

Parton Distribution Functions, α_s , and Heavy-Quark Masses for LHC Run II

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- *Parton Distribution Functions, α_s and Heavy-Quark Masses for LHC Run II*
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- *A Critical Appraisal and Evaluation of Modern PDFs*
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- *Iso-spin asymmetry of quark distributions and implications for single top-quark production at the LHC*
S. Alekhin, J. Blümlein, S. M. and R. Plačakytė [arXiv:1508.07923](#)
- *Determination of Strange Sea Quark Distributions from Fixed-target and Collider Data*
S. Alekhin, J. Blümlein, L. Caminada, K. Lipka, K. Lohwasser, S. M., R. Petti, and R. Plačakytė [arXiv:1404.6469](#)
- Many more papers of ABM and friends ...
[2008](#) – ...

PDF landscape

- Significant number of active groups ABMP16, CJ15, CT14, HERAPDF2.0, JR14, MMHT14, NNPDF3.1
 - PDFs accurate to NNLO in QCD, except for CJ15 (NLO)
 - different choices of data sets
 - different fitting procedures ($\Delta\chi^2$ criterium)

PDF sets	$\Delta\chi^2$ criterion	data sets used in analysis
ABMP16 arXiv:1701.05838	1	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DY, $t\bar{t}$, single t
CJ15 arXiv:1602.03154	1	incl. DIS, DY (incl. $p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^\pm X$), $p\bar{p}$ jets, γ +jet
CT14 arXiv:1506.07443	100	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DY, $p\bar{p}$ jets, pp jets
HERAPDF2.0 arXiv:1506.06042	1	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DIS jets
JR14 arXiv:1403.1852	1	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DY, $p\bar{p}$ jets, DIS jets
MMHT14 arXiv:1510.02332	2.3 ... 42.3 (dynamical)	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DY, $p\bar{p}$ jets, pp jets, $t\bar{t}$
NNPDF3.1 arXiv:1706.00428	n.a.	incl. DIS, DIS charm, DY, $p\bar{p}$ jets, pp jets, $t\bar{t}$, $W +$ charm, Zp_T

Recommendations (I)

PDF4LHC recommendations for LHC Run II

- Recommendations by CT14, MMHT14, NNPDF3.0
- PDFs averaged in set PDF4LHC15
 - to be used for Higgs cross sections, in searches, for PDF uncertainties and for Monte Carlo simulations

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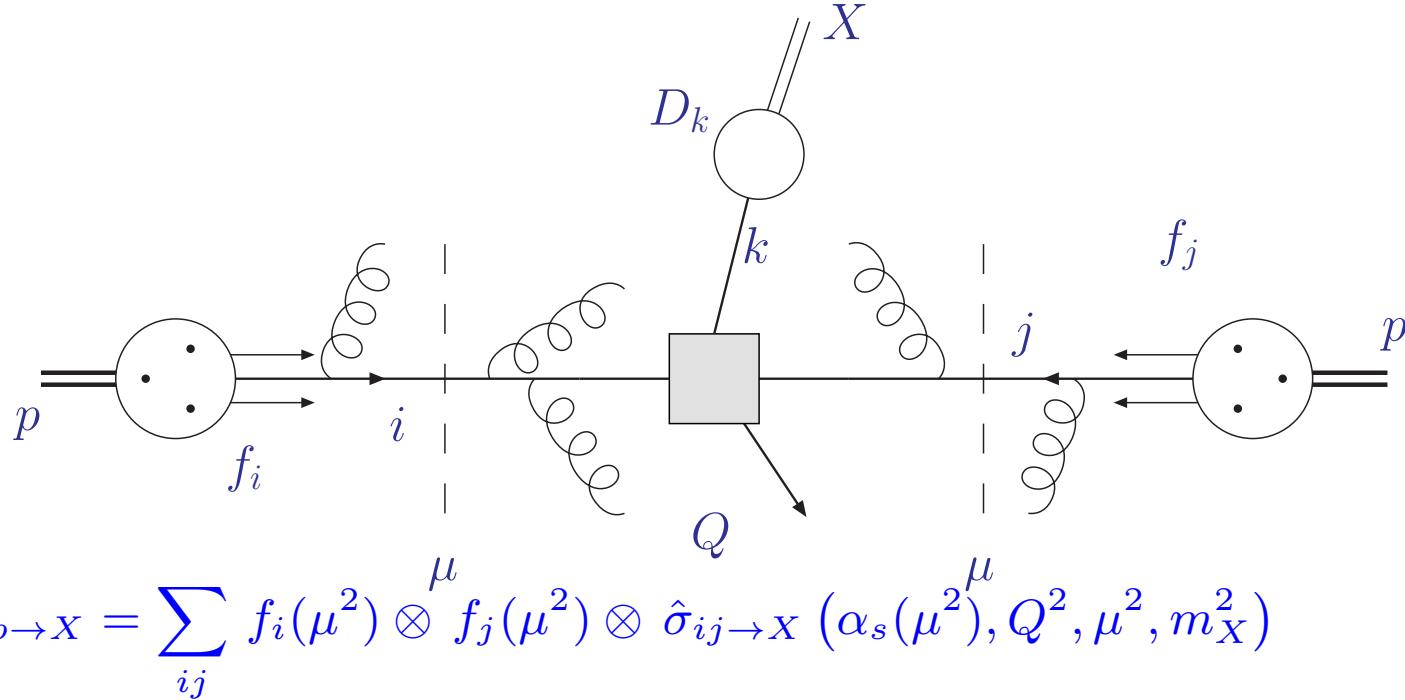
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(ii) Other theory predictions

Recommendation: Use any one of the PDF sets listed in LHAPDF(v6).

QCD factorization



- Factorization at scale μ
 - separation of sensitivity to dynamics from long and short distances
- Hard parton cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}$ calculable in perturbation theory
 - cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow k}$ for parton types i, j and hadronic final state X
- Parton distribution functions f_i , strong coupling α_s , particle masses m_X
 - known from global fits to exp. data, lattice computations, ...

The ABMP16 PDF fit

Data sets considered in ABMP16 analysis

- Analysis of world data for deep-inelastic scattering and fixed-target data for Drell-Yan process
 - inclusive DIS data HERA, BCDMS, NMC, SLAC $(NDP = 2155)$
 - DIS heavy-quark production data HERA, CCFR, Chorus, NOMAD, NuTeV $(NDP = 313)$
 - Drell-Yan data (fixed target) E-605, E-866 $(NDP = 158)$
 - Tevatron & LHC data for W^\pm - and Z -boson production D0, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb $(NDP = 172)$
 - Top-quark production D0, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb $(NDP = 36)$

Iterative cycle of PDF fits

- i) check of compatibility of new data set with available world data
- ii) study of potential constraints due to addition of new data set to fit
- iii) perform high precision measurement of parton distributions, strong coupling $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ and heavy quark masses

Theory considerations in PDF fits

Theory considerations in ABMP16

- Strictly NNLO QCD for determination of PDFs and α_s
- Consistent scheme for treatment of heavy quarks
 - $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme for quark masses and α_s
 - fixed-flavor number scheme for $n_f = 3, 4, 5$
- Consistent theory description for consistent data sets
 - low scale DIS data with account of higher twist
- Full account of error correlations

Interplay with perturbation theory

- Accuracy of determination driven by precision of theory predictions
- PDF parameters, α_s , m_c , m_b and m_t sensitive to
 - radiative corrections at higher orders
 - chosen scheme (e.g. ($\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme))
 - renormalization and factorization scales μ_R , μ_F
 - ...

ABMP16 PDF ansatz

- PDFs parameterization at scale $\mu_0 = 3\text{GeV}$ in scheme with $n_f = 3$
Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M., Placakyte '17
 - ansatz for valence-/sea-quarks, gluon

$$xq_v(x, \mu_0^2) = \frac{2\delta_{qu} + \delta_{qd}}{N_q^v} (1-x)^{b_q} x^{a_q} P_{qv}(x)$$

$$xq_s(x, \mu_0^2) = x\bar{q}_s(x, \mu_0^2) = A_{qs} (1-x)^{b_{qs}} x^{a_{qs}} P_{qs}(x)$$

$$xg(x, \mu_0^2) = A_g (1-x)^{b_g} x^{a_g} P_g(x)$$

- strange quark is taken in charge-symmetric form
- function $P_p(x)$

$$P_p(x) = (1 + \gamma_{-1,p} \ln x) (1 + \gamma_{1,p} x + \gamma_{2,p} x^2 + \gamma_{3,p} x^3) ,$$

- 29 parameters in fit including $\alpha_s^{(n_f=3)}(\mu_0 = 3\text{GeV})$, m_c , m_b and m_t
- simultaneous fit of higher twist parameters (twist-4)
- Ansatz provides sufficient flexibility; no additional terms required to improve the quality of fit

Quality of fit

Statistical tests

- Goodness-of-fit estimator
 - χ^2 values compared to number of data points (typically a few thousand in global fit)

Covariance matrix

- Positive-definite covariance matrix
 - correlations for fit parameters of ABMP16 PDFs

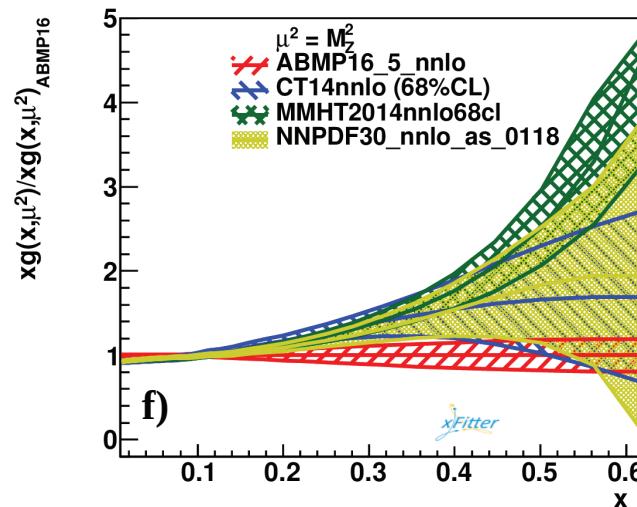
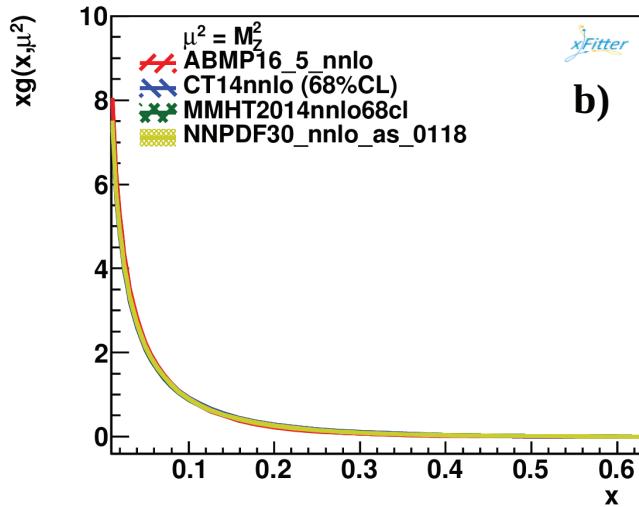
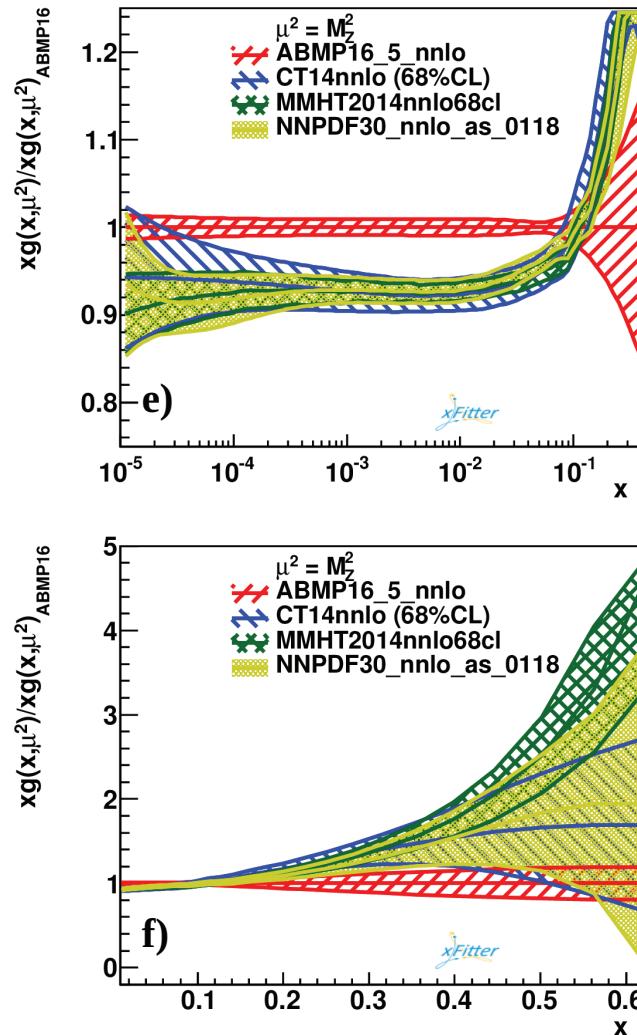
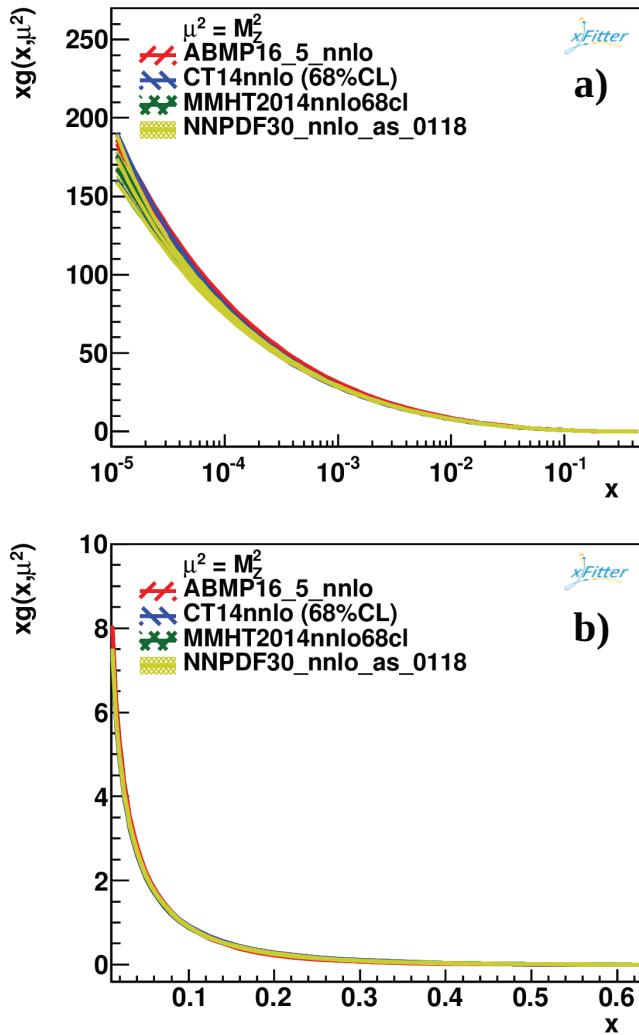
	a_u	b_u	$\gamma_{1,u}$	$\gamma_{2,u}$	$\gamma_{3,u}$	a_d	b_d	$\gamma_{1,d}$	$\gamma_{2,d}$	$\gamma_{3,d}$
a_u	1.0	0.7617	0.9372	-0.5078	0.4839	0.4069	0.3591	0.4344	-0.3475	0.0001
b_u	0.7617	1.0	0.6124	-0.1533	0.0346	0.3596	0.2958	0.3748	-0.2748	0.0001
$\gamma_{1,u}$	0.9372	0.6124	1.0	-0.7526	0.7154	0.2231	0.2441	0.2812	-0.2606	0.0001
$\gamma_{2,u}$	-0.5078	-0.1533	-0.7526	1.0	-0.9409	0.2779	0.2276	0.2266	-0.1860	0.0
$\gamma_{3,u}$	0.4839	-0.0346	0.7154	-0.9409	1.0	-0.1738	-0.1829	-0.1327	0.1488	0.0
a_d	0.4069	0.3596	0.2231	0.2779	-0.1738	1.0	0.7209	0.9697	0.6529	0.0001
b_d	0.3591	0.2958	0.2441	0.2276	-0.1829	0.7209	1.0	0.7681	-0.9786	-0.0001
$\gamma_{1,d}$	0.4344	0.3748	0.2812	0.2266	-0.1327	0.9697	0.7681	1.0	-0.7454	0.0002
$\gamma_{2,d}$	-0.3475	-0.2748	-0.2606	-0.1860	0.1488	-0.6529	-0.9786	-0.7454	1.0	-0.0002
$\gamma_{3,d}$	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0	0.0	0.0001	-0.0001	0.0002	-0.0002	1.0
a_{us}	-0.0683	-0.0801	-0.2094	0.3881	-0.3206	0.2266	0.1502	0.2000	-0.1293	0.0
b_{us}	-0.3508	-0.3089	-0.3462	0.0906	-0.0537	-0.1045	-0.2000	-0.2241	0.2798	0.0
$\gamma_{1,us}$	0.2296	0.1387	0.3367	0.4043	0.3474	-0.1171	-0.1127	-0.0810	0.0767	0.0
$\gamma_{1,us}$	-0.4853	-0.4119	-0.3844	-0.0365	0.0064	-0.4380	-0.3592	-0.4957	0.3771	-0.0001
A_{us}	0.0506	0.0807	-0.0949	0.3198	-0.2560	0.2527	0.1648	0.2350	-0.1509	0.0
a_{ds}	-0.0759	-0.0443	-0.0951	0.0263	-0.0382	-0.2565	-0.2541	-0.2666	0.2380	0.0
b_{ds}	0.0452	-0.0197	0.0345	-0.0589	0.0683	-0.2084	0.0190	-0.1841	-0.0522	0.0
$\gamma_{1,ds}$	-0.0492	-0.0809	0.0101	-0.1791	0.1309	-0.5576	-0.2029	-0.4584	0.0946	0.0
A_{ds}	-0.1980	-0.1262	-0.2349	0.1526	-0.1428	0.1113	-0.2167	-0.1739	0.2407	0.0
a_{ss}	-0.2034	-0.1285	0.2362	0.2328	-0.0280	0.0960	0.1596	0.0661	-0.1054	0.0
b_{ss}	-0.1186	-0.0480	0.1532	0.1549	-0.1536	0.0486	0.1508	0.0267	-0.1161	0.0
A_{ss}	-0.1013	-0.0411	-0.1458	0.1802	-0.1625	0.1216	0.1678	0.0924	-0.1196	0.0
a_g	0.0046	-0.0374	0.1109	-0.1934	0.1653	-0.0288	-0.0122	0.0053	0.0059	0.0
b_g	0.2662	0.3141	0.1579	-0.0050	-0.0207	0.0973	0.0870	0.0646	-0.0666	0.0
$\gamma_{1,g}$	0.2008	0.2274	0.0706	0.0876	-0.0835	0.0919	0.0574	0.0493	-0.0364	0.0
$a_s^{(n_f=3)}(\mu_0)$	0.1083	-0.0607	0.0848	-0.0250	0.0765	-0.0763	-0.0306	0.0725	0.0243	0.0
$m_c(m_c)$	-0.0006	0.0170	-0.0104	0.0206	-0.0201	-0.0123	-0.0161	-0.0114	0.0108	0.0
$m_b(m_b)$	0.0661	0.0554	0.0605	-0.0367	0.0287	-0.0116	0.0029	-0.0074	-0.0051	0.0
$m_t(m_t)$	-0.1339	-0.2170	-0.0816	0.0081	0.0250	-0.0616	-0.0813	-0.0491	0.0736	0.0

	a_{us}	b_{us}	$\gamma_{-1,us}$	$\gamma_{1,us}$	A_{us}	a_{ds}	b_{ds}	$\gamma_{1,ds}$	A_{ds}	a_{ss}
a_u	-0.0683	-0.3508	0.2296	0.4853	0.0506	-0.0759	0.0452	-0.0492	-0.1980	-0.2034
b_u	-0.0081	-0.3089	0.1387	-0.4119	0.0807	-0.0443	-0.0197	-0.0809	-0.1262	0.1285
$\gamma_{1,u}$	-0.2094	-0.3462	0.3367	-0.3844	-0.0949	-0.0951	0.0345	0.0101	-0.2349	0.2362
$\gamma_{2,u}$	0.3881	0.0906	-0.4043	0.0365	0.3198	0.0263	-0.0589	-0.1791	0.1526	0.2328
$\gamma_{3,u}$	-0.3206	-0.0537	0.3474	0.0064	-0.2560	-0.0382	0.0683	0.1309	0.1428	-0.2080
a_d	0.2266	-0.1045	-0.1171	0.4380	-0.2527	-0.0265	0.2084	0.05576	-0.1113	0.0960
b_d	0.1502	-0.2000	-0.1127	0.3592	0.1648	-0.2541	0.0190	-0.2029	-0.2167	0.1596
$\gamma_{1,d}$	0.2000	-0.2241	-0.0810	-0.4957	0.2350	-0.2666	-0.1841	-0.4584	-0.1739	0.0661
$\gamma_{2,d}$	-0.1293	0.2798	0.0767	0.3771	-0.1509	0.2380	-0.0522	0.0946	0.2407	-0.1054
$\gamma_{3,d}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.0001	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
a_{us}	1.0	-0.3156	-0.8947	-0.5310	0.9719	0.2849	0.0241	-0.0470	0.2983	0.4131
b_{us}	-0.3156	1.0	0.1372	0.8258	-0.3995	0.0467	-0.0221	0.1190	0.1856	0.0291
$\gamma_{-1,us}$	-0.8947	0.1372	1.0	0.2611	-0.7829	-0.1695	0.0156	0.0501	-0.2117	0.7191
$\gamma_{1,us}$	-0.5310	0.8258	0.2611	1.0	-0.6479	0.0086	0.0076	0.1460	0.0781	-0.0010
A_{us}	0.9719	-0.3995	-0.7829	-0.6479	1.0	0.2983	0.0515	-0.0404	0.3055	0.2811
a_{ds}	0.2849	0.0467	-0.1695	0.0086	-0.2983	1.0	-0.1608	0.0719	0.9152	-0.2941
b_{ds}	0.0241	-0.0221	0.0156	0.0076	0.0515	-0.1608	1.0	0.7834	-0.3022	-0.0390
$\gamma_{1,ds}$	-0.0470	-0.1190	0.0501	0.1460	-0.0404	0.0719	0.7834	1.0	-0.1838	-0.1373
A_{ds}	0.2983	0.1856	-0.2117	0.0781	0.3055	0.9152	-0.3022	-0.1838	1.0	0.1833
a_{ss}	0.4131	0.0291	-0.7191	0.0010	0.2811	-0.2941	-0.0390	0.1373	-0.1833	1.0
b_{ss}	0.2197	0.0643	-0.4479	0.1286	0.1193	-0.1579	-0.0260	0.0169	-0.0896	0.6522
A_{ss}	0.3627	0.0261	-0.6319	0.0102	0.2412	-0.2688	-0.0180	-0.0960	-0.1797	0.9280
a_g	-0.2570	0.0001	0.2196	0.0039	-0.2493	-0.2190	-0.0454	-0.1031	-0.2571	0.0626
b_g	-0.1419	0.1266	0.0694	0.2648	-0.1715	-0.0515	0.0917	0.2130	-0.0469	-0.0092
$\gamma_{1,g}$	-0.0241	0.0332	-0.0226	0.1296	-0.0489	-0.0137	0.0503	0.1409	-0.0022	-0.0279
$a_s^{(n_f=3)}(\mu_0)$	0.0954	-0.2866	-0.0341	0.3493	0.1110	-0.0604	0.1265	-0.1811	-0.1330	-0.0423
$m_c(m_c)$	0.0704	-0.0093	-0.0033	0.0462	0.1182	0.0849	0.0547	0.0413	0.1193	-0.0432
$m_b(m_b)$	-0.0183	-0.0132	0.0044	0.0209	-0.0298	-0.0006	0.0332	0.0695	-0.0432	0.0159
$m_t(m_t)$	0.0641	-0.1841	-0.0408	-0.2635	0.0755	-0.0573	-0.1067	-0.2003	-0.0869	0.0169

	b_{ss}	A_{ss}	a_g	b_g	$\gamma_{1,g}$	$a_s^{(n_f=3)}(\mu_0)$	$m_c(m_c)$	$m_b(m_b)$	$m_t(m_t)$
a_u	-0.1186	-0.1013	0.0046	0.2662	0.2008	0.1083	0.0006	0.0661	-0.1339
b_u	-0.0480	-0.0411	-0.0374	0.3141	0.2274	-0.0607	0.0170	0.0554	-0.2170
$\gamma_{1,u}$	-0.1532	-0.1458	0.1109	0.1579	0.0706	0.0848	-0.0104	0.0605	-0.0816
$\gamma_{2,u}$	0.1549	0.1802	-0.1934	-0.0050	0.0876	-0.0250	0.0206	-0.0367	0.0081
$\gamma_{3,u}$	-0.1536	-0.1625	0.1653	-0.0207	-0.0835	0.0765	0.0201	-0.0274	-0.0250
a_d	0.0486	0.1216	-0.0288	0.0973	0.0919	0.0763	-0.0123	-0.0116	-0.0161
b_d	0.1508	0.1678	-0.0122	0.0870	0.0574	-0.0306	0.0161	0.0029	0.0813
$\gamma_{1,d}$	0.0267	0.0924	0.0053	0.0646	0.0493	0.0725	-0.0114	-0.0074	-0.0491
$\gamma_{2,d}$	-0.1161	-0.1196	0.0059	-0.0666	-0.0364	0.0243	0.0108	-0.0051	0.0736
$\gamma_{3,d}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
a_{us}	0.2197	0.3627	-0.2570	-0.1419	-0.0241	0.0954	0.0704	-0.0183	0.0641
b_{us}	0.0643	0.0261	0.0001	0.1266	0.0332	-0.2866	-0.0093	-0.0132	-0.1841
$\gamma_{-1,us}$	-0.4479	0.6319	0.2197	0.0694	-0.0226	-0.0341	-0.0034	0.0444	0.0408
$\gamma_{1,us}$	0.1286	0.0102	0.0039	0.2648	0.1296	-0.3493	-0.0462	0.0209	-0.2635
A_{us}	0.1193	0.2412	-0.2493	-0.1715	-0.0489	0.1110	0.1182	-0.0298	0.0755
a_{ds}	-0.1579	-0.2688	-0.2190	-0.0515	-0.0137	-0.1265	-0.0547	-0.0604	0.0849
b_{ds}	-0.0260	-0.0180	-0.0454	0.0917	0.0503	-0.1265	0.0547	0.0332	-0.1067
$\gamma_{1,ds}$	0.0169	-0.0960	-0.1031	0.2130	0.1409	-0.1811	0.0413	0.0695	-0.2003
A_{ds}	-0.0896	-0.1797	-0.2571	-0.0469	0.0022	-0.1330	0.1193	-0.0432	0.0869
a_{ss}	0.6522	0.9280	0.0626	-0.0092	-0.0279	-0.0841	-0.0728	-0.0159	0.0169
b_{ss}	1.0	0.6427	-0.0179	0.1967	0.1164	-0.2390	-0.0965	0.0169	-0.1675
A_{ss}	0.6427	1.0	-0.0211	0.1403	0.0997	-0.1385	0.0216	0.0072	-0.1109
a_g	-0.0179	-0.0211	1.0	-0.5279	-0.8046	0.1838	-0.2829	0.0076	0.3310
b_g	0.1967	0.1403	-0.5279	1.0	0.8837	-0.5124	0.1438	0.1255	-0.7275
$\gamma_{1,g}$	0.1164	0.0997	-0.8046						

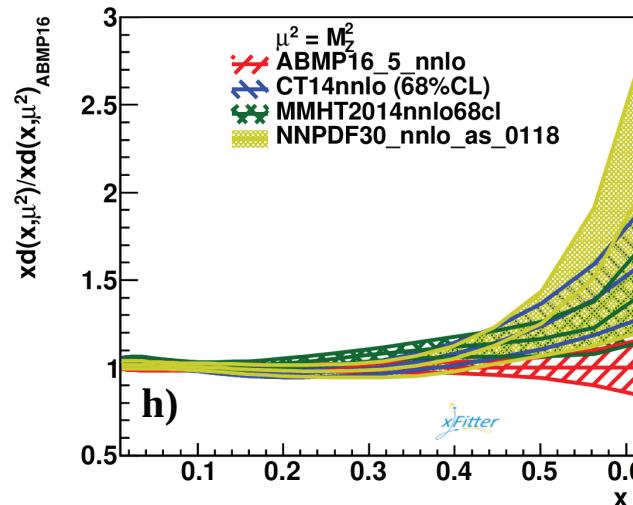
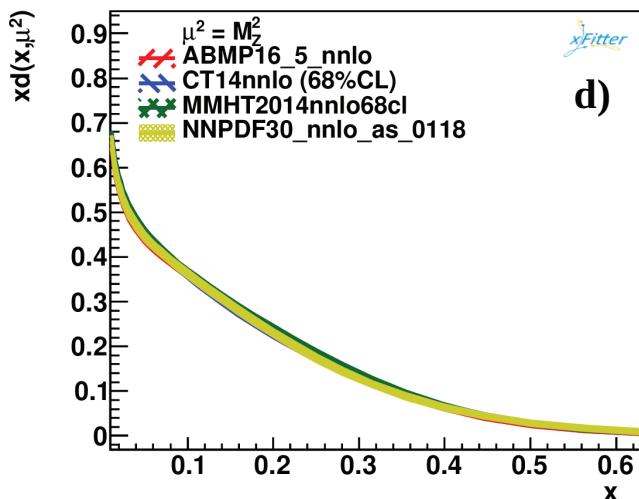
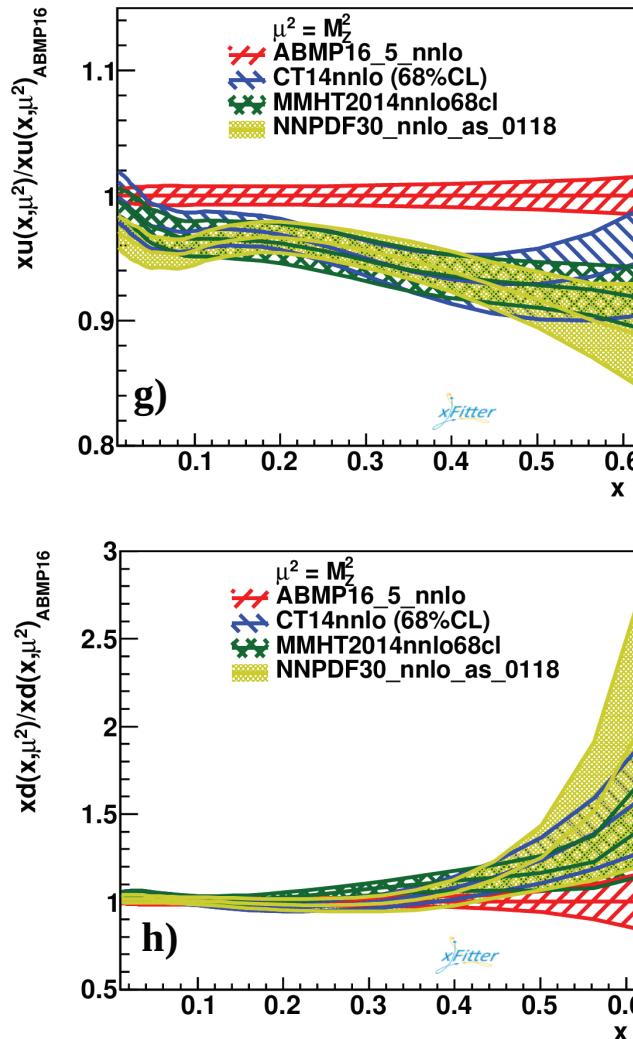
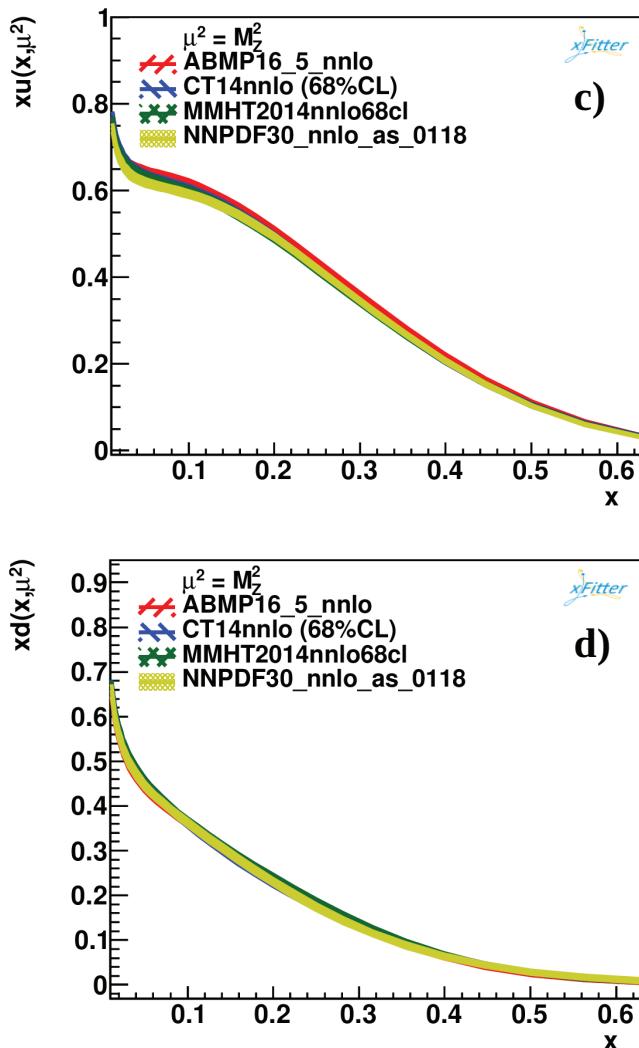
Results for parton distributions (I)

- PDFs with 1σ uncertainty bands; compare ABMP16, CT14, MMHT14 NNPDF3.0
- Gluon $g(x)$



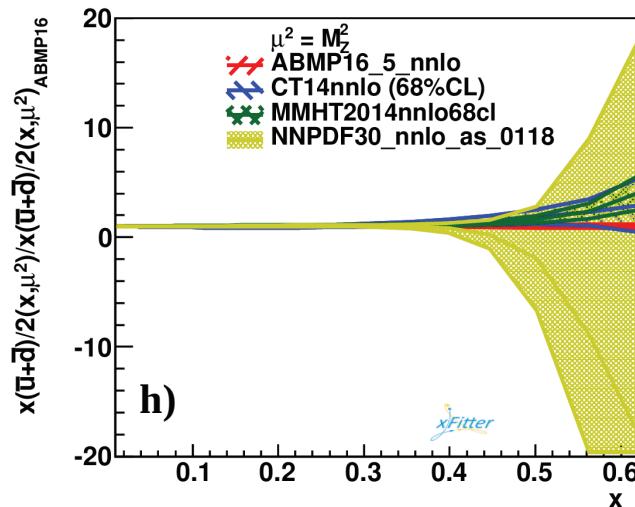
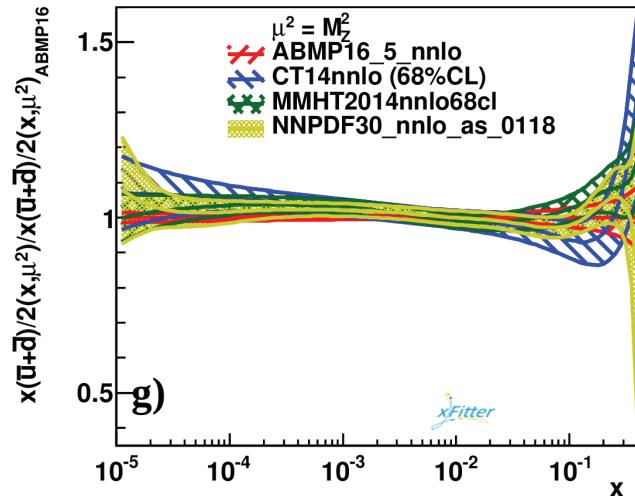
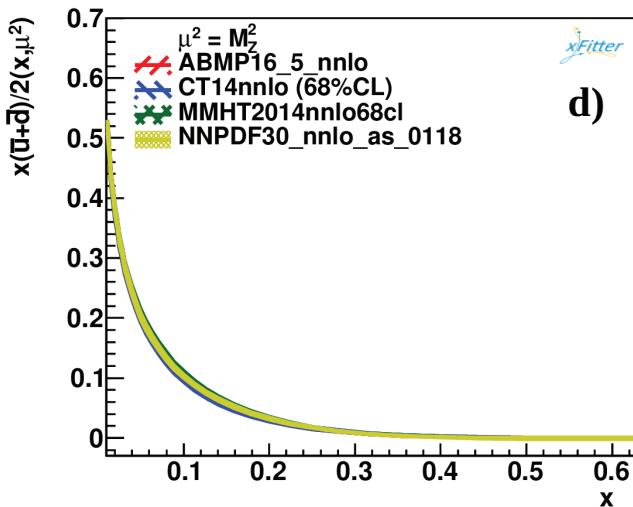
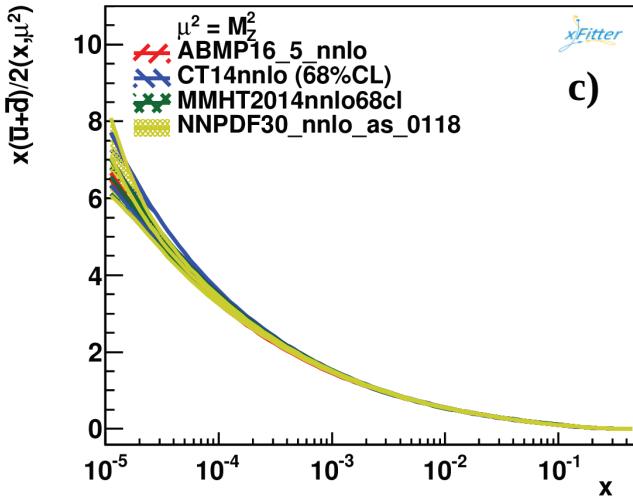
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- Light valence quarks $u(x)$, $d(x)$



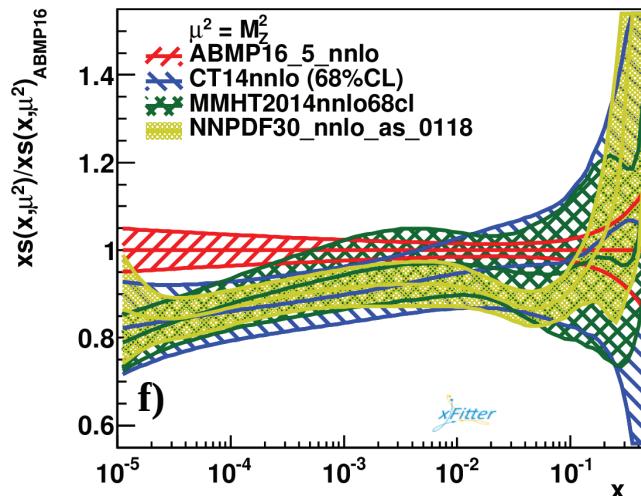
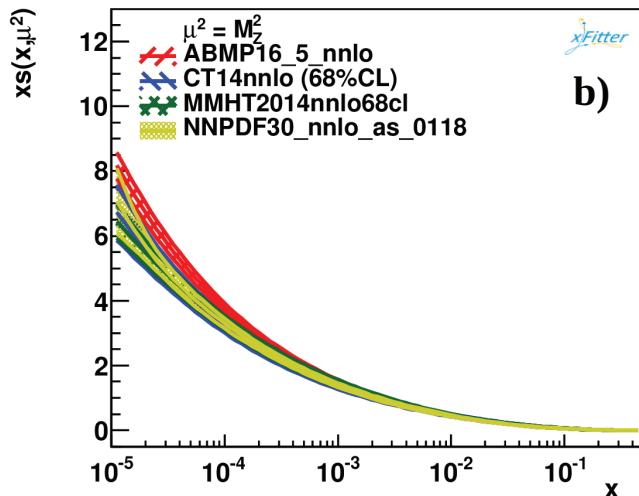
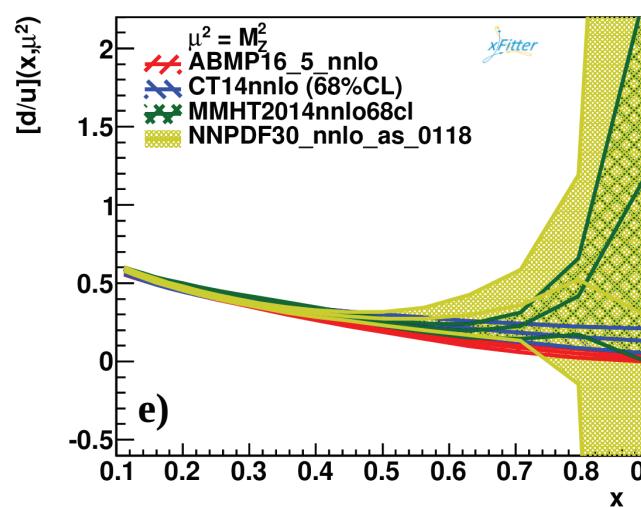
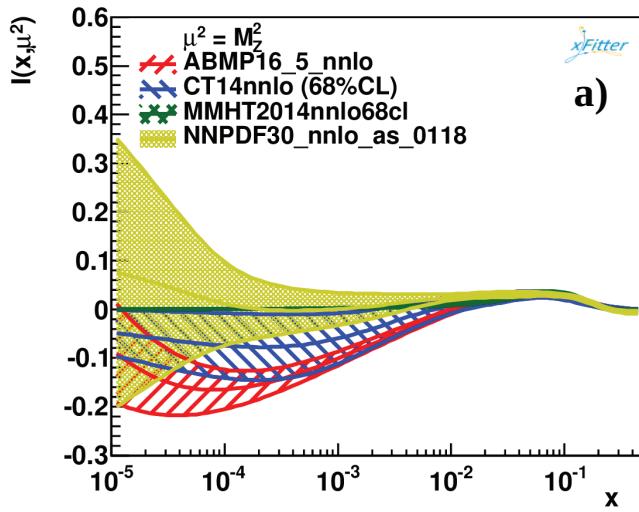
Results for parton distributions (III)

- PDFs with 1σ uncertainty bands; compare ABMP16, CT14, MMHT14 NNPDF3.0
- Sea quarks $\bar{u}(x) + \bar{d}(x)$



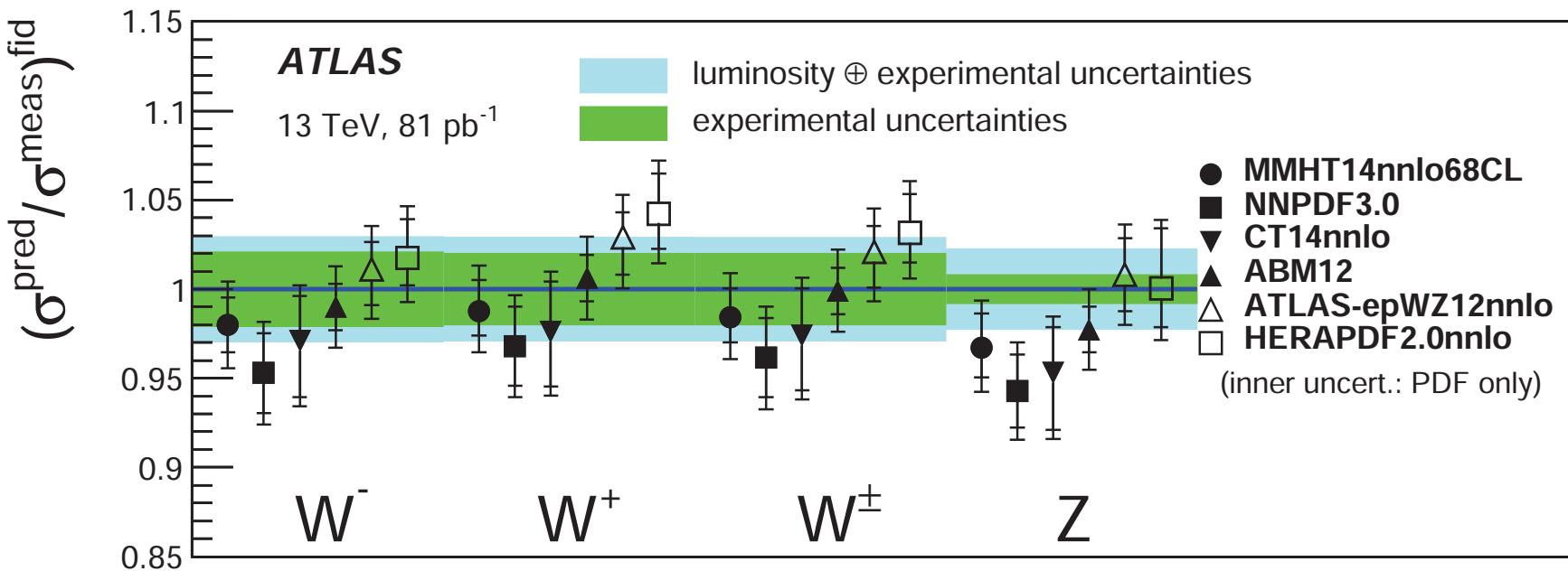
Results for parton distributions (IV)

- PDFs with 1σ uncertainty bands; compare ABMP16, CT14, MMHT14 NNPDF3.0
- Iso-spin asymmetry $x(\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x))$; ratio $d(x)/u(x)$; strange $s(x)$



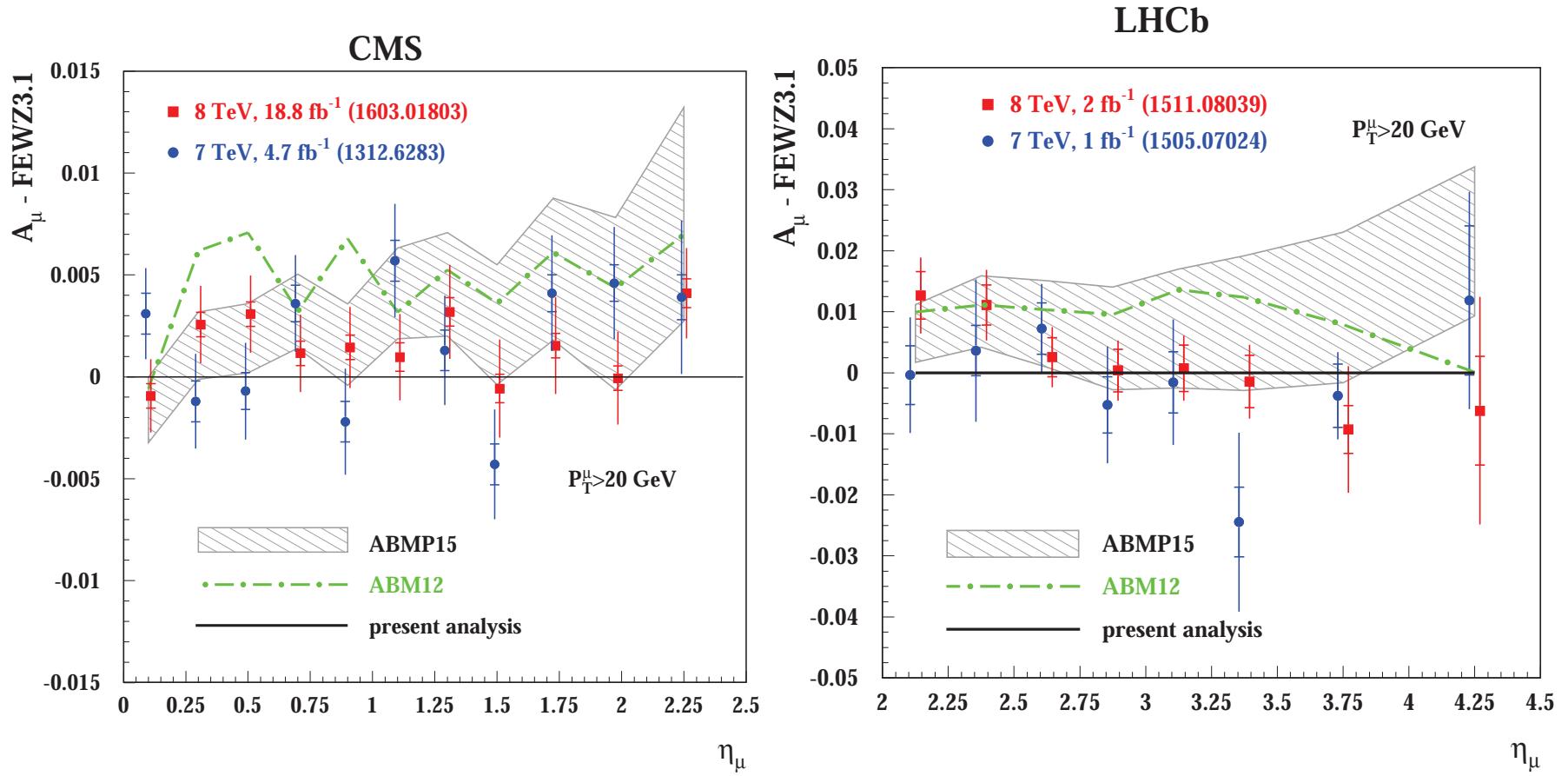
W- and *Z*-boson cross sections

- High precision data from LHC ATLAS, CMS, LHCb and Tevatron D0
 - differential distributions extend to forward region
 - sensitivity to light quark flavors at $x \simeq 10^{-4}$
 - statistically significant: $NDP = 172$ in ABMP16
- ATLAS measurement at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV from arXiv:1603.09222



- Spread in predictions from different PDFs significantly larger than experimental precision

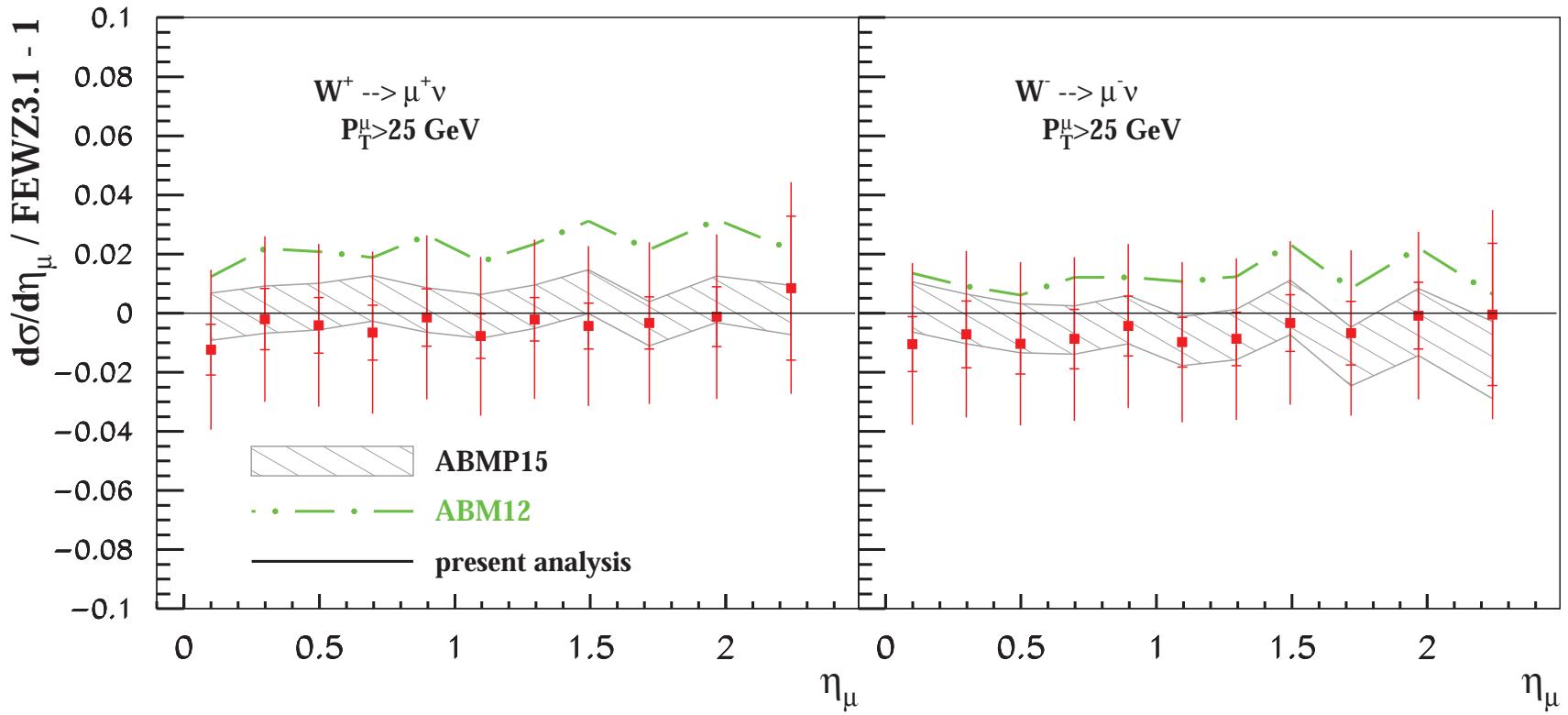
Muon charge asymmetry from LHC



- CMS and LHCb data for $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + X \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu + X$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
 - comparison of ABM12, ABMP15 and ABMP16 fits
- Problematic data point at $\eta_\mu = 3.375$ for $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ in LHCb data are omitted in fit

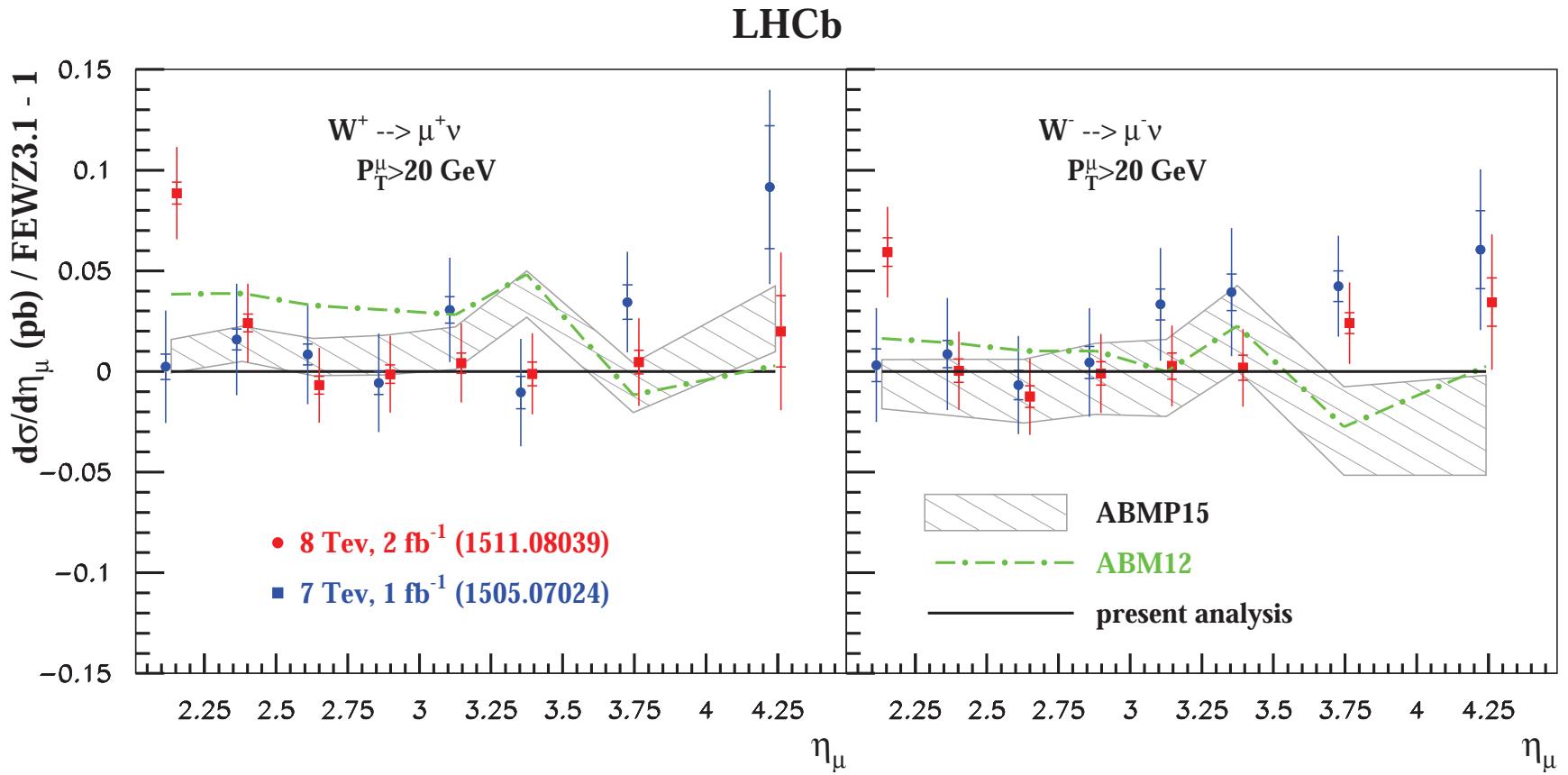
W^\pm -boson production from LHC (I)

CMS (8 TeV, 18.8 fb⁻¹) 1603.01803



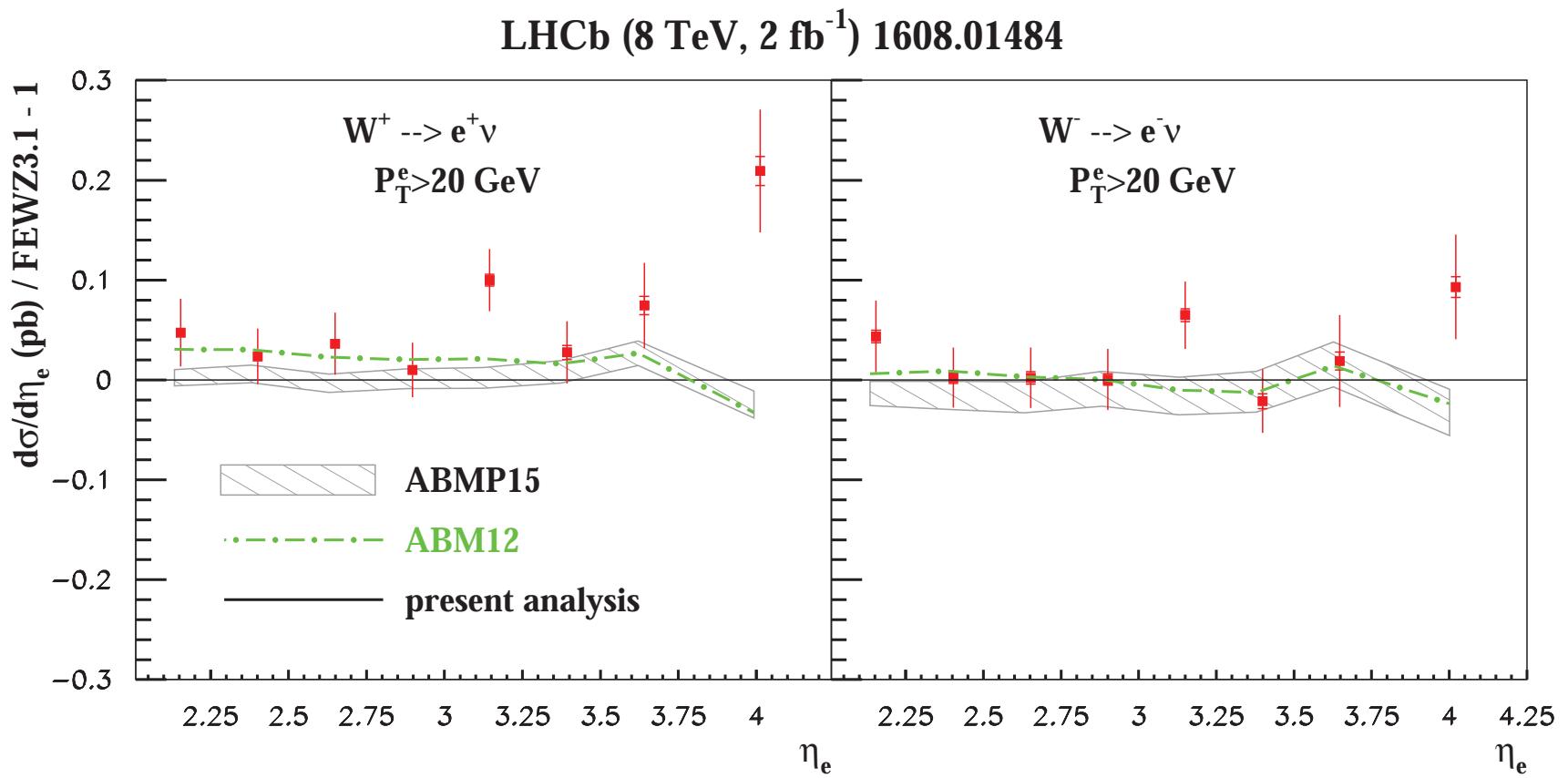
- CMS data on cross section of inclusive W^\pm -boson production at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
 - channel $W^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$

W^\pm -boson production from LHC (II)



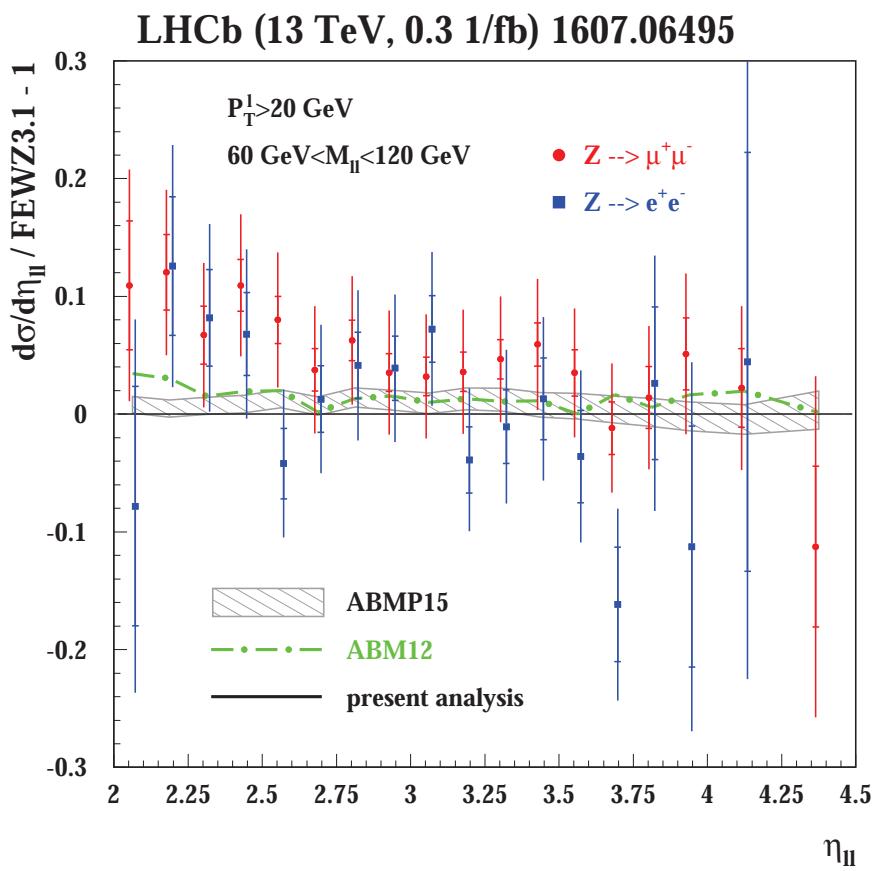
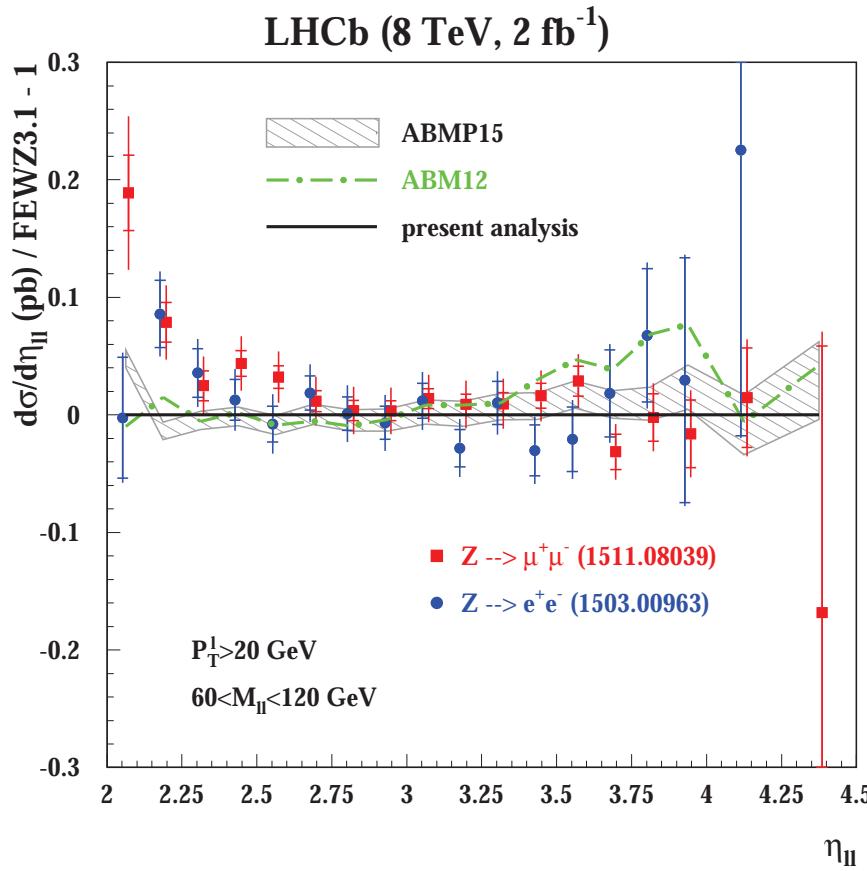
- LHCb data on cross section of inclusive W^\pm -boson production at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$
 - channel $W^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$
- Points at $\eta_\mu = 2.125$ for $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ are not used in fit

W^\pm -boson production from LHC (III)



- LHCb data on cross section of inclusive W^\pm -boson production at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV
 - channel $W^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu$

Z-boson production from LHC



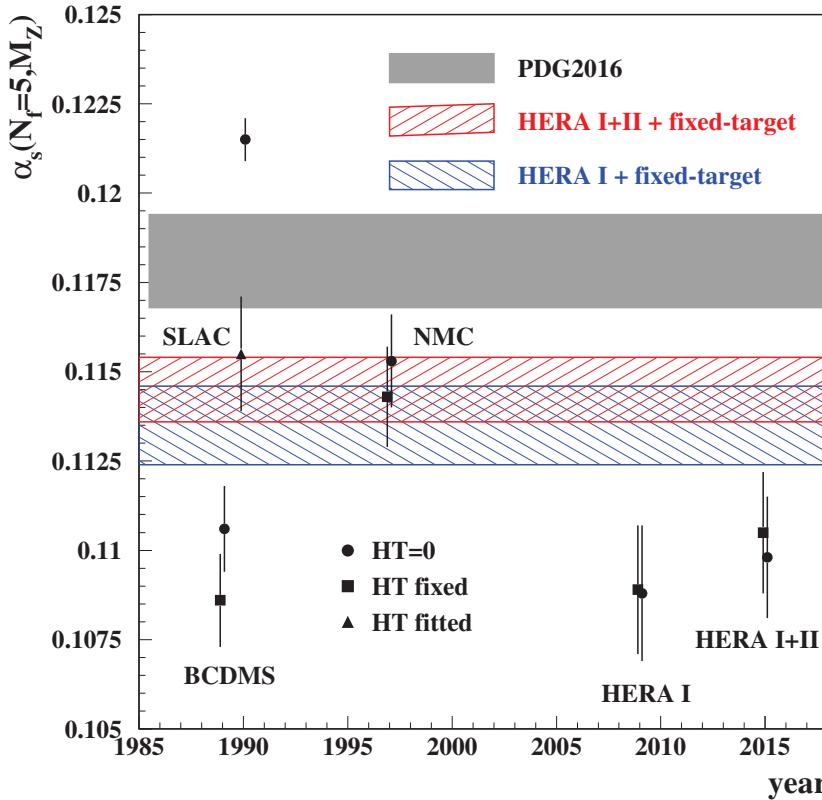
- LHCb data for $pp \rightarrow Z + X \rightarrow l\bar{l}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
 - channels $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$\alpha_s(M_Z)$ in PDFs

PDF sets	$\alpha_s(M_Z)$	method of determination
ABMP16 Alekhin, Blümlein, S.M., Placakyte '17	0.1147 ± 0.0008	fit at NNLO
CJ15 Accardi, Brady, Melnitchouk et al. '16	0.118 ± 0.002	fit at NLO
CT14 Dulat et al. '15	0.118	assumed at NNLO
HERAPDF2.0 H1+Zeus Coll.	$0.1183^{+0.0040}_{-0.0034}$	fit at NLO
JR14 Jimenez-Delgado, Reya '14	0.1136 ± 0.0004 0.1162 ± 0.0006	dynamical fit at NNLO standard fit at NNLO
MMHT14 Martin, Motylinski, Harland-Lang, Thorne '14	0.118 0.1172 ± 0.0013	assumed at NNLO best fit at NNLO
NNPDF3.1 Ball et al. '17	0.118	assumed at NNLO
PDF4LHC15 Butterworth et al. '15	0.118 0.118	assumed at NLO assumed at NNLO

- Values of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ often assumed and not fitted (no correlations)
- Large spread of fitted values at NNLO: $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1136 \dots 0.1172$
- PDF4LHC: order independent recommendation
 - use $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$ at NLO and NNLO

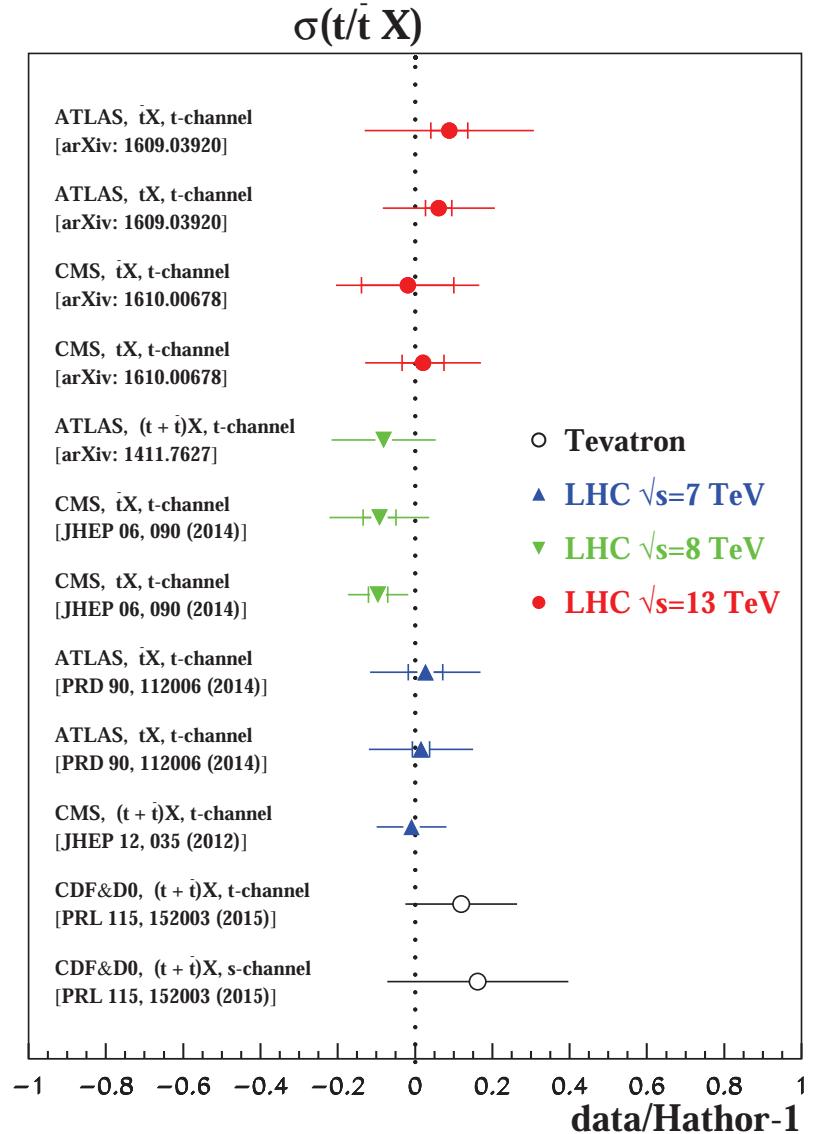
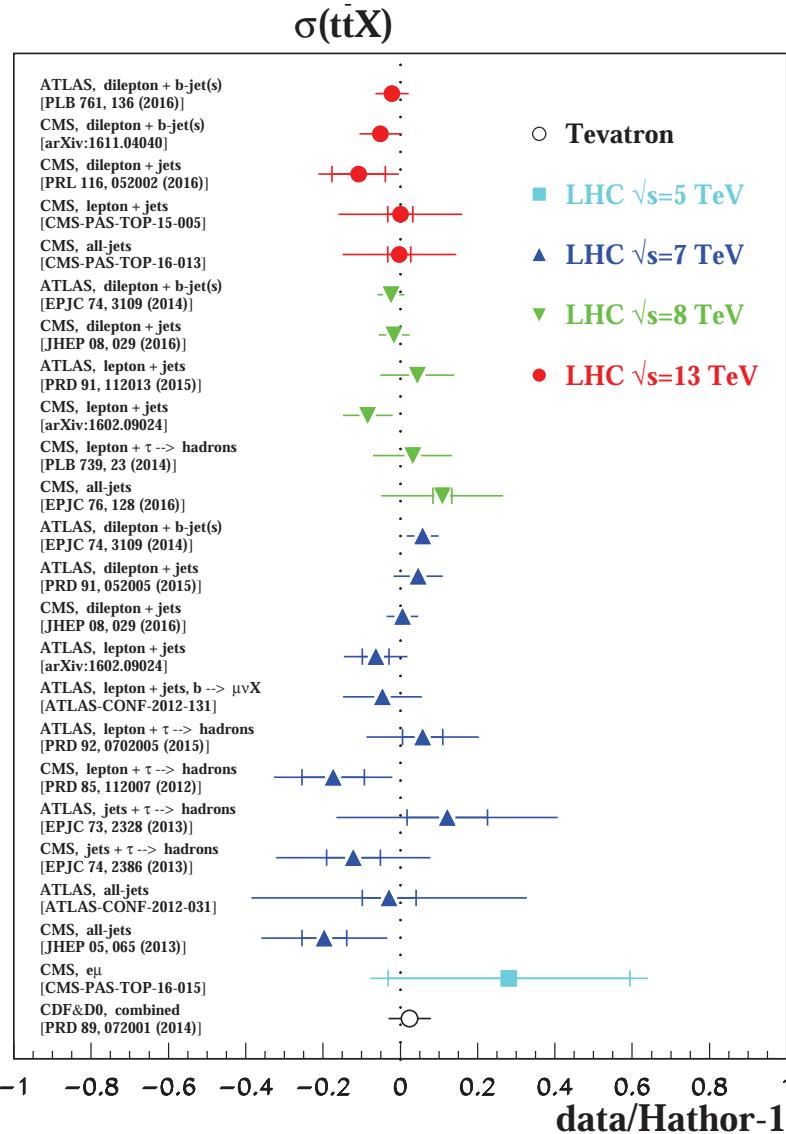
World DIS data and value of α_s



- Value of $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1147 \pm 0.0008$ is lower than PDG average
 - value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ is pulled up by SLAC and NMC and pulled down by BCDMS and HERA data
- Only $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ preferred by SLAC data is compatible with PDG average (provided higher twist terms are accounted for)
- Update of the α_s determination with combined data HERA I+II
 - value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ increases by 1σ

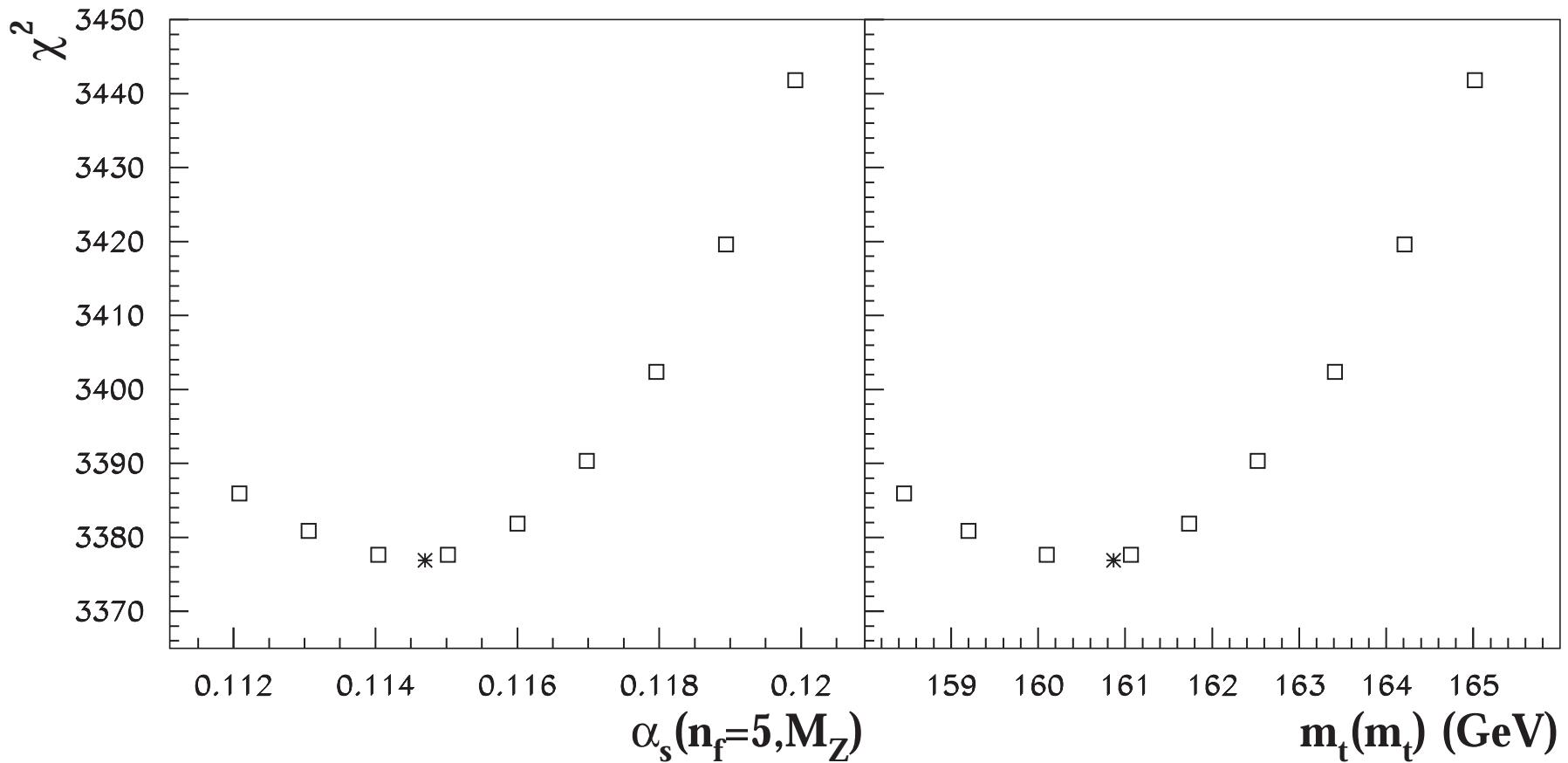
Data on top-quark cross sections

- Pulls for $t\bar{t}$ - and single- t inclusive cross sections



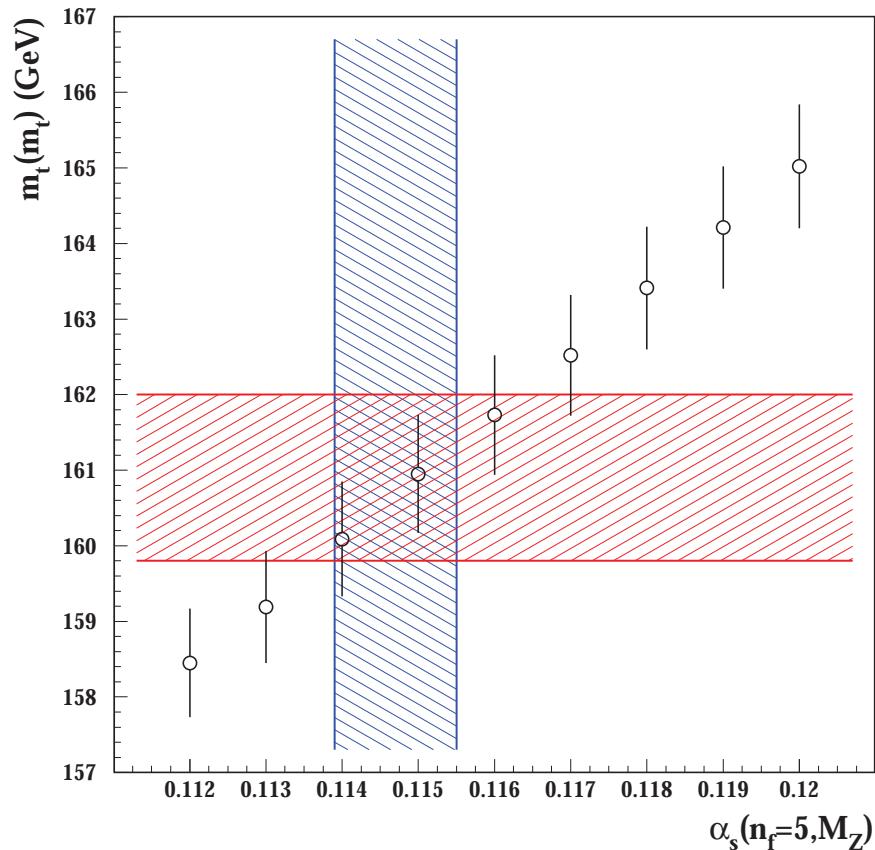
Fit quality

- Goodness-of-fit estimator χ^2 for extracted $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ and $m_t(m_t)$ values
 - fit result $m_t(m_t) = 160.86 \text{ GeV}$ corresponds to $m_t(m_t) = 170.37 \text{ GeV}$
 - χ^2 of global fit with $NDP = 2834$
 - data on top-quark production with $NDP = 36$ D0, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb



Correlations

- Cross section for $t\bar{t}$ -production with parametric dependence
 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} \sim \alpha_s^2 m_t^2 g(x) \otimes g(x)$
- Correlations between gluon PDF $g(x)$, $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ and $m_t(m_t)$
 - PDFs and $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ already well constrained by global fit



Summary

- Precision determination of non-perturbative parameters is essential
 - parton content of proton (PDFs), strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(M_Z)$, quark masses m_c , m_b , m_t
 - correlations are important and need to be taken into account
- LHC data for W^\pm - and Z -boson production provides valuable information on light flavor PDFs u , d and s over wide range of x
- Values of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ at NNLO from measurements at colliders lower than world average
 - $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$ at NNLO not preferred by data
 - data analysis with fixed value of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ lacks correlation with parameters of PDF fits
- PDF4LHC recommendations introduce bias and inflated uncertainties
 - very difficult to quantify potential discrepancies between individual PDF sets