

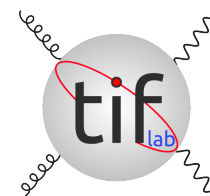


MACHINE LEARNING AN UNKNOWN PHYSICAL LAW: THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROTON

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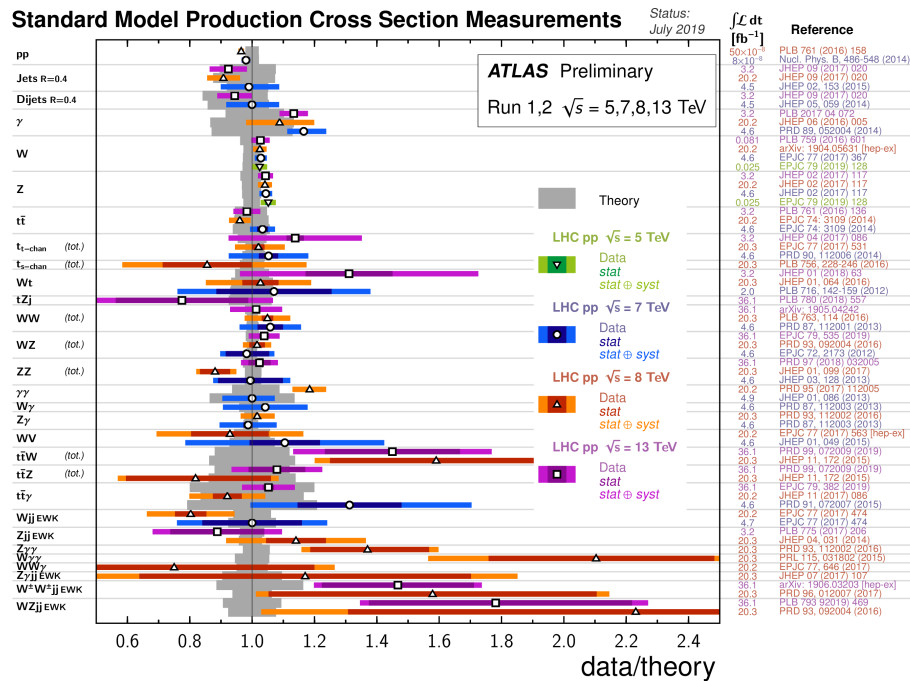
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DEVIATIONS FROM SM

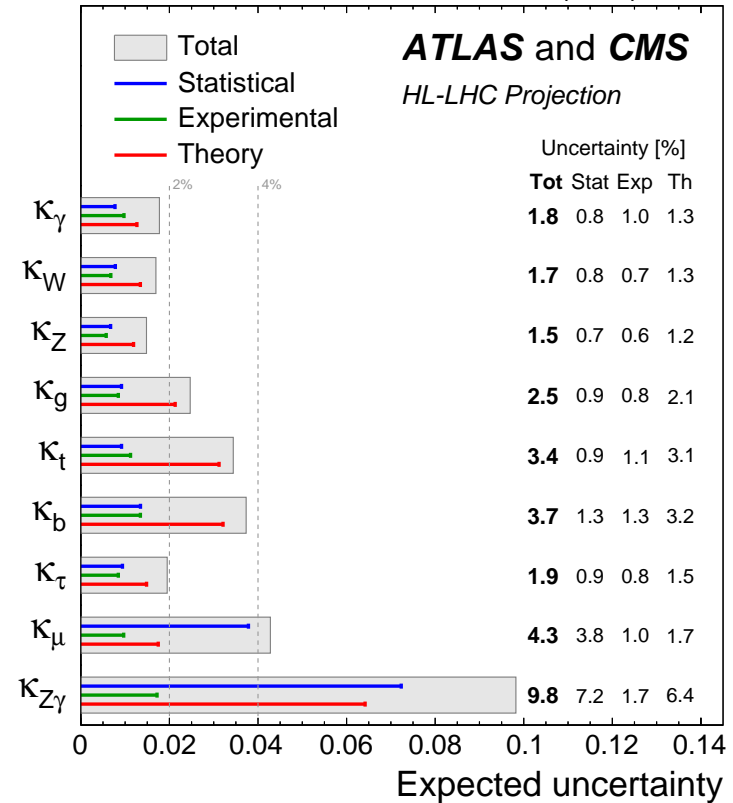
HL-LHC: 2024-2040

SM CROSS-SECTIONS TODAY:

TH. VS EXP



$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV, 3000 fb⁻¹ per experiment



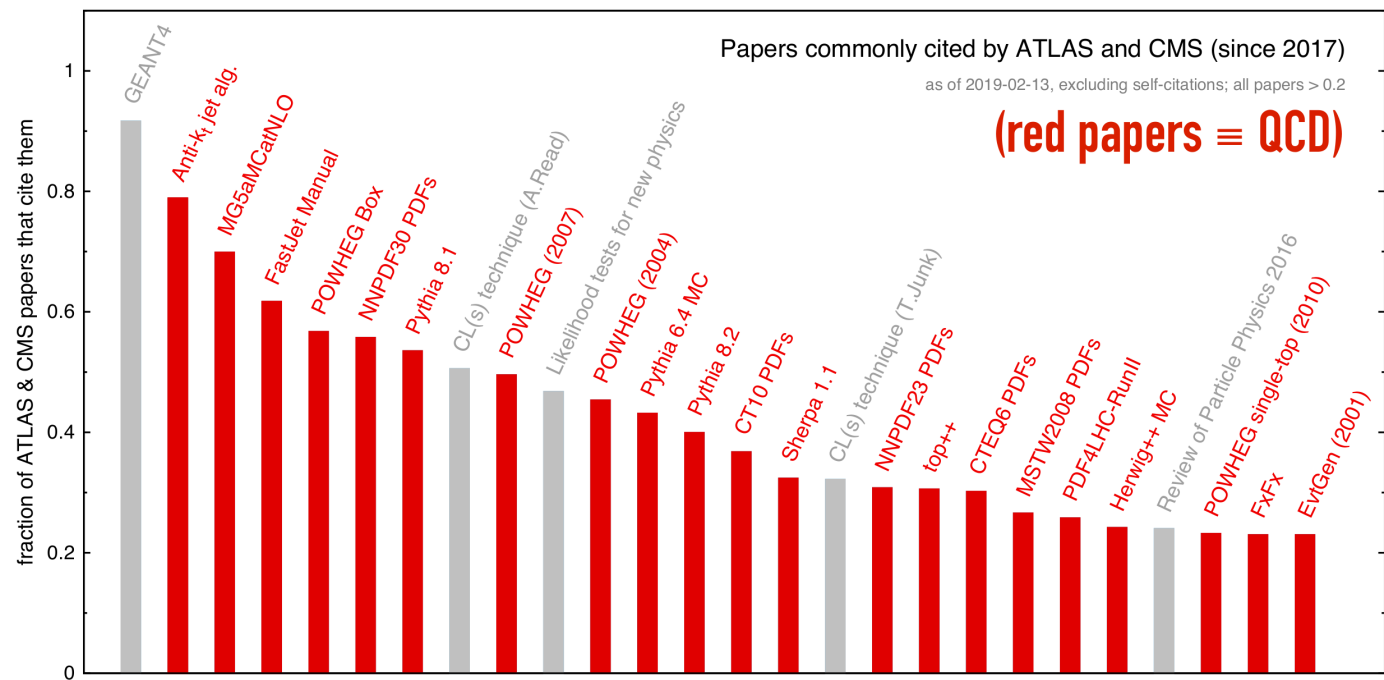
$$\kappa_j^2 = \sigma_j / \sigma^{\text{SM}}$$

- SM TESTED AT THE PERCENT LEVEL
- SEEING DEVIATIONS REQUIRES SUB-PERCENT ACCURACY

UNCERTAINTIES AND QCD

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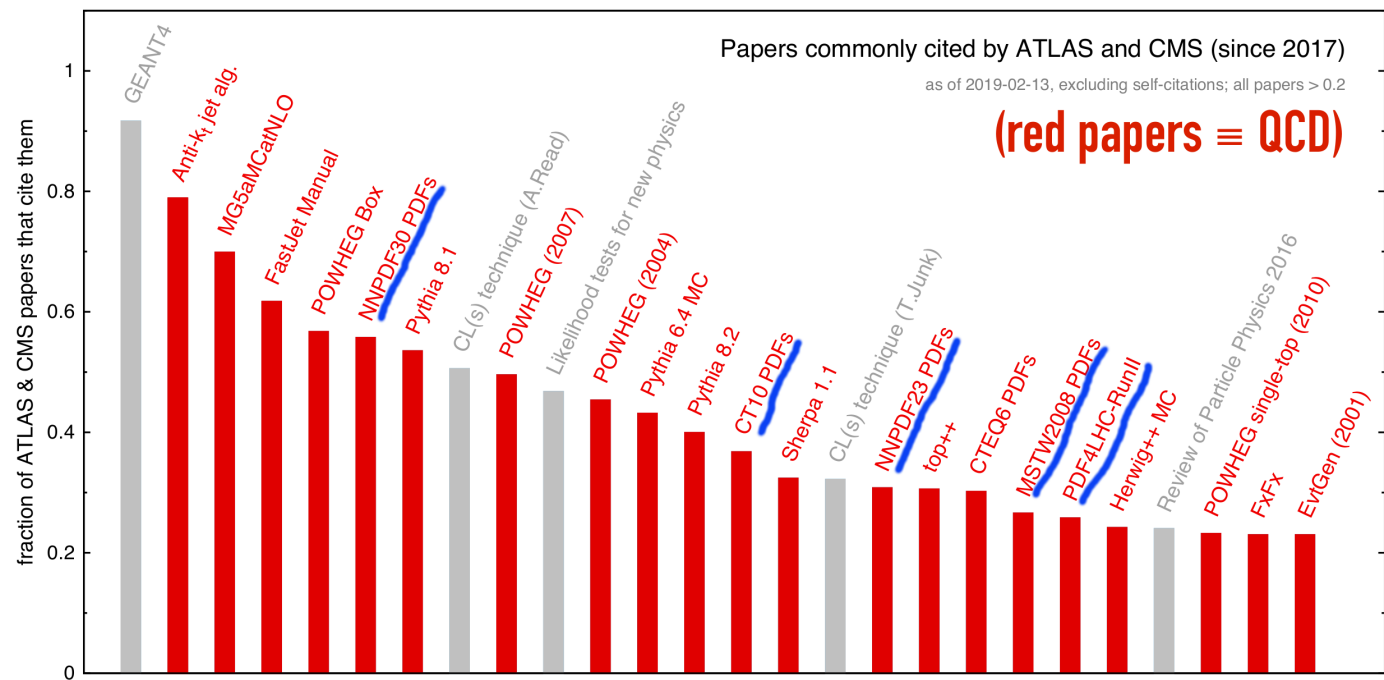


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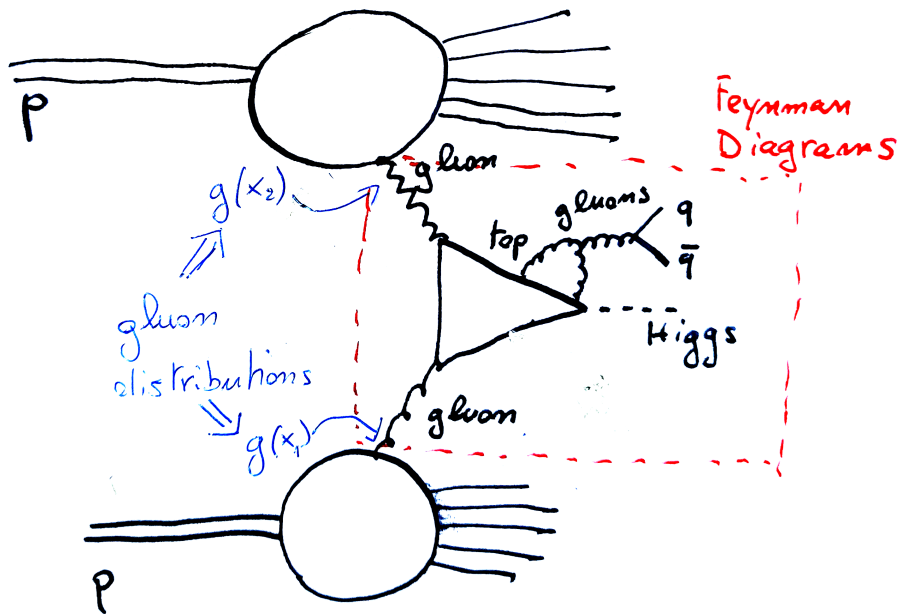


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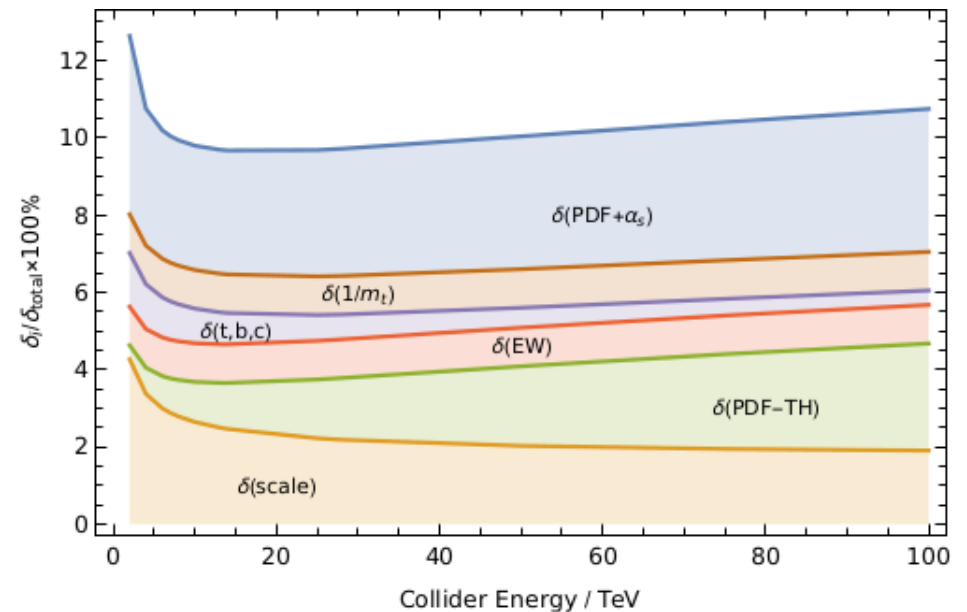
UNCERTAINTIES AND PDFs

QCD FACTORIZATION



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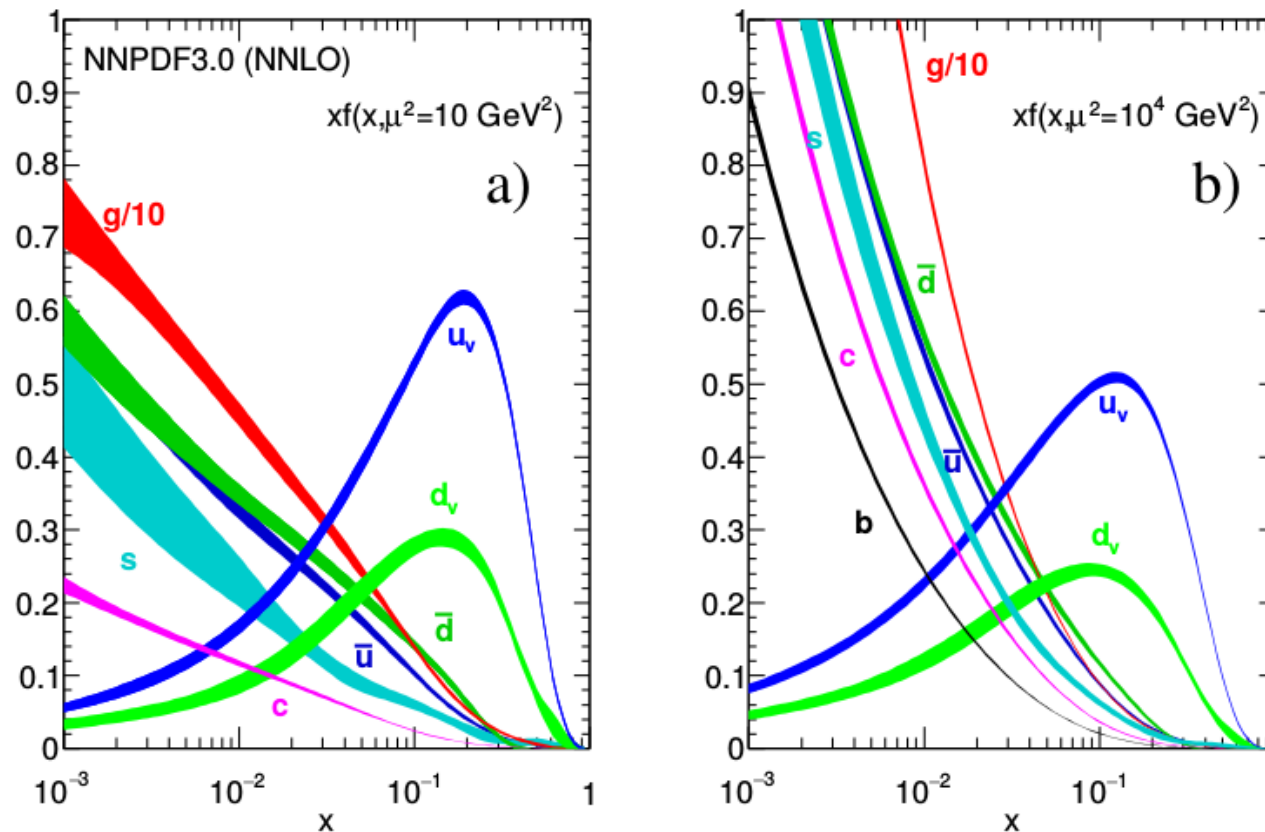
HIGGS IN GLUON FUSION



(HL-LHC Higgs WG report, 2019)

- PDF EXPRESS THE **LIKELIHOOD OF A QUARK OR GLUONS** (PARTONS) TO ENTER A COLLISION
- THEIR KNOWLEDGE IS A **DOMINANT SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY**

A PORTRAIT OF THE PROTON AS SEEN FROM A HIGGS BOSON



(PDG 2018)

- **PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS:** MOMENTUM FRACTION DISTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH TYPE OF QUARK, ANTIQUARK & THE GLUON
- **EXTRACTED FROM DATA,** COMPARING PDF-DEPENDENT PREDICTION & INVERTING

DISCOVERY AT A HADRON COLLIDER AND PDFs

THE DISCOVERY OF THE W (1984)

THEORETICAL PREDICTION

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G. Altarelli et al. / Vector boson production

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700	6.2	6.3	6.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.1	3.3	3.4
1000	9.5	9.5	9.6	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3
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ALTARELLI, ELLIS, GRECO, MARTINELLI, 1984

EXPERIMENTAL DISCOVERY



EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

CERN-EP/85-108
11 July 1985

W PRODUCTION PROPERTIES AT THE CERN SPS COLLIDER

UA1 Collaboration, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Aachen¹ - Amsterdam (NIKHEF)² - Annecy (LAPP)³ - Birmingham⁴ - CERN⁵ -
Harvard⁶ - Helsinki⁷ - Kiel⁸ - London (Imperial College⁹ and Queen Mary College¹⁰) - Padua¹¹ -
Paris (Coll. de France)¹² - Riverside¹³ - Rome¹⁴ - Rutherford Appleton Lab.¹⁵ -
Saclay (CEN)¹⁶ - Victoria¹⁷ - Vienna¹⁸ - Wisconsin¹⁹ Collaboration

The corresponding experimental result for the 1984 data at $\sqrt{s} = 630$ GeV is

$$(\sigma \cdot B)_W = 0.63 \pm 0.05 (\pm 0.09) \text{ nb.}$$

This is in agreement with the theoretical expectation [14] of $0.47^{+0.14}_{-0.08} \text{ nb}$. We note that the 15%

- AGREEMENT AND UNCERTAINTIES AT 20% CONSIDERED TO BE SATISFACTORY
- RESULTS FROM DIFFERENT PDF SETS DIFFER BY AT LEAST 5%
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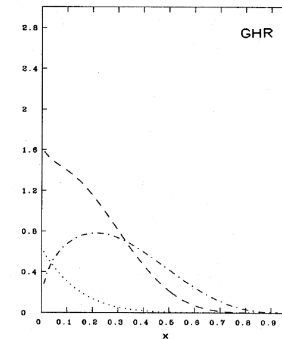


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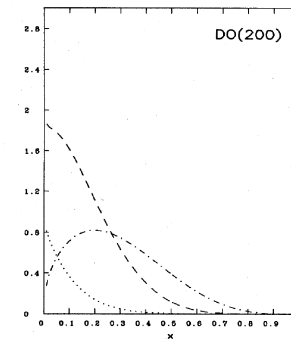


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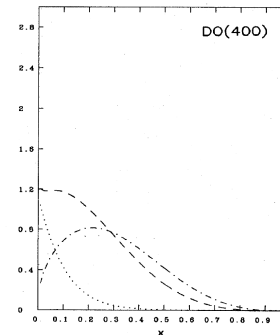


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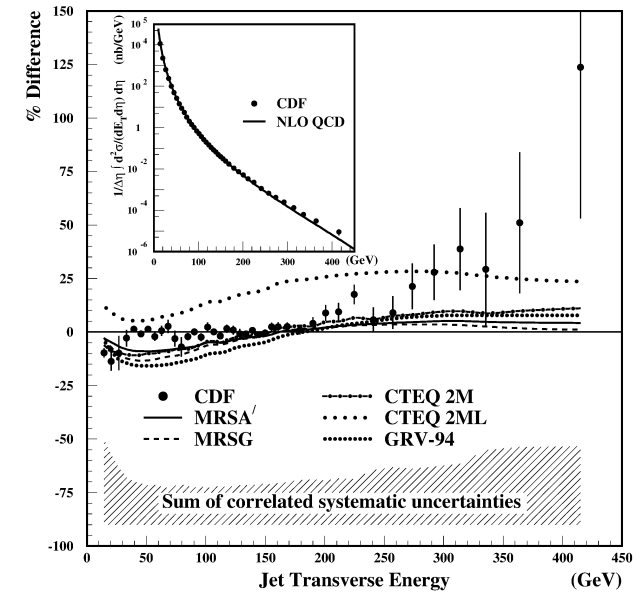
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THE DISCOVERY OF QUARK COMPOSITENESS (1995)

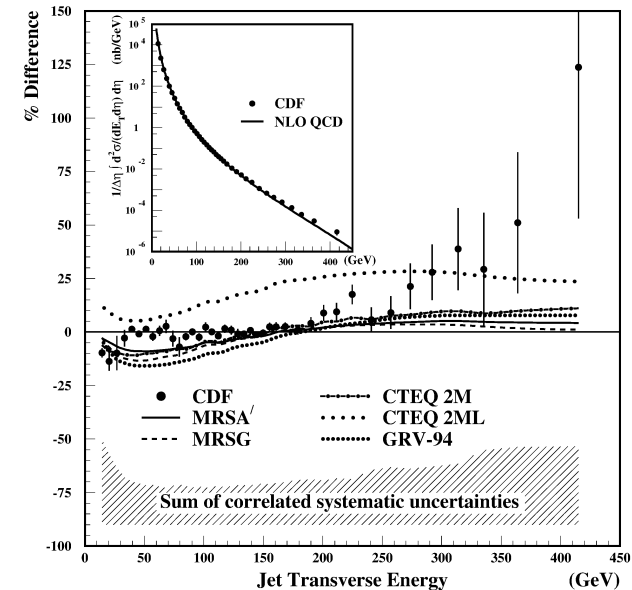
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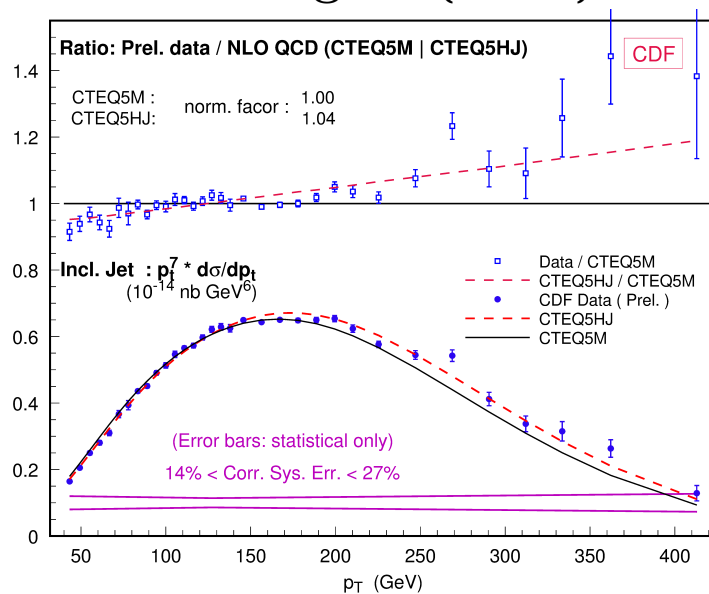
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A BETTER DETERMINATION OF THE GLUON PDF (1995)

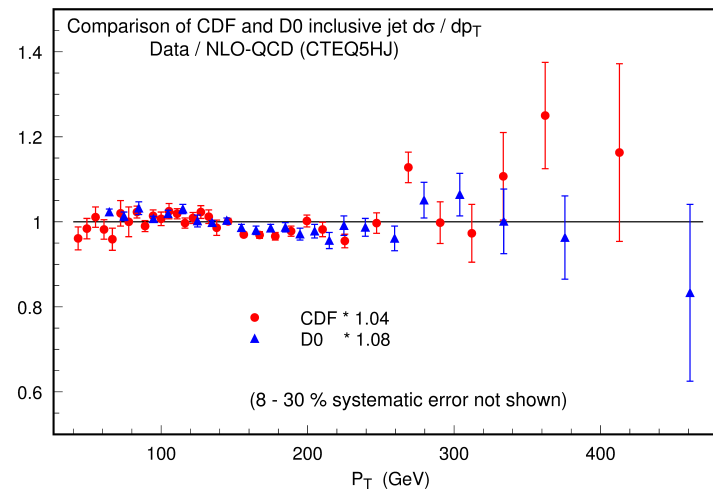
- DISCREPANCY BETWEEN QCD CALCULATION AND CDF JET DATA (1995)
- ~~EVIDENCE FOR QUARK COMPOSITENESS~~
- NO INFO ON PARTON UNCERTAINTY \Rightarrow RESULT STRONGLY DEPENDS ON GLUON AT $x \gtrsim 0.1$



DISCREPANCY REMOVED IF JET DATA INCLUDED IN THE FIT NEW CTEQ FIT (1996)



FINAL CTEQ FIT (1998)



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM ~ 2000

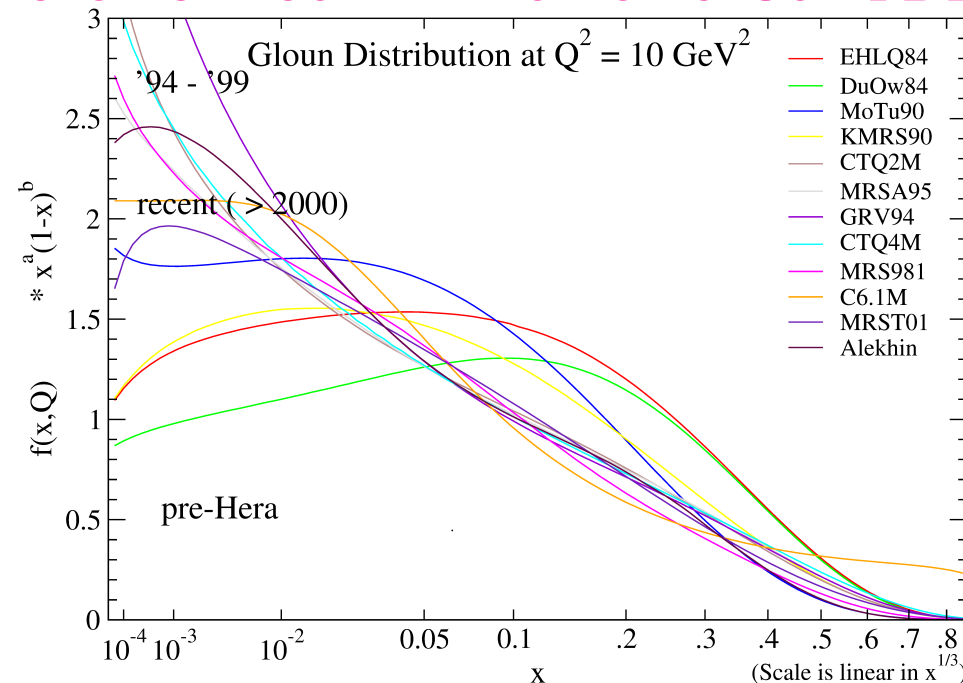
PDFs DETERMINED FITTING A **MODEL-INSPIRED FUNCTIONAL FORM**

gluon parametrization (MRST 2004)

$$xg(x, Q_0^2) = A_g(1-x)^{\eta_g}(1 + \epsilon_g x^{0.5} + \gamma_g x)x^{\delta_g} - A_-(1-x)^{\eta_-}x^{-\delta_-}$$

- PROBLEM **REDUCED** TO **FINITE-DIMENSIONAL**
- **WHO PICKS** THE FUNCTIONAL FORM?

HISTORICAL COMPILATION OF GLUON PDFs

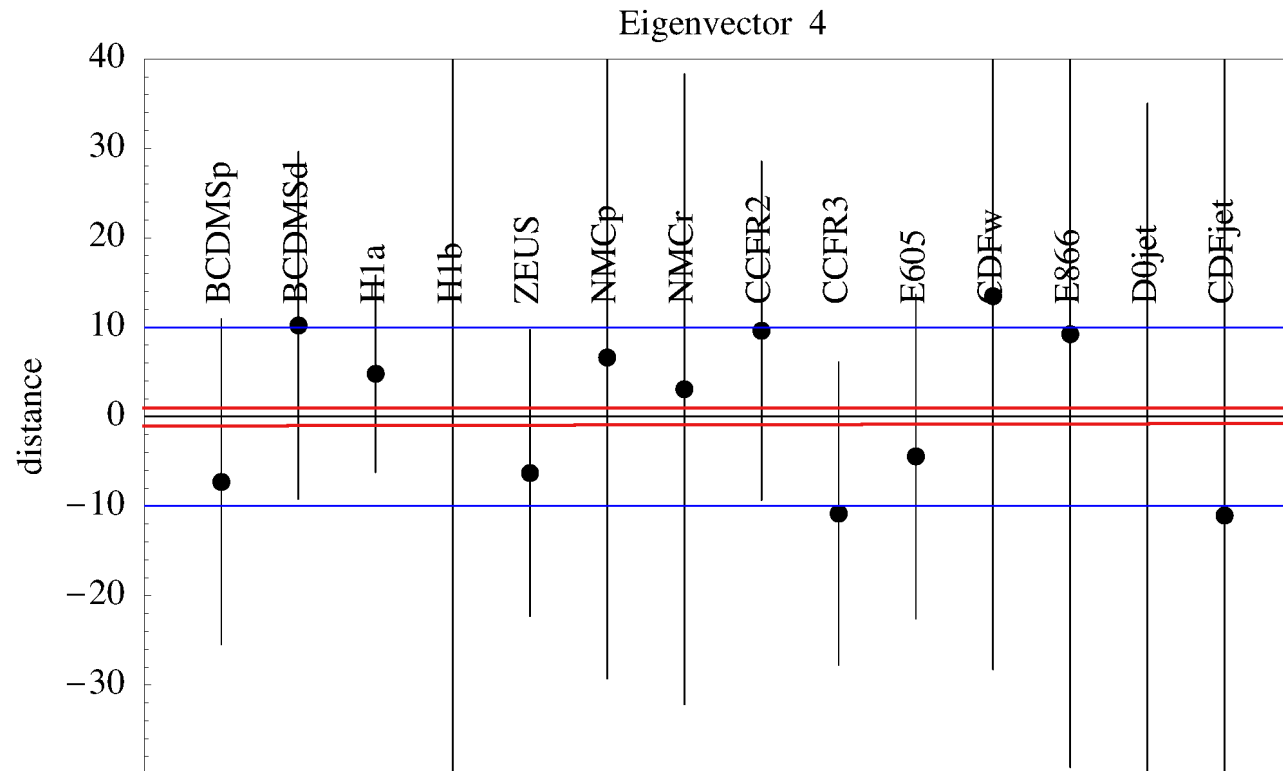


FIRST PDFs WITH UNCERTAINTIES (2002)

“TOLERANCE”

one sigma & ten sigma intervals for typical
covariance matrix eigenvalue

vs best value and uncertainty from individual experiments

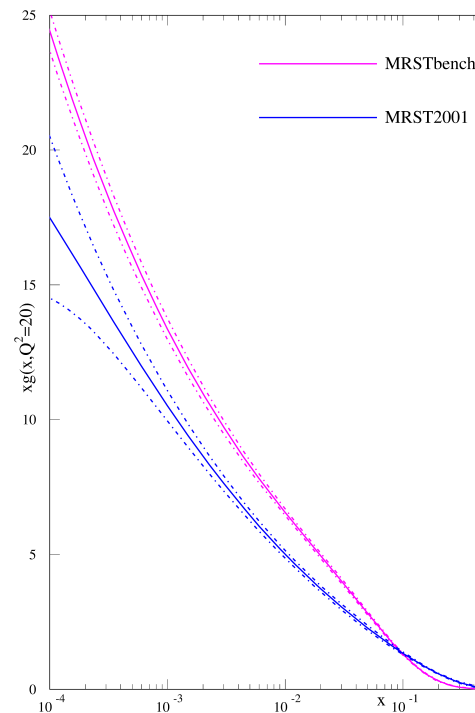


- SPREAD OF BEST-FIT FROM DIFFERENT DATA HUGE W.R. TO TEXTBOOK UNCERTAINTIES
- PDF UNCERTAINTIES RESCALED BY “TOLERANCE” $T \sim 10$

THE HERA-LHC BENCHMARK (2005)

- RESTRICTED AND VERY CONSISTENT DATASET USED
- RESULTS COMPARED TO THEN-BEST RESULT FROM FULL DATASET

BENCHMARK VS DEFAULT GLUON



“...the partons extracted using a very limited data set are completely incompatible, even allowing for the uncertainties, with those obtained from a global fit with an identical treatment of errors...The comparison illustrates the problems in determining the true uncertainty on parton distributions.” (R.Thorne, HERALHC, 2005)

A NEW APPROACH: USING AI TOOLS



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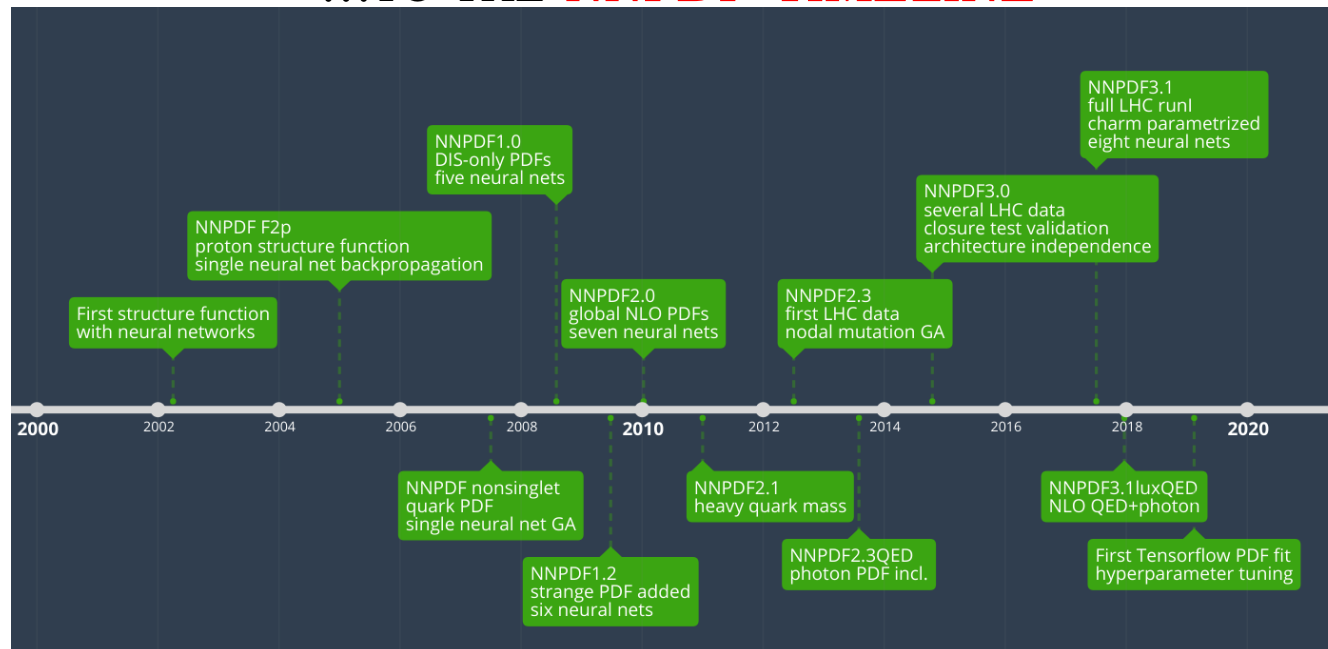
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FROM THE PROOF OF CONCEPT...

...TO THE NNPDF TIMELINE

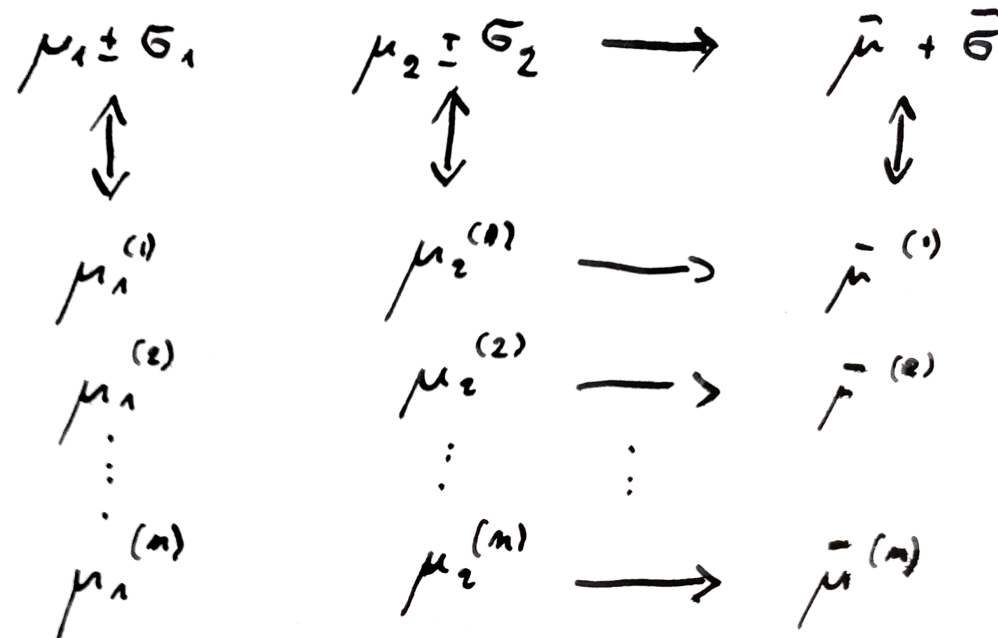


THE NNPDF APPROACH COMBINING DATA BY MONTE CARLO

TWO MEASUREMENTS: $\mu_1 \pm \sigma_1$; $\mu_2 \pm \sigma_2$

ML COMBINATION: $\bar{\mu} \pm \bar{\sigma}$; $\bar{\mu} = \frac{\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{\mu_2}{\sigma_2^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$; $\bar{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$

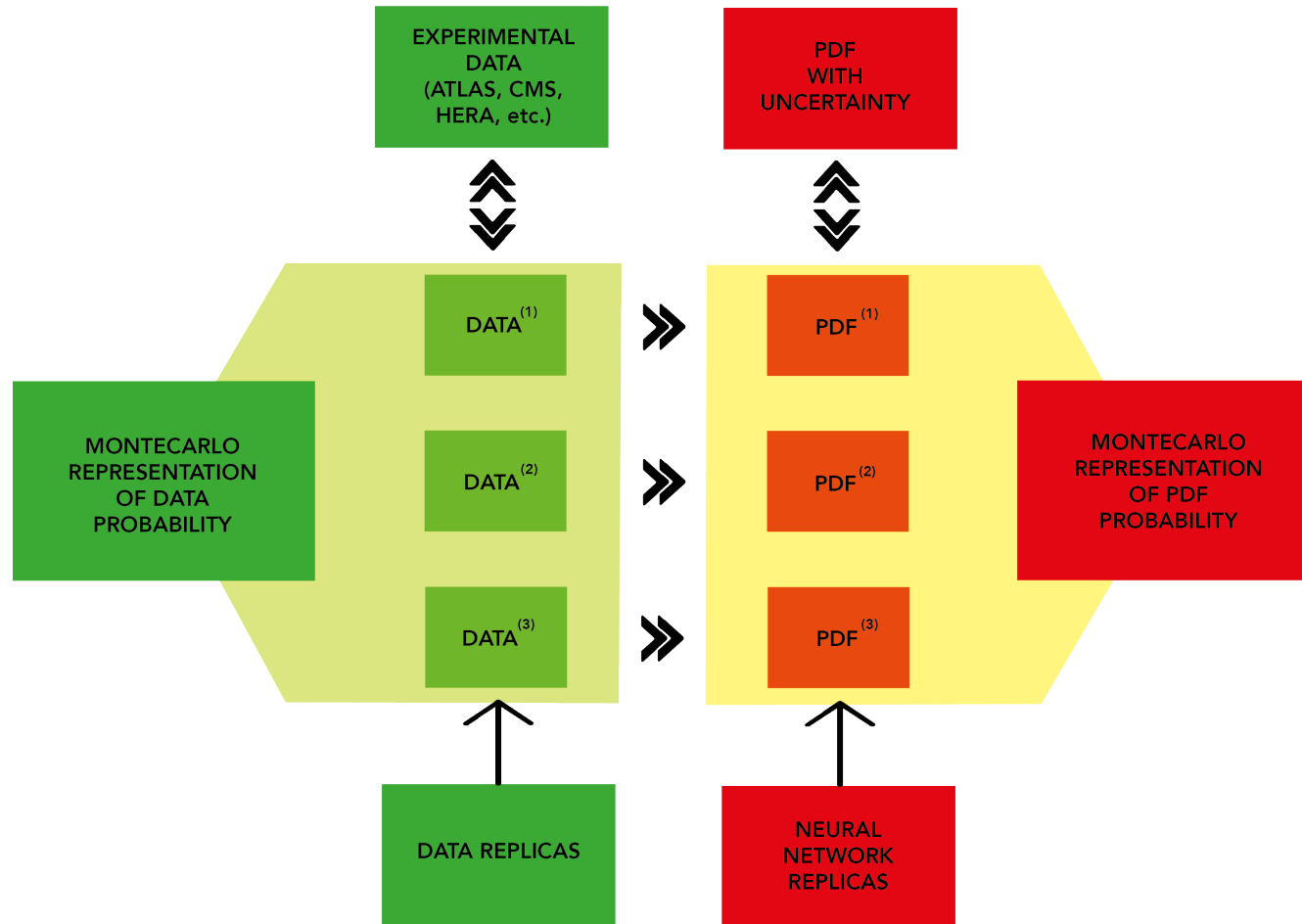
MONTE CARLO REPRESENTATION



$\mu^{(i)} \Leftrightarrow$ **REPLICA SAMPLE** \Leftrightarrow REPRESENTATION OF PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

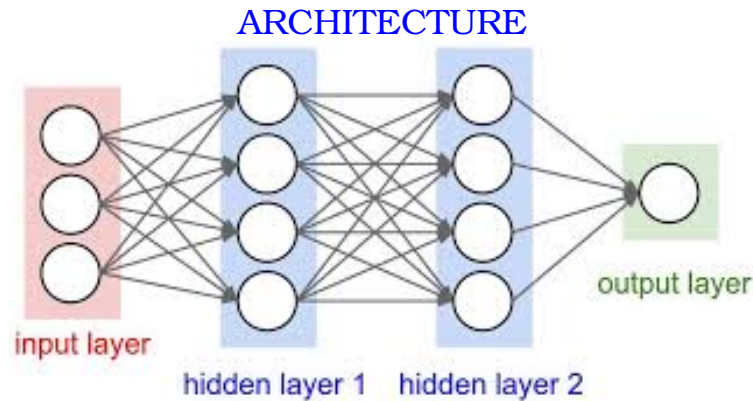
THE NNPDF APPROACH THE FUNCTIONAL MONTE CARLO

REPLICA SAMPLE OF FUNCTIONS \Leftrightarrow PROBABILITY DENSITY IN FUNCTION SPACE

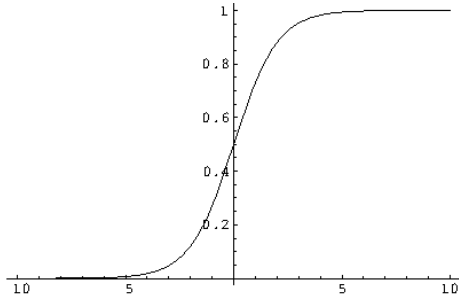


FINAL PDF SET: $f_i^{(a)}(x, \mu)$; $i = \text{up, antiup, down, antidown, strange, antistrange, charm, gluon}$; $j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{rep}}$

UNBIASED INTERPOLANTS: NEURAL NETWORKS



ACTIVATION FUNCTION



PARAMETERS

- WEIGHTS ω_{ij}
- THRESHOLDS θ_i

$$F_{\text{out}}^{(i)}(\vec{x}_{\text{in}}) = F \left(\sum_j \omega_{ij} x_{\text{in}}^j - \theta_i \right)$$

SIMPLEST EXAMPLE

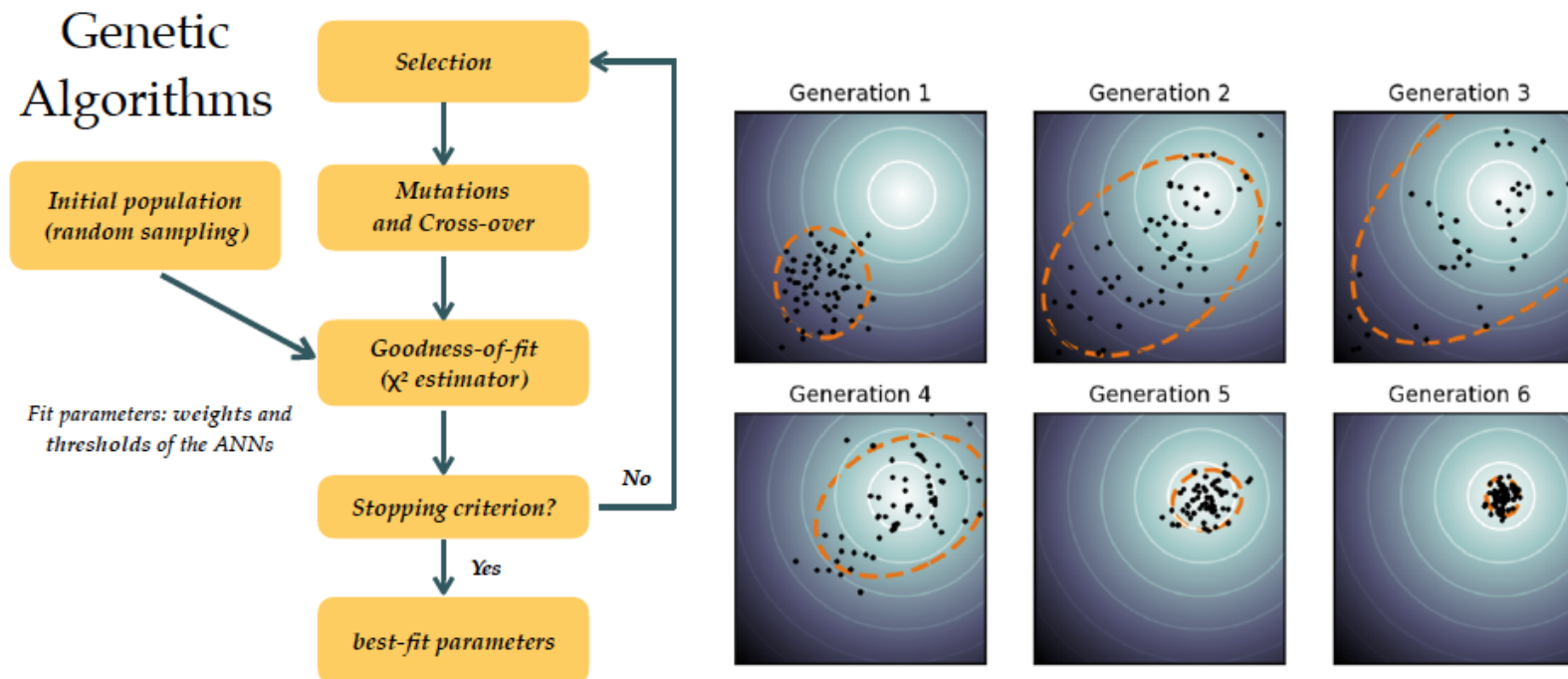
1-2-1

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\theta_1^{(3)} - \frac{\omega_{11}^{(2)}}{1 + e^{\theta_1^{(2)} - x\omega_{11}^{(1)}}} - \frac{\omega_{12}^{(2)}}{1 + e^{\theta_2^{(2)} - x\omega_{21}^{(1)}}}}}$$

NNPDF: 2 – 5 – 3 – 1 NN FOR EACH PDF: $37 \times 8 = 296$ PARAMETERS

SUPERVISED LEARNING GENETIC ALGORITHMS

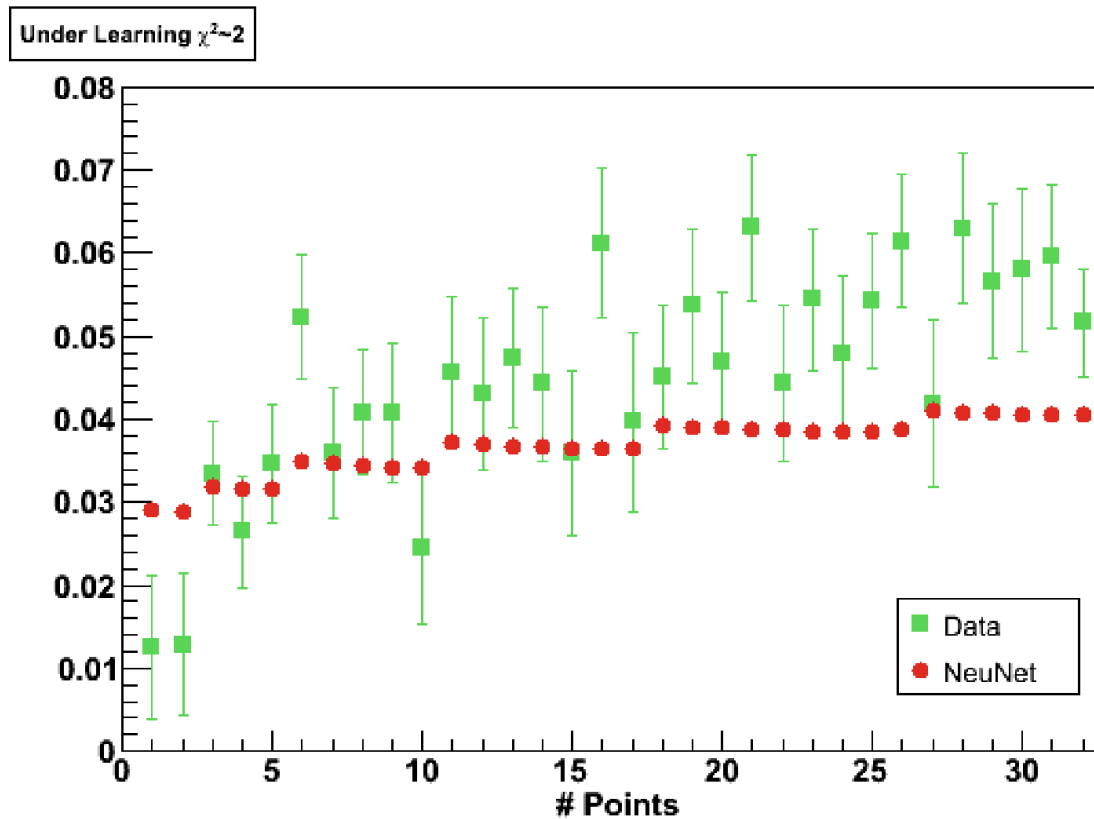
- BASIC IDEA: RANDOM MUTATION OF THE NN PARAMETER
- SELECTION OF THE FITTEST



NEURAL LEARNING

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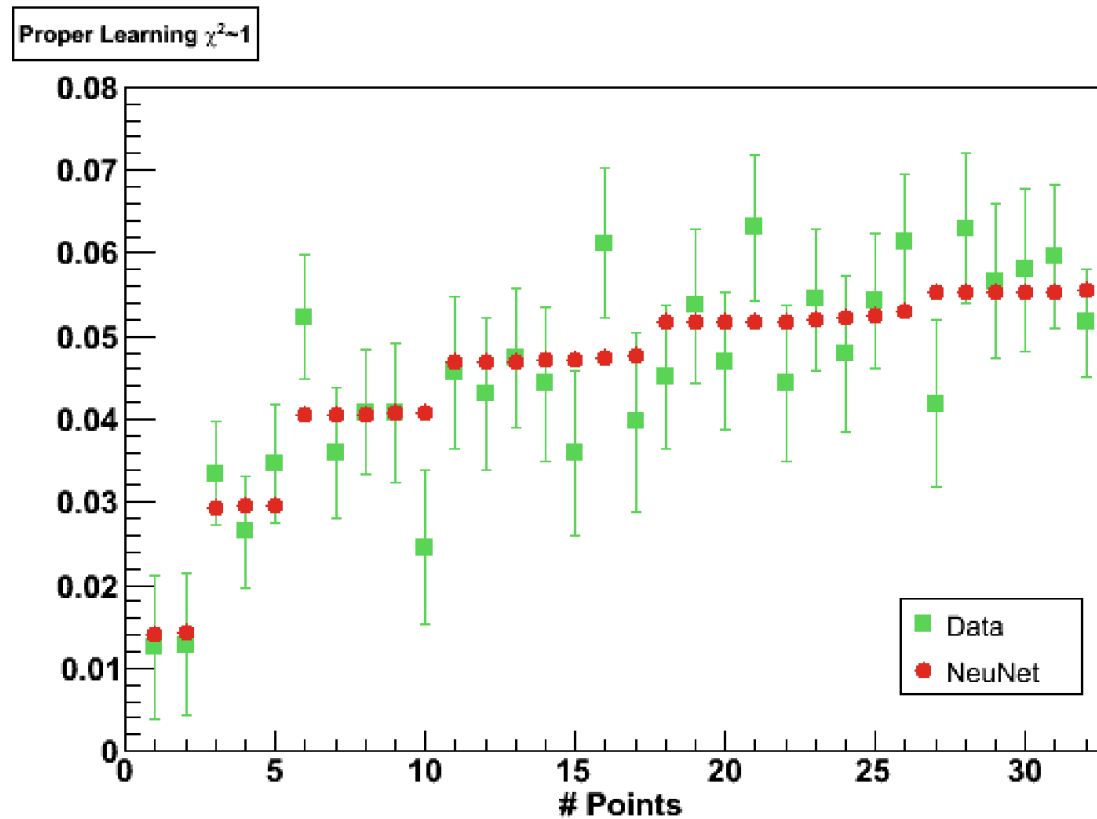
UNDERLEARNING



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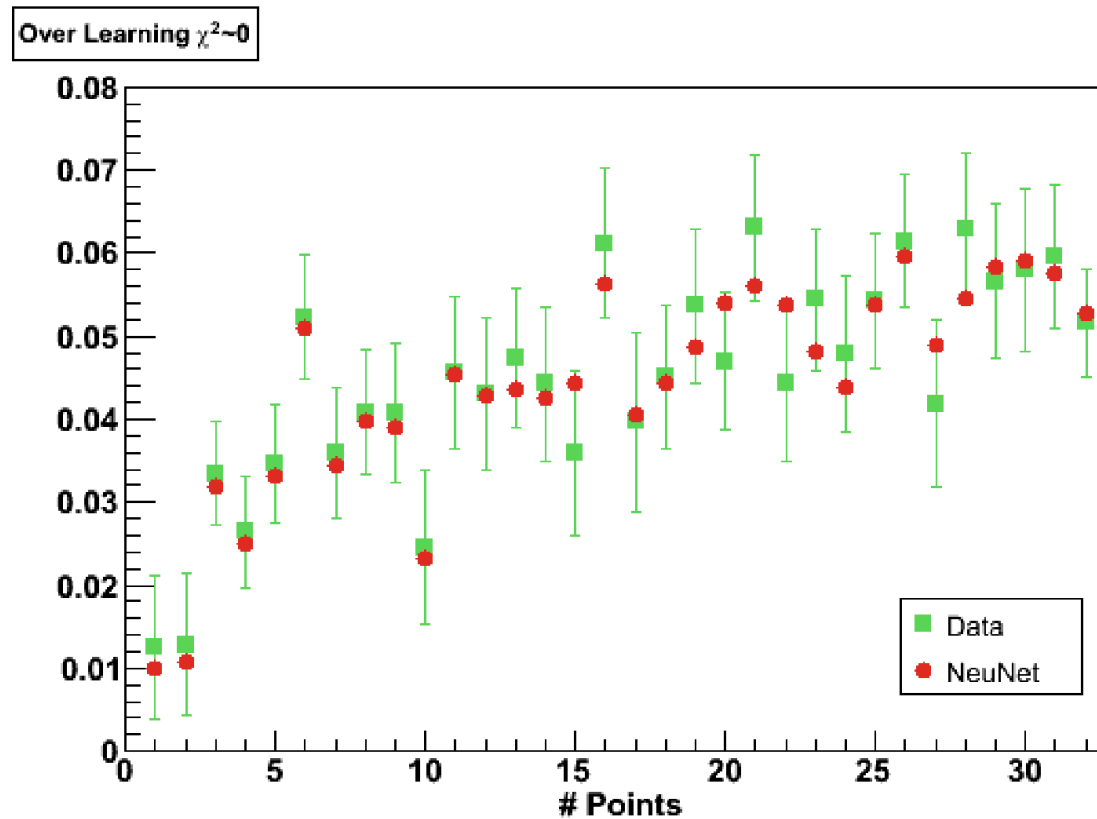
PROPER LEARNING



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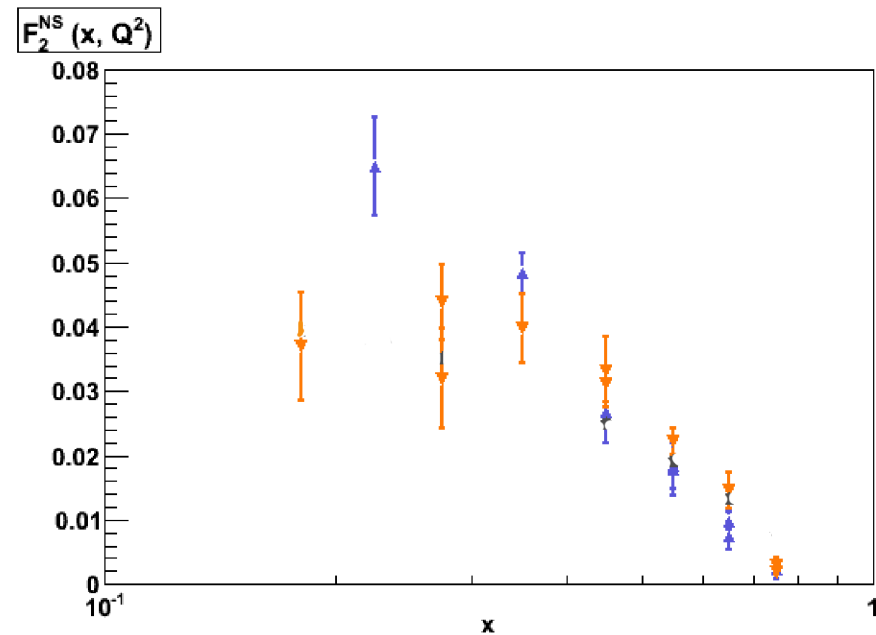


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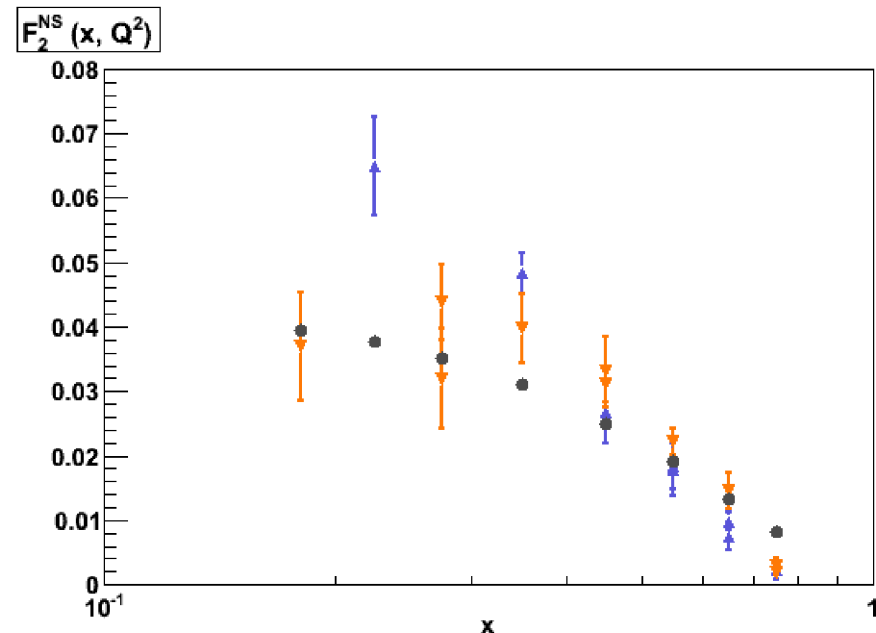
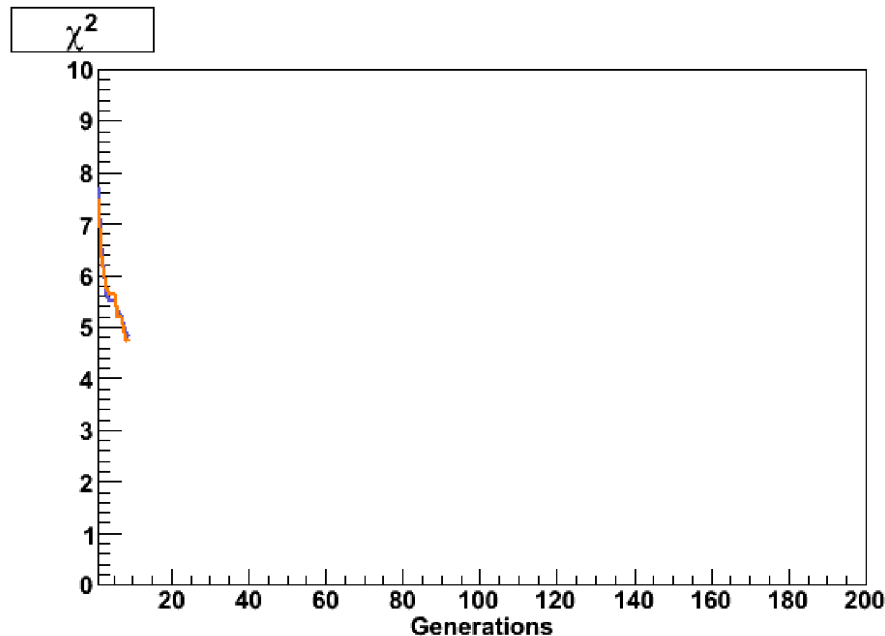
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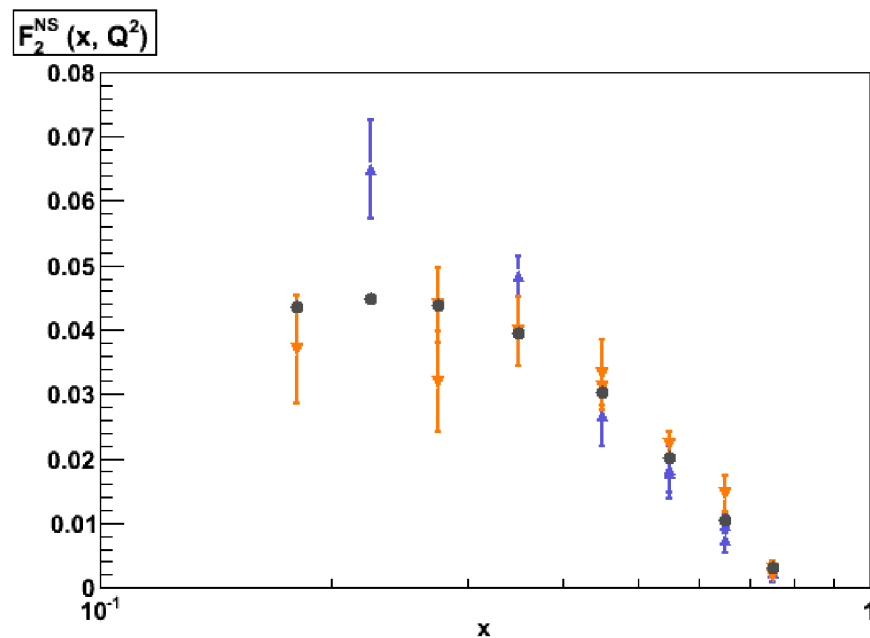
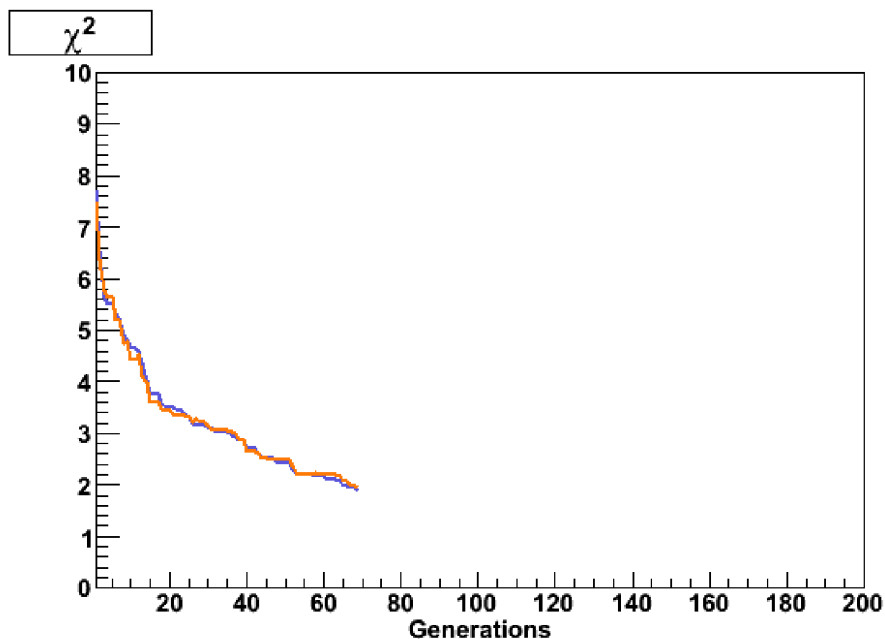
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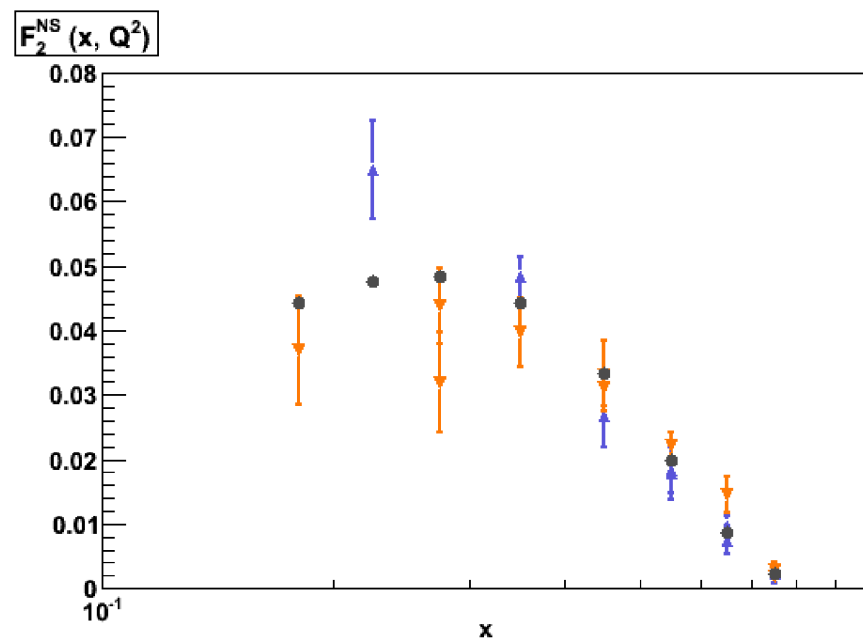
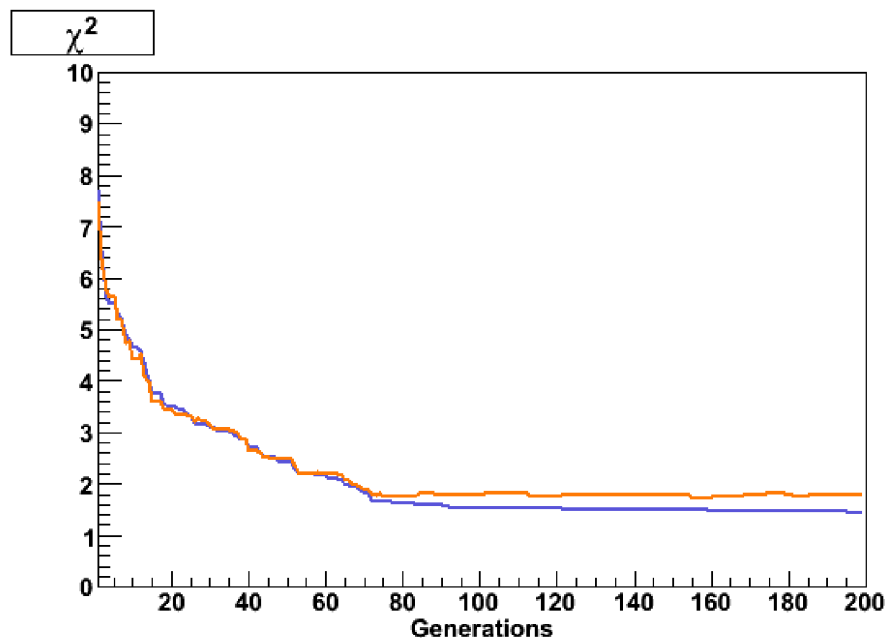
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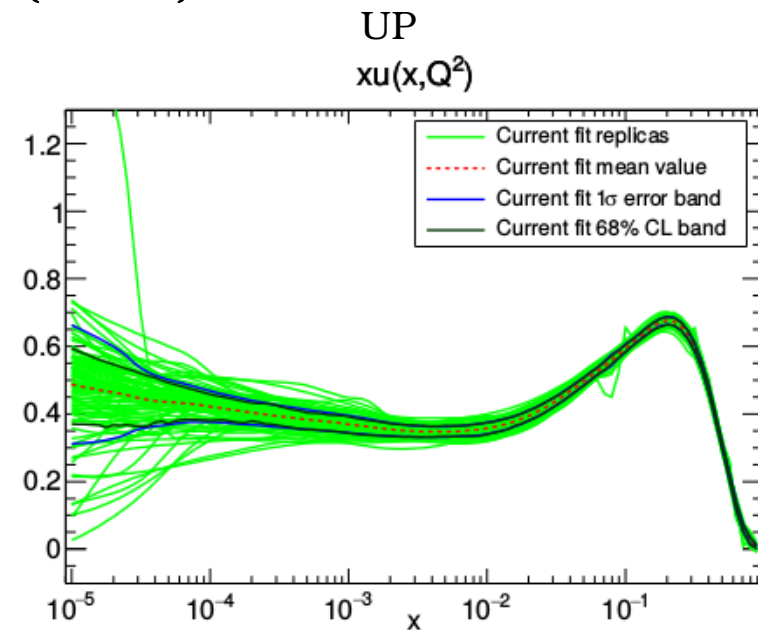
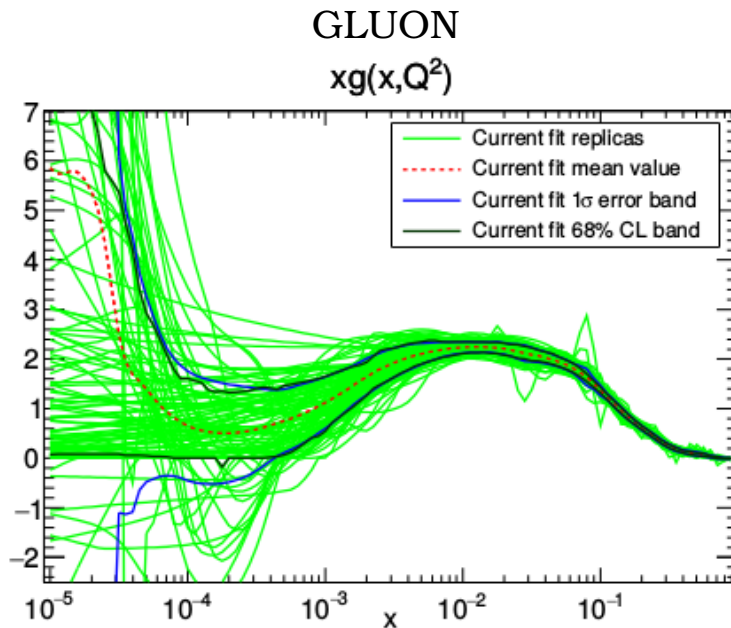
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TOO LATE!



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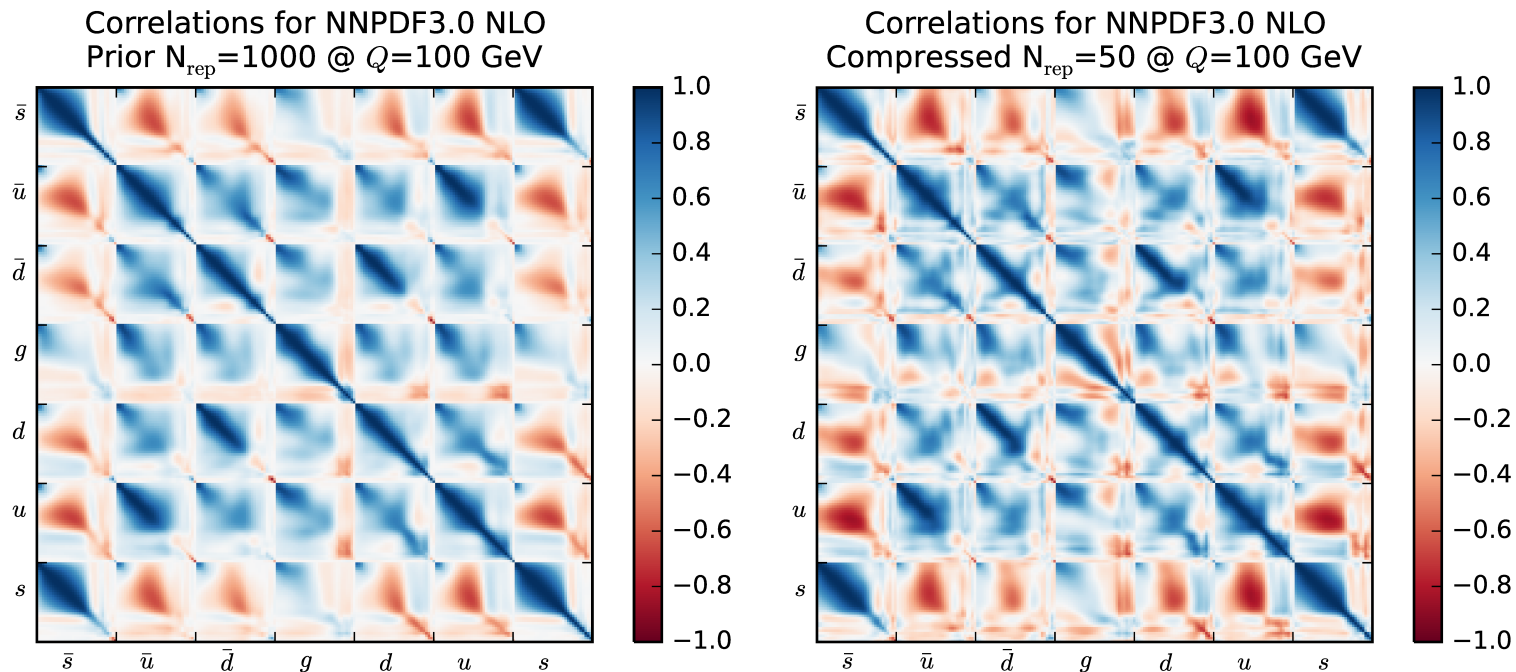


- PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OF PDFs \leftrightarrow ENSEMBLE OF REPLICAS
- EXPECTED CENTRAL VALUE \leftrightarrow MEAN
- UNCERTAINTY \leftrightarrow STANDARD DEVIATION
- 68% C.L. ALSO SHOWN

UNSUPERVISED LEARNING OPTIMIZATION

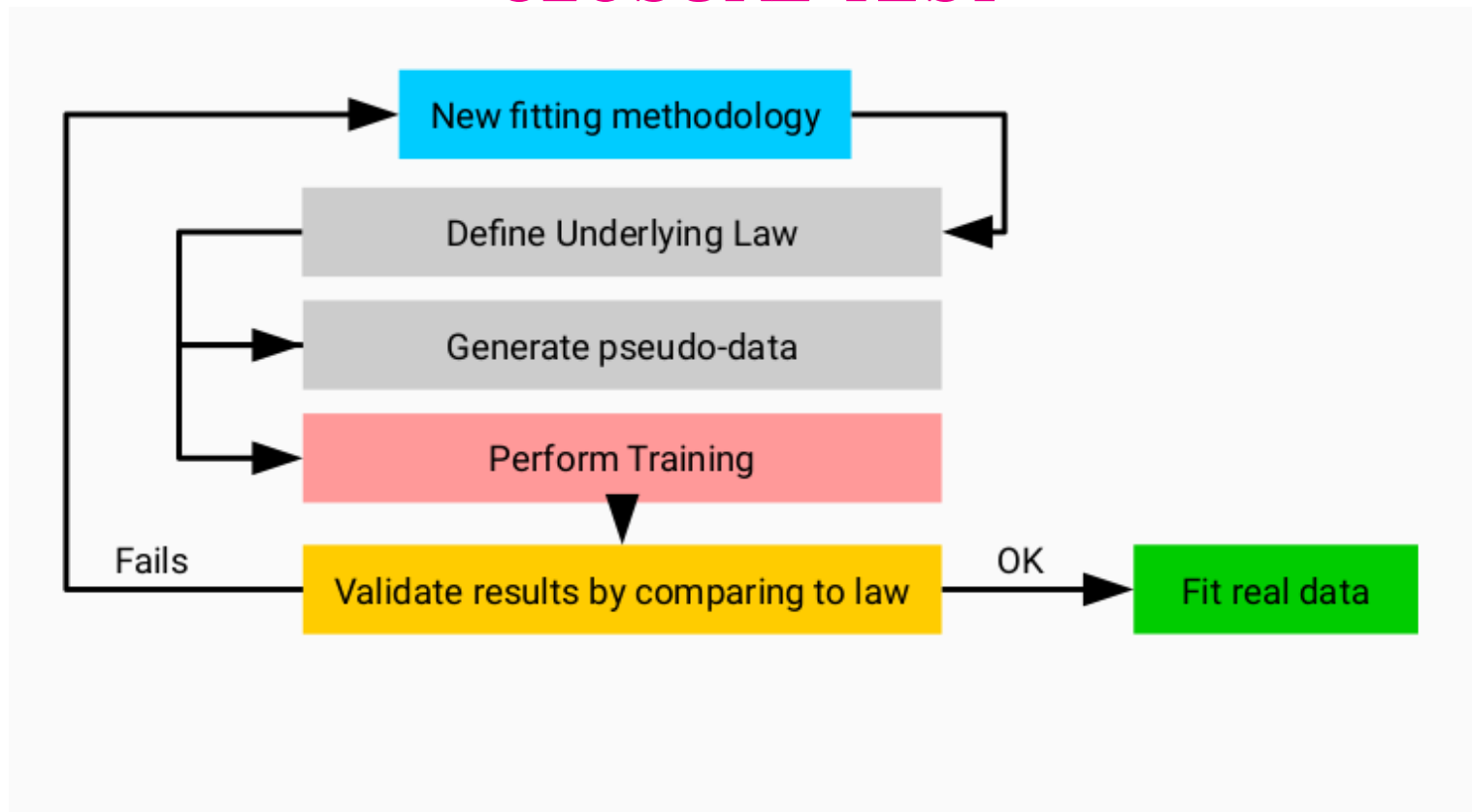
- HOW TO MAXIMIZE ACCURACY?
- LARGE (PRIOR) REPLICA SET
- GENETIC SELECTION \Rightarrow OPTIMIZATION OF STATISTICAL INDICATORS (KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIVERGENCE)
- 50 OPTIMIZES REPLICAS \Leftrightarrow 1000 STARTING REPLICAS

CORRELATION MATRIX



HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE GOT THE RIGHT ANSWER

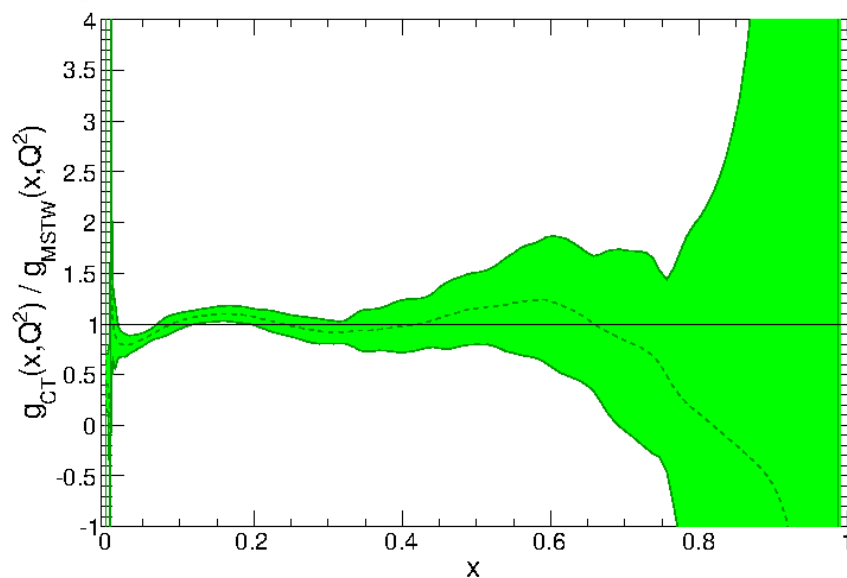
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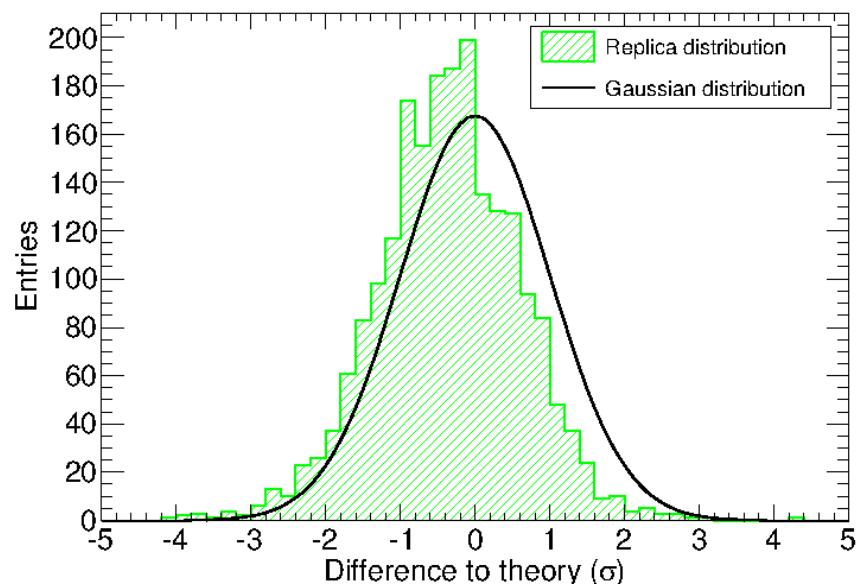
FIRST CLOSURE TEST (NNPDF3.0; 2014)

NORMALIZED DISTRIBUTION OF DEVIATIONS

THE GLUON: RESULT/"TRUTH"
Ratio of Closure Test g to MSTW2008



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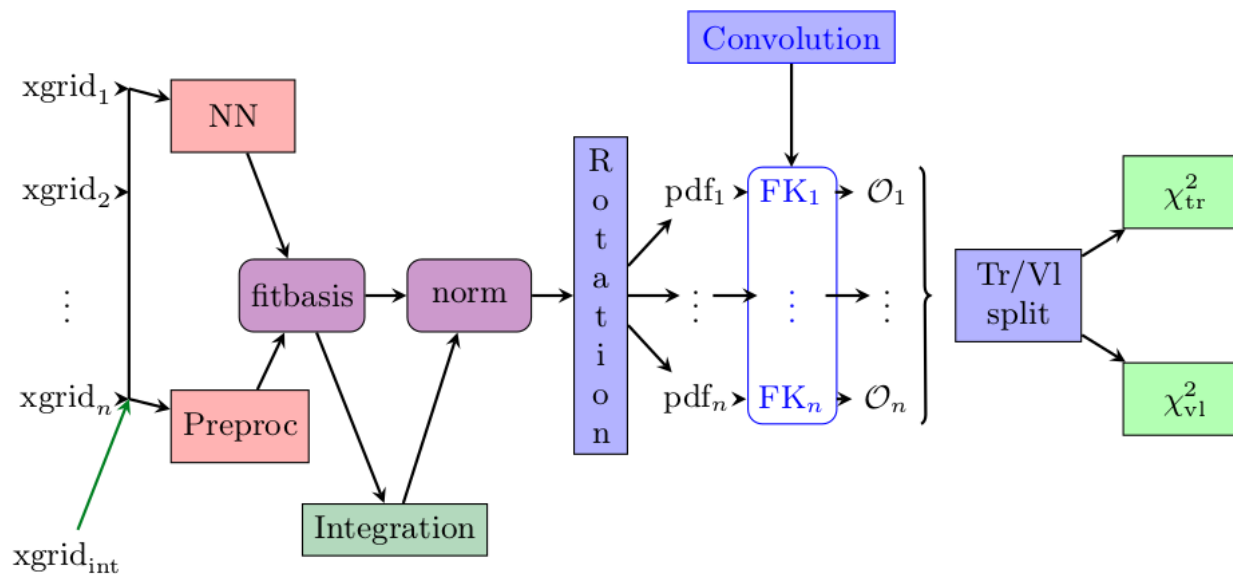


- THE METHODOLOGY IS FAITHFUL
- BUT IS IT OPTIMAL?

FITTING THE METHODOLOGY THE N3FIT PROJECT

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE METHODOLOGY IS THE BEST?
“ACCUMULATED WISDOM” INEFFICIENT AND SLOW

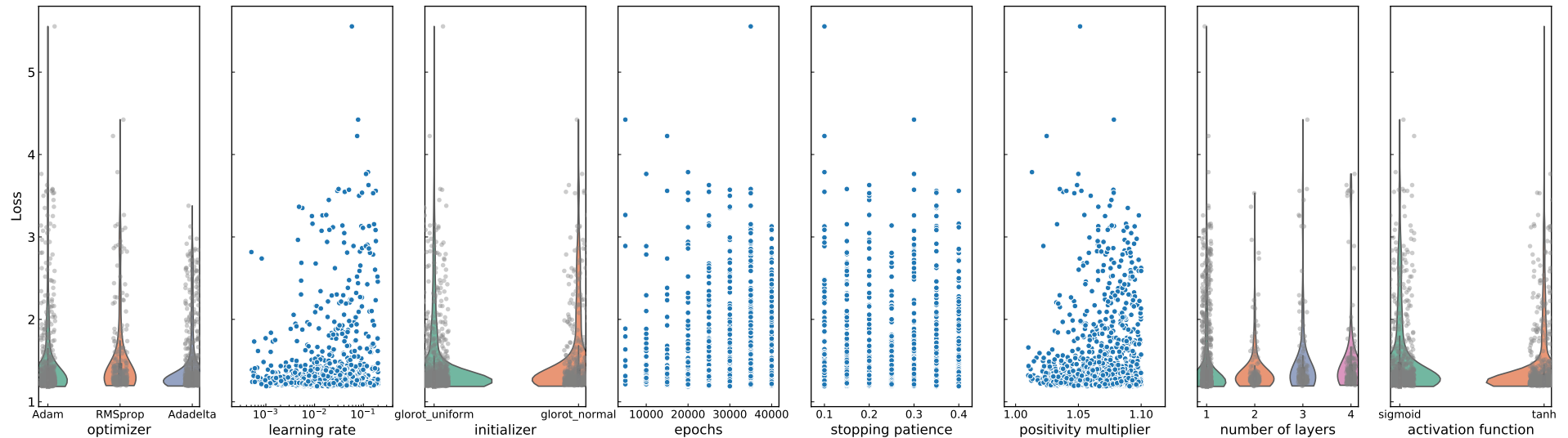
CHANGE OF PHILOSOPHY \Rightarrow DETERMINISTIC MINIMIZATION (GRADIENT DESCENT)
GO FOR THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AND (HYPER)OPTIMIZE



(Carrazza, Cruz-Martinez, 2019)

- PYTHON-BASED KERAS + TENSORFLOW FRAMEWORK
- EACH BLOCK INDEPENDENT LAYER
- CAN VARY ALL ASPECT OF METHODOLOGY

FITTING THE METHODOLOGY HYPEROPTIMIZATION SCANS



HYPEROPT PARAMETERS

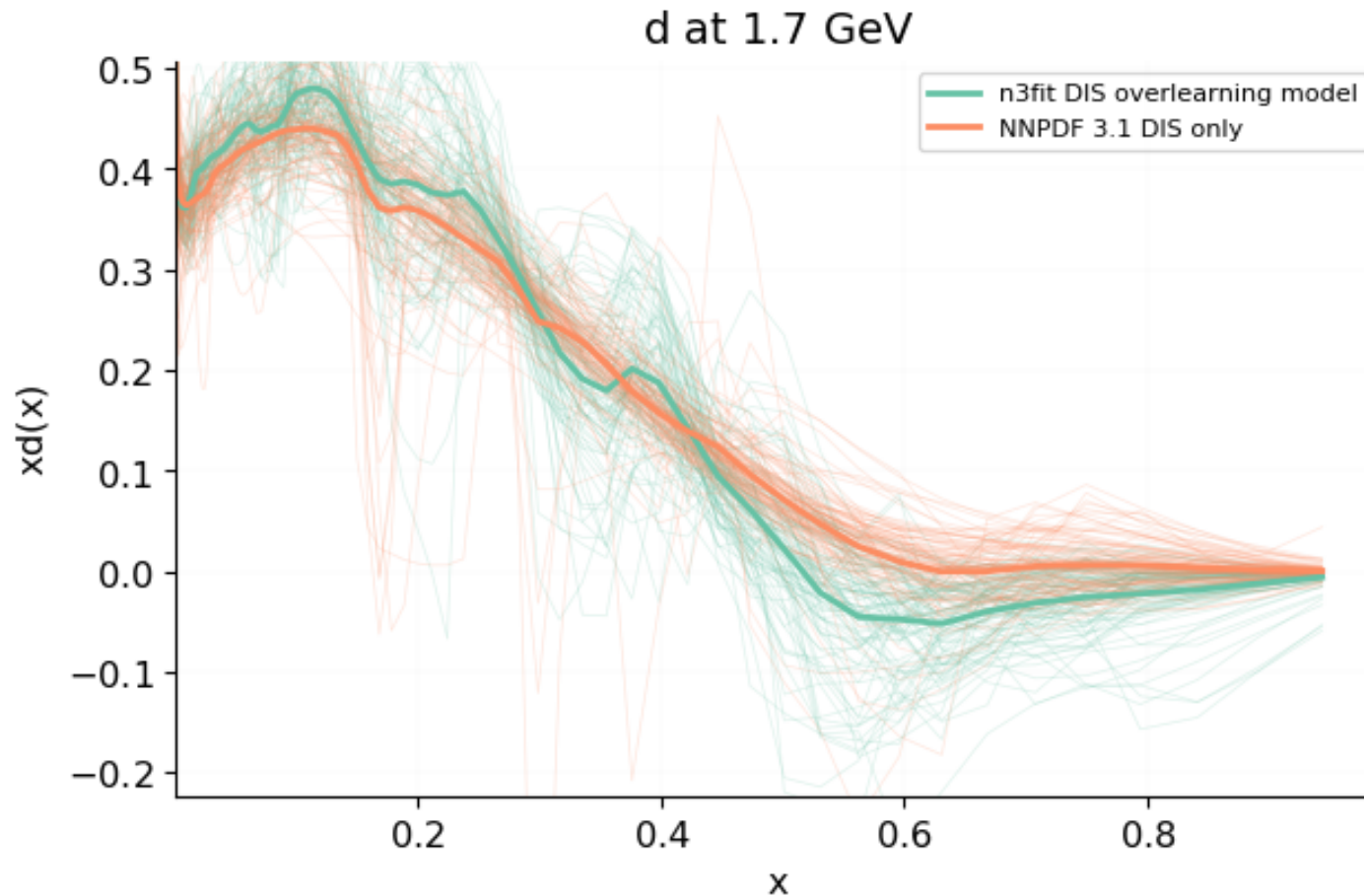
NEURAL NETWORK	FIT OPTIONS
NUMBER OF LAYERS (*)	OPTIMIZER (*)
SIZE OF EACH LAYER	INITIAL LEARNING RATE (*)
DROPOUT	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EPOCHS (*)
ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS (*)	STOPPING PATIENCE (*)
INITIALIZATION FUNCTIONS (*)	POSITIVITY MULTIPLIER (*)

- **SCAN** PARAMETER SPACE
- **OPTIMIZE** FIGURE OF MERIT
- **BAYESIAN** UPDATING

FITTING THE METHODOLOGY

THE OVERFITTING PROBLEM

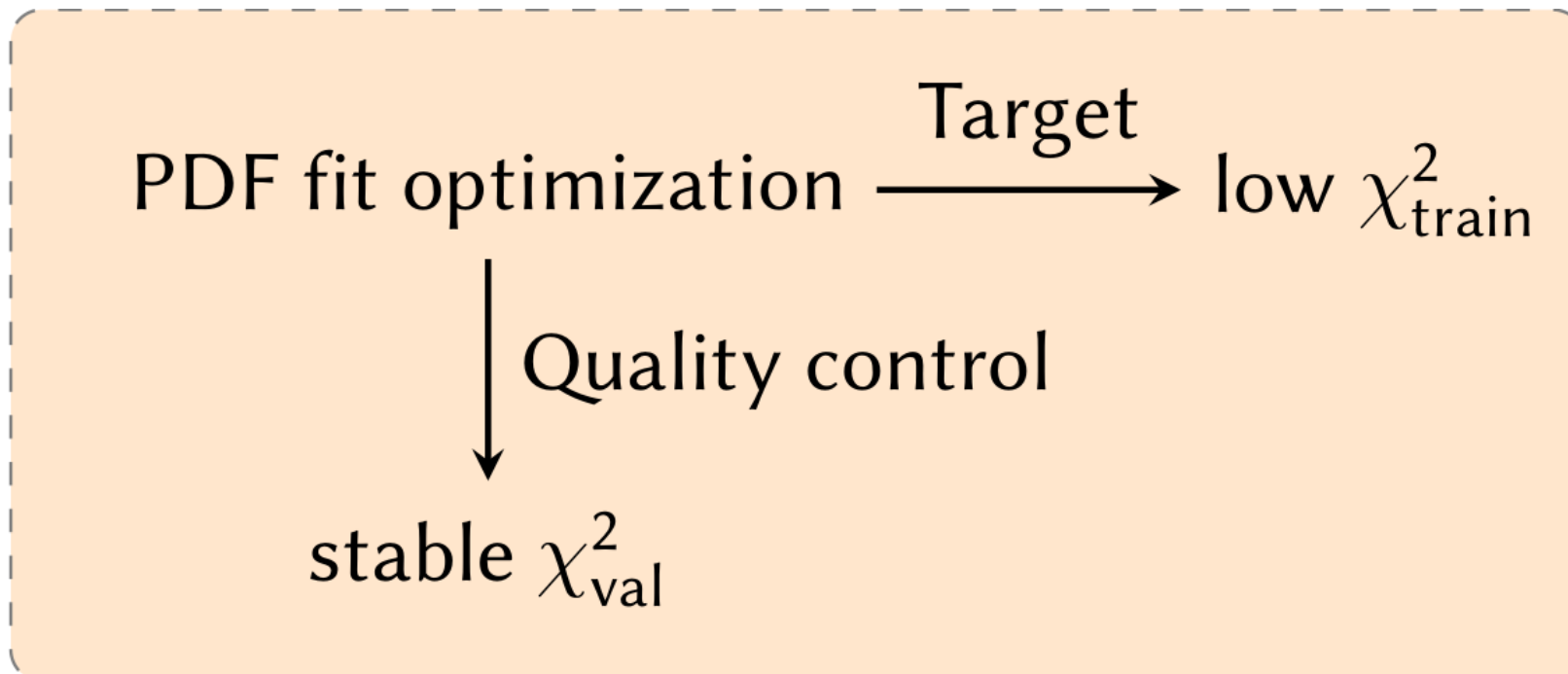
DOWN QUARK: HYPEROPTIMIZED VS. STANDARD



- **OVERFITTING** $\Rightarrow \chi^2_{\text{train}} \ll \chi^2_{\text{valid}}$!! & **WIGGLY** PDFS
- **CORRELATIONS** BETWEEN DATA IN A SET

WHAT HAPPENED?

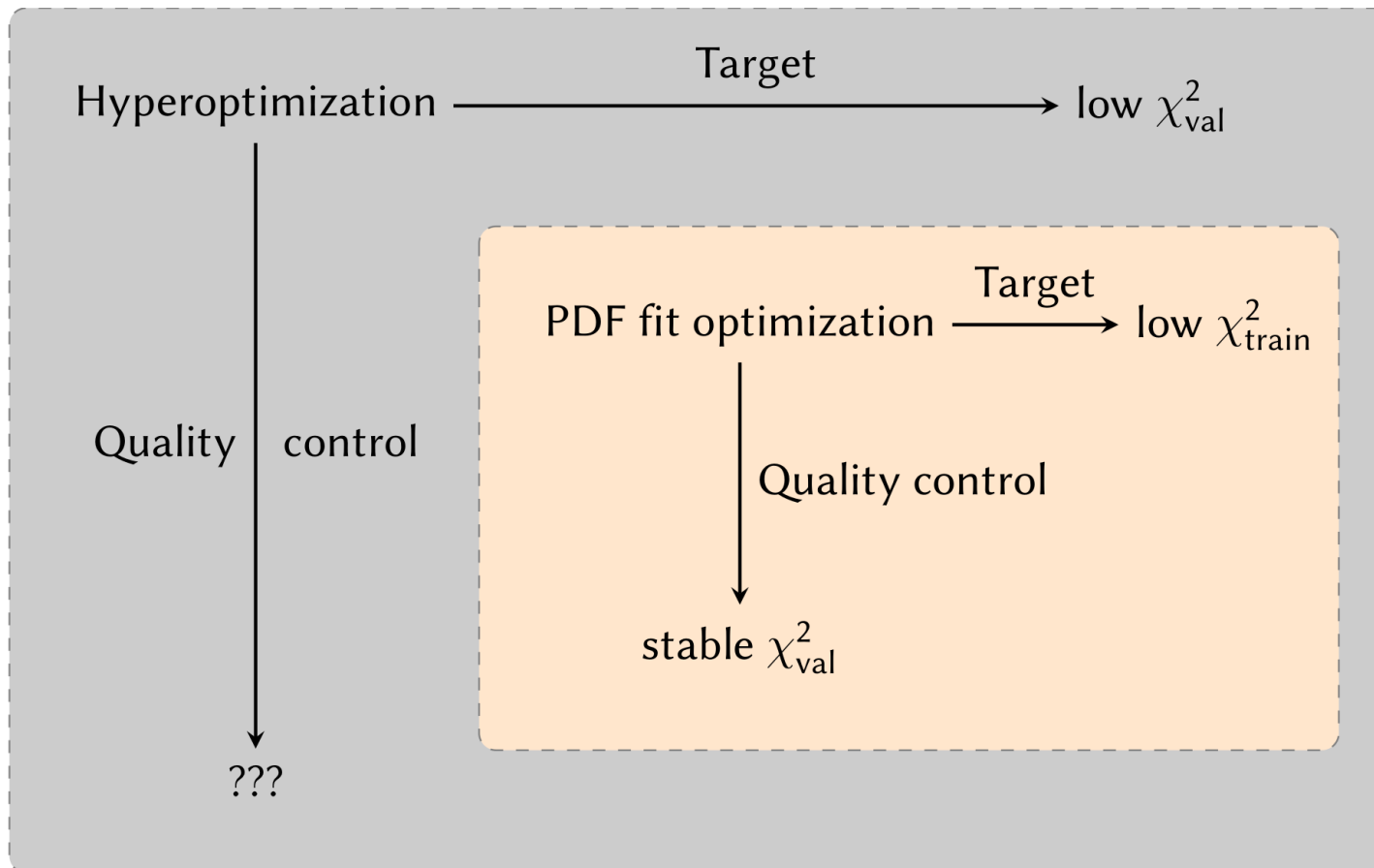
OPTIMIZATION



CROSS-VALIDATION SELECTS THE OPTIMAL MINIMUM

WHAT HAPPENED?

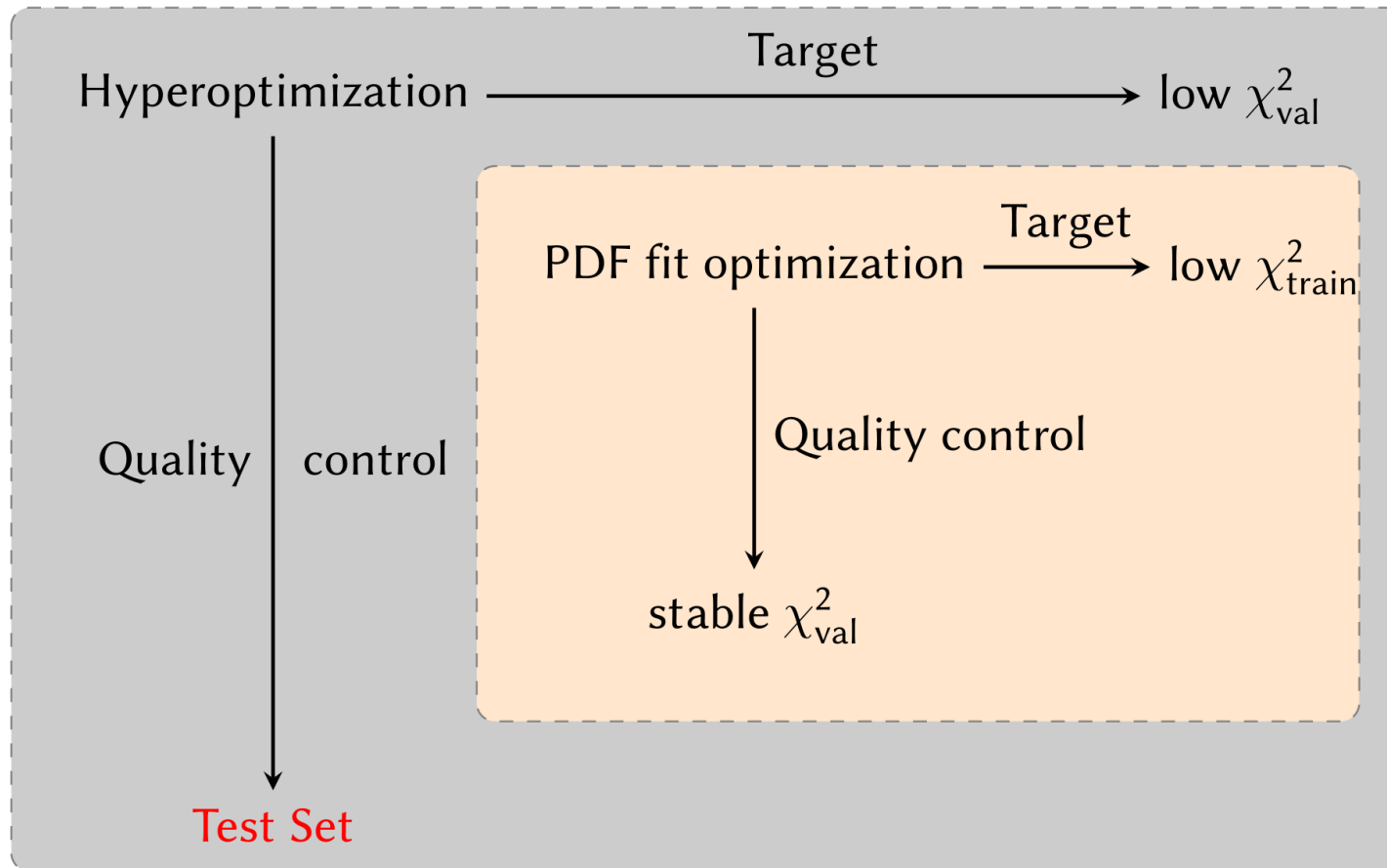
HYPEROPTIMIZATION



WE ARE MISSING A SELECTION CRITERION

MACHINE LEARNING THE SOLUTION

TUNED HYPEROPTIMIZATION



COMPARE TO A **A TEST SET** (NEW SET OF DATA PREVIOUSLY NOT USED AT ALL)
TESTS **GENERALIZATION POWER**

THE TEST SET METHOD

- COMPLETELY UNCORRELATED TEST SET
- OPTIMIZE ON WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF VALIDATION AND TEST
⇒ NO OVERLEARNING

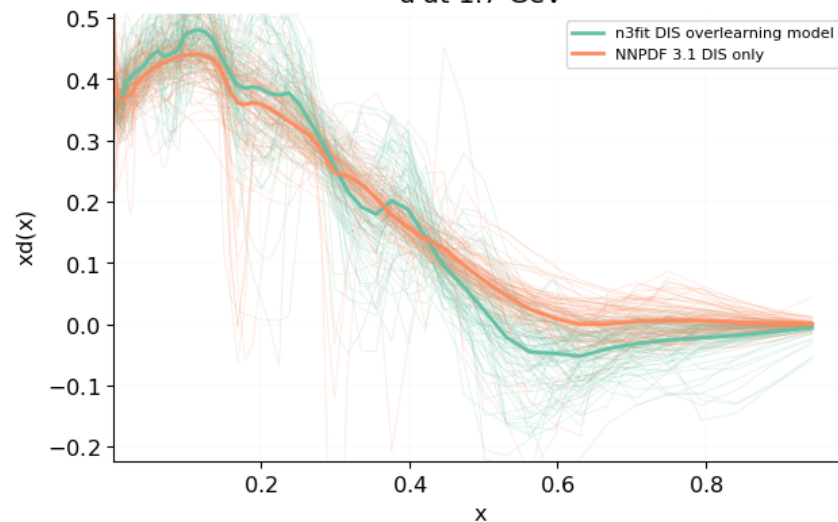
OPTIMIZED PDFs

DOWN QUARK

N3 OVERFIT vs NNPDF3.1

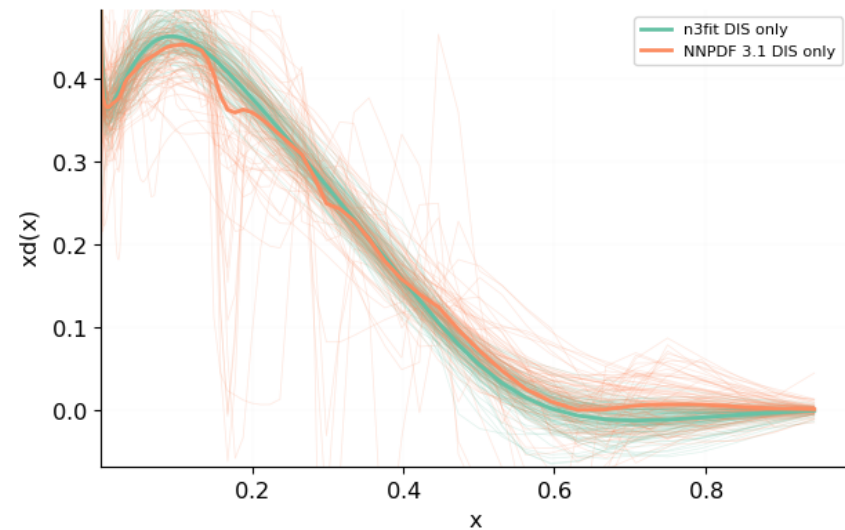
d QUARK

d at 1.7 GeV



N3FIT vs NNPDF3.1

d at 1.7 GeV



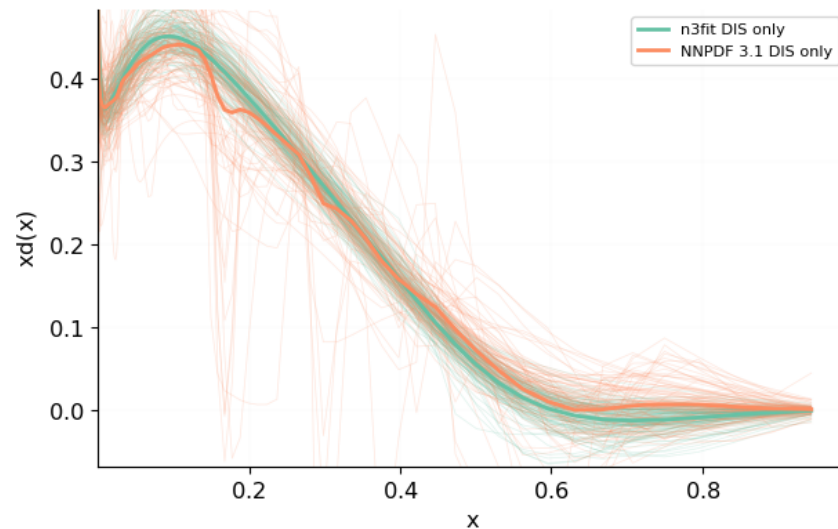
THE TEST SET METHOD

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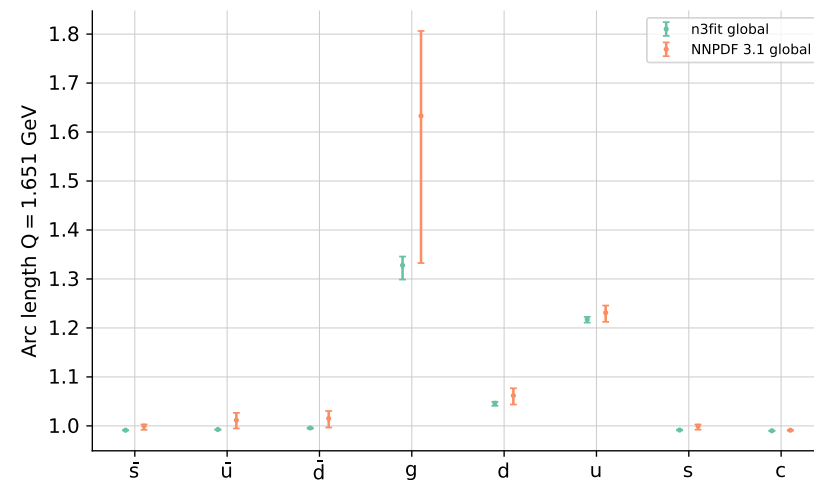
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d QUARK

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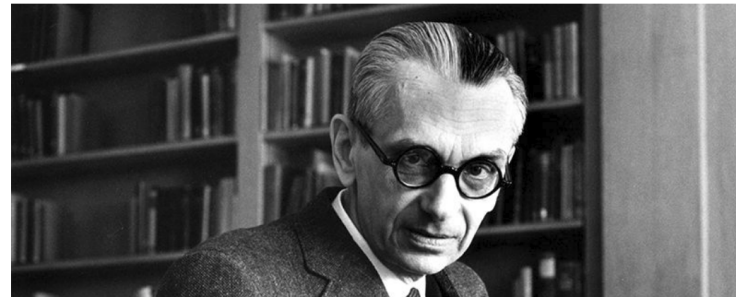


ARCLENGTHS



- NO OVERFITTING
- COMPARED TO NNPDF3.1
 - MUCH GREATER STABILITY \Rightarrow FEWER REPLICAS FOR EQUAL ACCURACY
 - UNCERTAINTIES SOMEWHAT REDUCED

FITTING THE METHODOLOGY
WHAT IS “PROPER LEARNING”?
FORECASTING AN UNKNOWN TRUTH \Rightarrow WHAT IS “OPTIMAL”?



SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS/CRITERIA

- PASS A CLOSURE TEST
- PASS A “FUTURE TEST”:
GENERALIZE TO CURRENT DATA BASED ON PAST DATA
- REPRODUCE THE EXPECTED STATISTICAL PROPERTIES:
 $\text{ONE } \sigma \Leftrightarrow \Delta\chi^2 = 1$
- SATISFY THEORETICAL PREJUDICE?

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING?

THE WORK OF MANY PEOPLE



NNPDF collaboration and N^3 PDF team meeting,
Varenna, Italy, September 2019

“Io stimo più il trovare un vero, benché di cosa leggiera, che il disputar lungamente delle massime questioni senza verità nissuna”

“I am more interested in uncovering a fact, however trifling, than to dispute at length about profound questions devoid of any truth”

Galileo Galilei, letter to Tommaso Campanella