Current Work and Interests

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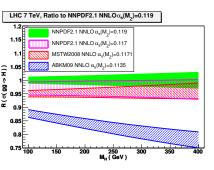
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PDFs determination

A reliable PDFs determination is a crucial point for the evaluation of LHC standard candle processes.

Higgs production via gg fusion:



The framework:

- Most refined statistical techniques:
 - Monte Carlo or Hessian method,
 - Reweighting.
- Most up to date pert. calculations:
 - splitting functions,
 - coefficient functions.
- Most up to date data sets:
 - DIS.
 - Drell-Yan.
 - Jets.



Since 2 years member of the **NNPDF** Collaboration(1):

Main features of the NNPDF methodology:

- Fit PDFs with a set of **Neural Networks** on each replica:
 - ⇒ **Unbiased** parametrization.
- Generation of Monte Carlo replicas of the experimental data:
 - ⇒ No need to rely on linear propagation of errors.

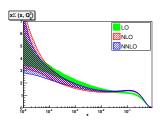
¹R.D.Ball, V.B., F.Cerutti, C. Deans, L.Del Debbio, S.Forte, A.Guffanti, N. Hartland, J.I.Latorre, J. Rojo, M.Ubiali

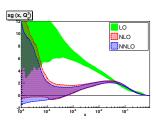
Implementation of the **Heavy quark** mass effects:

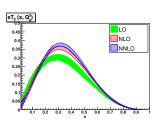
• by means of the **FONLL method** \Longrightarrow

NNPDF2.1: ensemble of PDF sets presently available at LO, NLO and NNLO.

The NNPDF Collaboration, [Nucl. Phys. B849(2011)296 and Nucl.Phys. B855(2012)153]







- Excellent convergence of the perturbative expansion,
- NLO and NNLO always agree within uncertainties.

Ongoing work and plans for the future:

- Implementation of the Intrinsic charm contribution (ongoing).
- Implementation of the MS masses in the structure functions (ongoing).
- Implementation of the QED corrections (next future).