

# MSTW PDFs

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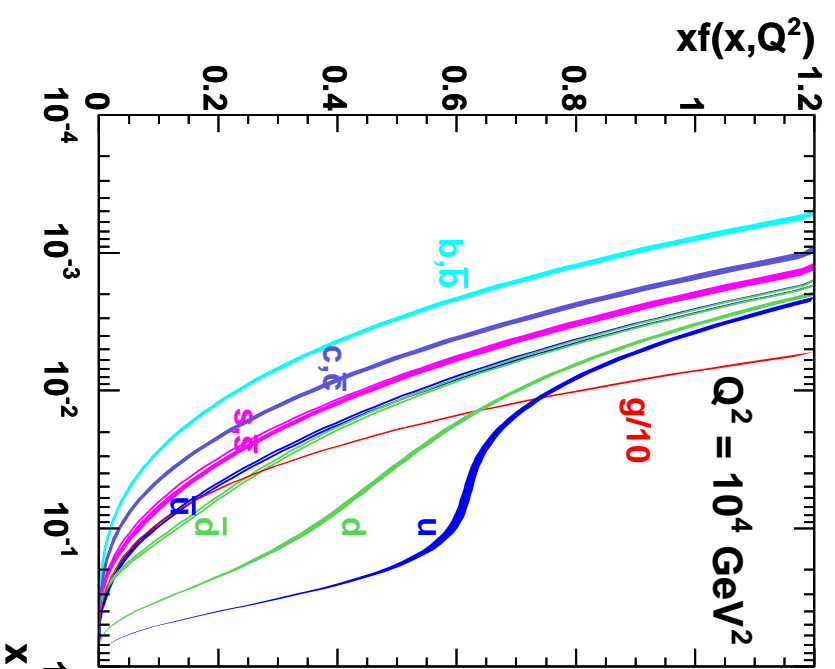
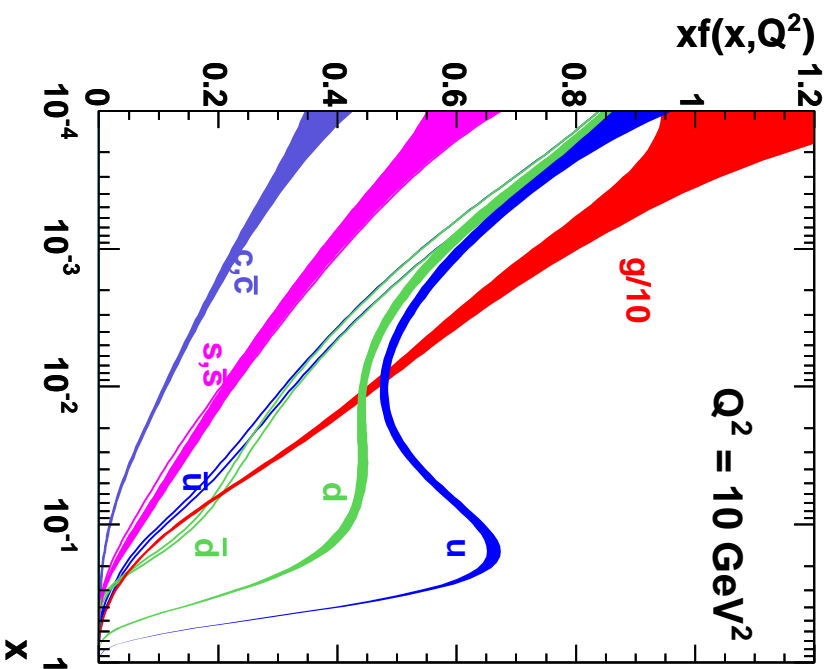
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# MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)



An illustration of the MSTW PDFs at NLO.

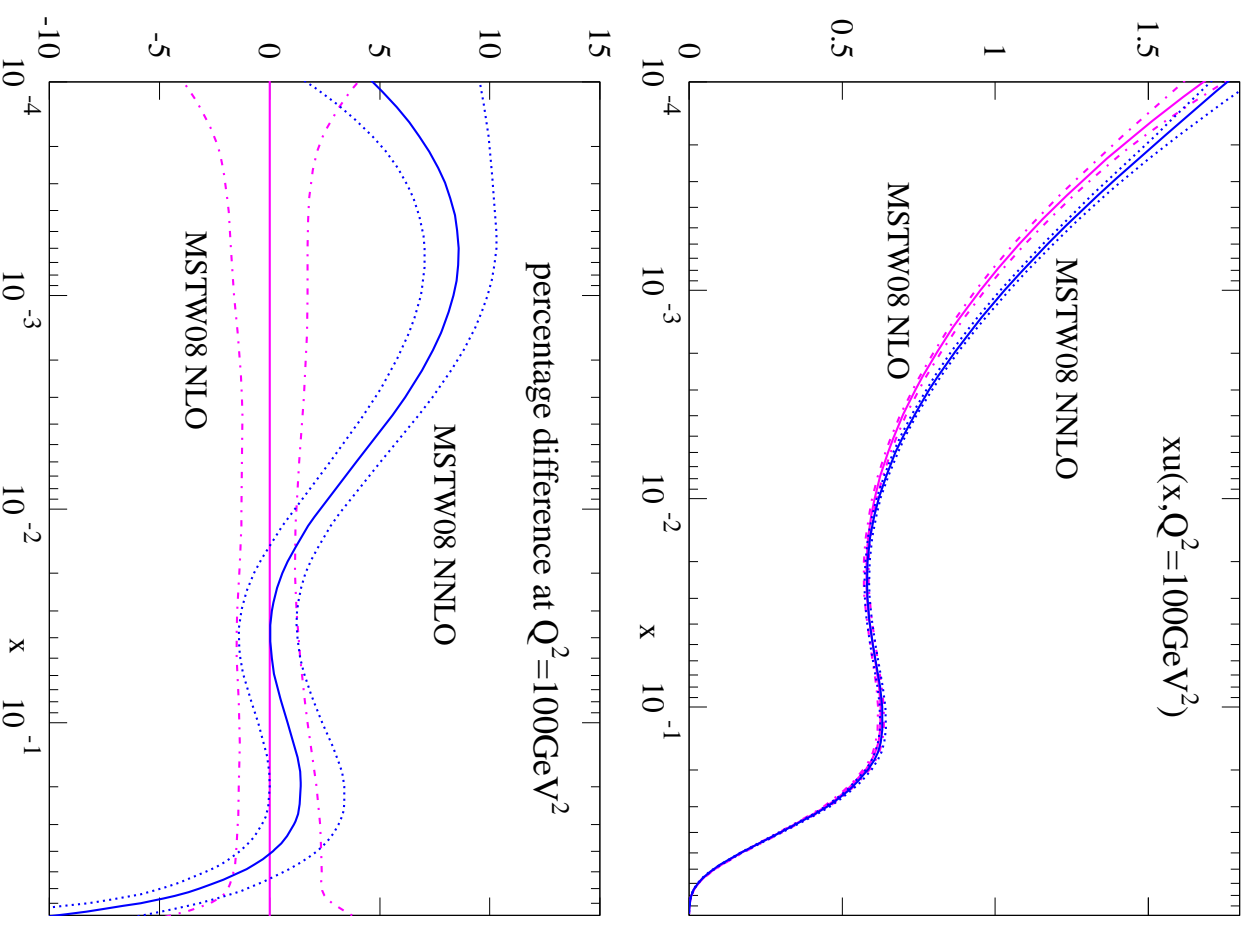
## Variety of PDFs

MSTW make available PDFs in a very wide variety of forms.

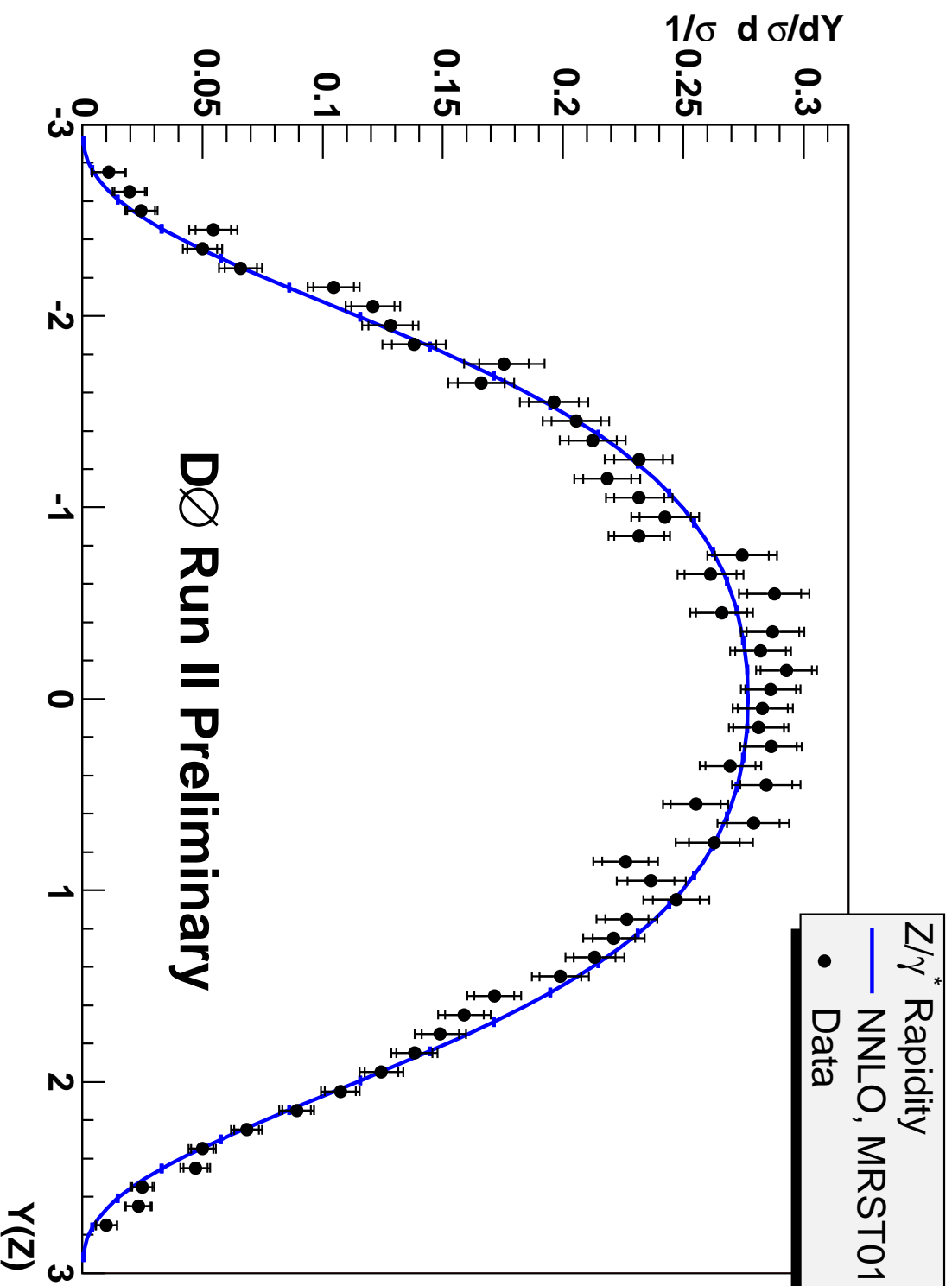
- At , LO, NLO and NNLO, with some minor approximations at NNLO (see later).
- Available for variable, up to 5, quark flavours using a GM-VFNS at all orders. Also for a maximum 4 and 3 flavours.
- Available for best-fit  $\alpha_S$  along with variations of  $\pm 0.5\sigma$  and  $\pm 1\sigma$  (and  $\pm 0.5$  90%CL and  $\pm 90\%$ CL). Also from  $\alpha_S(M_z^2) = 0.110 - 0.130$  in steps of 0.001.
- Available for variety of choices of  $m_c$  (1.05 – 1.75 GeV in steps of 0.05 GeV) and  $m_b$  (4.00 – 5.50 GeV in steps of 0.25 GeV), the former for fixed and varying  $\alpha_S(M_z^2)$ .
- Older MRST versions of modified LO\* and LO\*\* PDFs and of PDFs including QED evolution. Relatively stable with time so not too different from MSTW2008. Will both be updated.

Sometimes vital to use **NNLO** PDFs if calculating at **NNLO**.

Systematic difference between PDF defined at **NLO** and at **NNLO**.



Historically excellent predictive power – comparison of MRST prediction for  $Z$  rapidity distribution with preliminary data.



**Data fit** - need all types in order to obtain full constraints.

- Lepton-proton collider **HERA** – (**DIS**) → small- $x$  quarks, and gluons from evolution. Also, jets → moderate- $x$  gluon and  $\alpha_S$  (not at **NNLO**, large **NLO**  $K$ -factor).
- Fixed target neutral current **DIS** – higher  $x$  – leptons (**BCDMS, NMC, E665, SLAC**) → up quark (proton) or down quark (deuterium).
- Fixed target charged current **DIS** – neutrinos (**CHORUS, NuTeV**) (cut above  $x = 0.5$  on latter) → valence or singlet combinations.
- Di-muon production in neutrino **DIS** – (**CCFR, NuTeV**) strange quarks and neutrino-antineutrino comparison → asymmetry .
- **Drell-Yan** production of dileptons – quark-antiquark annihilation (**E866**  $pp$  experiment) – high- $x$  sea quarks. Deuterium target (**E866**) –  $\bar{u}/\bar{d}$  asymmetry.
- High- $p_T$  jets at colliders (**Tevatron - Run II**) – high- $x$  gluon distribution.
- $W$  and  $Z$  production at colliders (**Tevatron -Run II**) (low luminosity **Run II** for  $W$  (lepton) asymmetry) – different quark contributions to **DIS**.

Fit data for scales above  $2\text{GeV}^2$ . Varying  $Q^2$  cut only leads to slow improvement in fit/change in PDFs (higher orders).

Fit most DIS data for  $W^2 > 15\text{GeV}^2$ . Raise from earlier MRST fits due to hints of dependence on higher twist just below  $15\text{GeV}^2$ .

Fit  $F_3(x, Q^2)$  only for  $W^2 > 25\text{GeV}^2$ . Renormalon prediction for larger higher twist due to lack of sum rule protection. Data consistent with this.

At NNLO use threshold (Kidonakis and Owens) approx. for Tevatron jets. Not large correction. NLO  $K$ -factor not large, and smooth. Quite similar to jet energy scale correlated uncertainty. Omit HERA jets at NNLO, but prediction using NLO cross section excellent.

Don't yet include combined HERA cross-section data. Have checked effects of this. In some cases predictions change by a little over  $1\sigma$ , in many cases less. Slightly smaller change at NNLO.

Major problems with high-luminosity D0 lepton asymmetry in some binnings. Same for other groups.

## Parameterisation

Parameterisation used in **MSTW** fits. Only those **20** in red appear in eigenvectors.

At input scale  $Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ :

$$xU_V = A_U x^{\eta_1} (1-x)^{\eta_2} (1 + \epsilon_U \sqrt{x} + \gamma_U x)$$

$$xD_V = A_D x^{\eta_3} (1-x)^{\eta_4} (1 + \epsilon_D \sqrt{x} + \gamma_D x)$$

$$xS = A_S x^{\delta_S} (1-x)^{\eta_S} (1 + \epsilon_S \sqrt{x} + \gamma_S x)$$

$$x\bar{d} - x\bar{u} = A_\Delta x^{\eta_\Delta} (1-x)^{\eta_{S+2}} (1 + \gamma_\Delta x + \delta_\Delta x^2)$$

$$xg = A_g x^{\delta_g} (1-x)^{\eta_g} (1 + \epsilon_g \sqrt{x} + \gamma_g x) + A_{g'} x^{\delta_{g'}} (1-x)^{\eta_{g'}}$$

$$xS + x\bar{S} = A_+ x^{\delta_+} (1-x)^{\eta_+} (1 + \epsilon_S \sqrt{x} + \gamma_S x)$$

$$xS - x\bar{S} = A_- x^{\delta_-} (1-x)^{\eta_-} (1-x/x_0)$$

Of others only  $A_v, A_d, A_g$  and  $x_0$  fixed by sum rules and  $\delta_{s-}$  fixed due to total correlation. **28** varied in best fit.

Similar or more than other groups (other than **NNPDF**).



Use Hessian approach, i.e. calculate best fit by minimising  $\chi^2$ , expand about minimum to find parameter uncertainties, and as some other groups normalise and diagonalise to obtain orthonormal eigenvectors in parameter space.

(Currently summing in quadrature uncertainties for DIS data. Shown to have very little effect in MRST2001 study, first HERA-LHC benchmark (back-up) and NNPDF-Donati study (back-up). Use full correlations for vital sets, such as Tevatron jets.)

High quartic penalty for normalisations to prevent slight tendency to float down (details in back-up). Improved by higher order or relaxation of momentum sum rule.

Find that conventional  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$  gives unfeasibly low uncertainty. Possibly due to some inconsistency between data sets, failure of imperfect theory to fit all data simultaneously (well-recognised statistical problem) and limited parameterisation. Not seen much evidence of last from increasing parameters (see back-up). Main potential at very high  $x$ .

Use dynamical tolerance based on confidence levels for different sets (explained in (PDF4LHC talk - Watt DIS08)).

- Define **90% C.L.** region for each data set  $n$  (with  $N_n$  data points) as

$$\chi_n^2 < \left( \frac{\chi_{n,0}^2}{\xi_{50}} \right) \xi_{90}$$

- $\xi_{90}$  is the 90th percentile of the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $N_n$  d.o.f., i.e.

$$\int_0^{\xi_{90}} d\chi^2 f(\chi^2; N_n) = 0.90,$$

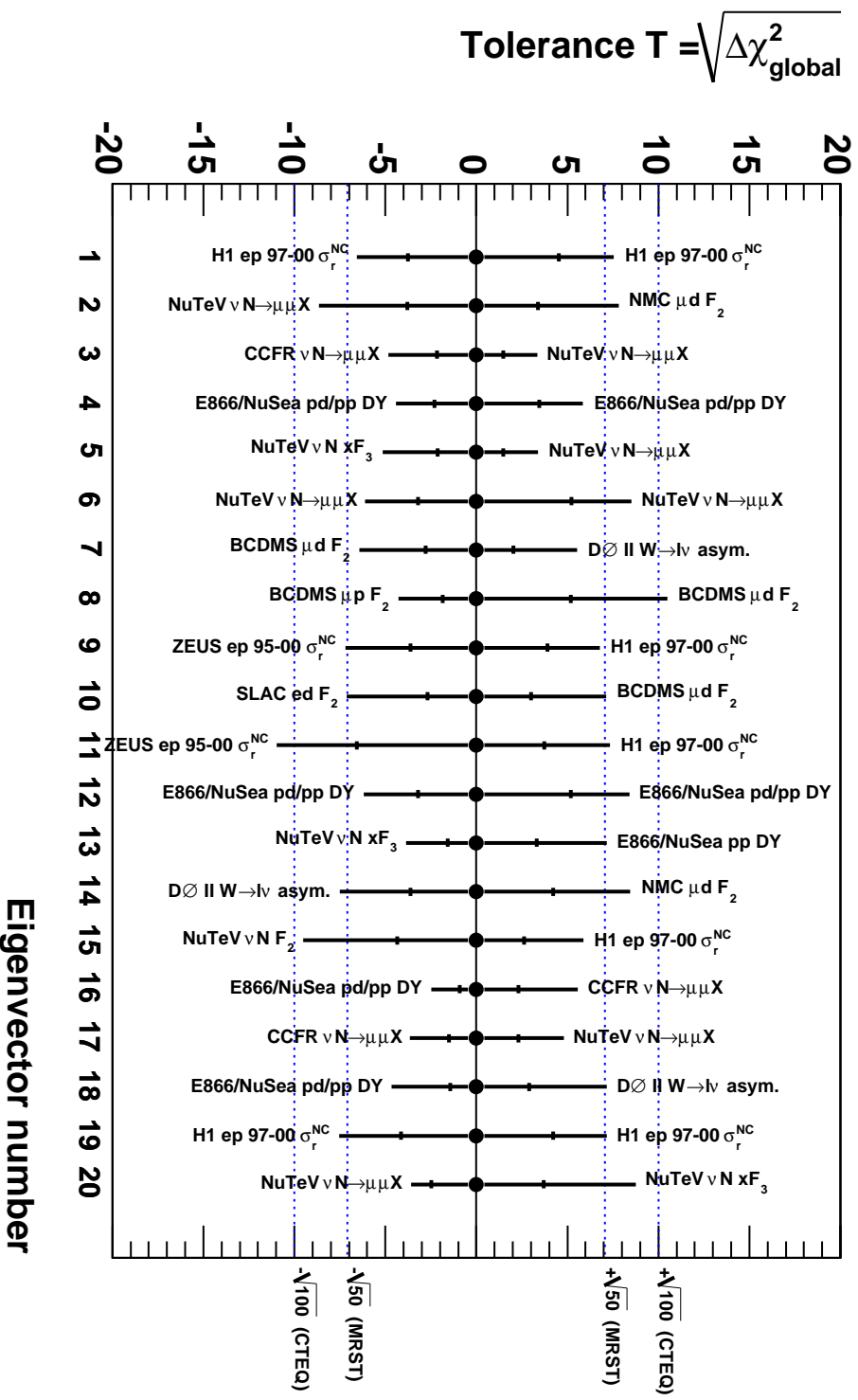
where the probability density function is

$$f(z; N) = \frac{z^{N/2-1} e^{-z/2}}{2^{N/2} \Gamma(N/2)}.$$

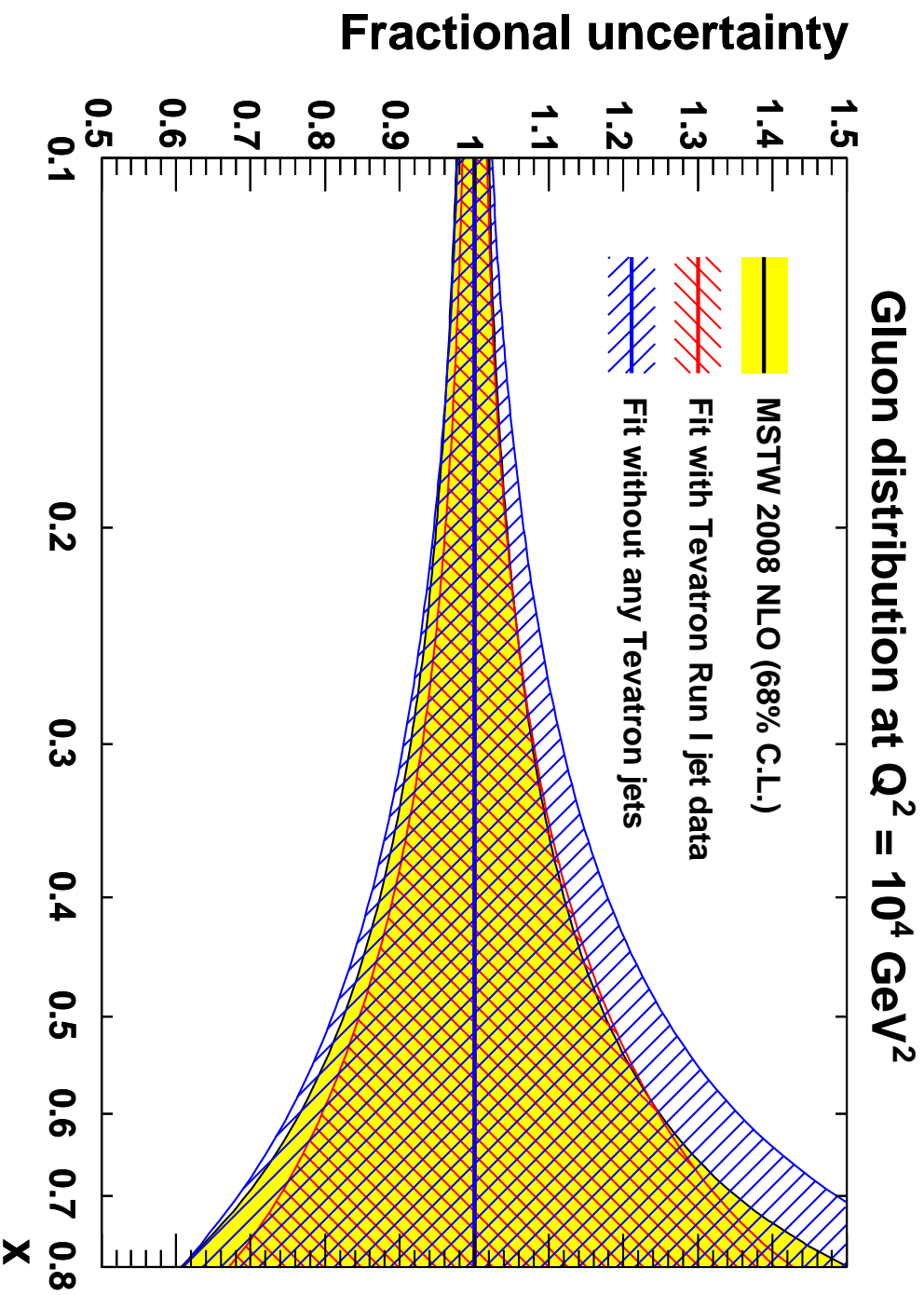
- $\xi_{50} \simeq N_n$  is the most probable value of the  $\chi^2$ -distribution.
- $\chi_{n,0}^2$  for data set  $n$  is evaluated at the **global** minimum.
- **Rescale** by a factor  $\chi_{n,0}^2/\xi_{50}$  since this often deviates from 1.
- Similarly for the **68% C.L.** region.

Approach repeated for all 20 eigenvectors to determine uncertainty on each. On average  $\Delta\chi^2 = 40$  for 90% and  $\Delta\chi^2 = 15$  for  $1 - \sigma$ , but large variations, and asymmetries - numbers in back-up.

### MSTW 2008 NLO PDF fit



Even though one data set constrains each eigenvector limit, doesn't mean others do not contribute.



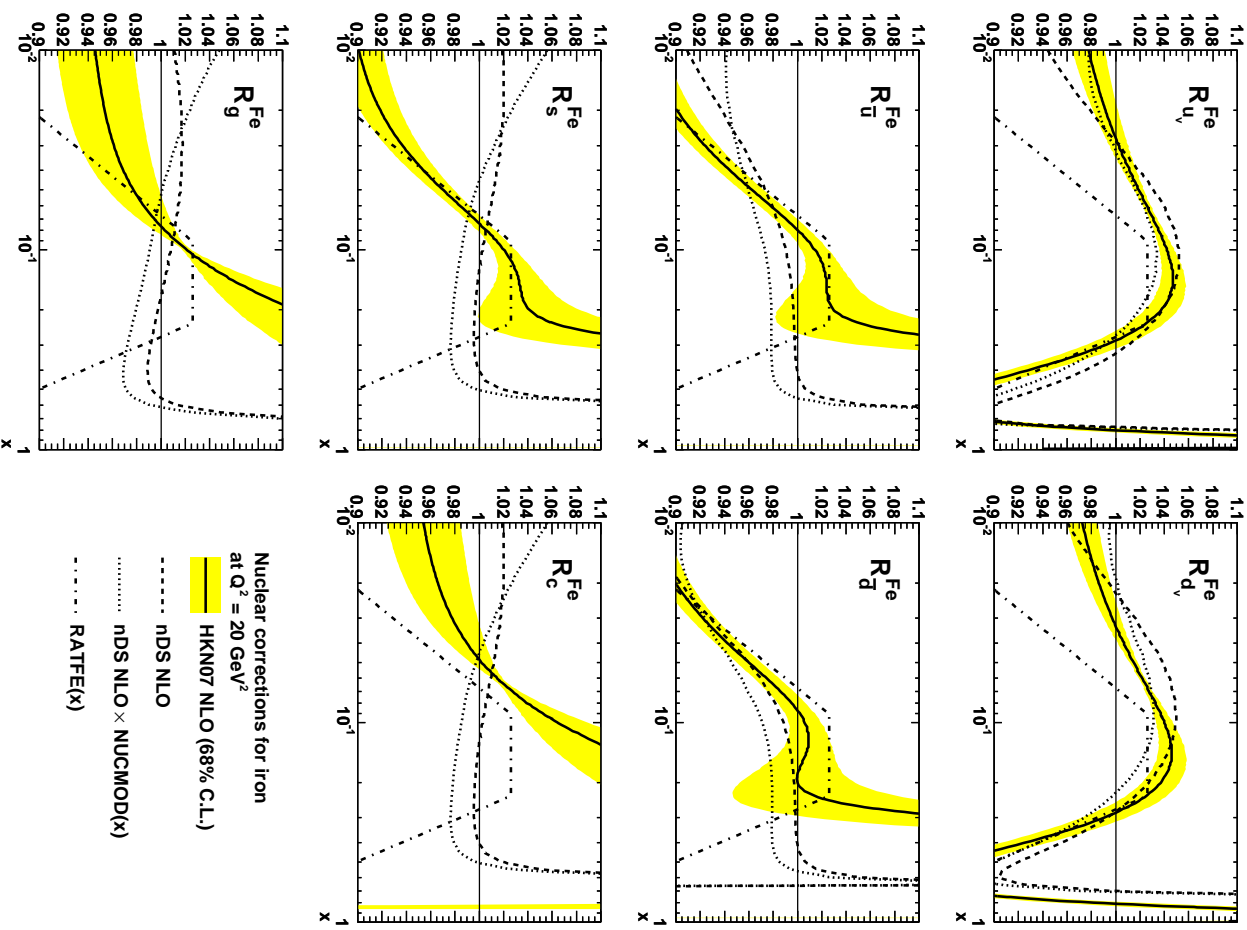
# Nuclear Corrections.

Use **De Florian** and **Sassot** nuclear corrections obtained from **NLO** PDFs.

However, weight by three parameter function allowing normalisation and shape to vary without penalty. As can be seen, leads to changes of a couple of percent. Allowed to vary while finding uncertainty on PDFs.

Hence, PDFs not overly constrained by assumed nuclear corrections.

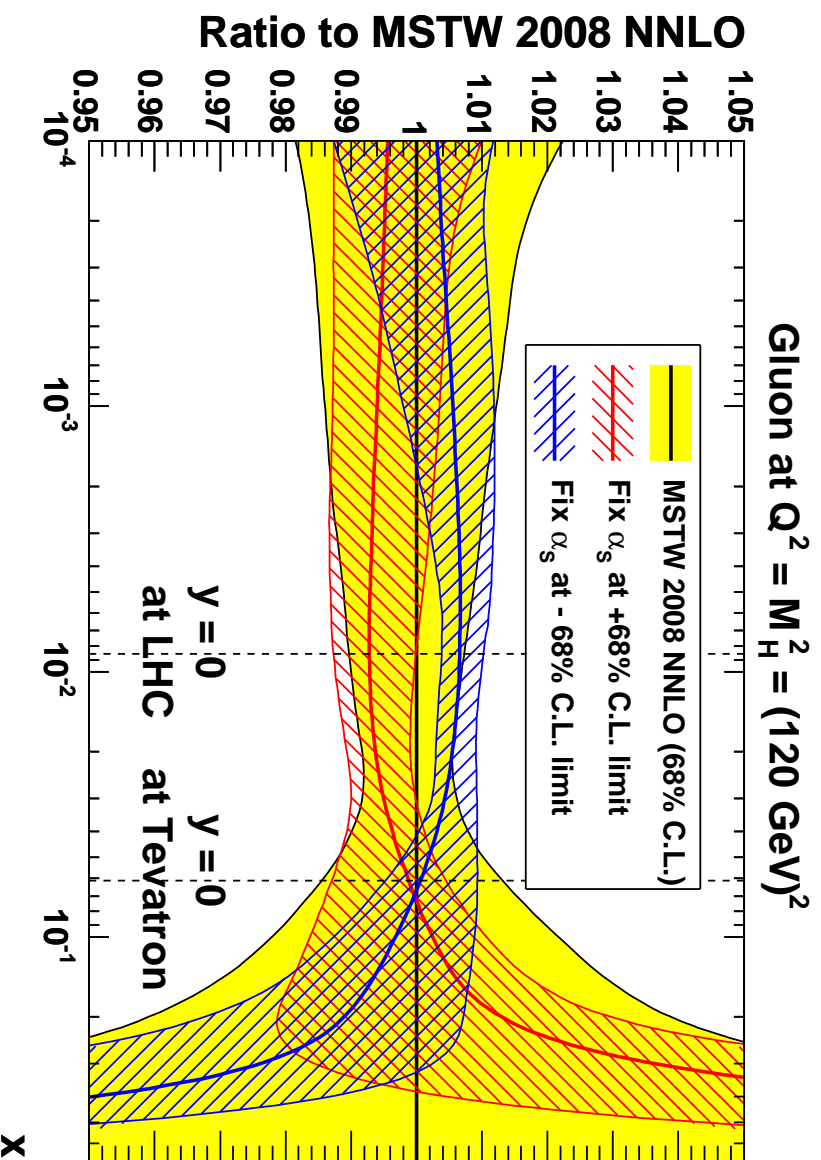
For deuterium currently use just a small shadowing correction at small  $x$ . Maximum **2%** effect. Have expanded this in context of **Tevatron** lepton asymmetry. Potential to improve in future.



## PDF correlation with $\alpha_S$ .

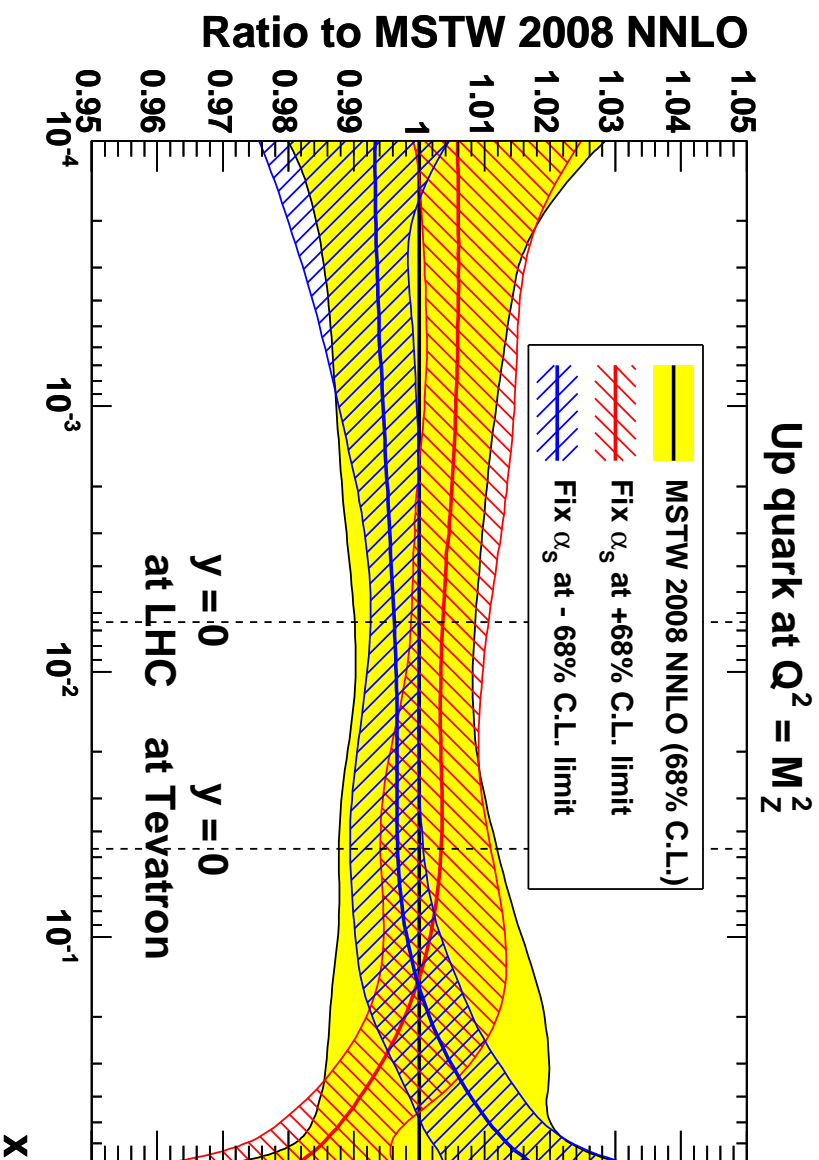
Examine PDF changes and uncertainties at different  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ . Latter usually only for one fixed  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ . Can be determined from fit, e.g.  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) = 0.1202^{+0.0012}_{-0.0015}$  at NLO and  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) = 0.1171^{+0.0014}_{-0.0014}$  at NNLO from MSTW.

PDF uncertainties reduced since quality of fit already worse than best fit.



Expected gluon- $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$  small- $x$  anti-correlation  $\rightarrow$  high- $x$  correlation from sum rule.

Gluon feeds into evolution of quarks, but change in  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$  just outweighs gluon change, i.e. larger  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) \rightarrow$  slightly more evolution.

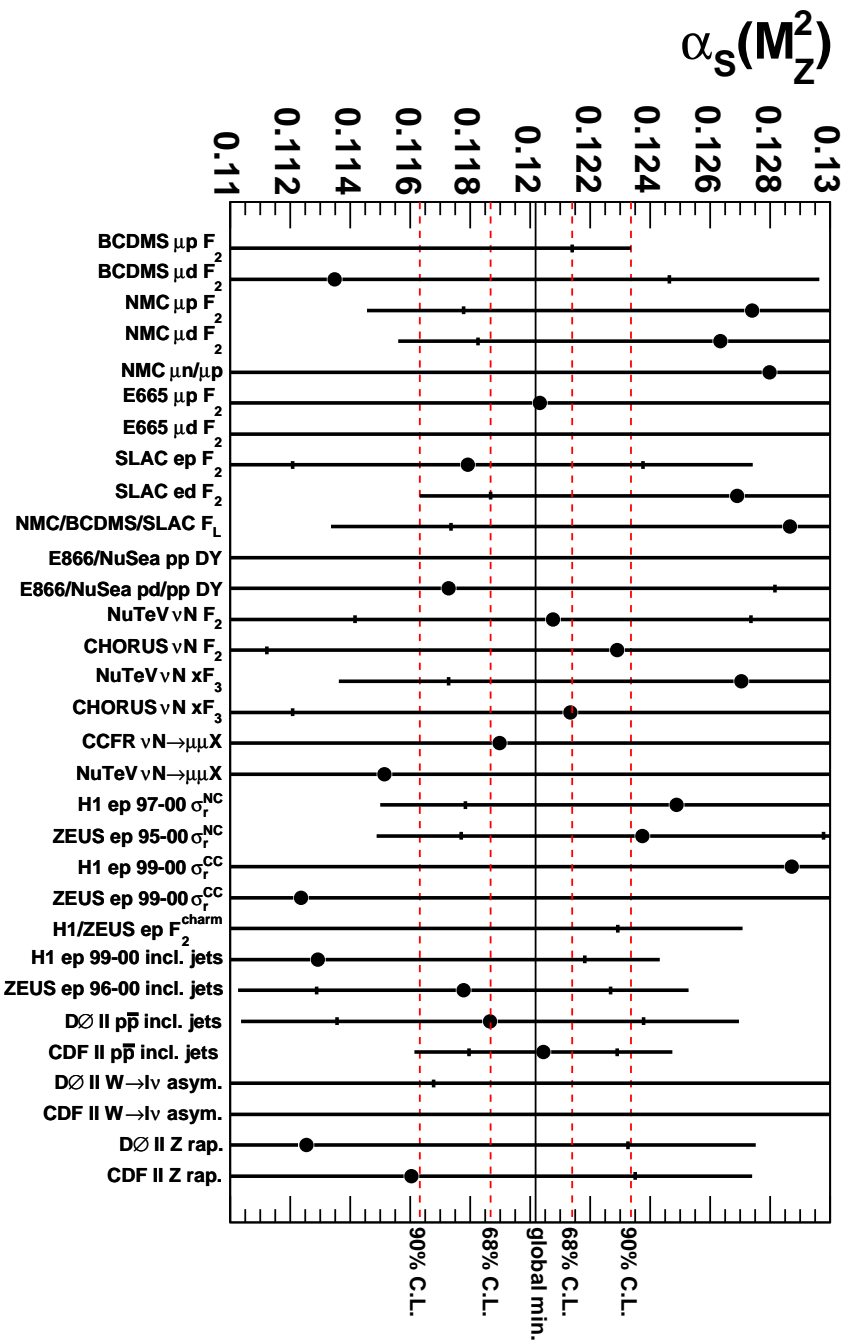


Strong anti-correlation at high- $x$  due to evolution and positive coefficient functions.

Quarks roughly opposite to gluons.

# Variation in fit of each data set with $\alpha_S$

MSTW 2008 NLO ( $\alpha_S$ ) PDF fit



Some sets constrain  $\alpha_S$  quite accurately alone (within context of the global fit), but a lot of constraint comes from very different values in both extremes preferred by some sets. Leads to competitive constraint on  $\alpha_S$ , though addition of external constraints on this parameter into fit is an option to consider.



## Heavy Flavours

**MSTW** (and all versions of **MRST**) use a **GM-VFNS**.

Changed in **2006**. Previous version fine at **NLO**, only max. of **2%** change in PDFs. As was clearly pointed out (in Appendix of two papers) was preliminary at **NNLO** until this point.

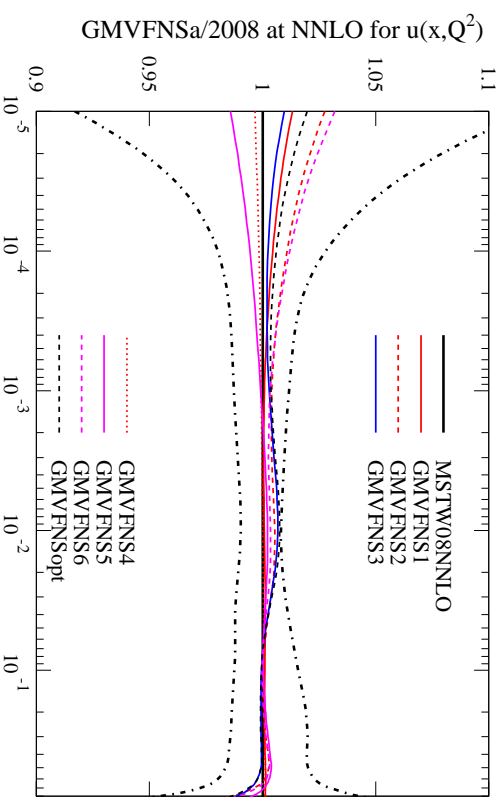
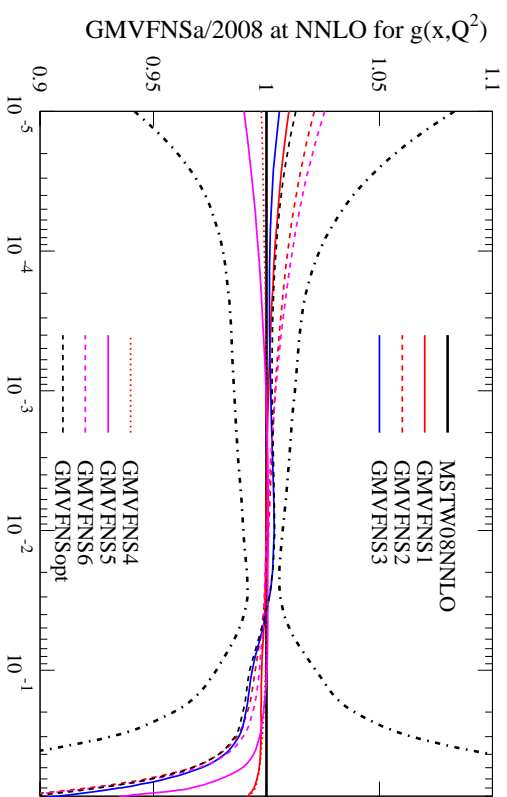
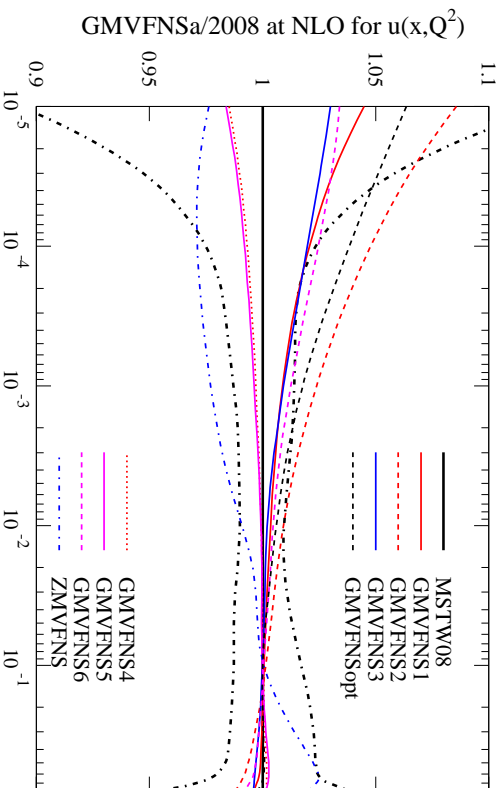
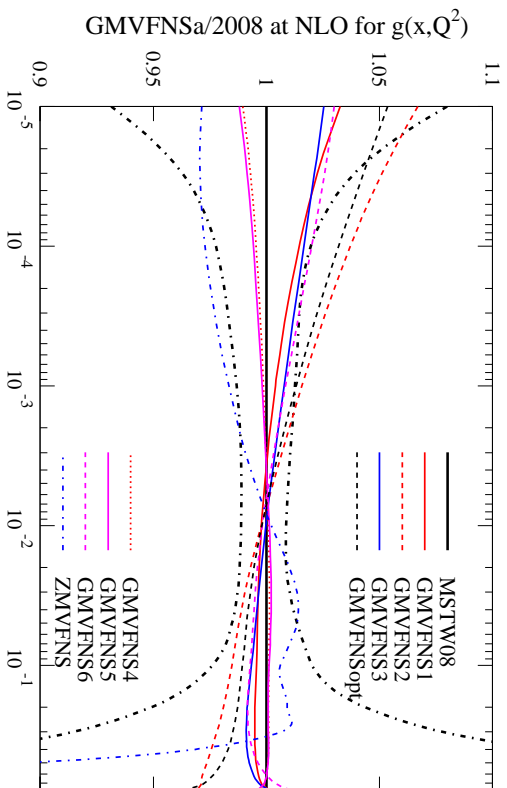
Now similar in a number of ways to **SACOT( $x$ )**, but differs in ordering and in prefactor, and explicitly extended to **NNLO**.

At **NLO** significant variation in results (similar to size of uncertainties) depending on detail of scheme. Default scheme not the smoothest, so "optimal" now devised. Fit slightly better than default.

At **NNLO** in general much less scheme dependence. Uncertainty due to modelling **FFNS**  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  term at very low  $Q^2$  using small- $x$  and threshold terms. Effect similar to uncertainty at  $x < 0.001$ . This variation in scheme definition dies away for  $Q^2 \gg m_h^2$  as **GM-VFNS** turns into the **NNLO** zero-mass limit expression.

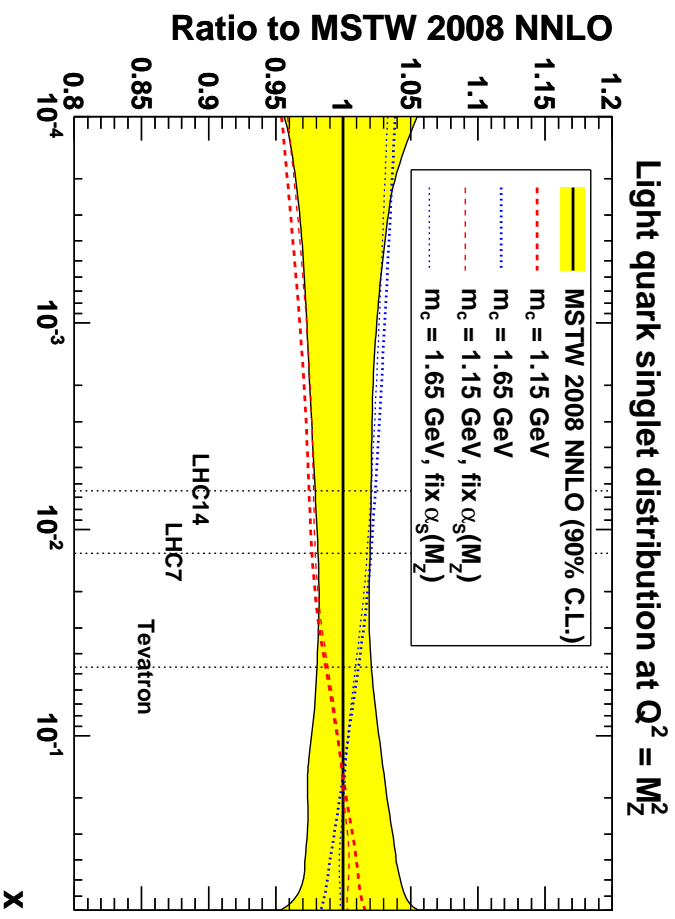
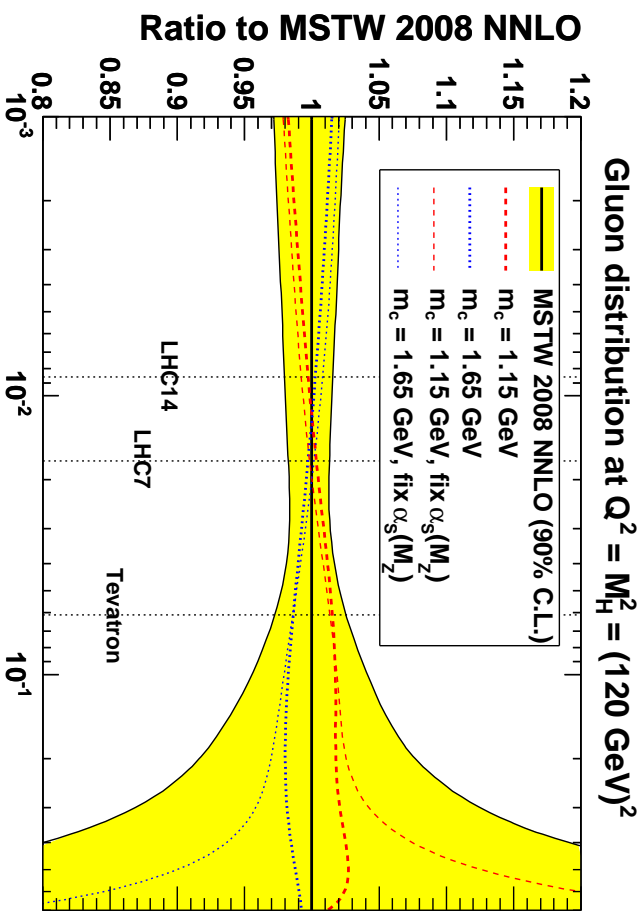
No approximation or assumption at all in **NNLO** definition for  $Q^2 \gg m_h^2$ .

Variations in partons extracted from global fit due to different choices of GM-VFNS at NLO (left) and NNLO (right). Variations in predictions in back-up.



Changes in PDFs with changing heavy quark masses.

Ratio of partons when  $m_c$  is varied either with or without varying  $\alpha_S$



## Summary

**MSTW** make available PDFs in a wider range of useful variations than any other group, particularly when including some **MRST** sets awaiting update. Have worked extremely well in the past with good time stability.

**MSTW** fit to arguably to widest range of data of any group (only one including **HERA** jets). No gaps in type of data fit to potentially cause deviations in PDFs.

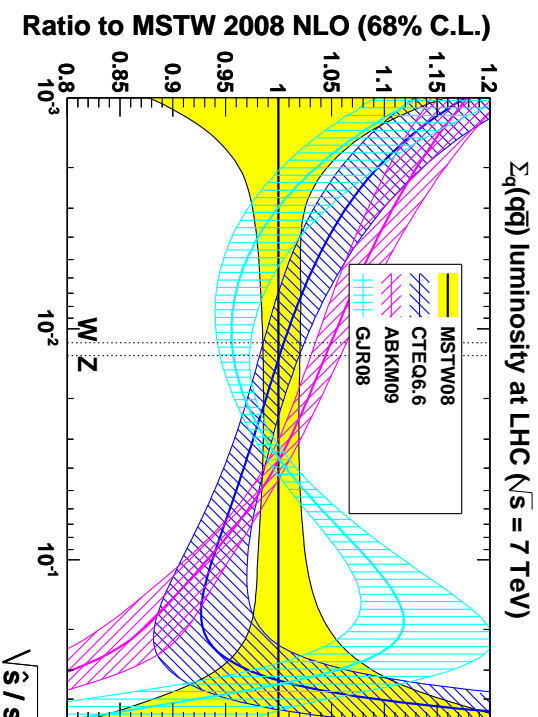
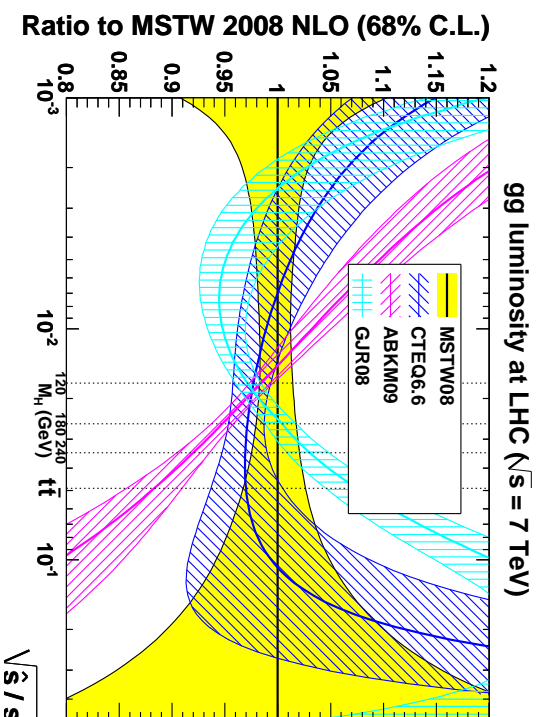
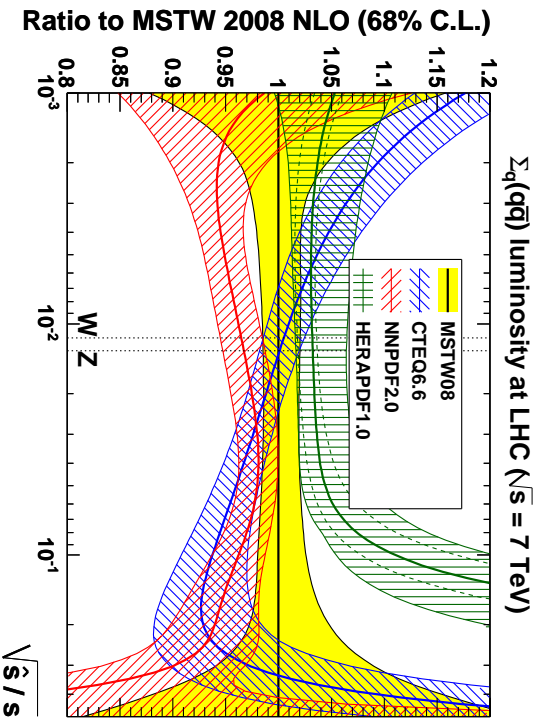
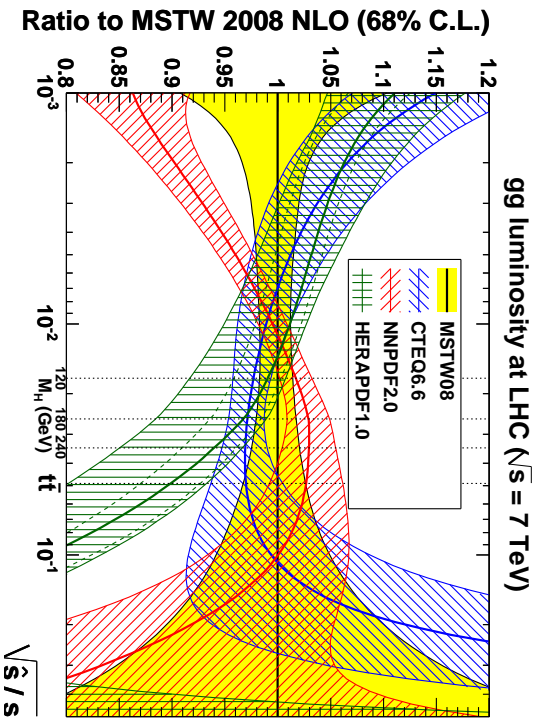
Would like to see all PDFs compared in a quantitative fashion to data not fit. Plots can be misleading, particularly for jets where smooth correlated uncertainties dominate (also, e.g. plots of **MSTW2008** and **MRST2004** **NLO** predictions for **CDF Z**-rapidity look extremely similar, but fit quality quite different).

Parameterisation has increased flexibility in the regions where it was clearly seen to be overconstrained (small- $x$  gluon, down quark, strange quark now fit directly).

Uses a **GM-VFNS** which is correct low- $Q^2$  and asymptotic  $Q^2$  limit at each order, and where variations in choices (or assumptions) has been explicitly checked.

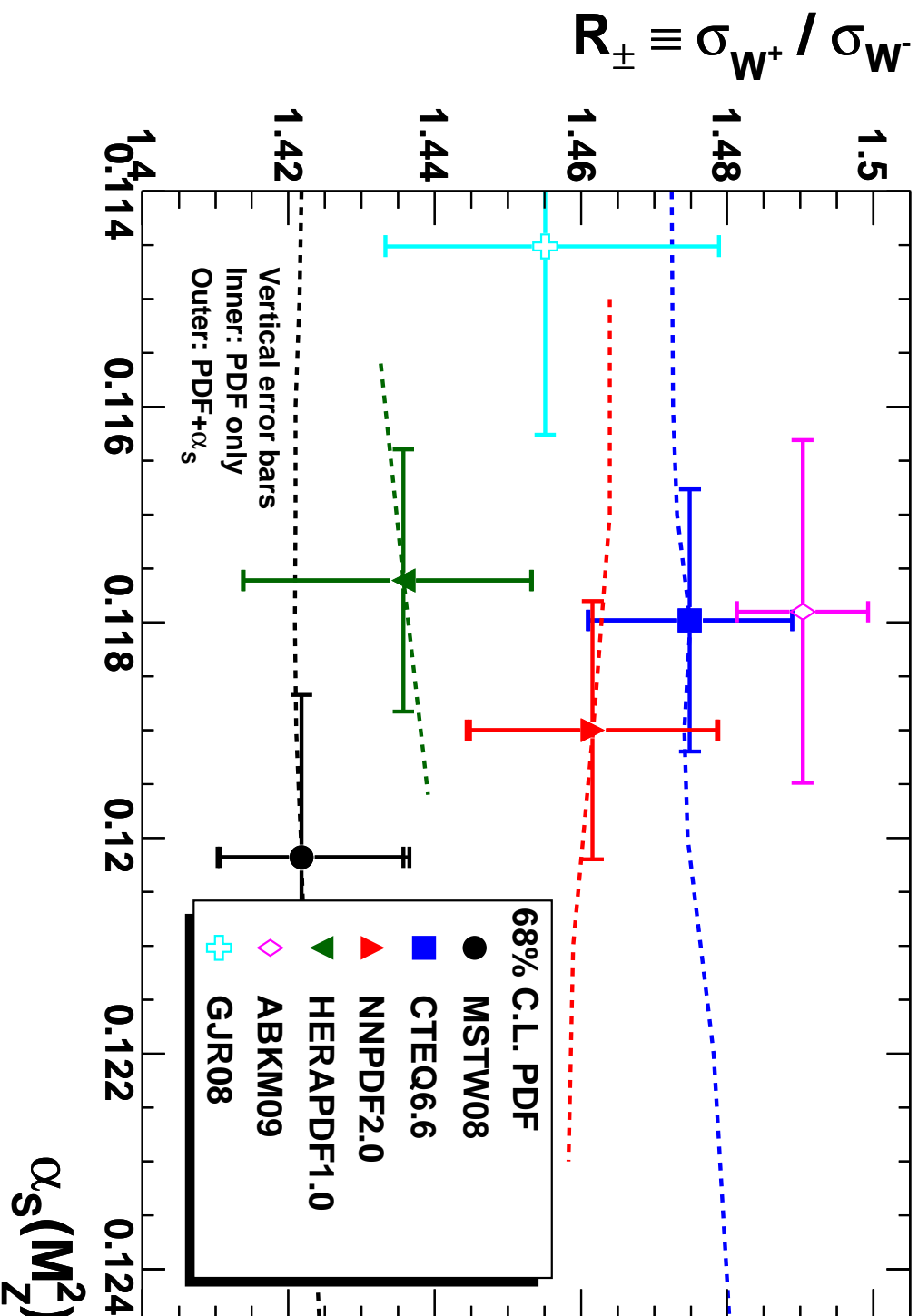
**MSTW2008** is, by definition, not completely up-to-date with data. However, note that recent **CT10** is nearer to **MSTW08** for nearly all PDFs than **CTEQ6.6**, and prelim. **NNPDF2.1** appears to be closer than **NNPDF2.0** (mainly at small  $x$ ).

# Predictions by various groups - parton luminosities – NLO. Plots by G. Watt.



MSTW including all data, full GM-VFNS and sufficiently flexible parameterisation seems to lead to it never being the outlying PDF. (Outlying might not be wrong but surely requires explanation).

## NLO $W^+W^-$ ratio at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV)



One exception, the  $W^+/W^-$  ratio (plot by G. Watt). Could be related to detrium corrections. In this case, as others, LHC data will soon provide the answer.

## **Back-up Slides**

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# iEigen x68plusMin x68minusMax
1 4.53655 -3.76623 (ZEUS ep 95-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}
2 3.38422 -3.79217 (NMC #mud F_{2}), NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX)
3 1.46292 -2.17007 (NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX, CCFR #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX)
4 3.45159 -2.31949 (NMC #mun/#mup, E866/NuSea pd/pp DY)
5 1.49487 -2.12523 (NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX, NuTeV #nuN xF_{3})
6 5.2242 -3.21227 (H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX)
7 2.03521 -2.78497 (D#oslash II W#rightarrow#nu asym., BCDMS #mud F_{2})
8 5.20184 -1.84172 (NuTeV #nuN F_{2}), BCDMS #mup F_{2})
9 3.89046 -3.63201 (H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, ZEUS ep 95-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}
10 2.99034 -2.67972 (D#oslash II W#rightarrow#nu asym., SLAC ed F_{2})
11 3.74202 -6.58278 (H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, ZEUS ep 95-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}
12 5.18993 -3.20527 (SLAC ep F_{2}), BCDMS #mup F_{2})
13 3.32487 -1.57418 (E866/NuSea pp DY, NuTeV #nuN xF_{3})
14 4.21973 -3.62346 (NMC #mud F_{2}), D#oslash II W#rightarrow#nu asym.)
15 2.63335 -4.3632 (H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, NuTeV #nuN F_{2})
16 2.32169 -0.925389 (CCFR #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX, E866/NuSea pd/pp DY)
17 2.31104 -1.51795 (NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX, CCFR #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX)
18 2.88709 -1.42061 (D#oslash II W#rightarrow#nu asym., E866/NuSea pd/pp DY)
19 4.20991 -4.1461 (H1 ep 97-00 #sigma_{r}^{\{NC\}}, CDF II p#bar{p} incl. jets )
20 3.70876 -2.47281 (NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX, NuTeV #nuN#rightarrow#mu#muX)

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Majority of eigenvectors correspond to  $\sqrt{\Delta\chi^2} \sim 2 - 3$ .



## Treatment of errors.

Exercise for *HERA – LHC* meeting.

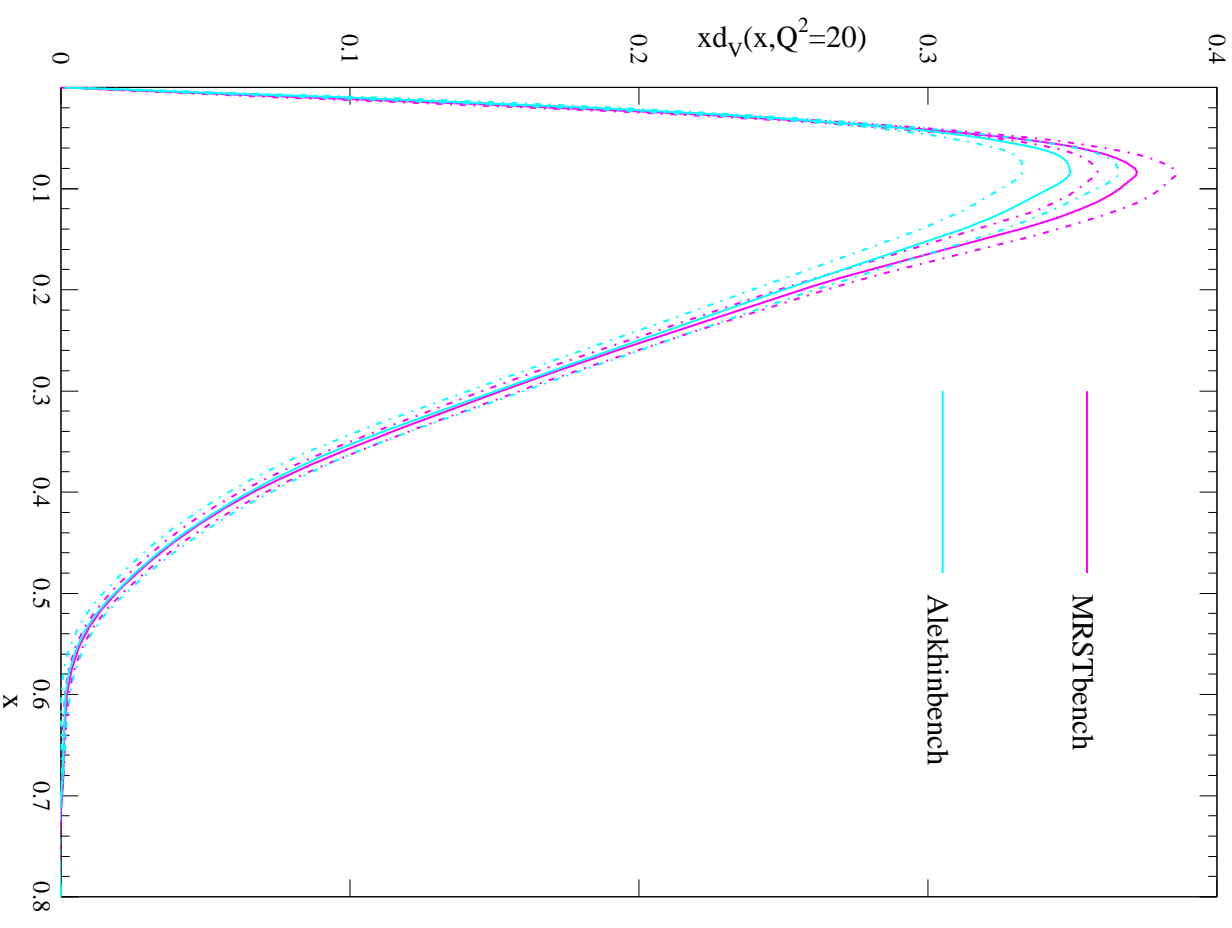
Fit proton and deuteron structure function data from *H1, ZEUS, NMC* and *BCDMS*, for  $Q^2 > 9\text{GeV}^2$  using *ZM – VFNS* and same form of parton inputs at same  $Q_0^2 = 1\text{GeV}^2$ .

Very conservative fit.

Compare rigorous treatment of all systematic errors (*Alekhin*) with simple quadratures approach (*MRSST*), both with  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$ .

→ some difference in central values (other possible reasons) and similar errors.

Very consistent. (One of worst cases shown.)

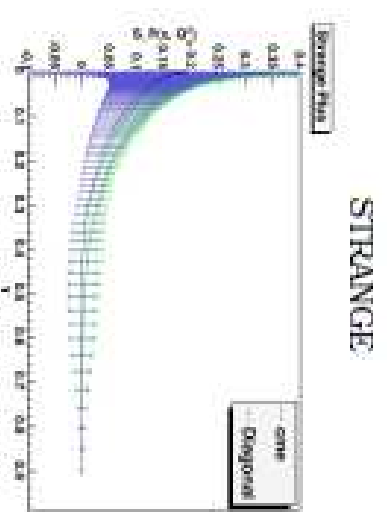
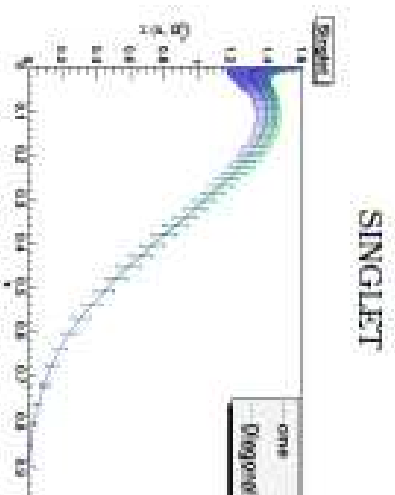


# THE IMPACT OF CORRELATED UNCERTAINTIES

## REPEAT THE FIT NEGLECTING ALL CORRELATIONS (A. Donati)

Experiment	Set	CME fit			
		$\chi^2_{\text{min}}$	$\chi^2_{\text{max}}$	$\mu_{\text{fit}}$	$\mu_{\text{diag}}$
TOT (all exp)		0.988	1.321	0.844	1.301
SMC-pd		1.965	1.457	1.167	1.155
NMC		1.006	1.659	1.078	1.76
SLAC	SLACp	0.826	1.183	1.008	1.086
	SLACd	1.018	1.307	1.132	1.525
	SLACd	0.651	0.912	0.882	1.275
BCDMS	BCDMSp	0.777	1.646	0.552	1.604
	BCDMSd	0.879	1.808	0.617	1.703
	BCDMSd	0.648	1.266	0.465	1.23
JELIS	Z97lowQ2	0.770	1.053	0.742	1.048
	Z97NC	0.474	1.264	0.434	1.267
	Z97NC	0.718	1.125	0.669	1.106
	Z97CC	0.912	0.800	1.021	0.894
	Z03NC	0.798	0.767	0.783	0.733
	Z03CC	0.619	0.592	0.593	0.569
	Z03NC	0.975	1.104	0.907	1.012
	Z03CC	1.131	1.001	1.259	1.115
HI	HI970ab	1.020	1.053	0.907	1.028
	HI970bc	0.861	1.298	0.877	1.33
	HI970cQ2	0.666	0.948	0.774	0.97
	HI970c	1.071	0.903	0.985	0.822
	HI970cC	0.758	0.764	0.831	0.824
	HI990c	1.229	1.169	1.171	1.068
	HI990cC	0.621	0.646	0.644	0.668
	HI990cChg	0.333	0.361	0.326	0.335
	HI090c	1.208	1.172	1.120	1.102
	HI090cC	1.122	1.013	1.311	1.146
CHARLES	CHARLESsim	1.018	1.360	0.735	1.292
	CHARLESdb	1.082	1.449	0.628	1.403
	CHARLESdb	0.954	1.178	0.861	1.254
FLHUB		0.984	1.729	0.946	1.7
NTPVDMN		0.869	0.692	1.004	0.984
	NTPVDMN	1.061	0.762	0.445	0.421
	NTPVDMN	0.607	0.600	1.774	1.618
ZELSLD	Z03NC	1.302	1.509	1.373	1.512
	Z03CC	1.691	1.495	1.607	1.473
	Z03CC	0.664	1.230	0.639	1.252

- DIAGONAL  $\chi^2$  OF DIAGONAL FIT MUCH LOWER, CORREL.  $\chi^2$  OF TWO FITS UNCHANGED
- DIAGONAL FIT REWEIGHTS EXPERIMENTS  
 ⇒ EXPTS WITH LARGER SYST. (FIXED TARGET) GET SMALLER WEIGHT
- VALENCE & STRANGE PDFS AFFECTED AT THE  $\frac{1}{4}\sigma$  LEVEL



# Normalisation Uncertainties

Previously the normalization of each data set was determined by the best fit – and then fixed.

Now implement procedure of allowing normalisations of all sets to vary in best fit and scan over eigenvectors, with penalty term for each set

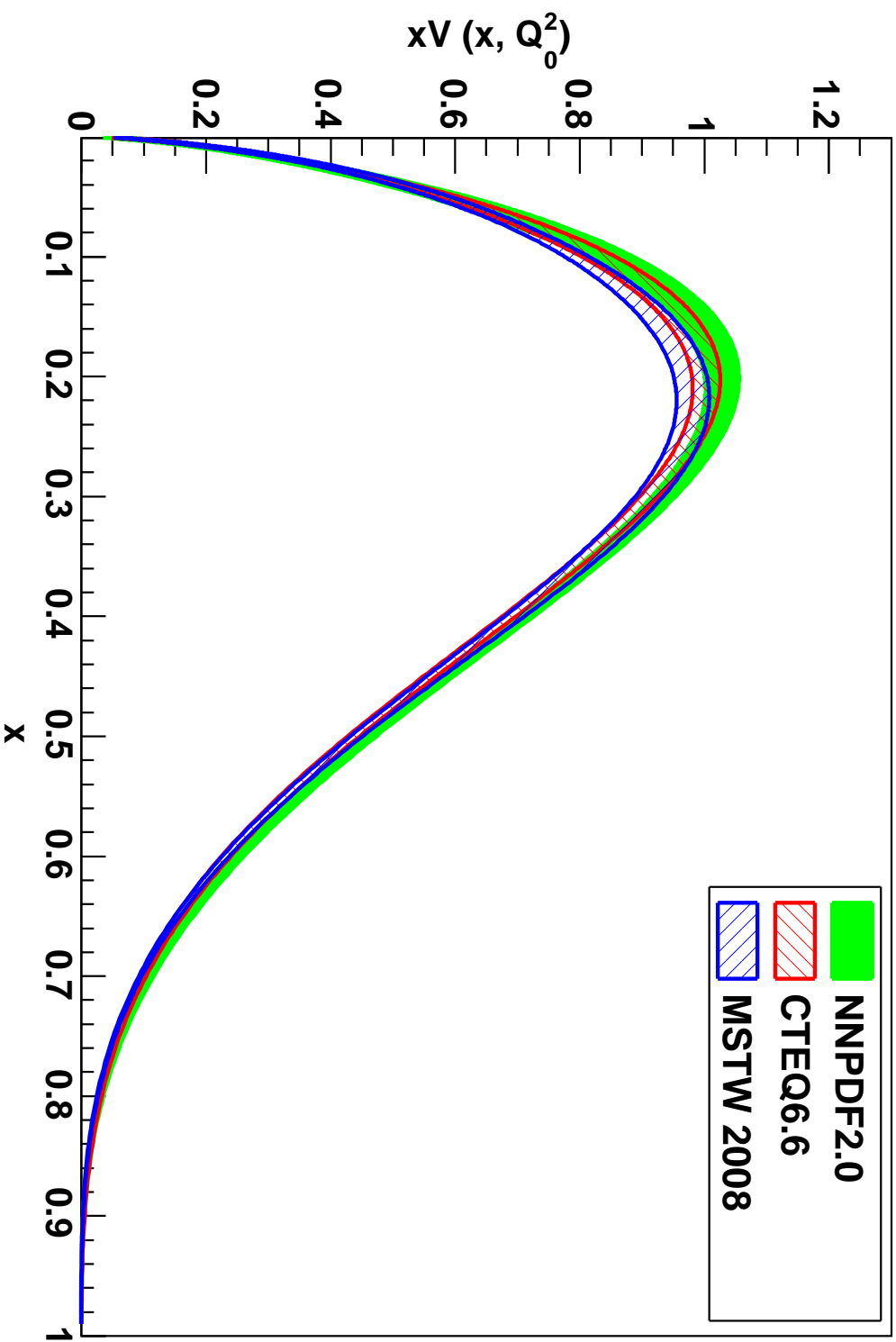
$$\chi^2_{\mathcal{N}} = \left( \frac{1-\mathcal{N}}{\sigma_{\mathcal{N}}} \right)^4$$

Quartic penalty avoids very large deviations. Still shift down at LO (fit failure) and slightly at NLO.

Rescale errors with normalization to avoid bias (D'Agostini).

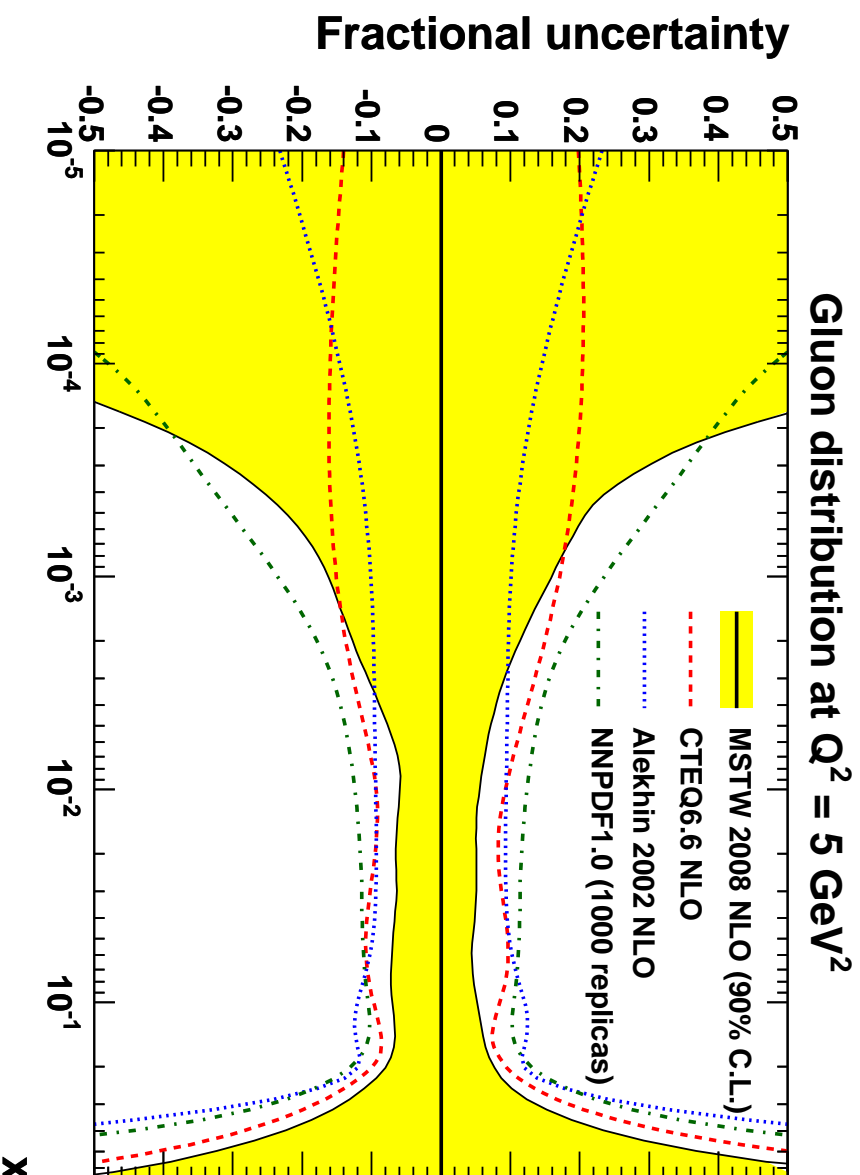
Data set	$\sigma_{\mathcal{N}}$	LO	NLO	NLO
BODMS $\mu p F_2$ [32]	3%	0.9667	0.9644	0.9678
BODMS $\mu d F_2$ [102]	3%	0.9667	0.9644	0.9678
NMC $\mu p F_2$ [33]	2%	1.0083	0.9982	0.9999
NMC $\mu d F_2$ [33]	2%	1.0083	0.9982	0.9999
NMC $\mu n/\mu p$ [103]	—	1	1	1
E865 $\mu p F_2$ [104]	1.85%	1.0146	1.0052	1.0024
E865 $\mu d F_2$ [104]	1.85%	1.0146	1.0052	1.0024
SLAC $ep F_2$ [105, 106]	1.9%	1.0227	1.0125	1.0078
SLAC $ed F_2$ [105, 106]	1.9%	1.0227	1.0125	1.0078
NMC/BODMS/SLAC $F_2$ [32-34]	—	1	1	1
E866/Nusea $pp$ DY [107]	6.5%	1.0629	1.0086	1.0868
E866/Nusea $pd/pp$ DY [108]	—	1	1	1
NuTeV $\nu N F_2$ [37]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
CHORUS $\nu N F_2$ [38]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
NuTeV $\nu N xF_3$ [37]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
CHORUS $\nu N xF_3$ [38]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
CCFR $\nu N \rightarrow \mu e X$ [39]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
NuTeV $\nu N \rightarrow \mu e X$ [39]	2.1%	0.9987	0.9997	0.9992
H1 MB 99 $e^+p$ NC [31]	1.3%	0.9861	1.0098	1.0090
H1 MB 97 $e^+p$ NC [100]	1.5%	0.9863	0.9921	0.9953
H1 low $Q^2$ 96-97 $e^+p$ NC [109]	1.7%	1.0029	1.0095	1.0172
H1 high $Q^2$ 98-99 $e^+p$ NC [110]	1.5%	0.9782	0.9851	0.9860
H1 high $Q^2$ 99-00 $e^+p$ NC [35]	1.5%	0.9762	0.9834	0.9842
ZEUS SVX 95 $e^+p$ NC [111]	1.5%	0.9944	0.9948	1.0004
ZEUS 96-97 $e^+p$ NC [112]	2%	0.9735	0.9811	0.9871
ZEUS 98-99 $e^+p$ NC [113]	1.8%	0.9771	0.9855	0.9862
ZEUS 99-00 $e^+p$ NC [114]	2.5%	0.9656	0.9761	0.9762
H1 99-00 $e^+p$ CC [35]	1.5%	0.9762	0.9834	0.9842
ZEUS 99-00 $e^+p$ CC [36]	2.5%	0.9656	0.9761	0.9762
H1/ZEUS $ep F_2$ charm [41-47]	—	1	1	1
H1 99-00 $e^+p$ incl. jets [59]	1.5%	0.9762	0.9834	—
ZEUS 96-97 $e^+p$ incl. jets [57]	2%	0.9735	0.9811	—
ZEUS 98-00 $e^+p$ incl. jets [58]	2.5%	0.9656	0.9761	—
DØ II $pp$ incl. jets [56]	6.1%	0.9353	1.0596	1.0759
CDF II $pp$ incl. jets [54]	5.8%	0.8779	0.9646	0.9900
DØ II $W \rightarrow b$ asym. [48]	—	1	1	1
DØ II $W \rightarrow b$ asym. [49]	—	1	1	1
DØ II $Z$ rap. [53]	—	1	1	1
CDF II $Z$ rap. [52]	5.8%	0.8779	0.9646	0.9900

## Specific Parameterisation Examples



Uncertainties on valence quarks not notably different in shape to other groups at all.  
No obvious parameterisation limitation

**Gluon Parameterisation** - small  $x$  – different parameterisations lead to very different uncertainty for small  $x$  gluon.



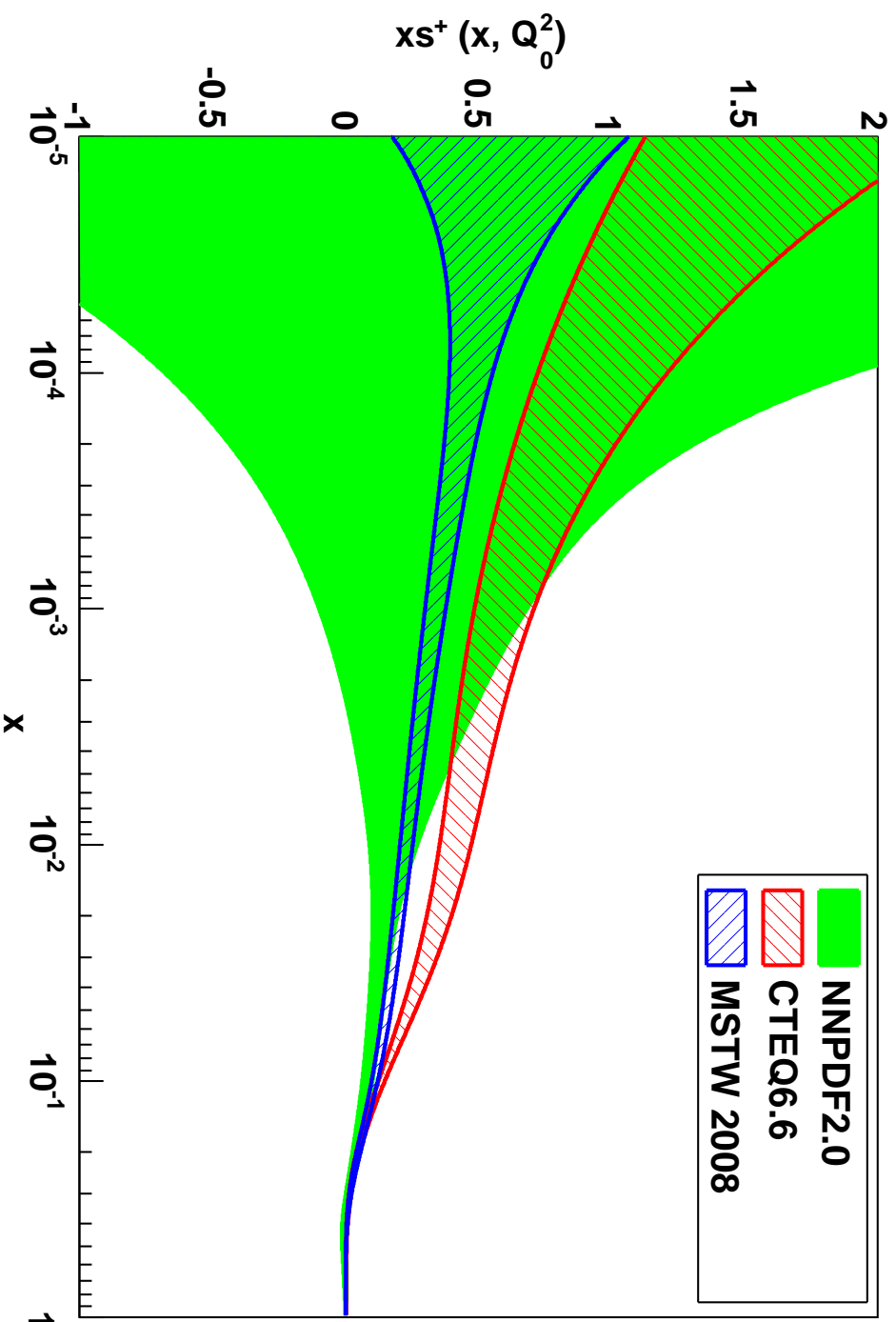
Most assume single power  $x^\lambda$  at input  $\rightarrow$  limited uncertainty. If input at low  $Q^2$   $\lambda$  positive and small- $x$  input gluon *fine-tuned* to  $\sim 0$ . Artificially small uncertainty.

If  $g(x) \propto x^{\lambda \pm \Delta\lambda}$  then  $\Delta g(x) = \Delta\lambda \ln(1/x) * g(x)$ .

**MRST/MSTW** and **NNPDF** more flexible (can be negative)  $\rightarrow$  rapid expansion of uncertainty where data runs out.

## Strange Quarks

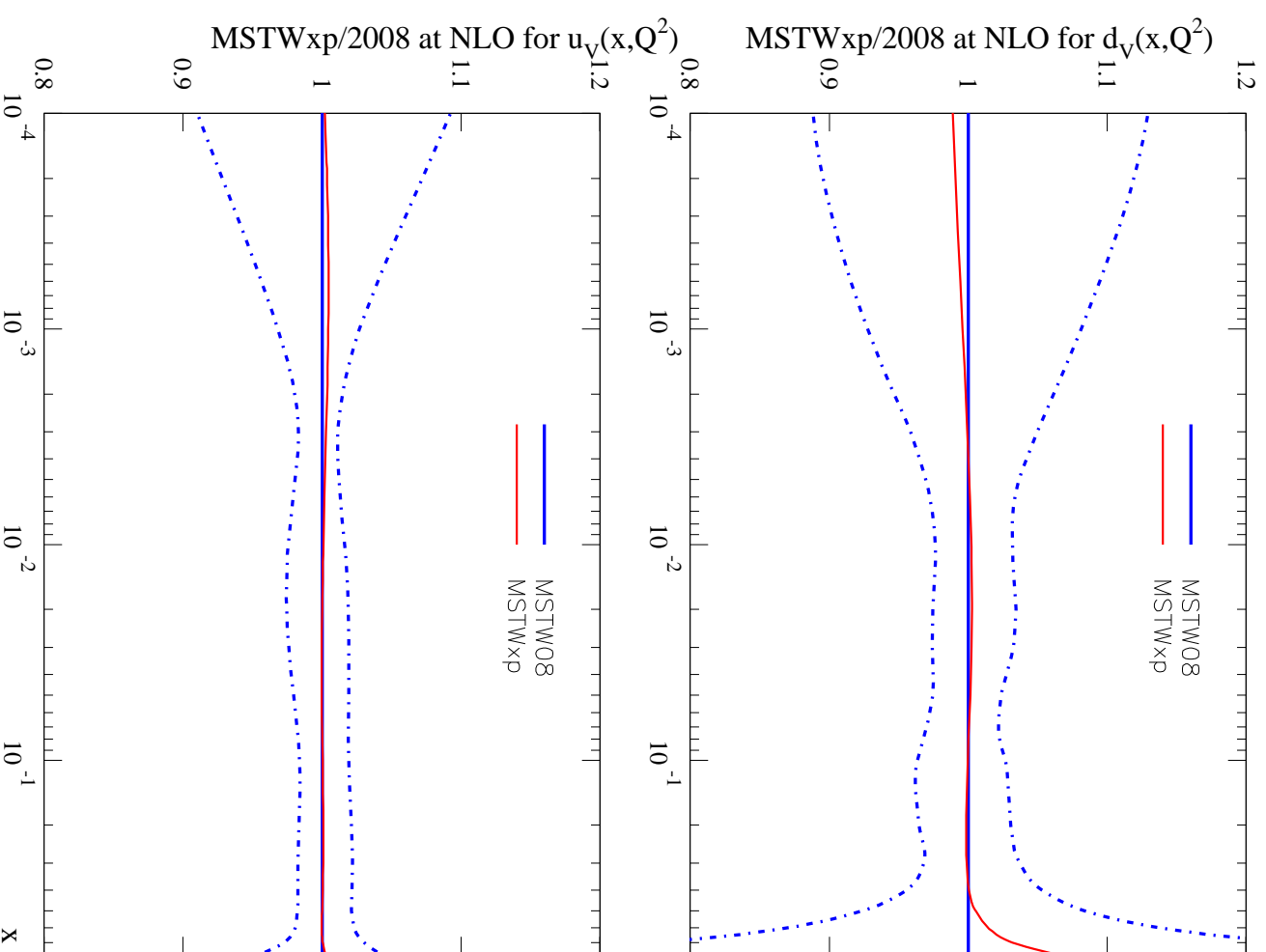
**MSTW** assumes shape of strange given by theory assumption that suppression of form of massive quarks. For charm and bottom shape below  $x = 0.01$  rapidly becomes very similar to light quarks.



Tried adding  $\chi^2$  terms to polynomial in two valence parameterisations.

Fit quality improved by 2 units.

Change in partons negligible.



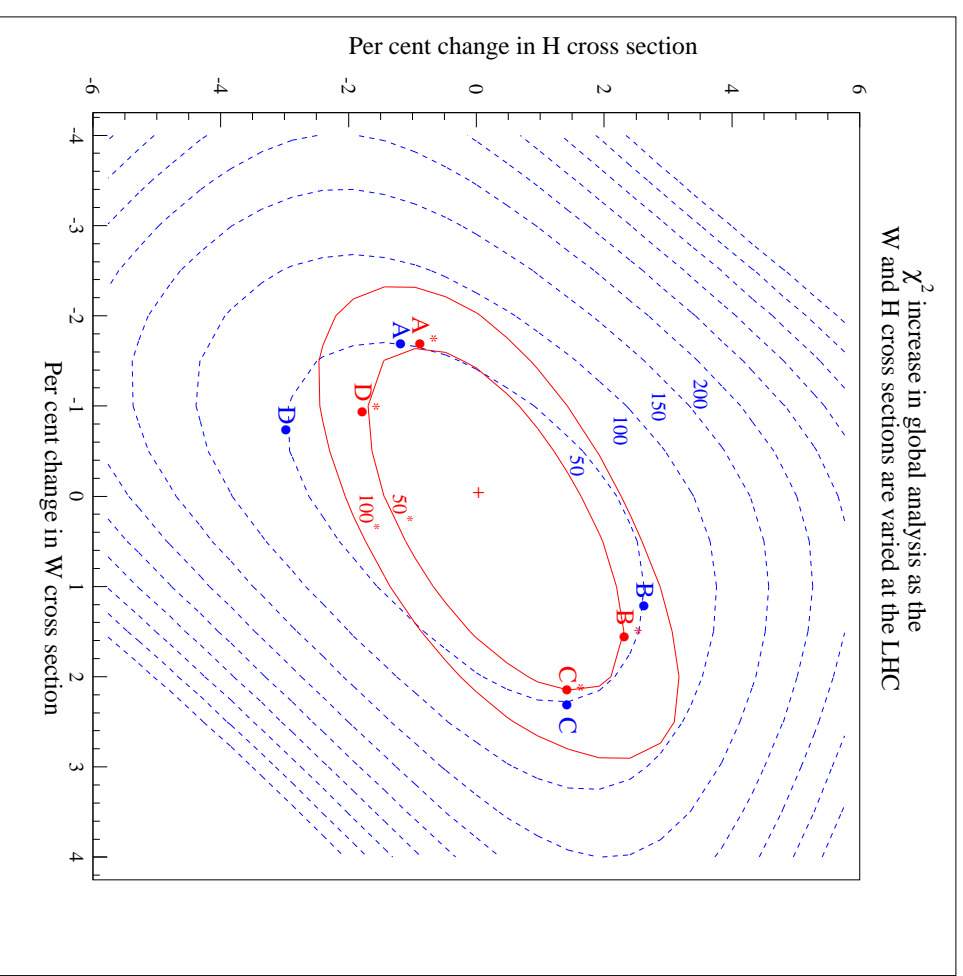
Lagrange multiplier method for  $W$  and  $120\text{GeV}$  Higgs at the LHC.

Uncertainty using Hessian approach about  $10\%$  smaller.

Also looked at uncertainties on moments of  $u-d$  using Hessian and Lagrange multiplier approaches. Very similar and latter could be slightly smaller.

In all cases introduction of extra parameters in the Lagrange multiplier method led to at most a moderate increase in uncertainty.

If this was clearly more than  $10\%$  the limitations in parameters were addressed and the problem solved.





The values of the predicted cross-sections at NLO for  $Z$  and a 120 GeV Higgs boson at the Tevatron and the LHC (latter for 14 TeV) as GM-VFNS altered.

PDF set	Tev		LHC (14 TeV)	
	$\sigma_Z$ (nb)	$\sigma_H$ (pb)	$\sigma_Z$ (nb)	$\sigma_H$ (pb)
MSTW08	7.207	0.7462	59.25	40.69
GMvar1	+0.3%	-0.5%	+1.1%	+0.2%
GMvar2	+0.7%	-1.1%	+3.0%	+1.5%
GMvar3	+0.1%	-0.3%	+1.1%	+0.8%
GMvar4	+0.0%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.2%
GMvar5	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.3%
GMvar6	+0.3%	-0.4%	+1.6%	+0.8%
GMvaropt	+0.3%	-1.5%	+2.0%	+0.4%
ZM-VFNS	-0.7%	-1.2%	-3.0%	-3.1%
GMvarcc	+0.0%	-0.1%	+0.0%	-0.1%

Little more than 1% variation at Tevatron in  $\sigma_Z$ .

Up to +3% and -0.5% variation in  $\sigma_Z$  at the LHC. About half as much in  $\sigma_H$  due to higher average  $x$  sampled.

Most variation in ZM-VFNS.

The values of the predicted cross-sections at **NNLO**.

PDF set	TeV		LHC (14 TeV)	
	$\sigma_Z$ (nb)	$\sigma_H$ (pb)	$\sigma_Z$ (nb)	$\sigma_H$ (pb)
MSTW08	7.448	0.9550	60.93	50.51
GMvar1	+0.1%	-0.5%	+0.1%	-0.2%
GMvar2	+0.3%	-0.8%	+0.5%	+0.1%
GMvar3	+0.4%	-0.1%	+0.5%	+0.7%
GMvar4	+0.0%	-0.2%	+0.1%	-0.1%
GMvar5	+0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%
GMvar6	+0.1%	-0.9%	+0.3%	-0.2%
GMvaropt	+0.4%	-0.2%	+0.6%	+0.8%
GMvarmod	-0.2%	-0.4%	-1.4%	-1.0%
GMvarmod'	+0.0%	-0.7%	+0.0%	+0.1%

Maximum variations of order **1%** at **LHC**. High- $x$  gluon leads to **1%** on  $\sigma_H$  at **Tevatron**.

Much improved stability compared to **NLO**.