



Impact studies of the gluon PDF using exclusive J/ψ photoproduction data in xFitter

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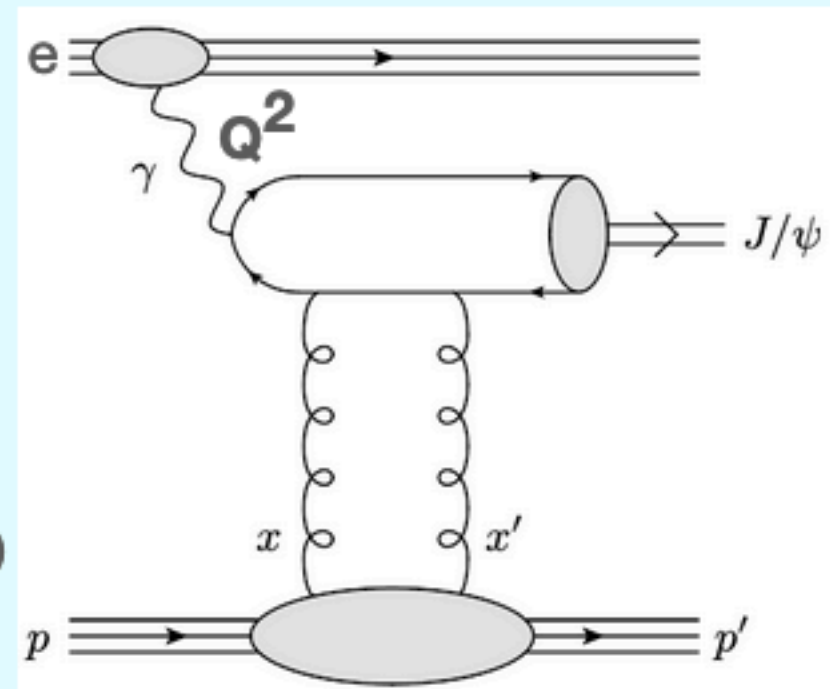


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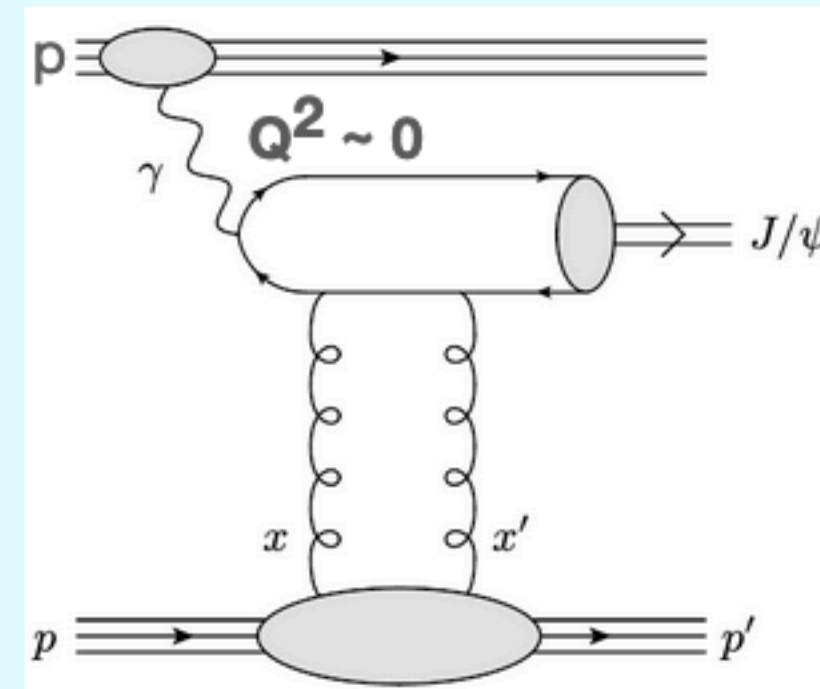
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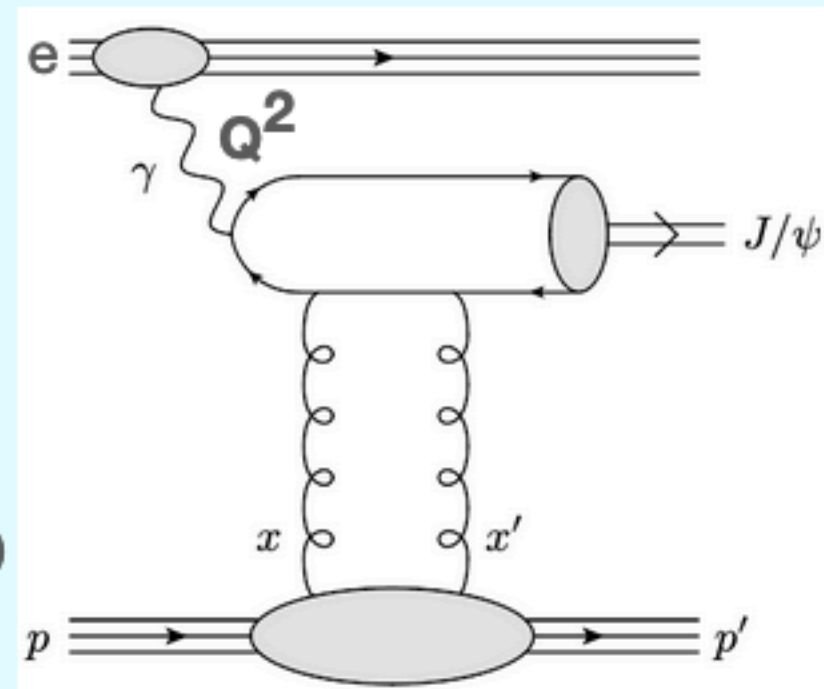
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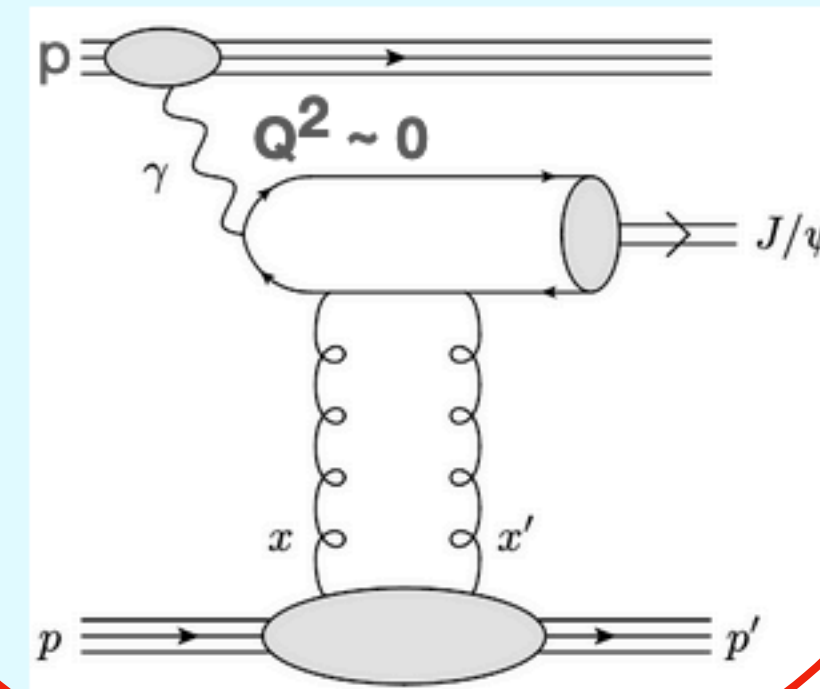
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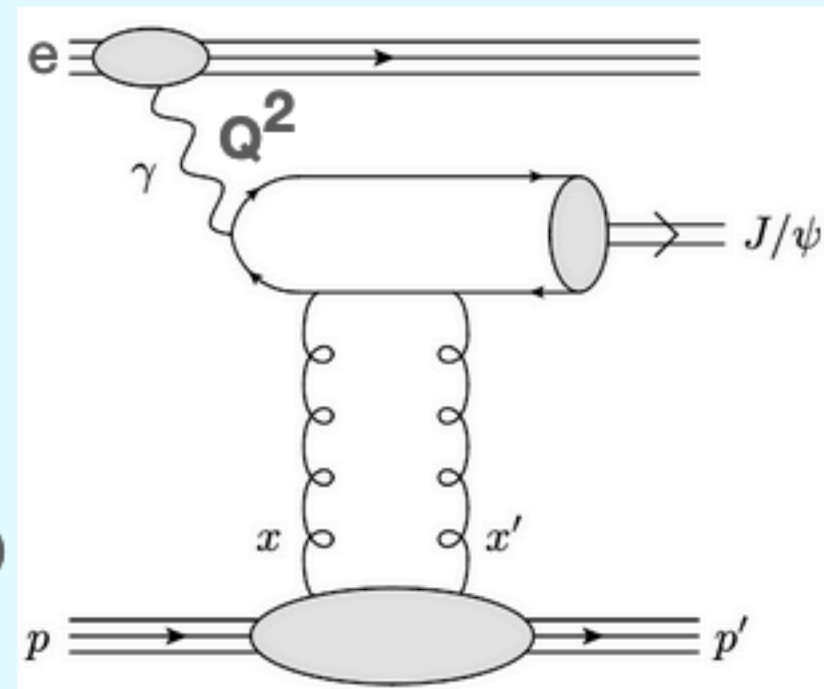
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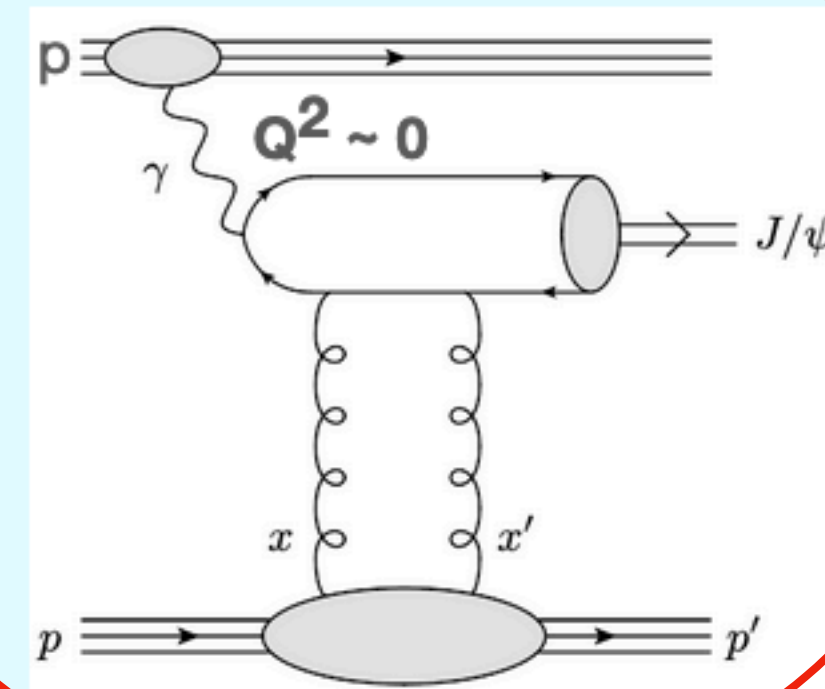
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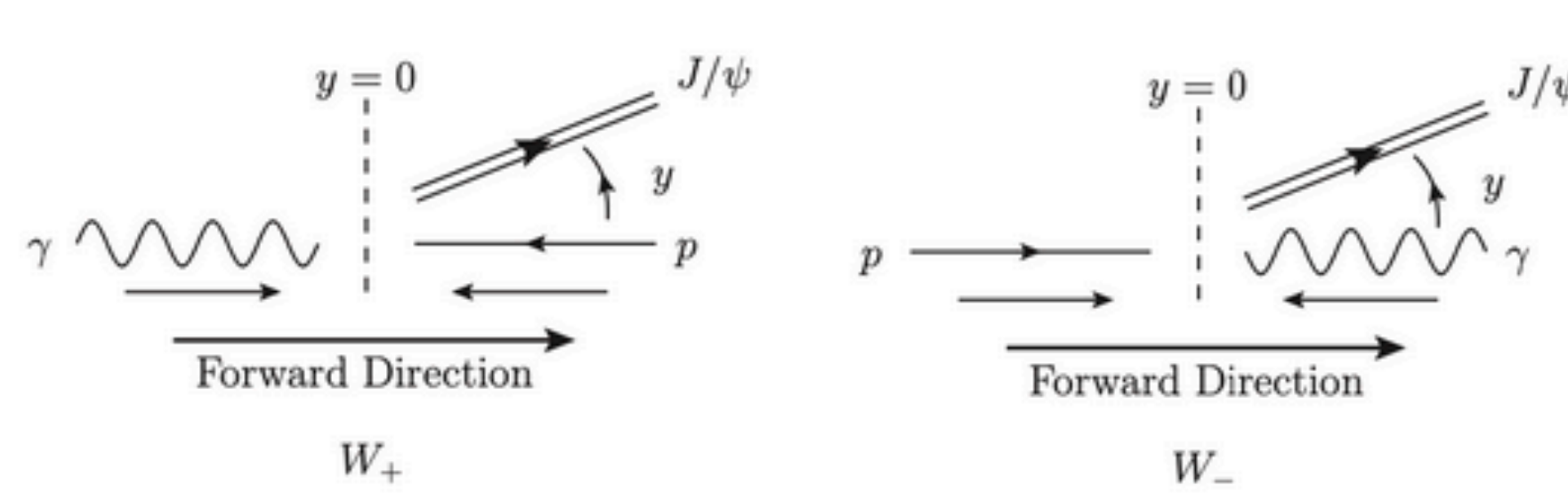
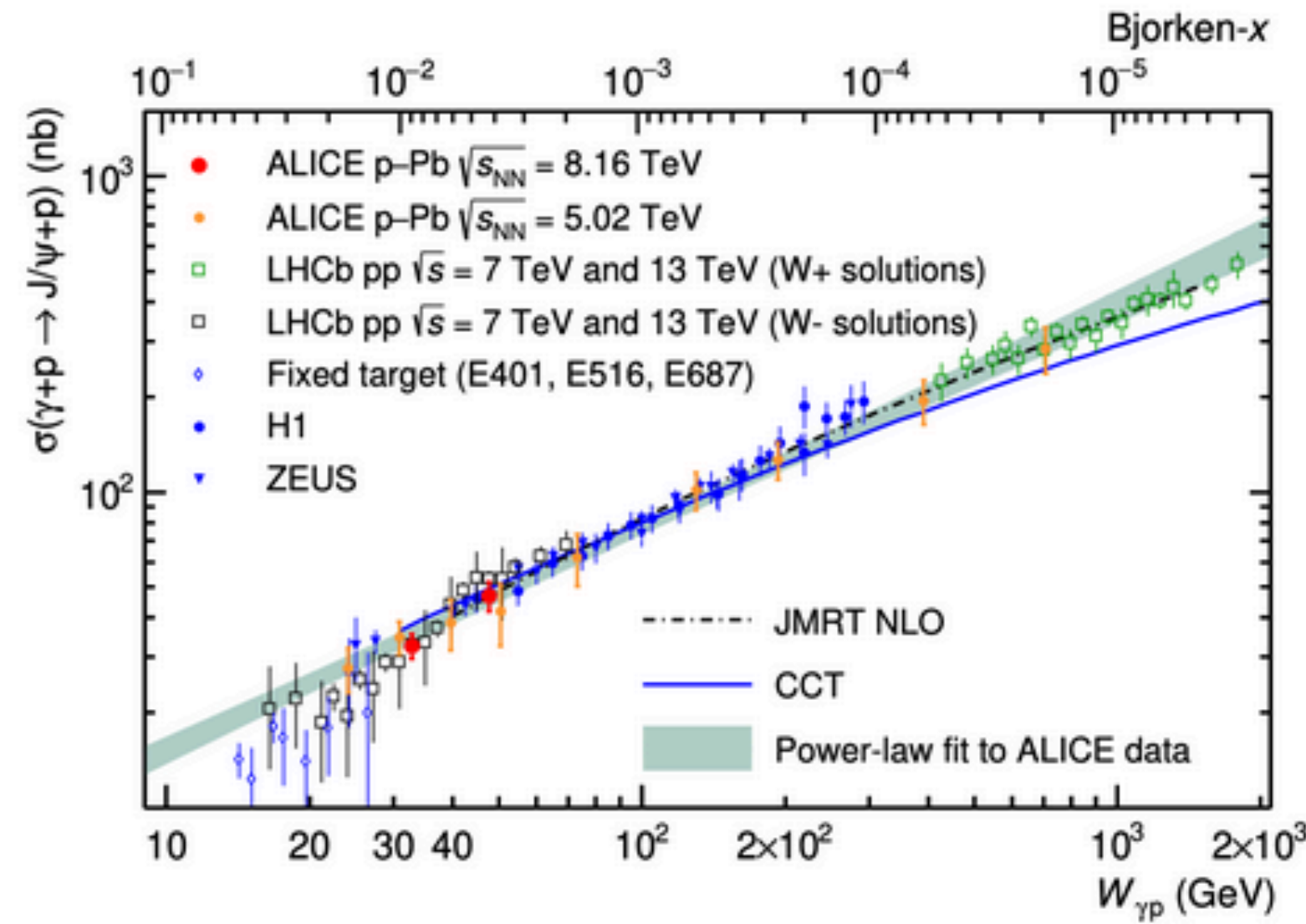
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photoproduction

Q: Can we use the exclusive J/psi photoproduction data from LHC in such collision systems to constrain the low x and low scale gluon PDF?

eA vs. hadron-hadron

Exclusive J/psi photoproduction to date (fixed target+ ep, pp, pPb)



Unfolding at LHCb:

LHCb data

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp)}{dy} = S^2(W_+) \left(k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \right) \sigma_+(\gamma p) + S^2(W_-) \left(k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \right) \sigma_-(\gamma p)$$

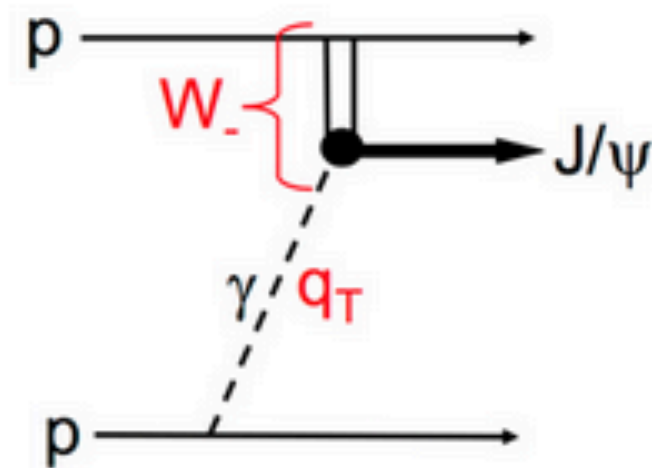
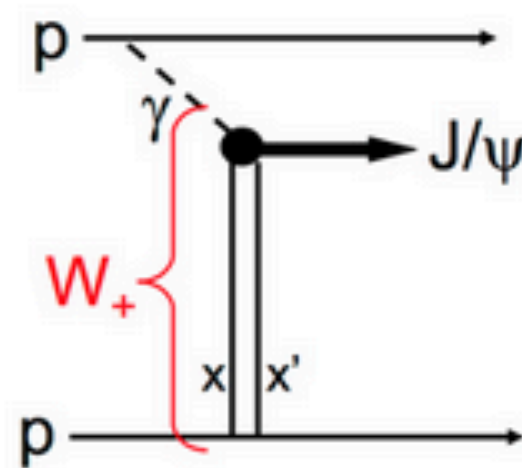
survival probability factors

LHCb 'data'

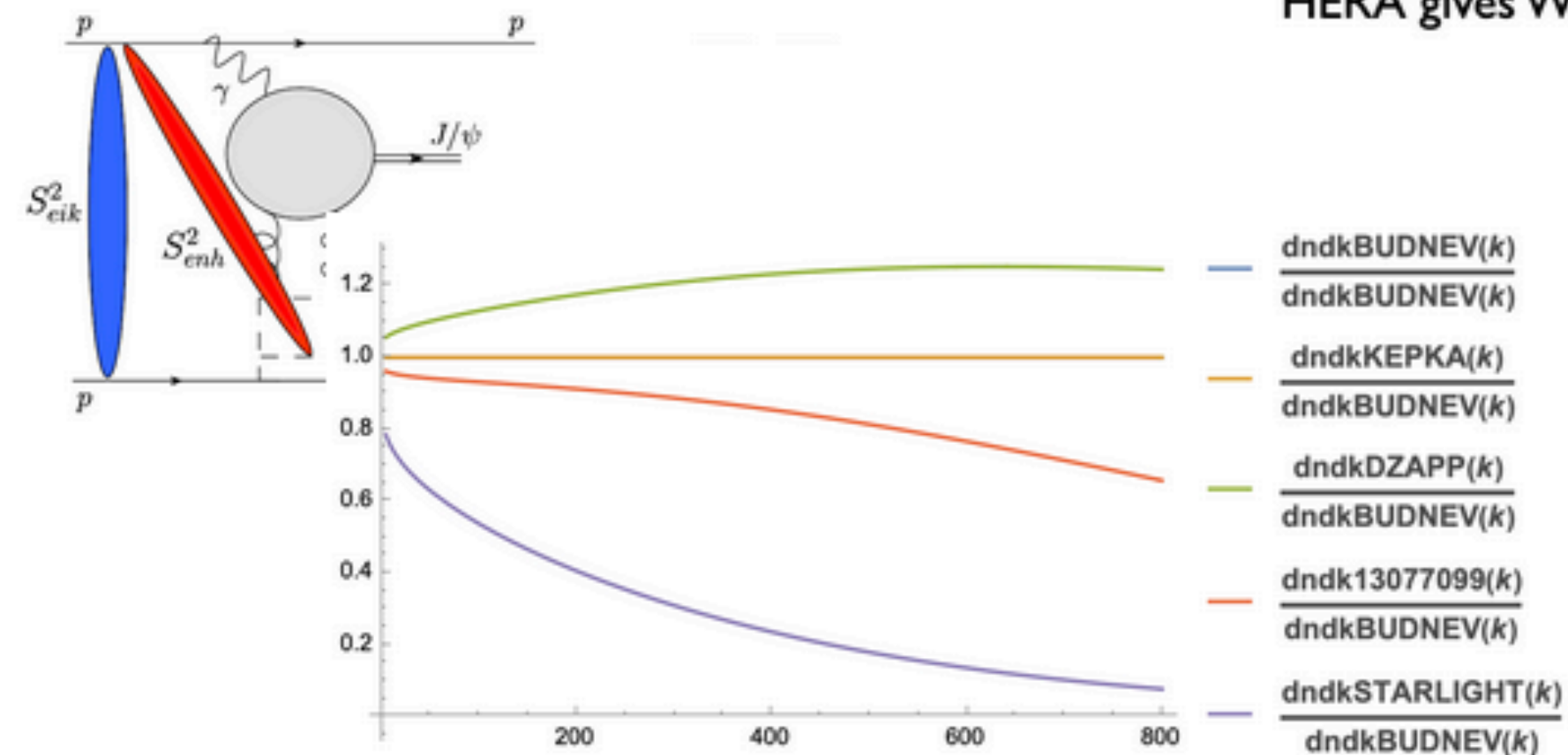
photon flux

HERA gives W-

pp@LHCb: [1401.3288](#), [1806.04079](#)



W+ / W- ambiguity: $W_{\pm}^2 = M_{J/\psi}^2 \sqrt{s} e^{\pm|y|}$



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Sensitive to GPD not PDF! but can relate PDF & GPD at low x reliably via the so-called Shuvaev transform [CAF, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner 1908.08398 & 2006.13857](#)

(1) UPC \rightarrow large W photoproduction (2) \rightarrow constraints on gluon PDF

- For pp, have more lumi. but more pileup than pPb
- For pp, have W+/W- ambiguity, **very much less so** for pPb
- For pp, more model dependence in survival factor/photon flux combination
- For pp, more contamination from Odderon-pomeron due to relatively smaller impact parameter

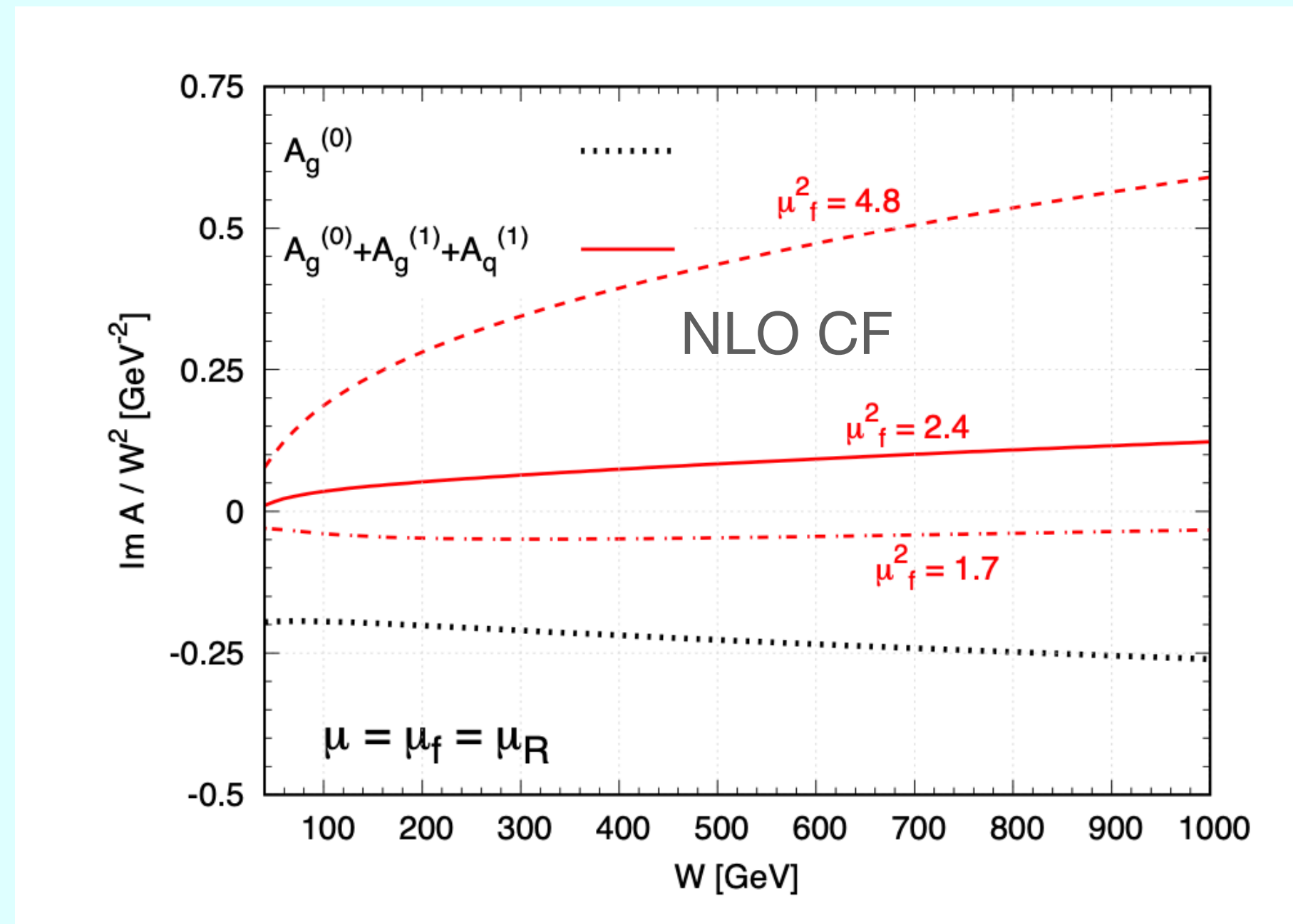
- In pPb, survival factor close to unity and there is less modelling dependence in (1) as compared to pp
- There will be data from EIC in eA where such modelling does not play a role but then the energy range is limited.
- In pp/pPb at the LHC we can access larger W, in pPb we can push the **precision** of (2), i.e. that of low x and low scale exclusive quarkonium data as constraints on the gluon PDF

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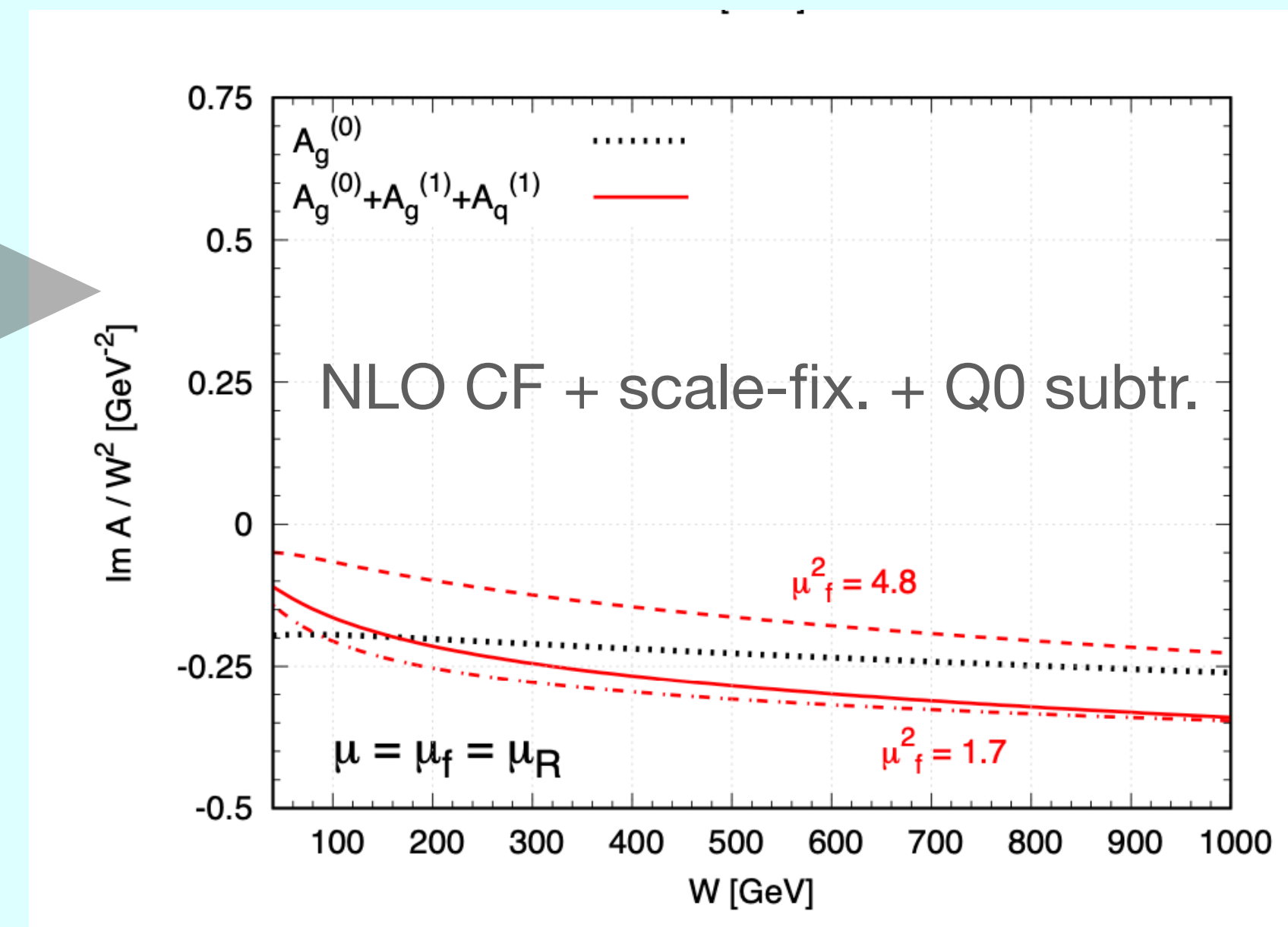
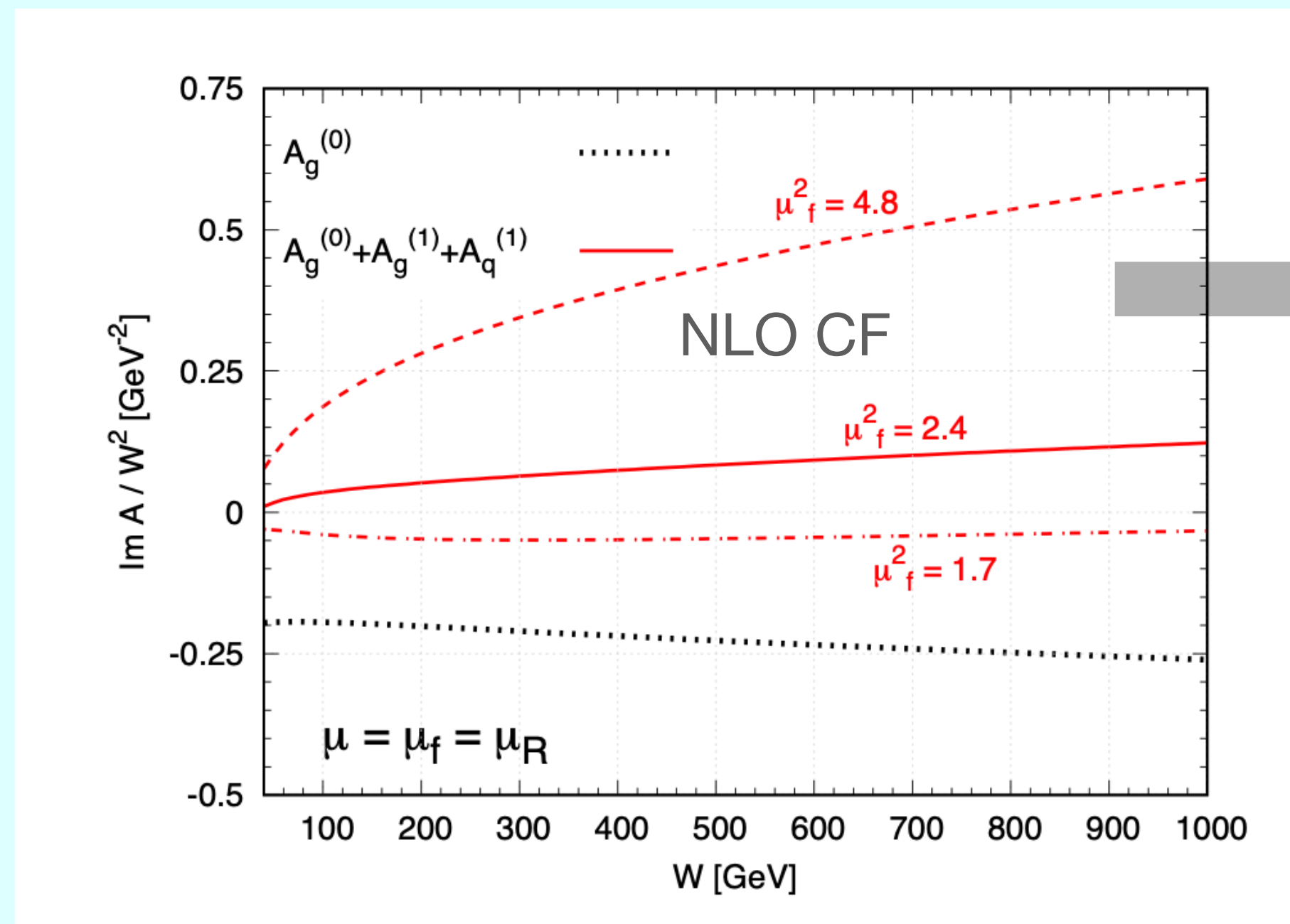


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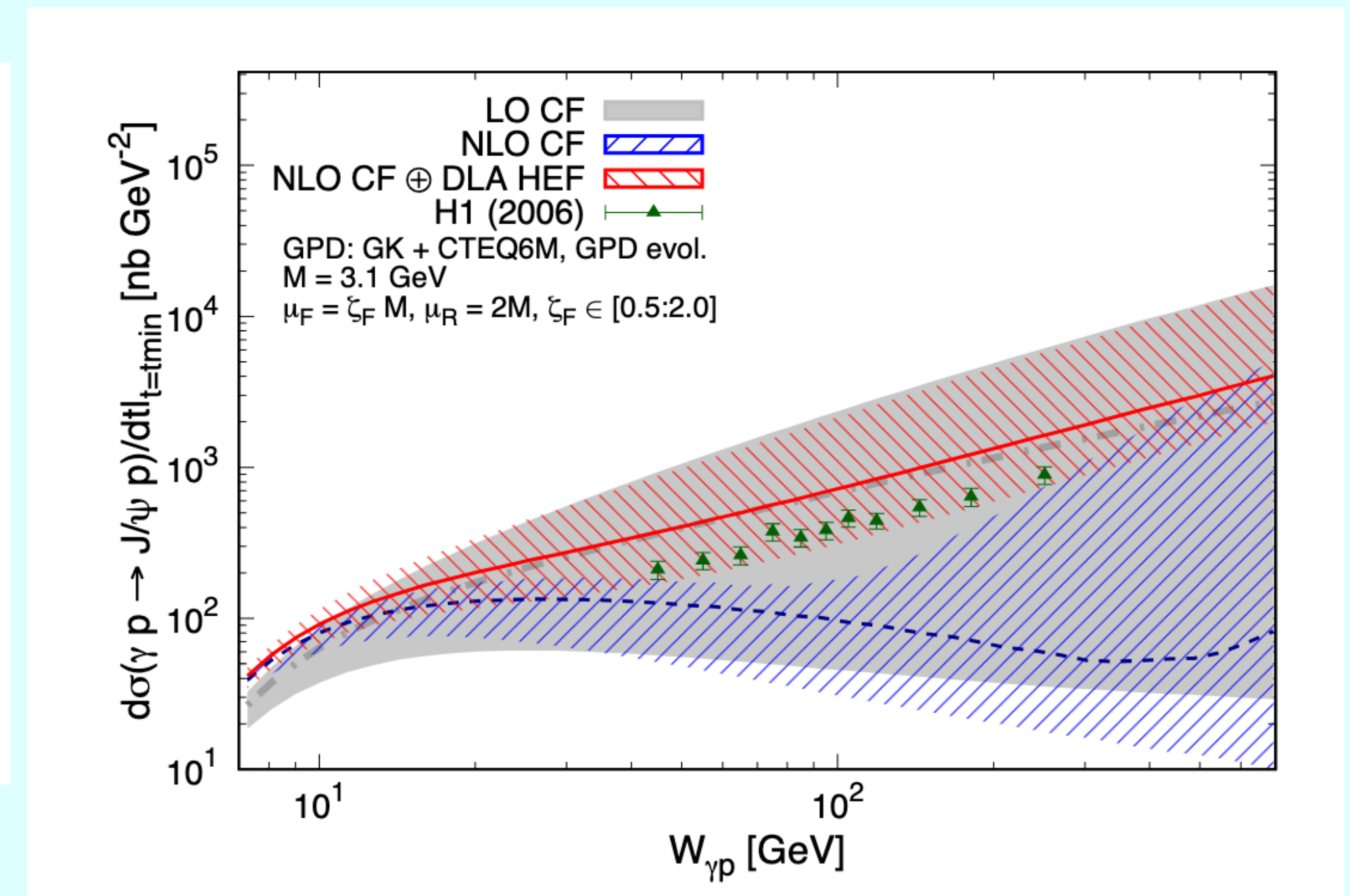
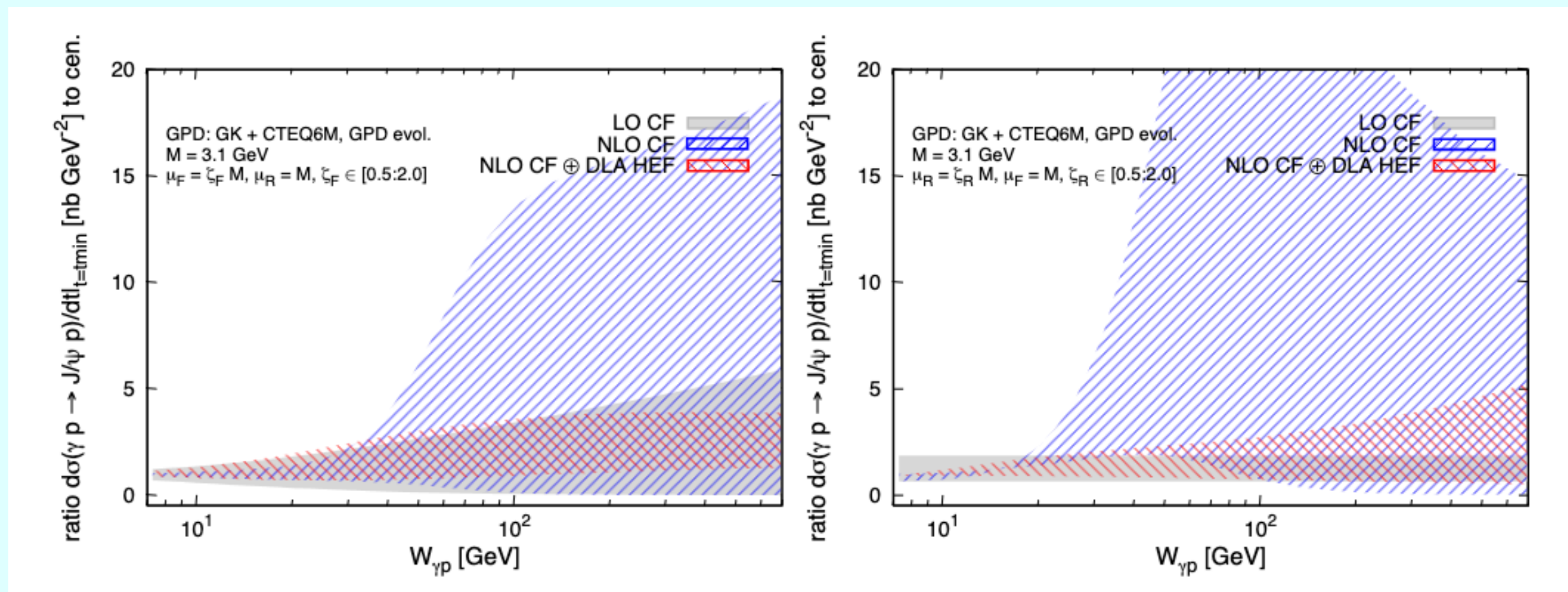


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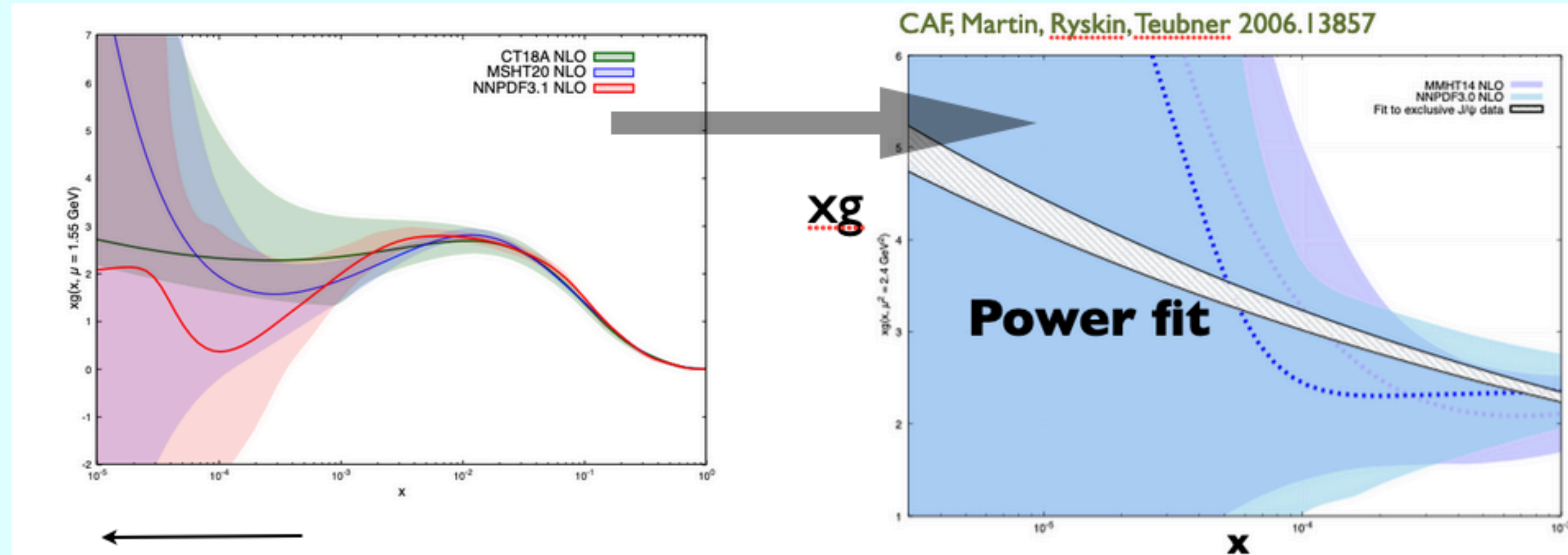
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pp@LHCb excl. J/psi UPCs currently
 probes down to $x \sim 3 \times 10^{-6}$
 ...unconstrained domain in PDF fits!

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Standalone fits + reweighting studies using pp
 data, but not yet considered in a larger fitting
 framework.....

xFitter implementation



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Public PDF fitting tool to perform a variety of tasks:
 α_s extraction, PDF reweightings, fits...

- QCDNUM/APFEL for QCD evolution
- MINUIT/CERES for minimisation in various mutually consistent approaches
- interfaces to independent codes
- various output formats (e.g. LHAPDF6,..)
- Default config. based on set-up of HERAPDF2.0

- Incorporate new '**JPSI**' reaction via xFitter's ReactionTheory class

...to perform various PDF profiling and fitting studies using the exclusive J/psi production data

(i) PDF profiling:

NNPDF30_nlo_as_0118

$N_{\text{rep}} = 1000$

profiled with LHCb 13
TeV excl. J/psi data

1806.04079

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

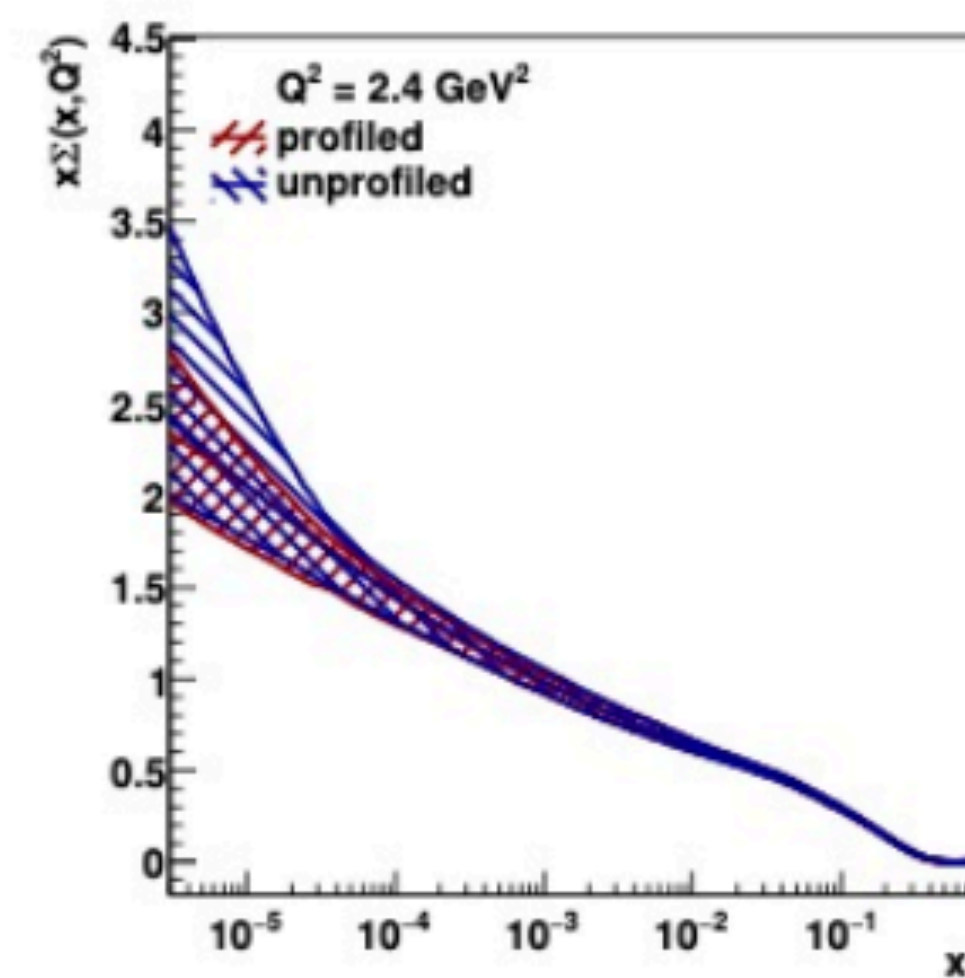
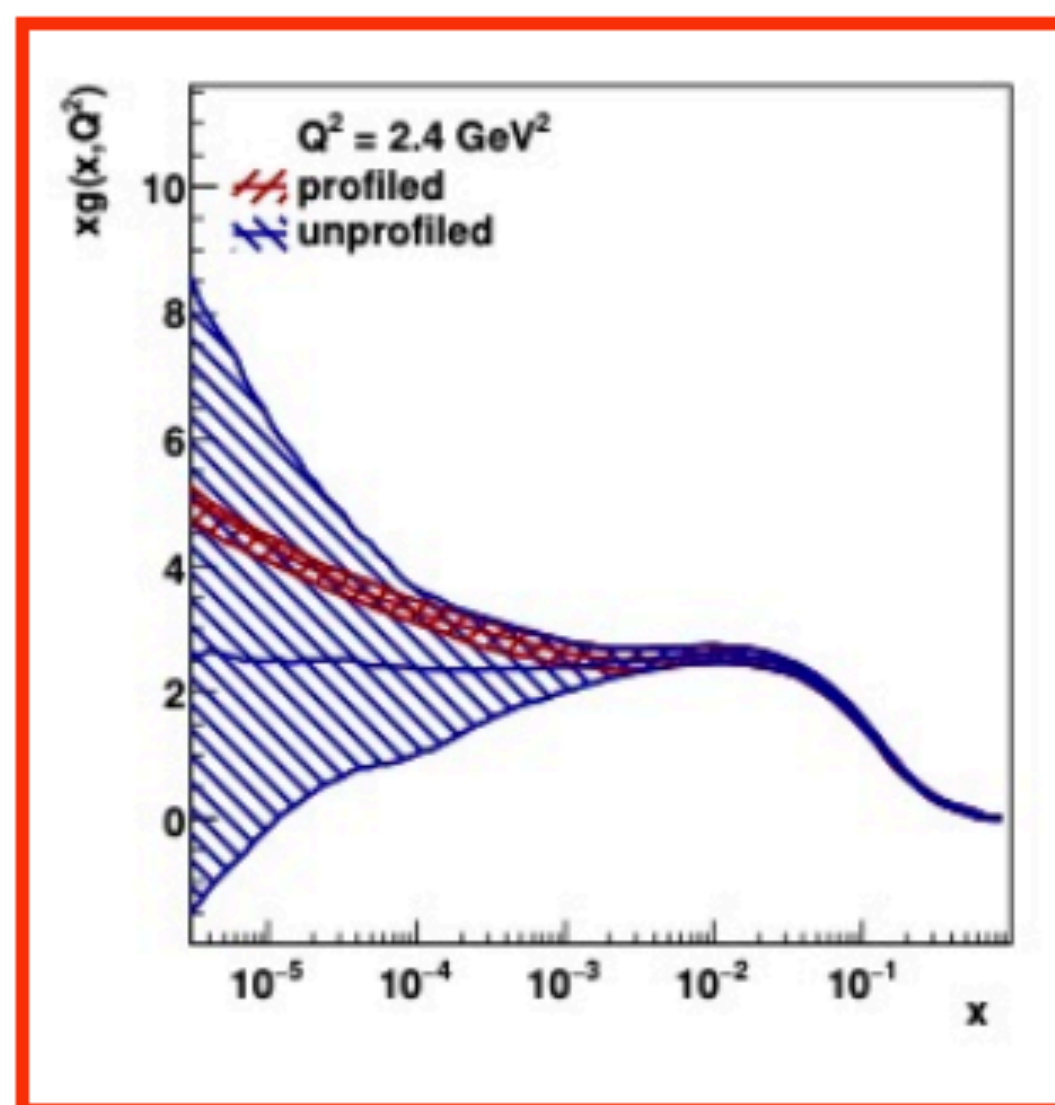
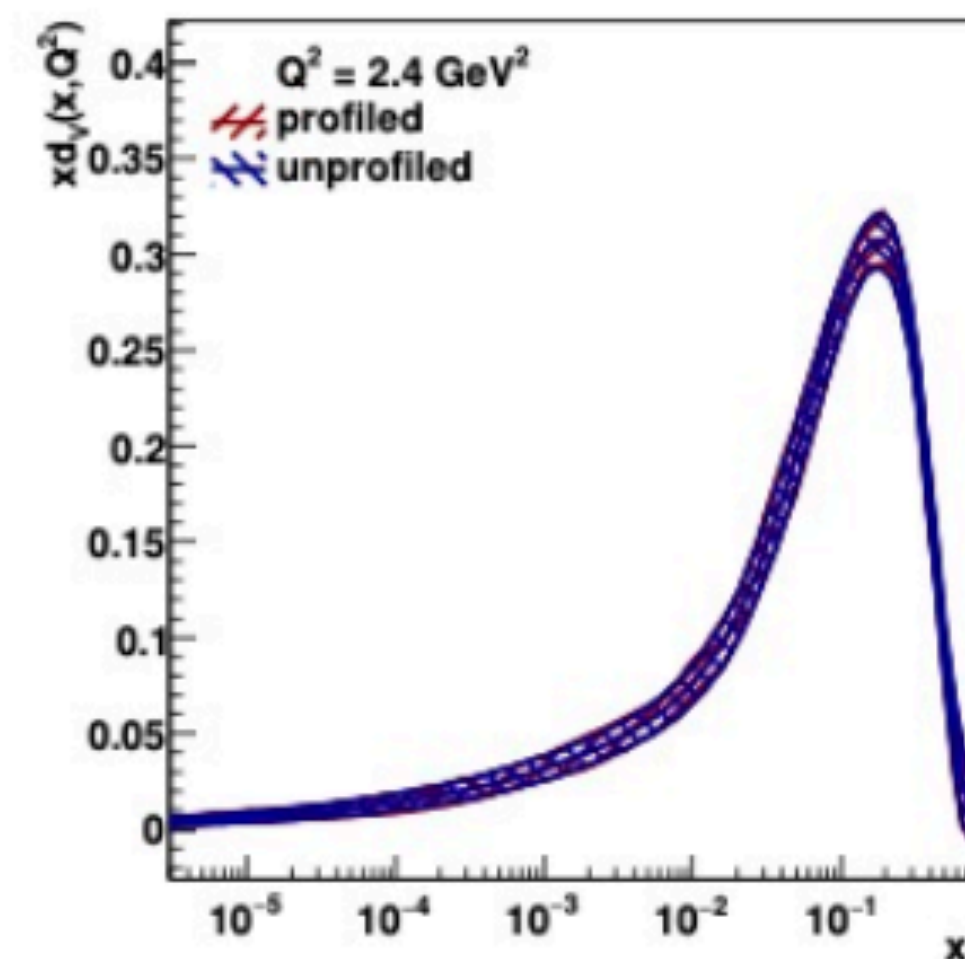
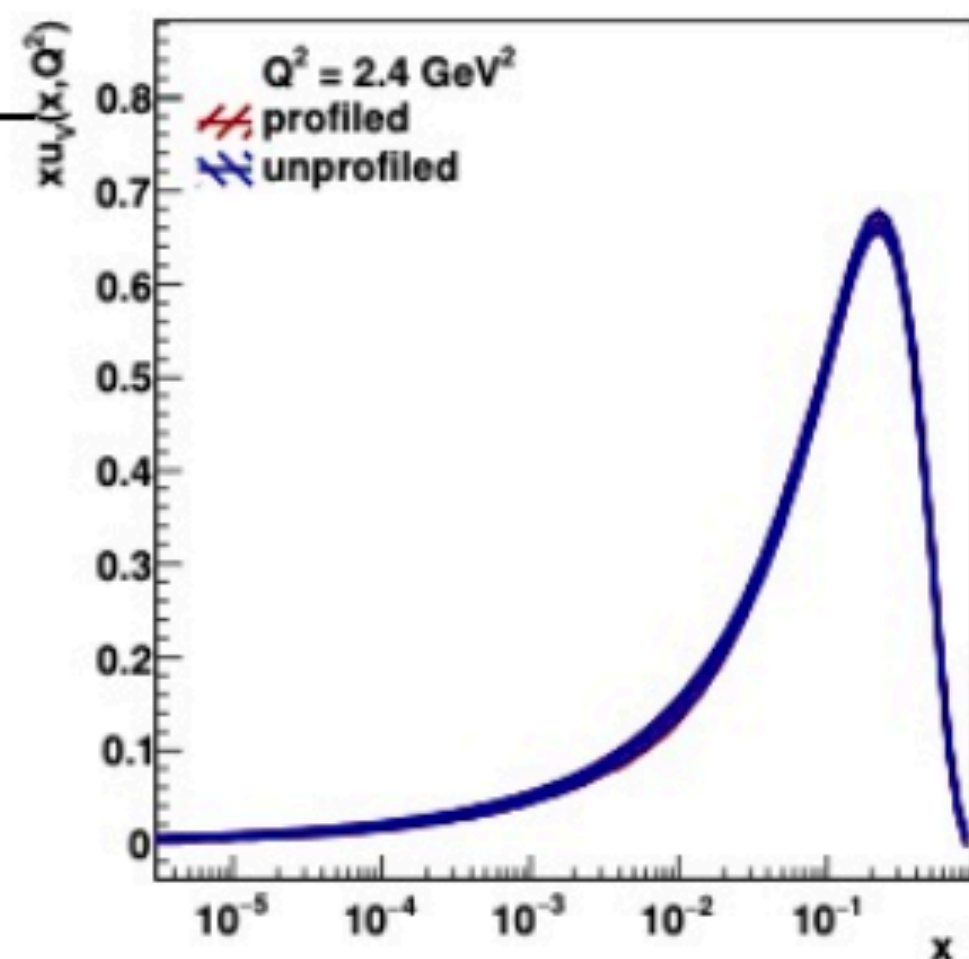
= 63 \ll N_{rep}

Condition $N_{\text{eff}} \ll N_{\text{rep}}$
expected here

Precursor to full fit

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}} O(f_k),$$

$$\langle O^{\text{new}} \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{\text{rep}}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{rep}}} w_k O(f_k)$$



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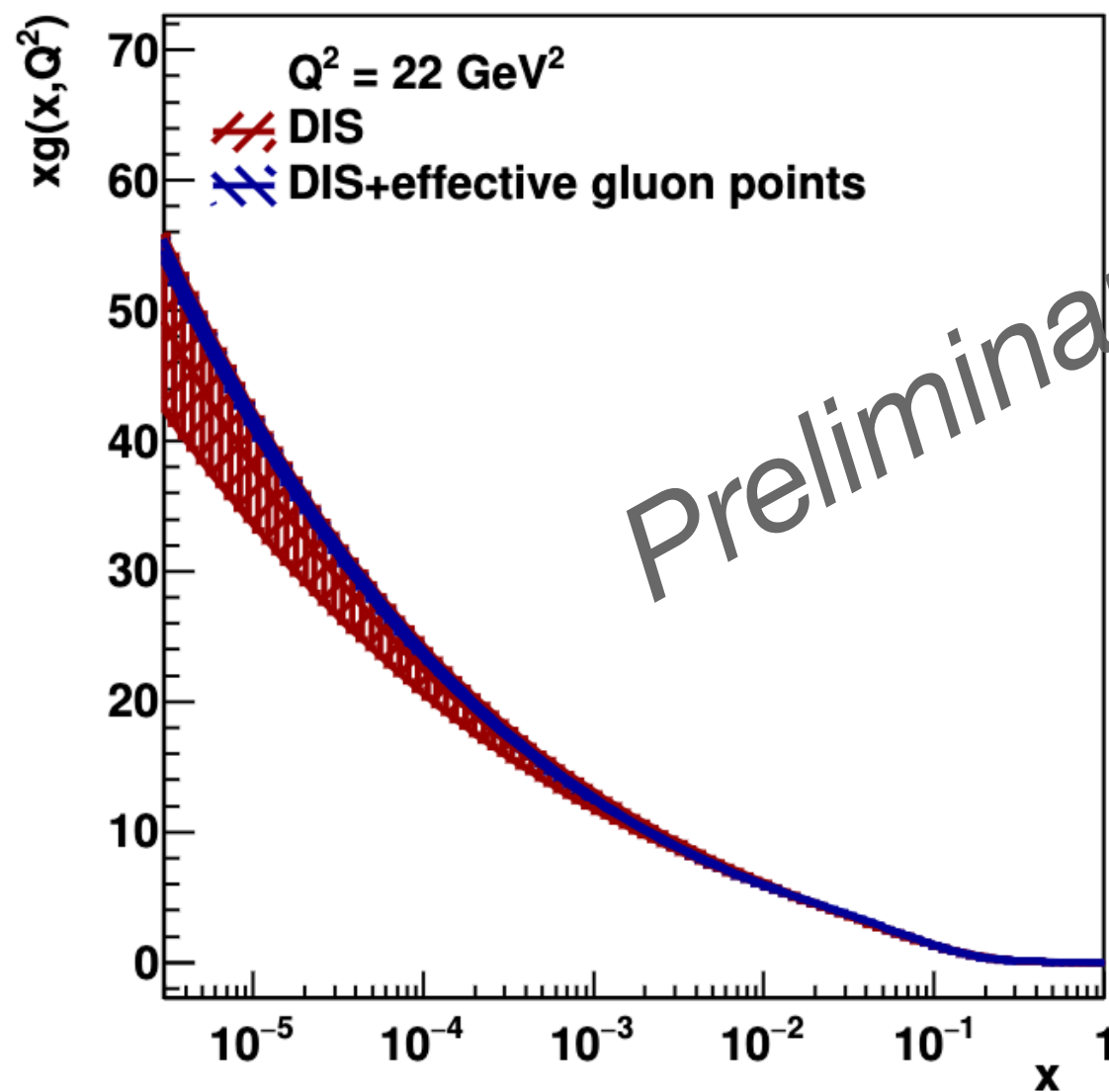
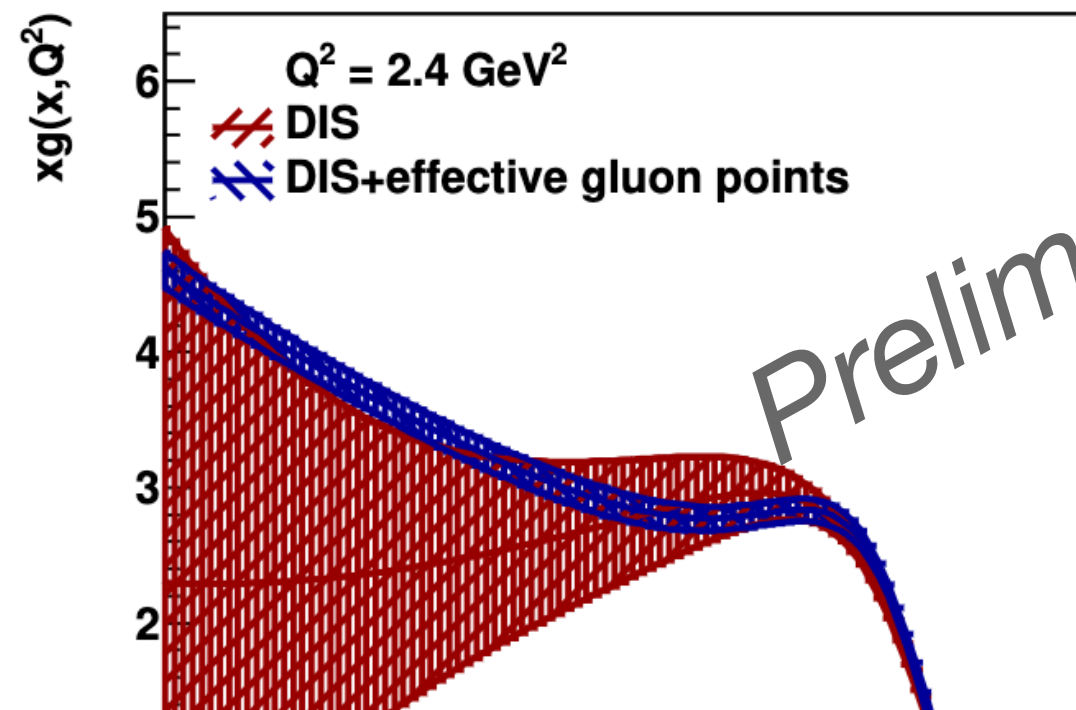
- Generate effective gluon PDF pseudodata from experimental data:

taken from 2006.13857

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- Default xFitter set up supplemented with generated effective gluon PDF data



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HERA1+2 CCep	43/39	44/39
HERA1+2 NCem	221/159	220/159
HERA1+2 CCem	54/42	56/42
HERA1+2 NCep 575	223/257	227/257
HERA1+2 NCep 920	465/391	470/391
LHC excl. J/ψ pp 7 TeV	N/A	8.95/10
LHC excl. J/ψ pp 13 TeV	N/A	3.51/10
LHC excl. Υ pp 7,8 TeV	N/A	3.23/3
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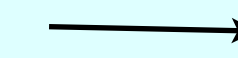
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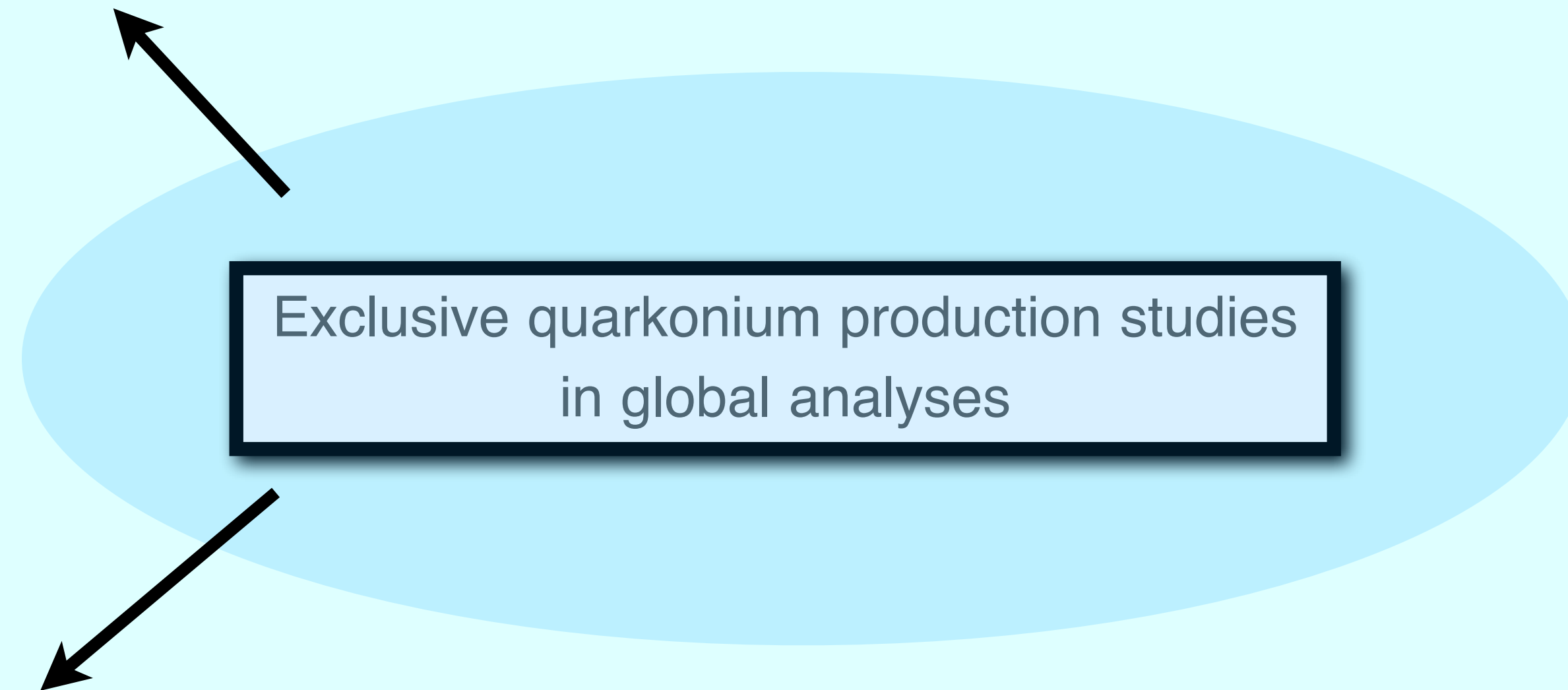
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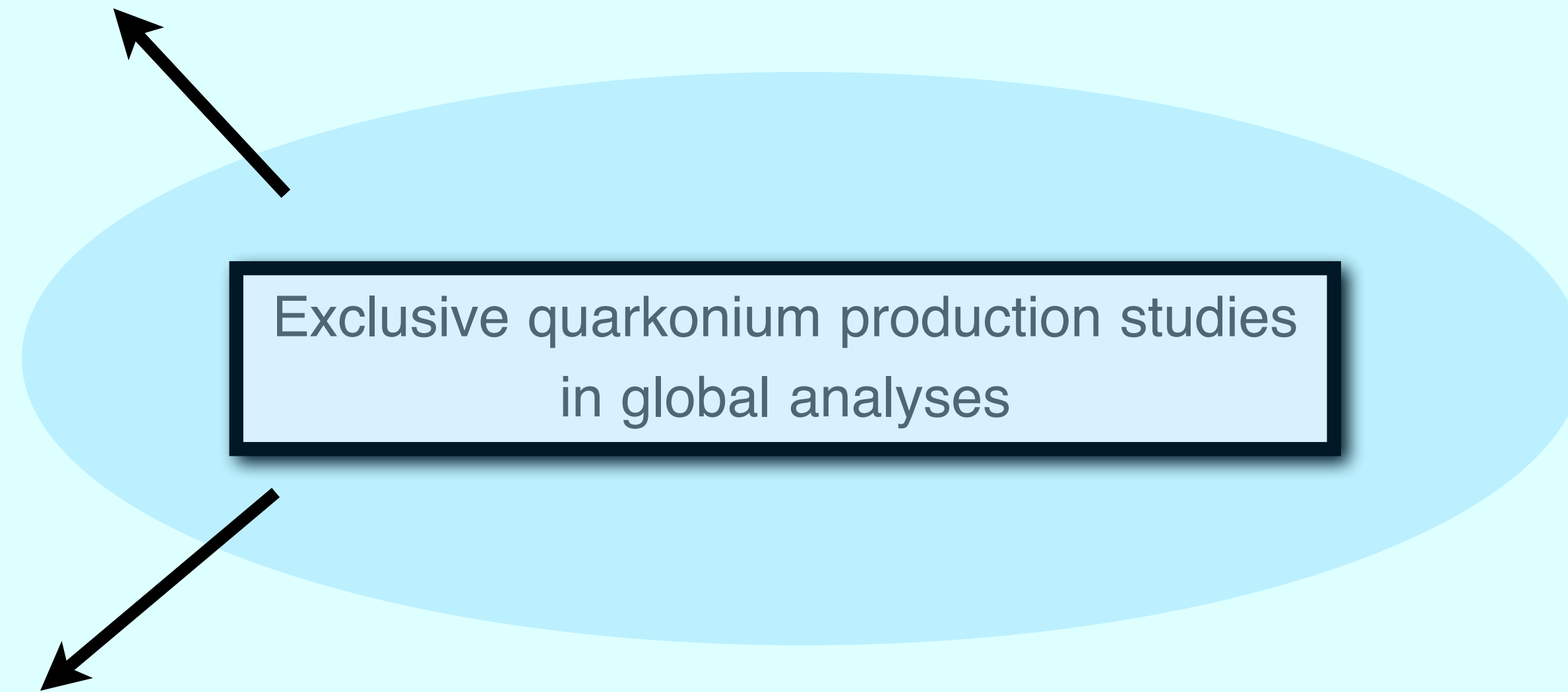
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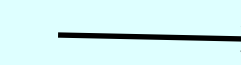
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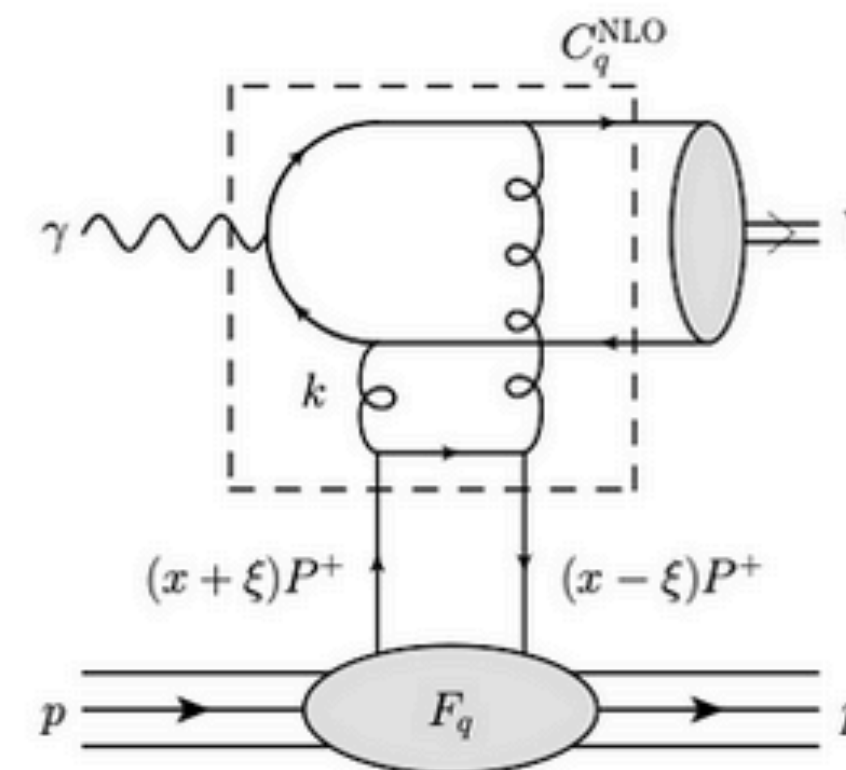
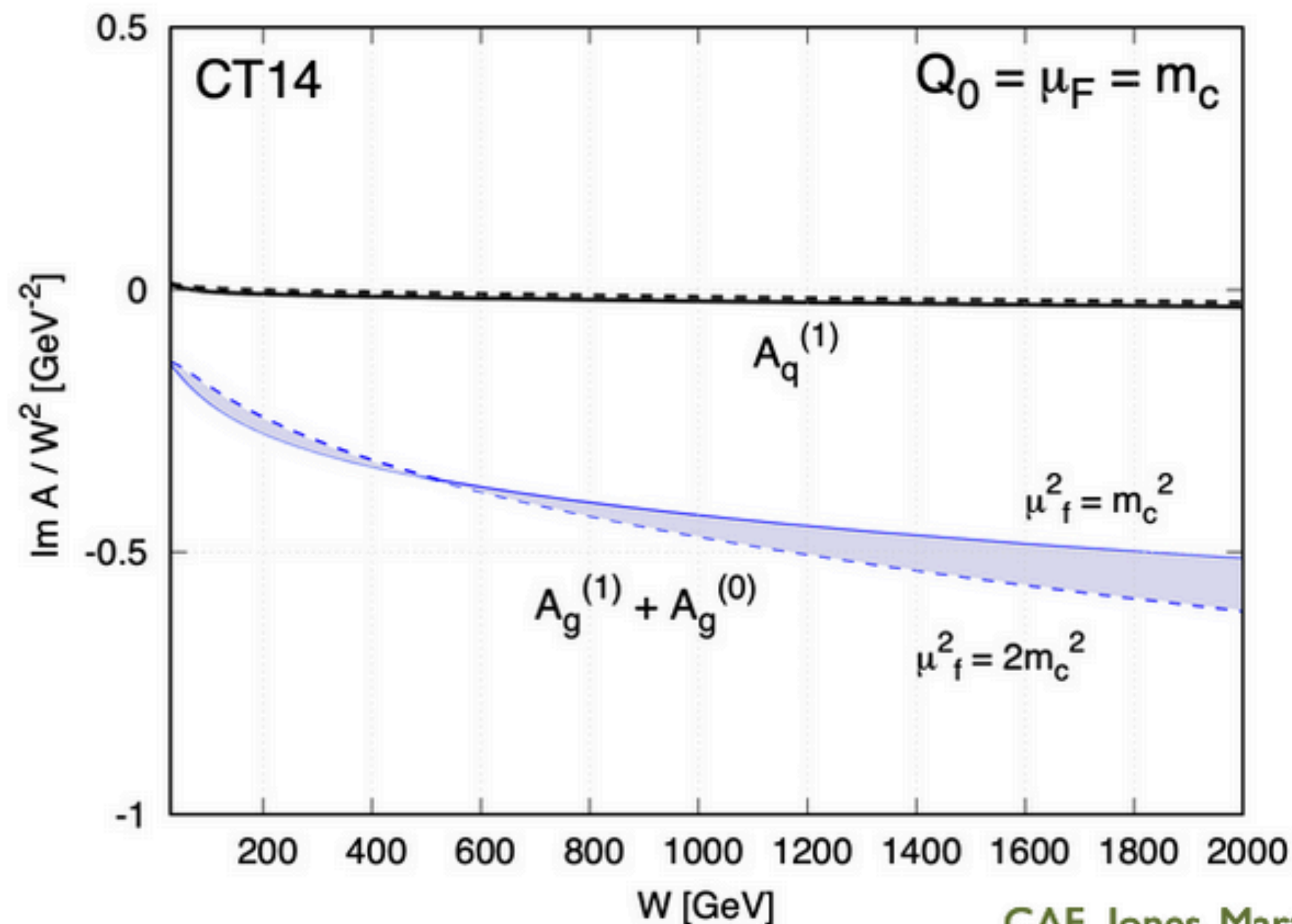
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Interplay of quark and gluons at NLO

After Q_0 subtraction:



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Quark contribution separated from hard scattering by at least *one* step of DGLAP evolution and is therefore removed after imposition of Q_0 subtraction (as reflected in the numerics)

—————→ **Gluon driven like at LO**

Constraints from inclusive D meson production data

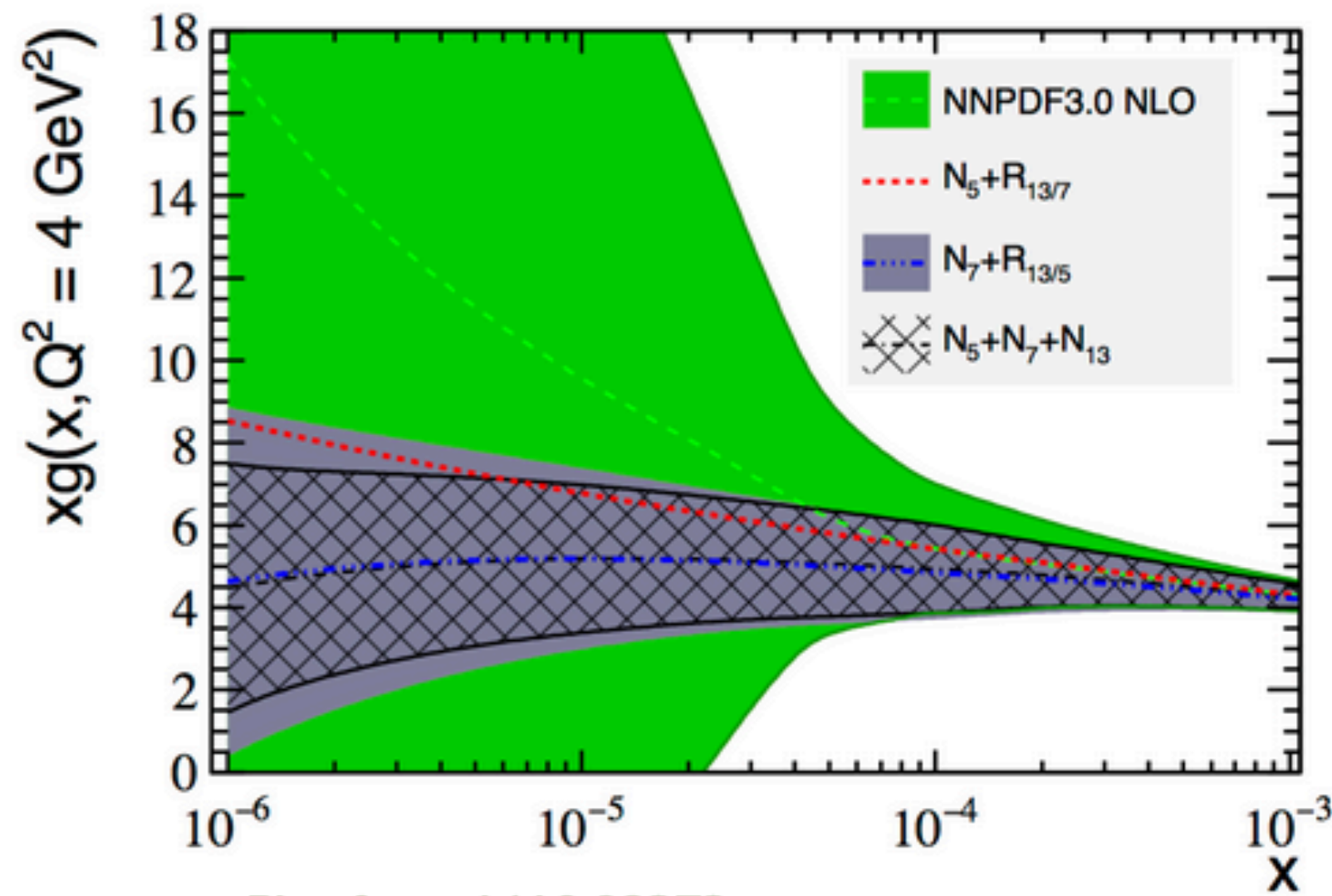
Idea: Construct ratios of observables in y and p_t bins to combat various uncertainties

$$N_X^{ij} = \frac{d^2\sigma(X \text{ TeV})}{dy_i^D d(p_T^D)_j} \bigg/ \frac{d^2\sigma(X \text{ TeV})}{dy_{\text{ref}}^D d(p_T^D)_j}$$

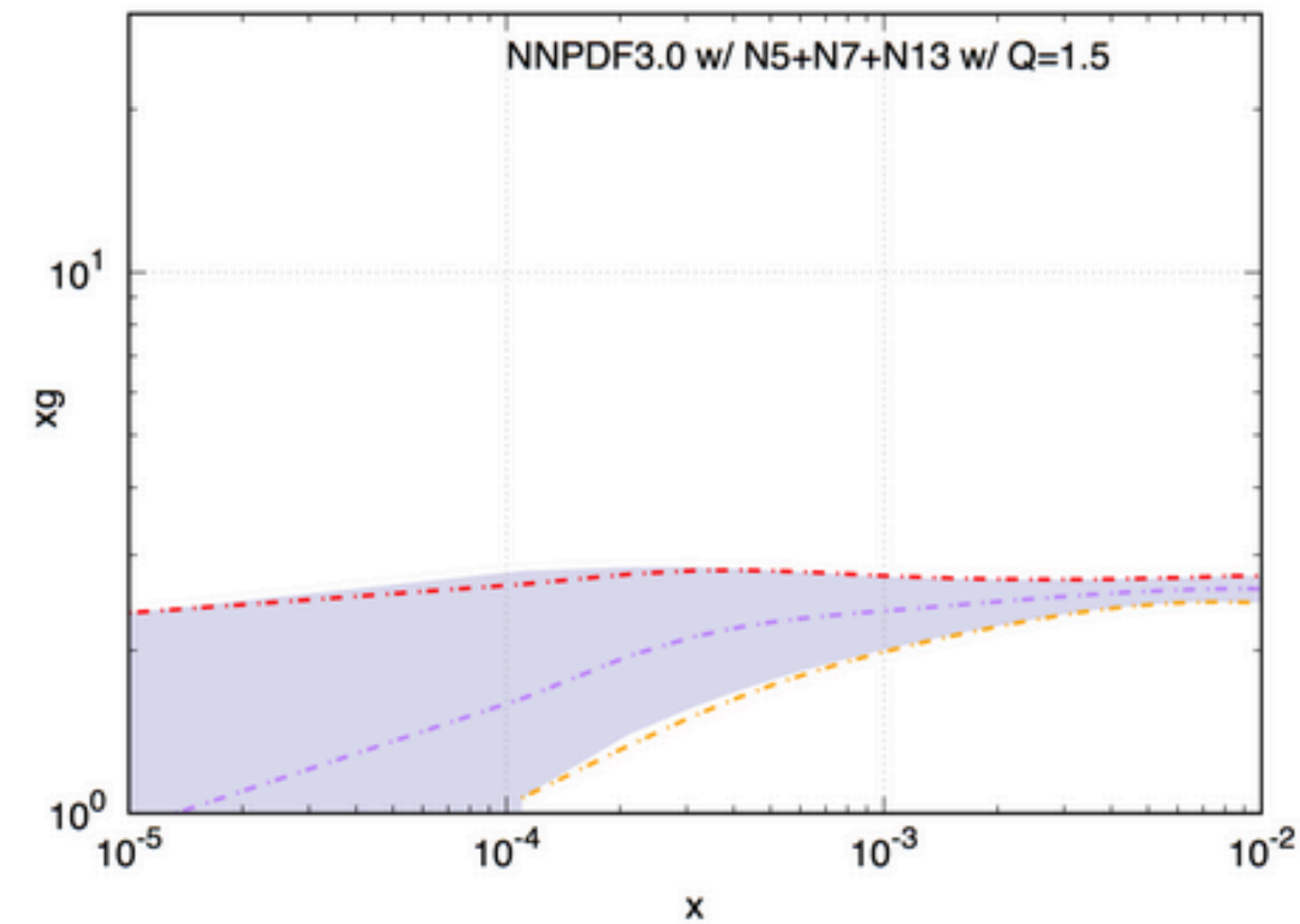
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find decreasing gluon at the lowest x they may probe



Plot from 1610.09373



Sensitivity to the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ gluon PDF

- Remain in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme with Q_0 subtracted coefficient functions to NLO accuracy
- Subtraction does not affect IR or UV divergence renormalisation procedures
- Soft singularity at $l=0$ is removed after subtracting off the LO part of the NLO coefficient function before integral over loop momentum from 0 to Q_0 is performed

$$\Delta \text{Im} \mathcal{M}^q = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2\pi} \int_{\xi}^1 dx (F_q(x, \xi, m_c) - F_q(-x, \xi, m_c)) \left(\int_0^{Q_0^2} (M_a^q + M_b^q) \frac{2\pi m_c^4}{\hat{s}^2} dl^2 \right)$$

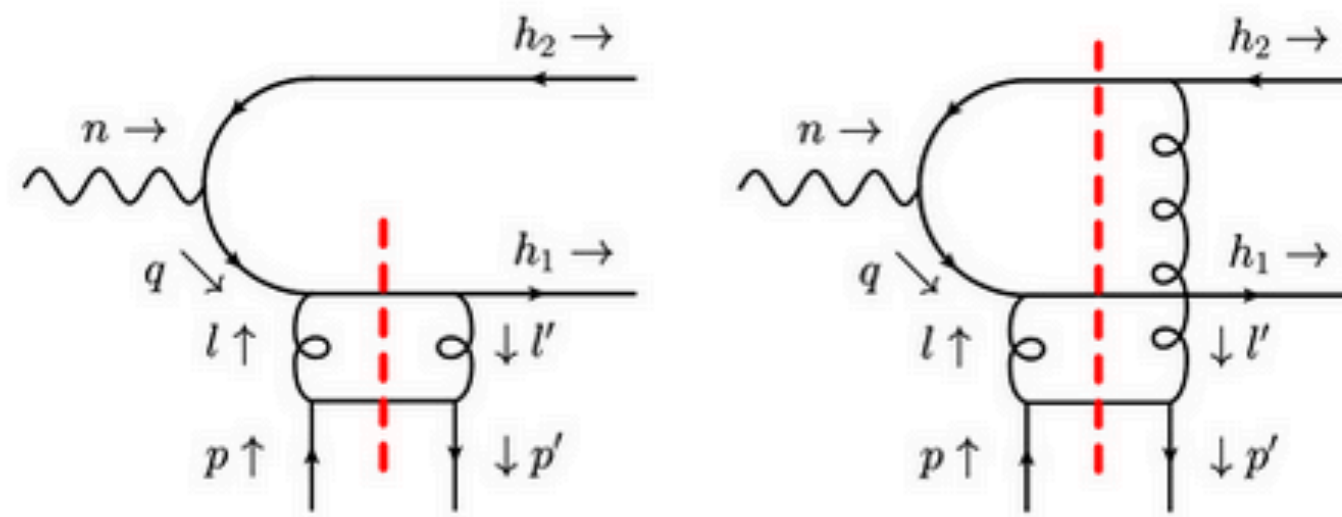
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*see 1912.09304 for procedure applied to inclusive DIS and Drell-Yan production

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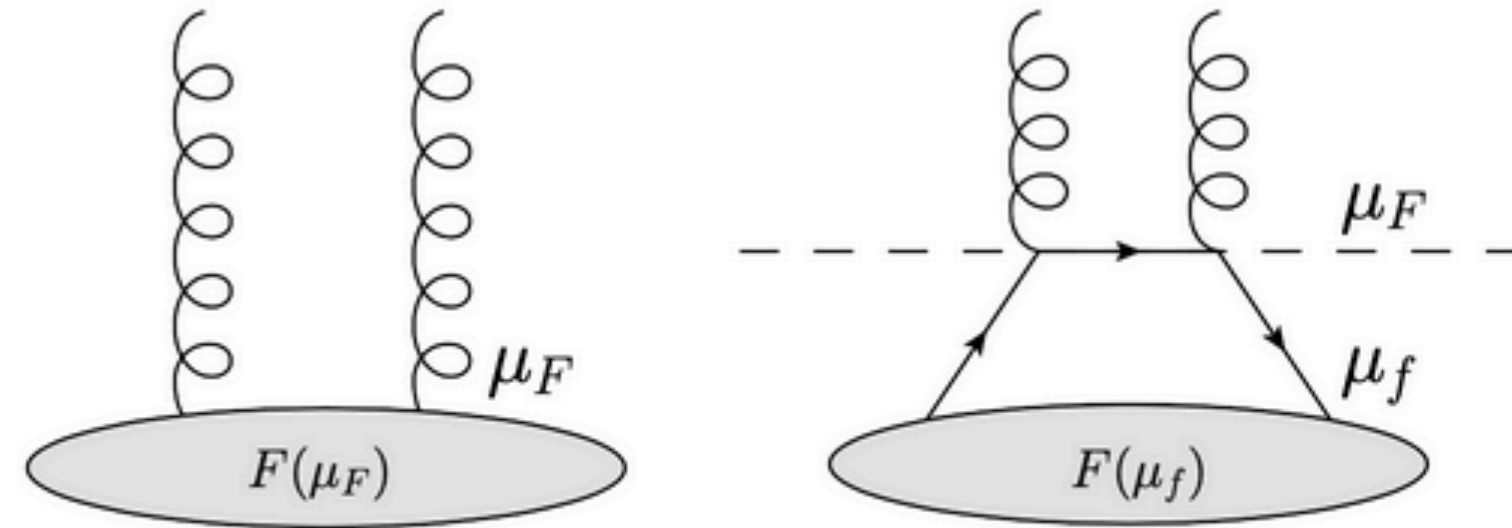
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- NLO diagrams for quark and gluon channel considered. Contain both LO and NLO contributions. Subtract off LO contribution (part given by LO (generalised) DGLAP evolution $P_{LO} \times C^0$, see previous) before integration over l is performed, cancelling soft singularity dl^2/l^2 .

Treatment of double logarithmic contribution



Ideology: Use scale shifting to find optimal scale that removes the largest contribution from the NLO correction *

At fact. scale. μ_f , quark contribution is part of NLO hard matrix element

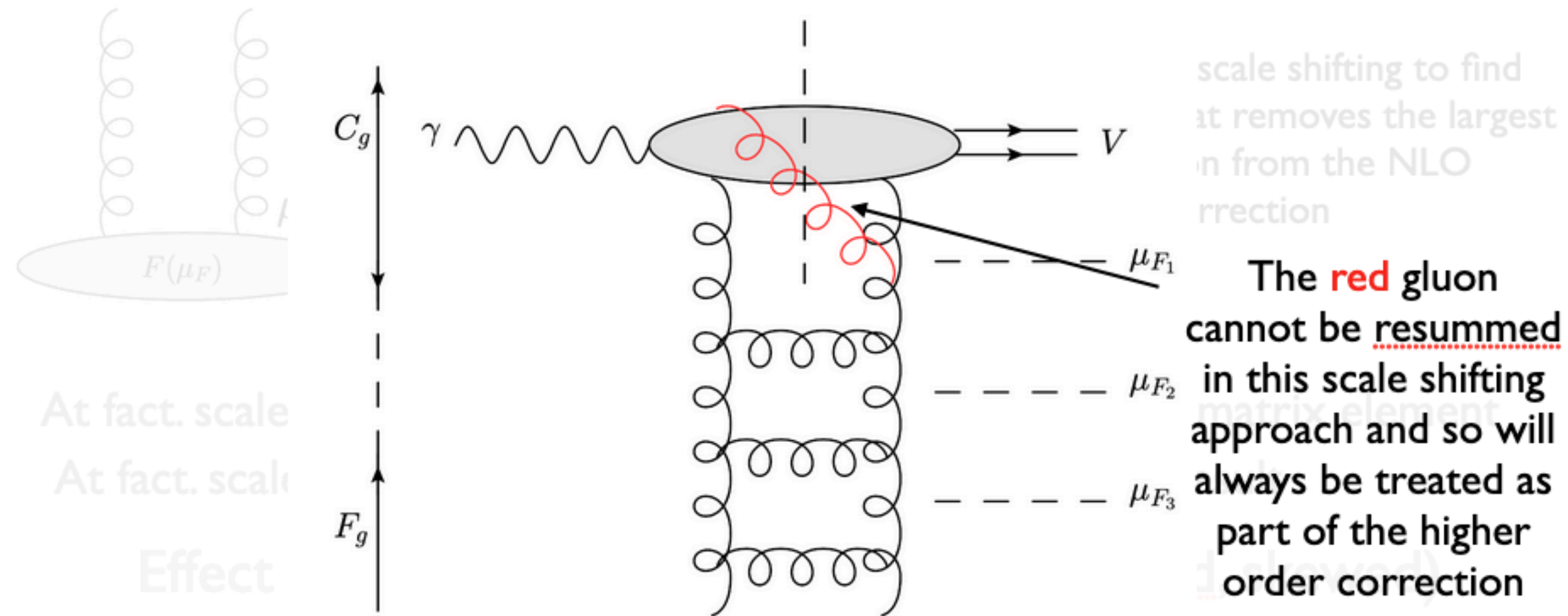
At fact. scale μ_F , absorbed quark contribution into LO result

Effect of scale change driven by (generalised, skewed)
DGLAP evolution:

$$A^{(0)}(\mu_f) = \left(C^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{\mu_f^2}{\mu_F^2} \right) C^{(0)} \otimes V \right) \otimes F(\mu_F)$$

* At small x_i , this is the double logarithmic contribution $\sim \ln(1/x_i) \ln(\mu_F^2/mc^2)$

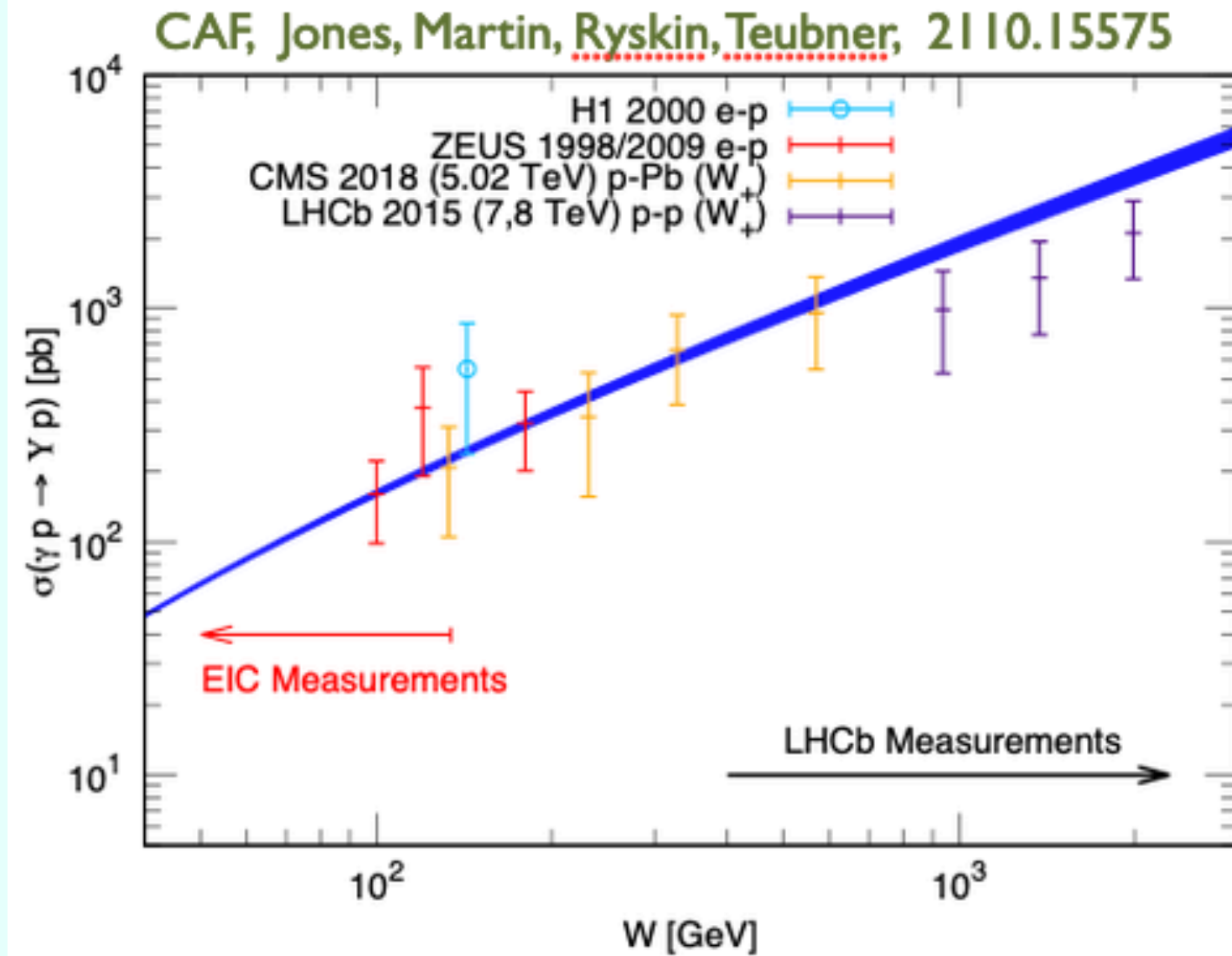
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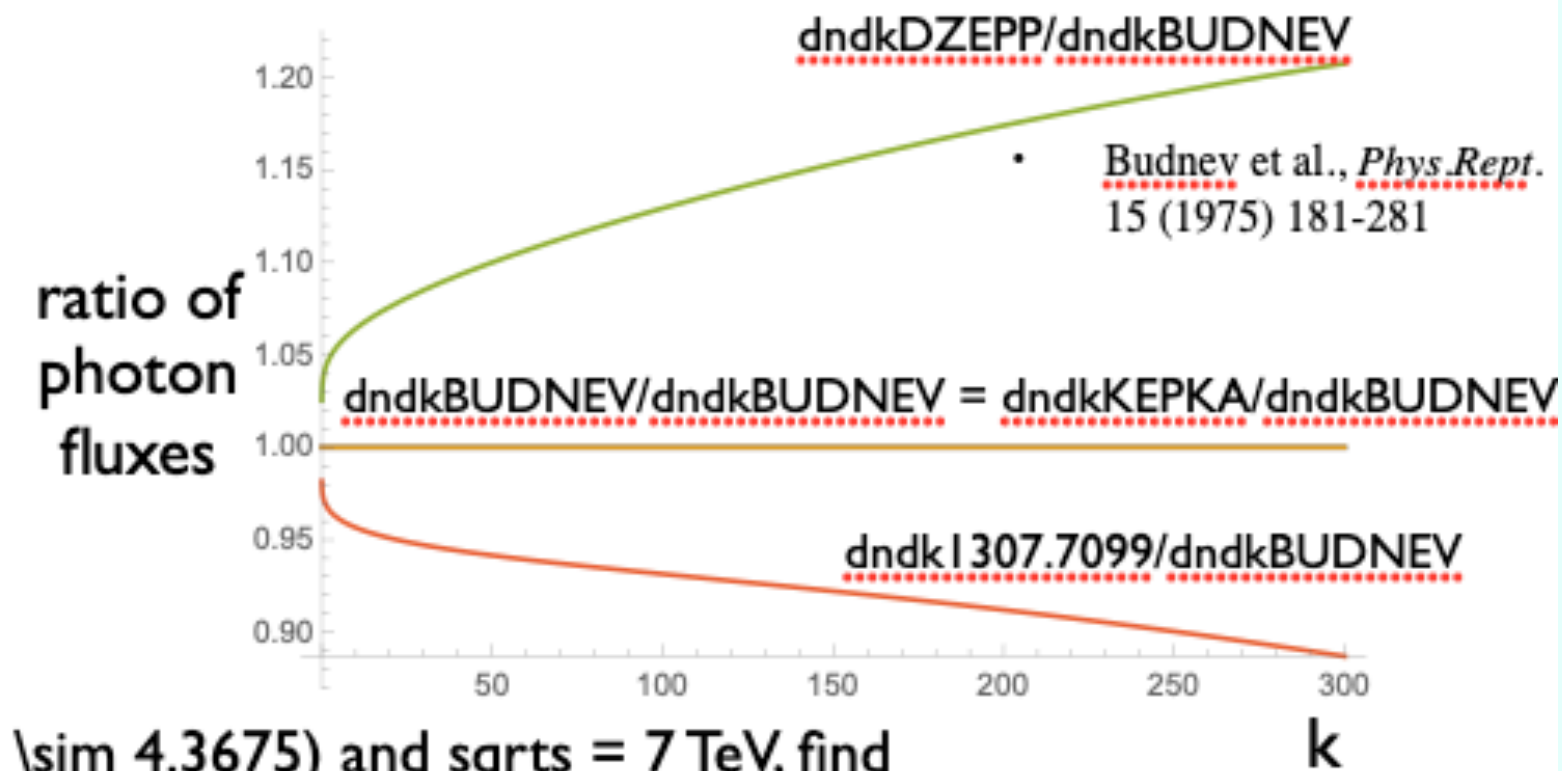
Choice $\mu_F = mc$ 'resums' the gluon ladder contributions, enhanced by this double logarithmic contribution. They are intrinsically resummed within the kt factorisation framework* and here by judicious choice of factorisation scale

* But kt fact. framework treats only a subset of NLO corrections, those belonging to equivalence class of gluon-ladder diagrams

Other results in UPC: Photon flux in Upsilon photoprod. in pp



-DGLAP evolve gluon PDF obtained from fit to J/psi data to scale of Upsilon photoproduction and use as input to make cross-section prediction (blue band)



For J/psi rapidity at border of LHCb acceptance ($y \sim 4.3675$) and $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, find

$$\frac{(ss|307.7099*flux|307.7099)}{(ssBudnev*fluxBudnev)} = 0.94901$$
 ~ 5% effect

For J/psi rapidity outside border of LHCb acceptance ($y \sim 5.125$) and $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, find

$$\frac{(ss|307.7099*flux|307.7099)}{(ssBudnev*fluxBudnev)} = 1.24832$$
 ~ 25% effect

Upsilon photoproduction photon energies will be larger so discrepancy between fluxes (and survival factors) will be larger and we enter the region where the approximation of I307.7099 flux breaks down at much lower rapidities and, importantly, within the acceptance of LHCb

=> use Budnev flux (without negligence of $O(x)$ terms)

=> large W unfolded photoproduction LHCb data should be shifted upwards