

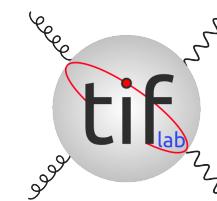


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# “INTRINSIC” CONSTITUENTS IN THE PROTON AT THE SSC (1984)

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## INTRINSIC CHEVROLETS AT THE SSC

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### Summary

The possibility of the production at high energy of heavy quarks, supersymmetric particles and other large mass colored systems via the intrinsic twist-six components in the proton wave function is discussed. While the existing data do not rule out the possible relevance of intrinsic charm production at present energies, the extrapolation of such intrinsic contributions to very high masses and energies suggests that they will not play an important role at the SSC.

sufficiently large. The data from the EMC collaboration<sup>4</sup> on deep-inelastic muon scattering could also be interpreted as suggesting an unexpectedly large charm structure function in the region  $z > 0.3$ .

The possible existence of such a new production mechanism is of great importance for design considerations at the SSC<sup>5,6</sup>. An example of the importance of this issue is that, if intrinsic large  $x$  production is dominant, experiments and, perhaps, even the machine should be designed to focus on the forward “diffractive” regime<sup>6</sup>. The quan-

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## Evidence for intrinsic charm quarks in the proton

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### Abstract

The theory of the strong force, quantum chromodynamics, describes the proton in terms of quarks and gluons. The proton is a state of two up quarks and one down quark bound by gluons, but quantum theory predicts that in addition there is an infinite number of quark–antiquark pairs. Both light and heavy quarks, whose mass is respectively smaller or bigger than the mass of the proton, are revealed inside the proton in high-energy collisions.

However, it is unclear whether heavy quarks also exist as a part of the proton wavefunction, which is determined by non-perturbative dynamics and accordingly unknown: so-called intrinsic heavy quarks<sup>1</sup>. It has been argued for a long time that the proton could have a sizable intrinsic component of the lightest heavy quark, the charm quark. Innumerable efforts to

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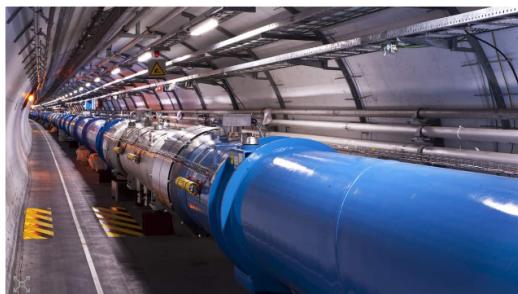
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## Proton bevat een wonderlijk extra deeltje: de 'charm quark'

Protonen, fundamentele bouwstenen van alle materie, blijken een nieuw ingrediënt te bevatten: de 'charm quark'. Natuurkundigen reageren opgetogen: 'Verbazingwekkend dat er nog iets nieuws valt te leren over een oude bekende als het proton.'

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## Une étude confirme que le proton possède un quark charm intrinsèque

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## Physicists surprised to discover the proton contains a charm quark

The textbook description of a proton says it contains three smaller particles - two up quarks and a down quark - but a new analysis has found strong evidence that it also holds a charm quark



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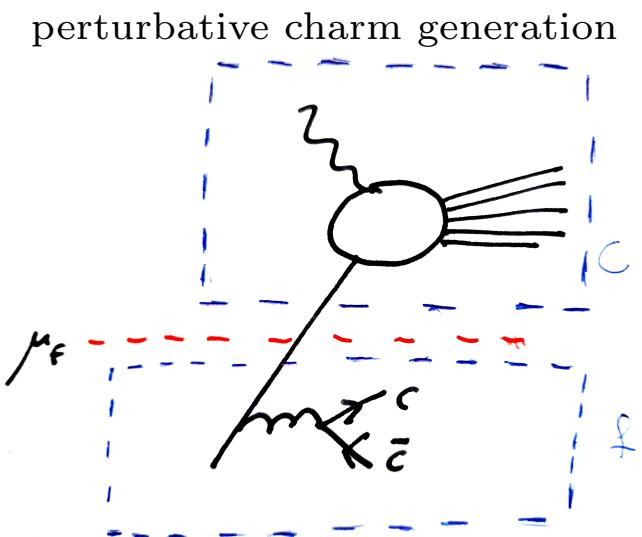
## Un nuovo studio fa luce su una sorprendente caratteristica della struttura dei protoni

Pubblicato sulla rivista *Nature* spiega come anche i *quark charm*, insieme ai più noti e leggeri *quark up* e *quark down*, siano da annoverarsi tra i componenti intrinseci dei costituenti atomici, confermando un'ipotesi elaborata oltre 40 anni fa

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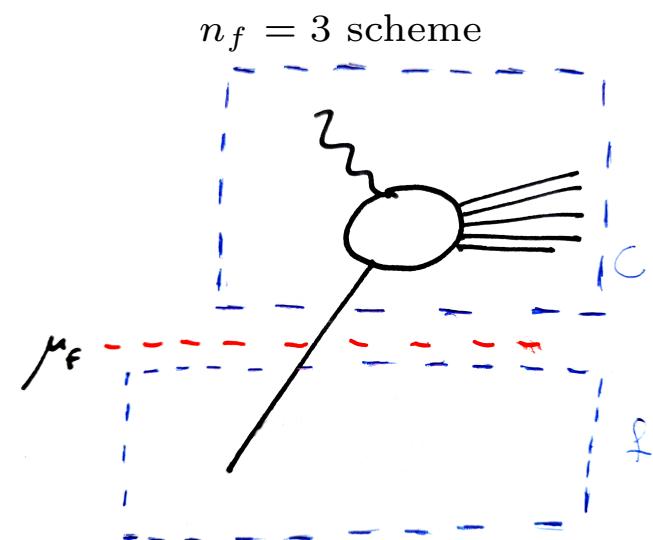
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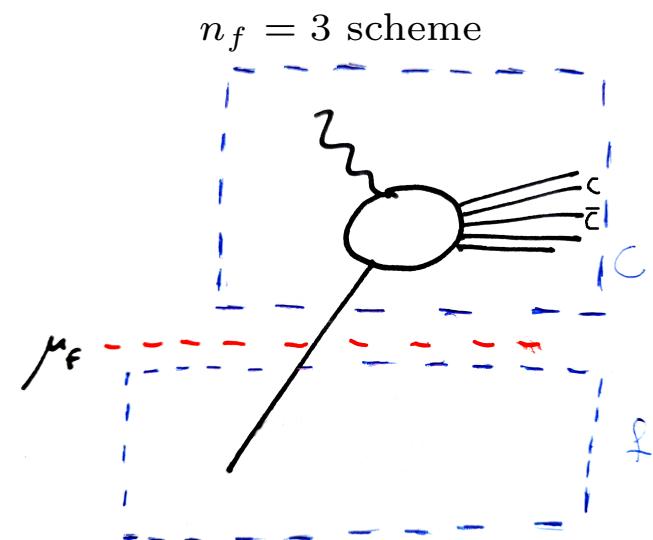
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- PERTURBATIVE CHARM PRODUCTION IN COEFFICIENT FUNCTION



## DECOUPLING

- DECOUPLING SCHEME  $\Rightarrow$  HEAVY FLAVOR GRAPHS  
SUBTRACTED AT ZERO MOMENTUM (Collins, Wilczek, Zee, 1978)
- $N_f = 3$  ACTIVE FLAVORS IN  $\beta$  FUNCTION & EVOLUTION EQUATIONS
- DECOUPLING VS  $\overline{\text{MS}}$   $\Leftrightarrow$  DIFFERENT RENORMALIZATION & FACTORIZATION SCHEMES

## MATCHING

- PDFs,  $\alpha_s$  IN  $N_f = 3$  &  $N_f = 4$   
RELATED BY MATCHING CONDITIONS
- DETERMINED BY COMPUTING  
OPERATOR MATRIX ELEMENTS
- IN EITHER SCHEME AND EQUATING:

NNLO (Buza, et al., 1998),

$N^3\text{LO}$  (Ablinger, Blümlein et al, 2009-2022)

OME CONTRIBUTING  
TO THE CHARM PDF  
SOLID  $\Rightarrow$  HEAVY; DASHED  $\Rightarrow$  LIGHT

M. Buza et al.: Charm

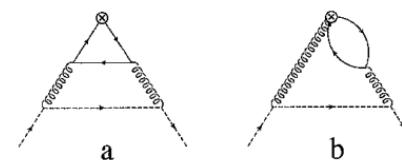


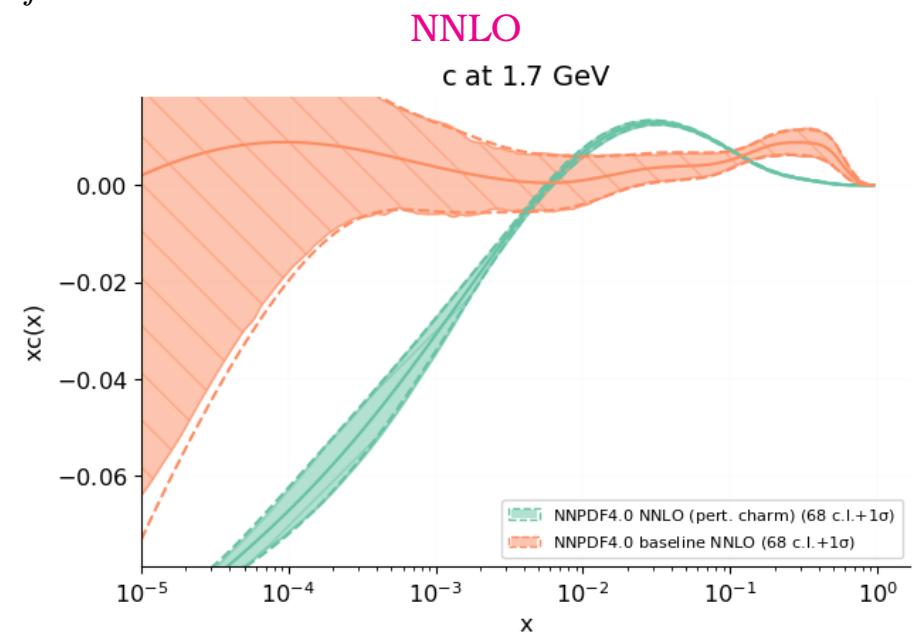
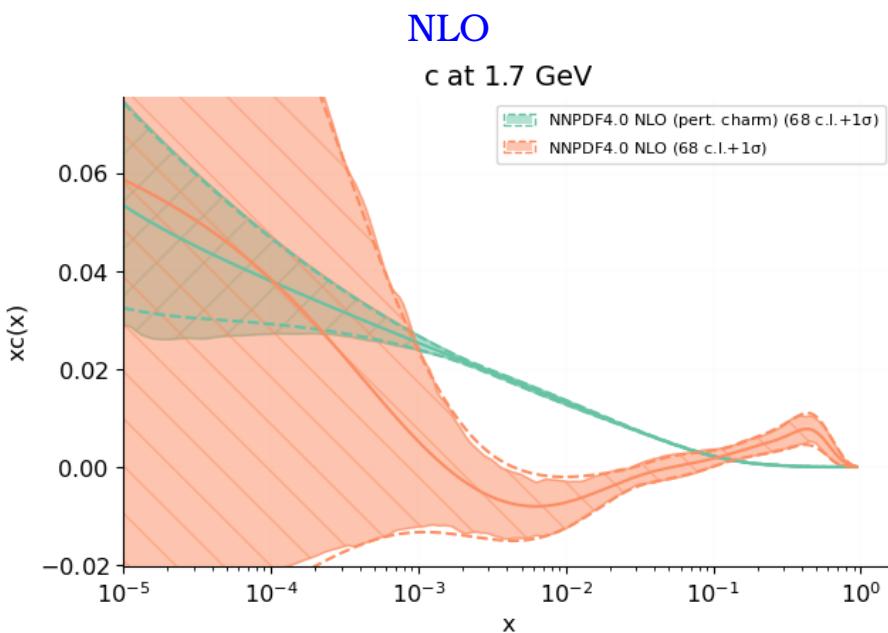
Fig. 2.  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  contributions to the purely-singlet OME  $A_{q'q}^{\text{PS}}$ . Here  $q$  and  $q'$  are represented by the dashed and solid lines respectively. In the case of  $q' = H$  these graphs contribute to the heavy-quark OME  $A_{Hq}^{\text{PS}}$

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## PERTURBATIVE CHARM

- IN  $N_f = 3$  SCHEME CHARM PDF VANISHES
- IN  $N_f = 4$  SCHEME, CHARM DETERMINED BY PERTURBATIVE MATCHING
- STARTING AT NNLO (TWO LOOPS) DOES NOT VANISH AT ANY SCALE
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PERTURBATIVE CHARM PDF,  $n_f = 4$  SCHEME,  $Q=1.7$  GeV



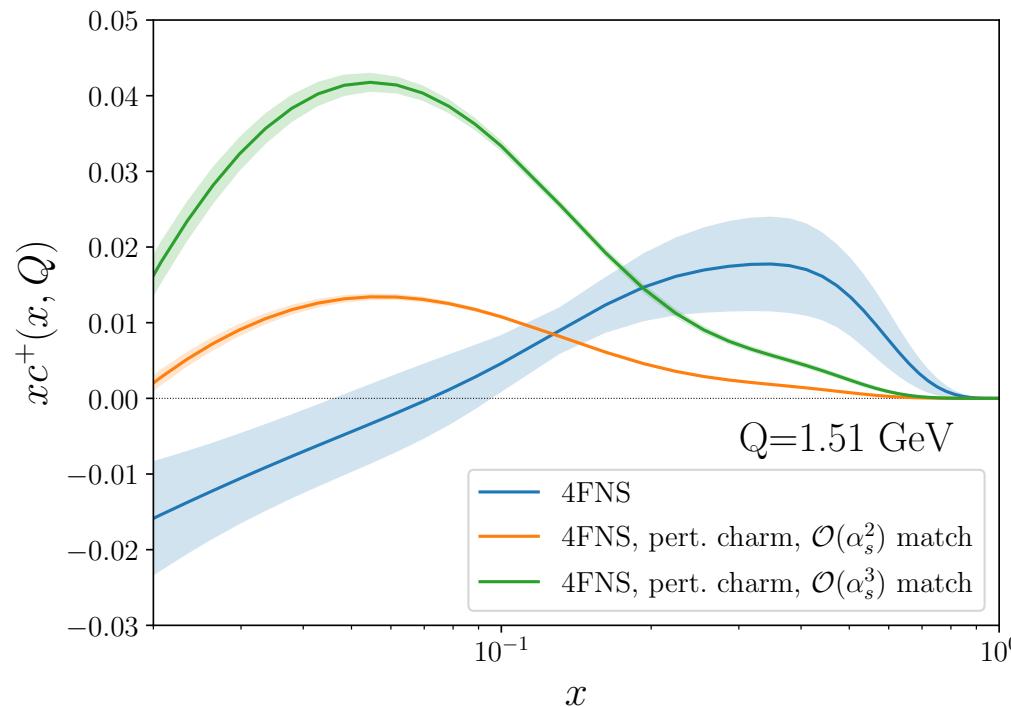
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- SLOW PERTURBATIVE CONVERGENCE  $\Rightarrow$  NNLO AND N<sup>3</sup>LO DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY

PERTURBATIVE CHARM PDF,  $n_f = 4$  SCHEME,  $Q=1.7$  GeV

NNLO VS. N<sup>3</sup>LO  
(NLO IDENTICALLY ZERO)



## WHAT IS INTRINSIC CHARM?

- **DEFINE** CHARM PDF AS OME:

$$\langle p | \bar{c} \gamma^{\mu_1} D^{\mu_2} \dots D^{\mu_n} c | p \rangle = A_c^n p^{\mu_1} \dots p^{\mu_n} - \text{traces}$$

$$A_c^n = \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} c(x)$$

- DO NOT FACTOR CHARM MASS SINGULARITIES INTO OME
- $\Rightarrow$  **CHOOSE**  $n_f = 3$  SCHEME
- **CHARM PDF PURELY INTRINSIC**, SCALE-INDEPENDENT

INTRINSIC CHARM IS CHARM IN THE  $N_F = 3$  (DECOUPLING) SCHEME

## HOW CAN ONE MEASURE INTRINSIC CHARM? (ALMOST) LIKE ANY OTHER PDF

- DETERMINE PDFs FROM DATA
- GO TO  $n_f = 3$  SCHEME
- LOOK AT RESULT

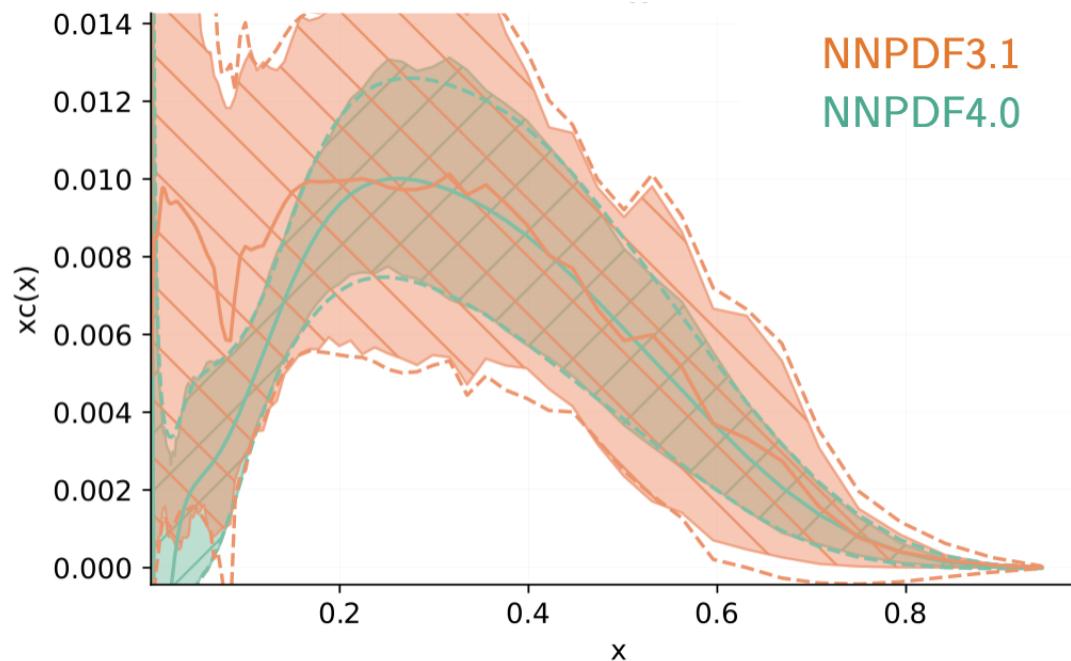
### TWO POSSIBILITIES

- PARAMETRIZE PDFS IN  $n_f = 3$  SCHEME AND MATCH UP FOR FITTING
- PARAMETRIZE PDFS IN  $n_f = 4$  SCHEME AND MATCH DOWN FOR DETERMINING IC
- REMEMBER: MATCHING PERTURBATIVELY UNSTABLE  $\Rightarrow$  LARGE MHOU

# DISCOVERY OF INTRINSIC CHARM

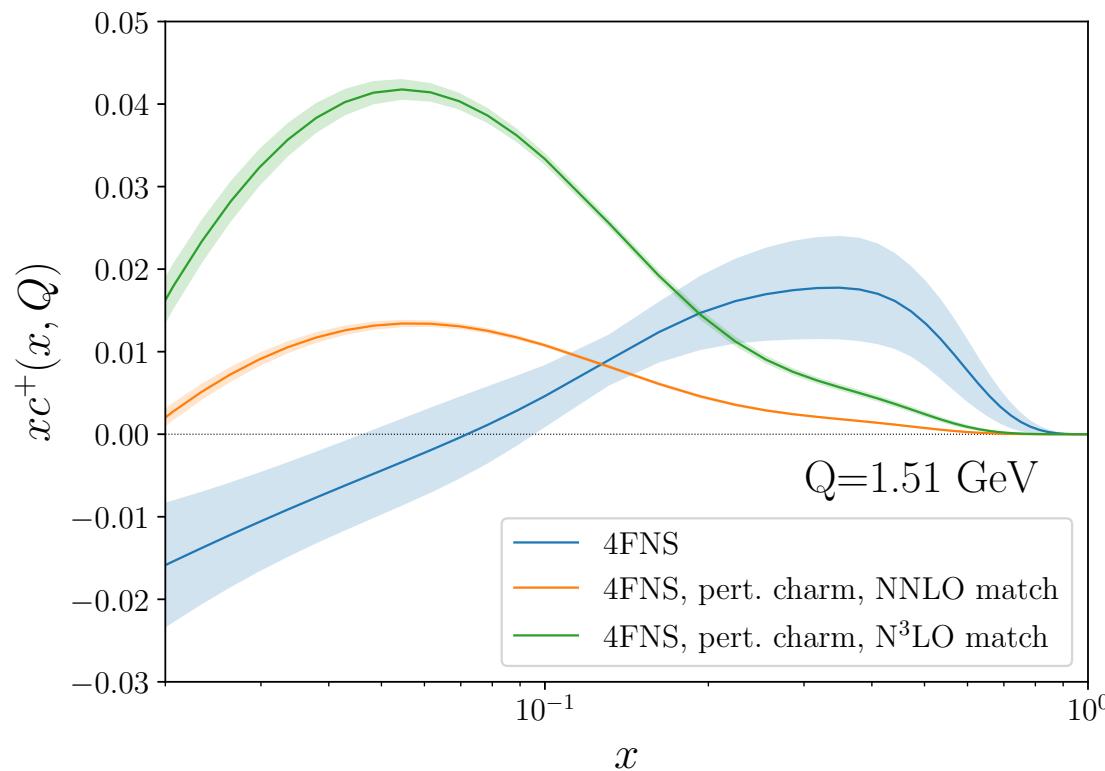
## THE CHARM PDF ( $n_f = 4$ SCHEME) NNPDF4.0 vs. NNPDF3.1

- NNPDF CHARM PDF  $\Rightarrow$  DETERMINED FROM THE DATA ALONG WITH ALL OTHER PDFs:
  - MORE REALISTIC UNCERTAINTIES
  - INDEPENDENT OF MATCHING CONDITIONS:
    - \* STABLE UPON VARIATION OF  $m_c$
    - \* INSENSITIVE TO MHO CORRECTIONS
- NNPDF4.0 AND NNPDF3.1 FULL AGREEMENT
- NNPDF4.0 SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER UNCERTAINTIES THANKS TO ML METHODOLOGY



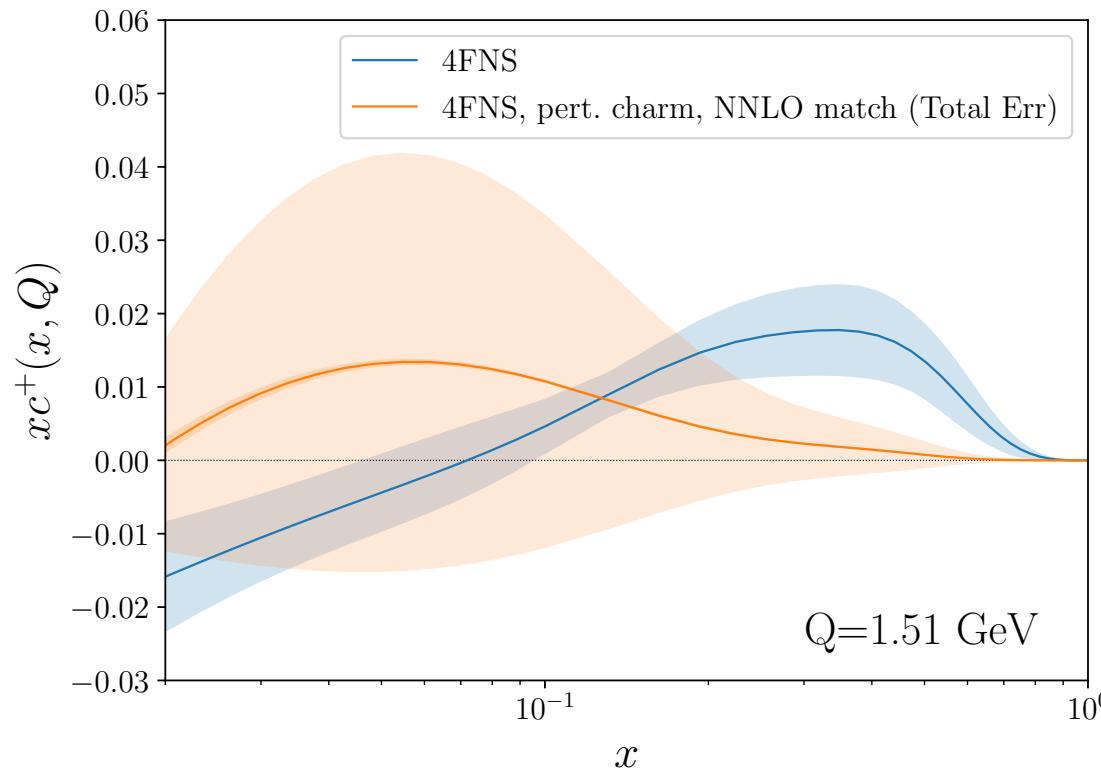
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- RESULT DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PERTURBATIVE CHARM EVEN ACCOUNTING FOR MHOU
- INTRINSIC-LIKE, VALENCE-LIKE BUMP AT LARGE  $x$



IS IT INTRINSIC CHARM?

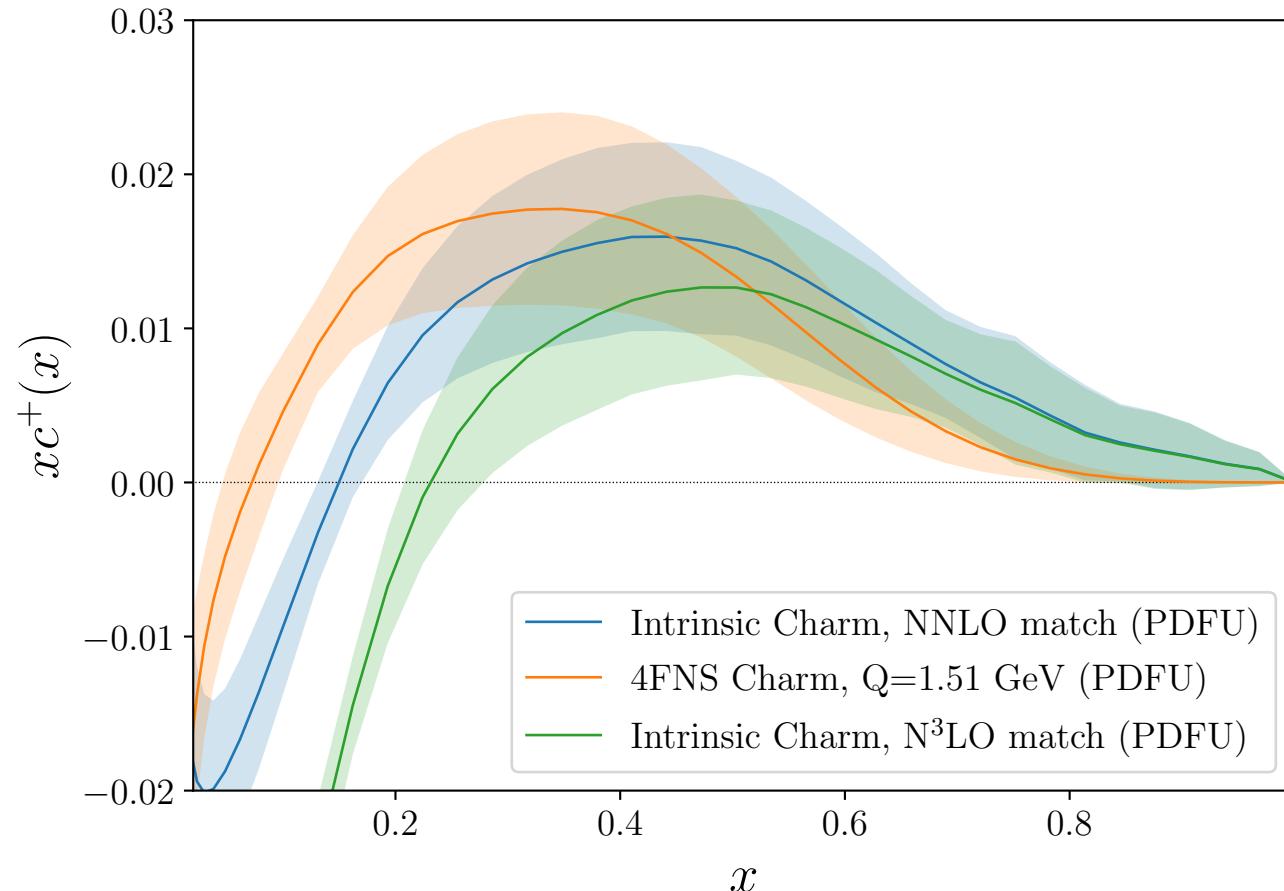
RECALL LARGE & PERTURBATIVELY UNSTABLE CONVERSION TO  $N_f = 3$  SCHEME

# INTRINSIC CHARM....

THE EKO CODE (Candido, Hekhorn, Magni, 2022)

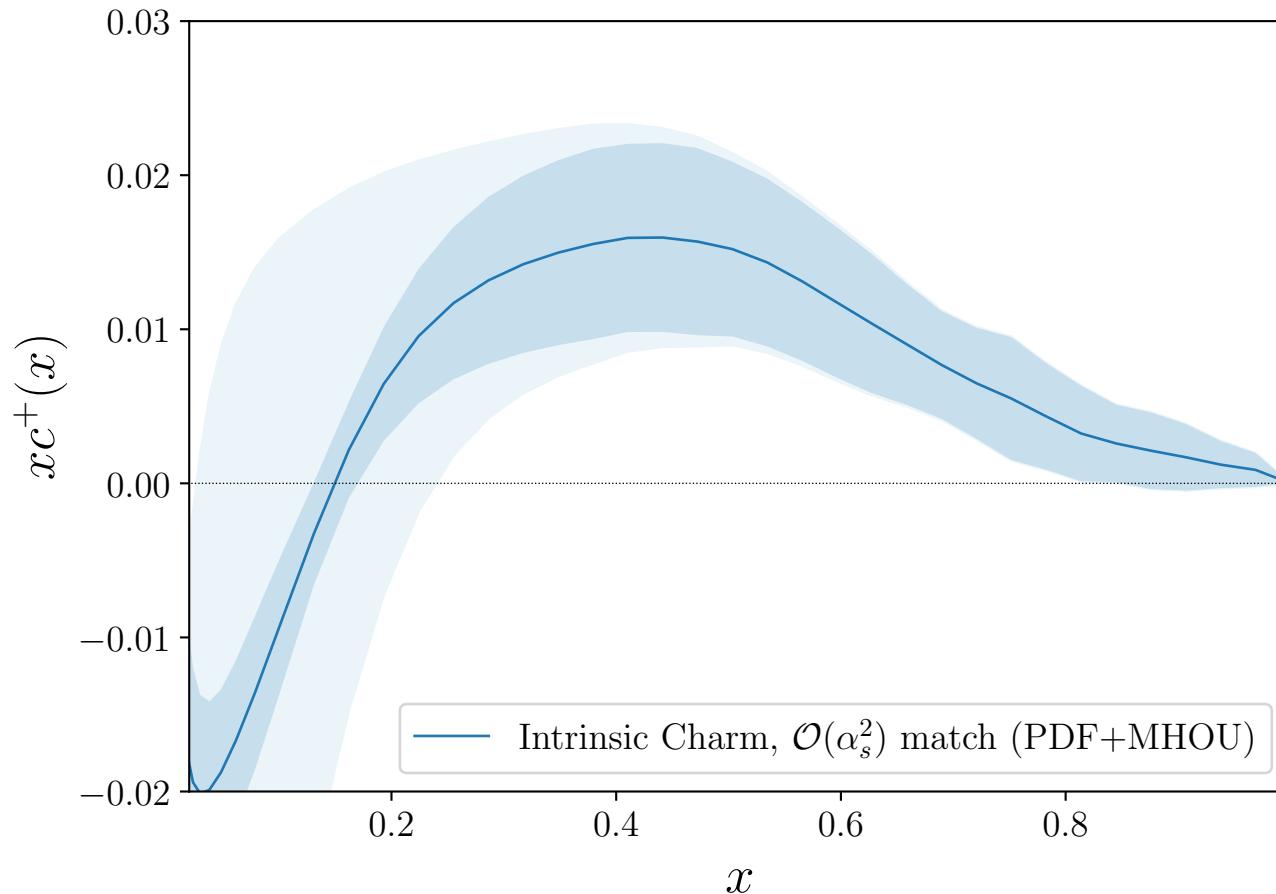
- IMPLEMENTS DIRECT & INVERSE EVOLUTION & MATCHING
- N<sup>3</sup>LO MATCHING (Blümlein, Ablinger et al.) ALSO IMPLEMENTED

CHARM PDF:  $N_f = 4$  vs  $N_f = 3$  (NNLO & N<sup>3</sup>LO CONVERSION)



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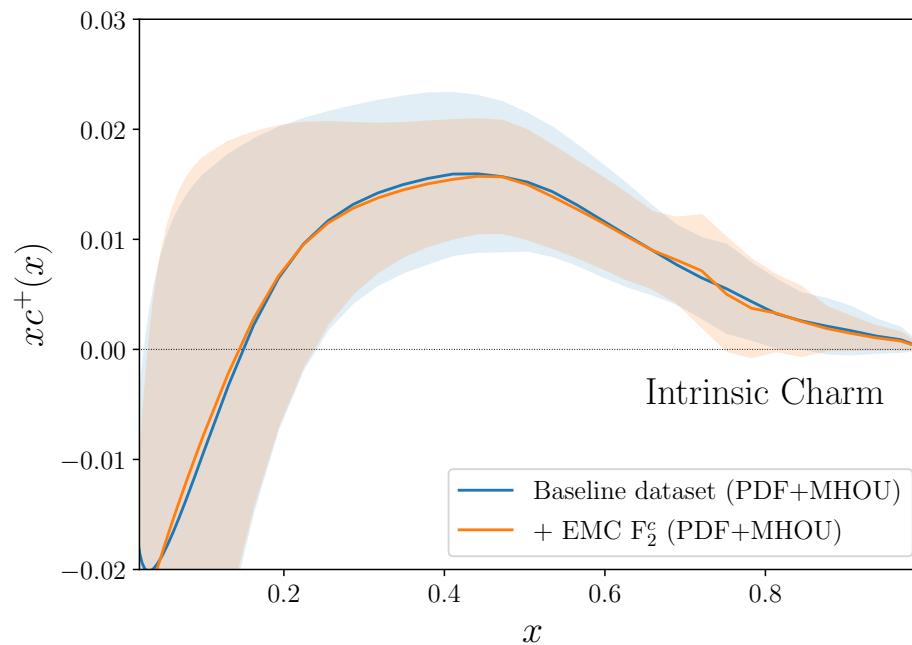
- MHOU ESTIMATED FROM  $N^3$ LO-NNLO DIFFERENCE
  - LARGE UNCERTAINTY AT SMALL  $x$
  - NEGLIGIBLE UNCERTAINTY IN VALENCE REGION
- COMPATIBLE WITH ZERO AT SMALL  $x$
- CLEAR EVIDENCE FOR INTRINSIC VALENCE PEAK



## MORE DATA EMC 1983

- DIRECT MEASUREMENT OF THE CHARM STRUCTURE FUNCTION  $F_2^c$
- EVIDENCE FOR INTRINSIC CHARM CLAIMED, BUT EXPERIMENT DISPUTED
- NOT INCLUDED IN DEFAULT NNPDF4.0

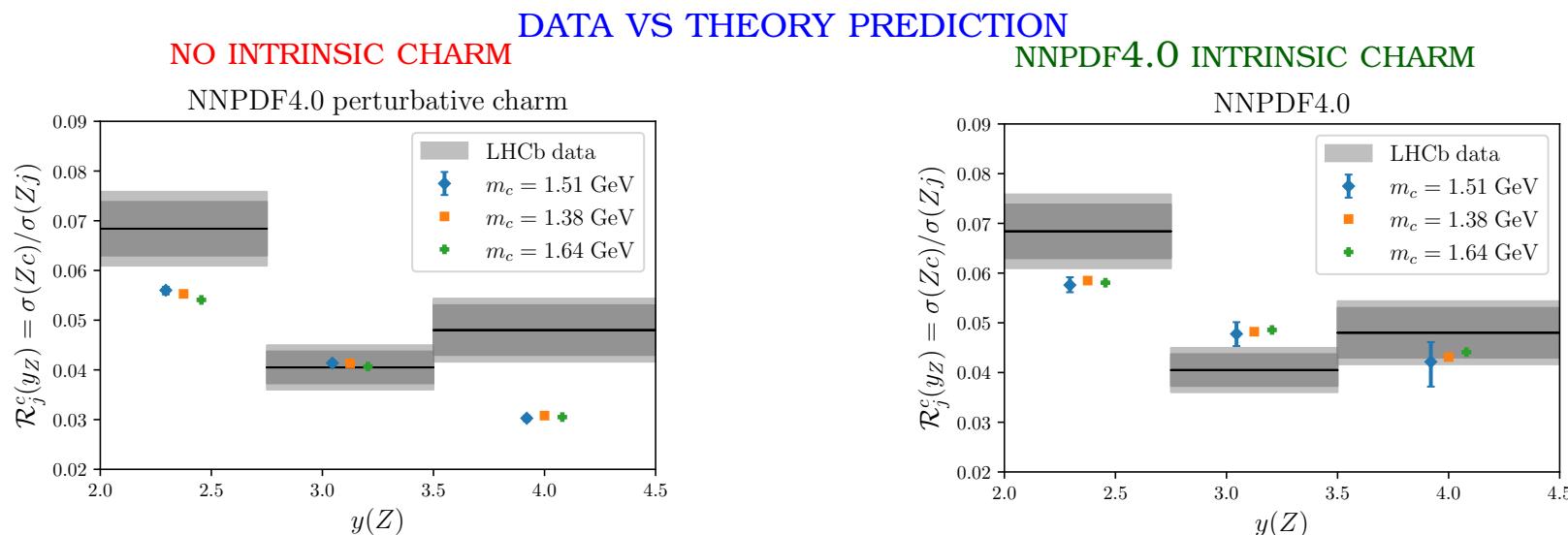
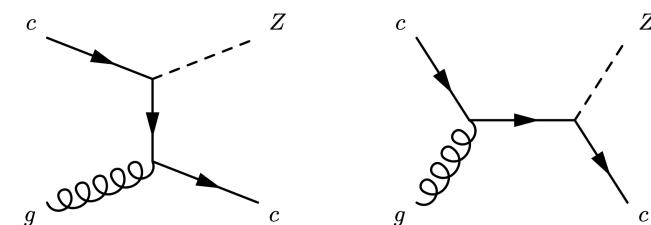
INTRINSIC CHARM WITH EMC DATA INCLUDED



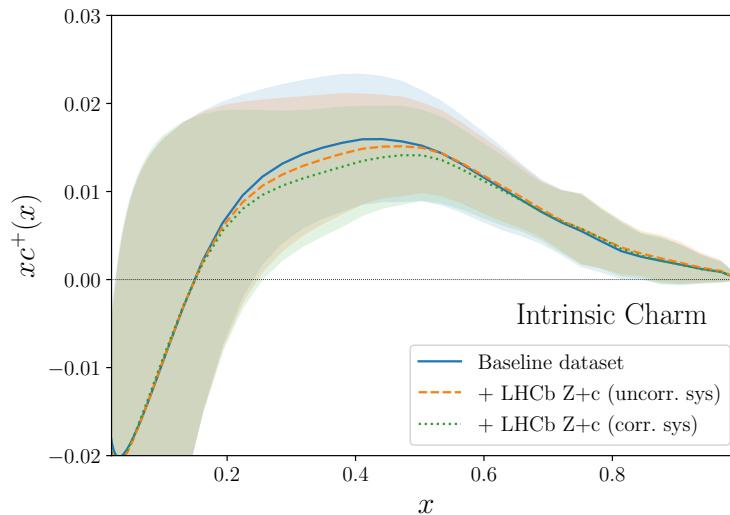
COMPLETE CONSISTENCY!

# MORE DATA LHCb 2021

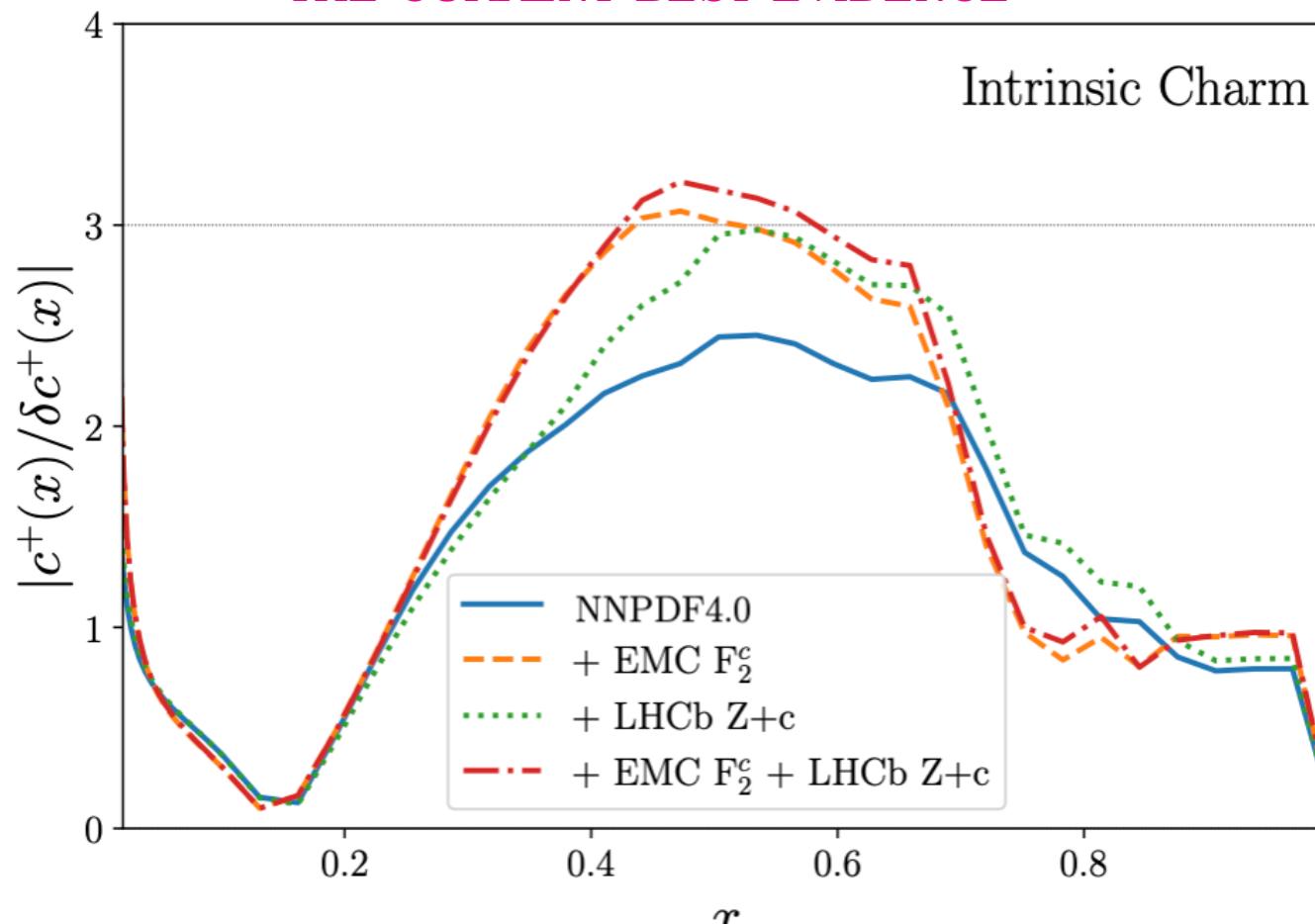
## MEASUREMENT OF $Z + \text{CHARM}$ PRODUCTION



INTRINSIC CHARM WITH LHCb DATA INCLUDED: COMPLETE CONSISTENCY



## INTRINSIC CHARM DISCOVERY THE CURRENT BEST EVIDENCE



MORE THAN  $3 \sigma$  EVIDENCE

# THE ROAD AHEAD

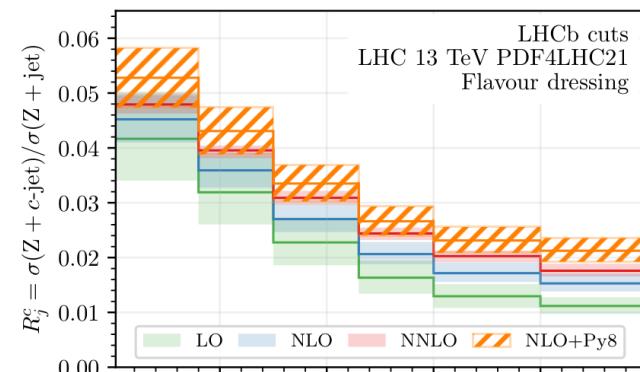
# THE PROBLEM OF FLAVOR-TAGGED JETS

- ANTI- $k_t$  WITH FLAVOR TAG IS NOT IRC SAFE
- FLAVOR  $k_t$  ALGORITHM PROPOSED LONG AGO (Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi, 2006)  
⇒ REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE OF FLAVOR AT ALL STAGES OF CLUSTERING
- ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS BASED ON DIFFERENT RECOMBINATION  
⇒ DO NOT REDUCE TO ANTI- $k_t$ , NOT IRC SAFE, OR BOTH

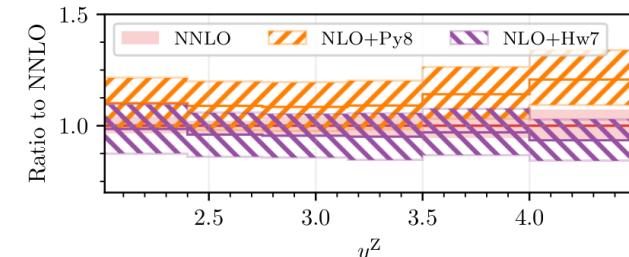
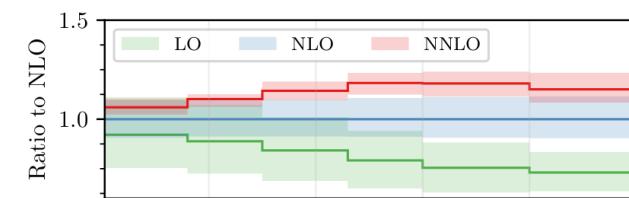
## FLAVOR DRESSING

(Gauld, Huss, Stagnitto, 2022)

### LHCb FLAVOR JET RATIO



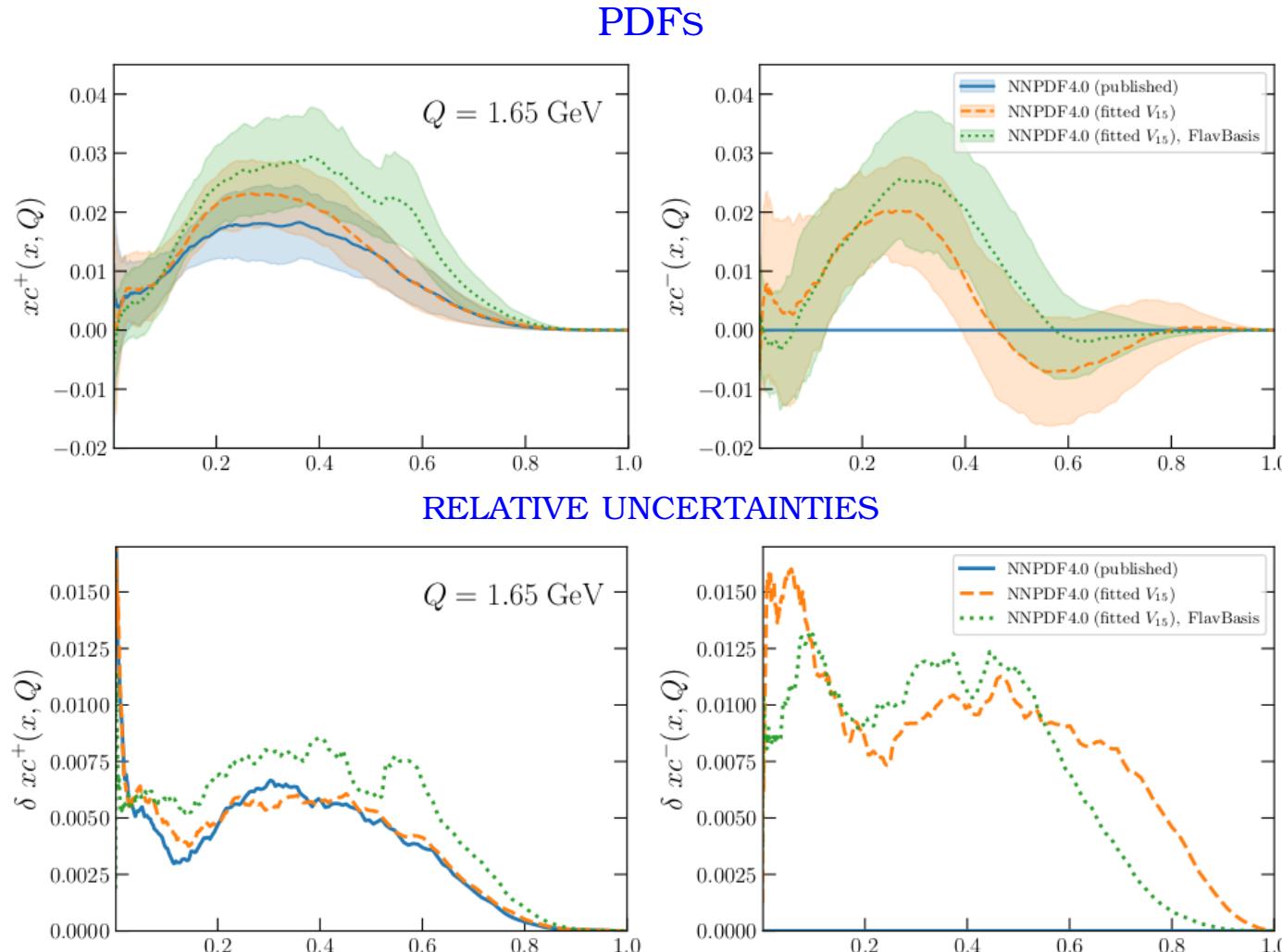
- DEFINE JETS USING ANTI- $k_t$   
(FLAVOR AGNOSTIC)
- CONSTRUCT FLAVORED CLUSTERS BASED ON  
IRC-SAFE RECOMBINATION
- NNLO RESULTS CLOSE TO NLO+MC
- FULL NNLO ANALYSIS NOW POSSIBLE



(Gauld et al in preparation)

# THE CHARM ASYMMETRY

- PARAMETRIZE  $c^\pm = c \pm \bar{c}$  INDEPENDENTLY  $\rightarrow$  ONLY FIRST MOMENT MUST VANISH
- $c \neq \bar{c} \Rightarrow$  SURELY INTRINSIC



- SMALLER UNCERTAINTY ON  $c^\pm \Rightarrow$  SIGNIFICANCE INCREASED TO  $3\sigma$  FOR BASELINE
- ABOUT  $1.4\sigma$  EVIDENCE FOR  $c^- \neq 0$
- DIRECTLY MEASURABLE?

# SUMMARY

WE FITTED THE CHARM PDF IN ORDER TO GET

- REALISTIC ERROR ESTIMATE
- NO STRONG DEPENDENCE ON CHARM MASS
- NO SENSITIVITY TO MHOU IN MATCHING CONDITION

WE FOUND

- LARGE UNCERTAINTIES AND CHARM COMPATIBLE WITH ZERO AT SMALL  $x$
- THREE- $\sigma$  EVIDENCE FOR AN INTRINSIC CHARM VALENCE PEAK

TO DO

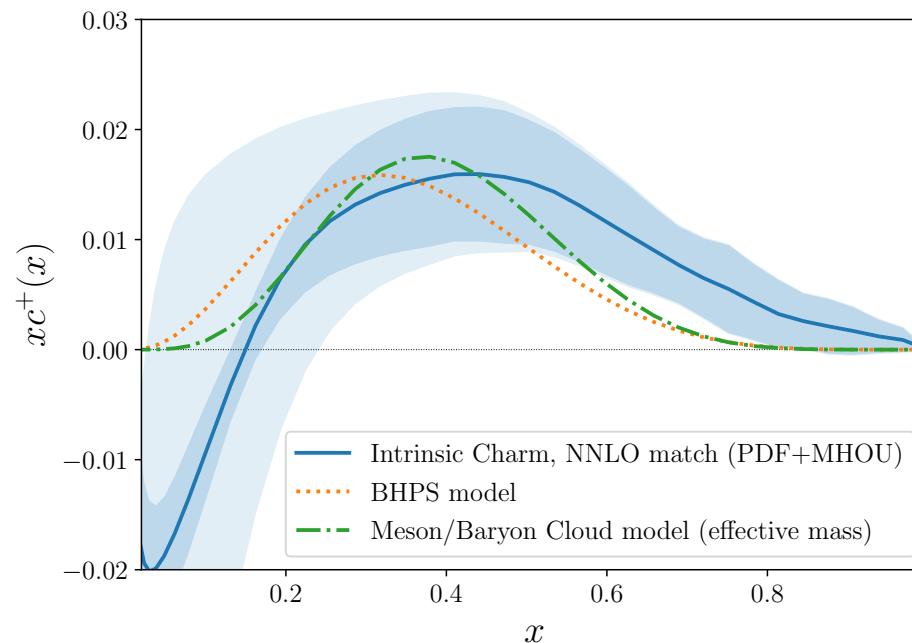
- BETTER CHARMED JET DEFINITIONS  $\Rightarrow$  NNLO
- MORE DATA  $\Rightarrow$  FIVE  $\sigma$  EVIDENCE
- $c - \bar{c}$  ASYMMETRY PHENOMENOLOGY

# **EXTRAS**

# MODELS

- SHAPE OF INTRINSIC CHARM PREDICTED BY MODELS
- FOCK-SPACE WAVE FUNCTION (Brosky, Hoyer, Peterson, Sakai, 1980)
- MESON CLOUD (Hobbs, Londergan, Melnitchouk, 2014)

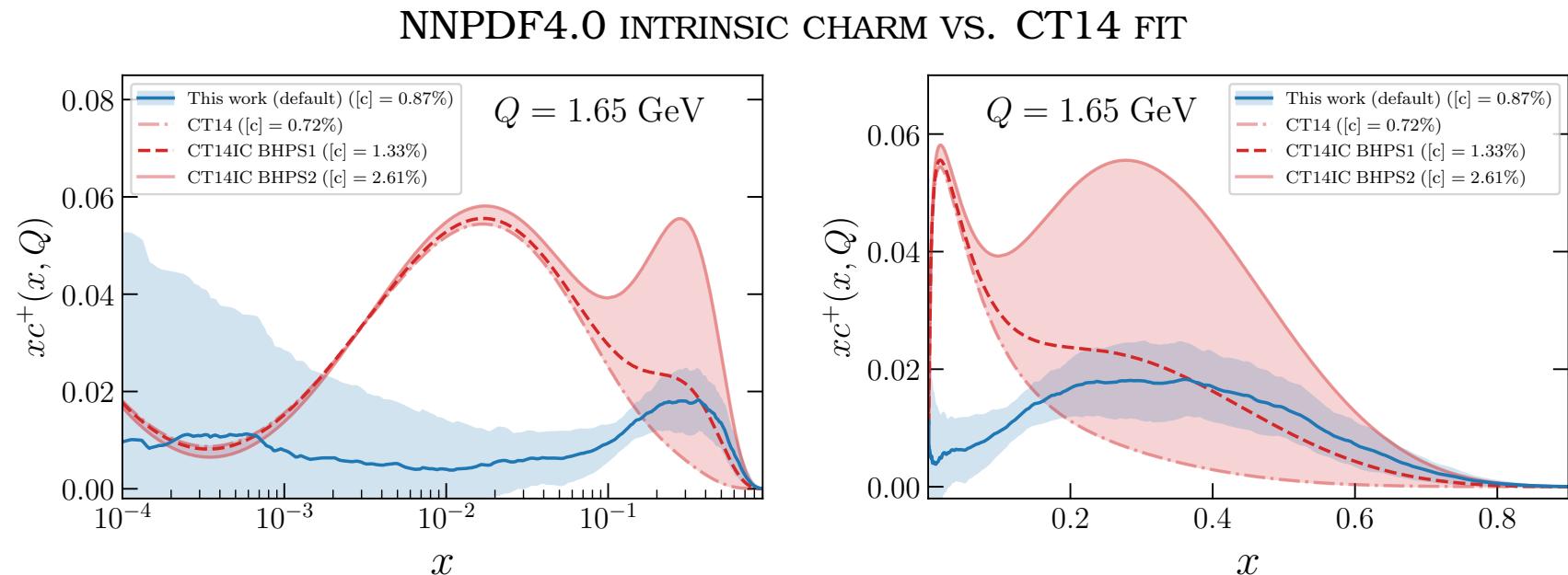
NNPDF4.0 INTRINSIC CHARM VS. MODELS



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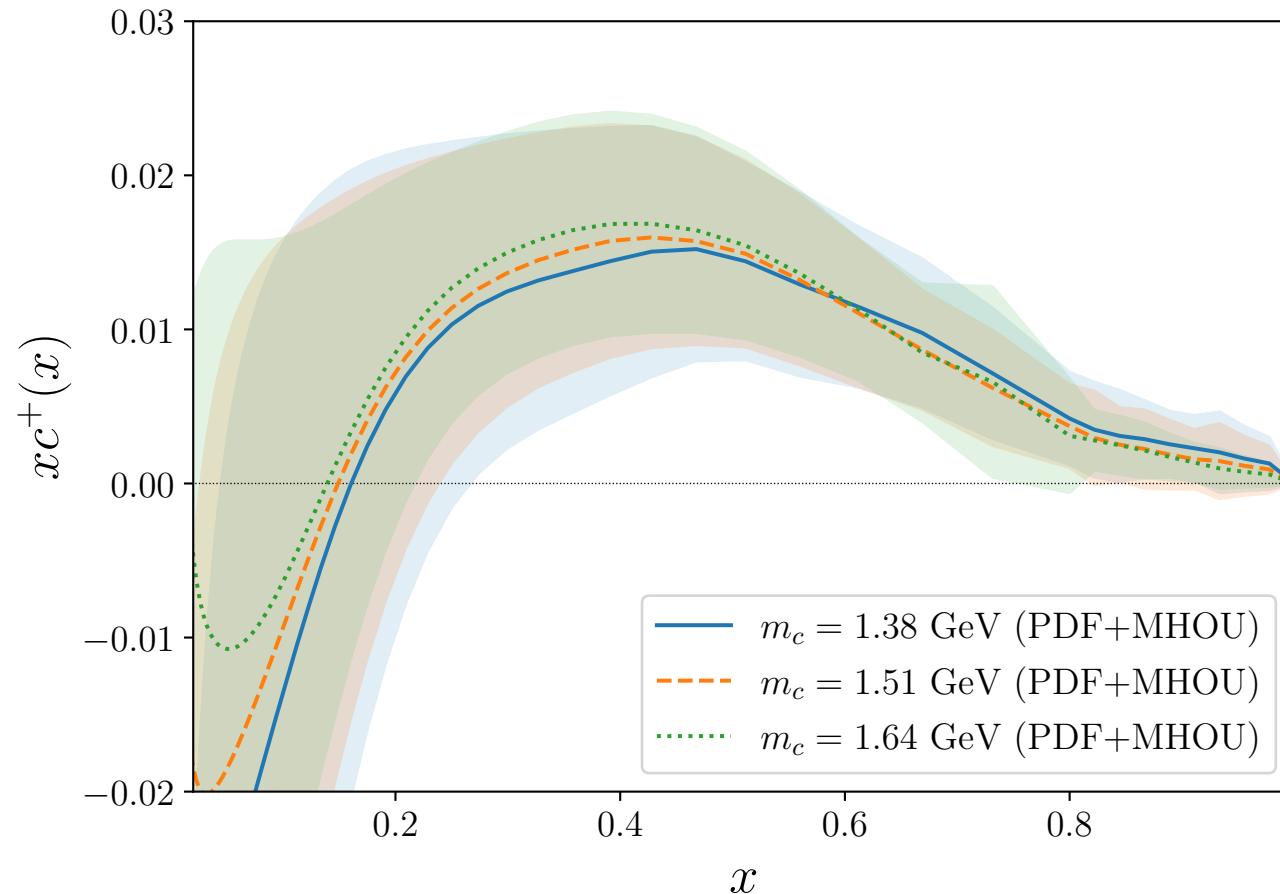
# MODEL FITS

- CT FITTED BPHS NORMALIZATION USING S-ACOT (PROBLEMATIC)
- LOW  $Q_0 = 1.3$  GEV
- BEST FIT  $\langle c \rangle \sim 1\%$  (CT14) OR  $\langle c \rangle \sim 0.5\%$  (CT18)



- GOOD AGREEMENT W. NNPDF AT LARGE  $x$  FOR SIMILAR NORM.
- HUGE PERTURBATIVE BUMP AT SMALL  $x$

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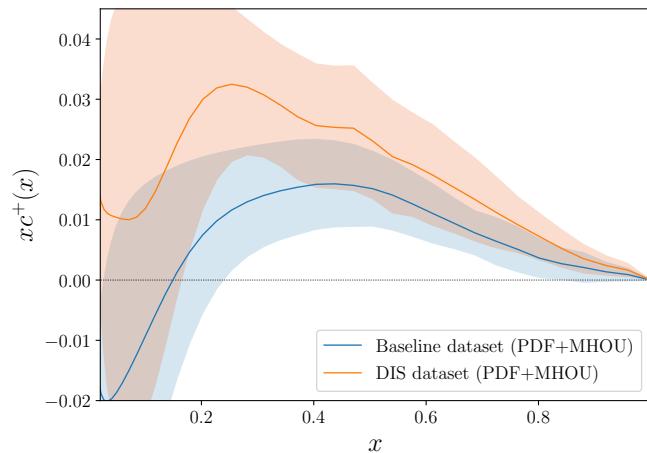


- NEGIGIBLE DEPENDENCE ON  $m_c$  (UNLIKE PERTURBATIVE CHARM)

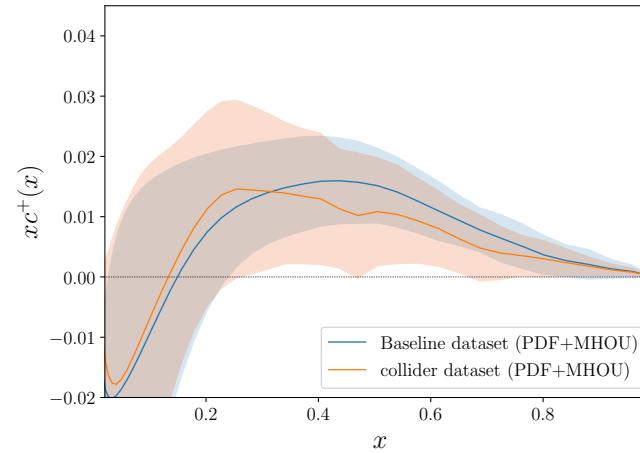
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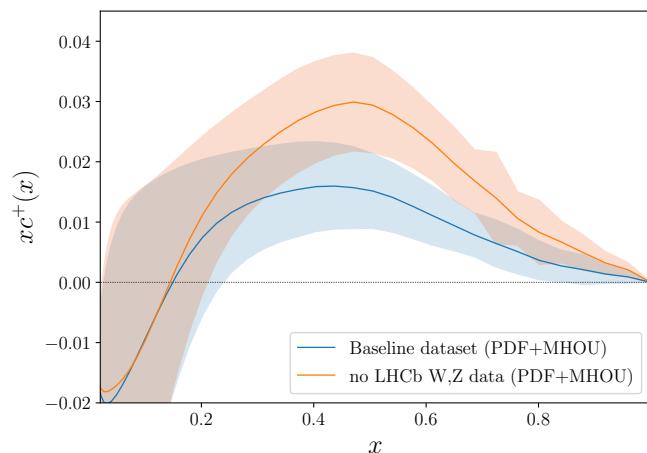
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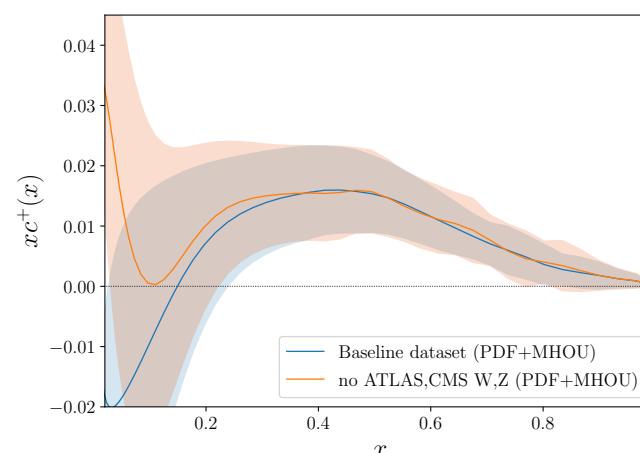
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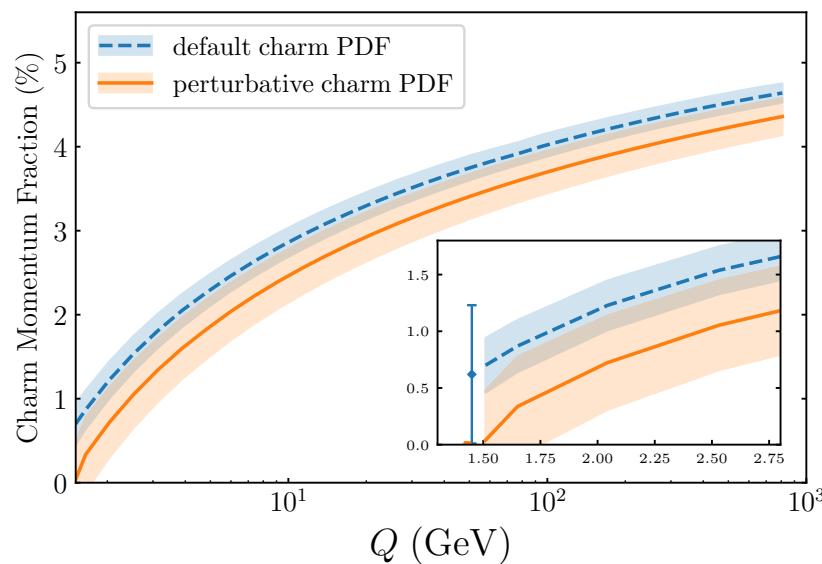


- ALL DATASETS IN AGREEMENT
- COLLIDER DATA MORE IMPORTANT THAN DIS DATA FOR PRECISION
- LHCb  $W, Z$  SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

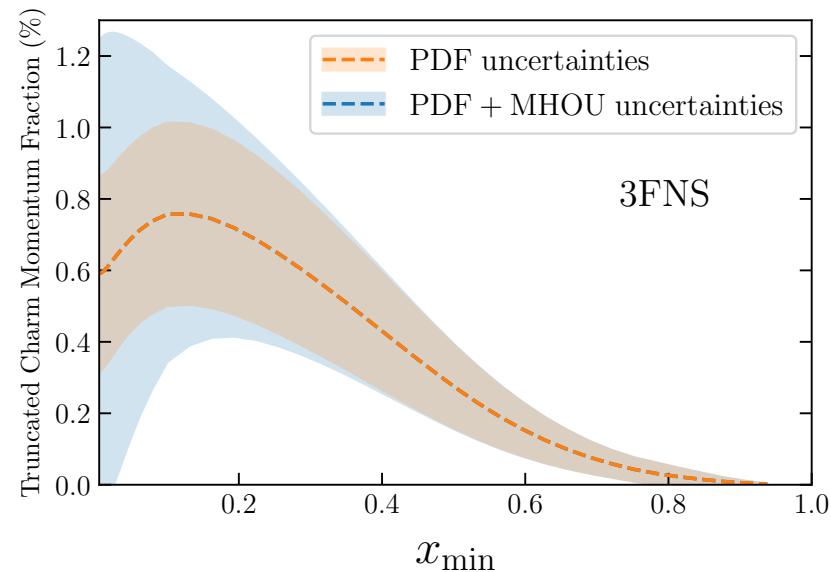
# THE CHARM MOMENTUM FRACTION

- $n_f = 4, Q = 1.65 \text{ GeV}$ : FITTED  $\langle c \rangle = 0.87 \pm 0.23_{\text{pdf}} \%$  vs.  
PERTURBATIVE  $\langle c \rangle = 0.346 \pm 0.005_{\text{pdf}} \pm 0.44_{\text{mhou}} \%$
- $n_f = 3$ , FITTED  $\langle c \rangle = 0.62 \pm 0.28_{\text{pdf}} \pm 0.54_{\text{mhou}} \%$  vs.  
PERTURBATIVE  $\langle c \rangle = 0\%$

$n_f = 4$ : FITTED VS. PERTURBATIVE



$n_f = 3$ : MOMENTUM INTEGRAL

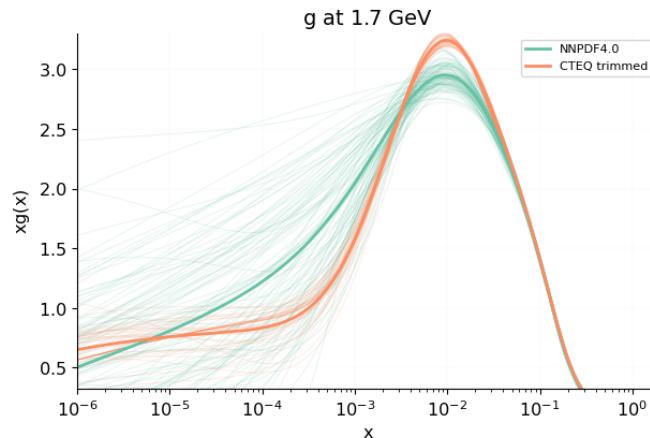


- $n_f = 4$  MOMENTUM FRACTION DETERMINED TO GOOD ACCURACY
- **LARGE MHOU AT SMALL  $x$**   $\Rightarrow$  **TOTAL INTRINSIC** MOMENTUM FRACTION COMPATIBLE WITH ZERO

## “HOPSCOTCH” OVERLEARNT PDFS

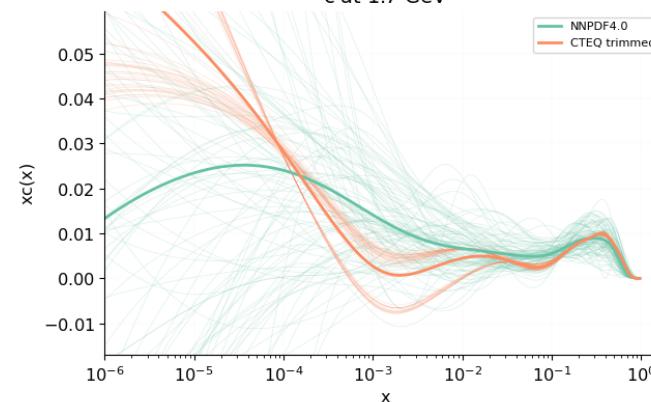
PDFs

gluon



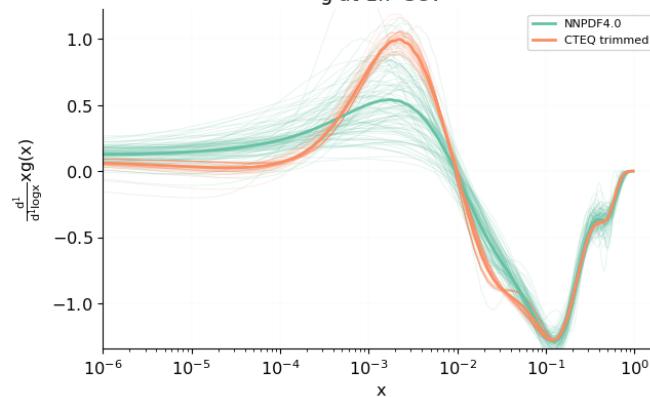
charm

c at 1.7 GeV

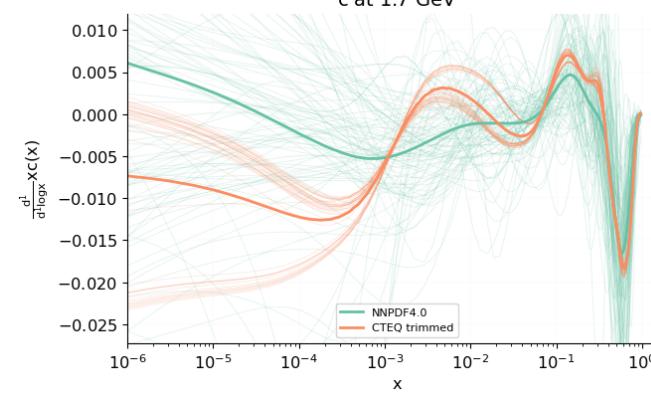


KINETIC ENERGY (DIFFERENTIAL ARCLENGTH)

g at 1.7 GeV



c at 1.7 GeV

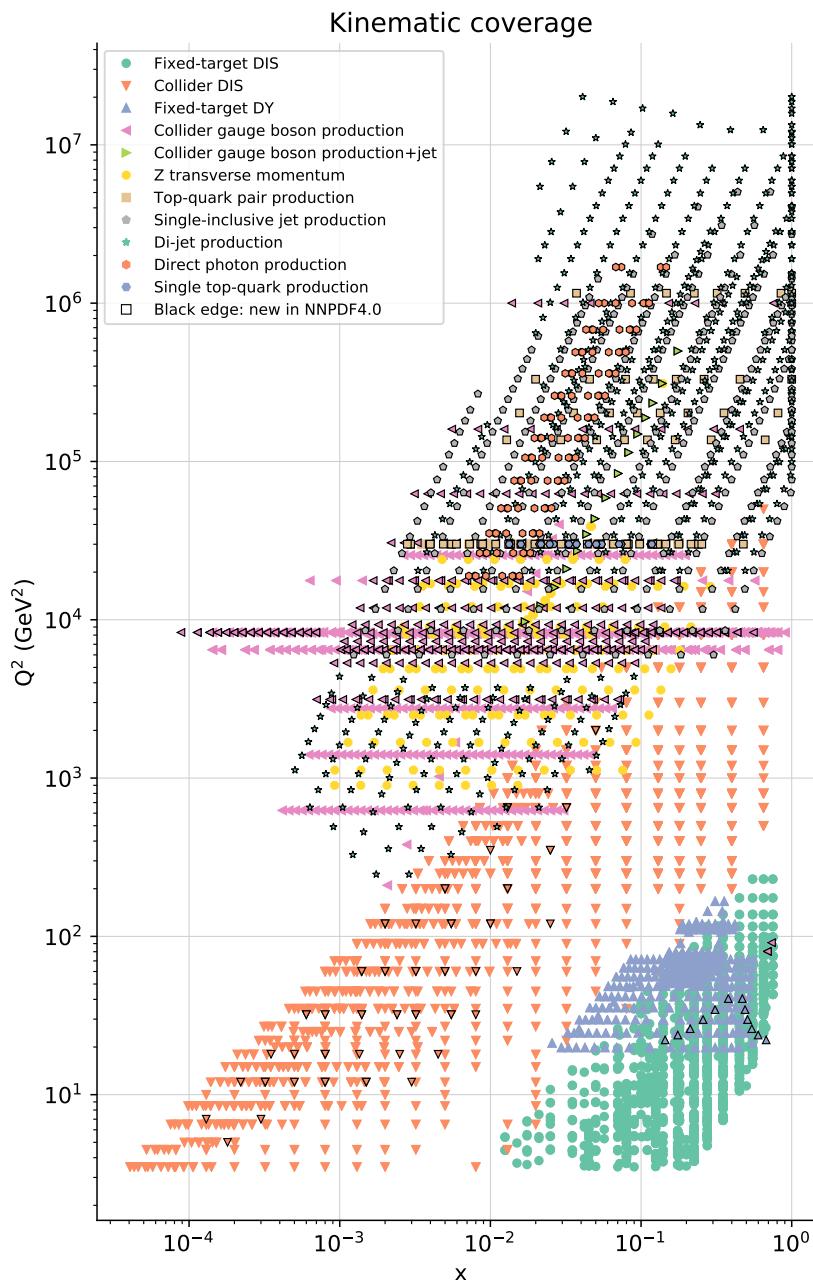


- HS OVERLEARNT BY CONSTRUCTION
- CAN BE REPRODUCED IN NNPDF4.0 BY FORCING OVERLEARNING

# **PDF DETERMINATION:**

## **NNPDF4.0**

# DATA



ABOUT 4000 DATAPOINTS

- COMPARED TO NNPDF3.1/PDF4LHC21 ABOUT **50 NEW DATASETS & 400 EXTRA DATAPOINTS**
- FULL DIS AND FT DY DATASET
  - AS IN **NNPDF3.1**: FINAL HERA, NMC, BCDMS, CHORUS, NuTeV
  - NOW ALSO **NOMAD NEUTRINO**
  - **SEAQUEST** DY
- FULL 7 TeV AND 8 TeV DATASET & EXTENSIVE USE OF **13 TeV** DATA:
  - $W$ ,  $Z$  PRODUCTION: RAPIDITY DISTRIBUTIONS, ASYMMETRIES,  $Z p_T$  DISTRIBUTIONS
  - TOP PAIR PRODUCTION: ALL AVAILABLE DISTRIBUTIONS
  - SINGLE-INCLUSIVE JETS
- SEVERAL **NEW PROCESSES**:
  - PROMPT PHOTON
  - SINGLE TOP
  - DIJETS
  - HERA JETS

# THE LARGEST DATASET LHC DATA

LHCb

Data set	NNPDF4.0	NNPDF3.1	ABMP16	CT18	MSHT20
LHCb $Z$ 940 pb	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
LHCb $Z \rightarrow ee$ 2 fb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHCb $W, Z \rightarrow \mu$ 7 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHCb $W, Z \rightarrow \mu$ 8 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LHCb $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu, ee$ 13 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

ATLAS

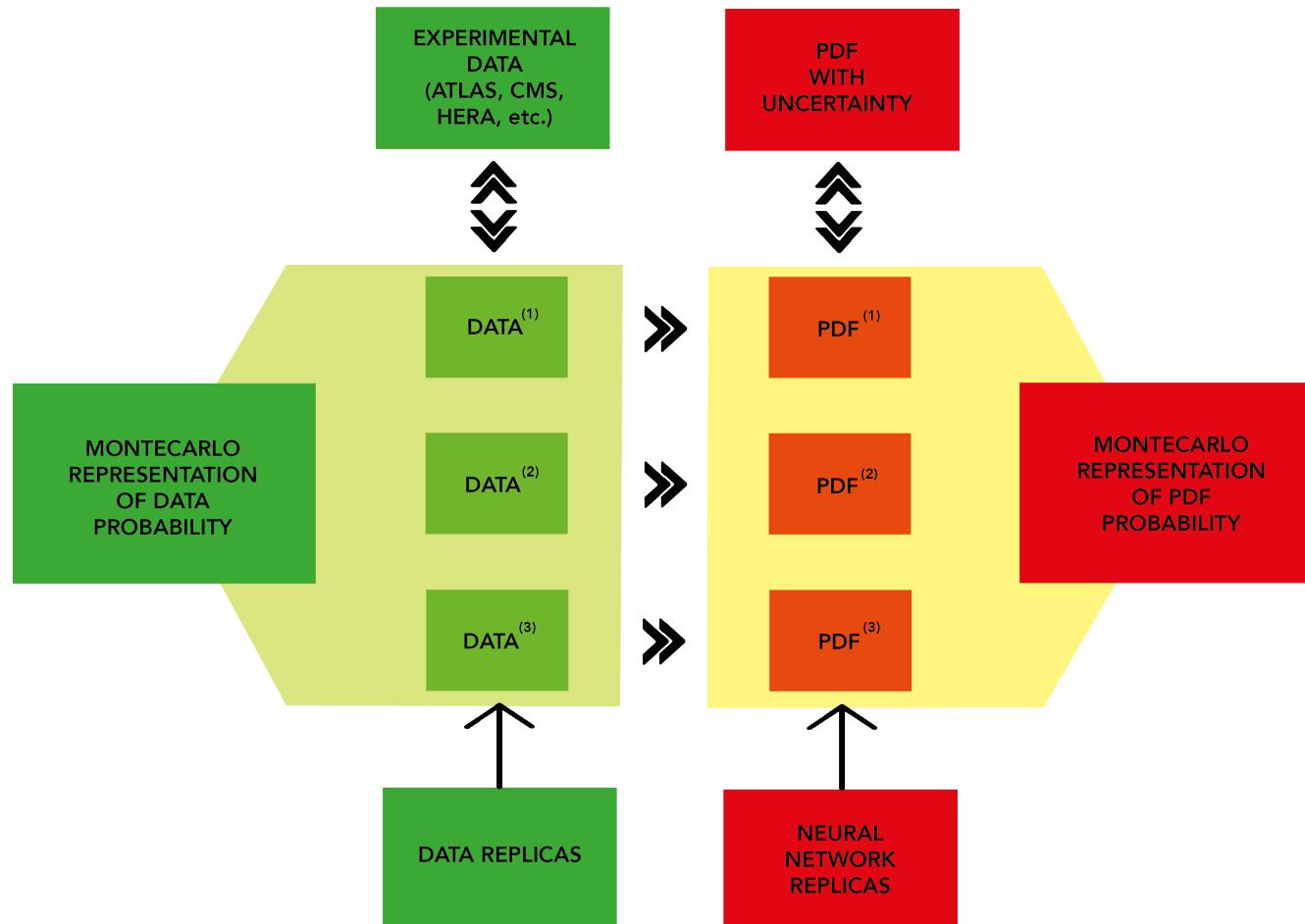
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ATLAS $W, Z$ 7 TeV (2010)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ATLAS $W, Z$ 7 TeV (2011)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
ATLAS low-mass DY 7 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
ATLAS high-mass DY 7 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS $W$ 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS DY 2D 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS high-mass DY 2D 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS $\sigma_{W,Z}$ 13 TeV	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
ATLAS $W^+$ +jet 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS $Z$ $p_T$ 8 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 7, 8 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ lepton+jets 8 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ dilepton 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
ATLAS single-inclusive jets 7 TeV, R=0.6	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
ATLAS single-inclusive jets 8 TeV, R=0.6	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
ATLAS dijets 7 TeV, R=0.6	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
ATLAS direct photon production 13 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
ATLAS single top $R_t$ 7, 8, 13 TeV	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
ATLAS single top diff. 7, 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
ATLAS single top diff. 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

CMS

Data set	NNPDF4.0	NNPDF3.1	ABMP16	CT18	MSHT20
CMS $W$ electron asymmetry 7 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
CMS $W$ muon asymmetry 7 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
CMS Drell-Yan 2D 7 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
CMS $W$ rapidity 8 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CMS $Z$ $p_T$ 8 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
CMS $W + c$ 7 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
CMS $W + c$ 13 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMS single-inclusive jets 2.76 TeV	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
CMS single-inclusive jets 7 TeV	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
CMS dijets 7 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMS single-inclusive jets 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
CMS 3D dijets 8 TeV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 5 TeV	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 7, 8 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
CMS $t\bar{t}$ lepton+jets 8 TeV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
CMS $t\bar{t}$ 2D dilepton 8 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
CMS $t\bar{t}$ lepton+jet 13 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMS $t\bar{t}$ dilepton 13 TeV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMS single top $\sigma_t + \sigma_{\bar{t}}$ 7 TeV	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
CMS single top $R_t$ 8, 13 TeV	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗

# THE NNPDF METHODOLOGY

REPLICA SAMPLE OF FUNCTIONS  $\Leftrightarrow$  PROBABILITY DENSITY IN FUNCTION SPACE  
KNOWLEDGE OF LIKELIHOOD SHAPE (FUNCTIONAL FORM) NOT NECESSARY



FINAL PDF SET:  $f_i^{(a)}(x, \mu)$ ;

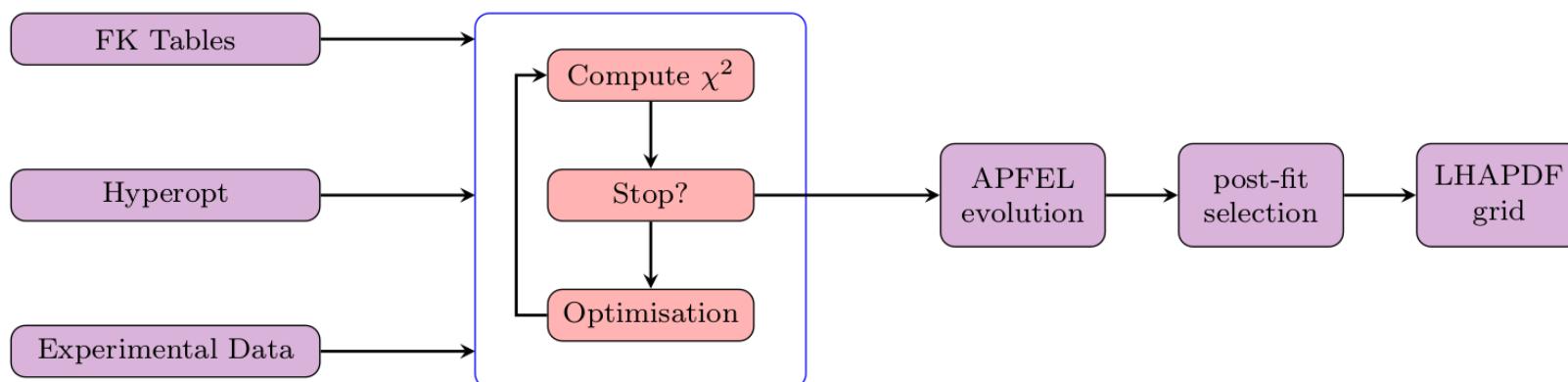
i = up, antiup, down, antidown, strange, antistrange, charm, gluon;  $j = 1, 2, \dots N_{\text{rep}}$

# THE NNPDF CODE STRUCTURE

- MODULAR PYTHON-BASED CODE
- HIGH DEGREE PARALLELIZATION & HARDWARE ACCELERATION

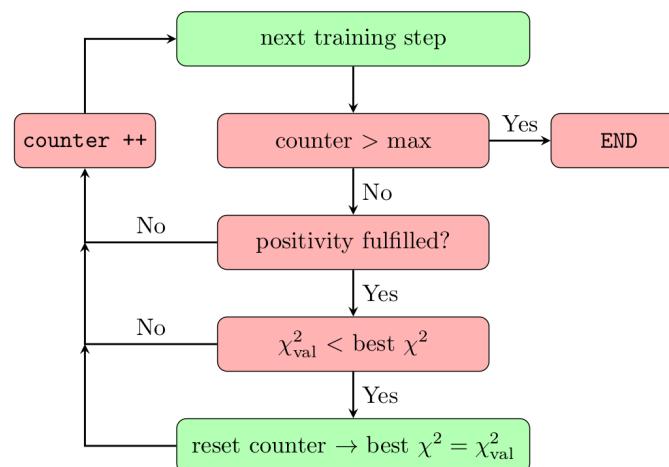
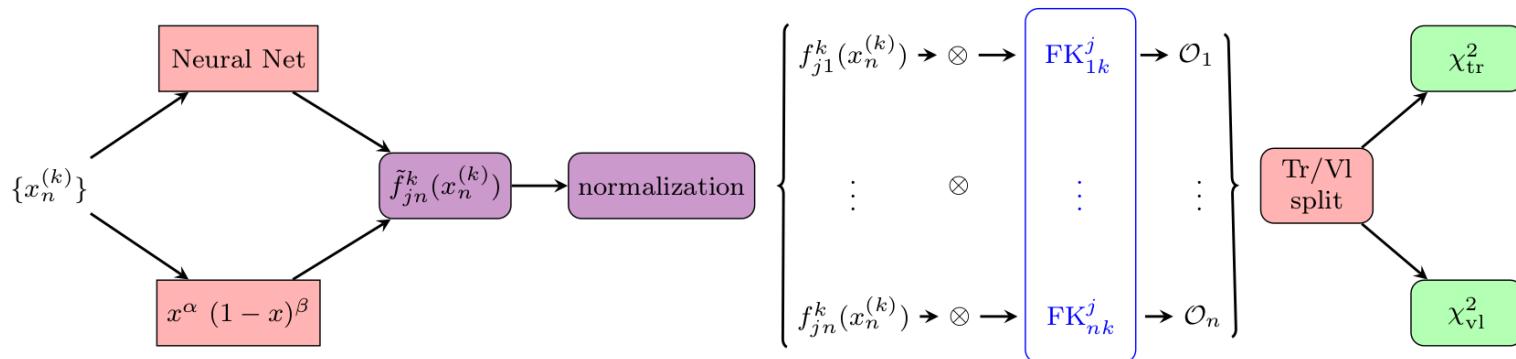
AVERAGE FITTING TIME PER REPLICA AND USE OF RESOURCES  
SAME DATASET FOR OLD AND NEW METHODOLOGIES IN CPU AND GPU  
CPU: INTEL(R) CORE(TM) i7-4770 AT 3.40GHz; GPU: NVIDIA TITAN V

	NNPDF31 CODEBASE	NNPDF40 CODEBASE IN CPU	NNPDF40 CODEBASE IN GPU
TIME	15.2 H.	38 $\pm$ 5 MIN.	6.6 MIN.
RAM USE	1.5 GB	6.1 GB	NA



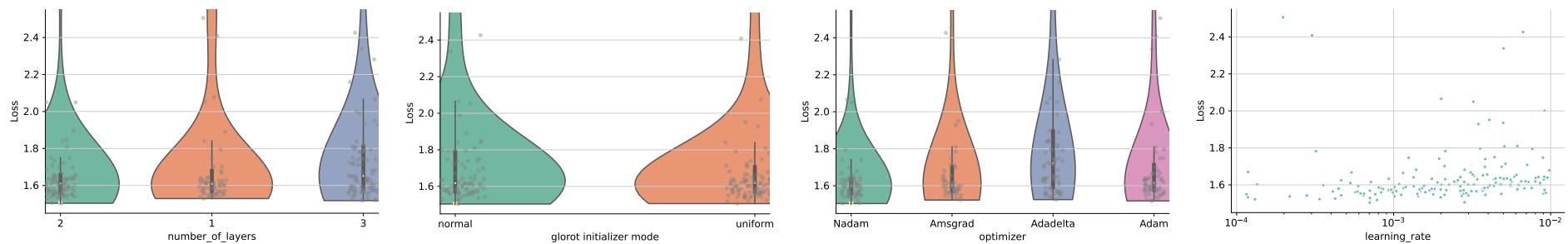
# MINIMIZATION AND CROSS-VALIDATION

- DATA REPLICAS  $\Rightarrow$  PDF REPLICAS
- EACH PDF REPLICA: PREPROCESSED NEURAL NET
- NEURAL NET  $\Rightarrow$  OBSERVABLES
- RANDOM TRAINING-VALIDATION SPLIT,  $\chi^2$  TO TRAINING DATA REPLICAS MINIMIZED
- TRAINING STOPS IF VALIDATION  $\chi^2$  GROWS FOR A WHILE (PATIENCE)
- LOWEST VALIDATION  $\chi^2$   $\Rightarrow$  OPTIMAL FIT

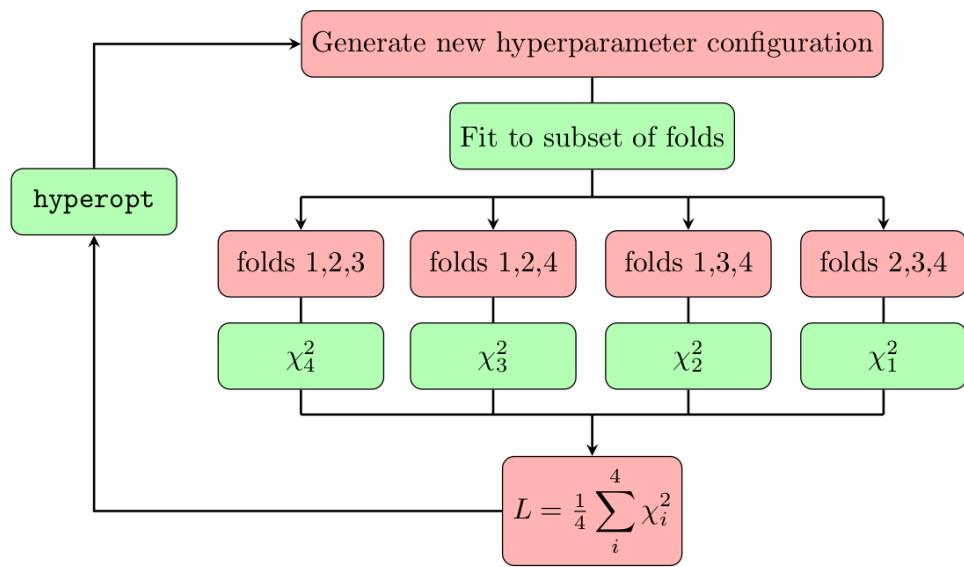


# HYPEROPTIMIZATION

- PARAMETRIZATION AND MINIMIZATION **PARAMETERS VARIED**
- SCAN OF PARAMETER SPACE
- BAYESIAN UPDATING LEADS TO **BEST METHODOLOGY**

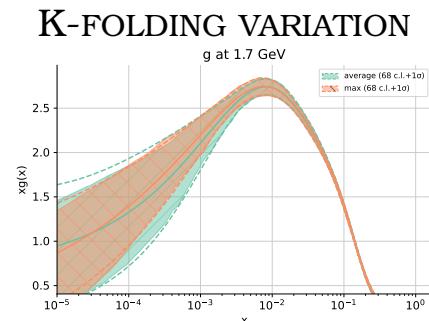
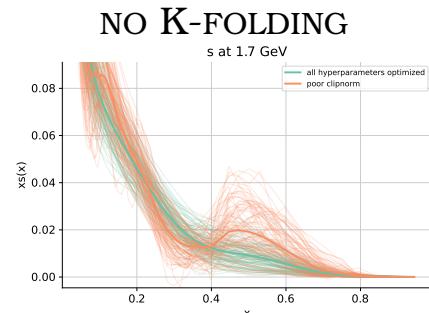


# K-FOLDING



- HYPEROPTIMIZATION  $\Rightarrow$  OVERFITTING ( $\chi^2$  TOO GOOD)
  - CHECK GENERALIZATION POWER: *K*-FOLDING
    - DIVIDE DATA IN FOLDS
    - EXCLUDE ONE FOLD IN TURN FROM FIT
    - OPTIMIZE ON THE  $\chi^2$  OF THE EXCLUDED FOLDS
    - BEST AVERAGE OR BEST WORST

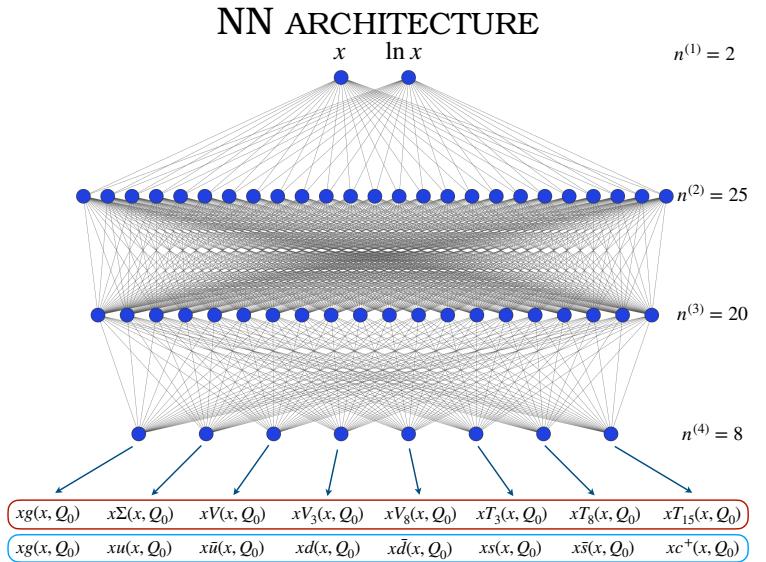
Fold 1		
CHORUS $\sigma_{CC}^p$	HERA I+II inc NC $e^+p$ 920 GeV	BCDMS $p$
LHCb $Z \rightarrow 940$ pb	ATLAS $W, Z$ 7 TeV 2010	CMS $Z$ $p_T > 8$ TeV ( $p_T^H, y_H$ )
DY E605 $\sigma_{DY}^p$	CMS Drell-Yan 2D 7 TeV 2011	CMS 3D dijets 8 TeV
ATLAS single- $t\bar{t}$ $y$ (normalised)	ATLAS single top $R_t$ 7 TeV	CMS $t\bar{t}$ rapidity $y_{t\bar{t}}$
CMS single top $R_t$ 8 TeV		
Fold 2		
HERA I+II inc CC $e^-p$	HERA I+II inc NC $e^+p$ 460 GeV	HERA comb. $\sigma_{bb}^{\text{red}}$
NMC $p$	NuTeV $\sigma_c^p$	LHCb $Z \rightarrow ee$ 2 fb
CMS $W$ asymmetry 840 pb	ATLAS $Z$ $p_T > 8$ TeV ( $p_T^H, M_H$ )	D0 $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ asymmetry
DY E886 $\sigma_{DY}^p$	ATLAS direct photon 13 TeV	ATLAS dijets 7 TeV, R=0.6
ATLAS single antitop $y$ (normalised)	CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$	CMS single top $\sigma_t + \sigma_{\bar{t}}$ 7 TeV
Fold 3		
HERA I+II inc CC $e^+p$	HERA I+II inc NC $e^+p$ 575 GeV	NMC $d/p$
NuTeV $\sigma_c^p$	LHCb $W, Z \rightarrow \mu + p$ TeV	LHCb $Z \rightarrow ee$
ATLAS $W, Z$ 7 TeV 2011 Central selection	ATLAS $W^+ + \text{jett}$ 8 TeV	ATLAS HM DY 7 TeV
CMS $W$ asymmetry 4.7 fb	DYE 866 $\sigma_{DY}^d/\sigma_{DY}^p$	CDF $Z$ rapidity (new)
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$	ATLAS single top $y_t$ (normalised)	CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 5 TeV
CMS $t\bar{t}$ double diff. ( $m_{t\bar{t}}, y_t$ )		
Fold 4		
CHORUS $\sigma_{CC}^p$	HERA I+II inc NC $e^+p$ 820 GeV	LHCb $W, Z \rightarrow \mu + 8$ TeV
LHCb $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	ATLAS $W, Z$ 7 TeV 2011 Fwd	ATLAS $W^- + \text{jett}$ 8 TeV
ATLAS low-mass DY 2011	ATLAS $Z$ $p_T > 8$ TeV ( $p_T^H, y_H$ )	CMS $W$ rapidity 8 TeV
D0 $t$ rapidity	CMS dijets 7 TeV	ATLAS single top $y_t$ (normalised)
ATLAS single top $R_t$ 13 TeV	CMS single top $R_t$ 13 TeV	



# THE ML METHODOLOGY

HYPEROPTIMIZED PARAMETERS

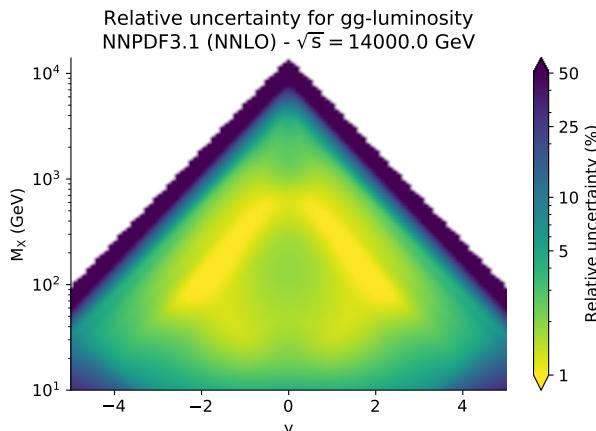
Parameter	NNPDF4.0	$L$ as in Eq. (3.21)	Flavour basis Eq. (3.2)
Architecture	25-20-8	70-50-8	7-26-27-8
Activation function	hyperbolic tangent	hyperbolic tangent	sigmoid
Initializer	glorot_normal	glorot_uniform	glorot_normal
Optimizer	Nadam	Adadelta	Nadam
Clipnorm	$6.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Learning rate	$2.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-3}$
Maximum # epochs	$17 \times 10^3$	$45 \times 10^3$	$45 \times 10^3$
Stopping patience	10% of max epochs	12% of max epochs	16% of max epochs
Initial positivity $\Lambda^{(\text{pos})}$	185	106	2
Initial integrability $\Lambda^{(\text{int})}$	10	10	10



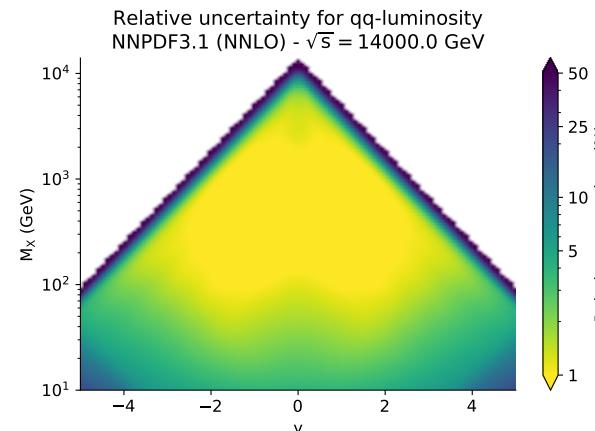
- HYPEROPT ADAPTS TO EXTERNAL CHOICES (E.G. PARAMETRIZATION BASIS)
- SIMILAR RESULTS CAN BE OBTAINED WITH RATHER DIFFERENT SETTINGS
- $\sim 800$  FREE PARAMETERS

# UNCERTAINTIES: FROM NNPDF3.1...

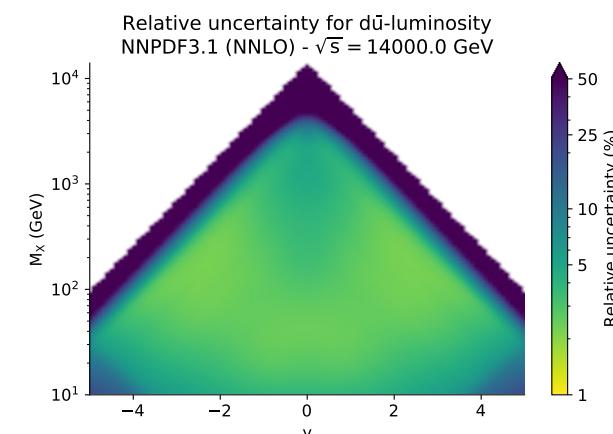
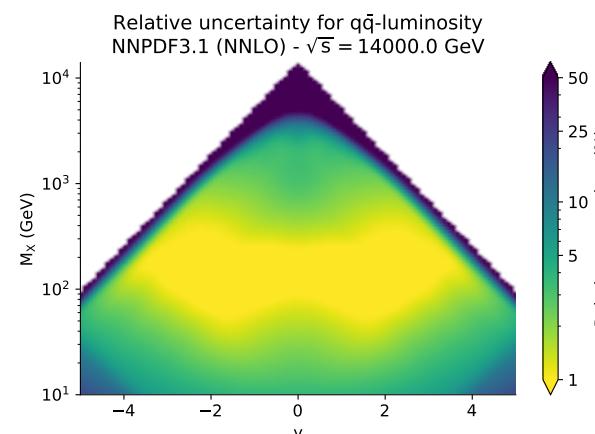
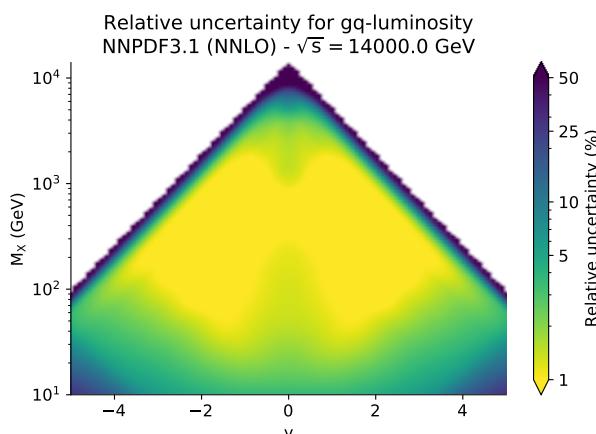
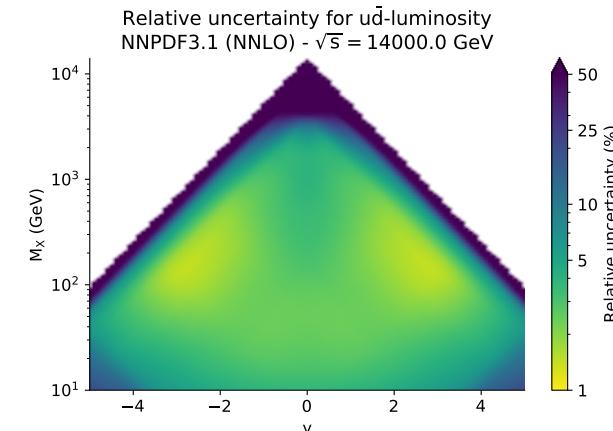
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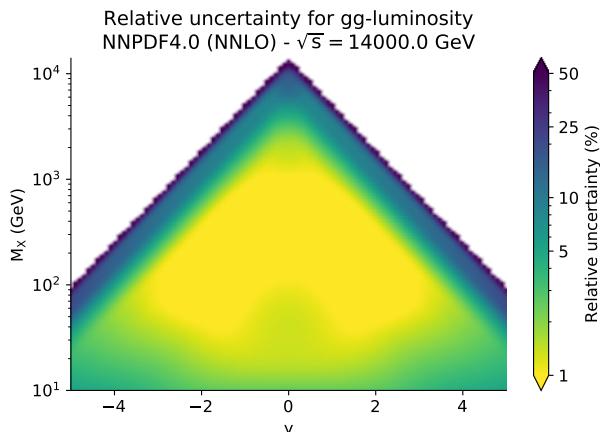
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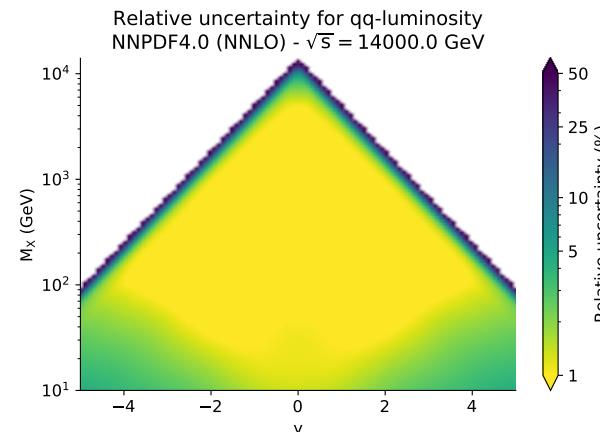
- TYPICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN DATA REGION: SINGLET  $\sim 3\%$ , NONSINGLET  $\sim 5\%$
- DATA REGION:  $10^2 \lesssim M_X \lesssim 10^3$  TeV,  $-2 \lesssim y \lesssim 2$

## UNCERTAINTIES: ...TO NNPDF4.0

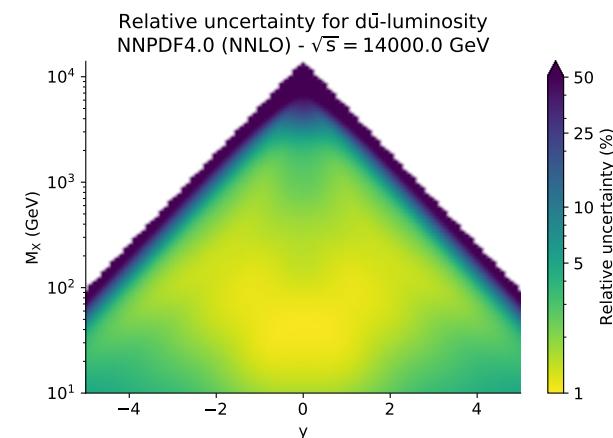
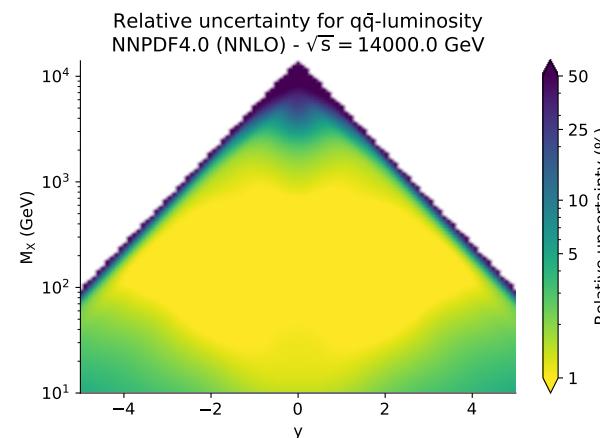
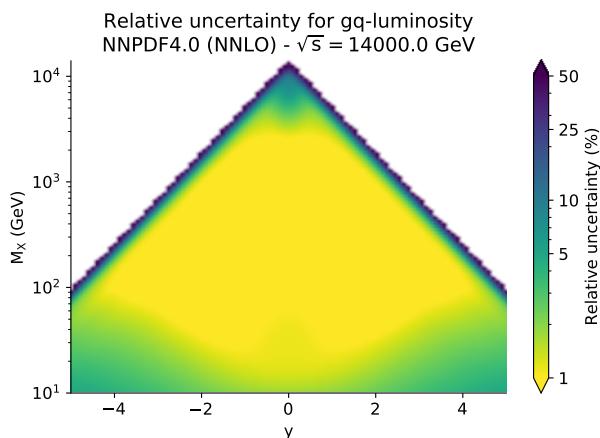
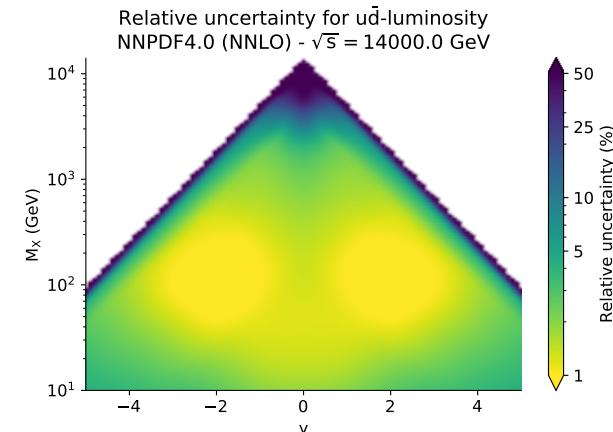
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**SINGLET**



**FLAVORS**



- **TYPICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN DATA REGION:** SINGLET  $\sim 1\%$ , NONSINGLET  $\sim 2 - 3\%$
- **DATA REGION:**  $10 \lesssim M_X \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^3$  TeV,  $-4 \lesssim y \lesssim 4$