

PDFs at approximate N3LO accuracy

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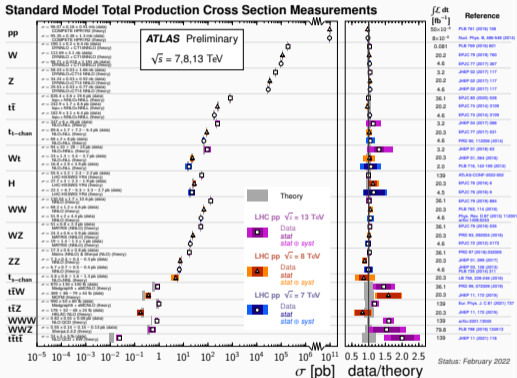
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1. Motivation

Call for Precision

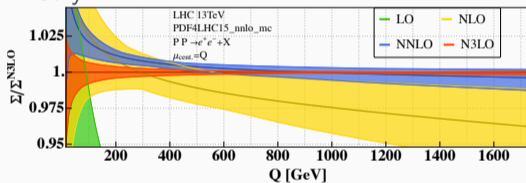
Experiment:

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements



taken from ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-009

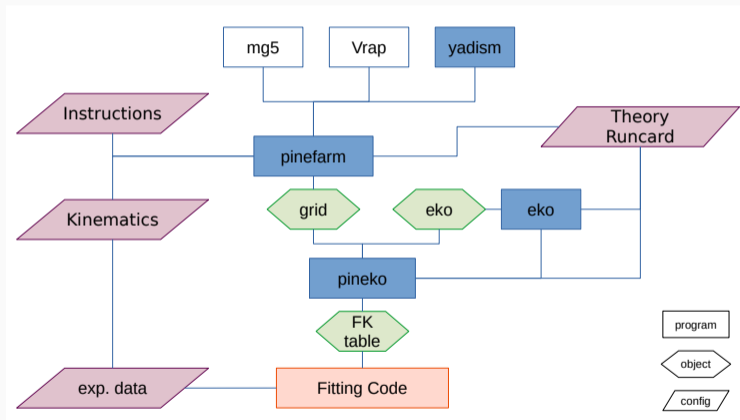
Theory:



taken from [JHEP03.116]

New Theory Prediction Pipeline Pipeline

Produce FastKernel (FK) tables!



The workhorse in the background: PineAPPL



<https://nnpdf.github.io/pipeline>

- **Industrialization:** collect diverse generators in an “assembly line”
 - NNP4.0[EPJC82.428]: > 4.5k datapoints + > 10 generators
- **I/O format:** single input → translation layer → single output
- **Reproducibility:** track data and metadata
- **Open Source:** crucial to the above

⇒ please provide new calculations in an “interfaceable” way

cross-sections: matrix element providers

- DIS
- LHC (and everything else)

evolution: eko

- splitting functions/anomalous dimensions
- matching conditions/transition matrix elements

Account for uncertainties!

2. Theory Uncertainties

To maximize the (Bayesian) probability $P(T|D)$ for a theory prediction T to describe a data point D we minimize

$$\chi^2 = (T - D)^T C^{-1} (T - D) \quad (1)$$

and assuming the experimental cov. matrix C is independent of a theoretical cov. matrix S we can minimize:

$$\chi^2 = (T - D)^T (C + S)^{-1} (T - D) \quad (2)$$

Both can contain

- statistical uncertainties (e.g. QM vs. MC)
- systematic uncertainties (e.g. resolution vs. scale)

Decomposing the Theory Covariance Matrix

$$S^{tot} = S^{MHO} + S^{IHO} \quad (3)$$

missing higher order uncertainties (MHO) via RGE invariance:

$$S_{ij}^{MHO} = \langle (T[\mu] - T[\mu_0])_i (T[\mu] - T[\mu_0])_j \rangle_{\mu \in V_\mu} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N_{dat} \quad (4)$$

incomplete higher order uncertainties (IHO) via parametrization freedom:

$$S_{ij}^{IHO} = \langle (T[k] - T[k_0])_i (T[k] - T[k_0])_j \rangle_{k \in V_k} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N_{dat} \quad (5)$$

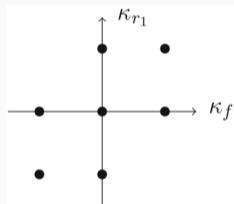
$$T[\mu_r, \mu_f] = C(Q, \mu_r) \otimes E(Q \leftarrow Q_0, \mu_f) \otimes f(Q_0) \quad (6)$$

Factorization scale variations:

- finite knowledge of anomalous dimensions
- correlated across datasets as PDFs are universal

Renormalization scale variations:

- finite knowledge of partonic cross-sections
- correlated for a given process (DIS NC, DIS CC, TOP, JETS, ...)

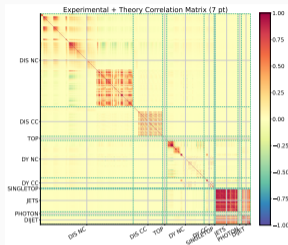
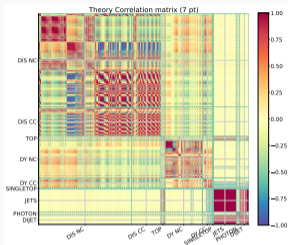
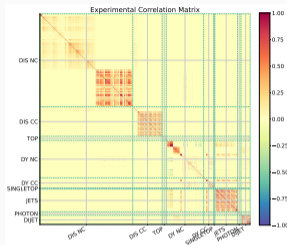


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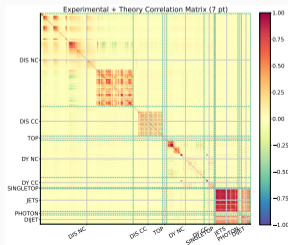
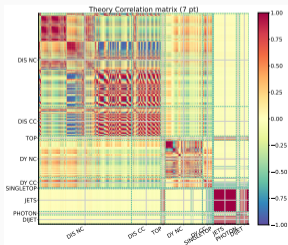
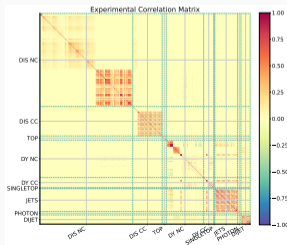
$$\mu = \kappa \mu_0 \quad \kappa \in \{1/2, 1, 2\} \quad (7)$$

MHOU Covariance Matrices

NLO



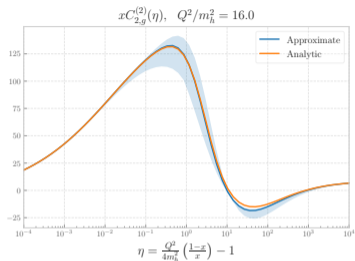
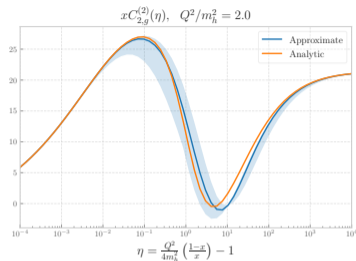
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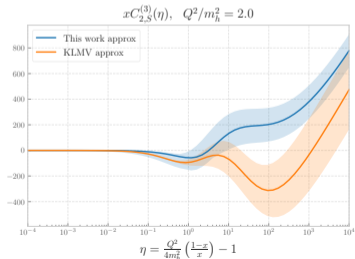
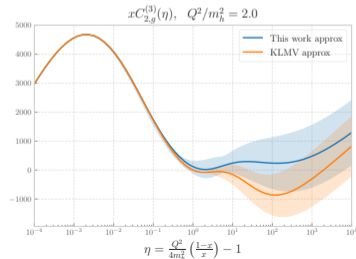
3. Cross-Sections

- light coefficient functions [VVM05],[MVB05],[MV00],[MRV08],[MVB09] ✓
- massive coefficient functions → approximation in MSc thesis of N. Laurenti ✓
i.e. combine in a suitable way:
 - threshold limit $s \rightarrow 4m^2$
 - high-energy limit $s \rightarrow \infty$
 - asymptotic limit $Q^2 \gg m^2$

compare
NNLO to
exact [NPB392.162]

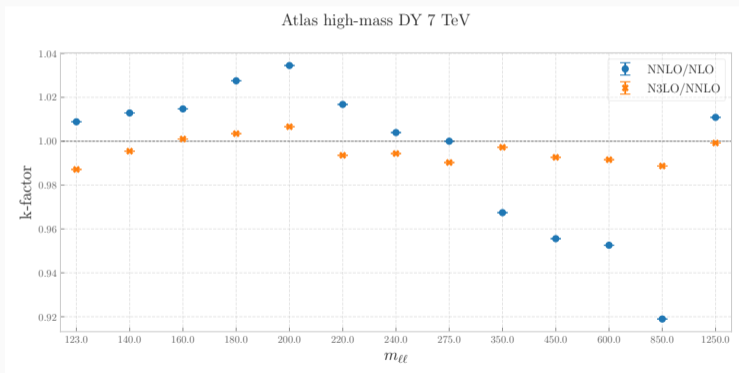


compare
N3LO to
[KLMV]



DY with QCD@N3LO

- even if available, most codes are private
- use `n3lox` [[JHEP12.066](#)] to obtain k-factor for inclusive distributions, e.g. [[PLB725.223](#)]



4. Evolution

EKO



Evolution Kernel Operators

- unpolarized, space-like QCD@N³LO ✓
- unpolarized, space-like QCD@N^{*}LO × QED@NNLO ✓
- polarized, space-like QCD@NNLO ✓
- unpolarized, time-like QCD@NNLO ✓

Use whatever is available in literature:

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Known Information on Anomalous Dimensions

Splitting functions/anomalous dimensions are not known fully analytically, but some partial information:

- large n_f contributions γ_{ij,n_f} [NPB915.335], [JHEP10.041]
- small N limit (from BFKL) $\gamma_{ij,N \rightarrow 0}$ [JHEP06.145], [JHEP08.135]
- large N limit (from soft) $\gamma_{ij,N \rightarrow \infty}$ [NPB832.152], [JHEP04.018], [JHEP09.155]
- some (low) moments [JHEP10.041], [PLB825.136853], [PLB842.137944], [2307.04158]

Strategy:

combine known limits and add sub-leading functions to ensure moments \Rightarrow IHOU

Constructing Anomalous Dimensions

$$\gamma_{ij}(N) = \gamma_{ij,n_f}(N) + \gamma_{ij,N \rightarrow 0}(N) + \gamma_{ij,N \rightarrow \infty}(N) + \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}(N) \quad (8)$$

Make ansatz:

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}(N) = \sum_{l=0}^{n_{ij}} a_l^{ij} G_l^{ij}(N) \quad (9)$$

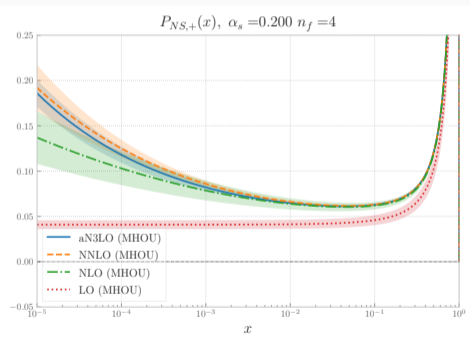
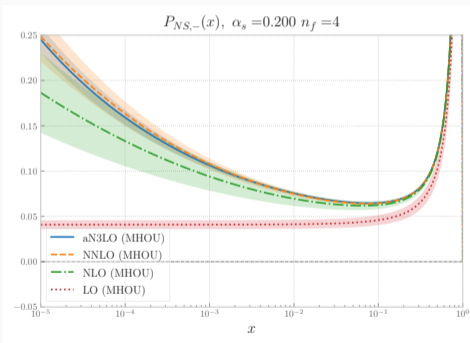
Choose:

- G_1 the first unknown large N contribution - e.g. $G_1^{gg}(N) = S_1(N)/N$
 - G_2 the first unknown small N contribution - e.g. $G_2^{gg}(N) = S_2(N-2)/N \stackrel{N \rightarrow 1}{\approx} \frac{1}{(N-1)^2}$
 - vary others with sub-leading contributions - e.g. $G_3^{gg} \in \{\frac{1}{N-1}, \frac{1}{N}\}$,
 $G_4^{gg} \in \{\frac{1}{N-1}, \frac{1}{N^4}, \frac{1}{N^3}, \frac{1}{N^2}, \frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{(N+1)^3}, \frac{1}{(N+1)^2}, \frac{1}{N+1}, \frac{1}{N+2}, \frac{S_1(N-2)}{N}, \mathcal{M}[\ln^3(1-x)], \mathcal{M}[\ln^2(1-x)], \frac{S_1(N)}{N}, \frac{S_1^2(N)}{N}\}$
- \Rightarrow fix $a_l^{ij} \Rightarrow O(70)$ independent approximations $\Rightarrow O(20)$ representative approximations

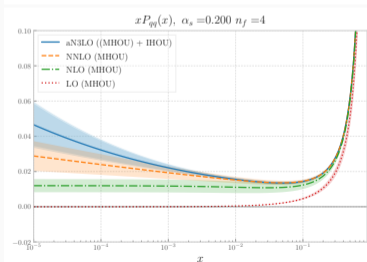
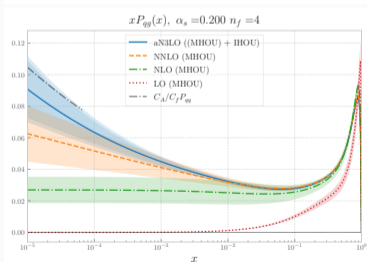
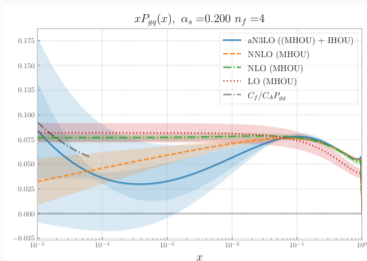
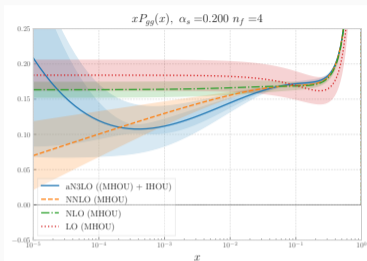
Non-Singlet Splitting Functions

8 known moments \rightarrow use a fixed set of G_j :

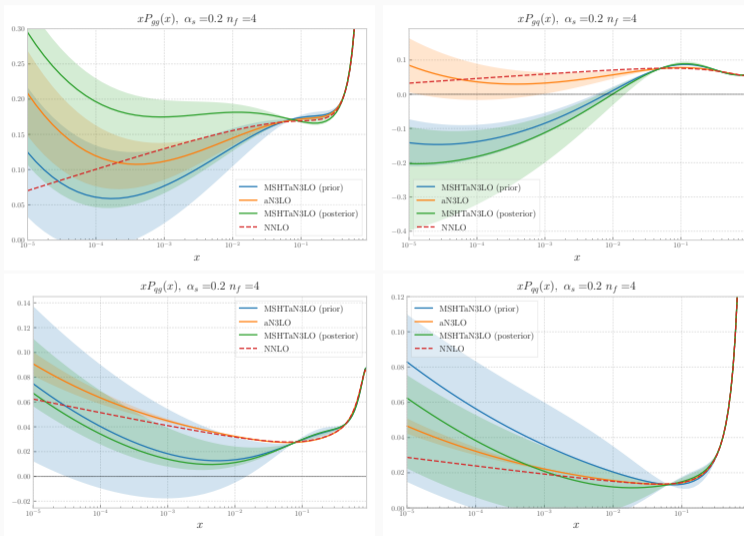
$$G_l \supset 1/(N+1)^2, S_1(N)/N^2, 1/(N+2), \dots \quad (10)$$



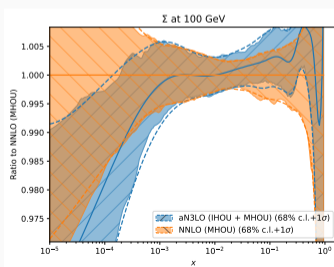
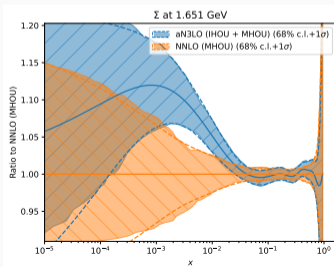
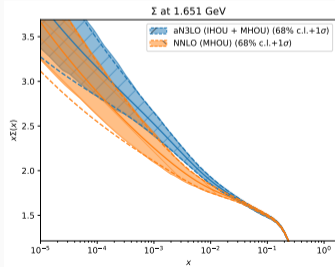
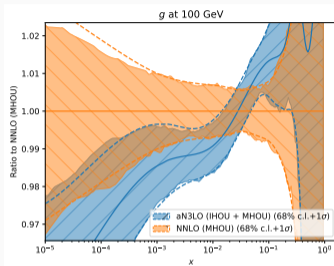
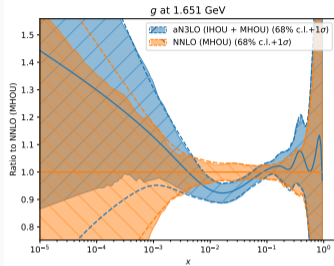
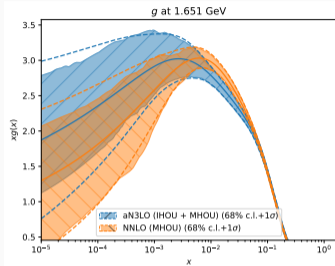
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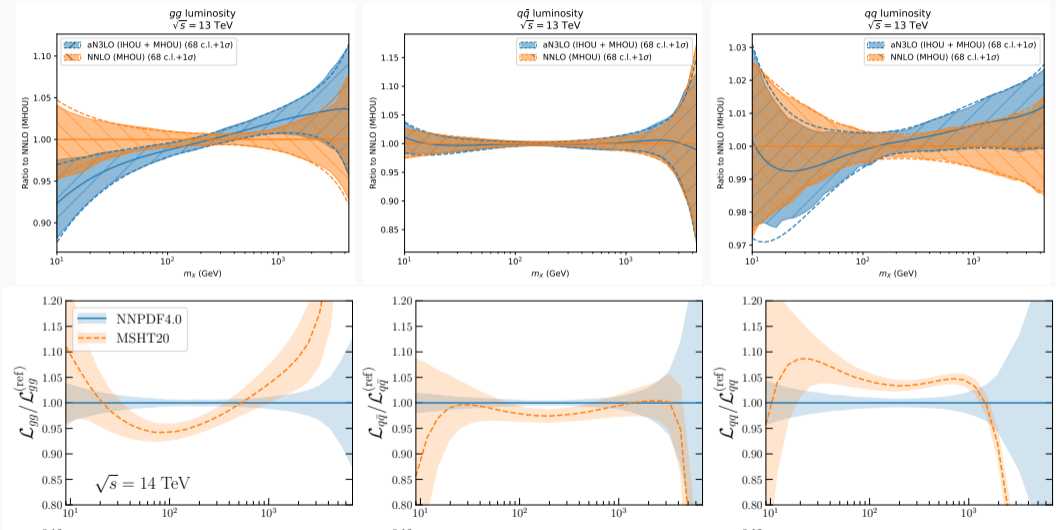
Comparison with MSHT [EPJC83.185]



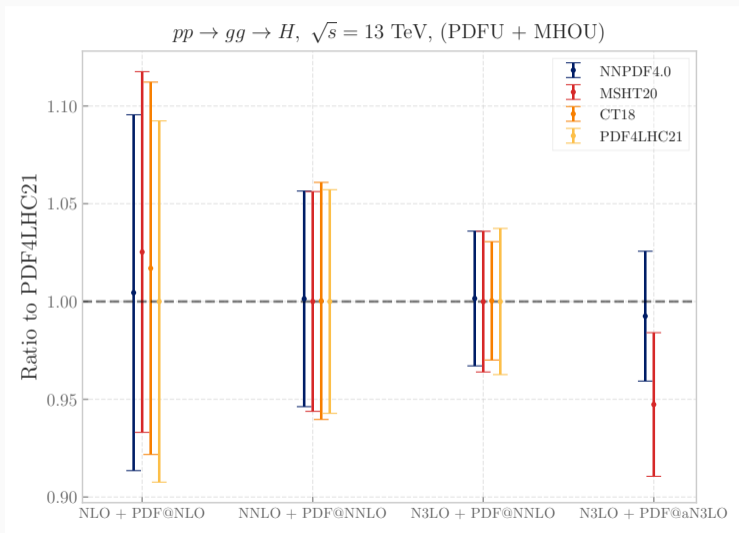
5. NNPDF4.0 with QCD@aN3LO



Luminosities



Some First Pheno ...



6. Outlook

- PDFs are universal
- we can assume uncertainties for a given process independent of the PDF

In the end we can just do:

$$(\delta\sigma^{tot})^2 = (\delta\sigma^{MHO})^2 + (\delta\sigma^{PDF})^2 \quad (11)$$

with (as usual):

$$(\delta\sigma^{MHO})^2 = \langle (T_\sigma[\mu] - T_\sigma[\mu_0])^2 \rangle_{\mu \in V_\mu} \quad (12)$$

$$(\delta\sigma^{PDF})^2 = \langle (T_\sigma[f^{(k)}] - T_\sigma[f^{(0)}])^2 \rangle_{k=1 \dots N_{rep}} \quad (13)$$

For PDFs at % accuracy we need:

- include QED and EW effects → NNPDF4.0QED
- account for theory uncertainties → NNPDF4.0MHOU
- use N³LO precision → NNPDF4.0a³LO

For PDFs with QCD@³LO we need

- approximate splitting functions
- upgrade as many processes as possible
- account for theory uncertainties

Thank you!