

## Learning PDFs through Interpretable Representations in Mellin Space

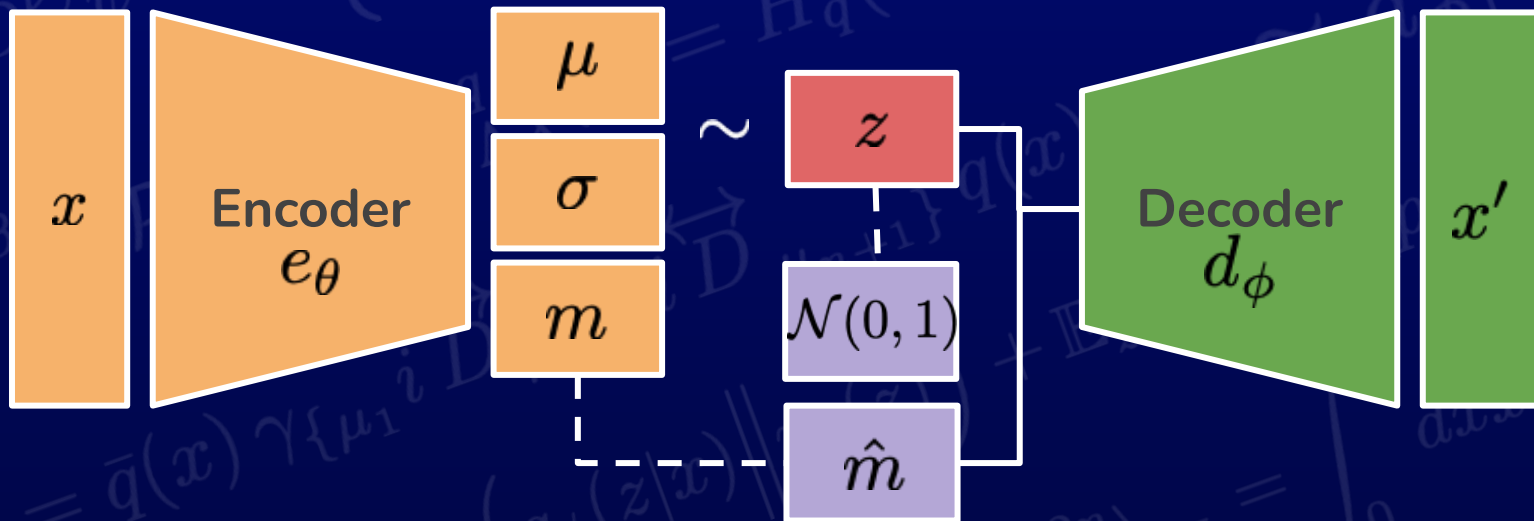
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# Motivation

- Neural network representations of PDFs?
  - reformatting a phenomenological PDF fit as an *inverse problem*
  - physics constraints (lattice QCD inputs)
  - possible many solutions
- A jumble of questions with neural networks
  - How do we quantify uncertainties? Aleatoric / epistemic (/distributional OOD) separation?
  - Can we interpret the ‘black-box’? etc ...
- **Outline:** BK, T.J. Hobbs [arXiv: 2312.02278 \(submitted to PRD\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.02278)
  - reconstruct PDFs from their Mellin moments
  - explore interpretability techniques
  - uncertainty quantification studies

} in progress works

# Variational Autoencoder Inverse Mapper

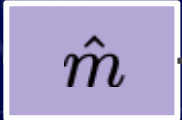
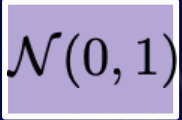
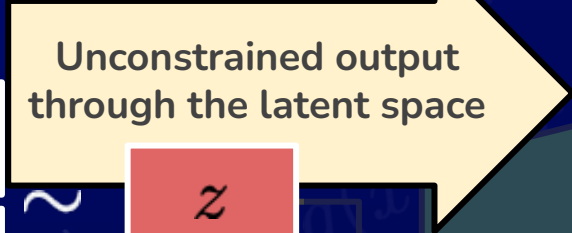
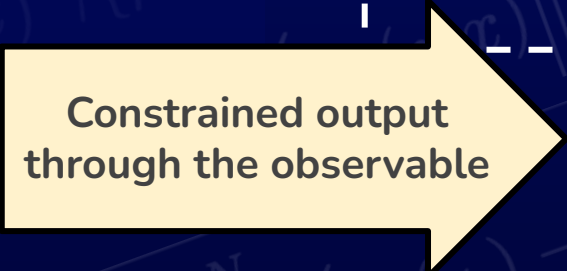


We utilize variational autoencoders as a powerful tool to dissect inverse problems!

M. Almaeen, Y. Alanazi, N. Sato, W. Melnitchouk, M.P. Kuchera, Y. Li **IJCNN (2021)**

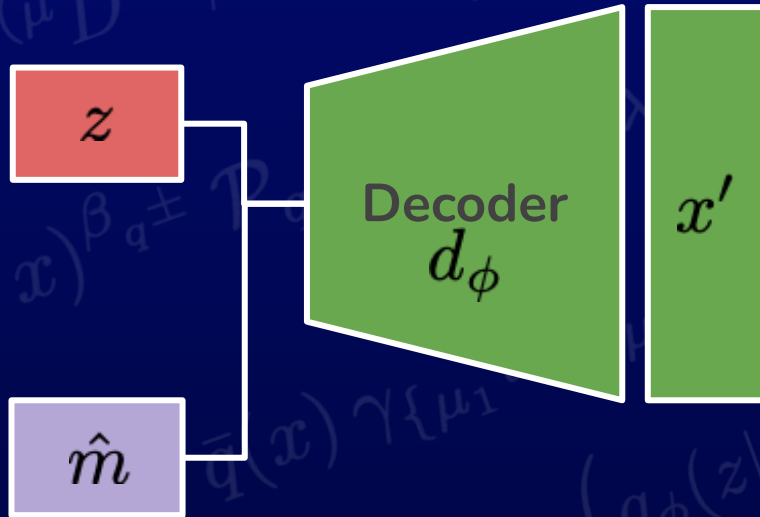
# Information Flow and Reconstruction

The observable output is constrained to look like the expected observable.



The latent space catches the information which is thrown away in the constrained forward mapping!

# Variational Autoencoder Inverse Mapper



The goal is to train a decoder model to accept latent information and an observable to generate a never before seen input!

**Generative algorithms** provide access to new technologies beyond neural network interpolation.

# Parton Distribution Functions from latent space Mellin moments

If we have an infinite amount of information, we can construct the PDF exactly from classical methods

$$q(x) + (-1)^{n+1} \bar{q}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} dn x^{-n-1} \langle x^n \rangle_q$$

We don't have an infinite amount of information, typically we have just a few of these moments from the lattice.

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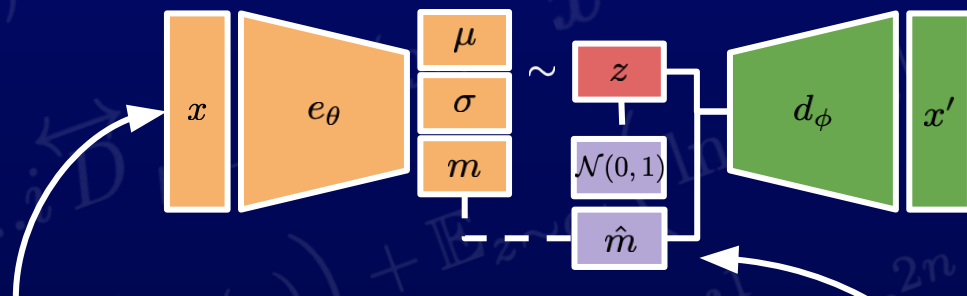
**Question:** Can we determine the full  $x$ -dependence of PDFs from a set number of Mellin moments?

## Model Inputs

Randomly generated PDFs with 5 parameters.

$$q(x) \pm \bar{q}(x) = \mathcal{N}_{q^\pm} x^{\alpha_{q^\pm}} (1-x)^{\beta_{q^\pm}} \mathcal{P}_{q^\pm}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{q^\pm}(x) = 1 + \gamma_{q^\pm} \sqrt{x} + \delta_{q^\pm} x$$



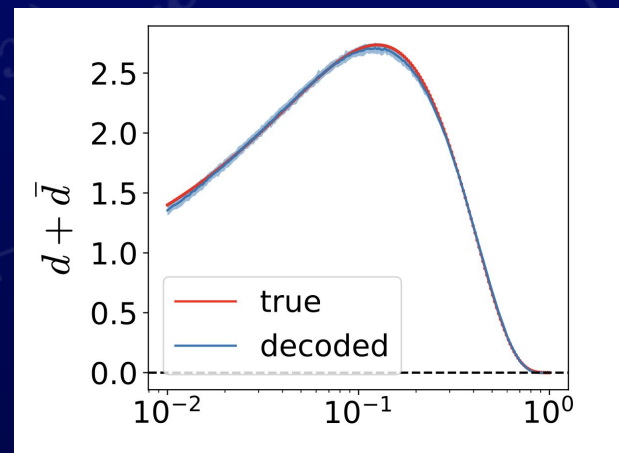
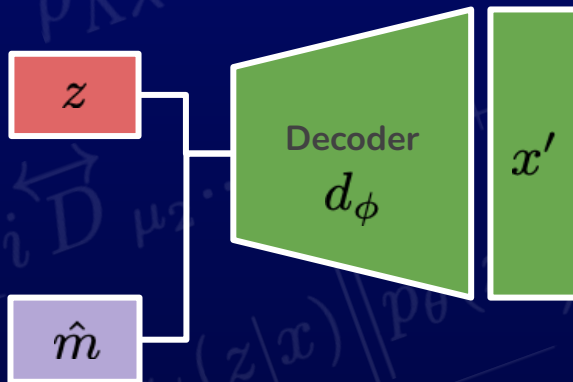
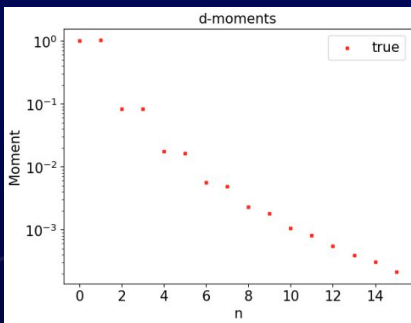
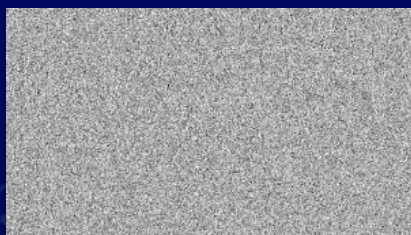
## Latent Observable

Organized and interpretable as a series of moments

$$\langle 1 \rangle_{q^-}, \langle x \rangle_{q^+}, \langle x^2 \rangle_{q^-}, \langle x^3 \rangle_{q^+}, \dots$$

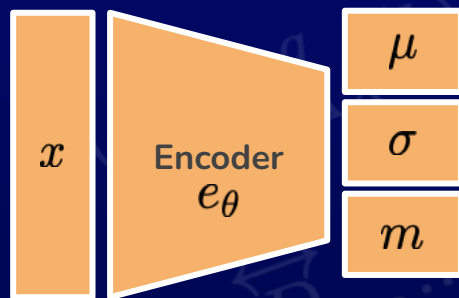
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Making predictions from a trained decoder model.

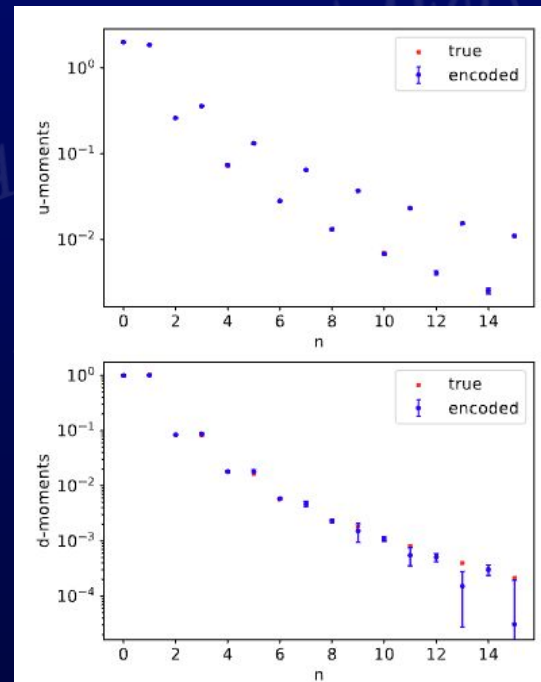




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We can also look at the trained encoder model to see how well we reconstruct the observable.



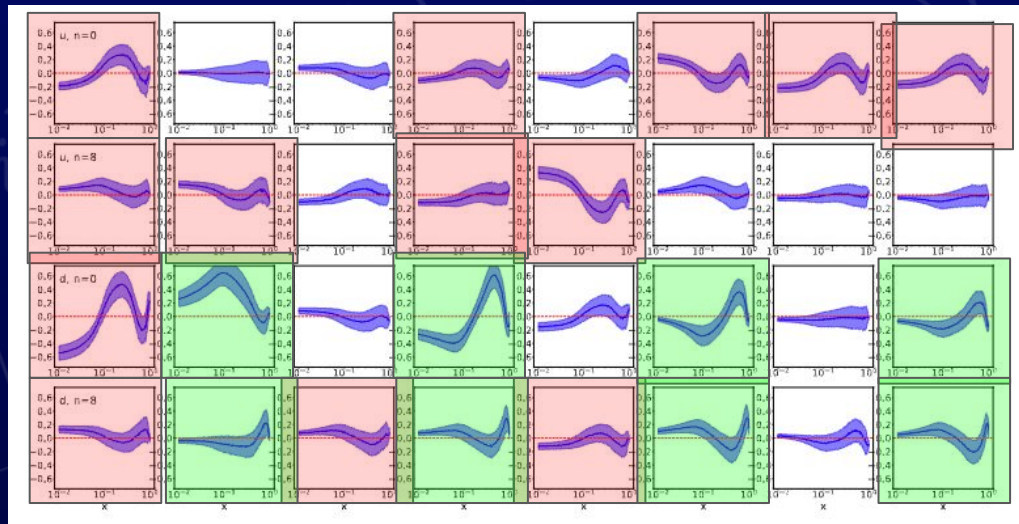
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We utilize the Pearson correlation between the learned moments from the encoder and the decoded PDF ( $d^+$ ) as an explainability technique. One can see **spurious correlated effects** as well as **consistent correlations**.

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\langle XY \rangle - \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle}{\Delta X \Delta Y}$$

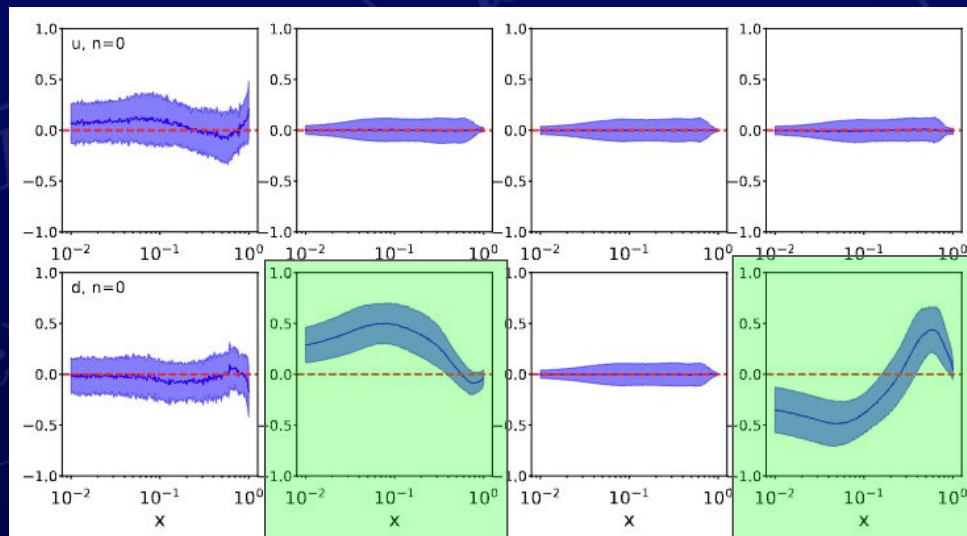
$$\text{Corr}[d^+(x), \langle x^n \rangle_{u^\pm, d^\pm}]$$



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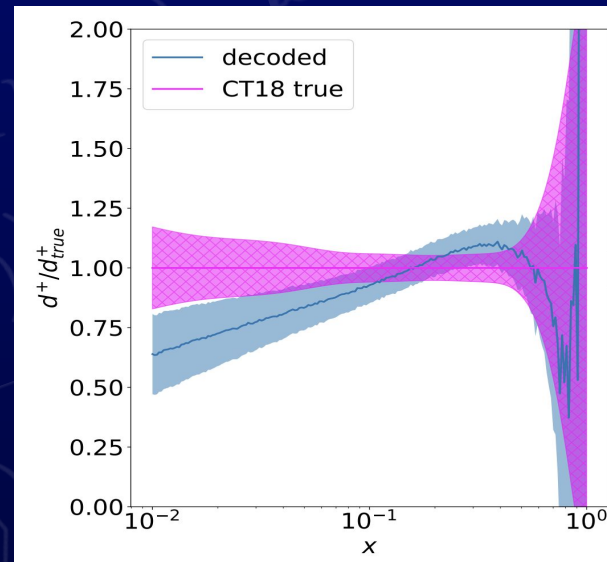
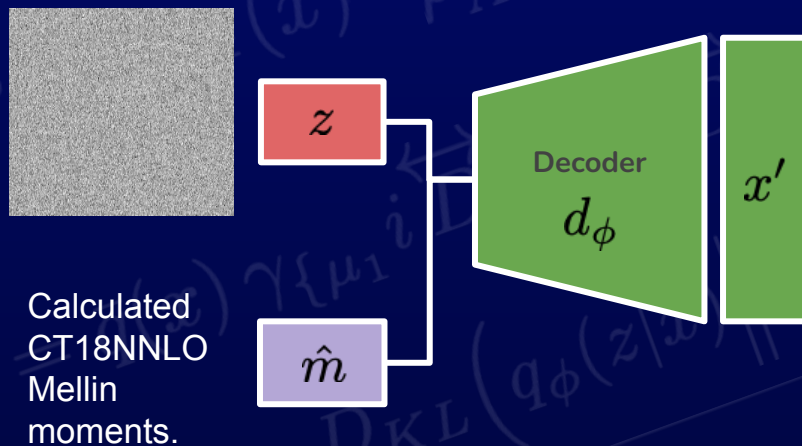
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With a more dramatically undercomplete autoencoder architecture, the correlations are statistically consistent with 0 everywhere except for the  $d^+$  moments. Obvious spurious correlations seem to disappear.

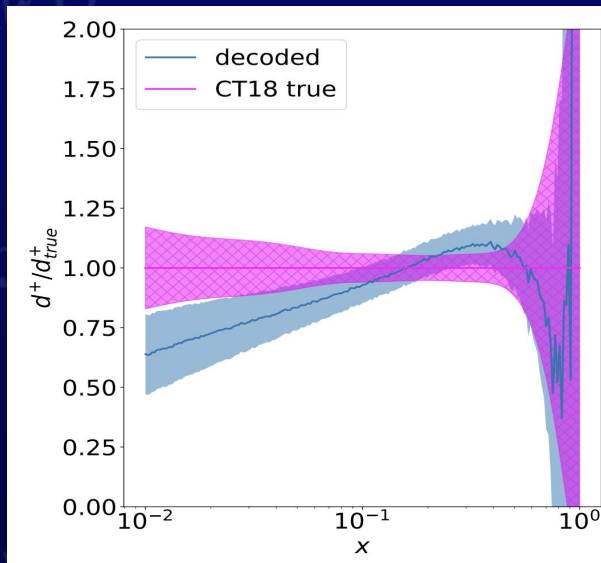


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**Question:** With a fully trained decoder network from the toy problem, can we construct completely unknown PDF from a full phenomenological fit from its moments?



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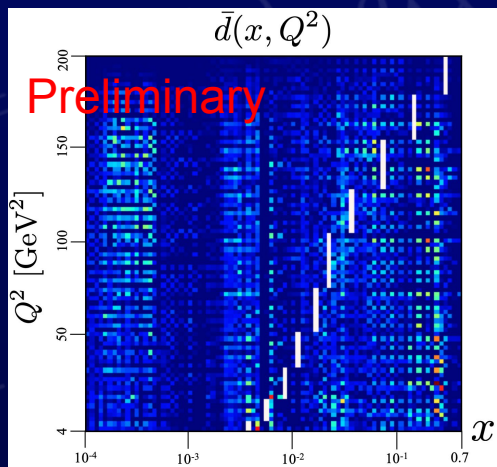


Is CT18NNLO within the parameter space of this toy model somewhere? Or is this just coincidence? Opens a lot of questions regarding parameterization dependence.

Highlights the need for UQ and explainability techniques to fully understand.

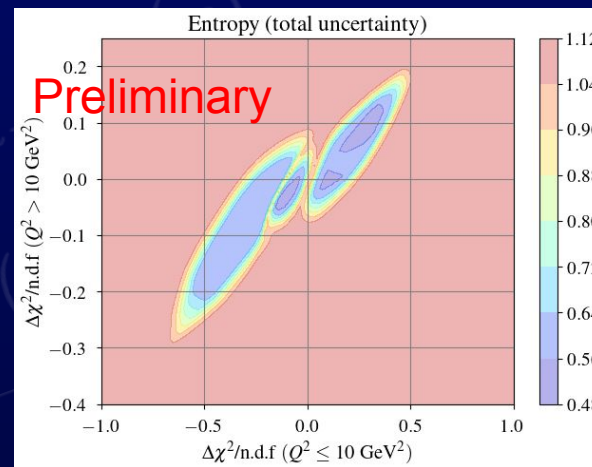
# Exploring Next Gen ML techniques

XAI4PDF



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Evidential Deep Learning for UQ



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# XAI: Guided Backpropagation

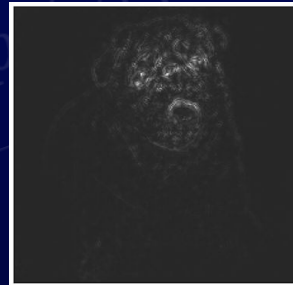
$$\frac{\partial f_{\text{out}}}{\partial f_i^{\ell}} = (f_i^{\ell} > 0) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial f_{\text{out}}}{\partial f_i^{\ell+1}} > 0 \right) \cdot \frac{\partial f_{\text{out}}}{\partial f_i^{\ell+1}}$$

Guided backprop is a technique in which the gradients of a neural network layer are masked during backpropagation holding the weights fixed to determine which input features positively affect the classification outcome the most.

Input



Guided Backprop

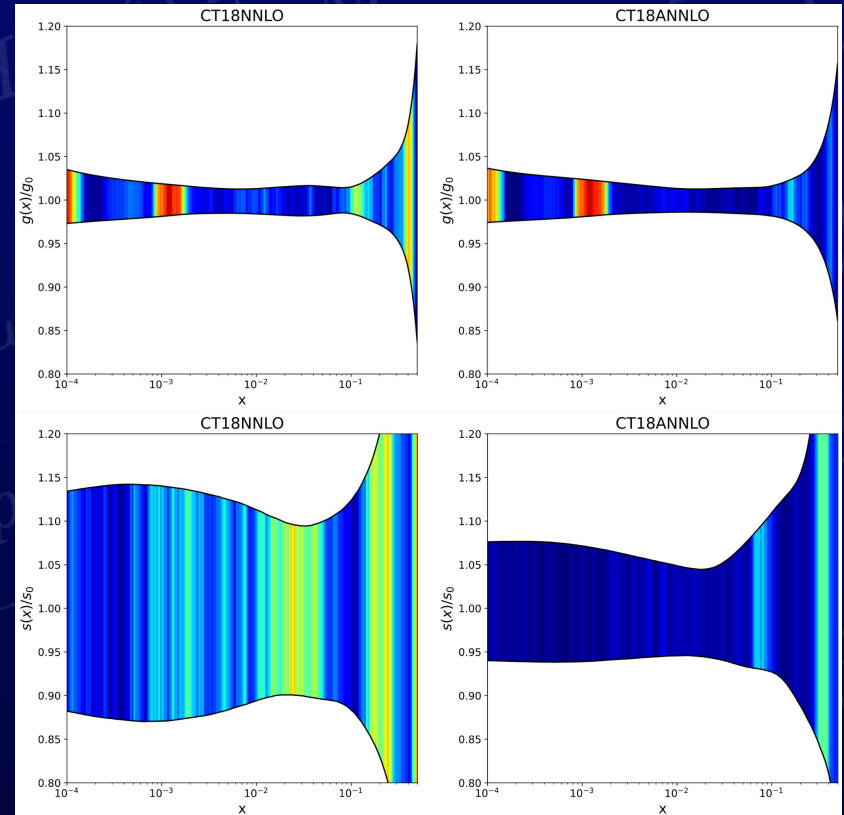


# XAI4PDF: Explainability across fitted PDFs

PDF fits	Factorization scale in DIS	ATLAS 7 TeV W/Z data included?	CDHSW $F_2^{p,d}$ data included?	Pole charm mass, GeV
CT18	$\mu_{F,DIS}^2 = Q^2$	No	Yes	1.3
CT18A	$\mu_{F,DIS}^2 = Q^2$	Yes	Yes	1.3
CT18X	$\mu_{F,DIS}^2 = 0.8^2 \left( Q^2 + \frac{0.3 \text{ GeV}^2}{x_B^{0.3}} \right)$	No	Yes	1.3
CT18Z	$\mu_{F,DIS}^2 = 0.8^2 \left( Q^2 + \frac{0.3 \text{ GeV}^2}{x_B^{0.3}} \right)$	Yes	No	1.4

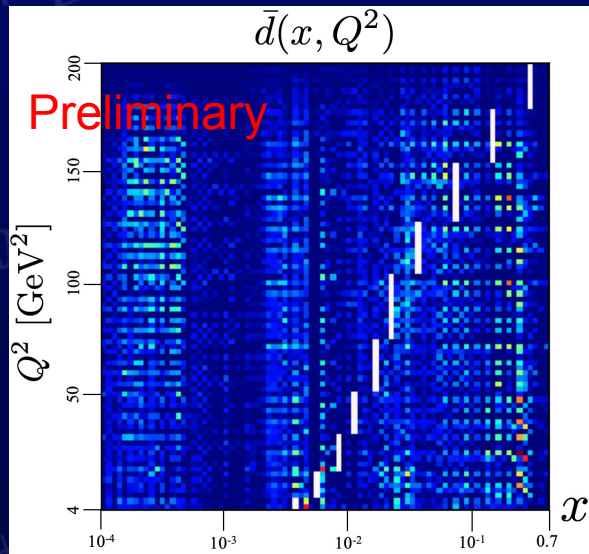
We classify different PDF fits with various theory assumptions.

Strange and gluon PDFs stand out while discerning between different theory fits!





# XAI4PDF: Explainable AI for PDFs



Explainability within a fitted phenomenological framework to investigate how the  $\chi^2$  on the CDHSW data (neutrino-lead scattering) traces back to regions in the phase space of the fitted PDF. The aim is to identify regions in  $x$ - $Q^2$  space that most impact the  $\chi^2$ .

This is a novel approach to dissect ML-based PDF analyses and understand their internal behavior.

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# Uncertainty in High Energy Theory

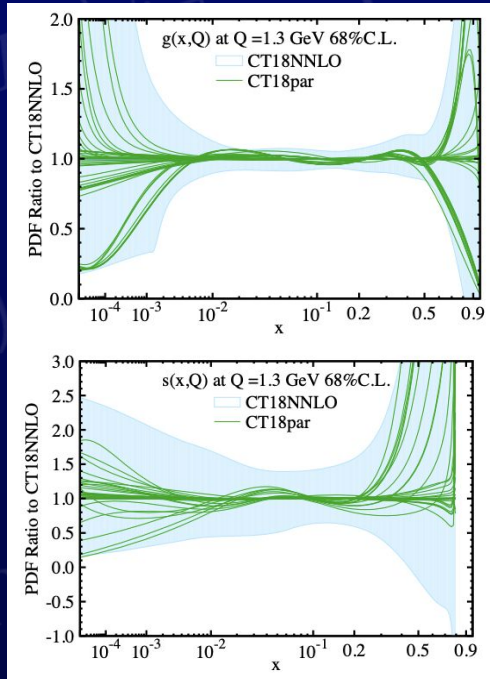


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Obtaining stable PDF uncertainties is a significant area of research with a substantial history.

Perhaps ML can offer additional perspective.

**Problem:** ML models often are overconfident about predictions in regions it's never trained on.

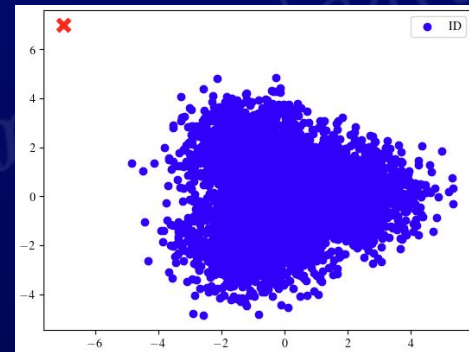
**Question:** How do we teach an ML model what it does and doesn't know?

*Evidence-based learning!*

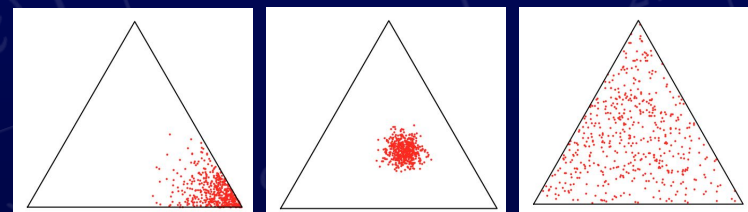
# Evidential Deep Learning

**Prior Networks** - making the implicit explicit

$$p(w_c | x^*, \mathcal{D}) = \int \int \underbrace{p(w_c | \mu)}_{\text{Aleatoric}} \underbrace{p(\mu | x^*, \theta)}_{\text{Distributional}} \underbrace{p(\theta | \mathcal{D})}_{\text{Epistemic}} d\theta d\mu$$



By factorizing the predictive posterior distribution, we can explicitly model the dependence on the prior of the ensemble. In a single forward pass, we can describe **aleatoric**, **epistemic**, and **distributional** uncertainties.



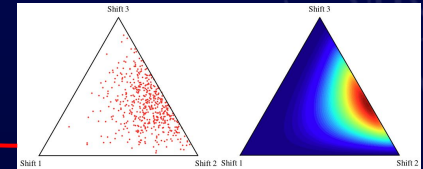
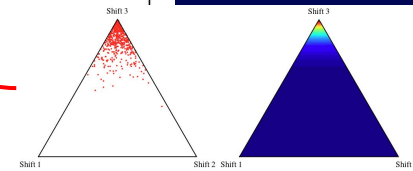
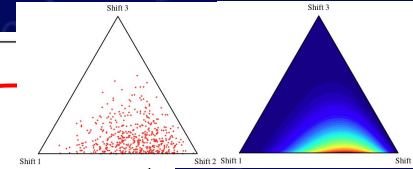
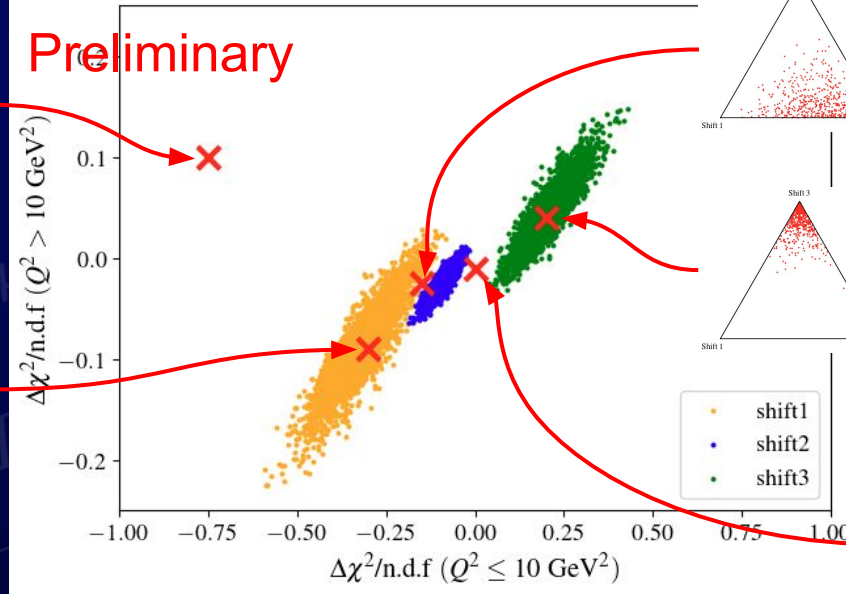
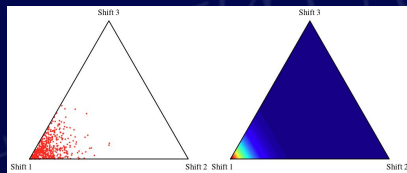
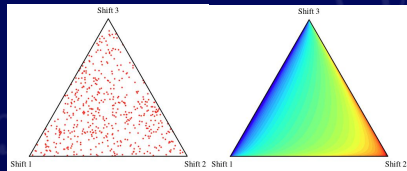
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# Evidential Deep Learning for GNIs

Consider a BSM scenario in which, due to the presence of non-standard interactions in a weak effective field theory Lagrangian, the values of the CKM matrix elements can appear shifted from their fitted standard values resulting in a shift of the  $\chi^2$  against a dataset. How to quantify uncertainty of sampling this space?



# Conclusions

ML in HEP and NP is nascent, not to mention theory applications, but is expected to grow substantially.

The research I have discussed here - solving large scale inverse problems for robust insights into hadron structure - is the nucleus of a wide-reaching program.

The activity fills an urgent need for more direct collaboration between theorists, data scientists, and computational experts.



**Thank you for your attention!**