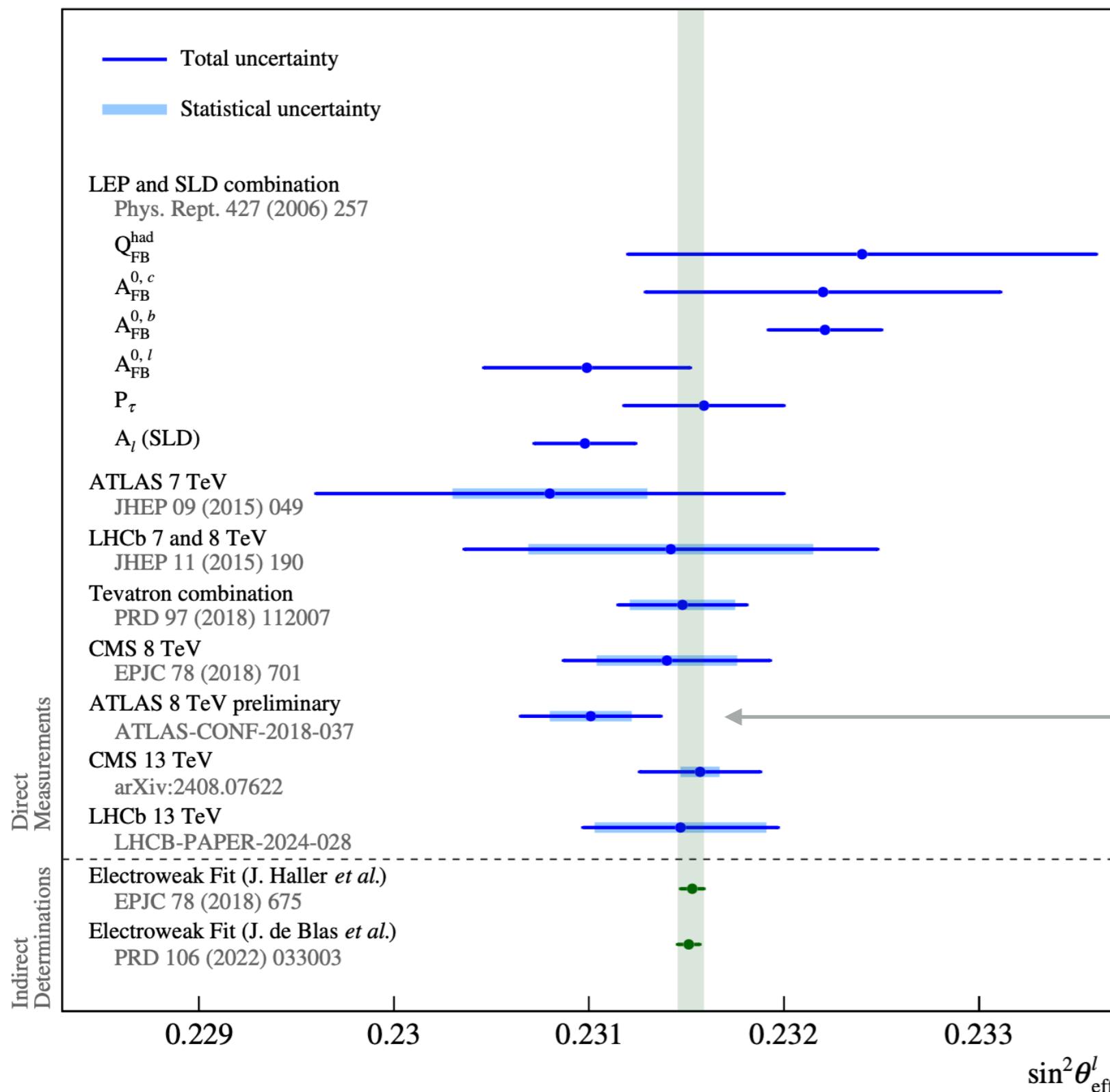


Weak Mixing Angle Measurements





- Extraction of $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^f$ builds on ATLAS 3D ($y_{ll}, M_{ll}, \cos\theta^*$) DY cross section measurement at 8 TeV

- $d^3\sigma$ provides information on both A_{FB} and PDFs:

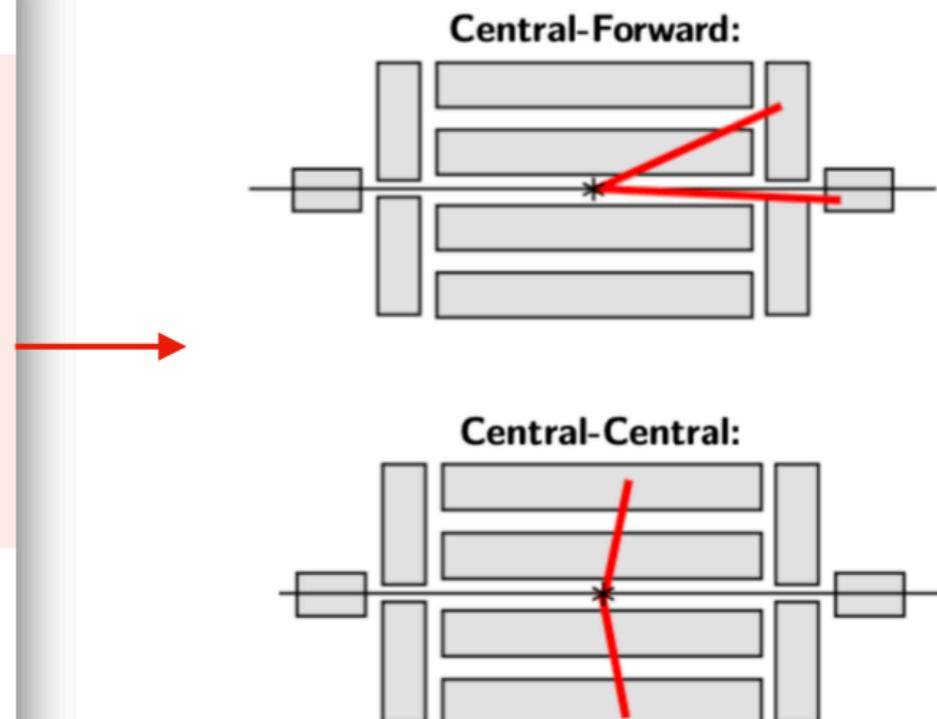
$$x_1 = \frac{m_{ll}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{y_{ll}}, x_2 = \frac{m_{ll}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y_{ll}}, Q^2 = m_{ll}^2 \rightarrow f(x, Q^2), \cos\theta^* \rightarrow A_{\text{FB}}(\cos\theta^*)$$

- 20.2 fb^{-1} of pp data at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

- Two measurement regions:

- central-central (CC): electrons and muons in seven $46 < m_{ll} < 200 \text{ GeV}$, twelve $|y_{ll}| < 2.4$ and six $\cos\theta^*$ bins (2×504 bins)
- central-forward (CF): one central and one forward electron in five $66 < m_{ll} < 150 \text{ GeV}$, five $1.2 < |y_{ll}| < 3.6$ and six $\cos\theta^*$ bins (150 bins)

- Good agreement with theoretical predictions
 - $d^3\sigma$ reaches 0.5% precision near Z peak, barring luminosity uncertainty



EW scheme using $\{\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell, G_\mu \text{ and } m_Z\}$ scheme \rightarrow smaller EW corrections



Example mass bin:

$91 < m < 102 \text{ GeV}$

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dm_{\ell\ell} d|y_{\ell\ell}| d\cos\theta^*}$$

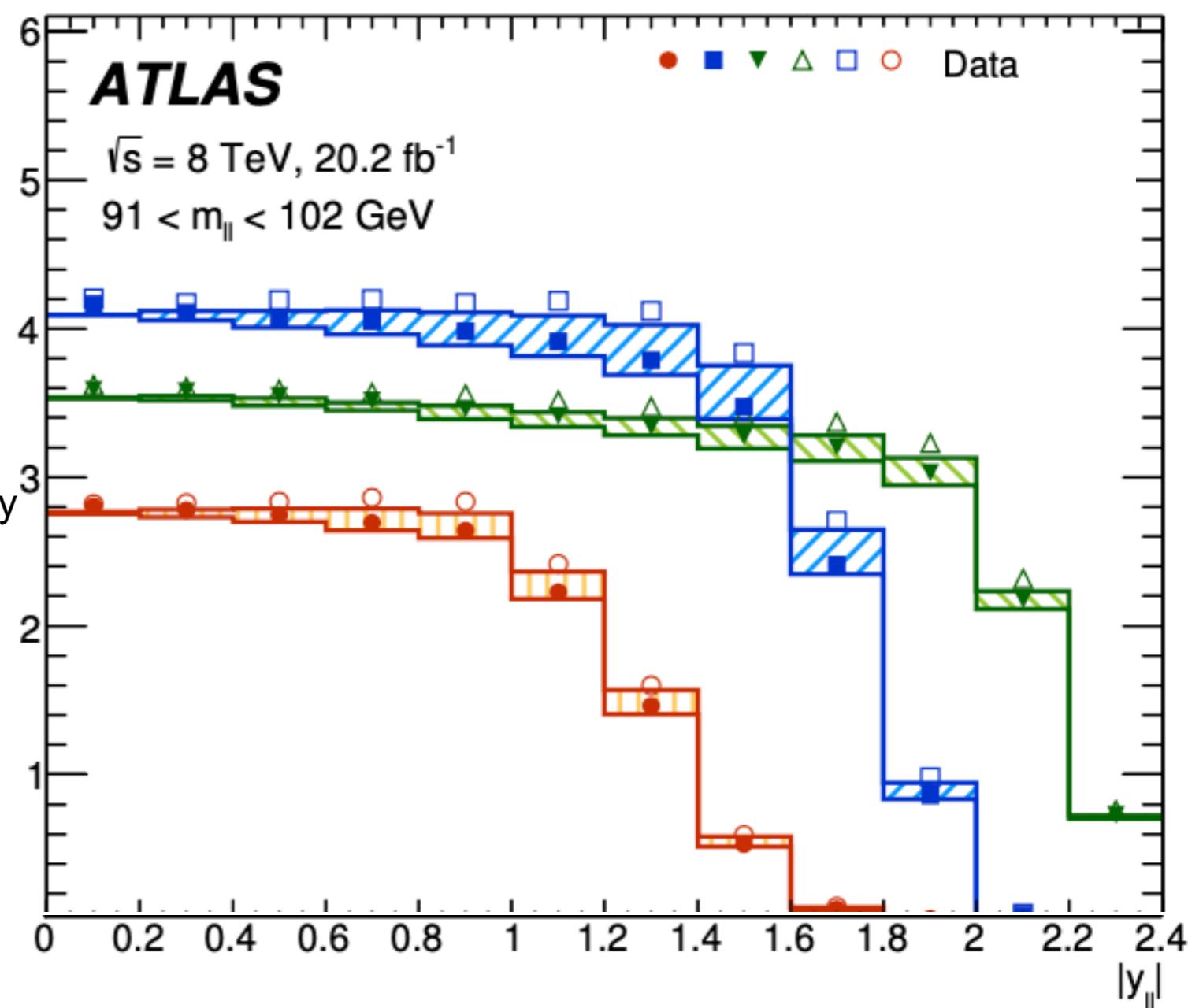
Plot as function of $|y_{\ell\ell}|$

Overlay $\cos\theta^*$ bins

Shaded area indicate forward backward asymmetry

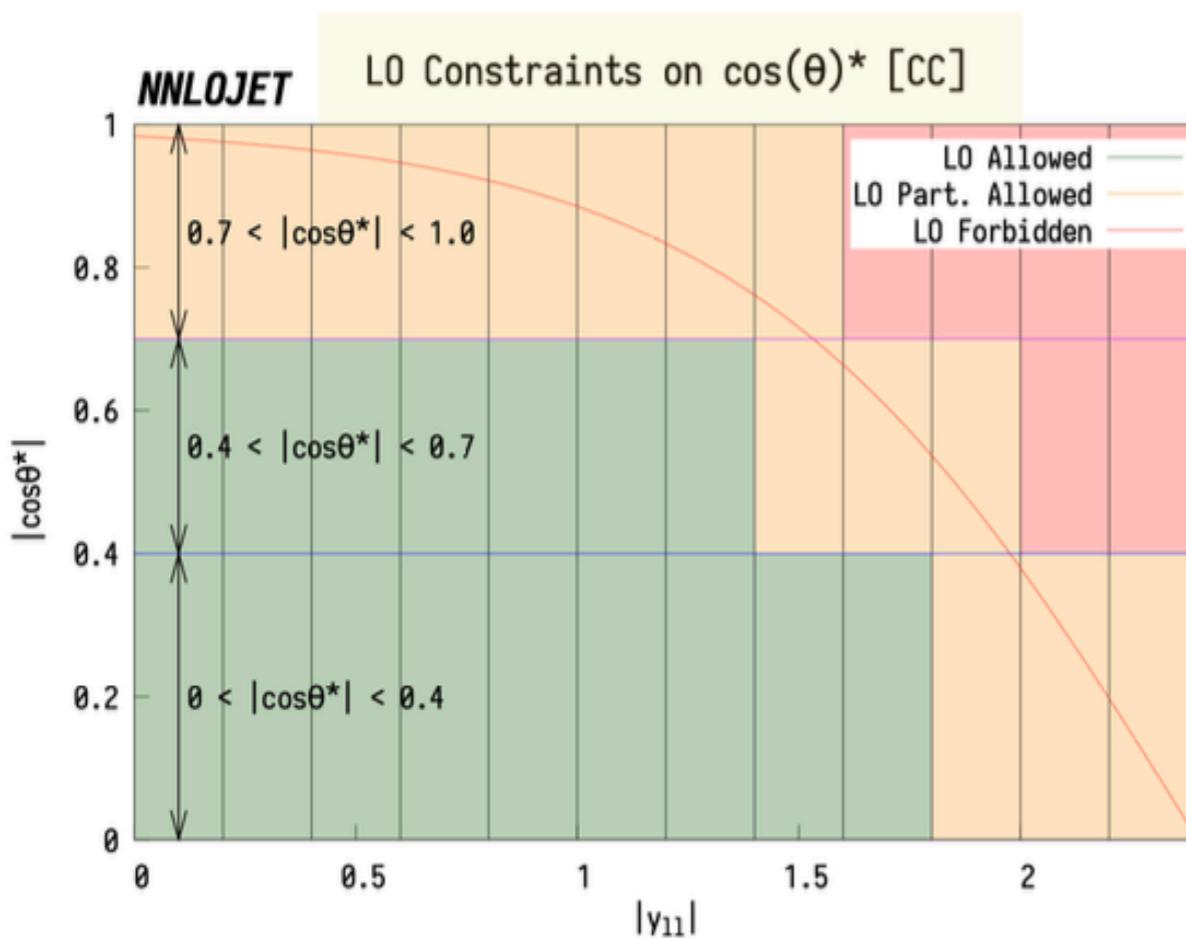
$$A_{FB} = \frac{d^3\sigma(\cos\theta^* > 0) - d^3\sigma(\cos\theta^* < 0)}{d^3\sigma(\cos\theta^* > 0) + d^3\sigma(\cos\theta^* < 0)}$$

- $\Delta\sigma$ Prediction $\cos\theta^*[\pm 0.7 \rightarrow \pm 1.0]$
- $\Delta\sigma$ Prediction $\cos\theta^*[\pm 0.4 \rightarrow \pm 0.7]$
- $\Delta\sigma$ Prediction $\cos\theta^*[\pm 0.0 \rightarrow \pm 0.4]$





- Extraction of $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^f$ builds on ATLAS 3D ($y_{ll}, M_{ll}, \cos\theta^*$) DY cross section [measurement at 8 TeV](#)
 - Z3D kinematics and impact of fiducial cuts:
 - Rich and complex kinematic structure
 - Kinematic constraints from single lepton fiducial cuts restrict available phase space for di-lepton system



LO forbidden region sampled with Z vs jet recoil
 \Rightarrow Only populated at NLO \Rightarrow larger scale uncertainties

Divergent contributions at $Q_T = 0$ in partially allowed bins
 \Rightarrow phenomenology [discussed here](#)

Strategy:

- Fiducial acceptance = ratio of fid events / all events
- Fit $d^3\sigma$ for high acceptance bins $\geq 95\%$
- Fit A_{FB} forward backward asymmetry in low acceptance bins



LHCb: $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell = 0.23147 \pm 0.00044$ (stat) ± 0.00005 (sys) ± 0.00023 (th. incl PDF)

CMS: $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell = 0.23152 \pm 0.00010$ (stat) ± 0.00015 (sys) ± 0.00009 (theory) ± 0.00027 (PDF)

ATLAS (prel.): $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell = 0.23140 \pm 0.00021$ (stat) ± 0.00016 (sys) ± 0.00024 (PDF)

Note: ATLAS Run1 analysis reaches same precision as recent CMS Run2 analysis

CMS $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ measurement										Scale variations $\sim 1/3$ of PDF uncertainty Similar for ATLAS			
	χ^2_{min}	bins	$p(\%)$	$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$	stat	exp	th	PDF	MC	bg	eff	calib	other
ll	731	816	98	23.152 ± 31	10	15	8	27	8	4	6	6	3

Correlation of scales in A_{FB}

De-correlate numerator from denominator

Separate scales for shape vs norm

Use envelope of scale variations

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{d^3\sigma(\cos \theta^* > 0) - d^3\sigma(\cos \theta^* < 0)}{d^3\sigma(\cos \theta^* > 0) + d^3\sigma(\cos \theta^* < 0)}$$

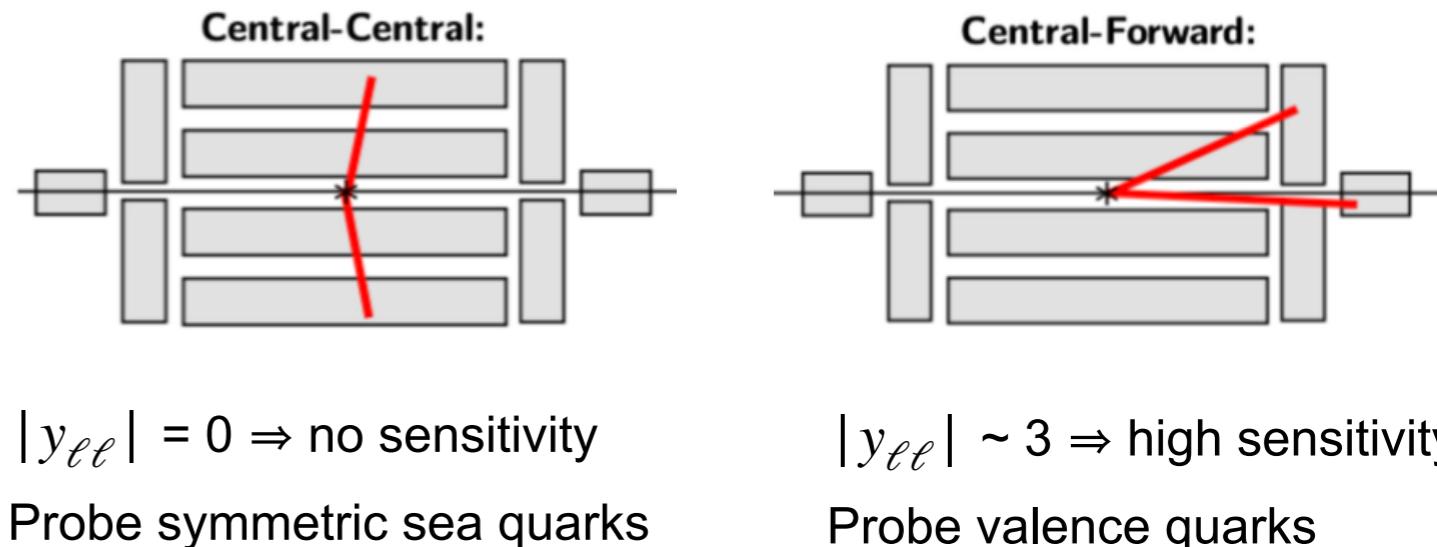
Questions

- How to handle scales in A_{FB} ?
- What tools are available now to use theory nuisance parameters (TNPs)?
- How to handle TNPs in fixed order vs resummed parts of prediction



PDF sensitivity

- Unknown quark and anti-quark direction
- Rely on larger valence momentum
- This determines the boost of Z
→ better sensitivity to $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$



$d^3\sigma$ designed for PDF and $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ sensitivity

$m_{\ell\ell}$: 46 — 200 GeV

$|y_{\ell\ell}|$: 0 — 3.6

→ constrain PDFs in-situ

Include PDF uncertainties via profiling

Approximation to performing full PDF fit

Introduce nuisance parameters for

- all correlated exp uncertainties
- global PDF uncertainties

Global fits use a tolerance criterion to define uncertainty

$$\Delta\chi^2 = T^2 \text{ for } T > 1$$

e.g. CT use $T \sim 10$ or even more

Accommodates tensions in datasets / predictions
Effectively increases uncertainties

Question:

- How to accommodate tolerances in $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ determination?
Large tolerances used to determine PDFs
PDF uncertainties provided for $T = 1$

Dedicated PDF $\otimes \sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$ Fit

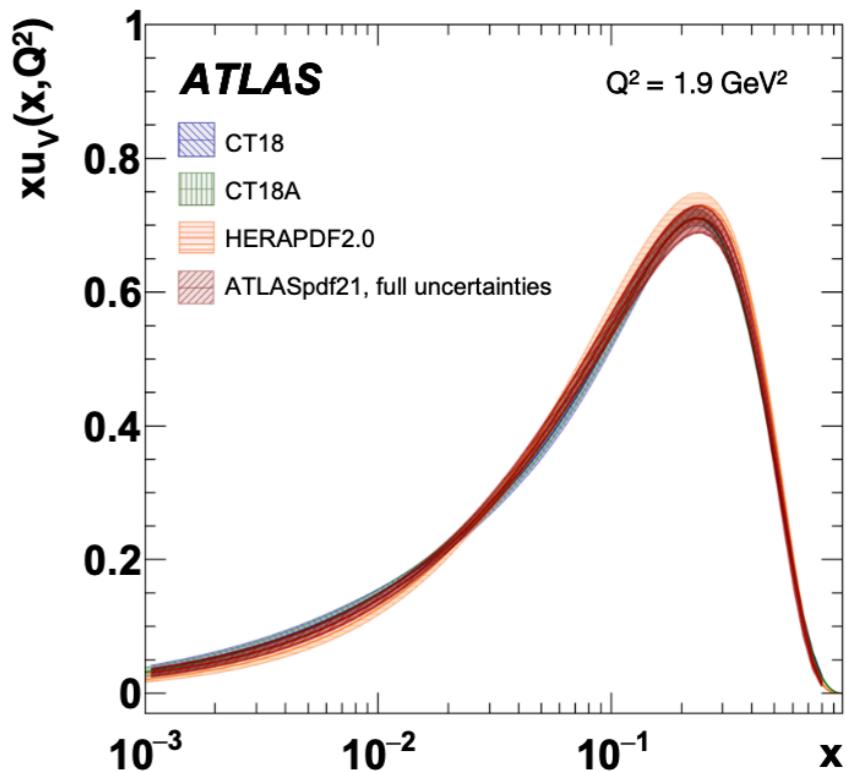


Alternative approach: simultaneous PDF $\otimes \sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$ fit using XFitter

Use ATLASPDF and HERAPDF approach:

- Use minimal well understood data sets
- HERA DIS data (combined NC and CC)
- ATLAS precision W/Z data (7 TeV)
- ATLAS $d^3\sigma$ measurements
- Considering ATLAS W+jets / W asymmetry (8 TeV)
- Consistent NNLO QCD & NLO-EW predictions

Two most constraining
ATLAS datasets

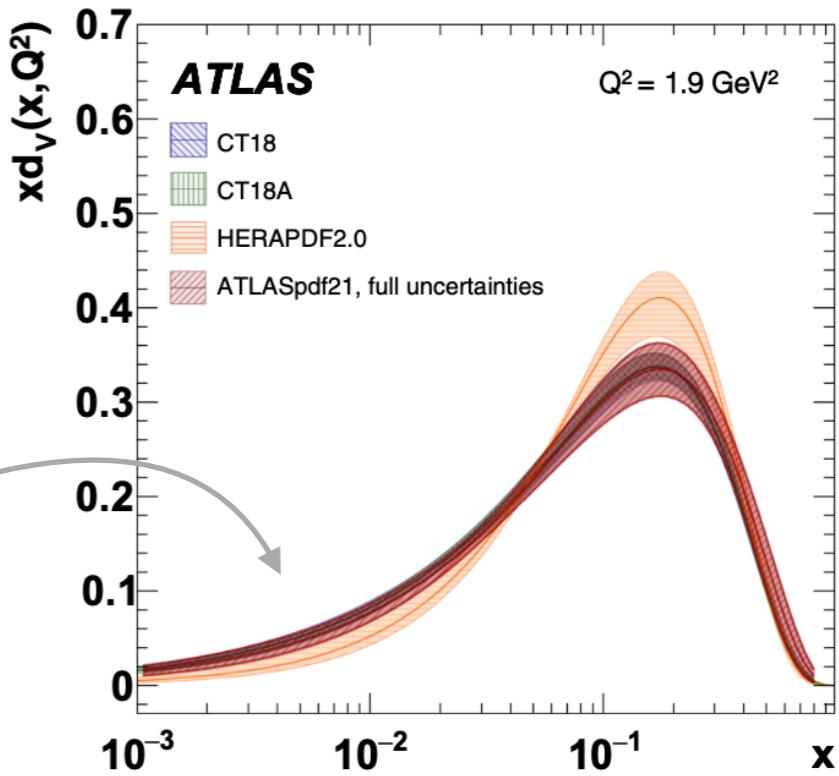


Example from ATLASPDF21

- Avoids use of many partially discrepant datasets
- Can use $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$ criterion (no need for tolerances)
- Cost: fewer reduced PDF constraints

Observe unexpected $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$ sensitivity to xd_v at $x \sim 10^{-2}$

Linked to behaviour in peak region via sum rules



Question:

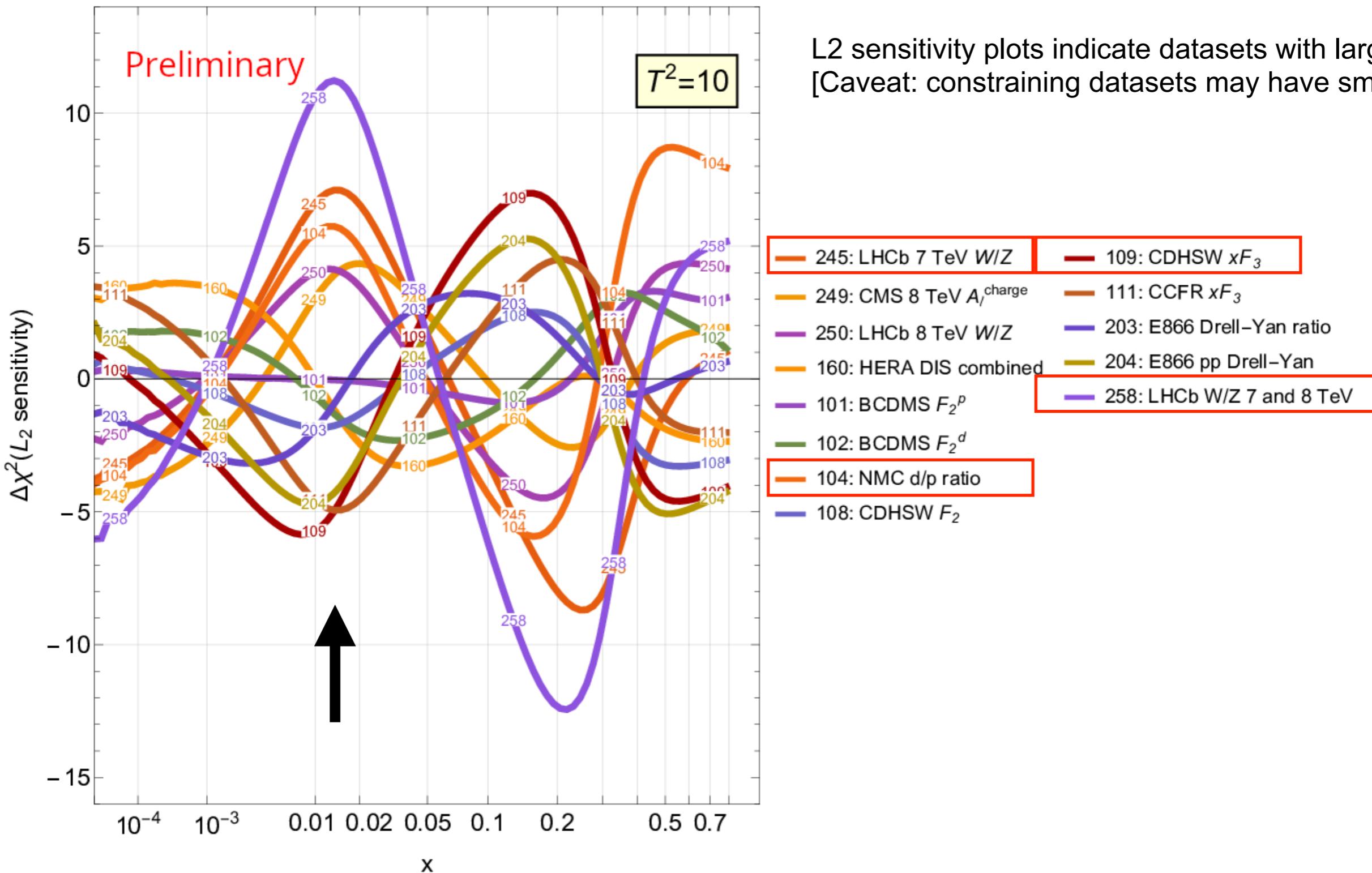
- What are the constraining datasets for d_v at med x?
- How large are tensions between datasets in global fits?

CT L2 Sensitivity Plot for $x d_v$



CT18 NNLO
 $d_V(x, Q)(x, 100 \text{ GeV})$

https://metapdf.hepforge.org/L2/2023_T210/index2.html



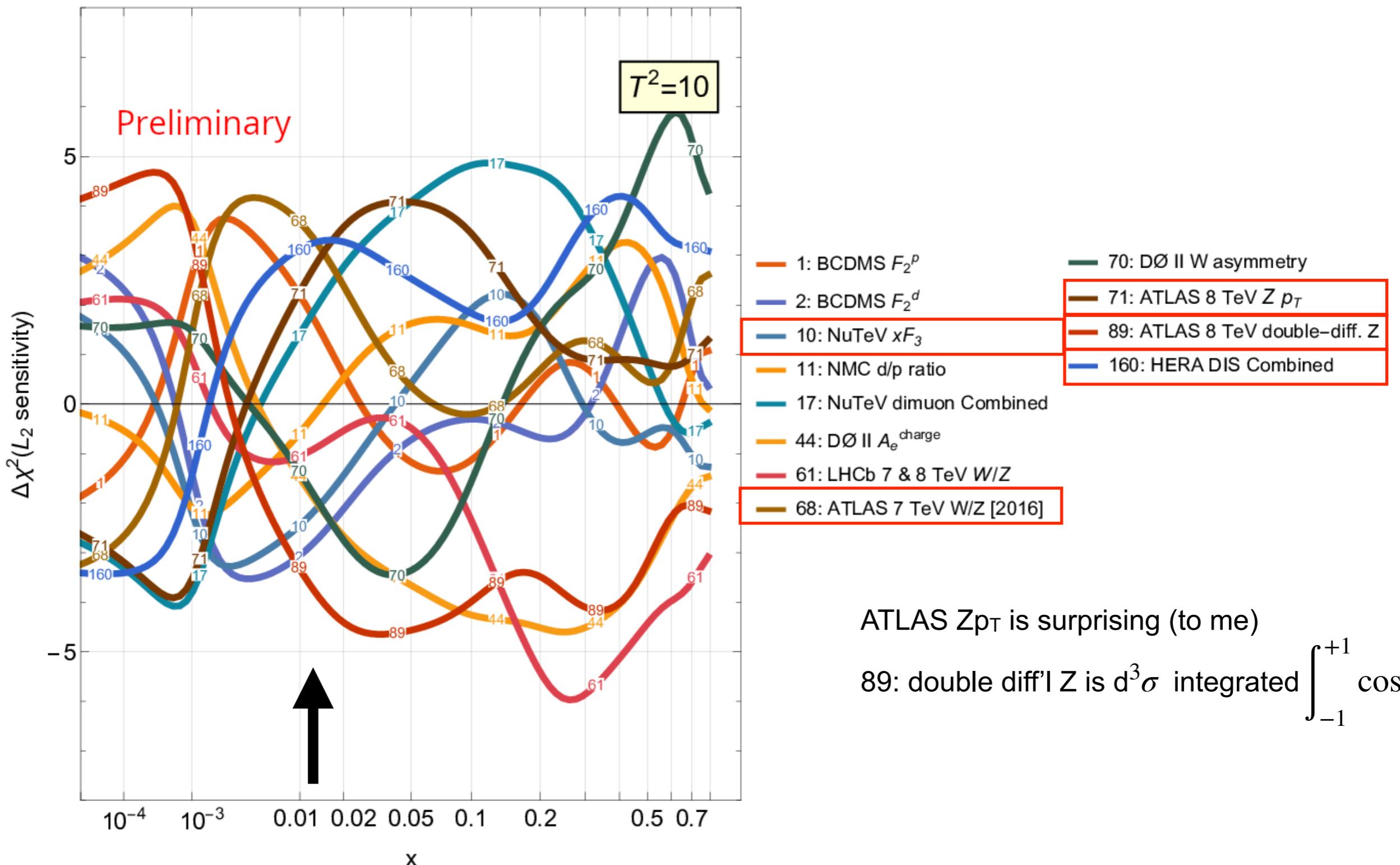
L2 sensitivity plots indicate datasets with largest pulls
 [Caveat: constraining datasets may have small pulls]

MSHT L2 Sensitivity Plot for $x d_v$



MSHT20 NNLO
 $d_v(x, Q)(x, 100 \text{ GeV})$

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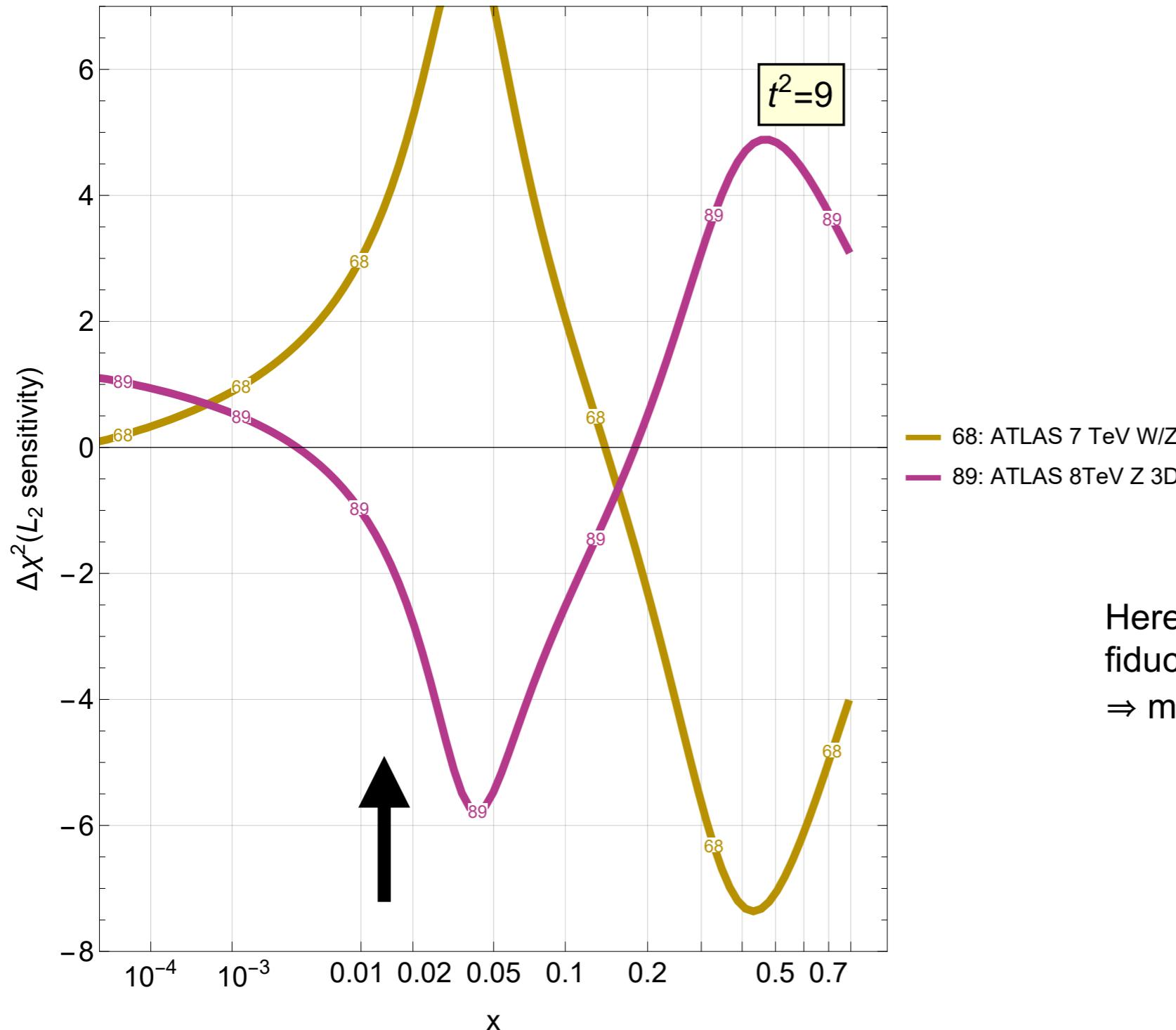


ATLASPDF21 L2 Sensitivity Plot for xd_V



ATLAS21 NNLO
 $d_V(x,Q)(x, 2 \text{ GeV})$

https://metapdf.hepforge.org/L2/2023_T210/index2.html



Here the $d^3\sigma$ are included where
fiducial acceptance $\geq 95\%$
 \Rightarrow mostly data for $|y_{\ell\ell}| \leq 2.4$





Fit Model

18 PDF parameters + $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^\ell$

$$xg(x) = A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} (1+D_g x) - A'_g x^{B'_g} (1-x)^{C'_g}$$

$$xu_\nu(x) = A_{u_\nu} x^{B_{u_\nu}} (1-x)^{C_{u_\nu}} (1+D_{u_\nu} x + E_{u_\nu} x^2)$$

$$xd_\nu(x) = A_{d_\nu} x^{B_{d_\nu}} (1-x)^{C_{d_\nu}} (1+D_{d_\nu} x)$$

$$x\bar{u}(x) = A_{\bar{u}} x^{B_{\bar{u}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{u}}}$$

$$x\bar{d}(x) = A_{\bar{d}} x^{B_{\bar{d}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{d}}}$$

$$x\bar{s}(x) = r_s A_{\bar{d}} x^{B_{\bar{s}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{s}}}$$

$$r_s = \frac{s + \bar{s}}{2\bar{d}}$$

Assumption: $s = \bar{s}$

↓
set to 25 to suppress negative contributions at high- x

: constrained by sum rules

- Partons carry all the proton's momentum
- Proton = 2 valence up + 1 valence down

- : set equal
 : set equal

Assumption:
 $\bar{u} = \bar{d}$ as $x \rightarrow 0$



Fit Model (II)

- 19 parameters: 18 PDF parameters + $\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{eff}^l$ parameter
- $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118$
- Heavy quark masses: $m_c = 1.41$ GeV, $m_b = 4.2$ GeV
- Initial scale $Q_0^2 = 1.9$ GeV 2
- Minimum cut on HERA data $Q_{min}^2 = 10$ GeV 2

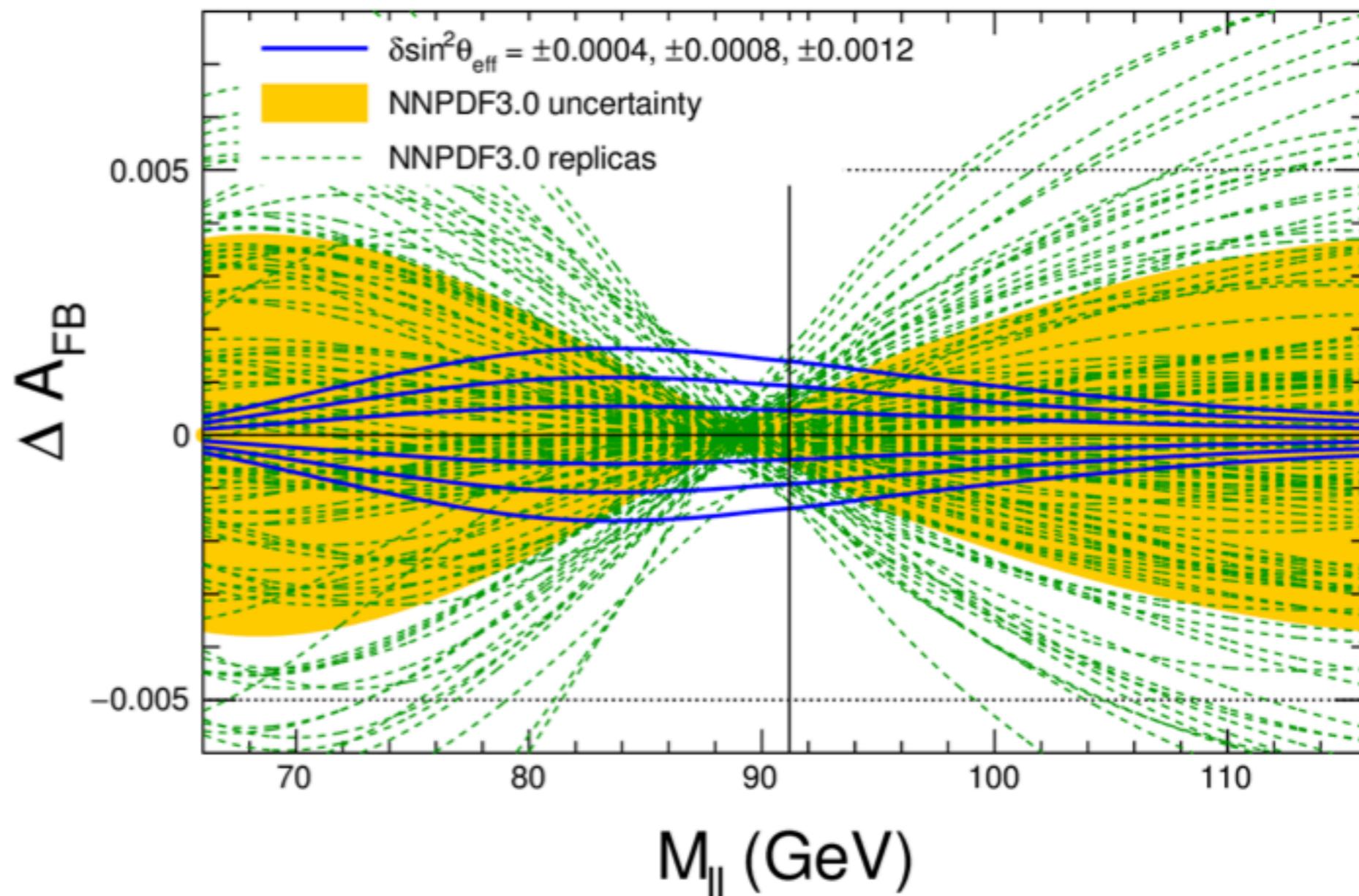
All these assumptions are varied to estimate uncertainties

PDF dependence v $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ dependence



Illustrative CMS plot

Difference dependancies allow simultaneous PDF and $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$



Additional PDF sensitivity in $\cos\theta^*$ spectrum



$\cos\theta^*$ distribution also contains PDF sensitivity eg. for $q\bar{q}$ vs qg

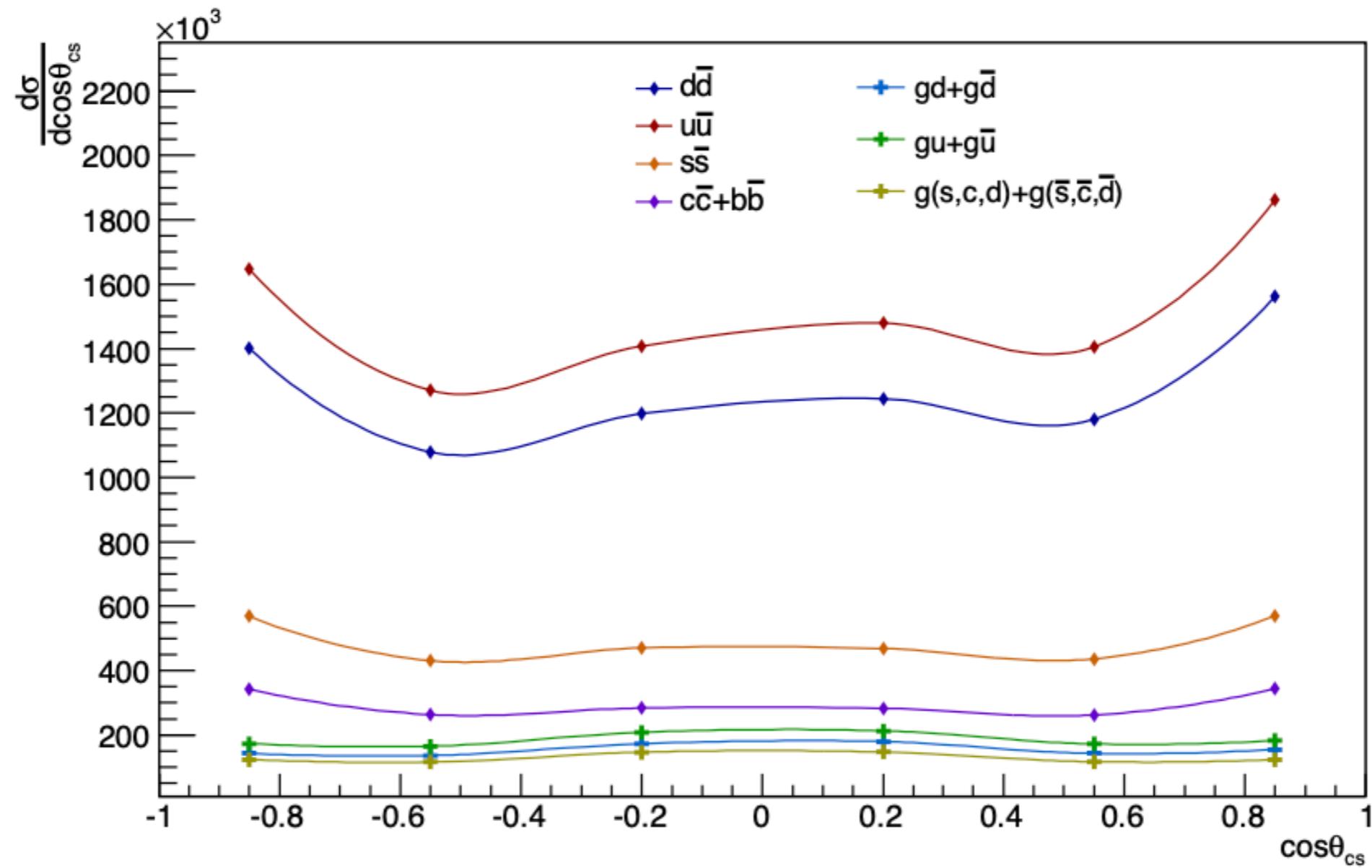
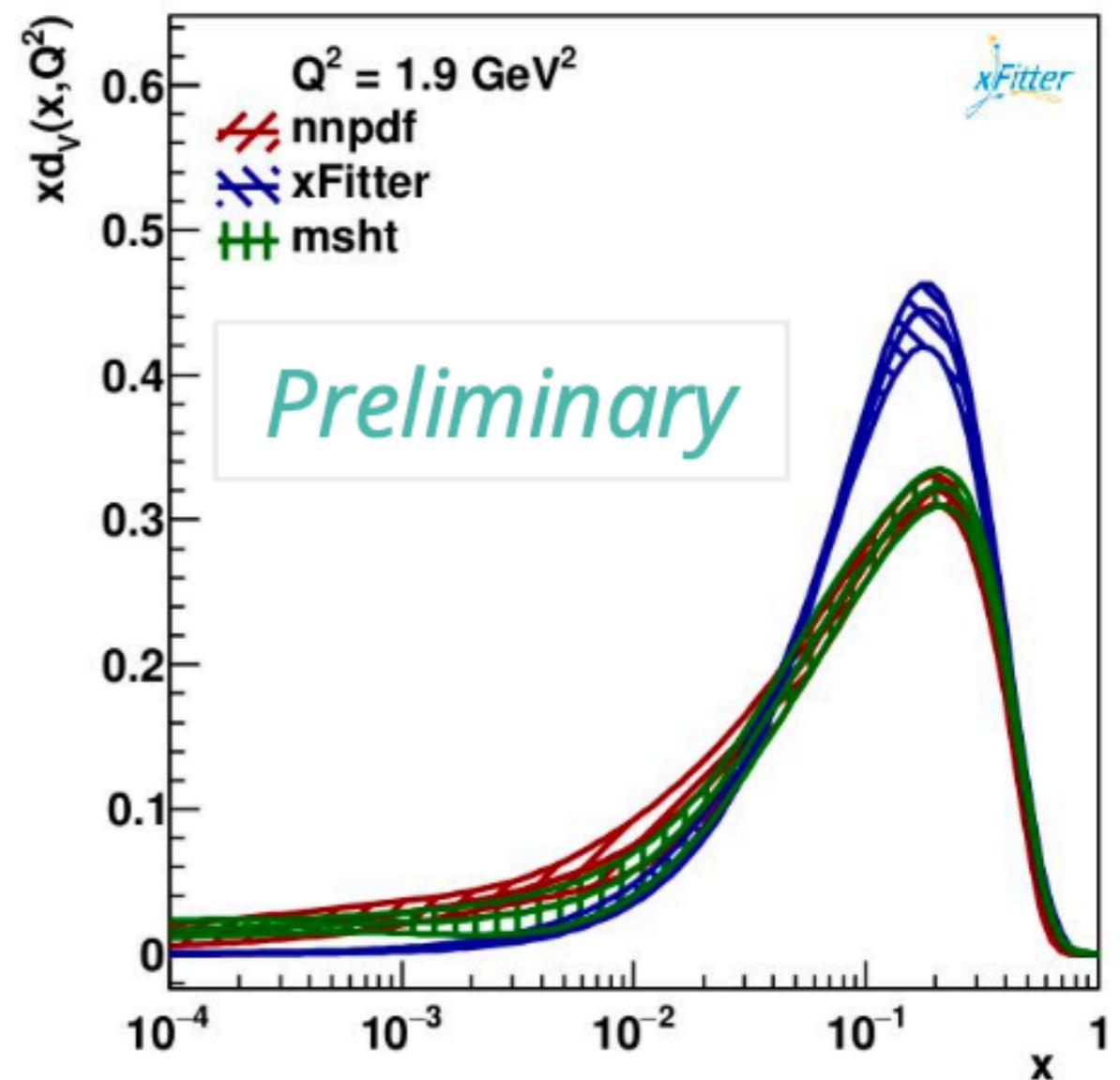


Figure 4: Parton contributions to the cross-section as a function of $\cos\theta^*$.



Recent xFitter study

Initial look at simple HERA fit
Performed at aN3LO





Questions and issues

- Large PDF / theory uncertainties ==> sin2thw, mw
- forbidden phase space regions
- scales ==> AFB
 - how do PDF fits use scale errors?
 - sin2thw uses envelope
 - ATLASPDF21 uses profiling
 - MSHT20 aN3LO drops this and adds new error fro MHOU
 - NNPDF4.0
 - scales unc. enters sub-leading in MC bg subtractions
- theory nuisance parameters?
 - practically what is available now?
 - Huss / Bonvini ==> other approaches to scale uncertainties
- dv constraints
- impact of N3LO or aN3LO
- can we get full N3LO pdfs soon?
- why are nnpdf4.0 error bands so small ?
- PDF tolerances
- profiling vs fits - new approaches?
- how are scale uncertainties used in the Ai analysis?
- what are the goals / requirements from PDFs ?