

Parton Distribution Functions in nuclei: status, recent work and future colliders







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Outline

-  PDFs
-  PDFs in the nuclear medium
-  Current sets of nPDFs
-  Issues with nPDF extraction and improvement using existing data
-  nPDFs @ future colliders
-  Summary

PDFs

$$\sigma_r = F_2 - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L$$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_{q, \bar{q}} q_i^2 f_i \otimes \left[C_{2,q}^{(0)} + \alpha_s C_{2,q}^{(1)} + \dots \right] + \alpha_s g \otimes \left[C_{2,g}^{(1)} + \dots \right]$$

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- probability of looking at a proton with scale Q^2 and finding in it a parton i carrying a fraction x of its momentum
- can't be computed in pQCD
- they evolve by DGLAP evolution equations
- universal

PDFs in the nuclear medium

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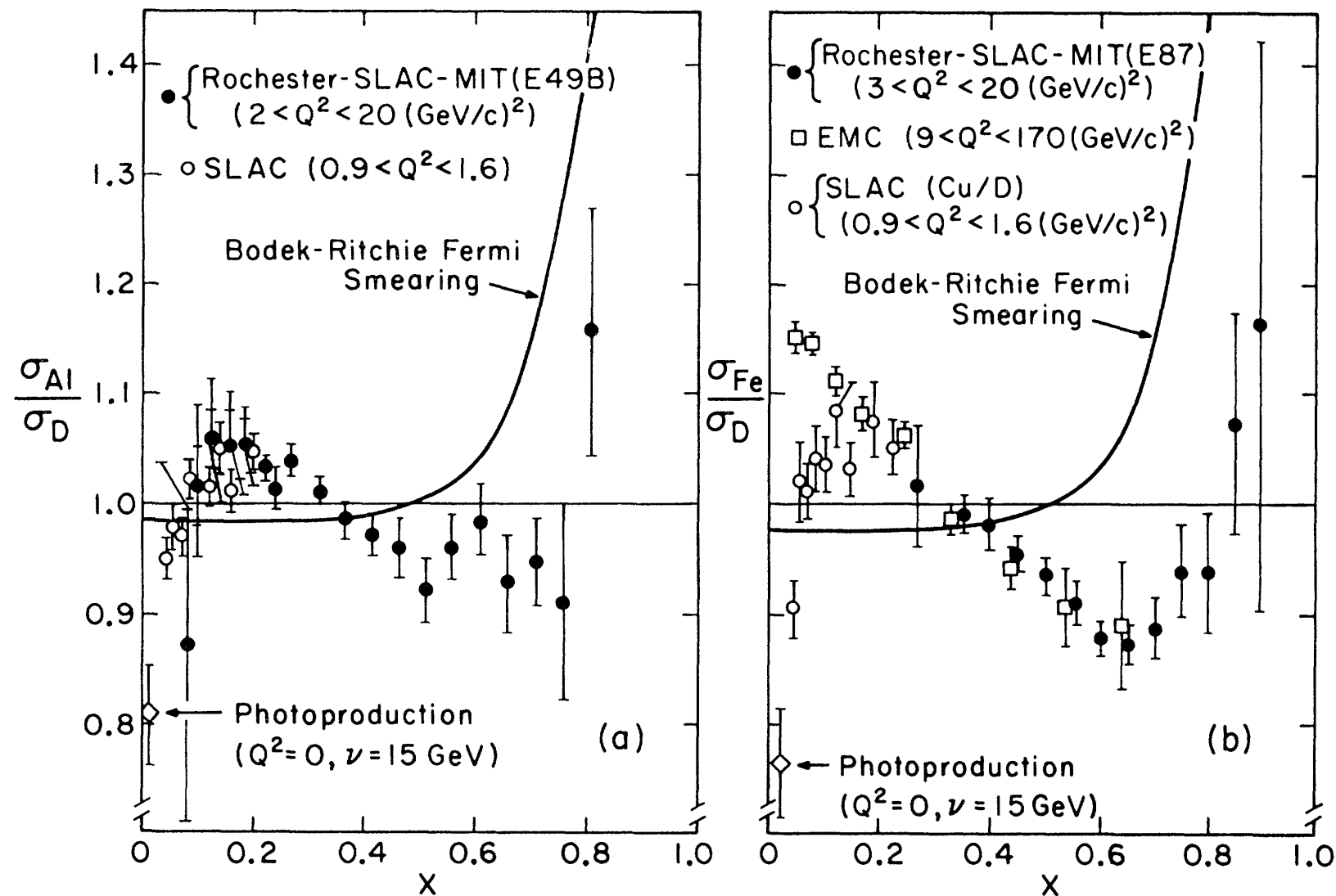


FIG. 1. (a) σ_{Al}/σ_D and (b) σ_{Fe}/σ_D vs x . Only random errors are shown. Point-to-point systematic errors have been added linearly (outer bars) where applicable. The normalization errors of $\pm 2.3\%$ and $\pm 1.1\%$ for σ_{Al}/σ_D (E49B) and σ_{Fe}/σ_D (E87), respectively, are not included. All data for $W \geq 1.8 \text{ GeV}$ are included. The data have been corrected for the small neutron excess and have *not* been corrected for Fermi-motion effects. The curve indicates the expected ratio if Fermi-motion effects were the only effects present (Ref. 11). High- Q^2 σ_{Fe}/σ_D data from EMC (Ref. 2), low- Q^2 σ_{Al}/σ_D and σ_{Cu}/σ_D data from Ref. 9, and photoproduction σ_{Al}/σ_D and σ_{Fe}/σ_D data from Ref. 13 are shown for comparison. The systematic error in the EMC data is $\pm 1.5\%$ at $x = 0.35$ and increases to $\pm 6\%$ for the points at $x = 0.05$ and $x = 0.65$.



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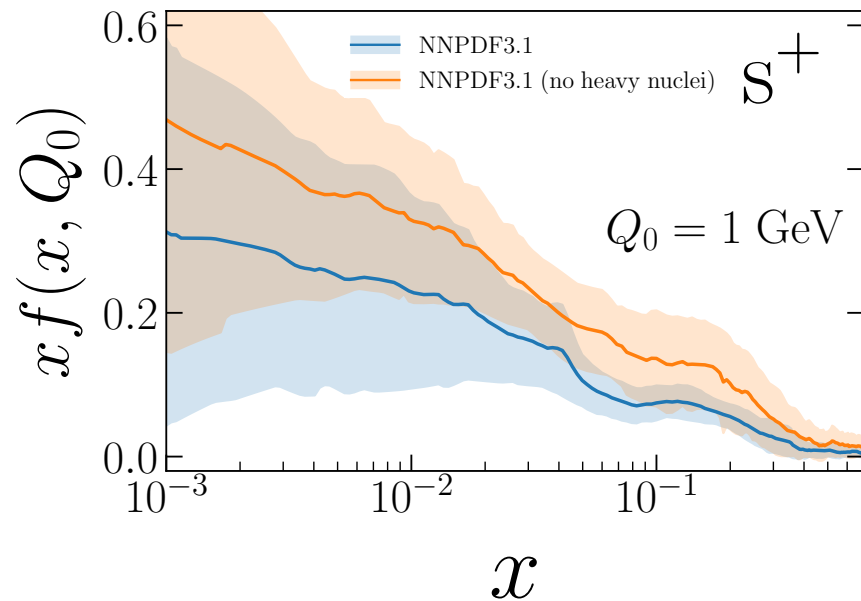
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modify the PDFs

nPDFs: one way (among **many**) of describing
how the partons behave in a nucleon bounded in
a nucleus



Why do we need nPDFs?



interesting on their own right



for flavour separation of proton PDFs (until we get a neutron star)



initial state of HI collisions, cold nuclear matter effects



How do we obtain them?

- through global fits to the world data
- assuming factorisation holds
- assuming DGLAP without any modification
- assuming isospin symmetry

Current sets of n PDFs

- LO, NLO, NNLO
- NC DIS + (if applies)
 - CC DIS
 - Drell-Yan
 - Electroweak bosons
 - Single Hadron production
 - Dijets
- ZM-VFNS, GM-VFNS
- Strategies:
 - Multiplicative factors
 - Convolutional factors
 - Extended parametrisation (from proton baseline)
 - Neural Networks
- ~ 20 parameters each fit (nNNPDF ~ 200 parameters)

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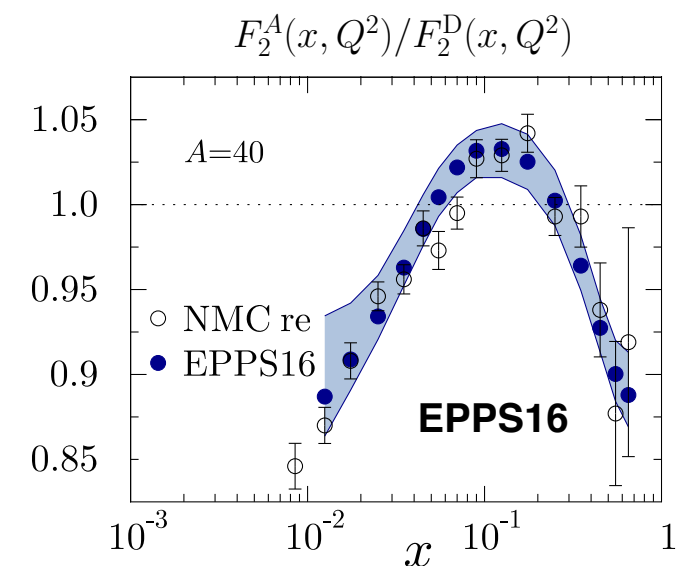
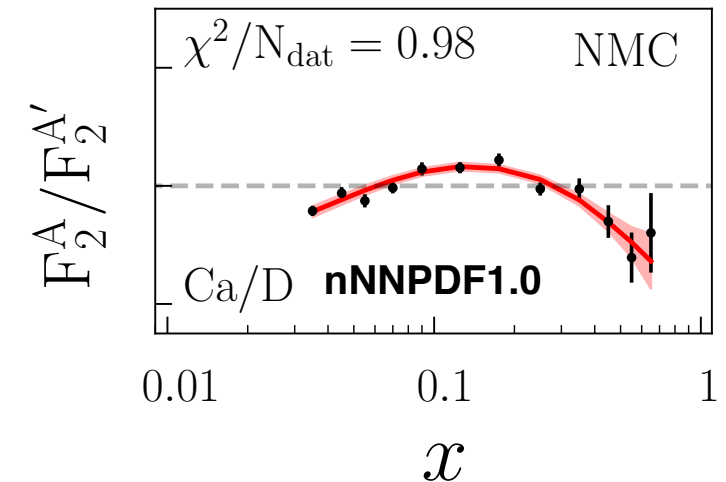
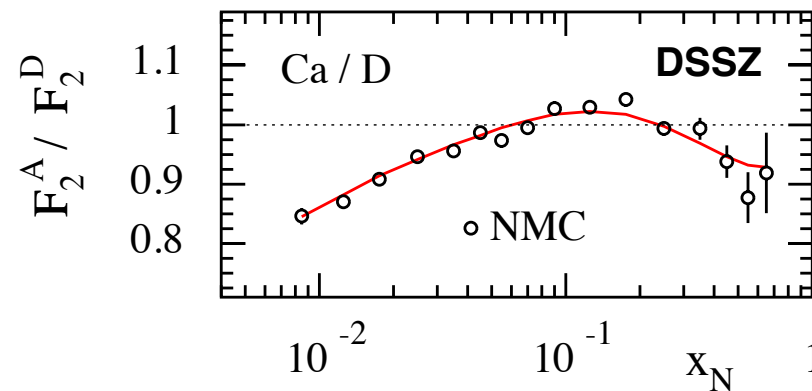
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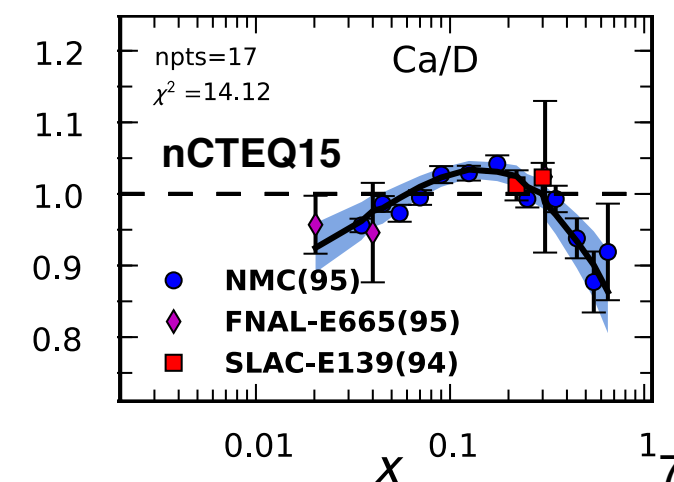
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$$F_2^A / F_2^D$$



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EKS: K.J. Eskola, V.J. Kolhinen, C.A. Salgado, Eur. Phys. J. C9 (1999) 61. FIRST EVER
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HKM: M. Hirai, S. Kumano, M. Miyama, Phys. Rev. D64 (2001) 034003.
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nCTEQ15: K. Kovarik, A. Kusina, T. Jezo, D. B. Clark, C. Keppel, F. Lyonnet, J. G. Morfin, F. I. Olness, J. F. Owens, I. Schienbein and J. Y. Yu, Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) no.8, 085037.
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KA15: H. Khanpour, S.A. Tehrani, Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.1, 014026. FIRST NNLO
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EPPS16: K. J. Eskola, P. Paakkinen, H. Paukkunen, C. A. Salgado, Eur. Phys. J. C77 (2017) no.3, 163. FIRST WITH LHC DATA
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nNNPDF1.0: R. A. Khalek, J. J. Ethier, J. Rojo, Eur. Phys. J. C79 (2019) no.6, 471. FIRST WITH NEURAL NETWORKS
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nTuJu: M. Walt, I. Helenius, W. Vogelsang, Phys. Rev. D100 (2019) no.9, 096015. FIRST OPEN SOURCE
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nNNPDF2.0: R. A. Khalek, J. J. Ethier, J. Rojo, G. van Weelden, arXiv: 2006.14629 [hep-ph].
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nCTEQ15WZ: A. Kusina, T. Ježo, D. B. Clark, P. Duwentäster, E. Godat, T. J. Hobbs, J. Kent, M. Klasen, K. Kovařík, F. Lyonnet, K. F. Muzakka, F. I. Olness, I. Schienbein and J. Y. Yu, arXiv:2007.09100 [hep-ph].

LO

$$F_2^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{Z}{A} \left[\frac{4}{9}(u + \bar{u}) + \frac{1}{9}(d + \bar{d} + s + \bar{s}) \right] + \frac{(A - Z)}{A} \left[\frac{4}{9}(d + \bar{d}) + \frac{1}{9}(u + \bar{u} + s + \bar{s}) \right]$$

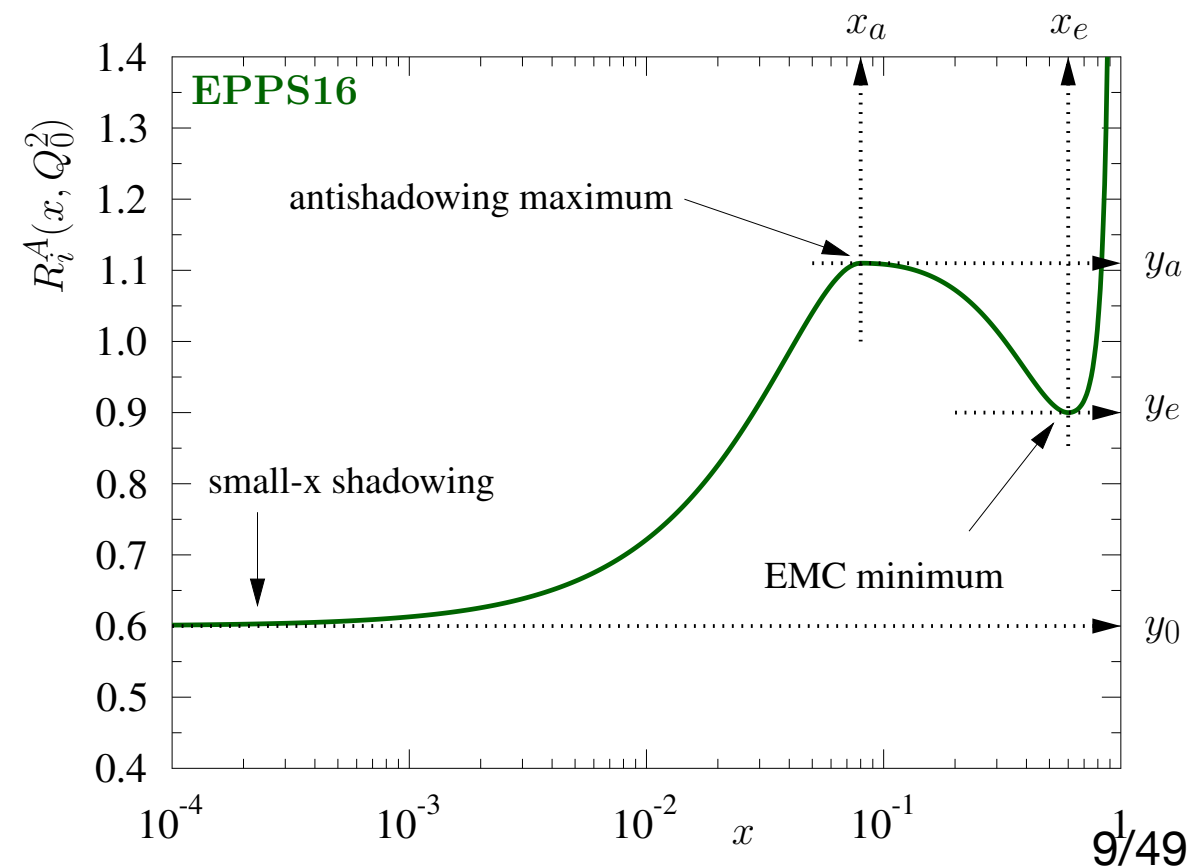
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EKS98/EKS98r, EPS09

$$f_i^{p/A}(x, Q_0^2) = R_i(x, A) f_i^p(x, Q_0^2) \quad R_v, R_s, R_g$$

$$R_i(x, A) = \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1(x - x_a)^2 & x \leq x_a \\ b_0 + b_1 x^\alpha + b_2 x^{2\alpha} + b_3 x^{3\alpha} & x_a \leq x \leq x_e \\ c_0 + (c_1 - c_2 x)(1 - x)^{-\beta} & x_e \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad y_i(A) = y_i(A_{ref}) \left(\frac{A}{A_{ref}} \right)^{\gamma_i[y_i(A_{ref}) - 1]}$$



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EKS98/EKS98r, EPS09: multiplicative factor

HKM, HKN07

$$w_i(x, A, Z) = 1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{A^{1/3}} \right) \frac{a_i(A, Z) + b_i x + c_i x^2 + d_i x^3}{(1 - x)^{\beta_i}}$$

relaxed in HKN

First attempt at flavour separation

W_{uv}, W_{dv}, W_s, W_g

LO

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nDS

$$f_i^{p/A}(x_N, Q_0^2) = f_i^{p/A}(Ax_A, Q_0^2) = \int_{x_N}^A \frac{dy}{y} W_i(y, A, Z) f_i\left(\frac{x_N}{y}, Q_0^2\right)$$

$$W_v(y, A, Z) = A[a_v \delta(1 - \epsilon_v - y) + (1 - a_v) \delta(1 - \epsilon'_v - y)] + n_v \left(\frac{y}{A}\right)^{\alpha_v} \left(1 - \frac{y}{A}\right)^{\beta_v} + n_s \left(\frac{y}{A}\right)^{\alpha_s} \left(1 - \frac{y}{A}\right)^{\beta_s}$$

$$W_i(y, A, Z) = A\delta(1 - y) + \frac{a_i}{N_i} \left(\frac{y}{A}\right)^{\alpha_i} \left(1 - \frac{y}{A}\right)^{\beta_i} \quad \text{i=sea, gluon}$$

LO

SET		EKS/EKS98r	EPS09	HKM	HKN07	nDS
data type	NC DIS	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
	D-Y	😊	😊		😊	😊
	pions		😊			
# data points		-	929	309	1241	420
χ^2		-	738.6	583.7, 546.6	1653.3	316.35
Q_0^2 (GeV ²)		2.25	1.69	1	1	0.4
deuteron				😊		
flavour separation?				😊 valence	😊 valence	

It's important to notice that, as the initial scales are not the same, when comparing (n)PDFs, what is a “pure parametrisation” for one set is not necessarily for another one

The nPDFs can be given as

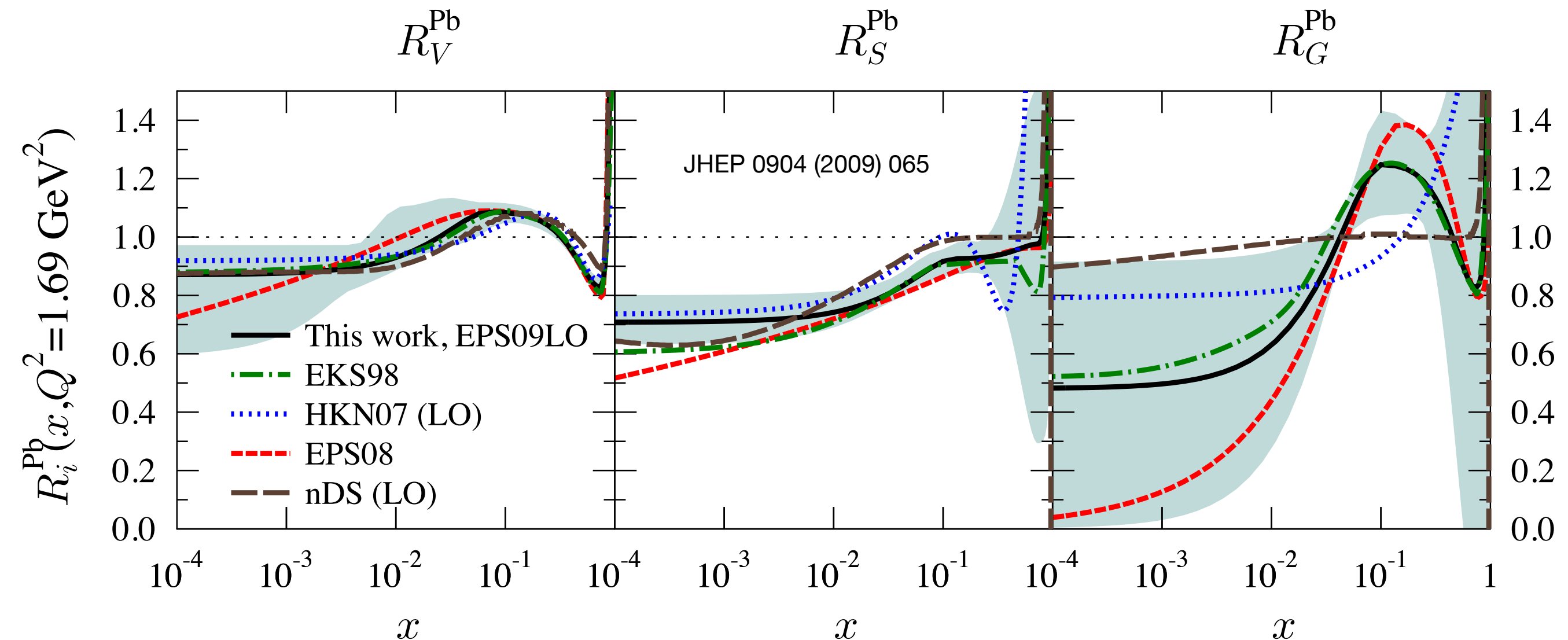
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- ratio of flavour i in nucleus A to a proton reference
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nDS, HKN07, EPS09: as for LO

EPPS16: like EPS09, with more freedom

DSSZ: multiplicative factor, not piecewise

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nCTEQ15, nCTEQ15wz:

$$xf_{i/p}(x, Q_0^2) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1-x)^{c_2} e^{c_3 x} (1 + e^{c_4 x})^{c_5}$$

$$xf_{i/p} \rightarrow xf_{i/A} \quad \text{by} \quad c_k \rightarrow c_{k,0} + c_{k,1}(1 - A^{-c_{k,2}})$$

$$i = g, u_v, d_v, \bar{u} + \bar{d}, \bar{d}/\bar{u}$$

$$s = \bar{s} = \frac{\kappa}{2}(\bar{u} + \bar{d})$$

relaxed in nCTEQ15wz

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nCTEQ15, nCTEQ15wz: extended parametrisation

nTuJu19: $xf_{i/p}(x, Q_0^2) = c_0 x^{c_1} (1 - x)^{c_2} (1 + c_3 x + c_4 x^2)$

own proton reference
using xFitter

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nNNPDF1.0, 2.0: neural networks

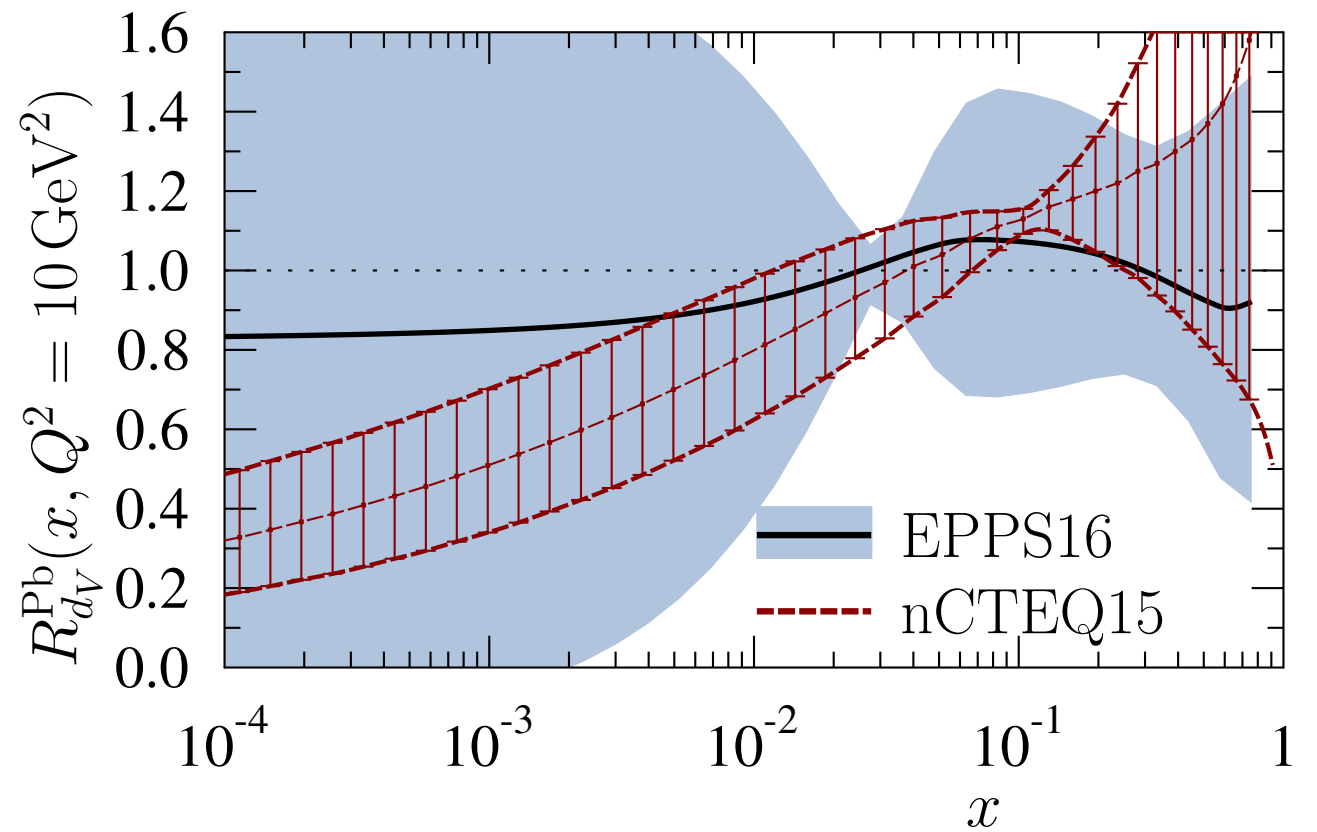
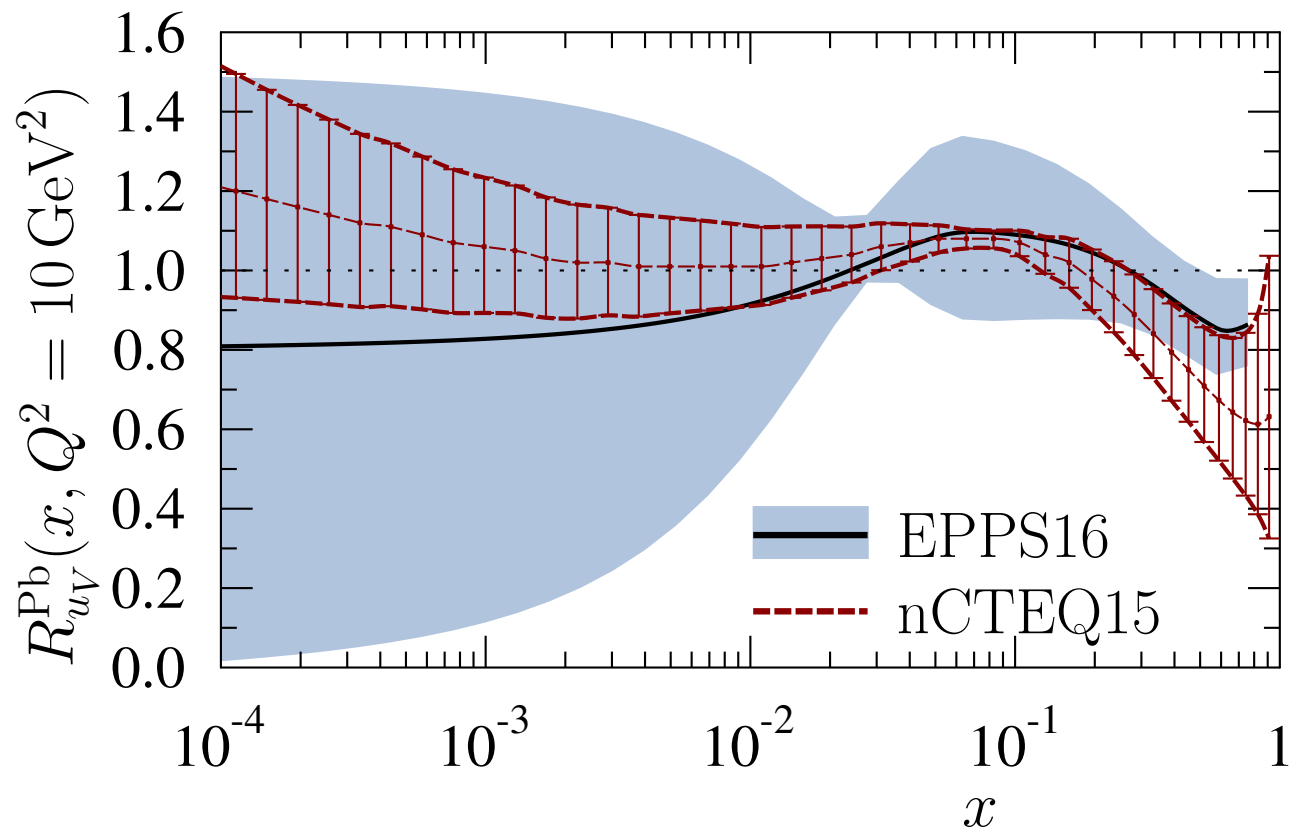
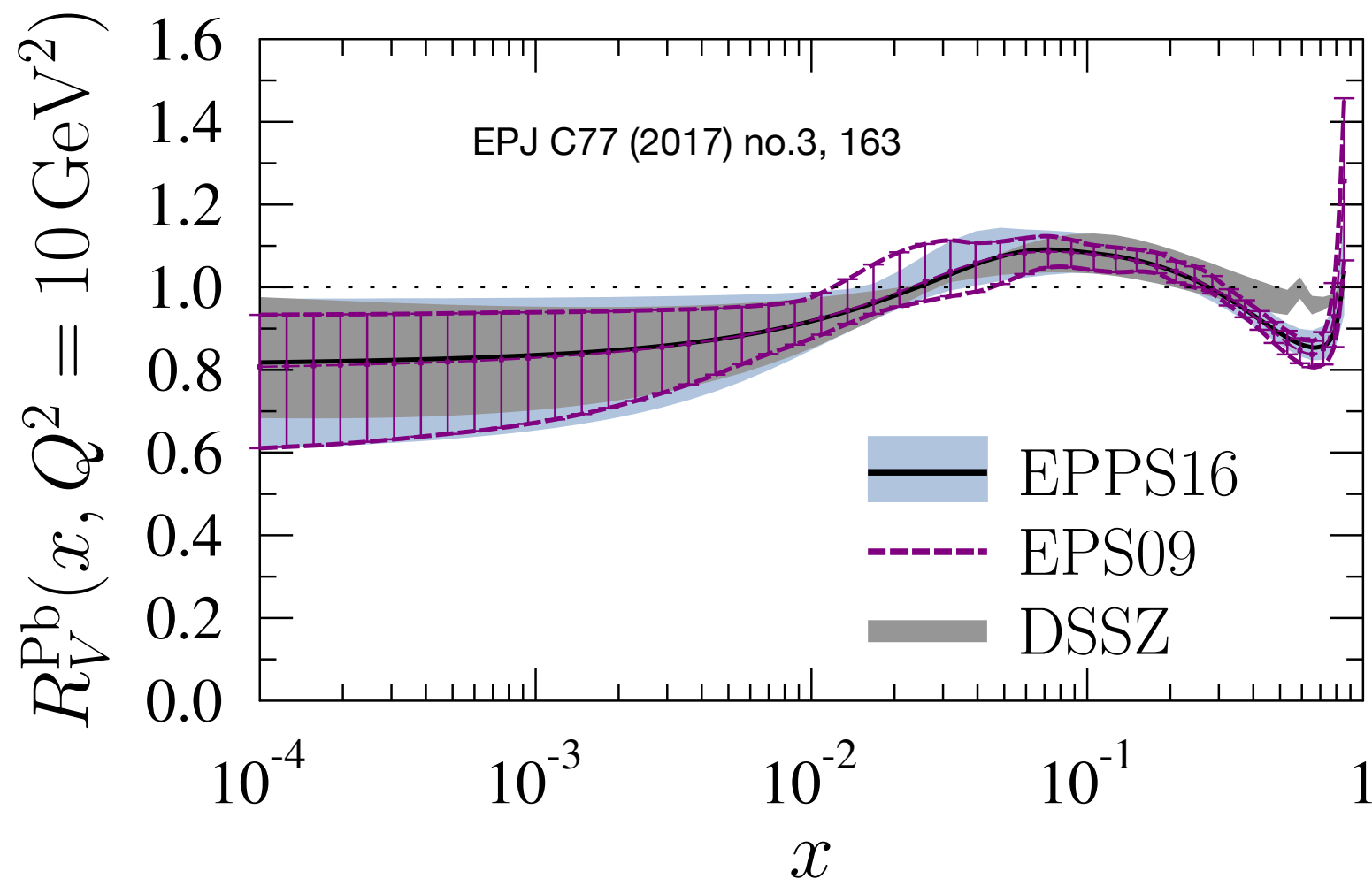
$$xf_{i/A}(x, Q_0^2) = N_i x^{\alpha_i} (1-x)^{\beta_i} NN_i$$

$$q^\pm = q \pm \bar{q}$$

$$i = \underline{g}, \underline{u^+ + d^+ + s^+}, \underline{u^+ + d^+ - 2s^+}, u^- + d^-, u^- - d^-$$

NLO

SET		nDS	HKN07	EPS09	DSSZ	nCTEQ15	EPPS16	nNNPDF 1.0	nTuJu19	nNNPDF 2.0	nCTEQ 15wz
data type	NC DIS	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
	D-Y	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊				😊
	π			😊	😊	😊	😊				😊
	CC DIS				😊		😊		😊	😊	
	EW						😊			😊	😊
	jets						😊				
# points		420	1241	929	1579	740	1811	451	2336	1467	860
χ^2/N		0.714	1.197	0.787	0.978	0.793	0.988	0.681	0.887	0.976	0.887
$Q_0^2(\text{GeV}^2)$		0.4	1	1.69	1	1.69	1.69	1	1.69	1	1.69
deuteron			😊			?			😊	😊	?
flavour separation?						😊 valence	😊		😊 valence	😊	😊



proton

$$\frac{4}{9}u + \frac{1}{9}d$$

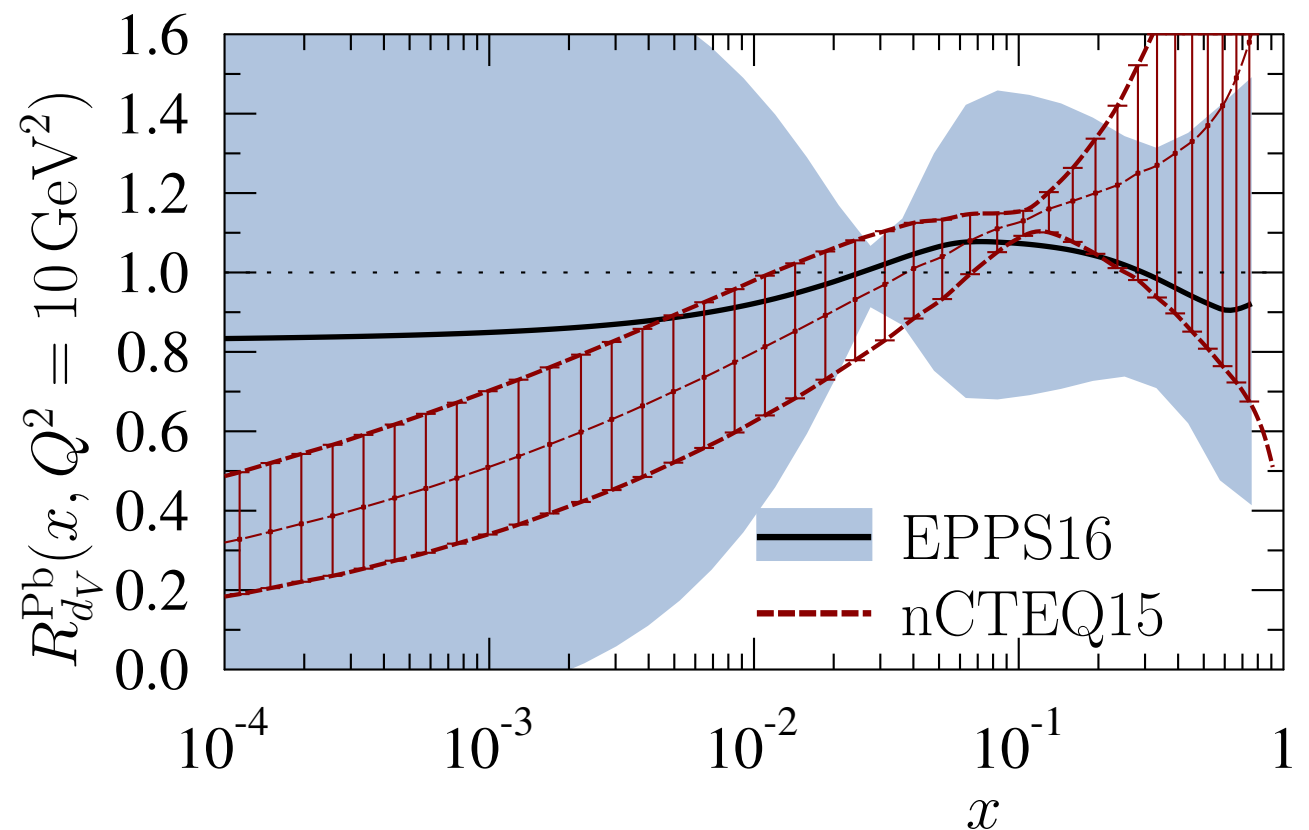
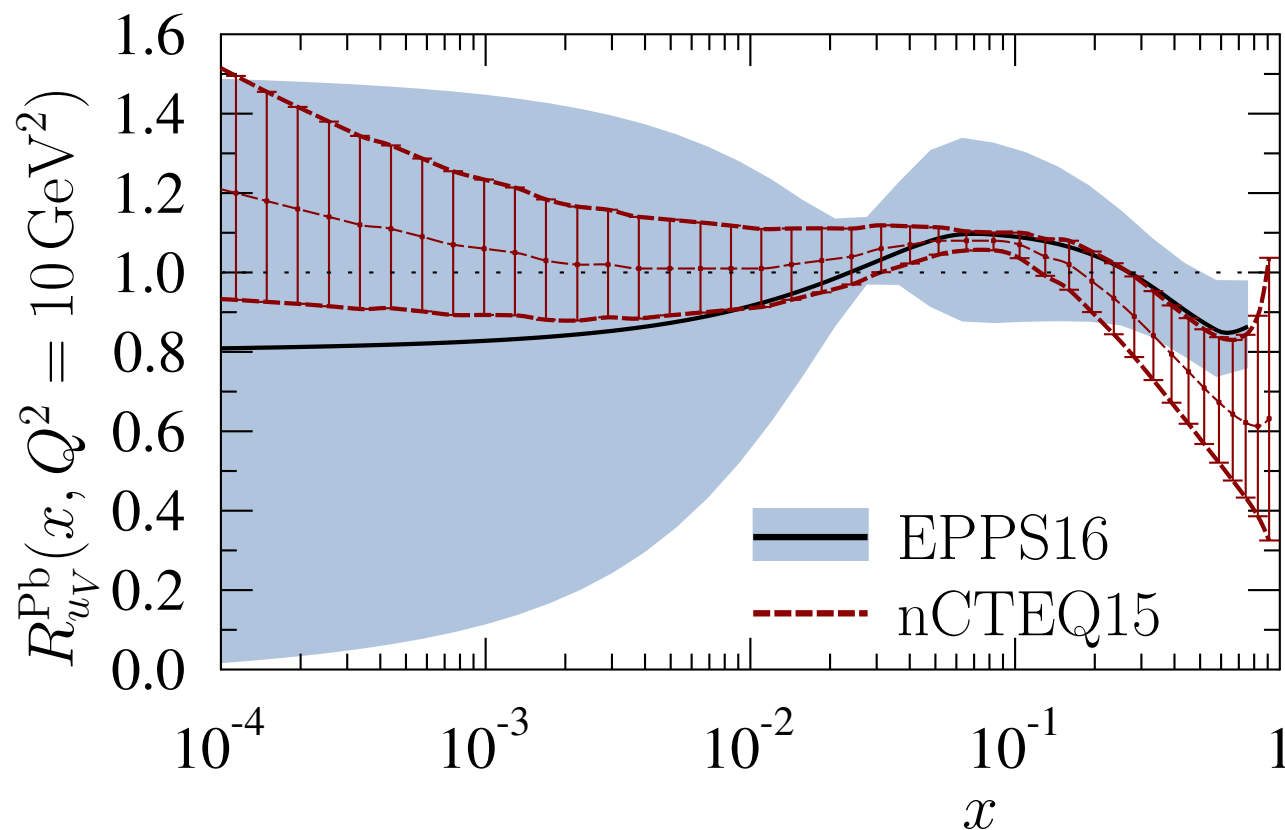


nucleus

$$\left(\frac{A+3Z}{9A}\right)u + \left(\frac{4A-3Z}{9A}\right)d$$

Isoscalar or near isoscalar nuclei can't separate flavours

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If one takes the appropriate combinations, the nPDFs of the valence quarks in a nucleus are very similar

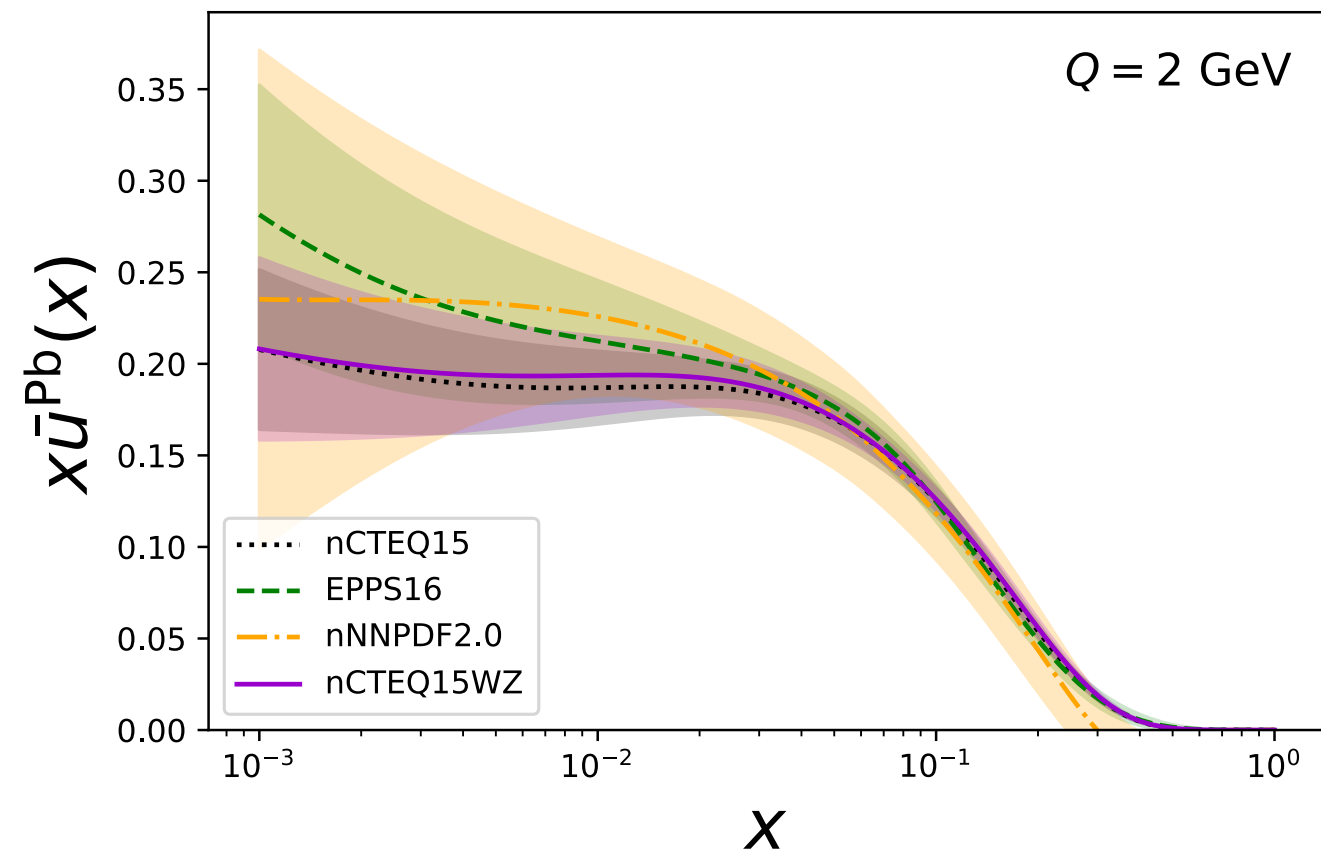
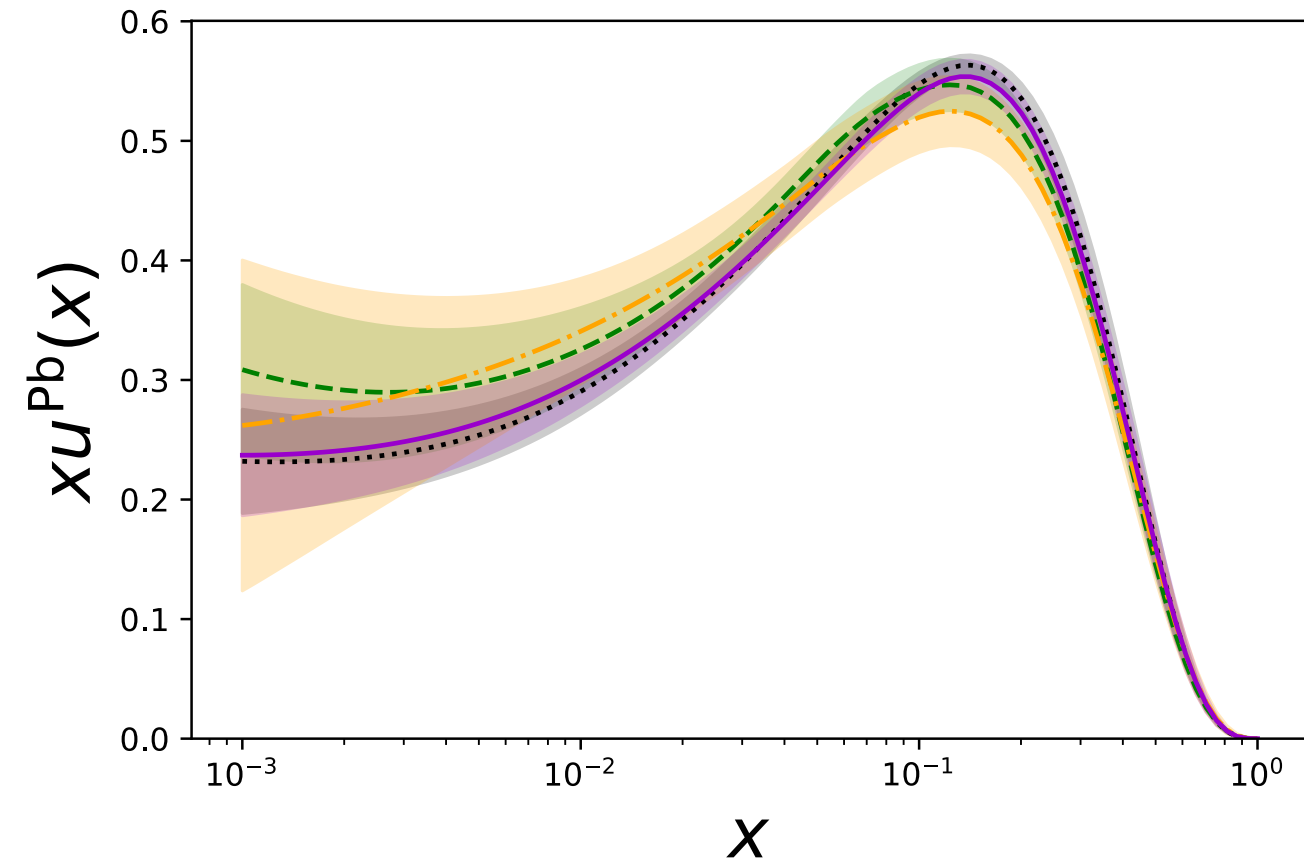


This is due to the fact that most of the data fitted lies in the valence dominated region



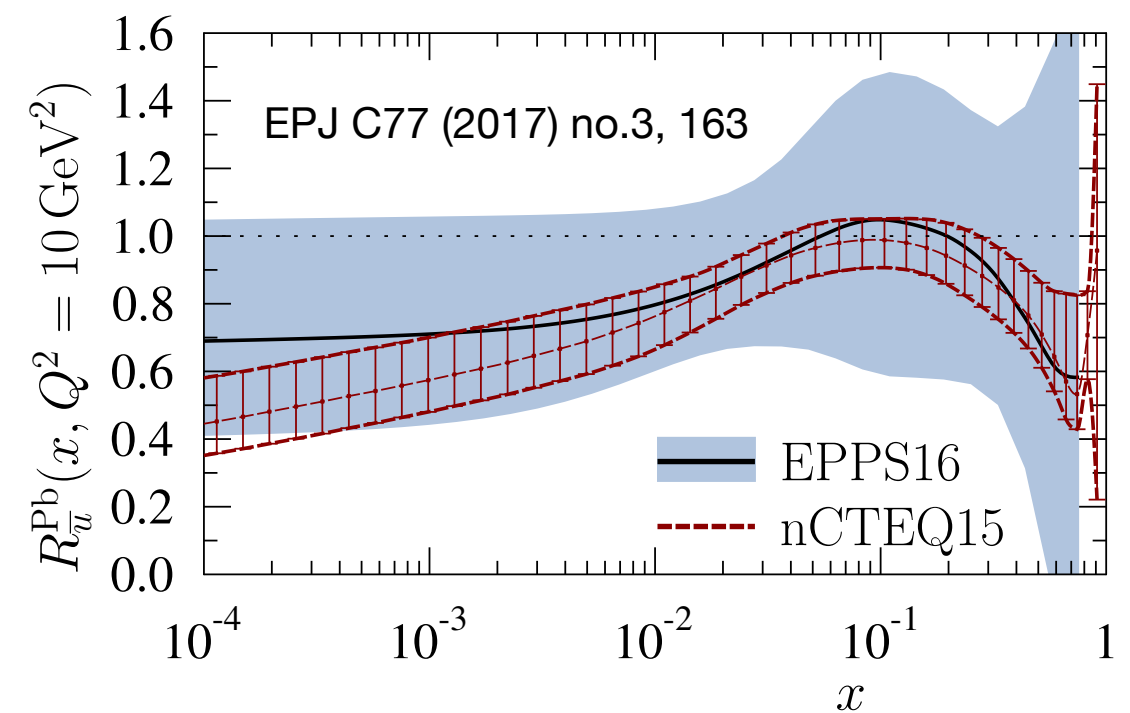
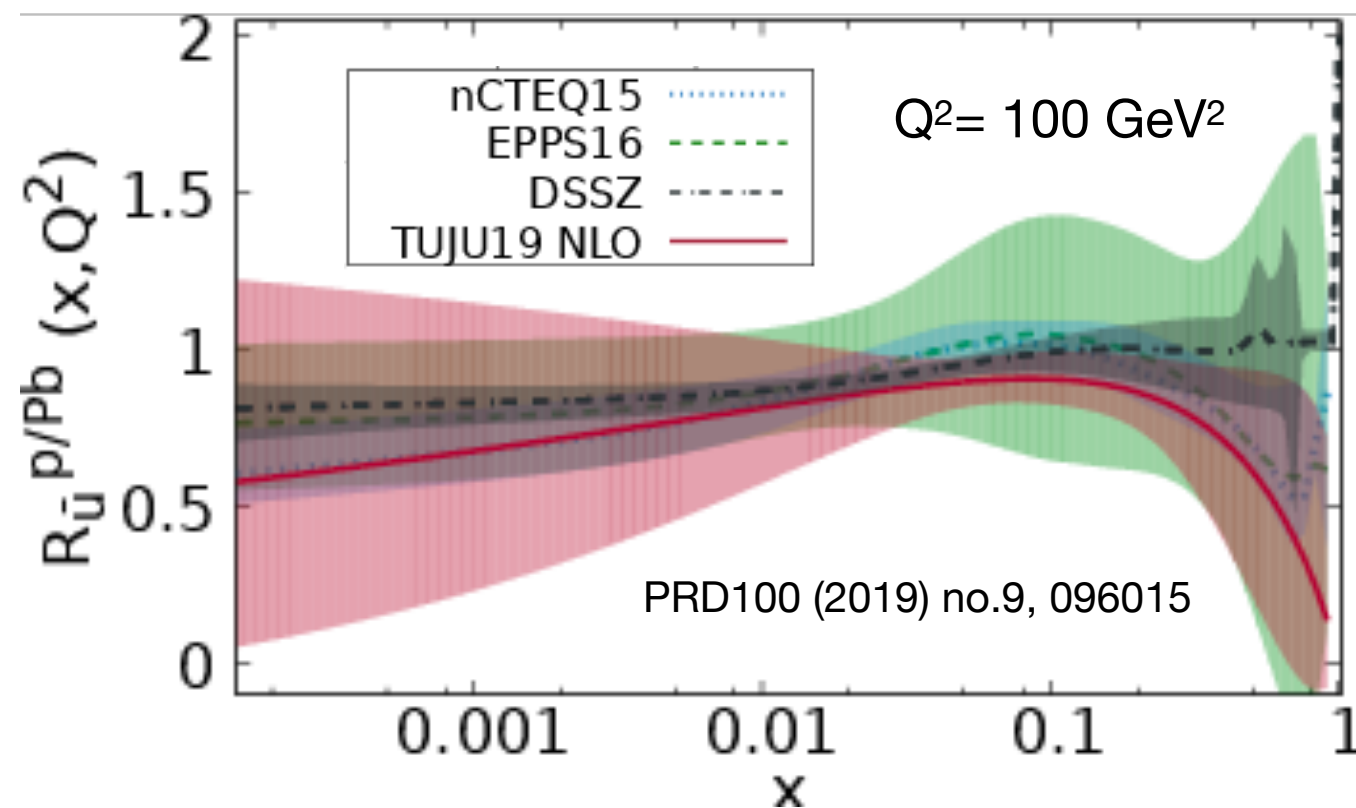
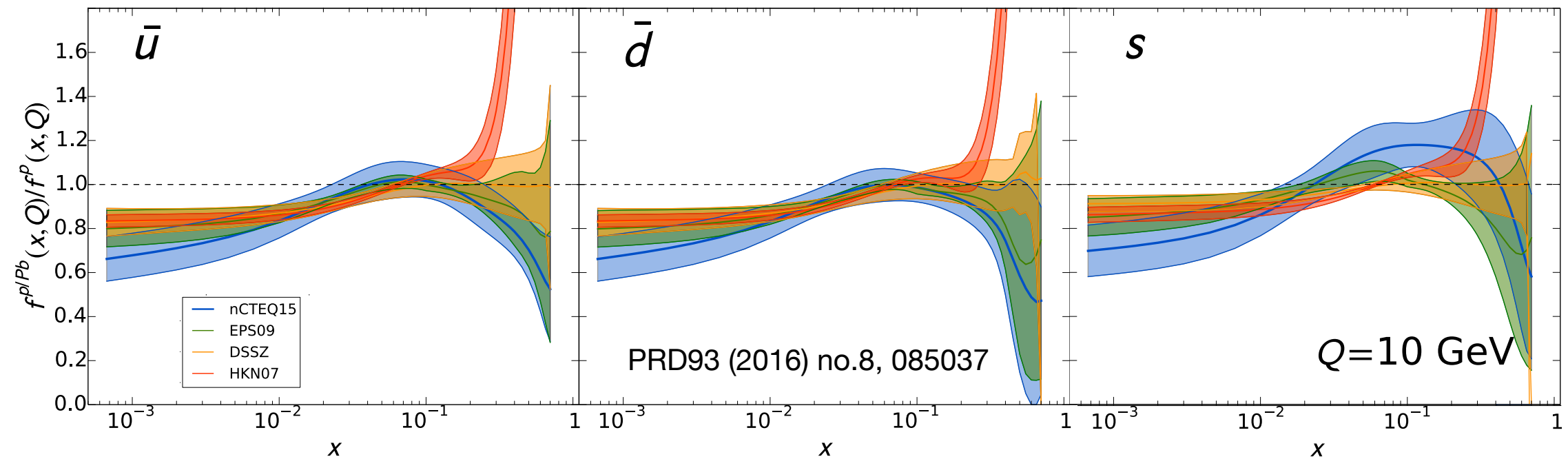
The sea/antiquark region is quite unconstrained

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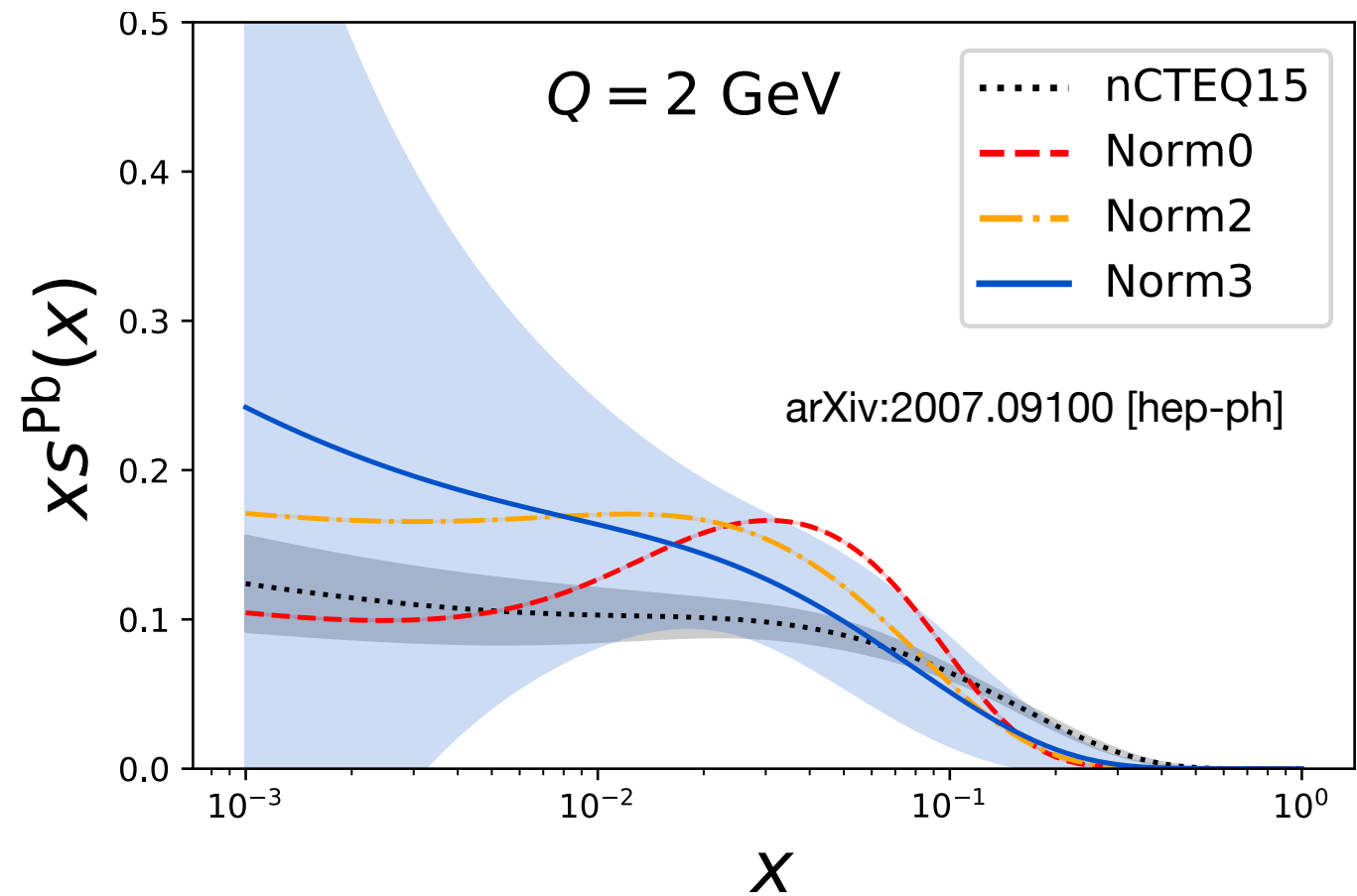
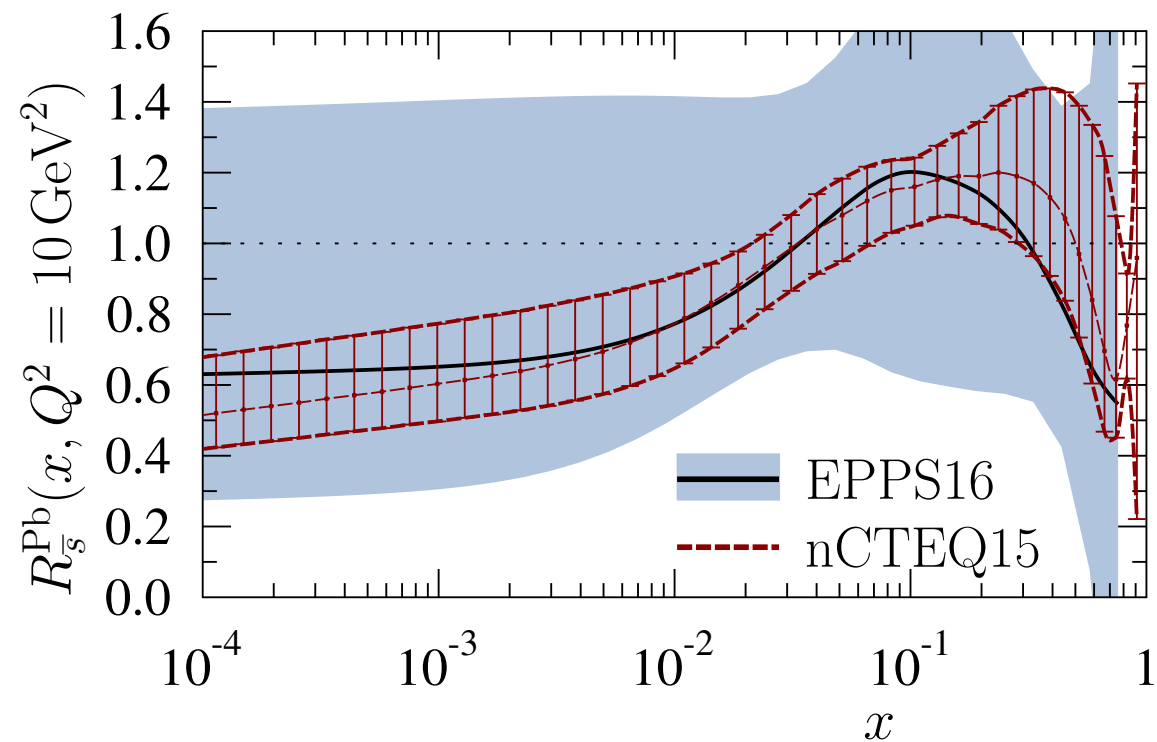
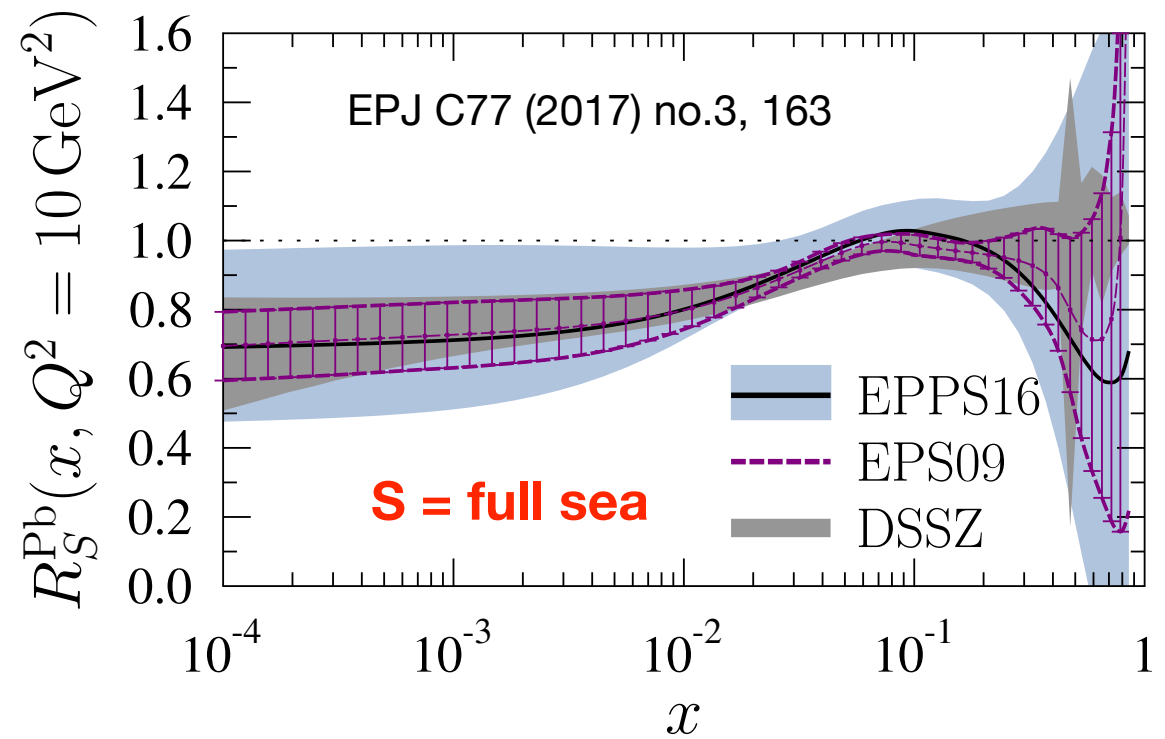


Due to the lack of data in the low x region the sea is usually parametrised together





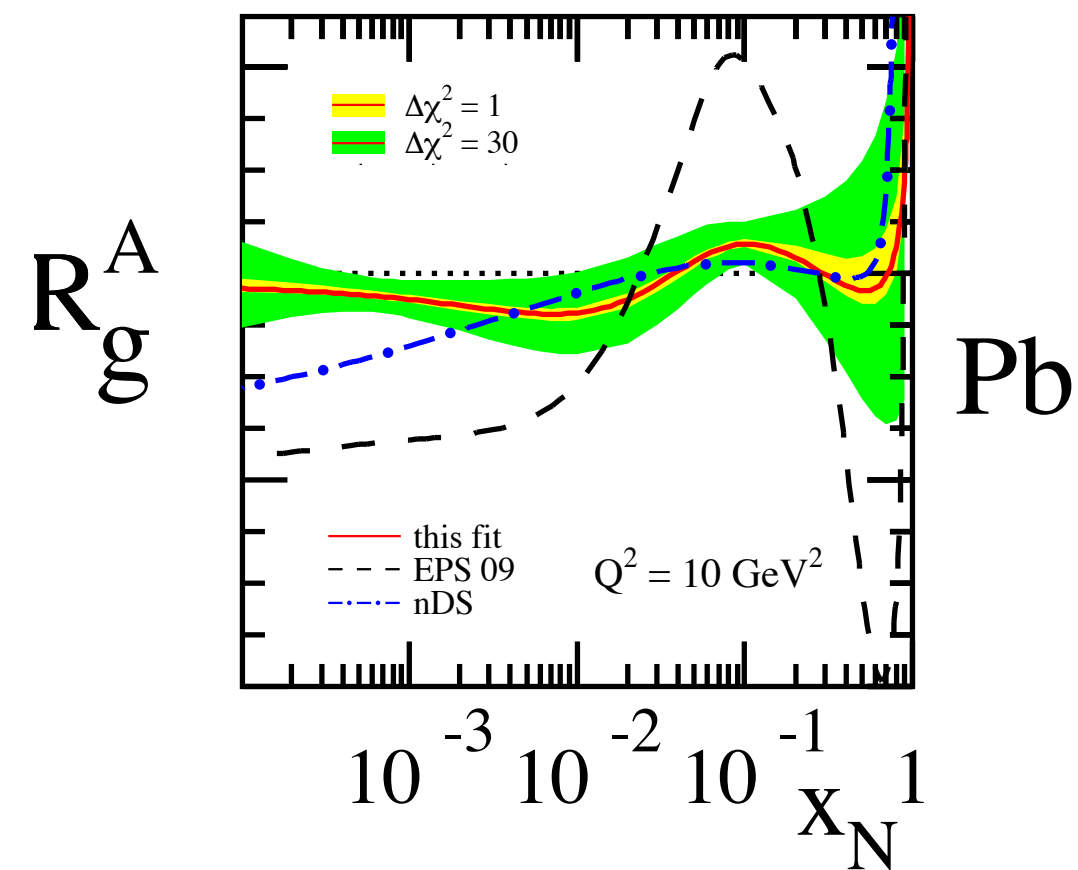
The nuclear strange modification is usually tied to the rest of the sea



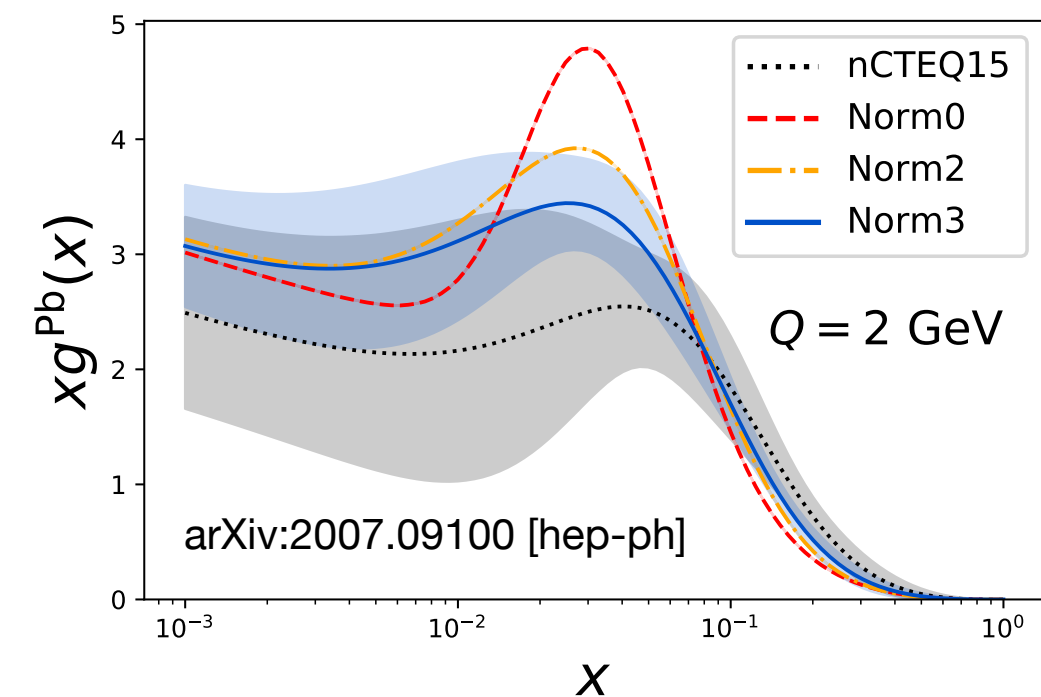
**Norm_i: i free normalisation
parameters for LHC data**

And then there is the gluon:

PRD85 (2012), 074028

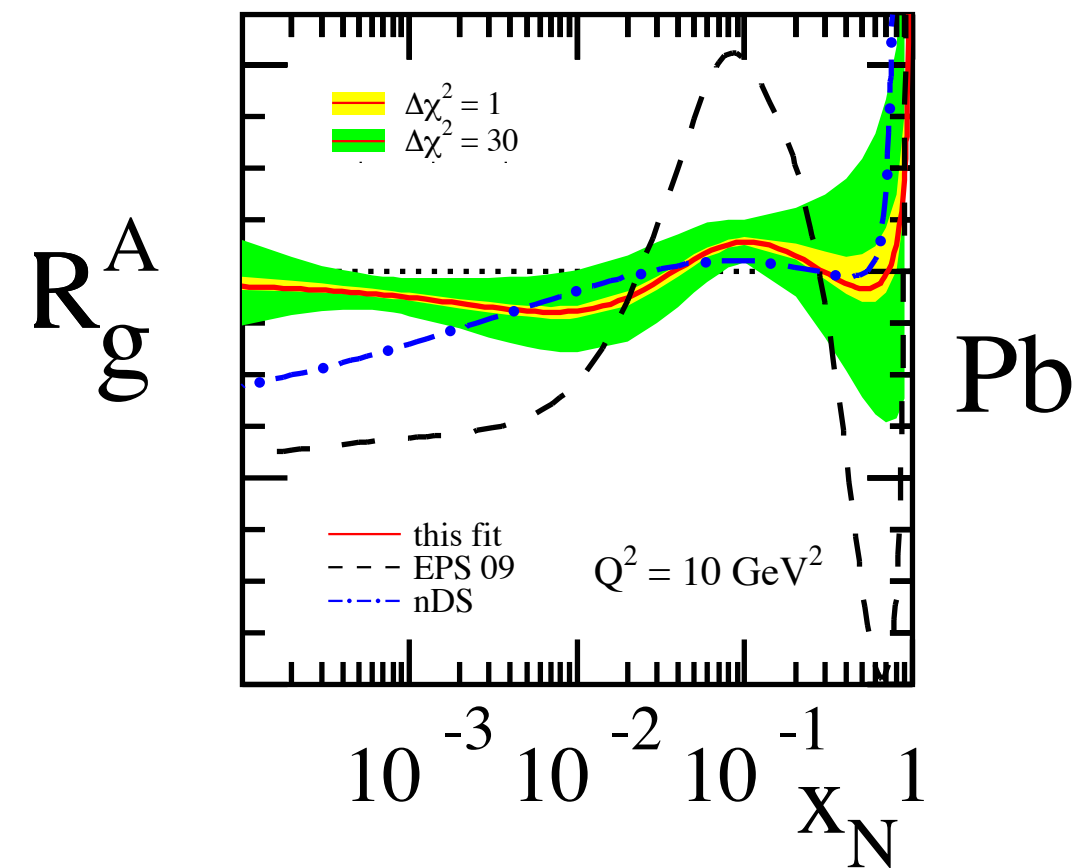


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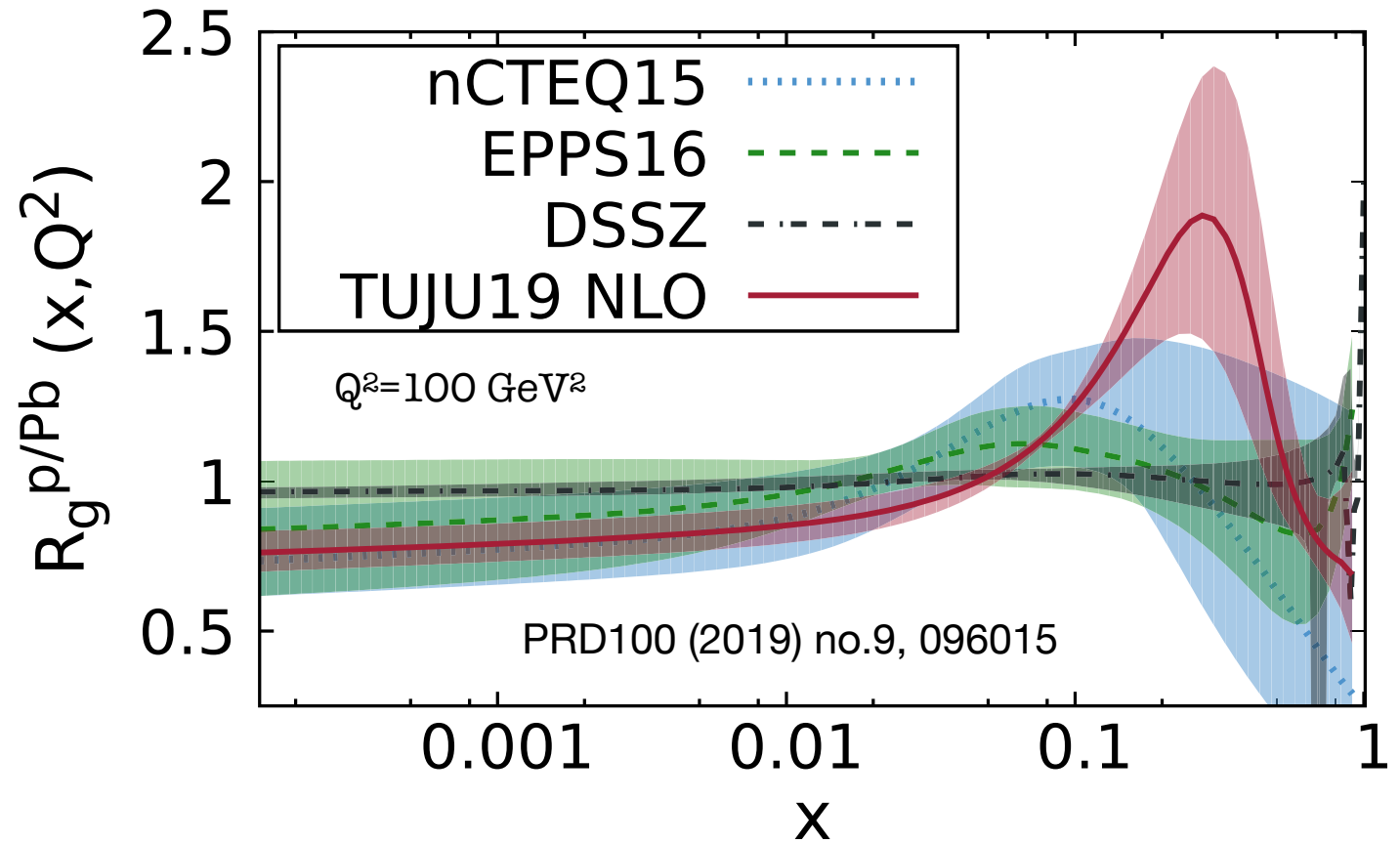
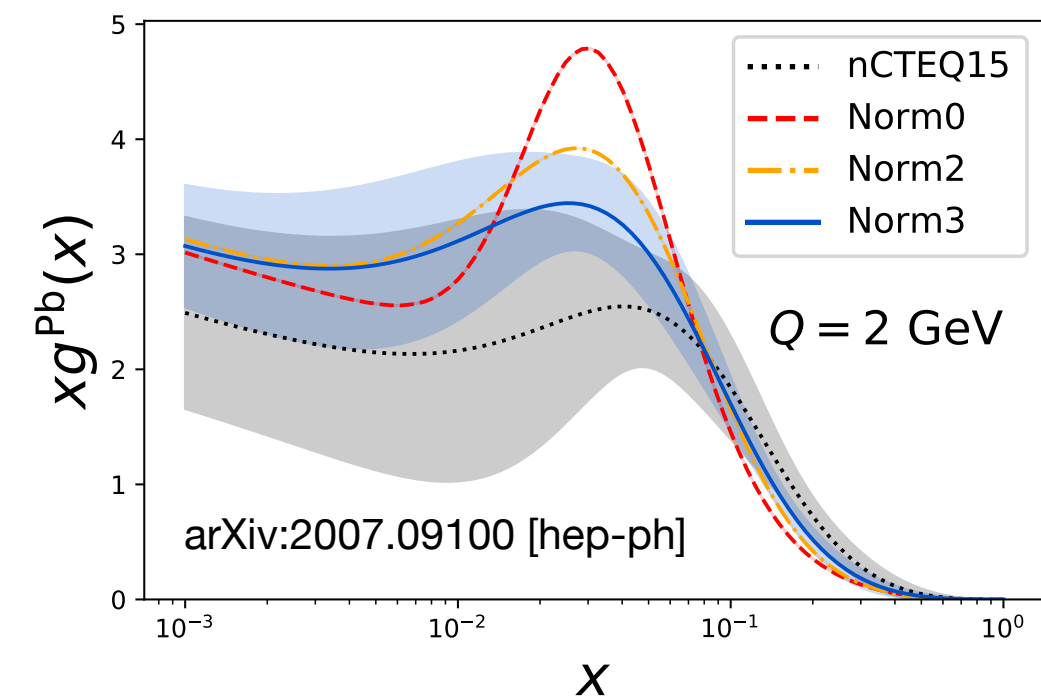


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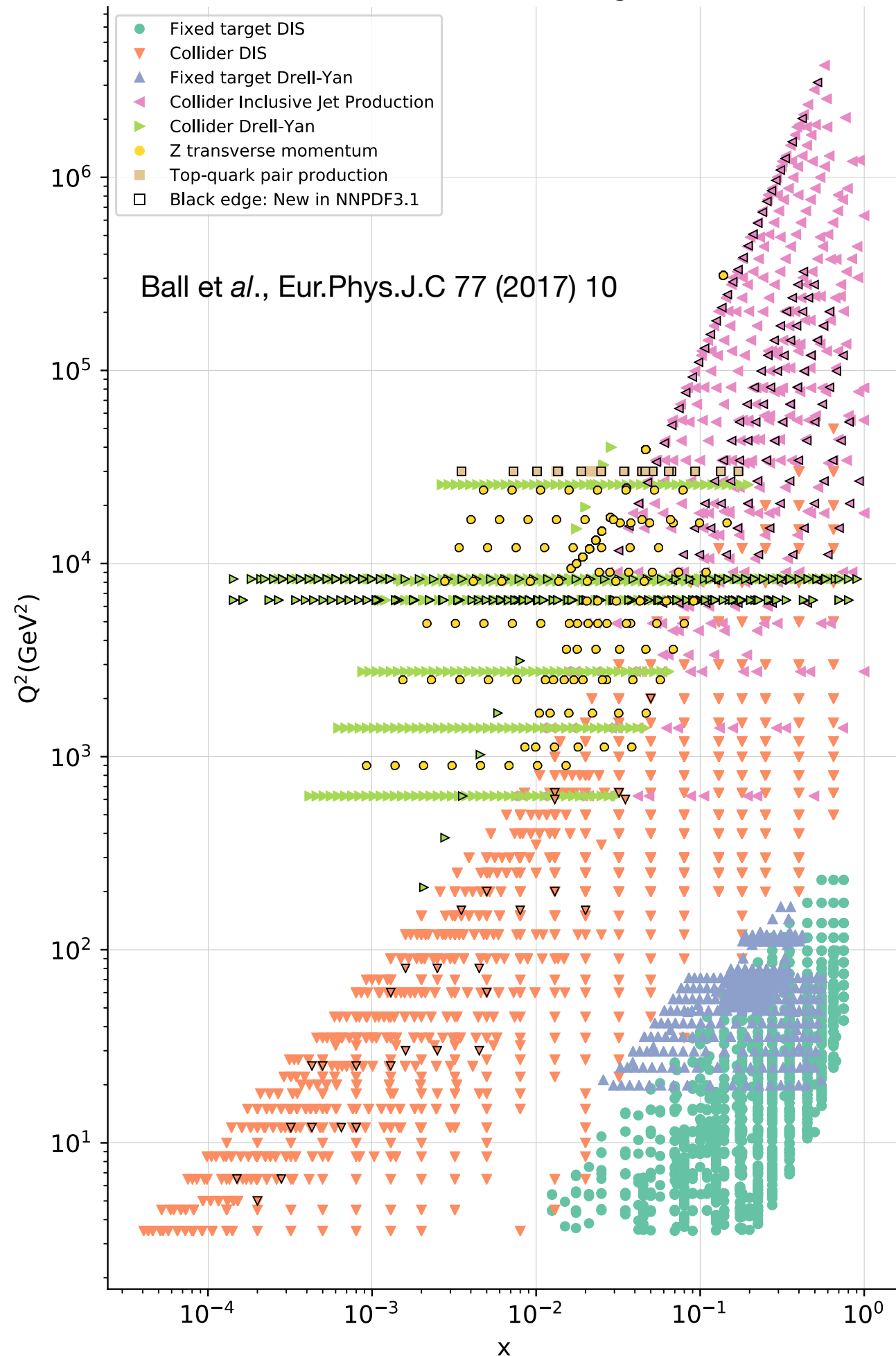
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Issues with nPDF extraction

why is it so hard to extract accurate nPDFs when
proton PDFs are **SO** much better?

Kinematic coverage



1) THE DATA:

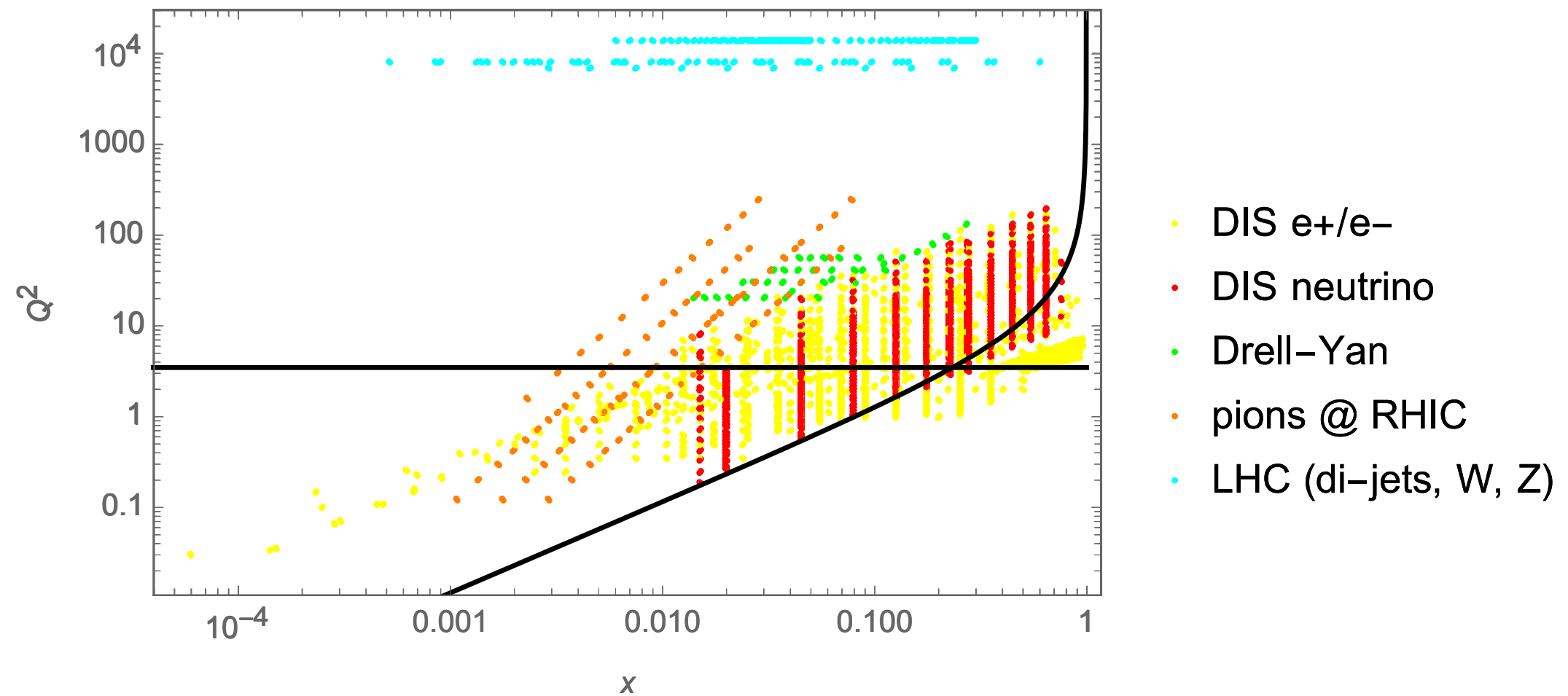
- quantity
- quality
- kinematic range
- presentation

For proton PDFs 1/3 of the data (~ 1300) comes from HERA

All for proton

Large kinematic coverage

One can obtain a set of PDFs just from HERA data

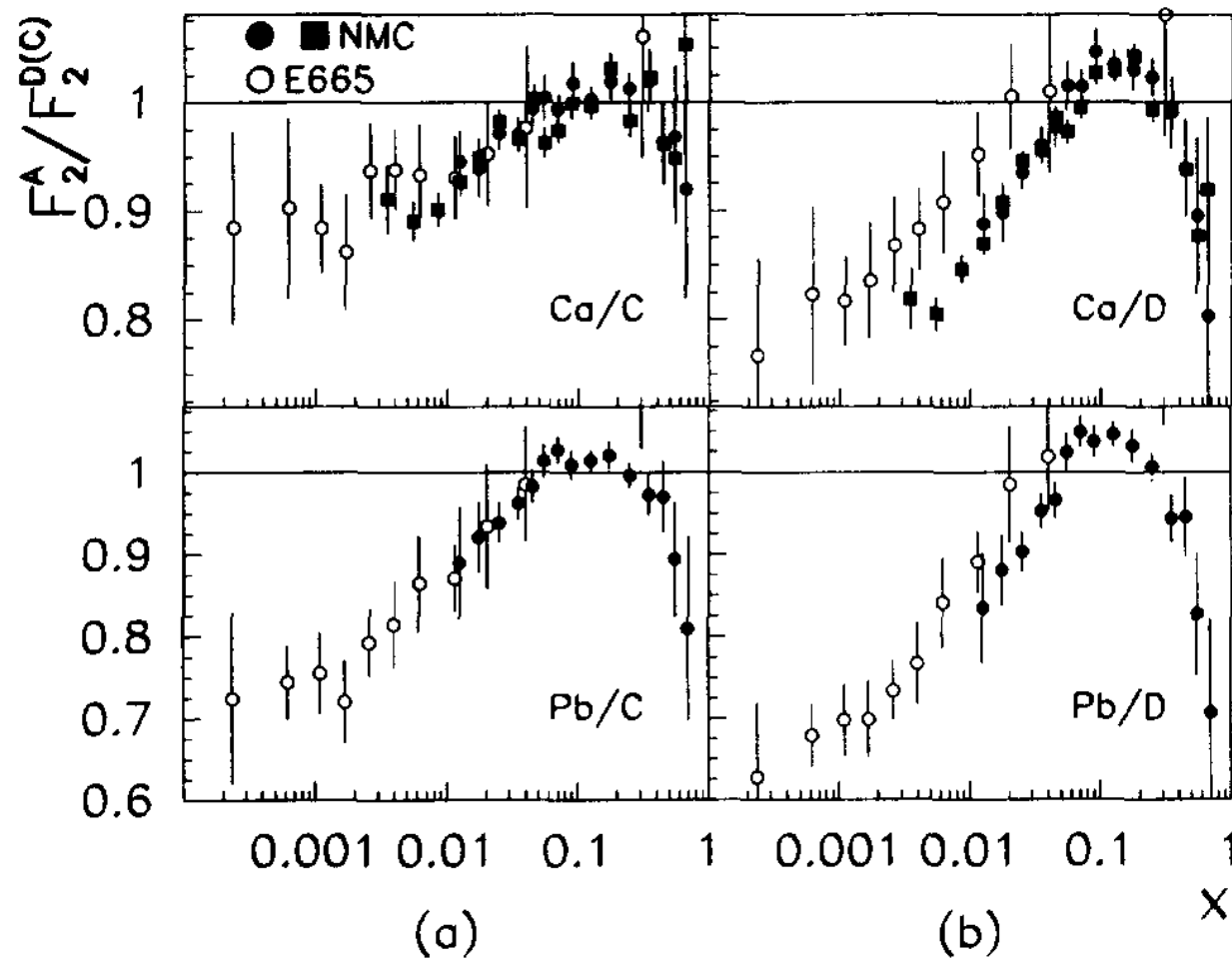


 In the nuclear case (NC DIS + CC DIS + Drell-Yan)

A	D	He	Li	Be	C	N	Al	Ca	Fe	Cu	Kr	Ag	Sn	Xe	W	Pt	Au	Pb
# points	615	60	146	17	422	51	20	123	873	29	34	1	174	3	37	7	2	603

232 from
NC DIS

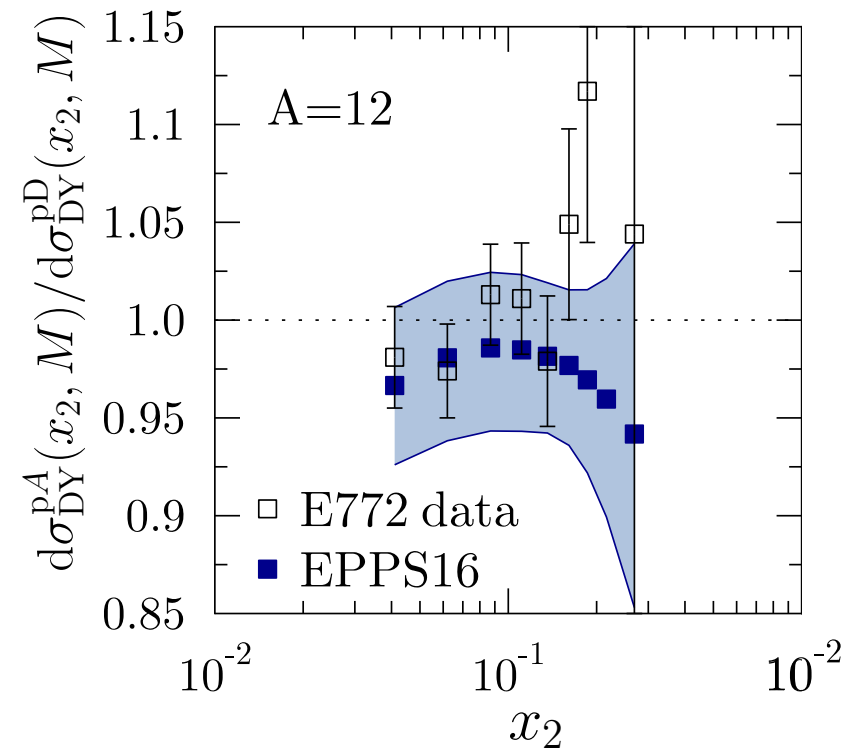
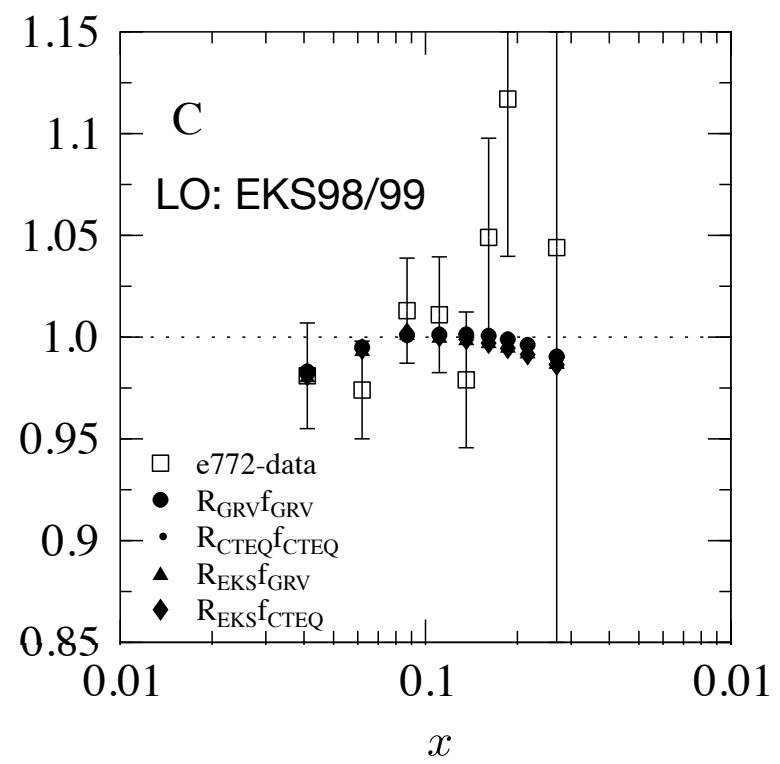
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NC DIS



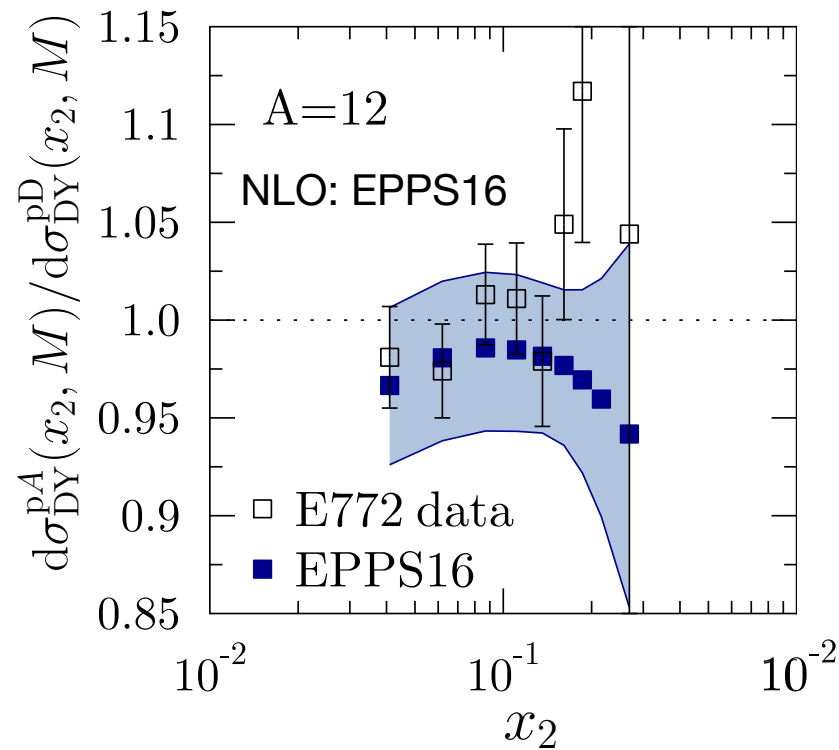
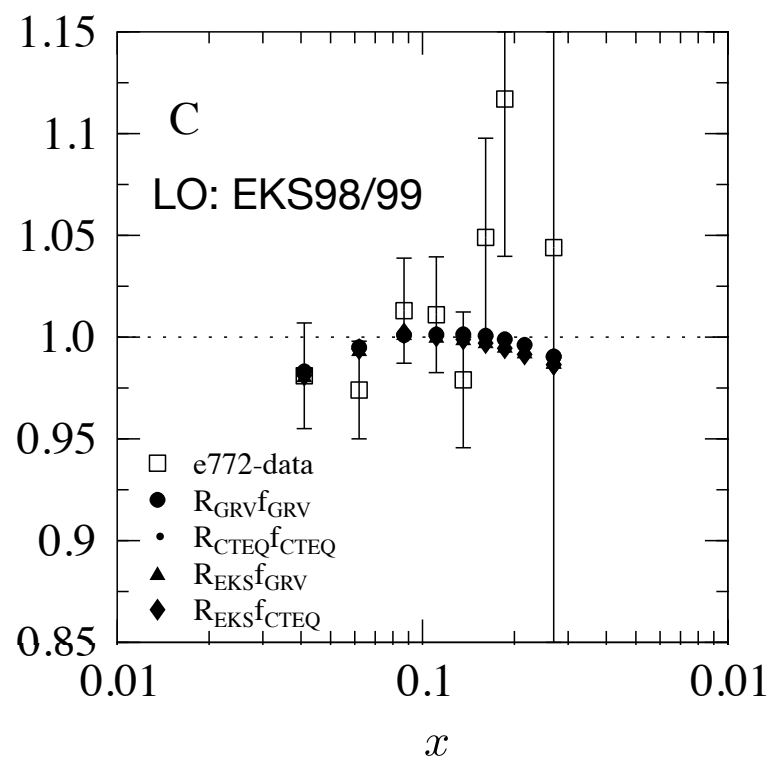
$$\sigma_{\text{red}} = F_2 - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L$$

$$\sigma_{\text{red}}^A / \sigma_{\text{red}}^D, F_2^A / F_2^D, f(F_L^A / F_L^D)$$

- For proton the reduced cross-section is (mostly) used
- For DIS with nuclei, most of the data (1108/1930) is given as ratios, some information is lost
- F_2 and F_L determination based on parameterizations of their ratio
- non-isoscalarity corrections included (not needed)



using Drell-Yan
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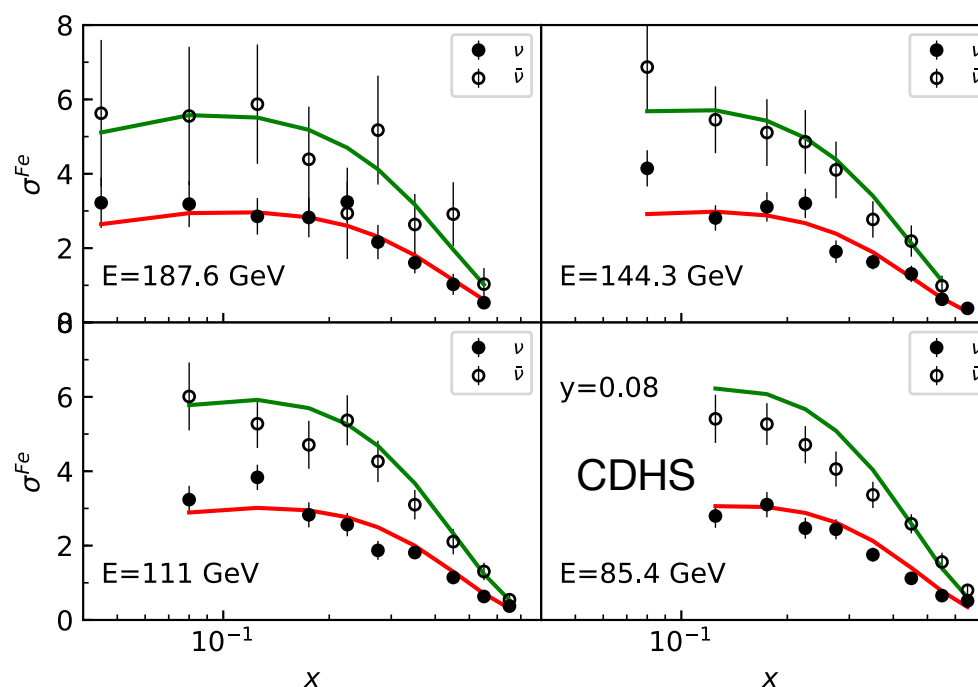
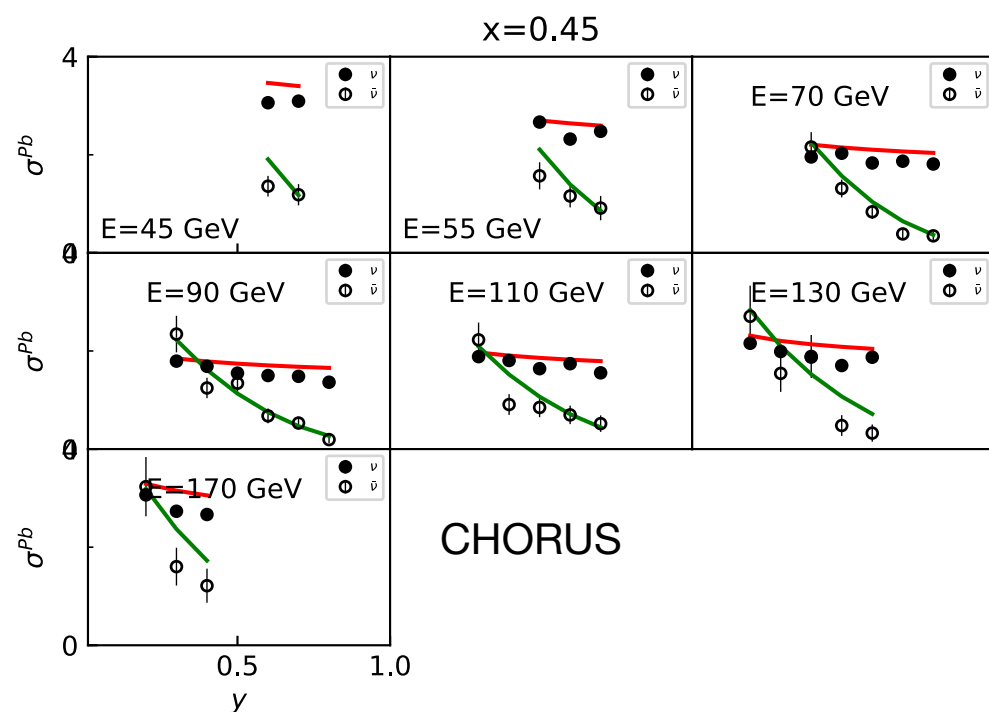
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CC DIS might have some issues (NuTeV has tensions with other experiments)



and they are not very sensitive to the nuclear effects



comparison (not a
fit!) with proton PDFs

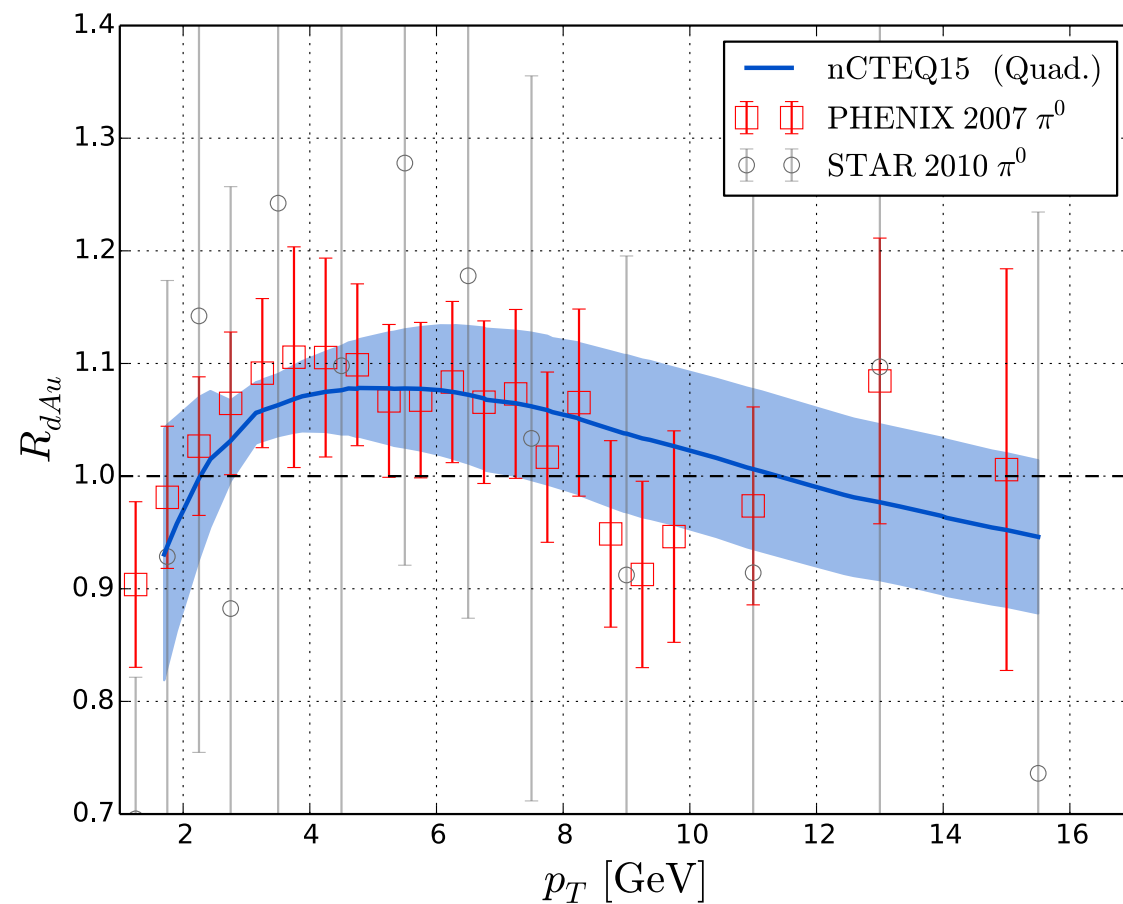
$$\chi^2_{\text{CDHS}}/N_{\text{points}} \approx 1.28$$

$$\chi^2_{\text{CHORUS}}/N_{\text{points}} \approx 1.72$$



pion product at RHIC

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Large uncertainties



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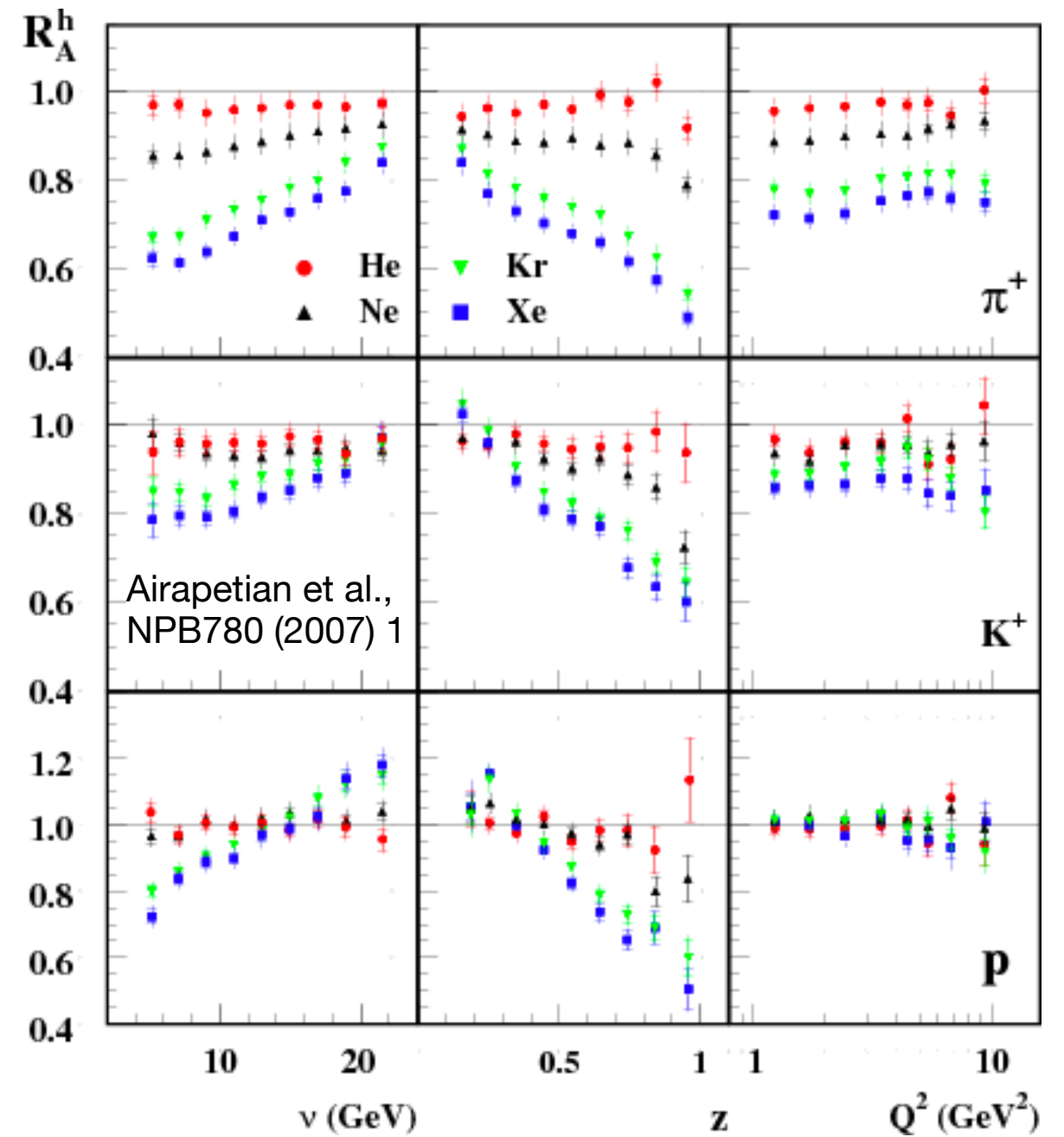
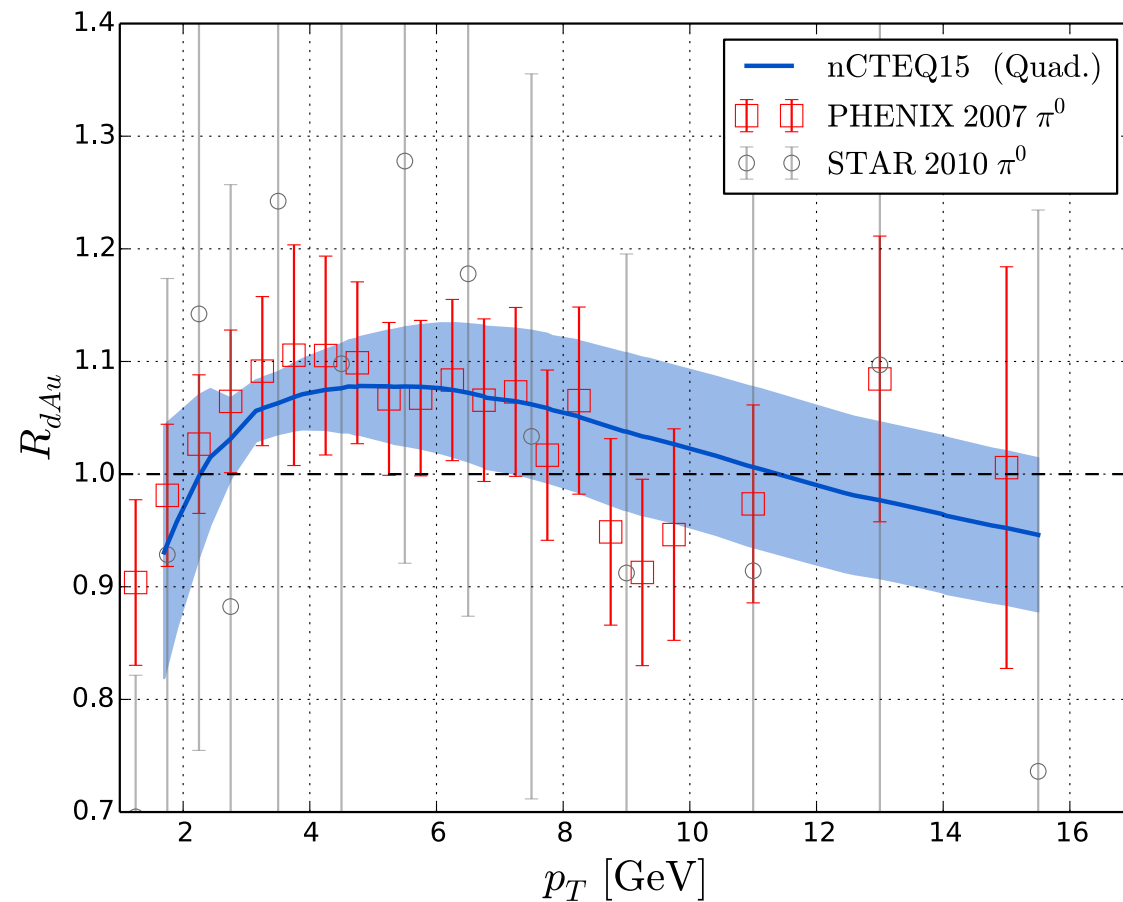


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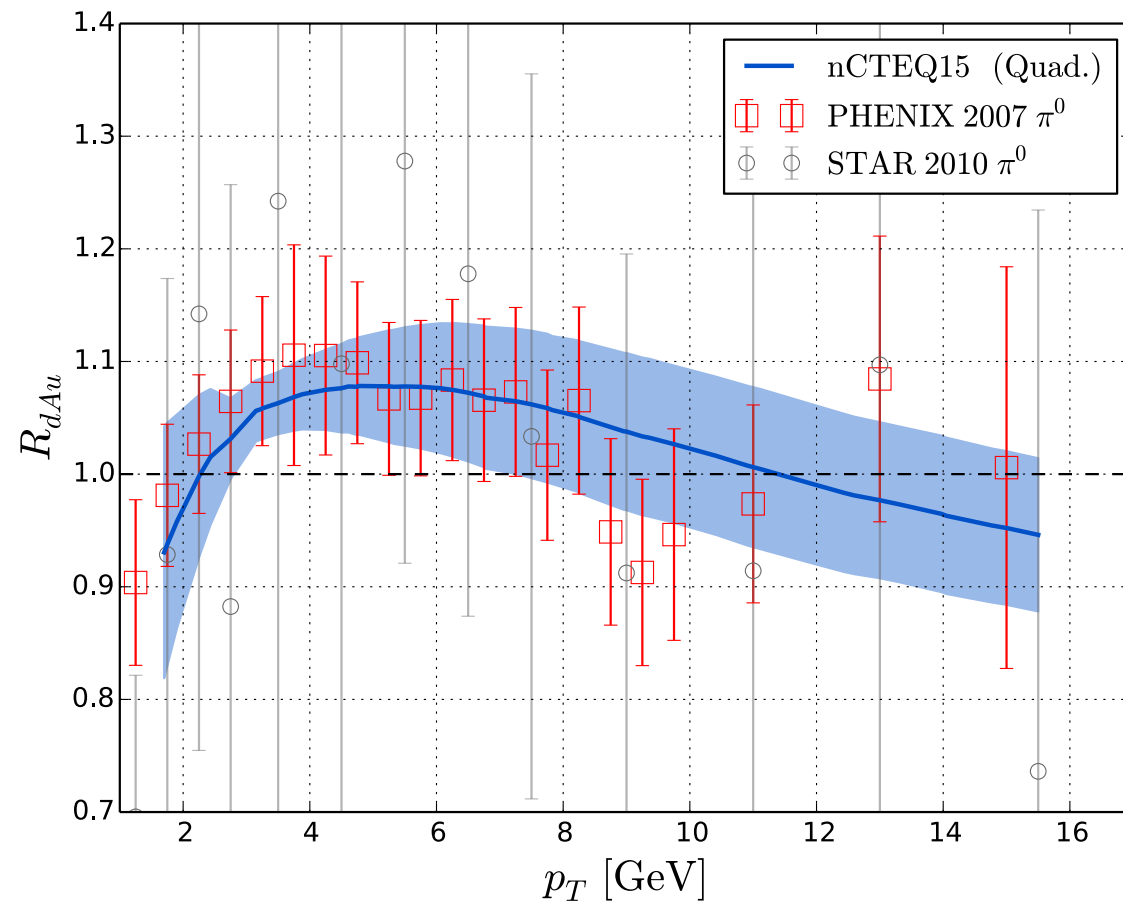
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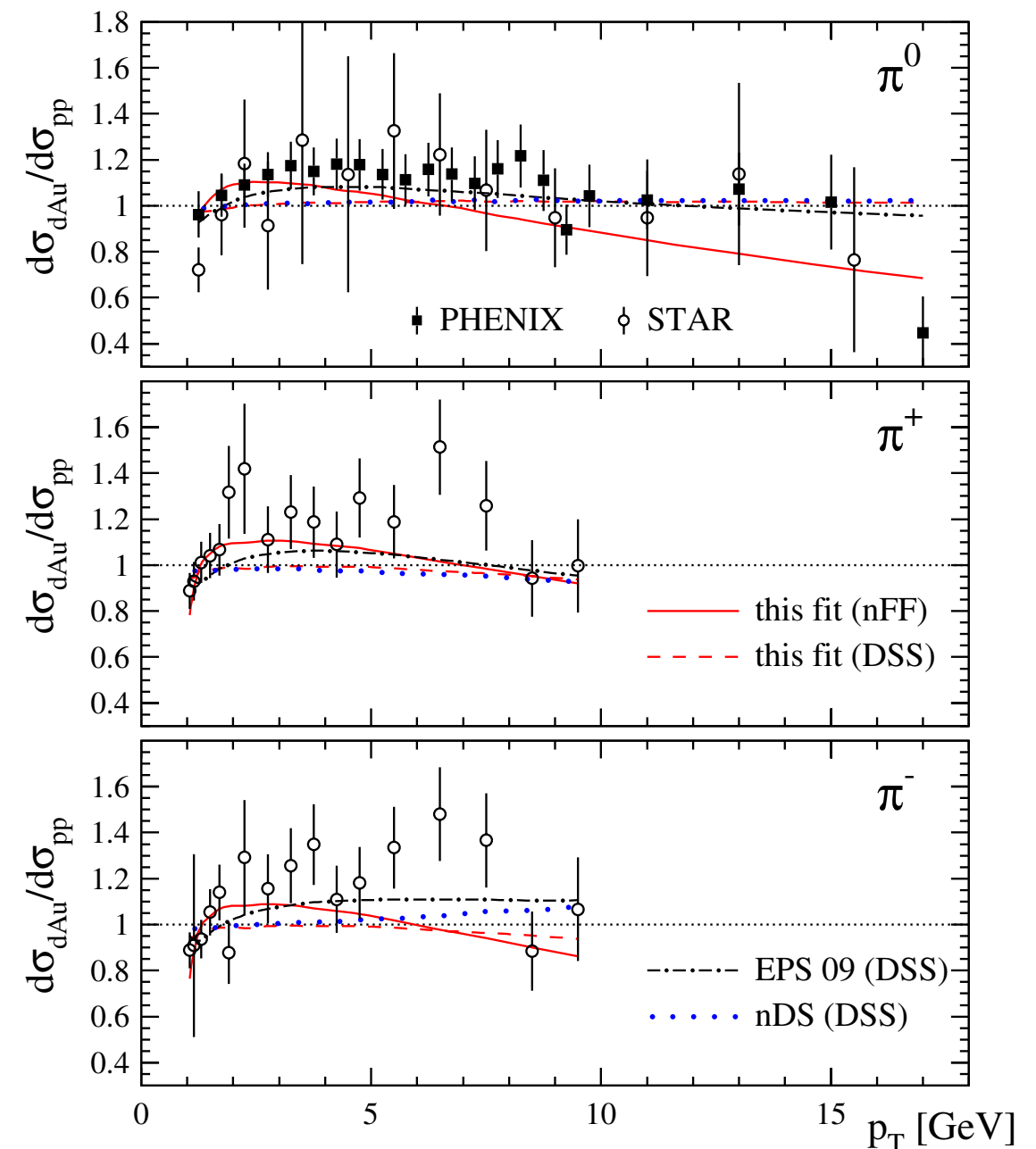


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only in DSSZ



< 2% variation on the fit χ^2

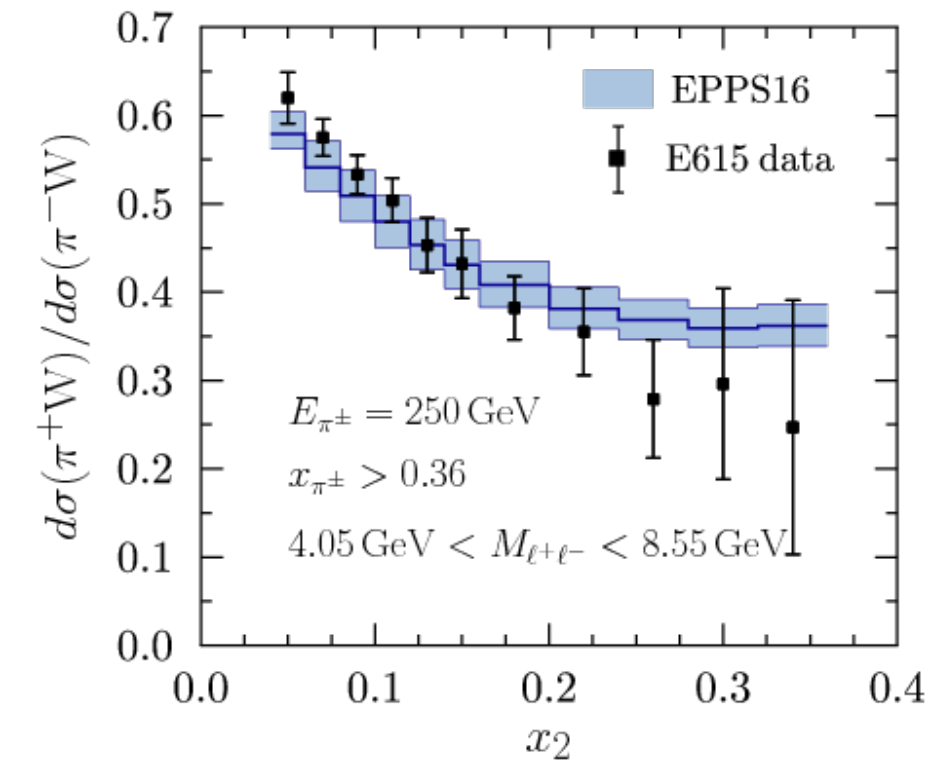


25% variation in RHIC χ^2

Solution to the data problem? Add “new”/new data!

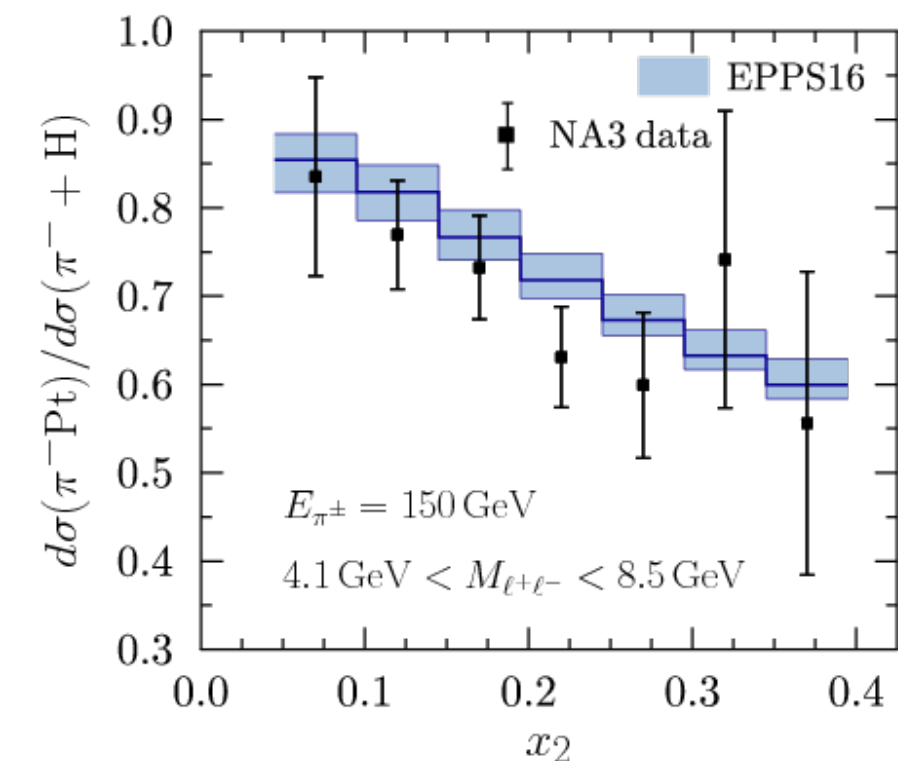
- “new” Drell-Yan data with pion beams (28 points), requires pion PDFs

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- Badier, J. *et al.*, Phys.Lett. 104B (1981) 335.

- Bordalo, P. *et al.*, Phys.Lett. B193 (1987) 368.



- Heinrich, J.G. *et al.*, Phys.Rev.Lett. 63 (1989) 356.

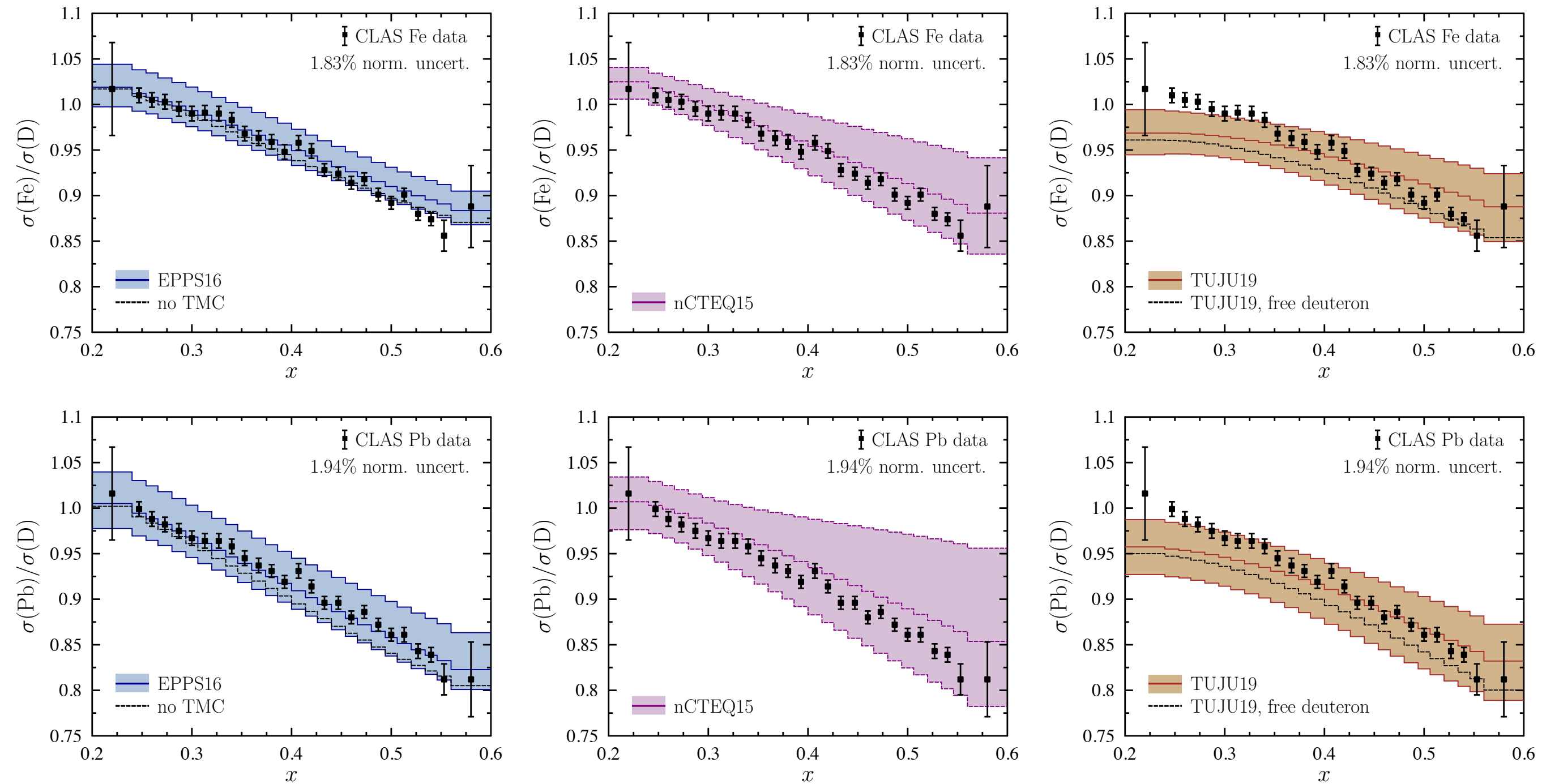


- Purely phenomenological analysis à la nPDF
- $0.2 < x < 0.6$
- $1.62 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 3.02 \text{ GeV}^2$ (out of most kinematic cuts)
- Higher twist correction included: TMC

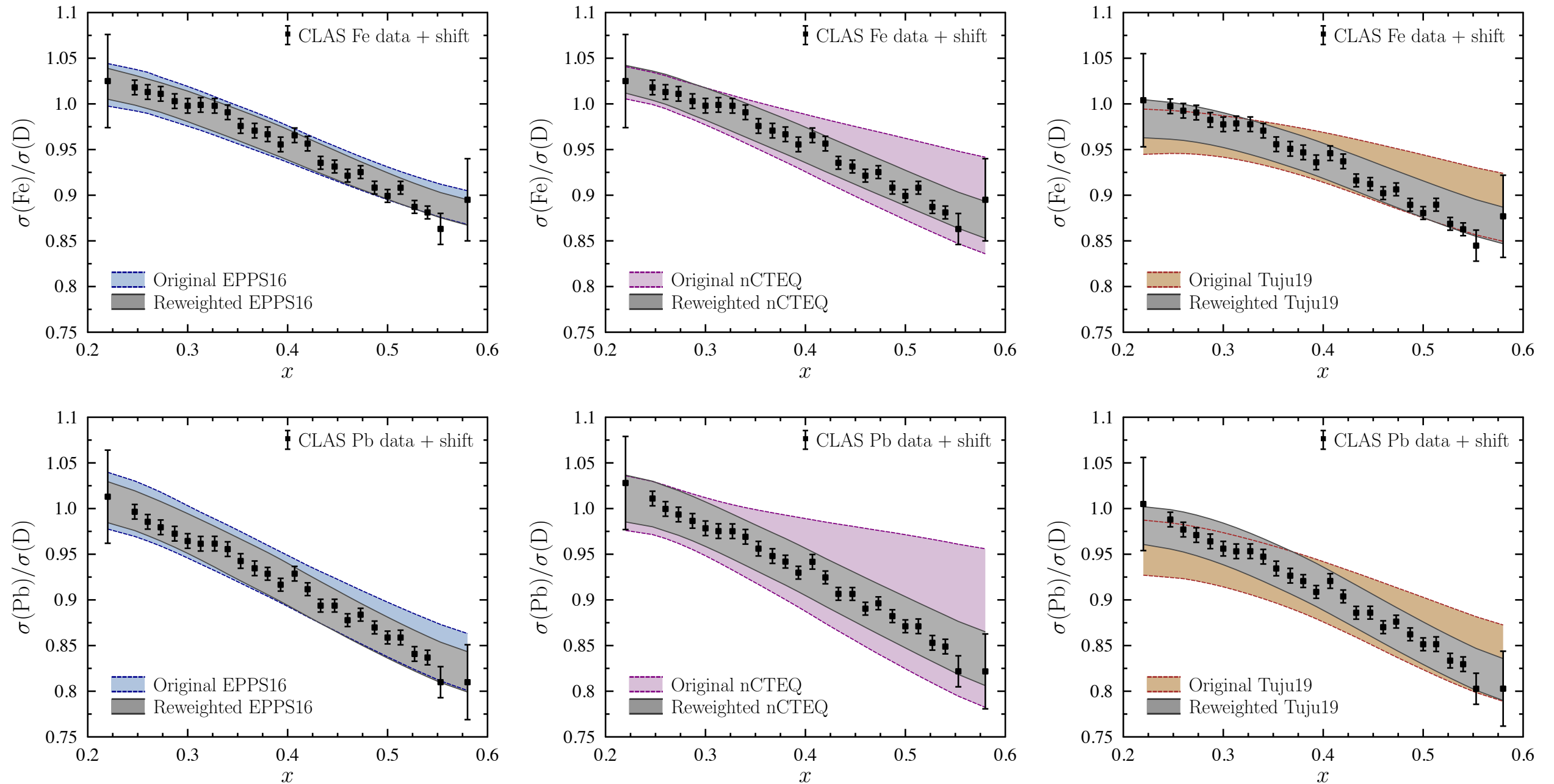
$$x \rightarrow \xi = \frac{2x}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 M^2 / Q^2}}$$

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TMCs clearly improve the description of the data



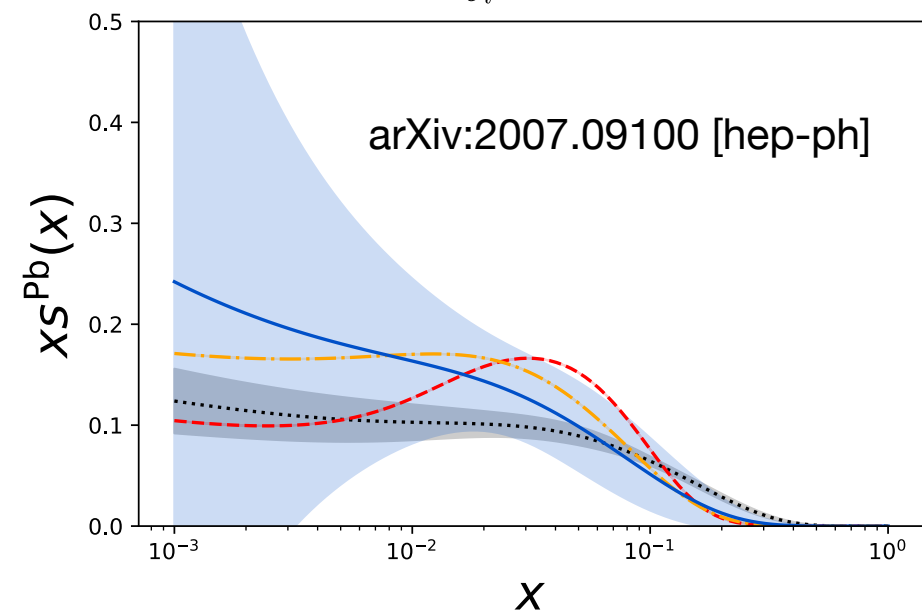
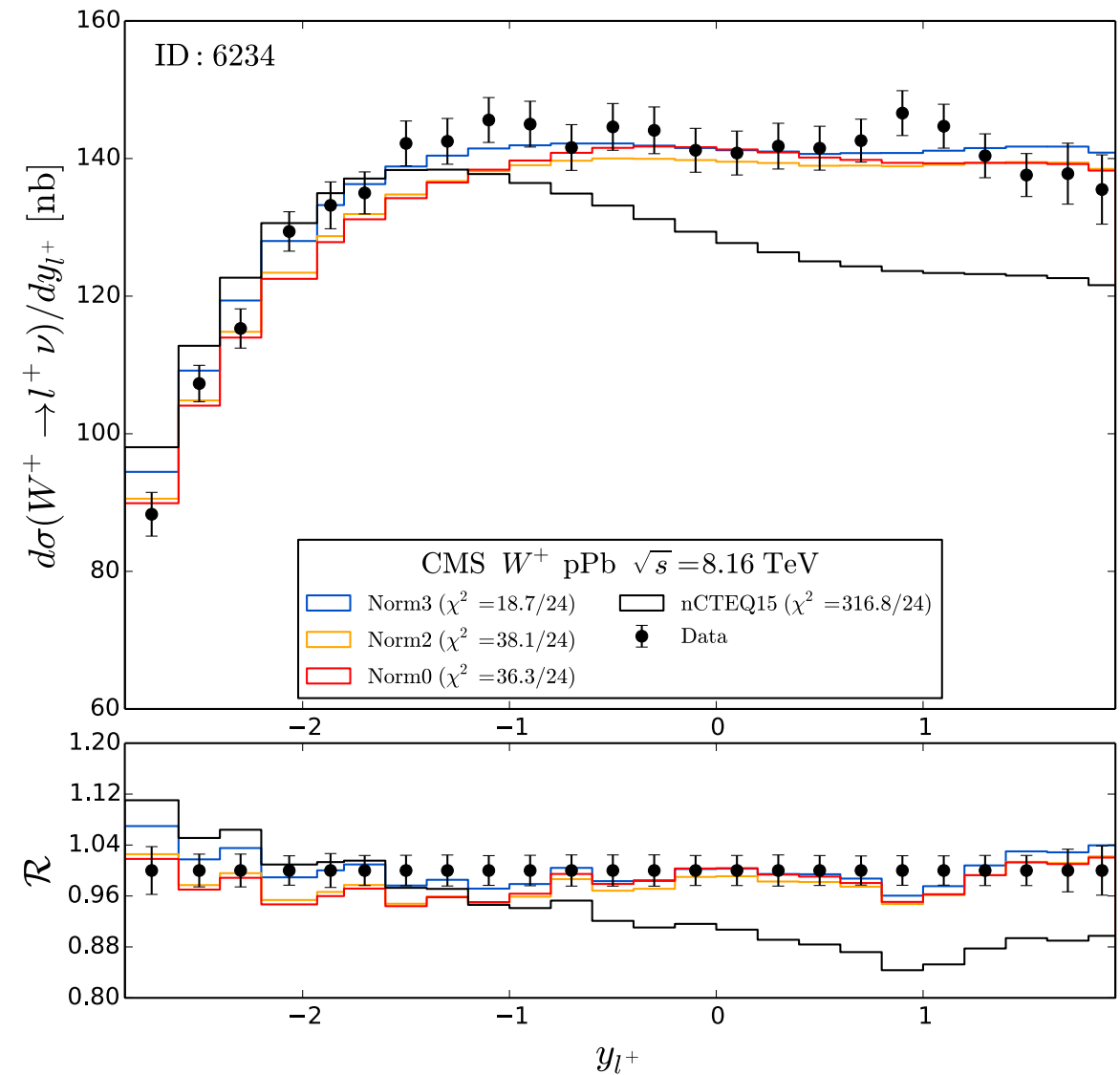
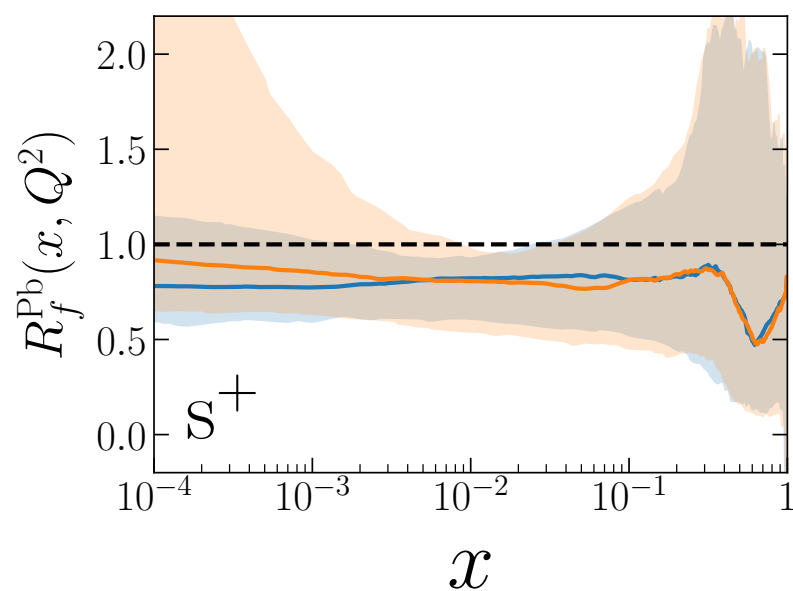
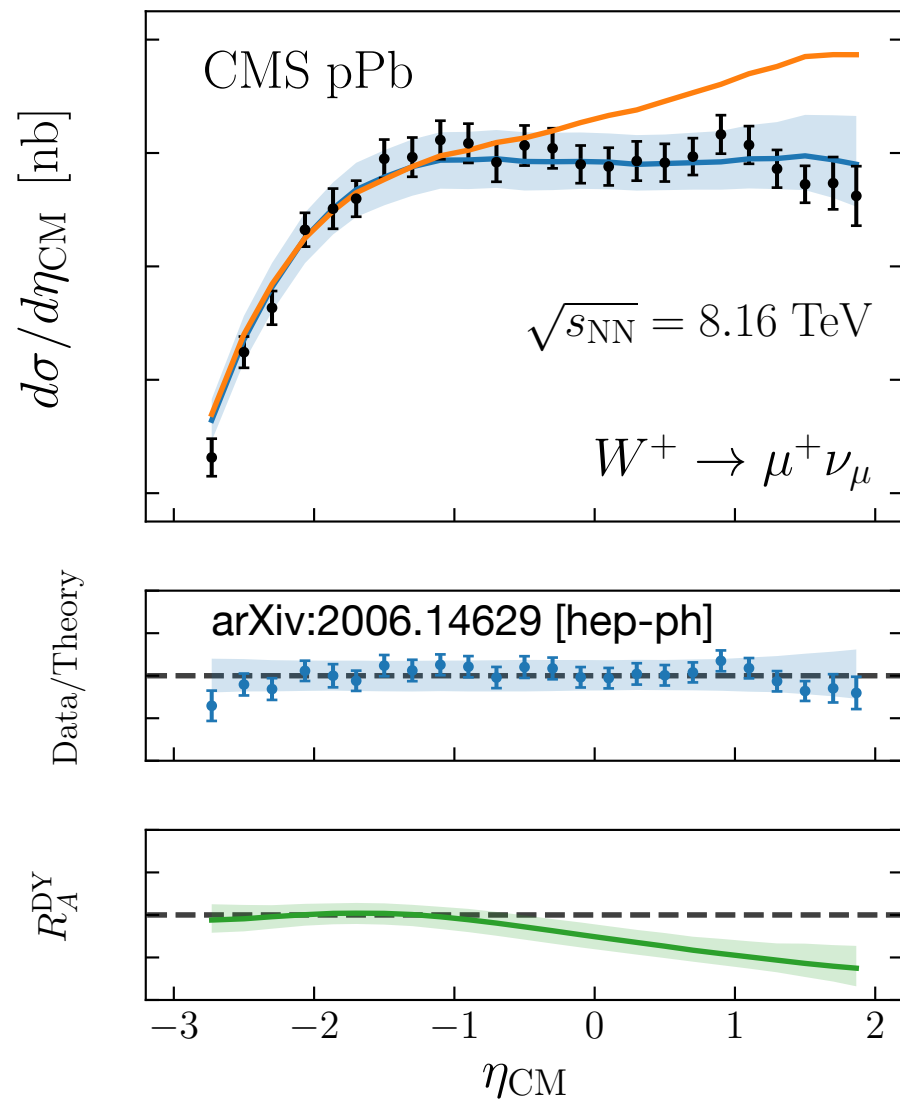
significant reduction of uncertainties in nCTEQ15 (includes W^2 cut)



significant reduction of uncertainties in nTuJu19 (includes W^2 cut) and change of “low” x slope



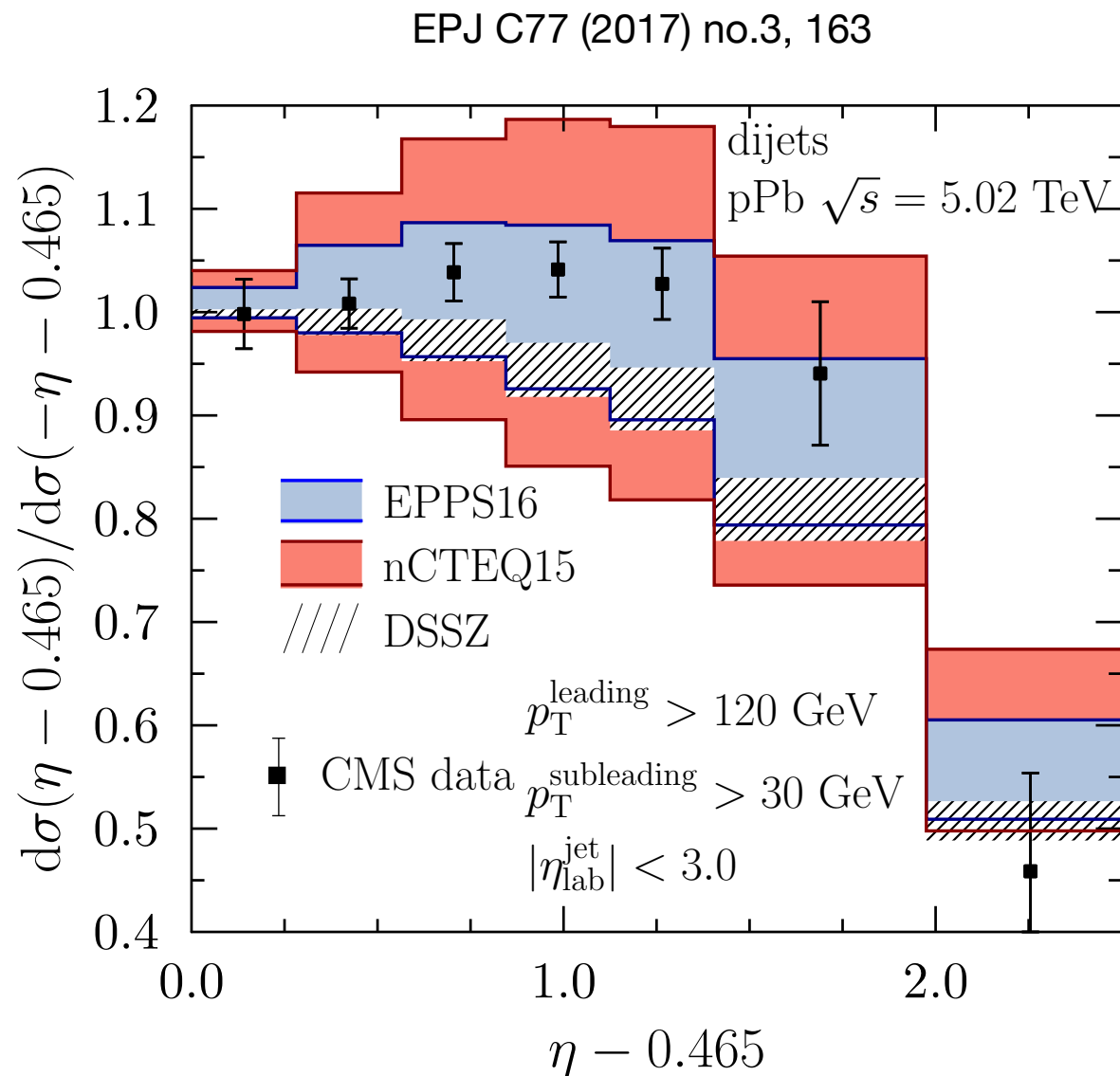
EW boson production at the LHC: EPPS16, nNNPDF2.0, nCTEQ15wz





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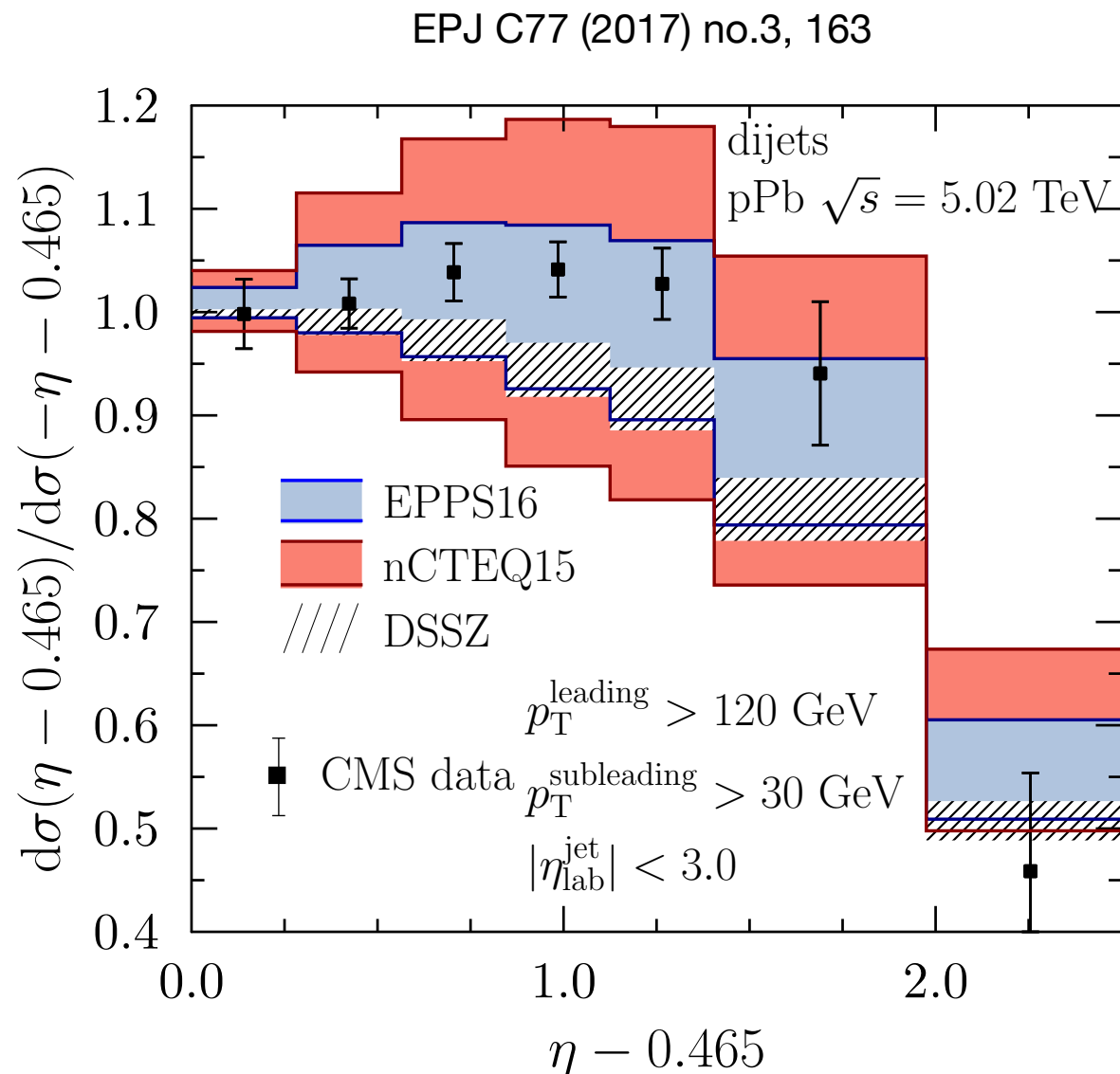


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while including new/“new” data can help, it also can introduce additional sources of uncertainties

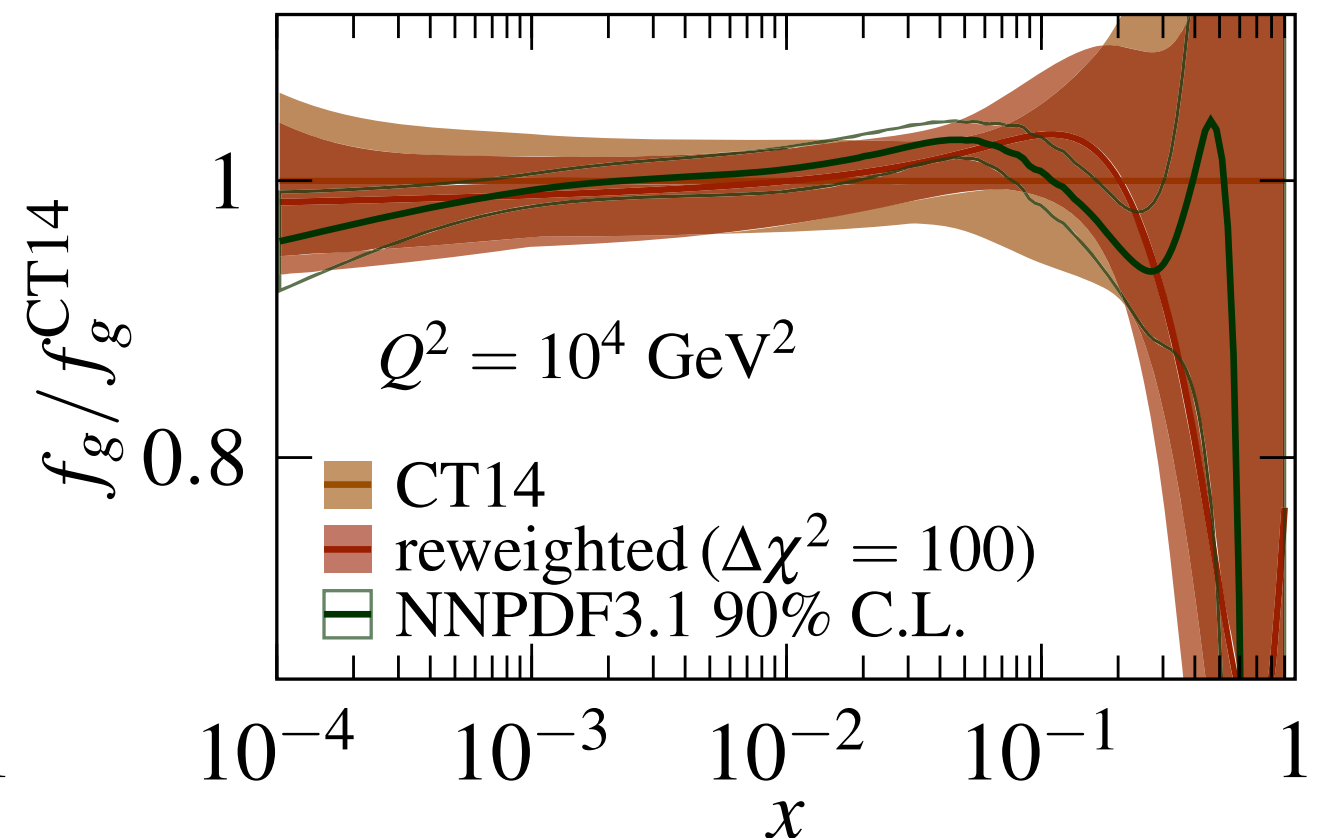
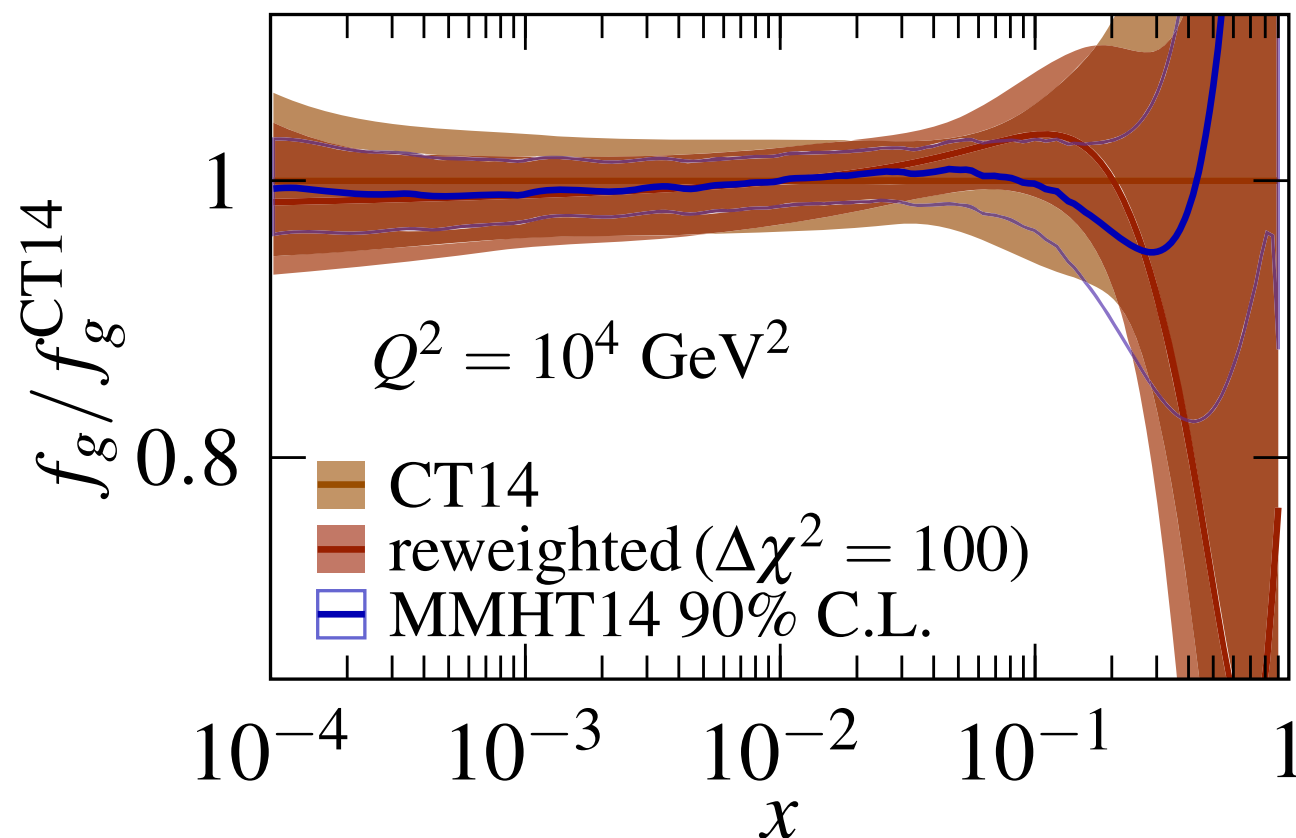
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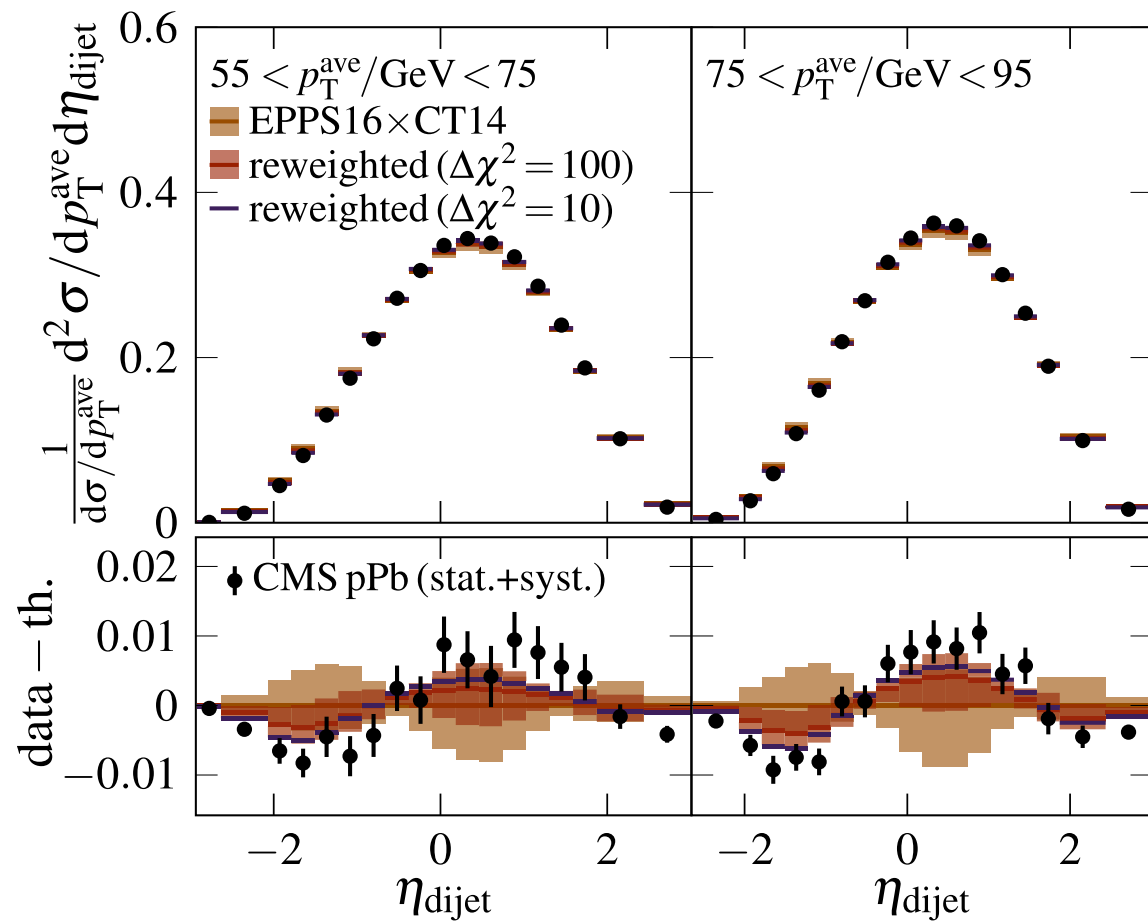
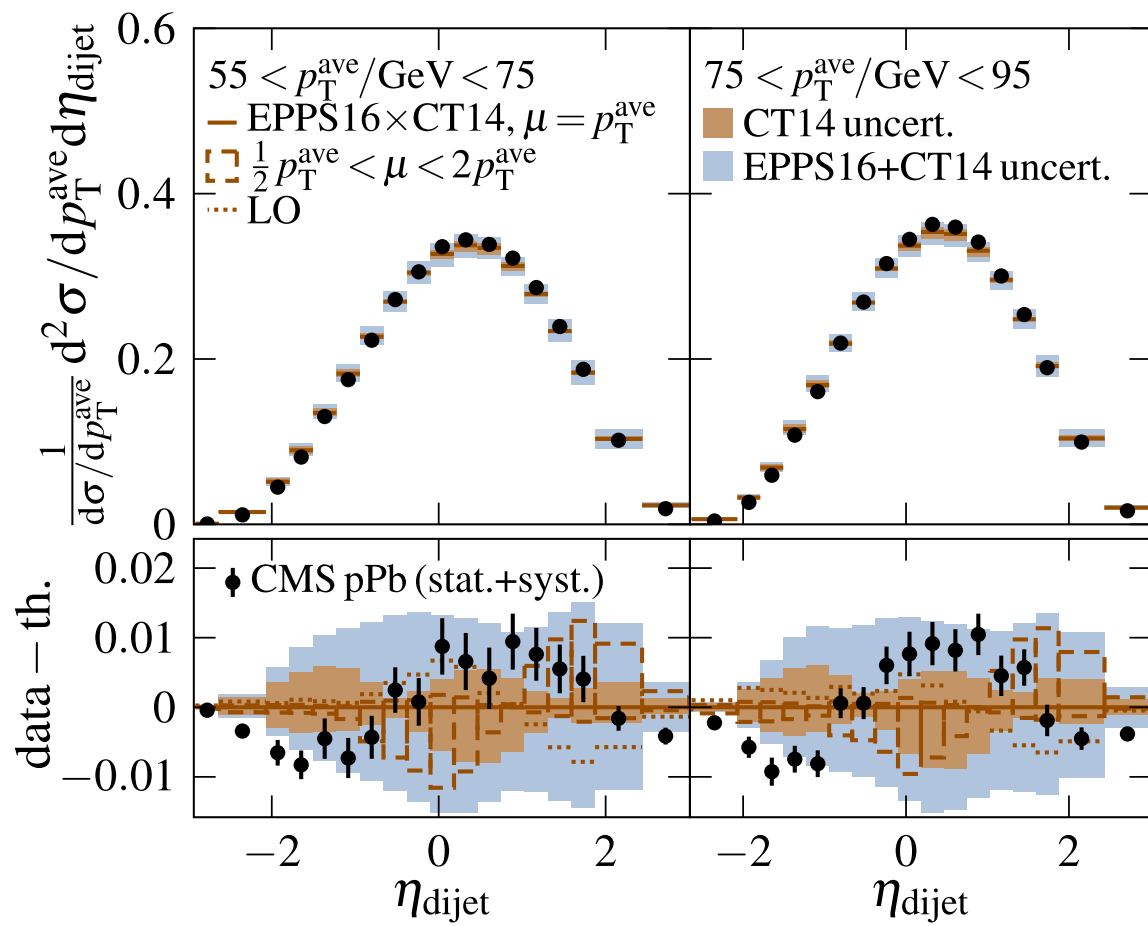


study of R_{pPb} using Hessian re-weighting

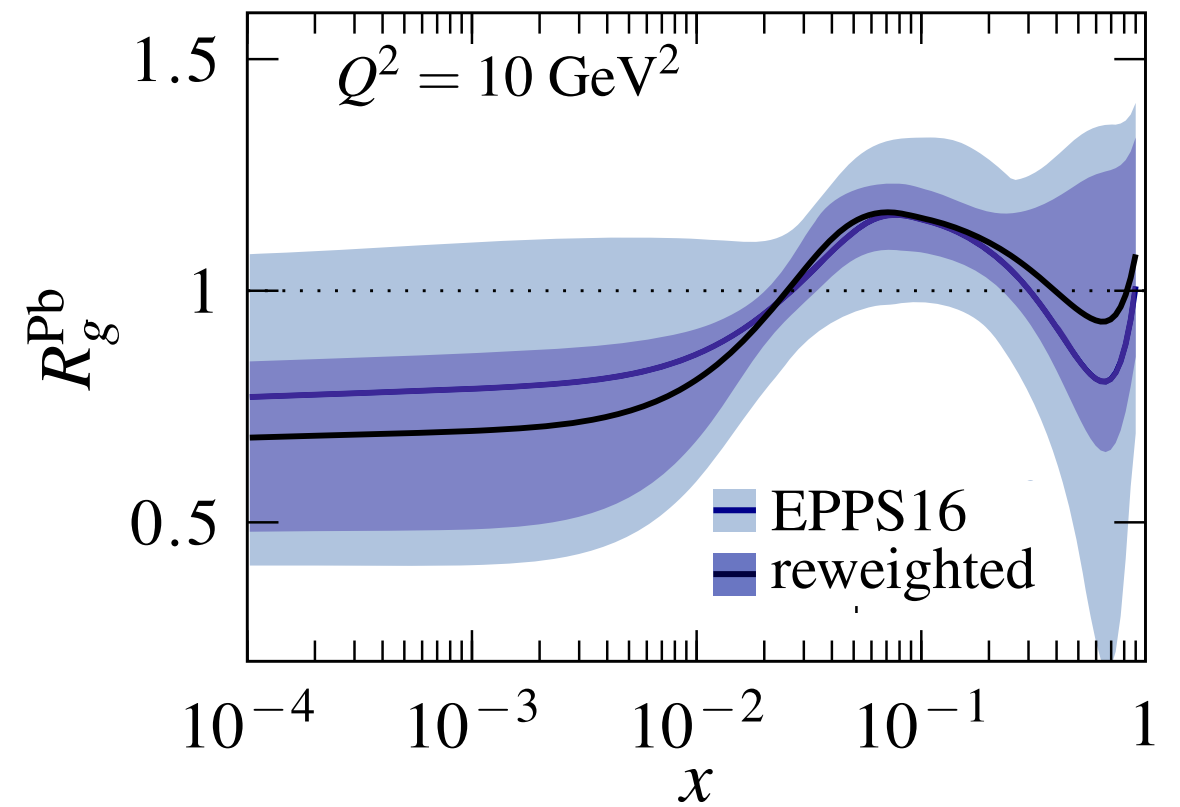
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- “We show that the **strong disagreement** between the **pp measurement** and next-to-leading order (NLO) calculations using CT14 NLO PDFs [5] can be brought to a much better agreement upon reweighting the CT14 PDFs, but that **this requires rather strong modifications for high- x gluons.**”












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Existing data can only go so far, so what do we need to have precise nPDFs?

nPDFs @ future colliders

MSTW 2008

ideally we should have a “nuclear HERA”
and scan the whole kinematic range for
many nuclei

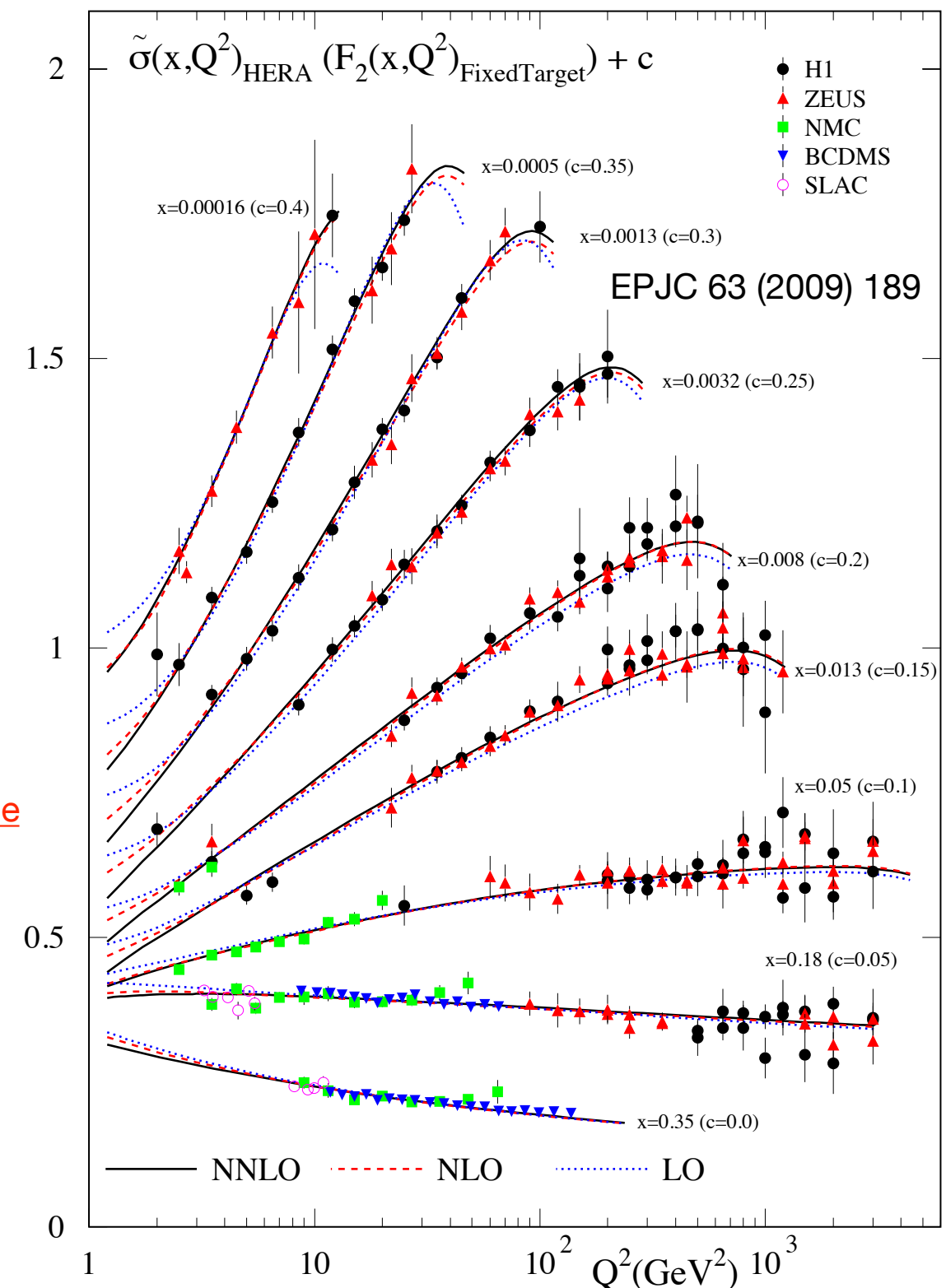
other existing data

JLAB

AFTER@LHC http://after.in2p3.fr/after/index.php/Main_Page

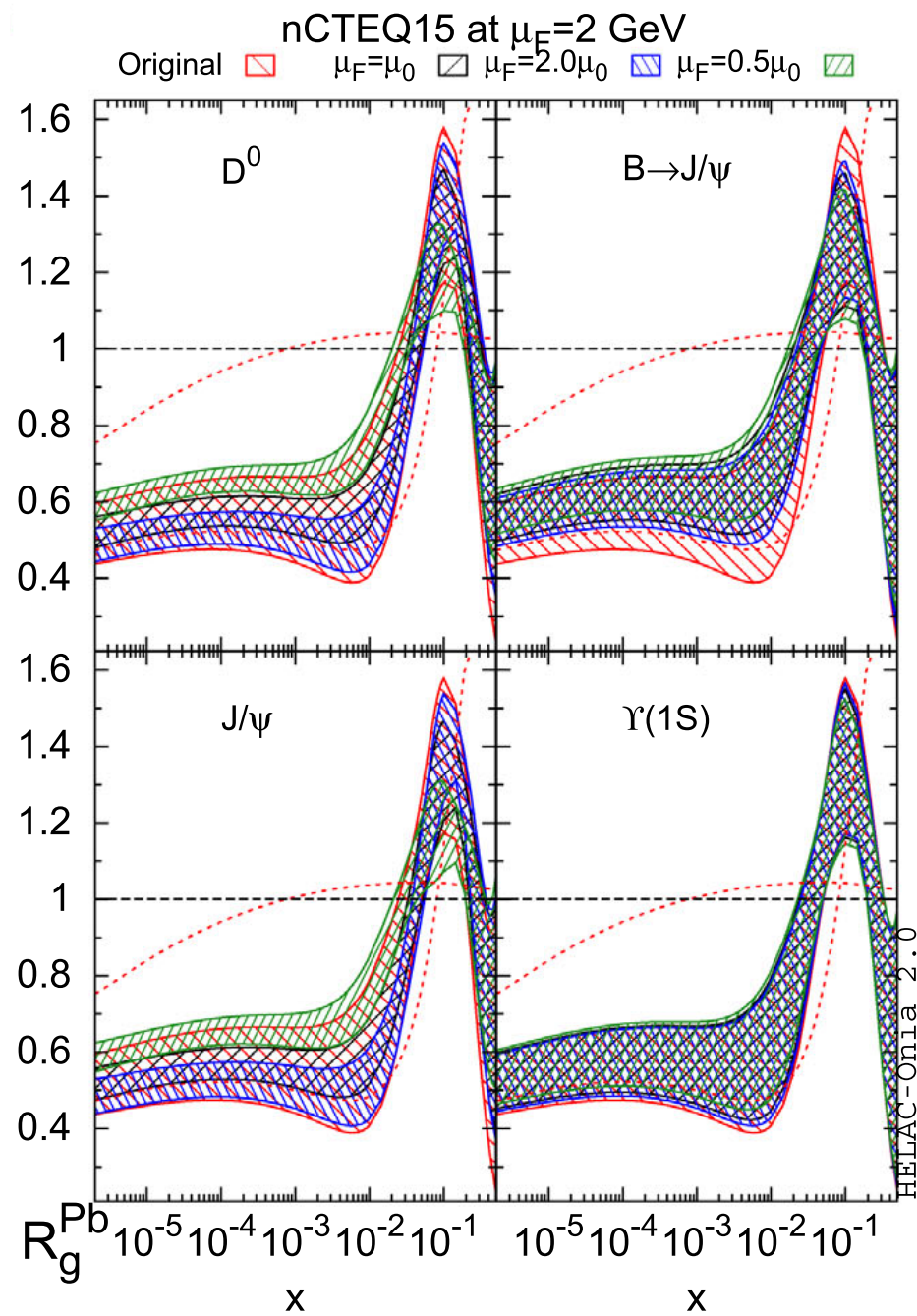
but also **RHIC** (STAR forward upgrade +
sPHENIX)

hopefully **EIC** + **LHeC** + FCC-he

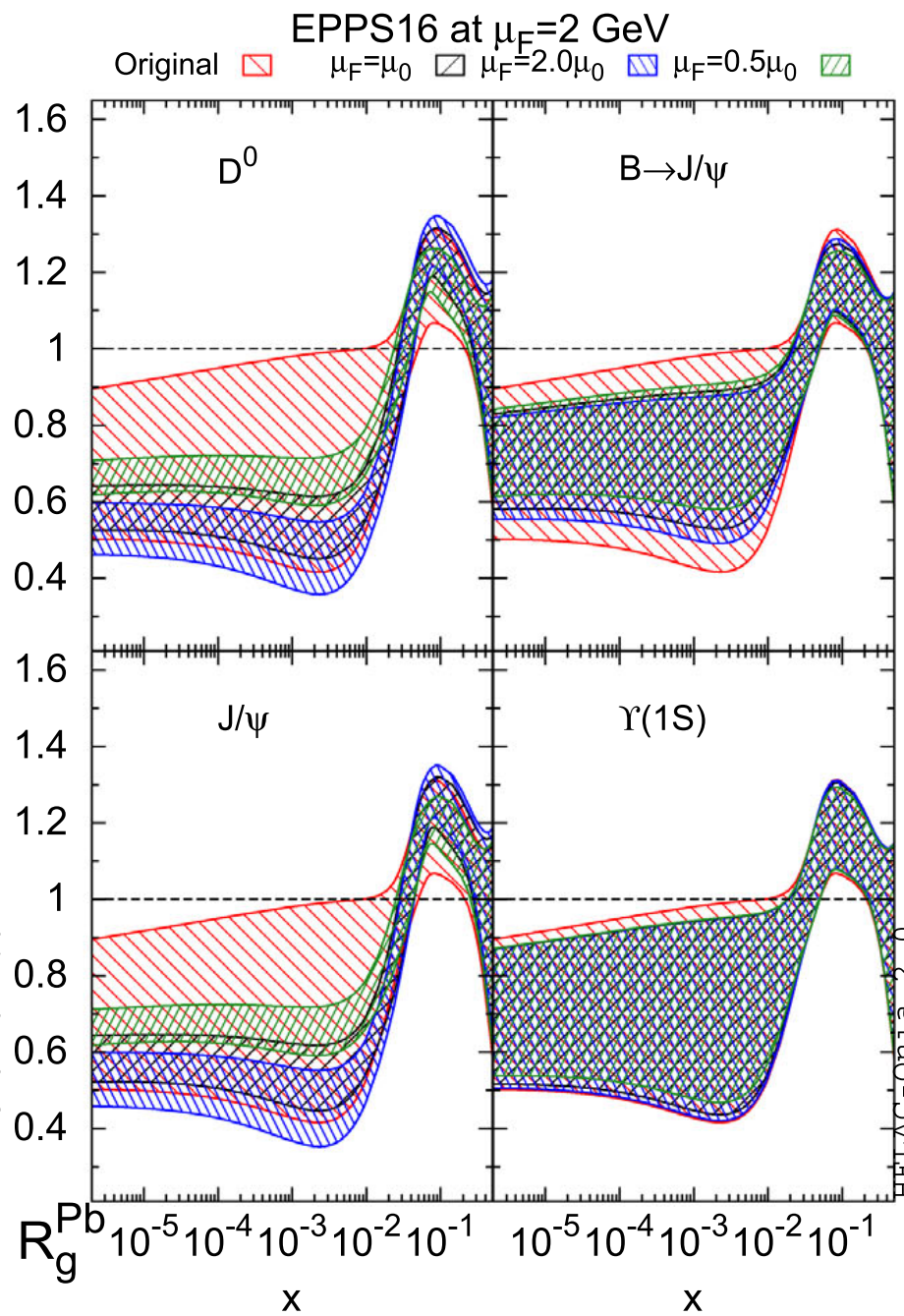




use of heavy-flavours (also proposed for AFTER)



(e) nCTEQ15 nPDF



(f) EPPS16 nPDF



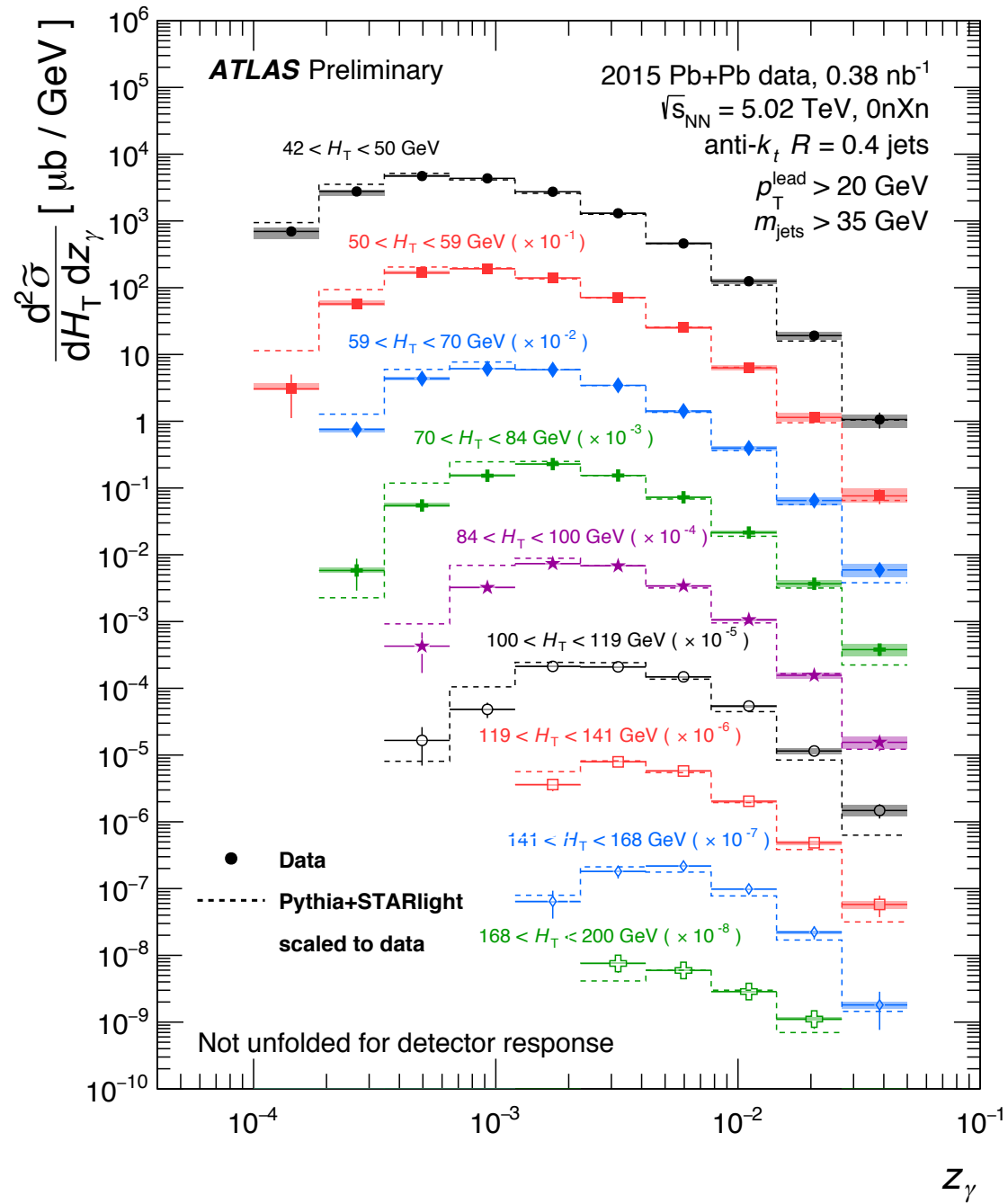
relies on the assumption that the only nuclear modification appears on the PDFs



heavy flavour meson production extracted from the p+p LHC data



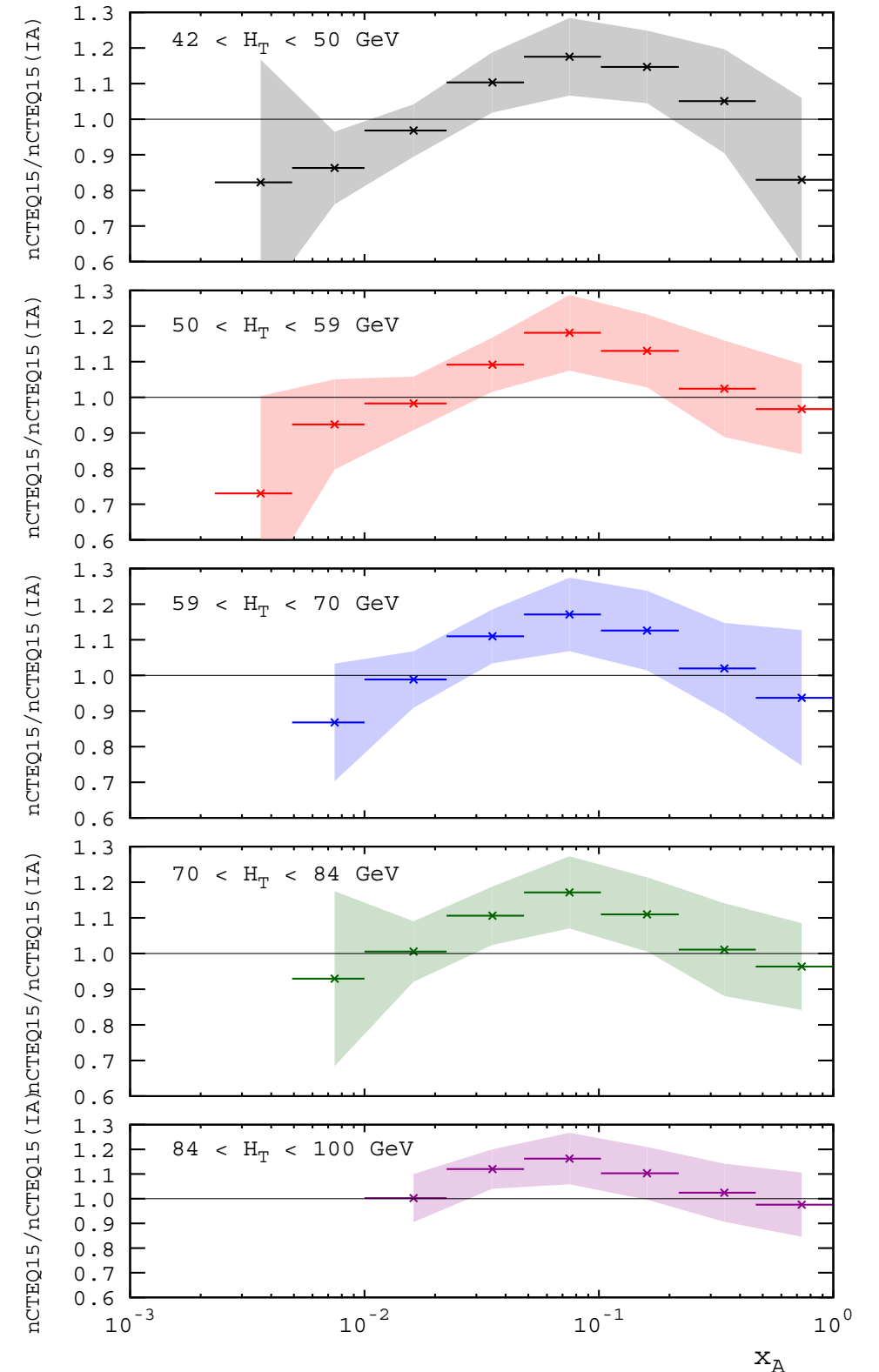
inclusive dijet photoproduction in UPCs in A+A at the LHC



$$H_T \equiv \sum_i p_{Ti}, \quad m_{\text{jets}} \equiv \left[\left(\sum_i E_i \right)^2 - \left| \sum_i \vec{p}_i \right|^2 \right]^{1/2}, \quad y_{\text{jets}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\sum_i E_i + \sum_i p_{zi}}{\sum_i E_i - \sum_i p_{zi}} \right)$$

$$z_\gamma \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{+y_{\text{jets}}}, \quad x_A \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y_{\text{jets}}}$$

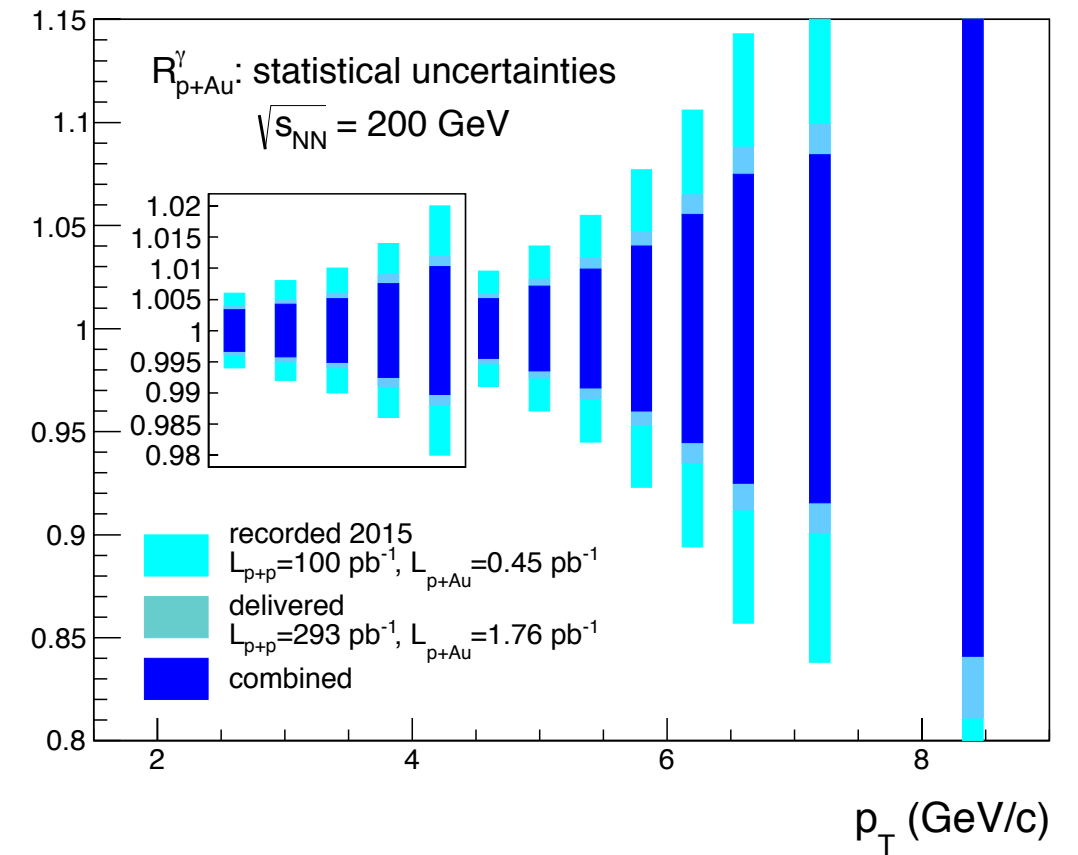
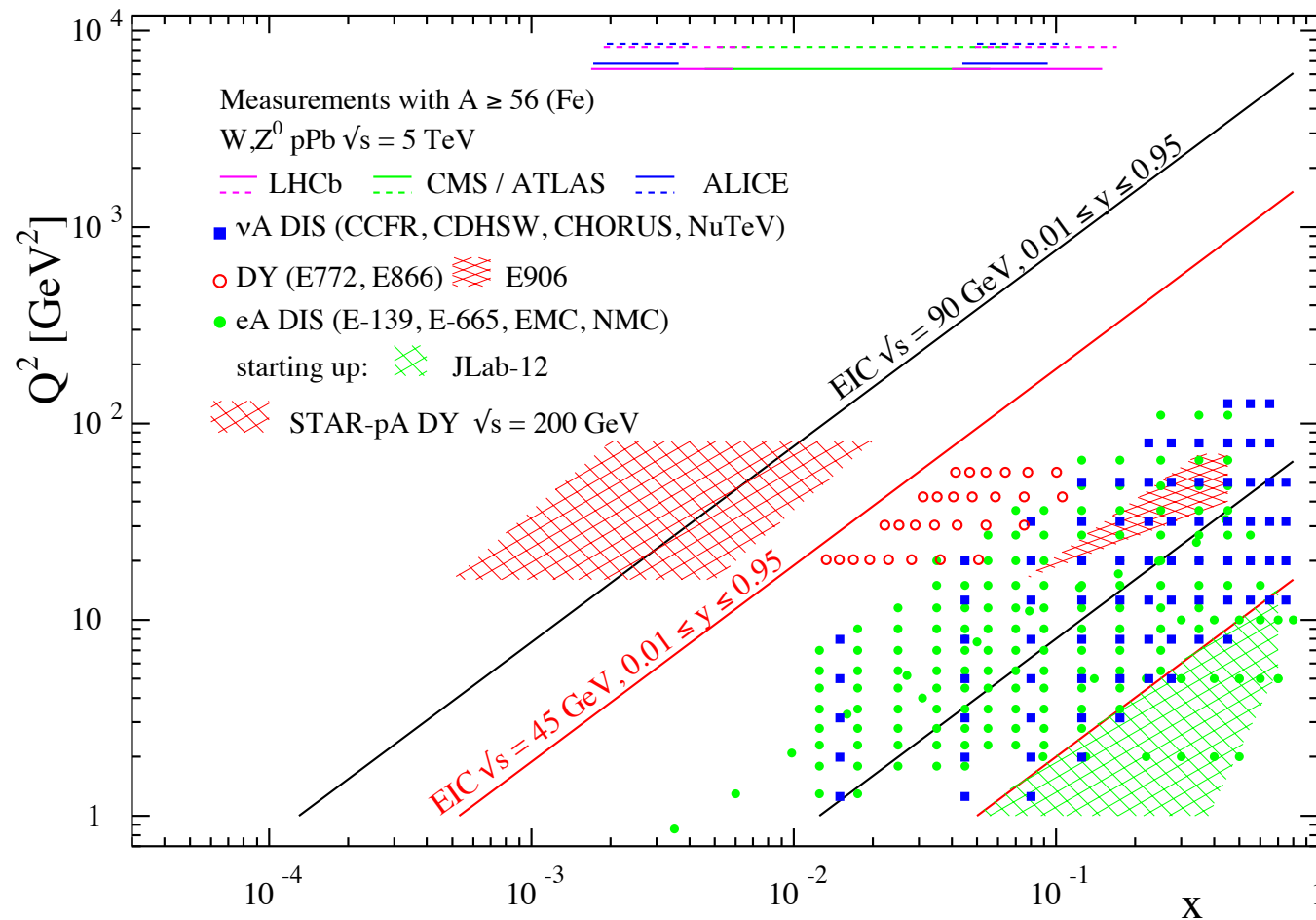
V. Guzey and M. Klasen, PRC99, 065202 (2019)





with pseudo data @ RHIC

arXiv:1602.03922v1 [nucl-ex]



c.m.s : 200 GeV



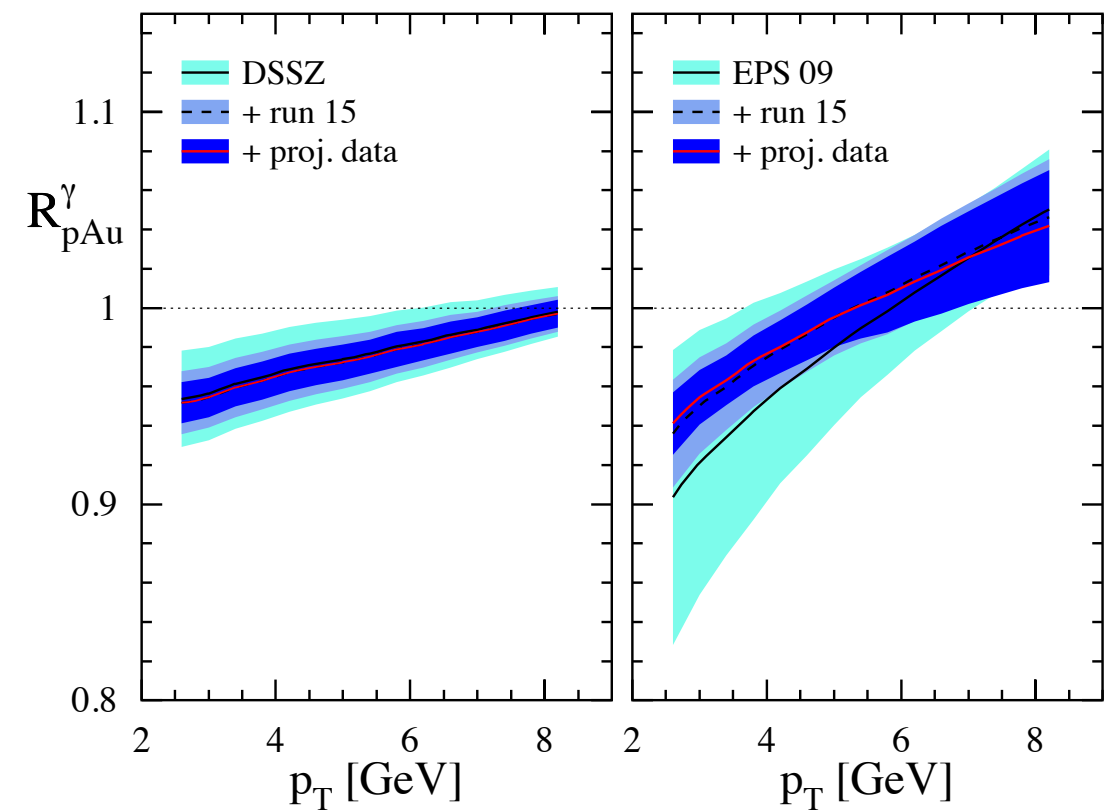
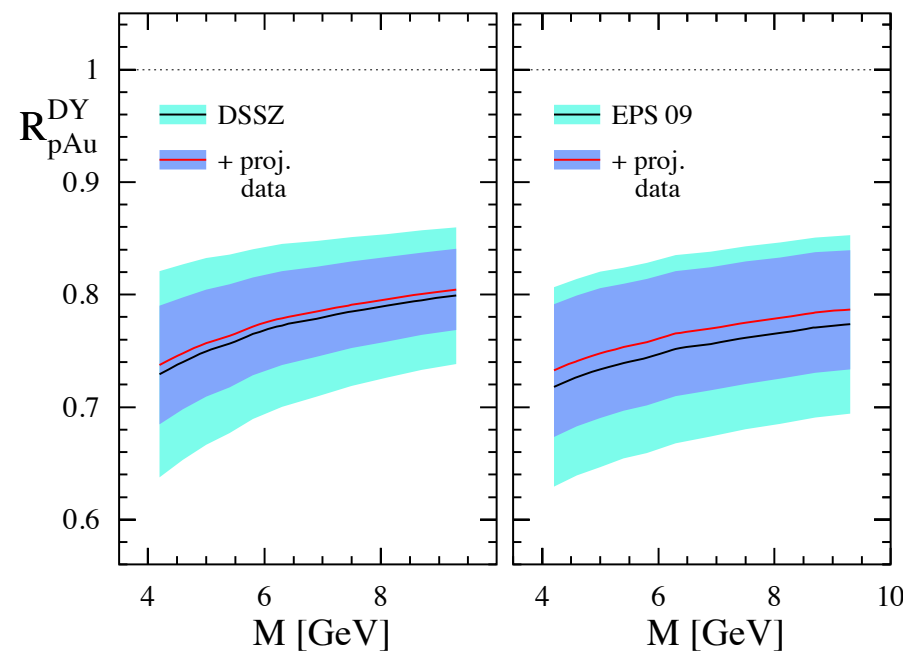
p+Au



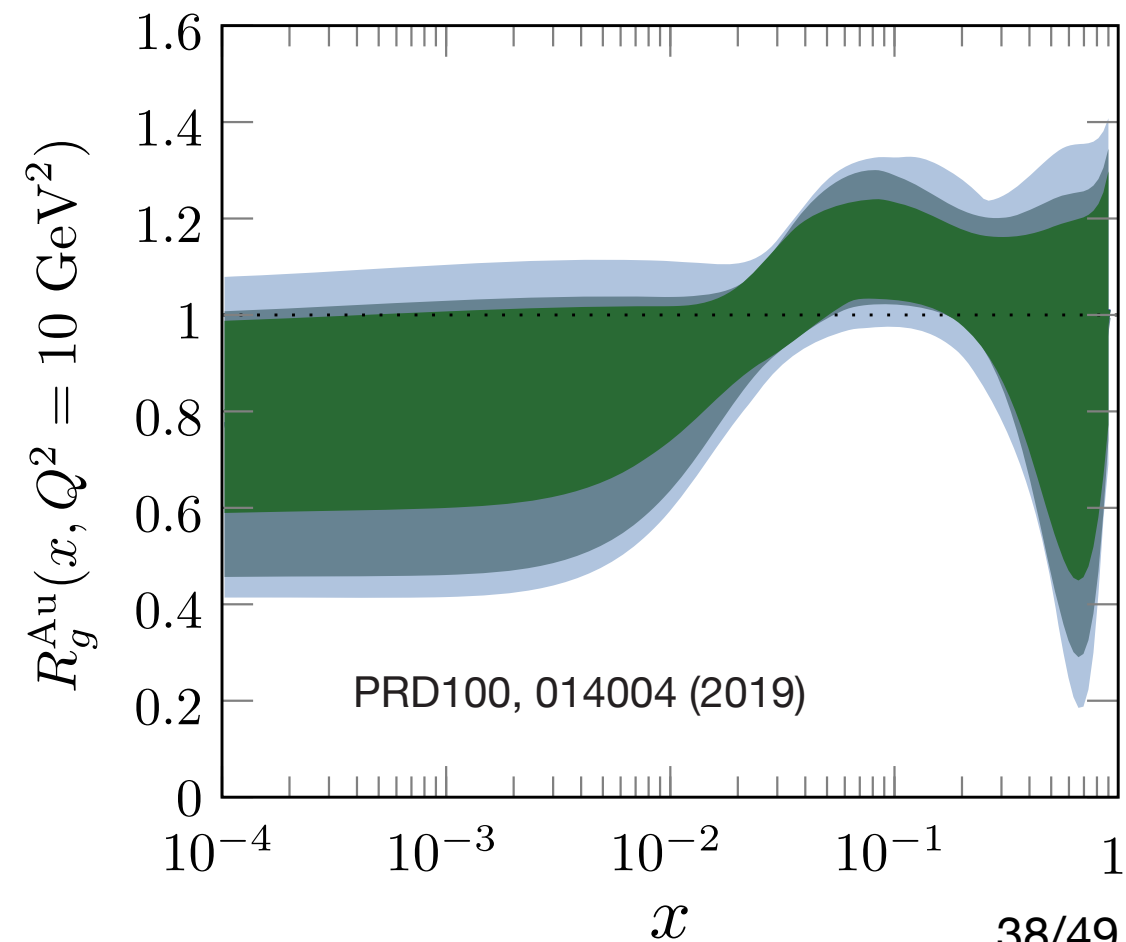
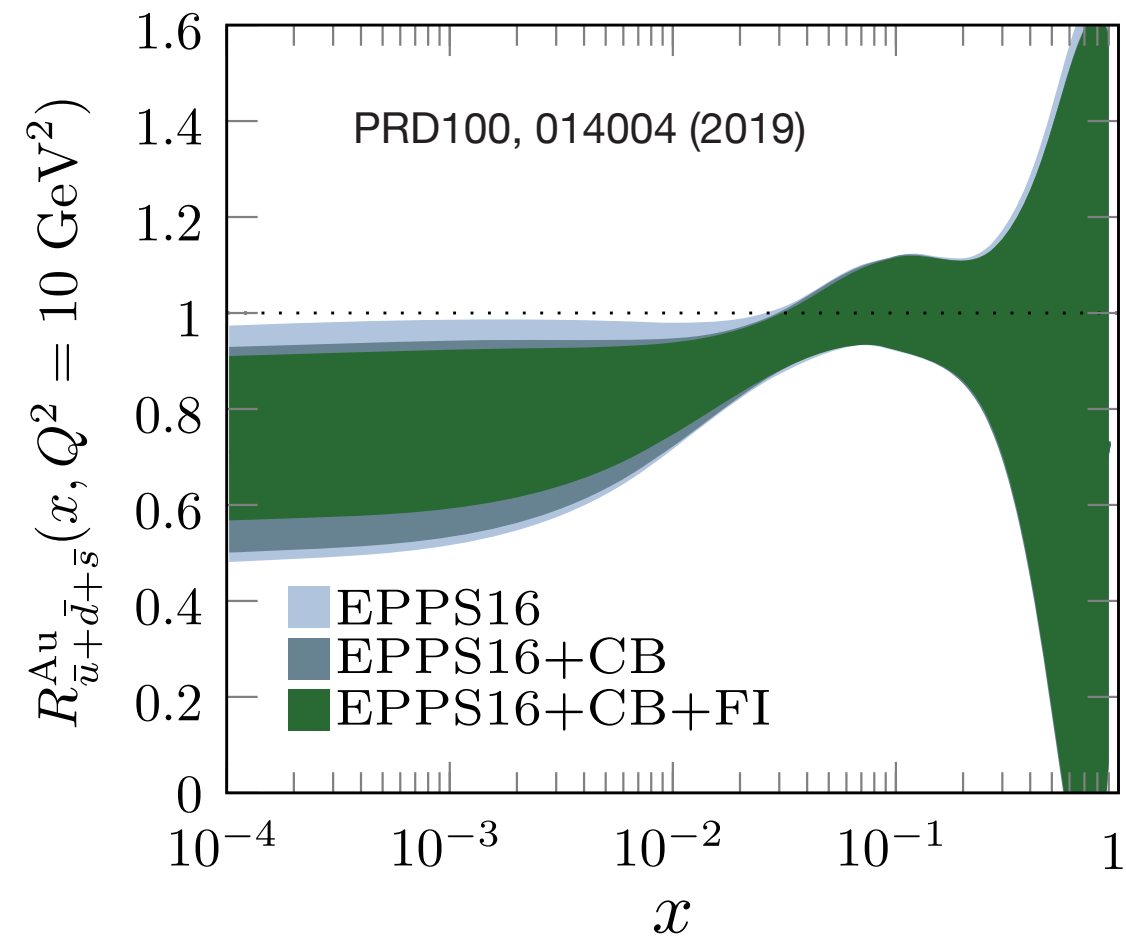
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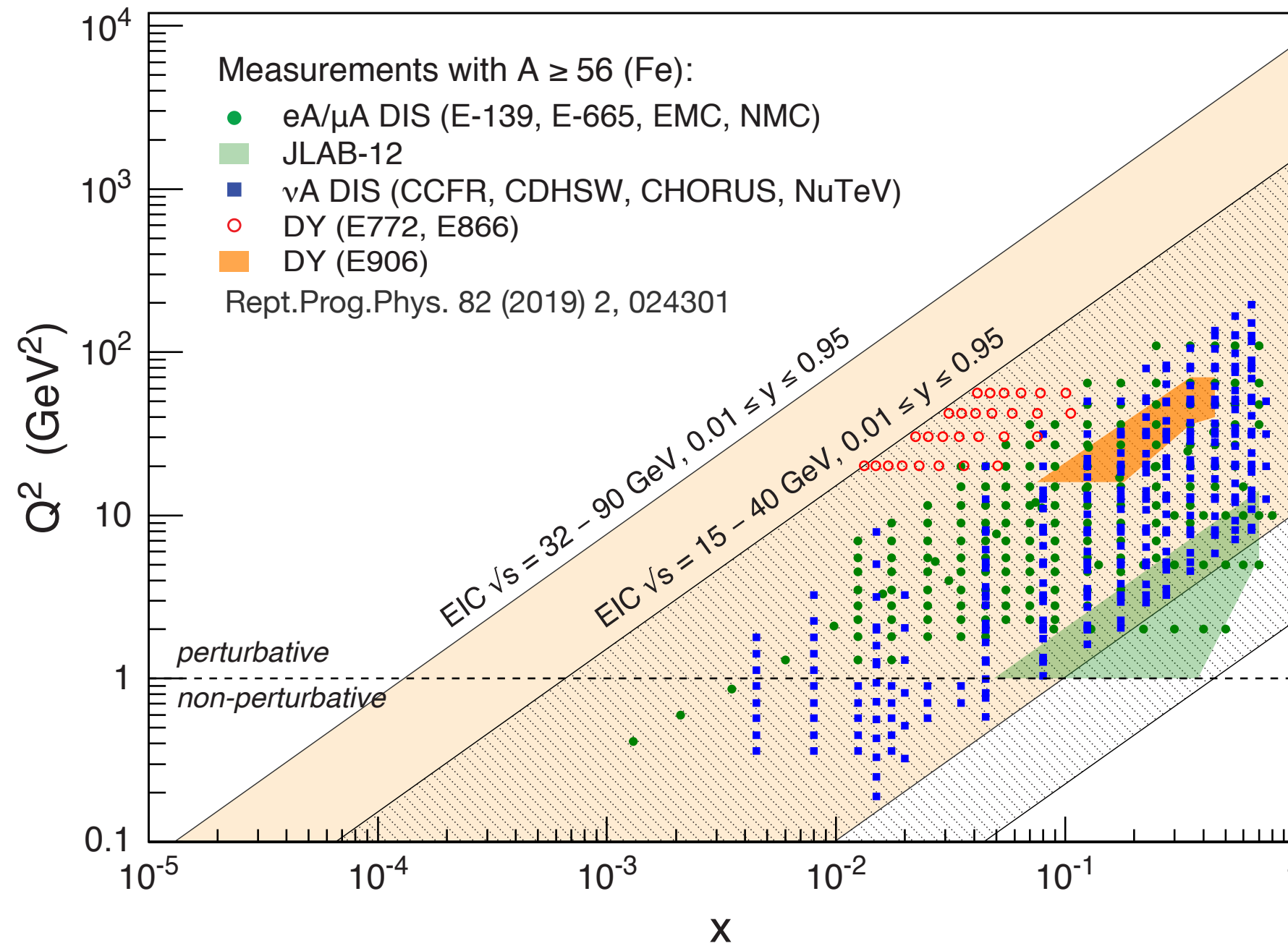
Prompt photon



- Comprehensive study: Drell-Yan + dijets + photon jet
- CB : central barrel
- FI : forward instrumentation (STAR upgrade, sPHENIX)
- Joint impact studies (as it would be in a global fit) decrease the relevance of individual data sets
- Medium-modifications of the FFs can also be studied at RHIC



with pseudo data @ EIC

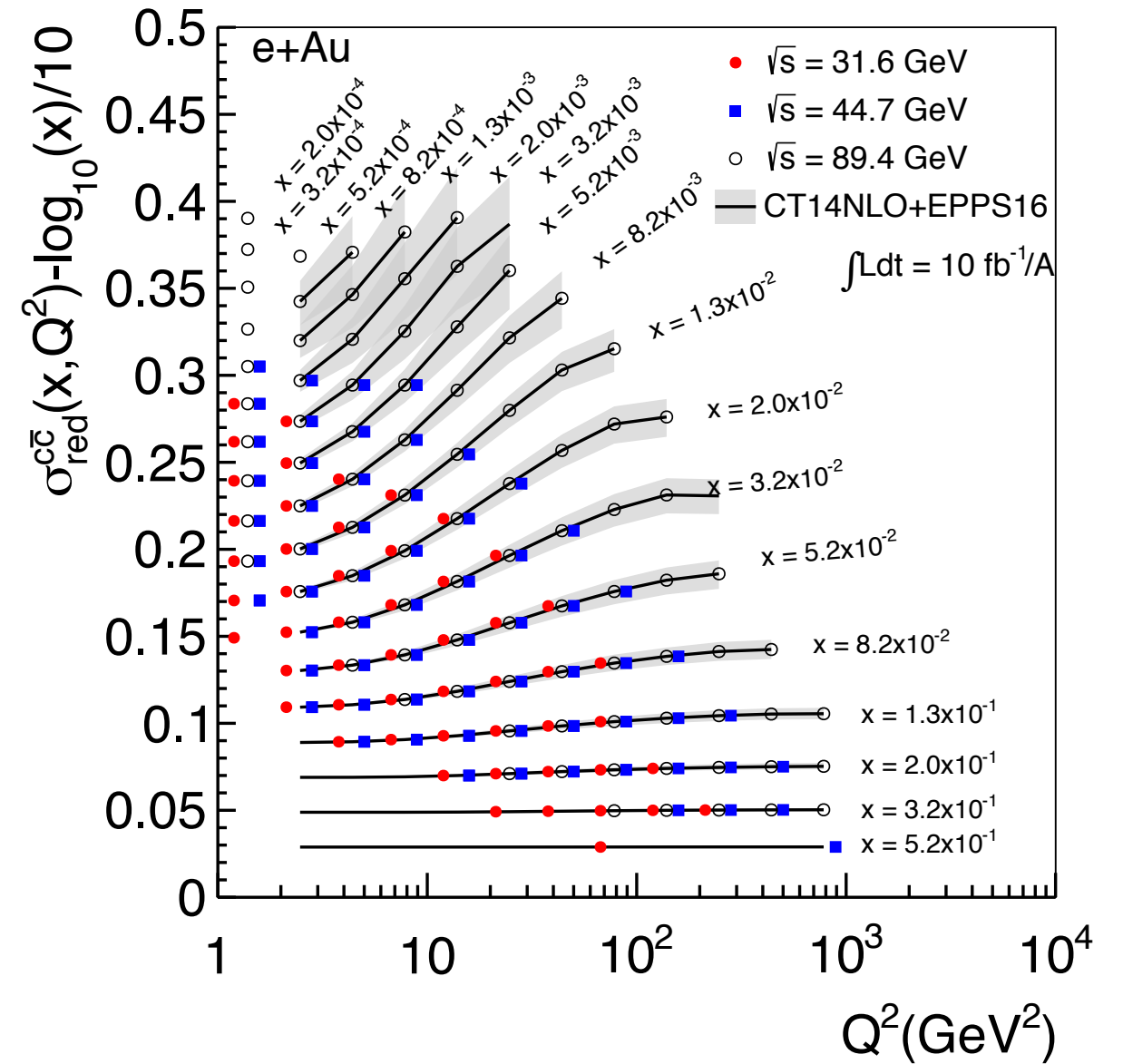
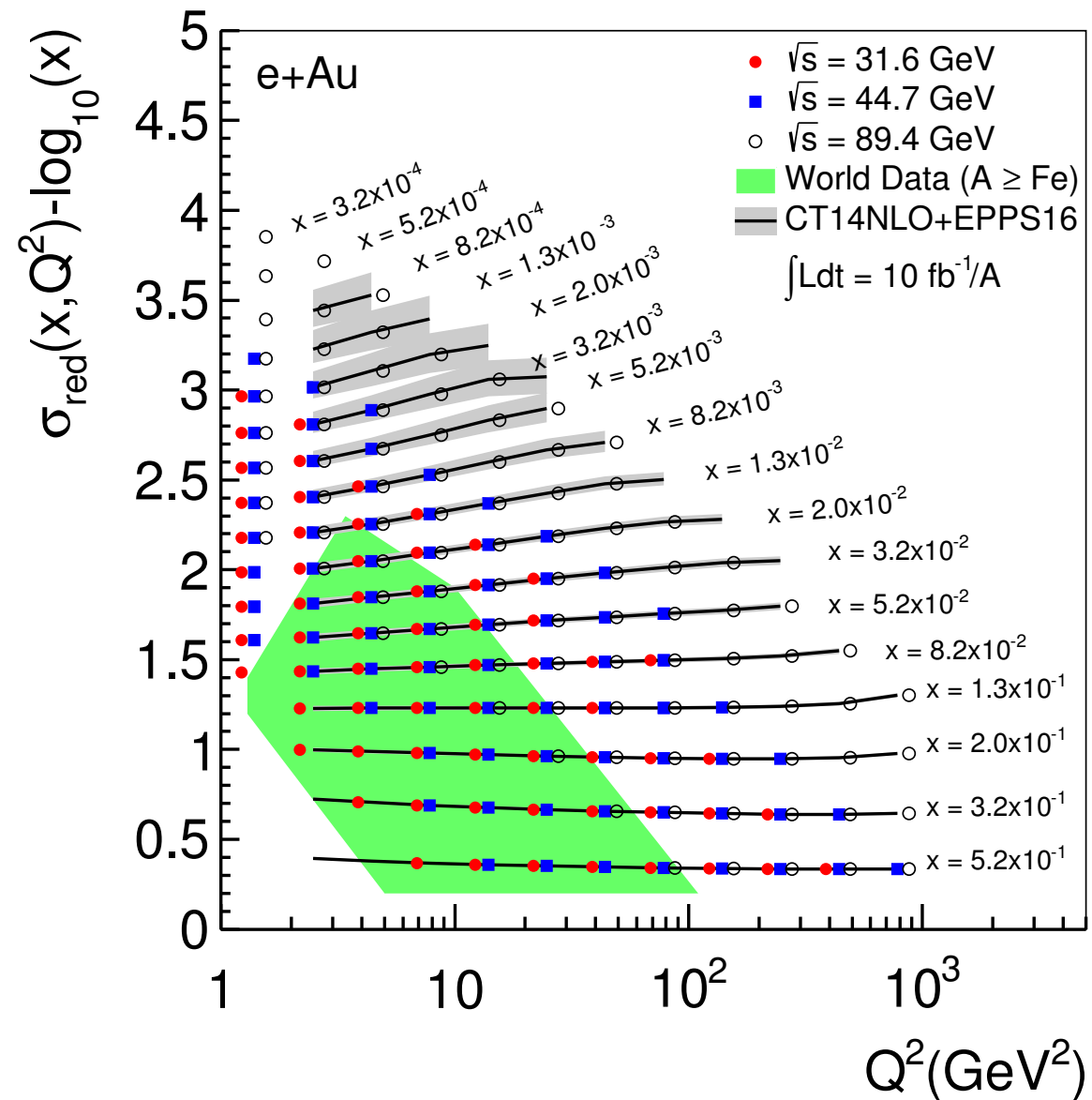


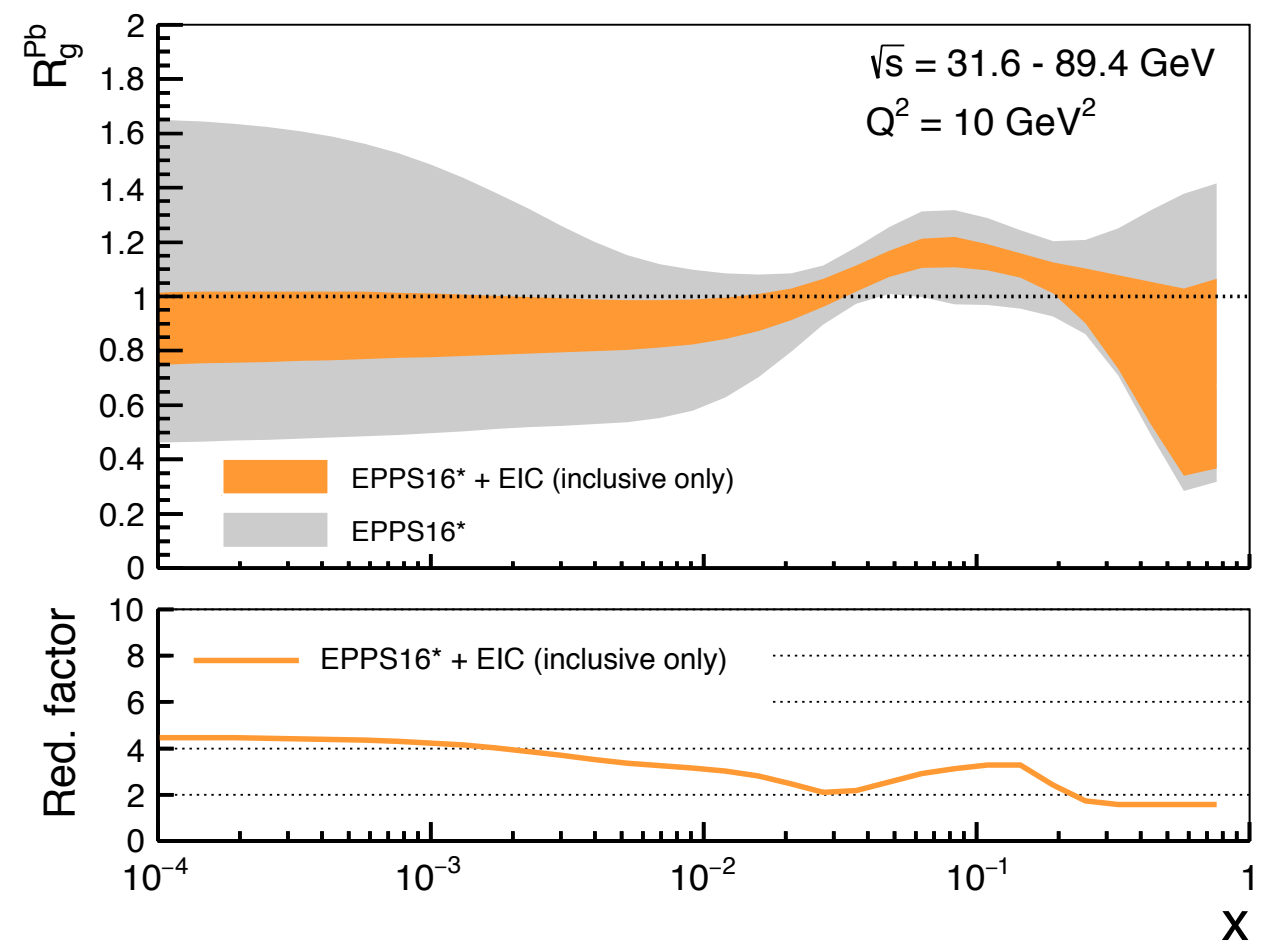
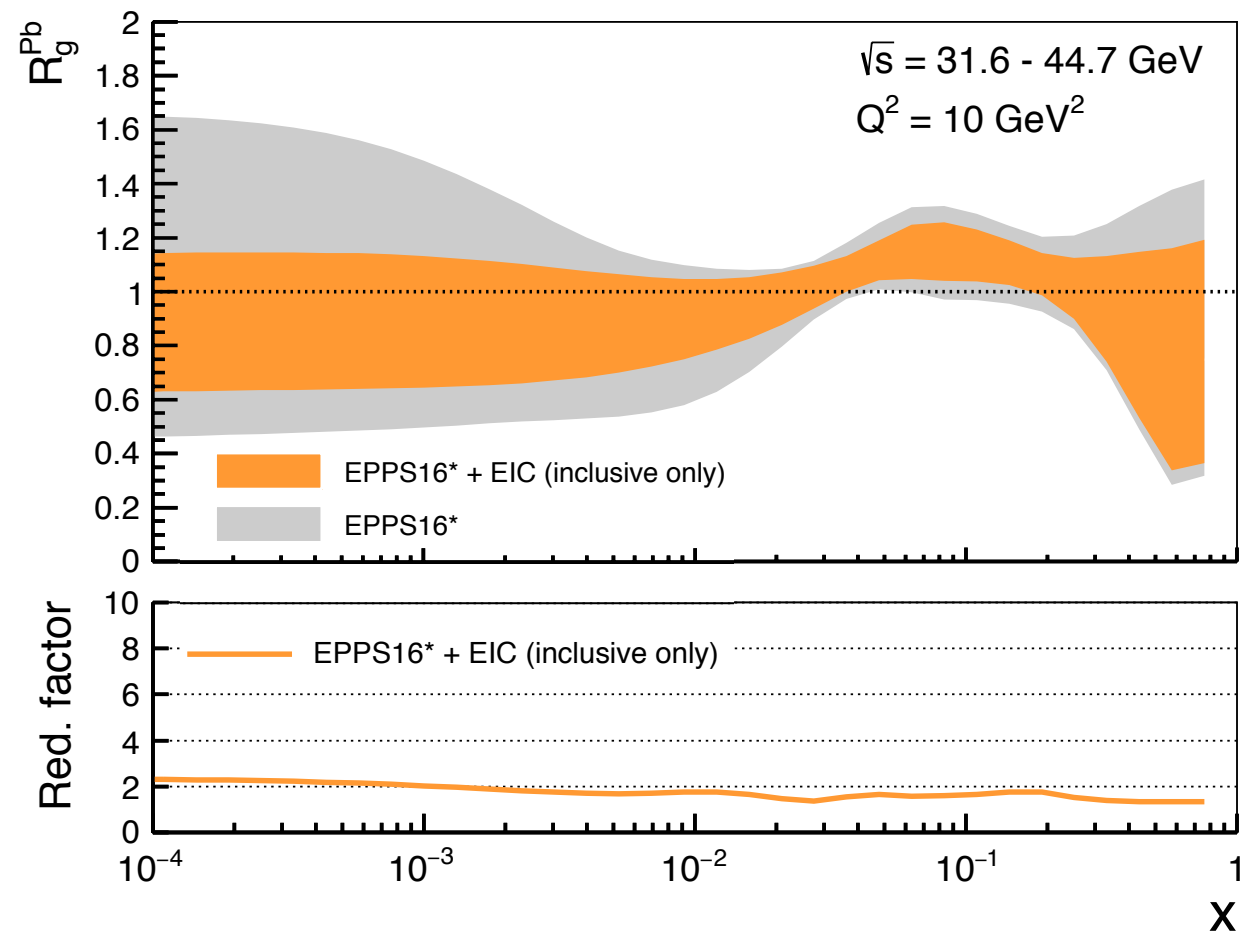
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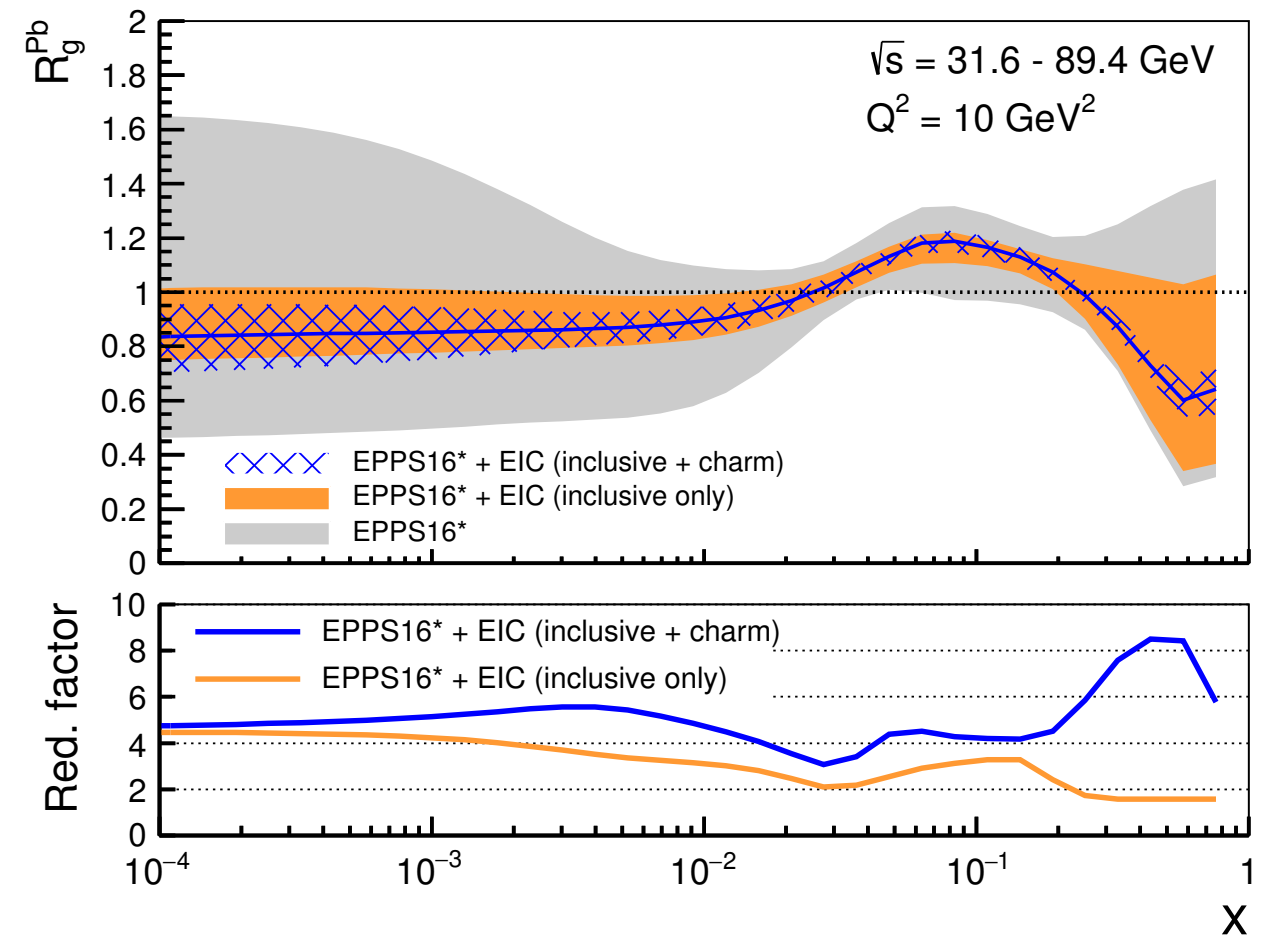
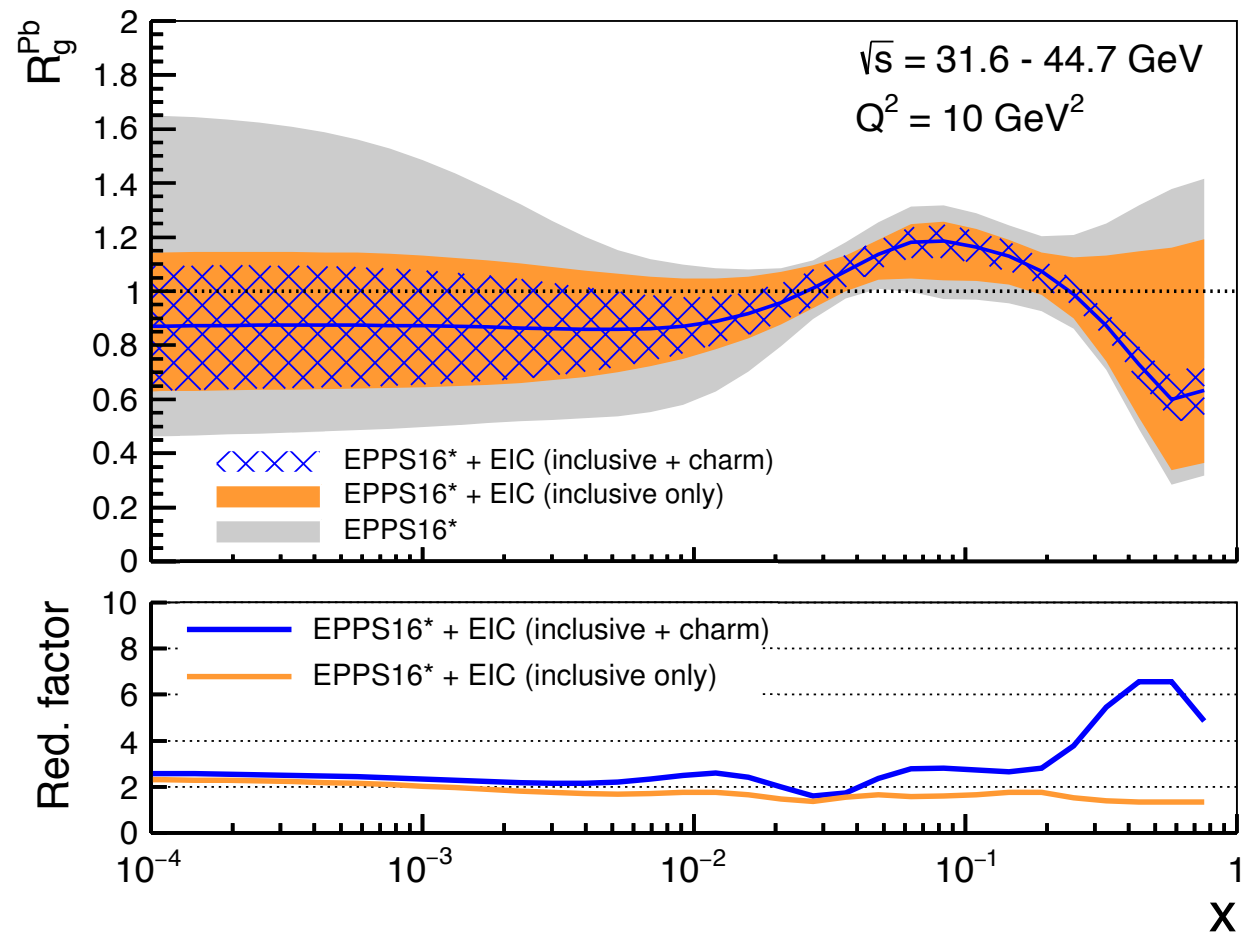
jets

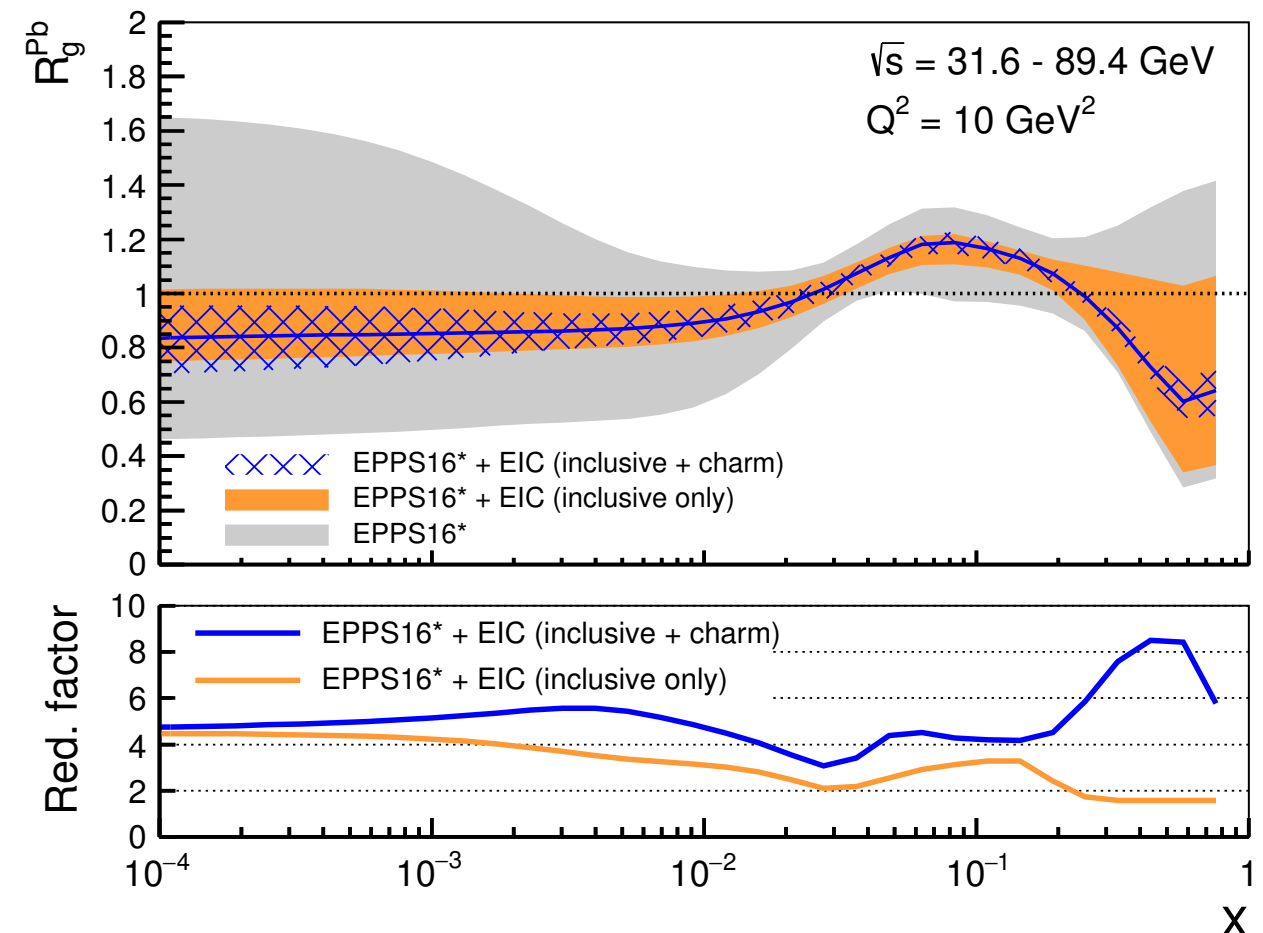
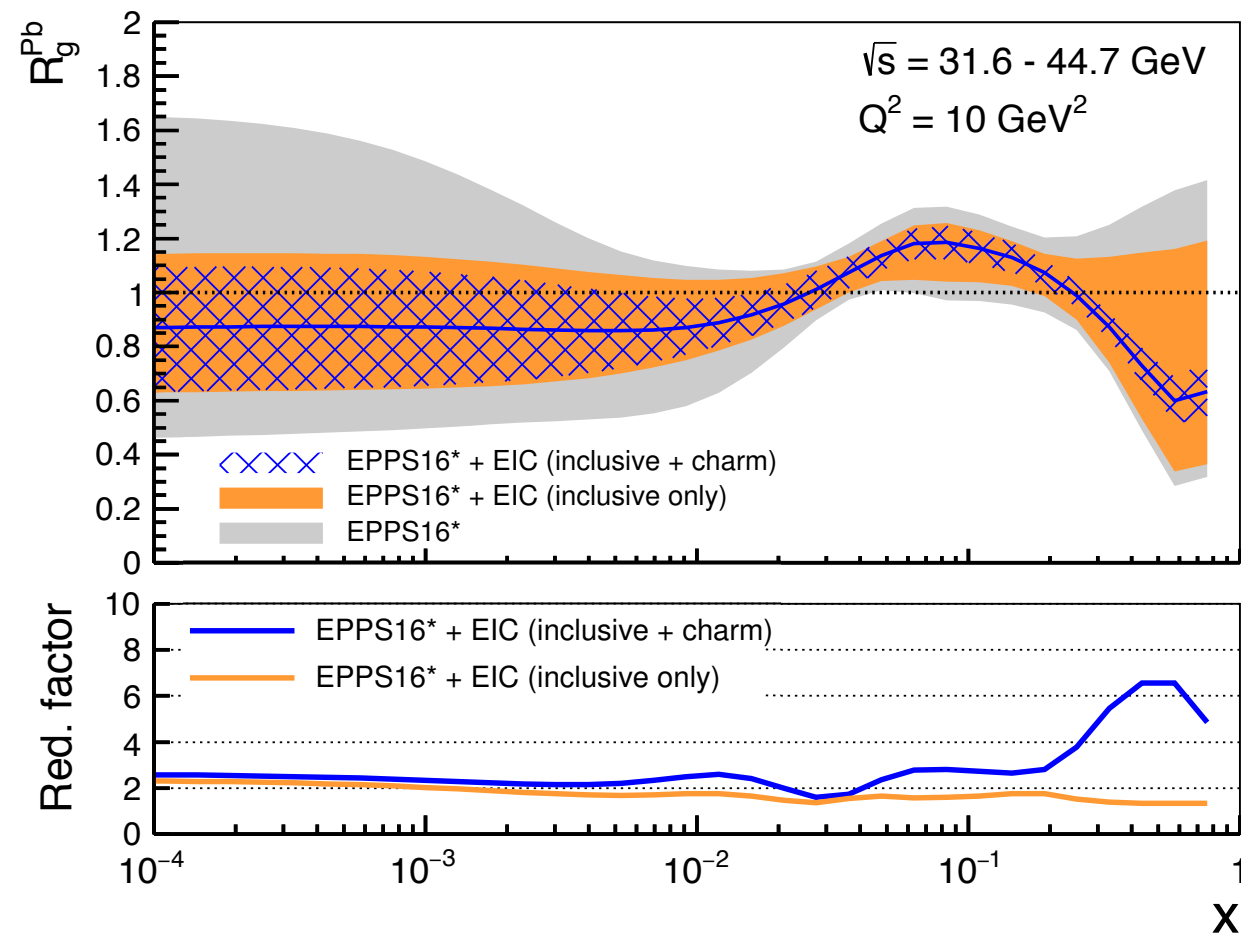
SIDIS?

- DIS: reduced cross-section (inclusive and charm)
- pseudo-data using CT10 NLO proton PDFs + EPS09 nPDFs
- check impact on EPPS16*









- we only checked the impact on the gluon (but also affects other partons)
- inclusive DIS constrains the gluon at low x , not at high x (unsurprisingly)
- charm cross-section has an enormous impact on the high x gluon

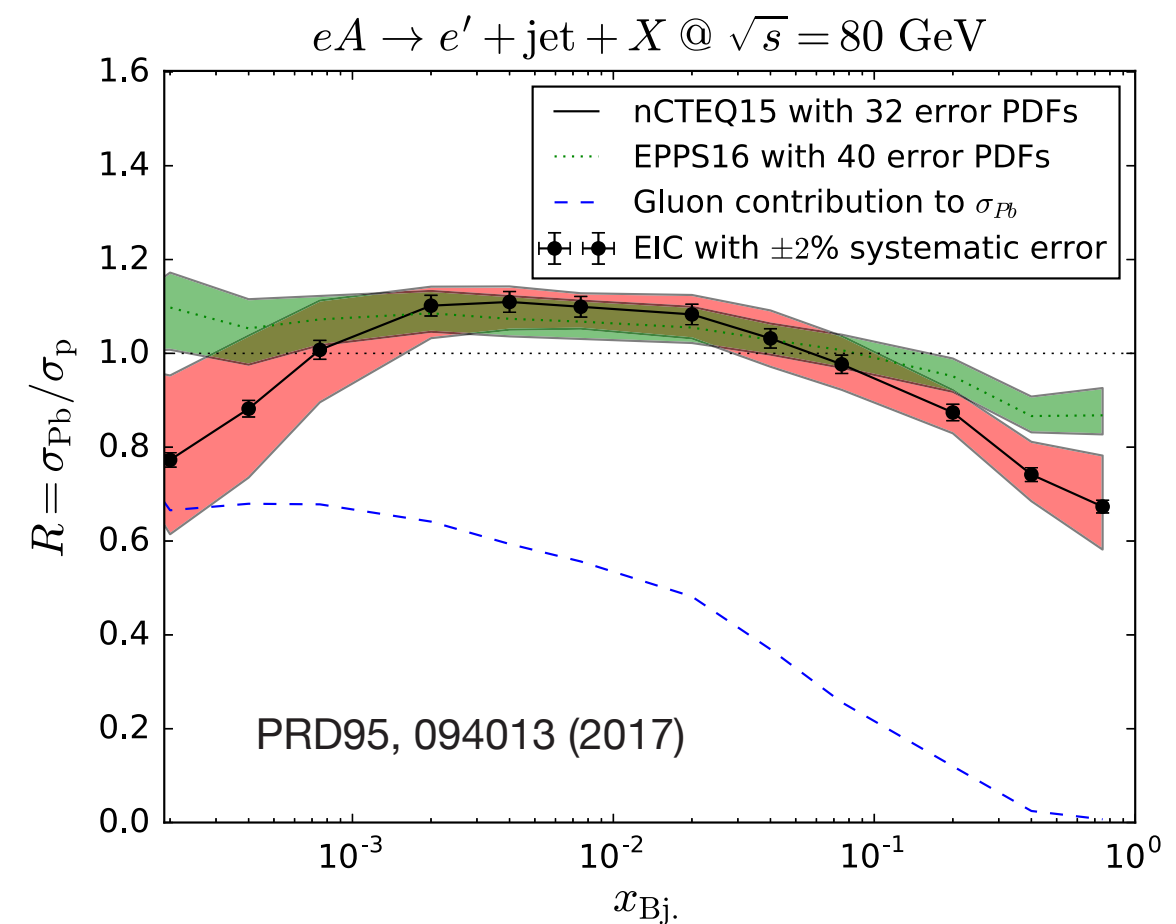


inclusive jet production in e+A

gluon initiated processes give



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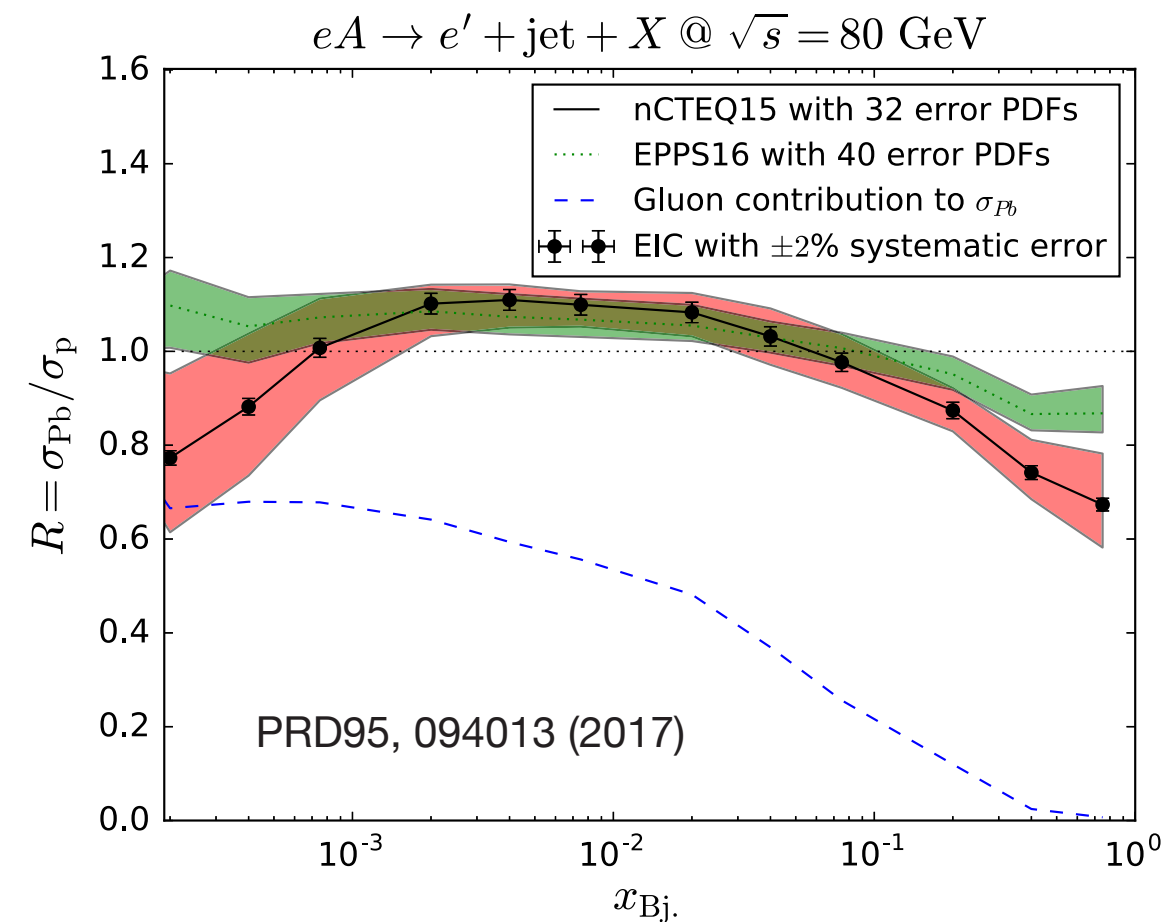
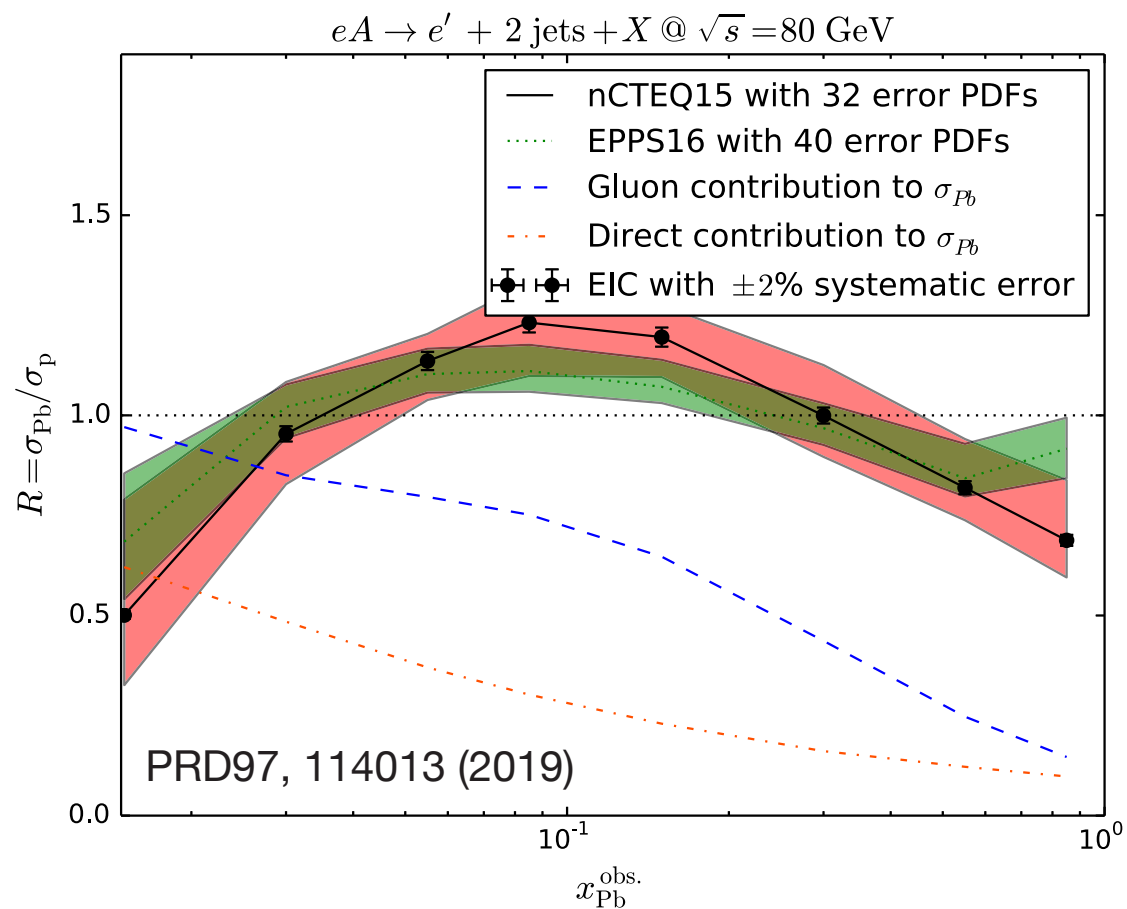



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dijet photoproduction in e+A



-  gluon initiated processes give ~ 50% of the cross-section for $0.1 < x < 0.3$ (the anti-shadowing region)

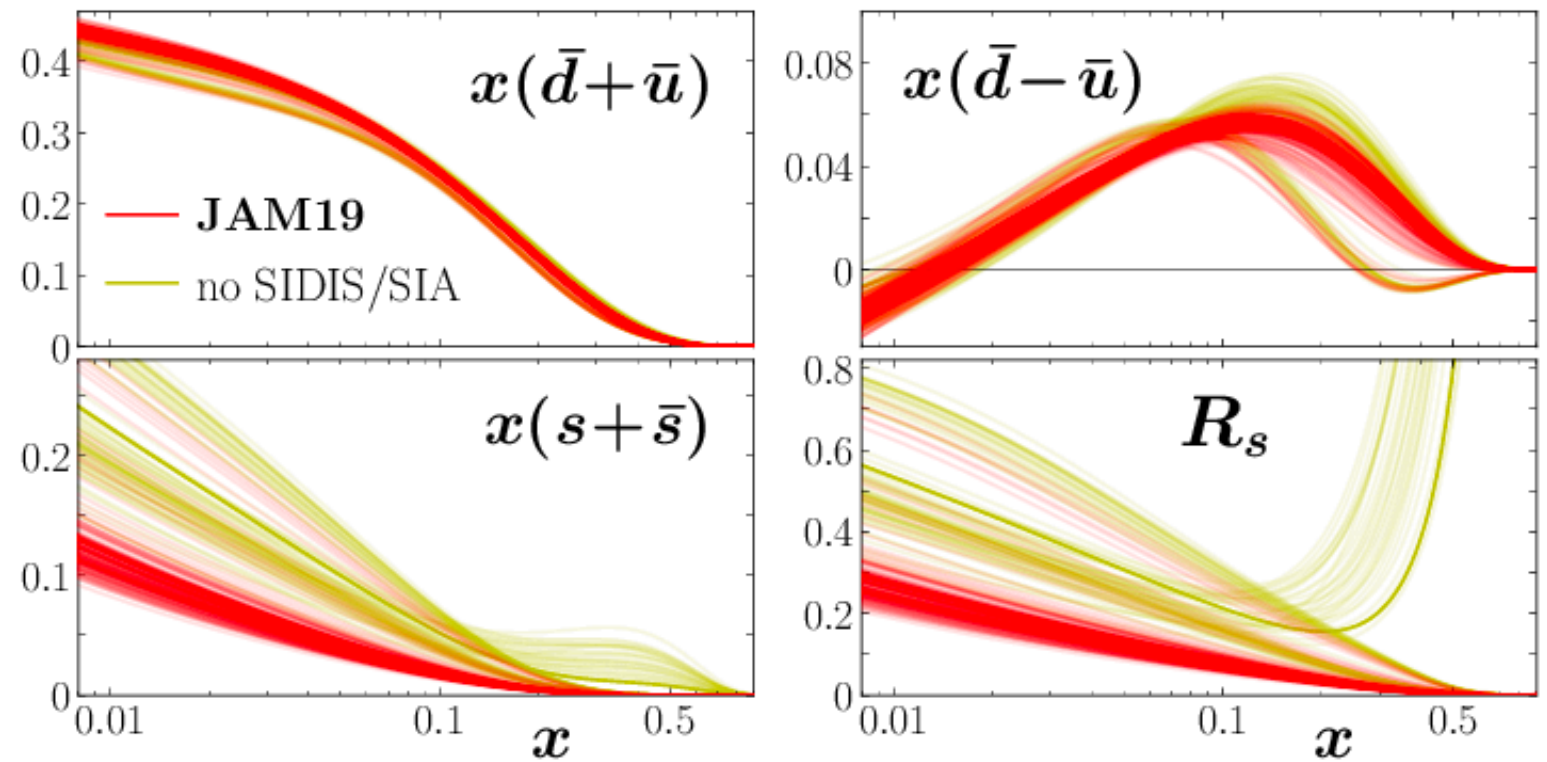
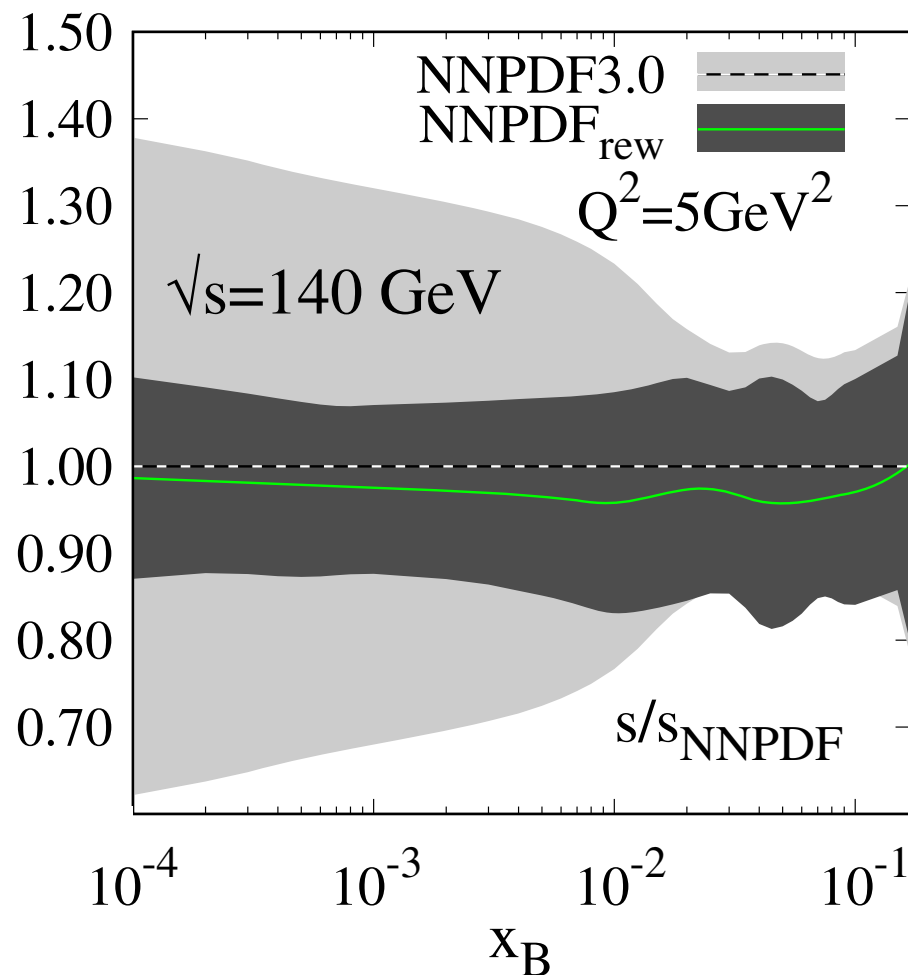
see also: arXiv:2003.09129 [hep-ph]

- study the impact of semi-inclusive data on the initial state densities?

JAM Collaboration, PRD 101 (2020) 7, 074020

$$R_s = \frac{s + \bar{s}}{\bar{u} + \bar{d}}$$

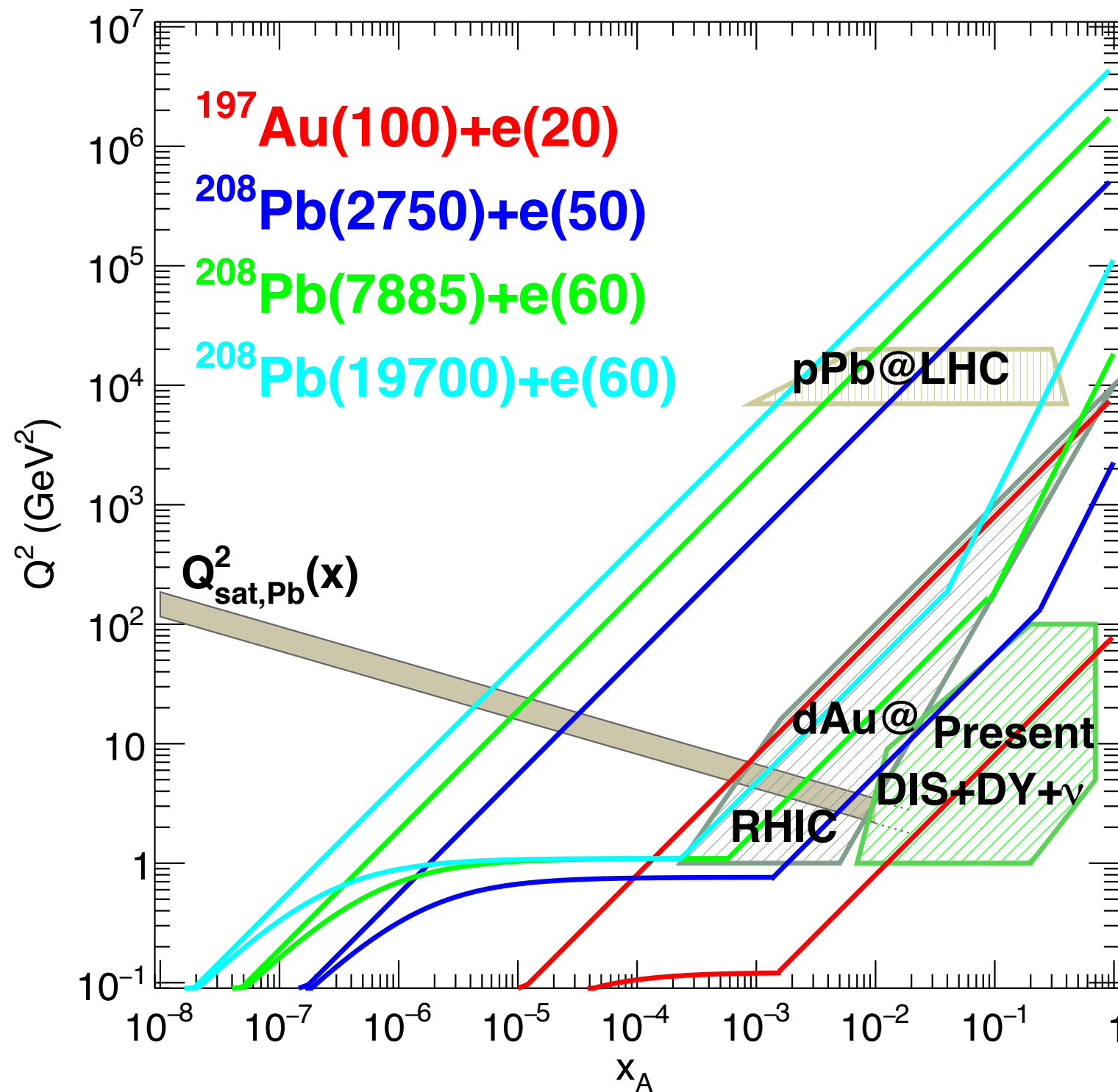
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- currently updating the only set of medium modified FFs
- impact study for EIC to come
- maybe try a joint fit?



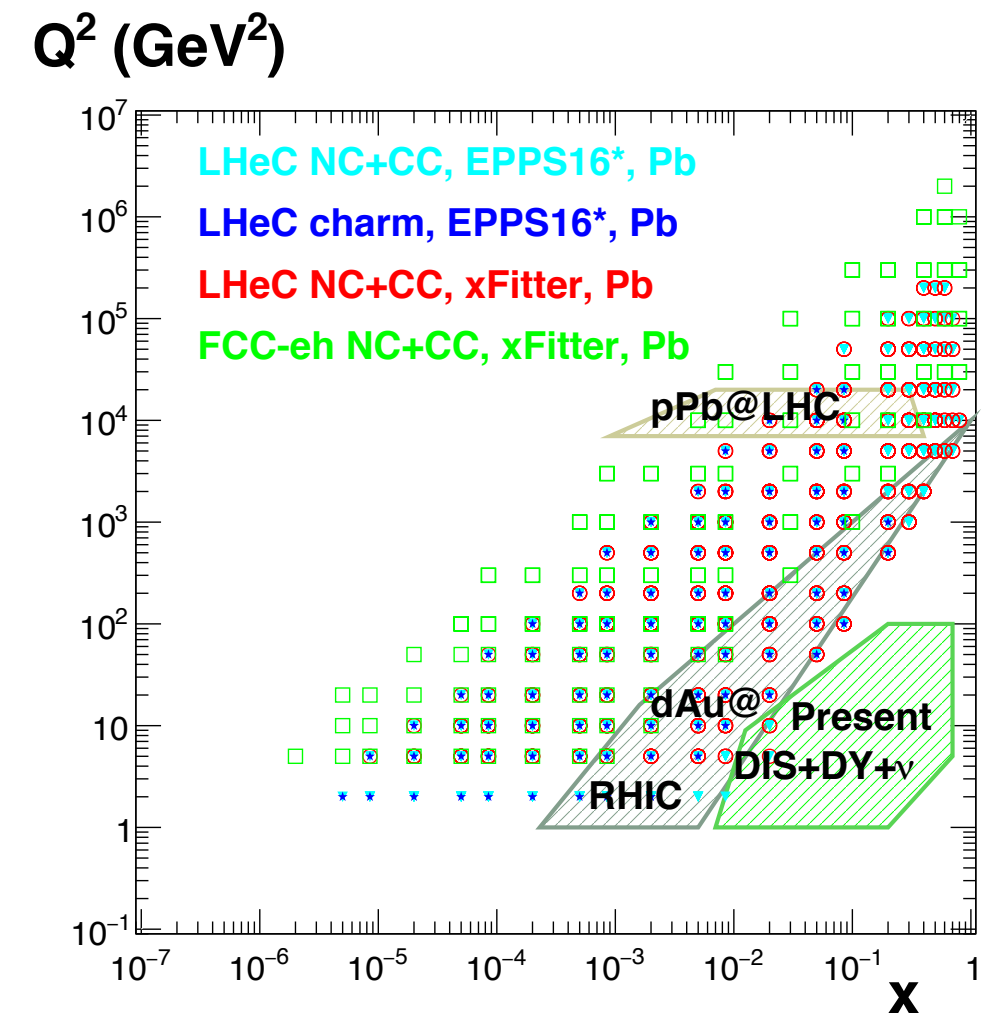
with pseudo data @ LHeC

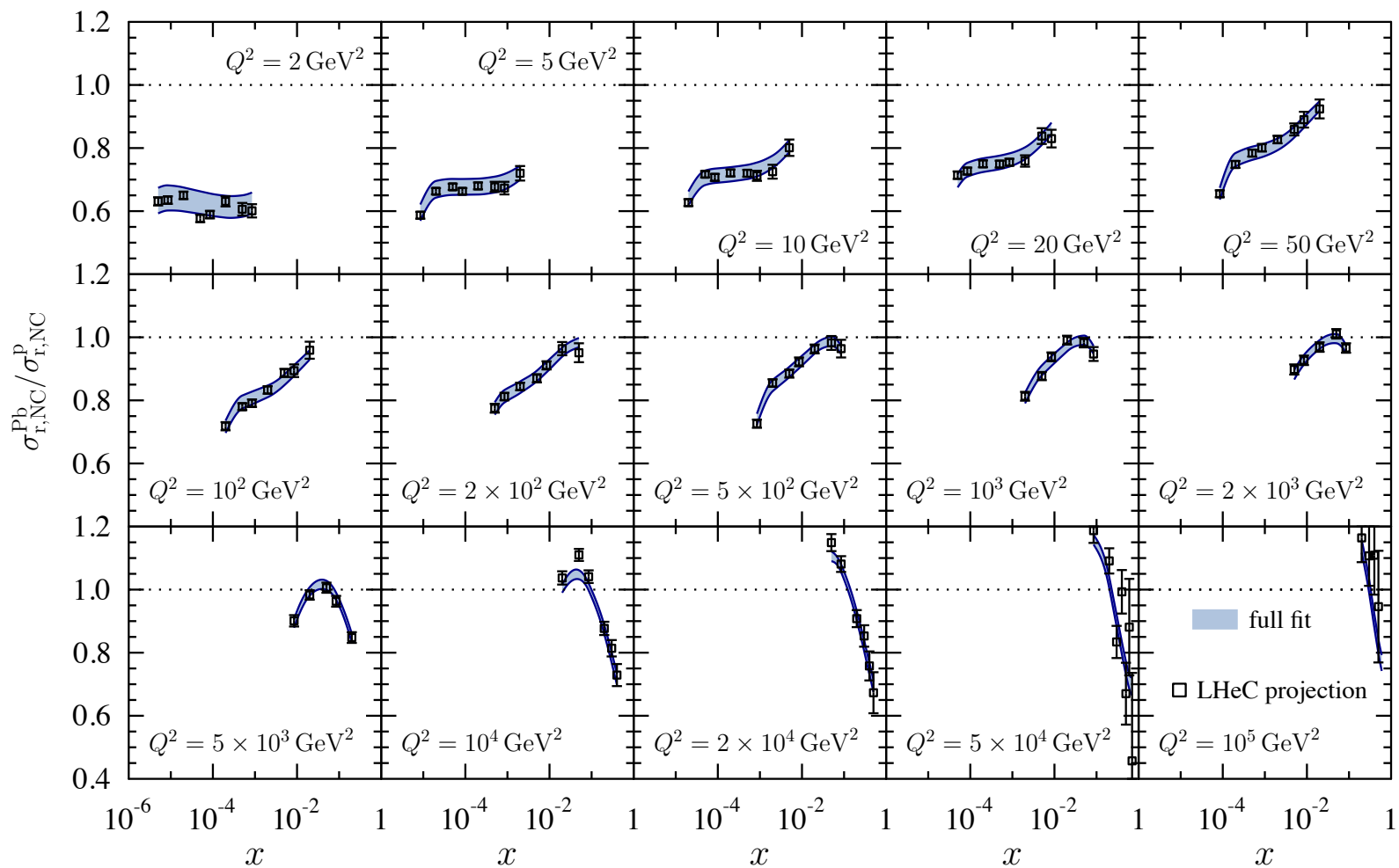
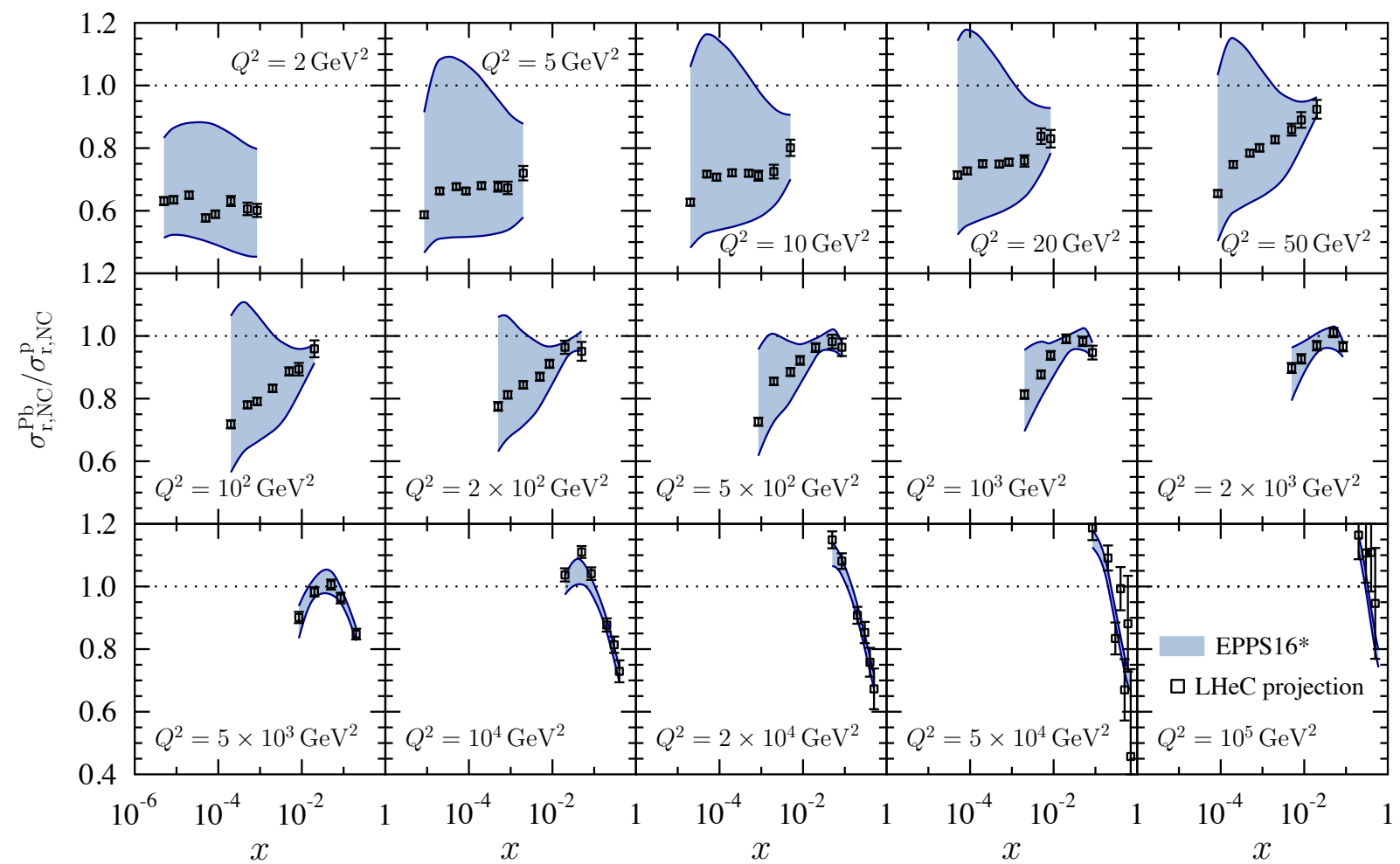
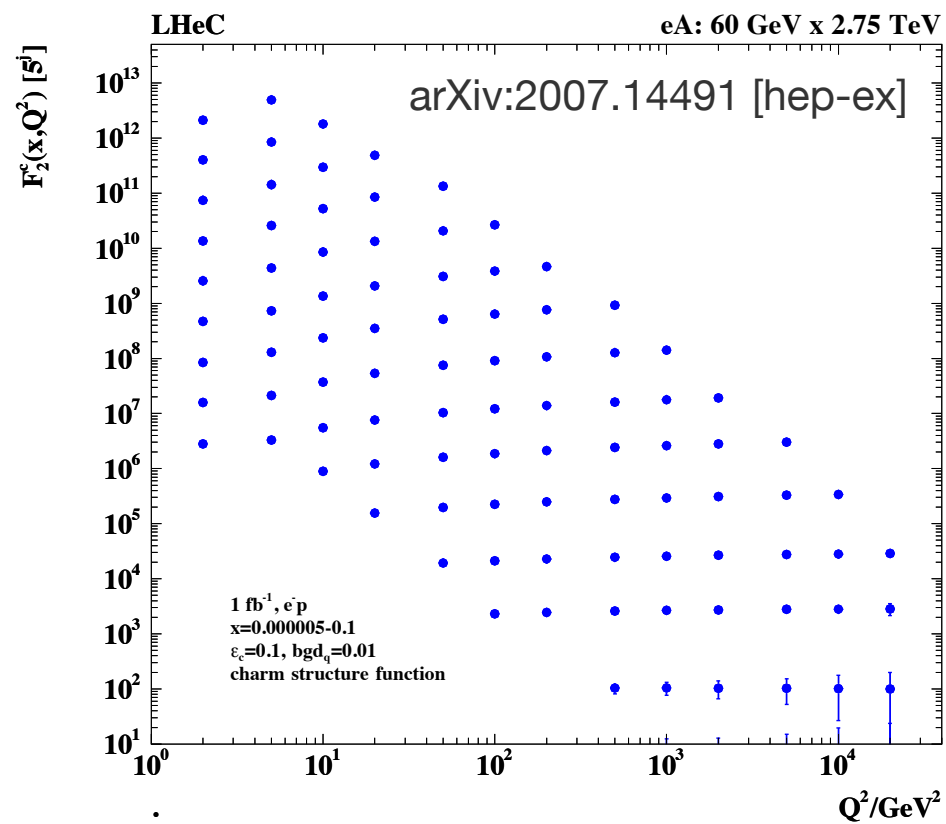


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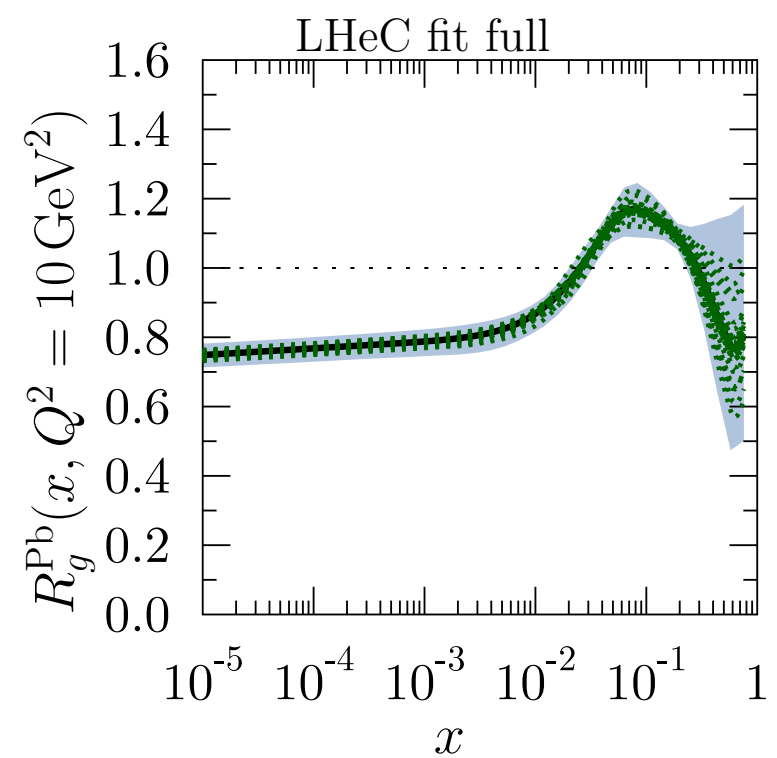
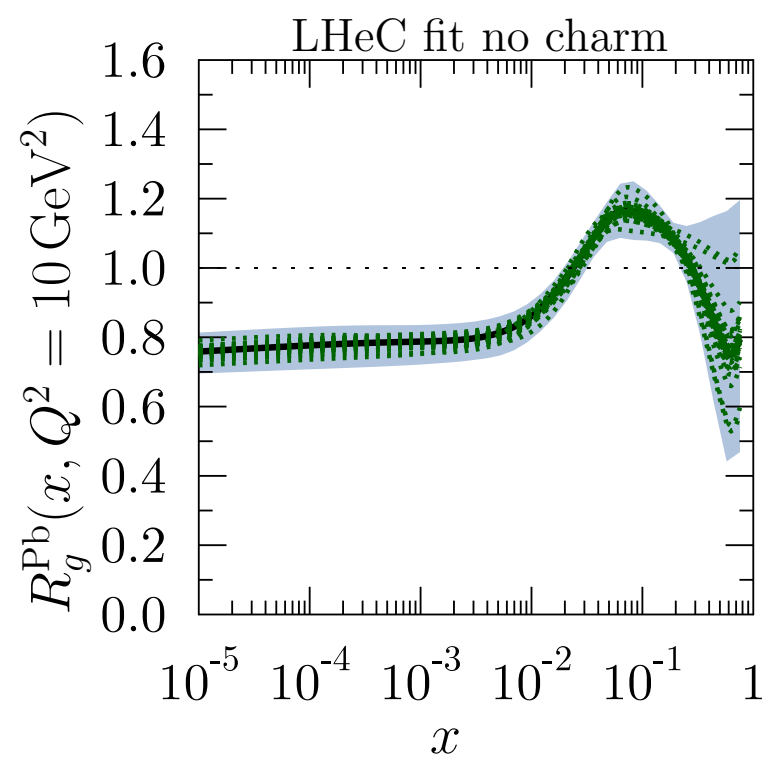
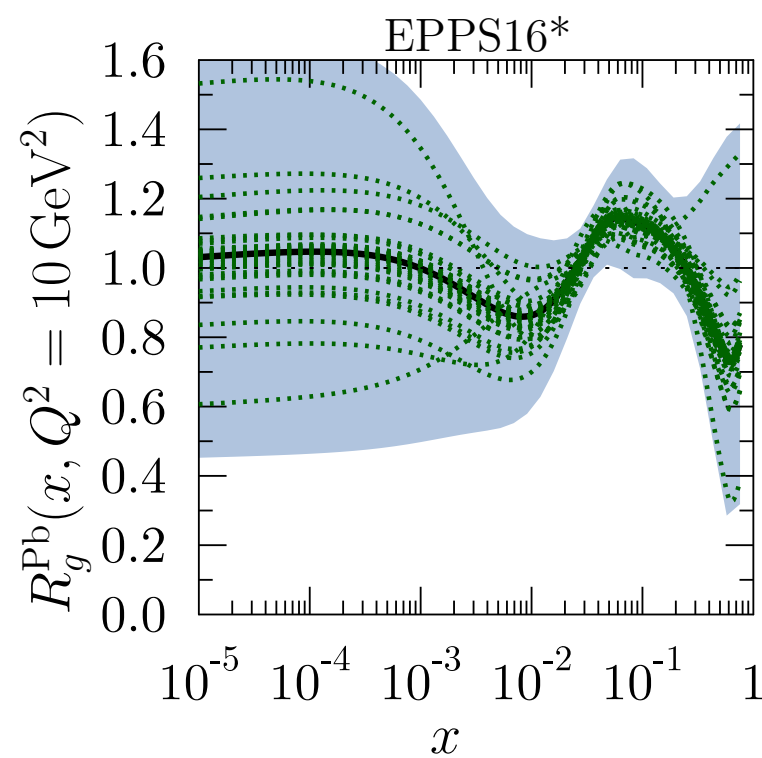
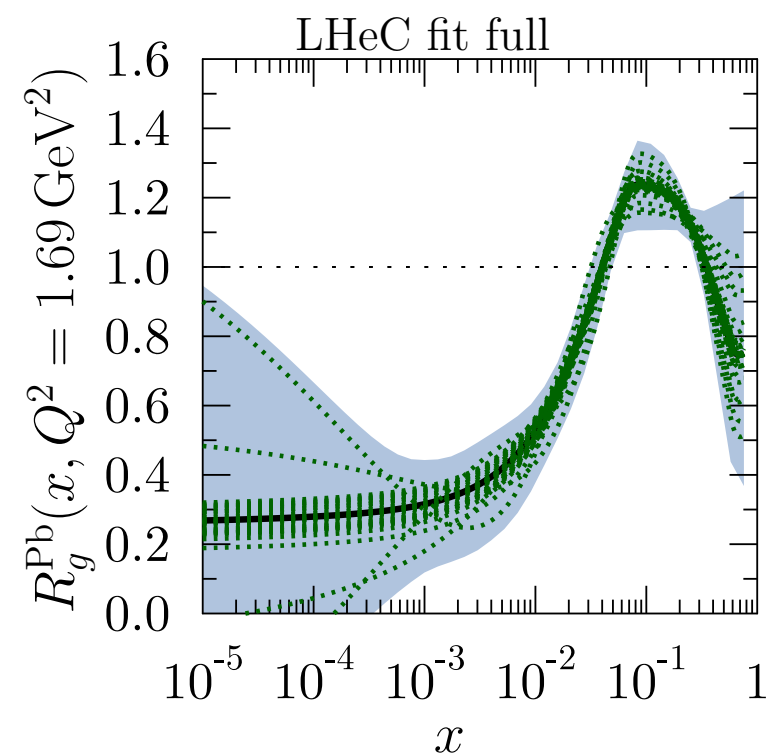
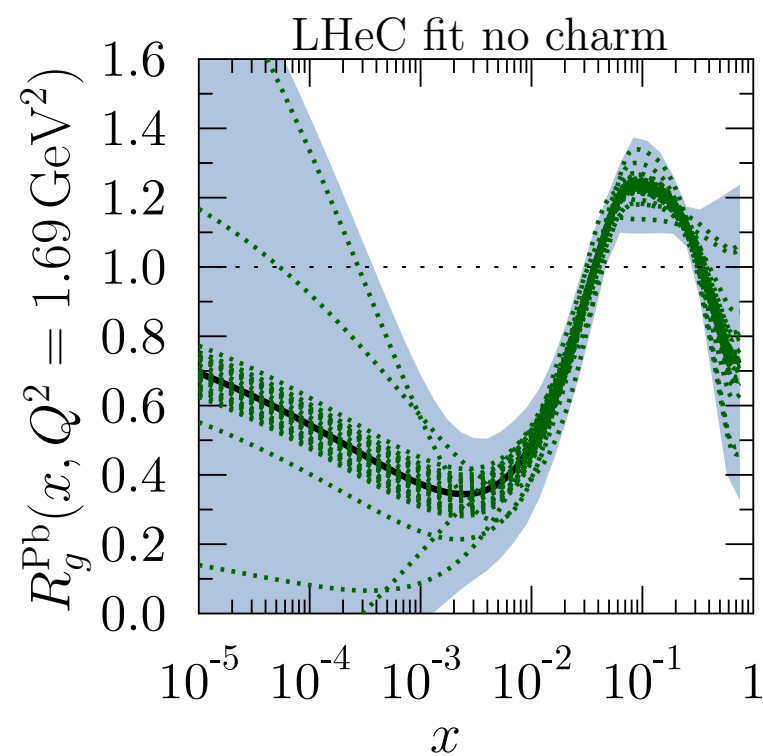
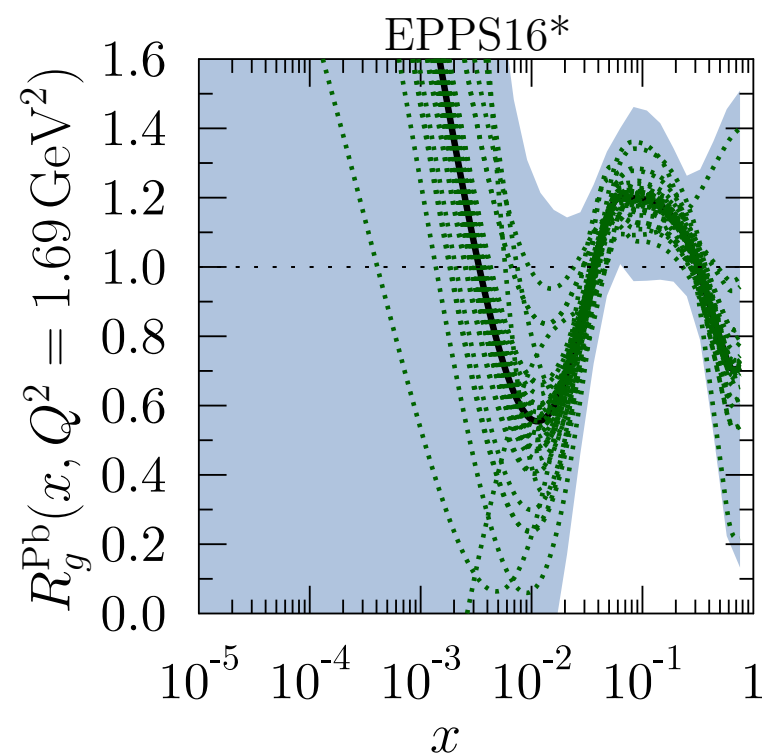
Legend:

- EIC
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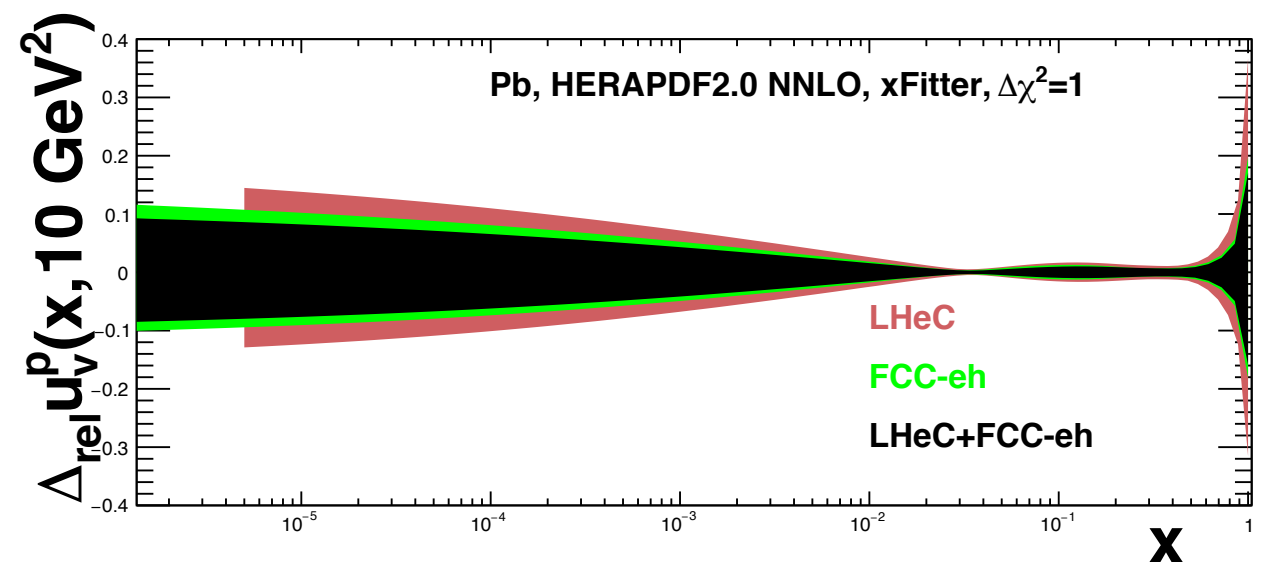
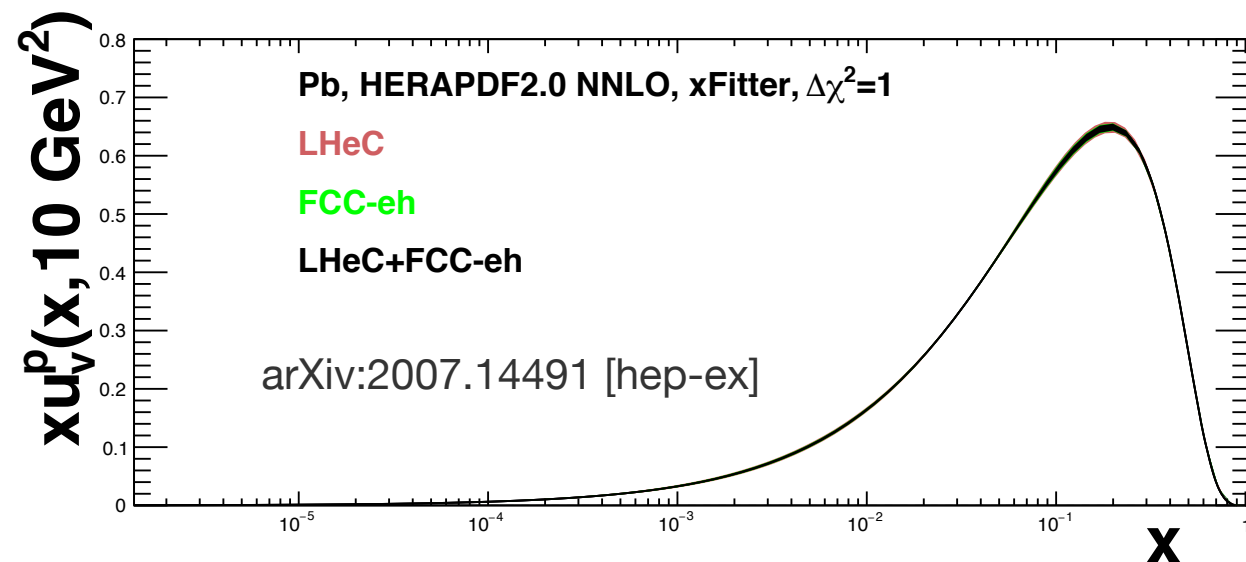


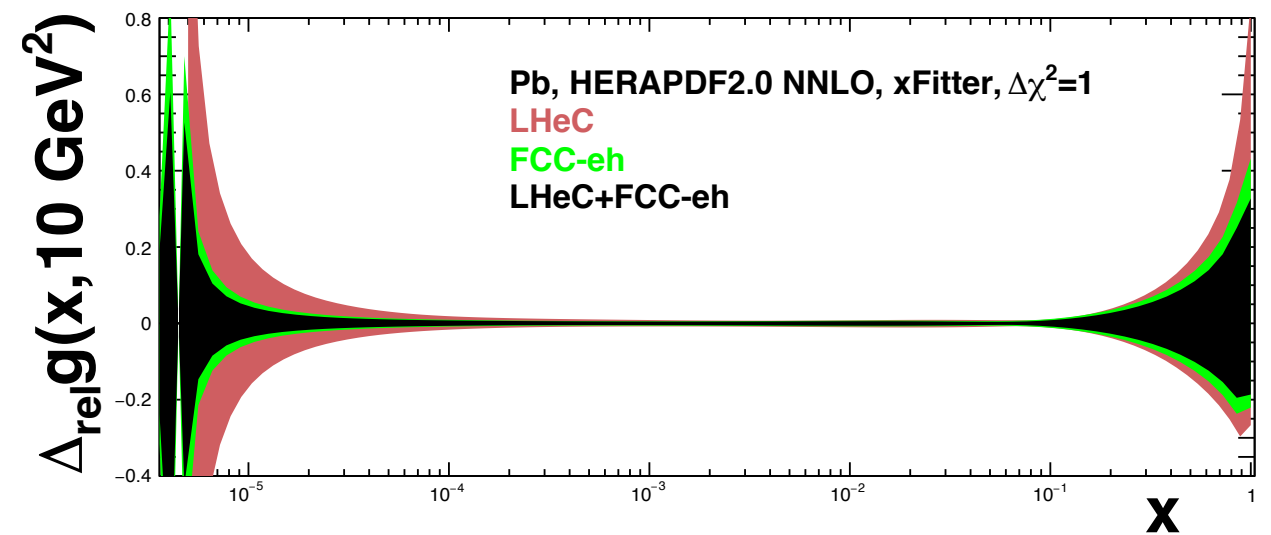
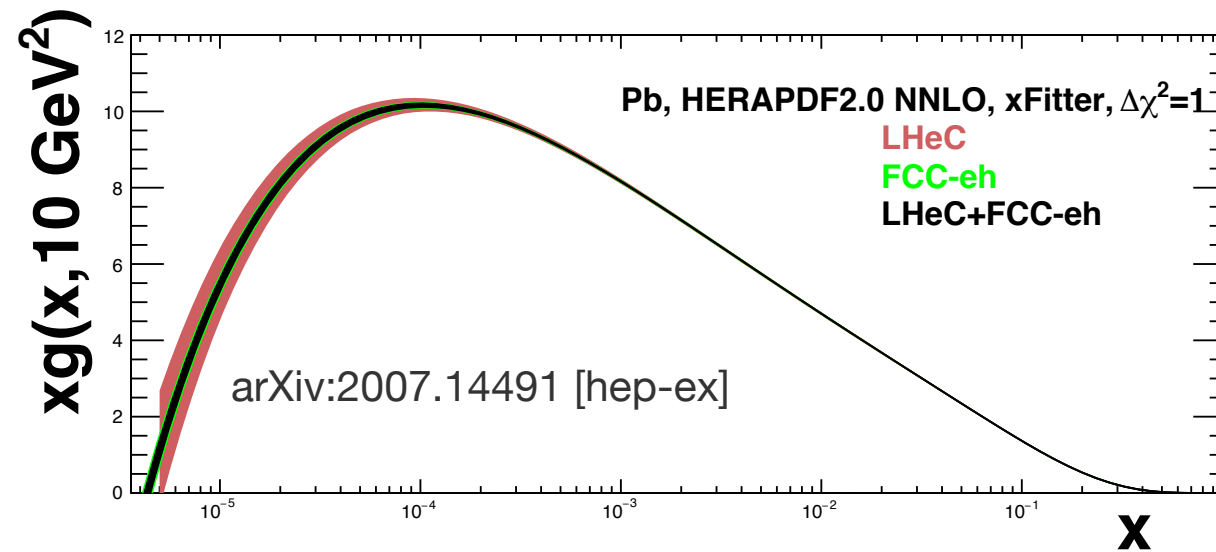
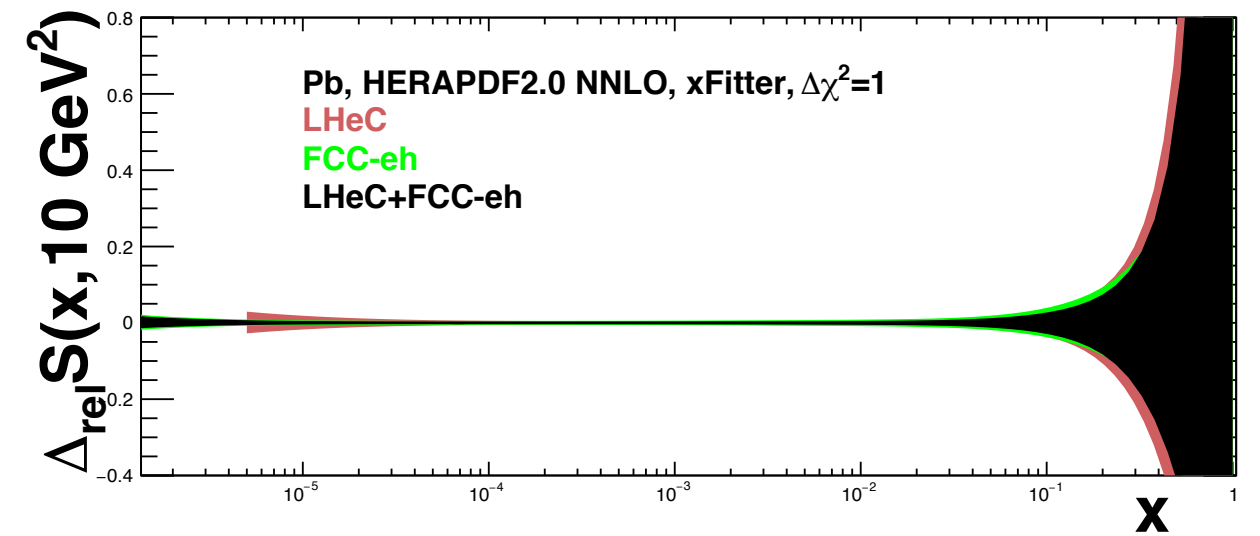
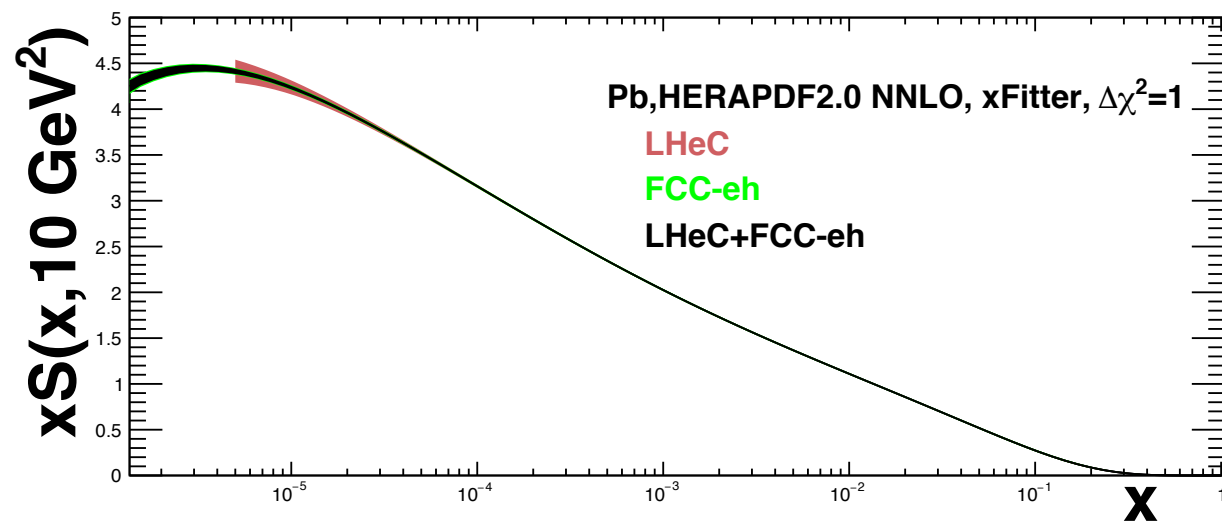


- simulated NC and CC for inclusive, charm and bottom
- impact of fitting LHeC pseudo data in EPPS16*



- alternative: do a fit for each individual nucleus
- advantages:
 - no proton baseline needed
 - no A dependence in the parameters
 - all data from one experiment, $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$
- NNLO with RT improved GM-VFNS
- HERAPDF2.0-like parametrisation
- 484 (150) points from NC+CC at LHeC (FCC-he)
- $Q^2 > 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$





- Valence unconstrained at low x
- Sea unconstrained at high x
- At such low x already HERA data seems to need resummation (see talk by A. Cooper-Sarkar: https://indico.fnal.gov/event/44075/contributions/189702/attachments/132103/162127/snowmass21_lowx.pdf)
- Maybe new phenomena will appear

Summary

- There are any different sets of nPDFs available (all “good” fits).
- The limited kinematic coverage of the data severely hampers the extraction of nPDFs.
- New and “new” data are not as sensitive to the nPDFs as e+A, or lie outside the kinematic cuts.
- For some observables the inclusion in fits require extra considerations from the theory side.

“... the data have rather small Q^2 values in a restricted Q^2 range at small x . It suggests that **it is difficult to determine the nuclear gluon distributions from the scaling violation at small x** . In order to obtain the smaller x or larger Q^2 data than those in Fig. 2, **we should wait for a next generation project such as HERA-eA [26] or eRHIC [27].**”

HKM, PRD64
(2001) 034003

NNLO

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