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Performance of xFitter - ATLAS report and wishes -

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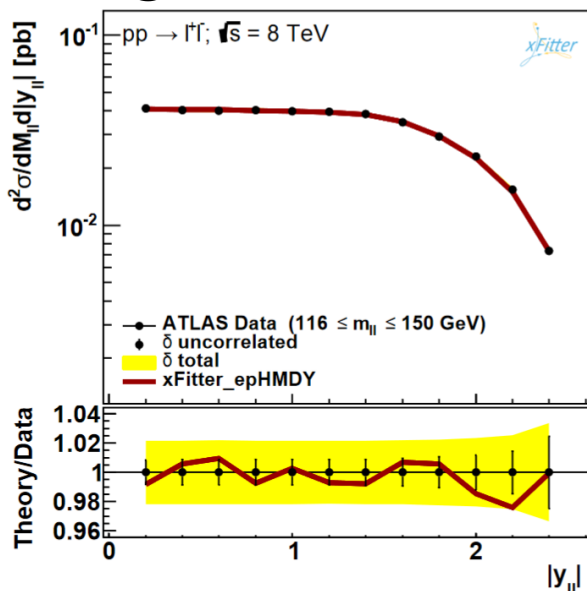


- Usage of xFitter in ATLAS
- Easiness of usage
- Limitations of usage



xFitter recently in ATLAS

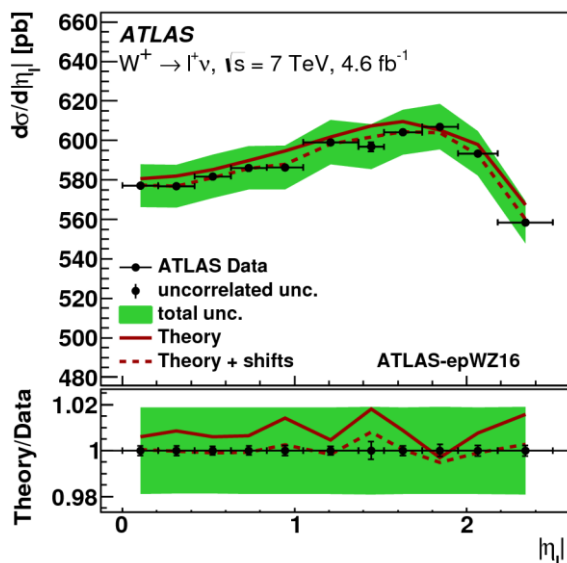
High-mass Drell-Yan @ 8TeV



Data for PDF

- Double-differentiell m_{ll} vs. $|y_{ll}|$
- Photon PDF

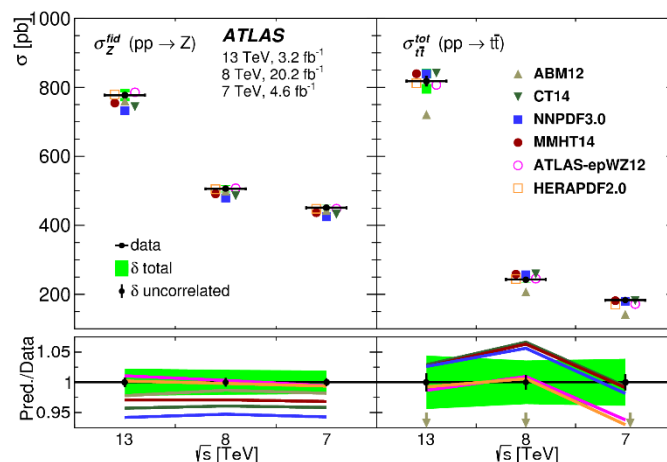
W^+ , W^- and Z inclusive @ 7TeV



Data for PDF

- Differentiell $|\eta_{ll}|$ for W, m_{ll} vs. $|y_{ll}|$ for Z
- Strange, u_v , d_v PDFs

$t\bar{t}/Z$ @ 13,8,7TeV



Data for PDF

- $t\bar{t}$ and Z as function of \sqrt{s}
- Strange quark, gluon PDF



Usage of xFitter in ATLAS

χ^2 test for data and prediction agreement

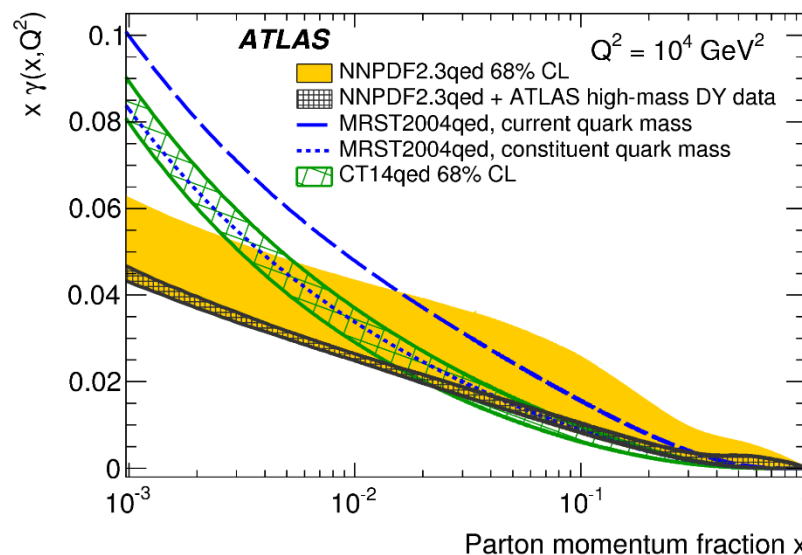
- High-mass DY
- W, Z cross section
- $t\bar{t}/Z$ ratio

χ^2/dof values

	$m_{\ell\ell}$	$ y_{\ell\ell} $	$ \Delta\eta_{\ell\ell} $
MMHT2014	18.2/12	59.3/48	62.8/47
CT14	16.0/12	51.0/48	61.3/47
NNPDF3.0	20.0/12	57.6/48	62.1/47
HERAPDF2.0	15.1/12	55.5/48	60.8/47
ABM12	14.1/12	57.9/48	53.5/47

Bayesian Reweighting

- High-mass DY
- Reweighting of *NNPDF2.3qed* (no Hessian Photon PDF available)
- Theory: NNLO QCD+NLO EW
→ From *FEWZ* w/ *MMHT14* NNLO PDF



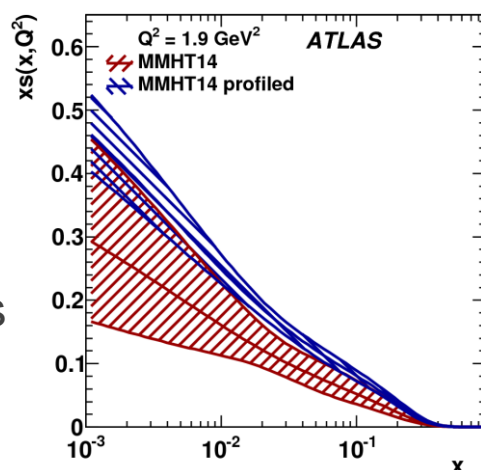


Usage of xFitter in ATLAS

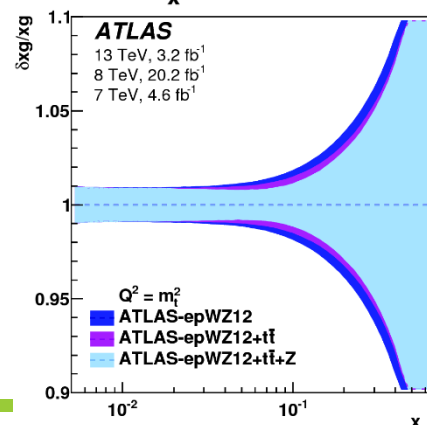
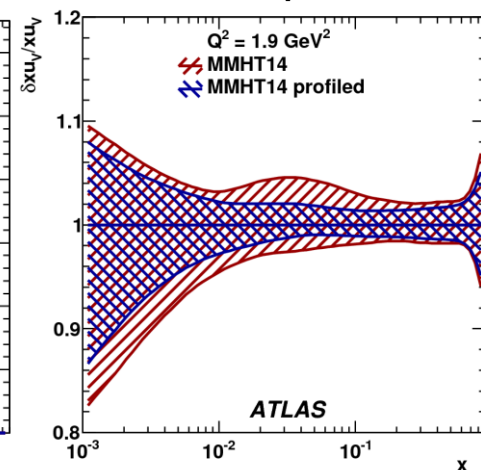
Profiling

- W, Z cross section
- Profiling 5 PDF sets: *ABM12*, *CT14*, *MMHT2014*, *NNPDF3.0*, *ATLAS-epWZ12*
- Theory: NNLO QCD+NLO EW → *DYNNLO* w/ additive k-factors for EW corrections by *MCSANC*
- $t\bar{t}/Z$ ratio
- Profiling of *ATLAS-epWZ12*
- Theory:
 - Z: NNLO QCD from *DYNNLO* with *CT14* PDF + NLO EW from *FEWZ*
 - $t\bar{t}$: NNLO+NNLL resummed from *Top++*

Strange quark PDF



Valence quark PDF



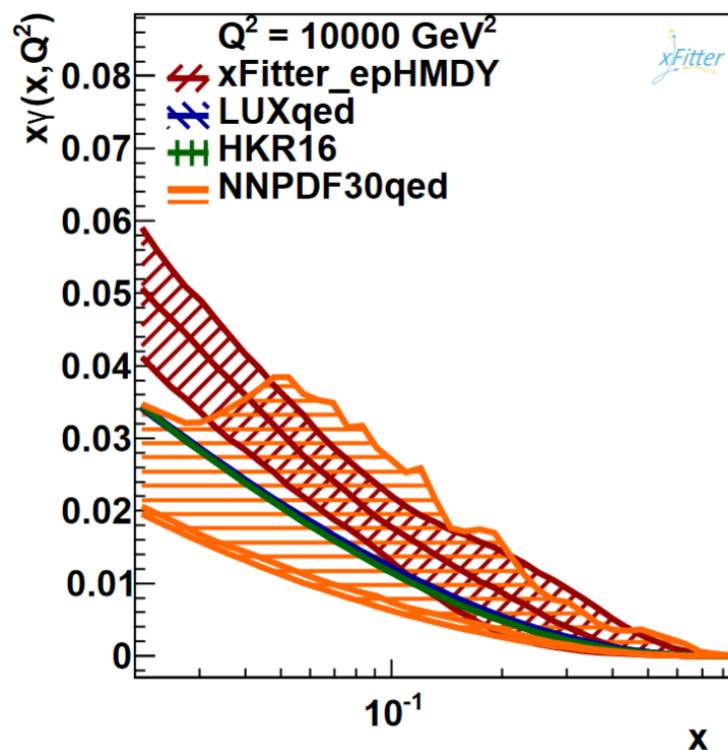
Gluon PDF



Usage of xFitter in ATLAS

PDF fit

- High mass DY (later publication)
 - Data: HERA + DY m_{\parallel} vs $|y_{\parallel}|$
 - Theory: *Madgraph5_aMC@NLO* interfaced to *APPLgrid* via *aMCfast*
 - Bin-by-bin k-factors for combined NNLO/NLO QCD and NLO/LO EW correction → *FEWZ* with *MMHT2014* NNLO PDF
 - Required development of simultaneous DGLAP evolution with QCD and QED terms in *APFEL* (needed for HERA predictions)
- New PDF set: ***xFitter_epHMDY***



→ Currently best Photon PDF from data fit

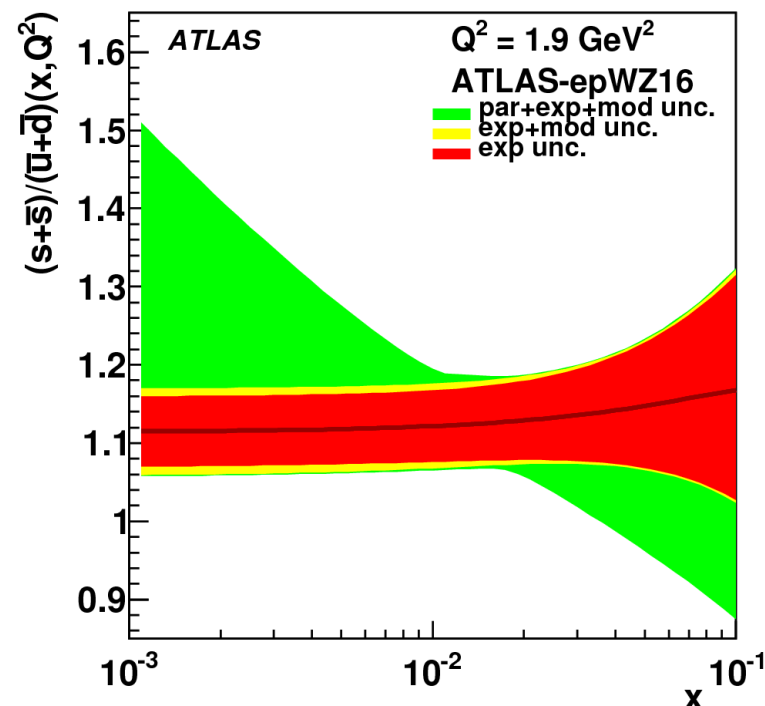


Usage of xFitter in ATLAS

PDF fit

- W, Z cross section
- Data: HERA + $W^{+/-} |\eta_{||}|$, Z $|y_{||}|$ (3 $m_{||}$ bins central Z/γ^* , 2 $m_{||}$ bins forward Z/γ^*)
- Theory: *MCFM* interfaced to *APPLgrid* (NLO)
- Bin-by-bin k-factors for combined NNLO/NLO QCD and NLO/LO EW corrections → from *DYNNLO* with *MCSANC* (for NLO EW corr)

→ New PDF set: **ATLAS-epWZ16**



→ Unsuppressed strange quark at low x
(Confirmed and increased precision
of previous findings)



Easiness of xFitter usage

- Theory input -

Bayesian reweighting or profiling

- Purpose: Easy check, if PDF sensitivity of analysis → possibly during analysis design stage
 - In principle, no full *APPLgrid* production needed, but (w/o xFitter hacks) no possibility to input theory w/o *APPLgrid* → too large overhead for sensitivity study
- Alternative, e.g. textfile input similar to data needed for simpler applications
→ Allow direct NNLO predictions as input

PDF fits

- Need *APPLgrid* files → NLO QCD+ LO EW only
 - K-factors for correction to NNLO needed → Very tedious, specially for scale variations, new k-factors needed for each variation
 - NLO fit only → Not state-of-the-art
- Production of *APPLgrid* files: Very large overhead for analyses
→ k-factor approach increases this overhead even further



Easiness of xFitter usage

- Fit configuration -

High flexibility in choosing fit χ^2 , PDF parametrization, etc.

- Many options great for experts, but confusing for newcomers
- Which options are needed for what?
 - Suggestion in addition to manual: How to's for: χ^2 data-prediction compatibility test, Bayesian reweighting, profiling, PDF fitting, with clear step-by-step instructions
(Lacking instructions for profiling e.g. in manual)
- Link manual and how-to's on first page of webpage
→ Keep up to date

Understanding output and errors

- Very helpful section in manual to understand output → extend for how-to's
- Important to have: Section on common errors, e.g. where to place PDFs for profiling if missing, etc.

→ Key element here: Documentation, documentation, documentation



Easiness of xFitter usage

- Installation -

In principle, smooth installation

- Dependency on non-standard libraries: *Boost*, *LAPACK*, *BLAS*
- At least within ATLAS, some version of libraries contained in ATLAS software
- Possibility to discuss in ATLAS, to keep these at versions compatible with xFitter
- Indicate this possibility for library setup in installation instructions

```
# Setup root and boost libraries
setupATLAS --quiet
localSetupROOT 5.34.18-x86_64-slc6-gcc47-opt
lsetup "sft --cmtconfig=x86_64-slc6-gcc47-opt external/Boost/1.50.0_python2.7"
lsetup "sft --cmtconfig=x86_64-slc6-gcc47-opt external/lapack/3.4.0"
lsetup "sft --cmtconfig=x86_64-slc6-gcc47-opt external/blas/20110419"

# for to set the correct library paths
export BOOST_ROOT=$SFT_HOME_Boost
export LAPACK_LIBS=$SFT_HOME_lapack/lib/libLAPACK.so
export BLAS_LIBS=$SFT_HOME_blas/lib/libBLAS.so
```

→ Simplifies installation on computing farms with non-admin rights



Limitations in xFitter usage

THEORY

Handling of NNLO

- NNLO *APPL*grids needed
→ k-factor approach is very tedious and introduces additional uncorrelated uncertainties
- Consistency of NNLO predictions
→ Experimental uncertainty smaller than differences in NNLO predictions → relevant for W,Z cross sections: *DYNNLO* vs. *FEWZ*

W/Z+heavy flavour

- No working *APPL*grids, but also no possibility of alternative theory input → No attempt e.g. for W+c fit

DATA

Data sets

- Better overview for non-experts needed → Hidden information will not be used in time-limited analyses

Uncertainty correlations

- Information on uncertainty naming, correlations between measurements, years, etc. needed
- Information on correlation between different distributions of the same measurement needed → Presented in usable format: Too much information also not helpful



Summary

xFitter → Part of recent PDF-sensitive publications in ATLAS

- Most important question: How PDF sensitive is an analysis?
 - Bayesian reweighting or profiling performed with xFitter-hacked non-*APPLgrid* theory input or time-consuming *APPLgrid* input → does not allow simple and quick PDF sensitivity tests
 - **Wish**: Alternative theory input possibility, e.g. similar to data input
- Application in PDF fits → Advanced usage for PDF-tailored analyses
 - Lacking NNLO *APPLgrids* circumvented with k-factor approach for NNLO PDF fits → very tedious → increases threshold to attempt PDF fit
 - **Wish**: NNLO *APPLgrids* (maybe not direct xFitter responsibility)
- xFitter usage
 - Quality of documentation influences broadness of application
 - **Wish**: Simple how-to's for different use-cases of xFitter

Thanks for your attention



Publications

High mass DY

- *Measurement of the double-differential high-mass Drell-Yan cross section in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=8\text{TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, [JHEP 08 \(2016\) 009](#)*
- *The photon PDF from high-mass Drell Yan data at the LHC, Giuli et. Al., [arXiv:1701.08553](#)*

W, Z cross section

- *Precision measurement and interpretation of inclusive W^+ , W^- and Z/γ^* production cross sections with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, [arXiv:1612.03016](#)*

$t\bar{t}/Z$ ratio

- *Measurements of top-quark pair to Z-boson cross-section ratios at $\sqrt{s}=13,8,7\text{TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, [JHEP 02 \(2017\) 117](#)*



Further useful links

xFitter

- Webpage: <https://www.xfitter.org/xFitter/>
- Data sets for xFitter: <http://xfitter.hepforge.org/data.html>
- Manual:
<https://www.xfitter.org/xFitter/xFitter/DownloadPage?action=AttachFile&do=view&target=manual.pdf>

APPLgrid

- Webpage: <https://applgrid.hepforge.org/>