

The new theory prediction pipeline and towards N3LO PDF

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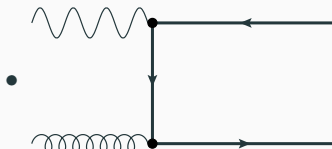
1. The new theory pipeline

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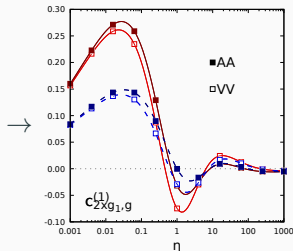
1.1. Motivation

Including New Computations

- Computing new observables is expensive both in runtime (days/weeks) and development time (month/years)
- E.g. NLO heavy quark production in polarized DIS [\[PRD98.014018\]](#) [\[1910.01536\]](#) [\[PRD104.016033\]](#)



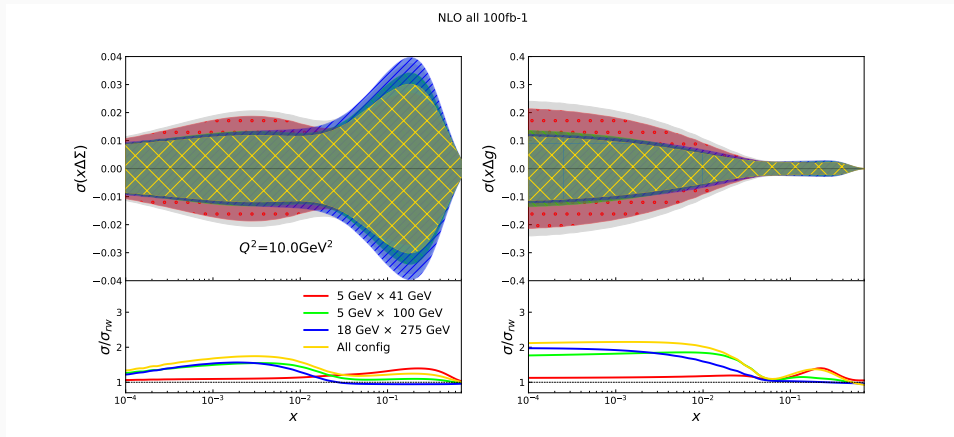
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cdbl FullyDiff:ME:PRD_F2_V(cdbl m2, cdbl q2, cdbl sp, cdbl t1, cdbl u1, cdbl
tp, cdbl up) {
  int
  return tp*(-((q2*s5)/(q2 + sp)) + up*((8*m2)/(q2*s3) + (8*m2)/(q2*s4) + (32*Po
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*Power(tp,2)) - (4*s4*t1)/(q2*Power(tp,2)) - (32*m2)/(q2*tp) - (2*s5)/(q2*tp) -
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- How to measure the actual impact on PDFs?

Reweighting

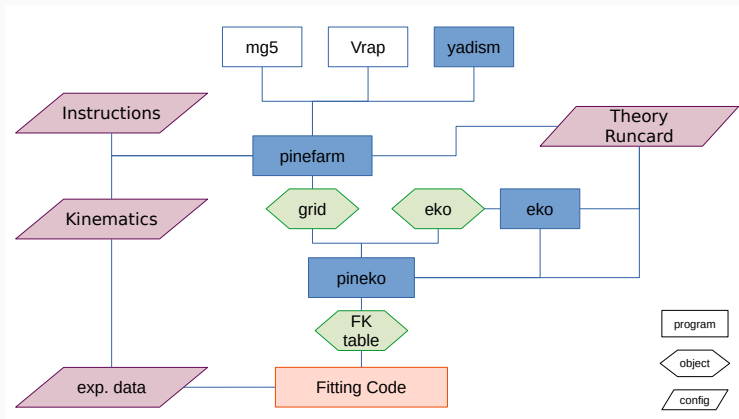
Reweighting is possible [PRD104.114039] - and even needed for the EIC



but a new PDF fit would be better!

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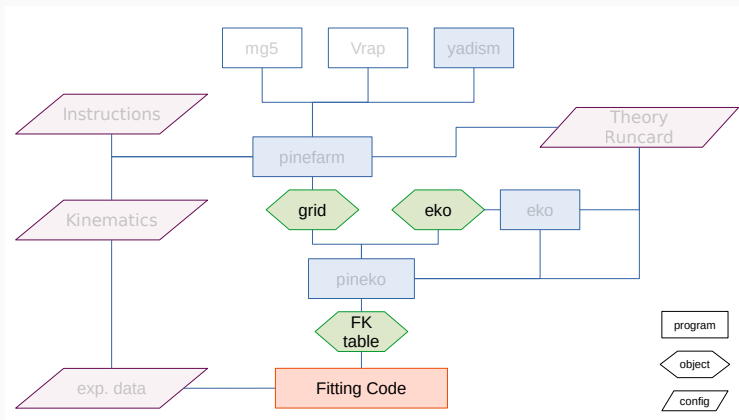
Produce FastKernel (FK) tables!



The workhorse in the background: PineAPPL

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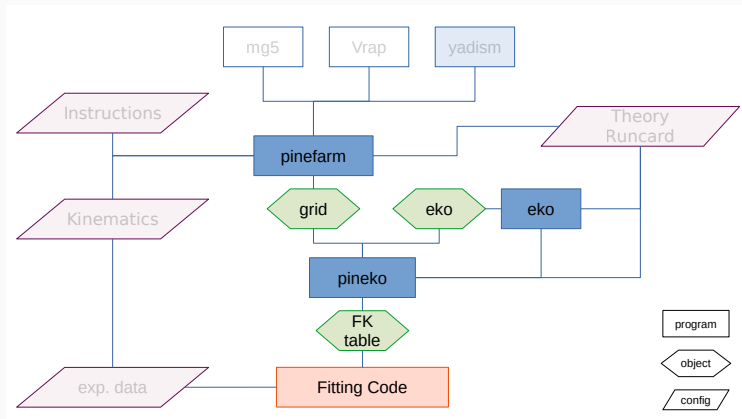
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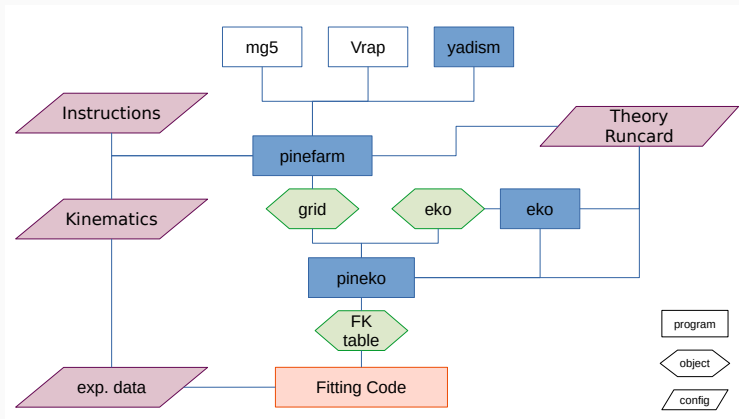
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<https://nnpdf.github.io/pipeline>

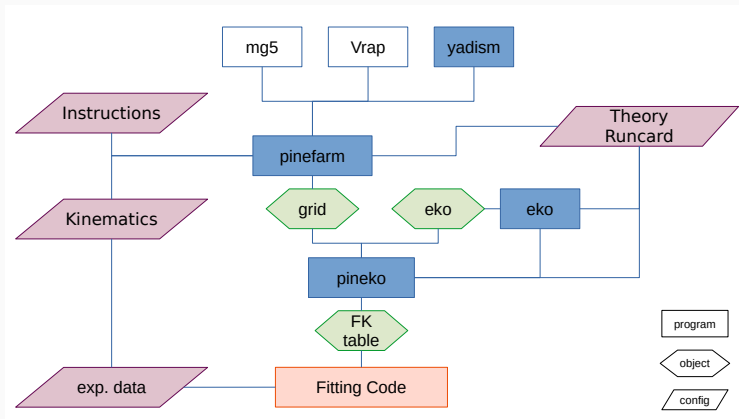
- **Industrialization:** collect diverse generators in an “assembly line”
→ NNP4.0[EPJC82.428]: > 4.5k datapoints + > 10 generators
- **I/O format:** single input → translation layer → single output
- **Reproducibility:** track data and metadata
- **Open Source:** crucial to the above

⇒ please provide new calculations in an “interfaceable” way

1.2. PineAPPL [JHEP12.108]

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PineAPPL is a fast interpolation grid library that

- extends to arbitrary orders in QCD and EW coupling
- provides a very good Command Line Interface
- provides several interfaces: C, C++, Fortran, Rust, Python
- can convert APPLgrid [EPJC66.503] and FastNLO [DIS12.217]

Check the documentation: <https://nnpdf.github.io/pineappl/>

The Command Line Interface (CLI)

The CLI (`pineappl`) serves for the everyday life questions:

- `convolute` - get the predictions for any PDF set including uncertainties
- `channels` - split the predictions into luminosity channels
- `orders` - split the predictions into perturbative orders
- `info` - access meta data
- `plot` - generate a (customizable) python plot script

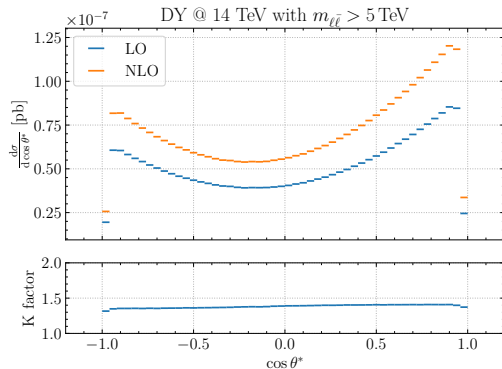
The Command Line Interface

```
$ pineappl convolute CMS_DY_14TEV_MLL_5000_COSTH.pineappl.lz4 \  
NNPDF40_nnlo_as_01180
```

b	costh	dsig/dcosth	scale uncertainty		
	[]	[pb]	[%]		
0	-1	-0.96	5.0382145e-8	-4.73	4.32
1	-0.96	-0.92	1.6366674e-7	-4.98	4.62
2	-0.92	-0.88	1.6611145e-7	-5.06	4.70
3	-0.88	-0.84	1.5983761e-7	-5.08	4.74
4	-0.84	-0.8	1.5374426e-7	-5.09	4.75
5	-0.8	-0.76	1.4800320e-7	-5.10	4.76
6	-0.76	-0.72	1.4238050e-7	-5.10	4.76
7	-0.72	-0.68	1.3708378e-7	-5.10	4.76
8	-0.68	-0.64	1.3191722e-7	-5.12	4.78
[...]					

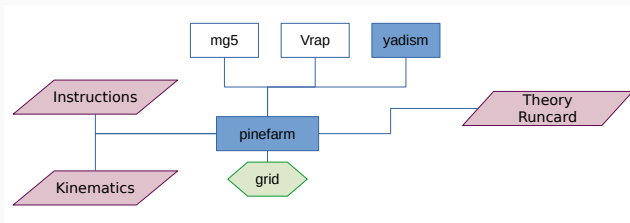
The Python Interface

```
1 import lhapdf
2 import pineappl
3 # load PDF
4 pdf = lhapdf.mkPDF("
      NNPDF40_nnlo_as_01180",0)
5 # load grid
6 grid = pineappl.grid.Grid.read("
      CMS_DY_14TEV_MLL_5000_COSTH.
      pineappl.lz4")
7 # convolute
8 print(grid.convolute_with_one(2212,pdf.
      xfxQ2,pdf.alphasQ2))
9 # prints the same list of numbers
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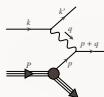


1.3. pinefarm

Interface to Other Programs: pinefarm



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*  The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development Team - Find us at
*  https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph
*  and
*  http://amcatnlo.cern.ch
*
*  Code download from:
*  https://launchpad.net/madgraph5
*
*  Please refer to: MadGraph5_aMC@NLO paper
*  J. Alwall et al.
*  arXiv:1405.0301, JHEP 1407 (2014) 079
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Yadism
Yet Another DIS Module

[in preparation]

Vrap [PRD69.094008]

more MC interfaces coming
soon (e.g. MATRIX
[EPJC78.537])












A Monte Carlo Example using C++

For a more complete example see: [examples directory](#) in PineAPPL repo

```
1 void fill_grid(PineAPPL::Grid &grid, std::size_t calls) {  
2     // MC loop  
3     for (std::size_t i = 0; i != calls; ++i) {  
4         // generate a phase-space point  
5         auto tmp = hadronic_pspgen(rng, 10.0, 7000.0);  
6         // compute kinematics  
7         double pt1 = sqrt((t * u / s));  
8         // apply cuts  
9         if (pt1 < 14.0) continue;  
10        // fill grid - here binning in |yll|  
11        auto weight = jacobian * matrix_element(s, t, u);  
12        grid.fill(x1, x2, q2, 0, fabs(yll), 0, weight);  
13    }  
14 }
```

The pinecards repo

Collect available observables: <https://github.com/NNPDF/pinecards>

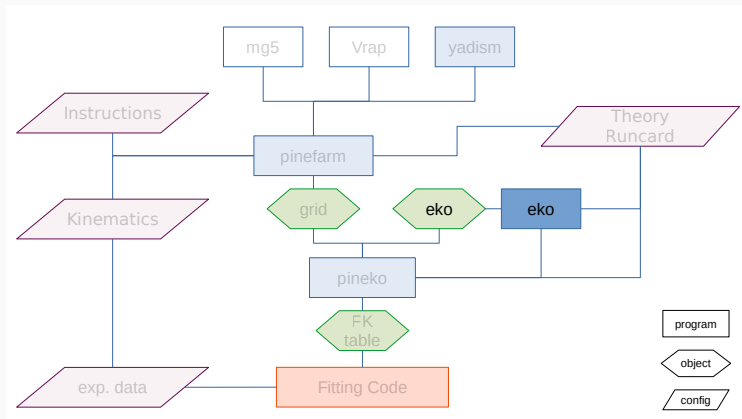
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a similar effort for the experimental data is ongoing!

1.4. EKO [EPJC82.976]

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DGLAP:

$$\mu_F^2 \frac{d\mathbf{f}}{d\mu_F^2}(\mu_F^2) = \mathbf{P}(a_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_F^2) \otimes \mathbf{f}(\mu_F^2)$$

as operator equation for the evolution kernel operator (EKO) \mathbf{E} :

$$\mu_F^2 \frac{d}{d\mu_F^2} \mathbf{E}(\mu_F^2 \leftarrow \mu_{F,0}^2) = \mathbf{P}(a_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_F^2) \otimes \mathbf{E}(\mu_F^2 \leftarrow \mu_{F,0}^2)$$

with

$$\mathbf{f}(\mu_F^2) = \mathbf{E}(\mu_F^2 \leftarrow \mu_{F,0}^2) \otimes \mathbf{f}(\mu_{F,0}^2)$$

- independent of boundary condition \rightarrow PDF fitting
- Mellin (N -) space solution, but momentum (x -) space delivery via piecewise Lagrange-interpolation
- Intrinsic heavy quark distributions
- Backward VFNS evolution (i.e. across thresholds and with intrinsic)

EKO Project Management

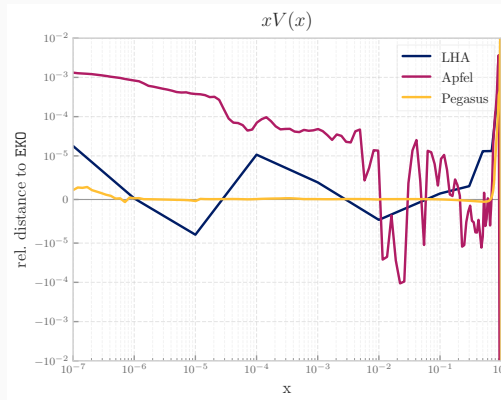
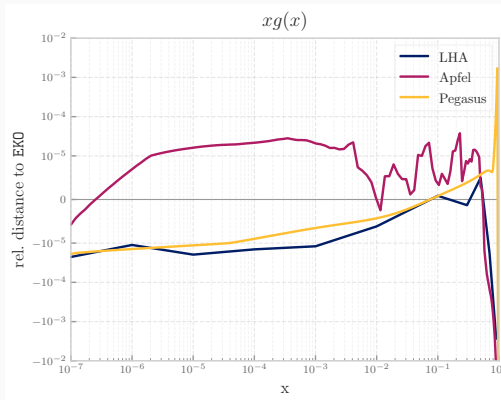
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for EKO. The repository is named 'eko' and is owned by 'NNPDF'. It has 18 tags and 1,218 commits. The repository is described as 'Evolution Kernel Operators'. The repository is licensed under the GPL-3.0 License. The repository is a Python module to solve the DGLAP equations in N-space in terms of Evolution Kernel Operators in N-space. The repository is managed by the NNPDF collaboration. The repository is a Python module to solve the DGLAP equations in N-space in terms of Evolution Kernel Operators in N-space. The repository is managed by the NNPDF collaboration.

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- Fully open source: <https://github.com/NNPDF/eko>
- Written in Python
- Fully documented: <https://eko.readthedocs.io/>

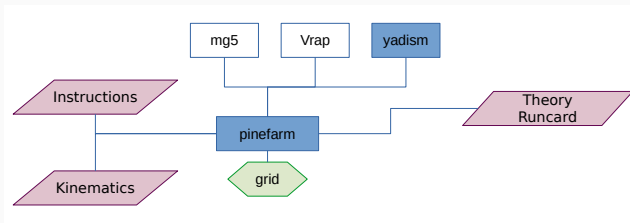
LHA benchmark [0204316][0511119]:



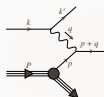
⇒ EKO is working!

1.5. yadism [in preparation]

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*  The MadGraph5_aMC@NLO Development Team - Find us at
*  https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph
*  and
*  http://amcatnlo.cern.ch
*
*  Code download from:
*  https://launchpad.net/madgraph5
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*  Please refer to: MadGraph5_aMC@NLO paper
*  J. Alwall et al.
*  arXiv:1405.0301, JHEP 1407 (2014) 079
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- DIS coefficient function database
- independent of boundary condition \rightarrow PDF fitting
- separate features: TMC, FNS
- constant benchmark against APFEL

same improvement in terms of project management as EKO!

 <https://github.com/NNPDF/yadism>

 <https://yadism.readthedocs.io>

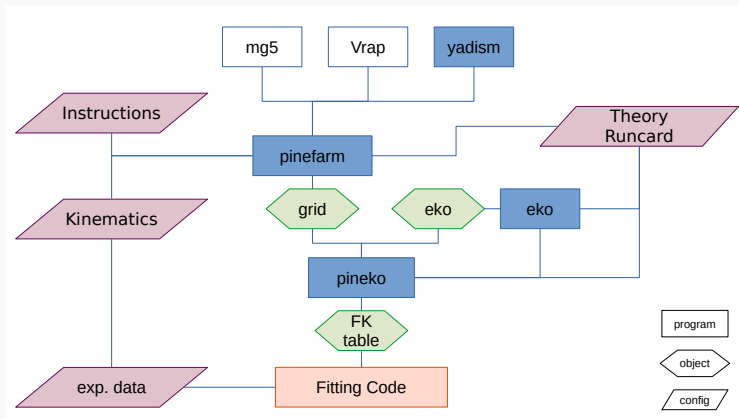
- implemented coefficient functions:

	light	heavy	intrinsic
NC	$O(a_s^2)$ [VVM05,MVV05,MV00]	$O(a_s^2)$ [Hek19]	$O(a_s)$ [KS98]
CC	$O(a_s^2)$ [MRV08,MVV09]	$O(a_s)$ [GKR96]	$O(a_s)$ [in prep.]

- implemented flavor number schemes: FFNS, ZM-VFNS, FONLL

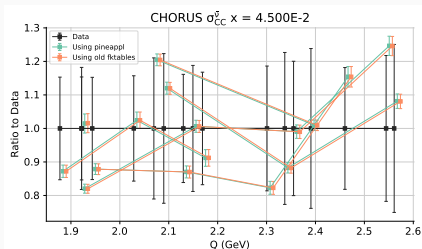
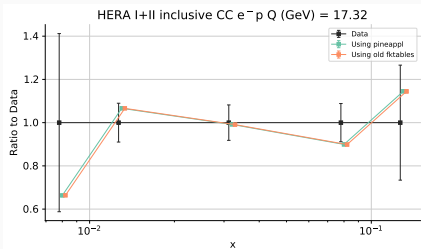
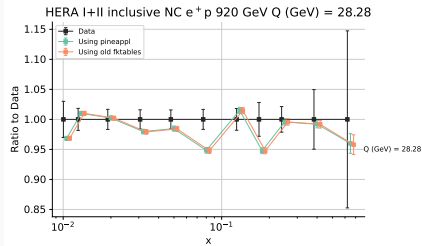
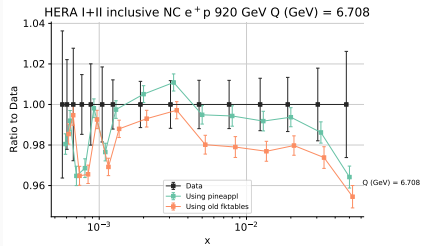
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Comparison yadism against APFEL



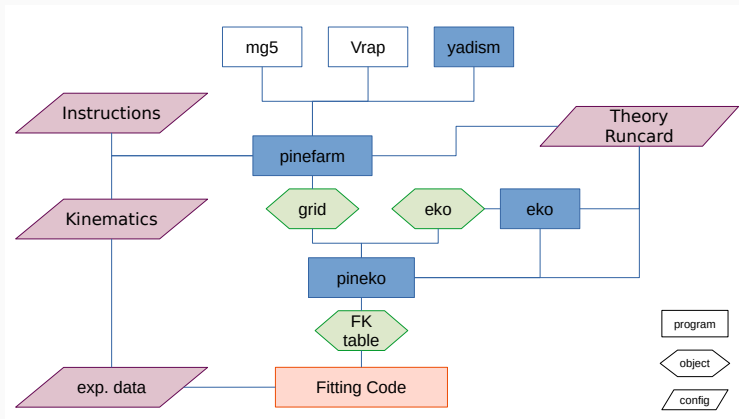
green, "pineappl" = pineline vs. orange, "old" = APFEL

1.6. Outlook

- extend to N3LO \rightarrow see part 2
- include missing higher order uncertainty (MHOU)
- include QED corrections
- add polarized setup
- extend to fragmentation function
- add EW corrections
- ...

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2. Towards N3LO PDFs [in preparation]

- DGLAP @ N3LO \rightarrow splitting functions approximation \checkmark
- DIS @ N3LO \rightarrow light + massive coefficient functions
- LHC observables @ NNLO + K-factors
- Inclusion of theory uncertainties both from scale variations and N3LO accuracy

N3LO singlet sector

Analytical calculations of the complete N3LO spitting functions are not available yet. Restricting to the singlet sector the known limits are:

- large- n_f

- Davies, Vogt, Ruijl, Ueda, and Vermaseren. Large- n_f contributions to the four-loop splitting functions in QCD. [\[arXiv:1610.07477\]](#)

small-x

- Bonvini and Marzani. Four-loop splitting functions at small-x. [\[arXiv:1805.06460\]](#)
 - Davies, Kom, Moch, and Vogt. Resummation of small-x double logarithms in QCD: inclusive deep-inelastic scattering. 2 2022. [arXiv:2202.10362](#).

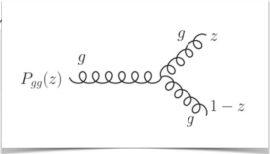
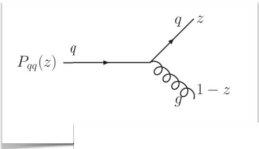
large-x

- Duhr, Mistlberger, and Vita. Soft integrals and soft anomalous dimensions at N3LO and beyond. [\[arXiv:2205.04493\]](#).
 - Henn, Korchemsky, and Mistlberger. The full four-loop cusp anomalous dimension in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills and QCD. [\[arXiv:1911.10174\]](#).
 - Soar, Moch, Vermaseren, and Vogt. On Higgs-exchange DIS, physical evolution kernels and fourth-order splitting functions at large x. [\[arXiv:0912.0369\]](#).

Moments

- Moch, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, and Vogt. Low moments of the four-loop splitting functions in QCD. [\[arXiv:2111.15561\]](#). **+2302.07593**

- Theoretical inputs are not enough to determine the full expressions analytically.
- Need to parametrise the unknown part with sub-leading contributions.
- Uncertainties from this determination has to be taken into account during the fit.



Singlet

	n_f^0	n_f^1	n_f^2	n_f^3
$\gamma_{gg}^{(3)}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\gamma_{gq}^{(3)}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\gamma_{qq}^{(3)}$		✓	✓	✓
$\gamma_{qq,ps}^{(3)}$		✓	✓	✓

Approximation of $P_{gg}(x)$

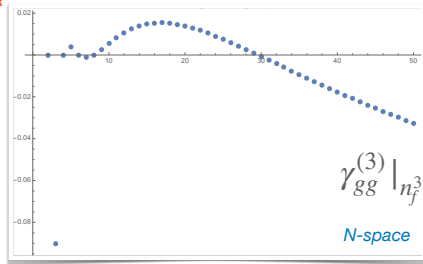
$$\tilde{f}(N) = \int_0^1 x^{N-1} f(x) dx$$

Rule of thumb:
small- $N \rightarrow$ small- x ,
large- $N \rightarrow$ large- x

Comparison w.r.t. known analytical part (%)

The approximation procedure is performed in Mellin space for each n_f part independently:

1. Parametrise the difference between the 4 known moments and known limits with 4 functions $f_i(N)$.
2. Varying the sub-leading unknown $f_i(N)$ to produce a large set of parameterisation candidates (≈ 70).
3. Reduce the number of samples discarding too wiggly parameterisations and looking at the most representative cases.



In $P_{gg}(x)$:

Theoretical constrain include:

- large- N :

$$\gamma_{gg}^{(3)}(N \rightarrow \infty) \approx \Gamma_A S_1(N) + B_{gg} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\ln(N)}{N}\right)$$

- small- N pole at $N = 0$, and $N = 1$ (leading contribution):

$$\gamma_{gg}^{(3)}(N \rightarrow 1) \approx C_4 \frac{1}{(N-1)^4} + C_3 \frac{1}{(N-1)^3} + \mathcal{O}((N-1)^{-2})$$

- 4 lowest moments $N = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

Solve the constrain given by the 4 known Mellin

moments with many different candidates $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$:

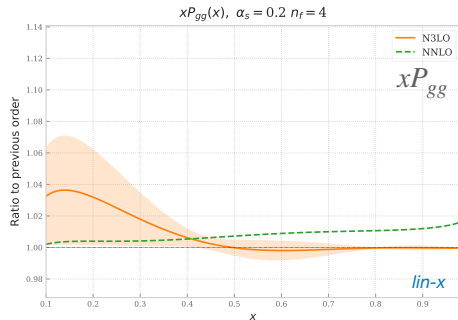
$$f_1 = \frac{S_1(N)}{N}, f_2 = \frac{1}{(N-1)^2}$$

$$f_3 = \left\{ \frac{1}{(N-1)}, \frac{1}{N} \right\}$$

$$f_4 = \left\{ \frac{1}{(N-1)}, \frac{1}{N^4}, \frac{1}{N^3}, \frac{1}{N^2}, \frac{1}{N}, \frac{1}{(N+1)^3}, \frac{1}{(N+1)^2}, \right.$$

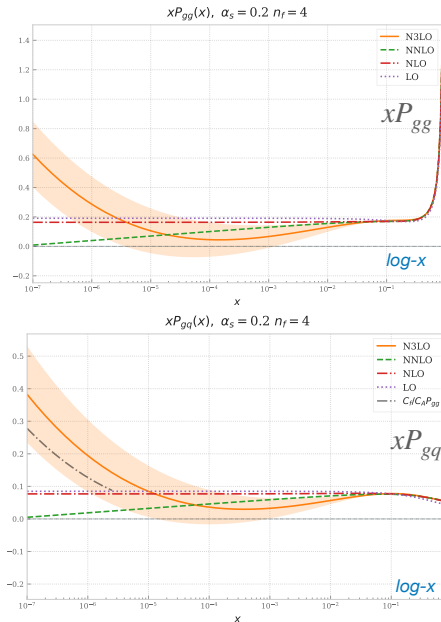
$$\left. \frac{1}{N+1}, \frac{1}{N+2}, \mathcal{M}[\ln(1-x)], \mathcal{M}[(1-x)\ln(1-x)], \frac{S_1(N)}{N^2} \right\}$$

N3LO singlet sector



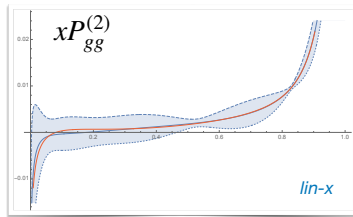
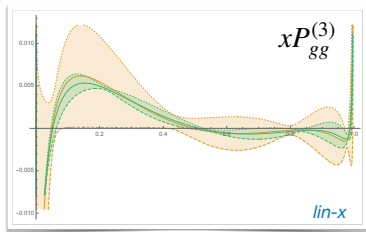
- Singlet approximated splitting functions are less constrained by the known limits. The coefficients of $1/x \ln^2(x)$, $1/x \ln(x)$ play a crucial role in the small- x region.
- Uncertainty arising from the approximation is not negligible.
- Off diagonal terms P_{qg} , P_{gq} are more difficult to estimate (large- N goes to 0).
- Only theoretical inputs are considered.
- All the implemented approximations respect momentum sum rules.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

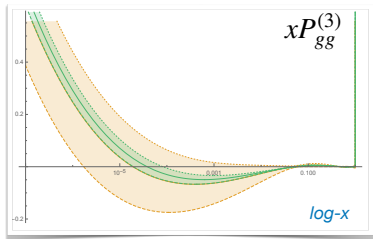
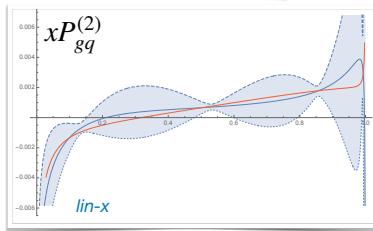


Approximation checks

1. A possible way to validate the procedure is to **reproduce the known NNLO** singlet splitting functions using the very similar constrain that we have right now on the N3LO ones.



— Approx
— Analytic

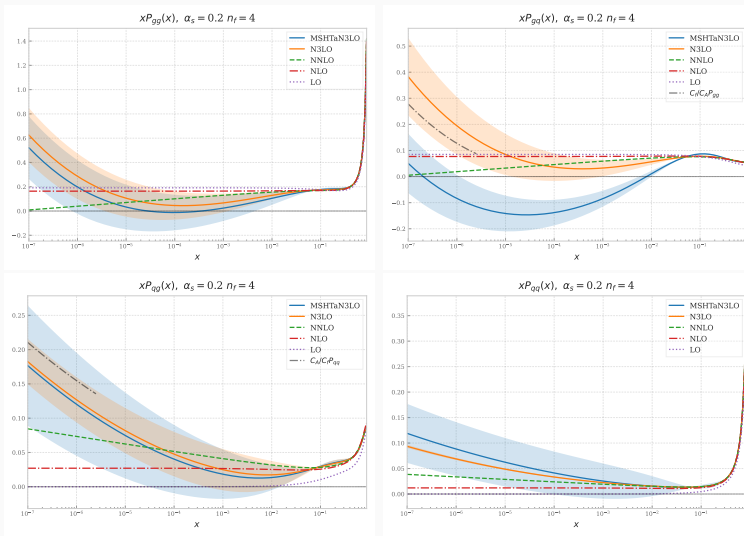


— 4 Moments fixed

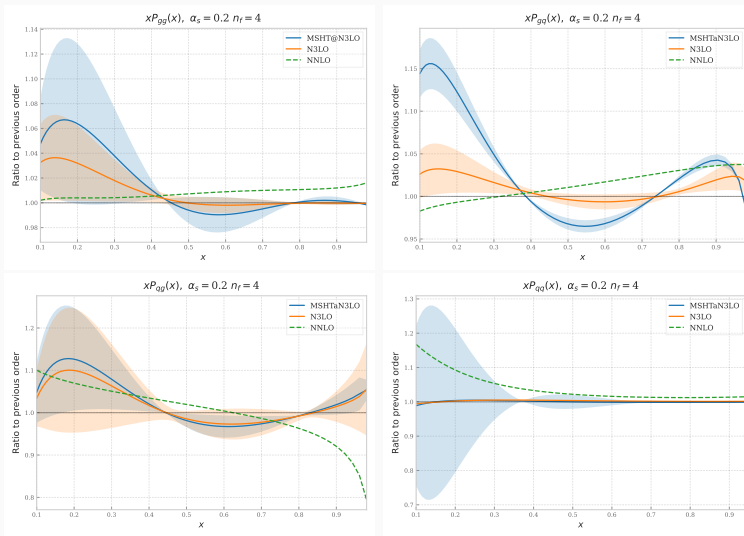
— + N=3 fixed

2. Another way to validate the results is to **interpolate the known moments**, and construct a more constrained parametrisation now including 5/6 moments. If the procedure is working (the samples are varied enough) the uncertainty band obtained in this way should be small than the default one.

Comparison with MSHT [EPJC83.185] at small-x - PRELIMINARY!



Comparison with MSHT [EPJC83.185] at large- x - PRELIMINARY!



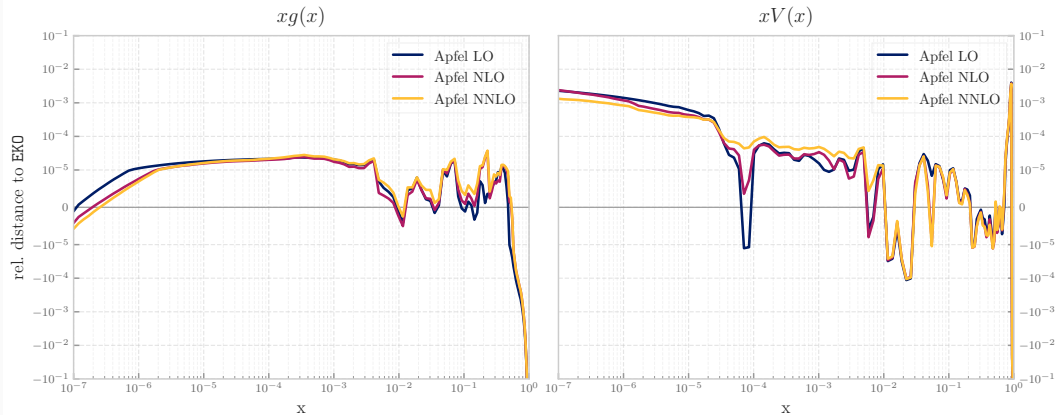
- light coefficient functions [VVM05],[MVV05],[MV00],[MRV08],[MVV09] ✓
- massive coefficient functions → approximation in MSc thesis of N. Laurenti ✓
- FONLL [FLNR10] prescription → MSc thesis of S. Zanioli, A. Barontini ✓
or better: use “Numerical FONLL” (thanks to new pipeline)

$$F^{\text{FONLL}} = F^{(n_f+1)} + F^{(n_f)} - F^{(n_f,0)}$$

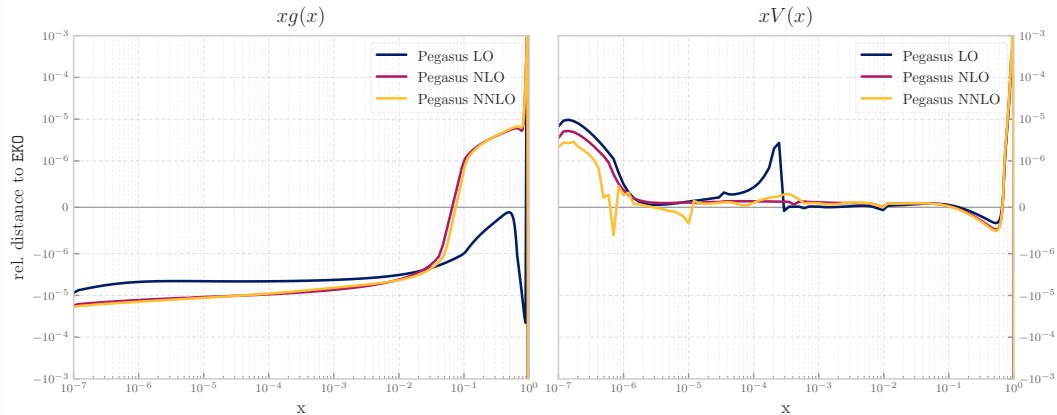
Thank you!

3. Backup slides

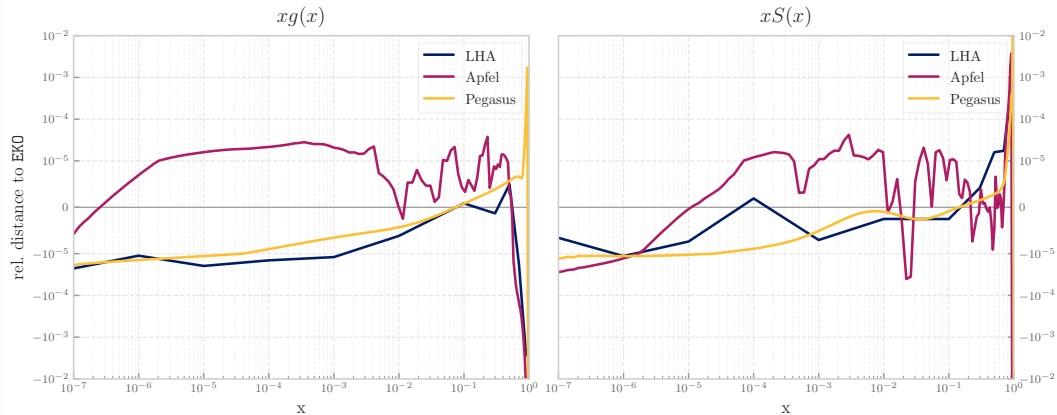
EKO APFEL benchmark



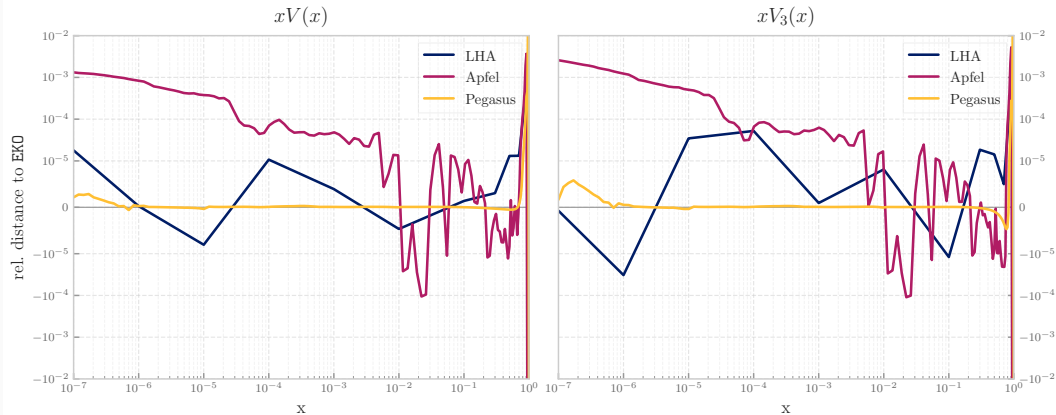
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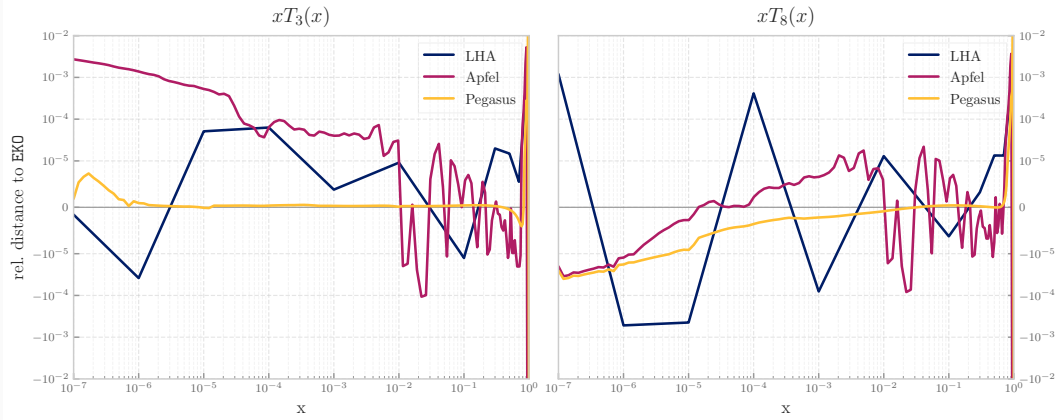
EKO LHA benchmark: g and Σ



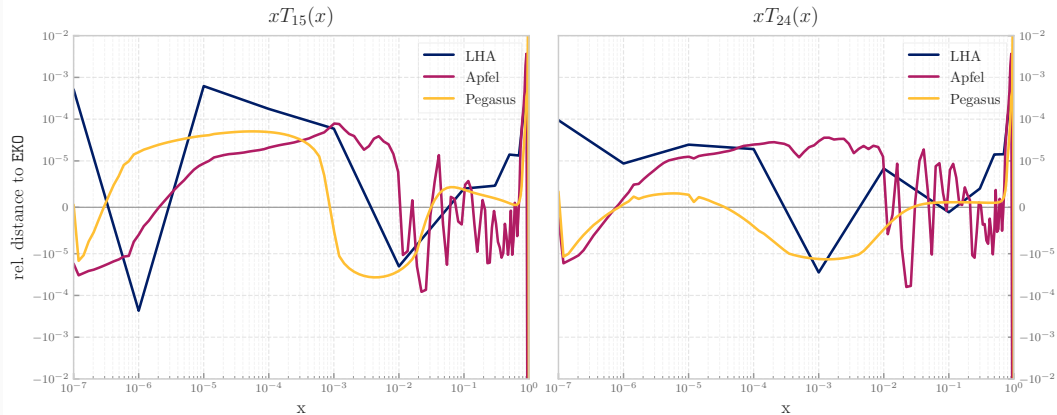
EKO LHA benchmark: V and V_3



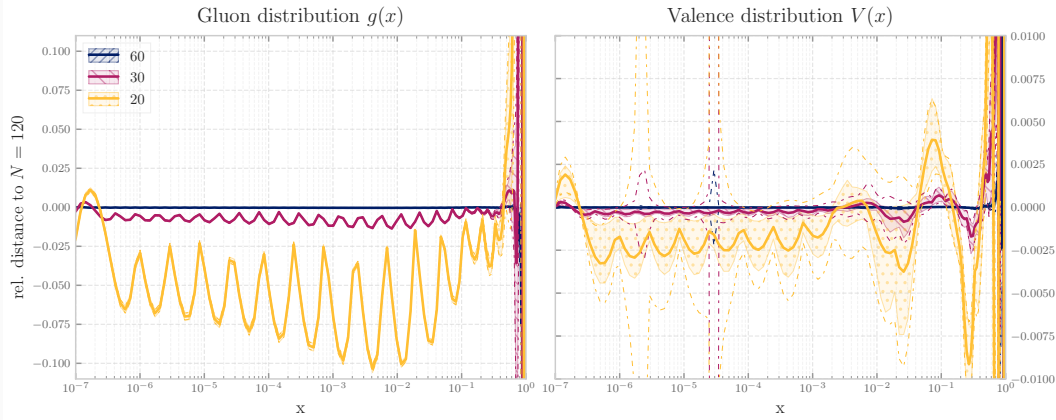
EKO LHA benchmark: T_3 and T_8



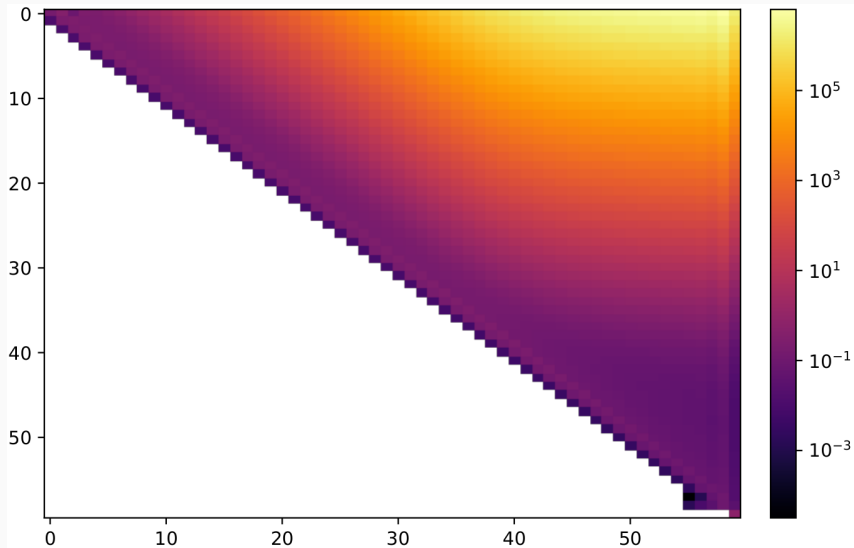
EKO LHA benchmark: T_{15} and T_{24}



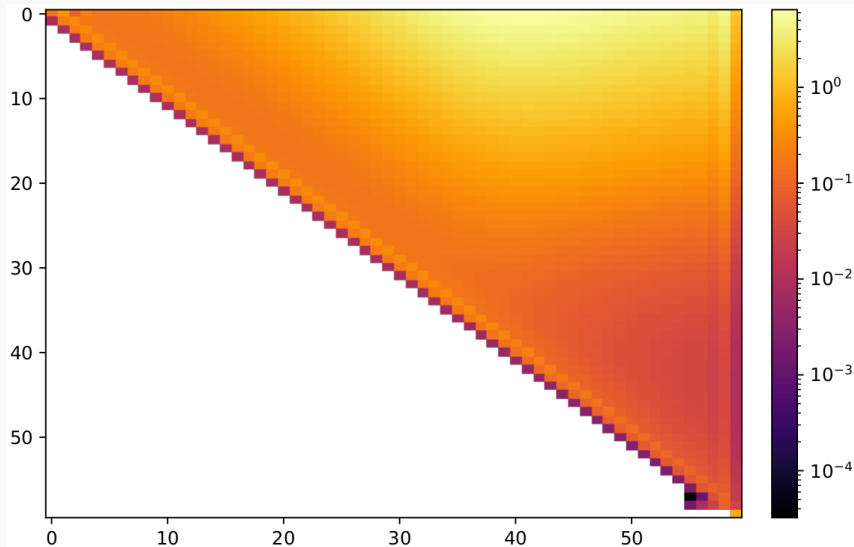
EKO Interpolation Error



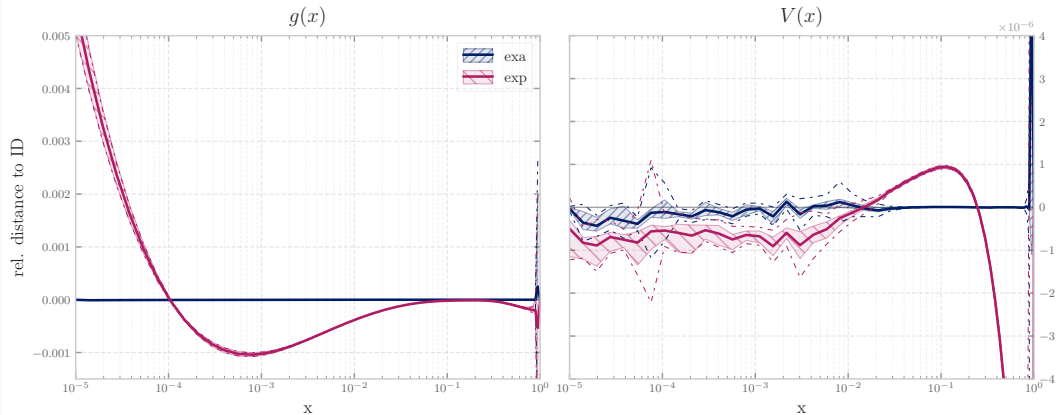
EKO Snapshot $S \leftarrow S$



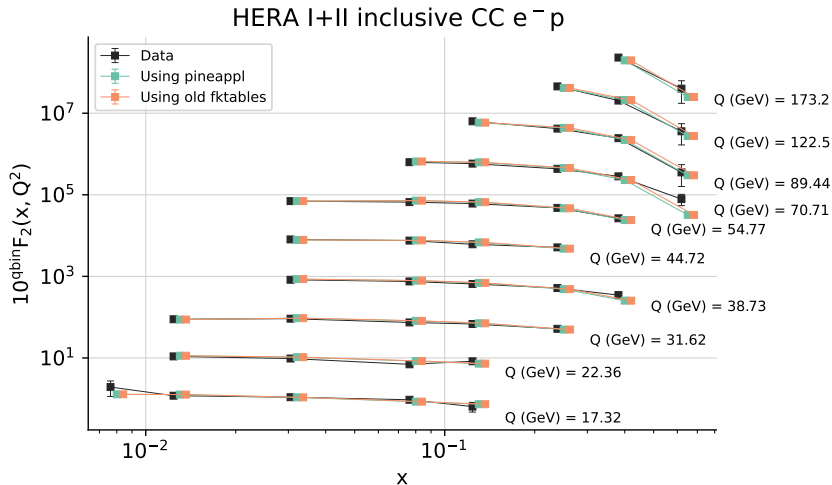
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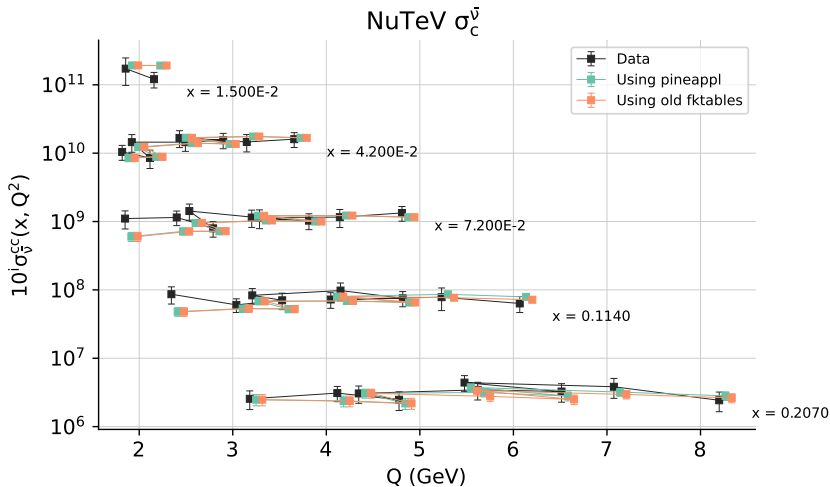
EKO Backward Evolution



Comparison yadism against APFEL

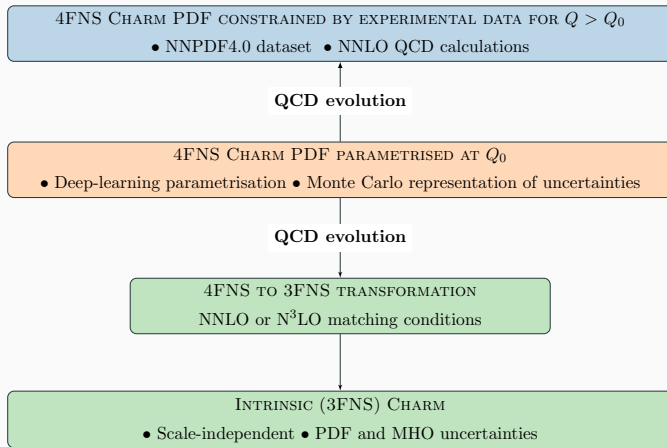


Comparison yadism against APFEL



Intrinsic Charm: Strategy

based on NNPDF4.0 [\[EPJC82.428\]](#)



Matching Conditions and Backward Evolution

For (forward) evolution across a matching scale μ_h^2 :

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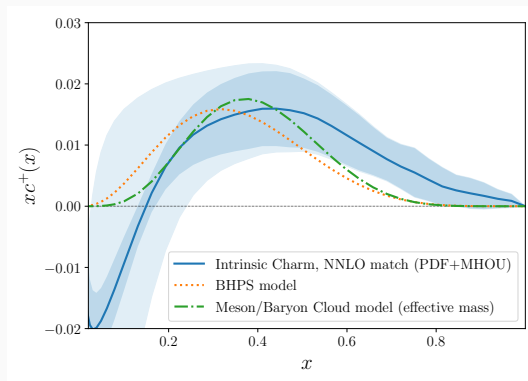
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for backward evolution:

- invert $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}^{(n_f)}$: simple
- invert $\mathbf{R}^{(n_f)}$: simple
- invert $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^{(n_f)}$: expanded or exact

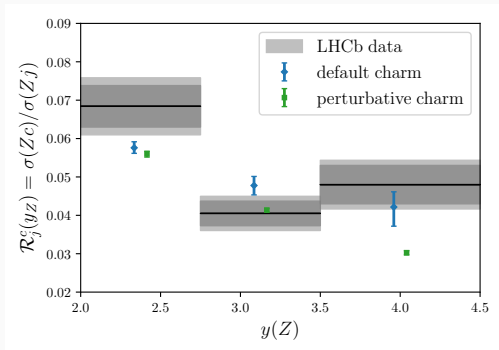
Intrinsic Charm: PDF plot



[BHPS] or [Meson/Baryon Cloud Model]

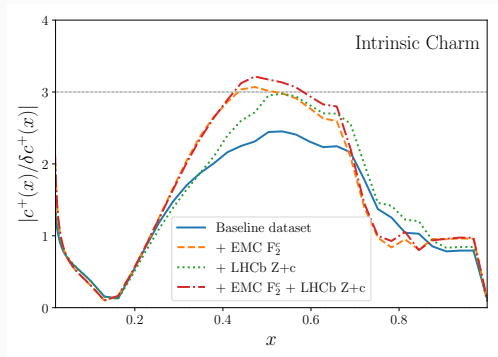
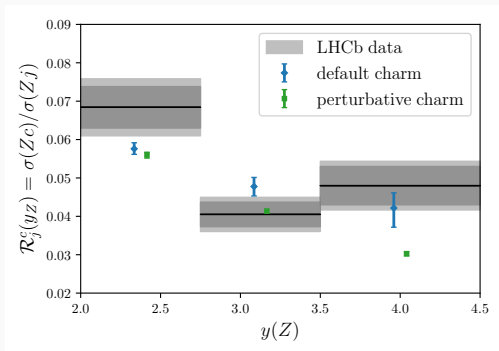
- in **3FNS** a valence-like peak is present
- for $x \leq 0.2$ the perturbative uncertainties are quite large
- the carried momentum fraction is within **1%**

Intrinsic Charm: LHCb and Significance



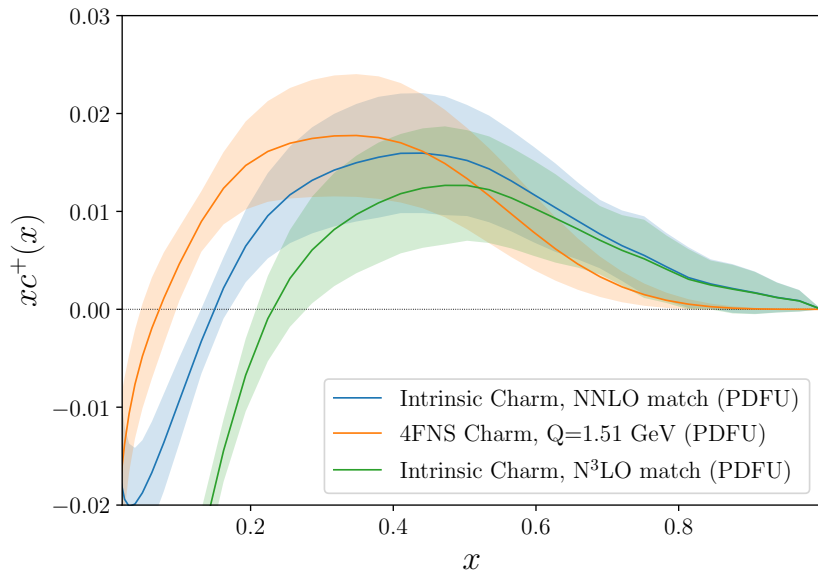
- match better recent **LHCb** $Z+c$ measurement [[PRL128.082001](#)]

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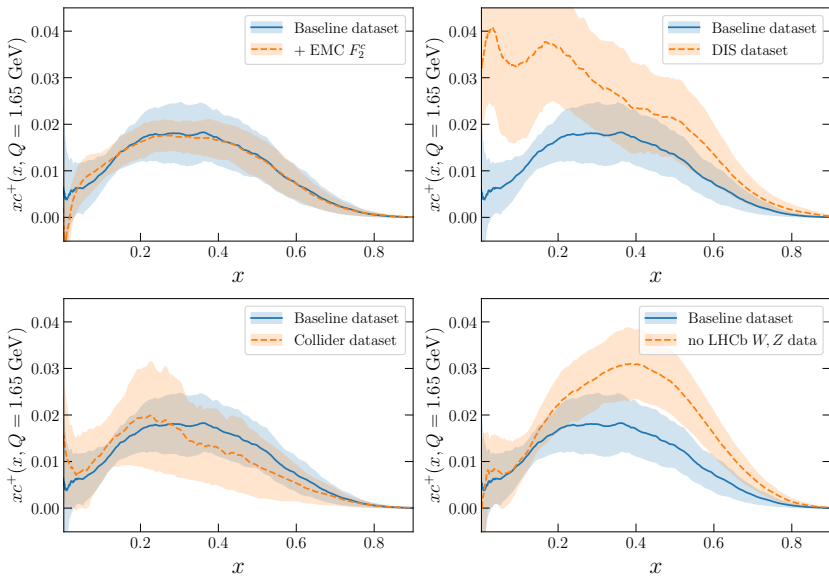


- match better recent **LHCb** $Z+c$ measurement [[PRL128.082001](#)]
- we find a **3σ** evidence of intrinsic charm
- result is **stable** with mass variation, dataset variation

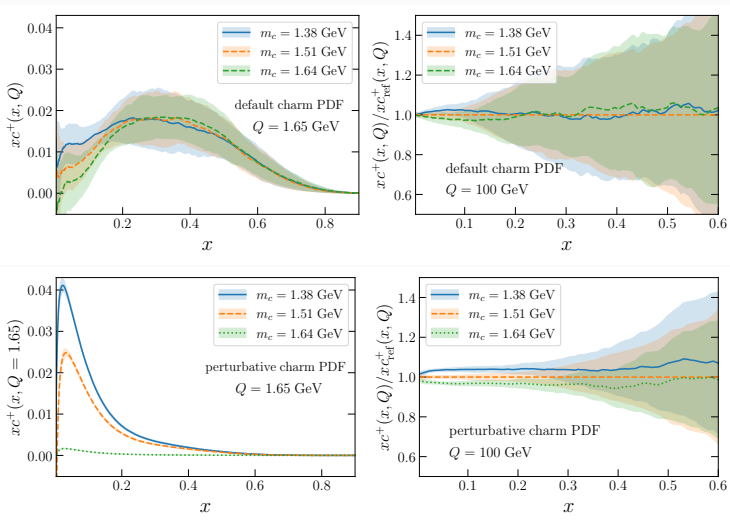
IC - uncertainties splitted



IC - dataset variation



IC - mass variation



N3LO non singlet sector

non-singlet 4-loop Anomalous Dimensions

	n_f^0	n_f^1	n_f^2	n_f^3
$\gamma_{ns,-}^{(3)}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\gamma_{ns,+}^{(3)}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\gamma_{ns,s}^{(3)}$		✓	✓	

- Estimation of the N3LO anomalous dimensions is based on the best available theoretical constraints:

- large-N:

$$\gamma_{ns}^{(3)}(N \rightarrow \infty) \approx \Gamma_f S_1(N) + B + C \frac{S_1(N)}{N} + D \frac{1}{N} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\ln(N)}{N^2}\right)$$

- small-N:

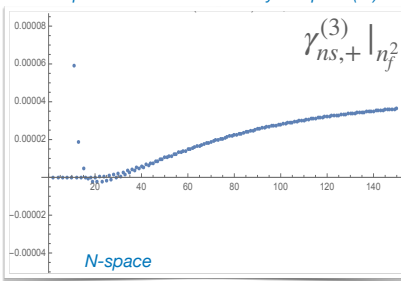
$$\gamma_{ns}^{(3)}(N \rightarrow 0) \approx \sum_{i=1}^7 C_i \frac{1}{N^i}$$

- 8 lowest Mellin moments

- For more details on the procedure used see [EKO N3LO ad documentation](#)

- Non singlet approximated spitting functions are compatible with the known analytical (and much more complex) parts within numerical accuracy.

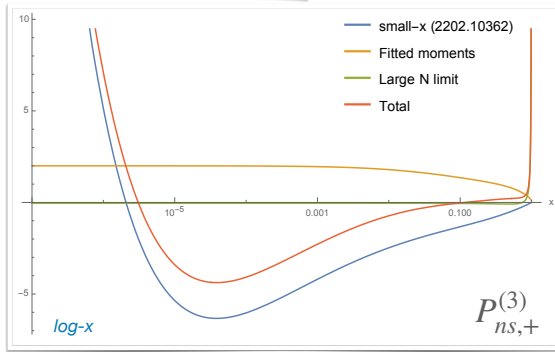
Comparison w.r.t. known analytical part (%)



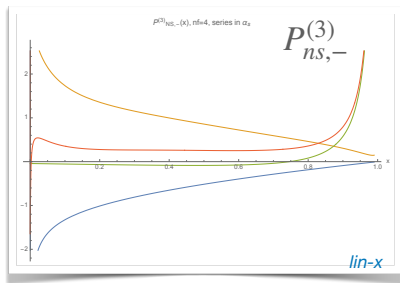
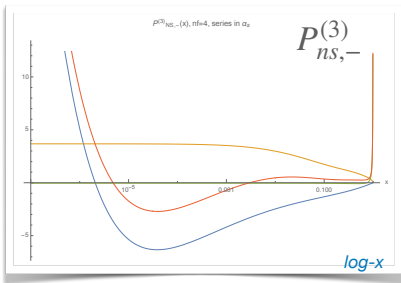
Main references:

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- Davies, Vogt, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren. [[arXiv:1610.07477](#)]
- Davies, Kom, Moch, Vogt. [[arXiv:2202.10362](#)].

Rule of thumb:
small-N \rightarrow small-x,
large-N \rightarrow large-x



N3LO non singlet



- small-x (2202.10362)
- Fitted moments
- Large N limit
- Total

