

Revealing the fundamental character of the strong force

From PDFs to the underlying QCD

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*Thanks for substantial input
from my friends & colleagues*

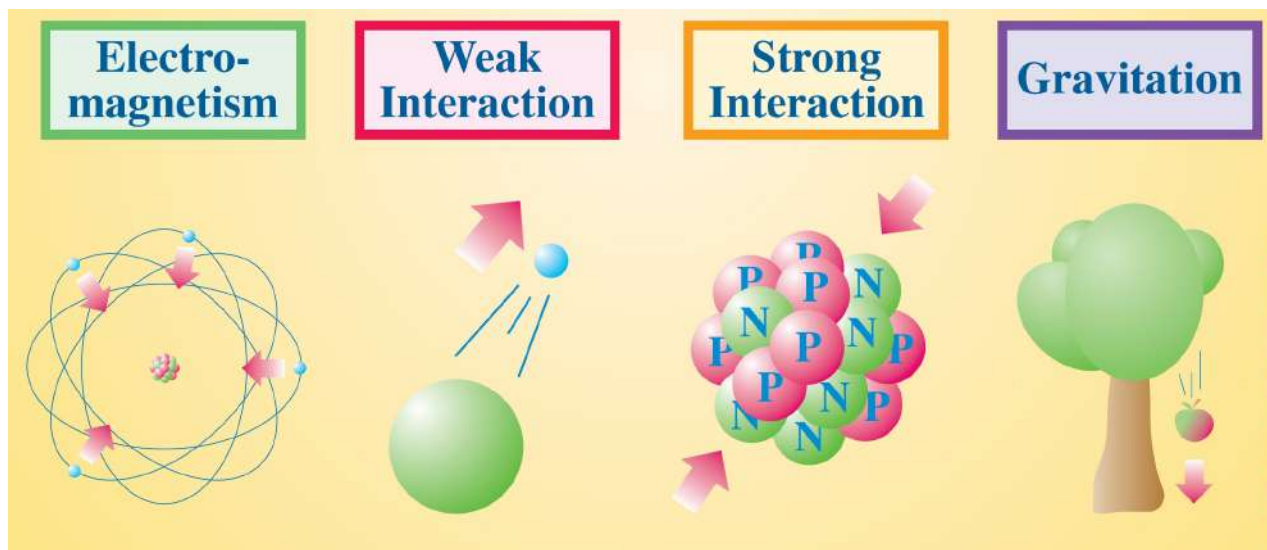
nCTEQ
nuclear parton distribution functions



BNL

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QCD:
Quantum Chromodynamics
... *the strong nuclear force*



Nobel Prizes: EW '79,'95,'99,'02,'08,'15 QCD '04 Gravity '11, '17, '20 Higgs '13

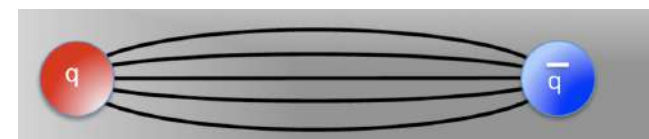
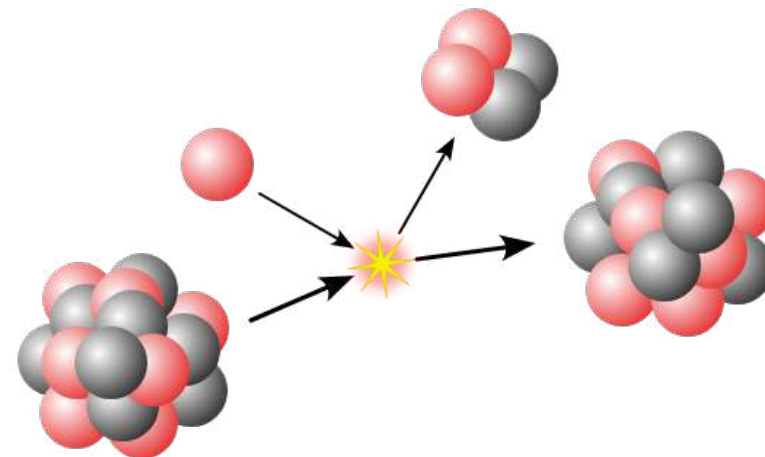
QCD is our most perfect physical theory

What QCD Tells Us About Nature – and Why We Should Listen. *Frank Wilczek*

In many respects, our most complex
asymptotic freedom
strong color confinement
... associated manifestations

Lessons: The Nature of Nature

“... alien, simple, beautiful, weird, & comprehensible”



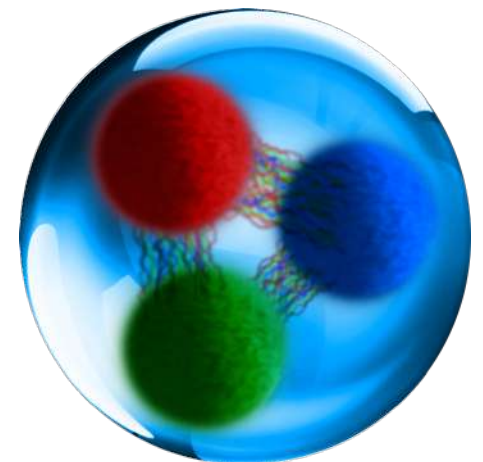
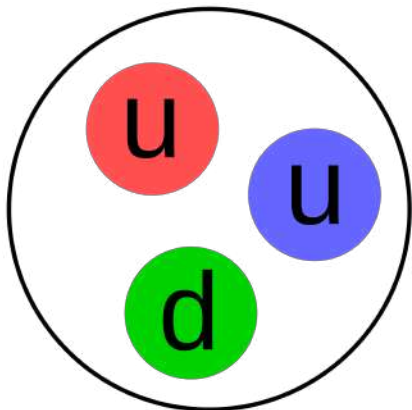
Quark Confinement
(Asymptotic Freedom)

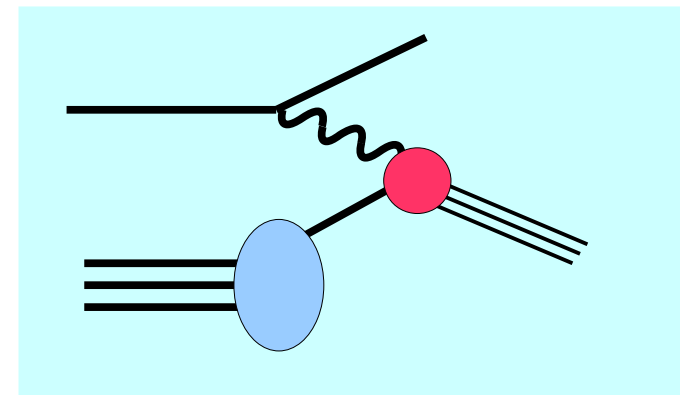
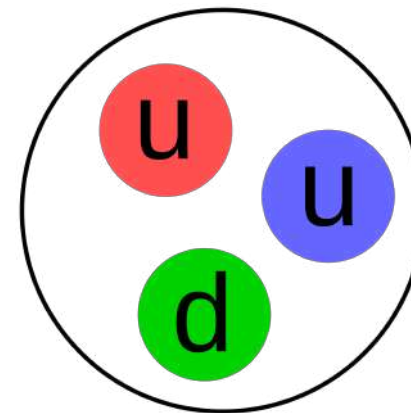
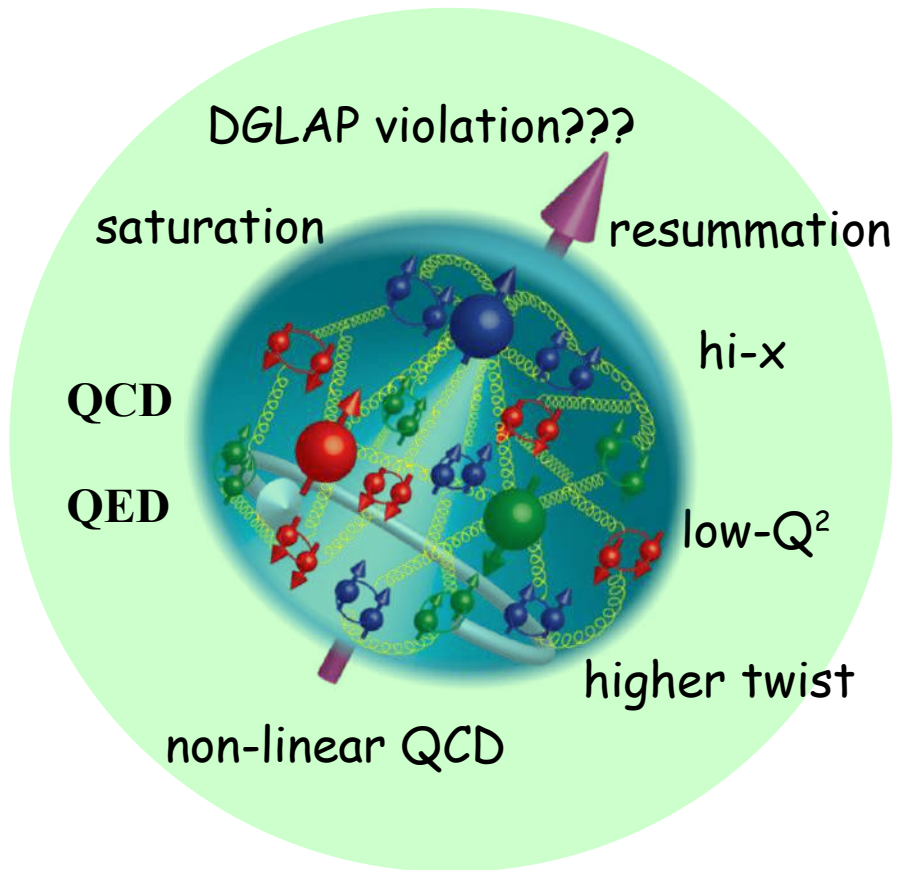
Proton PDFs

Parton Distribution Functions

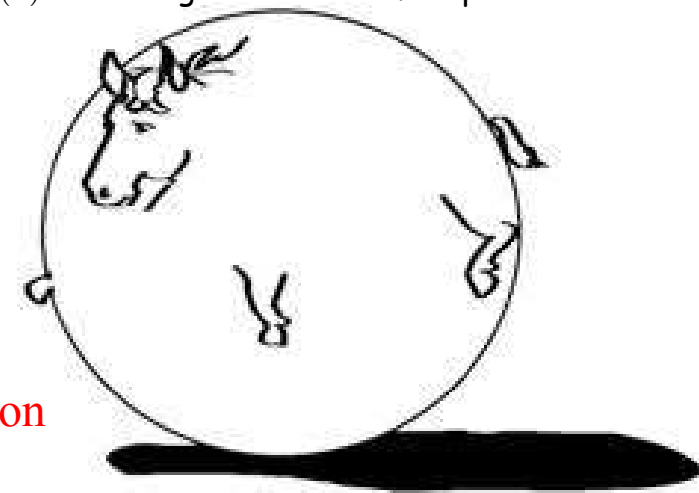


... a probabilistic description





$f_a(x)$... working in the limit of a spherical horse ...

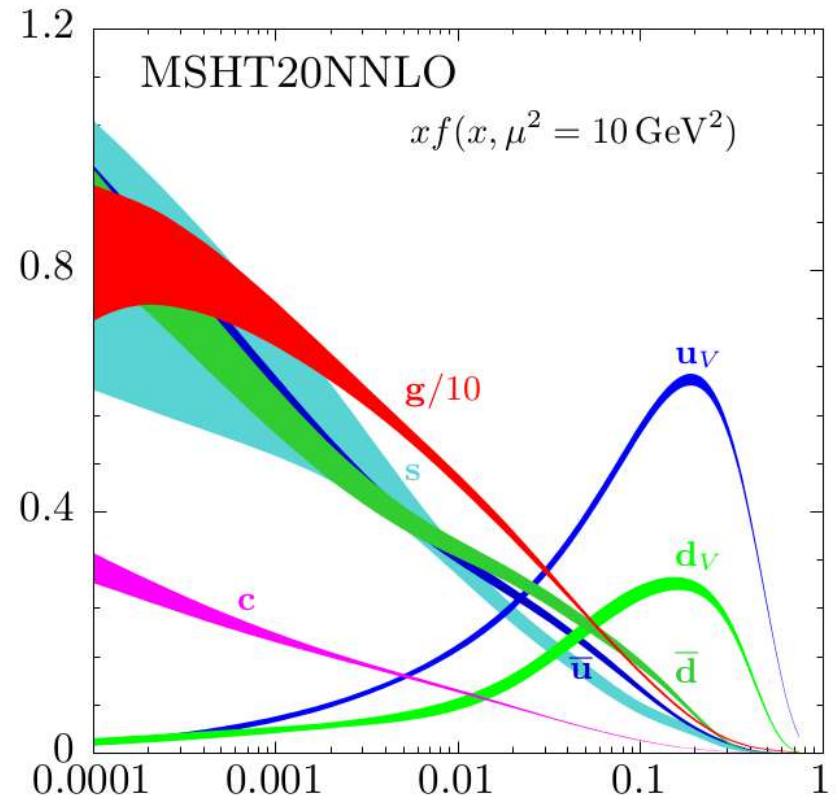
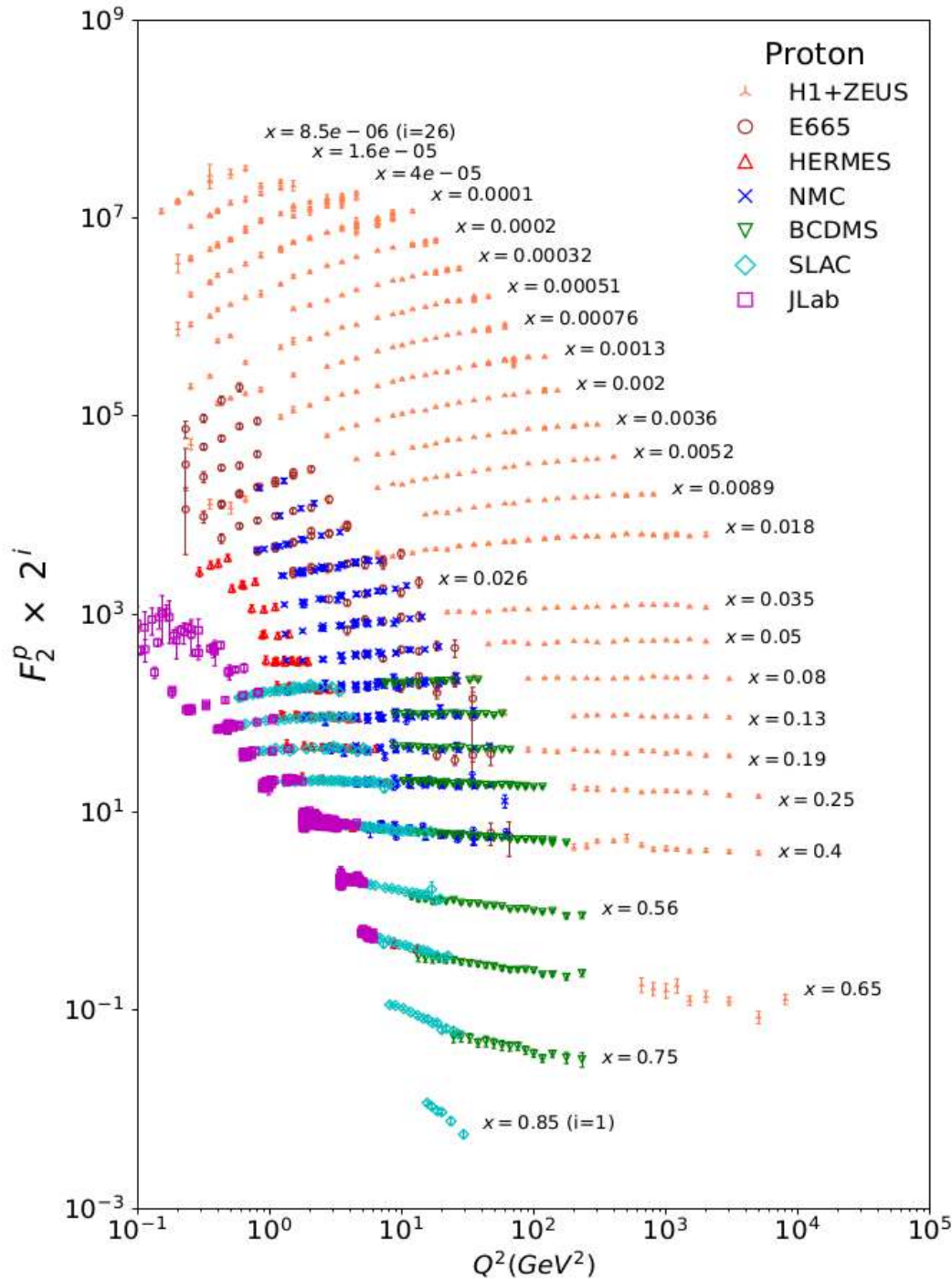


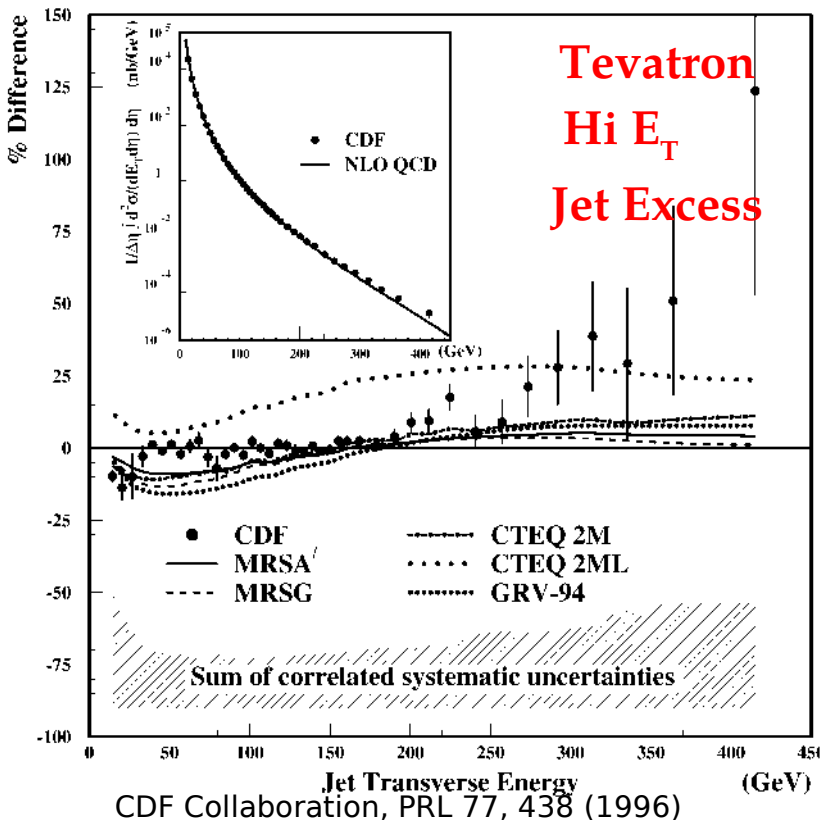
The QCD Parton Model

$$d\sigma = f_a(x) \otimes \hat{\sigma}$$

Parameterized in terms of a single variable x , the momentum fraction

... use DGLAP to determine Q dependence





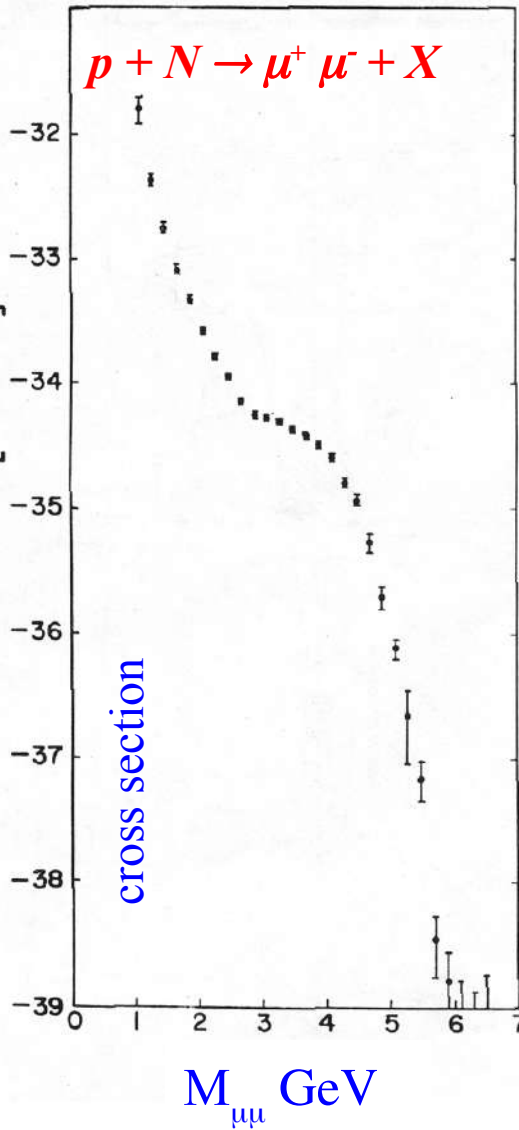
ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2019

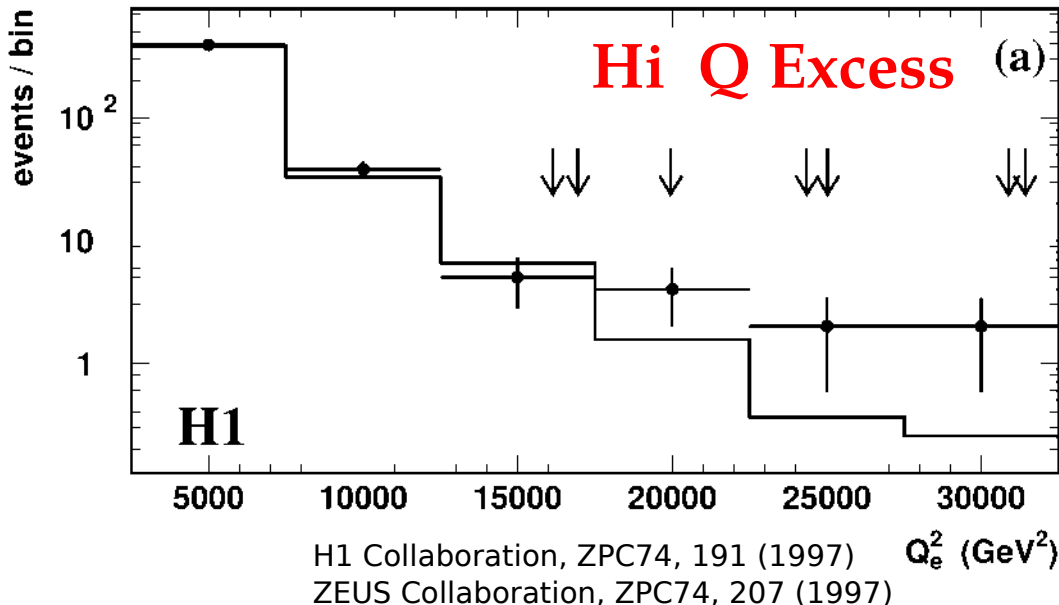
ATLAS Preliminary
[$\mathcal{L}_{int} = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$] $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$

Model	e, μ, τ, γ	Jets	E_{T}^{miss}	$\mathcal{L}_{int} [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Mass limit	Reference
Inclusive Searches	MSUGRA CMSSM	0, 2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	1.1 TeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-047
	MSUGRA CMSSM	1-6 jets	Yes	20.3	1.2 TeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-046
	MSUGRA CMSSM	0, 7-10 jets	Yes	20.3	1.1 TeV	1308.1981
	$\tilde{g}, \tilde{u} \rightarrow q\tilde{u}$	0, 2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	740 GeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-047
	$\tilde{g}, \tilde{d} \rightarrow q\tilde{d}$	0, 2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	1.0 TeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-047
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	GMSB (NLSP)	2-6 jets	Yes	4.7	1.3 TeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-048
	GMSB (NLSP)	1-2 jets	Yes	20.7	1.4 TeV	1308.4888
	GGM (NLSP)	2-7 jets	Yes	4.8	1.4 TeV	ATLAS CONF-2013-048
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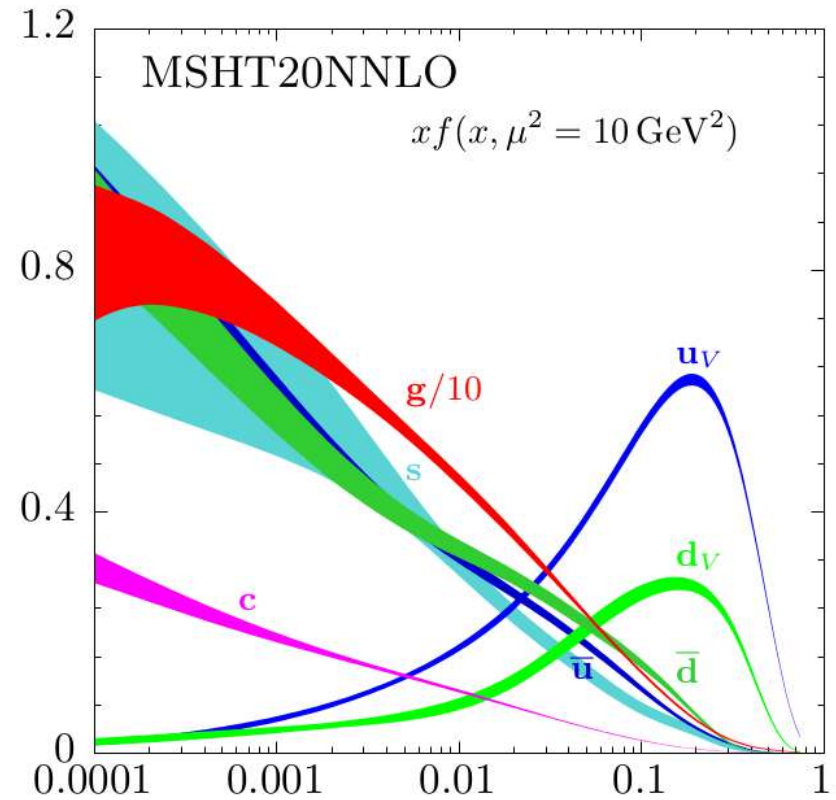
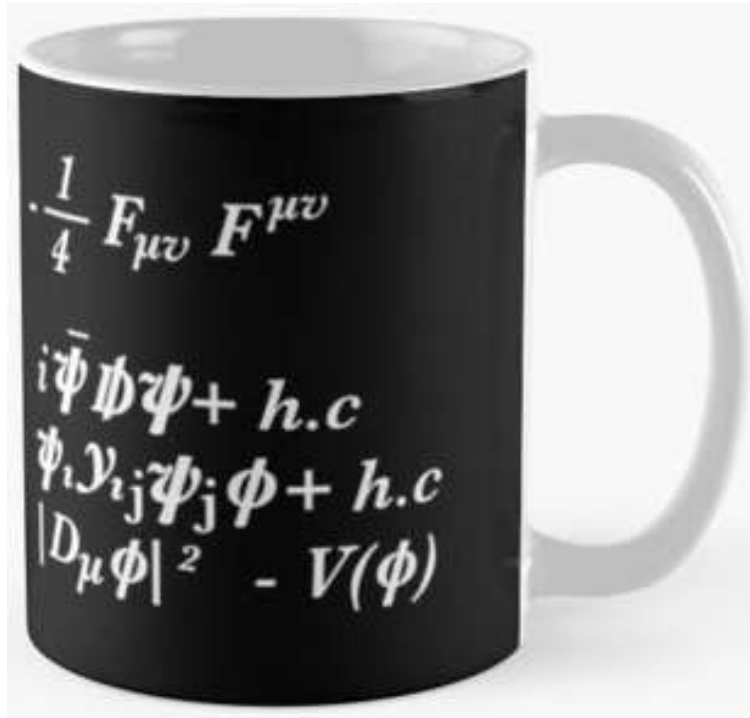
*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1 σ theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.



beware circular arguments



How do we go further with QCD?



The difference between knowing the name of something, and knowing something ...

A Deeper Understanding of the strong nuclear force

Quantum ChromoDynamics

QCD

Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



isospin violation

quark-gluon plasma

Fermi motion

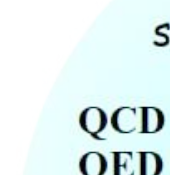
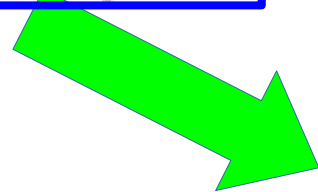
Nuclear PDFs

jet quenching

target mass corrections

DGLAP violation???

shadowing



DGLAP violation???

saturation

resummation

Pion PDFs

hi-x

low-Q²

higher twist

non-linear QCD

QCD QED

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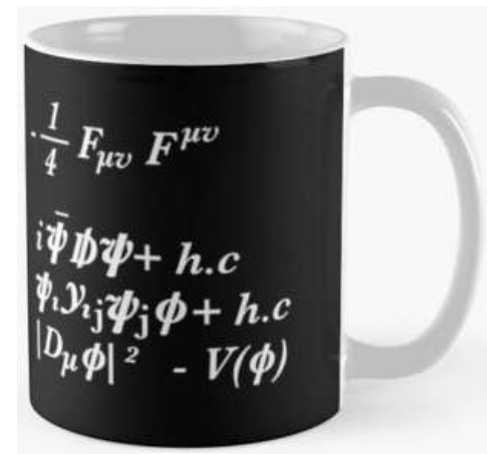
hi-x

low-Q²

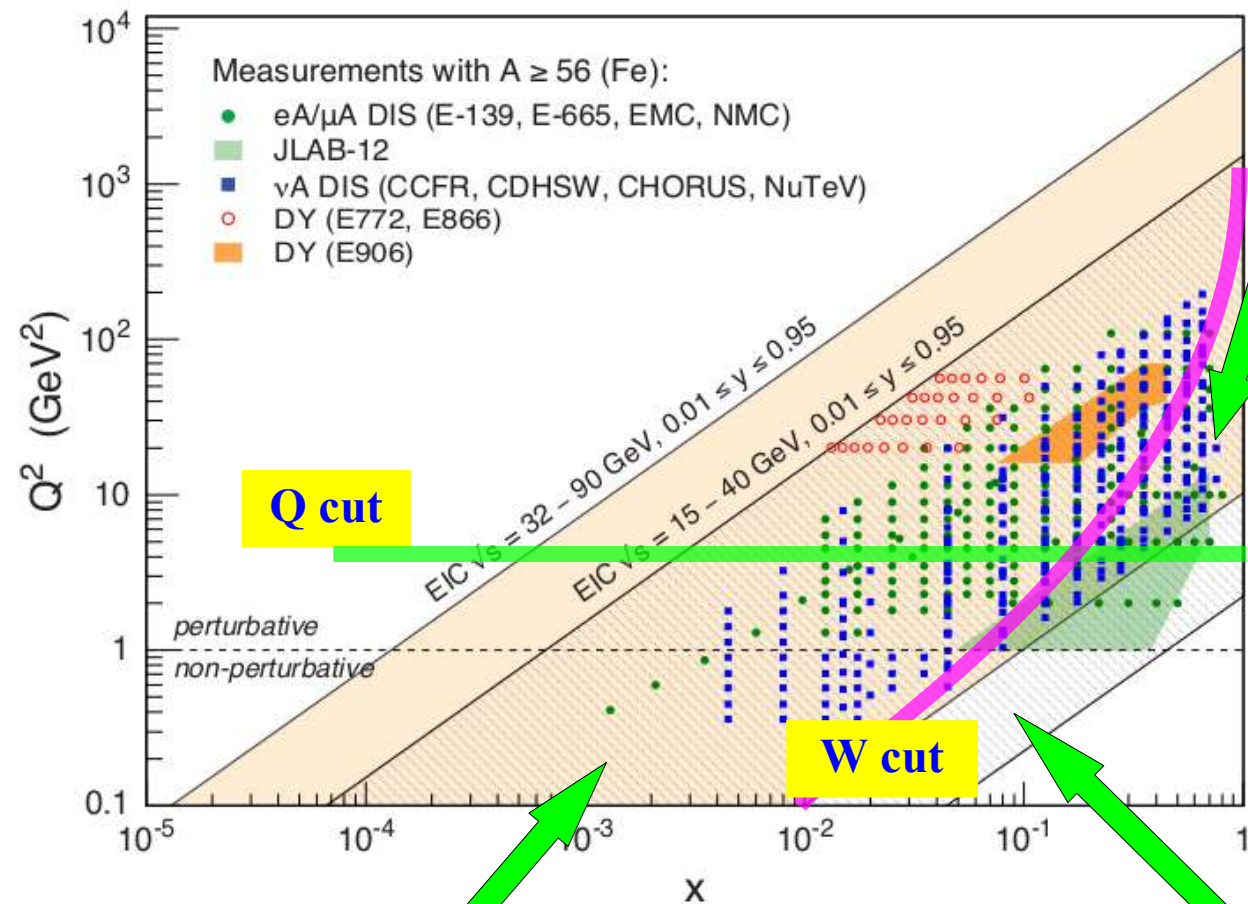
higher twist

non-linear QCD

QCD QED

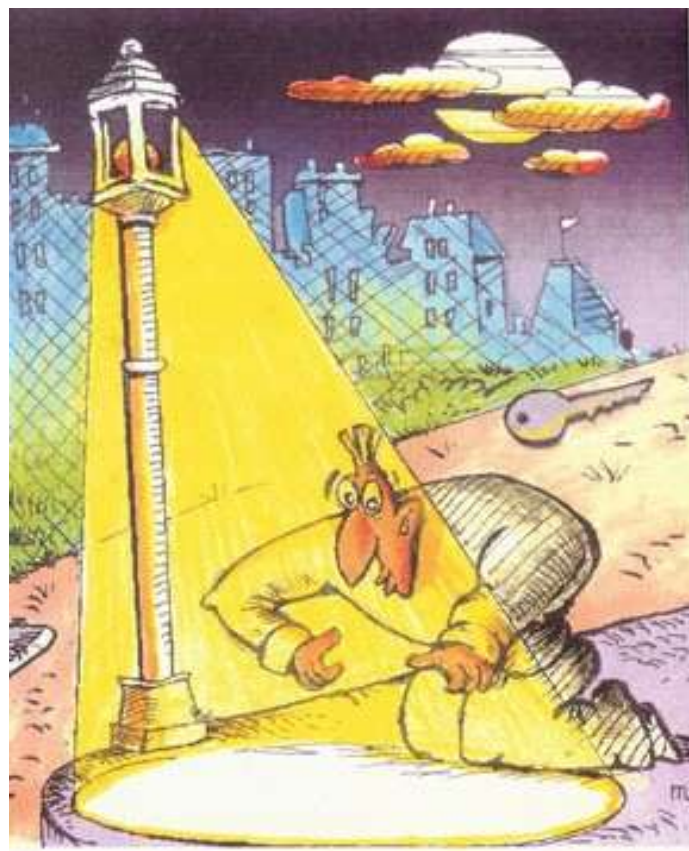


Conjecture: A theory can't be fundamental unless it fits on a coffee mug.



High-x:
 Nuclear PDFs: $x > 1$ allowed;
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Iso}}$ in Fermi region
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 Deuteron Corrections
 impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Deuteron}}$ ratio

Are we just looking under the lamppost



Low-x:
 Shadowing
 Recombination
 Resummation
 BFKL
 Saturation

Low- Q^2 :
 Non-Perturbative interface
 collective effects
 Target Mass Corrections
 pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist
 F_L at low Q^2 access to $g(x)$

Need theoretical guidance in these regions

These are hard problems

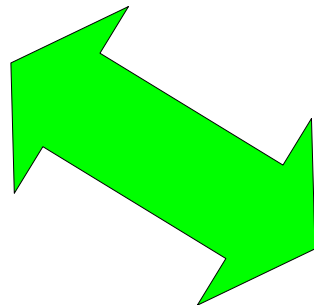
... we need good ideas & data



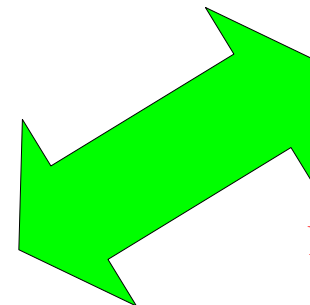
“EIC would unlock scientific mysteries” *NAP Report*

Ideally suited to “... glean the fundamental insights into QCD”

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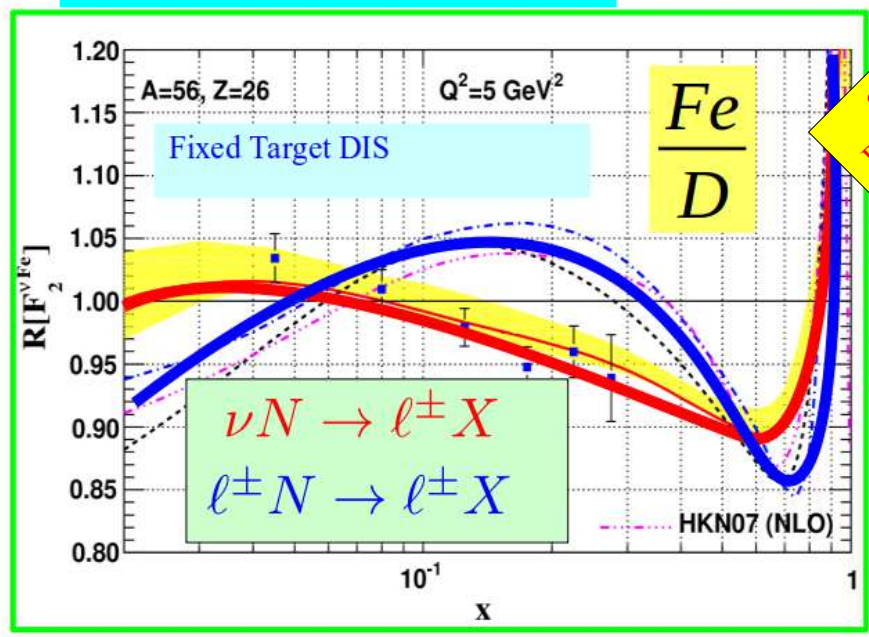


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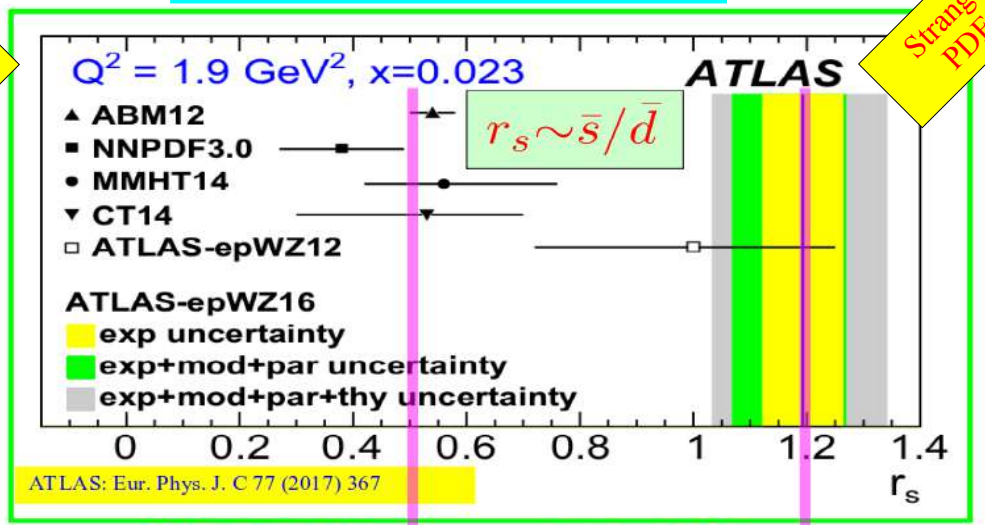
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Split Personality

nCTEQ15WZ



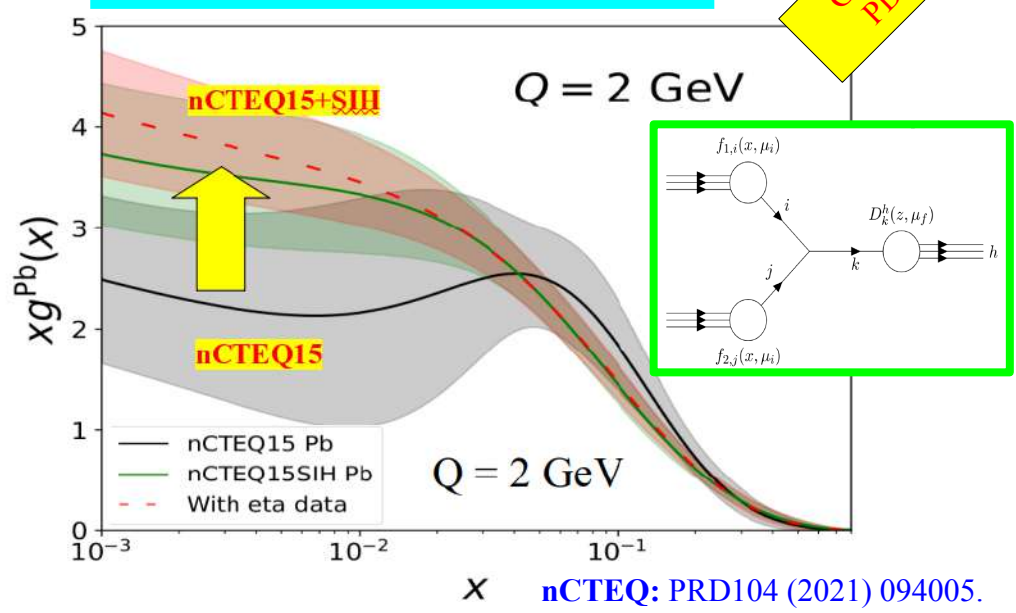
Strange PDF

We expect:

At the LHC:

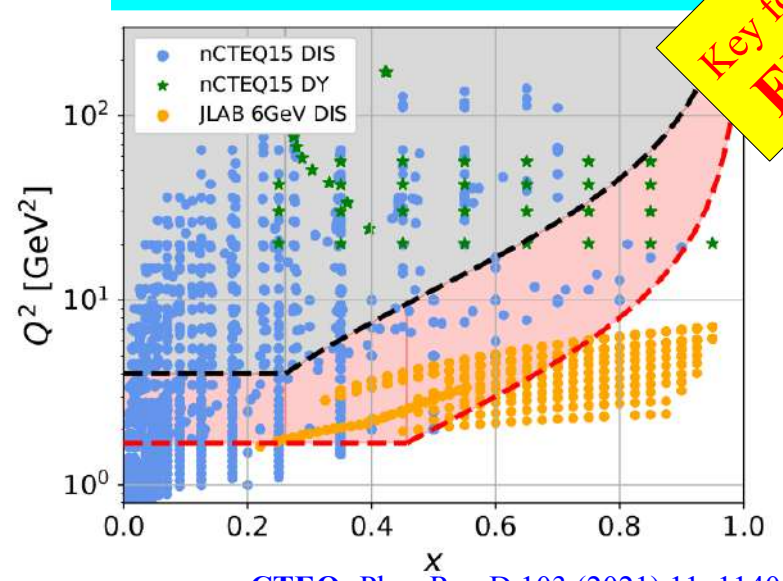
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nCTEQ15WZ+SIH



Gluon PDF

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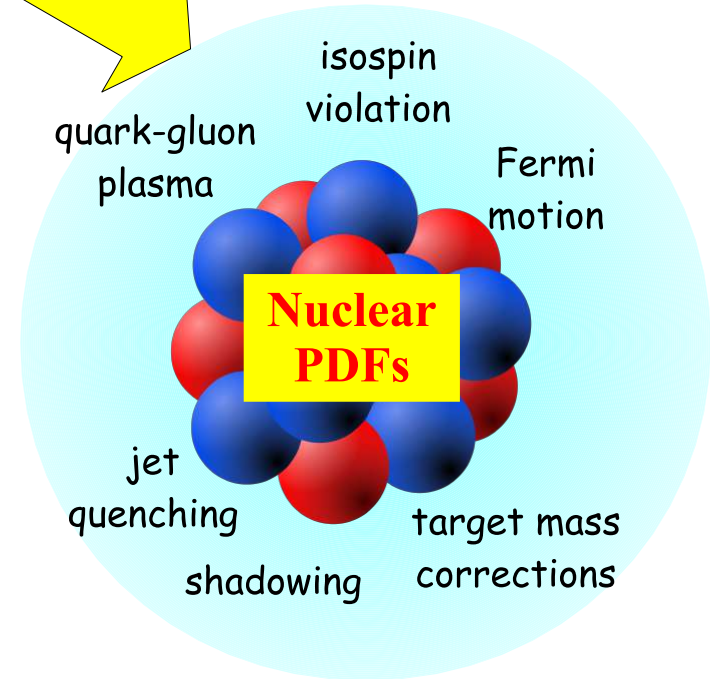
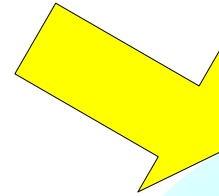
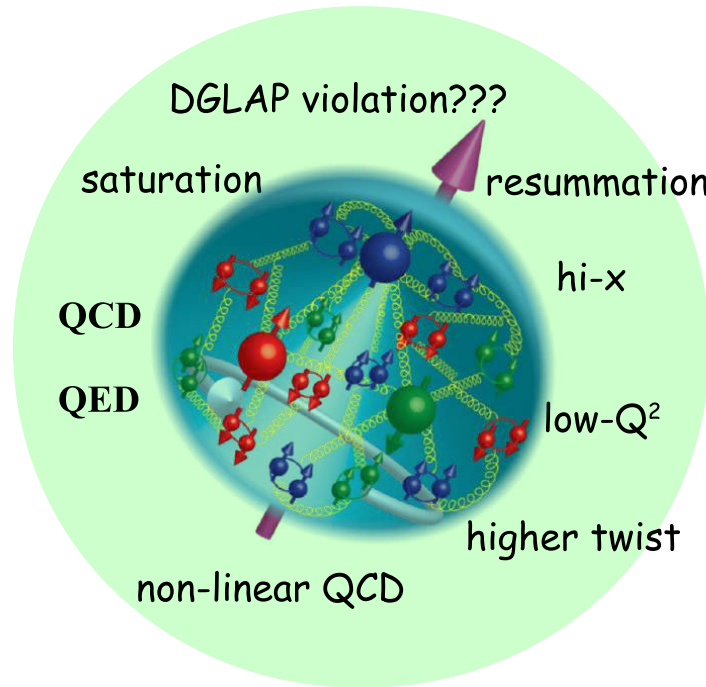
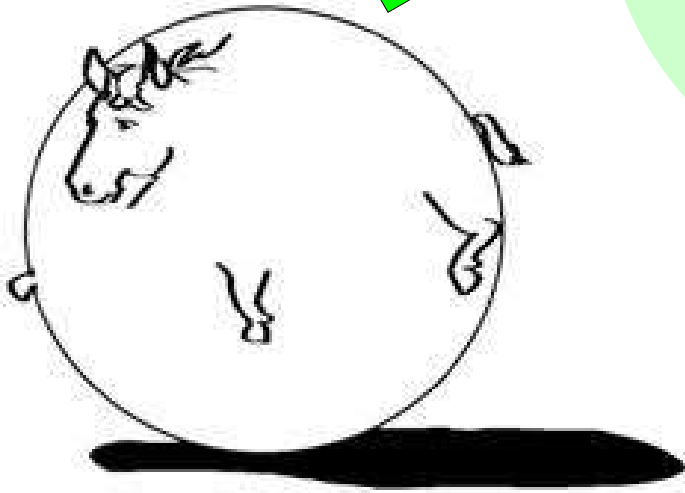
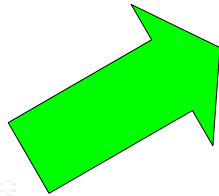


Key for EIC

nCTEQ: Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 11, 114015

precision $f_A(x, Q)$ can serve as Boundary Condition for $f_A(x, Q, k_T, b_T, \sigma)$

Need theoretical guidance





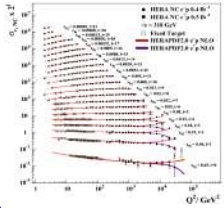
xFitter/xFitterT

PROTON
NUCLEON
MESON

Sample data files:

- LHC:** ATLAS, CMS, LHCb
- Tevatron:** CDF, D0
- HERA:** H1, ZEUS, Combined
- Fixed Target:** ...
- User Supplied:** ...

Experimental Data



Data: HERA, Tevatron, LHC, fixed target experiments

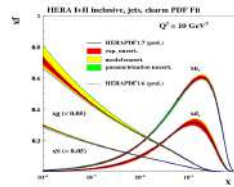
Processes:

Inclusive DIS, Jets, Drell-Yan, Diffraction, Top production W and Z production

Theory Calculations

HQ Schemes: MSTW, NNPDF, ABM, ACOT
Jets, W, Z: FastNLO, ApplGrid
Top: Hathor
Evolution: QCDNUM, APFEL, k_T
Other: NNPDF reweighting
 TMDs, Dipole Model, ...

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Parton Distribution Functions:
PDF, Updf, TMD

$\alpha_s(M_Z)$, m_c, m_b, m_t ...

Theoretical Cross Sections

Comparisons to other PDFs (LHAPDF)



extensions include nuclear PDFs

Features & Recent Updates:

NNLO DGLAP

Photon PDF & **QED**

Pole & $\overline{\text{MS}}$ masses

Profiling and Re-Weighting

BFKL interface

Heavy Quark Variable Threshold Improvements in χ^2 and correlations

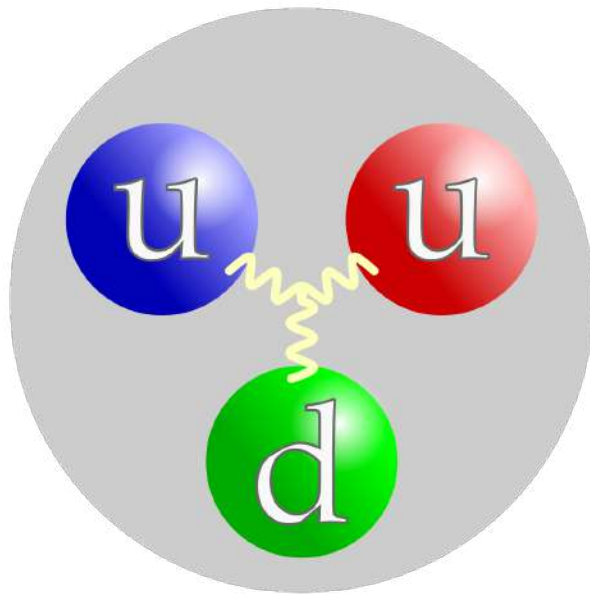
TMD PDFs (uPDFs)

... and many other

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Future Freeze

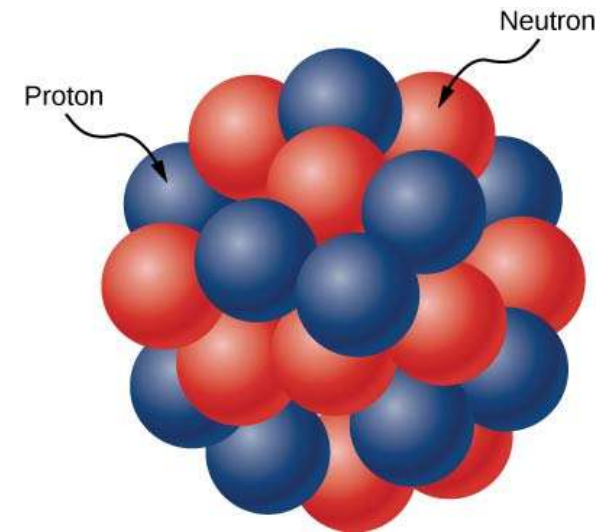
Nuclear PDFs

Parton Distribution Functions



Proton

...

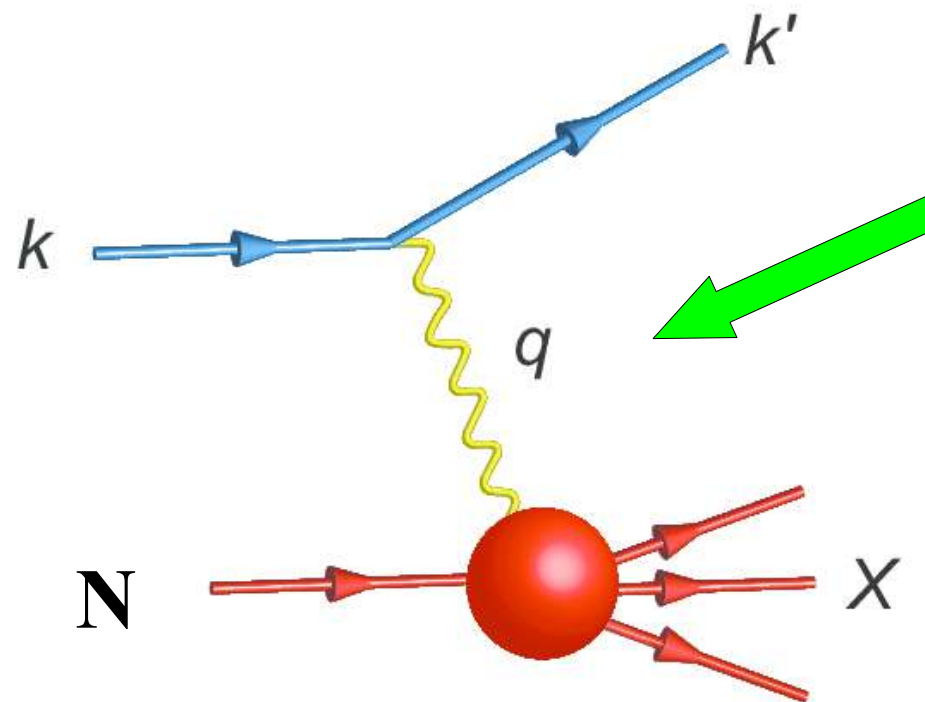


Nuclei

is it just a bag of
protons & neutrons ???

Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

nCTEQ: Faiq Muzakka, Karol Kovarik, ...



Could be:
neutral photon γ
or charged W^\pm

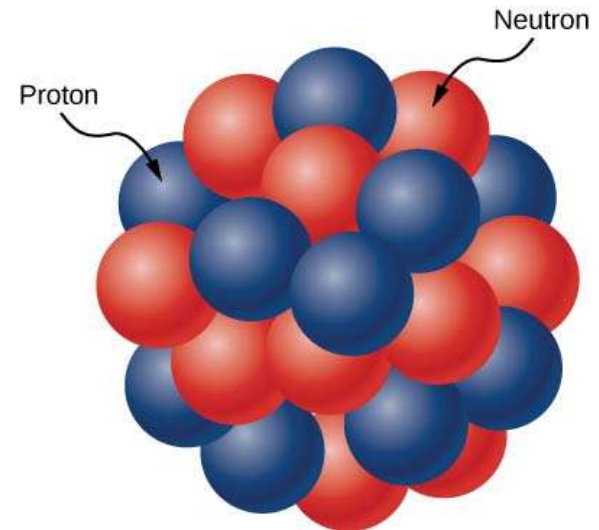
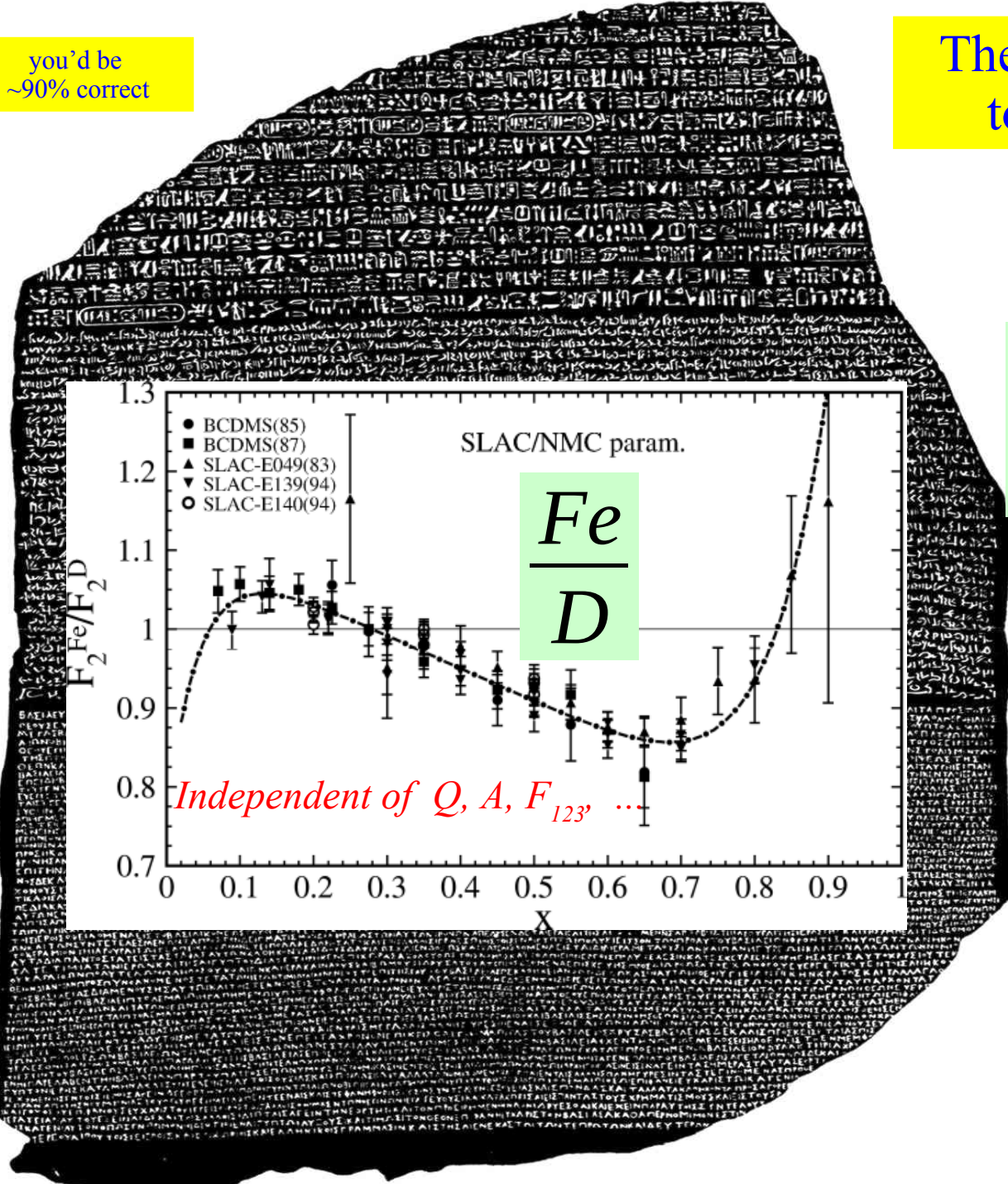
you'd be
~90% correct

The ratio of iron (Fe)
to Deuterium (D)

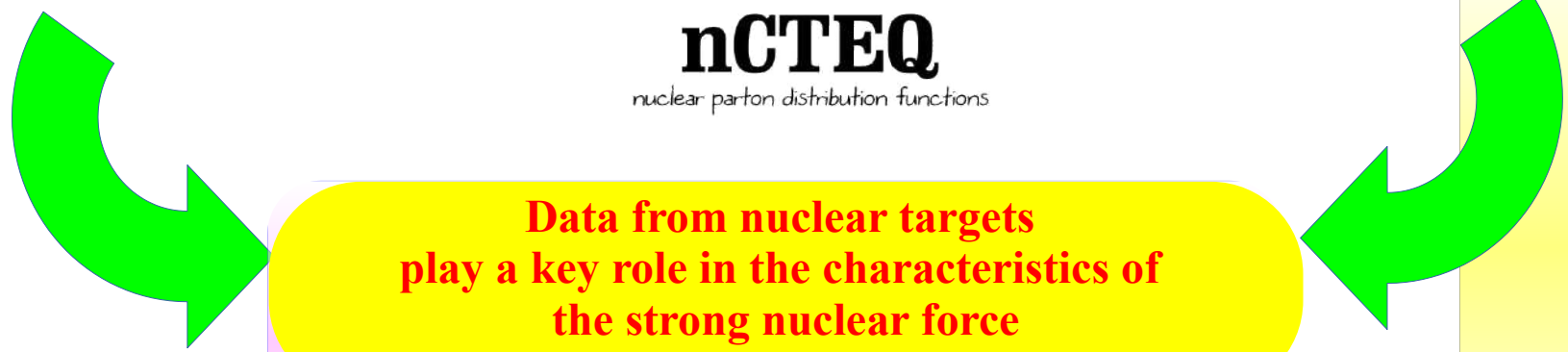
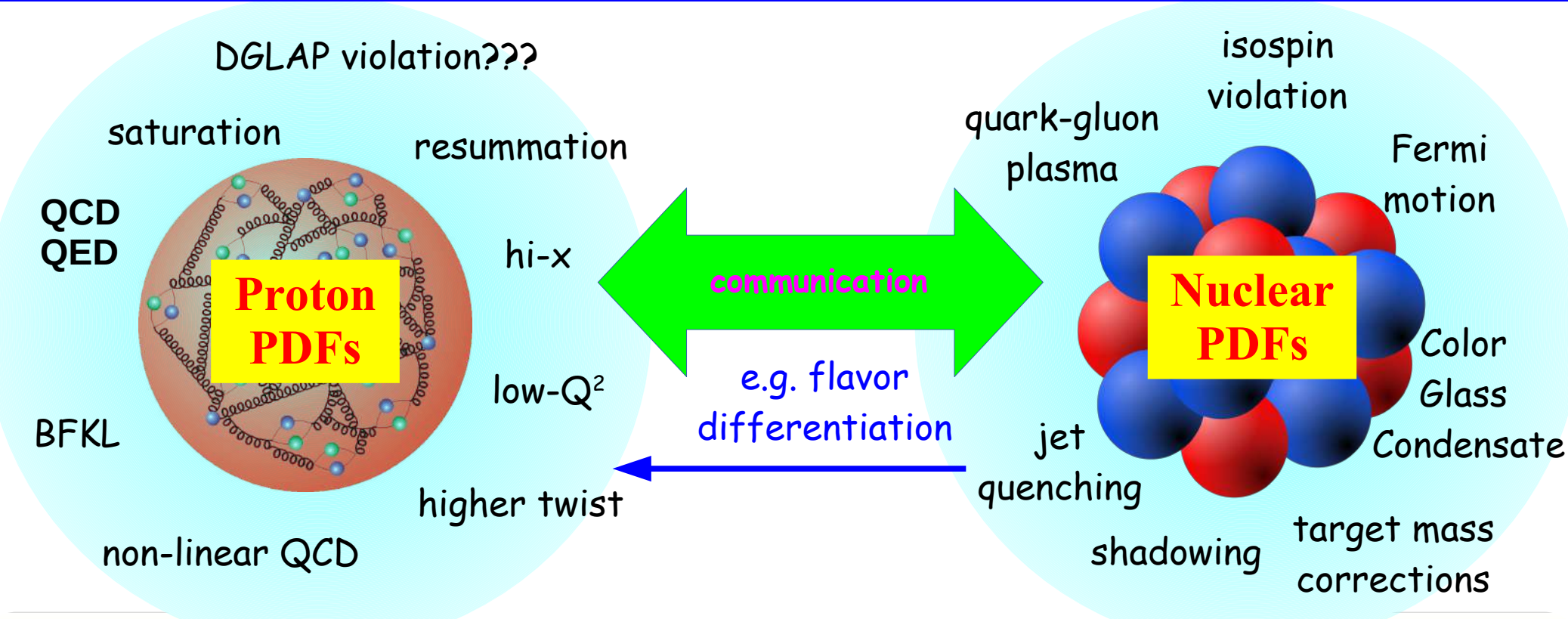
$$\frac{Fe}{D}$$

Iron

(proton + neutron)

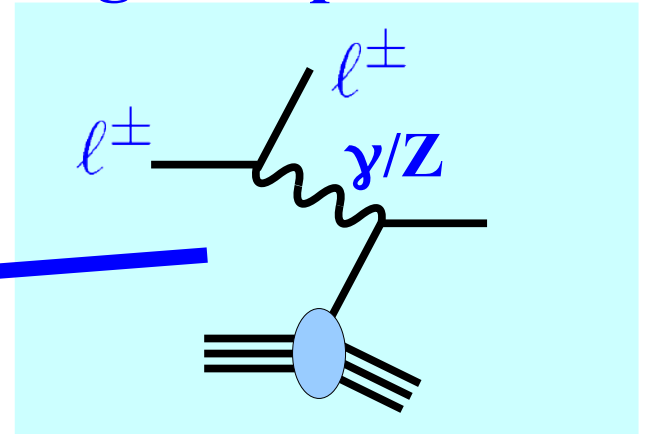


But ...



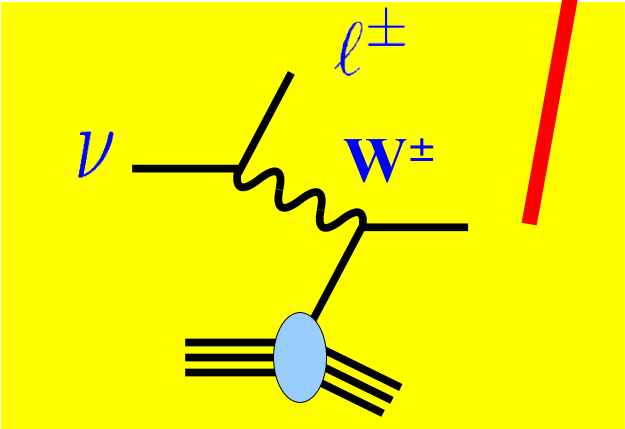
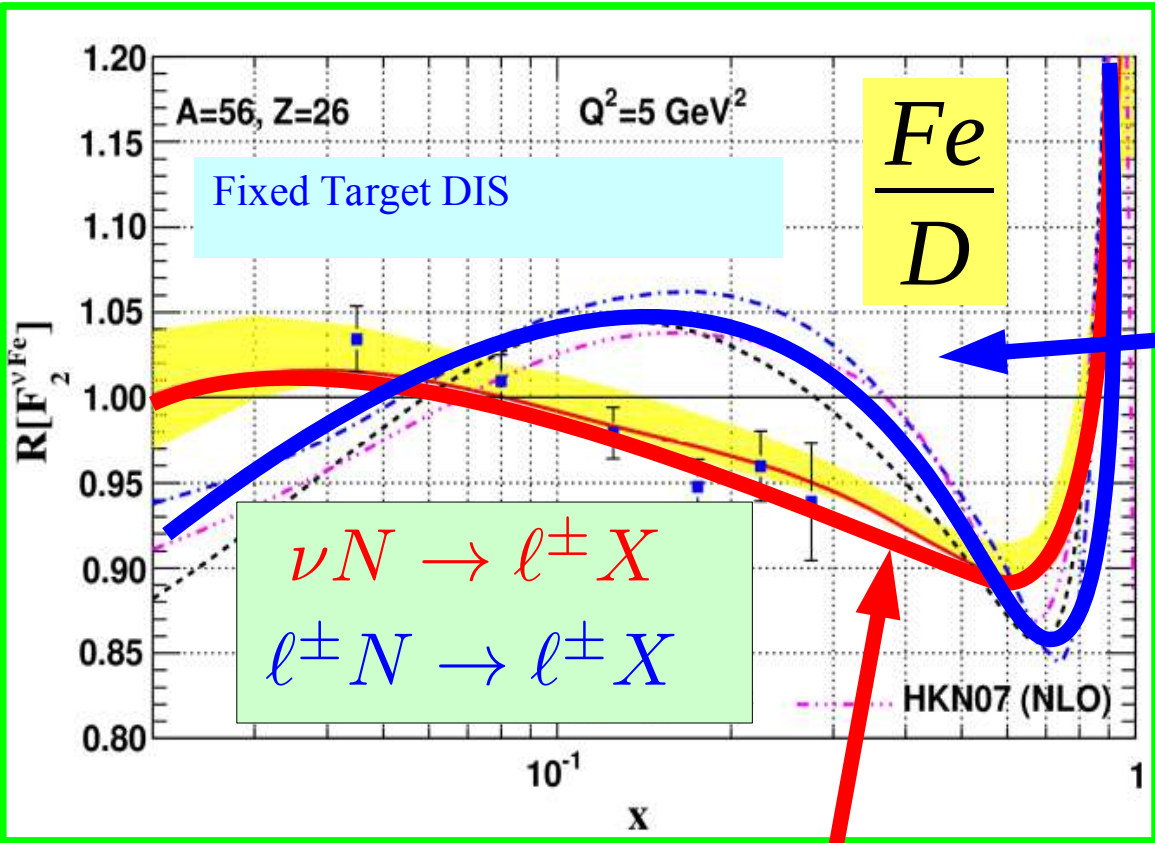
nuclear parton distribution functions

Charged Lepton DIS



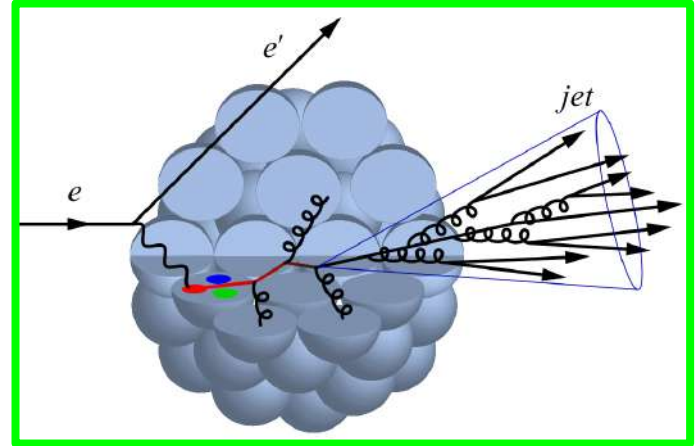
*some caveats
... correlated errors*

Ingo Schienbein, ... (2007)
Karol Kovarik, ... (2010)



Neutrino DIS

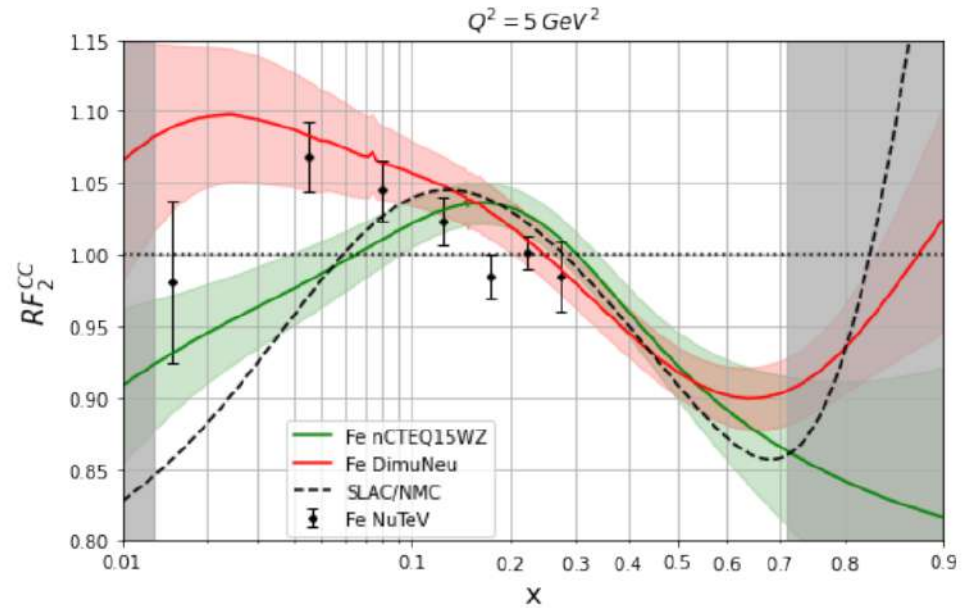
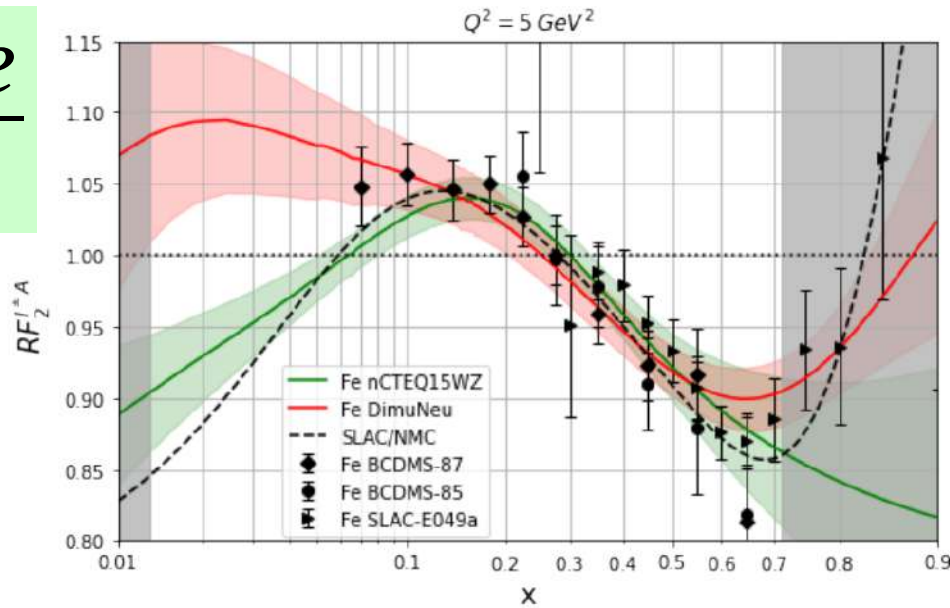
Depends on nuclear corrections



Propagation of γ/W thru nuclei

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$\frac{Fe}{D}$



Iron
 (proton + neutron)

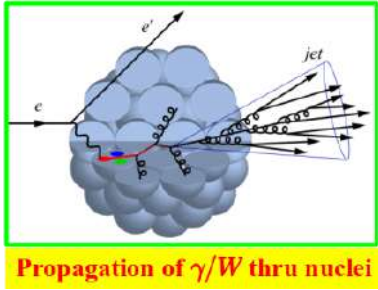
What is the correct nuclear correction ???
 Are these data sets compatible???

nCTEQ: K.F. Muzakka, ...
 Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 7, 074004

Compatibility of neutrino DIS data and its impact on nuclear parton distribution functions

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 A. Kusina ^{6,**}, J.G. Morfin ^{7,††}, F. I. Olness ^{2,‡‡}, R. Ruiz ⁶, I. Schienbein ^{8,§§}

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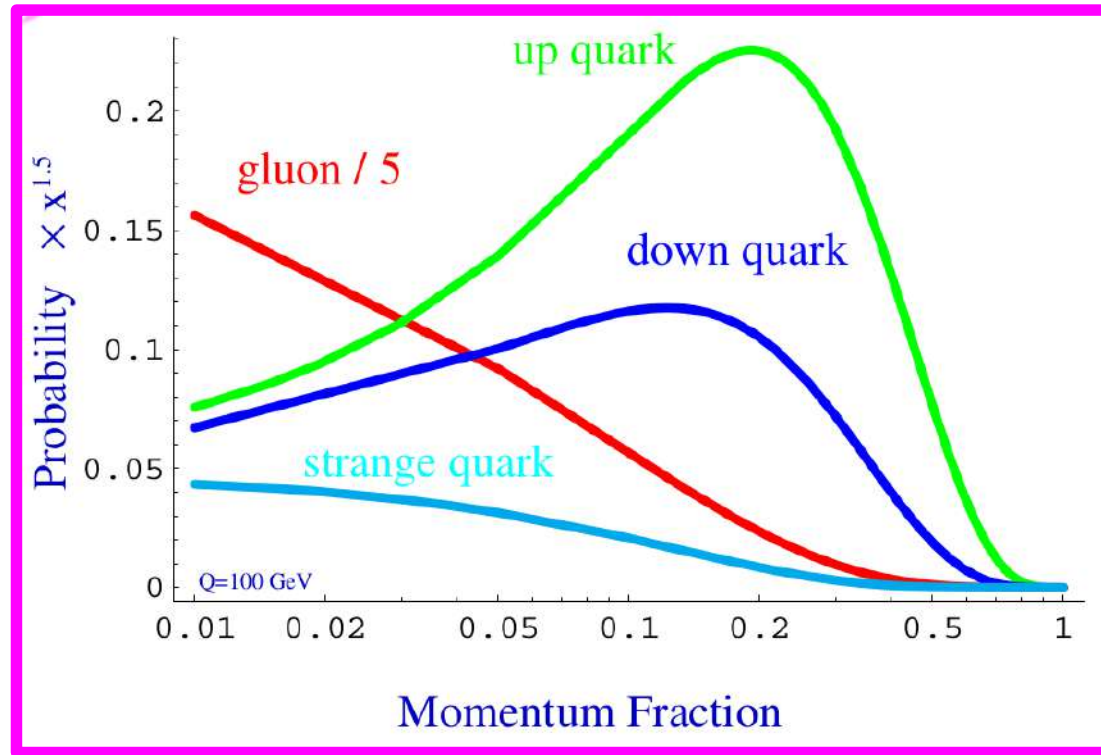
Strange PDF

Parton Distribution Functions



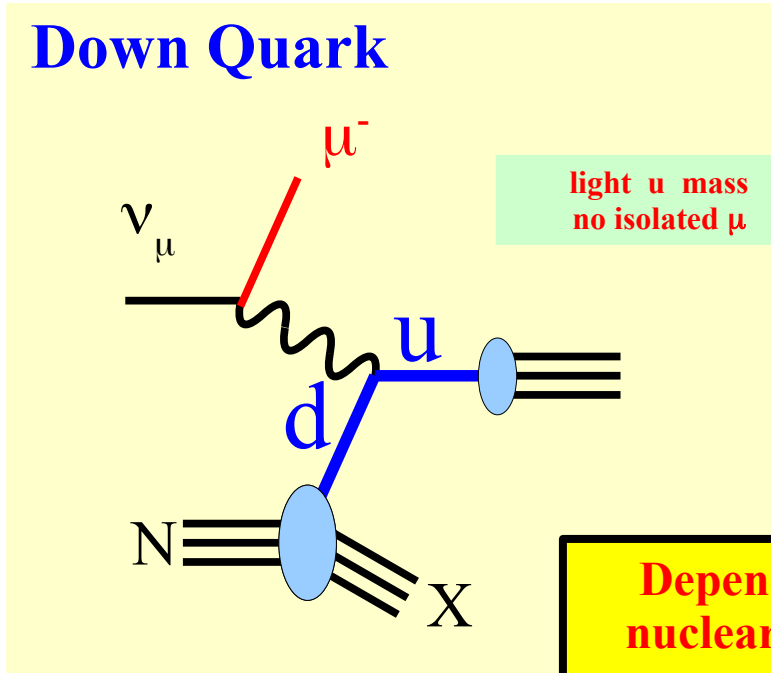
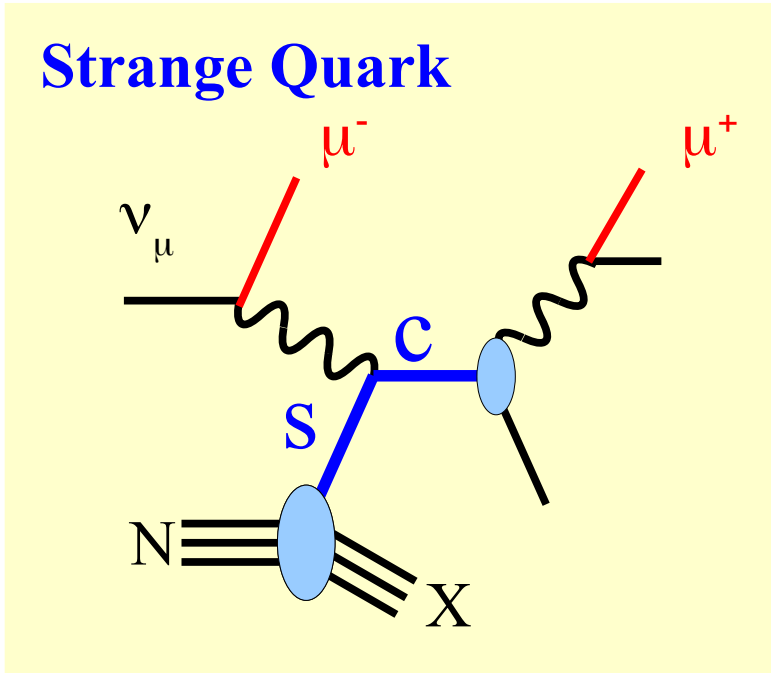
vDIS ... has a significant impact on the strange quark PDF

Need to “dig out” $s(x)$ underneath $d(x)$



Result:

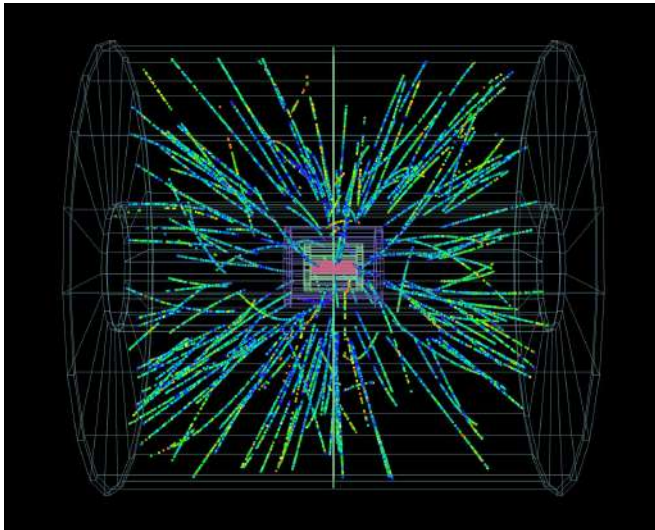
$$\bar{s}(x) \sim \frac{1}{2} \bar{d}(x)$$



Depends on nuclear PDFs

W and Z Boson Production at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

nCTEQ: Tomas Jezo, Aleksander Kusina, Fred Olness, ...

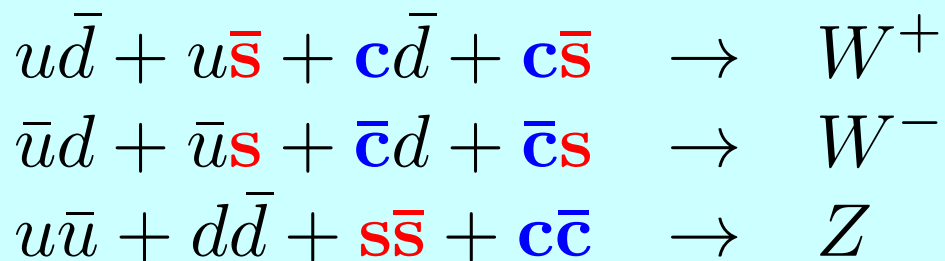


$$p p \rightarrow W, Z$$

$$p Pb \rightarrow W, Z$$

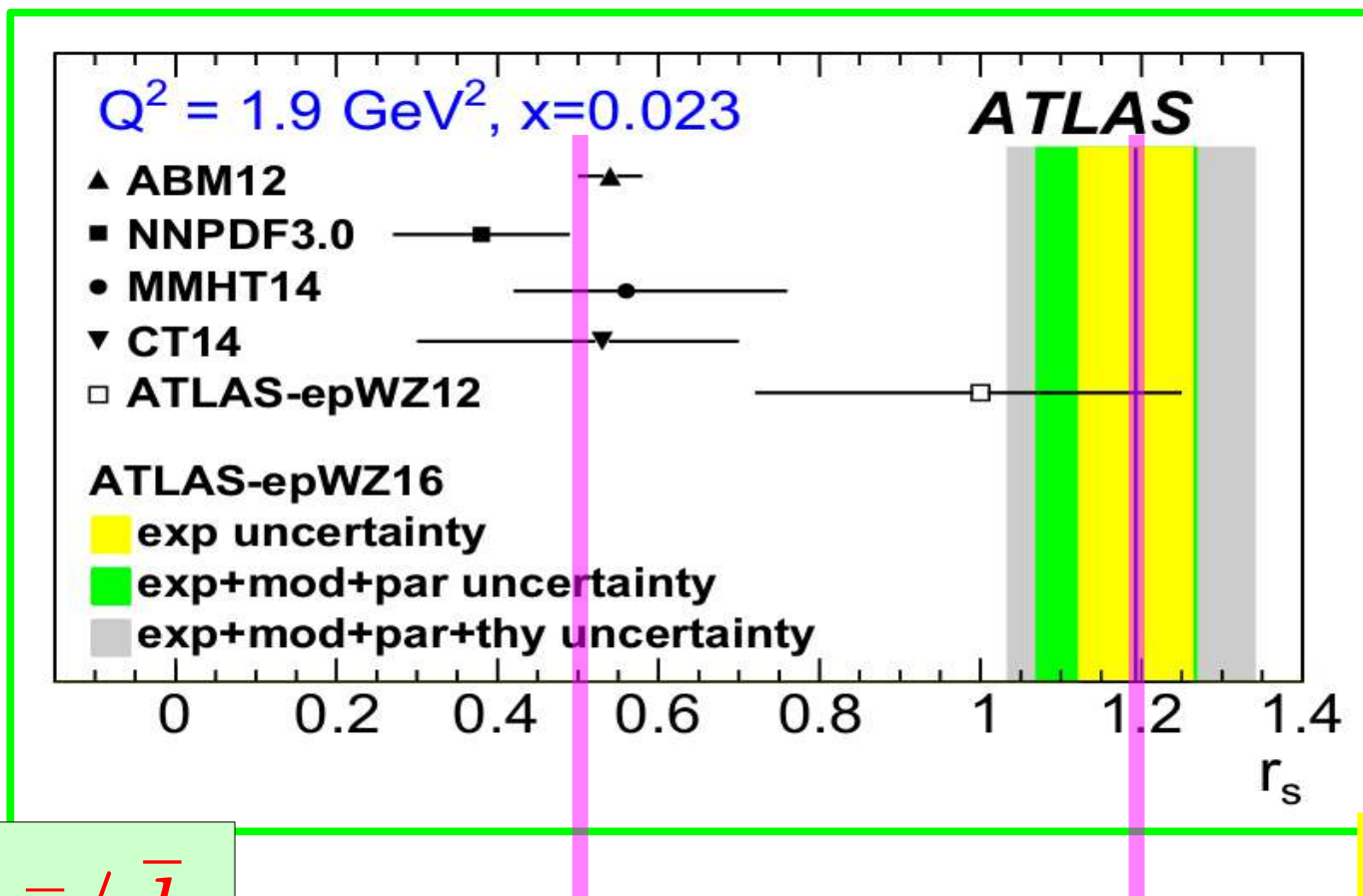
LHC Heavy Ion

... there's another
way to measure the
strange quark



Surprise:

We expected $r_s = 1/2$
LHC finds $r_s > 1$



Proton
case

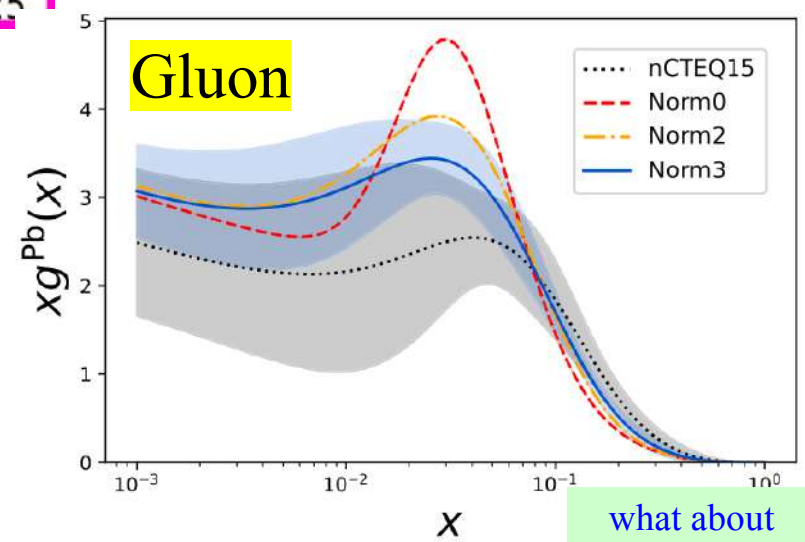
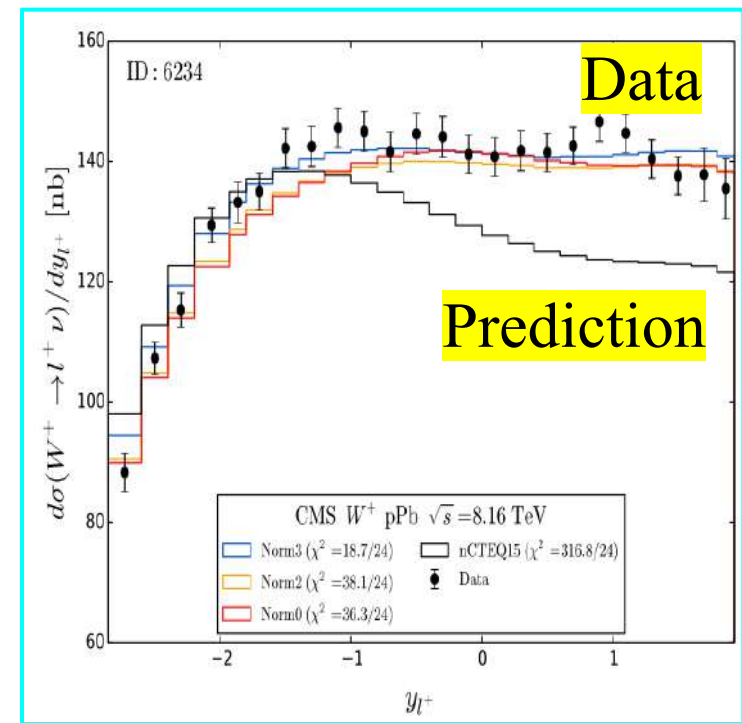
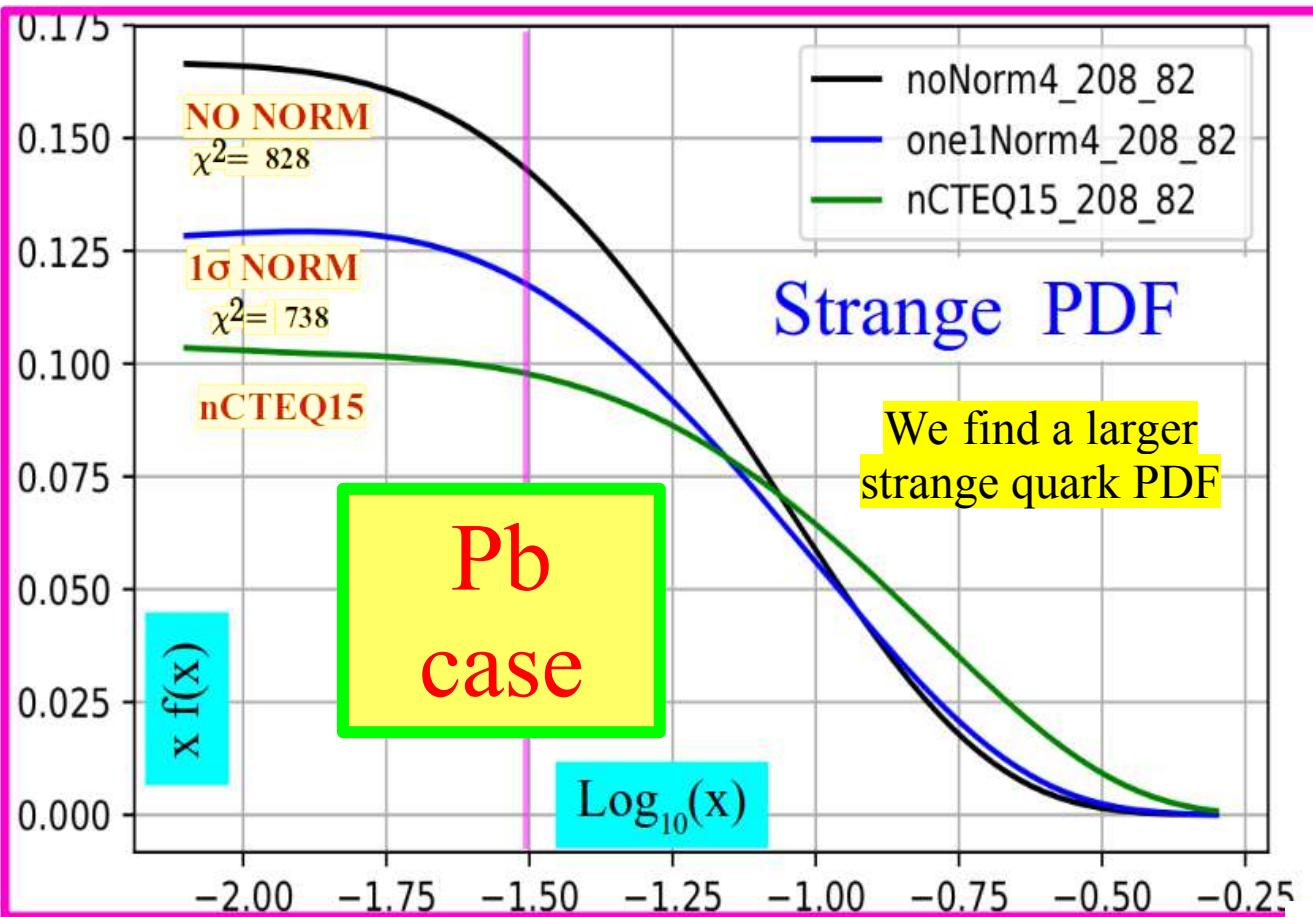
$$r_s \sim \bar{s}/\bar{d}$$

We expect:

At the LHC:

$$r_s = \frac{\bar{s} + s}{2\bar{d}}$$

pPb Heavy Ion Case: ... LHC **STILL** sees more strange than expected ²⁴



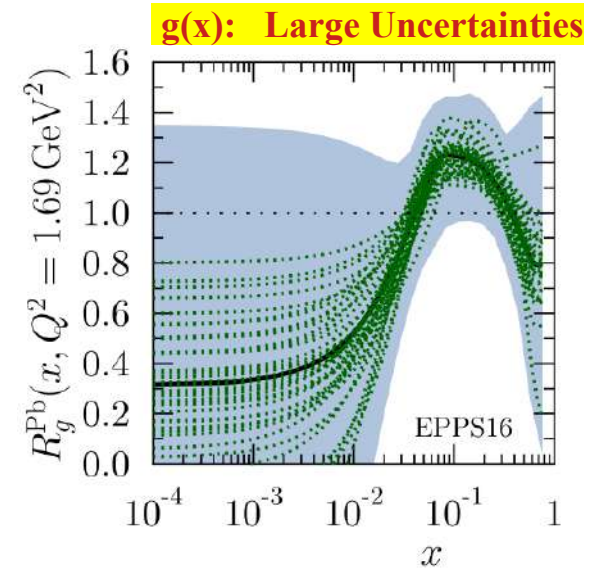
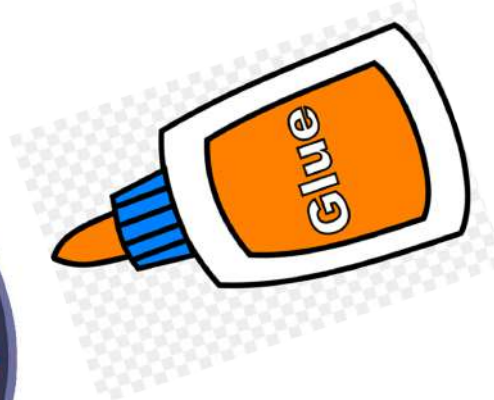
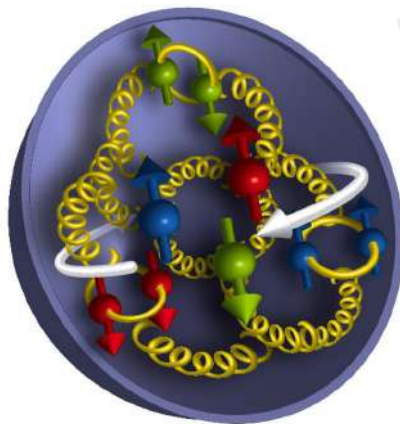
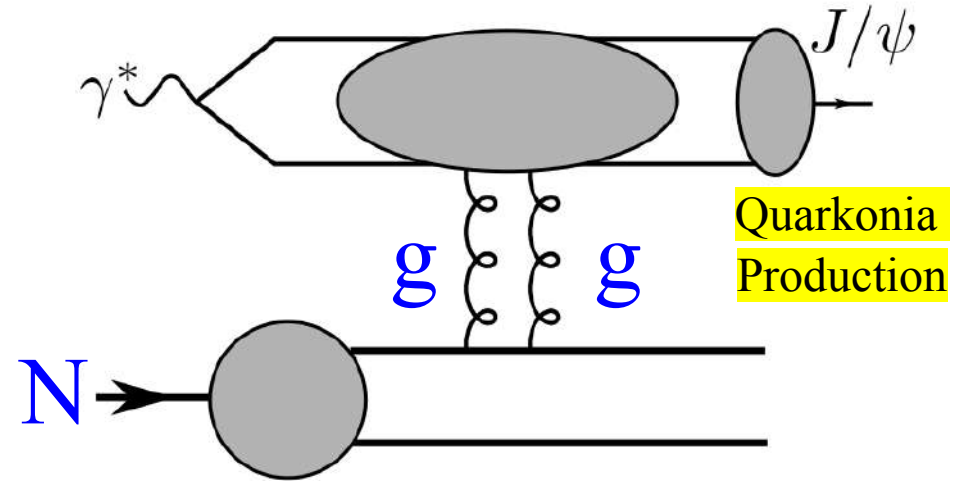
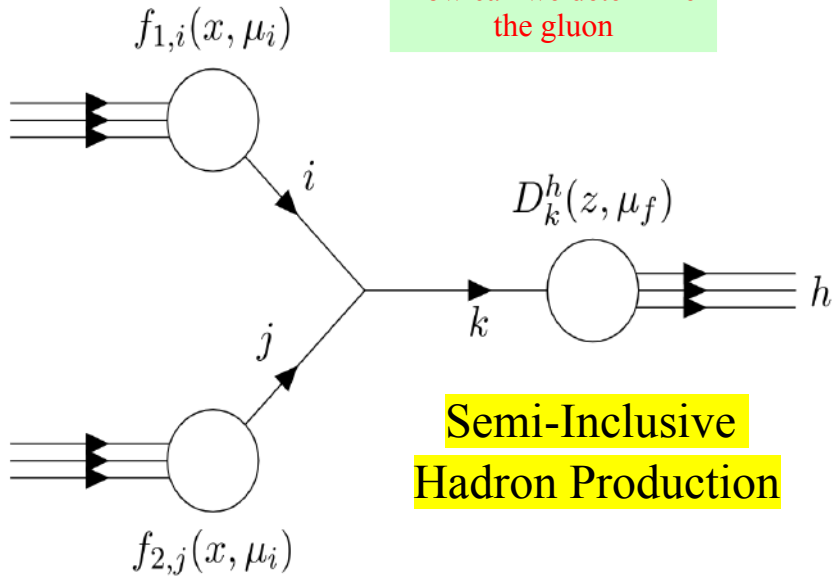
Is the strange PDF driving the data ...
Or is the data driving the strange ???

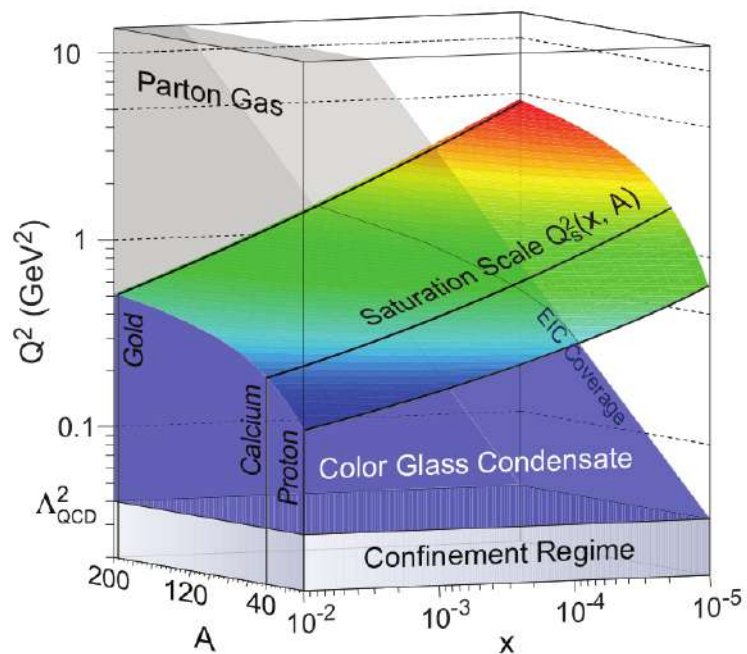
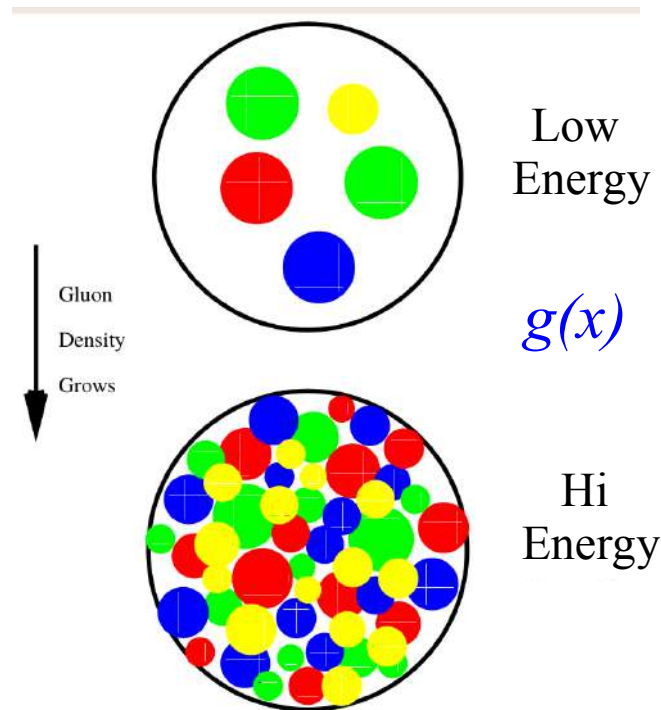
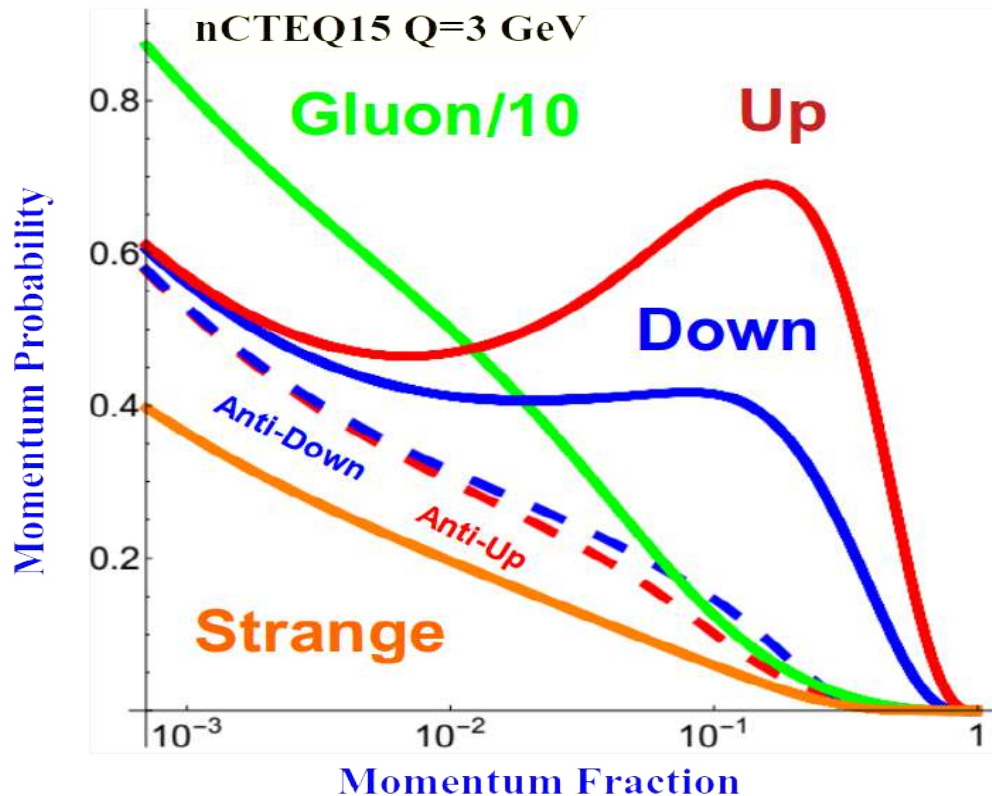
what about the gluon???

Measuring the nuclear Gluon PDF 25

Parton Distribution Functions

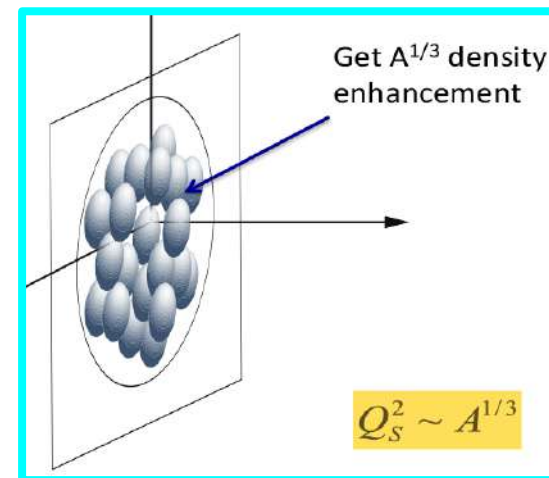
how can we determine the gluon



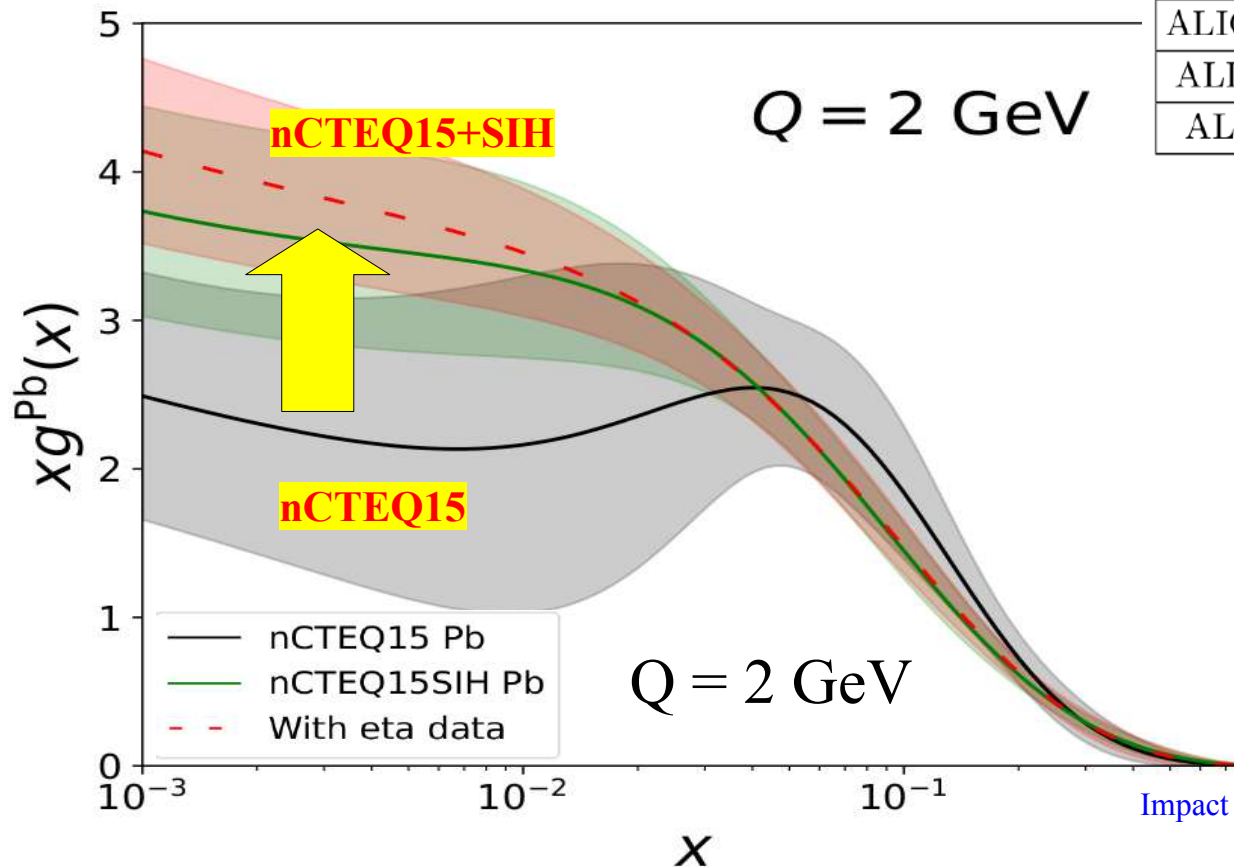
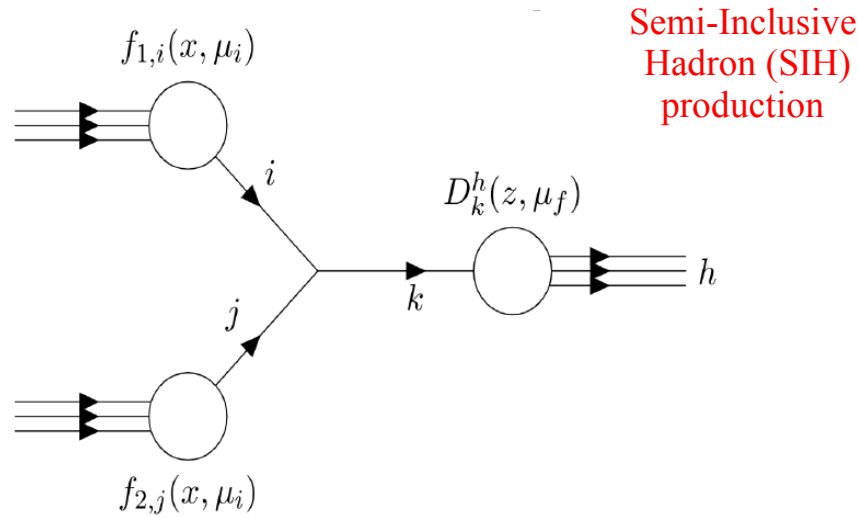


- Nuclear medium effects:**
- Quark Gluon Plasma
 - Color Glass Condensate
 - Recombination
 - Saturation
 - Resummation
 - ... *your theory here*

We gain a geometric factor of $A^{1/3}$



nCTEQ: Pit Duwentaster, Michael Klasen, ...



Data set	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	Observ.	No. points
PHENIX π^0	200	R_{dAu}	21
PHENIX η	200	R_{dAu}	12
PHENIX π^\pm	200	R_{dAu}	20
PHENIX K^\pm	200	R_{dAu}	15
STAR π^0	200	R_{dAu}	13
STAR η	200	R_{dAu}	7
STAR π^\pm	200	R_{dAu}	23
ALICE 5 TeV π^0	5020	R_{pPb}	31
ALICE 5 TeV η	5020	R_{pPb}	16
ALICE 5 TeV π^\pm	5020	R_{pPb}	58
ALICE 5 TeV K^\pm	5020	R_{pPb}	58
ALICE 8 TeV π^0	8160	R_{pPb}	30
ALICE 8 TeV η	8160	R_{pPb}	14

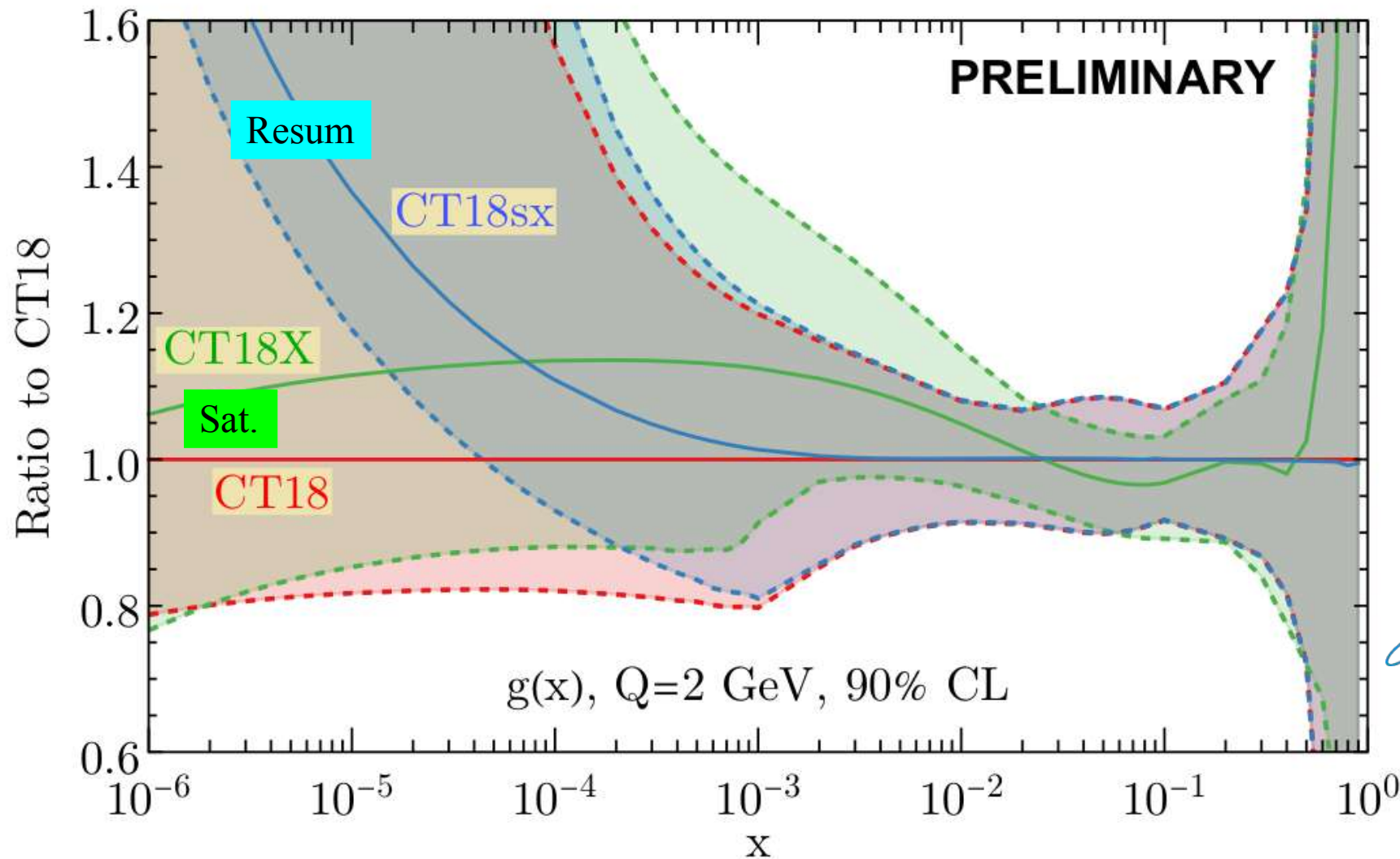
Semi-Inclusive
Hadron (SIH)
production

*Determines gluon
in small x region*

CT18x: Saturation inspired μ modification
CT18sx: w/ HELL small-x resummation code

Saturation inspired x-dependent

$$\mu^2 = a_1 \left(Q^2 + \frac{a_2}{x^{a_3}} \right)$$

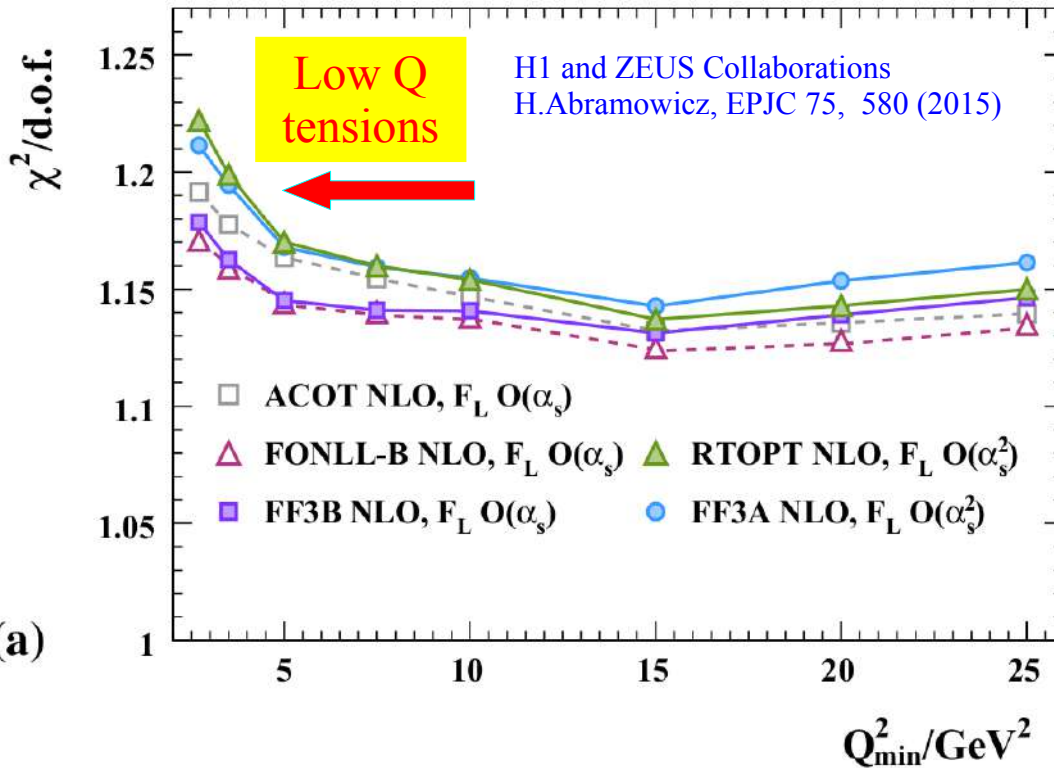


BFKL & Saturation differ at very small x

Small x (Low Q): need to improve fits
 NNLO: “fits at NNLO do not improve agreement”



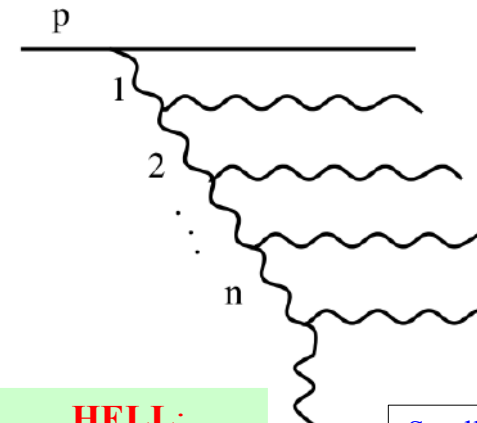
H1 and ZEUS



HERAPDF2.0 shows tensions between data and fit, independent of the heavy-flavour scheme used, at low Q^2 , i.e. below $Q^2 = 15 \text{ GeV}^2$, and at high Q^2 , i.e. above $Q^2 = 150 \text{ GeV}^2$. Comparisons between the behaviour of the fits with different Q_{min}^2 values indicate that the NLO theory evolves faster than the data towards lower Q^2 and x . Fits at NNLO do not improve the agreement. HERAPDF2.0 NNLO and NLO have a similar fit quality.

NNLO vs. NLO

(a)



resum logs

$$\alpha_S^n \frac{\ln^k(x)}{x}$$

HELL:
 High Energy
 Leading Logs

Small- x resummation from HELL
 Marco Bonvini, et al.,
 Eur.Phys.J.C 76 (2016) 11, 597

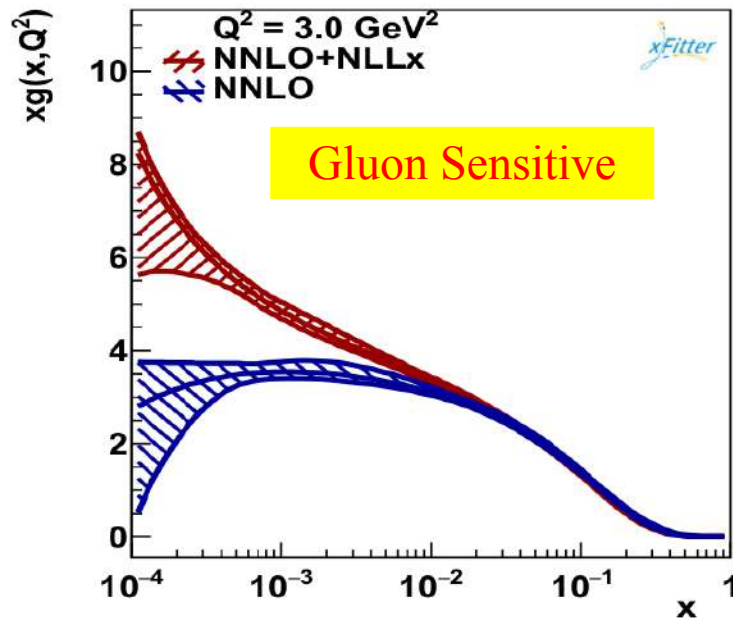
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<https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-018-6090-8>

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Regular Article - Theoretical Physics

Impact of low- x resummation on QCD analysis of HERA data

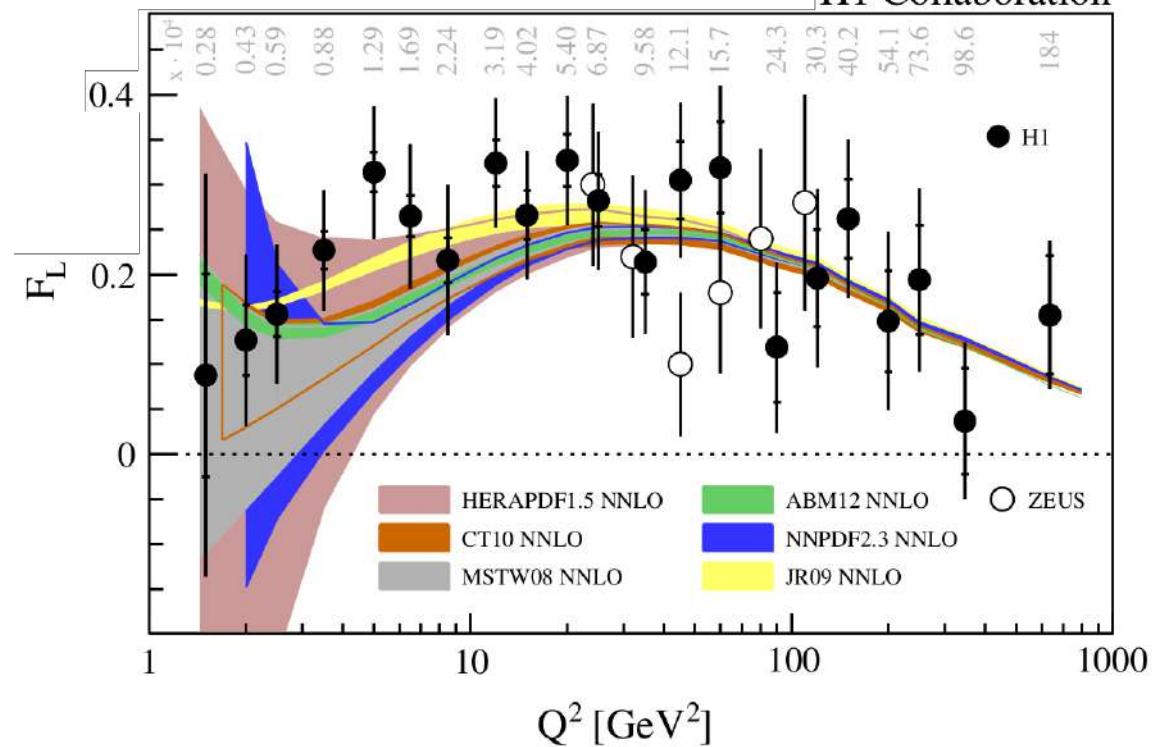
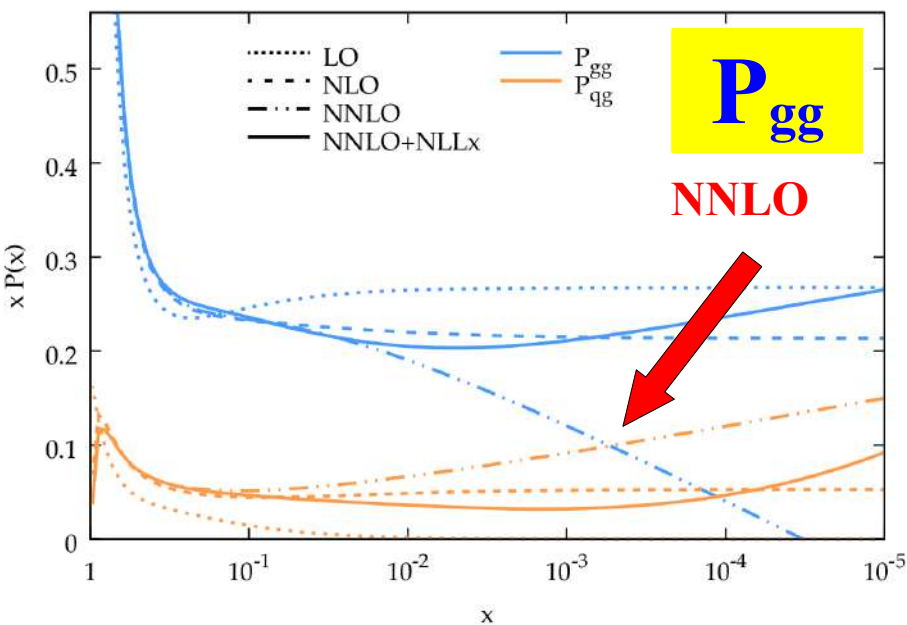
xFitter Developers' team, Hamed Abdolmaleki¹, Valerio Bertone^{2,3,a}, Daniel Britzger⁴, Stefano



**F_L is sensitive to
Gluon and
Small-x Treatments**

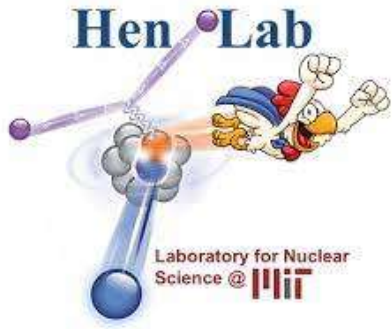
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H1 Collaboration



Short Range Correlations (SRC)

nCTEQ with
 Andrew Denniston & Or Hen

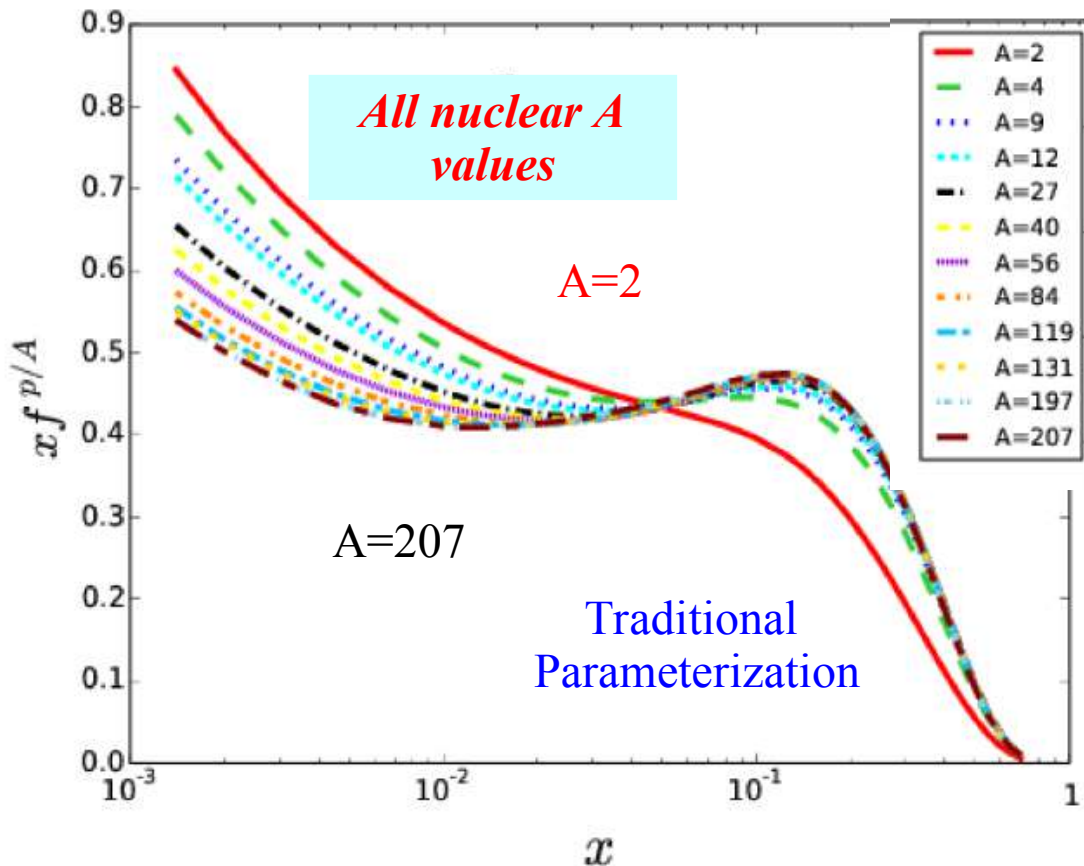


$$f_A = (1-c) f_p + c f_{\text{SRC}}$$

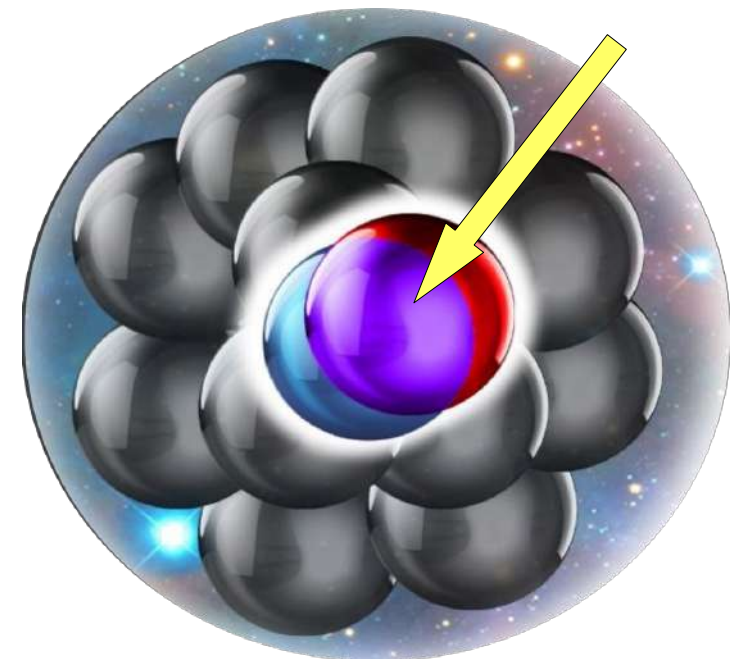
nuclear PDF

normal proton PDF

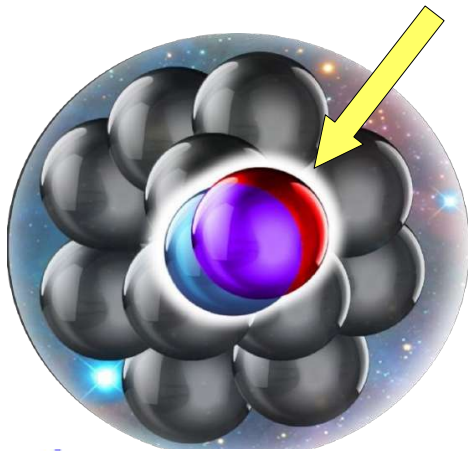
SRC modified PDF



Short Range Correlations (SRC)



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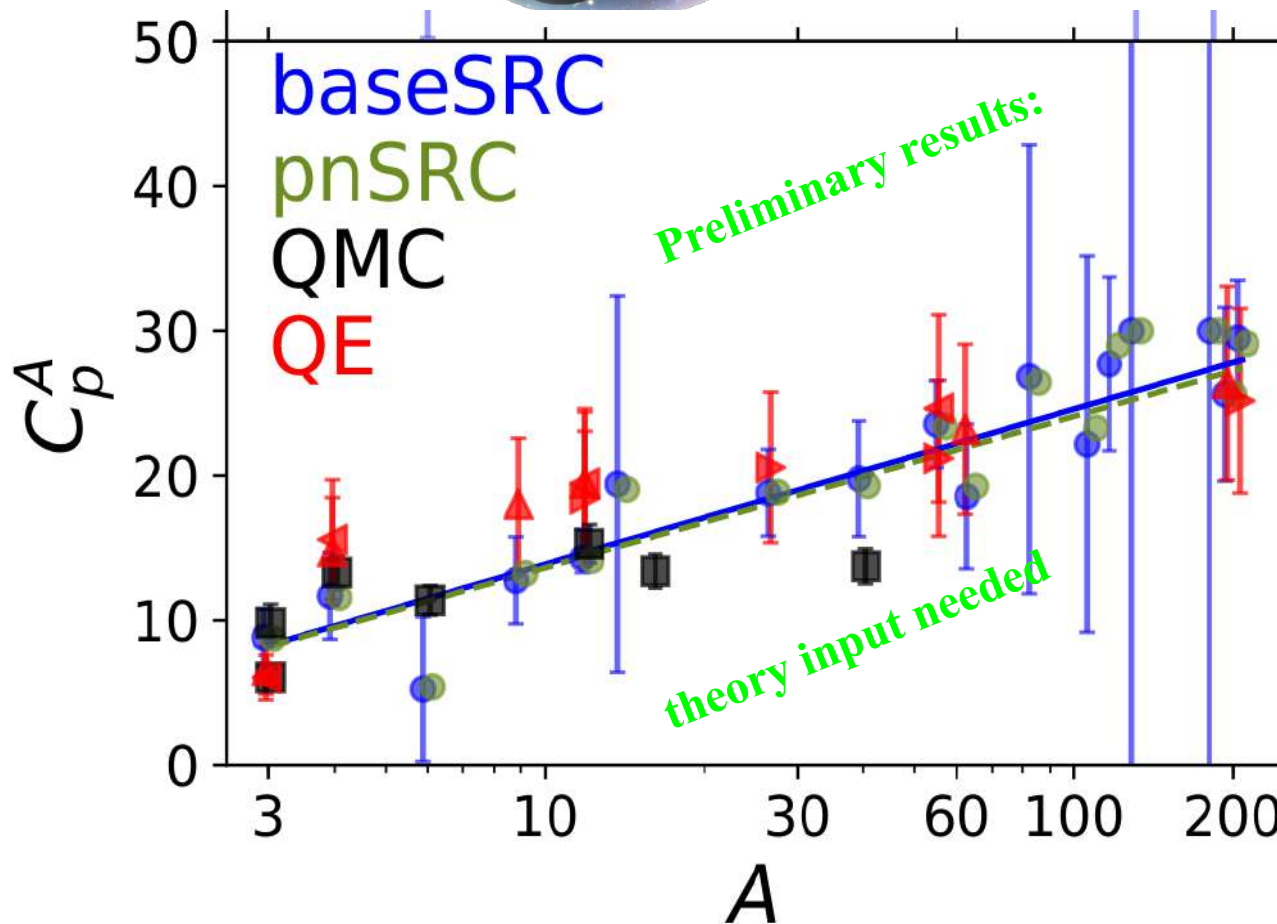


$$f_A = (1-c) f_p + c f_{\text{SRC}}$$

nuclear
PDF

normal
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modified
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Use relaxed
{Q,W} cuts

Preliminary results:

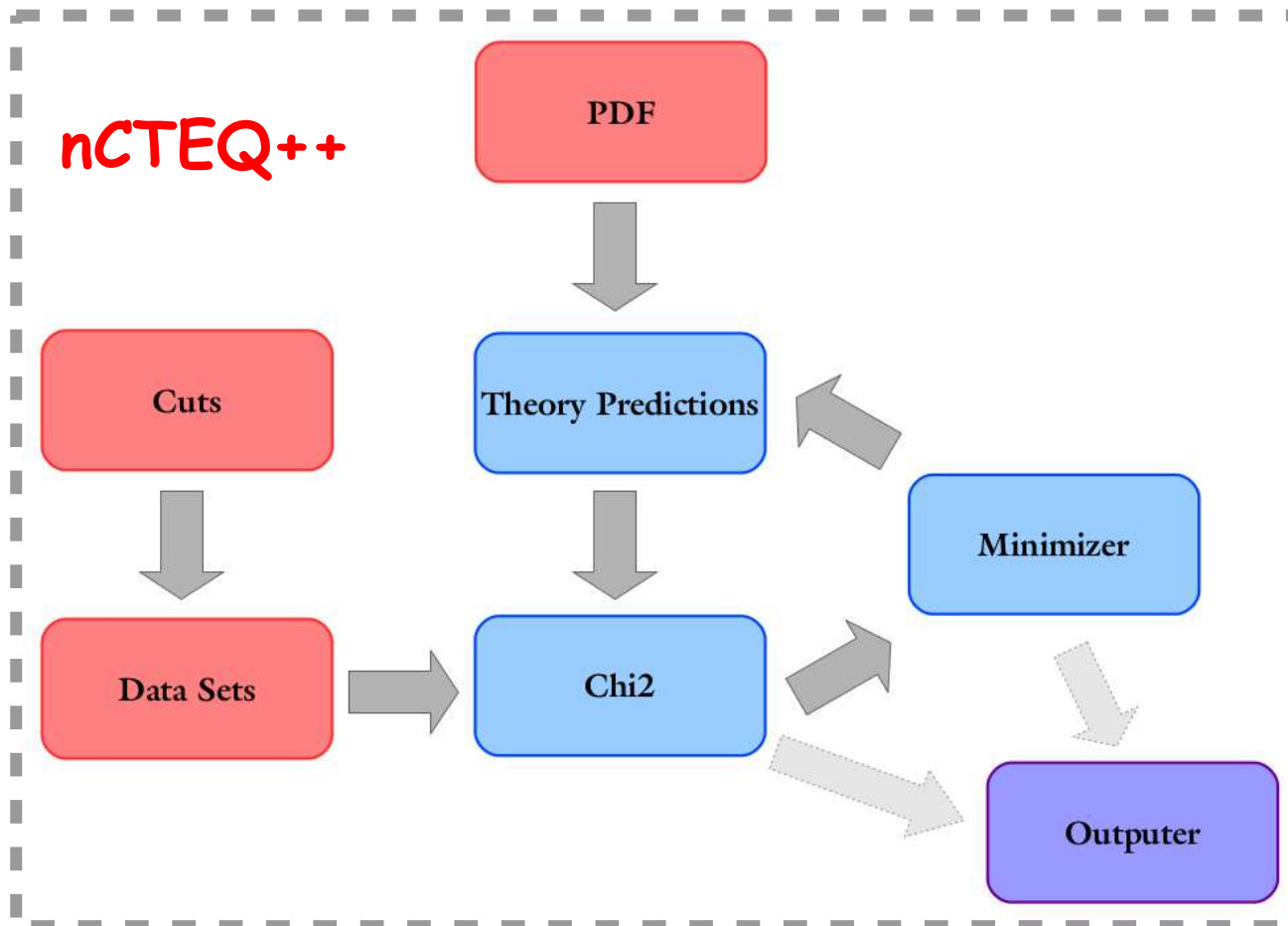
- Yields good fit:
 $\chi^2/N \sim 0.80$ vs. 0.85
- Compatible with (pn) SRC pairs

New Tools

nCTEQ++

a modern, modular code base

Top level C++, modular structure, output to YAML & Python scripts



*Special thanks to:
Tomas Jezo
Eric Godat
Florian Lyonnet
Aleksander Kusina*

Use external programs

- Minuit
- HOPPET
- MCFM
- APPLgrid

NEW!

Pre-Computed Grids

Tremendous speed-up for
higher order calculation

... for example ...

High order DIS processes
(Peter Risse)

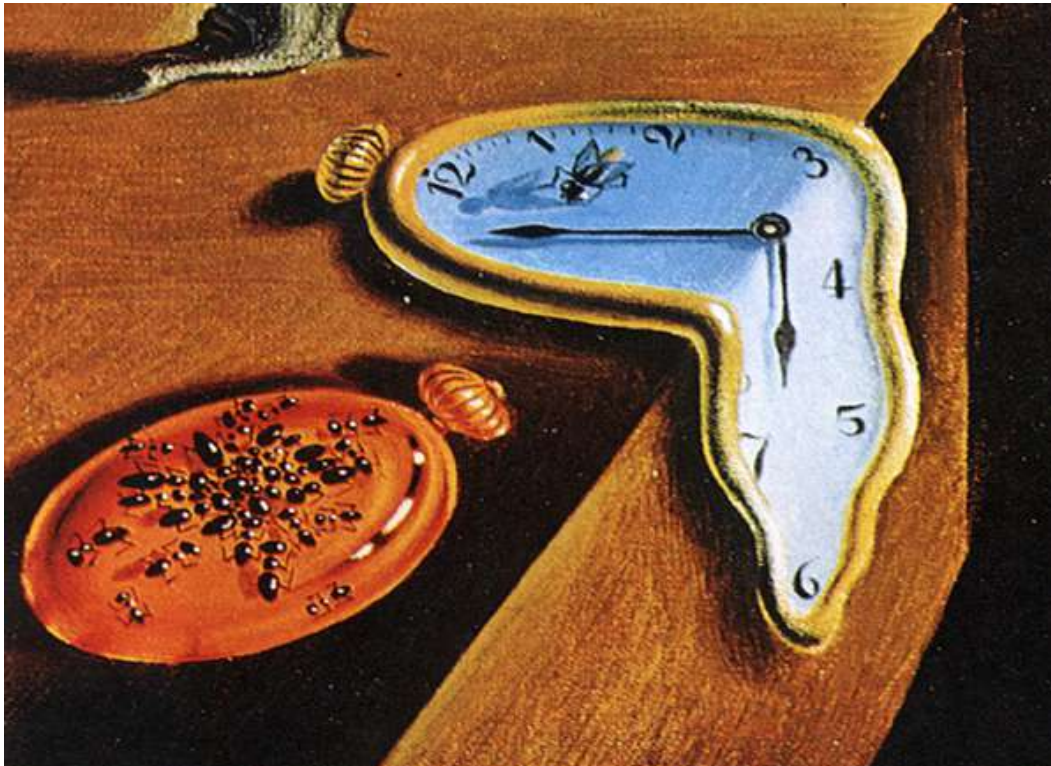
Code benchmark timings:

Original Fortran Code

contains multiple levels of integrals

New C++ Code

using modern grid techniques



Typical fits current run a few days to a week.
This will be reduced to a few hours.

High order DIS processes
(Peter Risse)

New Tools

PDFSense
&
... borrowing from AI

Artificial Intelligence Tools: Projector tool of Google TensorFlow

Embedding Projector

DATA

Points: 4021 | Dimension: 56

5 tensors found

Word2Vec 10K

Label by

Type

Color by

Type

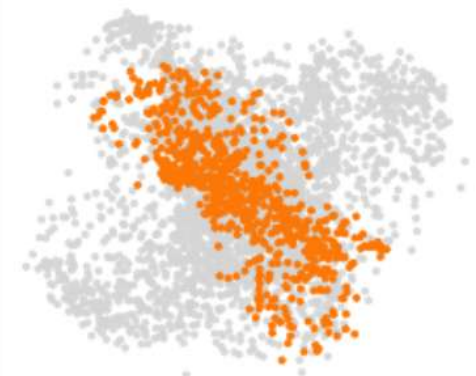
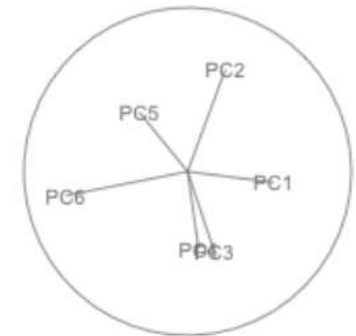
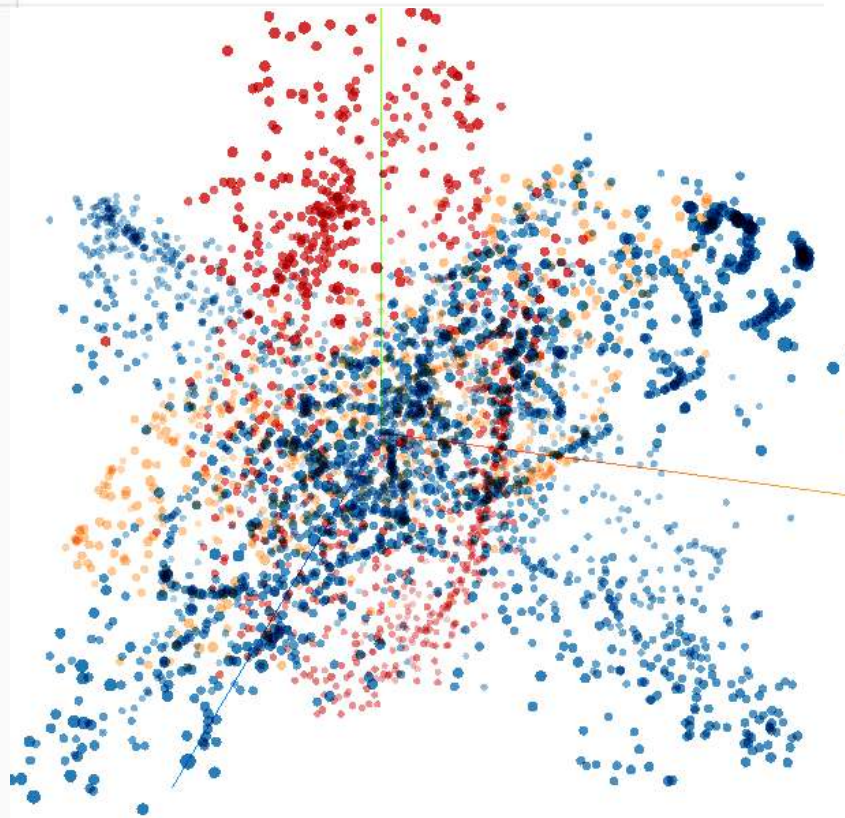
Sphereize data

Load data

Publish

Checkpoint: residual_all_norm_-1_RawData.tsv

Metadata: metadata_RawData.tsv



Dynamical projections for the visualization of PDFSense data
Dianne Cook, Ursula Laa, German Valencia arXiv:1806.09742

Pavel Nadolsky, Boting Wang ... (SMU)

CONCLUSIONS

Proton PDF: $f_p(x, Q)$

generally NNLO; approaching $\sim 1\%$ precision; Boundary Conditions for nuclear PDF

Nuclear PDF: $f_A(x, Q)$

generally NLO; leverage proton PDF tools; recent progress encouraging (*e.g.*, PDG)

with EIC, evolve from parameterizing to deeper understanding of QCD

Extend kinematic $\{x, Q\}$ range: ... probe extreme regions of QCD

Low Q: non-perturbative region; correlation effects ...

Low x: resummation; saturation; BFKL; ...

Low W: resonance region; duality; ...

Need theoretical guidance in these regions

Extend Unpolarized Colinear to Spin, TMD & GPD

... explore full tomographic nuclear structure in spin, k_T , b_T

precision $f_A(x, Q)$ can serve as Boundary Condition for $f_A(x, Q, k_T, b_T, \sigma)$

include Lattice QCD info on moments and quasi-PDFs

Need coordination/communication between efforts

QCD
Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



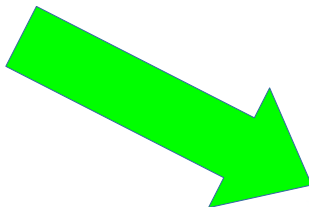
isospin violation
quark-gluon plasma
Fermi motion

Nuclear PDFs

jet quenching
target mass corrections

DGLAP violation???

shadowing



saturation
resummation

Proton PDFs

hi-x
low-Q²

higher twist

non-linear QCD

QCD
QED



DGLAP violation???

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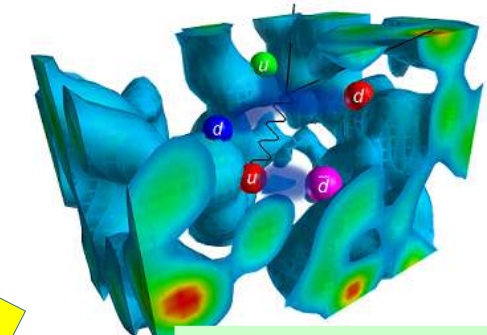
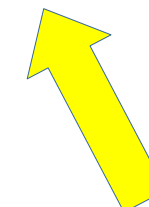
Pion PDFs

hi-x
low-Q²

higher twist

non-linear QCD

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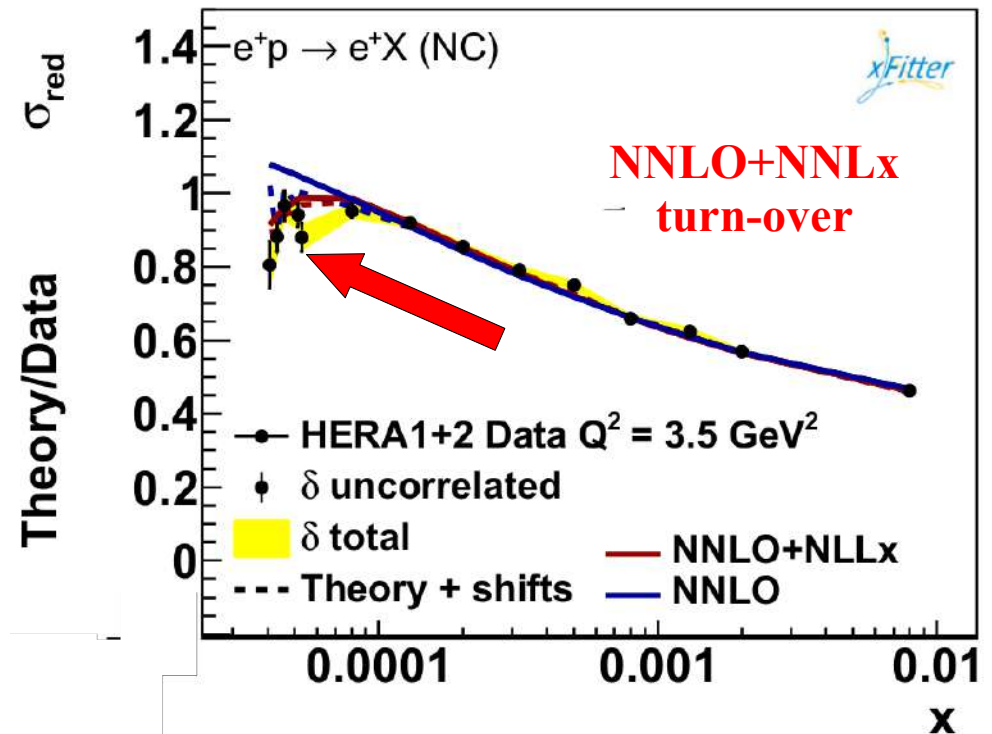
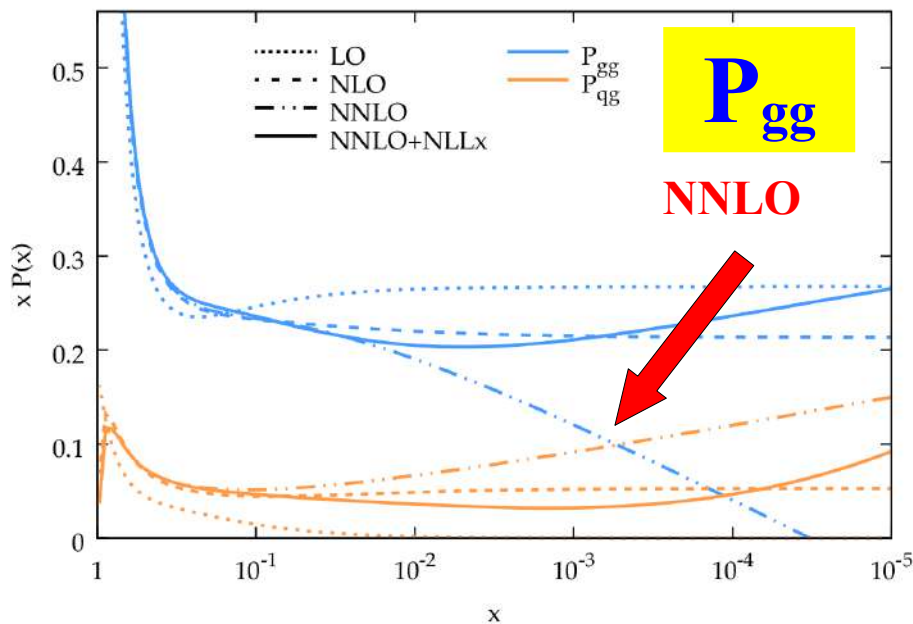
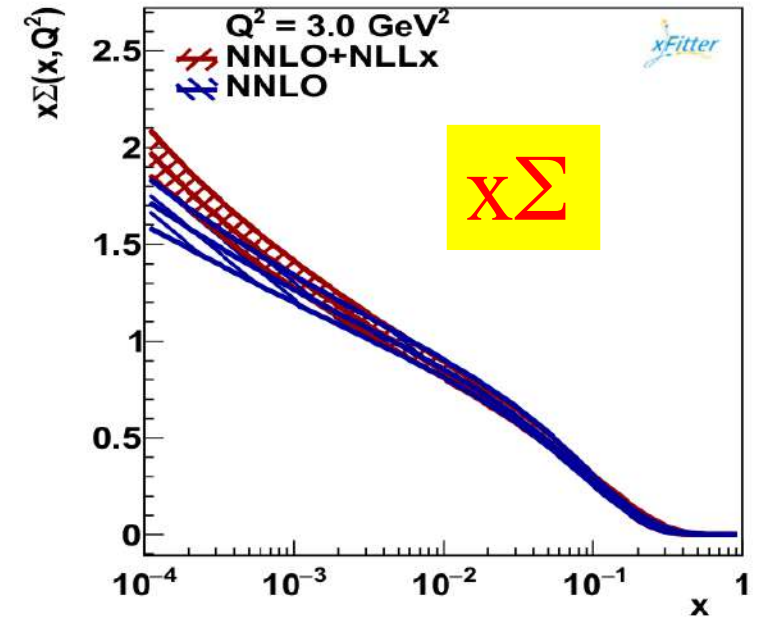
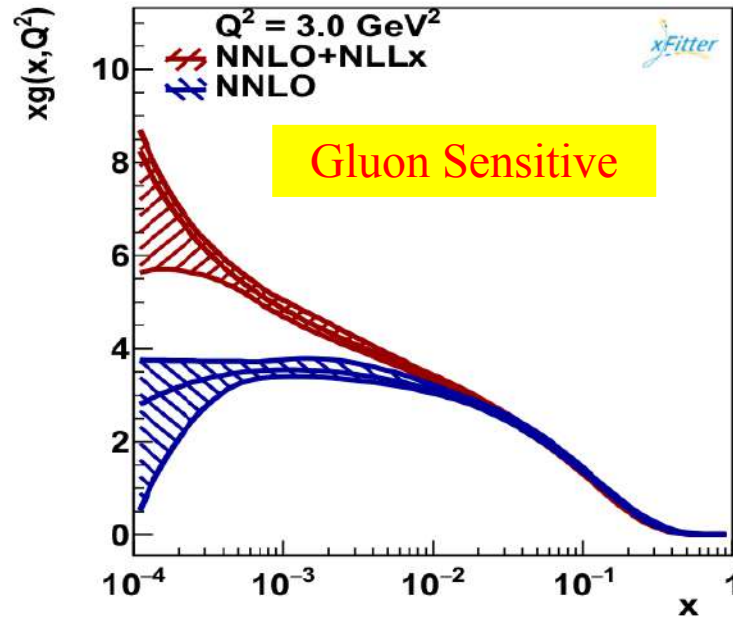


- **Spin**
- **TMDs**
- **GPDs**

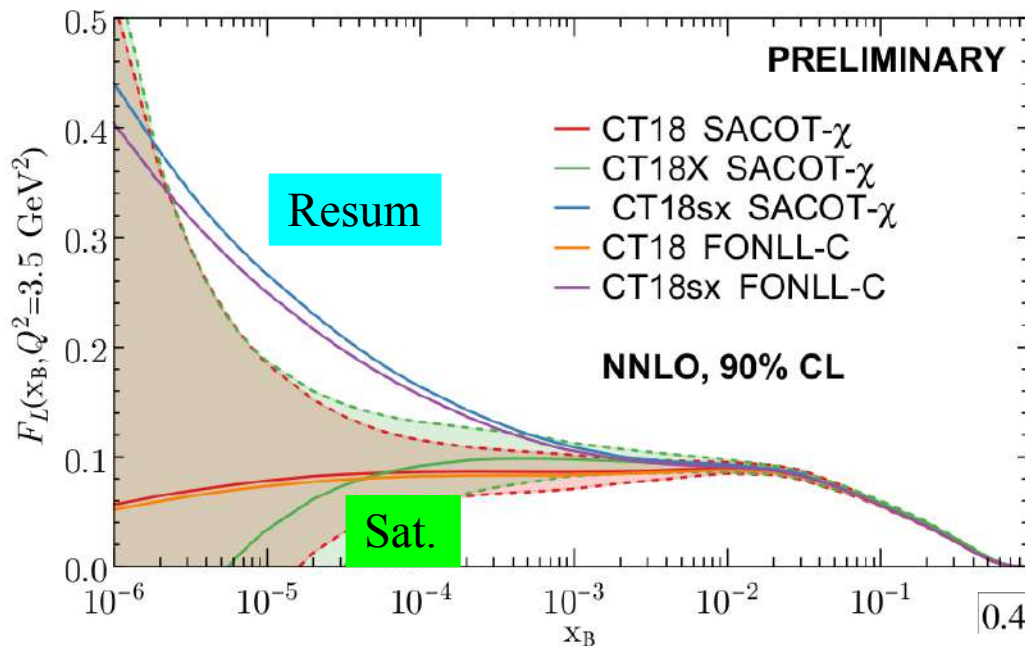
Lattice QCD

EXTRAS

xFitter Resummation Study



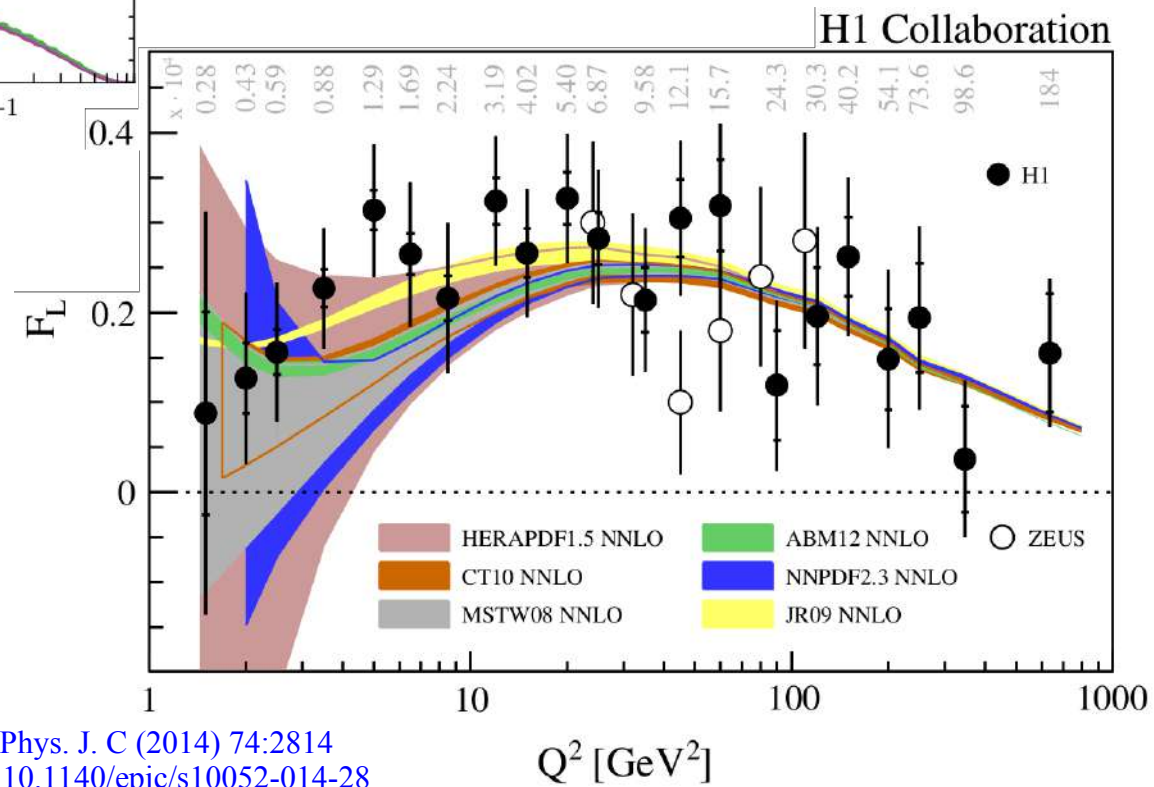
Still, large uncertainty at small x (*low Q²*)



CT Collaboration: 2108.06596 [hep-ph]

F_L Challenge:
Large Uncertainties
at small x

Saturation & Resummation:
again
different behavior
at very small x



PDF General Issues:

- Proton PDF; nuclear corrections for interpreting heavy target DIS (Ar, Fe, Pb).

Strange quark & Gluon PDF:

- Resolve tension between fixed-target ($\nu N, \ell N$) and collider expectations (W^\pm, Z)

Charm & Bottom: $c(x)$ & $b(x)$

- Multi-scale & resummation issues: $\text{Log}(m_{c,b}/Q)$
- “Fitted” charm: $c(x) \neq 0$ at m_c
- Intrinsic heavy flavors: $c(x) \neq 0$ at $Q < m_c$

Neutrino cross sections on heavy targets (Ar, Fe, Pb)

- Universality of Neutral Current (γ) & Charged Current (W^\pm) processes

Expanded $\{x, Q^2\}$ Kinematic Regime

- Small- x saturation, resummation: $\text{Log}[1/x]$
- Large- x higher twist: (M^2/Q^2)
- Low Q^2 non-perturbative effects

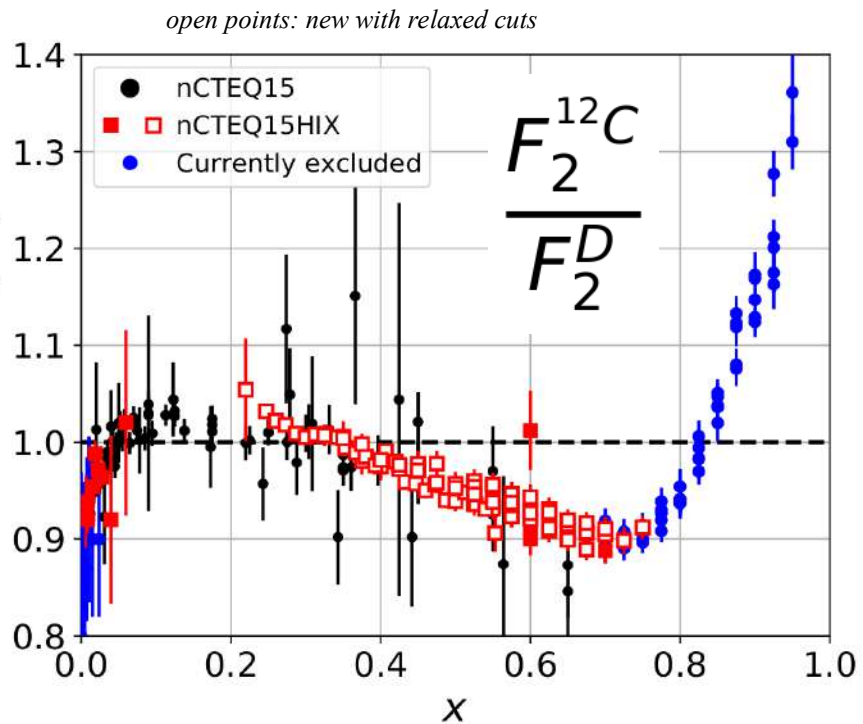


SHADOWING & ANTI-SHADOWING

An exercise at large x & low Q

...

extensible to mid- x region

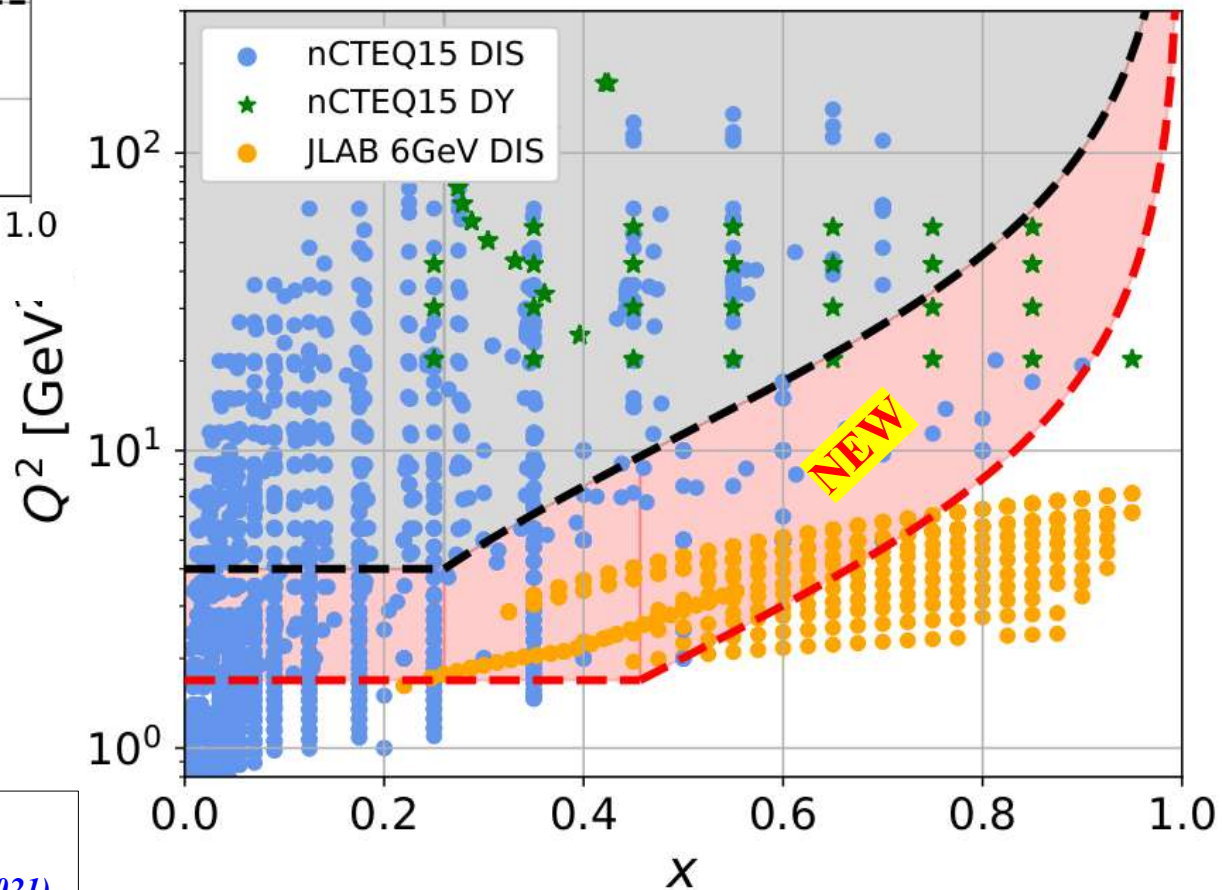


Nuclear PDFs: $x > 1$ allowed;
impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Iso}}$ in Fermi region

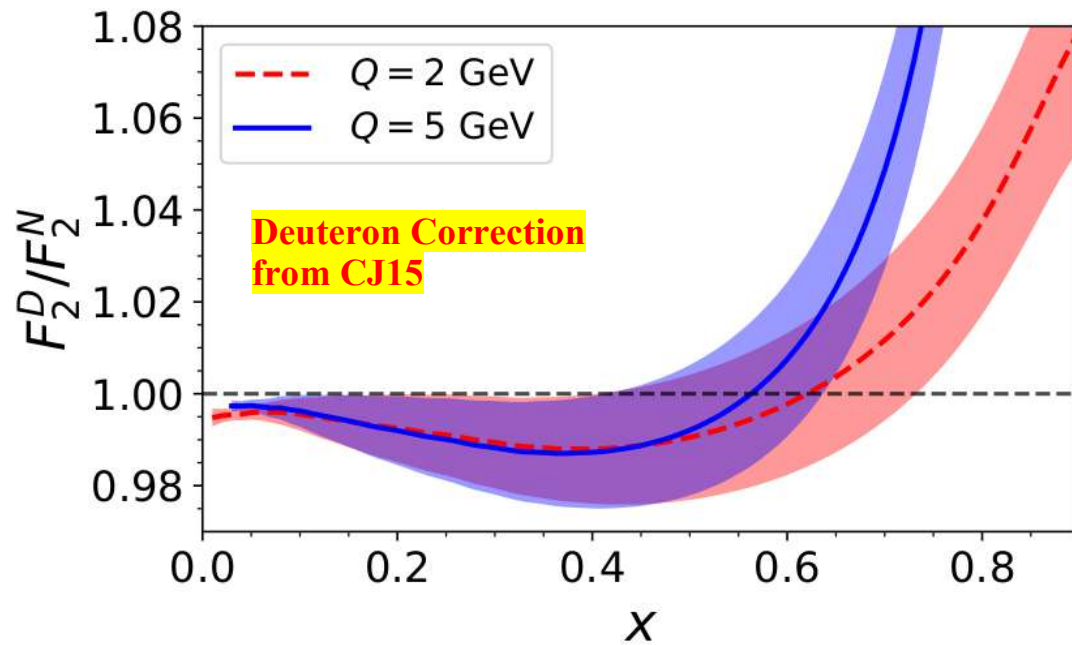
Target Mass Corrections
pick up M^2/Q^2 higher twist contributions

Deuteron Corrections
impacts $F_2^{\text{Nuc}}/F_2^{\text{Deuteron}}$ ratio

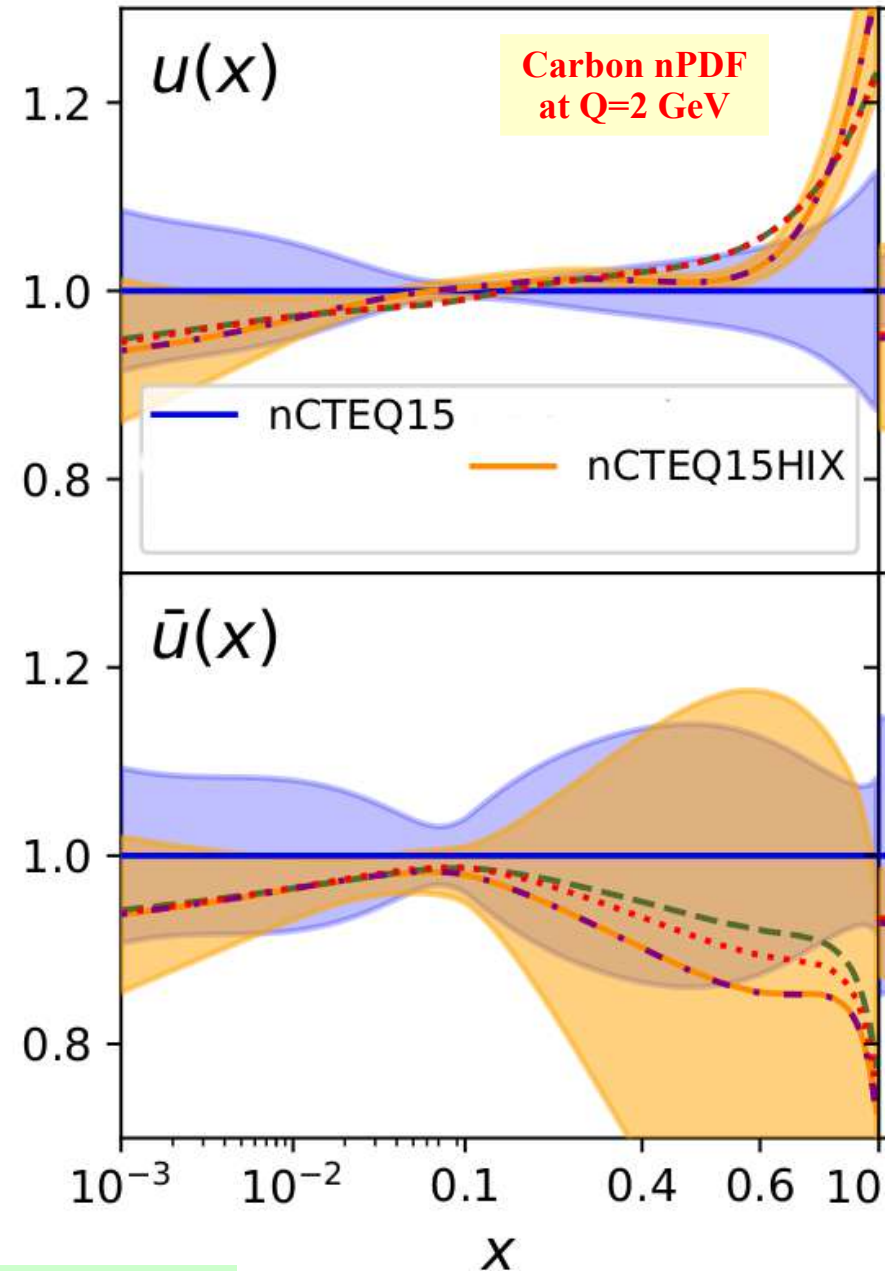
JLab Data @ Hi-X Low- Q^2
extend nCTEQ framework
to accommodate this region
& prepare for EIC



nCTEQ15HIX -- Extending nPDF Analyses into the High- x , Low Q^2 Region
E.P. Segarra, T. Ježo, et al., PRD 103, 114015 (2021)



JLab data: Shifts valence PDFs from low to hi-x



Deuteron Corrections Important!!!

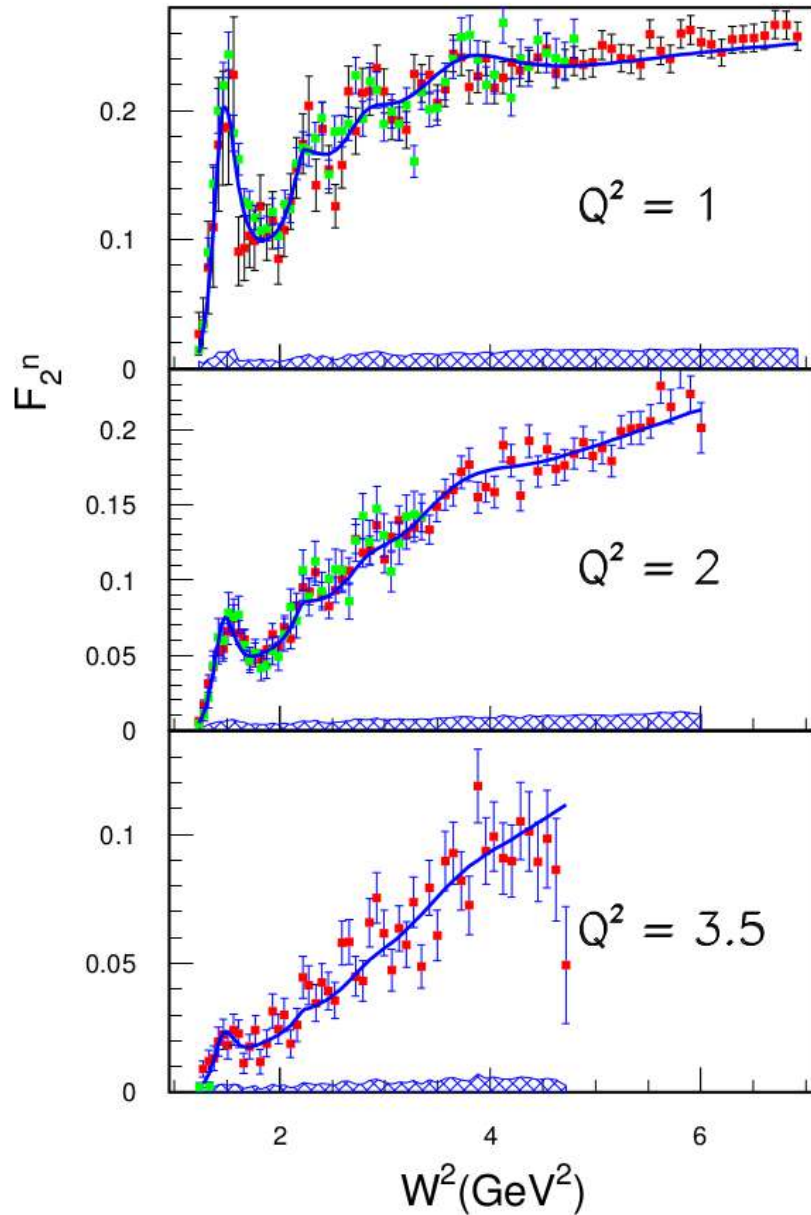
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Fit	χ^2	N_{data}	χ^2/N_{dof}	Q_{cut}	W_{cut}
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nCTEQ15*	2664	1564	1.70	1.3	1.7
nCTEQ15HIX	1291	1564	0.83	1.3	1.7

We can extend our kinematic reach in $\{x, Q^2\}$

what about mid x region

BoNuS data



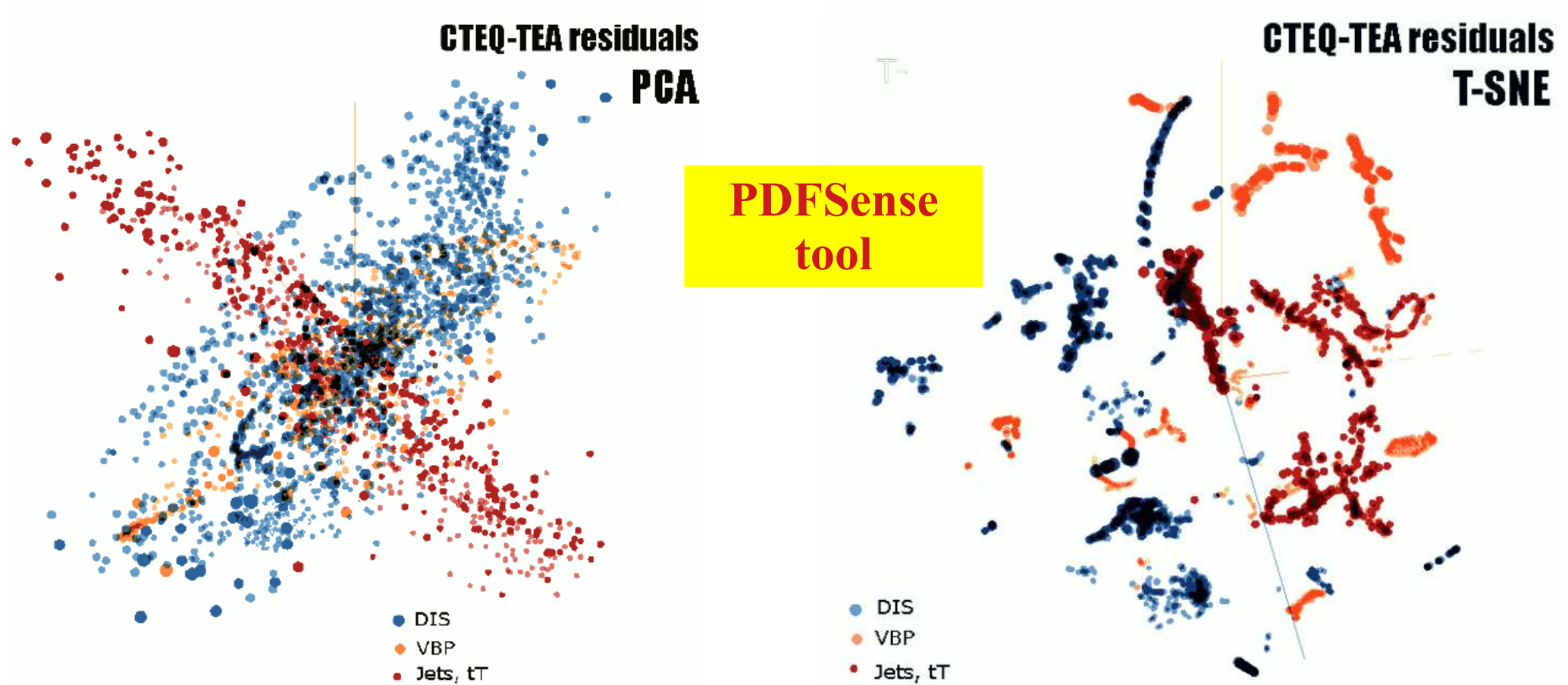
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Can we push into the resonance region?

TensorFlow Embedding Projector

<https://metapdf.hepforge.org/PDFSense/>



Principal Component Analysis (PCA) visualizes the 56-dim. manifold by reducing it to 10 dimensions (à la META PDFs)

<http://projector.tensorflow.org>

t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (**t**-SNE) sorts vectors according to their similarity

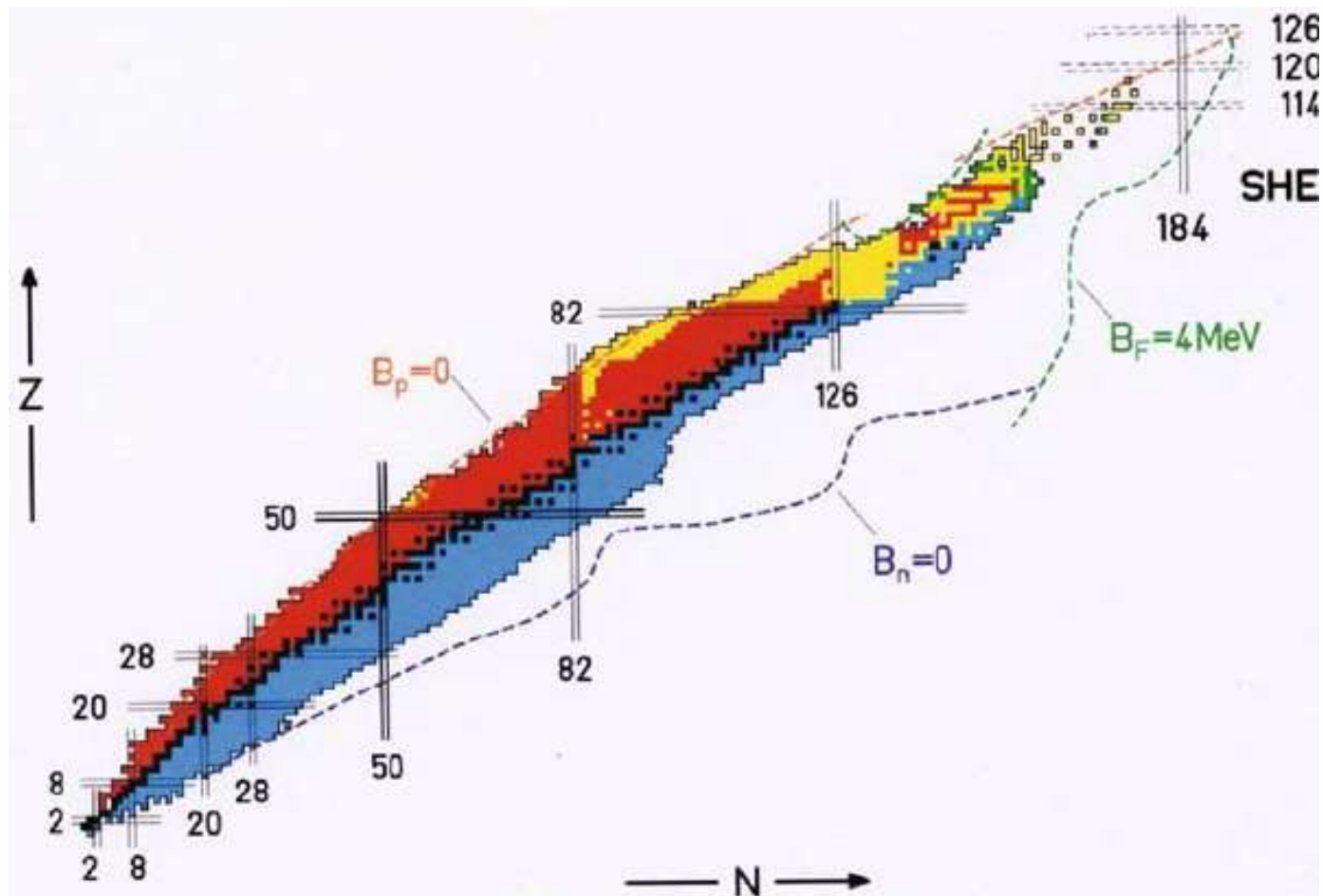
$$r_i(\vec{a}) = \frac{1}{s_i} (T_i(\vec{a}) - D_{i,sh}(\vec{a})),$$

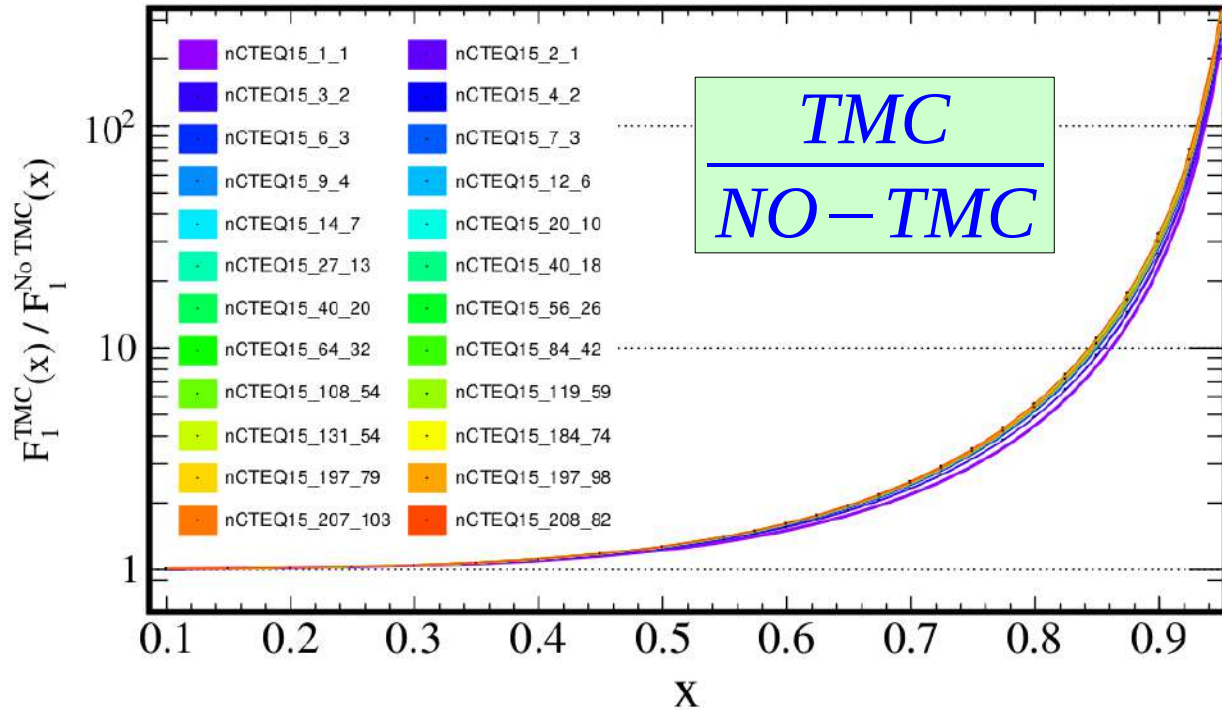
Target Mass Corrections (TMC)

The challenge of a multi-scale problem

...

Ingo Schienbein, Chloe Leger, Richard Ruiz ...

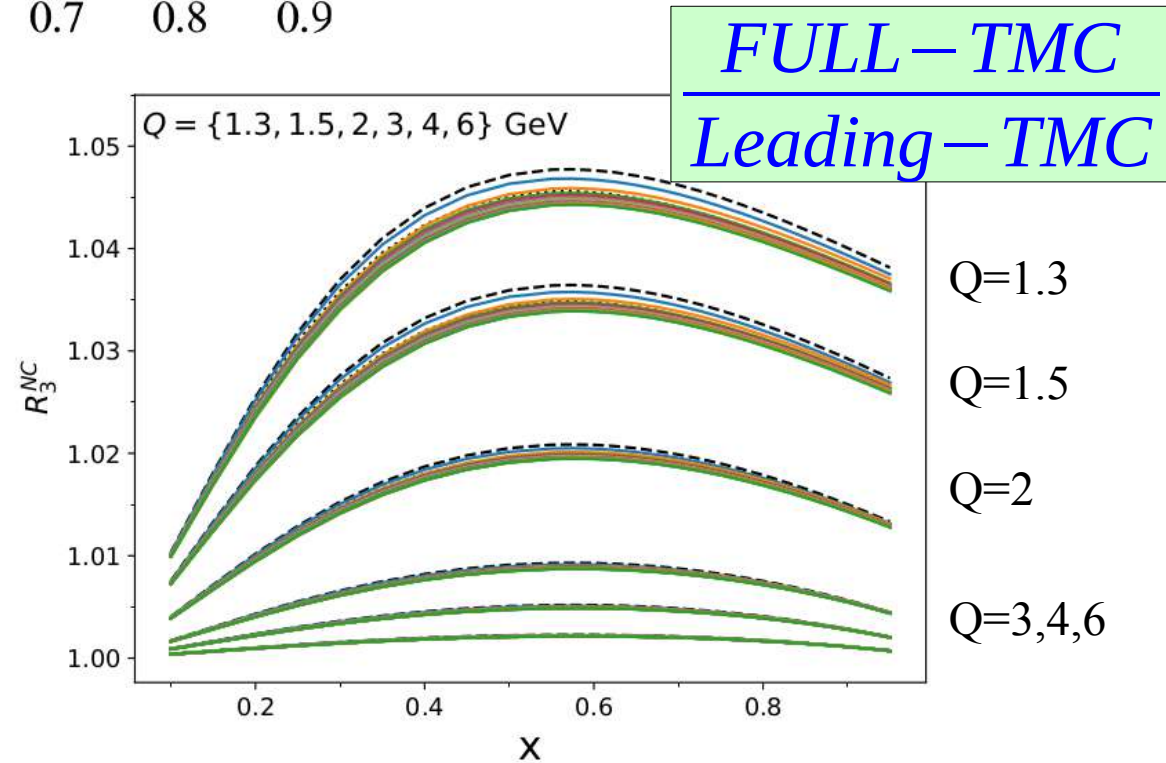
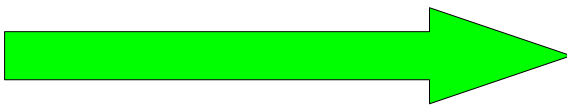




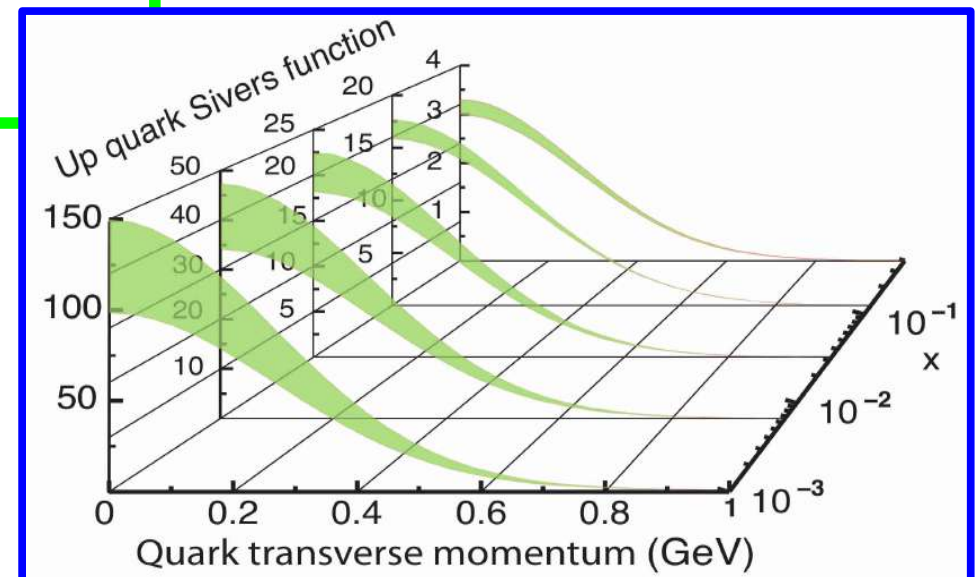
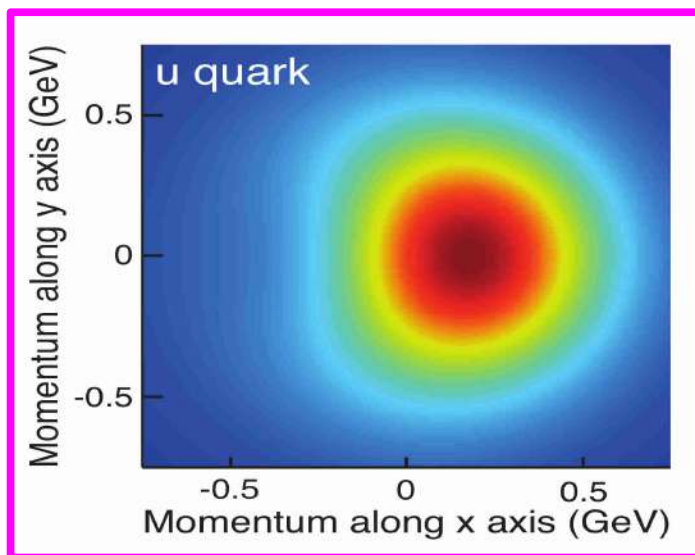
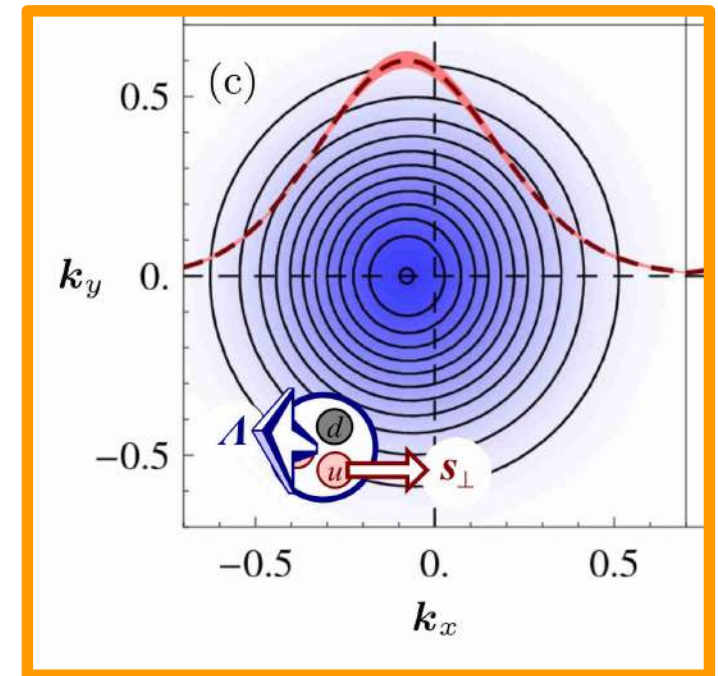
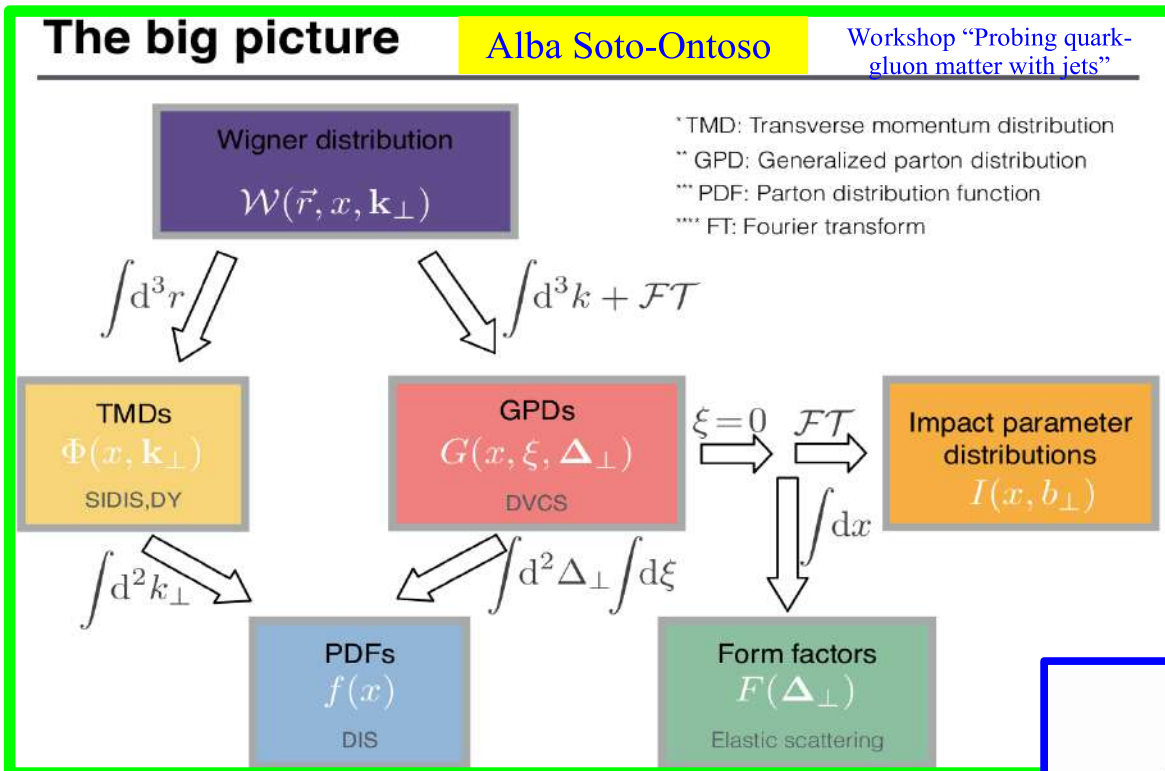
TMCs can be large



Corrections are nearly universal

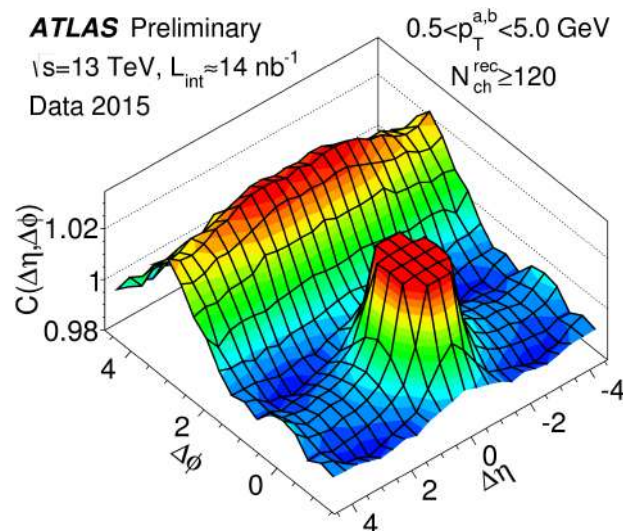
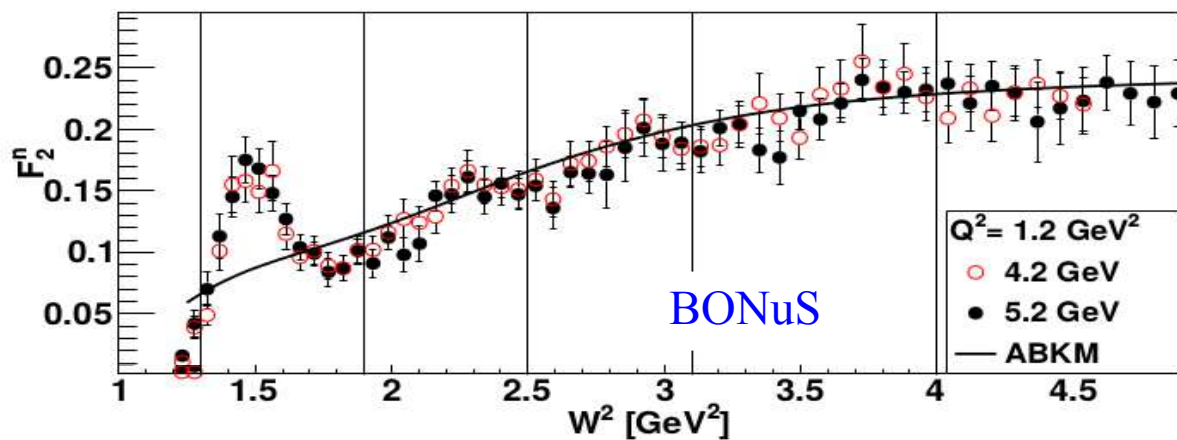
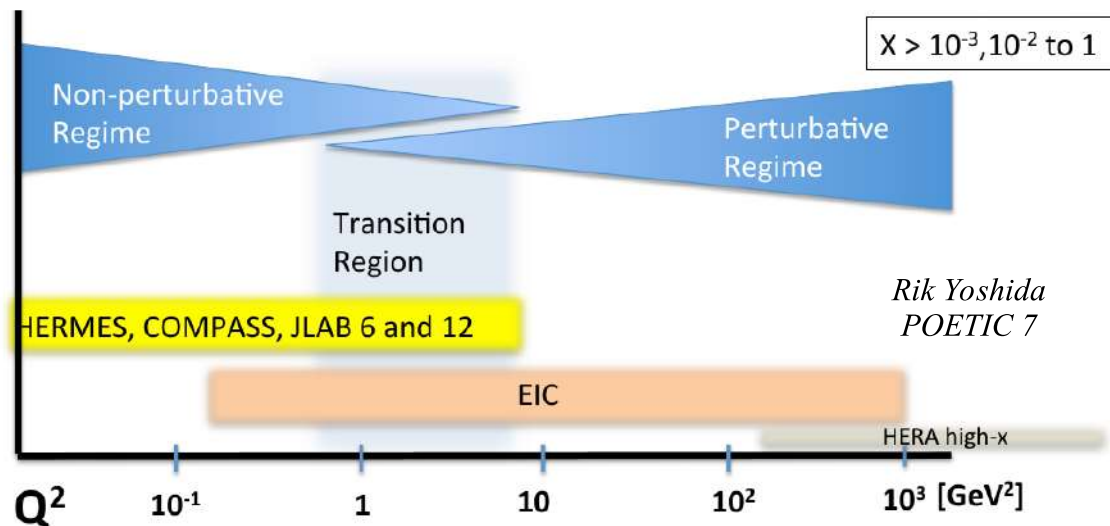
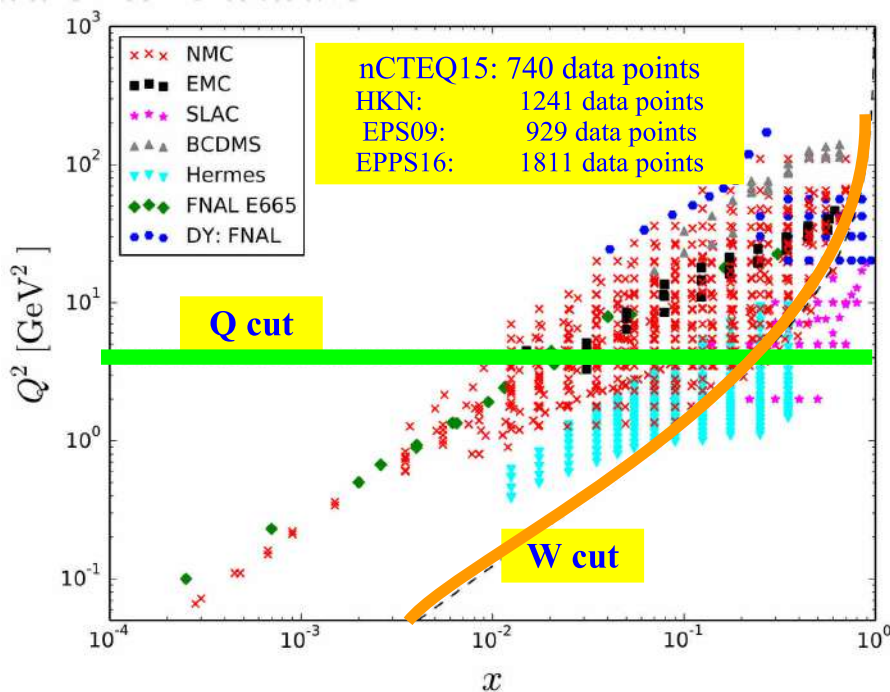


Hadron structure is much richer than $f(x)$ conveys



Conventional PDFs $f(x)$ are the Boundary Conditions

Higher Twist, many body problem, duality, hi-x, mass corrections ...

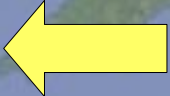


EIC & LHeC can push these boundaries

... not all the new discoveries are at the energy frontier



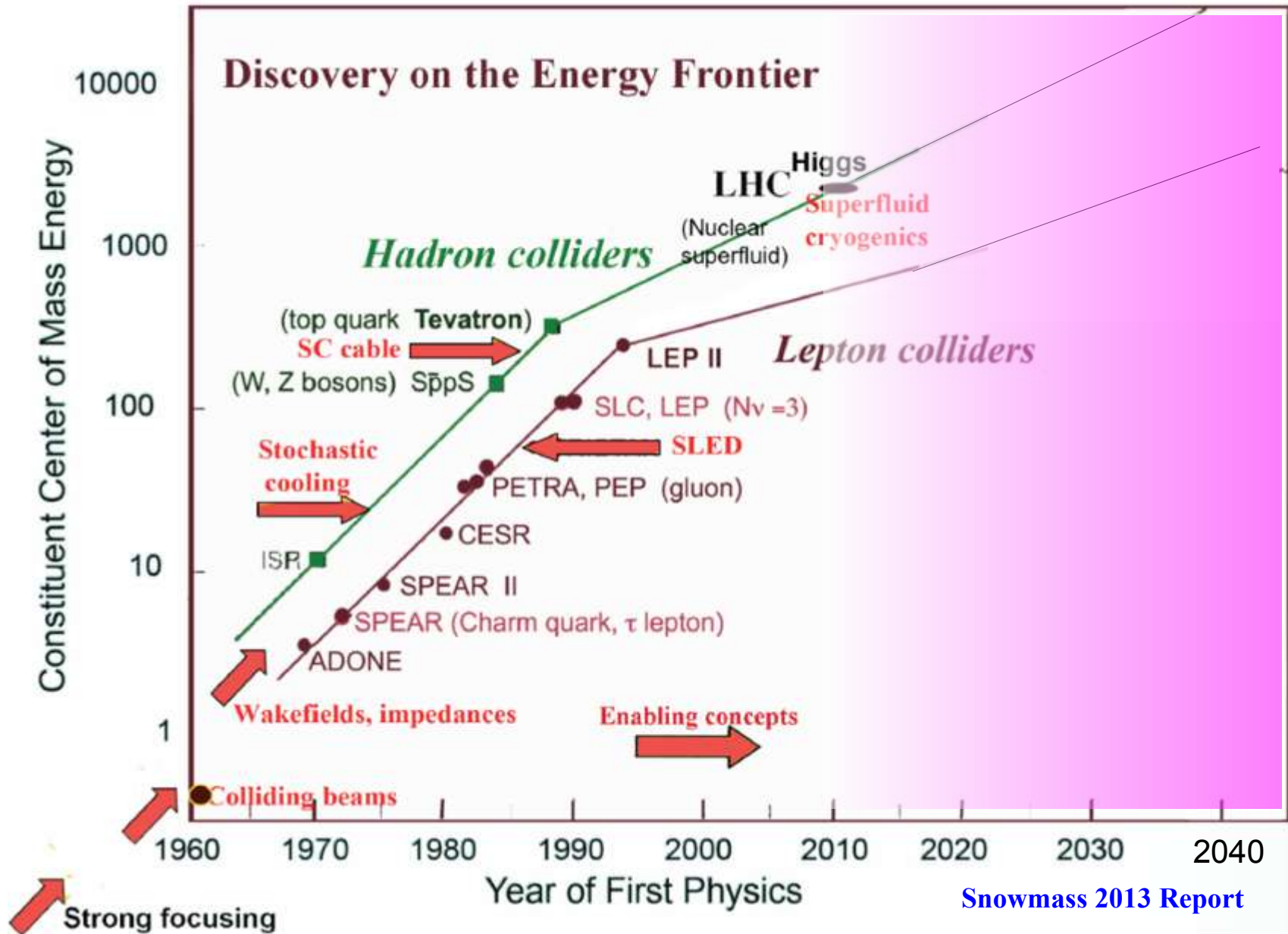
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We've reached the peak energy. Future searches require precision!!!

Fermat's Last Theorem

1637-1995

Fermat's Last Theorem

If n is a positive integer greater than 2, no positive integers x , y and z satisfy the equation:

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

Around 1637, Fermat left a note on this conjecture in the margin of his book.

In 1995, British mathematician Andrew Wiles published proof of the theorem.

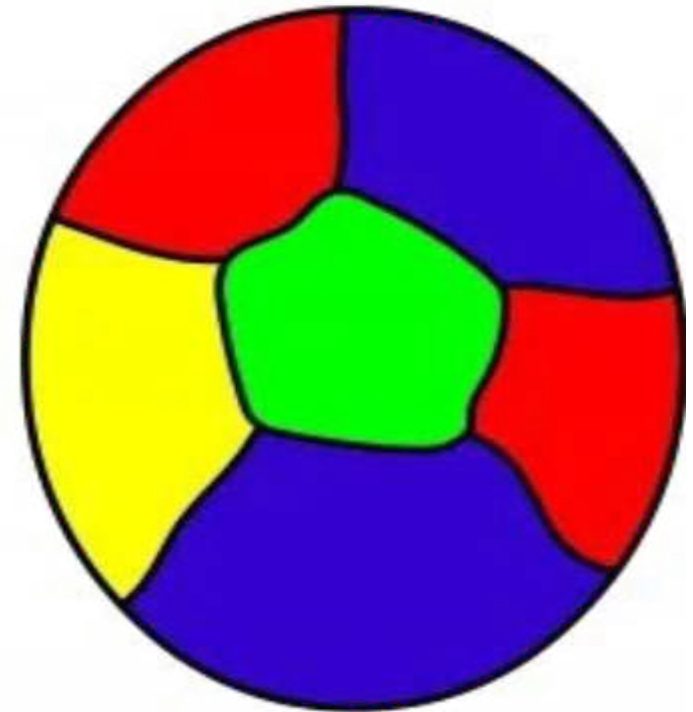


French mathematician
Pierre de Fermat

Two papers totaling 129 pages long, using modern algebraic geometry & seven years of Wiles's research time.

Four Color Map Theorem

1852-1976



1976 Appel and Haken: 1,834 reducible configurations checked one by one by computer and took over a thousand hours.