

# Parton Distribution Functions

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- introduction and overview
- LHC benchmark cross sections: how do the various sets compare?
- issues and outlook



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# 1

introduction and overview

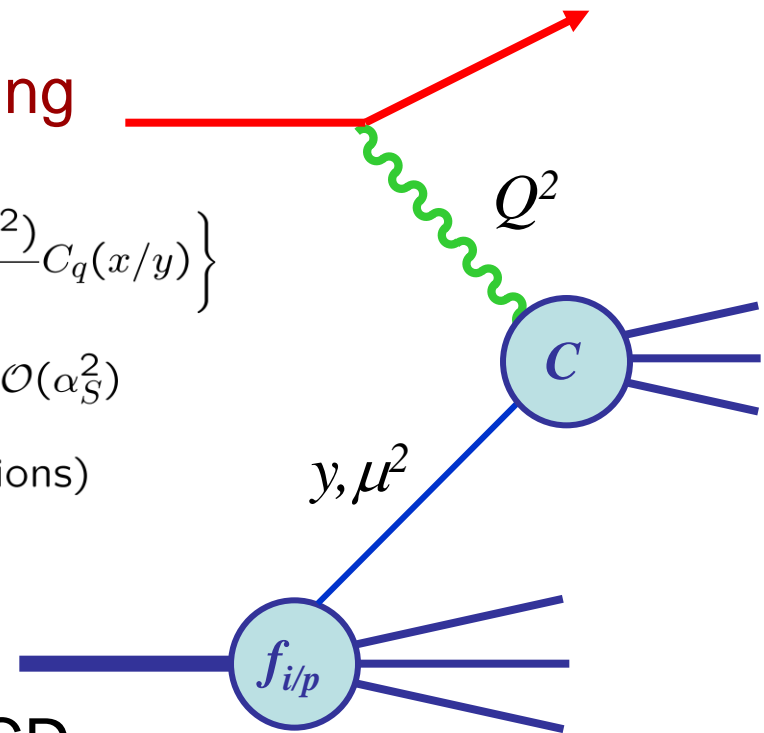
# parton distribution functions

$$f_{i/A}(x, Q^2)$$

- introduced by **Feynman** (1969) in the *parton model*, to explain Bjorken scaling in deep inelastic scattering data; interpretation as probability distributions
- according to the QCD *factorisation theorem* for inclusive hard scattering processes, universal distributions containing long-distance structure of hadrons; related to parton model distributions at leading order, but with logarithmic scaling violations (DGLAP)
- key ingredients for **Tevatron** and **LHC** phenomenology

for example, in **Deep Inelastic Scattering**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} F_2^{lp}(x, Q^2) &= x \sum_q e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} q(y, Q^2) \left\{ \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} C_q(x/y) \right\} \\ &+ x \sum_q e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g(y, Q^2) C_g(x/y) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2) \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2) \quad (\text{higher twist, mass corrections}) \end{aligned}$$



where the scale dependence of the parton distributions is calculable in QCD perturbation theory

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} f_i(x, \mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_j(y, \mu^2) P_{ij}(x/y, \alpha_S(\mu^2))$$

... and  $f_i(x, \mu_0^2)$  determined from

- lattice QCD (in principle)
- fits to data (in practice) ←

Dokshitzer  
Gribov  
Lipatov  
Altarelli  
Parisi

# how pdfs are obtained\*

- choose a factorisation scheme (e.g.  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ), an order in perturbation theory (LO, NLO, NNLO) and a ‘starting scale’  $Q_0$  where pQCD applies (e.g. 1-2 GeV)
- parametrise the quark and gluon distributions at  $Q_0$ , e.g.

$$f_i(x, Q_0^2) = A_i x^{a_i} [1 + b_i \sqrt{x} + c_i x] (1 - x)^{d_i}$$

- solve DGLAP equations to obtain the pdfs at any  $x$  and scale  $Q > Q_0$ ; fit data for parameters  $\{A_i, a_i, \dots, \alpha_S\}$
- approximate the exact solutions (e.g. interpolation grids, expansions in polynomials etc) for ease of use; thus the output ‘global fits’ are available ‘off the shelf’, e.g.

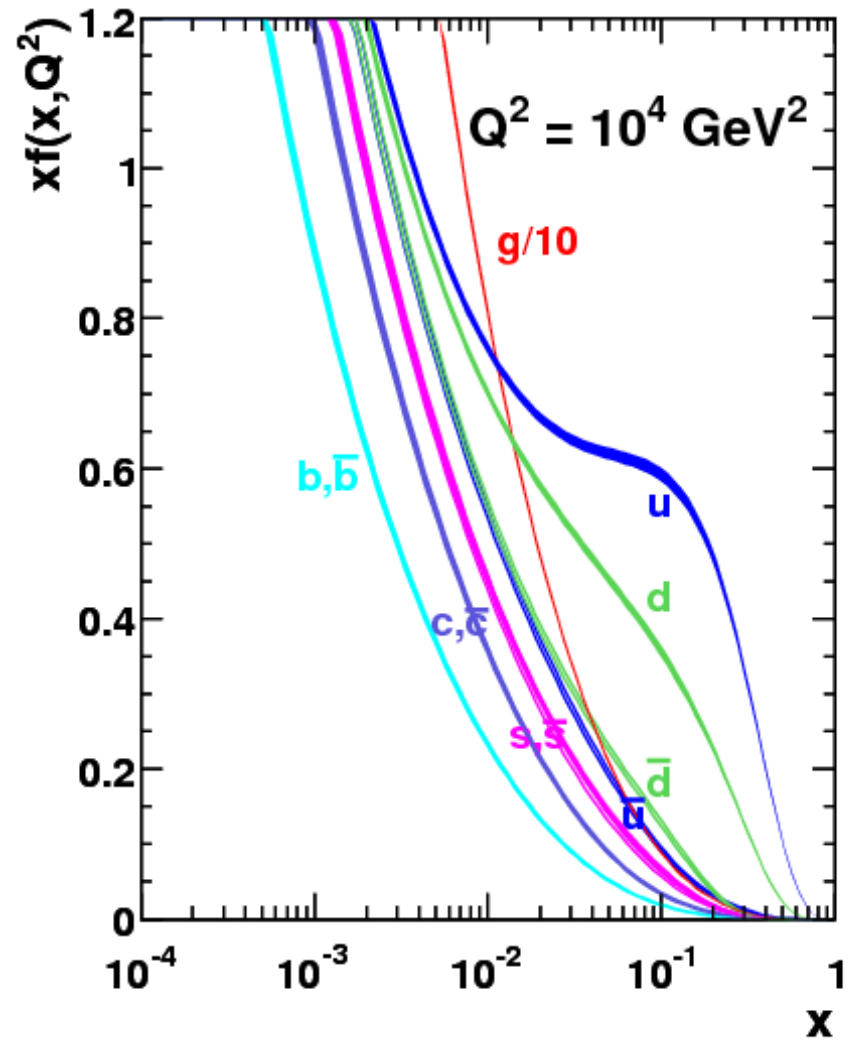
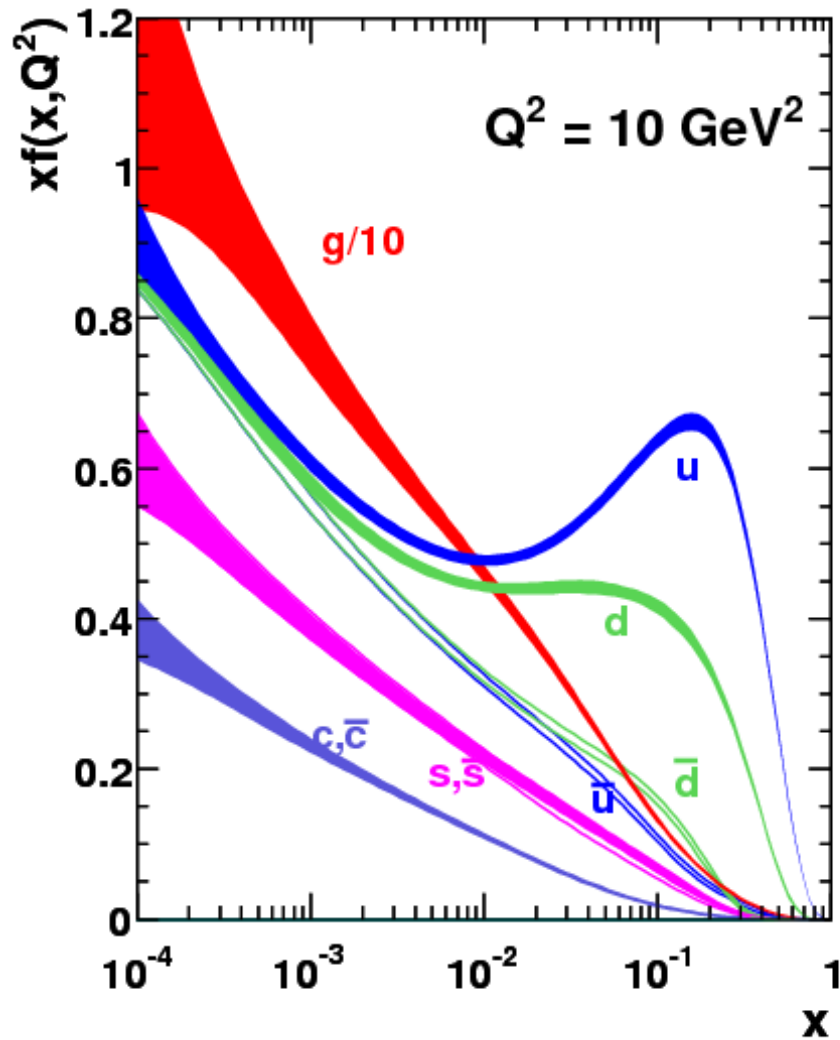
SUBROUTINE PDF (X, Q, U, UBAR, D, DBAR, ..., BBAR, GLU)

input |

output

\*traditional method

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



# the pdf industry

- many groups now extracting pdfs from ‘global’ data analyses (MSTW, CTEQ, NNPDF, ...)
- broad agreement, but differences due to
  - choice of data sets (including cuts and corrections)
  - treatment of data errors
  - treatment of heavy quarks (s,c,b)
  - order of perturbation theory
  - parameterisation at  $Q_0$
  - theoretical assumptions (if any) about:
    - flavour symmetries
    - $x \rightarrow 0, 1$  behaviour
    - ...

HERA-DIS
FT-DIS
Drell-Yan
Tevatron jets
Tevatron W,Z
other

# examples of data sets used in fits\*

Data set	$N_{\text{pts.}}$
H1 MB 99 $e^+p$ NC	8
H1 MB 97 $e^+p$ NC	64
H1 low $Q^2$ 96–97 $e^+p$ NC	80
H1 high $Q^2$ 98–99 $e^-p$ NC	126
H1 high $Q^2$ 99–00 $e^+p$ NC	147
ZEUS SVX 95 $e^+p$ NC	30
ZEUS 96–97 $e^+p$ NC	144
ZEUS 98–99 $e^-p$ NC	92
ZEUS 99–00 $e^+p$ NC	90
H1 99–00 $e^+p$ CC	28
ZEUS 99–00 $e^+p$ CC	30
H1/ZEUS $e^\pm p F_2^{\text{charm}}$	83
H1 99–00 $e^+p$ incl. jets	24
ZEUS 96–97 $e^+p$ incl. jets	30
ZEUS 98–00 $e^\pm p$ incl. jets	30
DØ II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	110
CDF II $p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	76
CDF II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	22
DØ II $W \rightarrow l\nu$ asym.	10
DØ II Z rap.	28
CDF II Z rap.	29

Data set	$N_{\text{pts.}}$
BCDMS $\mu p F_2$	163
BCDMS $\mu d F_2$	151
NMC $\mu p F_2$	123
NMC $\mu d F_2$	123
NMC $\mu n/\mu p$	148
E665 $\mu p F_2$	53
E665 $\mu d F_2$	53
SLAC $ep F_2$	37
SLAC $ed F_2$	38
NMC/BCDMS/SLAC $F_L$	31
E866/NuSea $pp$ DY	184
E866/NuSea $pd/pp$ DY	15
NuTeV $\nu N F_2$	53
CHORUS $\nu N F_2$	42
NuTeV $\nu N xF_3$	45
CHORUS $\nu N xF_3$	33
CCFR $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	86
NuTeV $\nu N \rightarrow \mu\mu X$	84
<b>All data sets</b>	<b>2743</b>

red font = new wrt MRST2006 fit

\*MSTW2008



## recent global or quasi-global pdf fits

pdfs	authors	arXiv
<b>ABKM</b>	S. Alekhin, J. Blümlein, S. Klein, S. Moch, and others	0908.3128, 0908.2766, ...
<b>CTEQ</b>	H.-L. Lai, M. Guzzi, J. Huston, Z. Li, P. Nadolsky, J. Pumplin, C.-P. Yuan, and others	1007.2241, 1004.4624, 0910.4183, 0904.2424, 0802.0007, ...
<b>GJR</b>	M. Glück, P. Jimenez-Delgado, E. Reya, and others	0909.1711, 0810.4274, ...
<b>HERAPDF</b>	H1 and ZEUS collaborations	1006.4471, 0906.1108, ...
<b>MSTW</b>	A.D. Martin, W.J. Stirling, R.S. Thorne, G. Watt	1006.2753, 0905.3531, 0901.0002, ...
<b>NNPDF</b>	R. Ball, L. Del Debbio, S. Forte, A. Guffanti, J. Latorre, J. Rojo, M. Ubiali, and others	1005.0397, 1002.4407, 0912.2276, 0906.1958, ...

	MSTW08	CTEQ6.6 <sup>x</sup>	NNPDF2.0	HERAPDF1.0	ABKM09	GJR08
<b>HERA DIS</b>	✓	✓	✓*	✓*	✓	✓
<b>F-T DIS</b>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<b>F-T DY</b>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<b>TEV W,Z</b>	✓	✓+	✓	✗	✗	✗
<b>TEV jets</b>	✓	✓+	✓	✗	✗	✓
<b>GM-VFNS</b>	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
<b>NNLO</b>	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

+ Run 1 only

\* includes new combined H1-ZEUS data → 1 – 2.5% increase in quarks at low x (depending on procedure), similar effect on  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$  if free and somewhat less on gluon; more stable at NNLO (MSTW prelim.)

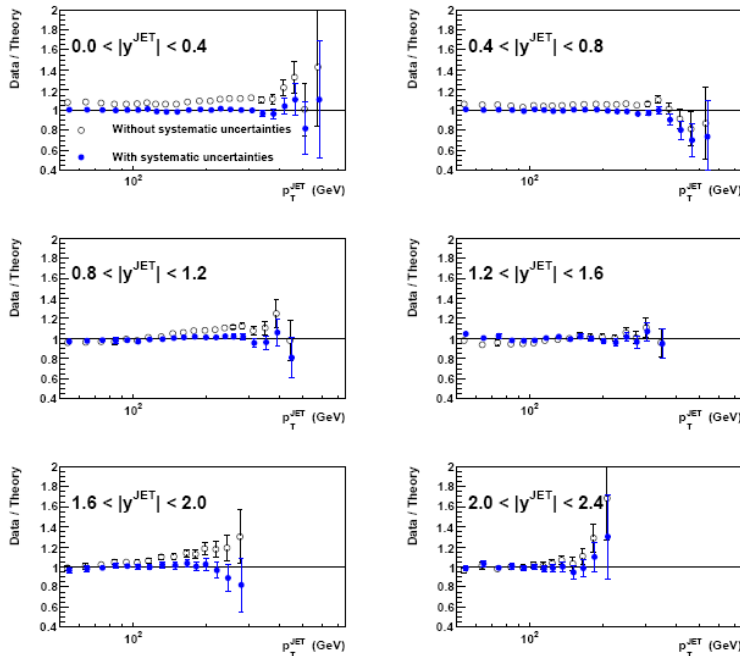
✗ New (July 2010) CT10 includes new combined H1-ZEUS data + Run 2 jet data + extended gluon parametrisation + ... → more like MSTW08

# impact of Tevatron jet data on fits

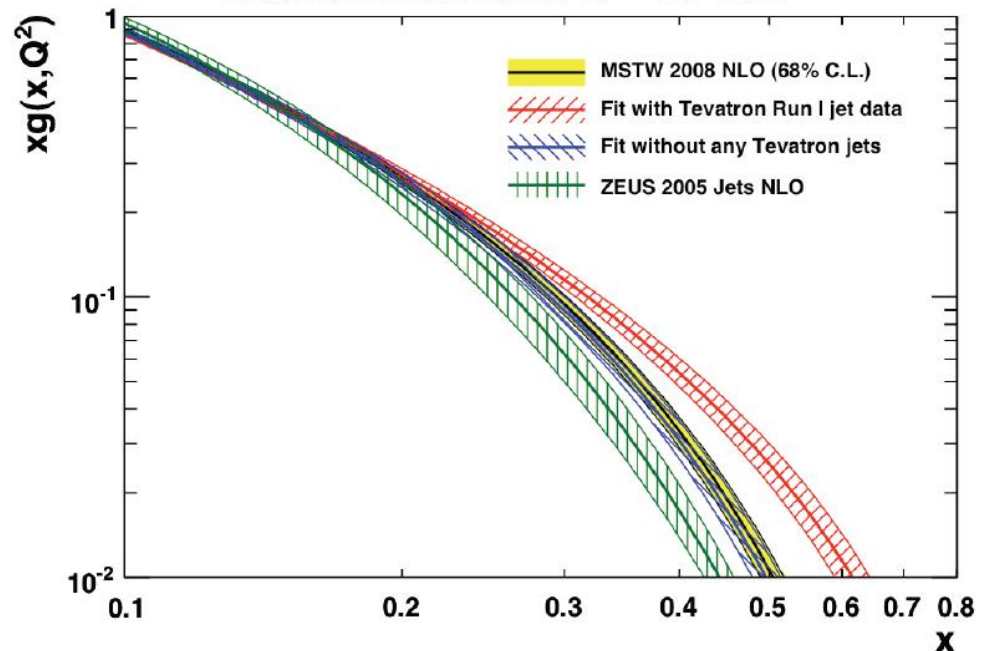
- a distinguishing feature of pdf sets is whether they use (MRST/MSTW, CTEQ, NNPDF, GJR,...) or do not use (HERAPDF, ABKM, ...) Tevatron jet data in the fit: the impact is on the *high-x gluon*  
(Note: Run II data requires slightly softer gluon than Run I data)
- the (still) missing ingredient is the full NNLO pQCD correction to the cross section, but not expected to have much impact in practice [Kidonakis, Owens (2001)]

## $D\bar{D}$ Run II inclusive jet data (cone, $R = 0.7$ )

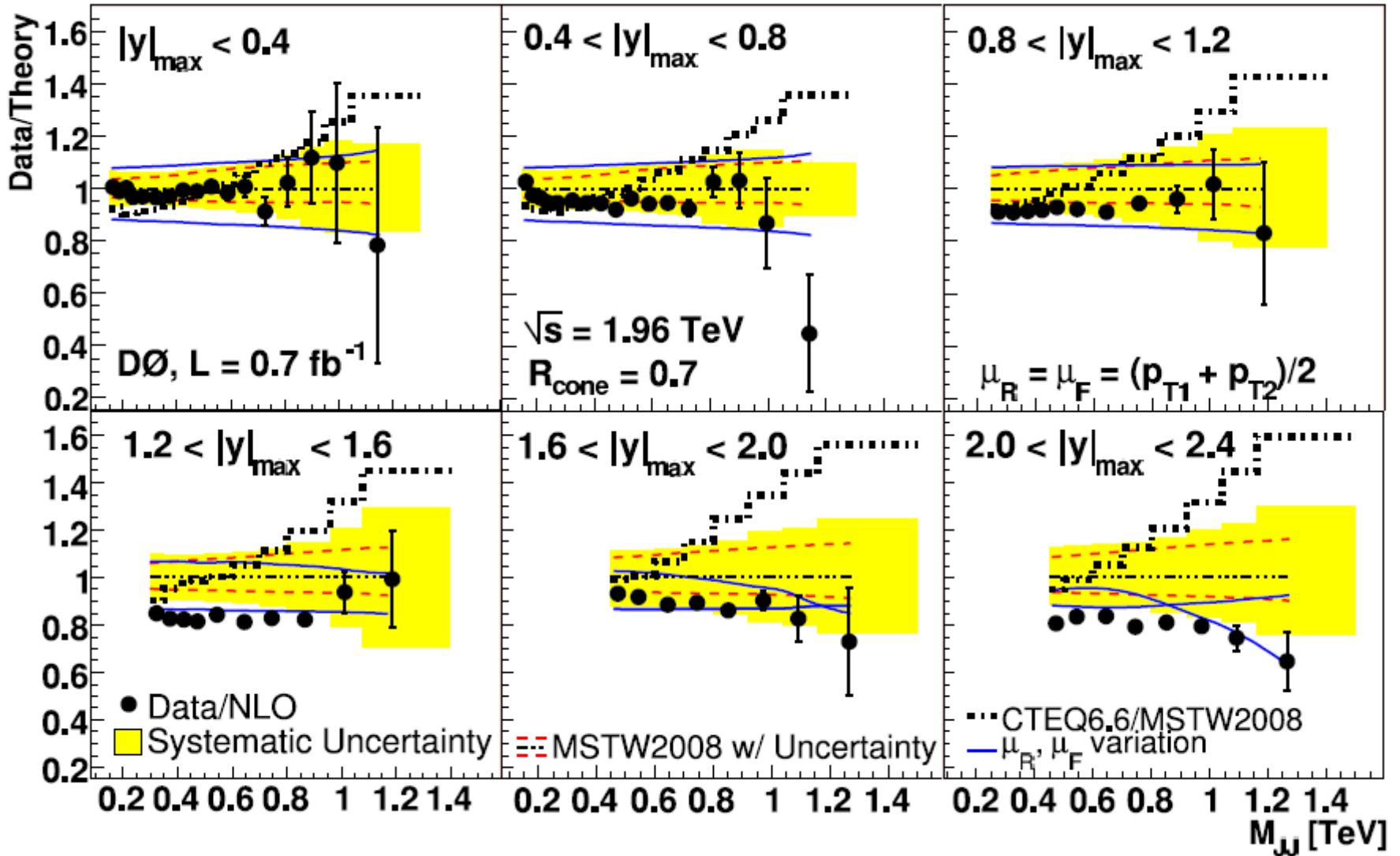
MSTW 2008 NLO PDF fit ( $\mu_R = \mu_F = p_T^{\text{JET}}$ ,  $\chi^2 = 114$  for 110 pts.)



## Gluon distribution at $Q^2 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$



# dijet mass distribution from D0



# LO vs NLO vs NNLO?

in the MSTW2008 fit

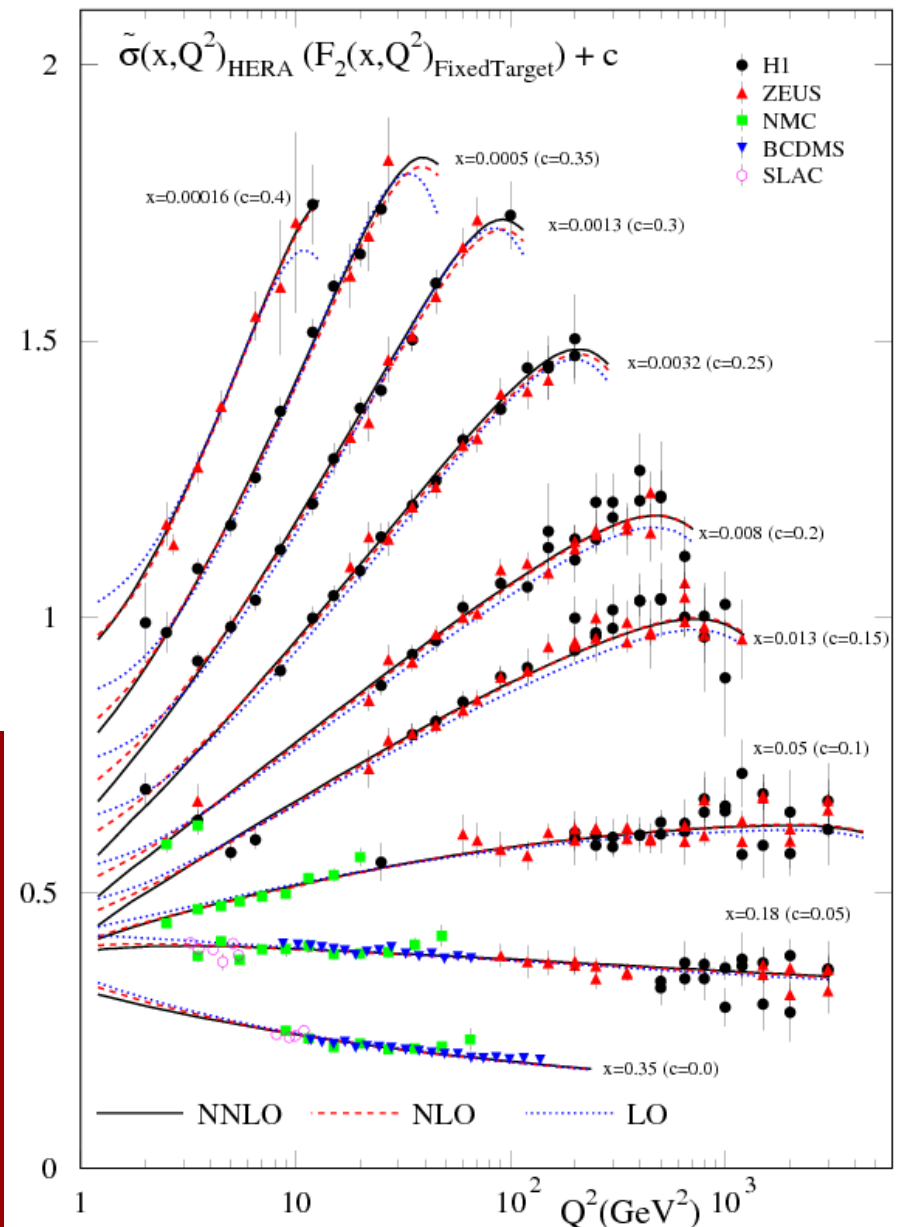
$$\chi^2_{\text{global}} / \text{dof} = \begin{array}{l} 3066/2598 \text{ (LO)} \\ 2543/2699 \text{ (NLO)} \\ 2480/2615 \text{ (NNLO)} \end{array}$$

LO evolution too slow at small  $x$ ;  
NNLO fit marginally better than NLO

## Note:

- an important ingredient missing in the full NNLO global pdf fit is the NNLO correction to the Tevatron high  $E_T$  jet cross section
- LO can be improved (e.g. LO\*) for MCs by adding K-factors, relaxing momentum conservation, etc.

MSTW 2008



# pdf uncertainties

- most groups produce ‘pdfs with errors’
- typically, 20-40 ‘error’ sets based on a ‘best fit’ set to reflect  $1\sigma$  variation of all the parameters\*  $\{A_i, a_i, \dots, \alpha_S\}$  inherent in the fit
- these reflect the uncertainties on the **data** used in the global fit (e.g.  $\delta F_2 \approx 3\% \rightarrow \delta u \approx 3\%$ )
- however, there are also systematic pdf uncertainties reflecting theoretical assumptions/prejudices in the way the global fit is set up and performed (see earlier slide)

\* e.g.  $f_i(x, Q_0^2) = A_i x^{a_i} [1 + b_i \sqrt{x} + c_i x] (1 - x)^{d_i}$

# determination of best fit and uncertainties

- **MSTW08** — 20 eigenvectors. Due to slight incompatibility of different sets (and perhaps to some extent parametrisation inflexibility) use 'dynamical tolerance' with inflated  $\Delta\chi^2$  of 5 - 20 for eigenvectors
- **CTEQ6.6** — 22 eigenvectors. Inflated  $\Delta\chi^2=50$  for 1 sigma for eigenvectors (no normalization uncertainties in CTEQ6.6, *cf.* CT10)
- **HERAPDF2.0** — 9 eigenvectors, use  $\Delta\chi^2=20$ . Additional model and parametrisation uncertainties
- **ABKM09** — 21 parton parameters, use  $\Delta\chi^2=1$
- **GJR08** — 12 parton parameters. Use  $\Delta\chi^2=20$ . Impose strong theory ('dynamical parton') constraint on input form of pdfs.

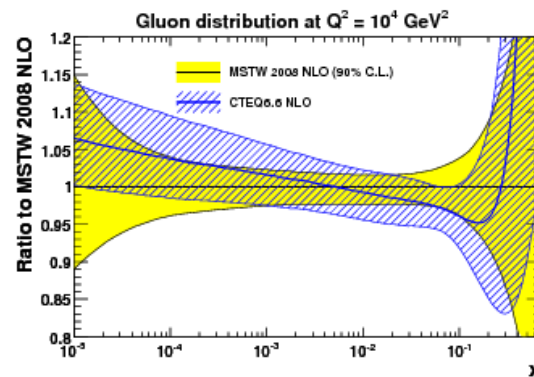
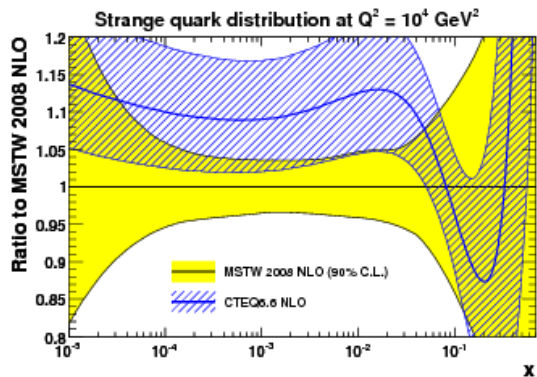
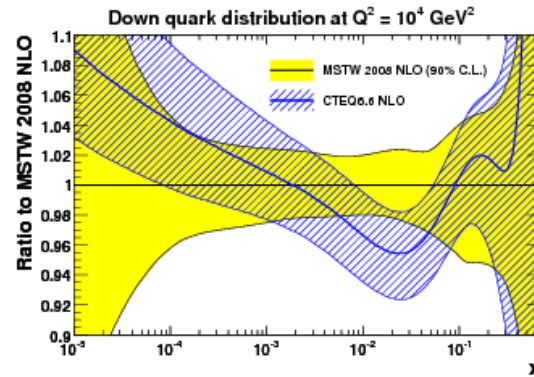
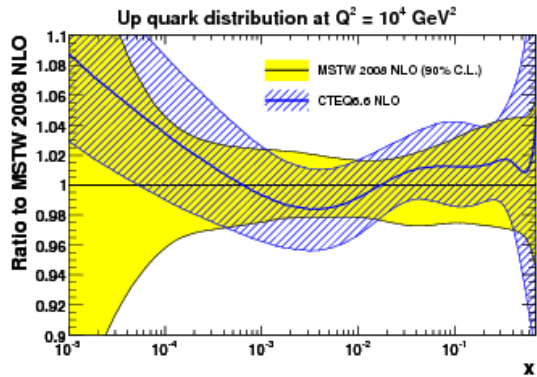
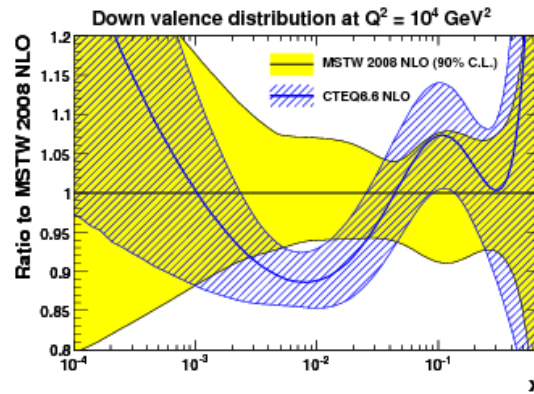
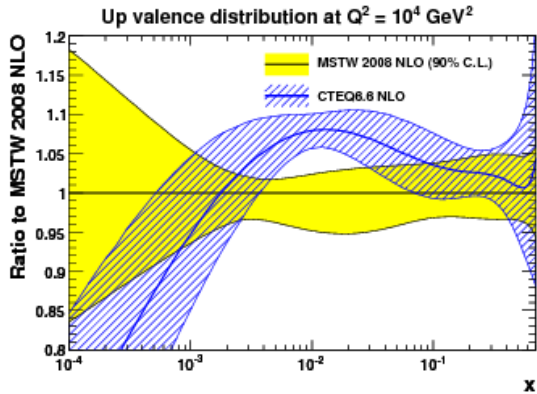
**Note:** **NNPDF2.0** create many replicas of data and obtain PDF replicas in each case by fitting to training set and comparing to validation set → uncertainty determined by spread of replicas. Direct relationship to  $\chi^2$  in global fit not trivial.

# determination of best fit and uncertainties contd.

- **NNPDF** and **MSTW** (due to extra parameters) have more complicated shape for gluon at smaller  $x$  and bigger small- $x$  uncertainty
- choice of parametrisation leads to bigger very high- $x$  gluon uncertainty for **CTEQ**
- different theory assumptions in strange quark pdf leads to vastly different uncertainties — **MSTW** small, **NNPDF** large; feeds into other 'light' quarks
- perhaps surprisingly all get rather similar uncertainties for pdfs and predicted cross sections — see later



# example: MSTW2008(NLO) vs. CTEQ6.6



## Note:

CTEQ error bands comparable with MSTW 90%cl set (different definition of tolerance)

CTEQ light quarks and gluons slightly larger at small  $x$  because of imposition of positivity on gluon at  $Q_0^2$

CTEQ gluons slightly larger at large  $x$  - only Run 1 jet data in fit

→ implications for 'precision' LHC cross sections (later)

# pdfs and $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$

- **MSTW08, ABKM09 and GJR08:**  
 $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$  values and uncertainty determined by global fit
- NNLO value about 0.003 – 0.004 lower than NLO value, e.g. for **MSTW08**

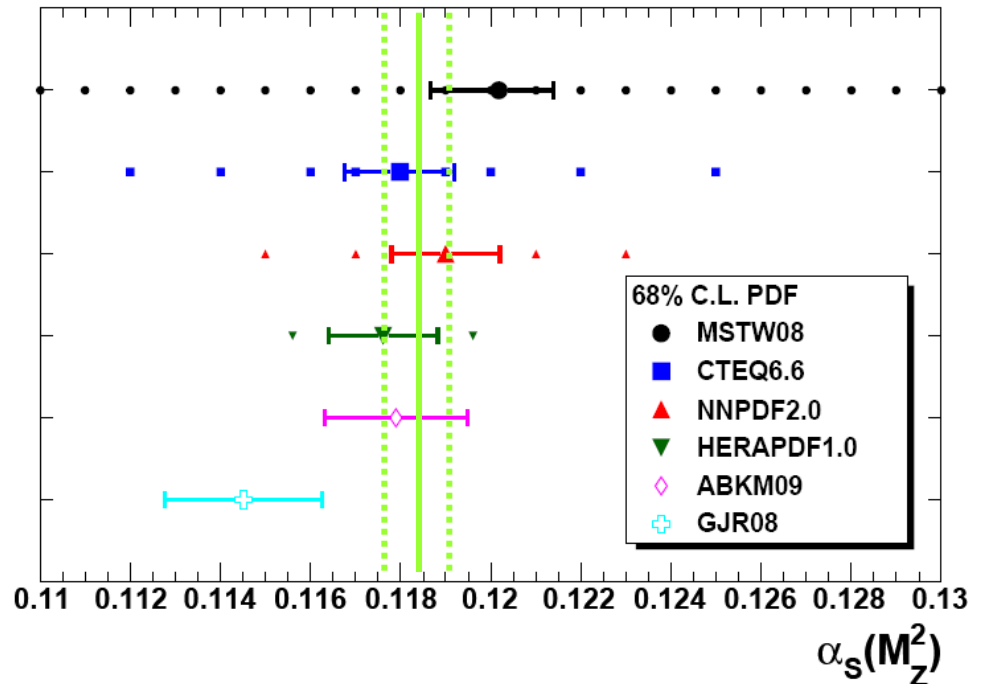
$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS},NLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1202^{+0.012}_{-0.015}$$

$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS},NNLO}(M_Z^2) = 0.1171^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$$

- **CTEQ, NNPDF, HERAPDF** choose standard values and uncertainties
- world average (**PDG 2009**)

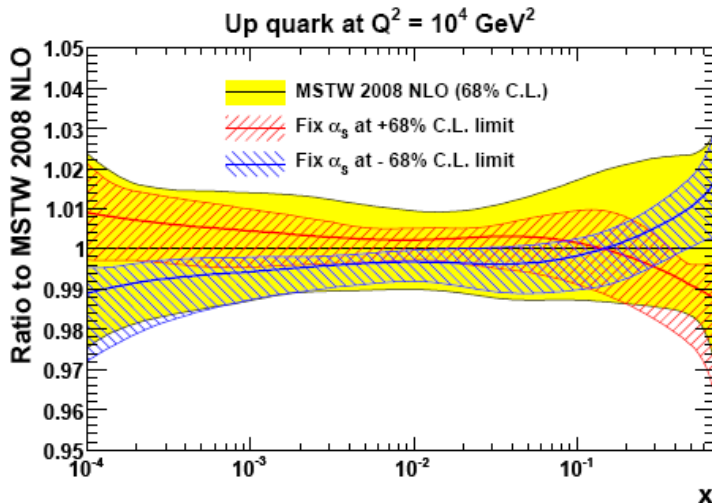
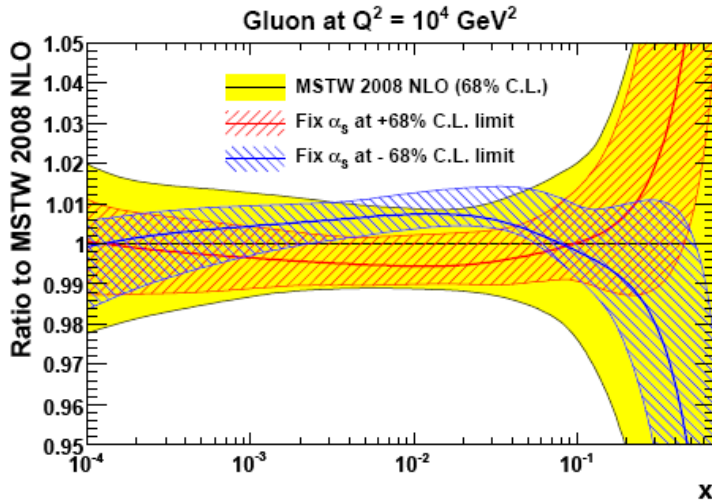
$$\alpha_S^{\overline{MS}}(M_Z^2) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0007$$

NLO  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$  values used by different PDF groups



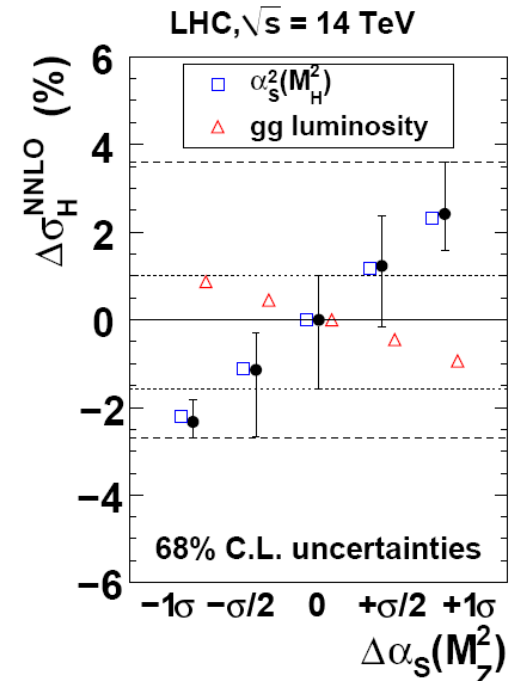
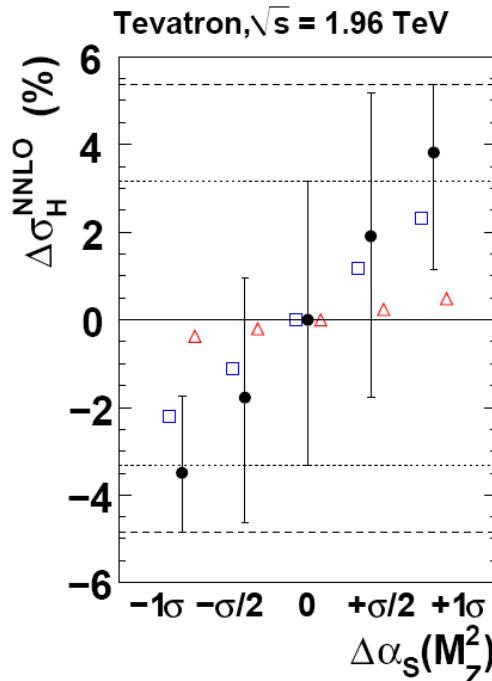
- note that the pdfs and  $\alpha_S$  are **correlated!**
- e.g. **gluon** –  $\alpha_S$  anticorrelation at small  $x$  and **quark** –  $\alpha_S$  anticorrelation at large  $x$

# $\alpha_S$ - pdf correlations



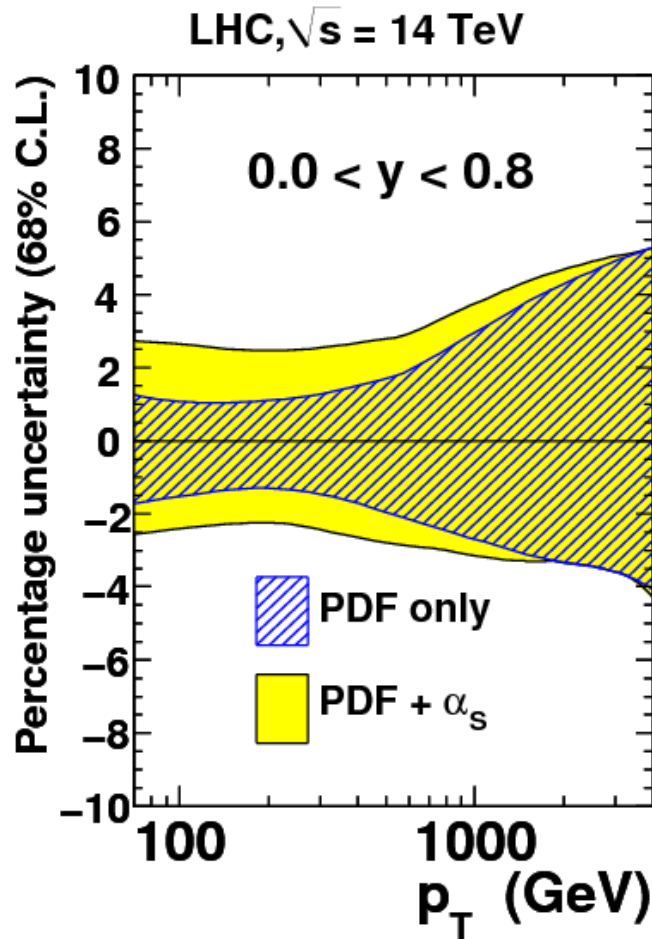
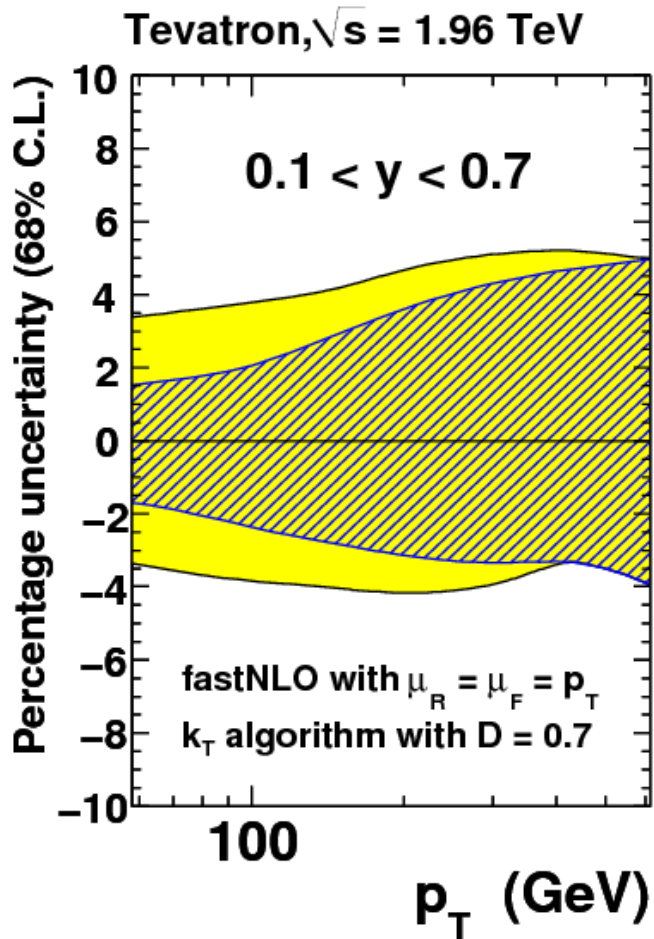
- care needed when assessing impact of varying  $\alpha_S$  on cross sections  $\sim (\alpha_S)^n$

Higgs ( $M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$ ) with MSTW 2008 NNLO PDFs



# pdf + $\alpha_S$ uncertainties in jet cross sections

Inclusive jet cross sections with MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs



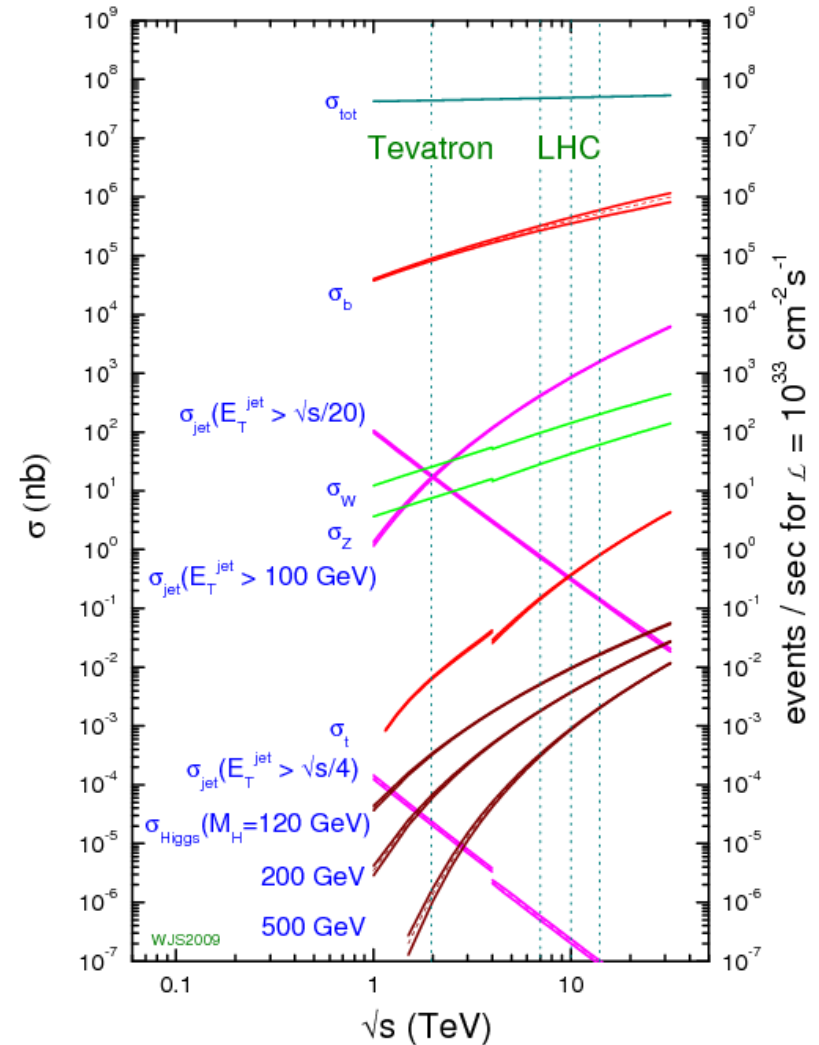
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## LHC benchmark cross sections

# precision phenomenology at LHC

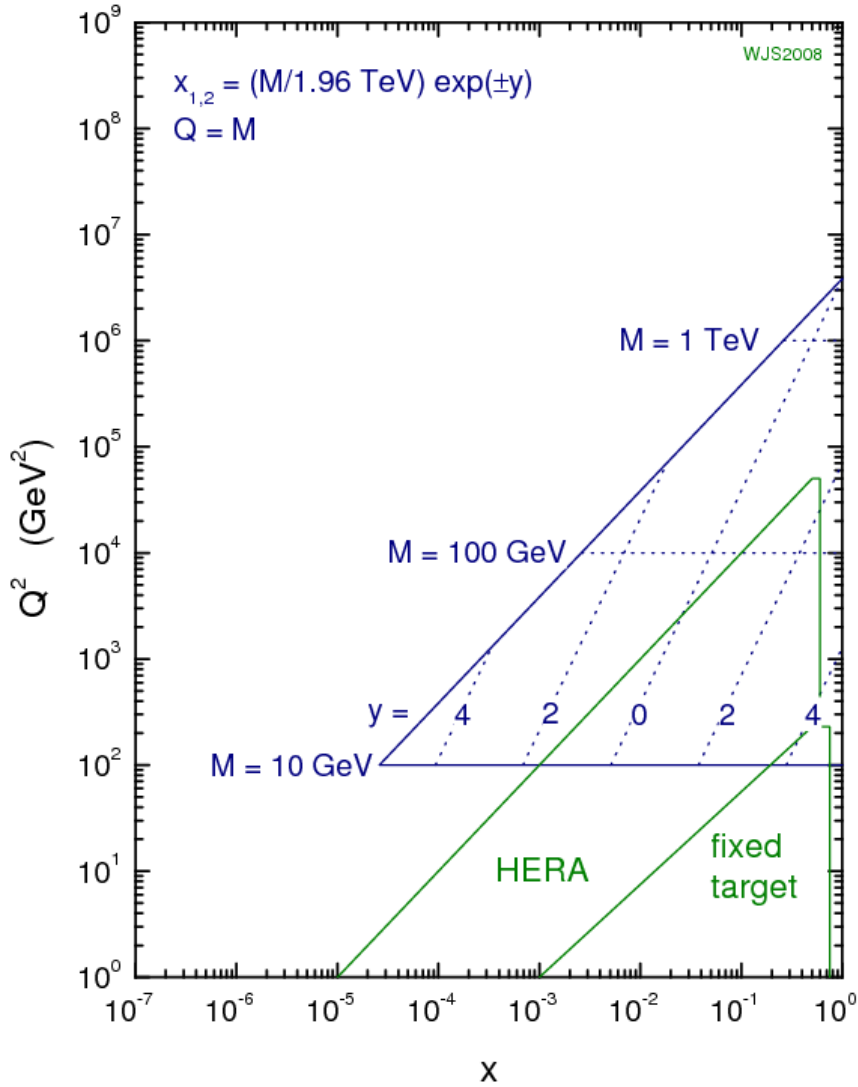
- **LO** for generic PS Monte Carlos
  - **NLO** for NLO-MCs and many parton-level signal and background processes
  - **NNLO** for a limited number of 'precision observables' (W, Z, DY, H, ...)
- + E/W corrections, resummed HO terms etc...

proton - (anti)proton cross sections

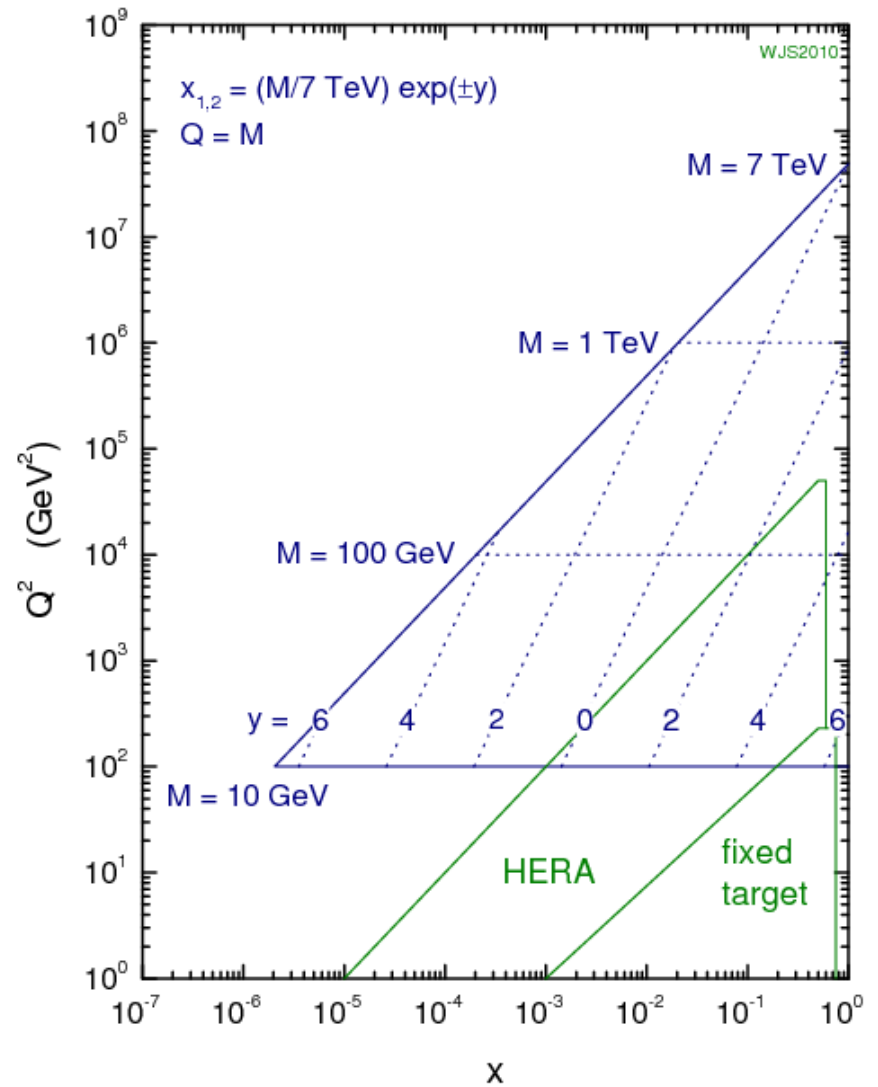


$$\delta\sigma_{\text{th}} = \delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} \oplus \delta\sigma_{\text{HO}} \oplus \delta\sigma_{\text{param}} \oplus \dots$$

### Tevatron parton kinematics



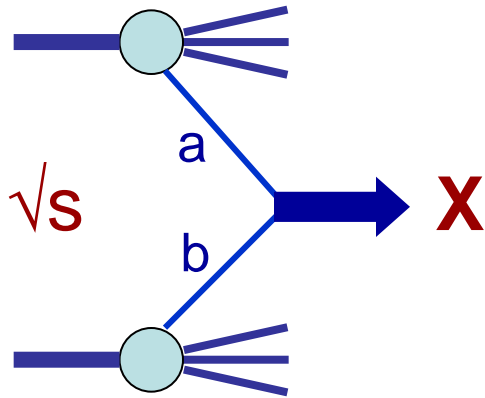
### 7 TeV LHC parton kinematics





# parton luminosity functions

- a quick and easy way to assess the mass, collider energy and pdf dependence of production cross sections



$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X} = C_X \delta(\hat{s} - M_X^2)$$

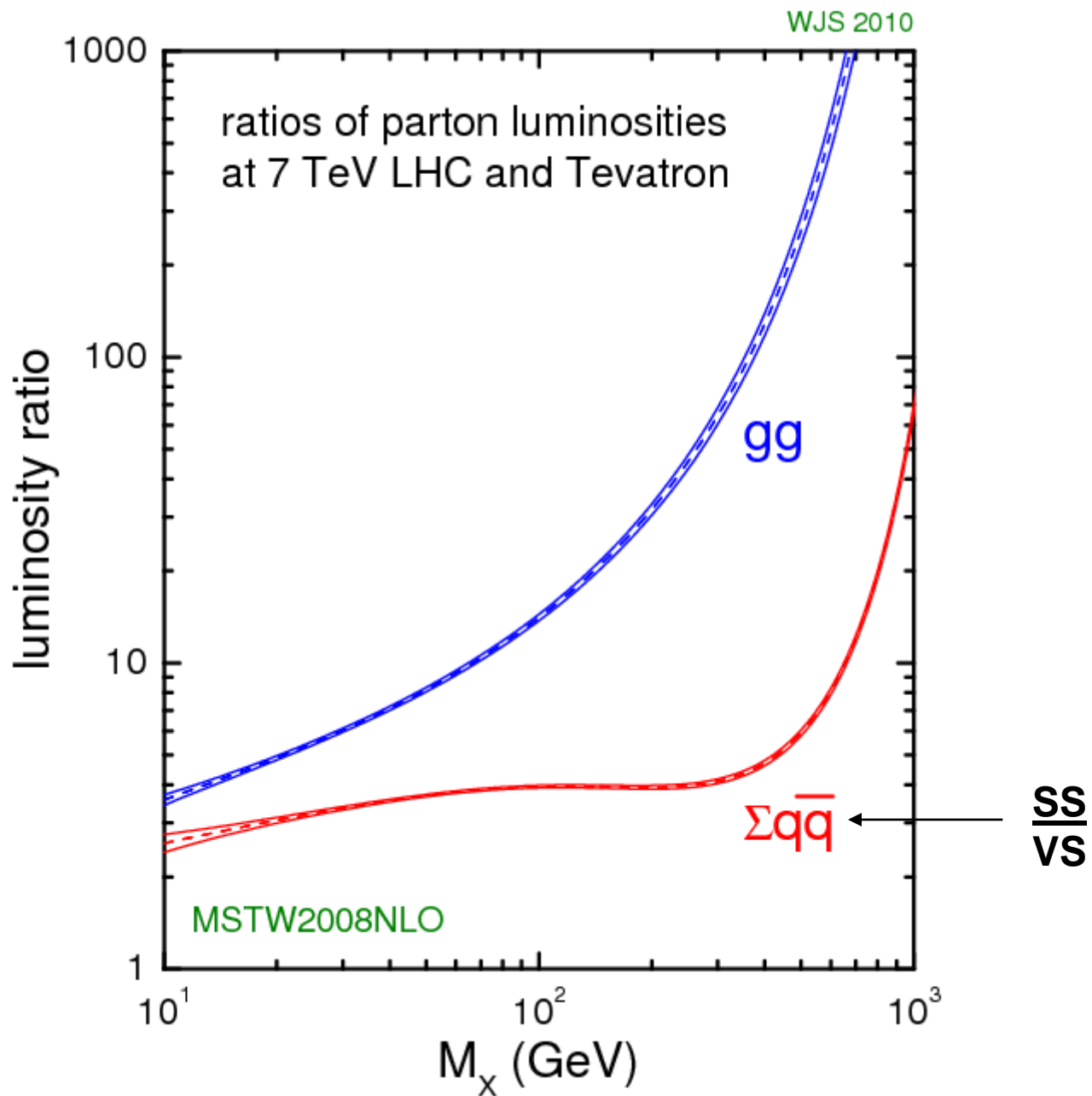
$$\sigma_X = \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M_X^2) f_b(x_b, M_X^2) C_X \delta(x_a x_b - \tau)$$

$$\equiv C_X \left[ \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ab}}{\partial \tau} \right] \quad (\tau = M_X^2/s)$$

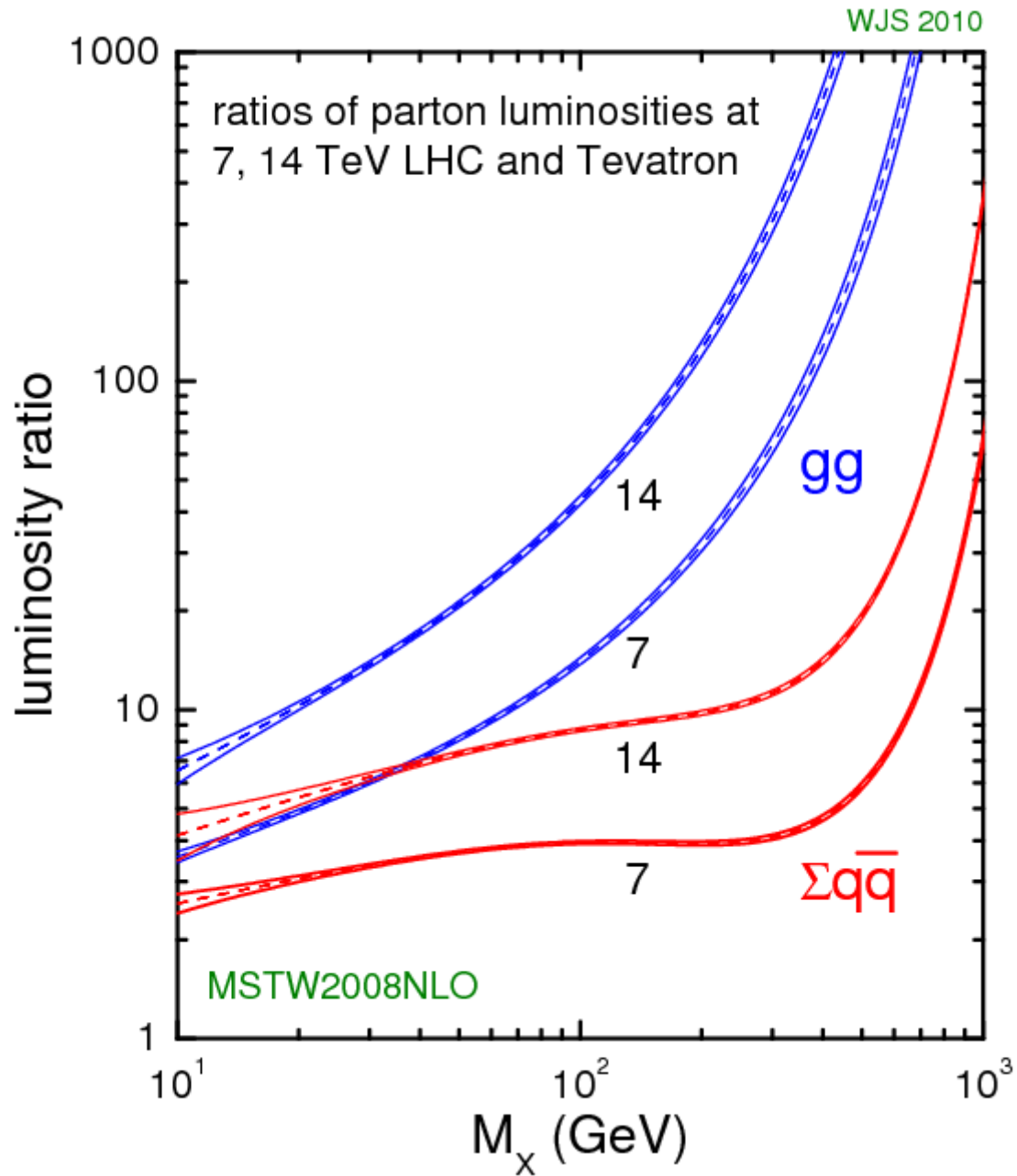
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{ab}}{\partial \tau} = \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, M_X^2) f_b(x_b, M_X^2) \delta(x_a x_b - \tau)$$

- i.e. all the mass and energy dependence is contained in the **X**-independent parton luminosity function in [ ]
- useful combinations are  $ab = gg, \sum_q q\bar{q}, \dots$
- and also useful for assessing the uncertainty on cross sections due to uncertainties in the pdfs





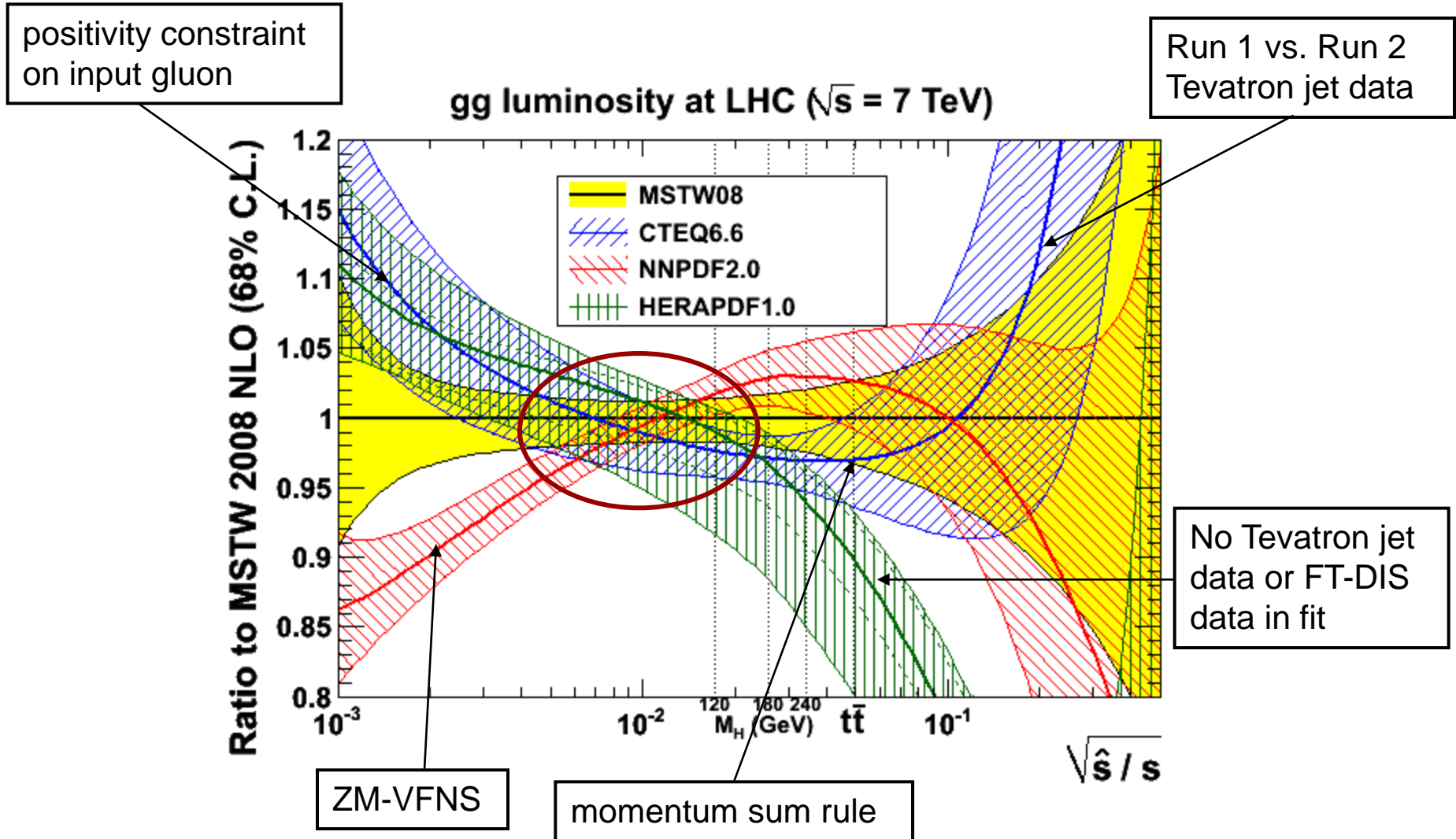
more such luminosity plots available at [www.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/~wjs/plots/plots.html](http://www.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/~wjs/plots/plots.html)



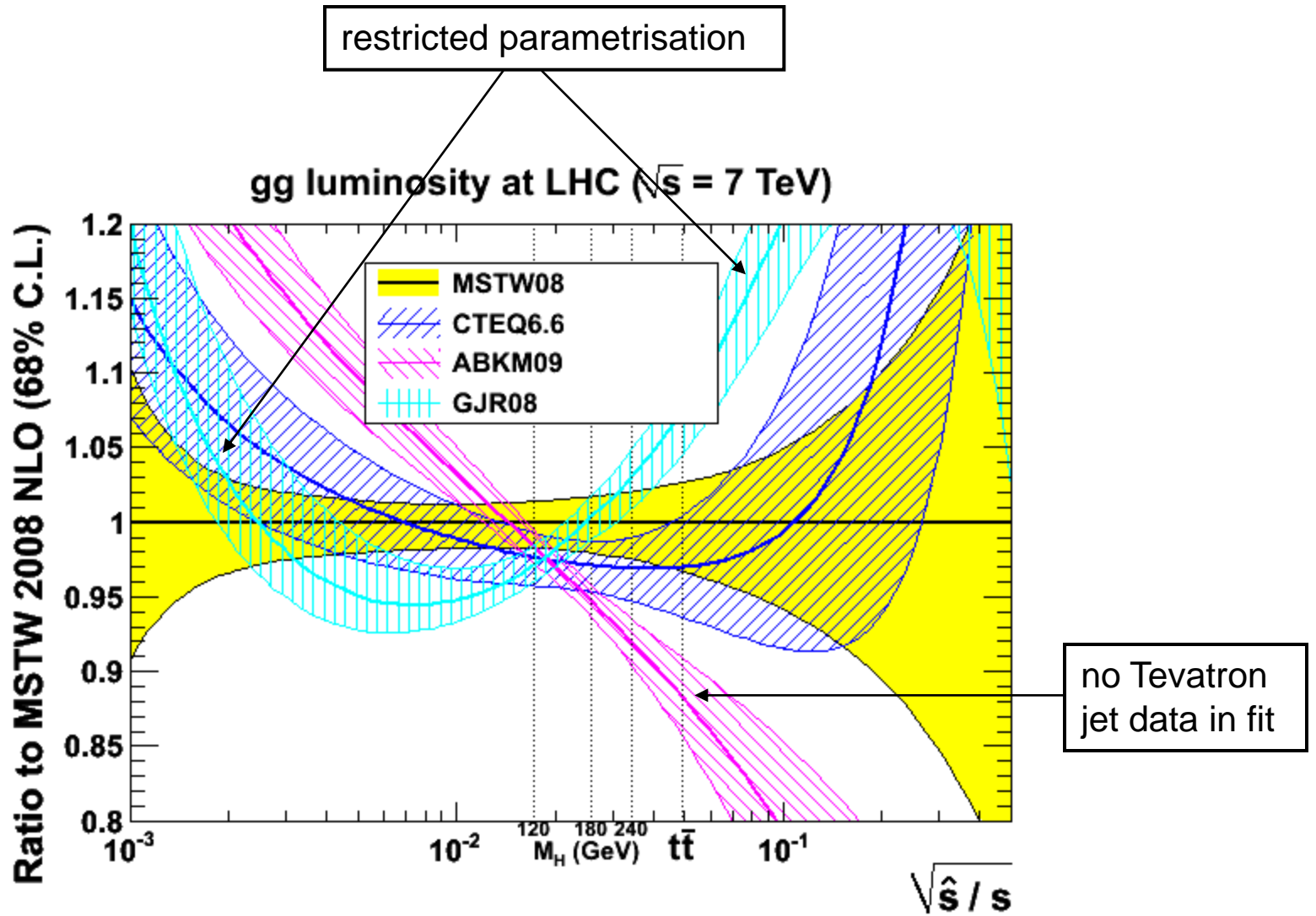
# pdfs at LHC – the issues

- high precision cross section predictions require accurate knowledge of pdfs:  $\delta\sigma_{\text{th}} = \delta\sigma_{\text{pdf}} + \dots$ 
  - how do the different pdf sets compare?
- can we learn more about pdfs from LHC measurements, e.g.
  - high- $E_T$  jets → gluon?
  - $W^+, W^-, Z^0$  → quarks?
  - very forward Drell-Yan (e.g. LHCb) → small  $x$ ?
  - ...

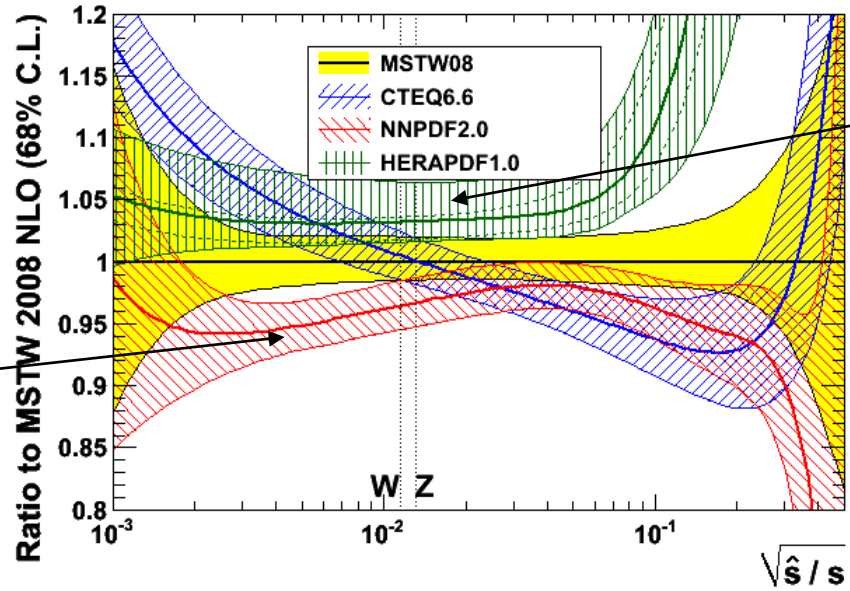
# parton luminosity comparisons



Luminosity and cross section plots from Graeme Watt (MSTW, in preparation), available at [projects.hepforge.org/mstwpdf/pdf4lhc](http://projects.hepforge.org/mstwpdf/pdf4lhc)



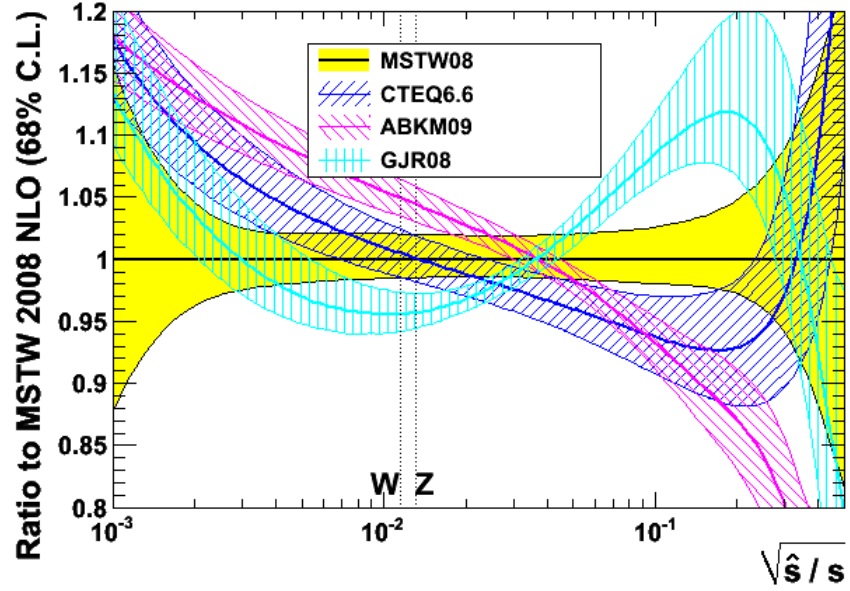
$\Sigma_q(q\bar{q})$  luminosity at LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)



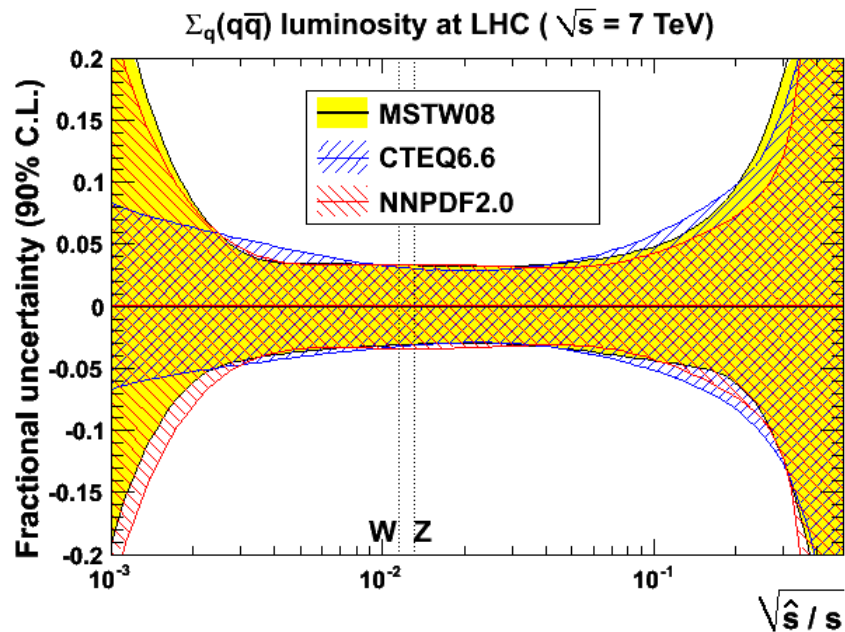
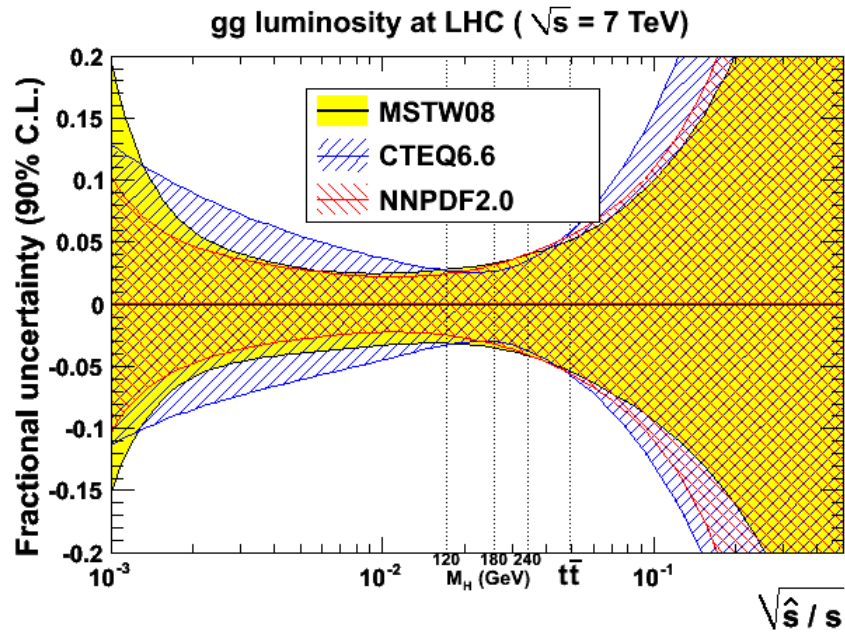
new combined  
HERA SF data

ZM-VFNS

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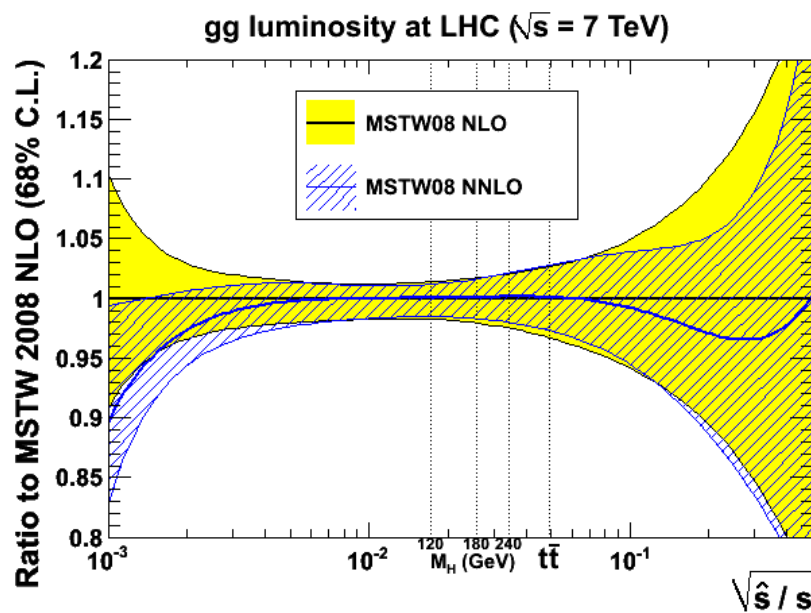
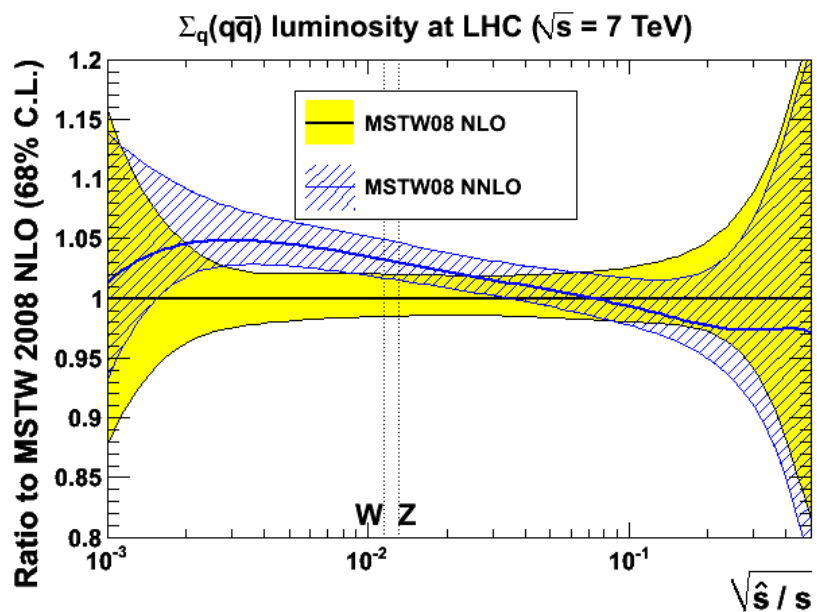


# fractional uncertainty comparisons



remarkably similar  
considering the  
different definitions of  
pdf uncertainties used  
by the 3 groups!

# NLO and NNLO parton luminosity comparisons

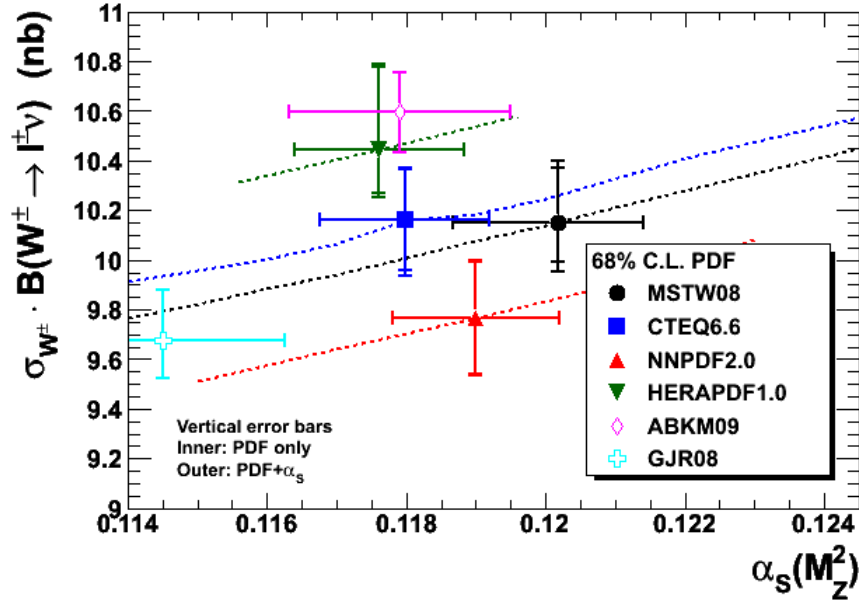




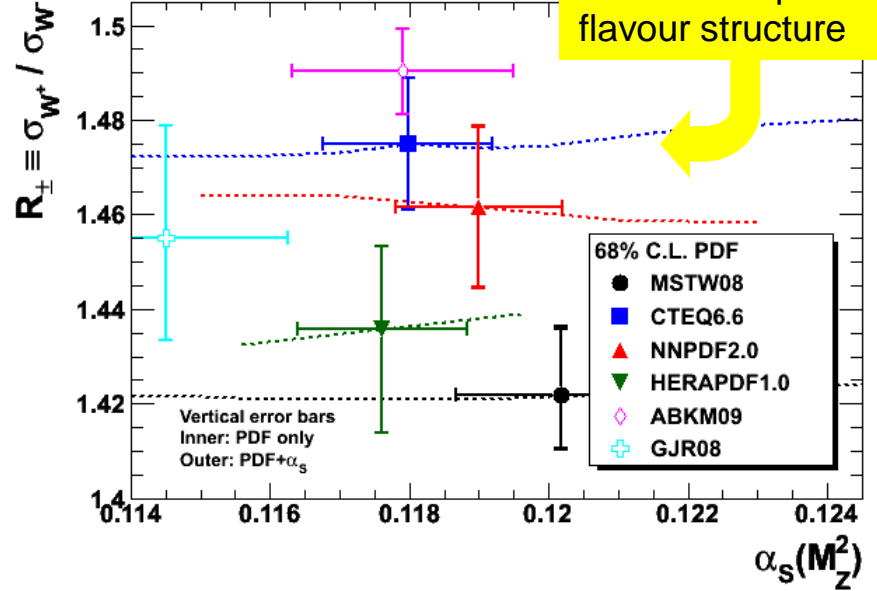
W, Z

# benchmark W,Z cross sections

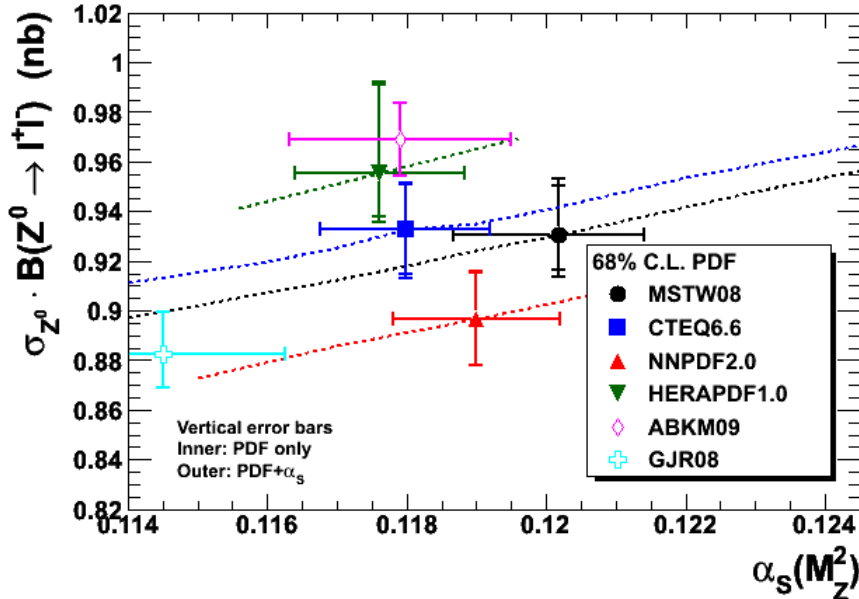
NLO  $W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$  at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)



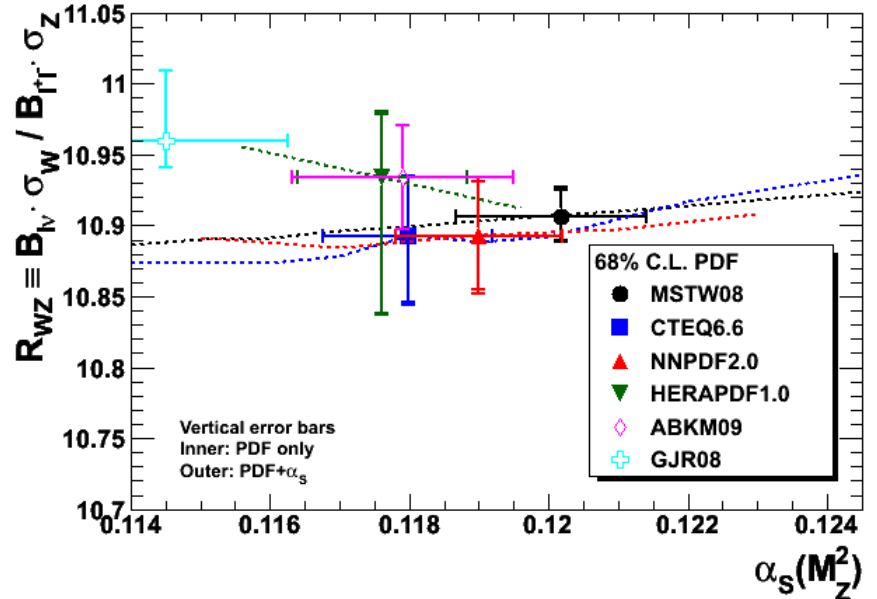
NLO  $W^+/W^-$  ratio at the LHC



NLO  $Z^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)

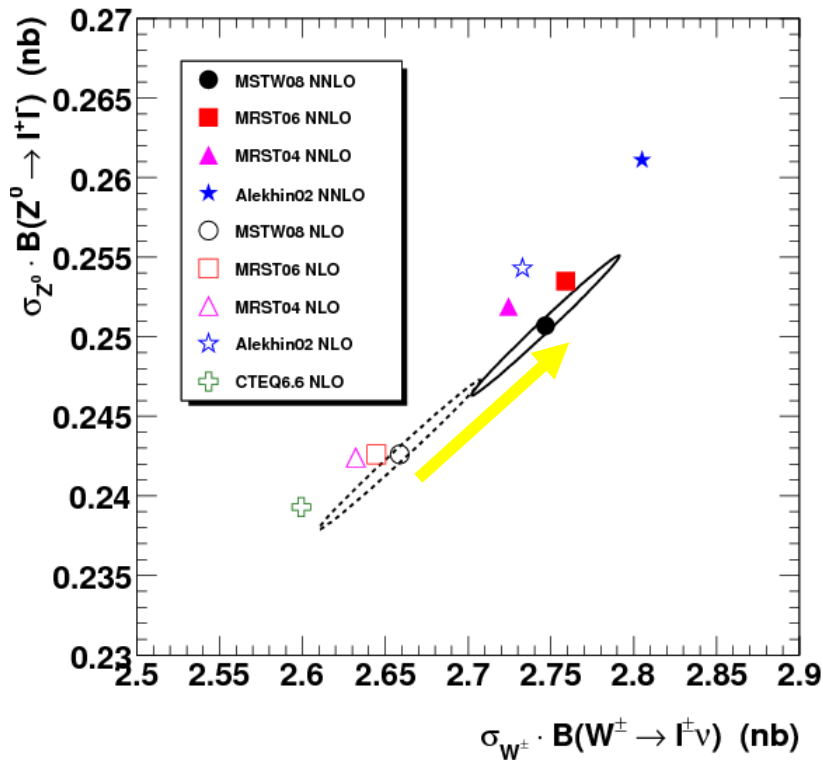


NLO W/Z ratio at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)

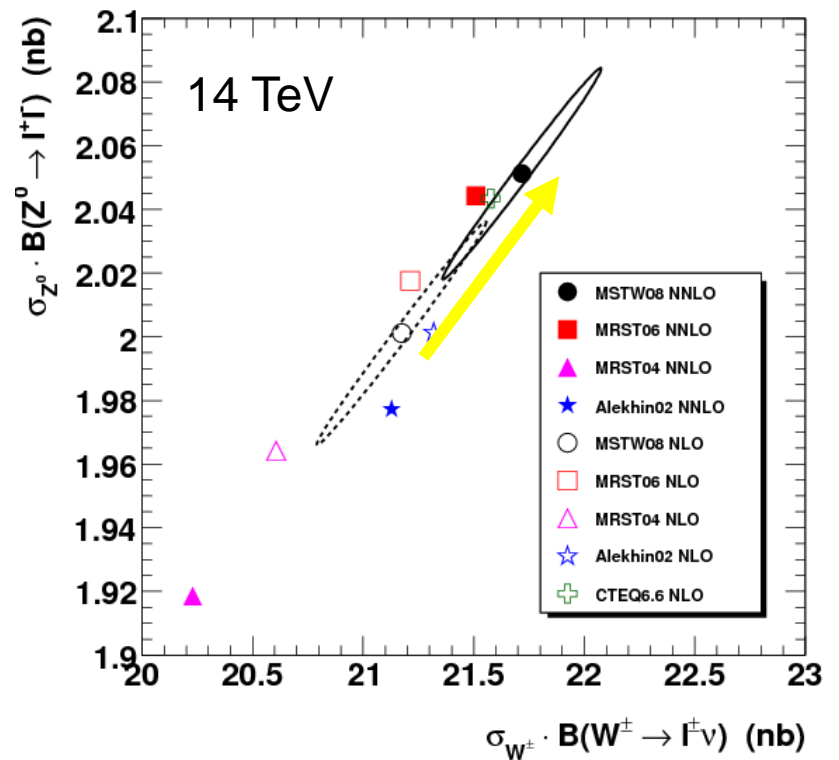


# predictions for $\sigma(W,Z)$ @ Tevatron, LHC: NLO vs. NNLO

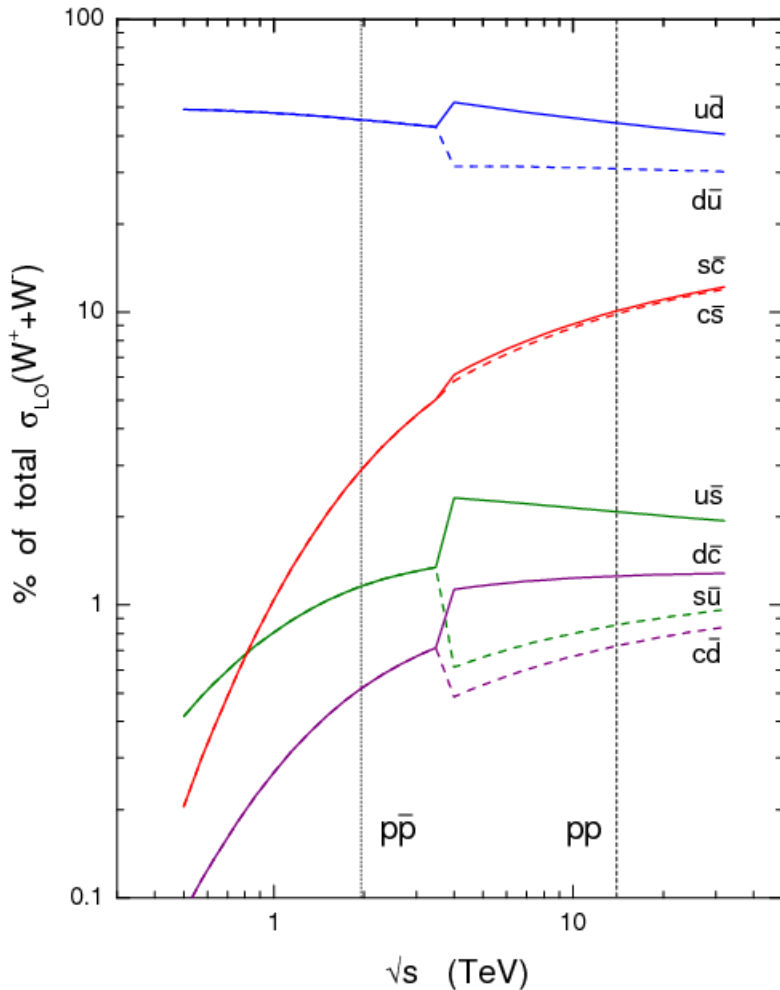
W and Z total cross sections at the Tevatron



W and Z total cross sections at the LHC



### flavour decomposition of W cross sections

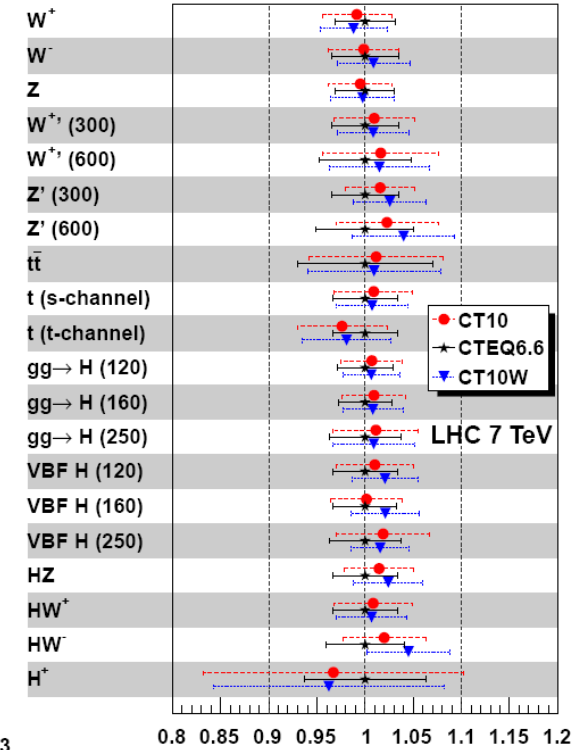
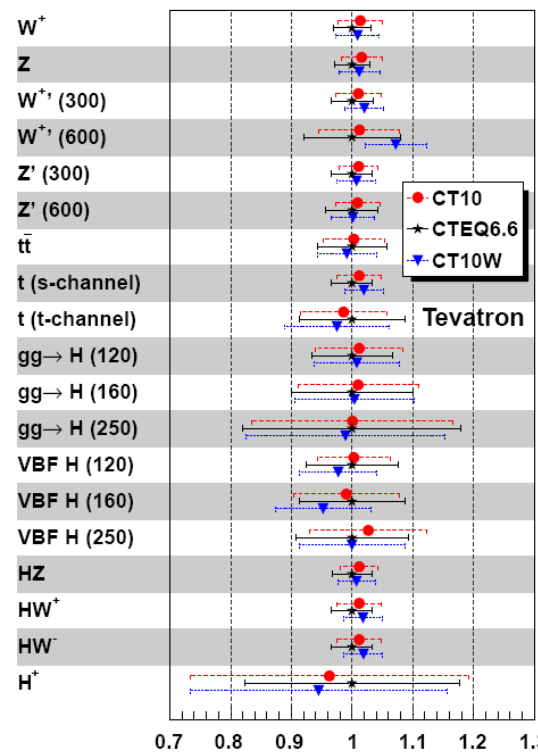
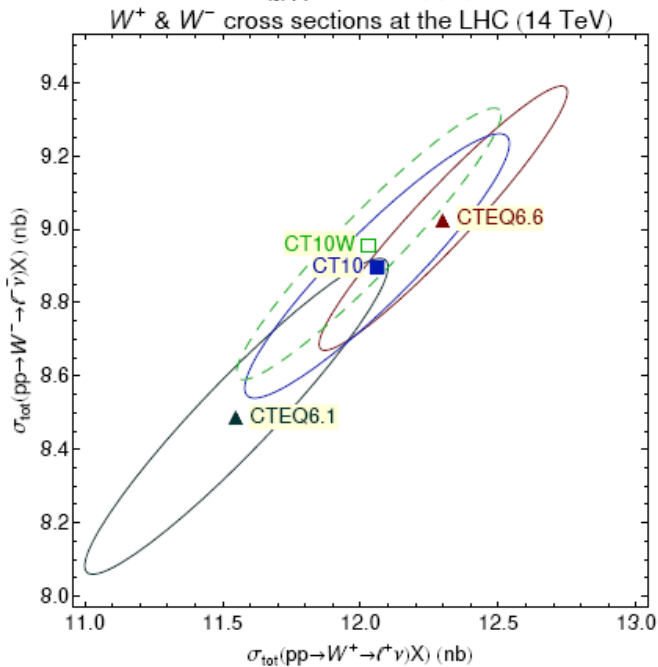
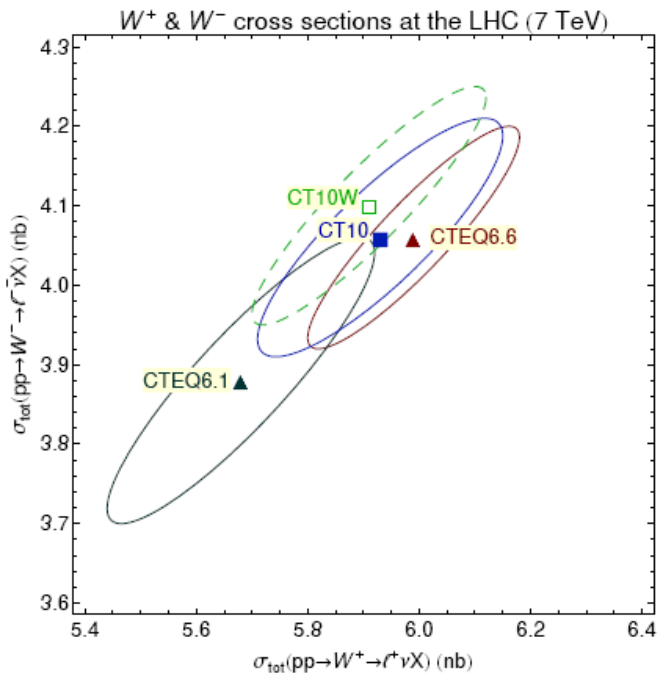


impact of sea quarks on the NLO W charge asymmetry ratio at 7 TeV:

pdfs	R(W <sup>+</sup> /W <sup>-</sup> )
{udg} only	1.53
{udscbg} = MSTW08	1.42 ± 0.02
{udscbg} <sub>sea</sub> only	0.99
{udscbg} <sub>sym.sea</sub> only	1.00

at LHC, ~30% of W and Z total cross sections involves s,c,b quarks

# CTEQ6.6 vs. CT10, CT10W (NLO)

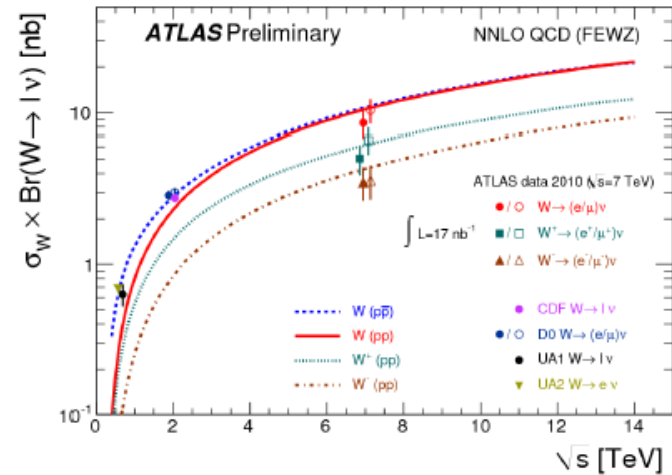
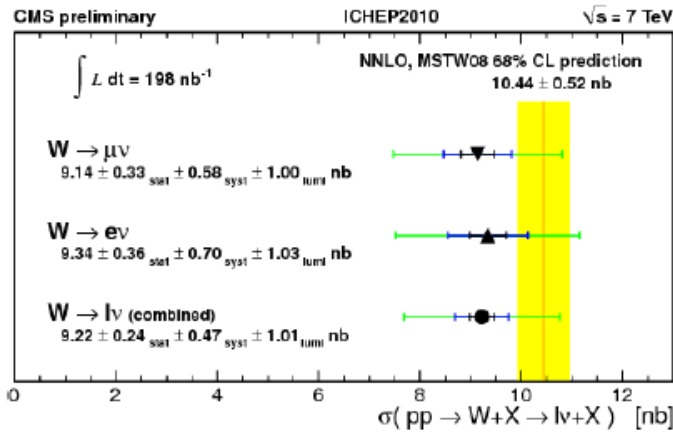


\* **CT10W**: attempt to include recent D0 lepton asymmetry data in global fit  
 → slightly different  $d/u$

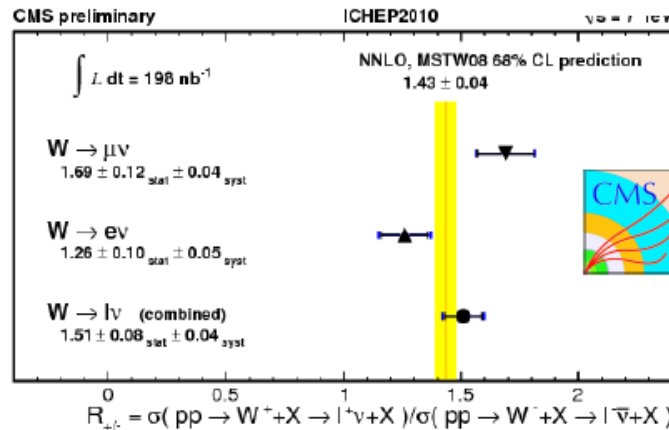
see next talks!

# inclusive W boson measurements: Summary

## W → ν cross section



## Ratio W+/W-



care needed with definition of 'total cross section' in these comparisons

All the results are in agreement with the Standard Model expectations.

# using the $W^{\pm}$ charge asymmetry at the LHC

- at the Tevatron  $\sigma(W^+) = \sigma(W^-)$ , whereas at LHC  $\sigma(W^+) \sim (1.4 - 1.3) \sigma(W^-)$
- can use this asymmetry to calibrate backgrounds to new physics, since typically  $\sigma_{\text{NP}}(X \rightarrow W^+ + \dots) = \sigma_{\text{NP}}(X \rightarrow W^- + \dots)$

- **example:**

$$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+W^-b\bar{b} \rightarrow W^{\pm}(\rightarrow l^{\pm} + \nu) + 4\text{jets}$$

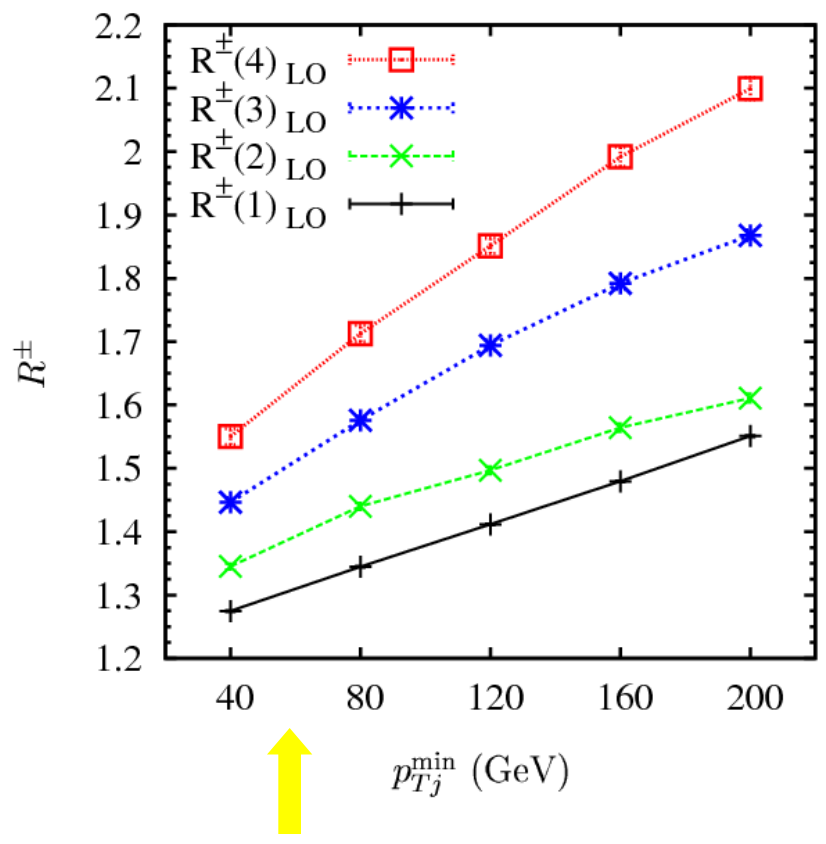
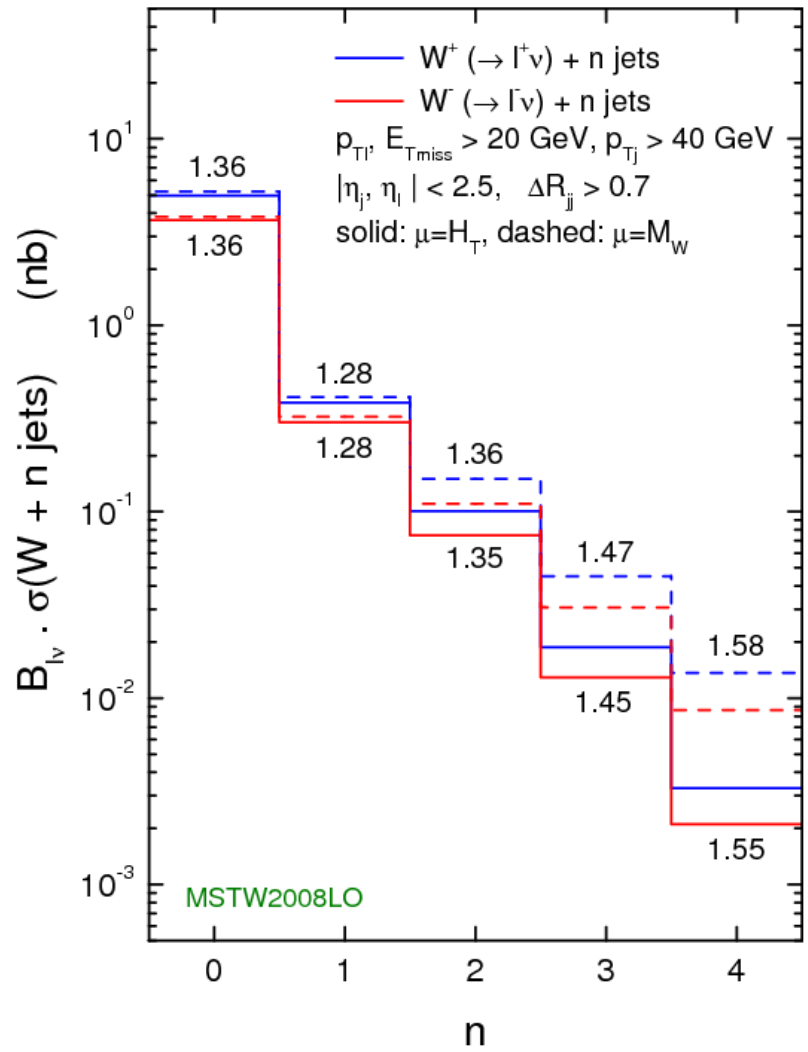
in this case

$$\sigma_{\text{signal}}(W^+ + 4\text{jets}) = \sigma_{\text{signal}}(W^- + 4\text{jets})$$

whereas...

$$\sigma_{\text{QCD bkgd}}(W^+ + 4\text{jets}) \neq \sigma_{\text{QCD bkgd}}(W^- + 4\text{jets})$$

which can in principle help distinguish signal and background



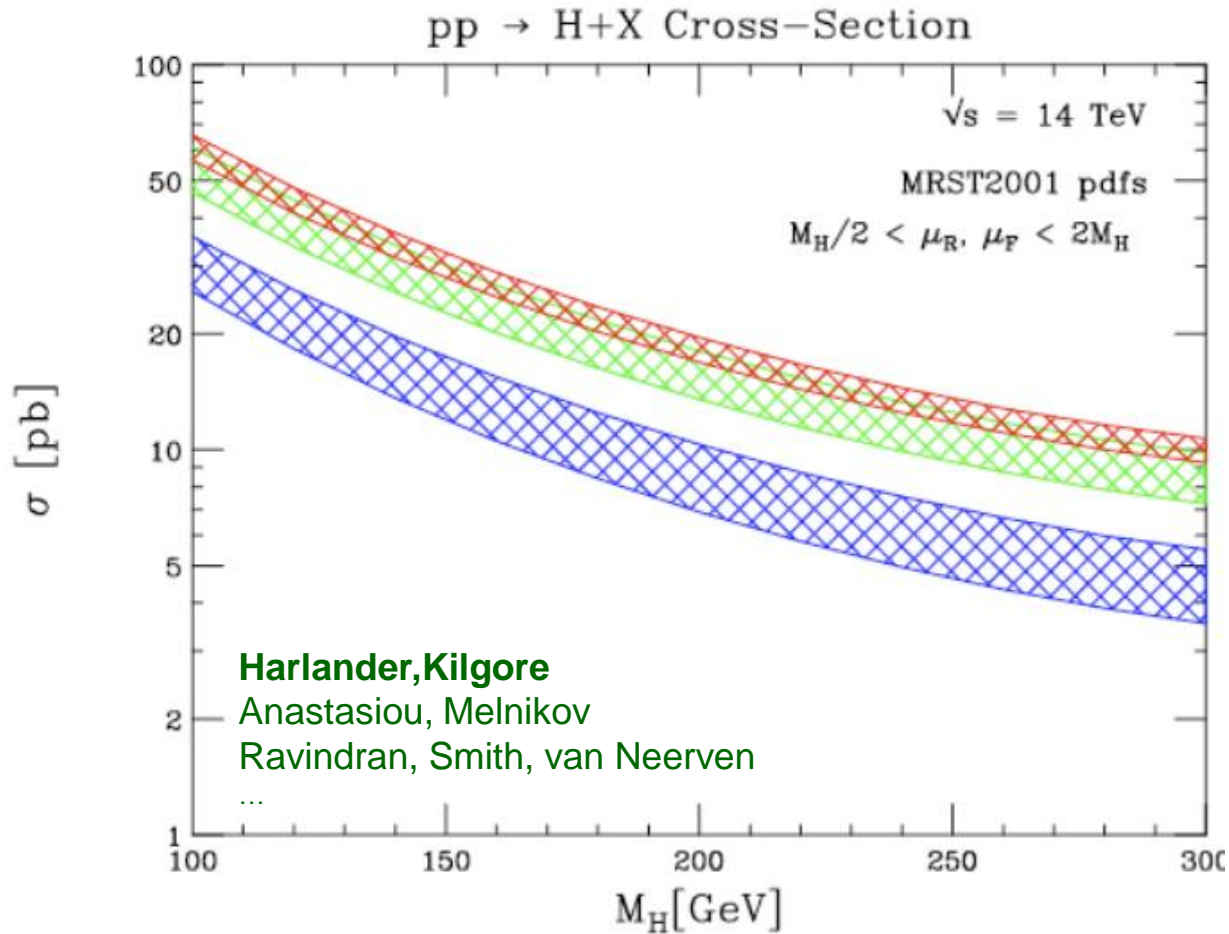
$R^\pm$  increases with jet  $p_T^{\min}$

$R^\pm$  larger at 7 TeV LHC  $\rightarrow$

$n$	$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
0	$1.52 \pm 0.01$ (scl) $\pm 0.02$ (pdf)	$1.31 \pm 0.01$ (scl) $\pm 0.01$ (pdf)
1	$1.45 \pm 0.01$ (scl) $\pm 0.01$ (pdf)	$1.27 \pm 0.01$ (scl) $\pm 0.01$ (pdf)
2	$1.56 \pm 0.02$ (scl) $\pm 0.02$ (pdf)	$1.33 \pm 0.02$ (scl) $\pm 0.01$ (pdf)
3	$1.72 \pm 0.03$ (scl) $\pm 0.03$ (pdf)	$1.45 \pm 0.03$ (scl) $\pm 0.02$ (pdf)
4	$1.87 \pm 0.04$ (scl) $\pm 0.03$ (pdf)	$1.55 \pm 0.04$ (scl) $\pm 0.02$ (pdf)

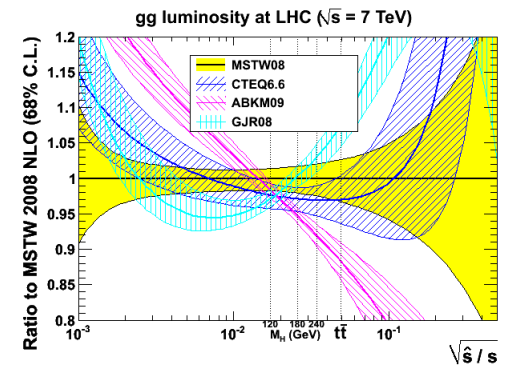
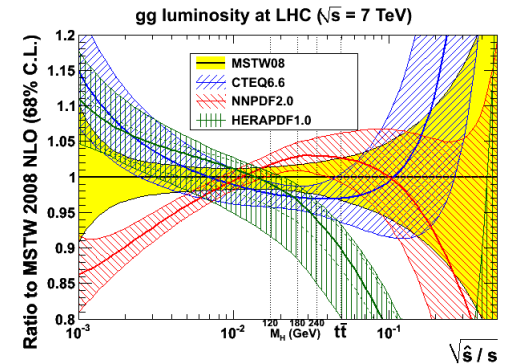
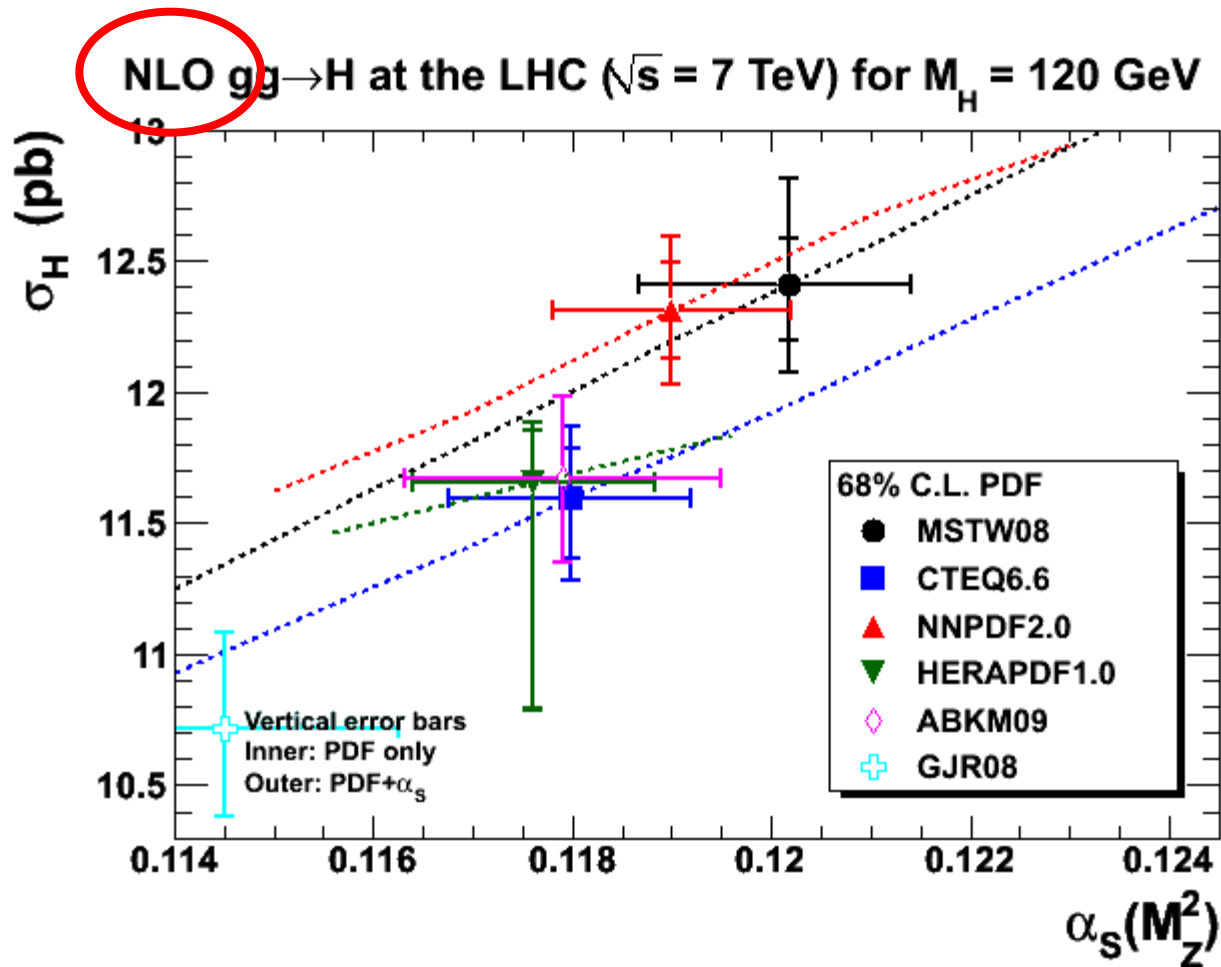


# Higgs



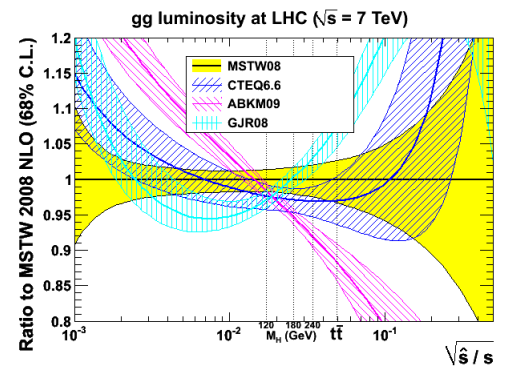
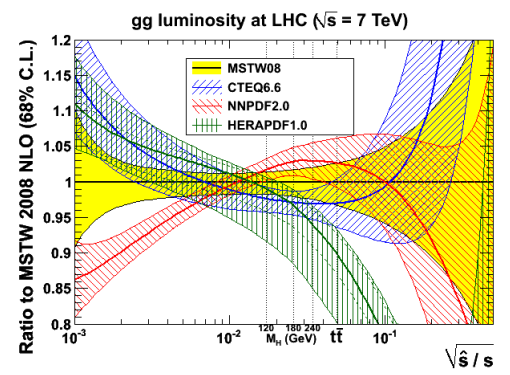
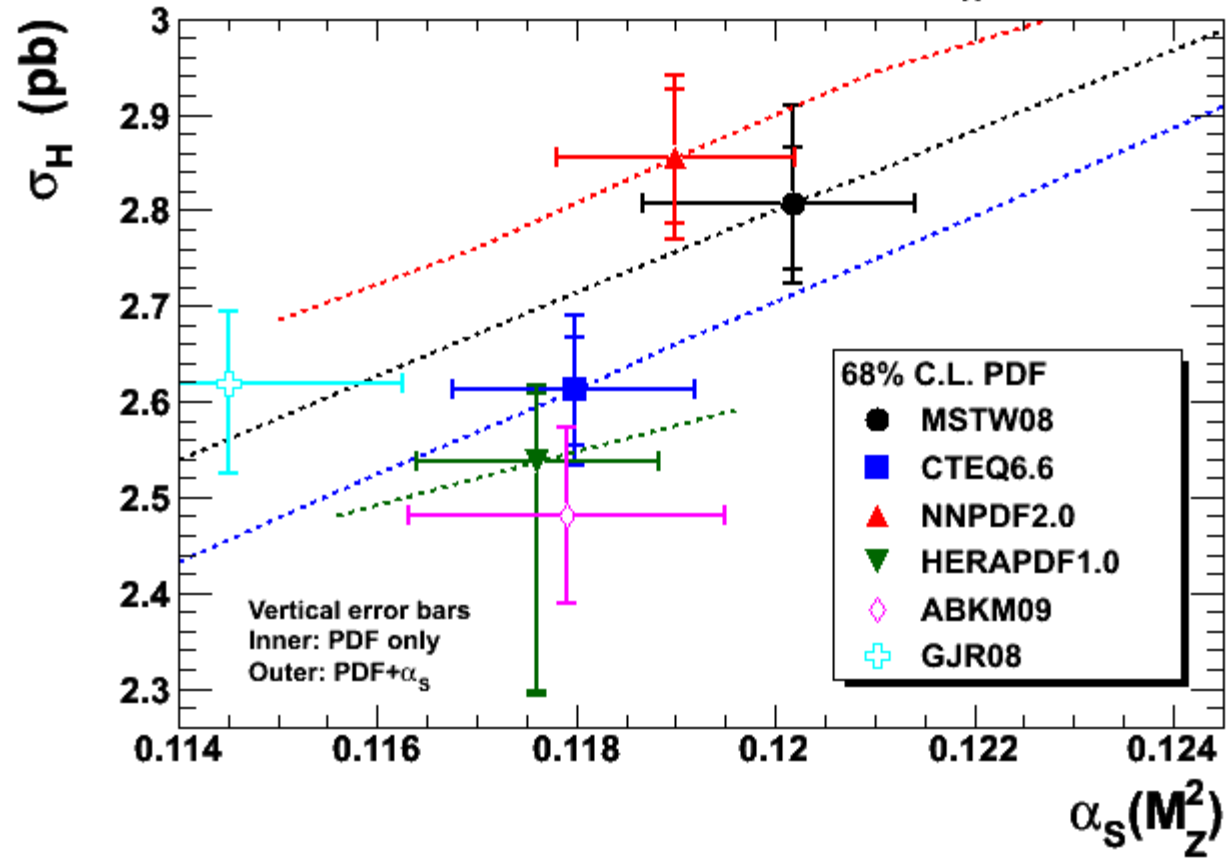
- only scale variation uncertainty shown
- central values calculated for a *fixed* set pdfs with a *fixed* value of  $\alpha_S(M_Z)$

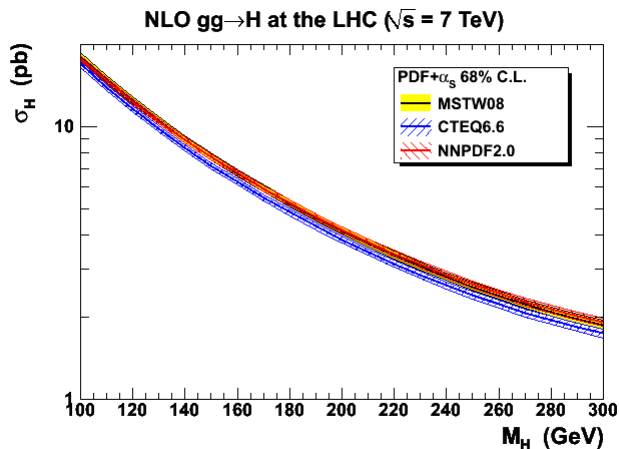
# benchmark Higgs cross sections



... differences from both pdfs AND  $\alpha_s$ !

### NLO $gg \rightarrow H$ at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV) for $M_H = 240$ GeV

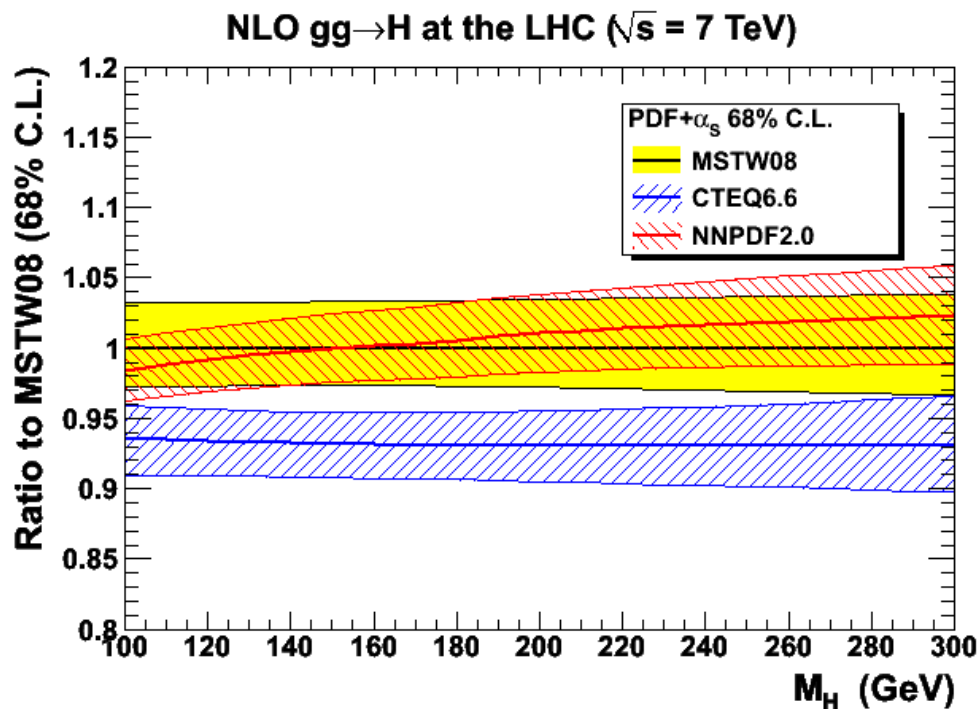




How to define an overall 'best theory prediction'?! See LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group meeting, 5-6 July, [higgs2010.to.infn.it](http://higgs2010.to.infn.it)

small print

Central predictions use the values of  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  favoured by each PDF group, i.e. 0.1202 for MSTW08, 0.1180 for CTEQ6.6 and 0.1190 for NNPDF2.0. For MSTW08,  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  was determined simultaneously with the PDFs in the global fit. The *experimental* uncertainties on  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  are +0.0012/-0.0015 at 68% C.L. The uncertainties on  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  for CTEQ6.6 and NNPDF2.0 are taken to be  $\pm 0.0012$  at 68% C.L. The combined PDF+ $\alpha_s$  uncertainty is calculated following the prescription recommended by each group, i.e.  $\alpha_s$  uncertainties are simply added in quadrature for CTEQ6.6, while for NNPDF2.0 the exact prescription is used as explained in [arXiv:1004.0962](http://arXiv:1004.0962).

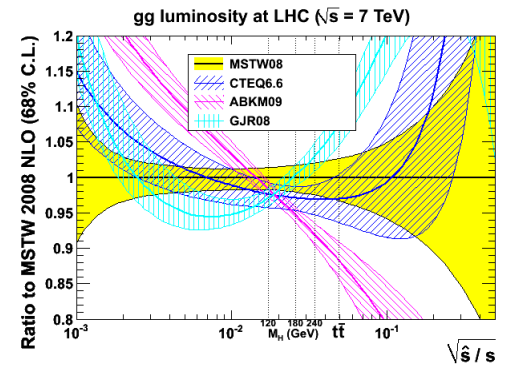
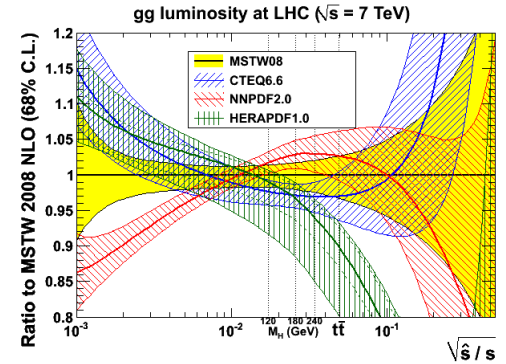
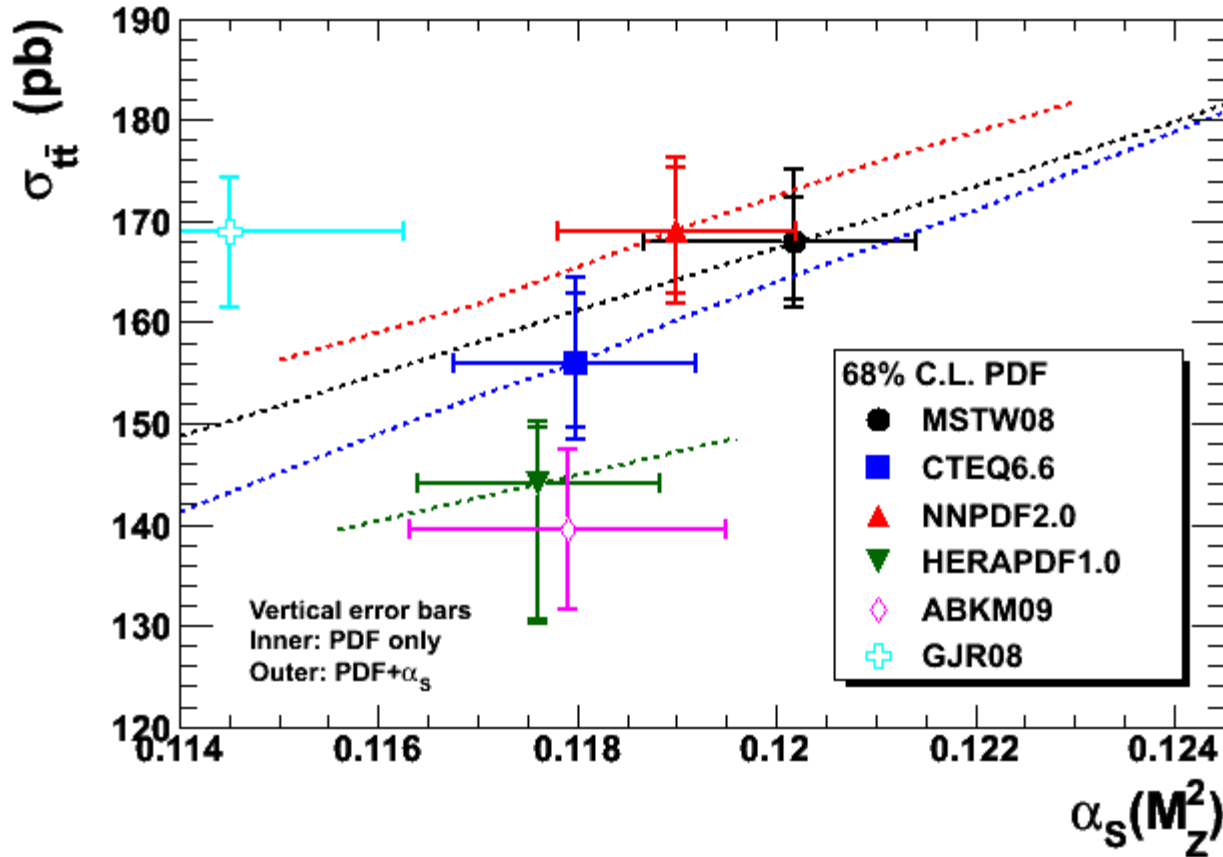


**Note:** (i) for MSTW08, uncertainty band similar at NNLO  
(ii) everything here is at fixed scale  $\mu = M_H$  !

top

# benchmark top cross sections

NLO  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)



# 3

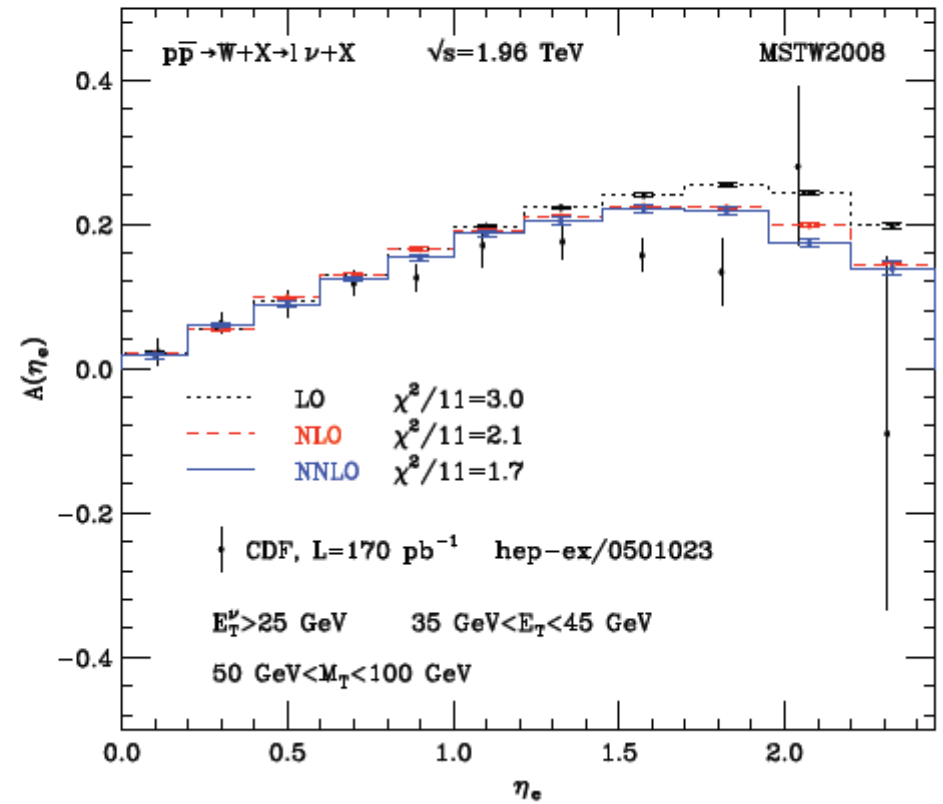
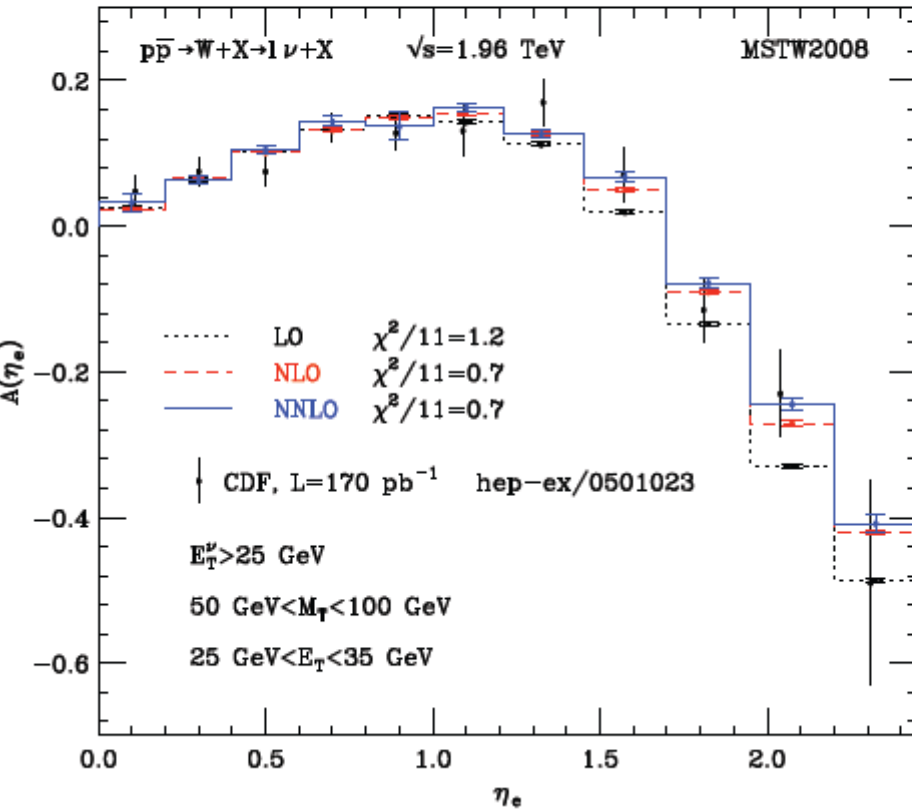
## issues and outlook



# issues and outlook

- continuing convergence between the various pdf sets
- outstanding issues include:
  - inclusion of combined HERA data (not yet in all fits)
  - difficulty of reconciling **Run II Tevatron W asymmetry data**
  - proper assessment of uncertainties due to treatment of heavy quark flavours (GM-VFNS optimal but not uniquely defined)
  - beyond NNLO? e.g. influence of  $[\alpha_s \ln(1/x)]^n$  contributions
  - ‘QED pdfs’ (**MSTW** in preparation, cf. **MRST 2004**)
- much discussion (e.g. PDF4LHC workshops) among the pdf groups about how to define a ‘overall best’ theory prediction and uncertainty (be careful with ‘averaging’ and ‘envelopes’!)
- eagerly awaiting *precision* cross sections at 7 TeV!

# Lepton asymmetry and CDF data

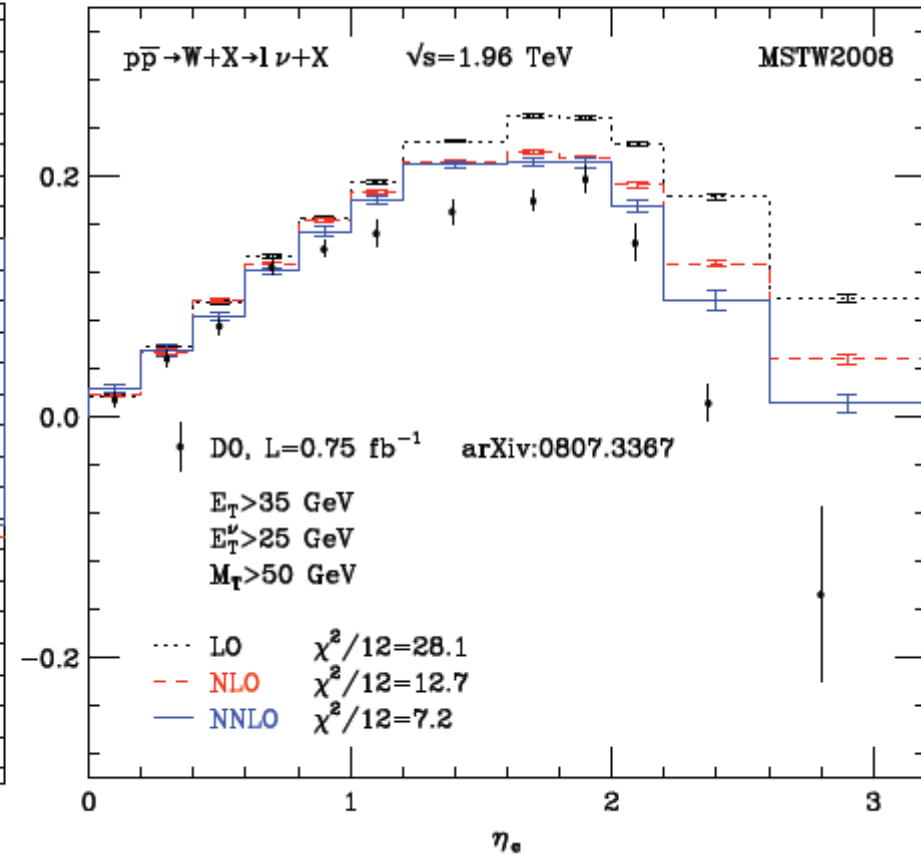
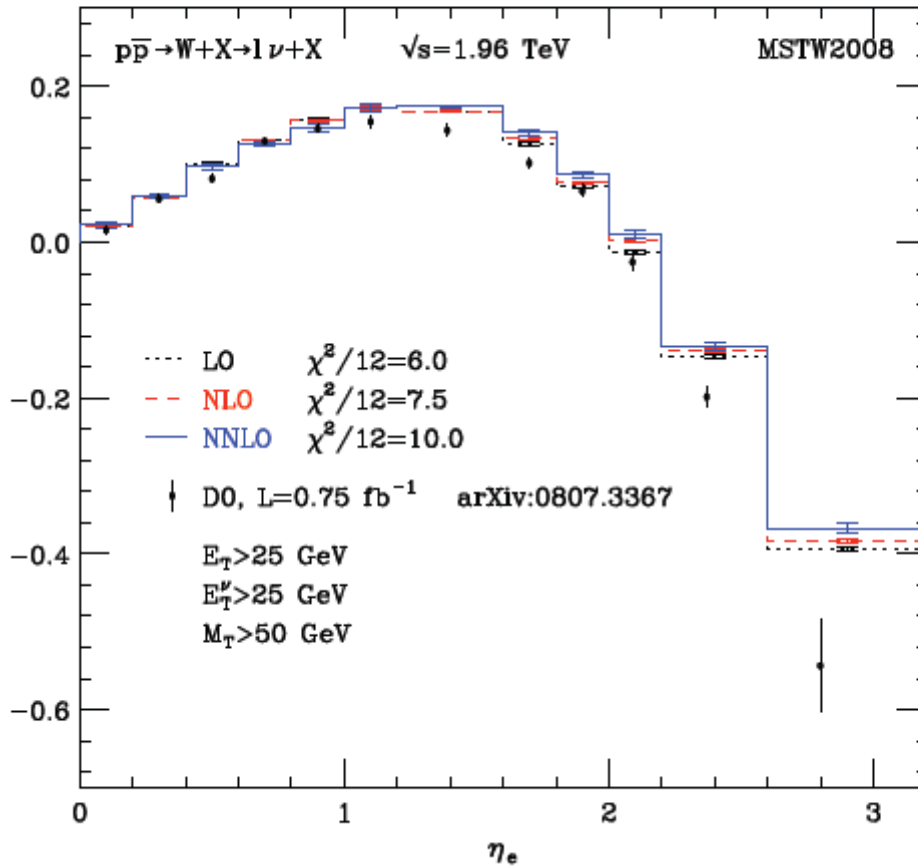


**Recent progress in NNLO  
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# Lepton asymmetry and new $D\bar{0}$ data



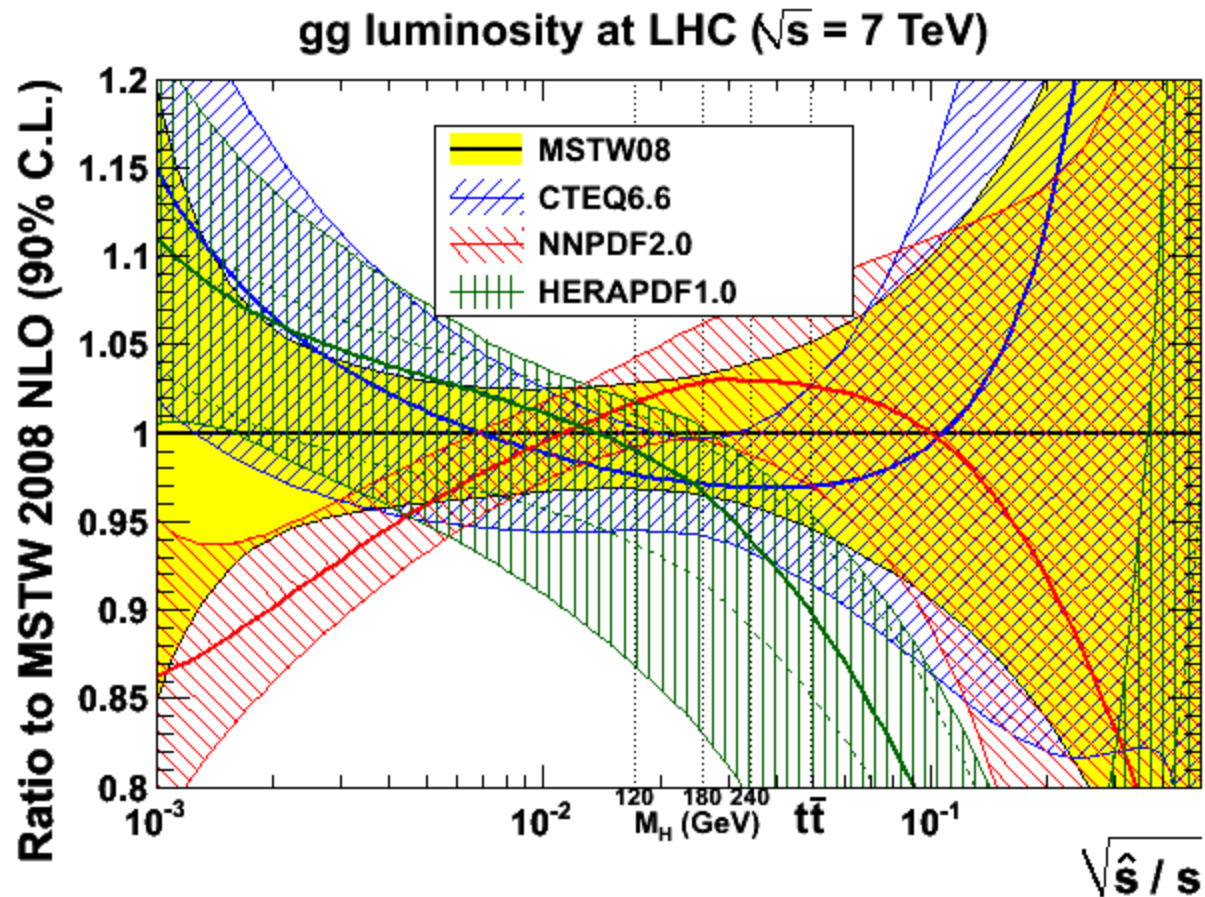
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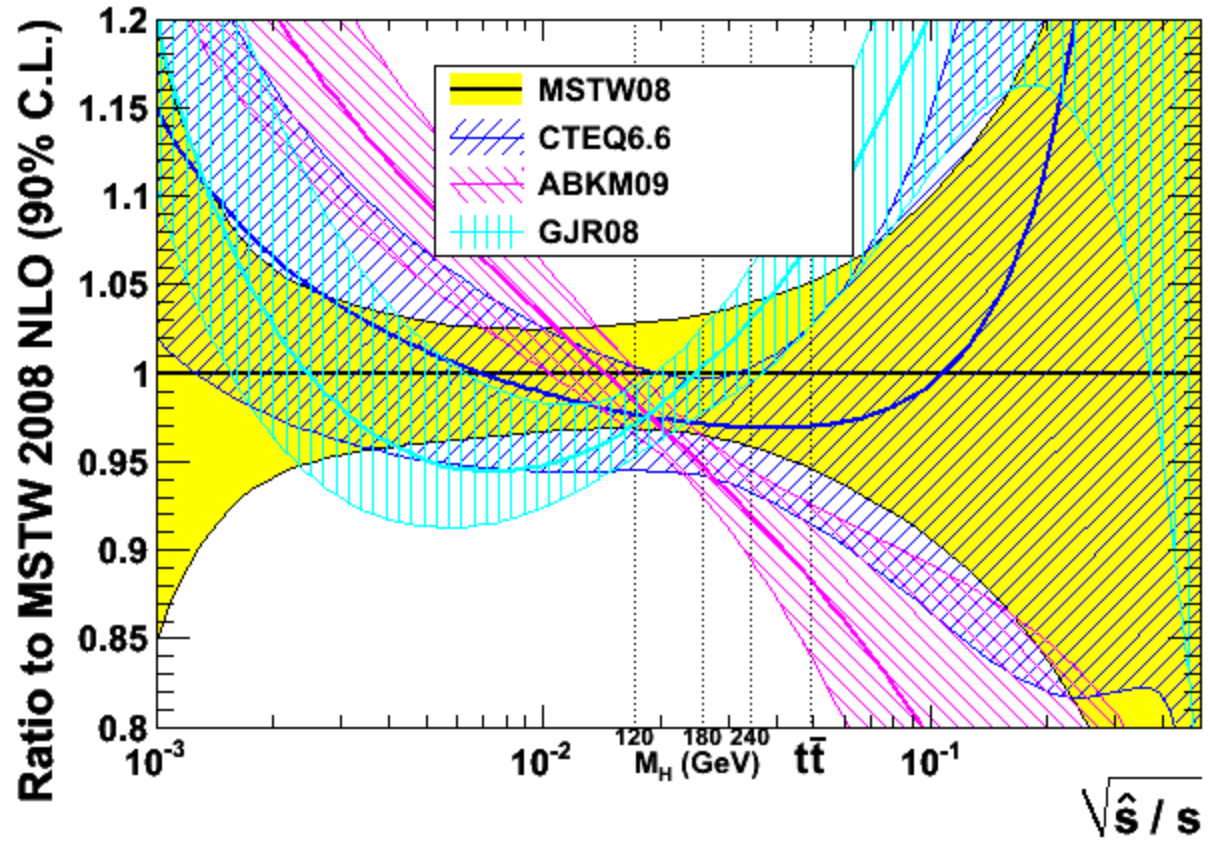
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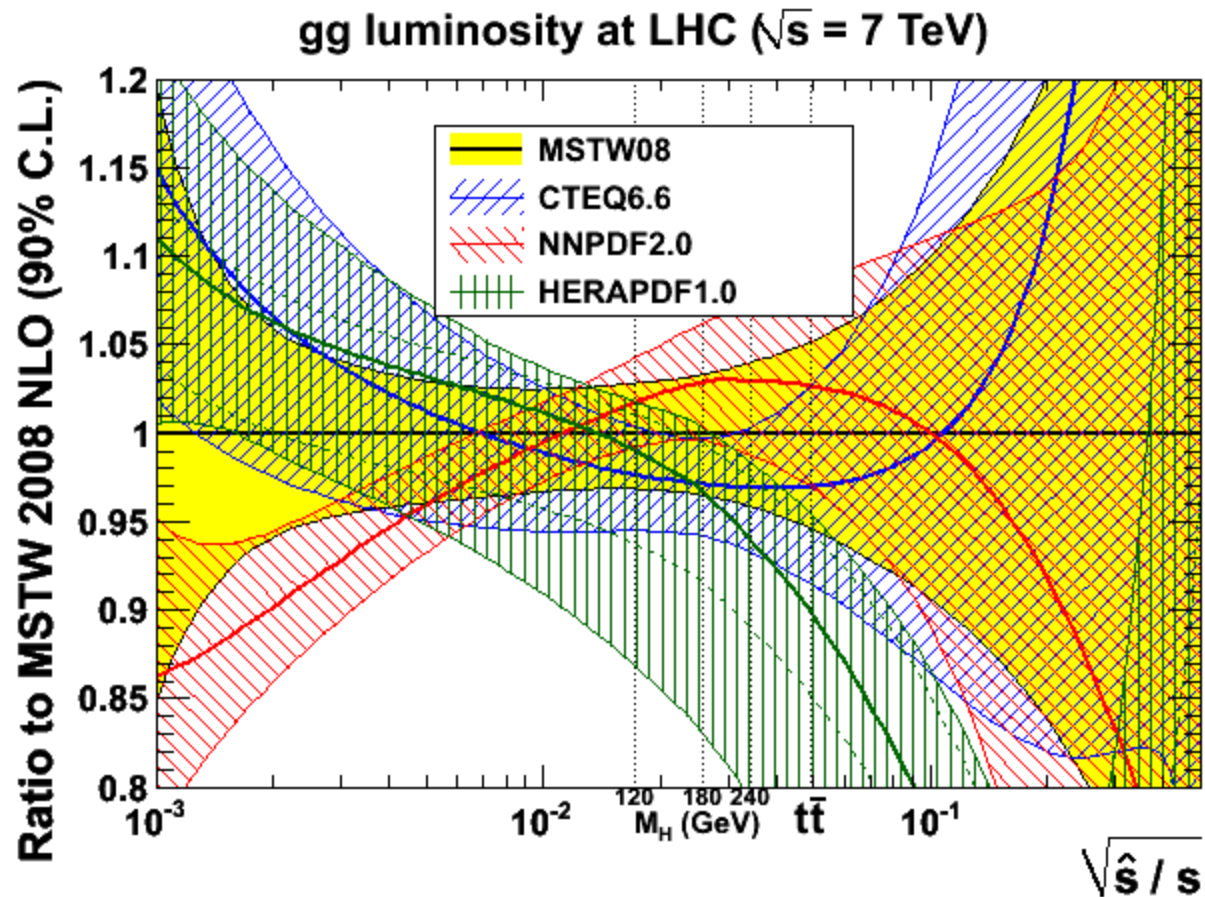
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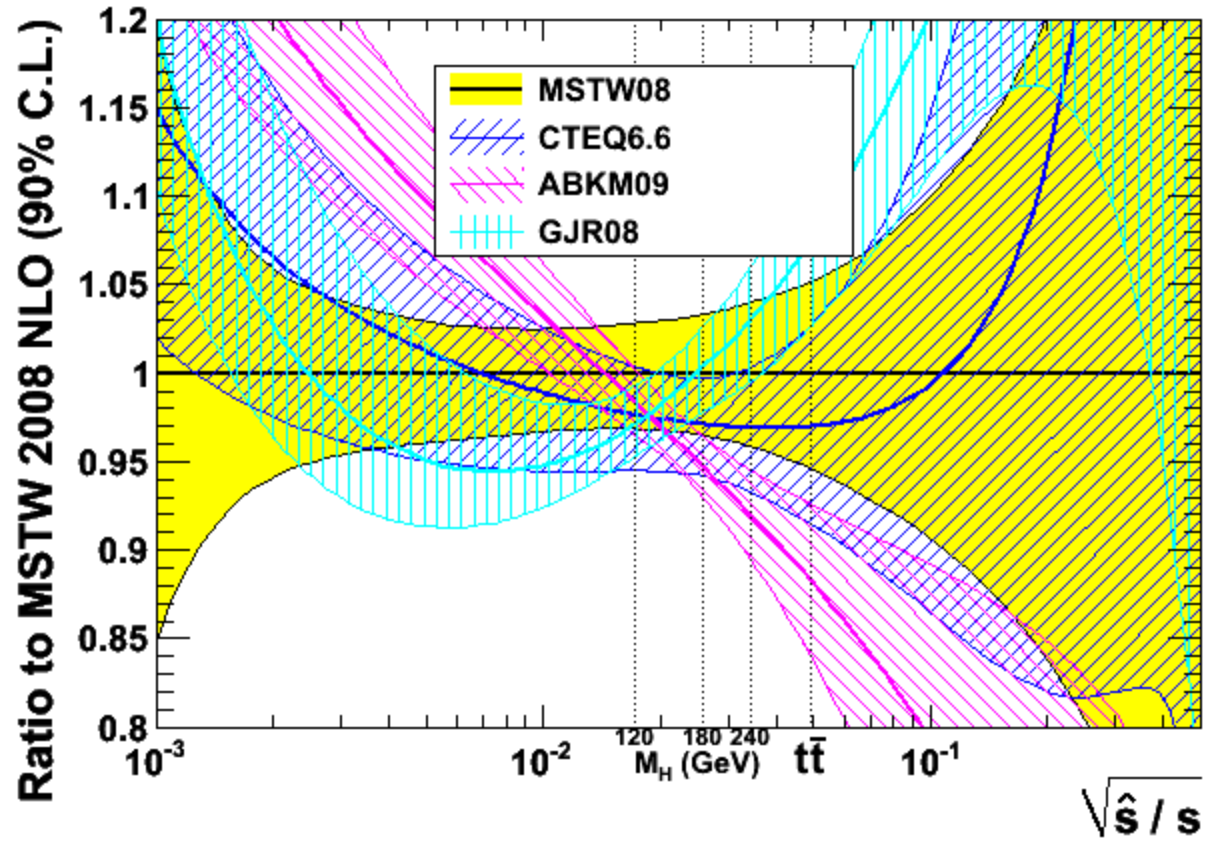
gg luminosity at LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)



... the same at 90%cl



gg luminosity at LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV)





# heavy quarks: charm, bottom, ...

considered sufficiently massive to allow pQCD treatment:  $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$

distinguish two regimes:

- (i)  $Q^2 \sim m_H^2$  include full  $m_H$  dependence to get correct threshold behaviour
- (ii)  $Q^2 \gg m_H^2$  treat as  $\sim$ massless partons to resum  $\alpha_s^n \log^n(Q^2/m_H^2)$  via DGLAP

**FFNS:** OK for (i) only      **ZM-VFNS:** OK for (ii) only

consistent **GM(=general mass)-VFNS** now available (e.g. ACOT( $\chi$ ), RT, BMSN,...) which interpolates smoothly between the two regimes

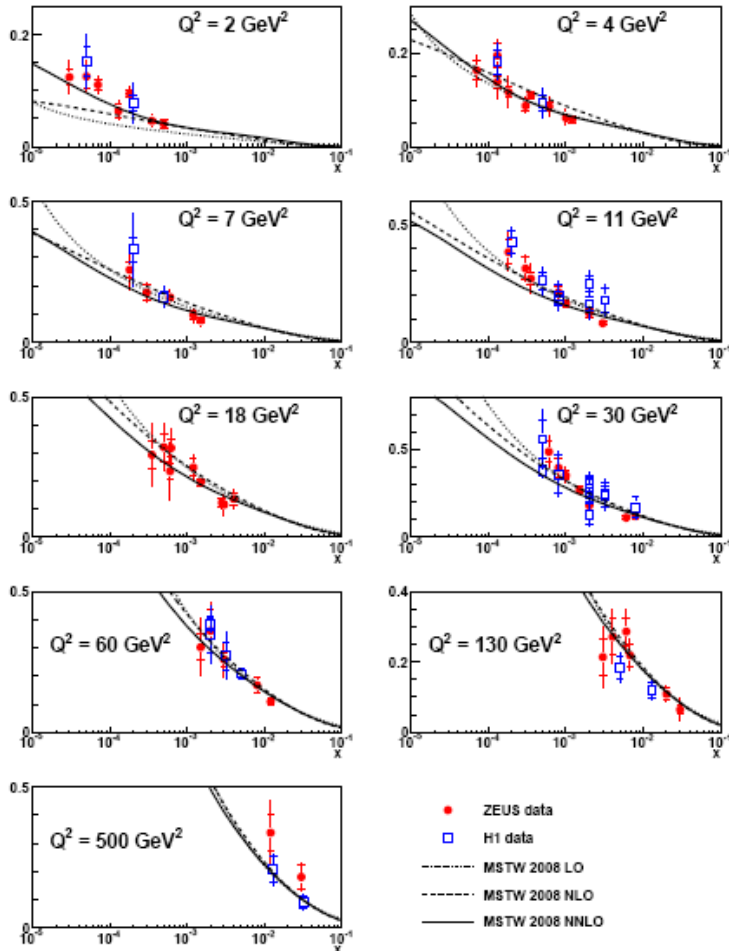
Aivazis, Collins, Olness, Tung; Roberts, Thorne; Buza, Matiounine, Smith, Migneron, van Neerven, ...

## Note:

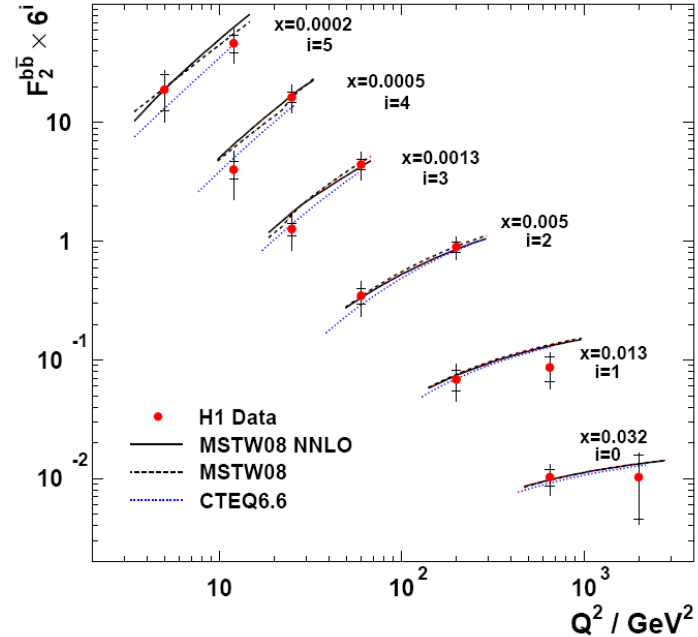
- (i) the definition of these is tricky and non-unique (ambiguity in assignment of  $O(m_H^2/Q^2)$  contributions), and the implementation of improved treatment (e.g. in going from MRST2004  $\rightarrow$  MRST 2006 or CTEQ 6.1  $\rightarrow$  6.5) can have a big effect on light partons
- (ii) the *true* uncertainty on e.g. LHC predictions coming from ambiguities in the heavy quark treatment has yet to be quantified

# charm and bottom structure functions

Charm structure function,  $F_2^{c\bar{c}}(x, Q^2)$



H1  $F_2^{b\bar{b}}(x, Q^2)$



- MSTW 2008 uses *fixed* values of  $m_c = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_b = 4.75 \text{ GeV}$  in a GM-VFNS
- currently studying the sensitivity of the fit to these values, and impact on LHC cross sections

# extrapolation uncertainties

theoretical insight for  $x \rightarrow 0$  :

$$f \sim A x$$

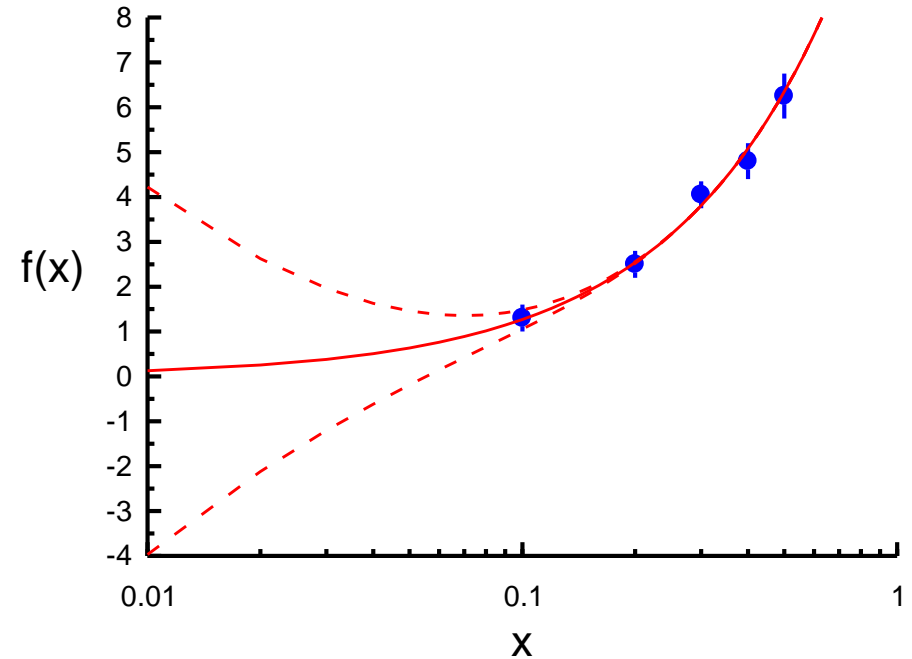
$$f \sim A x^\delta, \quad A > 0$$

$$f \sim A x^\delta$$

no theoretical insight:

$$f \sim ???$$

...with only sum rules  
providing a constraint

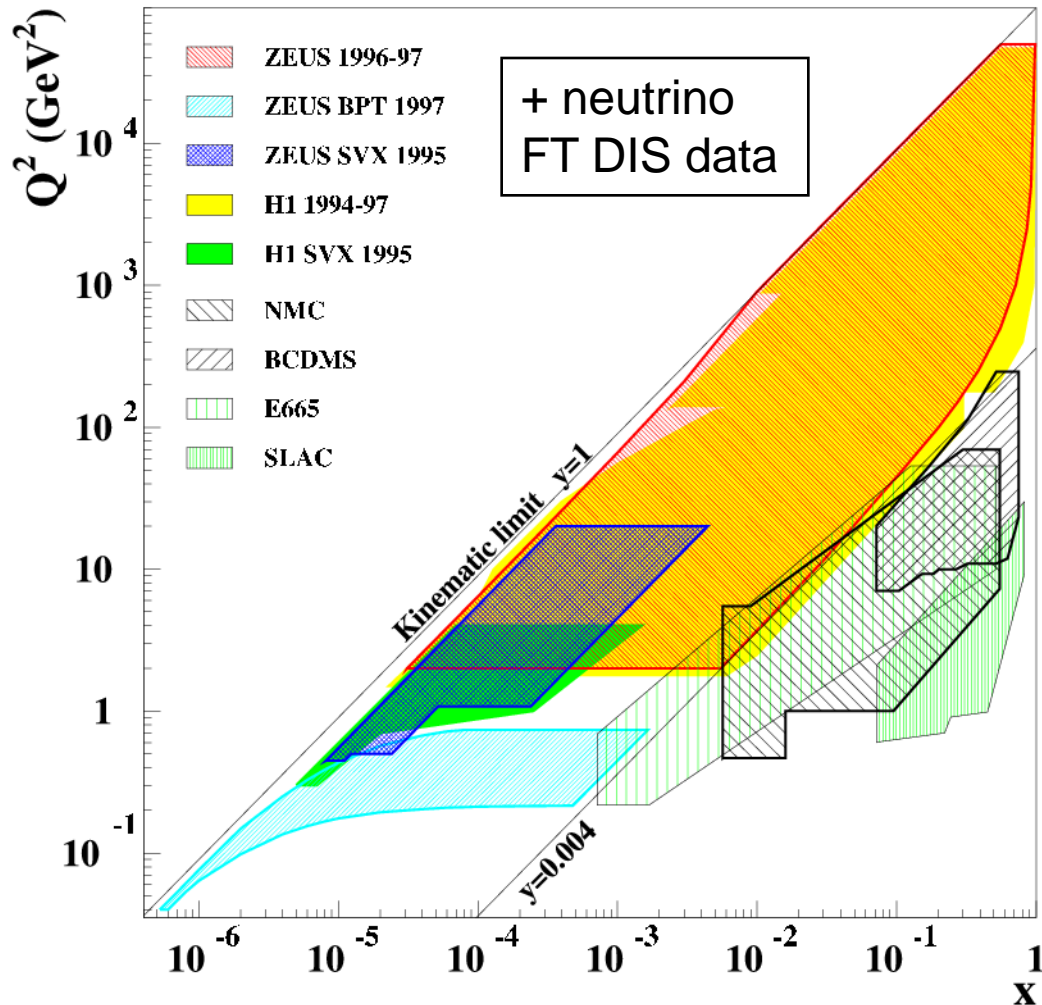


Examples:

(i) the **MSTW** negative small- $x$  gluon at  $Q_0$

(ii) the **NNPDF** 'parameter free' pdfs at small and large  $x$

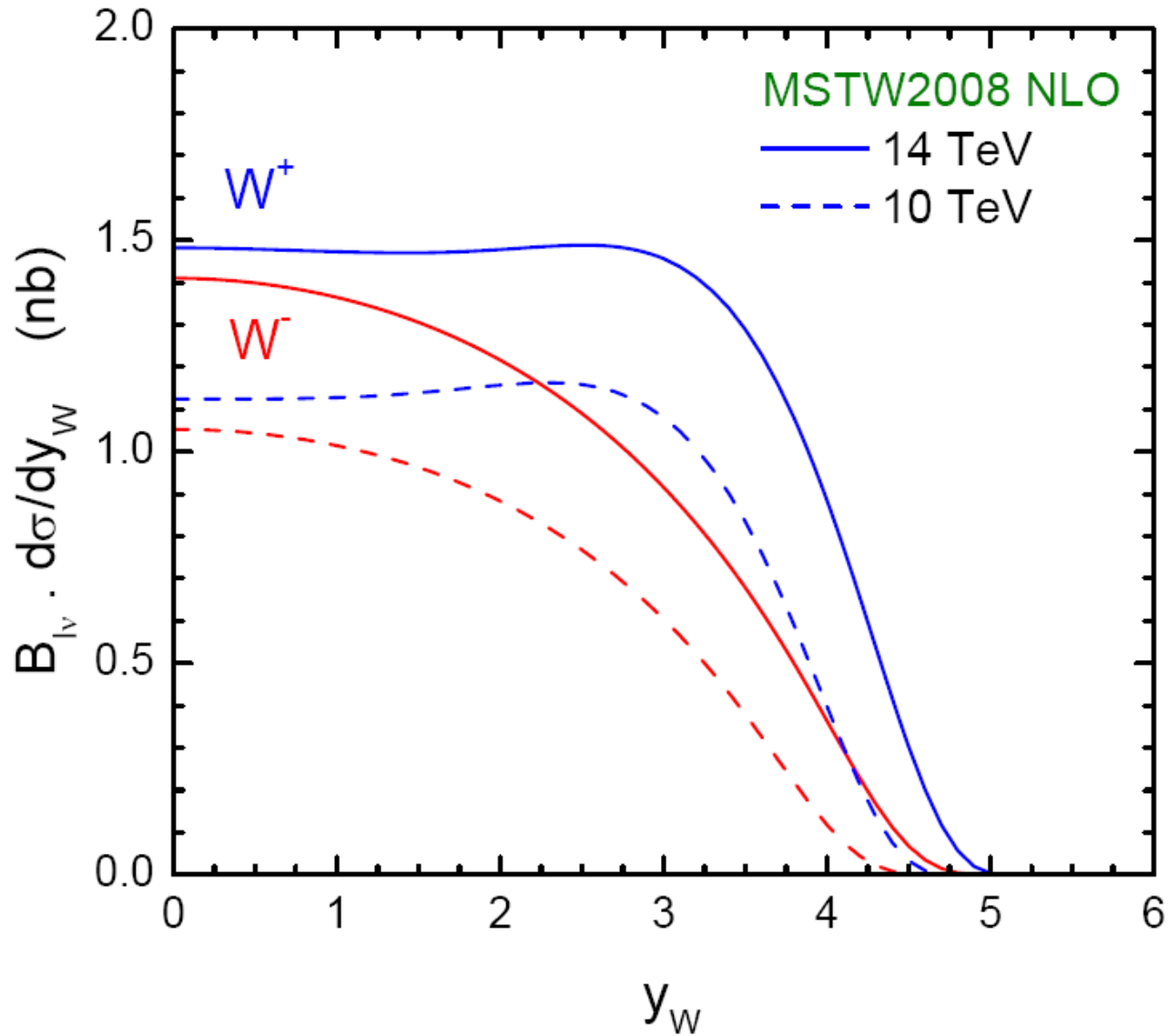
# summary of DIS data



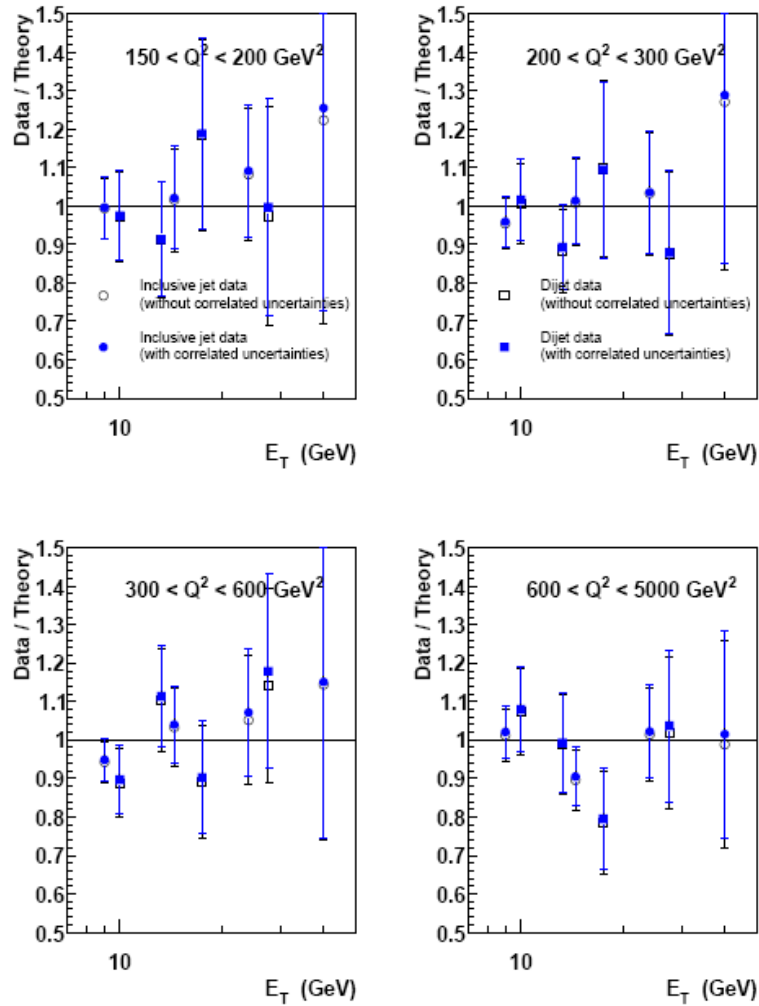
**Note:** must impose cuts on DIS data to ensure validity of leading-twist DGLAP formalism in analyses to determine pdfs, typically:

$$Q^2 > 2 - 4 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$W^2 = (1-x)/x Q^2 > 10 - 15 \text{ GeV}^2$$



**H1 95-97 incl. jet and dijet data,  $\chi^2 = 13/32$  pts.**  
MSTW NLO PDF fit (preliminary, 17/10/2007)



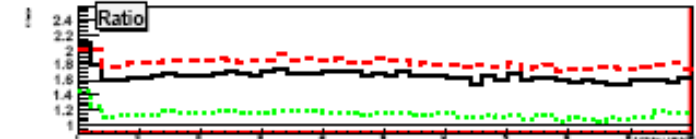
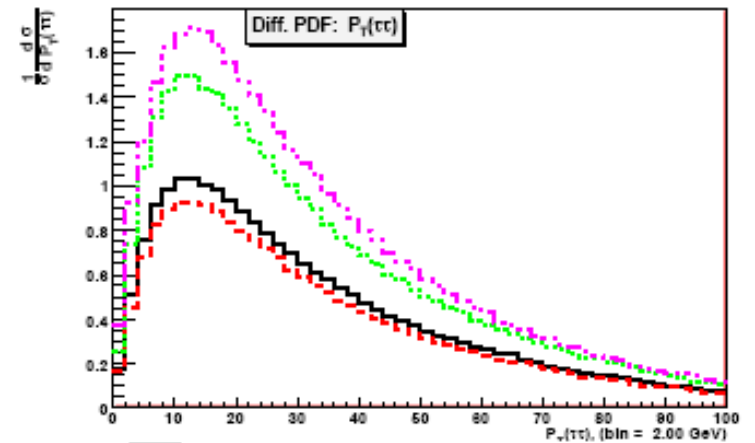
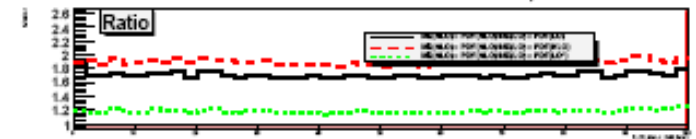
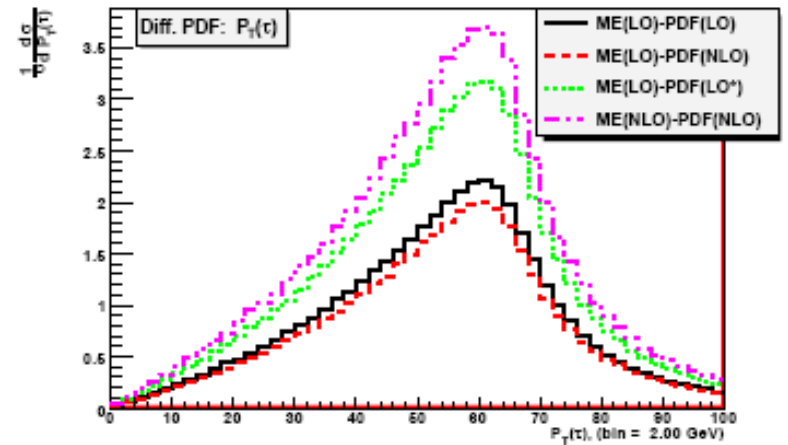
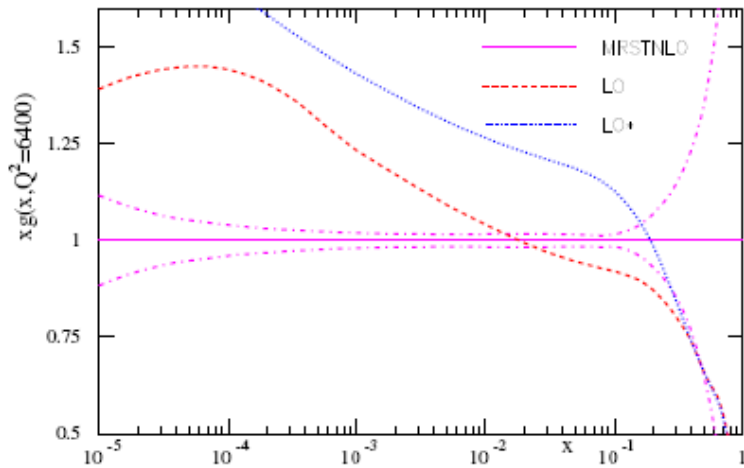
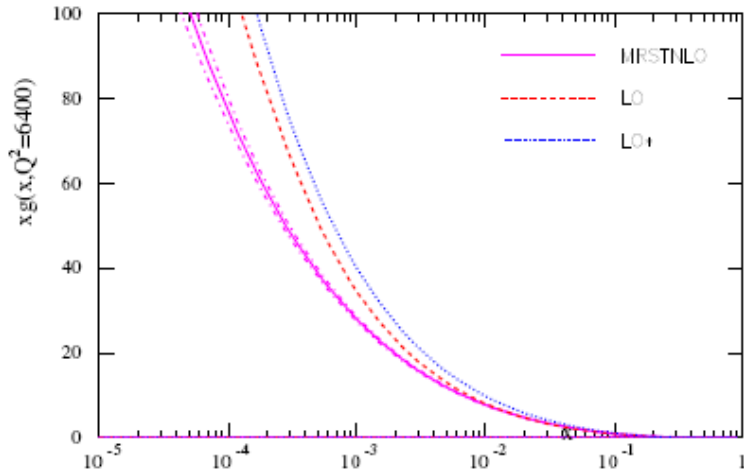
- only in NLO fit (no NNLO correction yet)

# improved LO pdfs

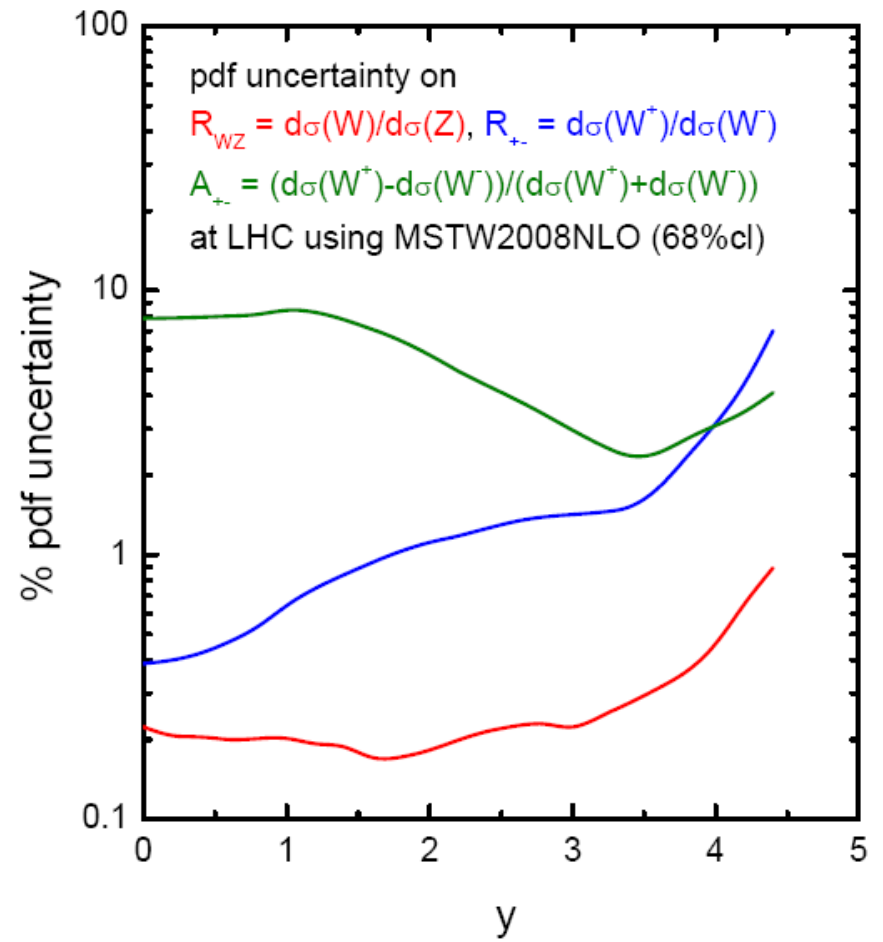
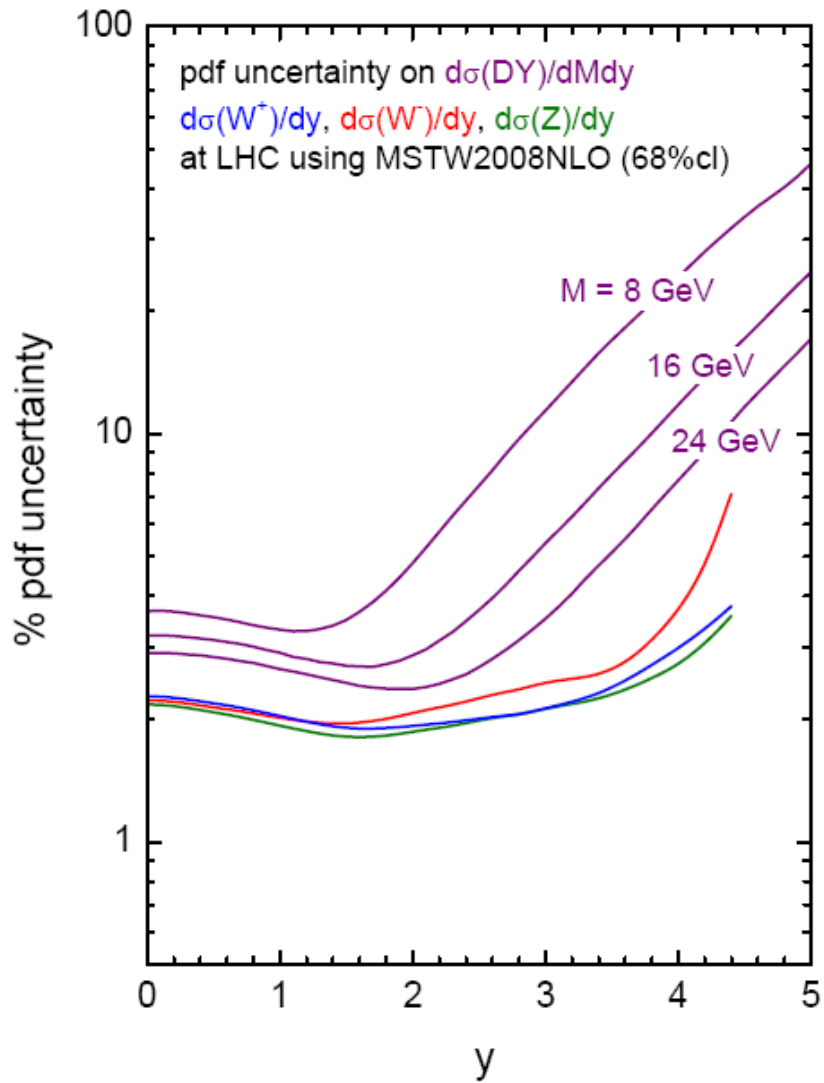
- conventional wisdom is to match pQCD order of pdfs with that of MEs
- but, in practice,
  - $\sigma_{LO} = \text{PDFs(LO)} \otimes \text{ME(LO)}$  can be different from  $\sigma_{NLO} = \text{PDFs(NLO)} \otimes \text{ME(NLO)}$ , in both shape and normalisation
  - LO pdfs have very poor  $\chi^2$  in (LO) global fit (no surprise: NLO corrections at large and small  $x$  are significant and preferred by the data)
- momentum conservation limits how much additional glue can be added to LO partons to compensate for missing NLO pQCD corrections (e.g. to get correct evolution rate of small- $x$  quarks)
- therefore relax momentum conservation and redo LO fit; study the impact of this on  $\chi^2$ , partons and cross sections
- e.g. **Thorne & Shertsnev 2007**: LO\* partons
  - $\chi^2$ : 3066/2235  $\rightarrow$  2691/2235, momentum conservation: 100%  $\rightarrow$  113%

# $\tau$ transverse momentum distribution in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ production at LHC

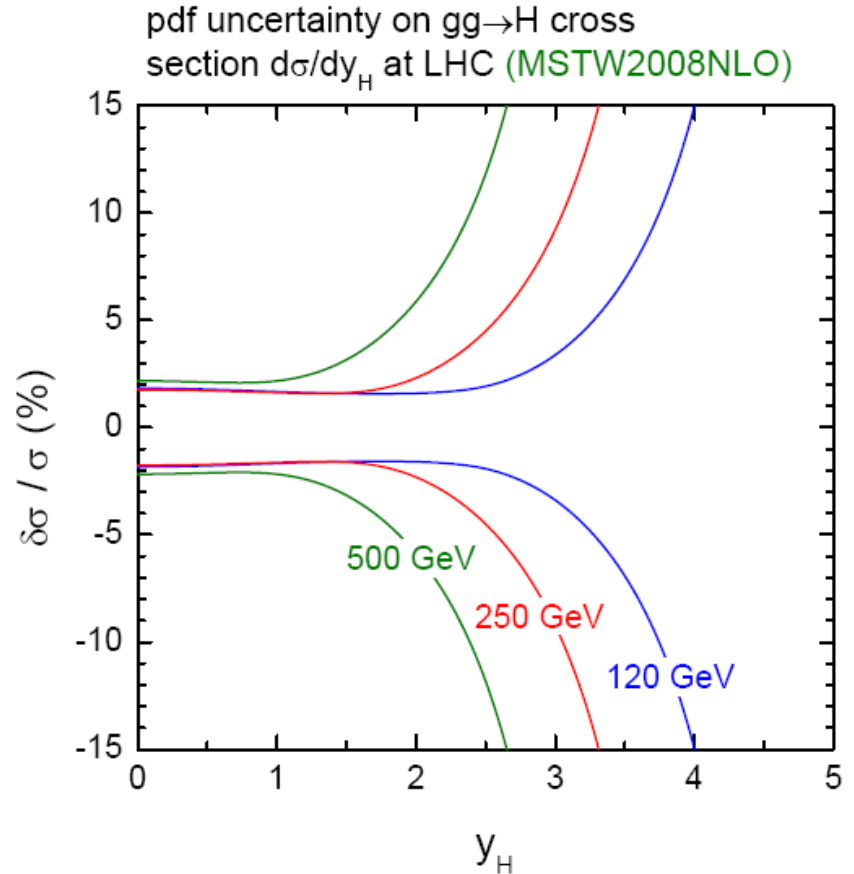
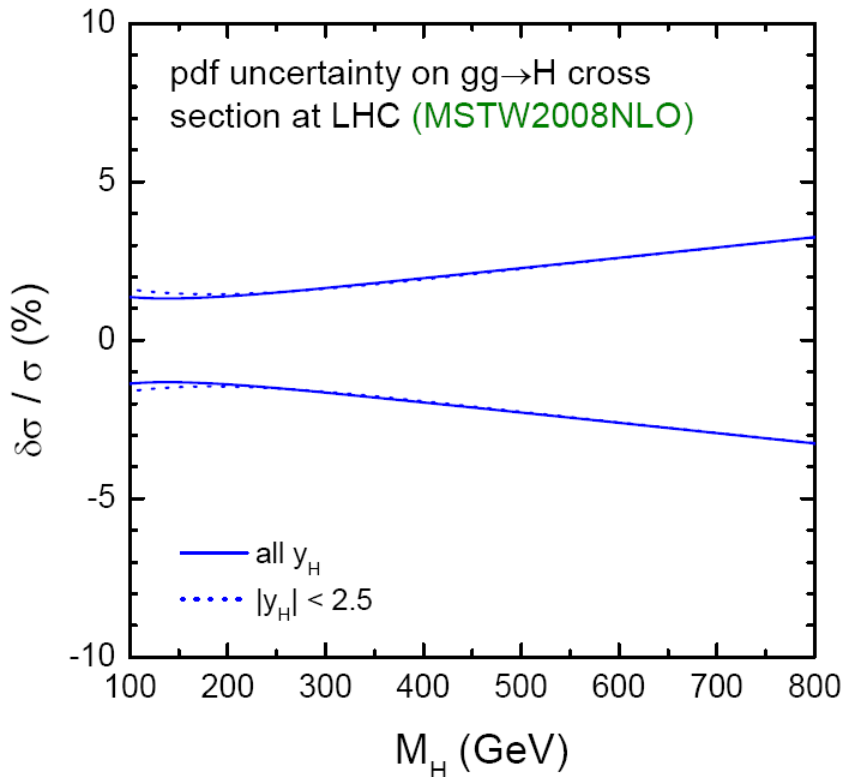
comparison of gluons at high  $Q^2$







# pdf uncertainty on $\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)$

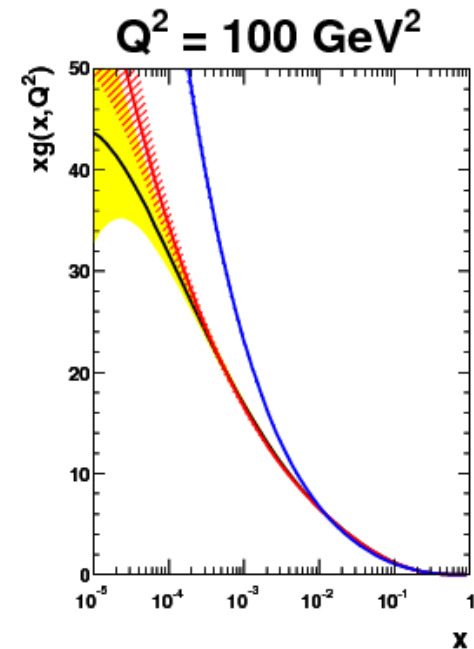
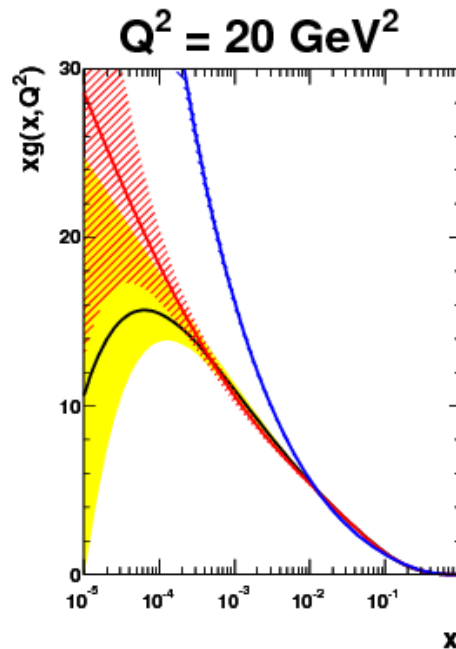
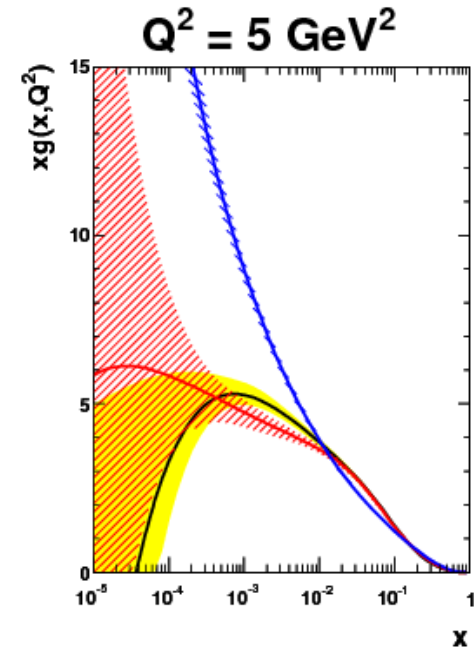
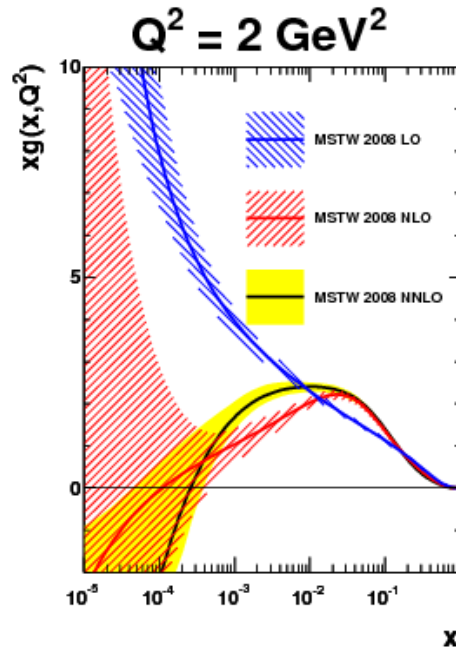


→ typically 2-3% pdf uncertainty, except near edges of phase space

comparison of gluons extracted from LO, NLO, NNLO global fits

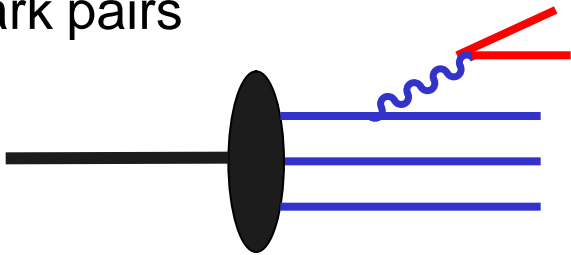
- large positive  $P_{qg}$  contributions at small  $x$  lead to smaller gluons at higher order

- clear instability at small  $x, Q^2$ , and this is reflected in predictions for  $F_L$  (see later)



# sea quarks

- the sea presumably arises when 'primordial' valence quarks emit gluons which in turn split into quark-antiquark pairs, with suppressed splitting into heavier quark pairs

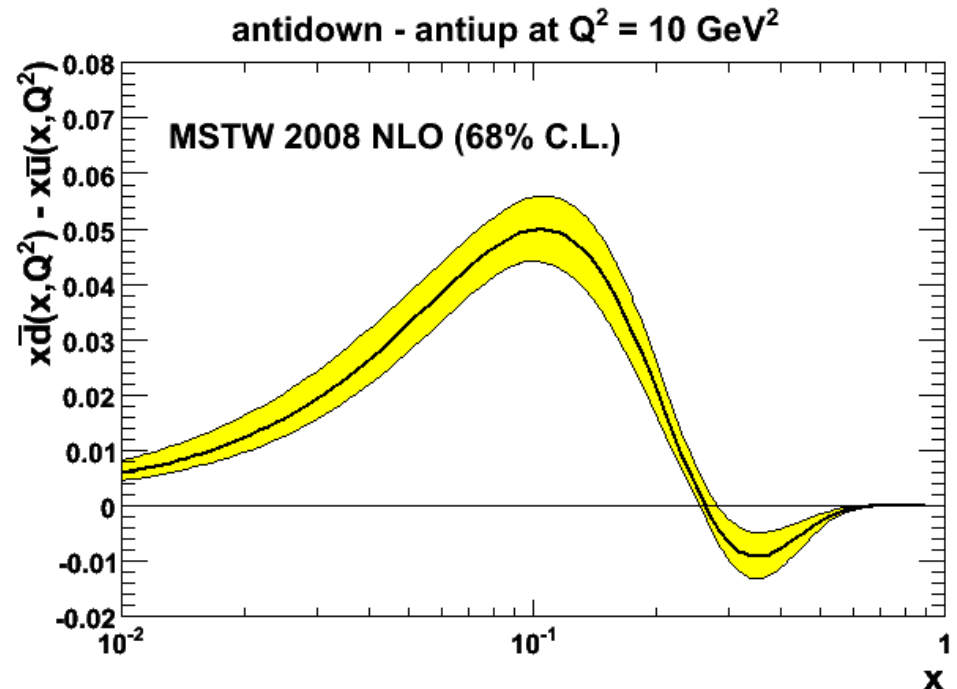


- so we naively expect

$$\bar{u} \approx \bar{d} > \bar{s} > \bar{c} > \dots$$

- but why such a big d-u asymmetry? Meson cloud, Pauli exclusion, ...?

The ratio of Drell-Yan cross sections for  $pp, pn \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + X$  provides a measure of the difference between the  $u$  and  $d$  sea quark distributions



# strange

earliest pdf fits had SU(3) symmetry:  $s(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{u}(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{d}(x, Q_0^2)$

later relaxed to include (constant) strange suppression (cf. fragmentation):

$$s(x, Q_0^2) = \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) = \frac{\kappa}{2} [\bar{u}(x, Q_0^2) + \bar{d}(x, Q_0^2)]$$

with  $\kappa = 0.4 - 0.5$

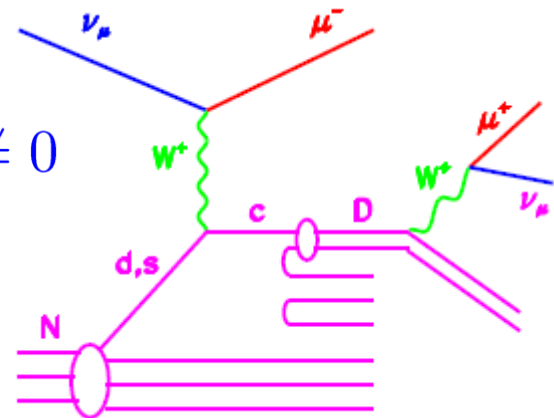
nowadays, dimuon production in  $\nu N$  DIS (CCFR, NuTeV) allows 'direct' determination:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} (\nu_\mu (\bar{\nu}_\mu) N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) = B_c \mathcal{N} \mathcal{A} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} (\nu_\mu s (\bar{\nu}_\mu \bar{s}) \rightarrow c \mu^- (\bar{c} \mu^+) X)$$

in the range  $0.01 < x < 0.4$

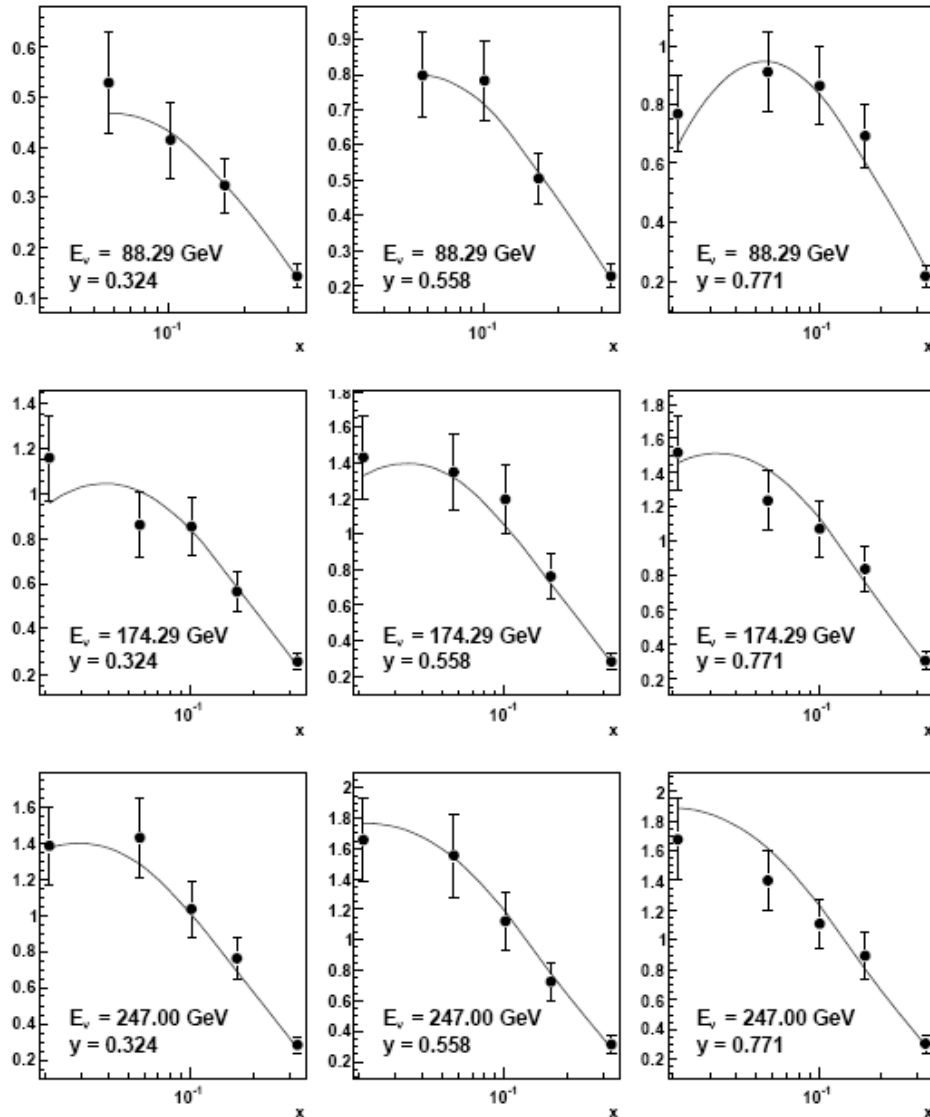
data seem to slightly prefer  $s(x, Q_0^2) - \bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) \neq 0$

theoretical explanation?!

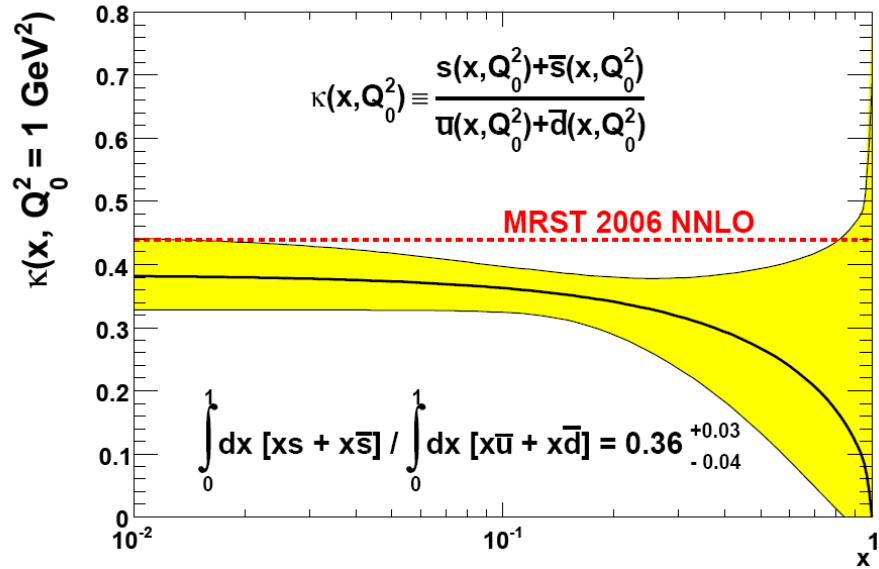


$$\text{NuTeV } \frac{100\pi}{G_F^2 M_N E_\nu} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} (\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) \text{ in GeV}^{-2}$$

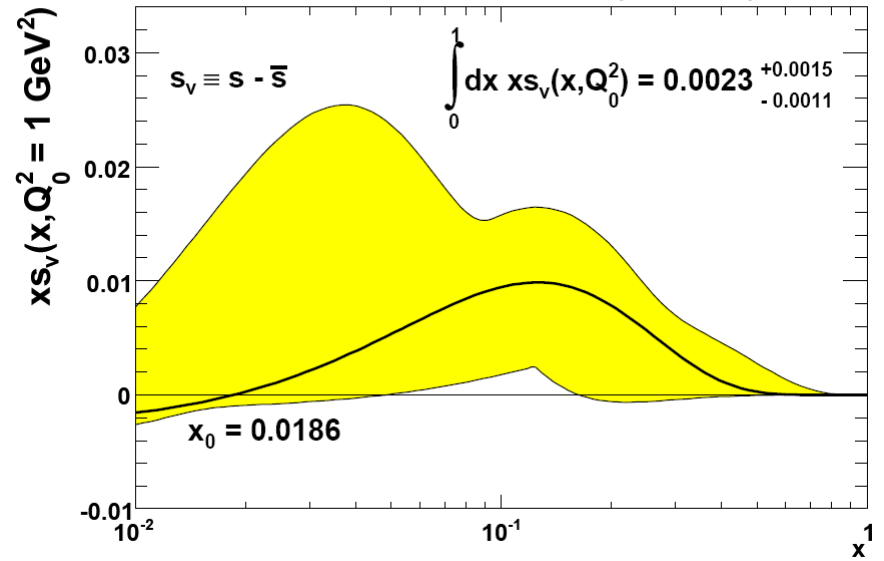
MSTW 2008 NNLO PDF fit,  $\chi^2 = 13$  for 21 DOF



MSTW 2008 NNLO PDF fit (68% C.L.)

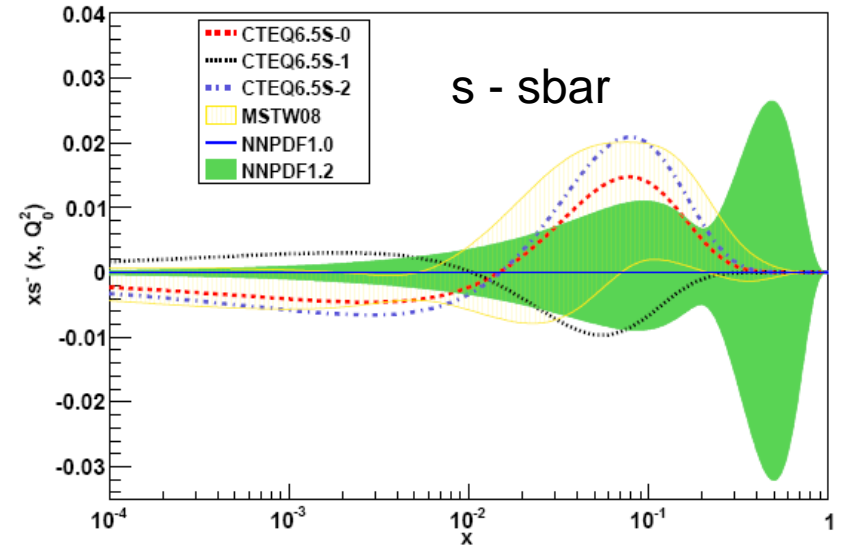
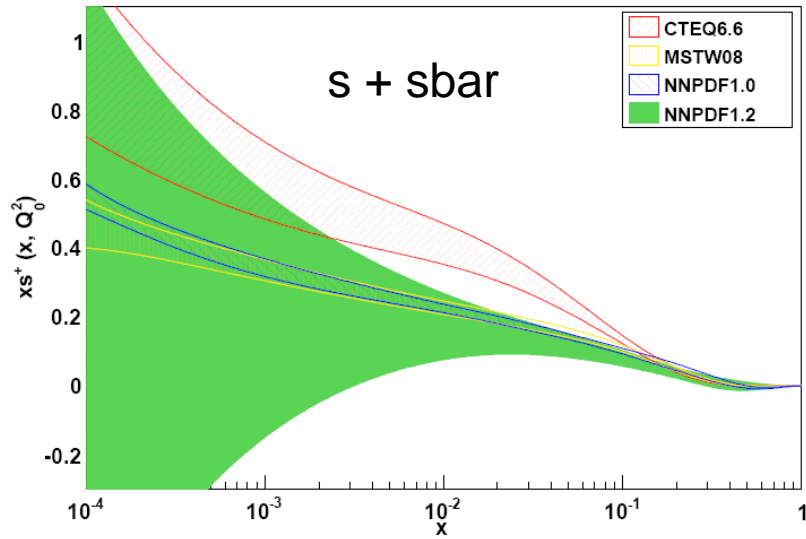


MSTW 2008 NNLO PDF fit (68% C.L.)



MSTW

# strange quark in NNPDF



## Note:

MSTW: assume  $u, d, s$  quarks have same  $x^\delta$  behaviour as  $x \rightarrow 0$

NuTeV  $\sin^2\theta_W$  anomaly largely removed



NLO	$\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ (expt. unc. only)	
MSTW (this work)	0.1202	$^{+0.0012}_{-0.0015}$
CTEQ [2]	0.1170	$\pm 0.0047$
H1 [23]	0.1150	$\pm 0.0017$
ZEUS [48]	0.1183	$\pm 0.0028$
Alekhin [57]	0.1171	$\pm 0.0015$
BBG [58]	0.1148	$\pm 0.0019$
GJR [59]	0.1145	$\pm 0.0018$

NNLO	$\alpha_S(M_Z^2)$ (expt. unc. only)	
MSTW (this work)	0.1171	$^{+0.0014}_{-0.0014}$
AMP [60]	0.1128	$\pm 0.0015$
BBG [58]	0.1134	$^{+0.0019}_{-0.0021}$
ABKM [61]	0.1129	$\pm 0.0014$
JR [62]	0.1158	$\pm 0.0035$

- reasonable consistency between different analyses
- MSTW values slightly higher because of smaller low-x gluon needed for high- $p_T$  Tevatron jet fit

MSTW (2009):  
full global NLO and NNLO fit

CTEQ (2008):  
full global NLO fit

H1 (2001):  
H1 + BCDMS

ZEUS (2005):  
ZEUS inc. DIS-JET + photoprod.

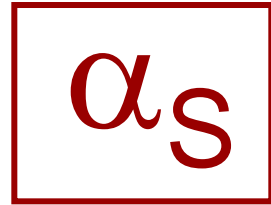
BBG = Blumlein, Bottcher, Guffanti (2006):  
non-singlet DIS analysis

AMP = Alekhin, Melnikov, Petriello (2006):  
DIS + DY

GJR = Gluck, Jimenez-Delgado, Reya (2008):  
DIS + DY + Tevatron jet

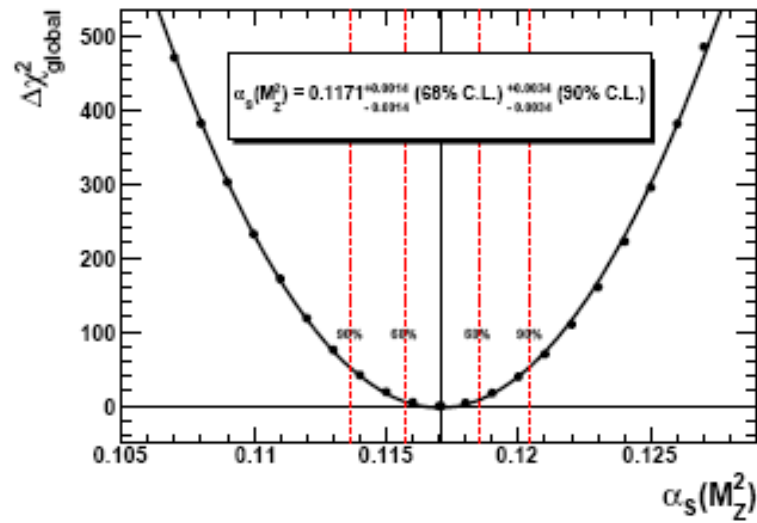
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DIS + DY

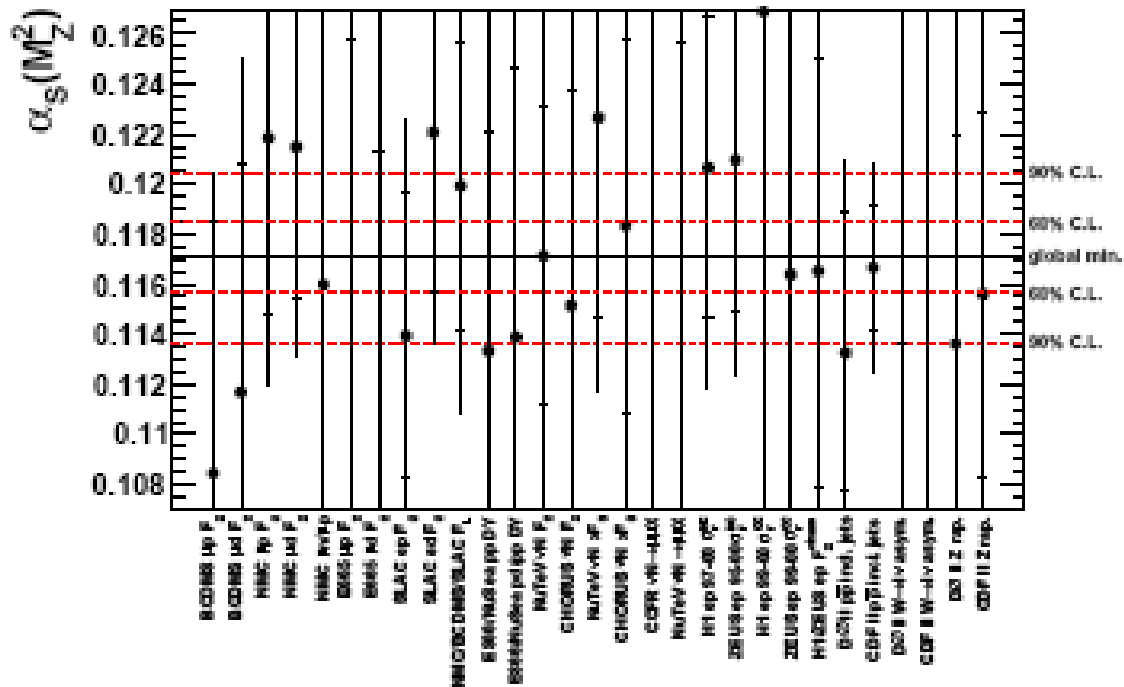


PDG(2008):  $\alpha_S(M_Z^2) = 0.1176 \pm 0.002$

MSTW 2008 NNLO ( $\alpha_s$ ) PDF fit

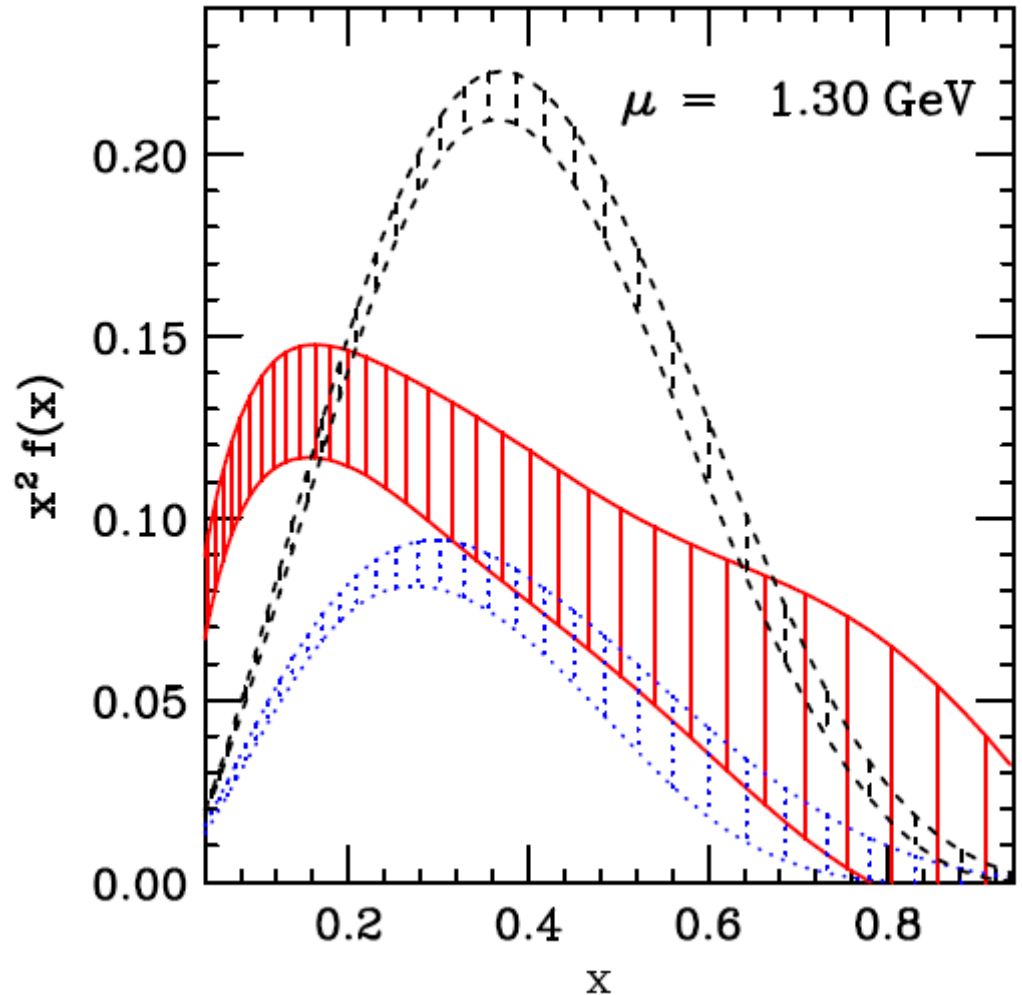


MSTW 2008 NNLO ( $\alpha_s$ ) PDF fit



CT09G fit to Run I and Run II jet data simultaneously, find much harder gluon (with more flexible parameterisation)

... harder than valence quarks?!

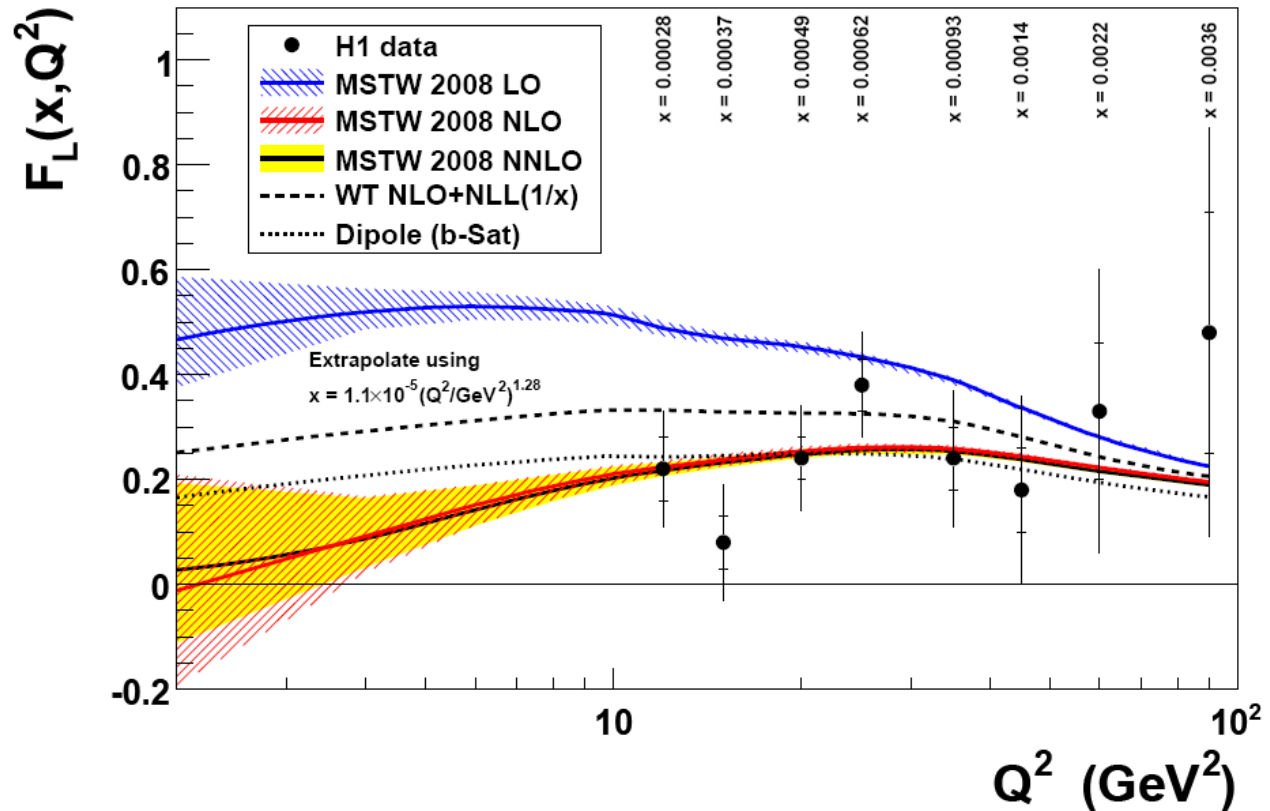


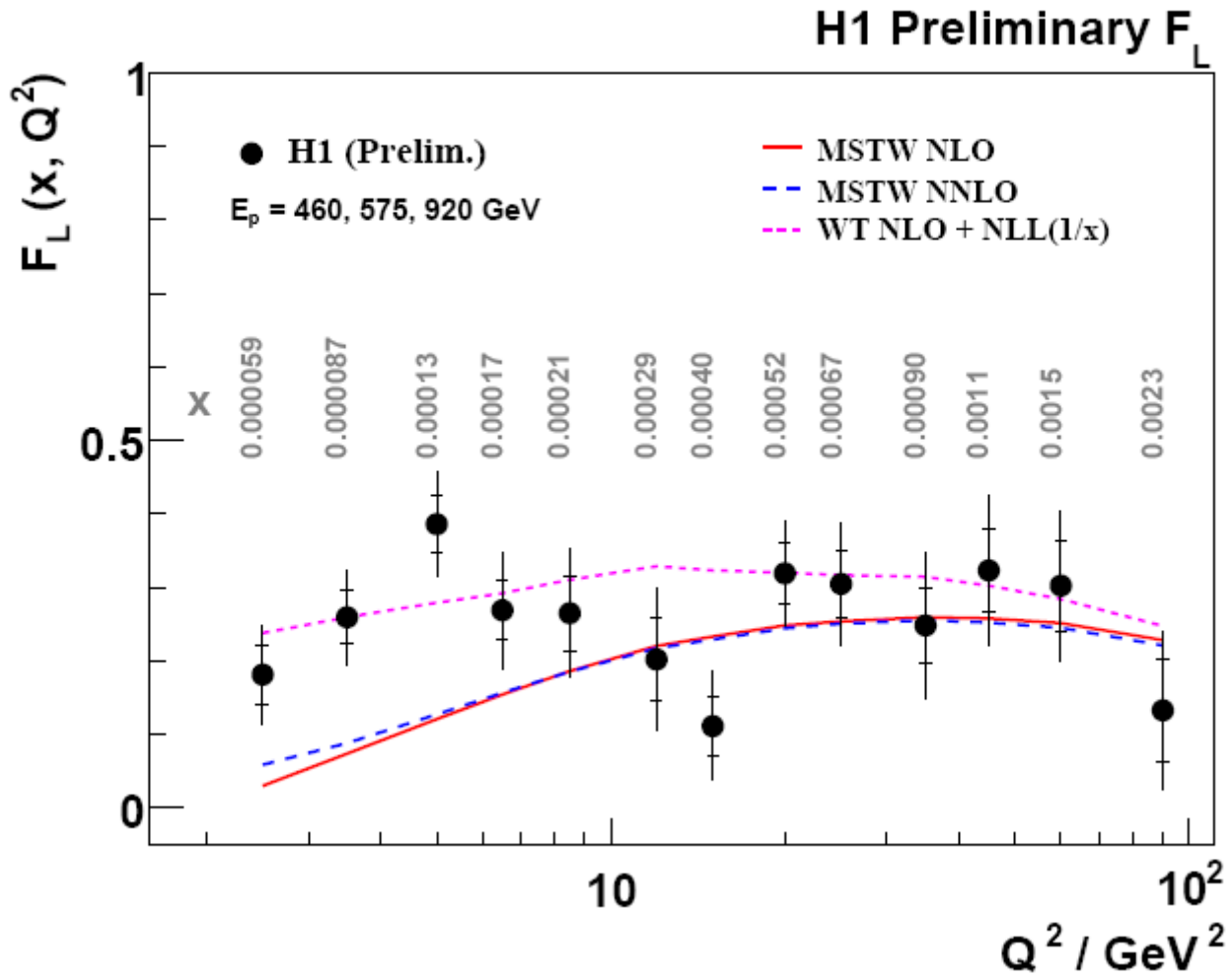
# F<sub>L</sub>

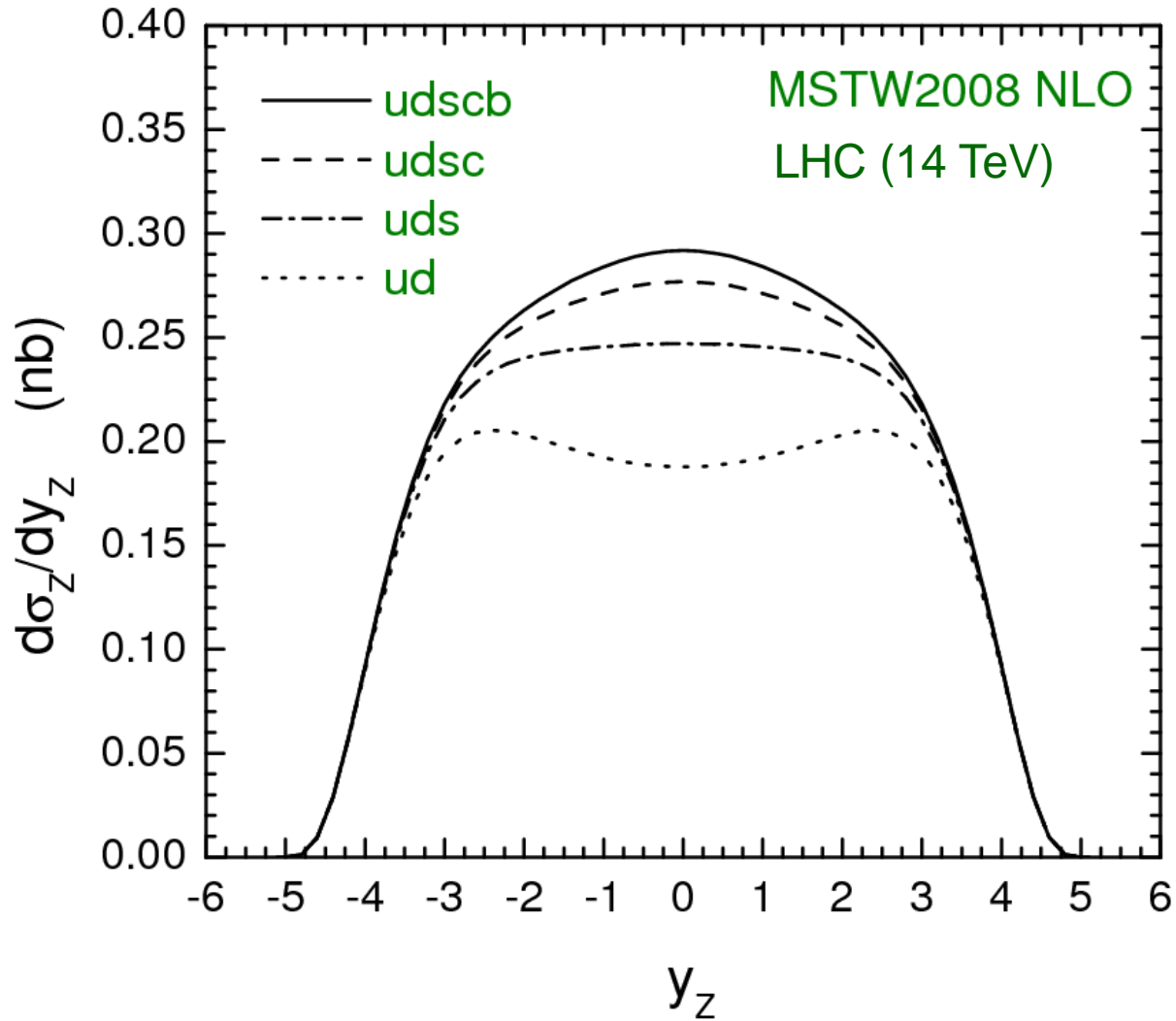
- an independent measurement of the small-x **gluon**
- a test of the assumptions in the DGLAP LT pQCD analysis of small-x **F<sub>2</sub>**
- higher-order **ln(1/x)** and **higher-twist** contributions could be important

$$\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \ln Q^2} \simeq \alpha_S P^{qg} \otimes g + \dots$$

$$F_L \simeq \alpha_S C_{Lg} \otimes g + \dots$$









# LHCb

## Unique features

- pseudo-rapidity range 1.9 - 4.9
  - 1.9 - 2.5 complementary to ATLAS/CMS
  - > 2.5 unique to LHCb
- beam defocused at LHCb: 1 year of running =  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- trigger on low momentum muons:  $p > 8 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$



access to unique range of  $(x, Q^2)$



# LHCb

→ detect forward, low  $p_T$  muons from  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

**LHC parton kinematics**

