

PDFs for Heavy Ions

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PDFs: Theoretical Framework

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

- There are at least **two** motivations for PDFs:
 1. They encode **information on the structure** of nucleons seen **at high energies**
 2. They are **crucial tools** for the description of pp , pA and AA collisions at RHIC/LHC and ep and eA DIS at a future EIC
- Predictions for observables have to include **reliable estimates of the uncertainties** due to the PDFs
- So far PDFs are determined by performing **global analyses of data** for a large variety of hard processes

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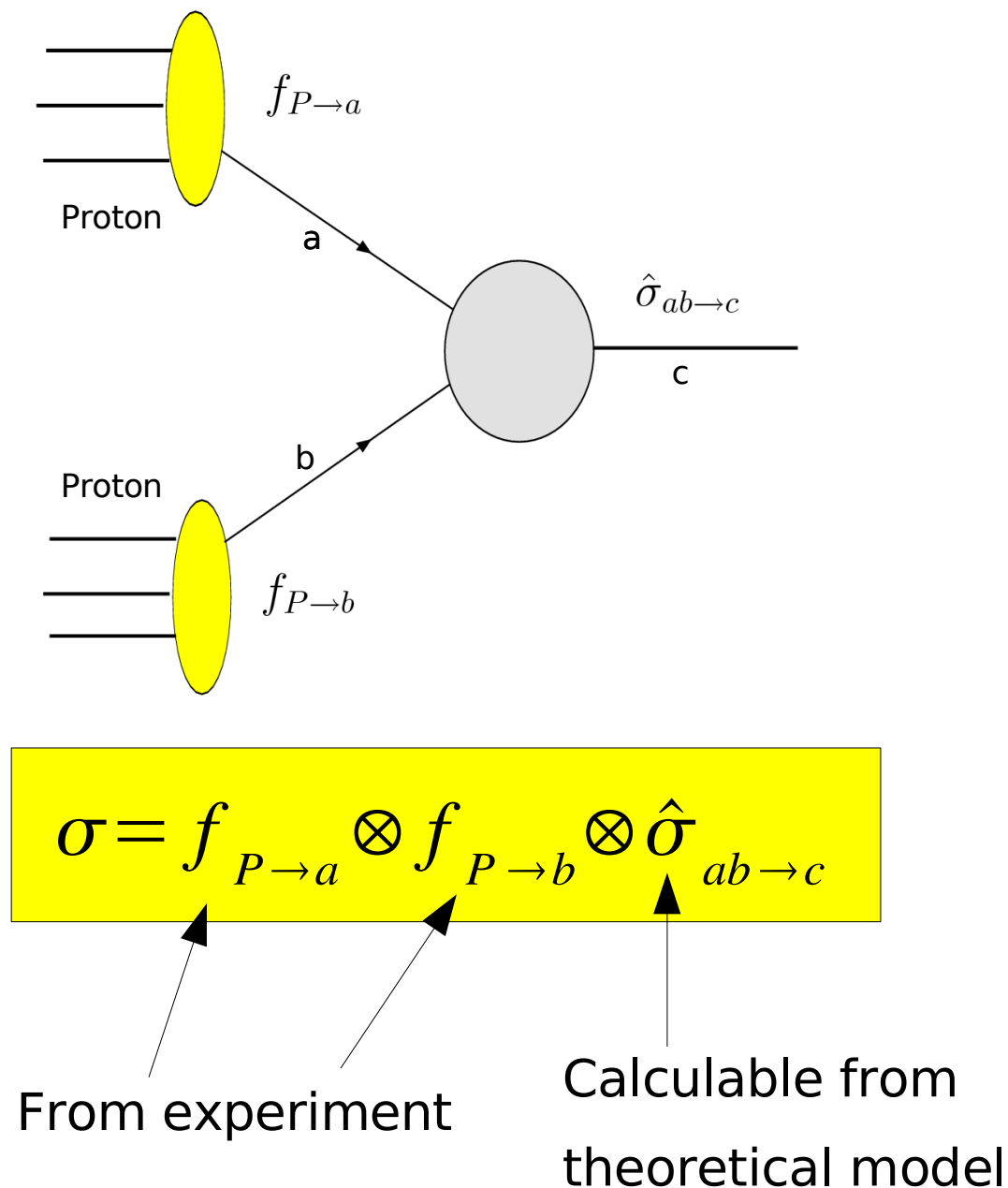
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Factorization for pp collisions



Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

$$f_{P \rightarrow a, b}(x, \mu^2)$$

- ★ Universal
- ★ Describe the structure of hadrons
- ★ Obey **DGLAP** evolution equations

The hard part $\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow c}(\mu^2)$

- ★ Free of short distance scales
- ★ Calculable in perturbation theory
- ★ Depends on the process

Predictive Power

Universality: same PDFs/FFs enter different processes:

- DIS:
$$F_2^A(x, Q^2) = \sum_i [f_i^A \otimes C_{2,i}] (x, Q^2)$$
- DY:
$$\sigma_{A+B \rightarrow \ell^+ + \ell^- + X} = \sum_{i,j} f_i^A \otimes f_j^B \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{i+j \rightarrow \ell^+ + \ell^- + X}$$
- $A+B \rightarrow H + X$:
$$\sigma_{A+B \rightarrow H+X} = \sum_{i,j,k} f_i^A \otimes f_j^B \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{i+j \rightarrow k+X} \otimes D_k^H$$
- **Predictions** for unexplored kinematic regions
and for your favorite **new physics** process

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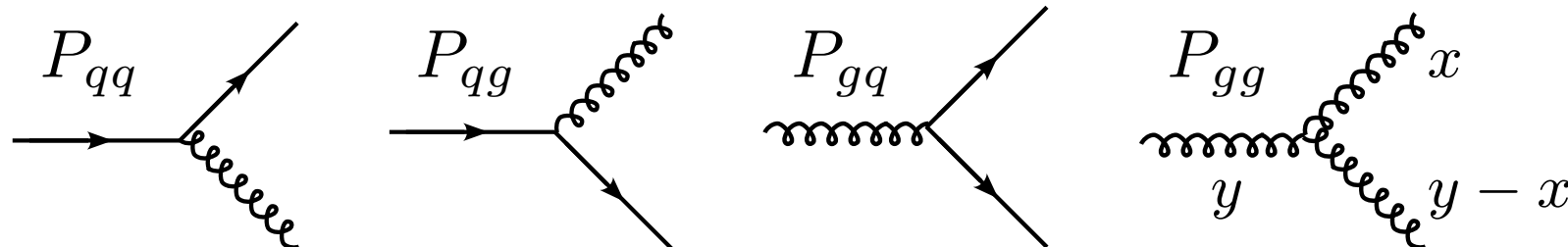
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- ▶ Different PDFs mix – set of $(2n_f + 1)$ coupled integro-differential equations.
- ▶ Initial conditions obtained from fitting experimental data.
- ▶ Splitting functions are calculable in pQCD

$$P_{ij}(z) = P_{ij}^{(0)}(z) + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P_{ij}^{(1)}(z) + \dots$$

they have interpretation as probabilities of parton splittings:



Boundary conditions

- Scale dependence **predicted** by QCD

Test DGLAP, find deviations from DGLAP (non-linear effects, saturation, ...)

- Need boundary conditions $f_i(x, Q_0)$ at some perturbative initial scale $Q_0 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- The x -dependence is not calculable in pQCD, perform **global** analysis of experimental data
- Progress on the lattice: see [arXiv:1711.07916](#), but not yet competitive in nucleon case
- Even efforts to compute nuclear PDFs on the lattice!

See talk by [Phiala Shanahan](#) at workshop “Exposing novel Quark and Gluon effects in nuclei”, Trento, Apr 16-20, 2018

Sum rules provide constraints

- **Number sum rules** – connect partons to quarks from SU(3) flavour symmetry of hadrons; proton (uud), neutron (udd). For protons:

For all scales:

$$\int_0^1 dx \underbrace{[f_u(x) - f_{\bar{u}}(x)]}_{u\text{-valence distr.}} = 2 \qquad \int_0^1 dx \underbrace{[f_d(x) - f_{\bar{d}}(x)]}_{d\text{-valence distr.}} = 1$$
$$\int_0^1 dx [f_s(x) - f_{\bar{s}}(x)] = \int_0^1 dx [f_c(x) - f_{\bar{c}}(x)] = 0$$

- **Momentum sum rule** – momentum conservation connecting all flavours

For all scales:

$$\sum_{i=q,\bar{q},g} \int_0^1 dx x f_i(x) = 1$$

Momentum carried by **up** and **down** quarks is only around half of the total proton momentum the rest of the momentum is carried by **gluons** and small amount by **sea** quarks. In case of CT14NLO PDFs ($\mu = 1.3$ GeV):

At 1.3 GeV:

$$\int_0^1 dx x [f_u(x) + f_d(x)] \simeq 0.51$$
$$\int_0^1 dx x f_g(x) \simeq 0.40$$

Global analysis of PDFs

1. Boundary conditions:
Parameterize x-dependence of PDFs at initial scale Q_0

$$f(x, Q_0) = A_0 x^{A_1} (1-x)^{A_2} P(x; A_3, \dots); f = u_v, d_v, g, \bar{u}, \bar{d}, s, \bar{s}$$

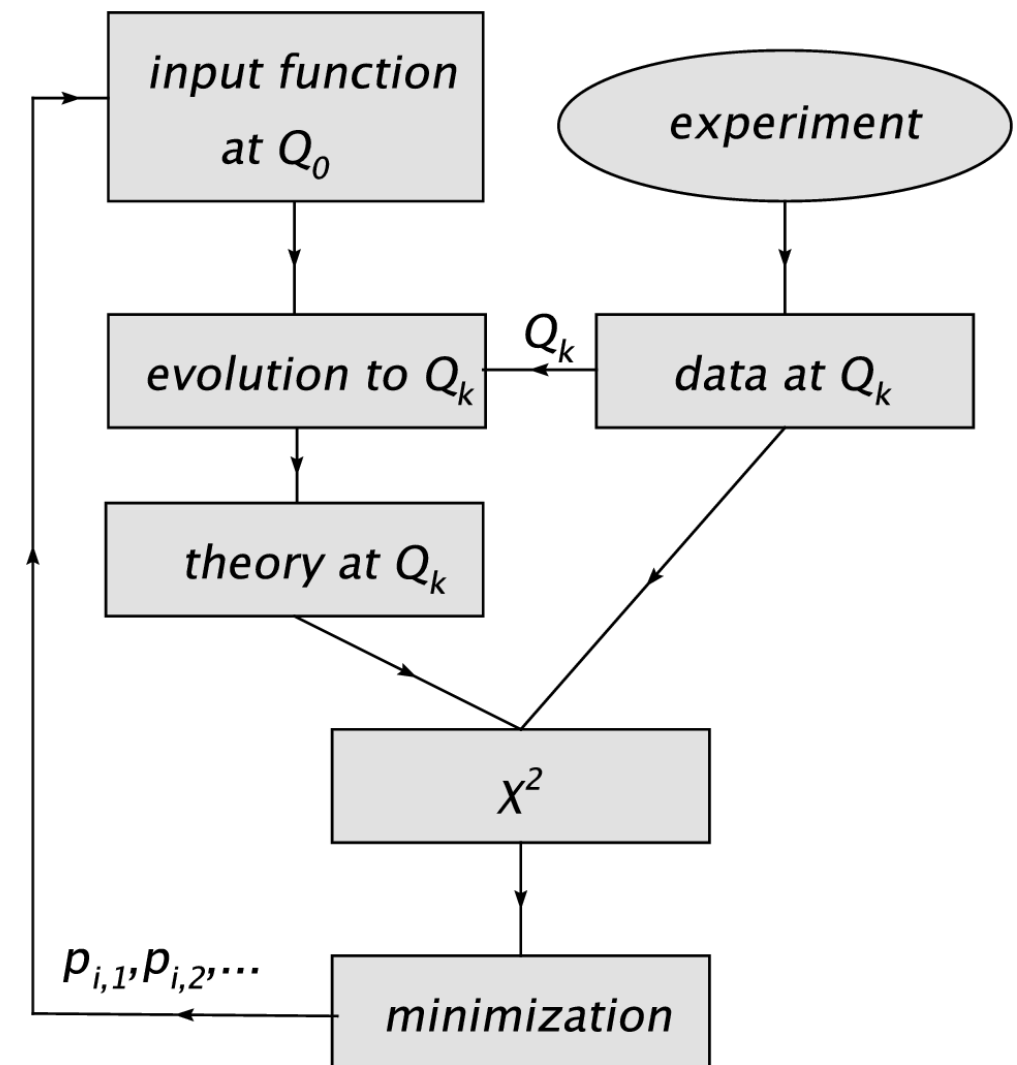
2. Evolve from Q_0 to Q solving the DGLAP evolution equations: $f(x, Q)$
3. Define suitable χ^2 function and **minimize** w.r.t. fit parameters

$$\chi^2_{\text{global}}[A_i] = \sum_n w_n \chi_n^2; \chi_n^2 = \sum_I \left(\frac{D_{nI} - T_{nI}}{\sigma_{nI}} \right)^2$$

Sum over experiments

Sum over data points

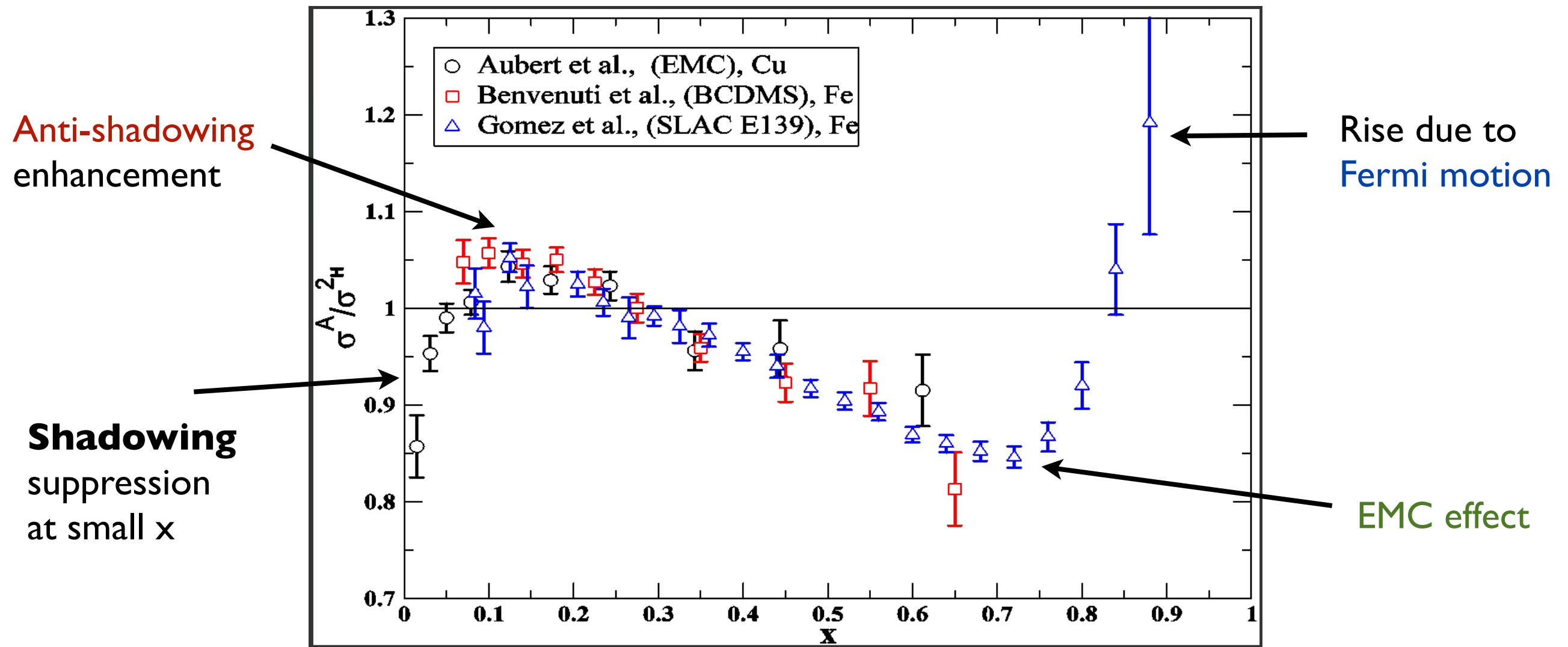
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From nucleons to nuclei

Nuclear modifications of DIS structure functions

$$F_2^A(x) \neq ZF_2^p(x) + NF_2^n(x)$$



Can we translate these modifications into **universal nuclear PDFs**?

From Protons to Nuclei

- Starting point: global analysis framework for free nucleons
- Make sure it can be applied to the case of nuclear targets (A, Z)
 - Variable $0 < x_N < A$
 - Evolution equations
 - Sum rules
 - Observables
- Apart from validity of factorisation which is a working assumption and to be verified phenomenologically

DIS on nuclear targets

Consider deep inelastic lepton–nucleon collisions: $l(k) + A(p_A) \rightarrow l'(k') + X$

Introduce the usual DIS variables: $q \equiv k - k'$, $Q^2 \equiv -q^2$, $x_A \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2p_A \cdot q}$

Hadronic tensor: $W_{\mu\nu}^A \propto \langle A(p_A) | J_\mu J_\nu^\dagger | A(p_A) \rangle = \sum_i a_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} \tilde{F}_i^A(x_A, Q^2)$,

where $a_{\mu\nu}^{(i)}$ are Lorentz-tensors composed out of the 4-vectors q and p_A and the metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

Express structure functions in the QCD improved parton model in terms of NPPDFs

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k^A(x_A, Q^2) = \int_{x_A}^1 \frac{dy_A}{y_A} \tilde{f}_i^A(y_A, Q^2) C_{k,i}(x_A/y_A) + \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k^{A,\tau \geq 4}(x_A, Q^2)$$

NPPDFs: Fourier transforms of matrix elements of twist-two operators composed out of the quark and gluon fields:

$$\tilde{f}_i^A(x_A, Q^2) \propto \langle A(p_A) | O_i | A(p_A) \rangle$$

Definitions of $\tilde{F}_i^A(x_A, Q^2)$, $\tilde{f}_i^A(x_A, Q^2)$, and the variable $0 < x_A < 1$ carry over one-to-one from the well-known free nucleon case

Evolution Equations and Sum Rules

DGLAP as usual:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\tilde{f}_i^A(x_A, Q^2)}{d\ln Q^2} &= \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{x_A}^1 \frac{dy_A}{y_A} P_{ij}(y_A) \tilde{f}_j^A(x_A/y_A, Q^2) , \\ &= \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{x_A}^1 \frac{dy_A}{y_A} P_{ij}(x_A/y_A) \tilde{f}_j^A(y_A, Q^2) ,\end{aligned}$$

Sum rules:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 dx_A \tilde{u}_V^A(x_A, Q^2) &= 2Z + N , \\ \int_0^1 dx_A \tilde{d}_V^A(x_A, Q^2) &= Z + 2N ,\end{aligned}$$

and the momentum sum rule

$$\int_0^1 dx_A x_A \left[\tilde{\Sigma}^A(x_A, Q^2) + \tilde{g}^A(x_A, Q^2) \right] = 1 ,$$

where $N = A - Z$ and $\tilde{\Sigma}^A(x_A) = \sum_i (\tilde{q}_i^A(x_A) + \tilde{\bar{q}}_i^A(x_A))$ is the quark singlet combination

Rescaled definitions!

Problem: average momentum fraction carried by a parton $\propto A^{-1}$
since there are 'A-times more partons' which have to share the momentum

- Different nuclei (A, Z) not directly comparable
- Functional form for x -shape would change drastically with A
- Need to rescale!

PDFs are number densities: $\tilde{f}_i^A(x_A) dx_A$ is the number of partons carrying a momentum fraction in the interval $[x_A, x_A + dx_A]$

Define rescaled NPDFs $f_i^A(x_N)$ with $0 < x_N := Ax_A < A$:

$$f_i^A(x_N) dx_N := \tilde{f}_i^A(x_A) dx_A$$

The variable x_N can be interpreted as parton momentum fraction w.r.t. the **average** nucleon momentum $\bar{p}_N := p_A/A$

Rescaled evolution equations and sum rules

Evolution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df_i^A(x_N, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} &= \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{x_N/A}^1 \frac{dy_A}{y_A} P(y_A) f_i^A(x_N/y_A, Q^2), \\ &= \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{x_N}^A \frac{dy_N}{y_N} P(x_N/y_N) f_i^A(y_N, Q^2).\end{aligned}$$

Assume that $f_i^A(x_N) = 0$ for $x_N > 1$, then **original, symmetrical** form recovered:

$$\frac{df_i^A(x_N, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_{x_N}^1 \frac{dy_N}{y_N} P(y_N) f_i^A(x_N/y_N, Q^2) & : 0 < x_N \leq 1 \\ 0 & : 1 < x_N < A, \end{cases}$$

Sum rules for the rescaled PDFs:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^A dx_N u_v^A(x_N) &= 2Z + N, \\ \int_0^A dx_N d_v^A(x_N) &= Z + 2N,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^A dx_N x_N \left[\Sigma^A(x_N) + g^A(x_N) \right] = A,$$

Rescaled structure functions

The rescaled structure functions can be defined as

$$x_N \mathcal{F}_i^A(x_N) := x_A \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i^A(x_A) ,$$

with $\mathcal{F}_{1,2,3}(x) = \{F_1(x), F_2(x)/x, F_3(x)\}$.

More explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} F_2^A(x_N) &:= \tilde{F}_2^A(x_A) , \\ x_N F_1^A(x_N) &:= x_A \tilde{F}_1^A(x_A) , \\ x_N F_3^A(x_N) &:= x_A \tilde{F}_3^A(x_A) . \end{aligned}$$

This leads to consistent results in the parton model using the rescaled PDFs.

Effective PDFs of bound nucleons

Further decompose the NPDFs $f_i^A(x_N)$ in terms of effective parton densities for **bound** protons, $f_i^{p/A}(x_N)$, and neutrons, $f_i^{n/A}(x_N)$, inside a nucleus A :

$$f_i^A(x_N, Q^2) = Z f_i^{p/A}(x_N, Q^2) + N f_i^{n/A}(x_N, Q^2)$$

- The bound proton PDFs have the **same** evolution equations and sum rules as the free proton PDFs **provided** we neglect any contributions from the region $x_N > 1$
- Neglecting the region $x_N > 1$, is consistent with the DGLAP evolution
- The region $x_N > 1$ is expected to have a minor influence on the sum rules of less than one or two percent (see also [PRC73(2006)045206])
- Isospin symmetry: $u^{n/A}(x_N) = d^{p/A}(x_N)$, $d^{n/A}(x_N) = u^{p/A}(x_N)$

An observable \mathcal{O}^A is then given by:

$$\mathcal{O}^A = Z \mathcal{O}^{p/A} + N \mathcal{O}^{n/A}$$

In conclusion: the free proton framework can be used to analyse nuclear data

Current status of nuclear PDFs

Available sets of nuclear PDFs

- **EPPS'16 (supersedes EPS'09)**

Eskola, Paakkinen, Paukkunen, Salgado, arXiv:1612.0574

- **nCTEQ'15**

nCTEQ collaboration, PRD93(2016)085037, arXiv:1509.00792

- **DSSZ'11**

de Florian, Sassot, Stratmann, Zurita, PRD85(2012)074028, arXiv:1509.00792

- **HKN'07**

Hirai, Kumano, Nagai, PRC76(2007)065207, arXiv:0709.3038

Less global analyses

- Progress on Neural Network nuclear PDFs
Abdul Khalek, Ethier, Rojo, arXiv:1811.05858
- AT'12
Atashbar Tehrani, PRC86(2012)064301
- KA'15 (NNLO)
Khanpour, Atashbar Tehrani, PRD93(2016)014026, arXiv:1601.009

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- **Used data sets**

- **charged lepton-nucleus DIS, pA DY:** All groups (but **different cuts!**)
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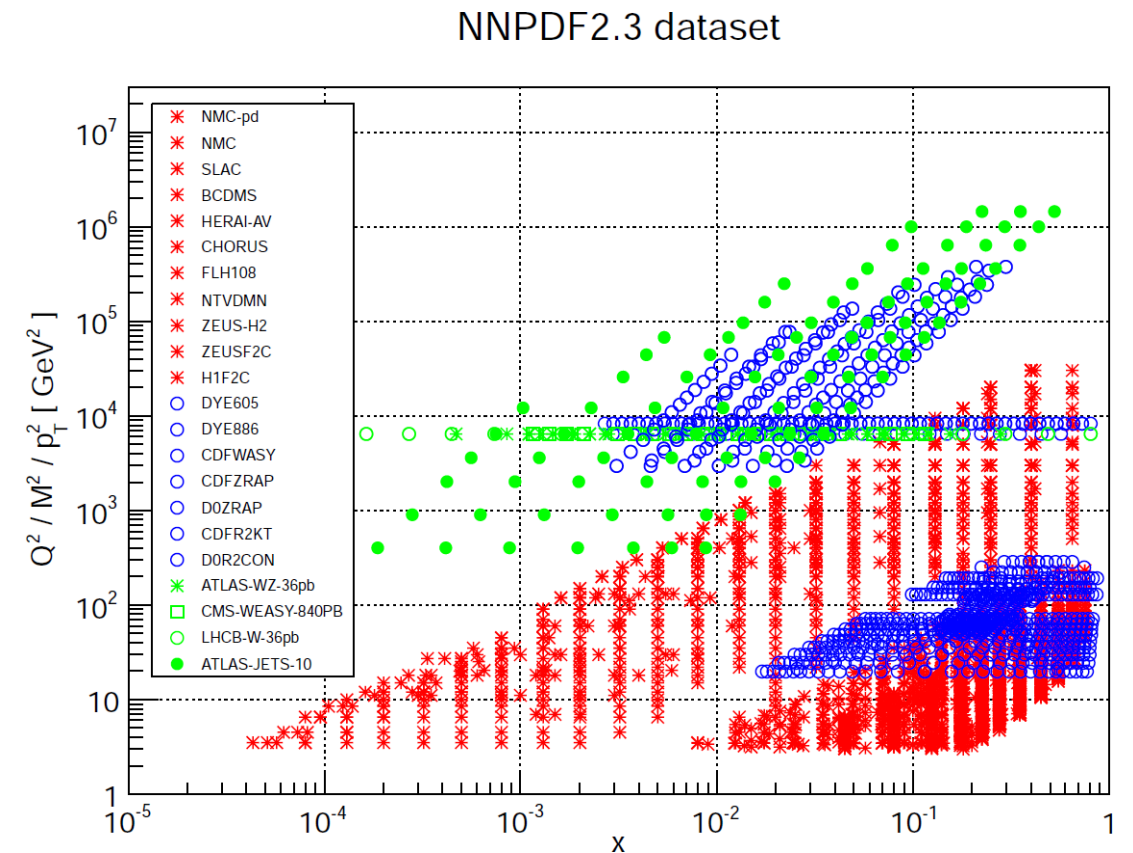
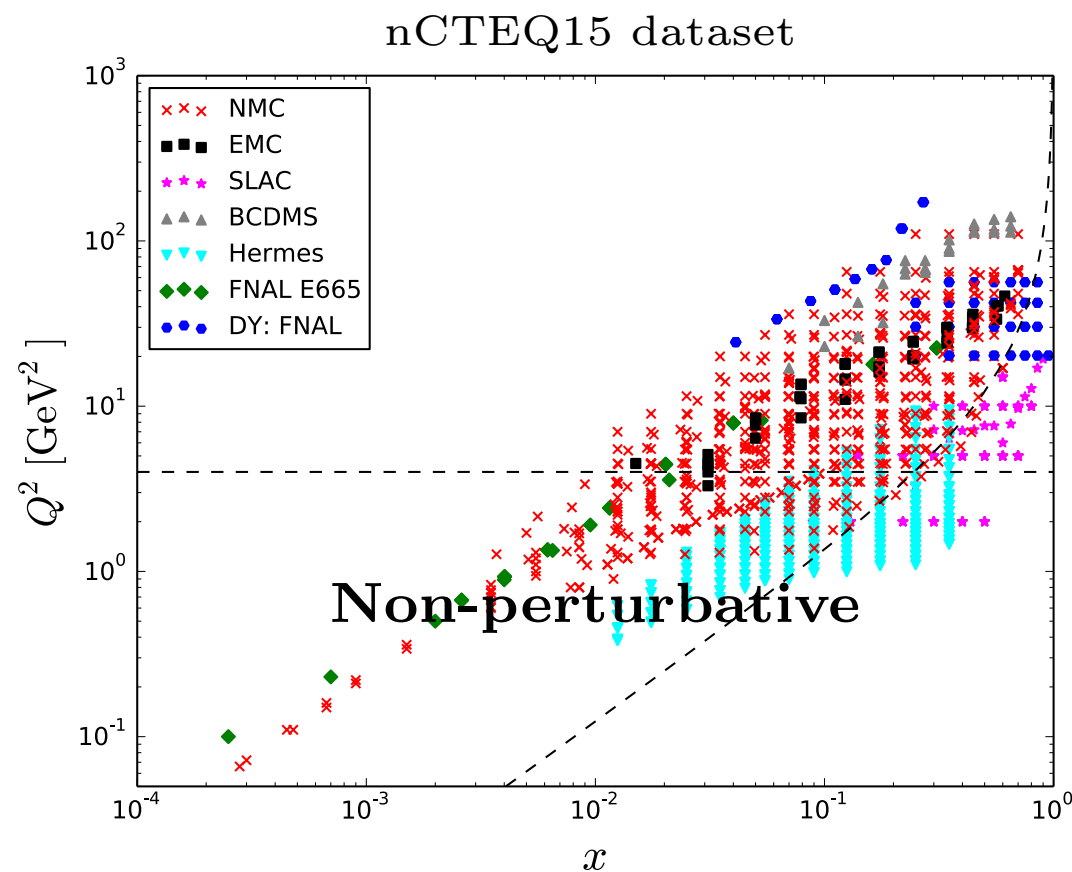
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- **Parametrization**

- Multiplicative nuclear correction factors: EPPS'16, DSSZ'11, HKN'07, AT'12, KA'15
(requires proton baseline, parametrization can be quite complicated)
- Native nuclear PDFs (same treatment as proton PDFs): nCTEQ'16

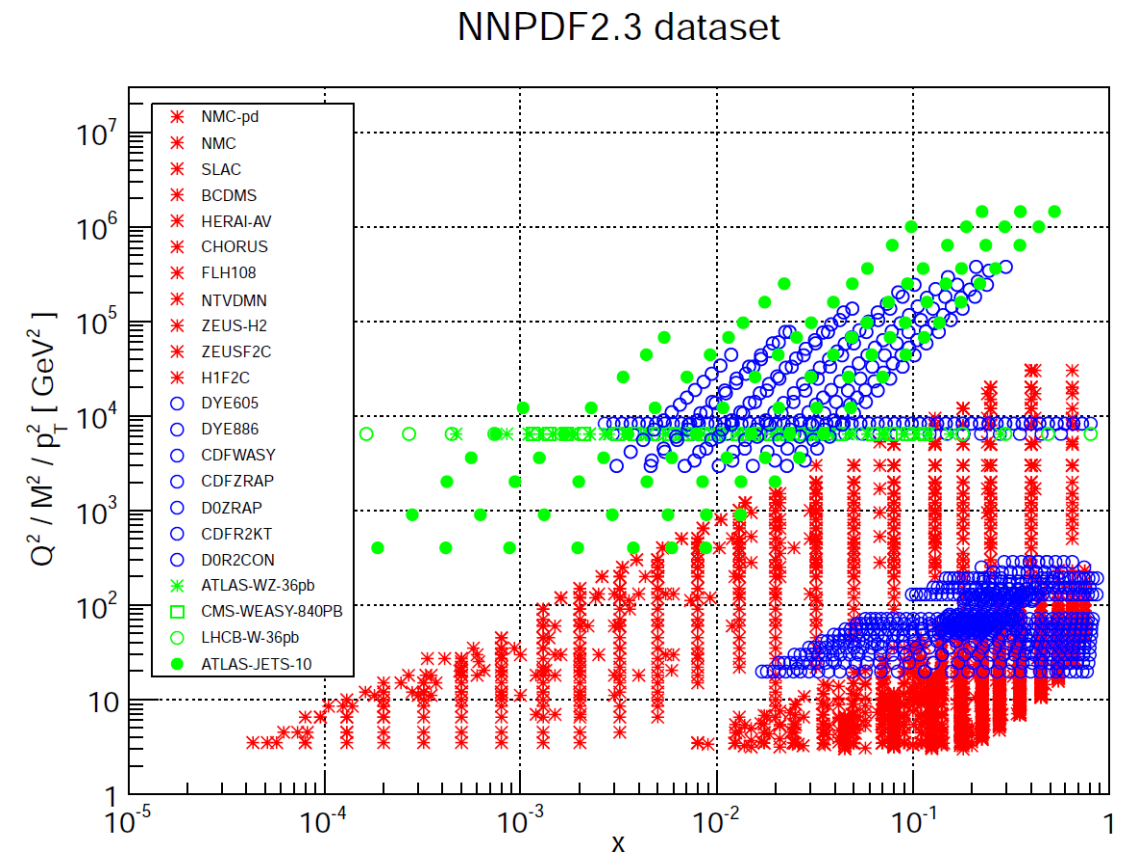
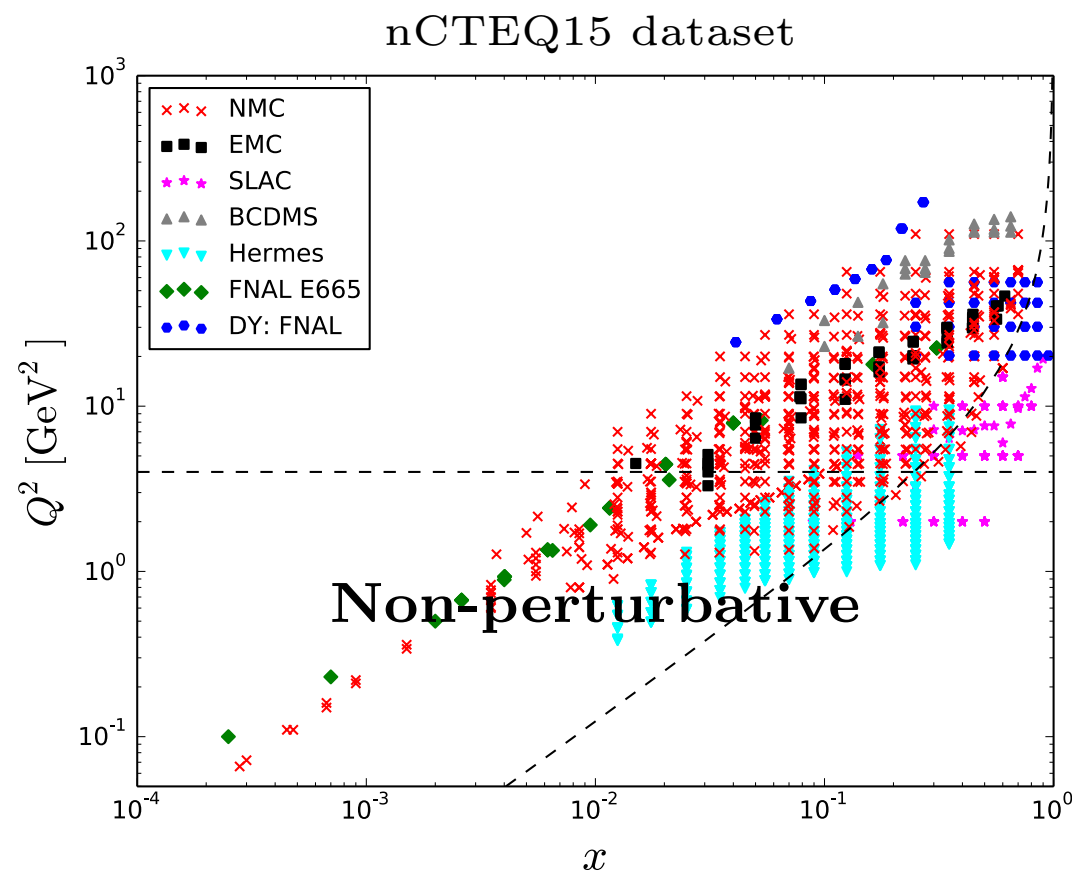
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- Less data constraints → more **assumptions** about input PDFs
- Assumptions “hide” uncertainties!

Need to include collider data

- Inclusive W/Z production
- Low mass Drell-Yan data
- Heavy quark(-onium) production
- Inclusive prompt photon production
- Inclusive prompt diphoton production
- Heavy quark associated production: $\gamma/Z/W+Q$
- Top production
- Di-jet production

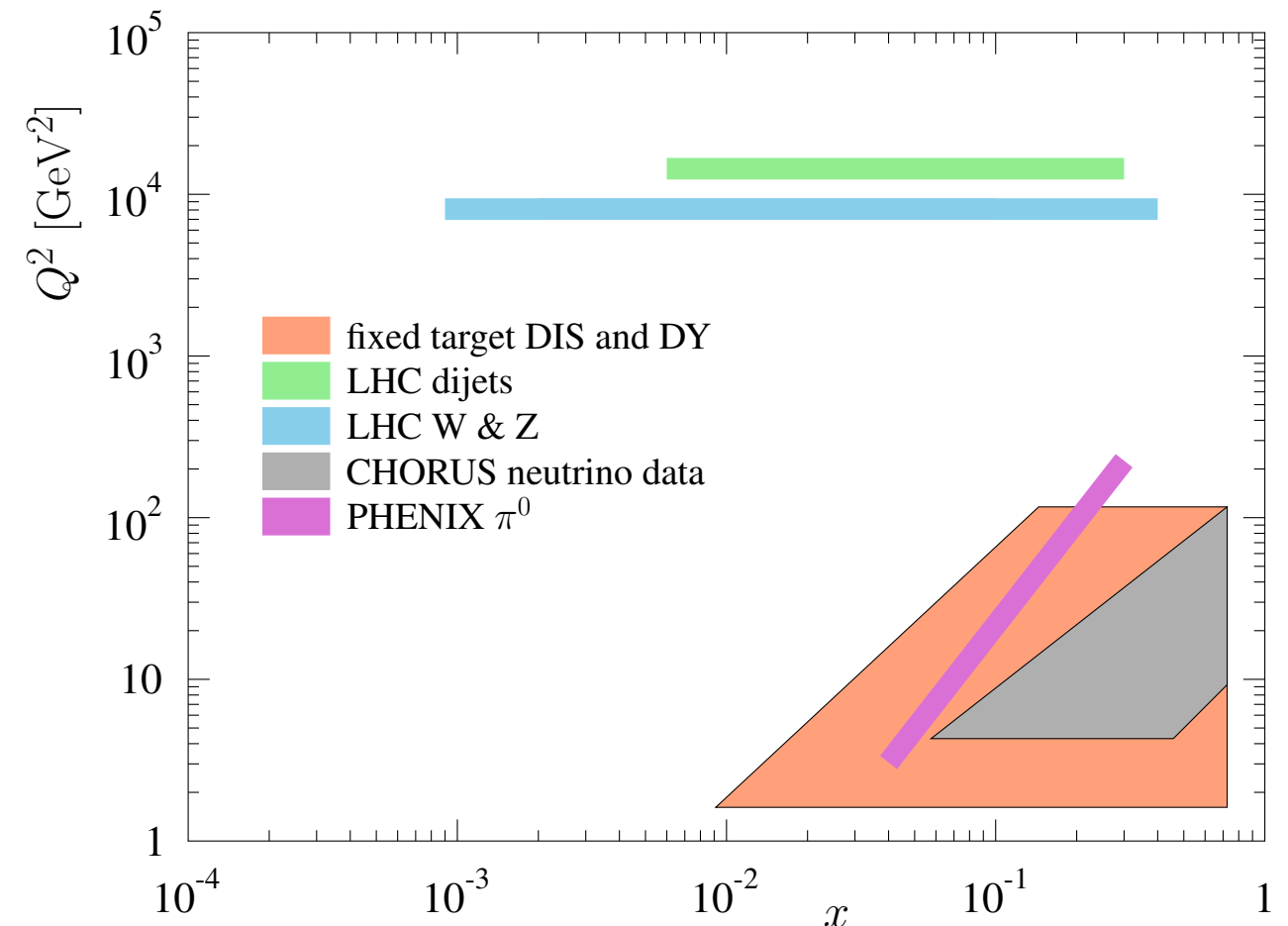


Fig. 2 The approximate regions in the (x, Q^2) plane at which different data in the EPPS16 fit probe the nuclear PDFs.

Parametrization

- Multiplicative nuclear correction factors

$$f_i^{p/A}(x_N, \mu_0) = R_i(x_N, \mu_0, A) f_i^{\text{free proton}}(x_N, \mu_0)$$

- **HKN**: Hirai, Kumano, Nagai

[PRC 76, 065207 (2007), [arXiv:0709.3038](#)]

- **EPS**: Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado

[JHEP 04 (2009) 065, [arXiv:0902.4154](#)]

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- Native nuclear PDFs

- nCTEQ [[PRD 93, 085037 \(2016\)](#), [arXiv:1509.00792](#)]

$$f_i^{p/A}(x_N, \mu_0) = f_i(x_N, A, \mu_0)$$

$$f_i(x_N, A = 1, \mu_0) \equiv f_i^{\text{free proton}}(x_N, \mu_0)$$

- Functional form of the **bound proton PDF** same as for the free proton (CTEQ6M, x restricted to $0 < x < 1$)

$$x f_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1-x)^{c_2} e^{c_3 x} (1 + e^{c_4 x})^{c_5}, \quad i = u_v, d_v, g, \dots$$

$$\bar{d}(x, Q_0)/\bar{u}(x, Q_0) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1-x)^{c_2} + (1 + c_3 x)(1-x)^{c_4}$$

- A**-dependent fit parameters (reduces to free proton for $A = 1$)

$$c_k \rightarrow c_k(\mathbf{A}) \equiv c_{k,0} + c_{k,1} (1 - \mathbf{A}^{-c_{k,2}}), \quad k = \{1, \dots, 5\}$$

- PDFs for nucleus (A, Z)

$$f_i^{(A,Z)}(x, Q) = \frac{Z}{A} f_i^{p/A}(x, Q) + \frac{A-Z}{A} f_i^{n/A}(x, Q)$$

(bound neutron PDF $f_i^{n/A}$ by isospin symmetry)

nCTEQ'15 NPDFs

nCTEQ'15 framework: Data sets

- NC DIS & DY

CERN BCDMS & EMC & NMC

$N = (\text{D, Al, Be, C, Ca, Cu, Fe, Li, Pb, Sn, W})$

FNAL E-665

$N = (\text{D, C, Ca, Pb, Xe})$

DESY Hermes

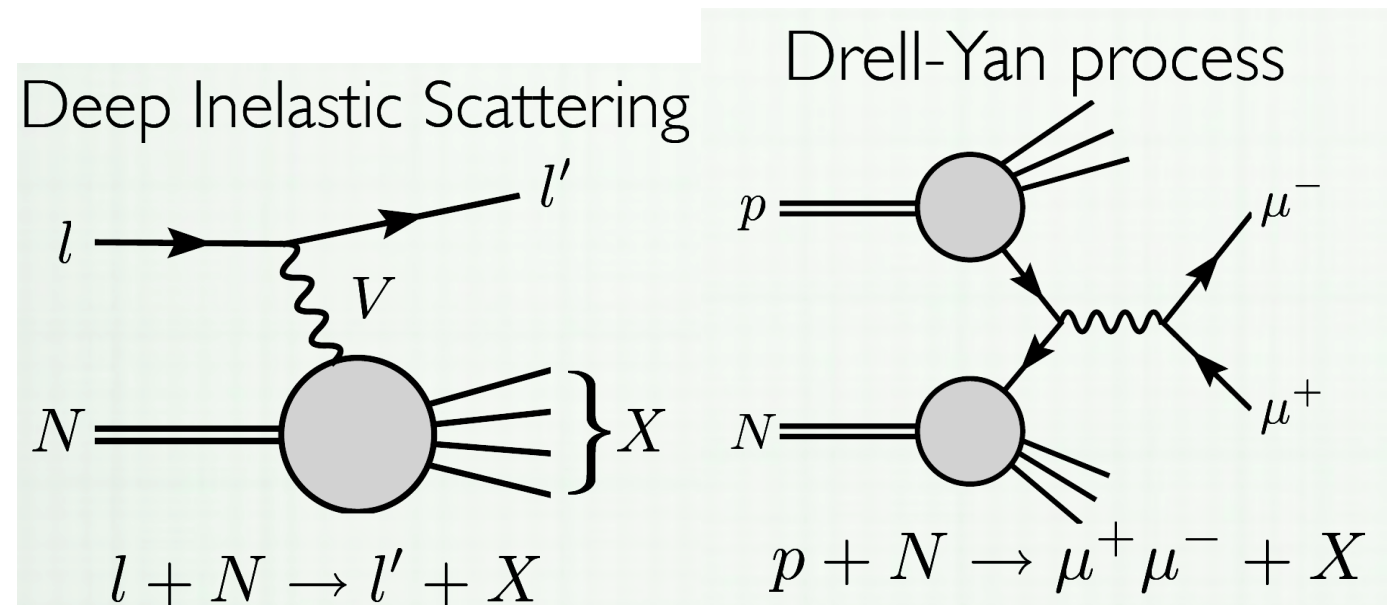
$N = (\text{D, He, N, Kr})$

SLAC E-139 & E-049

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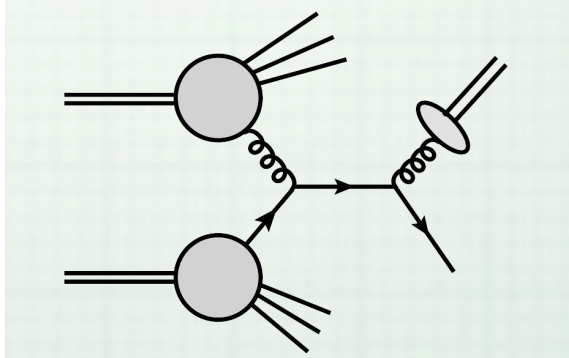
FNAL E-772 & E-886

$N = (\text{D, C, Ca, Fe, W})$



- Single pion production (new)

Single pion production

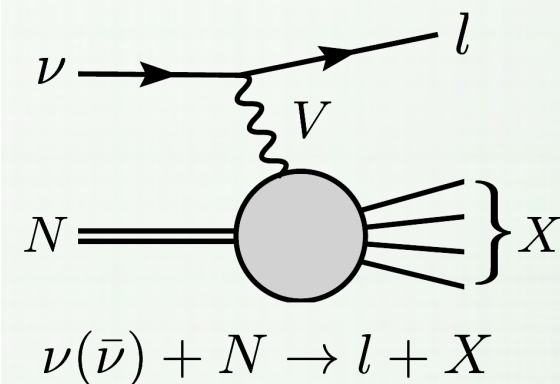


RHIC - PHENIX & STAR

$N = \text{Au}$

- Neutrino (to be included later)

Deep Inelastic Scattering



CHORUS CCFR & NuTeV

$N = \text{Pb } N = \text{Fe}$

Fit properties:

- fit @NLO
- $Q_0 = 1.3\text{GeV}$
- using ACOT heavy quark scheme
- kinematic cuts:
 $Q > 2\text{GeV}$, $W > 3.5\text{GeV}$
 $p_T > 1.7\text{ GeV}$
- 708 (DIS & DY) + 32 (single π^0)
 = 740 data points after cuts
- 16+2 free parameters
 - 7 gluon
 - 7 valence
 - 2 sea
 - 2 pion data normalizations
- $\chi^2 = 587$, giving $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.81$

Error analysis:

- use Hessian method

$$\chi^2 = \chi_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} H_{ij} (a_i - a_i^0) (a_j - a_j^0)$$

$$H_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial a_i \partial a_j}$$

- tolerance $\Delta\chi^2 = 35$ (every nuclear target within 90% C.L.)
- eigenvalues span 10 orders of magnitude \rightarrow require numerical precision
- use noise reducing derivatives

Kinematic cuts

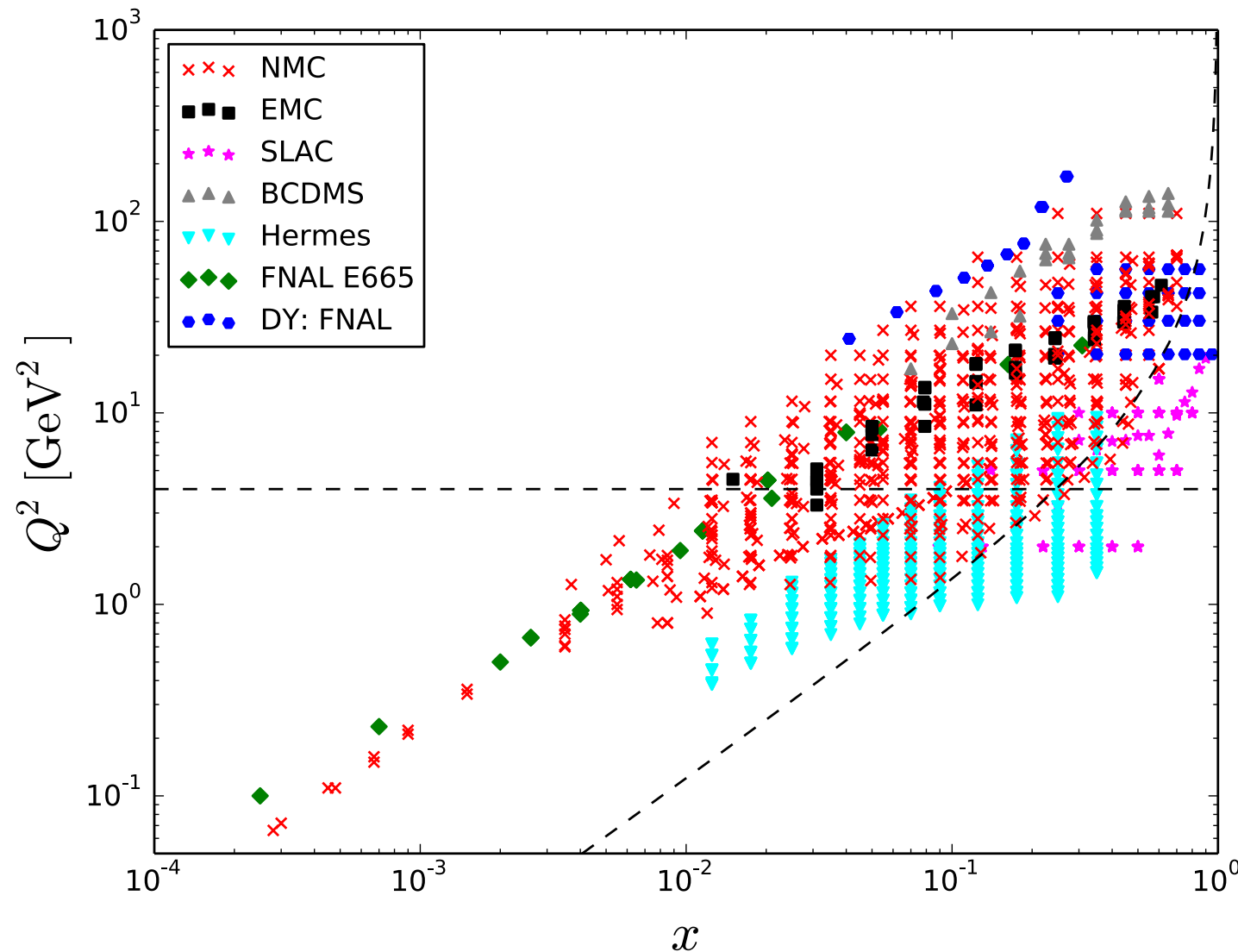
nCTEQ:

$$\begin{cases} Q > 2 \text{ GeV} \\ W > 3.5 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$$

EPS: $Q > 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

HKN: $Q > 1 \text{ GeV}$

DSSZ: $Q > 1 \text{ GeV}$



$\Delta\chi^2 = 35$ (every
arget within 90% C.L.)

es span 10 orders of
le \rightarrow require numerical

nCTEQ: 740 data points
reducing derivatives
EPS09: 929 data points

Fit properties:

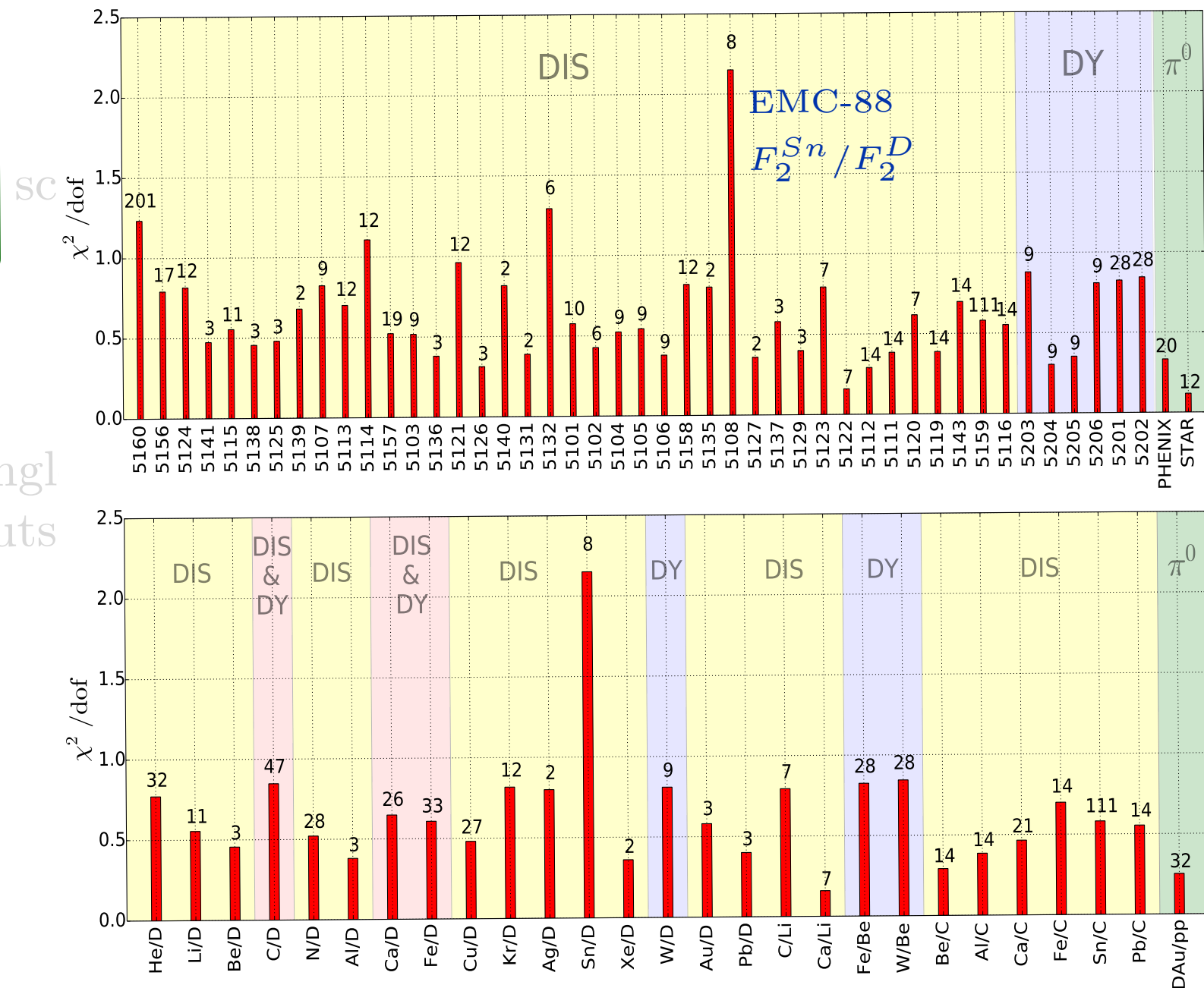
Error analysis:

Fit quality

- $\chi^2/dof = 0.81$

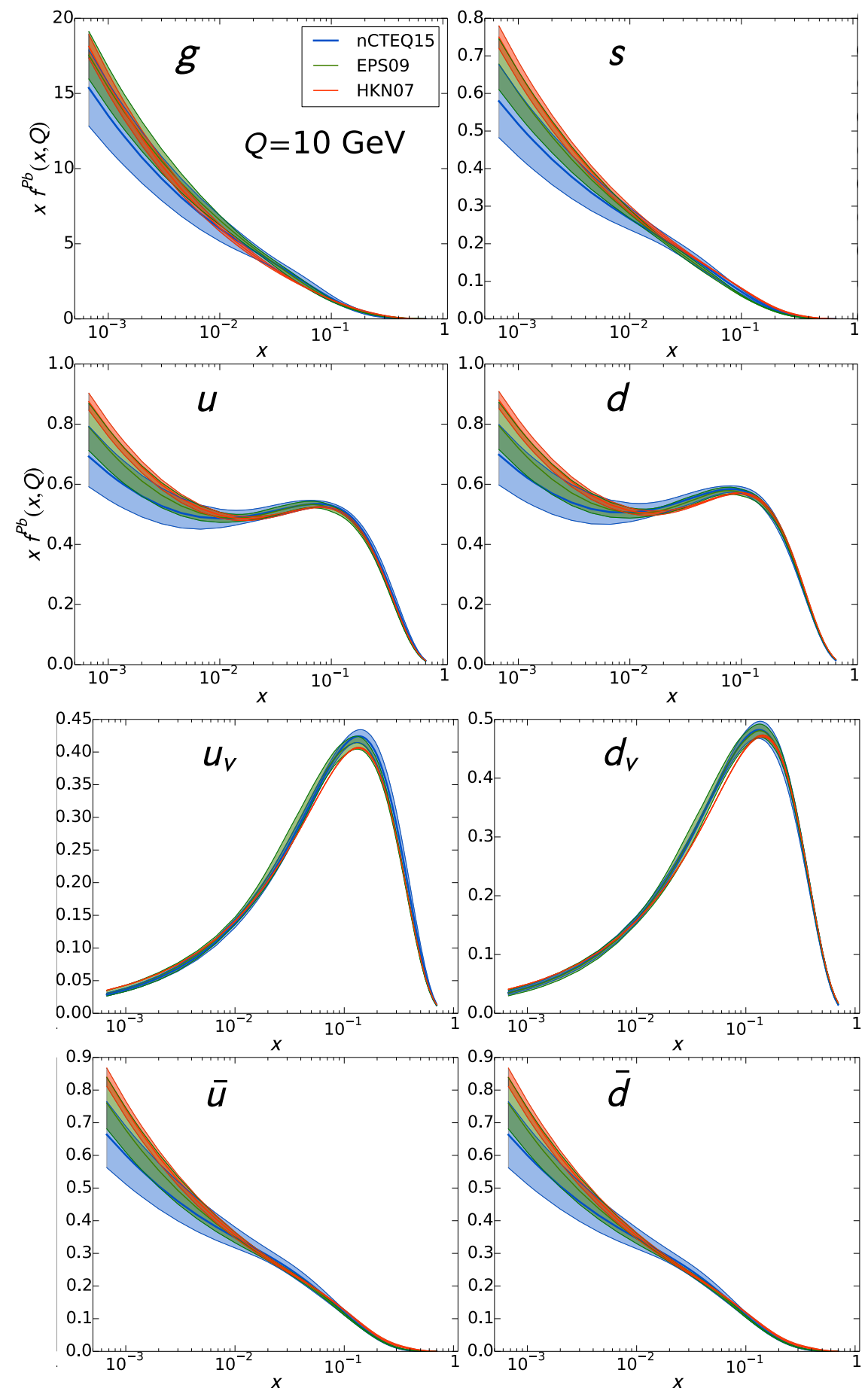
$Q > 2\text{GeV}, W > 3.5\text{GeV}$
 $p_T > 1.7\text{ GeV}$

- 708 (DIS & DY) + 32 (singl
= 740 data points after cuts
- 16+2 free parameters
 - 7 gluon
 - 7 valence
 - 2 sea
 - 2 pion data normalizations
- $\chi^2 = 587$, giving $\chi^2/dof = 0.81$



nCTEQ results

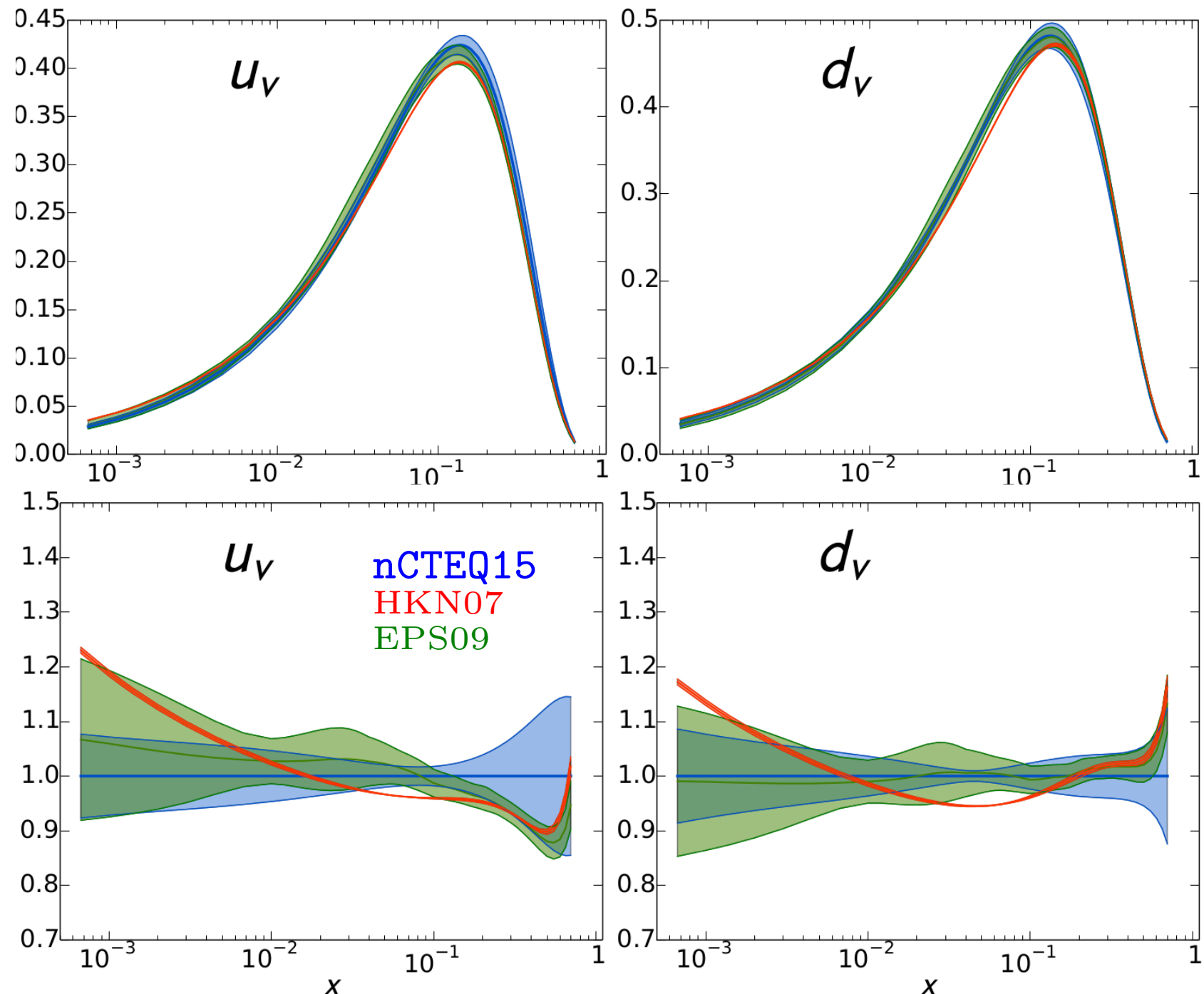
- First global analysis with Hessian error PDFs:
[PRD93(2016)085037]
- Figure: PDFs inside lead at $Q=10\text{ GeV}$ vs x
- nCTEQ features larger uncertainties than previous nPDFs
- better agreement between different groups



Valence distributions

Full lead nucleus distribution:

$$f^{Pb} = \frac{82}{208} f^{p/Pb} + \frac{208 - 82}{208} f^{n/Pb}$$



EPPS'16 NPDFs

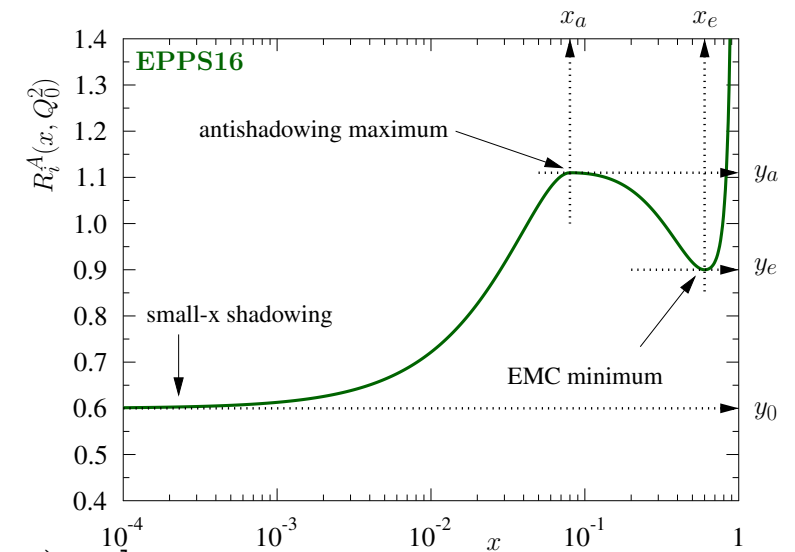
EPPS'16 framework

- NLO PDFs with errors (Hessian method, $\Delta\chi^2 = 52$)
- Parametrization ($x_N < 1$, $Q_0 = 1.3$ GeV, $i = u_v, d_v, \bar{u}, \bar{d}, s, g$)

$$f_i^{p/A}(x_N, \mu_0) = R_i(x_N, \mu_0, A, Z) f_i(x_N, \mu_0),$$

$$R_i(x, A, Z) = \begin{cases} a_0 + (a_1 + a_2 x)(e^{-x} - e^{-x_a}) & x \leq x_a \\ b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 & x_a \leq x \leq x_e \\ c_0 + (c_1 - c_2 x)(1 - x)^{-\beta} & x_e \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

A-dependence of fit parameters: $y_i(A) = y_i(A_{\text{ref}}) \left(\frac{A}{A_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\gamma_i [y_i(A_{\text{ref}}) - 1]}$



- CT14NLO free proton baseline, D (A=2) taken as free
- Data: IA DIS, DY, nu-A DIS, π^0 @RHIC, LHC:dijets, W/Z

EPPS'16 framework: Data

- DIS cut: $Q > 1.3 \text{ GeV}$
- No cut on W
- Underlying assumption:
structure function ratios less
sensitive to higher twist and TMC

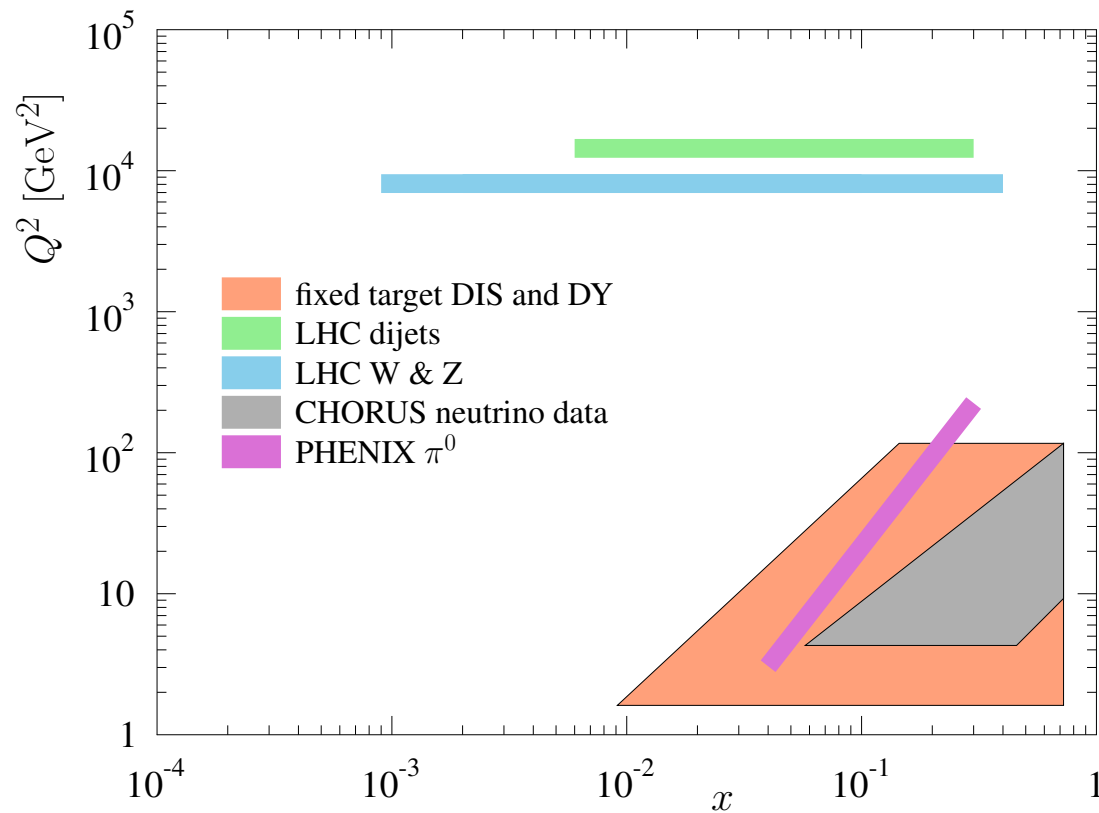


Fig. 2 The approximate regions in the (x, Q^2) plane at which different data in the EPPS16 fit probe the nuclear PDFs.

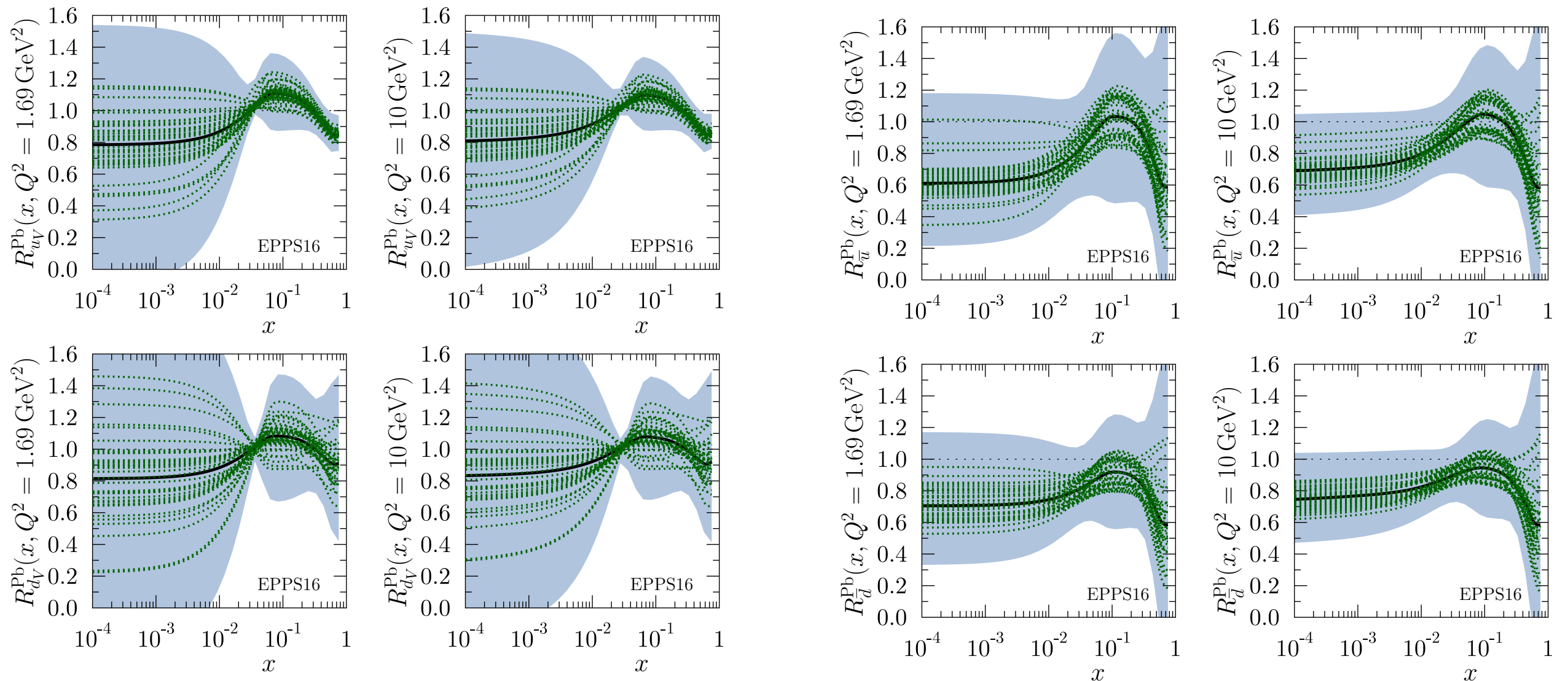
Experiment	Observable	Collisions	Data points	χ^2
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{He}(4), e^- \text{D}$	21	12.2
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{He}(4), \mu^- \text{D}$	16	18.0
CERN NMC 95	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Li}(6), \mu^- \text{D}$	15	18.4
CERN NMC 95, Q^2 dep.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Li}(6), \mu^- \text{D}$	153	161.2
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Be}(9), e^- \text{D}$	20	12.9
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Be}(9), \mu^- \text{C}$	15	4.4
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{C}(12), e^- \text{D}$	7	6.4
CERN NMC 95	DIS	$\mu^- \text{C}(12), \mu^- \text{D}$	15	9.0
CERN NMC 95, Q^2 dep.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{C}(12), \mu^- \text{D}$	165	133.6
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{C}(12), \mu^- \text{D}$	16	16.7
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{C}(12), \mu^- \text{Li}(6)$	20	27.9
FNAL E772	DY	$p\text{C}(12), p\text{D}$	9	11.3
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Al}(27), e^- \text{D}$	20	13.7
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Al}(27), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	15	5.6
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Ca}(40), e^- \text{D}$	7	4.8
FNAL E772	DY	$p\text{Ca}(40), p\text{D}$	9	3.33
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Ca}(40), \mu^- \text{D}$	15	27.6
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Ca}(40), \mu^- \text{Li}(6)$	20	19.5
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Ca}(40), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	15	6.4
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Fe}(56), e^- \text{D}$	26	22.6
FNAL E772	DY	$e^- \text{Fe}(56), e^- \text{D}$	9	3.0
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Fe}(56), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	15	10.8
FNAL E866	DY	$p\text{Fe}(56), p\text{Be}(9)$	28	20.1
CERN EMC	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Cu}(64), \mu^- \text{D}$	19	15.4
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Ag}(108), e^- \text{D}$	7	8.0
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Sn}(117), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	15	12.5
CERN NMC 96, Q^2 dep.	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Sn}(117), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	144	87.6
FNAL E772	DY	$p\text{W}(184), p\text{D}$	9	7.2
FNAL E866	DY	$p\text{W}(184), p\text{Be}(9)$	28	26.1
CERN NA10★	DY	$\pi^- \text{W}(184), \pi^- \text{D}$	10	11.6
FNAL E615★	DY	$\pi^+ \text{W}(184), \pi^- \text{W}(184)$	11	10.2
CERN NA3★	DY	$\pi^- \text{Pt}(195), \pi^- \text{H}$	7	4.6
SLAC E139	DIS	$e^- \text{Au}(197), e^- \text{D}$	21	8.4
RHIC PHENIX	π^0	$d\text{Au}(197), pp$	20	6.9
CERN NMC 96	DIS	$\mu^- \text{Pb}(207), \mu^- \text{C}(12)$	15	4.1
CERN CMS★	W^\pm	$p\text{Pb}(208)$	10	8.8
CERN CMS★	Z	$p\text{Pb}(208)$	6	5.8
CERN ATLAS★	Z	$p\text{Pb}(208)$	7	9.6
CERN CMS★	dijet	$p\text{Pb}(208)$	7	5.5
CERN CHORUS★	DIS	$\nu\text{Pb}(208), \bar{\nu}\text{Pb}(208)$	824	998.6
Total			1811	1789

EPPS'16 framework: Results

Table 3 List of parameters defining the central set of EPPS16 at the initial scale $Q_0^2 = 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2$. The numbers in bold indicate the 20 parameters that were free in the fit.

Parameter	u_V	d_V	\bar{u}
$y_0(A_{\text{ref}})$	sum rule	sum rule	0.844
γ_{y_0}	sum rule	sum rule	0.731
x_a	0.0717	as u_V	0.104
x_e	0.693	as u_V	as u_V
$y_a(A_{\text{ref}})$	1.06	1.05	1.03
γ_{y_a}	0.278	as u_V	0, fixed
$y_e(A_{\text{ref}})$	0.908	0.943	0.725
γ_{y_e}	0.288	as u_V	as u_V
β	1.3, fixed	1.3, fixed	1.3, fixed
Parameter	\bar{d}	s	g
$y_0(A_{\text{ref}})$	0.889	0.723	sum rule
γ_{y_0}	as \bar{u}	as \bar{u}	sum rule
x_a	as \bar{u}	as \bar{u}	0.0820
x_e	as u_V	as u_V	as u_V
$y_a(A_{\text{ref}})$	0.919	1.24	1.12
γ_{y_a}	0, fixed	0, fixed	as u_V
$y_e(A_{\text{ref}})$	as \bar{u}	as \bar{u}	0.874
γ_{y_e}	as u_V	as u_V	as u_V
β	1.3, fixed	1.3, fixed	1.3, fixed

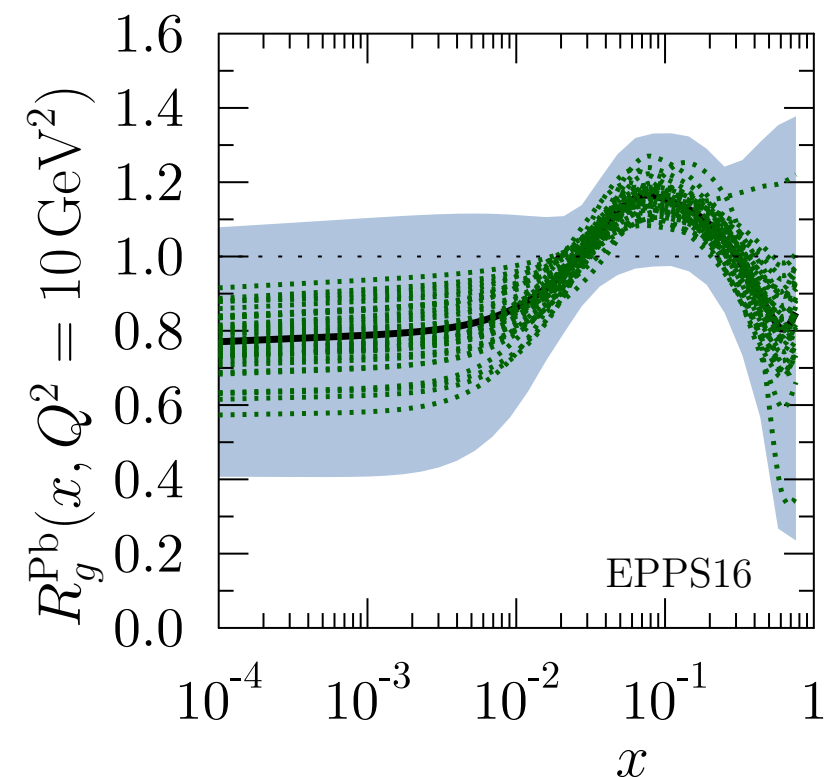
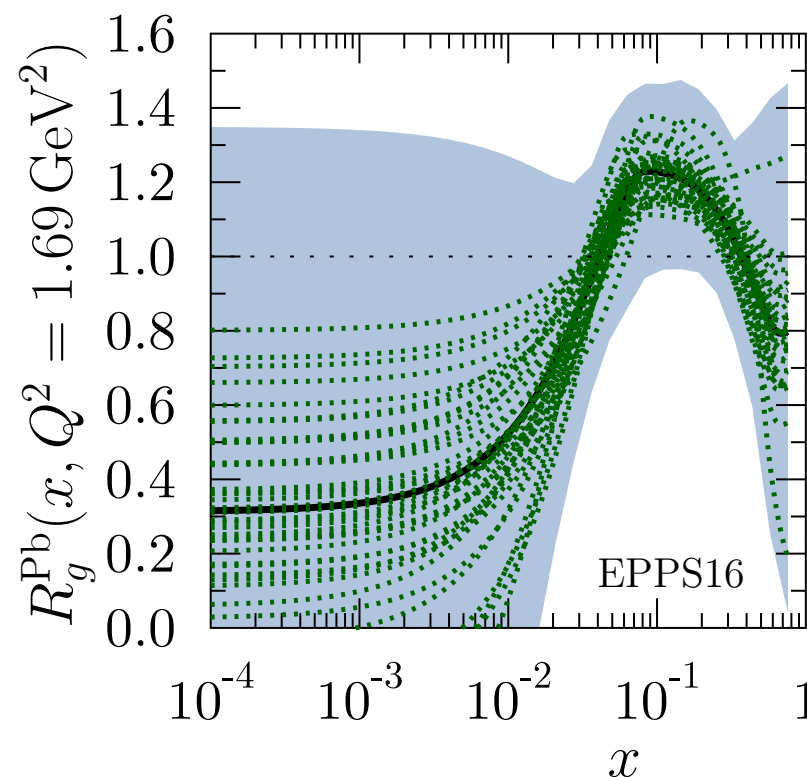
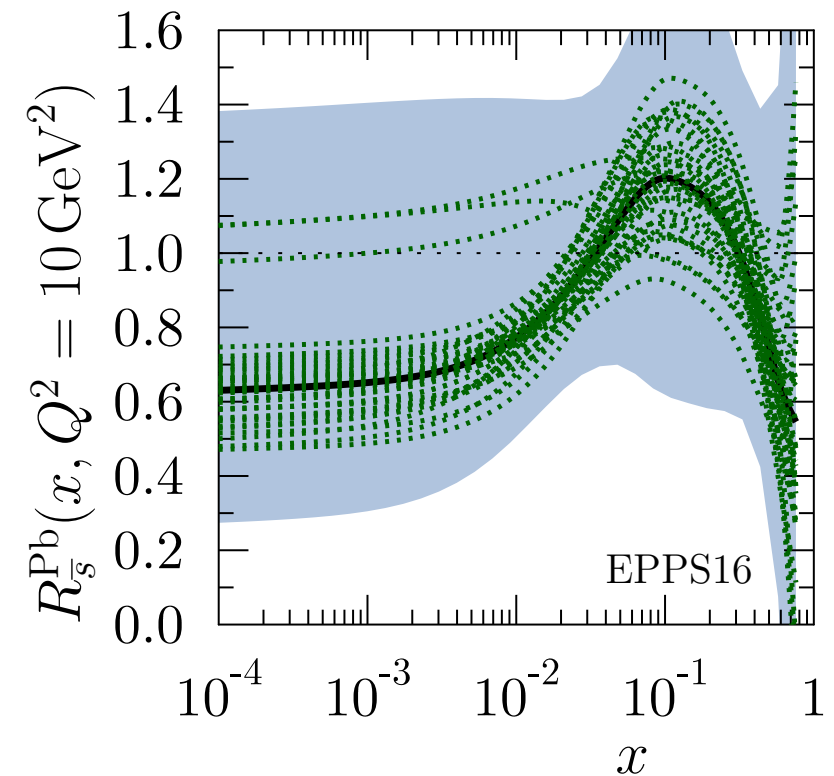
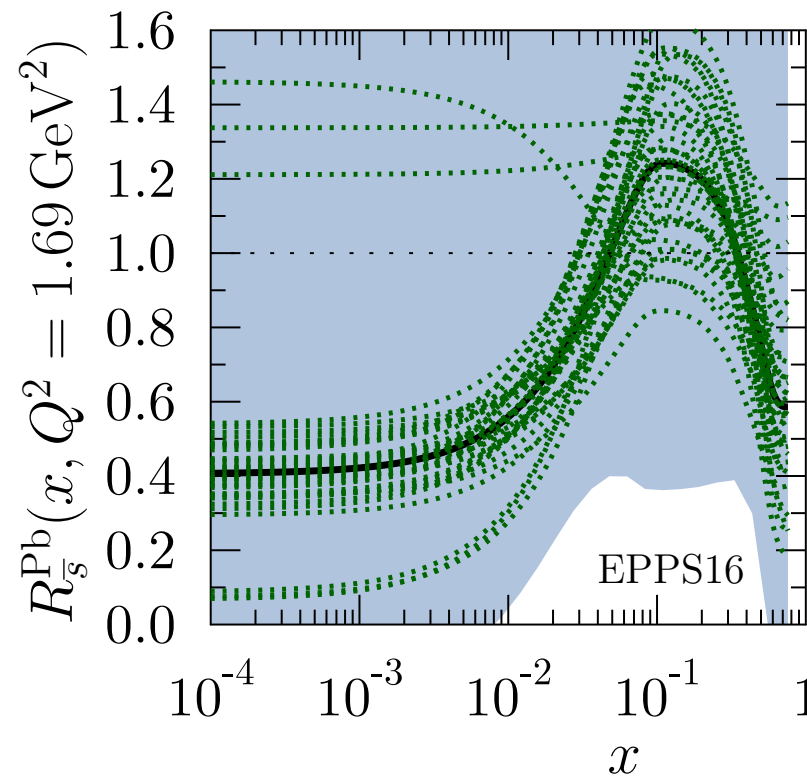
EPPS'16 framework: Results



- Considerably larger uncertainties than EPS'09 despite more data (more flexible param., larger tolerance). Main impact from CHORUS and CMS dijet data.
- No notable tensions with previous data sets. **Supports validity of theoretical framework!**
- Still some parametrization bias (shape of PDFs), still quite a number of assumptions on parametrization
- Some aggressive choices (low DIS cuts, π -A DY data, RHIC π^0 data)

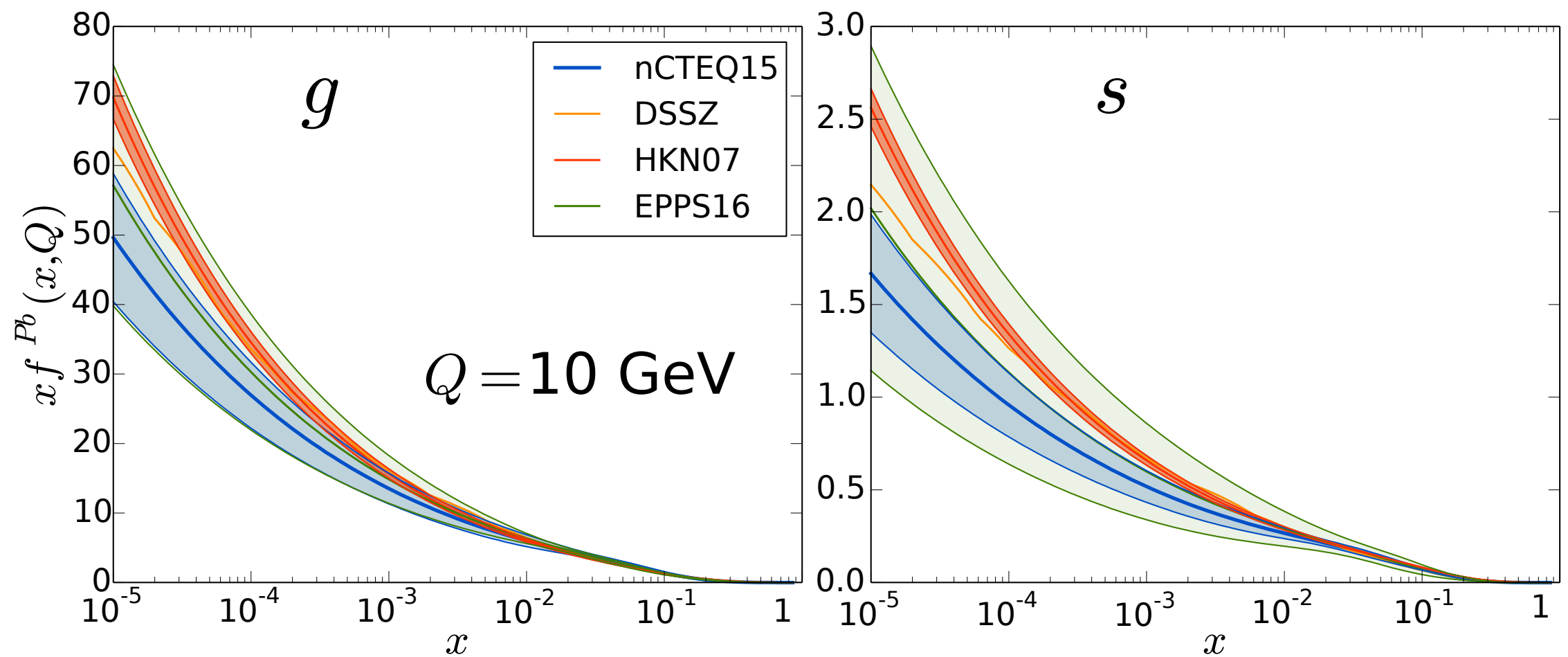
EPPS'16 framework: Results

- Large uncertainties for nuclear gluon distribution
- Nuclear strange PDF poorly constrained
- Clearly more LHC pPb data required
 - from LHC5
 - from LHC8 (much higher statistics)

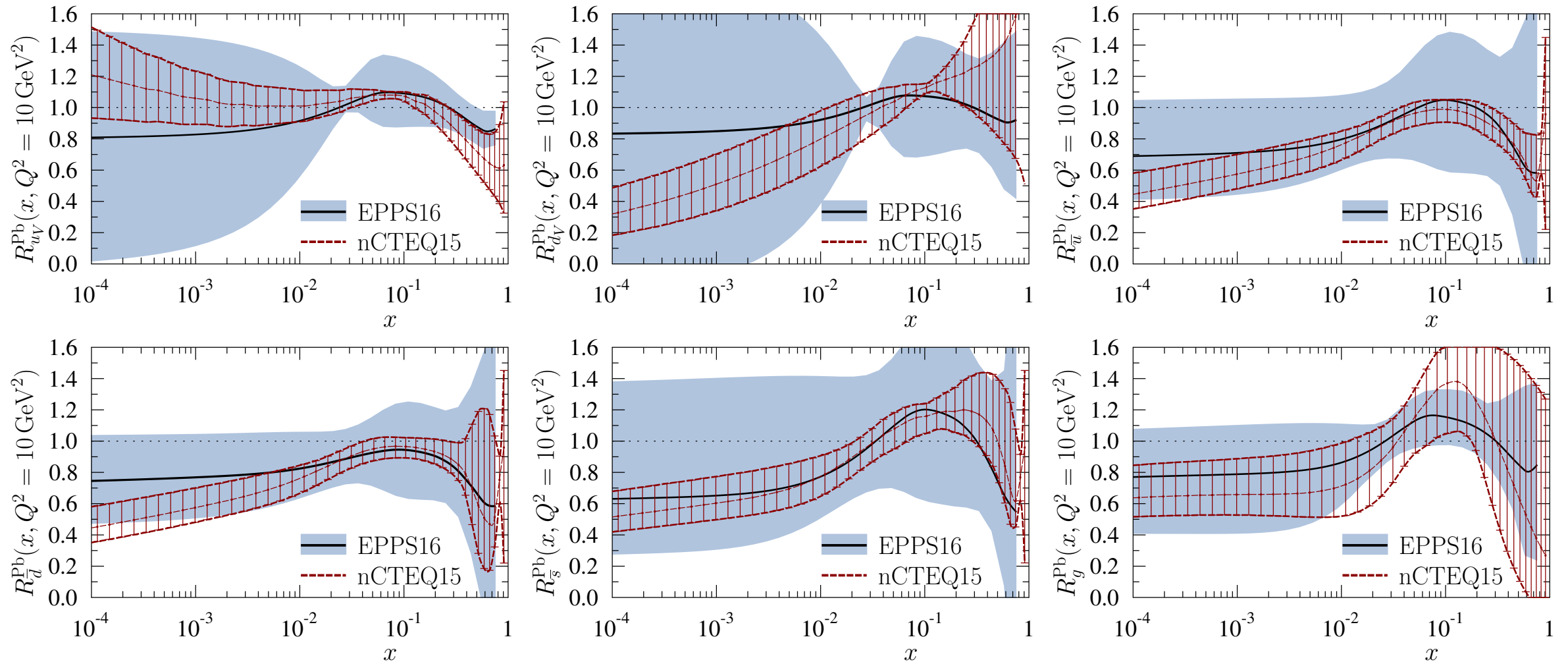


EPPS'16 vs nCTEQ'15

Gluon and Strange distributions

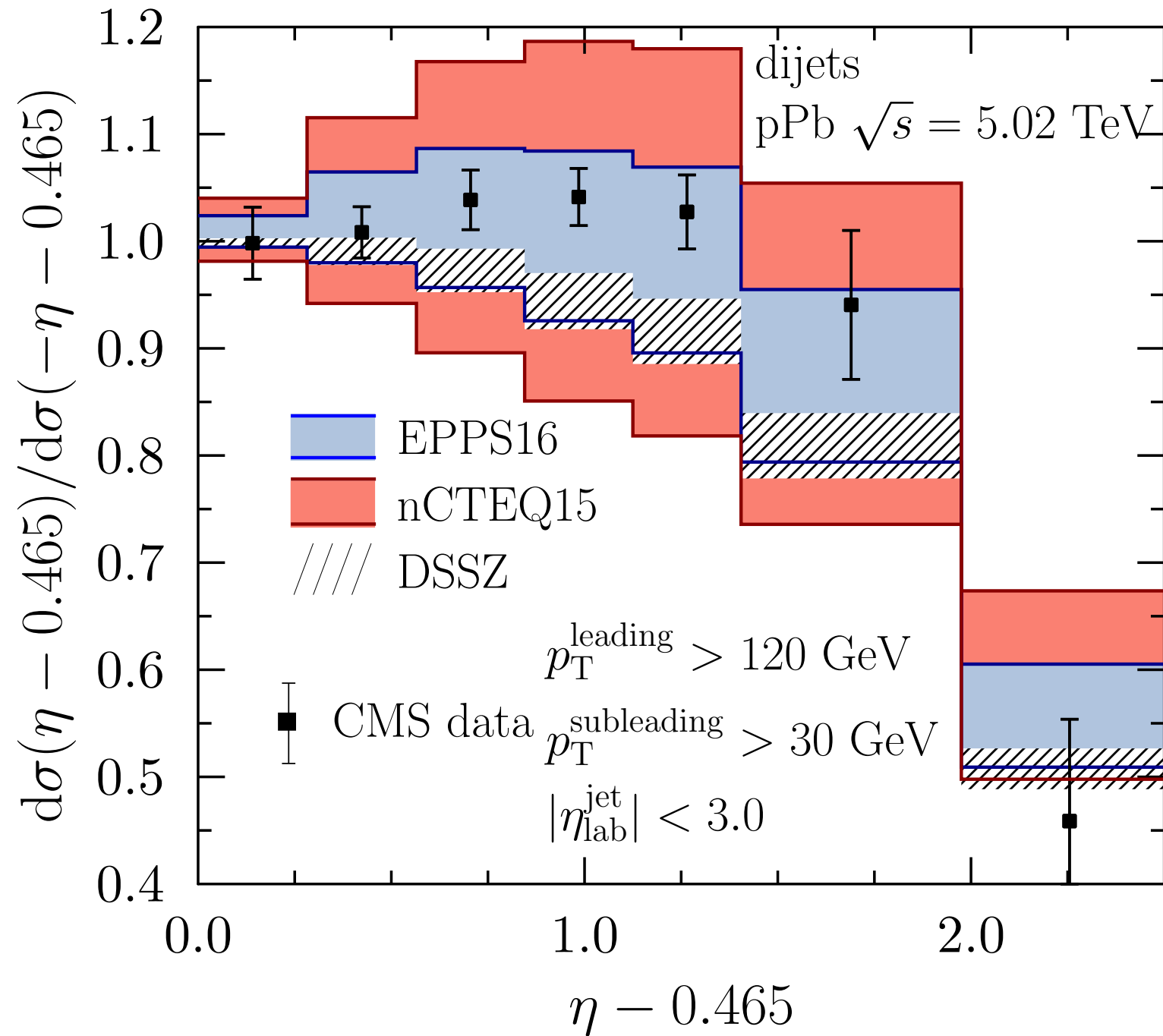


EPPS'16 vs nCTEQ'15 @ $Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Generally good agreement for $x > 0.01$ (nCTEQ has no data constraints for $x < 0.01$)
 $\Delta\chi^2 = 35$ (nCTEQ'15), $\Delta\chi^2 = 52$ (EPPS'16)
- Valence bands at large- x partly differ (valence at small- $x < 10^{-2}$ irrelevant);
influence from CHORUS data?
- EPPS'16 bands for light sea more realistic; nCTEQ'15 has fewer fit parameters for sea
- Still quite some parametrization bias even for EPPS'16

Comparison with dijet data



- nCTEQ'15 in agreement with CMS data; including CMS dijet data in global analysis will help
- DSSZ gluon needs to be revised since not enough shadowed **OR** energy loss effects need to be included?

Perspectives with lighter ions

A-dependence of the partonic structure

Periodic Table of the Elements

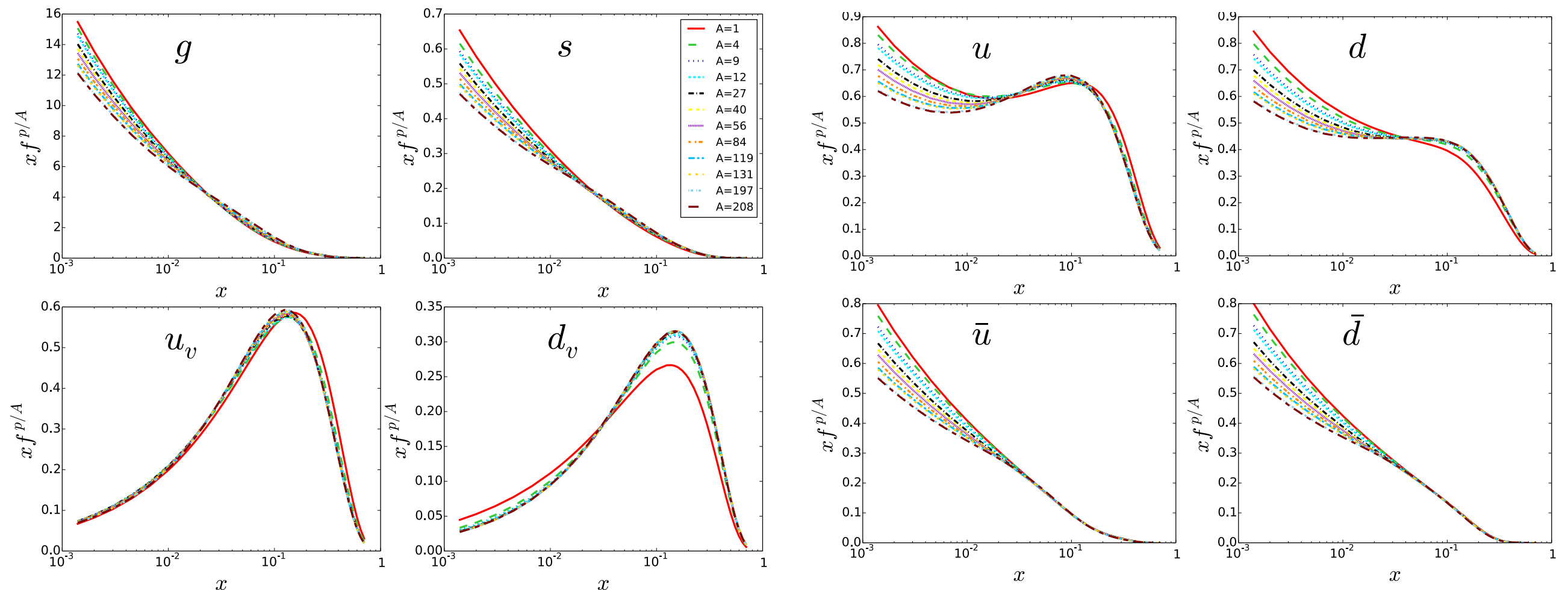
Nuclei with DIS data included in nCTEQ15 (Fig. by E. Godat)

- Fundamental quest
- New data from LHC, AFTER@LHC, EIC will allow a refined parametrization; zoom in on high- x region
- Ultimately, fits to lead only (or other targets); no need to combine different A in one analysis

nCTEQ15, arXiv:1509.00792

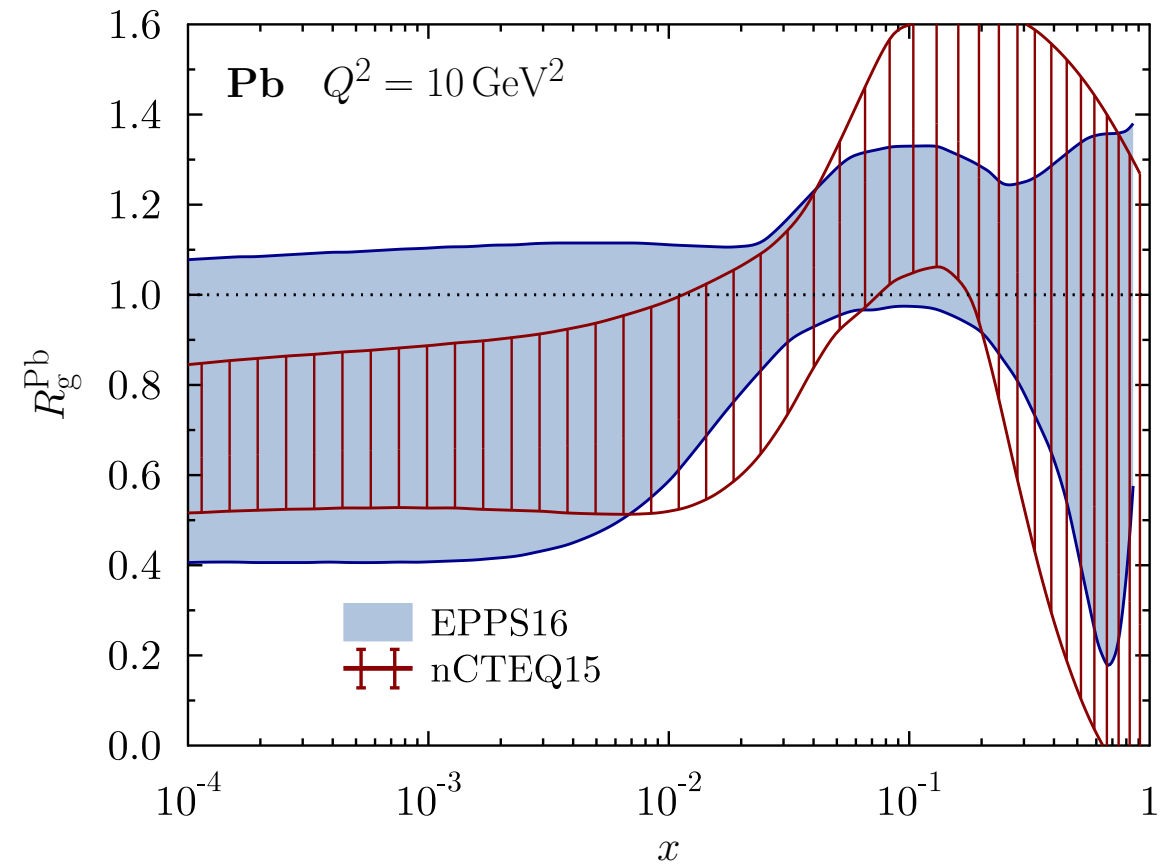
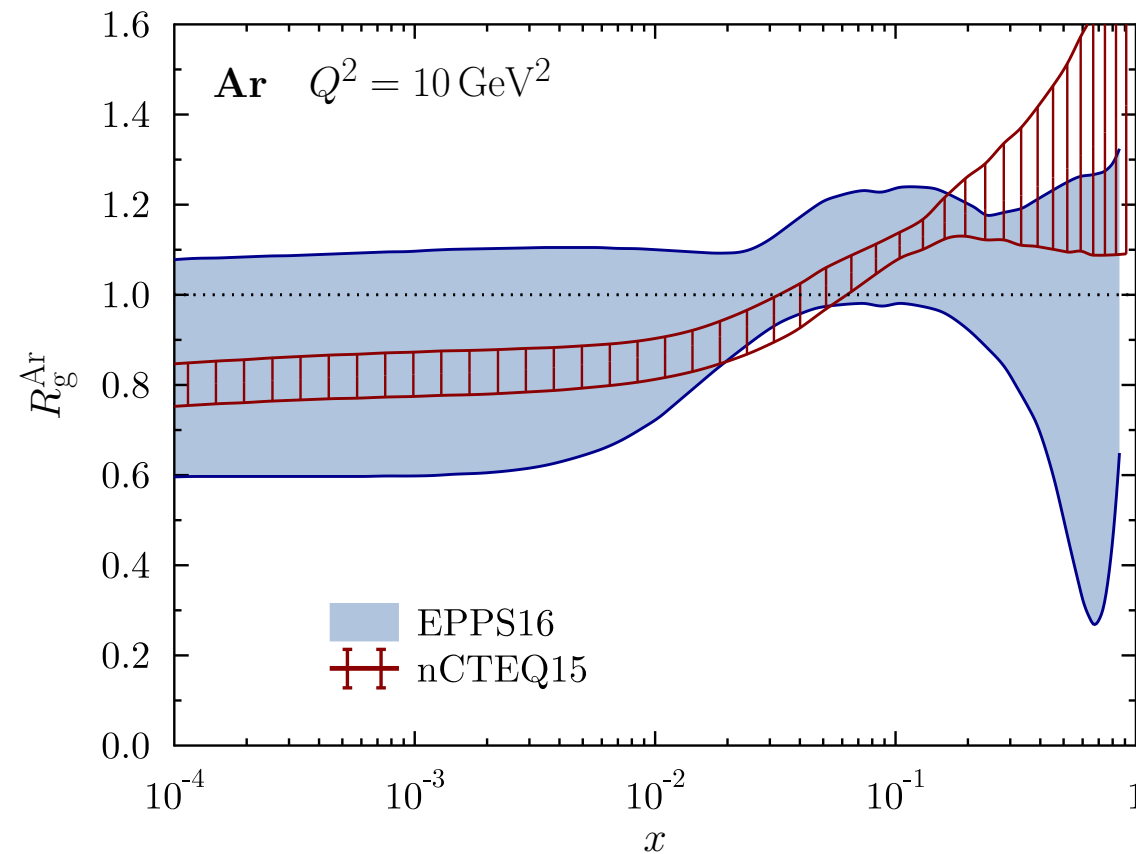
$$xf_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0) = x^{c_1} (1-x)^{c_2} e^{c_3 x} (1 + e^{c_4 x})^{c_5}$$

$$c_k(A) = c_{k,0} + c_{k,1} (1 - A^{-c_{k,2}})$$



Gluon distribution for Argon and Lead

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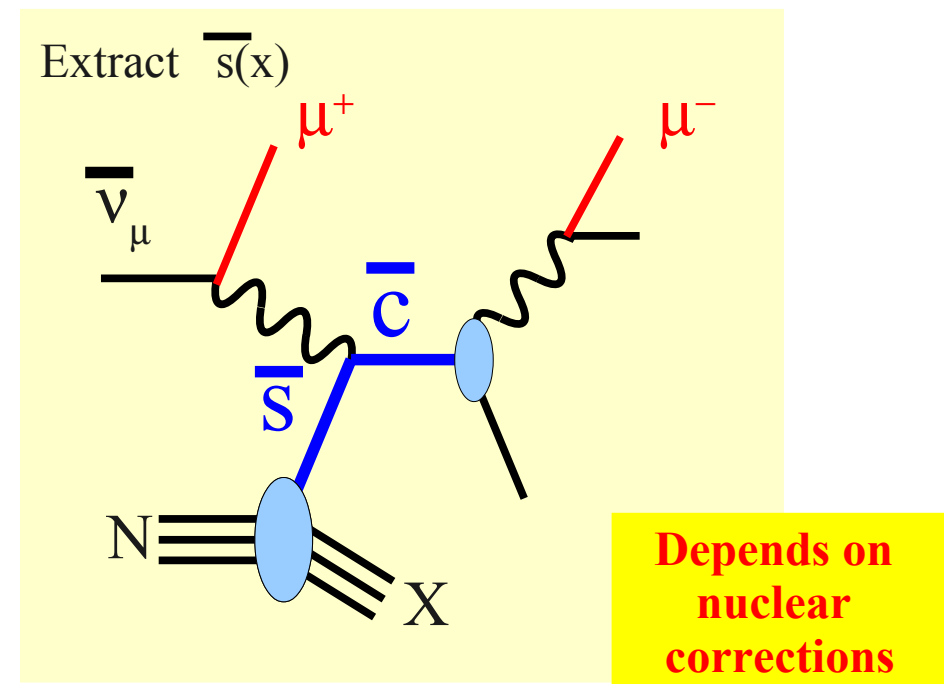
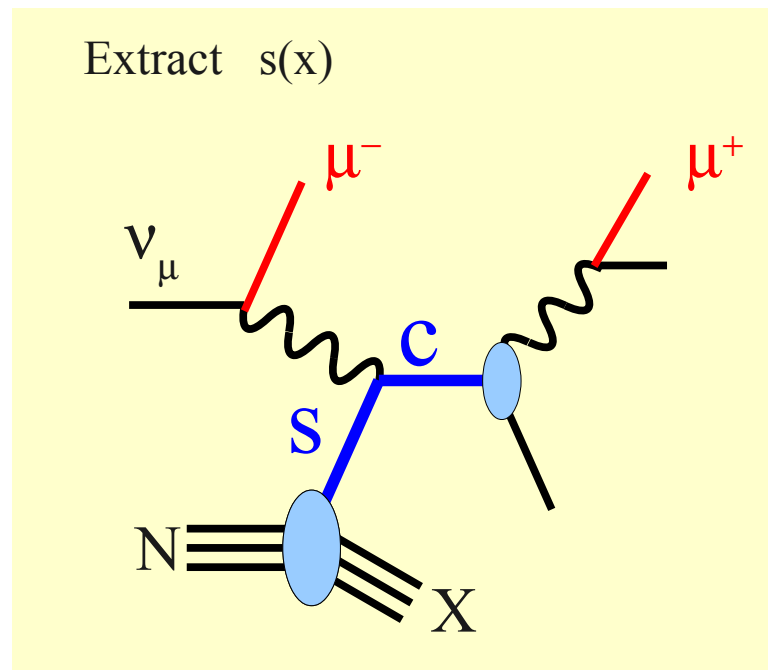
- Due to scarcity of nuclear data a PDF fit for a single nucleus not yet possible (except maybe lead)
- Important parametrization bias, in particular concerning the A-dependence
- Data on lighter nuclei may help to constrain such parametrisations

Vector boson production and the strange PDF

see [arXiv:1203.1290](#) for a discussion of
experimental constraints on the strange
PDF

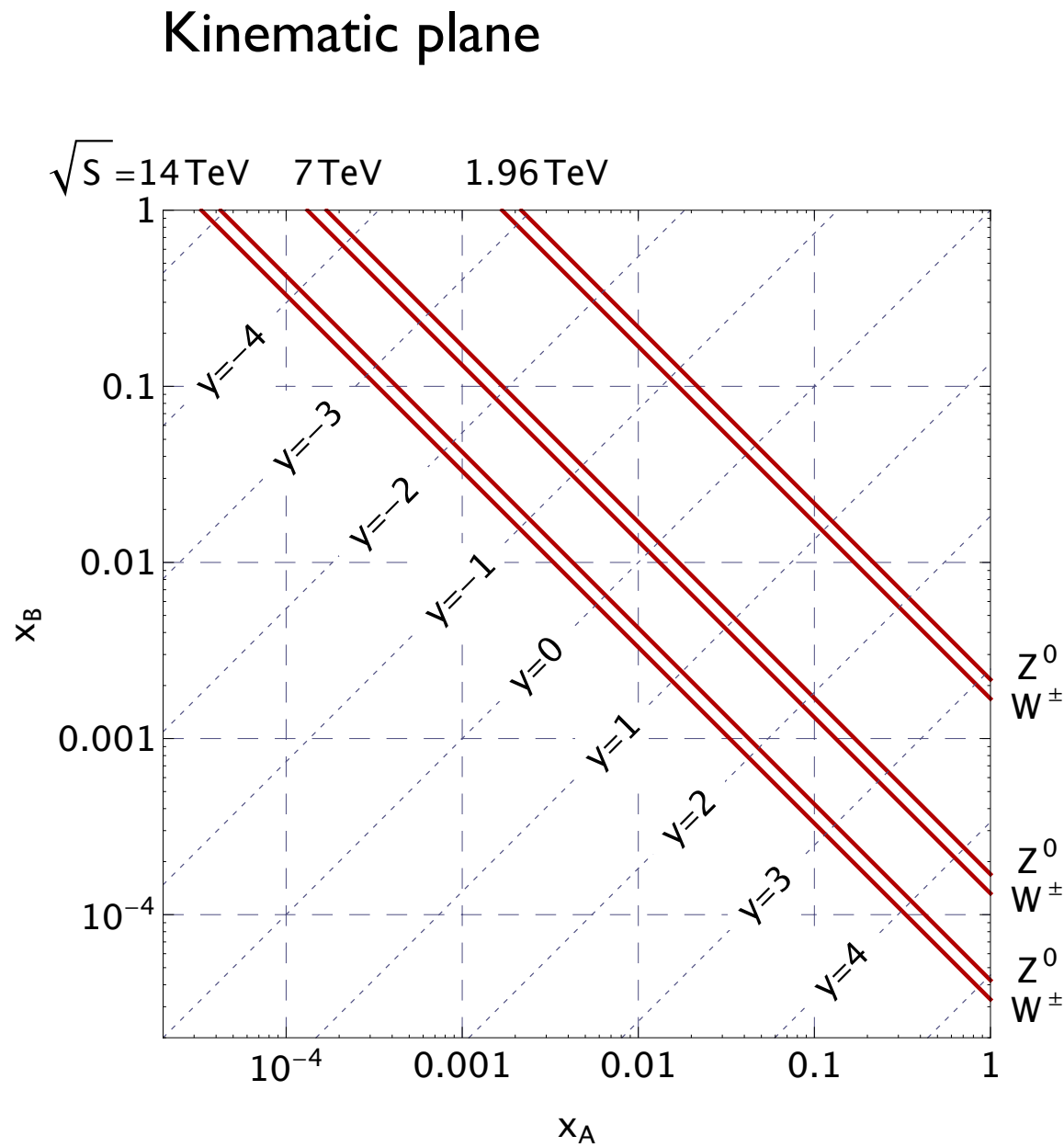
Strange PDF: experimental constraints

Opposite sign dimuon production in neutrino DIS: $\nu N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$

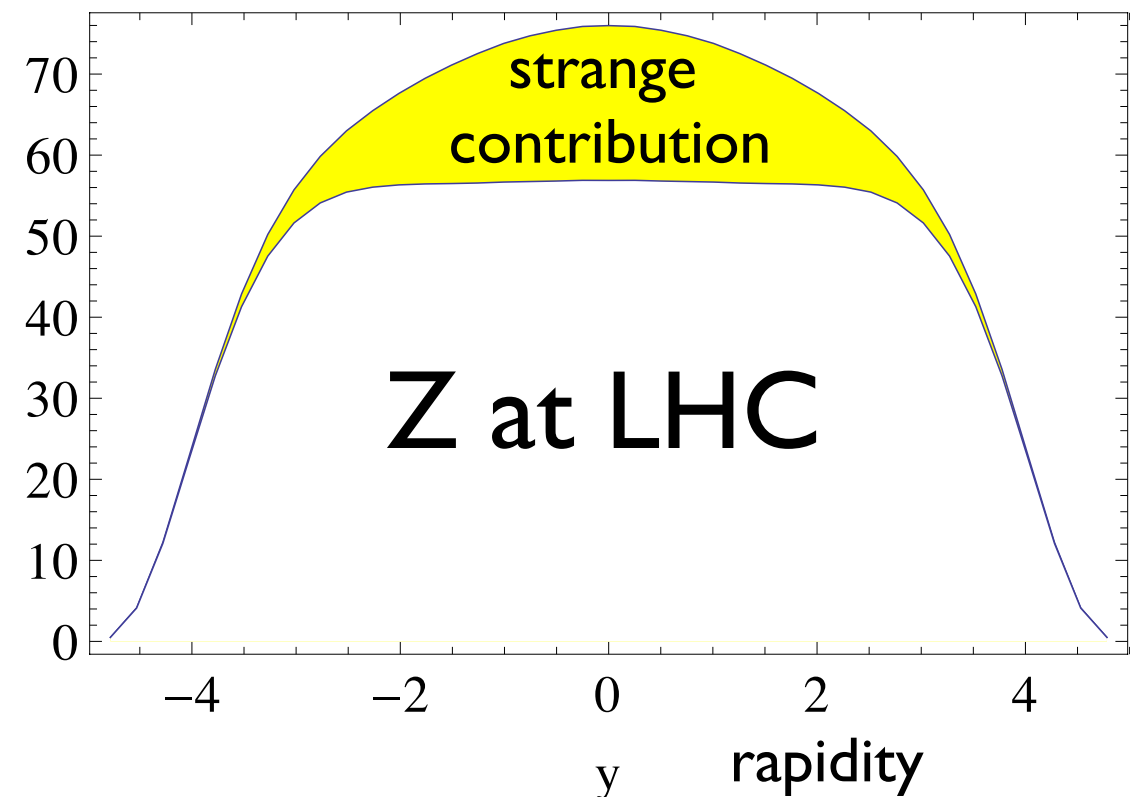
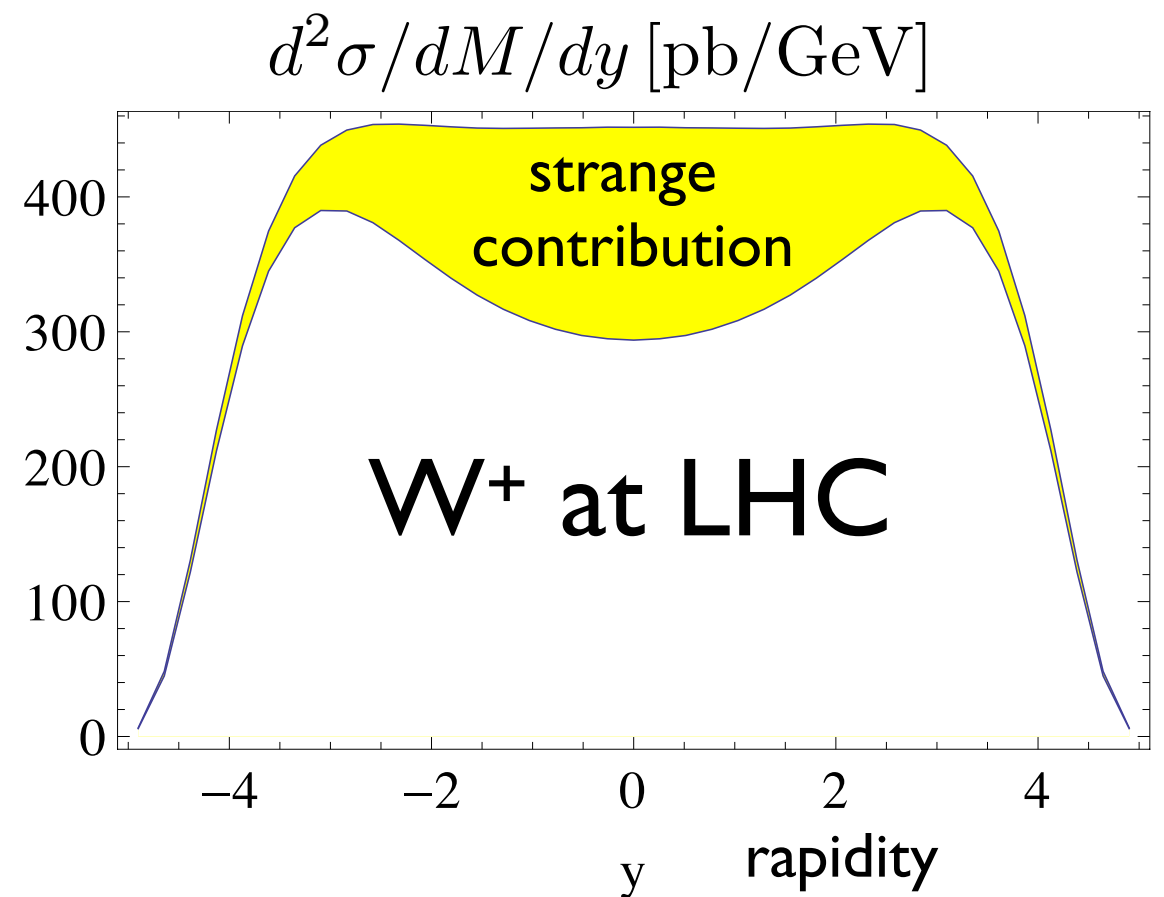


- High-statistics data from CCFR and NuTeV: **Main source** of information!
- $x \sim [0.01, 0.4]$
- νFe DIS: need **nuclear corrections!** Problem: Final State Interactions (FSI)
- CHORUS (νPb): compatible with NuTeV, could be included
- NOMAD (νFe): data not yet published, in principle very interesting

Drell-Yan production of W/Z at the LHC



Uncertainty of strange-PDF will feed into benchmark process



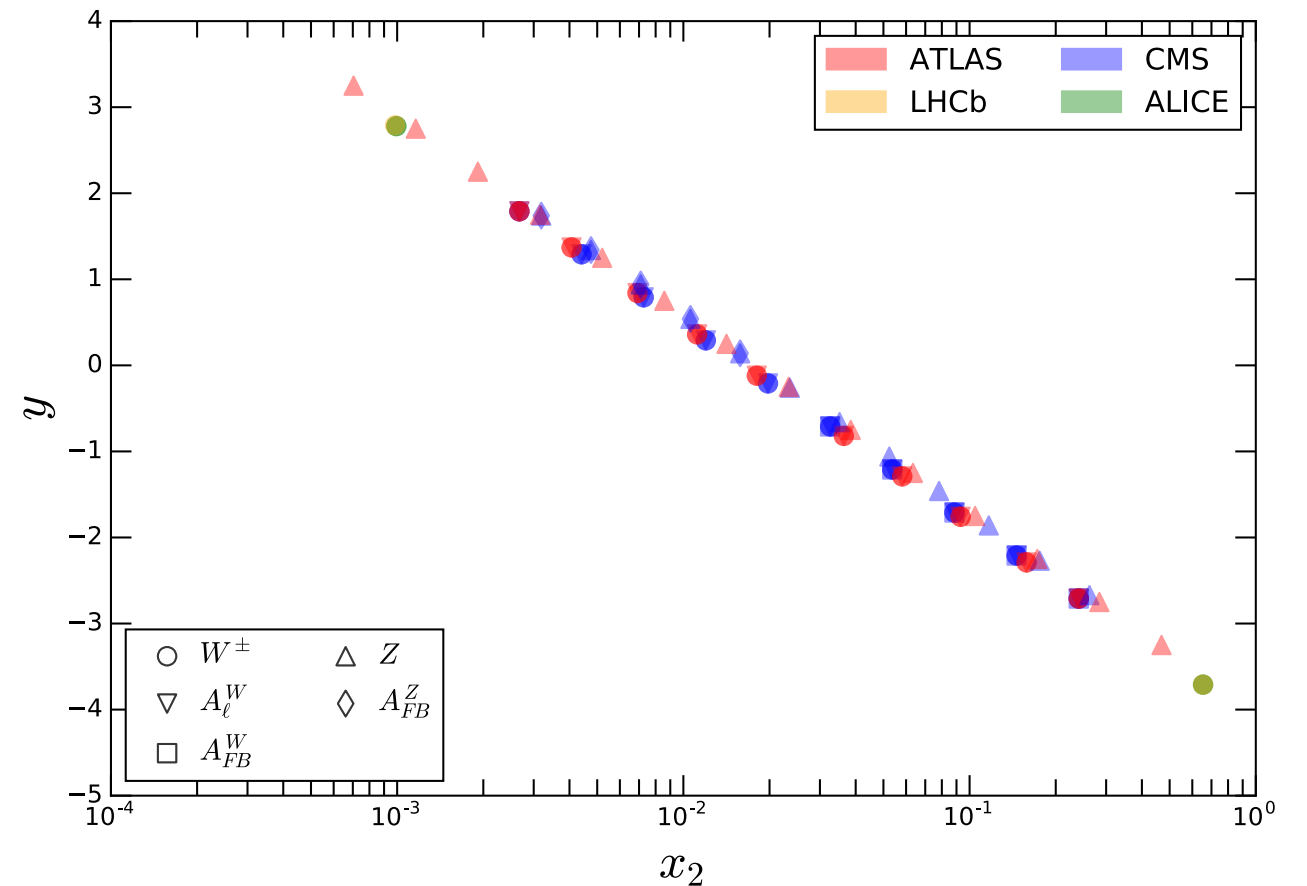
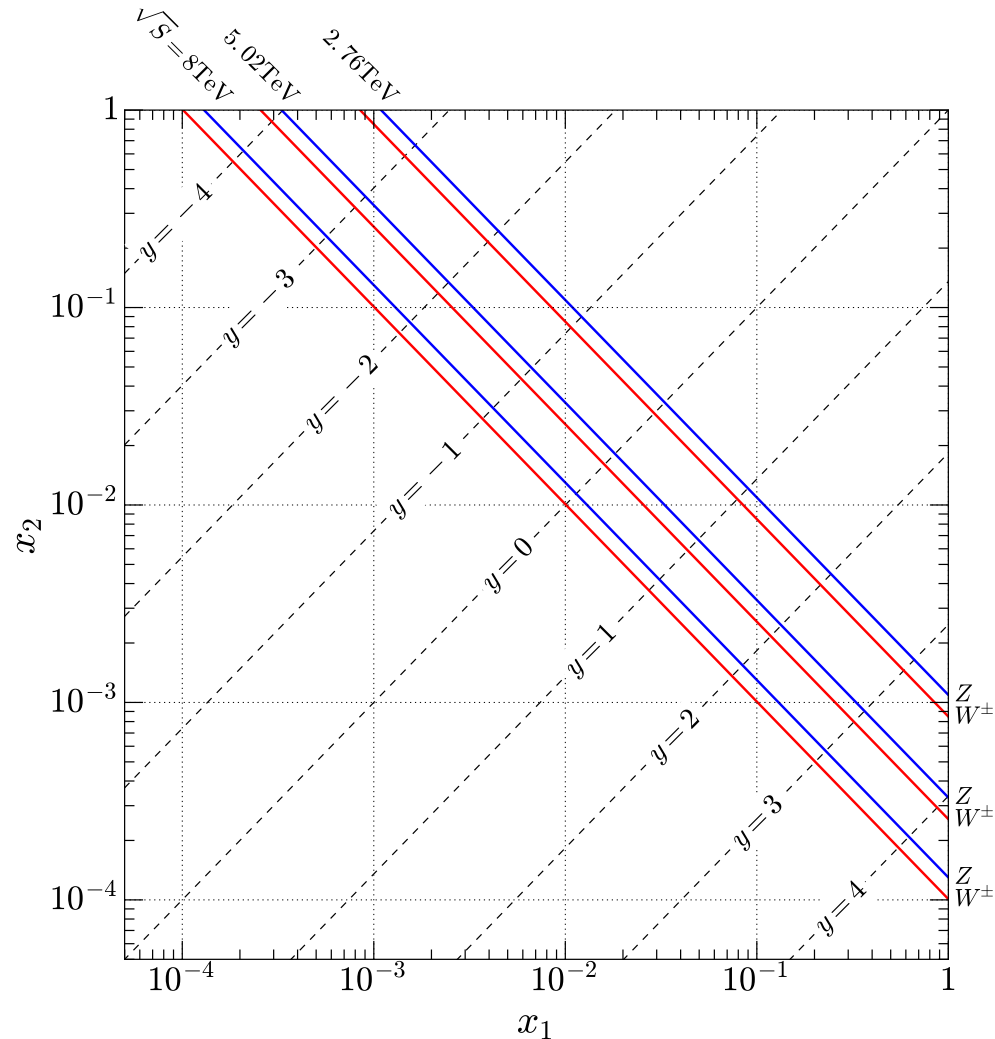
nCTEQ study of W,Z production at LHC

arXiv:1610.02925

		Observable	Cuts (GeV)	Figure
pPb	ATLAS	$d\sigma(Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)/dy_Z$ [2]	$ y_Z^{\text{CM}} < 3.5; 60 < m_{\ell^+ \ell^-} < 120$	Fig. 3
		$d\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu)/dy_{\ell^+}$ [6]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 25; m_T^{\ell^\pm} > 40; \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 2.4$	Fig. 7a
		$d\sigma(W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu})/dy_{\ell^-}$ [6]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 25; m_T^{\ell^\pm} > 40; \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 2.4$	Fig. 7b
	CMS	$d\sigma(Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)/dy_Z$ [3]	$ \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 2.4; 60 < m_{\ell^+ \ell^-} < 120; p_T^{\ell^+(\ell^-)} > 20$	Fig. 4
		$d\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu)/dy_{\ell^+}$ [5]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 25; \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 2.4$	Fig. 6a
		$d\sigma(W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu})/dy_{\ell^-}$ [5]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 25; \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 2.4$	Fig. 6b
	LHCb	$\sigma(Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)$ [4]	$60 < m_{\ell^+ \ell^-} < 120; p_T^{\ell^+(\ell^-)} > 20; 2.0 < \eta^{\ell^\pm} < 4.5; -4.5 < \eta_{\ell^\pm} < -2.0$	Fig. 5
	ALICE	$\sigma(W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu)$ [7]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 10; 2.03 < \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 3.53; -4.46 < \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < -2.96$	Fig. 8a
		$\sigma(W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu})$ [7]	$p_T^{\ell^\pm} > 10; 2.03 < \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < 3.53; -4.46 < \eta_{lab}^{\ell^\pm} < -2.96$	Fig. 8b
PbPb	ATLAS	$1/\sigma_{tot} d\sigma/dy_Z$ [8]	$66 < m_{\ell^+ \ell^-} < 116; y_Z < 2.5$	Fig. 9a
		A_ℓ [10]	$p_T^\ell < 25; \eta_{lab}^\ell < 2.5; m_T > 40; p_T^{miss} < 25$	Fig. 10a
	CMS	$1/\sigma_{tot} d\sigma/dy_Z$ [9]	$60 < m_{\ell^+ \ell^-} < 120; y_Z < 2.0$	Fig. 9b
		A_ℓ [11]	$p_T^\ell < 25; \eta_{lab}^\ell < 2.1; m_T > 40$	Fig. 10b

Table I: LHC data sets considered in this analysis.

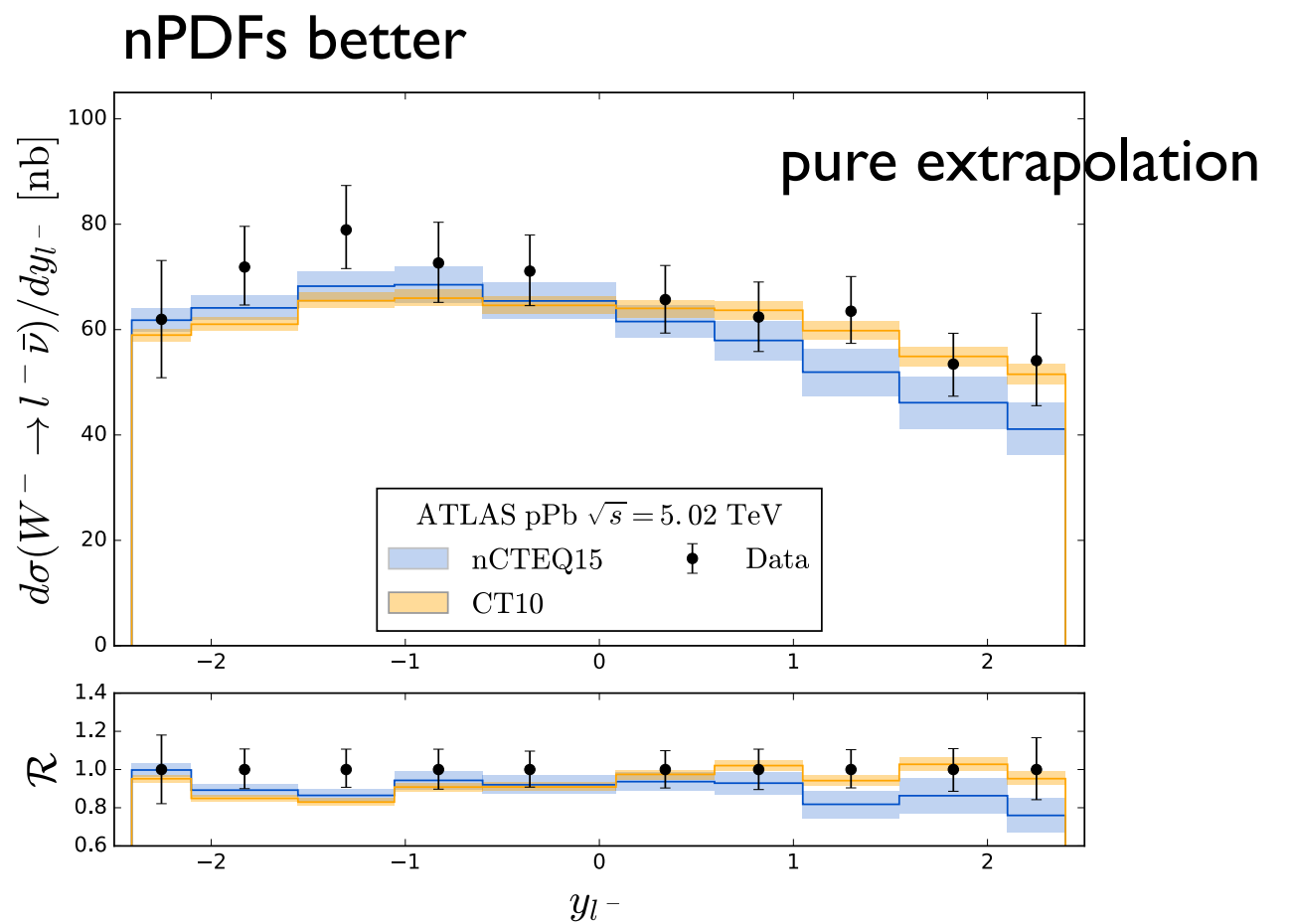
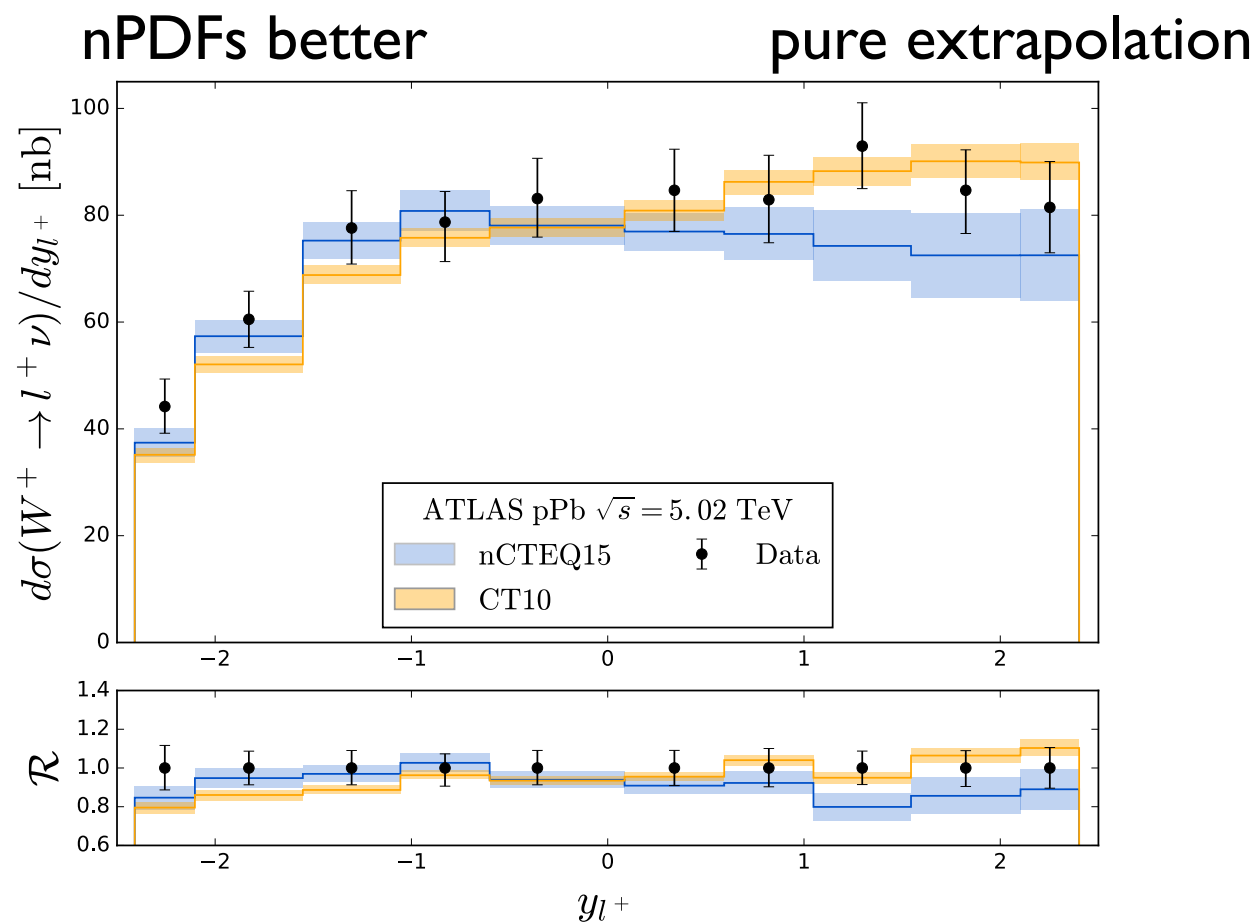
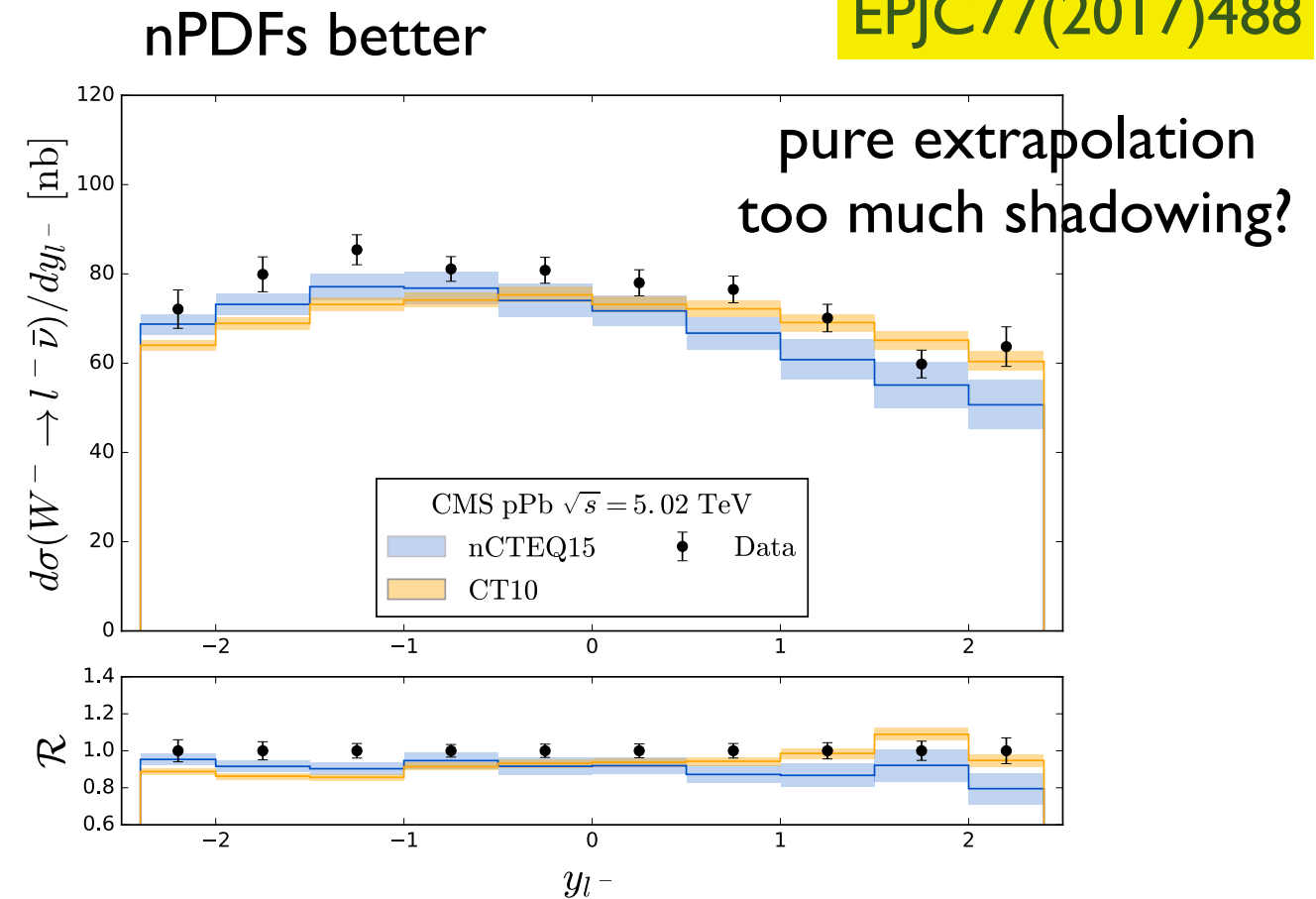
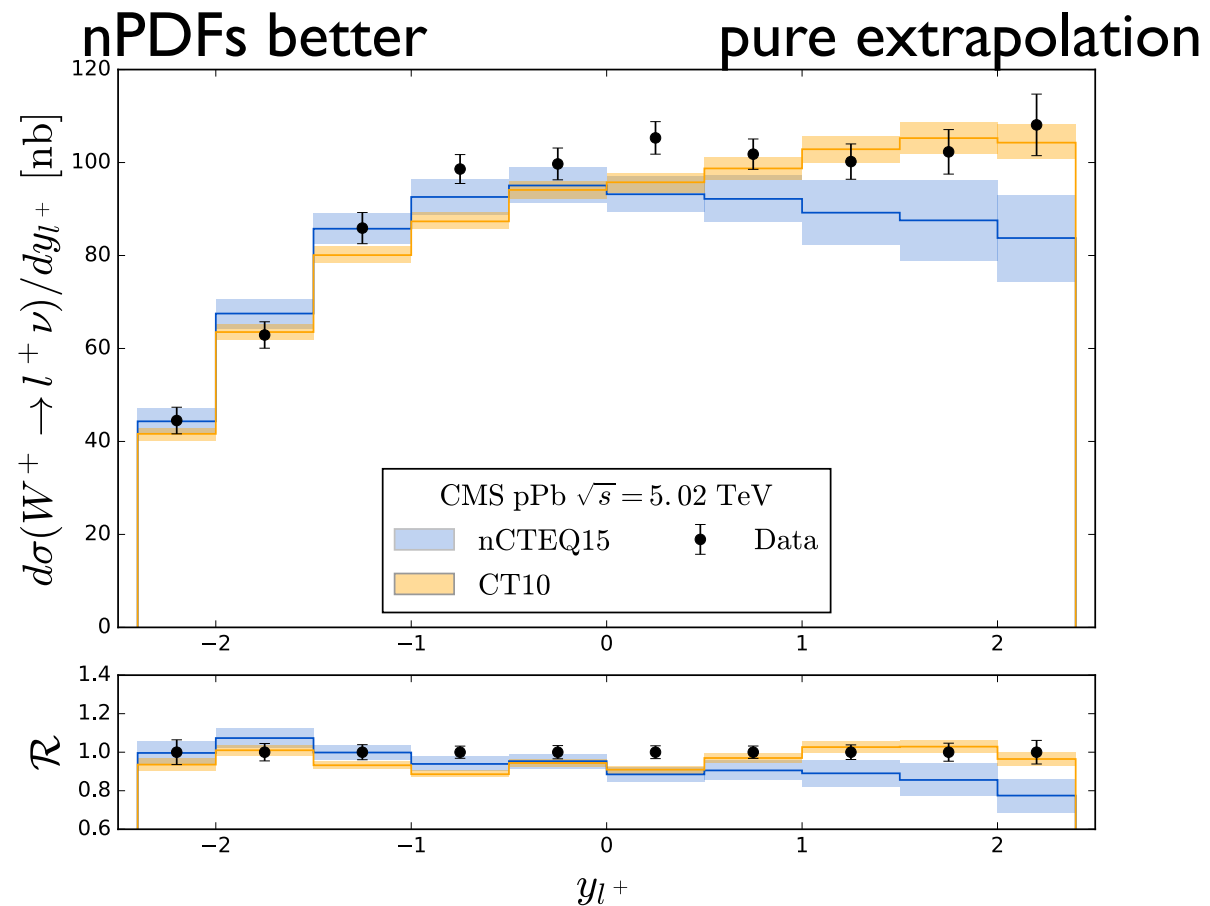
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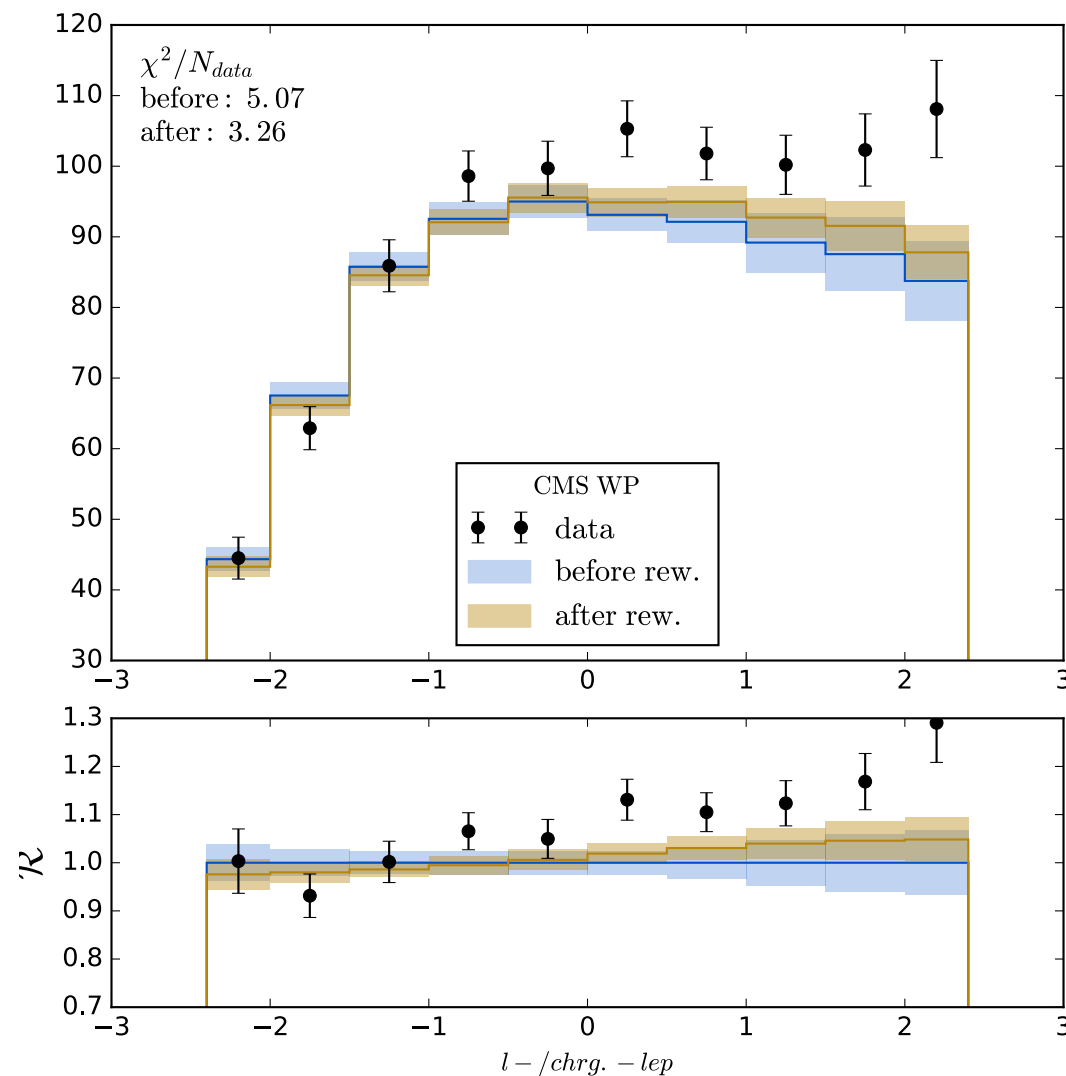
- $y < -1: x > 5 \times 10^{-2} \dots 0.3$ (region where nPDFs are constrained by data in global analysis)
- $|y| < 1: x \sim 10^{-2}$ (transition region from anti-shadowing to shadowing)
- $y > 1: x < 5 \times 10^{-3}$ (pure extrapolation!)

W-boson rapidity distributions

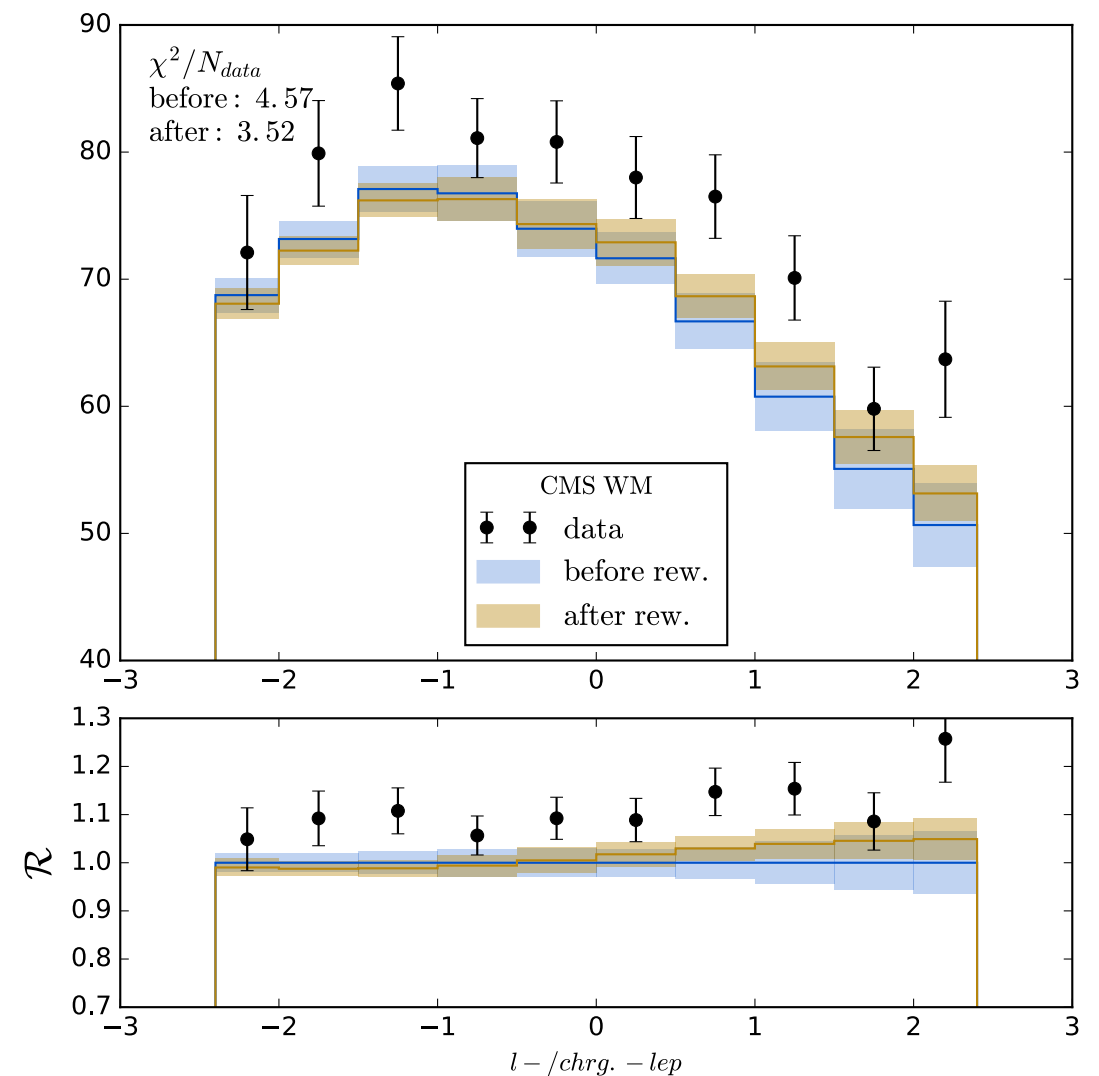
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Reweighting



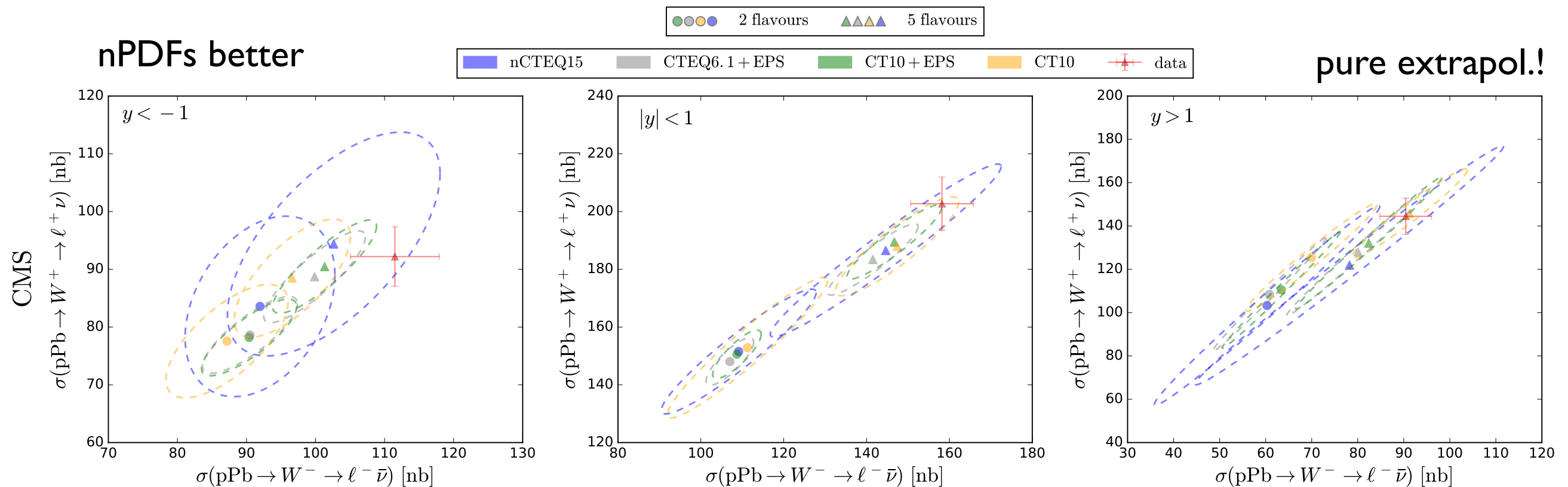
(a) W^+



(b) W^-

- Improvements after reweighting
- However, strange PDF not fitted independently in nCTEQ15
- Need to include data in global analysis and open up strange PDF

Importance of strange PDF



- $y < -1$ (large x): $s > \bar{s}$ could help!
- $|y| < 1$: delayed transition from anti-shadowing to shadowing could help **as seen in NuTeV neutrino data**
- $y > 1$: Extrapolation, **rather no shadowing at very small x ?**

Strange sea larger than expected?

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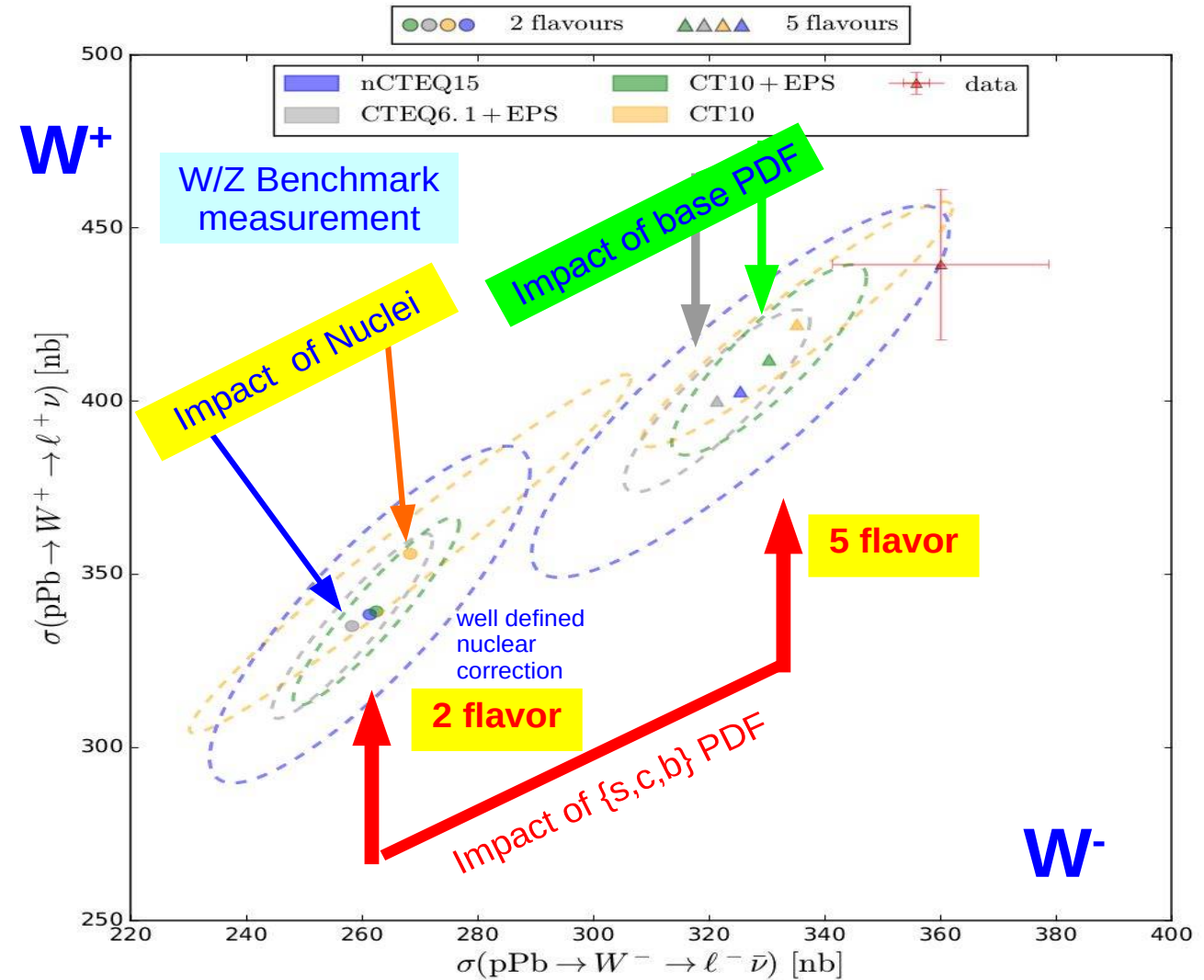
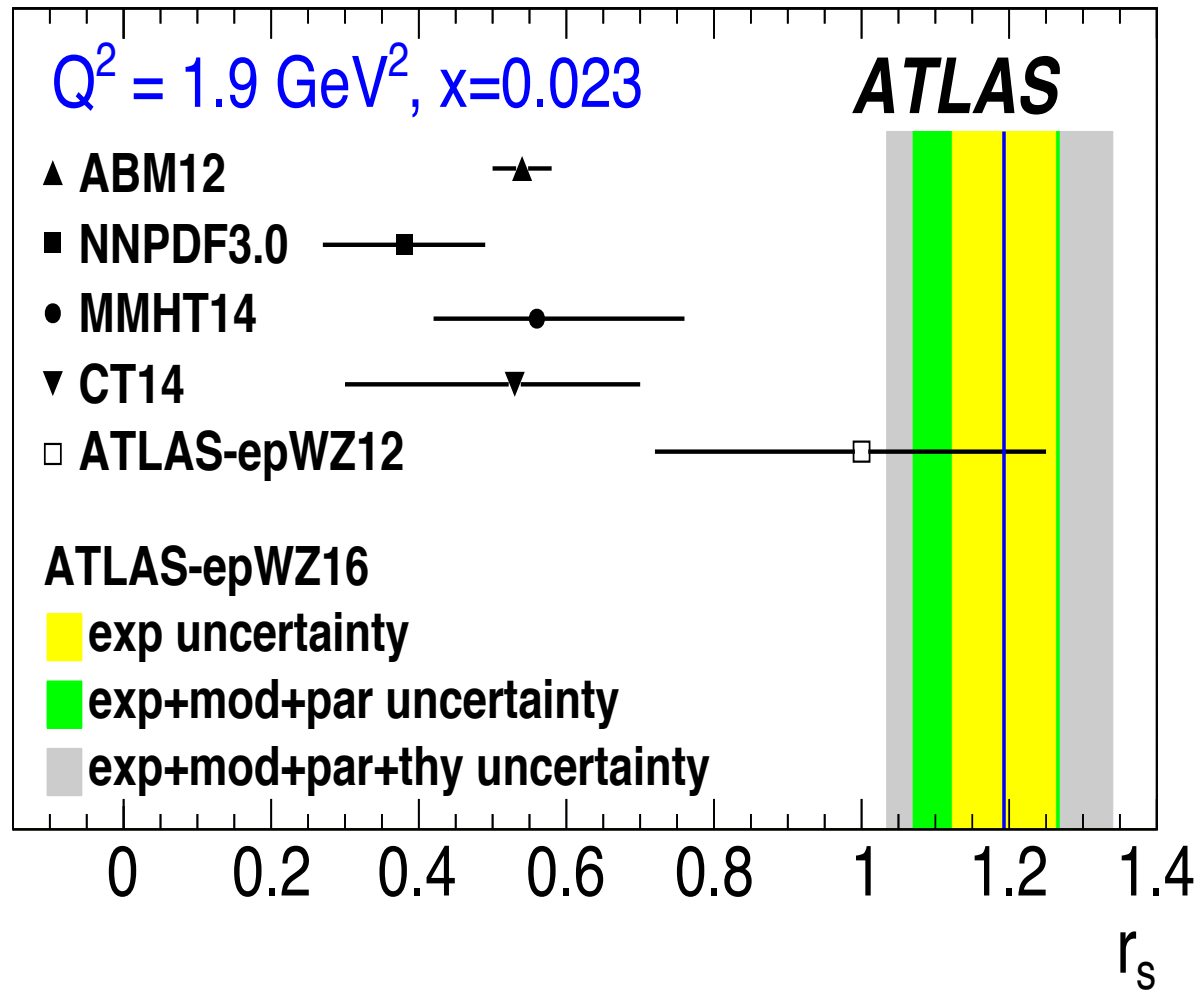
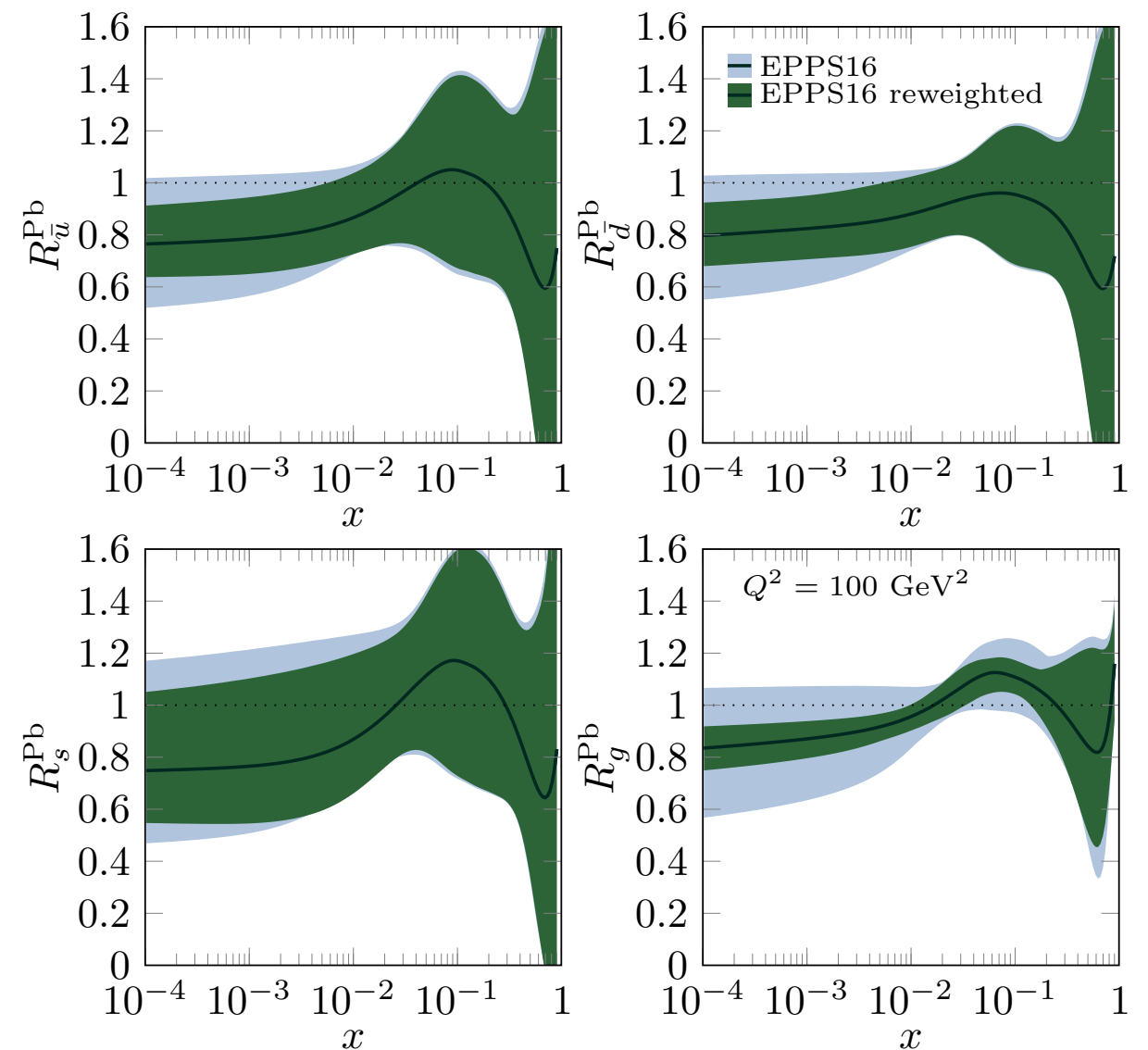
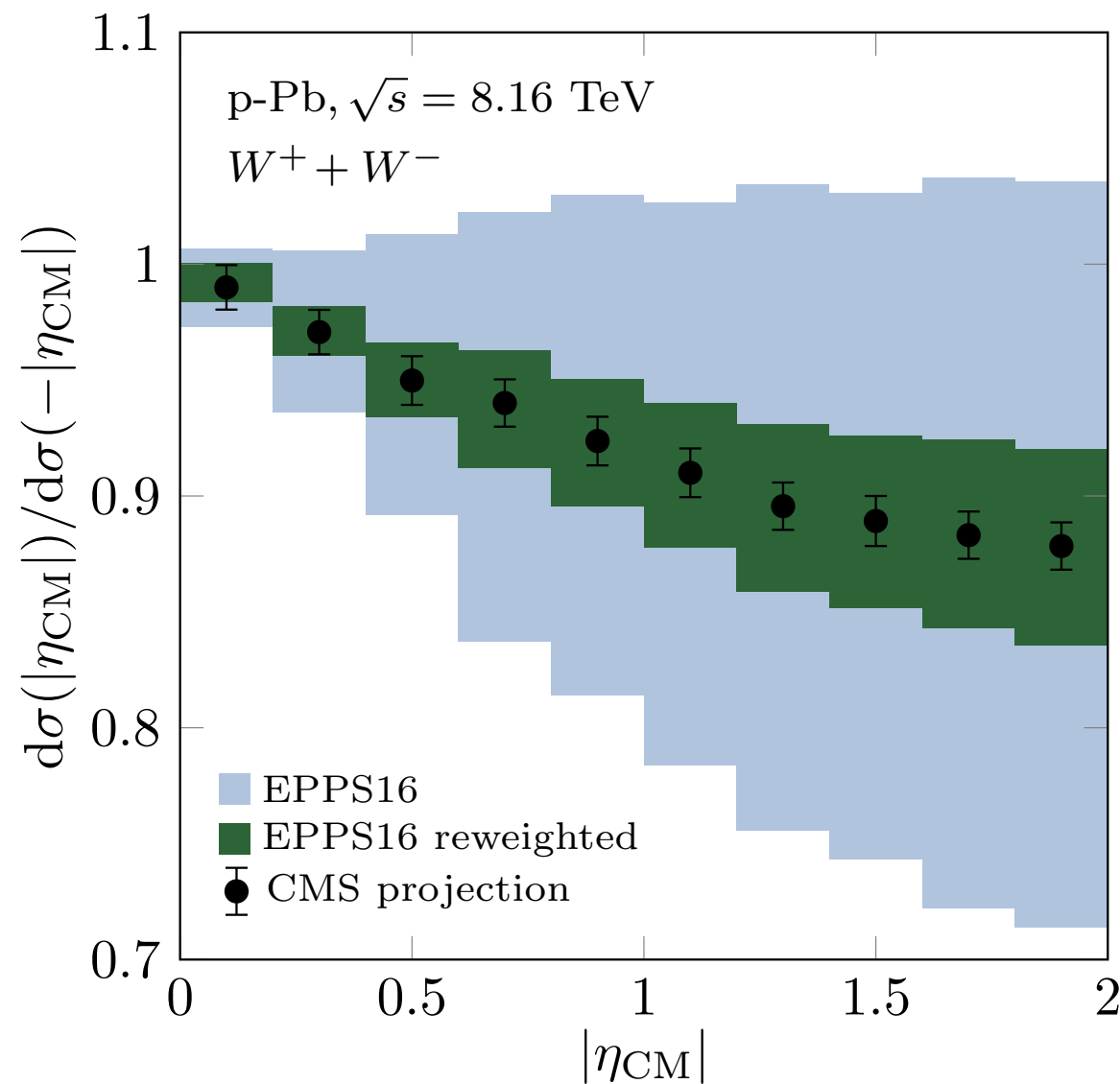


Fig. 12: Left: The relative strange-to-down sea quark fractions $r_s = 0.5(s + \bar{s})/\bar{d}$ as compared with predictions from different NNLO PDF sets; figure from Ref. [147]. Right: correlations between W^+ and W^- pPb cross sections calculated with different input PDFs and assumptions to illustrate the separate impact of the i) nuclear corrections, ii) heavy flavor components, and iii) base PDFs [148, 149].

Using the W-asymmetries

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- Reweighting shows that W-asymmetry projected data have a strong impact on the gluon

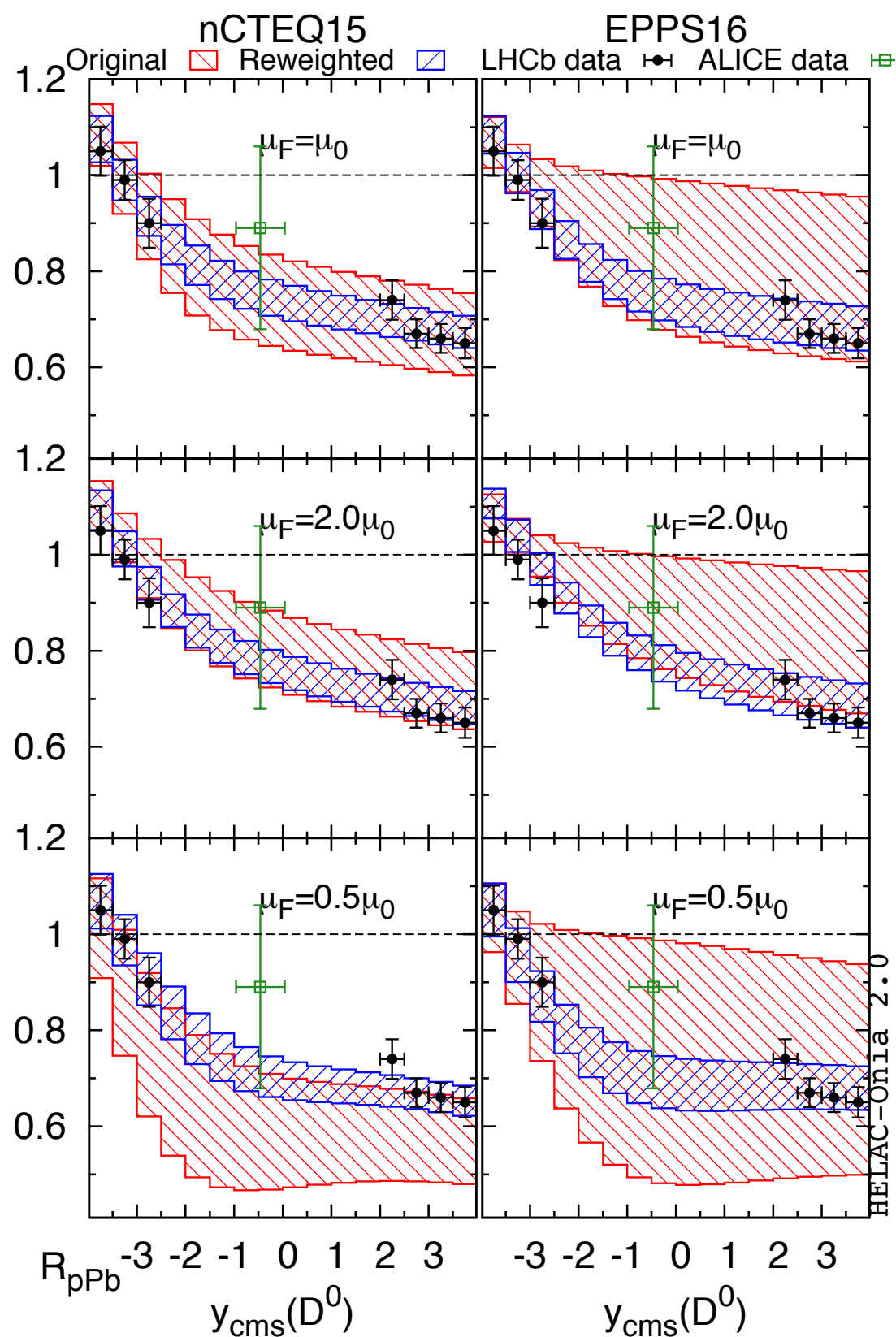
Heavy quark(onium) production and gluon shadowing

Impact of LHC heavy quark data on NPDFs

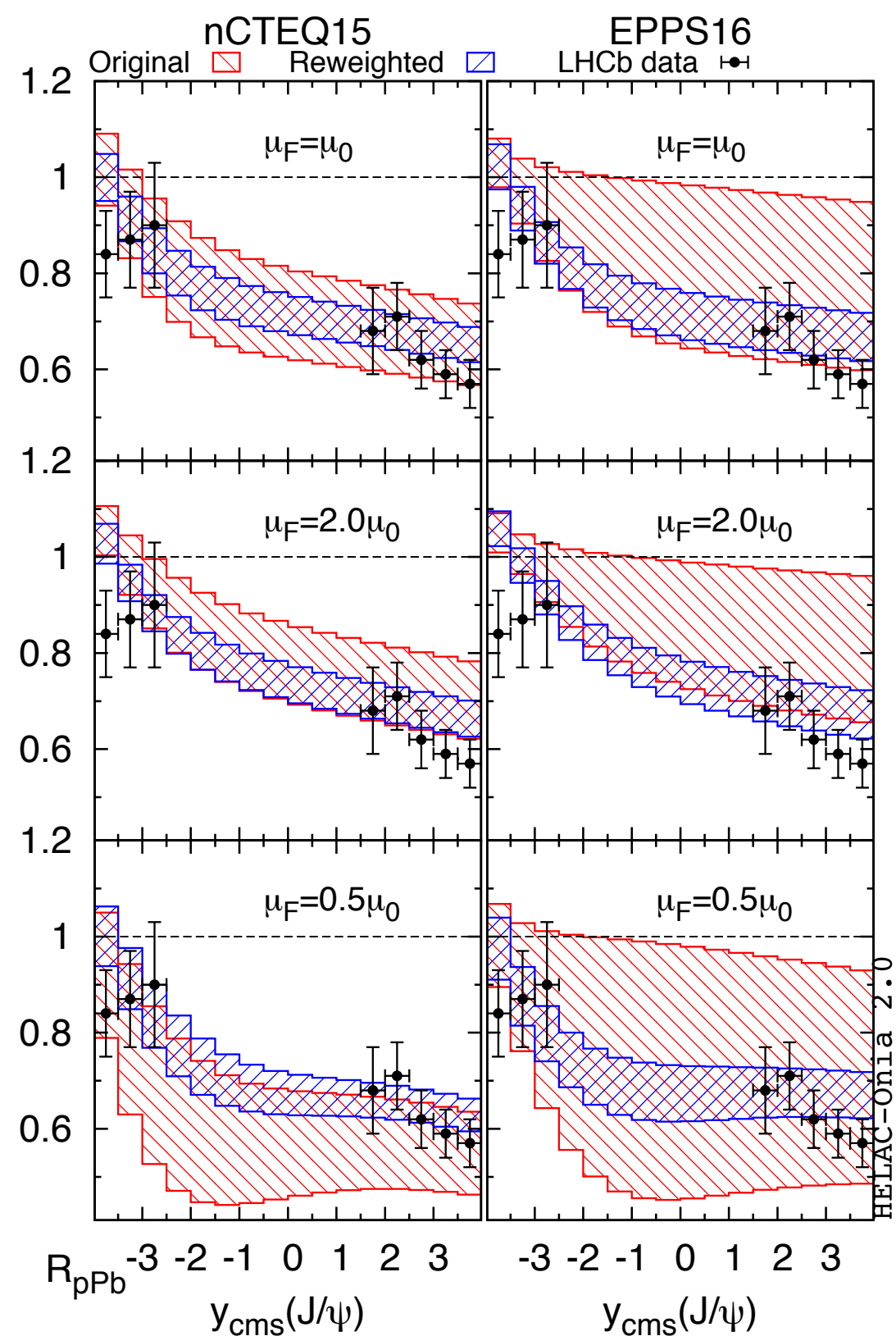
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arXiv:1712.07024

- Use data for $D^0, J/\Psi, B \rightarrow J/\Psi, \Upsilon(1S)$ production in p - Pb collisions at LHC at 5.02 and 8.16 TeV
- Comparison with predictions from nCTEQ15 and EPPS16
- Perform reweighting analysis of nuclear effects
- Goal: constrain small- x gluon in lead (down to $x \sim 10^{-6}$)

Results for R_{pA} vs rapidity



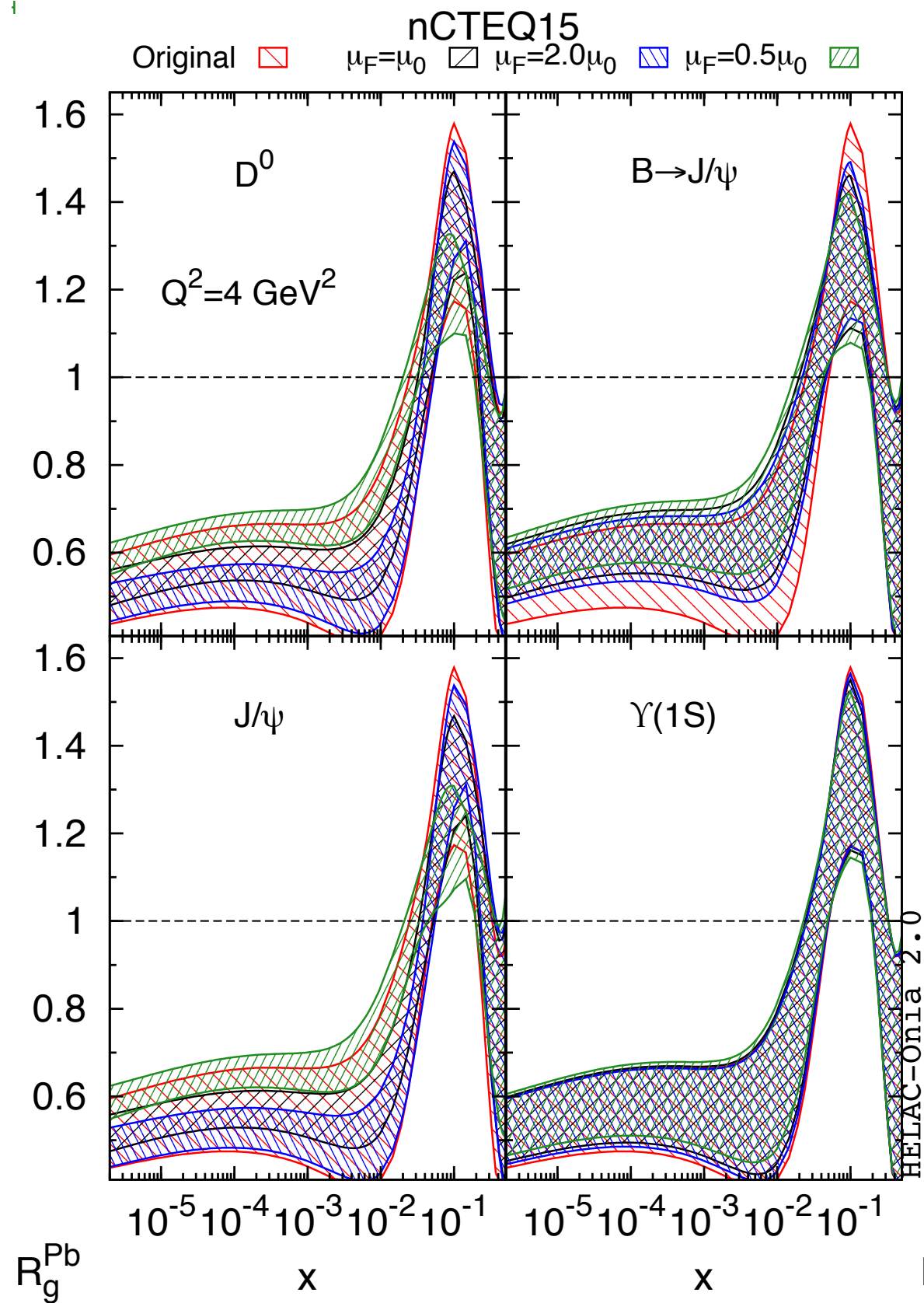
(a) Prompt D^0



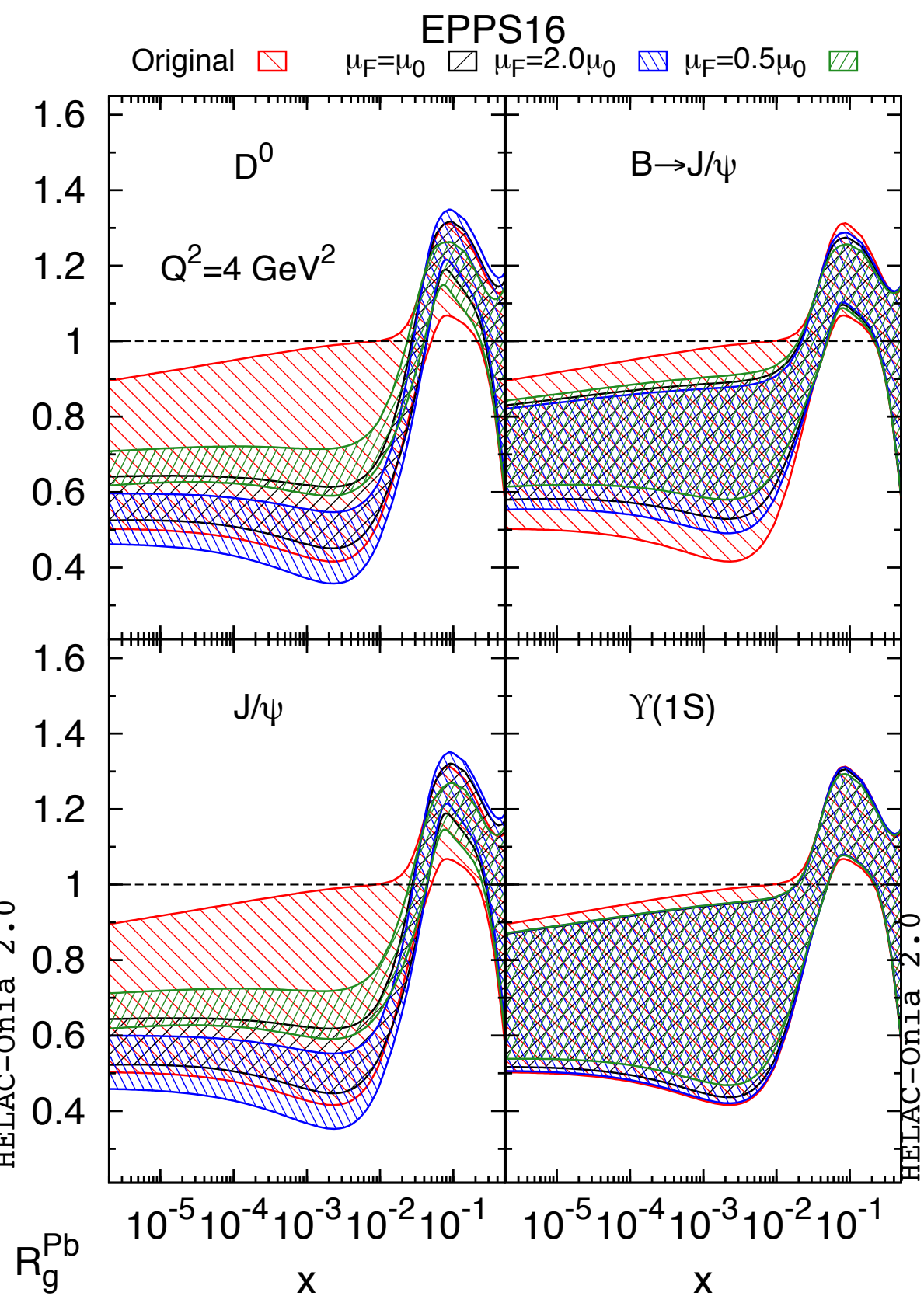
(b) Prompt J/ψ

R_g^{Pb} vs x

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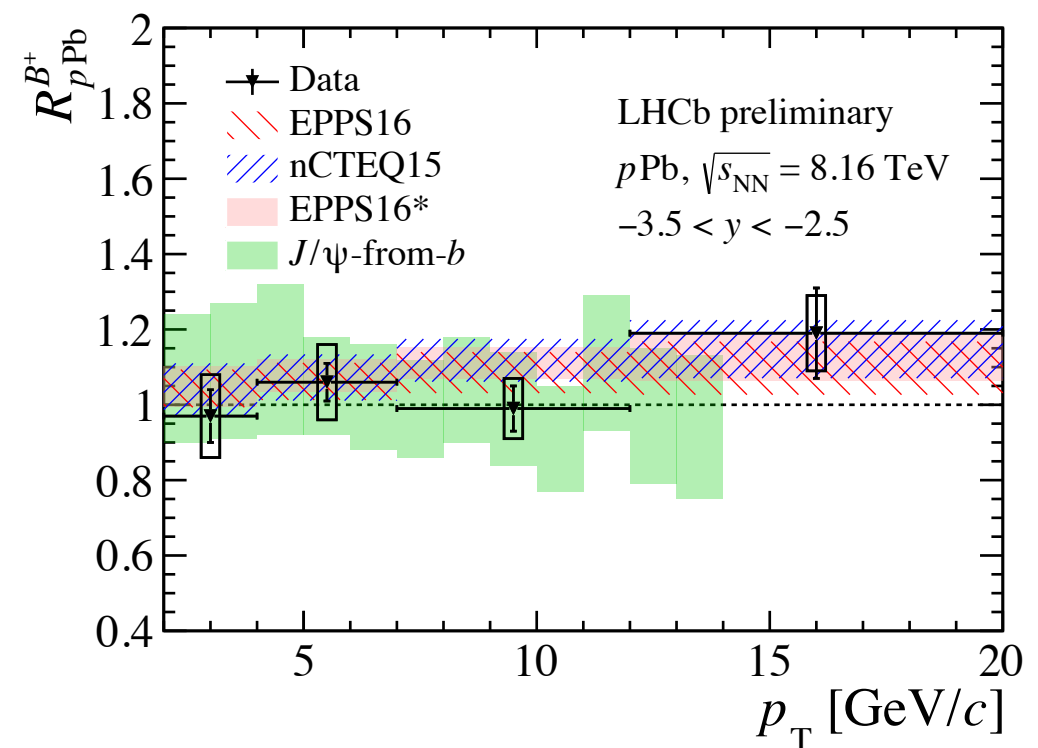
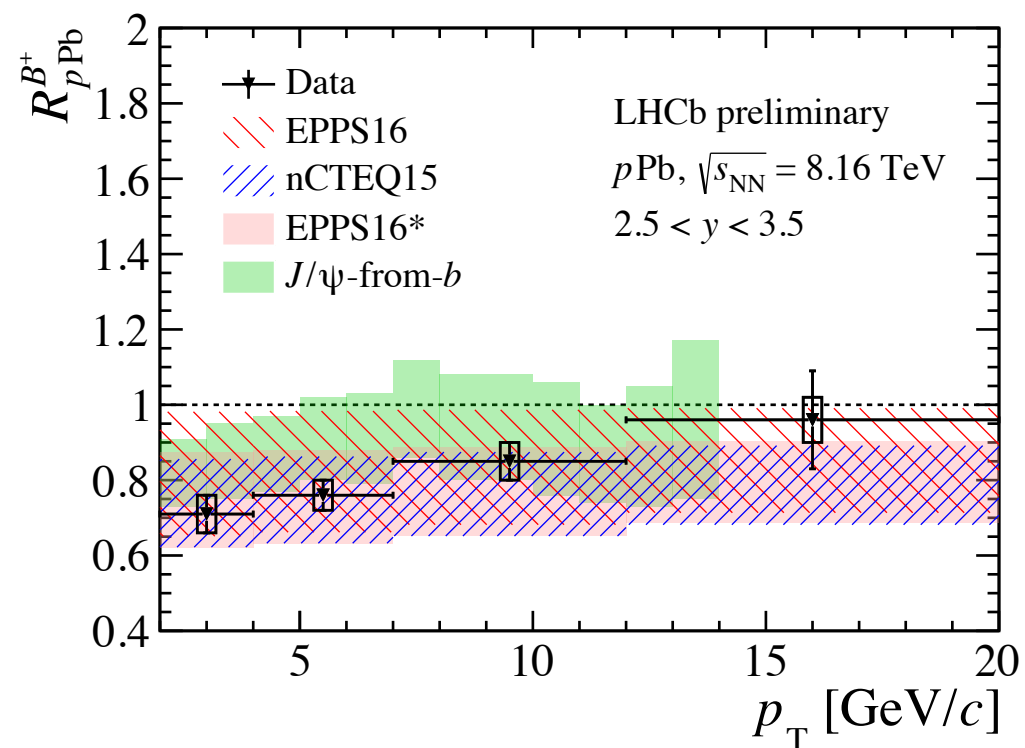
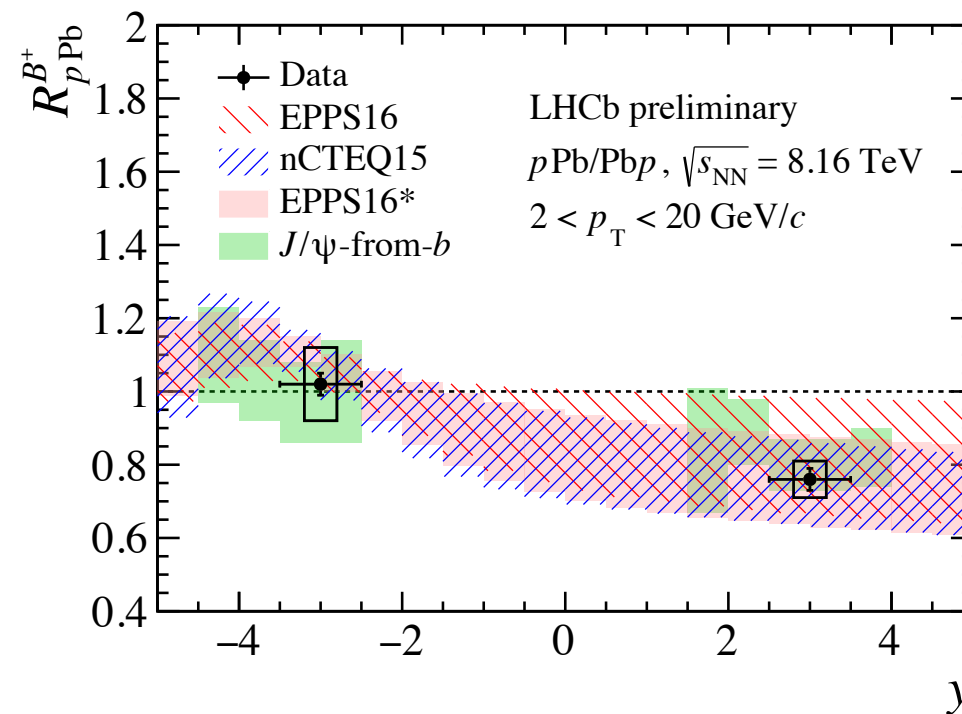
(e) nCTEQ15 nPDF



(f) EPPS16 nPDF

Agreement with new LHCb results

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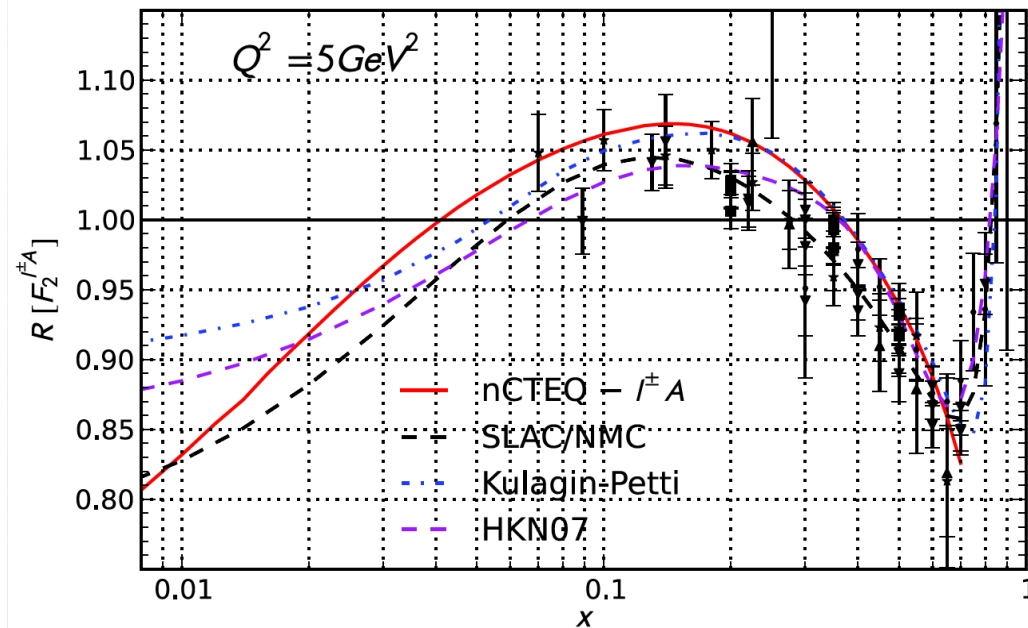
Conclusions

- Much recent progress (EPPS'16, NCTEQ'15, W/Z analysis)
- nPDF uncertainties still substantial
- Need more precise LHC pA data (LHC5, LHC8) from as many hard processes as possible! **Lead-only analysis possible!**
- Coloured and un-coloured final states to test shadowing vs energy loss effects
- Bright future: future fixed target experiments, EIC, LHeC, π -A data from COMPASS

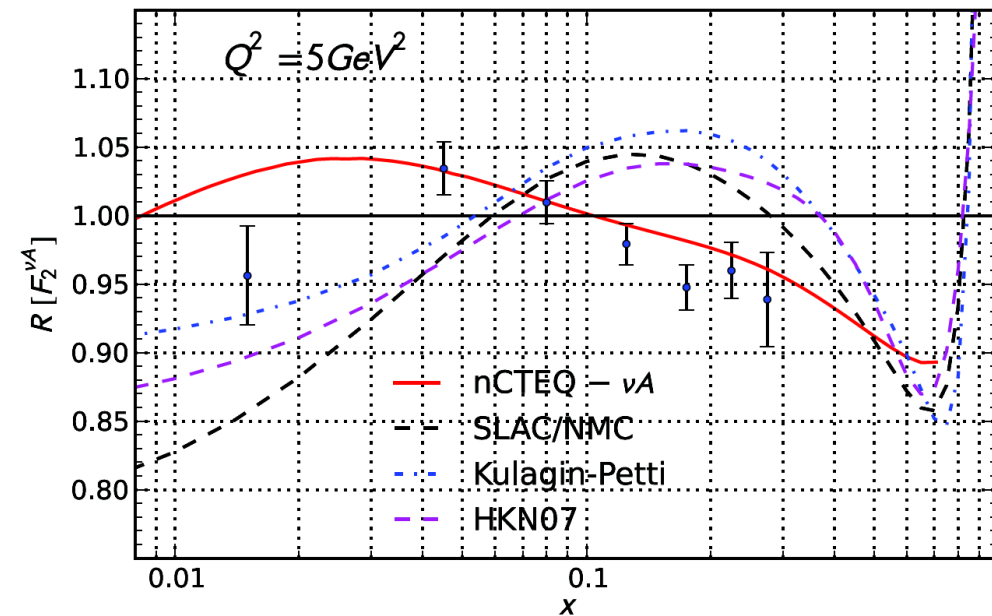
Backup slides

Nuclear modifications: I-A DIS vs nu-A DIS vs DY

Fit to $l^\pm A$ DIS and DY data
 $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.89$



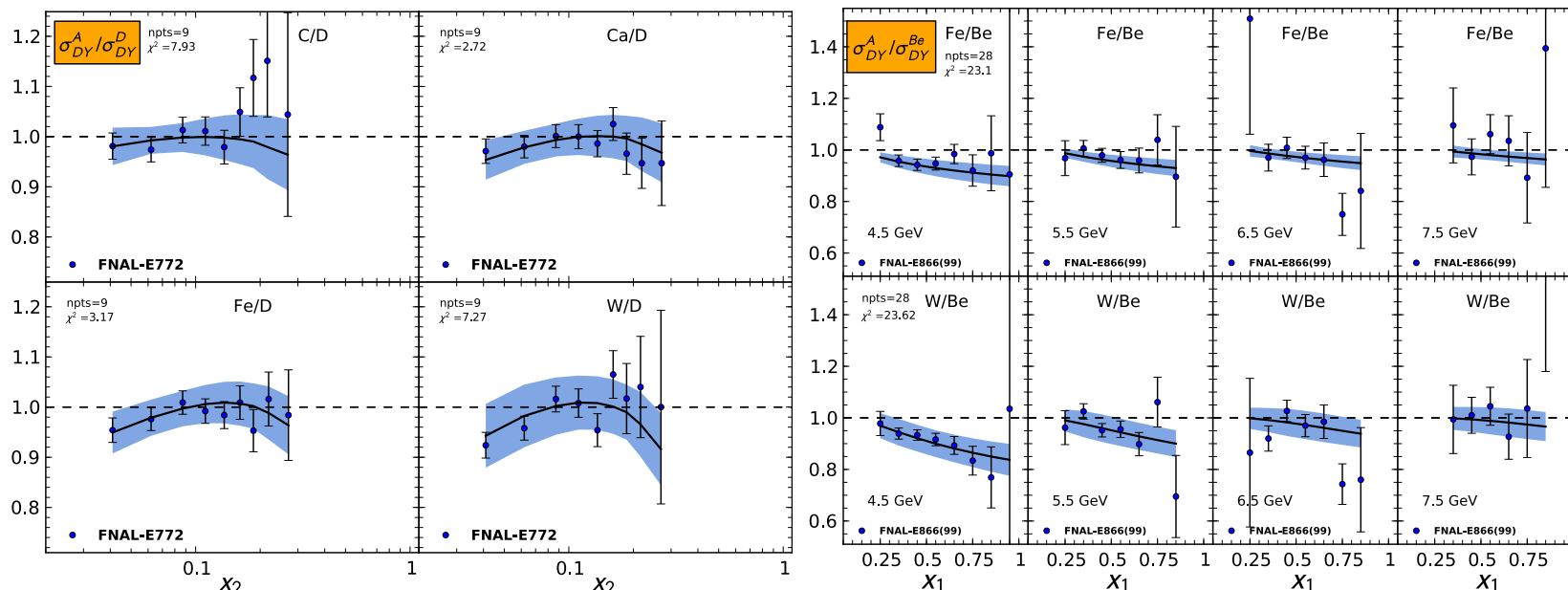
Fit to νA DIS data only
 $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1.33$



nCTEQ, arXiv:1012.0285,
 arXiv:0907.2357

EMC effect in DY?
 Less obvious

nCTEQ15, arXiv:1509.00792

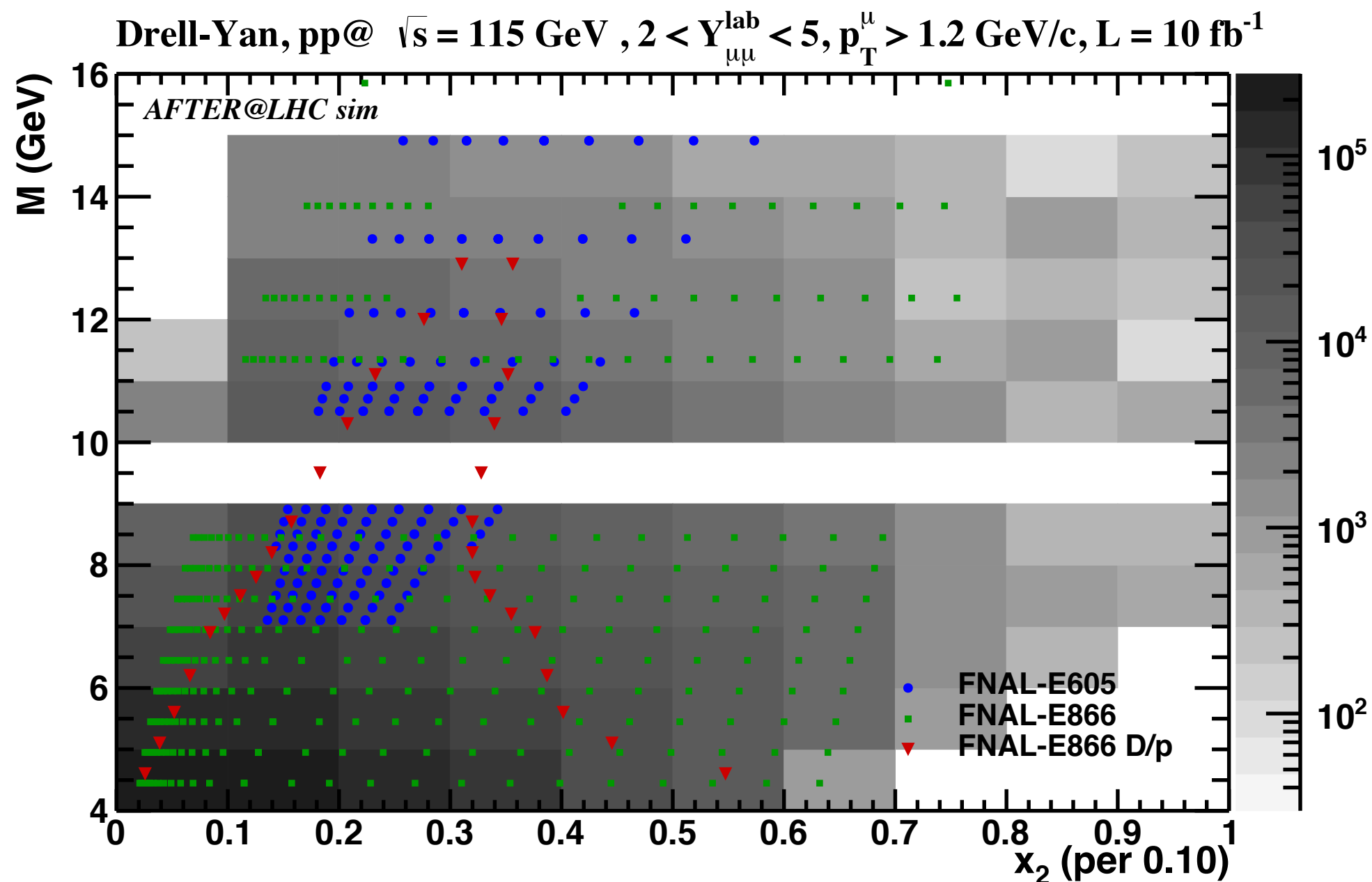


- Only 92 DY data points in global analysis
- Need more precise DY data at high- x . Important for flavor separation of EMC effect
- AFTER@LHC can greatly contribute with different targets

$\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{\text{PA}}/\sigma_{\text{DY}}^{\text{I}}$
 Observa
 C/H2
 Ca/H2
 Fe/H2
 W/H2
 Fe/Be
 W/Be
 Total:

χ^2
 7.92
 2.73
 3.17
 7.28
 23.09
 23.62
 67.81

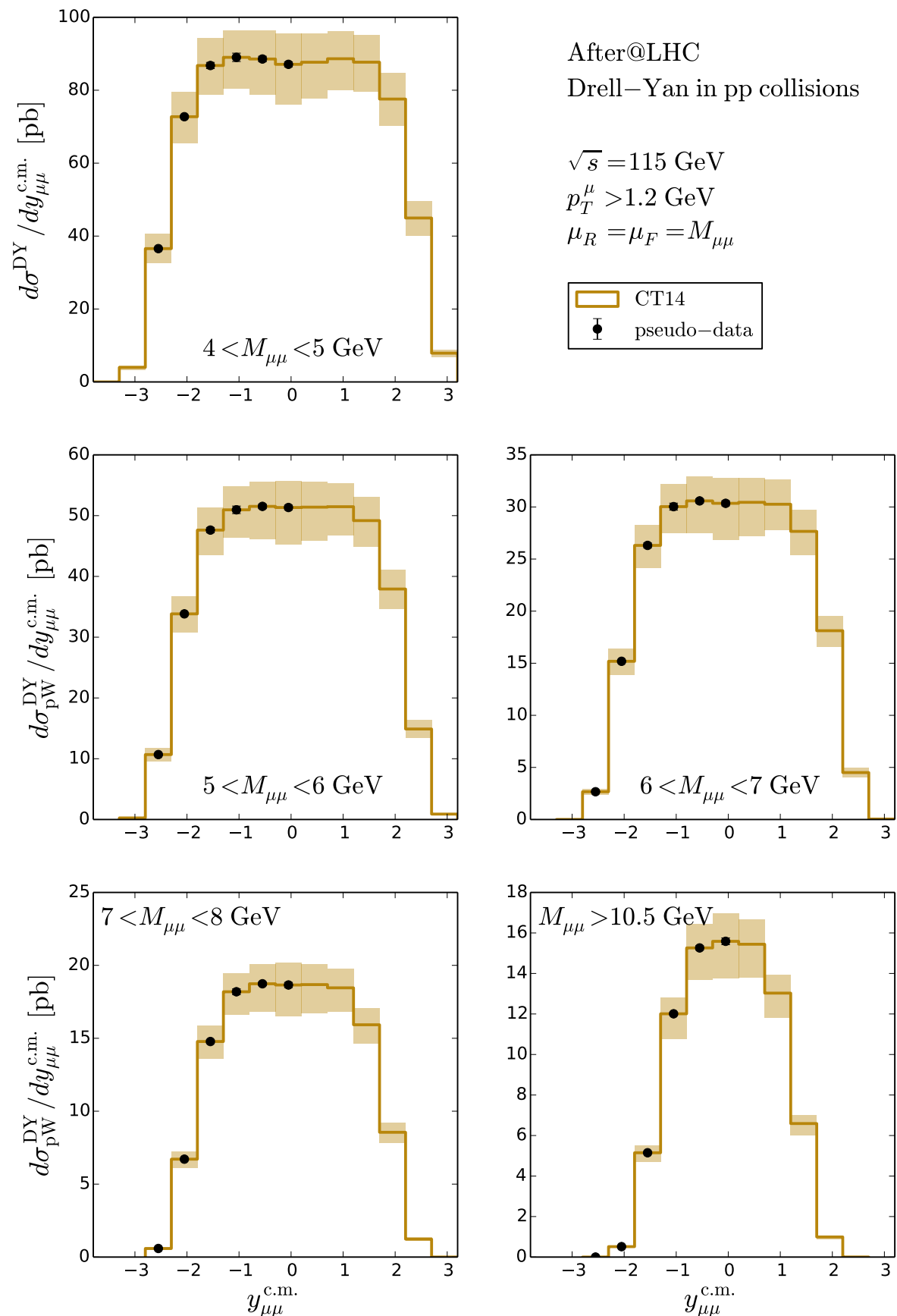
Kinematical plane of DY at AFTER



AFTER:

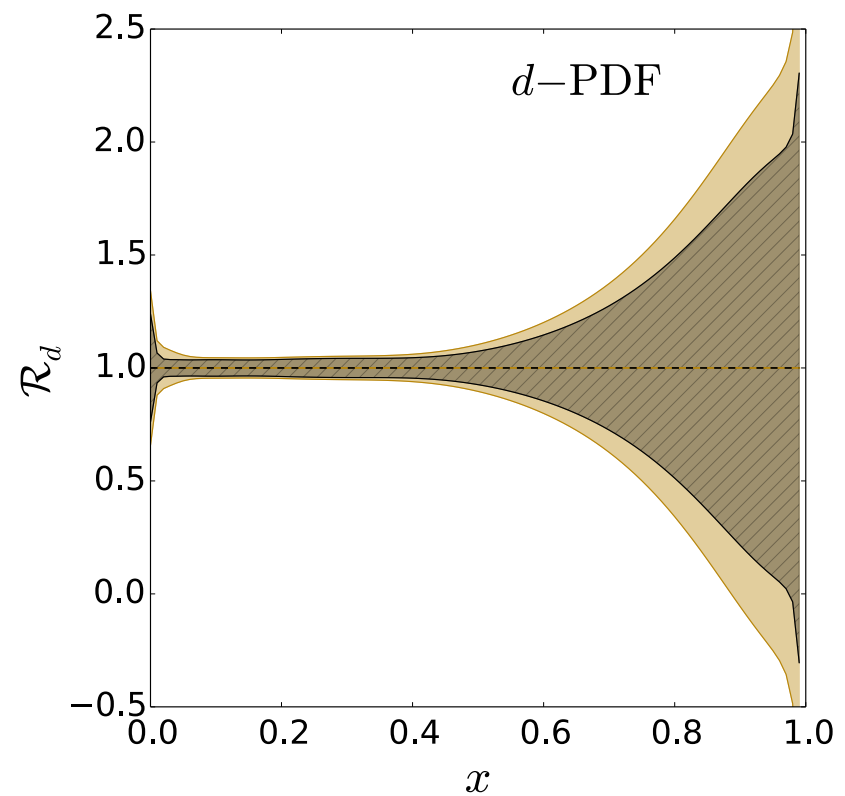
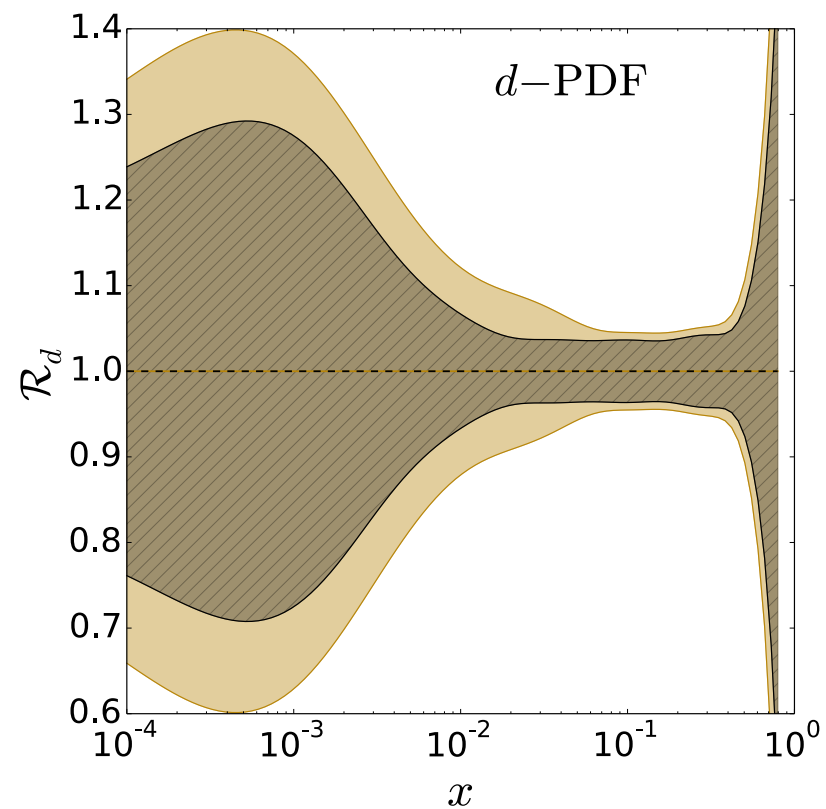
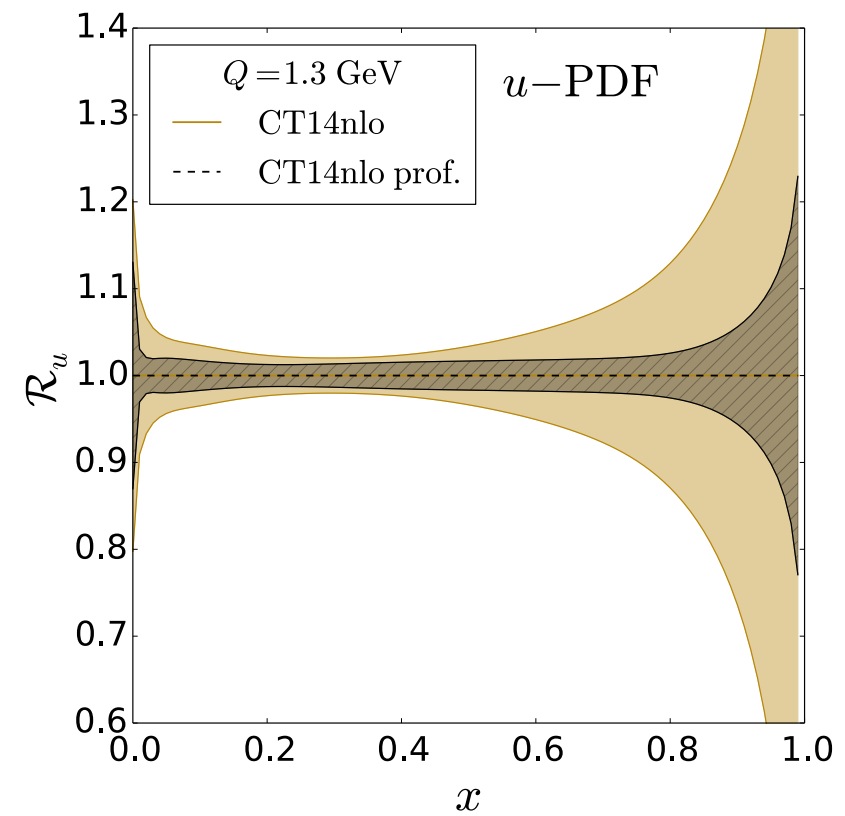
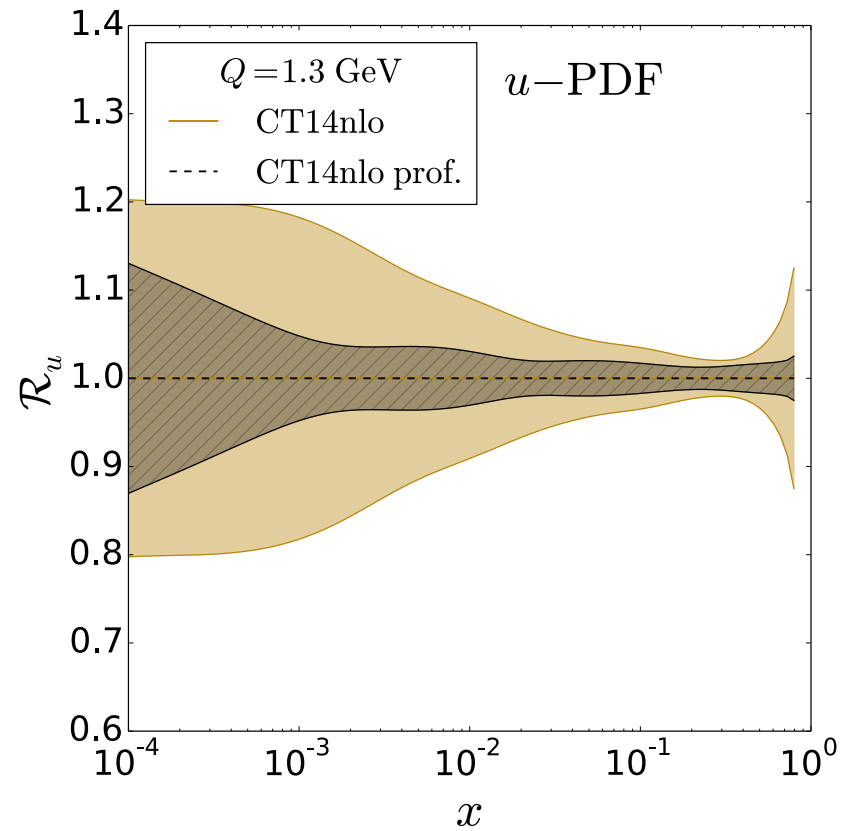
- Extend kinematic plane to very large x (and smaller x , $M > 10 \text{ GeV}$)
- Much higher statistics in the region covered by NuSea (E866)
- Data points used in global analysis of NNPDF

DY pseudo data compared to NLO theory

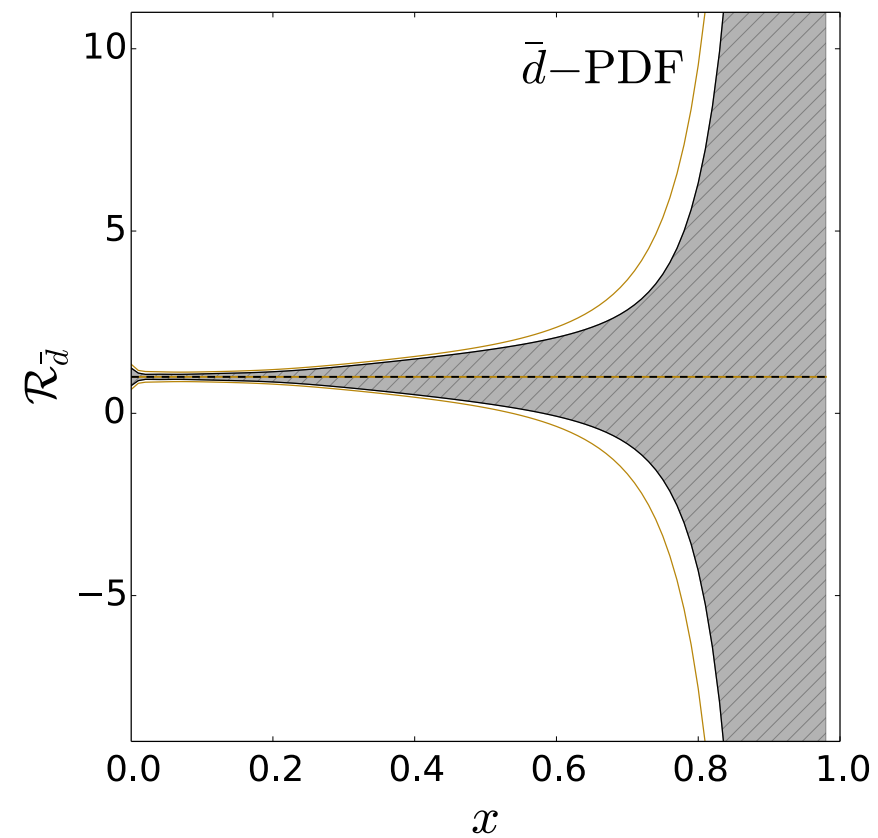
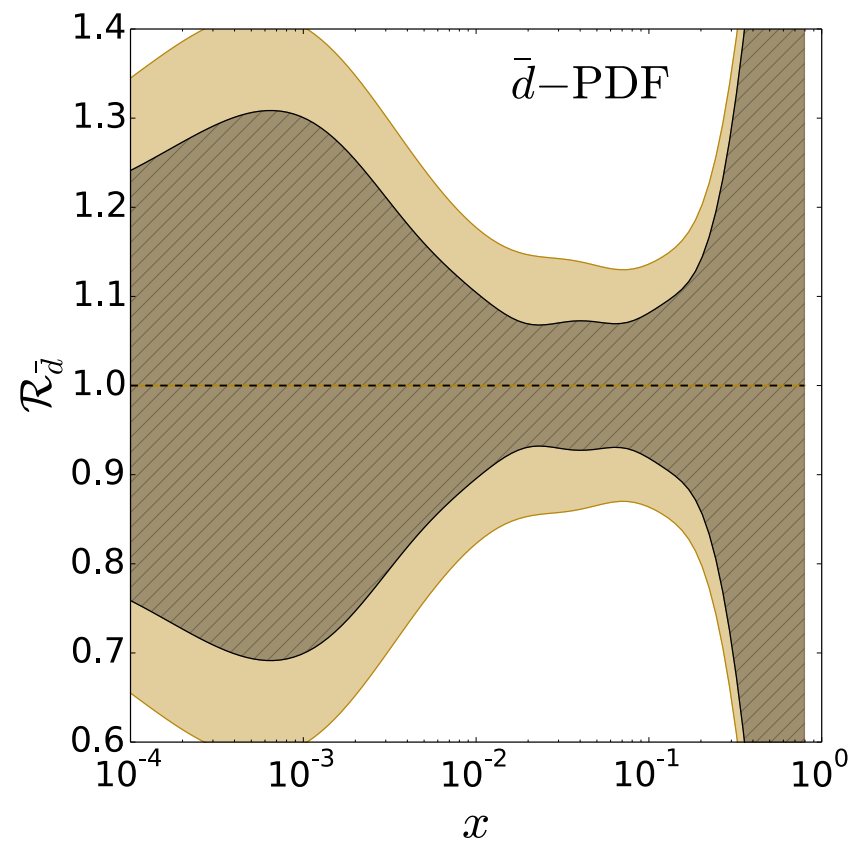
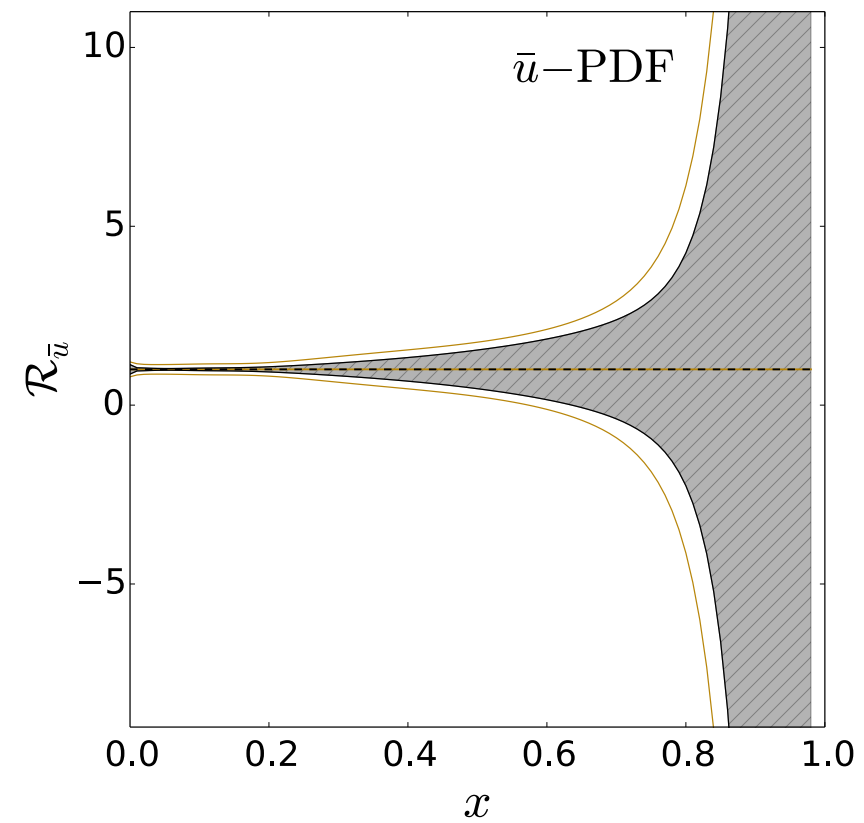
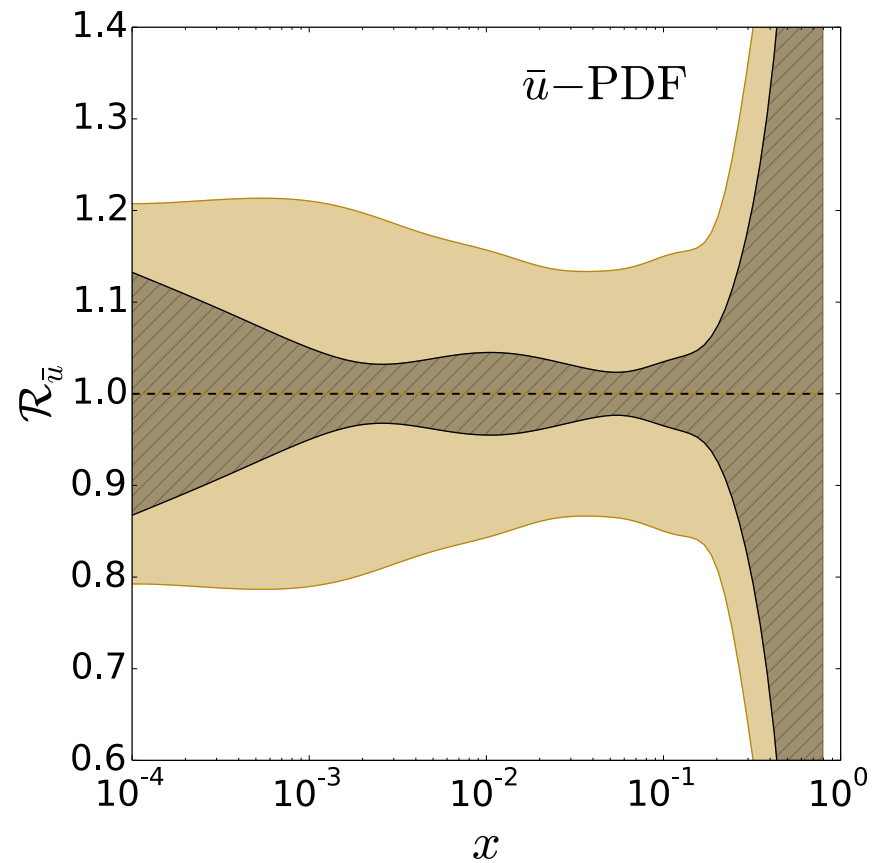


- Pseudo-data for the rapidity distributions using MCFM and projected experimental uncertainties
- Performed reweighting analysis using the XFitter package

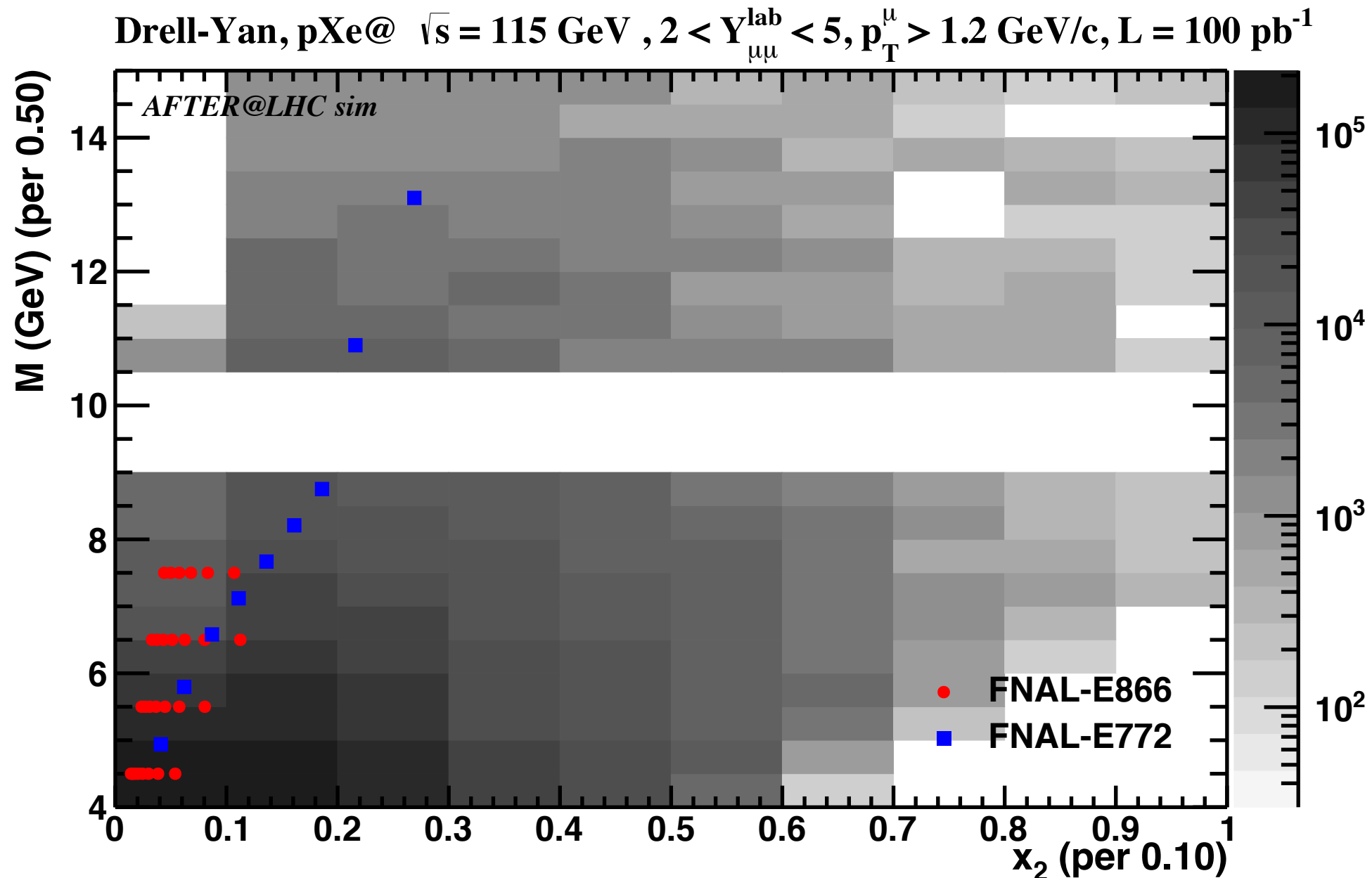
Impact of DY pseudo data on proton PDFs



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Kinematical plan of DY in p-Xe



AFTER:

- **Unique acceptance** compared to **existing DY pA data used in global analyses** of nuclear PDFs (E866 & E772 @Fermilab)
- **Extremely large yields** up to $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ [plot made for p-Xe with a HERMES like target]

Impact of DY pA pseudo data on nCTEQ15 NPDFs

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