

# Nuclear PDF updates from nCTEQ

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# Nuclear structure at high energies

Periodic Table of the Elements

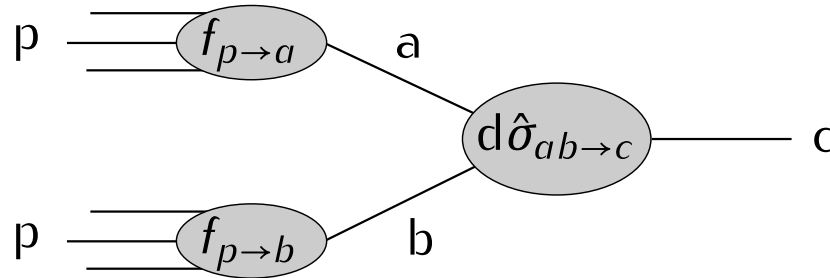
Nuclei with DIS data included in nCTEQ15 (Fig. by E. Godat)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1A	2A	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A
H Hydrogen 1.00794	He Helium 4.002602																
Li Lithium 6.941	Be Beryllium 9.0122											B Boron 10.811	C Carbon 12.011	N Nitrogen 14.007	O Oxygen 15.999	F Fluorine 18.998	Ne Neon 20.180
Na Sodium 22.990	Mg Magnesium 24.305											Al Aluminum 26.982	Si Silicon 28.086	P Phosphorus 30.974	S Sulfur 32.064	Cl Chlorine 35.453	Ar Argon 39.948
K Potassium 39.098	Ca Calcium 40.078	Sc Scandium 44.956	Ti Titanium 47.88	V Vanadium 50.942	Cr Chromium 51.996	Mn Manganese 54.938	Fe Iron 55.845	Co Cobalt 58.933	Ni Nickel 58.693	Cu Copper 63.546	Zn Zinc 65.38	Ga Gallium 69.723	Ge Germanium 72.631	As Arsenic 74.922	Se Selenium 78.972	Br Bromine 79.904	Kr Krypton 83.80
Rb Rubidium 84.464	Sr Strontium 87.62	Y Yttrium 88.906	Zr Zirconium 91.224	Nb Niobium 92.906	Mo Molybdenum 95.94	Tc Technetium 98.907	Ru Ruthenium 101.07	Rh Rhodium 102.906	Pd Palladium 106.42	Ag Silver 107.868	Cd Cadmium 112.411	In Indium 114.818	Sn Tin 118.71	Sb Antimony 121.760	Te Tellurium 127.6	I Iodine 126.905	Xe Xenon 131.29
Cs Cesium 132.905	Ba Barium 137.327		Hf Hafnium 178.49	Ta Tantalum 180.948	W Tungsten 183.85	Re Rhenium 186.207	Os Osmium 196.23	Ir Iridium 192.22	Pt Platinum 195.08	Au Gold 196.967	Hg Mercury 200.59	Tl Thallium 204.383	Pb Lead 207.2	Bi Bismuth 208.980	Po Polonium [209]	At Astatine 209	Rn Radon 222.018
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- Nuclear parton distribution functions: proxy for nuclear structure at high energies
  - ▶ Point to fundamental  $q, g$  dynamics of  $p, n$  bound in nuclei
  - ▶ Set the initial conditions in creation of new state of matter: Color-glass condensate  $\rightarrow$  Quark-gluon plasma

# Theoretical framework

- Take for example proton-proton (pp) collisions in picture:



- Or in formula, in the collinear factorization framework:

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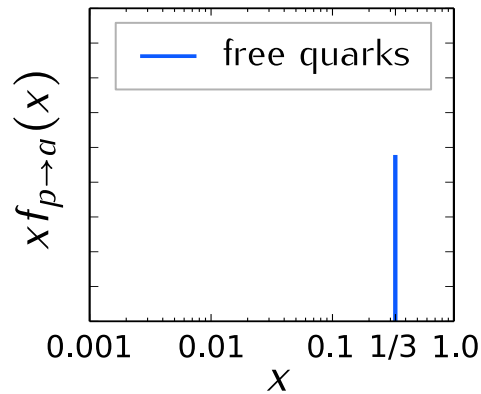
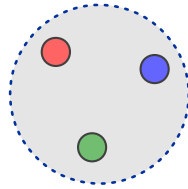
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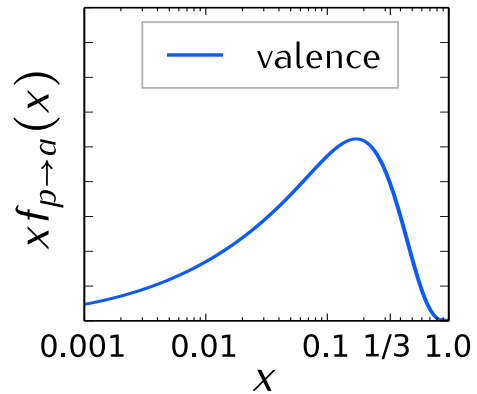
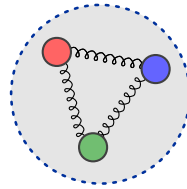
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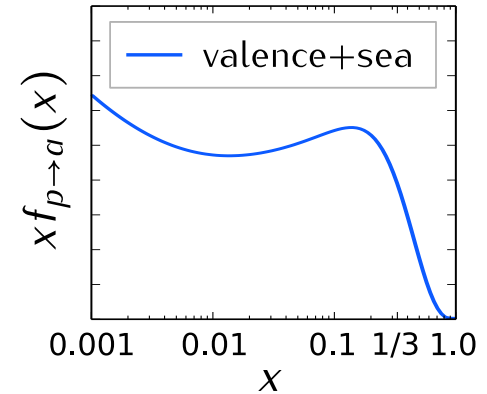
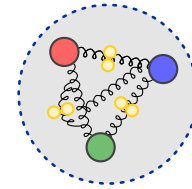
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Bound partons



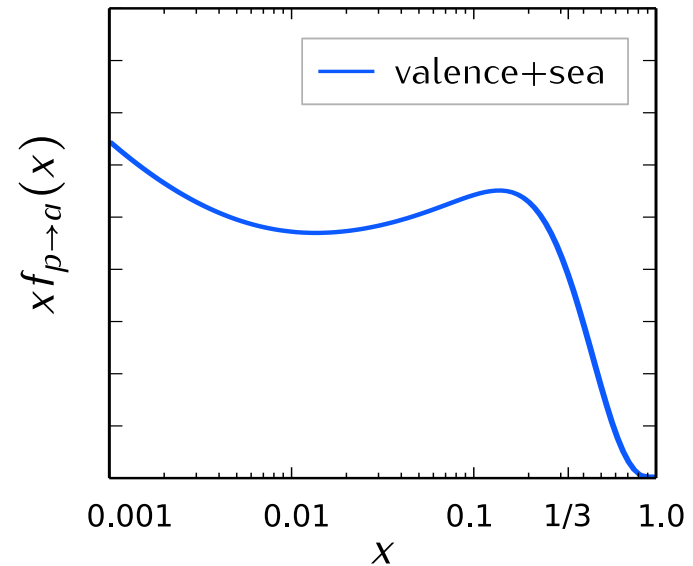
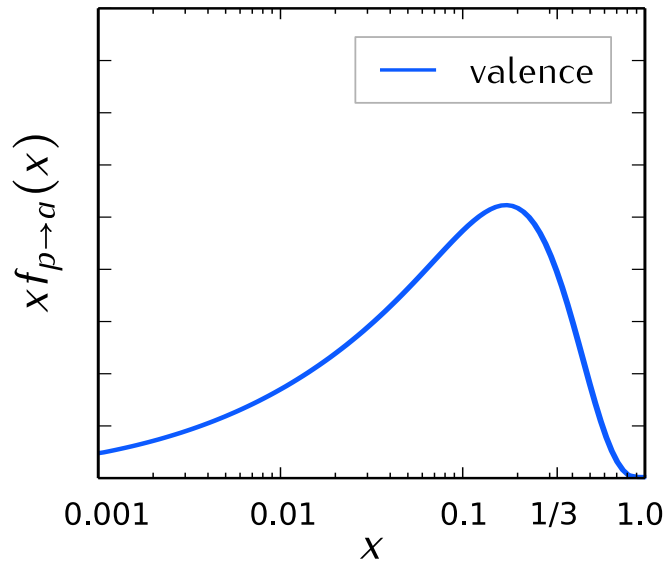
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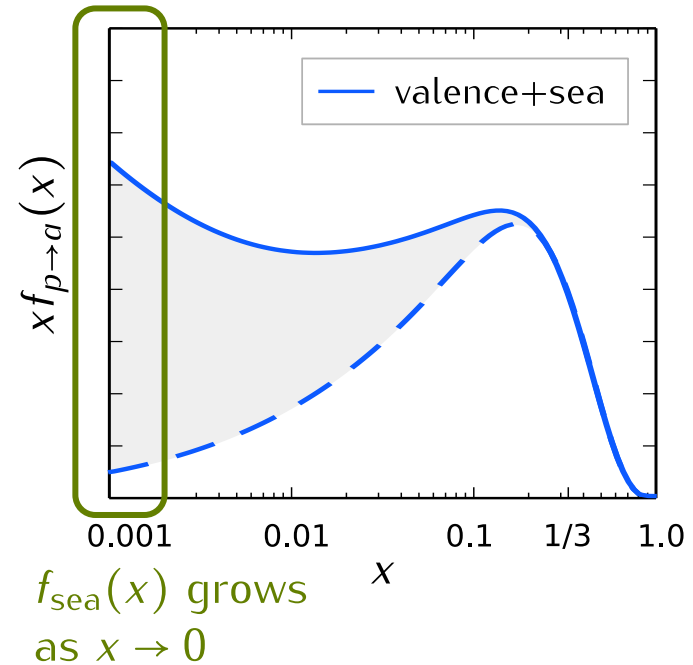
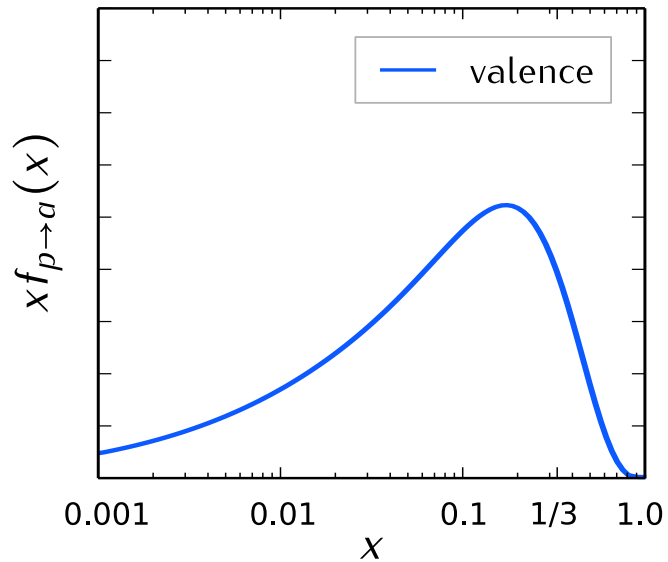


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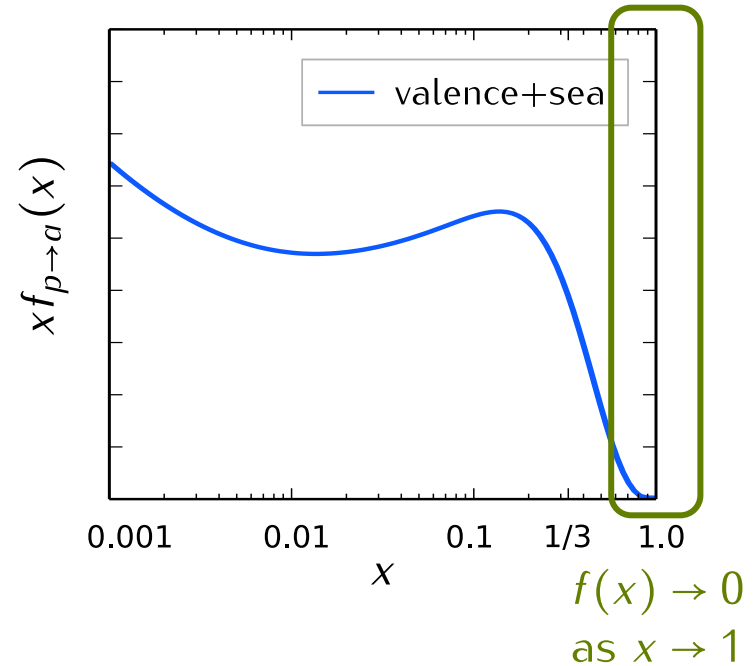
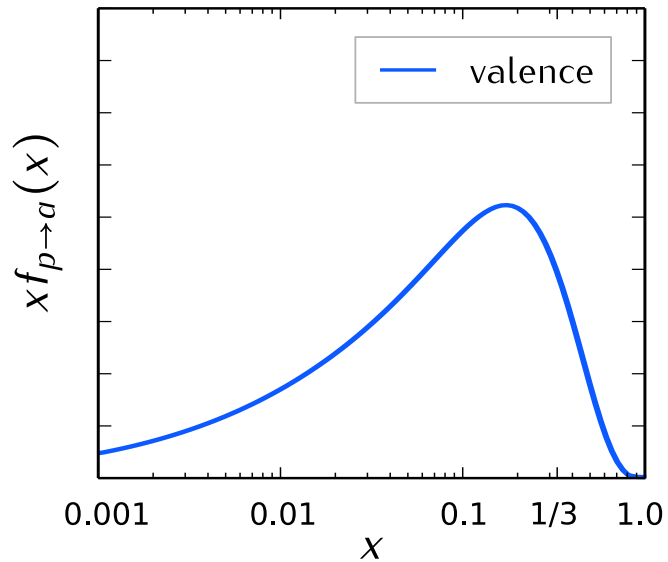


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$$\int_0^1 dx \underbrace{[f_u(x) - f_{\bar{u}}(x)]}_{u\text{-valence distr.}} = 2 \qquad \int_0^1 dx \underbrace{[f_d(x) - f_{\bar{d}}(x)]}_{d\text{-valence distr.}} = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 dx [f_s(x) - f_{\bar{s}}(x)] = \int_0^1 dx [f_c(x) - f_{\bar{c}}(x)] = 0$$

- ▶ ...and *momentum* sum rules

$$\sum_{i=q,\bar{q},g} \int_0^1 dx x f_i(x) = 1$$

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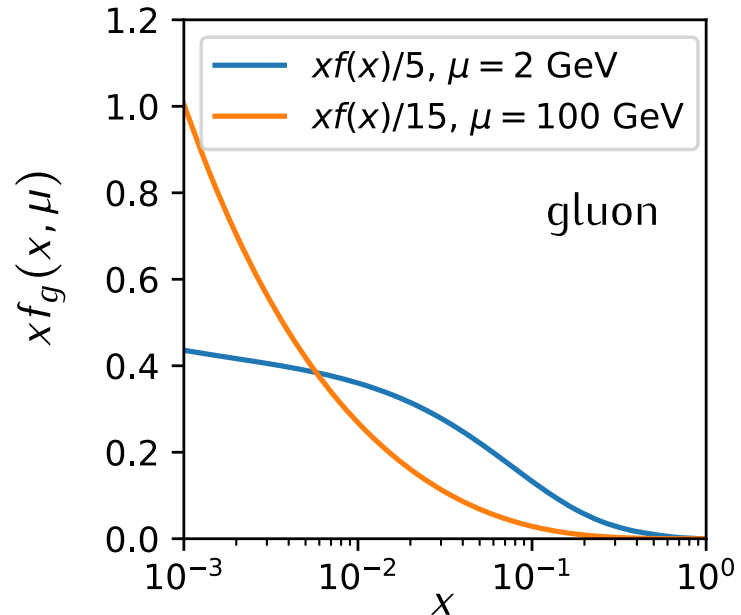
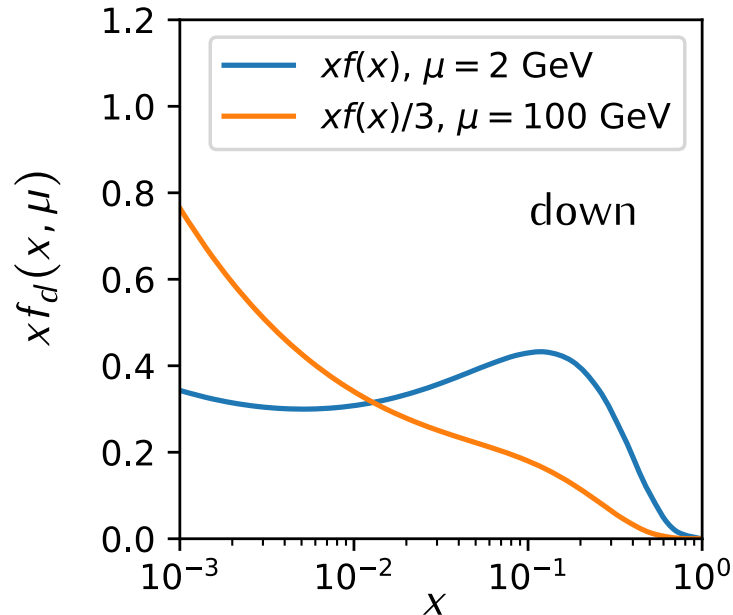
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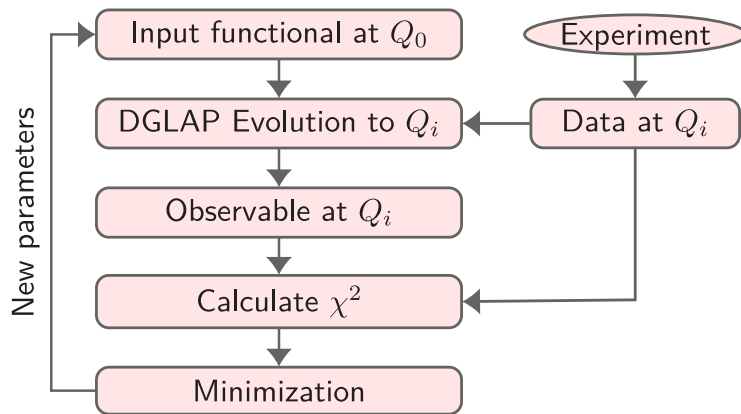
- ▶ Reduces valence and increases sea
- ▶ Mixes flavours

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- $x$  dependence not calculable in pQCD:<sup>a</sup>
  - ▶ assume parametrization<sup>b</sup> in  $x$  at a chosen input scale  $Q_0$ :

$$xf_i(x, Q_0) = N(1-x)^{p_{i,1}} x^{p_{i,2}} P(x, p_{i,3}, \dots)$$

- ▶ set  $p_{i,j}$ , calculate theoretical predictions, compare to data, iterate:



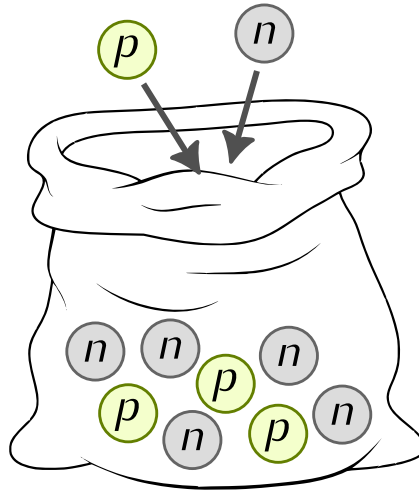
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{ij} (D_i - T_i)(C^{-1})_{ij}(D_j - T_j)$$

<sup>a</sup>Calculable in lattice QCD in near future?

<sup>b</sup>NNPDF collaboration use NN to avoid parametrization bias.

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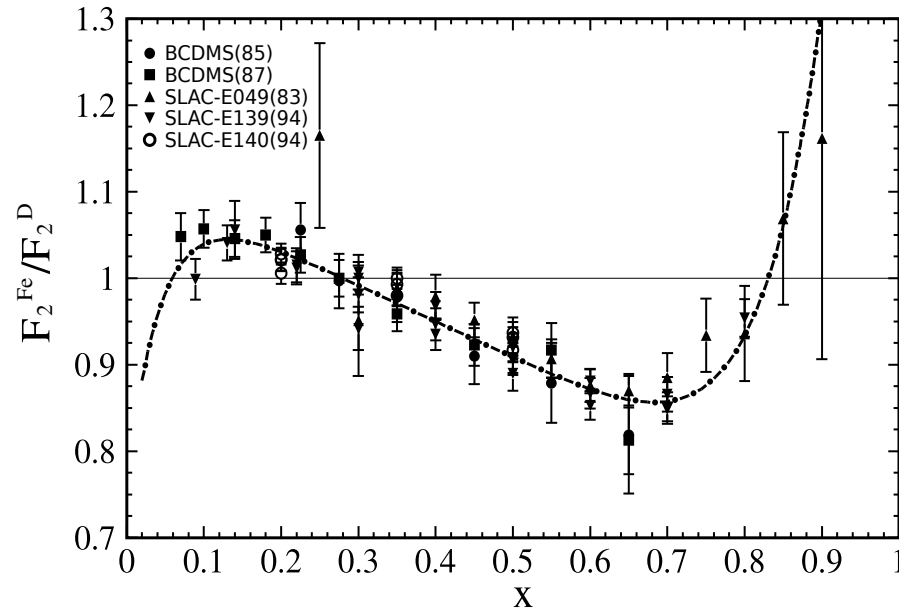
- Free nucleon approximation:



$$Af^A(x, \mu) \stackrel{?}{=} Zf^p(x, \mu) + Nf^n(x, \mu)$$

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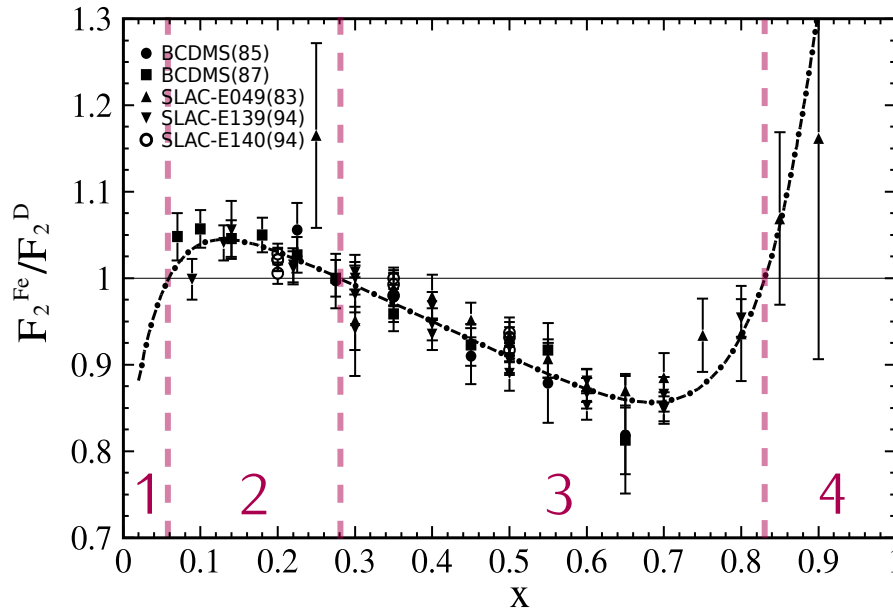


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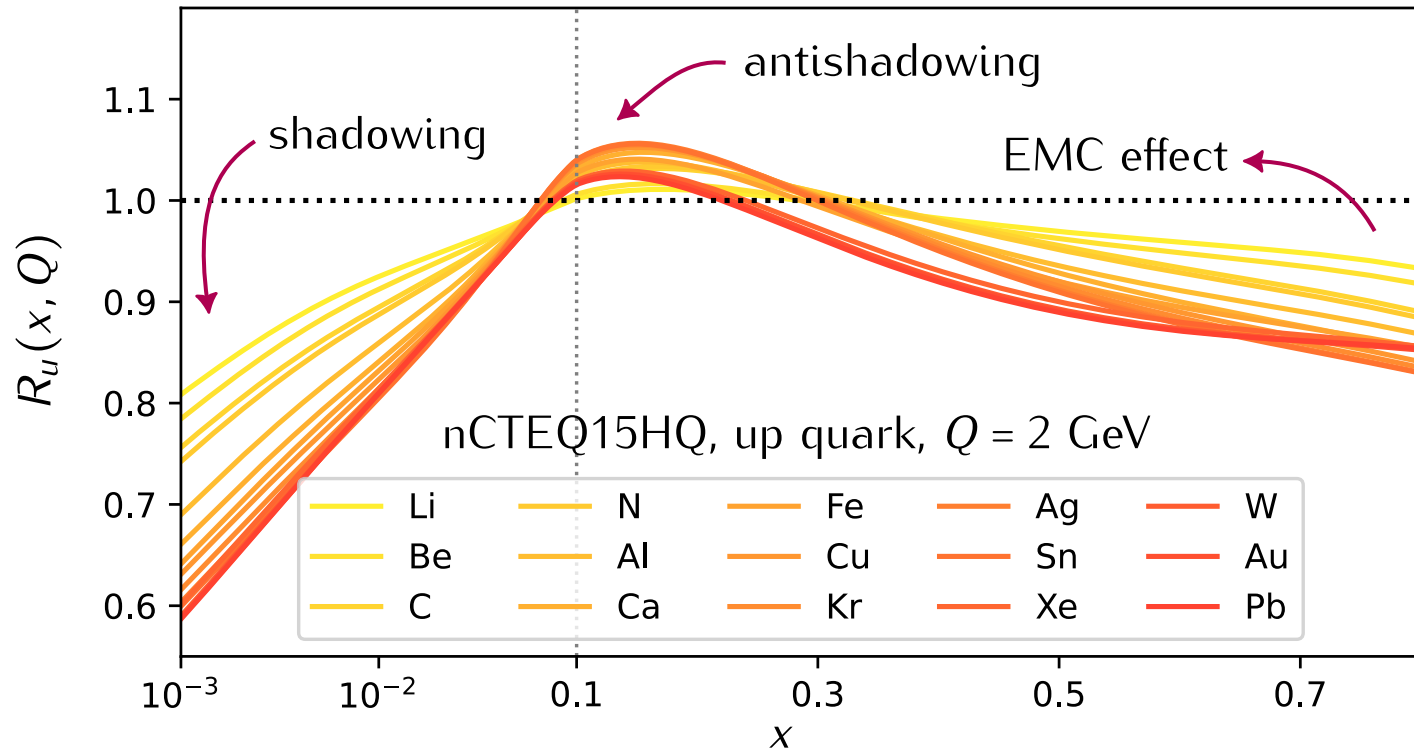


- ▶ 1 shadowing
- ▶ 2 anti-shadowing
- ▶ 3 EMC effect
- ▶ 4 Fermi motion

- ▶ Underlying dynamics still to be fully theoretically understood
- ▶ Can be parametrized and incorporated into nPDF fits

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- Nuclear modification can be incorporated into the PDF framework:
  - ▶ Introduce the notion of bound proton PDF for flavour  $i$ :  $f_i^{p/A}(x, \mu, A)$
  - ▶  $x \in (0, A)$ , but  $x > 1$  region typically negligible
  - ▶  $f_i^{p/A}$  fulfils the usual evolution equations and sum rules
  - ▶  $f_i^{n/A}$  from isospin symmetry, i.e.  $f_{d,u}^{n/A} = f_{u,d}^{p/A}$

$$f_i^{(A,Z)}(x, \mu) = \frac{Z}{A} f_i^{p/A}(x, \mu, A) + \frac{A-Z}{A} f_i^{n/A}(x, \mu, A)$$

- ▶  $f_i^{(A,Z)}$  replaces  $f_i^p$  in the factorization formula<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Proof of factorization for collisions of nuclei not yet available.

# Global analyses of nPDFs

## ● EPPS

- EKS98: [hep-ph/9807297](#)
- EKPS07: [hep-ph/0703104](#)
- EPS08: [0802.0139](#)
- EPS09: [0902.4154](#)
- EPPS16: [1612.05741](#)
- EPPS21: [2112.12462](#)

## ● nNNPDF

- nNNPDF1.0: [1904.00018](#)
- nNNPDF2.0: [2006.14629](#)
- nNNPDF3.0: [2201.12363](#)

## ● nCTEQ

- nCTEQ09: [0907.2357](#)
- nCTEQ15: [1509.00792](#)
- nCTEQ15WZ: [2007.09100](#)
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- nCTEQ15HQ: [2204.09982](#)
- nCTEQ15WZSIHdeut: [2204.13157](#)
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## ● TUJU

- TUJU19: [1908.03355](#)
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## ● KA

- KA15: [1601.00939](#)
- KSASG20: [2010.00555](#)

## ● nDS

- nDS03: [hep-ph/0311227](#)
- DSSZ12: [1112.6324](#)

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Extract from a table by P. Paakinen

	KSASG	nCTEQ	TUJU	EPPS	nNNPDF
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Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	$\sim$ CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL

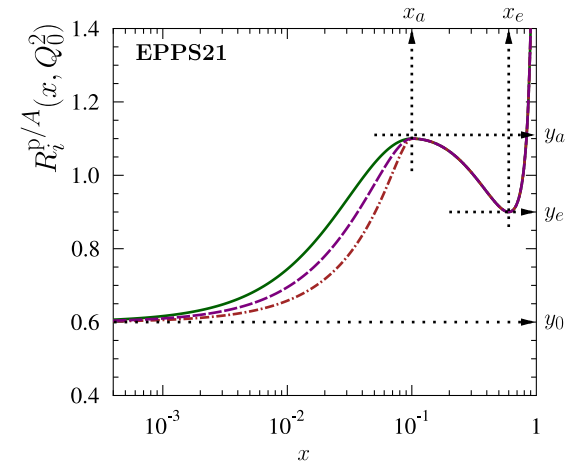
- Have in common: collinear factorisation, DGLAG evolution, sum rules, pQCD observables\*,  $\chi^2$  minimization, isospin symmetry,  $x > 1$  region neglected, ...
- Differ in:
  - ▶ **Parametrization:**  $R$  vs.  $f^A$ ; proton baseline; functional form vs. neural nets
  - ▶ **Data selection:** processes; cuts; correlations; normalisations
  - ▶ **Error analysis:** Hessian vs. monte carlo replicas;  $\Delta\chi^2$  tolerance; proton baseline uncertainties
  - ▶ **Other:** inputs ( $m_c$ ,  $m_b$ ,  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$ , ...); heavy flavour scheme; deuteron treatment; target mass corrections; **perturbative order**; ...

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$$R_i^A(x, Q_0^2) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(x - x_a) \left[ e^{-x a_2/x_a} - e^{-a_2} \right], & x \leq x_a \\ b_0 x^{b_1} (1-x)^{b_2} e^{x b_3}, & x_a \leq x \leq x_e \\ c_0 + c_1 (c_2 - x) (1-x)^{-\beta}, & x_e \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$y_i(A) = 1 + \left[ y_i(A_{\text{ref}}) - 1 \right] \left( \frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\gamma_i}$$



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$$F \in \{\Sigma^{(p/A)}, T_3^{(p/A)}, T_8^{(p/A)}, V^{(p/A)}, V_3^{(p/A)}, g^{(p/A)}\}$$



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e.g. in nCTEQ15

$$x f_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1-x)^{c_2} e^{c_3 x} (1 + e^{c_4 x})^{c_5}$$
$$c_k \rightarrow c_k(A) \equiv p_k + a_k (1 - A^{-b_k})$$

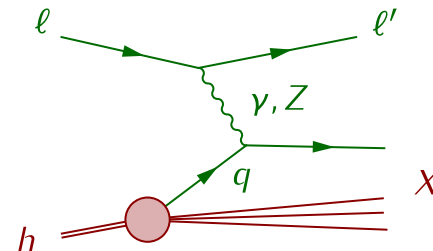
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- Data selection: discussed in the next few slides

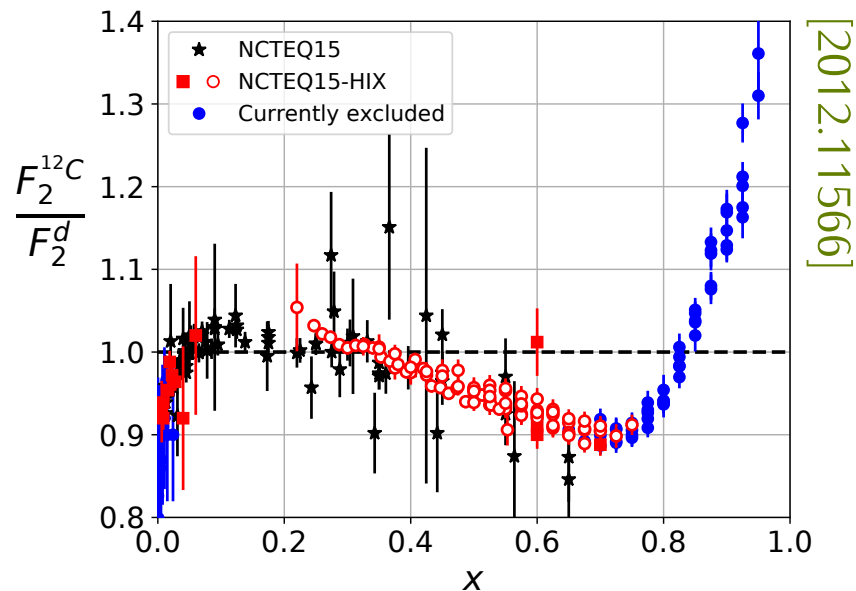
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[nCTEQ coll., Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 11, 114015]

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15HIX
NC DIS tot <sup>a</sup>	1274	459	1078	451	1227
JLAB only	199	-	160	-	336



- Traditionally the bulk of data in nPDF analyses
- Constraints valence distributions across a broad  $x$  range
- NEW! JLab CLAS and Hall C data
  - ▶ Maps out the high- $x$  EMC region very precisely

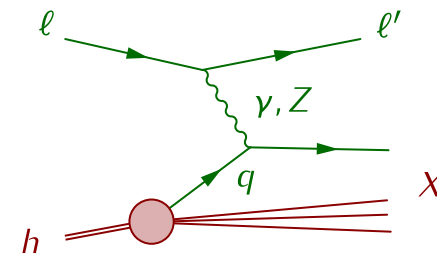


<sup>a</sup>Deuteron data excluded.

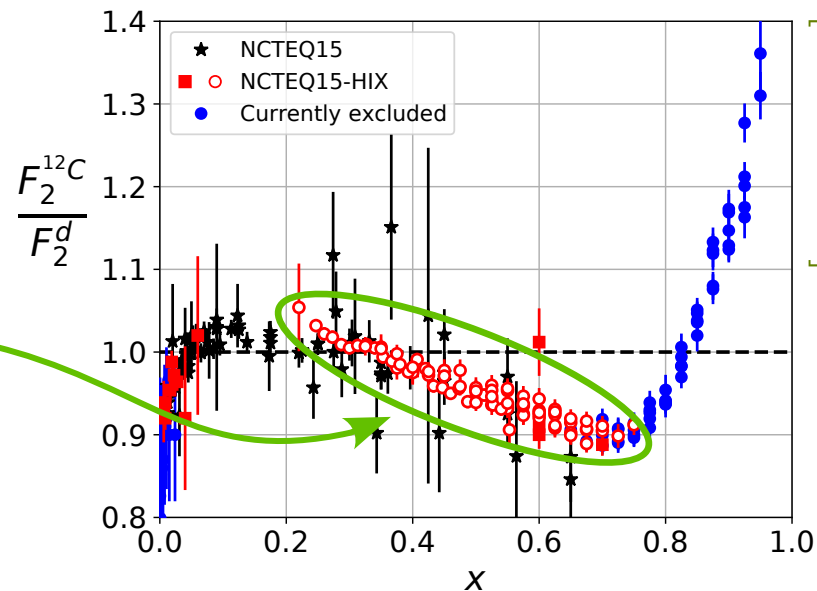
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[nCTEQ coll., Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 11, 114015]

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15HIX
NC DIS tot <sup>a</sup>	1274	459	1078	451	1227
JLAB only	199	-	160	-	336



- Traditionally the bulk of data in nPDF analyses
- Constraints valence distributions across a broad  $x$  range
- NEW! JLab CLAS and Hall C data
  - ▶ Maps out the high- $x$  EMC region very precisely

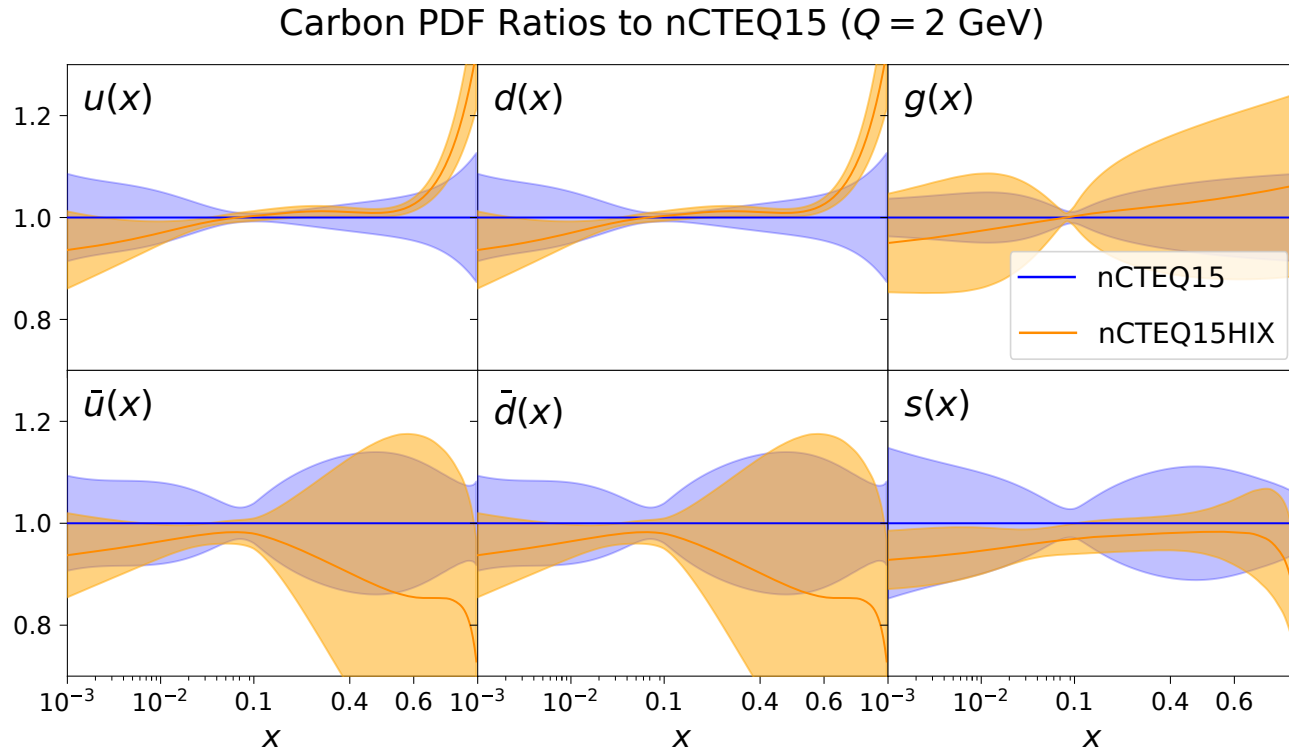


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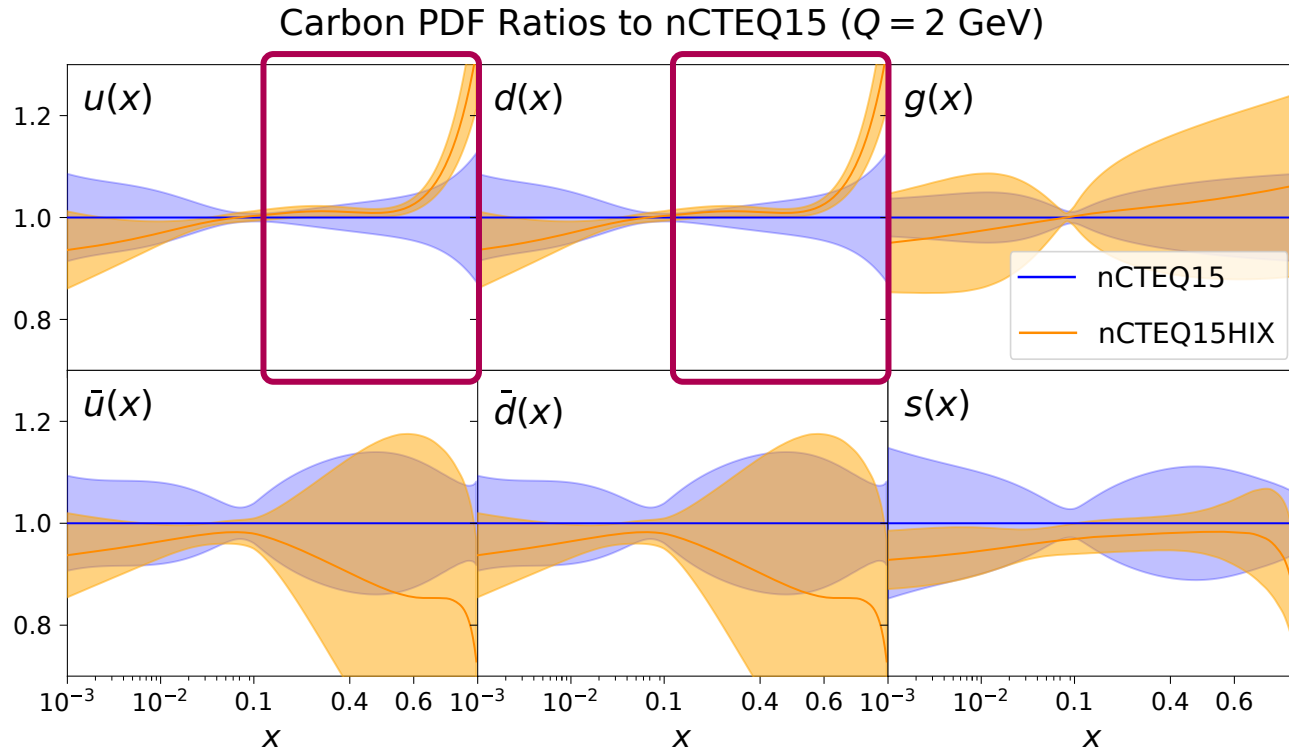
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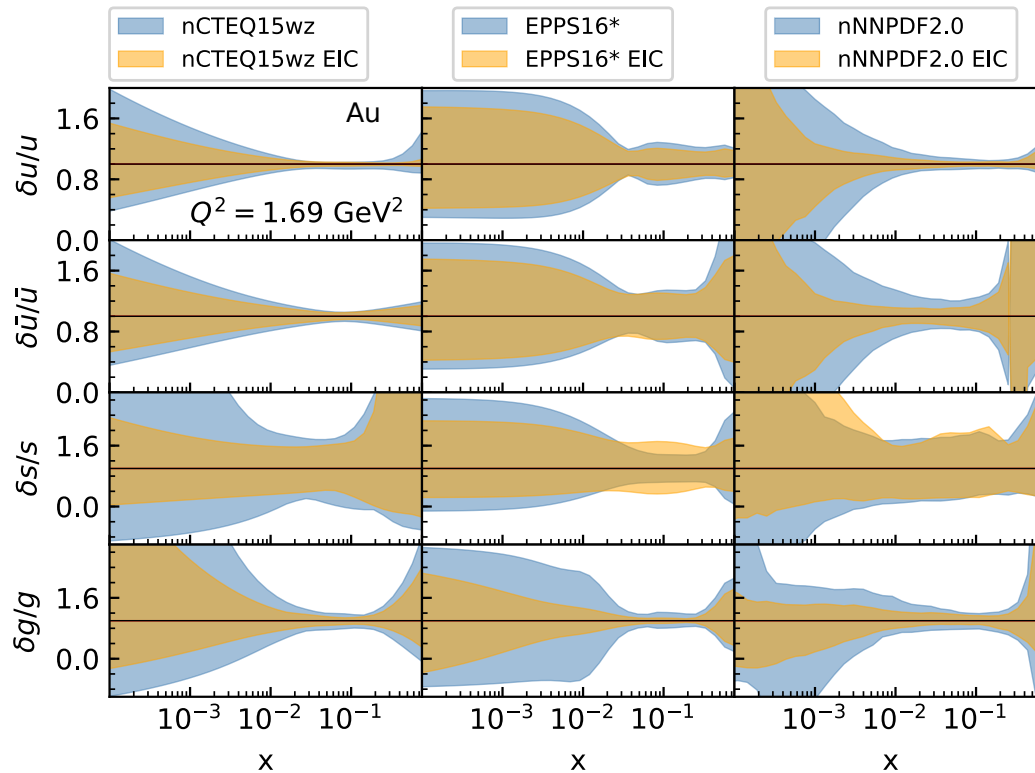


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# Data: Future Neutral current DIS @ EIC

[Nucl.Phys.A 1026 (2022) 122447]

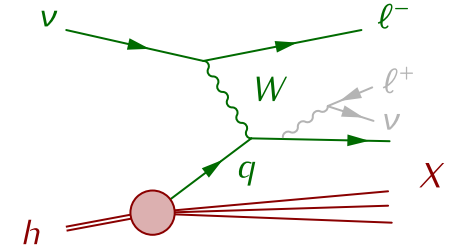
- A reweighting study: remarkable reduction of uncertainties across the board



# Data: Charged current DIS

[nCTEQ coll., Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 7, 074004]

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15BDC <sup>a</sup>
CC DIS	2458	1736	824	922	974
di-muon only	-	-	-	76	150



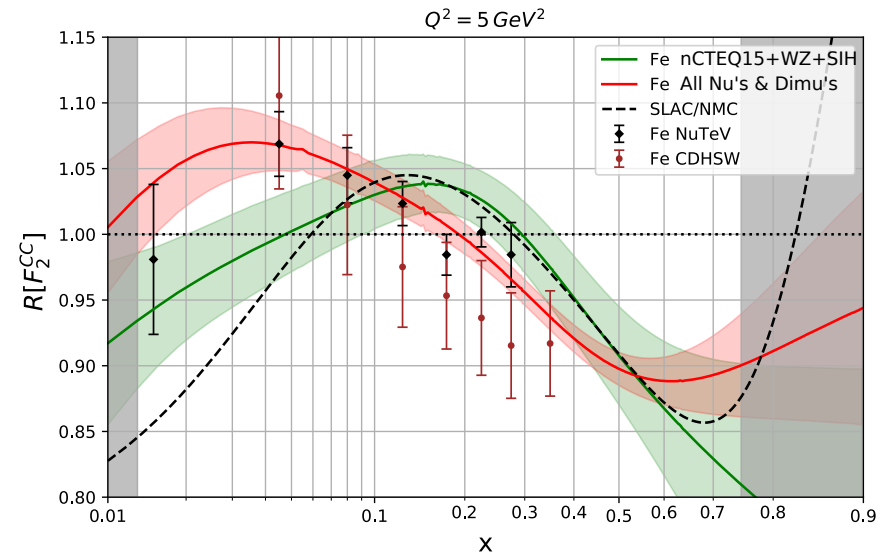
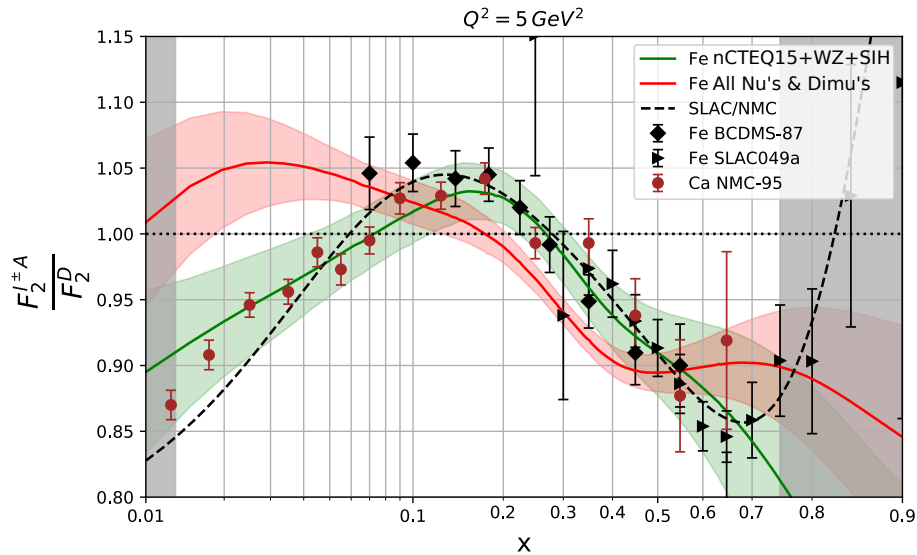
- Important for flavour separation
- Constrains strange distribution
- Remarkably abundant and precise, but not universally included
  - ▶ Chorus (824 pts): mostly included
  - ▶ CDHSW (930 pts): sometimes included
  - ▶ CCFR & NuTeV (4343 pts): mostly excluded

<sup>a</sup>nCTEQ15BaseDimuChorus



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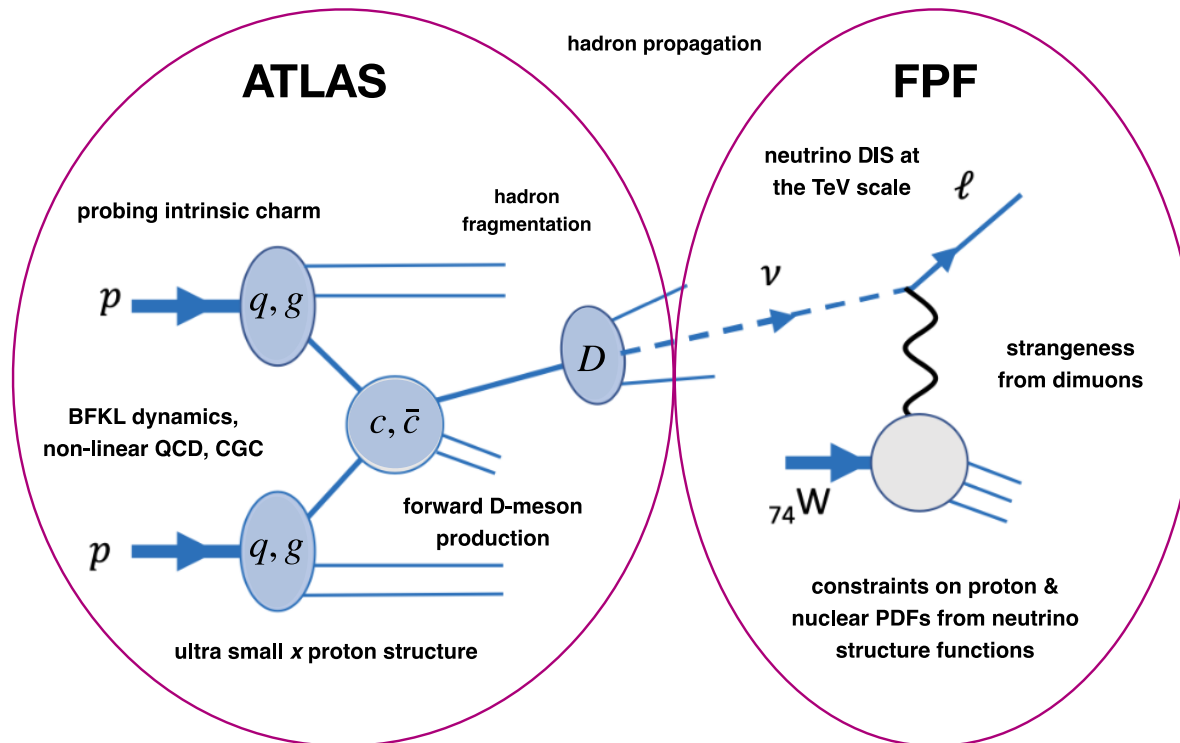


- NuTeV, CCFR and CDHSW data in tension with NC DIS data. Dropping correlations alleviates the tension but doesn't resolve it.

# Data: Future Charged current DIS @ FPF

[J.Phys.G 50 (2023) 3, 030501]

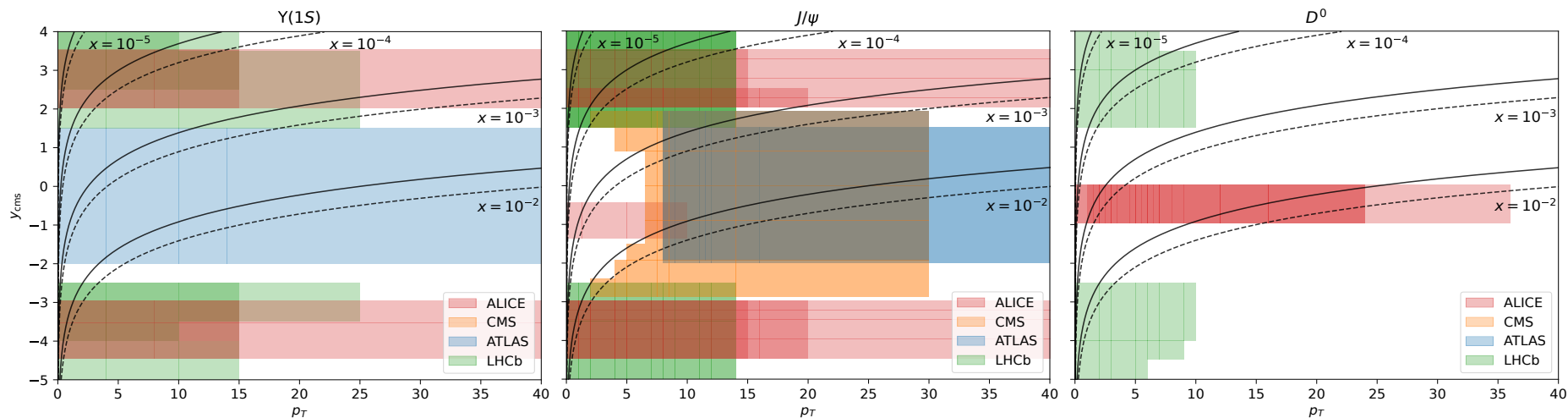
- Neutrino DIS with a biproduct neutrino beam from ATLAS



# Data: Heavy quark production

[nCTEQ Coll., Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 11, 114043]

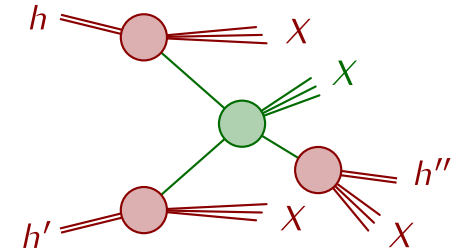
- In  $y - p_T$  plane,  $x \sim 2p_T \exp(-y)/\sqrt{s}$ :



# Data: Heavy quark production

[nCTEQ Coll., Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 11, 114043]

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15HQ
open HF	-	-	48	37	82
quarkonia	-	-	-	-	466

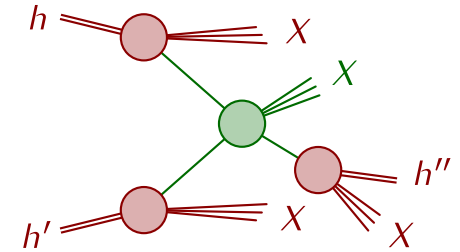


- Unprecedented low  $x$  reach
- Two very different production modes
  - ▶ Open heavy flavour production:  $D$
  - ▶ Quarkonia production:  $J/\psi, \Upsilon(1S), \psi(2S)$
- EPPS: only open HF, pQCD prediction with fragmentation
- nNNPDF: only open HF, rwgt using pQCD prediction with GPMC hadronization
- nCTEQ: open HF and quarkonia, data driven approach based on a ME fit

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Data-driven approach (Crystal Ball function):

$$\overline{|\mathcal{A}_{gg \rightarrow Q+X}|^2} = \frac{\lambda^2 \kappa \hat{s}}{M_Q^2} e^{a|y|} \times \begin{cases} e^{-\kappa \frac{p_T^2}{M_Q^2}} & \text{if } p_T \leq \langle p_T \rangle \\ e^{-\kappa \frac{\langle p_T \rangle^2}{M_Q^2}} \left( 1 + \frac{\kappa}{n} \frac{p_T^2 - \langle p_T \rangle^2}{M_Q^2} \right)^{-n} & \text{if } p_T > \langle p_T \rangle \end{cases}$$

- Originally proposed for  $J/\psi$  pairs and double parton scattering

[C.H. Kom, A. Kulesza, J. Stirling, PRL 107 (2011) 082002]

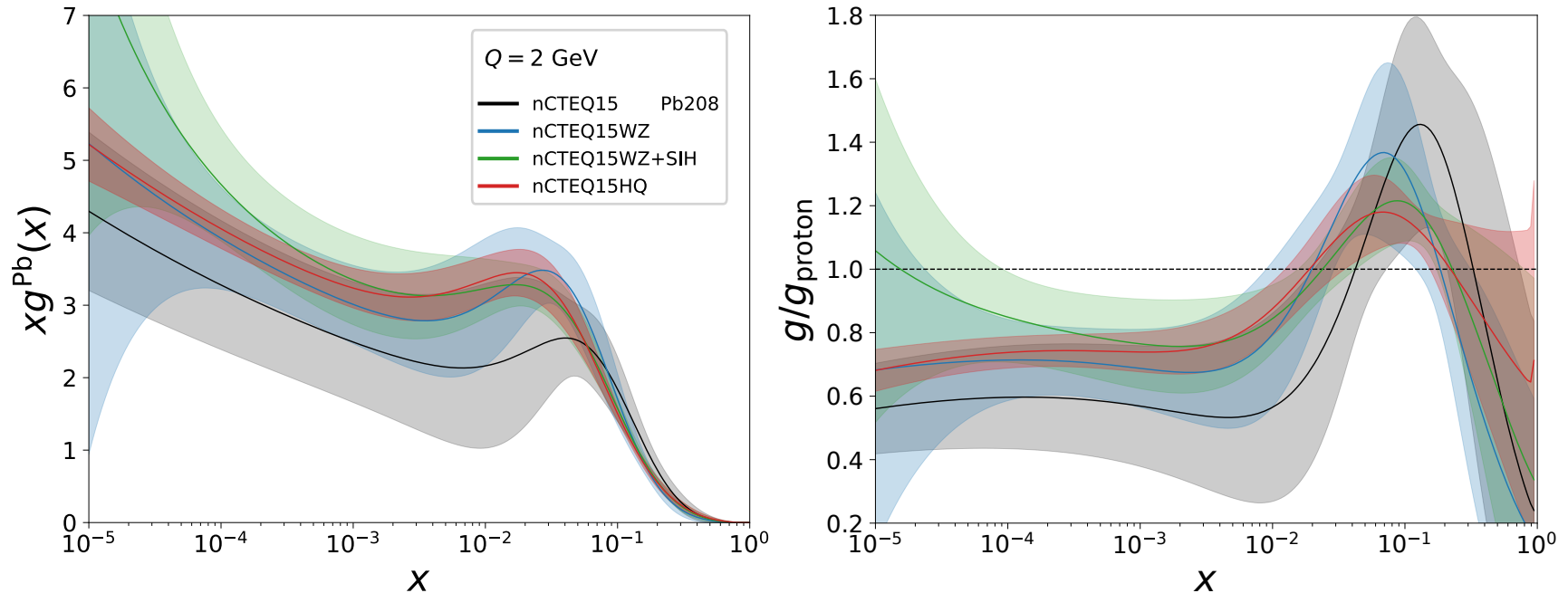
- Impact on nPDFs demonstrated with reweighting studies

[A. Kusina, J.P. Lansberg, I. Schienbein, H.S. Shao, PRL 121 (2018) 052004 and PRD 104 (2021) 014010]

- New rapidity dependence allows to cover also LHCb data

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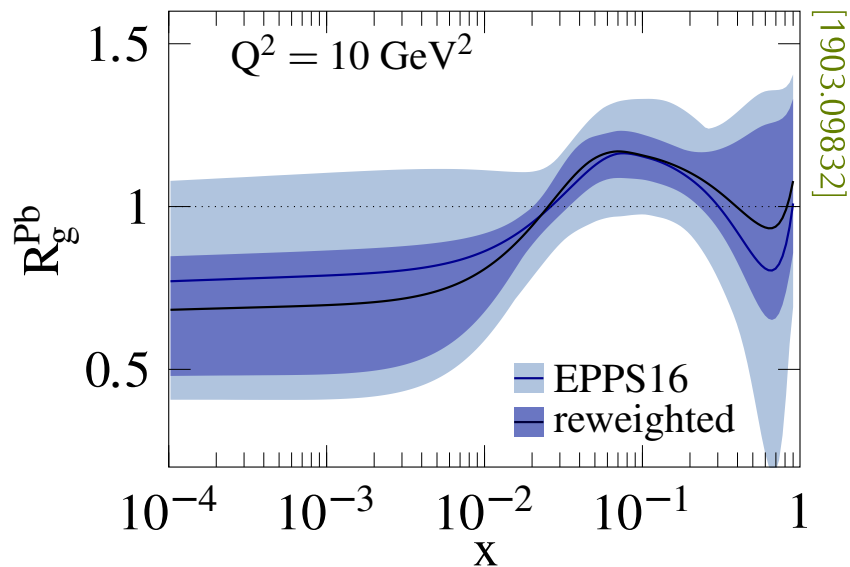
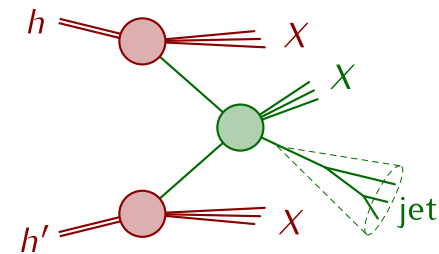


- Impressive reduction of uncertainties down to  $x \sim 10^{-5}$

# Data: Jet production

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15HQ
dijet	-	-	83	84	-

- Great potential to constrain gluon distribution at low  $x$



# Data: Jet production

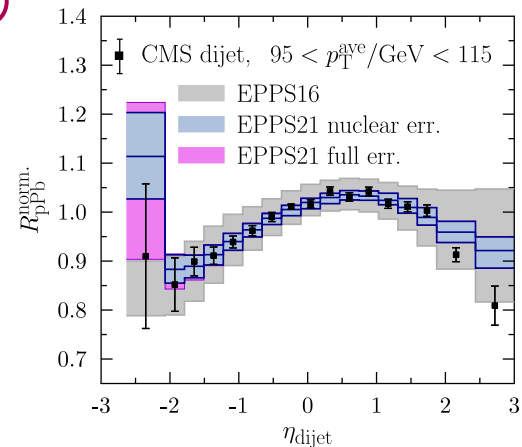
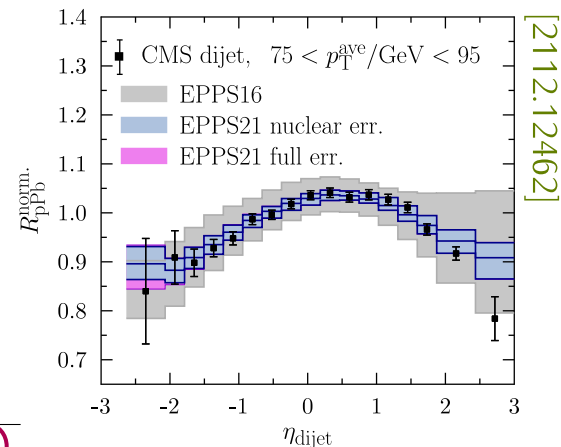
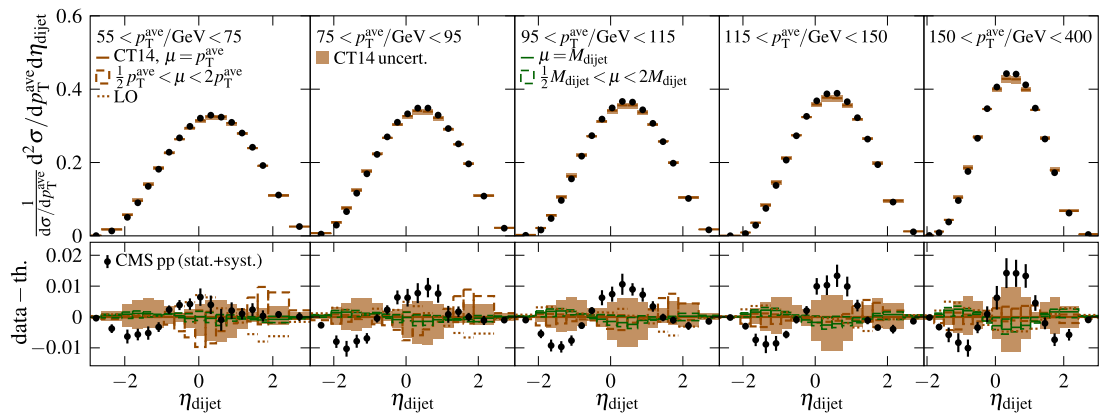
- pPb/pp ratios described well

Experiment	Observable	Collisions	Data points	$\chi^2$
CERN CMS	dijet	pPb(208)	83	123.81

Dataset	$n_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi^2/n_{\text{dat}}$
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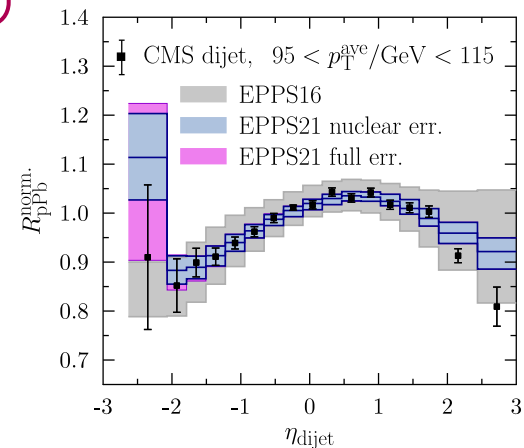
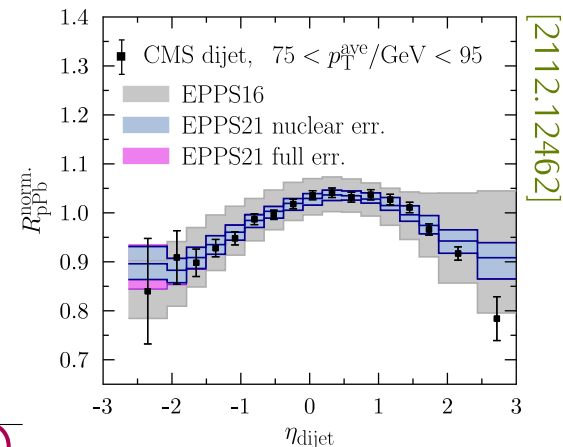
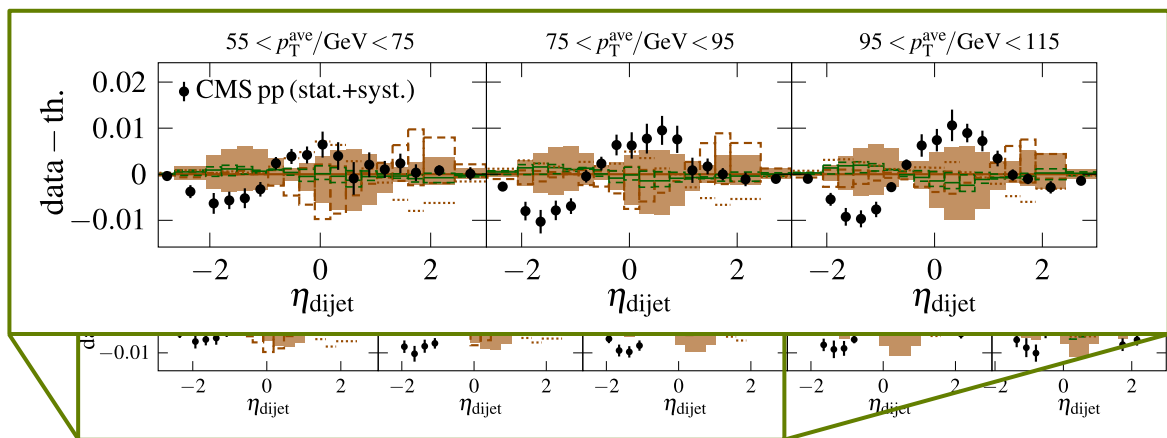
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► nNNPDF:

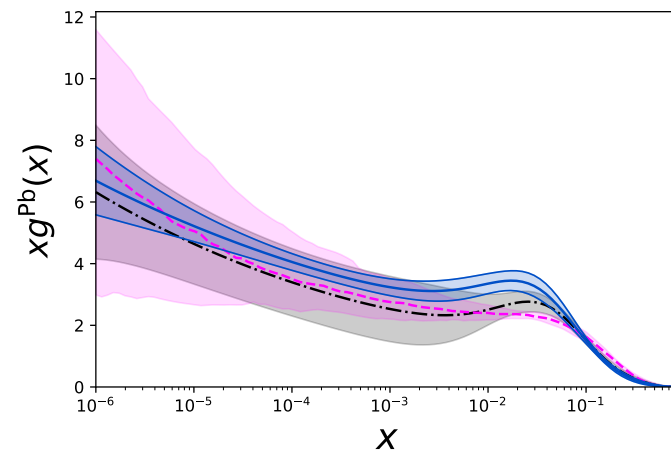
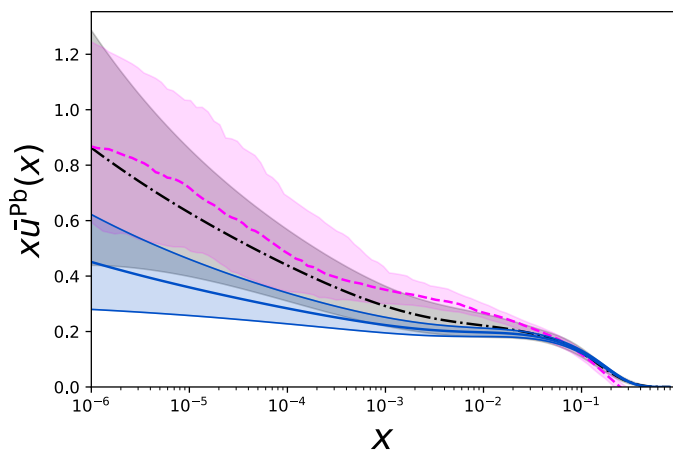
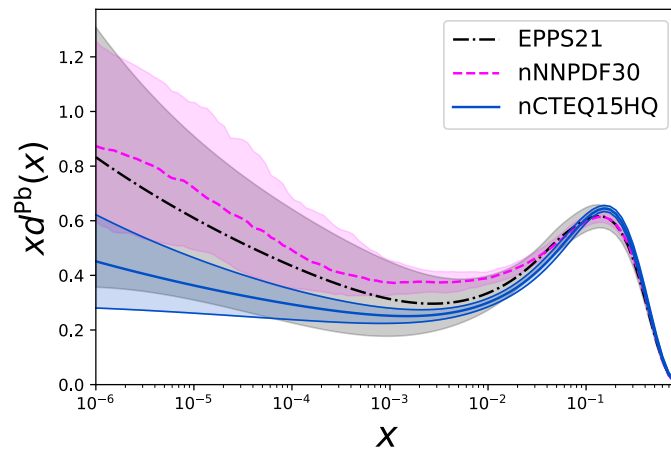
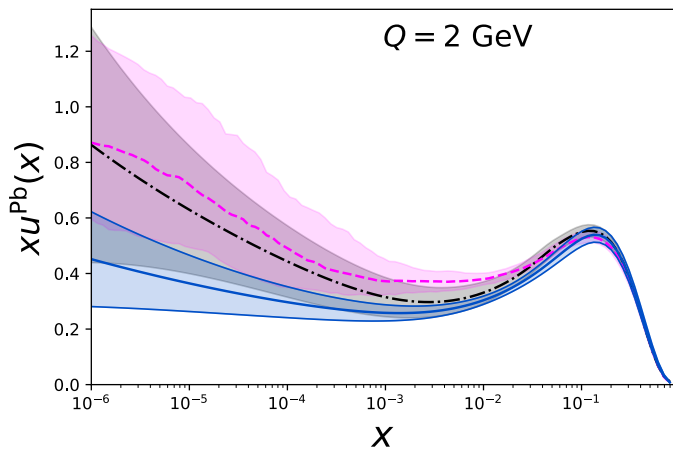
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- | Dataset                             | $n_{\text{dat}}$ | $\chi^2/n_{\text{dat}}$ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| CMS dijet pPb $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV | 85               | [13.96]                 |



# Data: not covered today

- Fixed Target DY ( $n_{\text{dat}} \sim 100$ ) and LHC  $W, Z$  ( $n_{\text{dat}} \sim 150$ ) production
  - ▶ Important for strange distribution, also constrains gluon
  - ▶ Included in most analyses
- Single inclusive light flavours ( $n_{\text{dat}} \sim 300$ )
  - ▶ Gluon dominated at LHC
  - ▶ Almost 2/3 points in a very low  $p_T$  difficult to describe
  - ▶ Analysed by nCTEQ and also partly by EPPS
- Direct photon production ( $n_{\text{dat}} \sim 50$ )
  - ▶ Should provide extra handle on gluon
  - ▶ pPb/pp ratio described well, absolute pPb no that well
  - ▶ Included so far only in nNNPDF

# Comparison of nPDFs



# Summary and outlook

- I reviewed:
  - ▶ The frameworks used in most recent global analyses of nPDFs
  - ▶ Status on data inclusion
- New developments in the last ~two years:
  - ▶ Relaxed cuts
  - ▶ NC DIS: New JLAB CLASS and Hall-C data
  - ▶ CC DIS: Reanalysis confirms unreconcilable tension
  - ▶ New processes useful for gluon and low  $x$ :
    - ▷ Heavy quarks
    - ▷ Dijets
    - ▷ Direct photons
- Expected impact of selection of future data: EIC, FPF
- Overall: nPDF extraction is a very active field with a rich future ahead