

Parton Distribution Functions

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Paradigm for PDF determination by “global analysis”

- 1 **Parameterise** the x dependence for each flavour $a = q, g$ at the input scale $Q_0^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ in some flexible form, e.g.

$$xf_{a/p}(x, Q_0^2) = A_a x^{\Delta_a} (1-x)^{\eta_a} (1 + \epsilon_a \sqrt{x} + \gamma_a x),$$

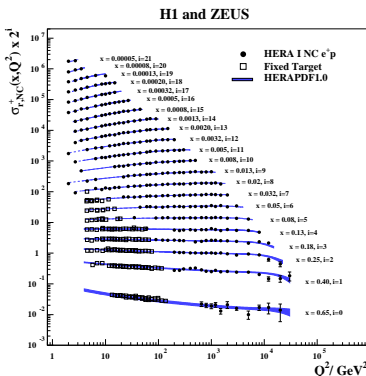
subject to number- and momentum-sum rule constraints.

- 2 **Evolve** the PDFs to higher scales $Q^2 > Q_0^2$ using the **DGLAP** (Dokshitzer–Gribov–Lipatov–Altarelli–Parisi) evolution equations.
- 3 **Convolute** the evolved PDFs with $C_{i,a}$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{ab}$ to calculate theory predictions corresponding to a wide variety of data.
- 4 **Vary** the input parameters $\{A_a, \Delta_a, \eta_a, \epsilon_a, \gamma_a, \dots\}$ to minimise

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{pts.}}} \left(\frac{\text{Data}_i - \text{Theory}_i}{\text{Error}_i} \right)^2$$

or generalisations to account for *correlated* systematic errors.

Scaling violations of DIS structure functions



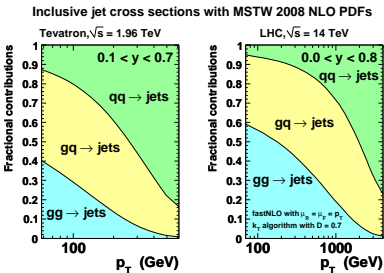
$$F_2^{\text{LO}}(x, Q^2) = \sum_q e_q^2 x f_{q/p}(x, Q^2)$$

Differentiate and insert DGLAP:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F_2^{\text{LO}}(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \left[P_{q \leftarrow q}^{\text{LO}} \otimes F_2^{\text{LO}} + \sum_q e_q^2 P_{q \leftarrow g}^{\text{LO}} \otimes f_{g/p} \right]$$

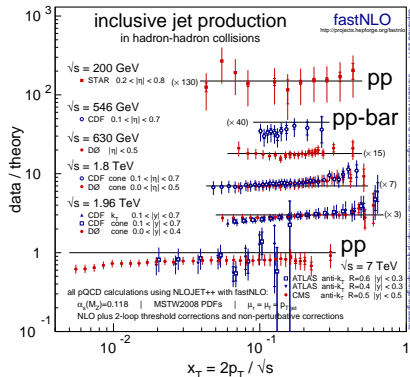
- F_2 falls with Q^2 at large x and rises with Q^2 at small x .
- \Rightarrow Measure *scaling violations* to constrain **small- x gluon**.
- **But** no direct constraint on **large- x gluon** from inclusive DIS.

Inclusive jet production at the Tevatron and LHC



[MSTW, arXiv:0905.3531]

- Quarks constrained by other data \Rightarrow jets constrain gluon.



[M. Wobisch et al., arXiv:1109.1310]

- LHC jets:** generally lower x_T , no correlated systematics.
- Current best constraint on high- x gluon from **Tevatron jets**.
- Possible alternative: isolated prompt photons ($gq \rightarrow \gamma q$).

Flavour decomposition from structure functions

- Assume isospin symmetry ($u \equiv u^p = d^n$, $d \equiv d^p = u^n$) and isoscalar target ($N = (p + n)/2$), then structure functions are:

Neutral-current DIS in charged-lepton–nucleon scattering

$$F_2^{\ell^\pm p} = x \left[\frac{4}{9} (u + \bar{u} + \dots) + \frac{1}{9} (d + \bar{d} + \dots) \right]$$

$$F_2^{\ell^\pm d} = (F_2^{\ell^\pm p} + F_2^{\ell^\pm n})/2 = \frac{5}{18} x (u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d}) + \dots$$

Charged-current DIS in neutrino–nucleus scattering

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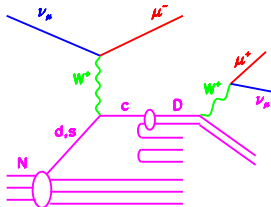
$$xF_3 \equiv (xF_3^{\nu N} + xF_3^{\bar{\nu} N})/2 = x (u - \bar{u} + d - \bar{d} + \dots)$$

- $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$ constrains s ; $\bar{\nu} N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$ constrains \bar{s} .

Deuterium and neutrino DIS data provide **flavour separation**.

(**But** need *nuclear corrections* to extract underlying proton PDFs.)

NuTeV/CCFR dimuon cross sections and strangeness

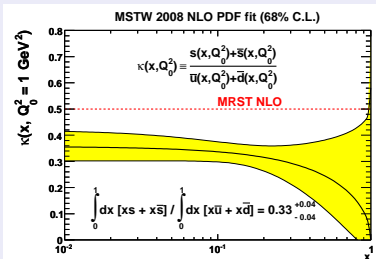


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dy}(\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) = B_c \mathcal{A} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy}(\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^- c X)$$

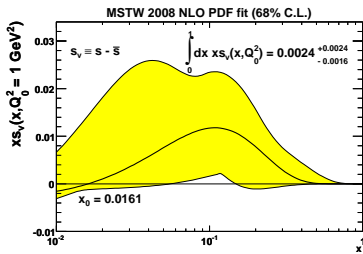
$$\propto |V_{cs}|^2 \xi s(\xi, Q^2) + |V_{cd}|^2 \dots$$

- ν_μ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ cross sections constrain s and \bar{s} , respectively, for $0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.2$.

$(s + \bar{s}) / (\bar{u} + \bar{d})$ at $Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

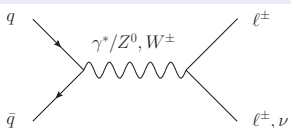


Strange asymmetry, $xs - x\bar{s}$



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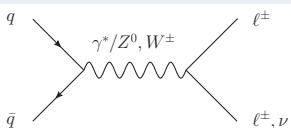


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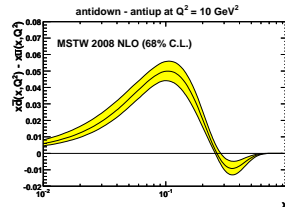
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γ^* production at FNAL E866/NuSea ($\sqrt{s} = 38.8$ GeV)

- p beam (800 GeV) on p/d target.

$$\sigma^{pp} \sim \frac{4}{9}u(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2) + \frac{1}{9}d(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)$$

$$\frac{\sigma^{pd}}{\sigma^{pp}} \sim 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_2)} \text{ for } x_2 \in [0.015, 0.35]$$



Which processes constrain different PDFs?

- Processes included in **MSTW 2008** analysis [[arXiv:0901.0002](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0002)]:

Process	Subprocess	Partons	x range
$l^\pm \{p, n\} \rightarrow l^\pm X$	$\gamma^* q \rightarrow q$	q, \bar{q}, g	$x \gtrsim 0.01$
$l^\pm n/p \rightarrow l^\pm X$	$\gamma^* d/u \rightarrow d/u$	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	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$	$gg, qg, q\bar{q} \rightarrow 2j$	g, q	$0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow (W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu) X$	$ud \rightarrow W, \bar{u}\bar{d} \rightarrow W$	u, d, \bar{u}, \bar{d}	$x \gtrsim 0.05$
$p\bar{p} \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow l^+ l^-) X$	$uu, dd \rightarrow Z$	d	$x \gtrsim 0.05$

- Heavy quarks** ($h = c, b$) generated perturbatively from $g \rightarrow h\bar{h}$.

Data sets fitted in MSTW 2008 NLO analysis [[arXiv:0901.0002](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0002)]

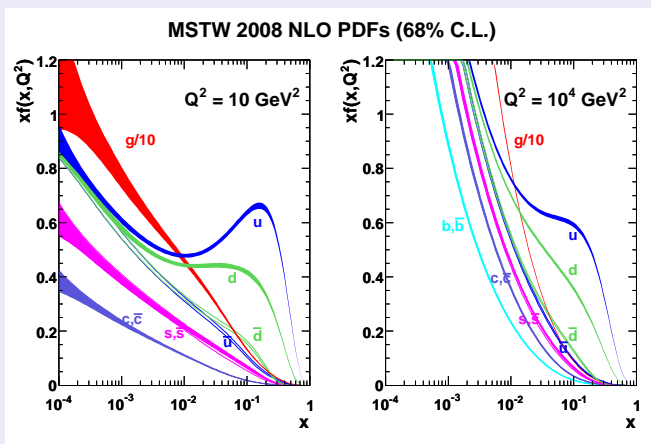
Data set	$\chi^2 / N_{\text{pts.}}$
H1 MB 99 e^+p NC	9 / 8
H1 MB 97 e^+p NC	42 / 64
H1 low Q^2 96–97 e^+p NC	44 / 80
H1 high Q^2 98–99 e^-p NC	122 / 126
H1 high Q^2 99–00 e^+p NC	131 / 147
ZEUS SVX 95 e^+p NC	35 / 30
ZEUS 96–97 e^+p NC	86 / 144
ZEUS 98–99 e^-p NC	54 / 92
ZEUS 99–00 e^+p NC	63 / 90
H1 99–00 e^+p CC	29 / 28
ZEUS 99–00 e^+p CC	38 / 30
H1/ZEUS $e^\pm p F_2^{\text{charm}}$	107 / 83
H1 99–00 e^+p incl. jets	19 / 24
ZEUS 96–97 e^+p incl. jets	30 / 30
ZEUS 98–00 $e^\pm p$ incl. jets	17 / 30
DØ II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	114 / 110
CDF II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	56 / 76
CDF II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	29 / 22
DØ II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	25 / 10
DØ II Z rap.	19 / 28
CDF II Z rap.	49 / 29

Data set	$\chi^2 / N_{\text{pts.}}$
BCDMS $\mu p F_2$	182 / 163
BCDMS $\mu d F_2$	190 / 151
NMC $\mu p F_2$	121 / 123
NMC $\mu d F_2$	102 / 123
NMC $\mu n / \mu p$	130 / 148
E665 $\mu p F_2$	57 / 53
E665 $\mu d F_2$	53 / 53
SLAC $ep F_2$	30 / 37
SLAC $ed F_2$	30 / 38
NMC/BCDMS/SLAC F_L	38 / 31
E866/NuSea pp DY	228 / 184
E866/NuSea pd/pp DY	14 / 15
NuTeV $\nu N F_2$	49 / 53
CHORUS $\nu N F_2$	26 / 42
NuTeV $\nu N xF_3$	40 / 45
CHORUS $\nu N xF_3$	31 / 33
CCFR $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	66 / 86
NuTeV $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	39 / 40
All data sets	2543 / 2699

- Red = New w.r.t. MRST 2006 fit.

MSTW 2008 PDFs [<http://projects.hepforge.org/mstwpdf/>]

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- **Error bands** shown are obtained from propagation of **experimental** uncertainties on the fitted data points.

Status of PDFs from different groups in October 2011

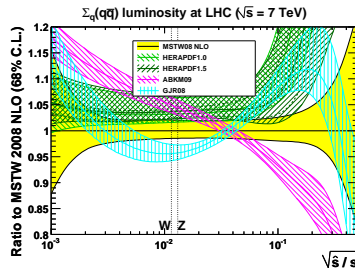
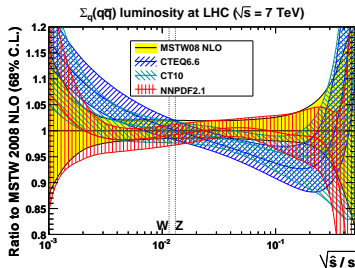
- Various fitting groups currently produce PDF sets:
MSTW, **CTEQ-TEA**, **NNPDF**, **HERAPDF**, **AB(K)M**, **(G)JR**.
- Quantifying and understanding differences *between* groups is as (or more) important as continued improvements *within* groups.
- Highlight major differences in classes of data fitted:

	MSTW08	CT10	NNPDF2.1	HERAPDF1.5	ABKM09	GJR08/JR09
HERA DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fixed-target DIS	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Fixed-target DY	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Tevatron W,Z	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Tevatron jets	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓

- “Global” \equiv includes all five main categories of data.
- **GJR08** *almost* global but restrictive “dynamical” parameterisation.
- **NNPDF** group use a **Neural Network** parameterisation.
- **Next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO)** PDFs now available from all groups other than **CTEQ** [work in progress].

Ratio of NLO quark–antiquark luminosity functions

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma_q(q\bar{q})}}{\partial \hat{s}} = \frac{1}{s} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} \sum_{q=d,u,s,c,b} [q(x, \hat{s}) \bar{q}(\tau/x, \hat{s}) + (q \leftrightarrow \bar{q})], \quad \tau \equiv \frac{\hat{s}}{s} = x_1 x_2$$

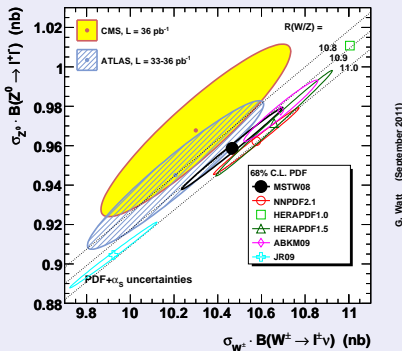


- Relevant values of $\sqrt{\hat{s}} = M_{W,Z}$ are indicated: good agreement for global fits (left), but more variation for other sets (right).

NNLO W^\pm vs. Z^0 and W^+ vs. W^- total cross sections

- Correlation of ellipse \Leftrightarrow uncertainty in ratio of cross sections.

NNLO W and Z cross sections at the LHC ($\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV)



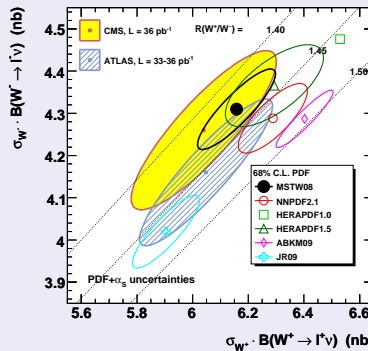
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$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+} + \sigma_{W^-}}{\sigma_{Z^0}} \sim \frac{u(x_1) + d(x_1)}{0.29 u(\tilde{x}_1) + 0.37 d(\tilde{x}_1)}$$

- Ratio insensitive to PDFs.

- Luminosity uncertainty of 3.4% (ATLAS) or 4% (CMS).

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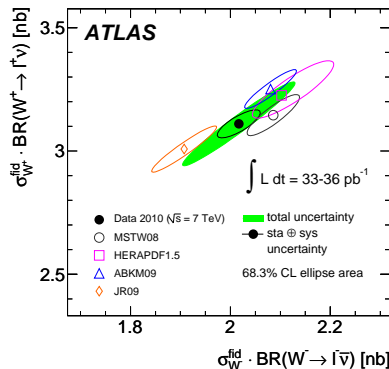
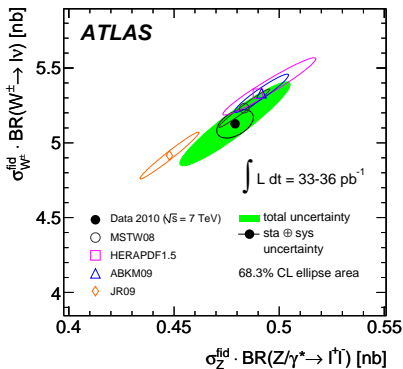
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$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} \sim \frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)} \sim \frac{u(x_1)}{d(x_1)}$$

- Ratio sensitive to u/d .

NNLO W^\pm vs. Z^0 and W^+ vs. W^- fiducial cross sections

[ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv:1109.5141]

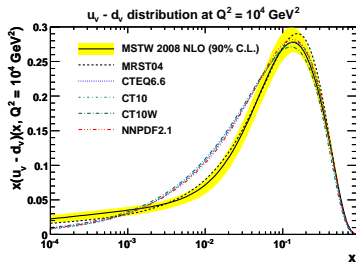
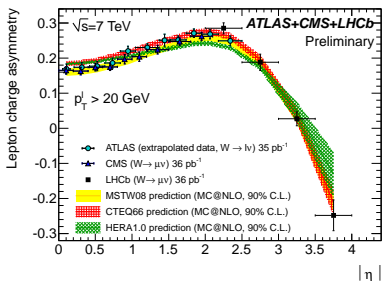


- Largest uncertainty in ATLAS/CMS total cross-section **ratios** from acceptance calculation \Rightarrow compare to theory **within** acceptance.
- **NNLO** comparisons now possible using [FEWZ](#) or [DYNNLO](#) codes.

$W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu$ charge asymmetry at the LHC

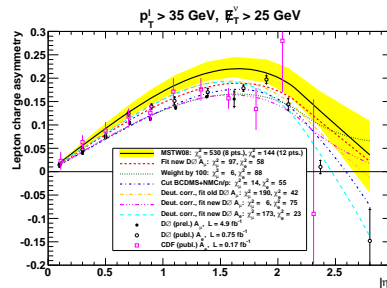
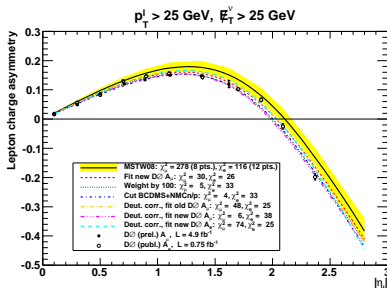
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- First useful PDF constraint from LHC data (\rightarrow NNPDF2.2).

$W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu$ charge asymmetry at the Tevatron



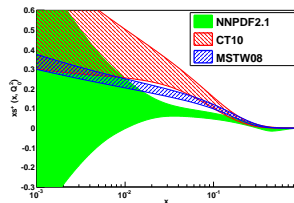
- Outstanding issues to be resolved concerning Tevatron data, particularly when split up into p_T^l bins [MSTW, arXiv:1006.2753].
- **Current plan:** consider only inclusive p_T^l bin, try to fit nuclear effects in deuteron structure functions simultaneously with PDFs.

W +charm as a probe of strangeness [CMS PAS EWK-11-013]



- Dominant $s g \rightarrow W^- c$ and $\bar{s} g \rightarrow W^+ \bar{c}$.
- 15% from $d g \rightarrow W^- c$, 5% from $\bar{d} g \rightarrow W^+ \bar{c}$.

$x(s + \bar{s})(x, Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2)$:

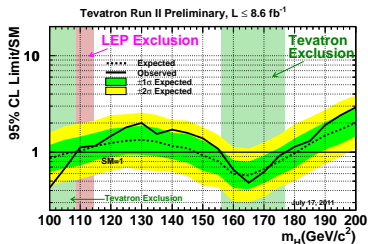


$$R_c^\pm \equiv \frac{\sigma(W^+ + \bar{c})}{\sigma(W^- + c)} = 0.92 \pm 0.19(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.04(\text{syst.})$$

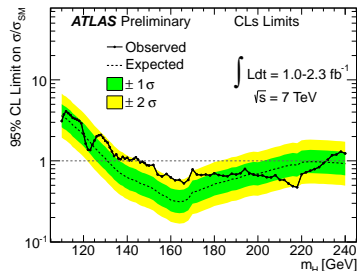
$$R_c \equiv \frac{\sigma(W + c)}{\sigma(W + \text{jets})} = 0.143 \pm 0.015(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.024(\text{syst.})$$

Ratio	MCfM (MSTW08)	MCfM (CT10)	MCfM (NNPDF2.1)
R_c^\pm	$0.881^{+0.022}_{-0.032}$	$0.915^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	0.902 ± 0.008
R_c	$0.118^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.125^{+0.013}_{-0.007}$	0.103 ± 0.005

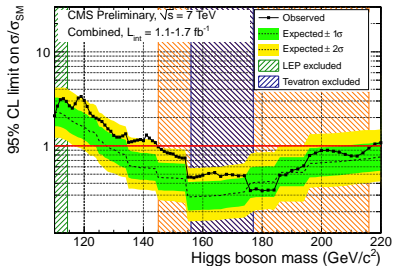
Exclusion limits at 95% C.L. for SM Higgs boson



[TEVNPWG, arXiv:1107.5518]



	M_H (GeV)	$x \sim M_H/\sqrt{s}$
Tevatron	156 – 177	0.08 – 0.09
	146 – 232	0.02 – 0.03
ATLAS	256 – 282	0.04 – 0.04
	296 – 466	0.04 – 0.07
CMS	145 – 216	0.02 – 0.03
	226 – 288	0.03 – 0.04
	310 – 340	0.04 – 0.05

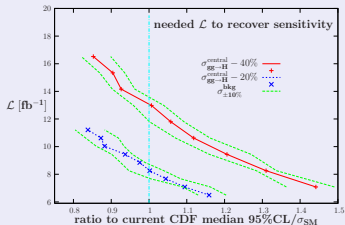
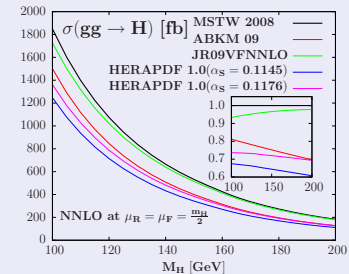


- σ_{SM} uses **MSTW 2008** PDFs.

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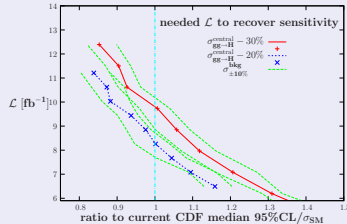
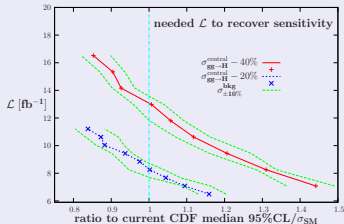
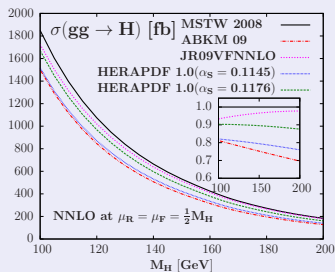
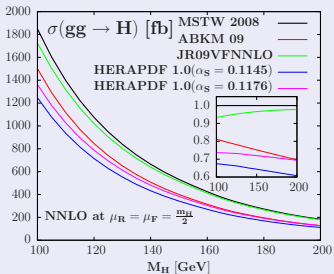


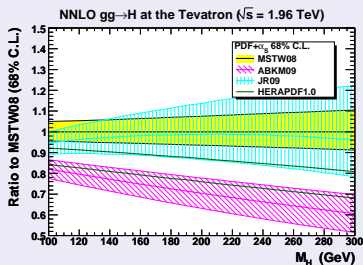
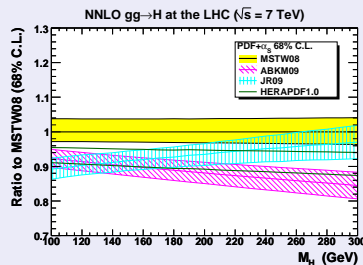
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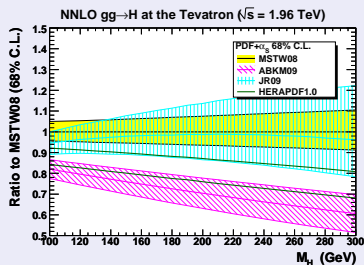
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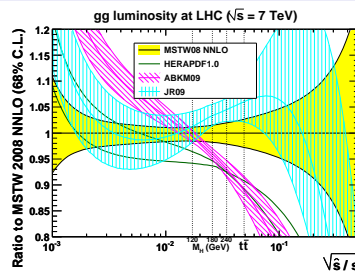
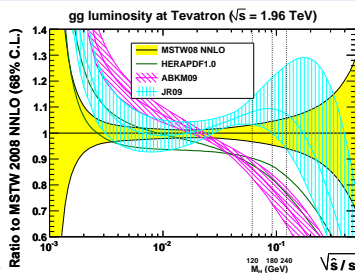
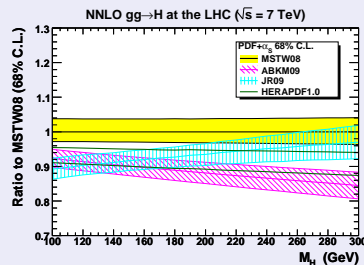
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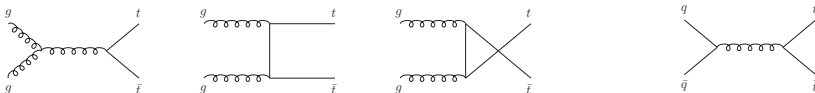
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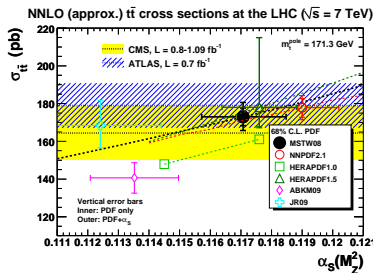
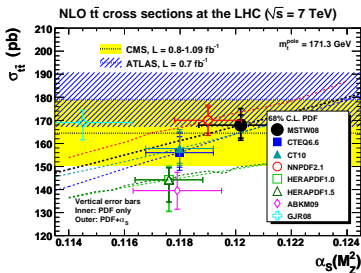
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$t\bar{t}$ total cross sections versus $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ at the LHC



- $\sim 80\%$ of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO}}$ from gg at LHC (7 TeV), cf. $\sim 15\%$ at Tevatron.
- NNLO (approx.) using **HATHOR** code [[Aliev et al., arXiv:1007.1327](#)].
- Compare to single most precise current LHC measurements:



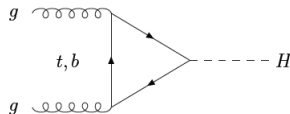
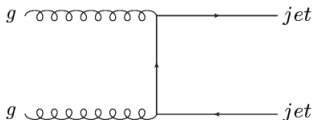
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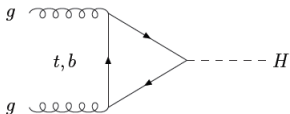
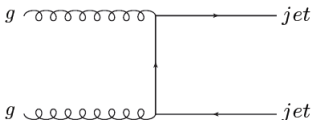
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- Values of $\chi^2/N_{\text{pts.}}$ for CDF II inclusive jet data [hep-ex/0701051]:

NNLO PDF	$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	$\mu = p_T/2$	$\mu = p_T$	$\mu = 2p_T$
MSTW08	0.1171	1.39	0.69	0.97
HERAPDF1.0	0.1145	2.64	2.15	2.20
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ABKM09	0.1135	2.55	2.76	3.41
JR09	0.1124	0.75	1.26	2.21

Input parameterisation in MSTW 2008 NLO fit

Input parameterisation ($Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$) in MSTW 2008 fit

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x(s - \bar{s}) = A_- x^{0.2} (1-x)^{\eta_-} (1 - x/x_0)$$

- A_u , A_d , A_g and x_0 are determined from sum rules.
- 28 parameters allowed to go free to find best fit,
20 parameters allowed to go free for error propagation.

Compare to input parameterisation in HERAPDF fits

Input parameterisation ($Q_0^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$) in HERAPDF1.0/1.5

$$xu_v = A_{u_v} x^{B_{q_v}} (1-x)^{C_{u_v}} (1 + E_{u_v} x^2)$$

$$xd_v = A_{d_v} x^{B_{q_v}} (1-x)^{C_{d_v}}$$

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

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

$$x\bar{s} = 0.45 x\bar{d}$$

$$xs = x\bar{s}$$

$$xg = A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g}$$

- 10 parameters for central fit and “experimental” uncertainties, additional “model” and “parameterisation” uncertainties.
- 4 more params. for HERAPDF1.5 NNLO (2 for g , 1 each for u_v, d_v).
- cf. Neural Network group ($7 \times 37 = 259$ free parameters).

Experimental error propagation in global PDF fits

Hessian method (used by MSTW and CTEQ groups)

- Based on *covariance* (inverse *Hessian*) matrix of ~ 20 fit parameters: diagonalise to produce *eigenvector* PDF sets.
- Varying values of $\Delta\chi^2$ used to accommodate minor data inconsistencies (average value $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 10$ in MSTW08 fit).

Monte Carlo sampling using data replicas (used by NNPDF)

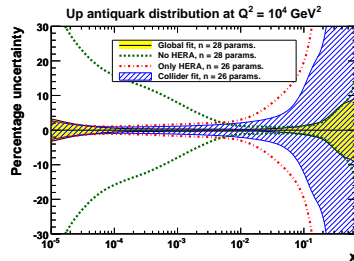
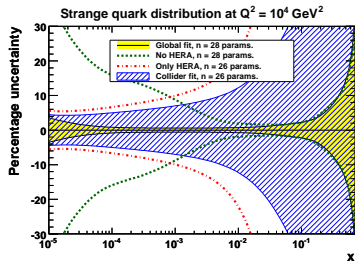
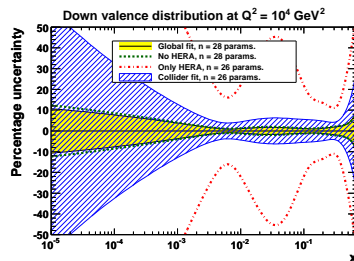
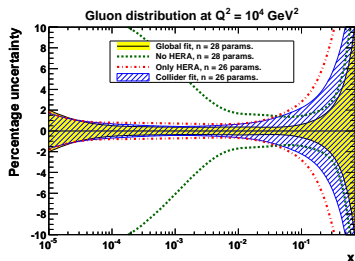
- Generate replica data sets with shifted central values:

$$D_{m,i} \rightarrow \left(D_{m,i} + R_{m,i}^{\text{uncorr.}} \cdot \sigma_{m,i}^{\text{uncorr.}} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{corr.}}} R_{m,k}^{\text{corr.}} \cdot \sigma_{m,k,i}^{\text{corr.}} \right) \cdot (1 + R_m^{\mathcal{N}} \sigma_m^{\mathcal{N}})$$

- Calculate average and s.d. over $N_{\text{rep}} \sim \mathcal{O}(100)$ PDF sets.
- Equivalent to Hessian method with tolerance $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$.
- But more useful when fitting weakly-constrained parameters.

Constraints provided by subsets of data using MC sampling

- Fit subsets of global data in MSTW 2008 NLO analysis:



Bayesian reweighting to include new data sets

[Giele, Keller, hep-ph/9803393; NNPDF, arXiv:1012.0836, arXiv:1108.1758]

- Suppose we have an existing set of PDFs $\{f_k\}$. Compute χ_k^2 for new data set using each f_k , then calculate observables as:

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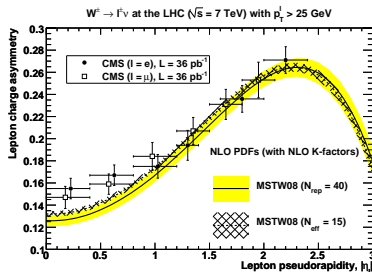
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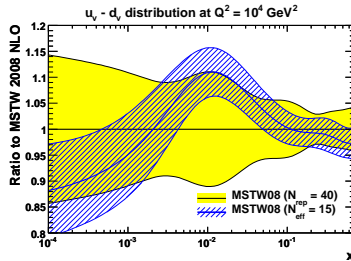
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$$\chi^2/N_{\text{pts.}} = 2.43 \rightarrow 1.32$$



Reweighting shifts $u_v - d_v$.

Summary

- Reviewed (*proton, unpolarised, integrated*) PDF determination. More complicated types of PDF \Rightarrow see later talks!
- The LHC is starting to provide useful PDF constraints, e.g.
 - W^\pm charge asymmetry $\Rightarrow u_v - d_v$.
 - W +charm production \Rightarrow strangeness.
 - $t\bar{t}$, jets, isolated- γ \Rightarrow gluon (important for Higgs).
- *Non-global* PDF fits can be misleading or even dangerous: constrained by *assumed* parameterisation in absence of data.
- First look at *Monte Carlo sampling* and *Bayesian reweighting* in context of **MSTW** fit [work in progress]. Potentially useful techniques to study impact of new data/experiments on PDFs.