



Parton Distribution Functions and the LHC

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- introduction: parton distribution functions
- the MSTW* project
- implications for LHC physics

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deep inelastic scattering
and
parton distributions

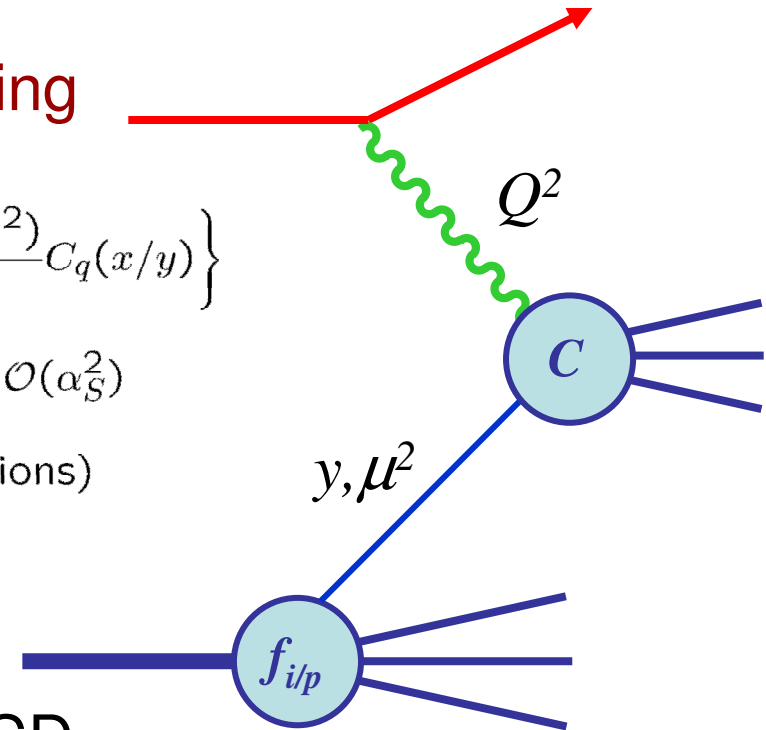
parton distribution functions

$$f_{i/A}(x, Q^2)$$

- introduced by **Feynman** (1969) in the *parton model*, to explain Bjorken scaling in deep inelastic scattering data; interpretation as probability distributions
- according to the QCD *factorisation theorem* for inclusive hard scattering processes, universal distributions containing long-distance structure of hadrons; related to parton model distributions at leading order, but with logarithmic scaling violations
- key ingredients for **Tevatron** and **LHC** phenomenology

for example, in **Deep Inelastic Scattering**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} F_2^{lp}(x, Q^2) &= x \sum_q e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} q(y, Q^2) \left\{ \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} C_q(x/y) \right\} \\ &+ x \sum_q e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g(y, Q^2) C_g(x/y) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2) \text{ (higher twist, mass corrections)} \end{aligned}$$



where the scale dependence of the parton distributions is calculable in QCD perturbation theory

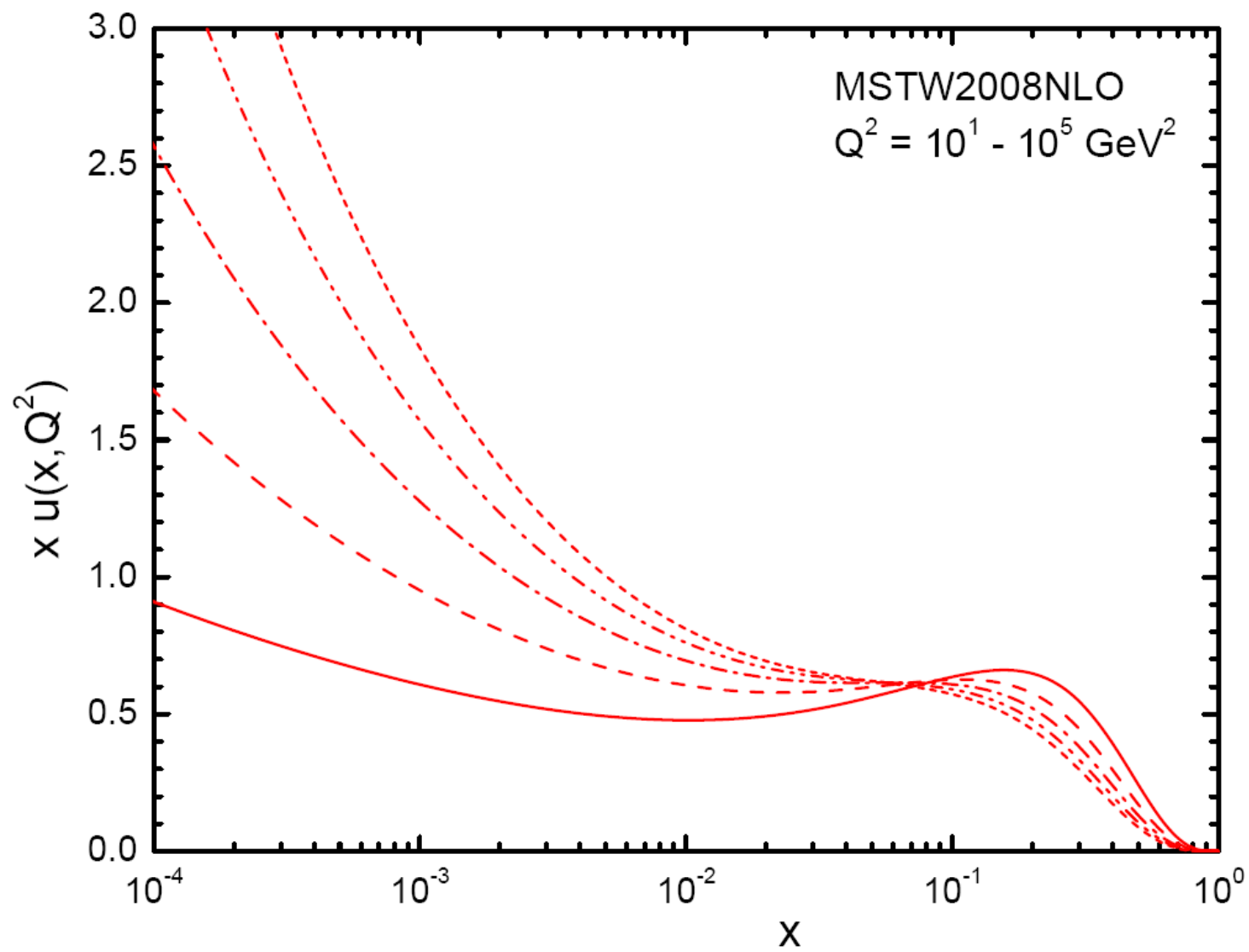
$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} f_i(x, \mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_j(y, \mu^2) P_{ij}(x/y, \alpha_S(\mu^2))$$

... and $f_i(x, \mu_0^2)$ determined from

- lattice QCD
- fits to data



Dokshitzer
Gribov
Lipatov
Altarelli
Parisi



beyond leading order in pQCD:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{1972-77} & \boxed{1977-80} & \boxed{2004} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ P(x, \alpha_S) = P^{(0)}(x) + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi}\right) P^{(1)}(x) + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi}\right)^2 P^{(2)}(x) + \dots \end{array}$$

the 2004 calculation of the complete set of $P^{(2)}$ splitting functions by **Moch, Vermaseren and Vogt** completes the calculational tools for a consistent NNLO (massless) pQCD treatment of lepton-hadron and hadron-hadron collider hard-scattering cross sections

Note:

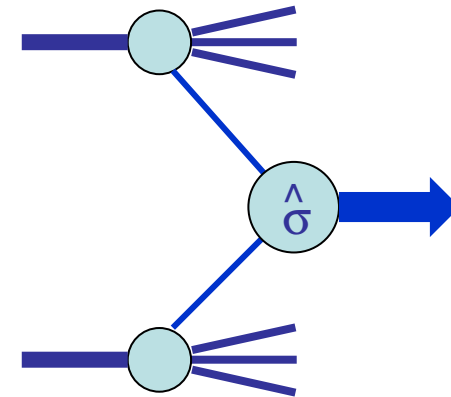
- f_i^{LO} , f_i^{NLO} and f_i^{NNLO} are different quantities!
- beyond LO, they depend on the factorisation prescription (e.g. $\overline{\text{MS}}$)

and in hadron-hadron collisions

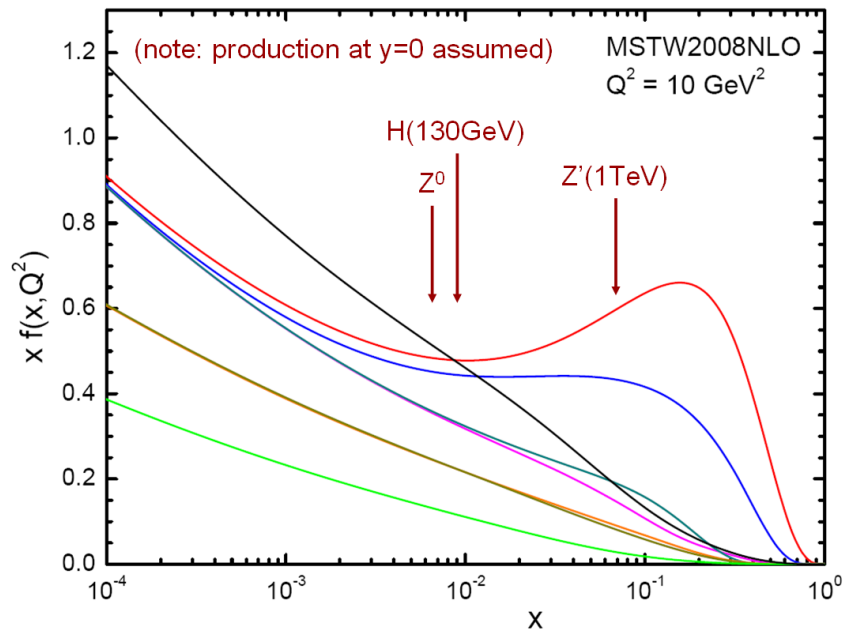
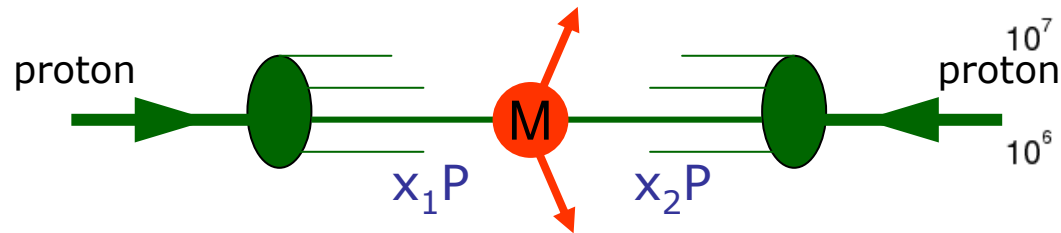
$$\sigma^{pp \rightarrow X + \dots} = \sum_{ij} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \\ \times \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X + \dots} \left(x_1, x_2, \{p_i^\mu\}, \alpha_S(\mu_R^2), \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2} \right)$$

Collins
Soper
Sterman
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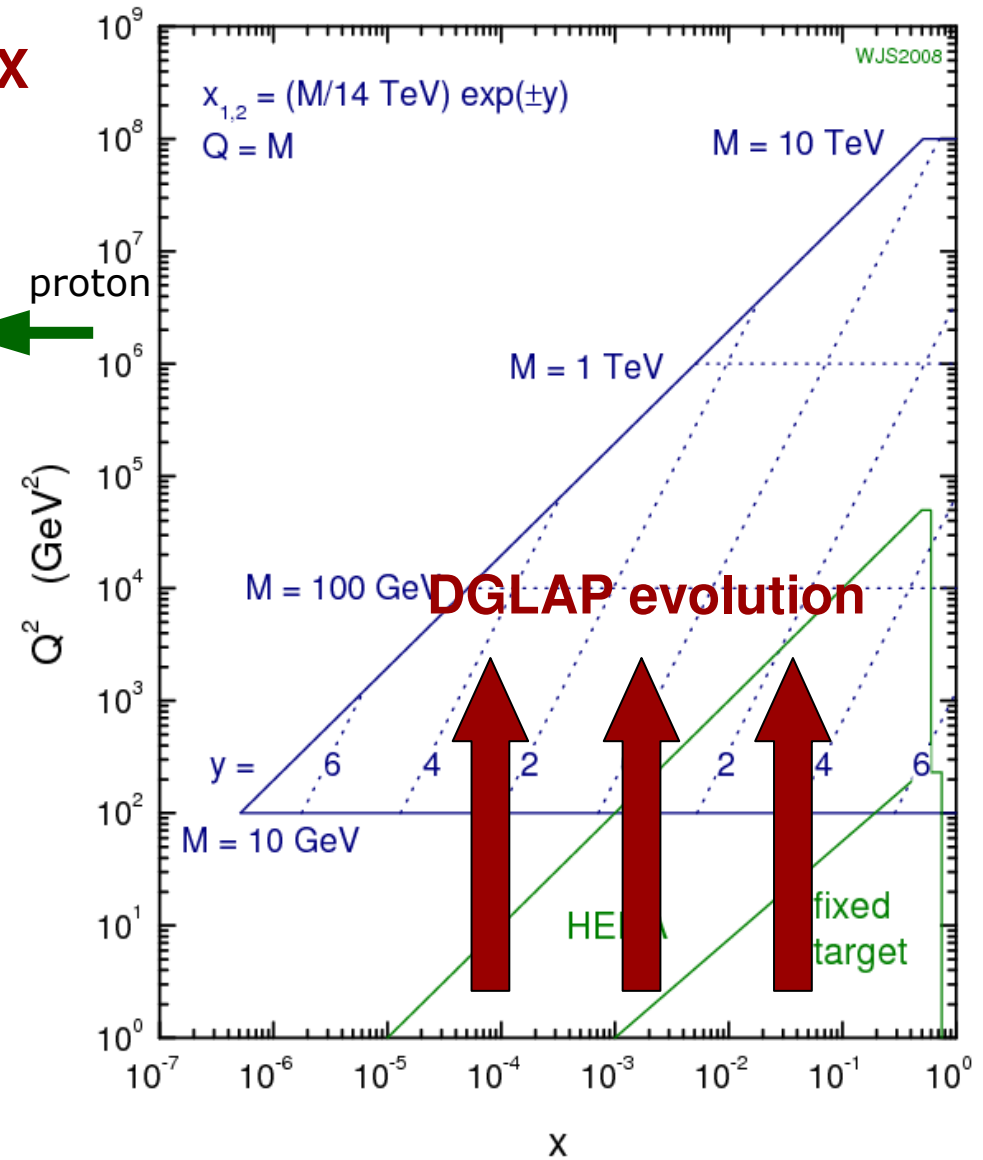
where Q is the 'hard scale' (e.g. = M_X), usually $\mu_F, \mu_R = cQ$, and $\hat{\sigma}$ is known to fixed order in pQCD (sometimes with additional resummed large log corrections, QED corrections, ...)



momentum fractions x_1 and x_2
determined by mass and rapidity of X



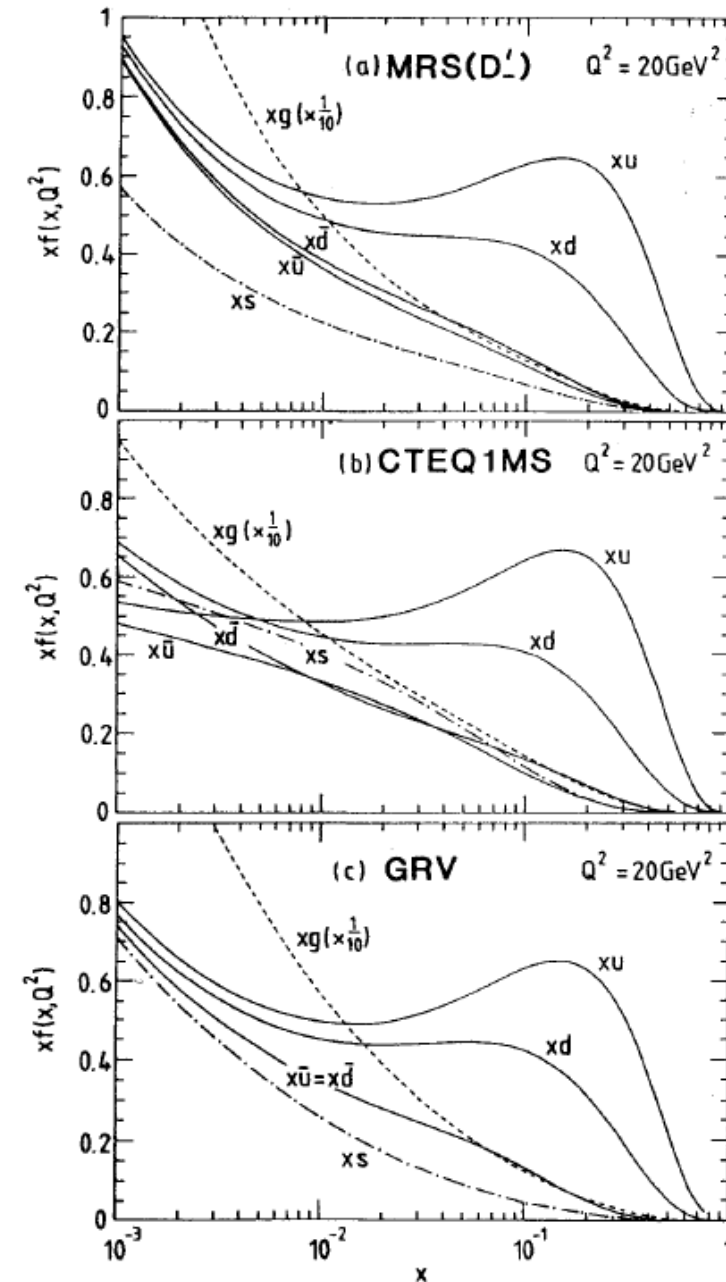
LHC parton kinematics



pdfs in 1993

	μ -DIS	ν -DIS	Prompt γ	D-Yan	W, Z
MRS '88	EMC + ..	CDHSW	AFS(+ J/ψ)	-	-
DFLM '88	(EMC + ..)	CHARM + ..	-	E288 + ..	-
ABFOW '89	BCDMS	-	WA70	-	-
HMRS '90	EMC BCDMS NMC(n/p)	CDHSW	WA70	E605	-
MT '90	EMC BCDMS	CDHSW	-	E288 E605	-
KMRS '90 (sets B_0, B_-)	BCDMS NMC(n/p)	CDHSW	WA70	E605	-
MRS (Apr '92) (sets D_0, D_-)	BCDMS NMC(p, n) [†]	CDHSW CCFR [†]	WA70	E605	(UA2, CDF)
MRS (Nov '92) (sets D'_0, D'_-)	BCDMS NMC(p, n)	CCFR	WA70	E605	(UA2, CDF)
CTEQ ('93) ...	BCDMS NMC(p, n)	CCFR	WA70 E706, UA6	E605	

MRS, DIS93, Durham

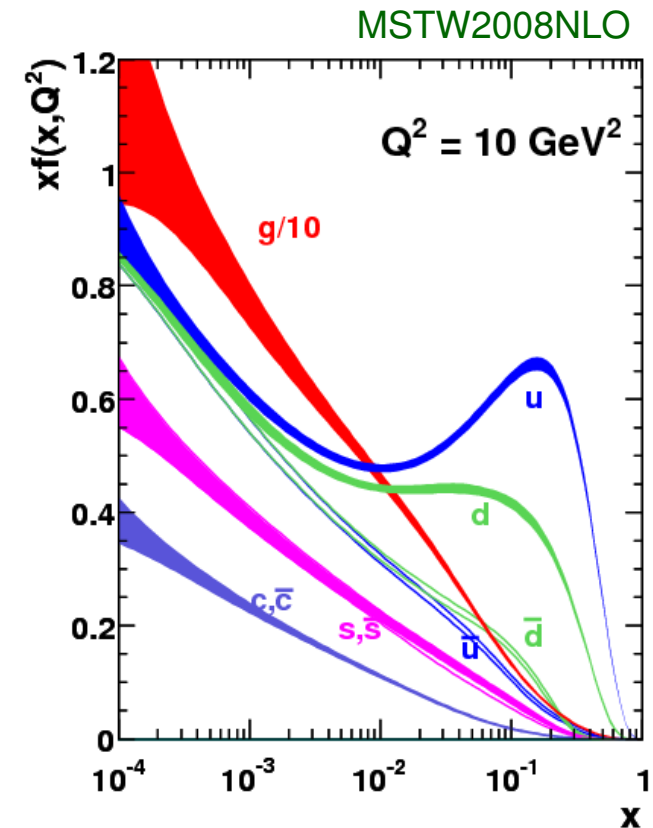


pdfs in 2009

Data set	$N_{\text{pts.}}$
H1 MB 99 e^+p NC	8
H1 MB 97 e^+p NC	64
H1 low Q^2 96–97 e^+p NC	80
H1 high Q^2 98–99 e^-p NC	126
H1 high Q^2 99–00 e^+p NC	147
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ZEUS 96–97 e^+p NC	144
ZEUS 98–99 e^-p NC	92
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ZEUS 98–00 $e^\pm p$ incl. jets	30
DØ II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	110
CDF II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	76
CDF II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	22
DØ II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	10
DØ II Z rap.	28
CDF II Z rap.	29

Data set	$N_{\text{pts.}}$
BCDMS $\mu p F_2$	163
BCDMS $\mu d F_2$	151
NMC $\mu p F_2$	123
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NMC $\mu n/\mu p$	148
E665 $\mu p F_2$	53
E665 $\mu d F_2$	53
SLAC $ep F_2$	37
SLAC $ed F_2$	38
NMC/BCDMS/SLAC F_L	31
E866/NuSea pp DY	184
E866/NuSea pd/pp DY	15
NuTeV $\nu N F_2$	53
CHORUS $\nu N F_2$	42
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CHORUS $\nu N xF_3$	33
CCFR $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	86
NuTeV $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	84
All data sets	2743

• Red = New w.r.t. MRST 2006 fit.



how pdfs are obtained

- choose a factorisation scheme (e.g. MSbar), an order in perturbation theory (LO, NLO, NNLO) and a ‘starting scale’ Q_0 where pQCD applies (e.g. 1-2 GeV)
- parametrise the quark and gluon distributions at Q_0 , e.g.

$$f_i(x, Q_0^2) = A_i x^{a_i} [1 + b_i \sqrt{x} + c_i x] (1 - x)^{d_i}$$

- solve DGLAP equations to obtain the pdfs at any x and scale $Q > Q_0$; fit data for parameters $\{A_i, a_i, \dots, \alpha_S\}$
- approximate the exact solutions (e.g. interpolation grids, expansions in polynomials etc) for ease of use; thus the output ‘global fits’ are available ‘off the shelf”, e.g.

SUBROUTINE PDF (X, Q, U, UBAR, D, DBAR, ..., BBAR, GLU)

input |

output

the pdf industry

- many groups now extracting pdfs from ‘global’ data analyses (MSTW, CTEQ, NNPDF, HERAPDF, ABKM, GJR, ...)
- broad agreement, but differences due to
 - choice of data sets (including cuts and corrections)
 - treatment of data errors
 - treatment of heavy quarks (s,c,b)
 - order of perturbation theory
 - parameterisation at Q_0
 - theoretical assumptions (if any) about:
 - flavour symmetries
 - $x \rightarrow 0, 1$ behaviour
 - ...

DIS
Drell-Yan
Tevatron jets
Tevatron W,Z
other

recent global fits

ABKM (Alekhin, Blumlein, Klein, Moch): global (DIS + DY) NNLO fits in FFNS, BMSN-VFNS [arXiv:0908.2766]

CTEQ (Nadolsky et al): global LO, NLO VFNS fit [arXiv:0802.0007]

GJR (Jimenez-Delgado, Reya): global (DIS + DY) NLO, NNLO FFNS, VFNS fits [arXiv:0909.1711]

HERAPDF (H1+ZEUS): NLO VFNS fit to DIS data [arXiv:0906.1108]

MSTW (Martin, Stirling, Thorne, Watt): global LO, NLO and NNLO VFNS fits [arXiv:0901.0002]

NNPDF (Ball et al): NLO VFNS fit to DIS data using neural net technology to avoid parameterisation dependence [arXiv:0906.1958]

+ older fits

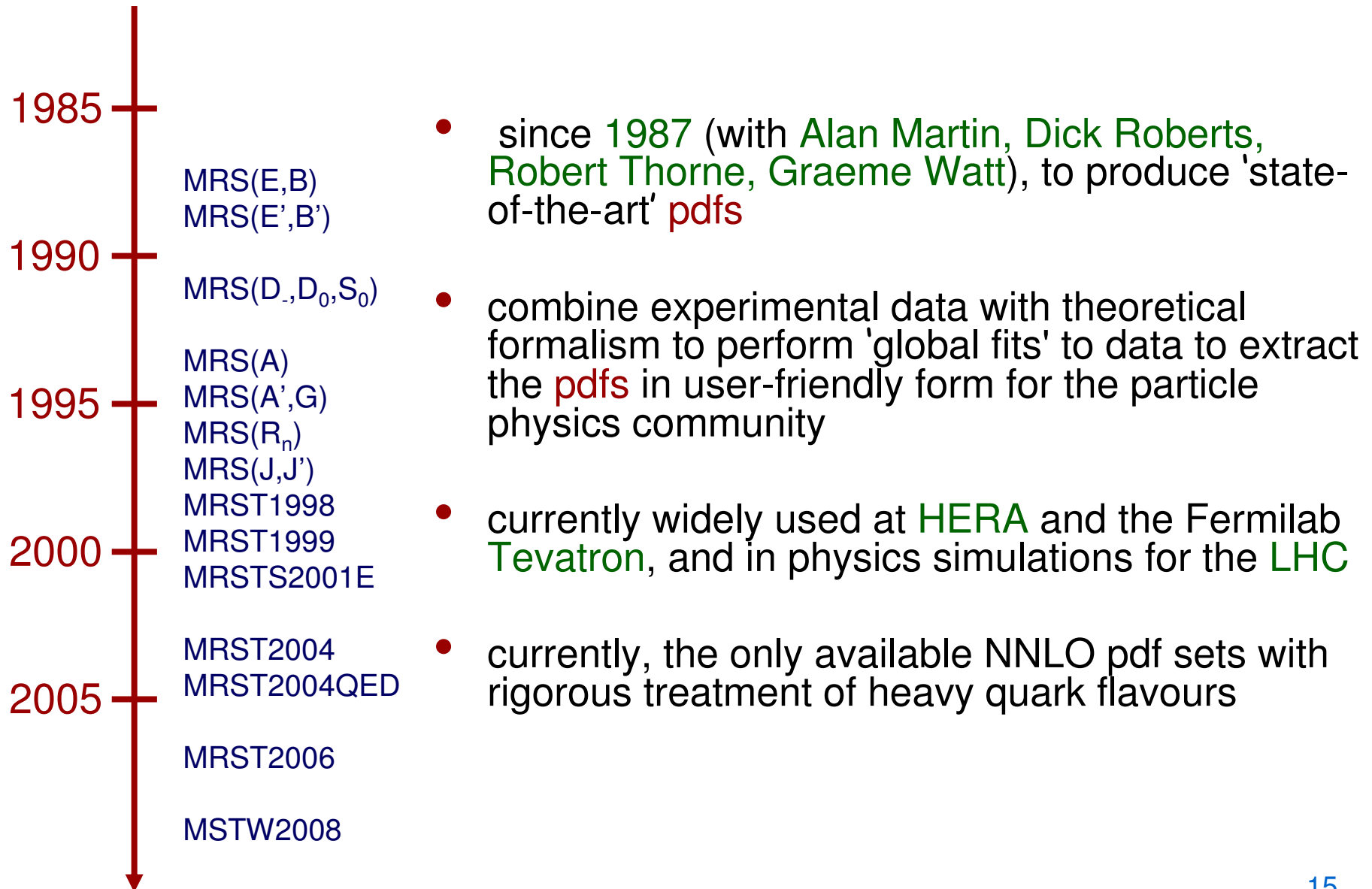
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MSTW*

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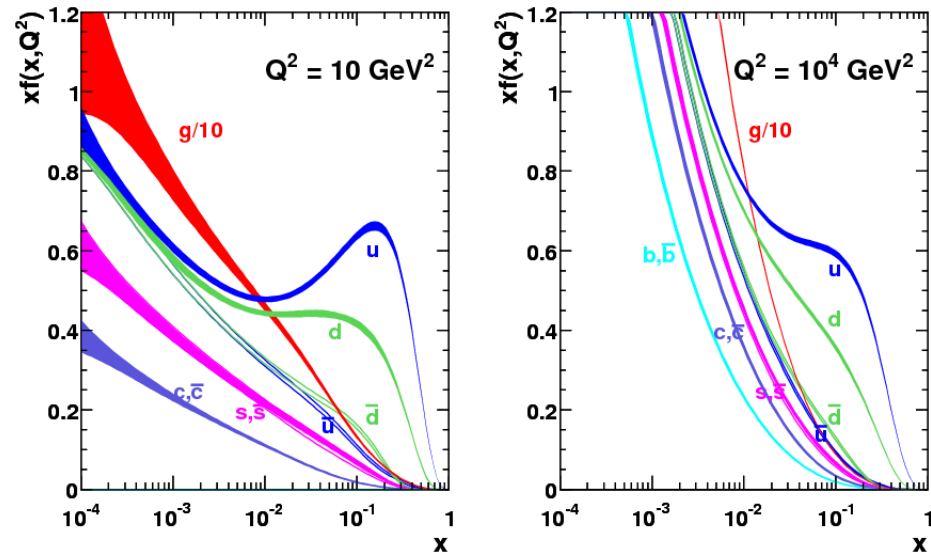
the MRS/MRST/MSTW project



MSTW 2008

MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)

- supersedes MRST sets
- new data (see next slide)
- new theory/infrastructure



- δf_i from new dynamic tolerance method: 68%cl (1σ) and 90%cl (cf. MRST) sets available
- new definition of α_s (no more Λ_{QCD})
- new GM-VFNS for c, b (see Martin et al., arXiv:0706.0459)
- new fitting codes: FEWZ, VRAP, fastNLO
- new grids: denser, broader coverage
- slightly extended parametrisation at Q_0^2 : 34-4=30 free parameters including α_s

code, text and figures available at:
<http://projects.hepforge.org/mstwpdf/>

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values of χ^2/N_{pts} for the data sets included in the MSTW2008 global fits

Data set	LO	NLO	NNLO
BCDMS $\mu p F_2$ [32]	165 / 153	182 / 163	170 / 163
BCDMS $\mu d F_2$ [102]	162 / 142	190 / 151	188 / 151
NMC $\mu p F_2$ [33]	137 / 115	121 / 123	115 / 123
NMC $\mu d F_2$ [33]	120 / 115	102 / 123	93 / 123
NMC $\mu n/\mu p$ [103]	131 / 137	130 / 148	135 / 148
E665 $\mu p F_2$ [104]	59 / 53	57 / 53	63 / 53
E665 $\mu d F_2$ [104]	49 / 53	53 / 53	63 / 53
SLAC $ep F_2$ [105, 106]	24 / 18	30 / 37	31 / 37
SLAC $ed F_2$ [105, 106]	12 / 18	30 / 38	26 / 38
NMC/BCDMS/SLAC F_L [32–34]	28 / 24	38 / 31	32 / 31
E866/NuSea pp DY [107]	239 / 184	228 / 184	237 / 184
E866/NuSea pd/pp DY [108]	14 / 15	14 / 15	14 / 15
NuTeV $\nu N F_2$ [37]	49 / 49	49 / 53	46 / 53
CHORUS $\nu N F_2$ [38]	21 / 37	26 / 42	29 / 42
NuTeV $\nu N xF_3$ [37]	62 / 45	40 / 45	34 / 45
CHORUS $\nu N xF_3$ [38]	44 / 33	31 / 33	26 / 33
CCFR $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$ [39]	63 / 86	66 / 86	69 / 86
NuTeV $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$ [39]	44 / 40	39 / 40	45 / 40
H1 MB 99 e^+p NC [31]	9 / 8	9 / 8	7 / 8
H1 MB 97 e^+p NC [109]	46 / 64	42 / 64	51 / 64
H1 low Q^2 96–97 e^+p NC [109]	54 / 80	44 / 80	45 / 80
H1 high Q^2 98–99 e^-p NC [110]	134 / 126	122 / 126	124 / 126
H1 high Q^2 99–00 e^+p NC [35]	153 / 147	131 / 147	133 / 147
ZEUS SVX 95 e^+p NC [111]	35 / 30	35 / 30	35 / 30
ZEUS 96–97 e^+p NC [112]	118 / 144	86 / 144	86 / 144
ZEUS 98–99 e^-p NC [113]	61 / 92	54 / 92	54 / 92
ZEUS 99–00 e^+p NC [114]	75 / 90	63 / 90	65 / 90
H1 99–00 e^+p CC [35]	28 / 28	29 / 28	29 / 28
ZEUS 99–00 e^+p CC [36]	36 / 30	38 / 30	37 / 30
H1/ZEUS ep F_2^{charm} [41–47]	110 / 83	107 / 83	95 / 83
H1 99–00 e^+p incl. jets [59]	109 / 24	19 / 24	—
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ZEUS 98–00 $e^\pm p$ incl. jets [58]	102 / 30	17 / 30	—
DØ II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets [56]	193 / 110	114 / 110	123 / 110
CDF II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets [54]	143 / 76	56 / 76	54 / 76
CDF II $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ asym. [48]	50 / 22	29 / 22	30 / 22
DØ II $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ asym. [49]	23 / 10	25 / 10	25 / 10
DØ II Z rap. [53]	25 / 28	19 / 28	17 / 28
CDF II Z rap. [52]	52 / 29	49 / 29	50 / 29
All data sets	3066 / 2598	2543 / 2699	2480 / 2615

MSTW input parametrisation

At input scale $Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$:

$$xu_v = A_u x^{\eta_1} (1-x)^{\eta_2} (1 + \epsilon_u \sqrt{x} + \gamma_u x)$$

$$xd_v = A_d x^{\eta_3} (1-x)^{\eta_4} (1 + \epsilon_d \sqrt{x} + \gamma_d x)$$

$$xS = A_S x^{\delta_S} (1-x)^{\eta_S} (1 + \epsilon_S \sqrt{x} + \gamma_S x)$$

$$x\bar{d} - x\bar{u} = A_\Delta x^{\eta_\Delta} (1-x)^{\eta_S+2} (1 + \gamma_\Delta x + \delta_\Delta x^2)$$

$$xg = A_g x^{\delta_g} (1-x)^{\eta_g} (1 + \epsilon_g \sqrt{x} + \gamma_g x) + A_{g'} x^{\delta_{g'}} (1-x)^{\eta_{g'}}$$

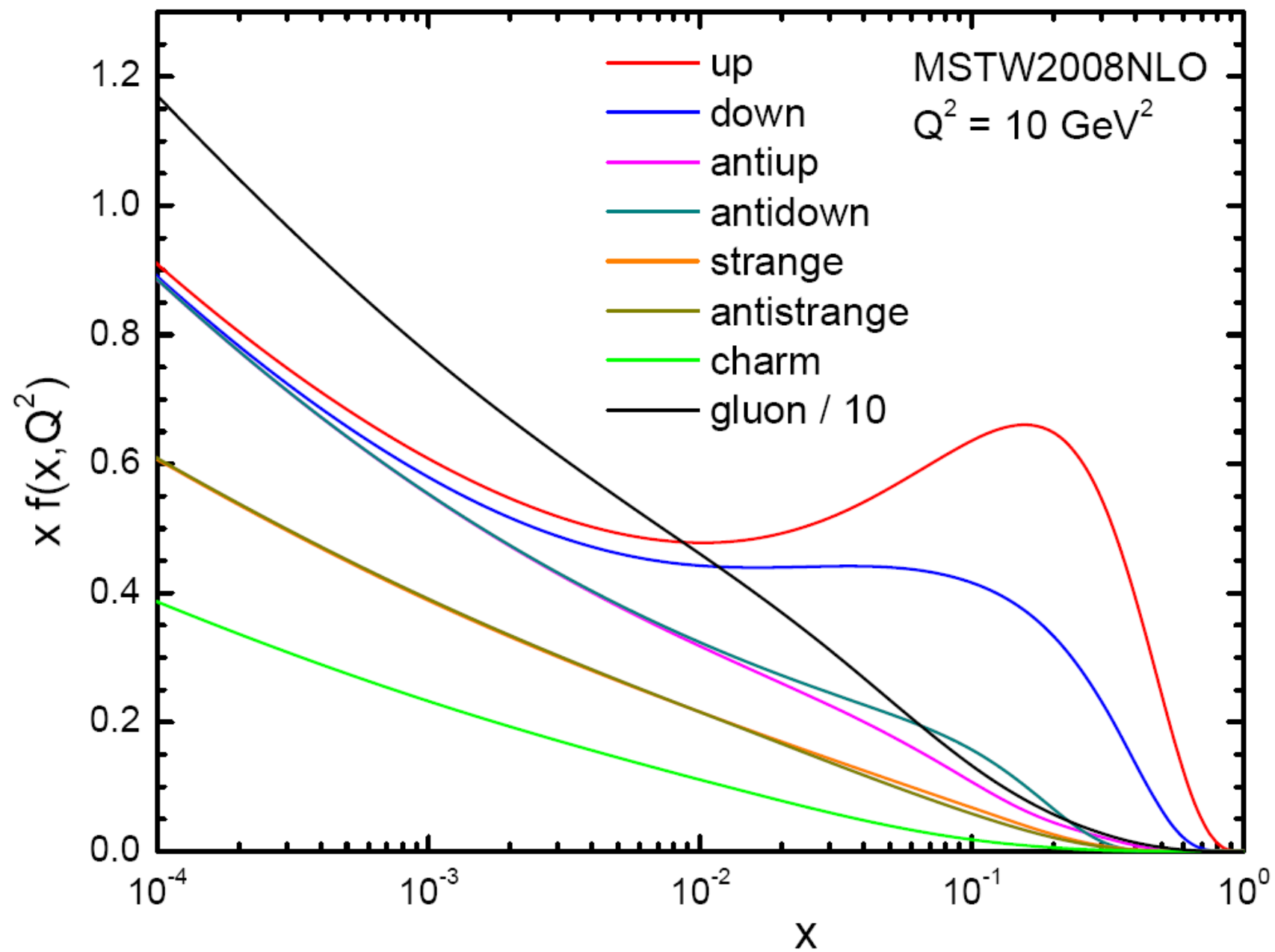
$$xS + x\bar{S} = A_+ x^{\delta_S} (1-x)^{\eta_+} (1 + \epsilon_S \sqrt{x} + \gamma_S x)$$

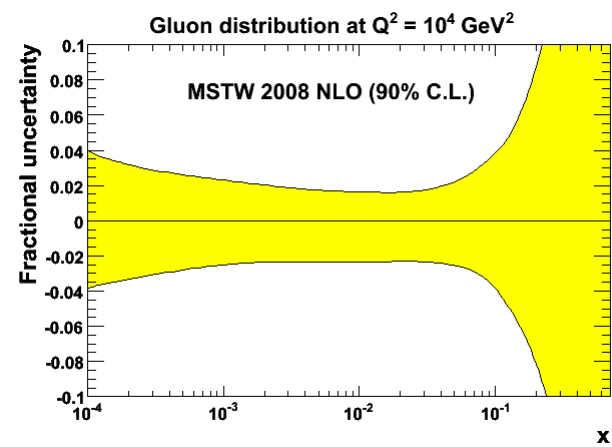
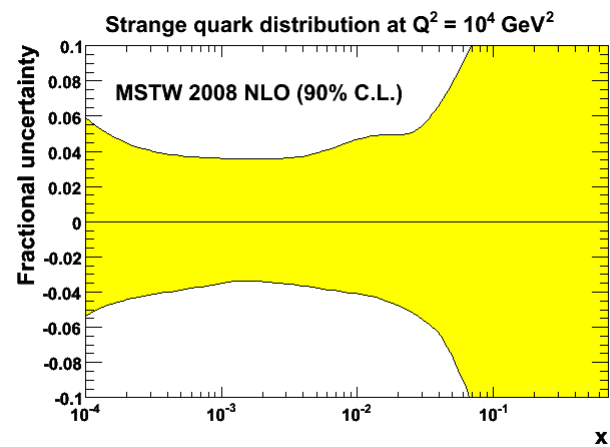
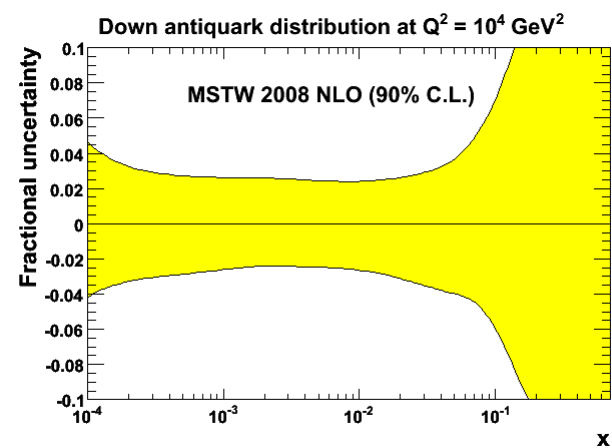
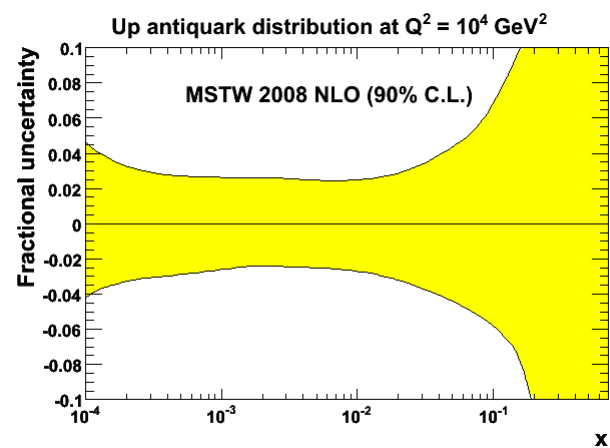
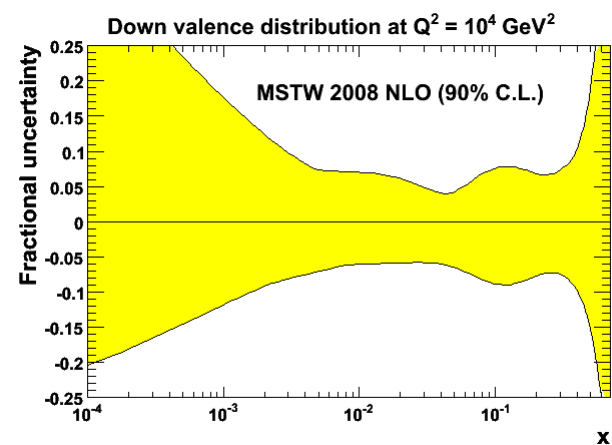
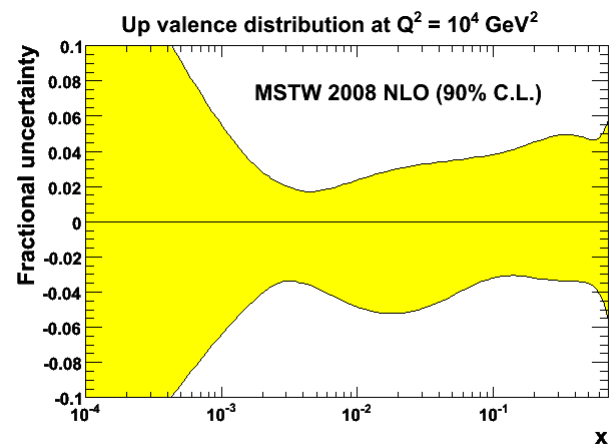
$$xS - x\bar{S} = A_- x^{\delta_-} (1-x)^{\eta_-} (1 - x/x_0)$$

Note: 20 parameters allowed to go free for eigenvector PDF sets, *cf.* 15 for MRST sets

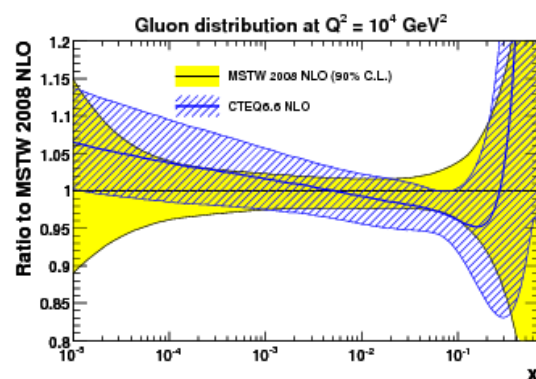
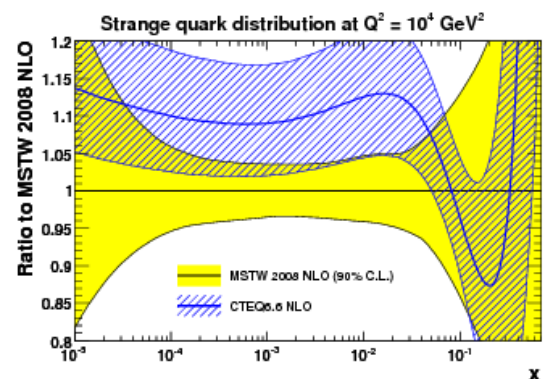
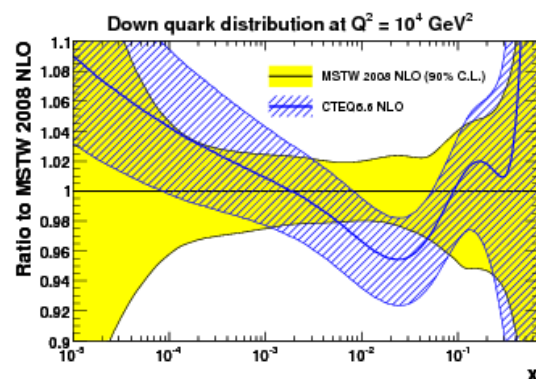
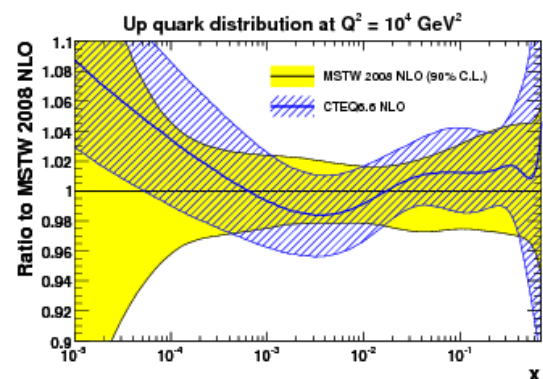
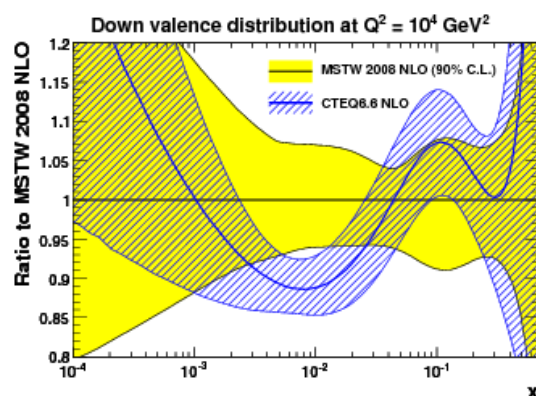
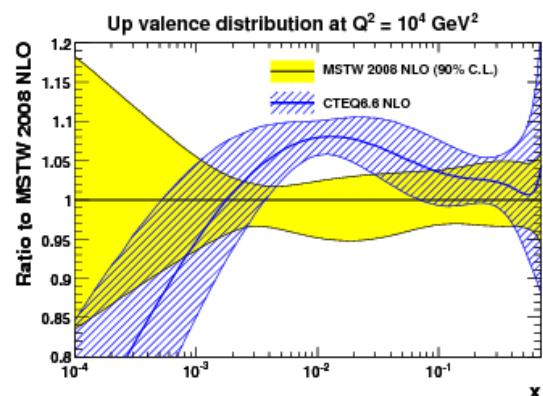
which data sets determine which partons?

Process	Subprocess	Partons	x range
$\ell^\pm \{p, n\} \rightarrow \ell^\pm X$	$\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$	$q, \bar{q}, g$	$x \gtrsim 0.01$
$\ell^\pm n/p \rightarrow \ell^\pm X$	$\gamma^* d/u \rightarrow d/u$	d/u	$x \gtrsim 0.01$
$pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	$u\bar{u}, d\bar{d} \rightarrow \gamma^*$	$\bar{q}$	$0.015 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.35$
$pn/pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	$(u\bar{d})/(u\bar{u}) \rightarrow \gamma^*$	$\bar{d}/\bar{u}$	$0.015 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.35$
$\nu(\bar{\nu}) N \rightarrow \mu^-(\mu^+) X$	$W^* q \rightarrow q'$	$q, \bar{q}$	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$
$\nu N \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ X$	$W^* s \rightarrow c$	s	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$
$\bar{\nu} N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	$W^* \bar{s} \rightarrow \bar{c}$	$\bar{s}$	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$
$e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm X$	$\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$	$g, q, \bar{q}$	$0.0001 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$
$e^+ p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} X$	$W^+ \{d, s\} \rightarrow \{u, c\}$	d, s	$x \gtrsim 0.01$
$e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm c\bar{c} X$	$\gamma^* c \rightarrow c, \gamma^* g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	c, g	$0.0001 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.01$
$e^\pm p \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$	$\gamma^* g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	g	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$	$gg, qg, qq \rightarrow 2j$	g, q	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow (W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu) X$	$ud \rightarrow W, \bar{u}\bar{d} \rightarrow W$	$u, d, \bar{u}, \bar{d}$	$x \gtrsim 0.05$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) X$	$uu, dd \rightarrow Z$	d	$x \gtrsim 0.05$





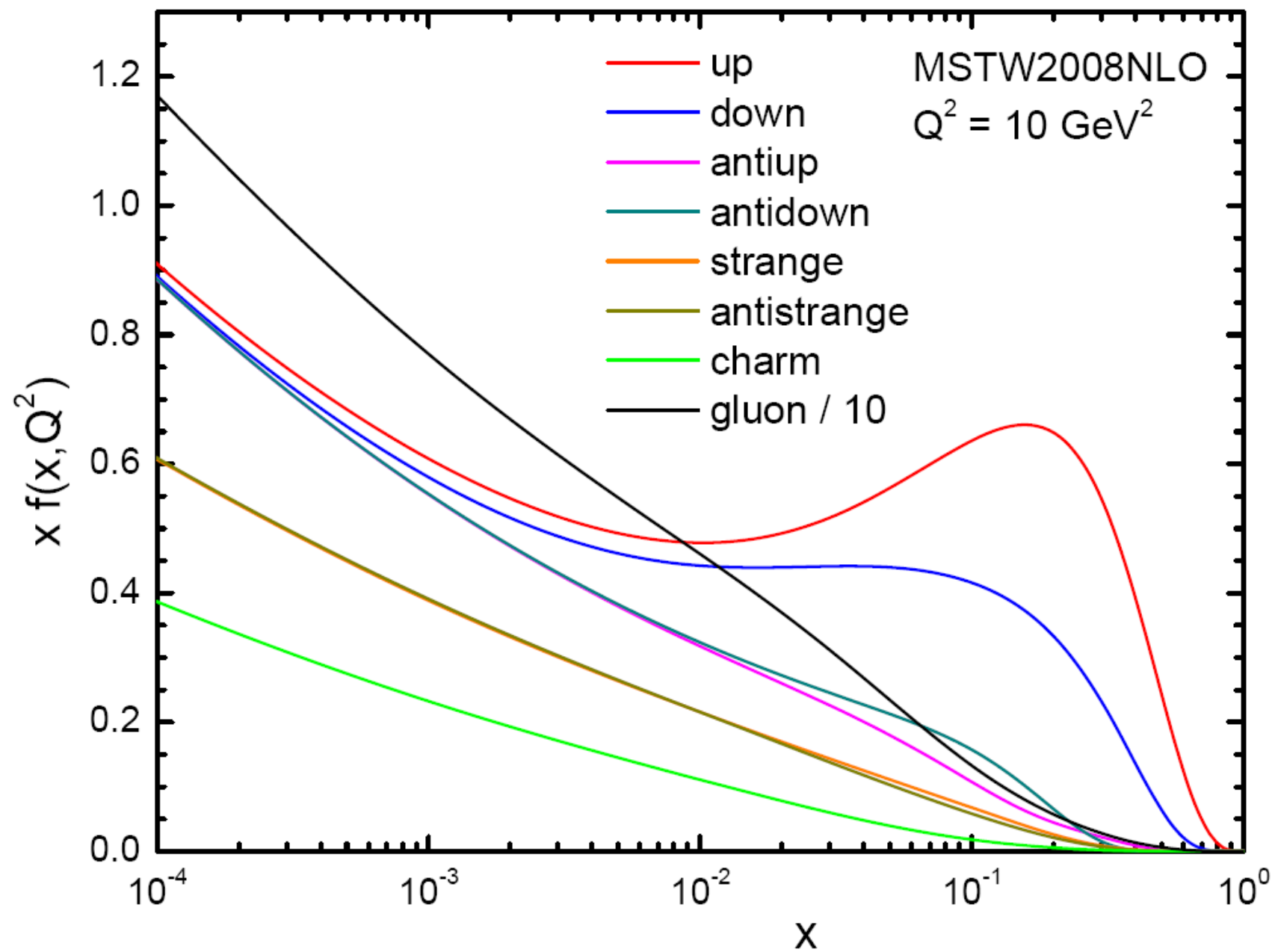
MSTW2008(NLO) vs. CTEQ6.6



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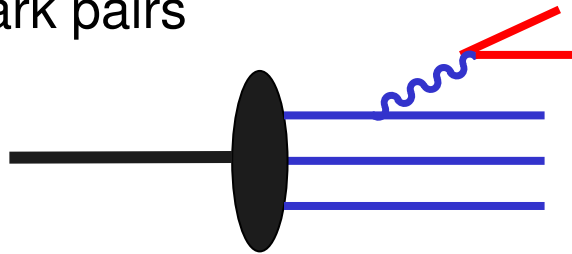
CTEQ error bands comparable with MSTW 90%cl set (different definition of tolerance)

CTEQ light quarks and gluons slightly larger at small x because of imposition of positivity on gluon at Q_0^2



the asymmetric sea

- the sea presumably arises when 'primordial' valence quarks emit gluons which in turn split into quark-antiquark pairs, with suppressed splitting into heavier quark pairs

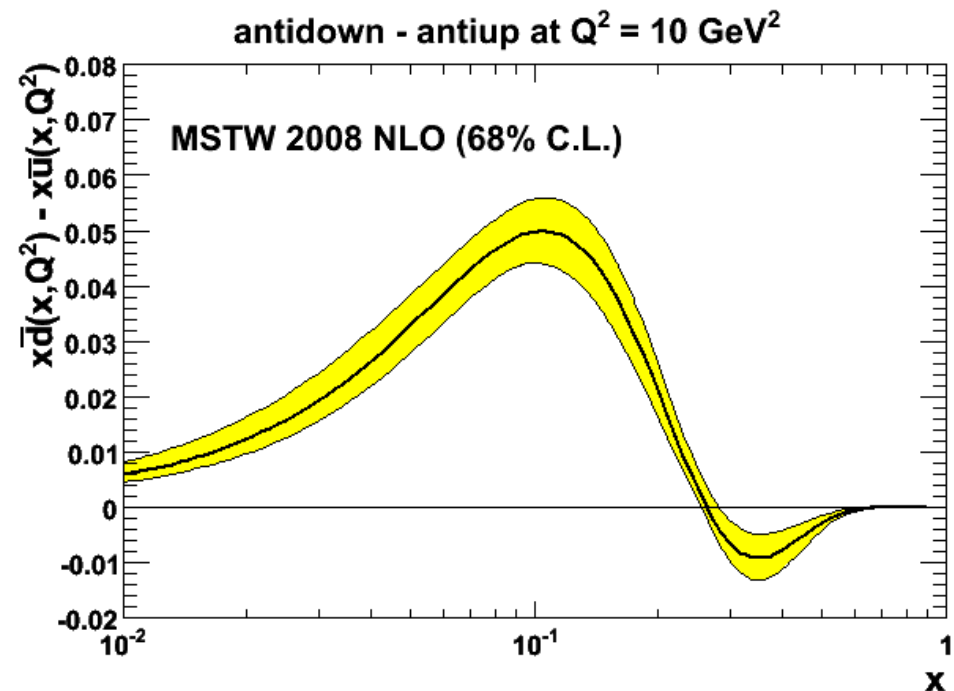


- so we naively expect

$$\bar{u} \approx \bar{d} > \bar{s} > \bar{c} > \dots$$

- but why such a big d-u asymmetry? Meson cloud, Pauli exclusion, ...?

The ratio of Drell-Yan cross sections for $pp, pn \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X$ provides a measure of the difference between the u and d sea quark distributions



strange

earliest pdf fits had SU(3) symmetry: $s(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{u}(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{d}(x, Q_0^2)$

later relaxed to include (constant) strange suppression (cf. fragmentation):

$$s(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) = \frac{\kappa}{2} [\bar{u}(x, Q_0^2) + \bar{d}(x, Q_0^2)]$$

with $\kappa = 0.4 - 0.5$

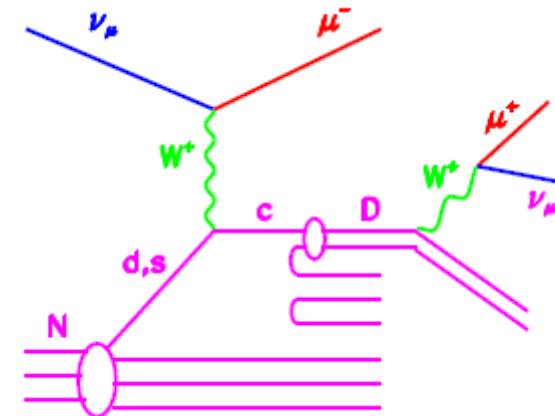
nowadays, **dimuon production in νN DIS** (CCFR, NuTeV) allows ‘direct’ determination:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dxdy}(\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu)N \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-X) = B_c \mathcal{N}\mathcal{A} \frac{d\sigma}{dxdy}(\nu_\mu s(\bar{\nu}_\mu \bar{s}) \rightarrow c\mu^-(\bar{c}\mu^+)X)$$

in the range $0.01 < x < 0.4$

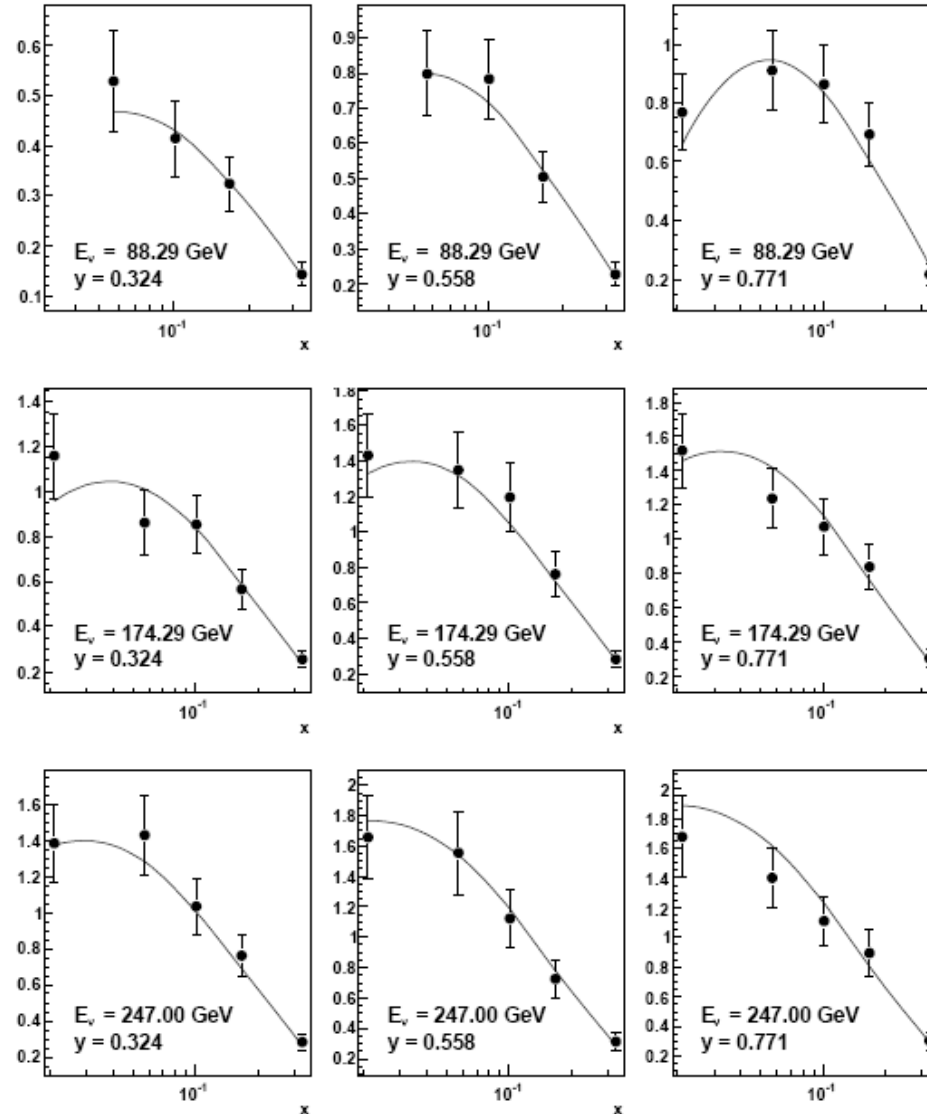
data seem to prefer $s(x, Q_0^2) - \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) \neq 0$

theoretical explanation?!

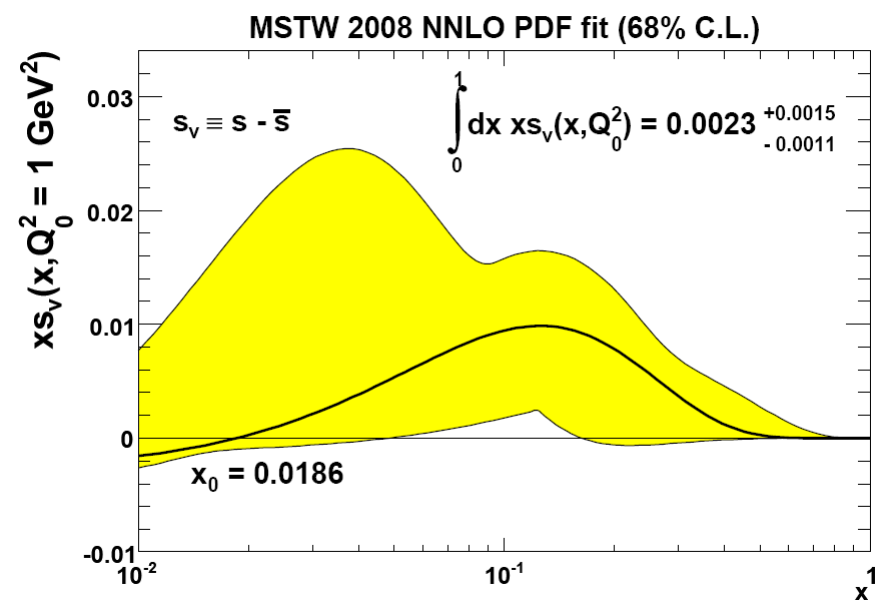
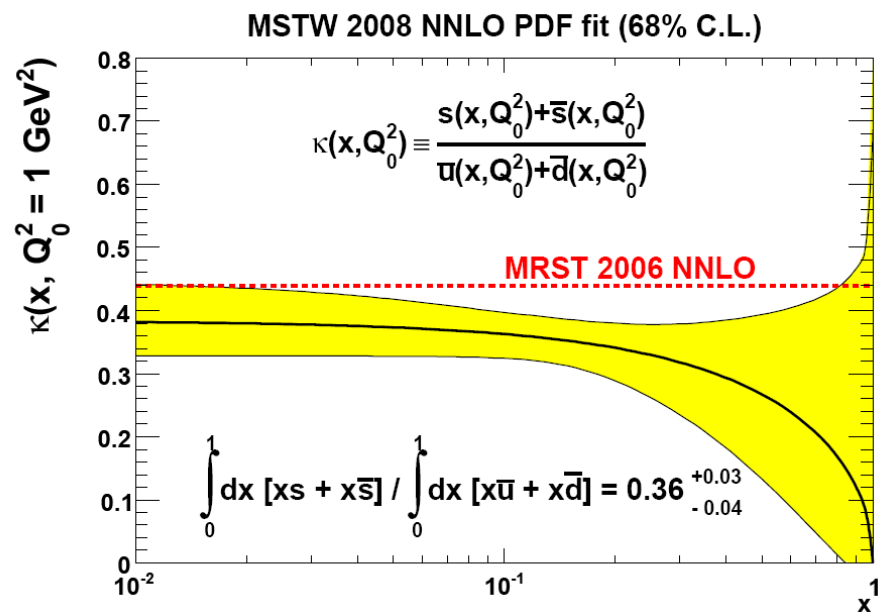


$$\text{NuTeV } \frac{100\pi}{G_F^2 M_N E_\nu} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} (\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) \text{ in } \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

MSTW 2008 NNLO PDF fit, $\chi^2 = 13$ for 21 DOF



MSTW



MSTW

charm, bottom

considered sufficiently massive to allow pQCD treatment: $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$

distinguish two regimes:

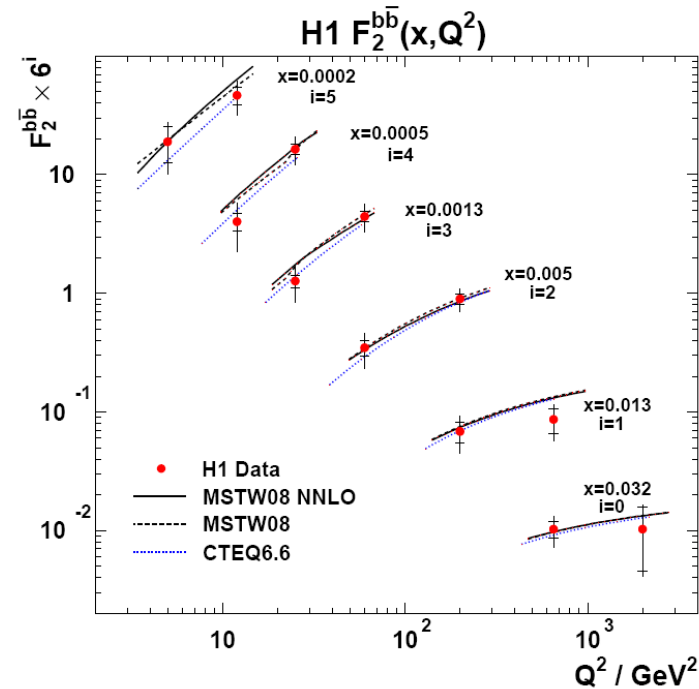
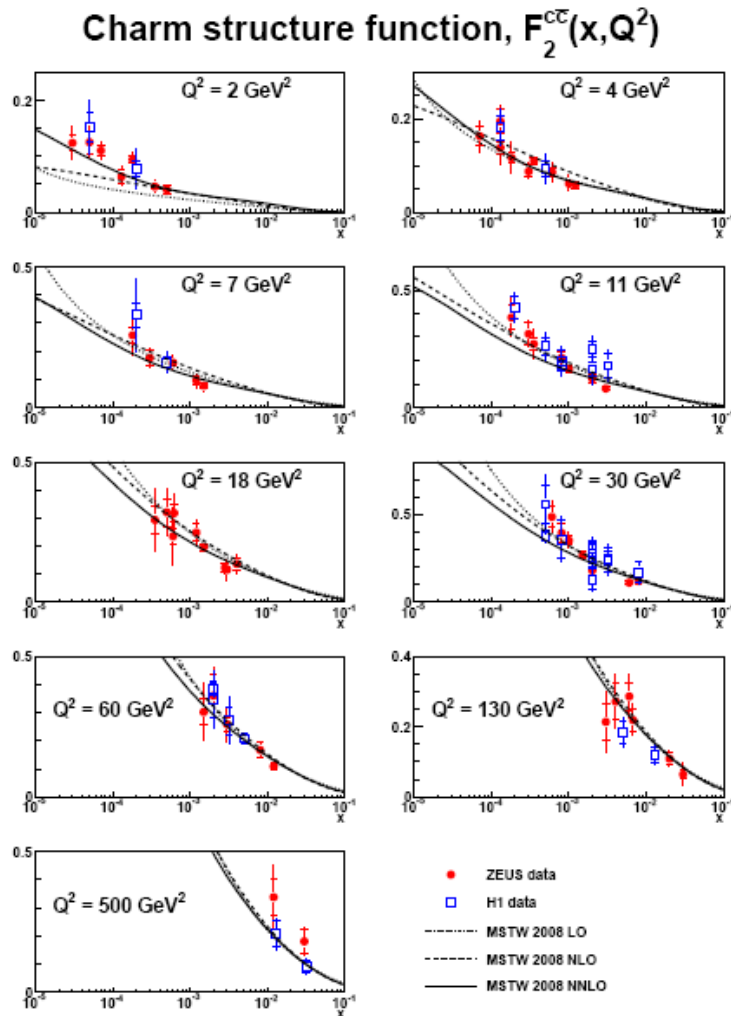
- (i) $Q^2 \sim m_H^2$ include full m_H dependence to get correct threshold behaviour
- (ii) $Q^2 \gg m_H^2$ treat as $\sim$ massless partons to resum $\alpha_s^n \log^n(Q^2/m_H^2)$ via DGLAP

FFNS: OK for (i) only **ZM-VFNS:** OK for (ii) only

consistent **GM**(=general mass)-**VFNS** now available (e.g. ACOT(χ), Roberts-Thorne) which interpolates smoothly between the two regimes

Note: definition of these is tricky and non-unique (ambiguity in assignment of $O(m_H^2/Q^2)$ contributions), and the implementation of improved treatment (e.g. in going from MRST2006 to MSTW 2008) can have a big effect on light partons

charm and bottom structure functions



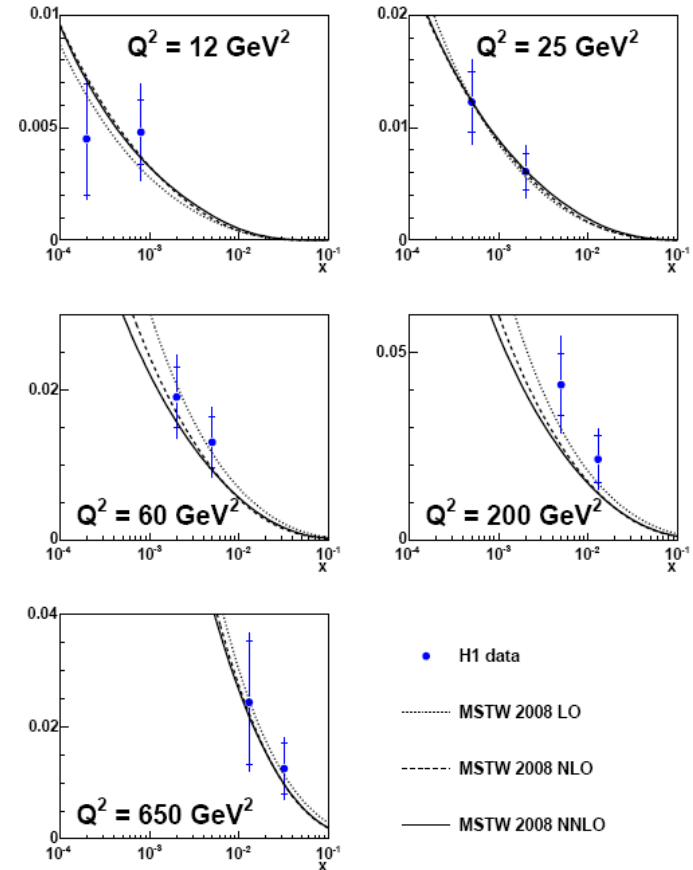
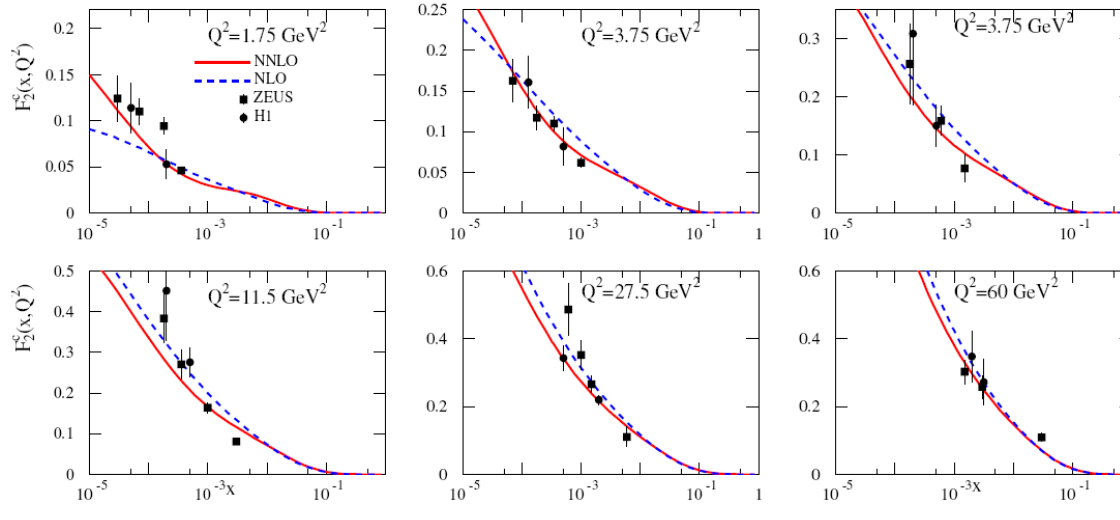
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MSTW 2008

F_2^{cc}

F_2^{bb}



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dependence on m_c at NLO in 2008 fits (preliminary)

m_c (GeV)	χ^2_{global} 2699 pts	$\chi^2_{F_2^c}$ 83 pts	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$
1.1	2730	264	0.1181
1.2	2626	188	0.1187
1.3	2563	134	0.1194
1.4	2543	107	0.1202
1.5	2545	97	0.1208
1.6	2574	104	0.1214
1.7	2627	129	0.1221

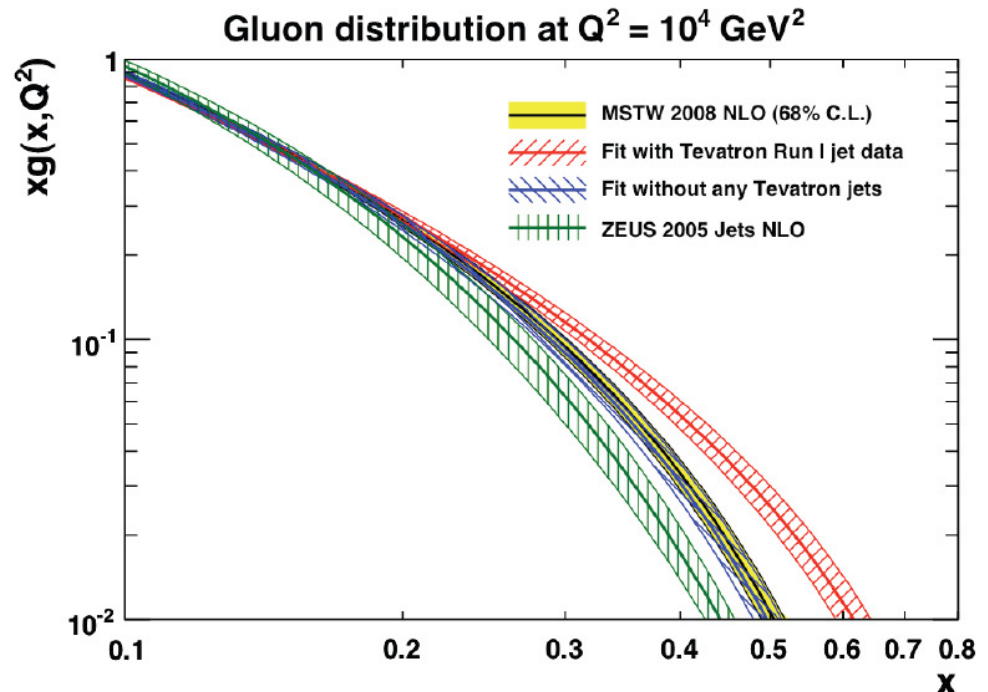
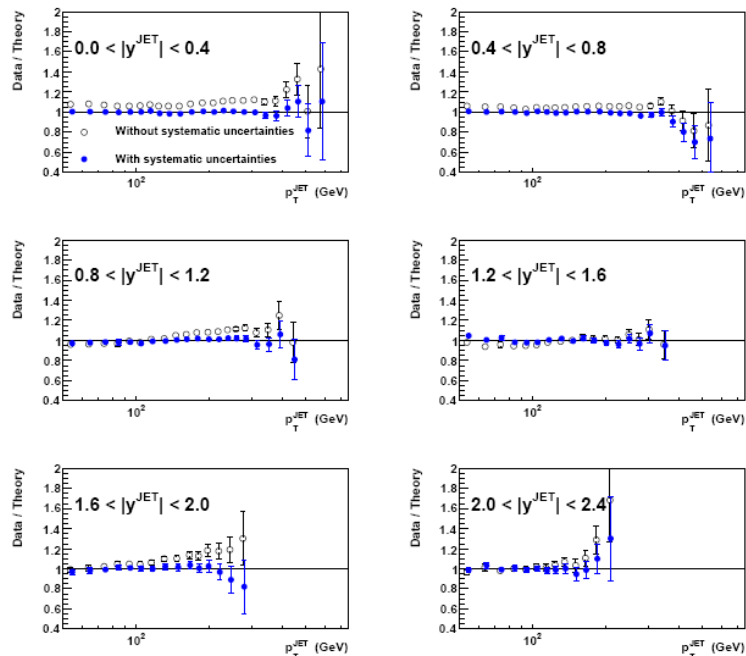
- correlation between m_c and α_s
- for low m_c overshoot low Q^2 medium x data badly
- preferred value (1.4 GeV) towards lower end of pole mass determination
- (asymmetric) uncertainty from global fit of order ± 0.15 GeV
- in contrast, only weak sensitivity to m_b

impact of Tevatron jet data on fits

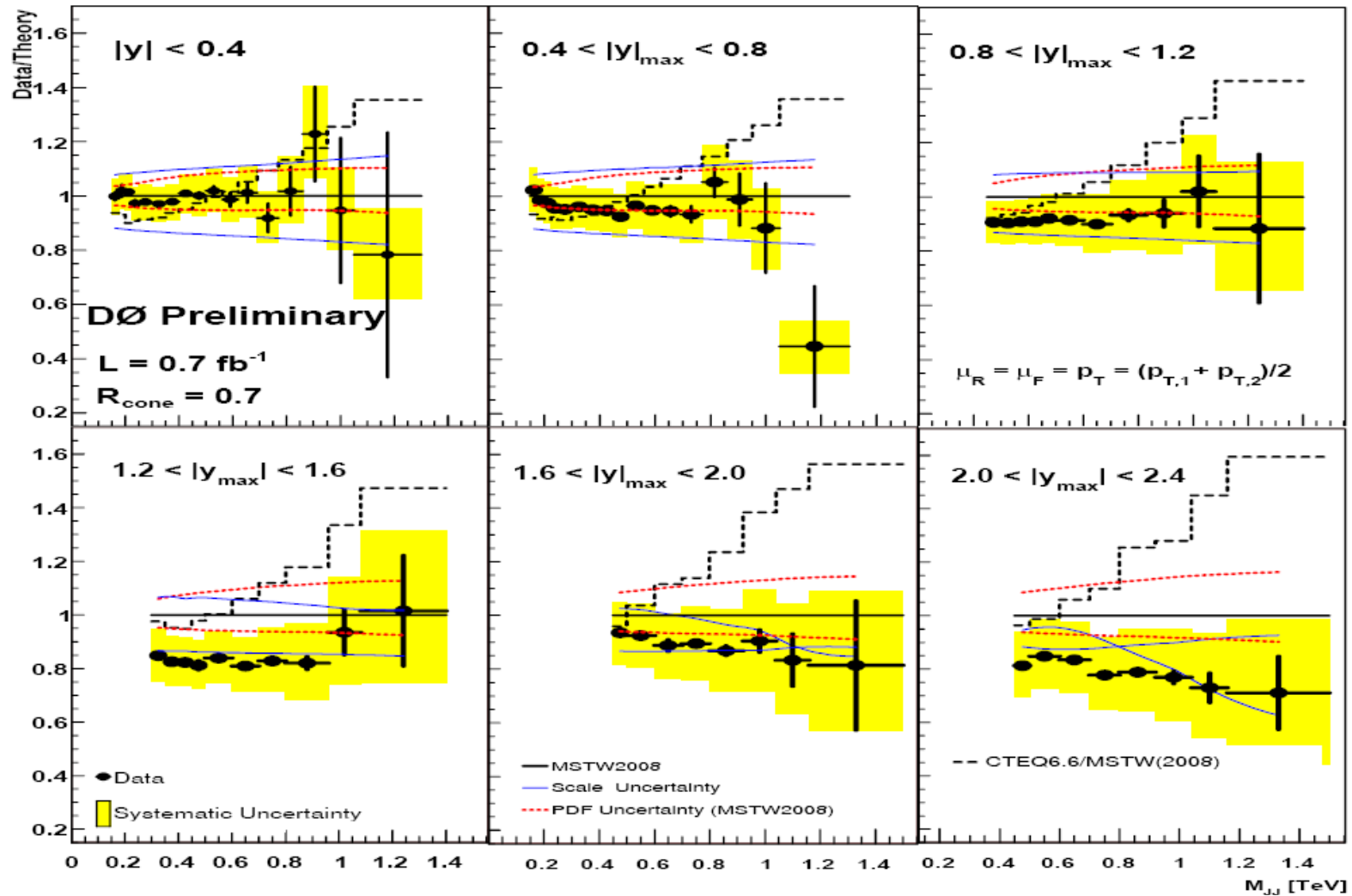
- a distinguishing feature of pdf sets is whether they use (MRST/MSTW, CTEQ,...) or do not use (H1, ZEUS, Alekhin, NNPDF,...) Tevatron jet data in the fit: the impact is on the *high-x gluon*
(Note: Run II data requires slightly softer gluon than Run I data)
- the (still) missing ingredient is the full NNLO pQCD correction to the cross section, but not expected to have much impact in practice

DØ Run II inclusive jet data (cone, R = 0.7)

MSTW 2008 NLO PDF fit ($\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T^{\text{JET}}$), $\chi^2 = 114$ for 110 pts.



dijet mass distribution from D0



a note on α_S

- world average value (PDG 2008):

$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS},NNLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1176 \pm 0.0002$$

- MSTW global fit value (minimum χ^2):

$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS},NNLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1171$$

- the pdf error sets are generated with α_S fixed at its 'best fit' value, therefore variation of (e.g. jets, top, etc at LHC) cross sections with α_S is not explicitly included in the 'pdf error'

Note: $\alpha_S^{\overline{MS},NLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1202$

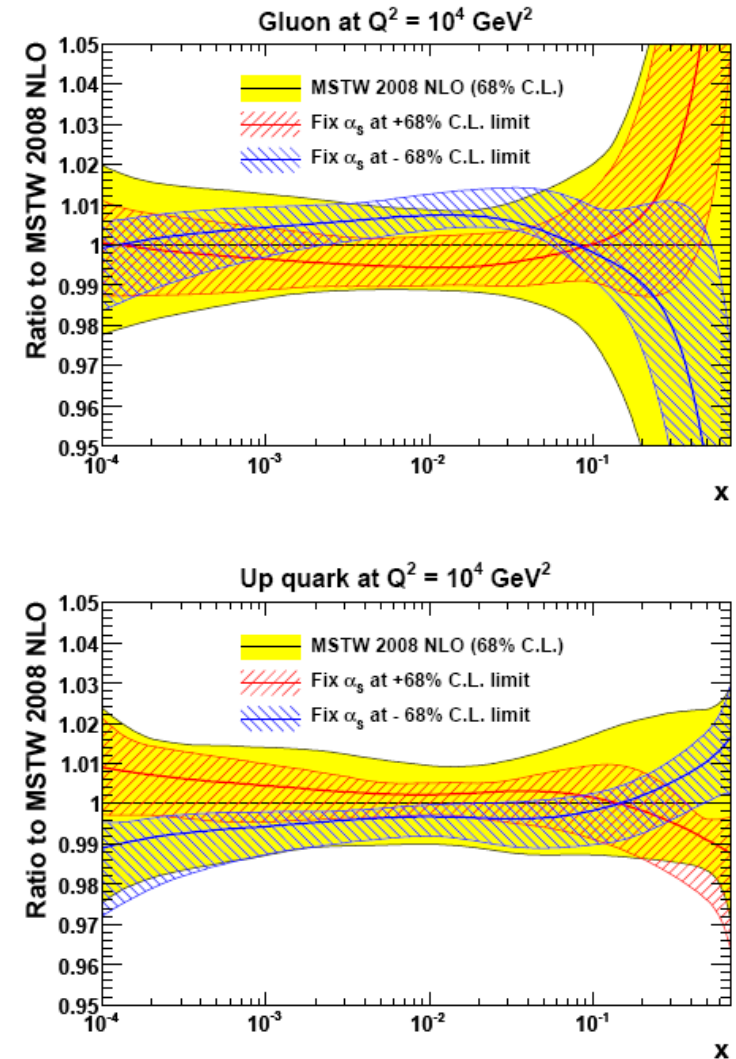
MSTW variable- α_S sets*

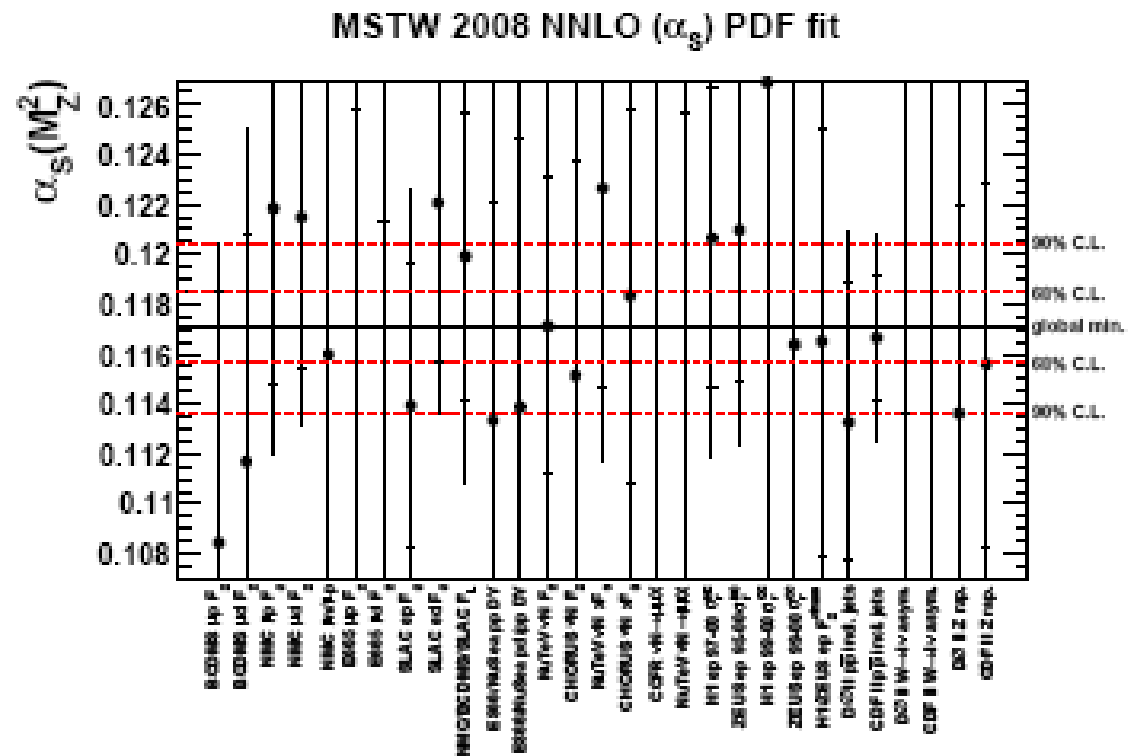
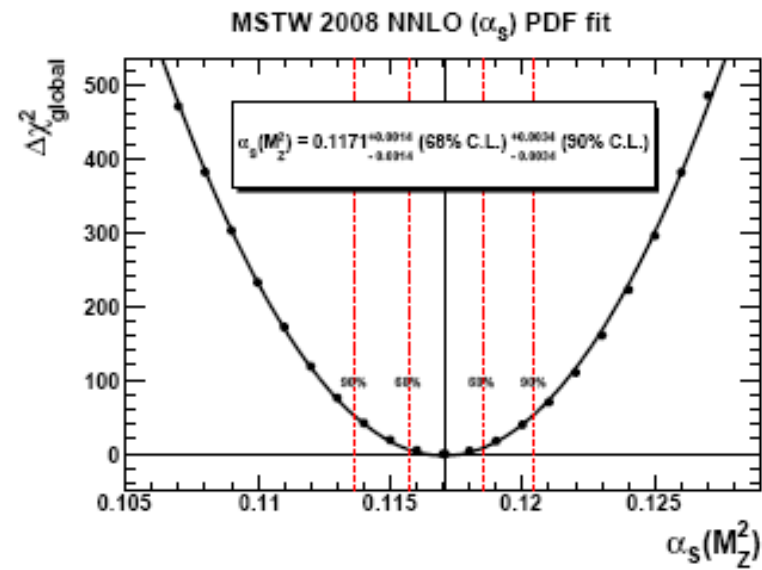
- allow α_S to vary in global fit

$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS}, NNLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1171^{+0.0014}_{-0.0014}$$

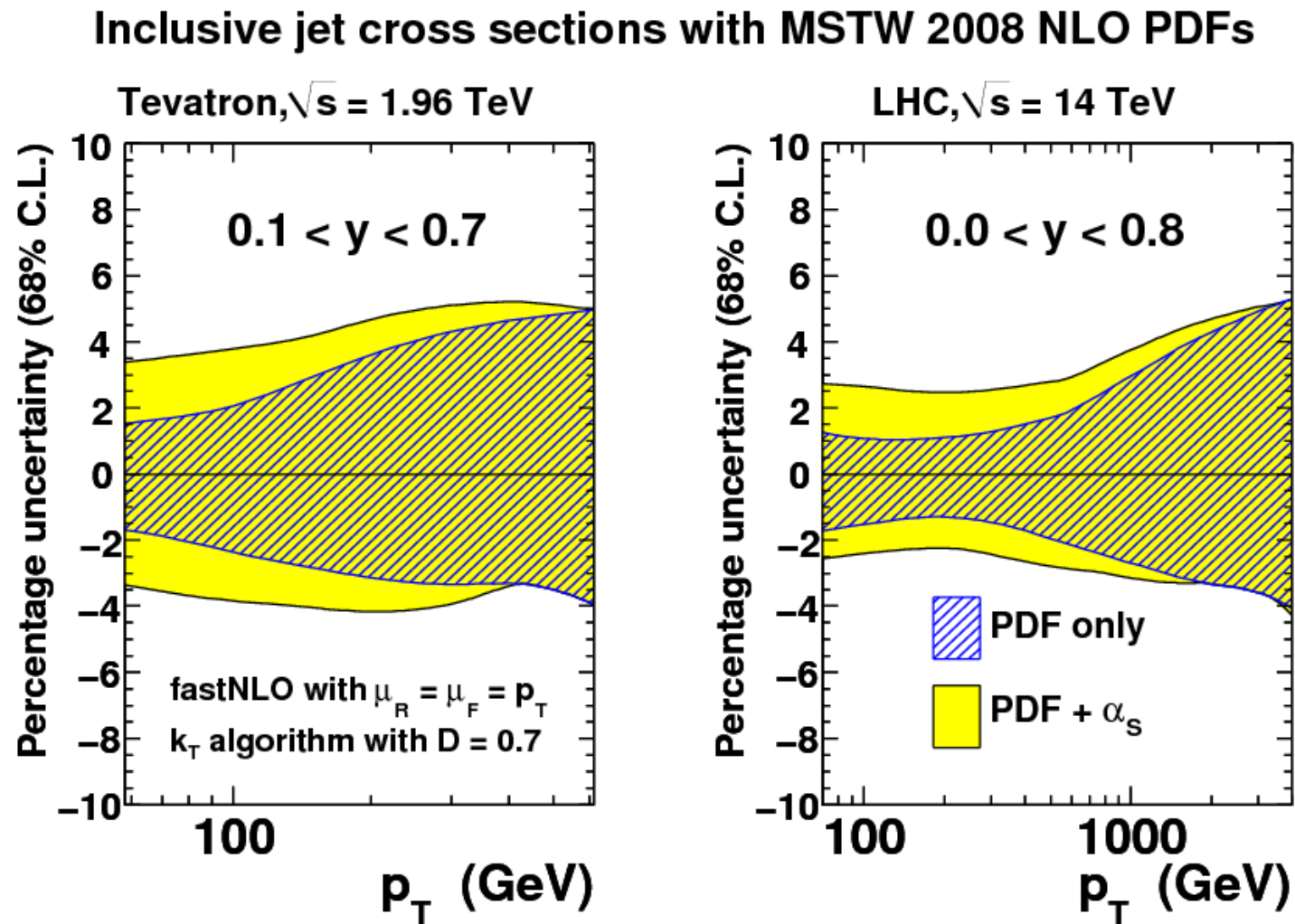
- for fixed $\alpha_S \pm \delta\alpha_S$, produce sets with 'pdf errors', as before
- note gluon – α_S anticorrelation at small x and quark – α_S anticorrelation at large x
- use resulting sets to quantify combined 'pdf + α_S ' error on observables

* arXiv:0905.3531 [hep-ph]

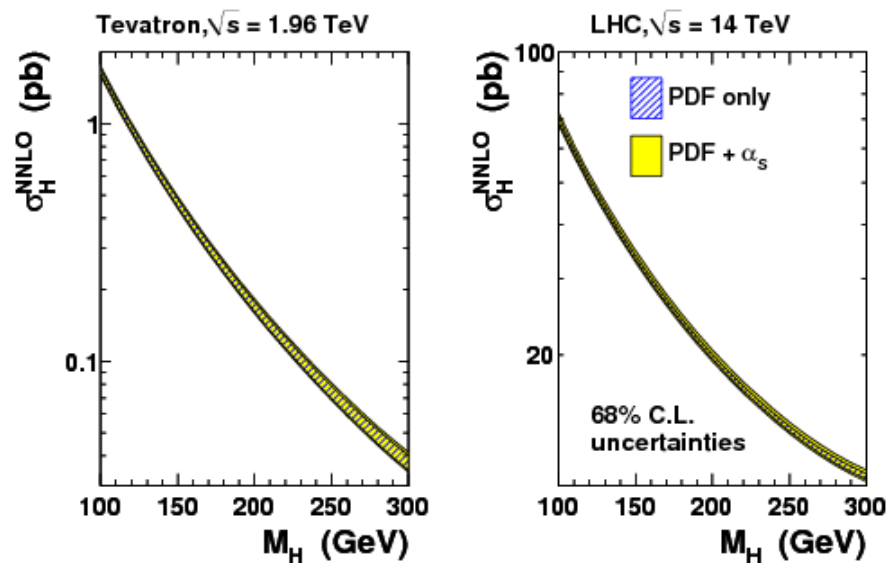




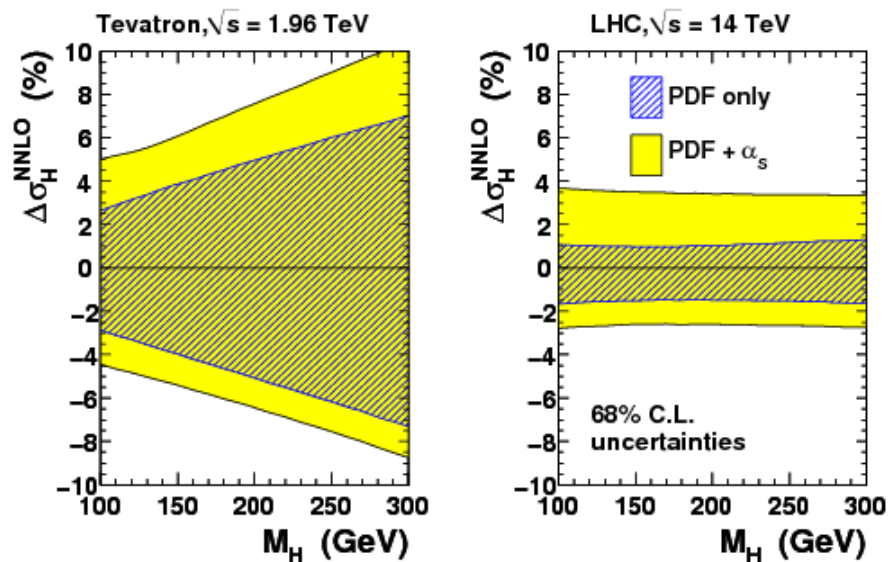
pdf, α_s uncertainties in jet cross sections



Higgs cross sections with MSTW 2008 NNLO PDFs



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Note: still dominated by scale variation uncertainty - see earlier

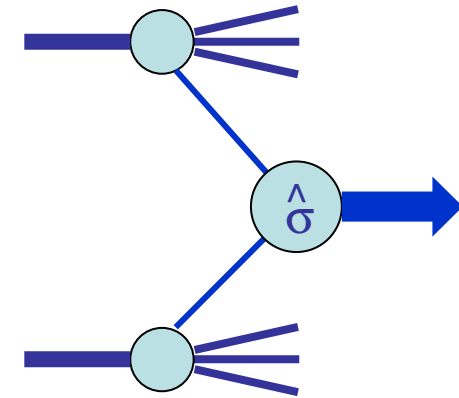
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pdfs at LHC:

- impact on precision phenomenology
- can we constrain pdfs further?

→ the QCD **factorization theorem** for hard-scattering (short-distance) inclusive processes

$$\sigma_X = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_2, \mu_F^2) \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} \left(x_1, x_2, \{p_i^\mu\}; \alpha_S(\mu_R^2), \alpha(\mu_R^2), \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2} \right)$$

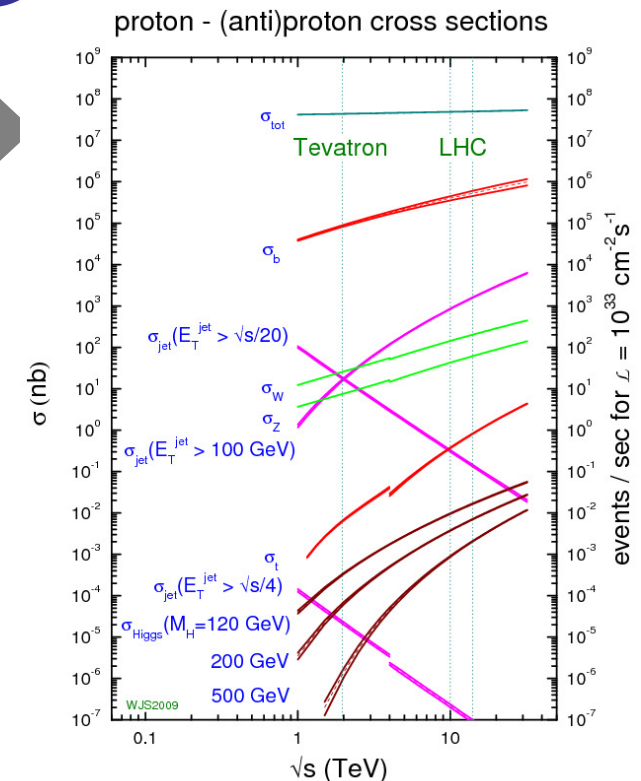


where $X=W, Z, H$, high- E_T jets, SUSY sparticles, black hole, ..., and Q is the 'hard scale' (e.g. $= M_X$), usually $\mu_F = \mu_R = Q$, and $\hat{\sigma}$ is known ...

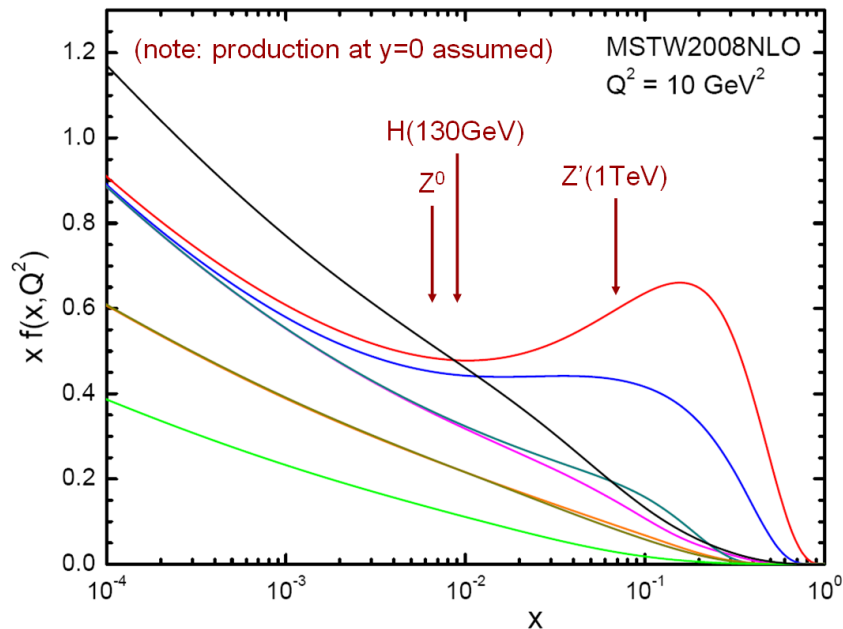
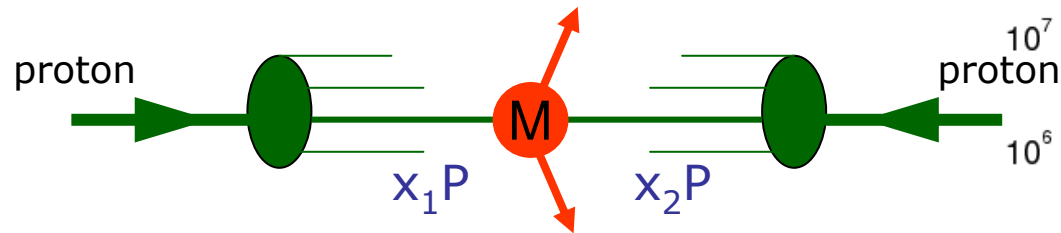
- to some fixed order in pQCD (and EW), e.g. high- E_T jets

$$\hat{\sigma} = A\alpha_s^2 + B\alpha_s^3$$

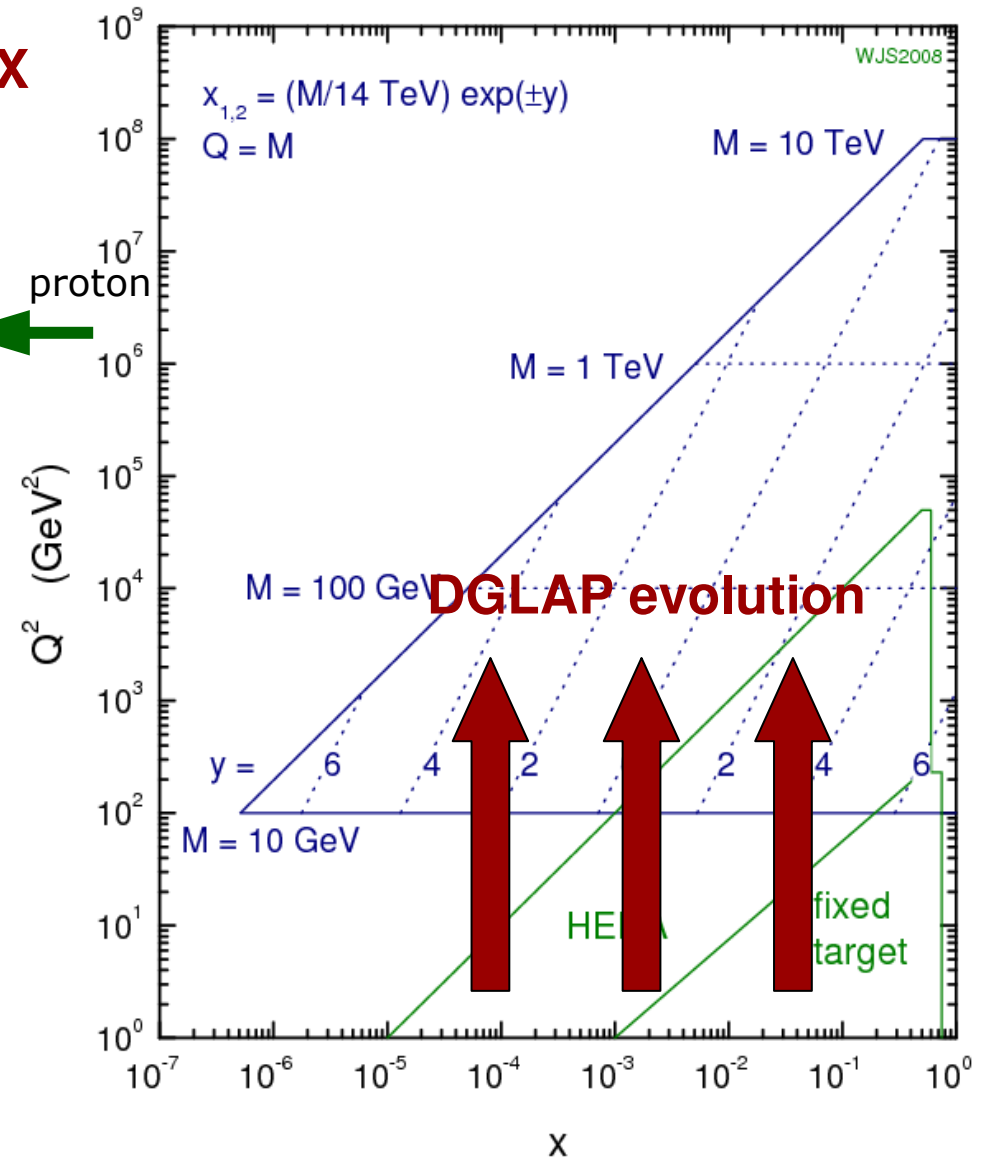
- or 'improved' by some leading logarithm approximation (LL, NLL, ...) to all orders via resummation



momentum fractions x_1 and x_2
determined by mass and rapidity of X



LHC parton kinematics



pdfs at LHC – the issues

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how important is pdf precision?

- **Example 1:** $\sigma(M_H=120 \text{ GeV})$ @ LHC

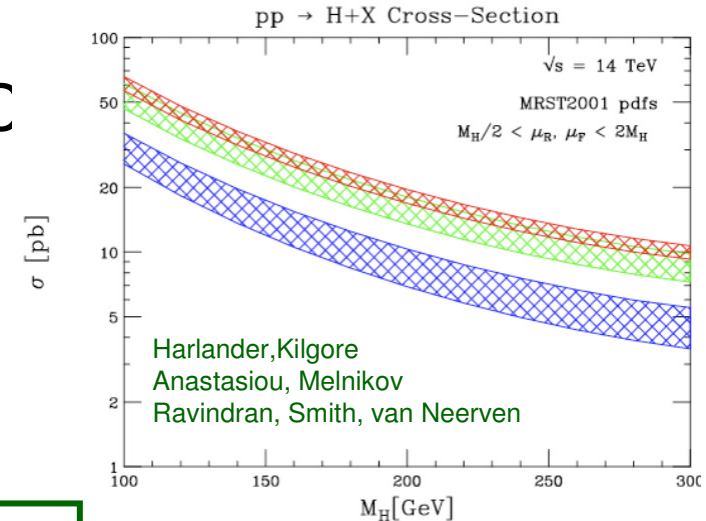
$$\delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} \approx \pm 2\%, \quad \delta\sigma_{\text{ptNNLO}} \approx \pm 10\%$$

$$\delta\sigma_{\text{ptNNLL}} \approx \pm 8\%$$

$$\rightarrow \delta\sigma_{\text{theory}} \approx \pm 10\%$$



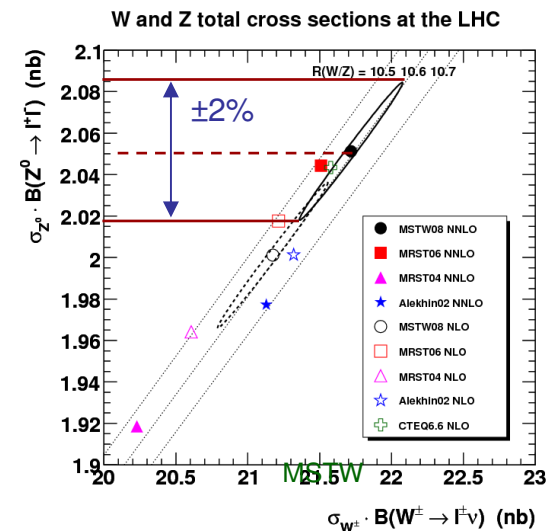
see de Florian, Grazzini arXiv:0901.2427 [hep-ph]



- **Example 2:** $\sigma(Z^0)$ @ LHC

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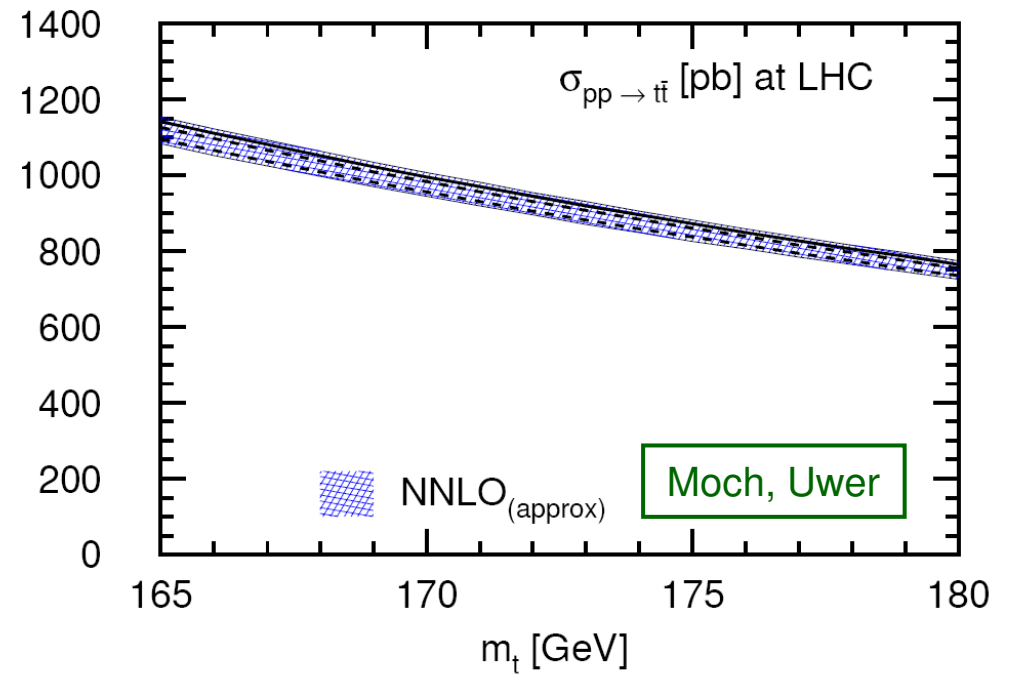
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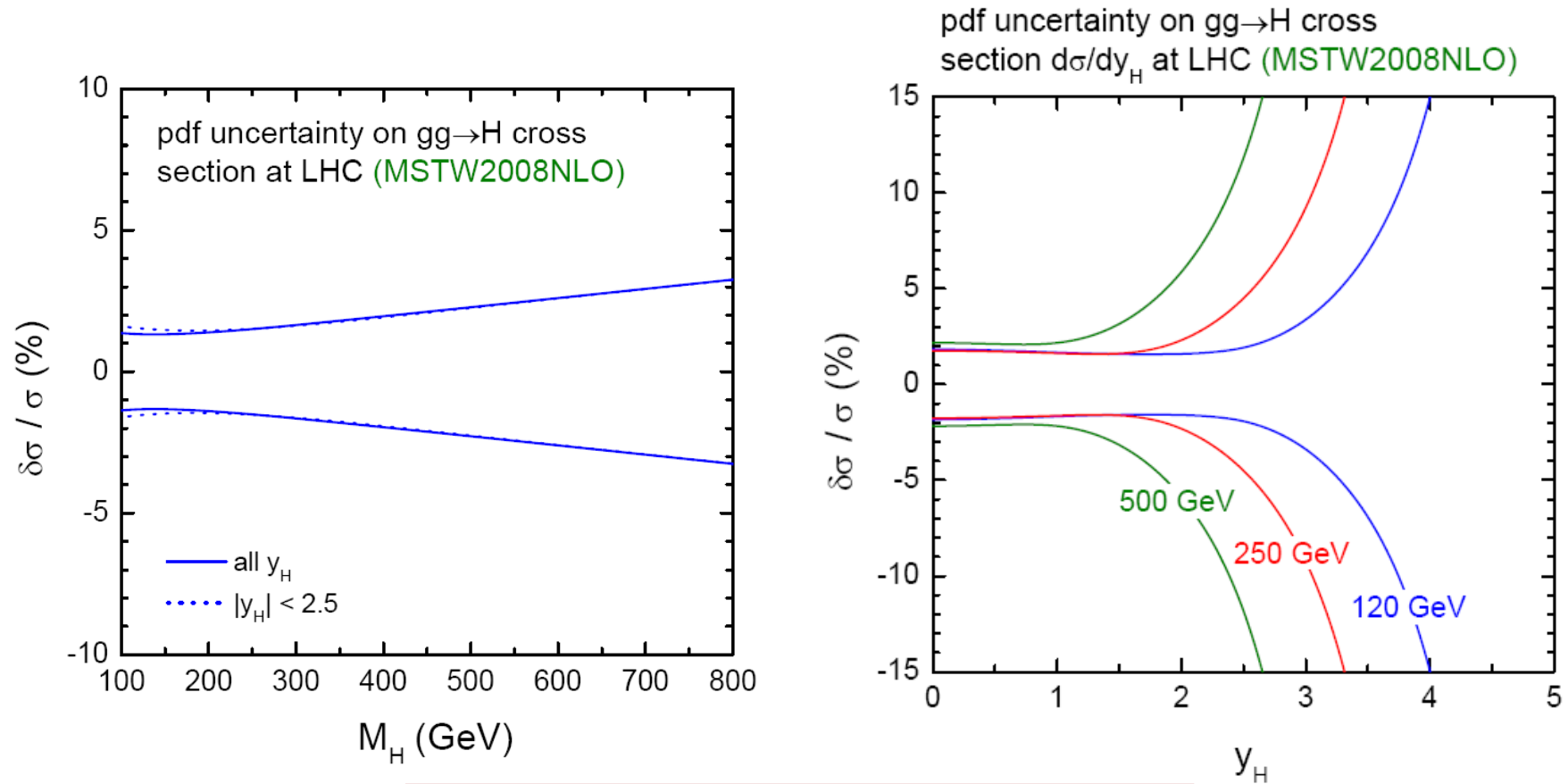
- **Example 3: $\sigma(t\bar{t})$ @ LHC**

$$\delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} \approx \pm 2\%, \quad \delta\sigma_{\text{ptNNLOapprox}} \approx \pm 3\%$$

$$\rightarrow \delta\sigma_{\text{theory}} \approx \pm 4\%$$



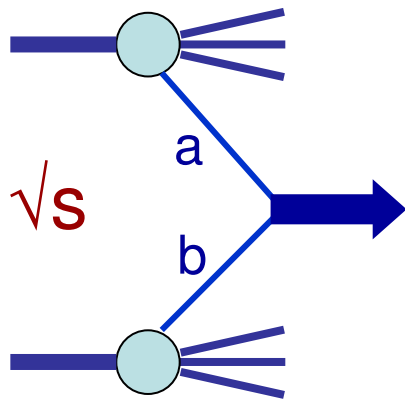
pdf uncertainty on $\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)$



→ typically $\pm 2\text{-}3\%$ pdf uncertainty,
except near edges of phase space

parton luminosity functions

- a quick and easy way to assess the mass and collider energy dependence of production cross sections



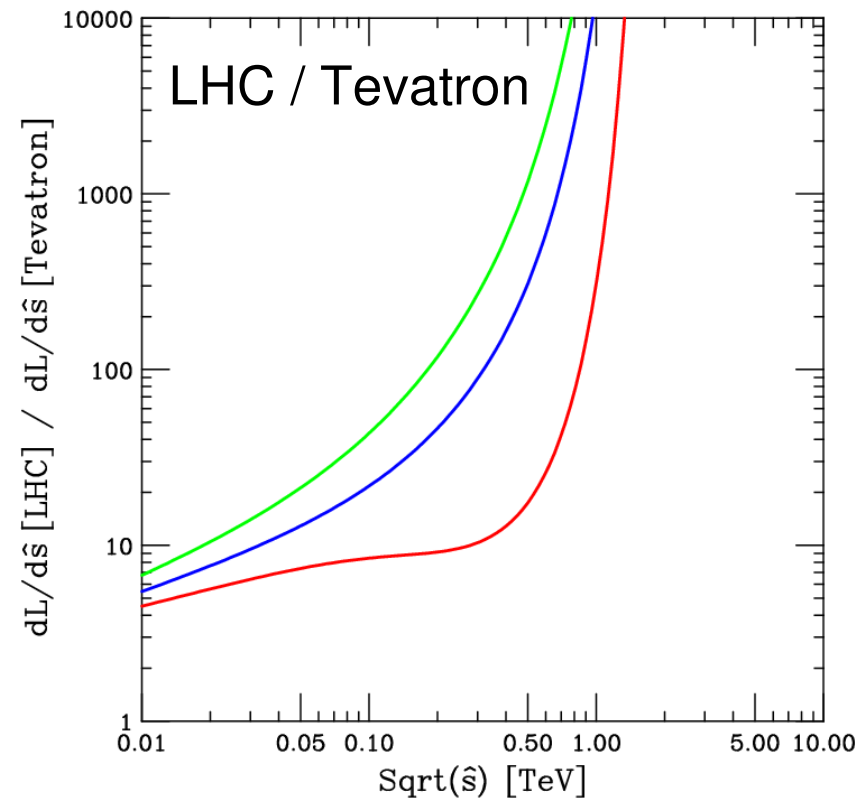
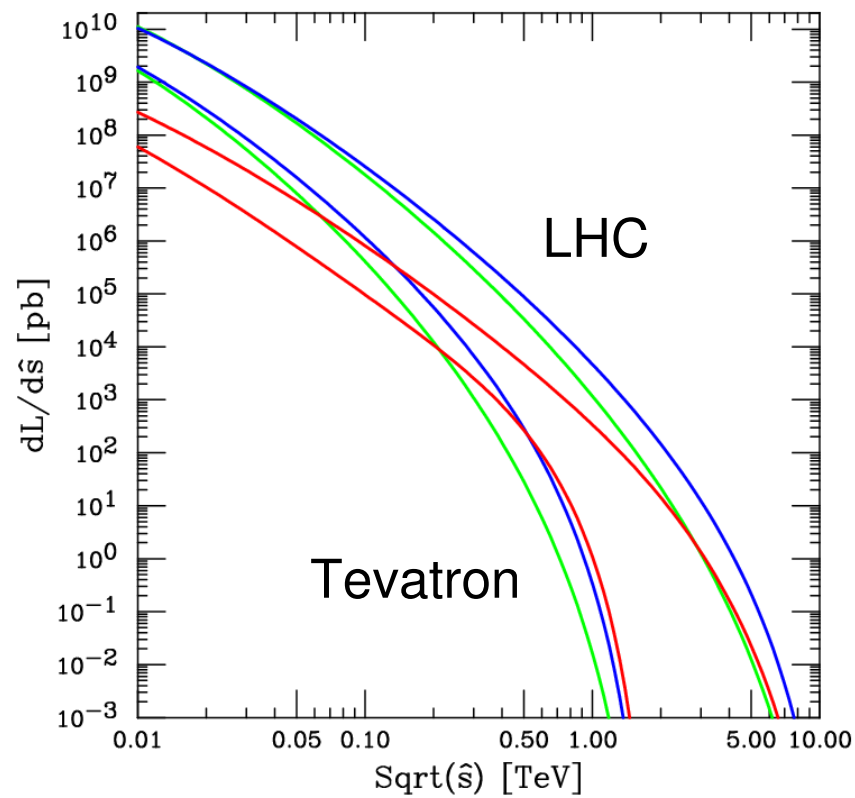
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = C_X \delta(\hat{s} - M^2)$$

$$\sigma_X = \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M^2) f_b(x_b, M^2) C_X \delta(x_a x_b - \tau)$$

$$\equiv C_X \left[\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ab}}{\partial \tau} \right] \quad (\tau = M^2/s)$$

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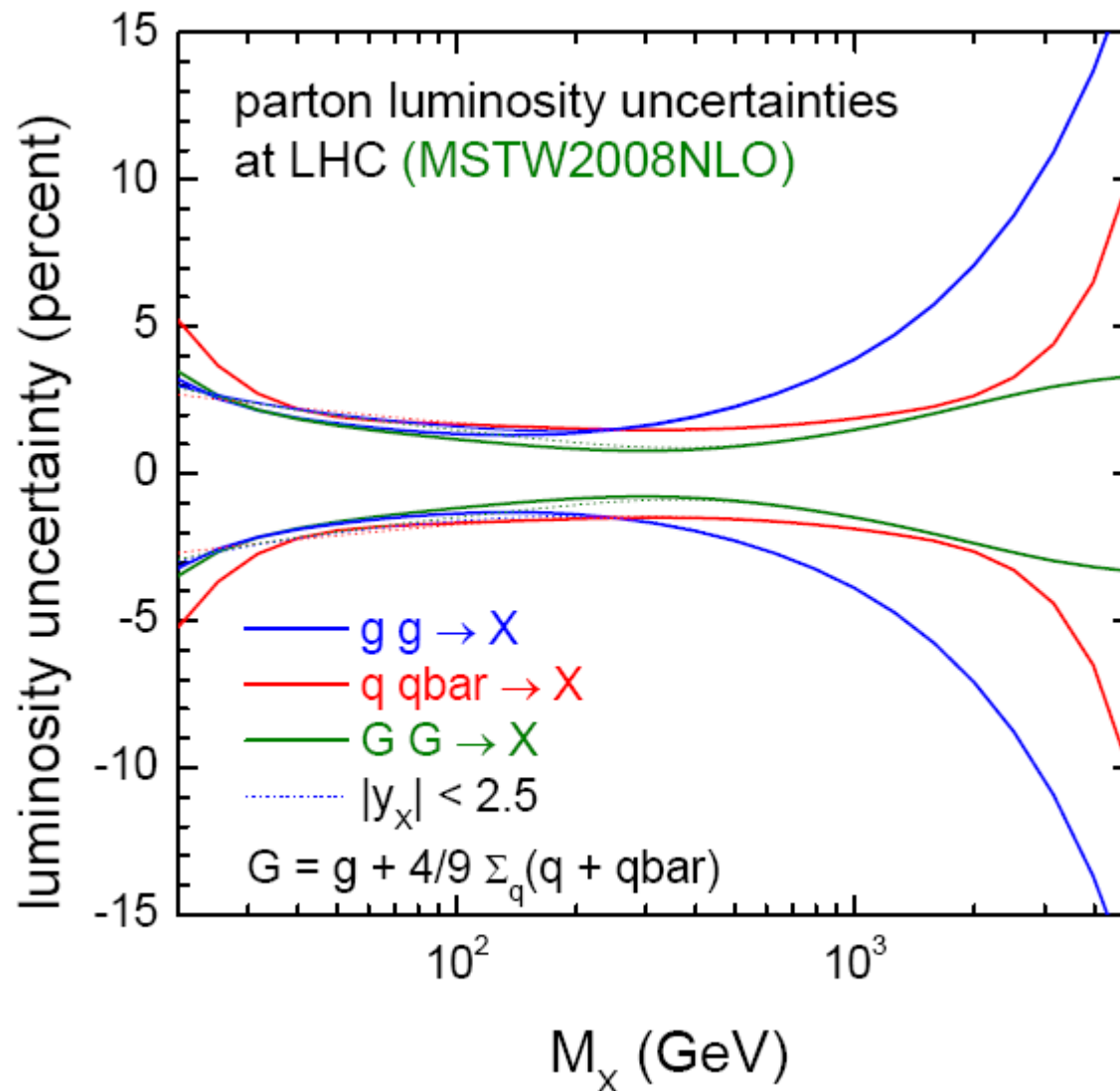
- i.e. all the mass and energy dependence is contained in the X-independent parton luminosity function in []
- useful combinations are $ab = gg, \sum_q q\bar{q}, \dots$
- and also useful for assessing the uncertainty on cross sections due to uncertainties in the pdfs



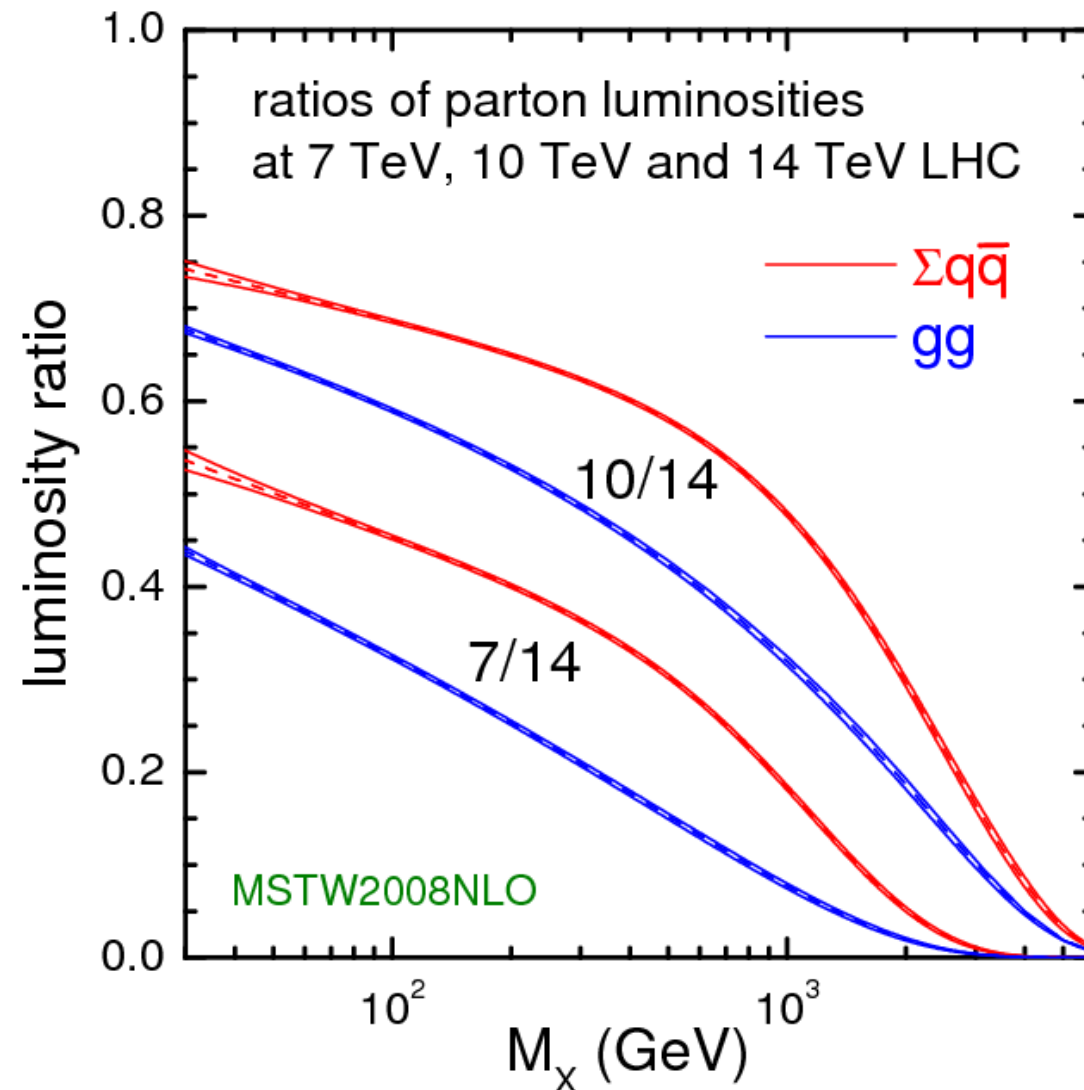
$\text{---} = gg$
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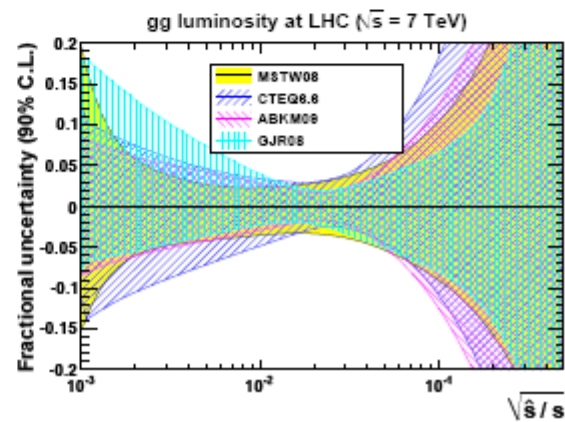
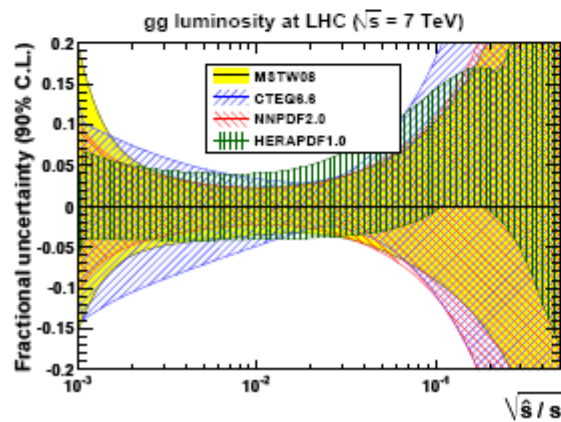
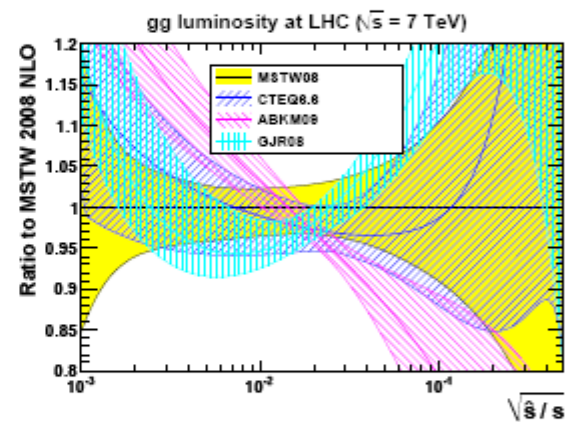
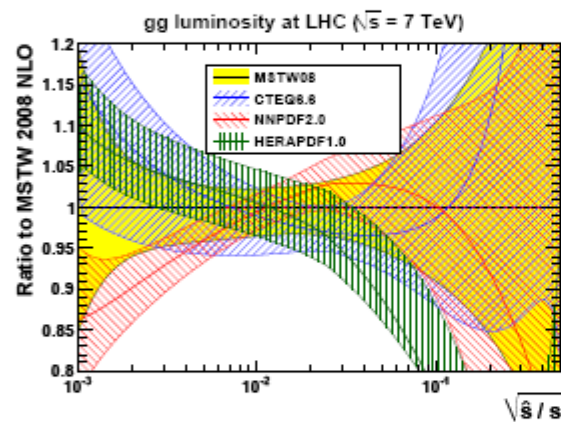
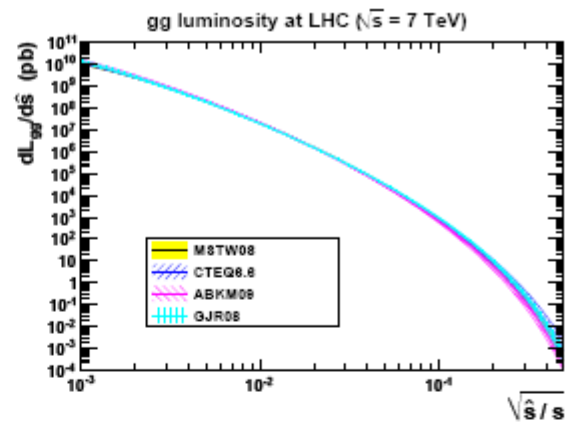
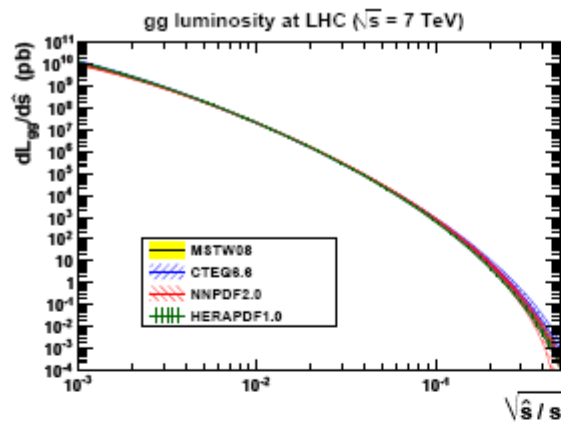
Huston, Campbell, S (2007)

parton luminosity (68%cl) uncertainties at LHC



LHC at 7 and 10 TeV





comparison of
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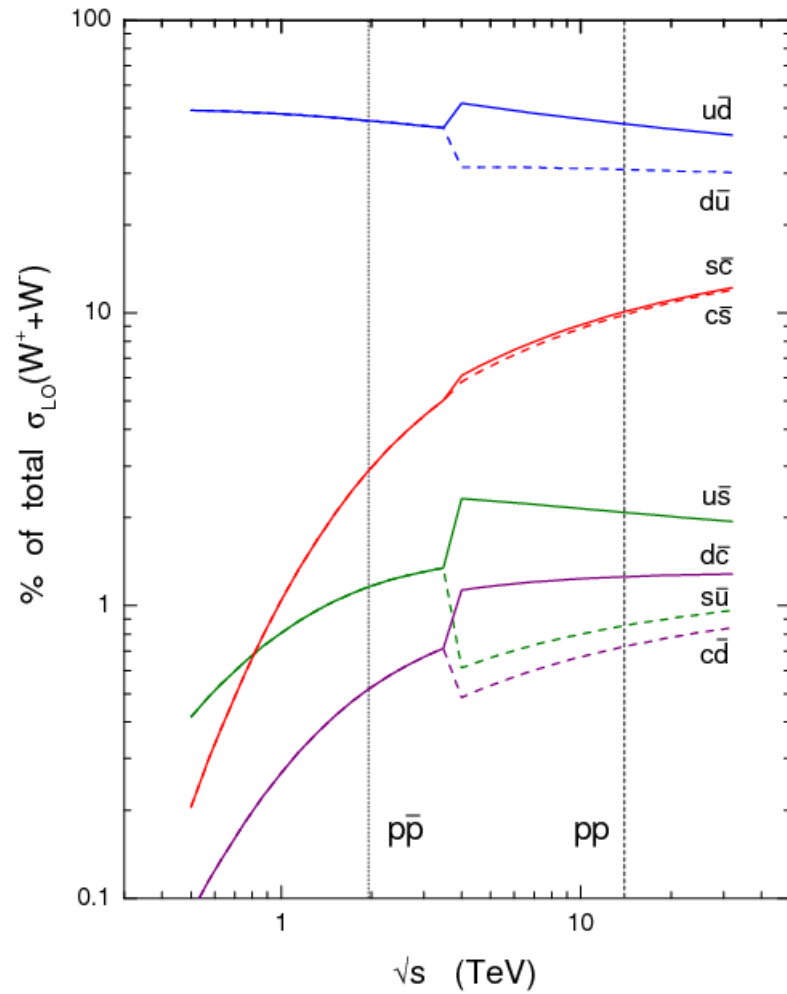
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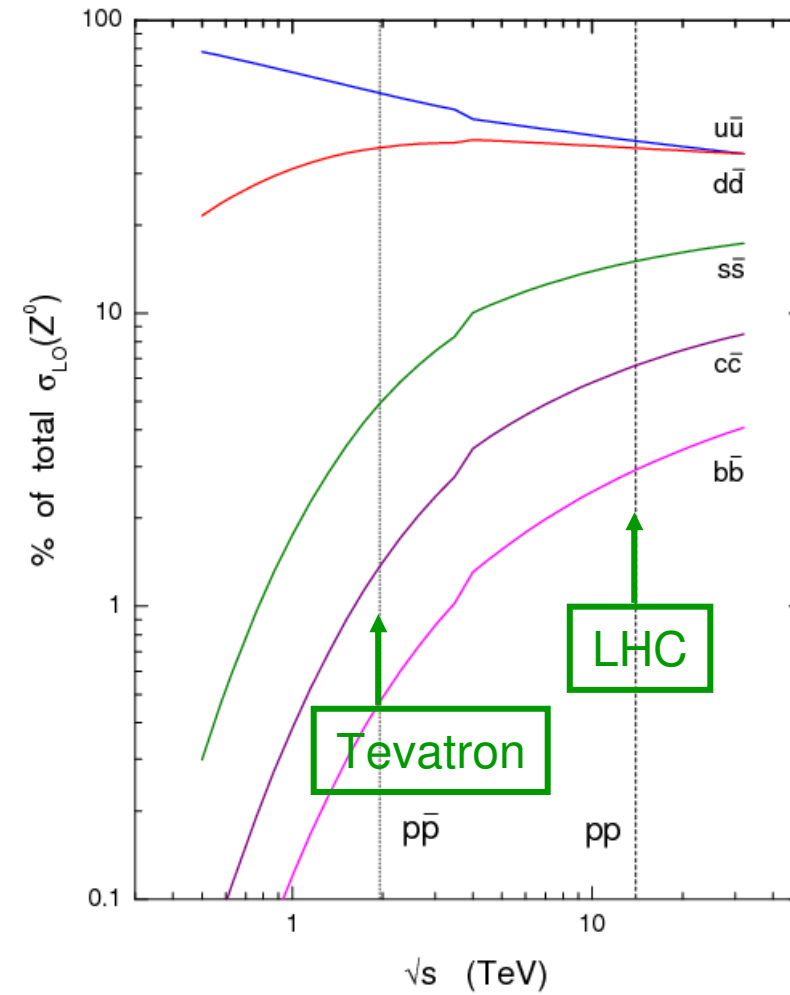
standard candles: $\sigma(W,Z)$ @ LHC

- cross sections (total and rapidity distributions) known to NNLO pQCD and NLO EW; perturbation series seems to be converging quickly
- EW parameters well measured at LEP
- samples pdfs where they are well measured (in x) in DIS
- ... although the mix of quark flavours is different: F_2 and $\sigma(W,Z)$ probe *different* combinations of u,d,s,c,b → sea quark distributions important
- precise measurement of cross section *ratios* at LHC (e.g. $\sigma(W^+)/\sigma(W^-)$, $\sigma(W)/\sigma(Z)$) will allow these subtle effects to be explored further

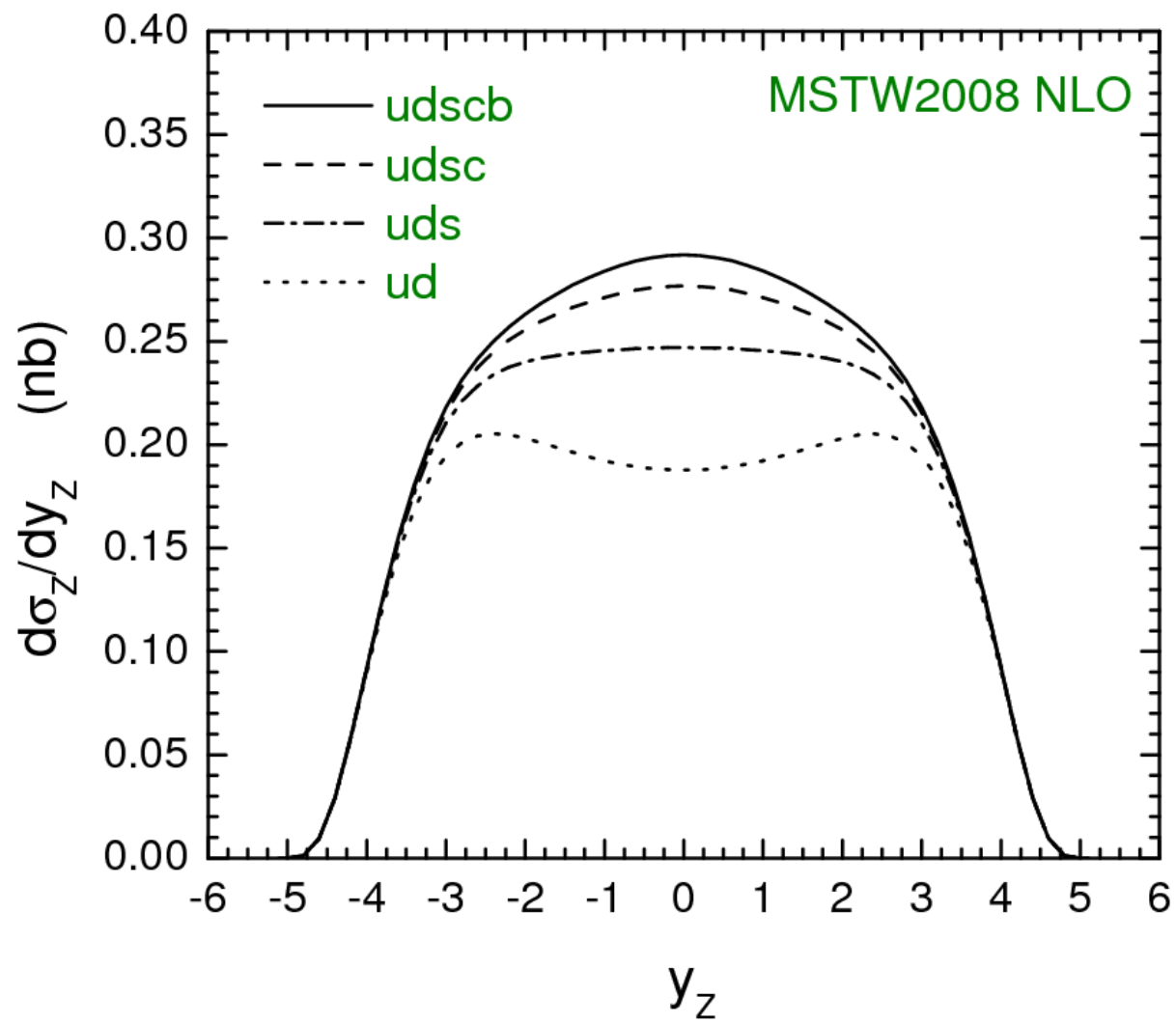
flavour decomposition of W cross sections



flavour decomposition of Z^0 cross sections



at LHC, ~30% of W and Z total cross sections involves s,c,b quarks



Tevatron, $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_W$ (nb)	$B_{l+l-} \cdot \sigma_Z$ (nb)	R_{WZ}
MSTW 2008 LO	$1.963^{+0.025}_{-0.028} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.2\% \\ -1.4\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$0.1788^{+0.0023}_{-0.0025} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.3\% \\ -1.4\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.98^{+0.02}_{-0.03} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.3\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NLO	$2.659^{+0.057}_{-0.045} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.1\% \\ -1.7\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$0.2426^{+0.0054}_{-0.0043} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.2\% \\ -1.8\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.96^{+0.03}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.3\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NNLO	$2.747^{+0.049}_{-0.042} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.8\% \\ -1.5\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$0.2507^{+0.0048}_{-0.0041} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.9\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.96^{+0.03}_{-0.03} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_W$ (nb)	$B_{l+l-} \cdot \sigma_Z$ (nb)	R_{WZ}
MSTW 2008 LO	$12.57^{+0.13}_{-0.19} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.1\% \\ -1.5\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$1.163^{+0.011}_{-0.017} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.0\% \\ -1.5\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.81^{+0.02}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NLO	$14.92^{+0.31}_{-0.24} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.1\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$1.390^{+0.029}_{-0.022} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.1\% \\ -1.5\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.73^{+0.02}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NNLO	$15.35^{+0.26}_{-0.25} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.7\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$1.429^{+0.024}_{-0.022} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.7\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.74^{+0.02}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_W$ (nb)	$B_{l+l-} \cdot \sigma_Z$ (nb)	R_{WZ}
MSTW 2008 LO	$18.51^{+0.22}_{-0.32} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.2\% \\ -1.7\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$1.736^{+0.019}_{-0.028} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.1\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.66^{+0.02}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NLO	$21.17^{+0.42}_{-0.36} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.0\% \\ -1.7\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$2.001^{+0.040}_{-0.032} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.0\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.58^{+0.02}_{-0.02} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.2\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
MSTW 2008 NNLO	$21.72^{+0.36}_{-0.36} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.7\% \\ -1.7\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$2.051^{+0.035}_{-0.033} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.7\% \\ -1.6\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$10.59^{+0.02}_{-0.03} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.2\% \\ -0.3\% \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

Note: at NNLO, factorisation and renormalisation scale variation $M/2 \rightarrow 2M$ gives an additional $\pm 2\%$ change in the LHC cross sections

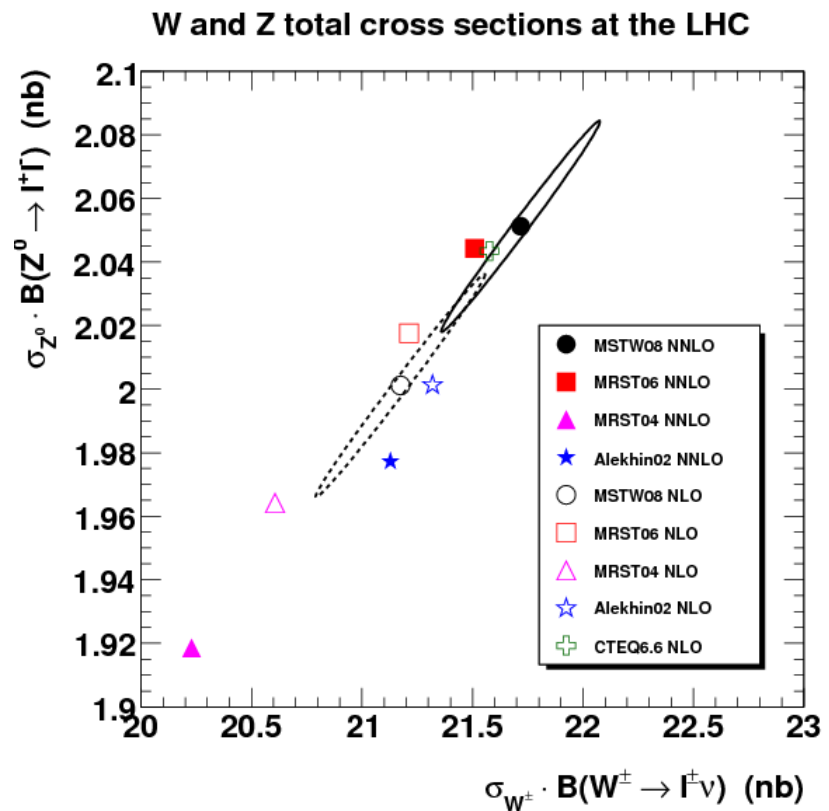
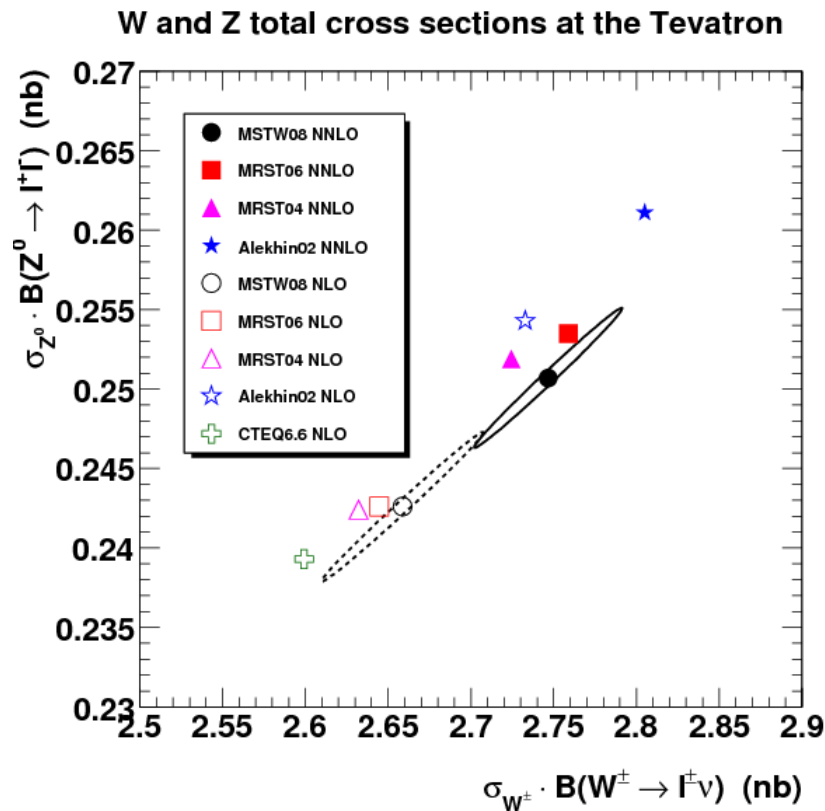
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	$B_{\text{lv}} \cdot \sigma_W$ (nb)	$B_{\text{ll}} \cdot \sigma_Z$ (nb)
MSTW 2008 NLO	21.17 (2.659)	2.001 (0.2426)
MSTW 2008 NNLO	21.72 (2.747)	2.051 (0.2507)

MRST 2006 NLO	21.21 (2.645)	2.018 (0.2426)
MRST 2006 NNLO	21.51 (2.759)	2.044 (0.2535)
MRST 2004 NLO	20.61 (2.632)	1.964 (0.2424)
MRST 2004 NNLO	20.23 (2.724)	1.917 (0.2519)
CTEQ6.6 NLO	21.58 (2.599)	2.043 (0.2393)
Alekhin 2002 NLO	21.32 (2.733)	2.001 (0.2543)
Alekhin 2002 NNLO	21.13 (2.805)	1.977 (0.2611)

MSTW

predictions for $\sigma(W,Z)$ @ Tevatron, LHC



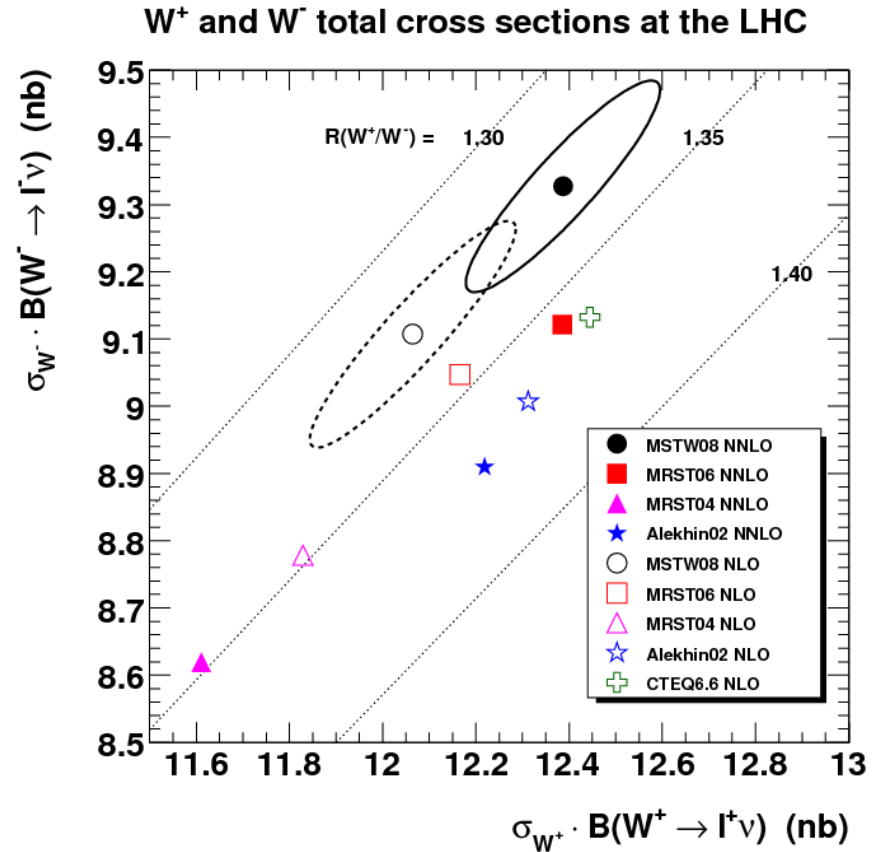
- **MRST/MSTW NNLO: 2008 ~ 2006 > 2004** mainly due to changes in treatment of *charm*
- **CTEQ: 6.6 ~ 6.5 > 6.1** due to changes in treatment of *s, c, b*
- **NLO: CTEQ6.6 2% higher than MSTW 2008** at LHC, because of slight differences in quark (u,d,s,c) pdfs, difference within quoted uncertainty

$$R_{\pm} = \sigma(W^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu) / \sigma(W^- \rightarrow l^- \nu)$$

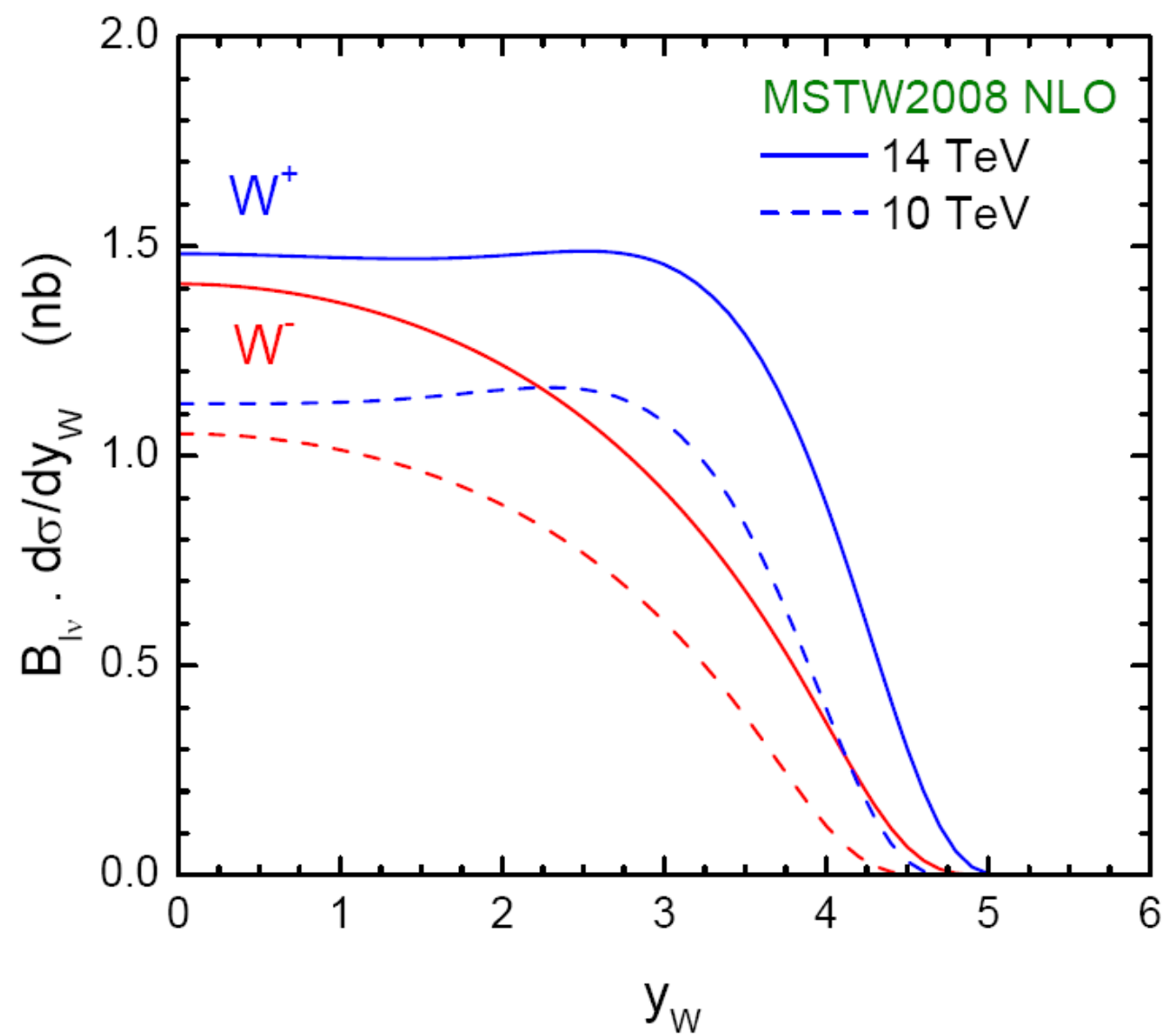
$$R_{\pm} \approx \frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + c(x_1)\bar{s}(x_2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2) + s(x_1)\bar{c}(x_2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)}$$

$$\delta\sigma_{\text{th}} \approx \delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} \approx \pm 1\%,$$

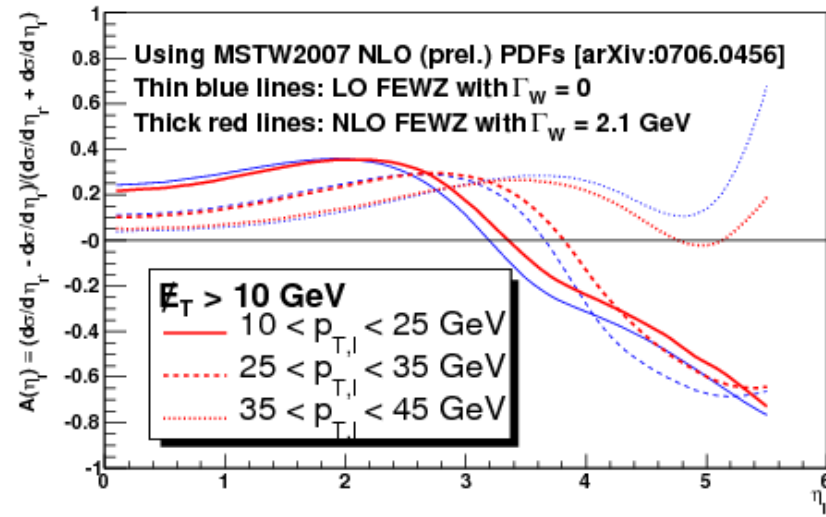
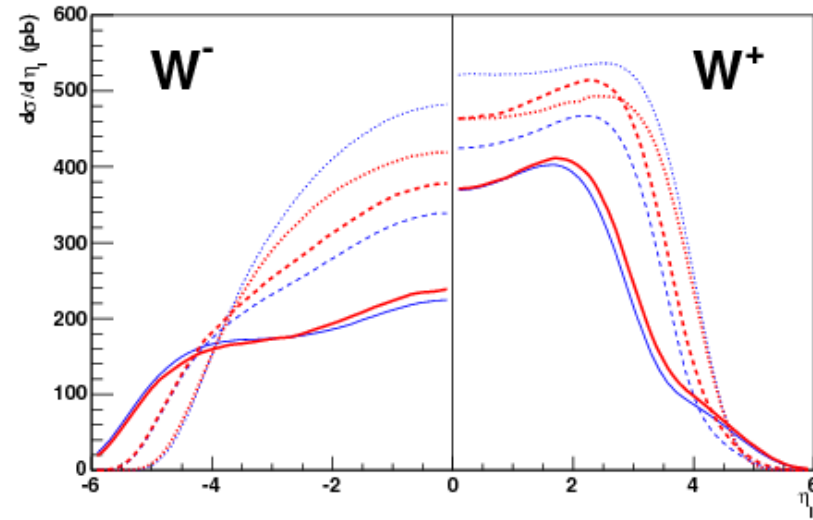
$$\delta\sigma_{\text{expt}} \approx ???$$

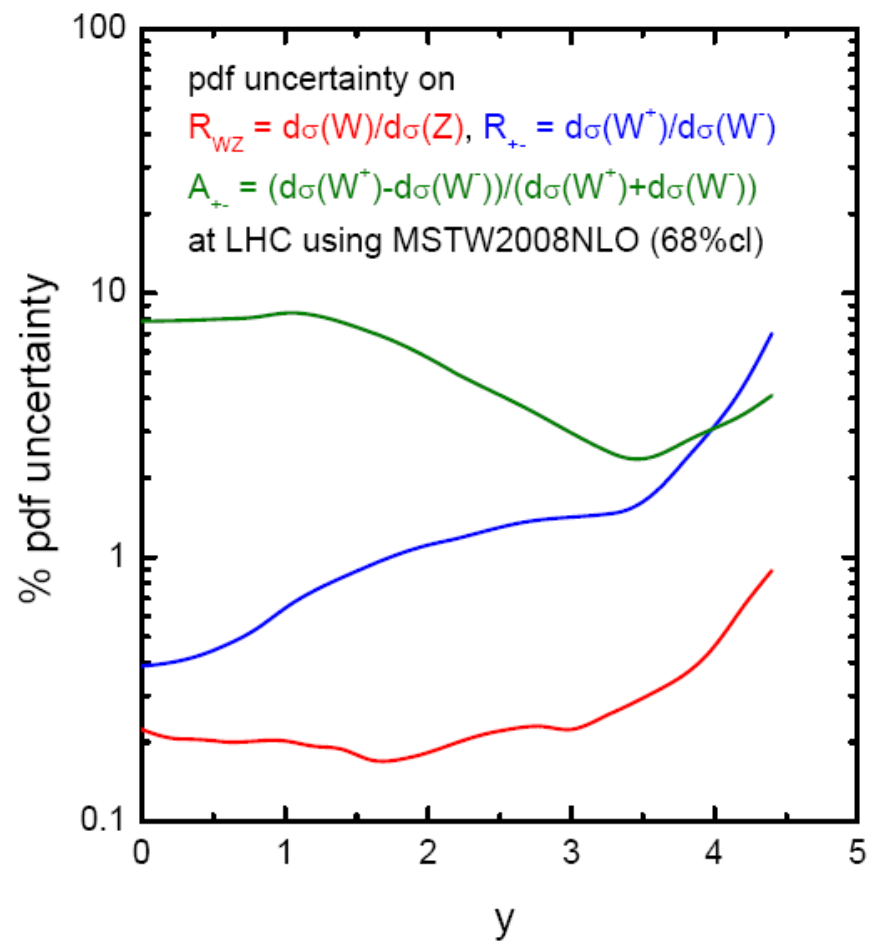
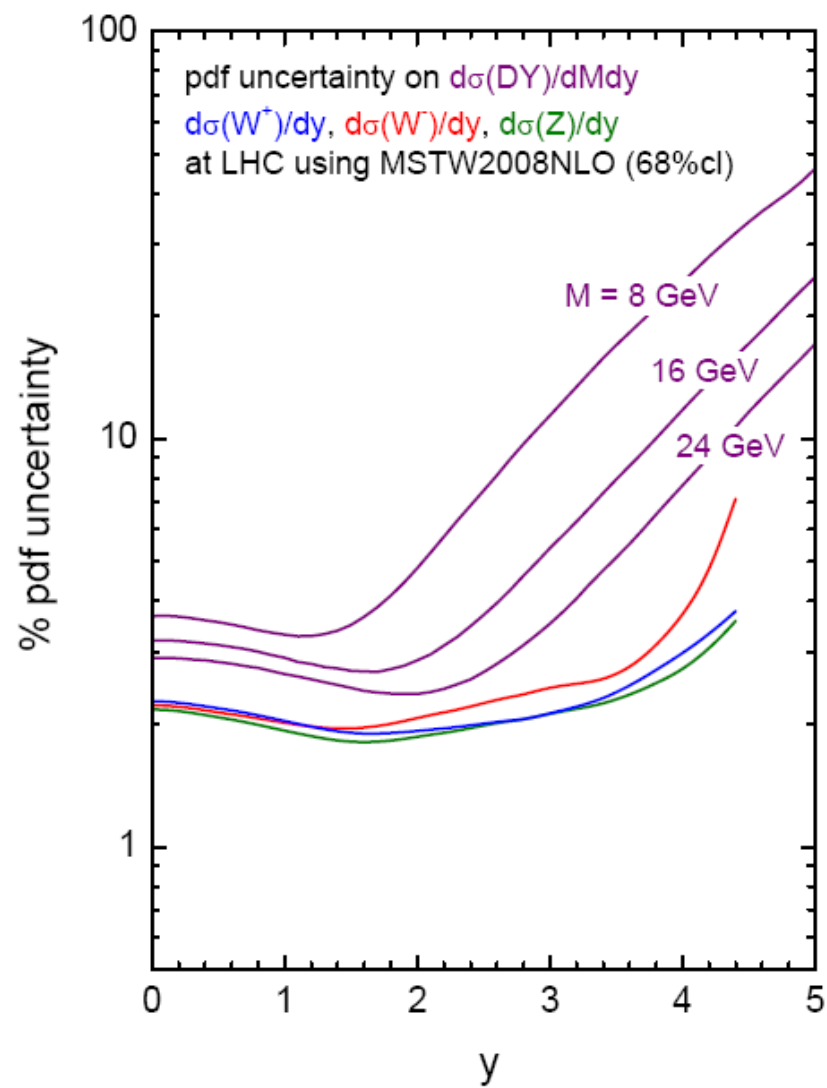


LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_{W^+}$ (nb)	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_{W^-}$ (nb)	$R_{\pm}$
MSTW 2008 LO	$7.35^{+0.08}_{-0.12}$ (+1.1%) (-1.6%)	$5.22^{+0.06}_{-0.09}$ (+1.1%) (-1.7%)	$1.408^{+0.015}_{-0.012}$ (+1.0%) (-0.8%)
MSTW 2008 NLO	$8.62^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$ (+2.1%) (-1.7%)	$6.30^{+0.14}_{-0.11}$ (+2.2%) (-1.7%)	$1.367^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$ (+0.9%) (-0.7%)
MSTW 2008 NNLO	$8.88^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$ (+1.7%) (-1.6%)	$6.47^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$ (+1.7%) (-1.6%)	$1.373^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$ (+0.8%) (-0.7%)
LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_{W^+}$ (nb)	$B_{l\nu} \cdot \sigma_{W^-}$ (nb)	$R_{\pm}$
MSTW 2008 LO	$10.69^{+0.14}_{-0.19}$ (+1.3%) (-1.8%)	$7.83^{+0.10}_{-0.14}$ (+1.2%) (-1.8%)	$1.366^{+0.013}_{-0.010}$ (+0.9%) (-0.8%)
MSTW 2008 NLO	$12.06^{+0.24}_{-0.21}$ (+2.0%) (-1.8%)	$9.11^{+0.19}_{-0.16}$ (+2.1%) (-1.6%)	$1.325^{+0.011}_{-0.009}$ (+0.8%) (-0.7%)
MSTW 2008 NNLO	$12.39^{+0.22}_{-0.21}$ (+1.8%) (-1.7%)	$9.33^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$ (+1.7%) (-1.7%)	$1.328^{+0.011}_{-0.009}$ (+0.8%) (-0.7%)



$W \rightarrow l \nu_l$ charge asymmetry at LHC





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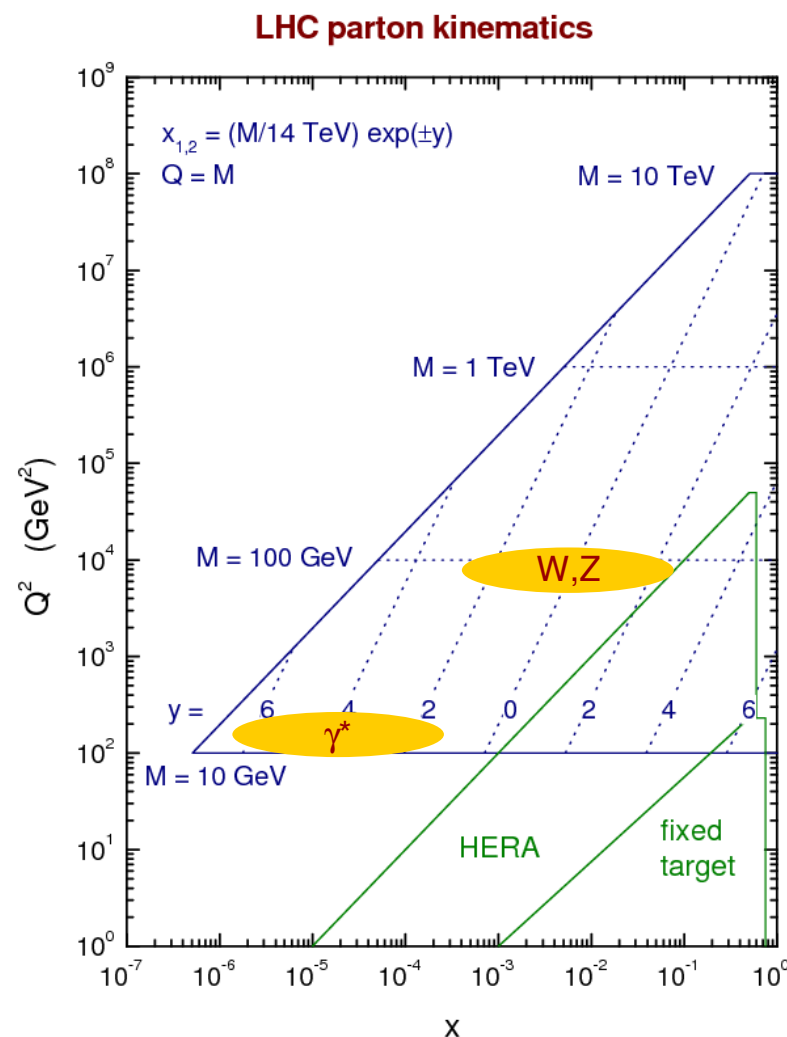
which can in principle help distinguish signal and background

pdfs at LHC – the issues

- high precision cross section predictions require accurate knowledge of pdfs: $\delta\sigma_{\text{th}} = \delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} + \dots$
 - improved signal and background predictions
 - easier to spot new physics
- ‘standard candle’ processes (e.g. σ_Z) to
 - check formalism (factorisation, DGLAP, ...)
 - measure machine luminosity?
- learning more about pdfs from LHC measurements. e.g.
 - high- E_T jets → gluon?
 - W^+, W^-, Z^0 → quarks?
 - forward DY → small x ?
 - ...

impact of LHC measurements on pdfs

- the standard candles:
central $\sigma(W,Z,tt,jets)$ as a probe and test of pdfs in the $x \sim 10^{-2 \pm 1}$, $Q^2 \sim 10^{4-6} \text{ GeV}^2$ range where most New Physics is expected (H, SUSY, ...)
- forward production of (relatively) low-mass states (e.g. γ^* , dijets, ...) to access partons at $x \ll 1$ (and $x \sim 1$)





LHCb

Unique features

- pseudo-rapidity range 1.9 - 4.9
 - 1.9 - 2.5 complementary to ATLAS/CMS
 - > 2.5 unique to LHCb
- beam defocused at LHCb: 1 year of running = 2 fb⁻¹
- trigger on low momentum muons: $p > 8$ GeV, $p_T > 1$ GeV

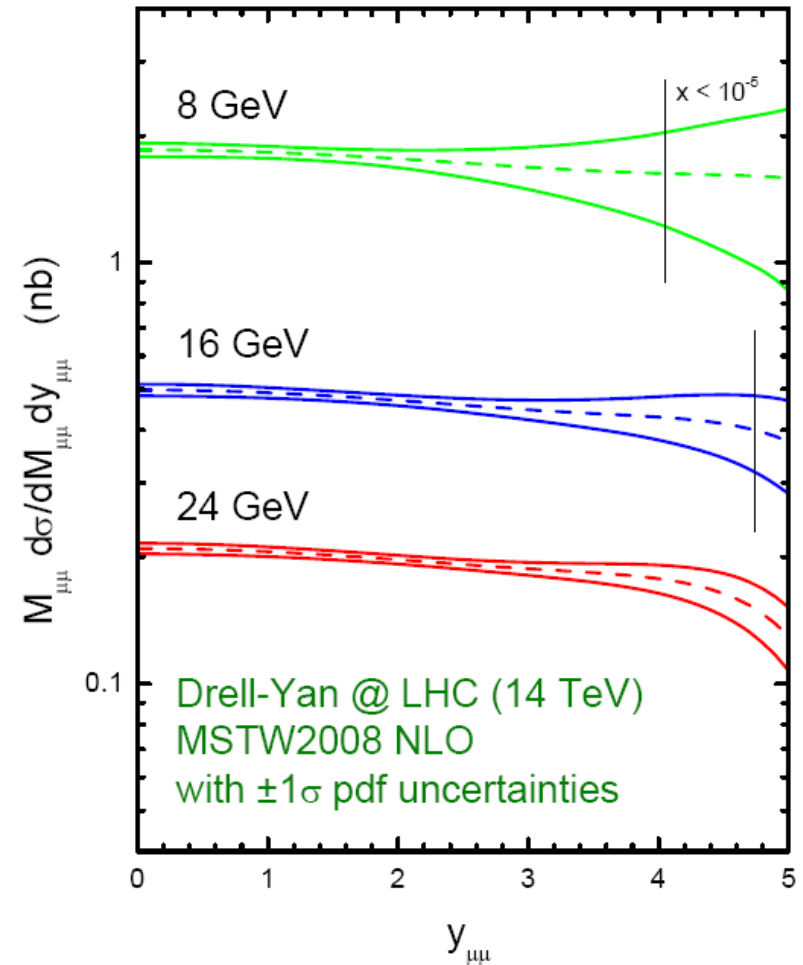
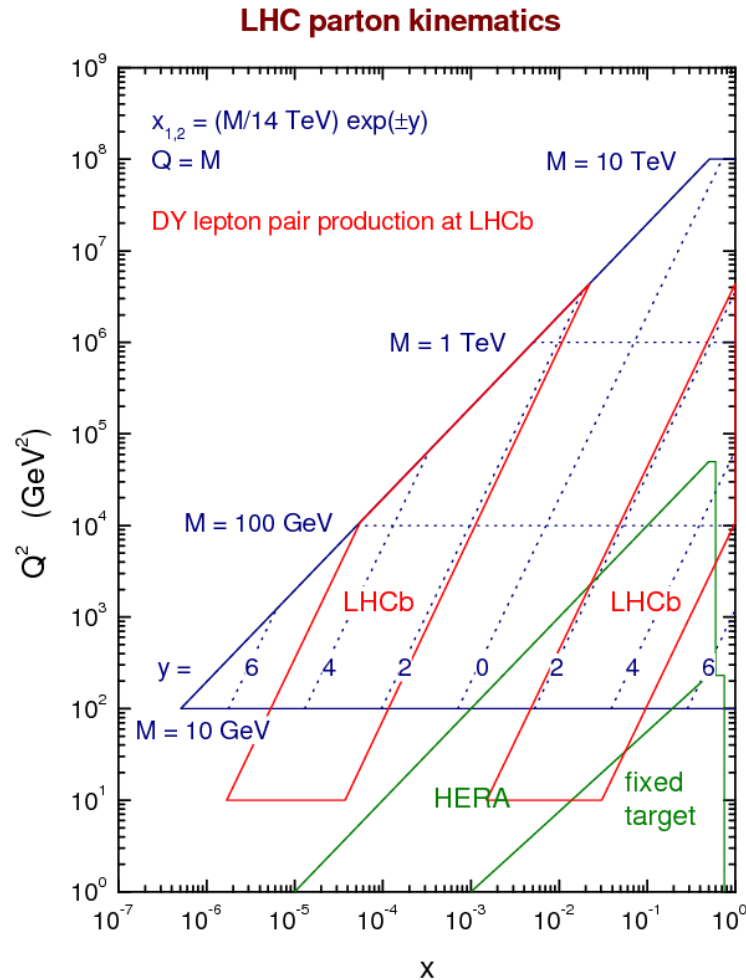


access to unique range of (x, Q^2)

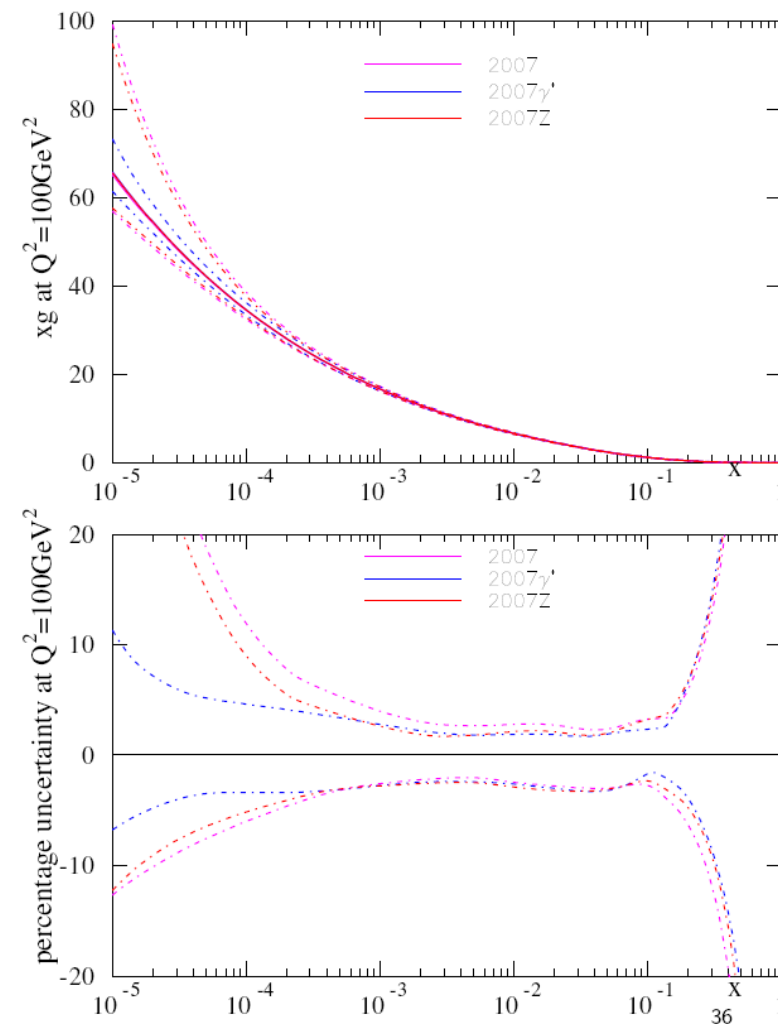
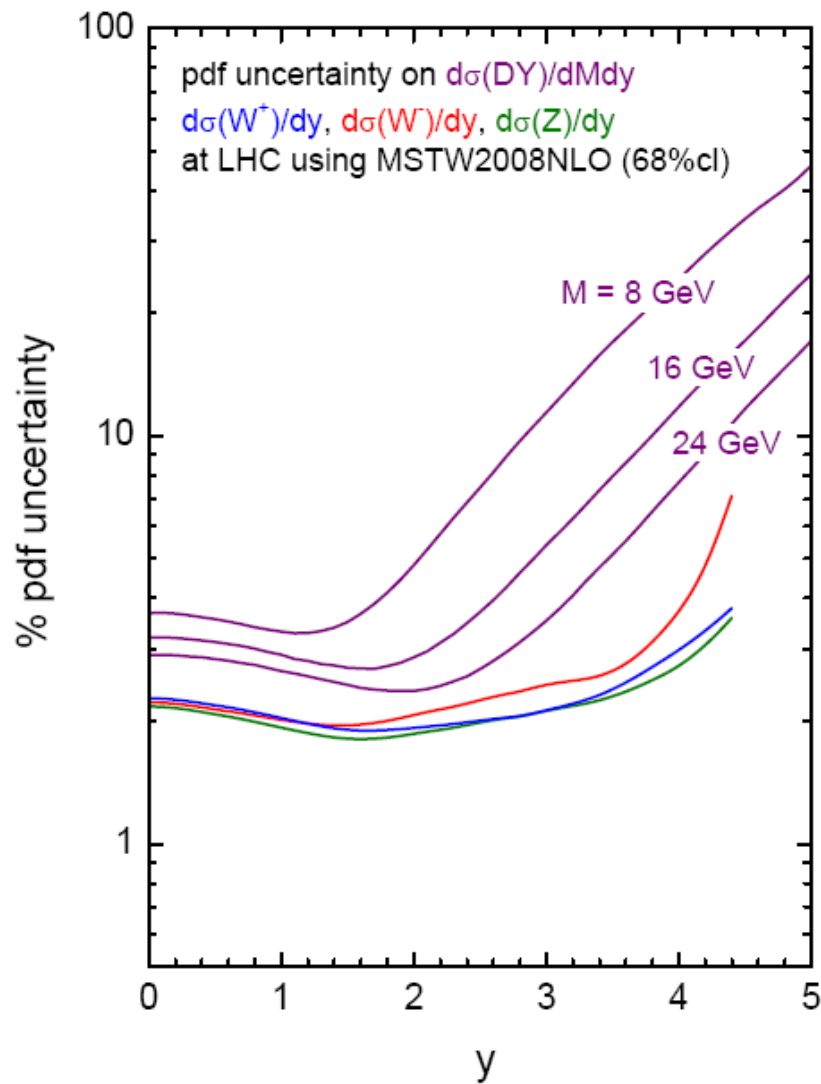


LHCb

→ detect forward, low p_T muons from $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



Impact of 1 fb^{-1} LHCb data for forward Z and γ^* ($M = 14 \text{ GeV}$) production on the gluon distribution uncertainty

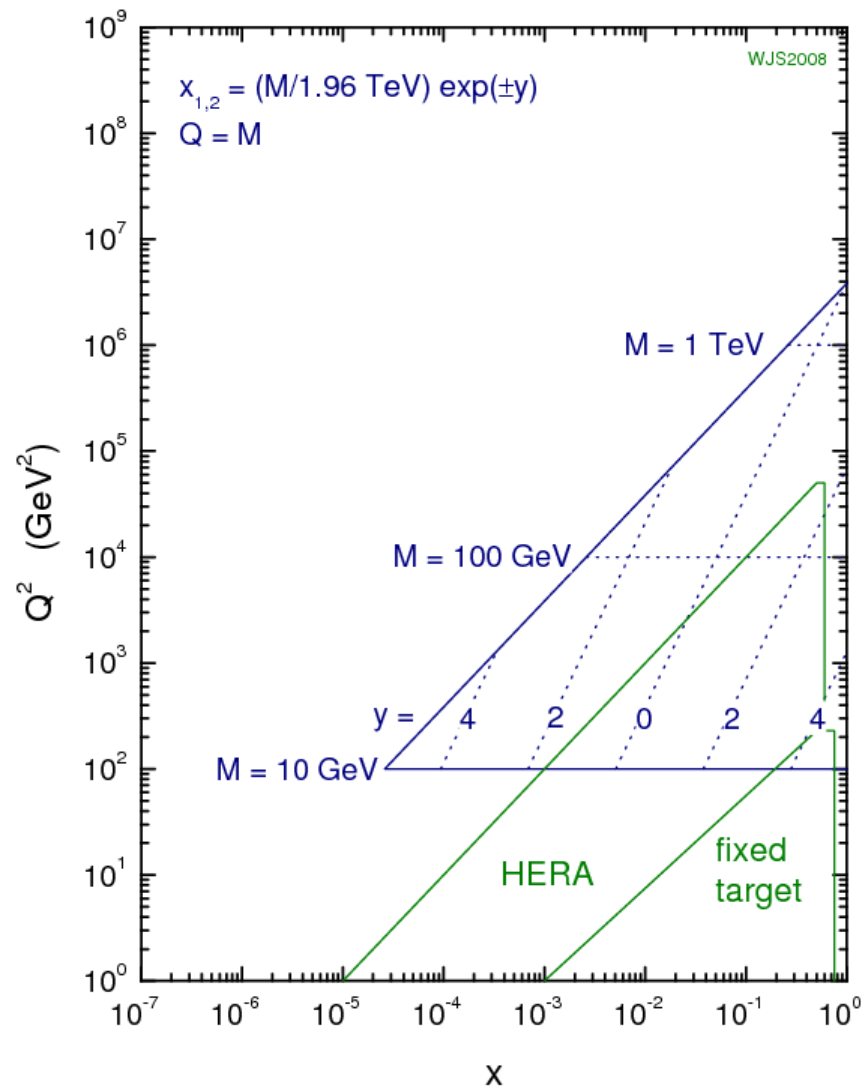


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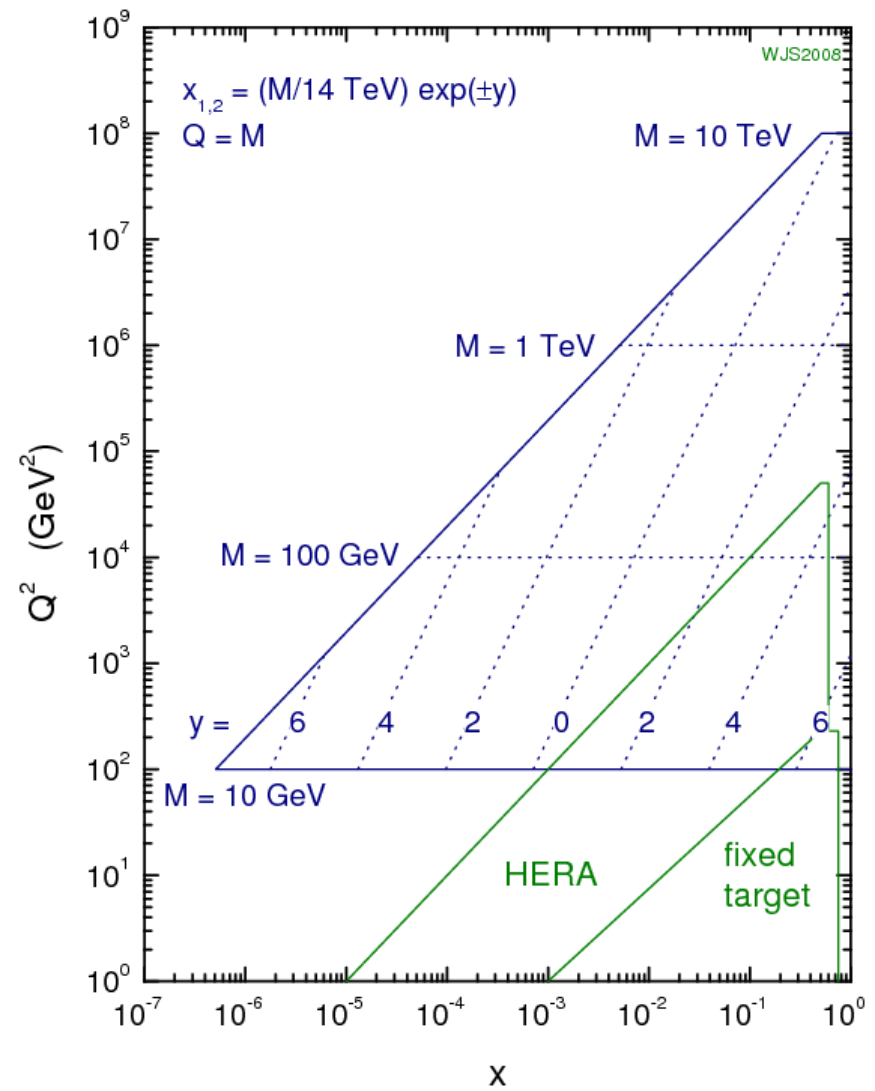
- precision phenomenology at high-energy colliders such as the LHC requires an accurate knowledge of the distribution functions of partons in hadrons
- determining pdfs from global fits to data is now a major industry... the MSTW collaboration has released its latest (2008) LO, NLO, NNLO sets
- pdf uncertainty for 'new physics' cross sections not expected to be too important (few % level), apart from at very high mass
- ongoing high-precision studies of standard candle cross sections and ratios (→ new PDF4LHC benchmarking initiative)
- potential of LHCb to probe very small x via low-mass Drell-Yan
- 7 TeV LHC is already interesting!

extra slides

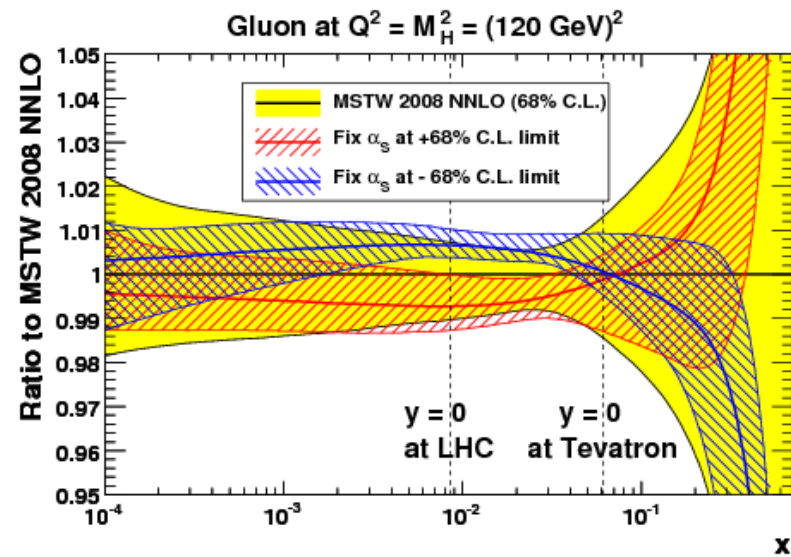
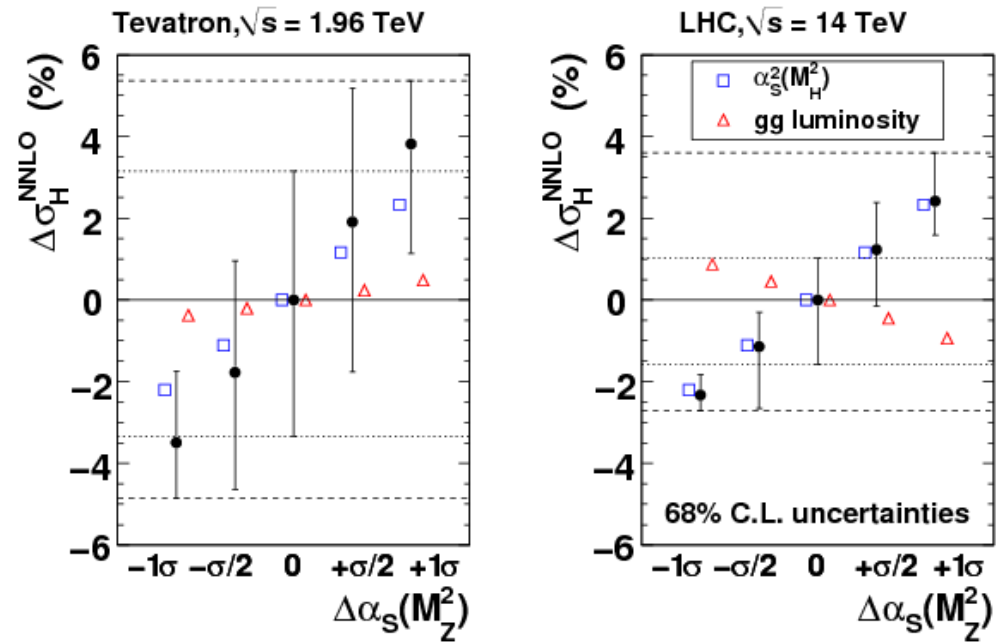
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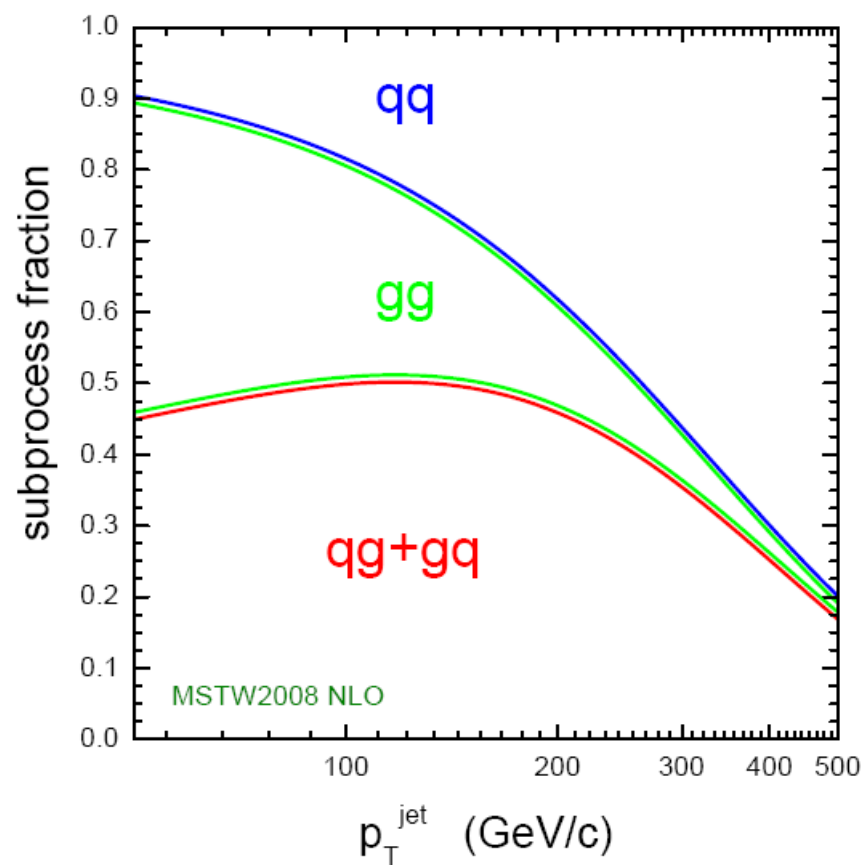
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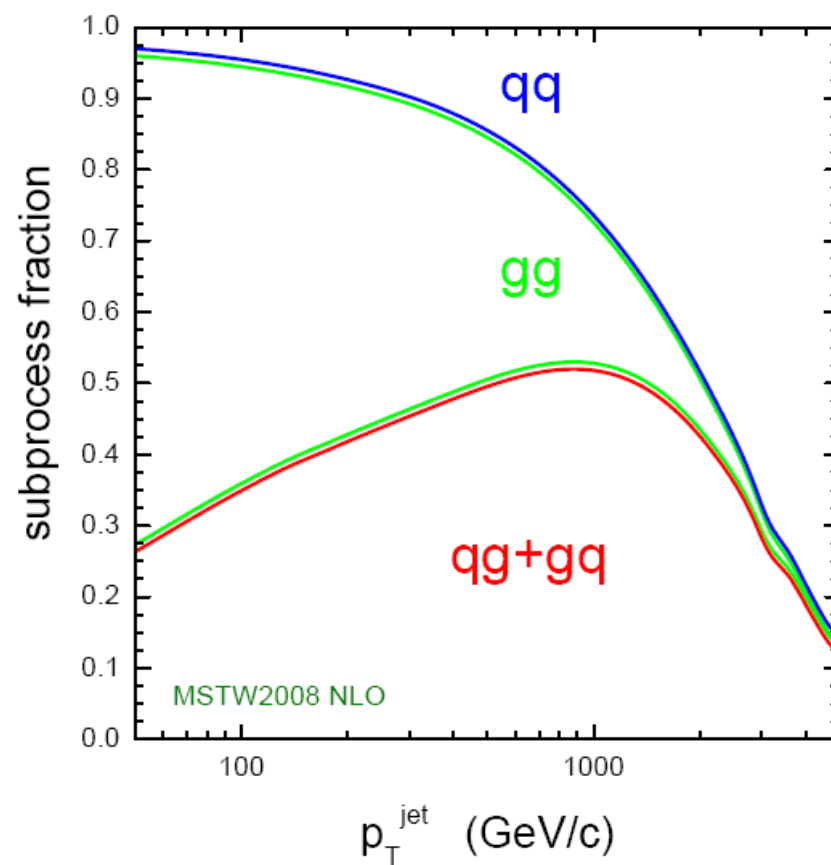
Higgs ($M_H = 120$ GeV) with MSTW 2008 NNLO PDFs



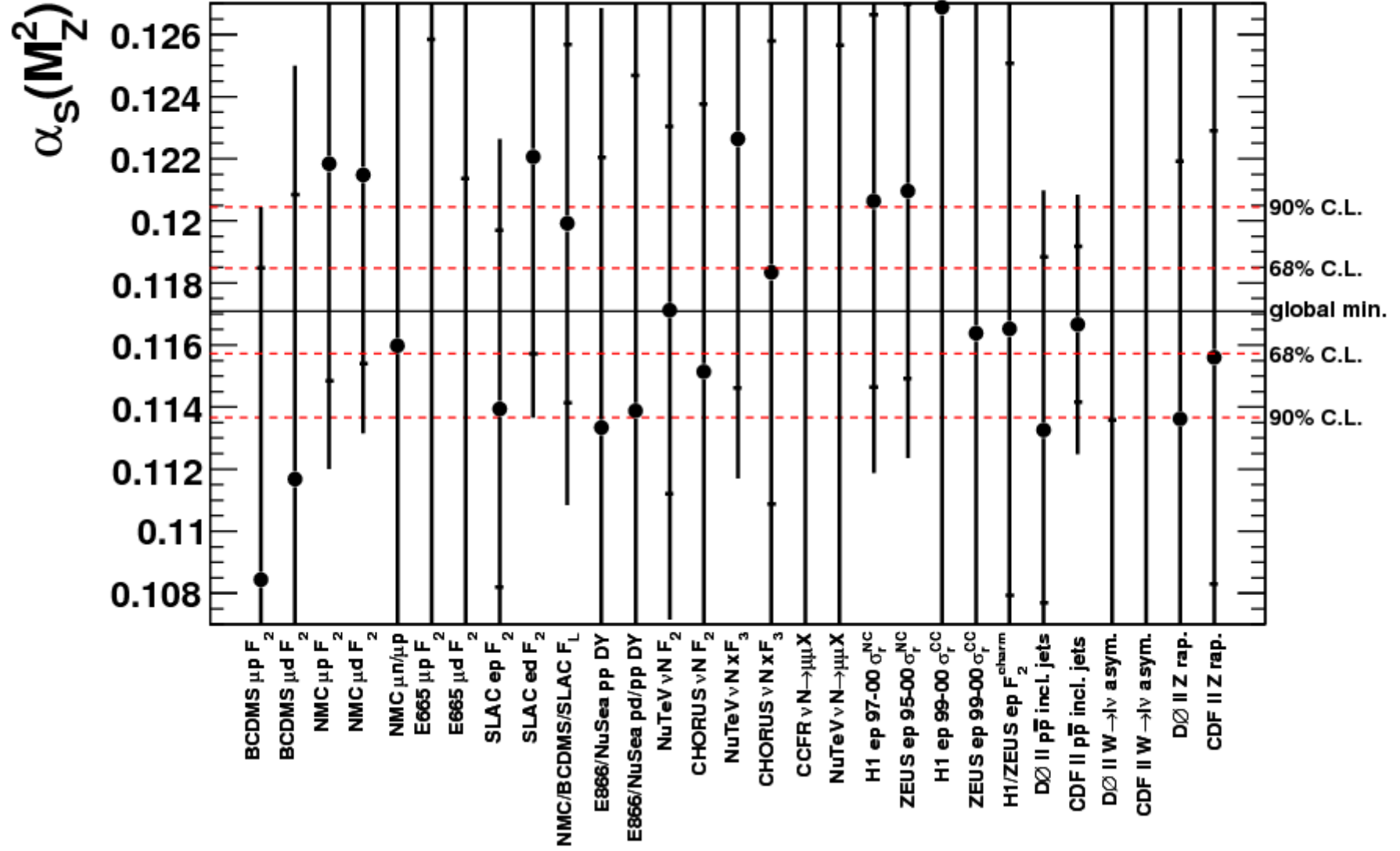
inclusive jet production at Tevatron ($\eta^{\text{jet}} = 0$)

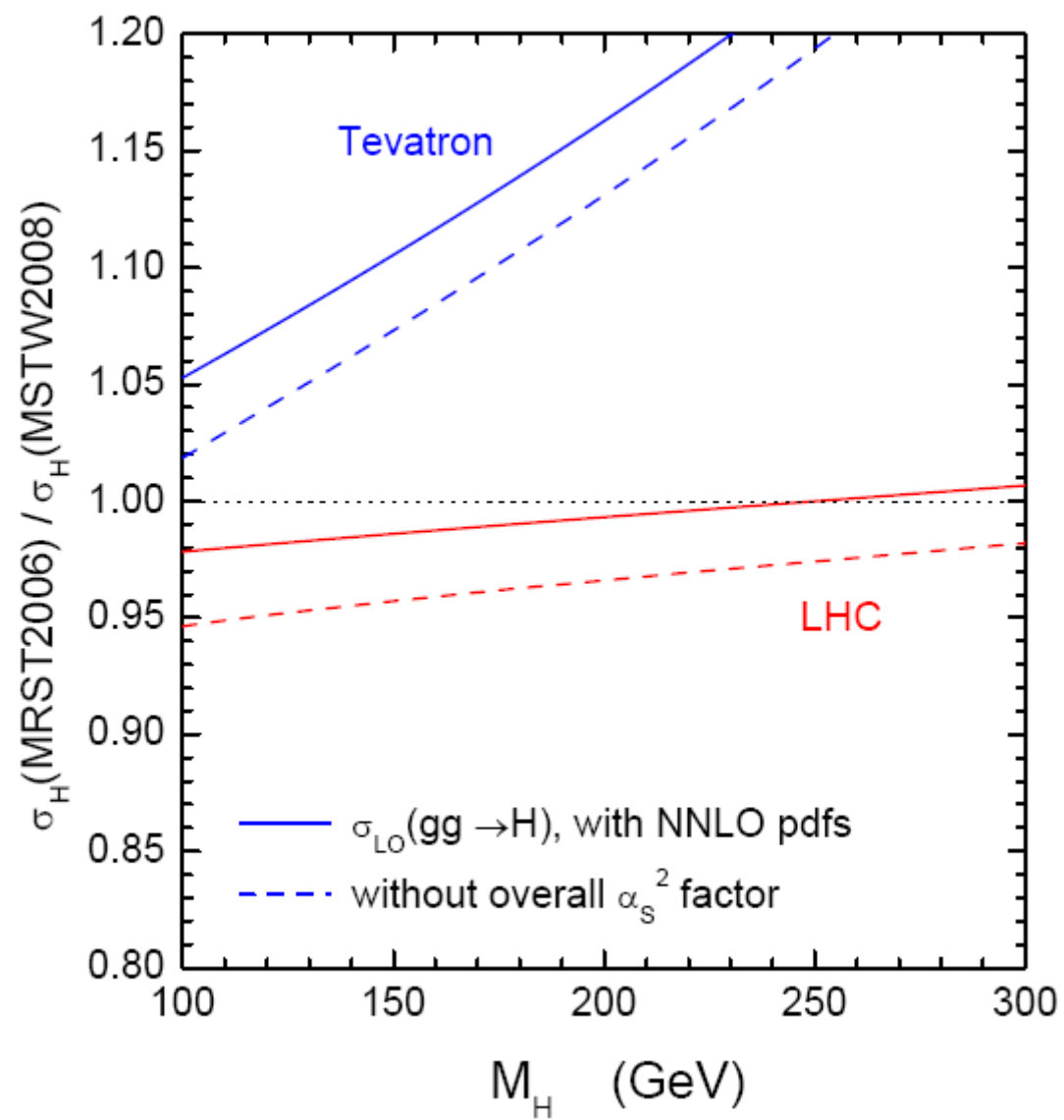


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MSTW 2008 NNLO (α_s) PDF fit



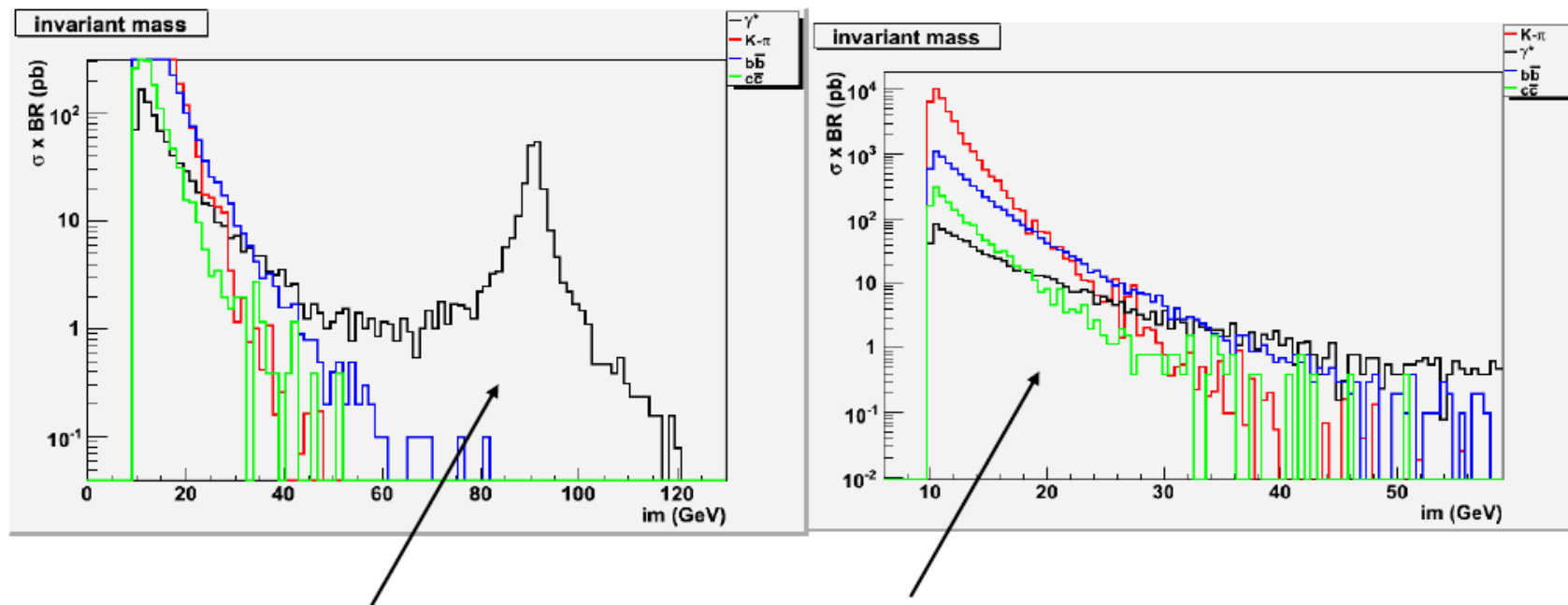




$\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu\mu$ selection



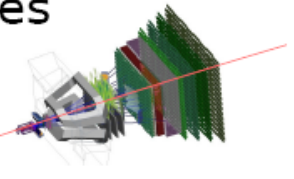
- 4-vector Pythia + LHCb acceptance



Dominant at Z but large backgrounds at low masses

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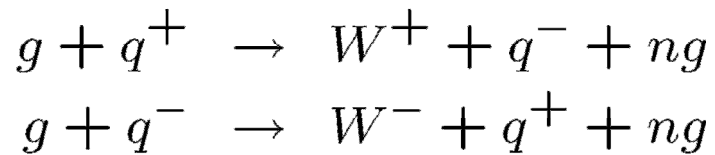
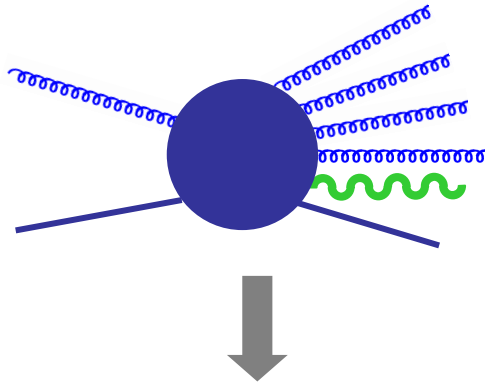
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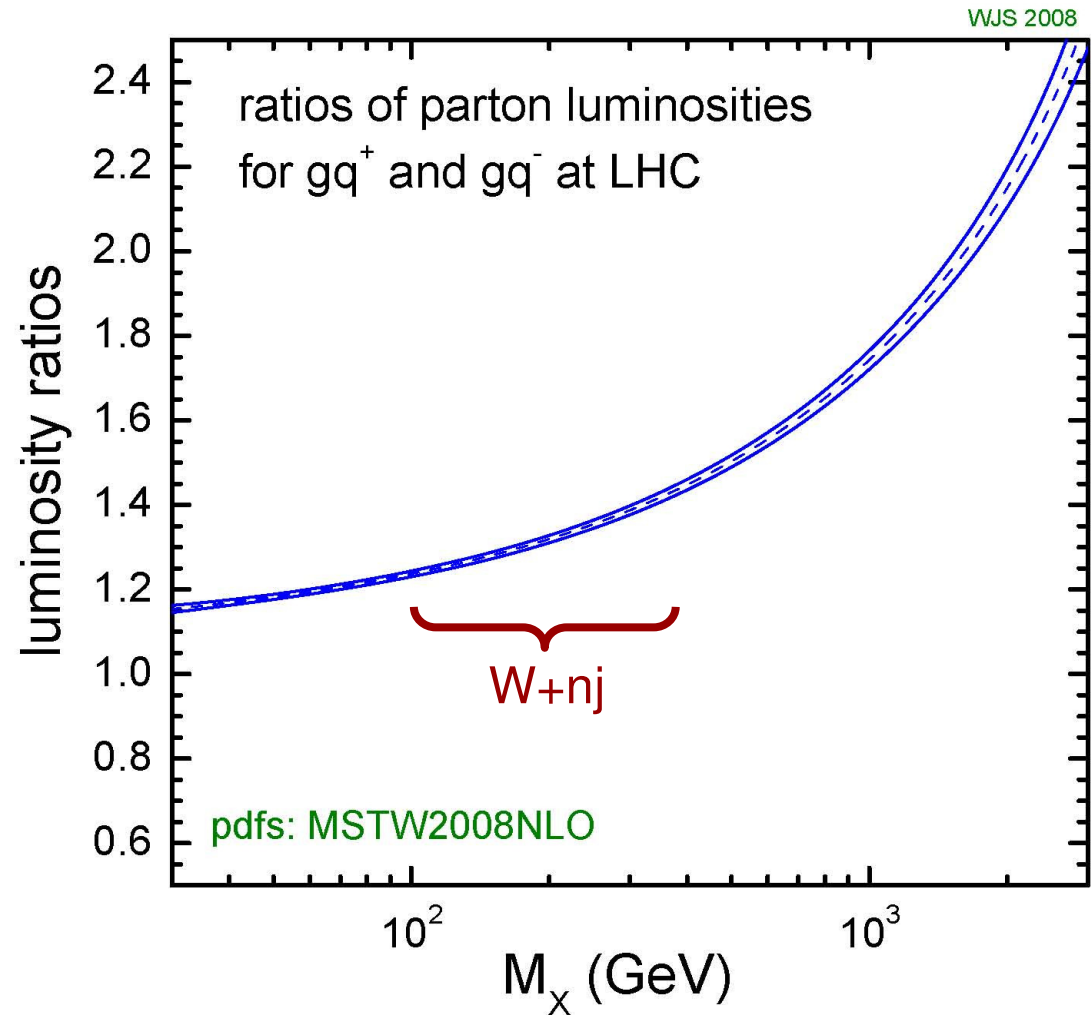
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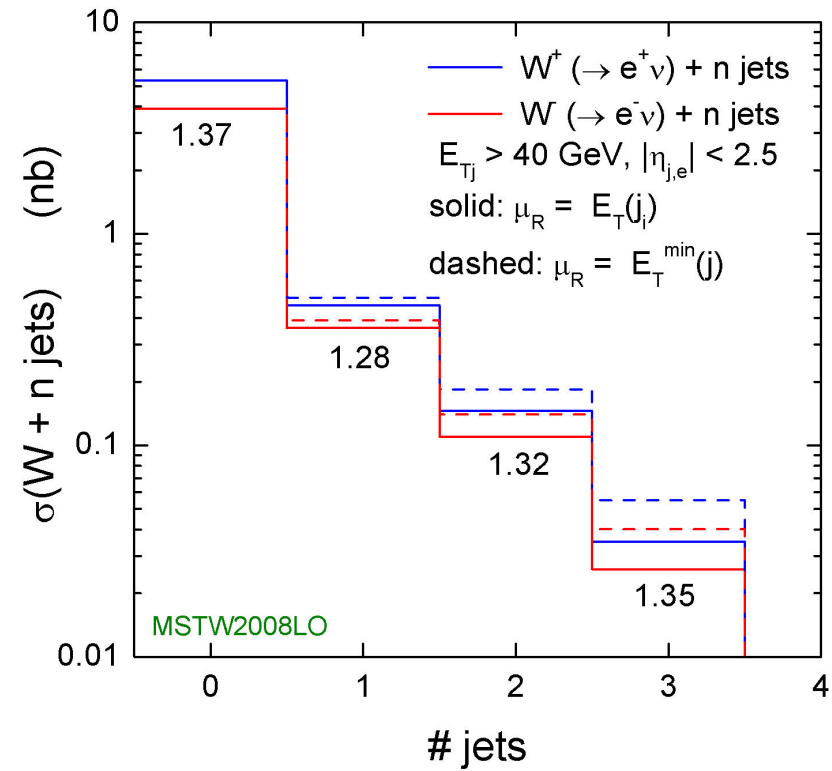
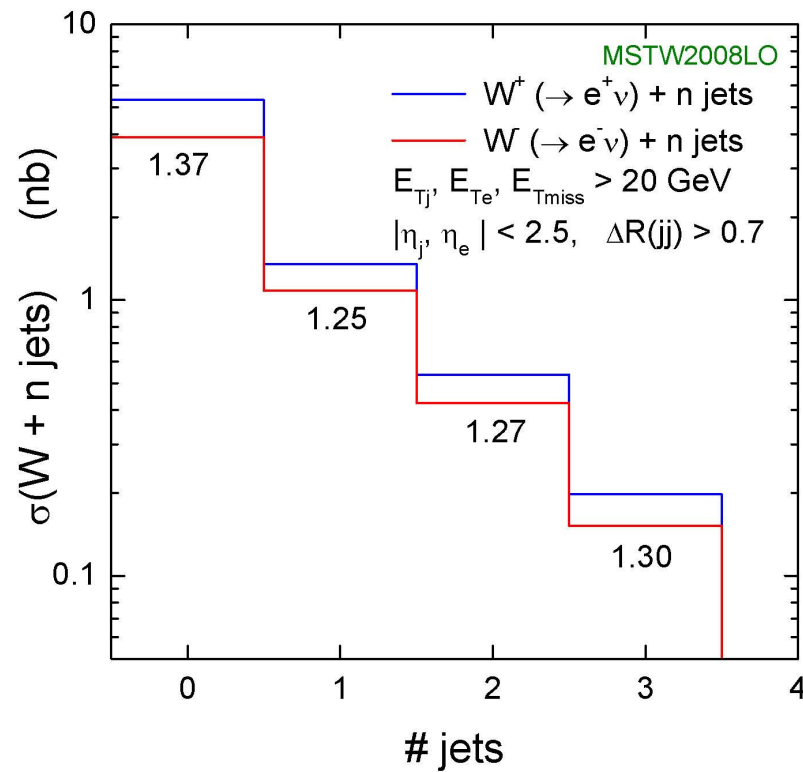
$W^{+-} + n \text{ jets @ LHC}$

for $n_{\text{jet}} > 1$ dominant subprocess is:



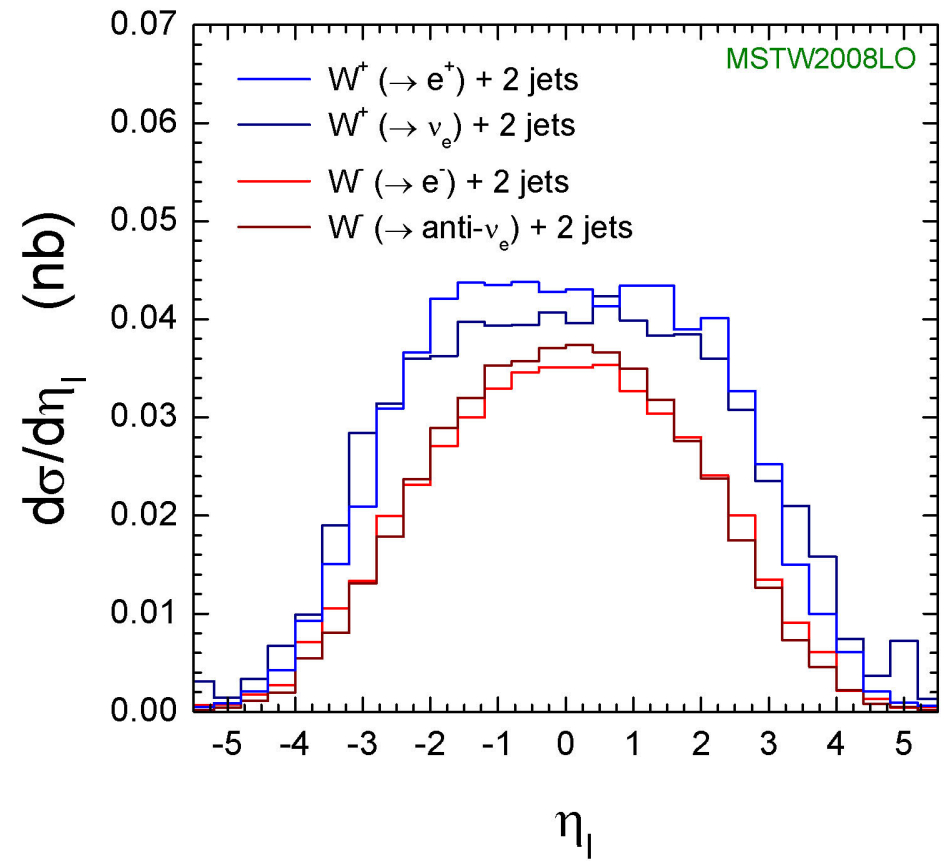
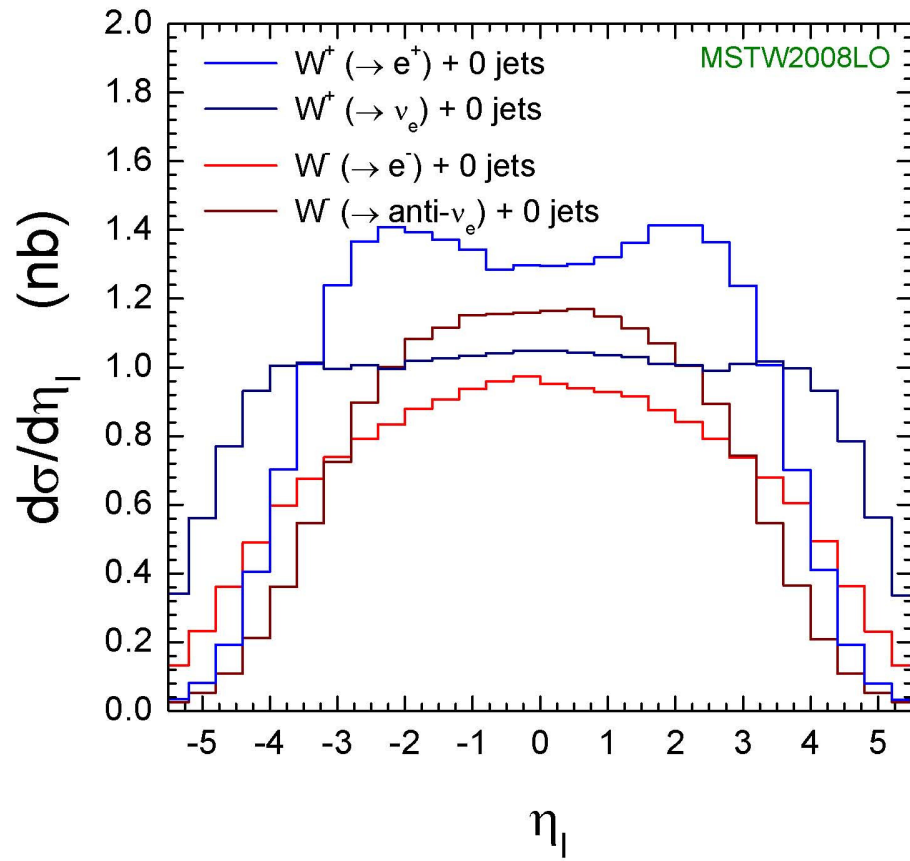
	%qq	%qg	%gg
W+0j	100	0	0
W+1j	75	25	0
W+2j	18	75	7
W+3j	18	72	10

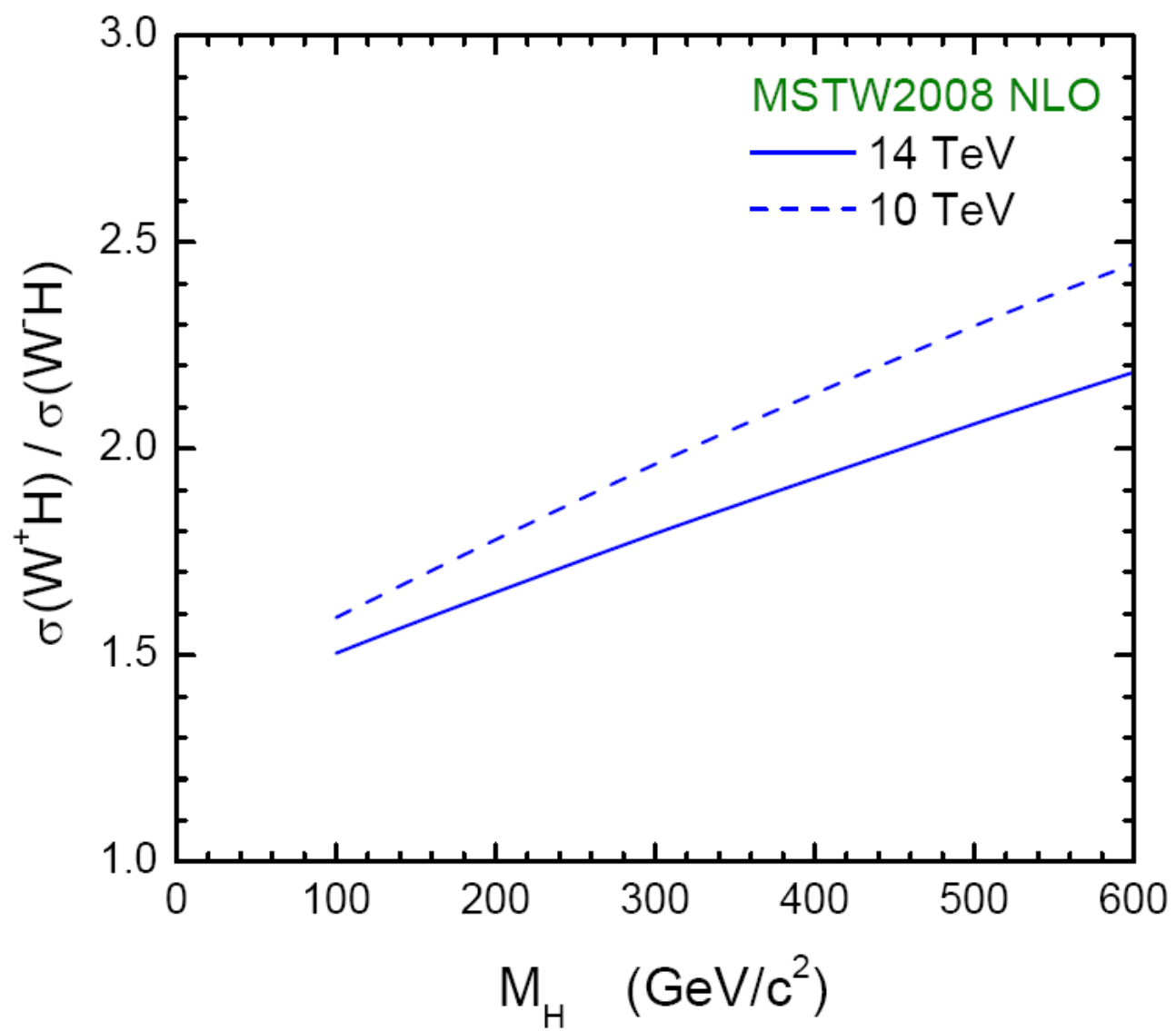


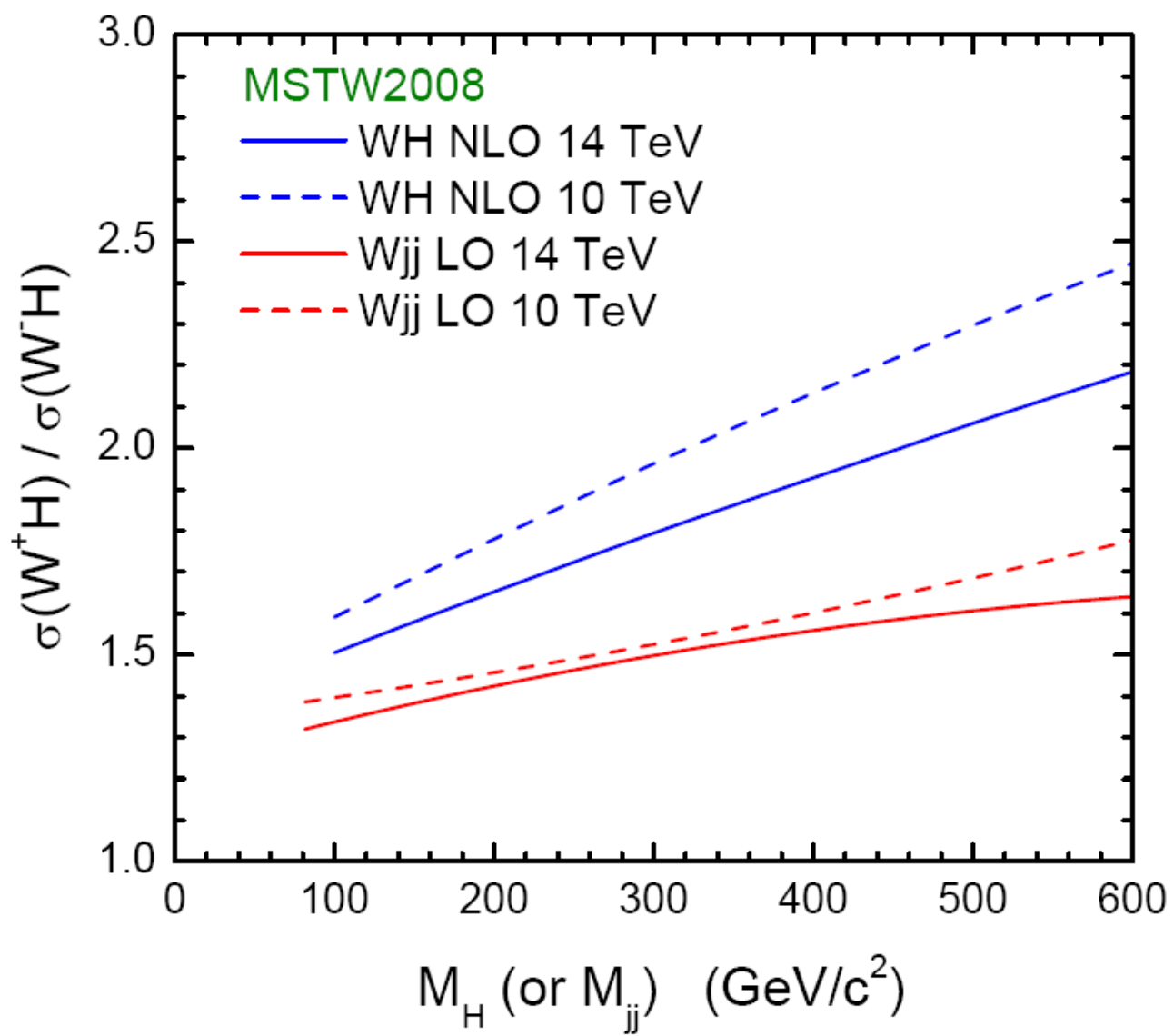


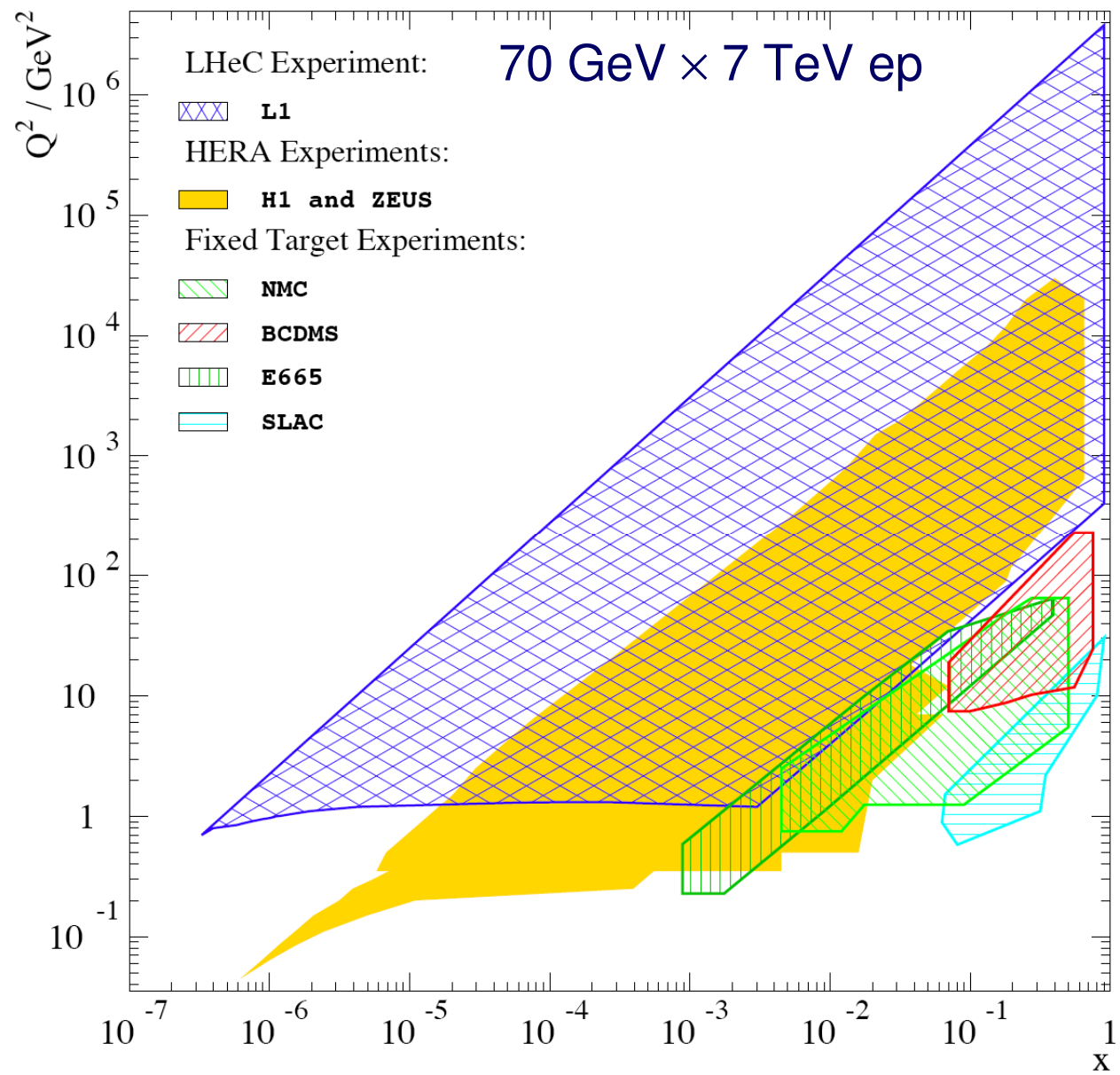
W^+/W^- ratio:

- very sensitive to u/d pdf ratio
- varies with y_W
- depends slightly on n_{jet} and $E_{Tj}(\text{min})$
- fairly independent of scale choice etc

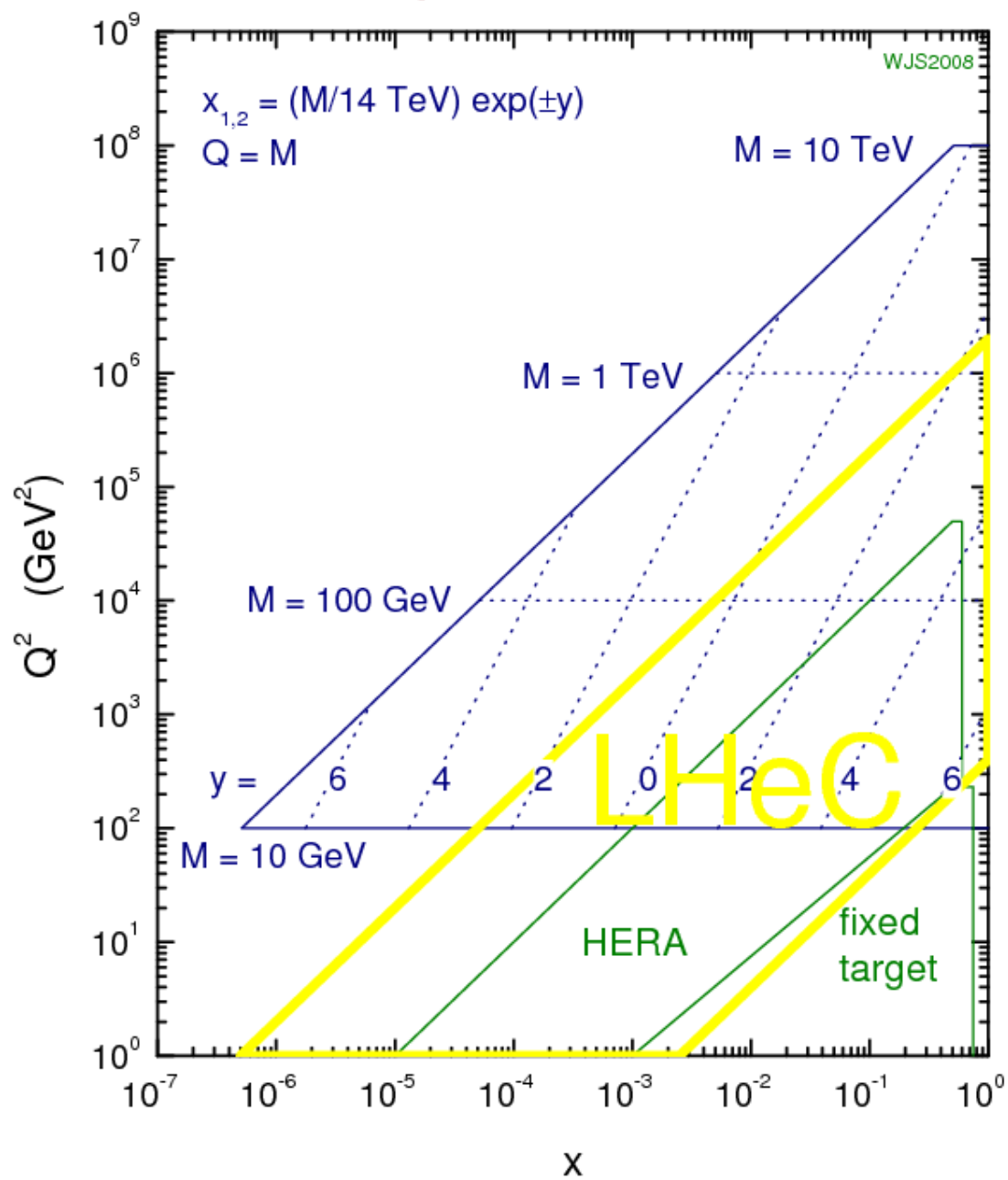




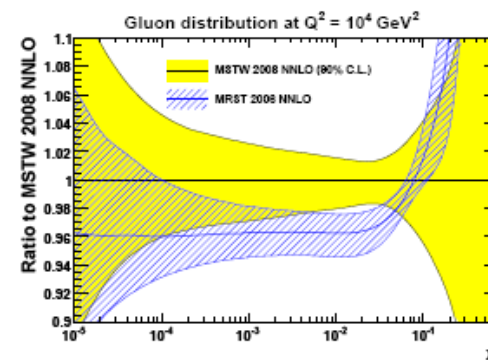
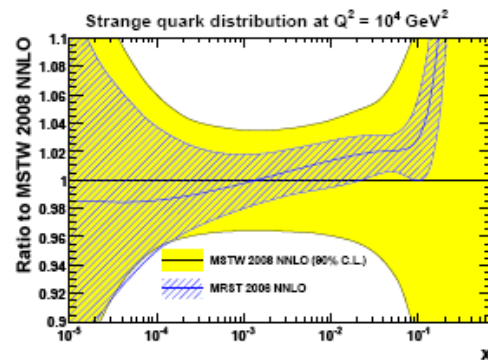
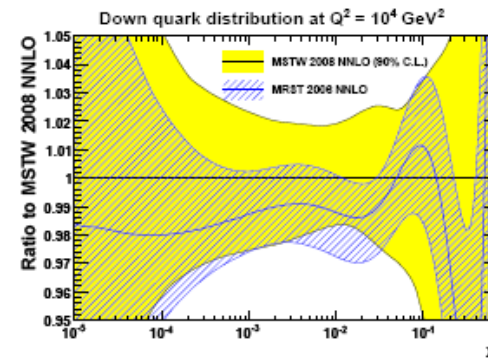
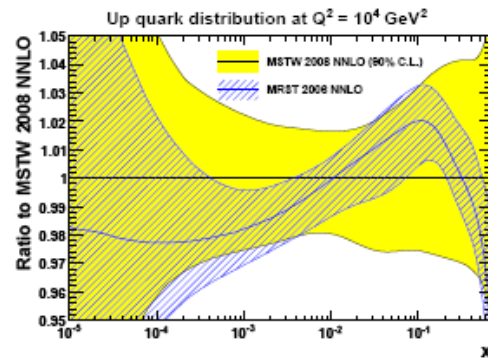
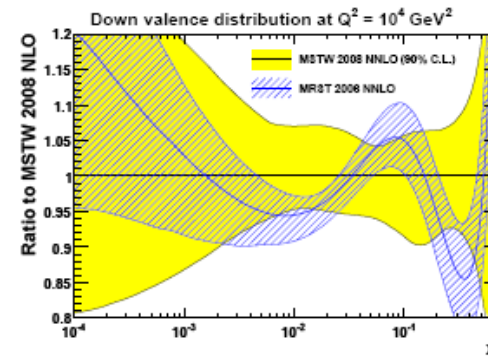
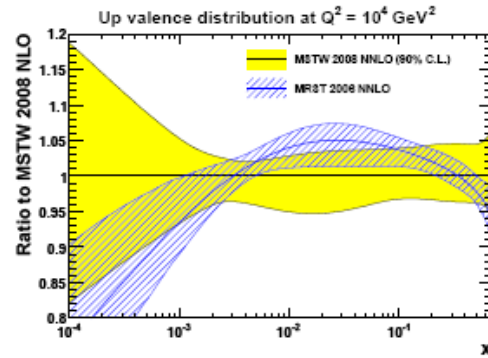




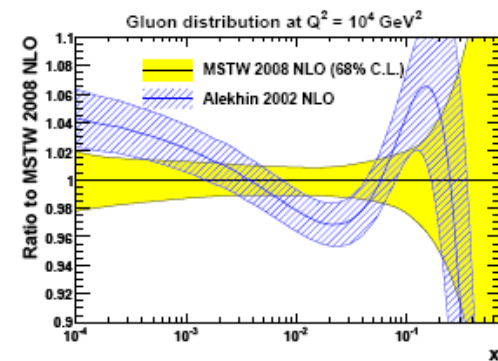
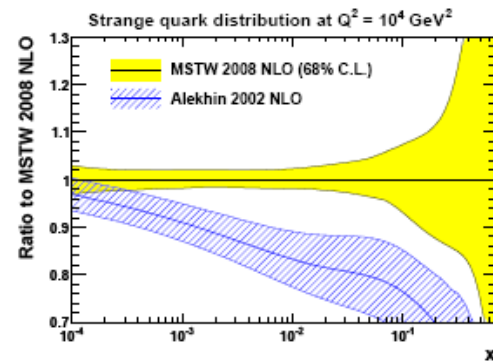
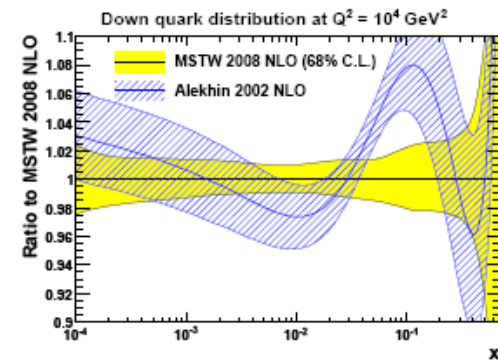
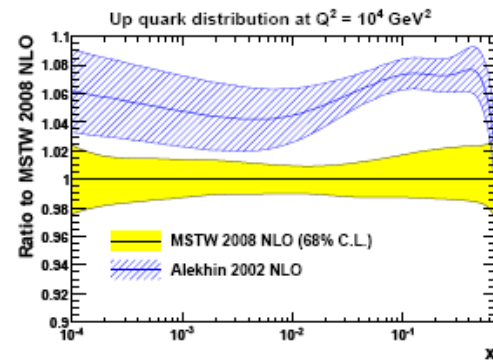
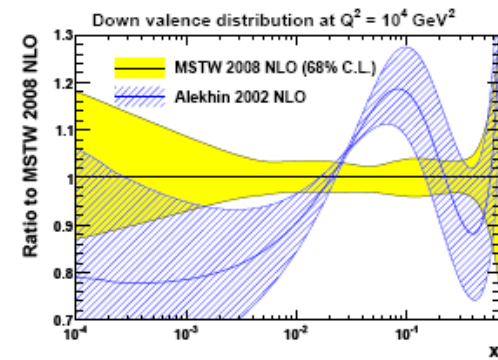
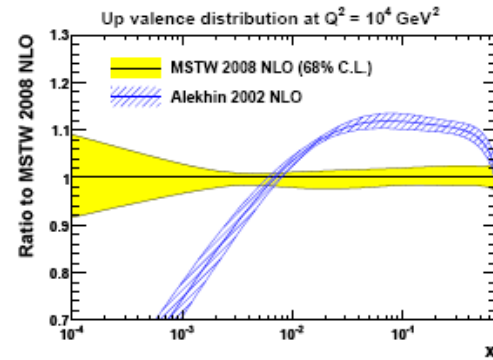
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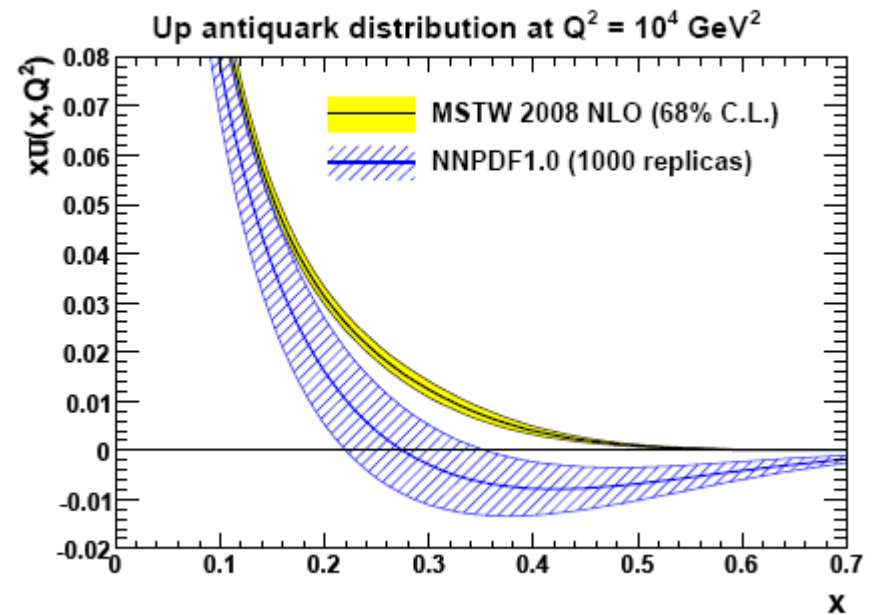
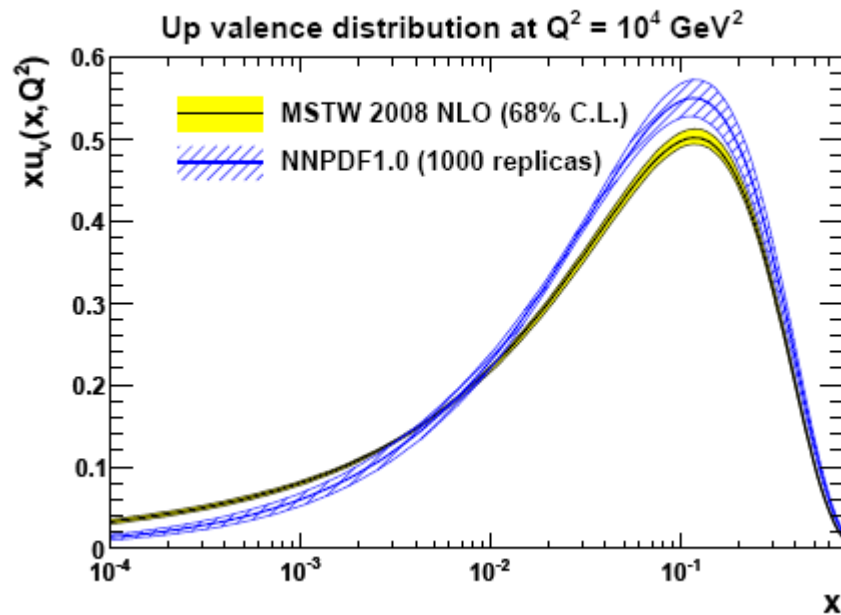
MSTW2008 vs MRST2006



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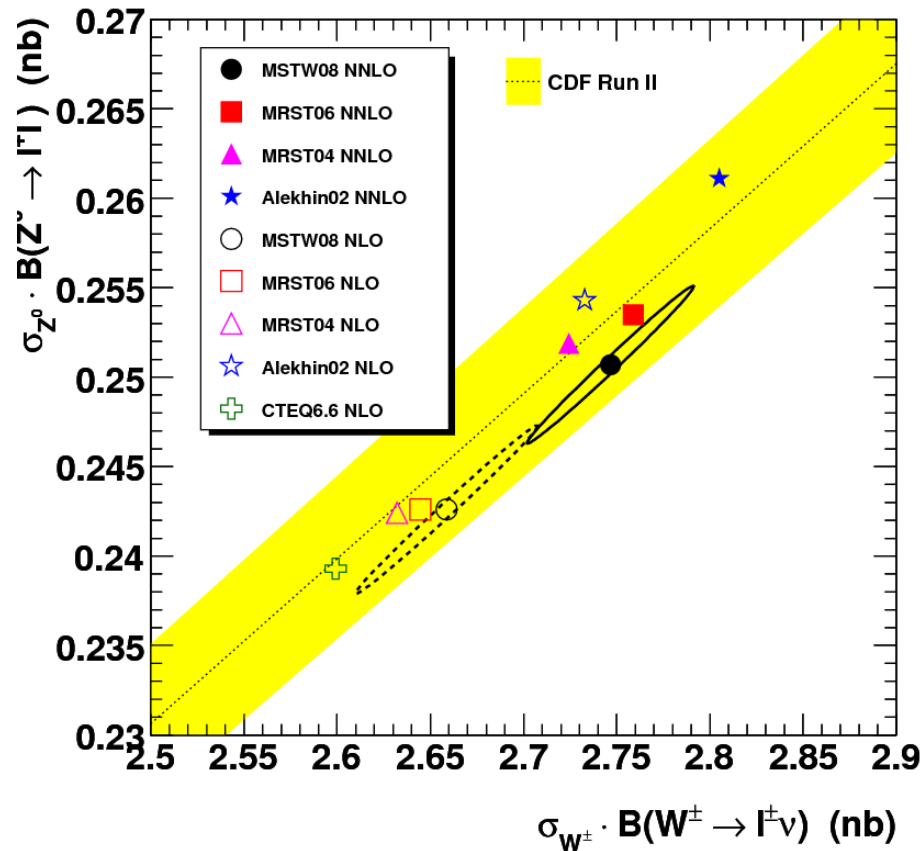


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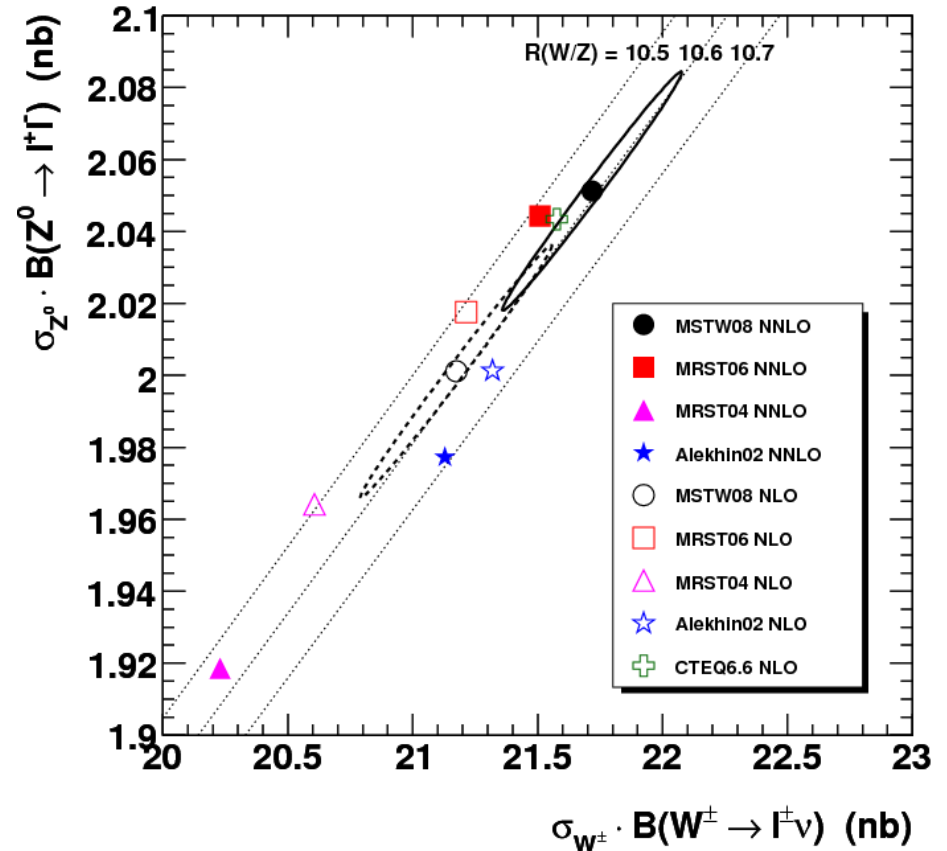


$R(W/Z)=\sigma(W)/\sigma(Z)$ @ Tevatron & LHC

W and Z total cross sections at the Tevatron

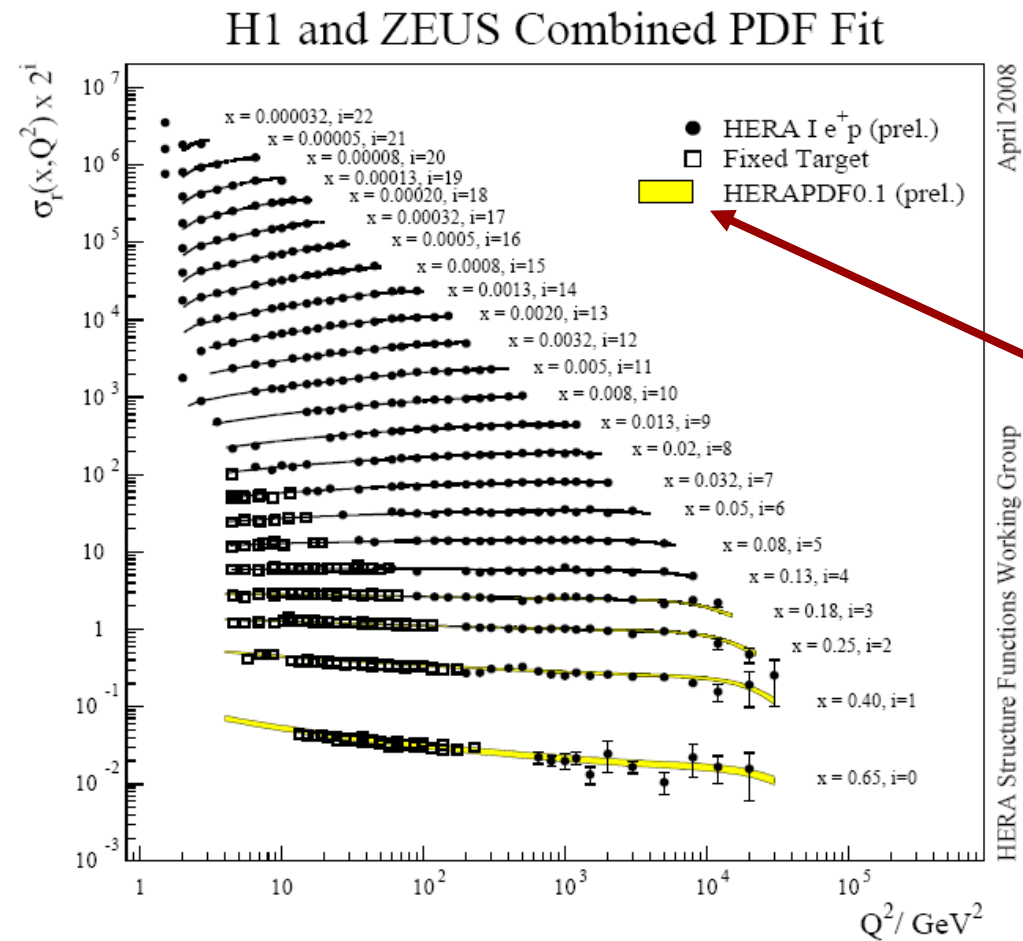


W and Z total cross sections at the LHC



CDF 2007: $R = 10.84 \pm 0.15$ (stat) ± 0.14 (sys)

scaling violations measured at HERA



NLO DGLAP fit

pdf uncertainties

$$\Delta\chi_{\text{global}}^2 \equiv \chi_{\text{global}}^2 - \chi_{\text{min}}^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n H_{ij} (a_i - a_i^0) (a_j - a_j^0)$$

$$\vec{a} - \vec{a}^0 = \sum_{k=1,n} z_k \vec{e}_k \text{ where } (H^{-1}) \cdot \vec{e}_k = \lambda_k \vec{e}_k, \vec{e}_k \cdot \vec{e}_l = \lambda_k \delta_{kl}$$

$$\text{then } \Delta\chi_{\text{global}}^2 = \sum_{k=1,n} z_k^2 \leq T^2 \quad (T = \text{tolerance})$$

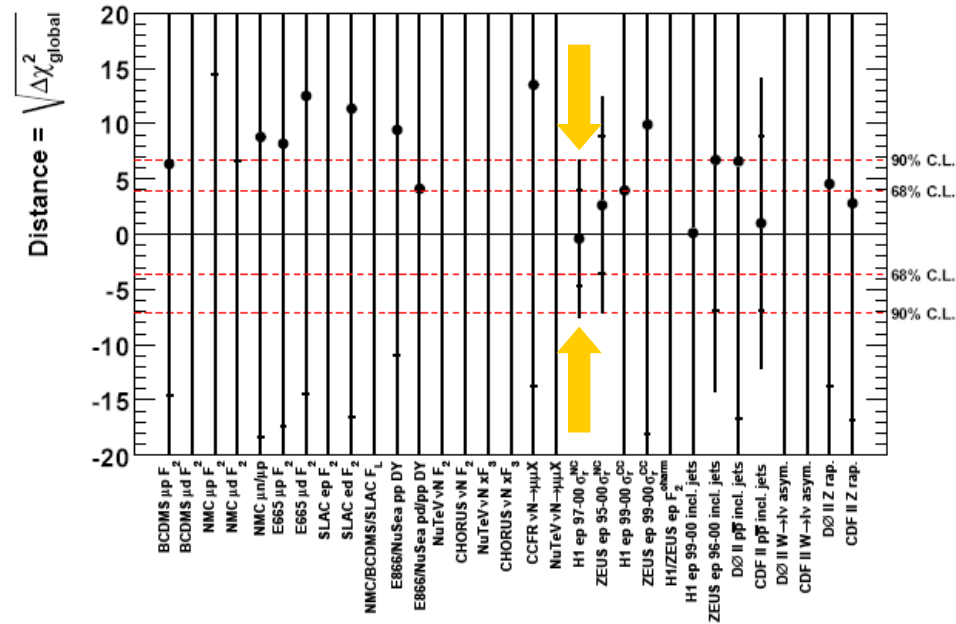
this defines a set of n ‘error’ pdfs, spanning the allowed variation in the parameters, as determined by T :

$$\vec{a}(S_k^\pm) = \vec{a}^0 \pm T \vec{e}_k$$

rather than using a fixed value of T (cf. MRST, CTEQ), we determine the ‘dynamic’ tolerance for each eigenvector from the condition that all data sets should be described within their 68% or 90% or ... confidence limit

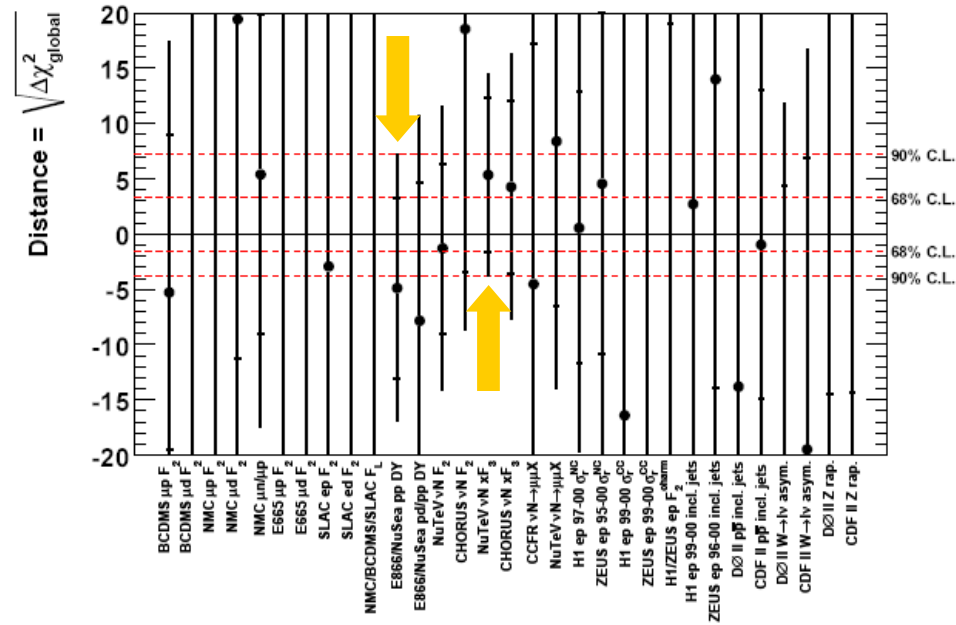
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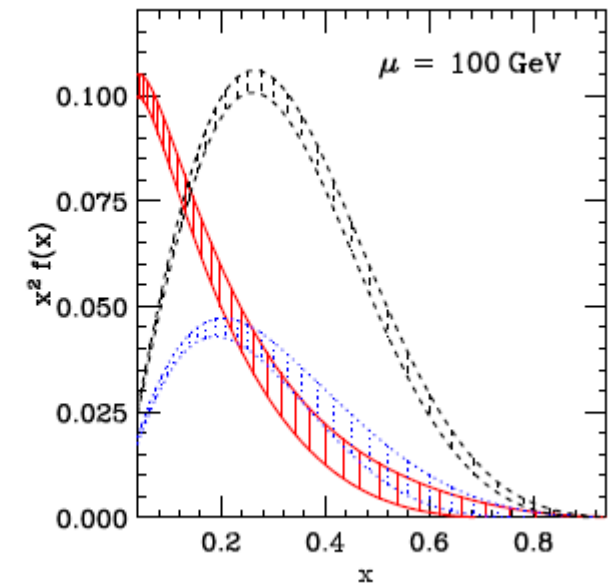
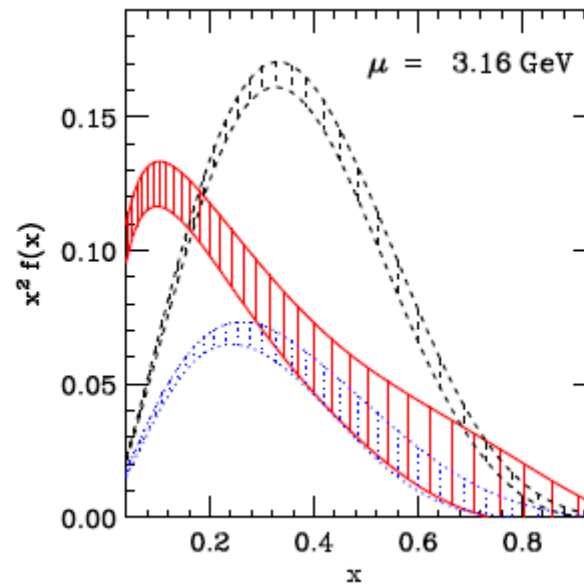
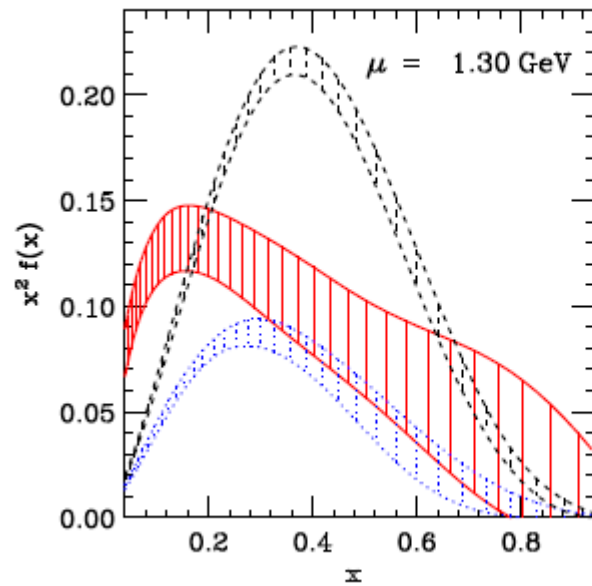
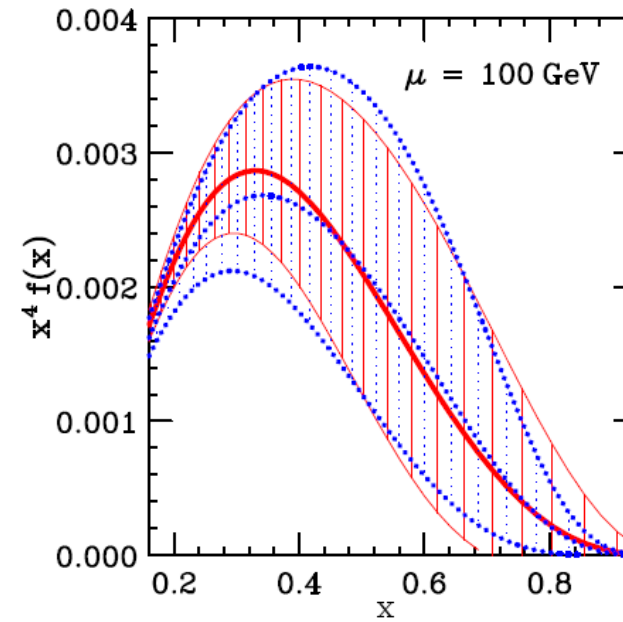
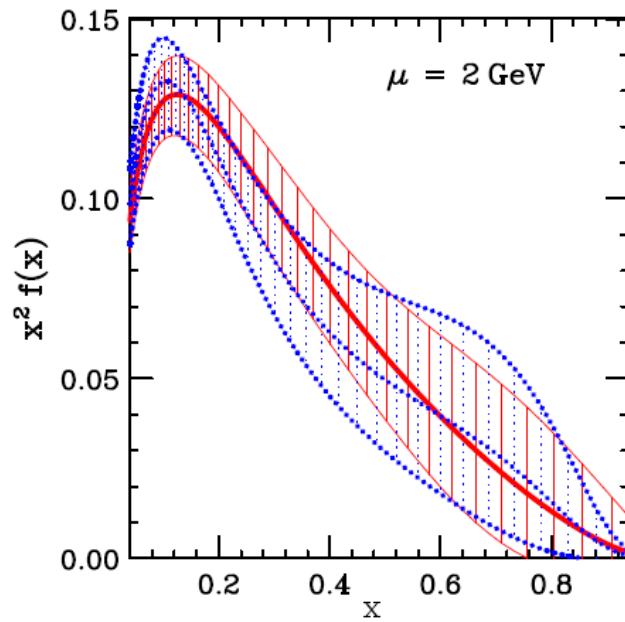
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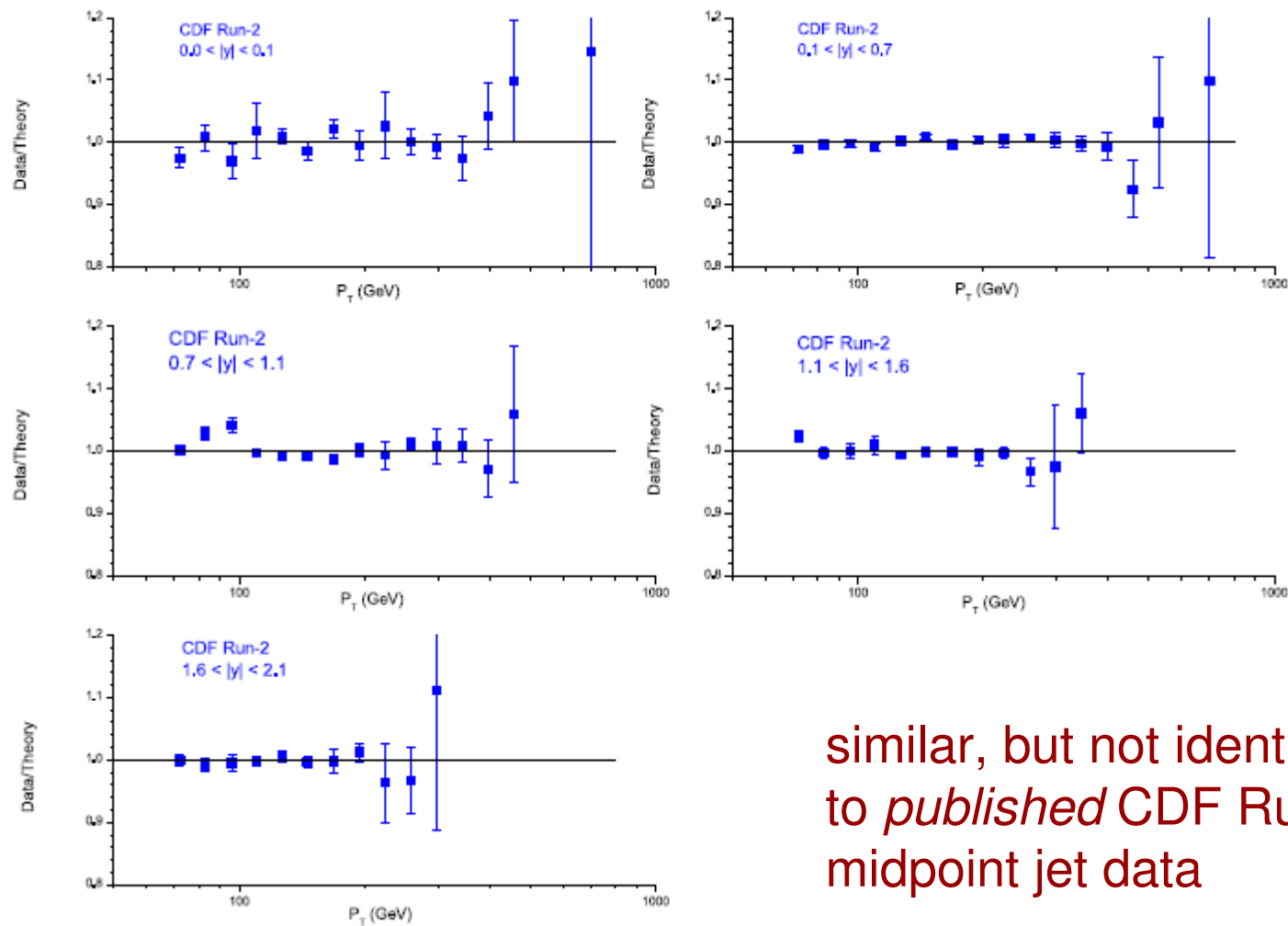


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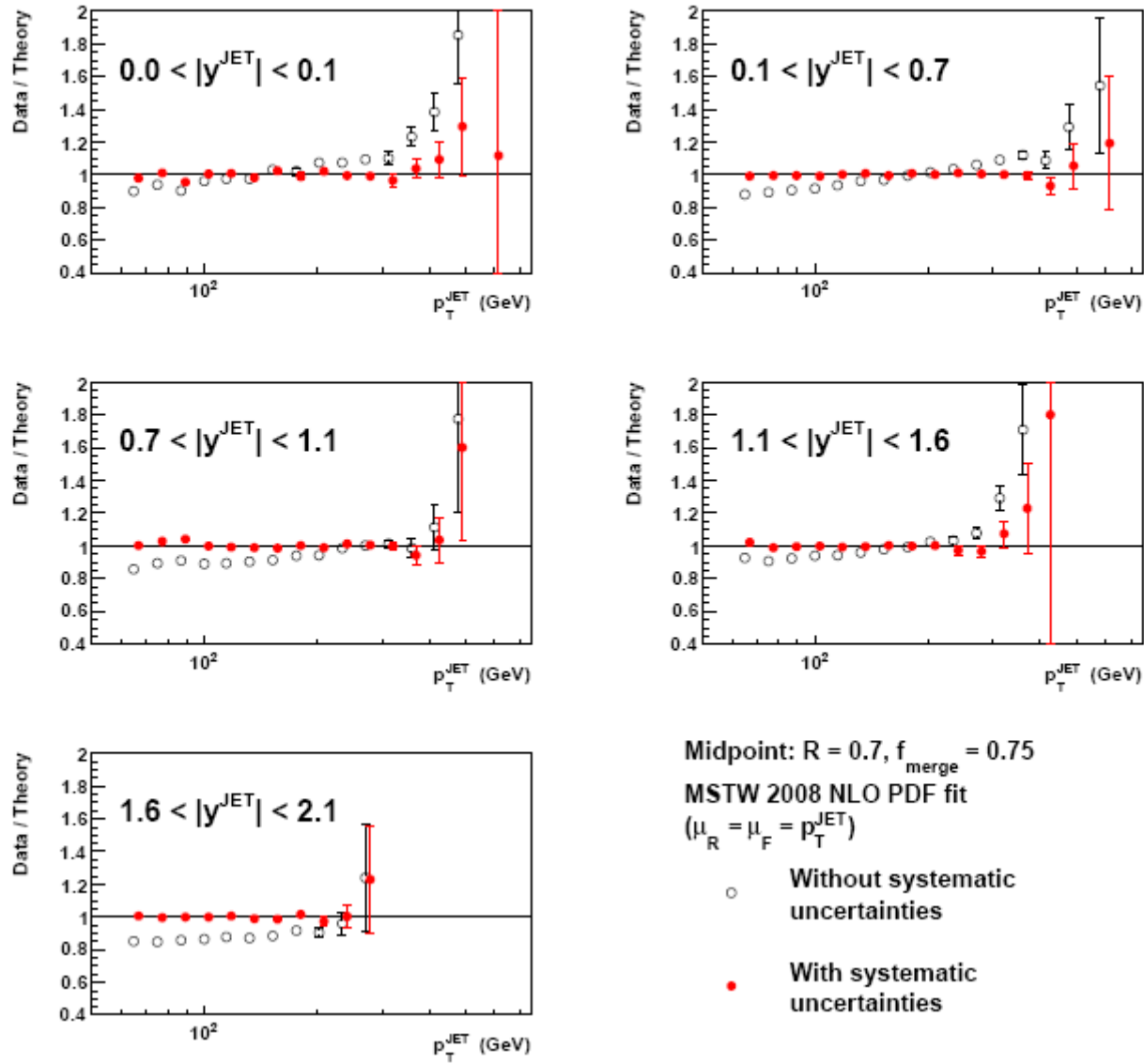






similar, but not identical,
to *published* CDF Run-2
midpoint jet data

CDF Run II inclusive jet data, $\chi^2 = 119$ for 72 pts.



CDFI [179] (33 pts.)	DØI [176] (90 pts.)	CDFII [54] (76 pts.)	DØII [56] (110 pts.)	$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{non-jet}}$ (2513 pts.)	$\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$
53	119	64	117	0	0.1197
51	48	132	180	9	0.1214
56	110	56	114	2	0.1202
53	85	68	117	1	0.1204

Table 8: χ^2 values for Tevatron data on inclusive jet production from various global fits. The large bold values indicate the data sets explicitly included in each fit. The “MSTW 2008” fit includes only the Run II data. We also indicate the increase in the χ^2 for all data sets other than Tevatron inclusive jets when these data are added to the fit. Finally, the value of $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ is given for each fit. All fits are carried out at NLO with a scale choice of $\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T$.