



# *fast***NLO**<sub>v2</sub>

**New features in version 2 of the fastNLO project**

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# Motivation

## **Interpretation of experimental data relies on**

Availability of reasonably fast theory calculations

Often needed: Repeated computation of (almost) same cross sections

## **Examples for a specific analysis:**

Use of various PDFs (CTEQ, MSTW, NNPDF, ...) for data/theory comparison

Determine PDF uncertainties

Derivation of scale uncertainties

Use data set in fit of PDFs and/or  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

## **Sometimes NLO predictions can be computed fast But some are very slow**

e.g. jet cross sections, Drell-Yan, ...

## **Need procedure for fast repeated computations of NLO cross sections**

Use fastNLO (in use by most PDF fitting groups)

## Jetproduction in DIS

Jet cross sections are very slow to calculate

$$\sigma = \sum_{a,n} \int_0^1 dx \alpha_s^n(\mu_r) \cdot c_{a,n}\left(\frac{x_{Bj}}{x}, \mu_r, \mu_f\right) \cdot f_a(x, \mu_f)$$

### Idea

Remove PDF from convolution integral

## fastNLO Concept

Introduce set of  $n$  discrete  $x$ -nodes  $x_i$ 's

- with  $x_n < \dots < x_i < \dots < x_0 = 1$

Around each  $x_i$  define Eigenfunction  $E_i(x)$

- $E_i(x_i) = 1$ ,  $E_i(x_j) = 0$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $\sum_i E_i(x) = 1$  for all  $x$

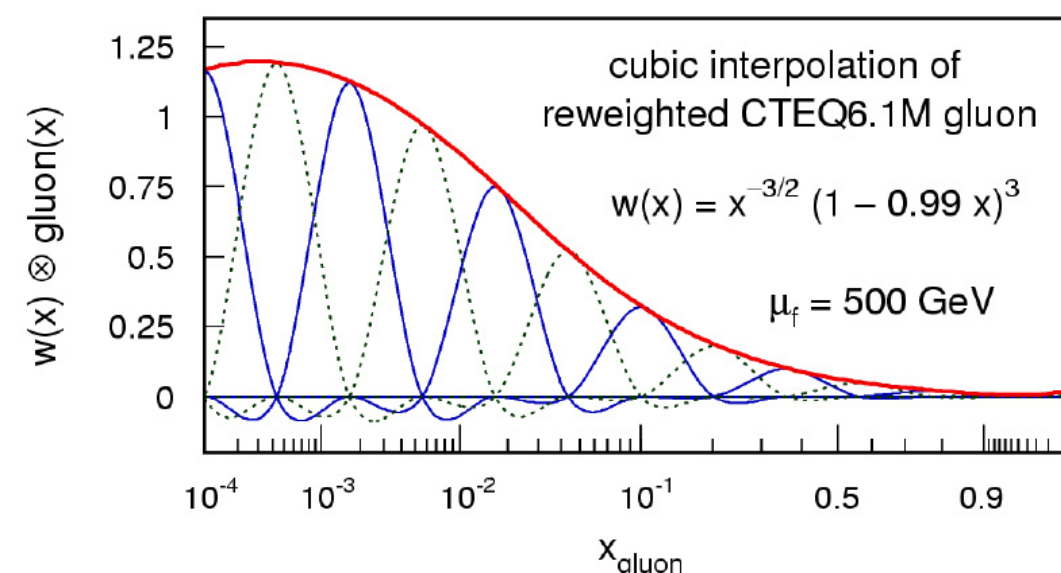
## Single PDF is replaced by a linear combination of eigenfunctions

$$f_a(x) \cong \sum_i f_a(x_i) \cdot E^{(i)}(x)$$

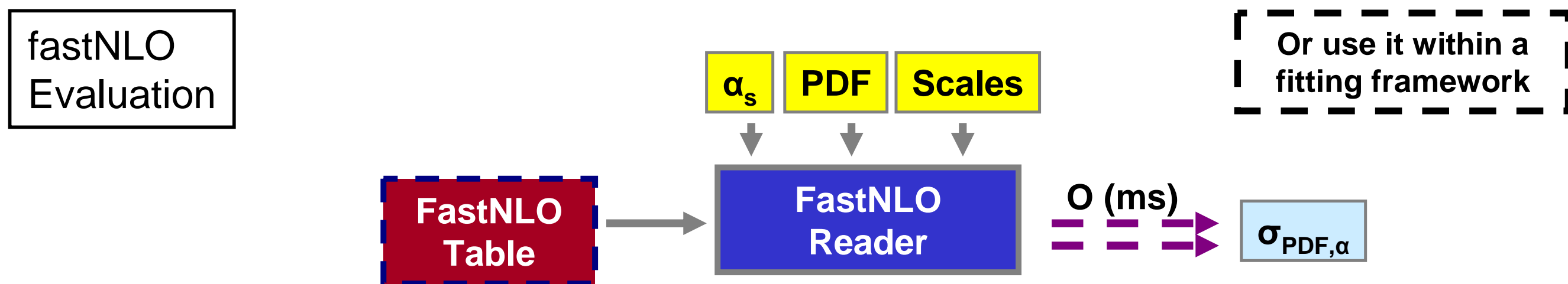
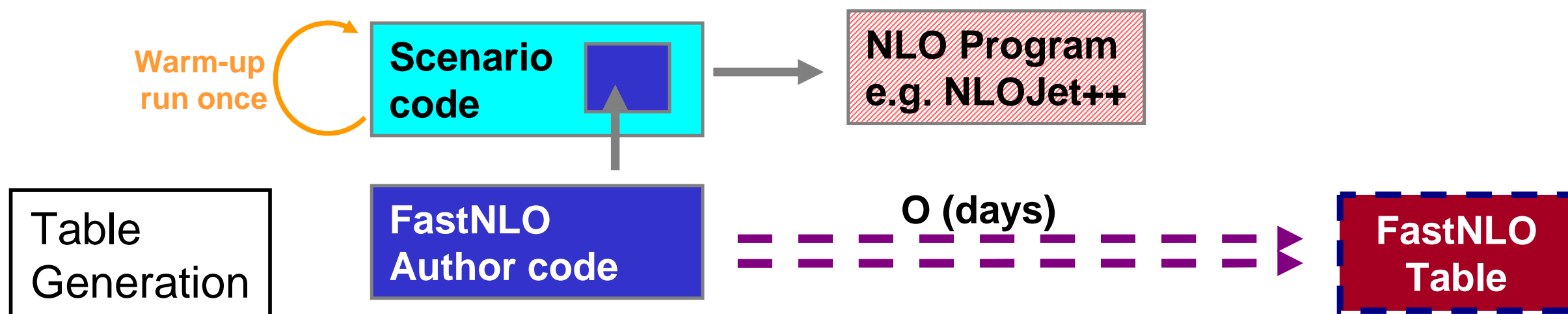
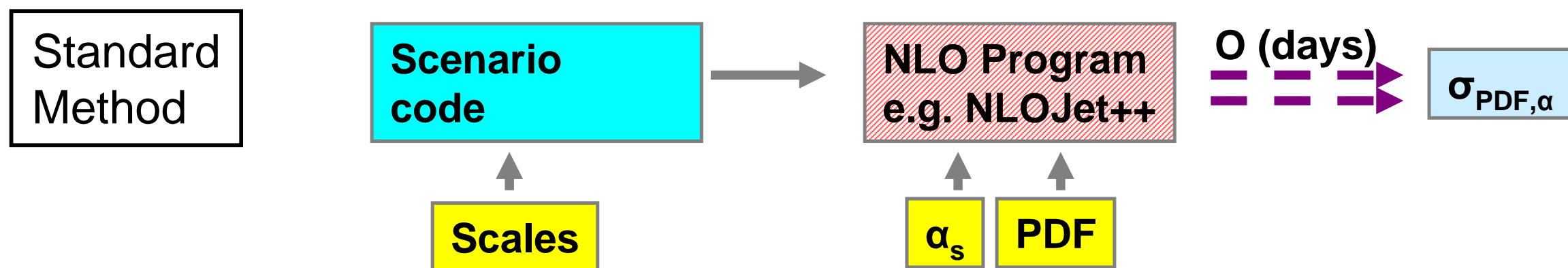
## Convolution of perturbative coefficients with PDFs and $\alpha_s$ is now replaced by a sum

$$\sigma \cong \sum_{a,n,i} \alpha_s^n f_a(x_i) \tilde{\sigma}_{a,n}^{(i)}$$

-> We only have to store a table of the convolution of the pert. coefficients with the interpolation kernel



-> More technical details: TeV4LHC Workshop 2005 (Talk: M. Wobisch) and Pascaud, Zomer: [LAL 94-42](#)



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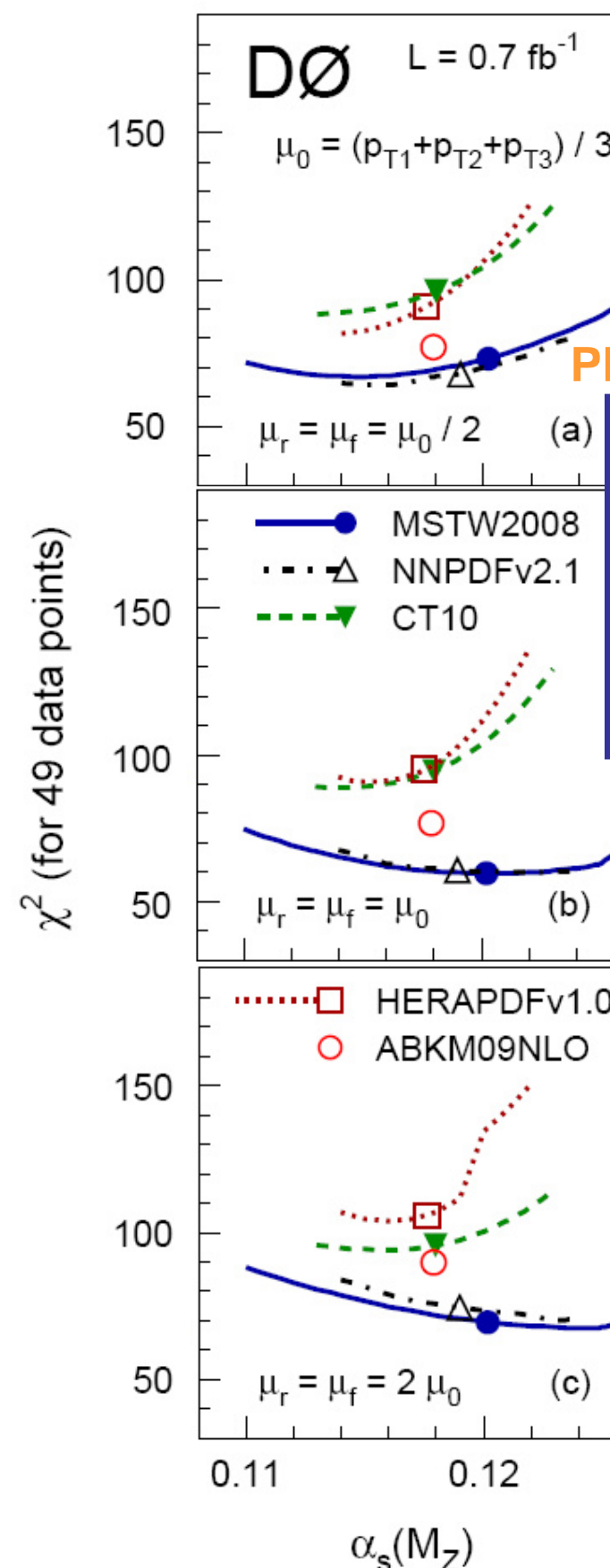
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## Typical Applications

PDF or  $\alpha_s$  fits

PDF uncertainties: e.g. PDF4LHC

recommendation needs 239 calculations



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**3138  
repeated  
NLO  
calculations**



# New Features in FastNLO v2.0 *fast*NLO

## Technical Features of pre-computed fastNLO tables

- Automatic scan of smallest x-value
- Flexible # x-nodes for analysis bins
- Improved interpolation in ren./fact. scales
- Arbitrary number of dimensions for binning of observable

**FastNLO  
Table**

## Features of fastNLO Reading Tools

- Comprehensive  $\alpha_s$  evolution provided
  - 2-,3-,4-loop iterative solution, flavor matching ON/OFF, etc...
  - Interface to external  $\alpha_s$  evolutions  
e.g. LHAPDF, QCDNUM, etc...

Interface to PDF from LHAPDF and QCDNUM

Easy to install (autotools)

C++ and Fortran version !

- agreement at double precision  $O(10^{-10})$

**FastNLO  
Reader**

**Reader\_f**

**Reader\_cc**

**No further dependencies (No ROOT, No CERNLIB, etc...)**



## Much more flexible Table format Release on February 14

### Format foresees

#### Threshold corrections (2-loop)

- Tables are available

#### New physics contributions

#### Correction factors

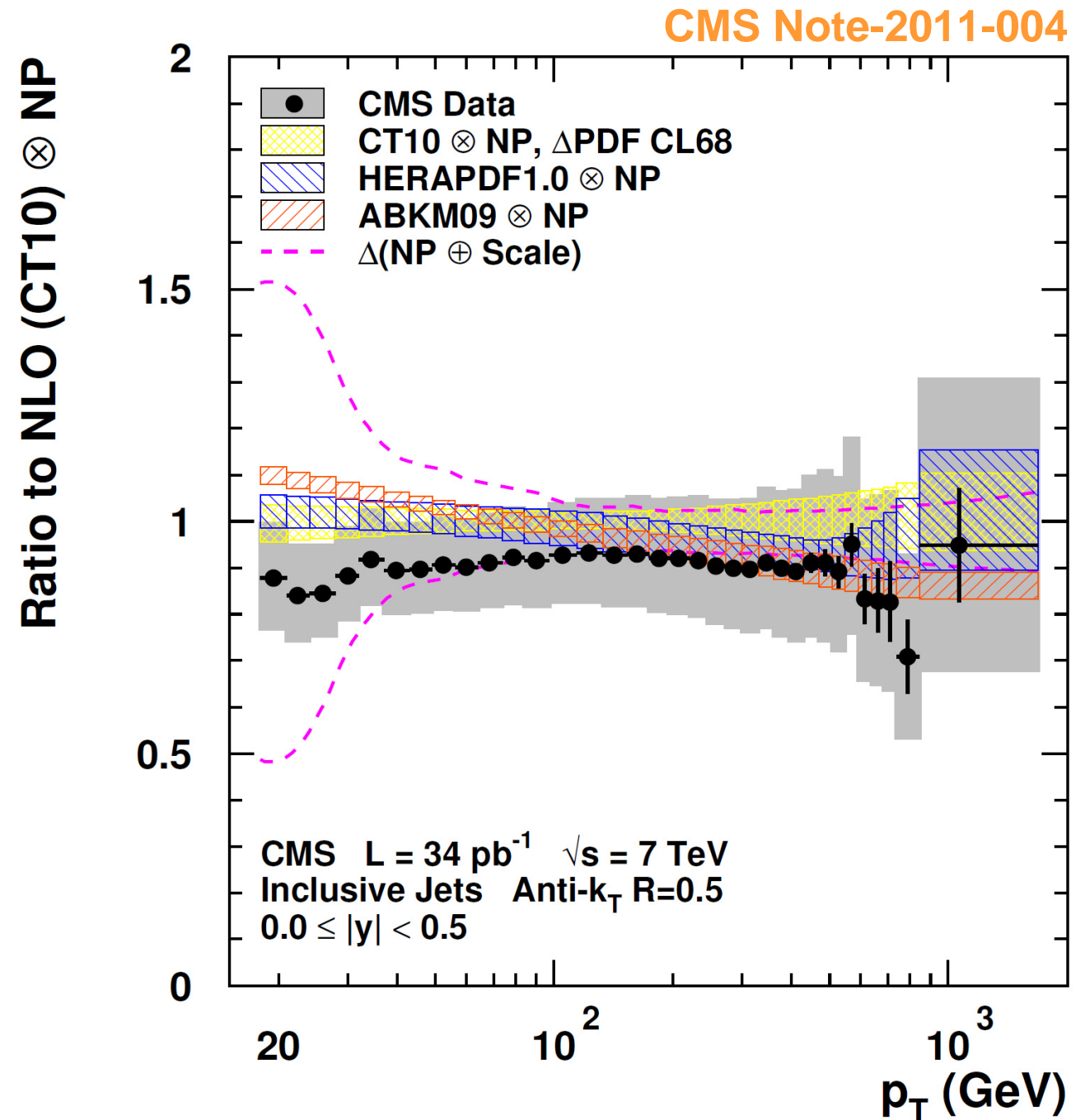
- Non-perturbative corrections
- With uncertainties

#### Data

- Including arb. number of correlated and uncorrelated uncertainties
- Correlation matrix

#### Electroweak corrections

## Conversion tool for v1.4 tables

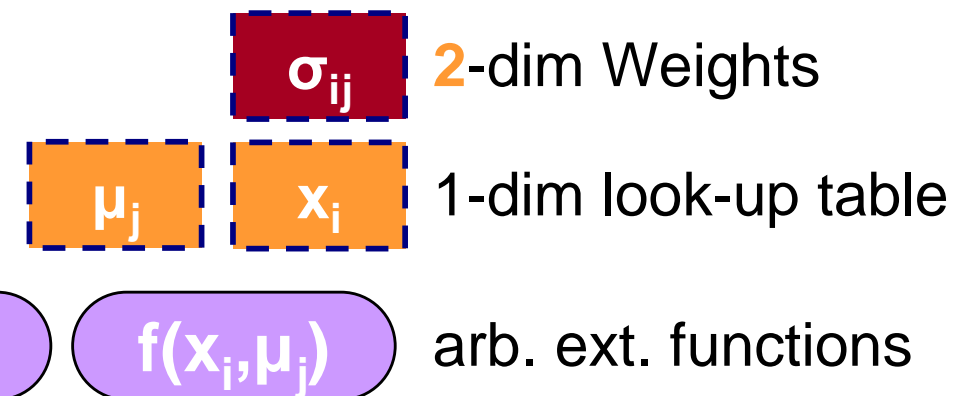




## We know

$$\sigma \xrightarrow{\text{fastNLO}} \sum_j^\mu \sum_i^x \tilde{\sigma}_{ij}(\mu_j) f(x_i, \mu_j) \alpha_s(\mu_j)$$

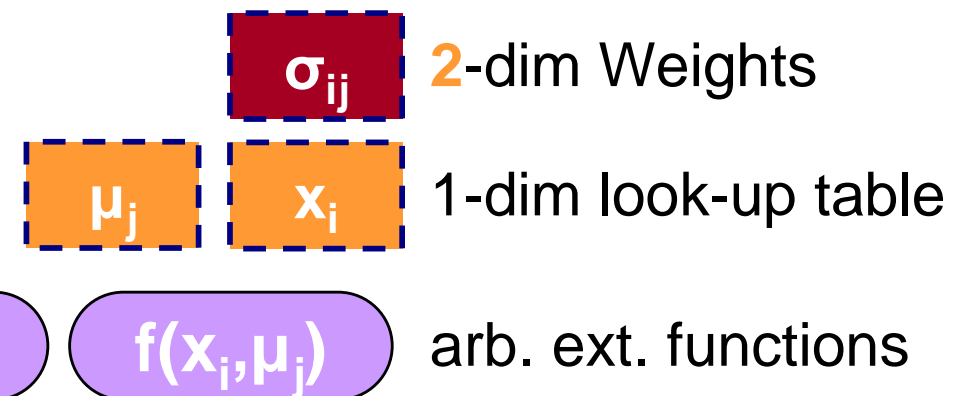
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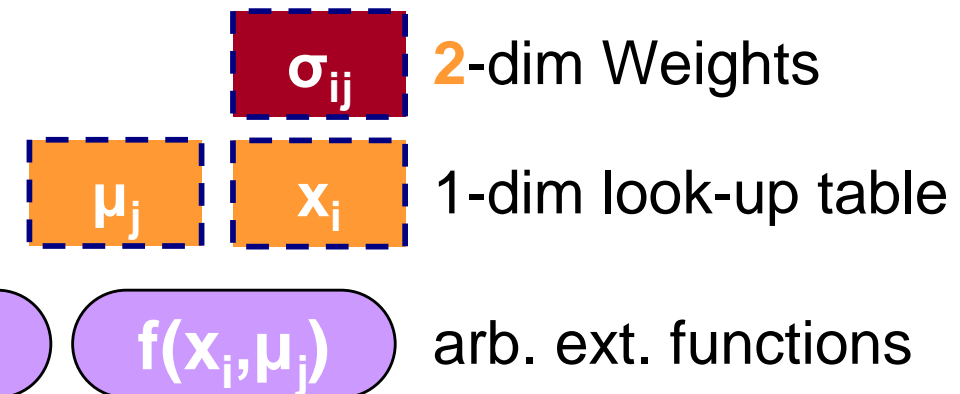
$$\omega(\mu_R, \mu_F) = \omega_0 + \log\left(\frac{\mu_R}{Q}\right) \omega_R + \log\left(\frac{\mu_F}{Q}\right) \omega_F$$

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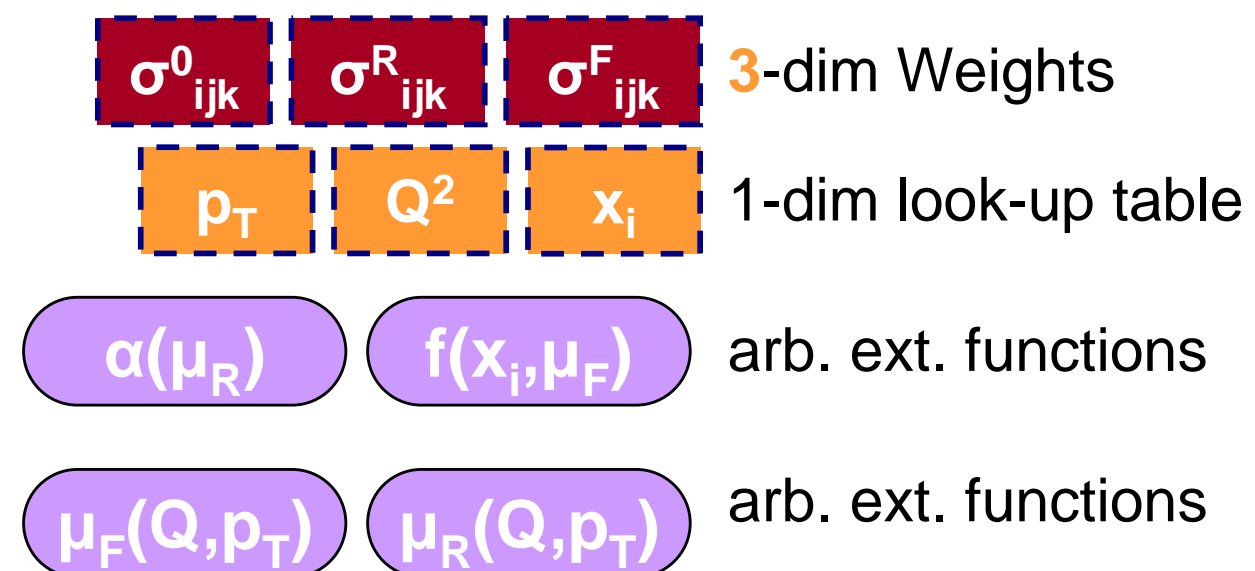
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## We store scale independent contribution

Three tables holding the weights

Further scale-variables  $\rightarrow \sigma_{ijk}$  need more dimensions

new in v2.0



- 1) We can choose  $\mu_R$  independently from  $\mu_F$
- 2) We can choose the functional form of  $\mu_{R/F}$  as functions of **look-up-variables**

**When evaluating fastNLO cross section**

**Choose scale composition** from previously stored scales

e.g.  $\mu_r^2 = (Q^2 + p_T^2) / 2$

$\mu_r^2 = Q^2$

$\mu_r^2 = p_T^2$

...

**Also scale variation for  $\mu_r$  and  $\mu_f$  are thus independently possible through**

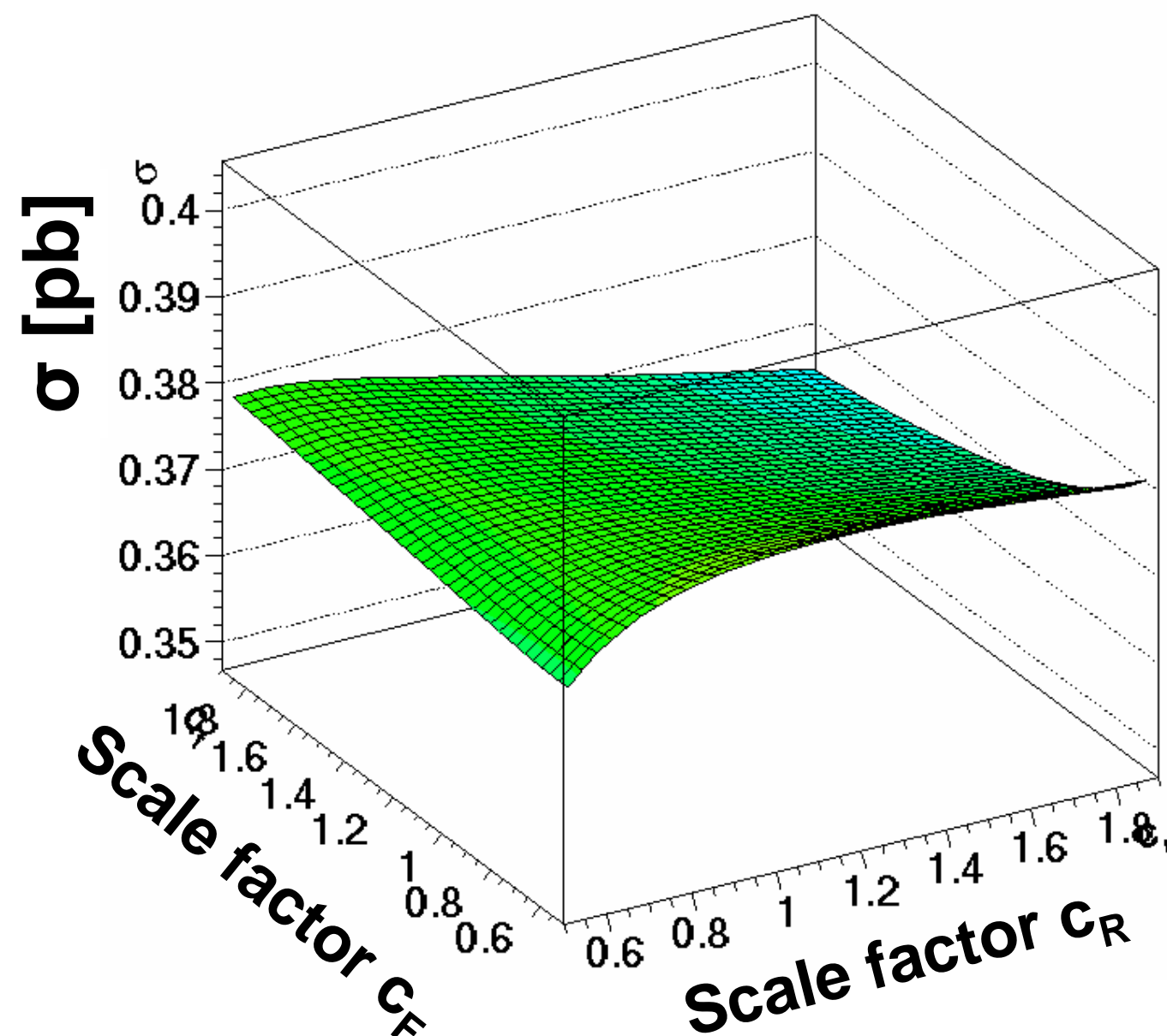
$\mu_R^2 = c_R^2 \times (Q^2 + p_T^2) / 2$

$\mu_F^2 = c_F^2 \times Q^2$

**New options for scans of scale dependence**

**Concept also implemented for pp and ppbar**

**Zeus Dijets @ High  $Q^2$**



## Free Parameters

- # x-nodes
- # scale nodes
- > Affect the interpolation precision

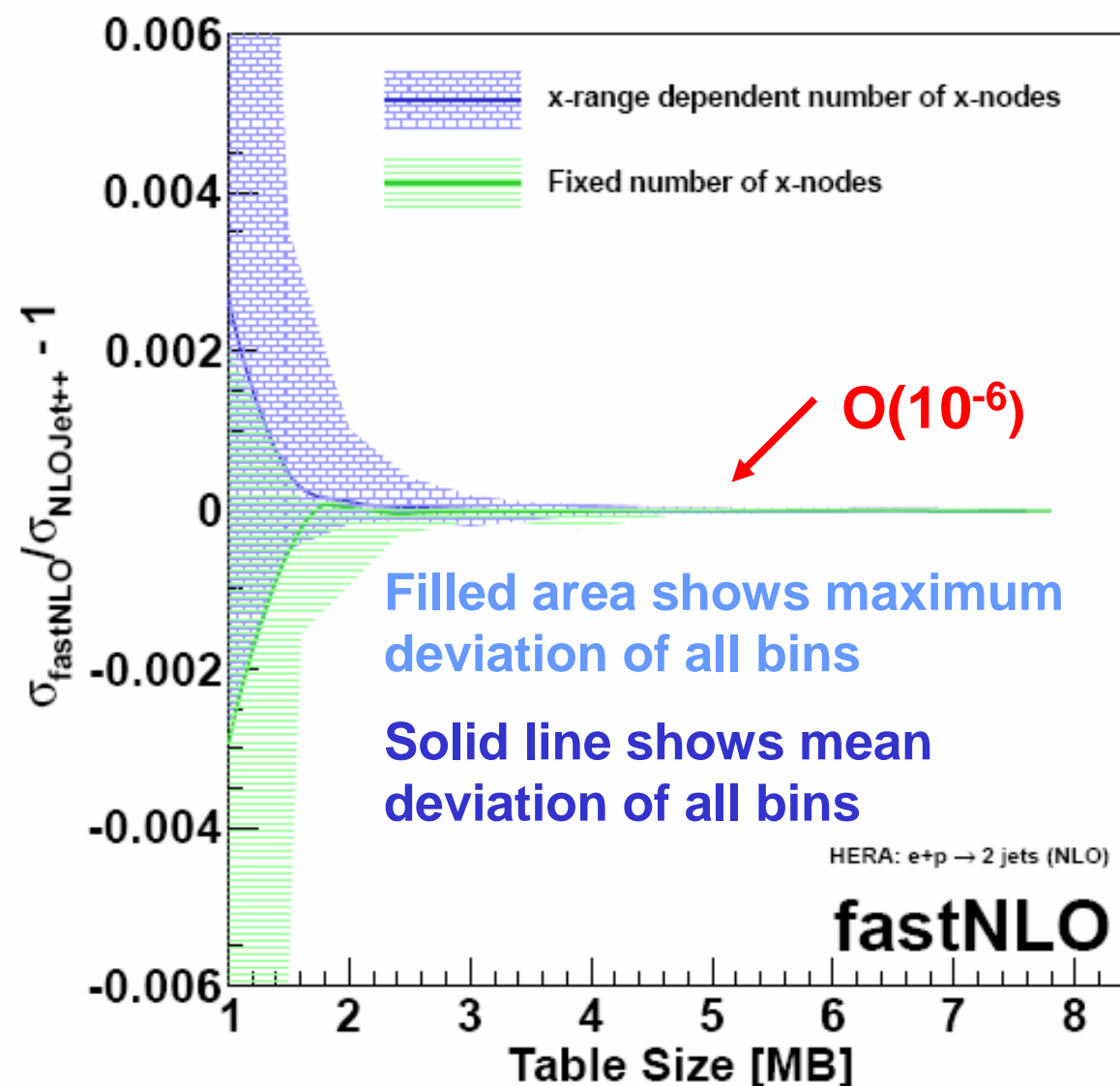
## New feature in v2.0

- Flexible # x-nodes
- Number of x-nodes chosen depending on x-range

## Comparison vs. 'plain' NLOJet++

- Arbitrary precision possible
- For O(MB) tables, reach better than 1 per mille

## H1 Incl. Jets @ High $Q^2$ (24 bins)



## pp and ppbar Scenarios

'flexible scale concept' works as well

## ATLAS Dijet Invariant Mass, $r=0.6$

$p_T$  and  $y^*$  are stored in table

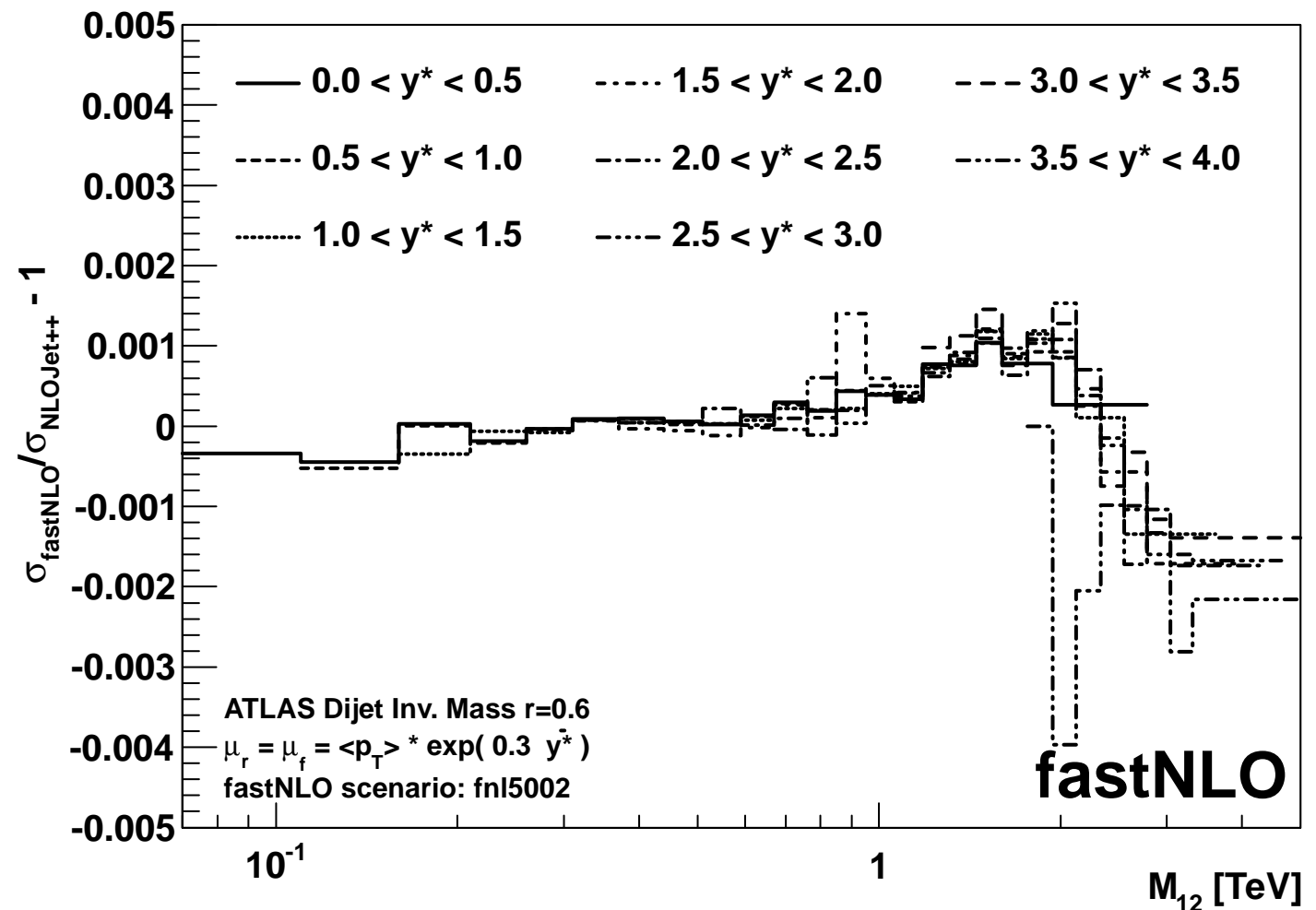
Ren./fact. scale can be any function of  $(p_T, y^*)$

Can study variations of ATLAS dijet scale  
choice  $p_T \cdot \exp(0.3 \cdot y^*)$

- > We can vary parameter '0.3'
- > We can use different functions (e.g. cosh)
- > We can e.g. find optimal scale (FAC, PMS)

## fastNLO vs. plain NLOJet++ calculation with free choice of ren./fac. scale

Precision  $\sim 10^{-3}$







# Data/Theory Comparison of Jet Cross Sections

**fastNLO**

## Comparison of inclusive jet data

STAR @ RHIC

H1 and ZEUS @ HERA

CDF and D0 @ TeVatron

CMS and ATLAS @ LHC

## Data/theory comparison

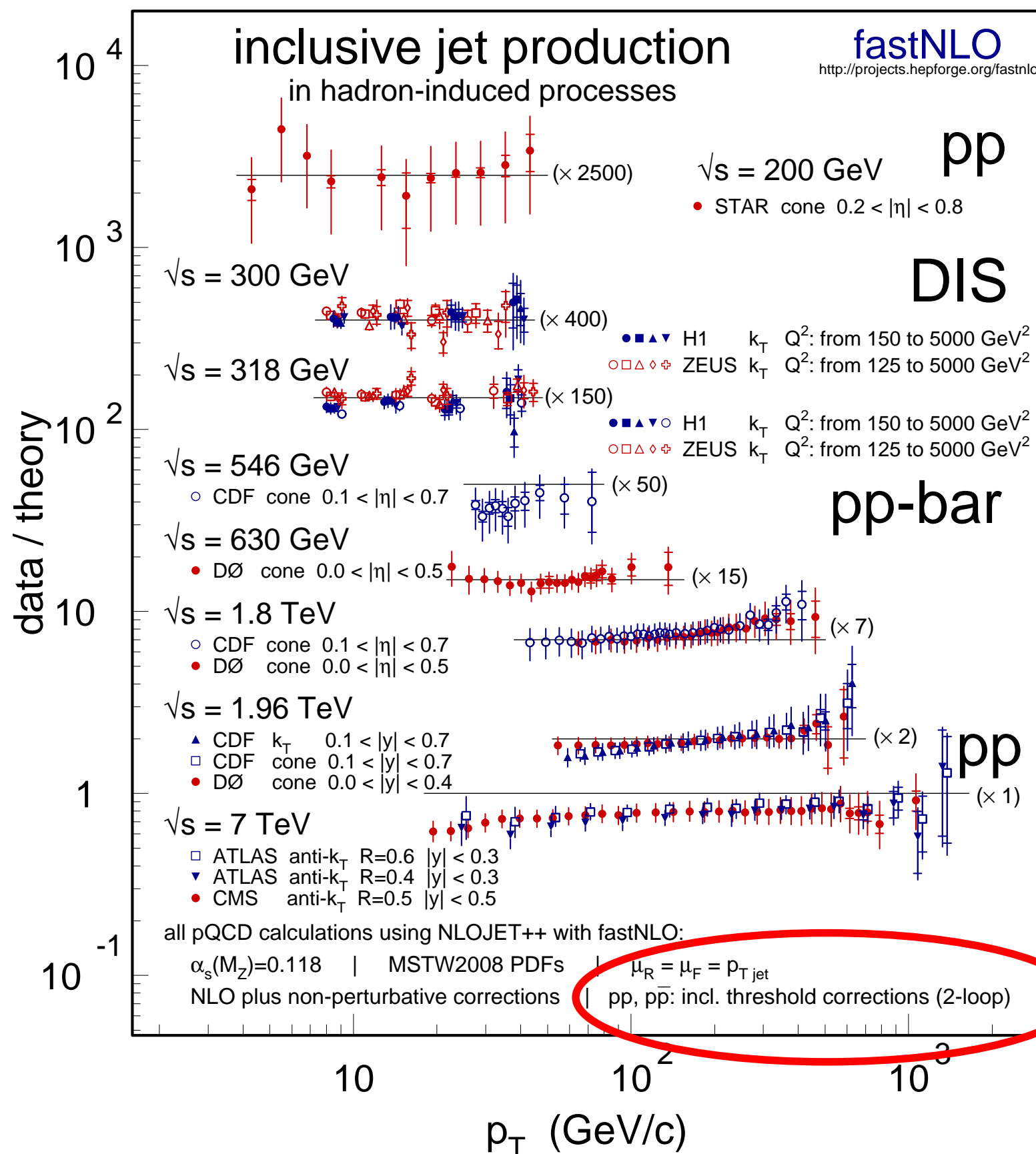
Compatible with NLO pQCD

hadron-hadron including  
'threshold corrections'  $\mathcal{O}(2\text{-loop})$

fastNLO, arXiv:1109:1310v1, 2011

here: updated plot!

See data references there.



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the latest version of this figure can be obtained from <http://projects.hepforge.org/fastnlo>



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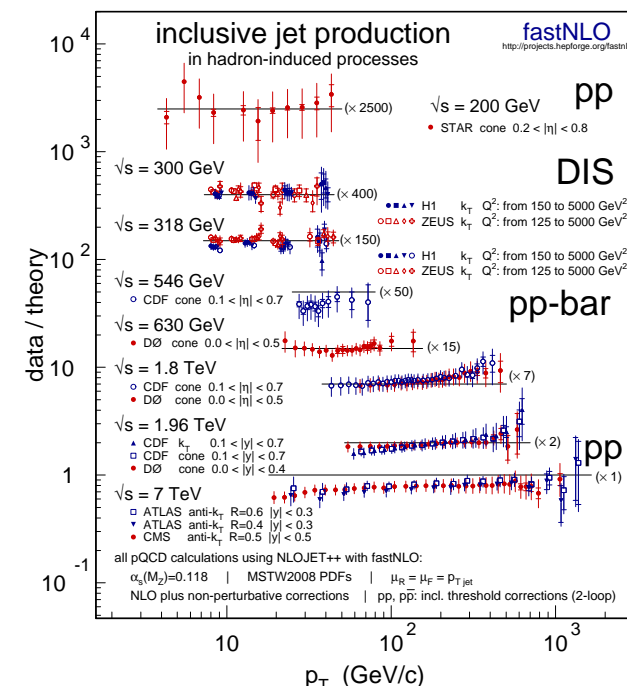
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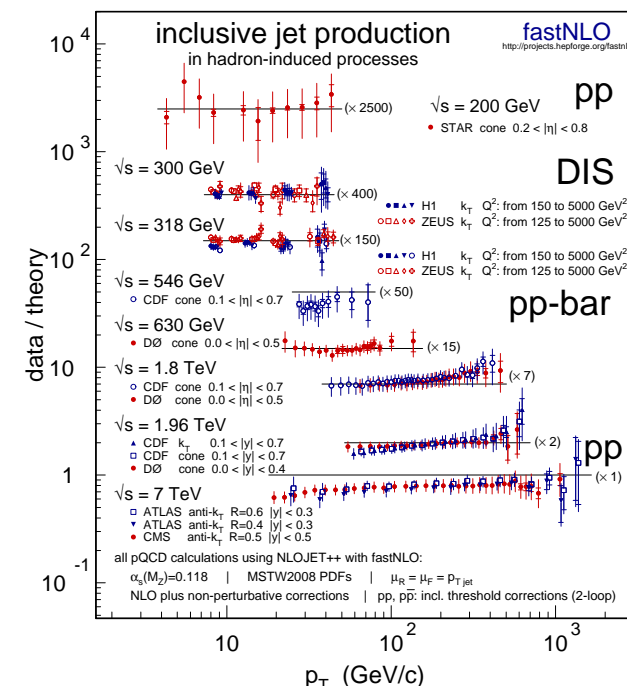
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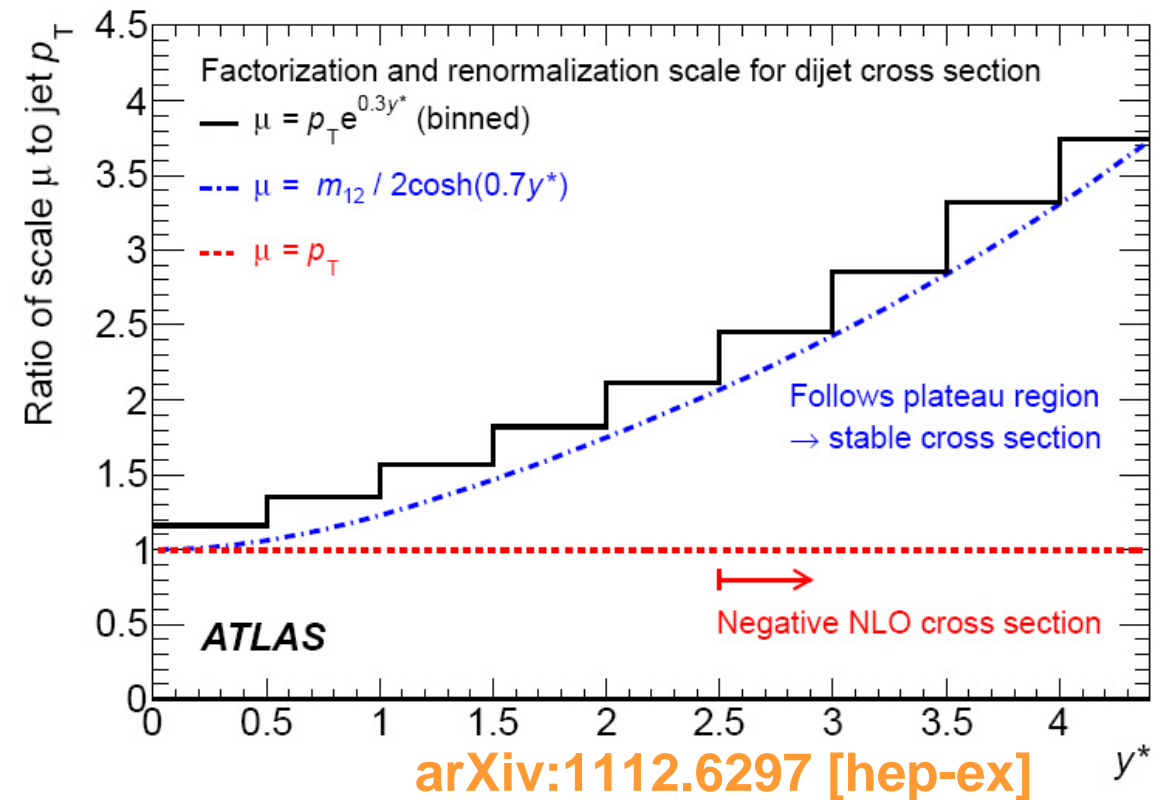
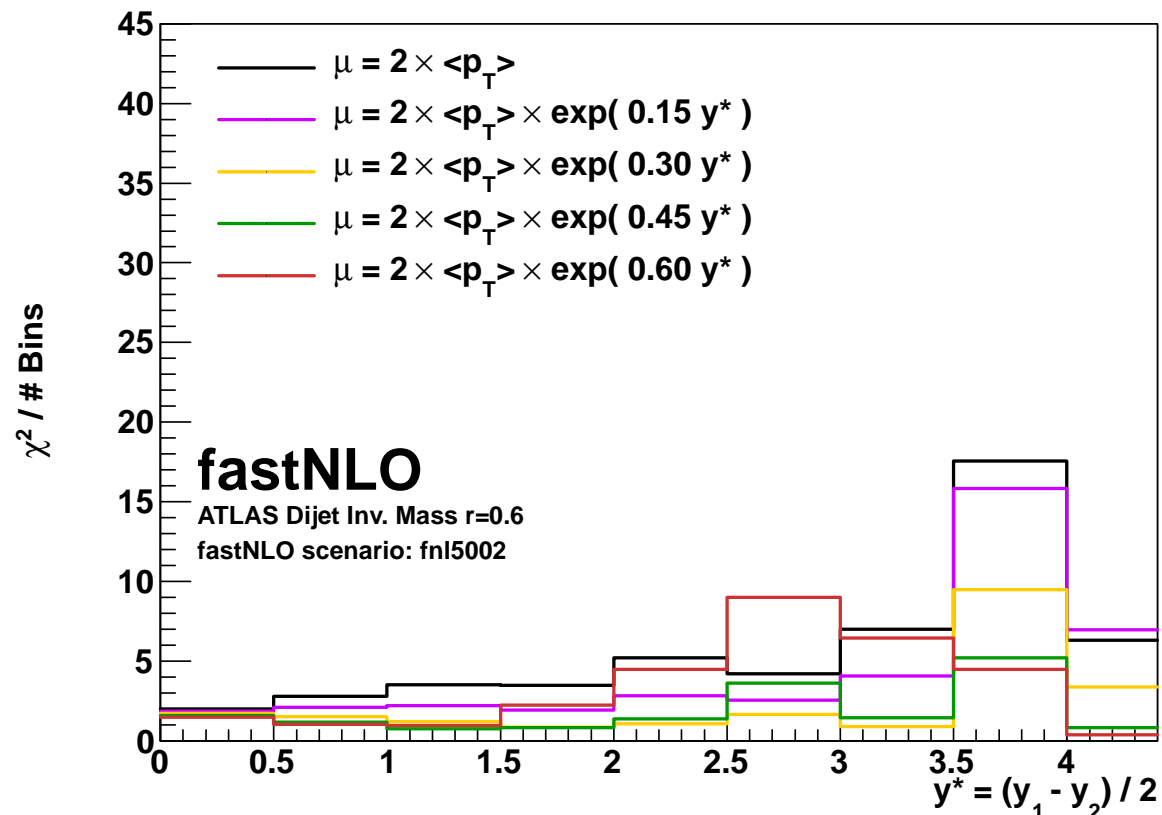
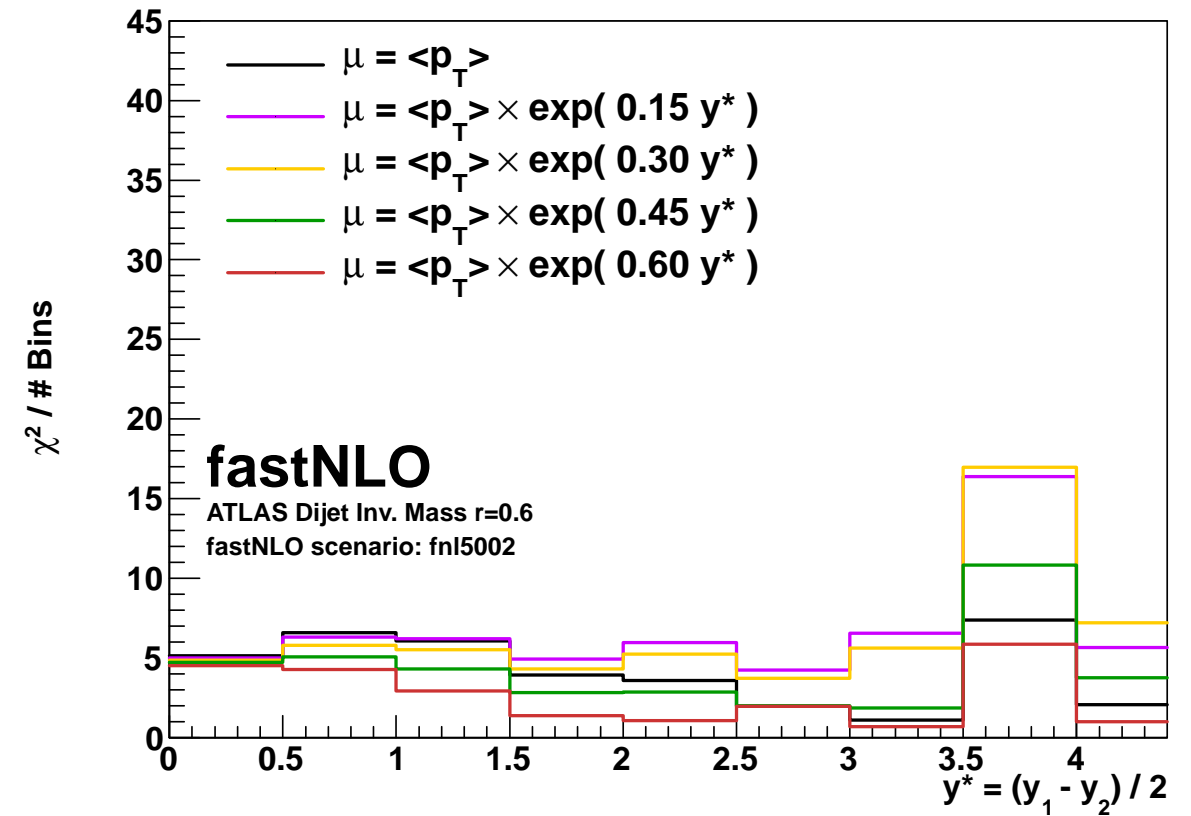
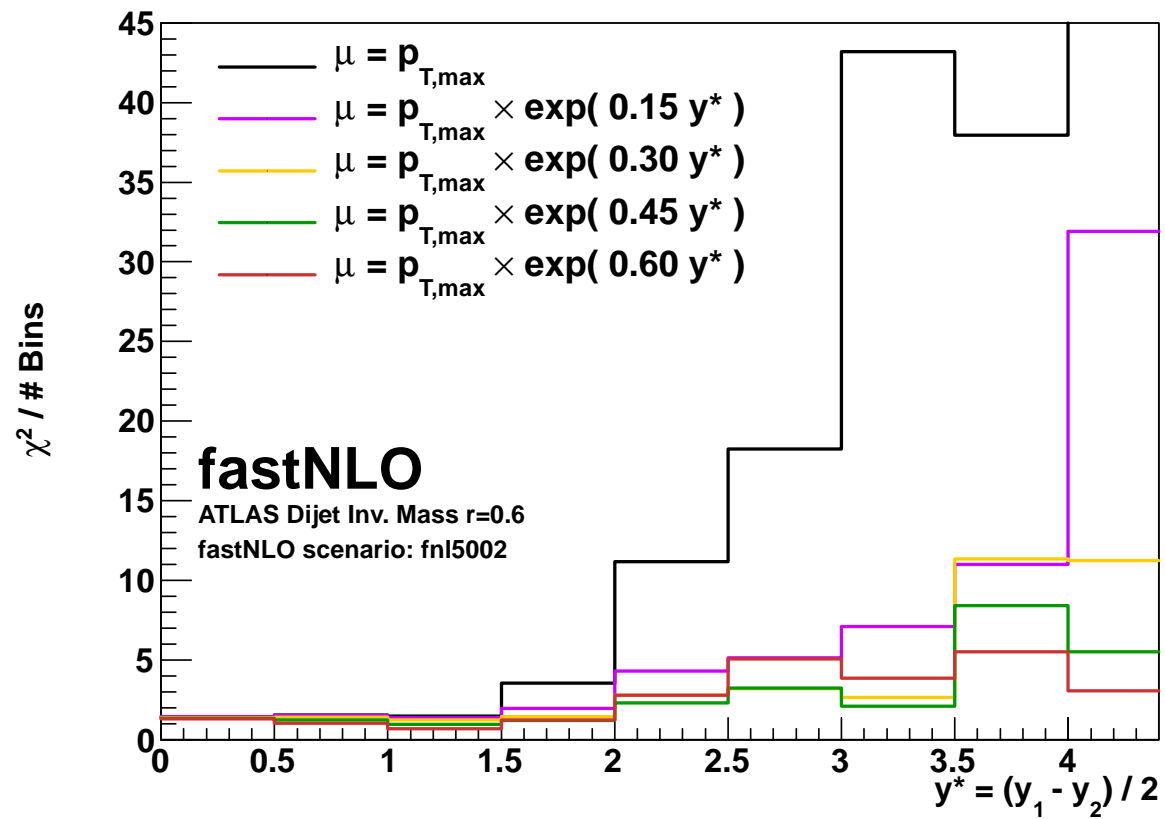
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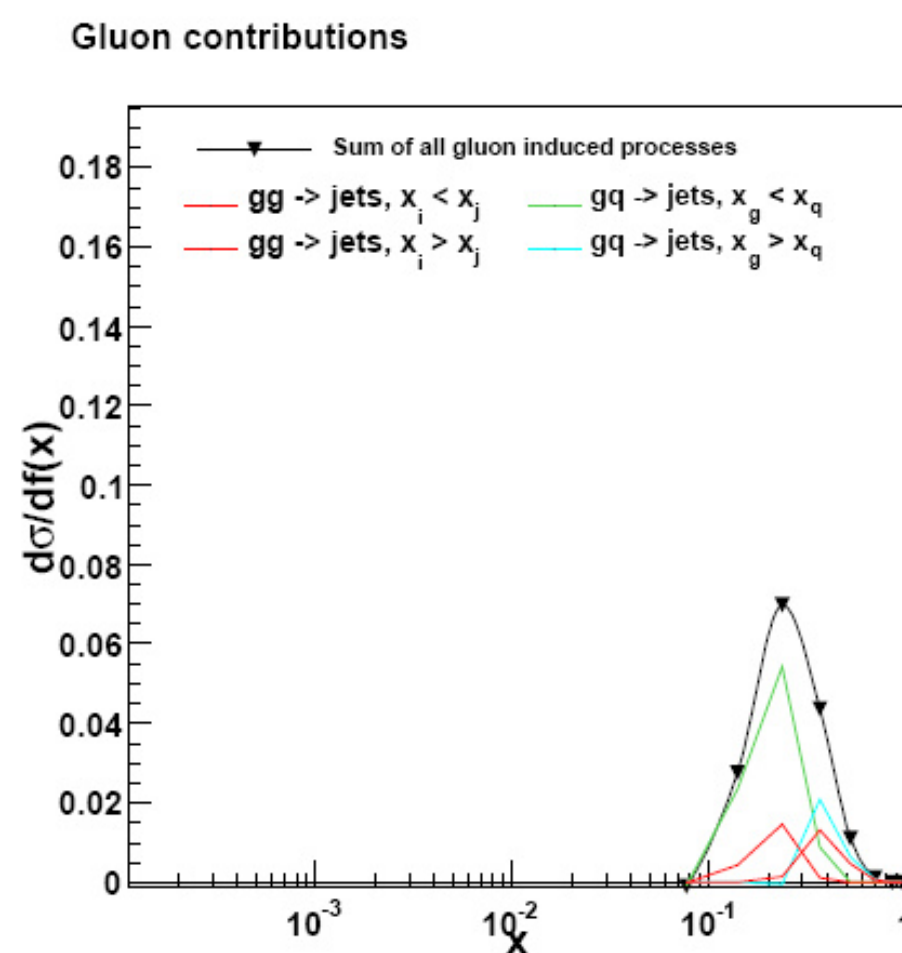
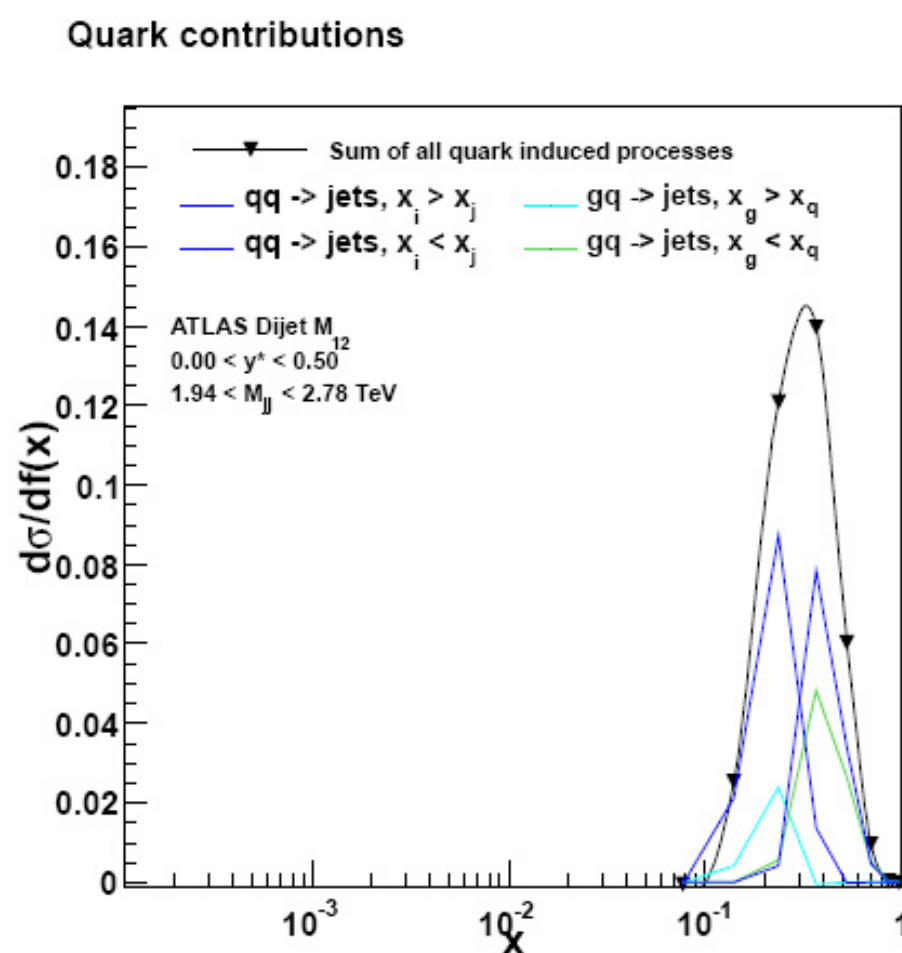
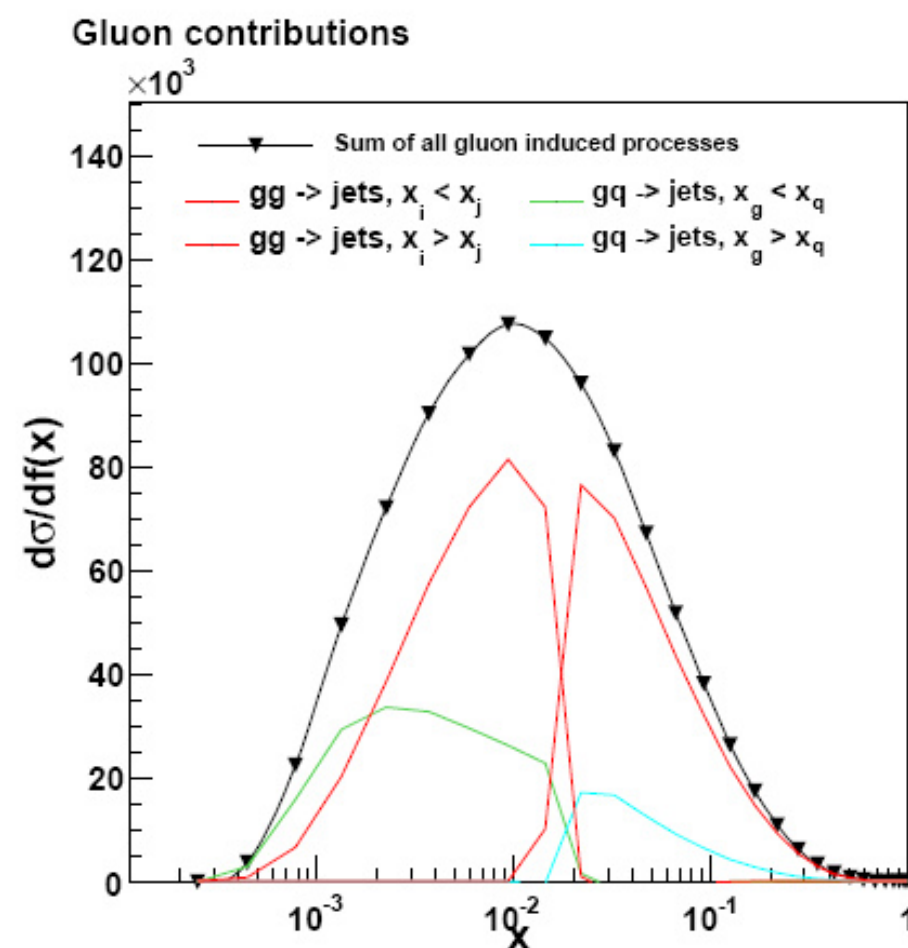
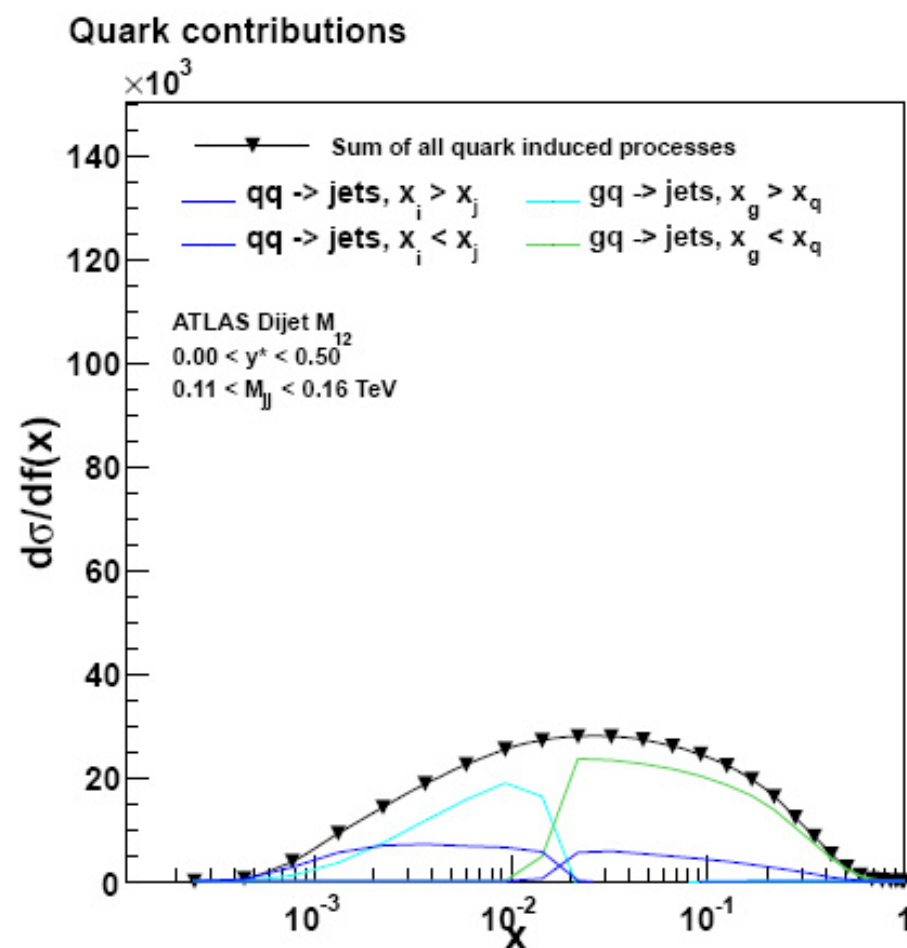
# Backup

*fast***NLO**

# Stuying the scale choice of ATLAS









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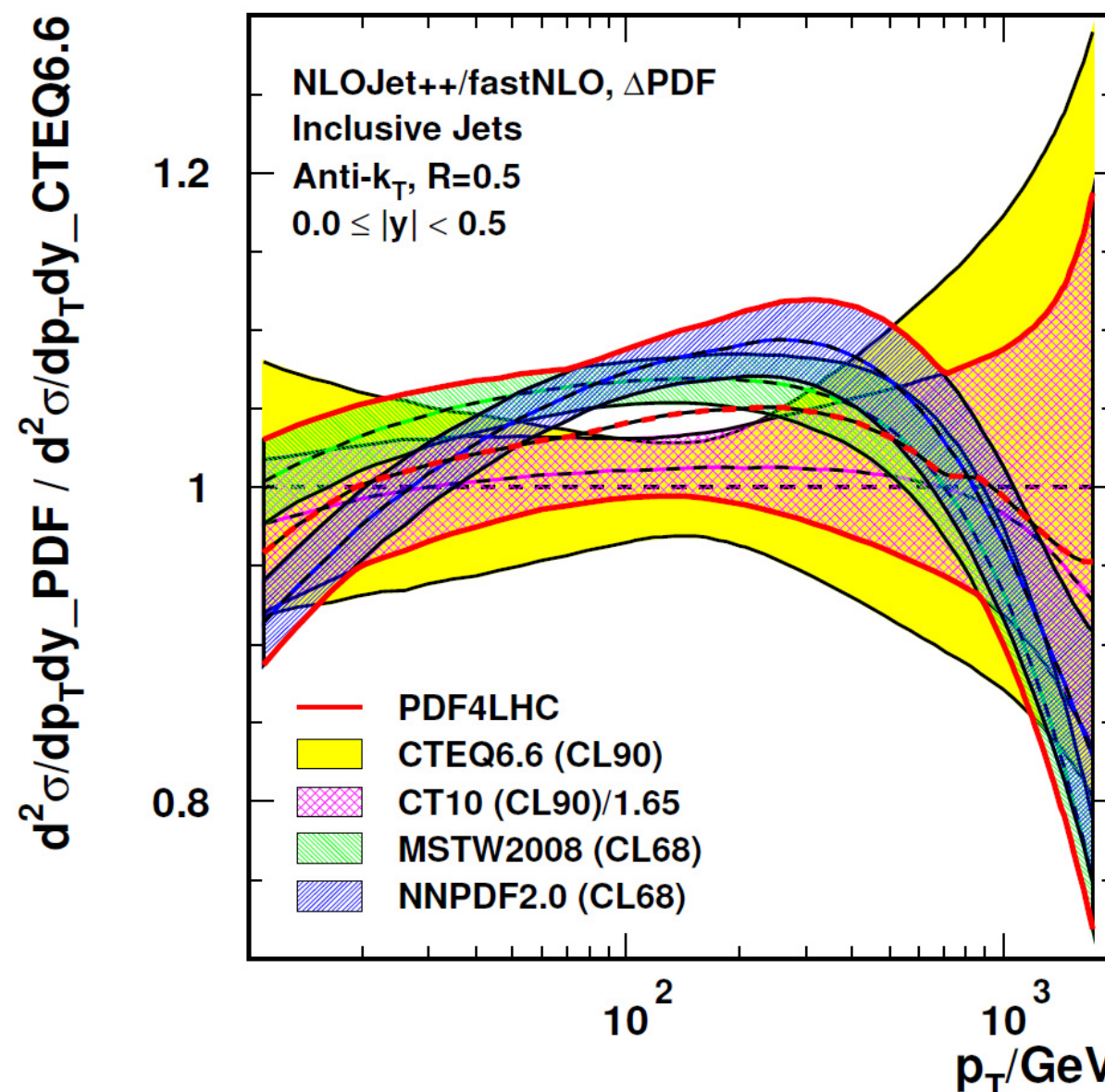
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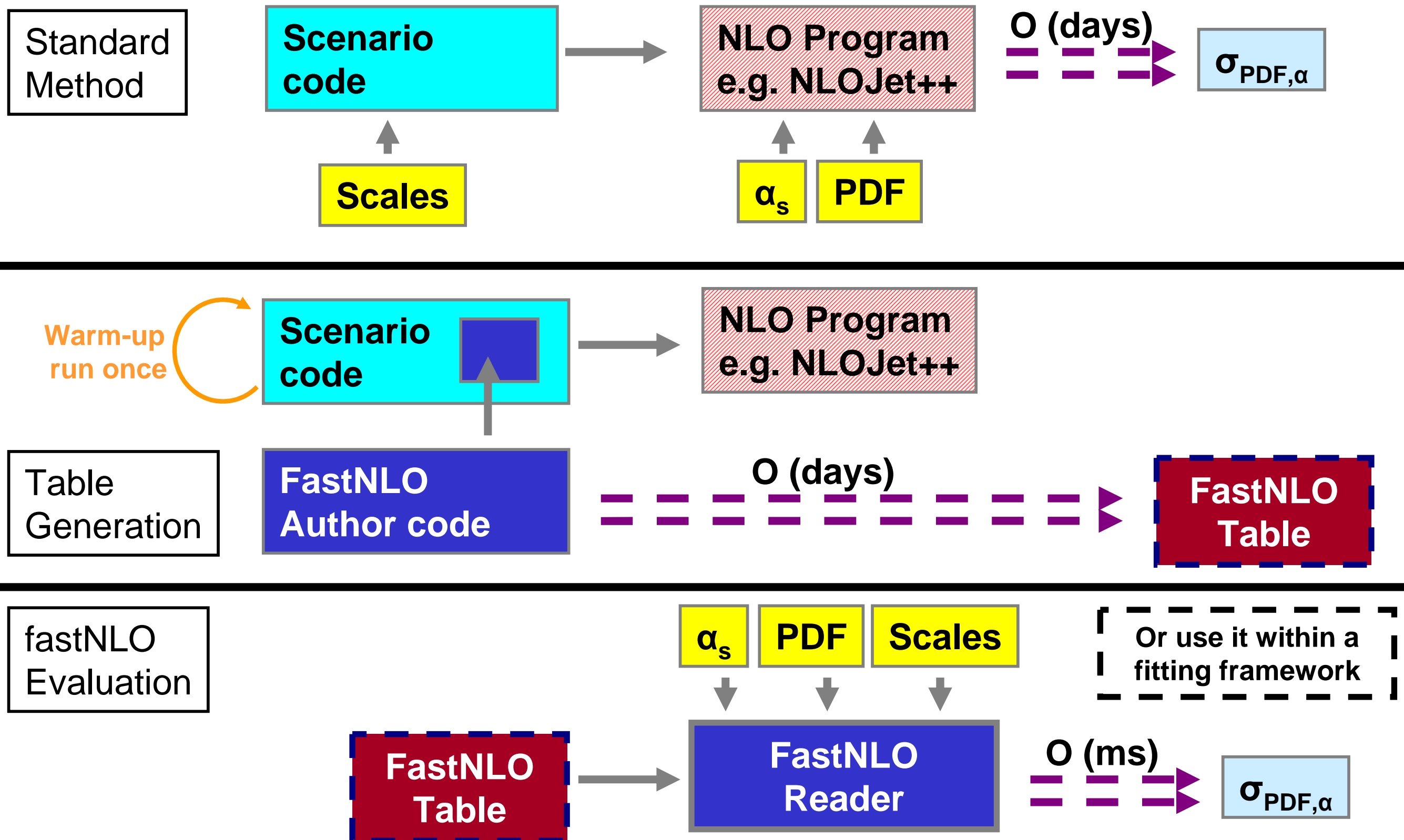
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## Example: PDF-Error predictions à la PDF4LHC recommendation

Envelope of predictions of CT10, MSTW and NNPDF at CL68. Compared to CTEQ6.6 (CL90)



**239 NLO repeated calculations**



**FastNLO tables come with 3 (4) simultaneous scale variations tables**

e.g. 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 times the nominal scale

**A posteriori scale variation of the renormalization scale allows study of asymmetric scale variations**

e.g. 6-points: (1/2, 1/2), (1/2, 1), (1, 1/2), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)  
avoiding of rel. 'factor' 4.

**Improvements in v 2.0**

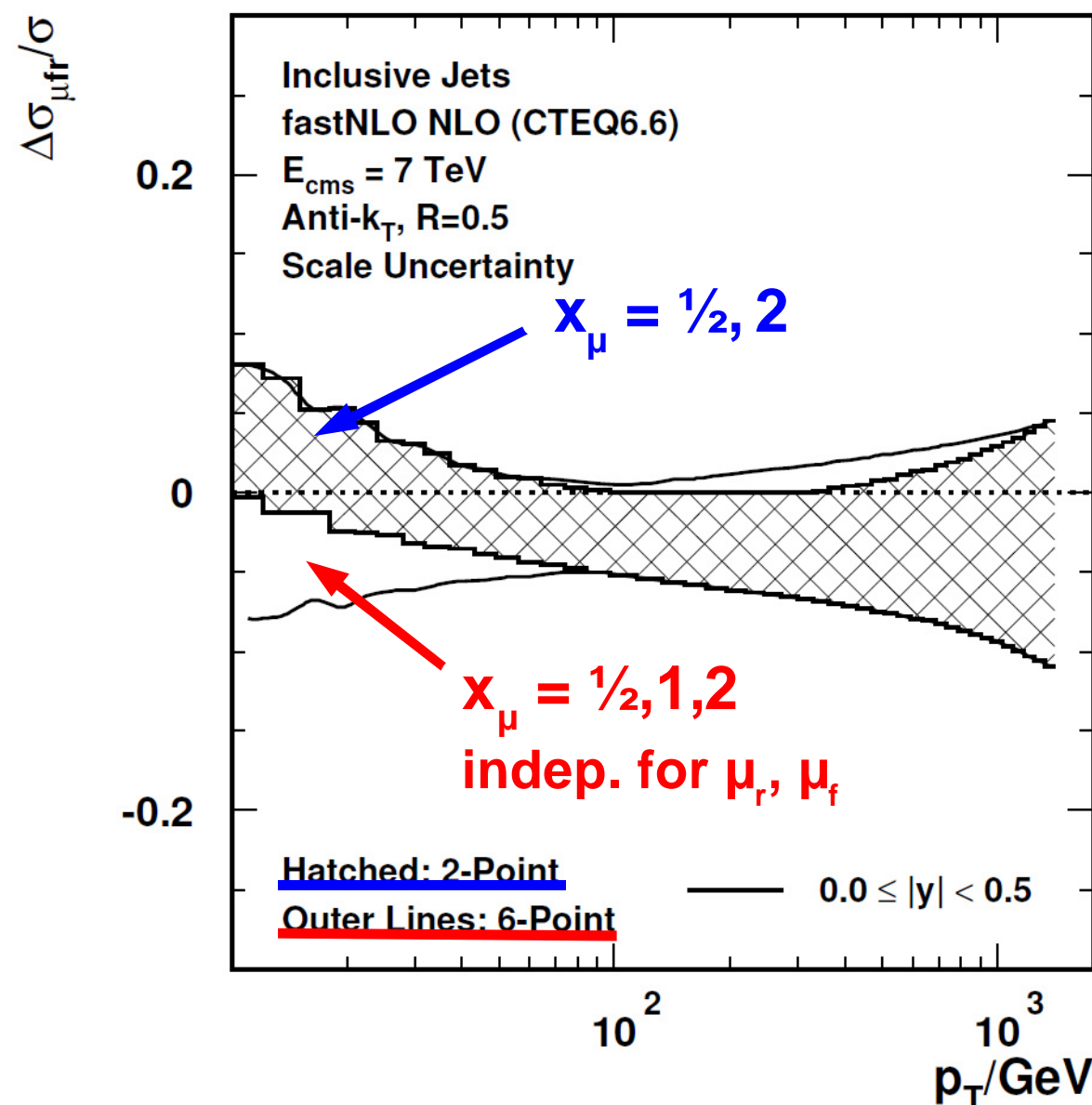
scales get own dimension

bicubic interpolation of scale-value to scale nodes

typically 6 scale nodes

examples already for

- CMS incl. jets
- D0 3-jet mass
- ...



Standard methods for higher-order pQCD calculations of cross sections in hadron-induced collisions are time-consuming. The fastNLO project uses multi-dimensional interpolation techniques to convert the convolutions of perturbative coefficients with parton distribution functions and the strong coupling into simple products. By integrating the perturbative coefficients for a given observable with interpolation kernels, fastNLO can store the results of the time-consuming calculation in tables which can subsequently be used for very fast calculations of the same observable for arbitrary PDFs,  $\alpha_s$ , and different scales. These tables and corresponding user codes are currently available for a large number of jet measurements at the LHC, the Fermilab Tevatron, and HERA. fastNLO is currently used in publications of experimental results by the ATLAS, CMS, CDF, D0, and H1 collaborations, and in all recent global PDF analyses by MSTW, CTEQ, and NNPDF. This talk will focus on new developments, implemented in the new version 2 of fastNLO, which enhance and broaden the functionality.





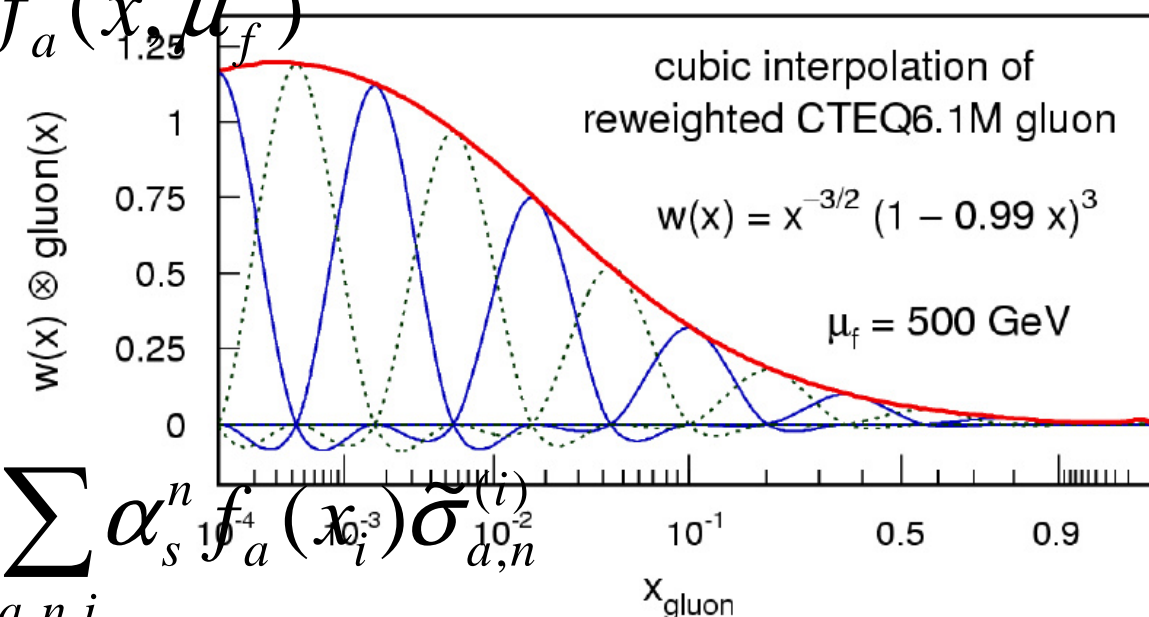
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**FastNLO** factorizes the cross section calculation for an **a-posteriori** inclusion of pdf's and alpha\_s for e.g. jet-production

Introduce set of n discrete  $x_{(i)}$ 's  
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integrals are replaced by sums

Better: Usage of **bi-cubic interpolation** and **pdf reweighting**

hadron-hadron -> everything just more complicated, but same concept



# Which x-region do we test with jet *fastNLO* data?

E.g. H1 dijets @ high  $Q^2$

four bins:

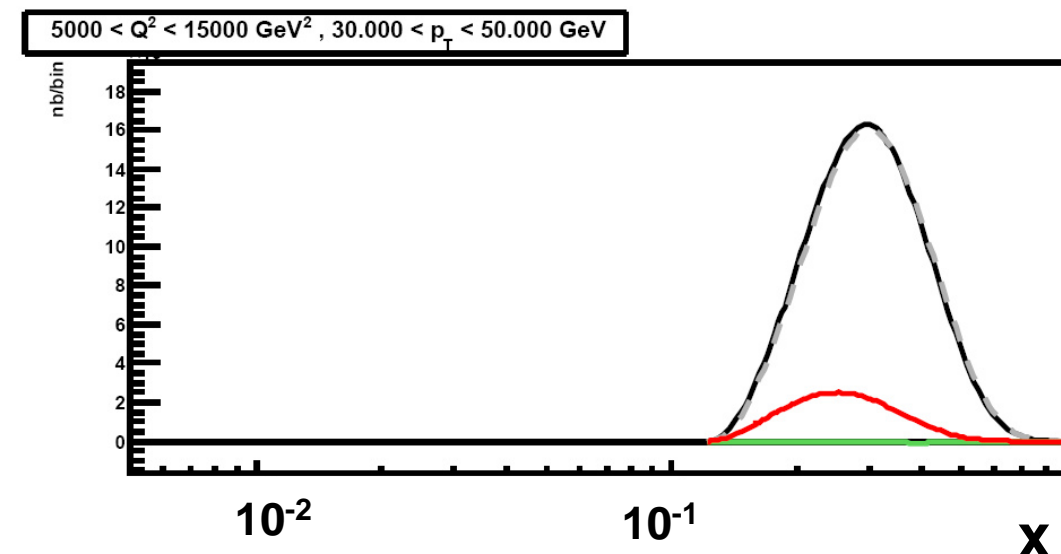
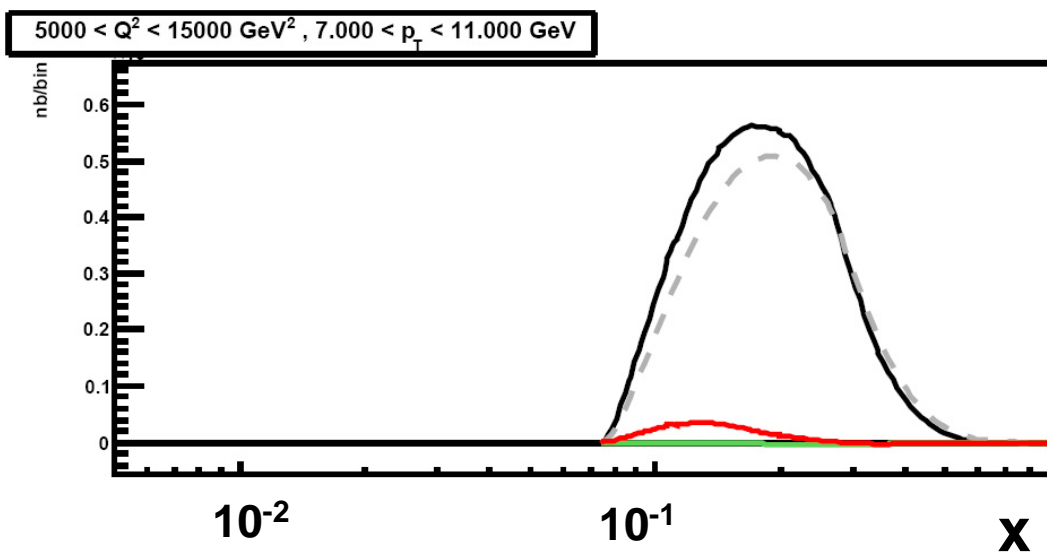
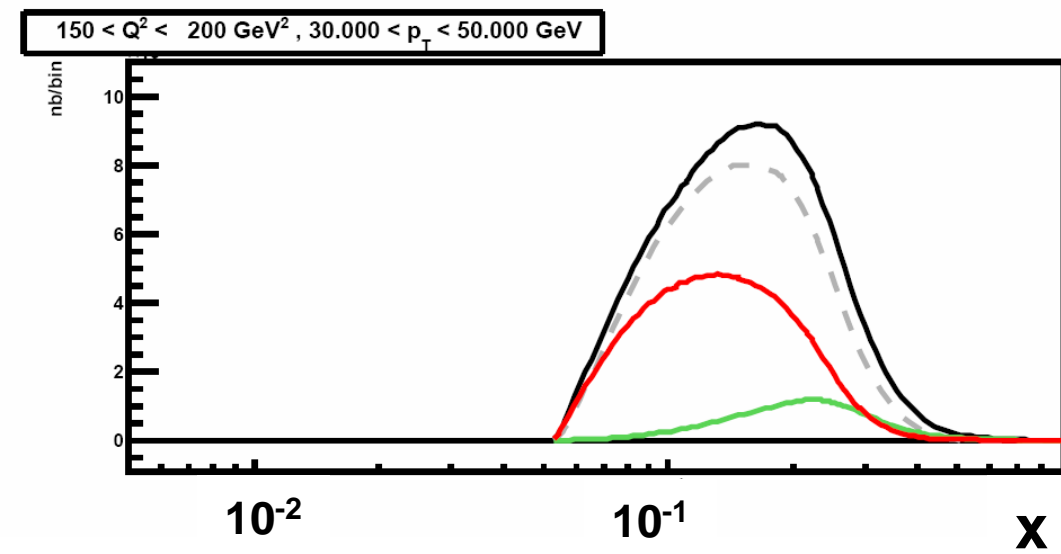
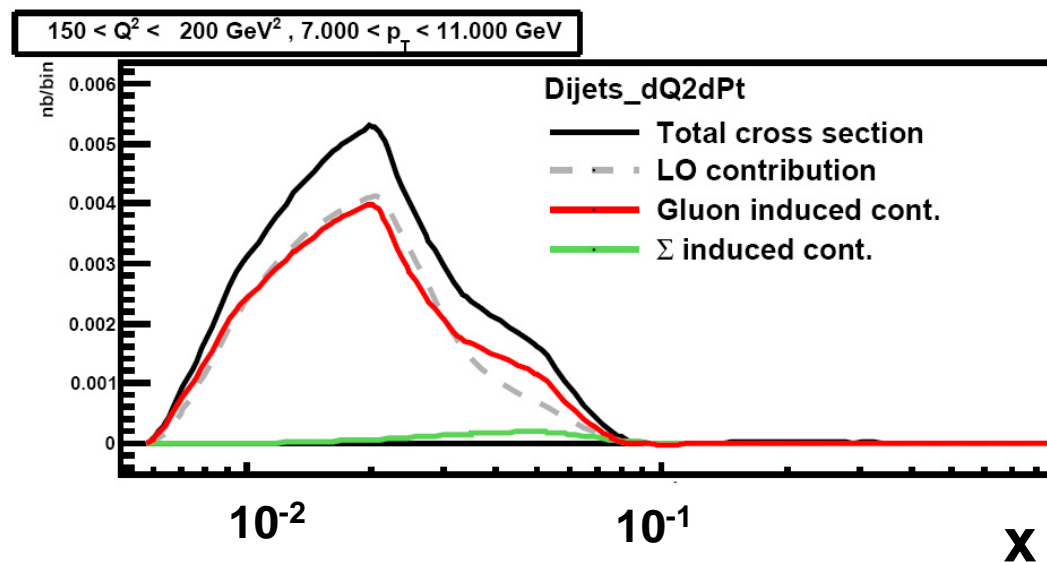
- low and high  $Q^2$
- low and high  $\langle p_T \rangle$

**Only three contributions in DIS**  
**Gluon, Delta, Sigma induced processes**

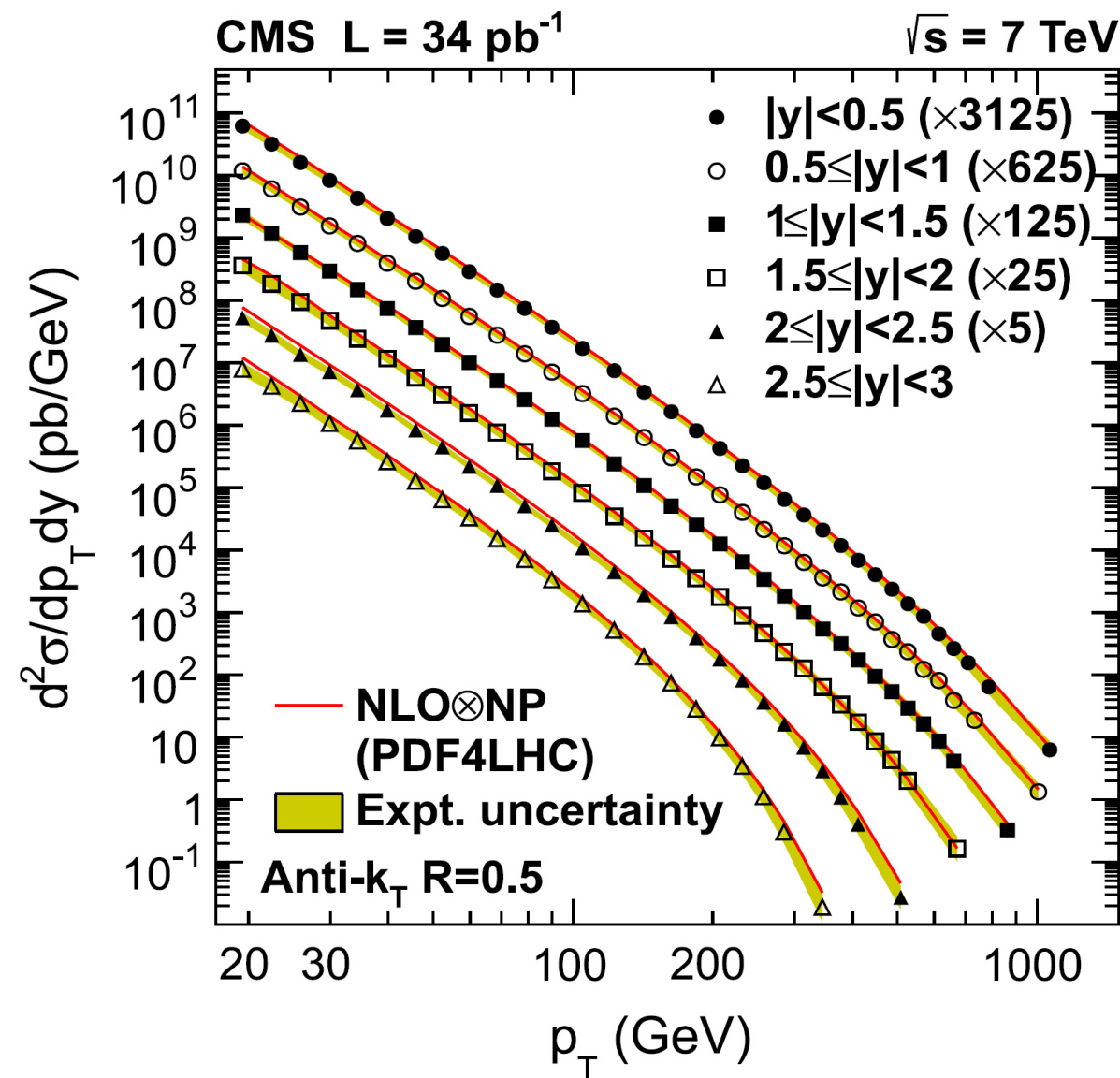
low  $Q^2$  is mostly **gluon induced**

High  $Q^2$  is mostly **Delta induced**

'low' x-region only at low  $\langle p_T \rangle$  and low  $Q^2$



# Can we do the same for CMS incl *fast*NLO jets?



**CMS, PRL 107, 132001, 2011**

**CMS inclusive jets  
176 bins  
6 rapidity regions**

**To which 'x'-regions  
and to which pdfs are  
we sensitive to???**