

Parton distributions at the LHC

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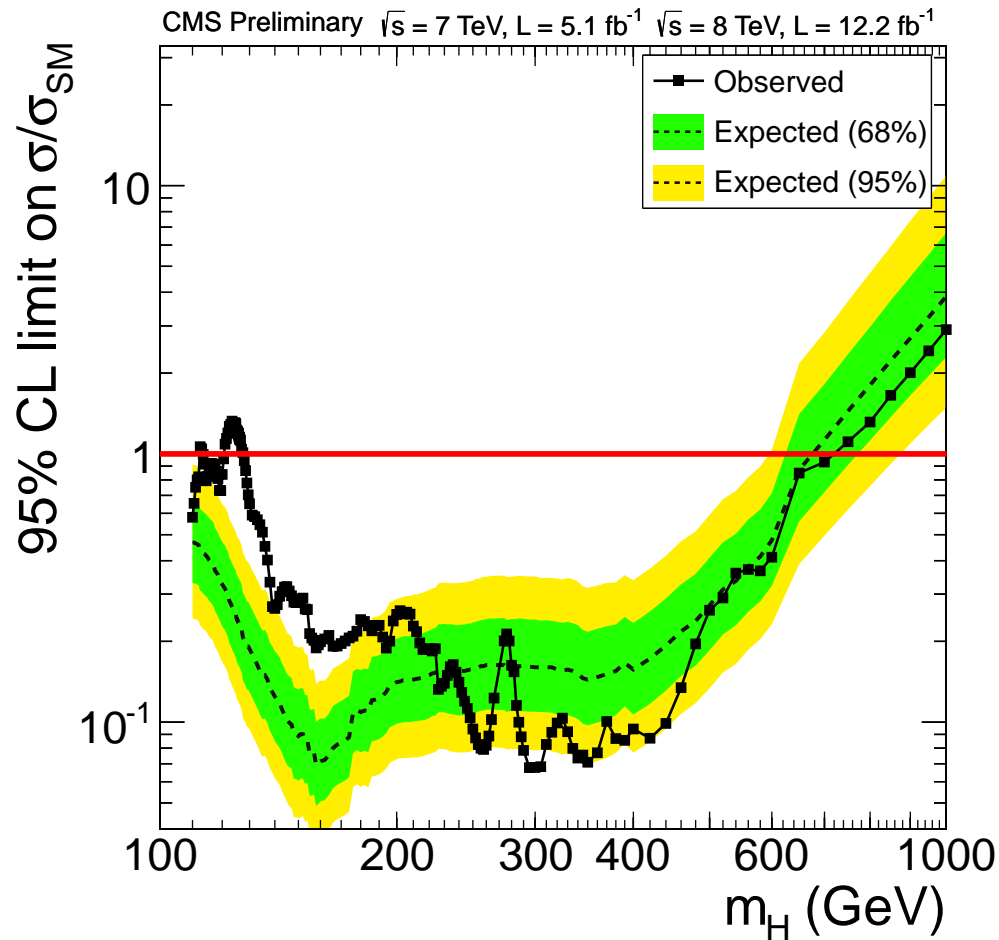
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Plan

- Cross sections in perturbative QCD
- Non-perturbative input parameters
 - parton distributions
 - strong coupling $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
 - heavy quark masses
- Constraints from LHC measurements
 - W^\pm - and Z -boson production

Example from LHC Higgs measurements

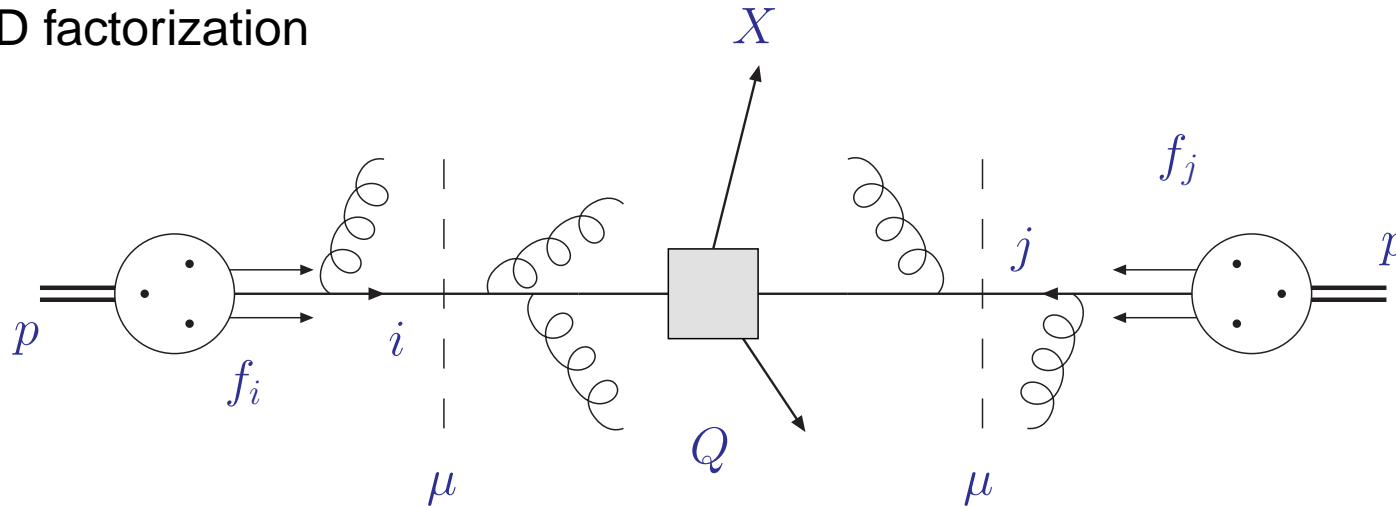
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- Signal strength of all analyzed decay modes
 - normalization to Standard Model expectation
 - accuracy of σ_{SM} crucial

QCD factorization

- QCD factorization

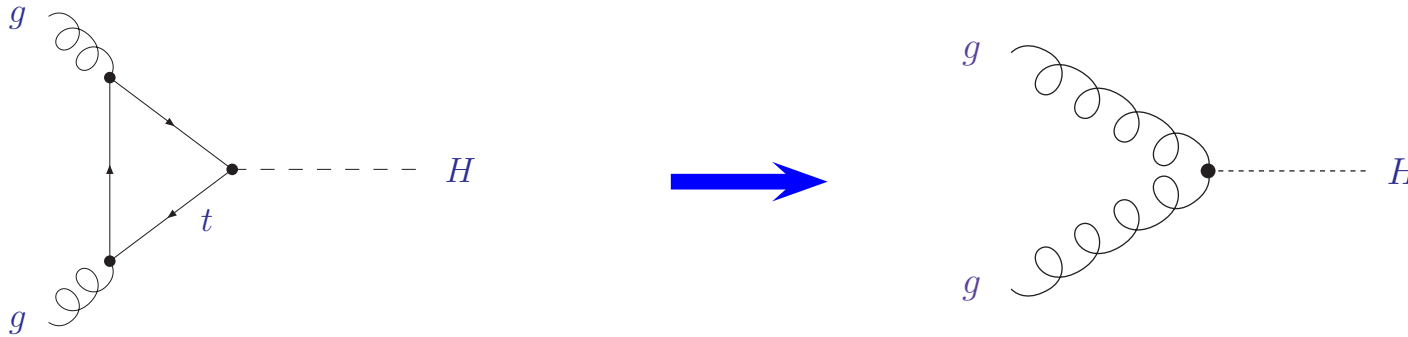


$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X} = \sum_{ij} f_i(\mu^2) \otimes f_j(\mu^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}(\alpha_s(\mu^2), Q^2, \mu^2, m_X^2)$$

- Hard parton cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}$ calculable in perturbation theory
 - known to NLO, NNLO, ... ($\mathcal{O}(\text{few}\%)$ theory uncertainty)
- Non-perturbative parameters: parton distribution functions f_i , strong coupling α_s , particle masses m_X
 - known from global fits to exp. data, lattice computations, ...

Higgs production in gg -fusion

Effective theory

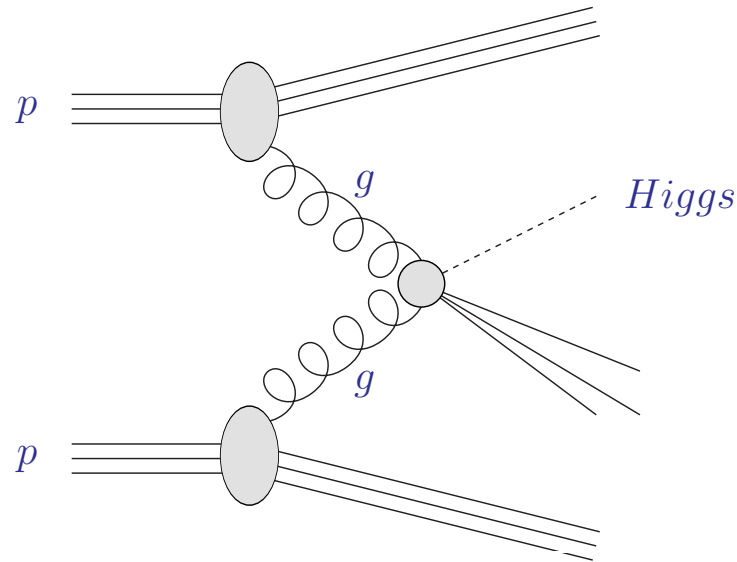


- Integration of top-quark loop (finite result)
 - decay width $H \rightarrow gg$ ($m_q = 0$ for light quarks, m_t heavy)

$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg} = \frac{G_\mu m_H^3}{64 \sqrt{2} \pi^3} \alpha_s^2 f\left(\frac{m_H^2}{4m_t^2}\right)$$

- Effective theory in limit $m_t \rightarrow \infty$; Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{H}{v} C_H G^{\mu\nu a} G_{\mu\nu}^a$
 - operator $H G^{\mu\nu a} G_{\mu\nu}^a$ relates to stress-energy tensor
 - additional renormalization proportional to QCD β -function required
Kluberg-Stern, Zuber '75; Collins, Duncan, Joglekar '77

QCD corrections to ggF



- Hadronic cross section $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H}$ with $\tau = m_H^2/S$
 - renormalization/factorization (hard) scale $\mu = \mathcal{O}(m_H)$

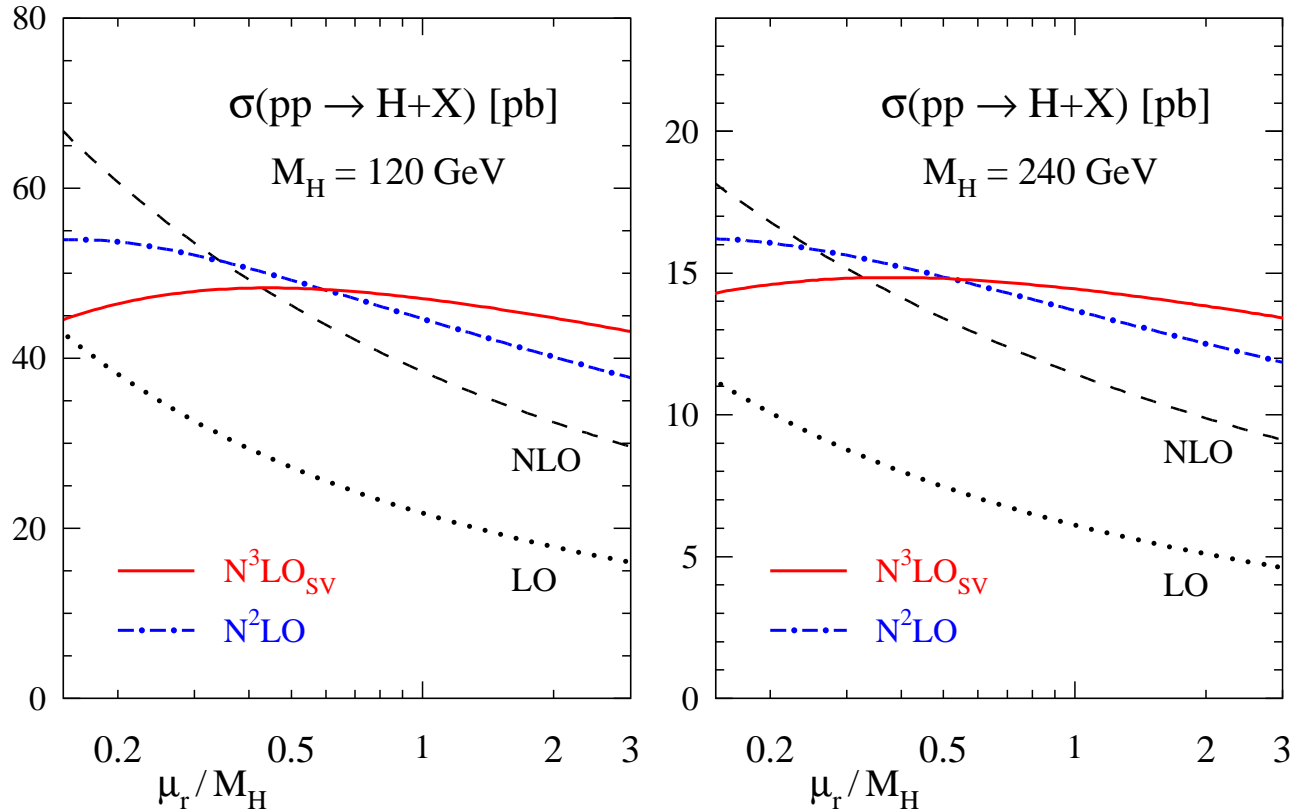
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H} = \sum_{ij} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \int_{x_1}^1 \frac{dx_2}{x_2} f_i \left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}, \mu^2 \right) f_j (x_2, \mu^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H} \left(\frac{\tau}{x_1}, \frac{\mu^2}{m_H^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2) \right)$$

- Partonic cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H}$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H} = \underbrace{\alpha_s^2 \left[\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H}^{(0)} + \alpha_s \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H}^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow H}^{(2)} + \dots \right]}$$

NLO: standard approximation (large uncertainties)

Perturbation theory at work



- Apparent convergence of perturbative expansion
 - NNLO corrections still large
Harlander, Kilgore '02; Anastasiou, Melnikov '02; Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven '03
 - improvement through complete soft N^3LO corrections S.M., Vogt '05
or NNLL resummation Catani, de Florian, Grazzini, Nason '03, Ahrens et al. '10
- Perturbative stability under renormalization scale variation

Non-perturbative parameters

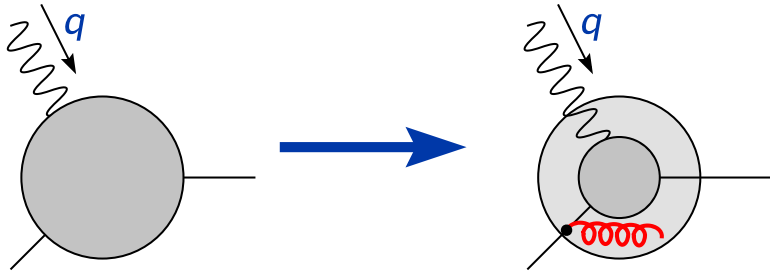
Input for collider phenomenology

- Non-perturbative parameters are universal
- Determination from comparison to experimental data
 - masses of heavy quarks m_c, m_b, m_t
 - parton distribution functions $f_i(x, \mu^2)$
 - strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

Interplay with perturbation theory

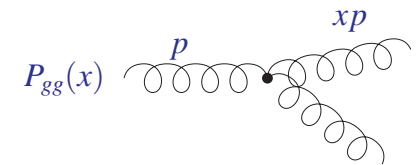
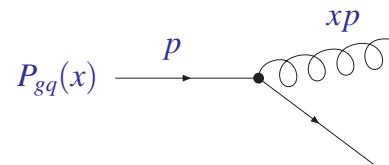
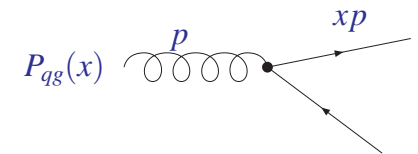
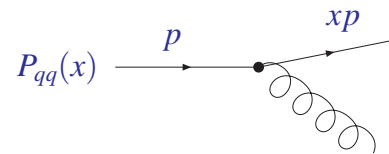
- Accuracy of determination driven by precision of theory predictions
- Non-perturbative parameters sensitive to
 - radiative corrections at higher orders
 - renormalization and factorization scales μ_R, μ_F
 - chosen scheme (e.g. \overline{MS} scheme)
 - ...

Parton evolution

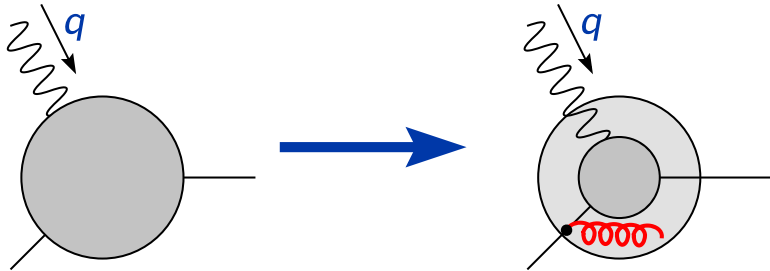


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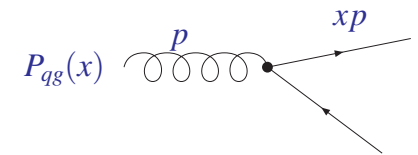
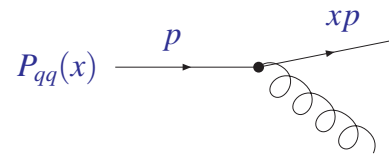
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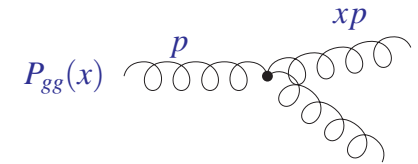
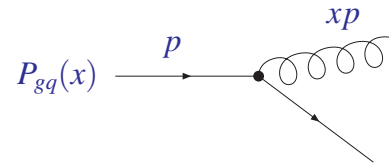
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- Evolution equations for parton distributions f_i
 - predictions from fits to reference processes (universality)

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} f_i(x, \mu^2) = \sum_k [P_{ik}(\alpha_s(\mu^2)) \otimes f_k(\mu^2)](x)$$

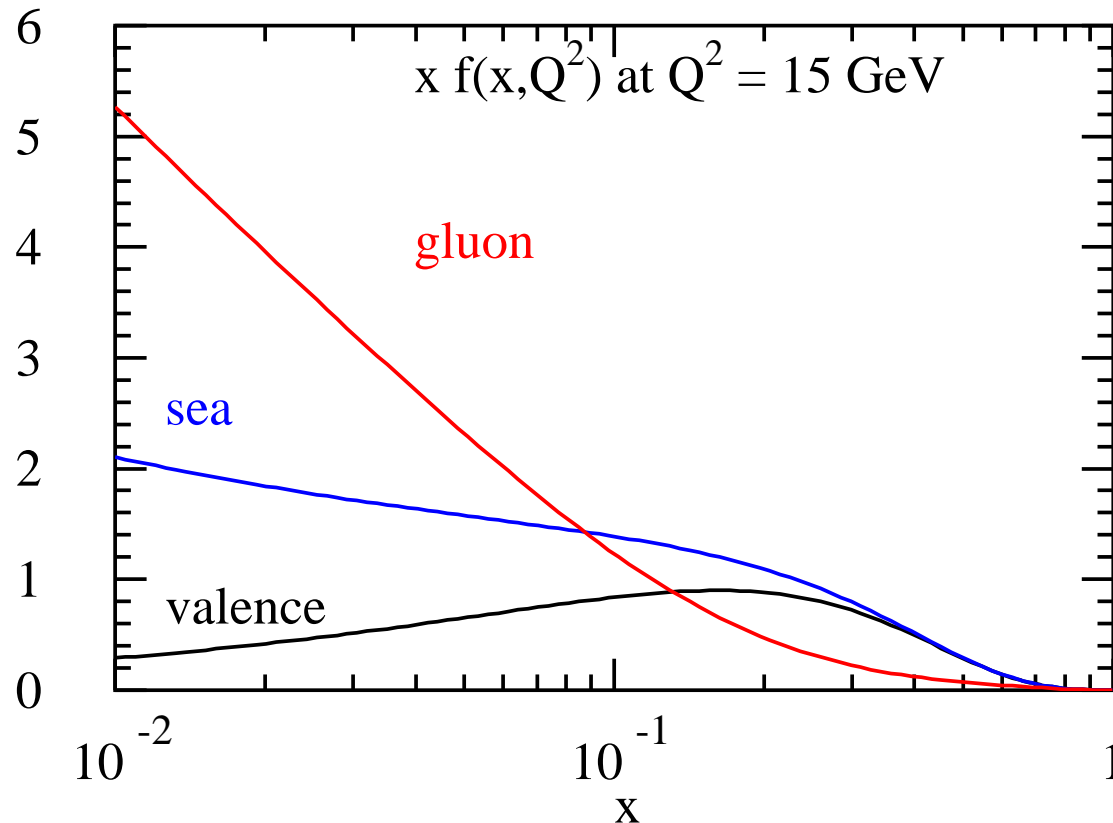
- Splitting functions P

$$P = \underbrace{\alpha_s P^{(0)} + \alpha_s^2 P^{(1)}} + \alpha_s^3 P^{(2)} + \dots$$

NLO: standard approximation (large uncertainties)

Parton distributions in proton

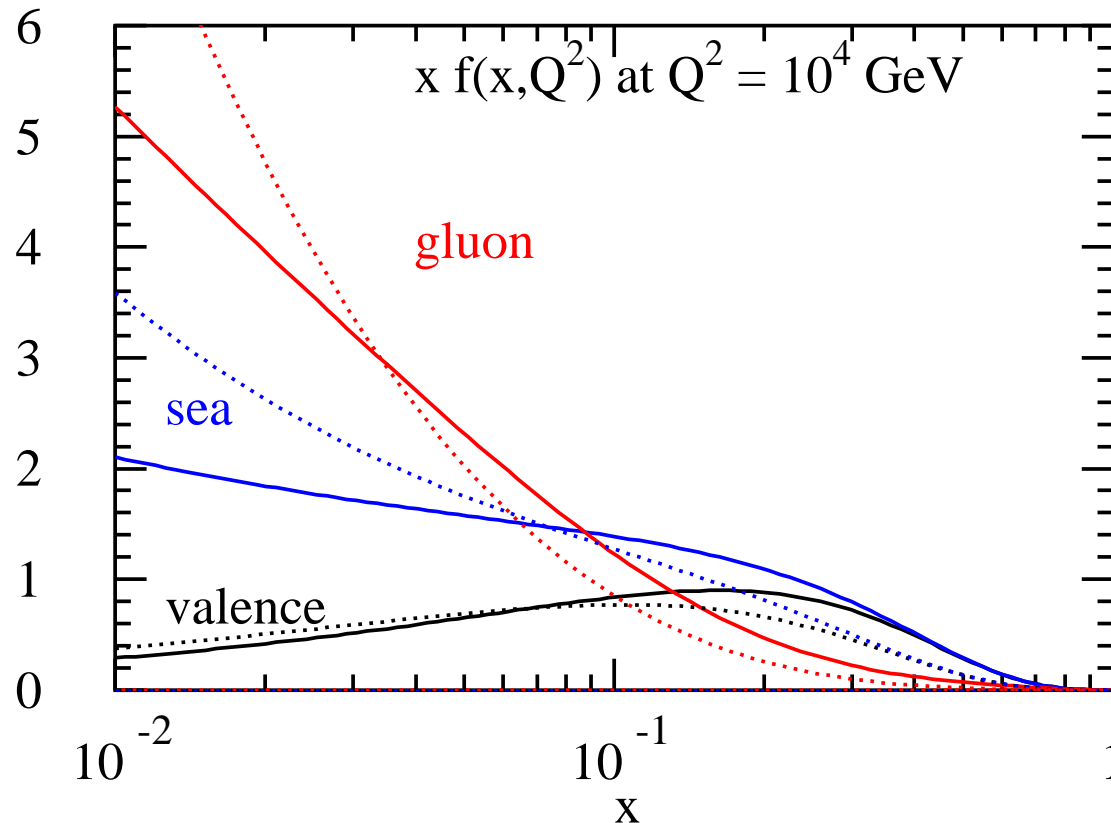
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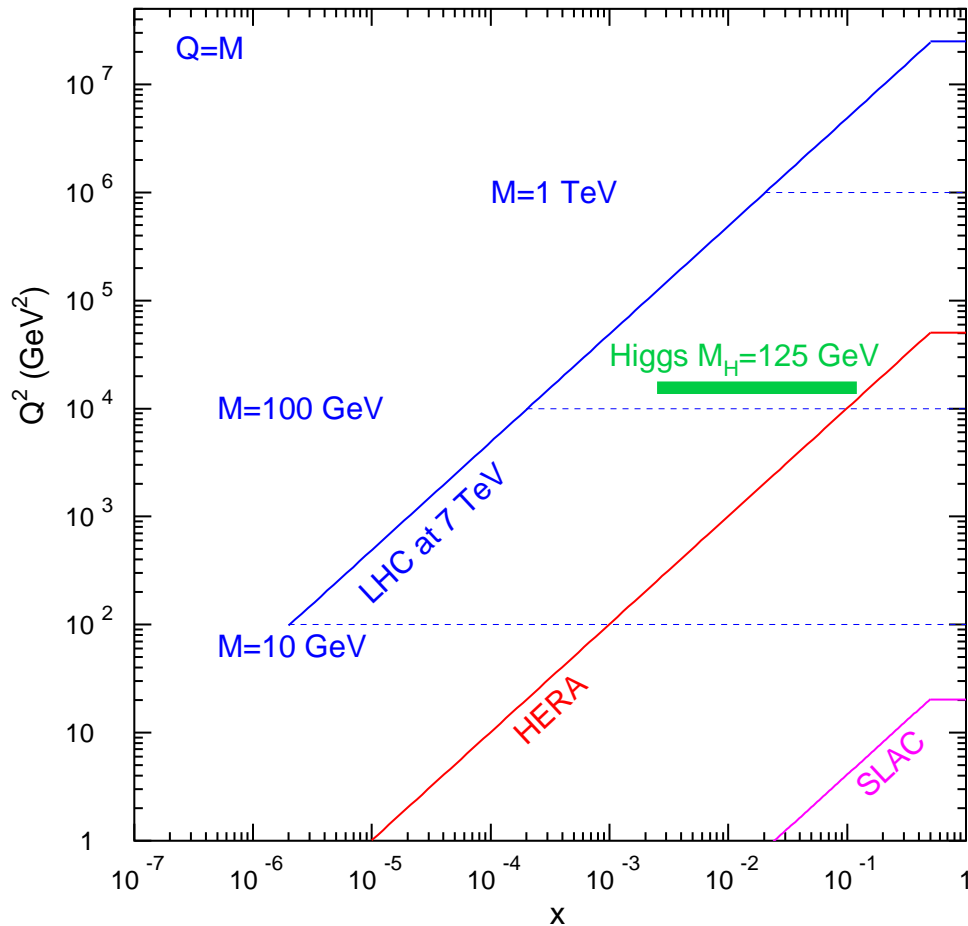
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Parton luminosity at LHC



- LHC run at $\sqrt{s} = 7/8$ TeV
 - parton kinematics well covered by HERA and fixed target experiments
- Parton kinematics at effective $\langle x \rangle = M/\sqrt{S}$
 - 100 GeV physics: small- x , sea partons
 - TeV scales: large- x

Parton distribution fits

Example

- ABM PDF set [Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M. '12](#)

Theory considerations

- Consistent theory description for consistent data sets
- Determination of PDFs and strong coupling constant α_s to NNLO QCD
- Consistent scheme for treatment of heavy quarks
 - fixed-flavor number scheme for $n_f = 3, 4, 5$
 - $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme for quark masses and α_s
- Full account of error correlations

Data considered in the fit

- Analysis of world data for deep-inelastic scattering and fixed-target data for Drell-Yan process
 - inclusive DIS data [HERA, BCDMS, NMC, SLAC](#)
 - Drell-Yan data (fixed target) [E-605, E-866](#)
 - neutrino-nucleon DIS data (di-muon production) [CCFR/NuTeV](#)

Iterative cycle of PDF fits

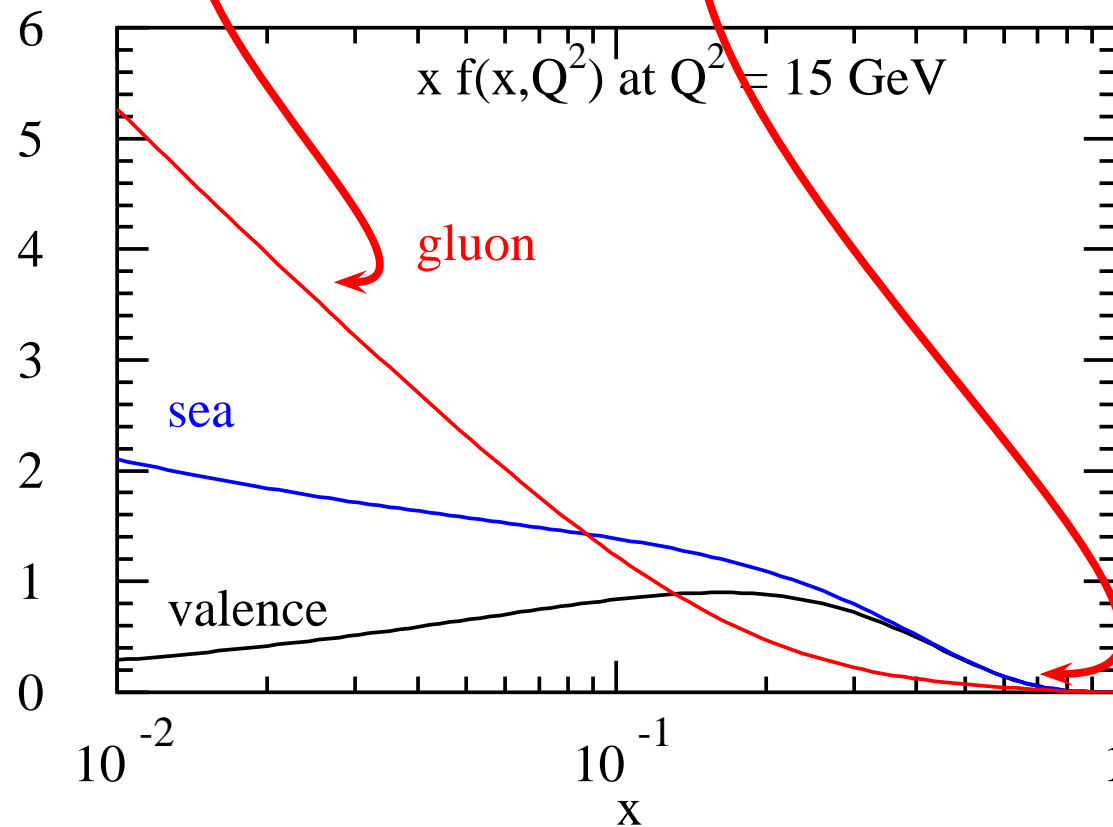
- i) check of compatibility of new data set with available world data
- ii) study of potential constraints due to addition of new data set to fit
- iii) perform high precision measurement of the non-perturbative parameters
 - parton distributions
 - strong coupling $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
 - heavy quark masses

PDF ansatz

- Parameterization at low scale Q_0 for sea-quarks

$$x f(x, Q_0^2) \simeq x^a (1-x)^b,$$

- parameters $a = -0.8 \dots -0.3$ and $b = 3 \dots 8$



PDF ansatz (details)

- ABM PDFs parameterized at scale $Q_0 = 3\text{GeV}$ in scheme with $n_f = 3$
Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M. '12
 - ansatz for valence-/sea-quarks, gluon with polynomial $P(x)$
 - strange quark is taken in charge-symmetric form
 - 24 parameters in polynomials $P(x)$
 - 4 additional fit parameters: $\alpha_s^{(n_f=3)}(\mu = 3\text{ GeV})$, m_c , m_b and deuteron correction

$$xq_v(x, Q_0^2) = \frac{2\delta_{qu} + \delta_{qd}}{N_q^v} x^{a_q} (1-x)^{b_q} x^{P_{qv}(x)}$$

$$xu_s(x, Q_0^2) = x\bar{u}_s(x, Q_0^2) = A_{us} x^{a_{us}} (1-x)^{b_{us}} x^{a_{us}} P_{us}(x)$$

$$x\Delta(x, Q_0^2) = xd_s(x, Q_0^2) - xu_s(x, Q_0^2) = A_\Delta x^{a_\Delta} (1-x)^{b_\Delta} x^{P_\Delta(x)}$$

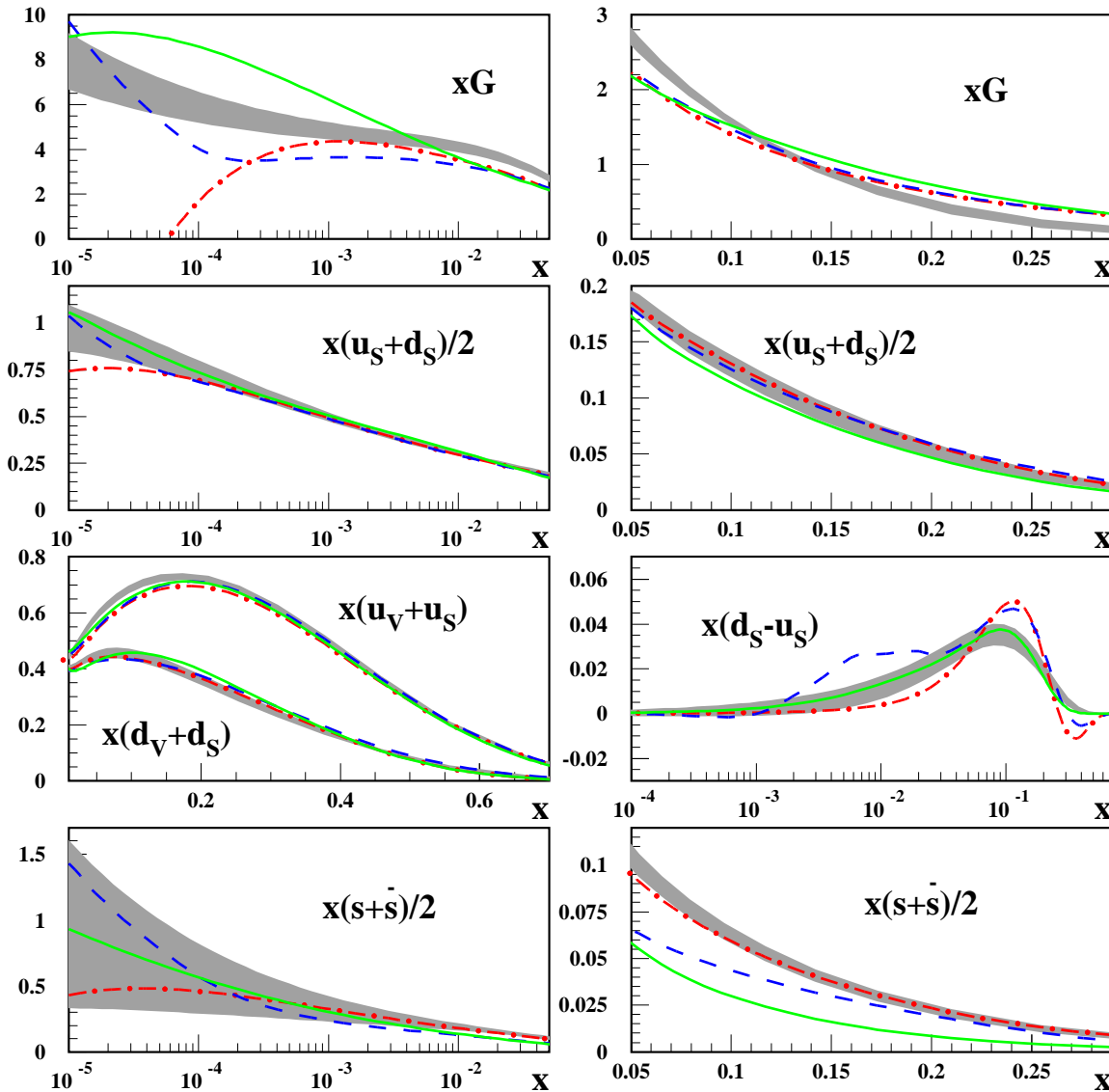
$$xs(x, Q_0^2) = x\bar{s}(x, Q_0^2) = A_s x^{a_s} (1-x)^{b_s},$$

$$xg(x, Q_0^2) = A_g x^{a_g} (1-x)^{b_g} x^{a_g} P_g(x)$$

- Ansatz provides sufficient flexibility; no additional terms required to improve the quality of fit

Parton distributions for the LHC

$\mu=2 \text{ GeV}, n_f=4$



- 1σ band for ABM11 PDFs (NNLO, 4-flavors) at $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$
Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M.'12
- comparison with:
JR09 (solid lines),
MSTW (dashed dots) and
NN21 (dashes)
- Some interesting observations to be made ...

Quality of fit

	Experiment	NDP	χ^2 (NNLO)	χ^2 (NLO)
DIS inclusive	H1&ZEUS	486	537	531
	H1	130	137	132
	BCDMS	605	705	695
	NMC	490	665	661
	SLAC-E-49a	118	63	63
	SLAC-E-49b	299	357	357
	SLAC-E-87	218	210	219
	SLAC-E-89a	148	219	215
	SLAC-E-89b	162	133	132
	SLAC-E-139	17	11	11
SLAC-E-140	26	28	29	
Drell-Yan	FNAL-E-605	119	167	167
	FNAL-E-866	39	52	55
DIS di-muon	NuTeV	89	46	49
	CCFR	89	61	62
Total		3036	3391	3378

Covariance matrix

- Correlations of PDF fit parameters (I)

	a_u	b_u	$\gamma_{1,u}$	$\gamma_{2,u}$	a_d	b_d	A_Δ	b_Δ	A_{us}	a_{us}	b_{us}	a_g	b_g	$\gamma_{1,g}$
a_u	1.0000	0.9692	0.9787	-0.7929	0.7194	0.5279	-0.1460	-0.1007	0.7481	0.6835	-0.4236	-0.2963	0.3391	0.3761
b_u		1.0000	0.9396	-0.7244	0.6792	0.4939	-0.1146	-0.1099	0.7404	0.6840	-0.4146	-0.3138	0.3464	0.3738
$\gamma_{1,u}$			1.0000	-0.8940	0.6506	0.4646	-0.1865	-0.0539	0.6728	0.6093	-0.4799	-0.2755	0.3441	0.3717
$\gamma_{2,u}$				1.0000	-0.4102	-0.2267	0.2357	-0.0182	-0.4075	-0.3495	0.4543	0.1713	-0.3156	-0.3149
a_d					1.0000	0.8827	-0.2155	-0.1964	0.6875	0.6435	-0.3030	-0.3354	0.2635	0.3500
b_d						1.0000	-0.2462	-0.0979	0.5359	0.5099	-0.2957	-0.3443	0.3157	0.3763
A_Δ							1.0000	-0.2068	-0.0689	-0.0698	0.2381	-0.0168	0.0384	0.0453
b_Δ								1.0000	0.1015	0.1279	-0.4146	-0.0852	-0.1185	-0.0892
A_{us}									1.0000	0.9884	-0.4678	-0.4679	0.1961	0.2504
a_{us}										1.0000	-0.4520	-0.5195	0.1982	0.2596
b_{us}											1.0000	0.1436	0.0444	-0.0180
a_g												1.0000	-0.6289	-0.7662
b_g													1.0000	0.9392
$\gamma_{1,g}$														1.0000

Covariance matrix

- Correlations of PDF fit parameters (II)

	$\alpha_s(\mu_0)$	$\gamma_{1,\Delta}$	$\gamma_{1,us}$	$\gamma_{1,d}$	$\gamma_{2,d}$	A_s	b_s	a_s	$\gamma_{3,u}$	$m_c(m_c)$	$\gamma_{3,us}$	$m_b(m_b)$	a_Δ
a_u	-0.0435	0.0000	-0.8480	0.6008	0.1535	-0.0034	-0.0437	-0.0355	0.8111	0.0796	-0.4797	0.0044	-0.1718
b_u	-0.1251	0.0316	-0.8375	0.5537	0.1806	0.0008	-0.0345	-0.0276	0.7001	0.0625	-0.4889	-0.0005	-0.1452
$\gamma_{1,u}$	-0.0849	-0.0637	-0.8133	0.5422	0.1667	-0.0324	-0.0671	-0.0638	0.8948	0.0726	-0.4033	0.0075	-0.2028
$\gamma_{2,u}$	0.0920	0.1659	0.5760	-0.3308	-0.2276	0.0799	0.0966	0.1098	-0.9749	-0.0631	0.1728	-0.0142	0.2353
a_d	-0.0321	-0.0137	-0.7618	0.9630	-0.1842	0.0007	-0.0414	-0.0167	0.4878	0.0227	-0.4735	-0.0078	-0.2088
b_d	-0.1666	-0.1167	-0.6060	0.9351	-0.5969	-0.0064	-0.0249	-0.0203	0.3007	-0.0045	-0.3782	-0.0132	-0.2121
A_Δ	0.0206	0.8718	0.1649	-0.2544	0.1916	-0.0232	-0.0212	-0.0294	-0.2398	0.0202	0.0667	0.0034	0.9721
b_Δ	0.0086	-0.6291	-0.1067	-0.1834	-0.1103	0.0594	0.0577	0.0711	0.0052	-0.0063	-0.1768	-0.0083	-0.0662
A_{us}	0.0043	-0.0481	-0.8662	0.5862	0.0768	-0.0341	-0.0659	-0.0493	0.4485	0.1559	-0.8164	-0.0008	-0.0417
a_{us}	-0.0459	-0.0650	-0.8255	0.5493	0.0606	-0.0119	-0.0441	-0.0255	0.3870	0.0940	-0.8628	-0.0055	-0.0375
b_{us}	-0.0382	0.3783	0.7032	-0.3288	0.1278	-0.0734	-0.0445	-0.0807	-0.4262	-0.0100	0.3911	0.0040	0.1782
a_g	0.3785	0.0061	0.3050	-0.3280	0.1338	0.0936	0.0718	0.1165	-0.1744	-0.0137	0.4886	0.0323	-0.0360
b_g	-0.6085	0.1017	-0.0873	0.2827	-0.2104	-0.0543	-0.0114	-0.1223	0.2973	0.1560	-0.1337	0.0141	0.0066
$\gamma_{1,g}$	-0.4642	0.1021	-0.1778	0.3605	-0.1962	-0.0708	-0.0396	-0.1230	0.3132	0.0425	-0.1977	0.0071	0.0201

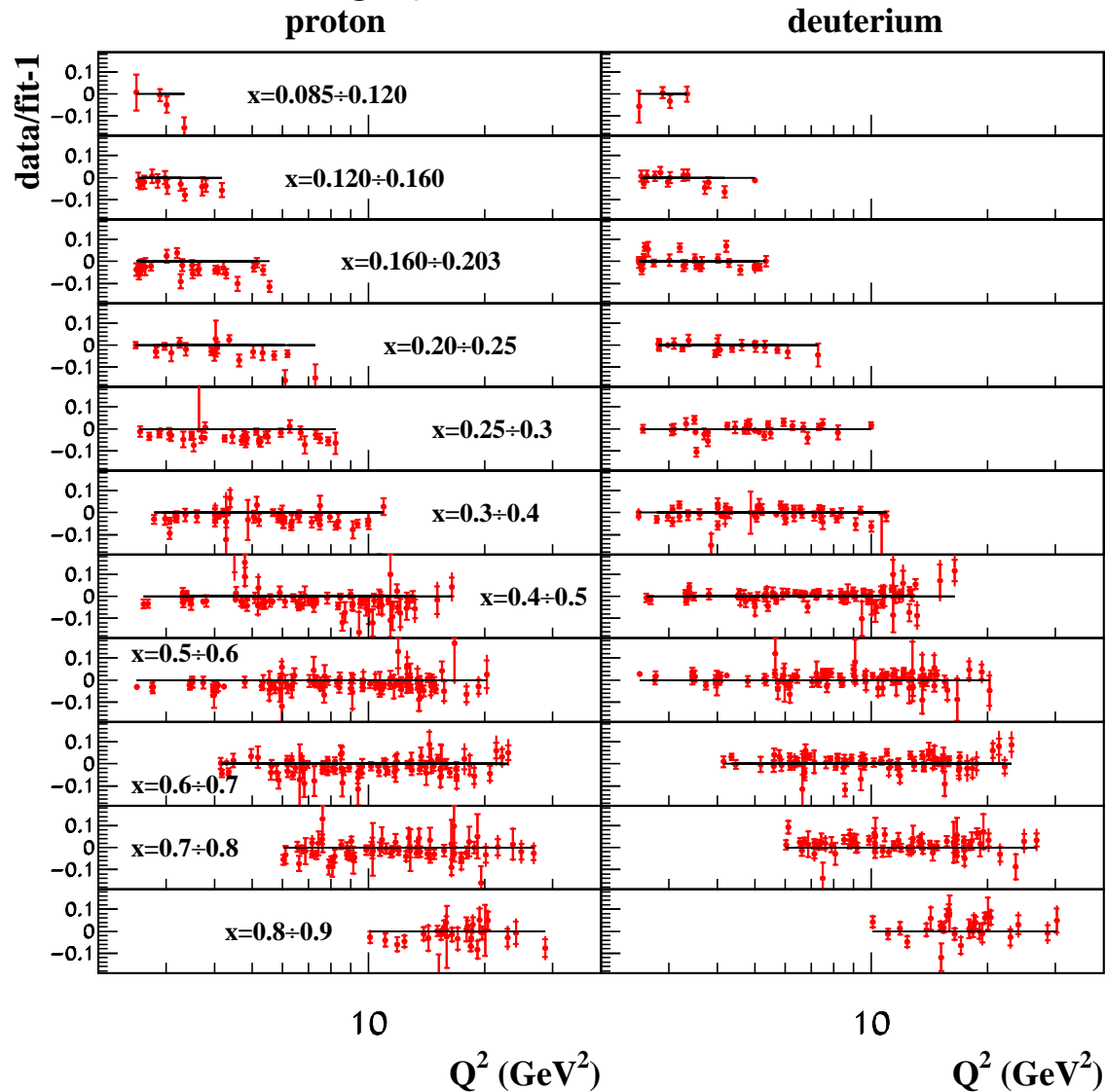
Covariance matrix

- Correlations of PDF fit parameters (III)

	$\alpha_s(\mu_0)$	$\gamma_{1,\Delta}$	$\gamma_{1,us}$	$\gamma_{1,d}$	$\gamma_{2,d}$	A_s	b_s	a_s	$\gamma_{3,u}$	$m_c(m_c)$	$\gamma_{3,us}$	$m_b(m_b)$	a_Δ
$\alpha_s(\mu_0)$	1.0000	0.0176	-0.0394	-0.0798	0.2357	-0.0018	-0.0982	-0.0075	-0.0291	0.1904	0.0676	0.0562	0.0136
$\gamma_{1,\Delta}$		1.0000	0.1183	-0.0802	0.2640	-0.0427	-0.0489	-0.0550	-0.1595	0.0193	0.0985	0.0069	0.7657
$\gamma_{1,us}$			1.0000	-0.6753	-0.0493	-0.0525	0.0158	-0.0445	-0.6039	-0.0656	0.6590	0.0017	0.1487
$\gamma_{1,d}$				1.0000	-0.4041	-0.0213	-0.0513	-0.0366	0.4145	0.0148	-0.3931	-0.0086	-0.2284
$\gamma_{2,d}$					1.0000	0.0308	-0.0016	0.0326	0.1801	0.0276	-0.0510	0.0111	0.1212
A_s						1.0000	0.8570	0.9749	-0.0664	-0.0206	-0.4355	0.0017	-0.0139
b_s							1.0000	0.8730	-0.0894	-0.0706	-0.3708	0.0005	-0.0127
a_s								1.0000	-0.0967	-0.1234	-0.4403	-0.0050	-0.0172
$\gamma_{3,u}$									1.0000	0.0674	-0.2082	0.0153	-0.2378
$m_c(m_c)$										1.0000	-0.0010	0.0505	0.0141
$\gamma_{3,us}$											1.0000	0.0083	0.0276
$m_b(m_b)$												1.0000	0.0006
a_Δ													1.0000

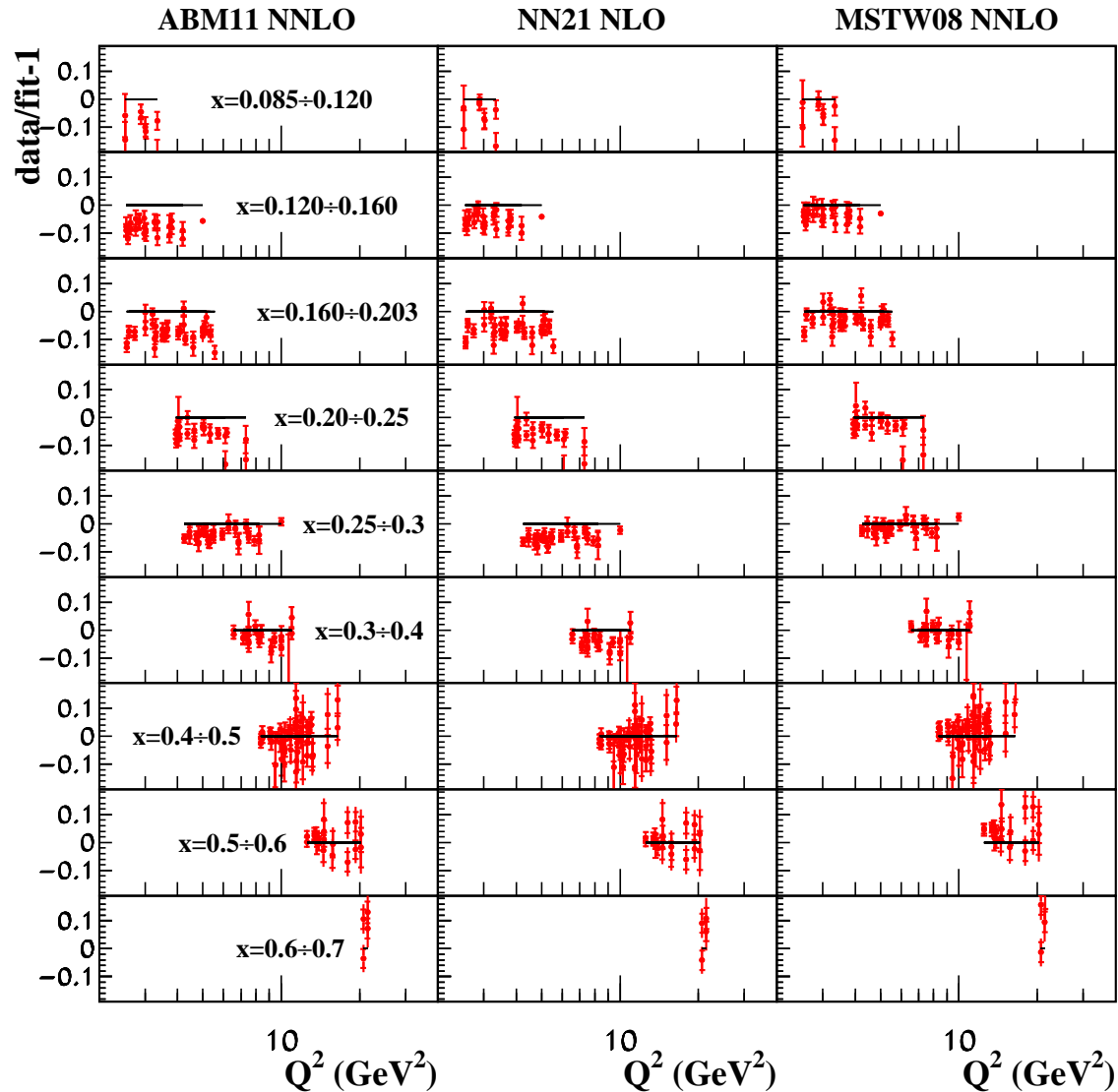
Pulls

- Comparison to SLAC inclusive DIS cross section data (proton and deuterium target)



Testing higher twist

- Fit of SLAC data without higher twist contributions
(data cut at $W^2 > 12.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 > 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$)



Strong coupling constant

Essential facts

- $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from e^+e^- data high
- $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from DIS data low
- World average 1992
 $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.117 \pm 0.004$

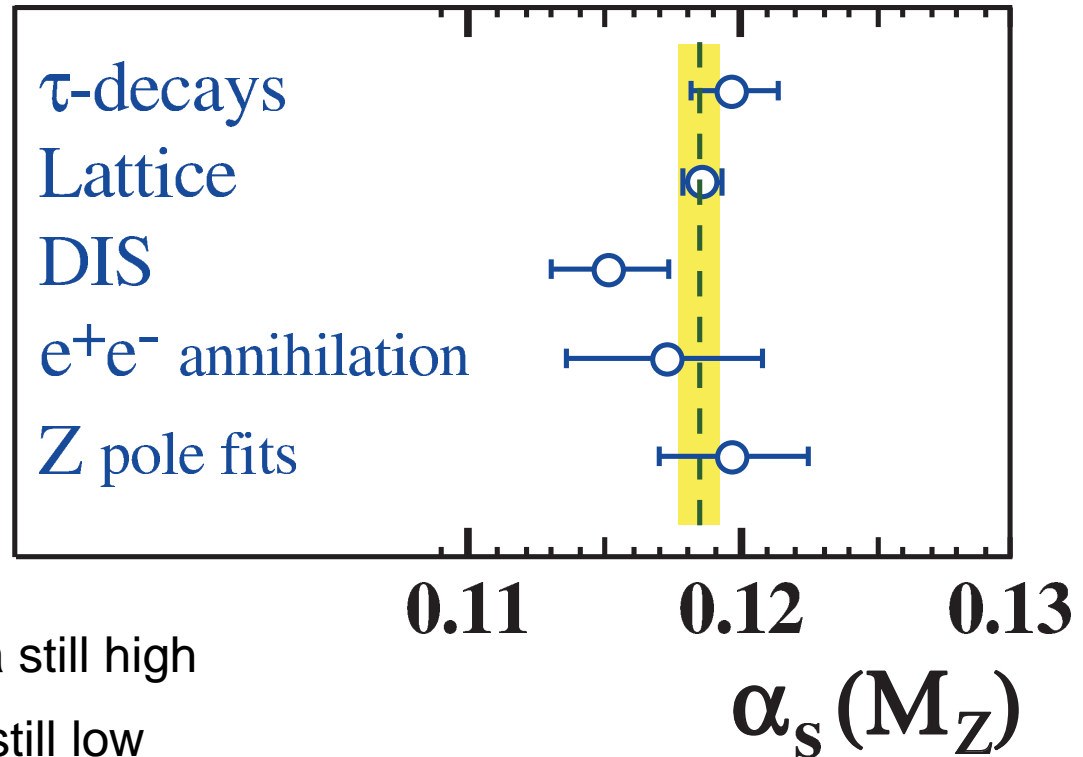
Process	Ref.	Q [GeV]	$\alpha_s(Q)$	$\alpha_s(M_{Z^0})$	$\Delta\alpha_s(M_{Z^0})$		order of perturb.
					exp.	theor.	
1 R_τ [LEP]	[7-10]	1.78	$0.318 \pm_{-0.039}^{+0.048}$	$0.117 \pm_{-0.005}^{+0.006}$	$\pm_{-0.004}^{+0.003}$	$\pm_{-0.004}^{+0.005}$	NNLO
2 R_τ [world]	[2]	1.78	0.32 ± 0.04	$0.118 \pm_{-0.006}^{+0.004}$	-	-	NNLO
3 DIS [ν]	[3]	5.0	$0.193 \pm_{-0.018}^{+0.019}$	$0.111 \pm_{-0.007}^{+0.006}$	$\pm_{-0.006}^{+0.004}$	0.004	NLO
4 DIS [μ]	[12]	7.1	0.180 ± 0.014	0.113 ± 0.005	0.003	0.004	NLO
5 $J/\Psi, \Upsilon$ decay	[4]	10.0	$0.167 \pm_{-0.011}^{+0.015}$	$0.113 \pm_{-0.005}^{+0.007}$	-	-	NLO
6 e^+e^- [σ_{had}]	[14]	34.0	0.163 ± 0.022	0.135 ± 0.015	-	-	NNLO
7 e^+e^- [shapes]	[15]	35.0	0.14 ± 0.02	0.119 ± 0.014	-	-	NLO
8 $p\bar{p} \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$	[11]	20.0	$0.136 \pm_{-0.024}^{+0.025}$	$0.108 \pm_{-0.014}^{+0.015}$	0.006	$\pm_{-0.013}^{+0.014}$	NLO
9 $p\bar{p} \rightarrow W$ jets	[13]	80.6	0.123 ± 0.027	0.121 ± 0.026	0.018	0.020	NLO
10 $\Gamma(Z^0 \rightarrow had.)$	[5]	91.2	0.133 ± 0.012	0.133 ± 0.012	0.012	$\pm_{-0.001}^{+0.003}$	NNLO
11 Z^0 ev. shapes							
ALEPH	[7]	91.2	$0.119 \pm_{-0.010}^{+0.008}$		-	-	NLO
DELPHI	[8]	91.2	0.113 ± 0.007		0.002	0.007	NLO
L3	[9]	91.2	0.118 ± 0.010		-	-	NLO
OPAL	[10]	91.2	$0.122 \pm_{-0.005}^{+0.006}$		0.001	$\pm_{-0.005}^{+0.006}$	NLO
SLD	[6]	91.2	$0.120 \pm_{-0.013}^{+0.015}$		0.009	$\pm_{-0.009}^{+0.012}$	NLO
Average	[6-10]	91.2		0.119 ± 0.006	0.001	0.006	NLO
12 Z^0 ev. shapes							
ALEPH	[7]	91.2	0.125 ± 0.005		0.002	0.004	resum.
DELPHI	[8]	91.2	0.122 ± 0.006		0.002	0.006	resum.
L3	[9]	91.2	0.126 ± 0.009		0.003	0.008	resum.
OPAL	[10]	91.2	$0.122 \pm_{-0.006}^{+0.003}$		0.001	$\pm_{-0.006}^{+0.003}$	resum.
Average	[7-10]	91.2		0.123 ± 0.005	0.001	0.005	resum.

Table 1: Summary of measurements of α_s . For details see text.

Bethke, Catani CERN TH-6484/92

α_s 2012

Bethke in PDG 2012



- $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from e^+e^- data still high
- $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from DIS data still low
- World average for $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ based on arithmetic average of (pre-averaged) $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ values from different methods/processes

Measurements of α_s

- Values of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ at NNLO from PDF fits

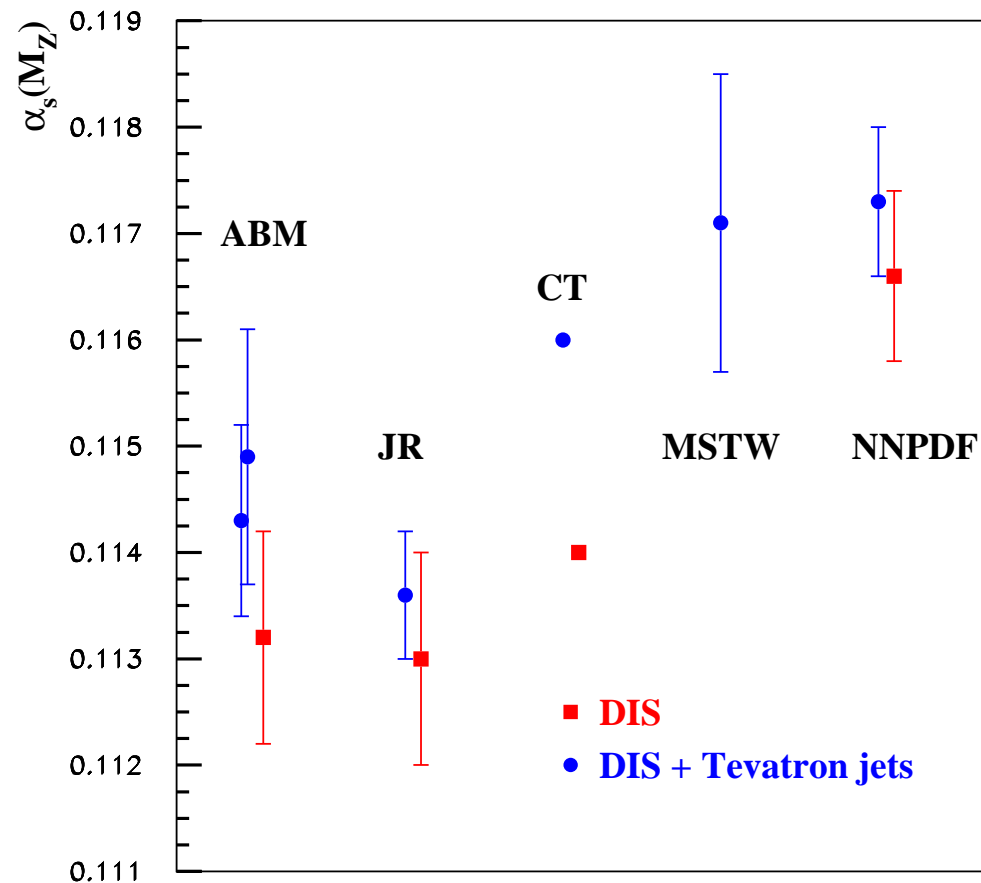
BBG	$0.1134^{+0.0019}_{-0.0021}$	valence analysis, NNLO	Blümlein, Böttcher, Guffanti '06
BB	0.1132 ± 0.0022	valence analysis, NNLO	Blümlein, Böttcher '12
GRS	0.112	valence analysis, NNLO	Glück, Reya, Schuck '06
ABKM	0.1135 ± 0.0014	HQ: FFNS $n_f = 3$	Alekhin, Blümlein, Klein, S.M. '09
ABKM	0.1129 ± 0.0014	HQ: BSMN-approach	Alekhin, Blümlein, Klein, S.M. '09
JR	0.1128 ± 0.0010	dynamical approach	Jimenez-Delgado, Reya '13
JR	0.1140 ± 0.0006	including jet data	Jimenez-Delgado, Reya '13
ABM11	0.1134 ± 0.0011		Alekhin, Blümlein, Klein, S.M. '11
ABM12	0.1133 ± 0.0011		Alekhin, Blümlein, Klein, S.M. '12
ABM12	0.1132 ± 0.0011	(without jets)	Alekhin, Blümlein, Klein, S.M. '12
MSTW	0.1171 ± 0.0014		Martin, Stirling, Thorne, Watt '09
NN21	0.1173 ± 0.0007		NNPDF '11
CTEQ	0.1159...0.1162		CTEQ '13
CTEQ	0.1140	(without jets)	CTEQ '13

Measurements of α_s

- Values of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ at NNLO from related measurements and lattice

e^+e^- thrust	0.1140 ± 0.0015	Abbate et al.	arXiv:1204.5746
e^+e^- thrust	$0.1131^{+0.0028}_{-0.0022}$	Gehrmann et al.	arXiv:1210.6945
3-jet rate	0.1175 ± 0.0025	Dissertori et al. 2009	arXiv:0910.4283
Z-decay	0.1189 ± 0.0026	BCK 2008/12 (N ³ LO)	arXiv:0801.1821 arXiv:1201.5804
τ decay	0.1212 ± 0.0019	BCK 2008	arXiv:0801.1821
τ decay	0.1204 ± 0.0016	Pich 2011	arXiv:1110.0016
τ decay	0.1191 ± 0.0022	Boito et al. 2012	arXiv:1203.3146
lattice	0.1205 ± 0.0010	PACS-CS 2009 (2+1 fl.)	arXiv:0906.3906
lattice	0.1184 ± 0.0006	HPQCD 2010	arXiv:1004.4285
lattice	0.1200 ± 0.0014	ETM 2012 (2+1+1 fl.)	arXiv:1201.5770
lattice	0.1156 ± 0.0022	Brambilla et al. 2012 (2+1 fl.)	arXiv:1205.6155
lattice	0.1181 ± 0.0014	JLQCD	arXiv:1002.0371
world average	0.1184 ± 0.0007	(2012)	arXiv:1210.0325

α_s from DIS and PDFs

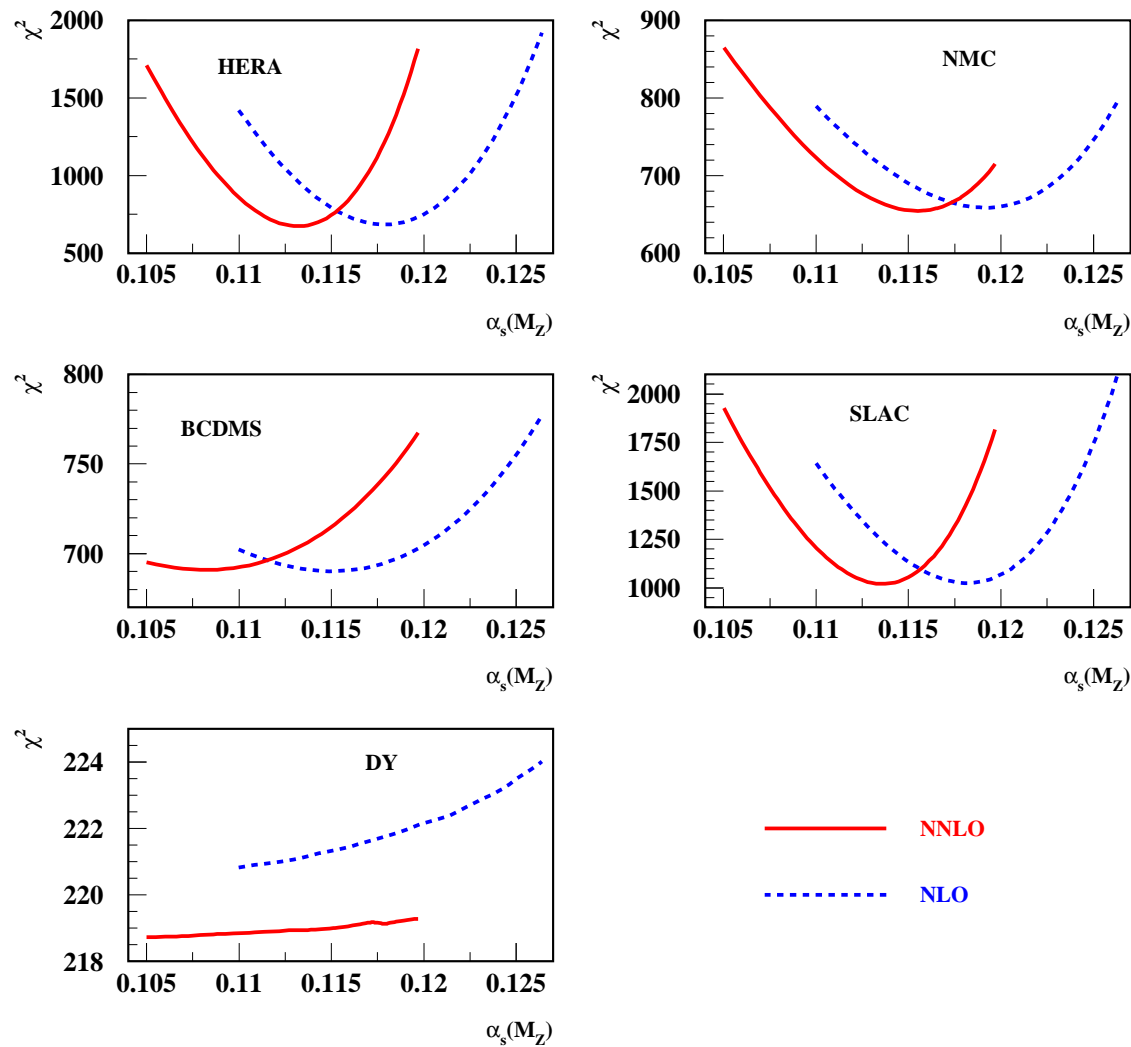


- Significant spread of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ values from DIS determinations

Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M. '13

α_s from DIS and PDFs

ABM11



- Profile of χ^2 for different data sets in ABM11 PDF fit [Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M. '12](#)

Comparison of α_s determinations

- Differences in α_s values:
 - result from different physics models and analysis procedures
 - target mass corrections (powers of nucleon mass M_N^2/Q^2)
 - higher twist $F_2^{\text{ht}} = F_2 + ht^{(4)}(x)/Q^2 + ht^{(6)}(x)/Q^4 + \dots$
 - error correlations
- Effects for differences between **ABM**, **MSTW** and **NN21** understood
 - variants of **ABM** with no higher twist etc. reproduce larger α_s values

	α_s at NNLO	target mass corr.	higher twist	error correl.
ABM11	0.1134 ± 0.0011	yes	yes	yes
NNPDF21	0.1166 ± 0.0008	yes	no	yes
MSTW	0.1171 ± 0.0014	no	no	no

Treatment of heavy-quarks

Light quarks

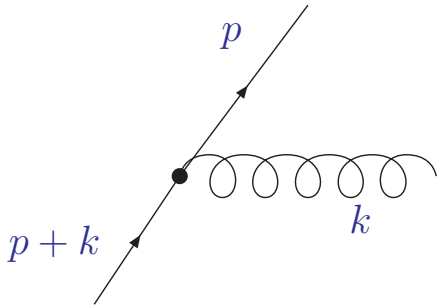
- Neglect “light quark” masses $m_u, m_d \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$ and $m_s < \Lambda_{QCD}$ in hard scattering process
 - scale-dependent u, d, s, g PDFs from mass singularities

Heavy quarks

- No mass singularities for $m_c, m_b, m_t \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$, no (evolving) PDFs
 - c and b PDFs for $Q \gg \gg m_c, m_b$ generated perturbatively
 - matching of two distinct theories
 - n_f light flavors + heavy quark of mass m at low scales
 - $n_f + 1$ light flavors at high scales

Soft and collinear singularities

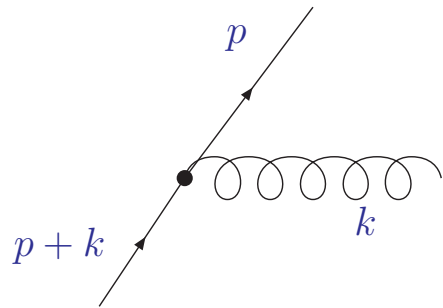
- Soft/collinear regions of phase space
 - massless partons



$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

Soft and collinear singularities

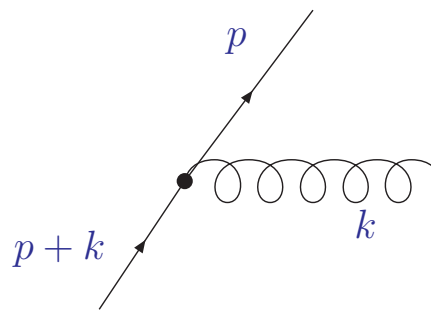
- Soft/collinear regions of phase space
 - massless partons



$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_s \int d^4 k \frac{1}{(p+k)^2} &= \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})} \\
 &\longrightarrow \alpha_s \int dE_g d\theta_{qg} \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})} \\
 &\longrightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \times (\dots) \quad \text{in dim. reg.} \quad D = 4 - 2\epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Soft and collinear singularities

- Soft/collinear regions of phase space
 - massless partons



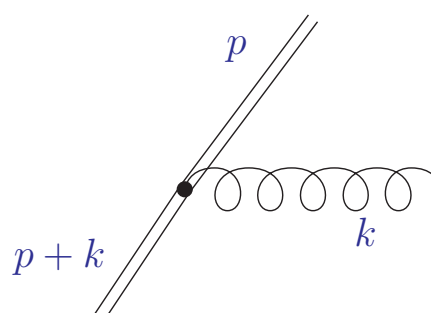
A Feynman diagram showing a vertex where an incoming line with momentum $p+k$ splits into an outgoing line with momentum p and a gluon loop with momentum k . The gluon loop is represented by a wavy line.

$$\alpha_s \int d^4k \frac{1}{(p+k)^2} \longrightarrow \alpha_s \int dE_g d\theta_{qg} \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

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$$\longrightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \times (\dots) \quad \text{in dim. reg.} \quad D = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

- Parton masses regulate collinear singularity



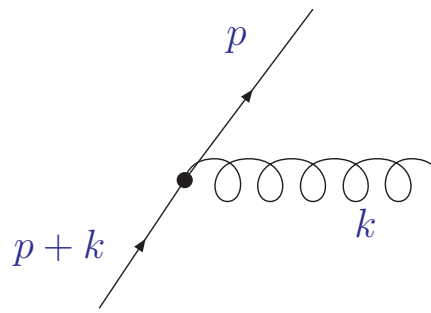
A Feynman diagram similar to the one above, but with two parallel lines representing the incoming parton with momentum $p+k$, indicating a massive parton.

$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2 - m_q^2} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \beta \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

$$\text{with } \beta = \left(1 - \frac{m_q^2}{E_q^2}\right)^{1/2} < 1$$

Soft and collinear singularities

- Soft/collinear regions of phase space
 - massless partons



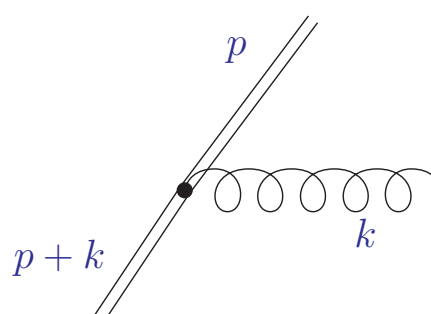
A Feynman diagram showing a vertex where an incoming line with momentum $p+k$ splits into an outgoing line with momentum p and a gluon loop with momentum k . The gluon loop is represented by a series of circles.

$$\alpha_s \int d^4 k \frac{1}{(p+k)^2} \longrightarrow \alpha_s \int dE_g d\theta_{qg} \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

$$\longrightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \times (\dots) \quad \text{in dim. reg.} \quad D = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

- Parton masses regulate collinear singularity



A Feynman diagram similar to the one above, but with two parallel lines representing the incoming parton with momentum $p+k$, indicating a collinear configuration. The gluon loop has momentum k .

$$\alpha_s \int d^4 k \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 - m_q^2} \longrightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln(m_q^2) \times (\dots)$$

$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2 - m_q^2} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_q E_g (1 - \beta \cos \theta_{qg})}$$

with $\beta = \left(1 - \frac{m_q^2}{E_q^2}\right)^{1/2} < 1$

Treatment of heavy-quarks

Charm structure function

- F_2^c at HERA (assume no “intrinsic charm”)
 - $Q \not\gg m_c$: Fixed flavor-number scheme FFNS
 u, d, s, g partons and massive charm coeff. fcts.
 - $Q \gggg m_c$: Zero-mass variable flavor-number scheme ZM-VFNS
terms $m_c/Q \rightarrow 0$, $n_f = 4$ PDFs (matching), $m_c = 0$ coeff. fcts.
 - $Q \gg m_c$: General-mass variable flavor-number scheme GM-VFNS
terms $m_c/Q \neq 0$, but quasi-collinear logs $\ln(Q/m_c)$ large
 $n_f = 4$ PDFs, “interpolating” coeff. fcts. (matching prescriptions)

FFNS

- Perturbative QCD predictions for F_2^c and F_L^c (neutral current)
 - complete NLO predictions Laenen, Riemersma, Smith, van Neerven '92
 - approximate expressions to NNLO
Laenen, S.M. '98; Alekhin, S.M. '08; Lo Presti, Kawamura, S.M., Vogt '10
 - asymptotic NNLO terms at large $Q^2 \gg m^2$ Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein '09

VFNS

- Variable flavor number schemes \longrightarrow matching of two distinct theories
Aivazis, Collins, Olness, Tung '94; Thorne, Roberts '98;
Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven '98
 $\longrightarrow n_f$ light flavors + heavy quark of mass m at low scales
 $\longrightarrow n_f + 1$ light flavors at high scales
- Important aspects of variable flavor number schemes
 - mass factorization to be carried out before resummation
 \longrightarrow mass factorization involves both heavy and light component of structure function
 - matching conditions required through NNLO
Chuvakin, Smith, van Neerven '00
- Details of implementation matter in global fits

VFNS implementation

- GM-VFNS implementation using BSMN

Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven '98

- DIS structure function F_2^h for heavy-quark h

$$\begin{aligned} F_2^{h,\text{BSMN}}(N_f + 1, x, Q^2) &= \\ &= F_2^{h,\text{exact}}(N_f, x, Q^2) + F_2^{h,\text{ZMVFN}}(N_f + 1, x, Q^2) - F_2^{h,\text{asymp}}(N_f, x, Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

- $F_2^{h,\text{exact}}$: massive heavy-quark structure function ($m \neq 0$)
- $F_2^{h,\text{ZMVFN}}$: DIS structure function with zero mass ($m = 0$)
- $F_2^{h,\text{asymp}}$: asymptotic expansion of heavy-quark structure function (logarithms $\ln(Q^2/m^2)$)

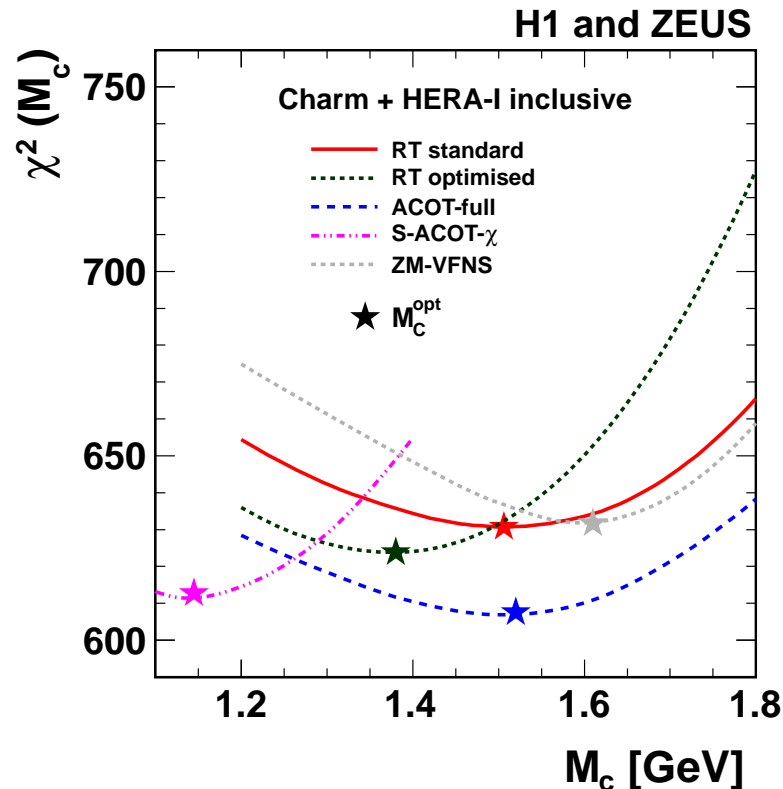
Heavy quark mass

- Data on F_2^c at HERA has correlation of m_c , $\alpha_S(M_Z)$, gluon PDF

$$\sigma_{c\bar{c}} \sim \alpha_s m_c^2 g(x)$$

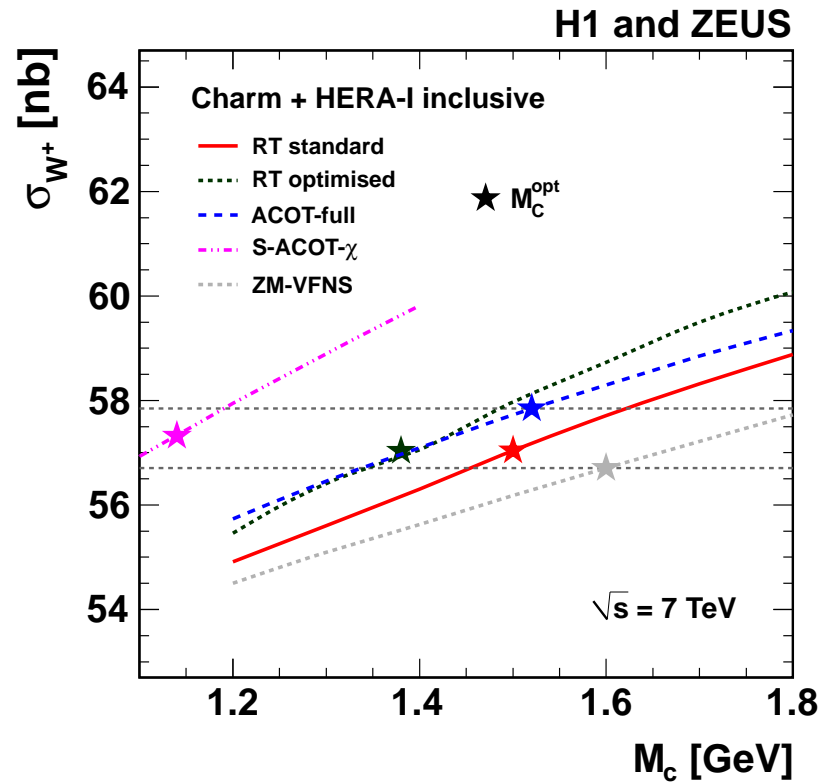
- Comparison of measured data with predictions in various VFNS schemes
 - data shows very good sensitivity to value of m_c
 - fit of value of m_c strongly dependent on particular choice of VFNS

H1 coll. arxiv:1211.1182



Heavy quark mass

- Significant impact on cross section predictions at LHC
 - e.g., W^+ -production



Quark masses in PDF fits

- Choice of value for heavy-quark masses part of uncertainty
- PDF fits assume pole mass scheme for heavy-quarks
 - numerical values systematically lower than those from PDG (2-loop conversion to pole mass)

[GeV]	PDG	ABKM	GJR	HERAPDF	MSTW	CT10	NNPDF21
m_c	1.66 ^{+0.09} _{-0.15}	1.5 ^{+0.25} _{-0.25}	1.3	1.4 ^{+0.25} _{-0.05}	1.3	1.3	1.41
m_b	4.79 ^{+0.19} _{-0.08}	4.5 ^{+0.5} _{-0.5}	4.2	4.75 ^{+0.25} _{-0.45}	4.75	4.75	4.75

PDG

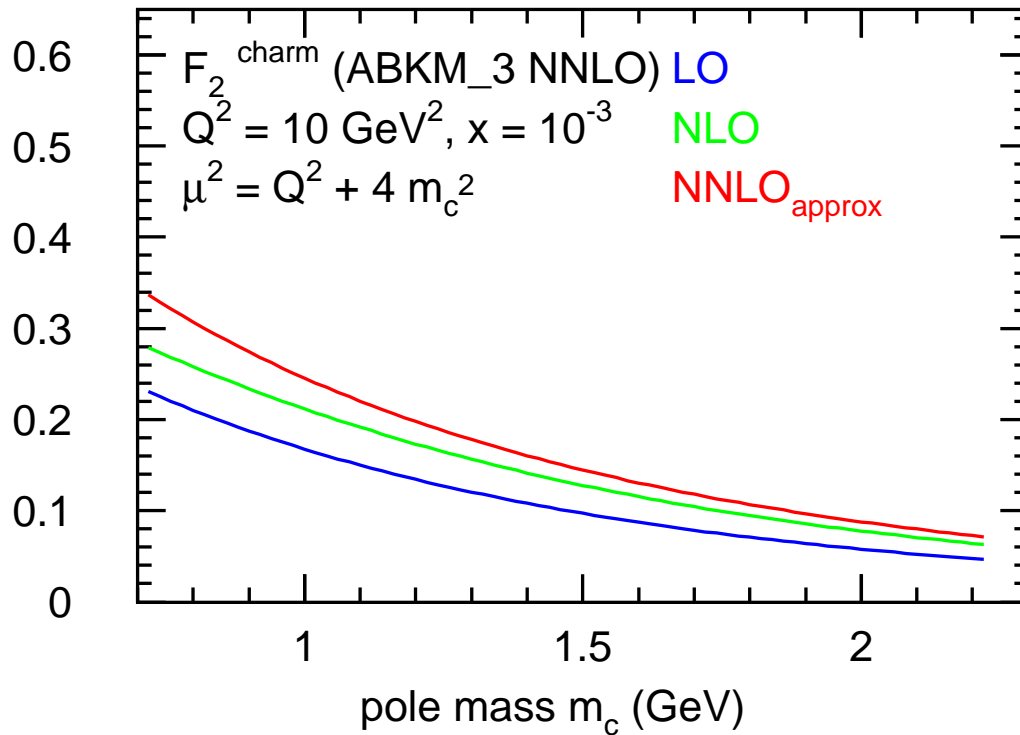
- PDG quotes running masses:
charm: $m_c(m_c) = 1.27_{-0.11}^{+0.07}$ GeV, bottom: $m_b(m_b) = 4.20_{-0.07}^{+0.17}$ GeV

ABM11

- ABM11 uses running masses:
charm: $m_c(m_c) = 1.27_{-0.08}^{+0.08}$ GeV, bottom: $m_b(m_b) = 4.19_{-0.13}^{+0.13}$ GeV

Running quark masses in DIS

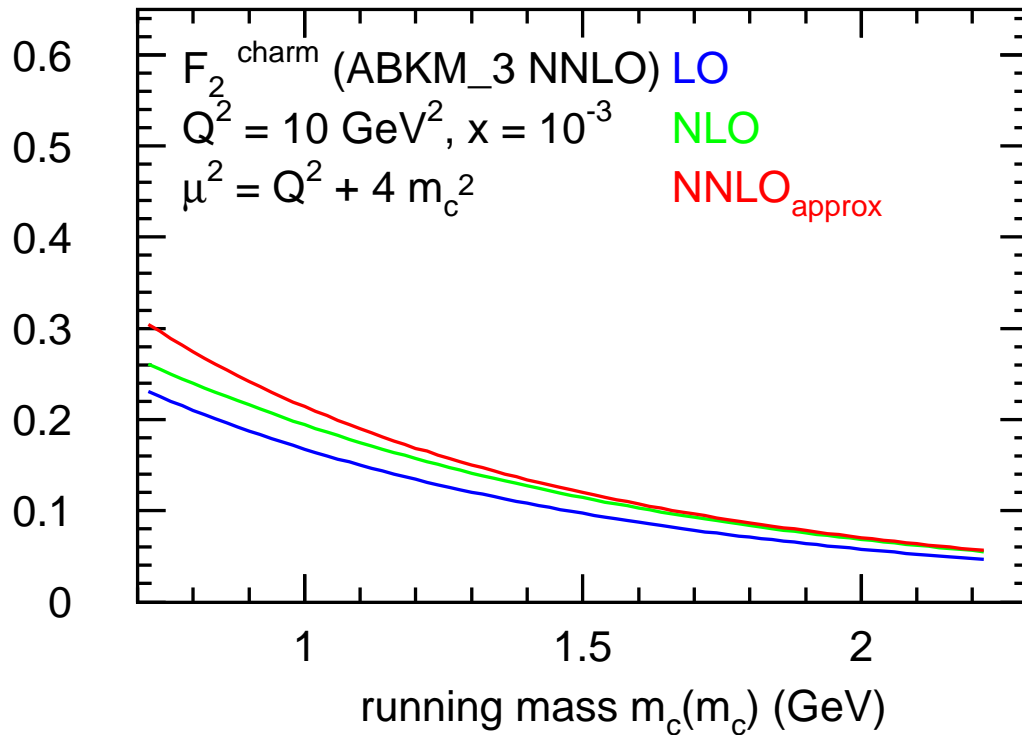
- Charm structure function



- Running quark masses in DIS
 - improved convergence
 - reduced scale dependence
- Comparison with pole mass scheme

Running quark masses in DIS

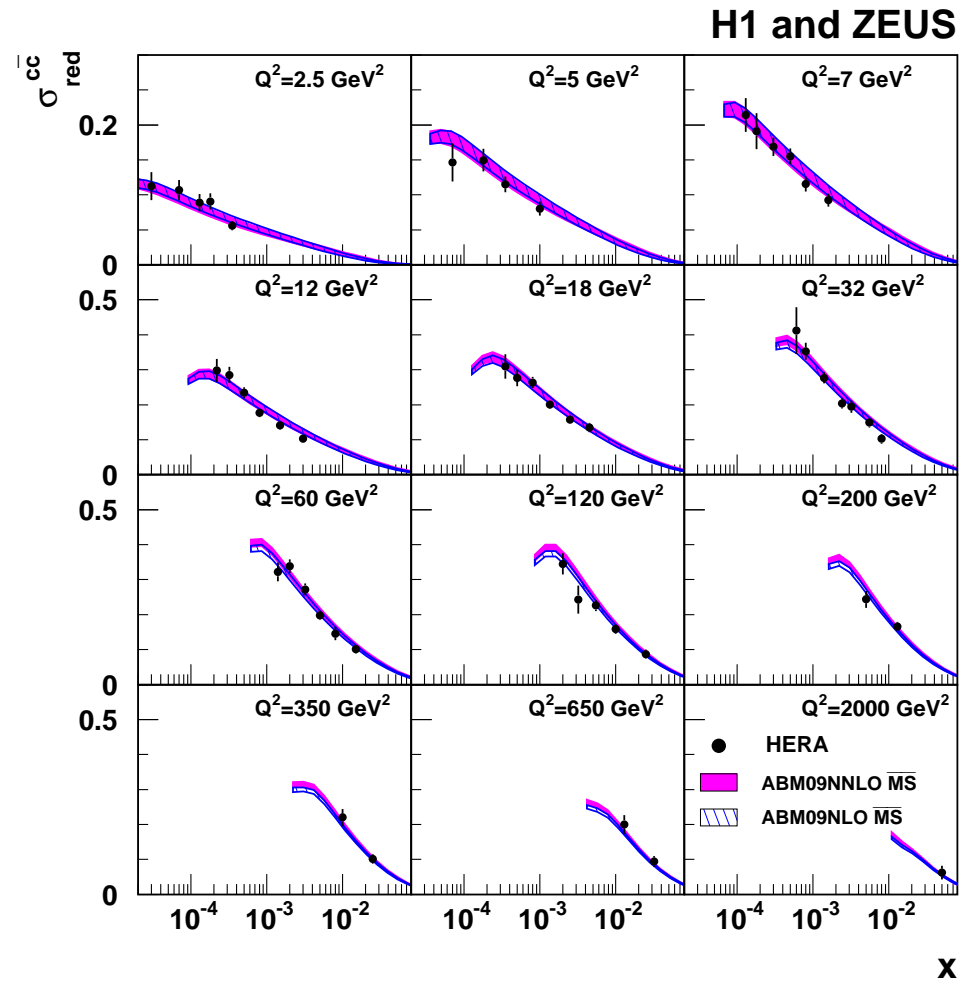
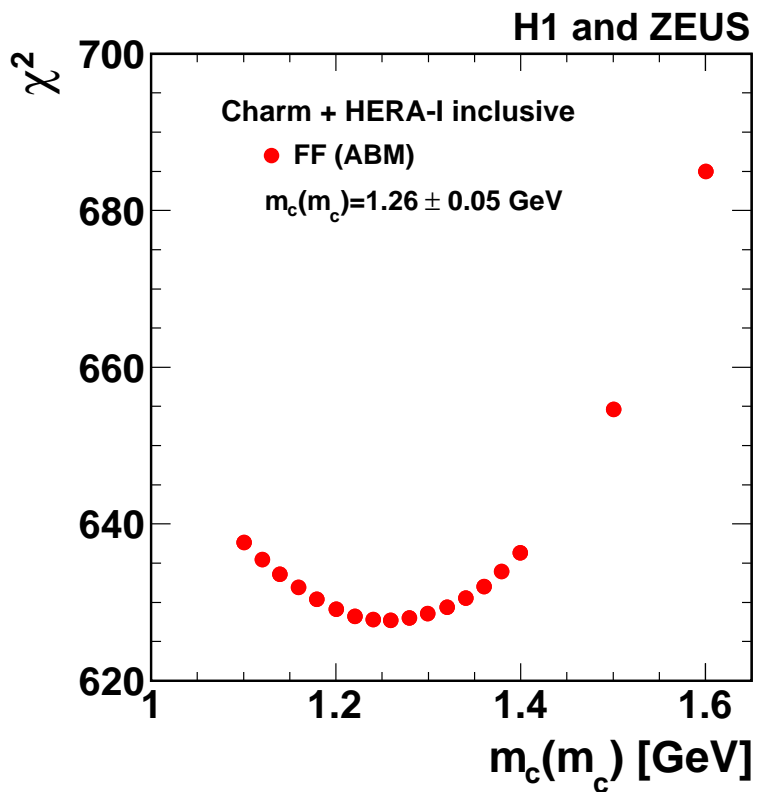
- Charm structure function



- Running mass
- Direct determination of $m_c(m_c)$ with all correlations
Alekhin, Blümlein, Daum, Lipka, S.M. '12
NLO
 1.15 ± 0.04 (exp.) $^{+0.04}_{-0.00}$ (th.) GeV
NNLO_{approx}
 1.24 ± 0.03 (exp.) $^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$ (th.) GeV
- PDG quotes running masses:
 $m_c(m_c) = 1.27^{+0.07}_{-0.11}$ GeV
- Implicit $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ dependence in $m_c(m_c)$ determination from QCD sum rules
Dehnadi, Hoang, Mateu, Zebarjad '11

Charm mass from HERA

- Determination of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -mass $m_c(m_c)$ in DIS [H1 coll. arxiv:1211.1182](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.1182)
- Very good description of data



LHC measurements

General remarks

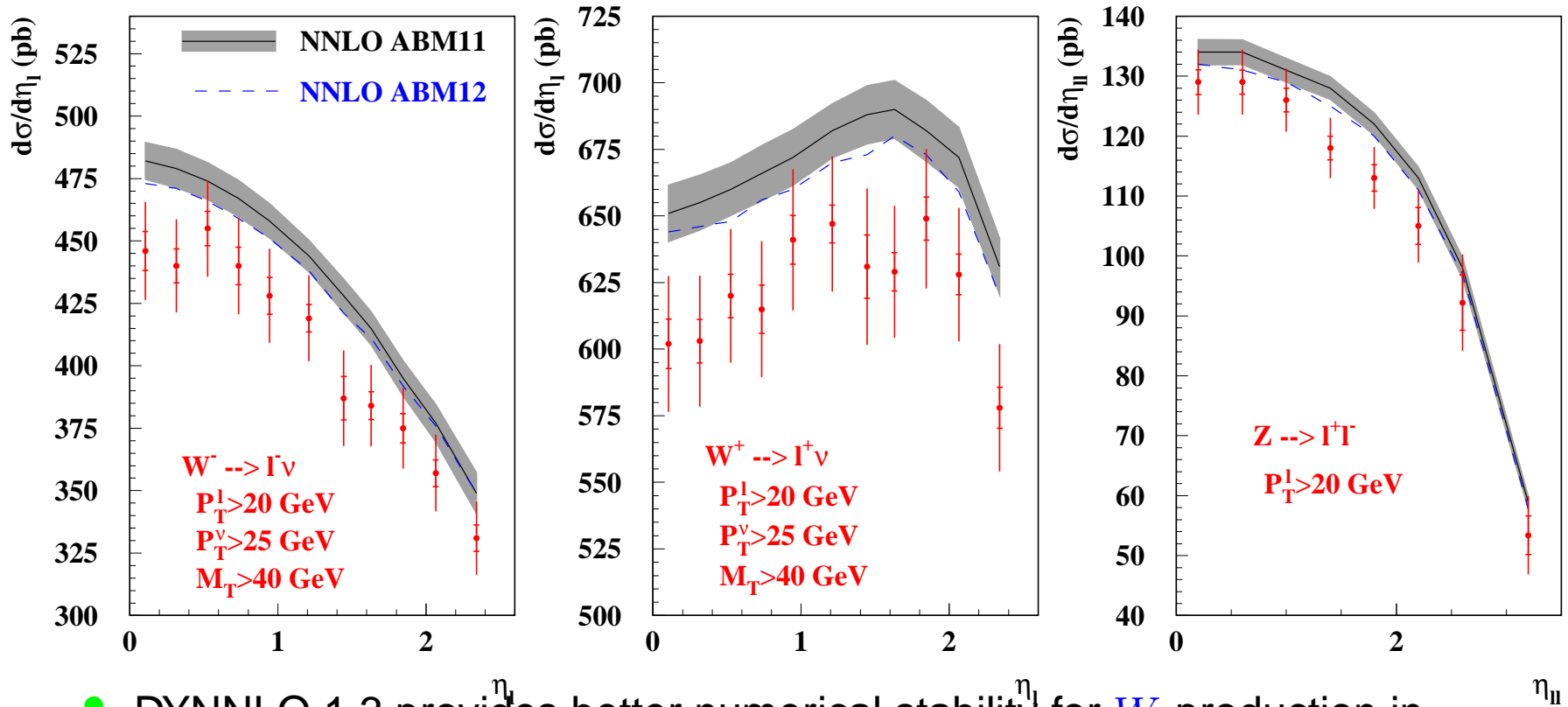
- QCD corrections important
 - require theory predictions to NNLO accuracy
- PDF fits with 3-flavors for DIS, 5-flavors for LHC data (matching from 3 to 5-flavors)
 - QCD evolution over large range

Benchmark processes

- Complete NNLO QCD corrections available for
 - W^\pm - and Z -boson production
Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura '91; Harlander, Kilgore '02
 - top-quark hadro-production Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov '13
- Jet data from Tevatron and LHC
 - QCD corrections only NLO known
 - possible impact of jet definition and algorithm
 - ongoing effort towards NNLO
Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Pires '13

ABM PDFs with LHC data

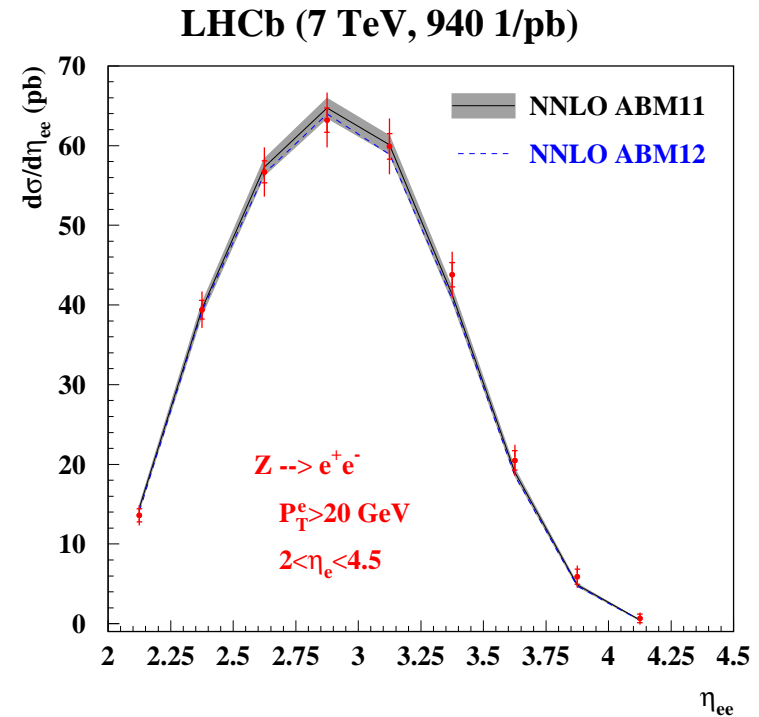
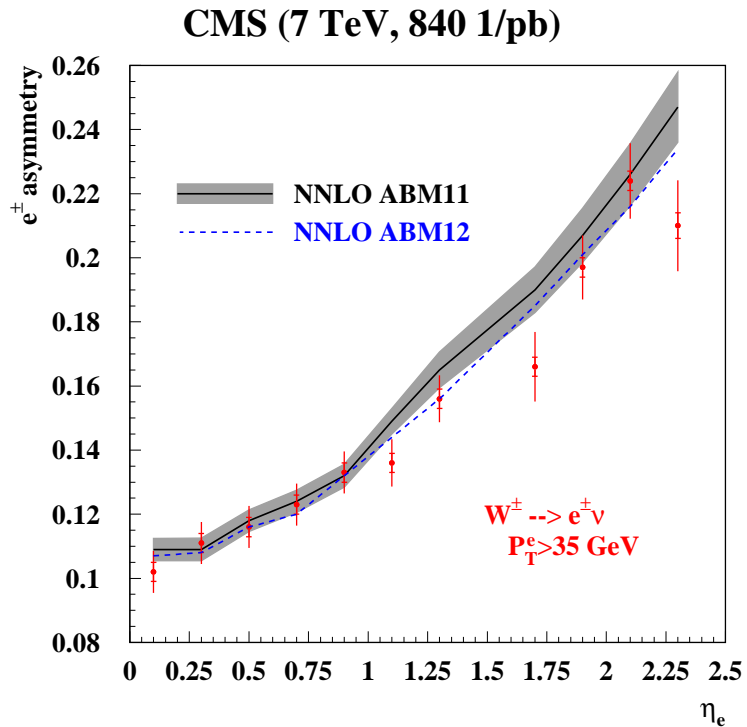
Fit to LHC Drell-Yan data Alekhin, Bümlin, S.M. '13
ATLAS (7 TeV, 35 1/pb)



- DYNNLO 1.3 provides better numerical stability for W -production in central region (~ 200 h) Catani, Cieri, Ferrera, de Florian, Grazzini '09
- FEWZ 3.1 more convenient/stable for estimation of PDF uncertainties ($\sim 2d \times 24$ processors) Li, Petriello '12
- Central values computed with DYNNLO and the PDF errors with FEWZ

ABM PDFs with LHC data

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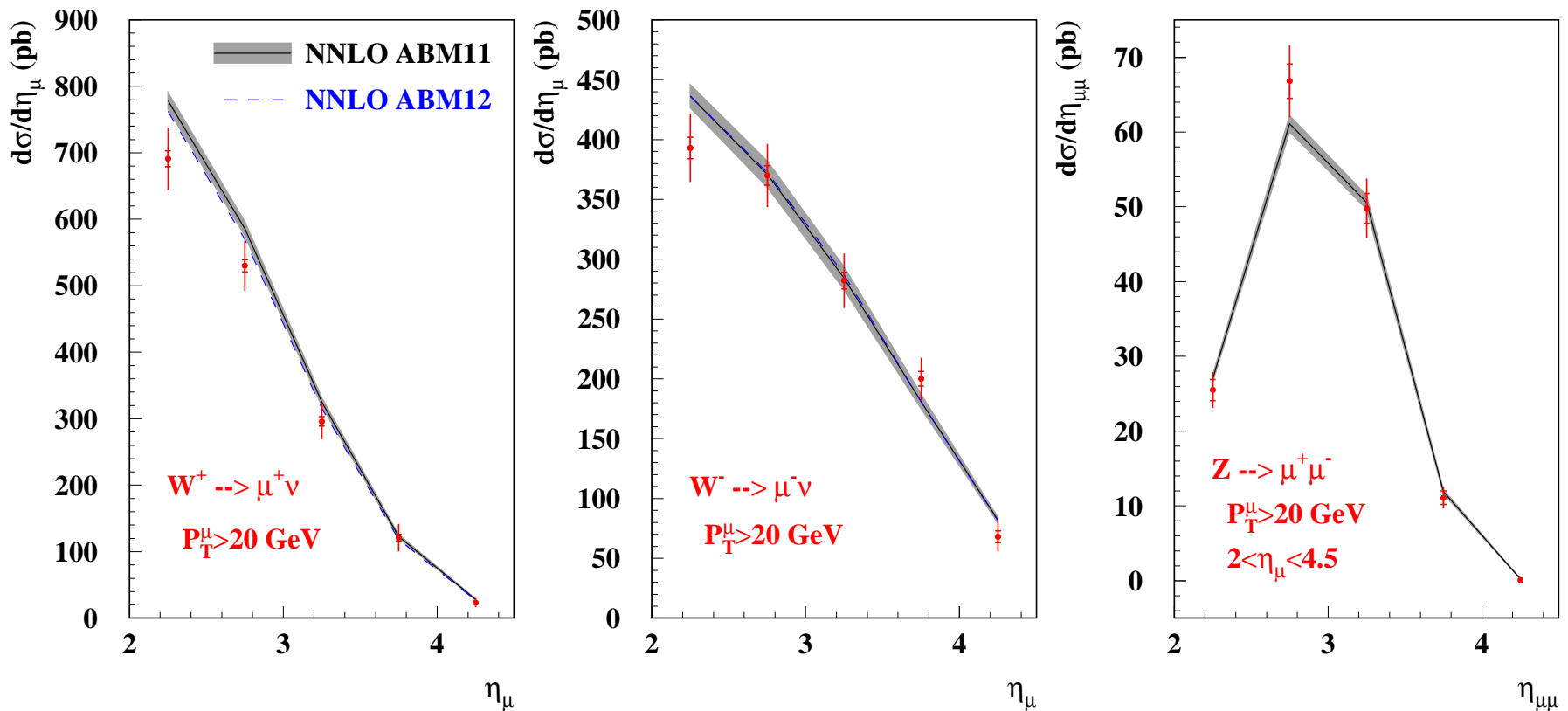


- Good overall agreement with data of CMS '10 and LHCb '12, '13

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LHCb (7 TeV, 37 1/pb)



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Benchmarking of ABM PDFs

Experiment	ATLAS '11	CMS '12	LHCb 12	LHCb '12
Final states	$W^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu$ $W^- \rightarrow l^- \nu$ $Z \rightarrow l^+ l^-$	$W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$ $W^- \rightarrow e^- \nu$	$W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$ $W^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu$	$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
Luminosity (1/pb)	35	840	37	940
NDP	30	11	10	9
χ^2 (ABM11)	35.7(7.7)	10.6(4.7)	13.1(4.5)	11.3(4.2)
χ^2 (ABM12)	31.5	10.8	15.2	10.3
χ^2 (ABM12)/part.	32.2	10.9	13.0	8.7

- value of χ^2 for Drell-Yan data at the LHC with NNLO ABM11 PDFs (+ one standard deviation of χ^2 equal to $\sqrt{2NDP}$)
- ABM11 benchmarking in [arXiv:1211.5142](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.5142) reports wrong χ^2 values for PDF comparison (NLO MCFM with K-factors, no PDF errors, shifted α_s)

Theory predictions

Drell-Yan process

- W^\pm - and Z -boson production

Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura '91; Harlander, Kilgore '02

- theory (scale) + 1σ PDF uncertainty

LHC7	W^+	W^-	W^\pm	Z
ABM11	59.53 $^{+0.38}_{-0.23}$ $^{+0.88}_{-0.88}$	39.97 $^{+0.28}_{-0.17}$ $^{+0.65}_{-0.65}$	99.51 $^{+0.69}_{-0.41}$ $^{+1.43}_{-1.43}$	29.23 $^{+0.18}_{-0.10}$ $^{+0.42}_{-0.42}$
ABM12	58.40 $^{+0.38}_{-0.24}$ $^{+0.70}_{-0.70}$	39.63 $^{+0.29}_{-0.18}$ $^{+0.45}_{-0.45}$	98.03 $^{+0.67}_{-0.41}$ $^{+1.13}_{-1.13}$	28.79 $^{+0.17}_{-0.11}$ $^{+0.33}_{-0.33}$

Higgs production

- Gluon-gluon fusion at NNLO

Harlander, Kilgore '02; Anastasiou, Melnikov '02; Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven '03

- Higgs boson mass $m_H = 125$ GeV
- theory (scale) + 1σ PDF uncertainty

	LHC7	LHC8	LHC13	LHC14
ABM11	13.23 $^{+1.35}_{-1.31}$ $^{+0.30}_{-0.30}$	16.99 $^{+1.69}_{-1.63}$ $^{+0.37}_{-0.37}$	39.57 $^{+3.60}_{-3.42}$ $^{+0.77}_{-0.77}$	44.68 $^{+4.02}_{-3.78}$ $^{+0.85}_{-0.85}$
ABM12	13.28 $^{+1.35}_{-1.32}$ $^{+0.31}_{-0.31}$	17.05 $^{+1.68}_{-1.64}$ $^{+0.39}_{-0.39}$	39.69 $^{+3.60}_{-3.42}$ $^{+0.84}_{-0.84}$	44.81 $^{+4.01}_{-3.80}$ $^{+0.94}_{-0.94}$

Summary

Parton distributions at the LHC

- Precision determinations of non-perturbative parameters is essential
 - parton content of proton (PDFs)
 - coupling constants $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
 - masses $m_c, m_b, m_t, M_W, m_H, \dots$
- Precision measurements require careful definition of observable
 - confronting LHC data requires continuous benchmarking
 - source of interesting observations
- Radiative corrections at higher orders in QCD and EW are mandatory
 - NNLO in QCD is *conditio sine qua non*
 - theory improvements driven by experimental precision
- Lots of challenging tasks for young researchers