

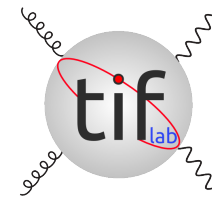


# MACHINE LEARNING AN UNKNOWN PHYSICAL LAW: THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROTON

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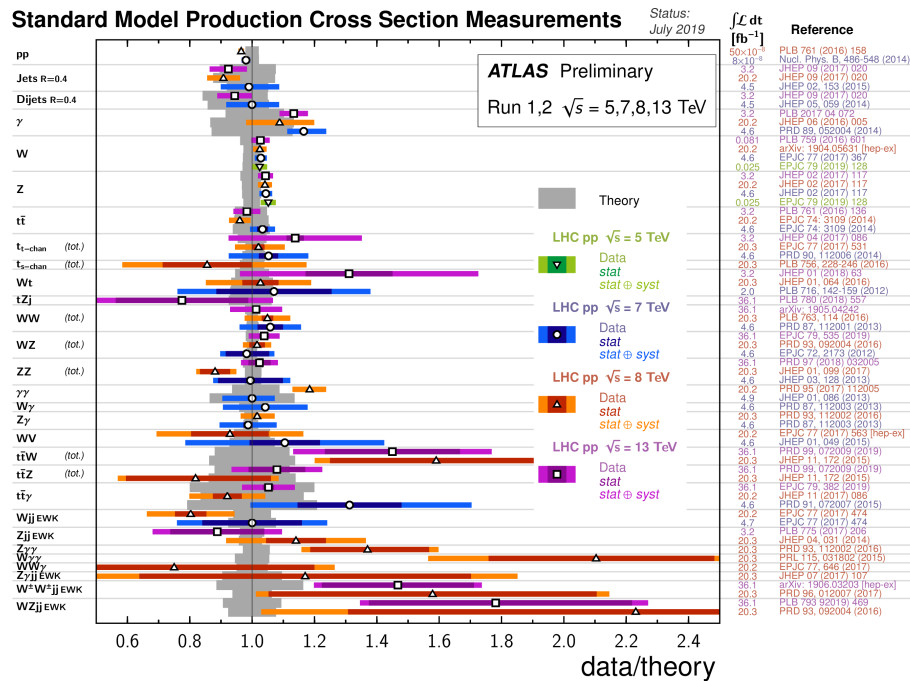
# PHYSICS AT THE LHC AS PRECISION PHYSICS

DEVIATIONS FROM SM

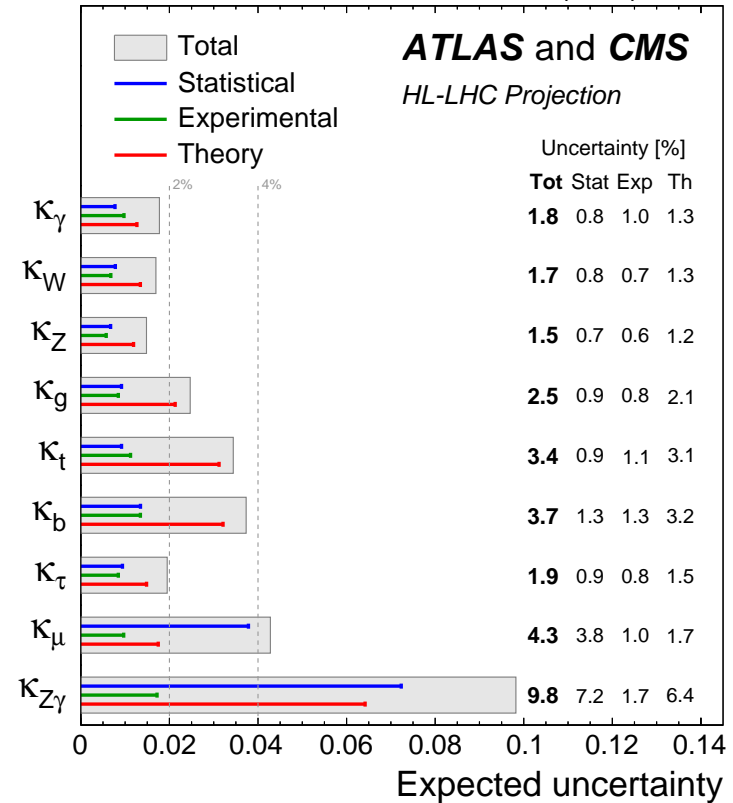
HL-LHC: 2024-2040

SM CROSS-SECTIONS TODAY:

TH. VS EXP.



$\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV, 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup> per experiment



$$\kappa_j^2 = \sigma_j / \sigma^{\text{SM}}$$

- SM TESTED AT THE PERCENT LEVEL
- SEEING DEVIATIONS REQUIRES SUB-PERCENT ACCURACY

# SUMMARY

## PDFs: A RECAP SEQUENCE

- DETERMINING PDFs
- DISCOVERING NEW PHYSICS
- PDF UNCERTAINTIES, TOREANCE AND ALL THAT

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- PDFs, AI AND ML
- THE NNPDF METHODOLOGY: IDEAS AND TESTS
- THE STATE OF THE ART: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

## MACHINE LEARNING PDFs

- OPTIMIZATION
- HYPEROPTIMIZATION
- INTO THE UNKNOWN

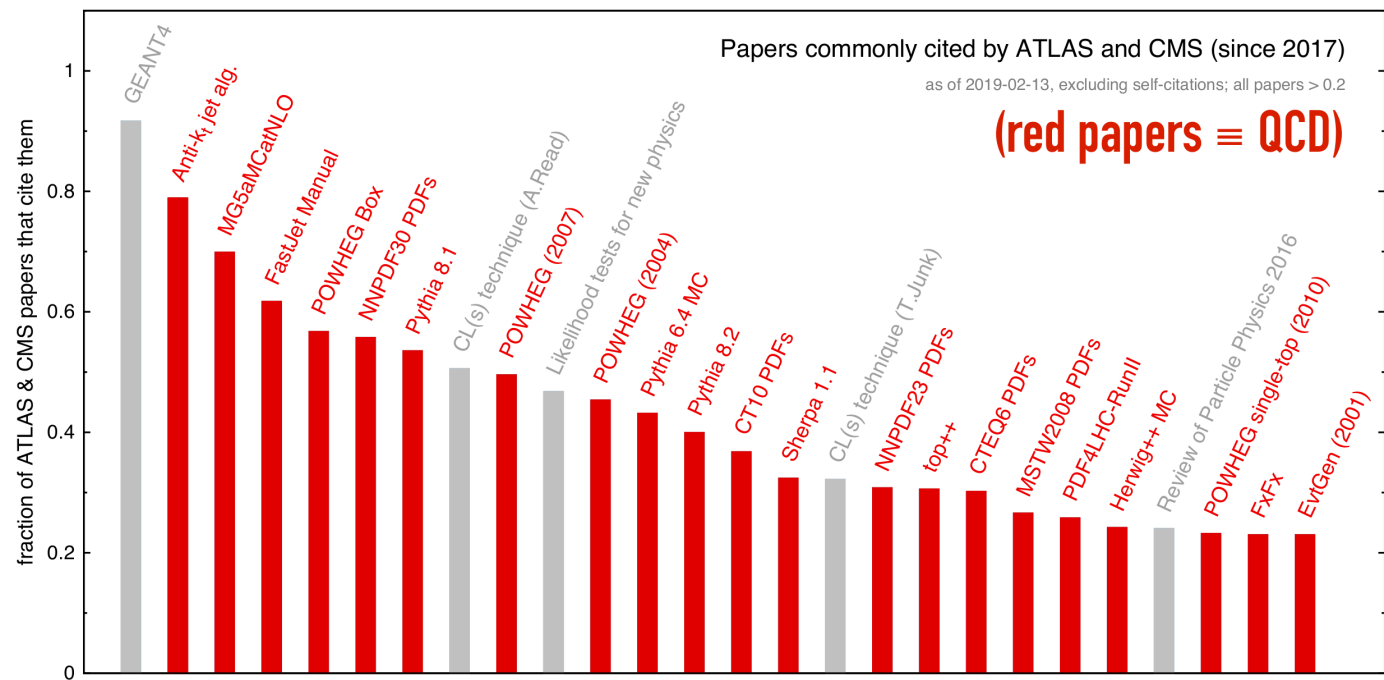
# PDFS AND PRECISION PHYSICS



# UNCERTAINTIES AND QCD

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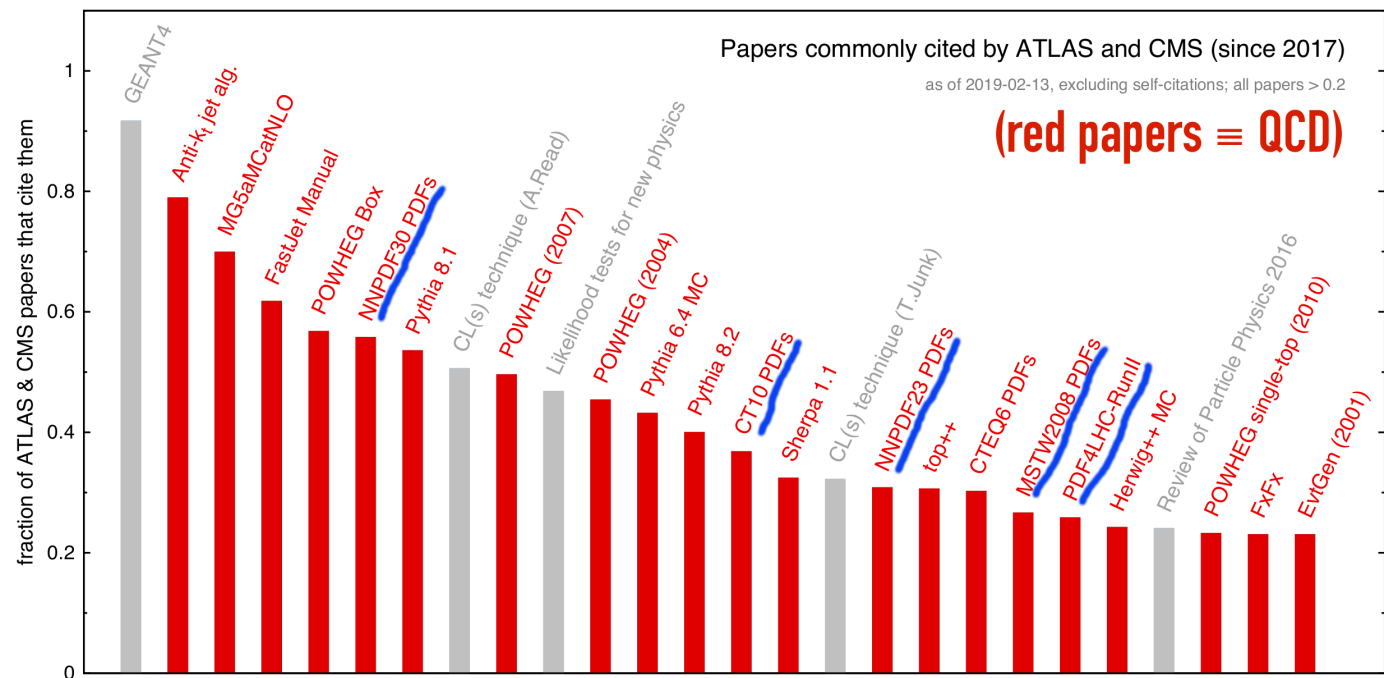


(G. Salam, 2019)

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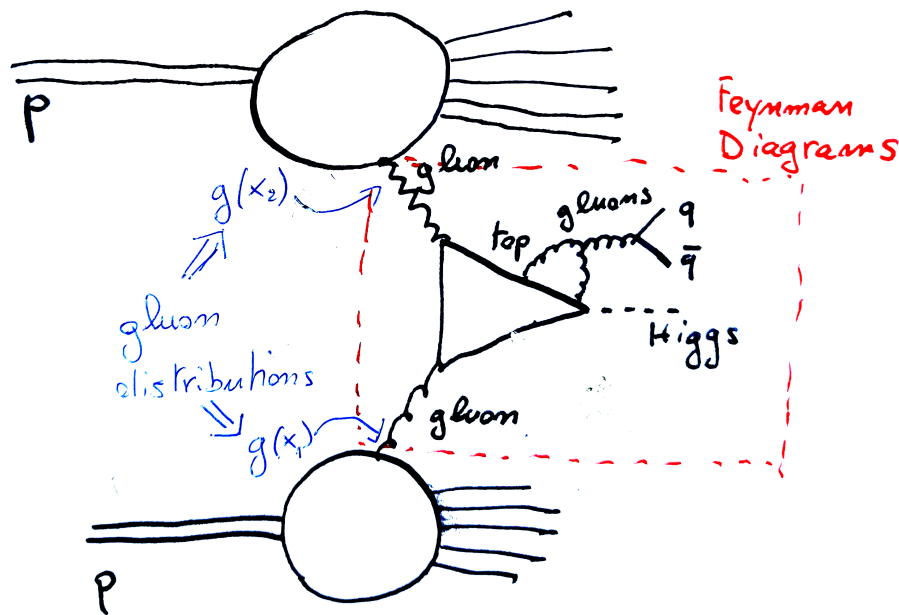


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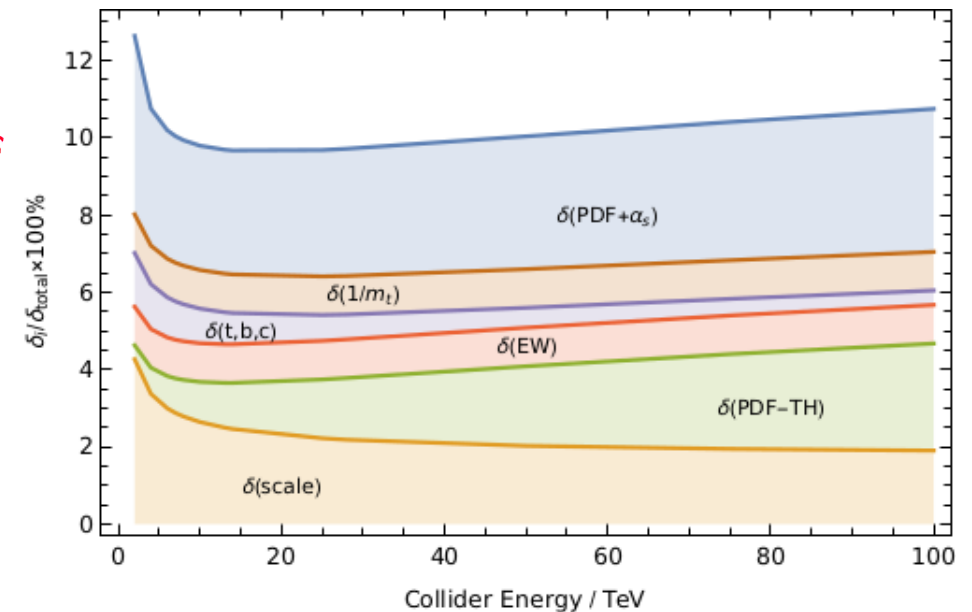
# UNCERTAINTIES AND PDFs

## QCD FACTORIZATION



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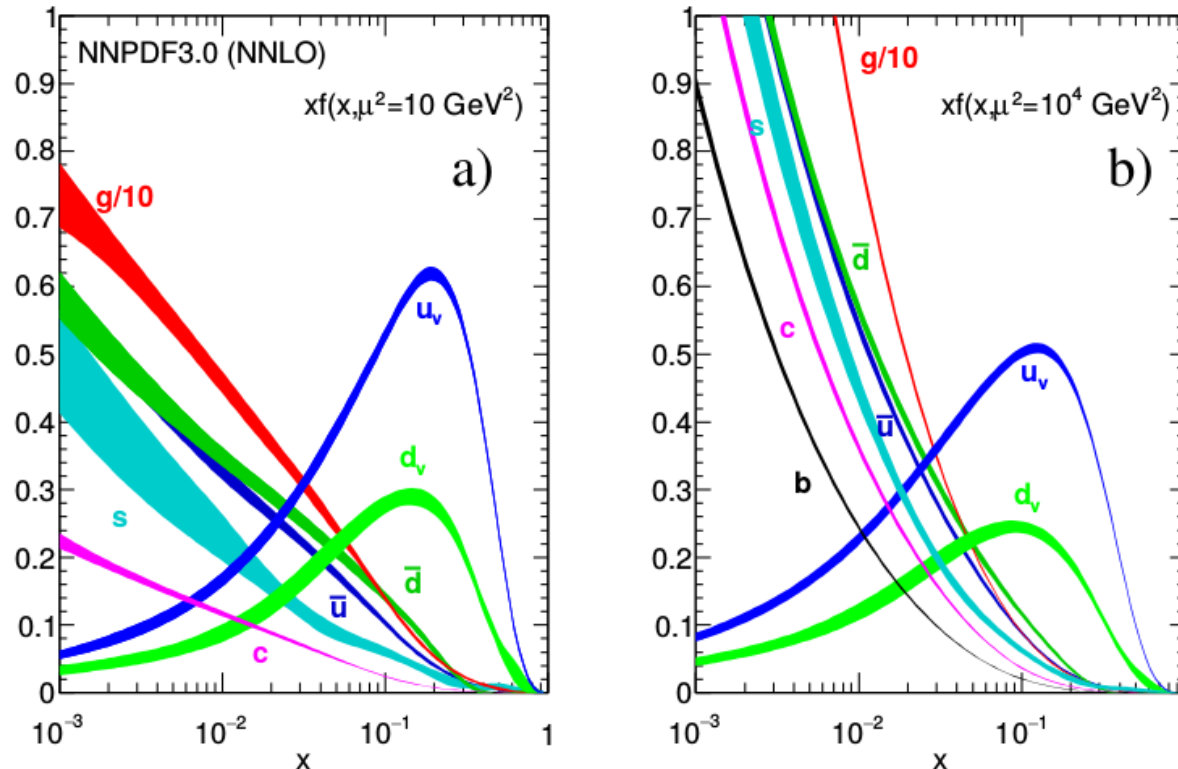
### HIGGS IN GLUON FUSION



(HL-LHC Higgs WG report, 2019)

- PDF EXPRESS THE **LIKELIHOOD OF A QUARK OR GLUONS** (PARTONS) TO ENTER A COLLISION
- THEIR KNOWLEDGE IS A **DOMINANT SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY**

# A PORTRAIT OF THE PROTON AS SEEN FROM A HIGGS BOSON



(PDG 2018)

- **PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS:** MOMENTUM FRACTION DISTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH TYPE OF QUARK, ANTIQUARK & THE GLUON
- **EXTRACTED FROM DATA,** COMPARING PDF-DEPENDENT PREDICTION & INVERTING
- MUST DETERMINE A **PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS** FROM A **DISCRETE SET OF DATA**

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

# DISCOVERY AT A HADRON COLLIDER AND PDFs

## THE DISCOVERY OF THE $W$ (1984)

### THEORETICAL PREDICTION

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G. Altarelli et al. / Vector boson production

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ALTARELLI, ELLIS, GRECO, MARTINELLI, 1984

### EXPERIMENTAL DISCOVERY



EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

CERN-EP/85-108  
11 July 1985

#### W PRODUCTION PROPERTIES AT THE CERN SPS COLLIDER

UA1 Collaboration, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Aachen<sup>1</sup> - Amsterdam (NIKHEF)<sup>2</sup> - Annecy (LAPP)<sup>3</sup> - Birmingham<sup>4</sup> - CERN<sup>5</sup> -  
Harvard<sup>6</sup> - Helsinki<sup>7</sup> - Kiel<sup>8</sup> - London (Imperial College<sup>9</sup> and Queen Mary College<sup>10</sup>) - Padua<sup>11</sup> -  
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Saclay (CEN)<sup>16</sup> - Victoria<sup>17</sup> - Vienna<sup>18</sup> - Wisconsin<sup>19</sup> Collaboration

The corresponding experimental result for the 1984 data at  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV is

$$(\sigma \cdot B)_W = 0.63 \pm 0.05 (\pm 0.09) \text{ nb.}$$

This is in agreement with the theoretical expectation [14] of  $0.47^{+0.14}_{-0.08} \text{ nb}$ . We note that the 15%

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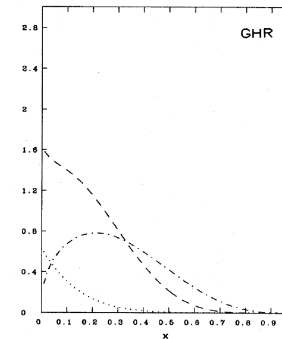


FIG. 25. Parton distributions of Glück, Hoffmann, and Reya (1982), at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ : valence quark distribution  $x[u_v(x) + d_v(x)]$  (dotted-dashed line),  $xG(x)$  (dashed line), and  $q_v(x)$  (dotted line).

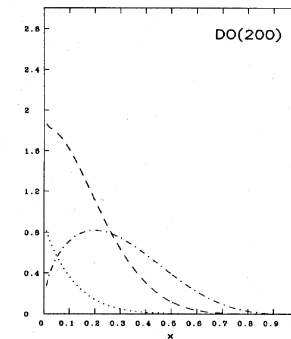


FIG. 27. "Soft-gluon" ( $\Lambda = 200 \text{ MeV}$ ) parton distributions of Duke and Owens (1984) at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ : valence quark distribution  $x[u_v(x) + d_v(x)]$  (dotted-dashed line),  $xG(x)$  (dashed line), and  $q_v(x)$  (dotted line).

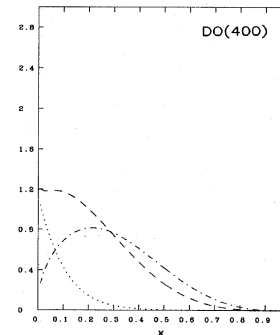


FIG. 26. "Hard-gluon" ( $\Lambda = 400 \text{ MeV}$ ) parton distributions of Duke and Owens (1984) at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ : valence quark distribution  $x[u_v(x) + d_v(x)]$  (dotted-dashed line),  $xG(x)$  (dashed line), and  $q_v(x)$  (dotted line).

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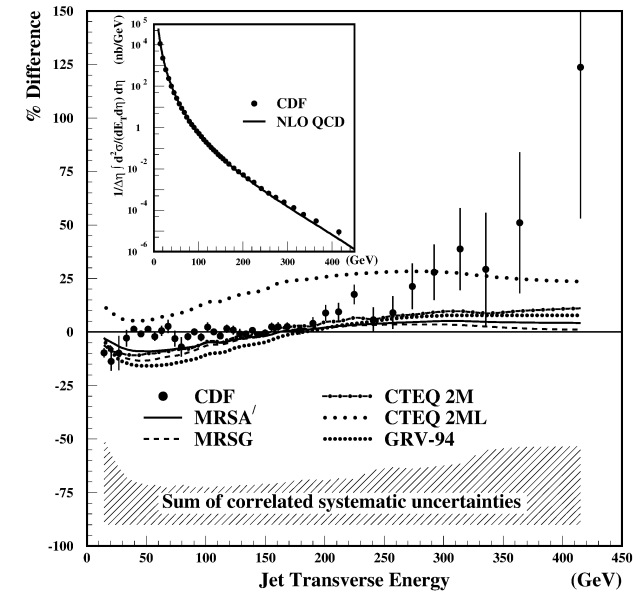
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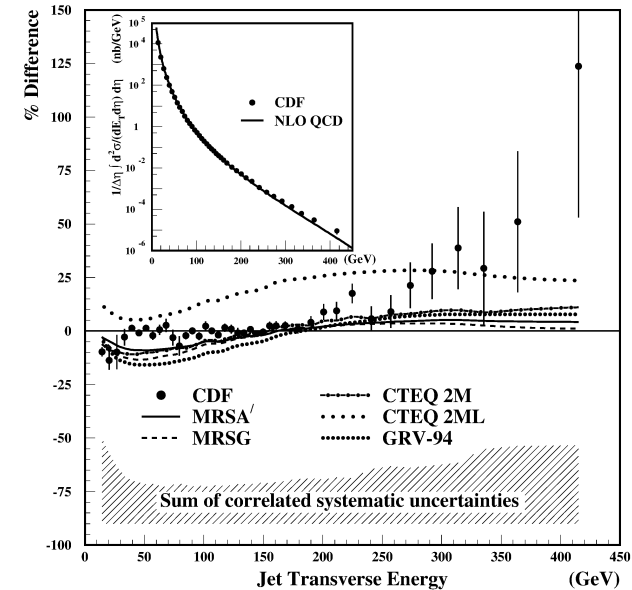
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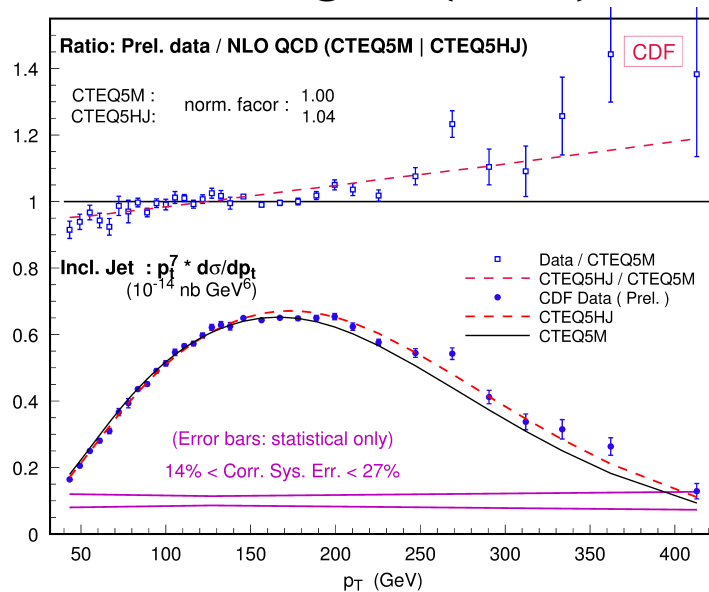
# DISCOVERY AT A HADRON COLLIDER AND PDFs

## A BETTER DETERMINATION OF THE GLUON PDF (1995)

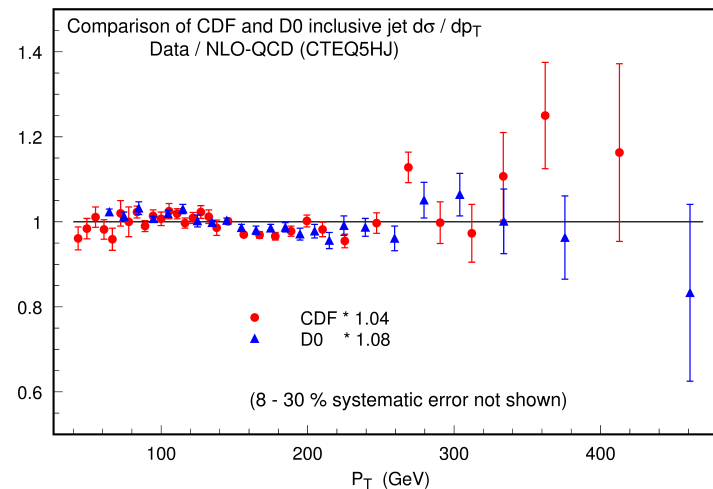
- DISCREPANCY BETWEEN QCD CALCULATION AND CDF JET DATA (1995)
- ~~EVIDENCE FOR QUARK COMPOSITENESS~~
- NO INFO ON PARTON UNCERTAINTY  $\Rightarrow$  RESULT STRONGLY DEPENDS ON GLUON AT  $x \gtrsim 0.1$



## DISCREPANCY REMOVED IF JET DATA INCLUDED IN THE FIT NEW CTEQ FIT (1996)



## FINAL CTEQ FIT (1998)





# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM $\sim 2000$

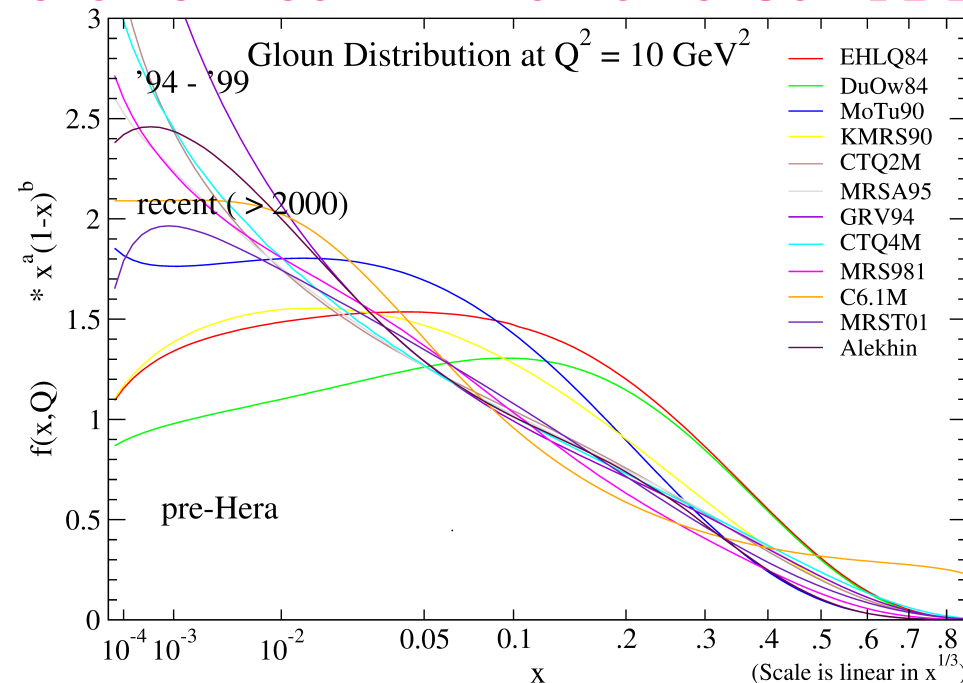
PDFs DETERMINED FITTING A **MODEL-INSPIRED FUNCTIONAL FORM**

gluon parametrization (MRST 2004)

$$xg(x, Q_0^2) = A_g(1-x)^{\eta_g}(1 + \epsilon_g x^{0.5} + \gamma_g x)x^{\delta_g} - A_-(1-x)^{\eta_-}x^{-\delta_-}$$

- PROBLEM **REDUCED** TO **FINITE-DIMENSIONAL**
- **WHO PICKS** THE FUNCTIONAL FORM?

## HISTORICAL COMPILATION OF GLUON PDFs

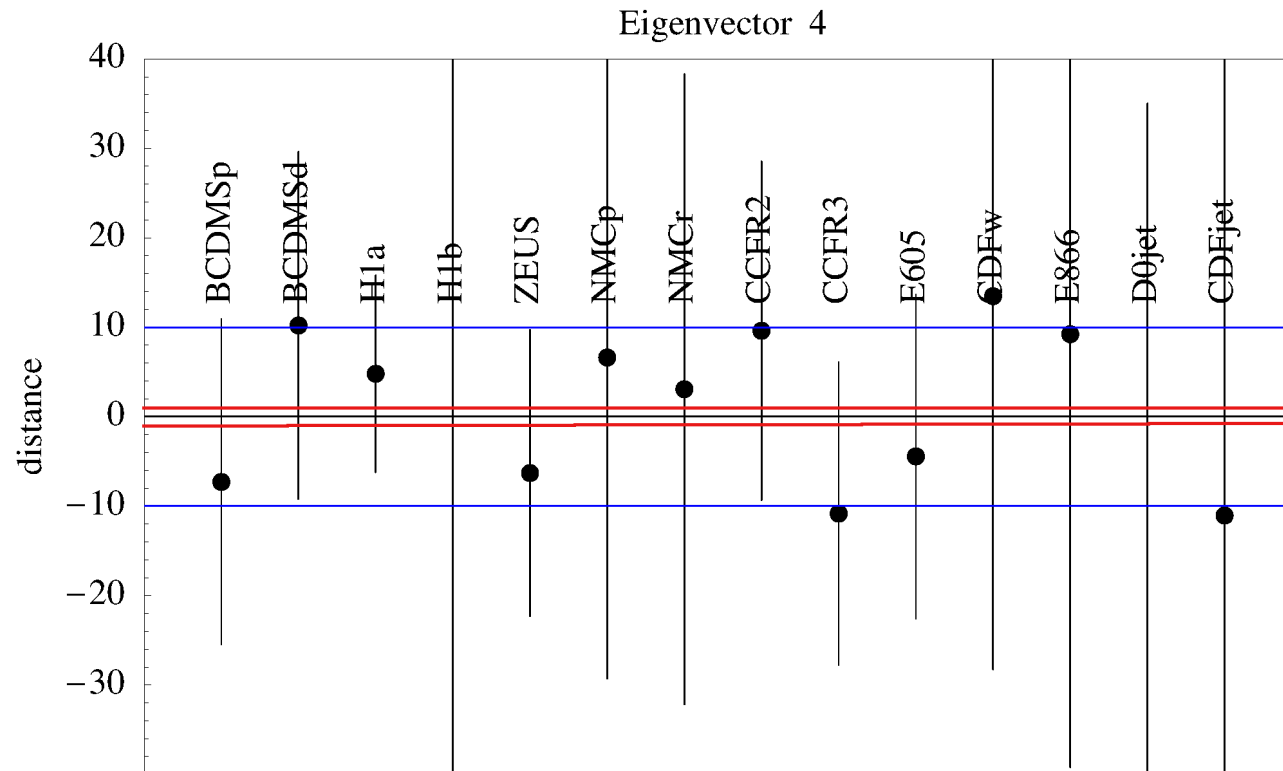


# FIRST PDFs WITH UNCERTAINTIES (2002)

## “TOLERANCE”

one sigma & ten sigma intervals for typical  
covariance matrix eigenvalue

vs best value and uncertainty from individual experiments

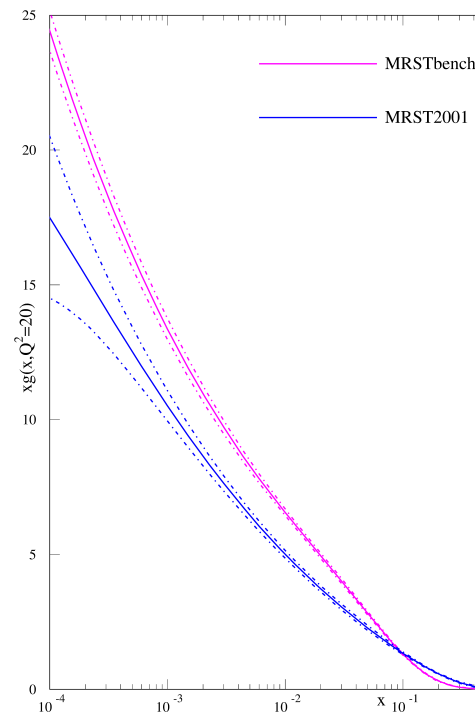


- SPREAD OF BEST-FIT FROM DIFFERENT DATA HUGE W.R. TO TEXTBOOK UNCERTAINTIES
- PDF UNCERTAINTIES RESCALED BY “TOLERANCE”  $T \sim 10$

# THE HERA-LHC BENCHMARK (2005)

- RESTRICTED AND VERY CONSISTENT DATASET USED
- RESULTS COMPARED TO THEN-BEST RESULT FROM FULL DATASET

BENCHMARK VS DEFAULT GLUON

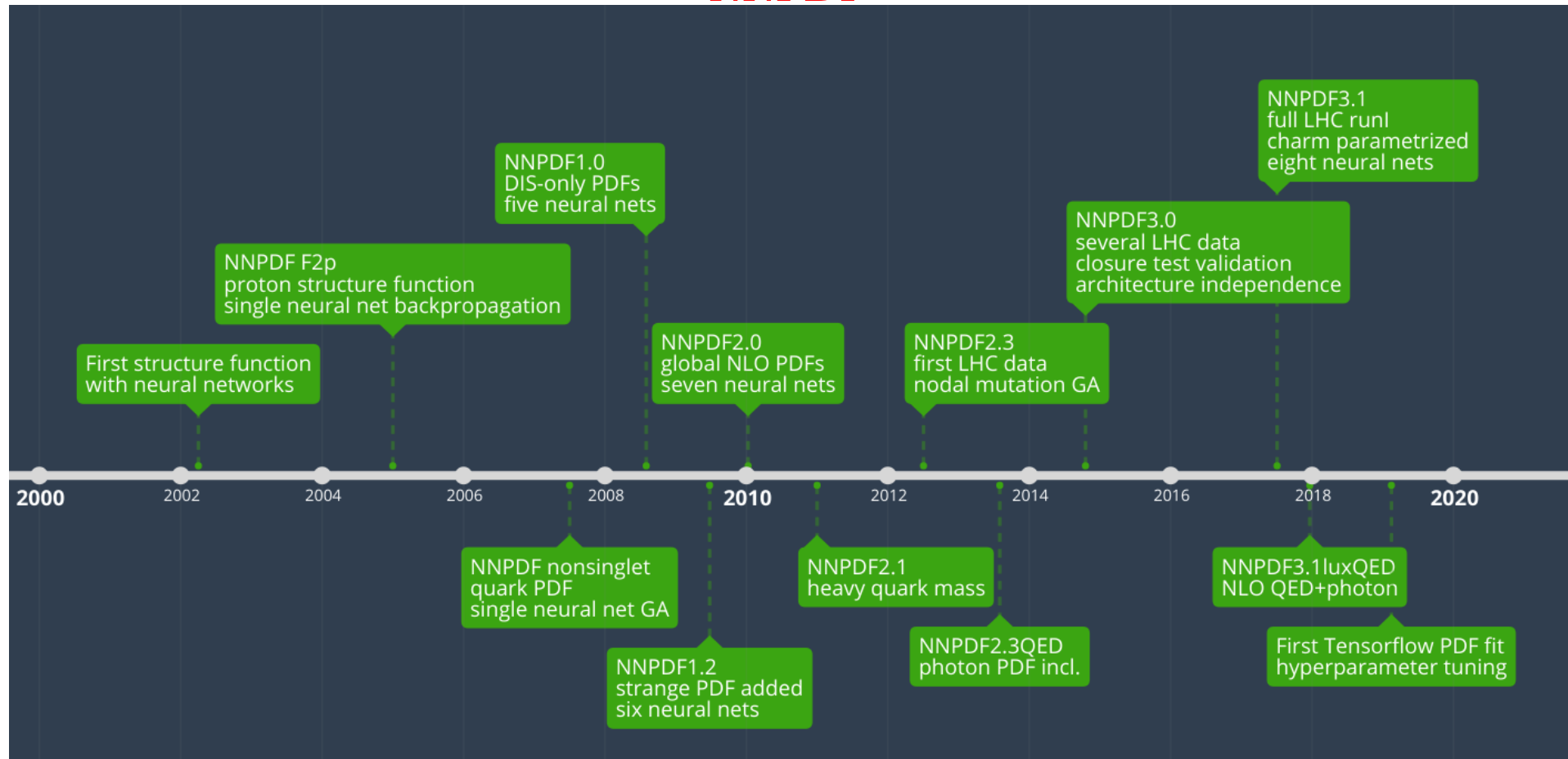


“...the partons extracted using a very limited data set are completely incompatible, even allowing for the uncertainties, with those obtained from a global fit with an identical treatment of errors...The comparison illustrates the problems in determining the true uncertainty on parton distributions.” (R.Thorne, HERALHC, 2005)

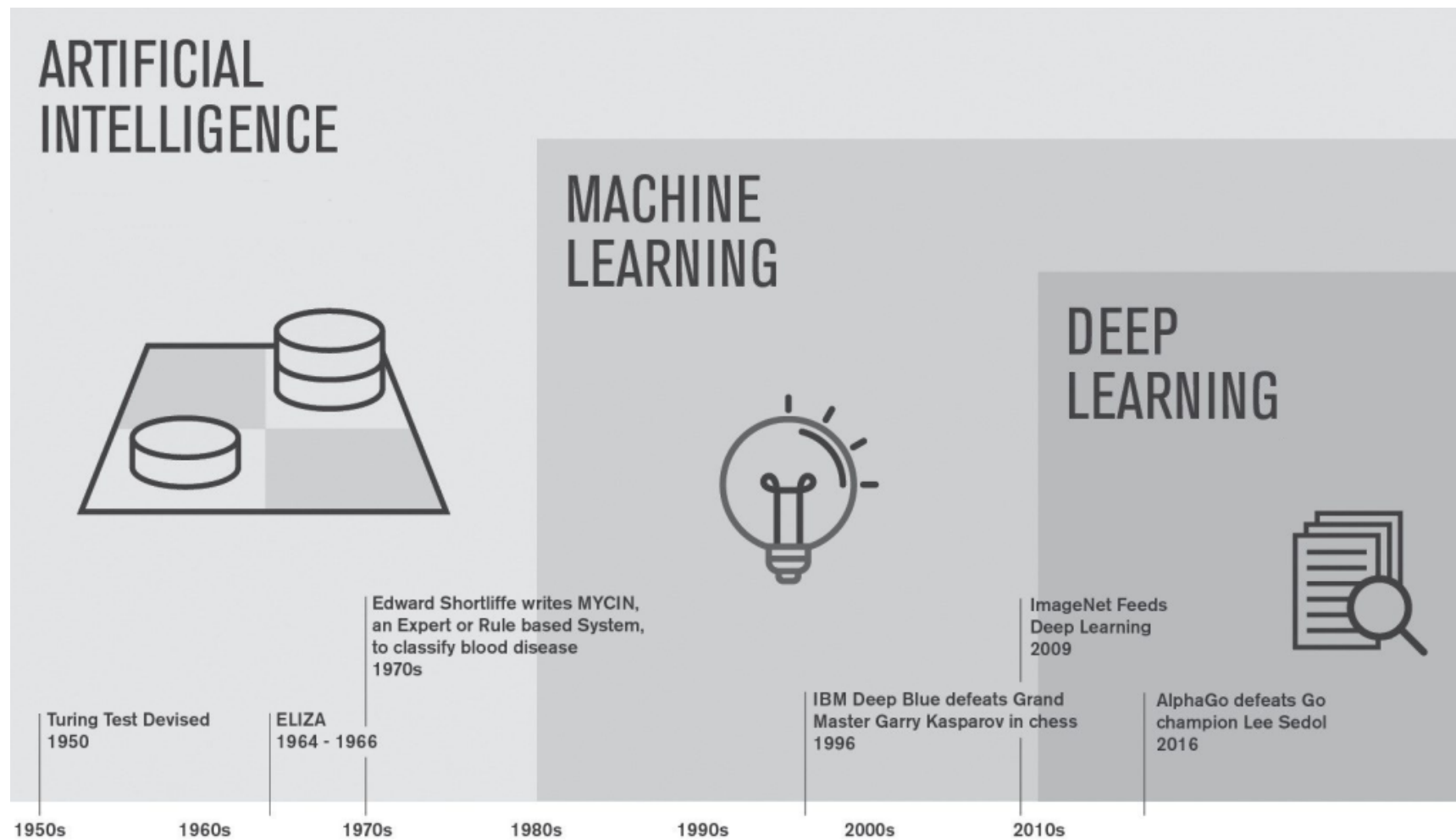
PDFS AND AI: NNPDF

# PROTON STRUCTURE AS AN AI PROBLEM:

## NNPDF



# FROM AI TO ML



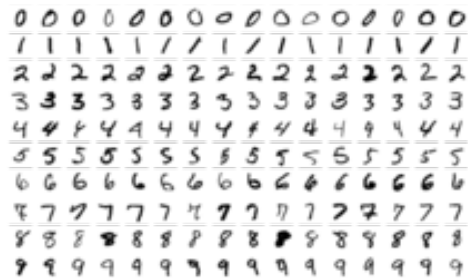
# SHIFTING OF PARADIGMS

## “KNOWLEDGE BASED” AI

- LEARN AND IMPLEMENT A SET OF RULES
- GOOD FOR CHESS, BAD FOR REAL LIFE



## MACHINE LEARNING



- “INTUITIVE” REPRESENTATION
- THE AI AGENT BUILD UP ITS OWN KNOWLEDGE



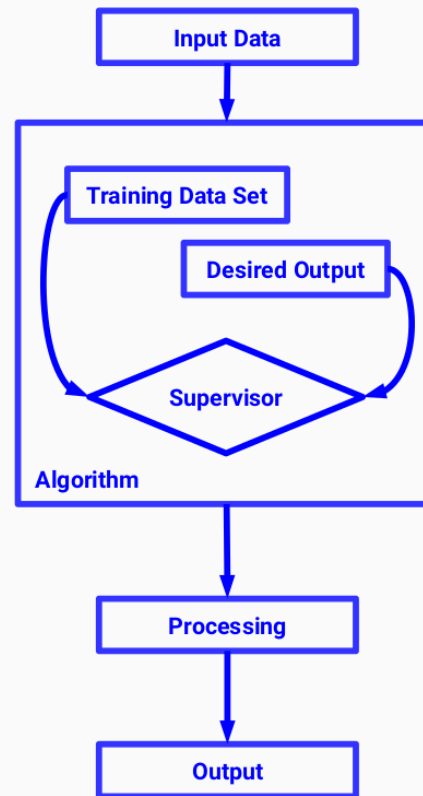
# MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

## Unsupervised learning



EXTRACT AND OPTIMIZE  
DATA FEATURES

## Supervised learning



OPTIMIZE A PROPERTY  
LEARNING FROM DATA

## Reinforcement learning



LEARN FROM DATA  
THE LEARNING STRATEGY

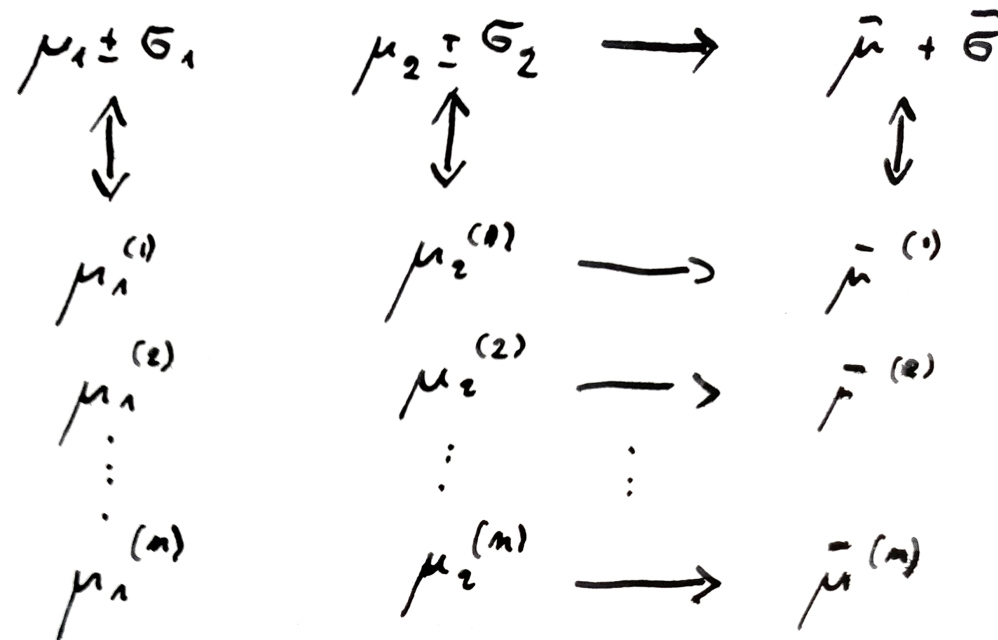


## THE NNPDF APPROACH COMBINING DATA BY MONTE CARLO

TWO MEASUREMENTS:  $\mu_1 \pm \sigma_1$ ;  $\mu_2 \pm \sigma_2$

**MC COMBINATION:**  $\bar{\mu} \pm \bar{\sigma}$ ;  $\bar{\mu} = \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{\mu_2}{\sigma_2^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$ ;  $\bar{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$

### MONTE CARLO REPRESENTATION

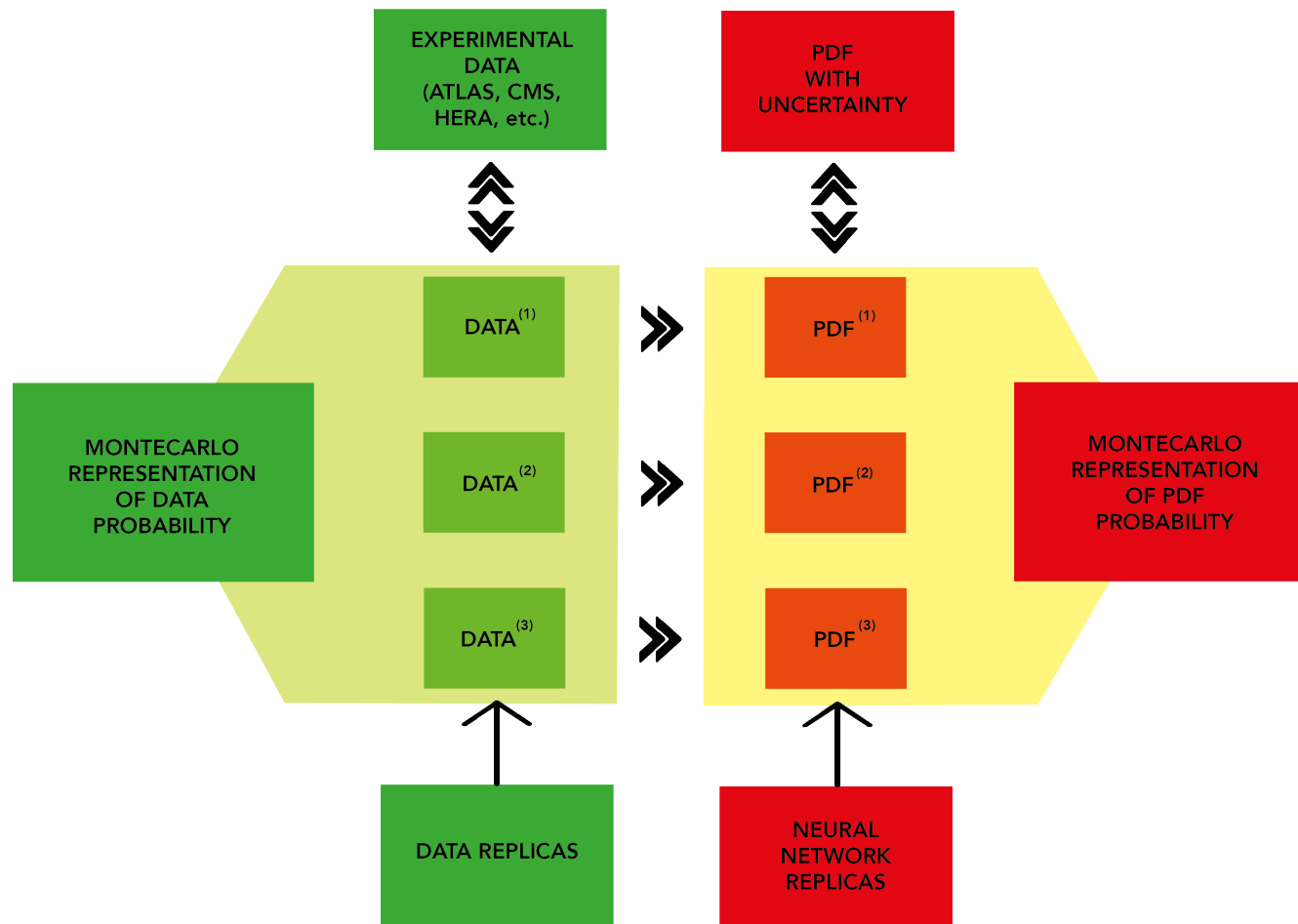


$\mu^{(i)} \Leftrightarrow$  **REPLICA SAMPLE**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **REPRESENTATION OF PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION**  
NEED ONLY TO KNOW HOW TO COMBINE CENTRAL VALUES

# AI FOR PDFS: THE NNPDF APPROACH

## THE FUNCTIONAL MONTE CARLO

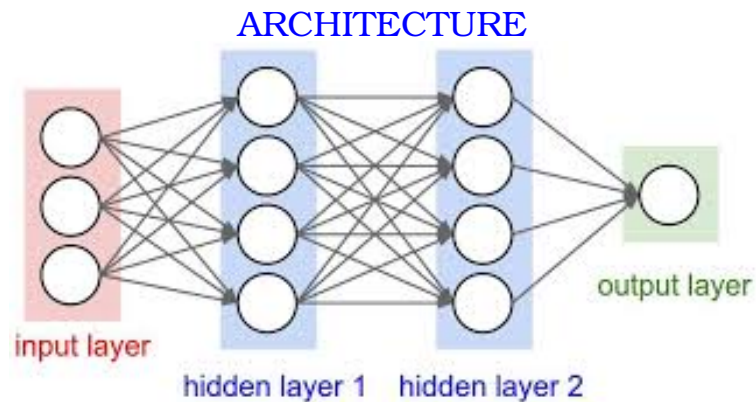
REPLICA SAMPLE OF FUNCTIONS  $\Leftrightarrow$  PROBABILITY DENSITY IN FUNCTION SPACE  
 KNOWLEDGE OF FUNCTIONAL FORM NOT NECESSARY



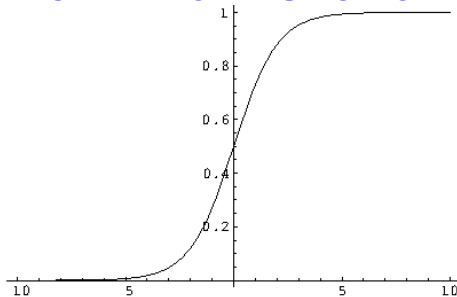
FINAL PDF SET:  $f_i^{(a)}(x, \mu);$

$i = \text{up, antiup, down, antidown, strange, antistrange, charm, gluon}; j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{rep}}$

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NEURAL NETWORKS



ACTIVATION FUNCTION



PARAMETERS

- WEIGHTS  $\omega_{ij}$
- THRESHOLDS  $\theta_i$

$$F_{\text{out}}^{(i)}(\vec{x}_{\text{in}}) = F \left( \sum_j \omega_{ij} x_{\text{in}}^j - \theta_i \right)$$

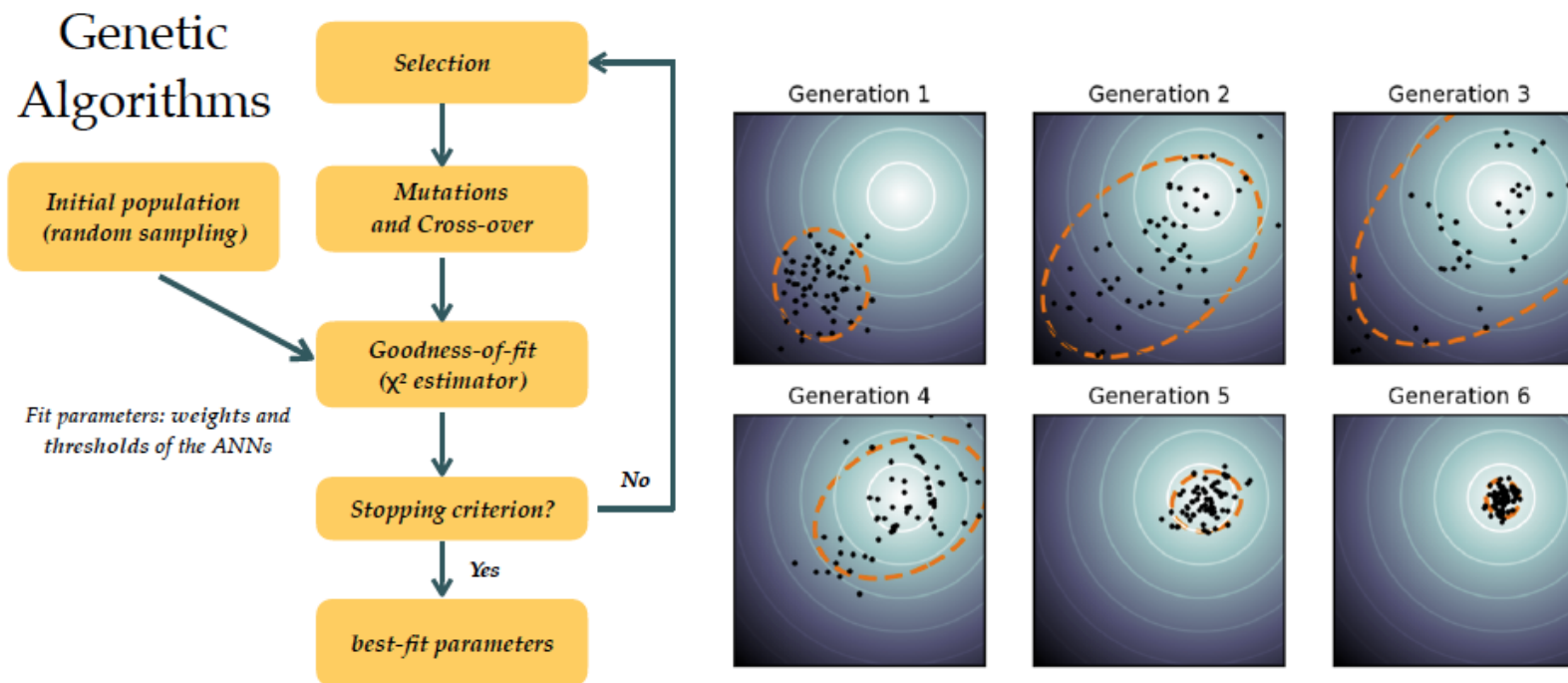
SIMPLEST EXAMPLE  
1-2-1

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

NNPDF: 2 – 5 – 3 – 1 NN FOR EACH PDF:  $37 \times 8 = 296$  PARAMETERS

# SUPERVISED LEARNING GENETIC ALGORITHMS

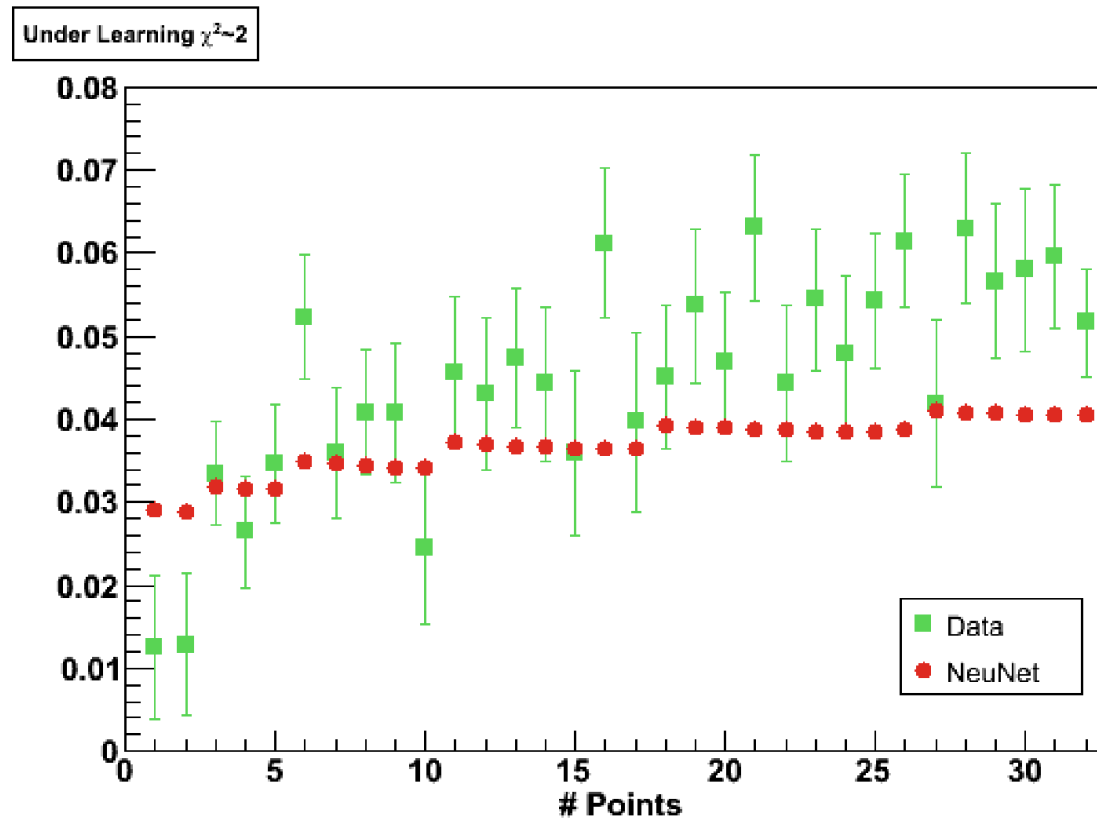
- BASIC IDEA: RANDOM MUTATION OF THE NN PARAMETER
- SELECTION OF THE FITTEST



# NEURAL LEARNING

- COMPLEXITY INCREASES AS THE FITTING PROCEEDS
- UNTIL LEARNING NOISE
- WHEN SHOULD ONE STOP?

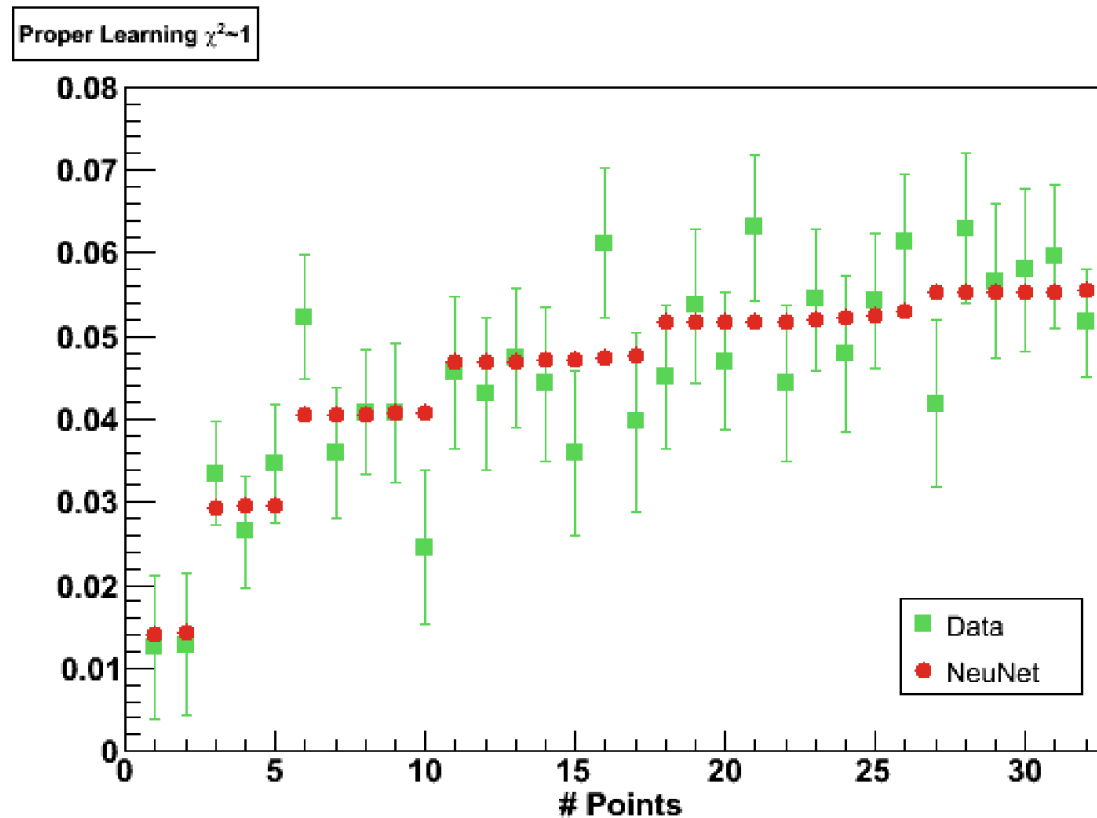
## UNDERLEARNING



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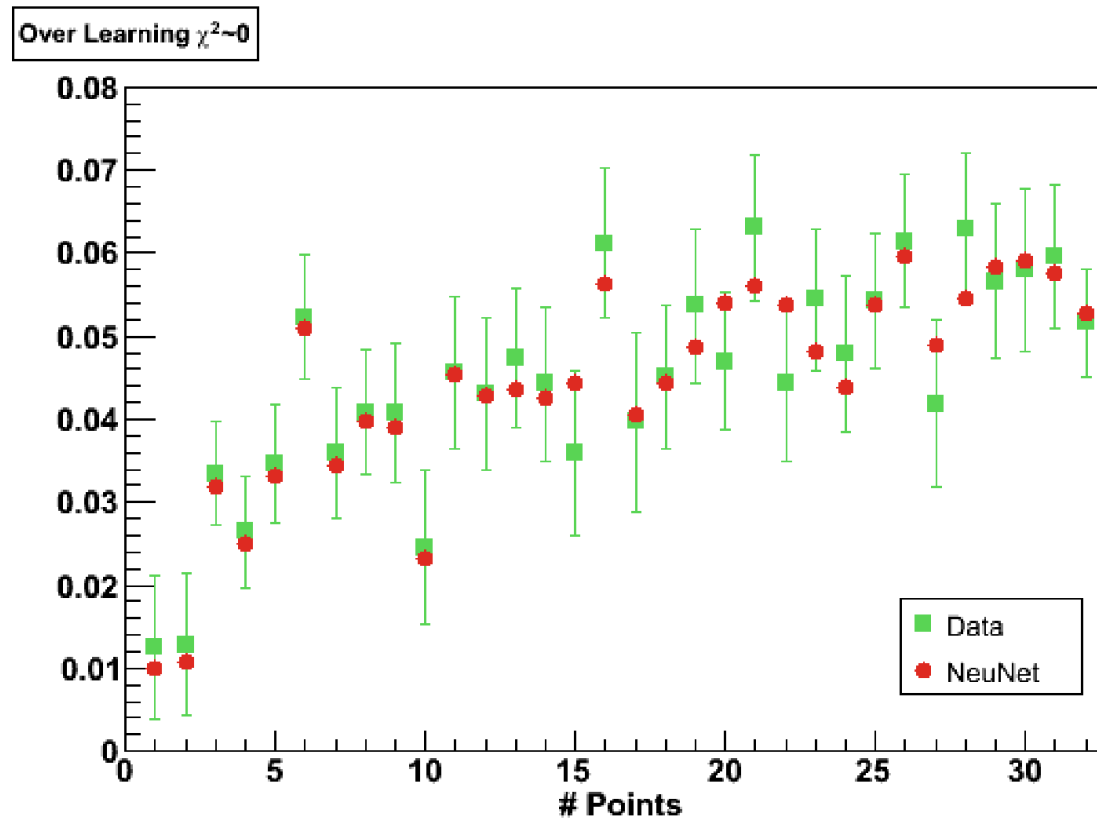
## PROPER LEARNING



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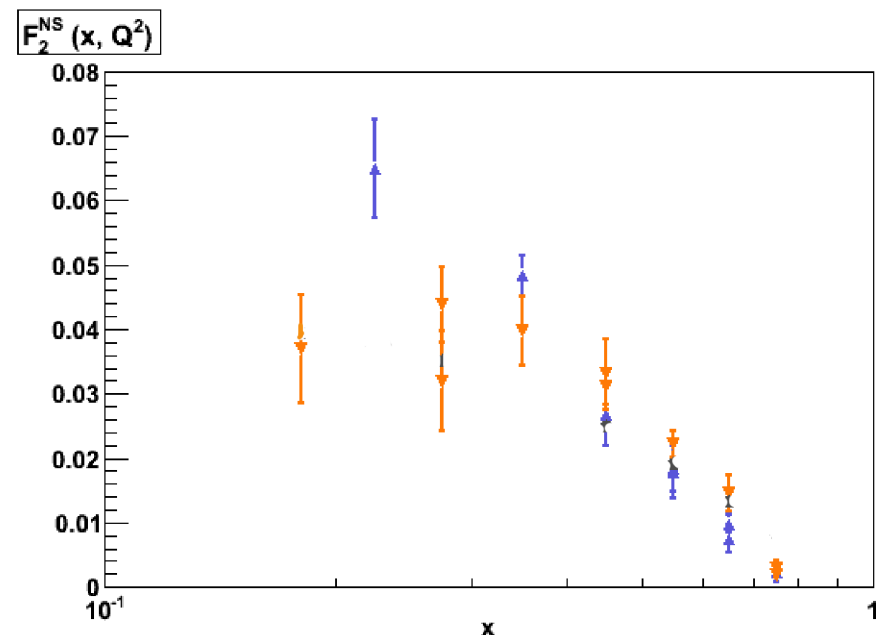


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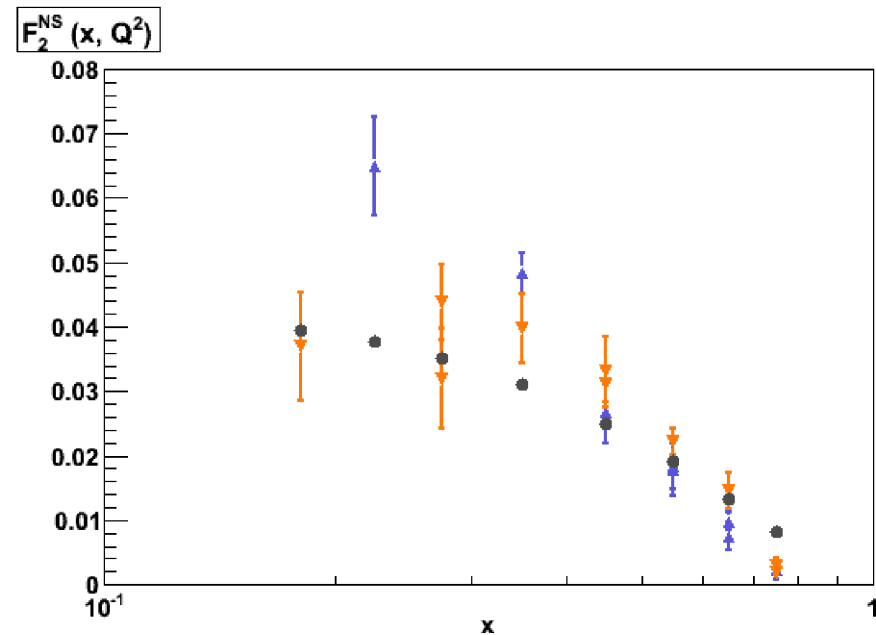
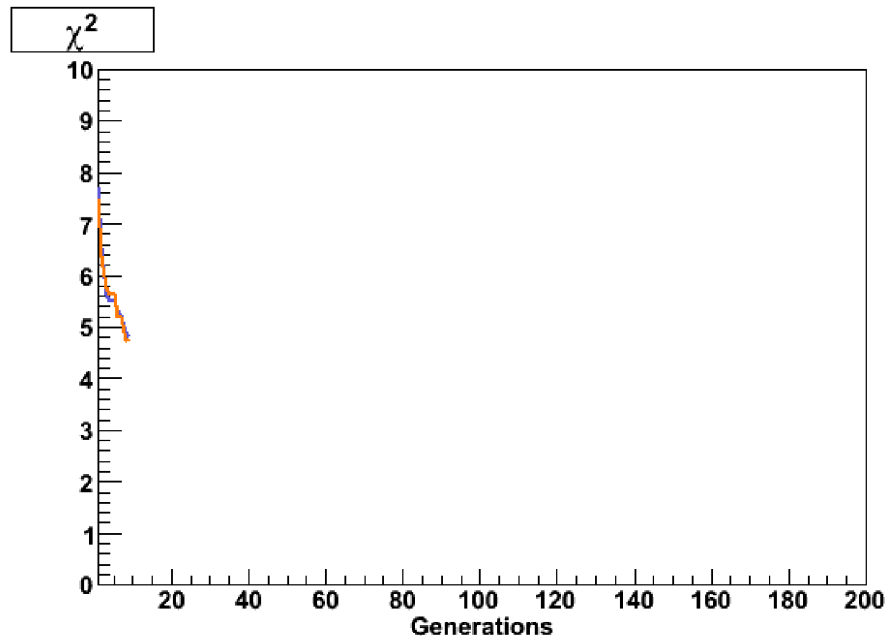
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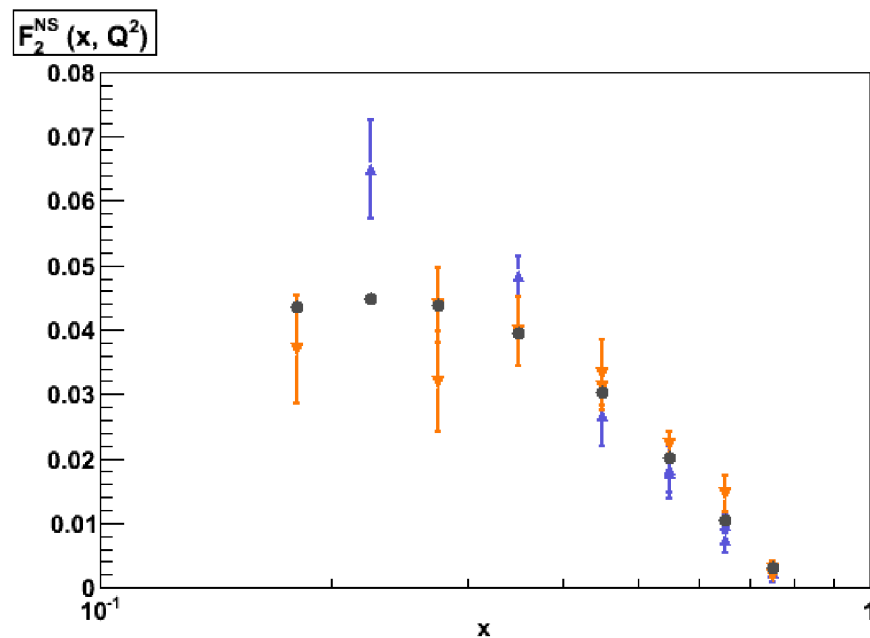
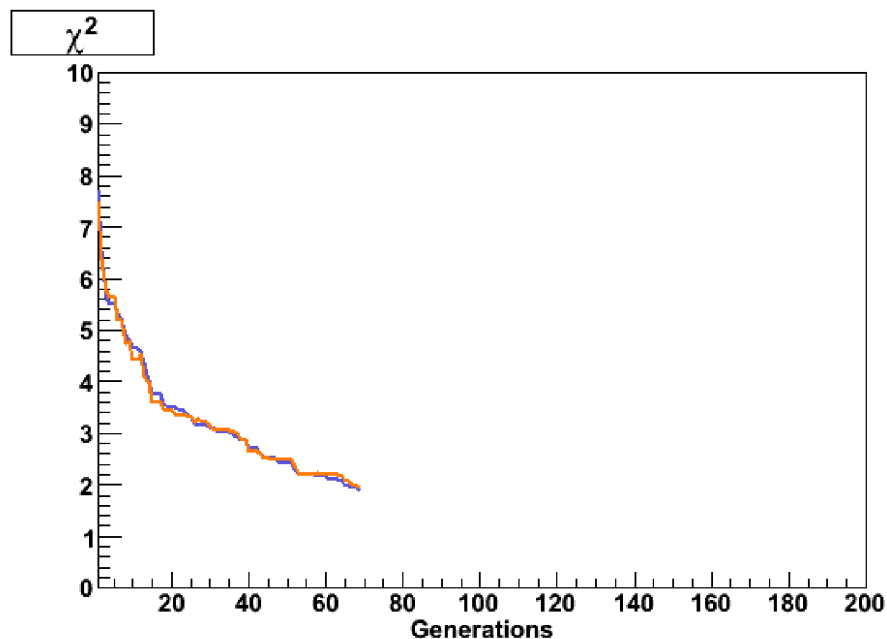
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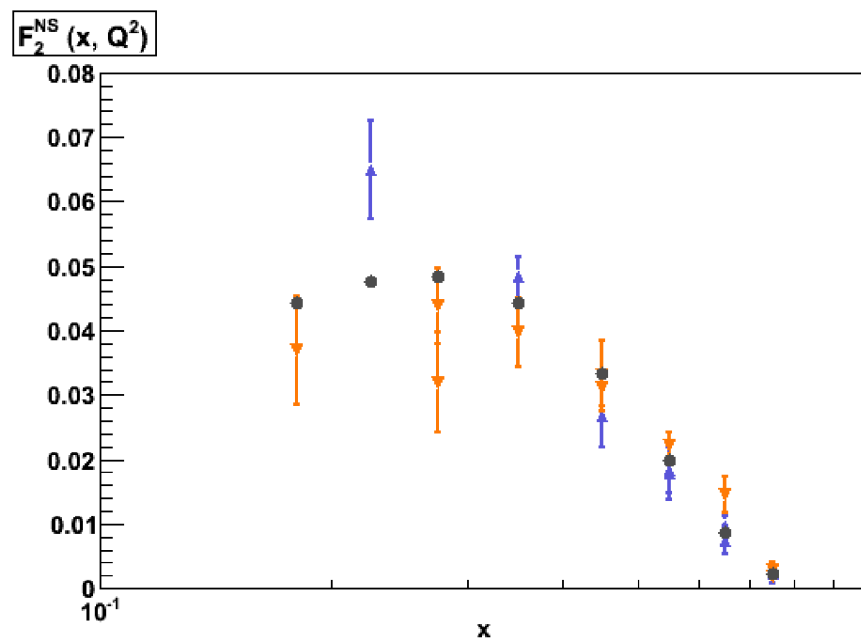
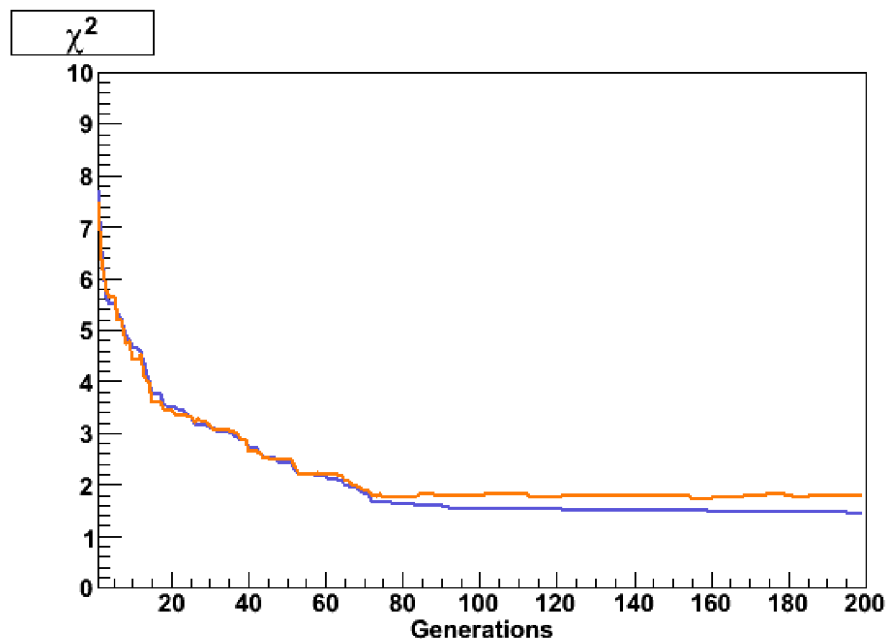
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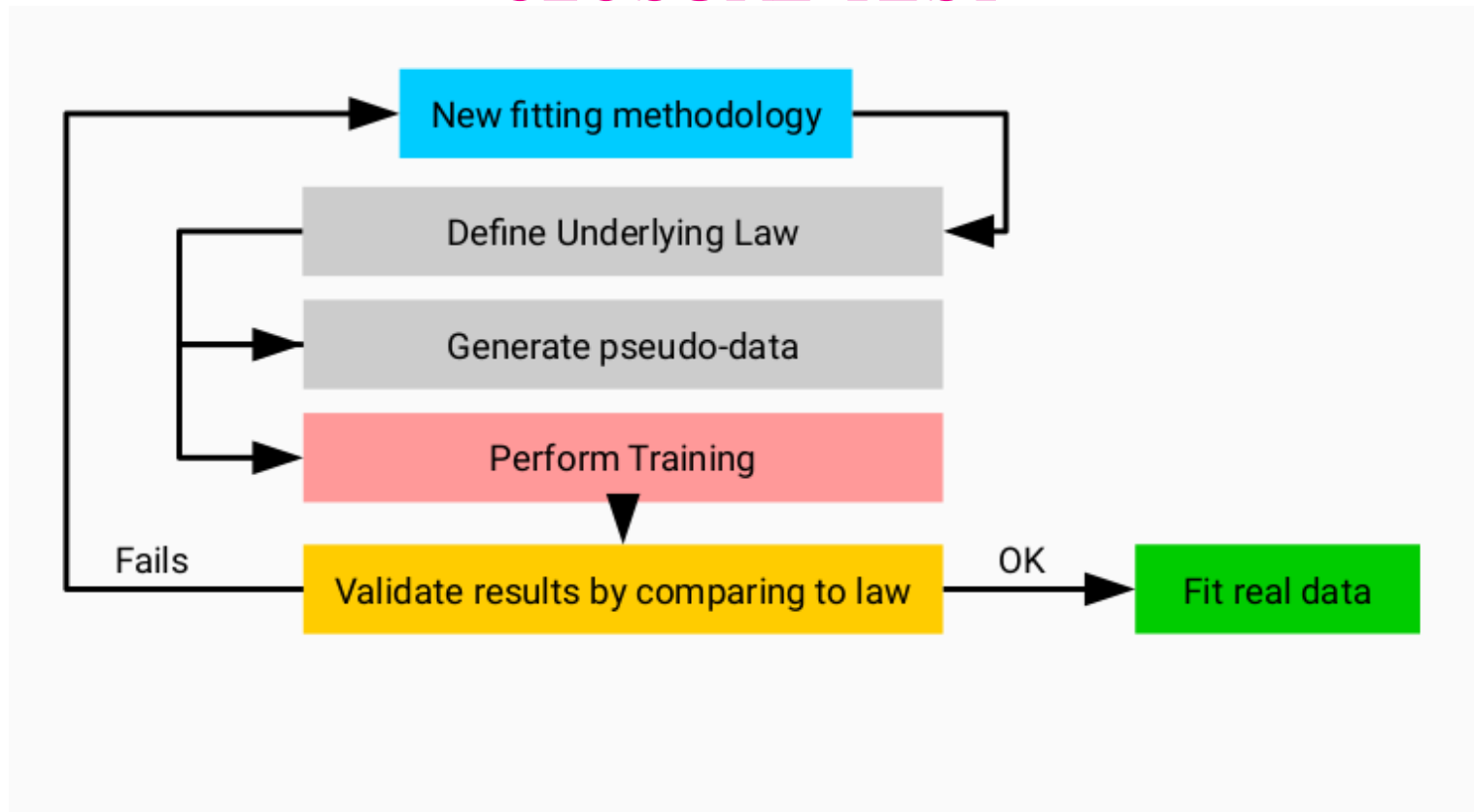
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TOO LATE!



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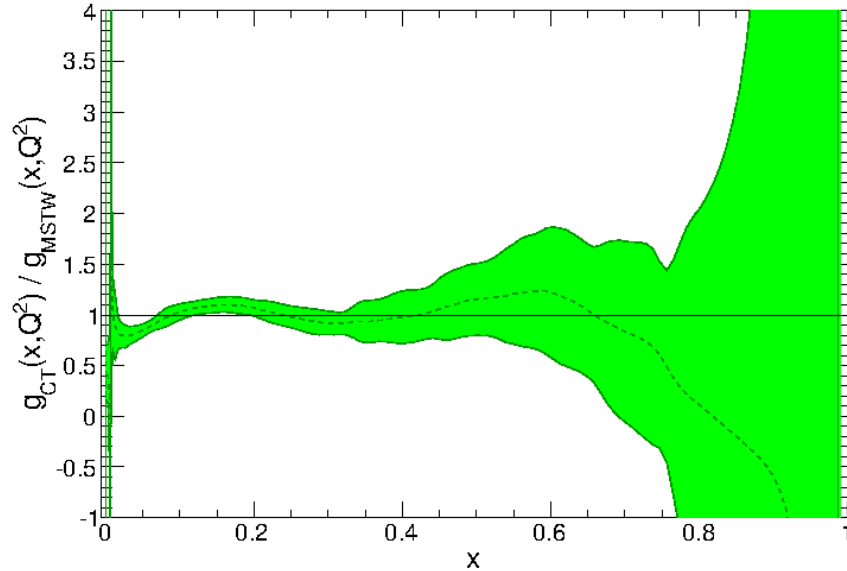
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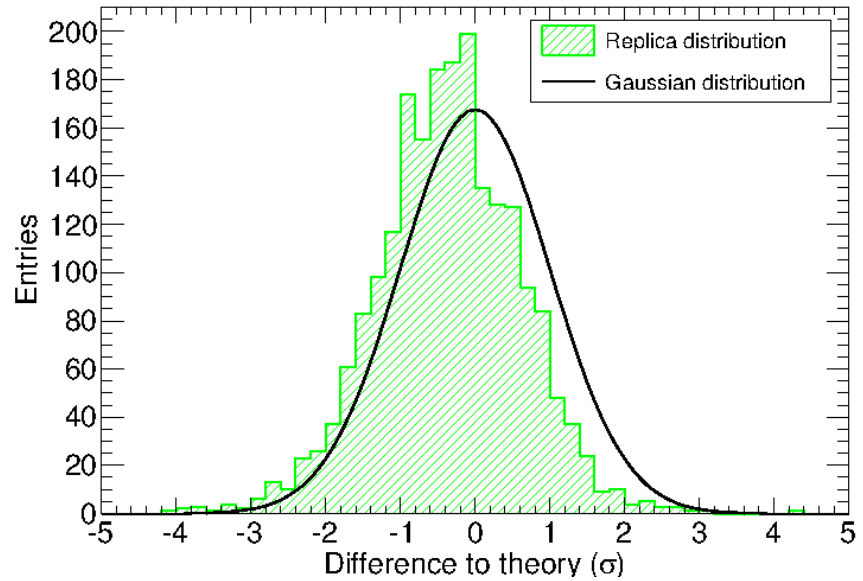
# FIRST CLOSURE TEST (NNPDF3.0; 2014)

NORMALIZED DISTRIBUTION OF DEVIATIONS

THE GLUON: RESULT/"TRUTH"  
Ratio of Closure Test  $g$  to MSTW2008



Distribution of single replica fits in level 2 uncertainties



1  $\sigma$ : 70% (should be 68%)

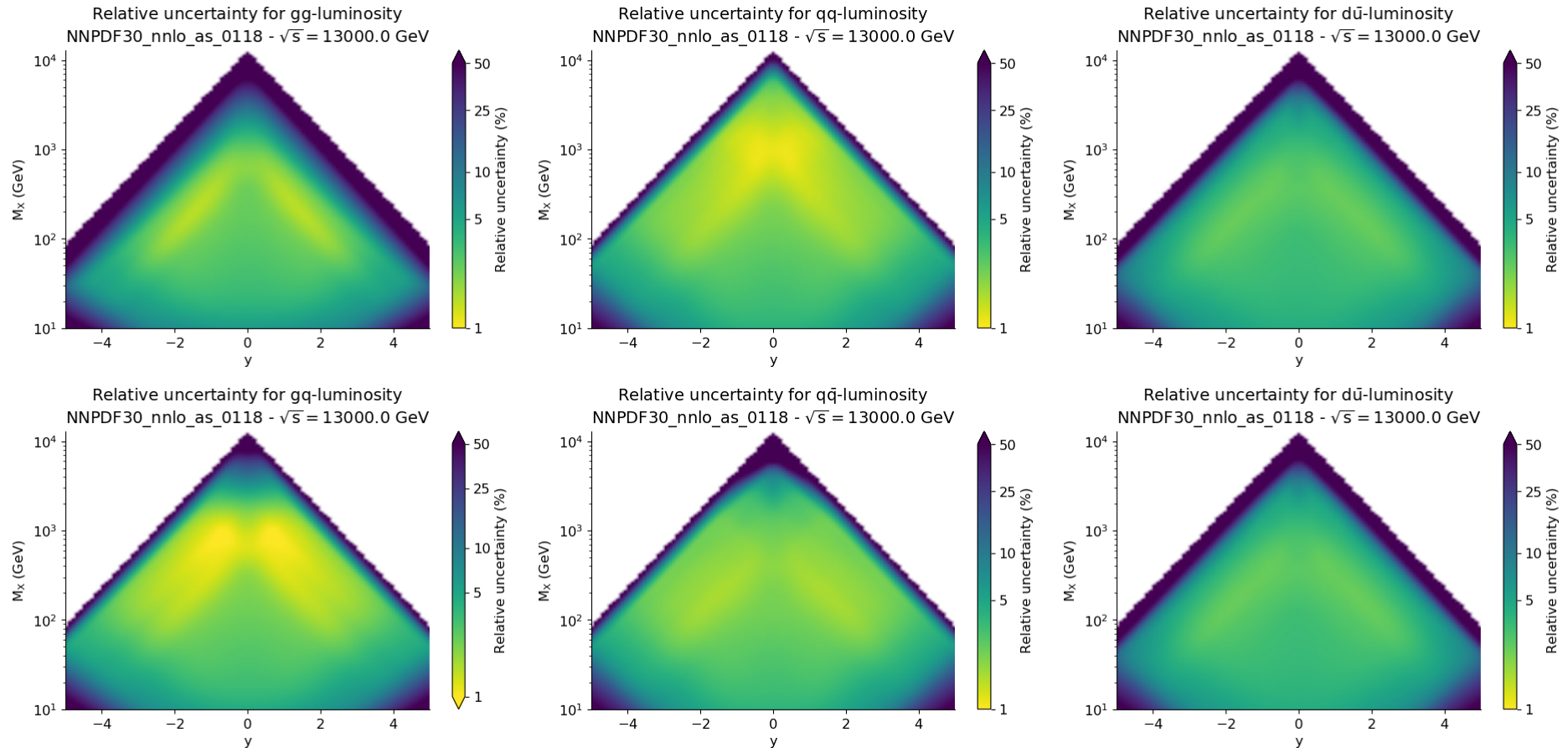
- THE METHODOLOGY IS FAITHFUL

# THE STATE OF THE ART: PRECISION PDF4LHC PDFs (2014) NNPDF3.0 NNLO

GLUON

SINGLET

FLAVORS



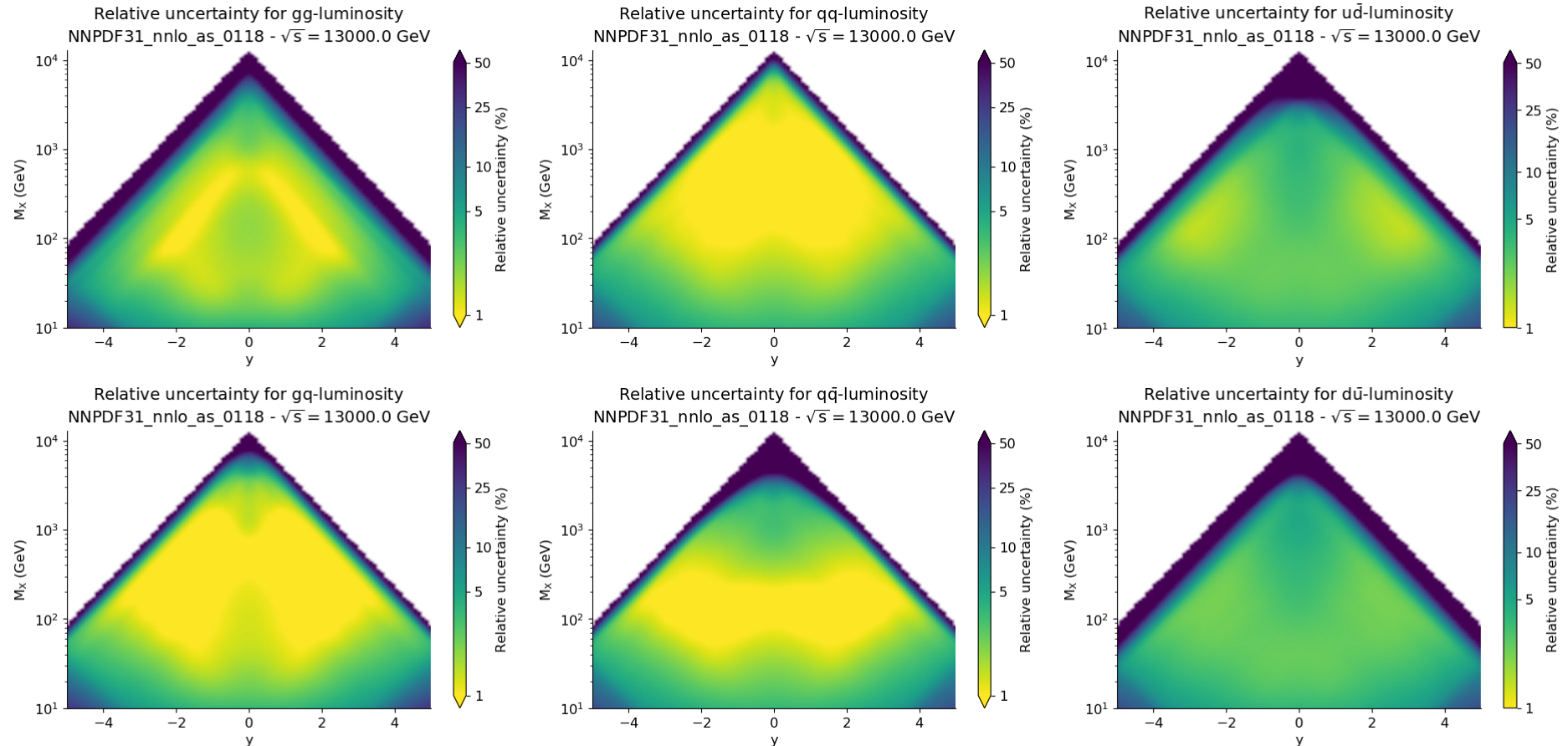
- GLUON BETTER KNOWN AT SMALL  $x$ , VALENCE QUARKS AT LARGE  $x$ , SEA QUARKS IN BETWEEN
- TYPICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN DATA REGION  $\sim 3 - 5\%$
- SWEET SPOT: VALENCE Q - G; DOWN TO 1%
- UP BETTER KNOWN THAN DOWN; FLAVOR SINGLET BETTER THAN INDIVIDUAL FLAVORS

# THE STATE OF THE ART: PRECISION CURRENT PDFs (2017) NNPDF3.1 NNLO

GLUON

SINGLET

FLAVORS



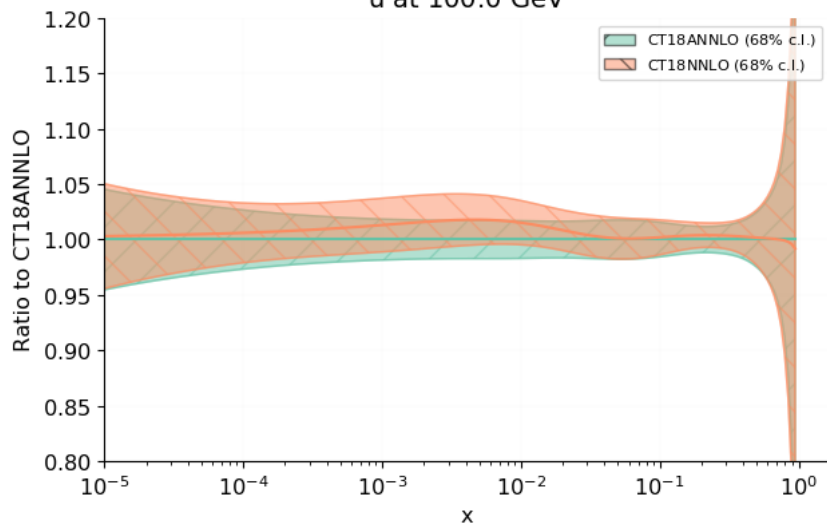
- GLUON BETTER KNOWN AT SMALL  $x$ , VALENCE QUARKS AT LARGE  $x$ , SEA QUARKS IN BETWEEN
- TYPICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN DATA REGION  $\sim 1 - 3\%$
- SWEET SPOT: VALENCE Q - G; 1% OR BELOW
- UP BETTER KNOWN THAN DOWN; FLAVOR SINGLET BETTER THAN INDIVIDUAL FLAVORS

# THE STATE OF THE ART: CONSISTENCY

IMPACT OF ATLAS W/Z 7TeV DATA

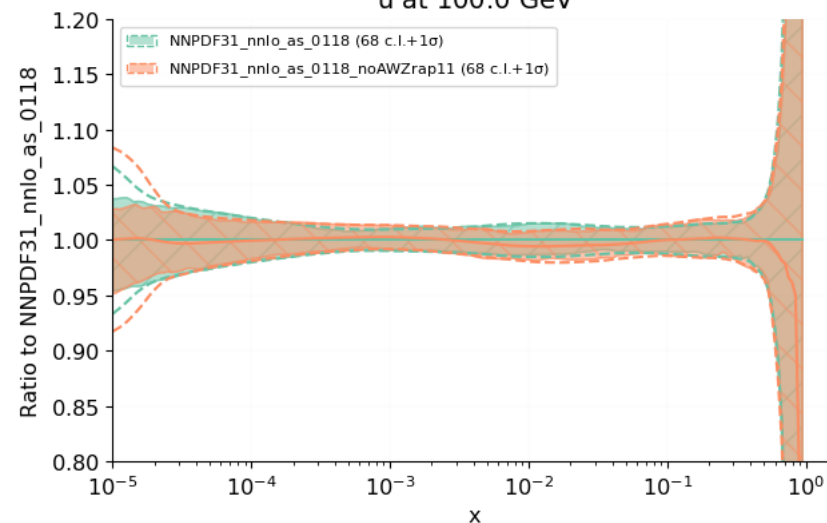
CT18

u at 100.0 GeV

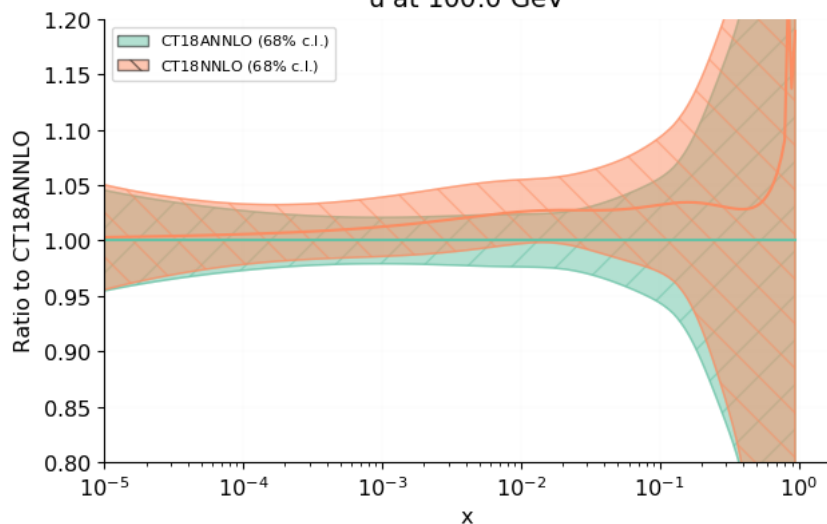


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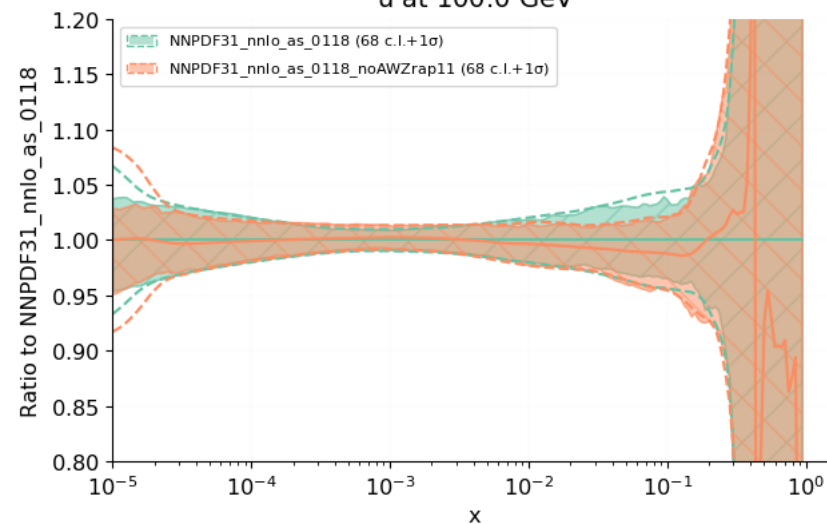
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$\bar{u}$  at 100.0 GeV



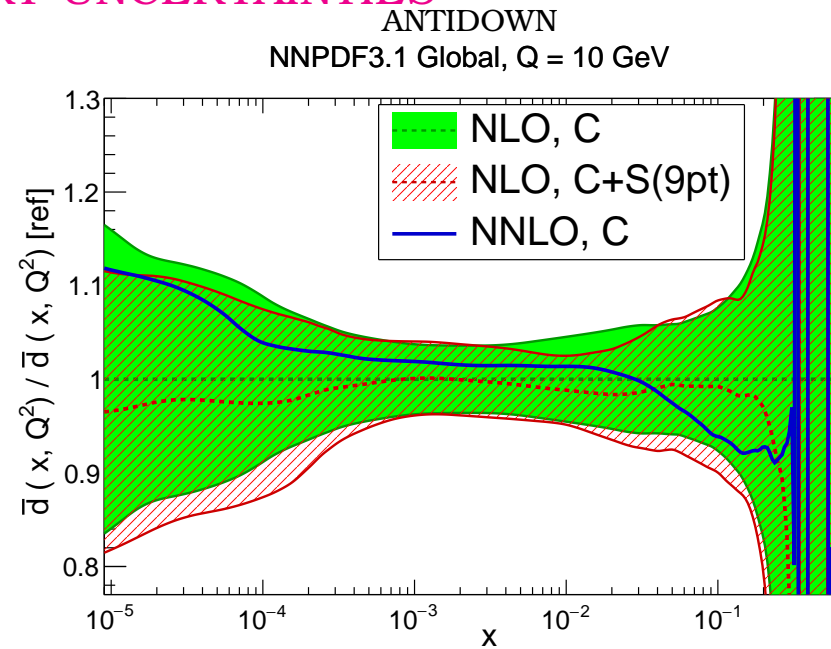
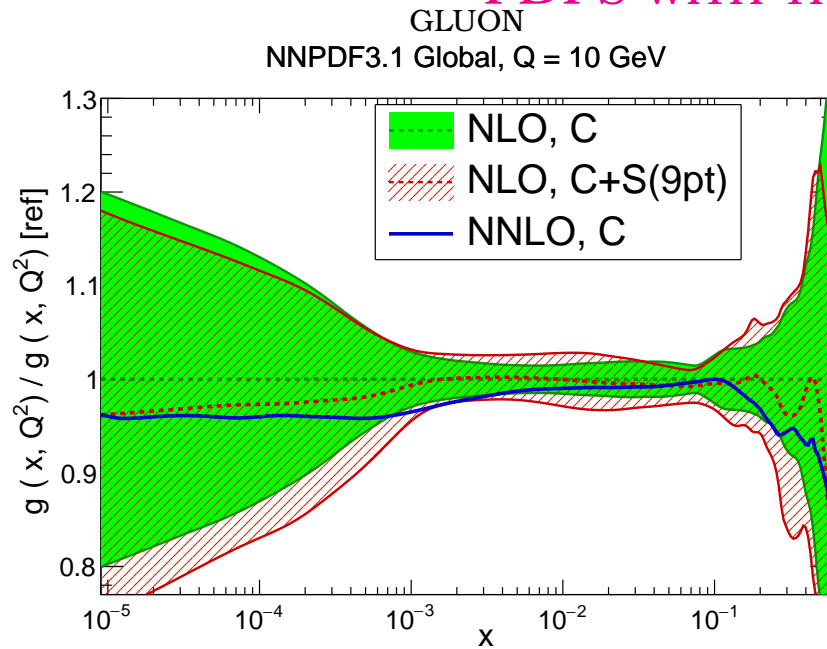
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- **CT18**: PDF SETS RELEASED **WITH/WITHOUT ATLAS W/Z** DATA INCLUDED
- **NNPDF3.1**: **CONSISTENCY** OF ALL DATASETS INCLUDED



# THE STATE OF THE ART: ACCURACY PDFs WITH THEORY UNCERTAINTIES



	$C$	$C + S^{(9\text{pt})}$
$\chi^2$	1.139	1.109
$\phi$	0.314	0.415

- FIT QUALITY  $\chi^2$  IMPROVES
- RELATIVE ERROR  $\phi$  ON PREDICTION MILDLY INCREASED
- CENTRAL VALUE MOVES TOWARDS KNOWN NNLO

EQUALLY PRECISE BUT MORE ACCURATE RESULT!

# THE STATE OF THE ART:

## QUESTIONS

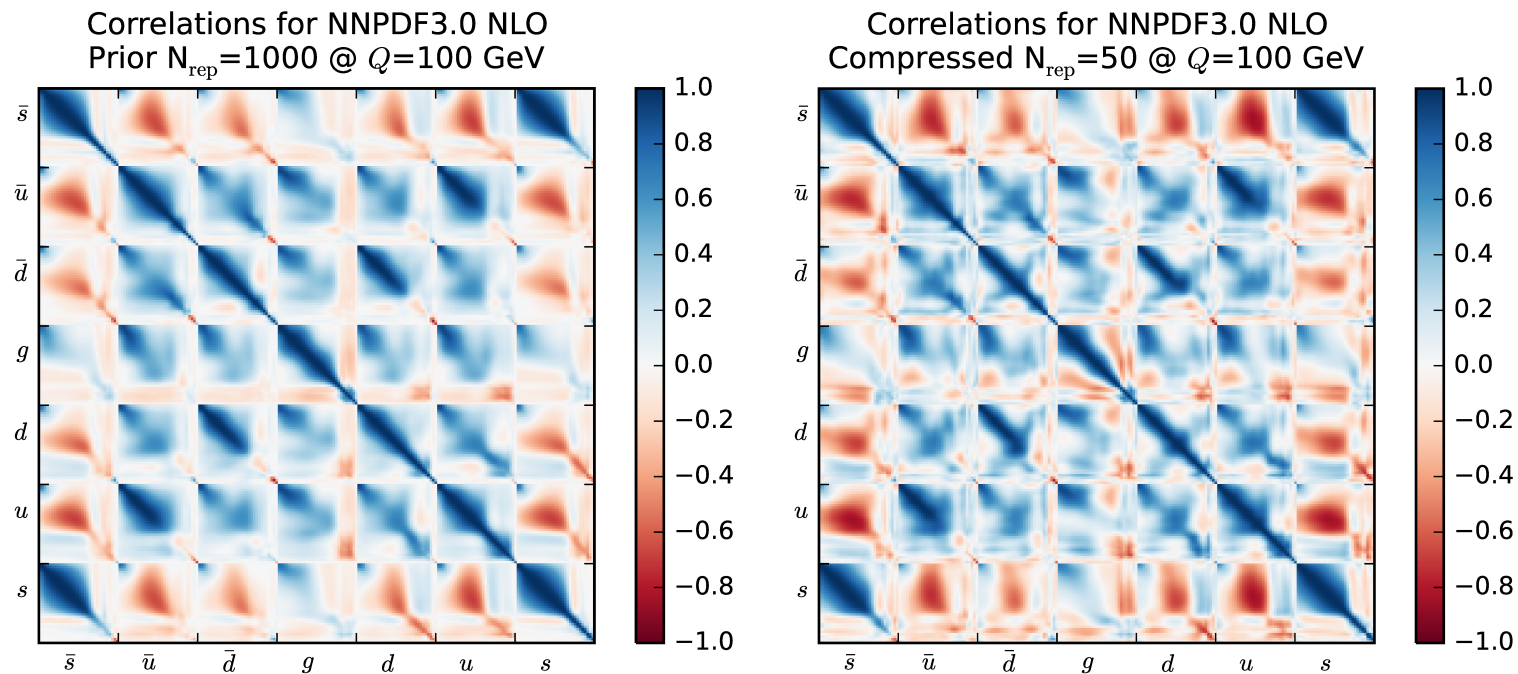
- DO WE REALLY NEED 1000 REPLICAS? OR 100?  $\Rightarrow$  EFFICIENCY
- ARE 1000 REPLICAS ENOUGH? OR 10000?  $\Rightarrow$  ACCURACY
- PDF UNCERTAINTIES ARE FAITHFUL, BUT ARE THEY OPTIMAL?  
 $\Rightarrow$  PRECISION

PDFS FROM AI TO ML

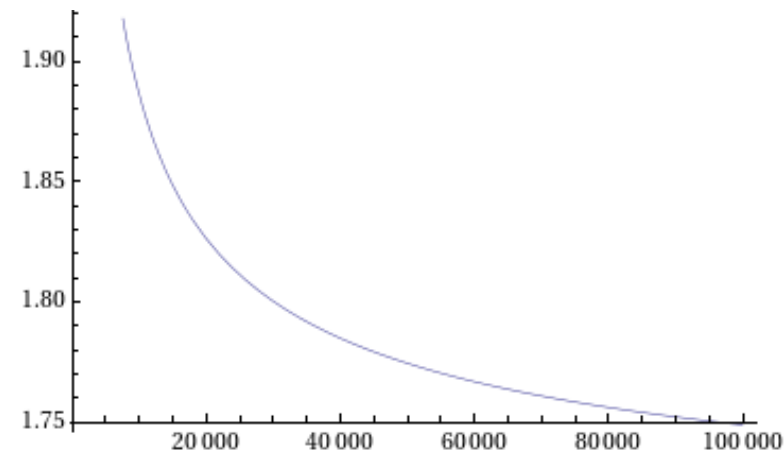
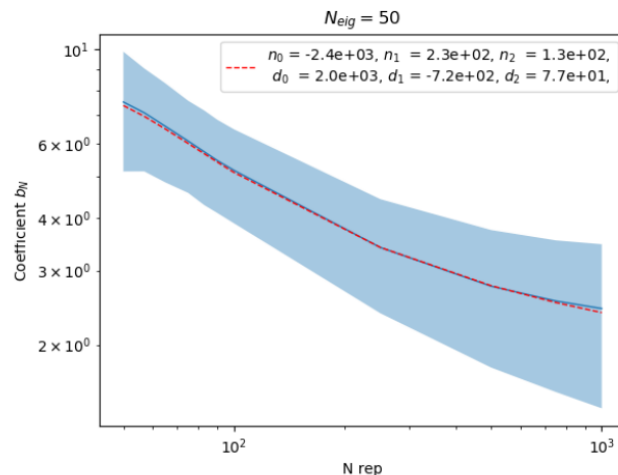
# ML: UNSUPERVISED LEARNING OPTIMIZATION I

- HOW TO MAXIMIZE ACCURACY?
- LARGE (PRIOR) REPLICA SET
- GENETIC SELECTION  $\Rightarrow$  OPTIMIZATION OF STATISTICAL INDICATORS (KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIVERGENCE)
- 50 OPTIMIZES REPLICAS  $\Leftrightarrow$  1000 STARTING REPLICAS

## CORRELATION MATRIX



ML: SUPERVISED LEARNING  
 OPTIMIZATION II  
 HOW MANY PDF REPLICAS DO WE NEED?  
 FINITE-SIZE EFFECTS  
 ONE- $\sigma$   $\Delta\chi^2$  VS NUMBER OF REPLICAS



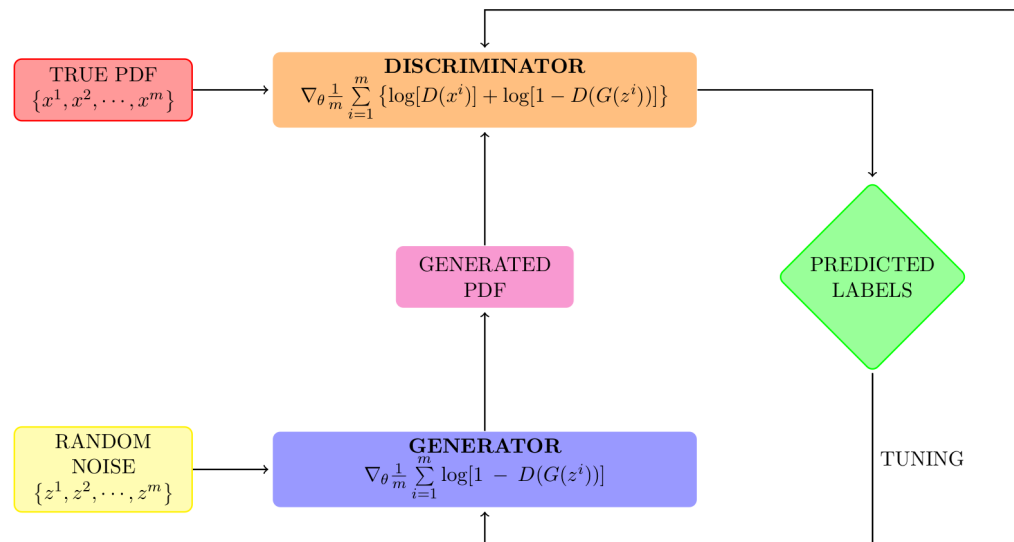
- SIGNIFICANT **DEPENDENCE ON NUMBER** OF REPLICAS
- ASYMPTOTIC “TOLERANCE”  $T = 1.3 \pm 0.3$ ;  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1.7 \pm 0.7$
- FOR  $N_{\text{rep}} = 100$ ,  $T = 2.3$ , EVEN FOR  $N_{\text{rep}} = 1000$ ,  $T = 1.6$

DO WE HAVE TO **FIT 10000 REPLICAS**? DO WE HAVE TO **USE 10000 REPLICAS**?

## ML: SUPERVISED LEARNING OPTIMIZATION II

- CAN WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COMPRESSED REPLICAS WITHOUT LOSS OF INFORMATION? SOLUTION FOR USER
- CAN WE INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REPLICAS WITHOUT REFITTING? SOLUTION FOR PDF FITTER

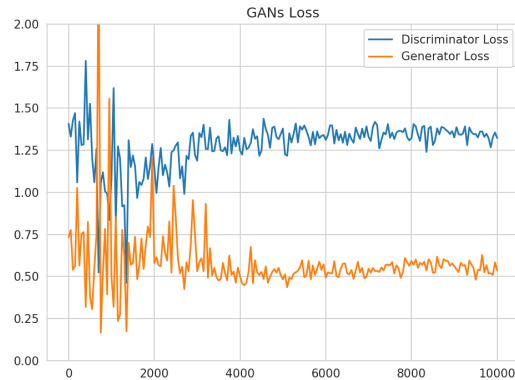
### GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS



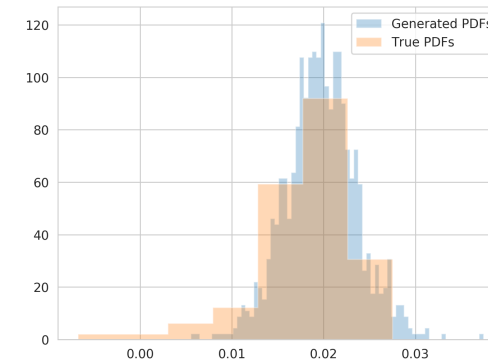
- TRAIN A NETWORK TO SIMULATE THE TRUE DISTRIBUTION (GENERATOR)
- TRAIN A NETWORK TO DISCRIMINATE TRUTH FROM SIMULATION (DISCRIMINATOR)
- TRAIN THE GENERATOR TO TRICK THE DISCRIMINATOR

# SOLVING THE PROBLEM.... GAN REPLICA GENERATION

GAN TRAINING

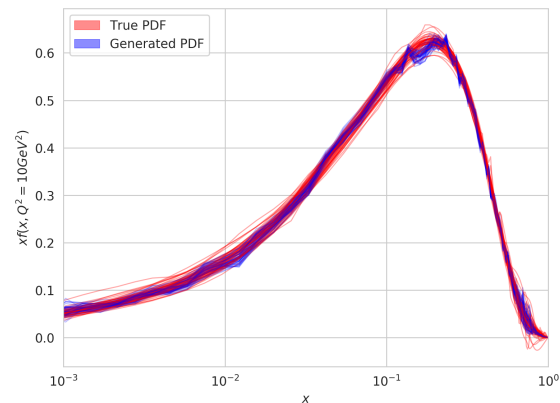


UP VALENCE AT FIXED  $x$

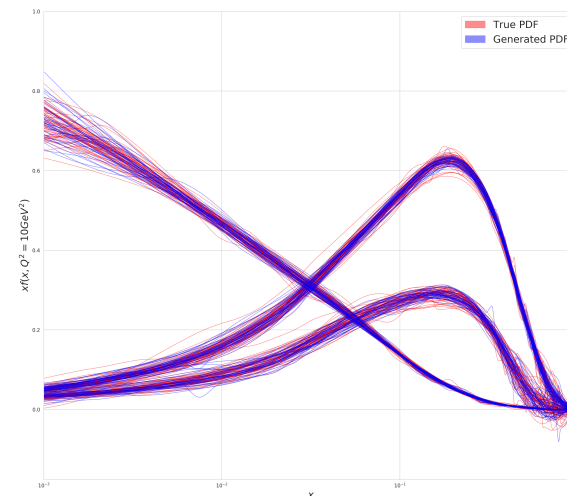


- **1D GAN:** REPRODUCE THE INFORMATION IN THE UNDERLYING REPLICA SET, BUT NO GAIN (WIGGLY REPLICAS)  
⇒ REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COMPRESSED REPLICA WITH FIXED NUMBER OF FITTED REPLICAS W/O INFORMATION LOSS
- **2D GAN:** COMBINE CORRELATED INFORMATION FROM UNDERLYING REPLICA SET INFERRING THE TRUE UNDERLYING DISTRIBUTION  
⇒ REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INPUT REPLICAS W/O INFORMATION LOSS

ONE-DIMENSIONAL



TWO-DIMENSIONAL

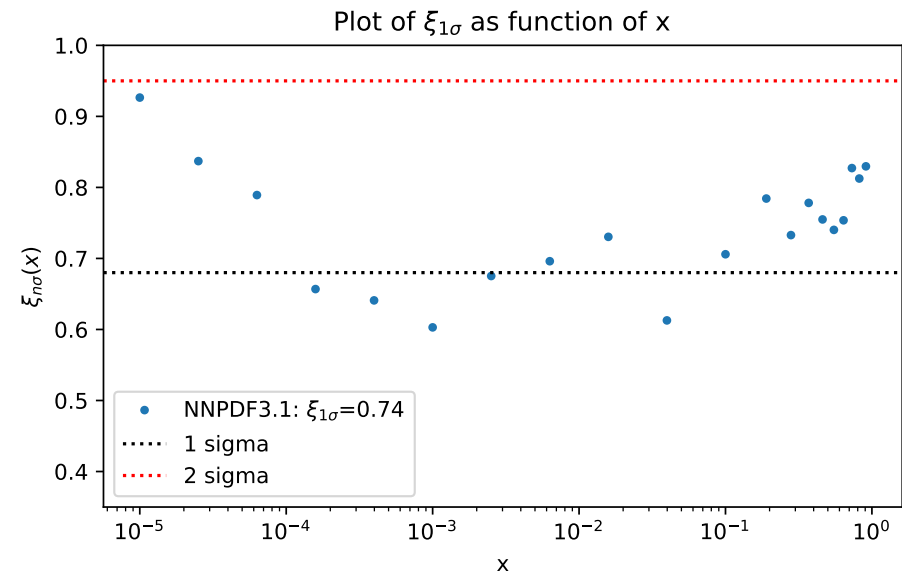


# CLOSURE TEST: A CLOSER LOOK (NNPDF3.1)

ONE  $\sigma$ : ACTUAL/PREDICTED  
FOR DATA, BY EXPERIMENT

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NMC	0.882828
SLAC	0.767063
BCDMS	0.730569
CHORUS	0.698907
NTVDMN	0.991090
HERACOMB	0.847359
HERAF2CHARM	1.867597
F2BOTTOM	1.124157
DYE886	0.655955
DYE605	0.585725
CDF	0.961652
D0	0.881199
ATLAS	0.904127
CMS	1.090241
LHCb	1.092194
Total	0.842168

ONE  $\sigma$  VALUE  
FOR PDFs, VS  $x$



- **UNCERTAINTIES OVERESTIMATED**
- 1  $\sigma$  > 68% AT VERY SMALL AND VERY LARGE  $x$ ;  
1  $\sigma$  < 68% AT INTERMEDIATE  $x$

**CAN WE DO BETTER?**

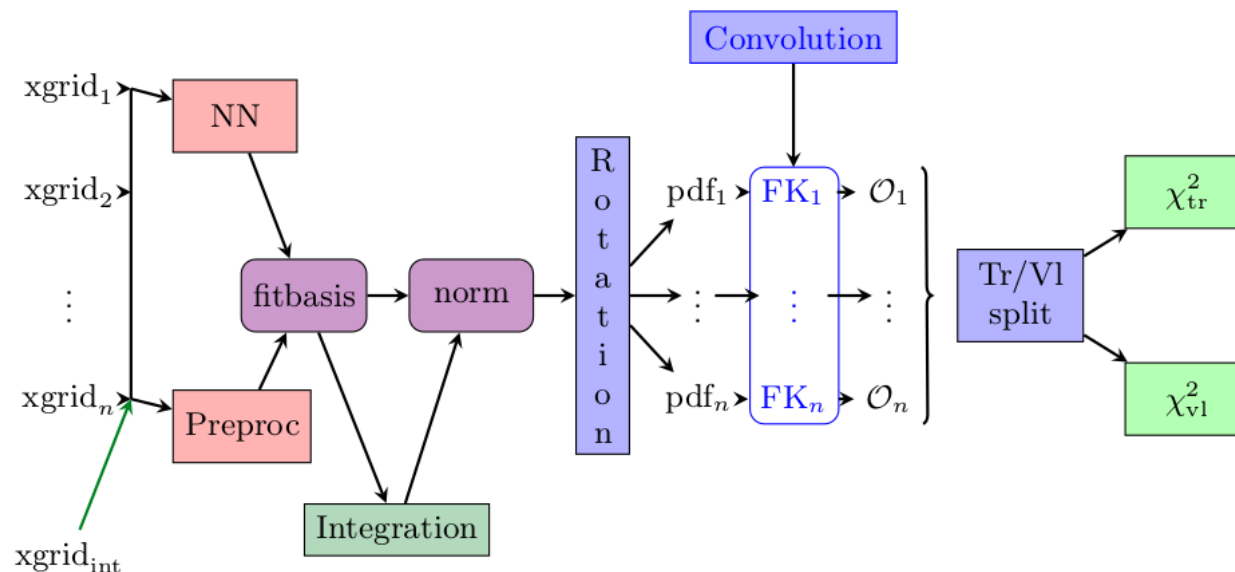


# FITTING THE METHODOLOGY

## THE N3FIT PROJECT

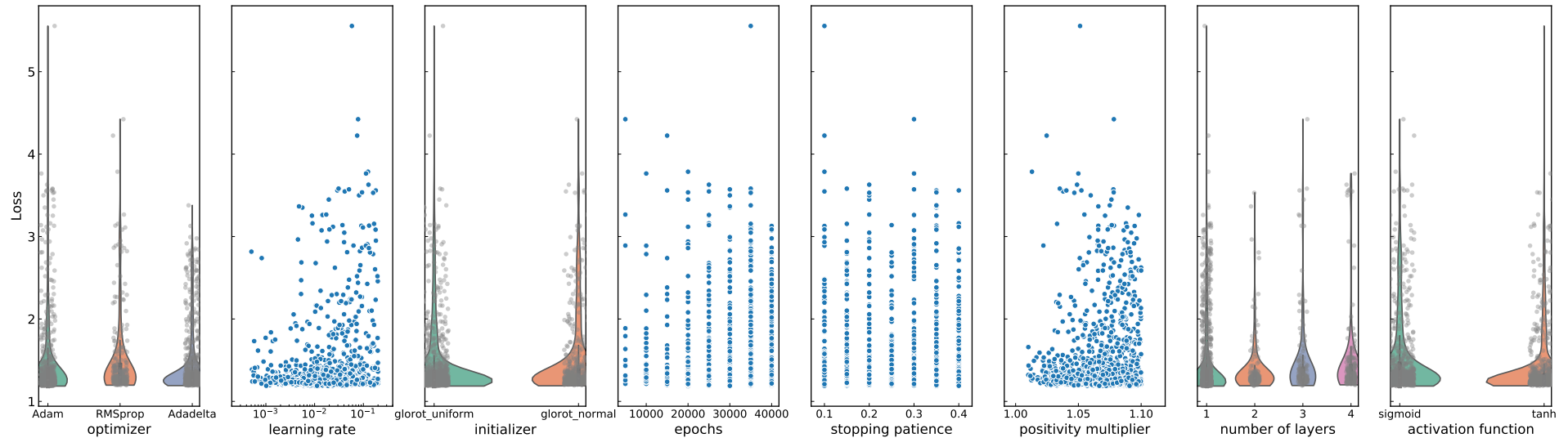
HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE METHODOLOGY IS THE BEST?  
“ACCUMULATED WISDOM” INEFFICIENT AND SLOW

CHANGE OF PHILOSOPHY  $\Rightarrow$  DETERMINISTIC MINIMIZATION (GRADIENT DESCENT)  
GO FOR THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AND (HYPER)OPTIMIZE



- PYTHON-BASED KERAS + TENSORFLOW FRAMEWORK
- EACH BLOCK INDEPENDENT LAYER
- CAN VARY ALL ASPECT OF METHODOLOGY

# FITTING THE METHODOLOGY HYPEROPTIMIZATION SCANS



## HYPEROPT PARAMETERS

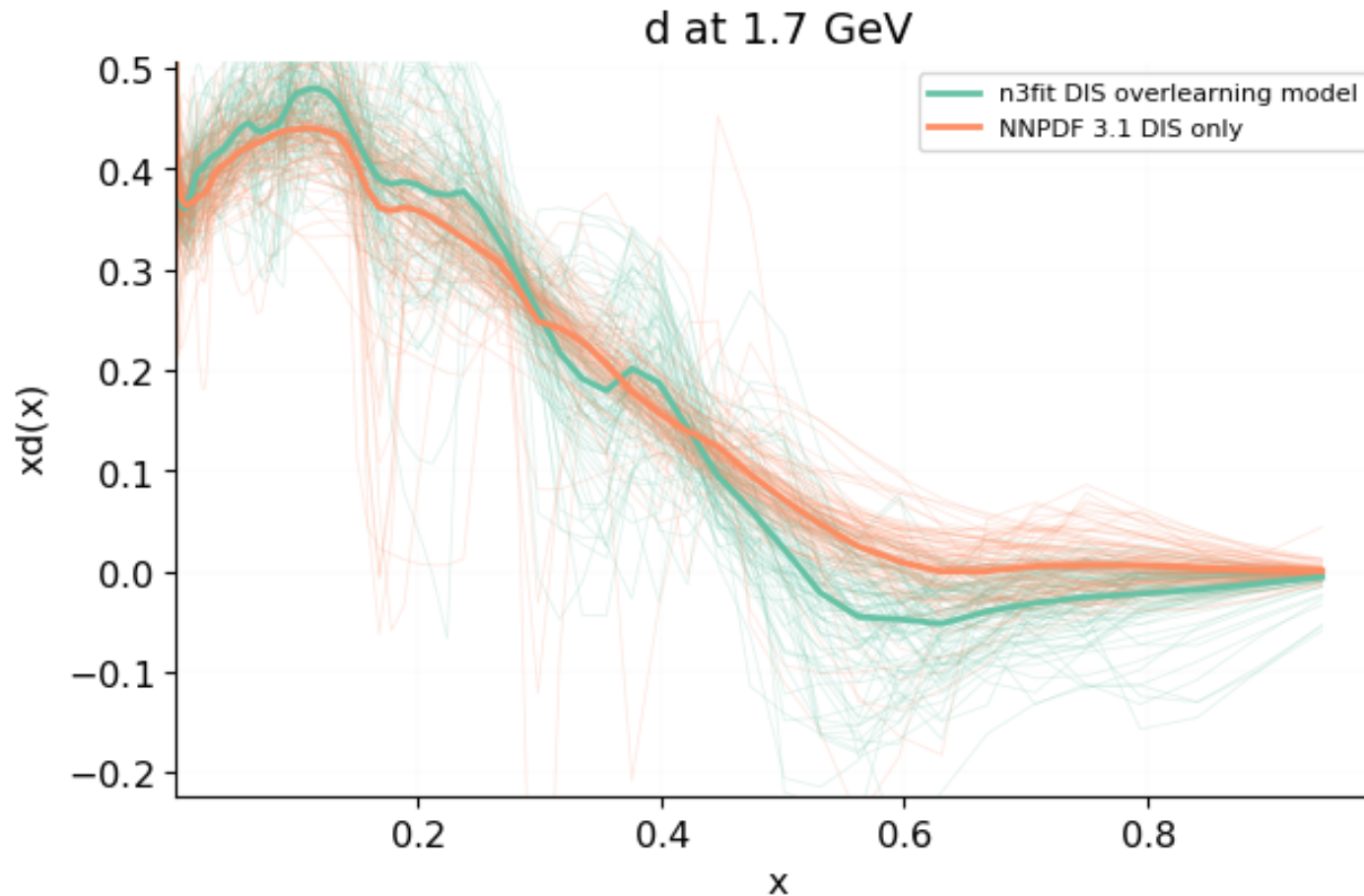
NEURAL NETWORK	FIT OPTIONS
NUMBER OF LAYERS (*)	OPTIMIZER (*)
SIZE OF EACH LAYER	INITIAL LEARNING RATE (*)
DROPOUT	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EPOCHS (*)
ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS (*)	STOPPING PATIENCE (*)
INITIALIZATION FUNCTIONS (*)	POSITIVITY MULTIPLIER (*)

- **SCAN** PARAMETER SPACE
- **OPTIMIZE** FIGURE OF MERIT: **VALIDATION**  $\chi^2$
- **BAYESIAN** UPDATING

# FITTING THE METHODOLOGY

## THE OVERFITTING PROBLEM

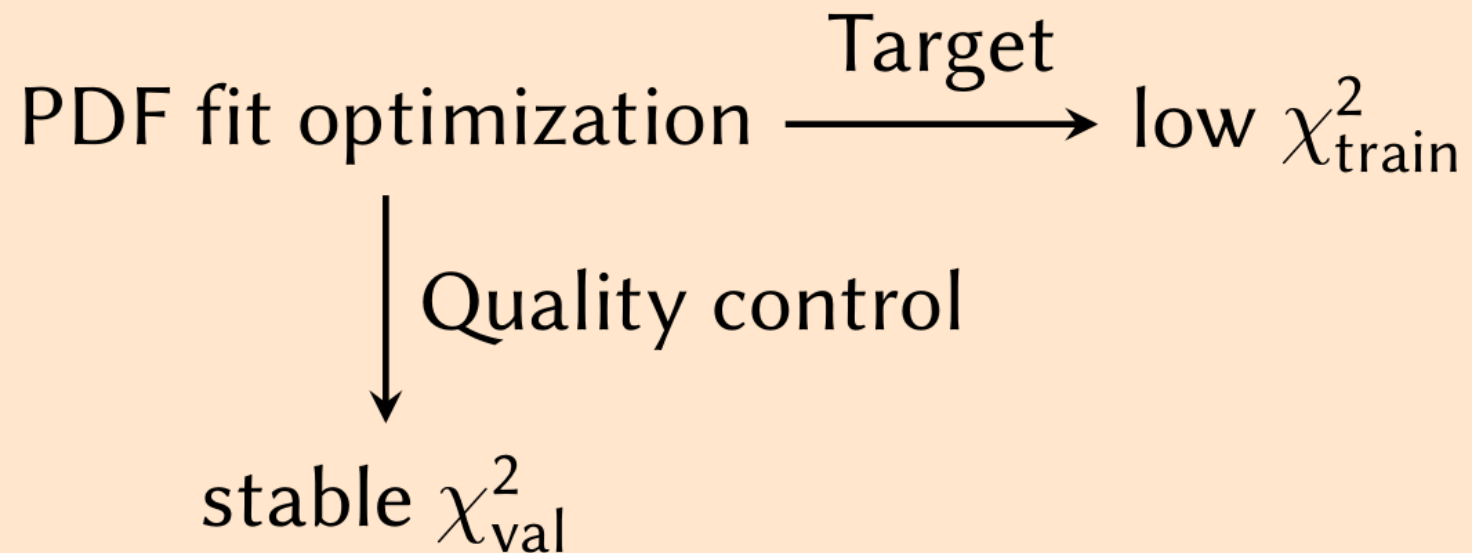
DOWN QUARK: HYPEROPTIMIZED VS. STANDARD



- **OVERFITTING**  $\Rightarrow \chi^2_{\text{train}} \ll \chi^2_{\text{valid}} !!$  & **WIGGLY** PDFS
- **CORRELATIONS** BETWEEN DATA IN A SET

## WHAT HAPPENED?

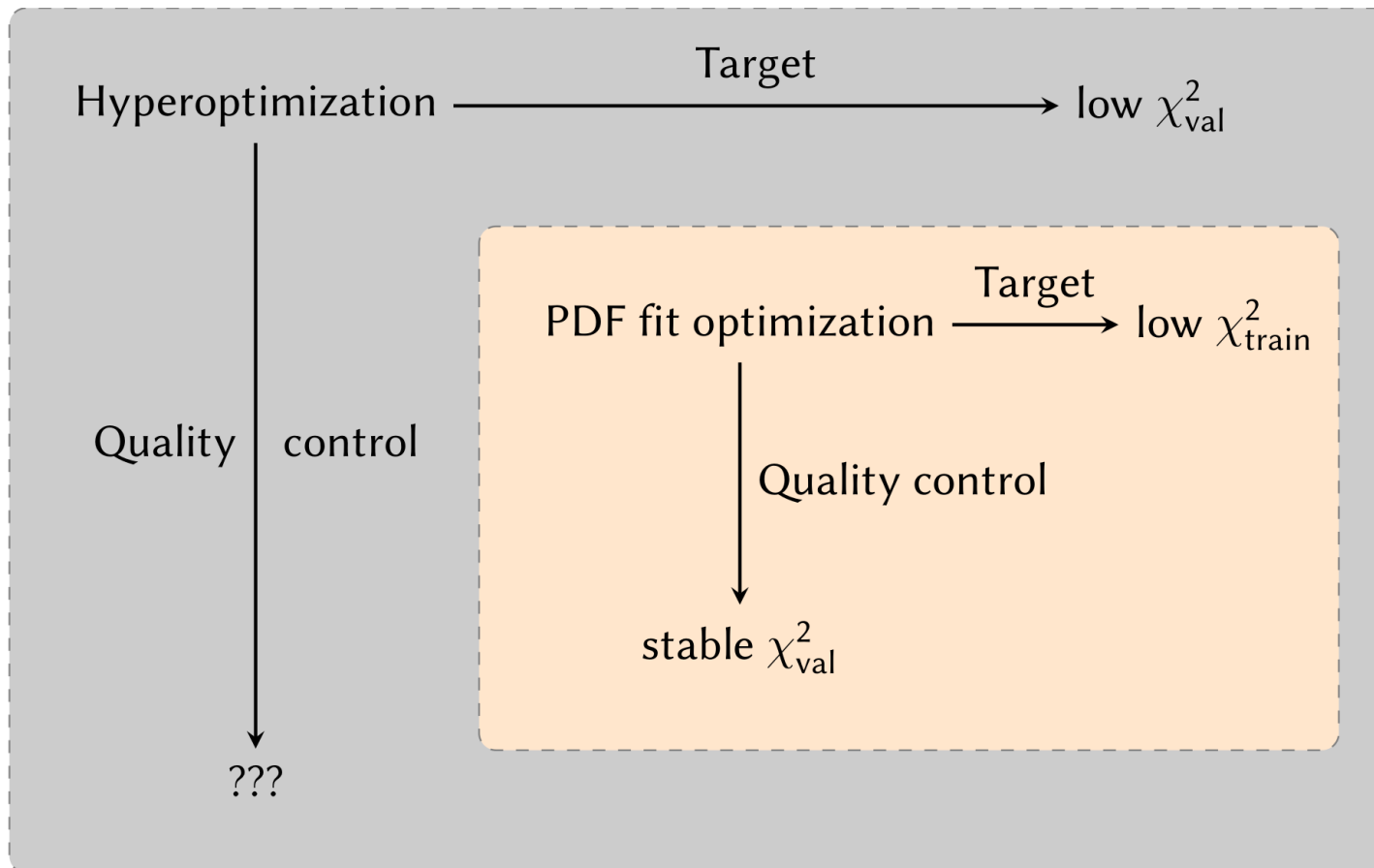
### OPTIMIZATION



CROSS-VALIDATION SELECTS THE OPTIMAL MINIMUM

# WHAT HAPPENED?

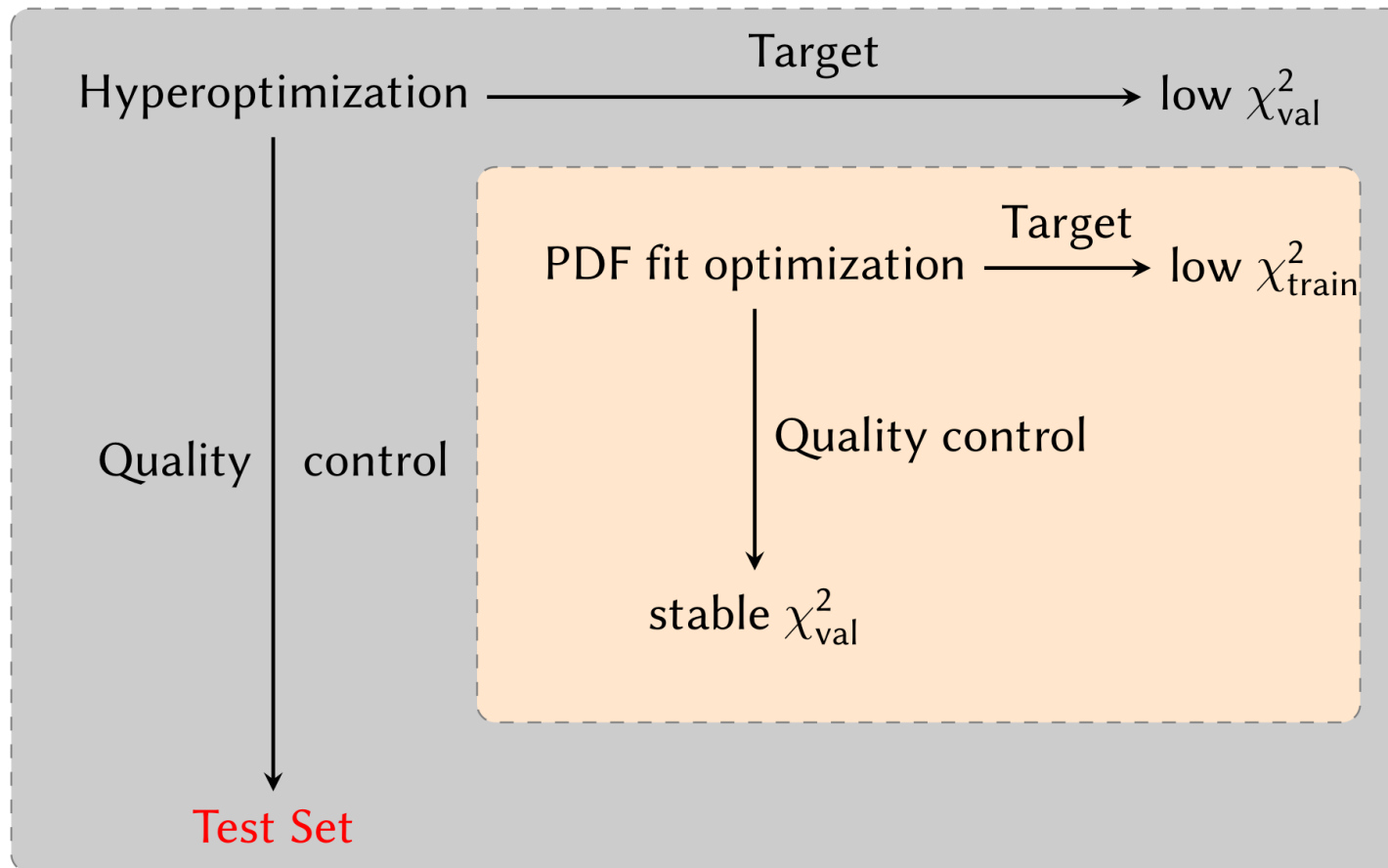
## HYPEROPTIMIZATION



WE ARE MISSING A SELECTION CRITERION

# MACHINE LEARNING THE SOLUTION

## TUNED HYPEROPTIMIZATION



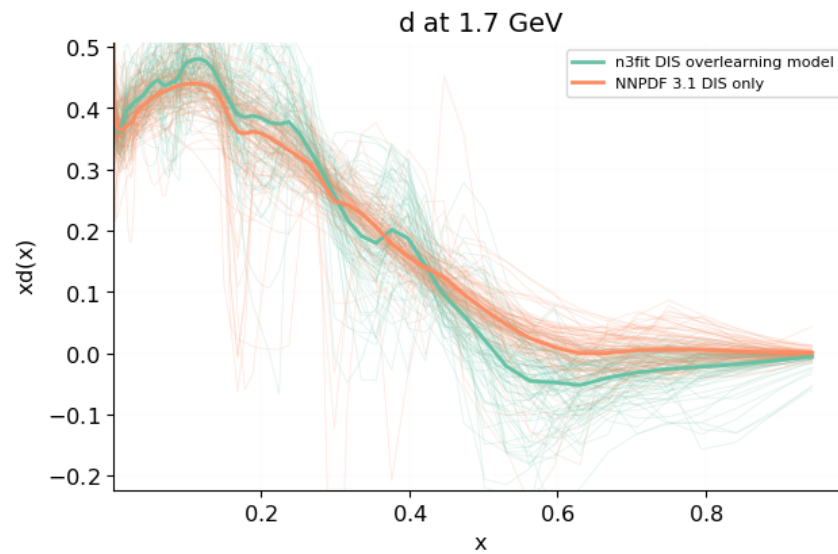
COMPARE TO A **A TEST SET** (NEW SET OF DATA PREVIOUSLY NOT USED AT ALL)  
TESTS **GENERALIZATION POWER**

# THE TEST SET METHOD

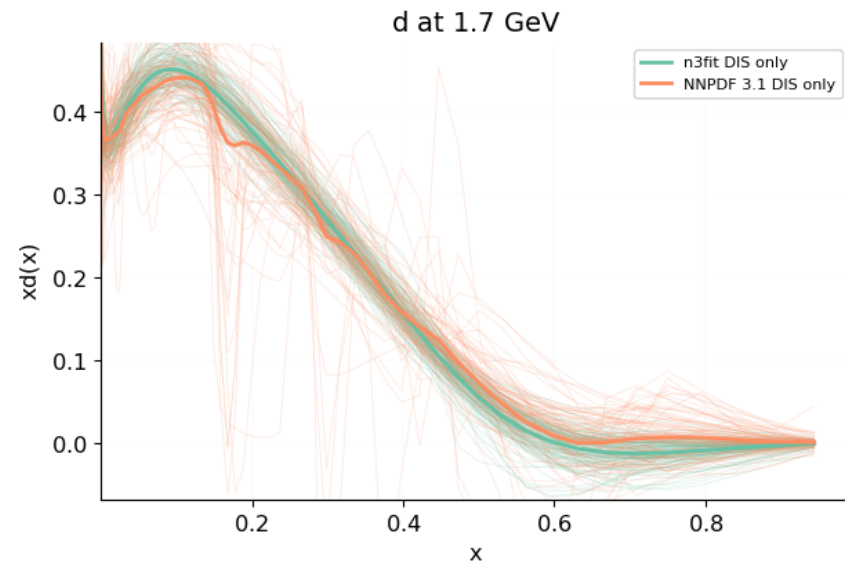
- COMPLETELY UNCORRELATED TEST SET
- OPTIMIZE ON WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF VALIDATION AND TEST  
⇒ NO OVERLEARNING

## OPTIMIZED PDFs DOWN QUARK

N3 OVERFIT vs NNPDF3.1



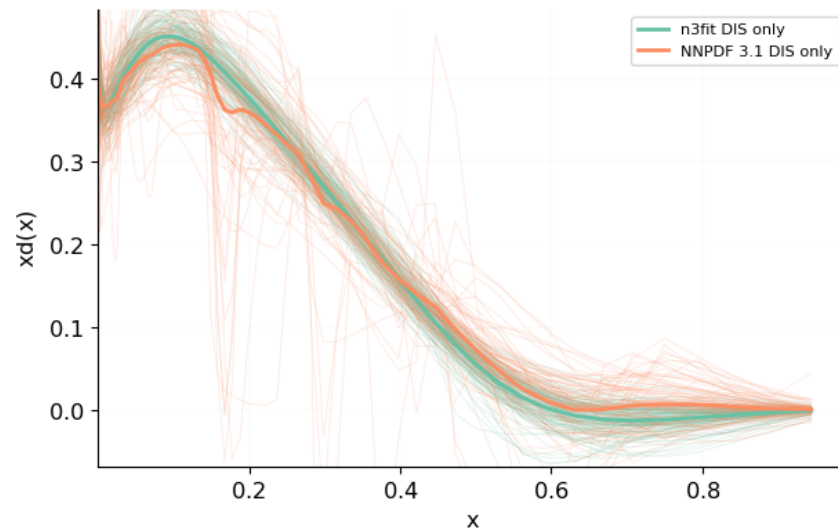
N3FIT vs NNPDF3.1



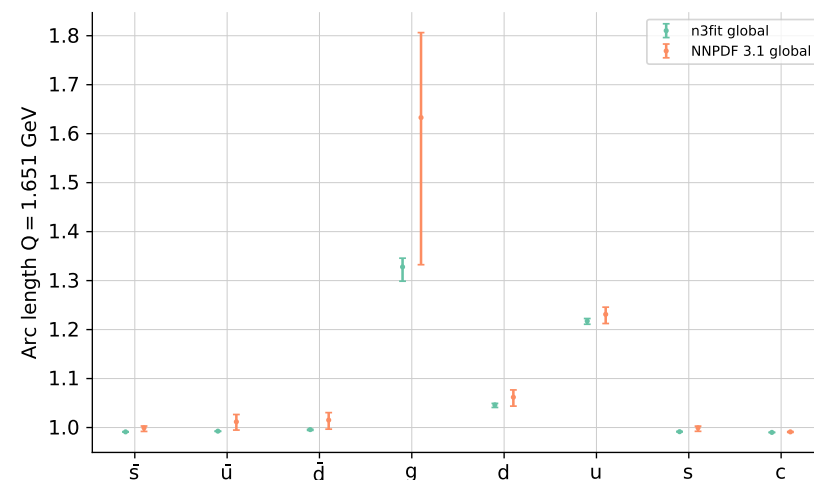
# THE TEST SET METHOD

## N3FIT vs NNPDF3.1

DOWN PDF  
d at 1.7 GeV



ARCLENGTHS



- NO OVERFITTING
- COMPARED TO NNPDF3.1
  - MUCH GREATER STABILITY  $\Rightarrow$  FEWER REPLICAS FOR EQUAL ACCURACY
  - UNCERTAINTIES SOMEWHAT REDUCED

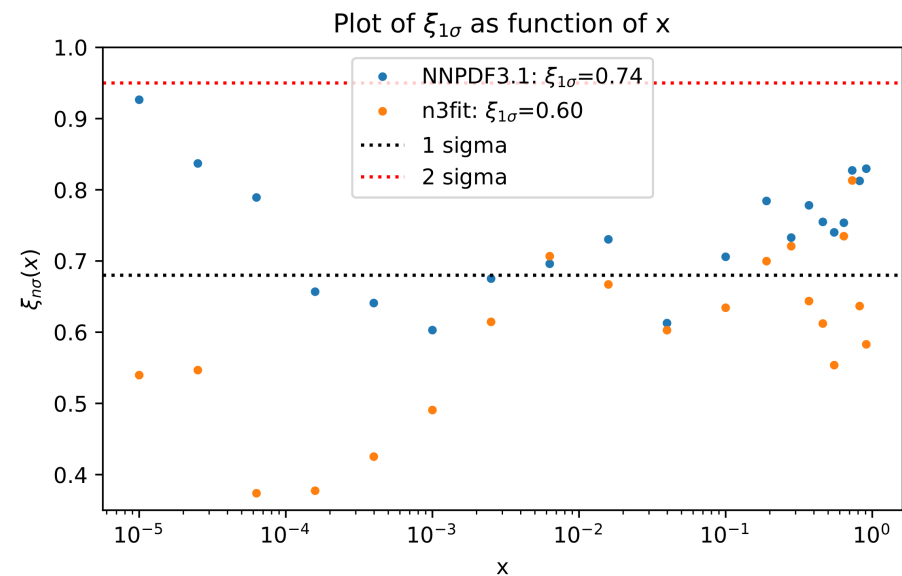


# CLOSURE TESTS AGAIN

ONE  $\sigma$ : ACTUAL/PREDICTED  
FOR DATA, BY EXPERIMENT

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CHORUS	0.698907	0.734656
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HERACOMB	0.847359	1.326333
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F2BOTTOM	1.124157	1.532634
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D0	0.881199	1.015202
ATLAS	0.904127	1.132229
CMS	1.090241	1.017136
LHCb	1.092194	0.993525
Total	0.842168	0.940737

ONE  $\sigma$  VALUE  
FOR PDFS, VS  $x$



- UNCERTAINTIES WELL ESTIMATED;  
BUT OVERESTIMATED FOR DIS
- ONE  $\sigma$  PERFECT IN DATA REGION;  
BUT UNDERESTIMATED IN EXTRAPOLATION

# BEYOND THE STATE OF THE ART:

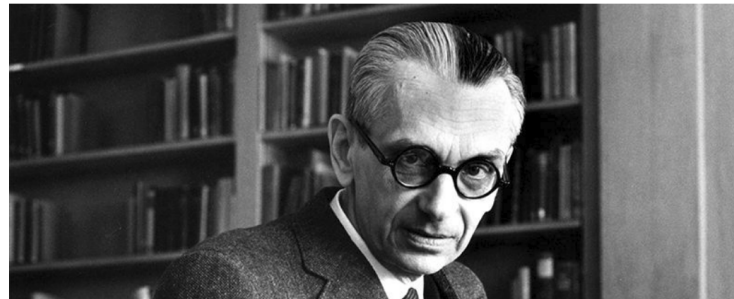
## DREAMS

- WHAT IS THE **UNCERTAINTY** WHERE THERE IS **NO DATA**?
- WHAT IS THE **UNCERTAINTY** WHERE THERE IS **NO THEORY**?

ML THE UNKNOWN

# WHAT IS “PROPER LEARNING”?

FORECASTING AN UNKNOWN TRUTH  $\Rightarrow$  WHAT IS “OPTIMAL”?



## SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS/CRITERIA

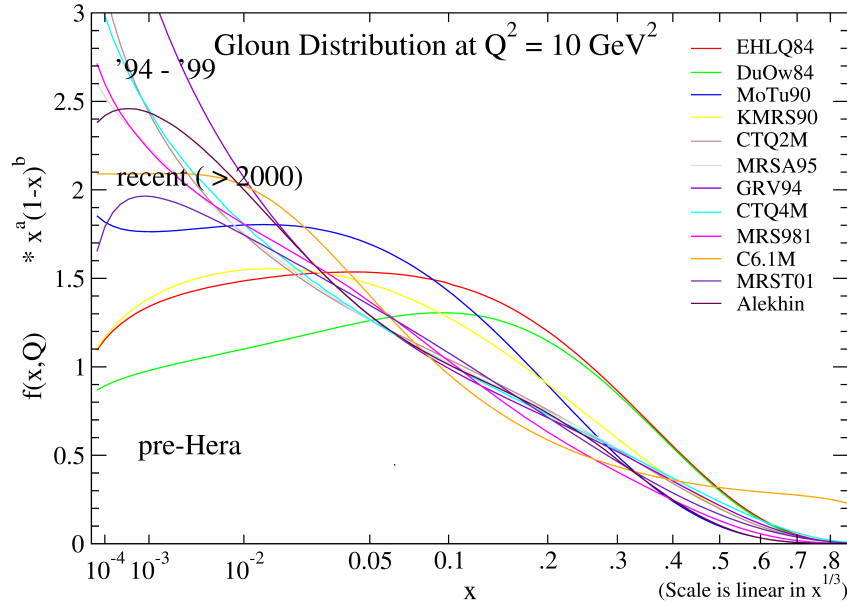
- PASS A CLOSURE TEST
- PASS A “FUTURE TEST”:  
GENERALIZE TO CURRENT DATA BASED ON PAST DATA
- REPRODUCE THE EXPECTED STATISTICAL PROPERTIES:  
 $\text{ONE } \sigma \Leftrightarrow \Delta\chi^2 = 1$
- SATISFY THEORETICAL PREJUDICE?

# THE “FUTURE TEST”

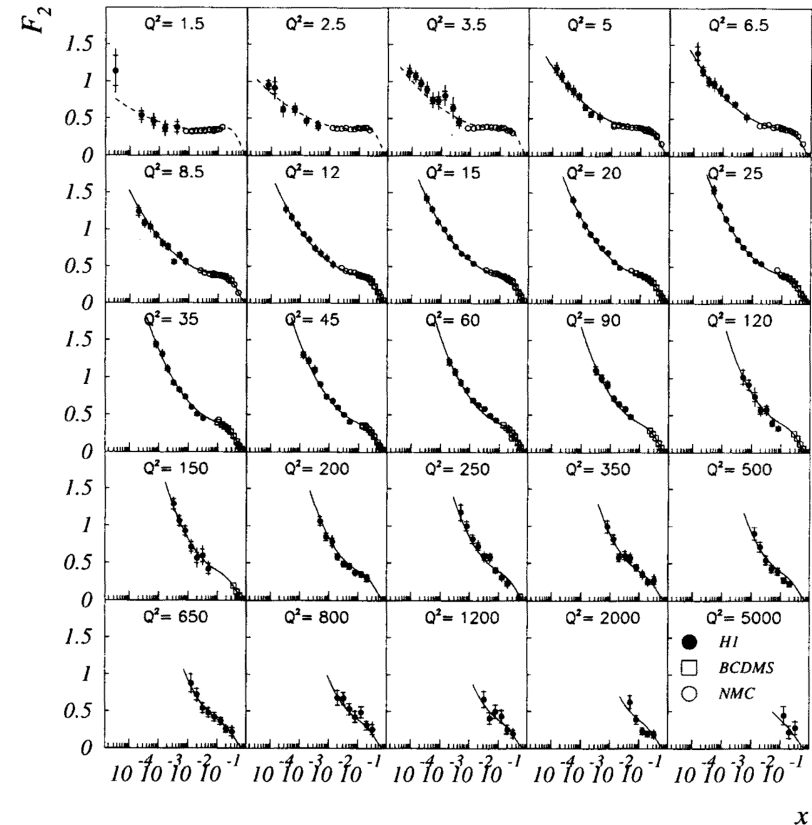
## 1995: THE RISE OF STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS AT HERA

### FIRST HERA DATA VS OLDER DATA

#### HISTORICAL COMPILATION OF GLUON PDFs



W.K.Tung, DIS 2004



A. de Roeck, Cracow epiphany conf. 1996

- **RISE** OF  $F_2$  AT HERA CAME  $\Rightarrow$  **SURPRIZE**
- **HINTED** BY PRE-HERA **DATA**; **VETOED** BY **PREJUDICE**

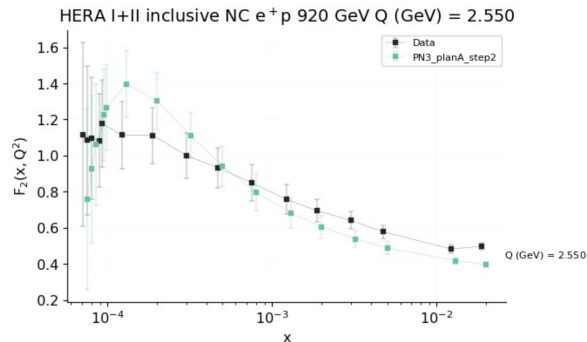
COULD WE HAVE **PREDICTED IT?**

# THE N3FIT FUTURE TEST

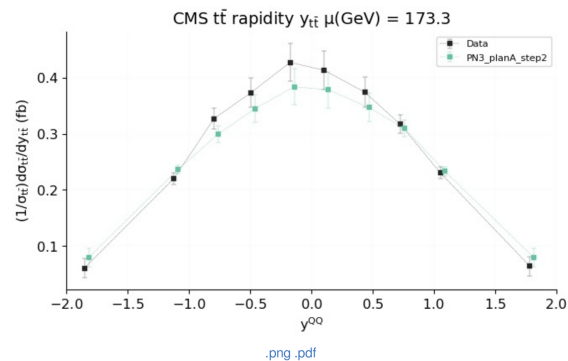
ONLY PRE-HERA DATA USED

PREDICTION COMPARED TO DATA

HERA  $F_2$

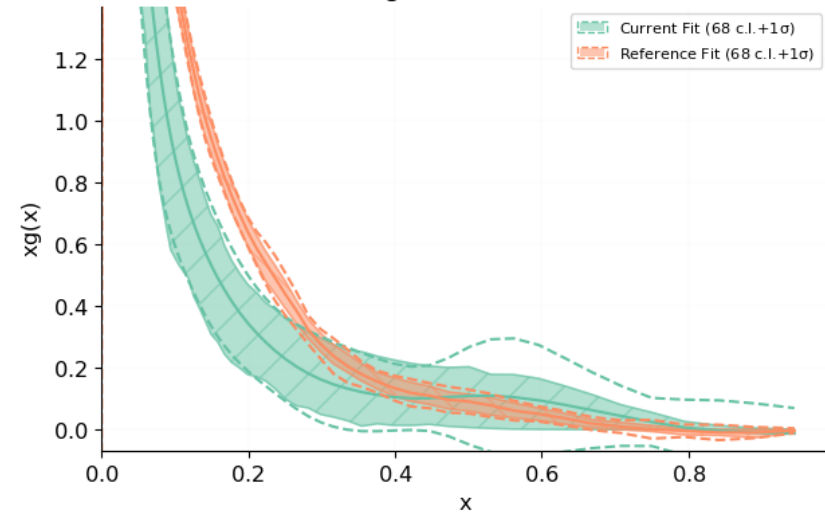


CMS TOP



PREDICTED VS TRUE GLUON

$g$  at 1.7 GeV



- N3FIT METHODOLOGY APPLIED AND HYPEROPTIMIZED TO PRE-HERA DATASET
- RESULTS WITH PDF UNCERTAINTY COMPARED TO FUTURE DATA
- $\chi^2/\text{dat}=1.1$  ON FULL PREDICTED CURRENT DATASET (ABOUT 200 DATAPOINTS)

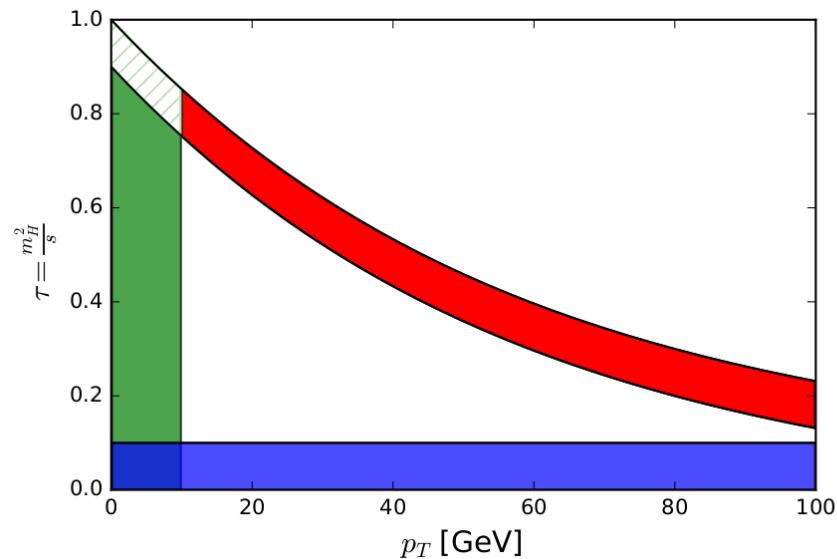
SUCCESS!

HOWEVER.... PREPROCESSING  $\Rightarrow$  TUNED METHODOLOGY

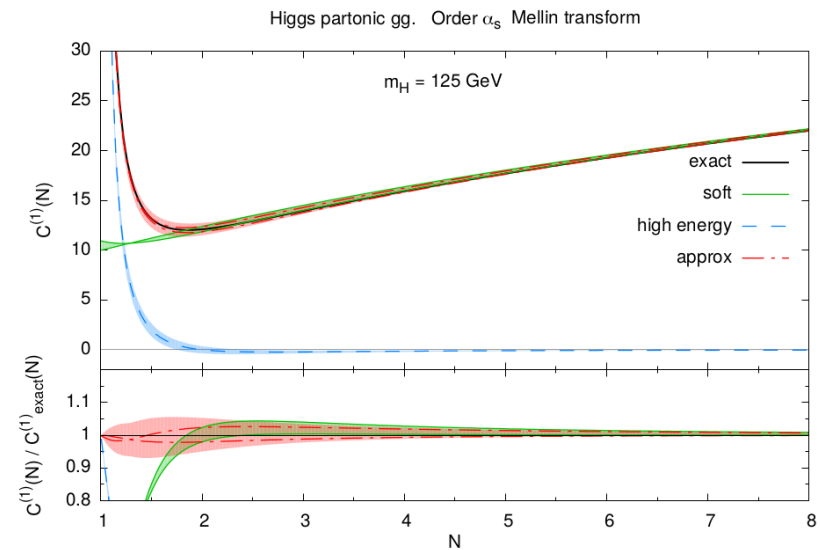
- GAUSSIAN PROCESSES?
- REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

# THEORY UNCERTAINTIES MISSING HIGHER ORDERS FROM RESUMMATION

$(\tau, p_T)$  RESUMMATION REGIONS



$N$ -SPACE GGHIGGS: APPROX VS. EXACT



- THEORY **UNCERTAINTIES**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **APPROXIMATE** NEXT ORDER
- **RESUMMATION**  $\Rightarrow$  **SINGULARITIES**
- **MATCHING** THROUGH **LSTM?** (RECURRENT NN)



# THE WORK OF MANY PEOPLE



NNPDF collaboration and  $N^3$ PDF team meeting,  
Varenna, Italy, September 2019



“Io stimo più il trovare un vero, benché di cosa leggiera, che il disputar lungamente delle massime questioni senza verità nissuna”

“I am more interested in uncovering a fact, however trifling, than to dispute at length about profound questions devoid of any truth”

Galileo Galilei, letter to Tommaso Campanella

**EXTRAS**

# CONTEMPORARY PDF TIMELINE (ONLY PUBLISHED GLOBAL)

	2008		2009		2010		2011	2012		2013		2014		2015	2017		2019
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MONTH	(02)	(08)	(01)	(08)	(02)	(07)	(07)	(02)	(07)	(02)	(10)	(10)	(12)	(06)	(01)	(06)	(12)
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ZEUS+H1-HI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMB. HI	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	some	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
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HERA JETS	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
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TOP TOTAL	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
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## THEORY PROGRESS:

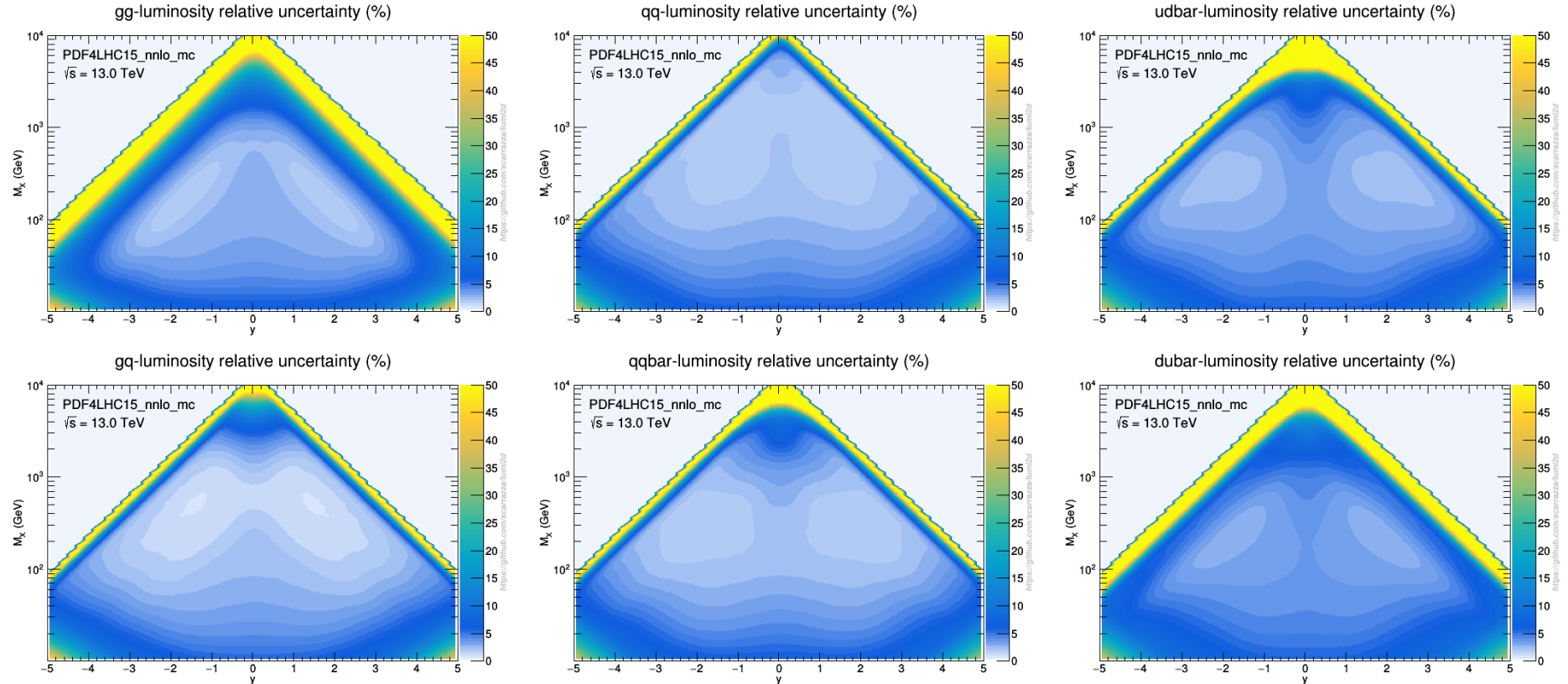
- **MSTW**, **ABKM**: all NNLO; **NNPDF** NNLO since 07/11 (2.1), **CT** since 02/13 (**CT10**); **NNPDF** THRESHOLD RESUMMATION (3.0RESUM, 07/15), SMALL  $x$  RESUMMATION (3.1SX, 10/17)
- **MSTW**, **CT**, **NNPDF** all GM-VFN; **NNPDF** since 01/11 (2.1); **ABM** FFN+ZM-VFN since 01/17 ( **ABMP16**)
- **NNPDF** FITTED CHARM since 05/16 ( **NNPDF3IC**)
- PHOTON PDF: (**mrst2004qed**), **NNPDF2.3QED** (08/13), **NNPDF3.0QED** (06/16), **NNPDF3.1LUXQED** (12/17)

# PDF4LHC15: PDF UNCERTAINTIES (NNLO)

GLUON

SINGLET

FLAVORS

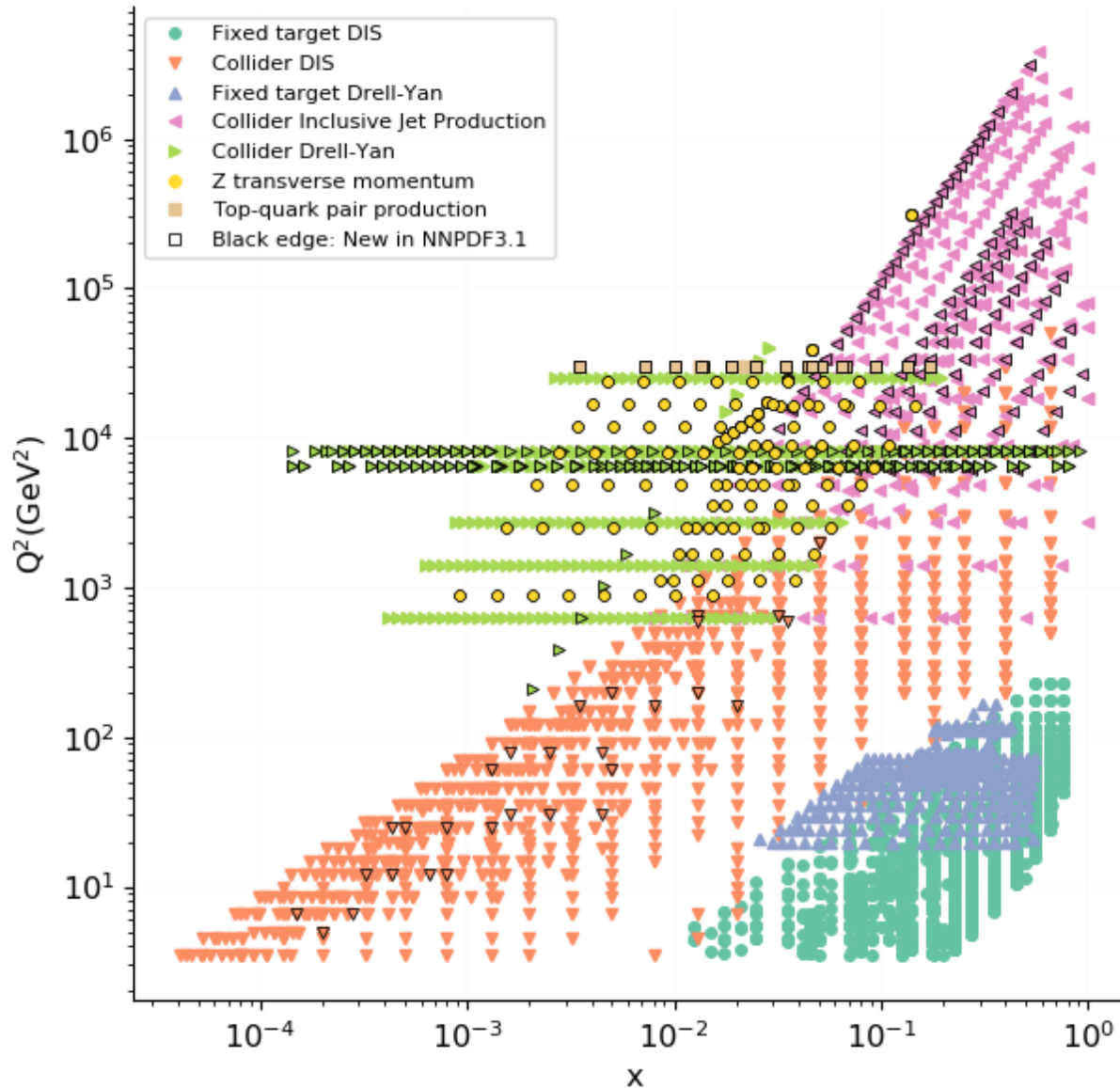


- **GLUON** BETTER KNOWN AT SMALL  $x$ , **VALENCE** QUARKS AT LARGE  $x$ , SEA QUARKS IN BETWEEN
- **TYPICAL** UNCERTAINTIES IN DATA REGION  $\sim 3 - 5\%$
- **SWEET SPOT**: VALENCE Q - G; DOWN TO 1%
- UP BETTER KNOWN THAN DOWN; FLAVOR SINGLET BETTER THAN INDIVIDUAL FLAVORS
- NO QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NLO AND NNLO

# DATASET WIDENING

## NNPDF3.0 vs NNPDF3.1

Kinematic coverage



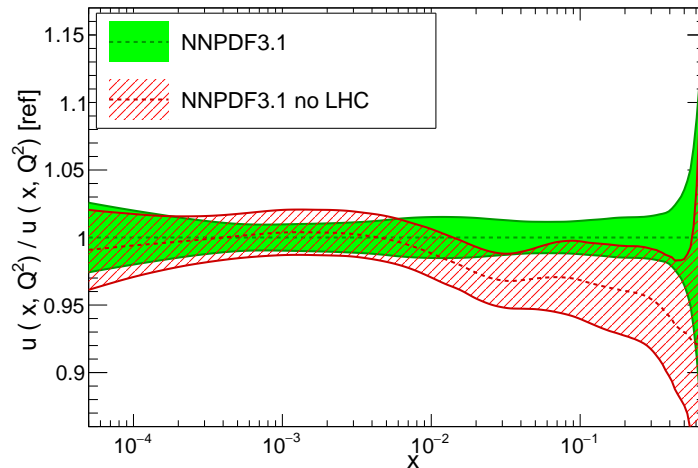
### NEW DATA: (BLACK EDGE)

- HERA COMBINED  $F_2^b$
- D0  $W$  LEPTON ASYMMETRY
- ATLAS  $W, Z$  2011, HIGH & LOW MASS DY 2011;  
CMS  $W^\pm$  RAPIDITY 8TeV  
LHCb  $W, Z$  7TeV & 8TeV
- ATLAS 7TeV JETS 2011, CMS 2.76TeV JETS
- ATLAS & CMS TOP DIFFERENTIAL RAPIDITY
- ATLAS  $Z$   $p_T$  DIFFERENTIAL RAPIDITY & INVARIANT MASS 8TeV,  
CMS  $Z$   $p_T$  DIFFERENTIAL RAPIDITY 8TeV

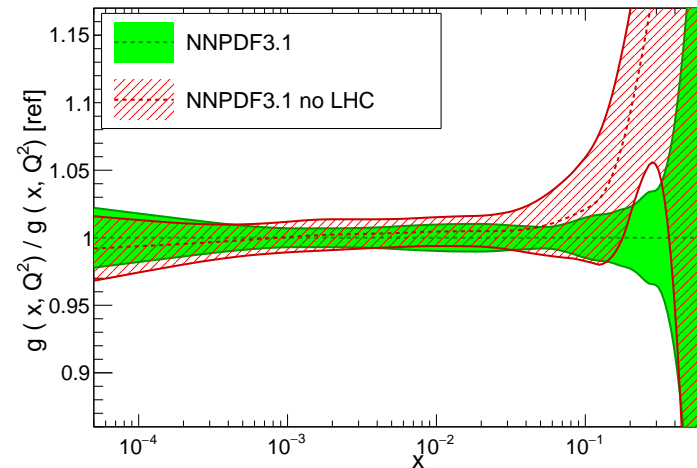
# THE IMPACT OF LHC DATA

## NEXT-GENERATION PDFs LARGELY DETERMINED BY LHC DATA: A FIRST!

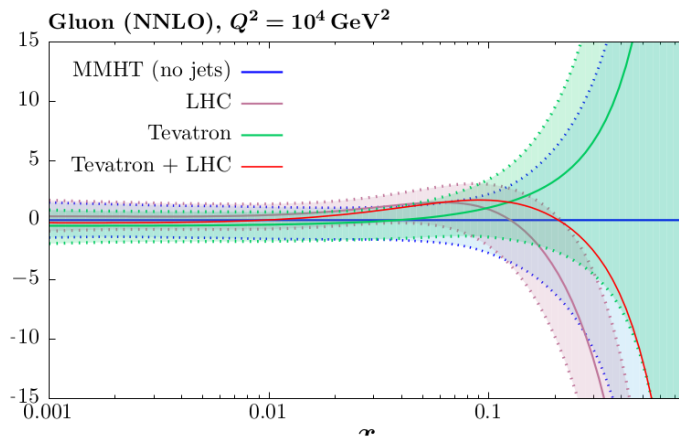
NNPDF3.1 up  
NNPDF3.1 NNLO,  $Q = 100$  GeV



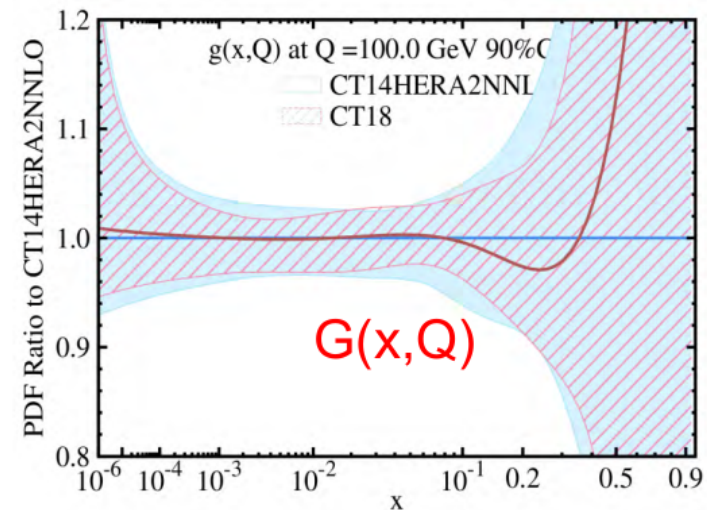
NNPDF3.1 glue  
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'MMHT' 19 glue (prelim., unpublished)



CT18 glue (preliminary, unpublished)



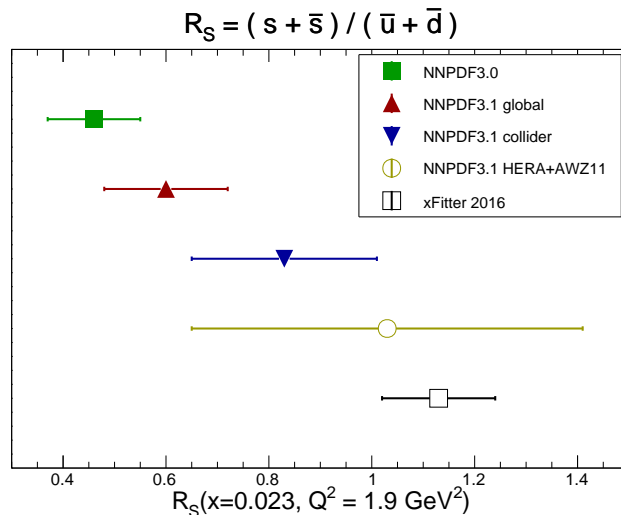
- SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION
- MANY PDFs CHANGE BY MORE THAN ONE SIGMA
- BOTH FLAVOR SEPARATION & GLUON SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED

# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

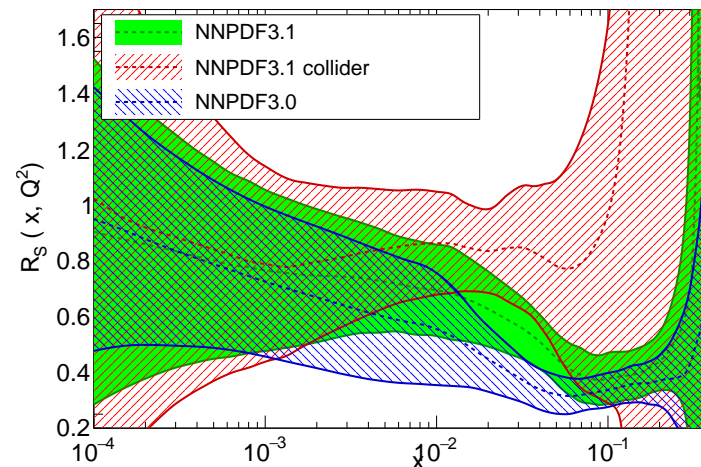
## THE STRANGE PDF: DIS VS. $W$ PRODUCTION

- STRANGE PDF CONTROLLED BY NEUTRINO DIS CHARM PRODUCTION +  $W$  PRODUCTION
- DIS DATA FAVOR “SUPPRESSED STRANGE”  $\Rightarrow$  SMALL  $R_s \equiv \frac{s+\bar{s}}{\bar{u}+\bar{d}}$
- ATLAS FAVORS ENHANCED STRANGENESS
- ATLAS IMPACT EXAGGERATED IN XFITTER ANALYSIS
- EVERYTHING CONSISTENT WITHIN UNCERTAINTIES IN GLOBAL FIT

THE STRANGENESS SUPPRESSION  
XFITTER VS HERA+ATLAS VS. DIS ONLY VS ATLAS  
ONLY VS ALL



DIS ONLY VS ATLAS ONLY VS ALL  
NNLO,  $Q=1.38 \text{ GeV}$

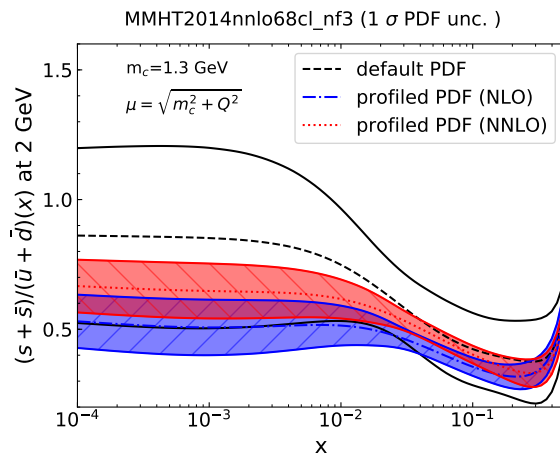


# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

## THE STRANGE PDF: DIS VS. $W$ PRODUCTION

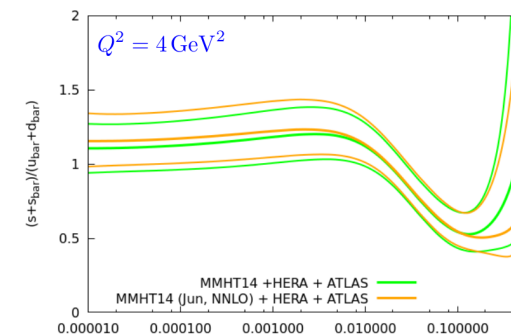
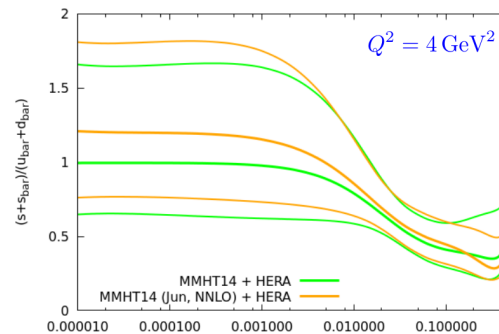
- **MASSIVE CORRECTIONS** TO CHARGED CURRENT DIS HITERTO **INCLUDED TO NLO** MASSLESS TO NNLO
- Gao, 2018  $\Rightarrow$  **NNLO COMPUTED**
- **STRANGENESS ENHANCED BY NNLO CORRECTIONS**

HERAPDF + **NLO CC DIS** VS **NNLO**  
**CC DIS**



(Gao, 2108)

MMHT WITH **NLO** VS **NNLO** CC DIS



Preliminary

(Harland-Lang, Thorne, prelim.)

## LESSONS:

- **BEWARE** OF XFITTER **HERA+X** FITS
- IN A **GLOBAL FIT** DIFFERENT **DATA** ALWAYS **PULL IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!**
- **TENSIONS** CAN BE **RESOLVED BY BETTER THEORY**



# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

## THE CHARM MASS AND TREATMENT

### CT18 → CT18Z

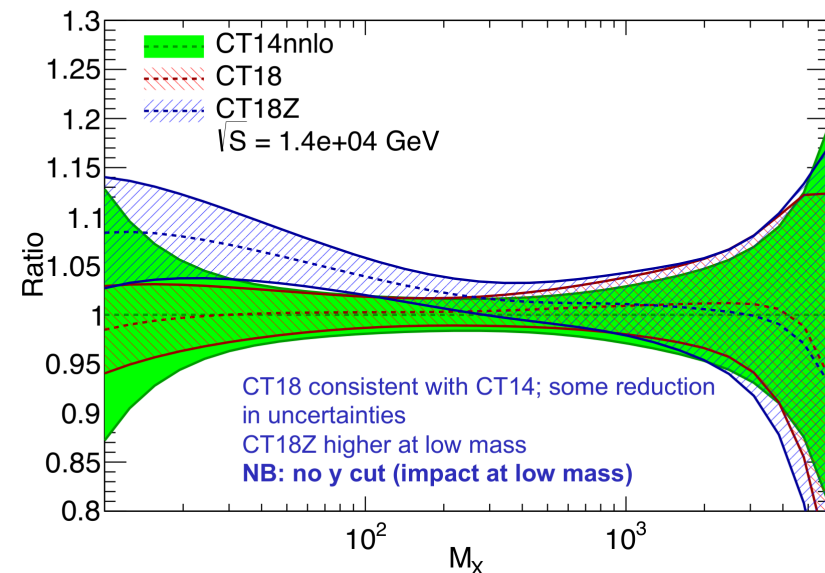
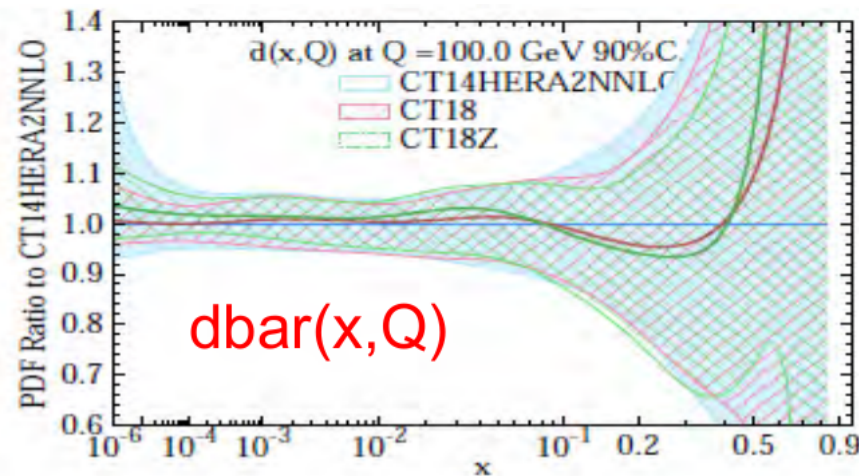
- ATLAS  $W$  AND  $Z$  7TeV RAPIDITY INCLUDED
- CHARM MASS INCREASED
- $x$ -DEPENDENT FACTORIZATION SCALE

CT18 vs. CT18Z (preliminary, unpublished)

Q<sup>2</sup>BAR LUMI

Quark - Antiquark Luminosity

DBAR PDF

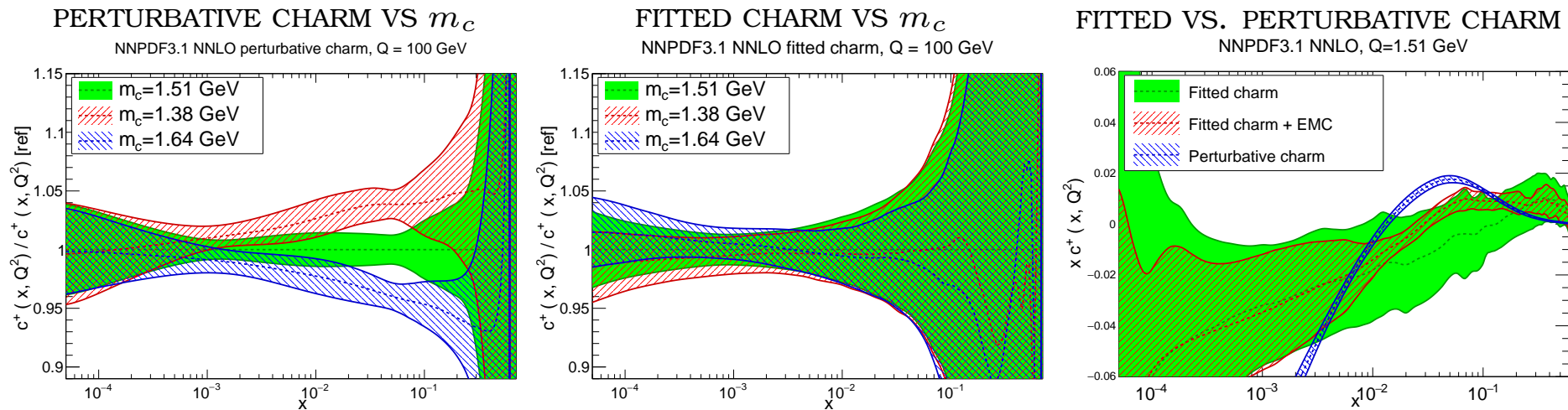


# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

## THE CHARM MASS AND TREATMENT

### CHARM FROM DATA

- CHARM **SHOULD NOT DEPEND** STRONGLY ON **CHARM MASS**



- ITS **SHAPE SHOULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY FIRST-ORDER MATCHING**  
(NO HIGHER NONTRIVIAL ORDERS KNOWN)
- MIGHT EVEN HAVE A NONPERTURBATIVE COMPONENT

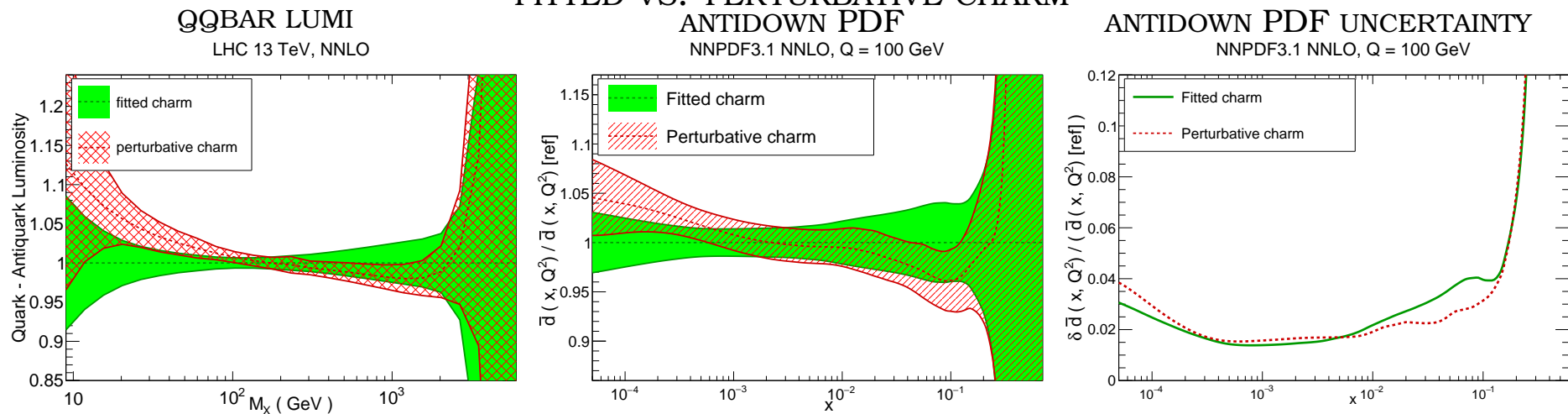
**FITTED VS. PERTURBATIVE:**  
**SUPPRESSED** AT MEDIUM-SMALL  $x$ ,  
 ENHANCED AT VERY SMALL, VERY LARGE  $x$

# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

## THE CHARM MASS AND TREATMENT

### CHARM FROM DATA IMPACT ON LIGHT QUARK PDFS

FITTED VS. PERTURBATIVE CHARM  
ANTIDOWN PDF



- QUARK LUMI AFFECTED BECAUSE OF CHARM SUPPRESSION AT MEDIUM- $x$
- FLAVOR DECOMPOSITION ALTERED
- UNCERTAINTIES ON LIGHT QUARKS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED
- AGREEMENT OF 13TeV W,Z PREDICTED CROSS-SECTIONS IMPROVES!

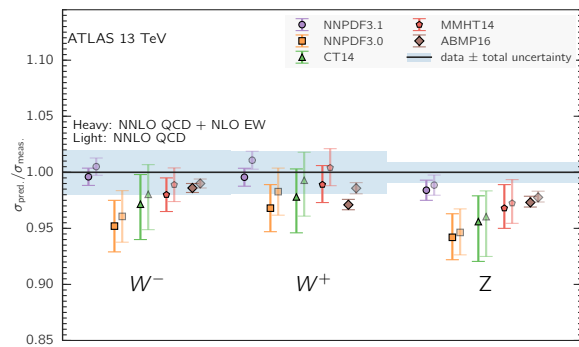
# DATA VS. THEORY/METHODOLOGY

## THE CHARM MASS AND TREATMENT

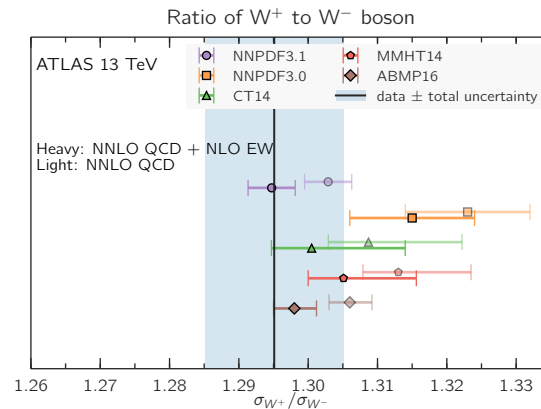
### CHARM FROM DATA

## IMPACT ON PHENOMENOLOGY

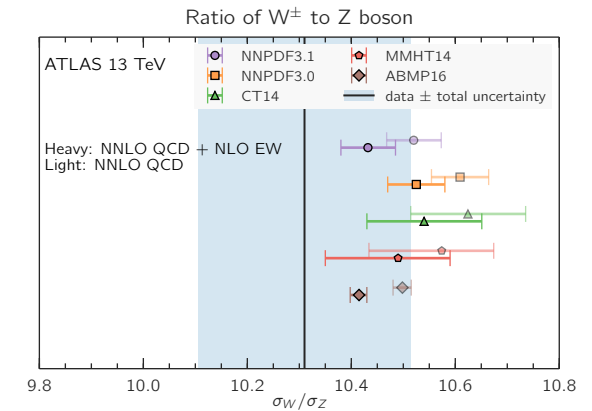
DRELL-YAN XSECTS



$W^+/W^-$  XSECT RATIO



$W/Z$  XSECT RATIO



- $W$ ,  $Z$  CROSS-SECTIONS AT 13 TEV IN PERFECT AGREEMENT WITH DATA  
THANKS TO FITTED CHARM!

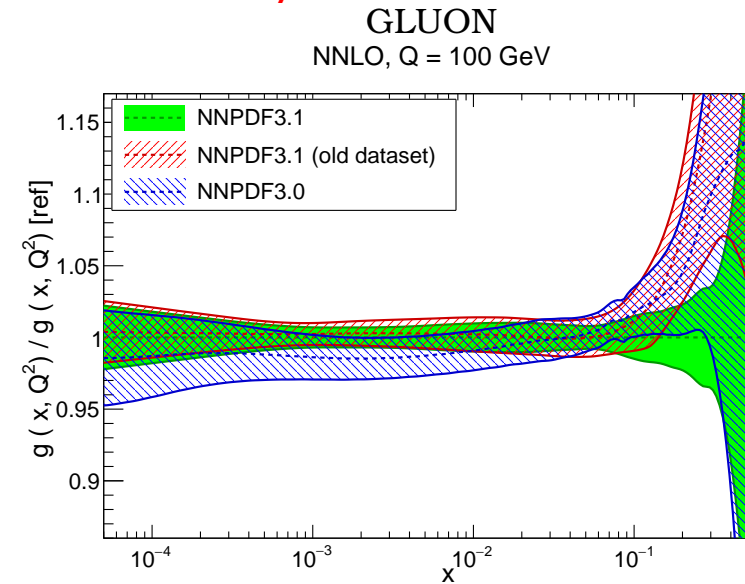
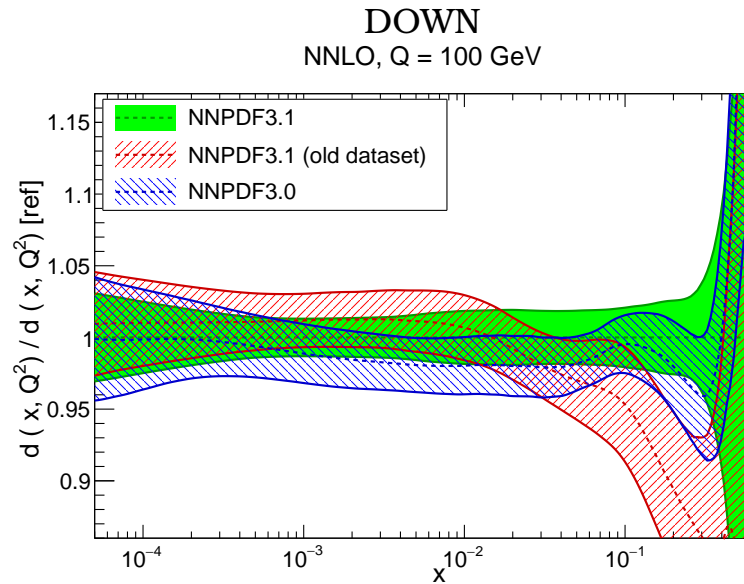
## LESSONS:

- TENSIONS CAN REVEAL METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES
- MORE LIKELY AS DATASET INCREASES, EXPERIMENTAL UNCERTAINTIES DECREASE
- RESOLVED BY MORE COMPLEX METHODOLOGY

## DATA vs. METHODOLOGY

- NEW DATA  $\Rightarrow$  MAJOR METHODOLOGICAL CHOICES  $\Rightarrow$  SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
- NNPDF3.1 vs NNPDF3.0: DATA AND METHODOLOGY HAVE SIMILAR IMPACT

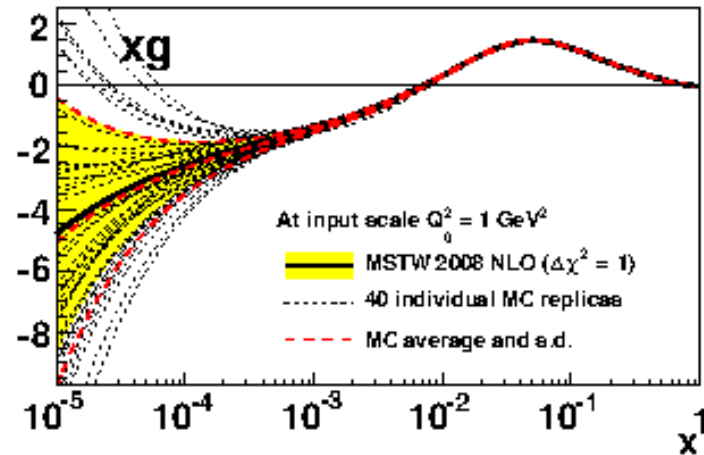
NNPDF3.0 vs. NNPDF3.1 vs. NNPDF3.1 w/ NNPDF3.0 DATASET



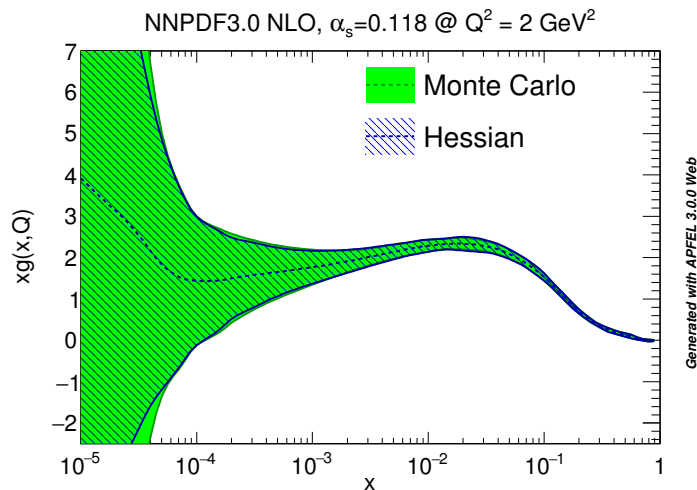
# TOOLS I

## MC $\Leftrightarrow$ HESSIAN

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



(Thorne, Watt, 2012)



(Carrazza, SF, Kassabov, Rojo, 2015)

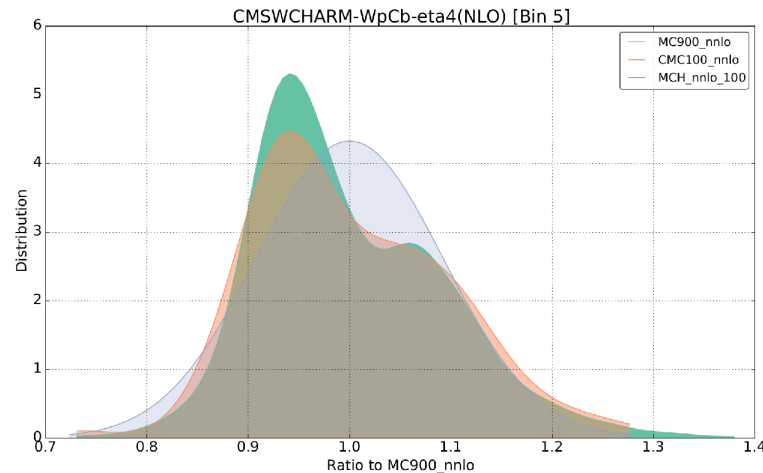
- TO CONVERT MONTE CARLO INTO HESSIAN, SAMPLE  
THE REPLICAS  $f_i(x)$  AT A DISCRETE SET OF POINTS &  
CONSTRUCT THE ENSUING COVARIANCE MATRIX
- EIGENVECTORS OF THE COVARIANCE MATRIX AS A  
BASIS IN THE VECTOR SPACE SPANNED BY THE REPLICAS  
BY SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION
- NUMBER OF DOMINANT EIGENVECTORS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

# TOOLS II

## NONGAUSSIAN BEHAVIOUR

### MONTE CARLO COMPARED TO HESSIAN

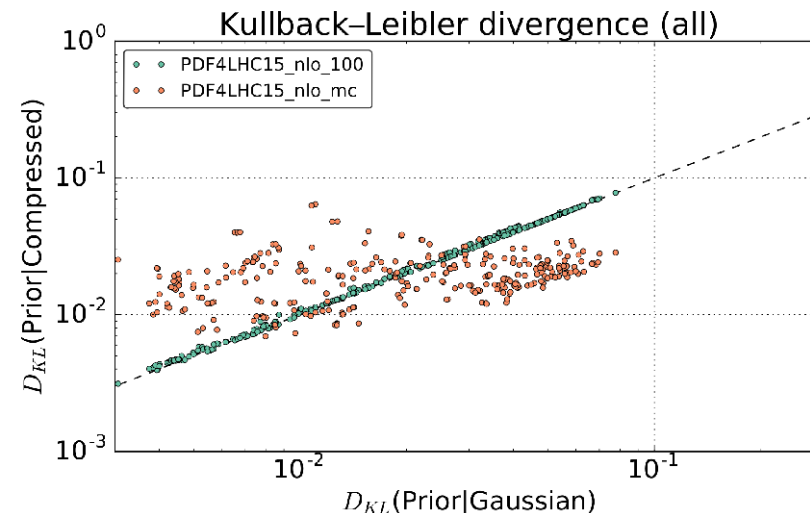
CMS  $W + c$  production



- DEFINE **KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIVERGENCE**  

$$D_{KL} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) \frac{\ln P(x)}{\ln Q(x)} dx$$
 BETWEEN A PRIOR  $P$  AND ITS REPRESENTATION  $Q$
- $D_{KL}$  BETWEEN PRIOR AND HESSIAN DEPENDS ON DEGREE OF GAUSSIANTY
- $D_{KL}$  BETWEEN PRIOR AND COMPRESSED MC DOES NOT

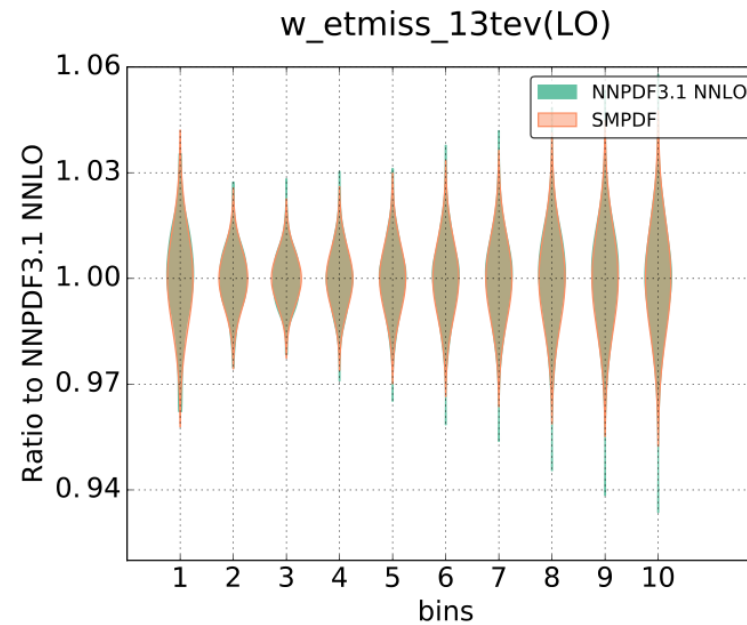
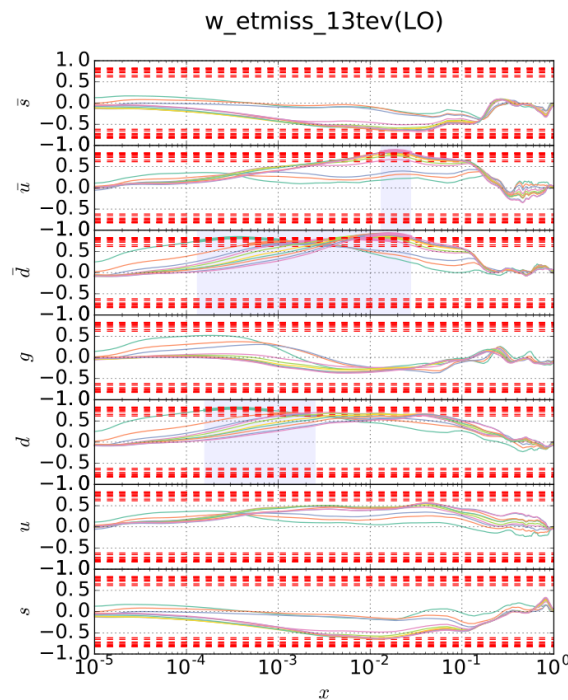
- DEVIATION FROM GAUSSIANTY E.G. AT LARGE  $x$  DUE TO LARGE UNCERTAINTY + POSITIVITY BOUNDS  
 $\Rightarrow$  **RELEVANT FOR SEARCHES**
- **CANNOT BE REPRODUCED IN HESSIAN FRAMEWORK**
- **WELL REPRODUCED BY COMPRESSED MC**



CAN (A) GAUGE WHEN MC IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN HESSIAN;  
 (B) ASSESS THE ACCURACY OF COMPRESSION

## TOOLS III OPTIMIZED PDFS: SMPDF

- OLD ASPIRATION: PDFs OPTIMIZED TO PROCESSES (Pumplin 2009)
- 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**
- WEB INTERFACE AVAILABLE



(Carrazza, SF, Kassabov, Rojo, 2016)

- EG  $ggH, Hb\bar{b}, W E_T^{\text{miss}} \Rightarrow 11$  EIGENVECTORS
- STUDY **CORRELATIONS OF PDFs** TO DATA AND AMONG THEMSELVES!