

Bayesian Neural Network for Robust UQ in PDFs

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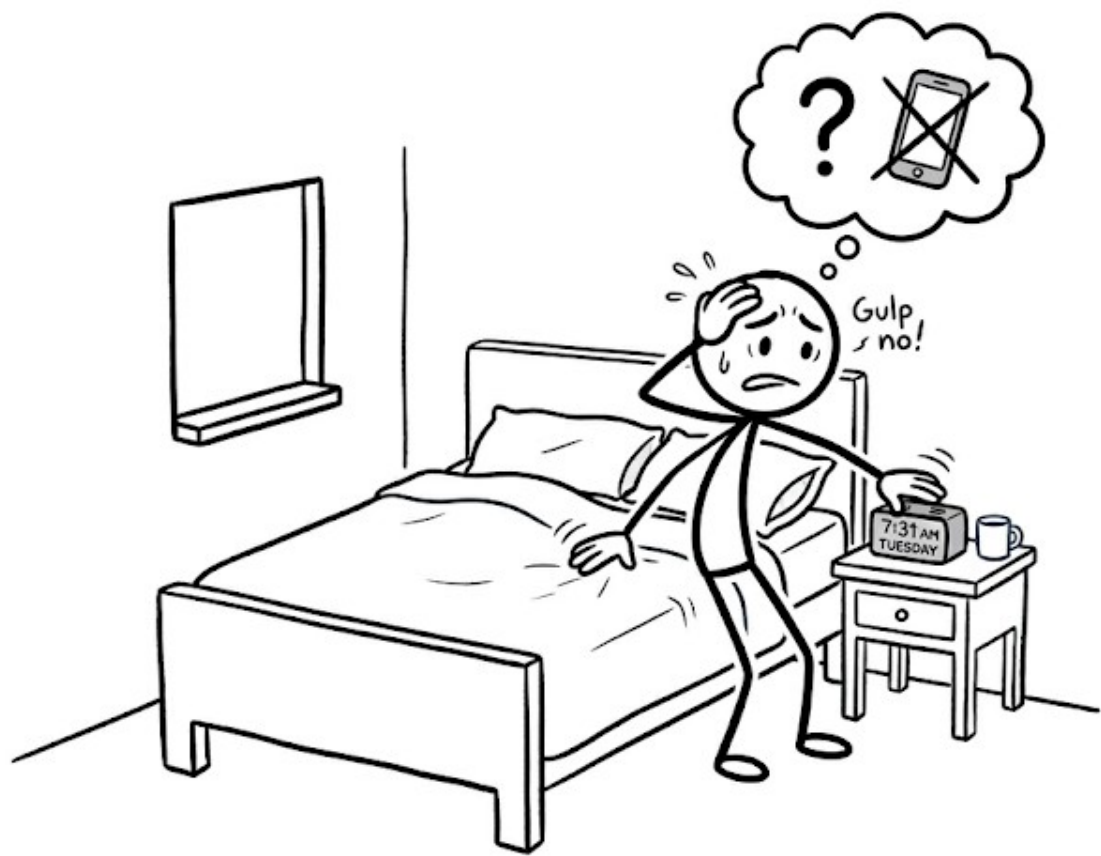


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TUESDAY MORNING! Yay!







WHERE IS IT?!

REVELATION AND RUSH!

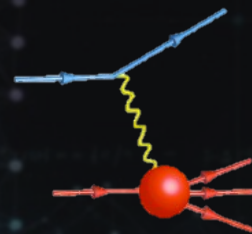


Outline

- Introduction
 - PDFs
 - NNs
- The NNPDF Framework
- Bayesian Neural Network
- Results
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Introduction: PDFs

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2 ME}{Q^4} \left\{ \left[\frac{1 + (1-y)^2}{2} \right] 2xF_1 + (1-y)F_L - \frac{M}{2E} xyF_2 \right\}$$



- Structure functions: $F_i = \sum_a C_i^a \otimes f_a$

Process-dependent
Coefficient functions

Universal Parton
Distribution function
 $f_a(x, Q^2)$

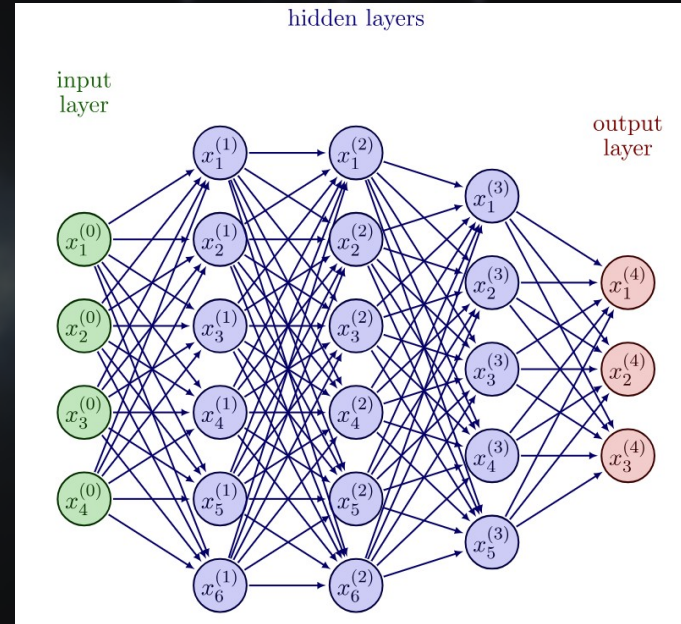
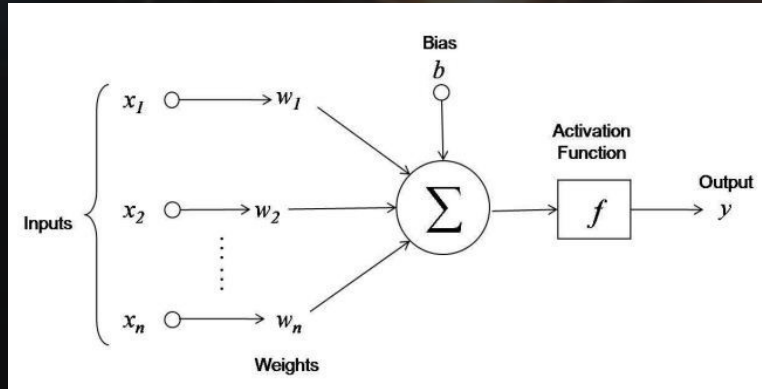
(x: Momentum fraction)

“such factorization holds for
most observables involving a
hard hadronic interaction”

Introduction: NN

- Universal Approximation Theorem

$$\psi(x) := \sigma \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i - b \right) \quad \sigma(x) := \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$



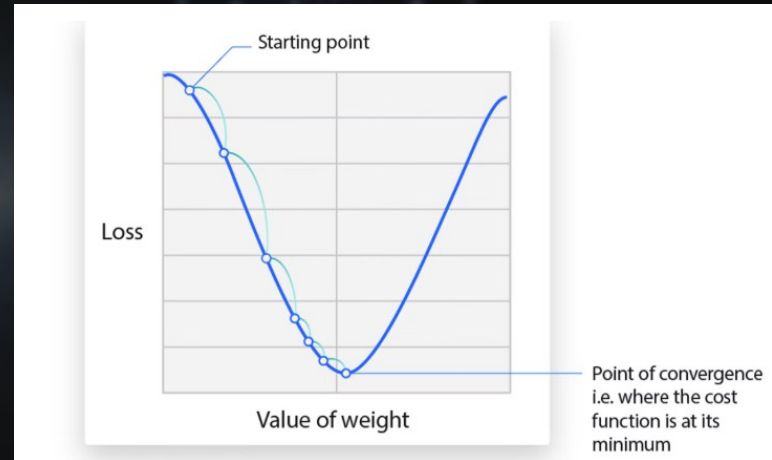
Introduction: Training a NN

- Data: $(x, y) = \text{Training} + \text{Test}$
- $x \rightarrow \text{Model}(w, b) \rightarrow y^{\text{train}}$
- Loss function

$$\mathcal{L}^S := \mathcal{L}^S(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}^{\text{train}}) = \sum_i (y_i - y_i^{\text{train}})^2$$

- Backpropagation

$$w_j^i \leftarrow w_j^i - \epsilon \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_j^i}, \quad \forall i, j$$



NN + PDF = NNPDF

What?

NNPDF : Neural Network Parton Distribution Function

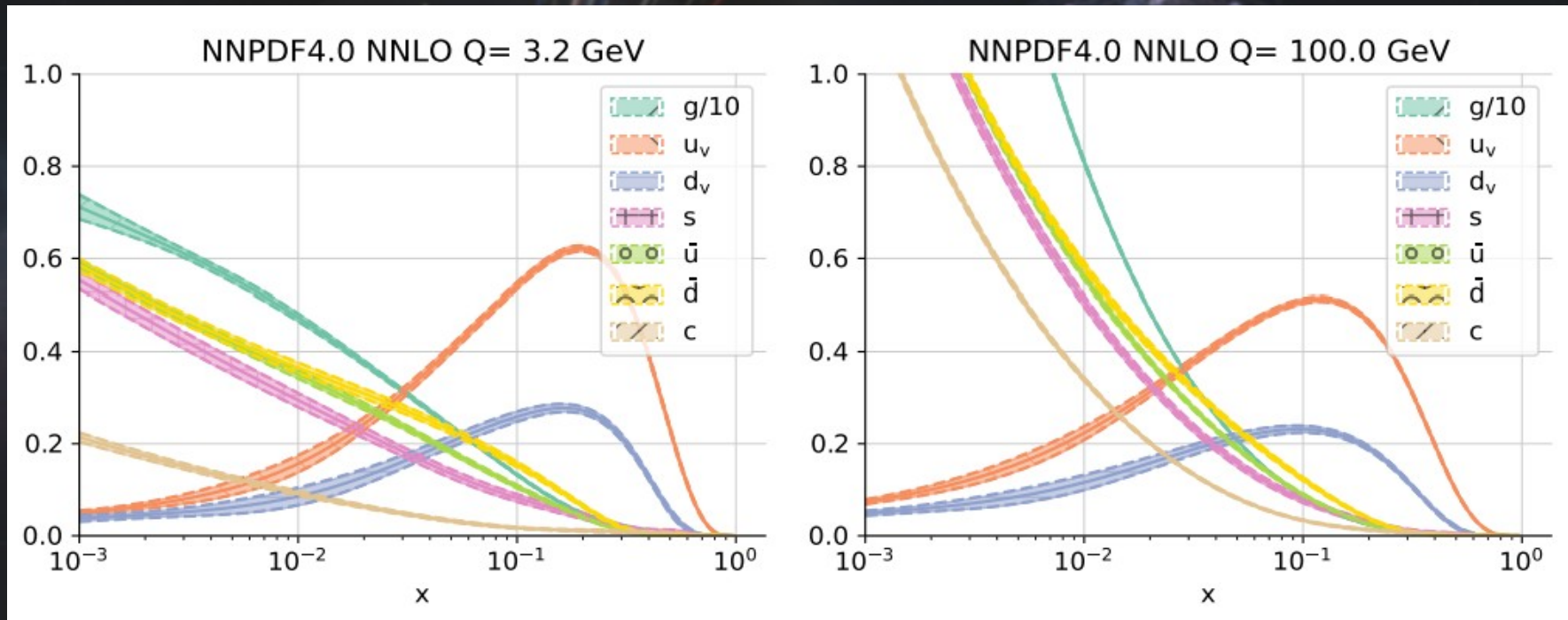
Why?

$$\sigma_{\text{had}} = \sum_{i,j} \int \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mu_F)$$

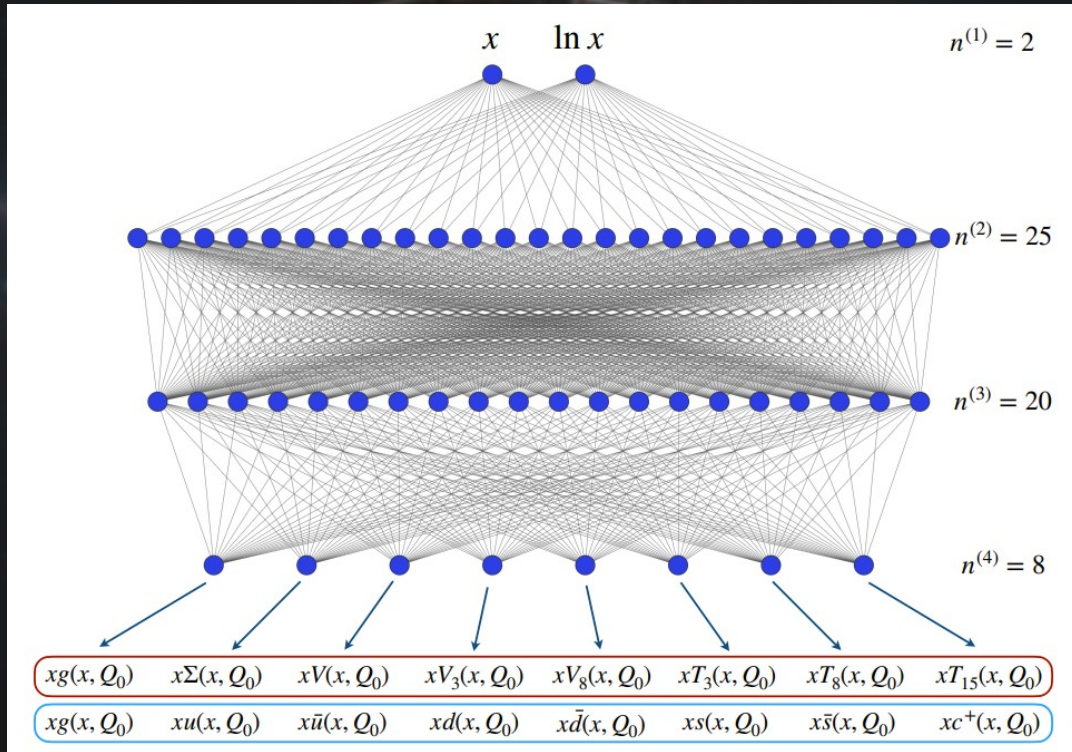
How?

Theory (NNLO_QCD, NLO_EW, mixed QCD-EW processes) + Data

$$x f_k(x, Q_0; \theta) = A_k x^{1-\alpha_k} (1-x)^{\beta_k} NN_k(x; \theta)$$

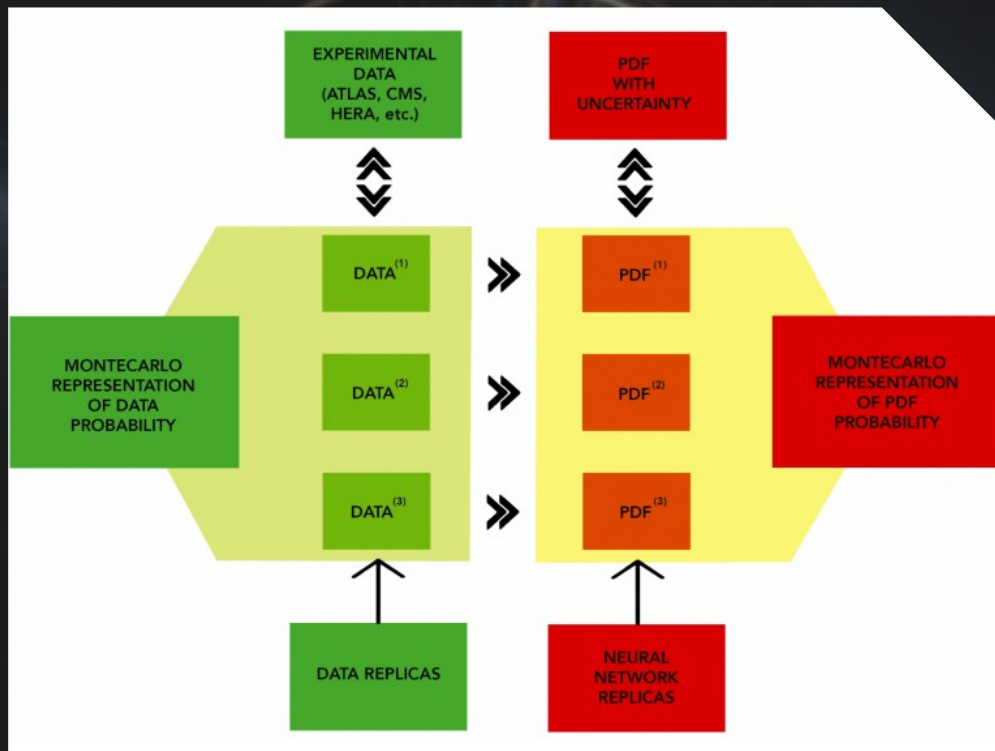


The NNPDF Framework: Model Architecture



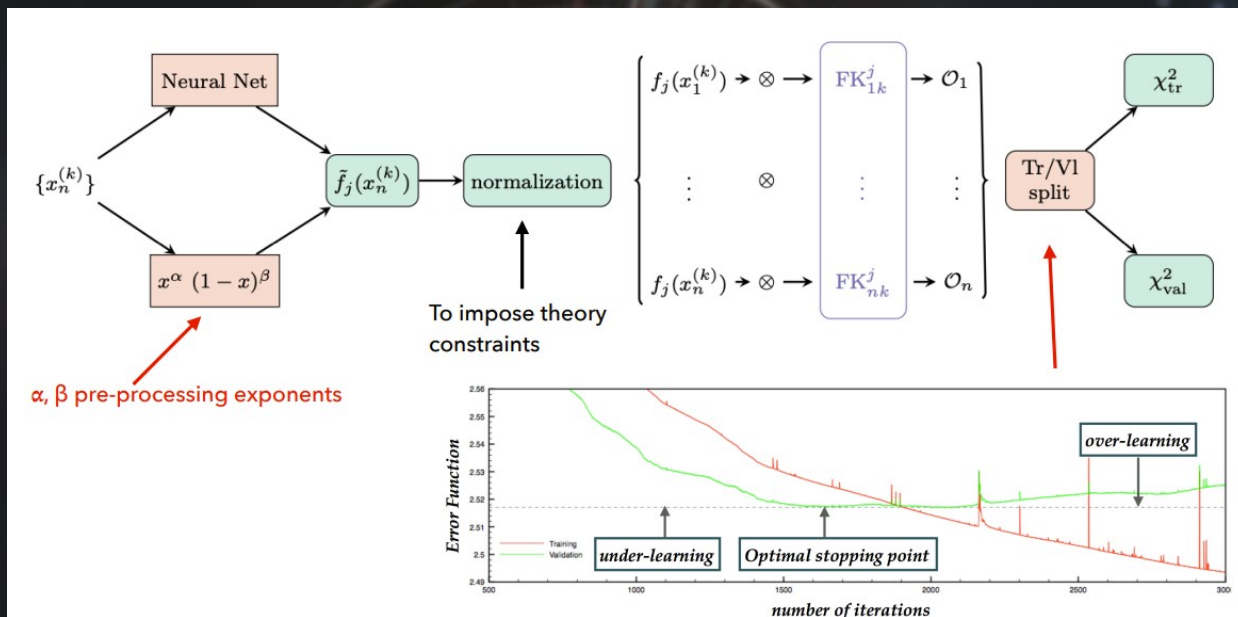
- Single DNN
- Free of parametrization bias
- NN > fixed parametrization; allows to include more data in fit

The NNPDF Framework: Methodology

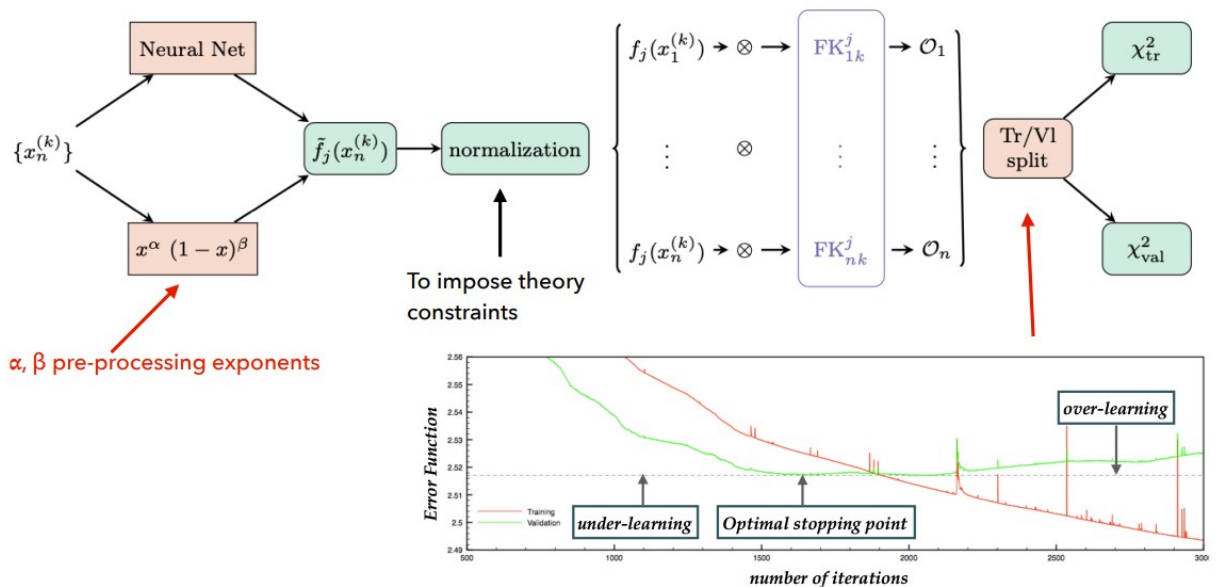


- Data space sampling projected to PDF space
- Propagate uncertainty via MC sampling

The *n3fit* recipe



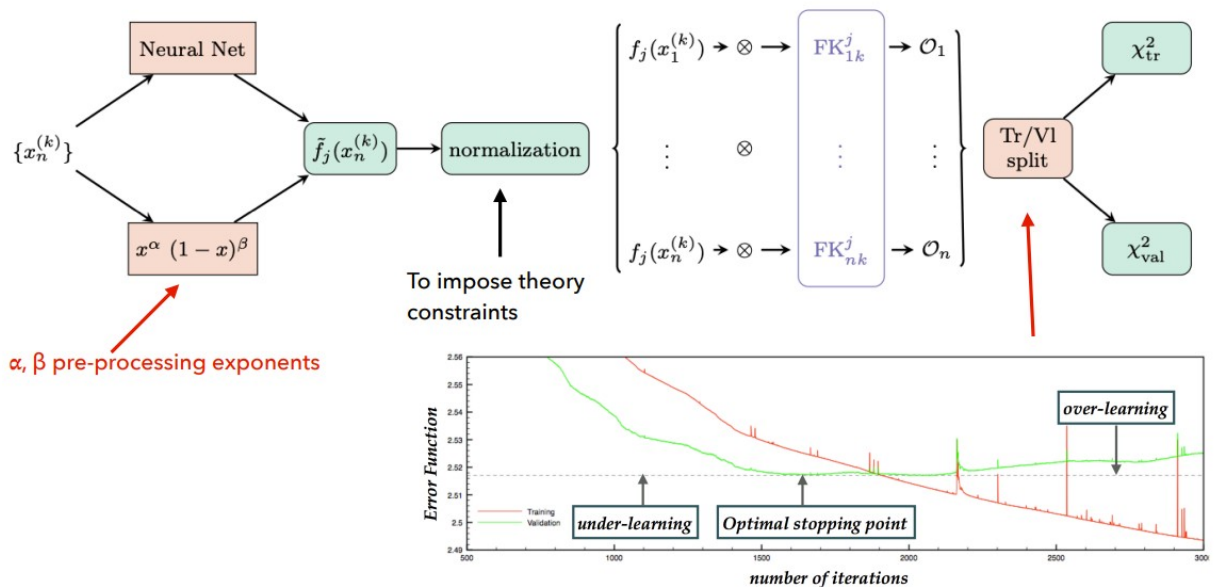
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α, β pre-processing exponents

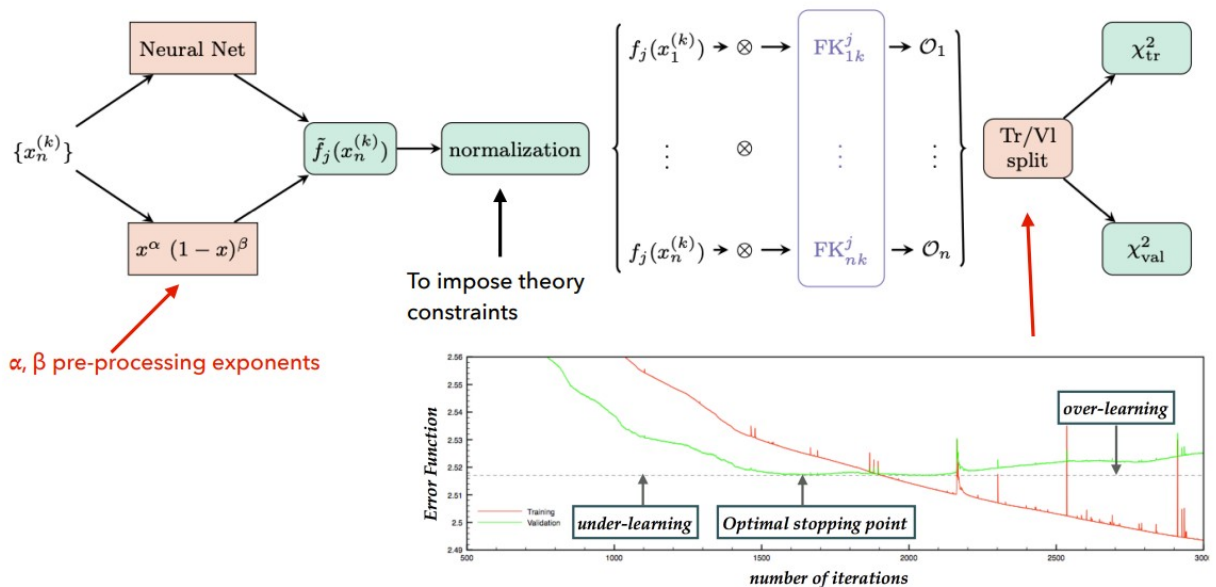
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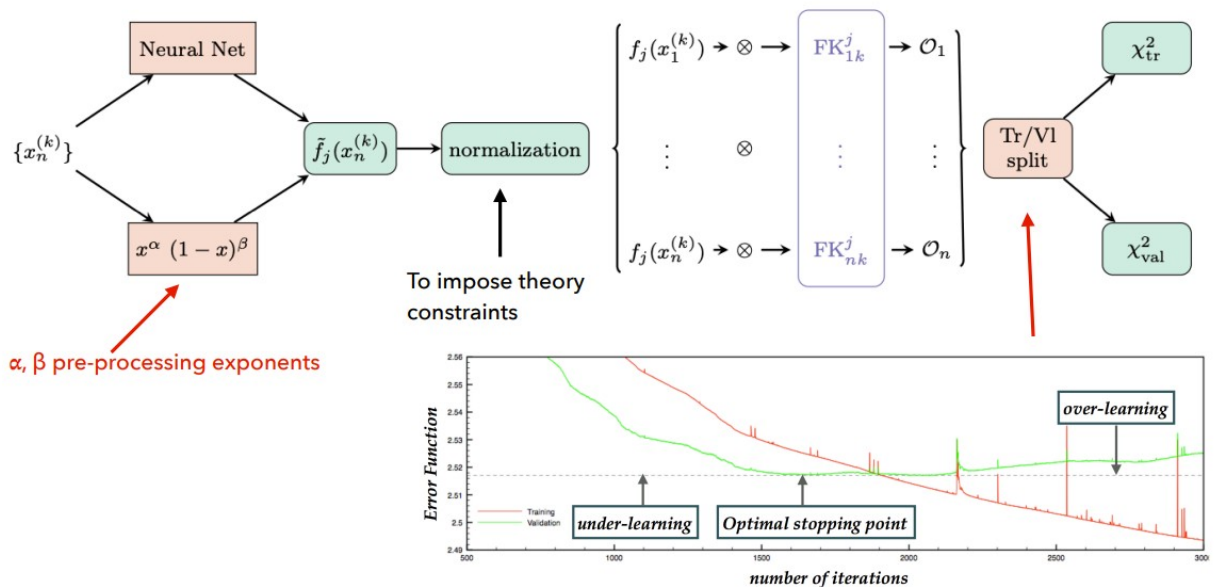
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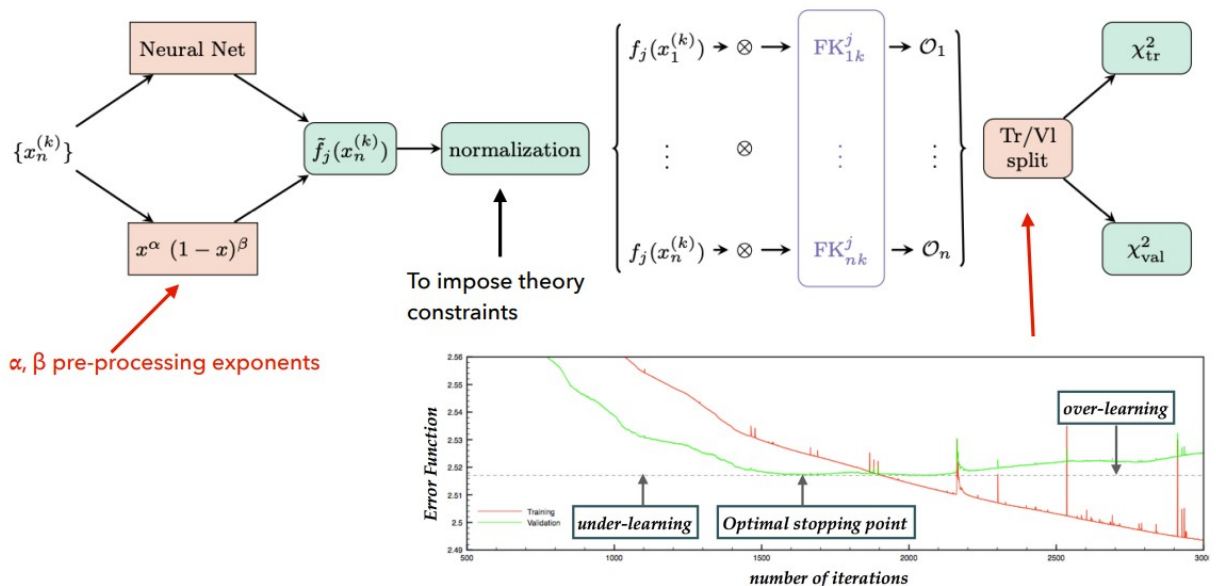
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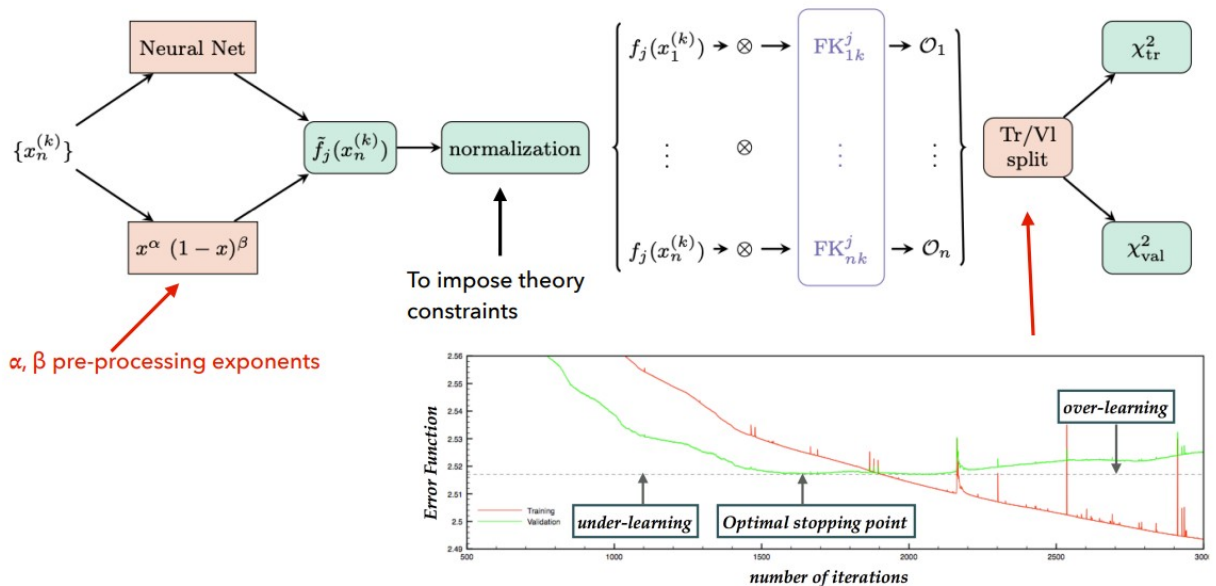
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6. Compute uncertainties

DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE? (IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)



$$P(T|D) \approx P(\vec{\alpha}|D) = \frac{P(D|\vec{\alpha}) P(\vec{\alpha})}{P(D)}$$

Bayes' theorem

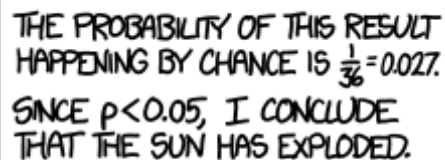
Likelihood

Evidence

Prior

FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:

THE PROBABILITY OF THIS RESULT HAPPENING BY CHANCE IS $\frac{1}{36} = 0.027$.
SINCE $p < 0.05$, I CONCLUDE THAT THE SUN HAS EXPLODED.



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:

BET YOU \$50 IT HASN'T.



Bayesian Neural Network

- addresses the fundamental limitation of the "frequentist-like" Monte Carlo replica method:

- Computational cost \longrightarrow '1 for 1000'

$$w \rightarrow \mu, \sigma$$

- Better extrapolation in the extreme-x regions (with sparse data)
- KL divergence

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

$$BNN \text{ loss} = \mathcal{L}(PDF) + KL$$

Bayesian Neural Network

- Robust Uncertainty Quantification

S-NN : UQ ← Data fluctuation ← Expt. Cov. Matrix

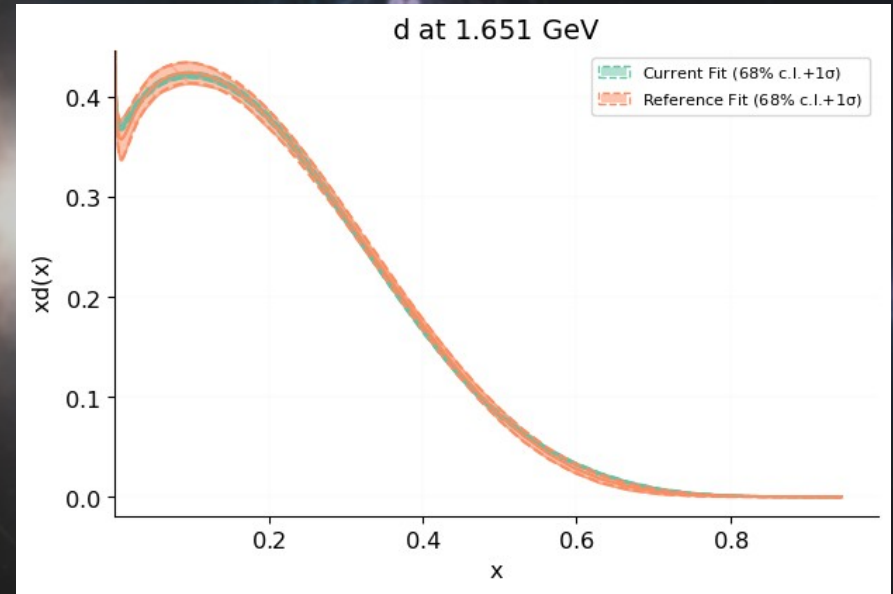
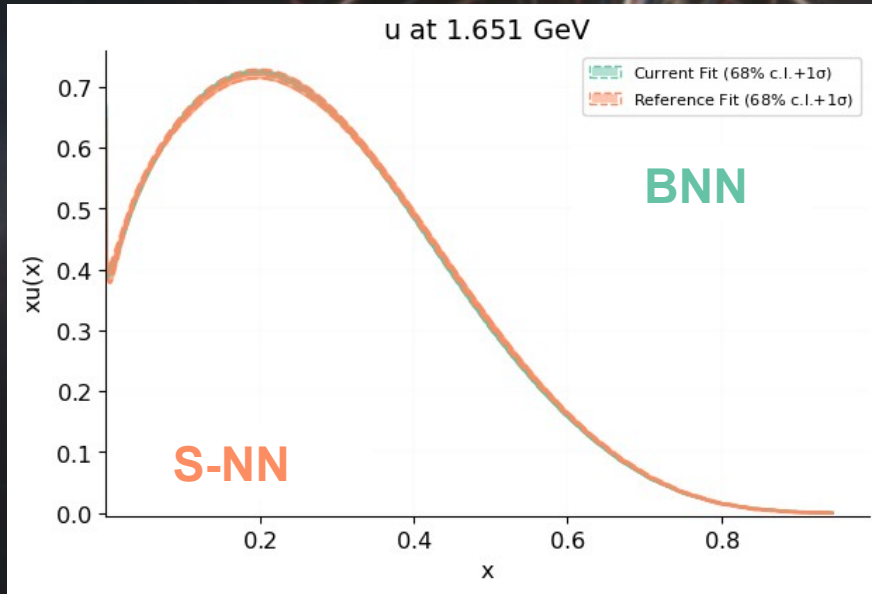
**Each replica is a point estimate; different loss minima, no guarantee that minima covers true Uncertainty
Network can confidently overfit**

**BNN : KL penalizes posterior for being complex than prior
w/o being justified by the data**

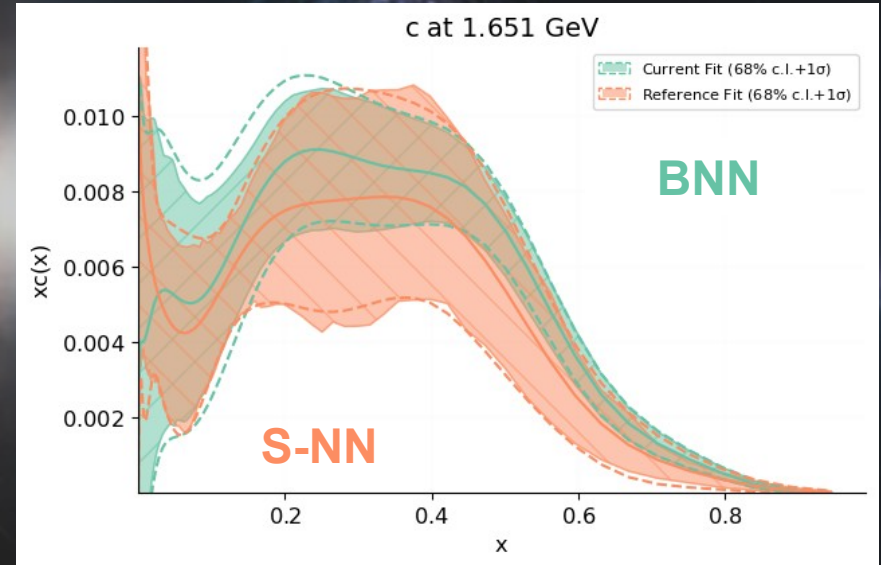
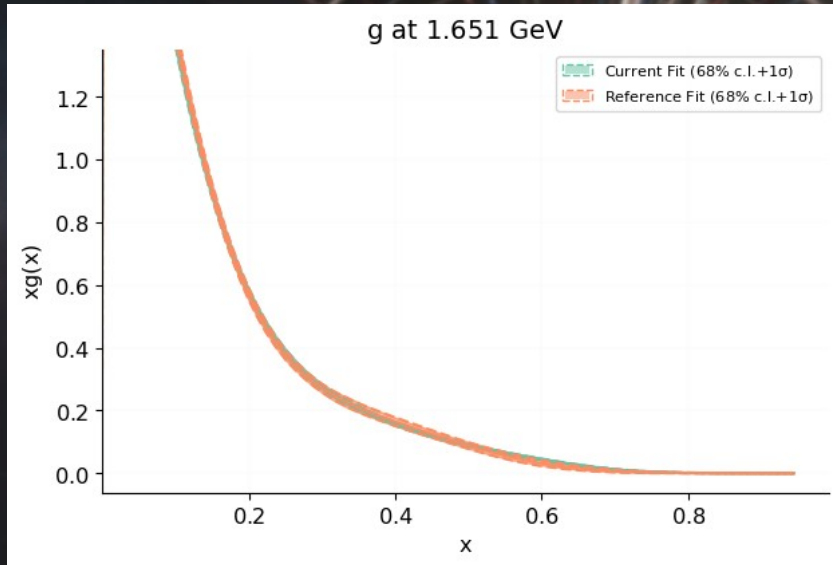
Network forced to be uncertain in sparse-data region

“BNN itself learns which directions in weight space are uncertain, rather than having uncertainty imposed externally through data fluctuations”

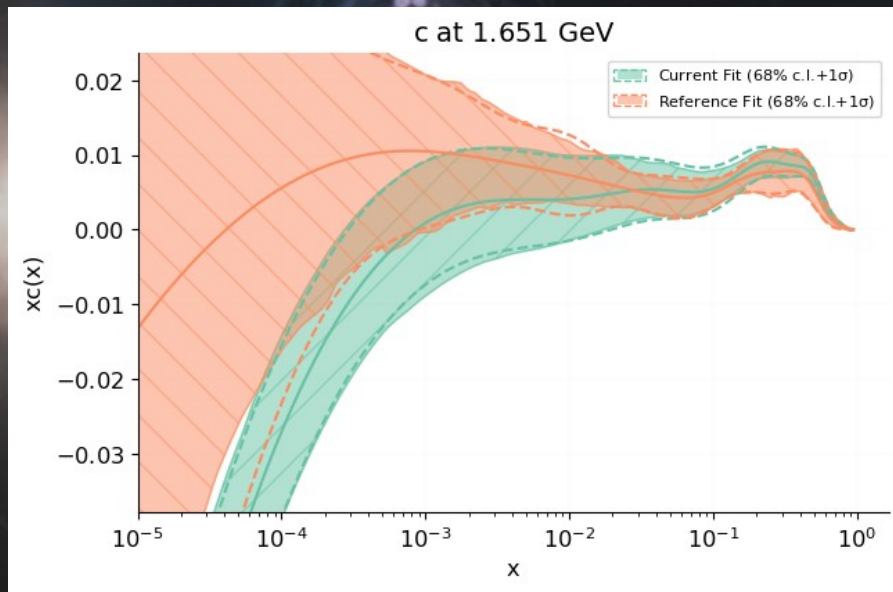
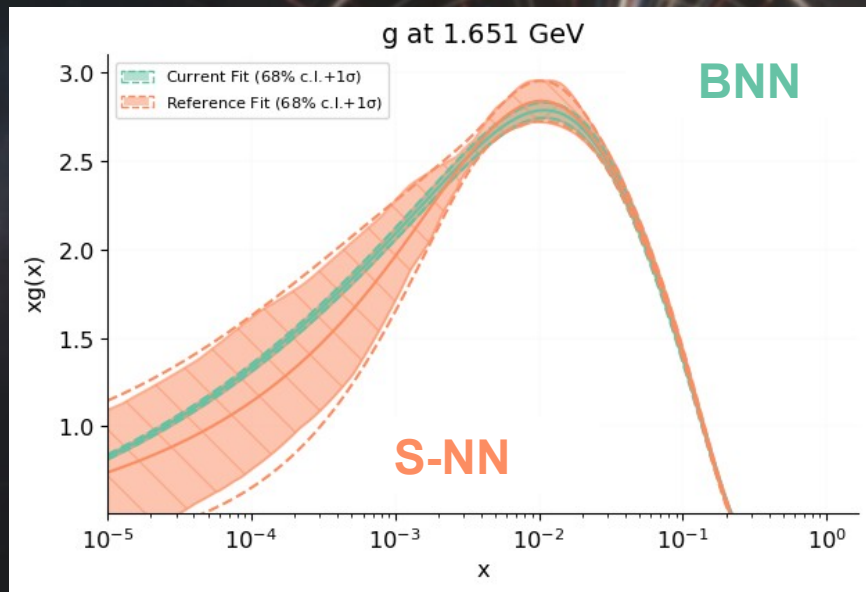
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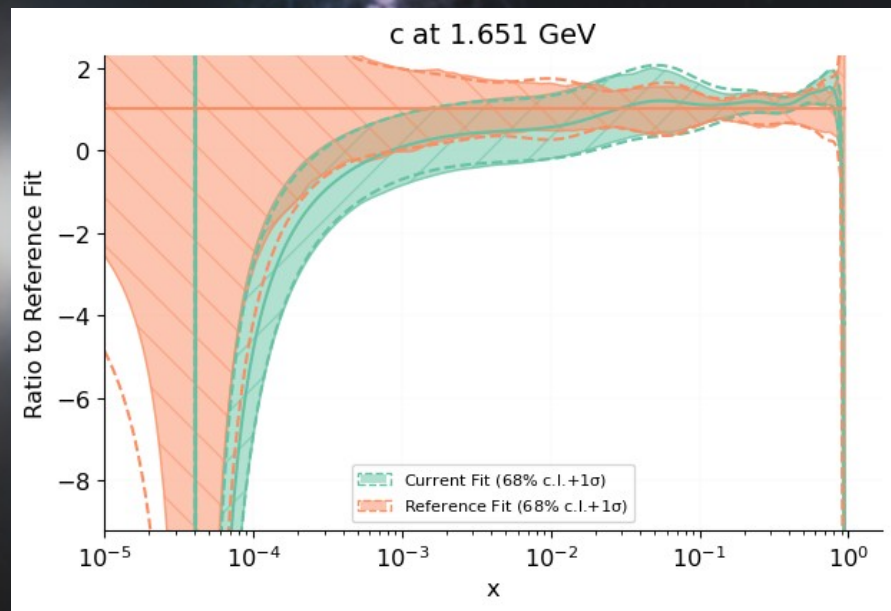
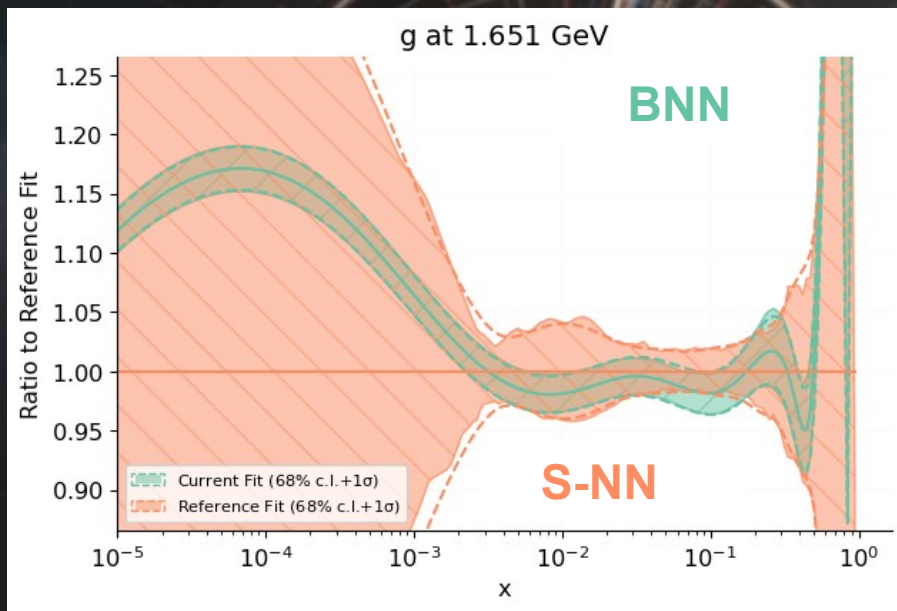


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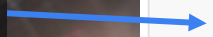
Log-log plots!

Room for improvement



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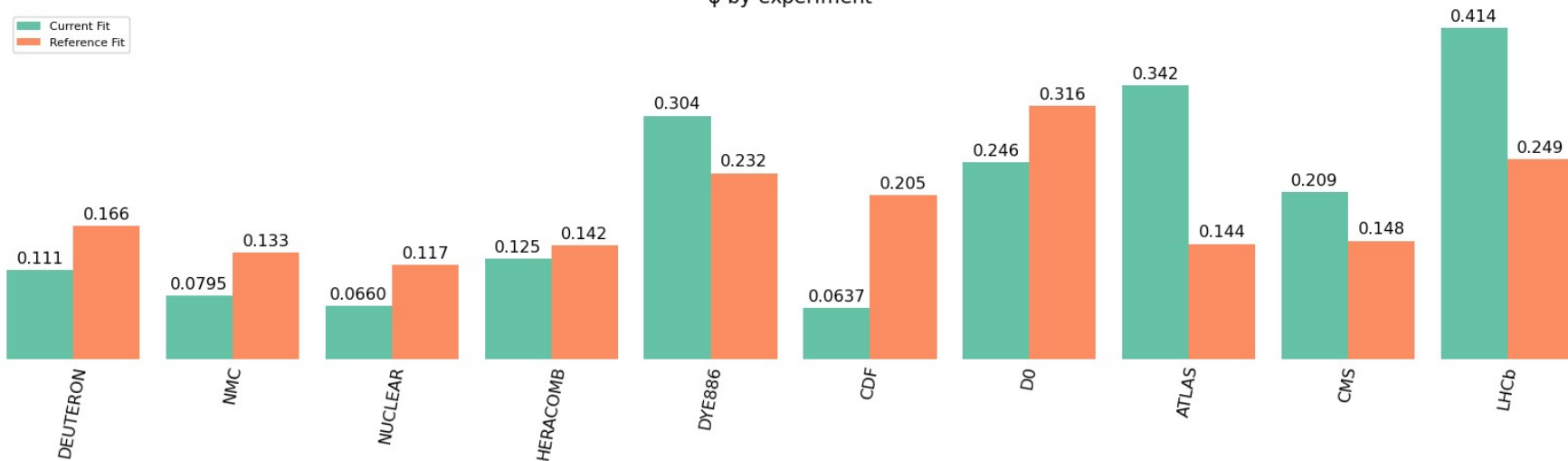
Loss variance



	BNN	S-NN
Loss	1.21271	1.16983
< TL >	11683±0	11700±2000
<Loss>	1.248±0.036	1.193±0.015
ϕ	0.189±0.014	0.1506±0.0072

ϕ by experiment

Current Fit
Reference Fit



Outlook

- Theoretical Uncertainty : treated as “Frequentist”, but truly “Bayesian”
 - Level 0: Should (at least) run ✓
 - Level 1: Test NNPDF methodology (F and B produce same result) ✓ (Almost!)
 - Level 2: Improve upon NNPDF methodology
- Hyper optimization of BNN: starting μ , σ for each weight, prior width, ...
- Better Annealing Schedule ? $BNN\ loss = \mathcal{L}(PDF) + \beta \cdot KL$

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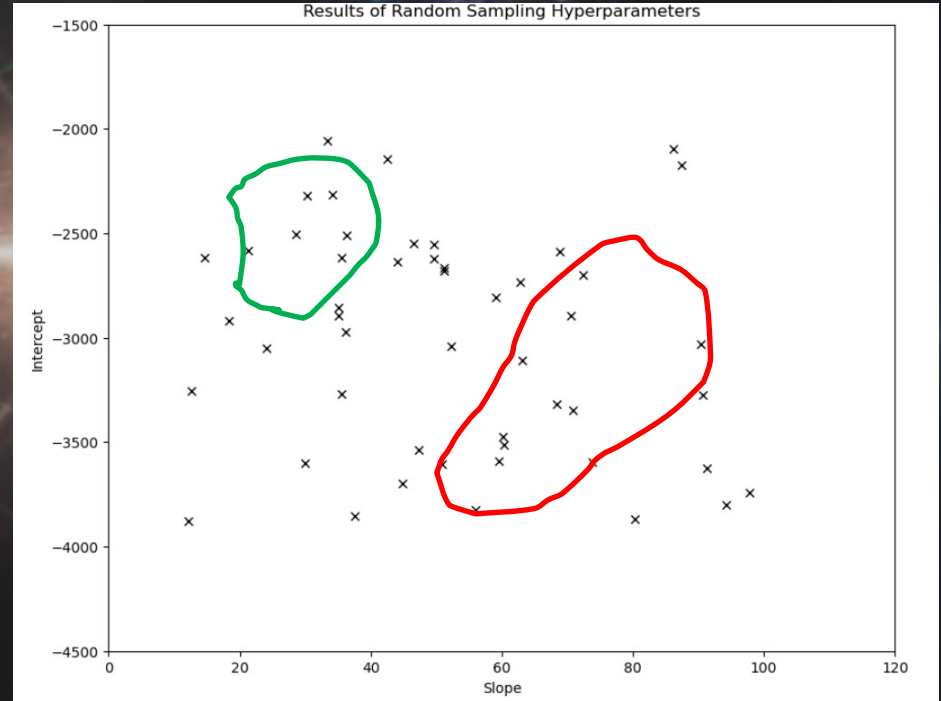
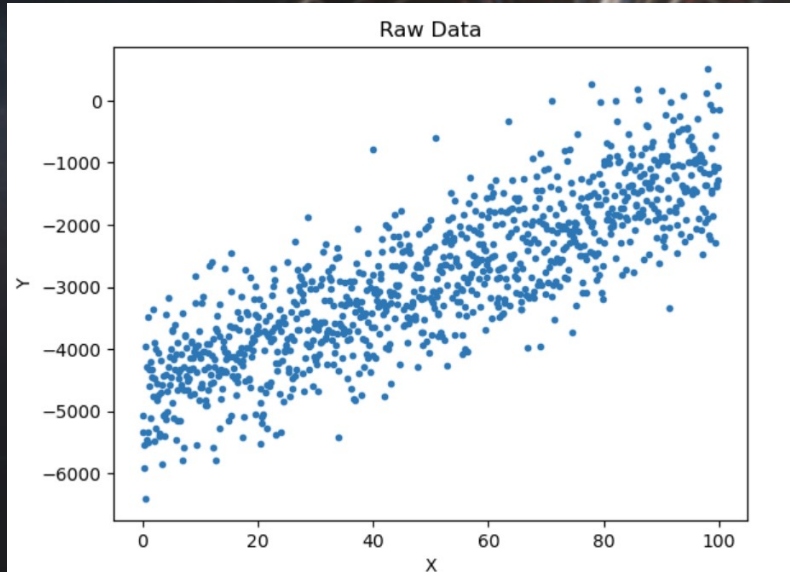
“How to solve fundamental problems in Physics by AI and vice versa (AIPHY)”



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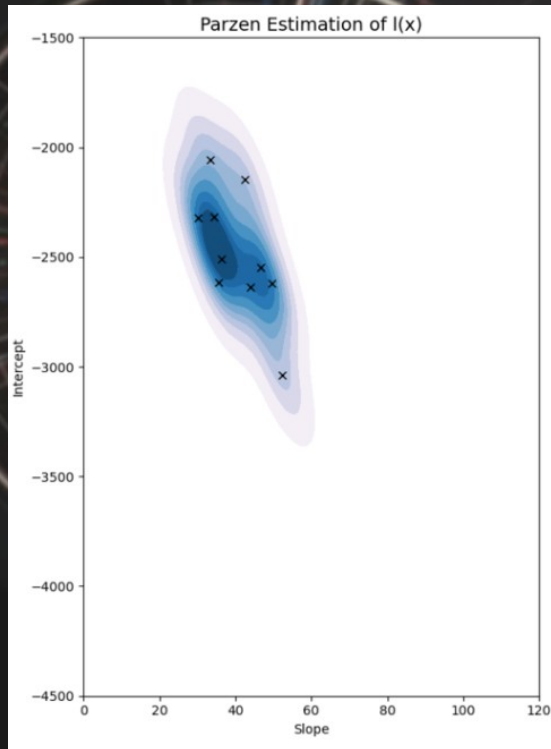
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Hyperoptimization: TPE

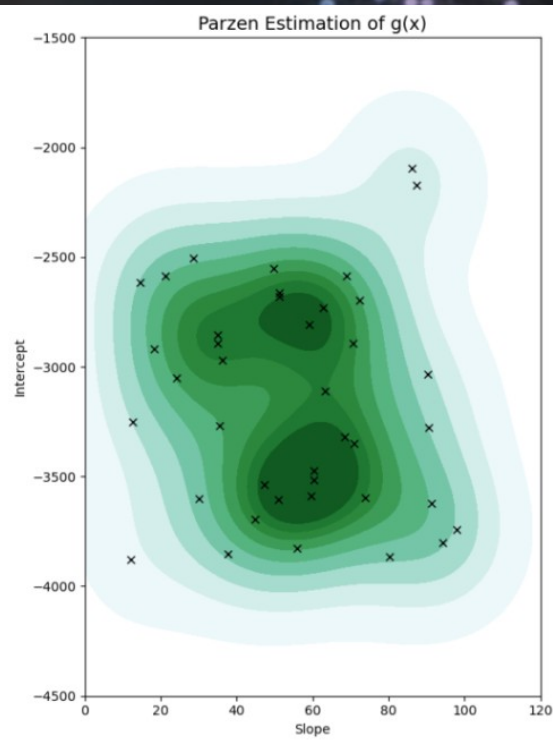


Hyperoptimization: TPE

good $l(x)$

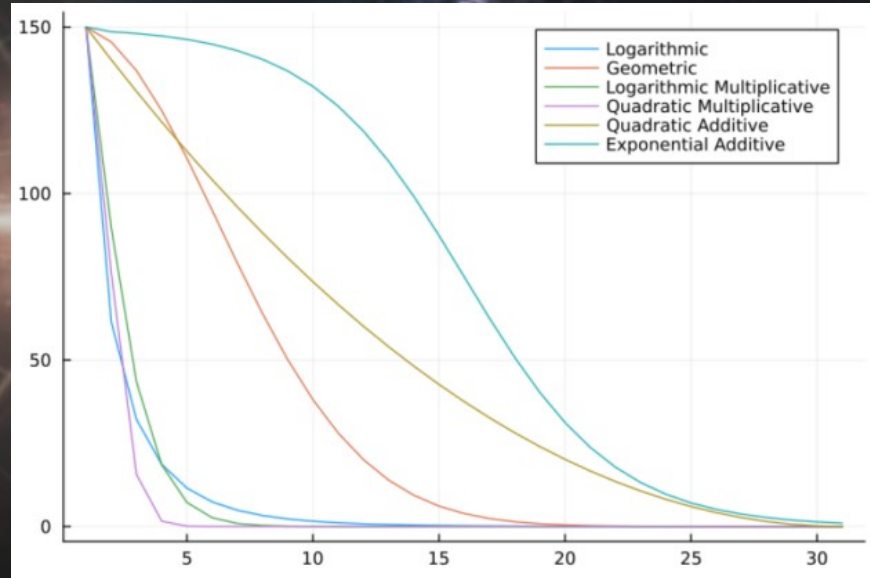
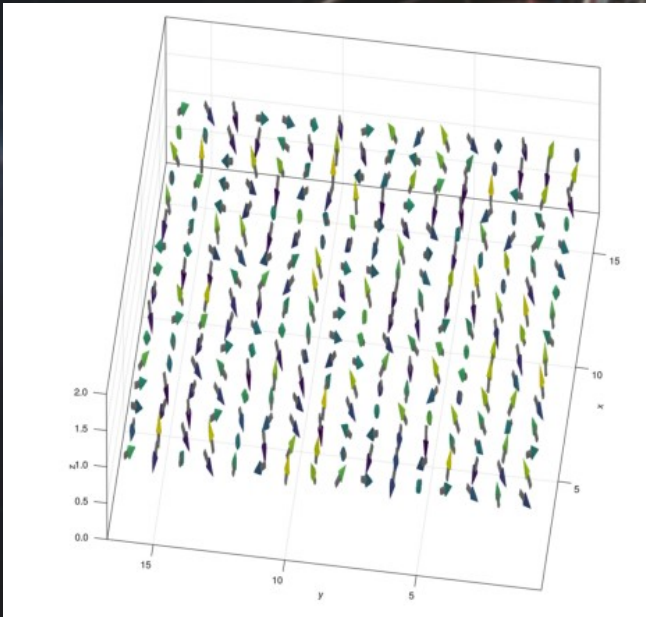


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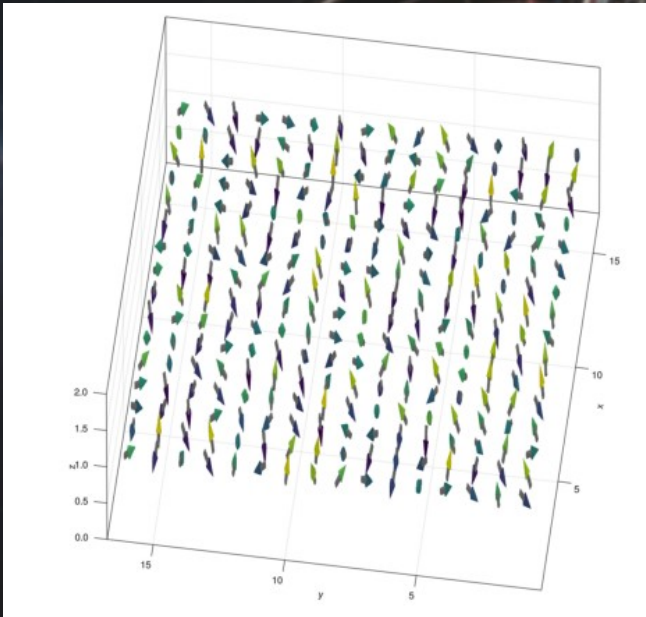
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Simulated Annealing

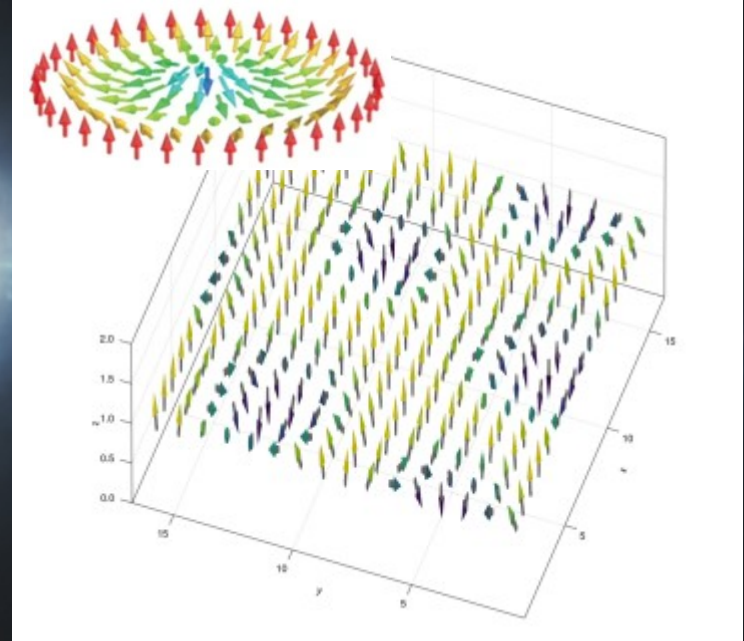
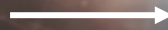


Eg.: a physical system

Simulated Annealing



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"Magnetic Skyrmions"

Simulated Annealing

- BNN Loss = PDF Loss + KL Loss
- ‘Spin’ annealing → explore energy landscape
- KL annealing → explore loss landscape
 - Dominating PDF loss: frequentist-like,
 - Dominating KL loss: unphysical PDFs
 - Annealing brings a “balance”

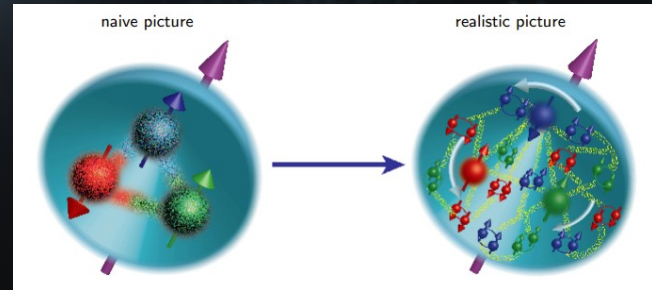
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DGLAP equations

- PDFs evolve with the scale; evolution given by DGLAP equations:

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \sum_j \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij} \left(\frac{x}{z} \right) f_j(z, Q^2)$$

- As scale increases, the available phase space for parton emission grows
 - more sea quarks and gluons
 - distributions at large x decrease, while those at small x increase



Theoretical Framework: From QCD to FK Tables

- Bottleneck in PDF fitting: convolution of PDF with cross section at EVERY training step

$$\sigma_{\text{had}} = \sum_{i,j} \int \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \mu_F)$$

- FastKernel tables : expand PDF onto a grid of interpolation polynomials

$$f_i(x, Q^2) = \sum_{\alpha} f_i(x_{\alpha}, Q^2) I^{(\alpha)}(x)$$
$$\sigma_{\text{had}} = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{\alpha,\beta} f_i(x_{\alpha}, Q^2) f_j(x_{\beta}, Q^2) \Sigma_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$$

Theoretical Framework: Theory Covariance Matrix

- NNPDF4.0 works at NNLO ~ splitting functions truncated at NNLO ~ MHO
- Includes this as theory covariance matrix

$$C_{ij}^{\text{tot}} = C_{ij}^{\text{exp}} + S_{ij}^{\text{theory}}$$

- Estimated by Scale Variations
- Allows the fitted PDF to fluctuate more in a region with large S, without being penalized by loss
- Prevents overfitting theoretical inaccuracies

The NNPDF Framework: Closure Test

- **Level 0: Methodology Consistency**
 - single, noiseless pseudo-data for all replica fits;
 - expected: perfect match for each replica, loss vanishes
- **Level 1: Pseudo-Data Consistency**
 - pseudo-data
 - expected: method recovers the central value of the law despite noise
- **Level 2: Uncertainty Consistency**
 - proxy for "real world"
 - expected: PDF uncertainties (replica spread) matches the experimental uncertainties

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- Level 2: Experimental Uncertainties
 - pseudo-data + experimental uncertainties;
 - expected: PDF uncertainties/replica spread matches the experimental uncertainties

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- Level 2: Full MC
 - proxy for a real-world fit;
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