

# **Parton distribution functions, isolated-photons and AFTER**

**Physics at fixed-target energies  
using the LHC beams**

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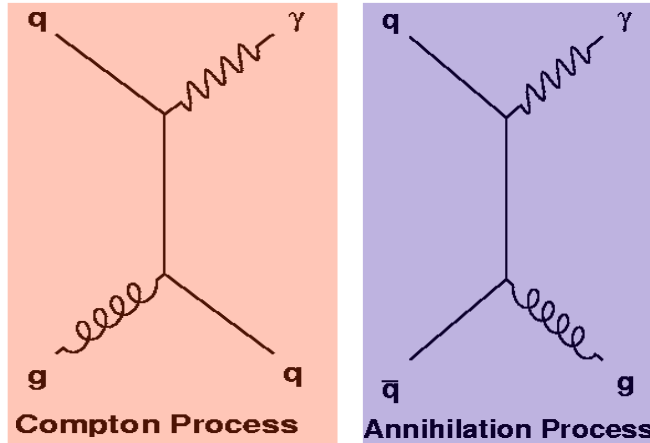
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# Outline

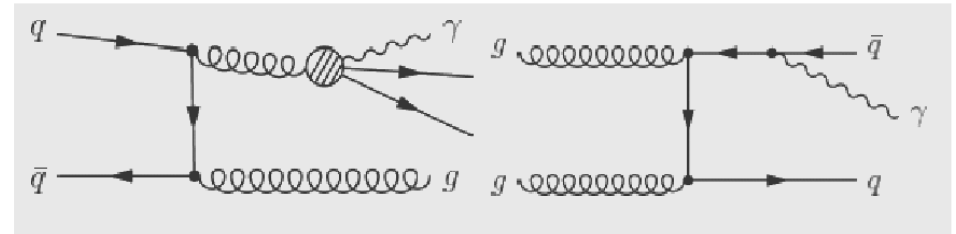
- Introduction:
  - Prompt & isolated photon production in hadronic collisions
- Isolated- $\gamma$  at colliders (RHIC, SppS, Tevatron, LHC):
  - World  $d\sigma_\gamma/dp_T$  data: 35 measurements,  $(x, Q^2)$  map,  $x_T$  scaling
  - PDF reweighting setup: JETPHOX NLO + NNPDF2.1 (100 replicas)
  - Quantitative impact on gluon PDF
  - Other LHC measurements: isolated- $\gamma$ +jet in p-p, isolated- $\gamma$  in Pb-Pb
- Isolated- $\gamma$  predictions for AFTER:
  - $(x, Q^2)$  map, uncertainties in p and Pb PDFs at high- $x$
  - NLO predictions for p-p and Pb-Pb: uncertainties, expected yields.
- Summary

# Prompt- $\gamma$ production in hadronic collisions

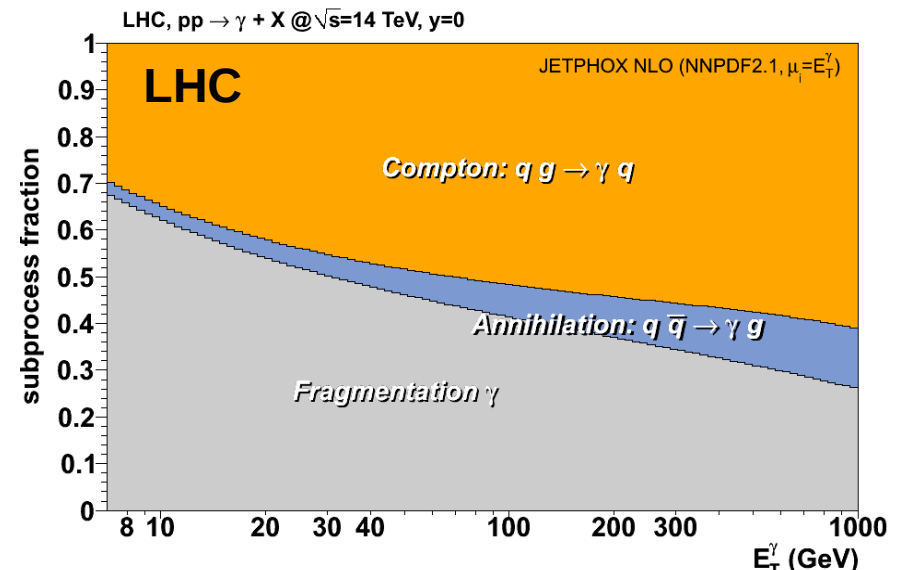
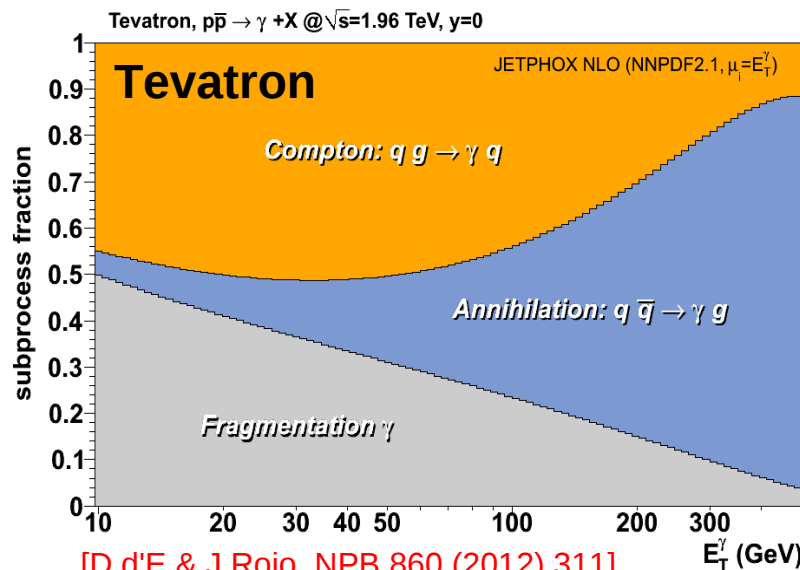
- Leading partonic production processes in p-p, p- $\bar{p}$  collisions :



+ parton-to-photon fragmentation:

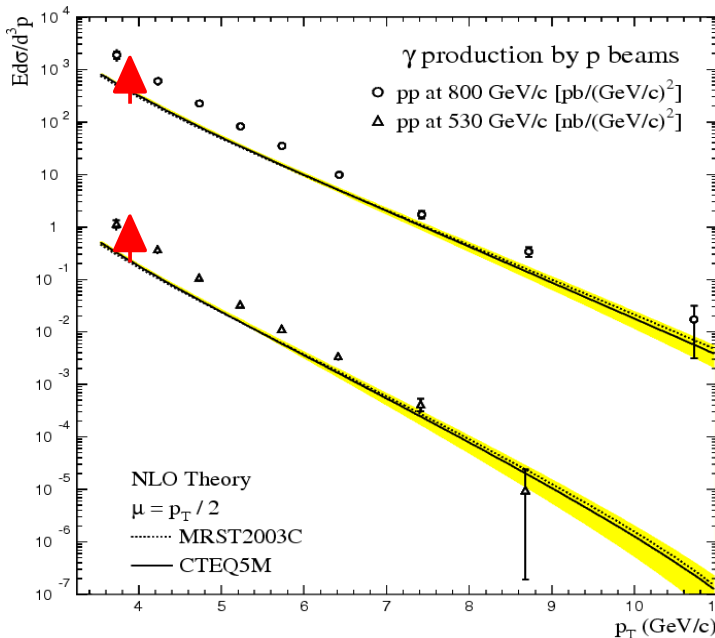


- Relative subprocess fractions (NLO): Important fragmentation contribution

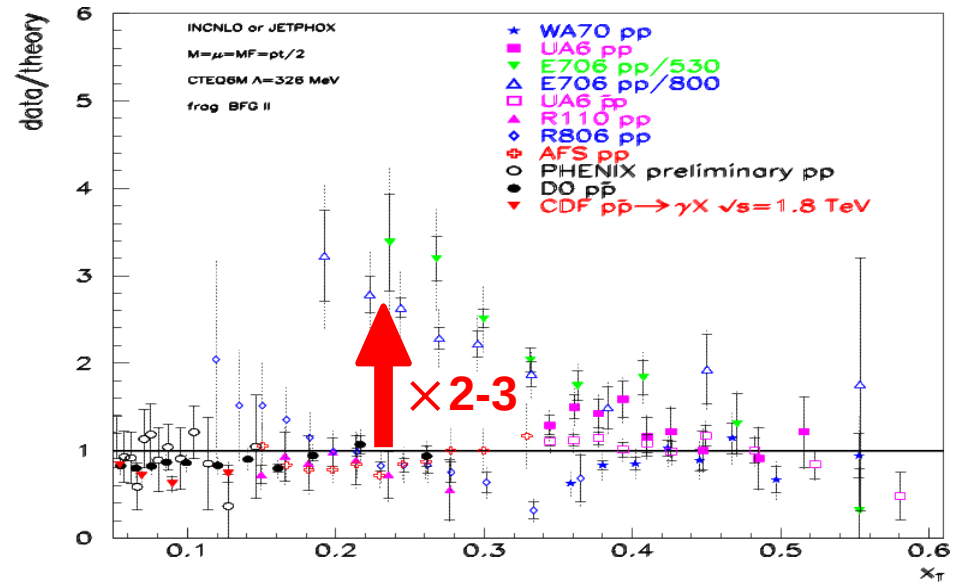


# Prompt- $\gamma$ production in hadronic collisions

- Long-standing **disagreement between NLO pQCD & fixed-target inclusive photon data (p-p, p-A @  $\sqrt{s} \sim 20-40$  GeV):**



[L. Apanasevich et al.'04 - E706]



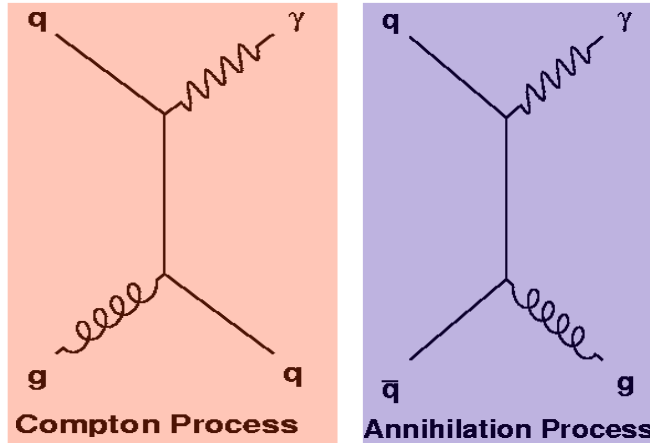
[P. Aurenche et al.'06]

[Also Owens, Vogelsang, ...]

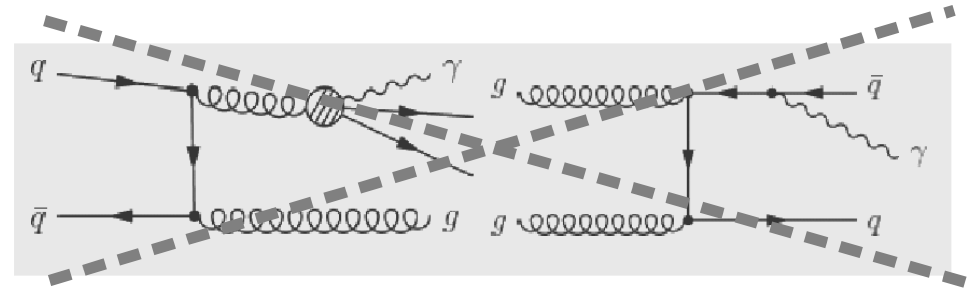
- Not solved by  $N^{2,3}$ LL soft-gluon threshold & recoil resummations:  
 Low  $p_T$  dominated by intrinsic- $k_T$  ? **parton-to- $\gamma$  FF** ? **nuclear target effects** ?
- “Conclusion”: **Photons removed from global PDF fits (used to constrain high-x gluon) since MRST99 !**

# Isolated- $\gamma$ production in hadronic collisions

- Leading partonic production processes in p-p, p- $\bar{p}$  collisions :

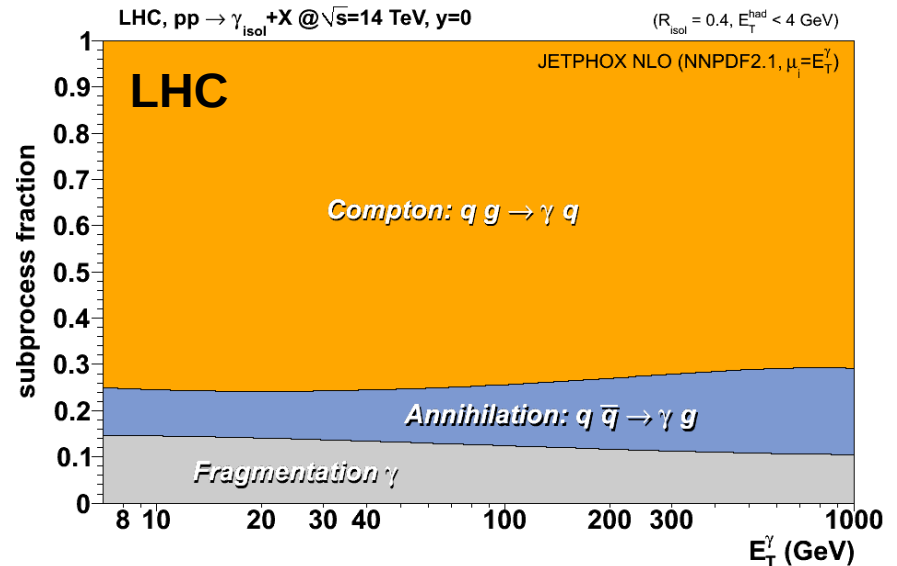
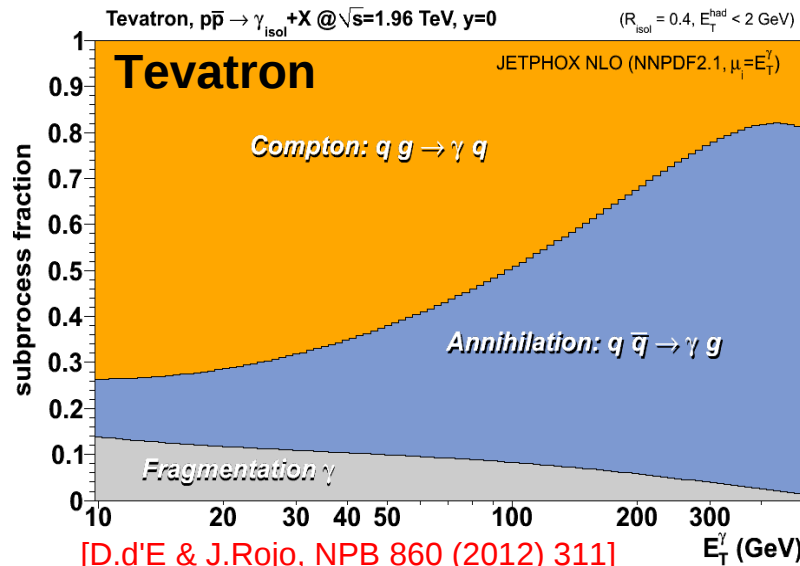


+ parton-to-photon fragmentation:



Isolation cuts (e.g.  $R=0.4$ ,  $E_{T, \text{had}} < 5$  GeV)

- Quark-gluon Compton scattering dominates now ( $\sim 80\%$ ) x-sections:



# Redeeming $\gamma$ data for PDF global fits

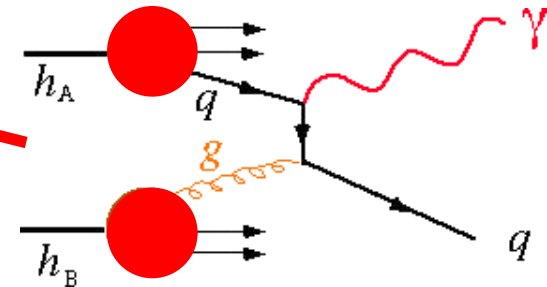
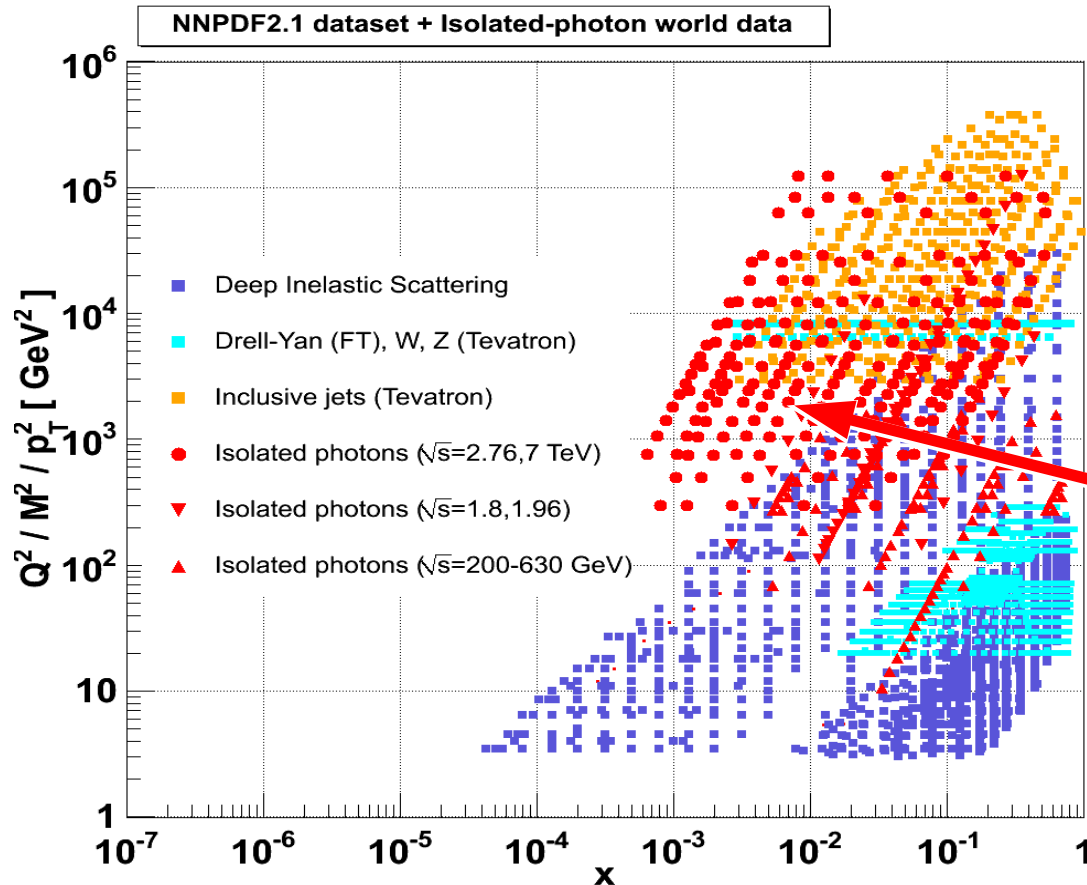
- Does **NLO reproduce** the existing photon data ... ? **Yes !**
  - ✓ Applying **isolation cuts**: Removing most fragmentation  $\gamma$ 's
  - ✓ Moving to **collider energies**: Larger pQCD scales
- Are they **useful for PDF** constraints ... ? **Yes !**
  - ✓ **35+ meas., 400+ data points = direct access to gluon PDF !**  
[  $xg(x, Q^2)$  only indirectly constrained by  $F_2$  scaling violations & directly at large- $x$  by Tevatron jets]
- **How** can one quantify the inclusion of isolated- $\gamma$  into PDF fits ?
  - (1) Including  $\gamma$  data & full **refitting** all data-sets: (very) slow NLO code ...
  - (2) “A posteriori” inclusion **via fastNLO or ApplGrid**: not implemented yet
  - (3) Using **NNPDF Bayesian reweighting** technique ✓

# Isolated-photons at p-p colliders

# $(x, Q^2)$ map of collider isolated- $\gamma$ datasets

[D.d'E & J.Rojo, NPB 860 (2012) 311]

- Kinematical range of LHC, Tevatron, Sp $\bar{p}$ S & RHIC  $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$  data:



- Direct sensitivity to **gluon PDF** over wide  $(x, Q^2)$  domain

[ $xG(x, Q^2)$  only constrained indirectly by DIS & directly by p-p jets at high- $x$ ]



# Isolated- $\gamma$ collider world-data (I)

- 35 meas. (~400 data points) at LHC/Tevatron/Sp $\bar{p}$ S/RHIC & increasing ...

System	Collab./experiment (collider) [Ref.]	$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	$ y_\gamma $ range	$E_T^\gamma$ range (GeV)	$x$ range	Data points	Isolation radius, had. energy
$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [34]	7.	<0.6	15–100	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.05	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [34]	7.	0.6–1.37	15–100	$3 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.1	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [34]	7.	1.52–1.81	15–100	$2 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.1	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [35]	7.	<0.6	45–400	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.1	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 4$ GeV
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$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [35]	7.	1.52–1.81	45–400	$2 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.3	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 4$ GeV
$p-p$	ATLAS (LHC) [35]	7.	1.81–2.37	45–400	$2 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.5	8	$R = 0.4, E_h < 4$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [37]	7.	<1.45	21–300	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.1	11	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [36]	7.	<0.9	25–400	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.2	15	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [36]	7.	0.9–1.44	25–400	$2 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.3	15	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [36]	7.	1.57–2.1	25–400	$10^{-3}$ –0.4	15	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [36]	7.	2.1–2.5	25–400	$10^{-3}$ –0.5	15	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-p$	CMS (LHC) [38]	2.76	<1.45	20–80	$10^{-3}$ –0.05	6	$R = 0.4, E_h < 5$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	CDF (Tevatron) [44]	1.96	<1.0	30–400	0.01–0.4	16	$R = 0.4, \varepsilon_h < 0.1$
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [45]	1.96	<0.9	23–300	0.01–0.3	17	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	CDF (Tevatron) [46]	1.8	<0.9	11–132	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.2	17	$R = 0.4, E_h < 4$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	CDF (Tevatron) [47]	1.8	<0.9	10–65	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.1	17	$R = 0.4, E_h < 1$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	CDF (Tevatron) [48]	1.8	<0.9	8–132	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.2	16	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [49]	1.8	<0.9	10–140	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.2	9	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [49]	1.8	1.6–2.5	10–140	$10^{-3}$ –0.4	9	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [50]	1.8	<0.9	9–126	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ –0.2	23	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
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$p-\bar{p}$	CDF (Tevatron) [46]	0.63	<0.9	8–38	0.01–0.2	7	$R = 0.4, E_h < 4$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [51]	0.63	<0.9	7–50	0.01–0.3	7	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	D0 (Tevatron) [51]	0.63	1.6–2.5	7–50	$10^{-3}$ –0.4	7	$R = 0.4, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.63	<0.8	16–100	0.03–0.3	16	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.63	0.8–1.4	16–70	0.01–0.4	10	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.63	1.6–3.0	16–70	0.01–0.5	13	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA2 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [53]	0.63	<0.76	14–92	0.03–0.3	13	$R = 0.265, \varepsilon_h < 0.25$
$p-\bar{p}$	UA2 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [54]	0.63	<0.76	12–83	0.03–0.3	14	$R = 0.25, E_h < 0.1$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA2 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [54]	0.63	1.0–1.8	12–51	0.01–0.4	8	$R = 0.53, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.546	<0.8	16–51	0.03–0.2	6	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.546	0.8–1.4	16–46	0.02–0.4	5	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-\bar{p}$	UA1 (Sp $\bar{p}$ S) [52]	0.546	1.6–3.0	16–38	0.01–0.5	5	$R = 0.7, E_h < 2$ GeV
$p-p$	PHENIX (RHIC) [55]	0.2	<0.35	3–16	0.03–0.2	17	$R = 0.5, \varepsilon_h < 0.1$

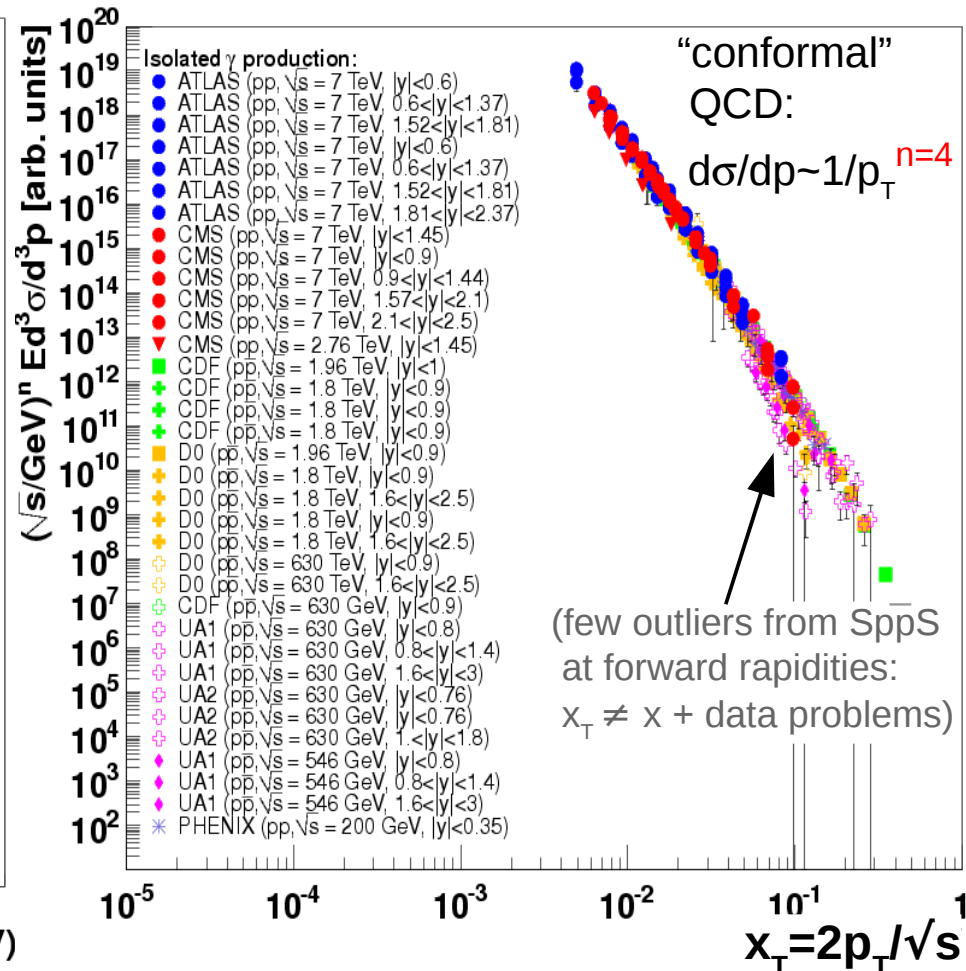
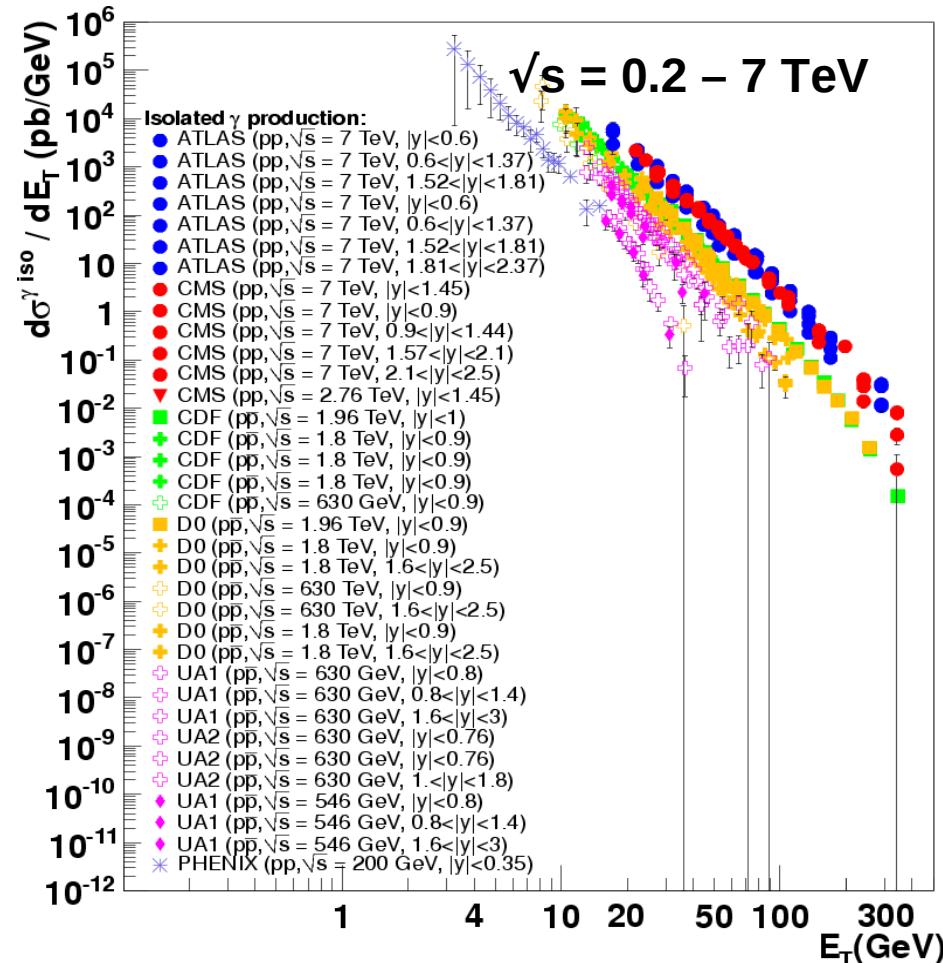
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# Isolated- $\gamma$ collider world-data (II)

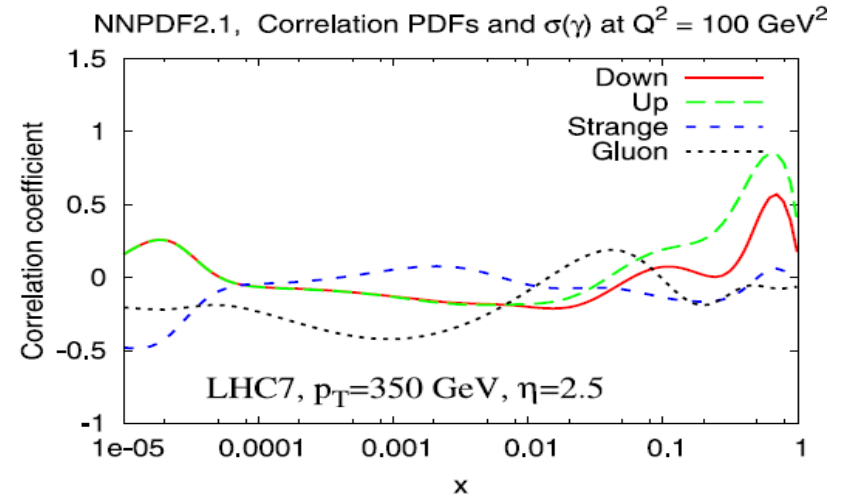
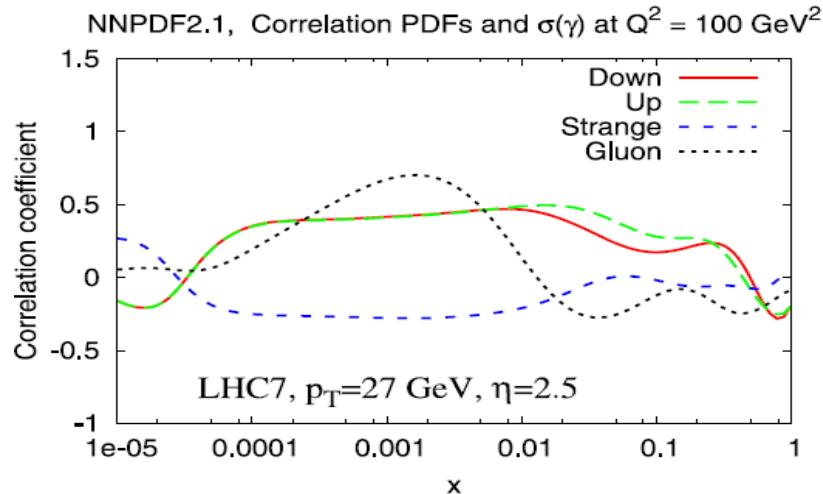
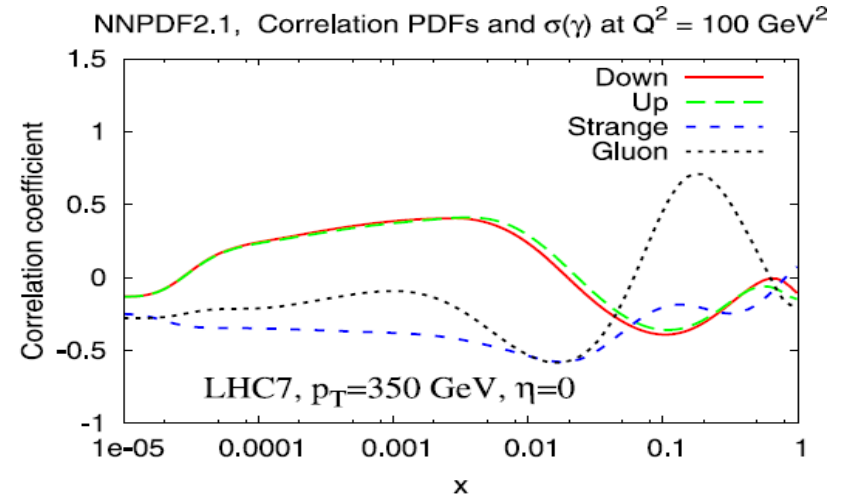
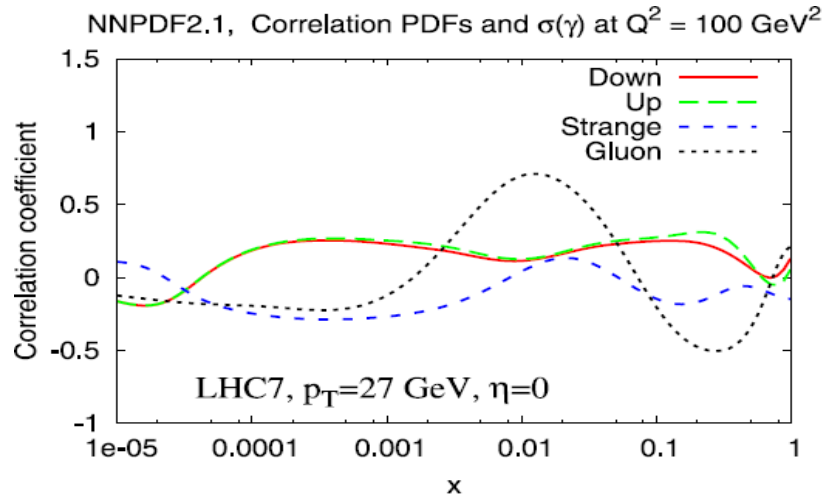
[D.d'E & R.Ichou, PoS EPS-HEP(2011) 291]

- LHC/Tevatron/Sp $\bar{p}$ S/RHIC  
power-law  $p_T$  spectra  
within  $\sim 4 - 400$  GeV/c

- $x_T$ -scaled cross sections:  
power slope  $n=4.5$   
(pQCD tell-tale behaviour)



# LHC $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ data: PDF flavours and x range



- LHC-7 TeV isolated-photons: at  $y = 0$  probe gluon  $x \sim 0.01 - 0.1$   
at  $y = 2.5$  probe gluon  $x \sim 10^{-3} - 0.01$
- Sensitivity to other partons (u-,d-quarks) less important.

# PDF reweighting via JETPHOX + NNPDF2.1

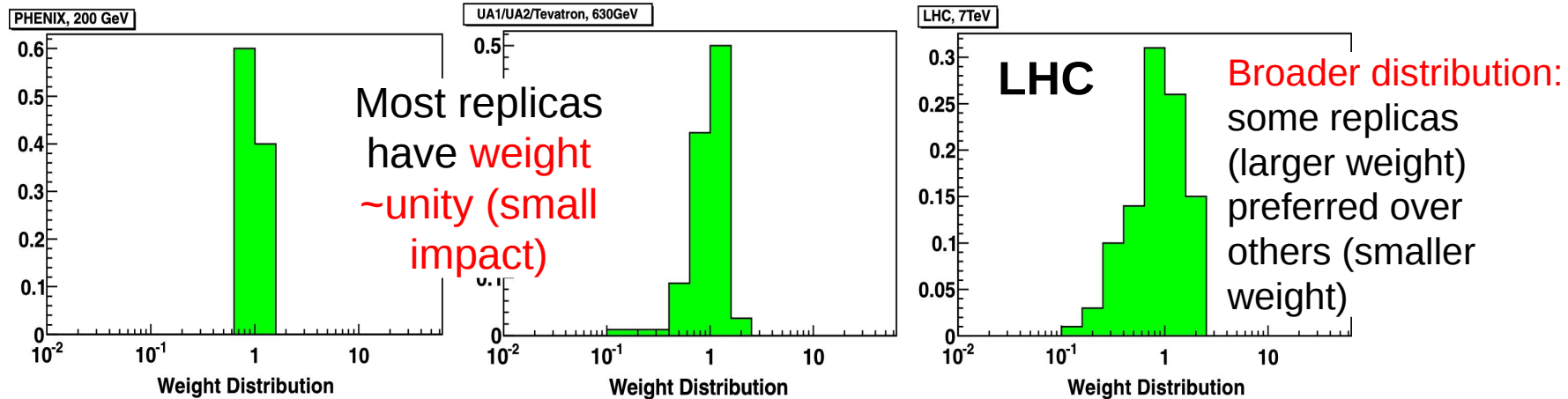
[D.d'E & J.Rojo, NPB 860 (2012) 311]

- JETPHOX 1.3.0 NLO pQCD code.
- NNPDF21\_100.LHgrid (100 replicas) interfaced via LHAPDF5.8.5
- BFG-II parton-to-photon FFs (but suppressed by isolation cuts).
- All scales set to default:  $\mu_R = \mu_F = \mu_{FF} = E_T^\gamma$
- Exp. kinematics+isolation cuts &  $p_T$  binnings for 30+ systems:
  - 100 replicas direct- $\gamma$  NLO: ~ 7h CPU / 1M evts (~5 days for 20 Mevts !)
  - 100 replicas frag- $\gamma$  NLO: ~10h CPU / 1M evts (~1 week for 20 Mevts !)
- NNPDF2.1 “reweighting technique”: [R.D.Ball et al. NPB 849 (2011) 112] ×35 !
  - (1) Compute  $d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}/dp_T$  for 100 replicas.
  - (2)  $\chi^2 d\sigma_{\text{EXP}}/dp_T$  (syst. ⊕ stat. uncert., no cov.matrices) vs  $d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}/dp_T$  per replica.
  - (3) Obtain associated “weight” for each replica: 
$$w_k = \frac{(\chi_k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\chi_k^2}}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (\chi_k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\chi_k^2}}$$
  - (4) Obtain effective old+new number of replicas: 
$$N_{\text{eff}} \equiv \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \ln(N/w_k) \right\}$$
  - (5) Obtain reweighted PDF replicas: 
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \mathcal{O}[f_k]$$

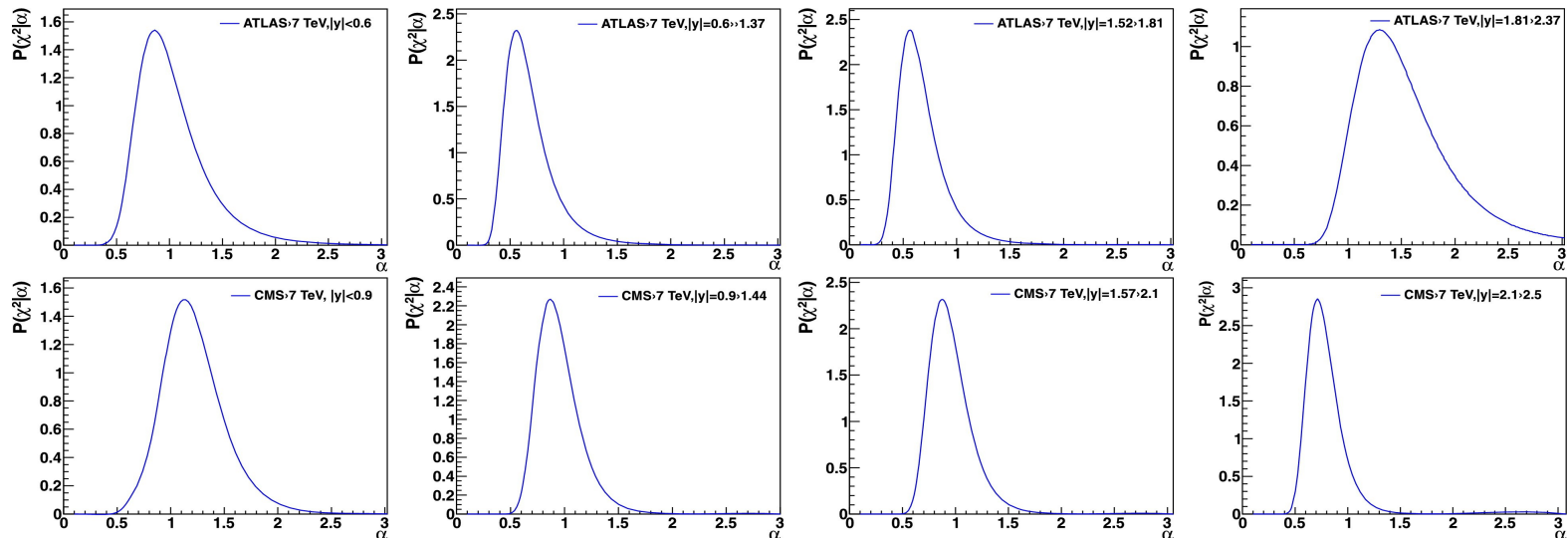


# NNPDF reweighting results

- Typical distributions of **replicas-weights** for RHIC, Sp $\bar{p}$ S, LHC:

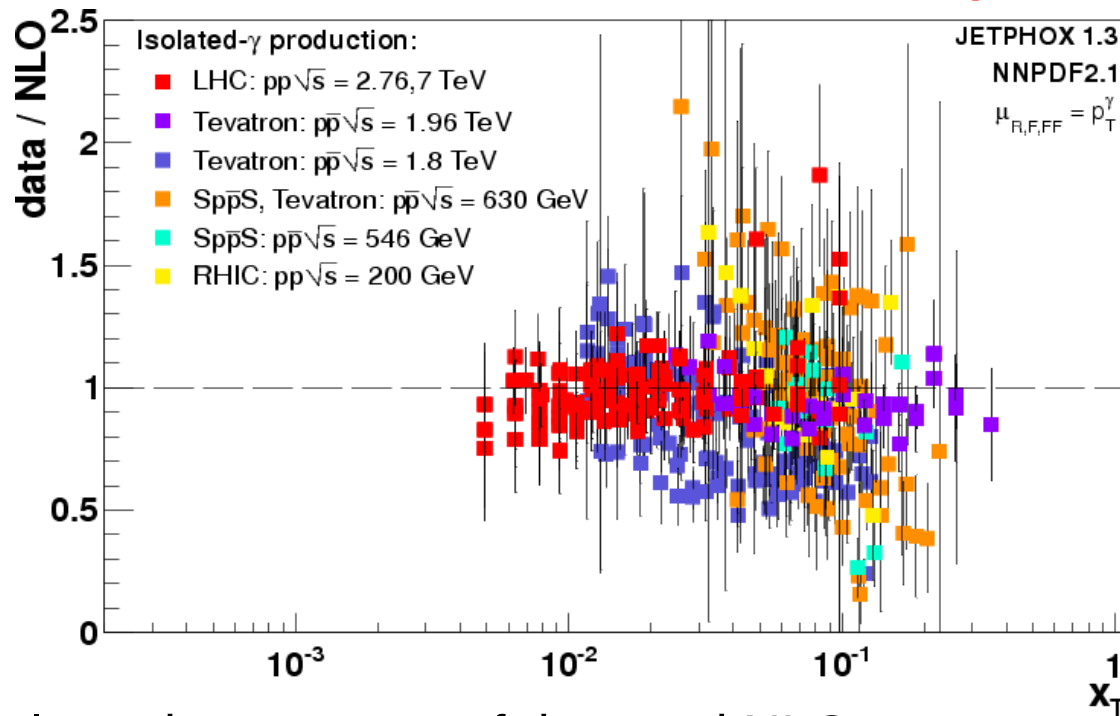


- **LHC rescaling-factors ~1**. Experimental uncertainties well determined.



# World $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ -data vs JETPHOX-NNPDF2.1

[D.d'E & J.Rojo, NPB 860 (2012) 311]



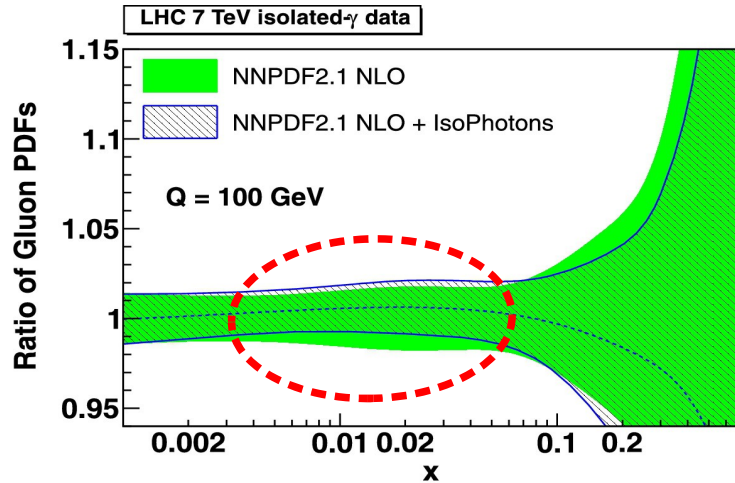
- General good agreement of data and NLO.
- 6 systems (older measurements) with  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} > 3$  removed:
  - large  $P(\chi^2|\alpha)$ : syst. uncertainties underestimated in a few bins.
  - **Inconsistent** with other measurements at same  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $\eta$ .
- Effective number of **replicas after reweighting** (Shannon entropy):

$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	0.2	0.546	0.630	1.8	1.96	2.76	7
$N_{\text{eff}}$	99.6	99	95	99.8	96	96	87

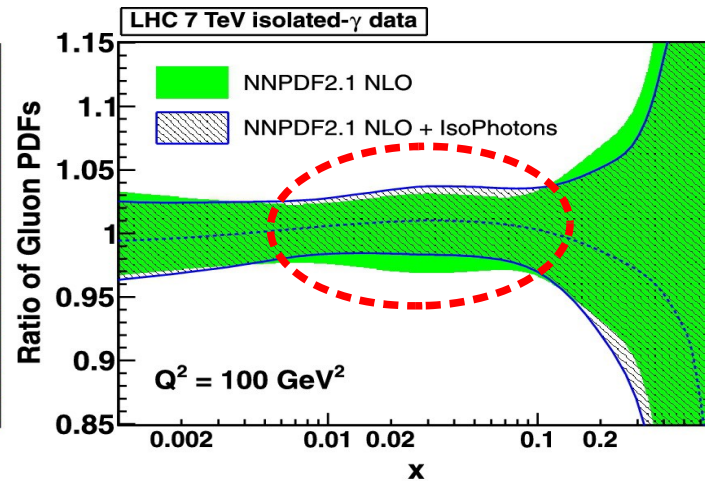
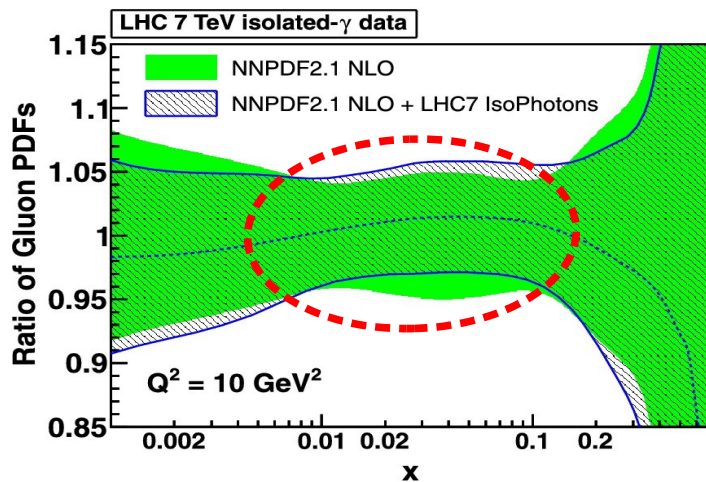
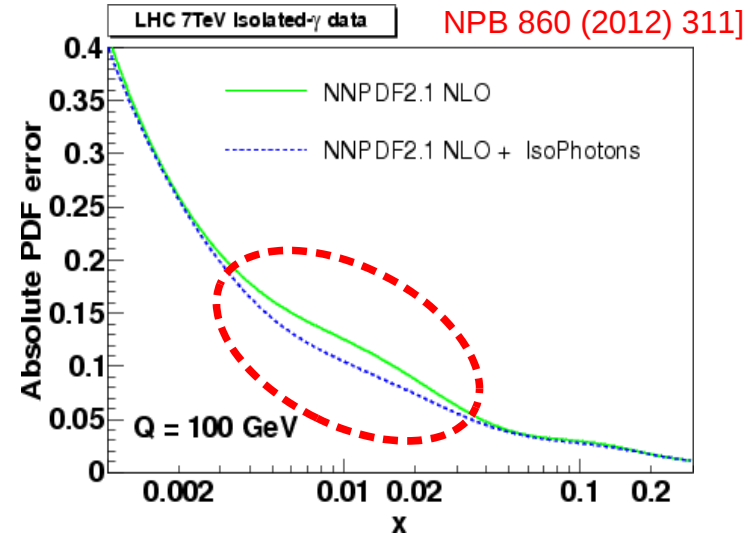
LHC data are most constraining

# LHC $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ data: Impact on gluon PDF

Reweighted-gluon / NNPDF2.1-gluon



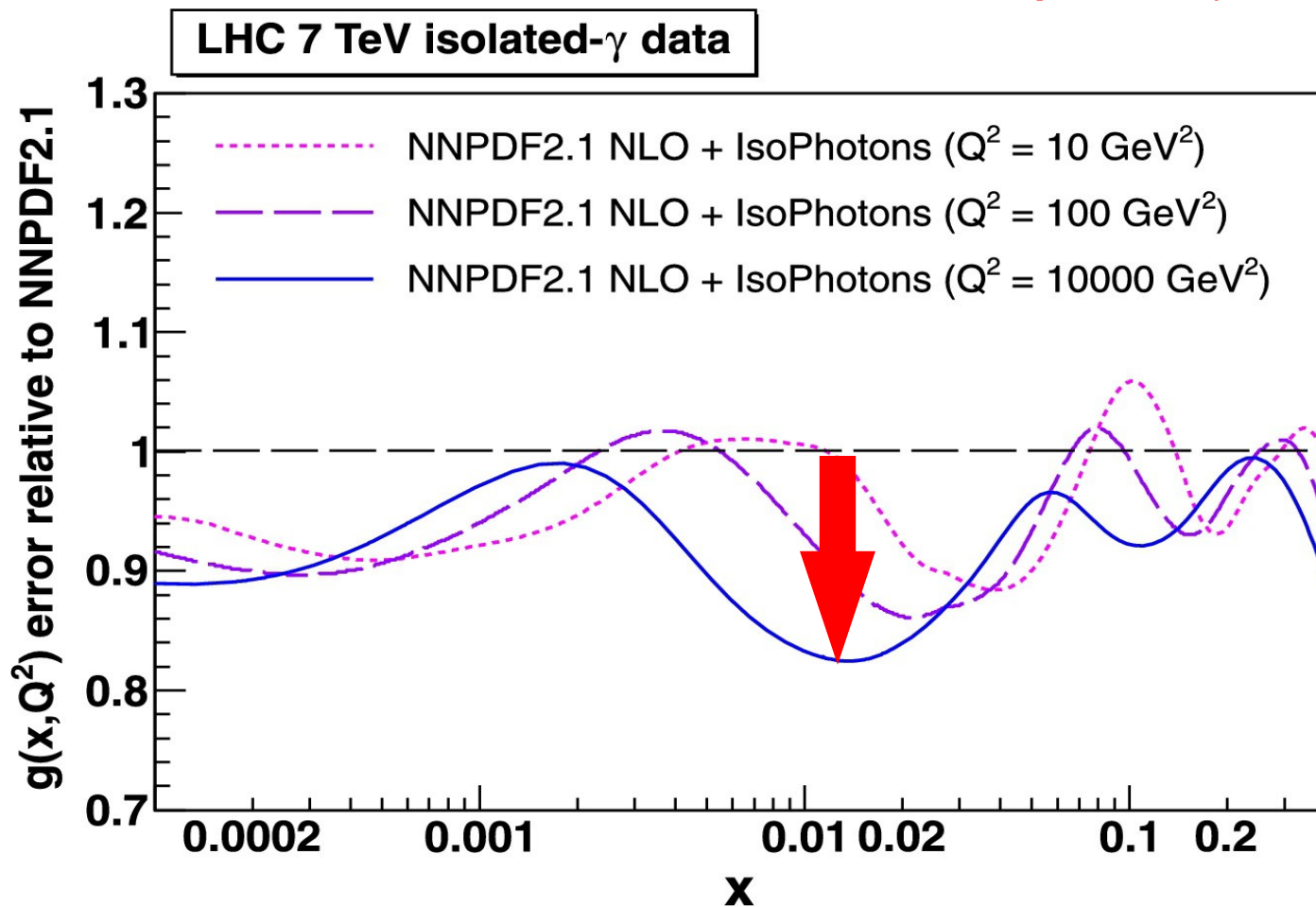
Abs. Gluon errors



- LHC-7 TeV isolated-photons have impact for  $5 \cdot 10^{-3} < x < 0.1$ , all  $Q^2$
- Gluon NLO PDF uncertainty reduced by up to  $\sim 20\%$
- Tevatron, Sp $\bar{p}$ S, RHIC measurements have negligible impact ...

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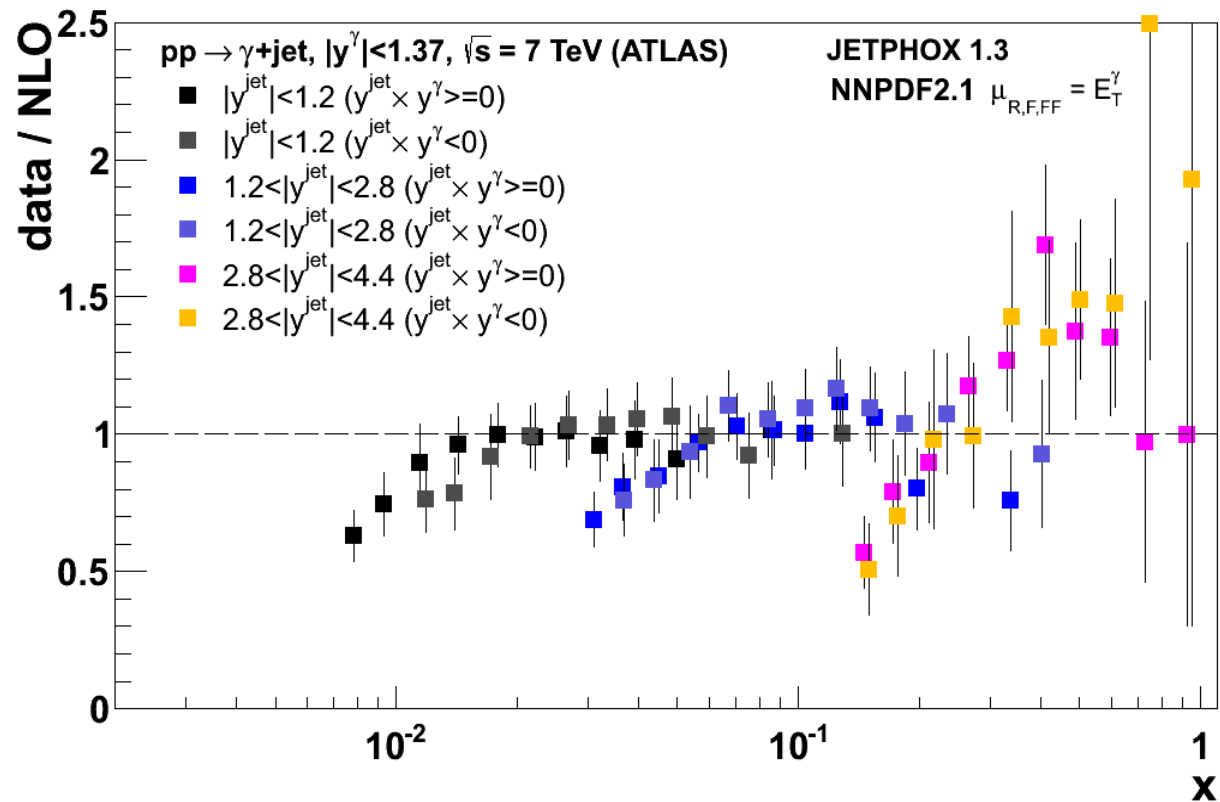
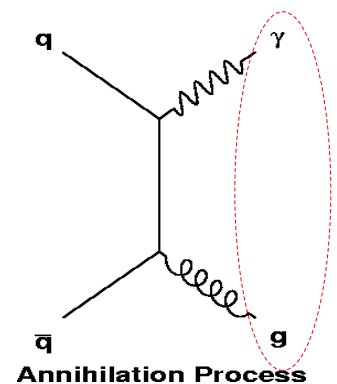
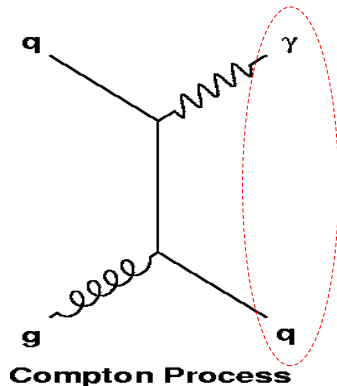


# $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ -jet at 7 TeV: data vs JETPHOX+NNPDF2.1

[Carminati,D.d'E,J.Rojo, et al. arXiv:1212.5511]

■ 6 data sets:  $|y^\gamma| < 1.37$ ,  $p_T^{\text{photon}}, p_T^{\text{jet}} > 20$  GeV

[  $|y^{\text{jet}}| < 1.2$ ,  $1.2 < |y^{\text{jet}}| < 2.8$ ,  $2.8 < |y^{\text{jet}}| < 4.4$  ] for  $y^\gamma \times y^{\text{jet}} < 0$ ,  $y^\gamma \times y^{\text{jet}} > 0$



■ Good data-NLO agreement for the 6 data-sets ( $\chi^2 \sim 1$ )

except for events with most fwd-jets:  $\chi^2 \sim 2.6$  (physics ? experimental ?)

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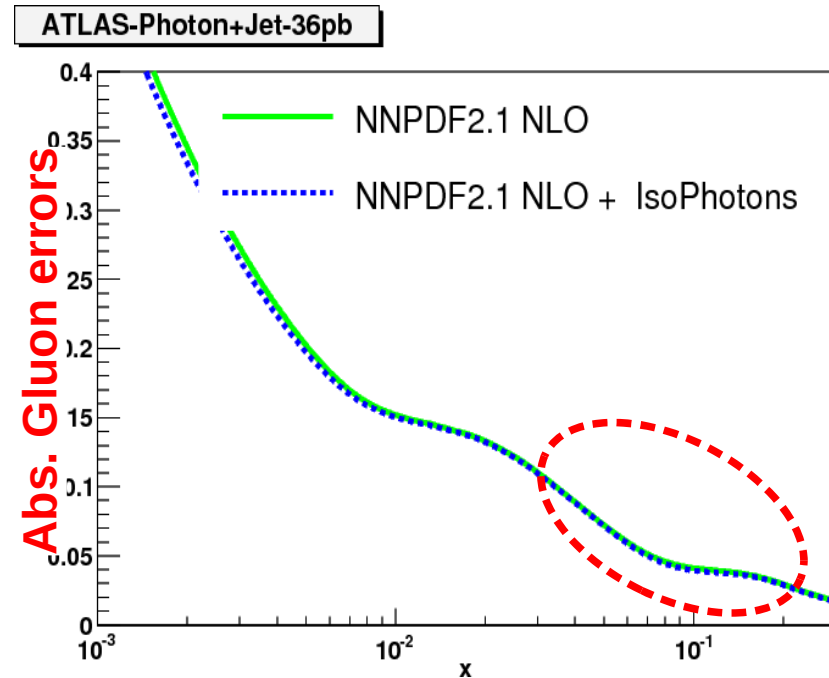
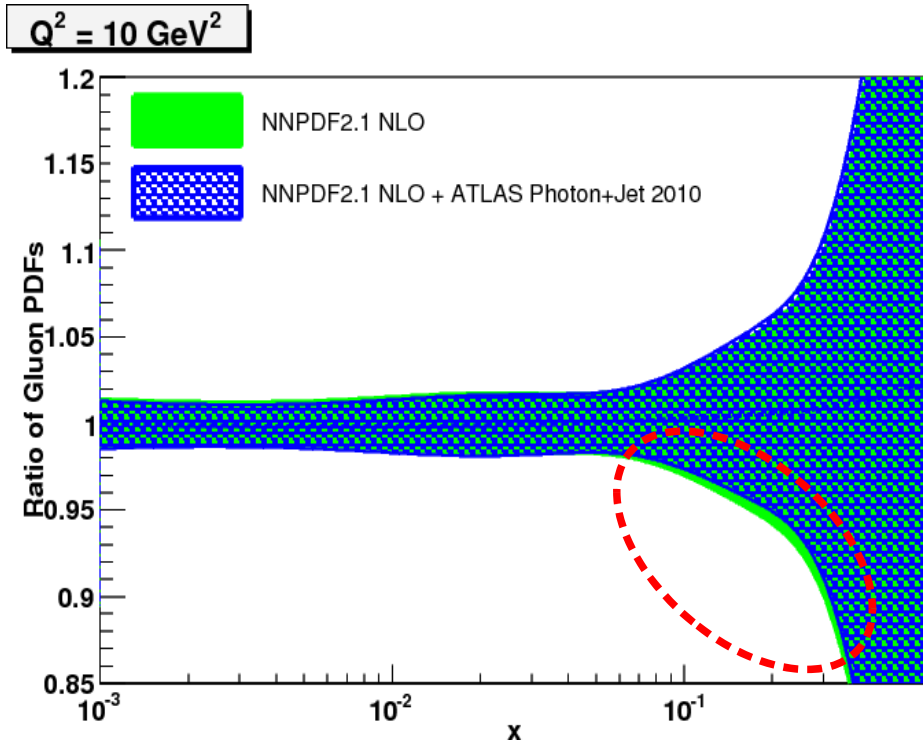
[Carminati, D.d'E, J.Rojo, et al. arXiv:1212.5511]

- Effective # of replicas after reweighting (Shannon entropy): **98.7/100**

$$N_{\text{eff}} \equiv \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \ln(N/w_k) \right\}$$

- Very small **impact** on gluon density:

Reweighted-xG / NNPDF2.1-xG

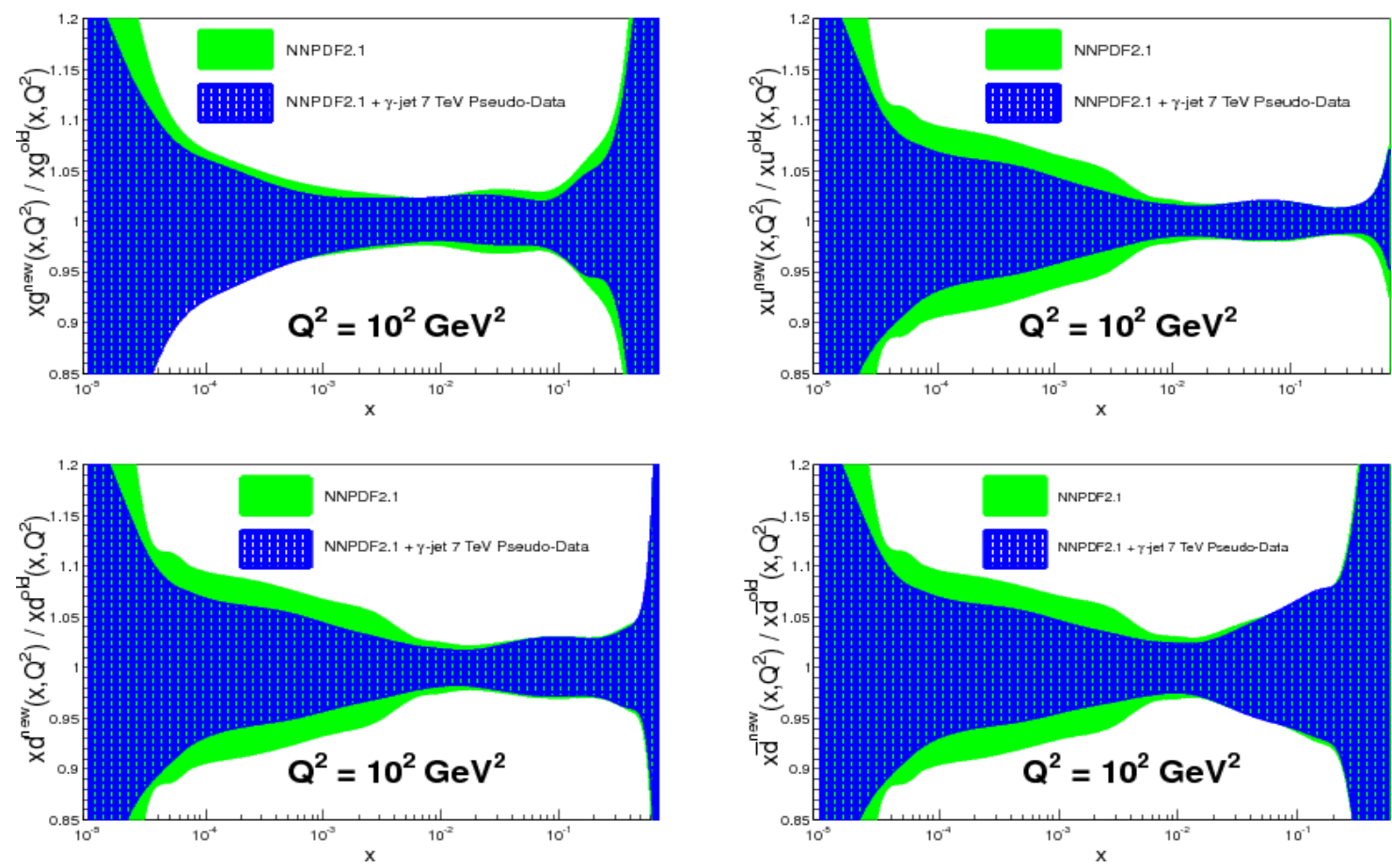


- Gluon NLO PDF central PDF unchanged, **uncertainty reduced by about ~5% for  $0.05 < x < 0.3$**

# $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ -jet at 7 TeV with reduced errors: PDFs impact

[Carminati,D.d'E,J.Rojo, et al. arXiv:1212.5511]

- $\gamma$ -jet impact on PDFs with twice smaller exp. uncertainties:



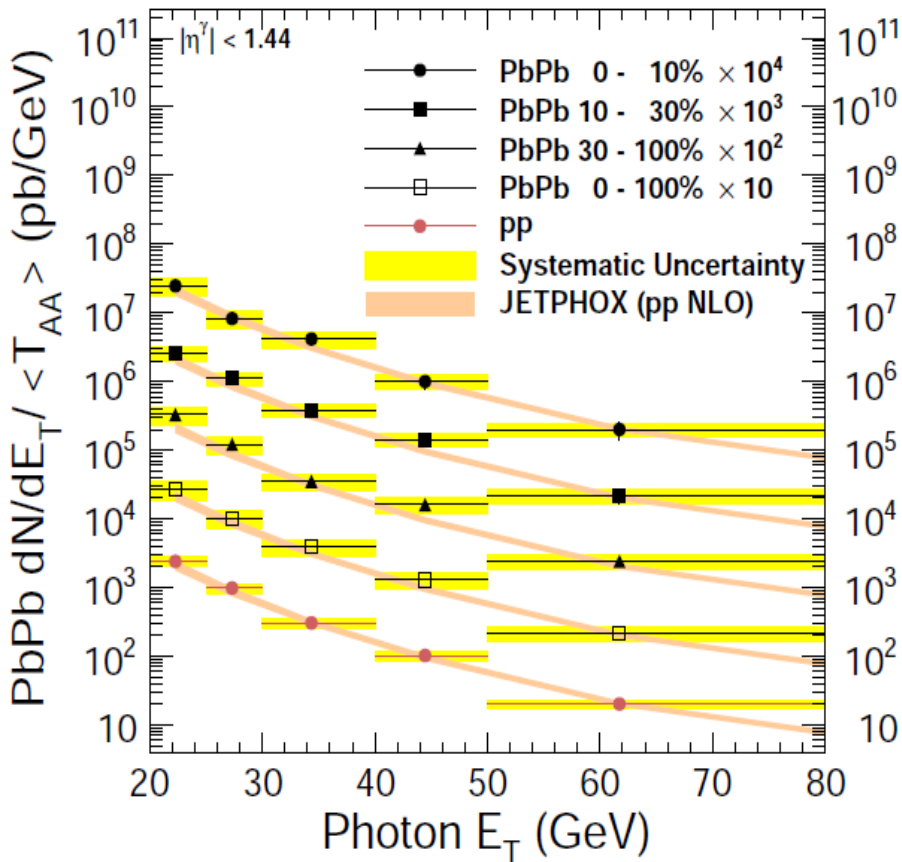
- Gluon NLO PDF uncertainty reduced by  $\sim 15\%$  at high  $x$
- Sea-quark NLO PDF uncertainty reduced by  $\sim 40\%$  at low  $x$

# Nuclear PDFs: PbPb $\rightarrow \gamma_{iso} + X$ at 2.76 TeV vs NLO

- Good agreement data – NLO for both pp & PbPb (all centralities).

$p_T \sim 20-80$  GeV/c

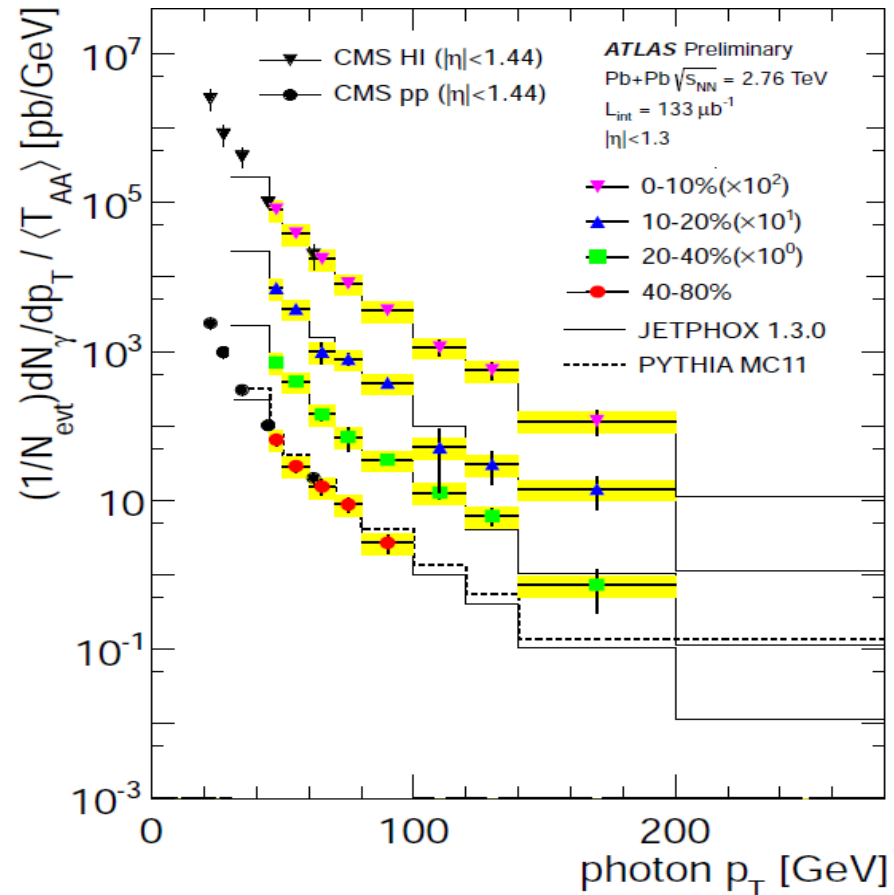
**CMS** CMS  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$ TeV  $L_{int}(PbPb)= 6.8 \mu b^{-1}$   $L_{int}(pp)= 231 nb^{-1}$



[CMS, PLB710 (2012) 256]

$p_T \sim 60-200$  GeV/c

**ATLAS**

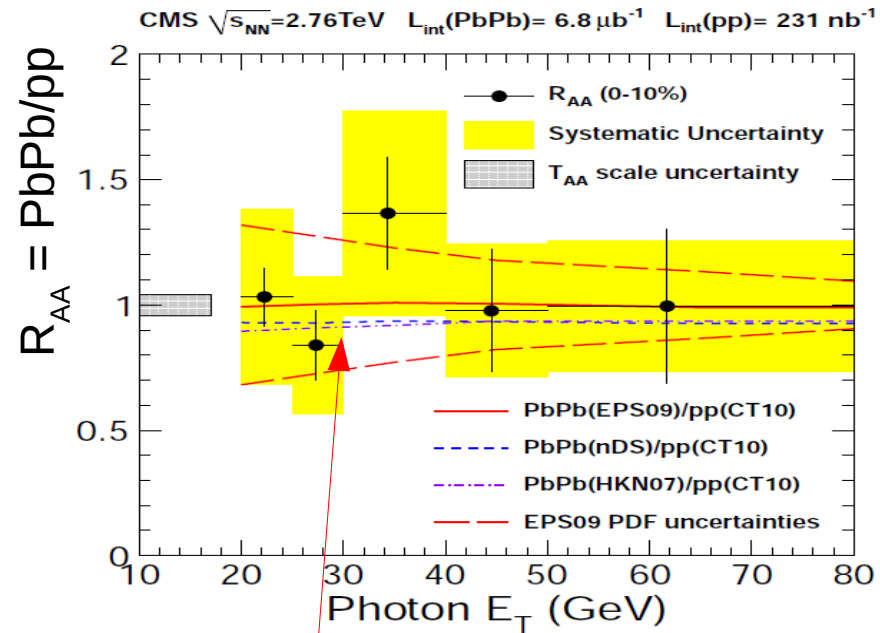
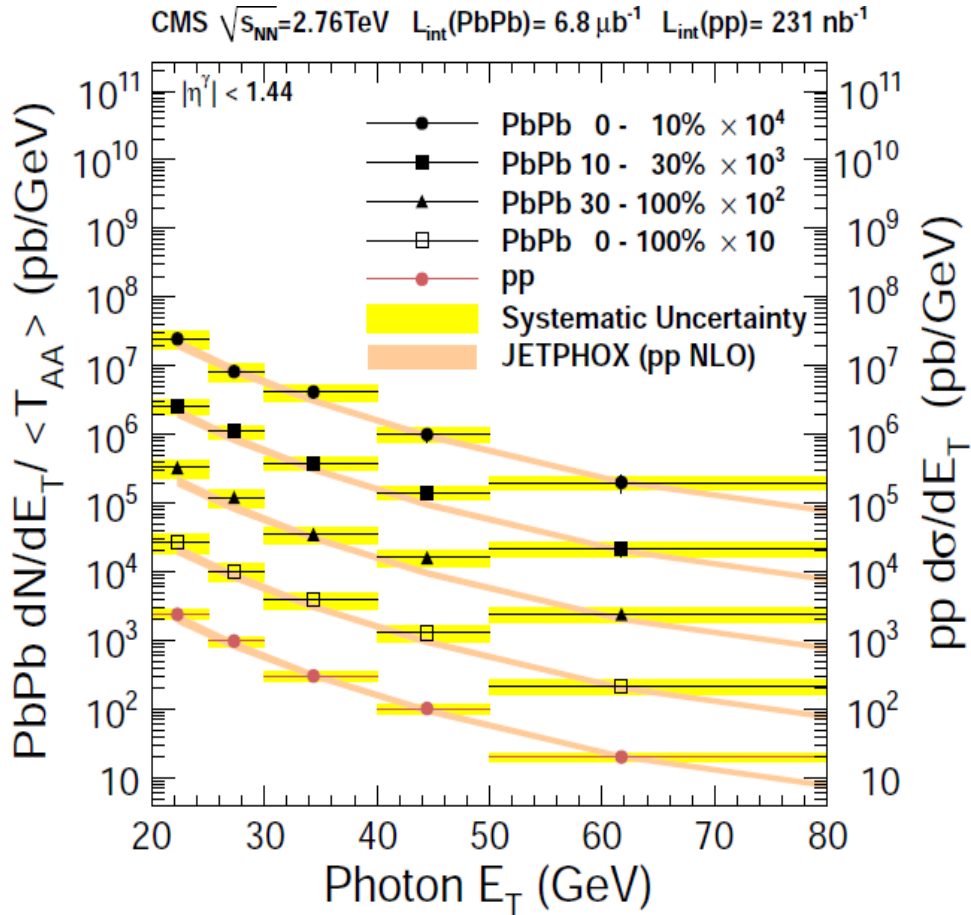


[ATLAS-CONF-2012-051]

# Nuclear PDFs: PbPb $\rightarrow \gamma_{iso} + X$ at 2.76 TeV vs NLO

- Good **agreement** data – **NLO** for both pp & PbPb systems.
- $R_{AA} = \text{Pb-Pb}/\text{p-p} \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  **small** nuclear **PDF modifications** in probed  $x, Q^2$

CMS



Current nuclear PDF (NLO) uncertainties:  $\pm 30\text{-}5\%$

[CMS, PLB710 (2012) 256]

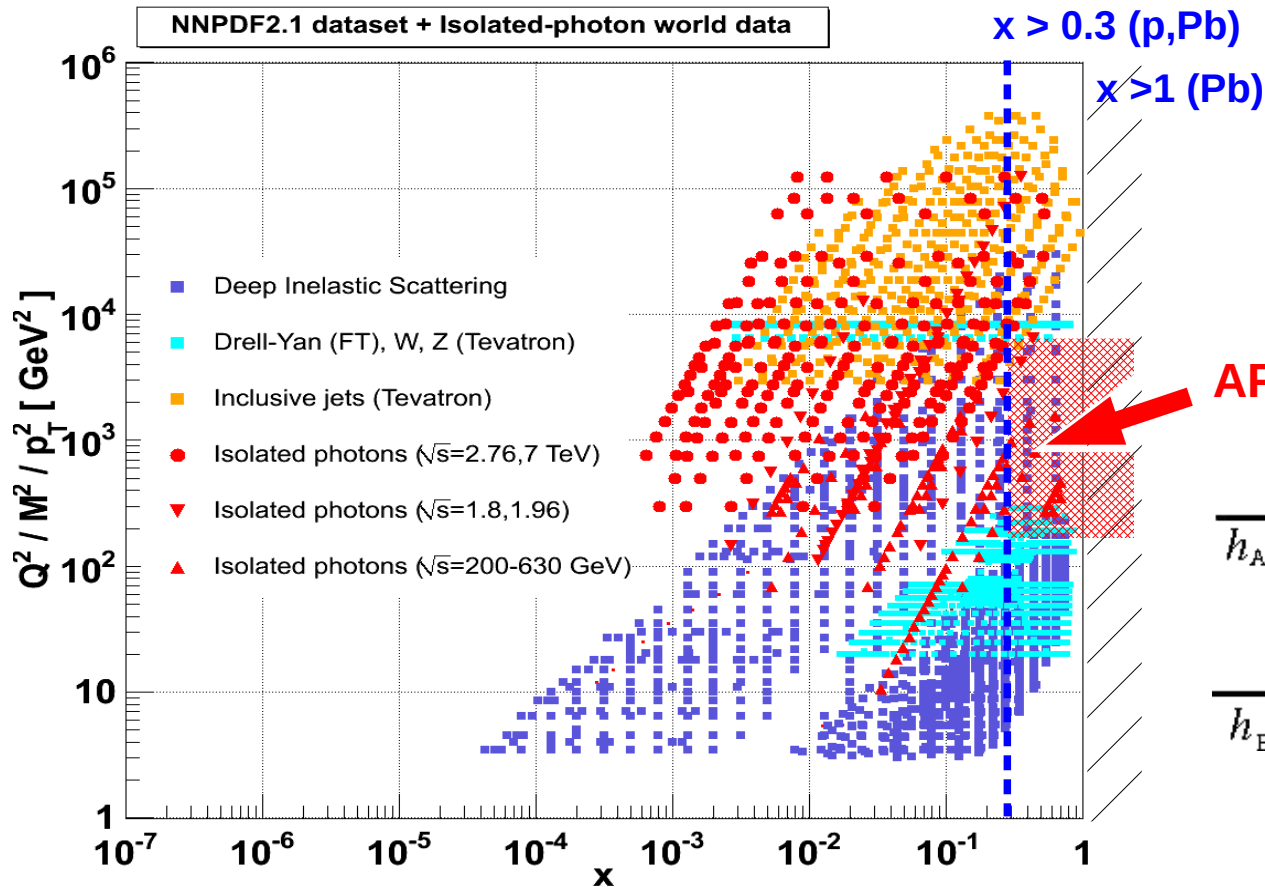
# Isolated-photons at AFTER

# $(x, Q^2)$ map of AFTER isolated- $\gamma$

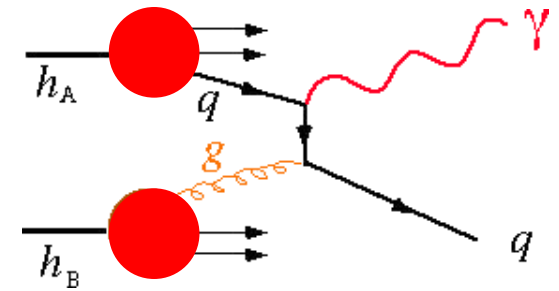
[D.d'E & J.Rojo, NPB 860 (2012) 311]

■ p-p kinematics at fixed-target LHC:

To access  $x > 0.3$  one needs isolated- $\gamma$  with:  $p_T = x_T \sqrt{s}/2 > 10\text{-}20 \text{ GeV}/c$

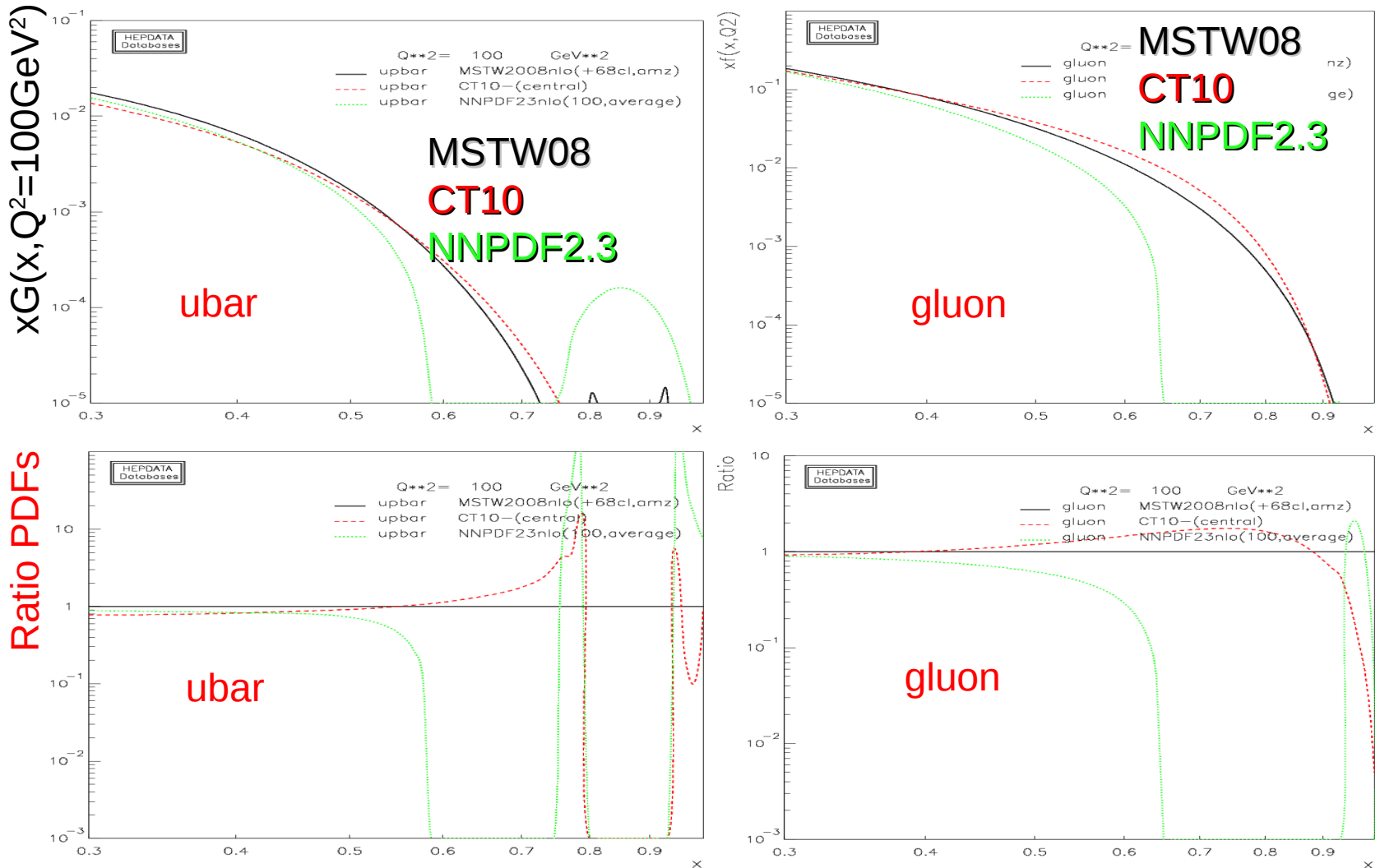


**AFTER region:  $pp \rightarrow \gamma X$**



# Uncertainties in proton PDFs at high-x

■ Isolated- $\gamma$  at “low”- $\sqrt{s}$  & high- $p_T$  are sensitive to high-x gluons & sea:

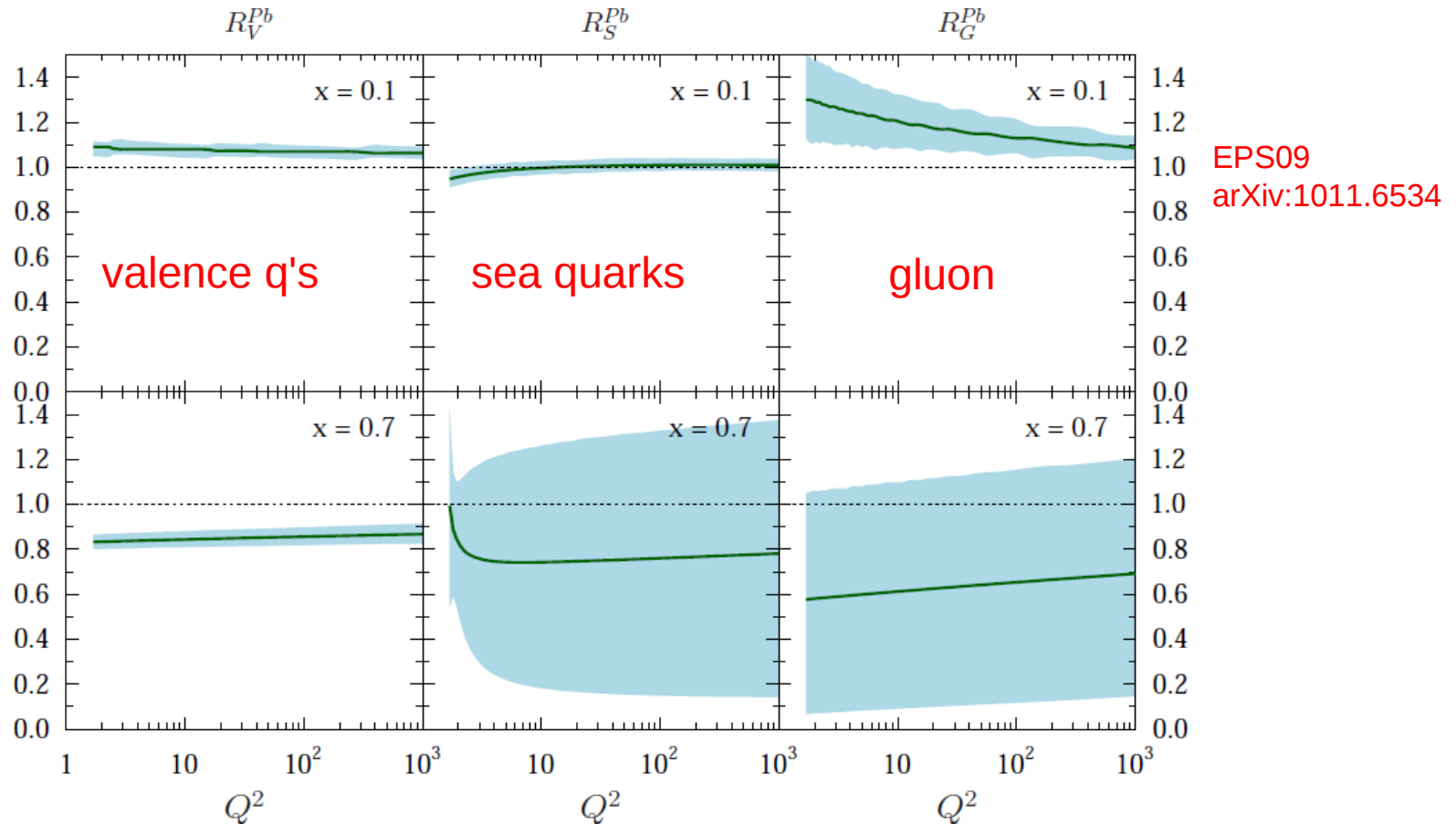


Very large uncertainties above  $x \sim 0.3$ , at all (including large)  $Q^2$  !



# Uncertainties in nuclear PDFs at high-x

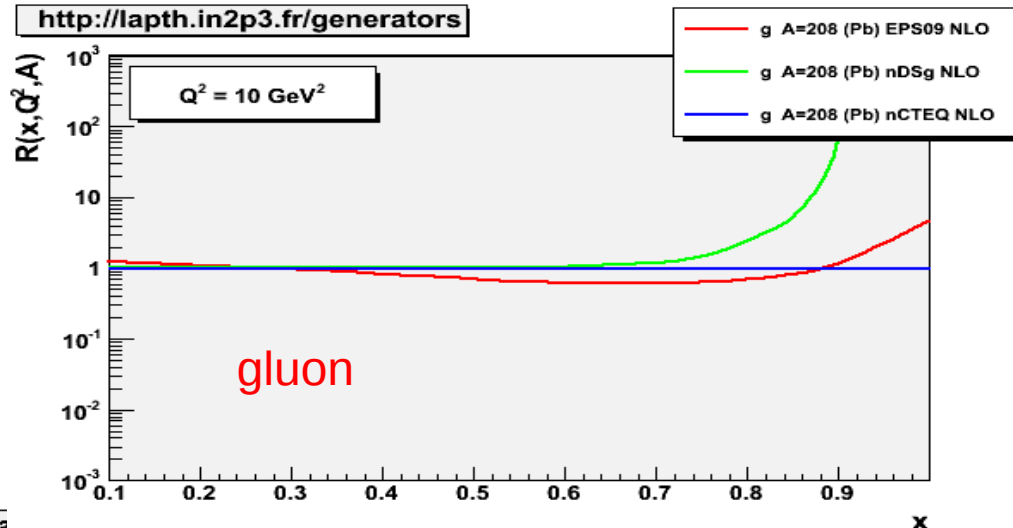
- Even larger uncertainties for nuclear high-x sea & gluon PDFs:



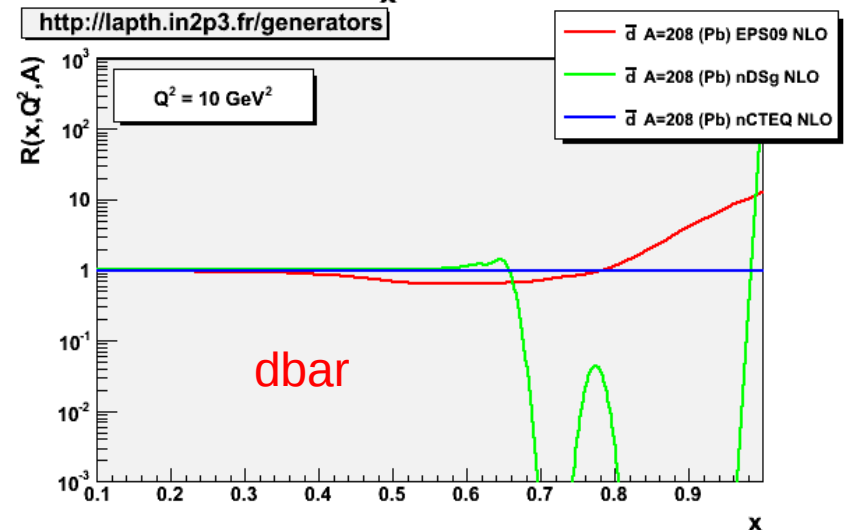
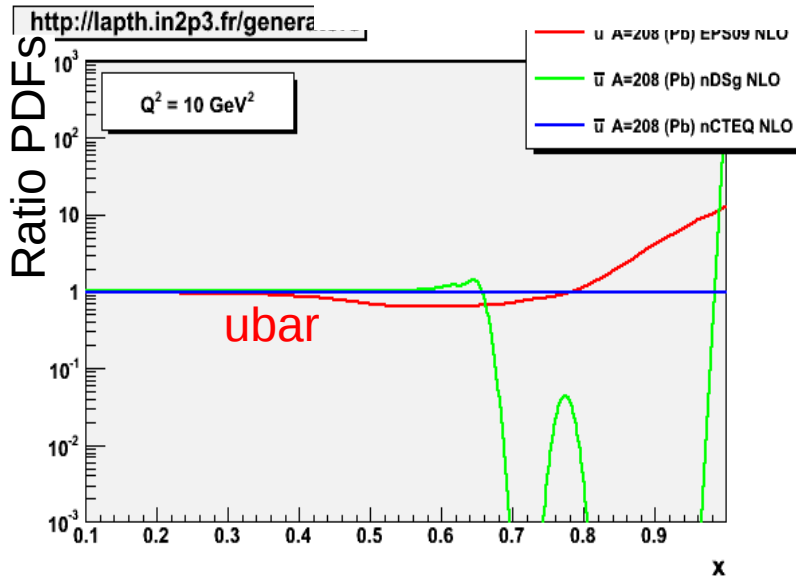
Sea-quarks & gluons are virtually unknown in **EMC & Fermi regions**  
At all virtualities (including large)  $Q^2$

# Uncertainties in nuclear PDFs at high-x

- Isolated- $\gamma$  at “low”- $\sqrt{s}$  & high- $p_T$  are sensitive to high-x gluons & sea:



EPS09 NLO  
nCTEQ NLO  
nDSGg NLO



Very large uncertainties above  $x \sim 0.3$ , at all (including large)  $Q^2$  !

# Isolated- $\gamma$ in p(7 TeV)-p(rest): $\sqrt{s} \sim 115$ GeV

- p-p photon kinematics at fixed-target LHC (central rapidities):  
To access  $x > 0.3$  one needs isolated- $\gamma$  at:  $p_T = x_T \sqrt{s}/2 > 20$  GeV/c

- JETPHOX NLO  
pQCD calculations:

p-p at  $\sqrt{s}=115$  GeV

$|y| < 0.5$ ,  $p_T > 20$  GeV/c

Isolation:  $R=0.4$ ,  $E_T^{\text{had}} < 5$  GeV

$\mathcal{L}$  (10 cm  $H_2$ -target)  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^3$  pb $^{-1}$ /year

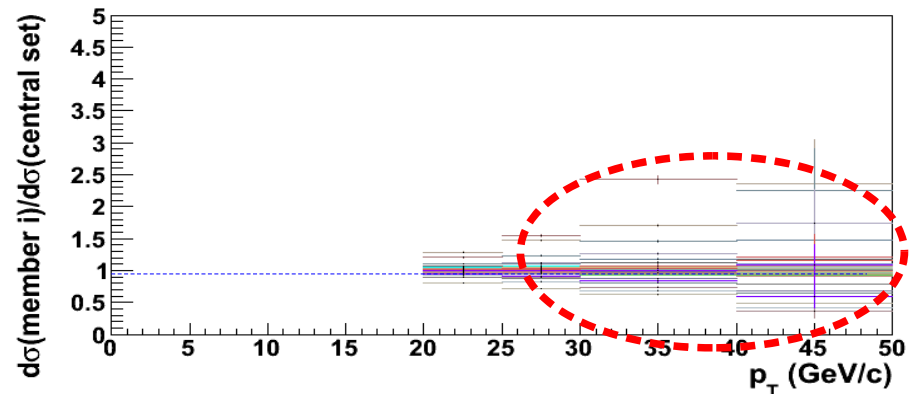
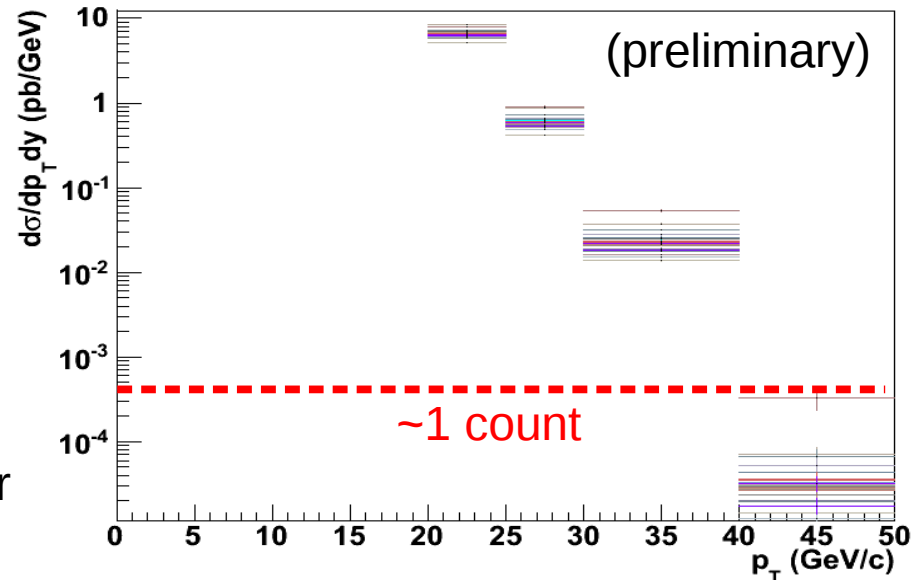
PDF: CT10 52 eigenval. (90% CL)

Scales:  $\mu_i = p_T$

FF = BFG-II

x-section uncertainties<sup>(\*)</sup> of  $\pm 150\%$

(\*) (68%CL)/(90% CL)  $\sim 1.65$



# Isolated- $\gamma$ in p(7 TeV)-p(rest): $\sqrt{s} \sim 115$ GeV

- p-p photon kinematics at fixed-target LHC (**backwards** rapidities):  
To access  $x > 0.3$  one needs isolated- $\gamma$  at:  $p_T = x_T \sqrt{s}/2e^{-y} > 10$  GeV/c

- JETPHOX NLO  
pQCD calculations:

p-p at  $\sqrt{s}=115$  GeV

$0 < y < -3.$ ,  $p_T > 20$  GeV/c

Isolation:  $R=0.4$ ,  $E_T^{\text{had}} < 5$  GeV

$\mathcal{L}$  (10 cm  $H_2$ -target)  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^3$  pb $^{-1}$ /year

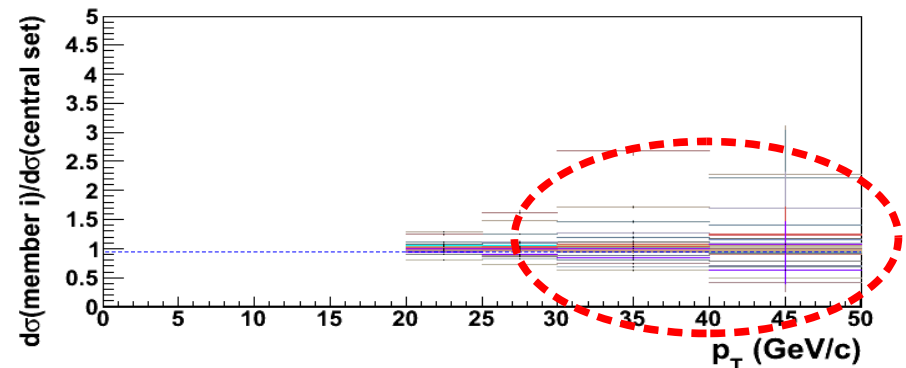
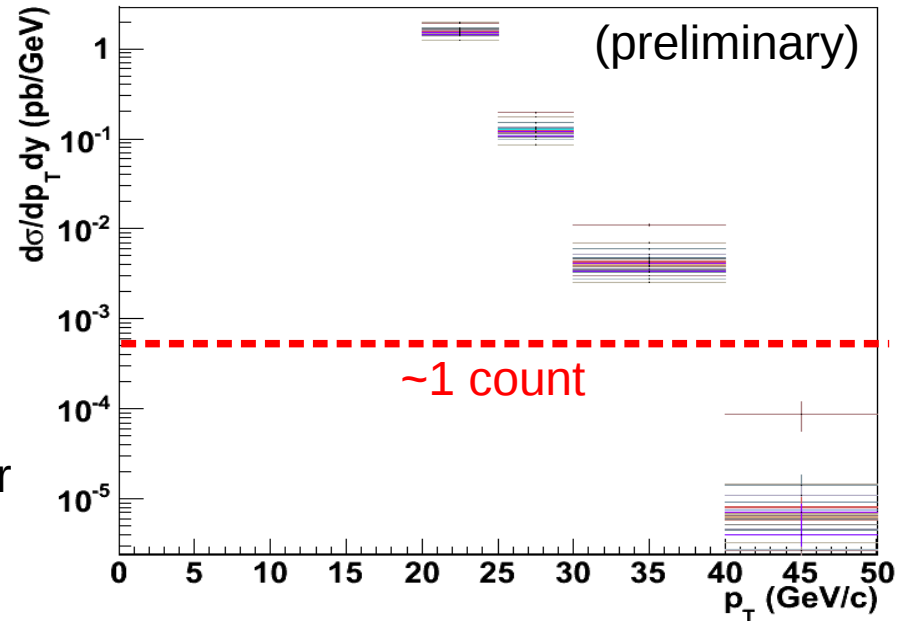
PDF: CT10 52 eigenval. (90% CL)

Scales:  $\mu_i = p_T$

FF = BFG-II

x-section **uncertainties<sup>(\*)</sup>** of  $\pm 170\%$

(\*) (68%CL)/(90% CL)  $\sim 1.65$



# Isolated- $\gamma$ in Pb(2.76 TeV)-Pb(rest): $\sqrt{s}_{NN} \sim 72$ GeV

- Pb-Pb photon kinematics at fixed-target LHC:

To access  $x > 0.3$  one needs isolated- $\gamma$  at:  $p_T = x_T \sqrt{s}/2 > 10$  GeV/c

- JETPHOX NLO

pQCD calculations:

Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 72$  GeV

$|y| < 0.5$ ,  $p_T > 20$  GeV/c

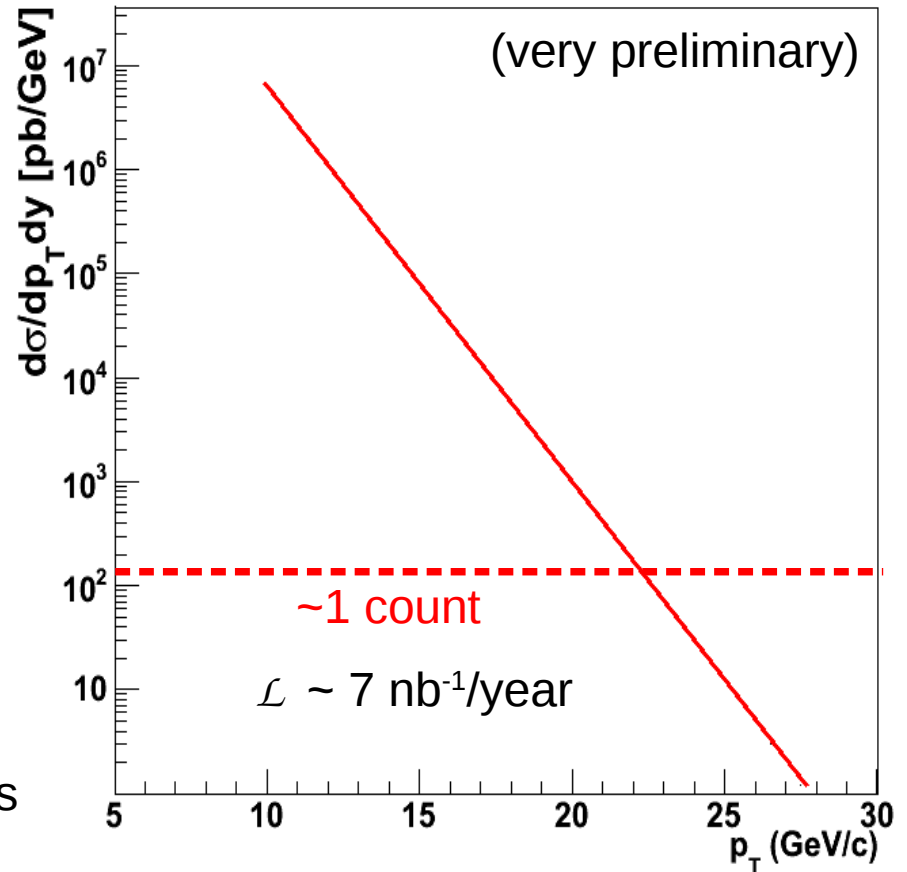
Isolation:  $R=0.4$ ,  $E_T^{\text{had}} < 5$  GeV

PDF: EPS09

Scales:  $\mu_i = p_T$

FF = BFG-II

(Ongoing determination of uncertainties with 40 EPS09 eigenvalues ...)



# Conclusions (LHC $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ )

- There exists **40+ measurements of isolated-photons** at collider energies ( $\sqrt{s} = 0.2 - 7$  TeV):
  - ✓ Directly **sensitive to gluon density**: quark-gluon Compton scattering dominates x-sections (fragmentation- $\gamma$  much reduced).
  - ✓ Follow **" $x_T$  scaling"** with quasi-conformal  $n \sim 4$  power-law.
  - ✓ Corresponding **400+ data points** ( $\sim 135$  from LHC) can be used to add direct constraints to the gluon PDF.
- **NNPDF reweighting** technique used with **NLO JETPHOX**:
  - ✓ **Good agreement data vs 100 replicas** (only 6 datasets with  $\chi^2 > 3$ ).
  - ✓ Effective # of replicas reduced for **LHC-7 TeV**:  $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 87/100$ .  
For other c.m. energies:  $N_{\text{eff}} \sim N_{\text{old}}$
  - ✓ **LHC-7 TeV isolated- $\gamma$ 's** have **impact on  $xG(x, Q^2)$**  for  $5 \cdot 10^{-3} < x < 0.1$ :  
**reduction of  $\sim 20\%$  of gluon PDF uncertainty**
  - ✓ **LHC-7 TeV isolated- $\gamma$  +jet** have **impact** on wide x-range for g,u,d PDF  
**only if exp. uncertainties reduced.**

# Conclusions (AFTER $\gamma_{\text{isol}}$ )

- Photons at AFTER (p-p, Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s} = 72 - 115$  GeV):
  - ✓ Directly sensitive to high-x PDFs ( $x > 0.3 - 1$ )
  - ✓ Very uncertain valence gluon and anti-quarks in p and Pb PDFs
  - ✓ NLO predictions for isolated-photon x-sections:
    - Expected yields up to  $p_T = 25, 40$  GeV/c
    - CT10 uncertainties in NLO:
      - p-p:  $\sim 150\%$  for  $y=0$ ,  $\sim 170\%$  for  $y < 0$
      - Pb-Pb (EPS09): much larger (to be quantified ...)
    - Outlook: NNPDF-reweighting study would be useful

# Backup slides



# Typical NLO scale uncertainties

- Scales variations:  $(\mu_R, \mu_F) = (1, 1), (1/2, 1), (1, 1/2), (1/2, 1/2), (2, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2) \times E_{T, \gamma}$

