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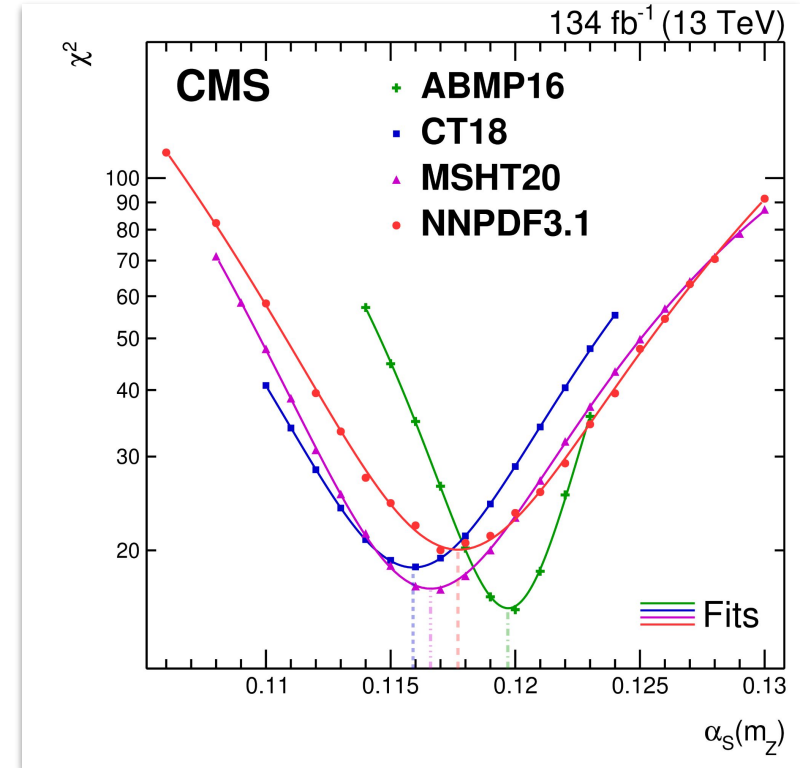
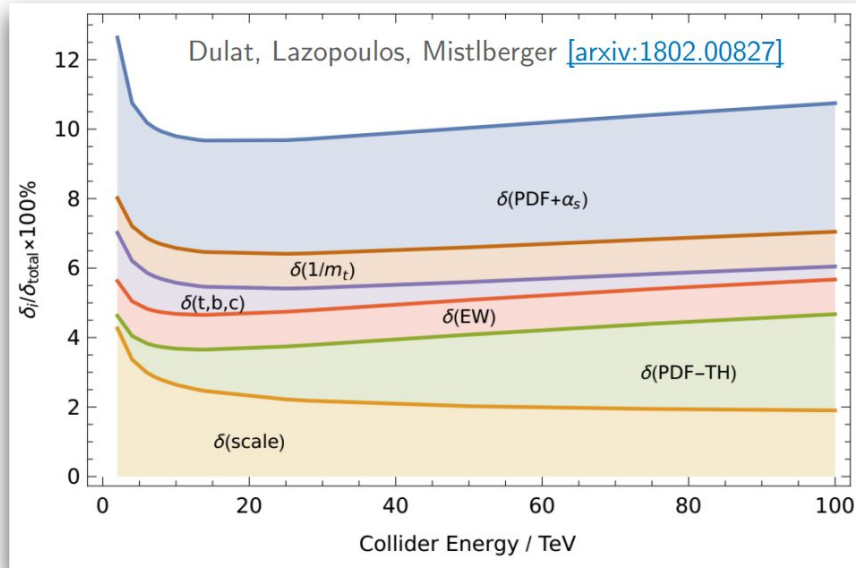
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# Recent results relevant for PDFs at low and high $x$ , saturation in pp and HI collisions from CMS

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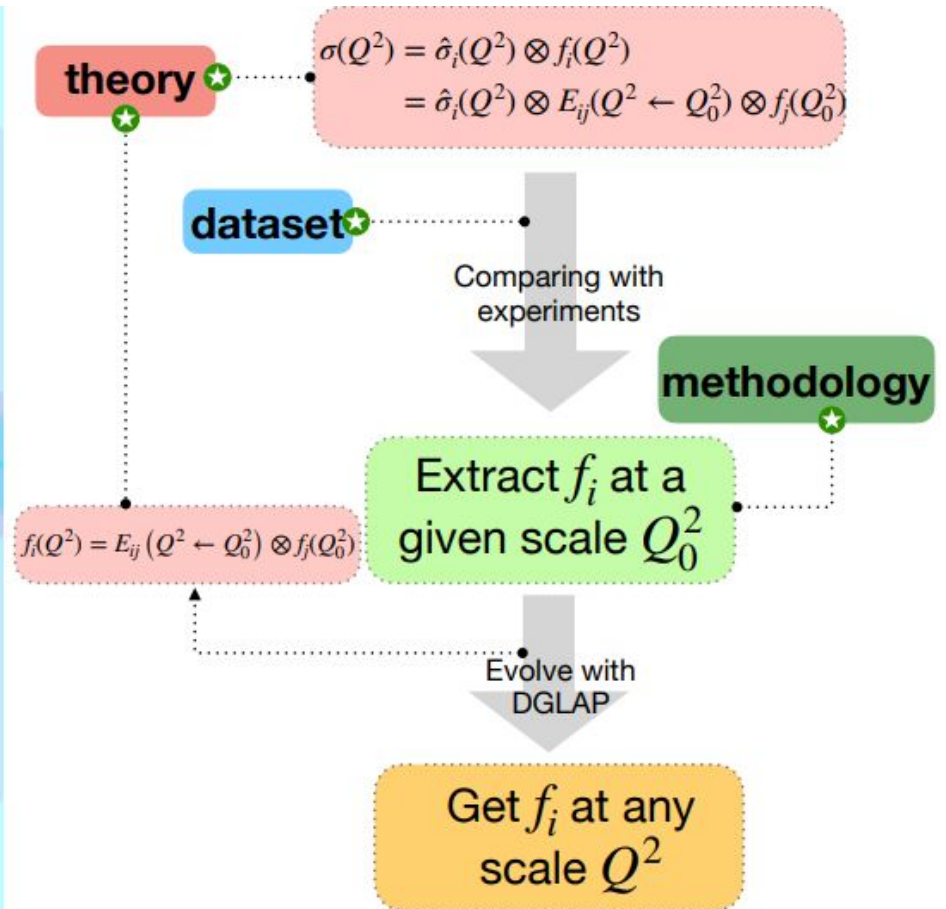
Diffraction and Low- $x$  2024

% Theory Uncertainties in  $pp \rightarrow H$  cross section



- Many  $2 \rightarrow 1$  processes available at  $N^3$  LO QCD
- PDF+ $\alpha_s$  uncertainties **bottleneck** for LHC precision
- Nontrivial differences in PDF sets

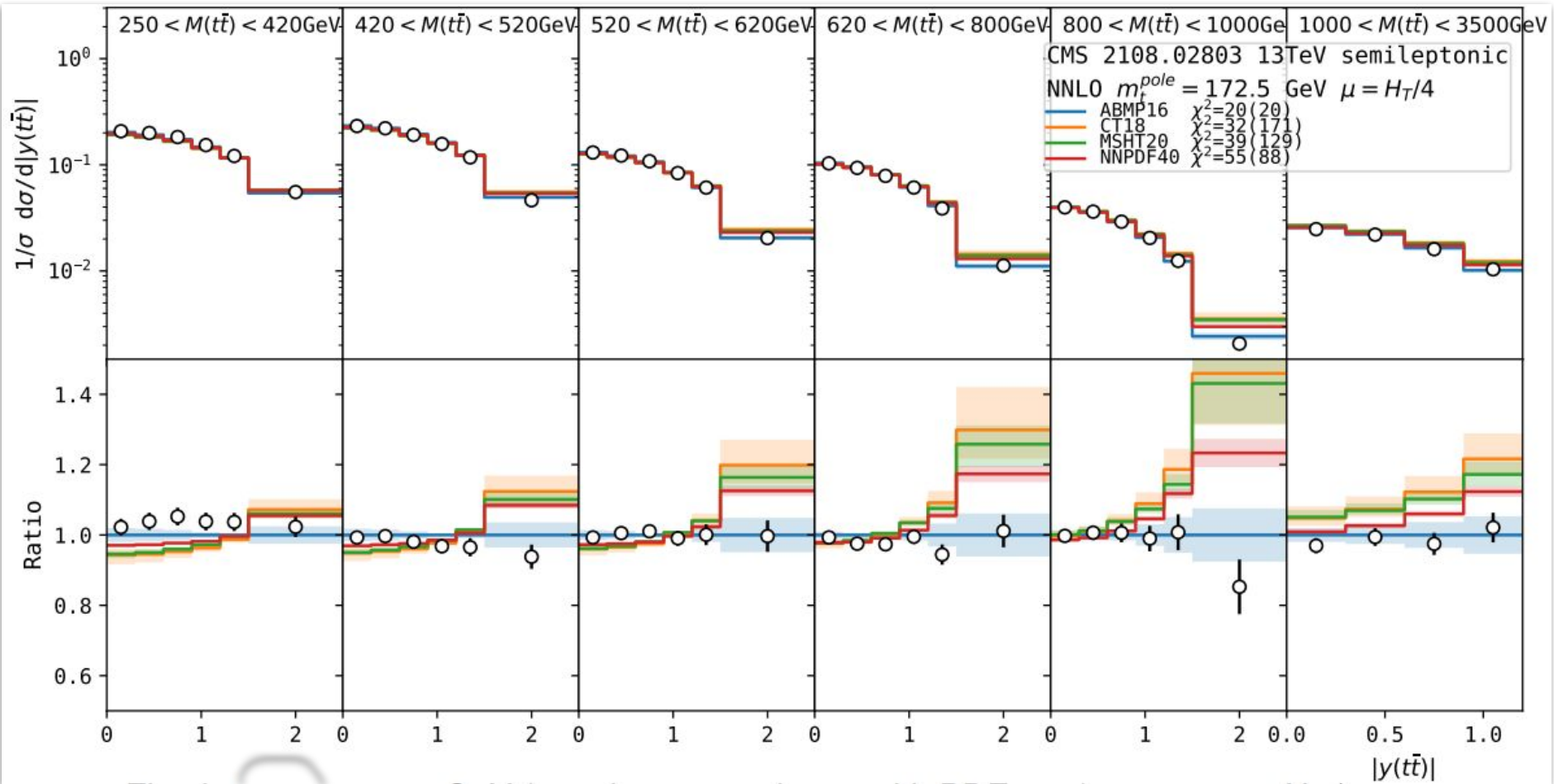
- How are the PDFs fitted?
- We have to define a **theory**
- We have to choose a **dataset**
- We have to choose a fitting **methodology**



- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  LO QCD PDFs become available
- QED effects comparable to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  LO QCD corrections
- To constrain gluons: heavy-quark and jet production

# Differential $t\bar{t}$ production

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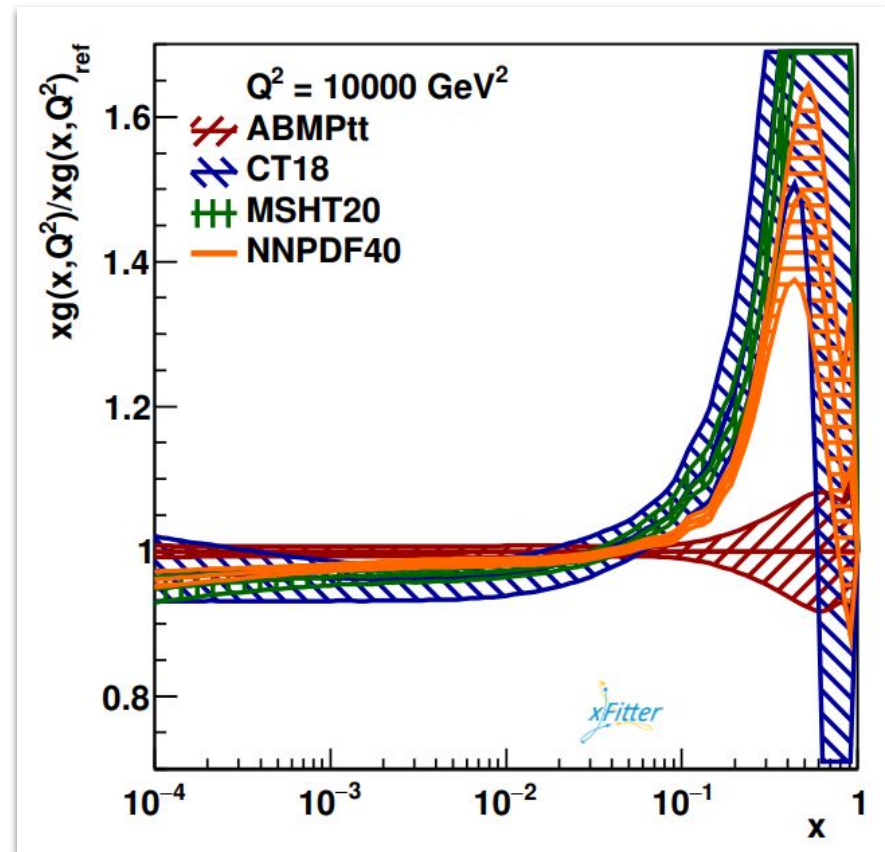
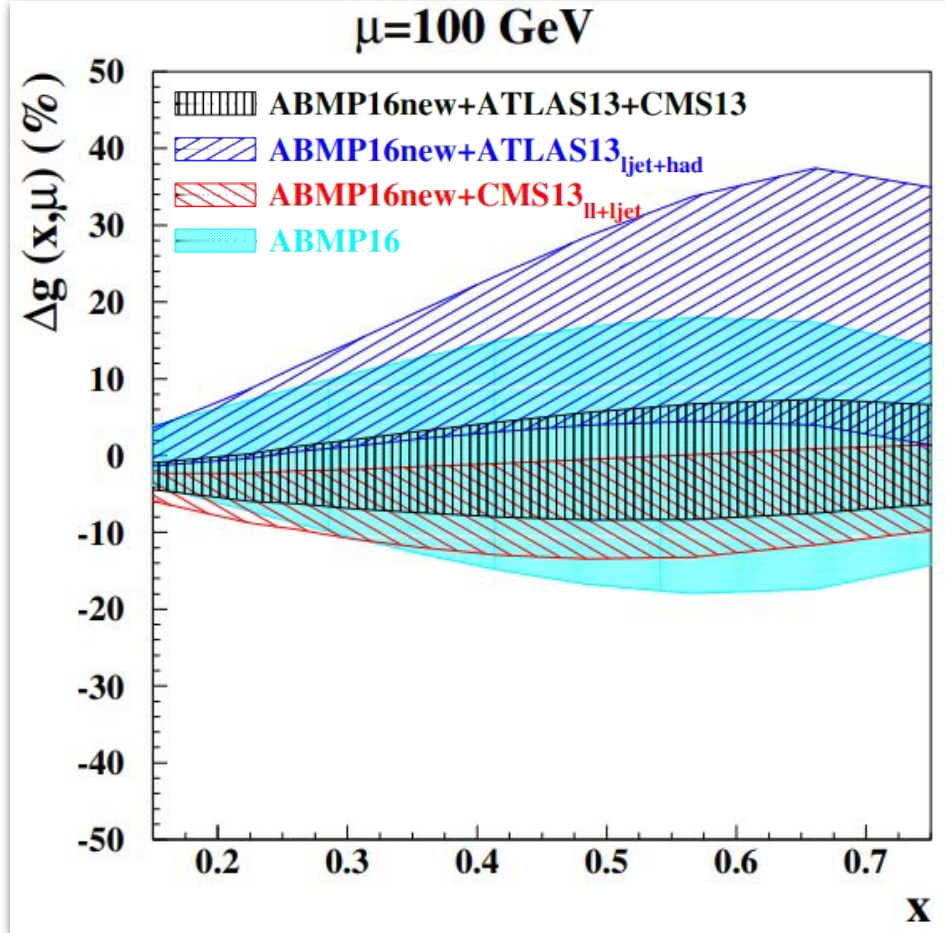


- PDF sets describe  $t\bar{t}$  data reasonably well
- Clear trend at high  $y$  (large  $x$ )



# Global fits with top quark data

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- Improvements when including tt and single t data
- Differences at high x among global fits persist

# Dijet topologies

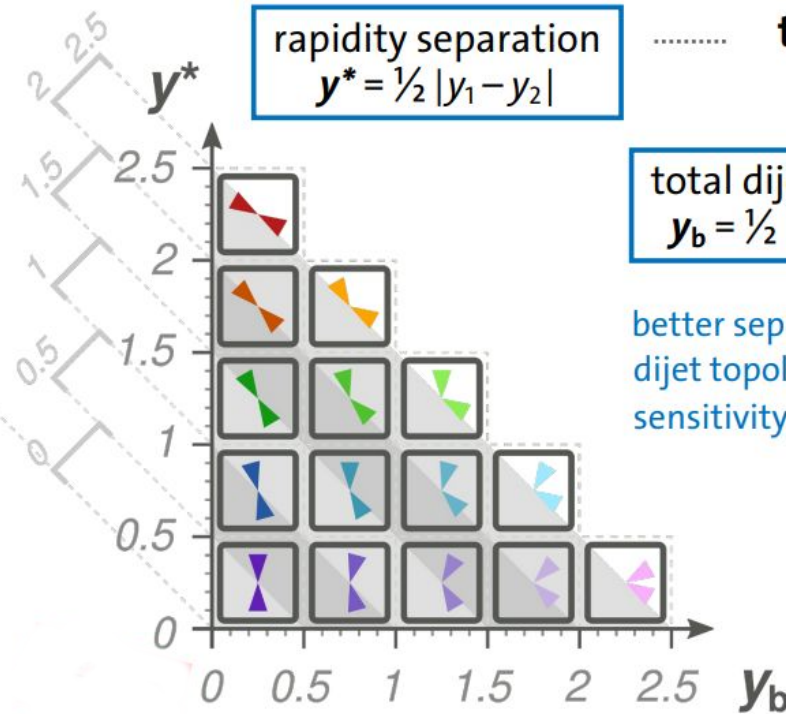
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double-differential (2D)

outer jet rapidity  
 $|y|_{\max} = \max(|y_1|, |y_2|)$

$m_{1,2}$

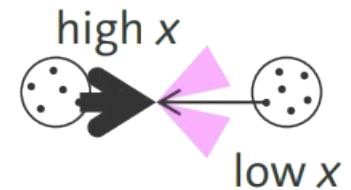
higher statistical precision due to more inclusive 2D binning



triple-differential (3D)

$m_{1,2}$  or  $\langle p_T \rangle_{1,2}$

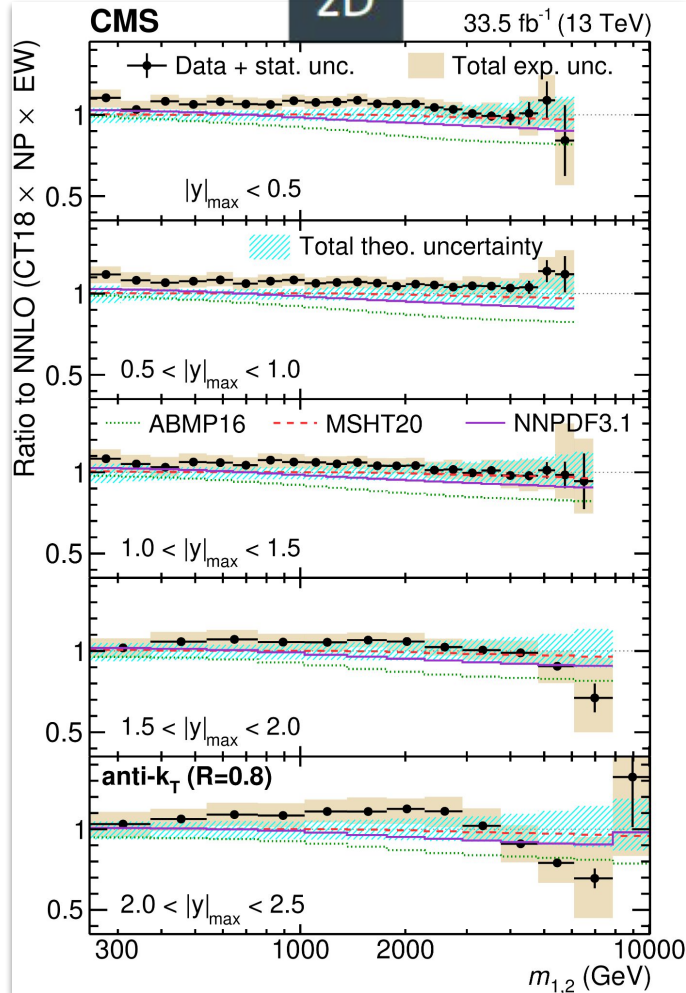
better separation of boosted and non-boosted dijet topologies  $\rightarrow$  potentially heightened sensitivity to PDFs



- Disentangling regions of different  $x \rightarrow$  PDF fits

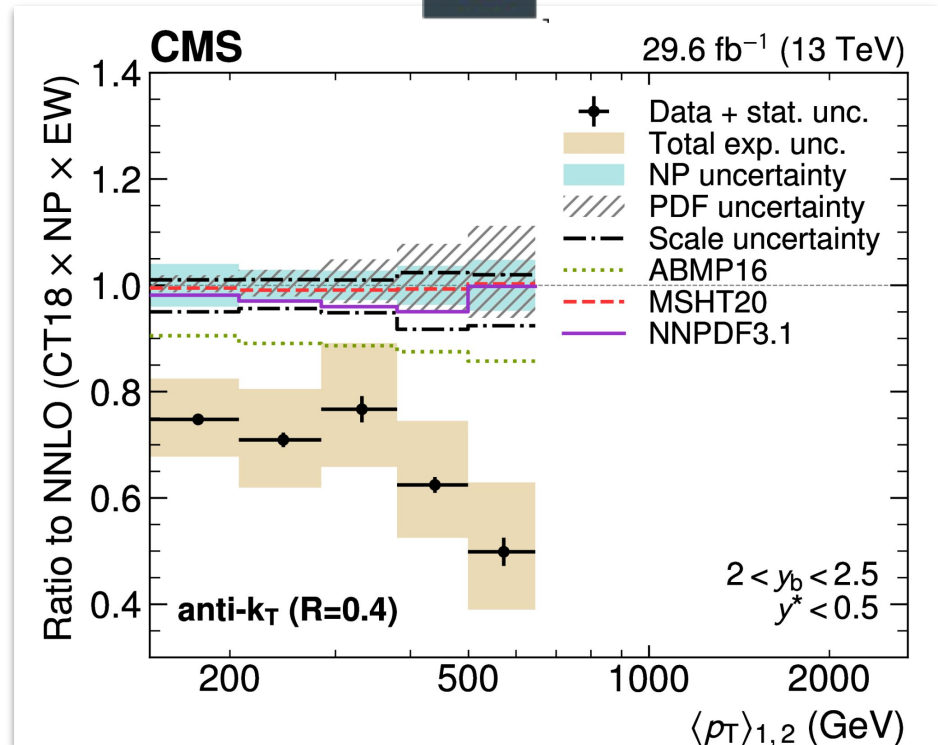
# 2D&3D dijet cross sections

2D



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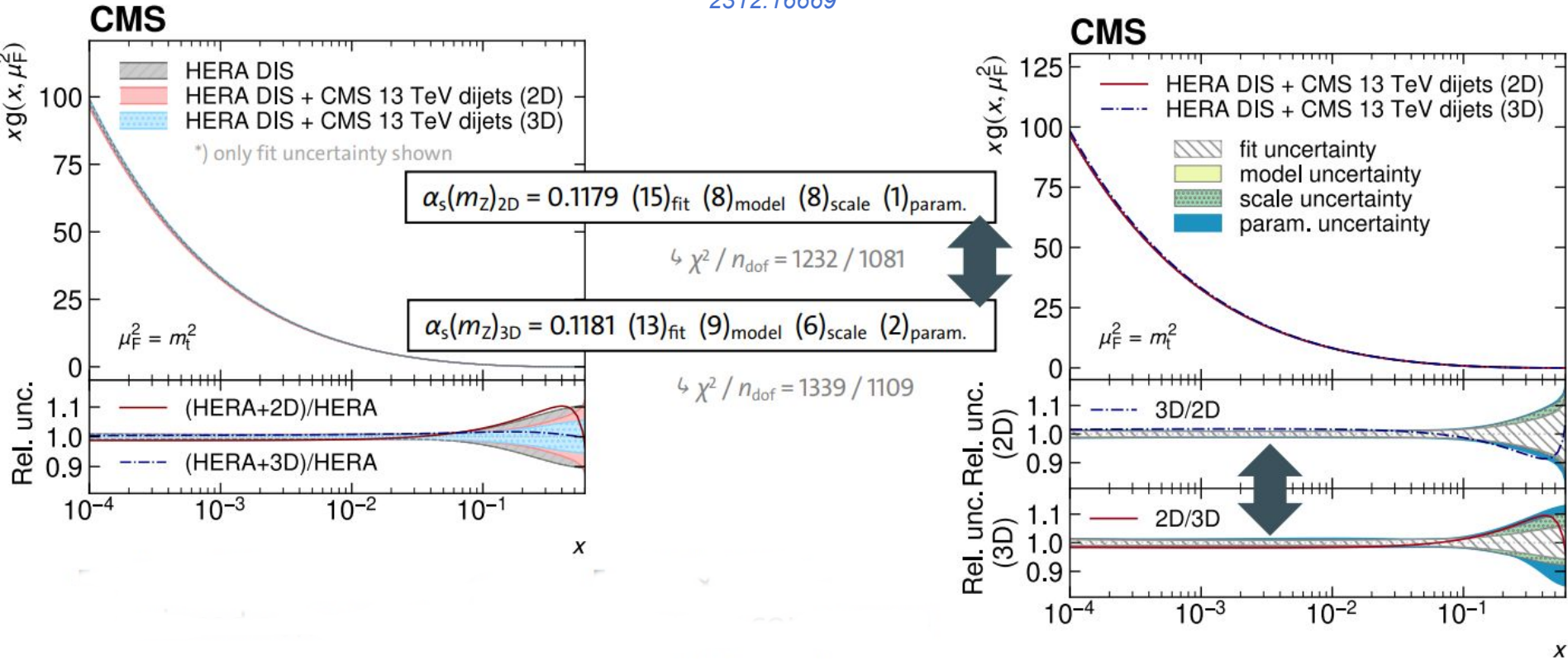
3D



- Predictions for **different PDFs** in agreement with each other
- Better description for **R = 0.8** than 0.4 anti- $k_T$  jets

# Constraints to large-x gluons

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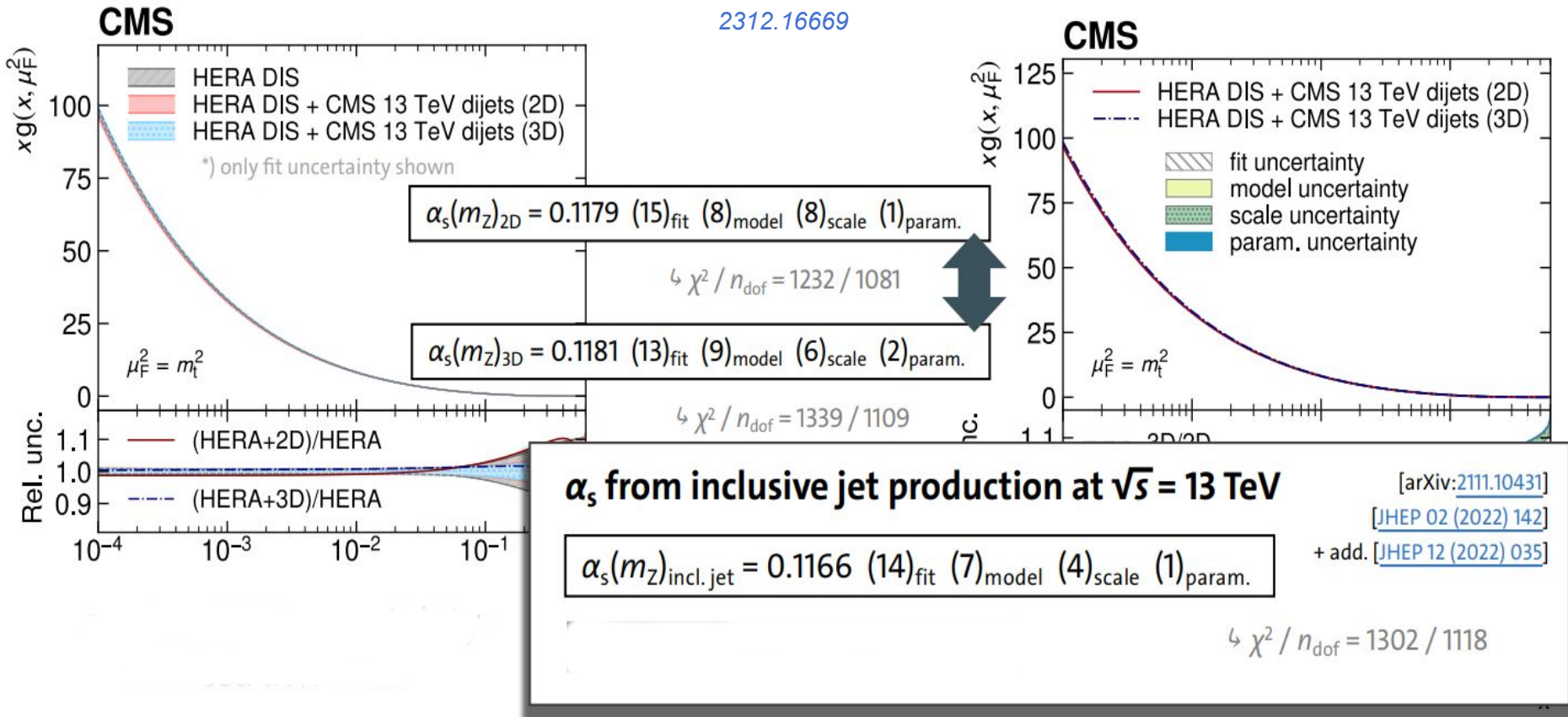


- gluon PDF uncertainty **halved** at  $x > 0.1$
- 2D & 3D fits largely compatible



# Comparison to inclusive jet production

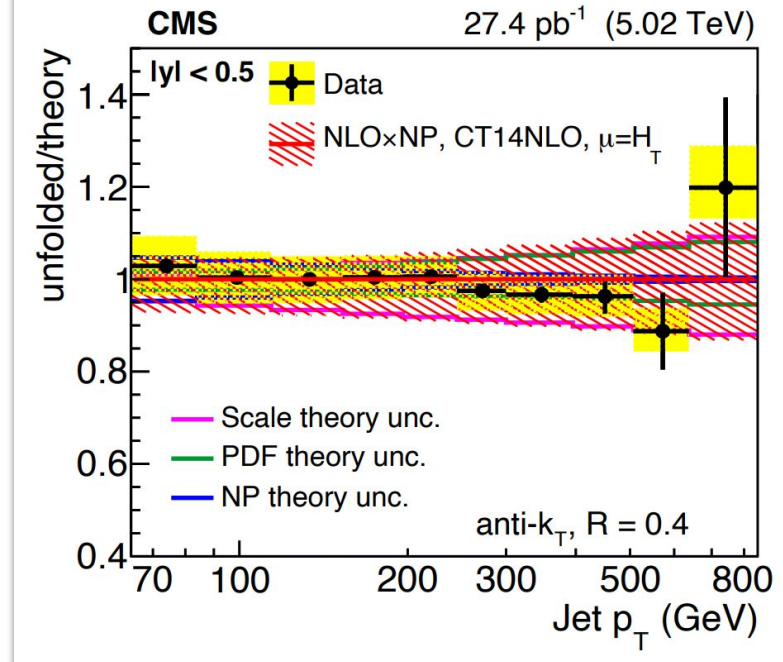
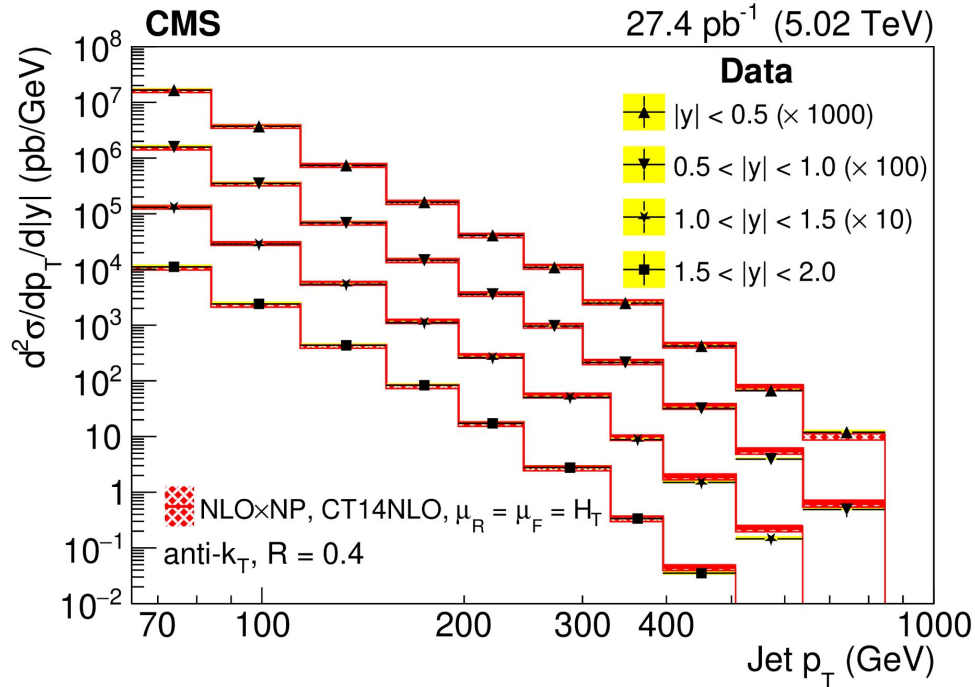
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- **Comparable in precision**
- **In good agreement, also with the world average**

# Inclusive jet production at 5.02 TeV

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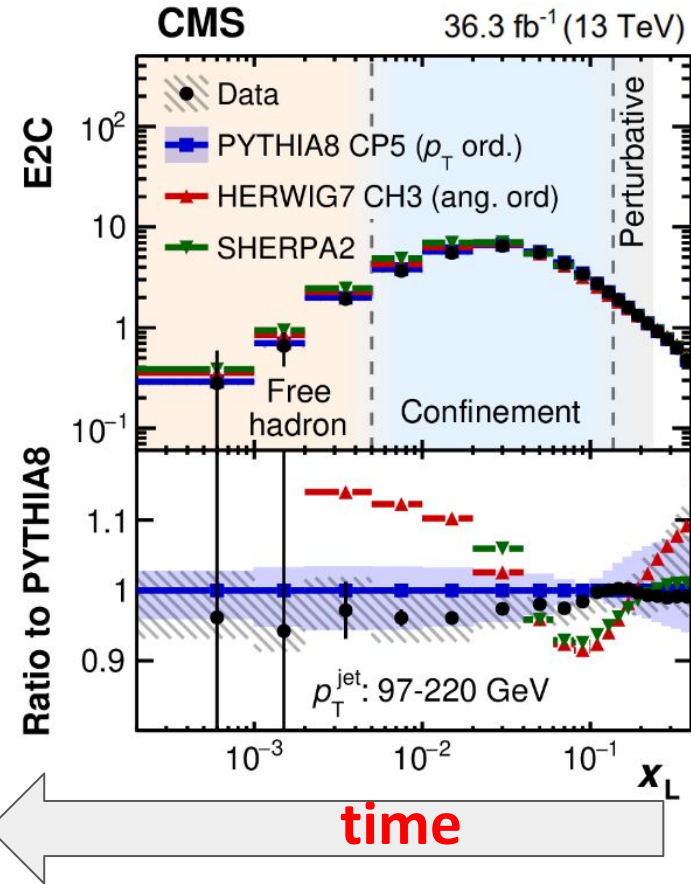
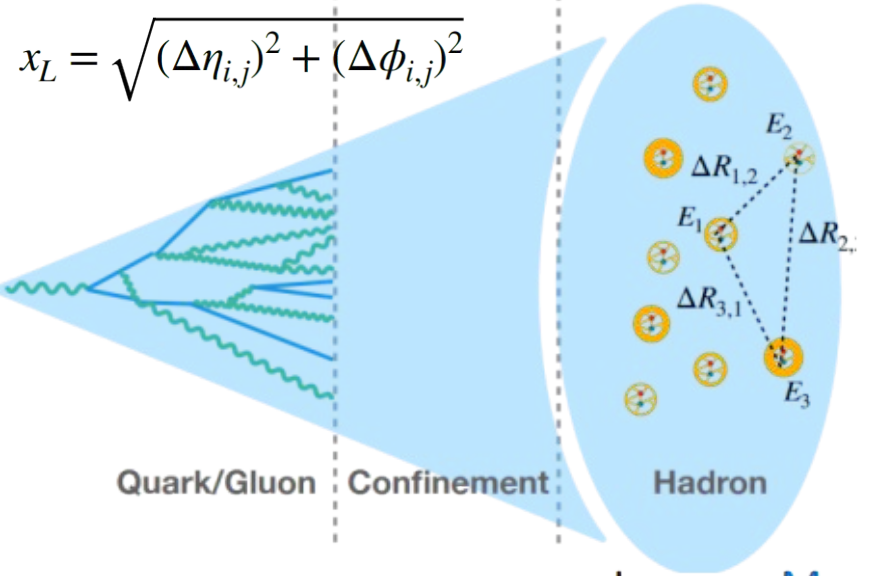
- Complementary measurement at lower  $\sqrt{s}$
- Studied for NLO & NNLO pQCD, different PDFs and  $\mu_{R,F}$
- Can be used as an **input to future QCD fits**

# Energy correlators inside jets

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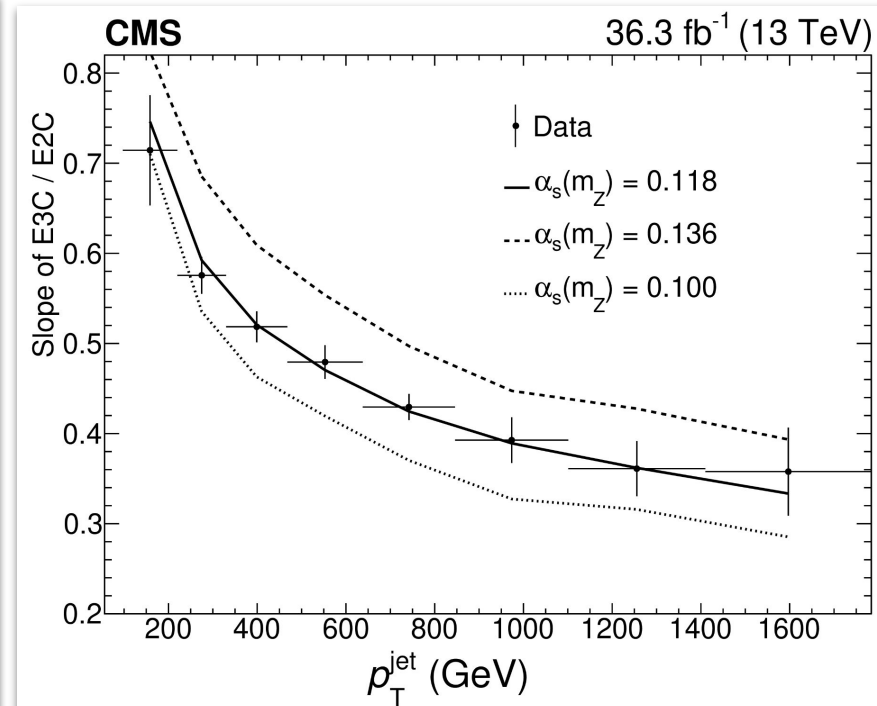
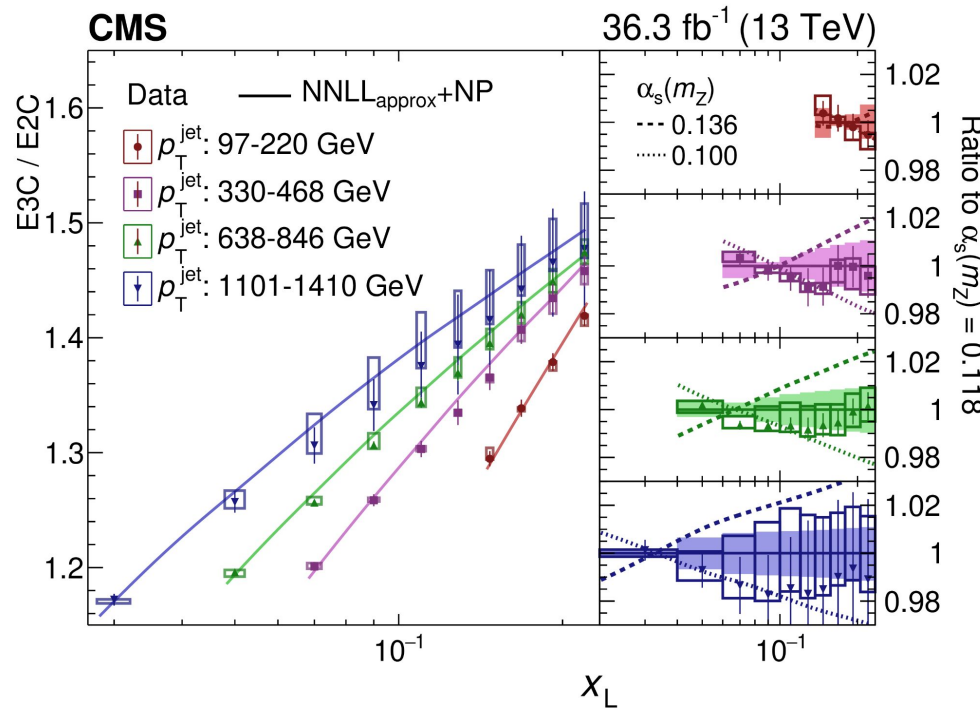
$$E2C = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{E^2} \delta(x_L - \Delta R_{i,j}),$$

$$E3C = \sum_{i,j,k} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j E_k}{E^3} \delta(x_L - \max(\Delta R_{i,j}, \Delta R_{i,k}, \Delta R_{j,k}))$$



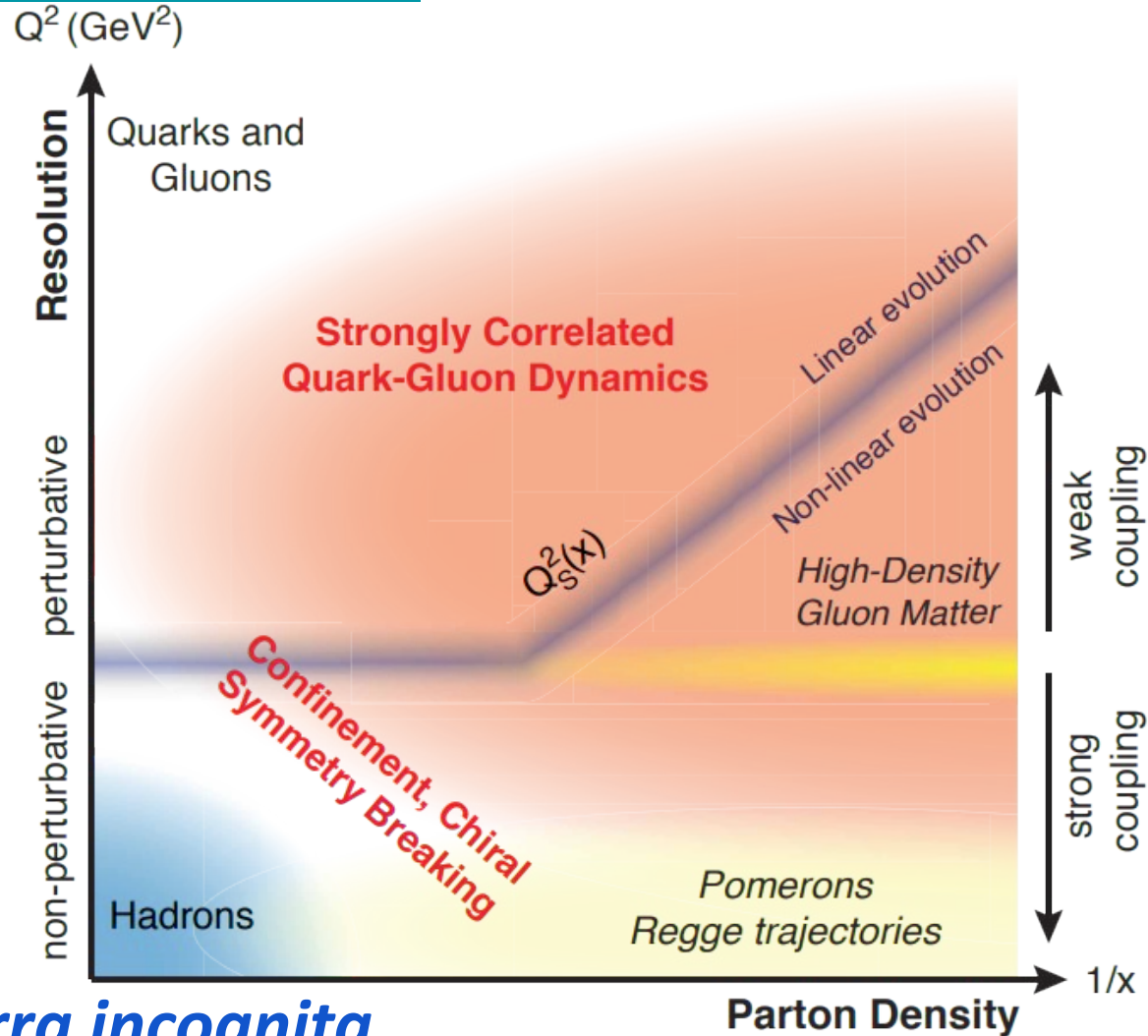
- EEC sensitive to energy flow (here both charged and neutrals)
- $x_L$  distribution sensitive to **time scale** of hadron formation
- $E3C/E2C \sim \alpha_s(Q) \ln x_L + O(\alpha_s^2)$  with no PDF dependence

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1229^{+0.0014}_{-0.0012} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.0030}_{-0.0033} \text{ (theo)}^{+0.0023}_{-0.0036} \text{ (exp)}$$



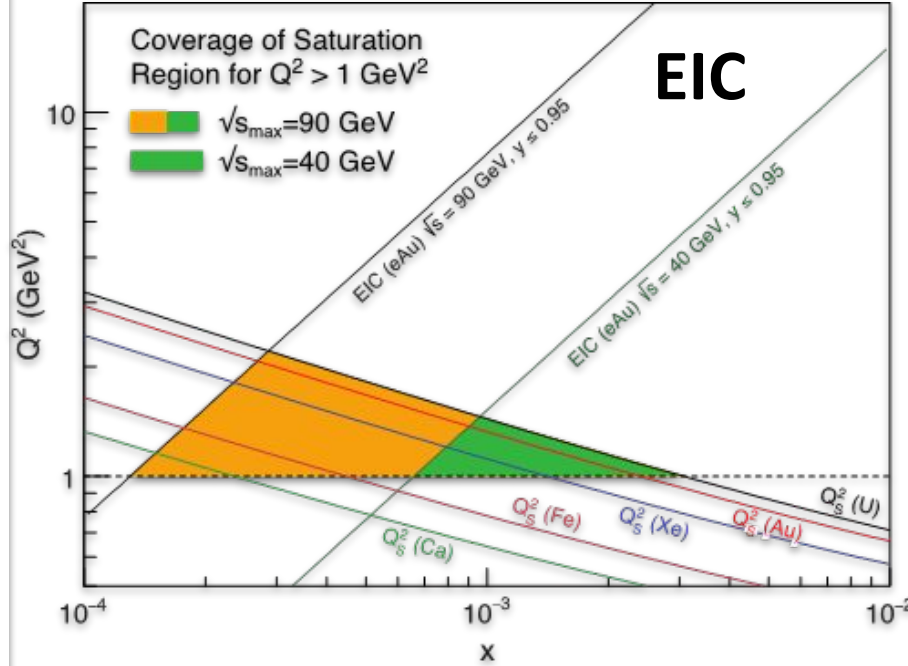
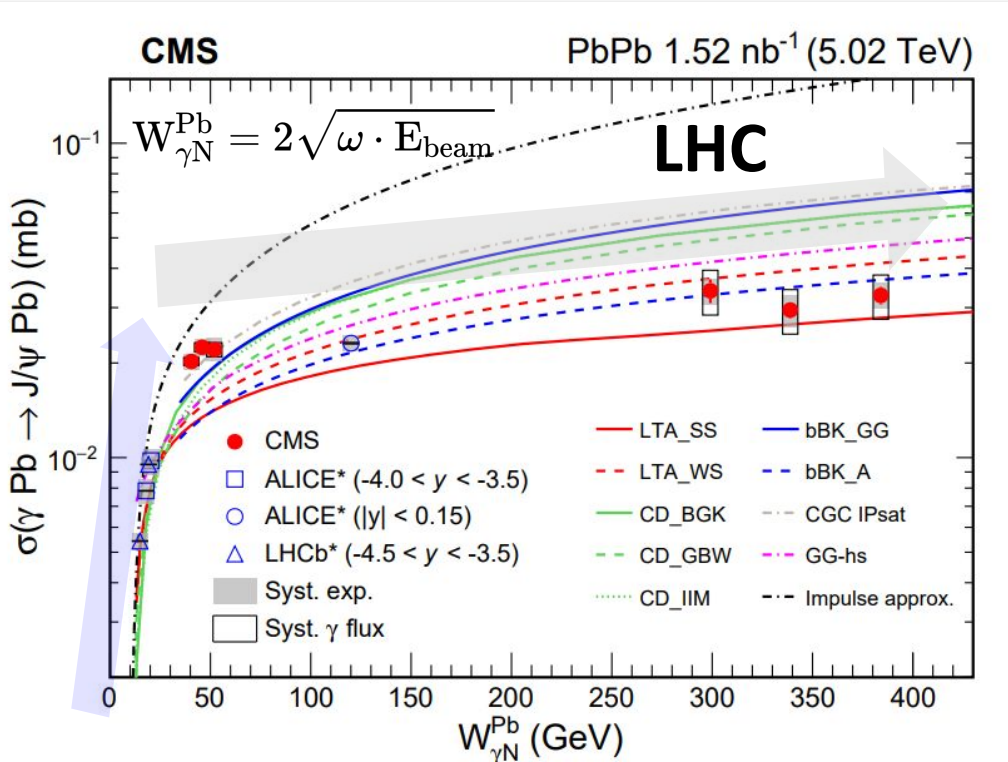
- Extracted  $\alpha_s$  at NLO + NNLL<sub>approx</sub> (large  $x_L$  region)
- The **most precise**  $\alpha_s$  measurement from jet substructure
- $\Delta(\text{E3C}/\text{E2C})/\Delta \log x_L \sim \alpha_s(Q) \rightarrow$  **running** of  $\alpha_s$





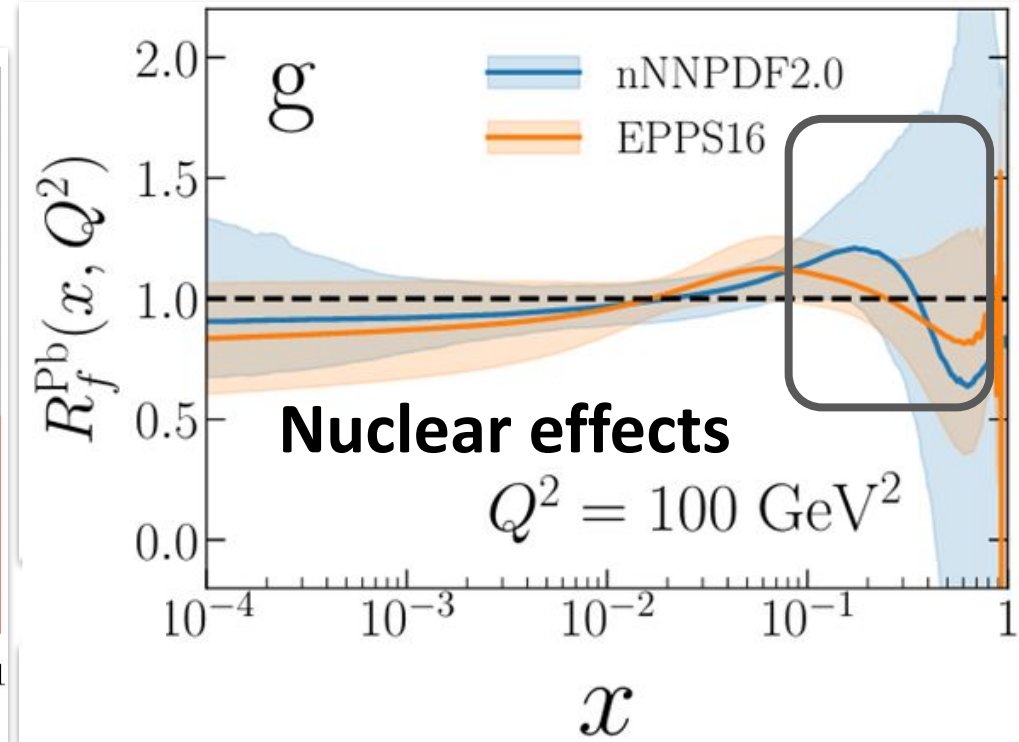
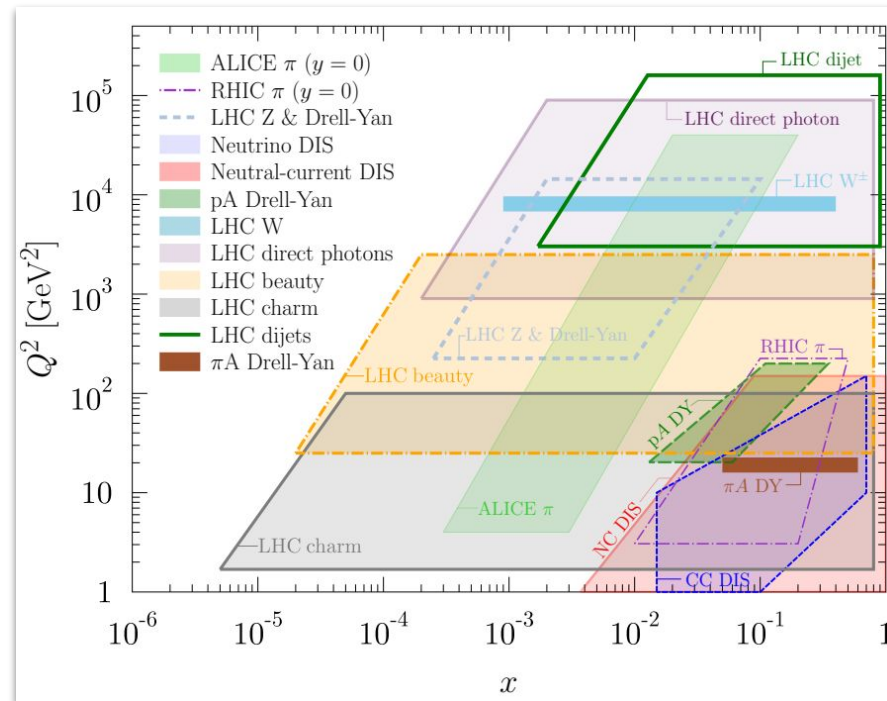
- Mostly *terra incognita*
- Hadron properties the result of the confined q/g
- A novel regime of QCD may exist: gluons saturate?

$$(Q_s^A)^2 \approx c Q_0^2 \left( \frac{A}{x} \right)^{1/3}$$



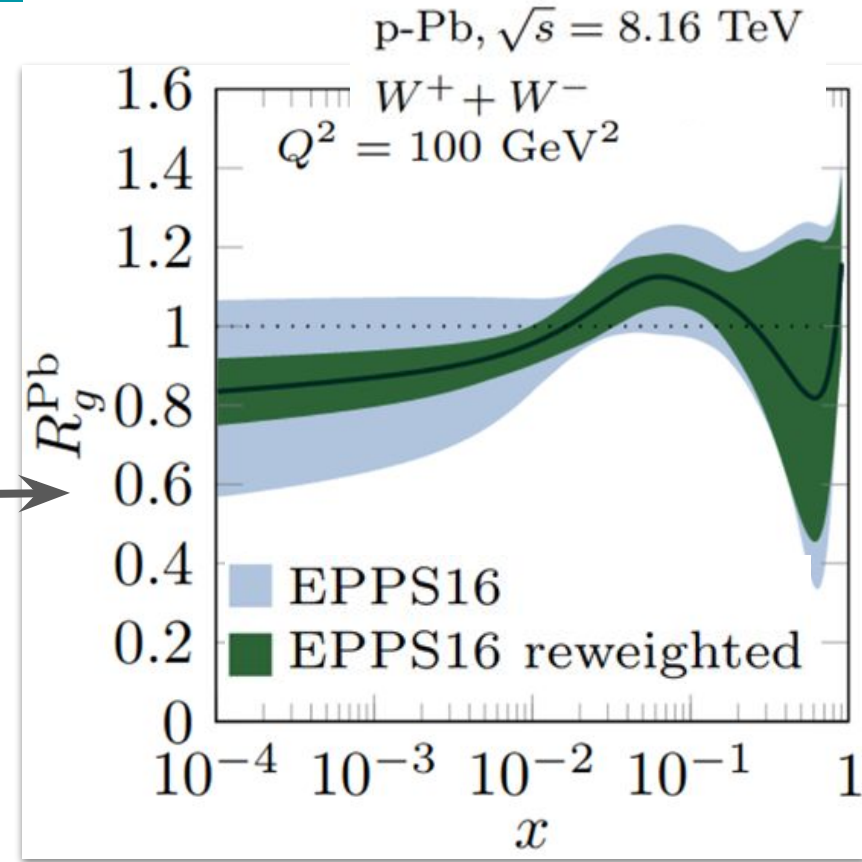
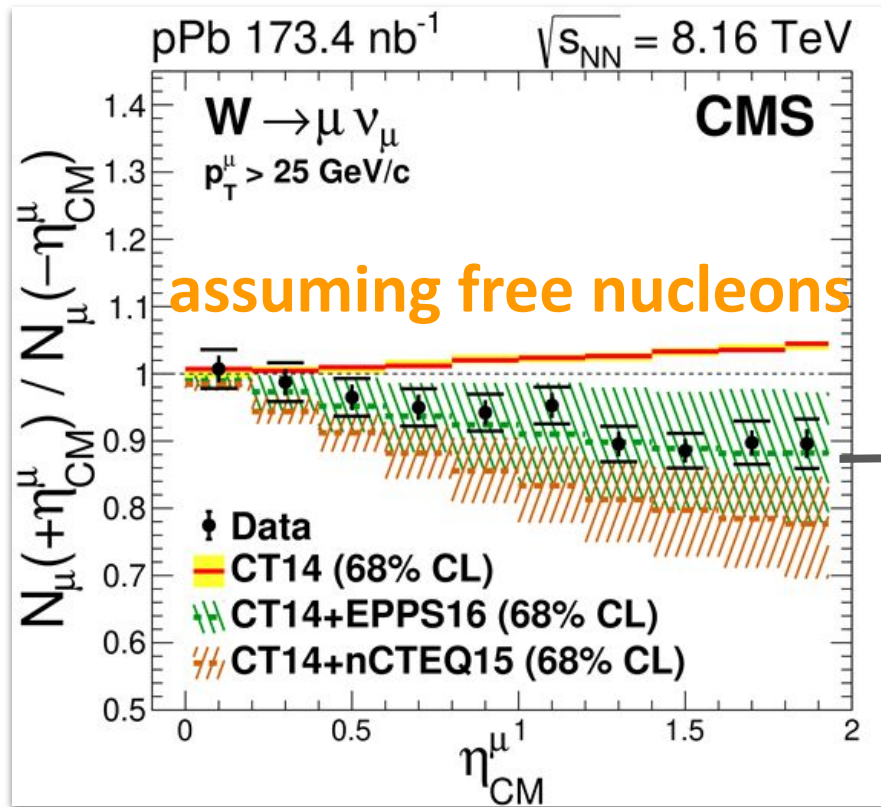
- We see a milder energy dependence than predicted
  - gluon saturation? if so, independent of particle species
- Accessible  $Q_s$  values at EIC thanks to ion species and energies

Explore LHC with more particles; EIC can probe a new state of matter



- LHC data gave an **increase** in kinematic coverage
- The modification of gluons **not well understood** (especially at high  $x$ )
  - available data sets **limited**

Can we do better?



- LHC data reduced the gluon nPDF uncertainty
- The large- $x$  ( $> 0.1$ ) region **is not affected** though
  - only dijets and top quarks probe this  $x$  region

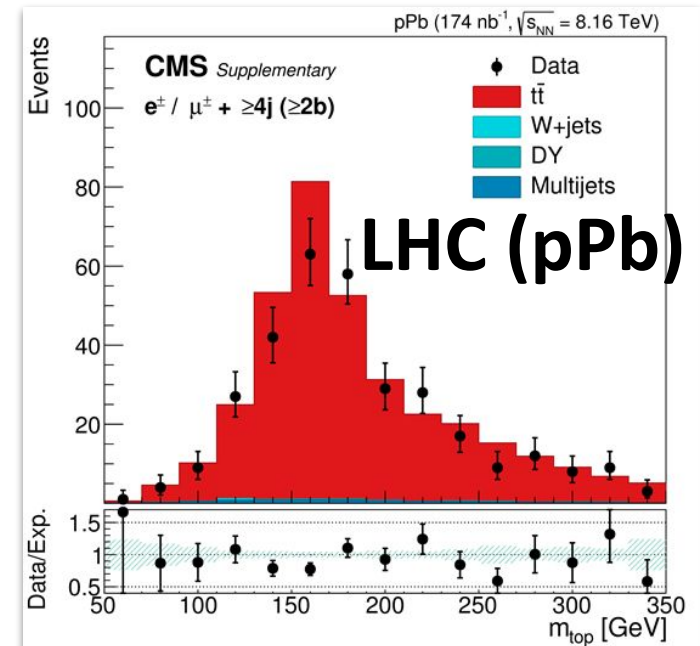
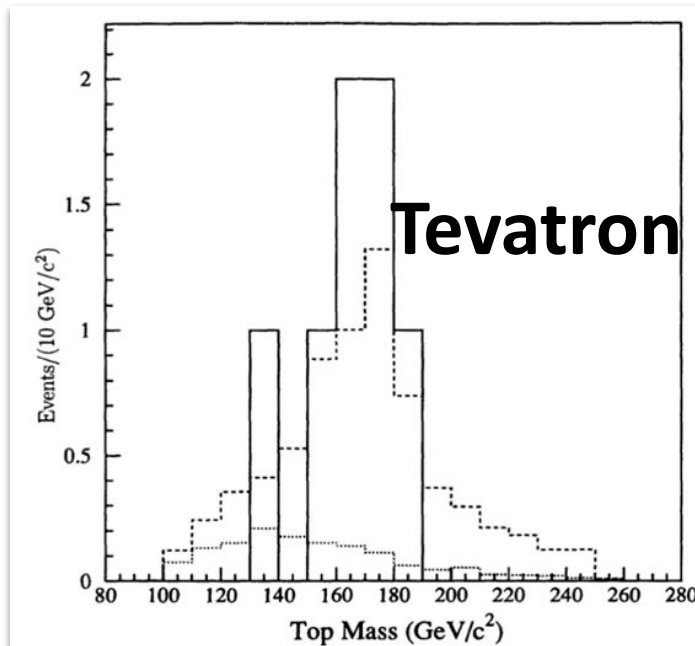
**LHC data unique chance to pin down nPDF uncertainties**



# Tools for “inaccessible” nPDFs

[PRL 119 \(2017\) 242001 \(editor's suggestion\)](#)  
[PRL 73 \(1994\) 225 \(PRL Retrospective\)](#)

- Top quark observed at Tevatron
  - further studied in pp collisions at LHC
- Established a top quark program in the **nuclear environment**
  - going from baseline (“reference” pp) → pPb → PbPb data



1995 Top at Tevatron      2009 Top at LHC (7 TeV)      2015 Top at 13 TeV      2016 Top at 5.02 TeV      2017 Top in pPb      2020 Top in PbPb

Top quarks can constrain gluons in so far inaccessible regions

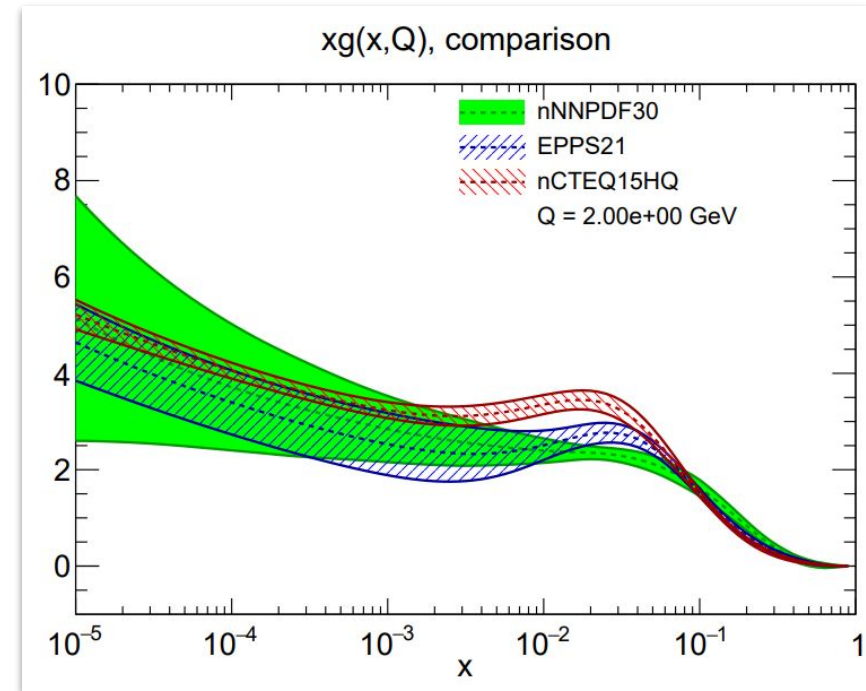
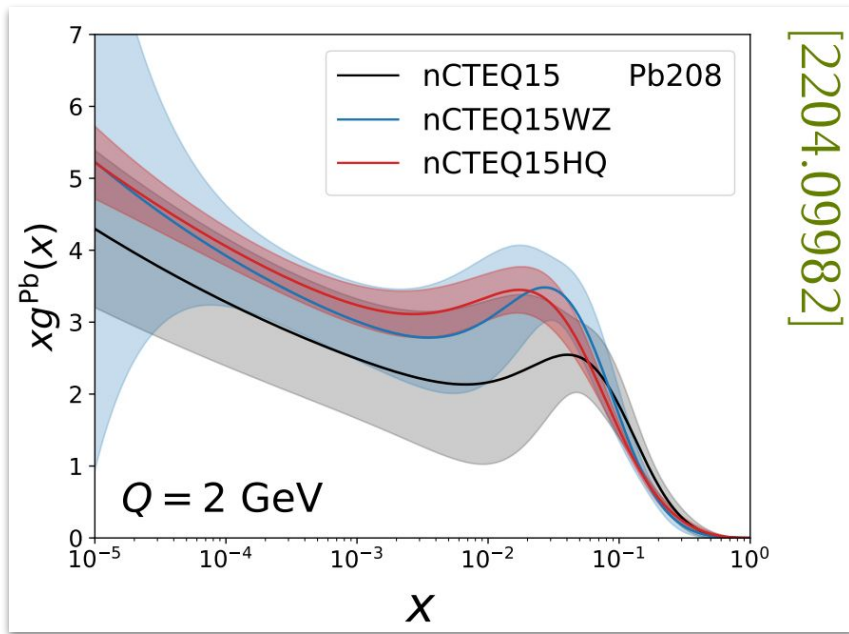
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OBSERVABLE $\mathcal{O}$	$D^0$	$J/\psi$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\psi(2S)$	$B^0, B^\pm$	$c$ jet	$b$ jet
RUN-I:							
ATLAS		(240, 241) <sup>a</sup>	(241) <sup>a</sup>	(241) <sup>a</sup>			
CMS		(242) <sup>a</sup>	(243)	(244) <sup>a</sup>		(245)	(246)
ALICE	(247, 248, 249) <sup>a</sup>	(250, 251) <sup>a</sup> , (252)	(253)	(254) <sup>a</sup>			(255)
LHCb	(256) <sup>a,b,c</sup>	(257) <sup>a</sup>	(258)				
RUN-II:							
ALICE		(259) <sup>a</sup> , (260)	(261) <sup>a</sup>	(262) <sup>a</sup>			
LHCb	(263)	(264) <sup>a</sup>	(265) <sup>a</sup>		(266)		
FIXED TARGET:							
LHCb	(267, 268)	(267, 269)		(269)			

<sup>a</sup> included in nCTEQ15HQ (50); <sup>b</sup> included in EPPS21 (51); <sup>c</sup> included in nNNPDF3.0 (52).

- A series of HF (quarkonia and open HF) data included in nPDFs

# Impact on low- $x$ gluons



- Clear impact of HF data on top of the EW production
- Similar shapes, but **reduced uncertainties** in nCTEQ15HQ

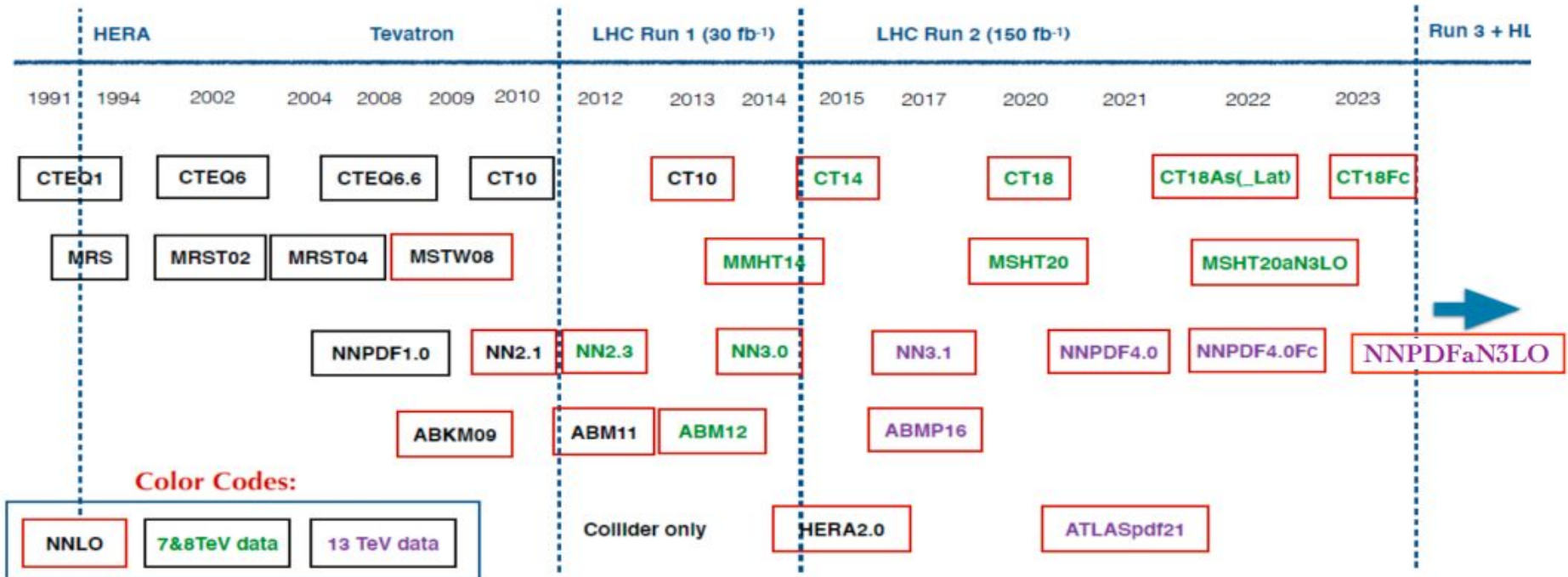
# Outlook

- The interpretation of LHC measurements depends on the the PDF+ $\alpha_s$  accuracy and precision
  - wrong PDFs can in principle mimic EFT corrections
- PDF coverage and precision is increasing, uncert. reduce
  - agreement among sets not always as good though
- Bound gluon PDFs poorly known
  - EW and HF data provided constraints
  - integration of quarkonium photoproduction into a framework ongoing (cf backup)



# Questions?

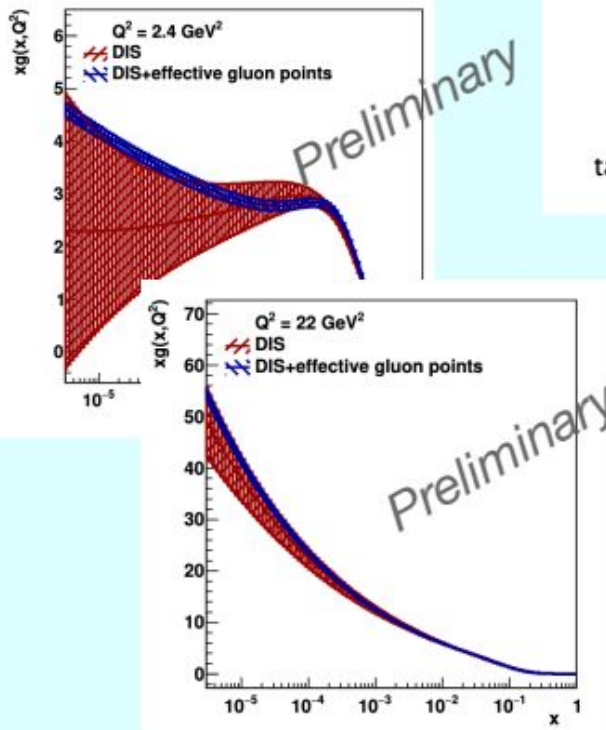
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## (ii) Fitting: approach 1: gluon pseudodata: Results

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



taken from 2006.13857

$$g_{\text{eff}}(x_i, \mu_{\text{opt}}) = g_{\text{fit}}(x_i, \mu_{\text{opt}}) \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_+(\text{data})_i}{\sigma_+(\text{fit})_i}}$$

$$\delta g_{\text{eff}}(x_i) = \frac{1}{2} g_{\text{eff}}(x_i) \frac{\delta \sigma_+(\text{data})_i}{\sigma_+(\text{data})_i}$$

Dataset	$\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{d.o.f}$ (DIS)	$\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{d.o.f}$ (DIS+eff. gluon pts.)
HERA1+2 NCep 820	80/73	79/73
HERA1+2 NCep 460	220/207	220/207
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. $J/\psi$ $pp$ 7 TeV	N/A	8.95/10
LHC excl. $J/\psi$ $pp$ 13 TeV	N/A	3.51/10
LHC excl. $\Upsilon$ $pp$ 7,8 TeV	N/A	3.23/3
Total $\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{d.o.f}$	1412/1154 $\sim$ 1.22	1444/1177 $\sim$ 1.23

Introduction  
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## Theoretical input and experimental data

ANALYSIS	nCTEQ15HQ	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	TUJU21	KSASG20
<b>THEORETICAL INPUT:</b>					
Perturbative order	NLO	NLO	NLO	NNLO	NNLO
Heavy-quark scheme	SACOT- $\chi$	SACOT- $\chi$	FONLL	FONLL	FONLL
Data points	1484	2077	2188	2410	4353
Independent flavors	5	6	6	4	3
Free parameters	19	24	256	16	18
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	Hessian	Hessian
Tolerance	$\Delta\chi^2 = 35$	$\Delta\chi^2 = 33$	N/A	$\Delta\chi^2 = 50$	$\Delta\chi^2 = 20$
Proton PDF	$\sim$ CTEQ6.1	CT18A	$\sim$ NNPDF4.0	$\sim$ HERAPDF2.0	CT18
Deuteron corrections	( $\checkmark$ ) <sup>a,b</sup>	$\checkmark$ <sup>c</sup>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
<b>FIXED-TARGET DATA:</b>					
SLAC/EMC/NMC NC DIS	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
– Cut on $Q^2$	4 GeV <sup>2</sup>	1.69 GeV <sup>2</sup>	3.5 GeV <sup>2</sup>	3.5 GeV <sup>2</sup>	1.2 GeV <sup>2</sup>
– Cut on $W^2$	12.25 GeV <sup>2</sup>	3.24 GeV <sup>2</sup>	12.5 GeV <sup>2</sup>	12.0 GeV <sup>2</sup>	
JLab NC DIS	( $\checkmark$ ) <sup>a</sup>	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$
CHORUS/CDHSW CC DIS	( $\checkmark$ /-) <sup>b</sup>	$\checkmark$ /-	$\checkmark$ /-	$\checkmark$ / $\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ / $\checkmark$
NuTeV/CCFR 2 $\mu$ CC DIS	( $\checkmark$ / $\checkmark$ ) <sup>b</sup>		$\checkmark$ /-		
pA DY	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
<b>COLLIDER DATA:</b>					
Z bosons	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
$W^\pm$ bosons	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Light hadrons	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ <sup>d</sup>			
Jets		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
Prompt photons			$\checkmark$		
Prompt D <sup>0</sup>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ <sup>e</sup>		
Quarkonia ( $J/\psi$ , $\psi'$ , $\Upsilon$ )	$\checkmark$				



# QCD analysis

- 2D & 3D dijet cross sections as a function  $m_{1,2}$  using with  $R = 0.8$  are investigated as part of a QCD analysis
  - procedure based on **HERAPDF2.0** analysis<sup>[1]</sup>, similar to CMS 13 TeV **inclusive jet** analysis<sup>[2]</sup> ([SMP-20-011](#))
- fit **deep inelastic scattering** (DIS) data from HERA in addition to the CMS dijet measurements
  - limit DIS data to  $Q^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  to minimize impact of higher-twist corrections
- $x$  dependence of PDFs is parametrized by the general form  $x f(x) = A_f x^{B_f} (1-x)^{C_f} (1 + D_f x + E_f x^2)$ 
  - **A, B & C** parameters always included (some fixed by sum rules)
  - **D & E** parameters added as needed based on  $\chi^2$  scan
- PDFs determinations are performed both for a fixed value of the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118$  and in simultaneous **PDF +  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$**  fits

[1] H1, ZEUS Collaborations. “Combination of measurements of inclusive deep inelastic  $\{e^{\pm}p\}$  scattering cross sections and QCD analysis of HERA data”, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **75** (2015) 12, [doi:10.1140/epjc/s10052-015-3710-4](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-015-3710-4), [arXiv:1506.06042](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.06042)

[2] CMS Collaboration, “Measurement and QCD analysis of double-differential inclusive jet cross sections in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ”, *JHEP* **02** (2022) 142, [doi:10.1007/JHEP02\(2022\)142](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP02(2022)142), [arXiv:2111.10431](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.10431)