### Photon PDF and heavy flavors in the CT18 global analysis

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### 1 Photon PDF

2 Heavy Flavors

The precision requirements

- The LHC becomes a precision machine.
- Theoretical cross sections have been achieved at NNLO in QCD,  $\mathscr{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ , for many processes.
- $\blacksquare$  Due to  $\alpha_e \sim \alpha_s^2$  , we expect the QED corrections are the same level.
- The photon-initiated processes  $(\gamma + \gamma, q, g \rightarrow X)$  will have observable effects.

Many applications

| The SM processes  | BSM scenarios   |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>■ Drell-Yan: ℓ<sup>+</sup>ℓ<sup>-</sup></li> <li>■ W<sup>±</sup>H</li> <li>= W<sup>+</sup>W<sup>-</sup></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>■ Heavy leptons: L<sup>+</sup>L<sup>-</sup></li> <li>■ Charged Higgs: H<sup>±</sup>, H<sup>±±</sup></li> </ul> |
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The first generation

- MRST2004QED [0411040] models the photon PDF with an effective mass scale.
- NNPDF23QED [1308.0598] and NNPDF3.0QED [1410.8849] constrains photon PDF with the LHC Drell-Yan data,  $q\bar{q}, \gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$
- CT14qed\_inc fits the inelastic ZEUS  $ep \rightarrow e\gamma + X$  data [1509.02905], and include elastic component as well.

The second generation

- Recently, LUXqed directly takes the structure functions  $F_{2,L}(x,Q^2)$  to constrain photon PDF uncertainty down to percent level [1607.04266.1708.01256]
- NNPDF3.1luxqed [1712.07053] initializes photon PDF with LUX formula at Q = 100 GeV (a high scale) and evolves DGLAP equation both upwardly and downwardly.
- MMHT2015qed [1907.02750] initializes photon at 1 GeV (a low scale) and evolve DGLAP upwardly.
- Our work incorporates the LUX formalism with the CT18 [1912.10053] global analysis.

### Two approaches: LUX vs DGLAP

- CT18lux: directly calculate the photon PDF with the LUX formalism
- CT18qed: initialize the inelastic photon PDF with the LUX formalism at low scales, and evolve the  $QED_{\rm NLO} \otimes QCD_{\rm NNLO}$  DGLAP equations up to high scales, similar to MMHT2015qed.



The take-home message:

- In the intermediate-x region, all photon PDFs give similar error bands.
- CT18lux photon PDF is in between LUXqed (also, NNPDF3.1luxQED) and MMHT2015qed, while CT18qed gives a smaller photon PDF.
- In the large-*x* region, the DGLAP approach (for both MMHT2015qed and CT18qed) gives a smaller photon than the LUX approach.

### Photon PDF uncertainties



- A1 pol. unc.: the uncertainty of the A1 fit of the world polarized data
- A1 unpol.: Switching to A1 fit of the world unpolarized data
- CB: Changing resonance SF from CLAS to Christy-Bosted fit
- Variations of  $R_{L/T} = \sigma_L/\sigma_T$  by 50% [1708.01256]
- HT: Adding higher-twist contribution to  $F_L$  [1708.01256] and  $F_2$  [1602.03154].
- $Q^2_{\rm PDF}$ : changing the matching scale  $9 \rightarrow 5 \ {\rm GeV}^2$
- MHO: varying the scale to estimate the missing high-order uncertainty
- TMC: adding the target mass correction to the SFs.

### The applications



- At a large invariant mass, the photon initiated processes make a significant contribution
- CT18lux elastic photon (including both quarks and leptons) is smaller than MMHT2015qed one (only including quarks).

### Summary and conclusions



- We have two photon PDF sets, CT18lux and CT18qed, based on the LUX and DGLAP approach, respectively.
- The overall uncertainties agree with the LUXqed(also NNPDF3.1luxQED) and MMHT2015qed.
- In the intermediate-*x* region, CT18lux is in between the LUXqed(also NNPDF3.1luxQED) and MMHT2015qed, while CT18qed is smaller.
- In the small-x region, the CT18qed is lager than CT18lux, due to the equivalent LO SF. The MMHT2015qed becomes smaller because of the smaller singlet PDFs Σ<sub>e</sub>.
- In the large-x region, the DGLAP approach (MMHT2015qed and CT18qed) give smaller PDFs due to the non-perturbative SFs.
- The low- $\mu_0$  DGLAP approach gives larger uncertainty at large x, due to non-perturbative SFs at low scales.

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The CT18 analysis

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#### New CTEQ global analysis of quantum chromodynamics with high-precision data from the LHC

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TABLE I. Datasets included in the CT18(Z) NNLO global analyses. Here we directly compare the quality of fit found for CT18 NNLO vs CT18Z NNLO on the basis of  $\chi_E^2$ ,  $\chi_E^2/N_{pt,E}$ , and  $S_E$ , in which  $N_{pt,E}$ ,  $\chi_E^2$  are the number of points and value of  $\chi^2$  for experiment *E* at the global minimum.  $S_E$  is the effective Gaussian parameter [38,42,56] quantifying agreement with each experiment. The ATLAS 7 TeV 35 pb<sup>-1</sup> W/Z dataset, marked by  $\ddagger\ddagger$ , is replaced by the updated one (4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>) in the CT18A and CT18Z fits. The CDHSW data, labeled by  $\ddagger$ , are not included in the CT18Z fit. The numbers in parentheses are for the CT18Z NNLO fit.

[80]

DØ run-2 inclusive jet production

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113.8 (115.2)

1.0 (1.0)

Editors' Suggestion



TABLE II. Like Table I, for newly included LHC measurements. The ATLAS 7 TeV W/Z data (4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>), labeled by  $\ddagger$ , are included in the CT18A and CT18Z global fits, but not in CT18 and CT18X.

| Exp. ID#         | Experimental dataset  |      | $N_{pt,E}$ | $\chi^2_E$    | $\chi^2_E/N_{pt,E}$ | $S_E$      | Exp. ID#         | Experimental dataset   |      | $N_{pt,E}$ | $\chi^2_E$    | $\chi_E^2/N_{pt,E}$ | $S_E$      |   |
|------------------|---|------|------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|--|------|------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|---|
| 160              | HERAI + II 1 fb <sup>-1</sup> , H1 and ZEUS NC and                        | [30] | 1120       | 1408 (1378)   | 1.3 (1.2)           | 5.7 (5.1)  | 245              | LHCb 7 TeV 1.0 fb <sup>-1</sup> $W/Z$ forward rapidity cross sec.                      | [81] | 33         | 53.8 (39.9)   | 1.6 (1.2)           | 2.2 (0.9)  |   |
|                  | CC $e^{\pm}p$ reduced cross sec. comb.                                    |      |            |               |                     |            | 246              | LHCb 8 TeV 2.0 fb <sup>-1</sup> $Z \rightarrow e^-e^+$ forward rapidity cross sec.     | [82] | 17         | 17.7 (18.0)   | 1.0 (1.1)           | 0.2 (0.3)  |   |
| 101              | BCDMS $F_2^p$   | [57] | 337        | 374 (384)     | 1.1(1.1)            | 1.4(1.8)   | 248 <sup>‡</sup> | ATLAS 7 TeV 4.6 fb <sup>-1</sup> , $W/Z$ combined cross sec.                           | [39] | 34         | 287.3 (88.7)  | 8.4 (2.6)           | 13.7 (4.8) |   |
| 102              | BCDMS $F_2^{\tilde{d}}$   | [58] | 250        | 280 (287)     | 1.1(1.1)            | 1.3 (1.6)  | 249              | CMS 8 TeV 18.8 fb <sup>-1</sup> muon charge asymmetry $A_{ch}$                         | [83] | 11         | 11.4 (12.1)   | 1.0 (1.1)           | 0.2 (0.4)  |   |
| 104              | NMC $F_2^d/F_2^p$   | [59] | 123        | 126 (116)     | 1.0 (0.9)           | 0.2(-0.4)  | 250              | LHCb 8 TeV 2.0 fb <sup>-1</sup> $W/Z$ cross sec.                                       | [84] | 34         | 73.7 (59.4)   | 2.1 (1.7)           | 3.7 (2.6)  |   |
| $108^{+}$        | CDHSW $F_2^{\vec{p}}$   | [60] | 85         | 85.6 (86.8)   | 1.0 (1.0)           | 0.1 (0.2)  | 253              | ATLAS 8 TeV 20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> , $Z p_T$ cross sec.                                 | [85] | 27         | 30.2 (28.3)   | 1.1 (1.0)           | 0.5 (0.3)  |   |
| 109 <sup>†</sup> | CDHSW $x_B \tilde{F}_3^p$   | [60] | 96         | 86.5 (85.6)   | 0.9 (0.9)           | -0.7(-0.7) | 542              | CMS 7 TeV 5 fb <sup>-1</sup> , single incl. jet cross sec., $R = 0.7$                  | [86] | 158        | 194.7 (188.6) | 1.2 (1.2)           | 2.0 (1.7)  |   |
| 110              | CCFR $F_2^p$  | [61] | 69         | 78.8 (76.0)   | 1.1(1.1)            | 0.9 (0.6)  | 544              | (extended in y) $ATT A G T T Y A S G = 1$  | 101  | 140        | 202 7 (202 0) | 1 4 (1 5)           | 22(24)     |   |
| 111              | CCFR $x_B \tilde{F}_3^p$  | [62] | 86         | 33.8 (31.4)   | 0.4 (0.4)           | -5.2(-5.6) | 544              | AILAS / IeV 4.5 ID <sup>-1</sup> , single incl. jet cross sec., $R = 0.6$              | [9]  | 140        | 202.7 (203.0) | 1.4(1.5)            | 3.3(3.4)   |   |
| 124              | NuTeV $\nu\mu\mu$ SIDIS   | [63] | 38         | 18.5 (30.3)   | 0.5 (0.8)           | -2.7(-0.9) | 545              | CMIS 8 TeV 19.7 ID <sup>-7</sup> , single incl. jet cross sec., $R = 0.7$ ,            | [0/] | 185        | 210.5 (207.6) | 1.1 (1.1)           | 1.5 (1.2)  |   |
| 125              | NuTeV $\bar{\nu}\mu\mu$ SIDIS   | [63] | 33         | 38.5 (56.7)   | 1.2 (1.7)           | 0.7 (2.5)  | 573              | CMS 8 TeV 19.7 fb <sup>-1</sup> $t\bar{t}$ norm double-diff ton $n_{-}$ and y          | [88] | 16         | 18.9 (19.1)   | 12(12)              | 0.6 (0.6)  |   |
| 126              | CCFR $\nu\mu\mu$ SIDIS  | [64] | 40         | 29.9 (35.0)   | 0.7 (0.9)           | -1.1(-0.5) | 515              | cross sec  | [00] | 10         | 10.9 (19.1)   | 1.2 (1.2)           | 0.0 (0.0)  |   |
| 127              | CCFR $\bar{\nu}\mu\mu$ SIDIS  | [64] | 38         | 19.8 (18.7)   | 0.5 (0.5)           | -2.5(-2.7) | 580              | ATLAS 8 TeV 20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> , $t\bar{t}$ $p_T^t$ and $m_{\bar{t}}$ abs, spectrum | [89] | 15         | 9.4 (10.7)    | 0.6(0.7)            | -1.1(-0.8) |   |
| 145              | H1 $\sigma_r^b$   | [65] | 10         | 6.8 (7.0)     | 0.7 (0.7)           | -0.6(-0.6) |                  | /  | 1.1  |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 147              | Combined HERA charm production  | [66] | 47         | 58.3 (56.4)   | 1.2 (1.2)           | 1.1 (1.0)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 169              | H1 $F_L$  | [33] | 9          | 17.0 (15.4)   | 1.9 (1.7)           | 1.7 (1.4)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 201              | E605 Drell-Yan process  | [67] | 119        | 103.4 (102.4) | 0.9 (0.9)           | -1.0(-1.1) |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 203              | E866 Drell-Yan process $\sigma_{pd}/(2\sigma_{pp})$                       | [68] | 15         | 16.1 (17.9)   | 1.1 (1.2)           | 0.3 (0.6)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 204              | E866 Drell-Yan process $Q^3 d^2 \sigma_{pp} / (dQ dx_F)$                  | [69] | 184        | 244 (240)     | 1.3 (1.3)           | 2.9 (2.7)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 225              | CDF run-1 lepton $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 25 \text{ GeV}$                  | [70] | 11         | 9.0 (9.3)     | 0.8 (0.8)           | -0.3(-0.2) |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 227              | CDF run-2 electron $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 25$ GeV                        | [71] | 11         | 13.5 (13.4)   | 1.2 (1.2)           | 0.6 (0.6)  | He               | avv-flavor production measured   | sure | eme        | nts at F      | IFRA 🤉              | and I H(   |   |
| 234              | DØ run-2 muon $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}$                     | [72] | 9          | 9.1 (9.0)     | 1.0 (1.0)           | 0.2 (0.1)  | 110              | avy naver predaction mea.  | Juit |            | into at i     |                     |            | - |
| 260              | $D\emptyset$ run-2 Z rapidity   | [73] | 28         | 16.9 (18.7)   | 0.6 (0.7)           | -1.7(-1.3) | <u></u>          | rrantly included in CT18   |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 261              | CDF run-2 Z rapidity  | [74] | 29         | 48.7 (61.1)   | 1.7 (2.1)           | 2.2 (3.3)  | cu               | inentity included in CT10.   |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 266              | CMS 7 TeV 4.7 fb <sup>-1</sup> , muon $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 35$ GeV     | [75] | 11         | 7.9 (12.2)    | 0.7(1.1)            | -0.6(0.4)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 267              | CMS 7 TeV 840 pb <sup>-1</sup> , electron $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 35$ GeV | [76] | 11         | 4.6 (5.5)     | 0.4 (0.5)           | -1.6(-1.3) |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 268++            | ATLAS / TeV 35 pb <sup>-1</sup> $W/Z$ cross sec., $A_{ch}$                | [77] | 41         | 44.4 (50.6)   | 1.1 (1.2)           | 0.4 (1.1)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 281              | DØ run-2 9.7 fb <sup>-1</sup> electron $A_{ch}$ , $p_{T\ell} > 25$ GeV    | [78] | 13         | 22.8 (20.5)   | 1.8 (1.6)           | 1.7 (1.4)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |
| 504              | CDF run-2 inclusive jet production  | [79] | 72         | 122 (117)     | 1.7 (1.6)           | 3.5 (3.2)  |                  |  |      |            |               |                     |            |   |

Impact of c/b production measurements in semi-inclusive DIS on PDFs in the CT18 global QCD analysis

0.3 (0.4)

# c/b procuction kinematics in CT18



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# Impact on the gluon PDF at intermediate and small x.

Indirect constraints on strangeness.

2018: New Combination of charm and beauty production at HERA, EPJC (2018), [arXiv:1804.01019]. This analysis extends previous H1 and ZEUS combination of *c* measurements in DIS (EPJC73, (2013) [arXiv:1211.1182]), and includes new *c* and *b* data.

| Dataset                  | PDF (scheme)                     | $\chi^2$ [ <i>p</i> -value] |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_FF3A (FFNS)        |                             |  |  |  |  |
| ah arma [29]             | ABKM09 (FFNS)                    | 59 [0.23]                   |  |  |  |  |
| charm [38]               | ABMP16_3_nlo (FFNS)              | 61 [0.18]                   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | ABMP16_3_nnlo (FFNS)             | 70 [0.05]                   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_EIG (RTOPT)        | 71 [0.04]                   |  |  |  |  |
| $(N_{data} = 52)$        | HERAPDF20_NNLO_EIG (RTOPT)       | 66 [0.09]                   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | NNPDF31sx NNLO (FONLL-C)         | $106 [1.5 \cdot 10^{-6}]$   |  |  |  |  |
| $(N_{data} = 47)$        | NNPDF31sx NNLO+NLLX (FONLL-C)    | 71 [0.013]                  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_FF3A (FFNS)        | 86 [0 <mark>.002</mark> ]   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | ABKM09 (FFNS)                    | 82 [0 <mark>.</mark> 005]   |  |  |  |  |
| charm,                   | ABMP16_3_nlo (FFNS)              | 90 [0.0008]                 |  |  |  |  |
| this analysis            | ABMP16_3_nnlo (FFNS)             | 109 [6·10 <sup>-6</sup> ]   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_EIG (RTOPT) 99 [9- |                             |  |  |  |  |
| (N <sub>data</sub> = 52) | HERAPDF20_NNLO_EIG (RTOPT)       | $102 [4 \cdot 10^{-5}]$     |  |  |  |  |
|                          | NNPDF31sx NNLO (FONLL-C)         | $140 [1.5 \cdot 10^{-11}]$  |  |  |  |  |
| $(N_{data} = 47)$        | NNPDF31sx NNLO+NLLX (FONLL-C)    | 114 [5 10 <sup>-7</sup> ]   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_FF3A (FFNS)        | 33[0.20]                    |  |  |  |  |
| beauty,                  | ABMP16_3_nlo (FFNS)              | 37 [0.10]                   |  |  |  |  |
| this analysis            | ABMP16_3_nnlo (FFNS)             | 41 [0.04]                   |  |  |  |  |
|                          | HERAPDF20_NLO_EIG (RTOPT)        | 33 [0.20]                   |  |  |  |  |
| $(N_{data} = 27)$        | HERAPDF20_NNLO_EIG (RTOPT)       | 45 [0.016]                  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4: The  $\chi^2$ , *p*-values and number of data points of the charm and beauty data with respect to the NLO and approximate NNLO calculations using various PDFs as described in the text. The measurements at  $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  are excluded in the calculations of the  $\chi^2$  values for the NNPDF3.1sx predictions, by which the number of data points is reduced to 47, as detailed in the caption of figure 12.



NNPDF4.0: Fit quality – NNLO

| Data set                            | $N_{dat} \chi^2$ | Ndat            | Overall good description of the data sets                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Fixed-target DIS                    | 1881 1<br>1208 1 | 10<br>21        | Two exceptions:<br>HERA $\sigma_c$ and ATLAS top pair          |
| $\sigma_c$<br>$\sigma_b$            | 37 2<br>26 1     | 11<br>48        | Weighted fits analysis:  |
| Elxed-target Drell-Yan<br>CDF<br>D0 | 28 1<br>37 1     | .00<br>31<br>00 | In case of HERA $\sigma_c$ :<br>lack of small- $x$ resummation |
|                                     | See E. N         | ocera'          | s Talk PDF4LHC March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021                     |

## MSHT2020 global PDF analysis 2012.04684 [hep-ph]

We remove the combined HERA data on  $F_c(x, Q^2)$  [89] and use the final combined data on both  $F_c(x, Q^2)$  and  $F_b(x, Q^2)$  including full information on the statistical and systematic correlations between them [26]. The fit quality, with  $\chi^2/N_{\rm pts} = 1.68$  for 79 points at NNLO, is rather higher than one might expect. However, this appears to be similar to predictions from other groups

### See R. Thorne's talk PDF4LHC March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

## **Combined charm and bottom HERA SIDIS data**

(H1 and ZEUS Coll. 1804.01019) in the CT18 analysis

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We explored the following alternative settings in various combinations:

- Fits with increased weights • of HERA HQ SIDIS data
- alternative parametrizations of the gluon
- varied MS-bar and pole  $m_c$
- varied initial scale  $Q_0$
- varied parameters of the xdependent DIS factorization scale
- varied S-ACOT- $\chi$  rescaling parameter

For large weights of the HERA c/b data, the opposing  $\chi^2$  pulls arise from: LHCb 7 and 8 TeV W/Z Xsec, ATLAS 7 and CDF Run-2 incl.

jets, CDF Run-2 Z rapidity and D0 Run-2 ele  $A_{ch}$  data.



CT18XNNLO + combined HERA c/b DIS data set

Fits with varied  $\overline{m}_c(\overline{m}_c)$ 

Fits with varied small-x scale



This data set mildly prefers CT18XNNLO to CT18NNLO.

But  $\chi^2/N_{pt}$  is never lower than 1.5 for all explored combinations

$$\mu_{DIS}(x) = A \sqrt{m_Q^2 + B^2 / x^C}$$

Vary B=CP(2,1), while keeping A=0.5 and C=0.33 fixed

# Conclusions

- These data are important because they also provide indirect constraints on strangeness.
- We tried to vary several parameters in the analysis. But in the best scenario, the  $\chi^2$  /Npt is no lower than 1.5.
- All the fits we tried are tricky as parameters are correlated.
- We observe that these data seem to prefer a harder gluon in the intermediate/small x region.
- The  $\chi^2$  /Npt which we find is similar to what has been found in MSHT20 and to the predictions from other groups reported in Tab 4 of 1804.01019 EPJC (2018) H1 and Zeus Coll.

### The LUX formalism [1607.04266,1708.01256]

• The DIS process:  $ep \rightarrow e + X$ 



The square bracket term corresponds to the "physical factorization" scheme, while the second term is referred as the " $\overline{\rm MS}\mbox{-}{\rm conversion}$ " term.

• The structure functions  $F_{2,L}$  can be directly measured, or calculated through pQCD in the high-energy regime.

## The breakup of $(x, Q^2)$ plane



- In the resonance region  $W^2 = m_p^2 + Q^2(1/x 1) < W_{lo}^2$ , the structure functions are taken from CLAS [0301204] or Christy-Bosted [0712.3731] fits.
- In the low- $Q^2$  continuum region  $W^2 > W_{hi}^2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, the HERMES GD11-P [1103.5704] fits with ALLM [PLB1991] functional form.
- In the high- $Q^2$  region ( $Q^2 > Q^2_{PDF}$ ),  $F_{2,L}$  are determined through pQCD.
- The elastic form factors are taken from A1 [1307.6227] or Ye [1707.09063] fits of world data.

### The difference between LUX and DGLAP

The DGLAP only evolves the inelastic photon

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\mathrm{inel}}}{\mathrm{d}\log\mu^2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( xP_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \otimes x\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\mathrm{inel}} + \sum_i e_i^2 xP_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{q}} \otimes xq_i \right)$$

 $\blacksquare$  The first-order solution corresponds to the LO  $F_2$  in LUX formalism

$$x\gamma^{\text{inel}}(x,\mu^2) \sim \int^{\mu^2} \mathrm{d}\log Q^2 \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \sum_i e_i^2 x P_{\gamma q} \otimes x f_{q_i} \to F_2^{\text{LO}} \text{ in LUX formula}$$

- It explains CT18qed gives larger photon at small x than CT18lux.
- MMHT2015qed gives smaller photon at small x, because the smaller charge-weighted singlet quark distributions.



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### The large x behavior

- At large x, the LUX approach gives significantly larger PDF than the DGLAP one.
- It is resulted from the non-perturbative  $F_2$  at low energy (resonance and low- $Q^2$  continuum regions).
- It induces a big uncertainty with the DGLAP low initialization scale approach, just because of scaling violation is not well behaved in the non-perturbative F<sub>2</sub>.
- It can be rescued with a slightly higher initialization scale above the pQCD matching scale  $Q_{\rm PDF} \sim 3$  GeV.



### The cancellation in a higher order calculation

• Suppose we want to calculate a process  $\gamma + X \rightarrow Y$ .



- At one order higher, both photon and quark parton will participate.
- The PDFs are related with the DGLAP evolution, with divergence properly canceled.
- This can be also achieved in the LUX approach, with proper  $\overline{\rm MS}$  conversion terms order by order.

### The scale variation of the $\overline{\mathrm{MS}}$ conversion term

• In the default scale choice  $\mu^2/(1-z),$  the  $\overline{\rm MS}\text{-conversion}$  term is  $x\gamma^{\rm con}\sim(-z^2)F_2(x/z,\mu^2),$ 

which is negative

• When varying the scale as  $\mu^2$ , the conversion term should be change as well,

$$\begin{split} x\gamma^{\rm con}([M]) &= x\gamma^{\rm con} + \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha} \int_x^1 \frac{{\rm d}z}{z} \int_{M^2[z]}^{\frac{\mu^2}{1-z}} \frac{{\rm d}Q^2}{Q^2} \alpha^2 z p_{\gamma q}(z) F_2(x/z,Q^2). \end{split}$$
 With  $M^2[z] &= \mu^2$ , we have  $\int_{\mu^2}^{\frac{\mu^2}{1-z}} \frac{{\rm d}Q^2}{Q^2} = \log \frac{1}{1-z}.$ 

- The central MMHT2015qed corresponds to  $M^2[z] = \mu^2$  choice at low scale  $\mu_0 = 1$  GeV.
- The DGLAP approach at low scale DOES give larger uncertainty due to the large non-perturbative contributions to structure functions.
- One method to avoid it is to start  $\gamma$  PDF at a higher scale in the pQCD region, i.e.,  $\mu_0^2>Q_{\rm PDF}^2.$

### The DGLAP approach gives smaller PDFs at large $\boldsymbol{x}$

MMHT2015qed divides the integration into two regions:

$$\left(\int_{\frac{x^2 m_p^2}{1-z}}^{Q_0^2} + \int_{Q_0^2}^{\frac{Q_0^2}{1-z}}\right) [\cdots]$$

The second part is integrated semi-analytically:

$$\int_{Q_0^2}^{\frac{Q_0^2}{1-z}} \frac{\mathrm{d}Q^2}{Q^2} \alpha^2 \left( z p_{\gamma q} + \frac{2x^2 m_p^2}{Q^2} \right) F_2(x/z, Q_0^2) = \alpha^2(Q_0^2) \left( z p_{\gamma q} \log \frac{1}{1-z} + \frac{2x^2 m_p^2 z}{Q_0^2} \right) F_2\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q_0^2\right)$$

The  $F_L$  is dropped because  $F_L \sim \mathscr{O}(\alpha_s) \ll F_2$ .

- In contrast, we integrate over  $F_2(x/z, Q^2)$  rather than  $F_2(x/z, Q^2)$ .
- It explains the MMHT2015qed gives smaller photon at large *x* than CT18qed.
- MMHT15 does not include the uncertainty induced by *Q*<sub>0</sub> variation.



### The NLO QED evolution and momentum sum rules



The NLO QED corrections to splitting functions

$$P_{ij} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} P_{ij}^{(0,1)} + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P_{i,j}^{(1,1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 P_{ij}^{(0,2)} + \cdots$$

- The NLO QED correction is negative.
- The momentum sum rules: the impact is  $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ , negligible compared with higher order QED evolution.

$$\langle x(\Sigma + g + \gamma^{\text{inel}+\text{el}}) = 1$$