# Precision physics for discoveries

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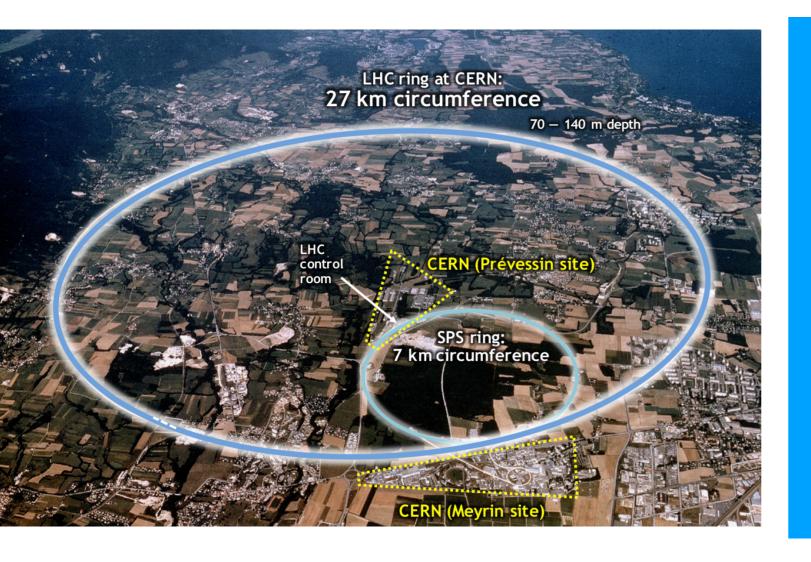
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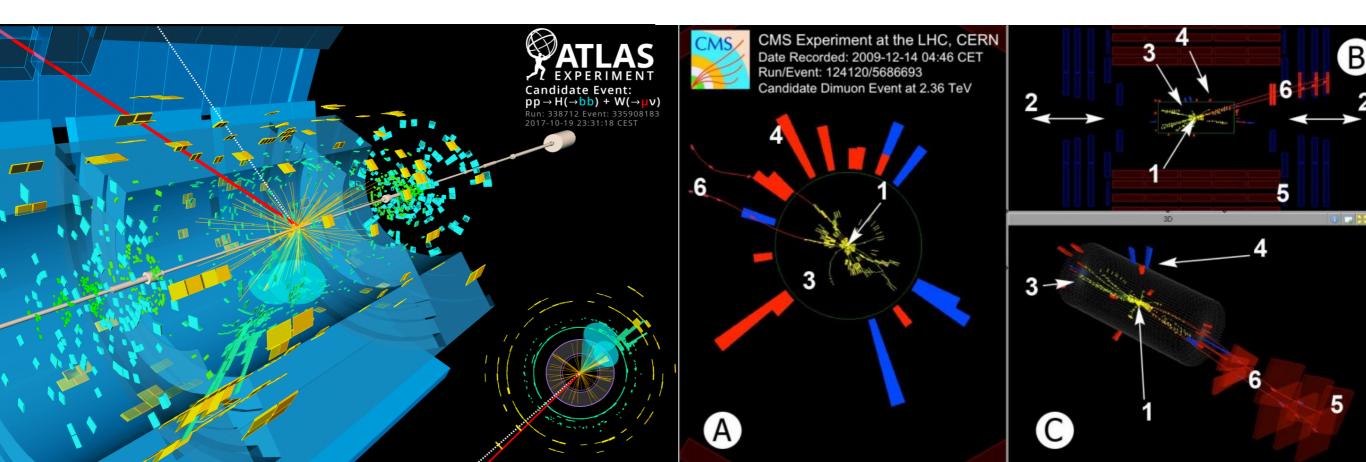
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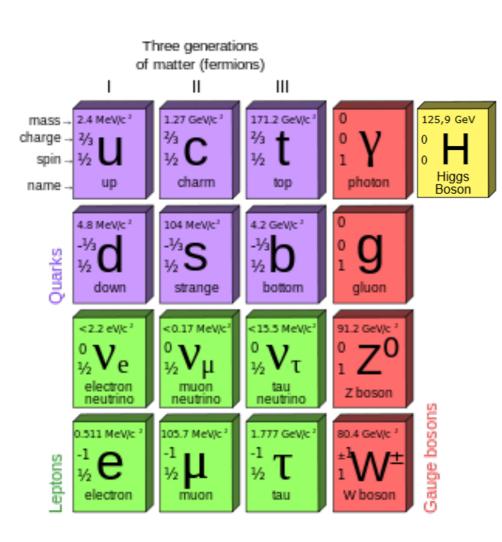
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- Also precision measurements of the orbit of Mercury gave the first evidence for General Relativity (much before any gravitational wave was seen ...)



The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment probes nature at smaller distances ever explored on Earth in a controlled laboratory. The aim is to improve our current knowledge of matter as it is today encoded in the Standard Model (SM)





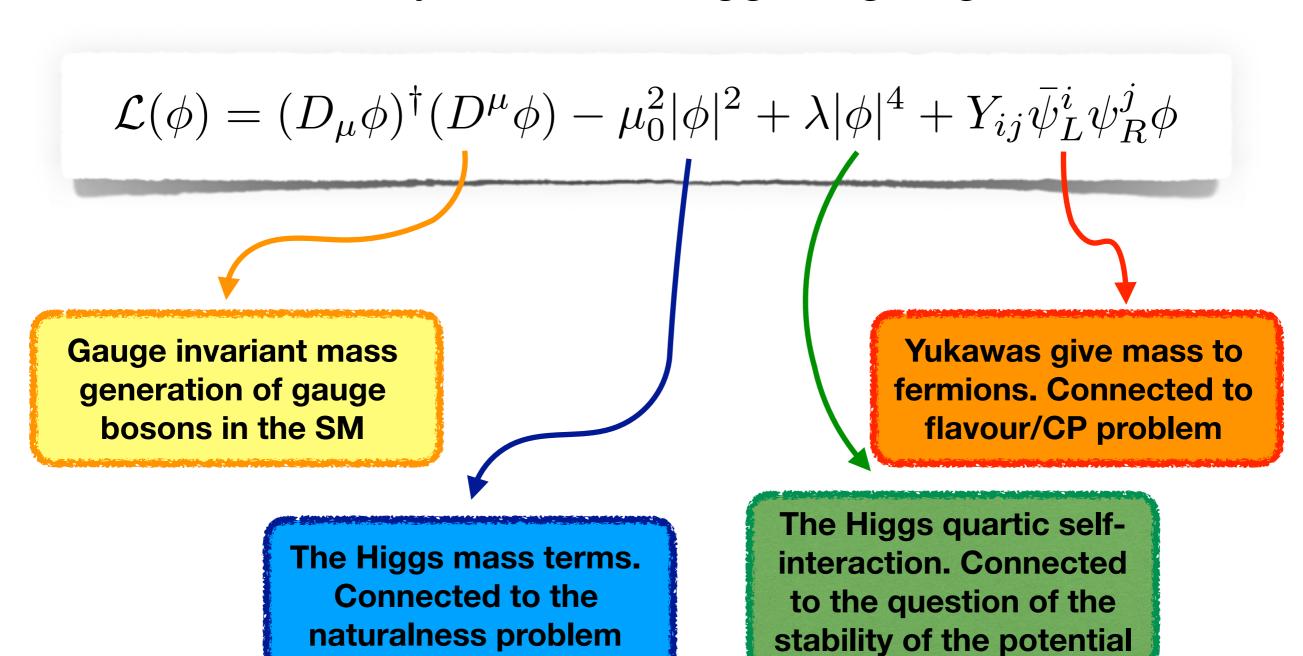
Special role in the SM: only scalar particle. Product of Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism required to accomodate masses in a gauge invariant way

The SM is *the legacy* of the 20<sup>th</sup> century of particle physics:

- It unifies quantum mechanics, field theory and special relativity
- It unifies electromagnetism and the weak interaction
- It describes (to the surprise of many) all laboratory data so far

# The Higgs sector

Seeds of New Physics in the Higgs Lagrangian:



#### The Higgs naturalness problem

Consider a fermion which couples to the Higgs via

$$\mathcal{L} \subset -\lambda_f H \bar{f} f$$

This gives rise to a correction to the Higgs mass

$$\Delta m_H^2 = N_c i \lambda_f^2 \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\text{tr} \left[ (\not l + m_t) \left( \not l + \not p + m_t \right) \right]}{\left( l^2 - m_t^2 \right) \left( (l + p)^2 - m_t^2 \right)} \qquad - \frac{H}{2} - - - \left( \underbrace{\phantom{M_t^2}}_{-} \right) - - - - - \underbrace{\phantom{M_t^2}}_{-} \right)$$

This is quadratically ultraviolet (UV) divergent:

$$\Delta m_H^2 = N_c \frac{i\lambda_f^2}{16\pi^4} \int d^4l \frac{4l^2}{l^4} = N_c \frac{i\lambda_f^2}{4\pi^4} (-i\pi^2 \Lambda^2) = N_c \frac{G_F m_f^2}{\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \Lambda^2$$

In the SM one finds

$$\frac{\Delta m_H^2}{m_H^2} = \frac{3G_F}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left( \frac{4m_t^2}{m_H^2} - \frac{2m_W^2}{m_H^2} - \frac{m_Z^2}{m_H^2} - 1 \right) \Lambda^2 \simeq \left( \frac{\Lambda}{500 \,\text{GeV}} \right)^2$$

# Naturalness problem

Example of two-loop correction that from a heavy fermion Q that couples only indirectly to the Higgs:

$$\Delta m_H^2 \sim g_1^2 g_2^2 C_1 C_2 \int \frac{d^4 l_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 l_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\mathrm{tr}[(\not l_1 + \not l_2)/l_2]}{l_1^4 l_2^2 (l_1 + l_2)^2} \sim \frac{g_1^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_2^2}{16\pi^2} C_1 C_2 \Lambda^2 \ln \Lambda$$

Even if a new particle does not interact at tree level with the Higgs, as long as is has an interaction with any other SM particle, there will be a quadratic sensitivity of m<sub>H</sub> to the UV cutoff scale

<u>First example:</u> the electron Coulomb field  $\vec{E} = \frac{e}{4\pi m^2} \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$ 

Energy stored in the electric field 
$$W_{\Lambda}=\frac{1}{2}\int_{r>\Lambda^{-1}}d^3r\vec{E}^2=\frac{1}{2}\alpha\Lambda$$

Correction to the electron mass  $m_e = M_e + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\Lambda$ 

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Use limits on electron radius  $r_e < 10^{-4}$  fm to determine the cut-off  $\Lambda$ 

$$\frac{1}{2}\alpha\Lambda = \mathcal{O}(10^7 \text{keV})$$

but

$$m_e \approx 511 \, \mathrm{keV}$$

The non-electrostatic mass term M<sub>e</sub>, completely unrelated to the electric field, would need to cancel it up to five significant digits

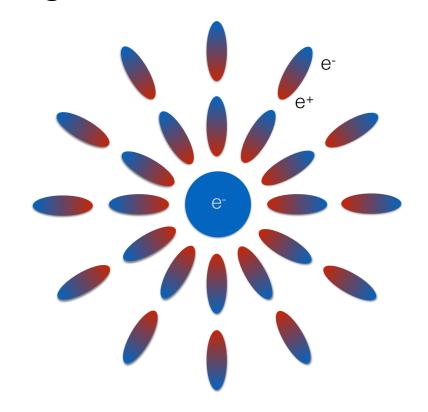
But this is a classical picture probing effects at distances 10-4 fm

Quantum effects allow the production of e+e- pair that screen the electric field, effectively reducing the electric charge

An explicit calculation gives

$$m_e = M_e \left( 1 - \frac{3\alpha}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{M_e}{\Lambda} \right) \right)$$

The correction remains small even for a cut-off that reaches the Planck mass (10<sup>19</sup> GeV)



The fine-tuning of the electron mass is solved via the introduction of the positron

Second example: charged-neutral pion mass difference

$$\mathcal{L} \supset ieA_{\mu} \left( \pi^{+} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{-} - \pi^{-} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{+} \right) + e^{2} A_{\mu} A^{\mu} \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$$

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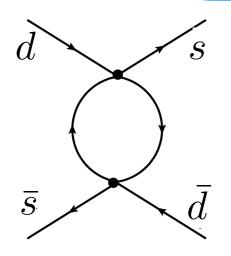
$$\Delta m^2 = m_{\pi^{\pm}}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2 \approx \frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} \Lambda^2$$

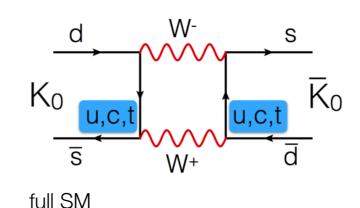
$$\Delta m_{\rm exp}^2 \simeq (35.51 \,{\rm MeV})^2$$
  $\Lambda \simeq 850 \,{\rm MeV}$ 

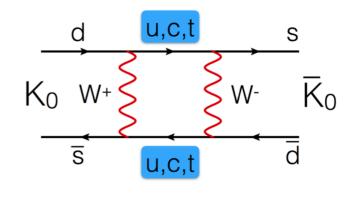


rightarrow Fine-tuning explained via the introduction of the pvector meson  $(m_{
ho} \simeq 770\,{
m MeV})$  and the axial-vector resonance  $a_1\,(m_{a_1} \simeq 1250\,{
m MeV})$ 

Third example: Kaon transition rates and mixing







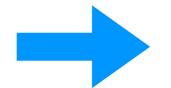
Fermi theory

$$\Delta M_K = M_{K_L} - M_{K_S}$$

$$\frac{\Delta M_K}{M_K} \simeq \frac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} f_K^2 \sin^2 \theta_c m_c^2$$

**GIM** suppression

$$rac{\Delta M_K}{M_V} \simeq 7 \cdot 10^{-15}$$
 and  $f_K \simeq 0.1 \, {
m GeV}$ 

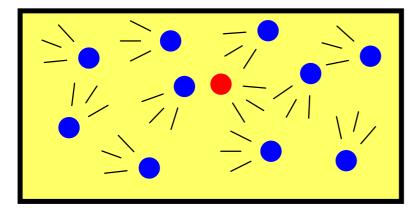


Quadratic divergence in the amplitude used by Gaillard & Lee in 1974 to predict that the charm quark should be lighter than 10 GeV

#### Naturalness: a guiding principle?

#### Analogy with thermal fluctuation







At large t expect

$$E_{\bullet} \sim E_{\bullet}$$

While the observation is

$$E_{\bullet} \sim 10^{-17} E_{\bullet}$$

While no logical inconsistency can be claimed, it just seems hard to believe

- In the analogy: natural explanation could be that red does not really interact with blue because the interaction is screened
- Similarly in the Higgs case, the interaction (or UV sensitivity) could be screened by new forces/particles

#### Solutions to hierarchy problem

The naturalness problem in the Higgs sector is solved, if e.g.

- there is a natural screening mechanism (a symmetry) protecting the Higgs from the UV sensitivity
- the Higgs Boson is non elementary but composite

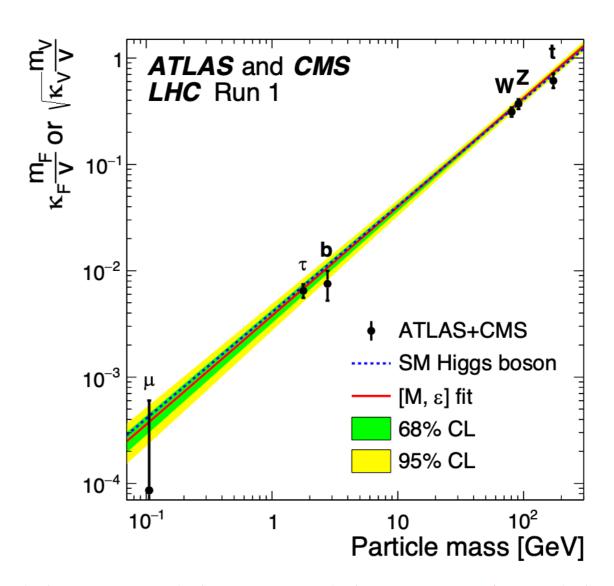
Both scenarios give rise to deviations in the Higgs couplings as predicted in the SM

The LHC might address the naturalness even if no new particles are discovered directly. One just needs to measure very precisely the couplings and see if they differ from the SM pattern

# Higgs couplings

So far the Higgs looks SM like, however

- None of the measurements are very precise yet (still room for moderately large deviations)
- Couplings to light states not measured yet — a lot of room for new effects

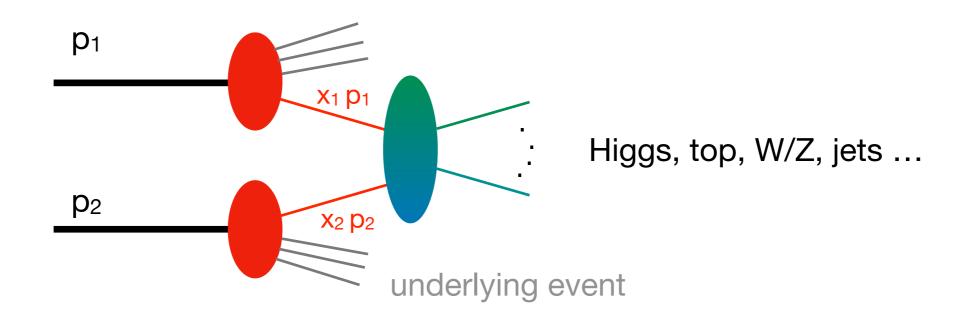


Measuring or constraining these couplings is a major programme that will extend over decades. Theory input crucial to extract couplings and other particle properties in general

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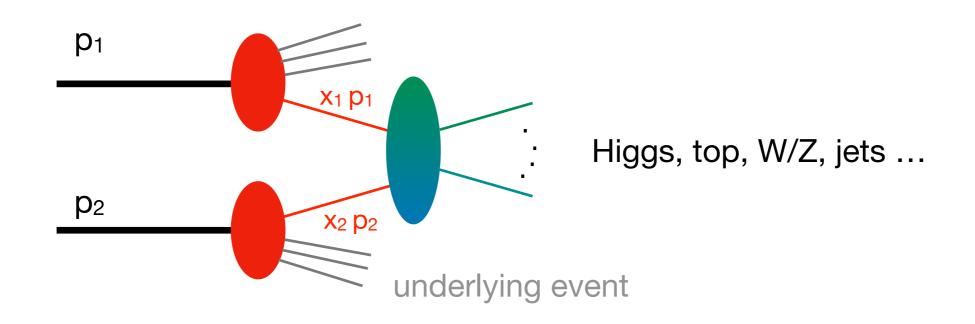
$$\sigma_{\text{had}} = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 \underbrace{f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F)}_{f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F)} \times \underbrace{\sigma_{ij}(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2, \mu_F)}_{f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{Q}\right)$$



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# The parton model

Basic idea of the parton model: intuitive picture where in a high transverse momentum scattering partons behave as quasi free in the collision  $\Rightarrow$  cross section is the incoherent sum of all partonic cross-sections

$$\sigma = \int dx_1 dx_2 f_1^{(P_1)}(x_1) f_2^{(P_2)}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}(x_1 x_2 s) \qquad \hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$$

$$NB: This formula is wrong/incomplete (see later)$$

 $f_i^{(P_j)}(x_i)$ : parton distribution function (PDF) is the probability to find parton i in hadron j with a fraction  $x_i$  of the longitudinal momentum (transverse momentum neglected), extracted from data

 $\hat{\sigma}(x_1x_2s)$ : partonic cross-section for a given scattering process, computed in perturbative QCD

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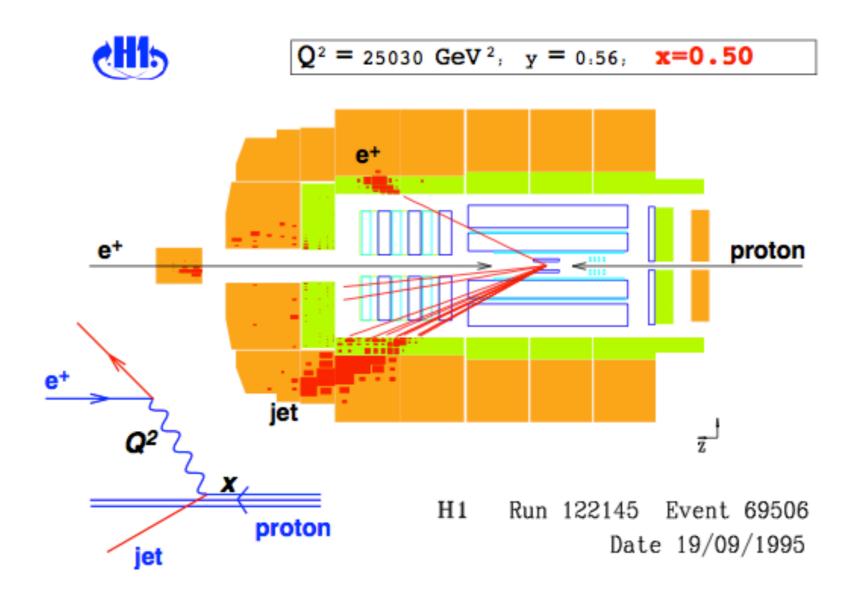
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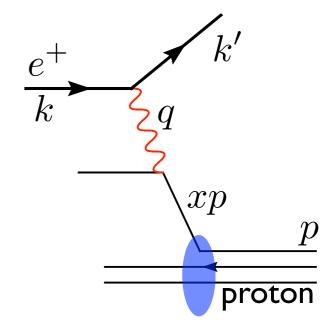
How can parton densities be extracted from data?

Clean probe of the structure of the proton with an electron



Protons made up of point-like quarks. Different momentum scales involved:

- hard photon virtuality (sets the resolution scale) Q
- hard photon-quark interaction Q
- $\bullet$  soft interaction between partons in the proton  $m_p \ll Q$

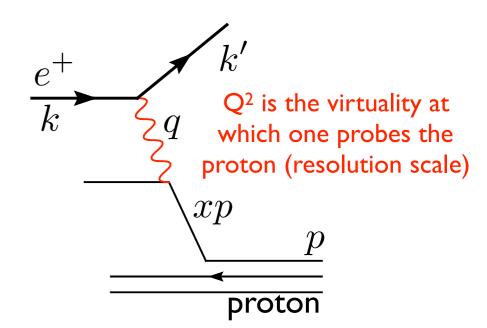


During the hard interaction, partons do not have time to interact among them, they behave as if they were free

⇒ approximate as incoherent scattering on single partons

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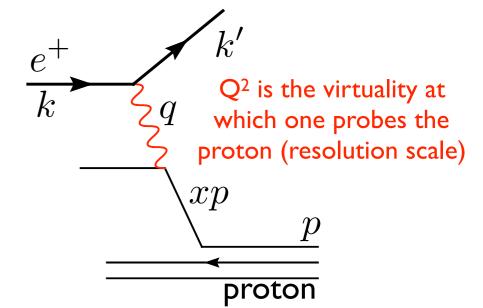
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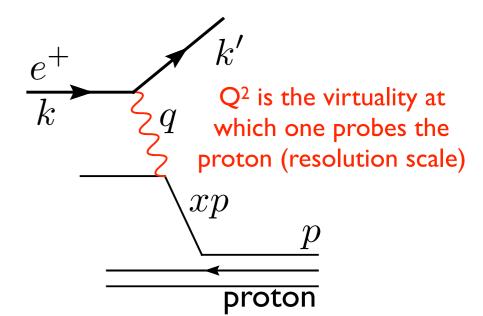
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#### Partonic cross section:

(apply QED Feynman rules and add phase space)

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Exercise: show that in the CM frame of the electron-quark system y is given by  $(1 - \cos \theta_{\rm el})/2$ , with  $\theta_{\rm el}$  the scattering angle of the electron in this frame

#### **Exercise:**

- show that the two particle phase space is  $\frac{d\phi}{167}$
- show that the squared matrix element is  $\ \frac{16\pi\alpha q_l^2}{Q^4}\hat{s}xpk\left(1+(1-y)^2\right)$
- show that the flux factor is  $\frac{1}{4xpk}$

Hence derive that

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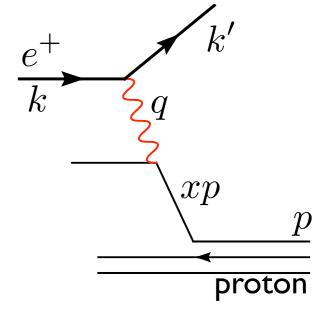
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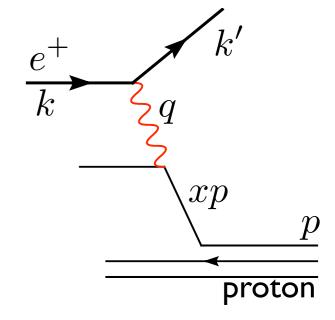


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- I. at fixed  $x_{Bj}$  and y the cross-section scales with s
- 2. the y-dependence of the cross-section is fully predicted and is typical of vector interaction with fermions  $\Rightarrow$  Callan-Gross relation
- 3. can access (sums of) parton distribution functions
- 4. Bjorken scaling: pdfs depend on x and not on Q<sup>2</sup> (violated by logarithmic radiative corrections, see later)

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NB: experimentally get  $F_2^n$  from deuteron:  $F_2^d(x) = F_2^p(x) + F_2^n(x)$ 

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Photons interact in the same way with u(d) and  $\overline{u}(\overline{d})$ 

How can one measure the difference?

Question: What interacts differently with particle and antiparticle?

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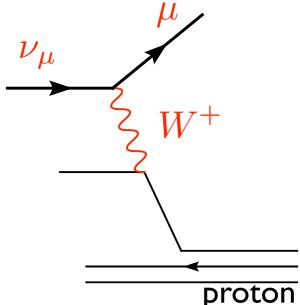
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$$\int_0^1 dx \, (u_p(x) - \bar{u}_p(x)) = 2 \qquad \int_0^1 dx \, (d_p(x) - \bar{d}_p(x)) = 1$$

Photons interact in the same way with u(d) and  $\overline{u}(\overline{d})$ 

How can one measure the difference?

Question: What interacts differently with particle and antiparticle? W+/W- from neutrino scattering



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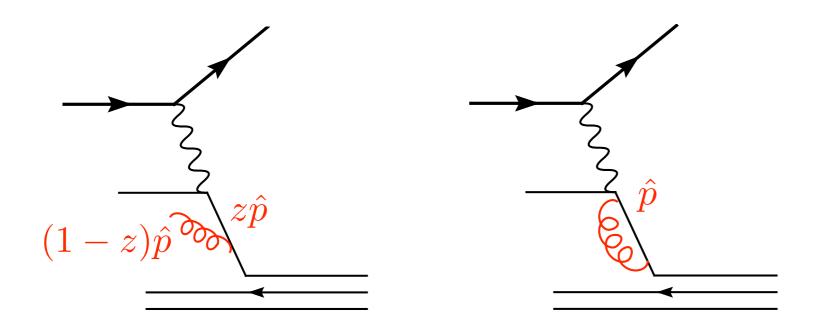
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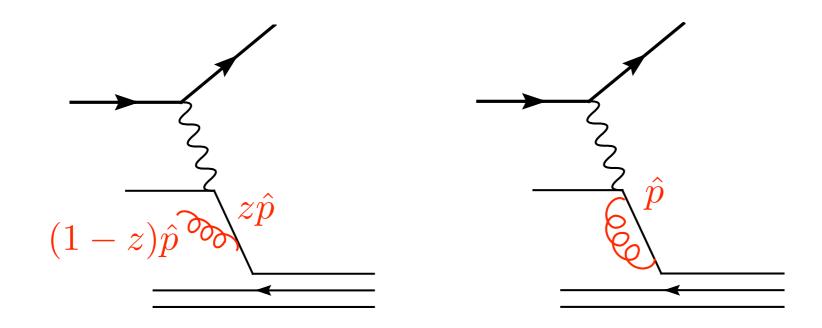
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γ/W+/- don't interact with gluons
How can one measure gluon parton densities?
We need to discuss radiative effects first

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Adding real and virtual contributions, the partonic cross-section reads

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Partial cancellation between real (positive), virtual (negative), but real gluon changes the energy entering the scattering, the virtual does not

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Similarly to what is done when renormalizing UV divergences, collinear divergences from initial state emissions are absorbed into parton distribution functions

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Collinear singularities still there, but they factorize.

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#### <u>NB:</u>

- universality, i.e. the PDF redefinition does not depend on the process
- choice of  $\mu_F \sim Q$  avoids large logarithms in partonic cross-sections
- PDFs and hard cross-sections don't evolve independently
- the factorization scale acts as a cut-off, it allows to move the divergent contribution into non-perturbative parton distribution functions

## Improved parton model

#### Naive parton model:

$$\sigma = \int dx_1 dx_2 f_1^{(P_1)}(x_1) f_2^{(P_2)}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}(x_1 x_2 s) \qquad \hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s$$

#### After radiative corrections:

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## Intermediate recap

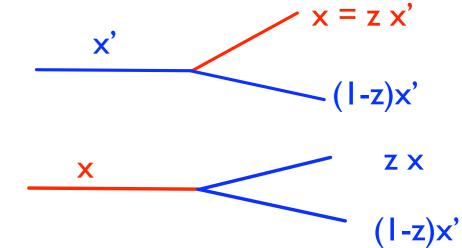
- With initial state parton collinear singularities don't cancel
- Initial state emissions with  $k_{\perp}$  below a given scale are included in PDFs
- This procedure introduces a scale  $\mu_F$ , the so-called factorization scale which factorizes the low energy (non-perturbative) dynamics from the perturbative hard cross-section
- As for the renormalization scale, the dependence of cross-sections on  $\mu_F$  is due to the fact that the perturbative expansion has been truncated
- The dependence on  $\mu_F$  becomes milder when including higher orders
- The redefinition of PDFs is universal and process-independent

Master formula: 
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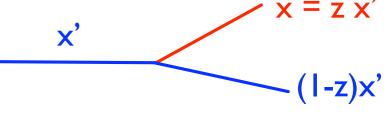


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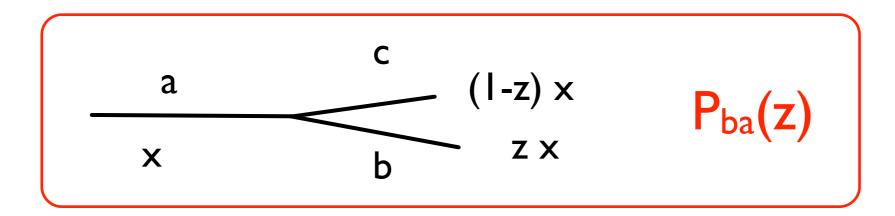
Altarelli, Parisi; Gribov-Lipatov; Dokshitzer '77

Master equation of QCD: we can not compute parton densities, but we can predict how they evolve from one scale to another

Universality of splitting functions: we can measure pdfs in one process and use them as an input for another process

# Conventions for splitting functions

There are various partons types. Standard notation:



Accounting for the different species of partons the DGLAP equations become:

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial f_i(x, \mu^2)}{\partial \mu^2} = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}(z) f_j\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu^2\right)$$

This is a system of coupled integro/differential equations

The above convolution in compact notation:

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial f_i(x, \mu^2)}{\partial \mu^2} = \sum_j P_{ij} \otimes f_j(\mu^2)$$

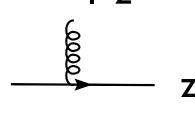
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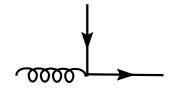
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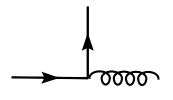
$$P_{qg}^{(0)} = P_{\bar{q}g}^{(0)} = T_R \left( z^2 + (1-z)^2 \right)$$

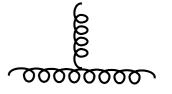
$$P_{gq}^{(0)} = P_{g\bar{q}}^{(0)} = C_F \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z}$$

$$P_{gg}^{(0)} = 2C_A \left[ z \left( \frac{1}{1-z} \right)_+ + \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) + b_0 \delta(1-z) \right]$$









- $\bigcirc$   $P_{qg}$  anf  $P_{gg}$  symmetric under z (1-z)
- $\bigcirc$   $P_{qq}$  and  $P_{gg}$  divergence for z=1 (soft gluon)
- $\bigcirc$  P<sub>gq</sub> and P<sub>gg</sub> divergenge for z=0 (soft gluon)
- P<sub>qg</sub> no soft divergence for gluon splitting to quarks
  - gluon PDF grows at small x

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Conclusion: the integral  $\int_0^1 dx \left( f_u(x,\mu^2) - f_{\bar{u}}(x,\mu^2) \right)$ 

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the delta-term is the virtual correction (present only when the flavour does not change)

We have just seen that in order to conserve quark (baryon) number, the integral of the quark distribution can not vary with  $Q^2$ , hence, the splitting functions must integrate to zero

Exercise: use this fact to compute the coefficients of the pure delta terms in  $P_{qq}$  and  $P_{gg}$  without performing the loop integral!

# History of splitting functions

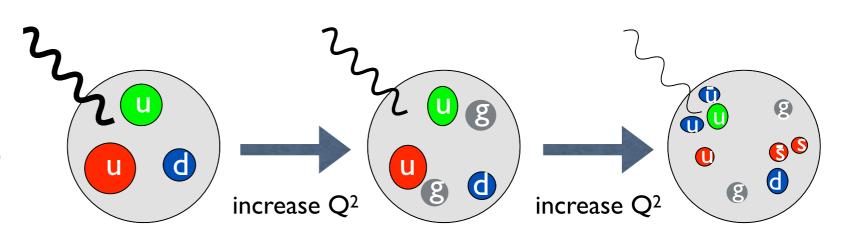
- P<sub>ab</sub><sup>(0)</sup>: Altarelly, Parisi; Gribov-Lipatov; Dokshitzer (1977)
- P<sub>ab</sub><sup>(1)</sup>: Curci, Furmanski, Petronzio (1980)
- P<sub>ab</sub><sup>(2)</sup>: Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)

Essential input for NNLO pdfs determination (state of the art today)

## **Evolution**

So, in perturbative QCD we can not predict values for

- the coupling
- the masses
- the parton densities
- ...



What we can predict is the evolution with the  $Q^2$  of those quantities. These quantities must be extracted at some scale from data.

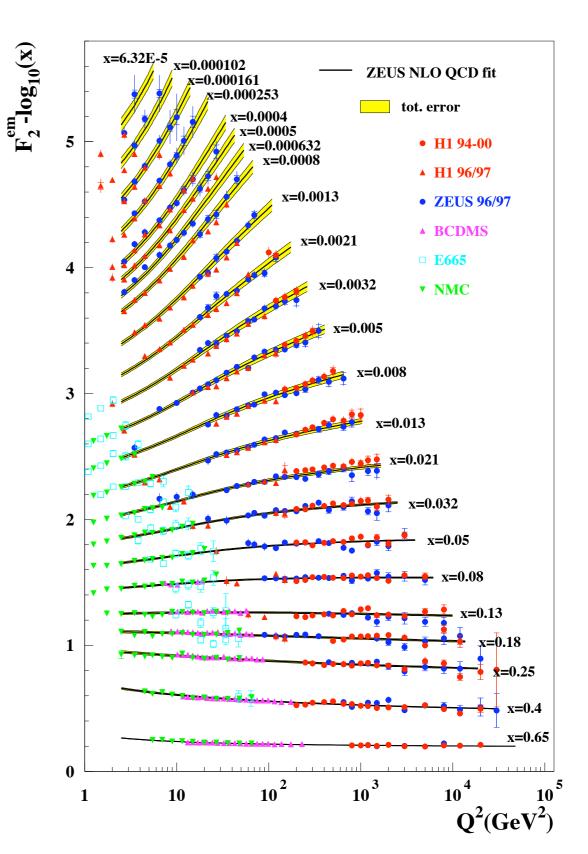
- not only is the coupling scale-dependent, but partons have a scale dependent sub-structure
- we started with the question of how one can access the gluon pdf:
   Because of the DGLAP evolution, we can access the gluon pdf indirectly,
   through the way it changes the evolution of quark pdfs. Today also direct
   measurements using Tevatron jet data and LHC tt and jet data

### Recap.

- Parton model: incoherent sum of all partonic cross-sections
- Sum rules (momentum, charge, flavor conservation)
- Determination of parton densities (electron & neutrino scattering)
- Radiative corrections: failure of parton model
- Factorization of initial state divergences into scale dependent parton densities
- $\supseteq$  DGLAP evolution of parton densities  $\Rightarrow$  measure gluon PDF
- While PDFs loose the naive probabilistic interpretation basic conservation principle still hold (momentum sum rules, energy, flavour conservation)

### Data: F2

- DGLAP evolution equations allow to predict the Q<sup>2</sup> dependence of DIS data
- gluons crucial in driving the evolution



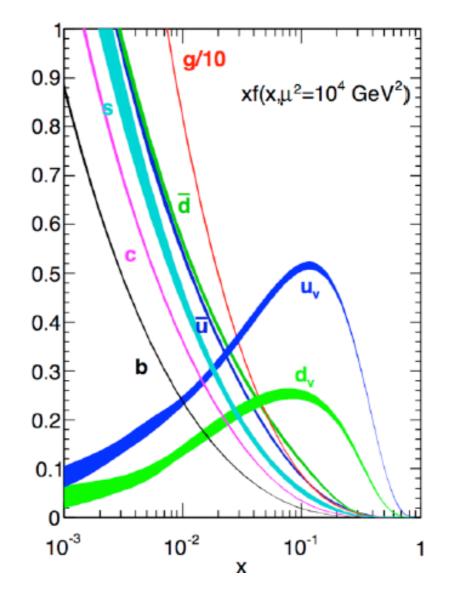
### **DGLAP** Evolution

The DGLAP evolution is a key to precision LHC phenomenology: it allows to measure PDFs at some scale (say in DIS) and evolve upwards to make LHC (7, 8, 13, 14, 33, 100....TeV) predictions

#### Measure PDFs at 10 GeV

#### NNPDF2.3 (NNLO) 0.9 $xf(x,\mu^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2)$ 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 10<sup>-1</sup> 10<sup>-3</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup>

#### Evolve in Q<sup>2</sup> and make LHC predictions

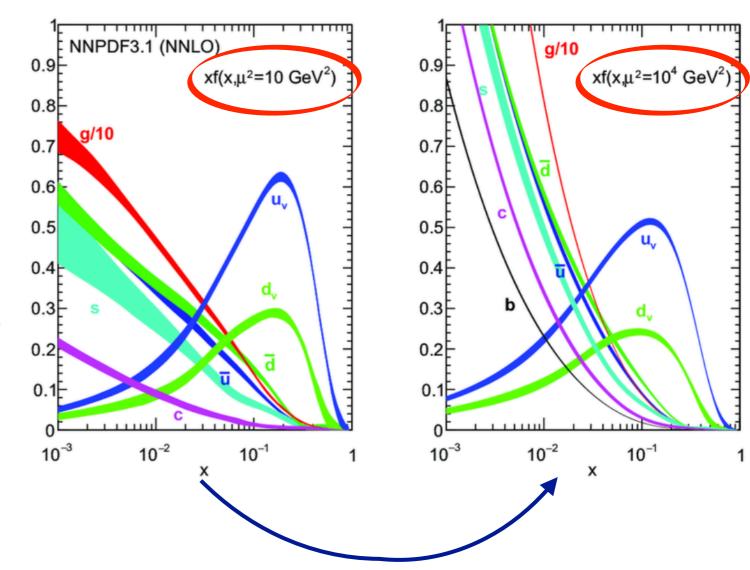


Different PDFs evolve in different ways (different equations + unitarity constraint)

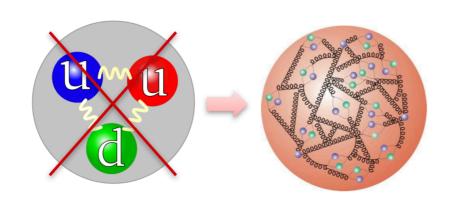
## Typical features of PDFs

#### Features:

- gluon and sea distributions grow at small x
- gluon dominates at small x
- valence distributions peak at x ~ 0.2
- largest uncertainties at very small or very large x





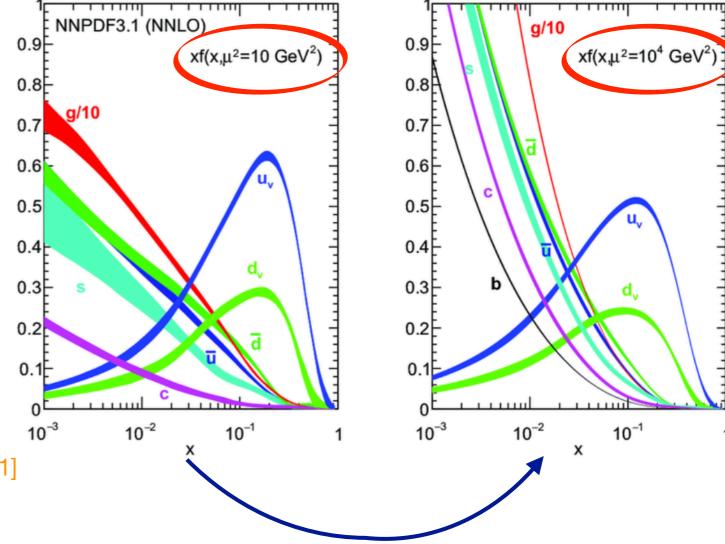


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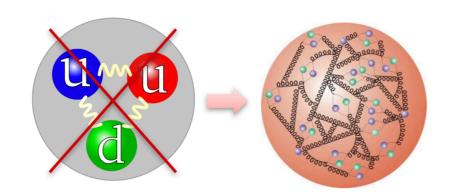
The fact that PDFs grow at small x has important consequences

- Cross sections increase with increasing collider energy s (as opposed to σ α 1/s)
- Higher luminosity also means higher effective energy
- Low-x regime dominated by gluons (e.g. Higgs production)

(e.g. Higgs production)  $^{0}$ [e.g. for m<sub>H</sub>=125 GeV at 13 TeV, x ~ 0.01]



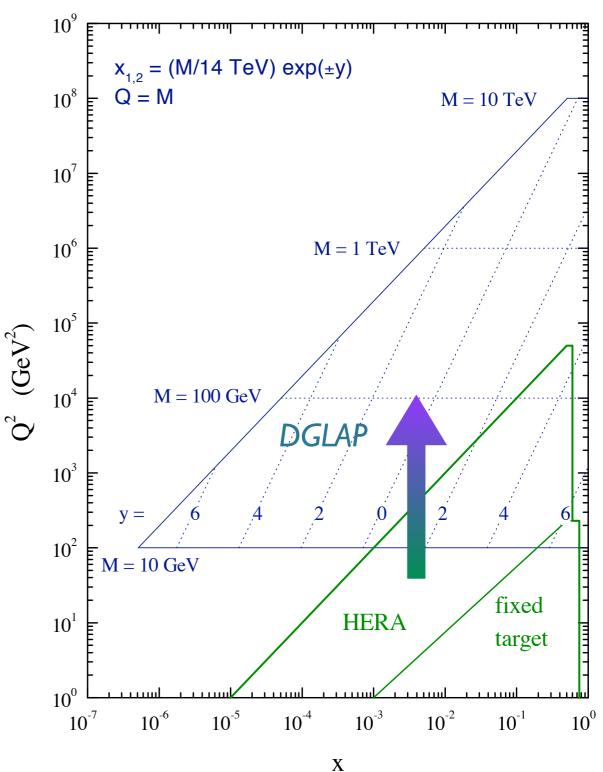




### Parton density coverage

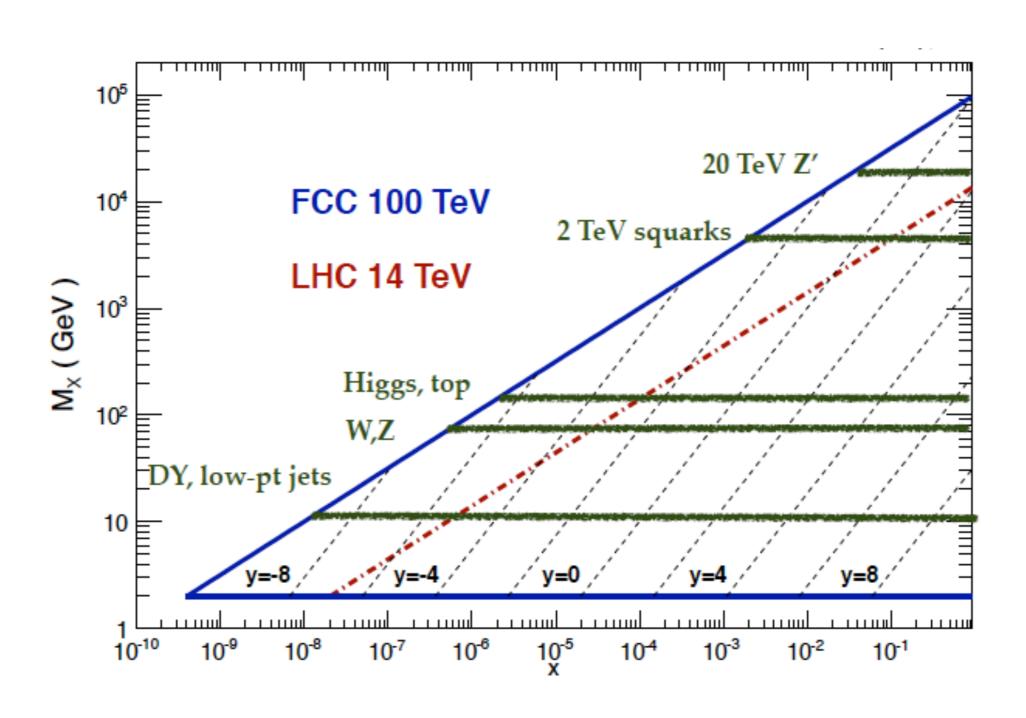
- most of the LHC x-range covered by Hera
- need 2-3 orders of magnitude Q<sup>2</sup>-evolution
- rapidity distributions probe extreme x-values
- 100 GeV physics at LHC: small-x, sea partons
- TeV physics: large x

#### **LHC parton kinematics**



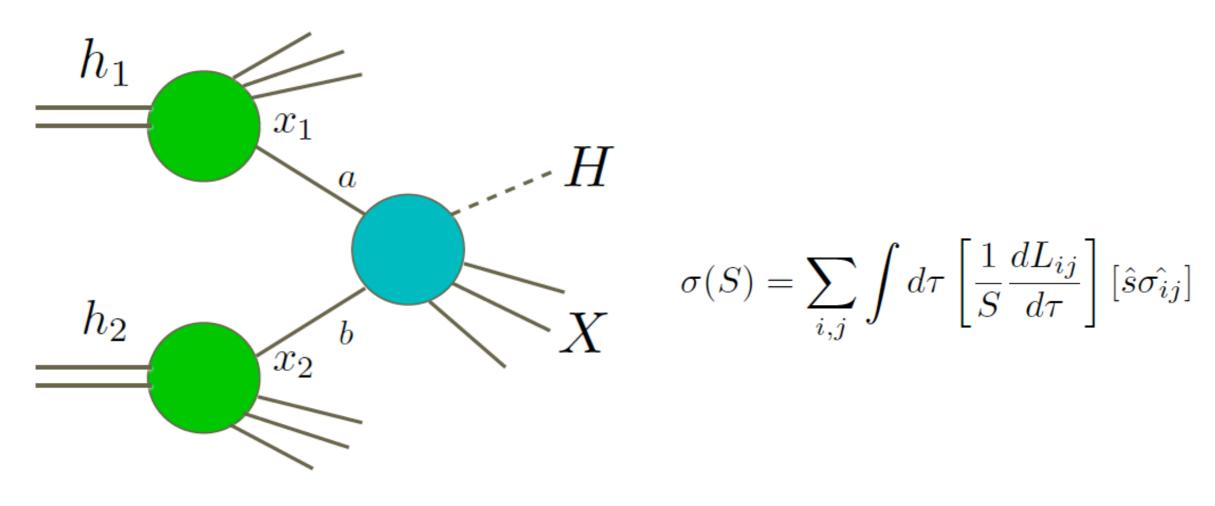
### Parton density coverage

Coverage of 14 TeV LHC with respect to 100 TeV FCC



### Parton luminosities

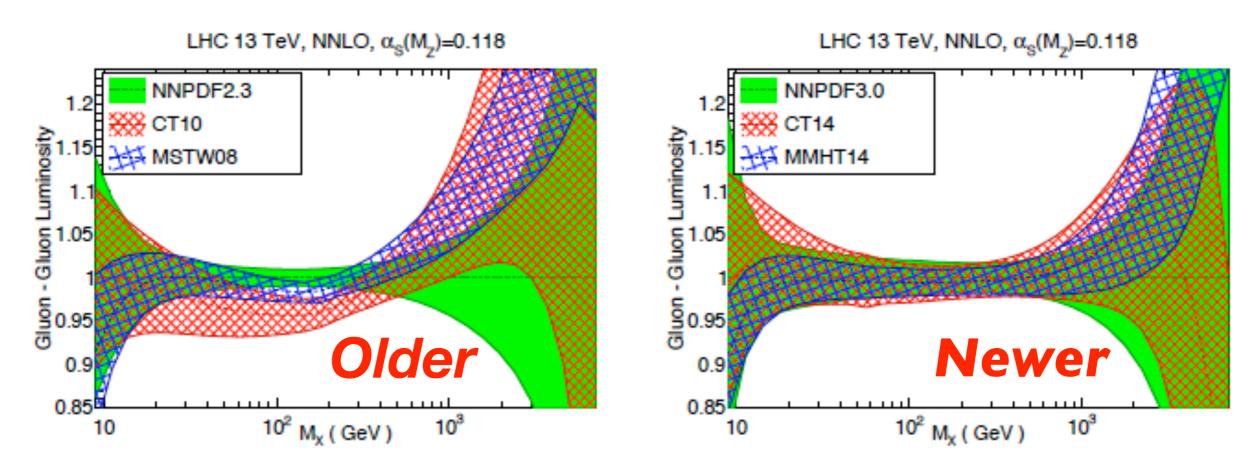
Even more interesting that PDFs are parton luminosities for each production channel



$$\tau \frac{dL_{ij}}{d\tau} = \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 x_1 f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) \times x_2 f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \delta(\tau - x_1 x_2)$$

## Progress in PDFs: gluon luminosity

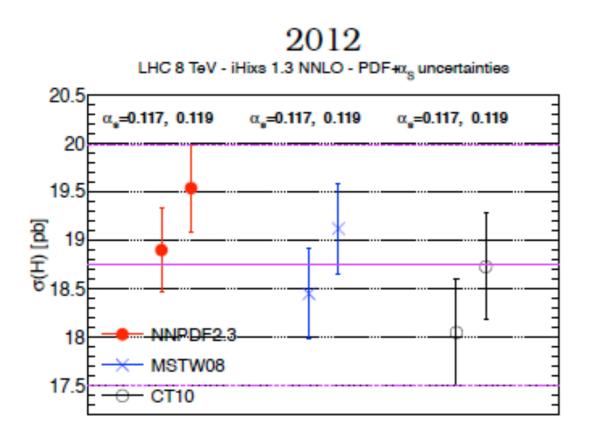
Example: gluon-gluon luminosity as needed for Higgs measurements

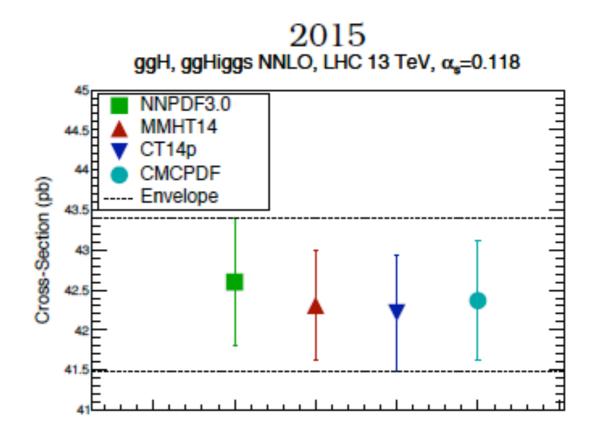


- obvious improvement from older sets to newer ones
- agreement at 10 between different PDFs in the intermediate mass region relevant for Higgs studies (but larger differences at large M, key-region for New Physics searches)

### Progress in PDFs: Higgs case

Improved control on gluon distributions results in more consistent Higgs production cross-sections





- PDF uncertainty in the Higgs cross-section down to about 2-3%
- envelope of 3 PDFs (previous recommendation) no longer needed

# Progress in PDFs

#### Recent progress:

- full NNLO evolution
- flexible parameterisations or use of neural network PDFs (more recently deep learning methods)
- improved treatment of heavy flavours near the quark mass
- systematic use of uncertainties/correlations (e.g. dynamic tolerance, combinations of PDF +  $\alpha_s$  uncertainty)
- exploit wealth for information from Run I and Run II
- new PDFs (photon, leptons, W/Z)

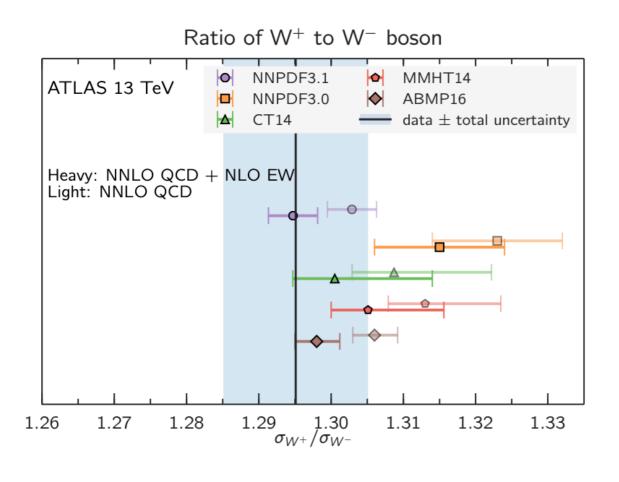
Thanks to this progress, today PDF determinations more precise and reliable (e.g. uncertainties from different groups agree in general well)

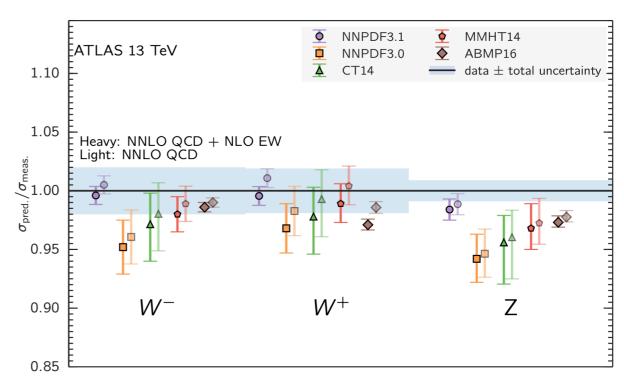
## Issues under discussion

- which data to include in the fits (and how to deal with incompatible data)
- enhance relevance of some data (reduce effect of inconsistent data sets)
- heavy-quark treatment and masses
- parametrization for PDFs (theoretical bias, reduced in Neural Network PDFs)
- include theoretical improvement (e.g. resummation) for some observables
- unphysical behaviour close to x=0 and x=1
- meaning of uncertainties
- $\alpha_s$  as external input or fitted with PDFs
- how not to "fit away" New Physics effects in PDFs

# Progress in PDFs

Despite the tremendous progress ...





So far PDFs extracted from data.

A major new challenge to compute PDFs via lattice simulations

## Photon PDF of the proton

- Protons in LHC beams are fast moving charged particles
- For point-like charged particles the electromagnetic field (the distribution of photons) was computed by Fermi, Weizsäcker and Williams in the 1920-1930s
- But protons are not elementary and made up of quarks/gluons

#### Ausstrahlung bei Stößen sehr schneller Elektronen.

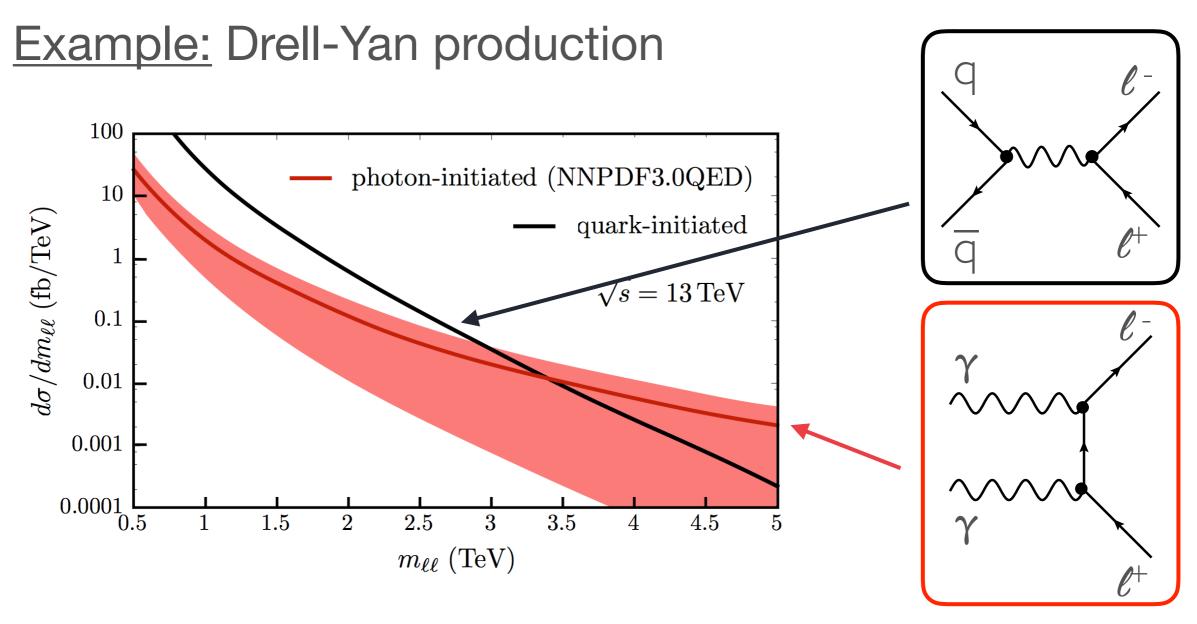
Von C. F. v. Weizsäcker, zur Zeit in Kopenhagen.

(Eingegangen am 28. Februar 1934.)

Die vorliegende Arbeit ist die Ausarbeitung der Resultate einiger Diskussionen, die vom September 1933 an im Kopenhagener Institut unter Leitung von Herrn Prof. N. Bohr stattfanden, und zu denen vor allem die Herren G. Beck, W. Heisenberg, L. Landau, E. Teller und E. J. Williams wesentliche Beiträge lieferten. — Ich möchte diese Gelegenheit gern benutzen, um Herrn Prof. Bohr für die schöne und fruchtbare Zeit, die ich in seinem Institut zubringen durfte, meinen herzlichsten Dank auszudrücken.

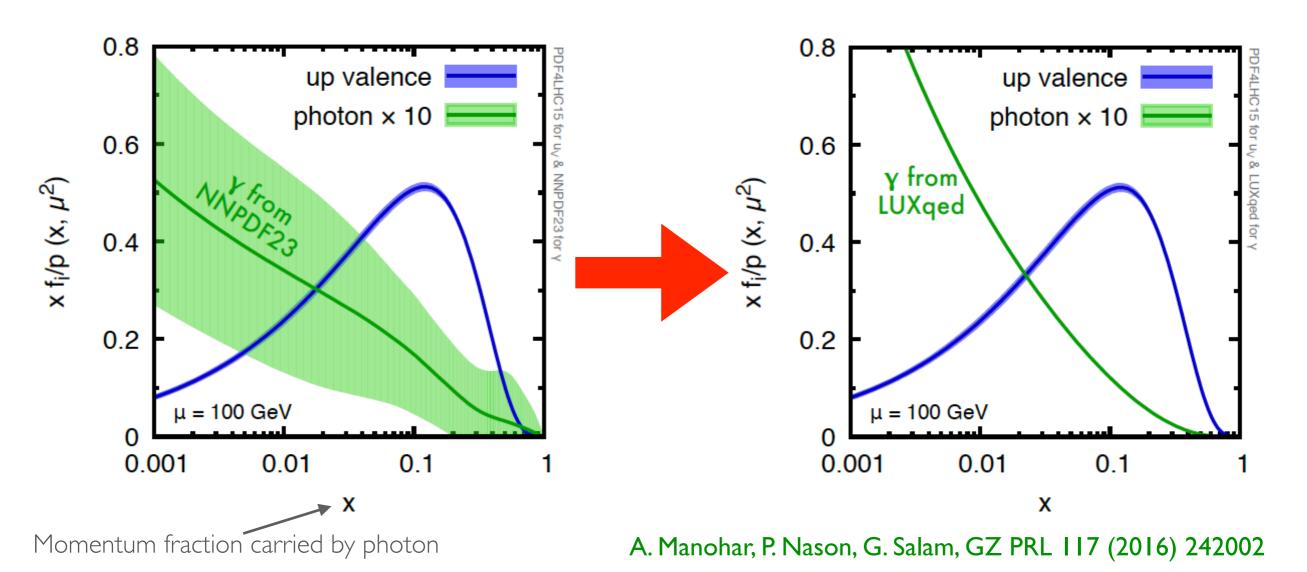
A fundamental question is what is the electromagnetic field associated to fast moving protons. This is the photon parton distribution function (PDF) of the proton

## Does the photon PDF matter?



Poor knowledge of photon PDF impacts both New Physics searches and precision physics

# The LUX photon PDF



By looking at the problem in a new way we reduced the uncertainty drastically ( $100\% \rightarrow 1\%$ )

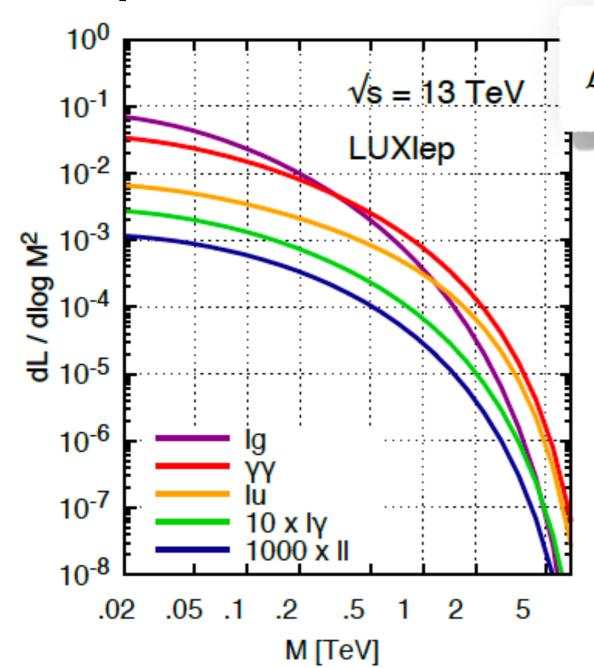
Key idea: view Deep Inelastic Scattering as a lepton probing the photon field in the proton

# Leptons in the proton

- So far, processes explored at the LHC are mainly induced by incoming quarks, gluons or photons in the protons
- Studies of processes with incoming leptons relegated to future colliders (CLIC, FCC-ee, CEPC, ...). Timescale 30y
- But, because of quantum fluctuations, protons in LHC beams also contain leptons
- Lepton luminosities are very small, but give rise to unique signatures at the LHC
- Possibility to study scattering processes that are beyond the capability of future colliders (e.g. μ-τ scattering)

# Leptons in the proton

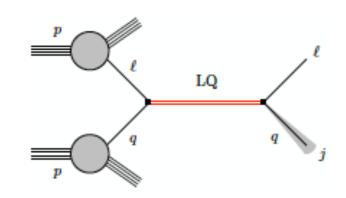
### **Lepton luminosities**

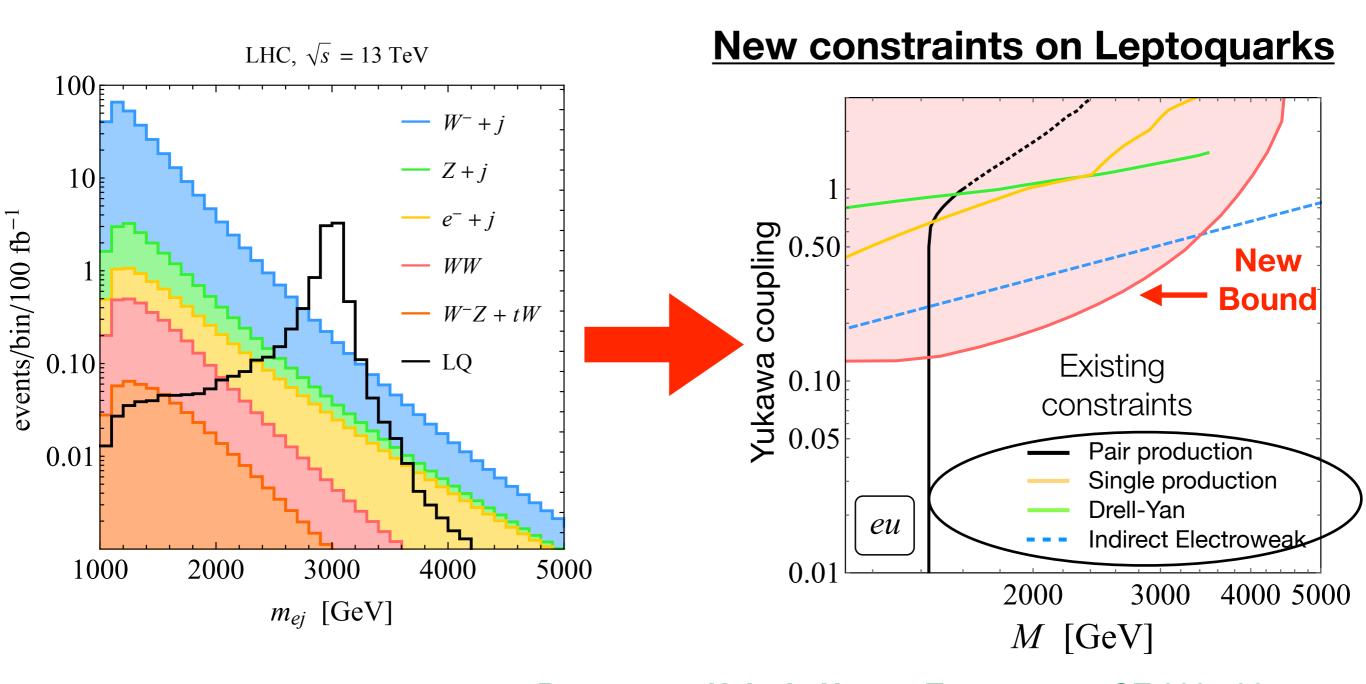


$$\mathcal{L}_{ij} \equiv M^2 \int_0^1 dz \, dy \, f_i(z, M^2) f_j\left(y, M^2\right) \delta(M^2 - szy)$$

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# Leptoquarks





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