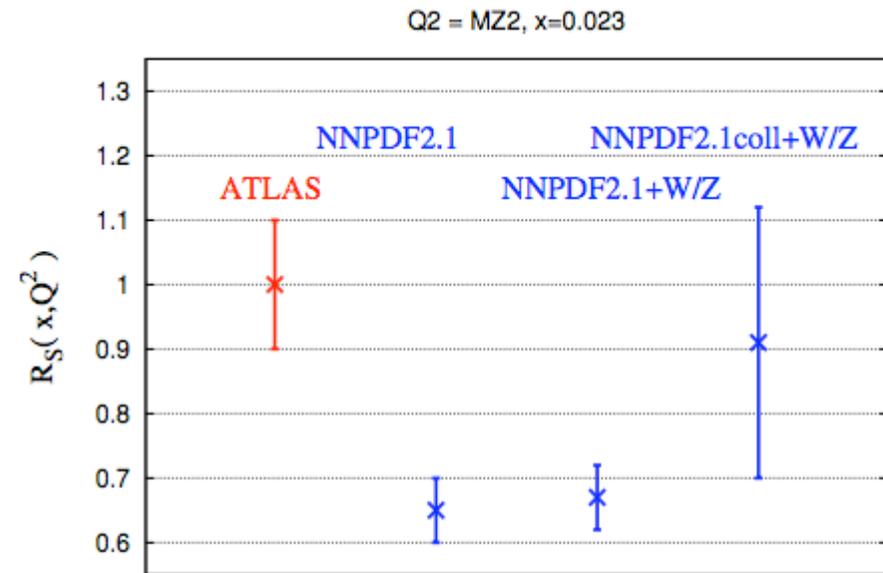
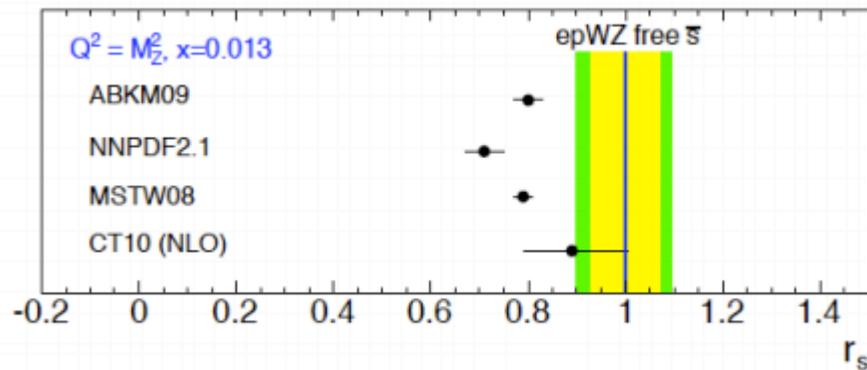
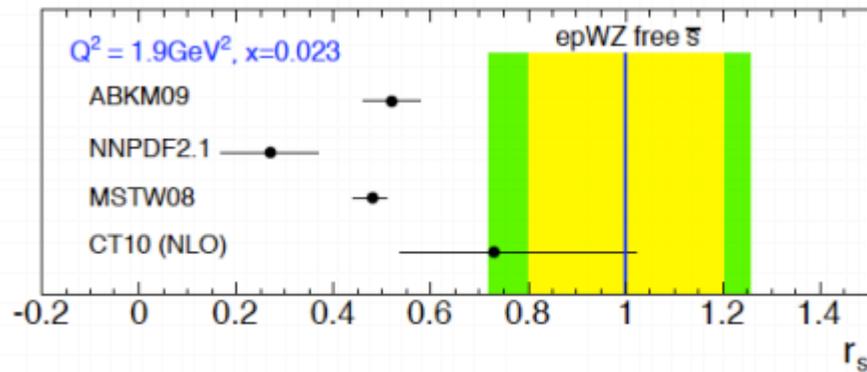
NNPDF21 predictions versus HERA NC data



Strangeness of the proton

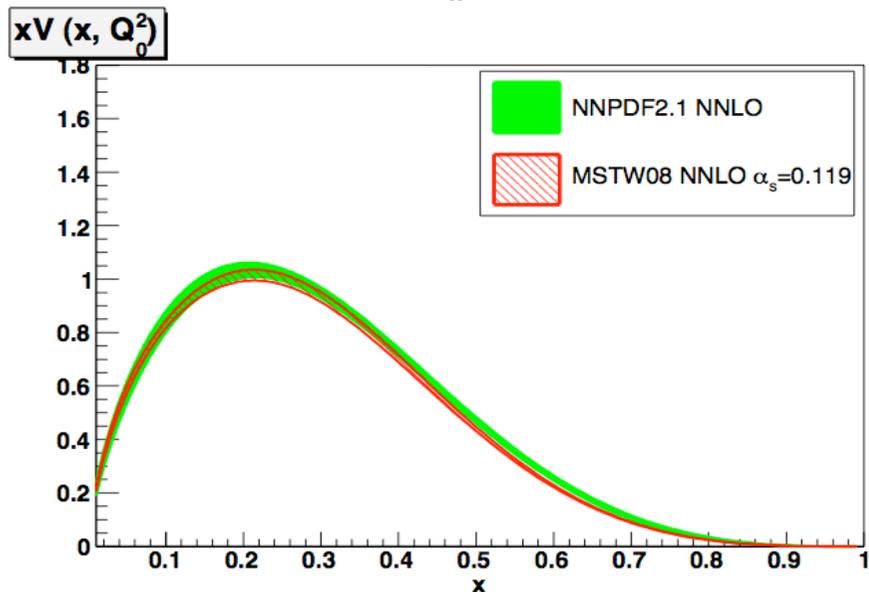
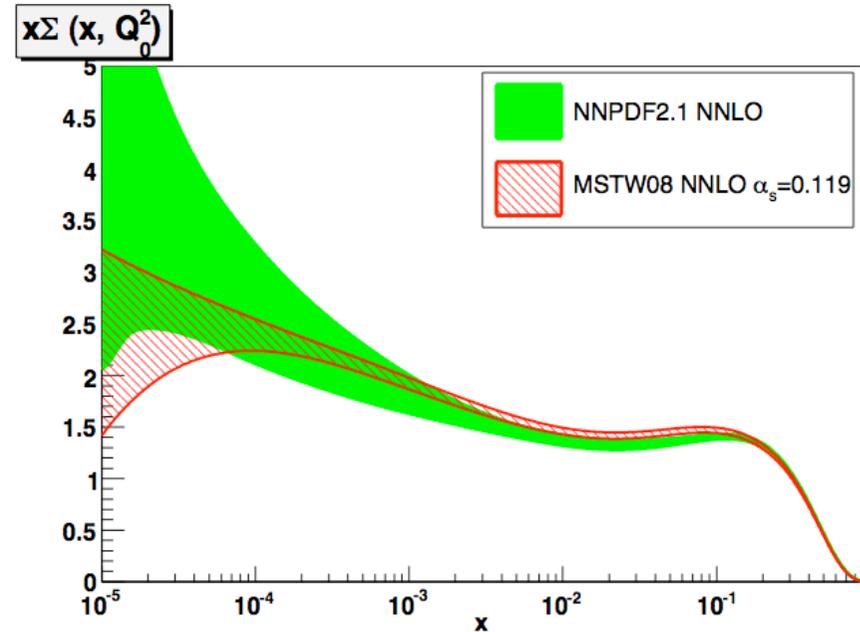
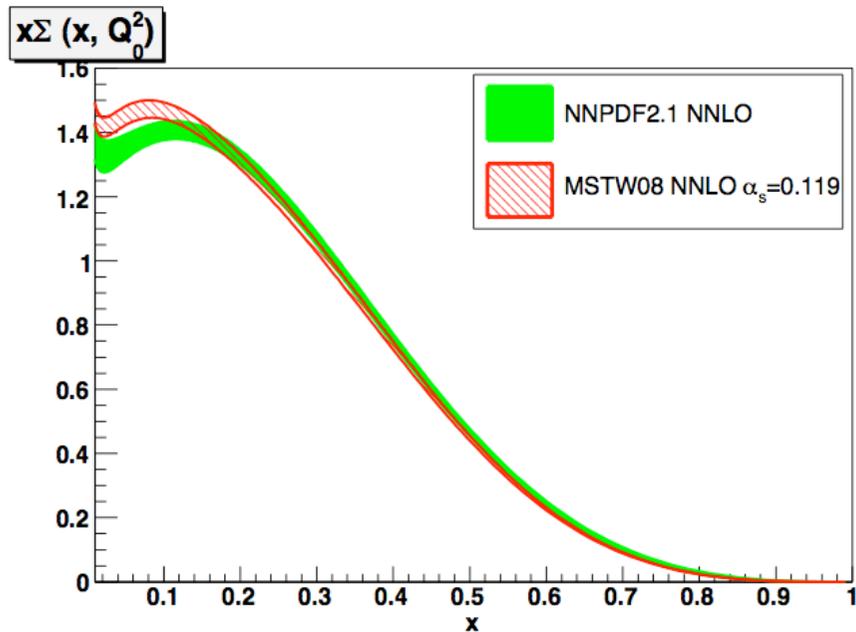


R_s determination



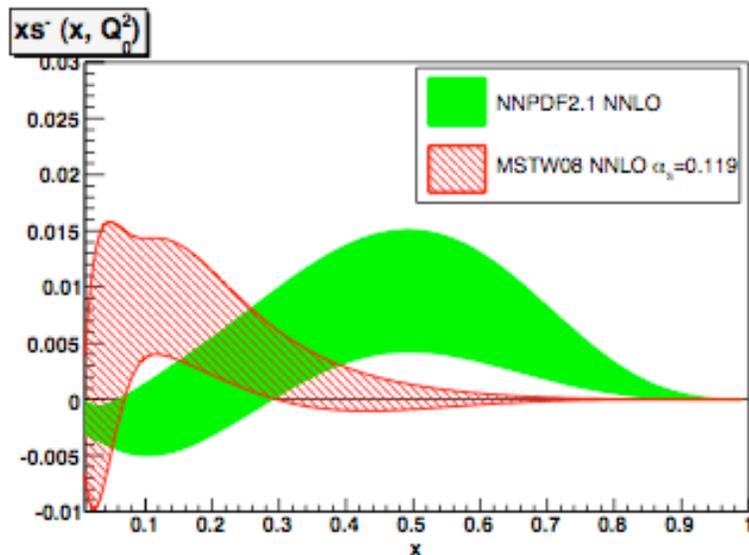
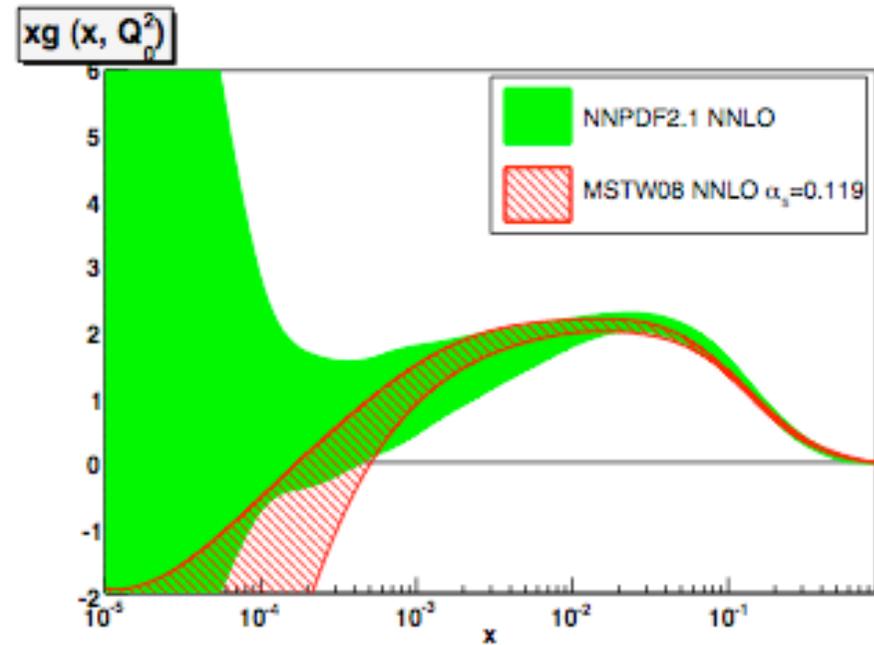
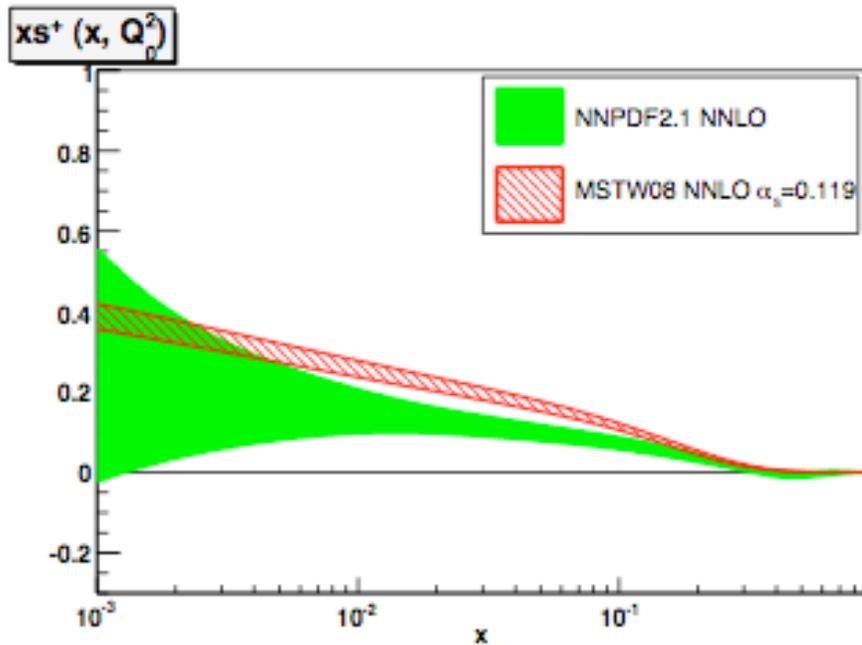
- ▶ No discrepancy observed with R_s for NNPDF collider +W/Z only fit

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Comparison to MSTW08



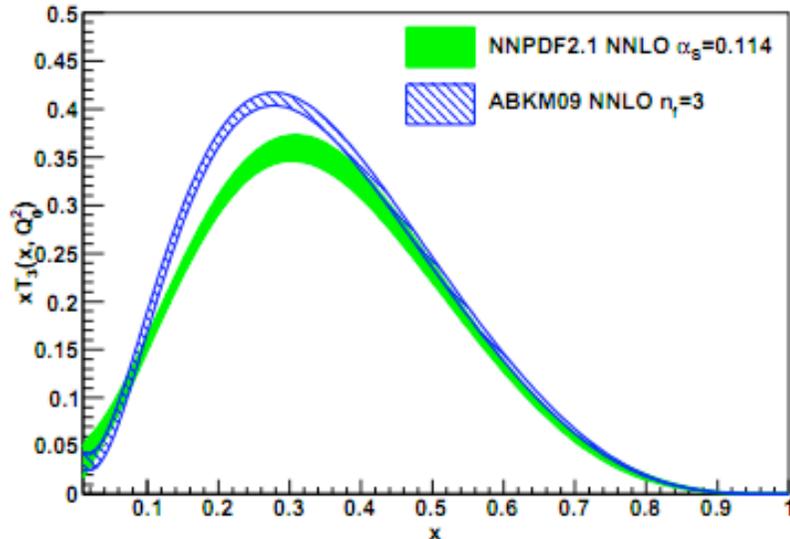
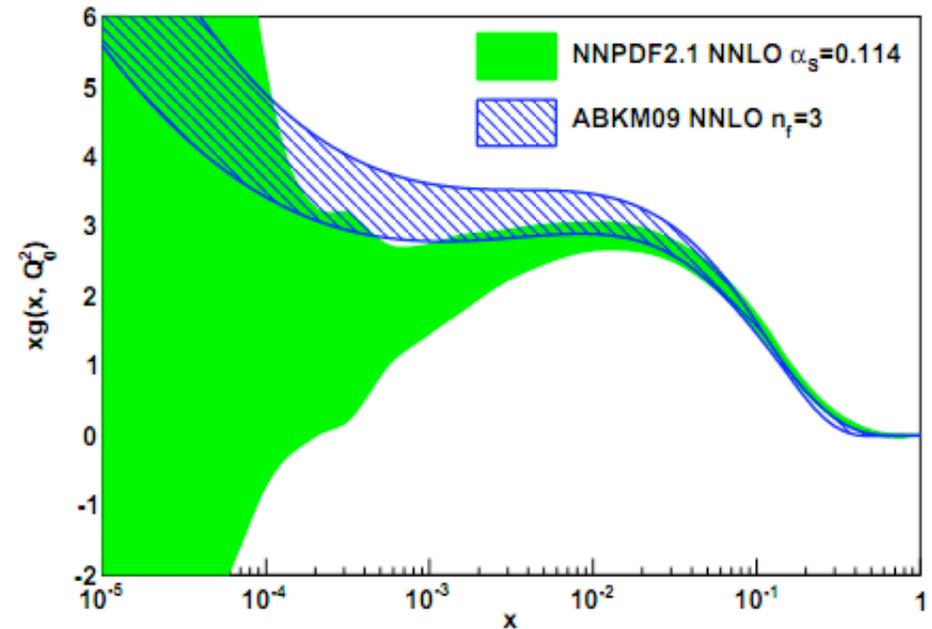
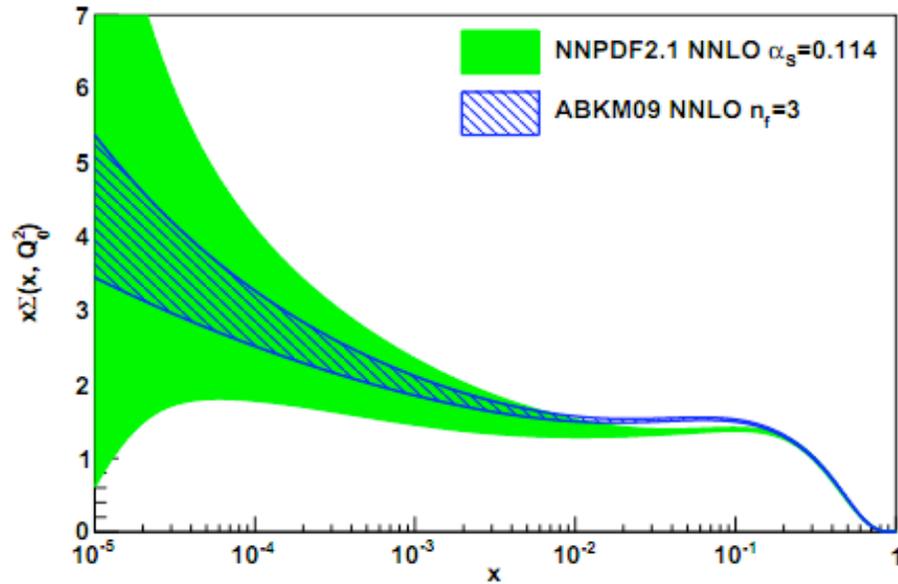
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- Flexible param. of strangeness

The NNPDF2.1 parton set Comparison to ABKM09



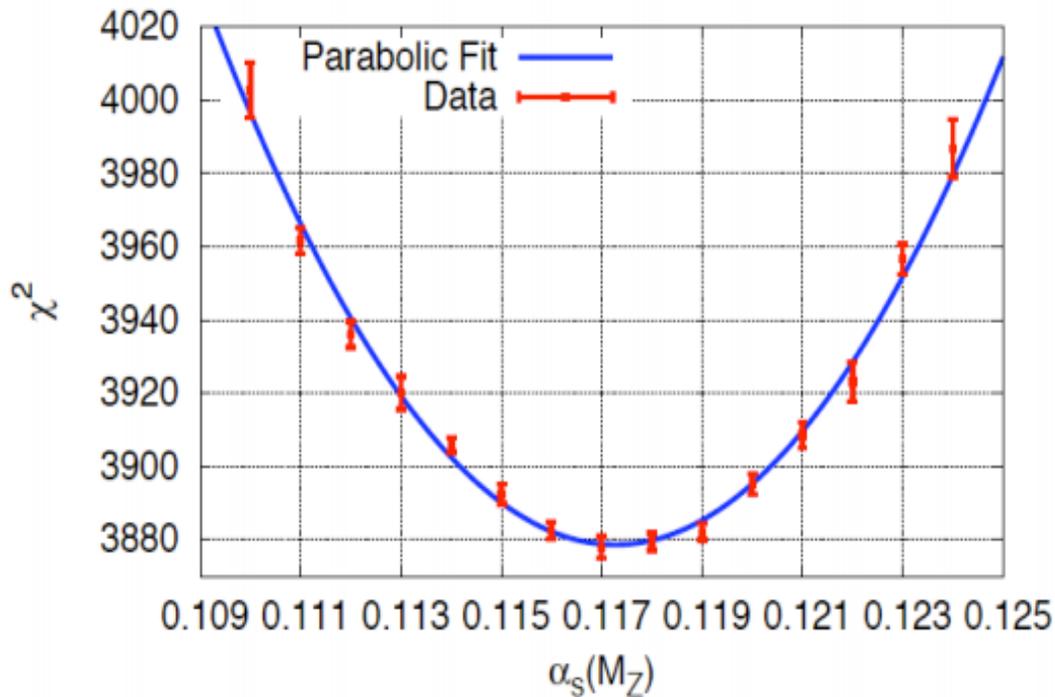
- ABKM09 provide only one value of α_s determined from the fit

$$\alpha_s(M_Z)_{\text{ABKM}} = 0.1135$$

- Harder gluon due to smaller α_s
- Worse agreement than with MSTW
- ABKM fit exhibits a smaller uncertainty in extrapolation region
- To be compared with ABM11

The NNPDF α_s determination

NNPDF2.1 NNLO Global



- Remarkable perturbative stability
- Somewhat lower but compatible results when fit is performed on DIS data only

$$\alpha_s^{\text{NNLO}}(M_Z) = 0.1166 \pm 0.0008^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0001^{\text{proc}}$$

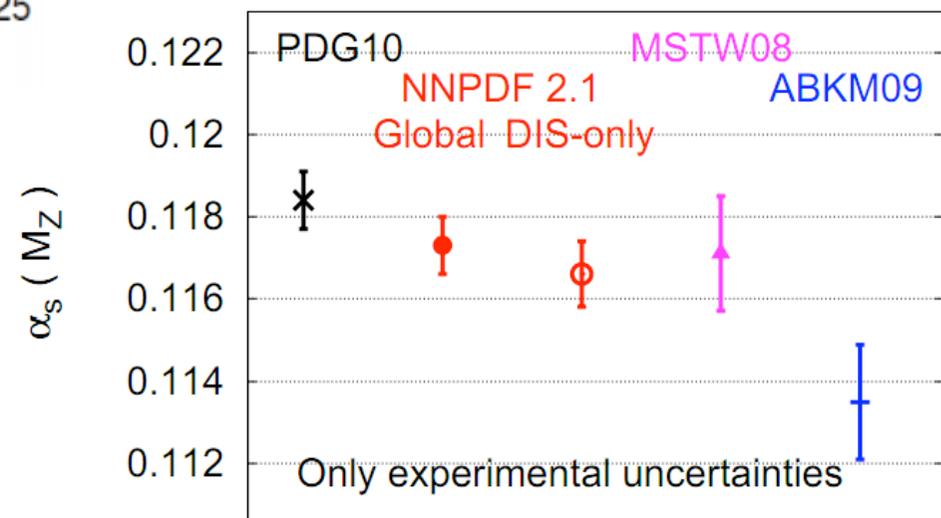
NNPDF coll, ArXiv 1110.2483 [PLB in press]

- Performed NNPDF2.1 NNLO fits at different $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ with large statistics
- Determine bootstrap errors of each point
- Result in agreement with PDG value, small statistical uncertainties

$$\alpha_s^{\text{NLO}}(M_Z) = 0.1191 \pm 0.0006^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0001^{\text{proc}}$$

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NNLO $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from PDF Analyses

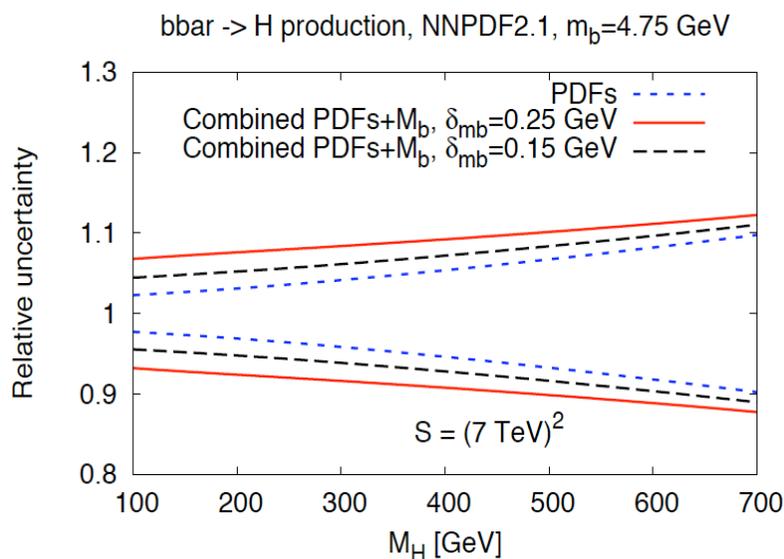
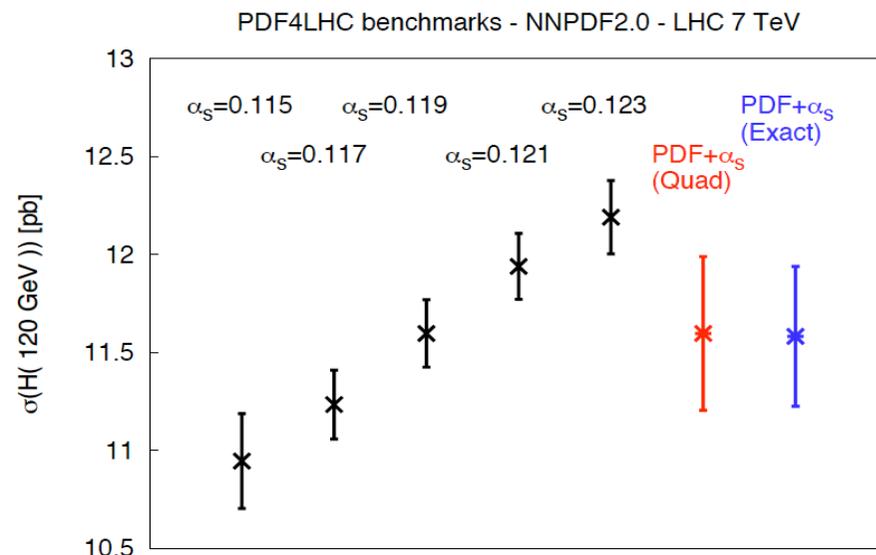


$\alpha_s(M_Z)$

PDF + α_s uncertainty

Exact physical parameters+PDFs uncertainty obtained as average over the joined Monte Carlo ensemble [ArXiv:1005.0397]

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle_{\text{rep}} = \sum_{j=1}^{N^{\alpha_s}} \sum_{k_j=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}^{\alpha_s}} \mathcal{F} \left(\text{PDF}^{(k_j, j)}, \alpha_s^{(j)} \right)$$



$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle_{\text{rep}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m_c}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{m_b}} \sum_{k_{ij}=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}^{(i,j)}} \mathcal{F} \left(\text{PDF}^{(k_{ij}, i, j)}, m_c^{(i)}, m_b^{(j)} \right)$$

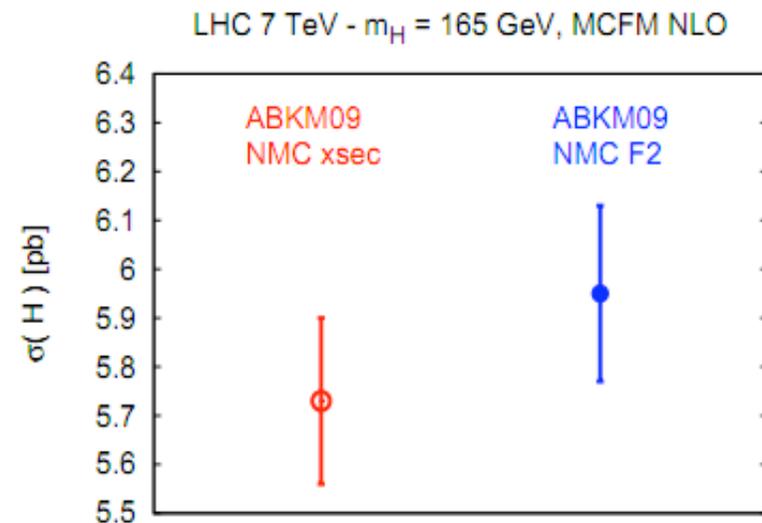
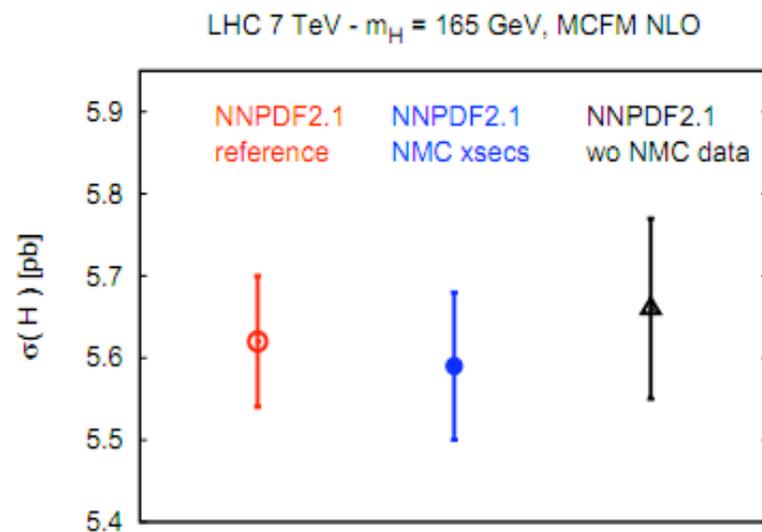
$$N_{\text{rep}}^{(i,j)} \propto \exp \left(- \frac{(m_c^{(i)} - m_c^{(0)})^2}{2\delta_{m_c}^2} - \frac{(m_b^{(j)} - m_b^{(0)})^2}{2\delta_{m_b}^2} \right)$$

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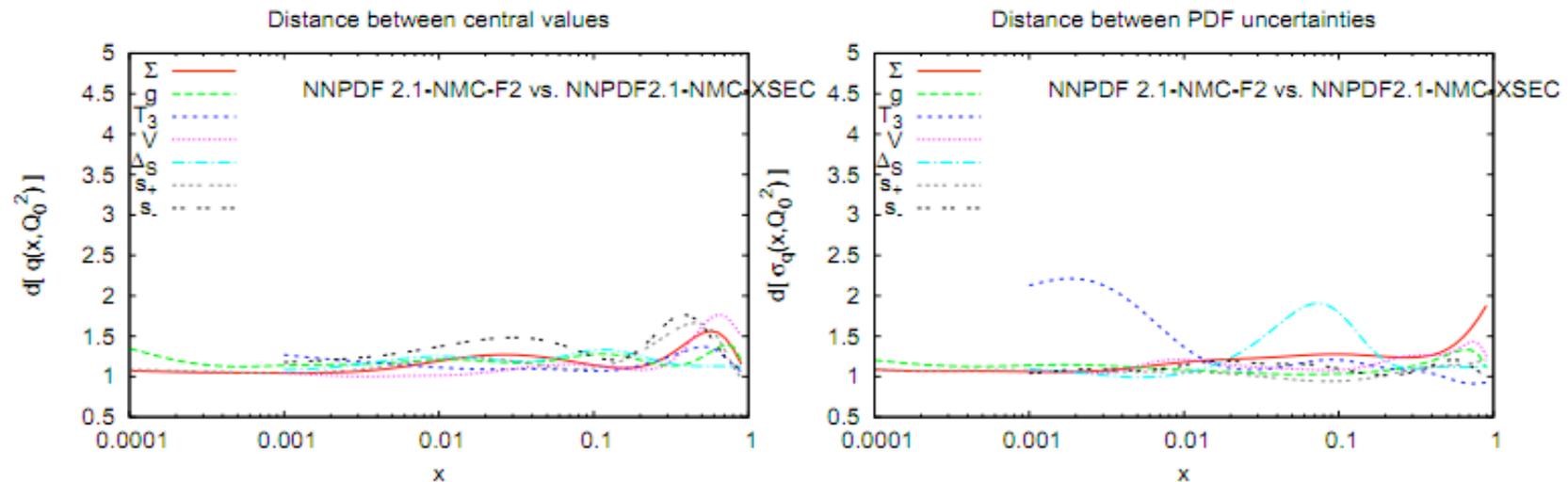


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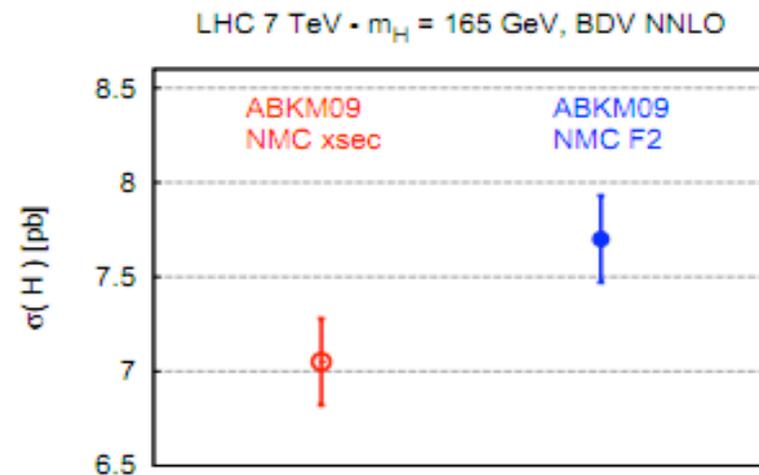
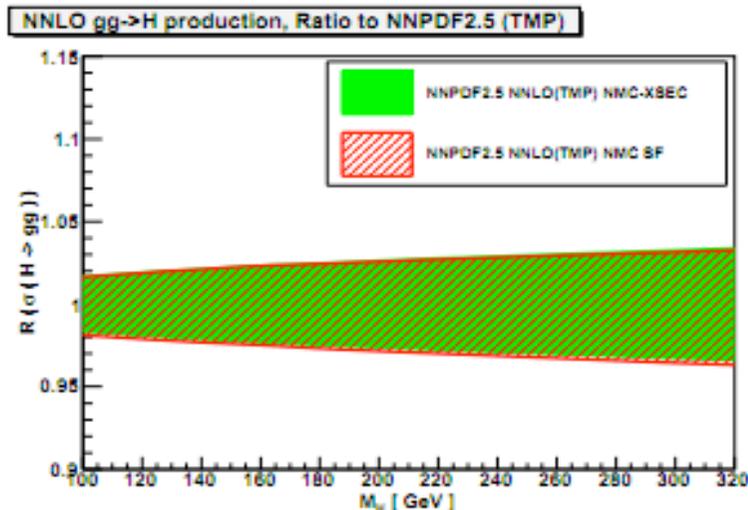
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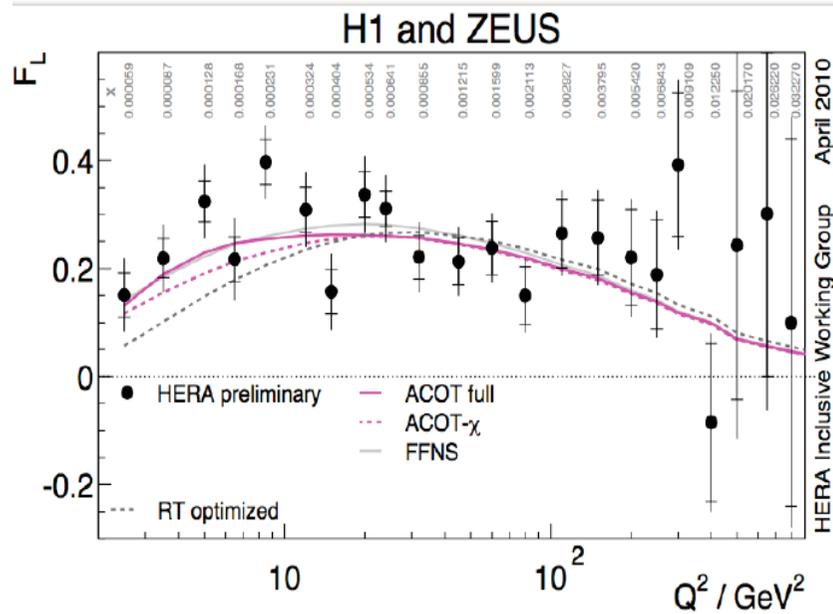
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The treatment of NMC data has negligible impact on collider Higgs production
Also at NNLO

Heavy quark schemes



- All GM-VFNS include terms included in ZM-VFN scheme and FFNS at a given order in PT, but sub-leading terms are different
- The latter may have a not negligible impact
- See LH benchmark [Andersen et al, 1003.1241] and HERA studies [Placakyte's talk, QCD@LHC]

