

Towards a Neural Network determination of nuclear PDFs

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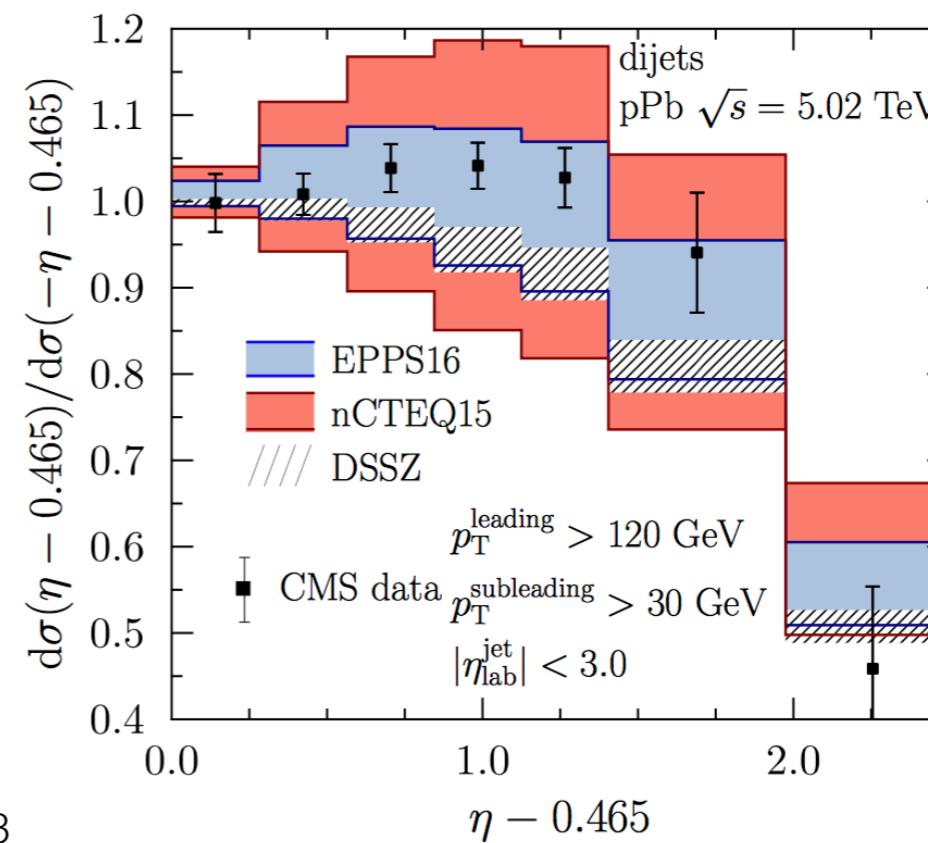
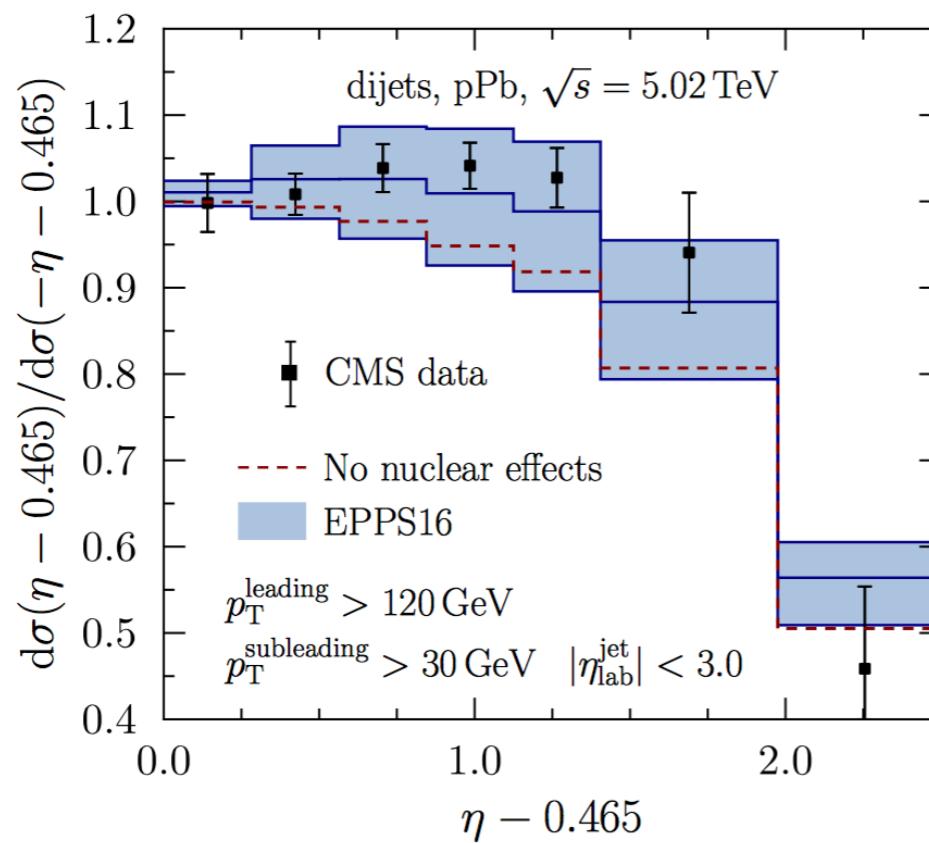
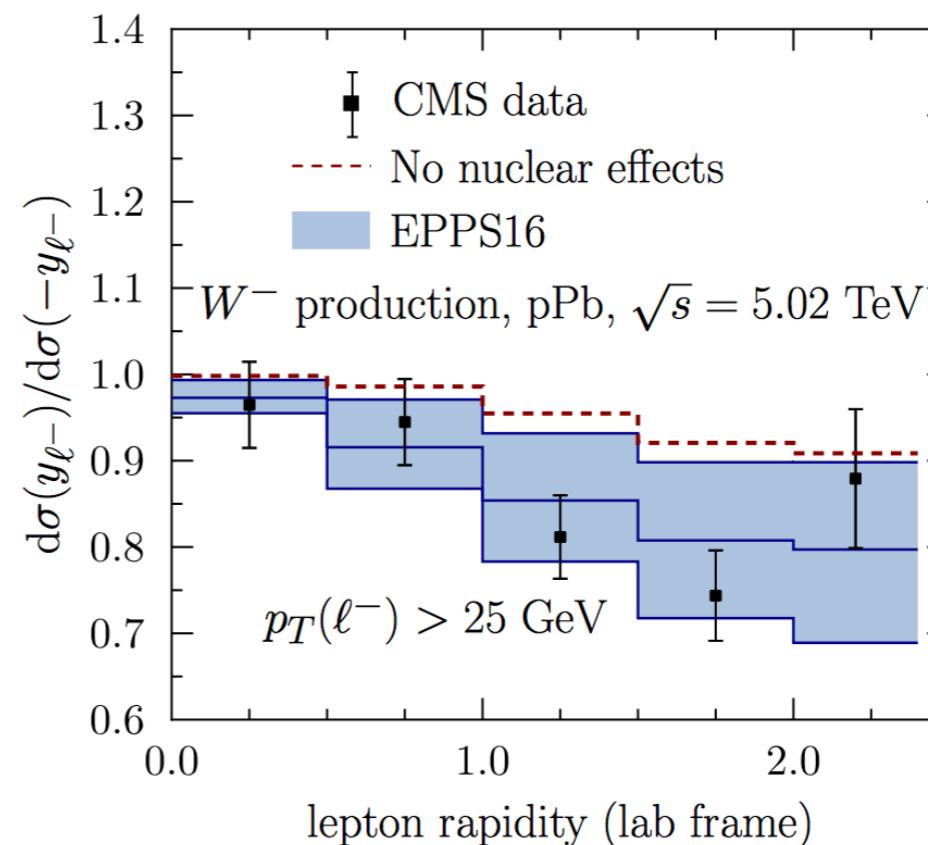
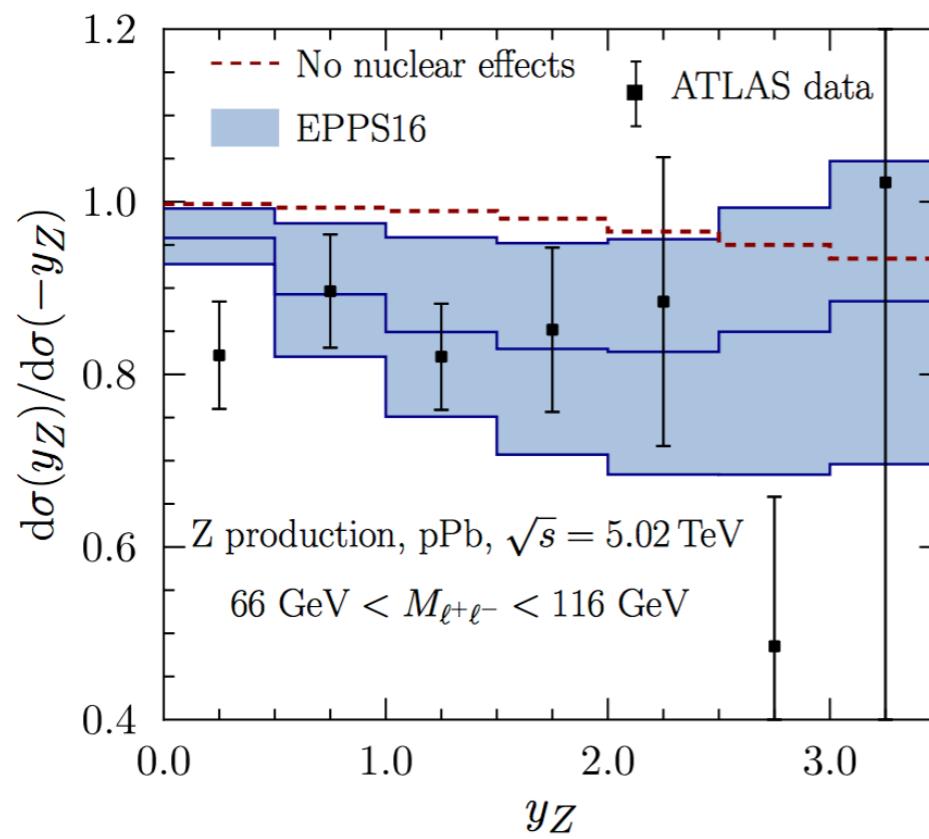
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Physics Motivation

- **Simulations** of relativistic nucleus-nucleus reactions [LHC, RHIC, etc.]
- Understanding the **EMC effect**.
- **Lead, Xenon PDF** for the LHC heavy-ion program.
- **Combining data** across different nuclear targets and provide maximum information for the proton PDFs especially **strangeness**.
- Heavy nuclear targets for νA DIS measurements (statistics)
Important data for the **separation of PDFs flavors**.

nPDF in LHC pPb observables

[1612.05741]



Data

	EPS09	DSSZ12	KA15	NCTEQ15	EPPS16	nNNPDF1.0
Order in α_s	LO & NLO	NLO	NNLO	NLO	NLO	NLO
Neutral current DIS $\ell+A/\ell+d$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drell-Yan dilepton $p+A/p+d$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RHIC pions $d+Au/p+p$	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Neutrino-nucleus DIS		✓			✓	
Drell-Yan dilepton $\pi+A$					✓	
LHC $p+Pb$ jet data					✓	
LHC $p+Pb$ W, Z data					✓	
Q cut in DIS	1.3 GeV	1 GeV	1 GeV	2 GeV	1.3 GeV	1.3 GeV
datapoints	929	1579	1479	708	1811	605
free parameters	15	25	16	17	20	70
error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	MC
error tolerance $\Delta\chi^2$	50	30	not given	35	52	
Free proton baseline PDFs	CTEQ6.1	MSTW2008	JR09	CTEQ6M-like	CT14NLO	NNPDF3.1
Heavy-quark effects		✓		✓	✓	✓
Flavor separation				some	✓	some
Reference	[JHEP 0904 065]	[PR D85 074028]	[PR D93, 014026]	[PR D93 085037]	[EPJ C77 163]	Preliminary

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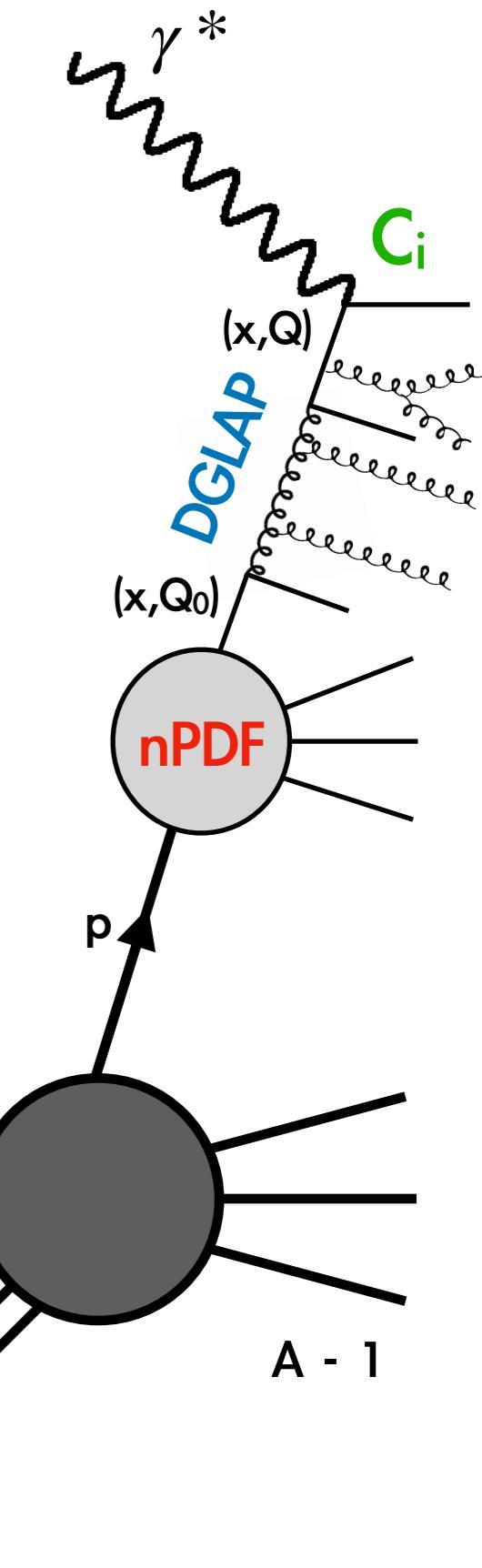
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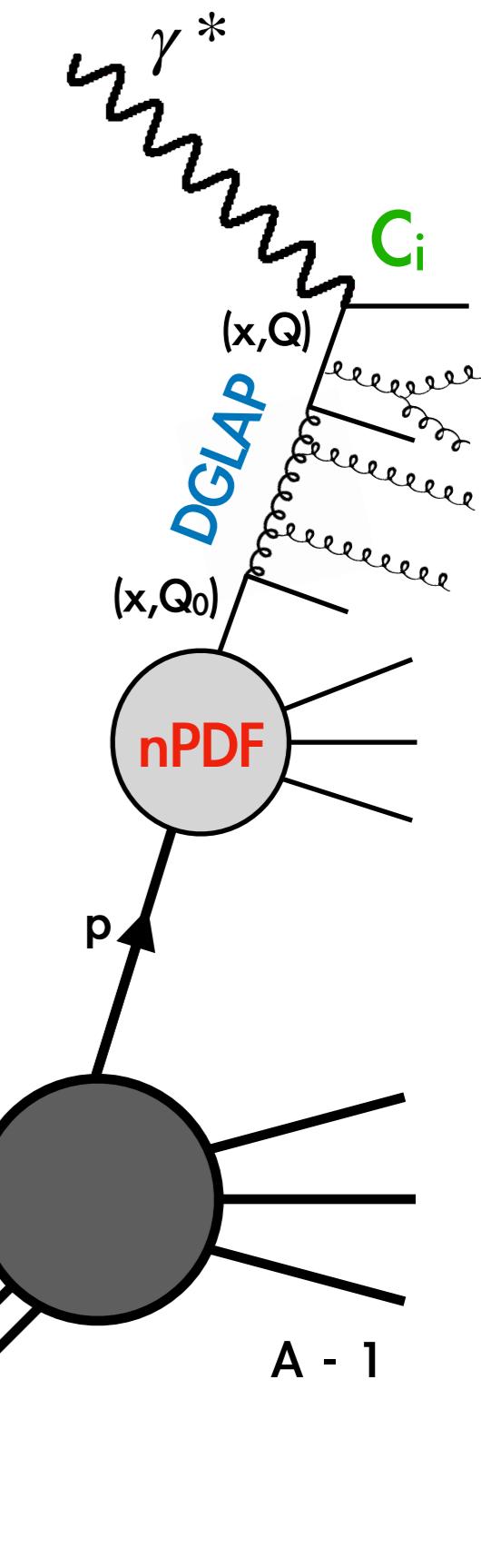
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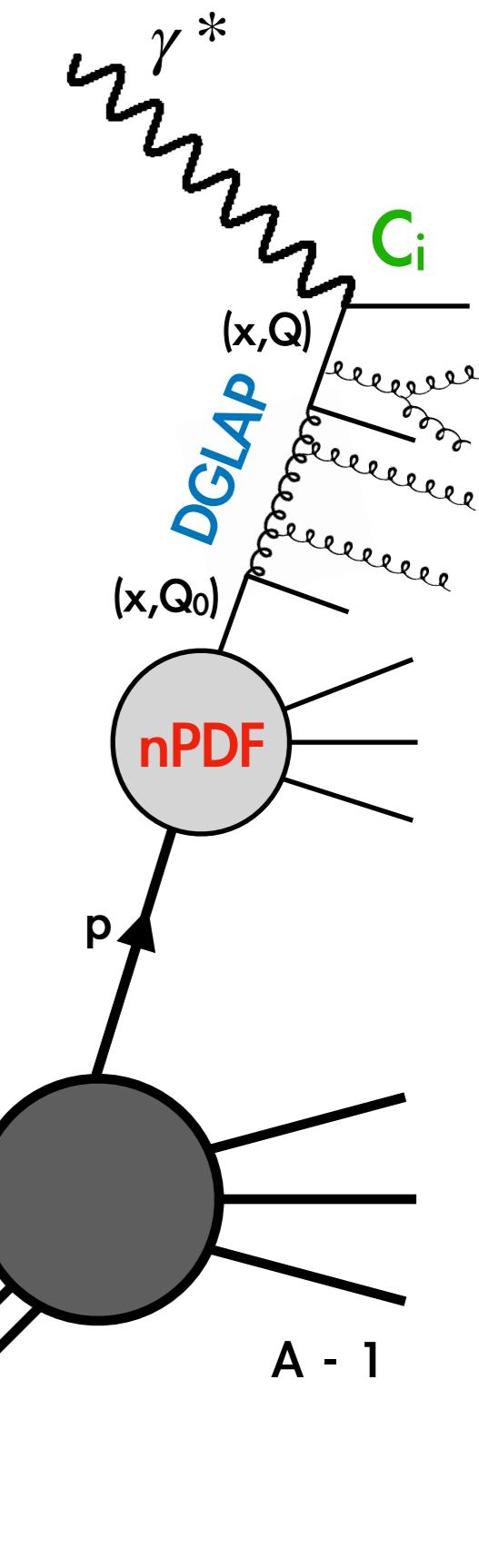
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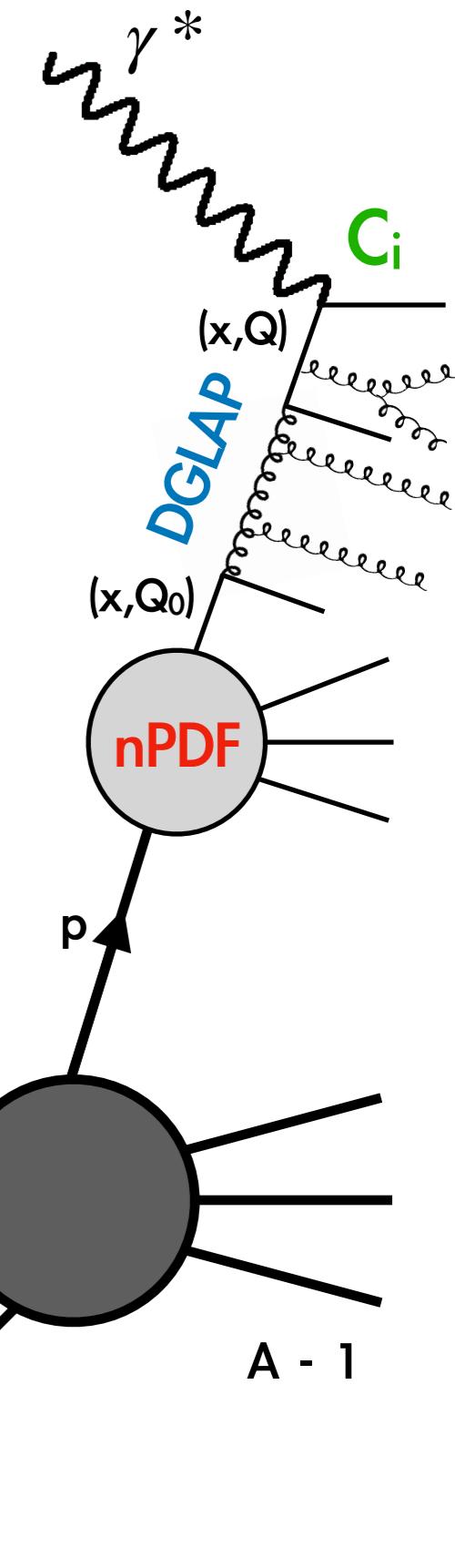
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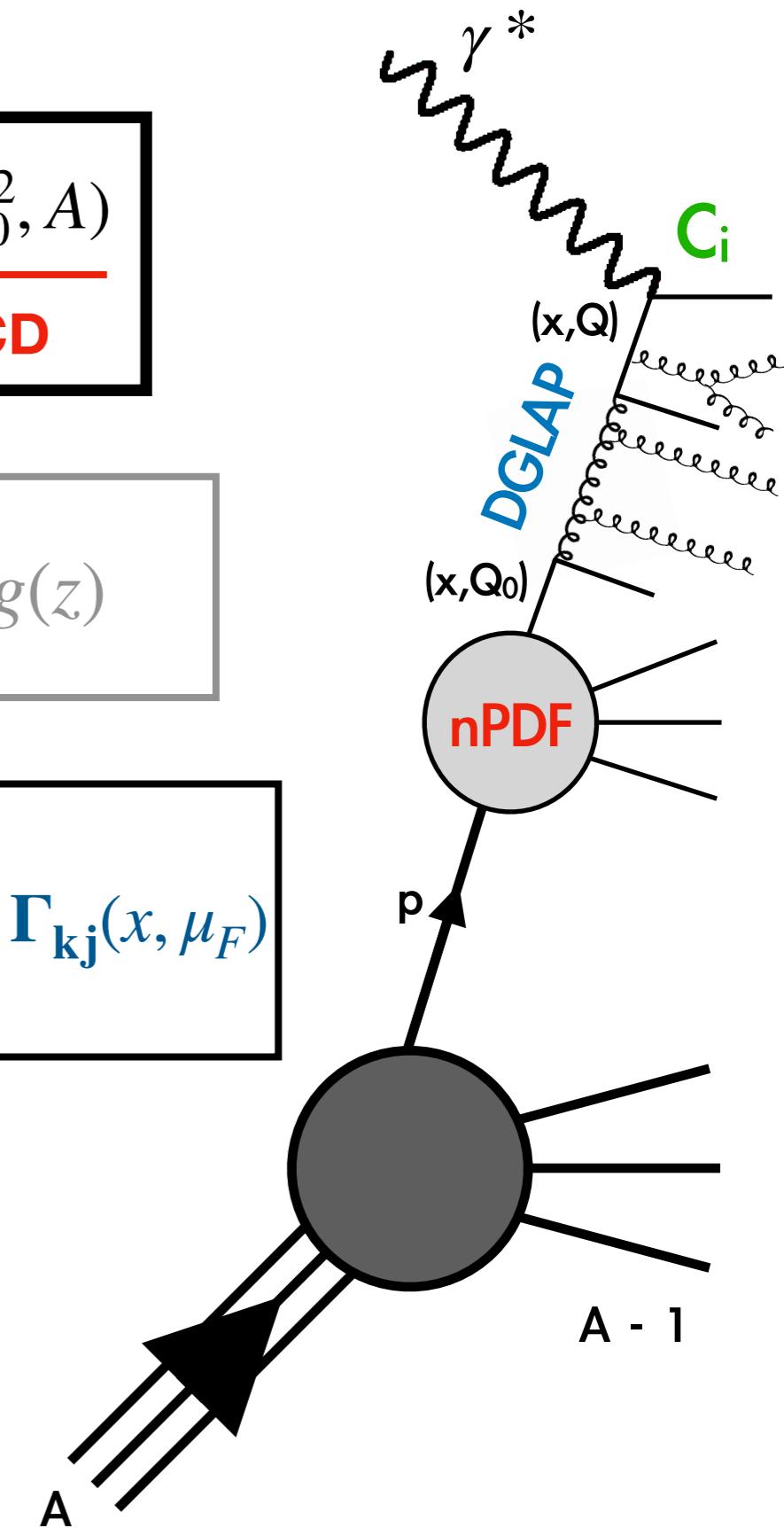
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RG equation

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{4\pi \cdot \partial \ln \mu_R^2} = - \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[\beta_0 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} \beta_1 + \dots \right]$$



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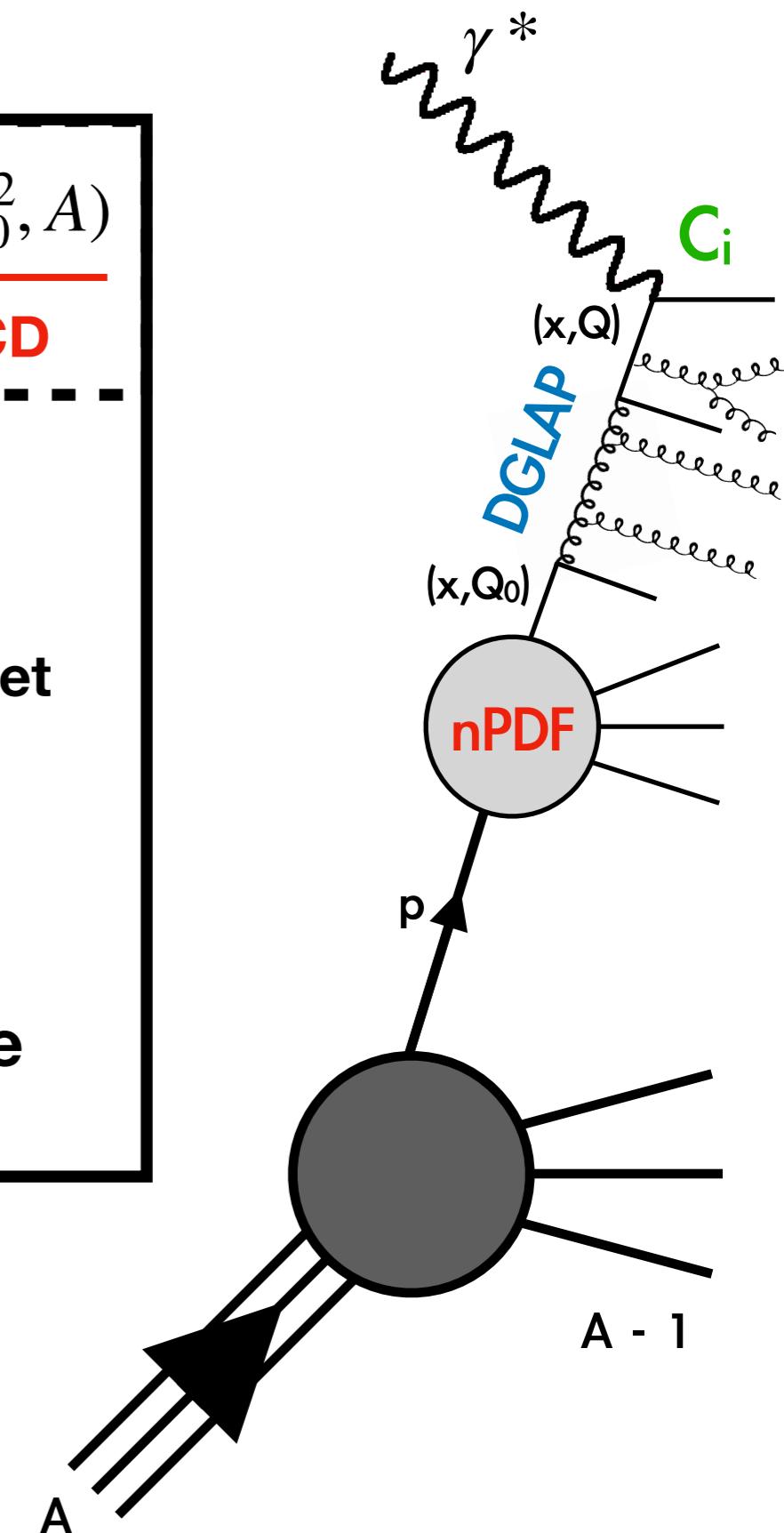
$$= C_{2,q}^S(x, \alpha_s(Q)) \otimes \Sigma(x, Q) \rightarrow \text{Singlet}$$

$$+ C_{2,q}^{NS}(x, \alpha_s(Q)) \otimes T(x, Q^2) \rightarrow \text{Non-Singlet}$$

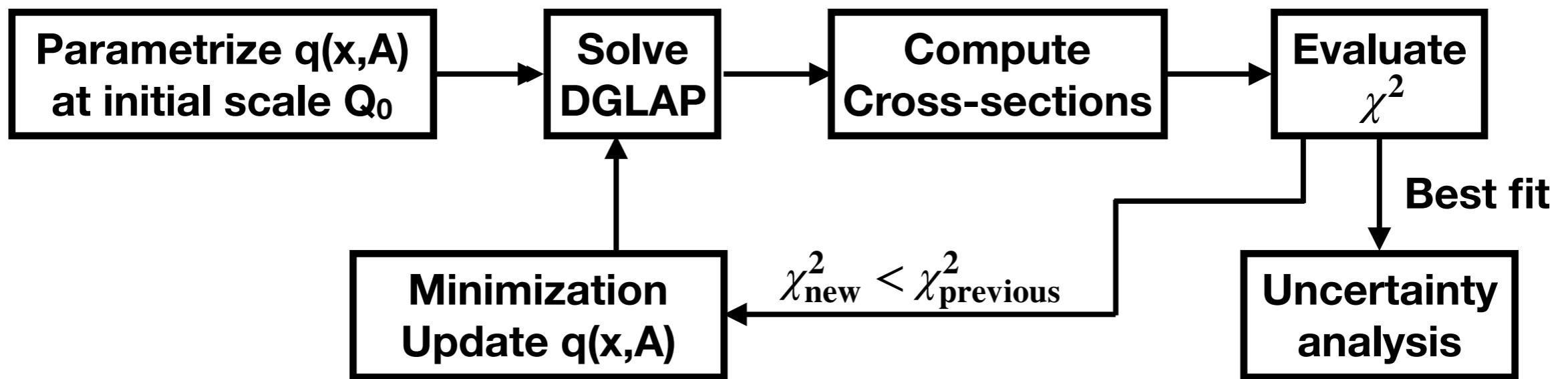
$$+ C_{2,g}^S(x, \alpha_s(Q)) \otimes g(x, Q^2) \rightarrow \text{Gluon}$$

Theoretically, 3 Independent PDFs [backup]

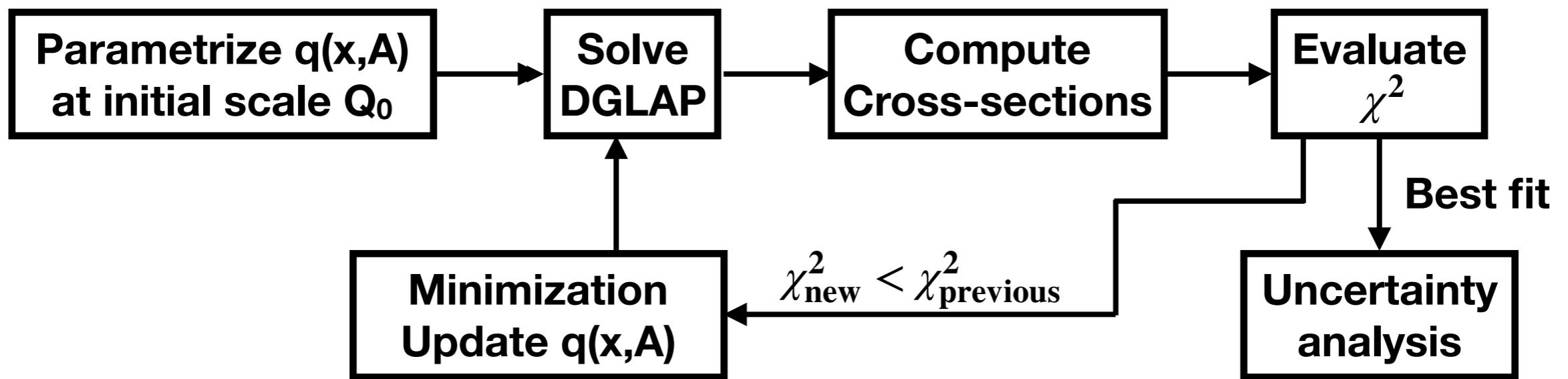
Practically, depends on data kinematic range



Methodology (1)

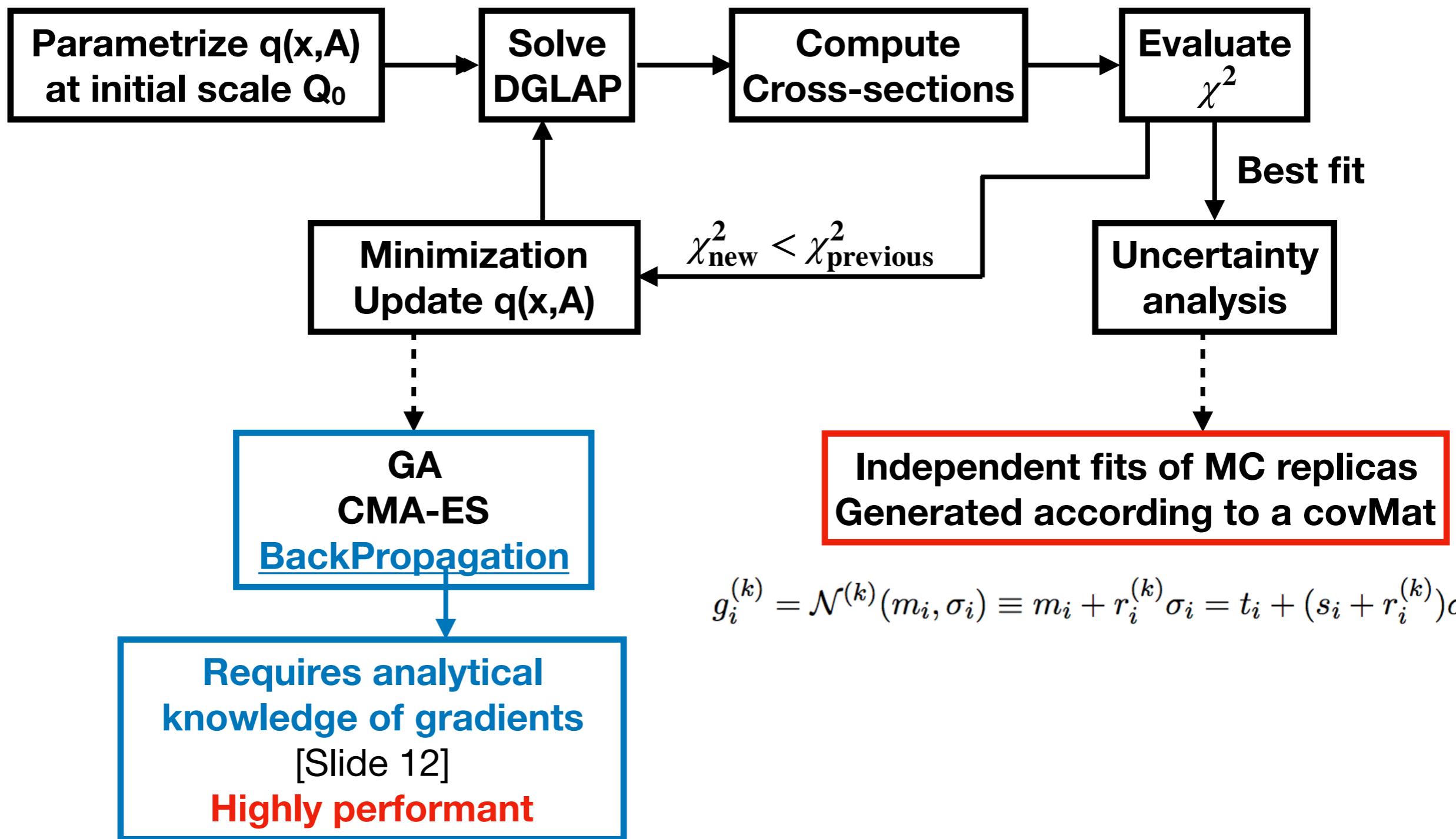


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$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N_{data}} \sum_{n,m}^{N_{data}} (\hat{F}_2^{(n)} - F_2^{(n)}) Cov_{nm}^{-1} (\hat{F}_2^{(m)} - F_2^{(m)})$$

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— nPDF - Nuclear Modification Fit —

$$q_i(x, A, Q_0^2) = \mathbf{NN}_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{q}^p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}_0)$$

Status of recent nPDFs

EPPS16 [1612.05741]

$$f_i^{p/A}(x, Q^2) = \underline{R}_i^A(x, Q^2) f_i^p(x, Q^2)$$

$$R_i^A(x, Q_0^2) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(x - x_a)^2 & x \leq x_a \\ b_0 + b_1 x^\alpha + b_2 x^{2\alpha} + b_3 x^{3\alpha} & x_a \leq x \leq x_e \\ c_0 + (c_1 - c_2 x) (1 - x)^{-\beta} & x_e \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

nCTEQ15 [1509.00792]

$$x f_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1 - x)^{c_2} e^{c_3 x} (1 + e^{c_4 x})^{c_5},$$

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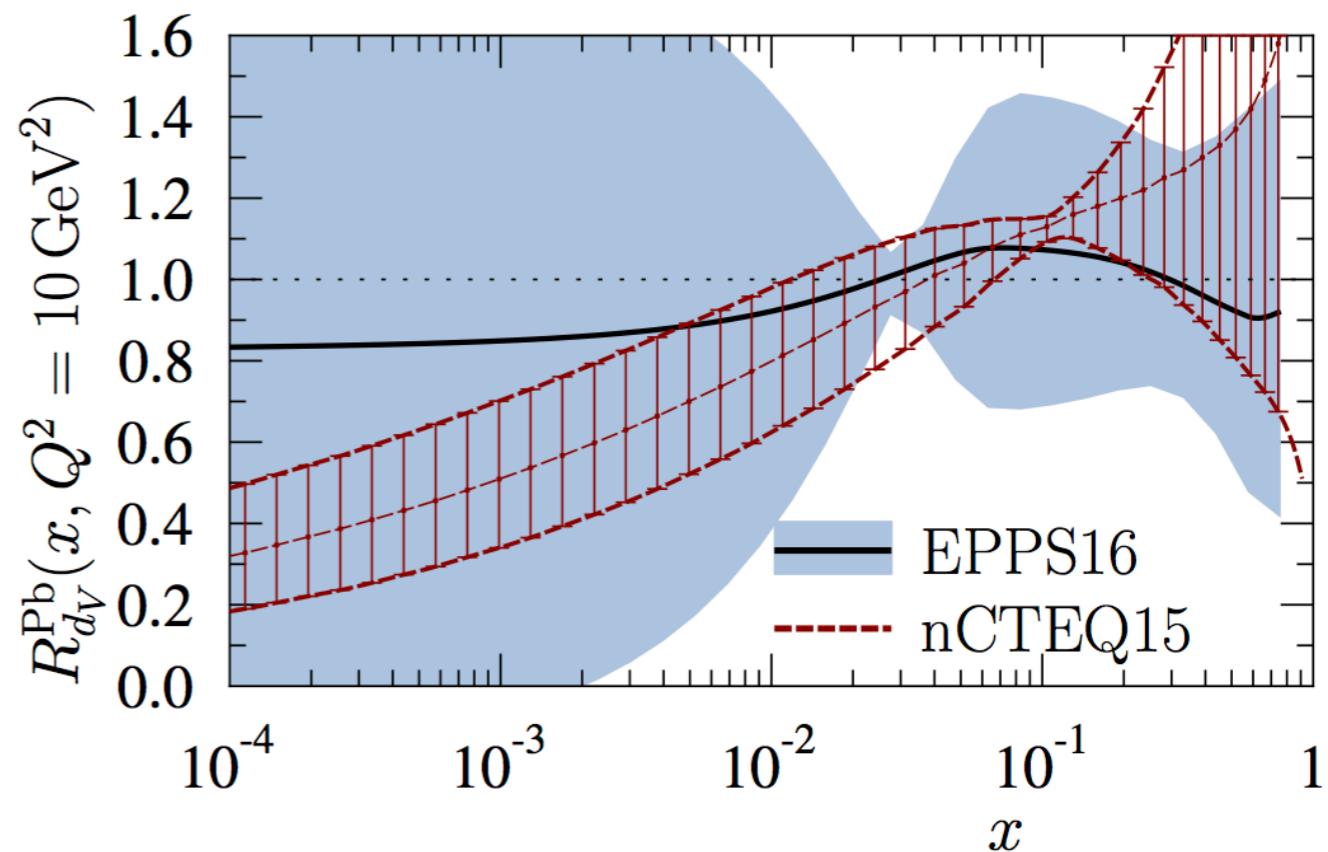
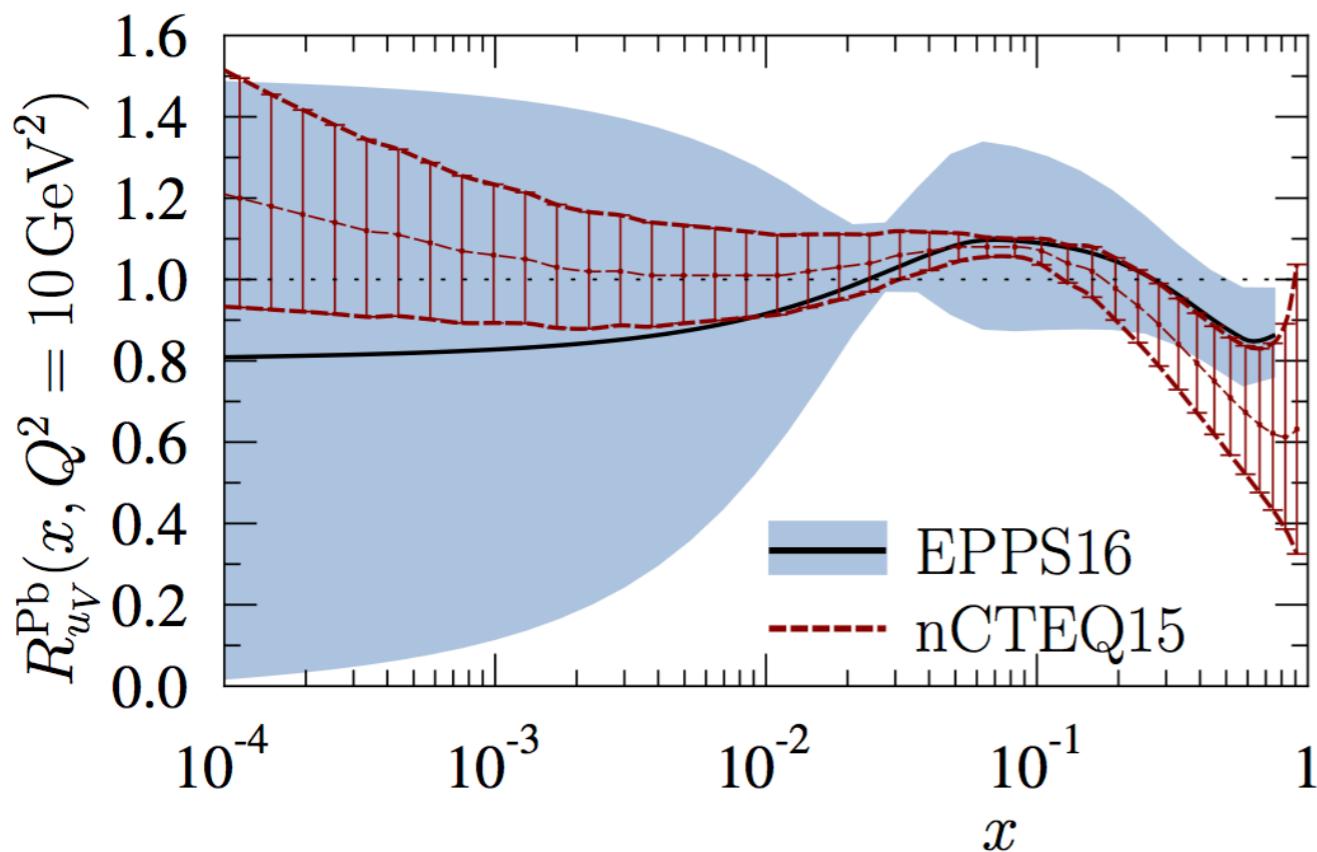
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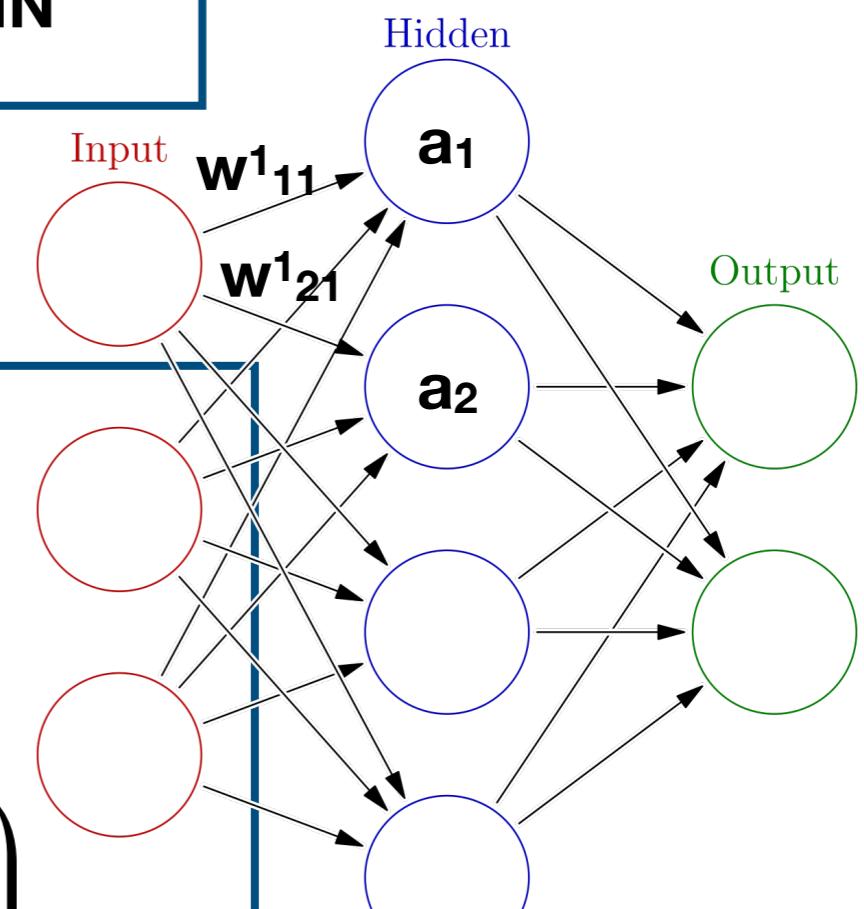
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$$NN_i(x; \{w_{ij}^{(\ell)}, b_i^{(\ell)}\}) = \sigma_L \left(\sum_j^{N_{L-1}} w_{ij}^{(L)} a_j^{(L-1)} + b_i^{(L)} \right)$$

$$= \sigma_L \left(\sum_j^{N_{L-1}} w_{ij}^{(L)} \sigma_{L-1} \left(\sum_k^{N_{L-2}} w_{jk}^{(L-1)} a_k^{(L-2)} + b_j^{(L-1)} \right) + b_i^{(L)} \right) = \dots$$



Backpropagation

Gradient Descent

$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} - \frac{\eta}{N_{data}} \sum_n^{N_{data}} \frac{\partial \chi^2(n)}{\partial w_{ij}}$$

$$b_i = b_i - \frac{\eta}{N_{data}} \sum_n^{N_{data}} \frac{\partial \chi^2(n)}{\partial b_i}$$

χ^2 Derivatives

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Neurones Derivatives

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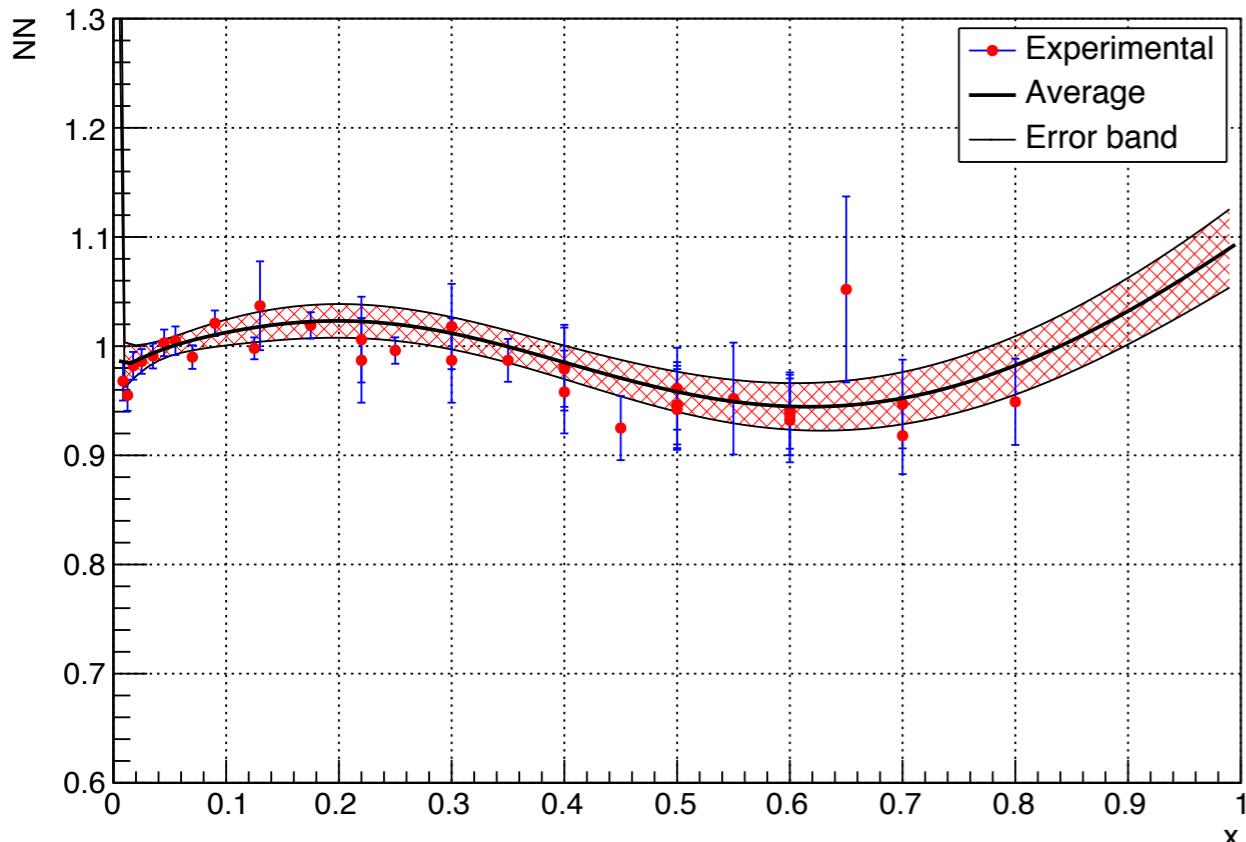
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Fitting F_2^A/F_2^D Ratio

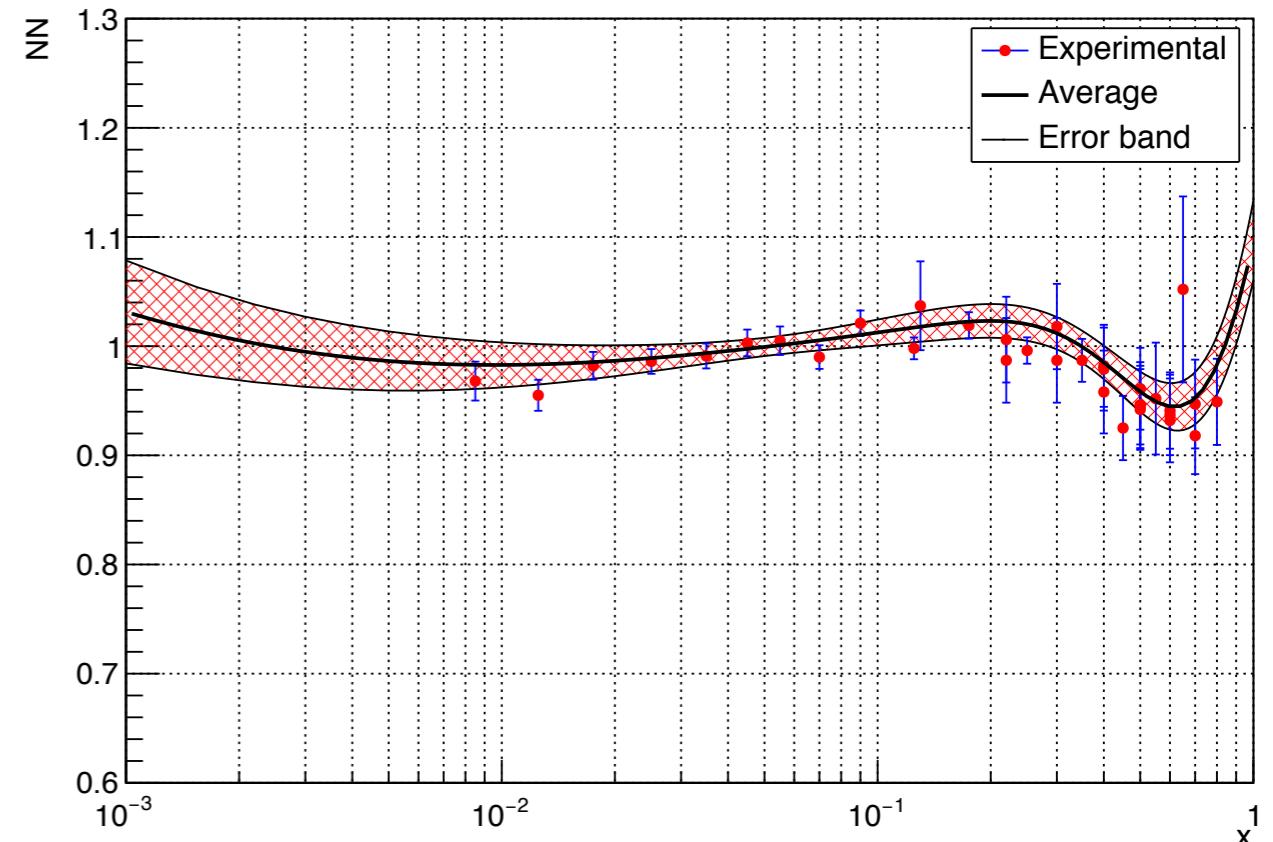
$$NN(x, A) = \frac{F_2^A(x)}{F_2^D(x)}$$

2D fit in (A, x) - Uncorrelated uncertainty

For A = 4



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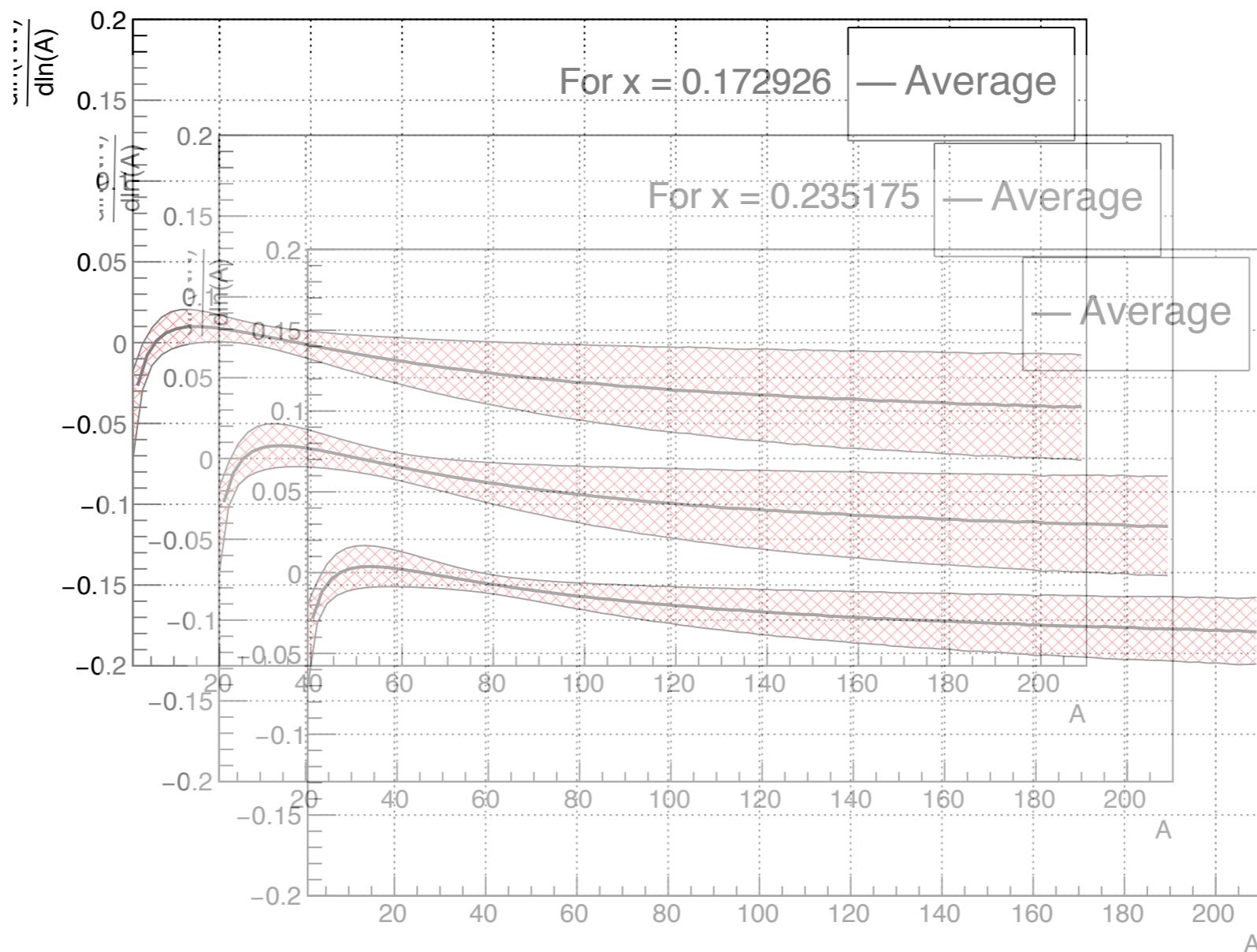


Results (2) - WarmUp

Constraints on A-dependance

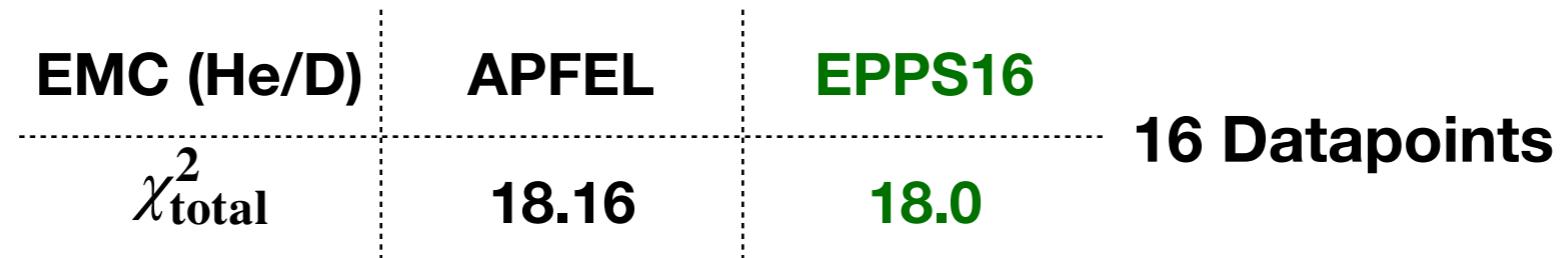
Testing the assumption $NN(x,A) = A^n f(x)$ **via** $\frac{d \ln(NN(x,A))}{d \ln(A)} = n(x)$

For $x = 0.121258$



Outlook

- Reproducing EPPS16 and nCTEQ15 results to **verify the theory implementation** (FK tables).



- Running **DIS-only fits** using the NNPDF methodology.
- Trying different **NN architectures** and different **parametrizations + constraints**, e.g at $A=1$, $n\text{PDF} = \text{PDF}$
- DIS-only Fits should be available in the **next few weeks**. HardProbes conference in Oct (1-5)
- Next, correlated uncertainties, different processes.

Backup

$$F_2(x, Q^2, A) = \sum_i^{n_f} C_i(x, Q^2) \otimes q_i(x, Q^2, A) \quad (2)$$

where \otimes denotes the Mellin convolution defined as:

$$f(x) \otimes g(x) = \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dz f(y)g(z)\delta(x - yz) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f(y)g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} f\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)g(z) \quad (3)$$

We can factorize the nPDF dependance out of the convolution via expansion over a set of interpolating functions, spanning Q^2 and x such as:

$$q_i(x, Q^2, A) = \sum_{\beta} \sum_{\tau} q_{i,\beta\tau} I_{\beta}(x) I_{\tau}(Q^2) \quad (4)$$

where the nPDF $q_{i,\beta\tau}$ may be expressed as a product of nPDF at some initial fitting scale Q_0 and an evolution operator obtained by the solution of the DGLAP equation via the interpolation procedure as:

$$q_{i,\beta\tau} \equiv q_i(x_{\beta}, Q_{\tau}^2, A) = \sum_j \sum_{\alpha} \Gamma_{ij,\alpha\beta}^{\tau} q_j(x_{\alpha}, Q_0^2, A) \quad (5)$$

Finally:

$$F_2(x, Q^2, A) = \sum_i^{n_f} C_i(x, Q^2) \otimes [\sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\tau} \sum_j \sum_{\beta} \Gamma_{ij,\alpha\beta}^{\tau} q_j(x_{\alpha}, Q_0^2) I_{\beta}(x) I_{\tau}(Q^2)] \quad (6)$$

contracting the sum over τ , i and β then replacing j with i :

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_i^{n_f} \sum_{\alpha} F K_{i,\alpha}(x, x_{\alpha}, Q^2, Q_0^2) q_i(x_{\alpha}, Q_0^2) \quad (7)$$

where:

$$F K_{j,\alpha} = \sum_i C_i(x, Q^2) \otimes [\sum_{\tau} \sum_{\beta} \Gamma_{ij,\alpha\beta}^{\tau} I_{\beta}(x) I_{\tau}(Q^2)] \quad (8)$$

Backup

At LO, DGLAP basis

$$\begin{aligned} F_2^\gamma(x, Q^2, A) &= \frac{1}{A} \left(Z \mathbf{F}_2^{\mathbf{p}} + (A - Z) \mathbf{F}_2^{\mathbf{n}} \right) \\ &= \frac{5}{18} \Sigma - \left(\frac{Z}{3A} - \frac{1}{6} \right) T_3 + \frac{1}{18} (T_8 - T_{15}) + \frac{1}{30} (T_{24} - T_{35}) \\ &= \frac{2}{9} \Sigma - \left(\frac{Z}{3A} - \frac{1}{9} \right) T_3 \end{aligned}$$

Evolution ($Q_0 < M_c$)

$$\Sigma(Q^2) = \Gamma_{qq} \Sigma(Q_0^2) + \Gamma_{qg} g(Q_0^2)$$

$$g(Q^2) = \Gamma_{gq} \Sigma(Q_0^2) + \Gamma_{gg} g(Q_0^2)$$

$$\Gamma^+ = \Gamma_{T_3} = \Gamma_{T_8}$$

$$T_{15}(Q_0^2) = T_{24}(Q_0^2) = T_{35}(Q_0^2) = \Sigma(Q_0^2)$$

3 independent distributions

Σ, g, T_3

Evolution basis

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} q_i^+ \quad \text{where: } q^\pm = q \pm \bar{q}$$

$$T_3 = u^+ - d^+$$

$$T_8 = u^+ + d^+ - 2s^+$$

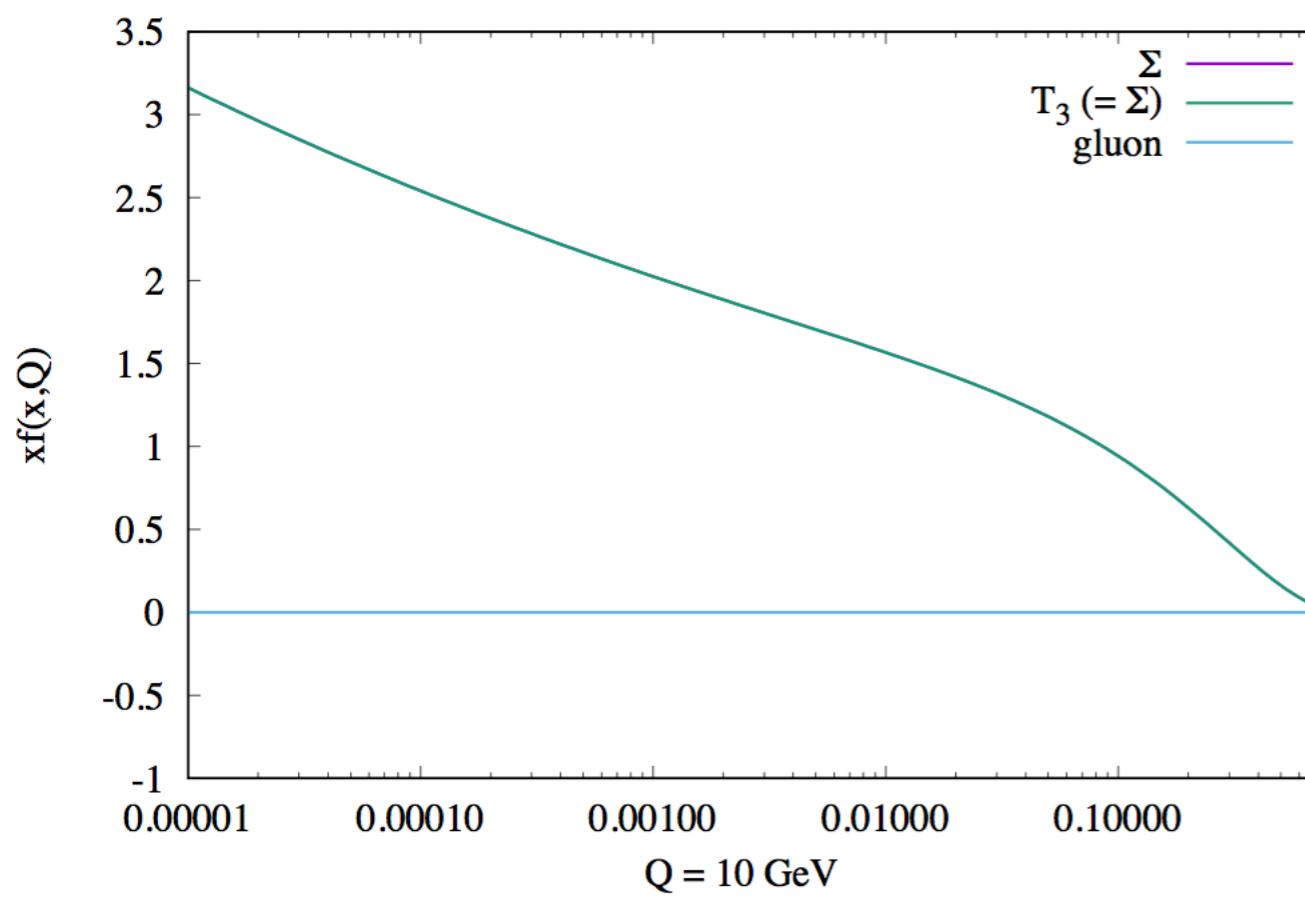
$$T_{15} = u^+ + d^+ + s^+ - 3c^+$$

$$T_{24} = u^+ + d^+ + s^+ + c^+ - 4b^+$$

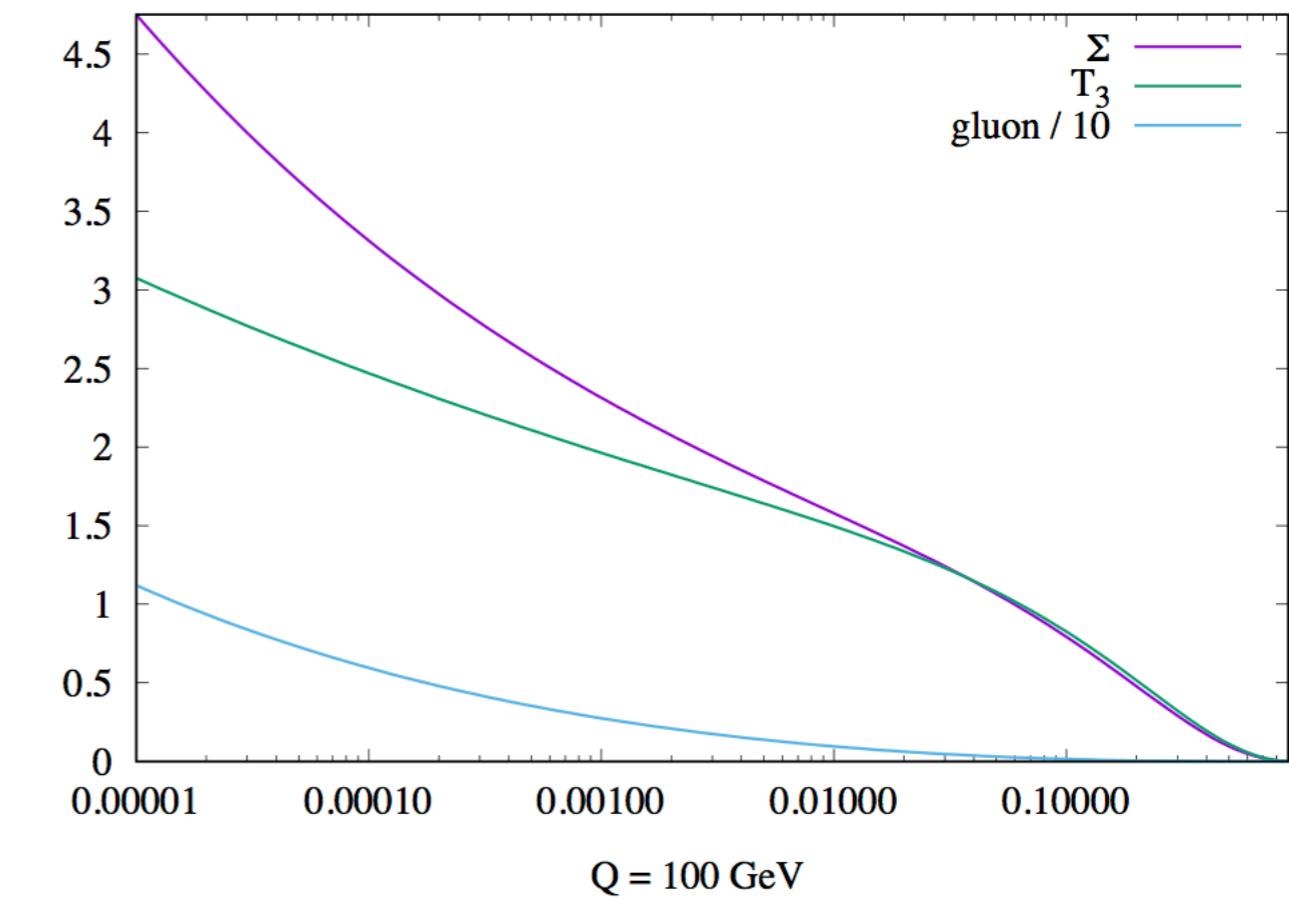
$$T_{35} = u^+ + d^+ + s^+ + c^+ + b^+ - 5t^+$$

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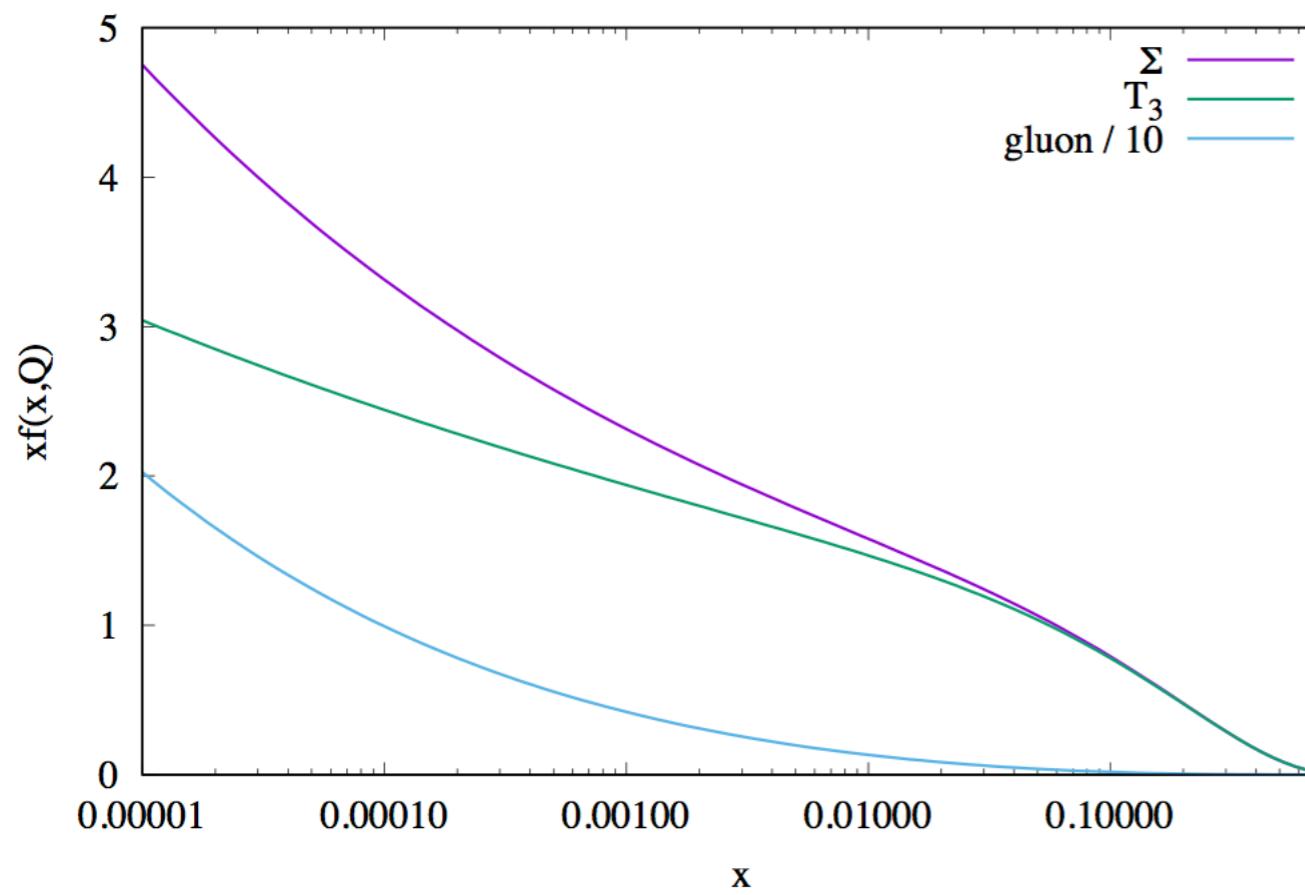
$Q = 1.14 \text{ GeV}$ (initial scale)



$Q = 5 \text{ GeV}$



$Q = 10 \text{ GeV}$



$Q = 100 \text{ GeV}$

