

PDF DETERMINATION AND THE W MASS

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SUMMARY

PDF RECAP SEQUENCE

- PDFS AND THEIR DETERMINATION: AGREEMENT AND DISCORD
- RECENT PDF TOOLS
- PDF4LHC15 COMBINED PDFs

THE W MASS AS A PDF TEST CASE

- IMPACT OF PDF UNCERTAINTIES
- PRECISION VS ACCURACY: THE PROBLEM

PDFs: THE FRONTIER

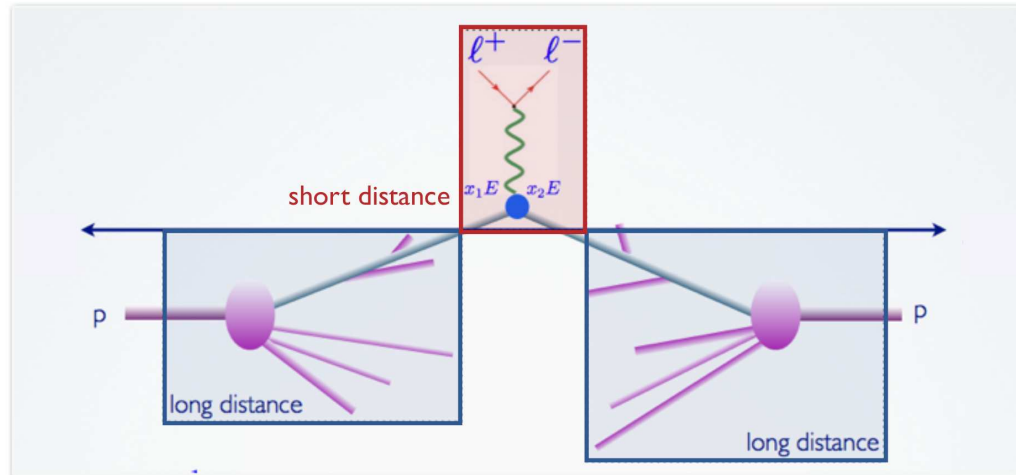
- PRECISION VS ACCURACY: THE STATE OF THE ART
- THE IMPACT OF LHC DATA
- NEW ISSUES: THEORY AND PHENOMENOLOGY

PDFS FROM RUN I TO RUN II

PDFs IN HADRONIC COLLISIONS

FACTORIZATION

$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{pp \rightarrow ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_f} \underbrace{f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F)}_{\text{PDFs}} \frac{d\sigma_H^{ij \rightarrow ab}}{dX}(x_1 x_2 S_{\text{had}}, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{2n}}{S_{\text{had}}^n}\right)$$



THE PARTON LUMINOSITY

$$\mathcal{L}_{ab}(\tau, Q^2) = \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/h_1}(x, Q^2) f_{b/h_2}(\tau/x, Q^2)$$

integral over all momentum fractions with fixed $x_1 x_2 = \tau = \frac{Q^2}{s}$, at fixed Q^2 ;
 $Q^2 \Rightarrow$ hard scale (e.g. M_X^2)

FOR FIXED COLLIDER ENERGY, DEPENDS ONLY ON Q^2 (M_X^2)

- HADRONIC CROSS SECTION $\Rightarrow$ MEASURED
- PARTONIC CROSS SECTION $\Rightarrow$ COMPUTED
- PARTON LUMINOSITY (PDFs) $\Rightarrow$ PARAMETRIZED & FITTED

CONTEMPORARY PDF TIMELINE (PUBLISHED ONLY)

	2008		2009		2010		2011	2012		2013		2014		2015	2016
SET MONTH	CT6.6 (02)	NN1.0 (08)	MSTW (01)	ABKM09 (08)	NN2.0 (02)	CT10(N) (07)	NN2.1(NN) (07)	ABM11 (02)	NN2.3 (07)	CT10(NN) (02)	ABM12 (10)	NN3.0 (10)	MMHT (12)	CT14 (06)	ABMP16 (01)
F. T. DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H1,ZEUS-I	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HERA I	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
H1-ZEUS-II	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	some	✗	✗	some	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
HERA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
HERA JETS	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
F. T. DY	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TEV. W+Z	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
TEV. JETS	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
LHC W+Z	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	some	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHC JETS	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
TOP PAIRS	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	tot. xsec
SINGLE TOP	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	tot. xsec
W+C	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
$W p_T$	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗

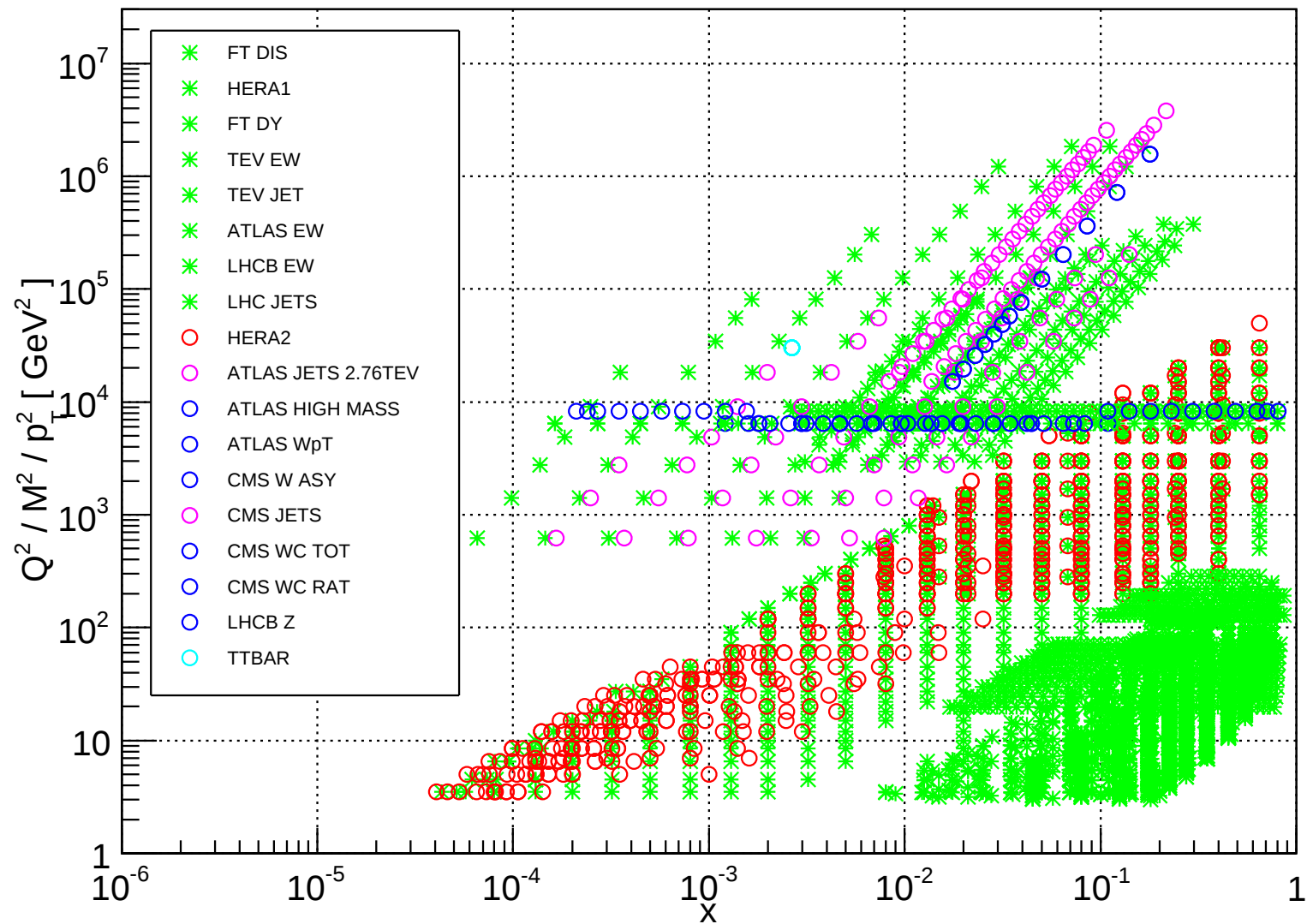
- INCREASINGLY WIDE DATASET USED FOR PDF DETERMINATION
- HERAPDF: ONLY HERA STRUCTURE FUNCTION DATA $\Rightarrow$ EXTREME CONSISTENCY
- MANY THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS:
 - MSTW, ABKM: ALL NNLO; NNPDF NNLO SINCE 07/11 (2.1), CT SINCE 02/13 (CT10)
 - MSTW, CT ALL MATCHED HEAVY QUARK SCHEMES; NNPDF GM-VFN SINCE 01/11 (2.1), ABMP DIFFERENT MATCHED FFN (EFFECTIVELY VFN)

GLOBAL FITS: THE DATASET IN DETAIL

	NNPDF3.0	MMHT14	CT14
SLAC P,D DIS	✓	✓	✗
BCDMS P,D DIS	✓	✓	✓
NMC P,D DIS	✓	✓	✓
E665 P,D DIS	✗	✓	✗
CDHSW NU-DIS	✗	✗	✓
CCFR NU-DIS	✗	✓	✓
CHORUS NU-DIS	✓	✓	✗
CCFR DIMUON	✗	✓	✓
NuTeV DIMUON	✓	✓	✓
HERA I NC,CC	✓	✓	✓
HERA I CHARM	✓	✓	✓
H1,ZEUS JETS	✗	✓	✗
H1 HERA II	✓	✗	✗
ZEUS HERA II	✓	✗	✗
E605 & E866 FT DY	✓	✓	✓
CDF & D0 W ASYM	✗	✓	✓
CDF & D0 Z RAP	✓	✓	✓
CDF RUN-II JETS	✓	✓	✓
D0 RUN-II JETS	✗	✓	✓
D0 RUN-II W ASYM	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS HIGH-MASS DY	✓	✓	✓
CMS 2D DY	✓	✓	✗
ATLAS W,Z RAP	✓	✓	✓
ATLAS W p_T	✓	✗	✗
CMS W ASY	✓	✓	✓
CMS W +c	✓	✗	✗
LHCb W,Z RAP	✓	✓	✓
ATLAS JETS	✓	✓	✓
CMS JETS	✓	✓	✓
TTBAR TOT XSEC	✓	✓	✗
TOTAL NLO	4276	2996	3248
TOTAL NNLO	4078	2663	3045

THE NNPDF3.0 DATASET

NNPDF3.0 NLO dataset

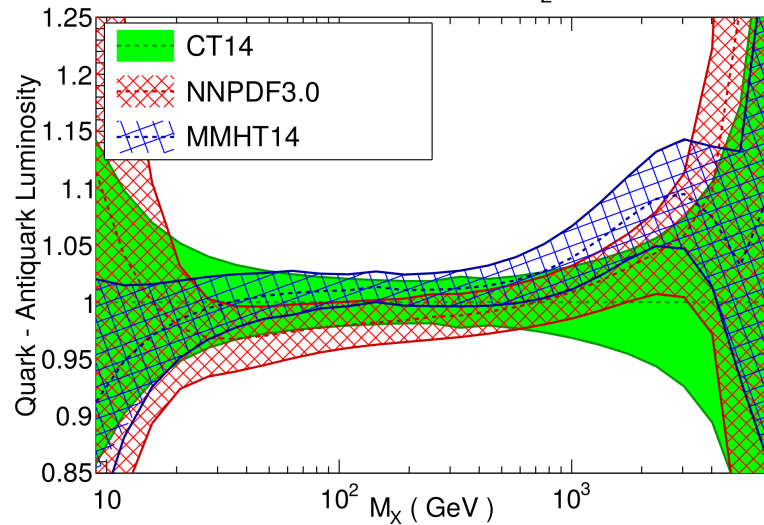


PARTON LUMINOSITIES (LHC 13)

QUARK-ANTIQUARK

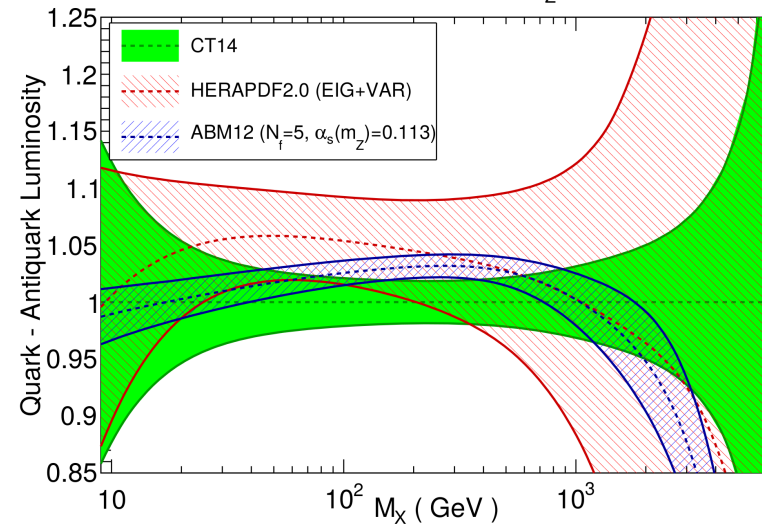
GLOBAL

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



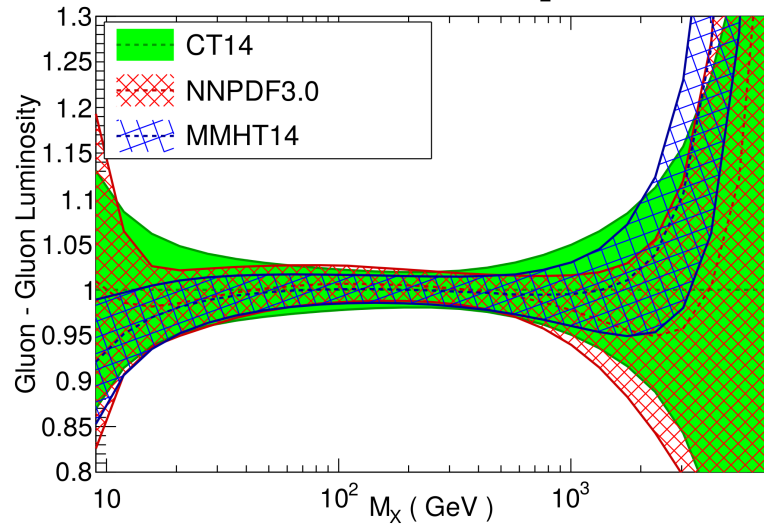
REDUCED

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

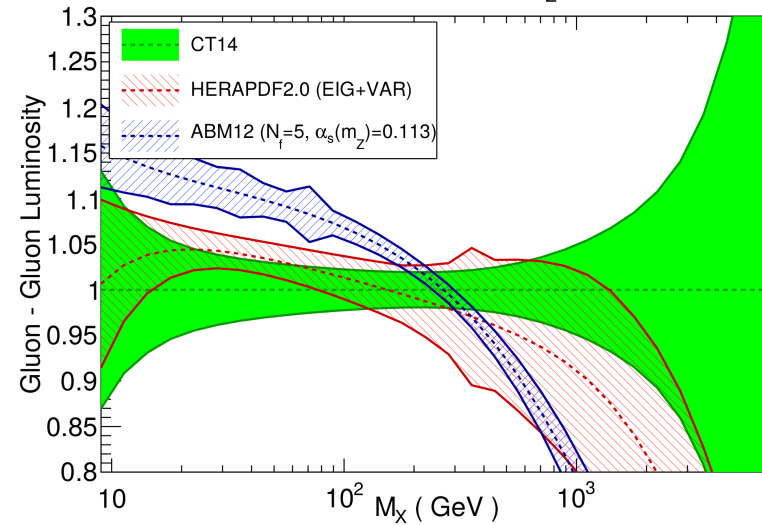


GLUON-GLUON

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



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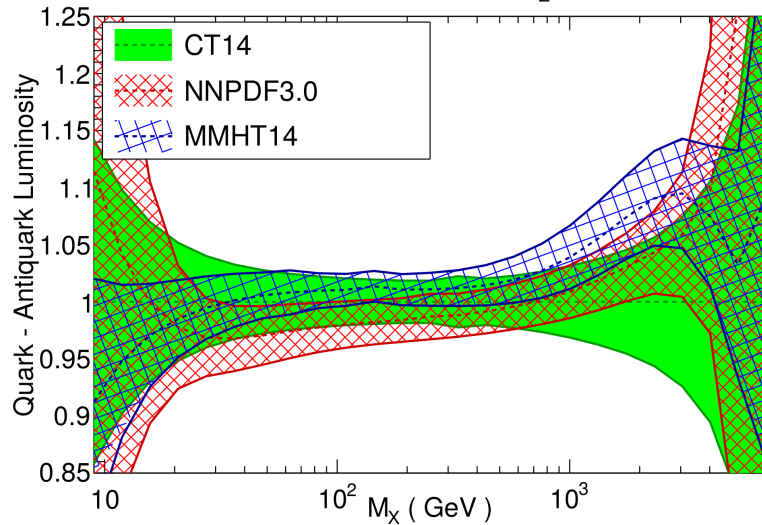
- GLOBAL FITS AGREE WELL
- FITS BASED ON REDUCED DATASET HAVE EITHER LARGE UNCERTAINTIES OR SHOW SIZABLE DEVIATIONS

PROGRESS I: PARTON LUMINOSITIES (LHC 13)

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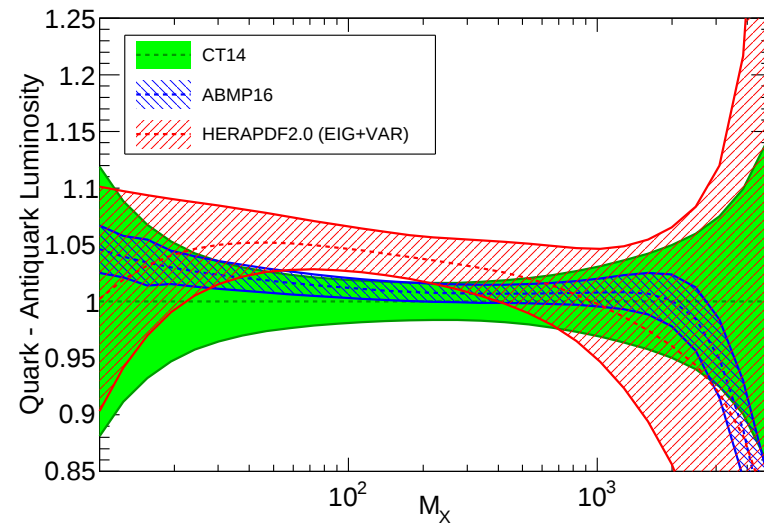
GLOBAL

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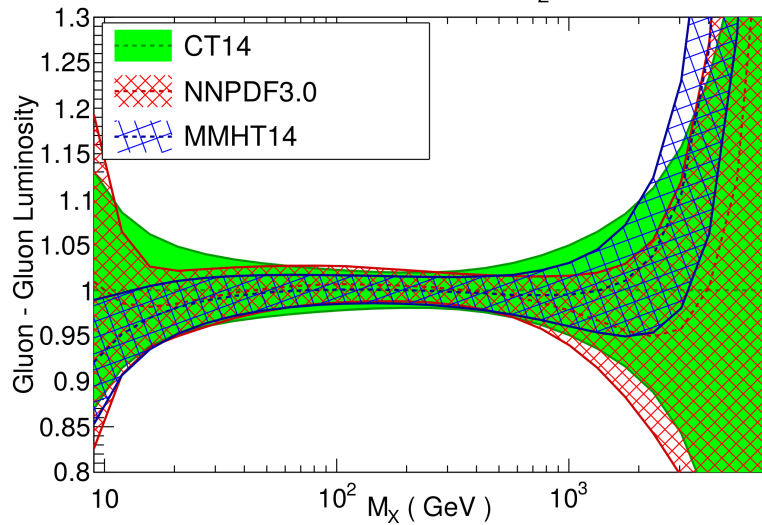
LESS REDUCED

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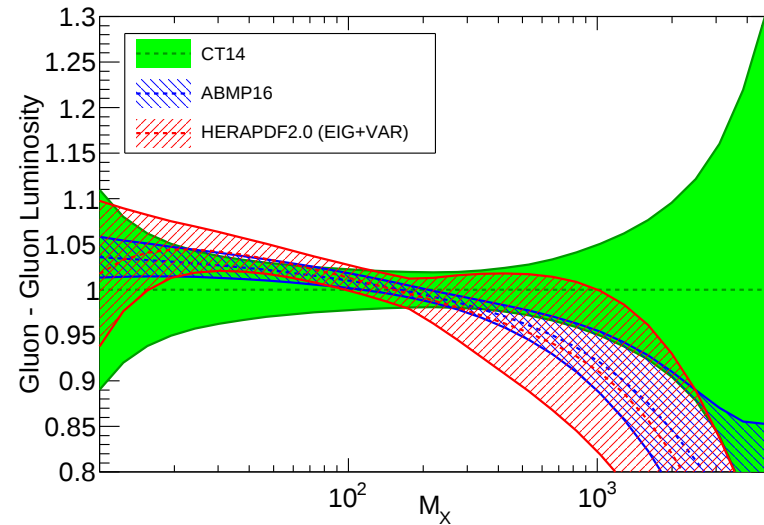


GLUON-GLUON

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



LHC 13 TeV, NNLO, $\alpha_s=0.118$



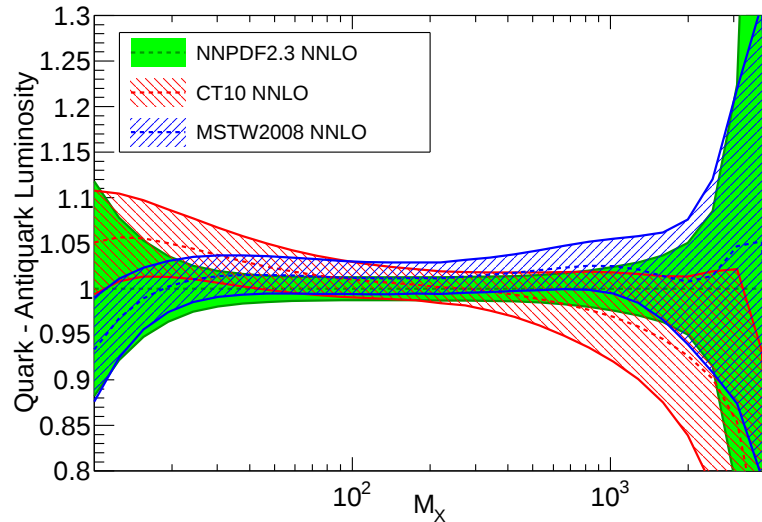
- GLOBAL FITS AGREE WELL
- FITS BASED ON REDUCED DATASET IN BETTER AGREEMENT AS DATASET ENLARGED

PROGRESS II: PARTON LUMINOSITIES (LHC 8)

QUARK-ANTIQUARK

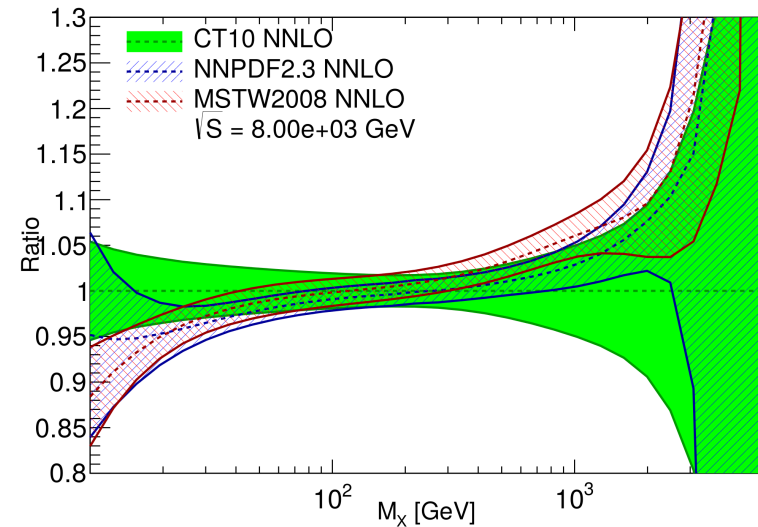
2012

LHC 8 TeV - Ratio to NNPDF2.3 NNLO - $\alpha_s = 0.118$



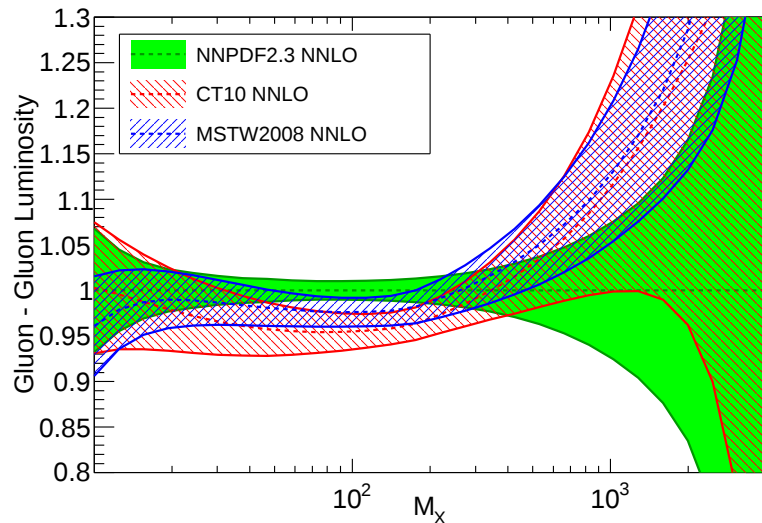
2015

Quark-Antiquark, luminosity

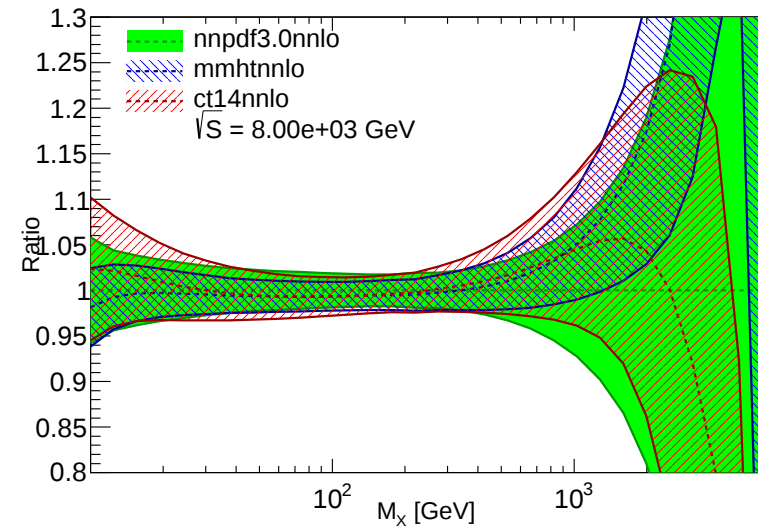


GLUON-GLUON

LHC 8 TeV - Ratio to NNPDF2.3 NNLO - $\alpha_s = 0.118$



Gluon-Gluon, luminosity



- LONGSTANDING DISCREPANCY BETWEEN GLUON LUMINOSITIES IS GONE $\Rightarrow$ IMPACT ON HIGGS
- UNCERTAINTIES BLOW UP FOR LIGHT ($\lesssim 10$ GeV) OR HEAVY ($\gtrsim 1$ TeV) FINAL STATES $\Rightarrow$ IMPACT ON SEARCHES

AGREEMENT AND DISCORD

METHODOLOGY

	NNPDF3.0	MMHT14	CT14
NO. OF FITTED PDFS	7	7	6
PARAMETRIZATION	NEURAL NETS	$x^a(1-x)^b \times$ CHEBYSHEV	$x^a(1-x)^b \times$ BERNSTEIN
FREE PARAMETERS	259	37	30-35
UNCERTAINTIES	REPLICAS	HESSIAN	HESSIAN
TOLERANCE	NONE	DYNAMICAL	DYNAMICAL
CLOSURE TEST	✓	✗	✗

- Q: WHY ARE PDF UNCERTAINTIES ON GLOBAL FITS OF SIMILAR SIZE?
 - SIMILAR DATASETS
 - BUT DIFFERENT PROCEDURES
- A: UNCERTAINTY TUNED TO DATA THROUGH TOLERANCE (MMHT & CT) OR CLOSURE TESTING (NNPDF)
- Q: WHAT HAS DRIVEN THE IMPROVED AGREEMENT OF GLOBAL FITS
 - SIMILAR DATASETS
 - BUT DIFFERENT PROCEDURES
- A: DATA+METHODOLOGY

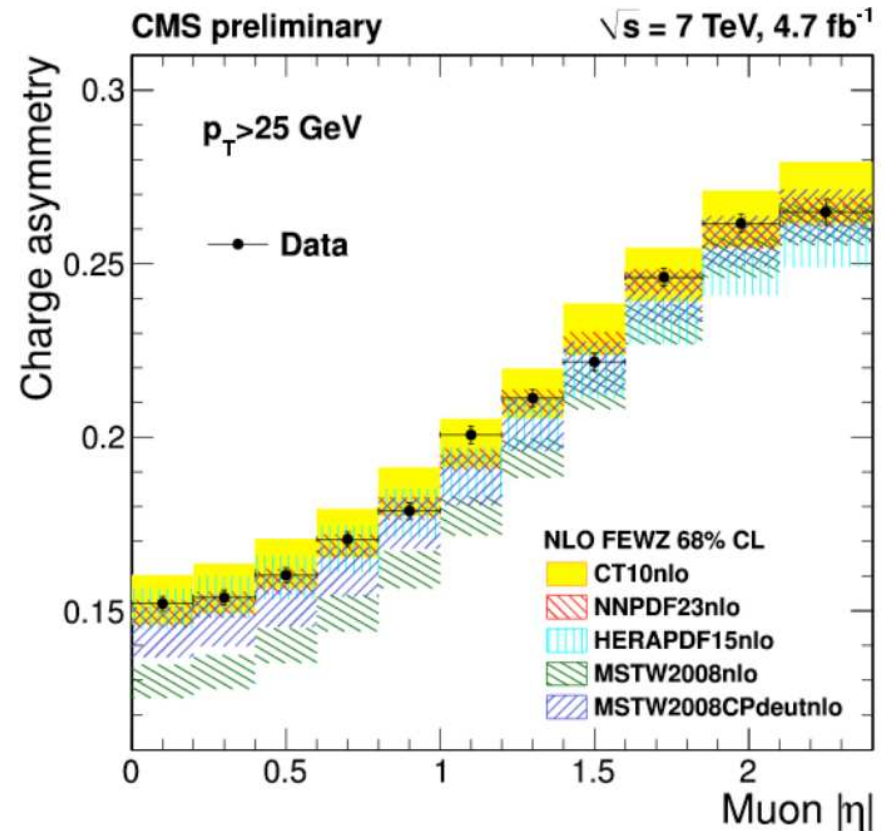
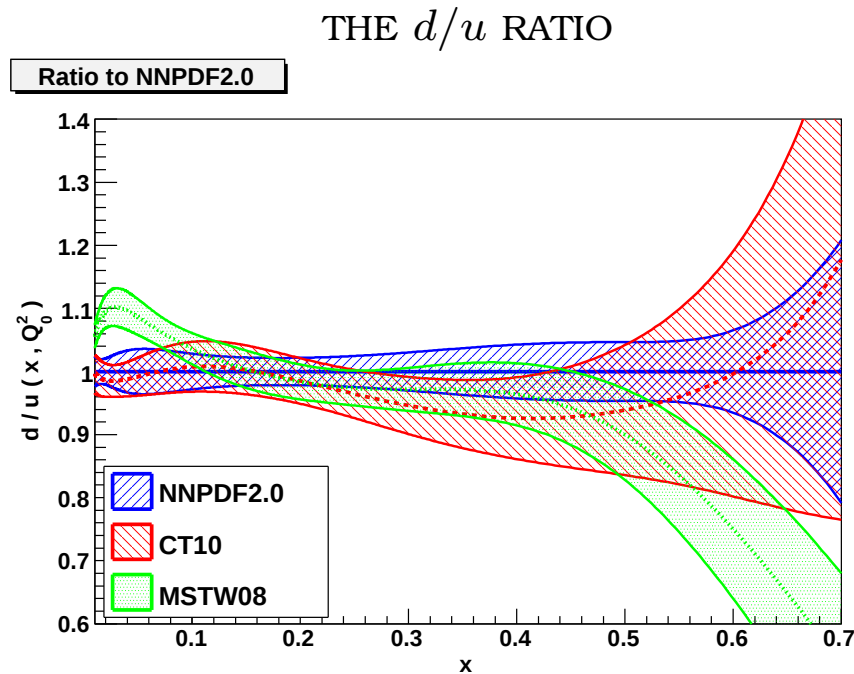
METHODOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- MMHT, CT10 LARGER # OF PARMS., ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS
- NNPDF CLOSURE TEST

EXAMPLE OF DATA-DRIVEN PROGRESS

MSTW/MMHT: THE d/u RATIO

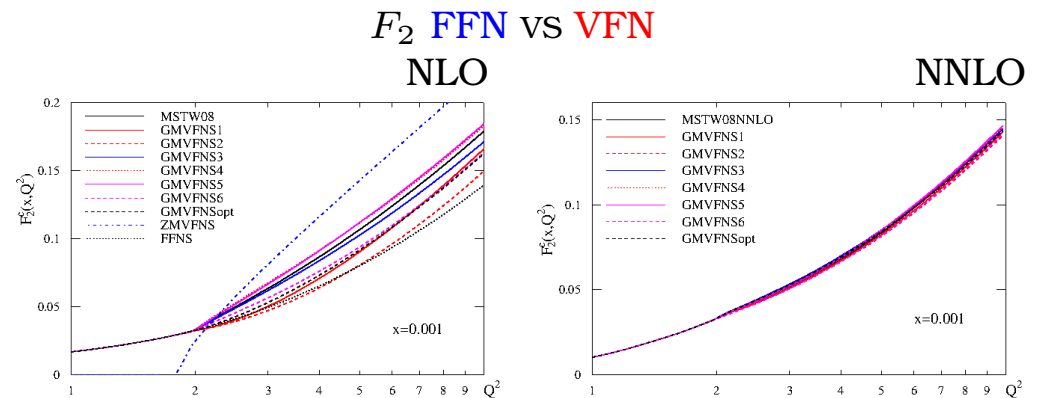
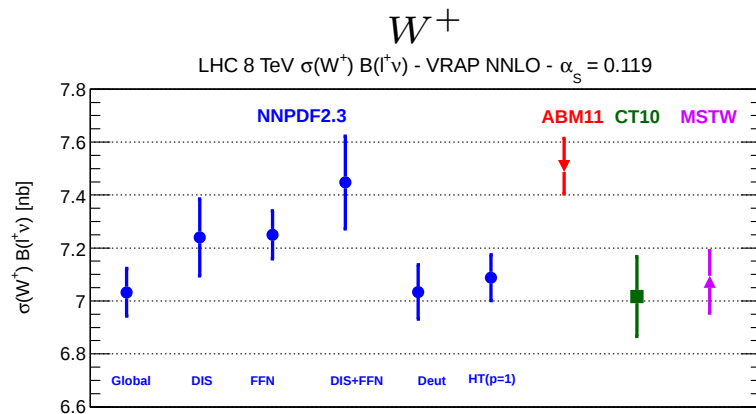
THE CMS W ASYMMETRY



- **LONG-STANDING DISCREPANCY** IN THE d/u RATIO BETWEEN MSTW AND OTHER GLOBAL FITS
- **RESOLVED** BY W ASYMMETRY DATA
- **EXPLAINED** BY INSUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE PDF PARAMETRIZATION
 $\Rightarrow$ FIXED IN MSTW08DEUT/MMHT

WHY DO SOME PDF SETS DISAGREE? FFN PDFs

- SOME PDF SETS ADOPT A **FFN** SCHEME (ABM, JR)
- ALSO, **ABM** MOSTLY BASED ON DIS DATA
- **NNPDF** WITH **FFN** & DIS DATA SET AGREES WITH **ABM**
- **FFN** EVOLUTION WEAKER $\Rightarrow$ **GLUON DISTORTED** analytic argument by R.Thorne, 2012
- **ABM, ABMP** $\Rightarrow$ **NO TOLERANCE**



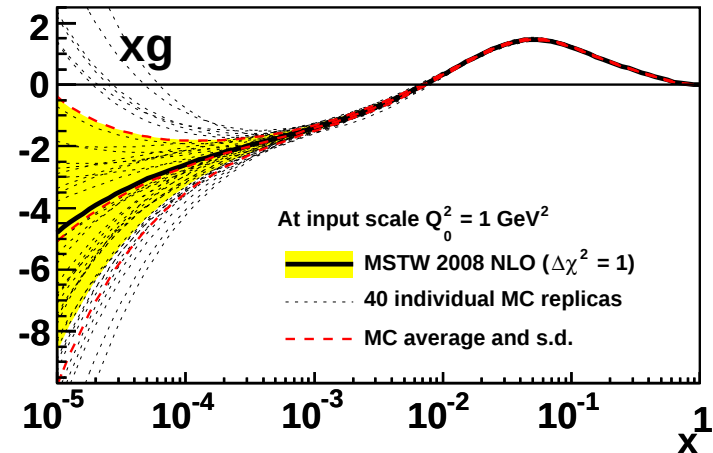
(Thorne, 2012)

- **ABMP** $\Rightarrow$ COLLIDER DATA, $n_f = 5 \Rightarrow$ DISCREPANCIES REDUCED
- **ABM** $\Rightarrow \alpha_s(M_z) = 0.113 \pm 0.001$; **QUAD ABM** $\Rightarrow \alpha_s(M_z) = 0.115 \pm 0.001$

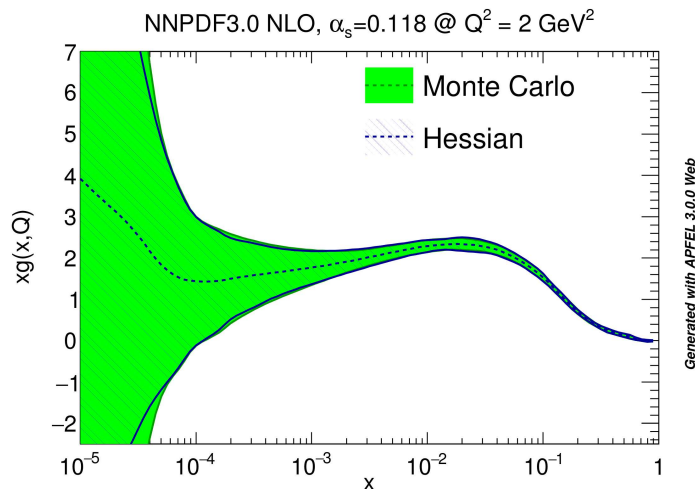
CONVERSION TOOLS

MC $\Leftrightarrow$ HESSIAN

- TO CONVERT HESSIAN INTO MONTECARLO
GENERATE MULTIGAUSSIAN REPLICAS IN PA-
RAMETER SPACE
- ACCURATE WHEN NUMBER OF REPLICAS
SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH REPRODUCES DATA



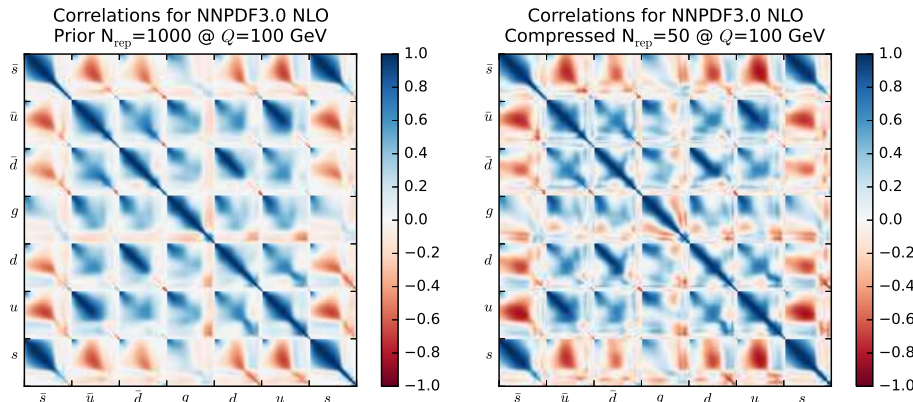
(Thorne, Watt, 2012)



(Carrazza, SF, Kassabov, Rojo, 2015)

- TO CONVERT MONTE CARLO INTO HESSIAN, SAMPLE
THE REPLICAS $f_i(x)$ AT A DISCRETE SET OF POINTS &
CONSTRUCT THE ENSUING COVARIANCE MATRIX
- EIGENVECTORS OF THE COVARIANCE MATRIX AS A BA-
SIS IN THE VECTOR SPACE SPANNED BY THE REPLICAS
BY SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION
- NUMBER OF DOMINANT EIGENVECTORS SIMILAR TO
NUMBER OF REPLICAS $\Rightarrow$ ACCURATE REPRESENTATION

COMPRESSION TOOLS MONTECARLO

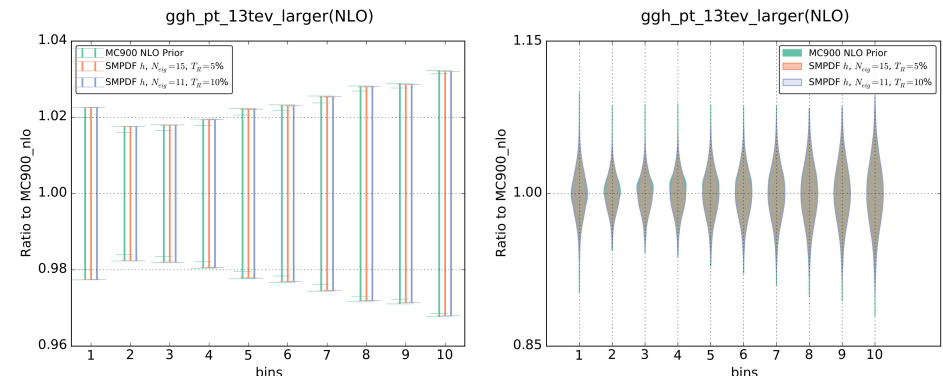


(Carrazza, Latorre, Kassabov, Rojo, 2015)

CAN REPRODUCE NONGAUSSIAN FEATURES WITH REASONABLY SMALL REPLICA SAMPLE

HESSIAN

- SELECT SUBSET OF THE COVARIANCE MATRIX CORRELATED TO A GIVEN SET OF PROCESSES
- PERFORM SVD ON THE REDUCED COVARIANCE MATRIX, SELECT DOMINANT EIGENVECTOR, PROJECT OUT ORTHOGONAL SUBSPACE
- ITERATE UNTIL DESIRED ACCURACY REACHED
- CAN ADD PROCESSES TO GIVEN SET; CAN COMBINE DIFFERENT OPTIMIZED SETS
- 15 EIGENVECTORS DESCRIBE ALL HIGGS MODES + JETS + W , Z PRODUCTION



(Carrazza, SF, Kassabov, Rojo, 2016)

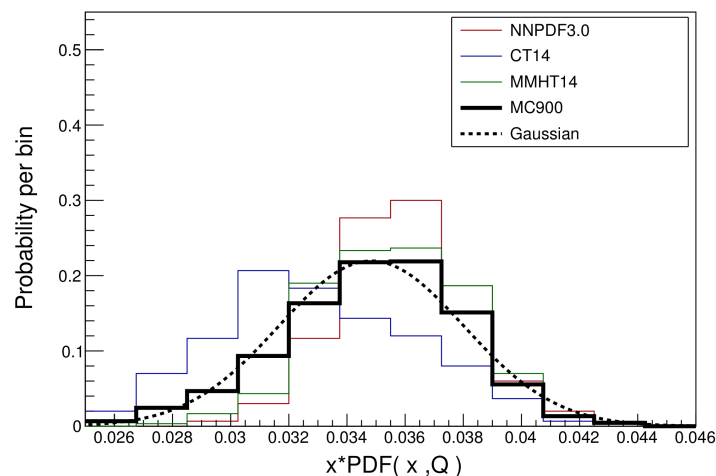
VERY SMALL NUMBER OF EVECS; CAN COMBINE WITH NUISANCE PARMS

MONTE CARLO COMBINATION

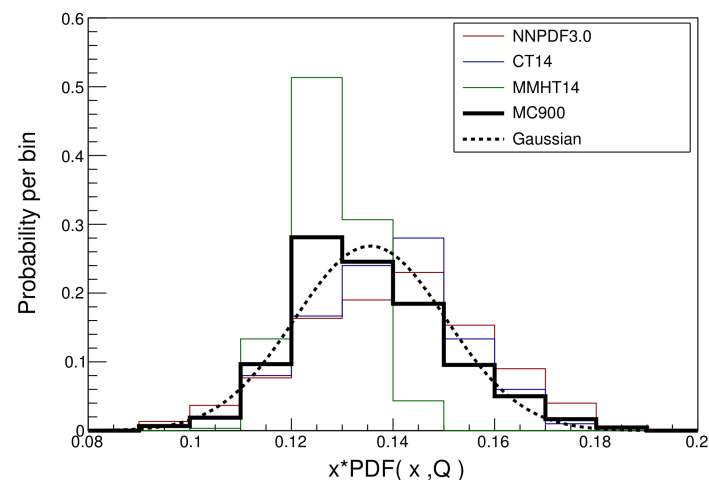
- MAY COMBINE DIFFERENT PDF SETS,
AFTER MC CONVERSION OF HESSIAN SETS
- COMBINE MONTE CARLO REPLICAS INTO SINGLE SET
- COMBINED SET APPROXIMATELY GAUSSIAN

COMBINED PDF4LHC SETS FOR ANTIDOWN & STRANGE

$\bar{d}(x=0.20, Q=100 \text{ GeV})$



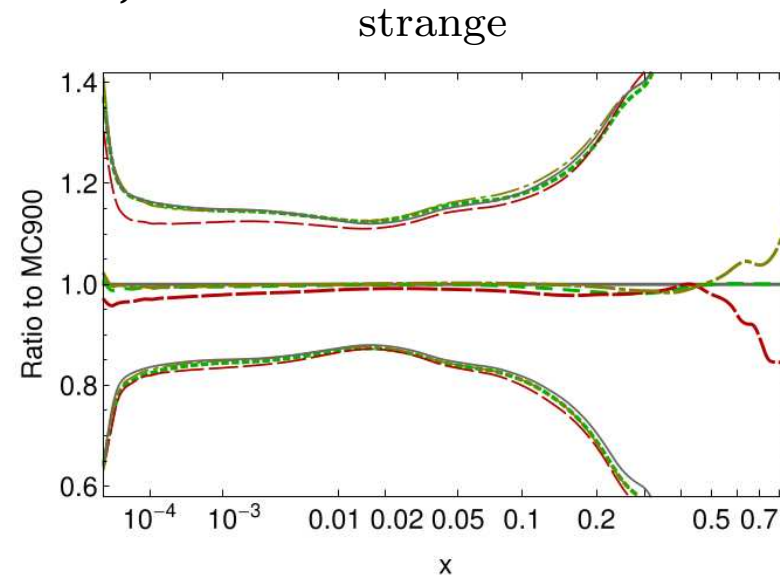
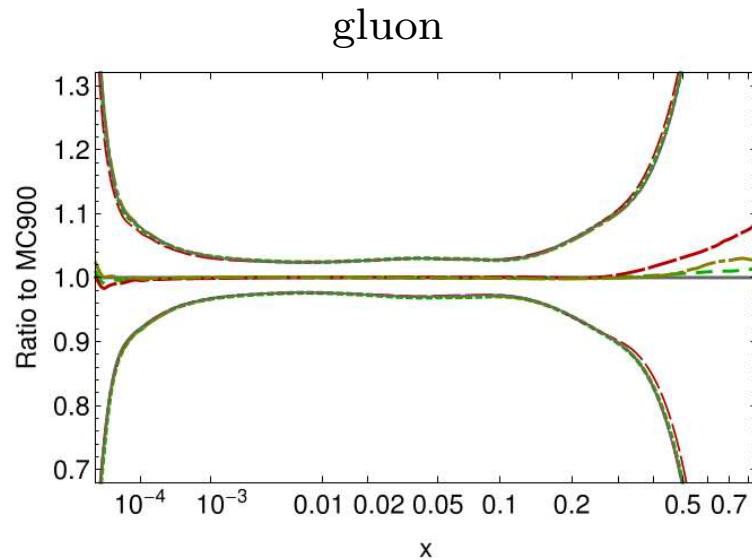
$s(x=0.05, Q=100 \text{ GeV})$



THE PDF4LHC15 COMBINED PDF SET

- INCLUDES CT14, MMHT, NNPDF3.0
- 900 REPLICAS (300 FOR EACH SET) ENSURE PERCENTAGE ACCURACY ON ALL QUANTITIES

300, 900, 1800 REPLICAS
(RATIO TO 900)



DELIVERY

- 100 REPLICA COMPRESSED MONTE CARLO
- 100 EIGENVECTOR AND 30 EIGENVECTOR HESSIAN SETS

THE STATE OF THE ART

THE KARLSRUHE PLOTS



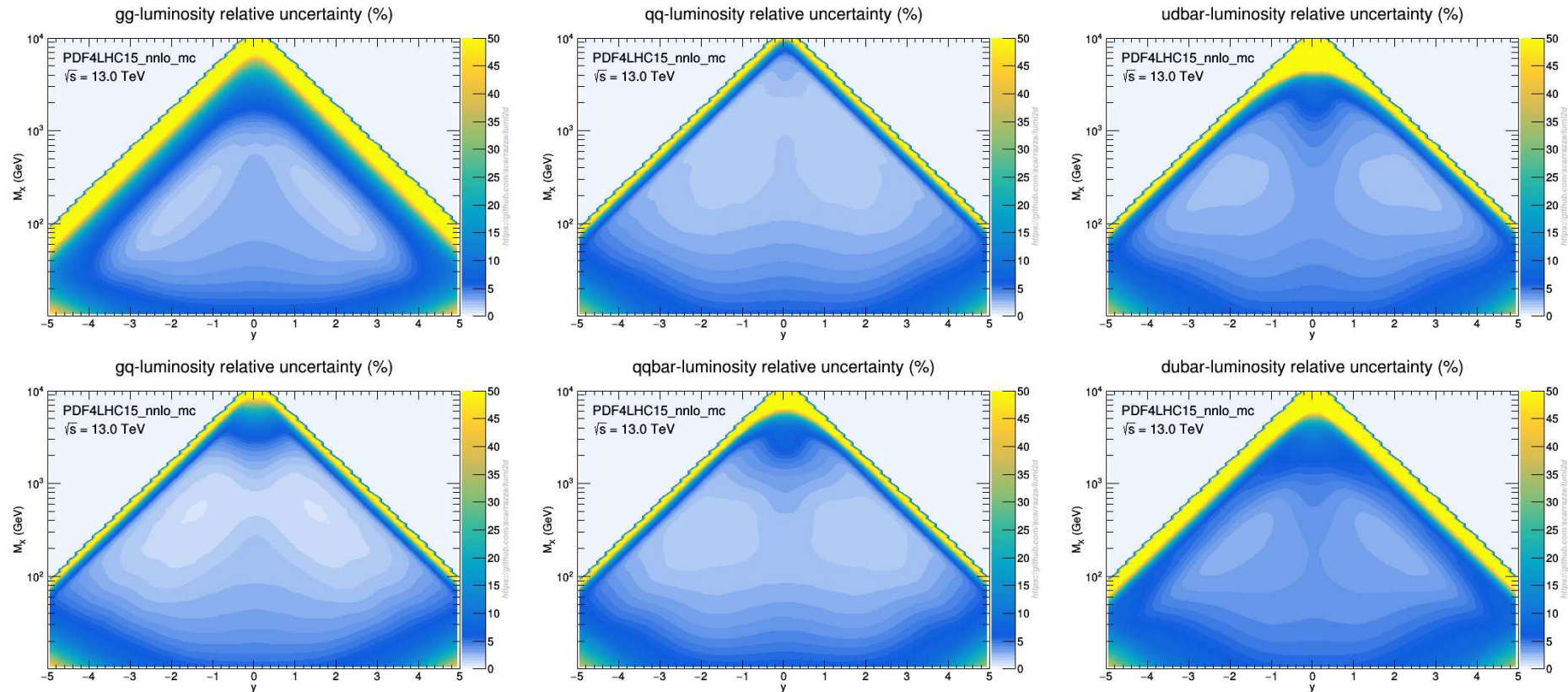
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THE STATE OF THE ART: PDF4LHC15, NNLO

GLUON

SINGLET

FLAVORS

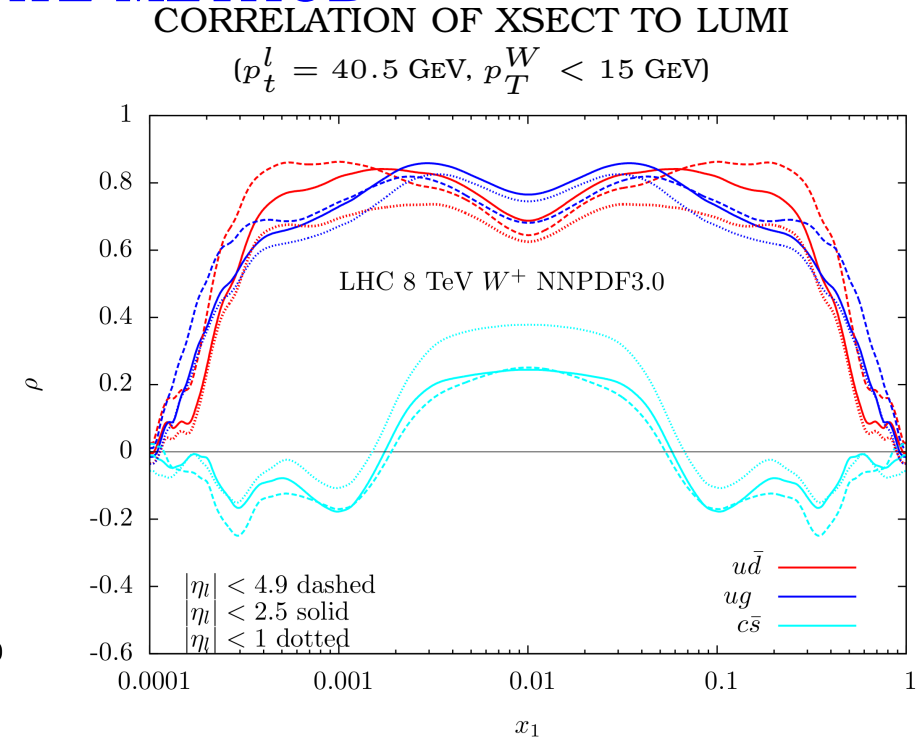
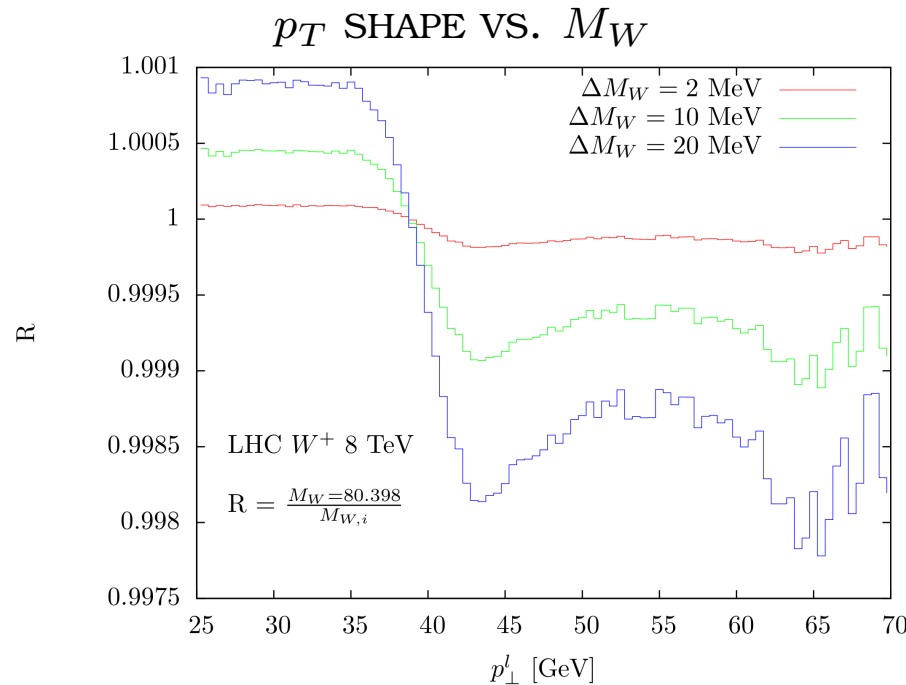


- GLUON BETTER KNOWN AT SMALL x , VALENCE QUARKS AT LARGE x , SEA QUARKS IN BETWEEN
- SWEET SPOT: VALENCE Q - G; UNCERTAINTIES DOWN TO 1%
- UP BETTER KNOWN THAN DOWN; FLAVOR SINGLET BETTER THAN INDIVIDUAL FLAVORS
- NO QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NLO AND NNLO

CAN WE BELIEVE IN 1% PDF UNCERTAINTIES?

PDFs AND THE W MASS

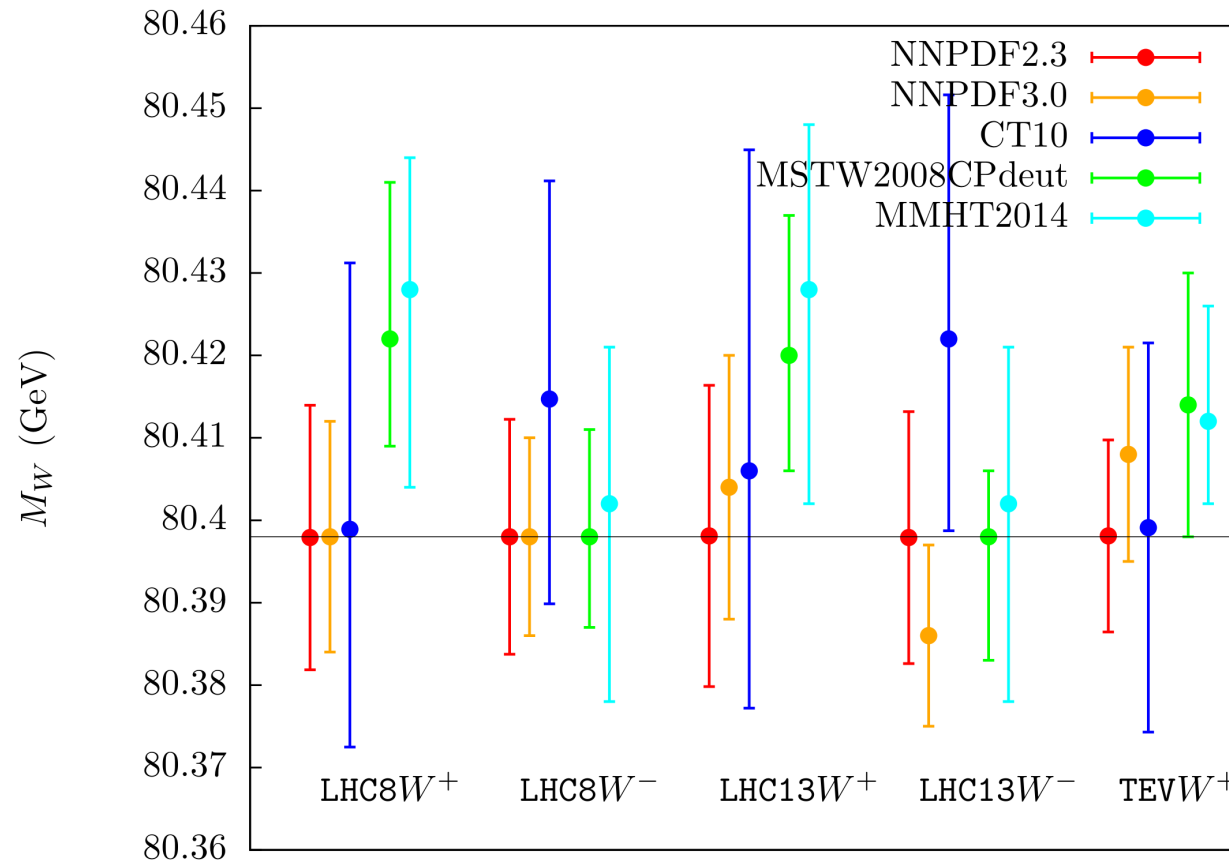
DETERMINING THE W MASS THE TEMPLATE METHOD



(Bozzi, Citelli, Vicini, 2015)

- **TEMPLATE METHOD:** W MASS EXTRACTED BY **COMPARING OBSERVED SPECTRA TO THEORY:** LEPTON PAIR TRANSVERSE MASS, LEPTON p_T^l
- **SHAPE DEPENDS** ON p_T^l : LARGER M_W , FASTER DROP AT HIGH p_T^l , LARGER XSECT AT SMALL p_T^l
- **STRONG CORRELATION TO LEADING PARTON LUMIS** ($u\bar{d}$ & $c\bar{s}$ FOR W^+) BUT ALSO TO NL LUMI (GLUON-INDUCED: ug)

DETERMINING THE W MASS RESULTS



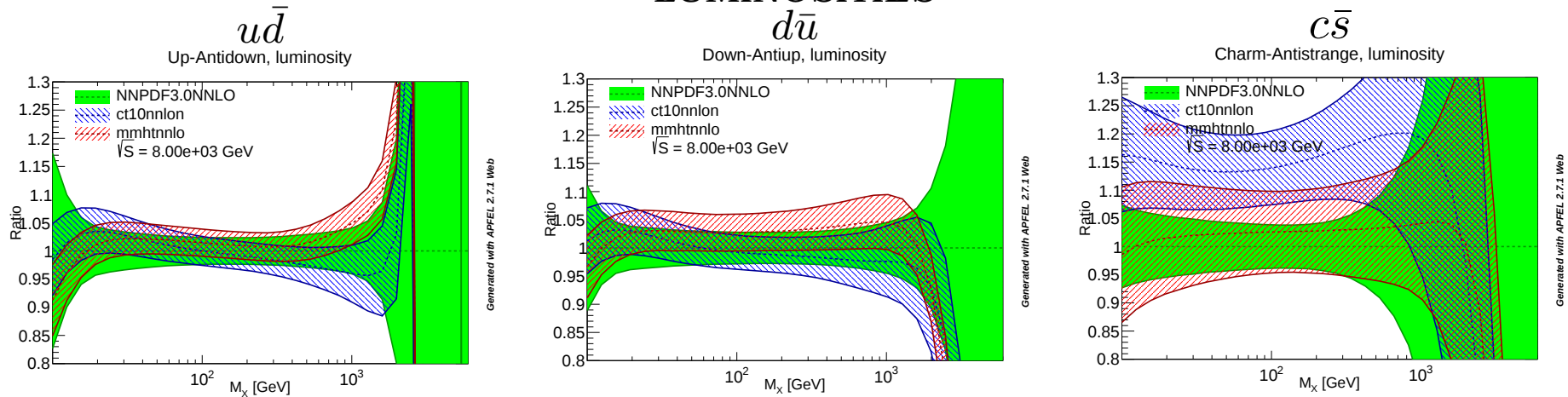
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- **STRONG DEPENDENCE ON PDF** SET OF BOTH CENTRAL VALUE & UNCERTAINTY
- **PECULIAR ASYMMETRY** BETWEEN W^+ & W^-
- **DIFFERENCE LARGE** IN COMPARISON TO PDF UNCERTAINTY

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE W MASS AND PDFs

LUMINOSITIES

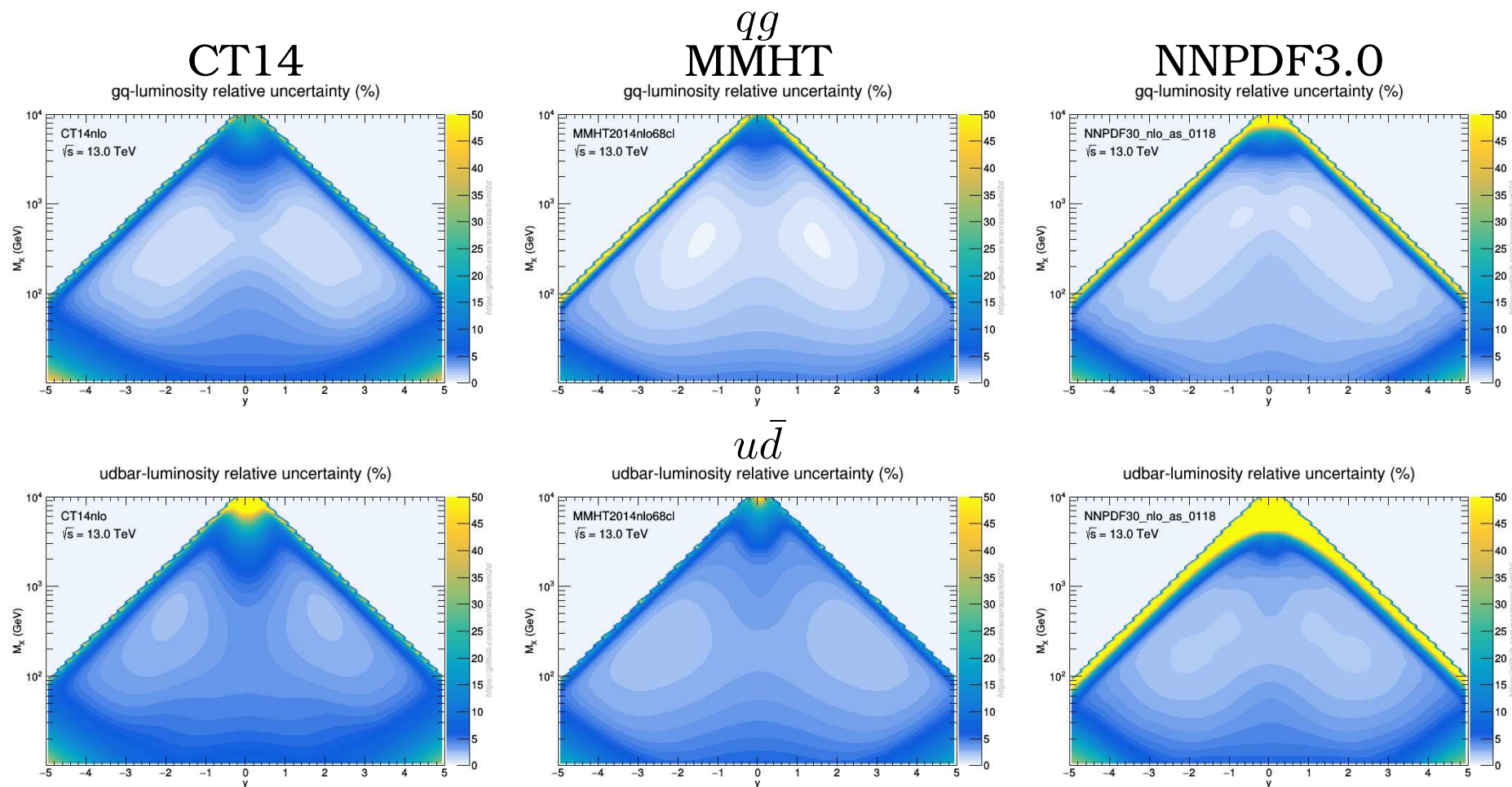


- FOR THE W p_T DISTRIBUTION THE **HARD SCALE** IS $M_X = \left(\sqrt{p_T^W{}^2 + m_W^2} + p_T \right)$
- DIFFERENT SETS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT M_X SLOPES $\Rightarrow$ DIFFERENT M_W
- UNCERTAINTIES IN $c\bar{s}$ LUMI SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT

SMALL DIFFERENCES IN PDF AMPLIFIED TO LARGER DIFFERENCES IN SLOPE

CHALLENGES

PRECISION vs. ACCURACY



- PDF UNCERTAINTIES AS LOW AS 1%
- YET DIFFERENCES IN UNCERTAINTIES BETWEEN GLOBAL FITS ALWAYS OF ORDER OF SEVERAL PERCENT
- DOES THE PRECISION MATCH THE ACCURACY?

A SOLUTION: NEXT GENERATION PDFs

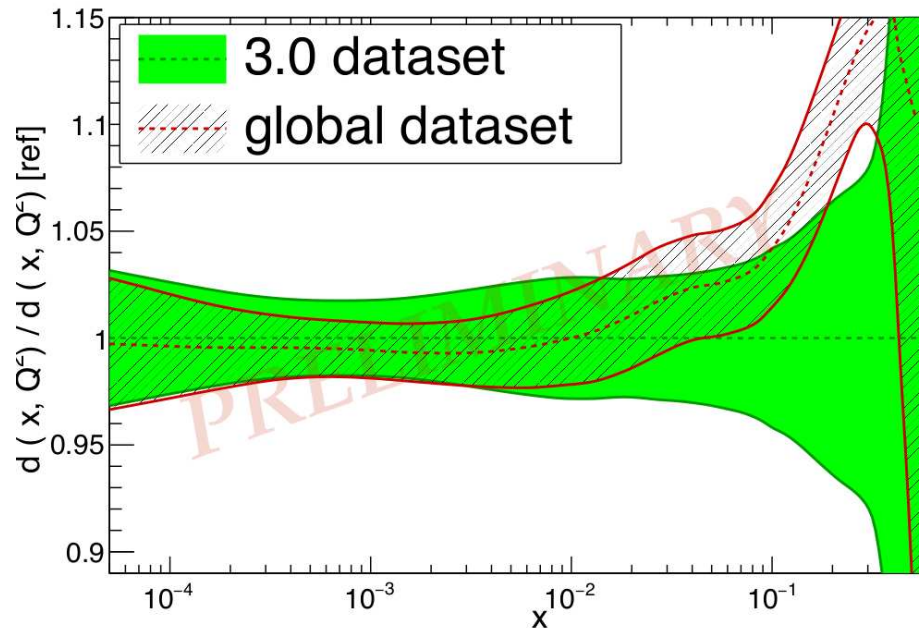
AN EXAMPLE: NNPDF3.1 NNPDF3.0 DATASET SUPPLEMENTED BY

- Tevatron legacy Z rapidity, W asymmetry & jet data
- ATLAS W , Z rapidity, and total xsect (incl. 13TeV), high and low mass DY, jets
- CMS W asymmetry, $W + c$ total & ratio, double-differential DY and jets
- LHCb W and Z rapidity distributions
- ATLAS and CMS Z p_T distributions
- ATLAS and CMS top total cross-section & differential rapidity distribution

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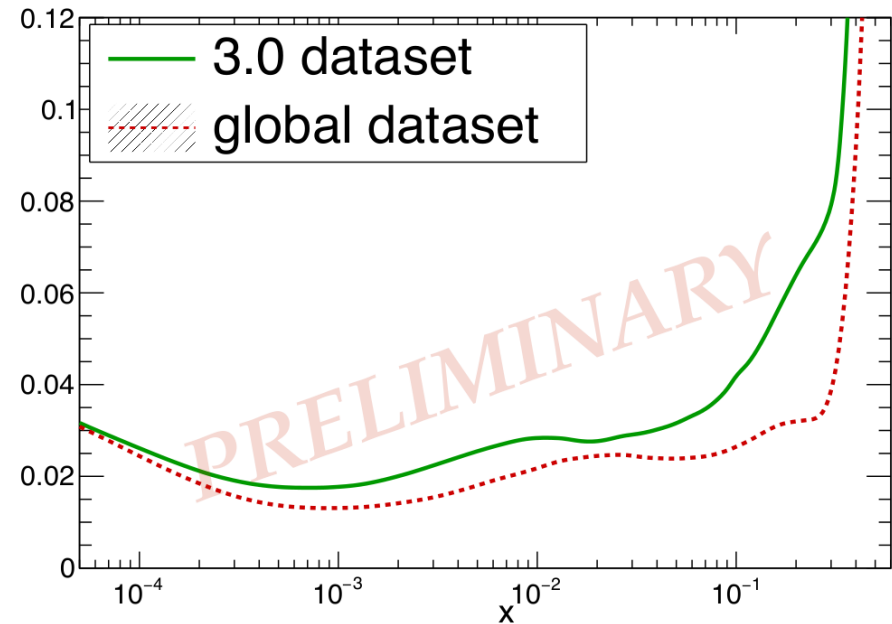
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RELATIVE UNCERTAINTY

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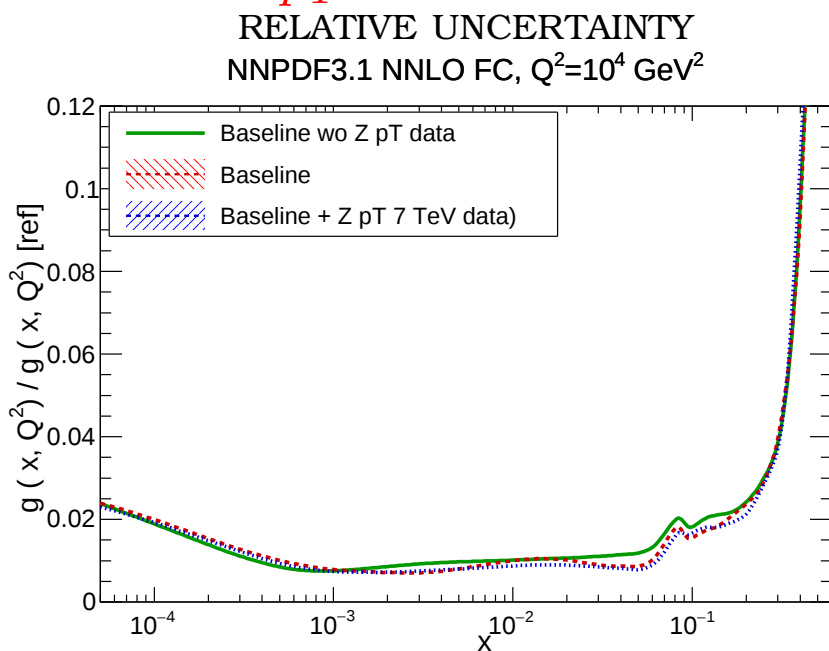
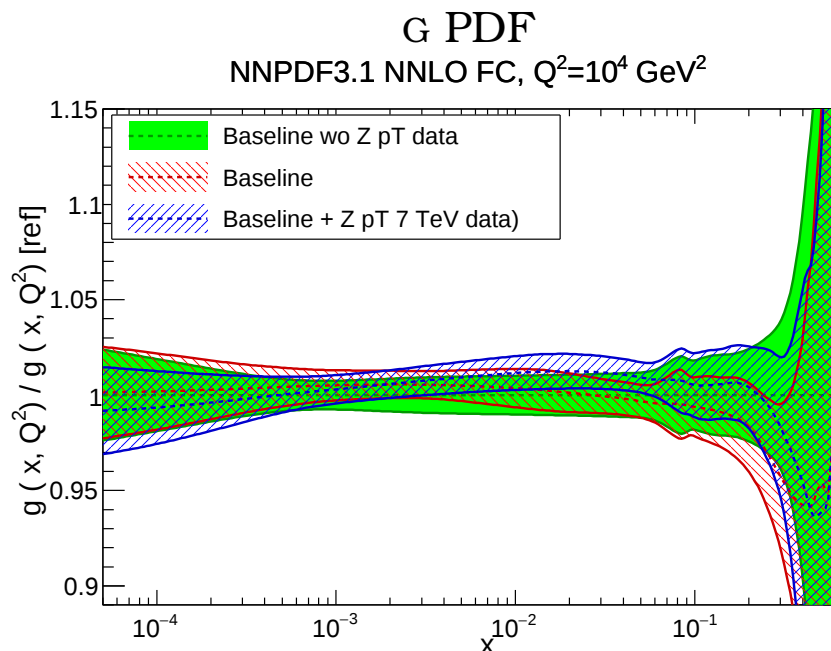


- SURELY HIGHER PRECISION
- HOPEFULLY BETTER ACCURACY

NEXT GENERATION PDFs CHALLENGES

AN EXAMPLE: THE $Z p_T$ DISTRIBUTION

NNPDF3.1: IMPACT OF THE $Z p_T$ DATA

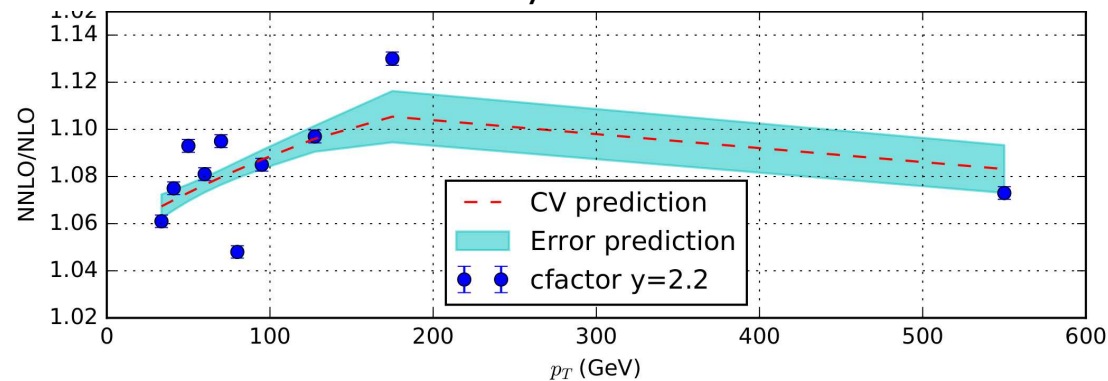


- 8 TeV ATLAS+CMS $\Rightarrow$ **GOOD FIT**, INCREASE IN PRECISION ✓
- 7 TeV ATLAS $\Rightarrow$ **POOR FIT**, NO INCREASE IN PRECISION ✗
- DETAILED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS NEEDED IN ORDER TO DECIDE WHICH DATASET MAY BE INCLUDED
- **THEORY, EXPERIMENTAL, AND PHENO** ISSUES

THEORY CHALLENGES

ESTIMATING THE UNCERTAINTY IN THEORY CALCULATIONS

AN EXAMPLE: ATLAS 7 TeV p_T DISTRIBUTION
THE NNLO/NLO K -FACTOR



(Boughezal, Liu, Petriello, 2016-2017)

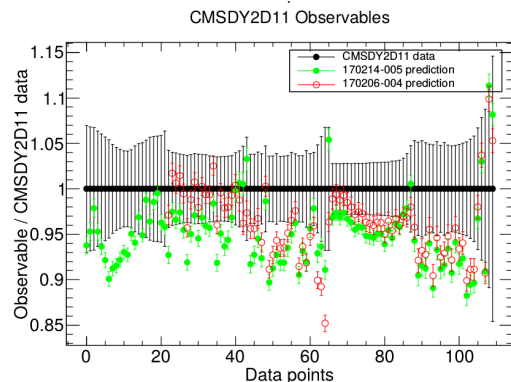
- UNCORRELATED STATISTICAL UNCERTAINTIES AT PERMILLE LEVEL
- LARGE NNLO CORRECTIONS $\sim 10\%$
- NOMINAL K -FACTOR UNCERTAINTIES VERY SMALL: UNDERESTIMATED?
- FIT ONLY POSSIBLE WITH RELIABLE ESTIMATE OF UNCERTAINTY ON THEORY PREDICTION
- NNPDF3.1: EXTRA 1% THEORY UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATED BASED ON FLUCTUATIONS W.R. TO INTERPOLATION (SHADED IN PLOT)

EXPERIMENTAL CHALLENGES

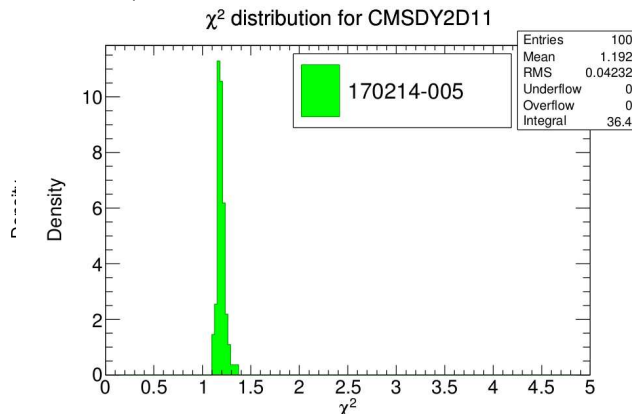
ESTIMATING THE UNCERTAINTY ON THE COVARIANCE MATRIX

AN EXAMPLE: THE CMS 2D DY DISTRIBUTION 2011

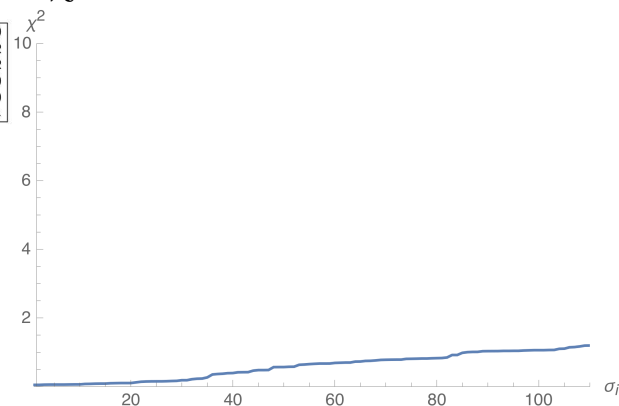
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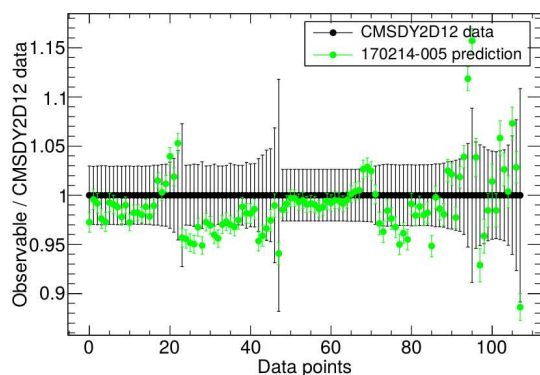


χ^2 AS COVMAT EIGVECS ADDED

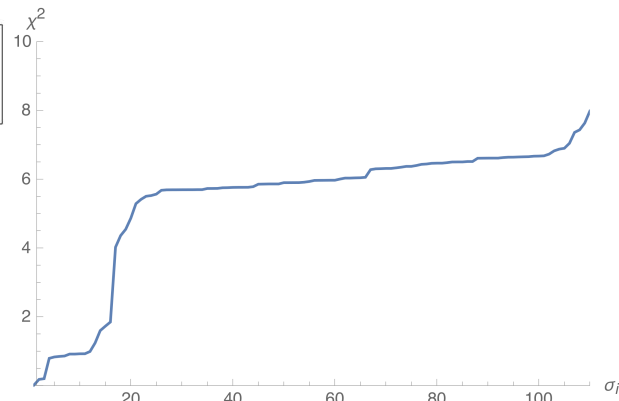
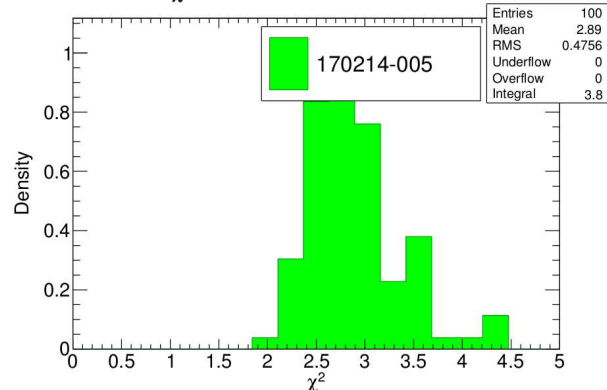


2012

CMSDY2D12 Observables



χ^2 distribution for CMSDY2D12



- **UNCORRELATED STATISTICAL UNCERTAINTIES AT PERMILLE LEVEL**
- 2011 DATA WELL FITTED, 2012 IMPOSIBLE TO FIT
HIGH MEAN χ^2 , **DISTRIBUTION** OF χ^2 OVER REPLICAS **STRONGLY DISTORTED**
- ANOMALOUS DEP. OF χ^2 ON EIGENVECTORS $\Rightarrow$ **PROBLEMATIC COV. MATRIX**
- BREAKDOWN OF COVARIANCE MATRIX INTO INDIVIDUAL SYSTEMATICS NOT AVAILABLE
- **WHAT IS THE UNCERTAINTY ON THE COVARIANCE MATRIX?**

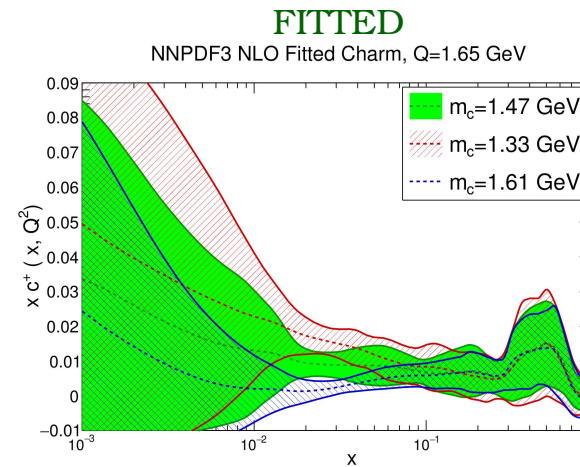
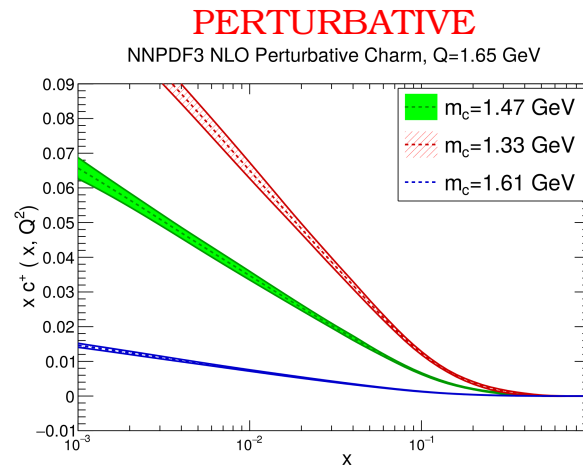
PHENOMENOLOGY CHALLENGES

FITTING HEAVY QUARK PDFs

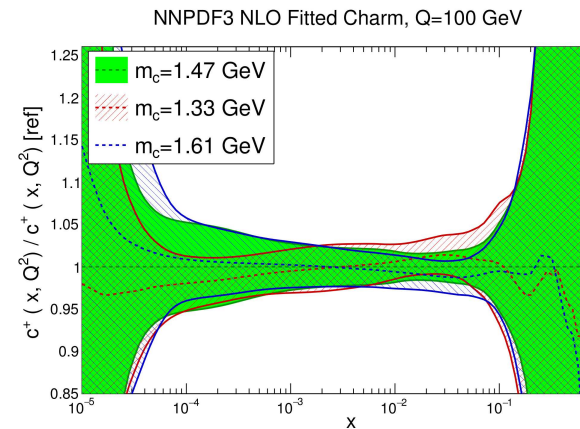
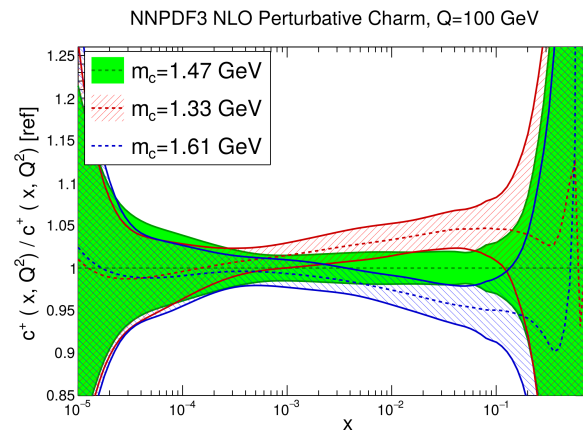
- HEAVY QUARK PDFs USUALLY GENERATED BY PERTURBATIVE EVOLUTION $\Rightarrow$ **DEPEND SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE MASS** WHICH SETS THE PHYSICAL THRESHOLD
- DEPENDENCE SEEN **BOTH AT LOW AND HIGH SCALE**
- SHAPE **SEVERELY LIMITED** (BIASED) BY LOW-ORDER PERTURBATIVE APPROXIMATION
- **SOLUTION:** FIT HQ PDFs

THE CHARM PDF

LOW SCALE



HIGH SCALE



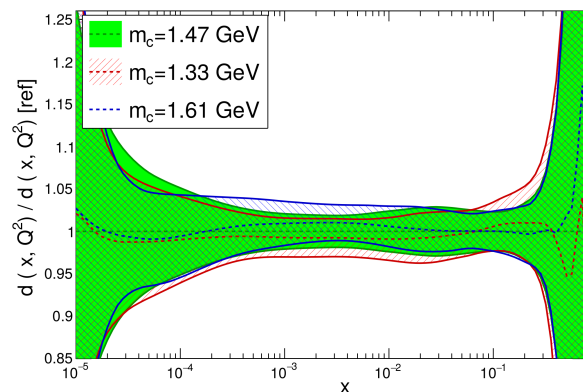
(Ball et al; NNPDF, 2016)

THE LIGHT QUARKS

DOWN

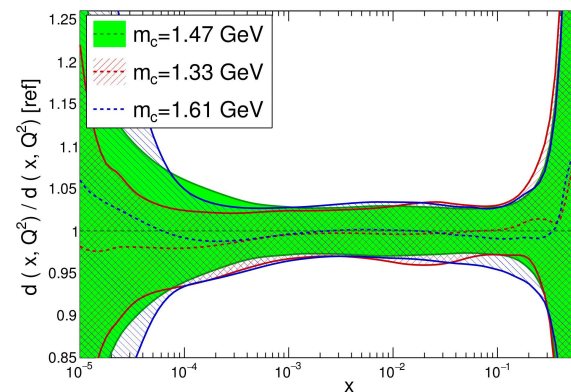
PERTURBATIVE

NNPDF3 NLO Perturbative Charm, $Q=100$ GeV



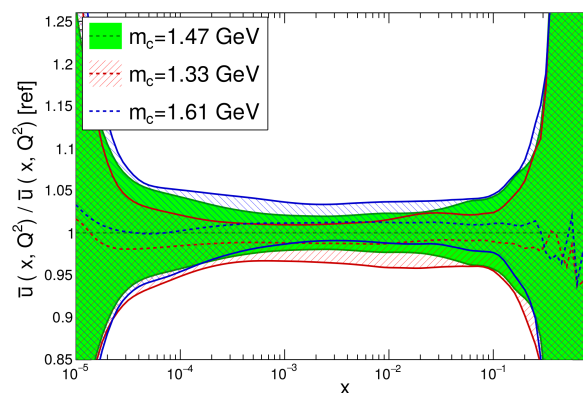
FITTED

NNPDF3 NLO Fitted Charm, $Q=100$ GeV

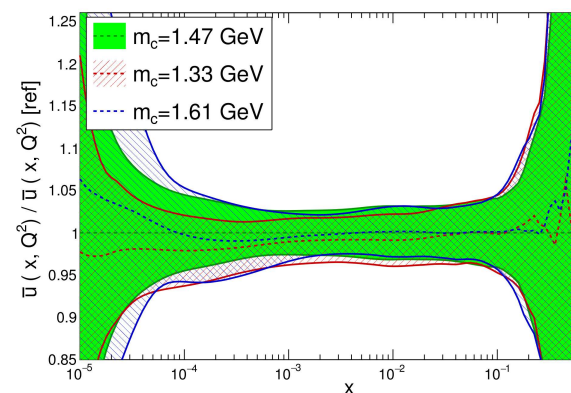


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NNPDF3 NLO Perturbative Charm, $Q=100$ GeV



NNPDF3 NLO Fitted Charm, $Q=100$ GeV



- **PERTURBATIVE CHARM: PDFs DEPEND SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE MASS WHICH SETS THE PHYSICAL CHARM THRESHOLD; DEPENDENCE SEEN BOTH AT LOW AND HIGH SCALE, FOR ALL QUARKS, LIGHT AND HEAVY;**
- **FITTED CHARM: LIGHT QUARKS INDEPENDENT OF CHARM MASS**
- m_c **UNCERTAINTY REABSORBED IN PDF UNCERTAINTY**
- **HEAVY QUARK PDFs SHOULD BE FITTED IN ORDER TO AVOID BIAS**

SUMMARY

- IMPORTANT MEASUREMENTS SUCH AS THE W MASS STRONGLY DEPEND ON PDFs
- CURRENT PDF UNCERTAINTIES ARE AT THE PERCENT LEVEL, REFLECTING PRECISE UNDERLYING DATA
- ACCURACY ISSUES:
 - UNCERTAINTY ON THEORY PREDICTIONS
 - UNCERTAINTY ON THE EXPERIMENTAL UNCERTAINTY
 - SOURCE OF THEORETICAL BIAS (HEAVY QUARKS, ELECTROWEAK CORRECTIONS, PARTON SHOWERING....)
- EVENTUALLY, PDF UNCERTAINTIES WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE THEORY UNCERTAINTIES

NO EFFECT THAT REQUIRES MORE THAN 10% ACCURACY IN
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