



# Overview of nuclear parton distribution functions from LHC to EIC

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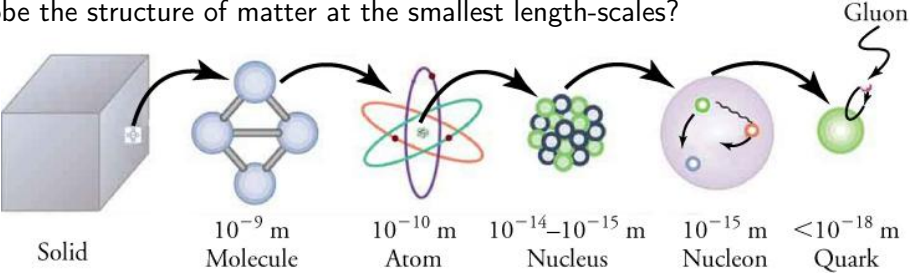
“Deciphering nuclear phenomenology across energy scales”

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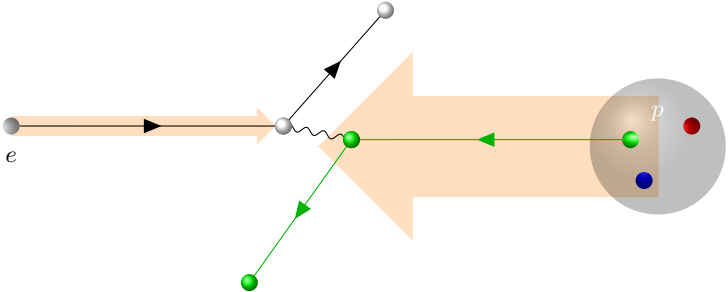
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3. What we would like to know better? / More  $A$  and towards 3D

# Probing the nucleon structure

Q: How to probe the structure of matter at the smallest length-scales?



A: Hit it as hard as you can and see what comes out



But what is it that we are probing at sub-nucleon level? → Need help from theory!

# At the heart of it all: Collinear factorisation of QCD

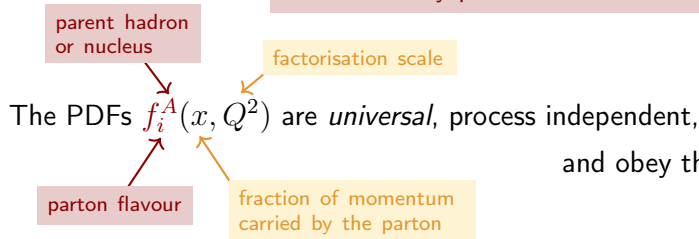
The cross section for producing an inclusive final state  $k + X$  can be described as a convolution of...

... Coefficient Functions  $\hat{d}\sigma^{ij \rightarrow k+X'}$  which are calculable from perturbative QCD...

$$d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow k+X}(Q^2) \stackrel{Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{=} \sum_{i,j,X'} f_i^A(Q^2) \otimes \hat{d}\sigma^{ij \rightarrow k+X'}(Q^2) \otimes f_j^B(Q^2) + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2)$$

... and Parton Distribution Functions  $f_i^A, f_j^B$  which contain long-range physics and cannot be obtained by perturbative means...

... plus "Higher Twist" corrections which are suppressed at high enough momentum scale  $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



splitting functions

$$Q^2 \frac{\partial f_i^A}{\partial Q^2} = \sum_j P_{ij} \otimes f_j^A$$

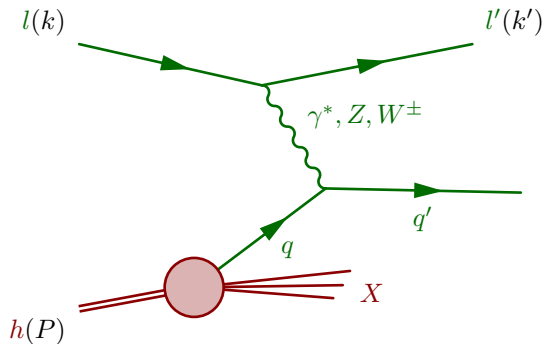
Mellin conv.

... this is the framework which every PDF analysis and application relies on and tests!



# Basic processes – leptonic final states

## Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)

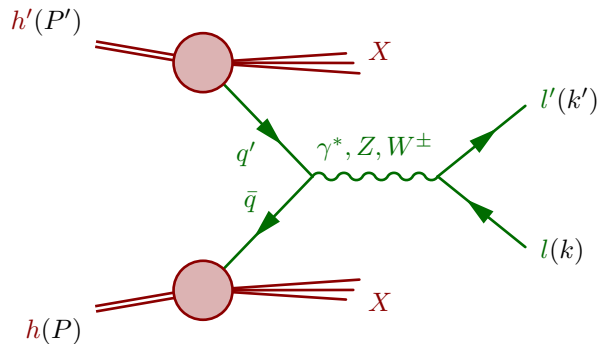


For the photon-mediated case:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\text{DIS}}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{dx dQ^2} \sum_{i \in \{q, \bar{q}\}} e_i^2 f_i^h(x, Q^2) + \text{NLO corrections}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q^2 &= -(k - k')^2 \\ x &= \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot (k - k')} \end{aligned} \right\} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{access scale and momentum-} \\ \text{fraction dependence through} \\ \text{external kinematics} \end{array}$$

## Drell-Yan (DY)



The photon-mediated case:

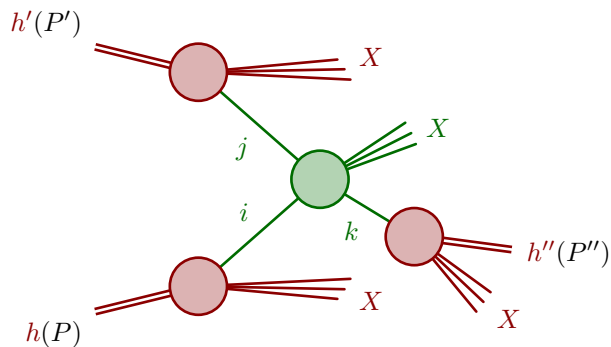
$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\text{DY}}}{dy dM^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{e.m.}}^2}{9M^4} \sum_{i \in \{q, \bar{q}\}} e_i^2 x_1 x_2 f_i^h(x_1, M^2) f_i^{h'}(x_2, M^2) + \text{NLO corrections}$$

$$M^2 = (k + k')^2 = x_1 x_2 s$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{(k_0 + k'_0) + (k_3 + k'_3)}{(k_0 + k'_0) - (k_3 + k'_3)} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

# Basic processes – hadronic final states

## Hadron-production

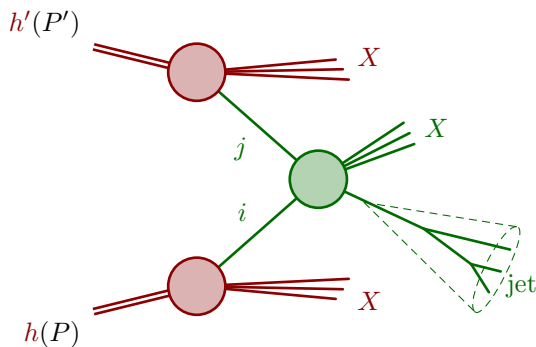


$$\sigma^{h+h' \rightarrow h''+X} = \sum_{i,j,k \in \{q,\bar{q},g\}} f_i^h \otimes f_j^{h'} \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X} \otimes D_k^{h''}$$

Account for the hadronization effects with the *parton to hadron fragmentation functions*  $D_k^{h''}$

→ a source of uncertainty for PDF fits

## Jet-production



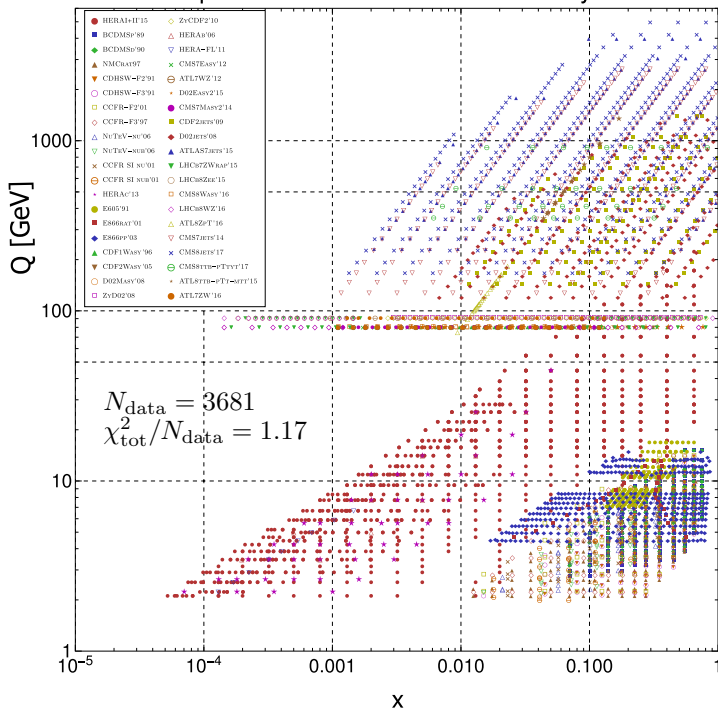
$$\sigma^{h+h' \rightarrow \text{jet}+X} = \sum_{i,j \in \{q,\bar{q},g\}} f_i^h \otimes f_j^{h'} \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow \text{jet}+X}$$

Additional complications:

- need an IR-safe definition of a jet
- non-perturbative corrections

# Global analysis – a multi-experiment–multi-observable fit

Experimental data in CT18 PDF analysis



Multi-observable fit needed to constrain individual flavours, minimise:

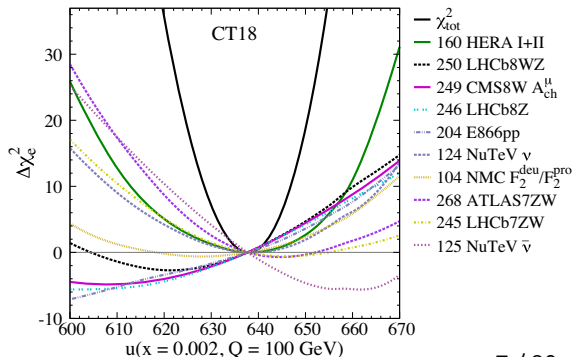
Sum over data sets

$$\chi^2_{\text{tot}} = \sum_k (D_k - T_k)^T C_k^{-1} (D_k - T_k)$$

data      theory      cov.

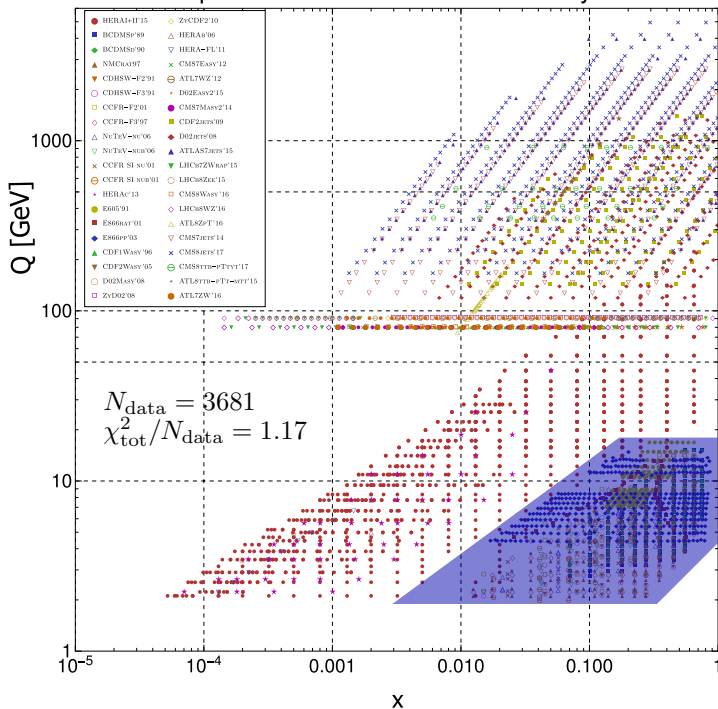
Correlations important!

figs. from Hou et al., Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) 014013



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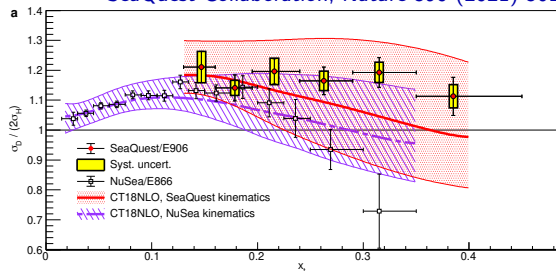
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Fixed-target DIS and DY important in setting the large- $x$  quark distributions (valence/sea and flavour separation)

New data still coming from Fermilab & JLab!

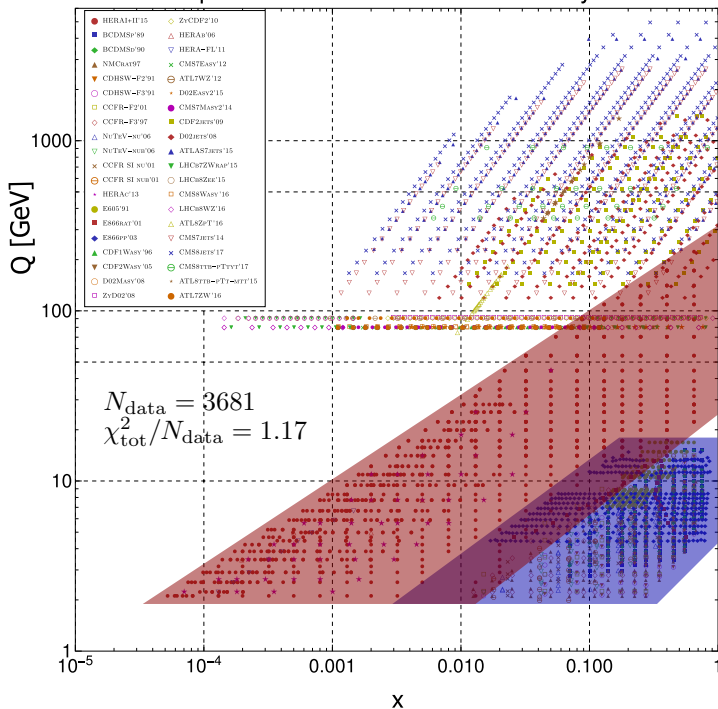
SeaQuest Collaboration, Nature 590 (2021) 561 *new!*



$$\left. \frac{\sigma^{pd}}{2\sigma^{pp}} \right|_{x_{\text{beam}} \gg x_{\text{target}}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_{\text{target}})}{\bar{u}(x_{\text{target}})} \right]$$

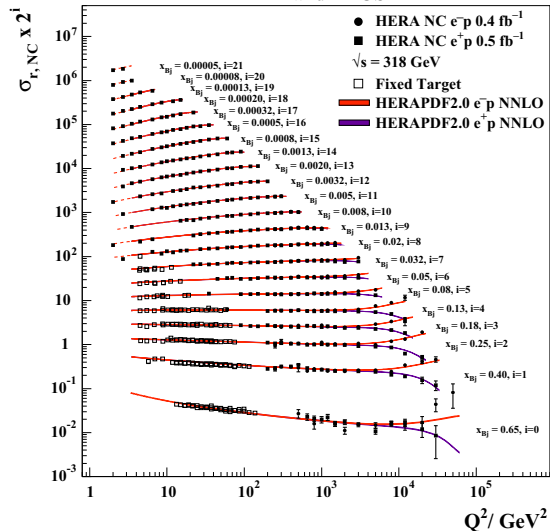
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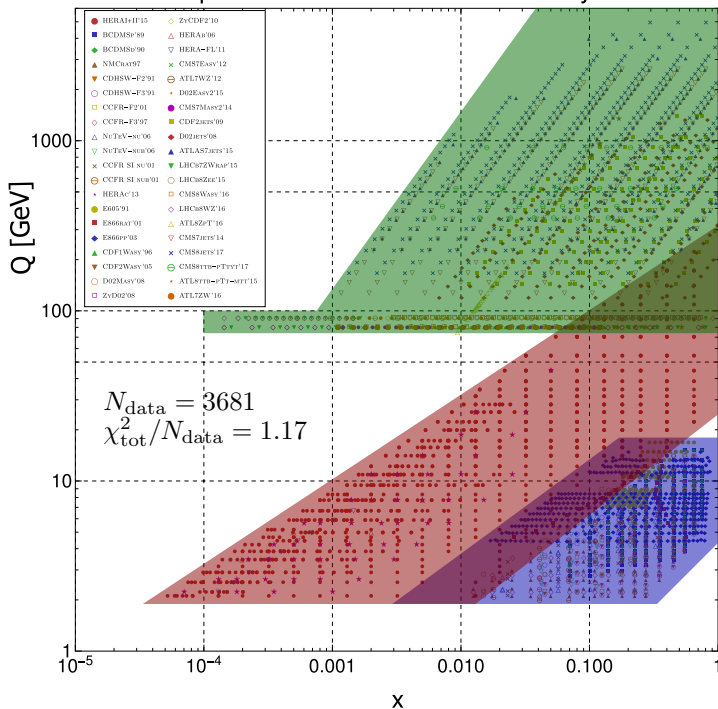
Collider DIS from HERA with large  $x$ ,  $Q^2$  lever arm  $\rightarrow$  gluons through DGLAP

H1 and ZEUS, Eur. Phys. J. C 75 (2015) 580  
H1 and ZEUS



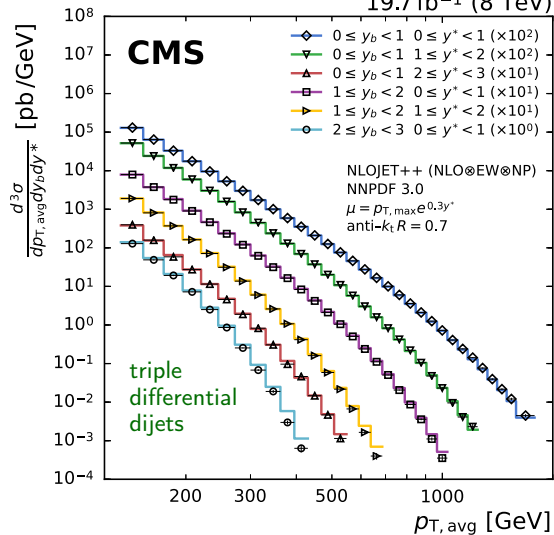
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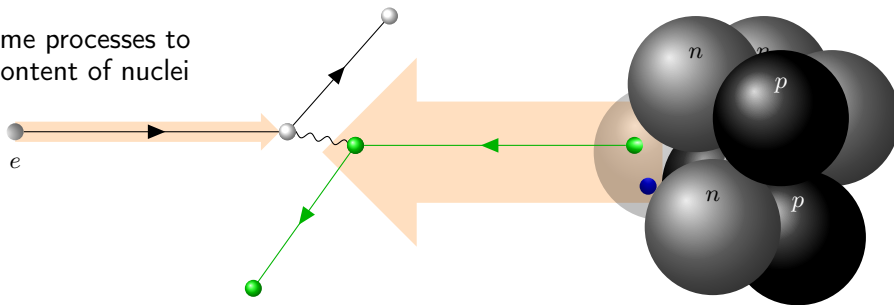
Hadron colliders give access to new processes  $\rightarrow W^\pm, Z, \text{jets}, t\bar{t} \dots$

CMS Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 746  
19.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> (8 TeV)



# Why nuclear PDFs?

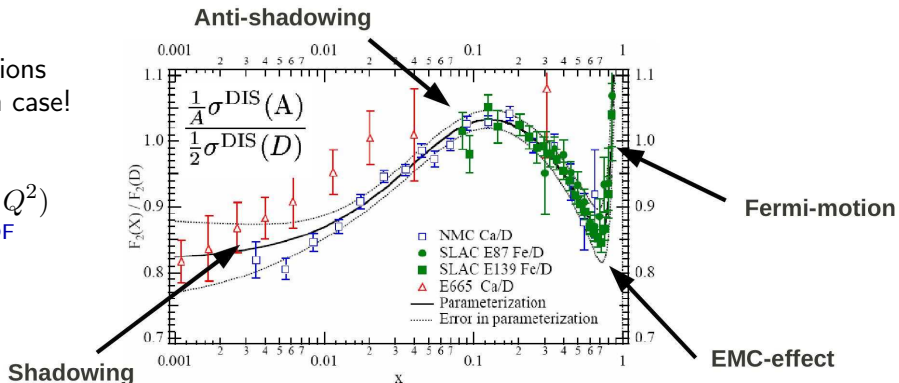
We can use the same processes to study the parton content of nuclei



Observe *significant* modifications compared to the free-nucleon case!

$$f_i^{p/A}(x, Q^2) \neq f_i^p(x, Q^2)$$

bound-proton PDF    free-proton PDF

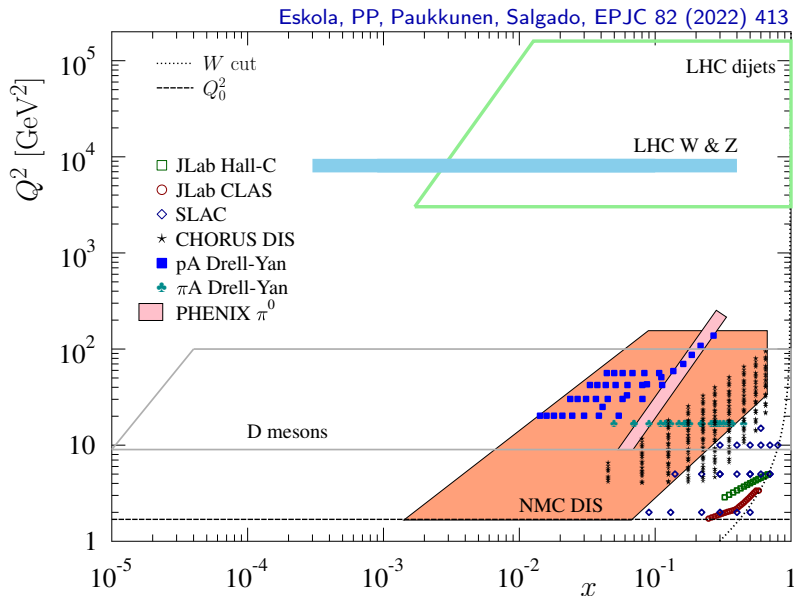


# Nuclear PDFs from global analyses

Nuclear PDFs (nPDFs) are fitted with similar global analyses as their free-proton counterparts

- rely only to the QCD collinear factorisation
- model-agnostic way to study the nuclear effects

LHC is extending the  $x, Q^2$  reach by orders of magnitude





# Recent nPDF global fits

	KSASG20	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0	nCTEQ15HQ*
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO	NLO
$lA$ NC DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\nu A$ CC DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
pA DY	✓		✓	✓	✓
$\pi A$ DY			✓		
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$			✓		✓
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^\pm, K^\pm$					✓
LHC pPb dijets			✓	✓	
LHC pPb HQ			✓ <sup>GMVFN</sup>	✓ <sup>FO+PS</sup>	✓ <sup>ME fitting</sup>
LHC pPb W,Z		✓	✓	✓	✓
LHC pPb $\gamma$				✓	
$Q, W$ cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV
$p_T$ cut in HQ, inc.-h	N/A	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV	3.0 GeV
Data points	4353	2410	2077	2188	1496
Free parameters	9	16	24	256	19
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	Hessian
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	own fit	CT18A	~NNPDF4.0	~CTEQ6M
Free-proton corr.	no	no	yes	yes	no
HQ treatment	FONLL	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT
Indep. flavours	3	4	6	6	5
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	arXiv:2112.11904	EPJC 82, 413	arXiv:2201.12363	arXiv:2204.09982

\*see also PRD 103 (2021) 114015 & arXiv:2204.13157

# Example parametrization: EPPS21

- Define nuclear PDFs in terms of

$$f_i^{p/A}(x, Q^2) = R_i^{p/A}(x, Q^2) f_i^p(x, Q^2)$$

nuclear modification  
bound-proton PDF                      free-proton PDF

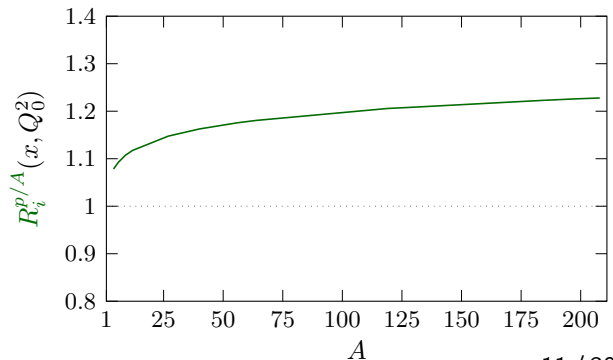
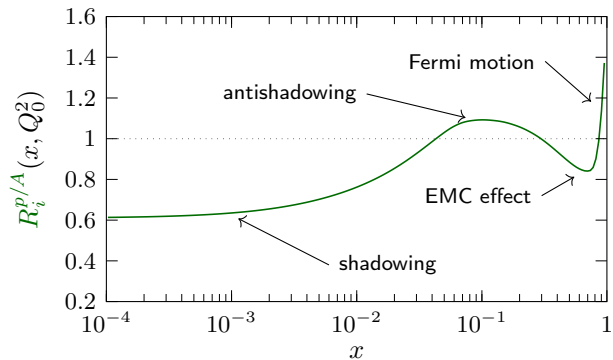
- PDFs of the full nucleus are then constructed with

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

and assuming  $f_i^{p/A} \overset{\text{isospin}}{\longleftrightarrow} f_j^{n/A}$

- Parametrize the  $x$  and  $A$  dependence of  $R_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0^2)$  at  $Q_0 = m_{\text{charm}} = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

- Use a phenomenologically motivated piecewise function in  $x$
- Use a power-law type function in  $A$



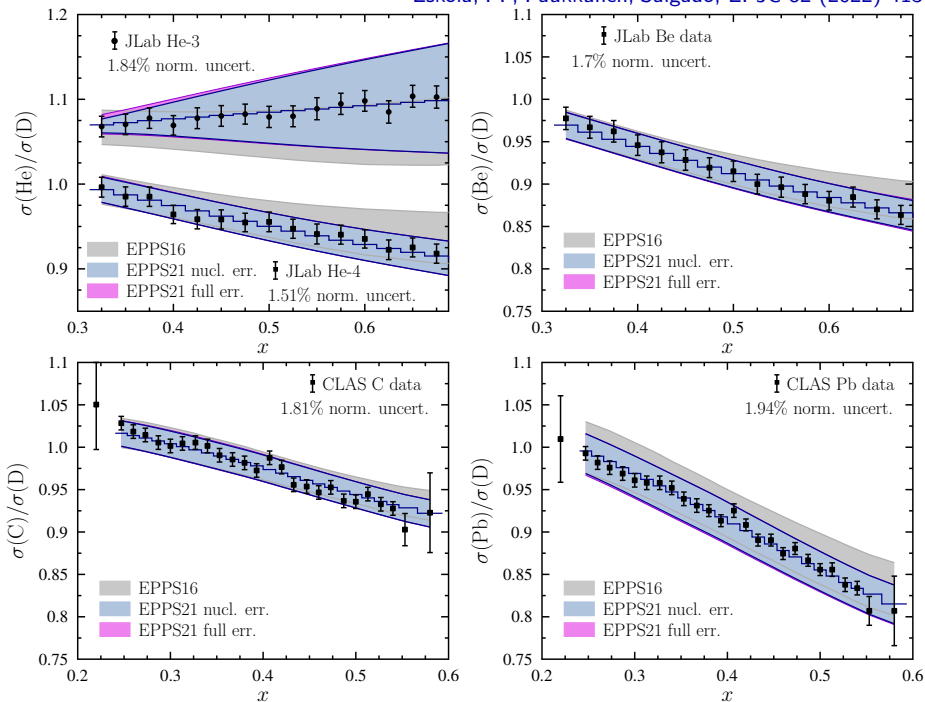
DIS in the “transition region”  $W \gtrsim 1.7$  GeV  
 just above the  
 resonance-dominated one

Target-mass corrections  
 important!

N.B.  $A$ -dependence not  
 necessarily smooth for  
 light nuclei  $\rightarrow$  need to  
 scale the nuclear  
 modifications for He-3  
 and Li-6 by factors

$$f_3 = 0.291, \quad f_6 = 0.495$$

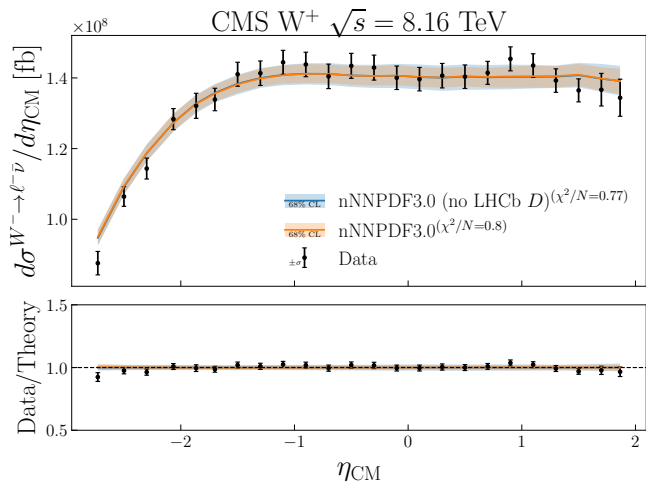
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# W bosons in pPb at 8.16 TeV

data from: CMS Collaboration, PLB 800 (2020) 135048  
pp baseline: CMS Collaboration, EPJC 76 (2016) 469

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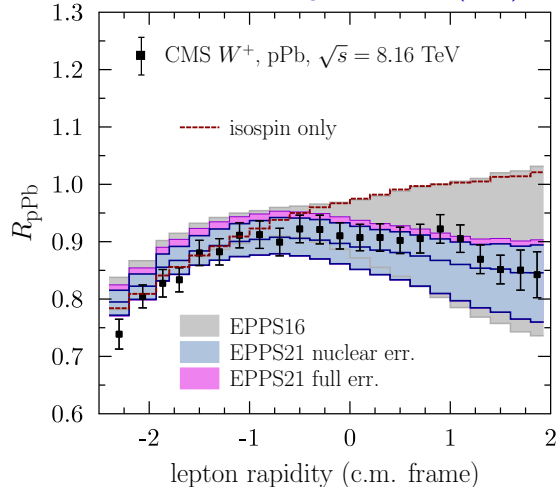


EW bosons important probes of flavour separation

- $u\bar{d}$  ( $c\bar{s}$ )  $\rightarrow W^+$
- $\bar{u}d$  ( $\bar{c}s$ )  $\rightarrow W^-$

Small- $x$ , high- $Q^2$  quarks and gluons correlated by DGLAP evolution  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to gluons

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nCTEQ15WZSIH, TUJU21 and nNNPDF3.0  
fit to absolute cross sections

EPPS21 uses nuclear-modification ratios  
to cancel proton-PDF uncertainties

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# Mitigating free-proton PDF uncertainty

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Absolute pPb cross sections sensitive to proton-PDF uncertainties!

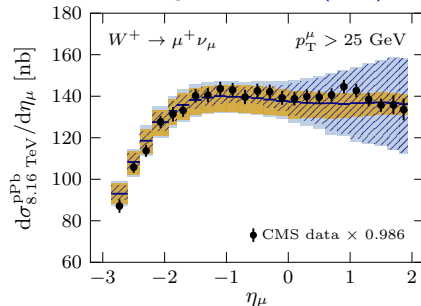
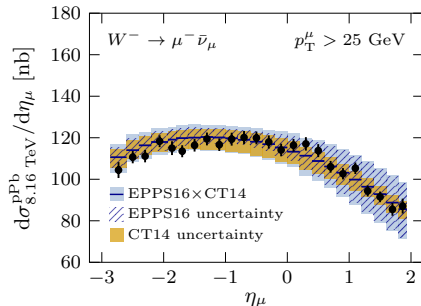
Difficult to disentangle nuclear modifications from free-proton d.o.f.s

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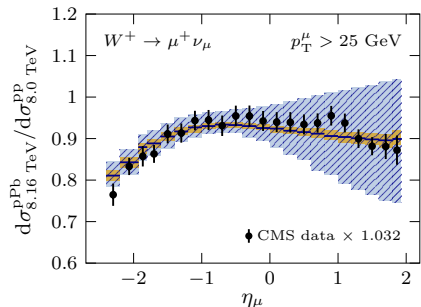
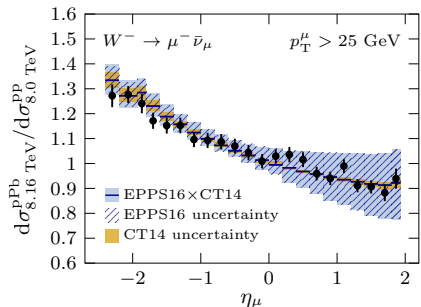
Wherever possible, EPPS21 uses nuclear modification ratios to cancel the free-proton-PDF uncertainties

- can still become relevant with LHC Run 3 statistics  
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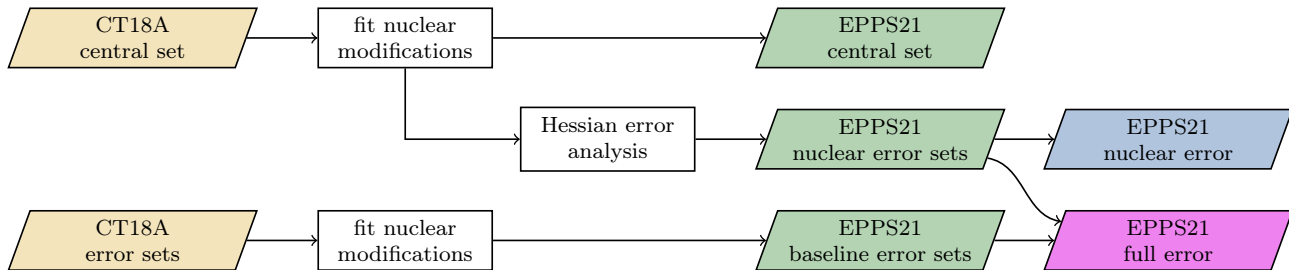


↓ Cancel proton-PDF uncertainty ↓



# Propagating free-proton PDF uncertainty

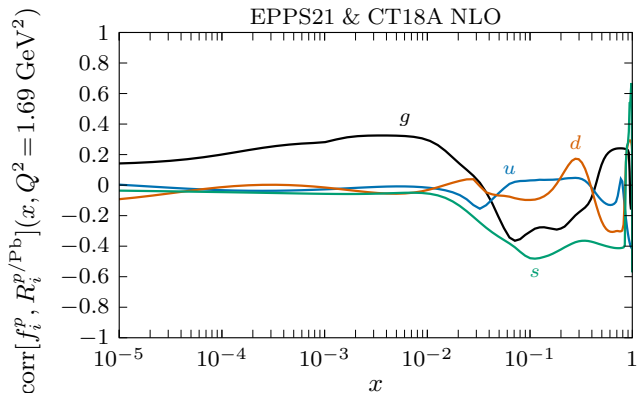
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EPPS21: fit nuclear modifications for each CT18A error set separately

nNNPDF3.0 uses similar approach in Monte Carlo framework

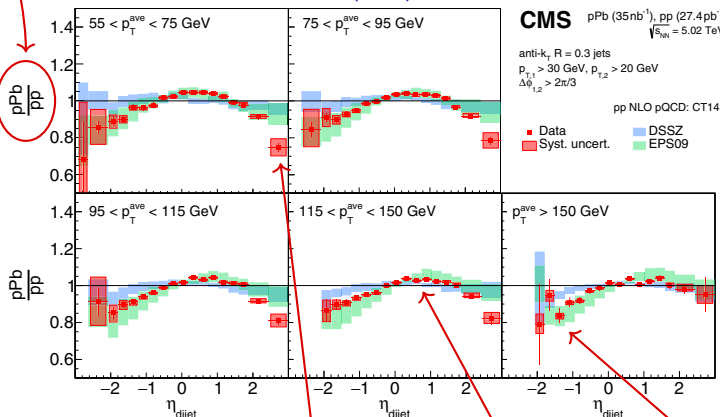
Note: nuclear modifications and proton PDFs become correlated!



# Dijets in pPb at 5.02 TeV

Ratio of ratios:  $R_{\text{pPb}}^{\text{norm.}} = \frac{d^2\sigma^{\text{pPb}}/dp_T^{\text{ave}}d\eta_{\text{dijet}}}{d\sigma^{\text{pPb}}/dp_T^{\text{ave}}} \bigg/ \frac{d^2\sigma^{\text{pp}}/dp_T^{\text{ave}}d\eta_{\text{dijet}}}{d\sigma^{\text{pp}}/dp_T^{\text{ave}}}$

CMS Collaboration, PRL 121 (2018) 062002



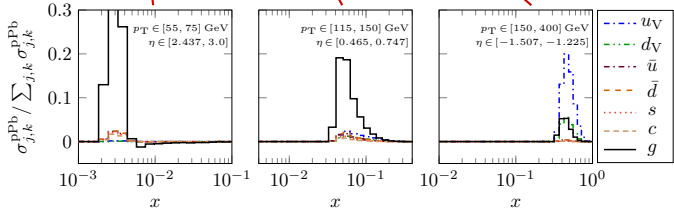
**CMS** pPb (35nb<sup>-1</sup>), pp (27.4pb<sup>-1</sup>)  
 $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$   
 anti-k<sub>r</sub>, R = 0.3 jets  
 $p_{T,1} > 30 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Delta\theta_{1,2}^0 > 2\pi/3$   
 pp NLO pQCD: CT14  
 ■ Data ■ Syst. uncert. ■ DSSZ ■ EPS09

Double ratio convenient for:

- Cancellation of hadronization and luminosity uncertainties separately for pPb and pp
  - do not expect strong final-state effects
- Cancellation of free-proton-PDF and scale uncertainties in pPb/pp
  - direct access to nuclear modifications

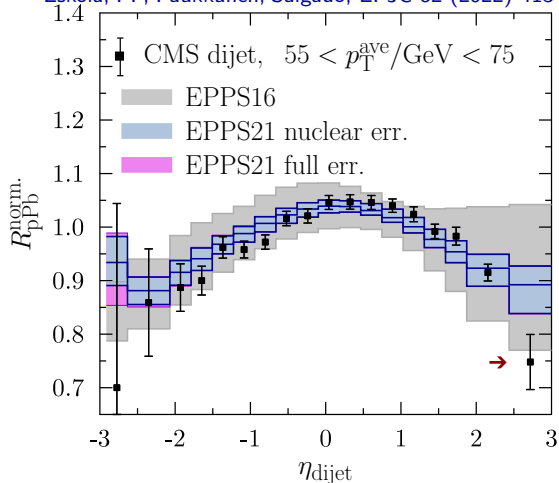
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NLO pQCD:

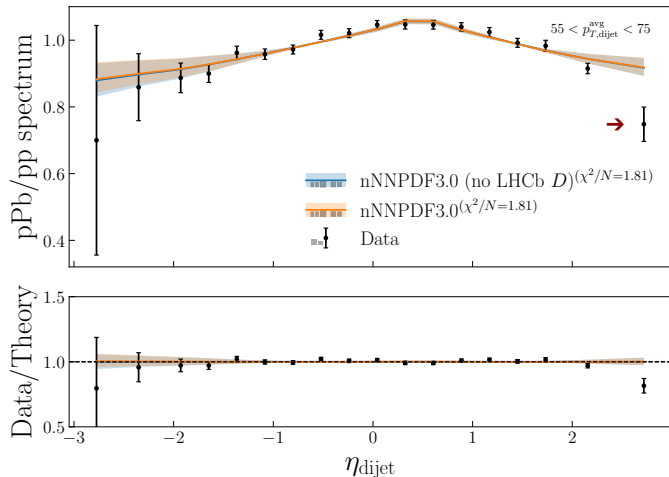


Good resolution to gluon nuclear modifications for  $10^{-3} < x < 0.5$

Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 (2022) 413



Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363



Drastic reduction in the nPDF uncertainties!

→ Important constraints for the nuclear gluons!

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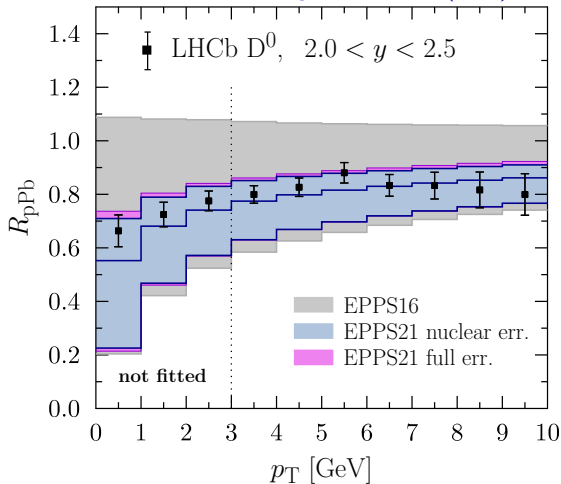
Both EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0 find difficulties in reproducing the most forward data points

→ missing data correlations important?

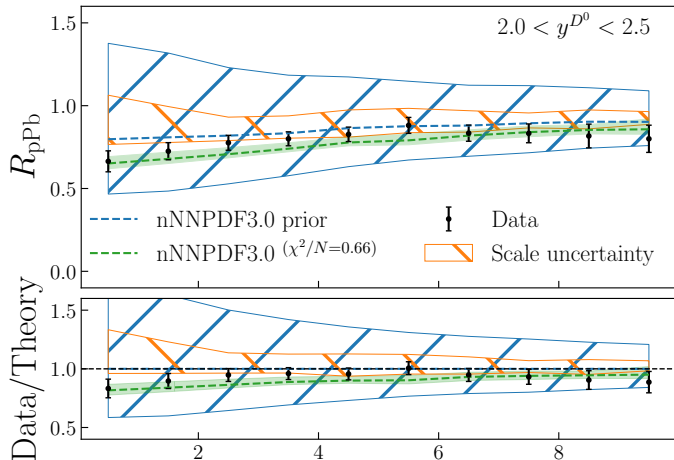
→ NNLO? non-pert. effects?



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Kusina et al., PRL 121 (2018) 052004  
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nNNPDF3.0 with POWHEG+PYTHIA finds a large scale uncertainty → fit only forward data

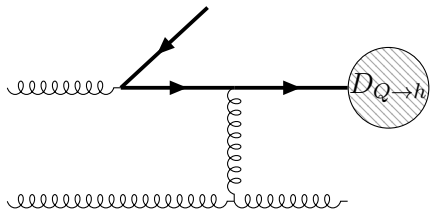
not seen in the S-ACOT- $m_T$  GM-VFNS used in EPPS21  
 Helenius & Paukkunen, JHEP 05 (2018) 196  
 Eskola, Helenius, PP, Paukkunen, JHEP 05 (2020) 037

# Heavy-flavour production mass schemes

## FFNS

In *fixed flavour number scheme*, valid at small  $p_T$ , heavy quarks are produced only at the matrix element level

Contains  $\log(p_T/m)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  terms

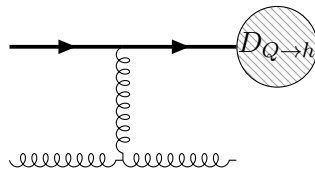


## ZM-VFNS

In *zero-mass variable flavour number scheme*, valid at large  $p_T$ , heavy quarks are treated as massless particles produced also in ISR/FSR

Resums  $\log(p_T/m)$  but ignores  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  terms

- subtraction term +



## GM-VFNS

A *general-mass variable flavour number scheme* combines the two by supplementing subtraction terms to prevent double counting of the resummed splittings, valid at all  $p_T$

Resums  $\log(p_T/m)$  and includes  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  terms in the FFNS matrix elements

*Important:* includes also **gluon-to-HF fragmentation** – large contribution to the cross section!

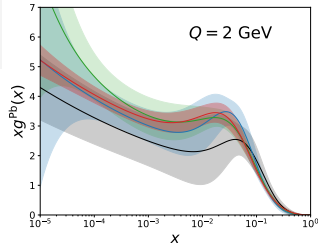
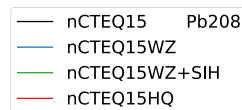
# A data-driven approach – nCTEQ15HQ

nCTEQ15HQ uses a data-driven approach

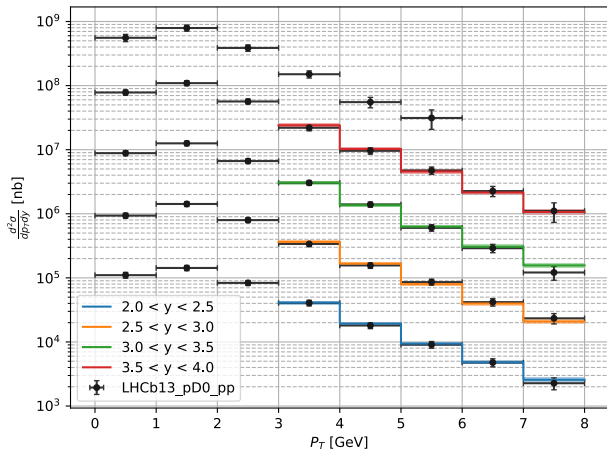
Lansberg & Shao, EPJC 77 (2017) 1  
Kusina et al., PRL 121 (2018) 052004

to fit the  $D^0$  and  $J/\psi$  data:

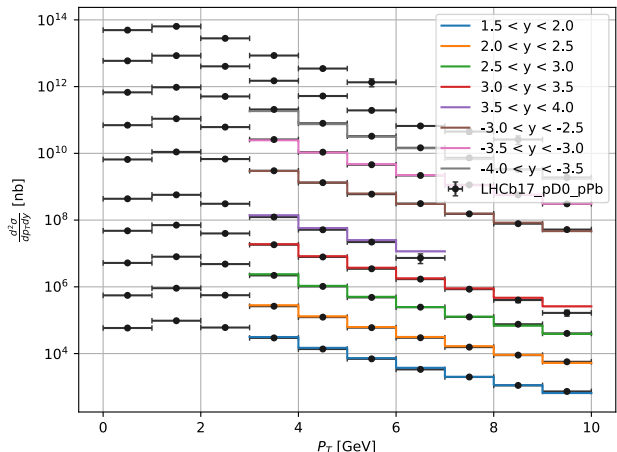
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1. Fit the matrix elements to pp data...  
(assume  $2 \rightarrow 2$  kinematics, neglect IS quarks)



2. ... use the fitted matrix elements to fit nuclear PDFs with pPb data



# $D^0$ s at 8.16 TeV – LHCb

New LHCb measurement at 8.16 TeV  
(not included in the nPDF analyses yet)

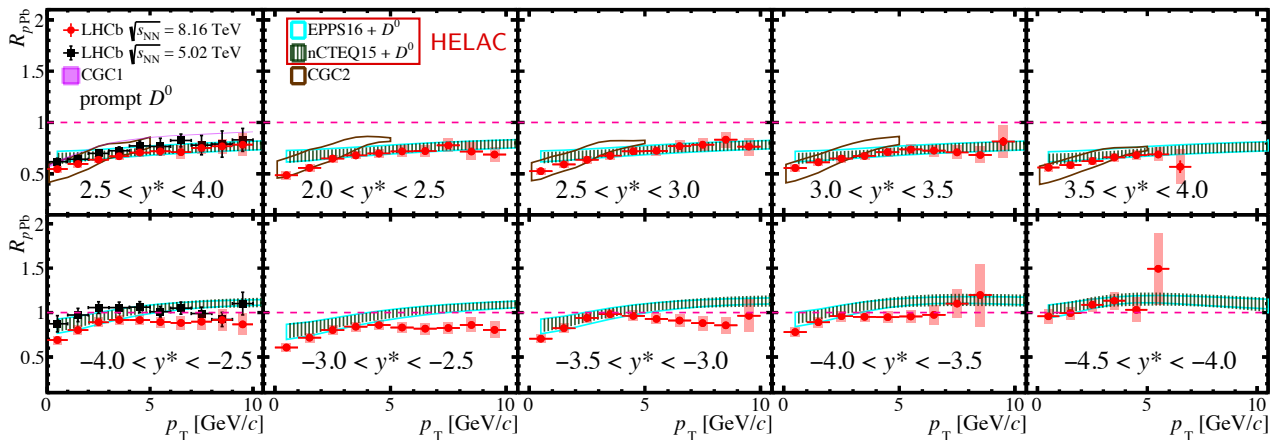
pp reference interpolated from 5 and 13 TeV  
measurements

So far compared only against the HELAC  
matrix-element-fitting results

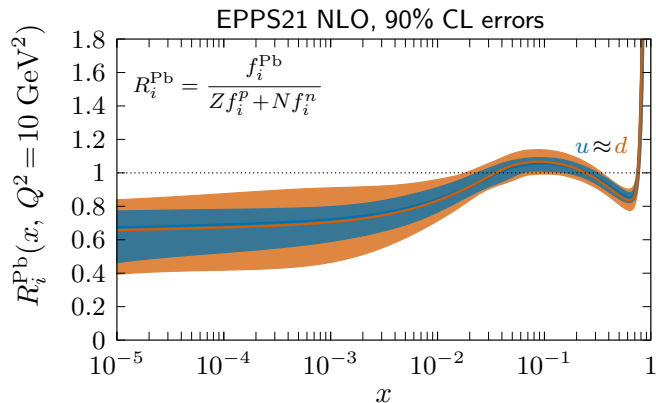
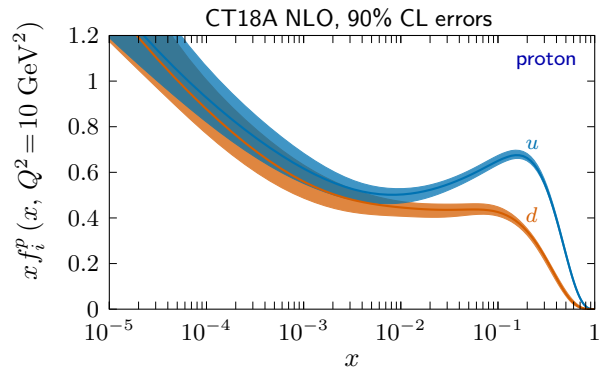
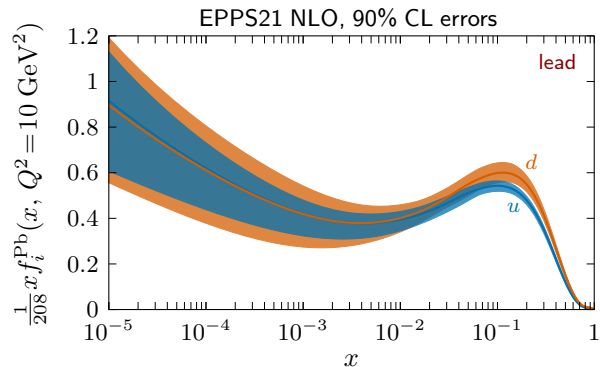
[Kusina et al., PRL 121 \(2018\) 052004](#)

→ to be scrutinised with the direct pQCD  
calculations

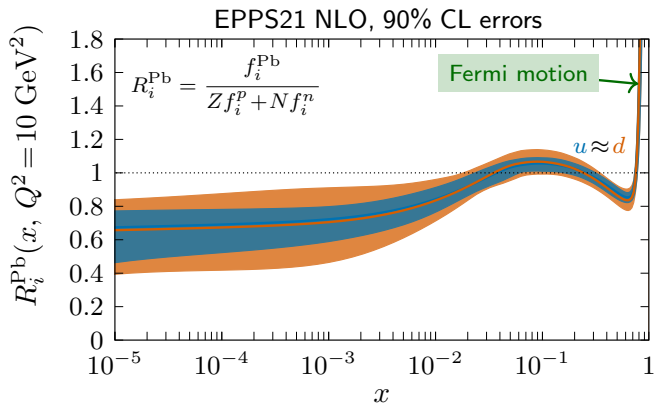
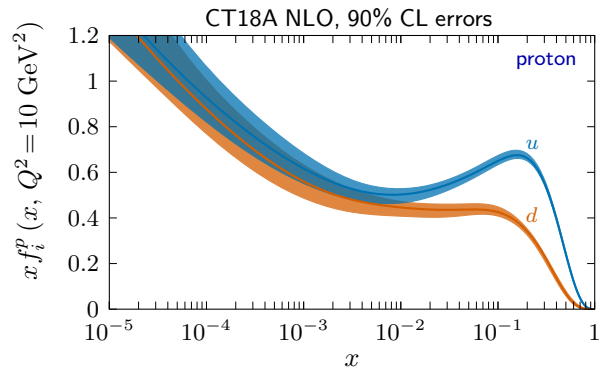
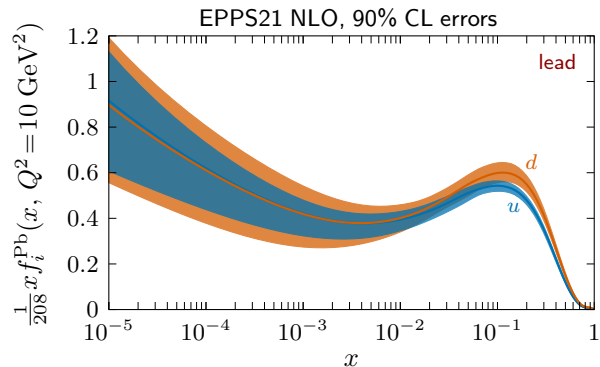
[LHCb Collaboration, arXiv:2205.03936](#)



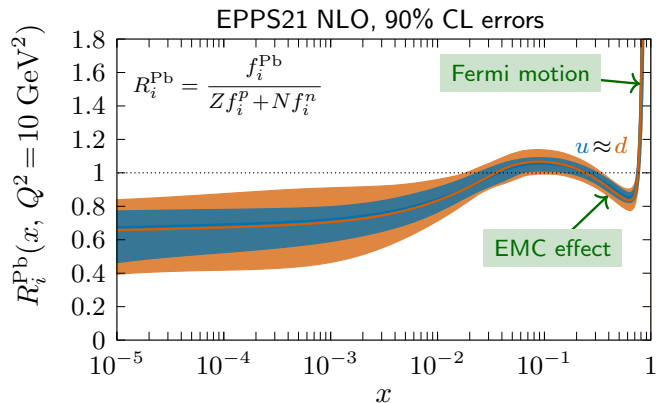
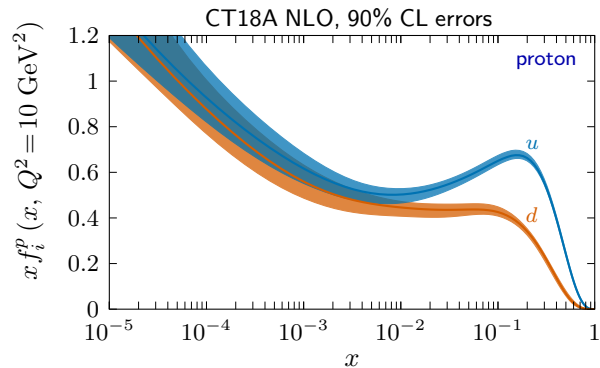
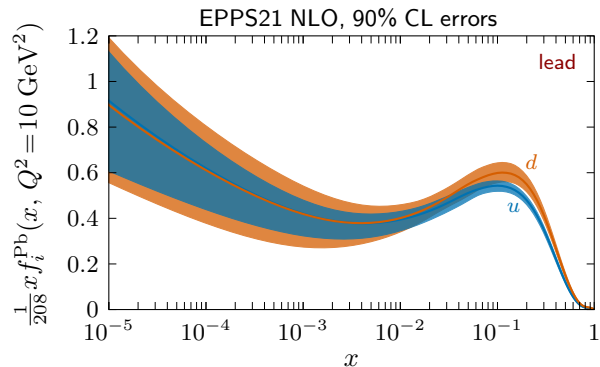
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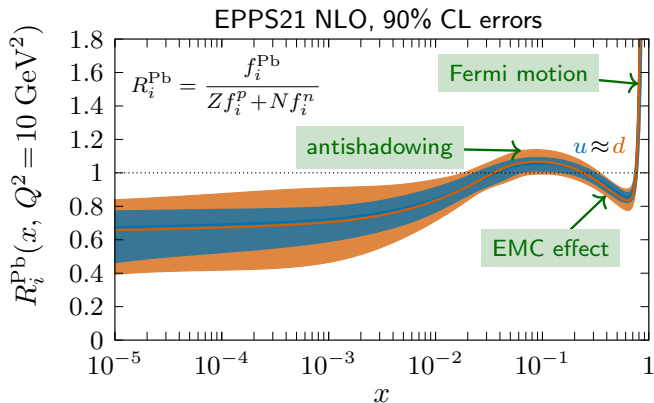
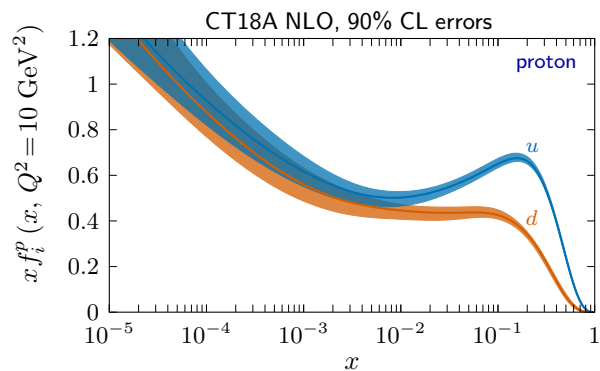
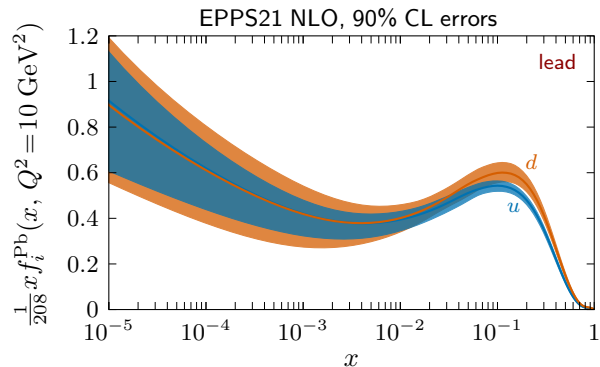
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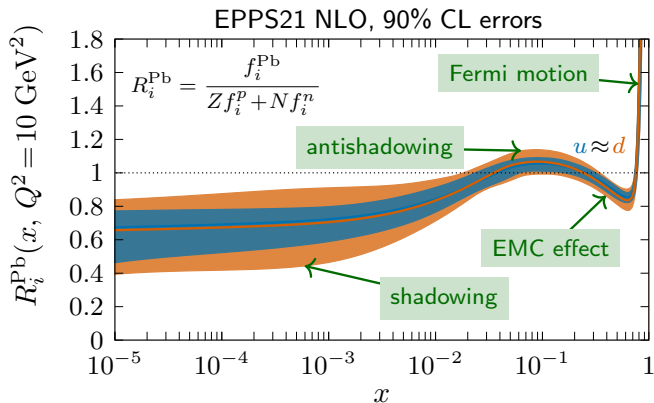
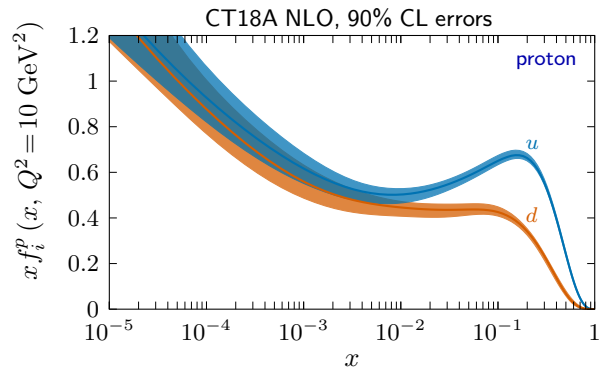
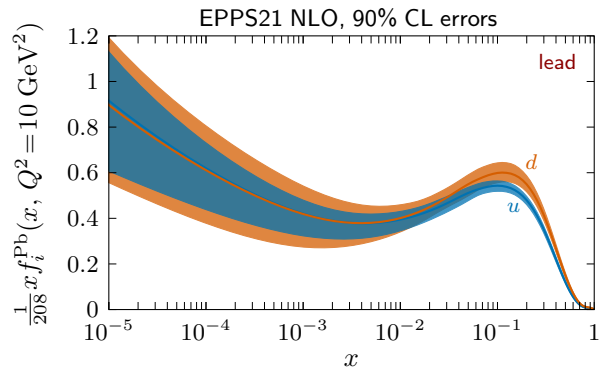


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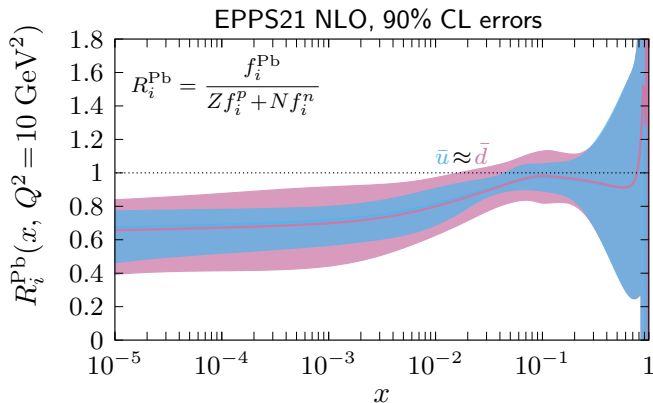
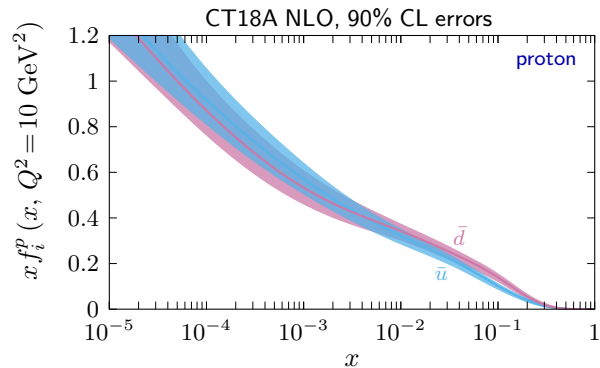
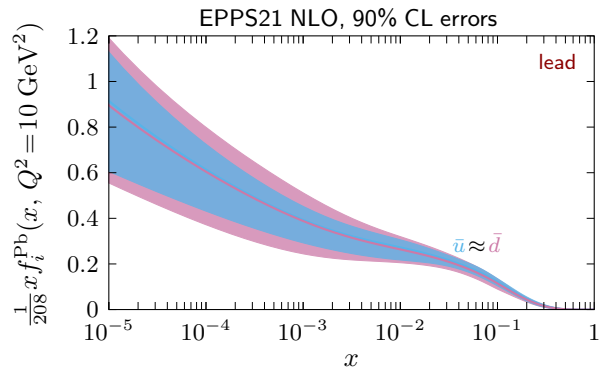




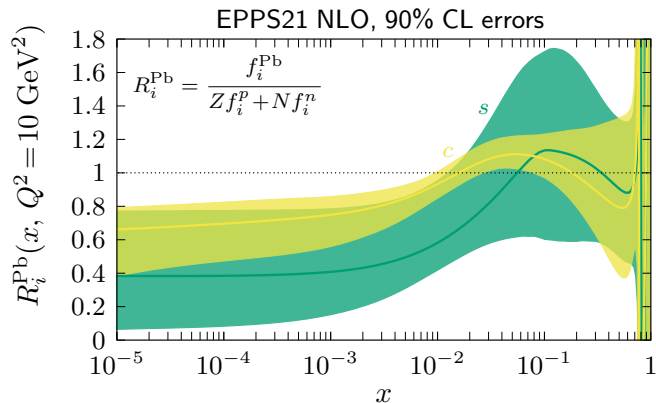
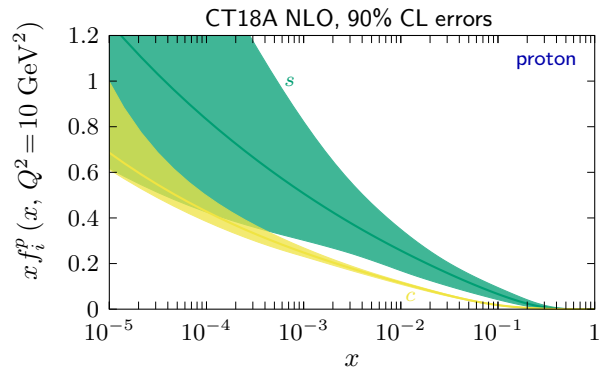
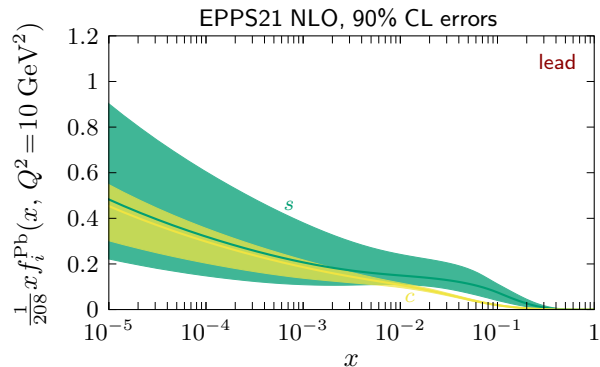
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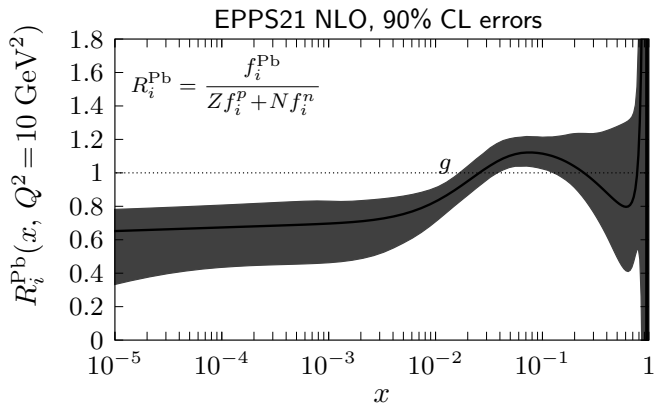
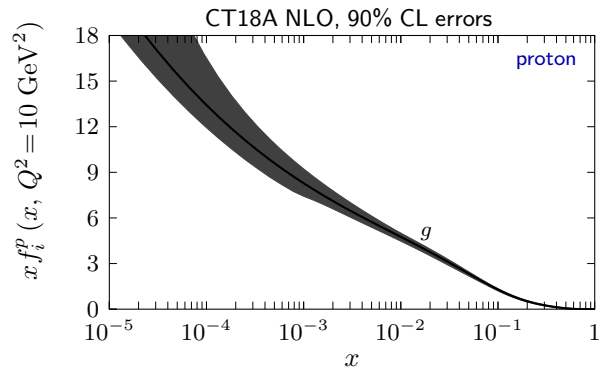
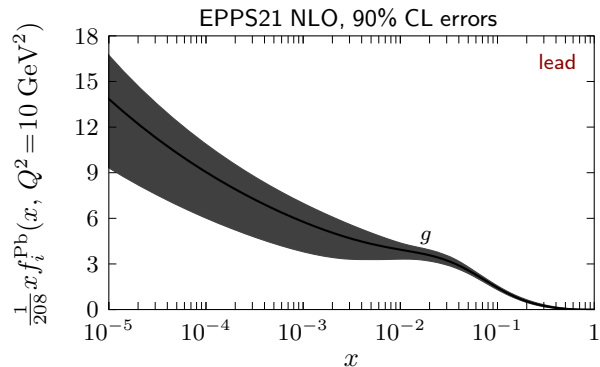
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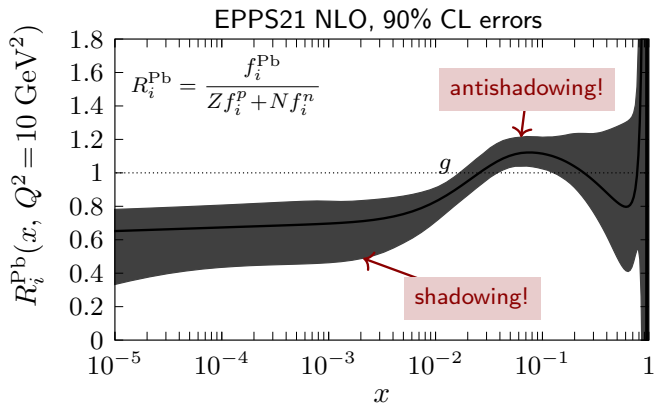
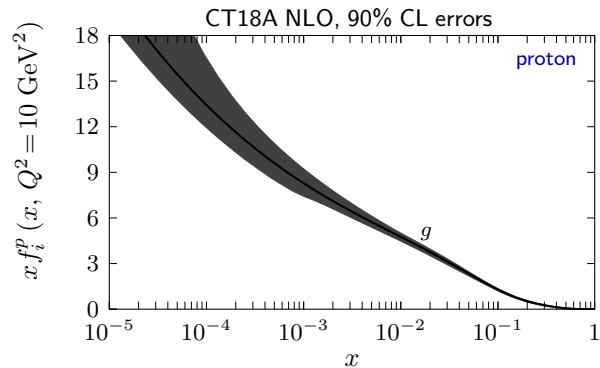
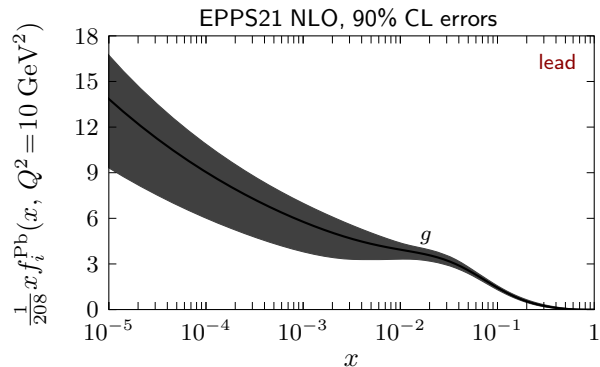
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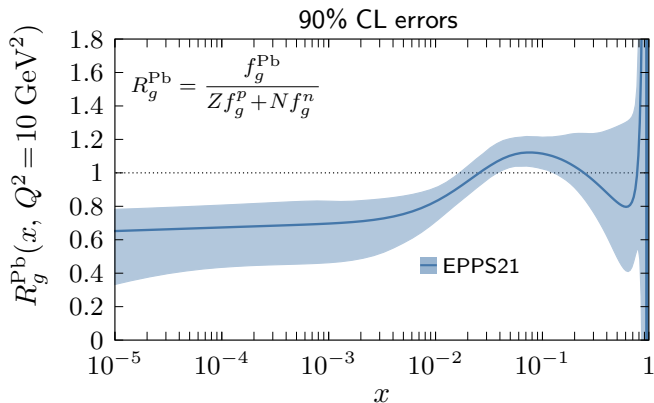
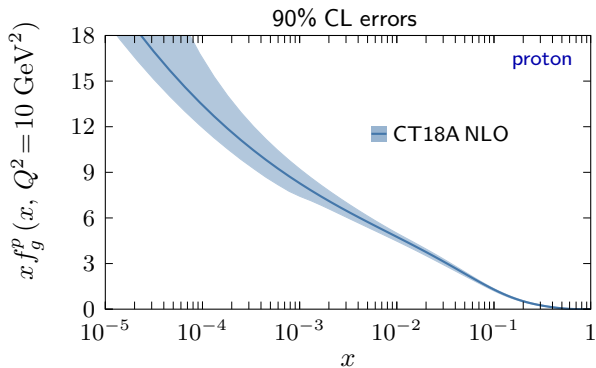
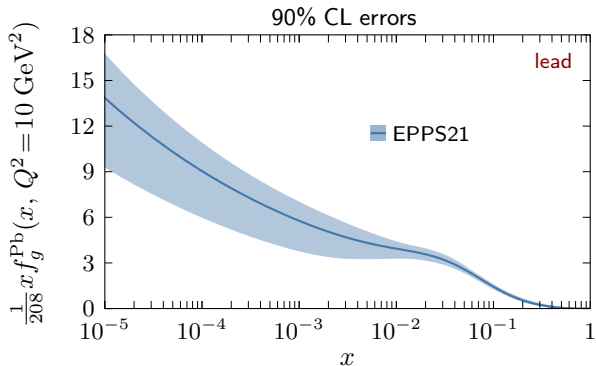
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# nPDF comparison – *glue*



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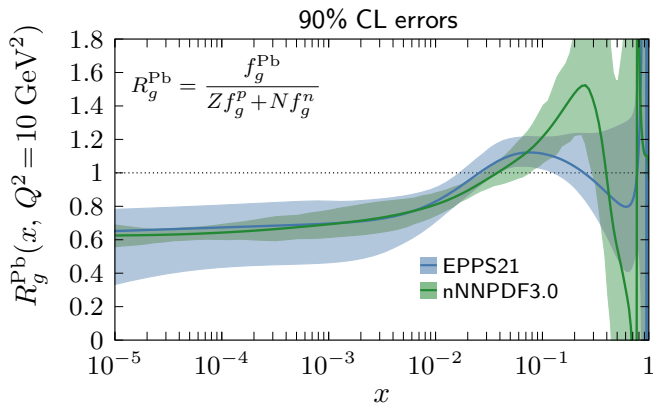
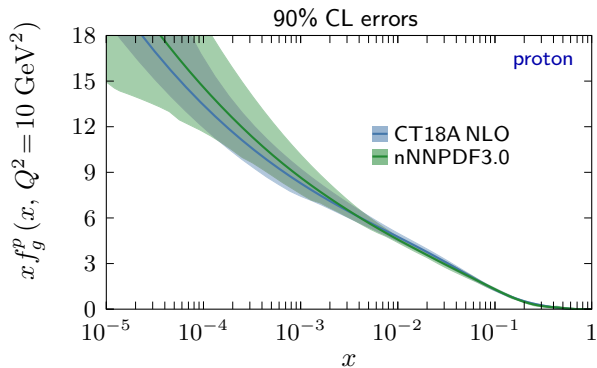
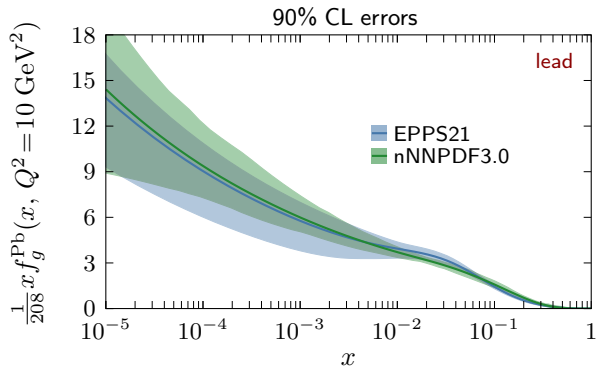
incl.- $h^{\text{RHIC}}$

$D_{\text{bwd}}^{\text{fwd}}$

jets

W,Z

# nPDF comparison – *glue*



EPPS21:

nNNPDF3.0:

incl.- $h^{\text{RHIC}}$

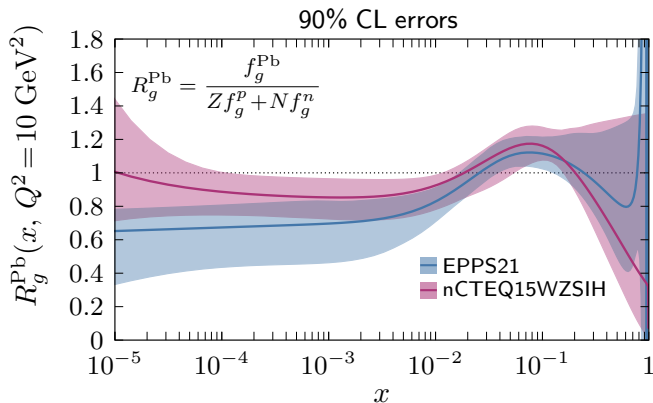
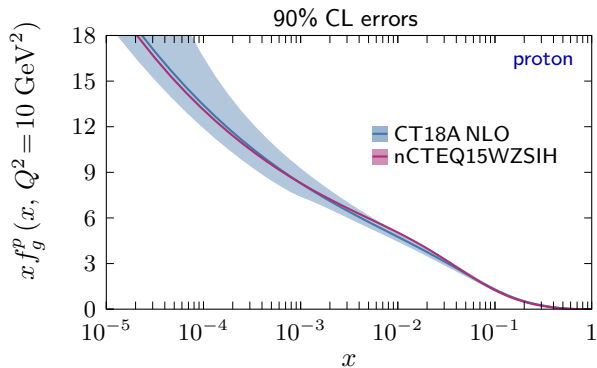
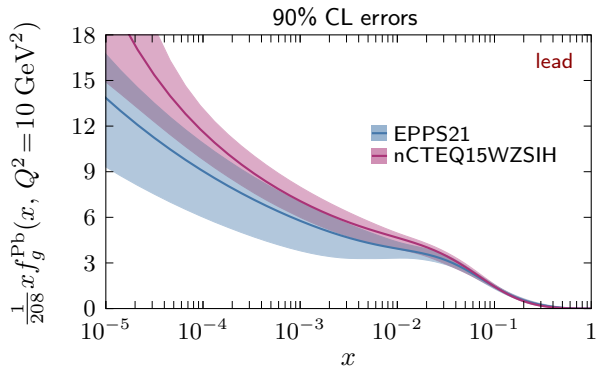
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jets W,Z

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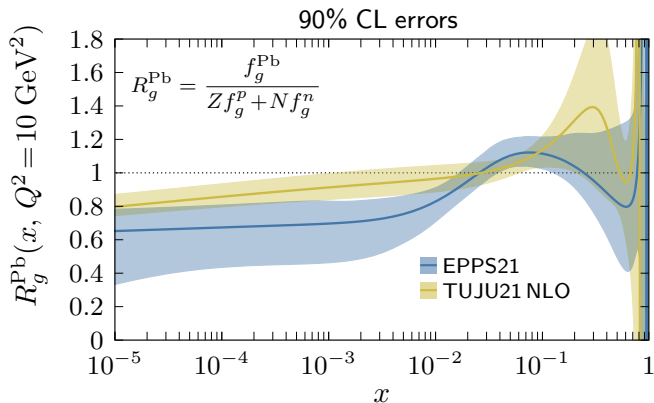
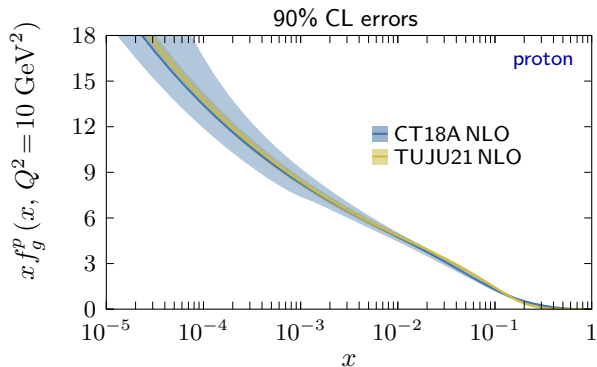
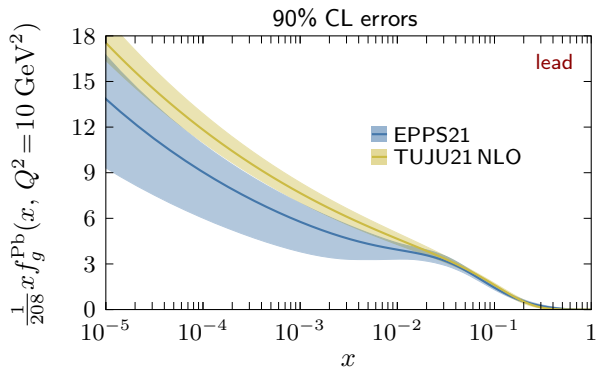
# nPDF comparison – *glue*



EPPS21:	incl.- $h^{\text{RHIC}}$	$D_{\text{bwd}}^{\text{0fwd}}$	jets	W,Z
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nCTEQ15WZSIH:	incl.- $h_{\text{LHC}}^{\text{RHIC}}$			W,Z

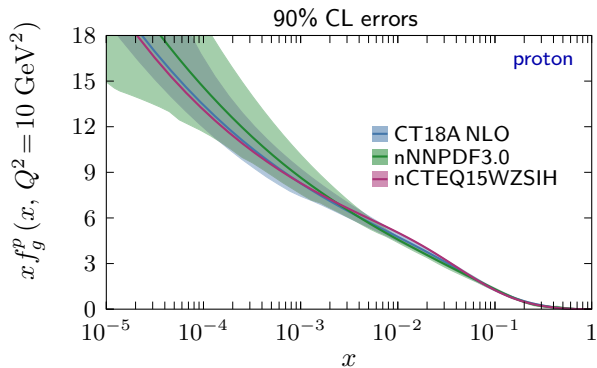
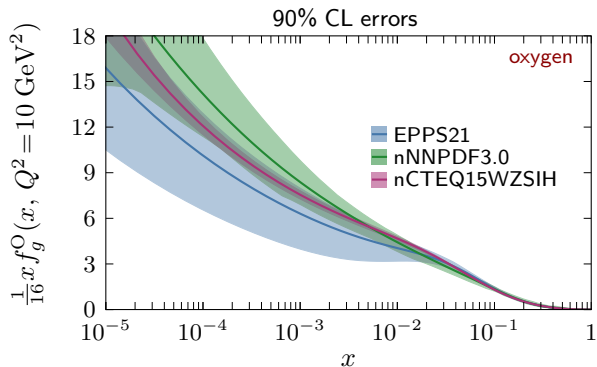


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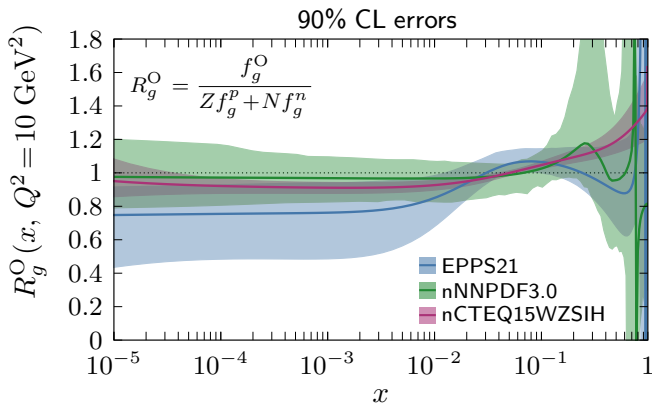
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TUJU21:				W,Z

# nPDF comparison – *glue* in oxygen



nPDFs a major source of uncertainty in testing small-system energy loss with OO

Huss et al., PRL 126 (2021) 192301  
 Brewer et al., PRD 105 (2022) 074040



EPPS21:

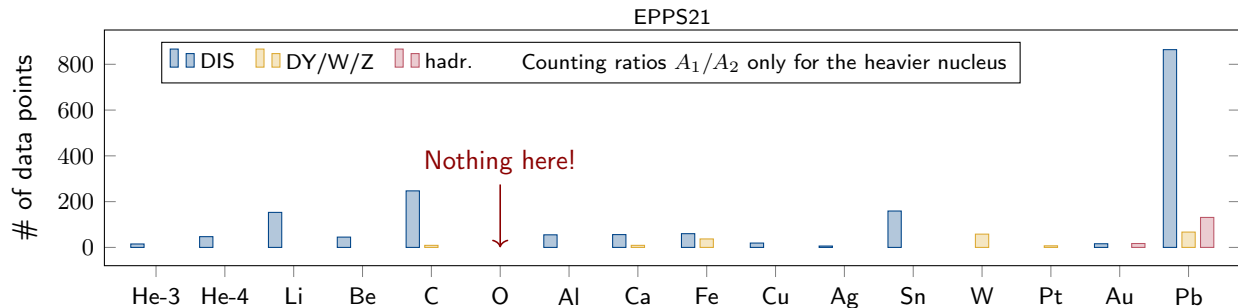
nNNPDF3.0:

nCTEQ15WZSIH:

incl.- $h^{\text{RHIC}}$	$D_{\text{bwd}}^{0\text{fwd}}$	jets	W,Z
	$D^{0\text{fwd}}$	jets	W,Z
incl.- $h_{\text{LHC}}^{\text{RHIC}}$			W,Z

only dAu and pPb!

# Data availability w.r.t. $A$



$\sim 50\%$  of the data points are for Pb!

- 😊 Good coverage of DIS measurements for different  $A$  (but only fixed target!)
- 😐 DY data more scarce, but OK  $A$  coverage
- 😞 Hadronic observables available only for heavy nuclei!

Light-ion runs at LHC could:

- Complement other light-nuclei DY data with W and Z production (strangeness!)
- Give first direct constraints (e.g. dijets, D-mesons) on light-nuclei small- $x$  gluon distributions!

# Dijet production in pO at 9.9 TeV

Similar setup as in CMS 5.02 TeV pPb measurement

Total integrated pO cross section of 81  $\mu\text{b}$

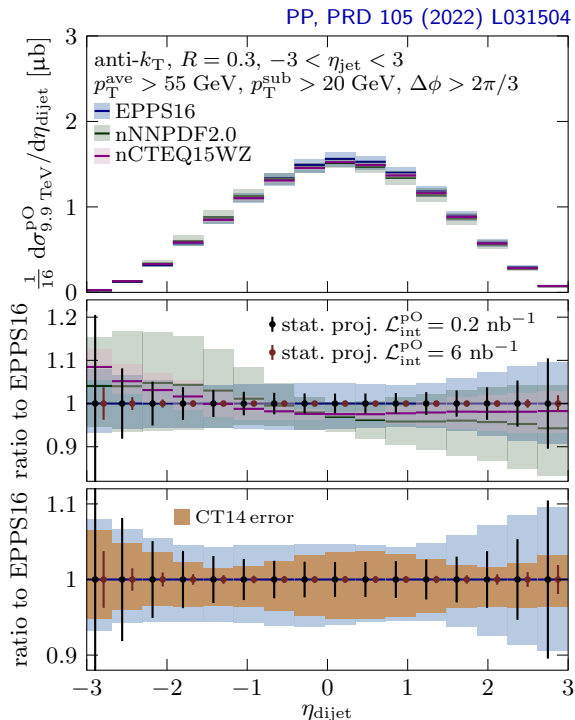
- Compare with  $\sim 330 \mu\text{b}$  in pPb at 5.02 TeV
- Sufficient to give reasonable statistics even at relatively low luminosities
  - 16000 events at  $0.2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
  - 486000 events at  $6 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

**Problem:** absolute cross sections very sensitive to the used free-proton PDFs

- Difficult to disentangle nuclear modifications from the free-proton d.o.f.s

**Problem:** We do not expect pp reference at 9.9 TeV

- Could we use a mixed energy ratio pO(9.9 TeV)/pp(8.8 TeV)?



# Dijet $R_{pO}$ in pO at 9.9 TeV

**Problem:** We do not expect pp reference at 9.9 TeV

- Could we use a mixed energy ratio  $pO(9.9 \text{ TeV})/pp(8.8 \text{ TeV})$ ? Yes!

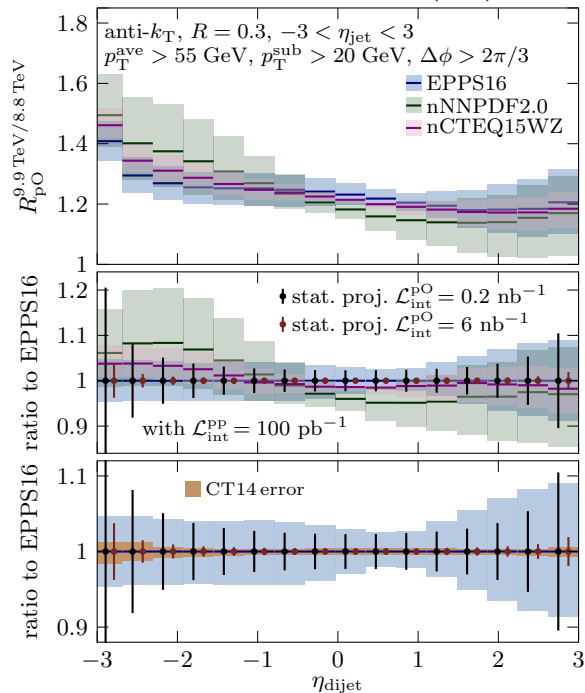
Excellent cancellation of free-proton PDFs

- Direct access to nuclear modifications

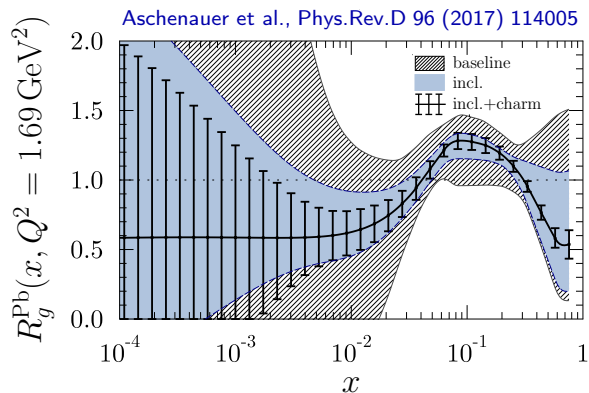
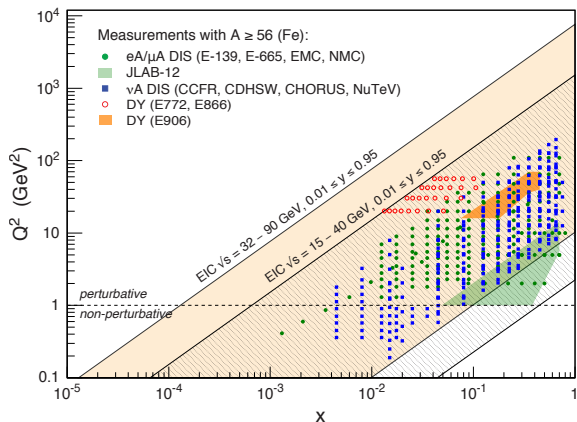
Already few  $\text{nb}^{-1}$  can be expected to be enough to put new constraints on nPDFs (if we have sufficient statistics for the pp reference)

- Can resolve different nPDF parametrisations!

PP, PRD 105 (2022) L031504



# Gluon constraints from EIC



EIC will significantly widen the kinematic range of DIS constraints for nPDFs

- Comparing with LHC measurements will put collinear factorization with nuclei to a stringent test

With the  $F_L$  extraction capability, EIC provides a clean probe to study small- $x$  gluons

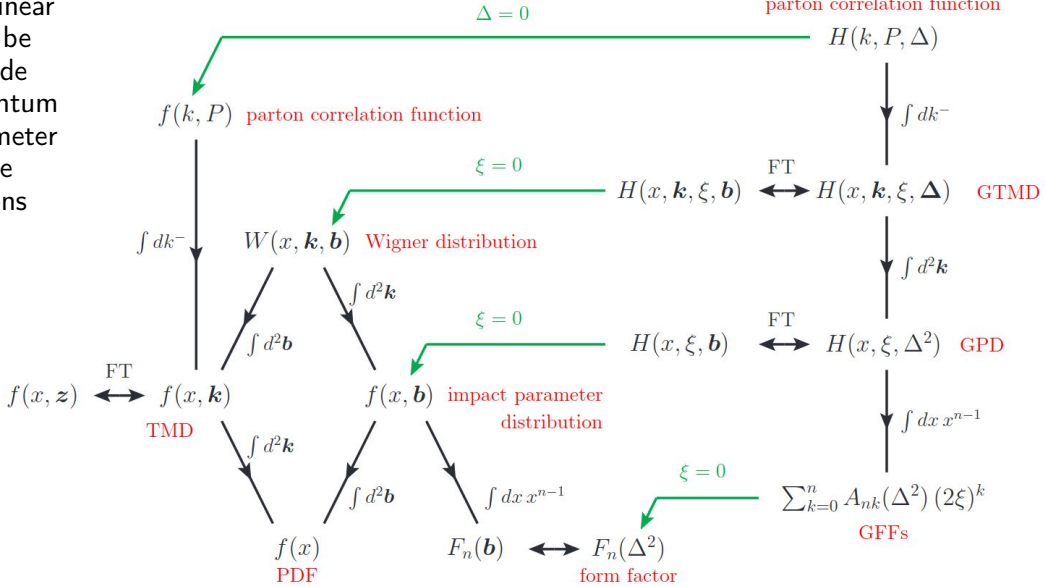
- Good constraining power to well down to  $10^{-2}$  in a high-energy scenario

Charm-tagged cross-section measurement can vastly reduce high- $x$  gluon uncertainty

see also: Kelsey et al., Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 054002

# Beyond collinear (n)PDFs

The “simple” collinear factorization can be extended to include transverse-momentum and impact-parameter dependence of the parton distributions



... each of these have their own region of applicability in terms of experimental observables, outside of which the factorization is not guaranteed to work!

Generalize the nPDFs by defining

$$R_i^{p/A}(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{A} \int d^2\mathbf{s} \underbrace{T_A(\mathbf{s})}_{\text{nuclear thickness function}} \underbrace{r_i^A(x, Q^2, \mathbf{s})}_{\text{spatially dependent nuclear modification}}$$

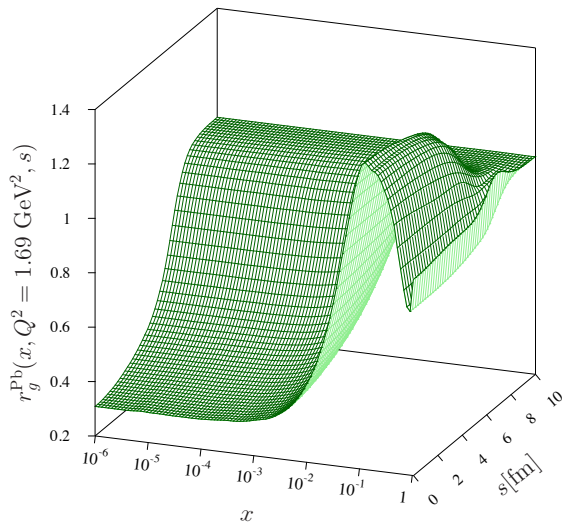
such that

$$\begin{aligned} dN^{AB \rightarrow k+X}(\mathbf{b}) &= \sum_{i,j,X'} \sum_{N_A, N_B} \int d^2\mathbf{s}_1 T_A(\mathbf{s}_1) r_i^A(x, Q^2, \mathbf{s}_1) f_i^{N_A}(x, Q^2) \otimes \\ &\int d^2\mathbf{s}_2 T_B(\mathbf{s}_2) r_i^B(x, Q^2, \mathbf{s}_2) f_i^{N_B}(x, Q^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow k+X'} \delta(\mathbf{s}_2 - \mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

reduces to the min. bias cross section when integrated over the impact parameter  $b$

To my knowledge not proven to coincide with the GPD definition of impact-parameter distribution!

See Wu, JHEP 07 (2021) 002 for factorization derivation with similar objects in soft-collinear effective theory





Thank you!

# Z bosons in pPb at 8.16 TeV

data from: [CMS Collaboration, JHEP 05 \(2021\) 182](#)  
 pp baseline: [CMS Collaboration, EPJC 75 \(2015\) 147](#)

## New Run 2 data from CMS

[CMS Collaboration, JHEP 05 \(2021\) 182](#)

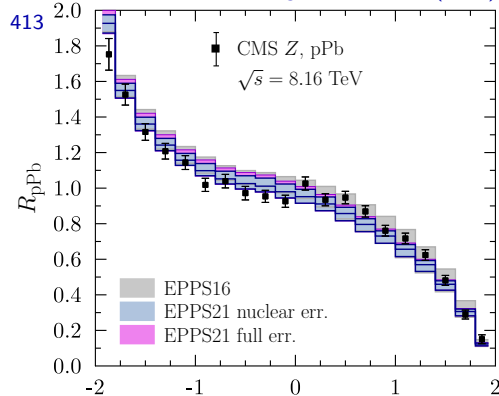
- nNNPDF3.0 include both low-mass and on-peak data
- $R_{pPb}$  studied in EPPS21 → not included in the final fit

Both EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0 observe some tension between the data and fit

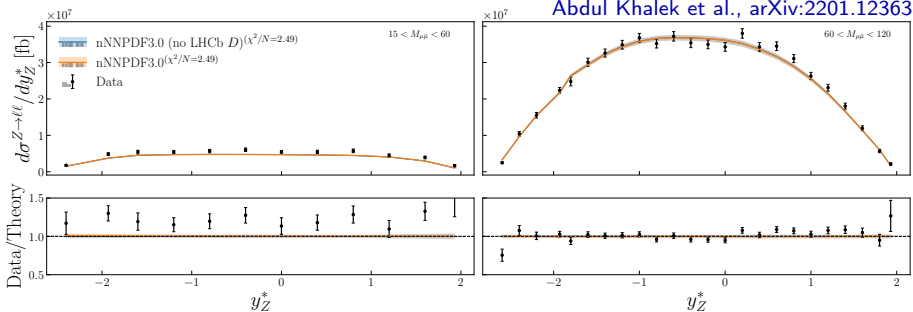
- abrupt change in the shape at midrapidity
- NNLO to cure for the low-mass data?

[Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363](#)

[Eskola, PP, Paukkunen, Salgado, EPJC 82 \(2022\)](#)



Z rapidity (c.m. frame)



[Abdul Khalek et al., arXiv:2201.12363](#)

	$\chi^2/N_{\text{data}}$
EPPS21	2.1
nNNPDF3.0	2.49

# PHENIX pion production small-system scan

PHENIX Collaboration, arXiv:2111.05756

New mid-rapidity  $\pi^0$  data from PHENIX

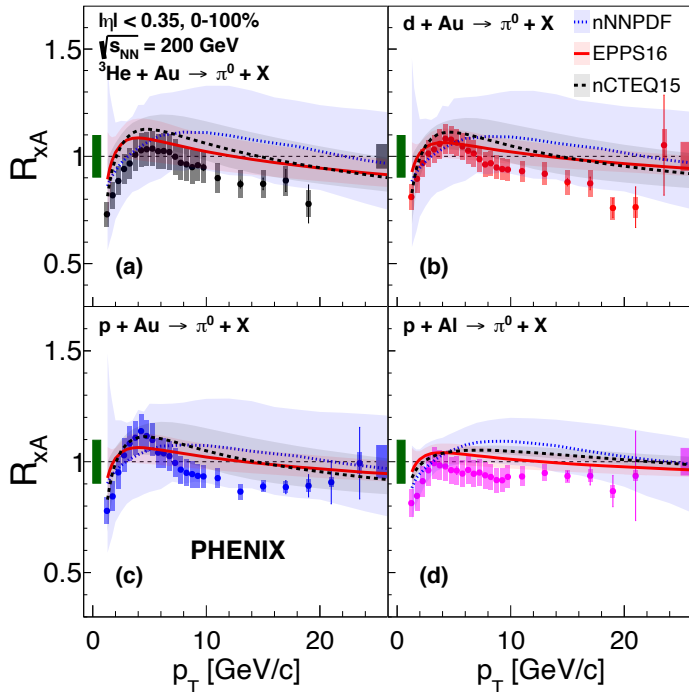
PHENIX Collaboration, arXiv:2111.05756

- improved precision
- higher  $p_T \rightarrow$  larger  $x$

Contrary to nPDF expectations, measured “Cronin peak” size follows the ordering  ${}^3\text{He} + \text{Au} < d + \text{Au} < p + \text{Au}$

- higher-twist (multiple-scattering)?
- flow-like component?

At high  $p_T$  the nPDF predictions overshoot the data, but mind the large normalisation uncertainties



# UPCs in collinear factorisation

First phenomenological implementation of the exclusive  $J/\psi$  photoproduction NLO corrections

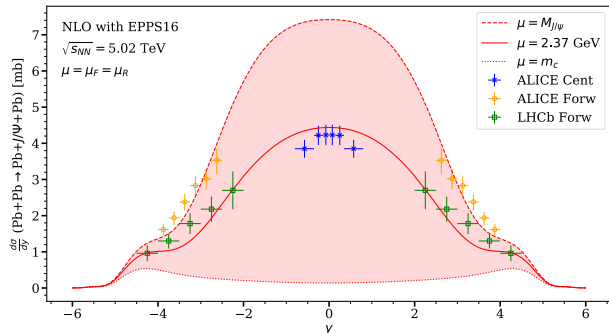
Ivanov et al., EPJC 34 (2004) 297  
Jones et al., J. Phys. G 43 (2016) 035002

in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb

Large scale uncertainty

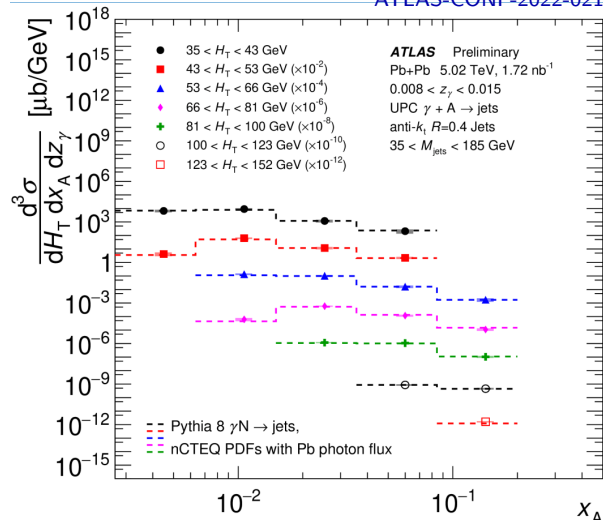
- perturbative convergence?
- cancel with nuclear ratios?

Eskola et al., arXiv:2203.11613

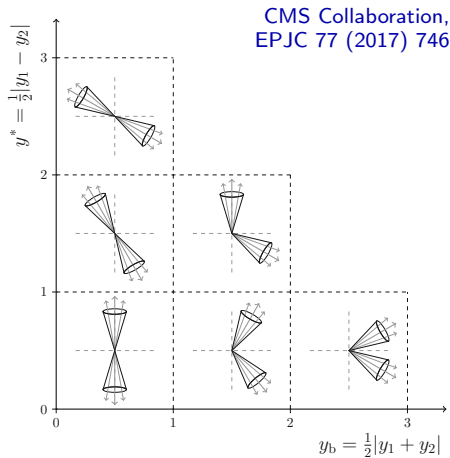


ATLAS inclusive dijet photoproduction measurement now fully unfolded

ATLAS-CONF-2022-021



# Triple-differential dijets in pPb?



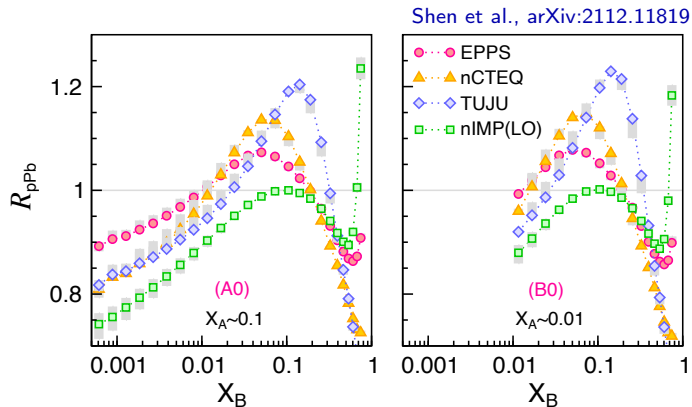
Triple-differential measurement fixes partonic kinematics at LO

→ powerful test of factorisation and PDFs

Measured in pp at 8 TeV

CMS Collaboration, EPJC 77 (2017) 746

Should be feasible in pPb with Run 2/3 statistics?



Various observable choices possible, e.g.  $X_A, X_B, y^*$

measurable!

$$X_B = \sum_{n \in \text{dijet}} \frac{E_{Tn}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y_n} \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} x_{\text{Pb}}$$

momentum fraction from the lead side

Ellis & Soper, PRL 74 (1995) 5182

# Proton strangeness from $\nu A$ DIS vs. LHC EW data

$$K_s = \frac{\int_0^1 dx x [s(x, Q^2) + \bar{s}(x, Q^2)]}{\int_0^1 dx x [\bar{u}(x, Q^2) + \bar{d}(x, Q^2)]}$$

table and fig. from Feng et al., "The Forward Physics Facility at the High-Luminosity LHC", arXiv:2203.05090

Data set	Ref.	Proton PDF sets					Nuclear PDF sets			
		ABMP16	CT18	MSHT20	NNPDF4.0	EPPS21	nCTEQ15	nNNPDF3.0	TUJU21	
CHORUS $\sigma_{CC}^{\nu, \bar{\nu}}$	Pb [1238]	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	
CHORUS	Pb [1239]	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
NOMAD $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\mu}$	Fe [1195]	✓	✗	✗	(✓)	✗	✗	✗	✗	
CCFR $x F_3^P$	Fe [1240]	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
CCFR $F_2^P$	Fe [1241]	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
CDSHW $F_2^P, x F_3^P$	Fe [1242]	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	
NuTeV $\sigma_{CC}^{\nu, \bar{\nu}}$	Fe [1196]	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	
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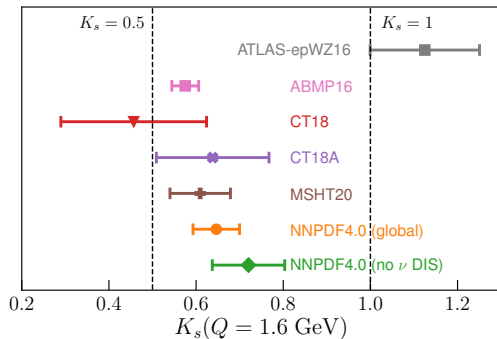
Proton-PDF fits traditionally include neutrino-*nucleus* DIS for improved strange-quark constraints → suppressed strangeness

Complementary data from ATLAS EW-boson production confronts this view with preference for unsuppressed strange

ATLAS Collaboration, PRL 109 (2012) 012001  
EPJC 77 (2017) 367

Simultaneous fit feasible w/ NNLO c-quark mass corrections

Faura et al., EPJC 80 (2020) 1168  
Bailey et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 341  
Ball et al., arXiv:2109.02653



# Nuclear uncertainties in proton-PDF fits

Ball et al., arXiv:2109.02653

Nuclear effects can impact the proton-PDF fits!

NNPDF4.0:

- Different large- $x$  sea-quark behaviour depending on whether the uncertainties from nNNPDF2.0 nuclear PDFs were included or not
- Nuclear data found to constrain the proton PDFs even with nuclear uncertainties included

Ball et al., EPJC 79 (2019) 282

Ball et al., arXiv:2109.02653

MSHT20: take nuclear corrections from DSSZ + additional 3-param. fit

Bailey et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 341

CT18: does not report on any use of nuclear corrections

