



Little is known about the strange sea

QCD analysis of the ATLAS and CMS W_{\pm} and Z cross-section measurements and implications for the strange sea density

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From my DIS14 talk ...

arXiv:1402.6263v1

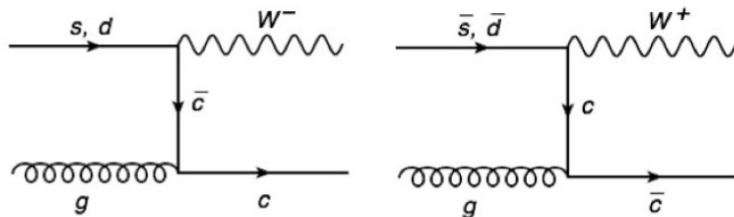


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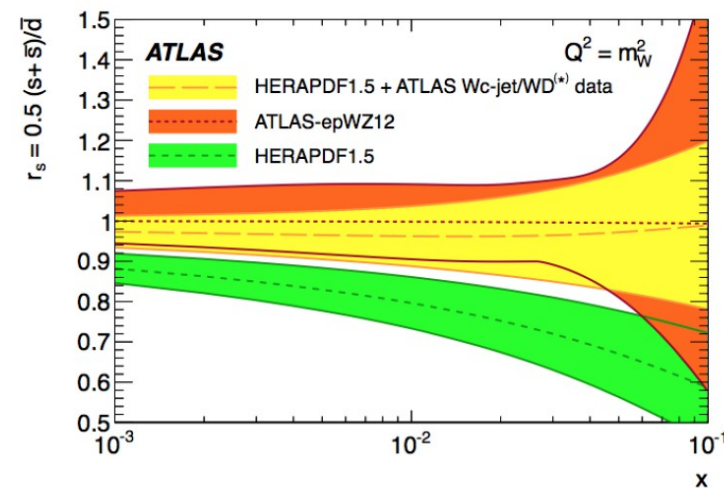
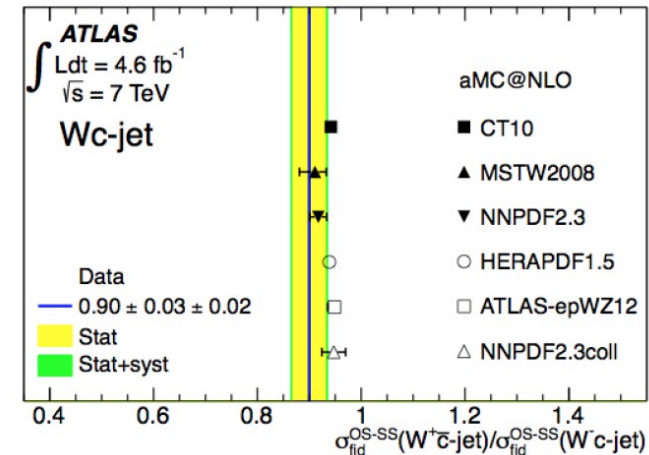
Prince Charming helps strangers



- PDFs with different strange sea assumptions
- Differential W and Z cross sections at LHC
 - constraints on strange sea at $Q^2 \sim M_{Z/W}^2$
 - ATLAS-epWZ12 PDF based on ATLAS W and Z cross-section + HERAI data
- W + charm measurements



SU(3)-symmetric light-quark sea hypothesis supported



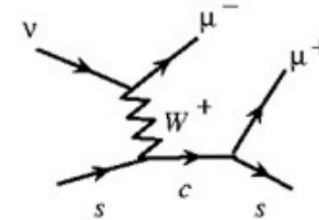
$$r_s \equiv 0.5(s + \bar{s})/\bar{d} = 0.96^{+0.16}_{-0.18} {}^{+0.21}_{-0.24}$$

K. Klimek, 28.04.14, structure functions and parton densities

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Motivation

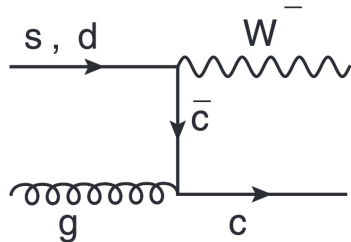
- PDFs fits $x \sim 0.01$ mainly constrained by HERA: light flavor quarks and antiquarks
- Flavor composition of total light sea not well determined by HERA data alone
→ in particular little is known about strange sea
- This comes from di-muon production in neutrino induced deep inelastic scattering
 - sensitive to uncertainties from charm fragmentation and nuclear corrections



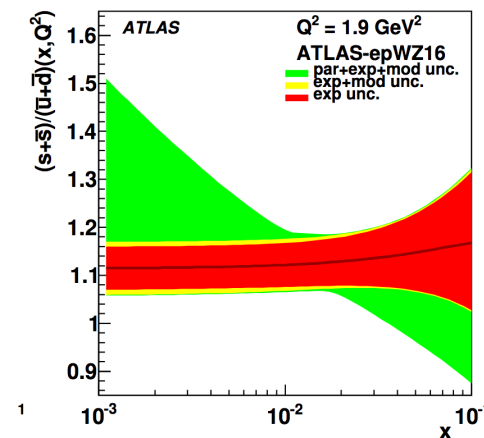
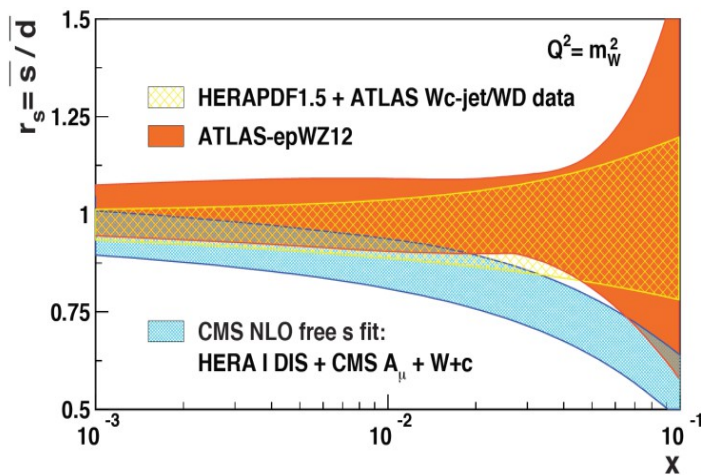
- Neutrino data suggest suppression of strange sea:

$$\bar{s}(x) = 0.5 \bar{d}(x)$$

- At LHC W+c data give information on strangeness BUT involve assumptions on charm jet fragmentation and hadronisation

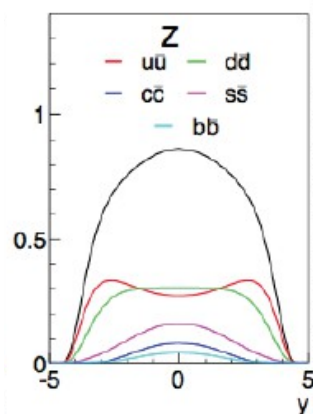


- CMS W+charm analysis supports suppression
- ATLAS W+charm analysis finds no suppression
- New ATLAS inclusive W/Z production finds no suppression

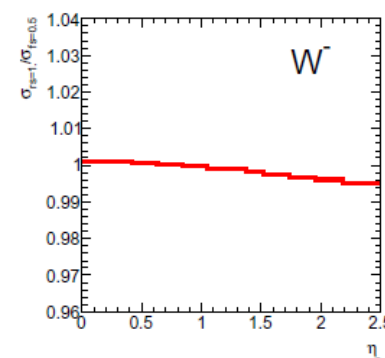
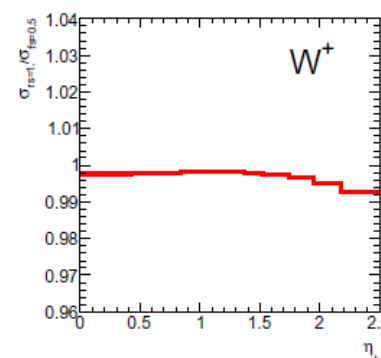
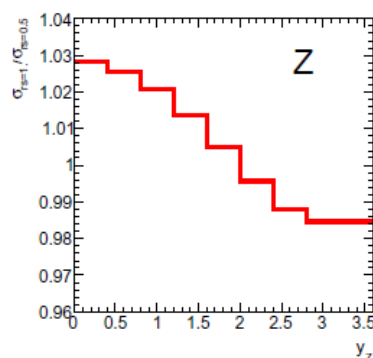


- Drell-Yan process and DIS are theoretically best understood processes
- Interesting to investigate if this disagreement is present for the inclusive Drell Yan data of ATLAS and CMS

$$\text{sbar}(x) = 0.5 \text{ dbar}(x) \longrightarrow \text{sbar}(x) = \text{dbar}(x)$$



small effect ~ 4%
 → can we see it?
 → yes we can!



Main fit - CSKK - includes inclusive DY production

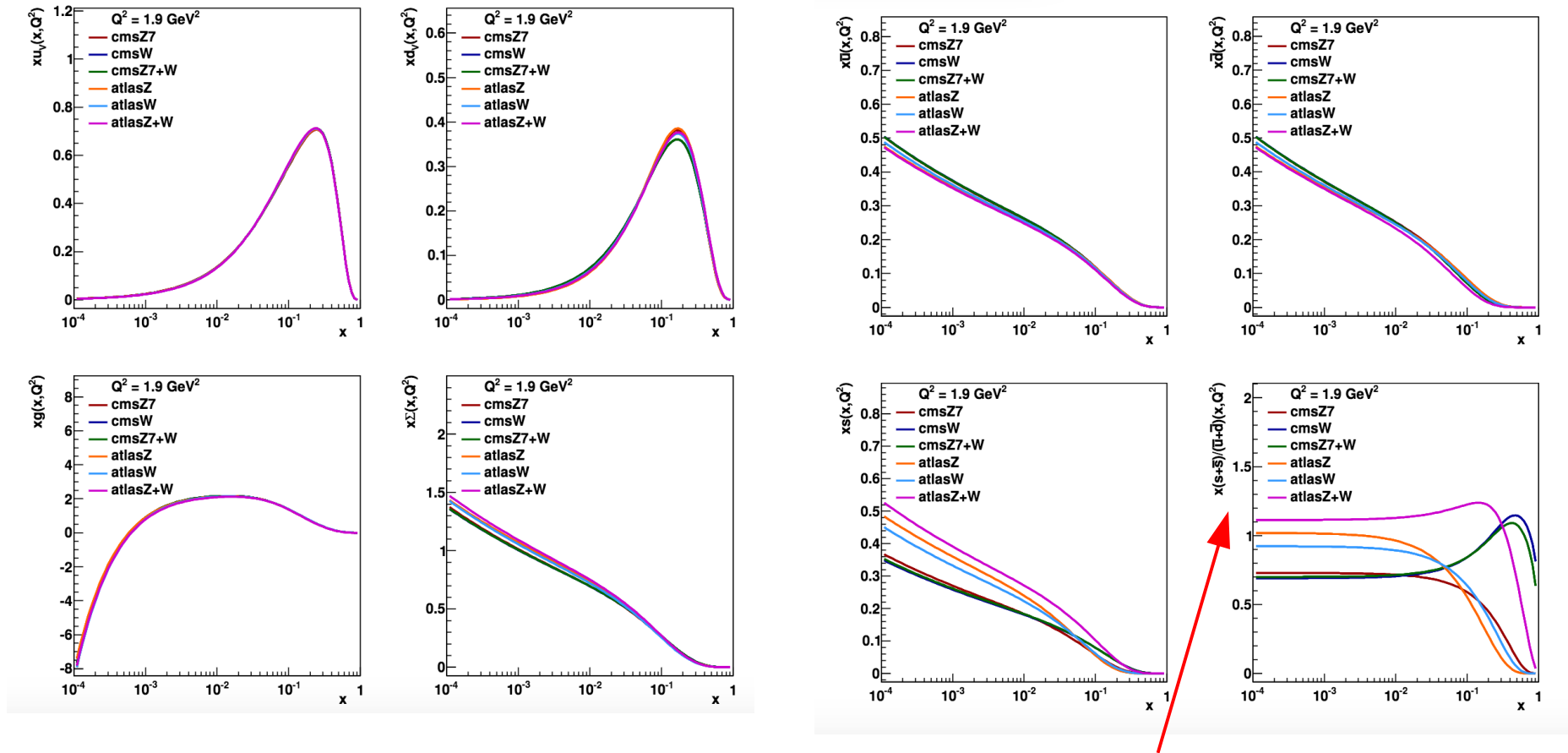
- CMS Z @ 7 TeV CMS Collaboration, JHEP 12 (2013) 030, [arXiv:1310.7291].
 - CMS W asymmetries @ 7 TeV CMS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 032004, [arXiv:1312.6283].
 - CMS W[±] cross sections @ 8 TeV CMS Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 76 (2016) 469, [arXiv:1603.01803].
 - ATLAS W and Z cross sections from one data sets - correlations ATLAS Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 77 367 (2017), [arXiv:1612.03016]
- for all Z data we use only Z-mass-peak measurements
 → off-peak Z data & CMS Z @ 8 TeV used as cross check

- QCD analysis at NNLO, following ATLAS paper, using xFitter + independent code
 - RTOPT, Q^2 of HERA data from 7.5 GeV^2
 - K-factors, APPLGRID predictions
- Parameterisation: 15 free parameters, 2 for strange sea
 - Chosen after parameterisation scan

$$\begin{aligned}
 xu_v(x) &= A_{u_v} x^{B_{u_v}} (1-x)^{C_{u_v}} (1 + E_{u_v} x^2), \\
 xd_v(x) &= A_{d_v} x^{B_{d_v}} (1-x)^{C_{d_v}}, \\
 x\bar{u}(x) &= A_{\bar{u}} x^{B_{\bar{u}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{u}}}, \\
 x\bar{d}(x) &= A_{\bar{d}} x^{B_{\bar{d}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{d}}}, \\
 xg(x) &= A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} - A'_g x^{B'_g} (1-x)^{C'_g}, \\
 x\bar{s}(x) &= A_{\bar{s}} x^{B_{\bar{s}}} (1-x)^{C_{\bar{s}}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where $A_{\bar{u}} = A_{\bar{d}}$ and $B_{\bar{s}} = B_{\bar{d}} = B_{\bar{u}}$. Given the enhanced sensitivity to the strange-quark distribution through the ATLAS data, $A_{\bar{s}}$ and $C_{\bar{s}}$ appear as free parameters, assuming $s = \bar{s}$. The experimental data uncertainties are propagated to the extracted QCD fit parameters using the asymmetric Hessian method based on the iterative procedure of Ref. [128], which provides an estimate of the corresponding PDF uncertainties.

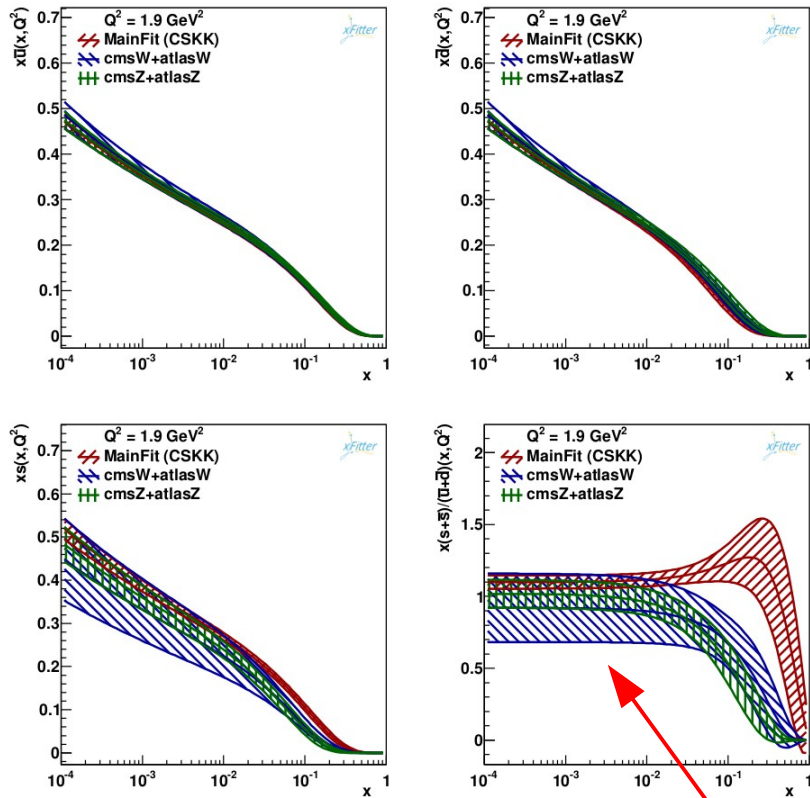
Fits to CMS & ATLAS data separately



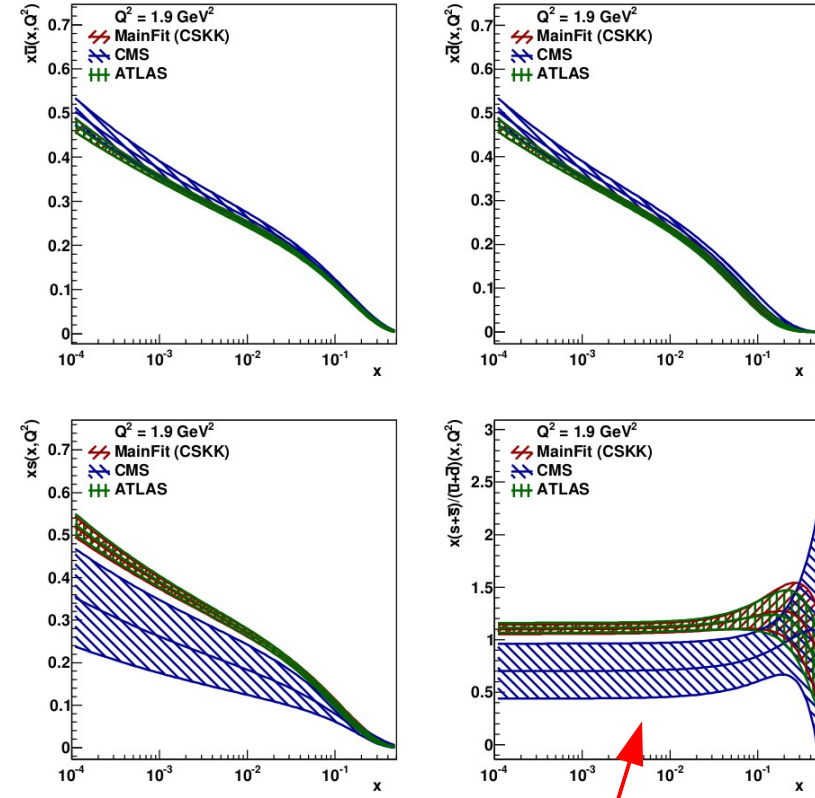
This ratio is unity if strange quarks are not suppressed in relation to light quarks and is ~ 0.5 for the conventional level of suppression.

- Valence, gluon and total sea similar
- Break-up of sea - sensitive to LHC data - different for CMS and ATLAS
- at small x neither data support conventional level of suppression
- For $x > 0.1$ parameterisation uncertainties usually large

W .vs. Z



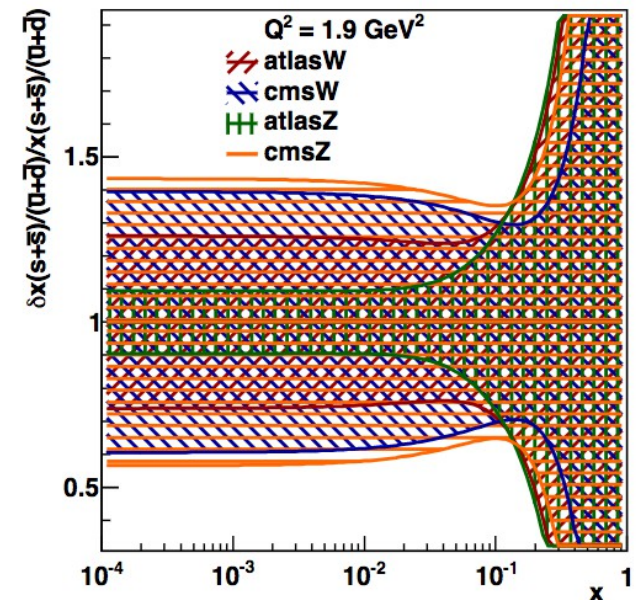
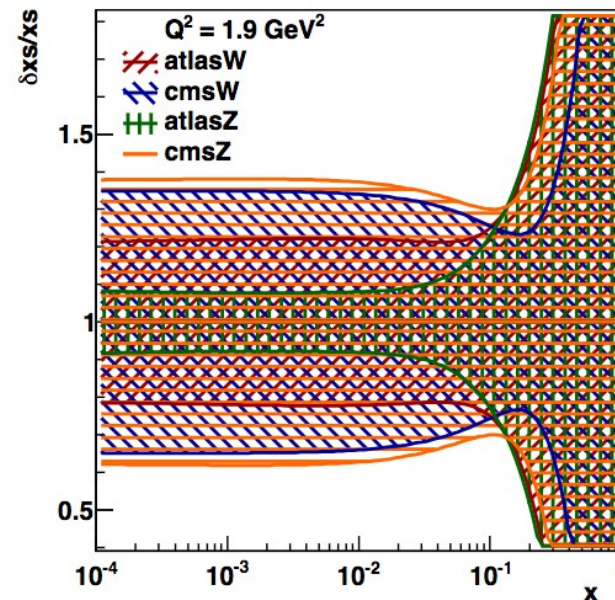
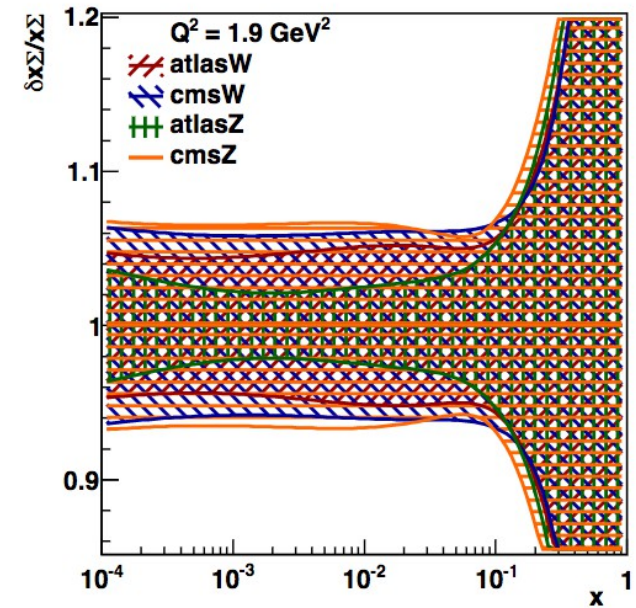
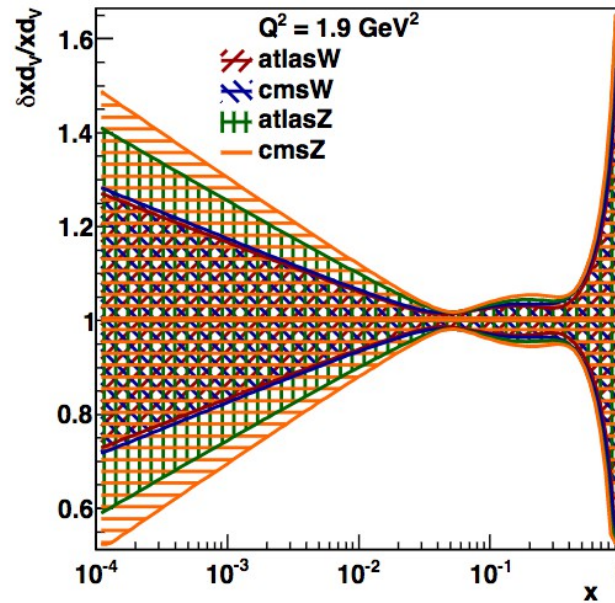
ATLAS .vs. CMS



- Experimental uncertainties
- Valence quarks, gluon and total sea similar
- Flavor break up of sea is similar at small x for W and Z data separately
 - Most information comes from Z data
 - For ATLAS correlations between Z and W important
- For $x \sim 0.01$ CMS ratio 1-2 sigma lower then ATLAS ratio
- However ALL configurations support unsuppressed strangeness > 0.5

Constraining power of various datasets

- Valence quarks best constrained by both CMS and ATLAS W data
- For total sea Σ ATLAS Z most constraining
 - followed by ATLAS W, CMS W and CMS Z
- Same ordering seen for \bar{u} and \bar{d} and is most pronounced for s and R_s



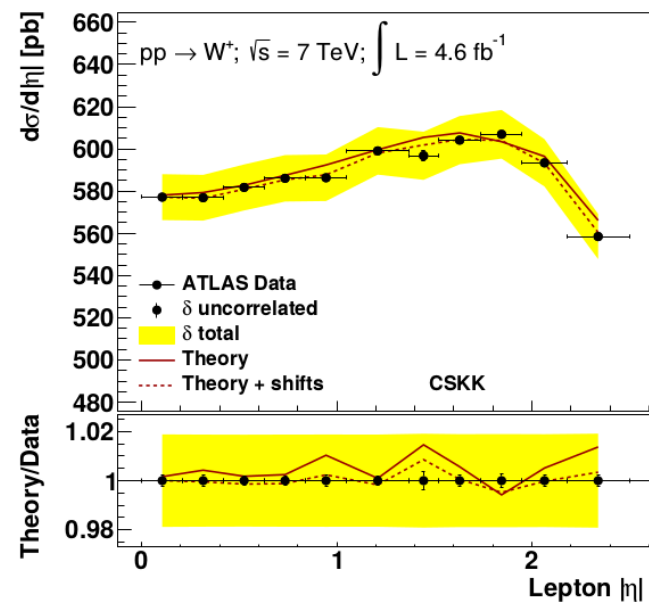
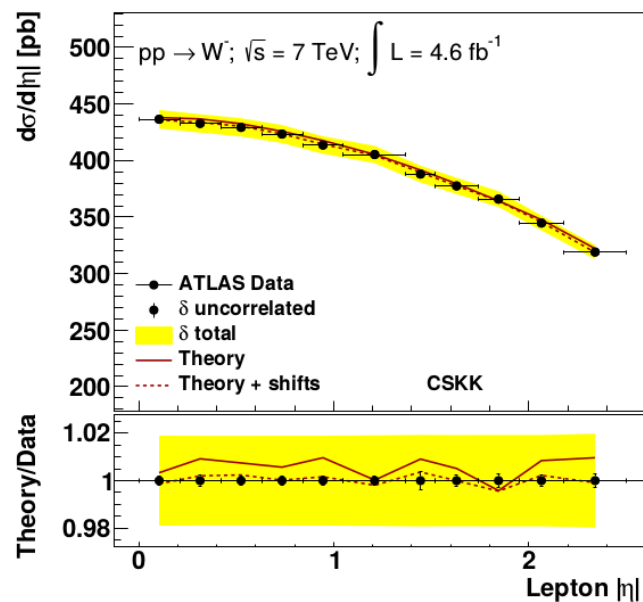
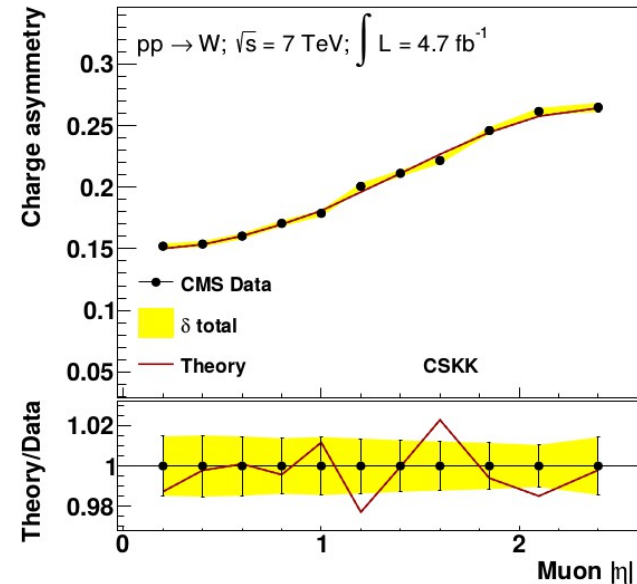
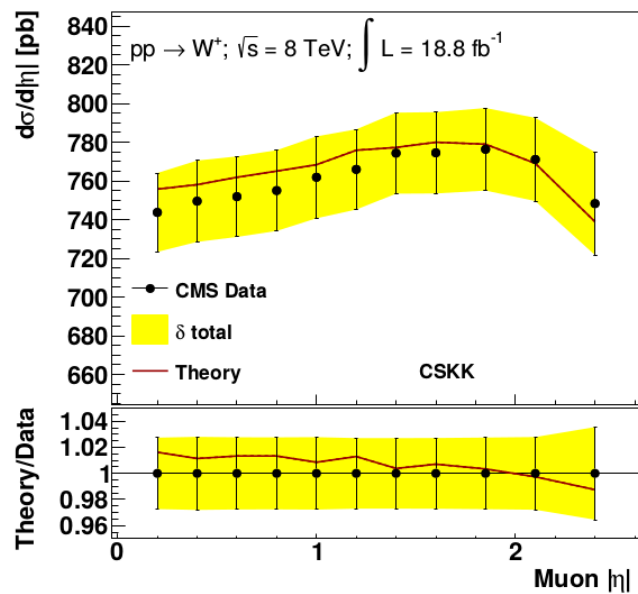
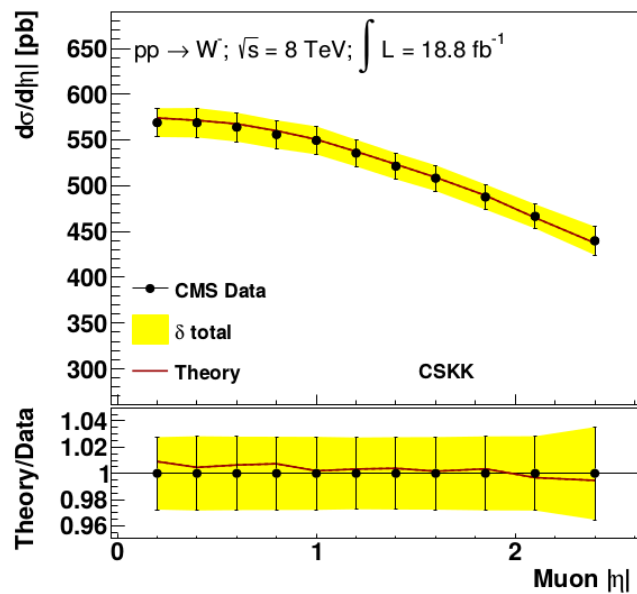
Fit quality

- Total and partial χ^2 s for W/Z data samples good
- ATLAS + CMS with central Z fit \rightarrow MainFit \rightarrow CSKK
- clear that greater accuracy of ATLAS data dominates CSKK fit
 - combined fit has unsuppressed strangeness
- CMS data are not in tension with this result $\rightarrow \chi^2$ for CMS data is still very good

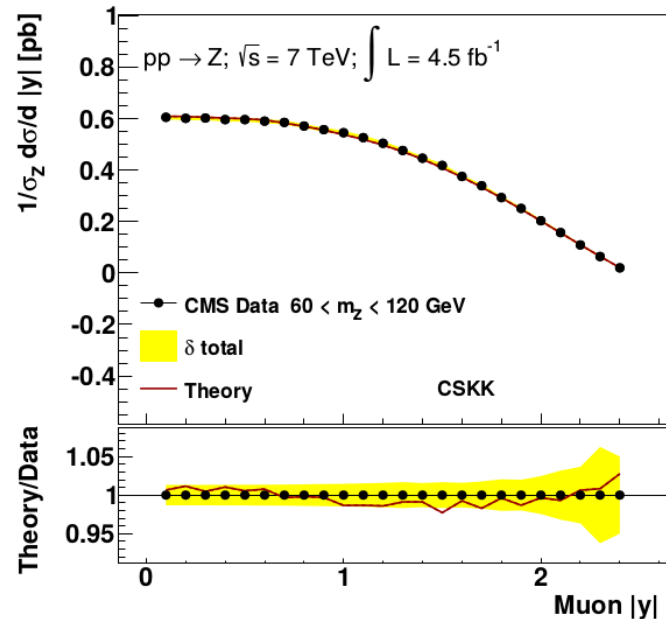
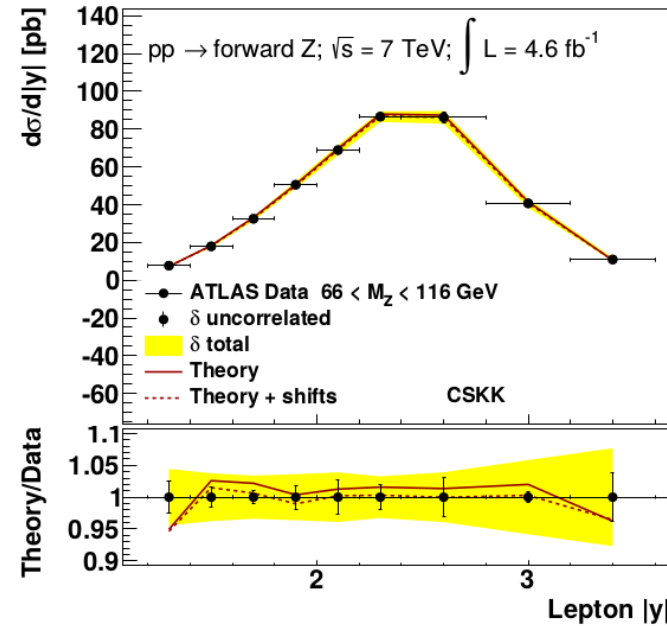
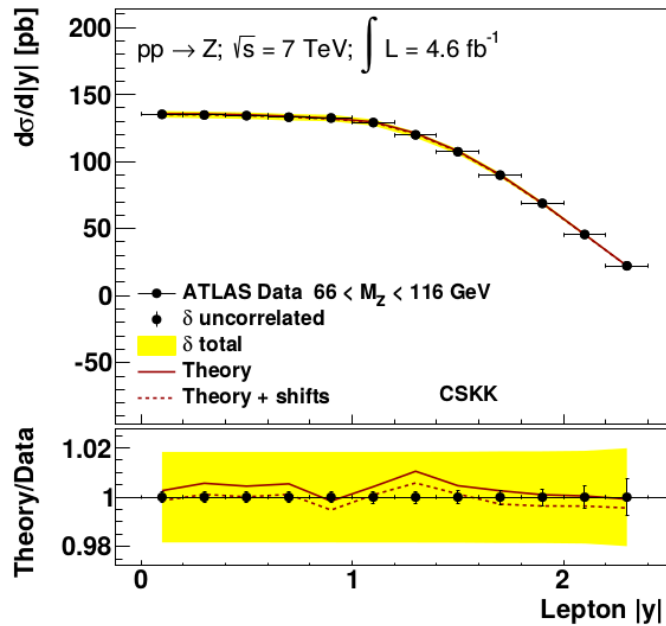
| | ATLAS and CMS W | ATLAS and CMS Z | ATLAS and CMS W and Z, CSKK fit |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total χ^2 /NDF Data set, χ^2 /NDP | 1265/1096 = 1.15 | 1244/1086 = 1.15 | 1308/1141 = 1.15 |
| HERA | 1159/1056 | 1157/1056 | 1163/1056 |
| ATLAS W^+ | 12/11 | | 13/11 |
| ATLAS W^- | 8/11 | | 9/11 |
| ATLAS central CC Z | | 14/12 | 16/12 |
| ATLAS central CF Z | | 9/9 | 7/9 |
| CMS 7 TeV central Z | | 12/24 | 12/24 |
| CMS 7 TeV W-asym. | 13/11 | | 14/11 |
| CMS 8 TeV W^+, W^- | 6/22 | | 5/22 |

| | CMS Z7 | CMS W7,8 | CMS Z7 + W7,8 |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Total χ^2 /NDF Data set, χ^2 /NDP | 1218/1965 | 1225/1074 | 1236/1098 |
| HERA | 1156/1056 | 1157/1056 | 1157/1056 |
| CMS 7 TeV central Z | 11/24 | | 11/24 |
| CMS 7 TeV W-asymmetry | | 13/11 | 13/11 |
| CMS 8 TeV W^+, W^- | | 4/22 | 4/22 |

Data description: W



Data description: Z



- Both CMS and ATLAS and W & Z data well described

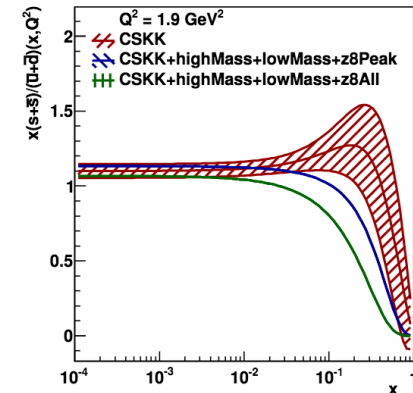
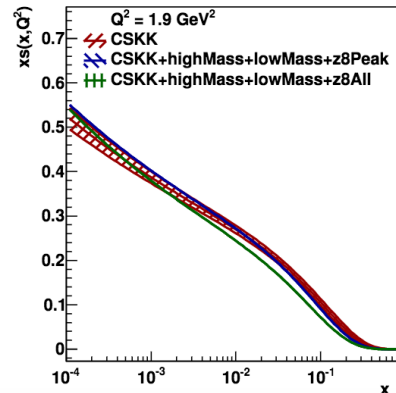
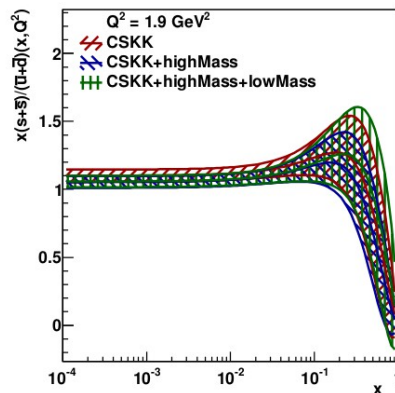
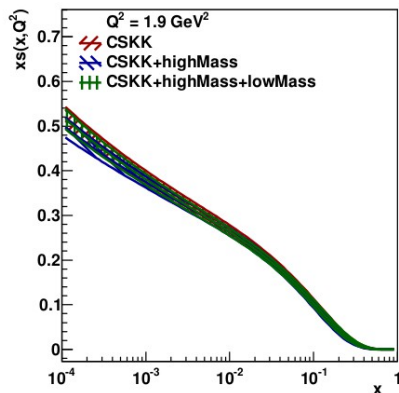
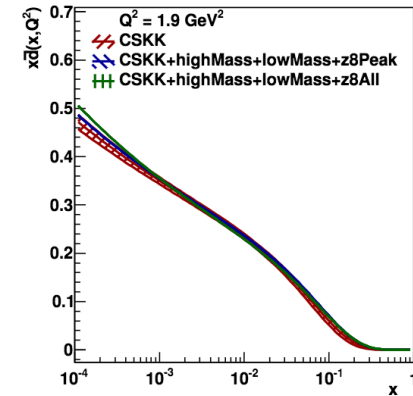
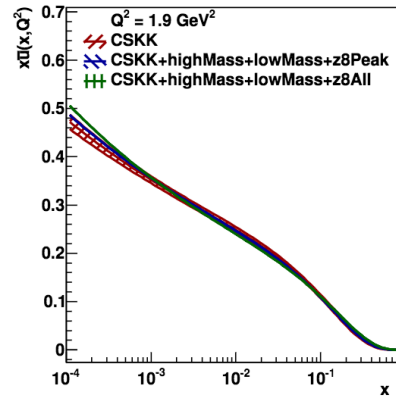
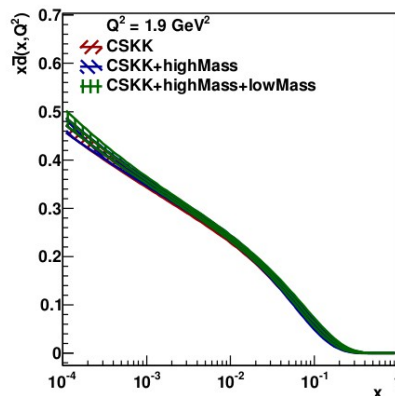
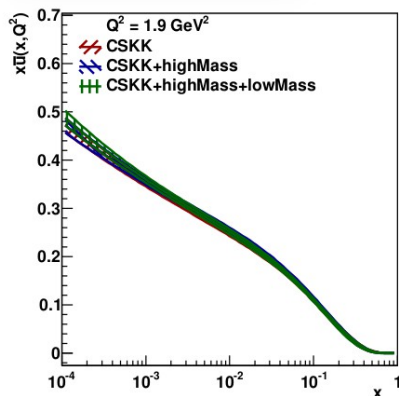
Cross checks - adding more DY data

Adding off-peak Z 7 TeV data

- results not changed substantially
- experimental uncertainties are also not much reduced
- larger theoretical uncertainties, from electroweak effects and γ induced processes

→ Next CMS Z 8 TeV data added

- result not changed substantially
 - Strangeness consistent
- In fact CMS 8 TeV Z-peak data favor even larger strangeness than CSKK for small x



Model and α_s uncertainties

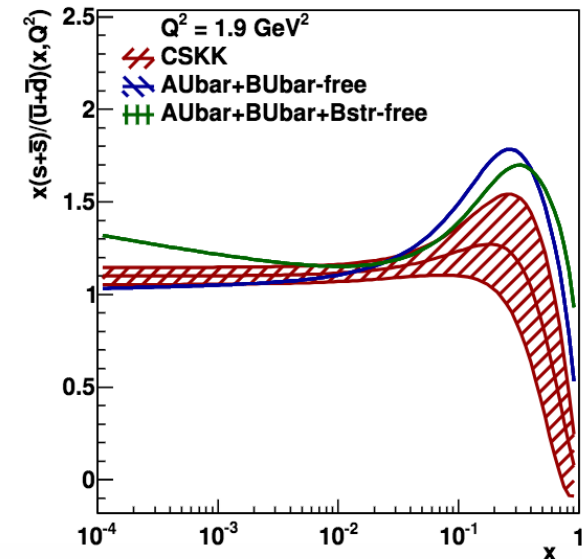
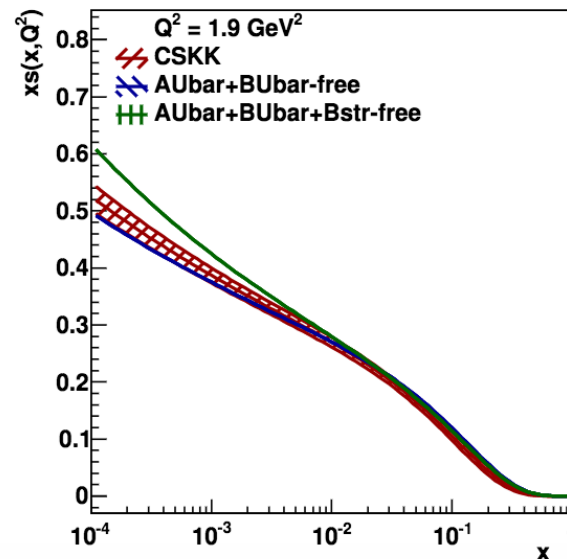
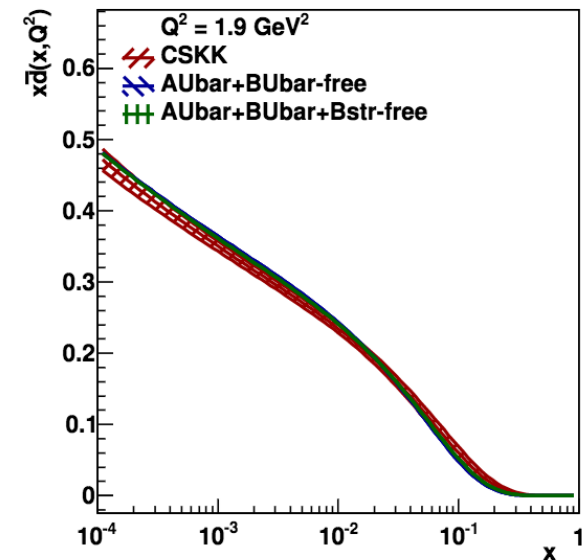
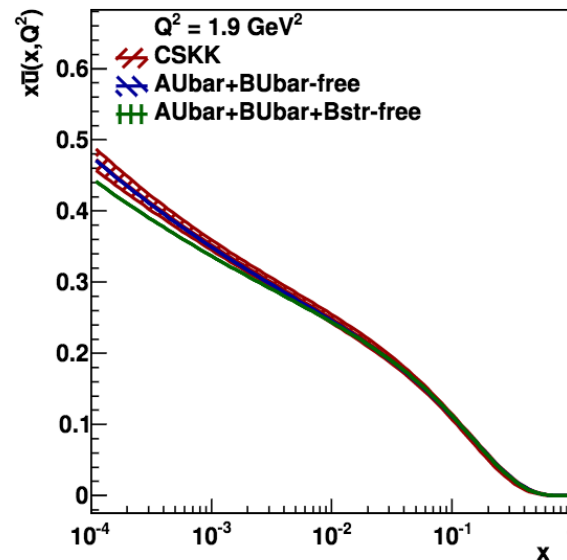
| Variation | Total χ^2/NDF | $R_s = \frac{s+\bar{s}}{d+\bar{u}}$ | |
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| | | $x = 0.023,$ | $x = 0.013,$ |
| | | $Q_0^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ | $Q_0^2 = 8317 \text{ GeV}^2$ |
| Nominal CSKK fit | 1308 / 1141 | 1.14 | 1.05 |
| Model variations | | | |
| $Q_{\min}^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 1375 / 1188 | 1.14 | 1.06 |
| $Q_{\min}^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 1251 / 1101 | 1.14 | 1.05 |
| $m_b = 4.25 \text{ GeV}$ | 1307 / 1141 | 1.12 | 1.04 |
| $m_b = 4.75 \text{ GeV}$ | 1310 / 1141 | 1.16 | 1.06 |
| $\mu_{f_0}^2 = 1.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $m_c = 1.37 \text{ GeV}$ | 1312 / 1141 | 1.16 | 1.06 |
| $\mu_{f_0}^2 = 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $m_c = 1.49 \text{ GeV}$ | 1308 / 1141 | 1.12 | 1.05 |
| $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ variations | | | |
| $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.116$ | 1308 / 1141 | 1.12 | 1.04 |
| $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.117$ | 1308 / 1141 | 1.13 | 1.05 |
| $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.119$ | 1309 / 1141 | 1.14 | 1.06 |
| $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.120$ | 1310 / 1141 | 1.15 | 1.06 |

Parameterisation uncertainty

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| D_{u_v} | 1308 / 1140 | 1.13 | 1.05 |
| D_{d_v} | 1308 / 1140 | 1.14 | 1.05 |
| D_g | 1306 / 1140 | 1.15 | 1.06 |
| $D_{\bar{u}}$ | 1305 / 1140 | 1.15 | 1.06 |
| $D_{\bar{d}}$ | 1302 / 1140 | 1.09 | 1.04 |
| E_{d_v} | 1308 / 1140 | 1.14 | 1.05 |
| $A_{\bar{u}}$ and $B_{\bar{u}}$ free | 1306 / 1139 | 1.17 | 1.07 |
| $A_{\bar{u}}$ and $B_{\bar{u}}$ and $B_{\bar{s}}$ free | 1306 / 1138 | 1.17 | 1.07 |

Parameterisation study

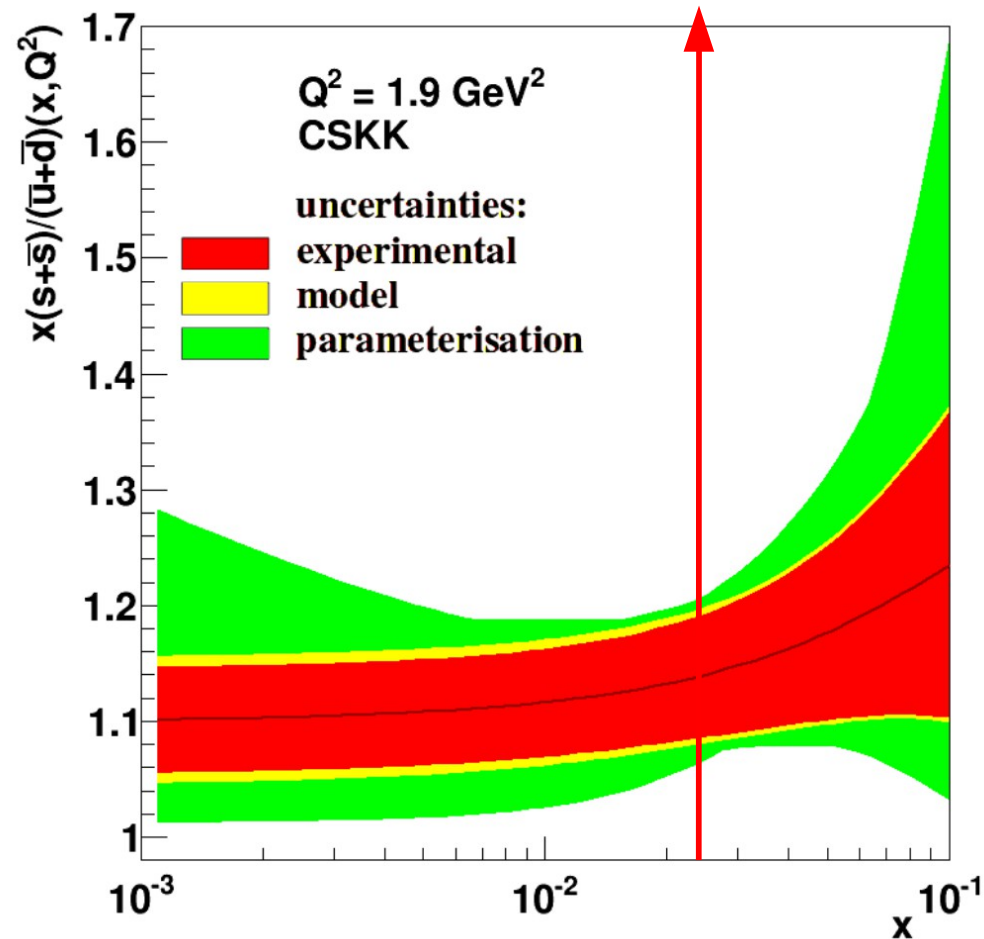
- valence and gluon PDFs do not differ much
- low- x \bar{D} distribution consistent with \bar{U} for $A\bar{U}$ and $B\bar{U}$ free and for additional B_{str} free
- strangeness ratio still consistent with unity for both



CSKK: ratio

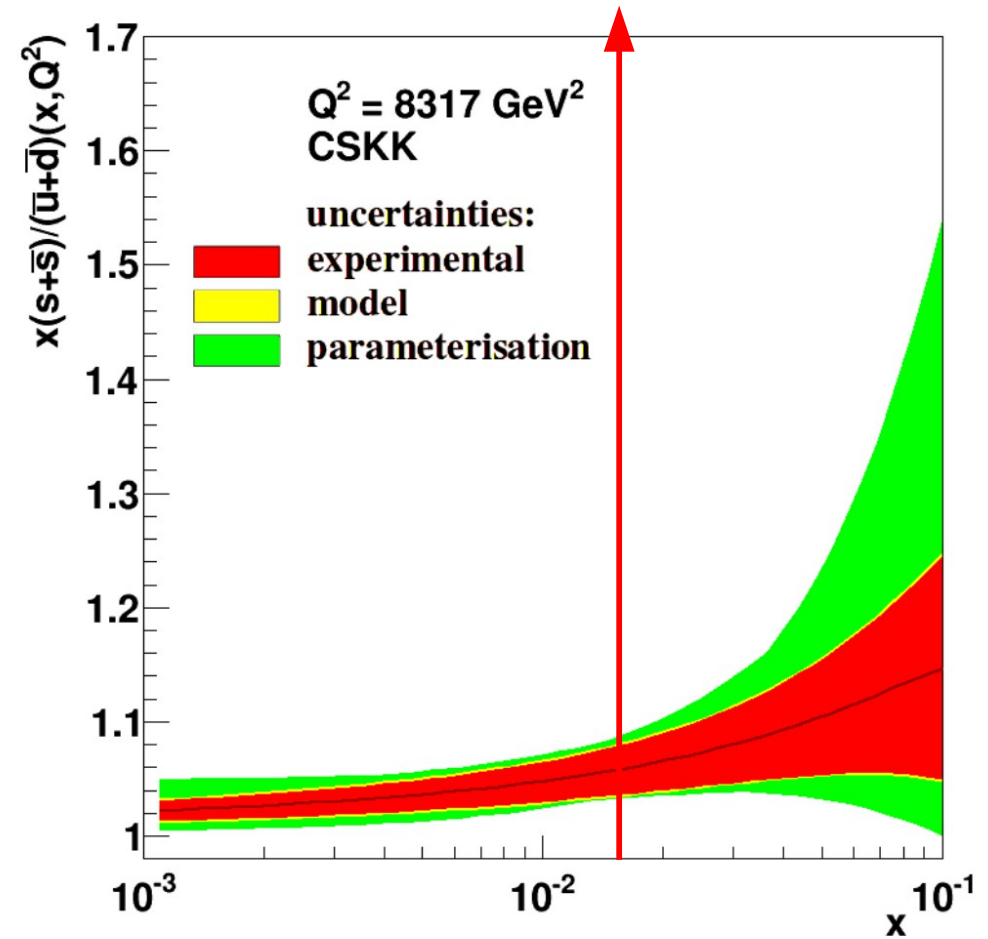
$$R_s = 1.14 \pm 0.05 \text{ (experimental)}$$

$$\pm 0.03 \text{ (model)} \quad {}^{+0.03}_{-0.05} \text{ (parameterisation)} \quad {}^{+0.01}_{-0.02} (\alpha_s)$$



$$R_s = 1.05 \pm 0.02 \text{ (experimental)}$$

$${}^{+0.02}_{-0.01} \text{ (model)} \quad {}^{+0.02}_{-0.01} \text{ (parameterisation)} \quad \pm 0.01 (\alpha_s)$$



- Total uncertainty dominated by parameterisation uncertainty for most of x range
- R_s consistent with unity at low x

Additional parameterisation study

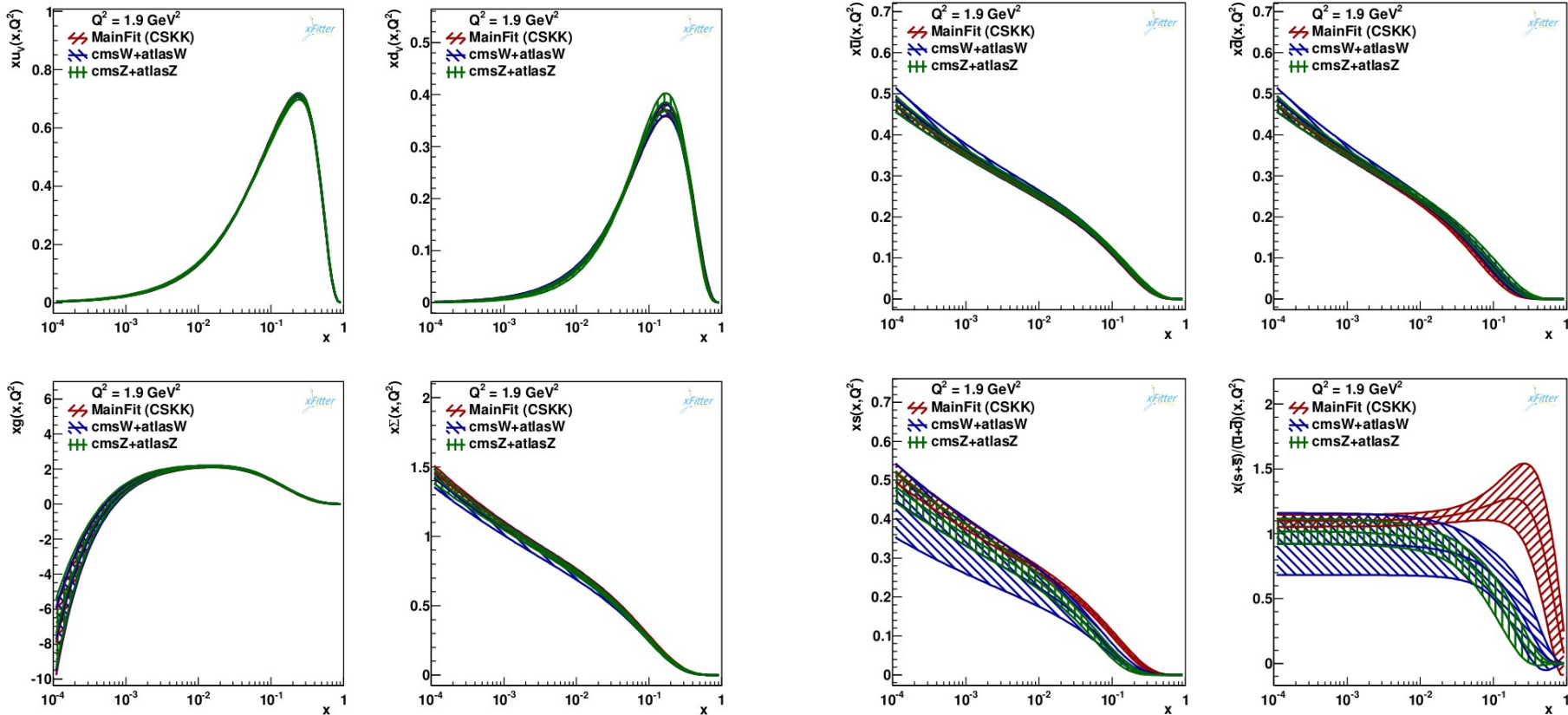
- For the CSKK fit, $\bar{d}-\bar{u}$ at $x \sim 0.1$ is negative, 2-3 sigma away from positive value suggested by E866 fixed-target Drell-Yan data
- Maybe if positive ($\bar{d}-\bar{u}$) imposed on the fit \rightarrow strangeness decreases \rightarrow larger \bar{d} is correlated to smaller strangeness in the current parameterisation
 - However E866 observation made at $x \sim 0.1$, whereas the LHC data have largest constraining power at $x \sim 0.01$
- Cross-check made with a parameterisation which forces ($\bar{d}-\bar{u}$) to be in agreement with the E866 data
 - $R_s = 0.95 \pm 0.07$ (experimental) at $x = 0.023$ and $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Still consistent with unity, however ~ 2 sigma lower than central result
- not included in parameterisation variations \rightarrow not a good fit
 - χ^2/NDF of this fit is 1363/1141 compared to 1308/1141 for CSKK

Summary

- We consider CSKK as our main fit
 - HERA inclusive data + W data + Z peak data
- Our main conclusion about data sets
 - There is no tension between the HERA data and the LHC data or between the LHC data sets
- We consider $R_s = \frac{s+\bar{s}}{\bar{d}+\bar{u}}$ distribution our main result
 - For comparison with ATLAS result we also calculate R_s at certain x and Q^2 values
 - Results with experimental, model and parameterisation uncertainties

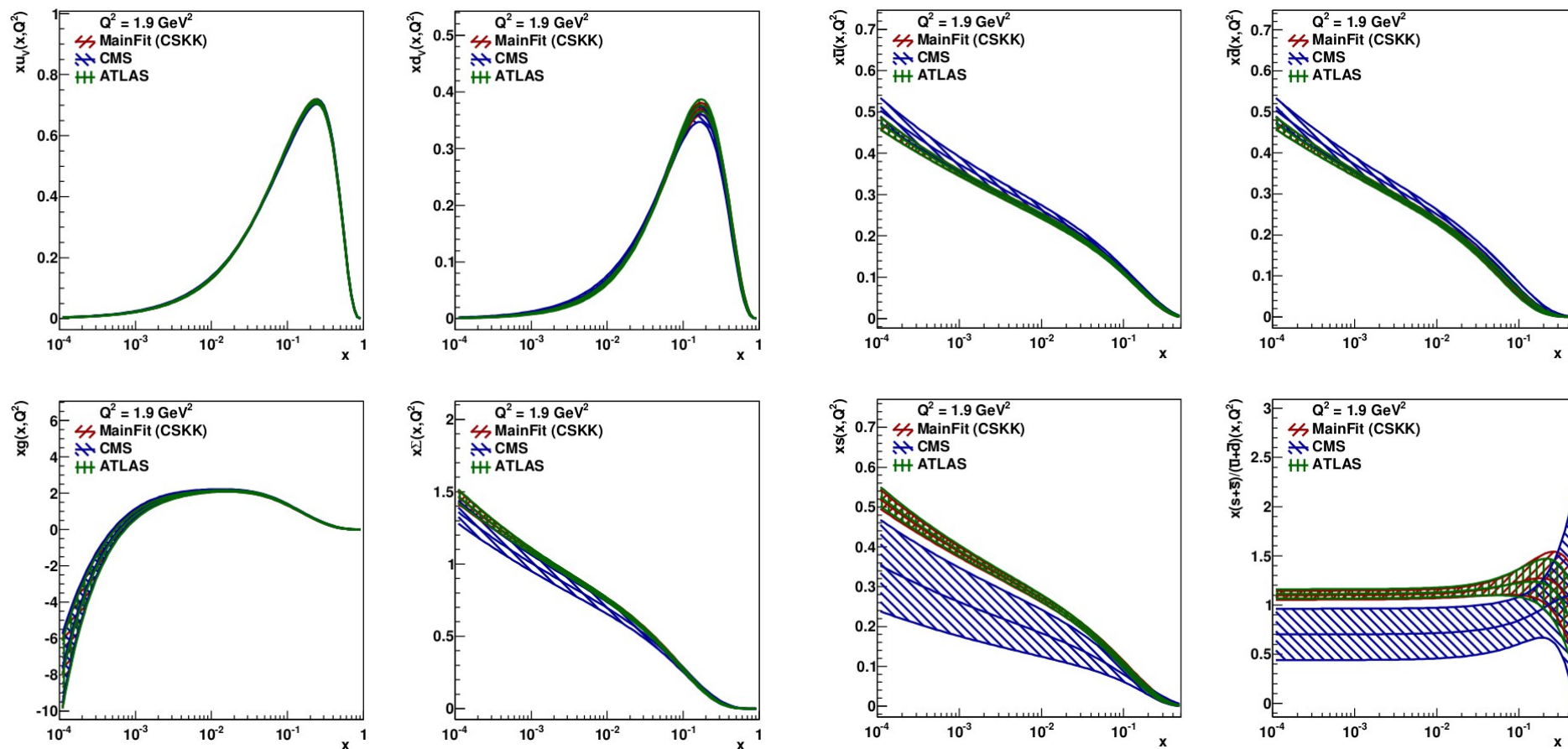
Buck-up slides

Fits to CMS & ATLAS data together



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- Flavor break up of sea is similar at small x for W and Z data separately
- Both data sets support unsuppressed strangeness
 - Most information comes from Z data
 - For ATLAS correlations between Z and W important
- For $x > 0.1$ parameterisation uncertainties become large

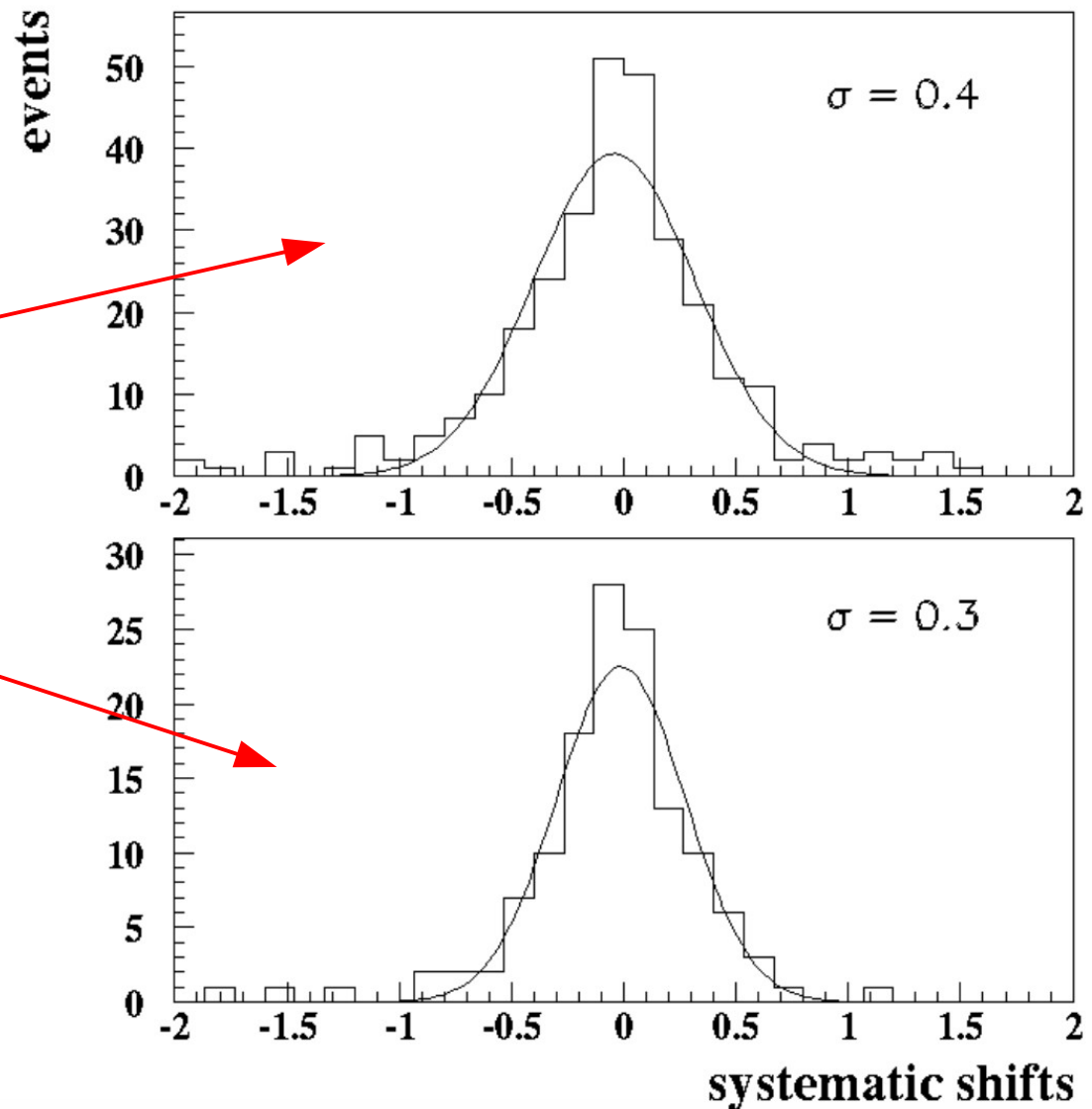
CMS vs ATLAS vs both



- Experimental uncertainties
- Valence, gluon and total sea are similar for PDFs from ATLAS and CMS data, small differences well within uncertainties
- Strange distributions differ
- For $x \sim 0.01$ CMS ratio 1-2 sigma lower than ATLAS ratio

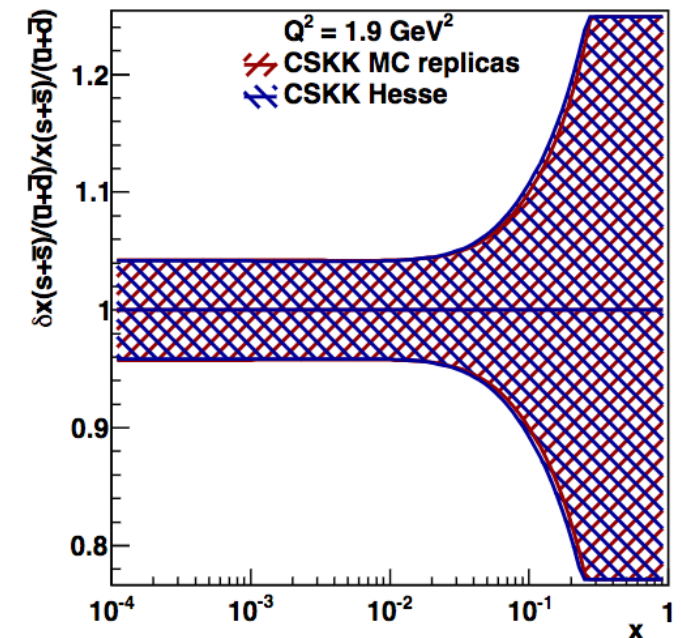
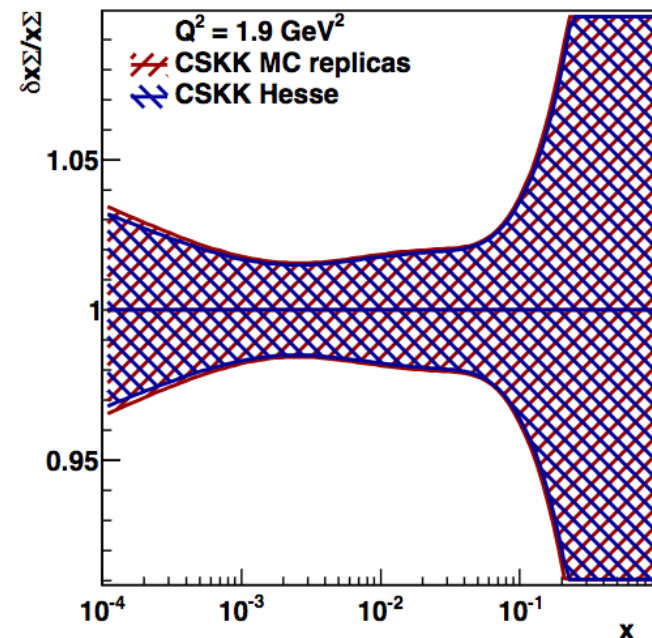
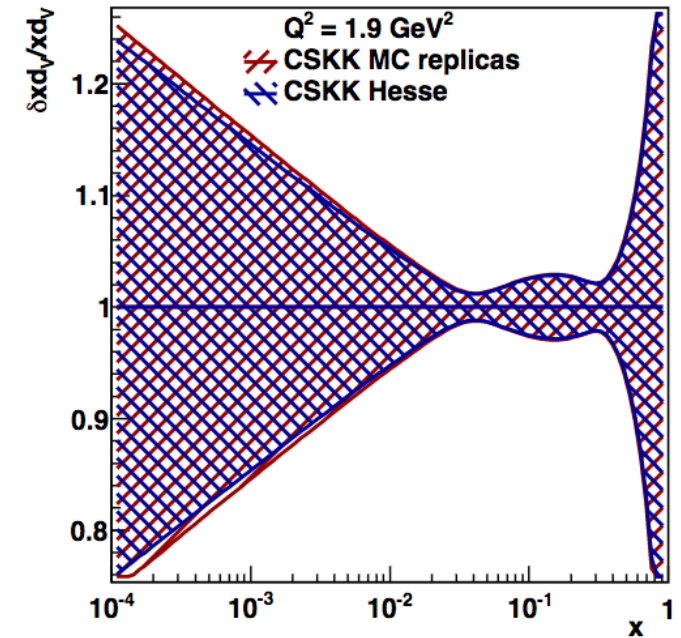
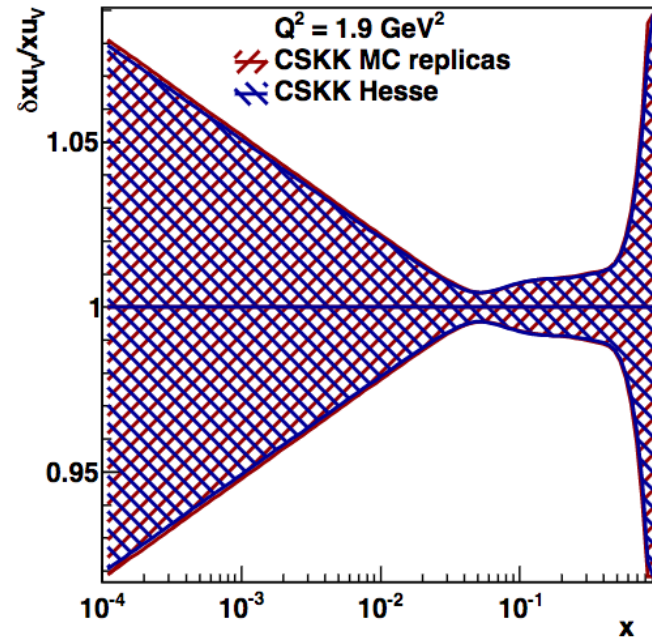
Fit quality - shifts of systematic uncertainties

- Shifts of correlated systematic uncertainties (treated as nuisance parameters)
- HERA + ATLAS
- ATLAS only
- Looks OK



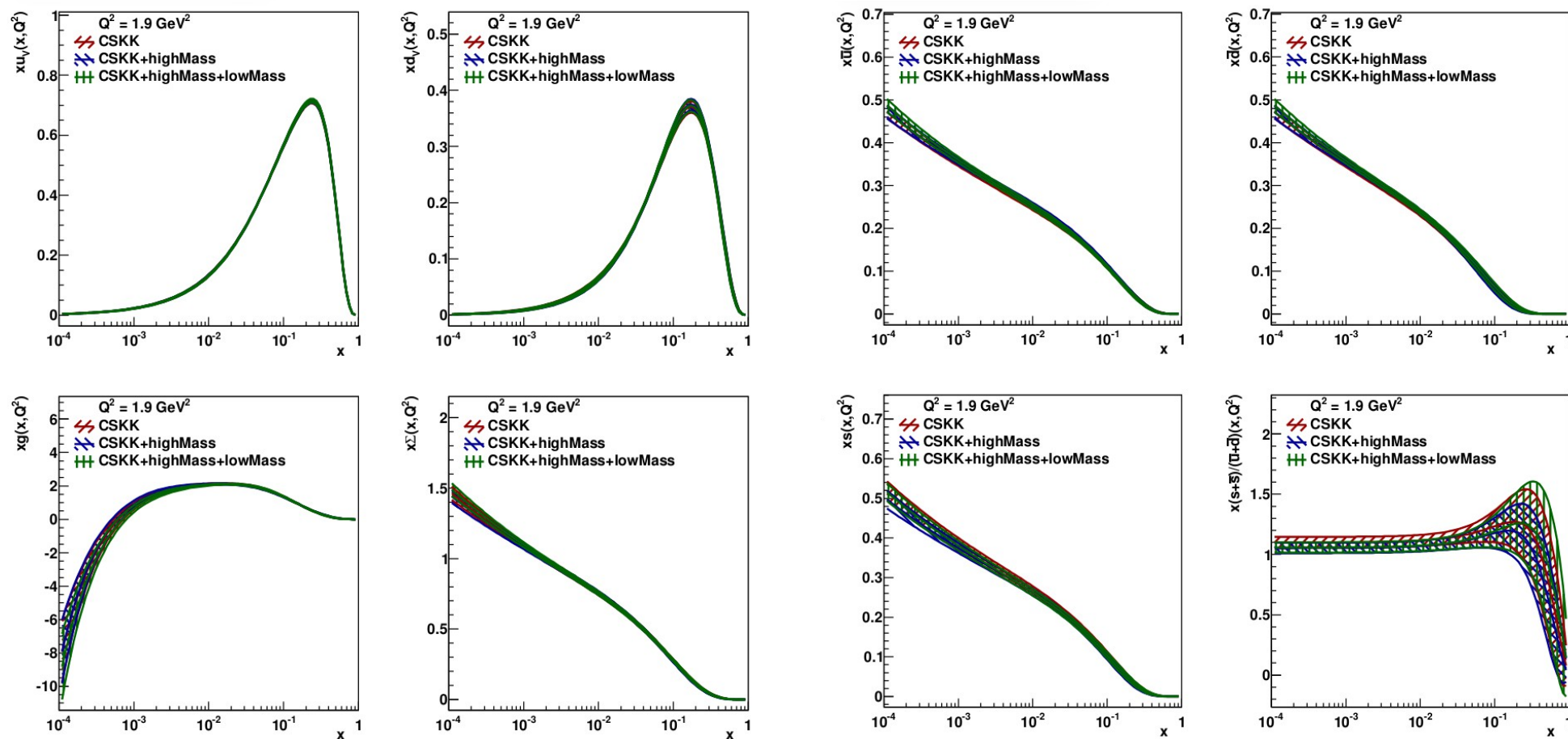
Hesse uncertainty .vs. MC replicas

- Main method of experimental uncertainty estimation: Hesse
- Cross check done using MC replicas
- PDFs obtained with both methods agree well
- Uncertainties compatible



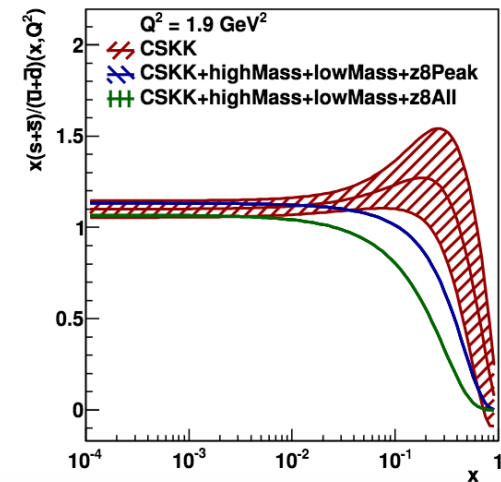
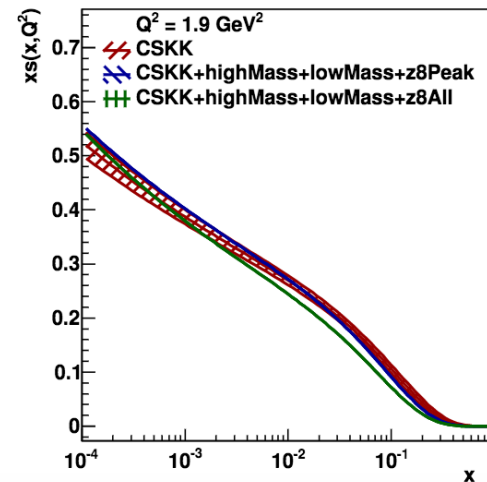
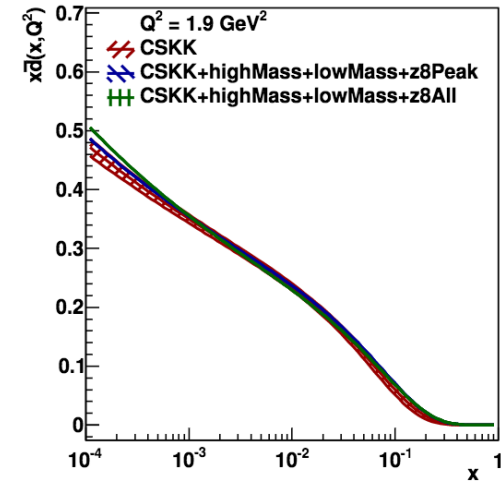
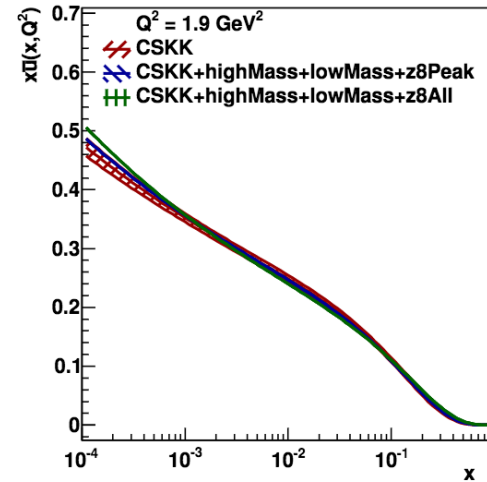
Adding Z off-peak data

- We added off-peak Z data → high mass first and then low mass
- results not changed substantially
- experimental uncertainties are also not much reduced
→ larger theoretical uncertainties, from electroweak effects and photon induced processes → MainFit CSKK contains peak data only

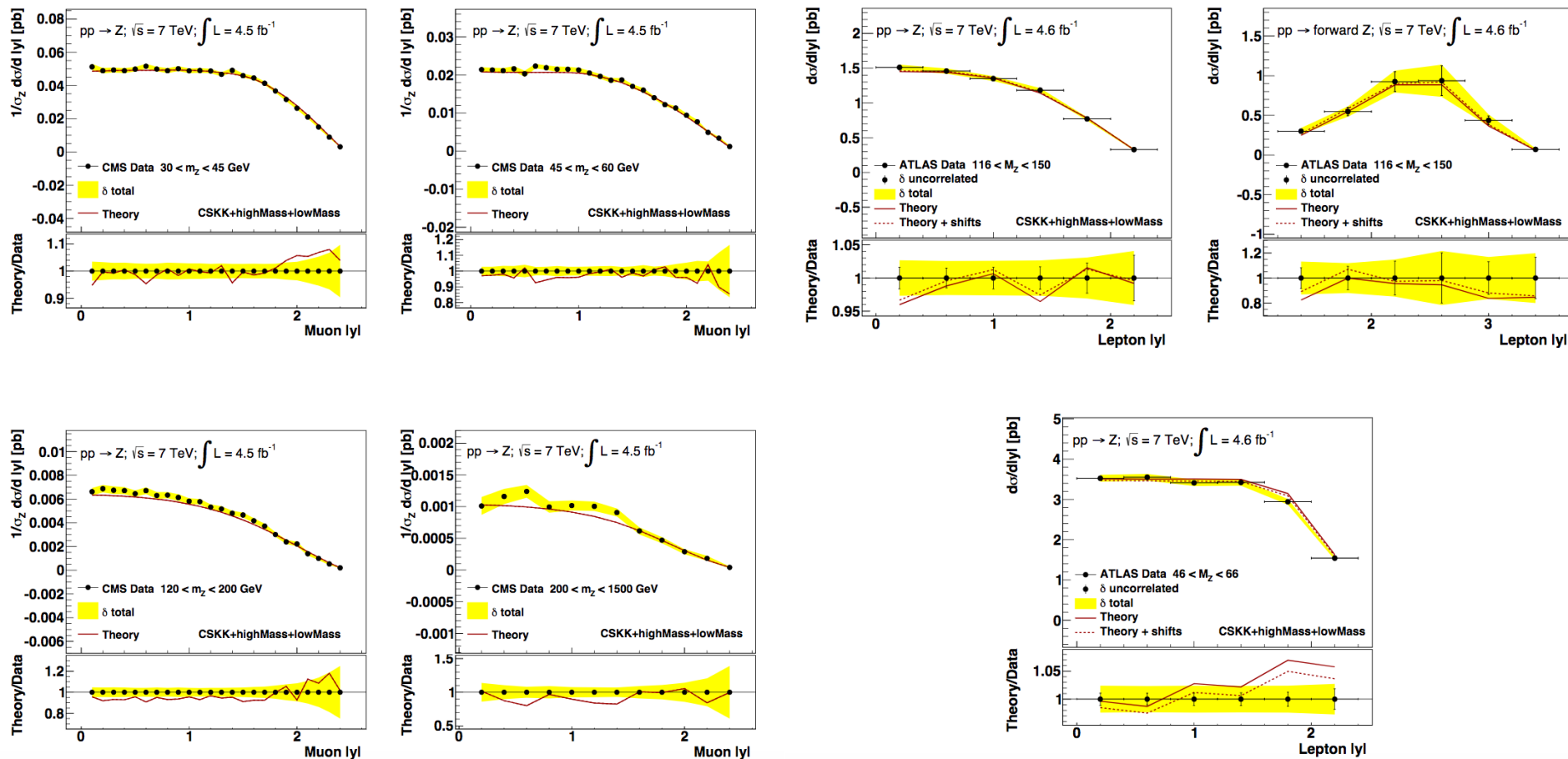


Adding CMS Z @ 8 TeV

- CMS Z @ 8 TeV peak data + low/high mass added
- These data also do not change the result substantially
 - Valence, gluon, sea - very similar
 - Strangeness consistent
- In fact the CMS 8 TeV Z-peak data favor even larger strangeness than CSKK for small x



Adding Z off-peak data



- Not very good agreement for CMS off-peak data and ATLAS low-mass (seen in ATLAS analysis as well)
- There are larger theoretical uncertainties for off-peak mass regions coming from electroweak effects and photon induced processes
→ we use only peak data for nominal CSKK fit

CMS Z @ 8 TeV data

| | ATLAS and CMS W and all Z bins | | CMS W and all Z bins |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | Z at 7 TeV | Z at 7 and 8 TeV | |
| Total χ^2/NDF | 1481/1243 = 1.19 | 1814/1351 = 1.34 | 1596/1290 = 1.24 |
| Data set, χ^2/NDP | | | |
| HERA | 1163/1056 | 1178/1056 | 1186/1056 |
| ATLAS W^+ | 13/11 | 12/11 | |
| ATLAS W^- | 9/11 | 15/11 | |
| ATLAS central CC Z | 15/12 | 26/12 | |
| ATLAS central CF Z | 7/9 | 8/9 | |
| ATLAS CC Z , $116 < M_Z < 150$ GeV | 8/6 | 7/6 | |
| ATLAS CF Z , $116 < M_Z < 150$ GeV | 4/6 | 4/6 | |
| ATLAS CC Z , $46 < M_Z < 66$ GeV | 28/6 | 34/6 | |
| CMS 7 TeV W -asym. | 14/11 | 14/11 | 18/11 |
| CMS 8 TeV W^+ , W^- | 5/22 | 7/22 | 5/22 |
| CMS 7 TeV Z central | 12/24 | 13/24 | 16/24 |
| CMS 7 TeV Z , $120 < M_Z < 200$ GeV | 31/24 | 28/24 | 25/25 |
| CMS 7 TeV Z , $200 < M_Z < 1500$ GeV | 20/12 | 19/12 | 17/12 |
| CMS 7 TeV Z , $30 < M_Z < 45$ GeV | 35/24 | 35/24 | 36/24 |
| CMS 7 TeV Z , $45 < M_Z < 60$ GeV | 22/24 | 20/24 | 20/24 |
| CMS 8 TeV Z central | | 74/24 | 66/24 |
| CMS 8 TeV Z , $120 < M_Z < 200$ GeV | | 73/24 | 56/24 |
| CMS 8 TeV Z , $200 < M_Z < 1500$ GeV | | 14/12 | 12/12 |
| CMS 8 TeV Z , $30 < M_Z < 45$ GeV | | 38/24 | 37/24 |
| CMS 8 TeV Z , $45 < M_Z < 60$ GeV | | 29/24 | 20/24 |

- CMS Z @ 8 TeV are not well described
- Found by NNPDF too
- some tension with ATLAS central mass & rapidity Z appears
- not well fitted even when fitted together with just HERA and other CMS data

CSKK: ratio $R_s = \frac{s+\bar{s}}{\bar{d}+\bar{u}}$

- R_s at $x = 0.023$ and $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Highest sensitivity at starting scale

$$R_s = 1.14 \pm 0.05 \text{ (experimental)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (model)} {}^{+0.03}_{-0.05} \text{ (parameterisation)} {}^{+0.01}_{-0.02} (\alpha_s)$$

- R_s at $x = 0.013$ and $Q^2 = M_Z^2$
 - Maximal sensitivity for LHC data

$$R_s = 1.05 \pm 0.02 \text{ (experimental)} {}^{+0.02}_{-0.01} \text{ (model)} {}^{+0.02}_{-0.01} \text{ (parameterisation)} \pm 0.01 (\alpha_s)$$

- Compared to ATLAS result at $x = 0.023$ and $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$R_s = \frac{s + \bar{s}}{\bar{u} + \bar{d}} = 1.13 \pm 0.05 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (mod)} {}^{+0.01}_{-0.06} \text{ (par)}$$