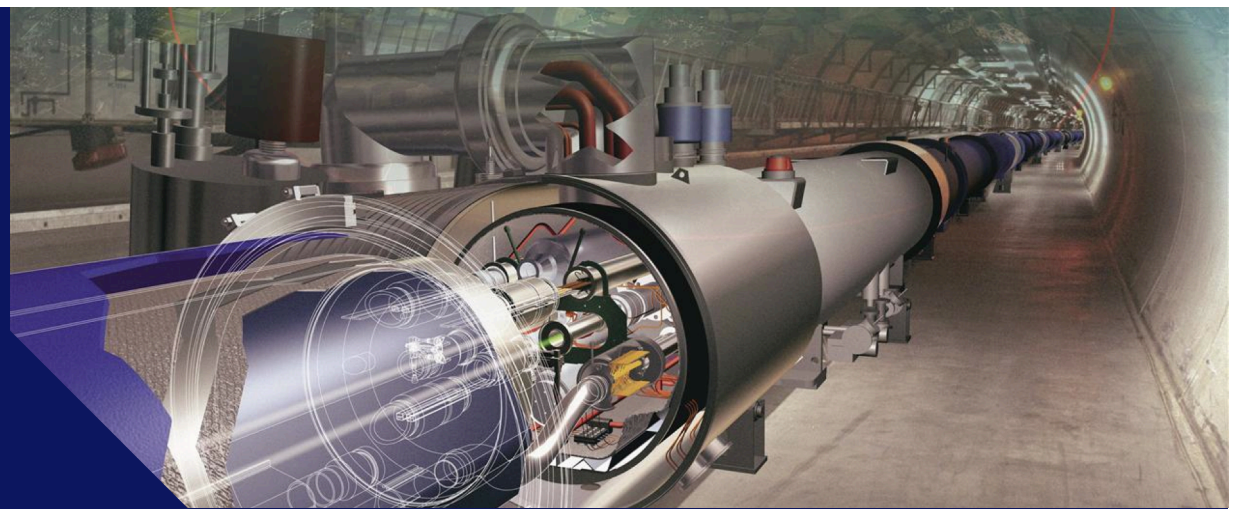


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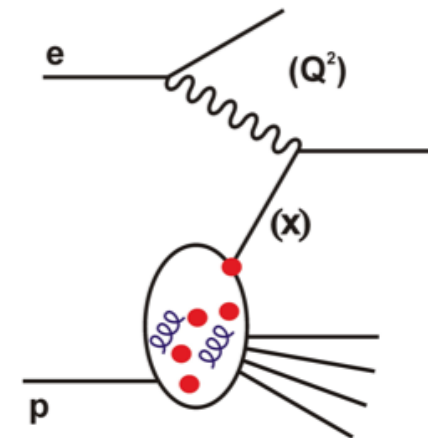
PROTON PDF DETERMINATION AT THE LHeC

Claire Gwenlan, Oxford

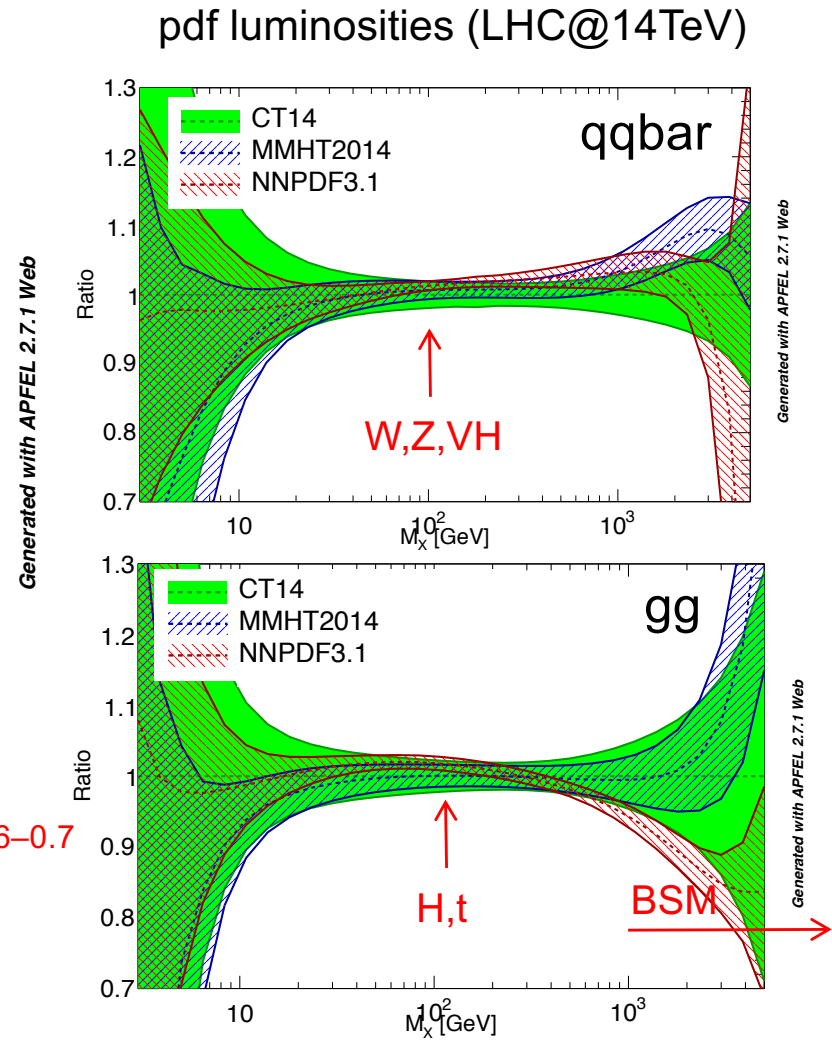
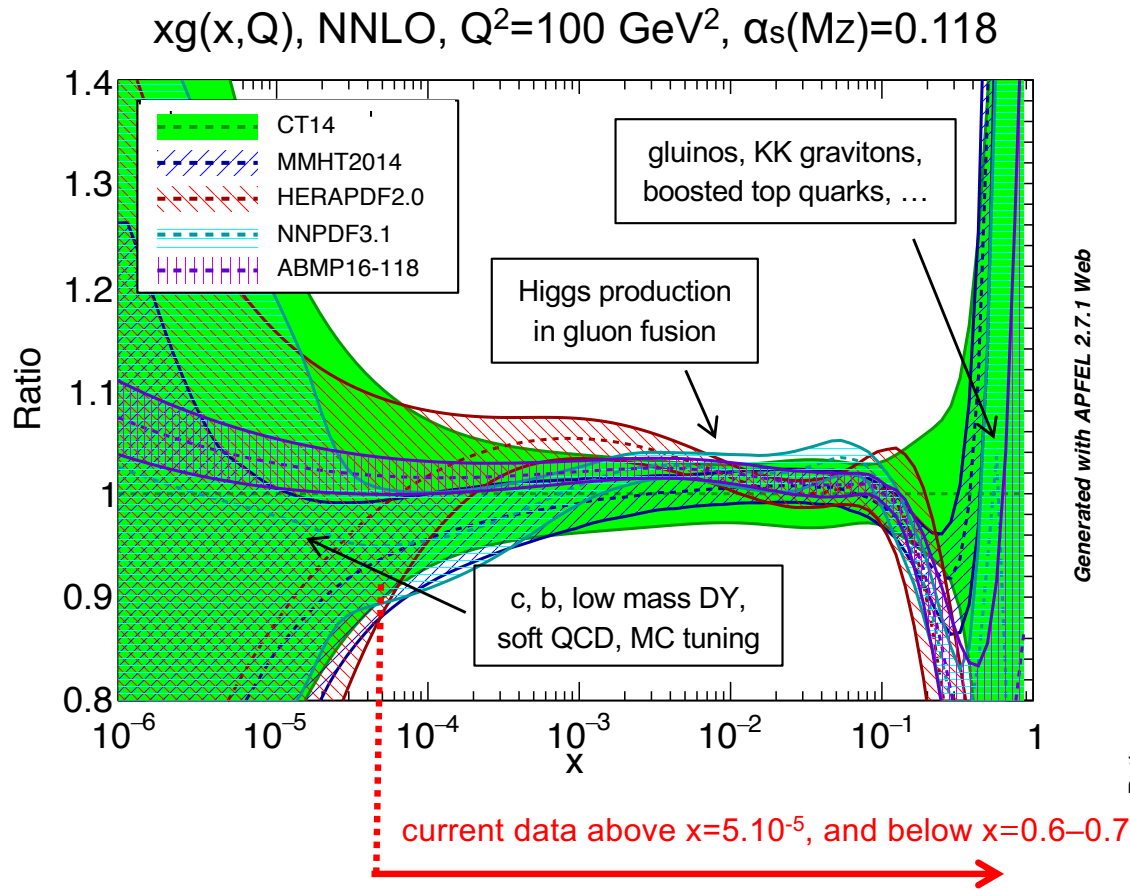
on behalf of the LHeC and FCC-eh study groups



with focus on results from LHeC CDR update, arXiv:[2007.14491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.14491)



pdfs: the situation today



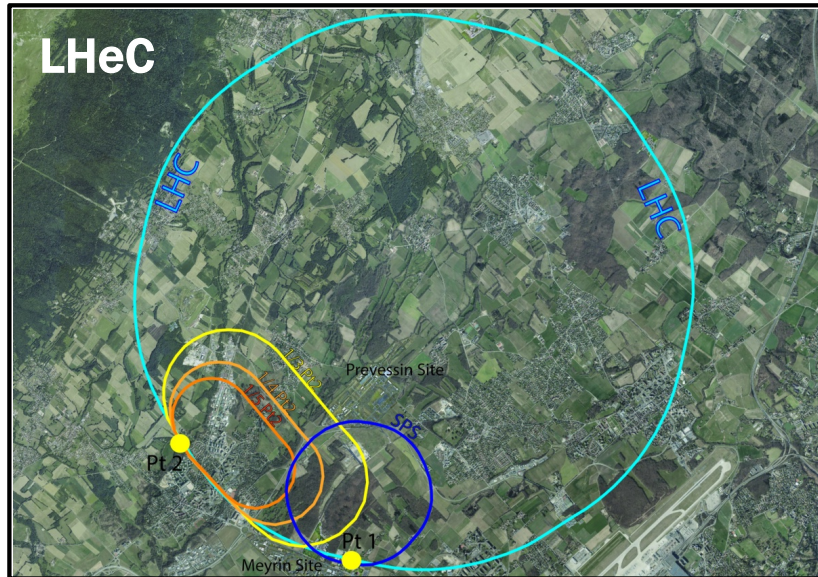
pdfs poorly known at **large** and **small x**

BSM searches limited by (lack of) knowledge of **large x gluon** and **quark pdfs**

... plus precision **MW**, **$\sin^2\theta_W$** (where small discrepancies may indicate BSM physics) and **Higgs**,

also limited by **pdf uncertainties** at medium x, where we know pdfs best!

LHeC and FCC-eh



energy recovery LINAC (ERL)

attached to HL-LHC (or FCC)

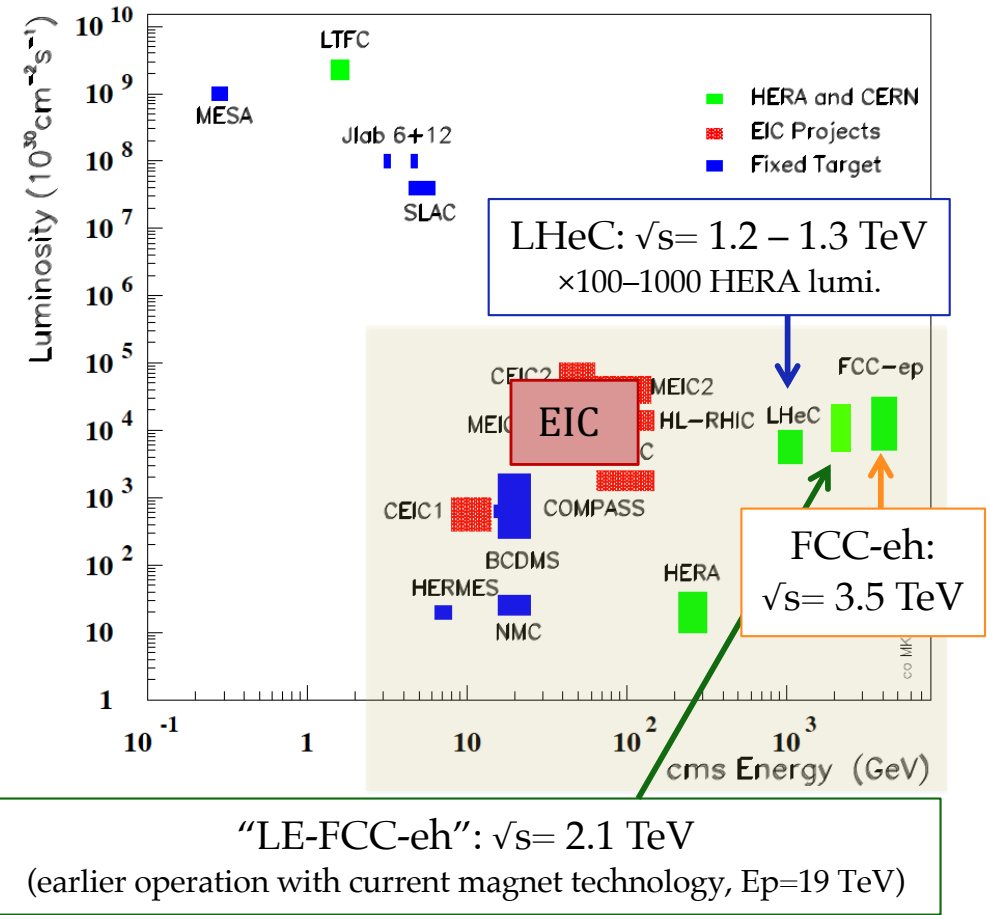
e beam: \rightarrow 50 or 60 GeV

e pol.: $P = \pm 0.8$

Lint \rightarrow 1–2 ab⁻¹ (1000× HERA!)

ESPPU: ERL is a high-priority future initiative for CERN

Lepton–Proton Scattering Facilities



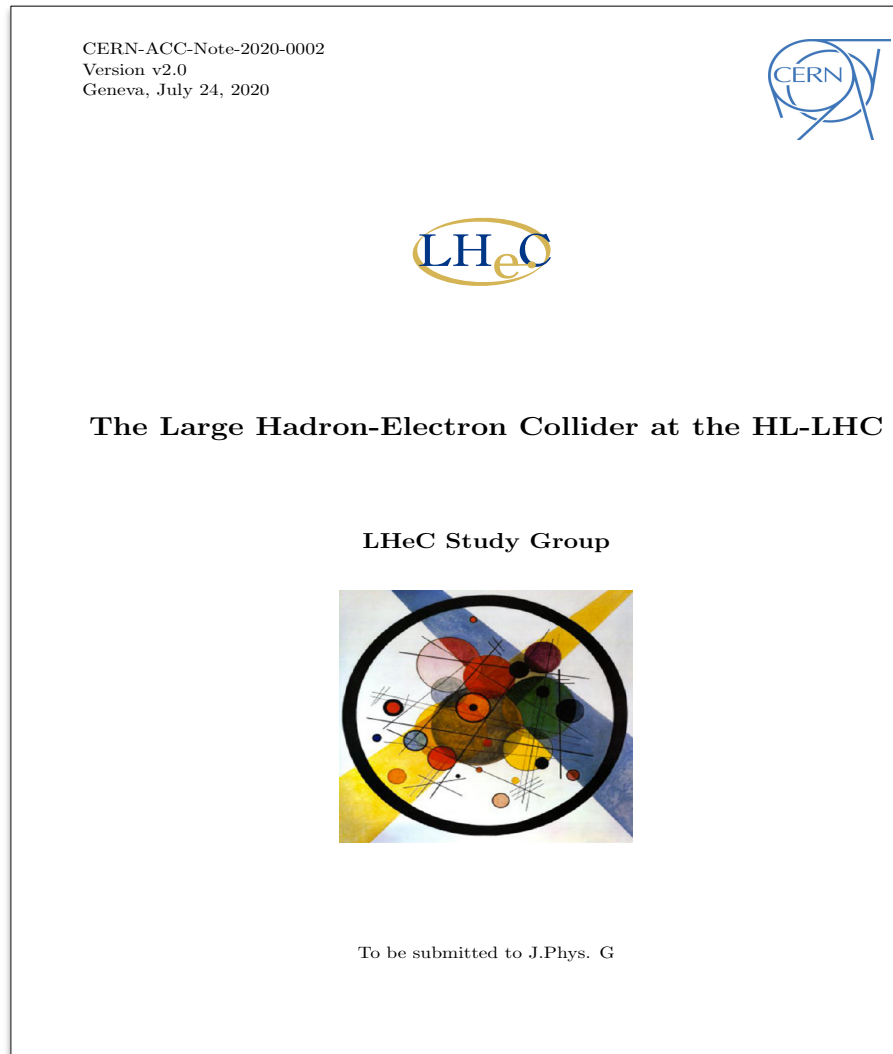
see also talks:

ERL facility PERLE, A Bogacz

LHeC at CERN, C. Schwanenberger

LHeC as part of HL-LHC, L. Aperio Bella

LHeC CDR update



LHeC white paper: arXiv:[2007.14491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.14491)

accepted by J.Phys.G

update to CDR, arXiv:[1206.2913](https://arxiv.org/abs/1206.2913) (600 citations)

compilation of new and updated
studies over the past years,

400 pages, 300 authors, 156 institutions

this talk:

QCD and proton structure – Ch. 3, 4

see also other talks in this conference:

BSM, O. Fischer

HI, H. Mantysaari

Top Quark, M. Kumar

Higgs, U. Klein

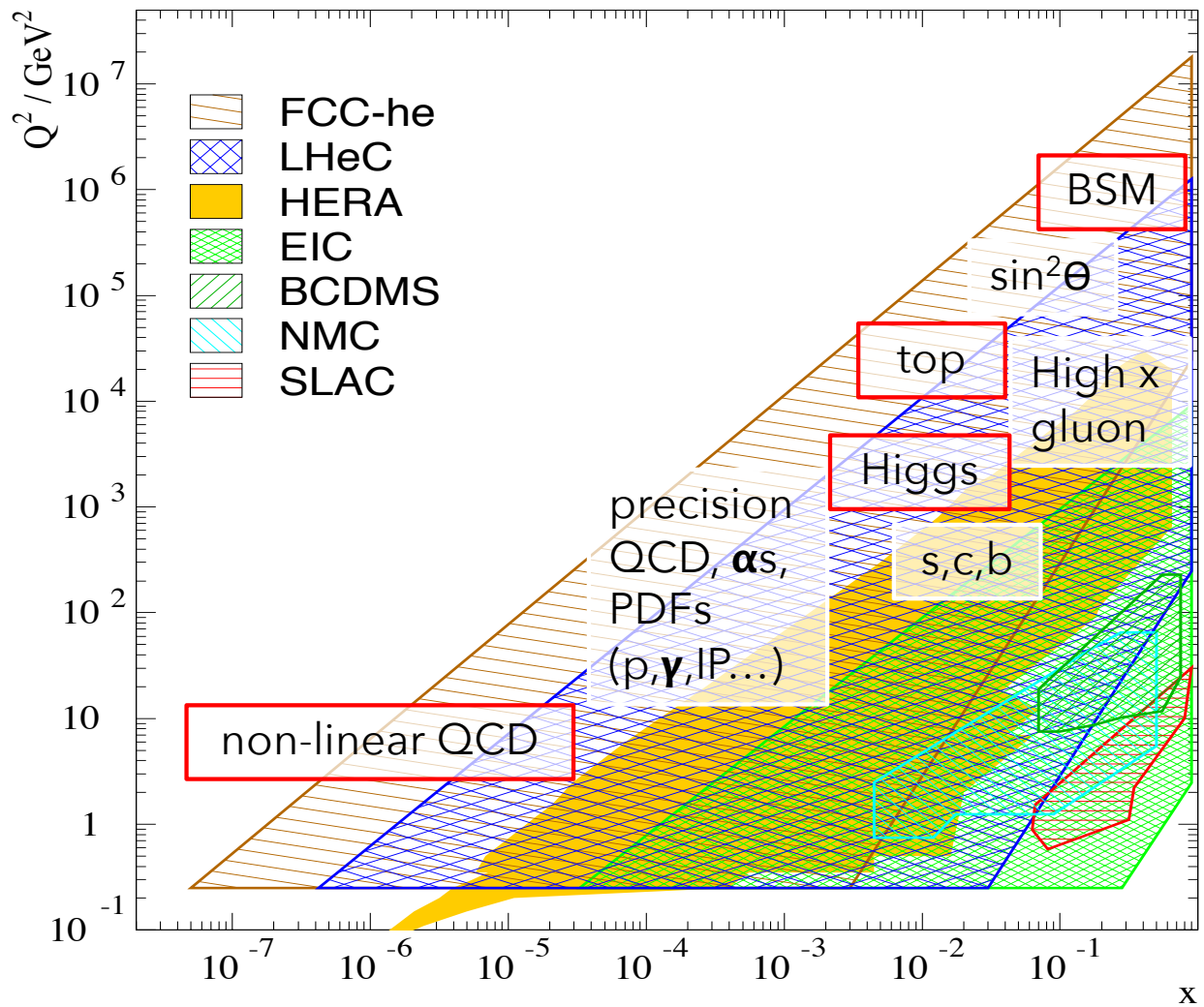
EW, D. Britzger

small x, A. Stasto

DIS and connections to the LHC, T. Hobbs (plenary)

(see also FCC CDR, vols 1 and 3: physics [EPJ C79 \(2019\), 6, 474](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.08191) ; FCC with eh integrated [EPJ ST 228 \(2019\), 4, 755](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.08191))

physics with energy frontier DIS



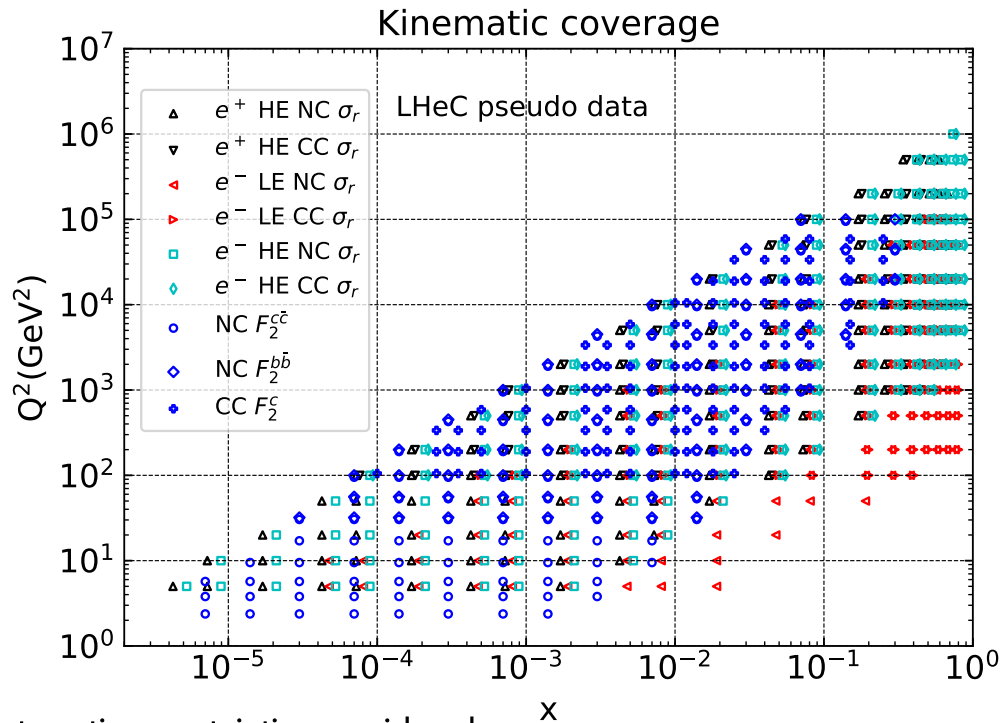
opportunity for
**unprecedented
 increase in DIS
 kinematic reach;**
 ×1000 increase in lumi.
 cf. HERA

no higher twist,
 no nuclear corrections,
 free of symmetry
 assumptions,
 N³LO theory possible,
 ...

**precision pdfs up
 to $x \rightarrow 1$,**
**and exploration of
 small x regime;**
 plus extensive
 additional physics
 programme

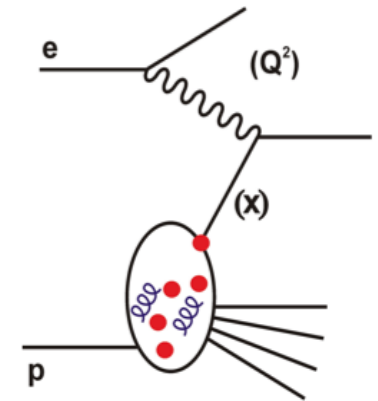
×15/120 extension in $Q^2, 1/x$ reach vs HERA

LHeC pdf programme



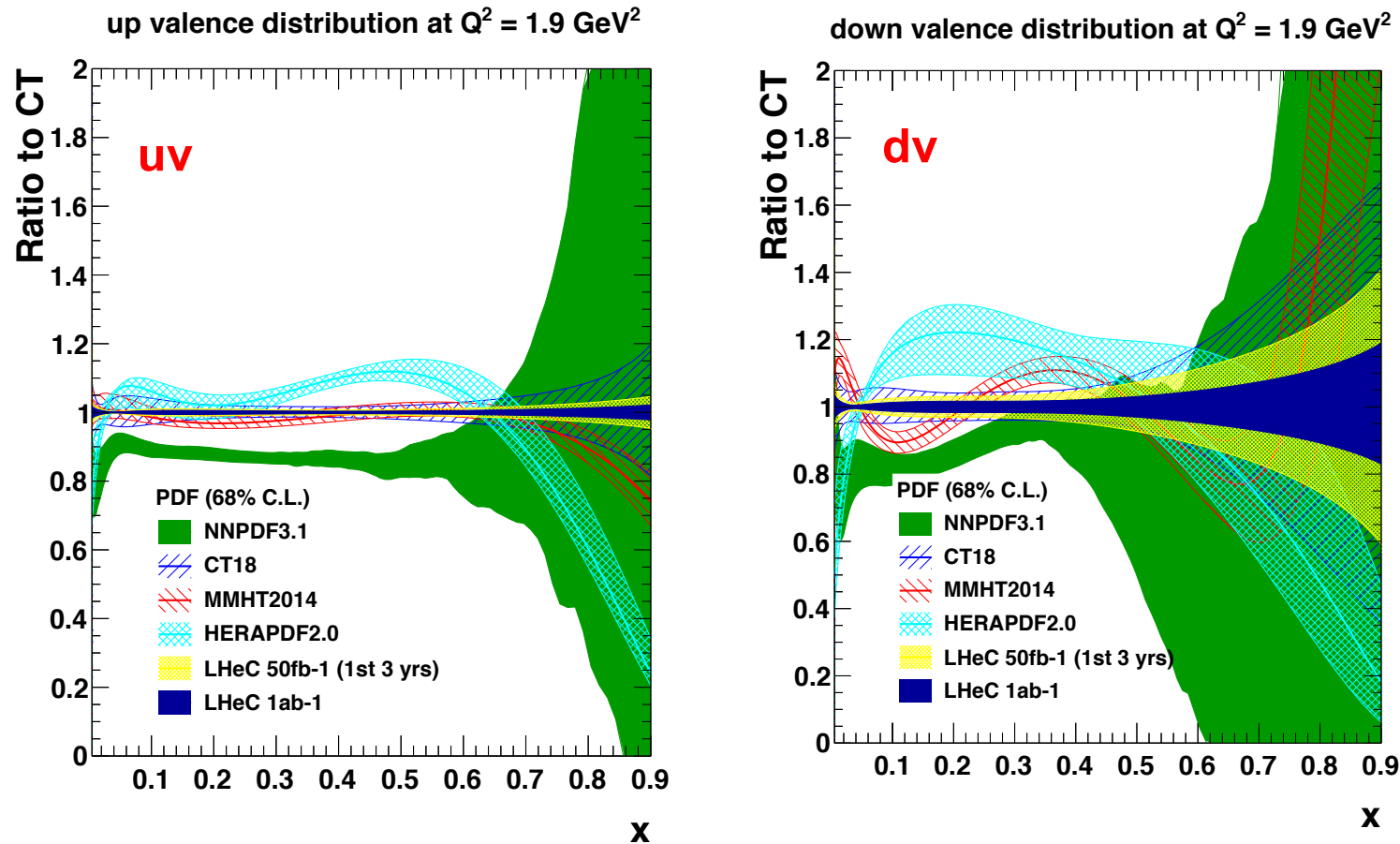
full set of systematic uncertainties considered,
see arXiv: [2007.14491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.14491) for full details

- completely resolve **all proton pdfs**, and **α_s to permille precision**
- unprecedented kinematic (x, Q^2) range and precision for NC and CC measurements; tagging of c, b with high efficiency



- LHeC projected timeline, several years concurrent HL-LHC operation, plus dedicated run, arXiv: [1810.13022](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.13022)
- LHeC 1st 3 yrs (50 fb⁻¹ e⁻, concurrent with HL-LHC)**
- LHeC 1 ab⁻¹ (1 ab⁻¹ e⁻, and additional P=+0.8, low energy, and e⁺ data)**
- QCD analysis a la [HERAPDF2.0](https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.04467), with greater flexibility**
- 4+1 xuv, xdv, xUbar, xDbar and xg (14 params.), or 5+1 (including HQs) xuv, xdv, xUbar, xdbar, xsbar and xg (17 params.)

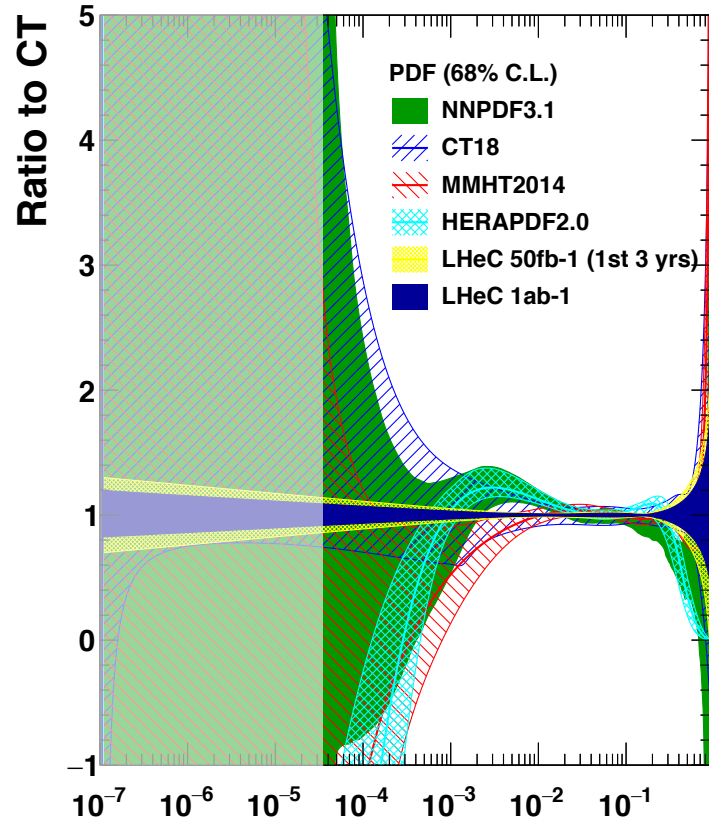
quarks



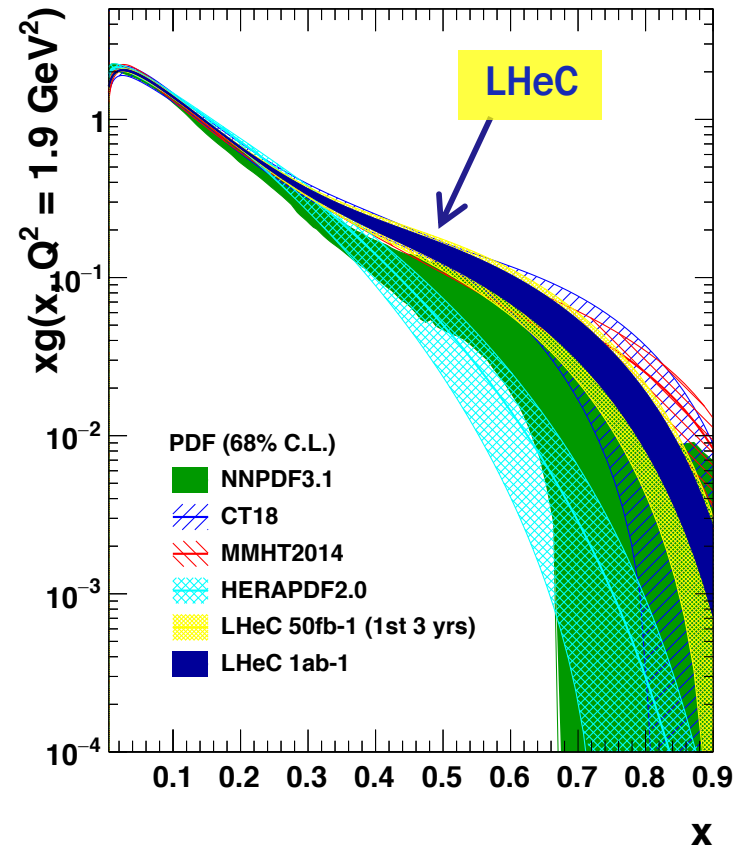
- precision determination, free from higher twist corrections and nuclear uncertainties
- **large x crucial for HL/HE–LHC and FCC searches;** also relevant for DY, MW etc.;
- can also resolve long-standing mystery of d/u ratio at large x

gluon

gluon distribution at $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$



gluon distribution at $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$



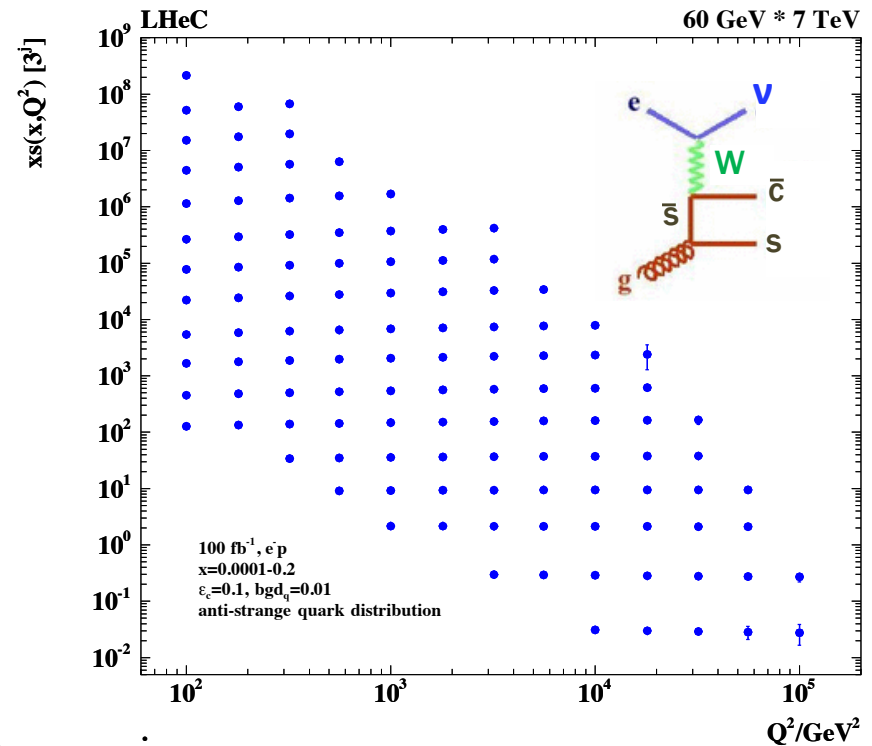
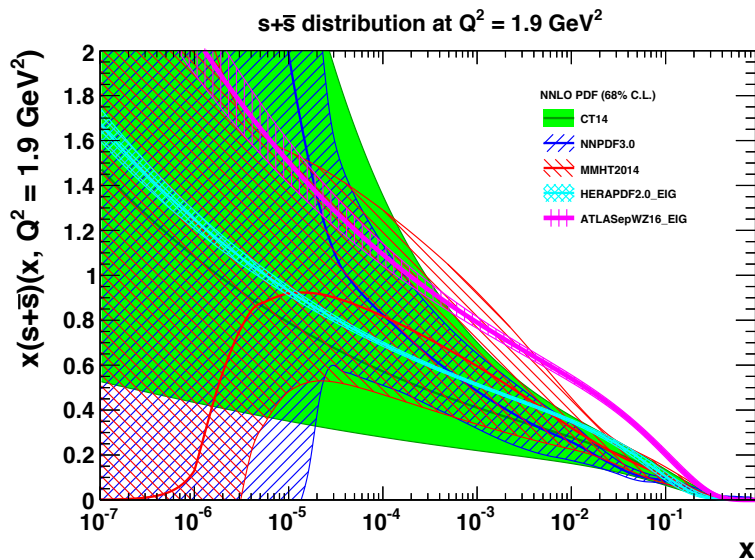
- **exploration of small x QCD**: DGLAP vs BFKL; non-linear evolution; saturation; with implications for UHE vs

- **gluon at large x** small and poorly known; **crucial for BSM searches**

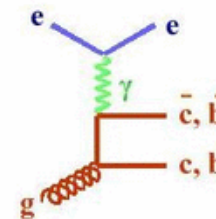
strange, c, b

- **strange pdf** poorly known
- suppressed c.f. other light quarks?
strange valence?

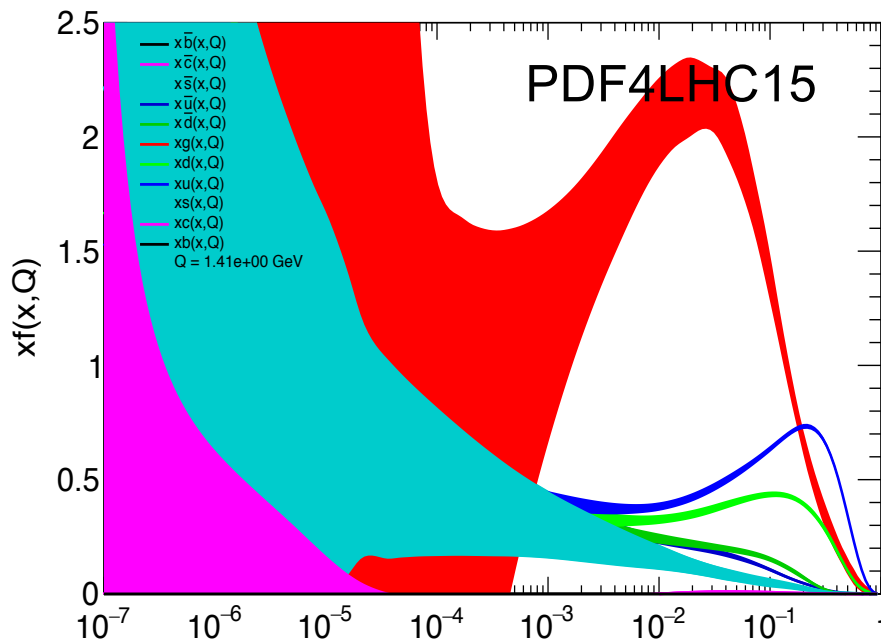
→ **LHeC**: direct sensitivity via charm tagging in $W_s \rightarrow c$
(x, Q^2) mapping of strange density for first time



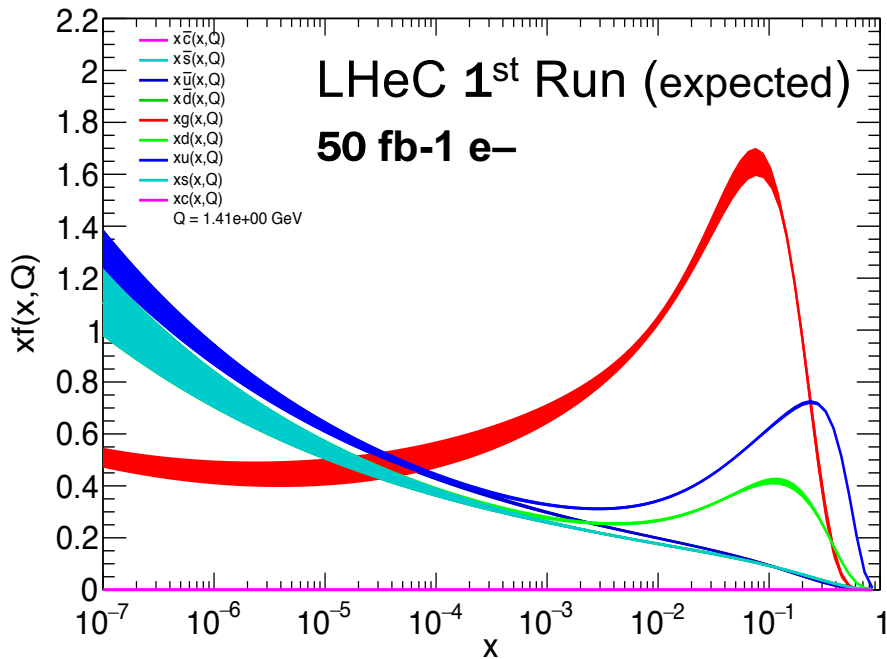
- **c, b**: enormously extended range and much improved precision c.f. HERA
- $\delta M_c = 50$ (HERA) to 3 MeV: impacts on α_s , regulates ratio of charm to light, crucial for precision t, H
- δM_b to 10 MeV; MSSM: Higgs produced dominantly via $b\bar{b} \rightarrow A$



summary of LHeC pdfs



situation today

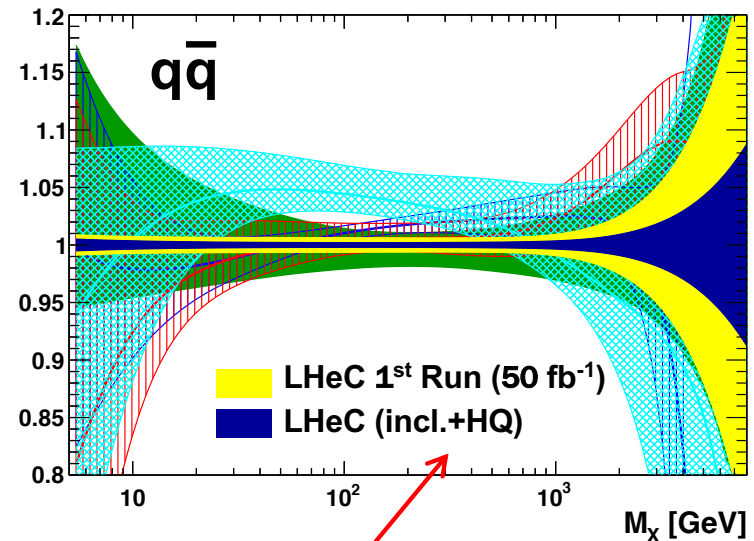
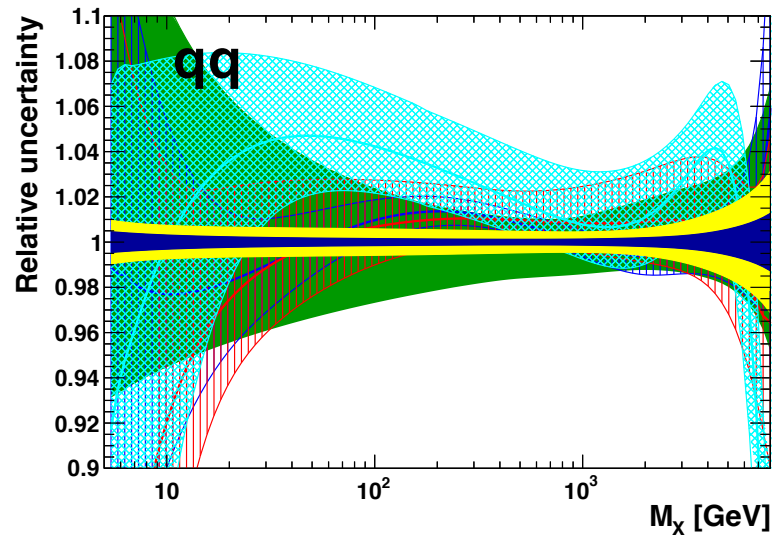
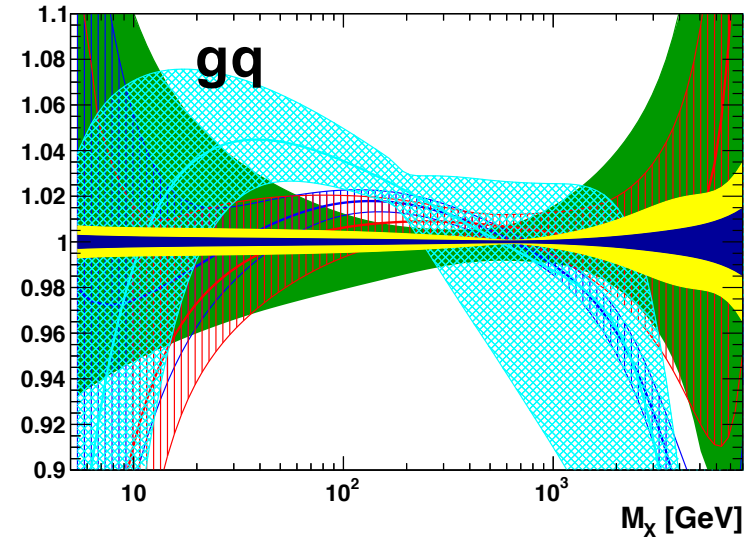
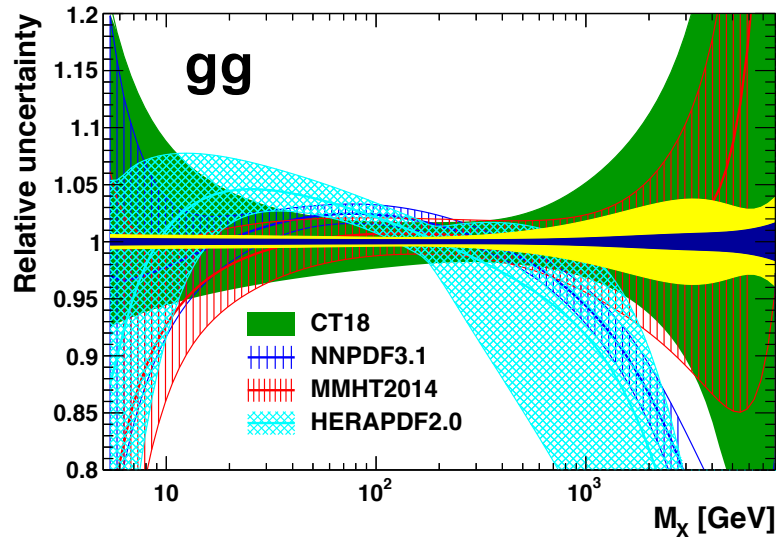


after 1st LHeC Run

with further improvements after full running period, plus HQs, (DIS jets, ...)

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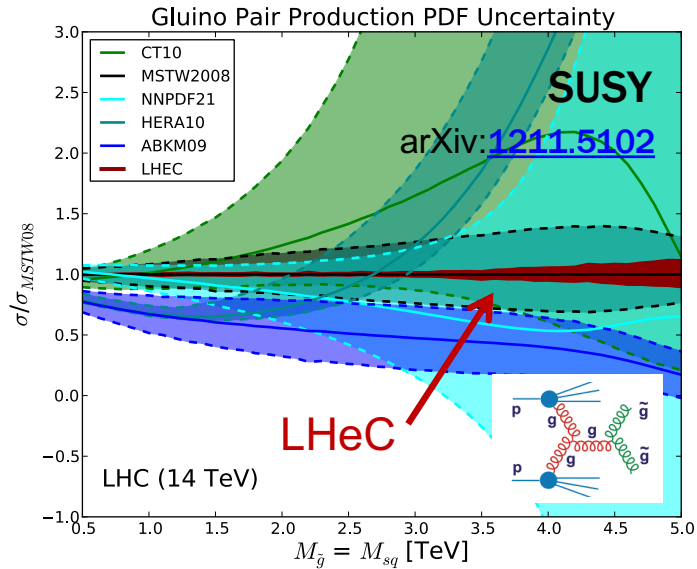


■ LHeC 1st Run (50 fb⁻¹)
■ LHeC (incl.+HQ)

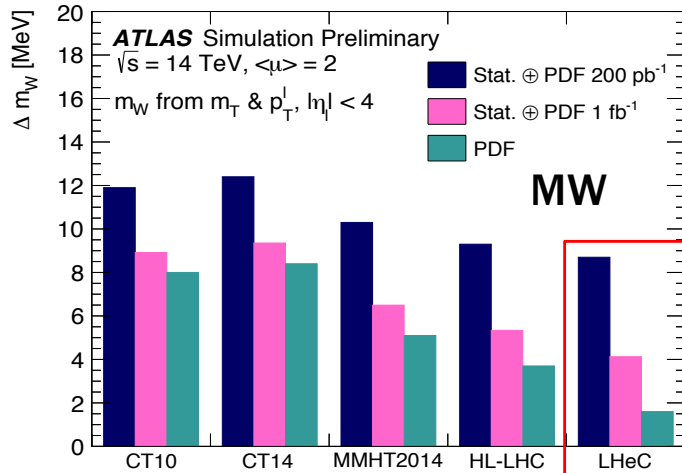
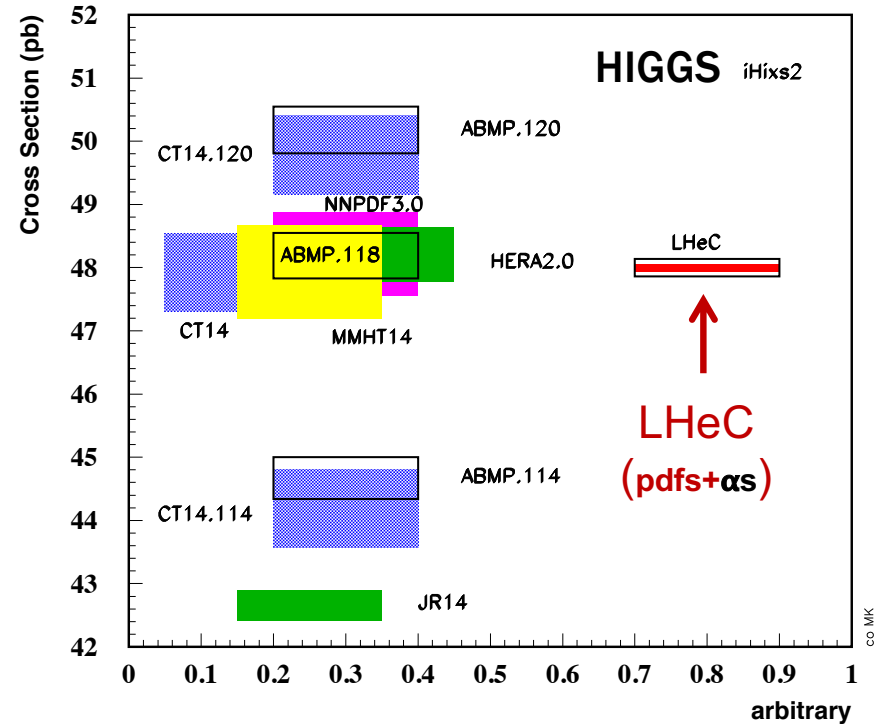
(s,c,b) also included, with more flexible (5+1) fit

empowering the LHC

external, reliable, precise **pdfs** needed for
range extension and interpretation



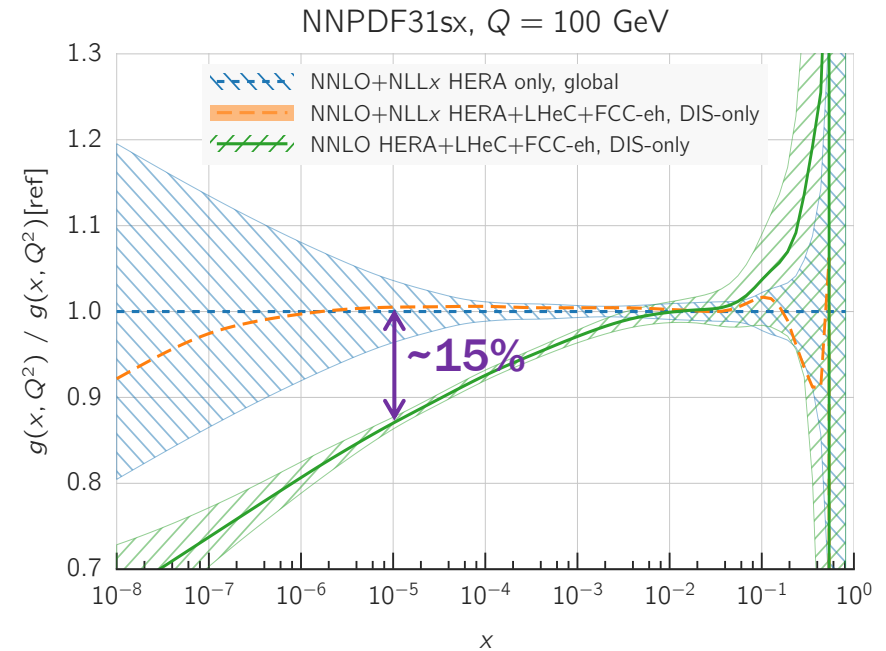
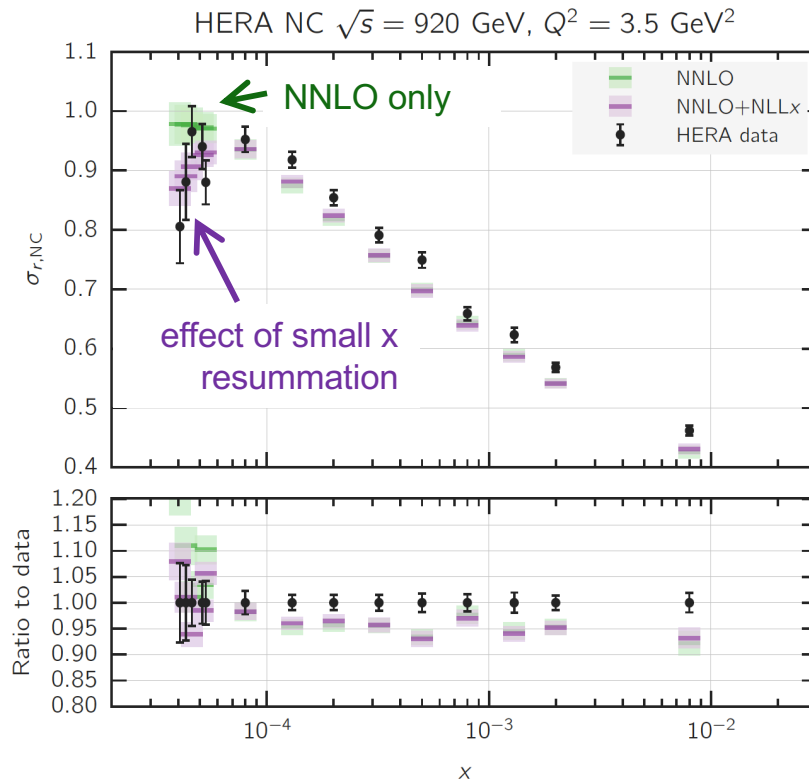
NNNLO pp-Higgs Cross Sections at 14 TeV



CONTACT INTERACTIONS: $\mathcal{L}_{CI} = \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} \eta_{ij} (\bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu q_i) (\bar{\ell}_i \gamma^\mu \ell_i)$

Model	ATLAS (Ref. [702])		HL-LHC	
	$\mathcal{L} = 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (CT14nnlo)	$\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ (CT14nnlo)	$\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ (LHeC)	$\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ (LHeC)
LL (constr.)	28 TeV	58 TeV	96 TeV	96 TeV
LL (destr.)	21 TeV	49 TeV	77 TeV	77 TeV
RR (constr.)	26 TeV	58 TeV	84 TeV	84 TeV
RR (destr.)	22 TeV	61 TeV	75 TeV	75 TeV
LR (constr.)	26 TeV	49 TeV	81 TeV	81 TeV
LR (destr.)	22 TeV	45 TeV	62 TeV	62 TeV

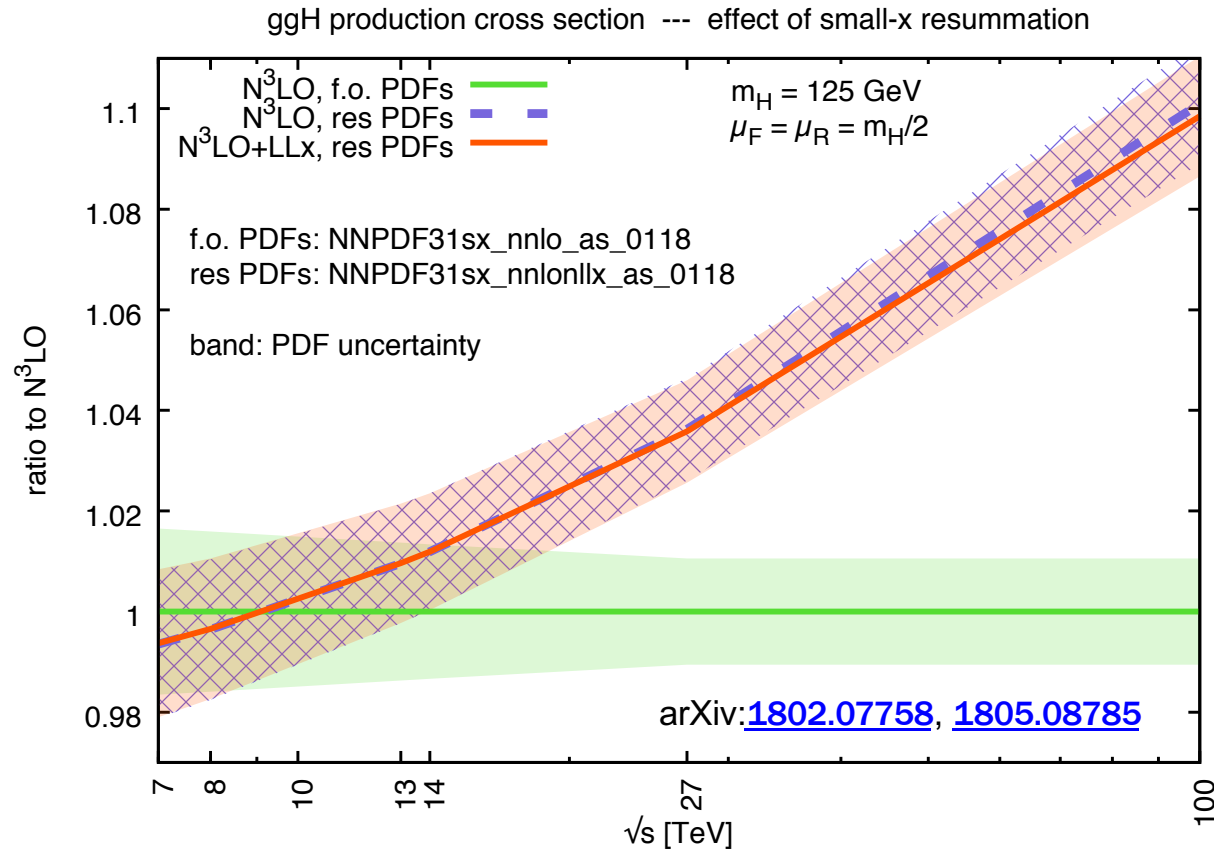
more on small x QCD



- recent evidence for onset of BFKL dynamics in HERA inclusive data,
- arXiv:[1710.05935](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.05935); [1802.00064](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.00064)
- mainly affects **gluon pdf** – dramatic effect for $x \lesssim 10^{-3}$
- **impact for LHC and FCC phenomenology**
- NB, gluon pdf obtained with small x resummation grows more quickly – **saturation** at some point!

(see also, arXiv:[1604.02299](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.02299))

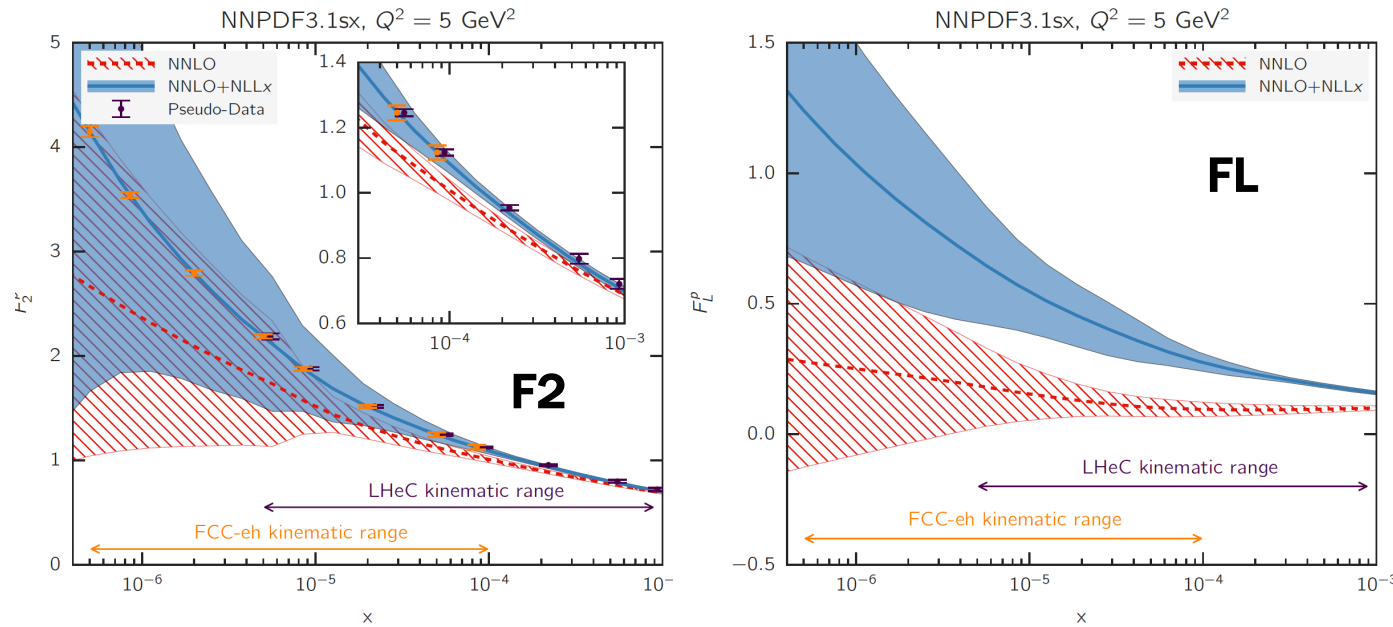
impact on pp phenomenology



- effect of small x resummation on $gg \rightarrow H$ cross section for LHC, HE-LHC, FCC
- **significant impact, especially at ultra low x values probed at FCC**

(see also recent work on forward Higgs production, arXiv:[2011.03193](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03193); other processes in progress)

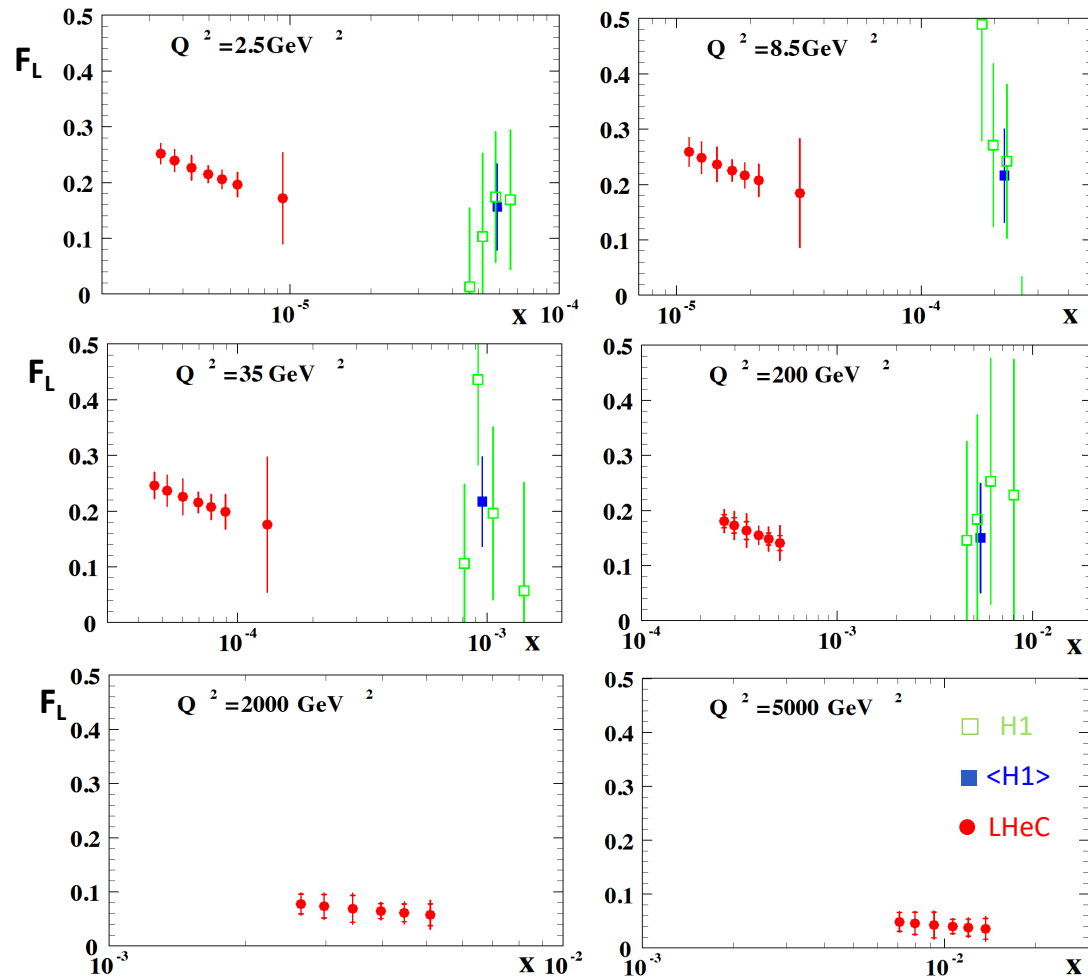
LHeC sensitivity to small x



NC cross section:
$$\sigma_{r,\text{NC}} = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2) \quad y = \frac{Q^2}{x s}$$

- LHeC and FCC-eh have unprecedented kinematic reach to **small x** ; very large sensitivity and discriminatory power to pin down details of **small x QCD dynamics**
- measurement of F_L has a significant role to play, arXiv:[1802.04317](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.04317)

FL from the LHeC

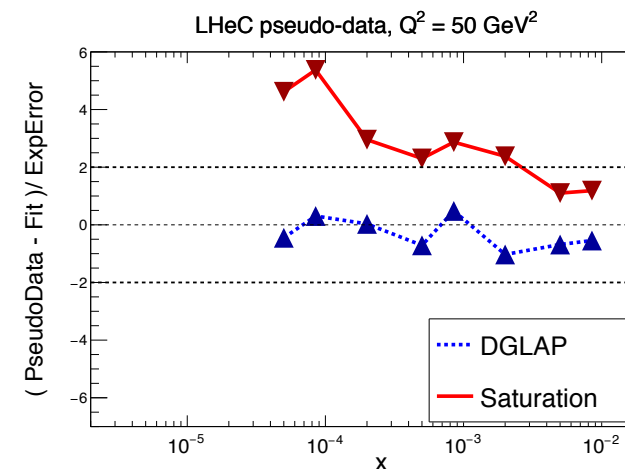
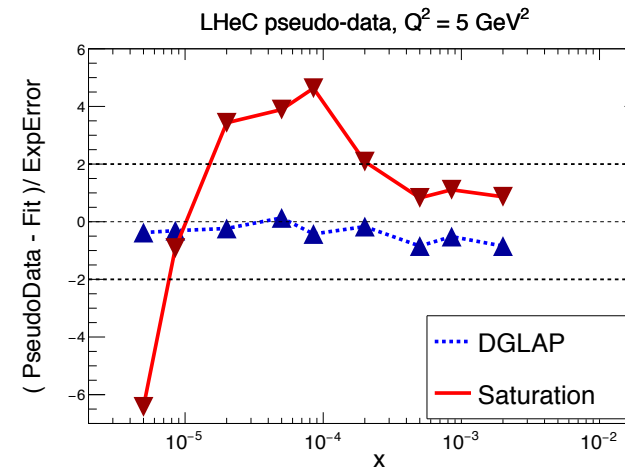
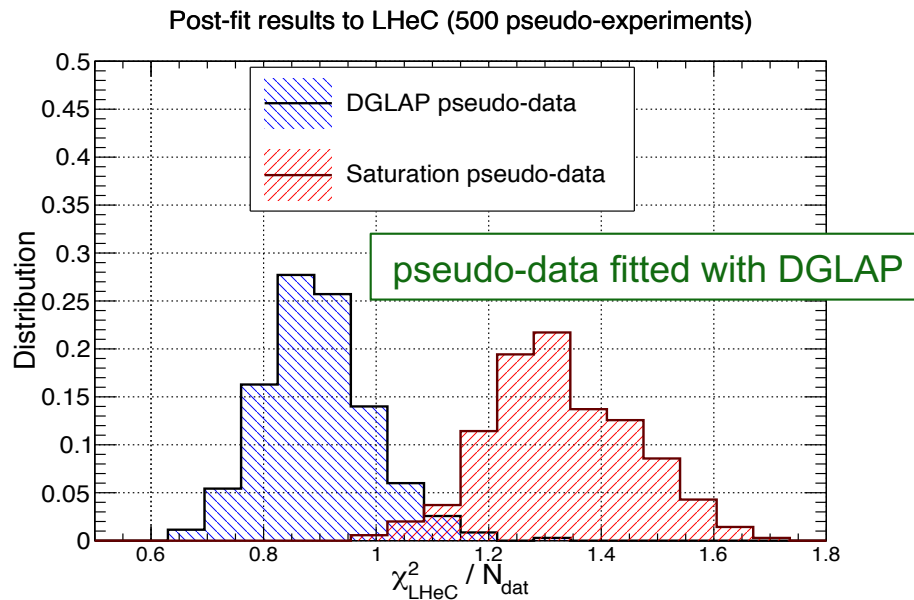


- **expect significant additional discrimination from dedicated precision measurement of F_L** (not yet included in shown studies); **incorrect small x treatment unlikely to accommodate both F_2 and F_L**

non-linear QCD dynamics



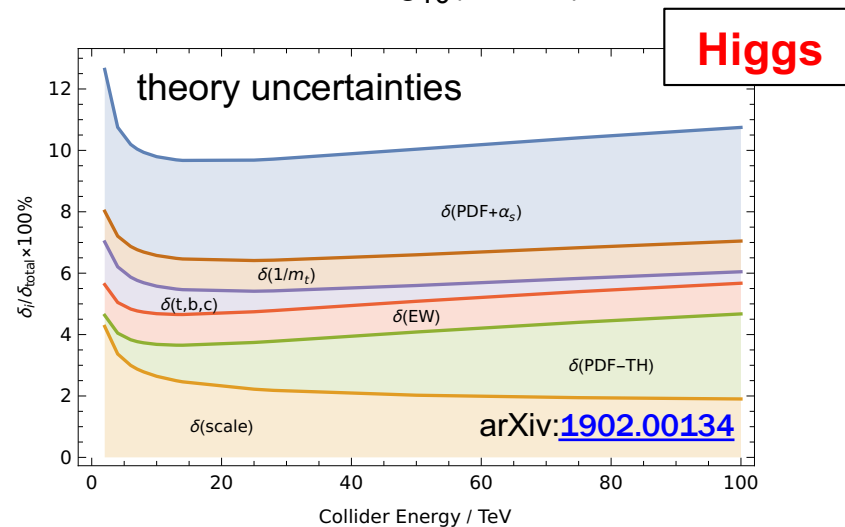
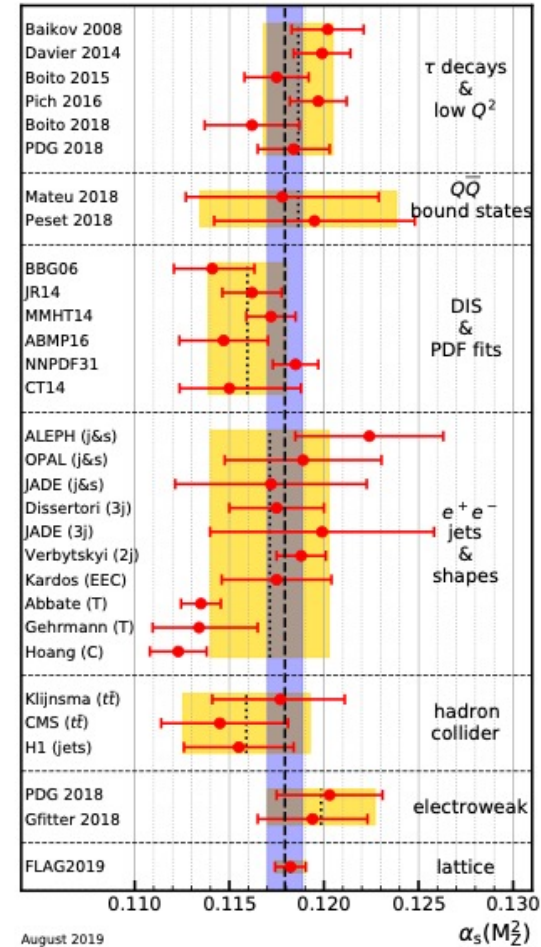
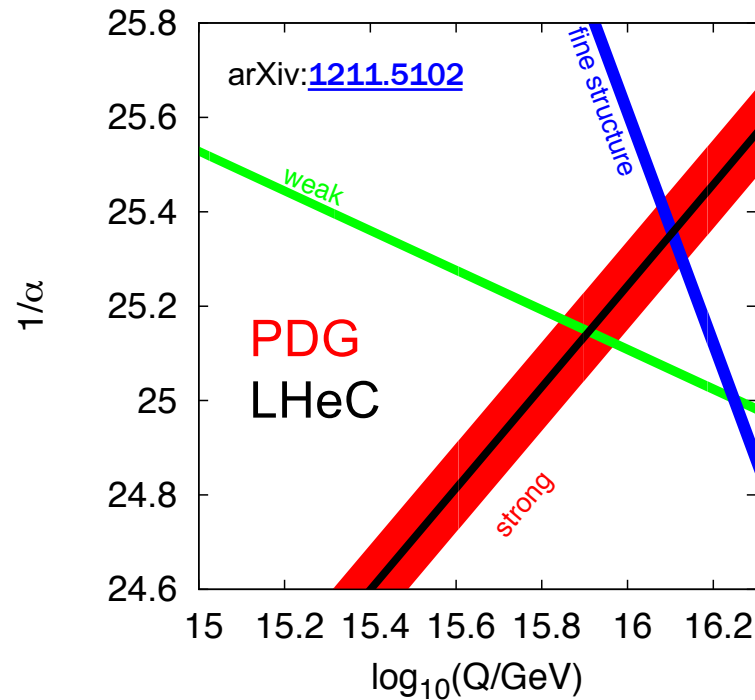
- with the unprecedented small- x reach, **gluon recombination / parton saturation may also be expected**, manifesting as deviation from linear DGLAP



- QCD DGLAP **cannot** absorb all effects of saturation
- possible to identify saturation by distortions in pulls** \rightarrow
DGLAP fits cannot absorb a non-DGLAP Q^2 dependence

strong coupling, α_s

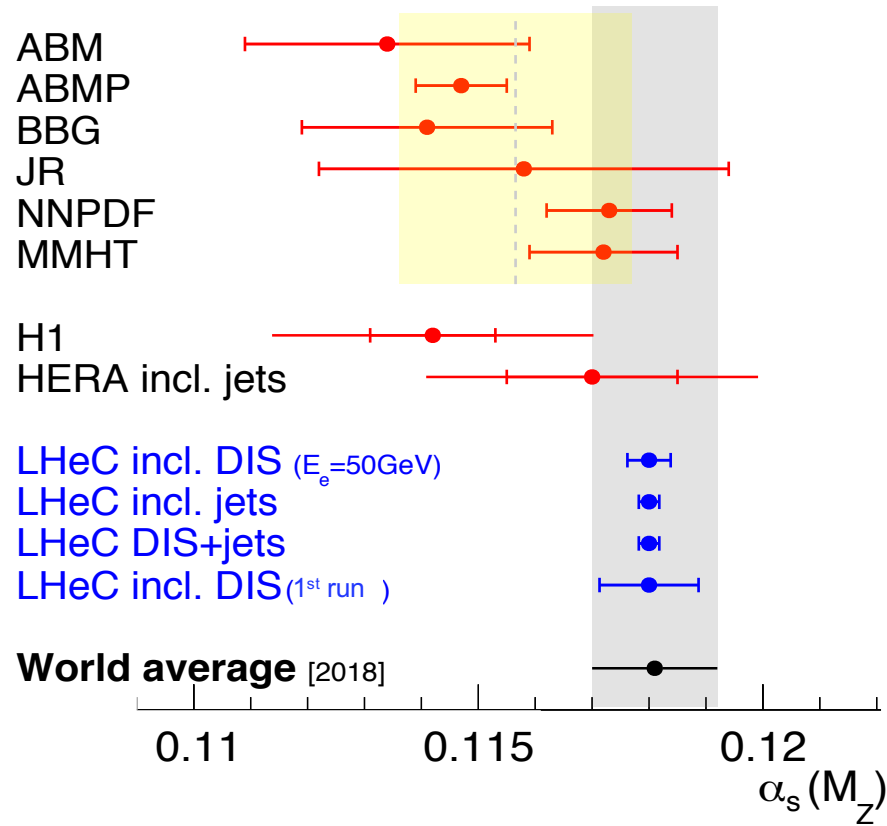
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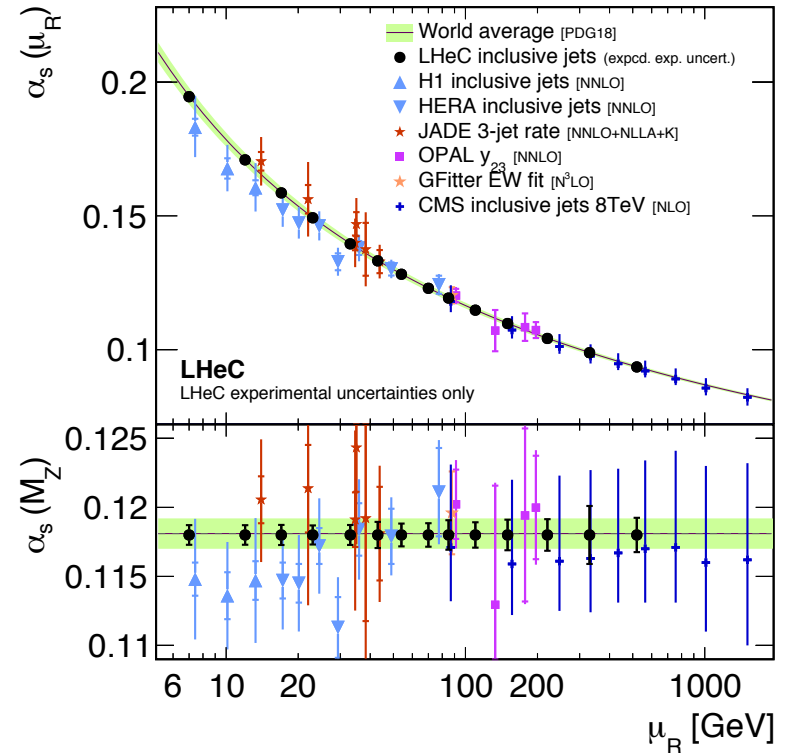
- α_s is least known coupling constant
- world av.: $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0010$
- current state-of-the-art: $\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s = \mathcal{O}(1\%)$

α_s from the LHeC

α_s determinations at NNLO QCD:



fit to subsets of ep jet data



LHeC simultaneous PDF+ α_s fit:

$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z)$ (exp.+pdf) = ± 0.00022 (inclusive DIS)

$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z)$ (exp.+pdf) = ± 0.00018 (incl. DIS & jets)

- α_s running testable over two orders of magnitude in scale
- **QCD theory uncerts.** will be limiting factor

- achievable precision $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ at same level as α_s from FCC-ee

summary

- energy frontier **electron-proton colliders** essential for full exploitation of current and future hadron colliders (Higgs, BSM, electroweak, ...)
- **external precision pdf input**; complete q, g unfolding, high luminosity $x \rightarrow 1$, s, c, b, (t); N3LO; small x ; strong coupling to permille precision; ...
- LHeC CDR update (arXiv:[2007.14491](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.14491)) summarises wealth of new and updated studies
- enormously rich physics programme both in **own right**, and for **transformation of proton-proton machines** into precision facilities
- **all critical pdf information can be obtained early** ($\sim 50 \text{ fb}^{-1} \equiv \times 50 \text{ HERA}$), in parallel with HL-LHC operation
- **α_s to permille exp. precision also achievable early**, with use of NC DIS jets
- unprecedented access to novel kinematic regime, with **unique potential to explore novel small x phenomena**

extras

quark and gluon pdfs

