

Dynamical Parton Distribution Functions

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A next step in the adventure of Physics:

LHC: 14 TeV p-p collider:

No Higgs?

Higgs?

Grand Unification?

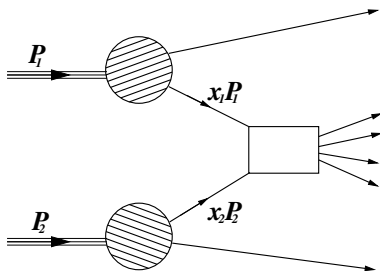
Supersymmetry?

Extra dimensions?

Mini black holes?

Strings?

...? ... *starting soon!*



$$\sigma(P_1, P_2) = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(x_1, x_2, \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu^2}, a_s(\mu^2)) f_i(x_1, \mu^2) f_j(x_2, \mu^2)$$

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[Dokshitzer et al.'s book]

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Global QCD analysis

Determination of NP information: **input distributions** $xf(x, Q_0^2)$

for light quarks + gluon: $f = u, d, \bar{u}, \bar{d}, \bar{s}$ and g (*no heavy-quark PDFs!*)

Selected **experimental** information + **parametrizations** (BIAS)

Nucleon structure Functions

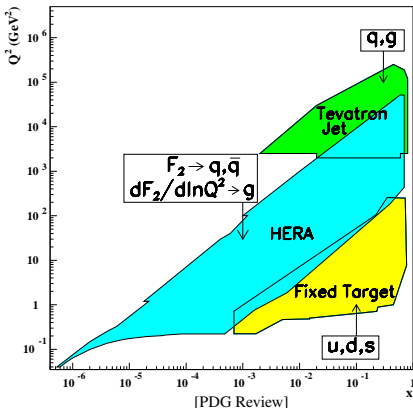
Jets from Tevatron (up to NLO)

Drell-Yan pp + pn (or neutrino DIS)
data needed for $\bar{d} \neq \bar{u}$

Strange symmetric input $s \equiv \bar{s} = 0$
(or asymmetric, discussed later)

Chi-square method:

$$\chi^2(p) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{\text{data}(i) - \text{theory}(i,p)}{\text{error}(i)} \right)^2$$



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Propagation of **experimental** errors (only!) into the PDFs

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$a > 0$ “valence”-like



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QCD *predictions* for $x \lesssim 10^{-2}$

More restrictive, *less uncertainties*

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History of the dynamical distributions

Dynamical assumption [Altarelli, Cabibbo, Maiani, Petronzio 74], [Parisi, Petronzio 76], [Novikov 76], [Glück, Reya 77]
in connexion with the *constituent quark model*: only valence quarks

First dynamical determination of parton distributions [Glück, Reya 77]

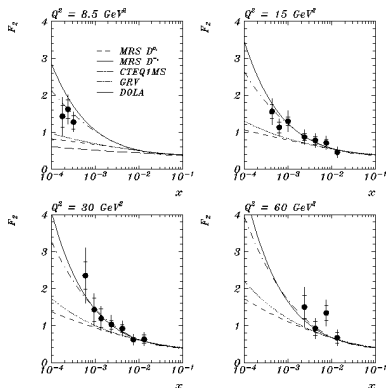
Used in the 80's: e.g. for the discovery
of W and Z bosons (SPS, CERN)

Extended to include *light sea* [Glück, Reya, Vogt 90]
and *gluon* [Glück, Reya, Vogt 92] **valence-like input**
→ **steep gluon and sea at small- x**

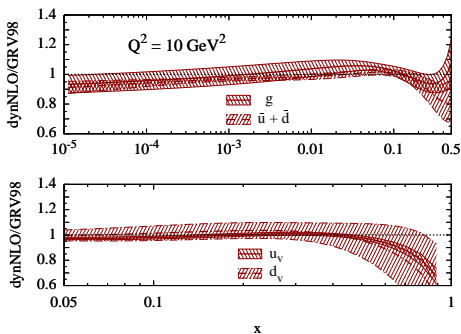
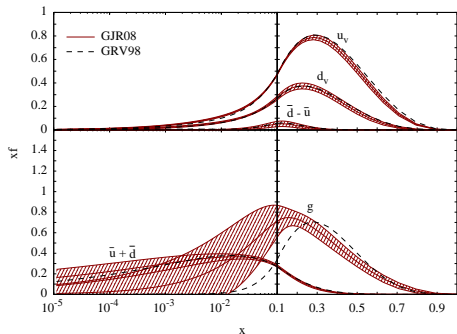
Confirmed by first HERA $F_2(x, Q^2)$ data
[H1, ZEUS 93]

GRV95 and GRV98 contributed greatly
in the 90's and beginning of the 00's

New **improved** generation (GJR08, JR09):
new data, $\overline{\text{MS}}$ + DIS factorization schemes, NNLO, error analysis, FFNS+VFNS



Comparison with GRV98



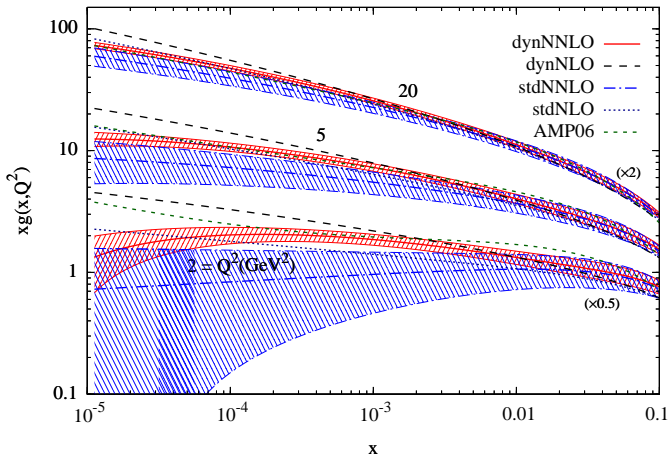
Very **similar** to the previous *dynamical* (input) distributions **GRV98** [up to NLO]

All quark distributions *within* error estimates [note the flat sea (for later)]

Similar gluon as well: peaks at slightly different x but within 2σ

Stable after evolution, less than 10–20% of “acceptable” (1σ) difference

Dynamical vs standard distributions: gluon



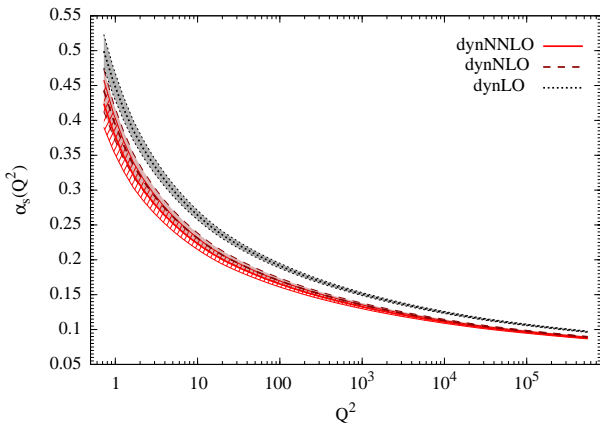
Uncertainties decrease as Q^2 increase: *pQCD evolution*

Valence-like input, i.e., *larger evolution* distance \Rightarrow **less uncertainties**

Determination of $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$

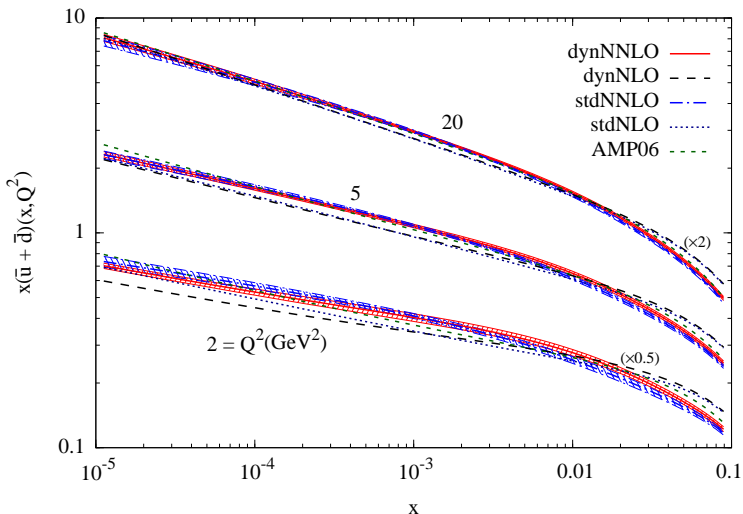
Only free parameter (besides masses) in QCD : *acceptable agreement*

However “dispersion” > uncertainties: global fits (DIS) yield smaller values



Our NNLO result: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dynamical: } 0.1124 \pm 0.0020 \\ \text{standard: } 0.1158 \pm 0.0035 \quad (\text{larger error}) \end{array} \right.$

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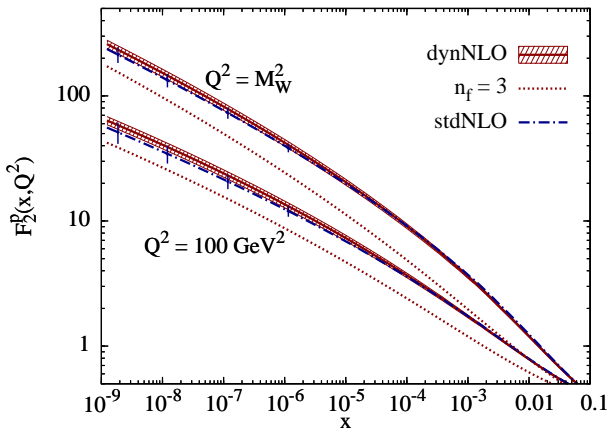


Rather flat input sea ($a_{\bar{u}+\bar{d}} \simeq 0.15$) \Rightarrow

equally increasing down to $x \simeq 10^{-2} \Rightarrow$ marginally smaller errors

Extremely small- x : astrophysical relevance

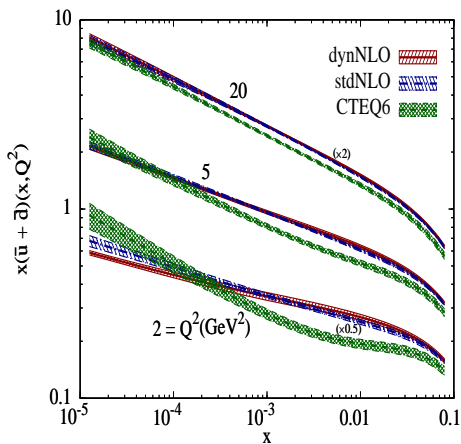
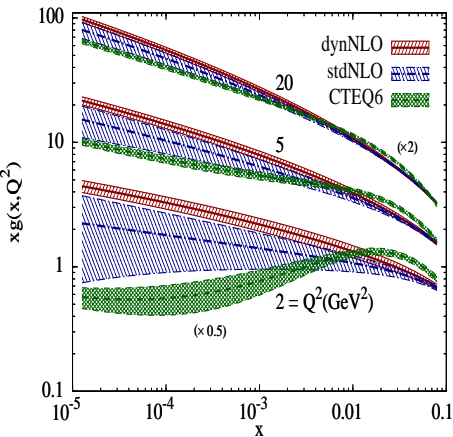
More sensible for astrophysics: ultrahigh energy ($E_\nu \simeq 10^{12}$ GeV) ν -N scattering
→ **sea dominated** as F_2^p for small x



For $x \lesssim 10^{-2}$ parameter free **dynamical predictions** \Rightarrow 10% accuracy

Uncertainties on the “**standard**” extrapolations are twice as large

Comparison with other groups: CTEQ



CTEQ6 has a **valence-like gluon** at $Q_0^2 = m_c^2 \simeq 1.7 \text{ GeV}^2$!!

Q_0^2 also play another role \Rightarrow standard gluons fall below dynamical

Non-valencelike sea \Rightarrow larger uncertainties

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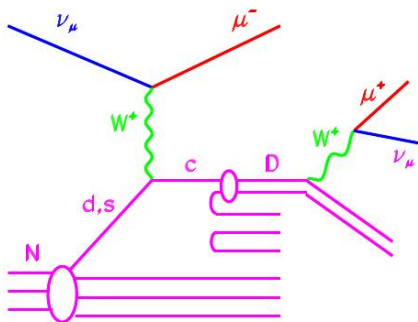
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Dimuon production

$$\frac{d\sigma^+}{dx dy}(x, y, E_{\nu(\bar{\nu})}) = \frac{G_F^2 M E_{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{\pi} B_c \mathcal{A}(x, y, E_{\nu(\bar{\nu})}) \frac{d\sigma^{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{dx dy}(x, y, E_{\nu(\bar{\nu})})$$



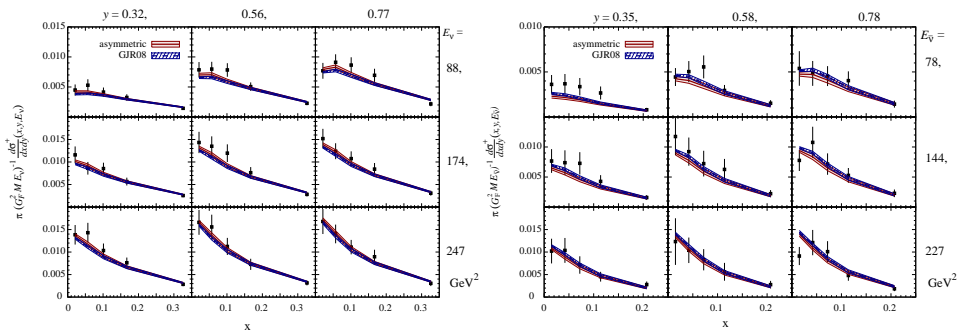
[NuTeV Coll. PRD64 (2001) 112006]

Signature: Two muons of different sign

Directly related to **charged current charm production** $\propto s(x, Q^2)$

Sensitive to differences between s and \bar{s}

Fitting the data



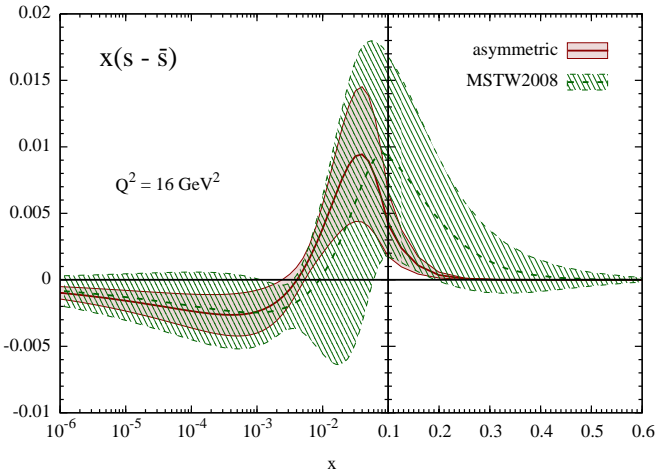
Already **well described by GJR08**: $\chi^2 = 65$ for 90 data points (1σ)

\Rightarrow radiatively generated strangeness plausible: $s^+(x, Q_0^2) = 0$

Introducing an asymmetry ($s^-(x, Q_0^2) \neq 0$) χ^2 goes down to 60

Neutrino increases, antineutrino decreases \Rightarrow **“positive” asymmetry**

The strangeness asymmetry



Compatible with previous determinations but smaller uncertainties

Very small effect, irrelevant for most applications

Important for dedicated experiments (e.g. NuTeV anomaly)

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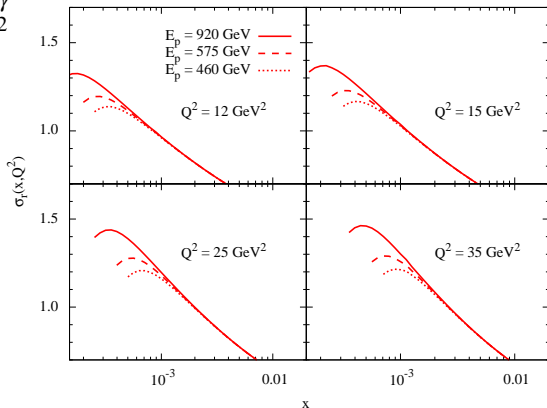
for fixed Q^2 (and s)

F_L relevant with

increasing y

→ *turnover* at small x

⇒ F_L **positive**



gluon dominated in the small- x region ⇒ **positive gluon** (also beyond LO!)

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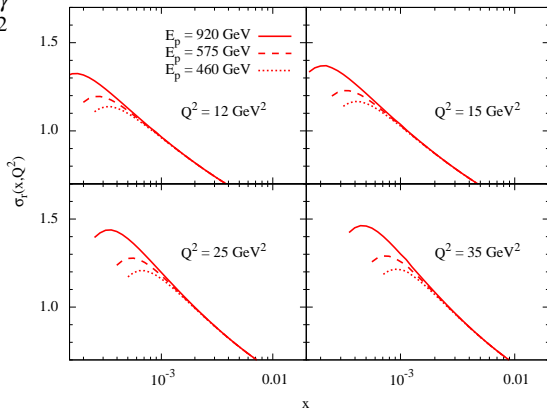
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for fixed Q^2 (and s)

F_L relevant with
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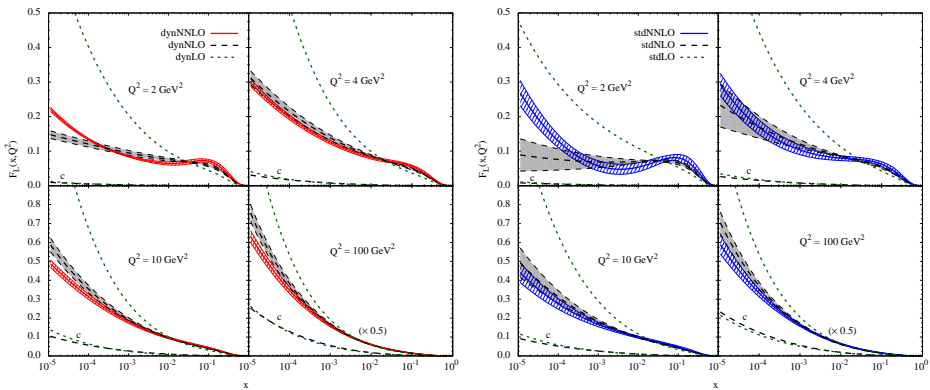
→ *turnover* at small x

⇒ F_L **positive**



gluon dominated in the small- x region ⇒ **positive gluon** (also beyond LO!)

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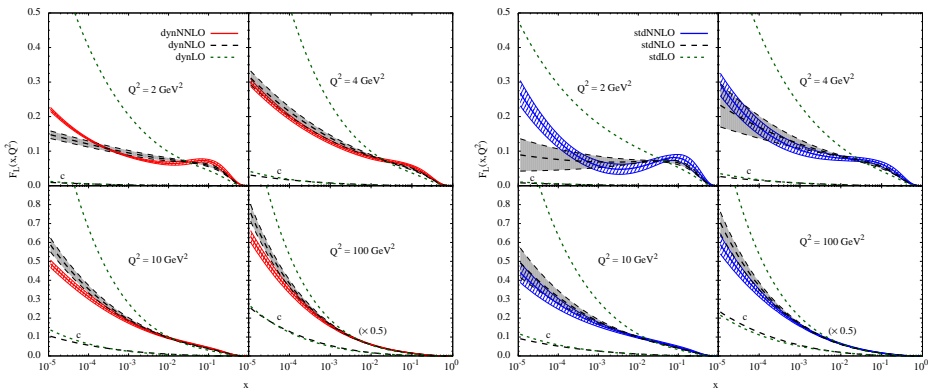
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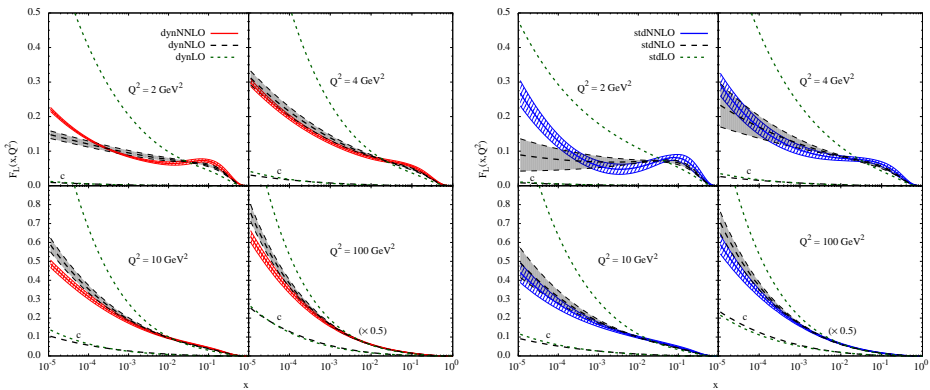
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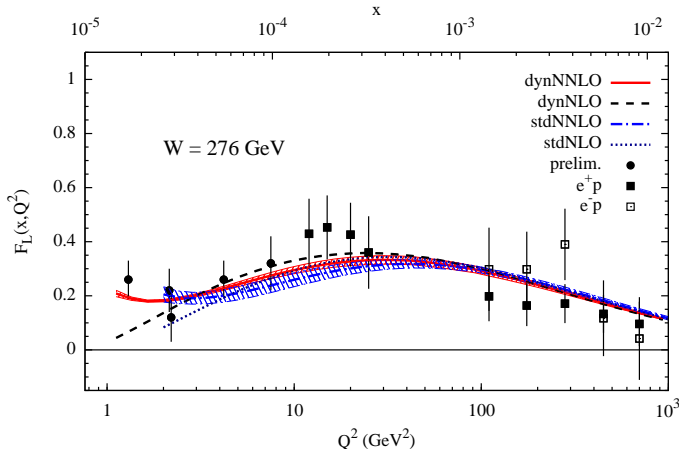
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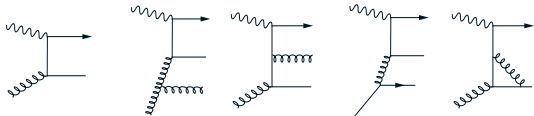
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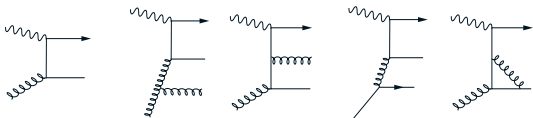
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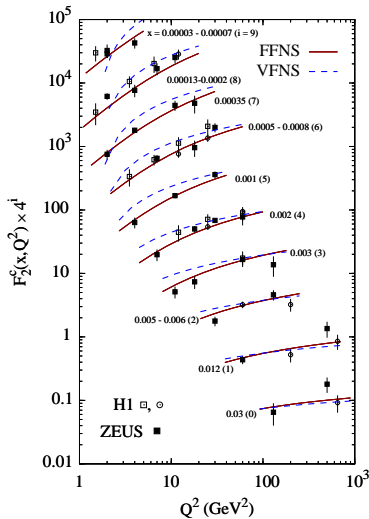
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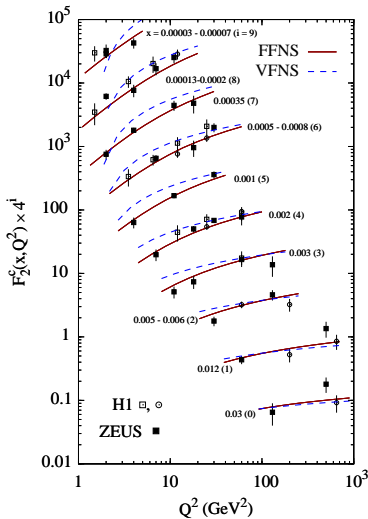
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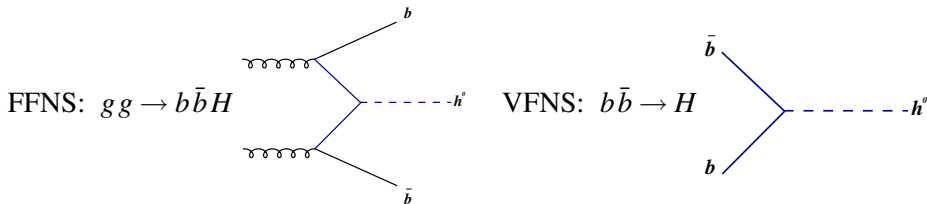
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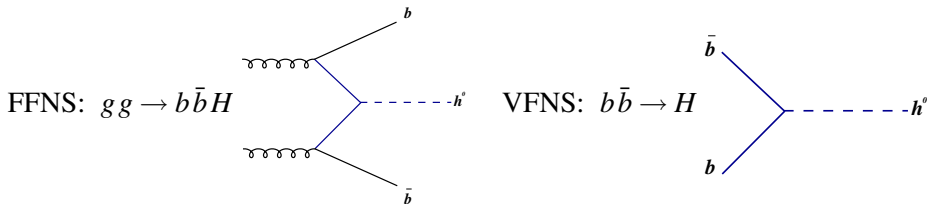
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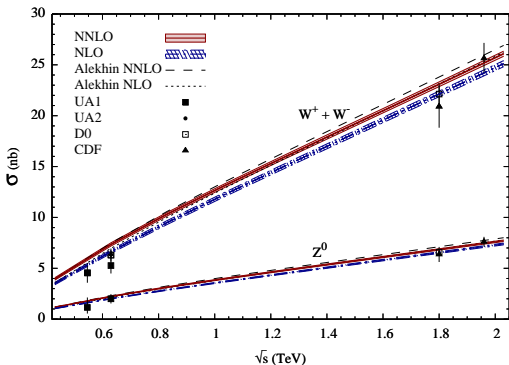
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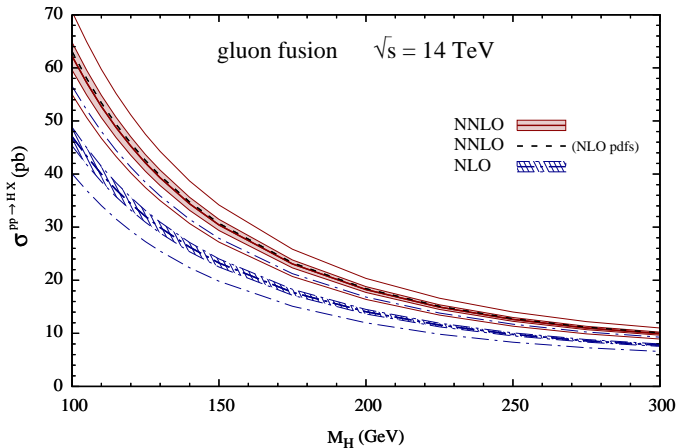
Results from different groups **within experimental uncertainty**

NNLO expectations for LHC ($\approx 5\%$ accuracy):

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Higgs boson production at LHC

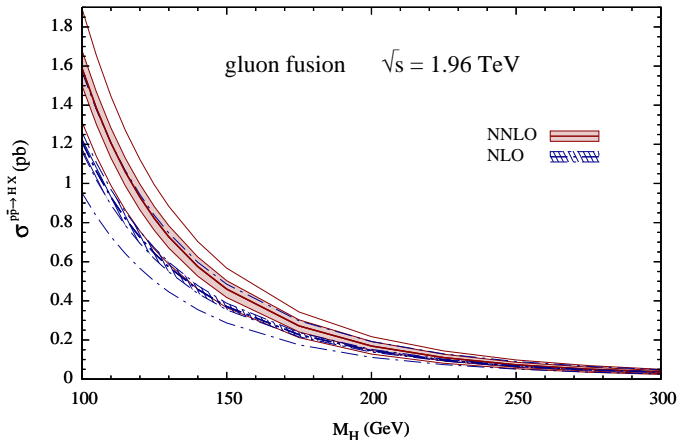


NNLO rather (20%) larger than NLO but *total* uncertainty bands overlap

Similar (within 10%) to other groups, not *very* dependent on PDFs

Total **accuracy at NNLO of about 10%**

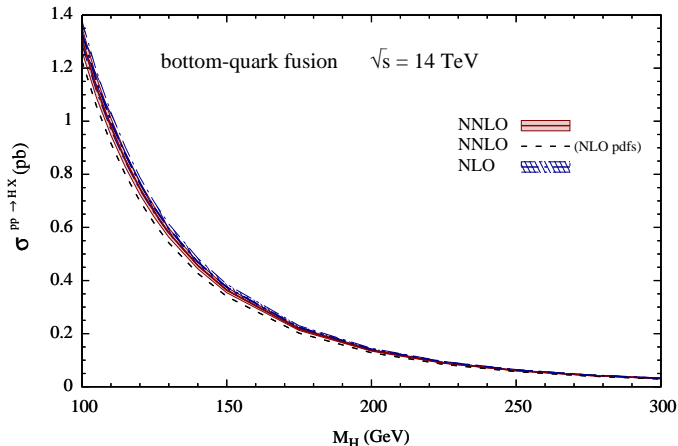
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Similar features

Larger (factor of 2) uncertainty bands

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Subdominant contribution with rather *different* features:

marginal scale dependence (here the appropriate scale is $\frac{M_H}{4}$)

small K-factor: NLO/NNLO almost coincide

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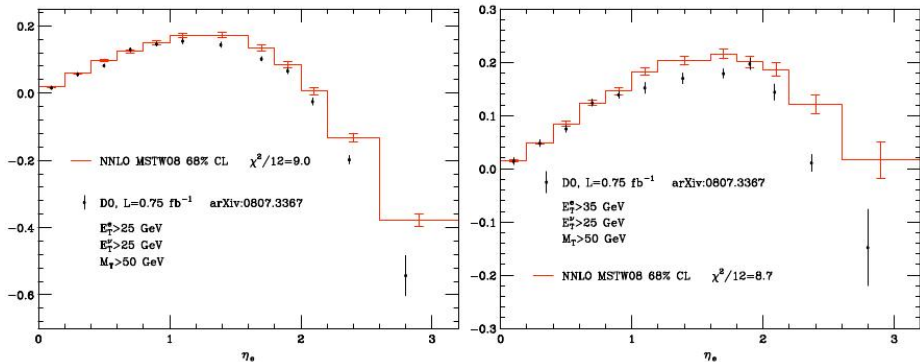
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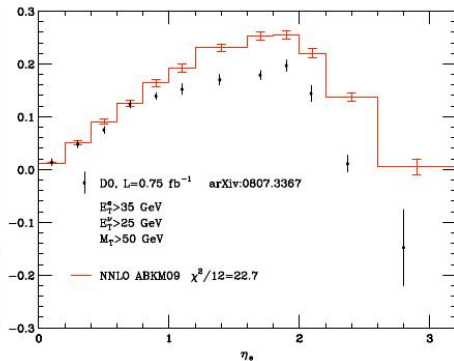
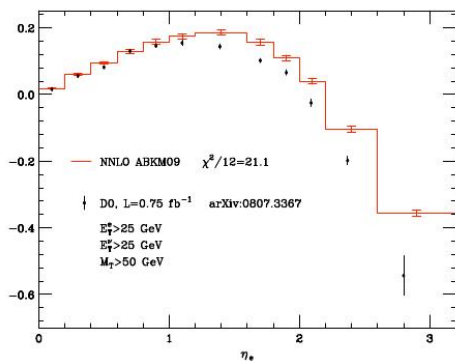
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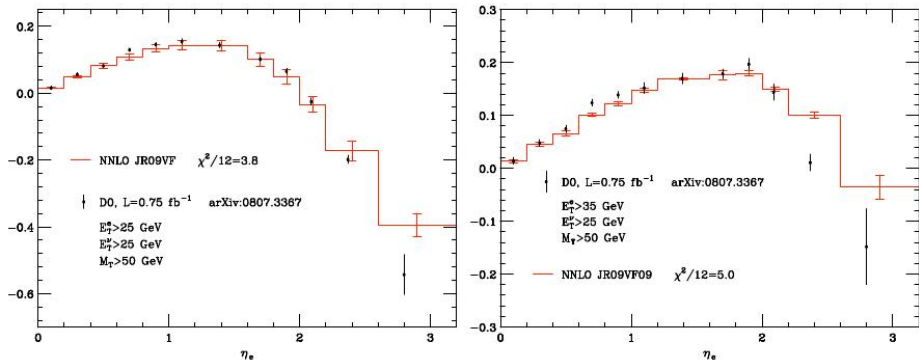
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Analyses **extended**: new data, NNLO, errors ...

Dynamical approach: more **predictive** and **smaller uncertainties**

Strangeness asymmetry **precisely** determined: small and positive

Positive distributions and cross-sections (F_L) in **agreement with all data**

FFNS reliable: no need for resummation (heavy-quark distributions)

Effective (VFNS) “heavy” quark distributions *reliable* for **Tevatron** and **LHC**

Total accuracy at **LHC**: $\approx 5\%$ for gauge-boson production rates
 $\approx 10\%$ for Higgs production.