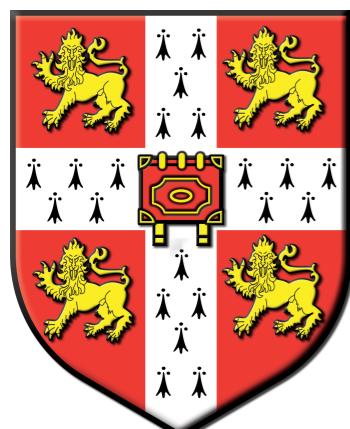




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## THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROTON (I)

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# Goal of the lectures

- Give an overview on our understanding on the structure of the proton: from Feynman parton model to modern QCD picture
- Introduce basic concepts and techniques behind PDF global fits
- Wealth of ingredients involved from low to high energy: non-perturbative effects, perturbative QCD, experimental measurements, statistical and mathematical problems, higher order predictions, phenomenology tools, machine learning.
- Discuss PDF-related phenomenology at the LHC (mostly), EIC and beyond
- Discuss current frontiers and challenges

**Disclaimer: these lectures are far from providing a complete picture of the topic.  
You can find complementary information in excellent lectures on PDFs from W. Giele, G. Salam, A. Martin, P. Nadolsky, S. Forte, D. Stump, W. Melnitchouk, D. Stump, A. Guffanti, J. Rojo ... at recent graduate schools**

# A trip inside the PDF sausage factory

- What do PDF uncertainties mean? What effects do they include? How reliable are they?
- How do we interpret the difference predictions using different PDF sets?
- Shall we just pick a set out of the PDFs “supermarket” shelf or take the envelope of ALL predictions?

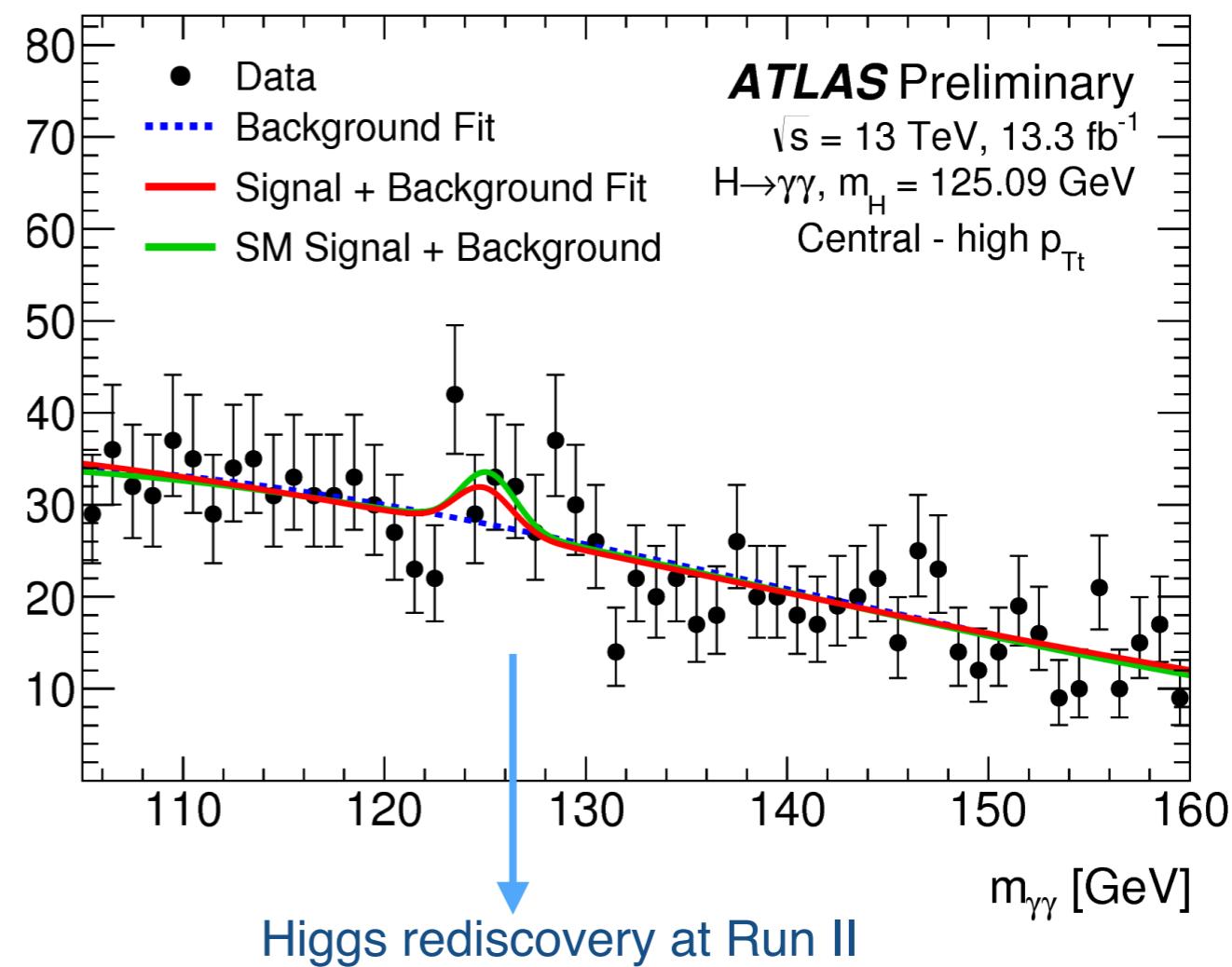
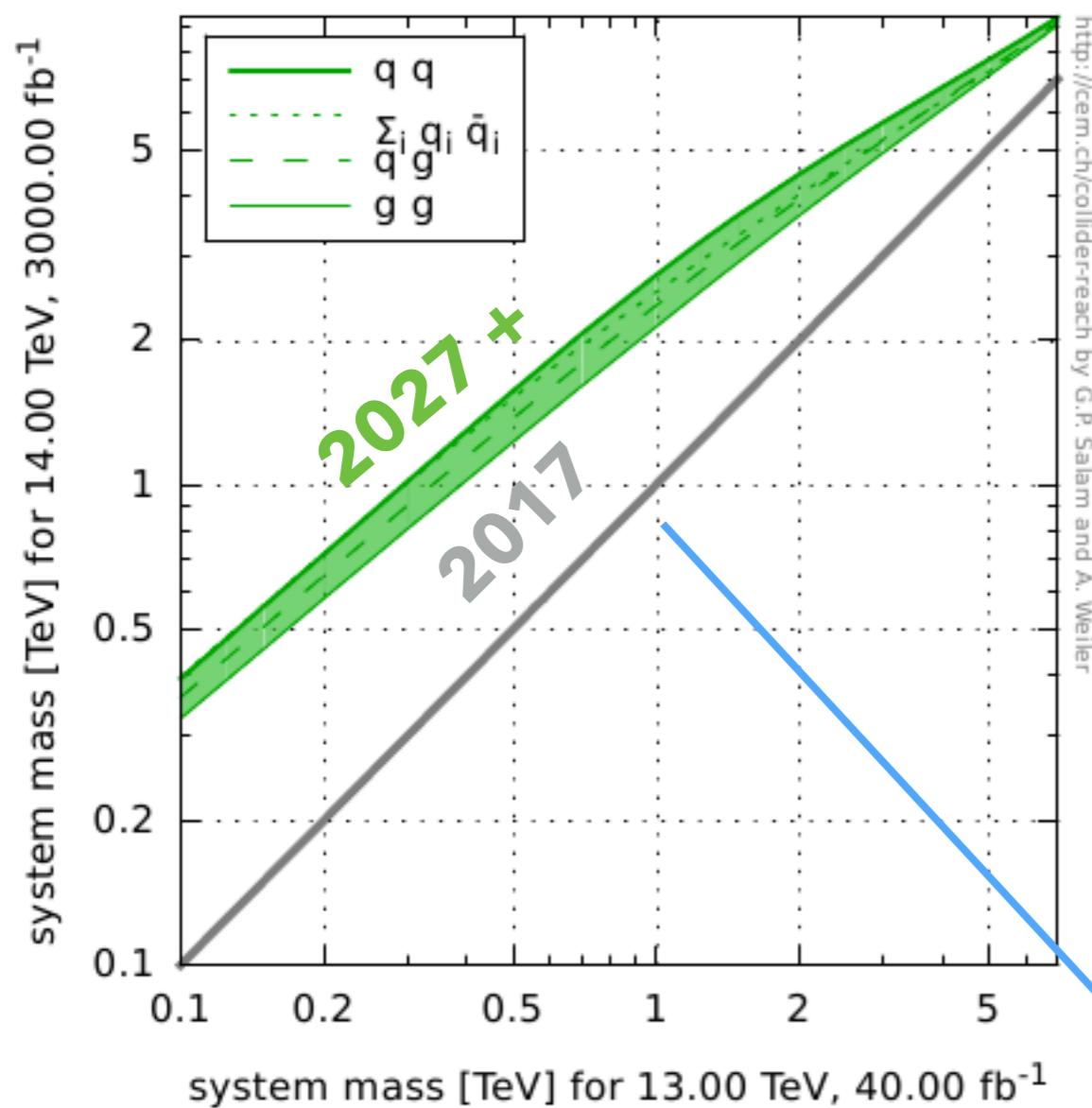


# Outline

- **Lecture 1 (This morning)**
  - Lecture 2 (This afternoon)
    - Methodological aspects
    - Theoretical aspects
    - New frontiers and challenges
- Motivation:  
the high energy big picture
  - Improved QCD parton  
model and DGLAP evolution  
equations
  - Ingredients of a PDF  
global analysis
  - Experimental input

# The LHC precision era

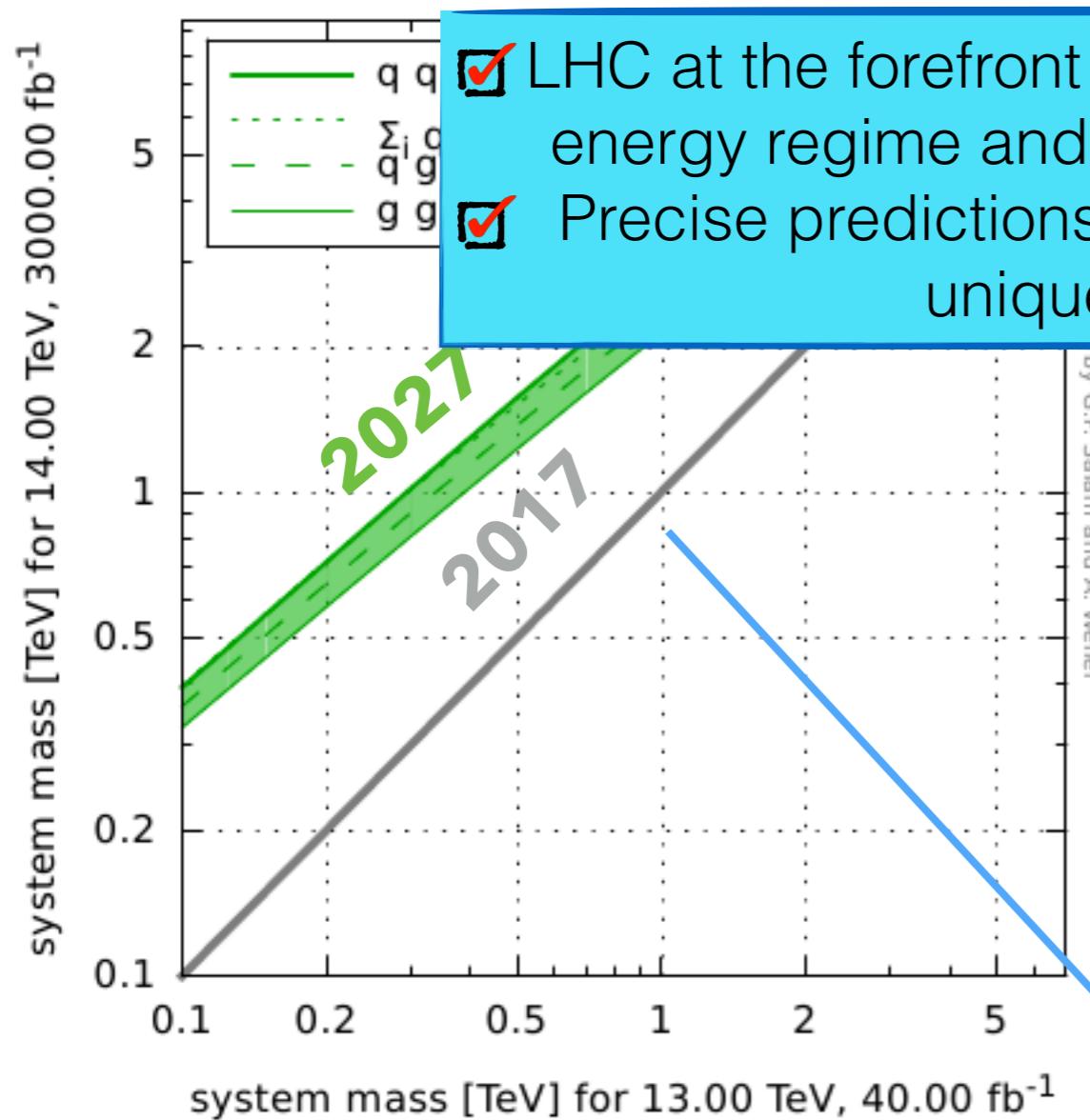
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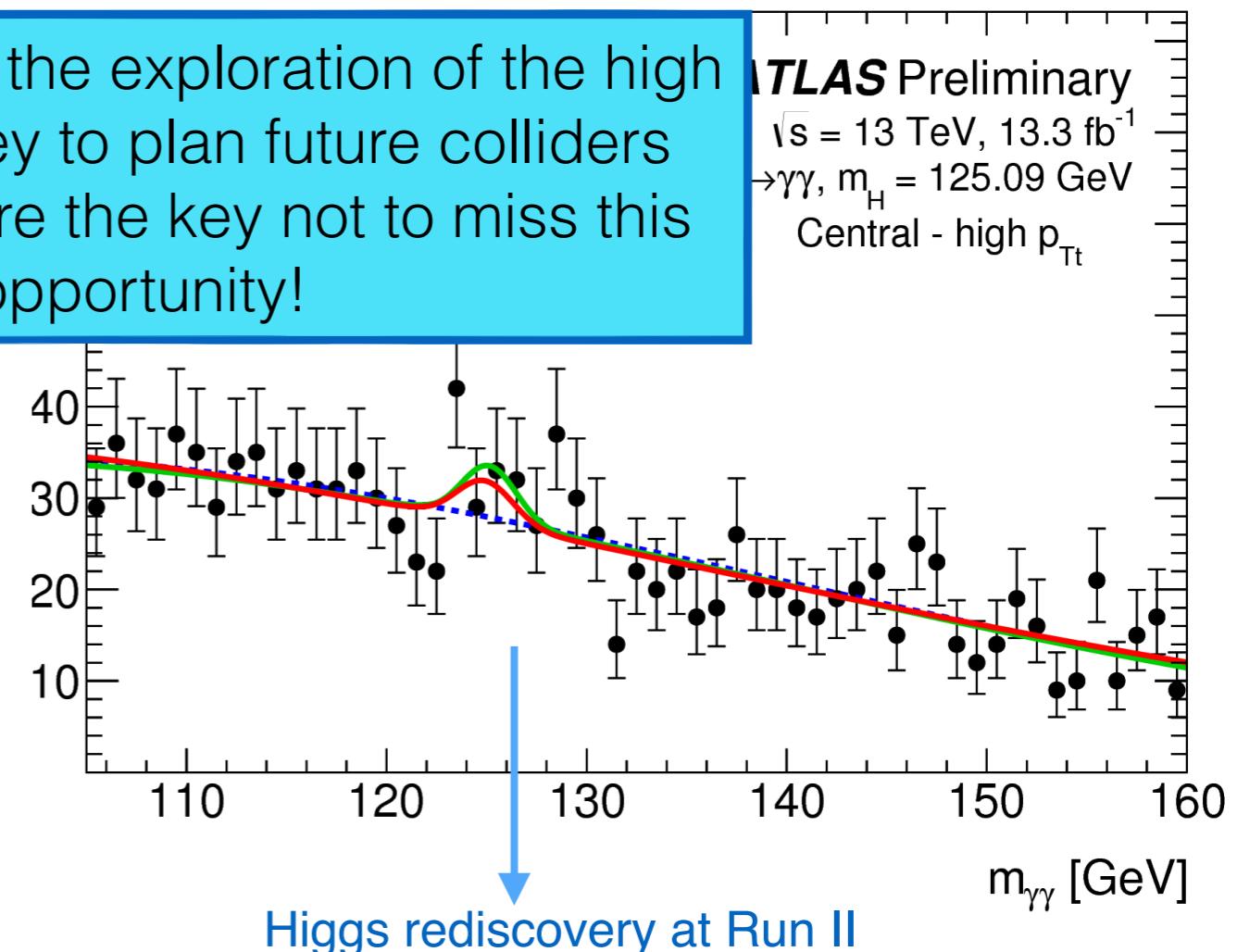
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LHC at the forefront of the exploration of the high energy regime and key to plan future colliders  
 Precise predictions are the key not to miss this unique opportunity!



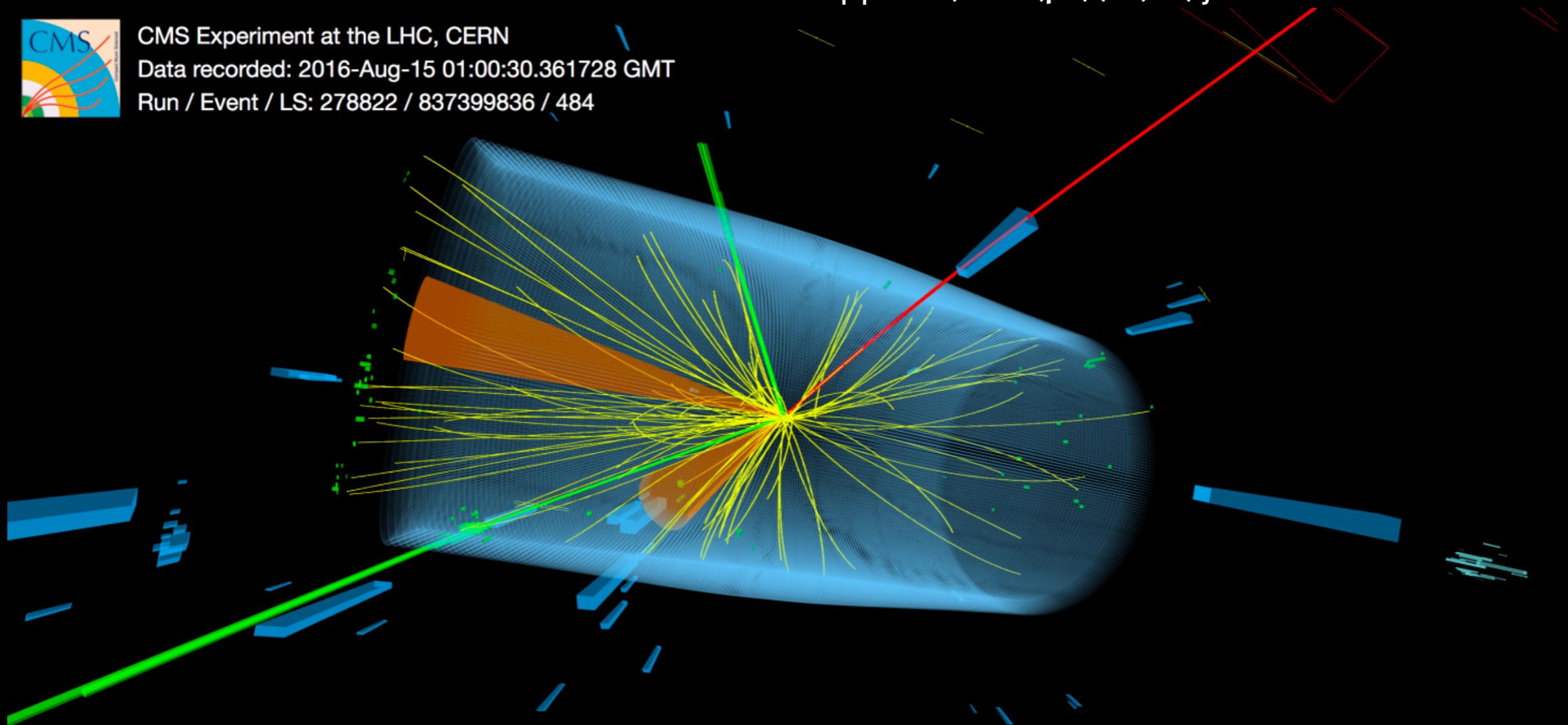
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# Collider events: an experimental view



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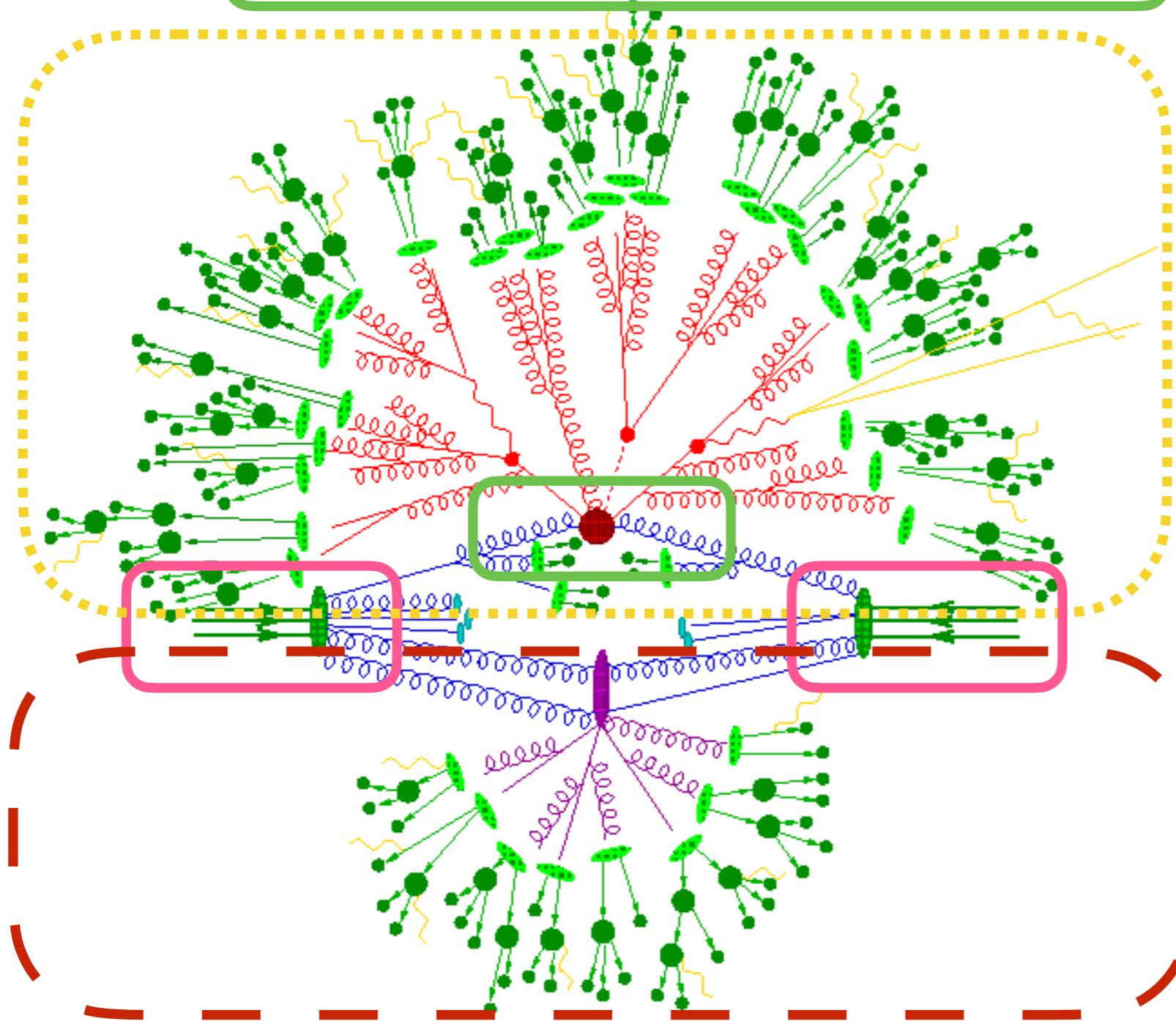
$pp \rightarrow t(b W(\mu\nu)) Z(ee) j$



A top + Z candidate collision recorded by CMS. The tZj state is characterised by three leptons (in this case two electrons and one muon), a jet produced from decay of a bottom quark, and a forward jet that is close to the LHC beam direction (Image: CMS/CERN)

# Collider events: a theory view

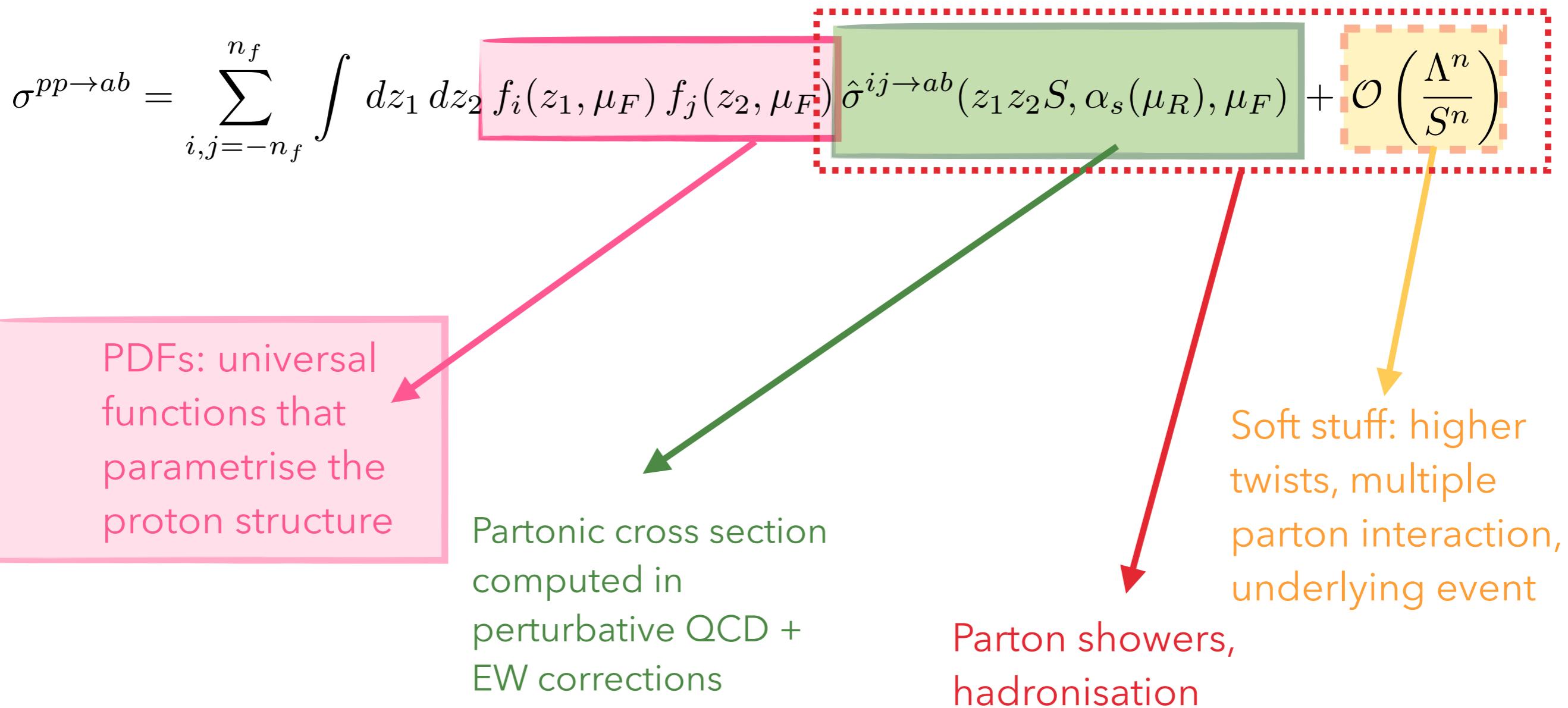
$$\sigma^{\text{th}} = \hat{\sigma}[\mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) + \dots] \otimes [f_1 \otimes f_2] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2}\right)$$



- Hard scattering of partons or Partonic cross section (Perturbative QCD+EW)
- Parton Distribution Functions
- Parton Showering and Hadronization
- Multiple Parton Interaction, Underlying Events

# Collider events: a theory view

- Collinear factorisation: the LHC master formula
- Divide et impera!



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Motivation:  
why we care about PDF  
uncertainties

# From test of QCD factorisation to precision physics

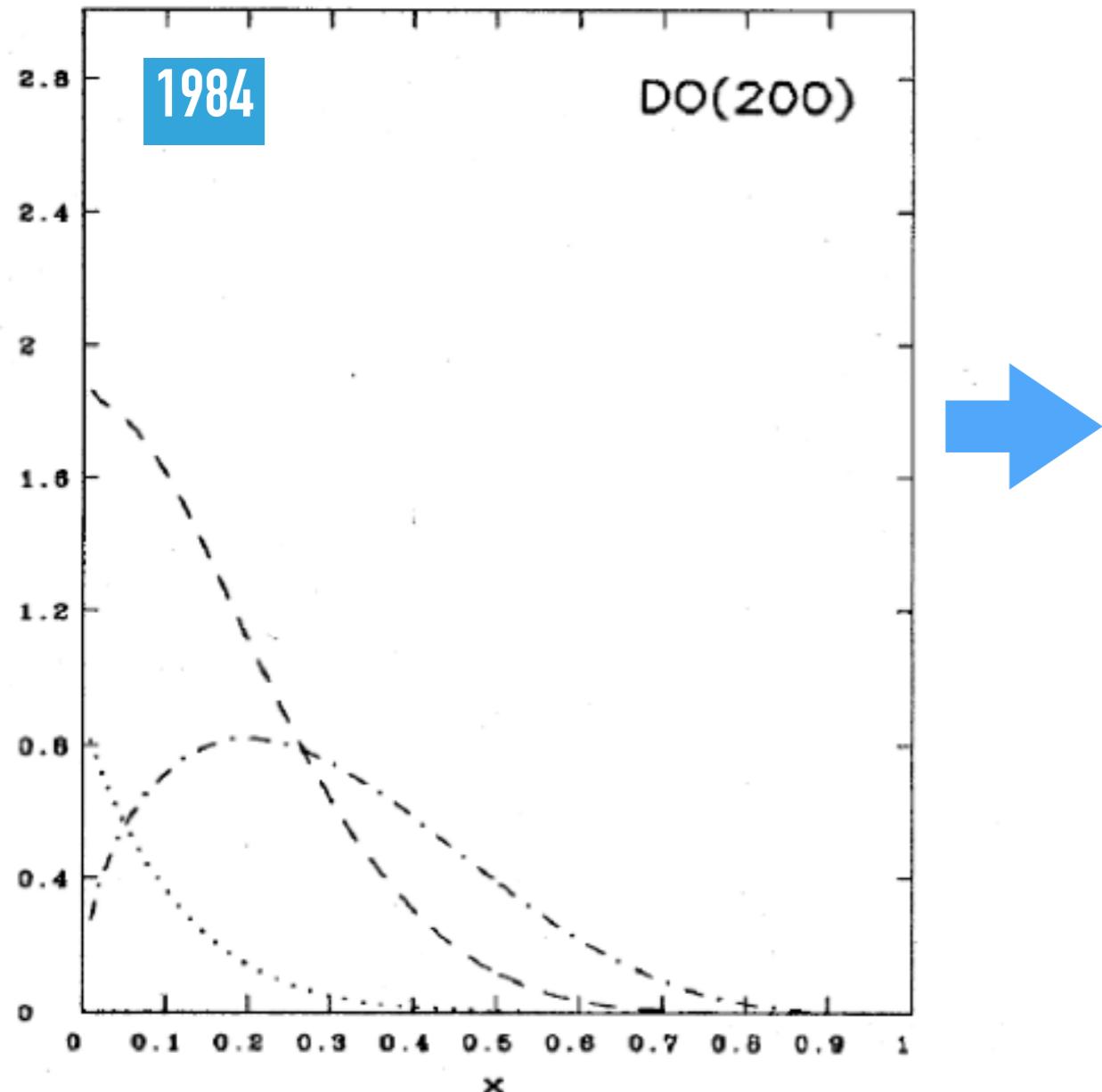
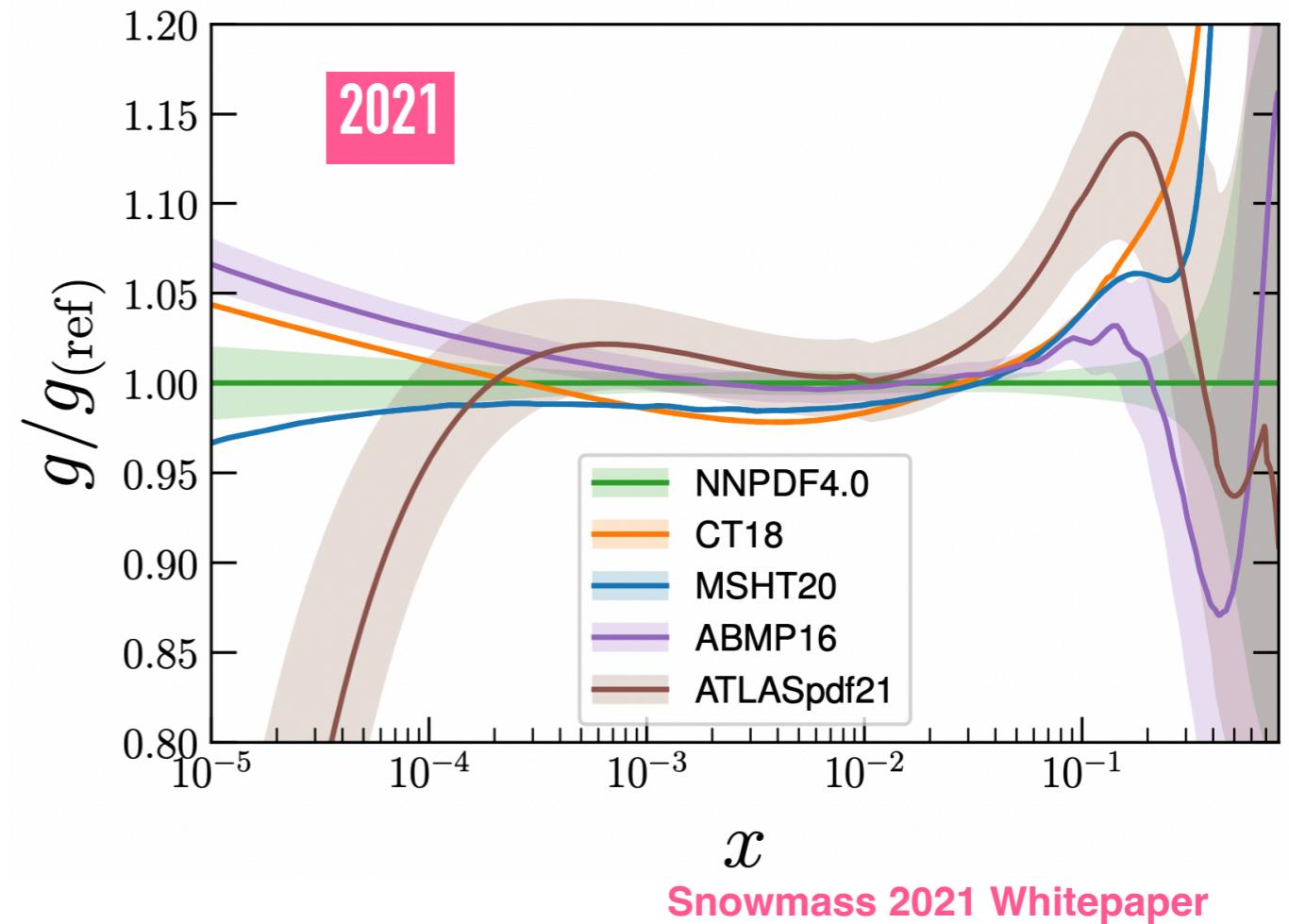


FIG. 27. “Soft-gluon” ( $\Lambda = 200 \text{ MeV}$ ) parton distributions of Duke and Owens (1984) at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ : valence quark distribution  $x[u_v(x) + d_v(x)]$  (dotted-dashed line),  $xG(x)$  (dashed line), and  $q_v(x)$  (dotted line).

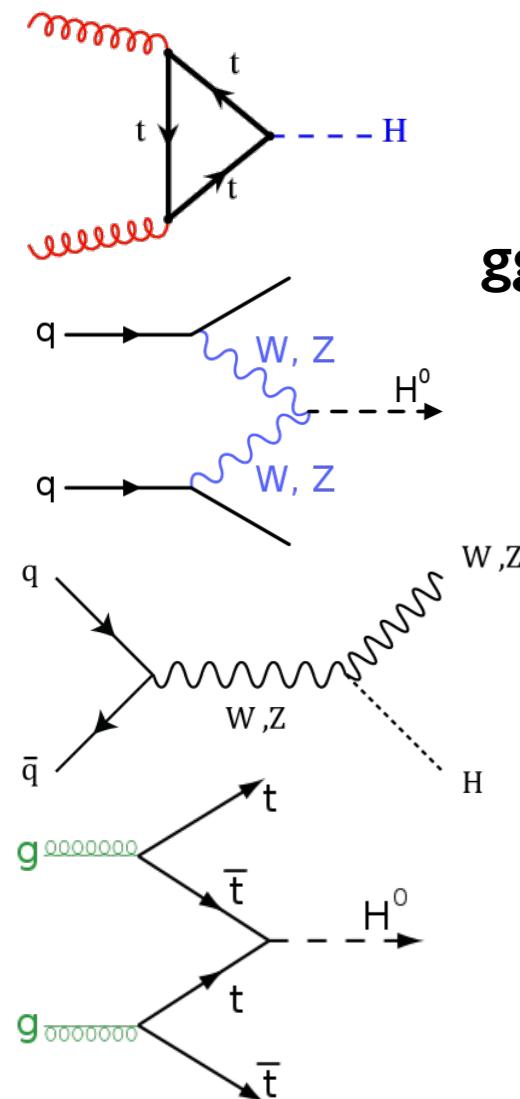
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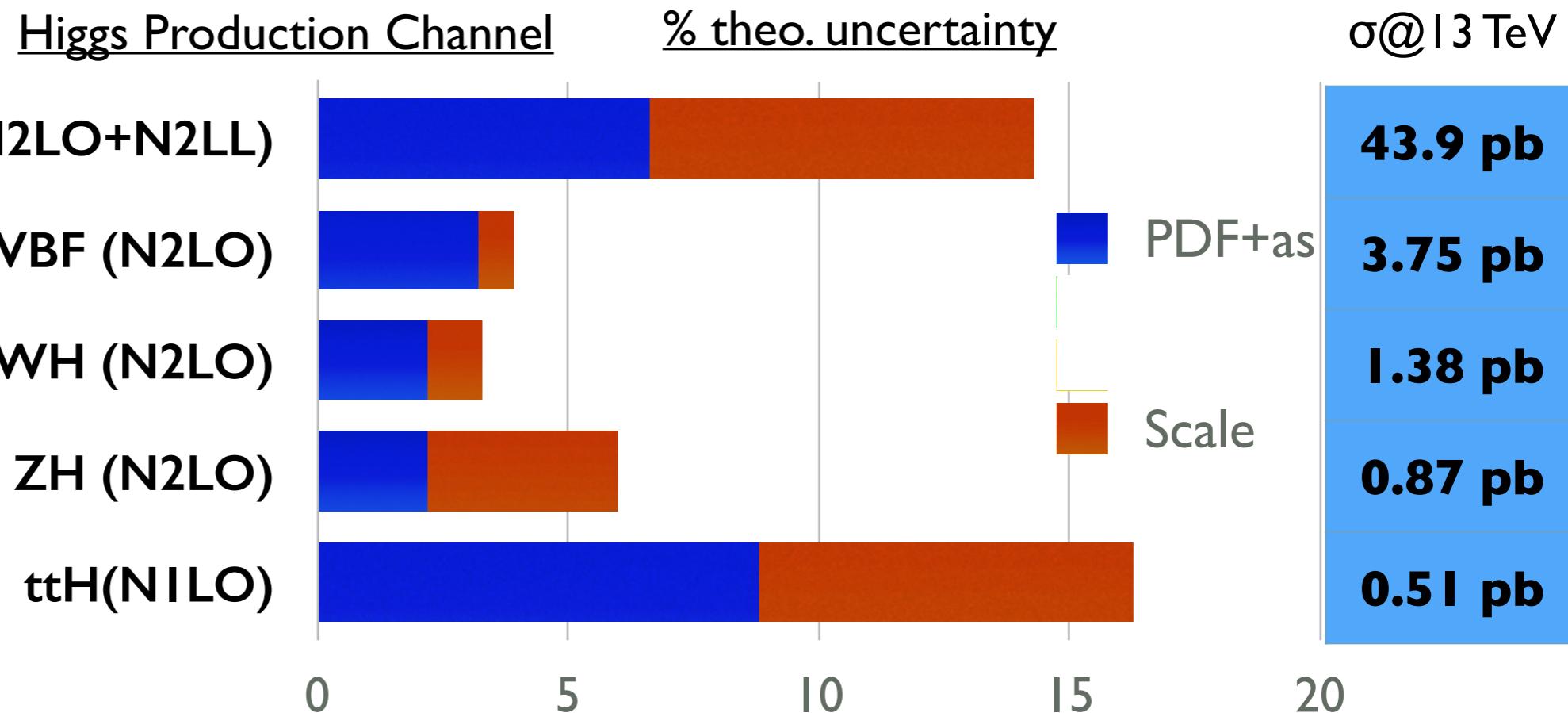
While at the beginning PDF analyses were performed as a test of QCD collider factorisation and no uncertainties were associated to functions, now PDF uncertainties and differences among different determinations are crucial

# PDF uncertainties

Yellow Report 3 (2013)



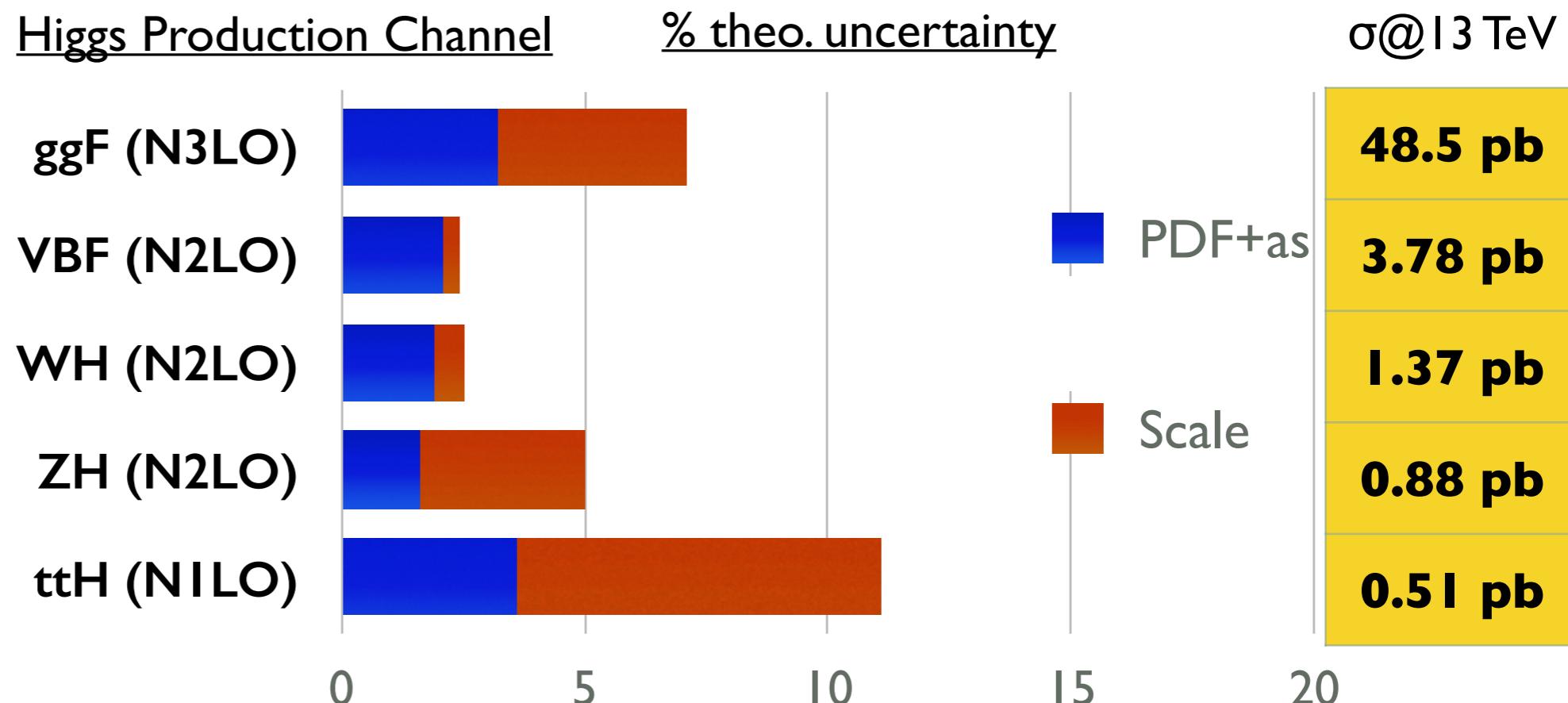
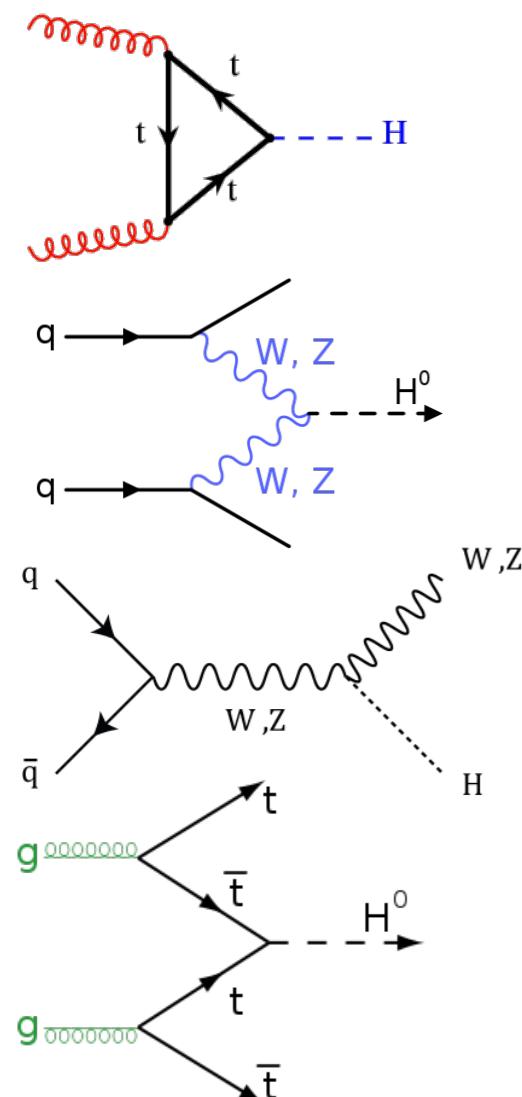
Higgs physics



PDF uncertainties limiting factor in the accuracy of theoretical predictions

# PDF uncertainties

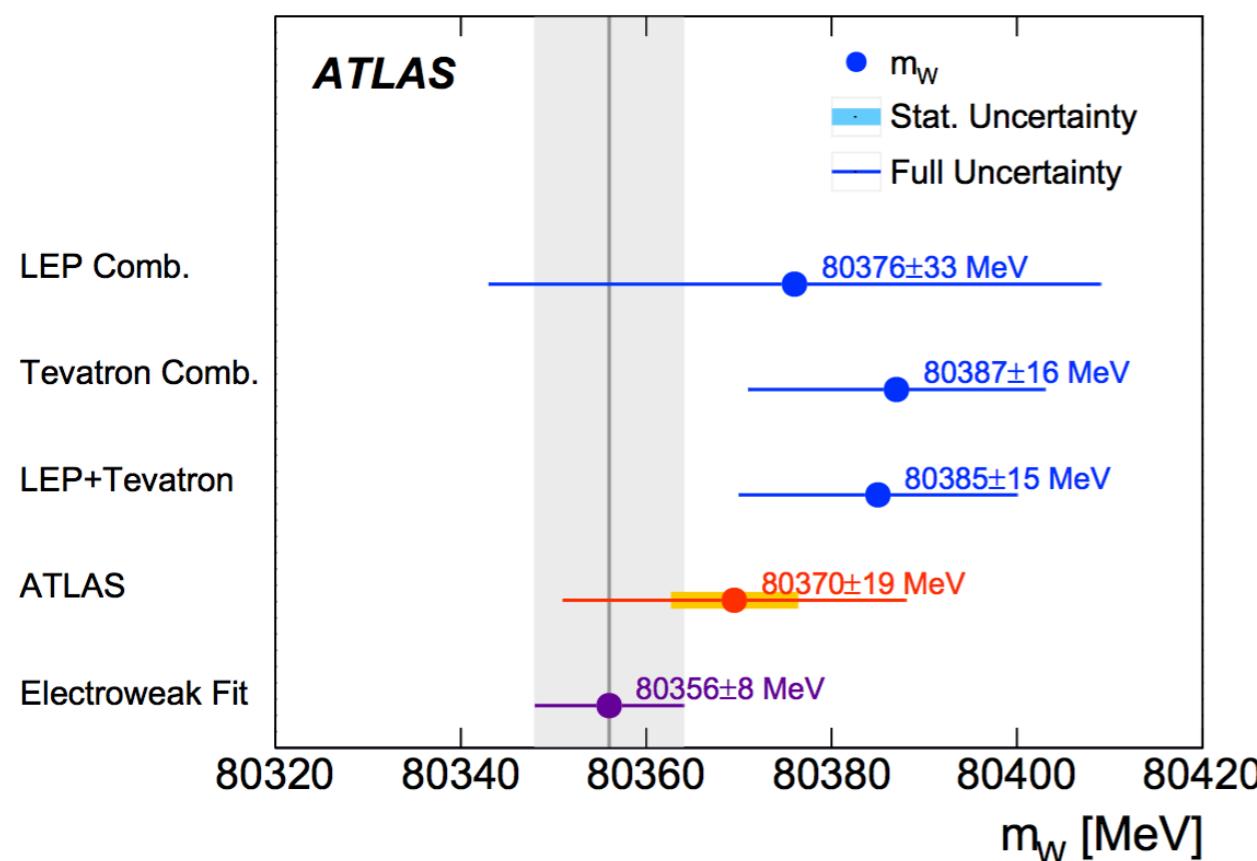
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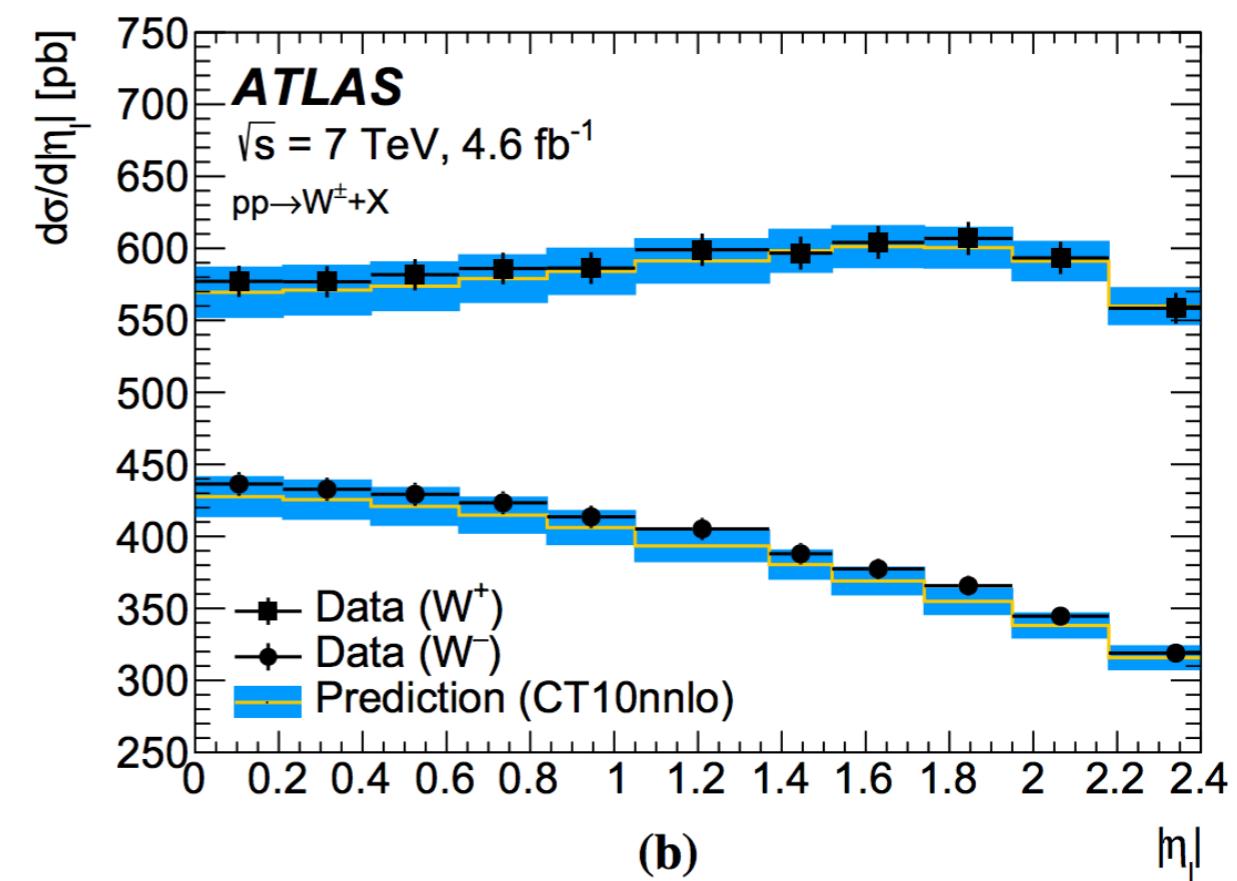
Reduced (still often dominant)  
PDF uncertainties

# PDF uncertainties

## Determination of SM parameters



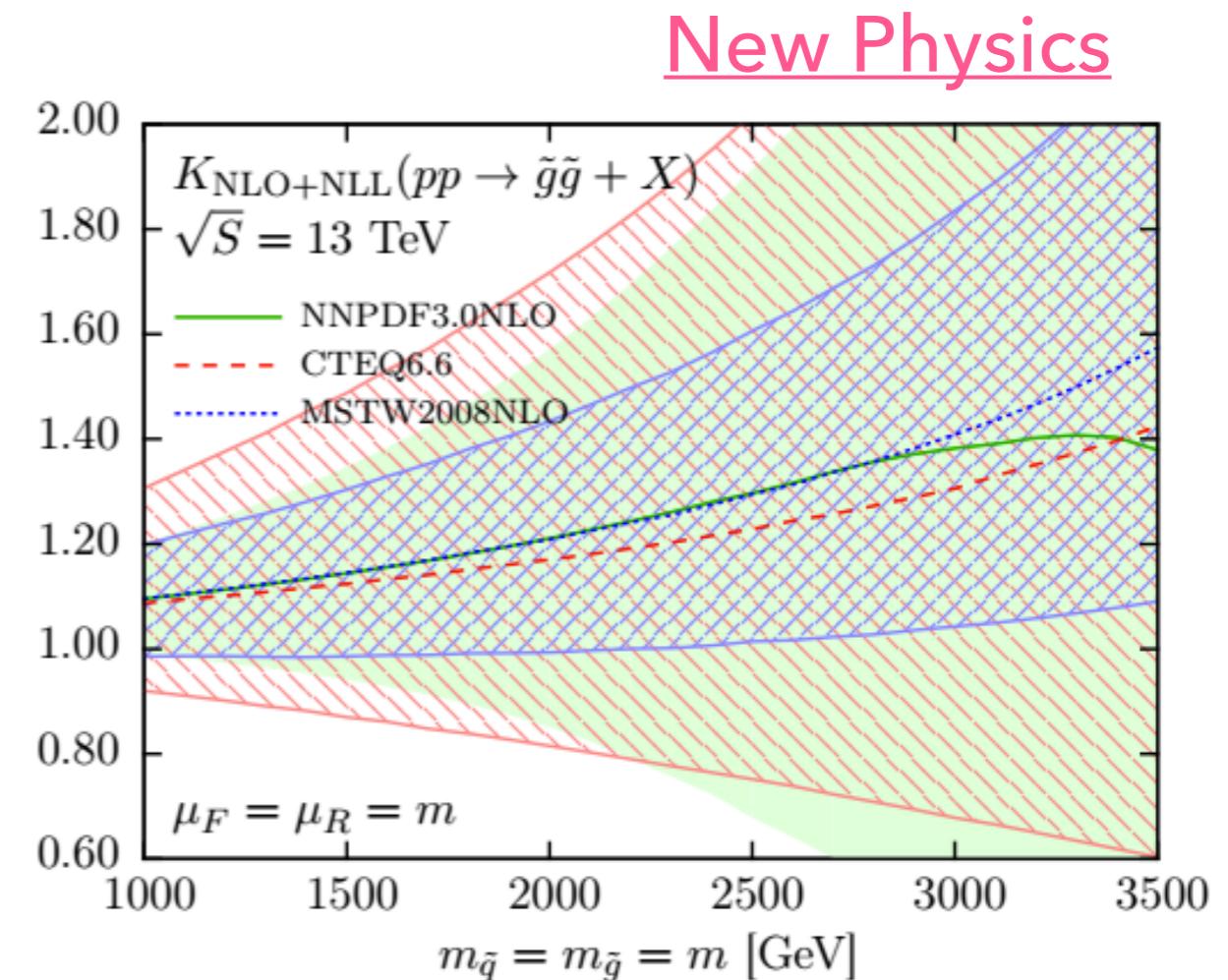
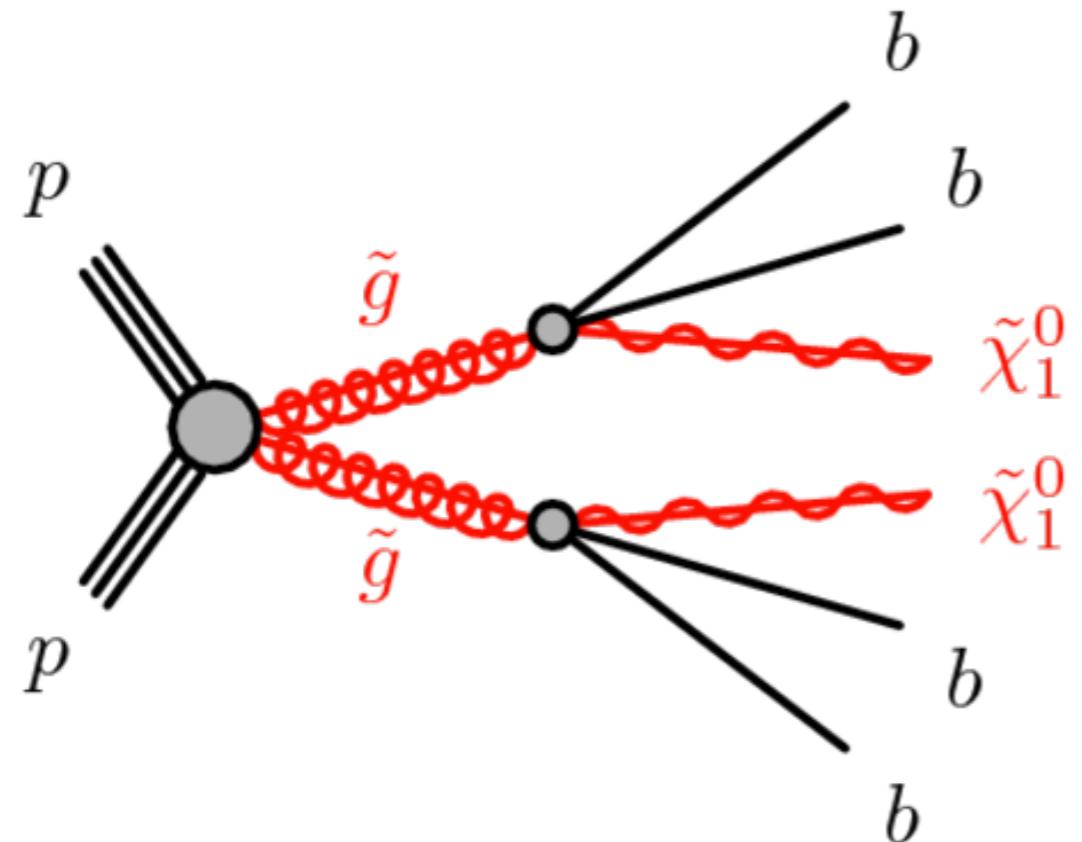
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$$\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$$

Channel	$m_{W^+} - m_{W^-}$ [MeV]	Stat. Unc.	Muon Unc.	Elec. Unc.	Recoil Unc.	Bckg. Unc.	QCD Unc.	EW Unc.	PDF Unc.	Total Unc.
$W \rightarrow e\nu$	-29.7	17.5	0.0	4.9	0.9	5.4	0.5	0.0	24.1	30.7
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu$	-28.6	16.3	11.7	0.0	1.1	5.0	0.4	0.0	26.0	33.2
Combined	-29.2	12.8	3.3	4.1	1.0	4.5	0.4	0.0	23.9	28.0

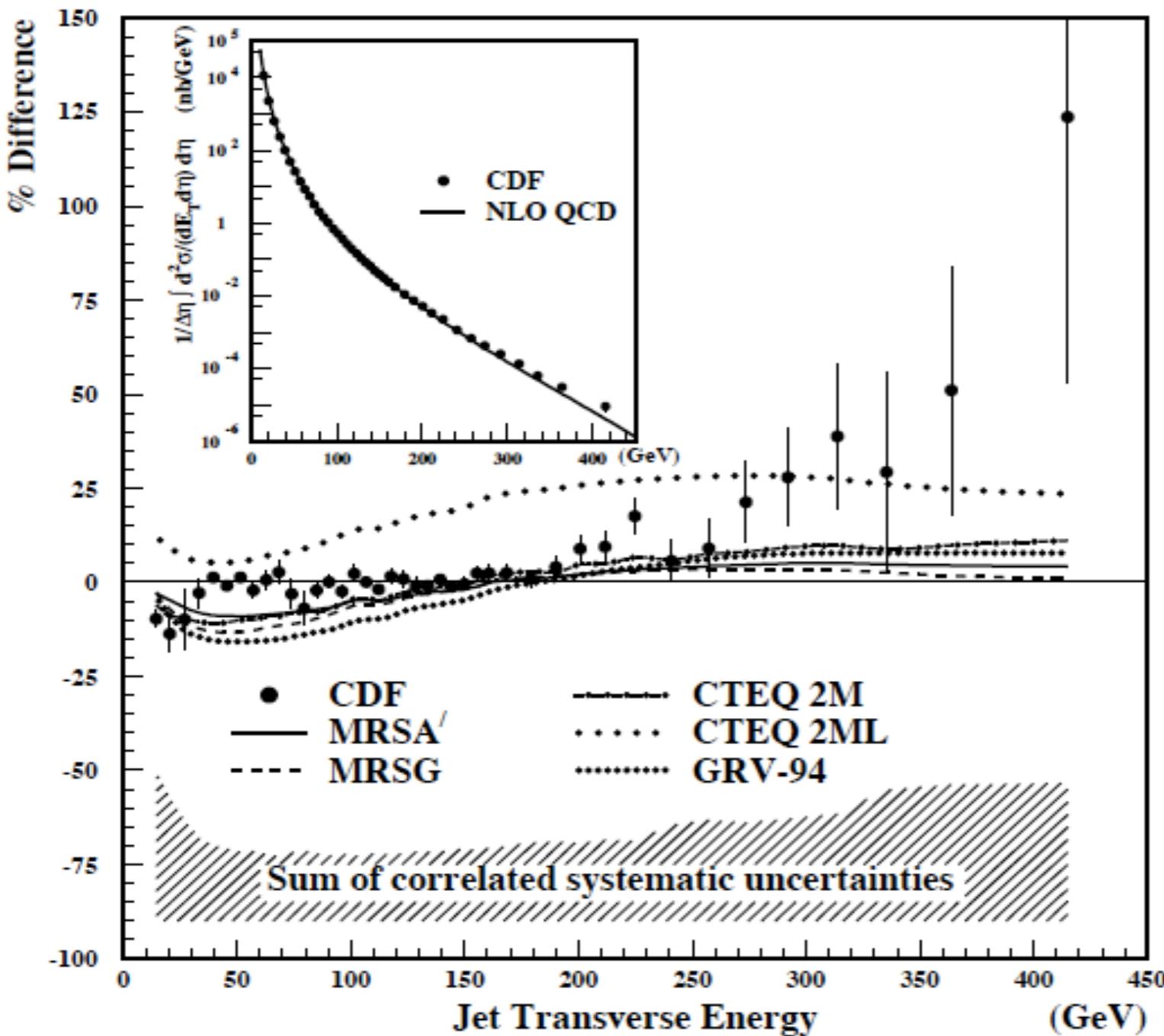
# PDF uncertainties



Beenakker et al.  
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PDF uncertainties are a limiting factor in the accuracy of theoretical predictions, both within **SM** and **beyond**

# PDF uncertainties



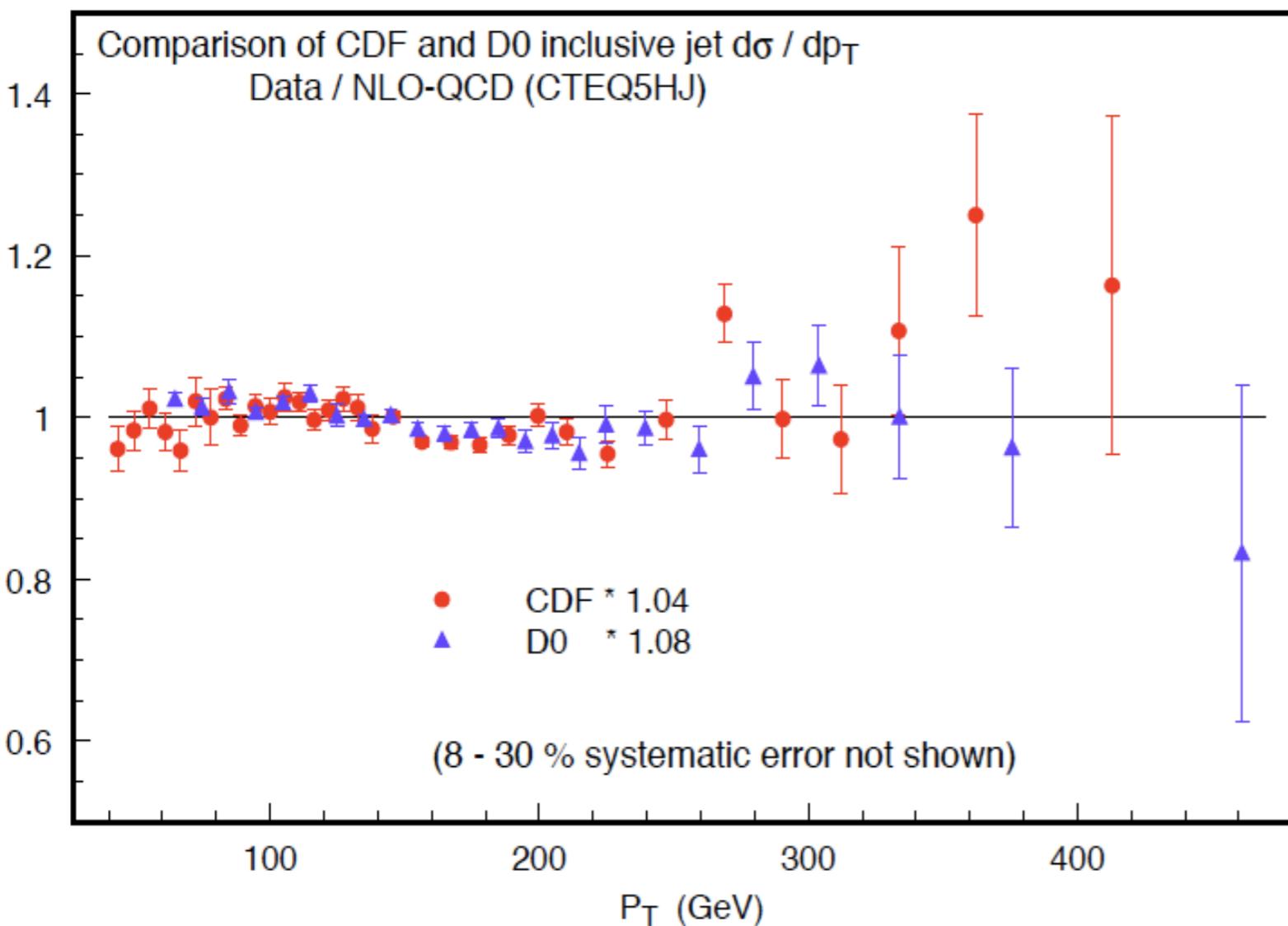
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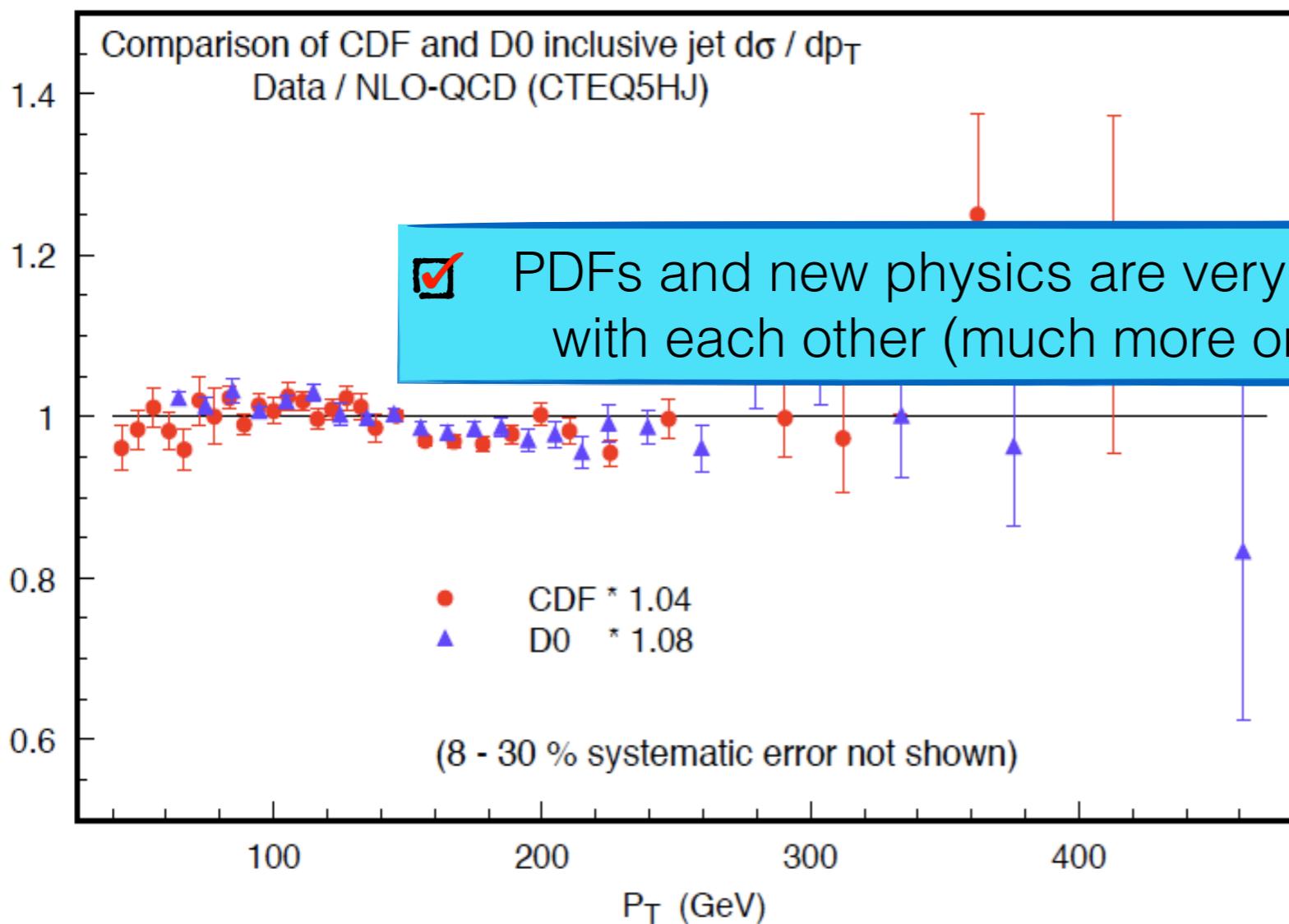
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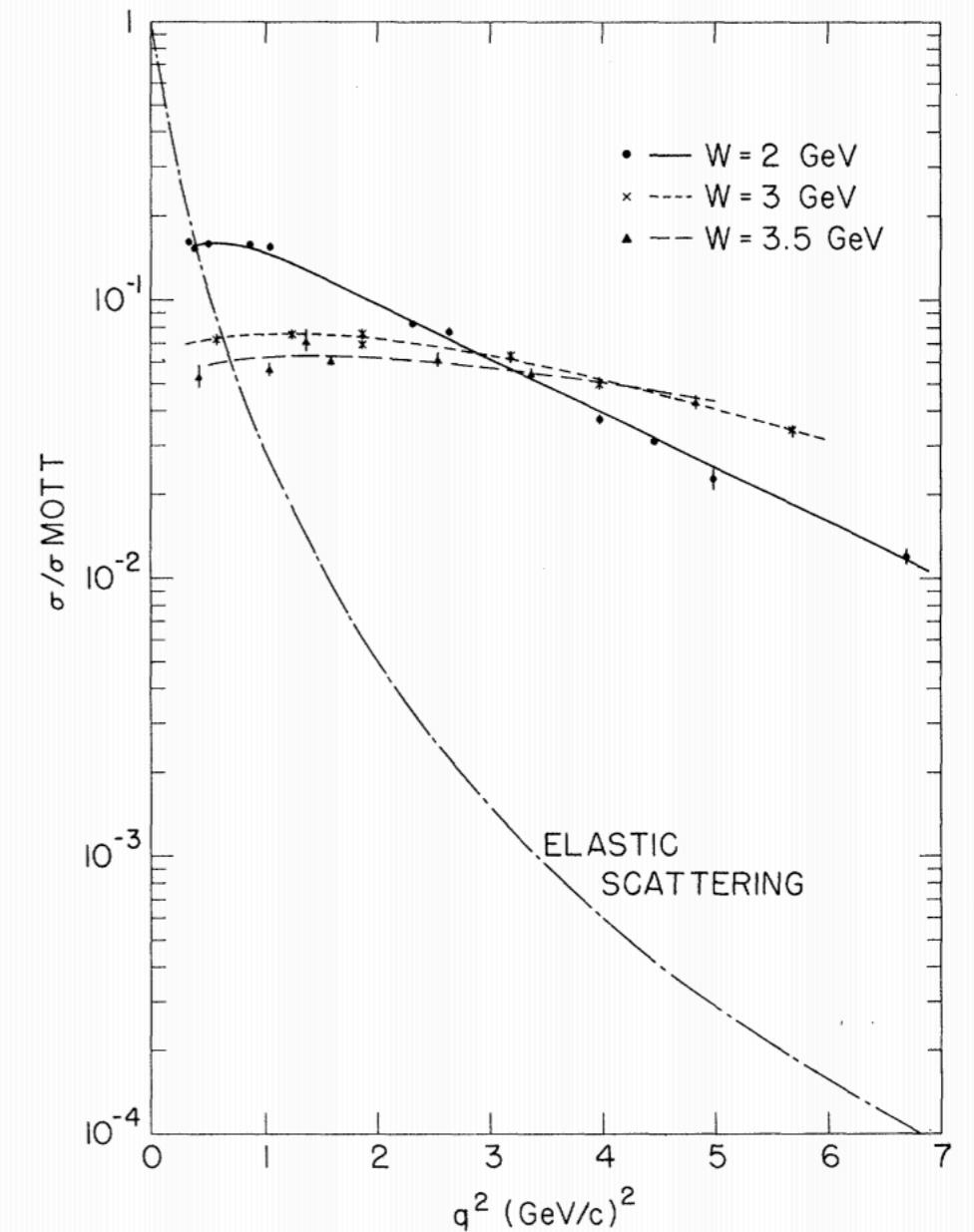
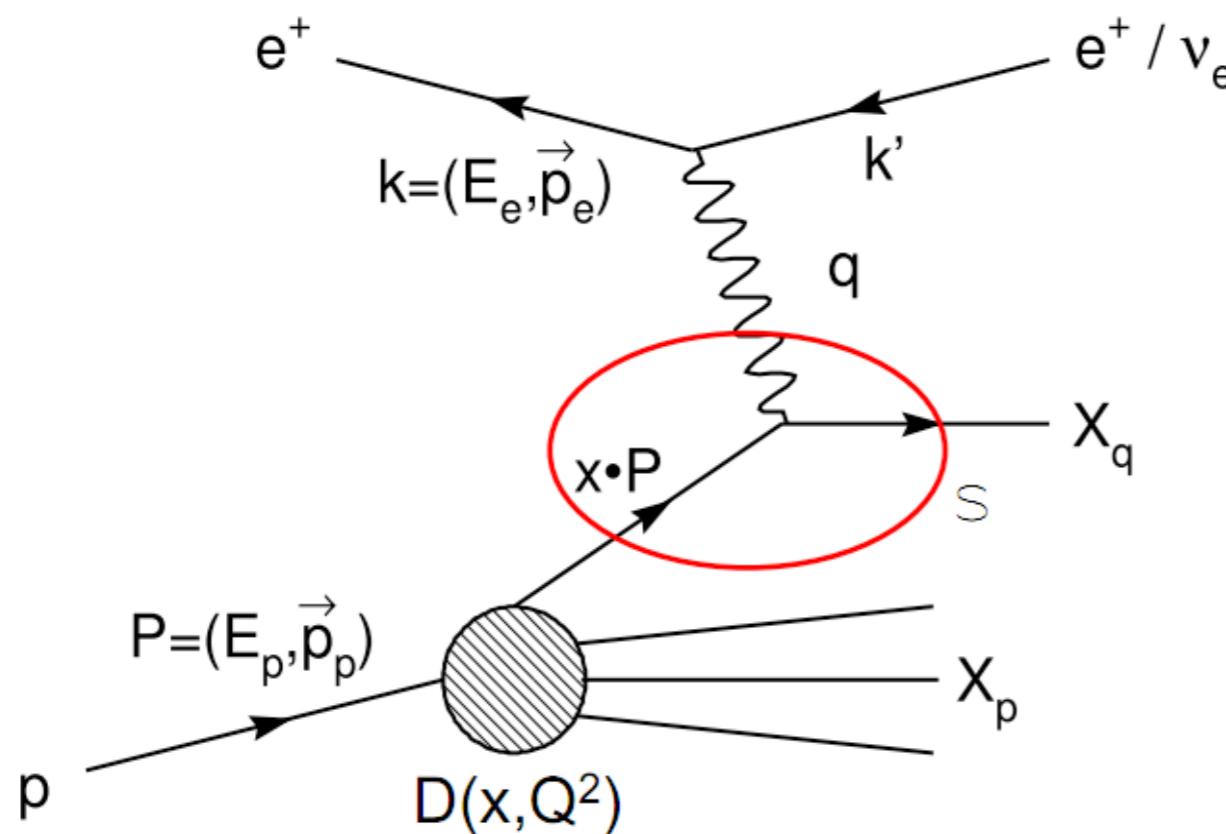
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# Parton model and QCD

# Historic overview

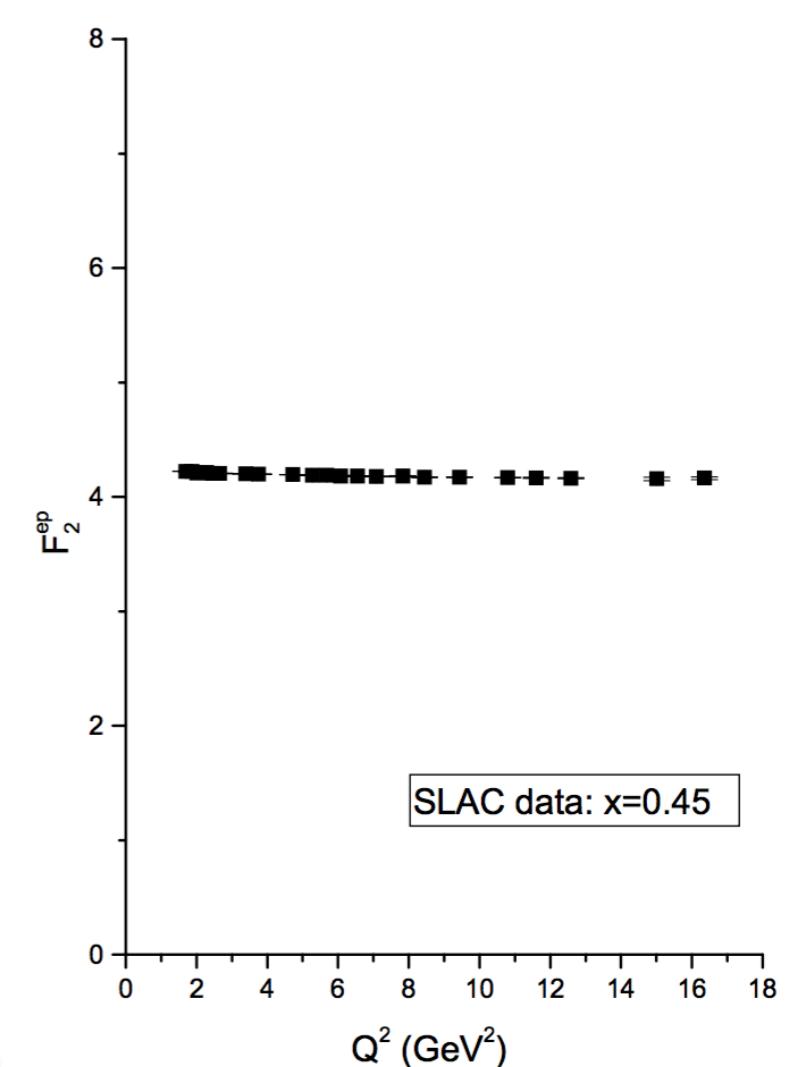
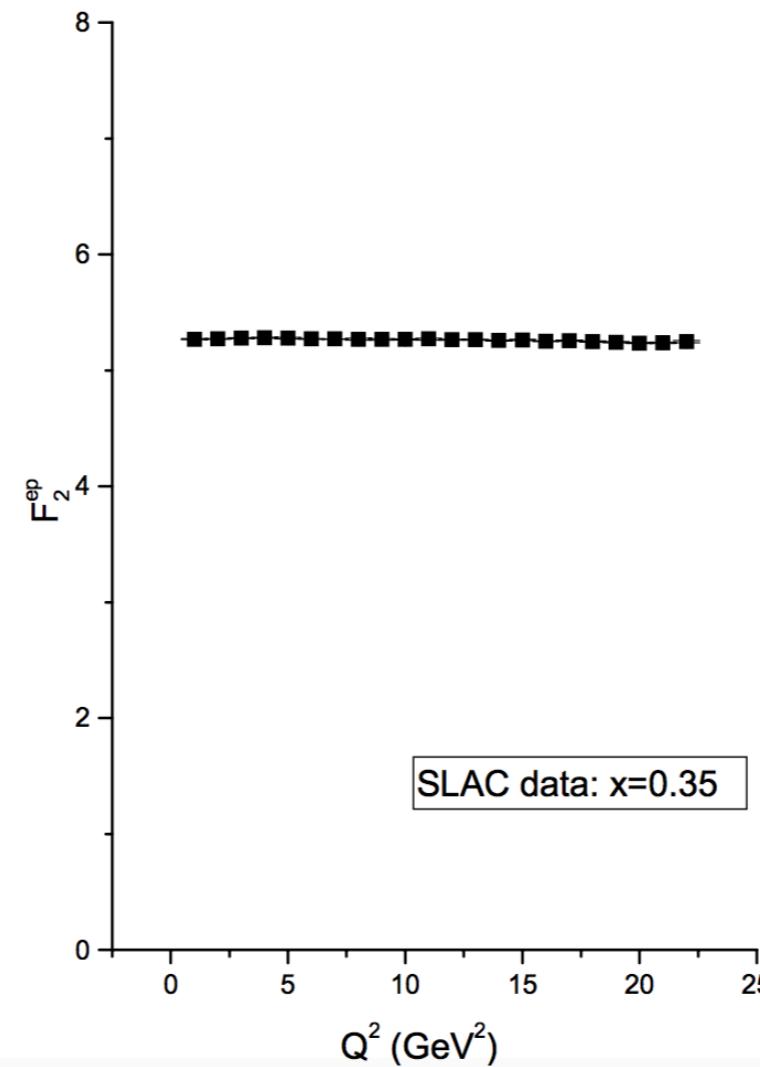
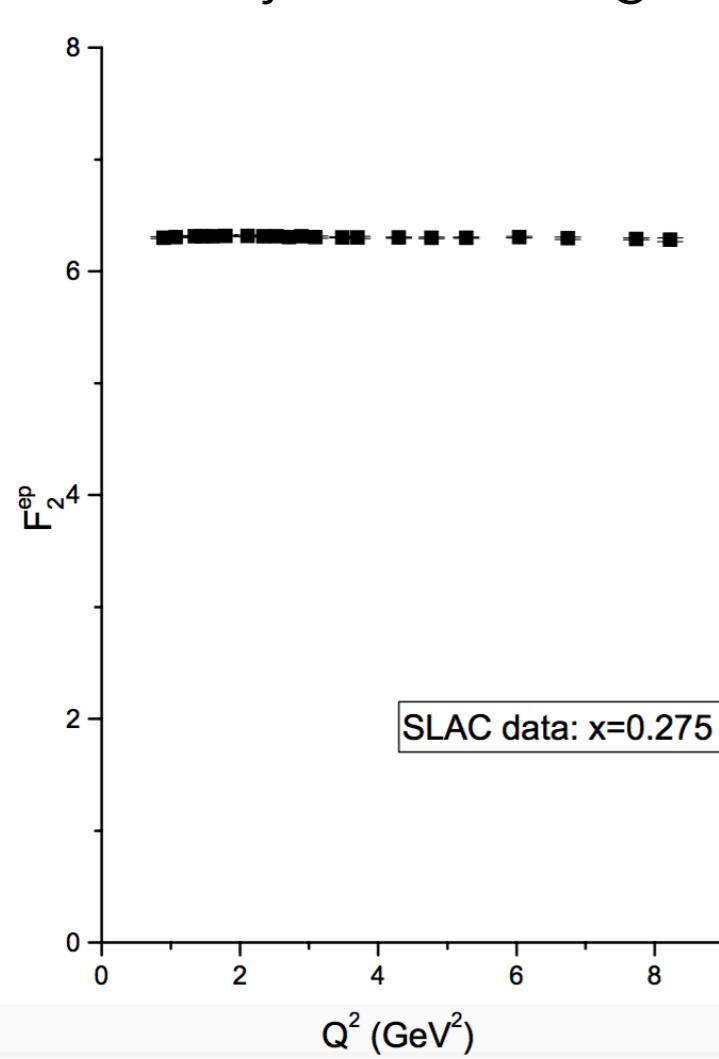
- **1967**: First deep-inelastic scattering experiments at SLAC 20 GeV linear collider gave first evidence of point-like elementary constituents which were later identified as quarks (Bjorken scaling)



See G. Sterman's lectures

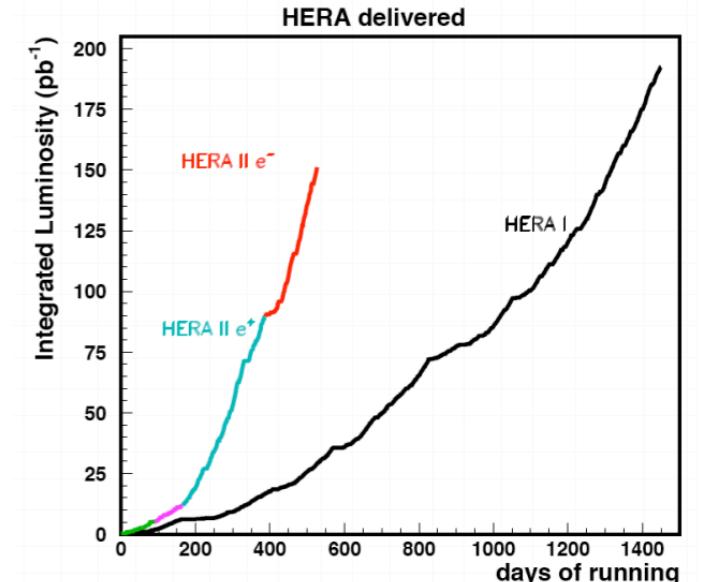
# Deep Inelastic Scattering

The surprising results at SLAC was that the structure functions  $F_{1,2}$  did not vanish as  $Q^2$  increased, rather they remained finite and constant and depended only on  $x_B$  - Bjorken scaling (1969)



Such scaling pointed to the fact that the exchanged vector boson (photon) scatters elastically off point-like objects that have no mass or scale associated. The lepton scatters off charged spin 1/2 constituents (partons) that carry a fraction  $x$  of proton momentum (**Feynman's Parton model**)

# The HERA collider



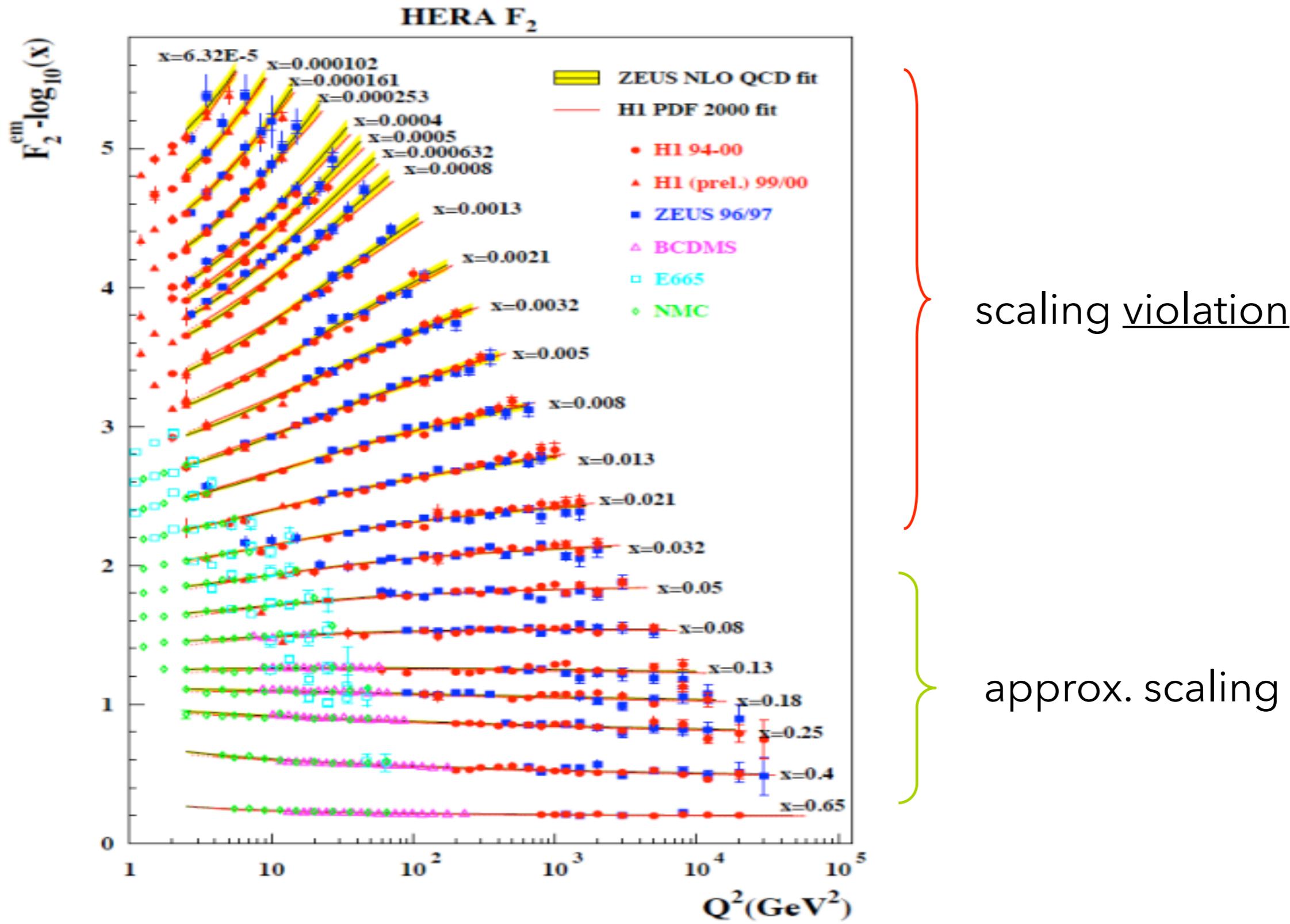
1992-2007

$$\sqrt{S} = 318 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_e = 27.5 \text{ GeV}$$

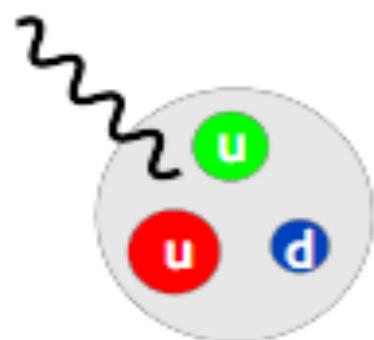
$$E_p = 920 \text{ GeV}$$

# Scaling violation



# QCD and improved parton model

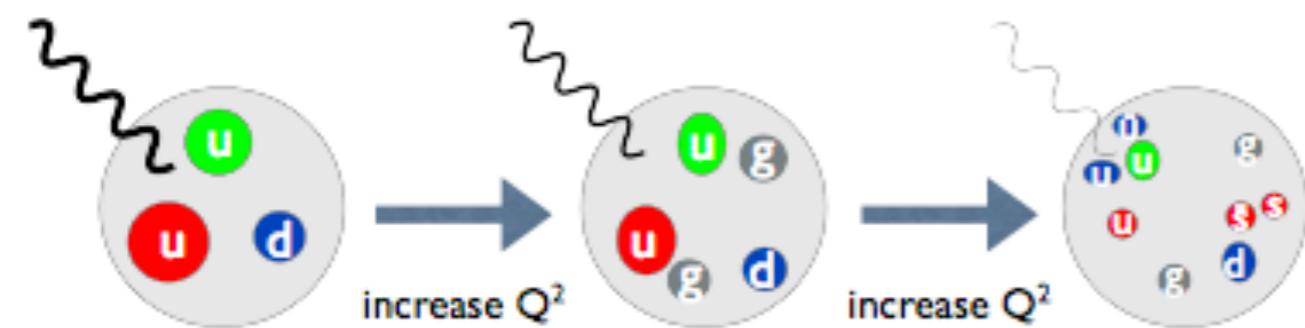
**Parton model picture**



$$\sigma_{eh}(p, q) = \sum_a \int_0^1 d\xi \hat{\sigma}_{ea}(\xi p, q) \Phi_{a/h}(\xi)$$

**QCD-improved parton model**

$$\sigma_{eh}(p, q, \mu_F) = \sum_a \int_0^1 d\xi \hat{\sigma}_{ea}(\xi p, q, \mu_F) \Phi_{a/h}(\xi, \mu_F)$$



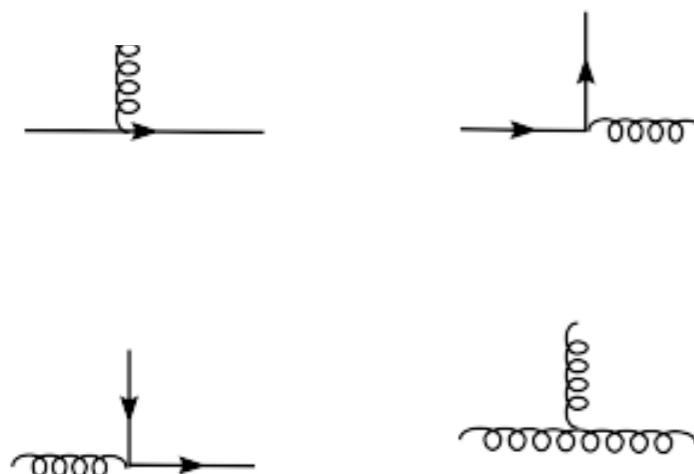
In QCD, collinear singularities that arise when partons interact via QCD interactions are absorbed into a redefinition of the Parton Distribution Functions, which acquire a dependence on the scale.

# DGLAP evolution equations

When you put all flavours in, get 13 coupled integro-differential equations, which can be reduced to 11 decoupled and 2 coupled equation (with a change of basis in the space of PDFs)

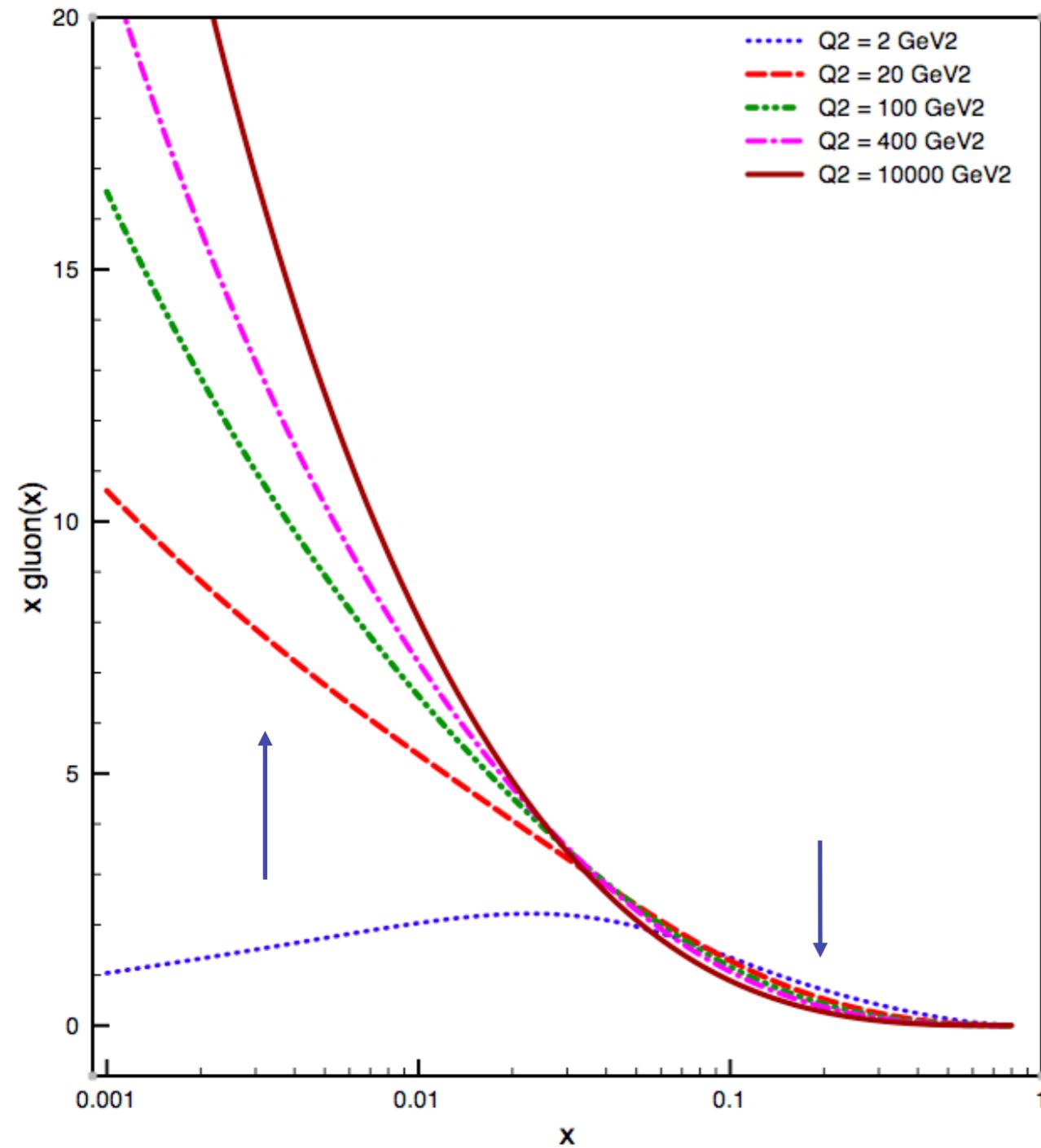
Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi equations

$$\mu_F \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_F} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{Q/h} \\ \Phi_{G/h} \end{pmatrix} (\xi, \mu_F) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_\xi^1 \frac{dy}{y} \begin{pmatrix} P_{QQ} \left( \frac{\xi}{y}, \alpha_s \right) & P_{QG} \left( \frac{\xi}{y}, \alpha_s \right) \\ P_{GQ} \left( \frac{\xi}{y}, \alpha_s \right) & P_{GG} \left( \frac{\xi}{y}, \alpha_s \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{Q/h} \\ \Phi_{G/h} \end{pmatrix} (y, \mu_F)$$



- Splitting functions known up to NNLO:
  - LO Dokshitzer; Gribov, Lipatov; Altarelli, Parisi (1977)
  - NLO Floratos, Ross, Sachrajda; Floratos, Lacaze, Kounnas, Gonzalez-Arroyo, Lopez, Yndurain; Curci, Furmanski, Petronzio, (1981)
  - NNLO - Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2004
  - N3LO - Moch, Vermaseren, Bluemlein 2020-

# DGLAP evolution equations



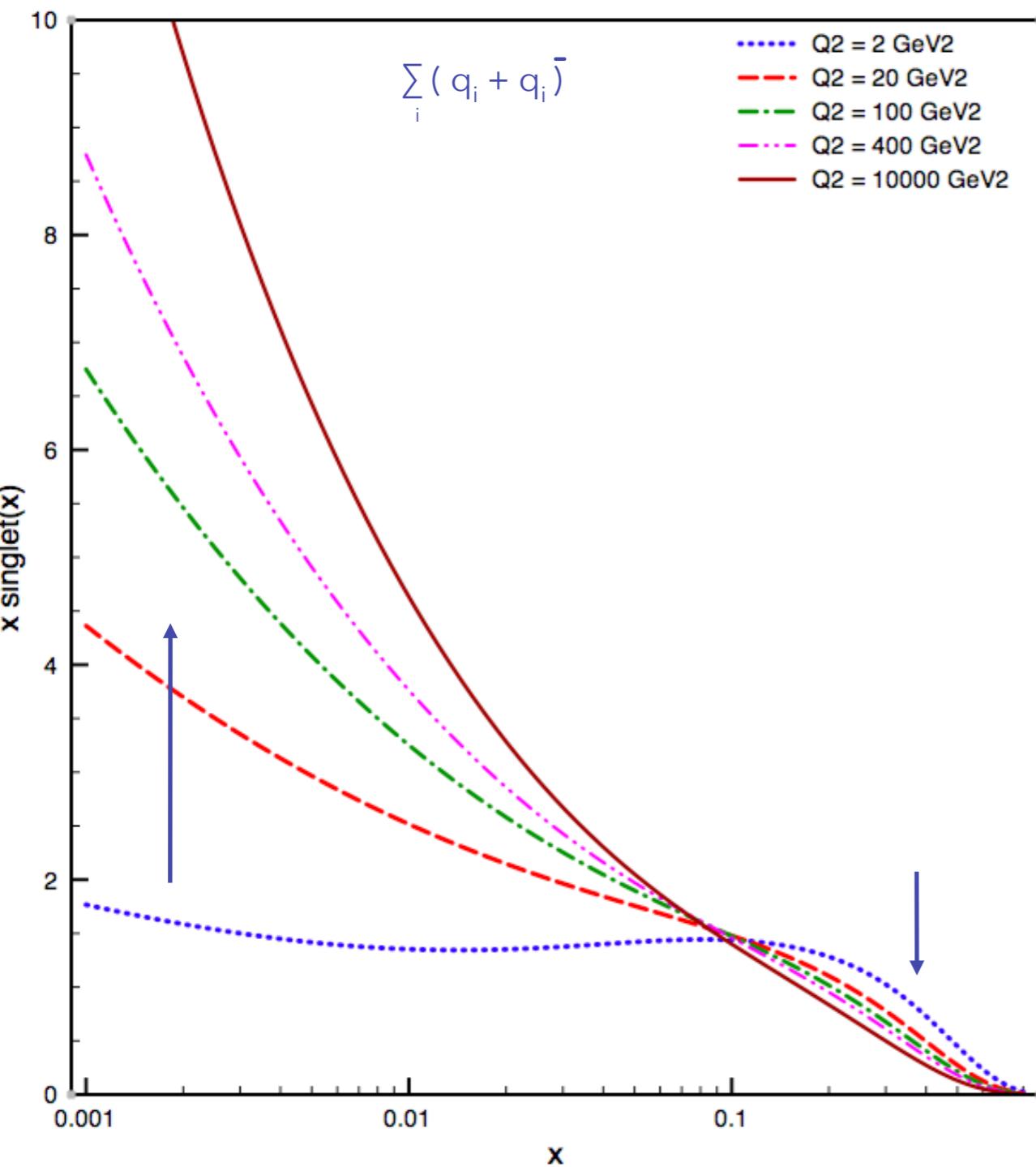
## Gluon evolution

$$g(x, \mu^2) = \Gamma_{gq} \otimes \Sigma(x, \mu_0^2) + \Gamma_{gg} \otimes g(x, \mu_0^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{gq}^{(0)}(x) &= C_F \left[ \frac{1 + (1-x)^2}{x} \right] \\ P_{gg}^{(0)}(x) &= 2N \left[ \frac{x}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{1-x}{x} + x(1-x) \right] \\ &\quad + \delta(1-x) \frac{(11N - 4n_f T_R)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

- Both  $P_{gg}$  and  $P_{gq}$  diverge for  $x \rightarrow 0$
- Gluon is depleted at large  $x$

# DGLAP evolution equations



Singlet evolution

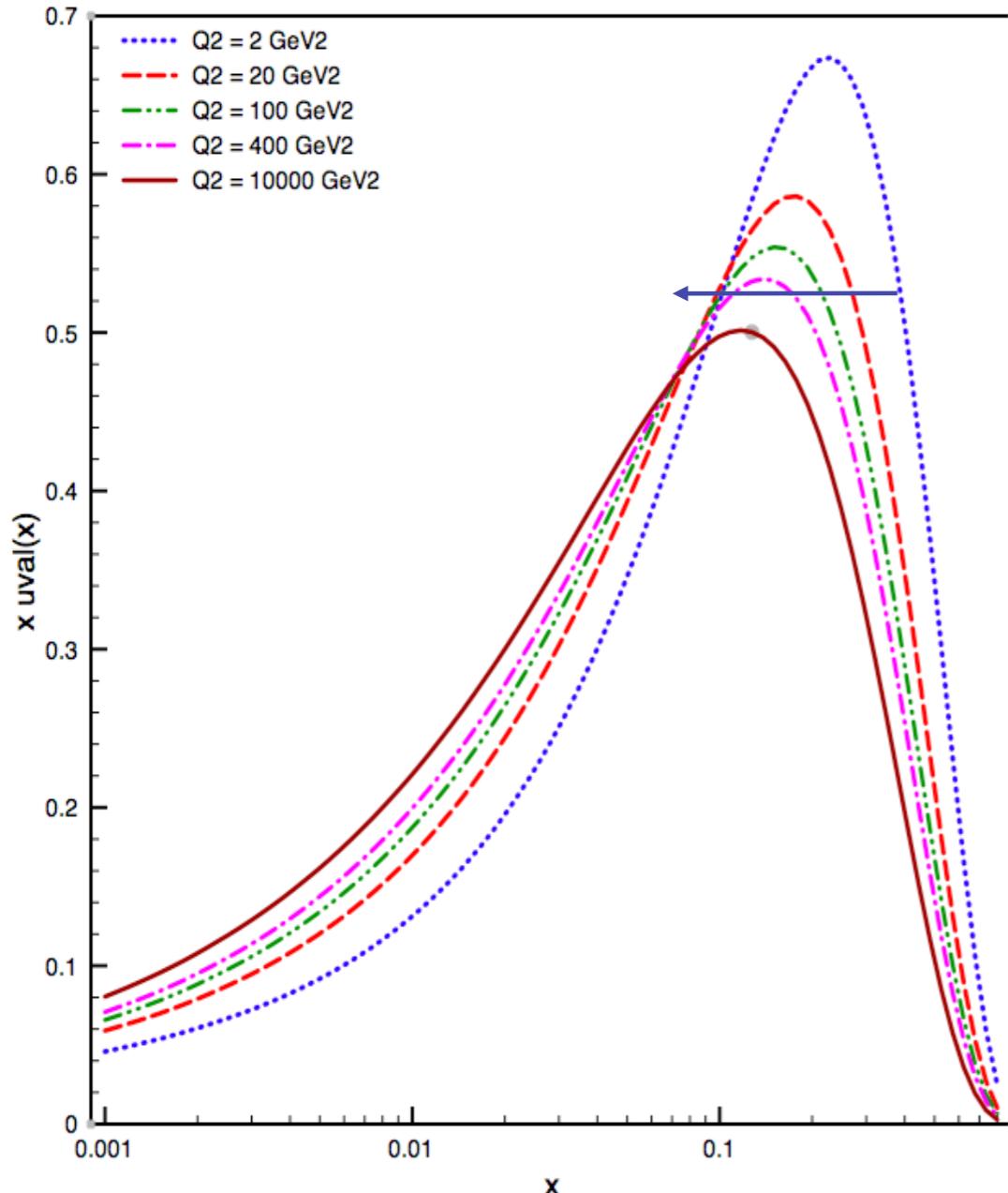
$$\Sigma(x, \mu^2) = \Gamma_{qq} \otimes \Sigma(x, \mu_0^2) + \Gamma_{qg} \otimes g(x, \mu_0^2)$$

$$P_{qq}^{(0)}(x) = C_F \left[ \frac{(1+x^2)}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-x) \right]$$

$$P_{qg}^{(0)}(x) = T_R [x^2 + (1-x)^2]$$

- High-x gluon feeds growth of small-x gluon and quark
- Gluons can be seen because they help drive the quark evolution

# DGLAP evolution equations



Non-singlet valence evolution

$$u_v(x, \mu^2) = \Gamma_{NS}^v \otimes u_v(x, \mu_0^2)$$

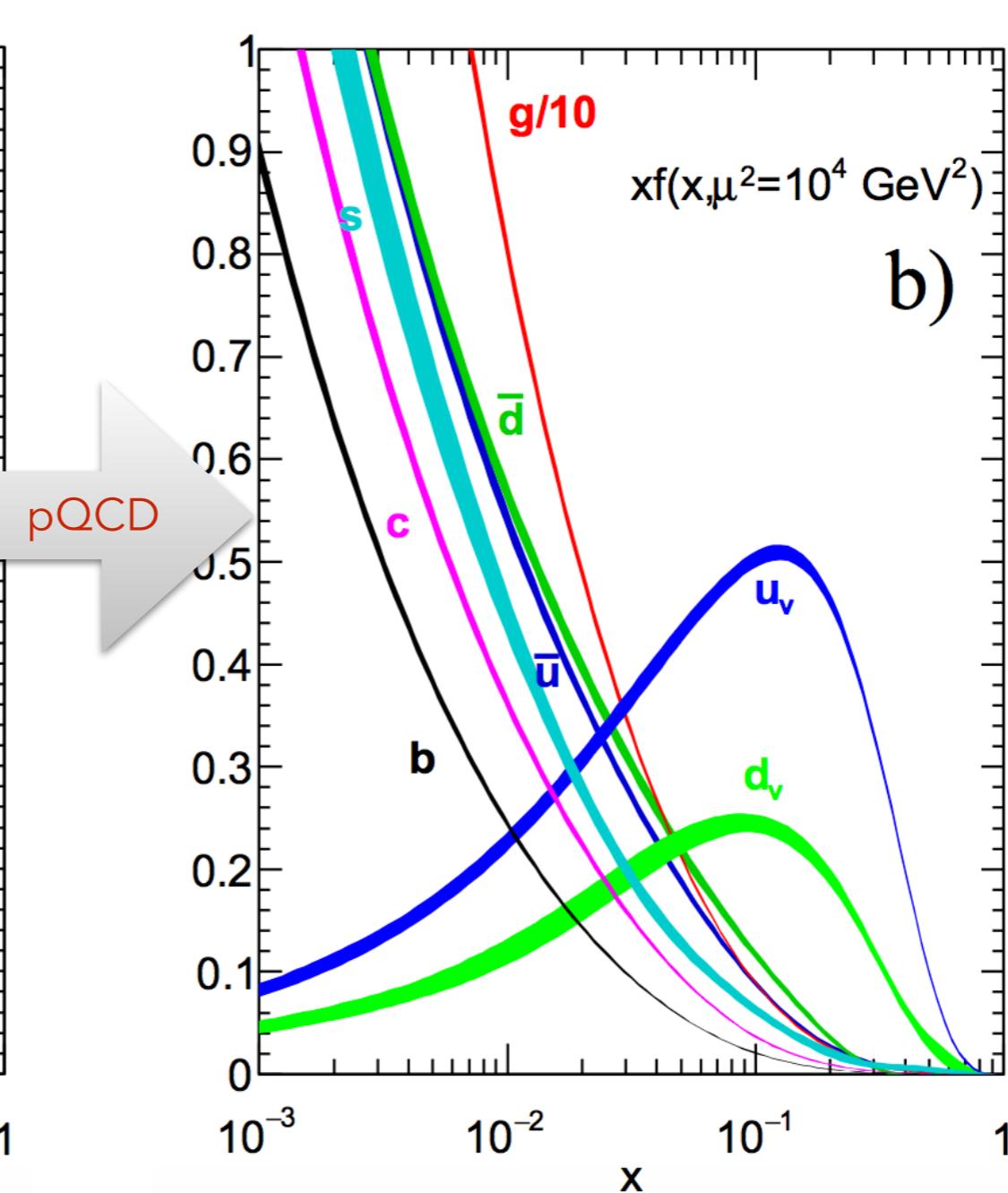
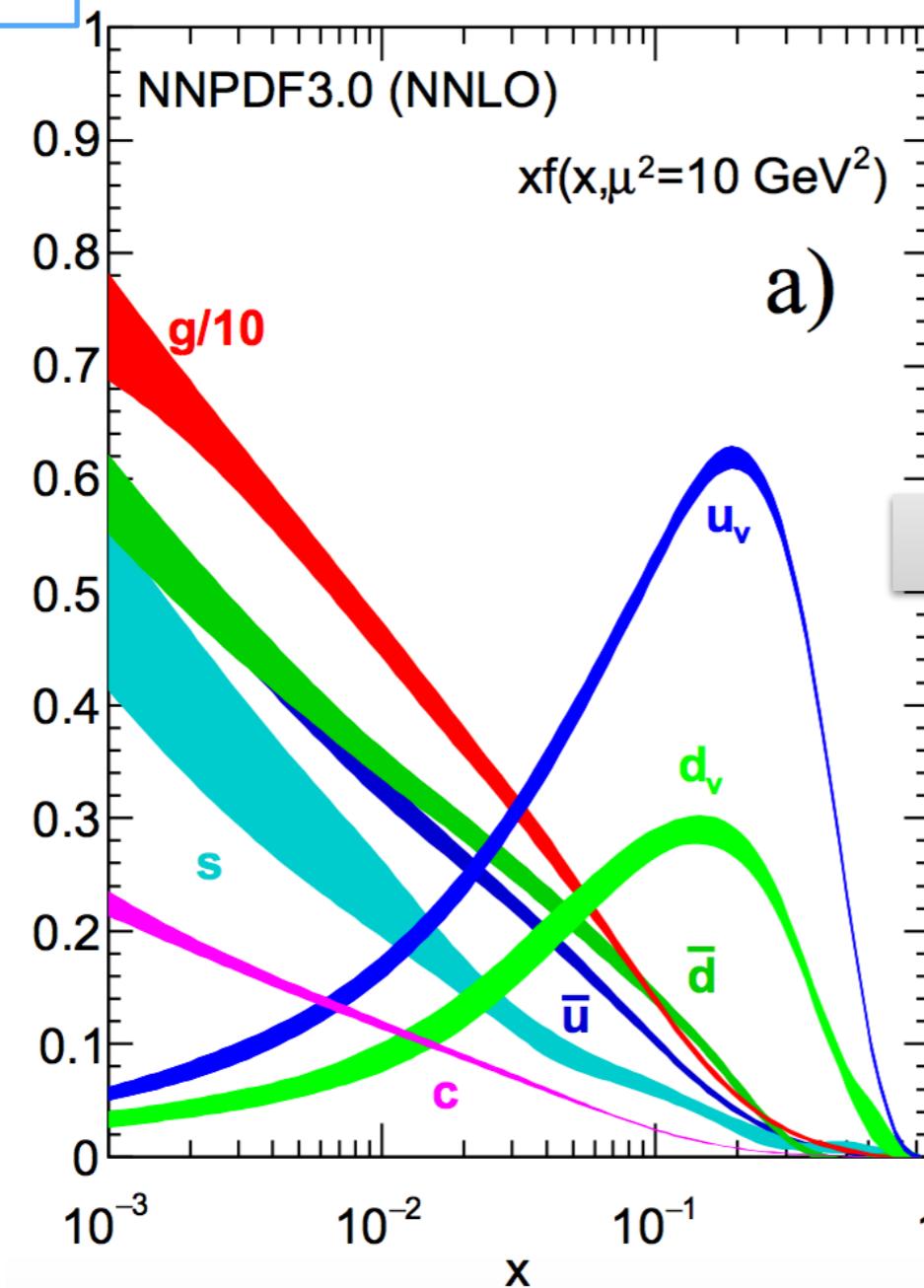
$$P_{NS}^{(0),v} = P_{qq}^{(0)}(x) = C_F \left[ \frac{(1+x^2)}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-x) \right]$$

- As  $Q^2$  increases partons lose longitudinal momentum; distributions all shift to lower  $x$
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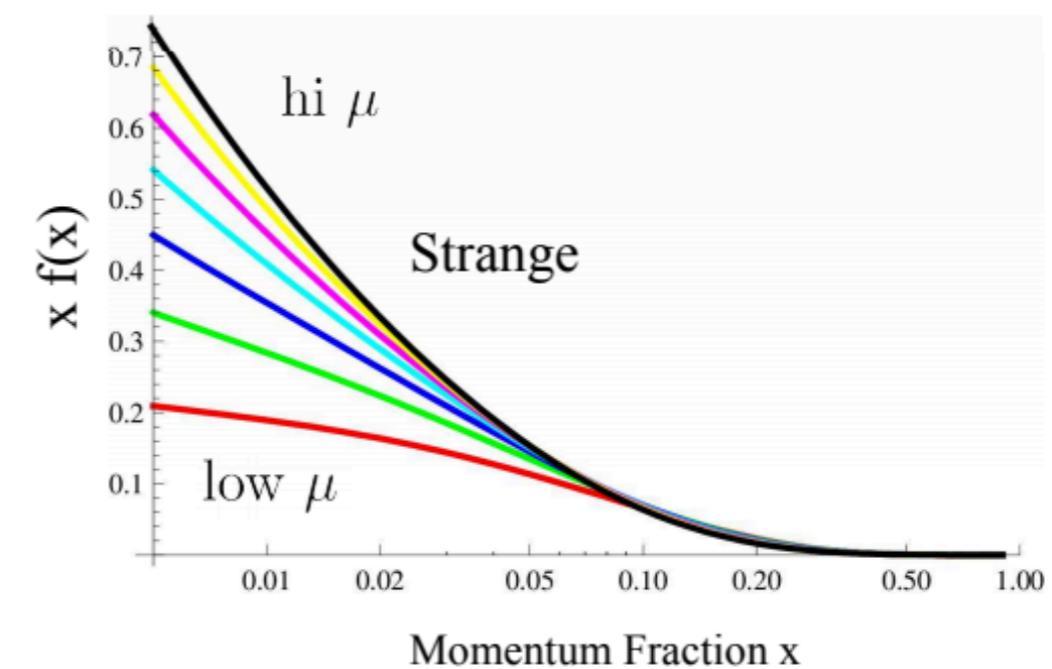
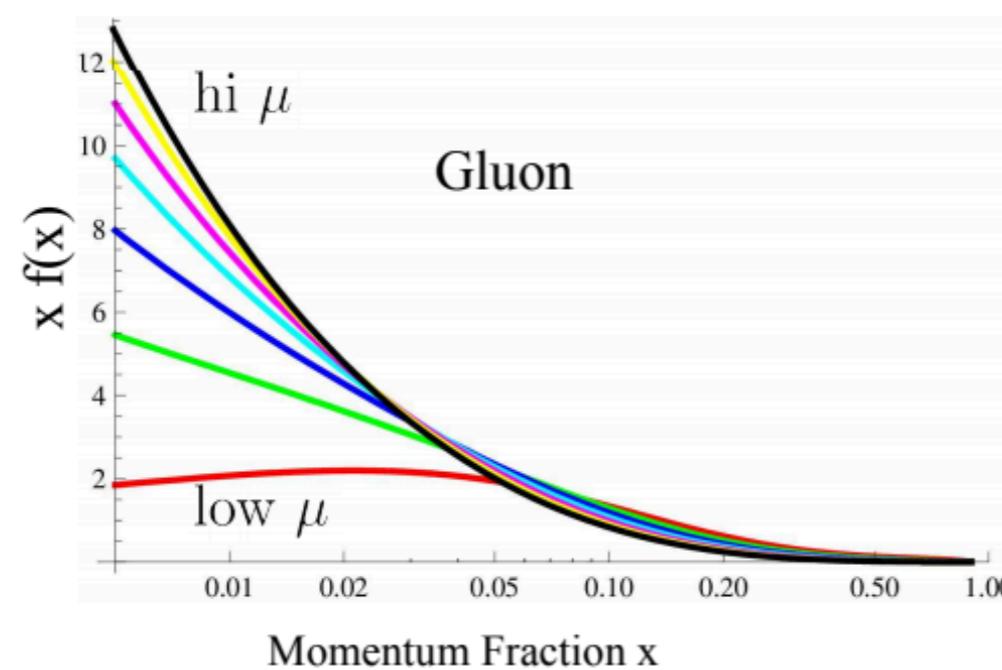
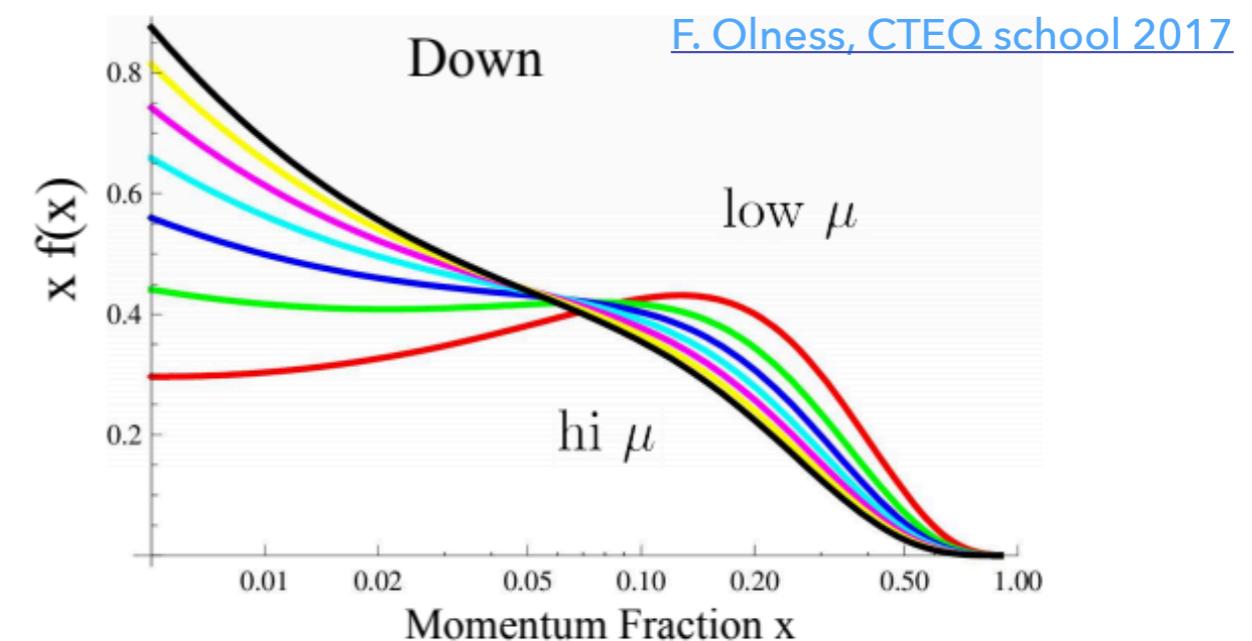
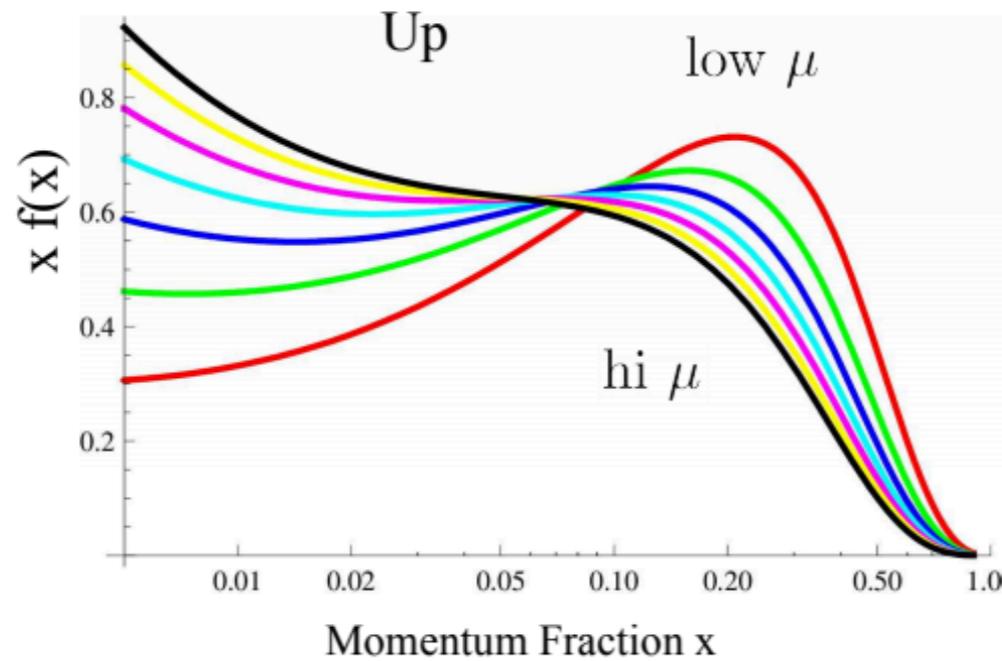
# DGLAP evolution equations

Functional dependence of PDFs on the scale is totally predicted up to NNLO (shortly up to full N3LO) accuracy by solving DGLAP evolution equations

Hadronic scale:  
global fit of PDFs



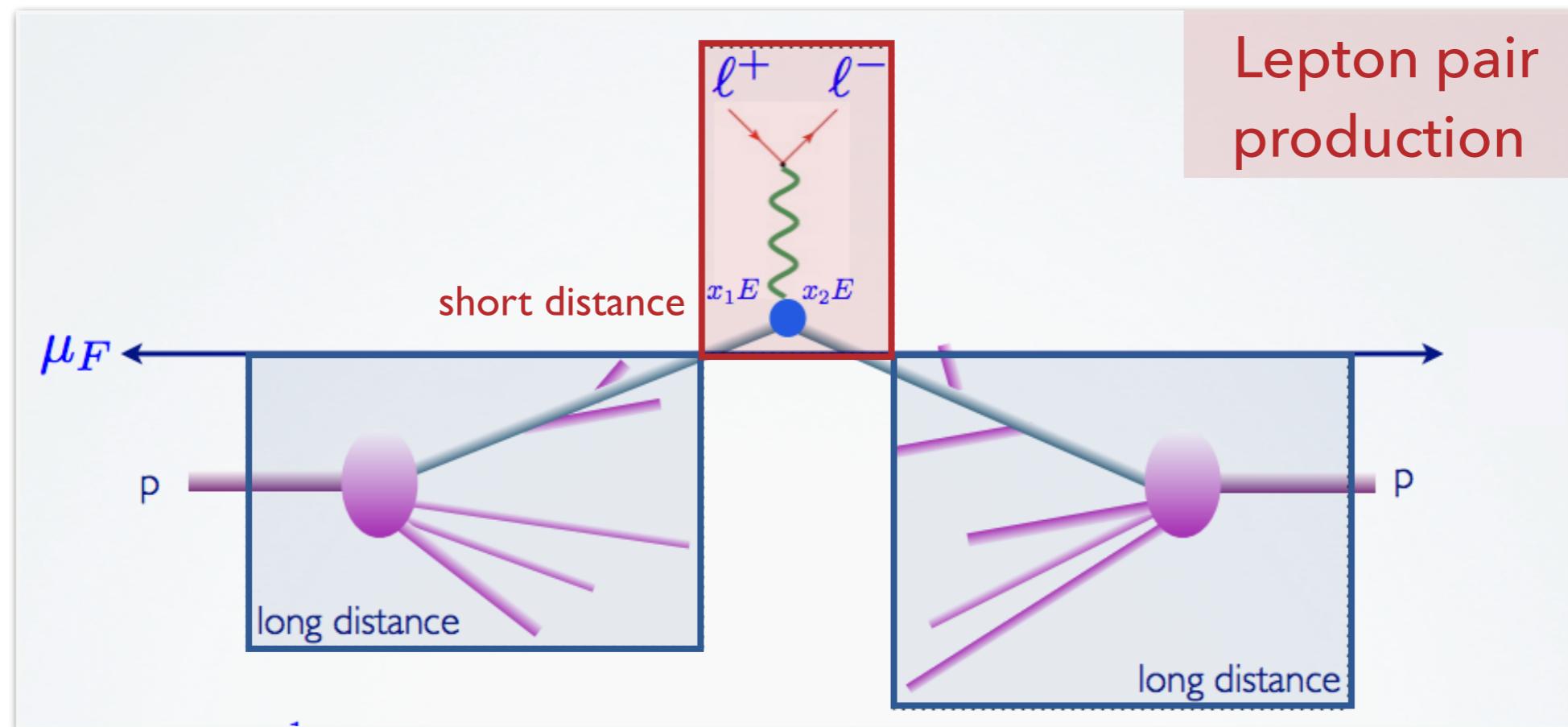
# DGLAP evolution equations



# Collinear Factorisation Theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{ep \rightarrow ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i=-n_f}^{+n_f} \int_{x_B}^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_i(z, \mu_F) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_i^{ei}}{dX}(zS, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^n}{S^n}\right)$$

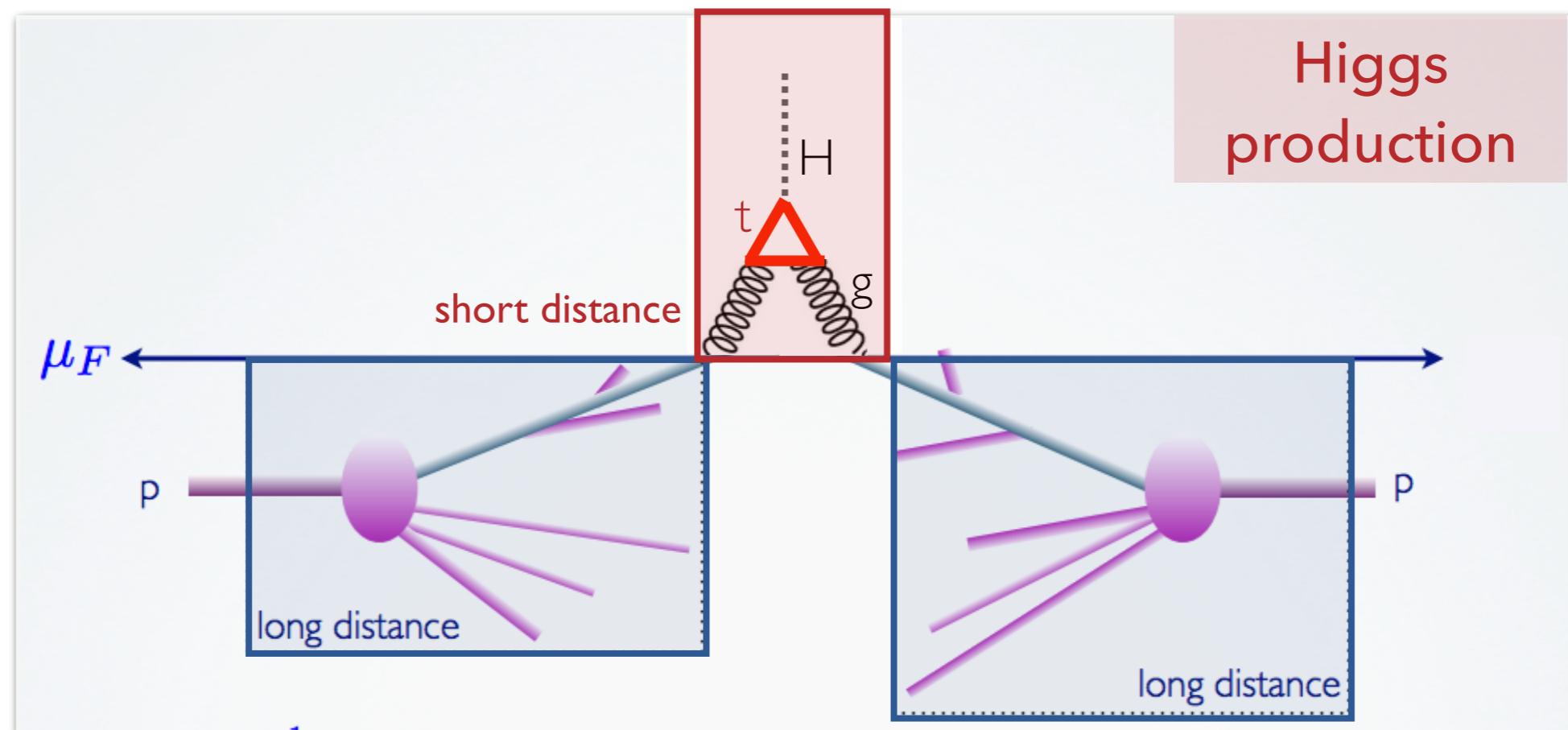
$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{pp \rightarrow ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i,j=-n_f}^{+n_f} \int_{\tau_0}^1 \frac{dz_1}{z_1} \frac{dz_2}{z_2} f_i(z_1, \mu_F) f_j(z_2, \mu_F) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_i^{ij}}{dX}(zS, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^n}{S^n}\right)$$



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# PDF determination

Thanks to **PDF universality** in the collinear factorisation picture and the **perturbative evolution** of PDFs we can extract the non-perturbative  $x$ -dependence of PDF from a wide set of data that involve initial state protons (hadrons)

$$f_i(x, \mu)$$

The diagram illustrates the PDF  $f_i(x, \mu)$  as a sum of two components. A pink arrow points from the left side of the expression to the text "Data", and a blue arrow points from the right side to the text "Perturbative QCD".

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# Ingredients of a PDF global fits

# The ingredients

- Choose **experimental data** to fit and include all info on correlations
- **Theory settings:** perturbative order, heavy quark mass scheme, EW corrections, intrinsic heavy quarks,  $a_s$ , quark masses value and scheme
- Choose a starting scale  $Q_0$  where pQCD applies
- **Parametrise** independent quarks and gluon distributions at the starting scale
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$$\sigma_{\mathcal{F}} = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{set}}} \left( \mathcal{F}[\{f^{(k)}\}] - \mathcal{F}[\{f^{(0)}\}] \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

error sets  
mem > 1

central set  
mem = 0

**call InitPDF(mem)**

**call evolvePDF(x,Q,f)**

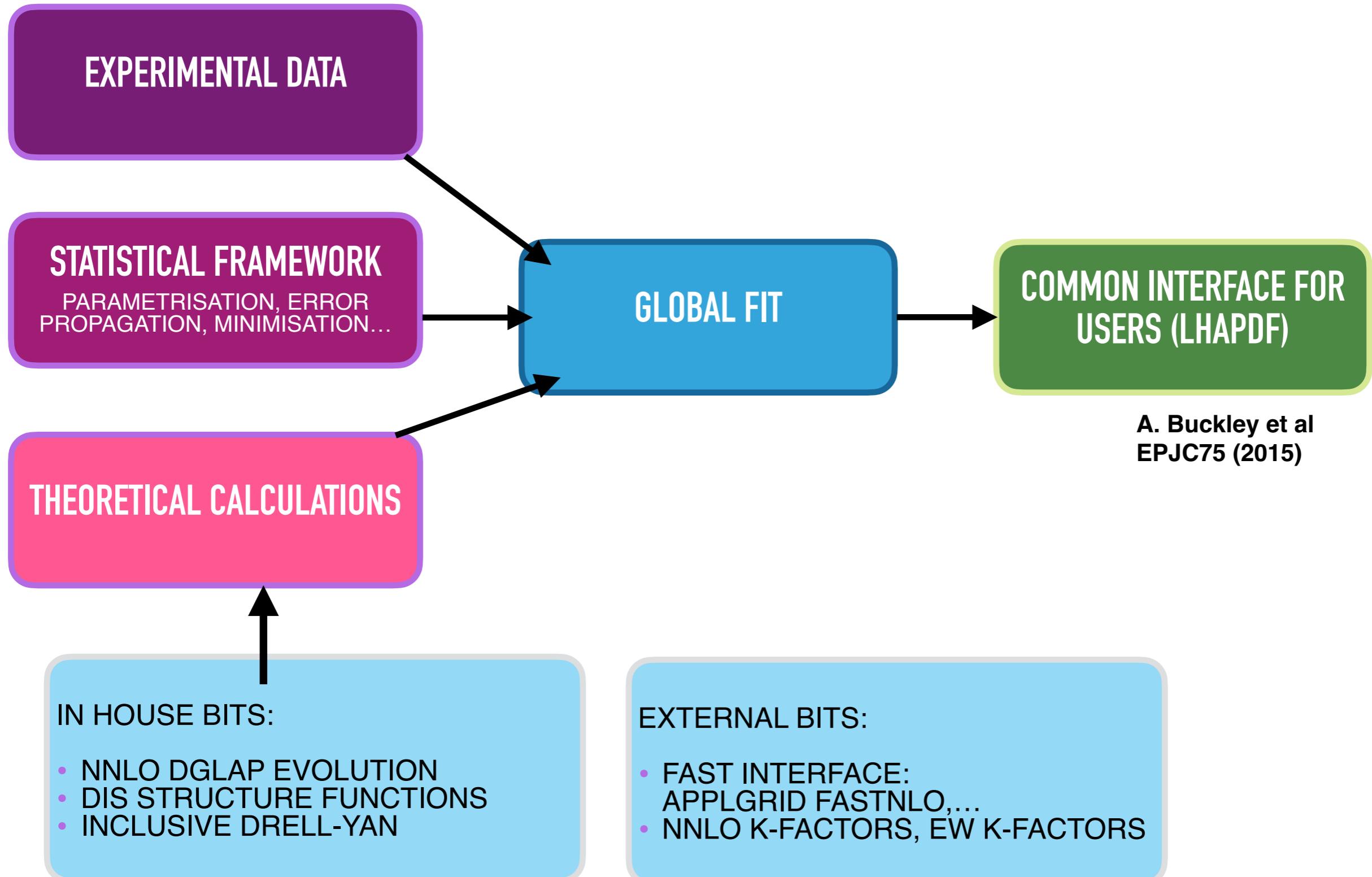
LHAPDF interface

<http://lhapdf.hepforge.org>

- Provide PDF **error sets** to compute PDF uncertainties

	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Parton	tbar	bbar	cbar	sbar	ubar	dbar	g	d	u	s	c	b	t

# A complex machinery



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# Experimental input

# Experimental data

- PDFs are not measurable, we measure observables that convolute PDFs with partonic cross sections

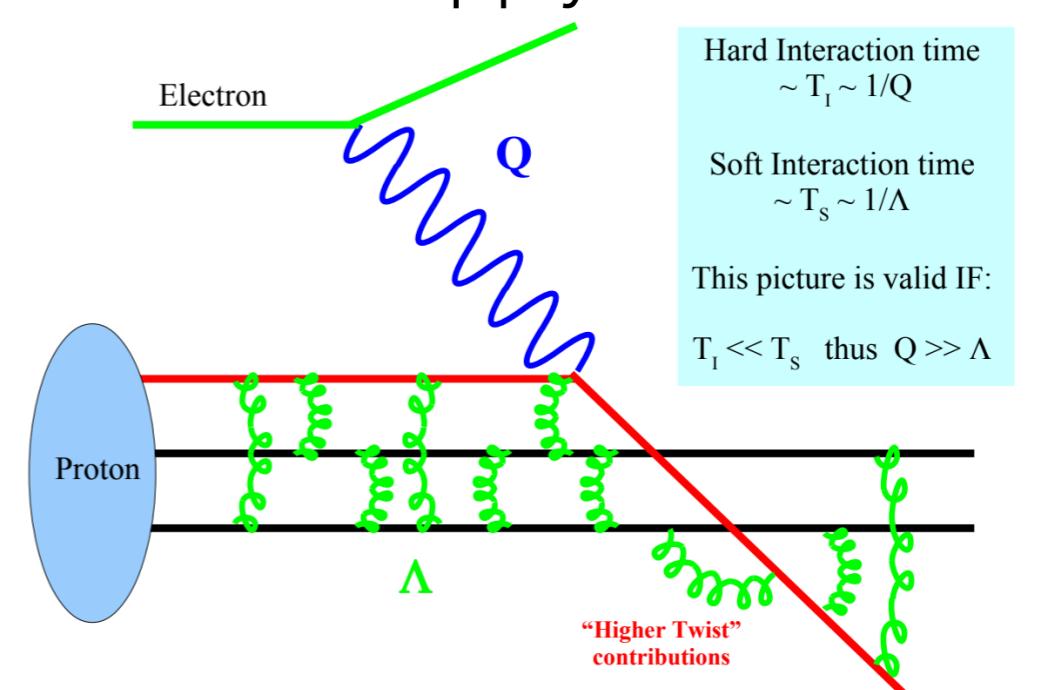
$$\frac{d\sigma_H^{ep \rightarrow ab}}{dX} = \sum_{i=-n_f}^{+n_f} \int_{x_B}^1 \frac{dz}{z} f_i(z, \mu_F) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_i^{ei}}{dX}(zS, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \mu_F) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^n}{S^n}\right)$$

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- Most fits exclude regions where factorisation fails to apply (low  $Q^2$  and large  $x$ ). Typically

$$Q_{\min}^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$W_{\min}^2 = \left( Q^2 \frac{1-x}{x} \right)_{\min} = 12.5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



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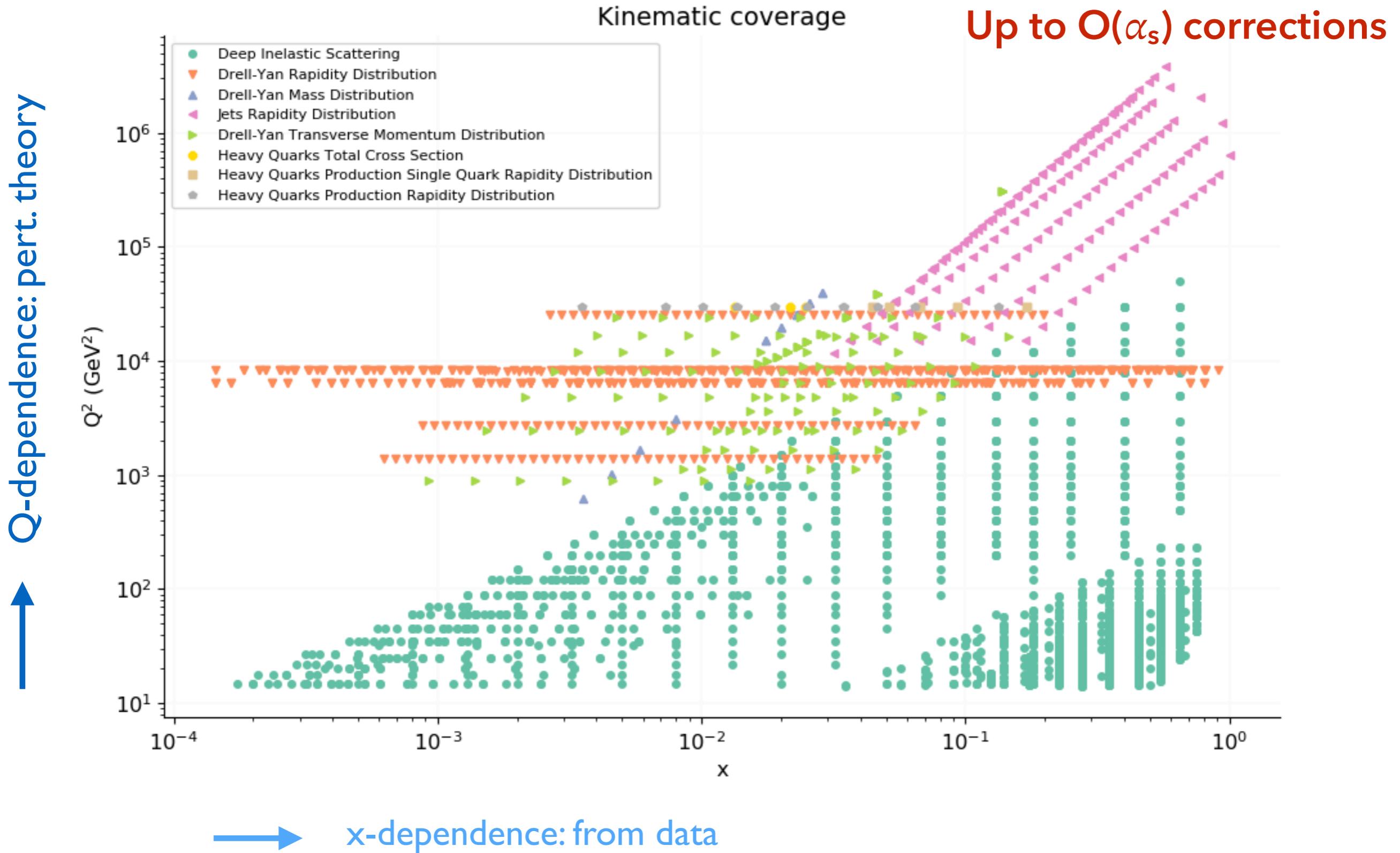
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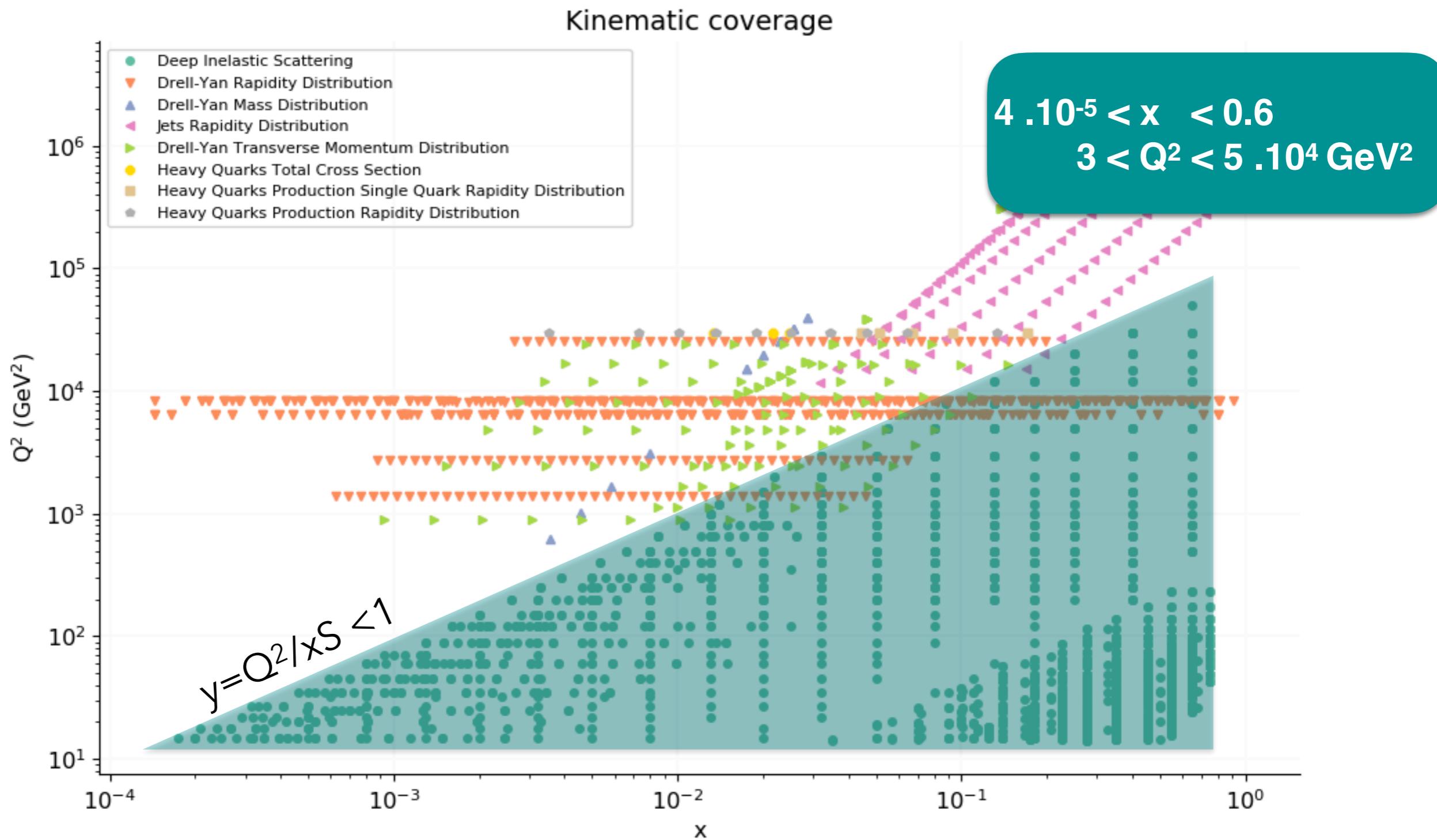
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- Different data constrain different PDF combinations in different regions
  - DIS data on proton abundant and precise (HERA)
  - In principle  $F_2, F_3$  CC provide 4 light quark combinations  
 $F_2, F_3$  NC provide 2 extra light quark combinations
  - HERA data only determine four combinations of PDFs
  - Old DIS and Drell-Yan data still used because of isospin symmetry
  - W,Z boson final state provide lot of information, gluon from scale dependence
  - Processes with jets and/or heavy quark in final states direct handle on the gluon

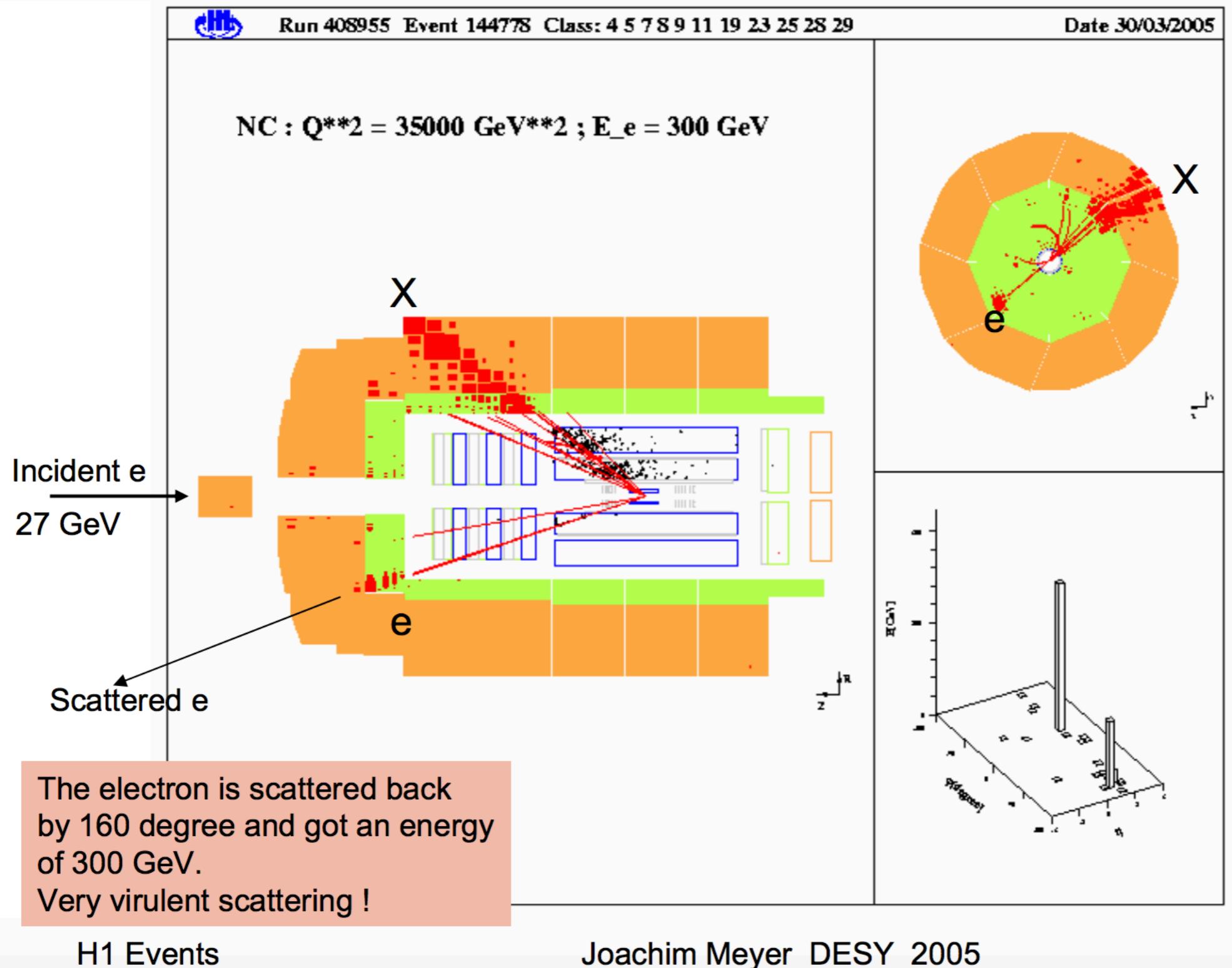
# Disentangling PDFs



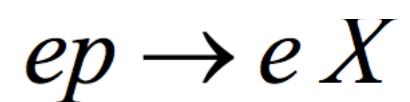
# HERA data



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Neutral  
Current  
event

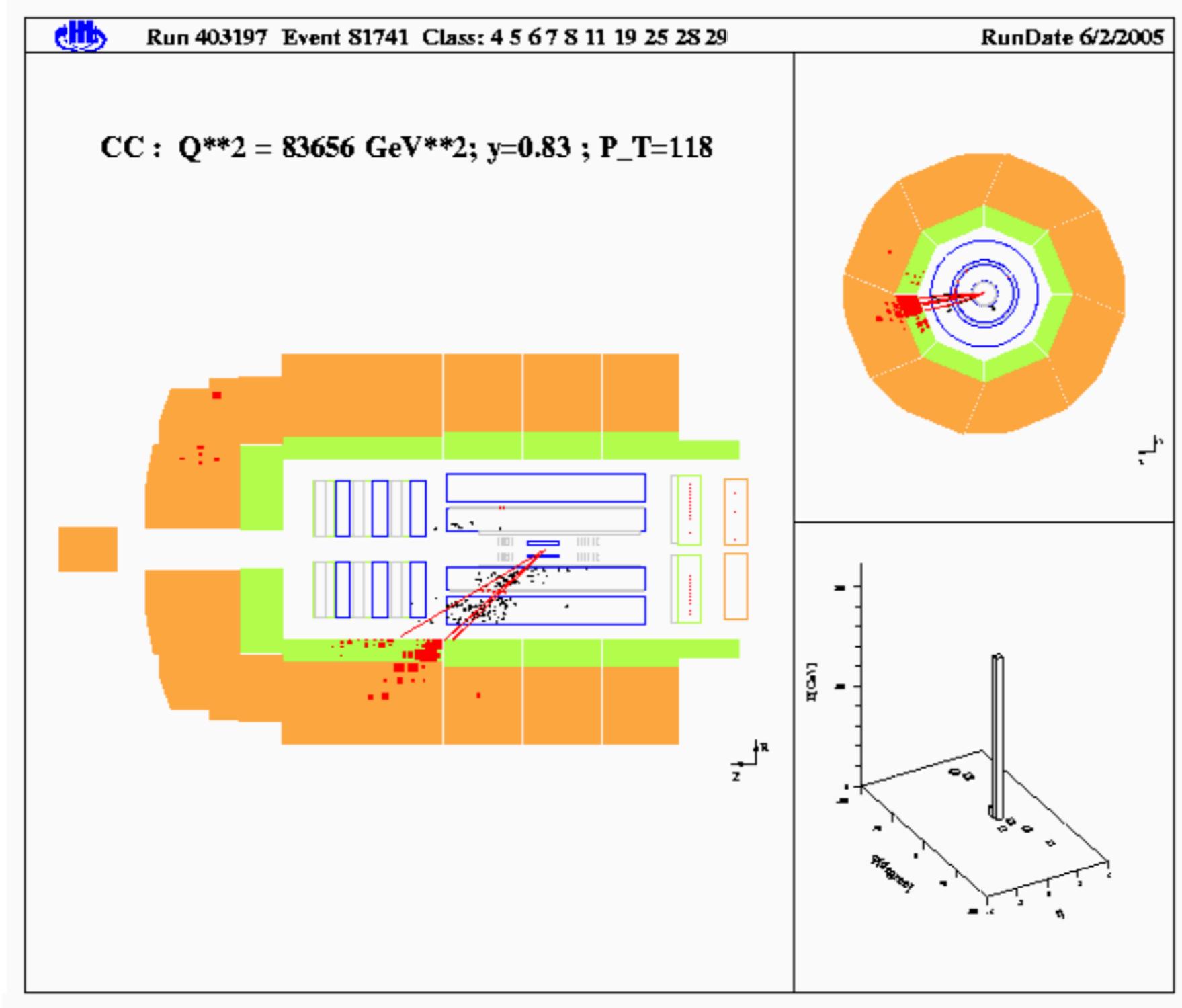


$$Q = 180 \text{ GeV}$$

$$y = 0.66$$

$$x_B = 0.47$$

# HERA data



Charged  
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event

$ep \rightarrow \nu X$

$Q = 289 \text{ GeV}$

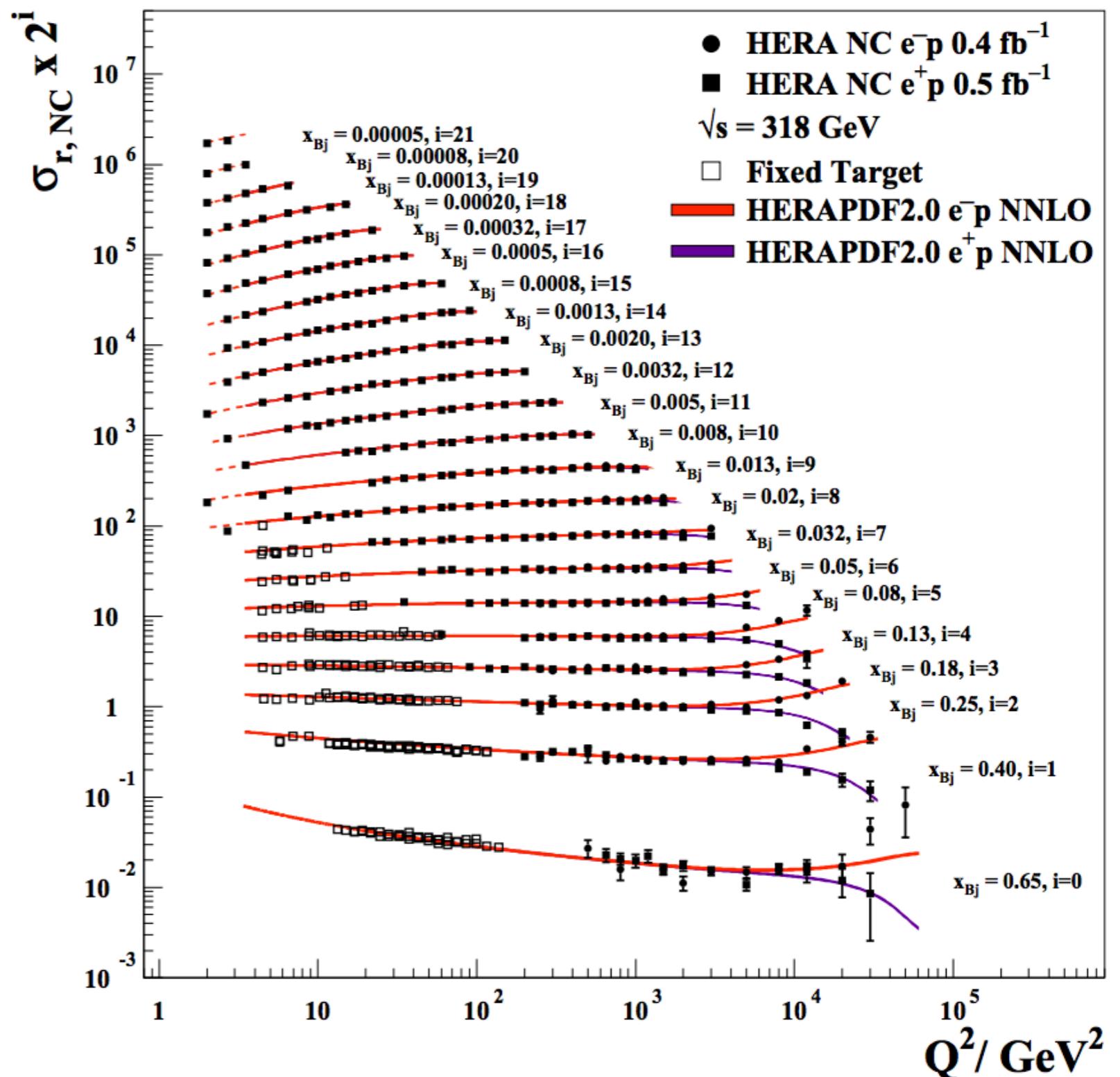
$y = 0.83$

$x_B = 0.91$

# HERA data

- Combination of Run I + Run II data led to very precise measurements of reduced xsec
- F3 contribution visible at larger x and  $Q \sim M_Z$

## H1 and ZEUS



# HERA data

## Neutral Current

$$[F_2^\gamma, F_2^{\gamma Z}, F_2^Z] = x \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} [e_i^2, 2e_i g_V^i, (g_V^i)^2 + (g_A^i)^2] (q_i + \bar{q}_i)$$

③

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④

## Charged Current

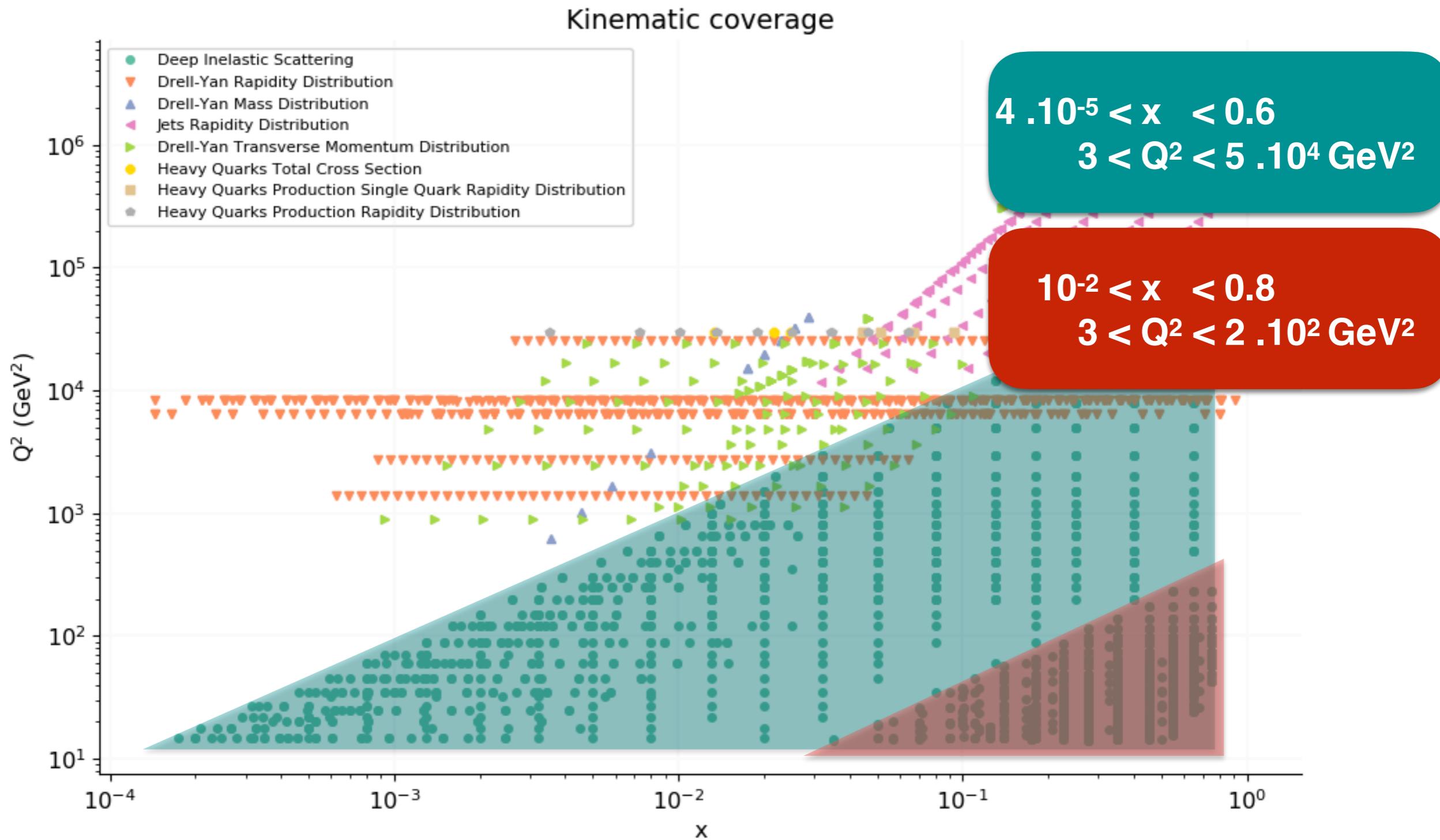
①	$F_2^{W^-} = 2x(u + \bar{d} + \bar{s} + c)$ ,
	$F_3^{W^-} = 2x(u - \bar{d} - \bar{s} + c)$ ,
②	$F_2^{W^+} = 2x(d + \bar{u} + \bar{c} + s)$ ,
	$F_3^{W^+} = 2x(d - \bar{u} - \bar{c} + s)$ ,

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} \propto Y_+ F_2(x, Q^2) \mp Y_- x F_3(x, Q^2) - y^2 F_L(x, Q^2)$$

## Longitudinal Structure function

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \left[ \frac{4}{3} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right)^2 F_2(y, Q^2) + 2 \sum_i e_i^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{y} \right) g(y, Q^2) \right]$$

# Fixed target DIS data



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- Experimentally measured is deuteron structure function

$$F_2^d = (F_2^p + F_2^n)/2$$

- Assumption (SU(2) isospin): neutron is just like proton with  $u \leftrightarrow d$

proton = uud  
neutron = ddu

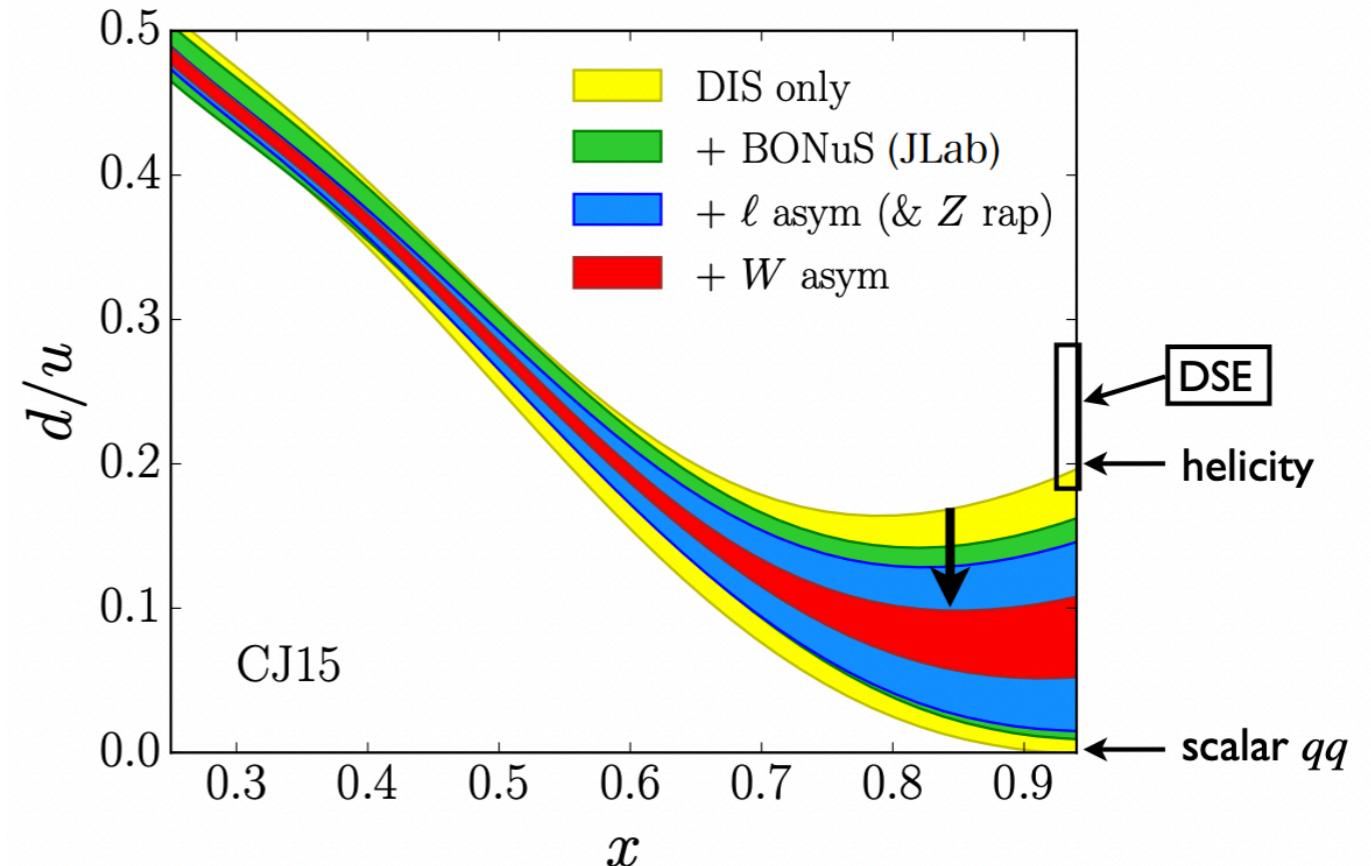
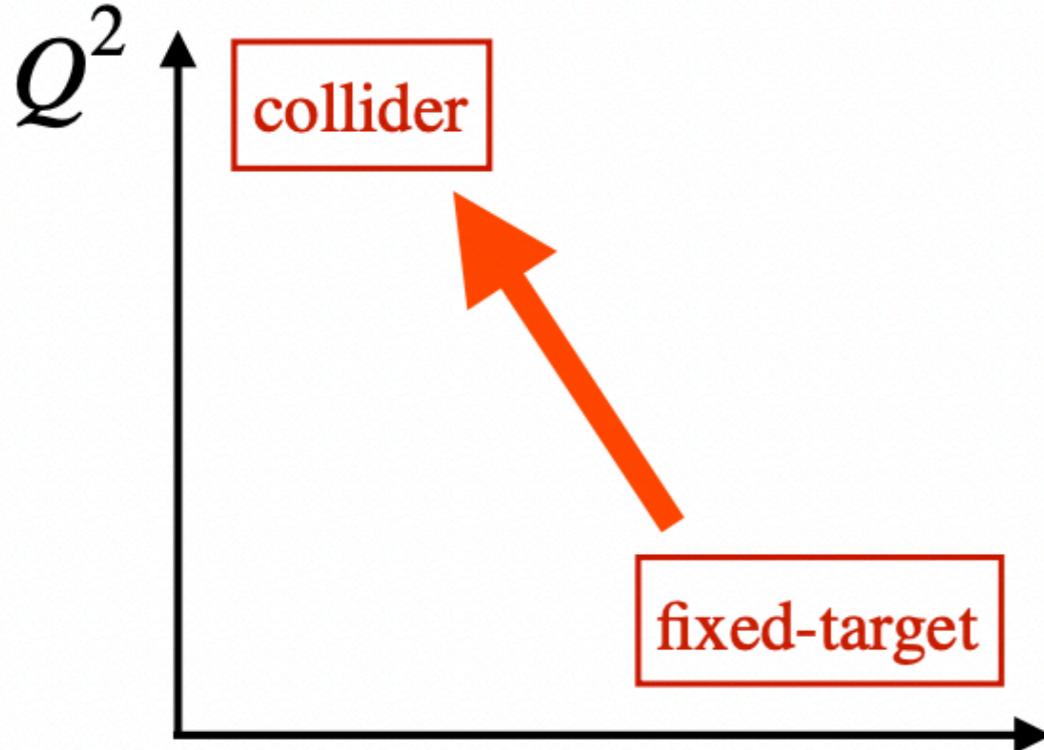
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_n(\mathbf{x})=\mathbf{d}_p(\mathbf{x}) \text{ and } \mathbf{d}_n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}_p(\mathbf{x})$$

- Linear combinations of  $F_2^p$  and  $F_2^n$  give separately  $u_p(x) \equiv u(x)$  and  $d_p(x) \equiv d(x)$

$$F_2^p(x, Q^2) - F_2^n(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{3}(u + \bar{u} - d - \bar{d})$$

$$\frac{F_2^n(x)}{F_2^p(x)} \sim \frac{u}{d}$$

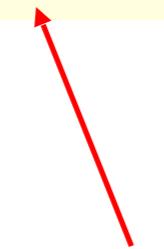
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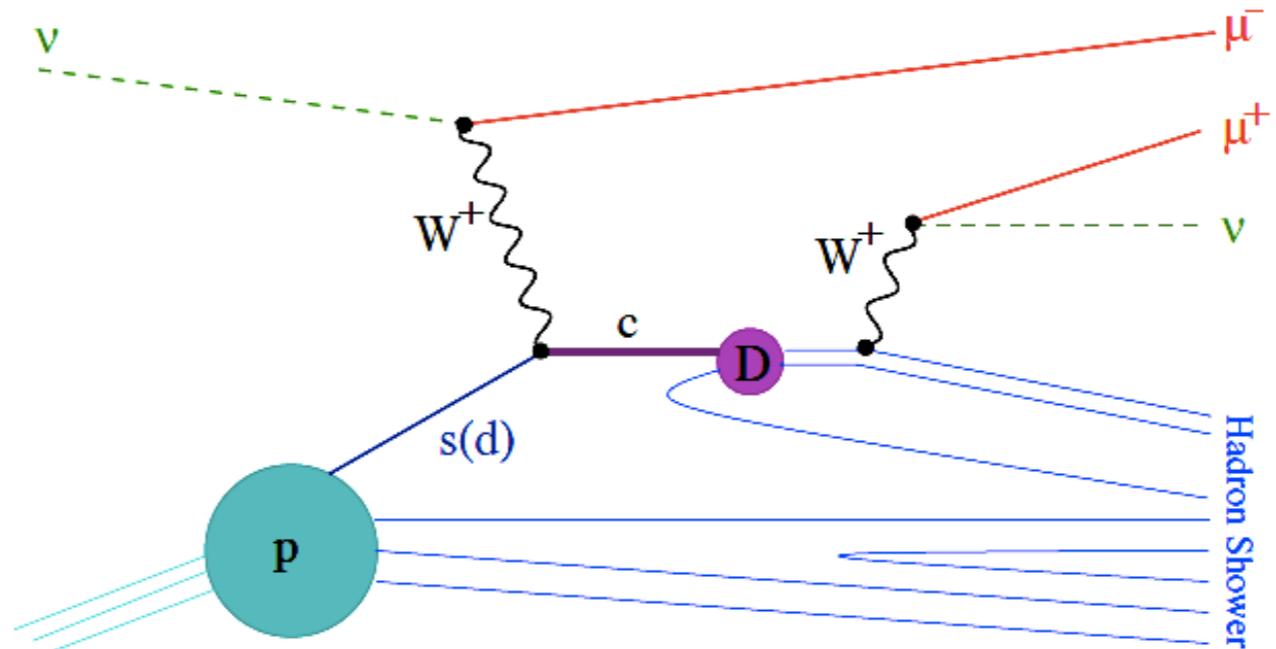
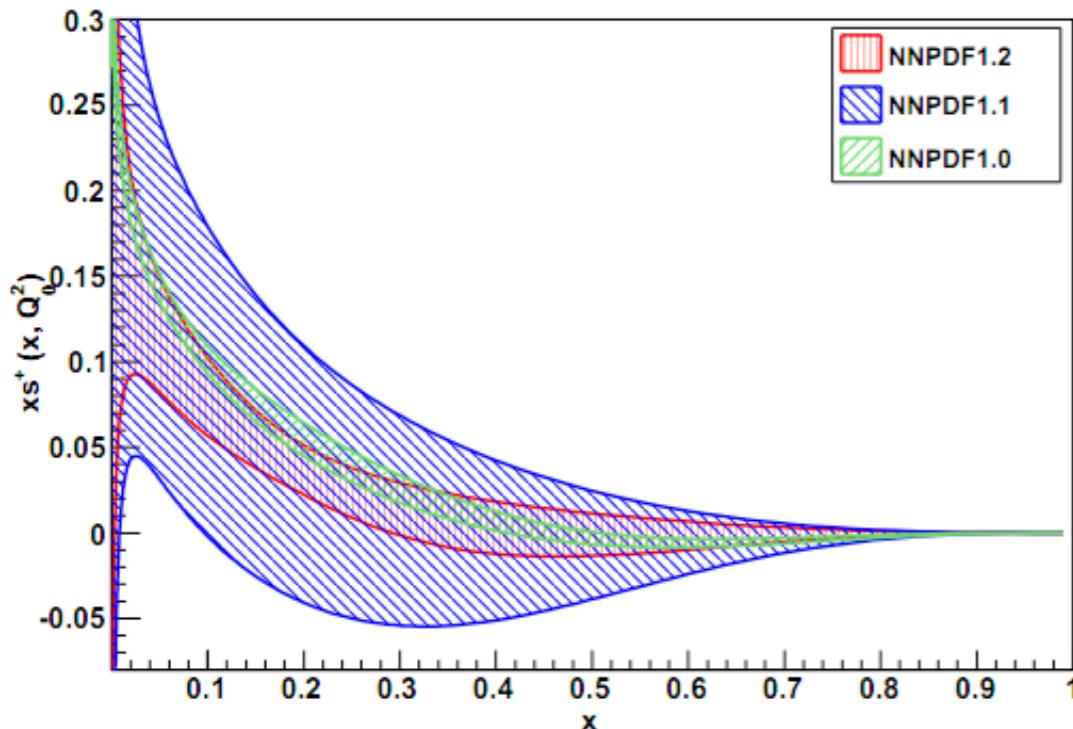
- Valence d/u ratio at high- $x$  accessible thanks to low- $Q^2$  fixed-target experiments (SLAC, BCDMS, NMC, CHORUS, NuTeV, JLAB)
- Testing ground for nucleon models in the  $x \rightarrow 1$  limit
- At high- $x$  nuclear corrections are very important (deuteron target)
- Tevatron  $W$  asymmetry data and JLab tagged neutron help constraining d/u ratio up to large values of  $x \sim 0.85$

# Fixed target DIS data

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}^{\nu(\bar{\nu}),c} &\propto (F_2^{\nu(\bar{\nu}),c}, F_3^{\nu(\bar{\nu}),c}, F_L^{\nu(\bar{\nu}),c}) \\ F_2^{\nu,c} &= \times \left[ C_{2,q} \otimes 2|V_{cs}|^2 s + \frac{1}{n_f} C_{2,g} \otimes g \right] \\ F_2^{\bar{\nu},c} &= \times \left[ C_{2,q} \otimes 2|V_{cs}|^2 \bar{s} + \frac{1}{n_f} C_{2,g} \otimes g \right]\end{aligned}$$



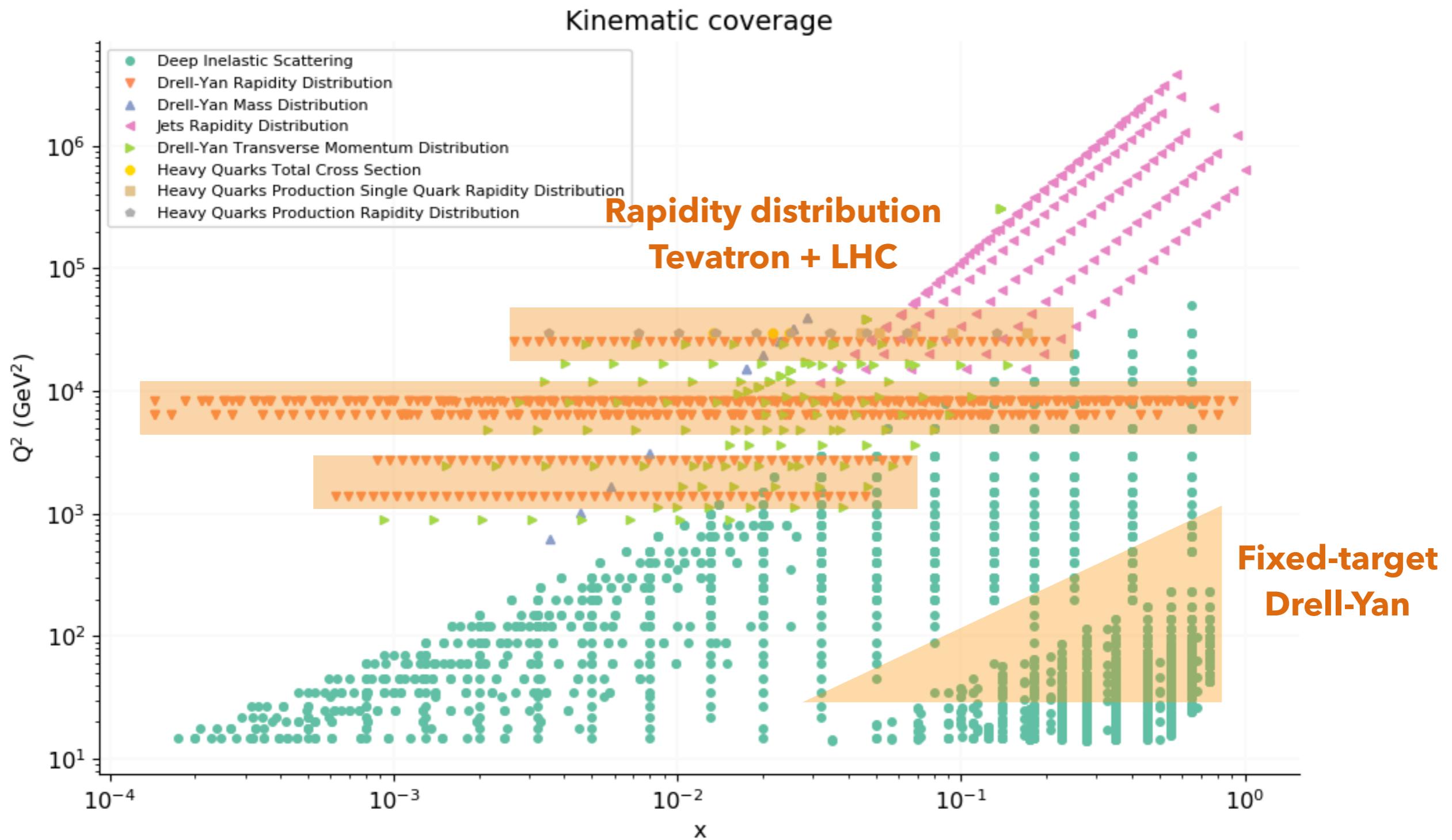
$V_{cs}$  enhancement



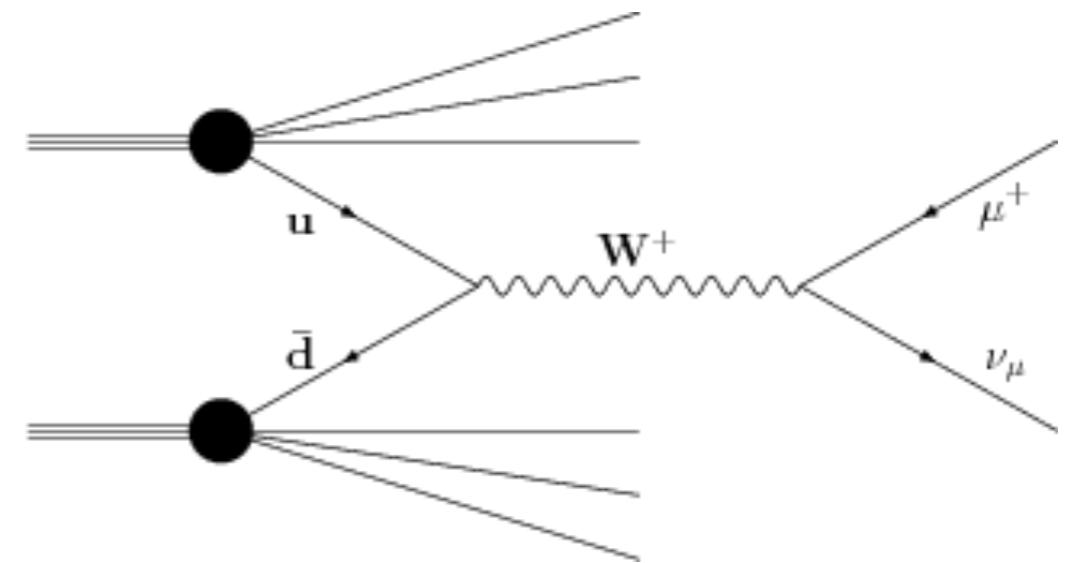
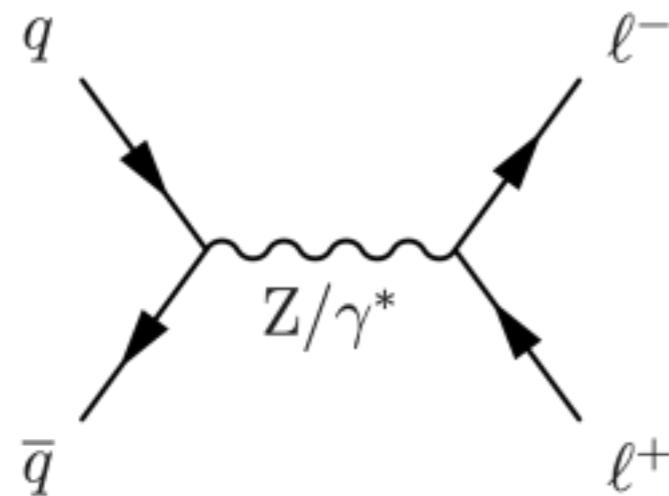
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M_n E_\nu y}$$

- NuTeV structure function data on isoscalar iron target provide strong constraints on strangeness inside the proton
- Some (mild) tension between fixed target data and  $W+c$  data at the LHC

# Drell-Yan/ $\bar{N}$ production data



# Drell-Yan/V production data



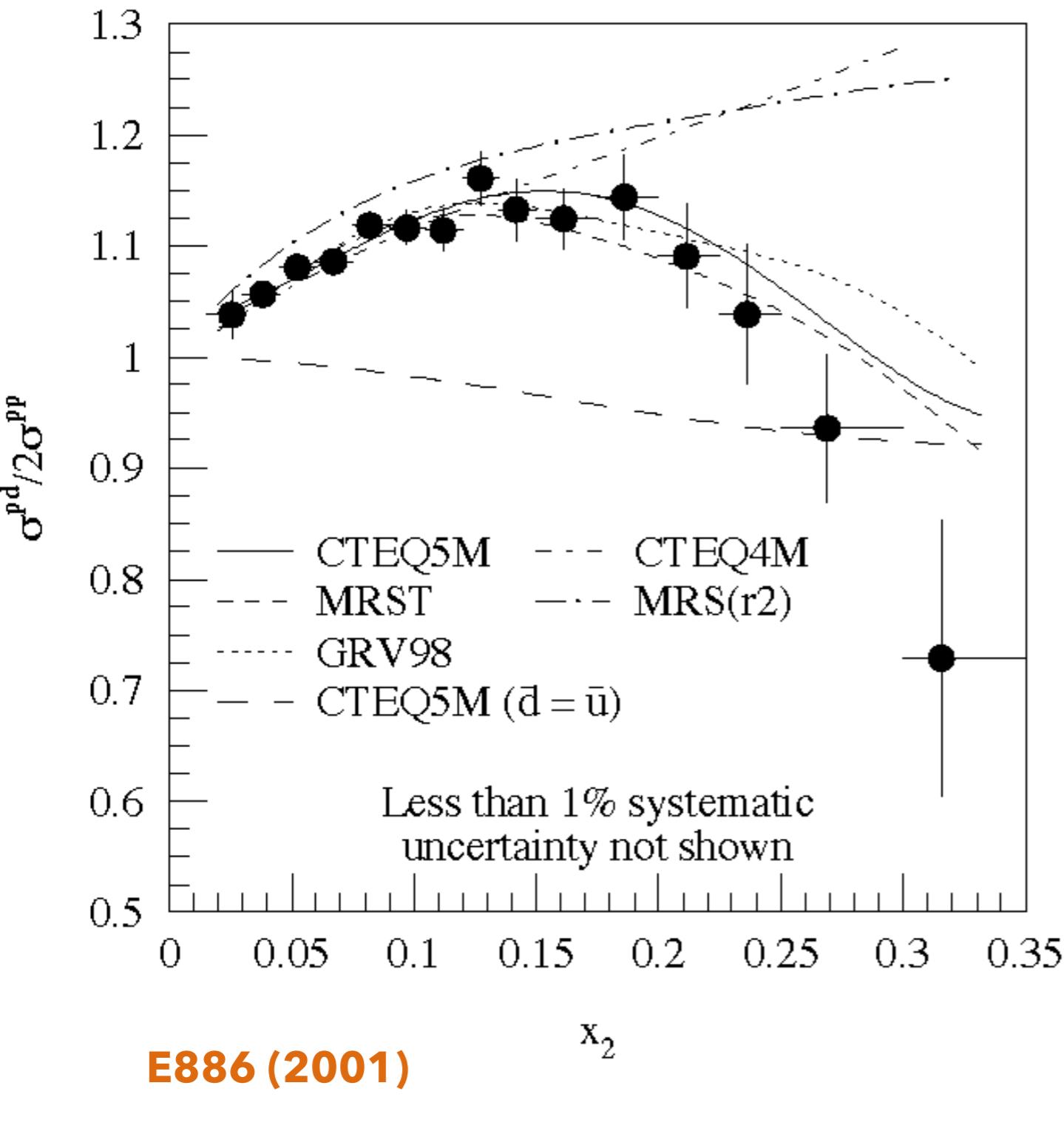
$$L_{ij}(x_1, x_2) = q_i(x_1)\bar{q}_j(x_2)$$

$$\gamma^* : \frac{d\sigma}{dy dM^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9M^2S} \sum_i e_i^2 L_{ij}(x_1, x_2)$$

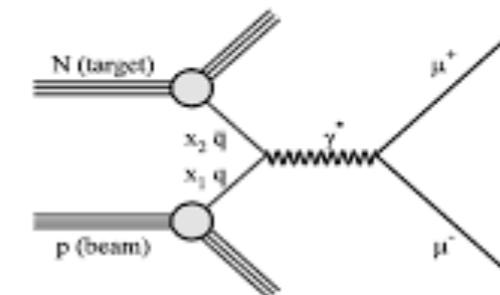
$$Z : \frac{d\sigma}{dy} = \frac{\pi G_F M_V^2 \sqrt{2}}{3S} \sum_i (v_{iZ}^2 + a_{iZ}^2) L_{ij}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$W : \frac{d\sigma}{dy dM^2} = \frac{\pi G_F M_V^2 \sqrt{2}}{3S} \sum_{ij} |V_{ij}^{\text{CKM}}|^2 L_{ij}(x_1, x_2)$$

# Drell-Yan data

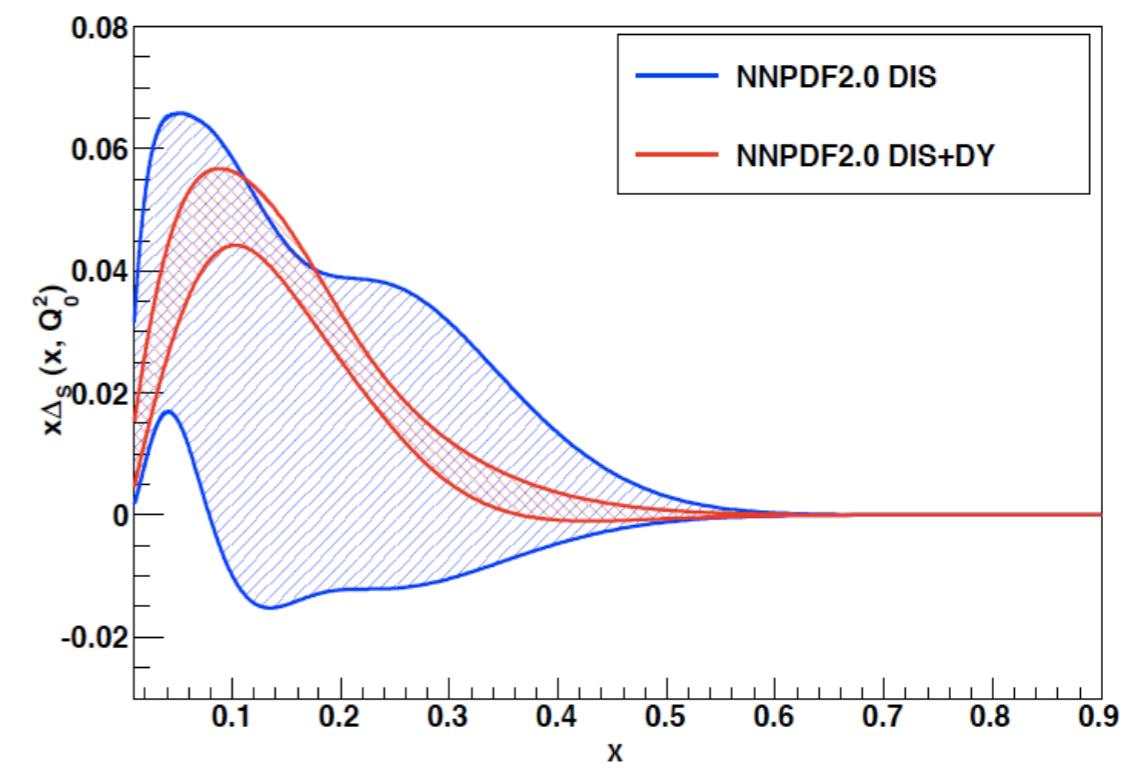


The Drell-Yan Process:  $pN \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$

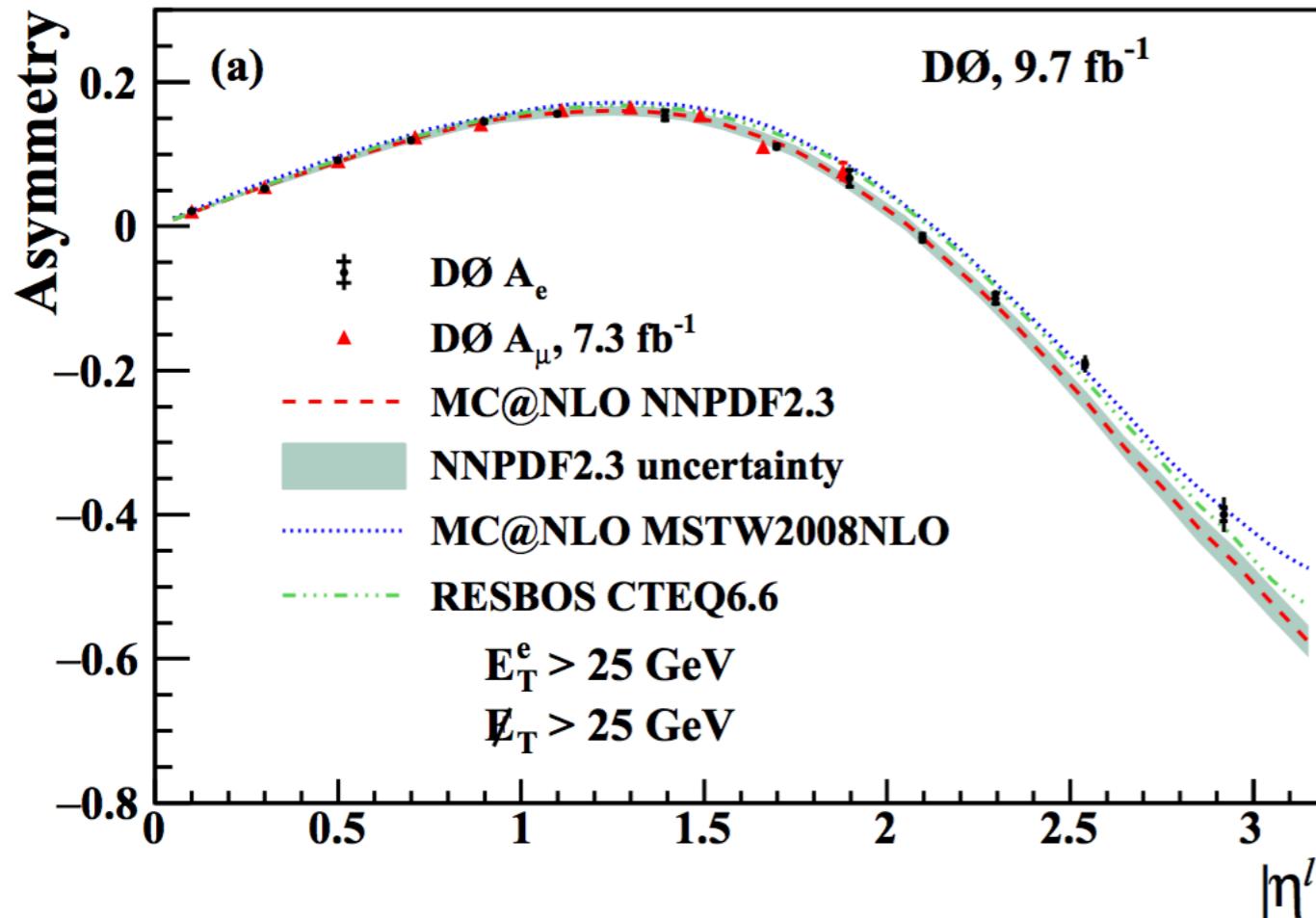


**Fixed-target  
Drell-Yan**

$$\frac{\sigma(pd \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{\frac{4}{9}u\bar{d} + \frac{1}{9}d\bar{u}}{\frac{4}{9}u\bar{u} + \frac{1}{9}d\bar{d}} \sim \frac{\bar{d}}{\bar{u}}$$



# Z/W production data



W asymmetry at Tevatron

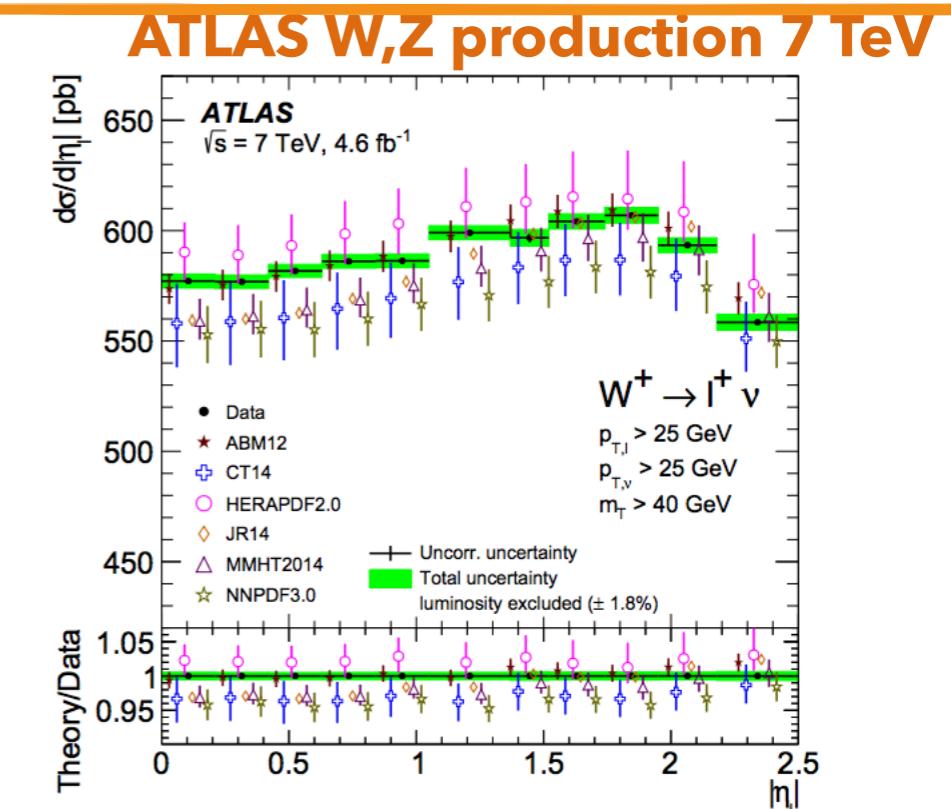
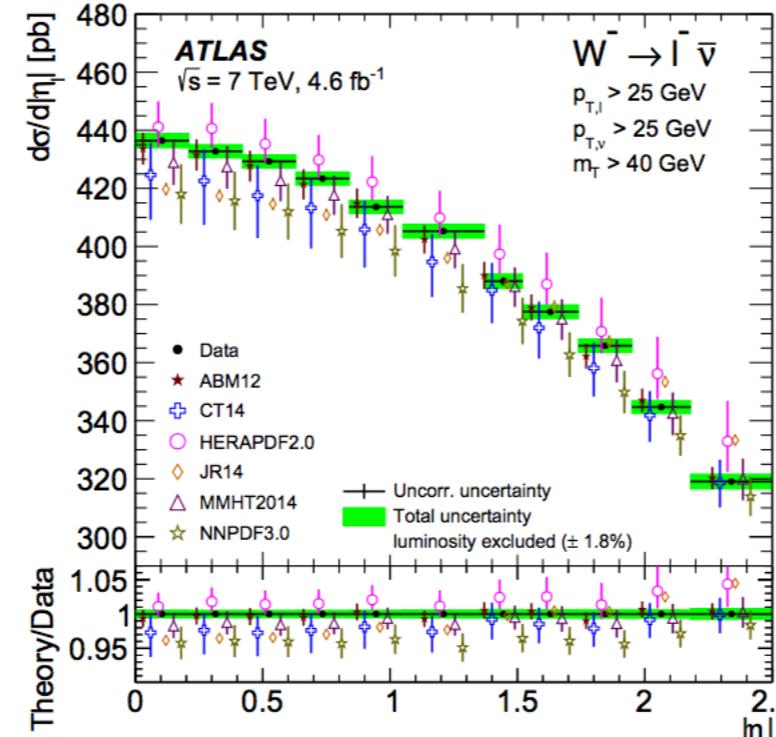
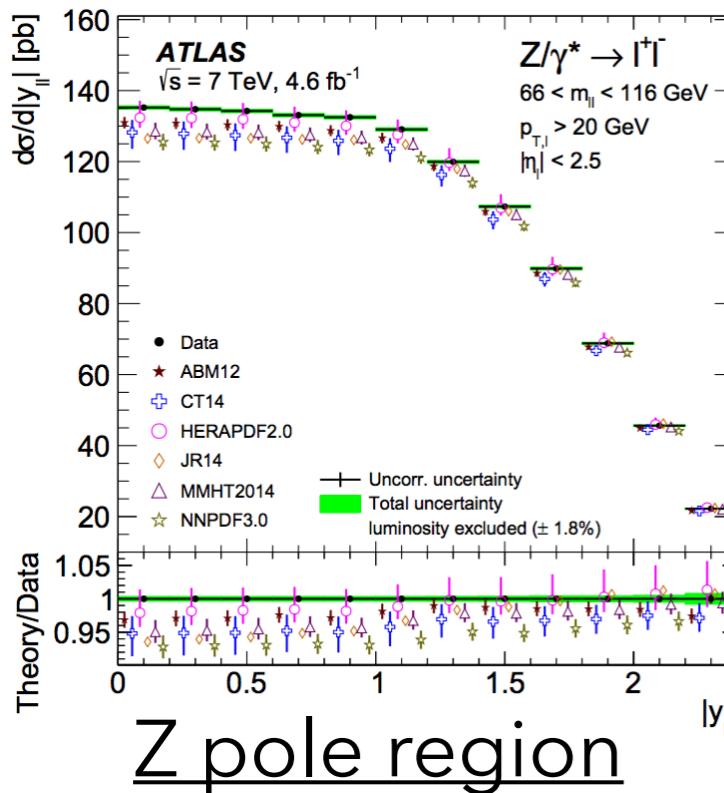
$$u^{\bar{p}} = \bar{u}^p$$

$$d^{\bar{p}} = \bar{d}^p$$

Charge conjugation

$$\frac{\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^+)}{\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^-)} = \frac{u(x_1)d(x_2) + \bar{u}(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}{d(x_1)u(x_2) + \bar{d}(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)} \sim \frac{u}{d}(x_1) \frac{u}{d}(x_2)$$

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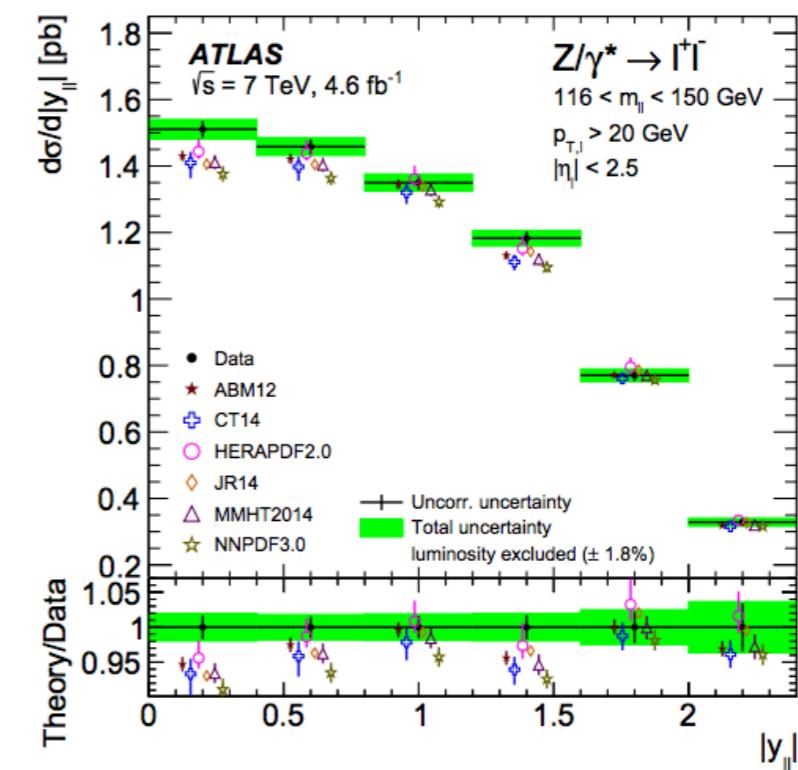
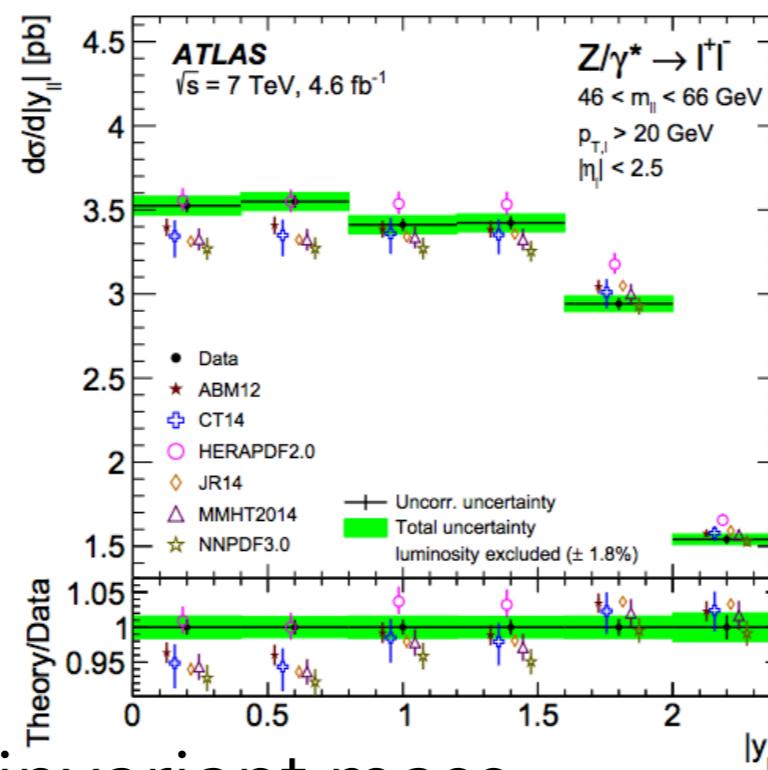
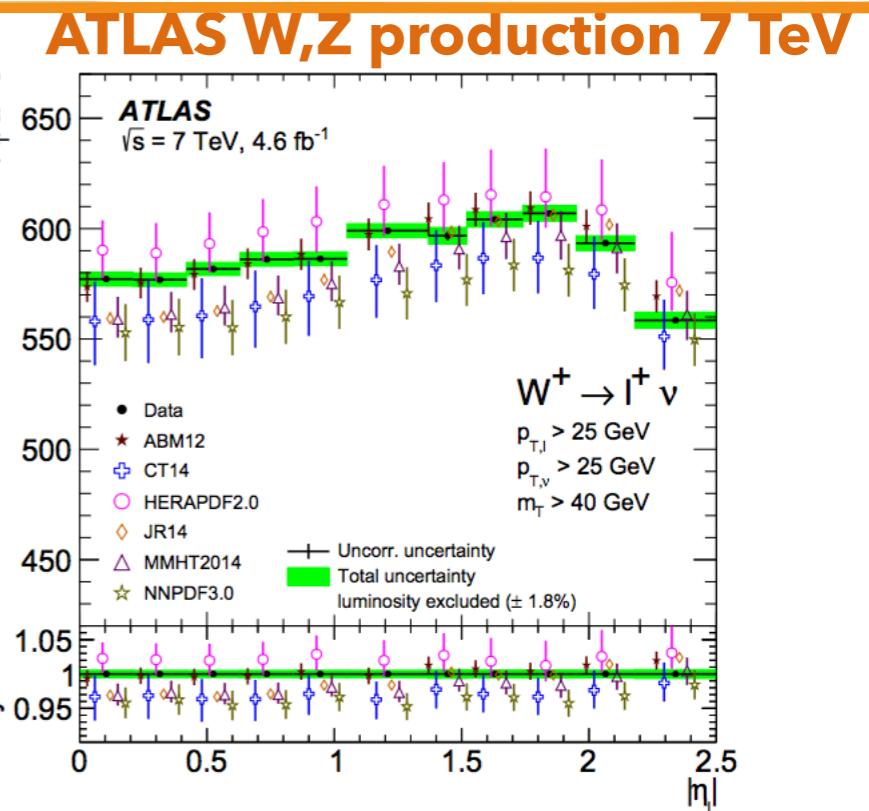
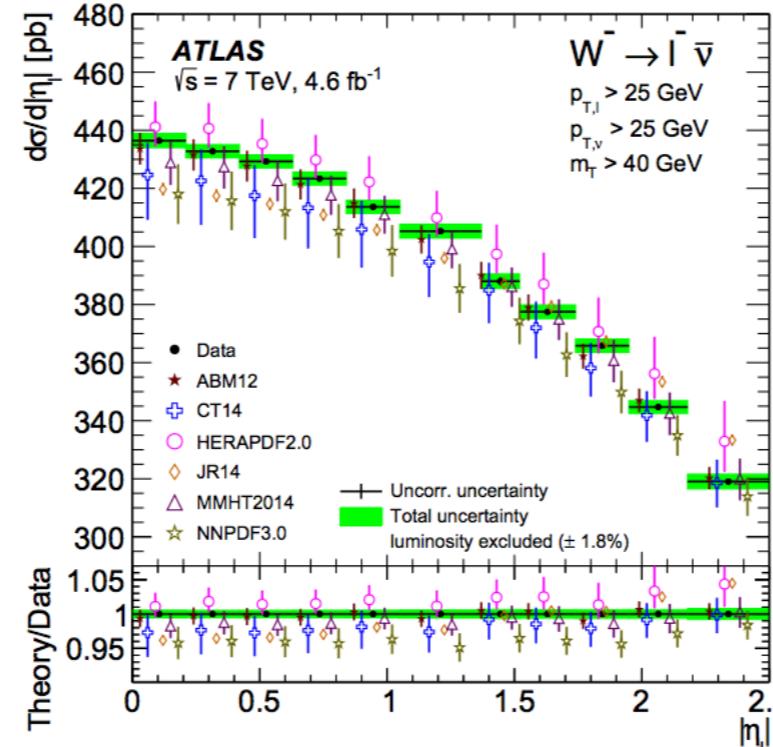
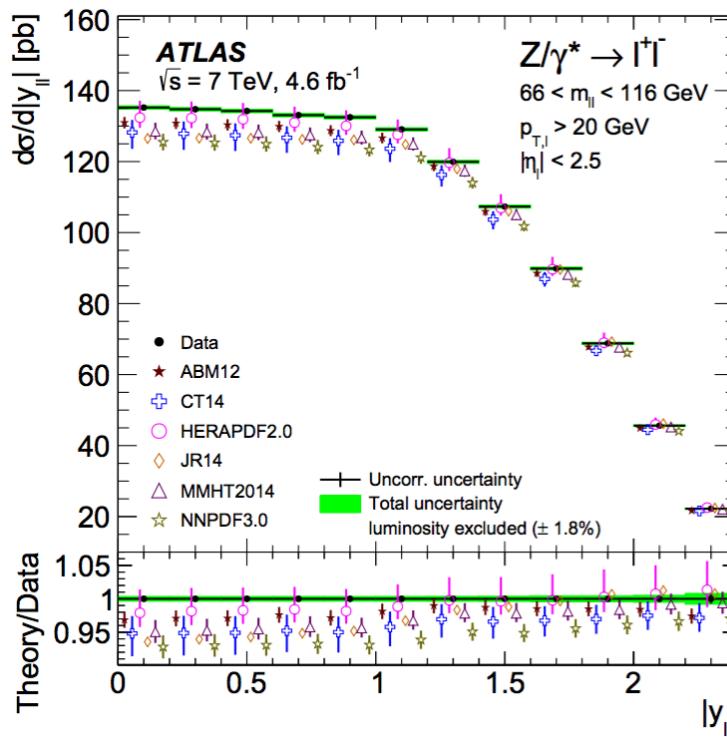


$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z) = u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+) = u\bar{d} + c\bar{s}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^-) = d\bar{u} + s\bar{c}$$

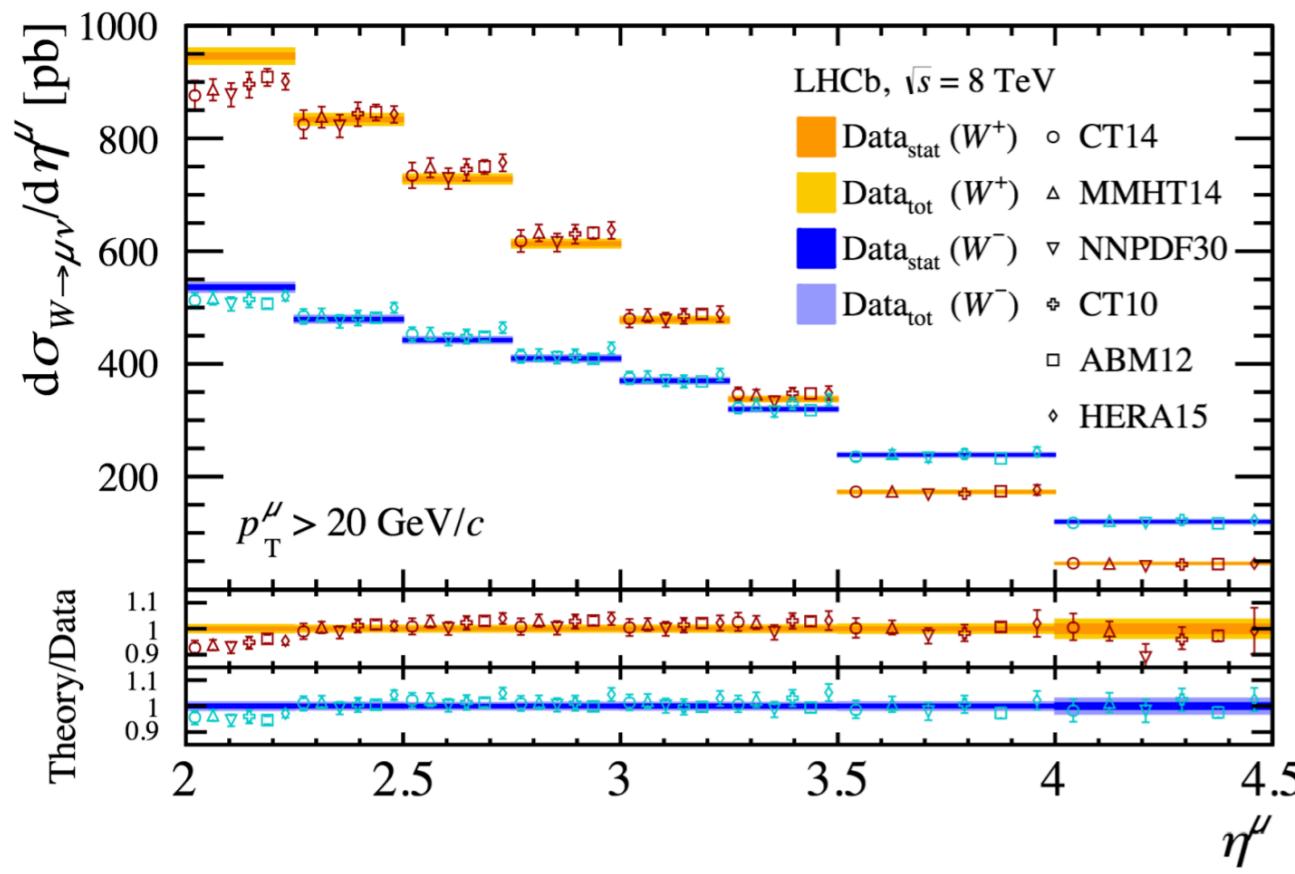
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$$x_{1,2} = \frac{M}{\sqrt{S}} e^{\pm y}$$

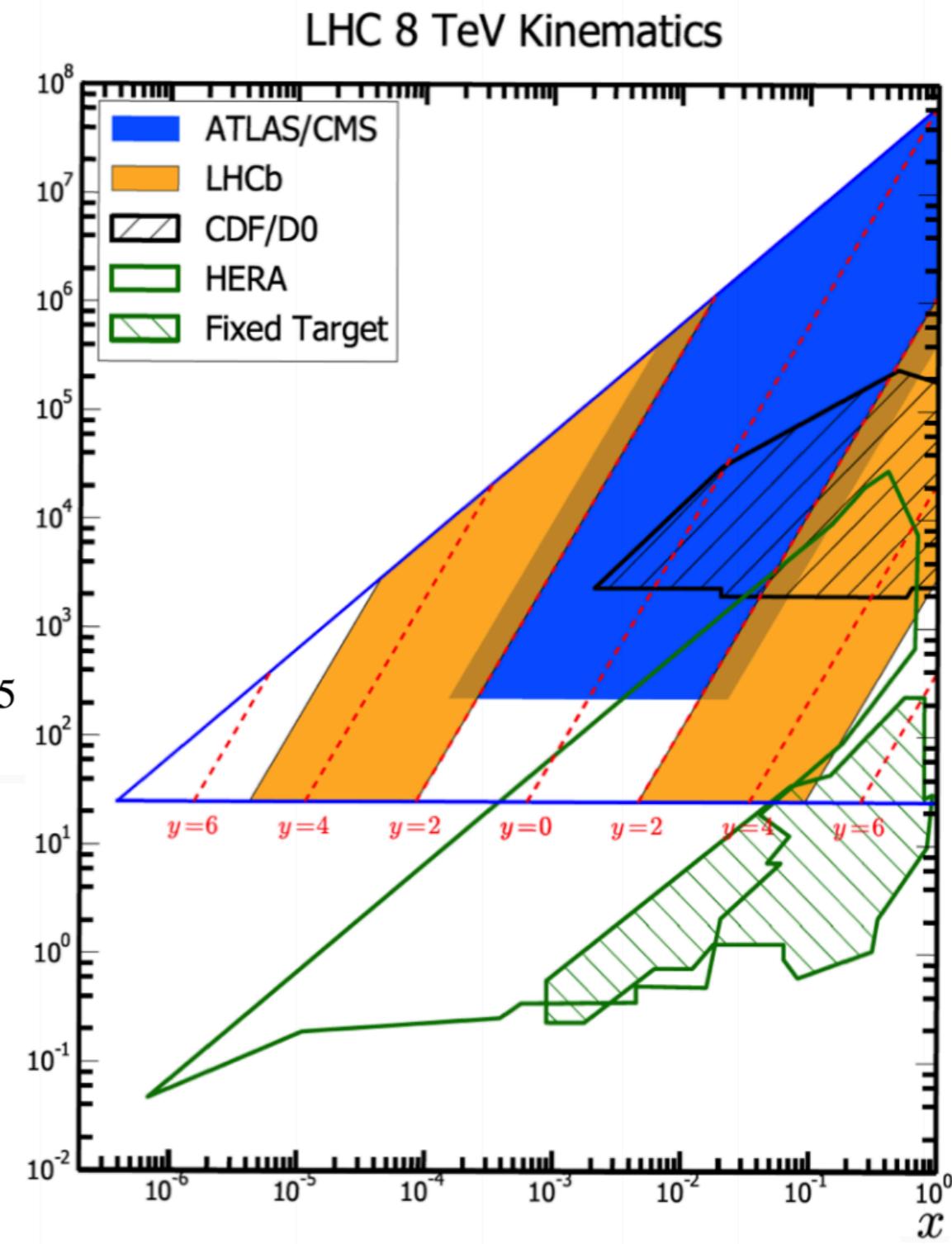
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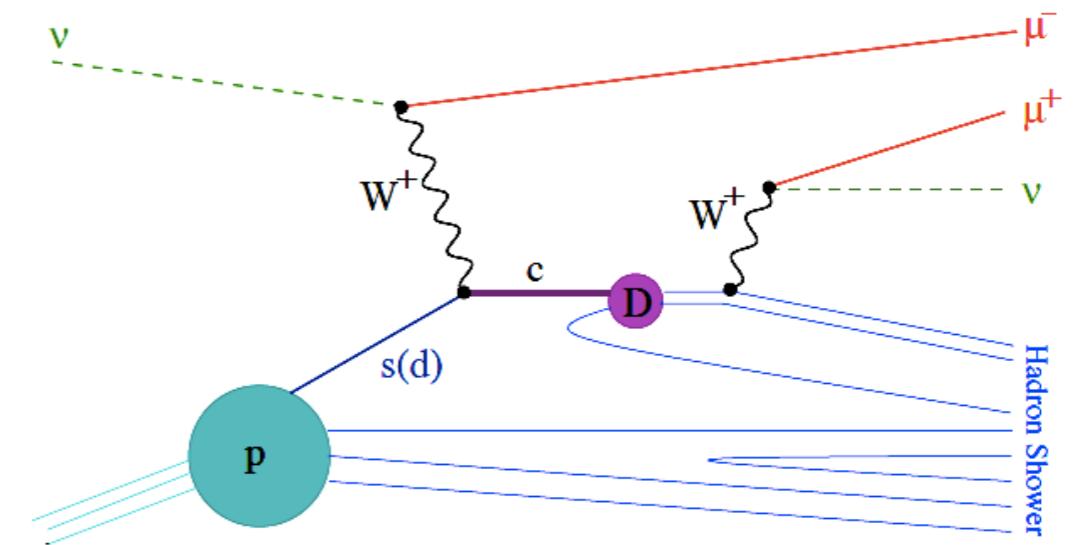
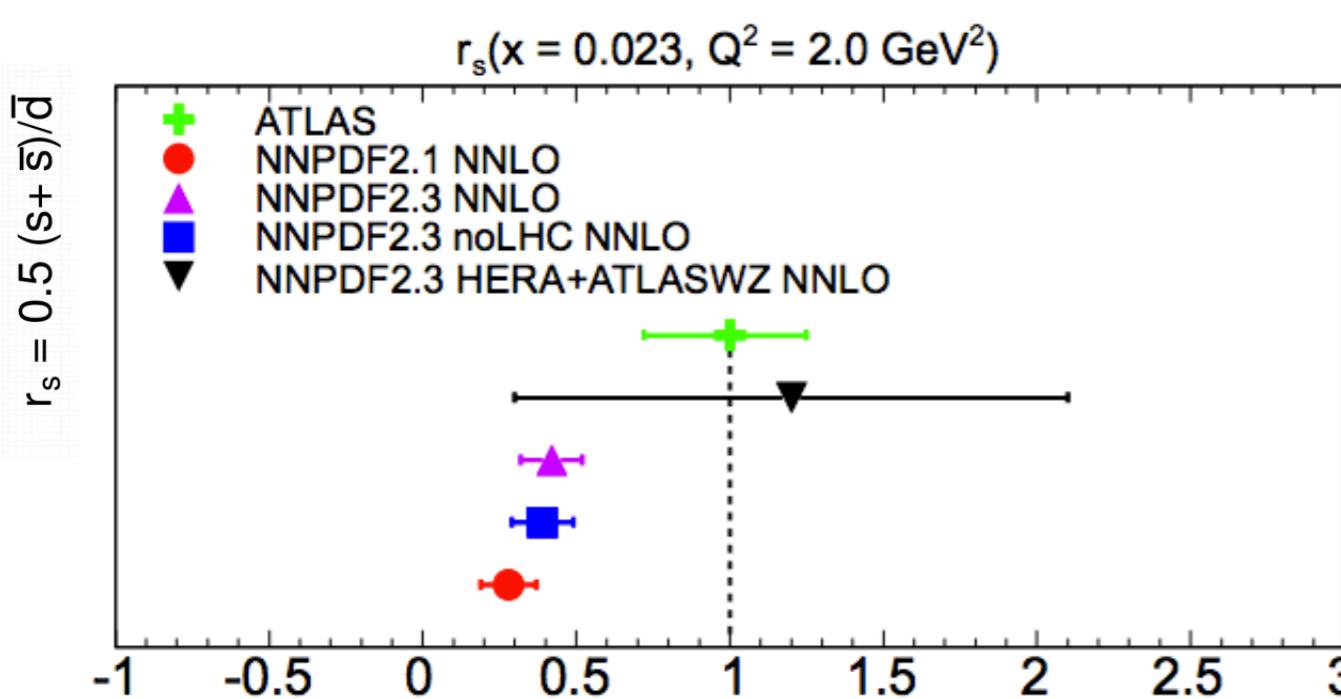
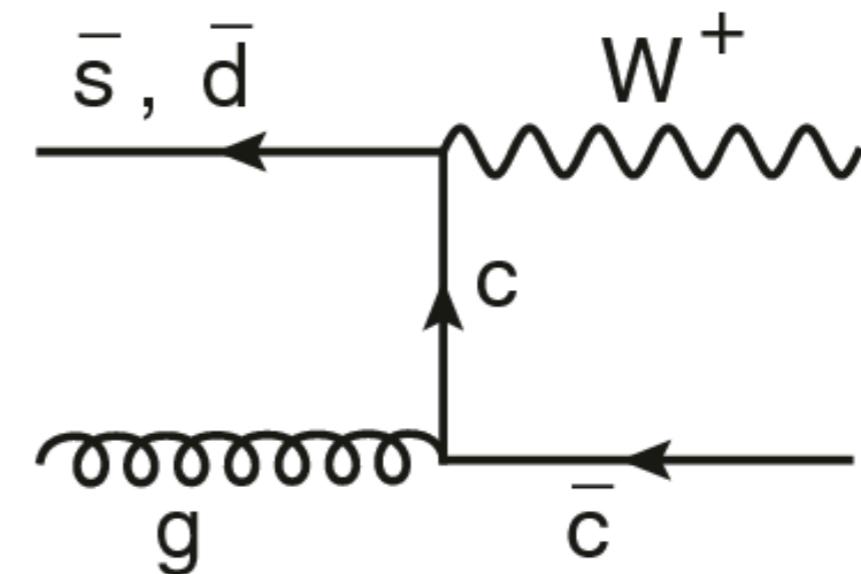
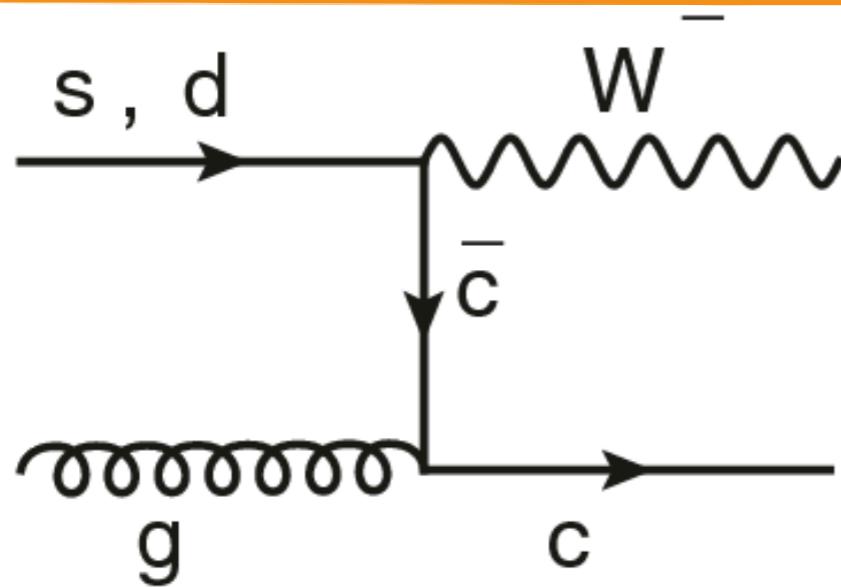


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LHCb: forward region



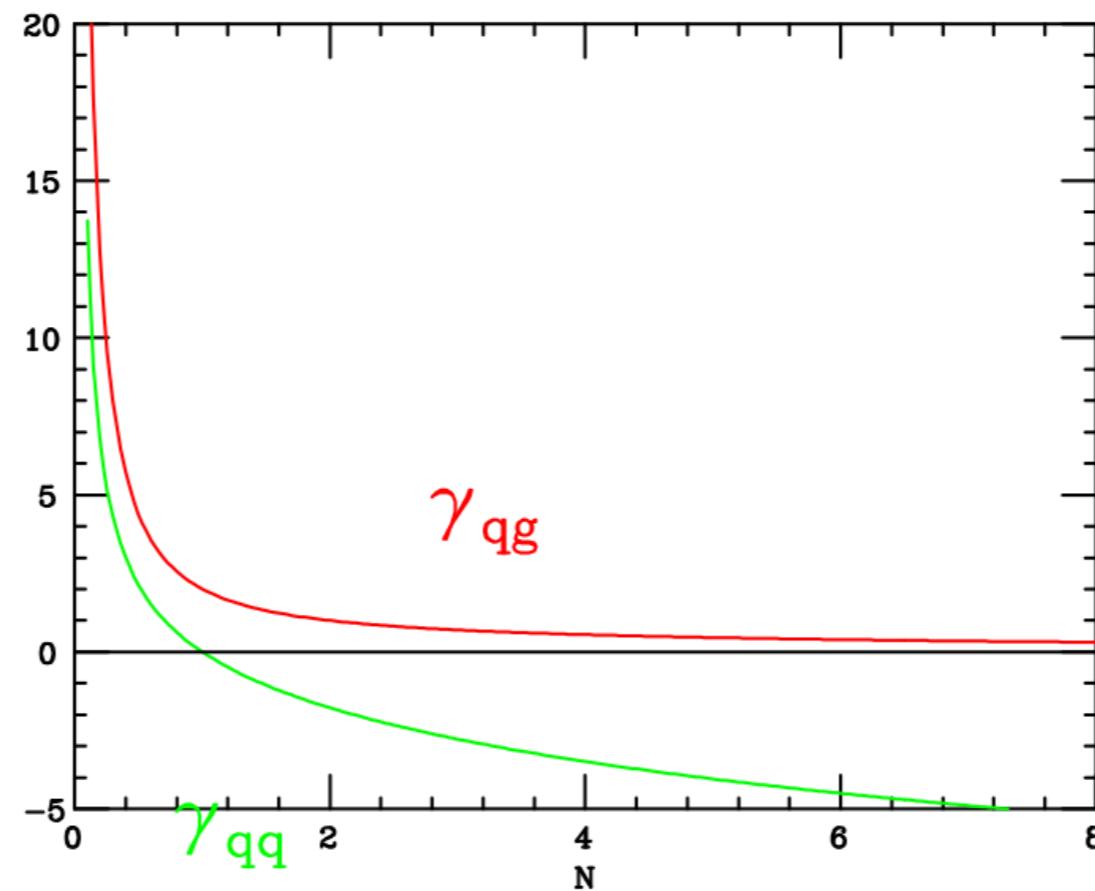
# W+charm data



# Gluon: indirect handle

- Gluon is partially determined by scale dependence of DIS structure functions and Drell-Yan/Vector Boson production

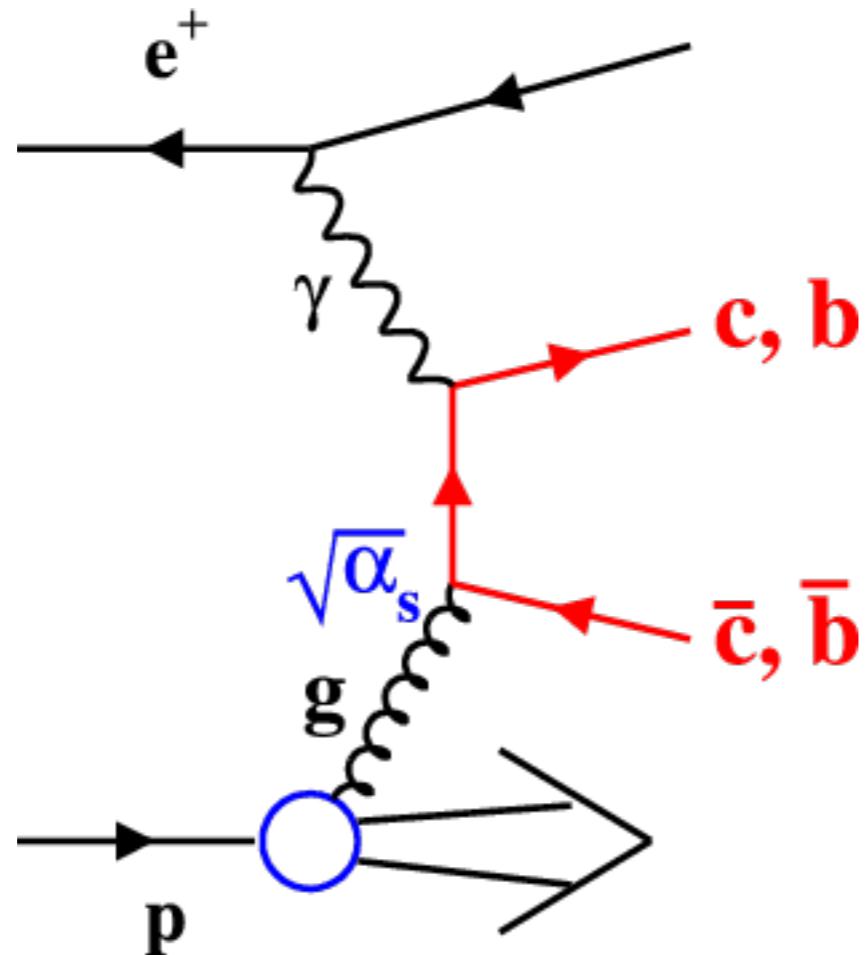
$$\frac{d}{d \log \mu^2} F_2(x, \mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} [P_{qq} \otimes F_2(x, \mu^2) + 2n_f P_{qg} \otimes g(x, \mu^2)]$$



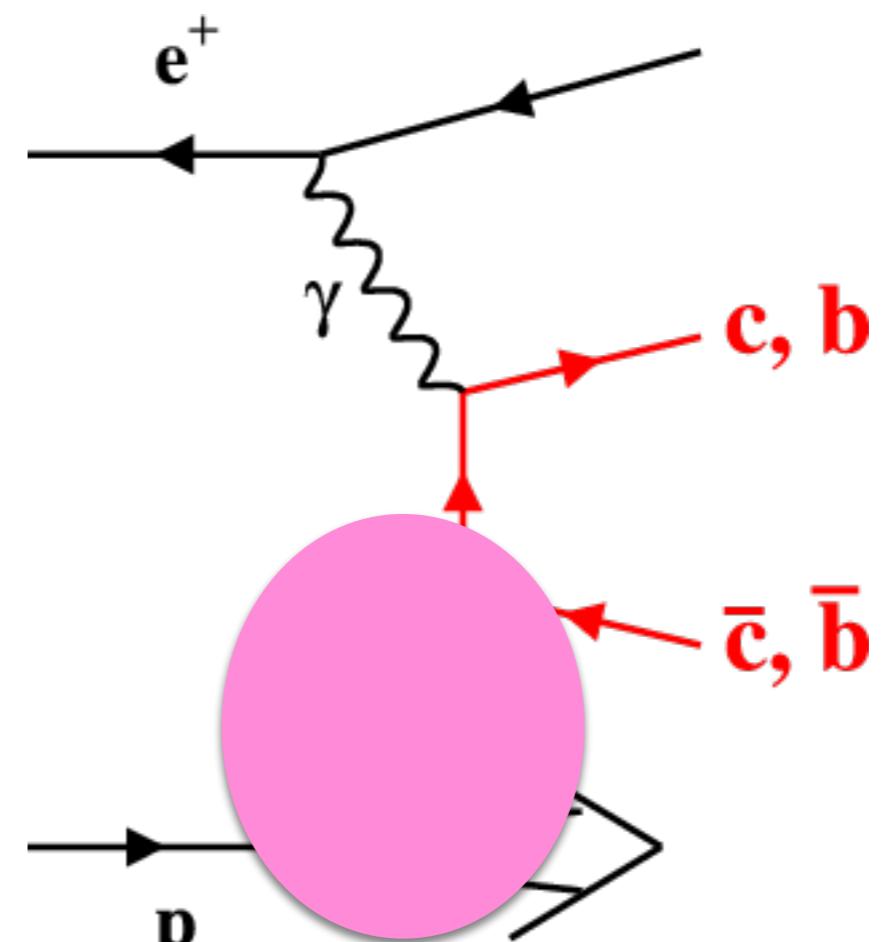
- Mostly determine small- $x$  gluon, large- $x$  gluon hard to determine from DIS+DY only data

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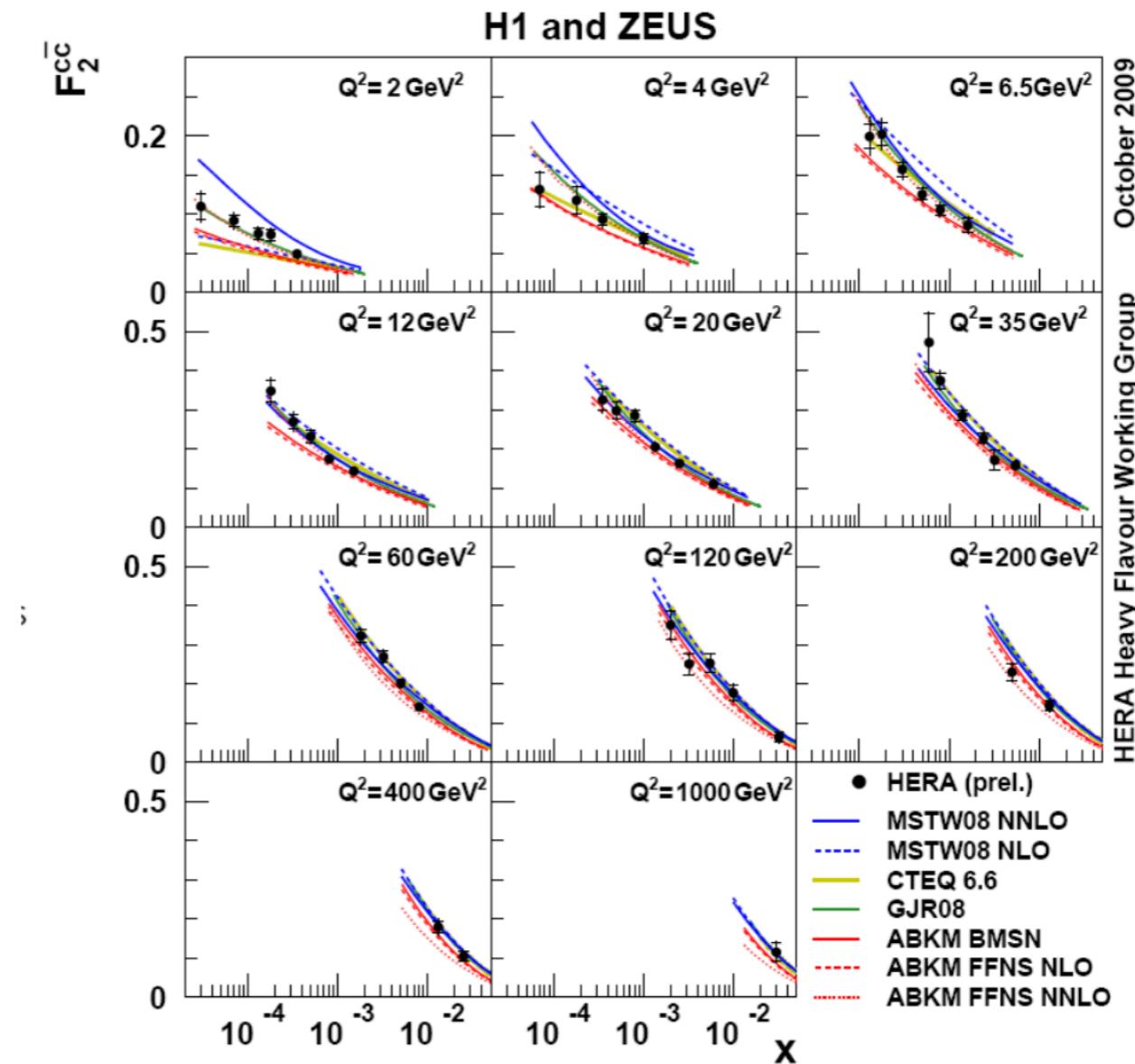
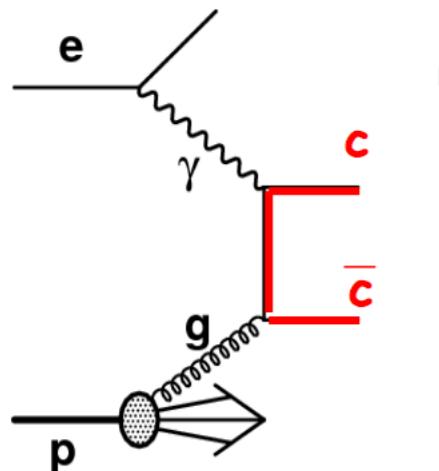
Nf = 3,4



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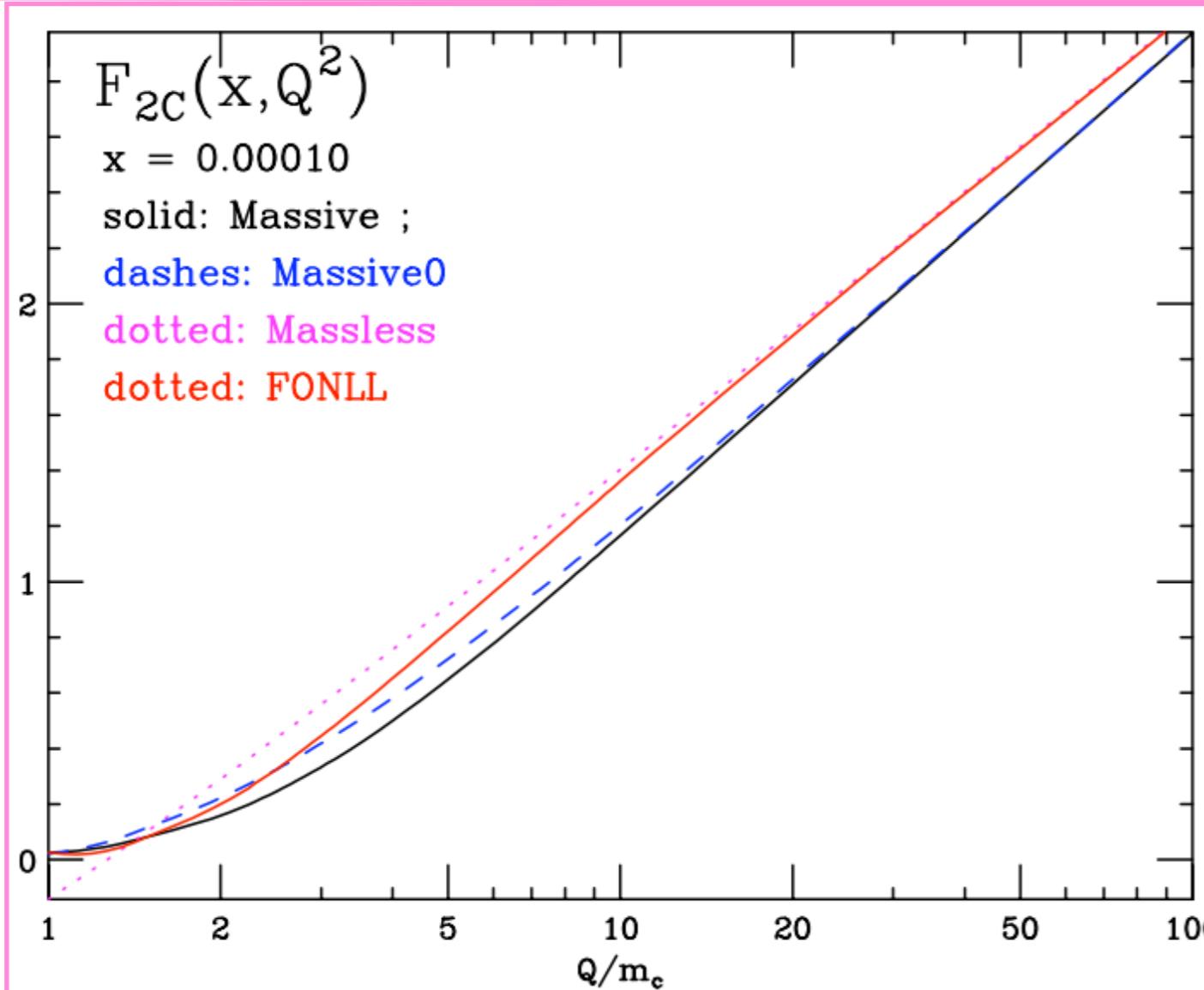
# Intermission: heavy flavour schemes

- Charm, Bottom and Top have mass  $\gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  - heavy quarks (HQ)
- The presence of a new scale,  $m_Q$ , makes pert QCD calculations more challenging
- Two well understood schemes:
  - Assume heavy quark effectively massless for  $Q > m_Q$   
HQ becomes active massless parton above threshold
  - Heavy quarks retain their mass for all  $Q$   
HQ is not a parton, it is a final state particle
- However in PDF fits we have all scales. General-Mass Variable-Flavor-Number schemes allow to match between the zero-mass and the massive scheme
- Many schemes available

e.g. FONLL

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# Intermission: heavy flavour schemes



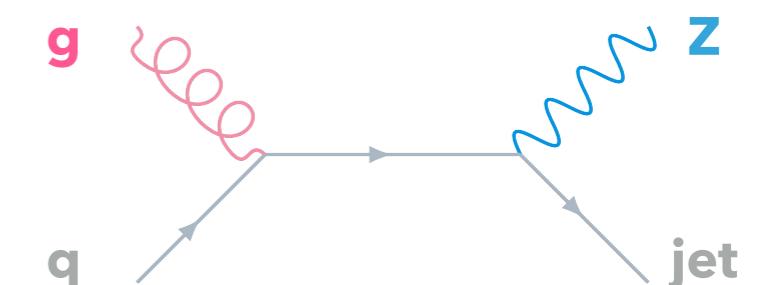
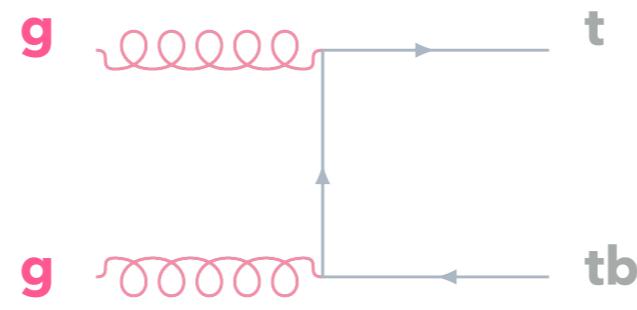
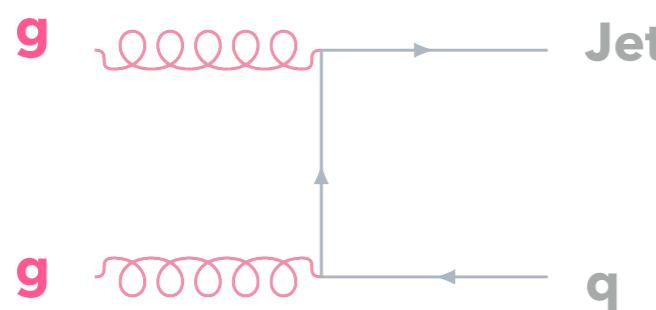
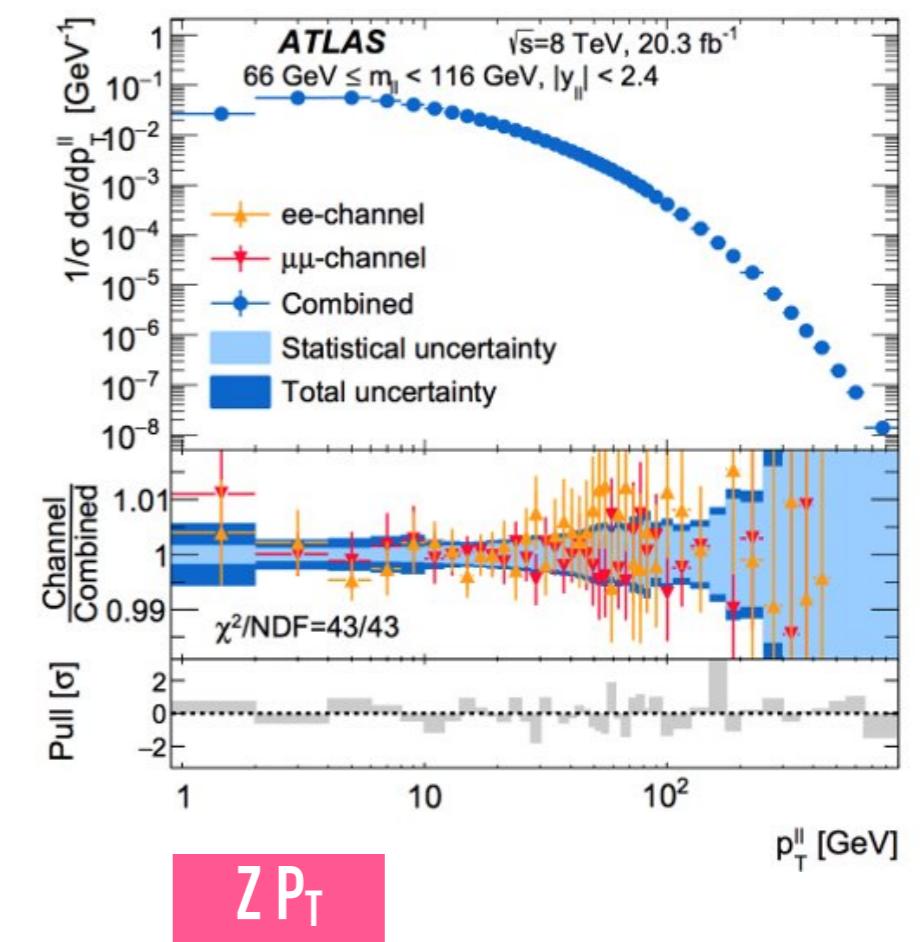
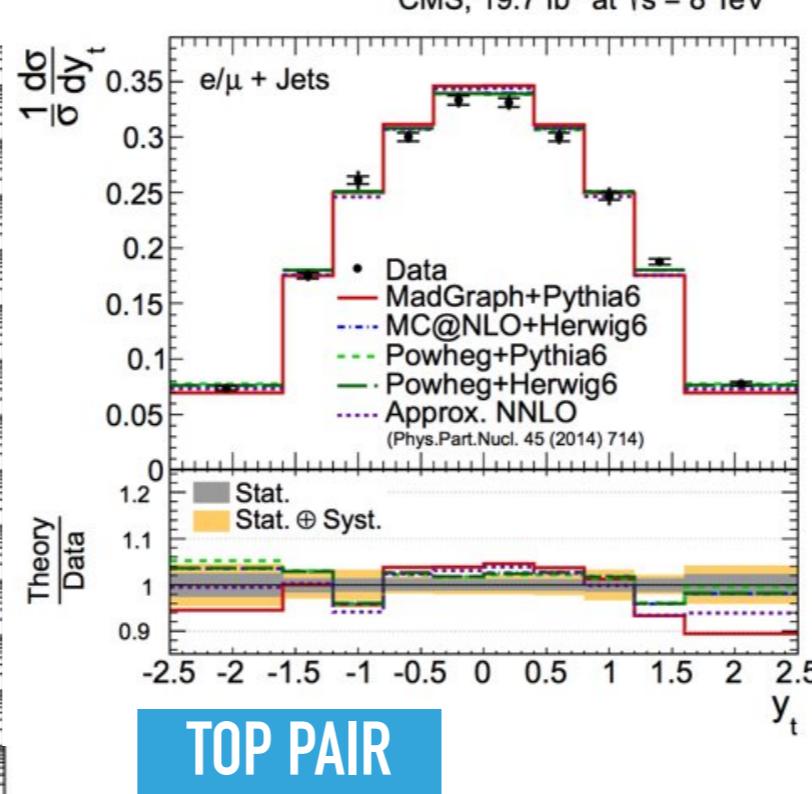
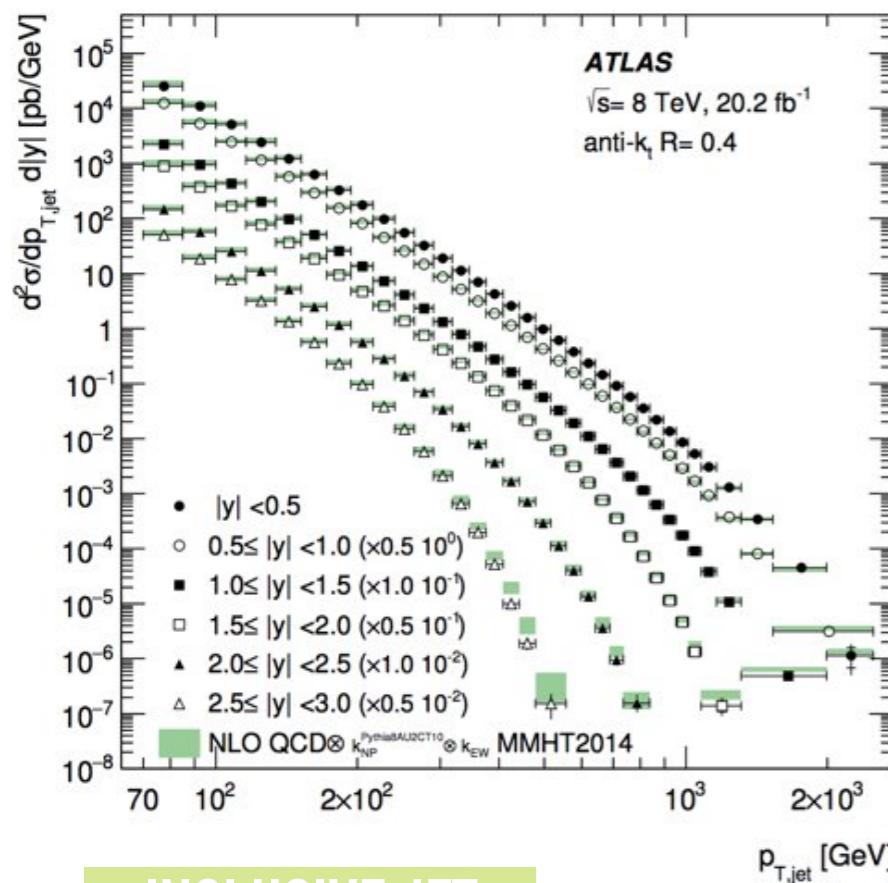
- heavy quarks (HQ)
- calculations more challenging
- less for  $Q > m_Q$  above threshold
- $Q^2$  article
- I-Mass Variable-Flavor-Number and the massive scheme

- Many schemes available

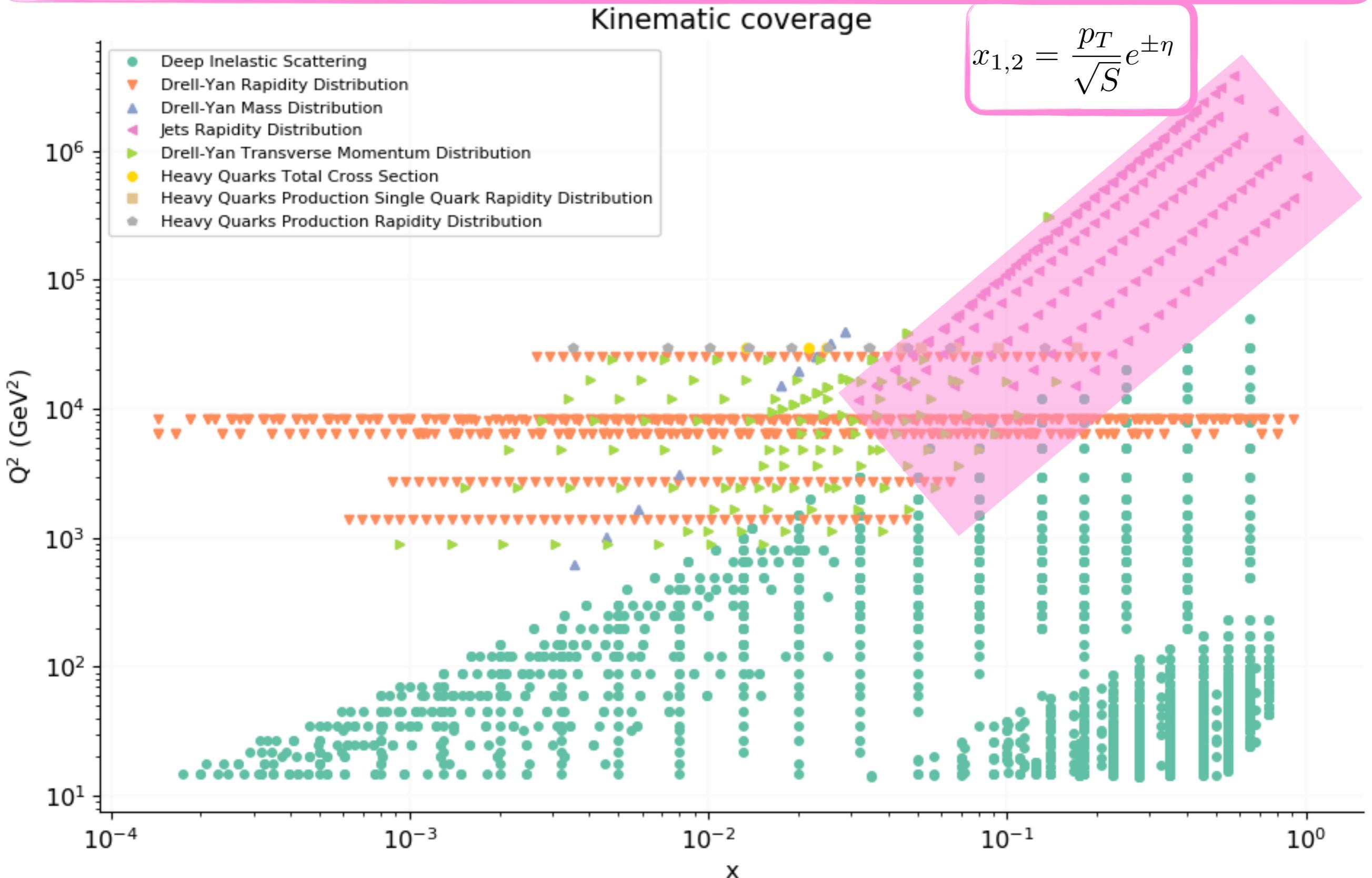
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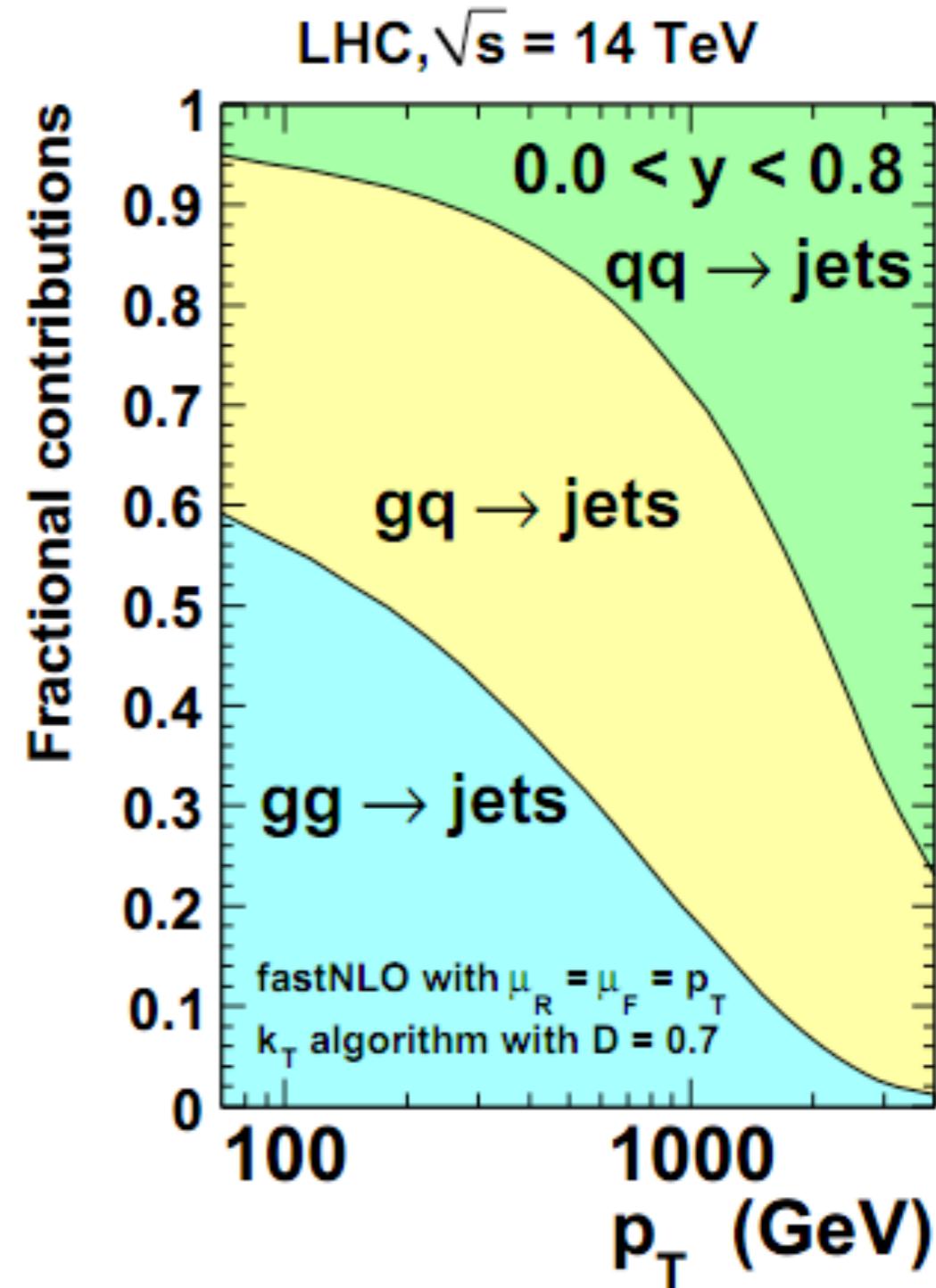
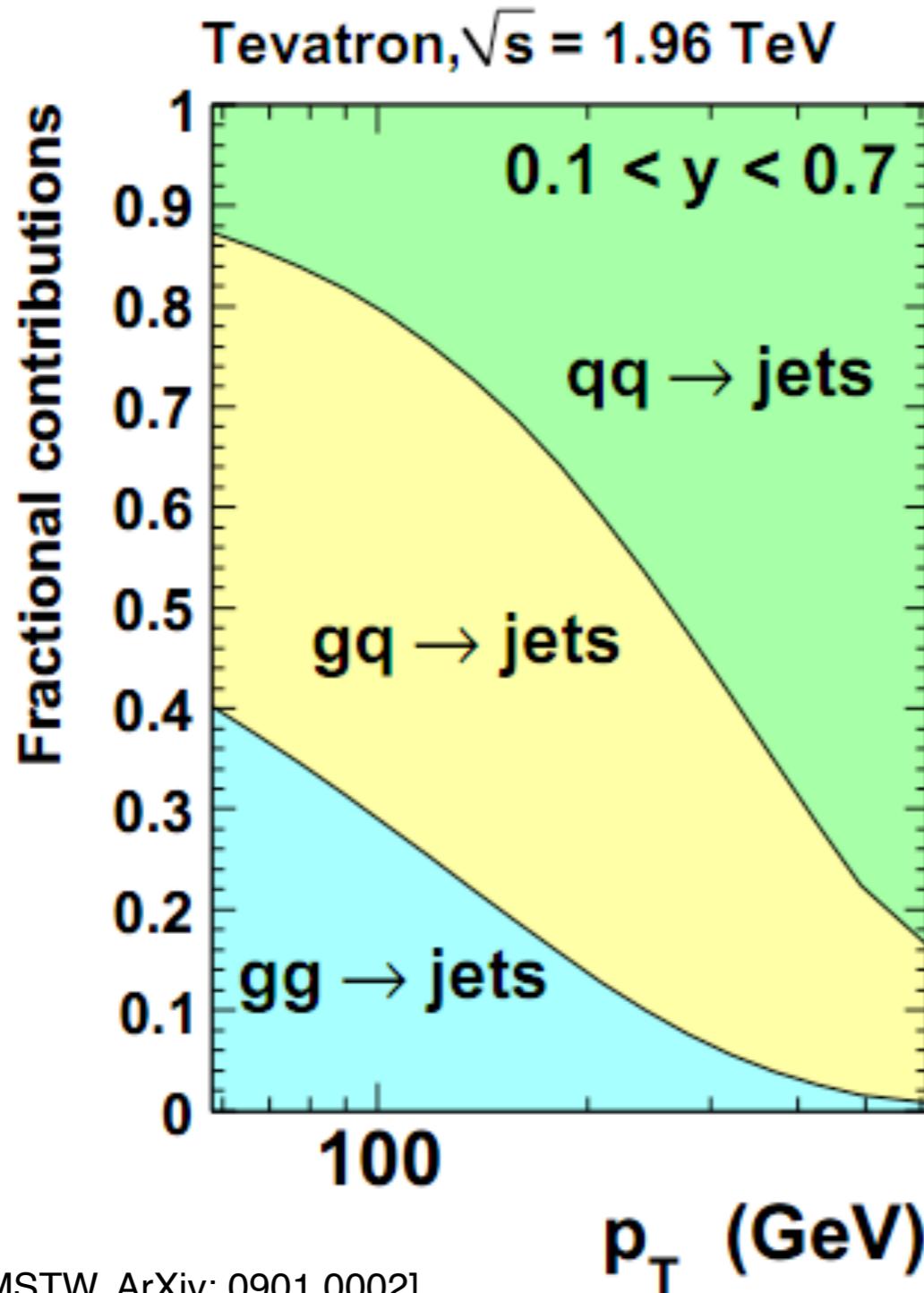
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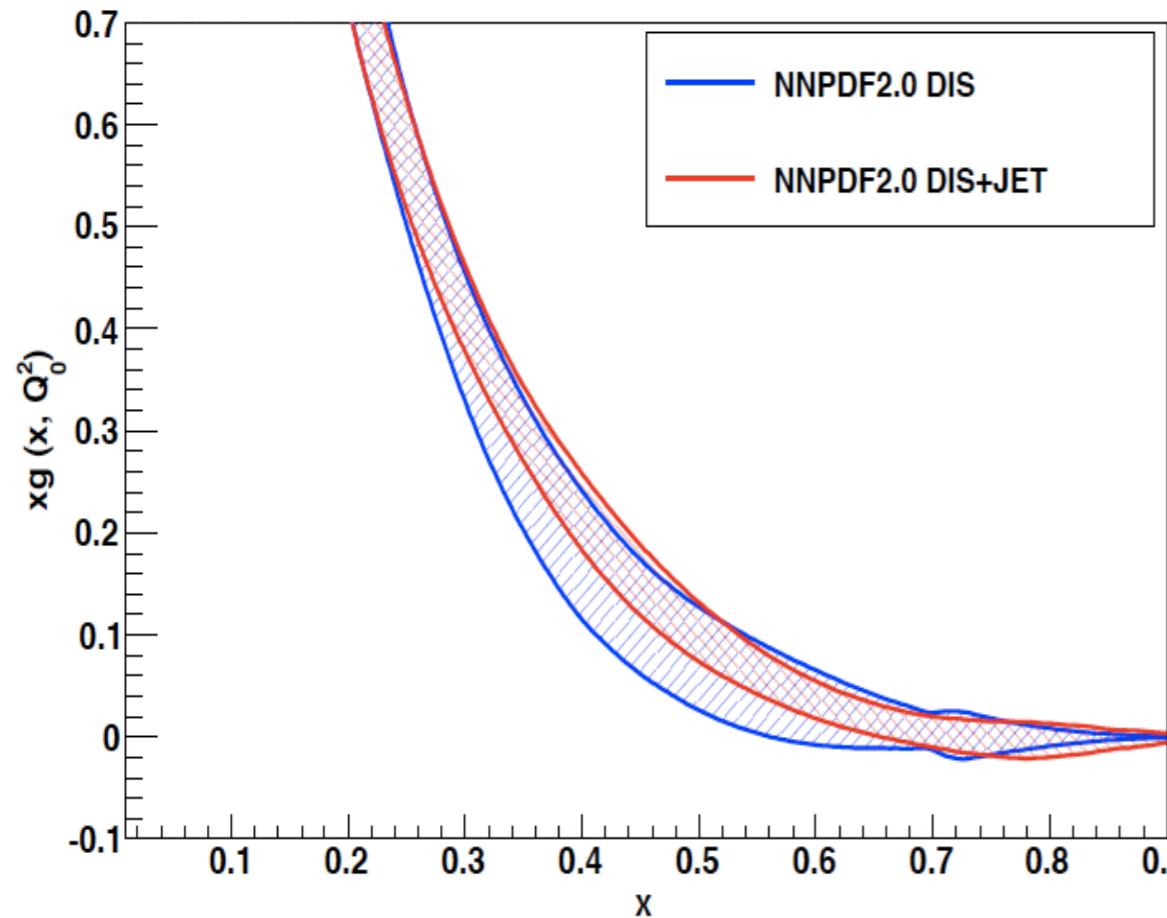


# Gluon: jets data



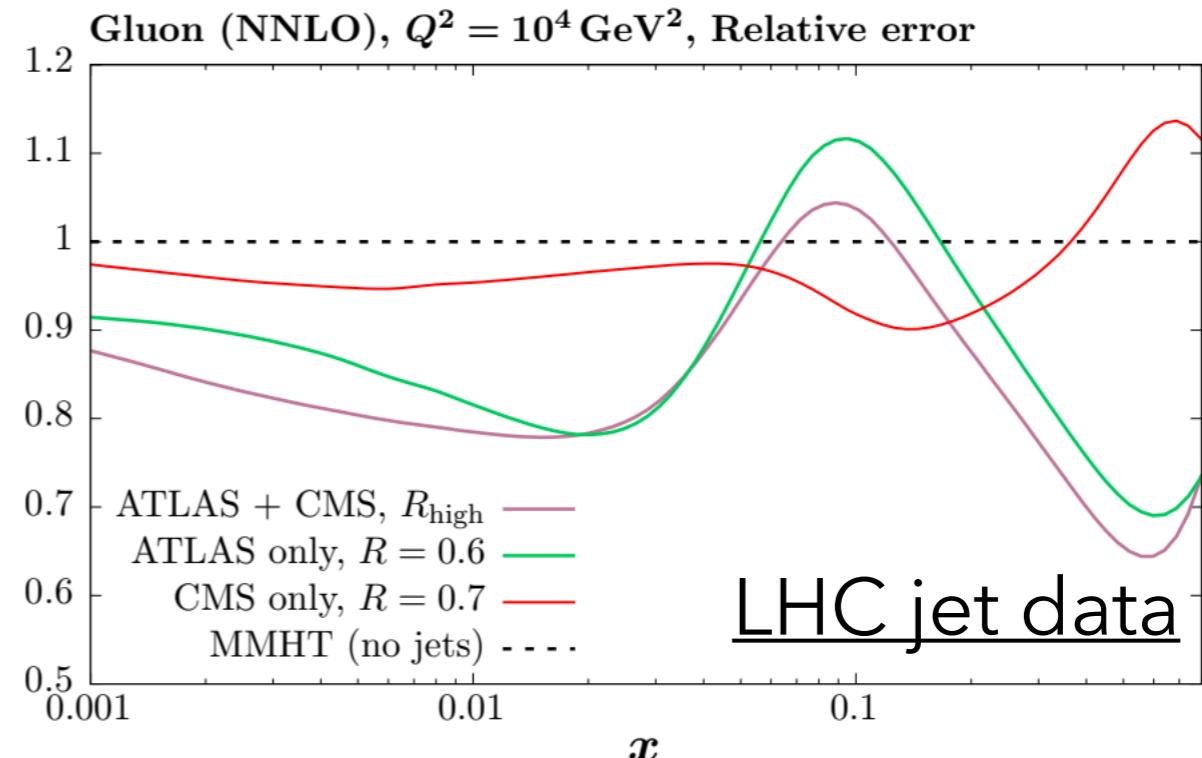
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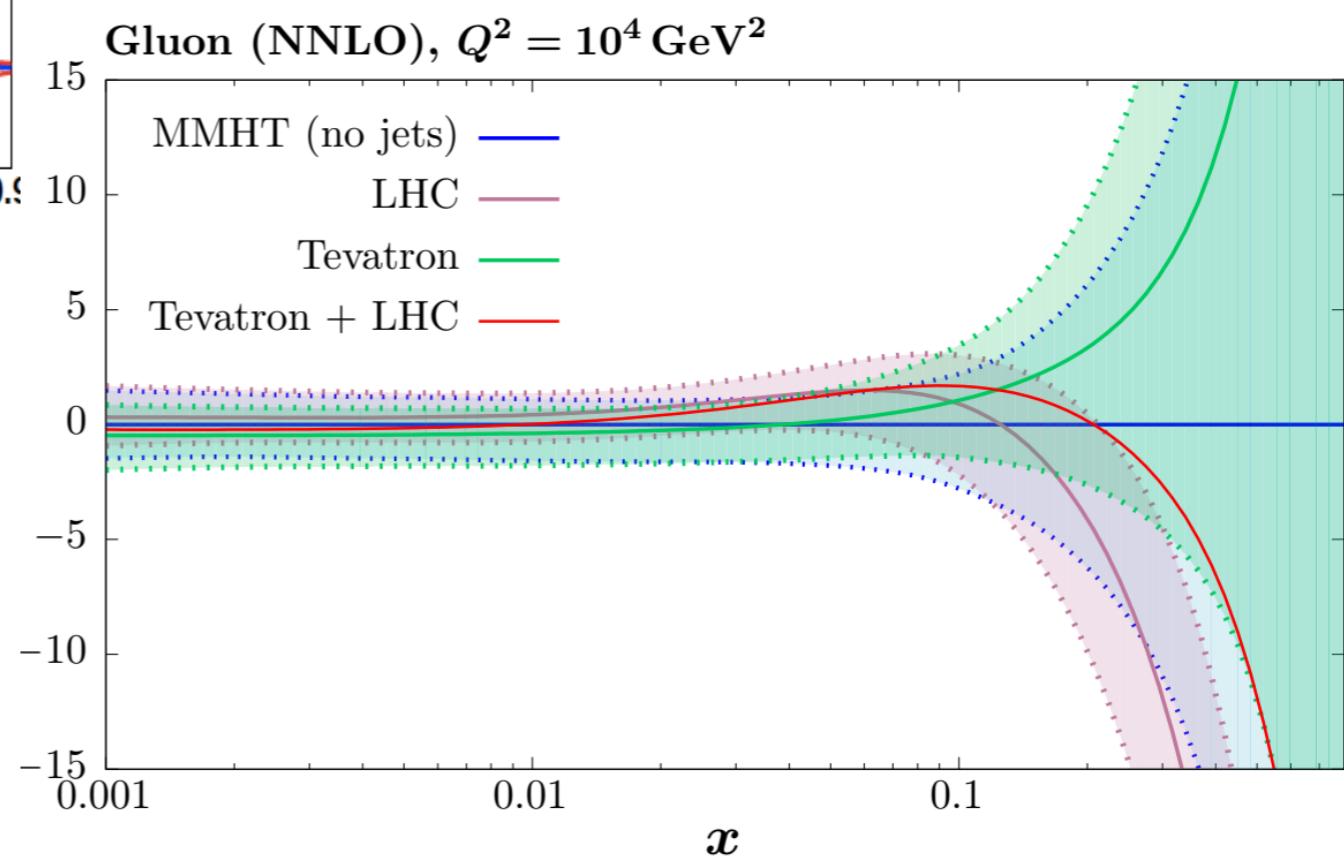


[Ball et al, ArXiv: 1002.4407]

[Harland-Lang et al, ArXiv: 1711.05757]

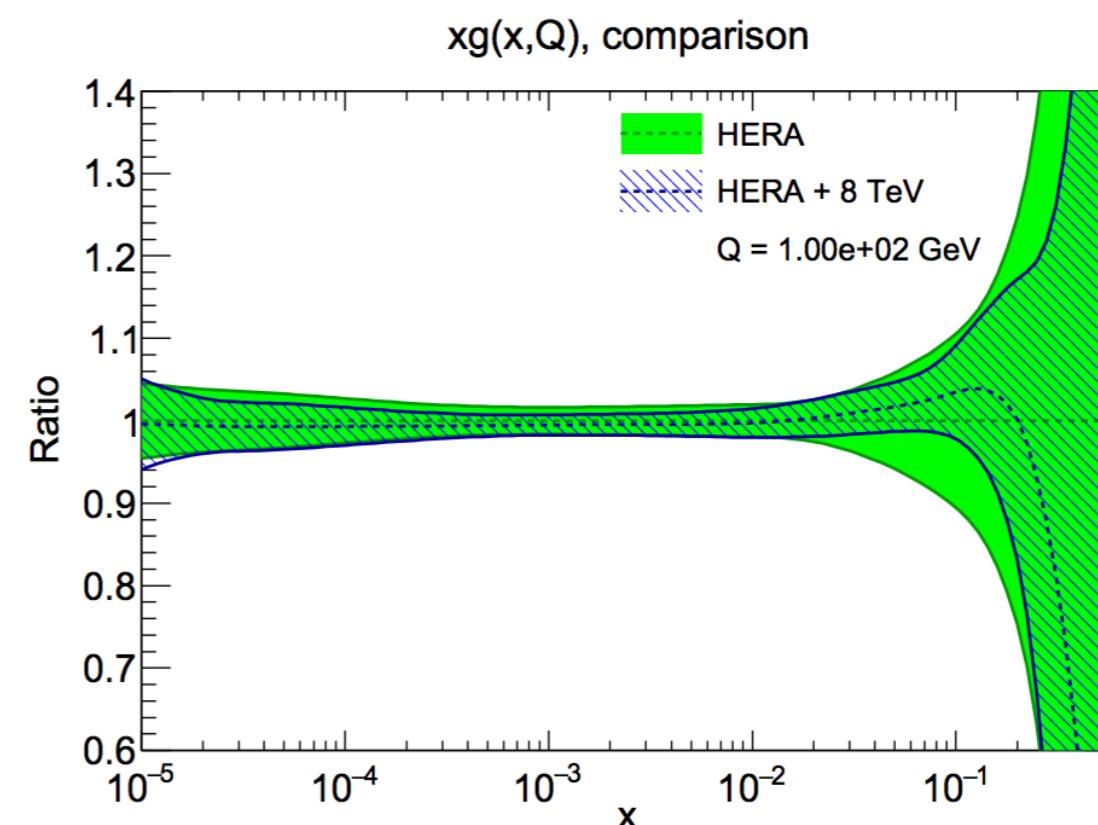
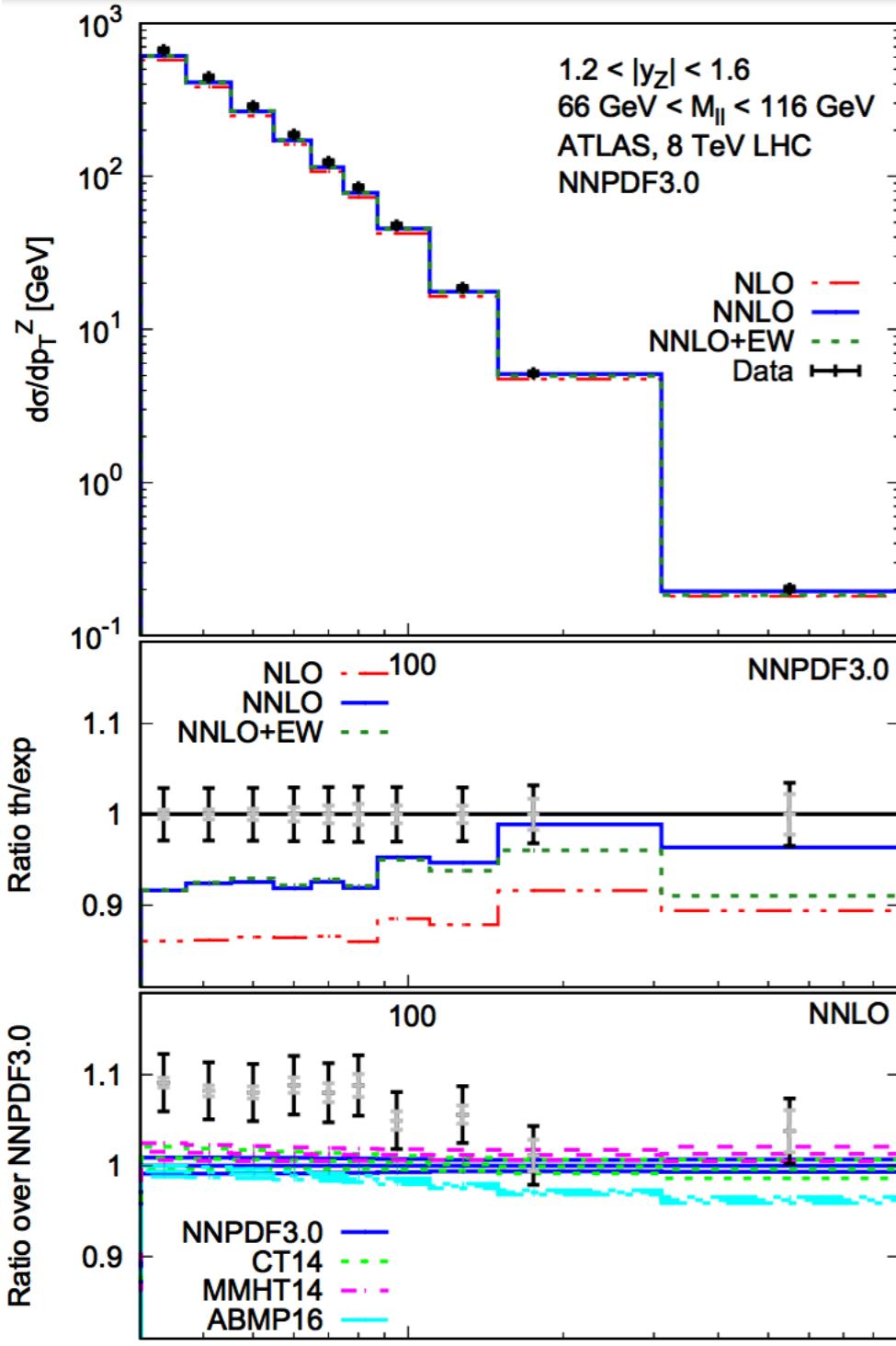


LHC jet data



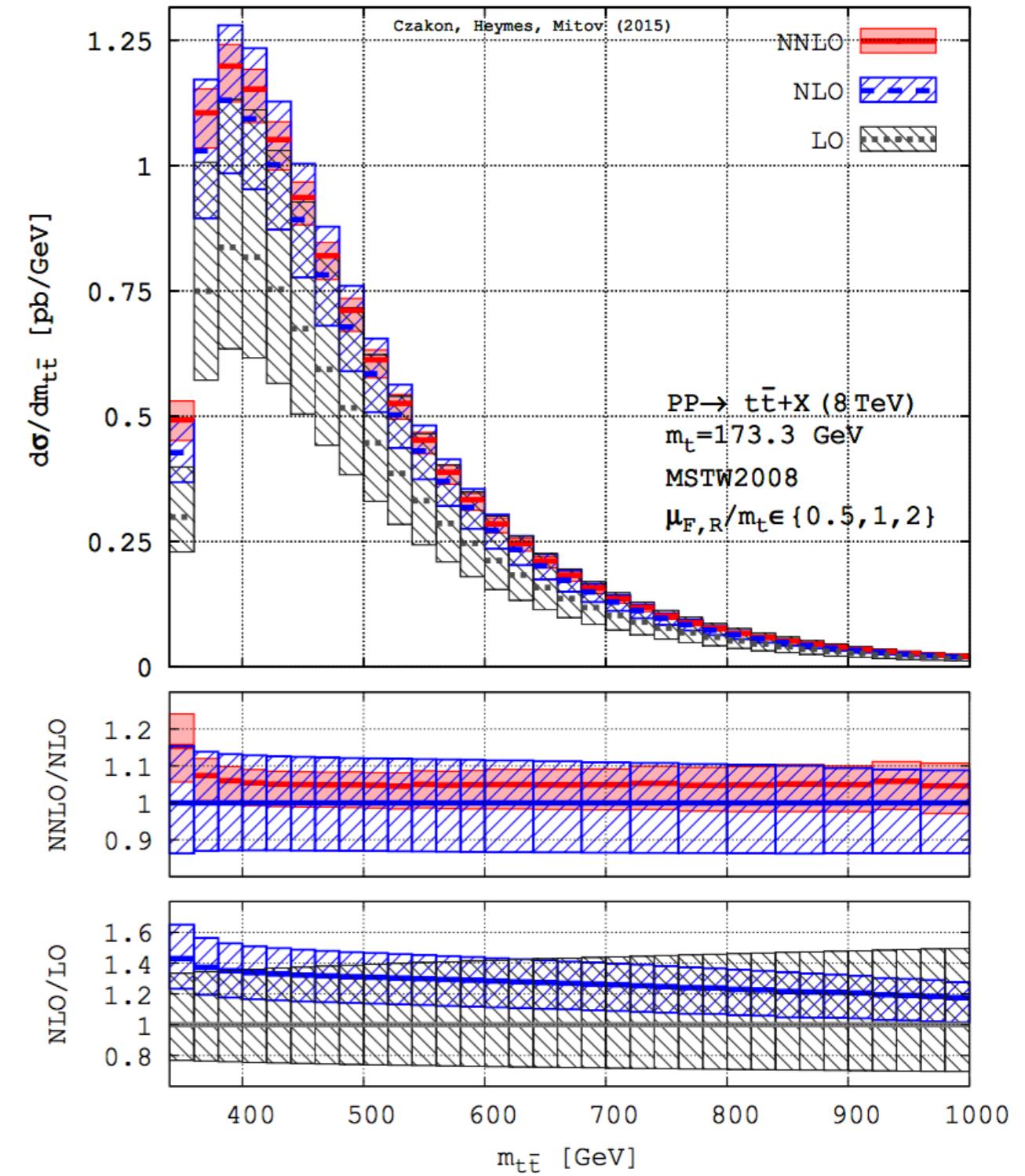
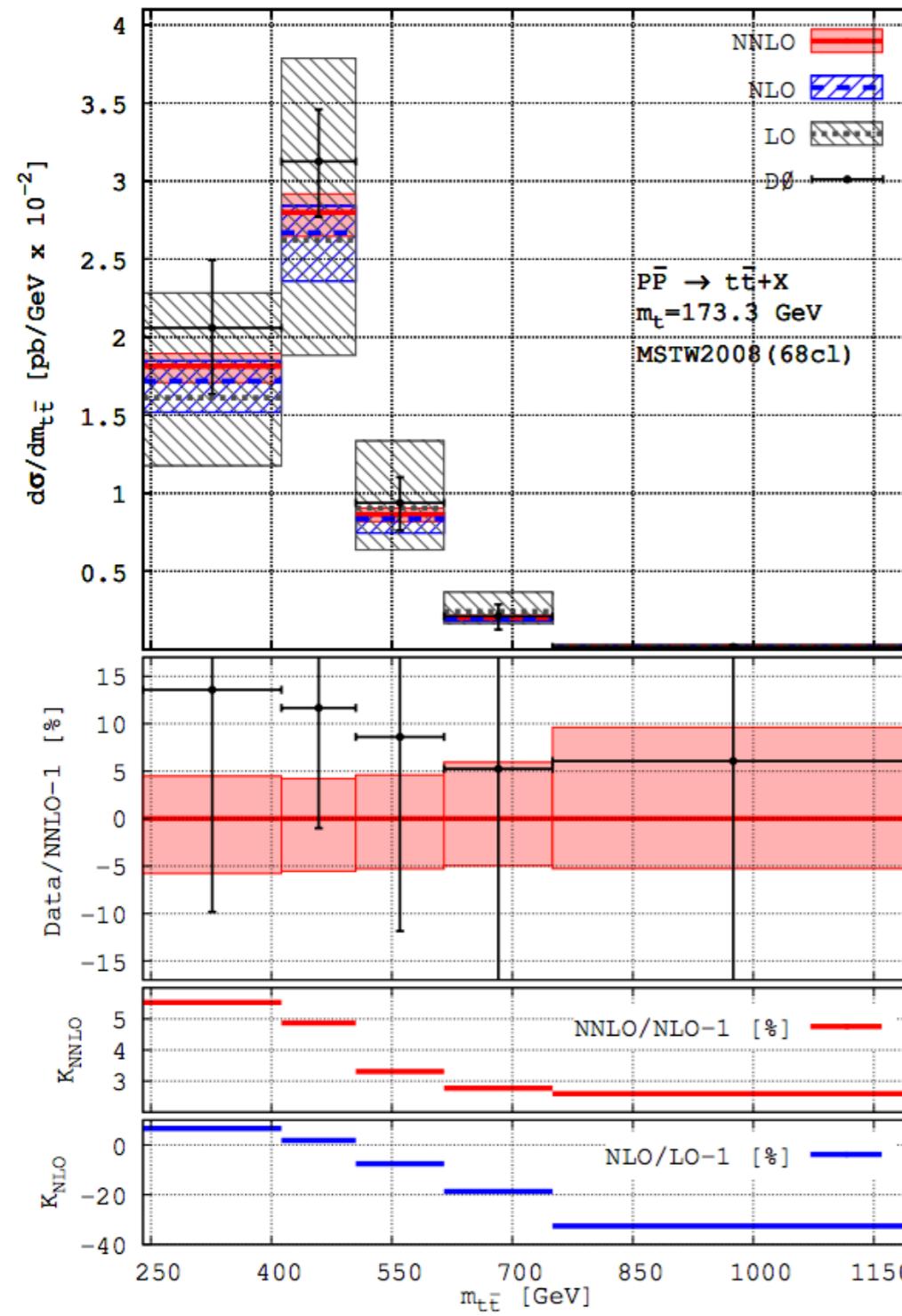
# Gluon: Z transverse momentum

- Experimental precision < 1% up to  $pT \sim 200$  GeV
- Data hugely dominate by correlated systematic uncertainties
- Interesting case-study to probe current theory-experiment frontier

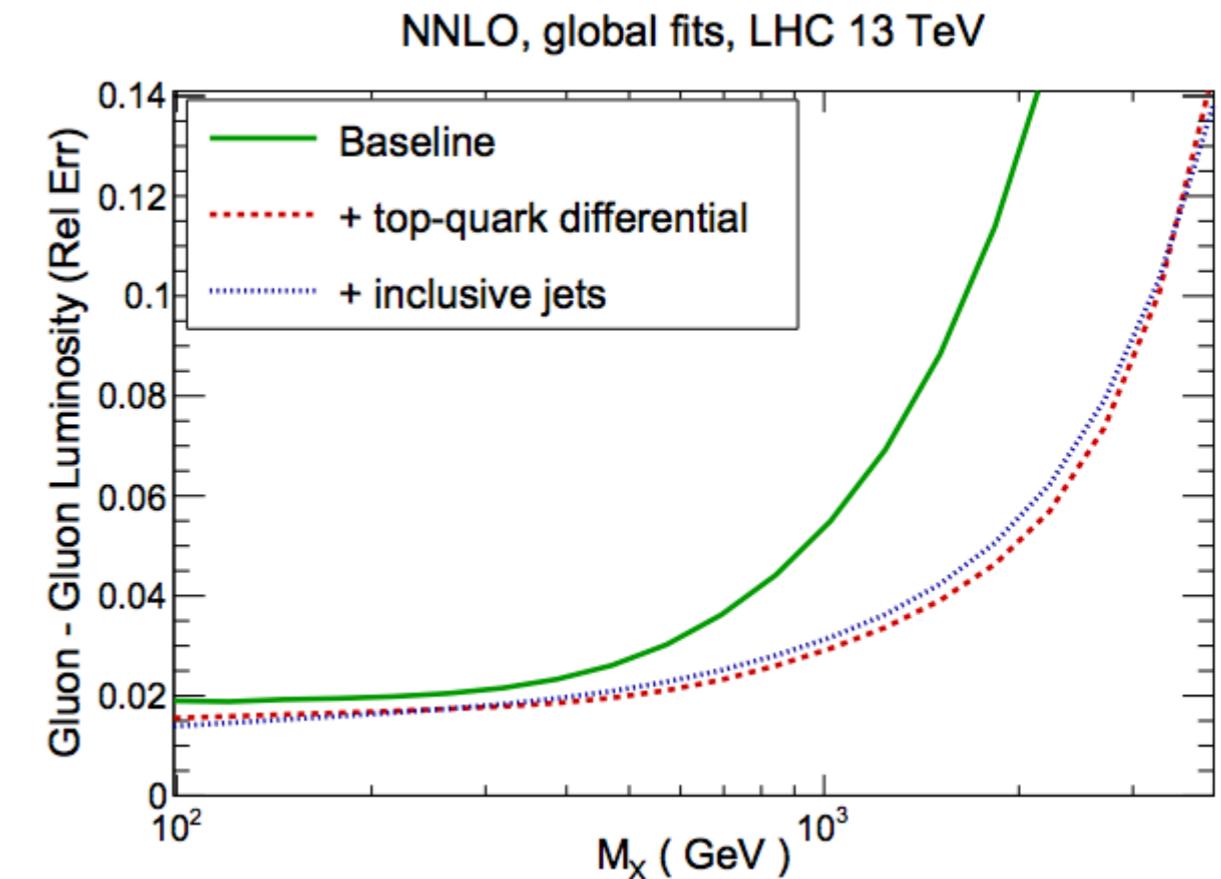
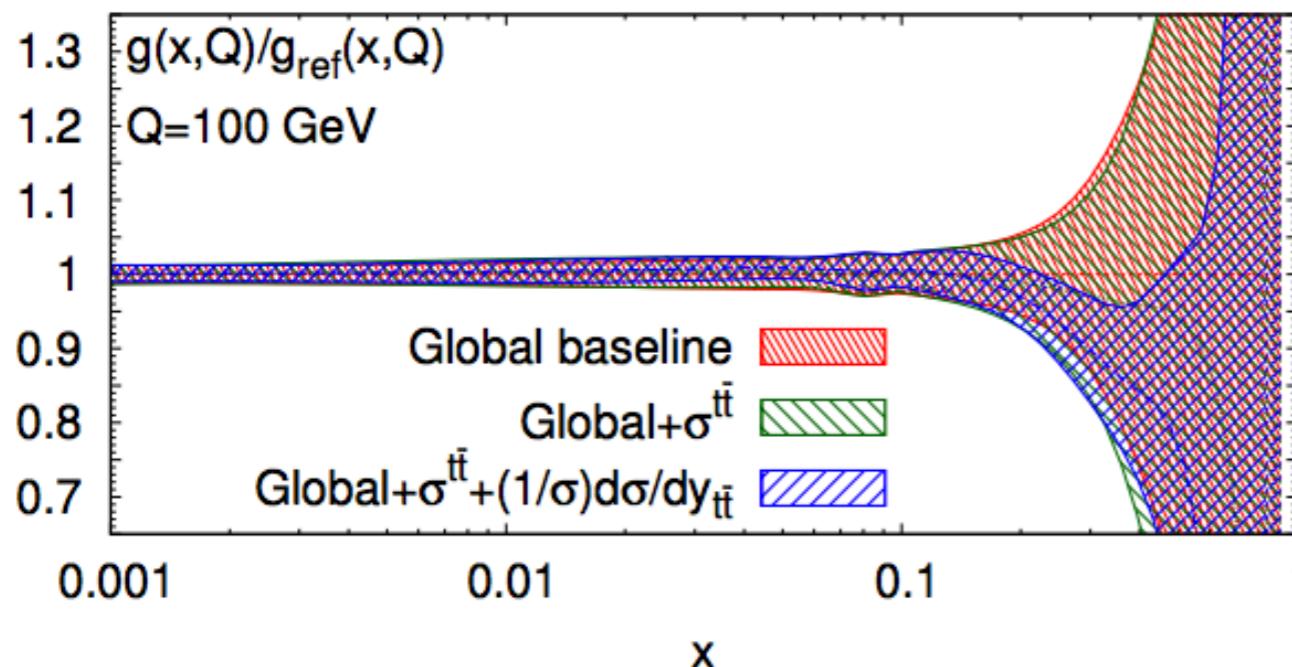
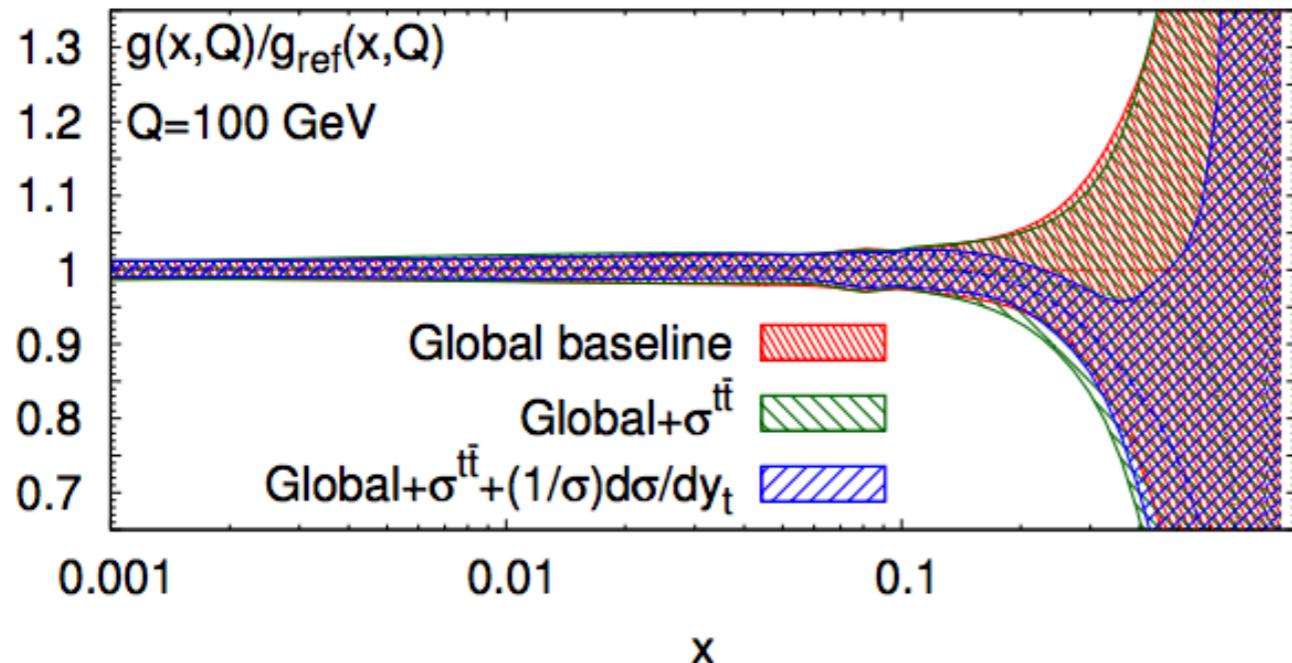


- ▶ Data/Theory comparison not so intuitive for correlation-dominated data
- ▶ Fluctuation in NNLO predictions (0.5 - 1%) had to be accounted for as extra nuisance parameter to get a good fit of such precise data

# Gluon: top pair production



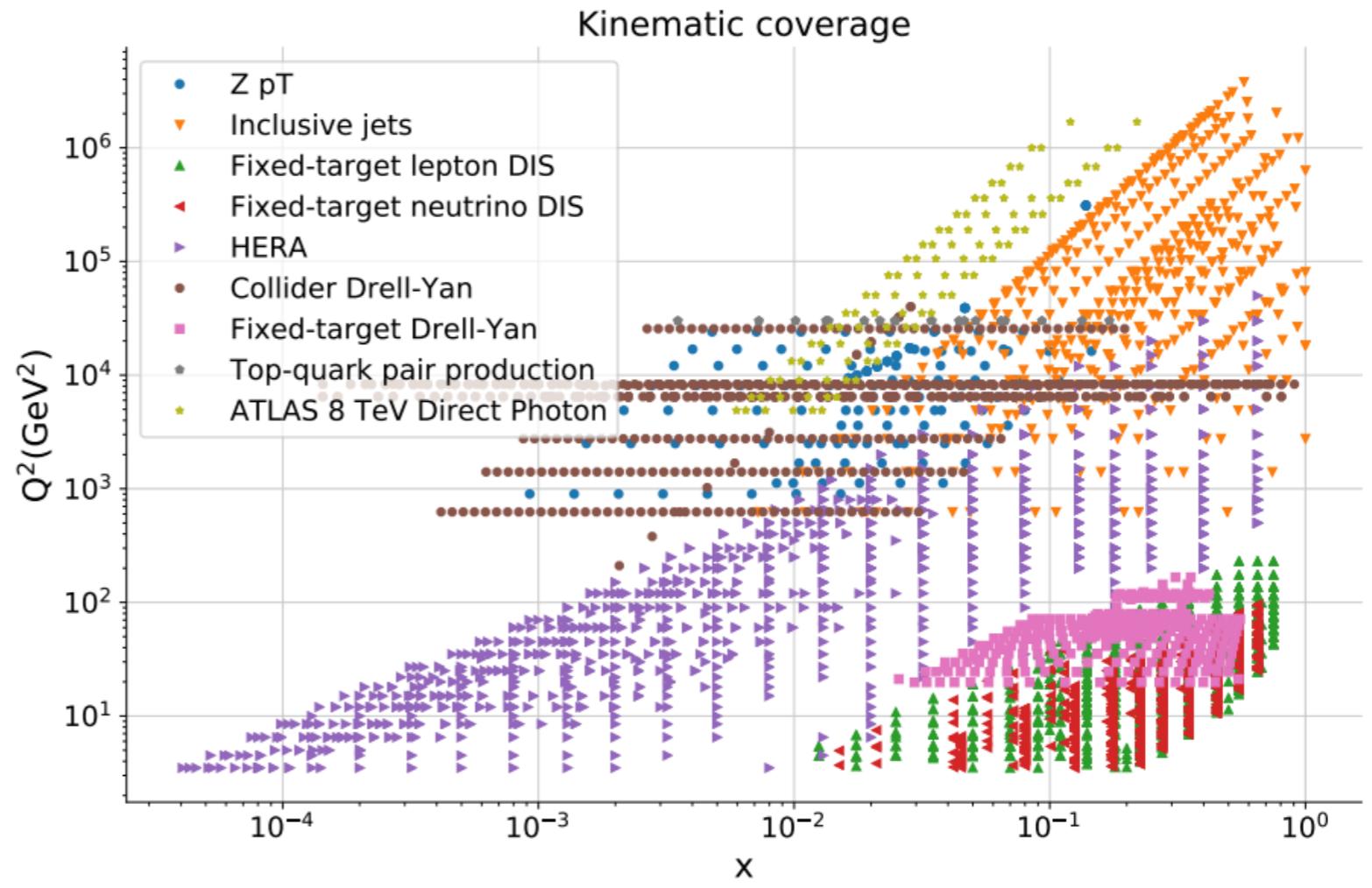
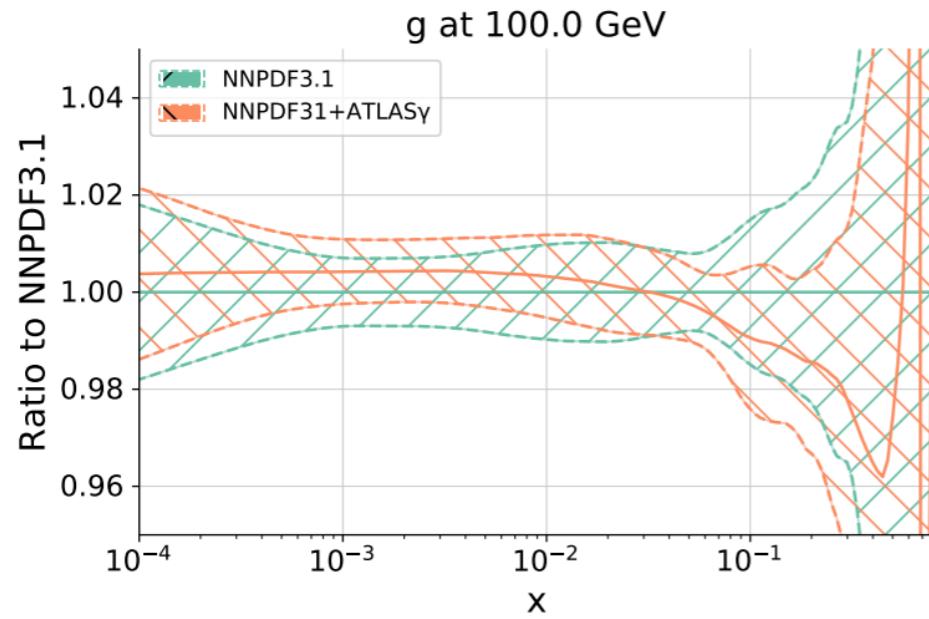
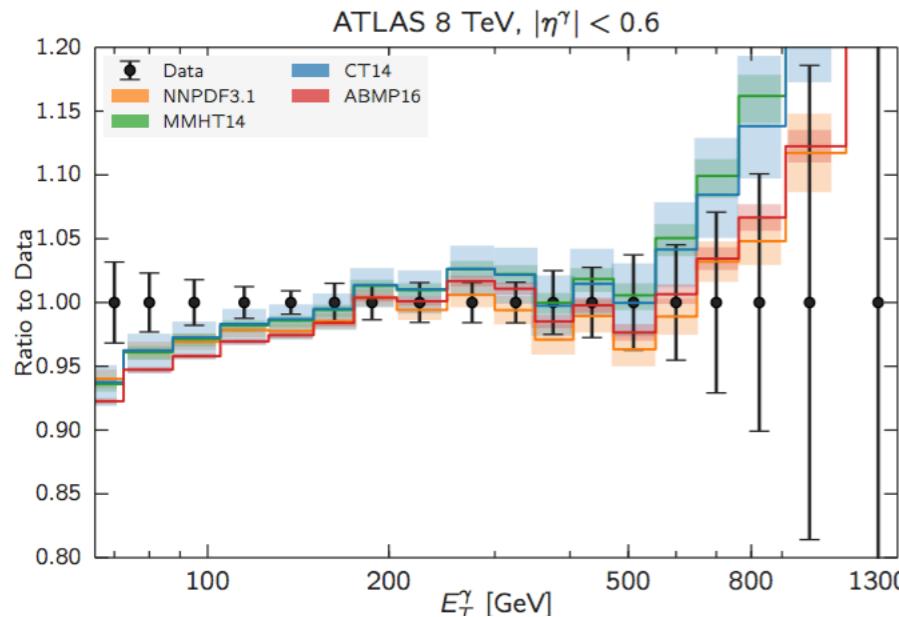
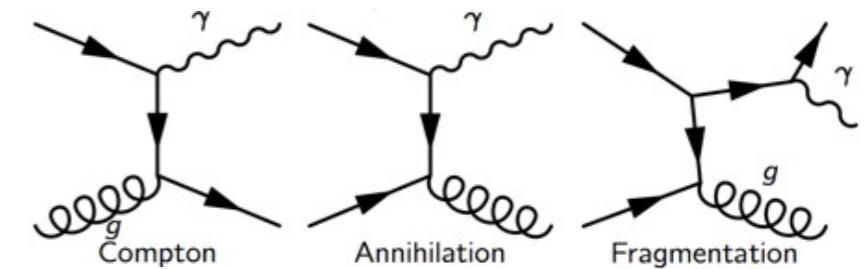
# Gluon: top pair production



- Most constraining is inclusion of  $y_t$  list from ATLAS and  $y_{\bar{t}t}$  from CMS jointly with total xsec
- Competitive reduction of gluon uncertainty with jets measurement
- Slight tension between ATLAS and CMS in NNPDF3.1 ( $\chi^2_{\text{ATLAS}} \sim 1.6$ ,  $\chi^2_{\text{CMS}} \sim 0.9$ )

# Gluon: direct photon production

- Prompt photon production directly sensitive to the gluon-quark luminosity via Compton scattering
- Isolated prompt photon data known at NNLO [Campbell et al 1612.04333] and accurately measured by ATLAS



Campbell et al 1802.03021

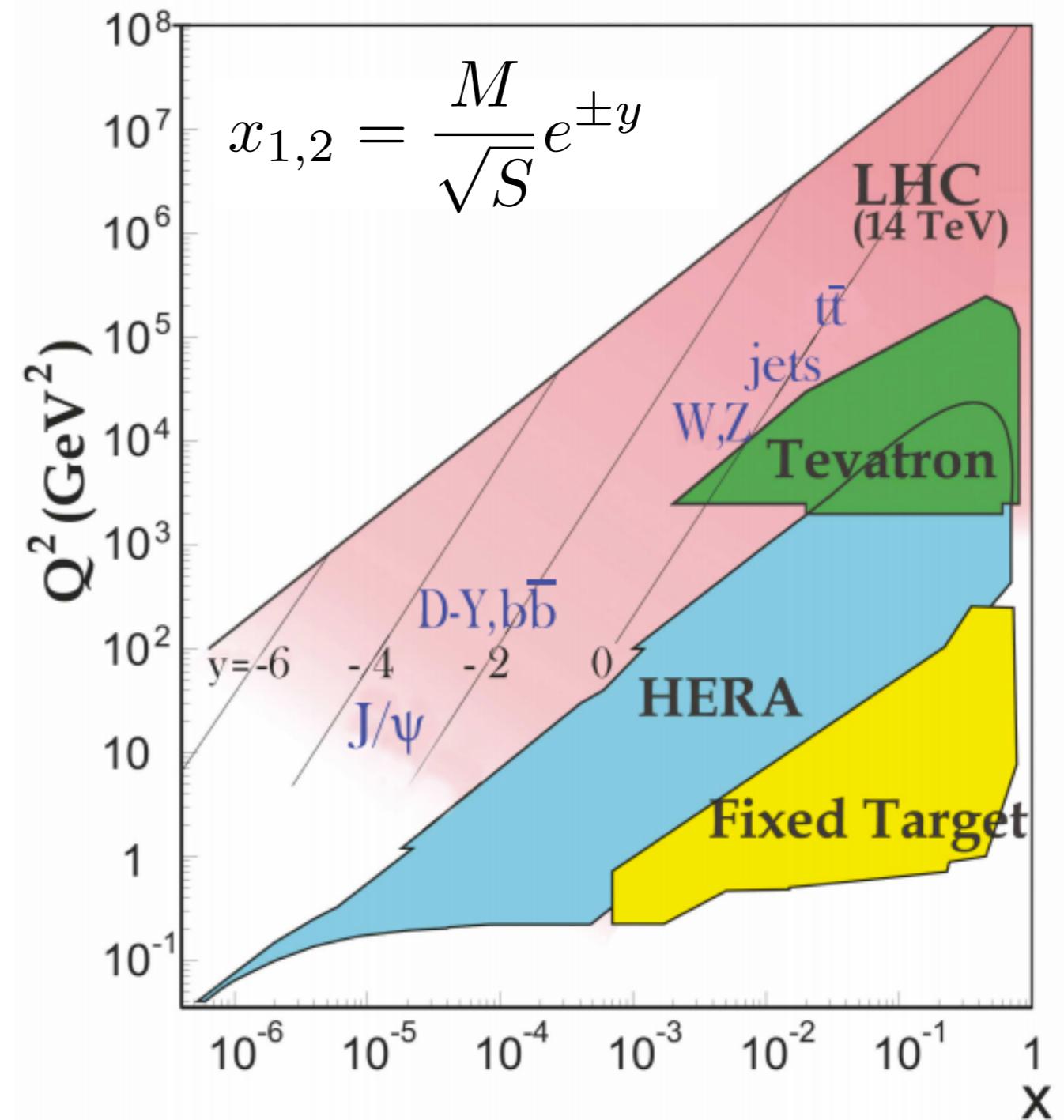
# To summarise

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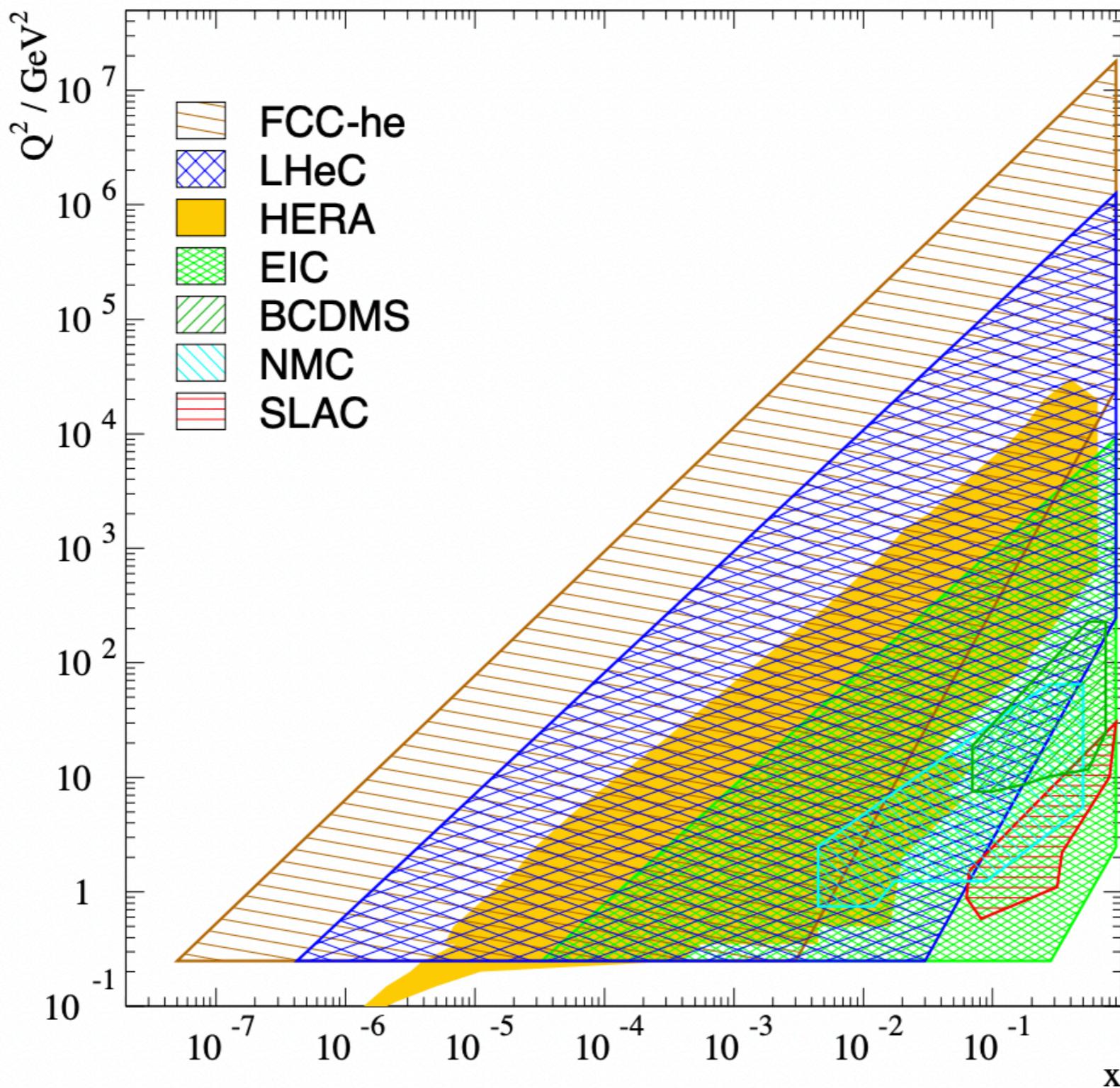
- { Inclusive jets and dijets  
**(medium/large x)**
- Isolated photon and  $\gamma$ +jets  
**(medium/large x)**
- Top pair production **(large x)**
- High  $p_T$  V(+jets) distribution  
**(medium x)**

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- { High  $p_T$  V(+jets) ratios  
**(medium x)**
- W and Z production  
**(medium x)**
- Low and high mass Drell-Yan  
**(small and large x)**
- Wc **(strangeness at medium x)**



# Looking forward

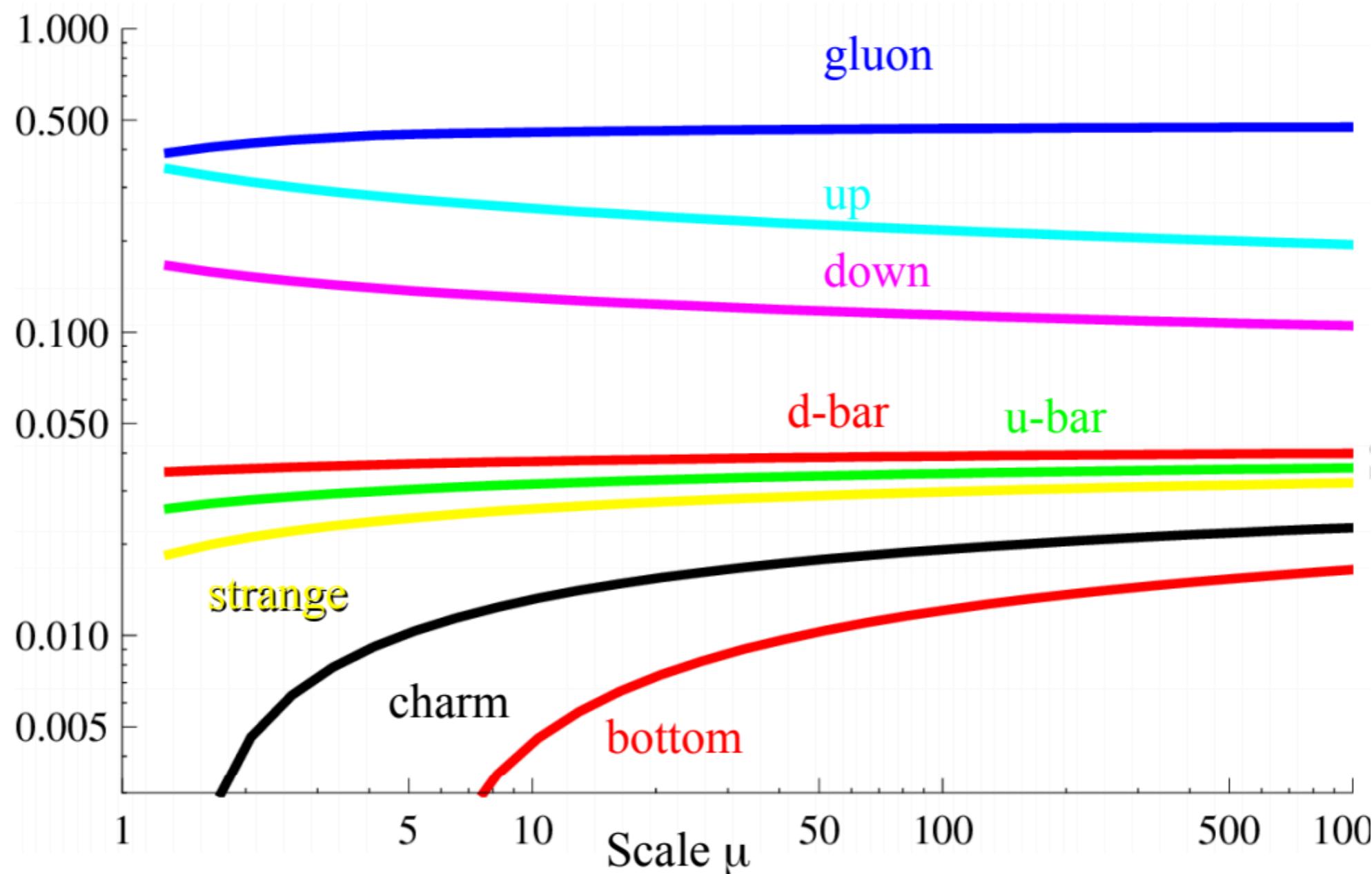


# Wrap-up

- The structure of the proton has been a crucial ingredient to test and verify perturbative QCD and it is now key to the precision challenge that we are facing at the LHC
- Today's lecture
  - ✓ QCD - Improved parton model
  - ✓ DGLAP evolution equations
  - ✓ Collinear Factorisation Theorem
  - ✓ Ingredients in a PDF determination
  - ✓ Experimental input

# DGLAP evolution equations

[F. Olness, CTEQ school 2017](#)



# Parton Luminosities

- A quick and easy way to assess the mass and the collider dependence of production cross sections at hadron-hadron colliders is to use Parton Luminosities
- At leading order in QCD (parton model)

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = C_X \delta(x_a x_b S - M^2)$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} = \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M^2) f_b(x_b, M^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}$$

- Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} &= C_X \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M^2) f_b(x_b, M^2) \delta(x_a x_b S - M^2) \\ &= \frac{C_X}{S} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ab}}{\partial \tau} \end{aligned}$$

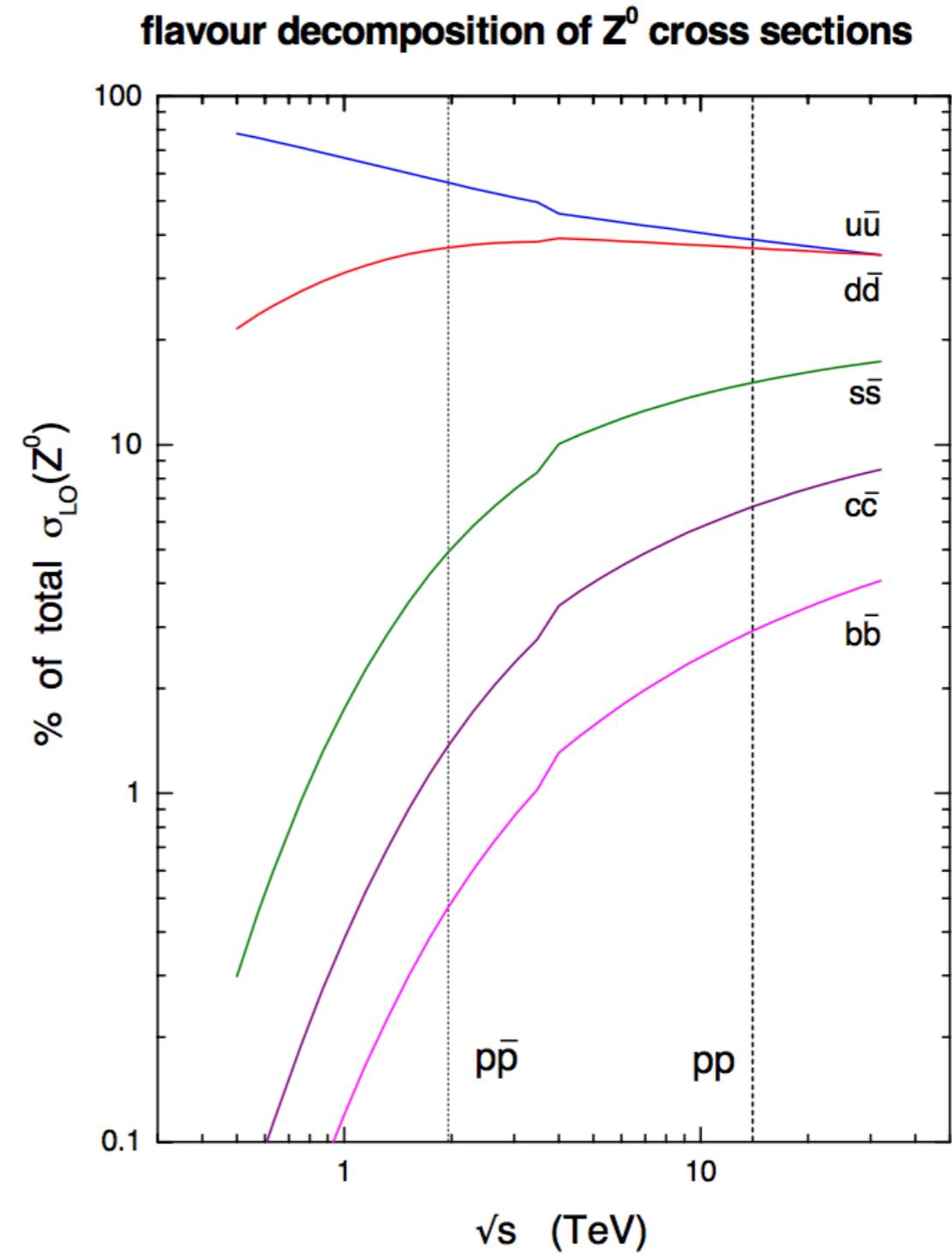
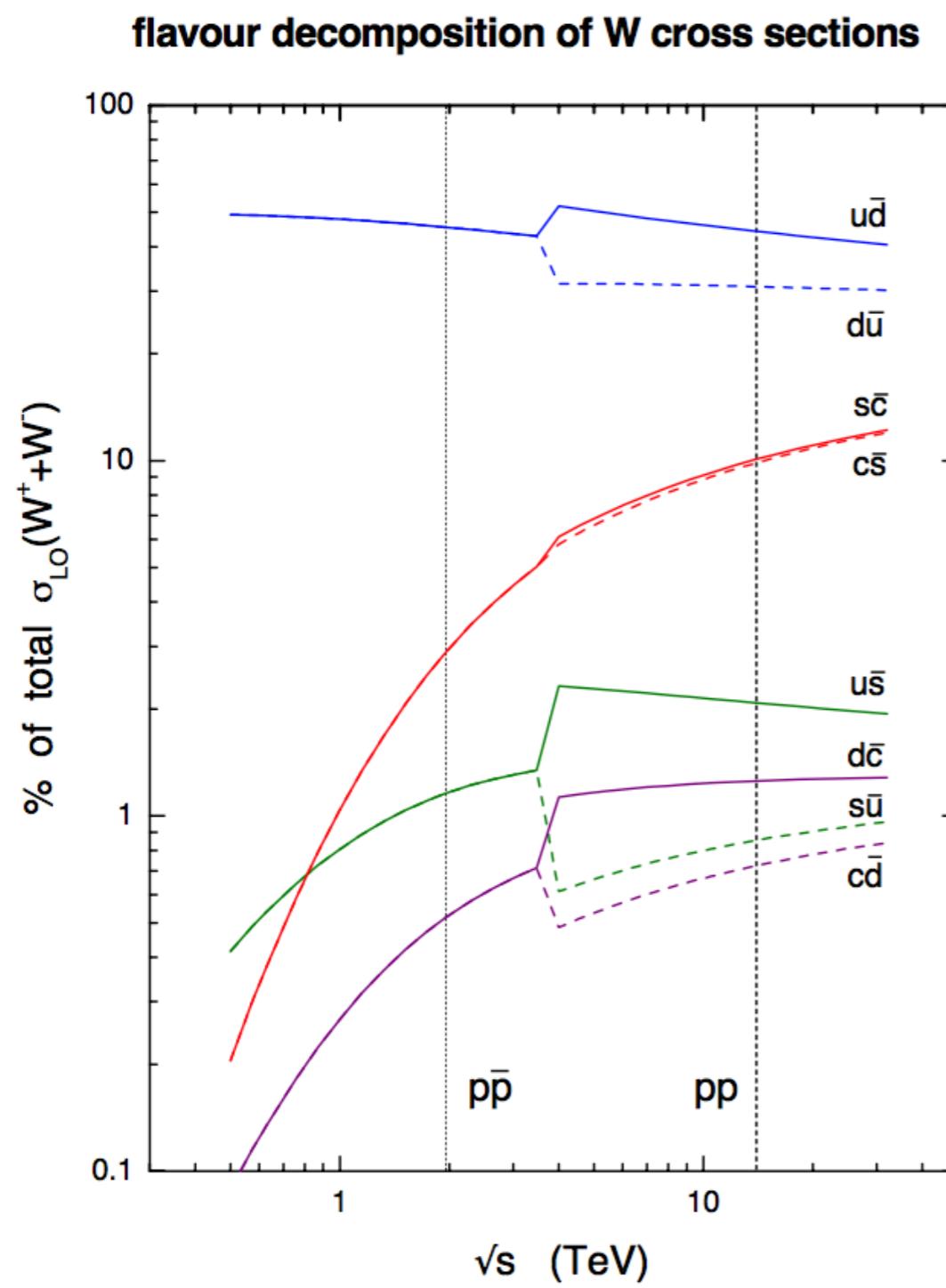
with

$$\tau = \frac{M^2}{\tau}$$

- Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{ab}(M^2) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ab}}{\partial \tau} \\ &= \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M^2) f_b(x_b, M^2) \delta(x_a x_b - \tau) \\ &= \frac{1}{S} \int_\tau^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_a(y, M^2) f_b\left(\frac{\tau}{y}, M^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

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