





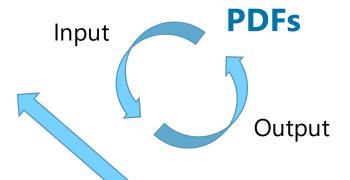
### **Proton Structure - PDFs**

• Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs) describe momentum fraction (x) and energy dependence (Q<sup>2</sup>) via Parton Distribution Functions -> PDFs:  $f(x,Q^2)$ 



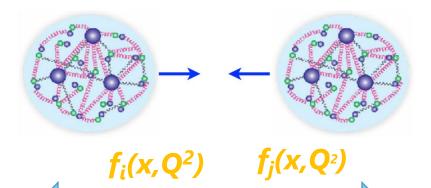
#### **Methodology**

- PDF Fitting framework
- PDF parameterisations
- Theoretical Uncertainties.



#### **Theory**

- NNLO/N3LO calculations of cross-sections.
- Higher order splitting functions etc for PDF evolution in (x,Q²).



#### **Experiment**

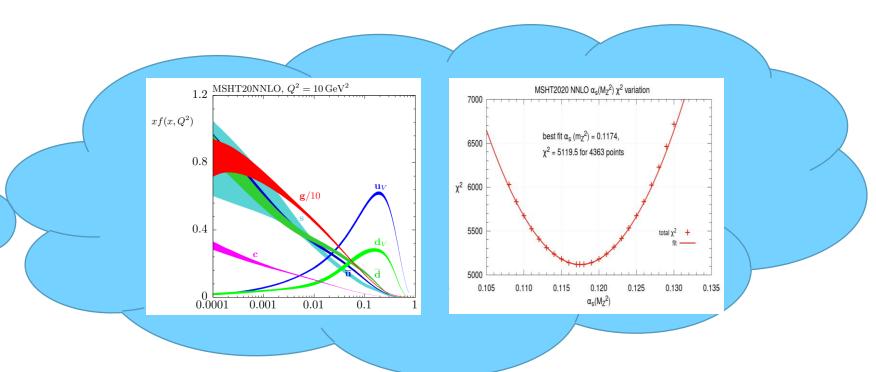
- High precision measurements.
- LHC and elsewhere, jets, Drell-Yan, top, pT jets, etc processes.

# **My Work**

# **Proton Structure – PDFs:**

#### Where do I come in?

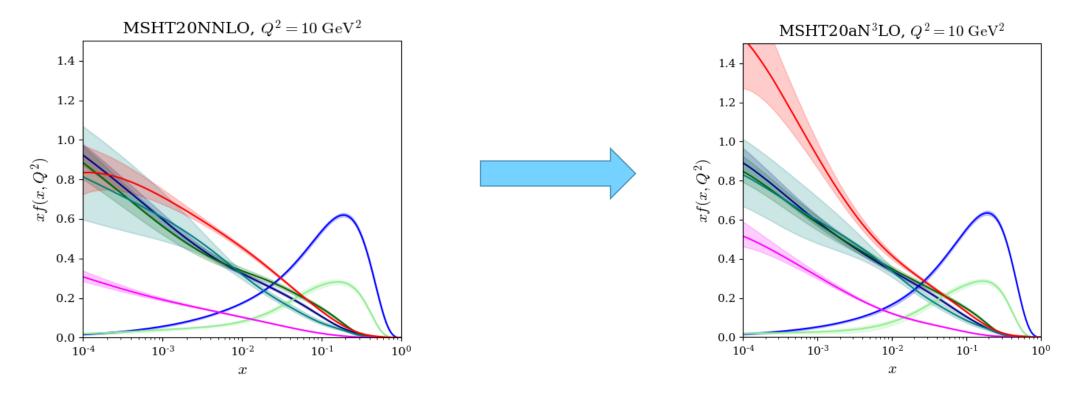
- Member of MSHT PDF group MSHT20 set in wide use at the LHC and globally.
- Member of PDF4LHC21 combination group of CT18', MSHT20, NNPDF3.1'.
- Recent work on first inclusion of <u>N3LO effects and theoretical uncertainties</u> –
  MSHT20aN3LO PDF set, publicly available for use!



## **Proton Structure – PDFs:**

#### **Favourite Plot:**

- aN3LO effects on PDFs significant in some regions, knock on effects on luminosities and cross-sections.
- Notable changes in the gluon and heavy flavour PDFs in particular...



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# Thankyou!

# I look forward to meeting you all...