



Study of PDFs at large x from the CJ Collaboration

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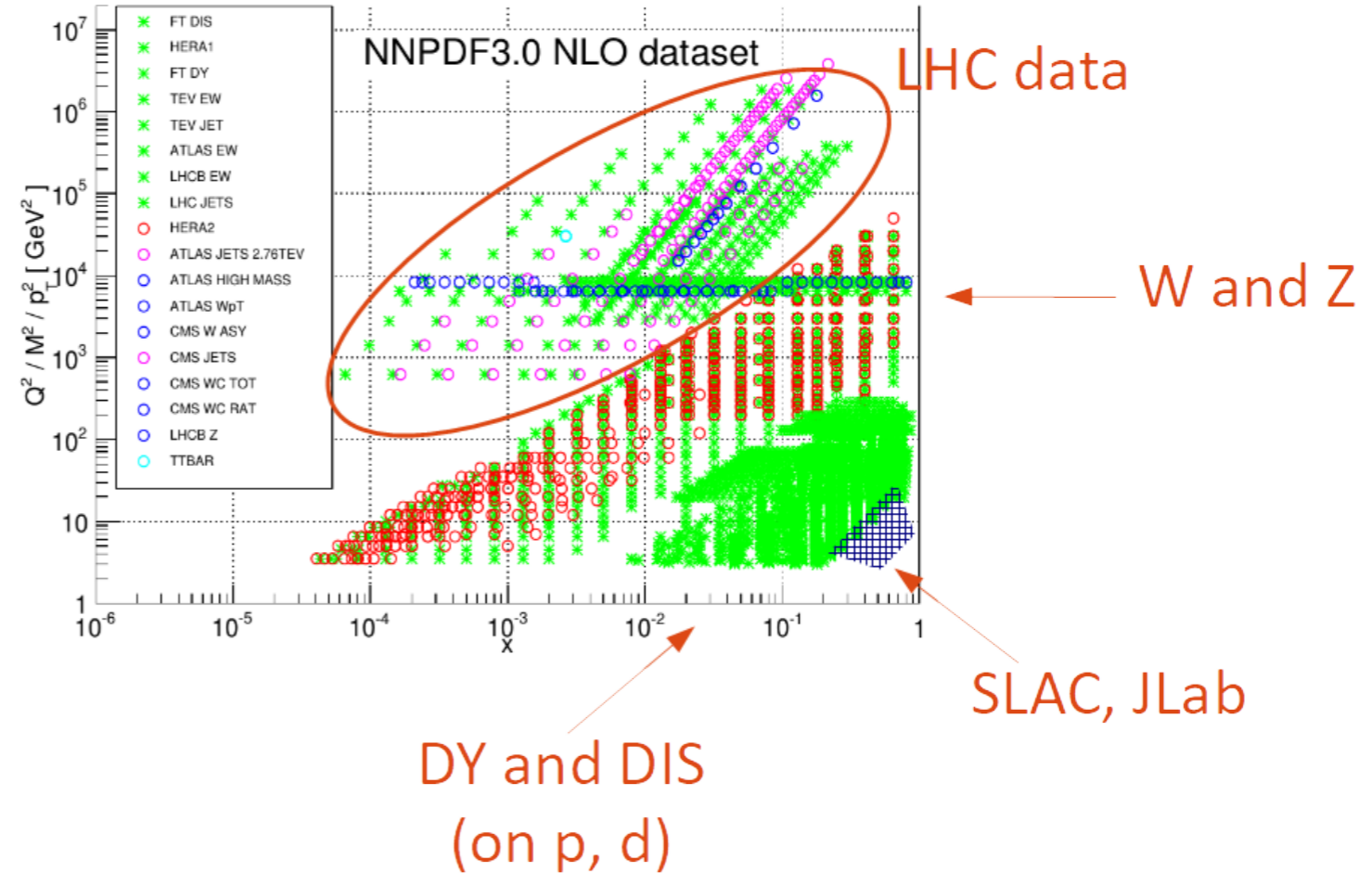
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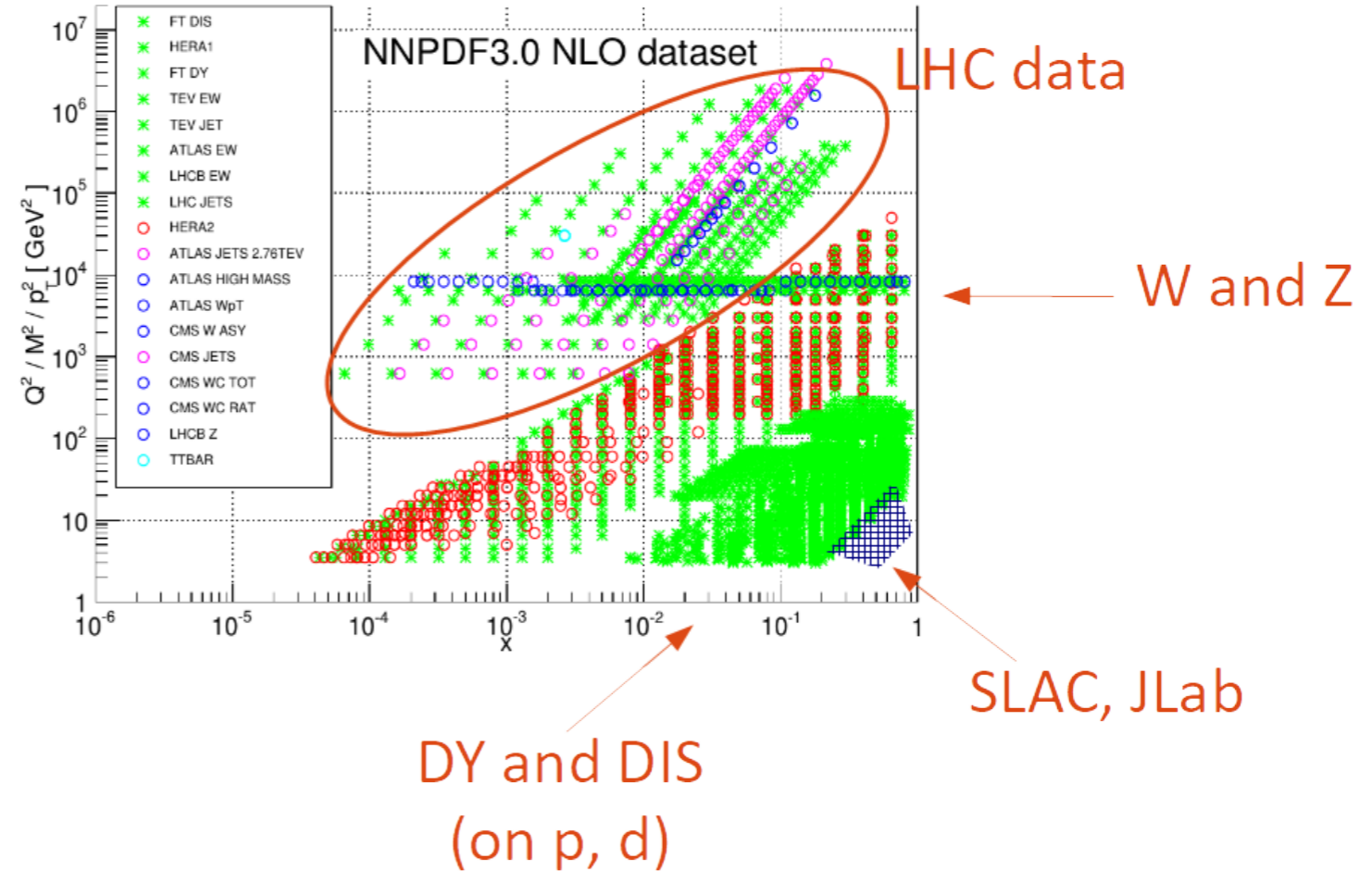
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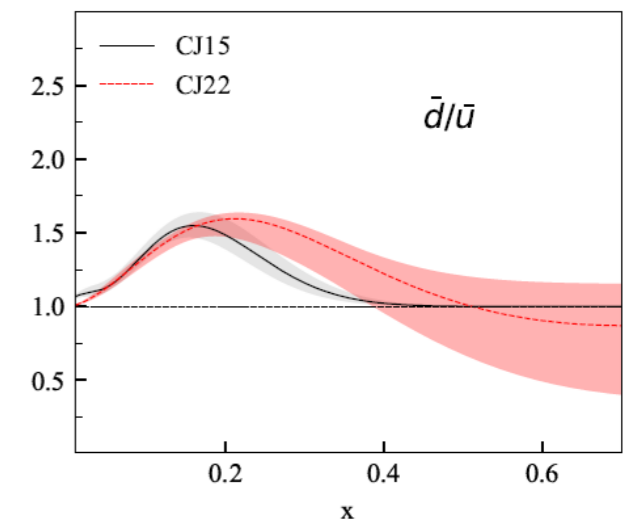
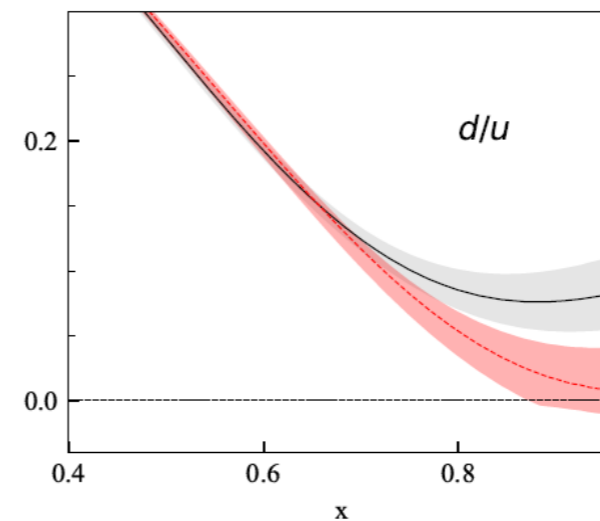
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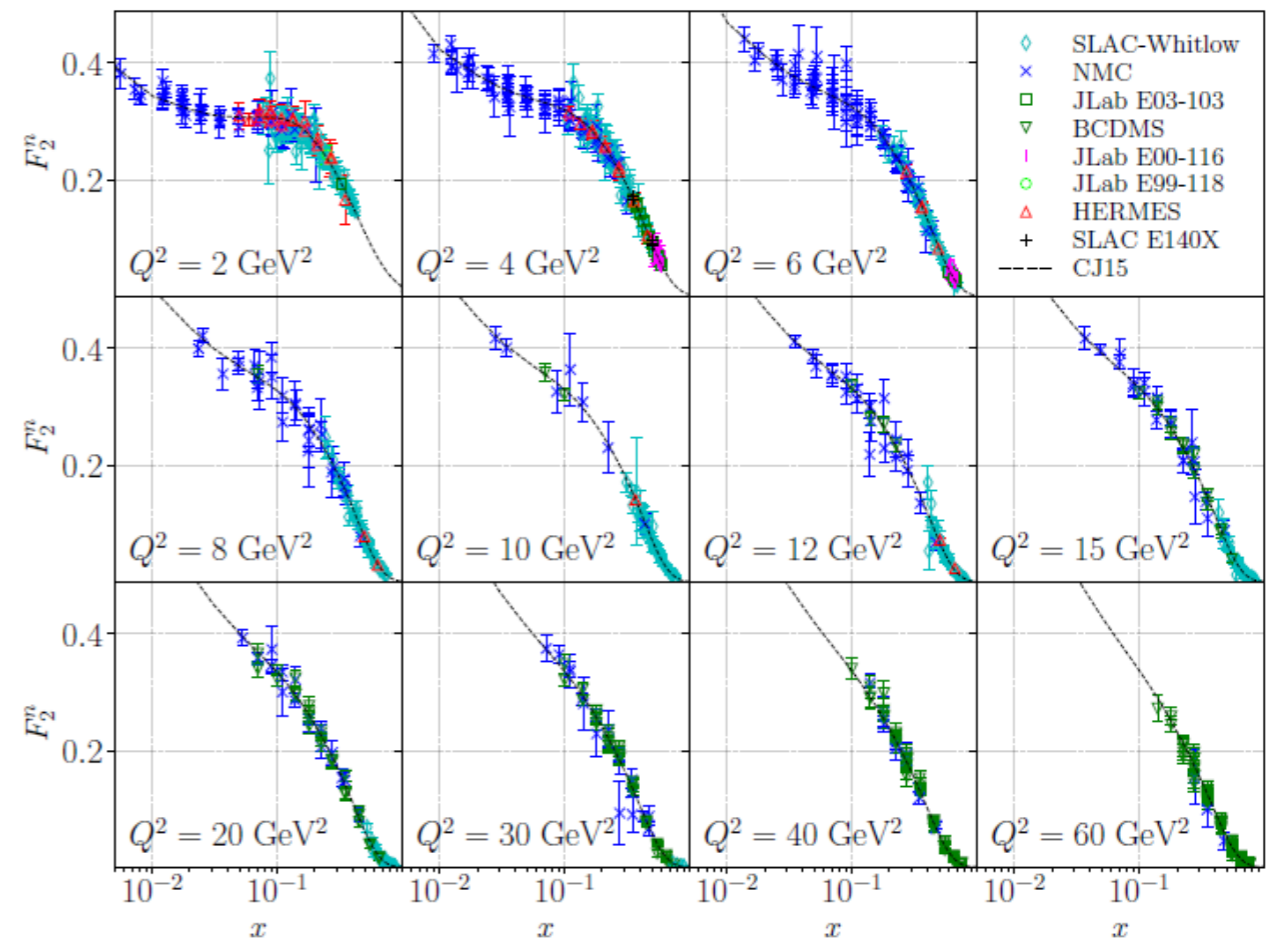
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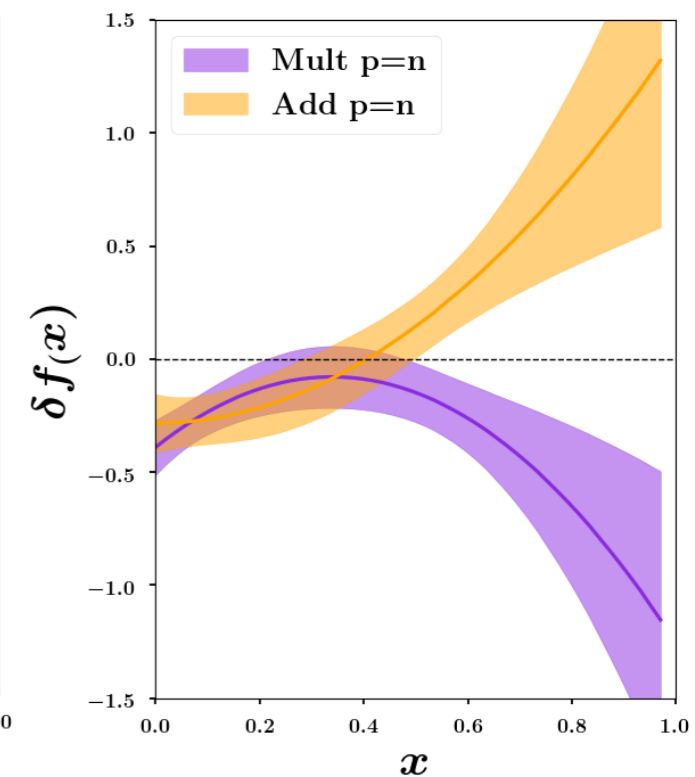
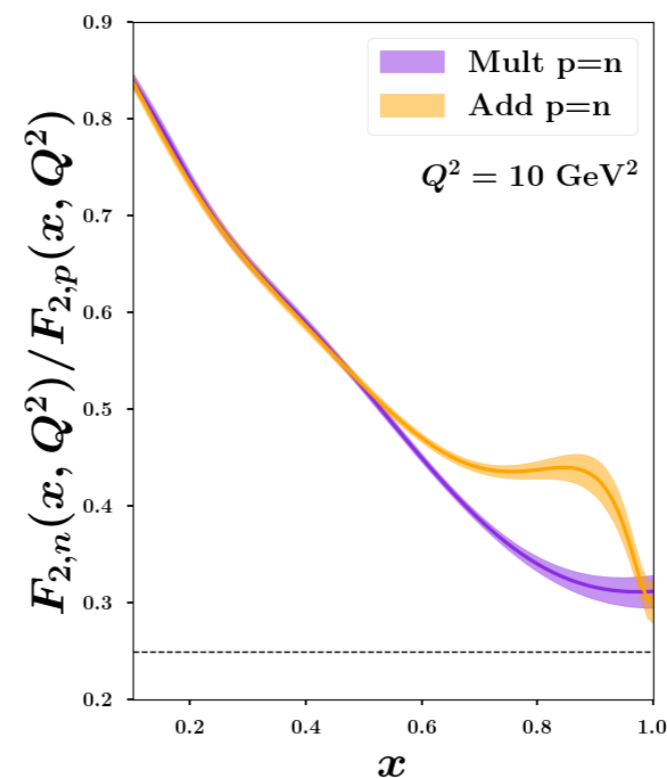
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- Systematic uncertainties from HT and off-shell corrections
HTvsOS In preparation (see DIS2024 talk)



HT vs Offshell

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Bias in the approach identified

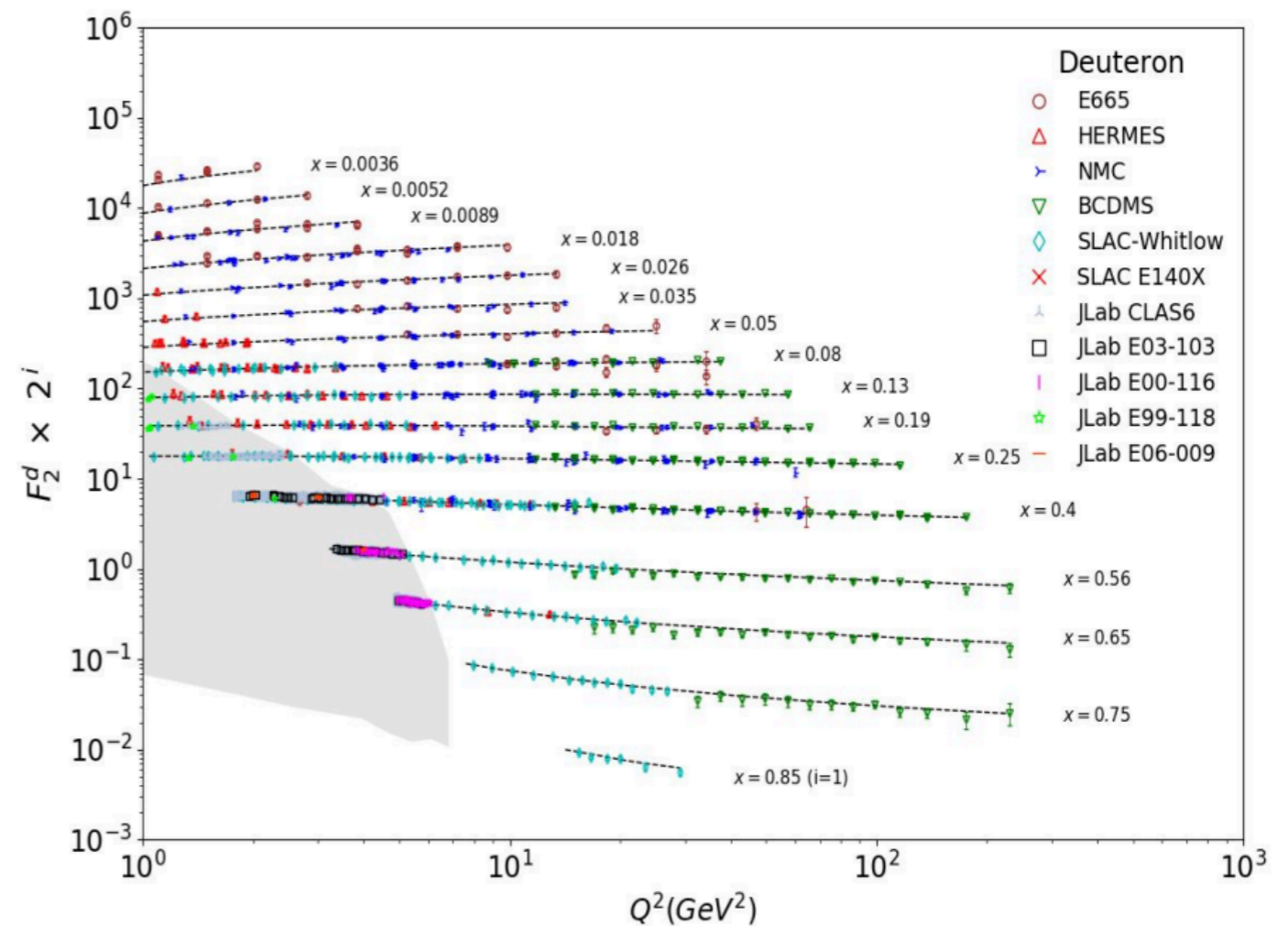
...and solved!

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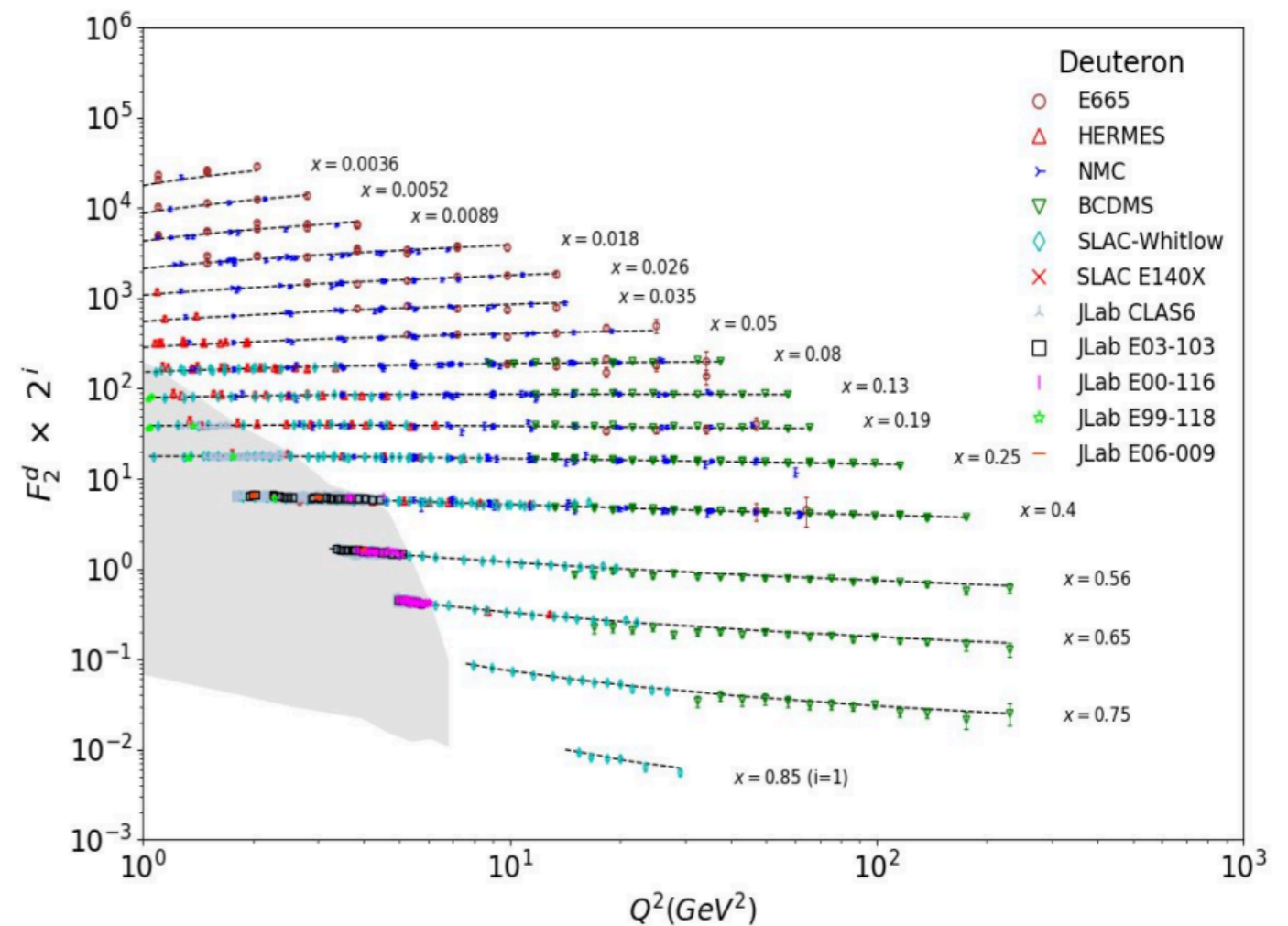
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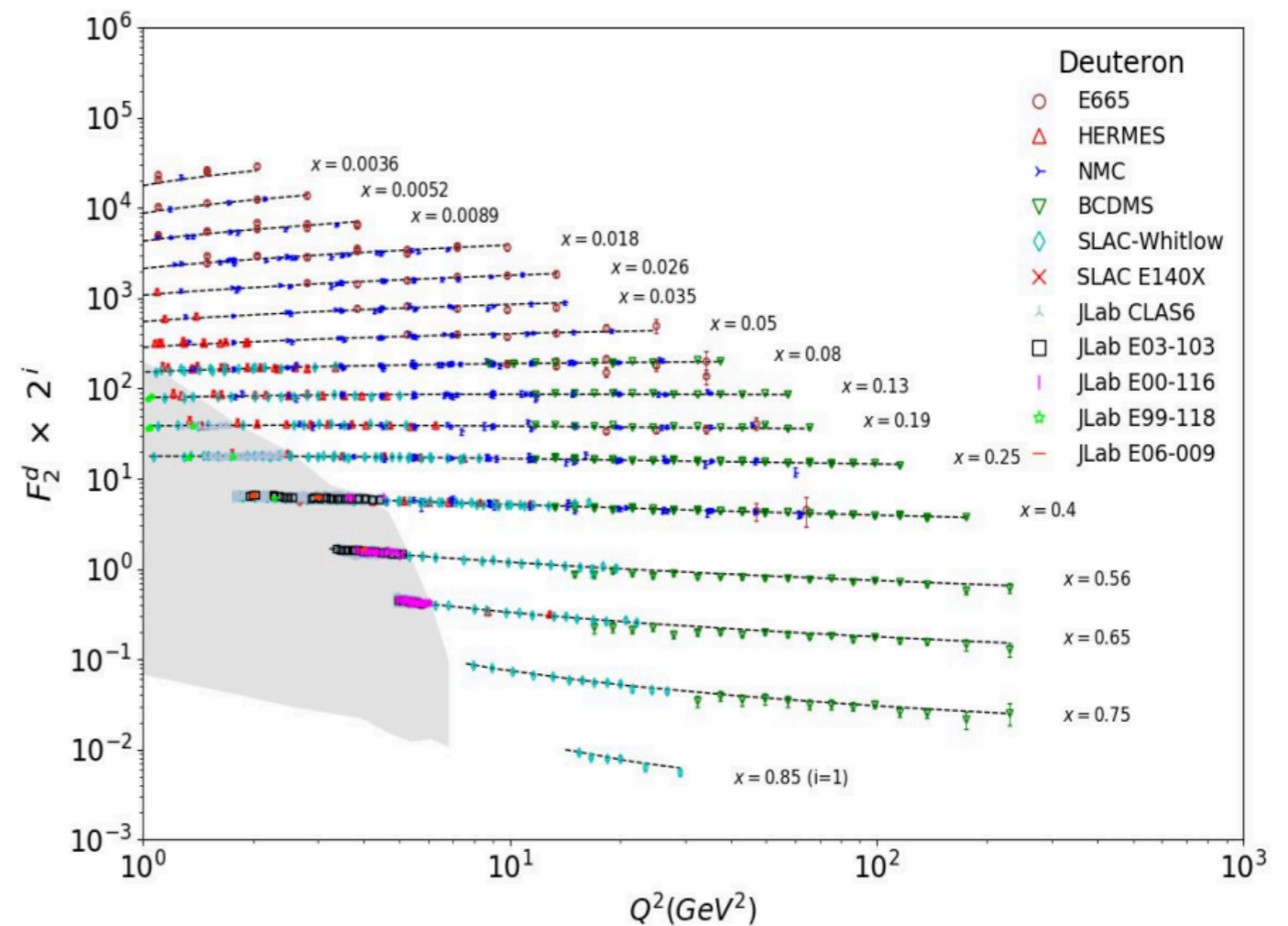
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Smearing function

Structure function of a bound,
off-shell nucleon

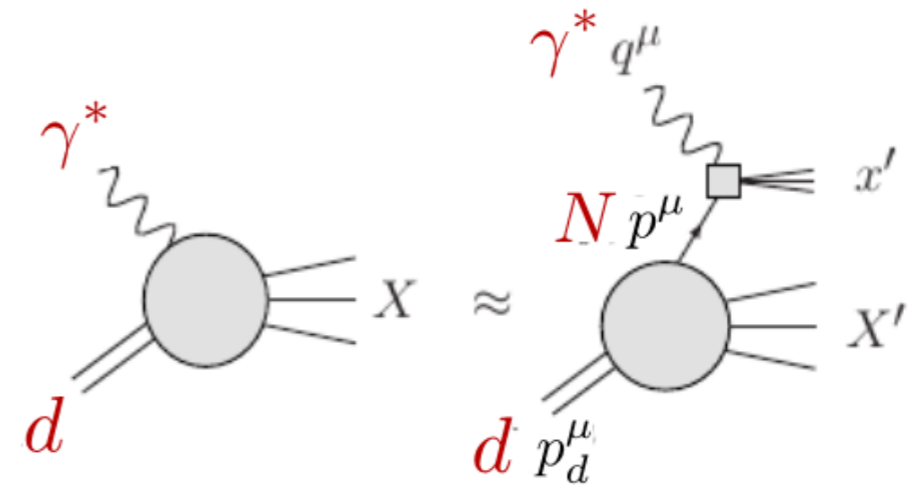
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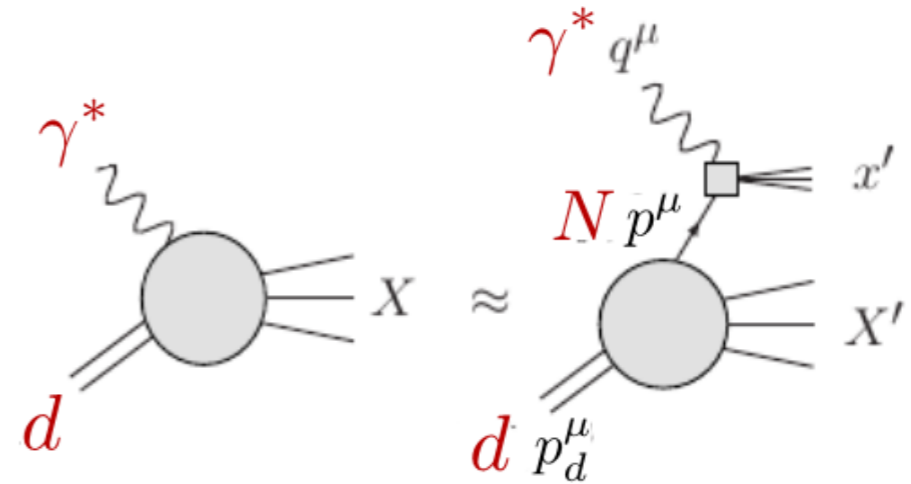


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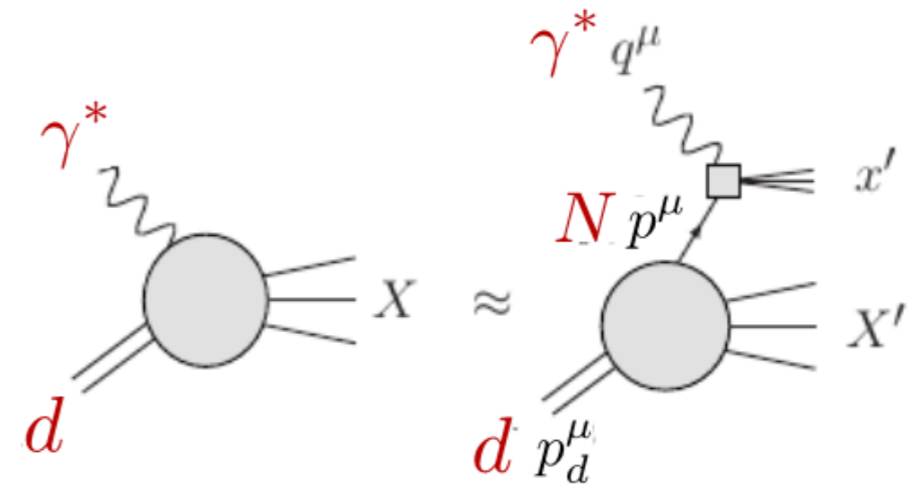
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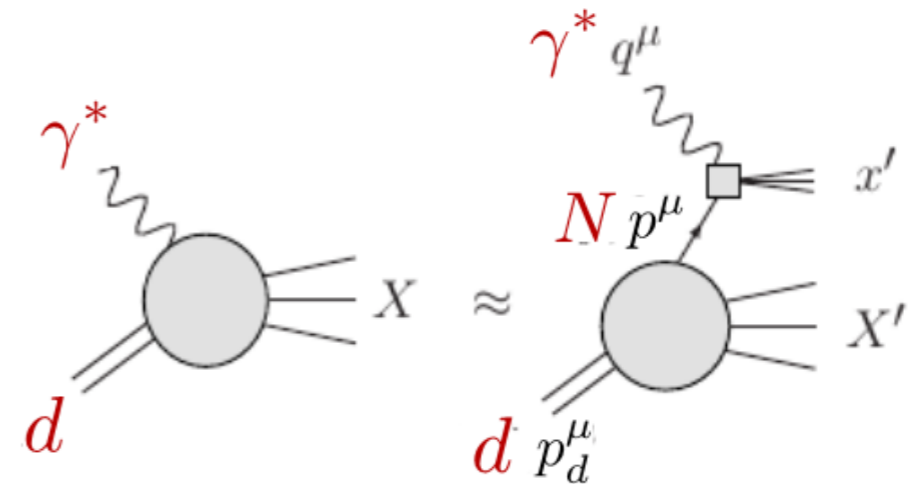
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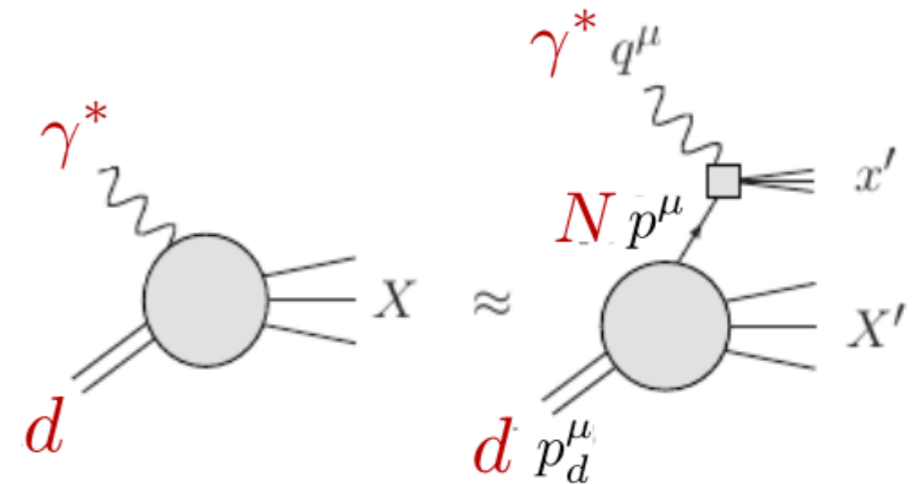
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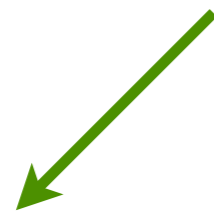
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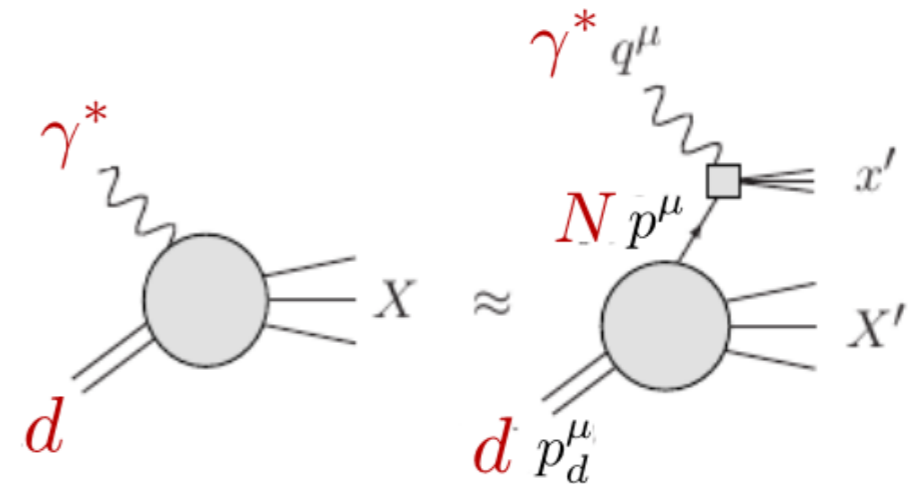
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(To be fitted)

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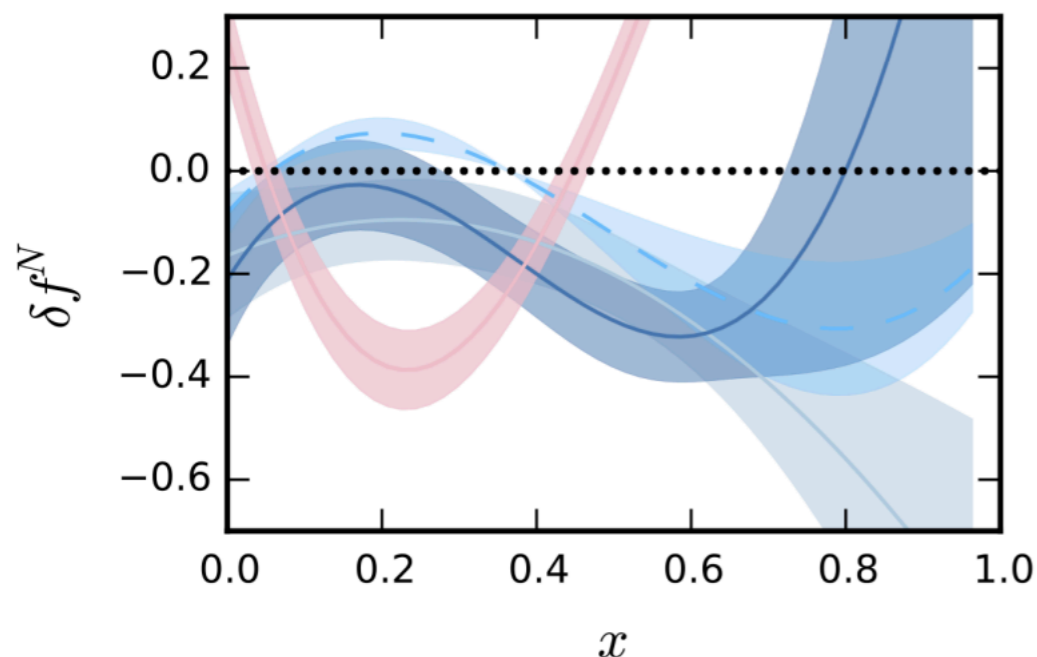
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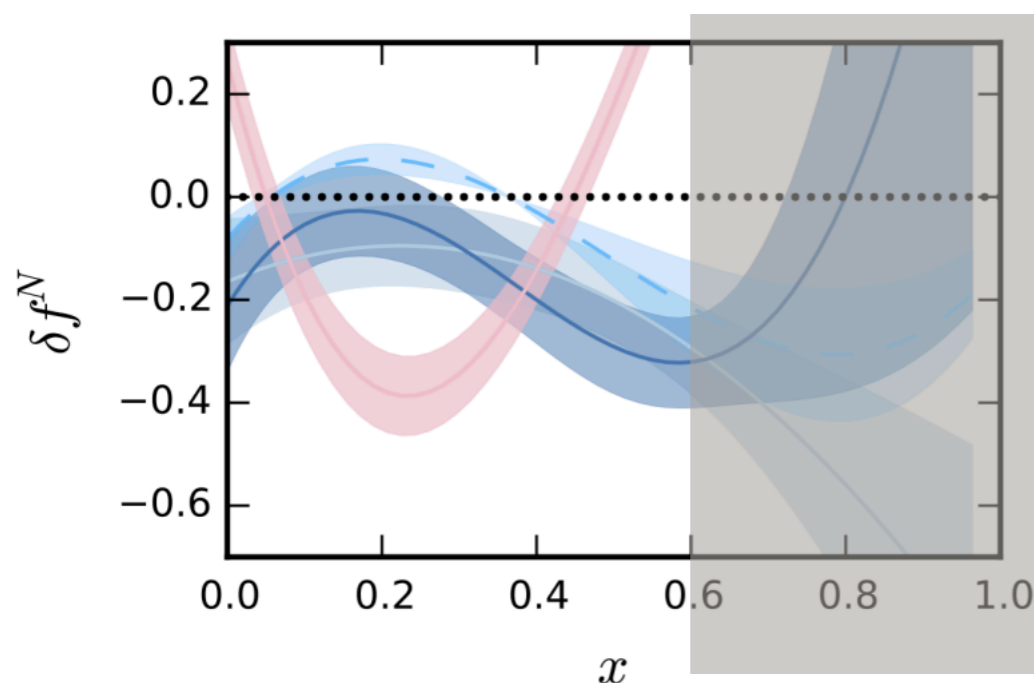
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Constrain power of CJ15
dataset only up to $x = 0.6$

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$\nearrow H_p(x) = H_n(x)$
 $\longrightarrow H_p(x) = 2H_n(x)$

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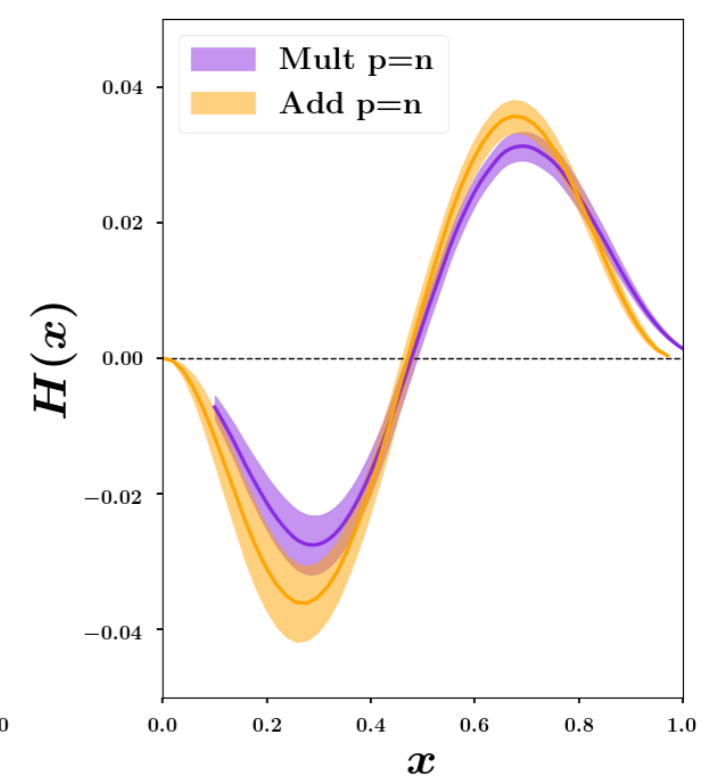
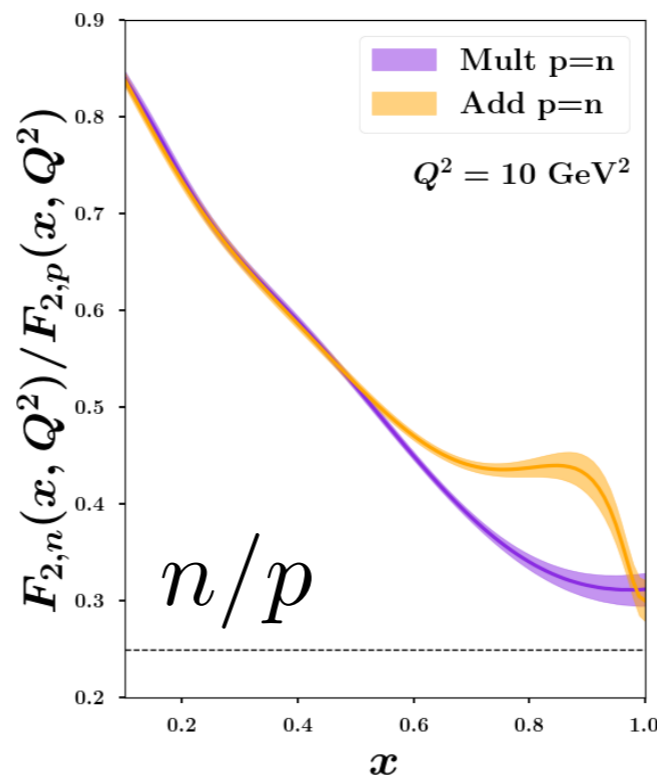
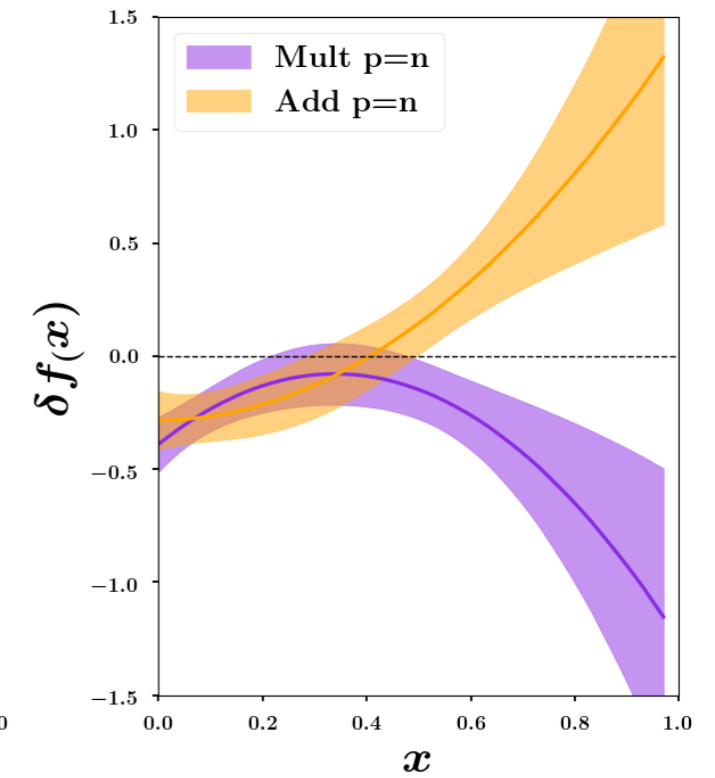
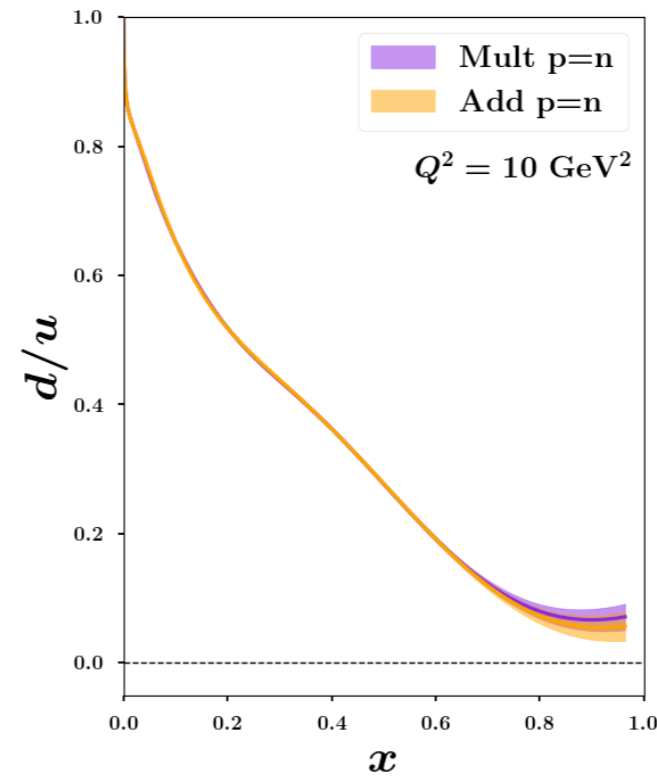
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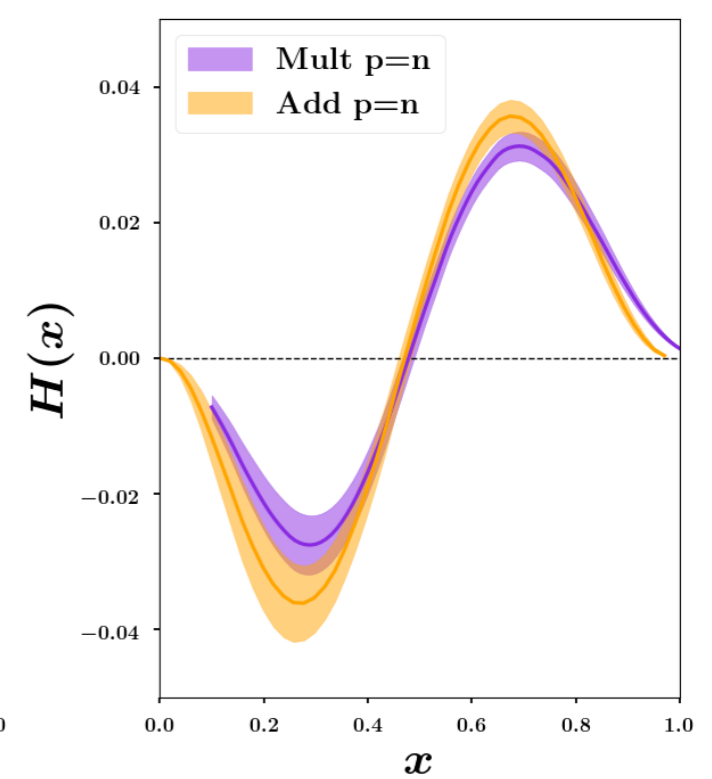
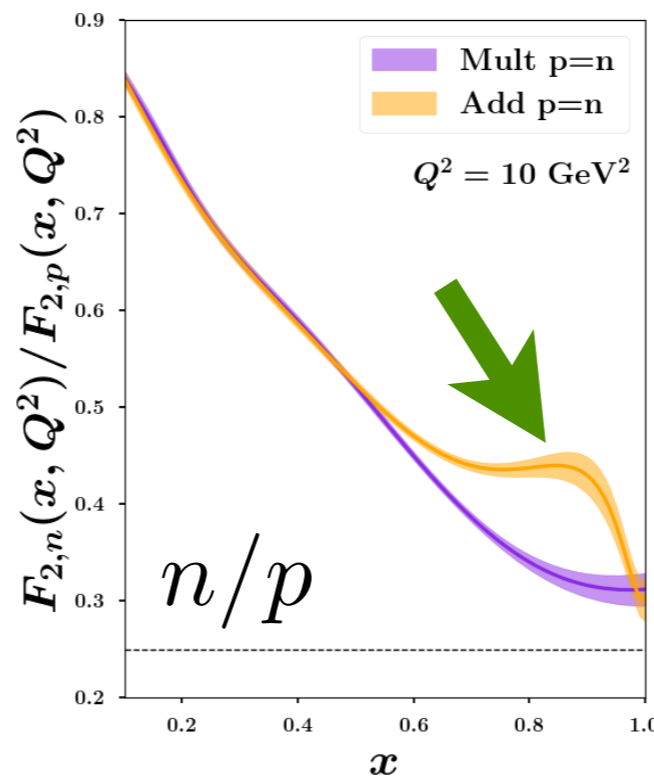
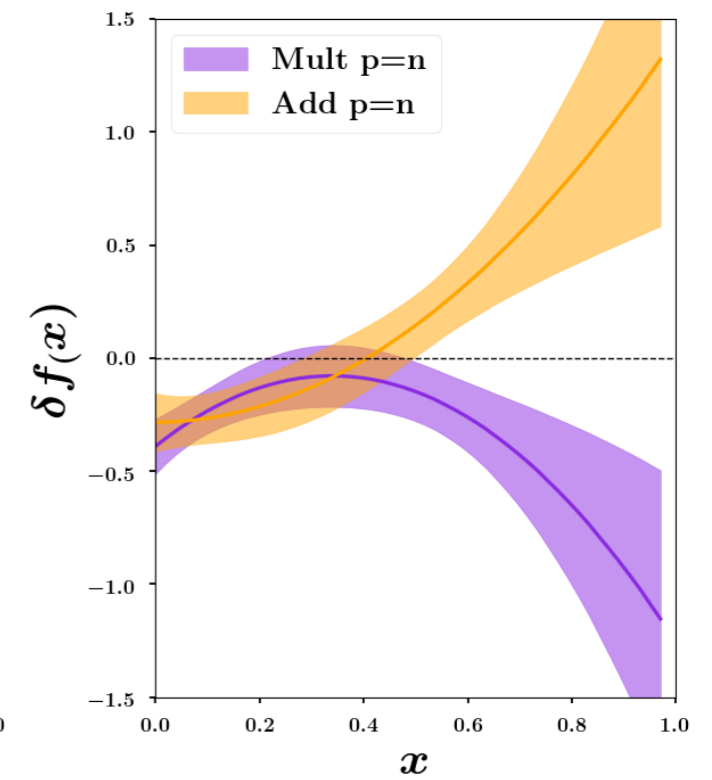
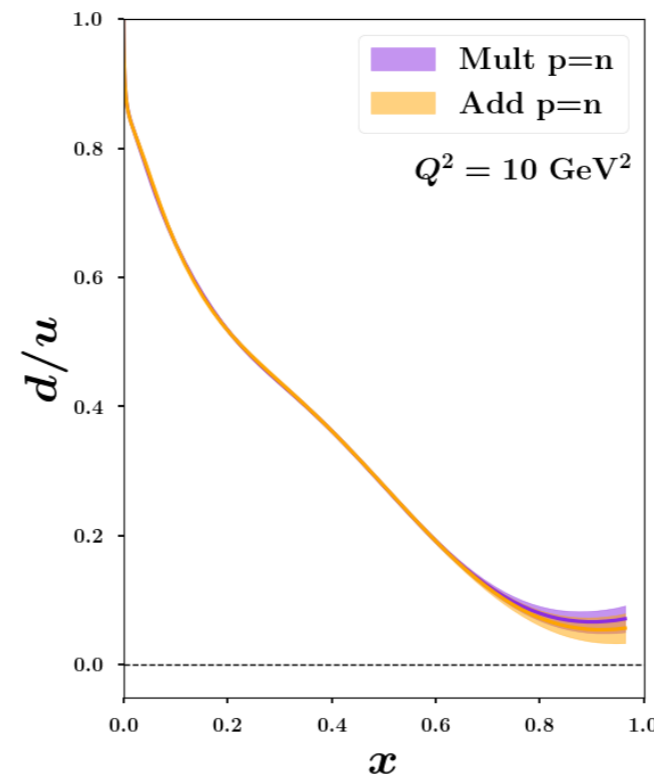
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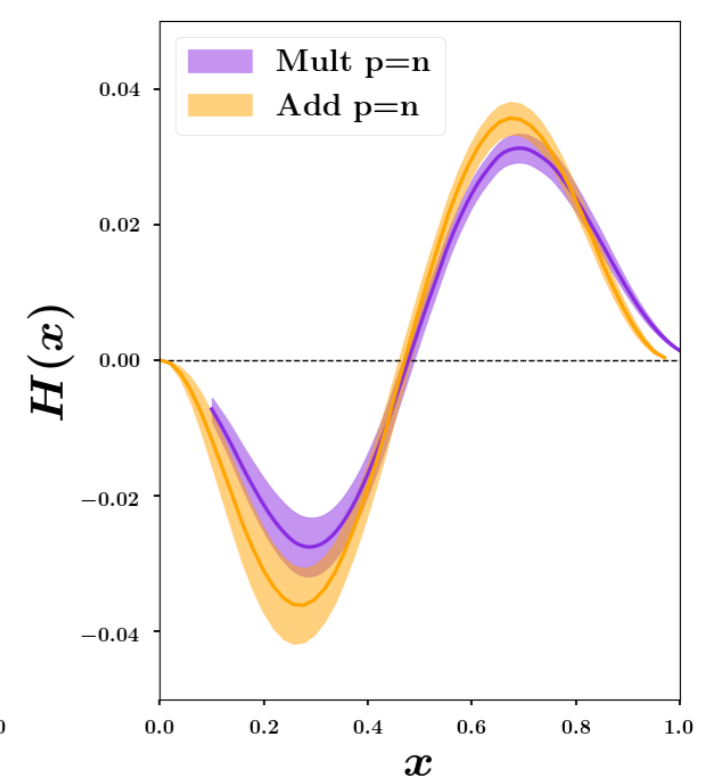
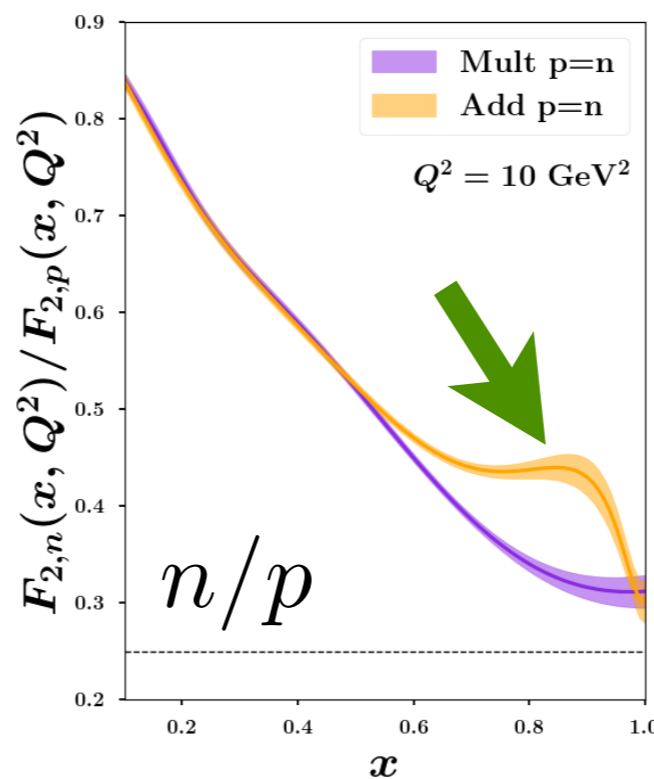
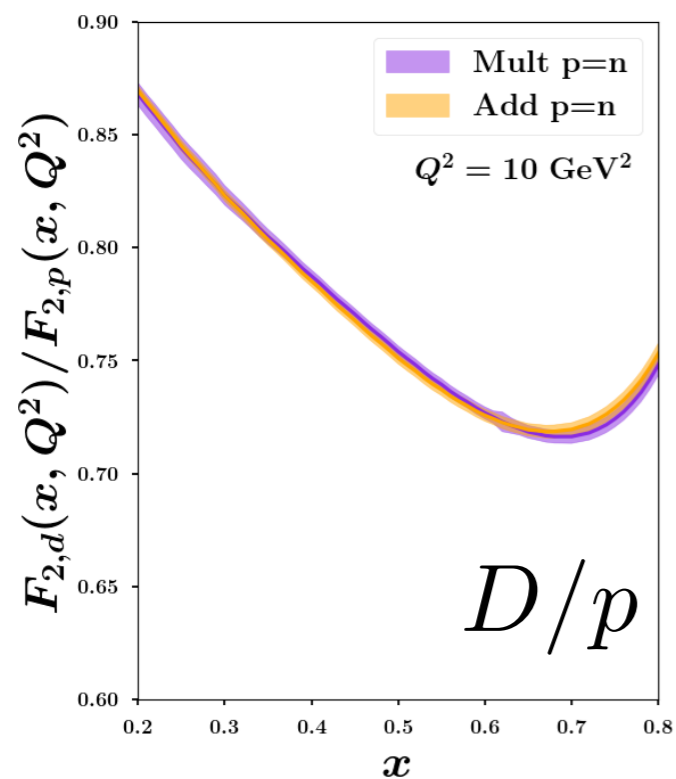
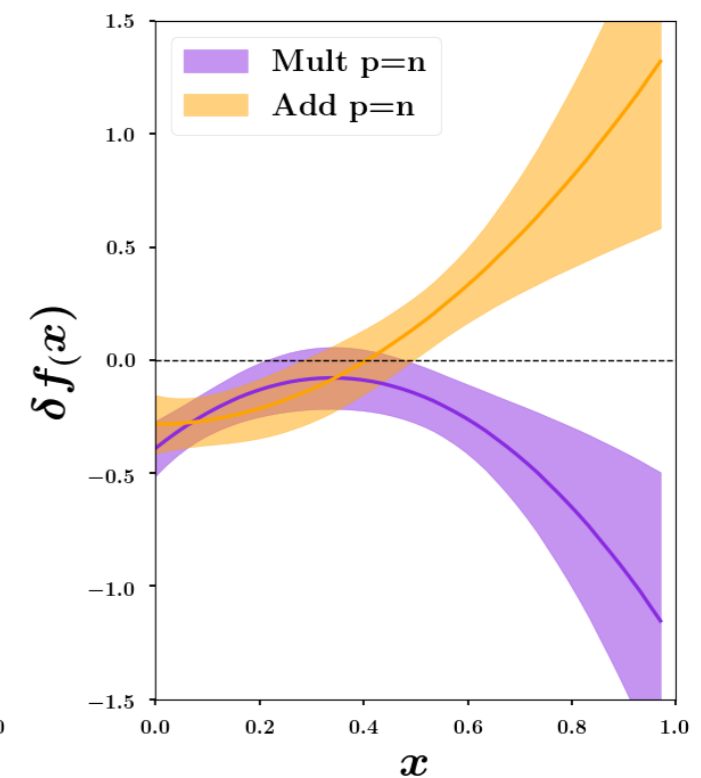
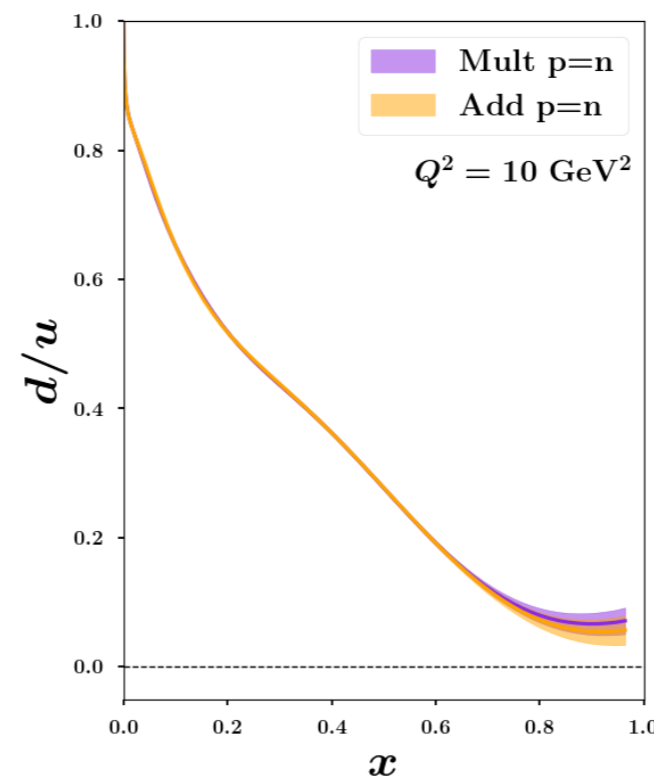
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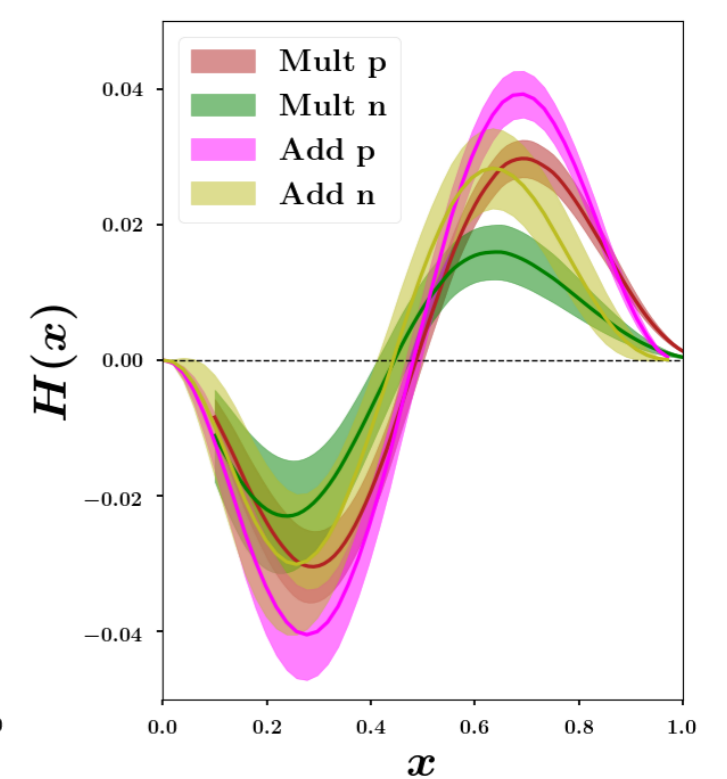
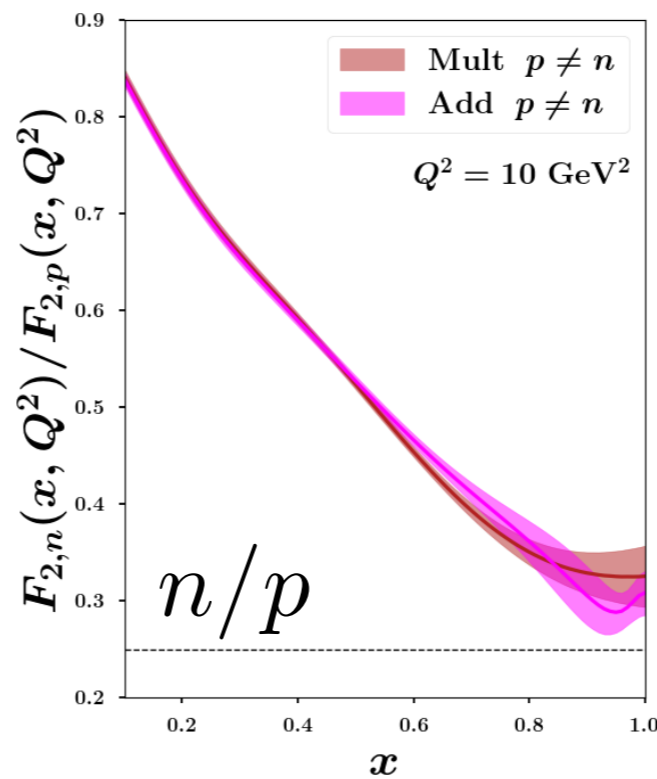
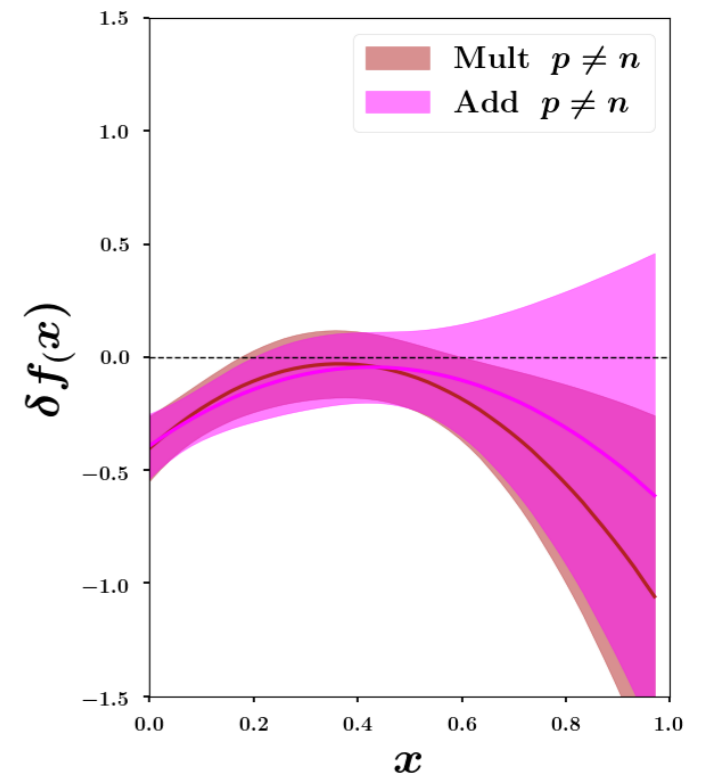
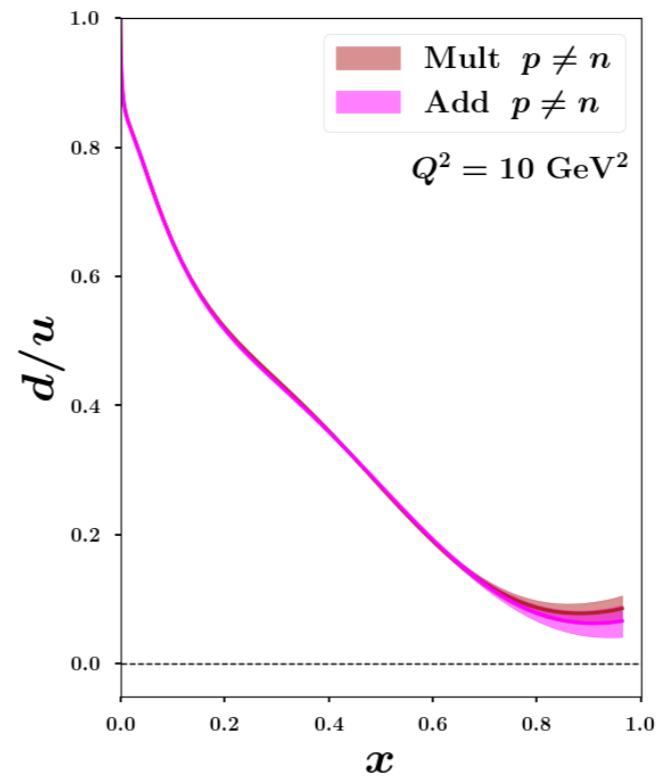
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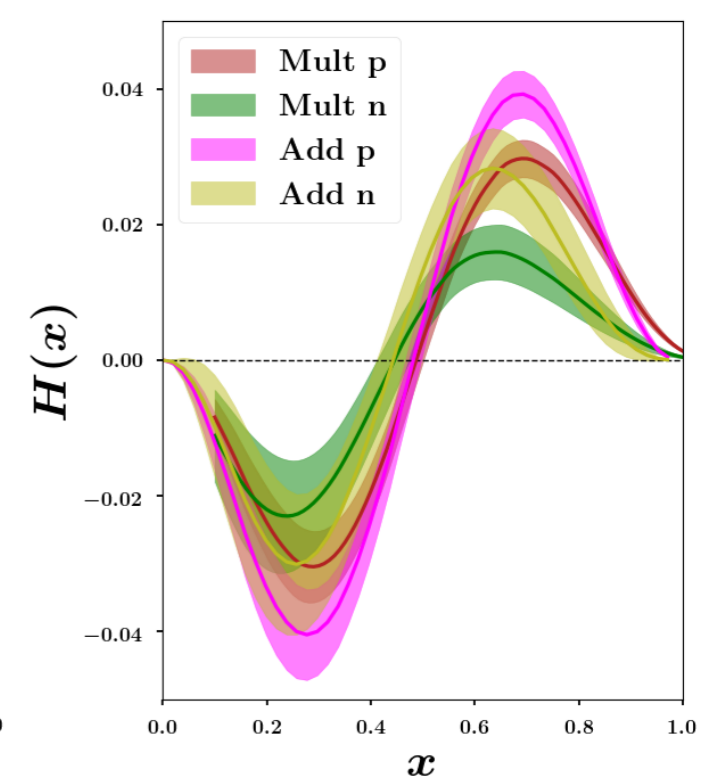
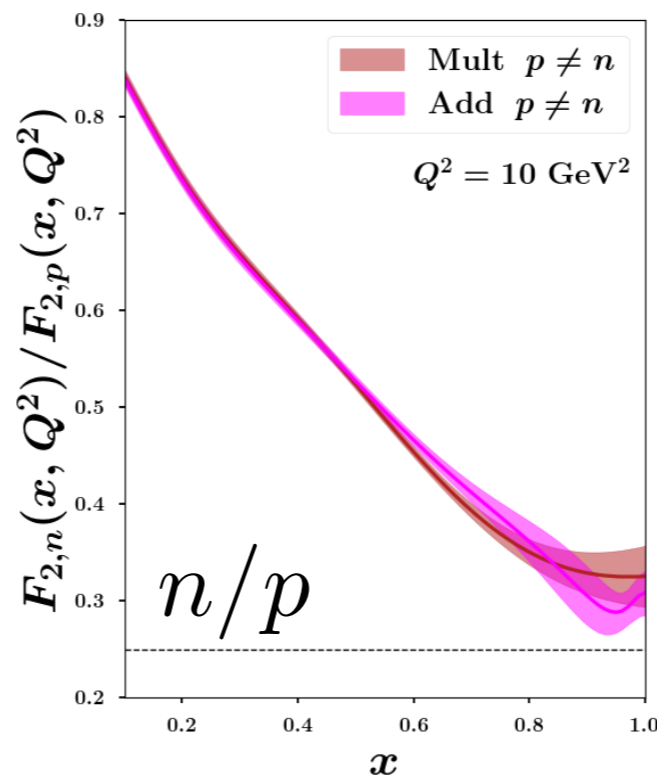
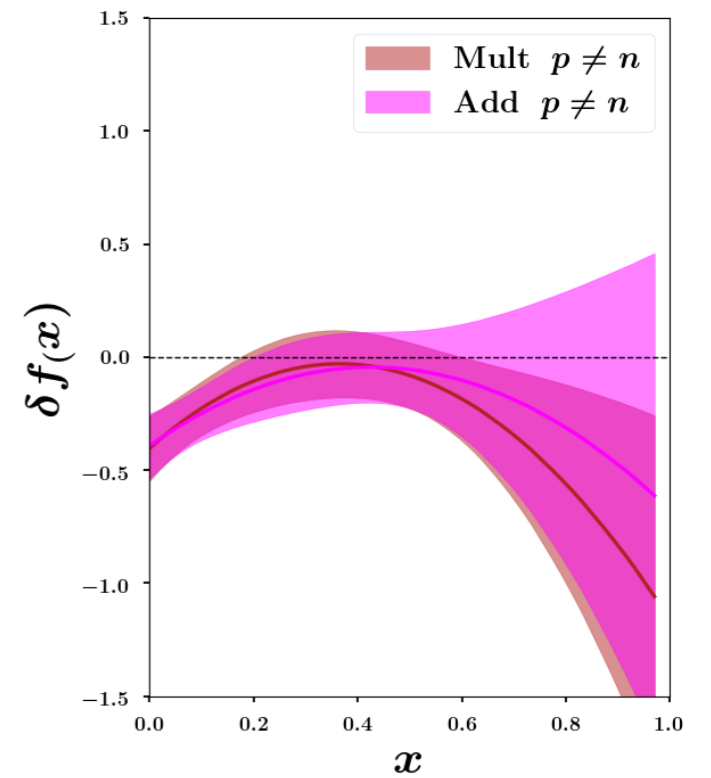
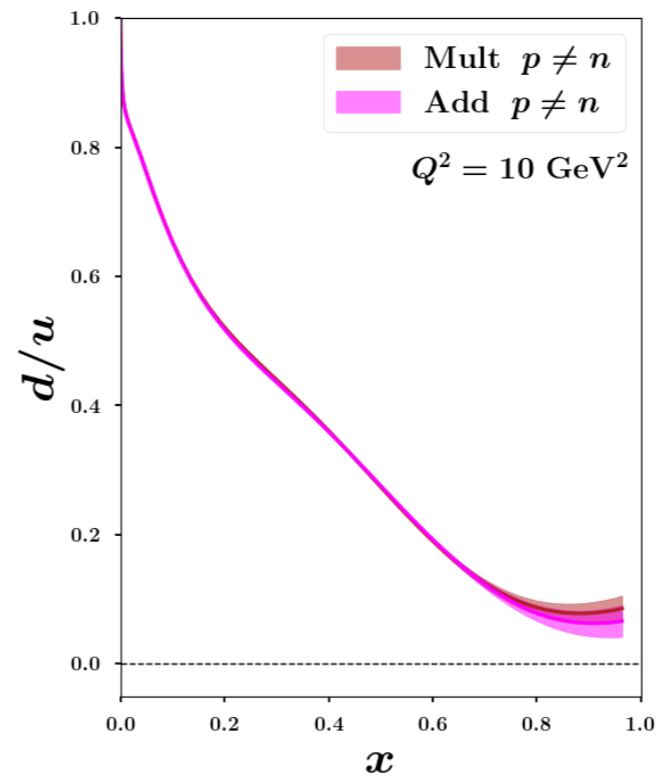


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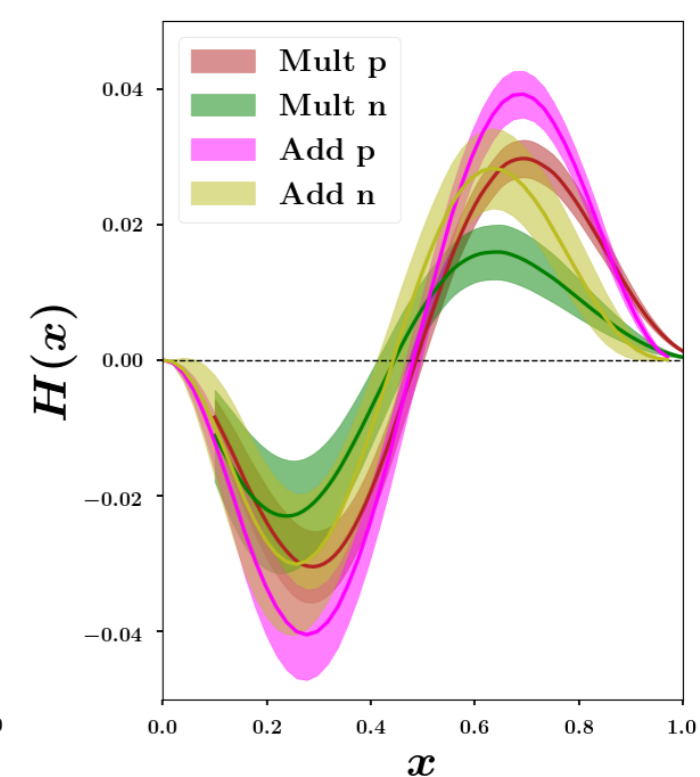
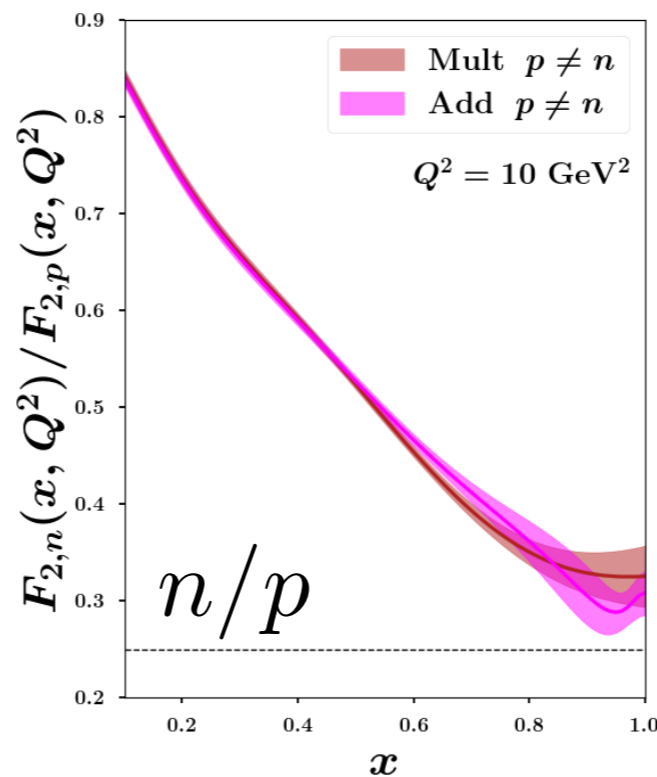
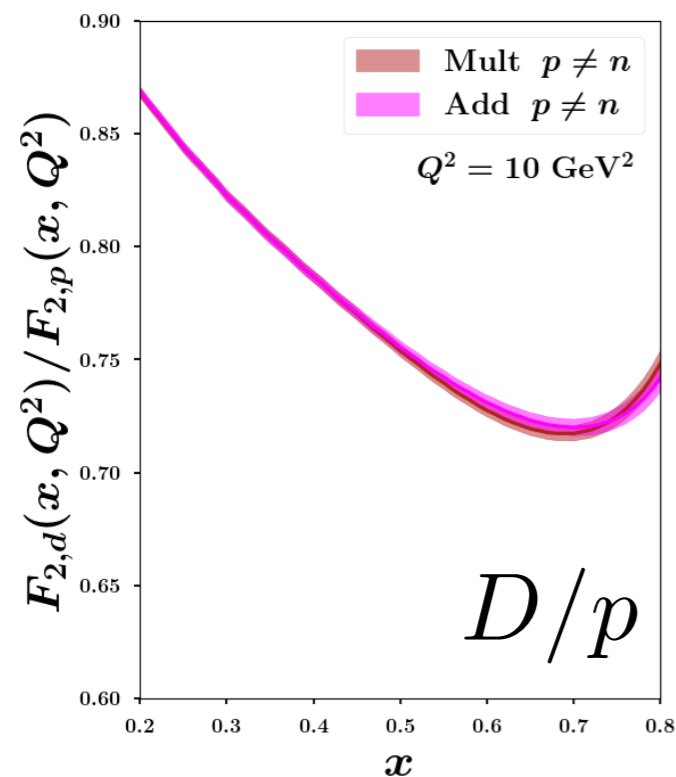
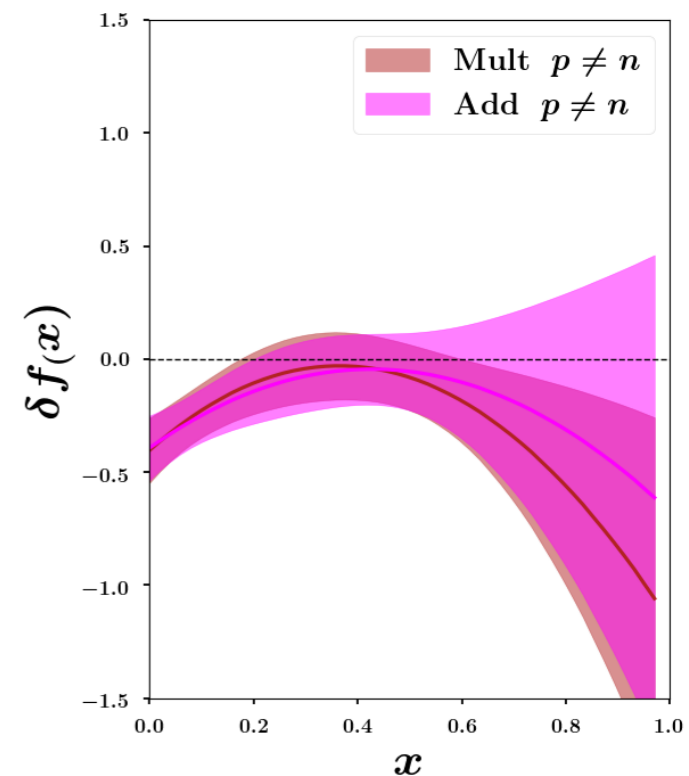
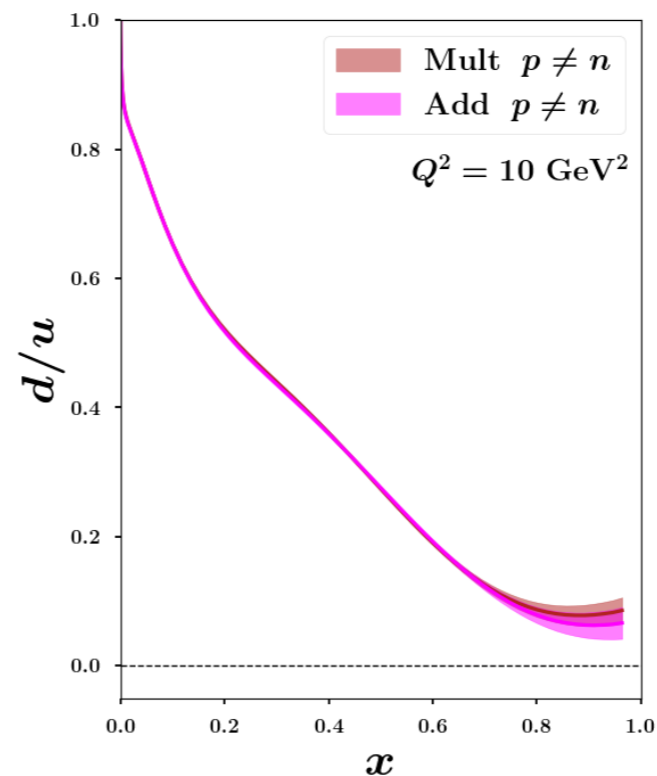
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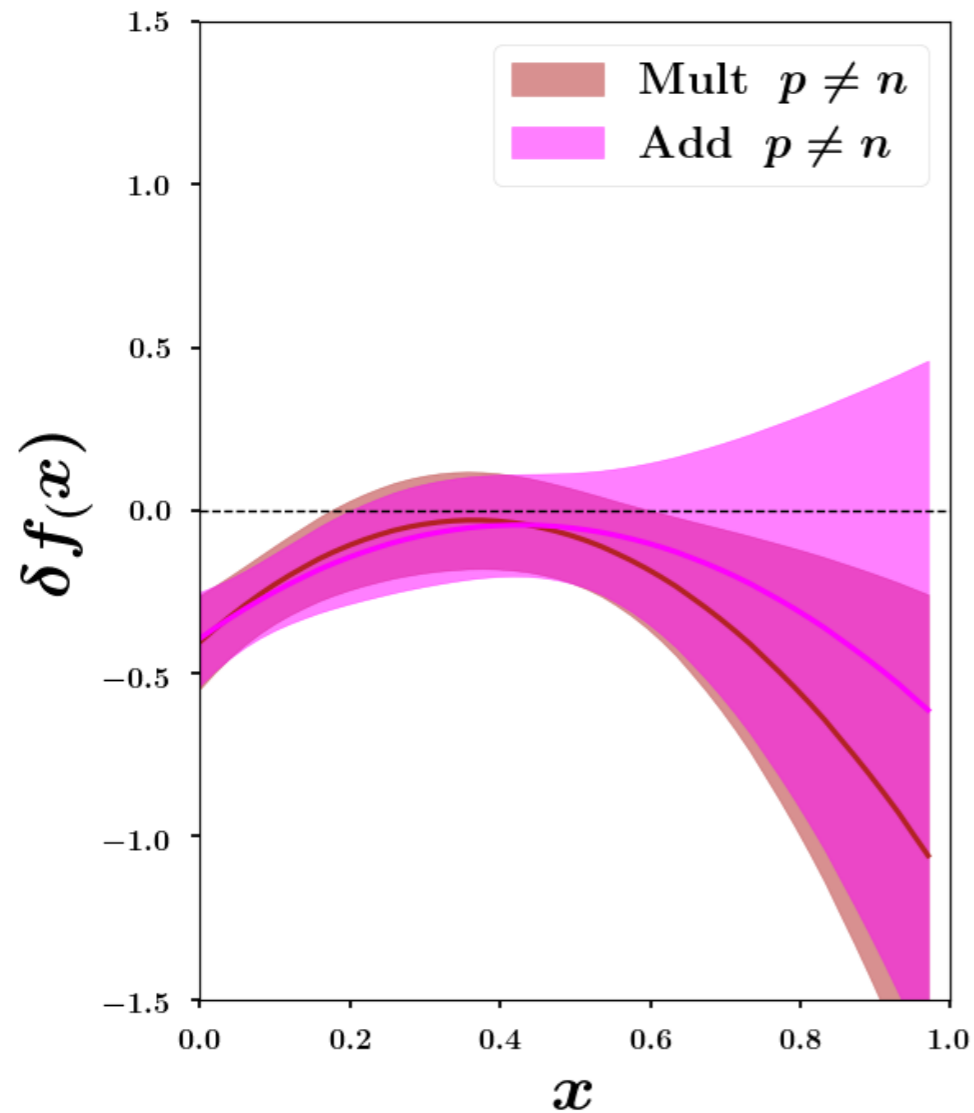
No need of compensation by off-shell
Theory calculation confirmed!



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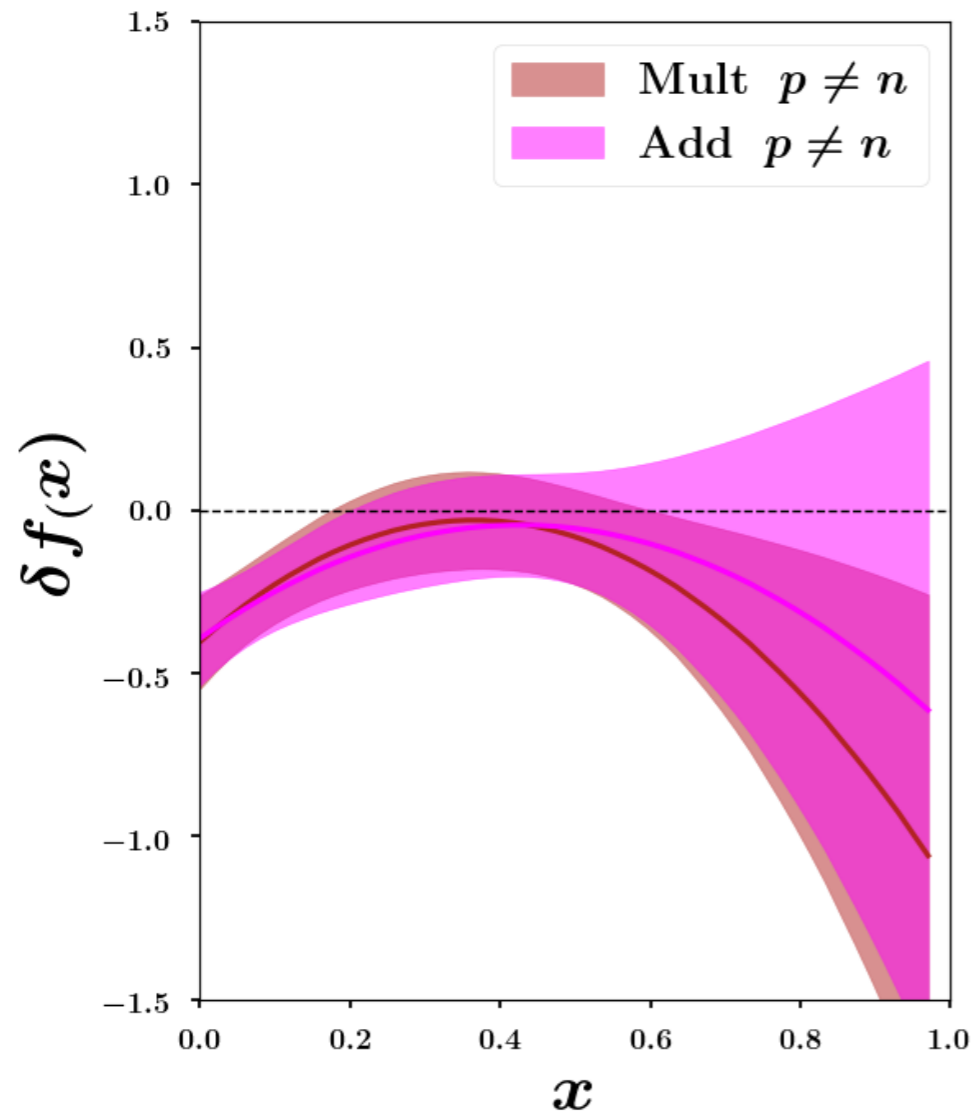


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CJ place in PVDIS physics

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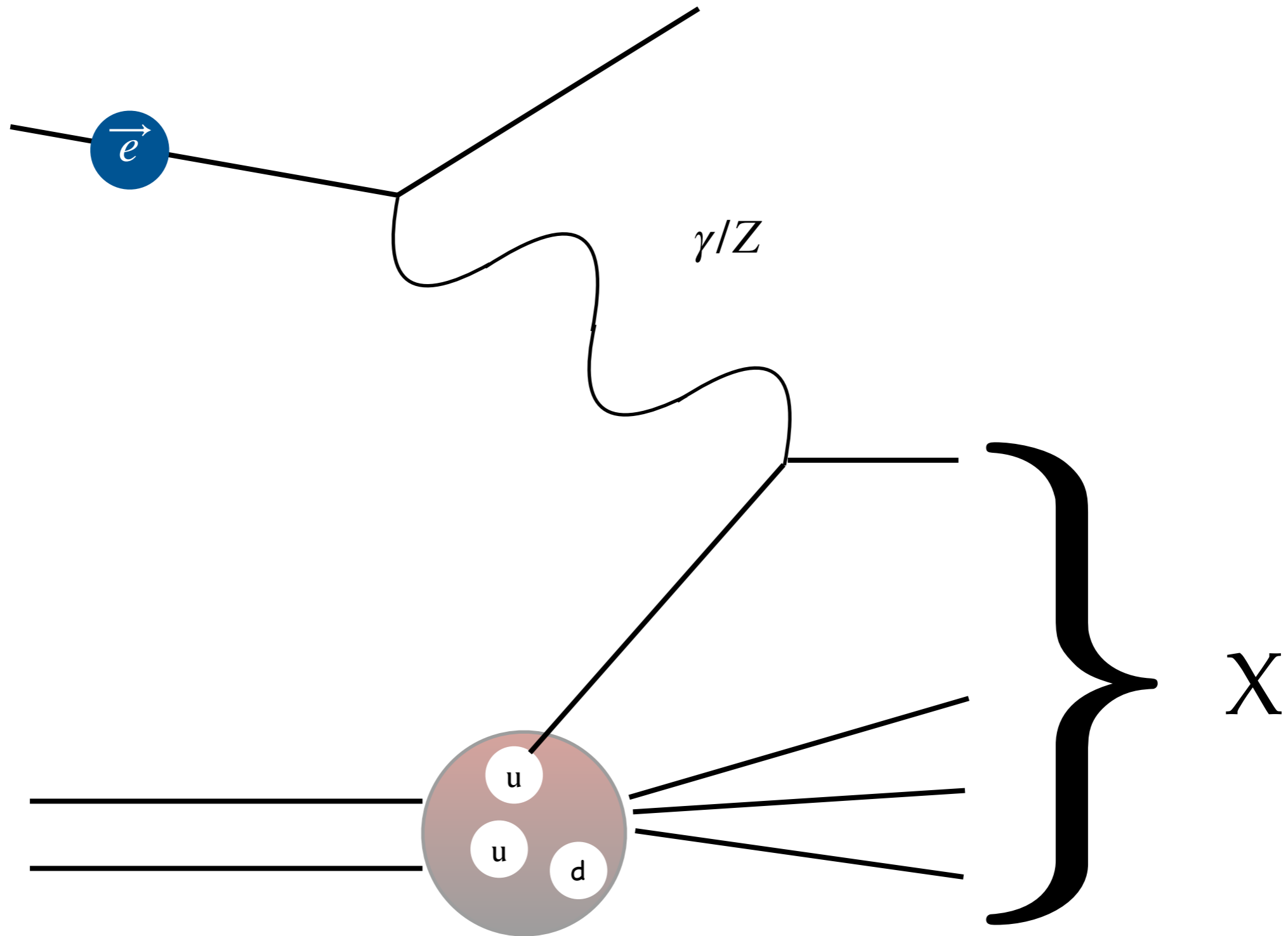
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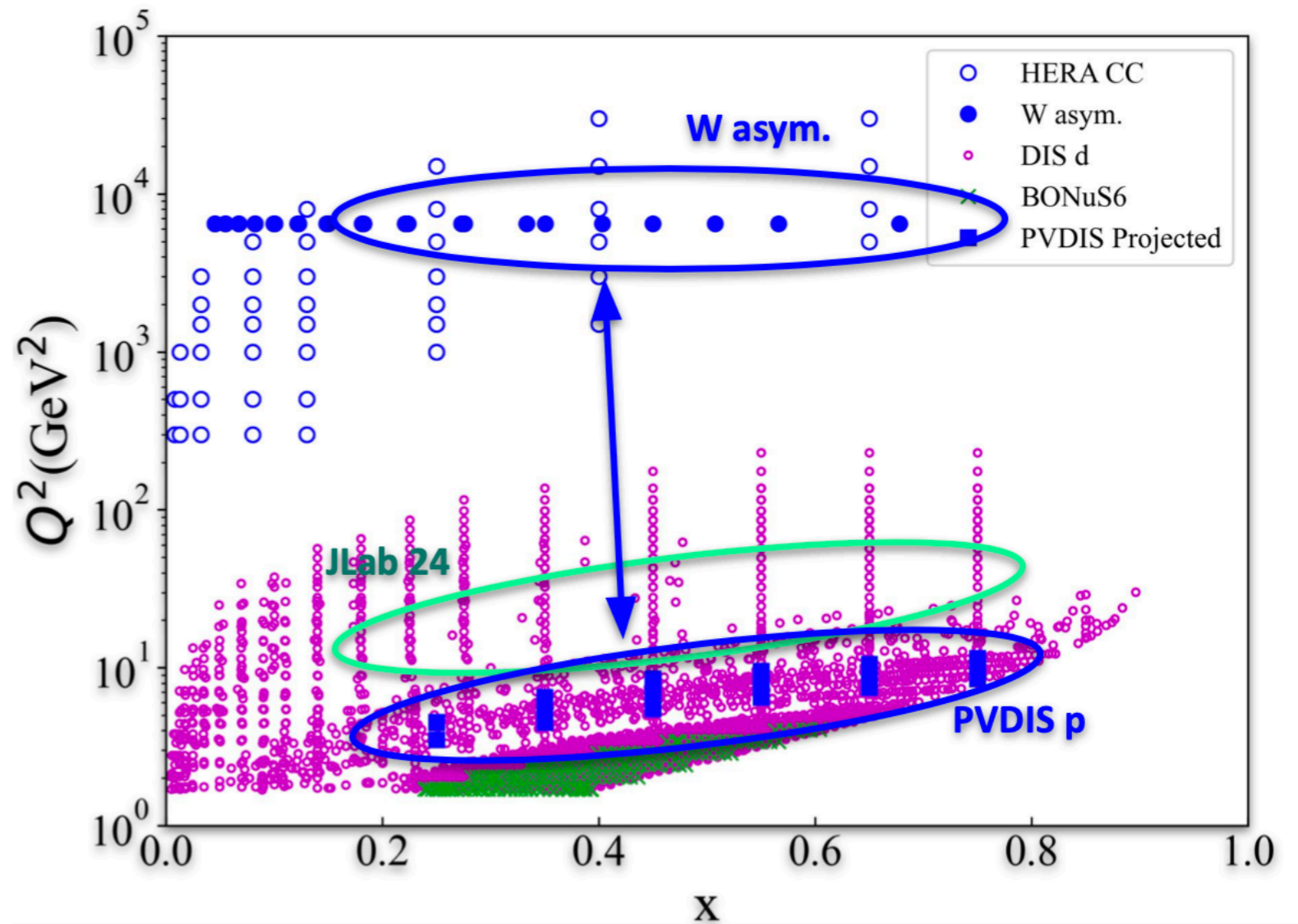
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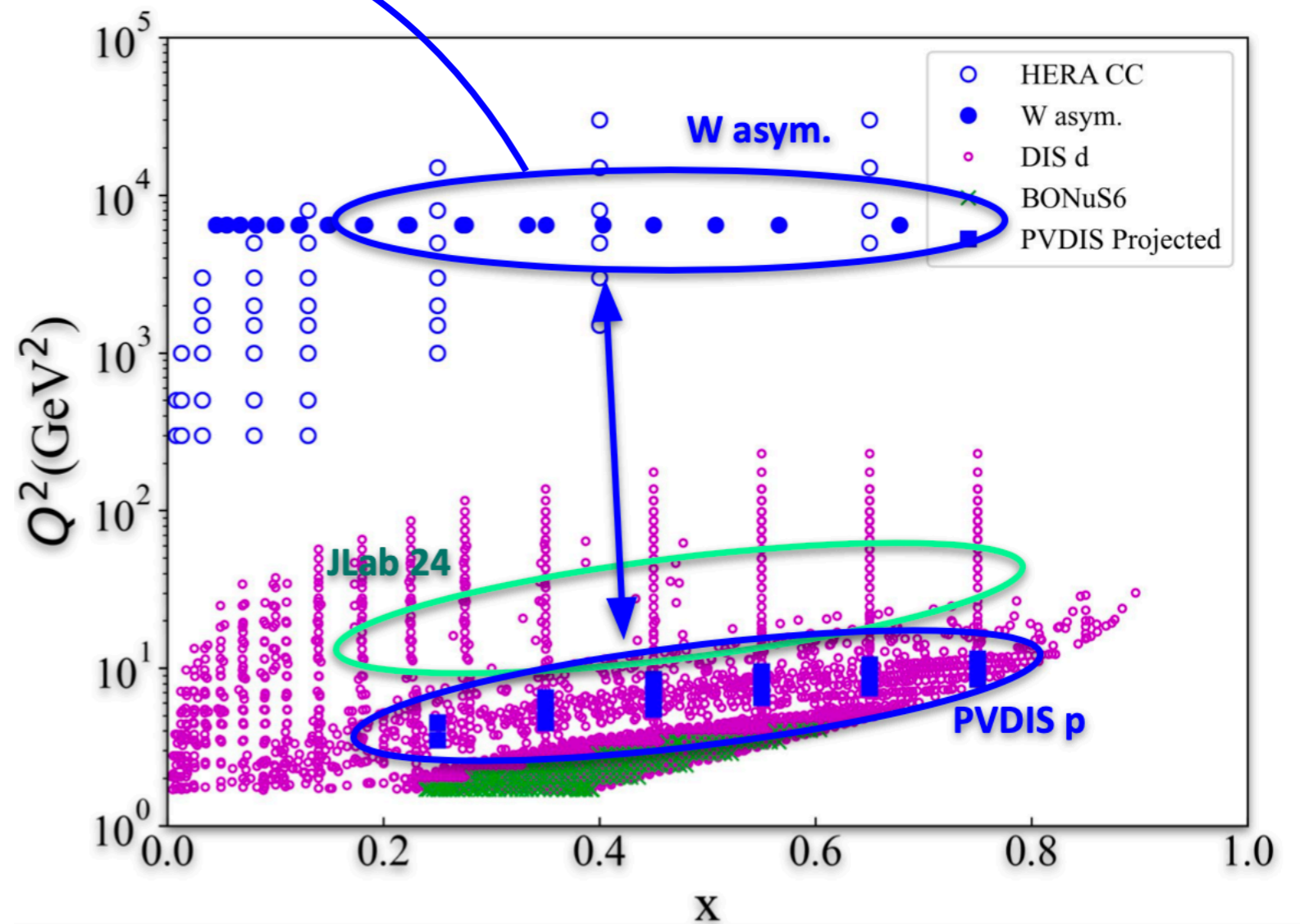


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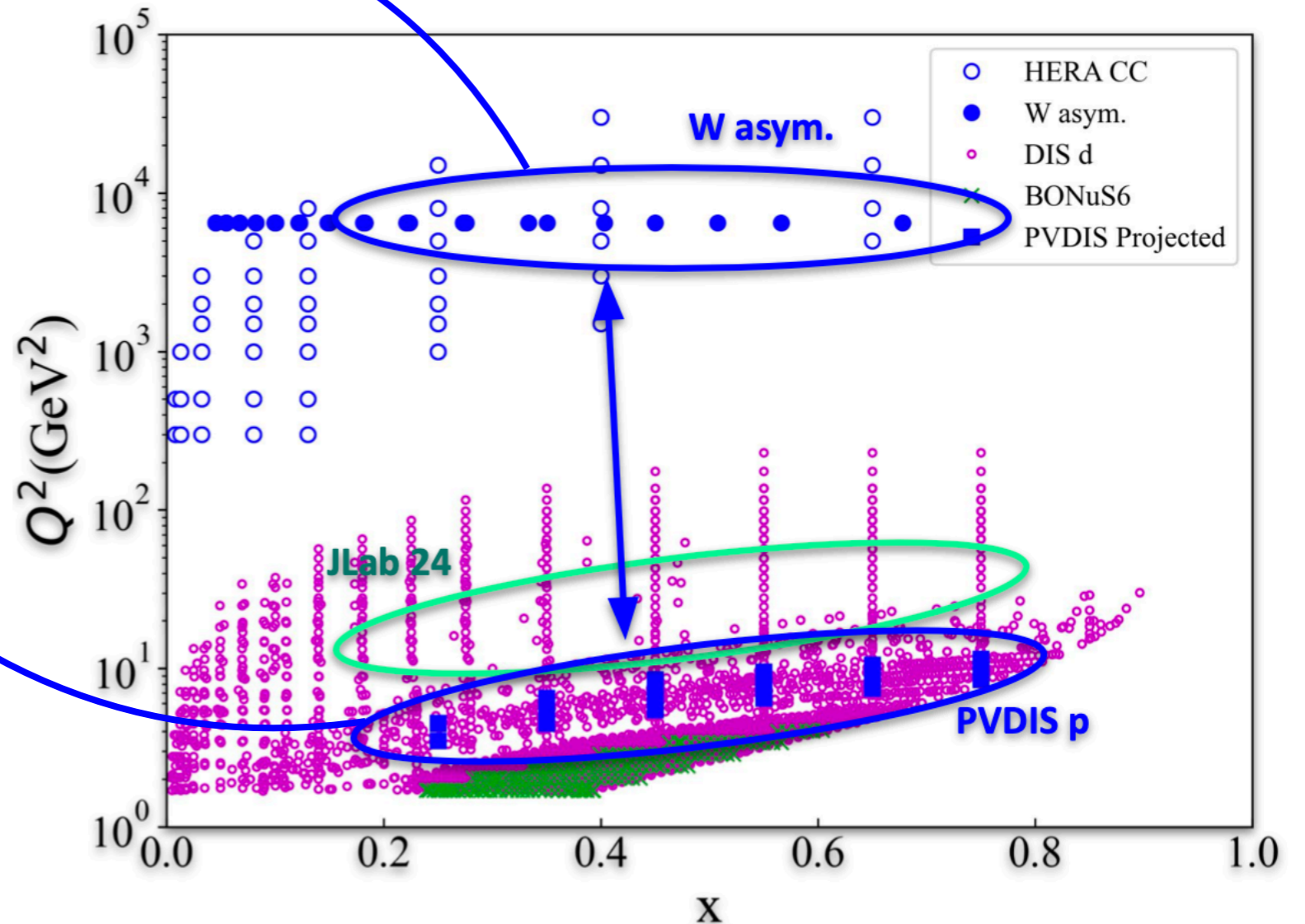


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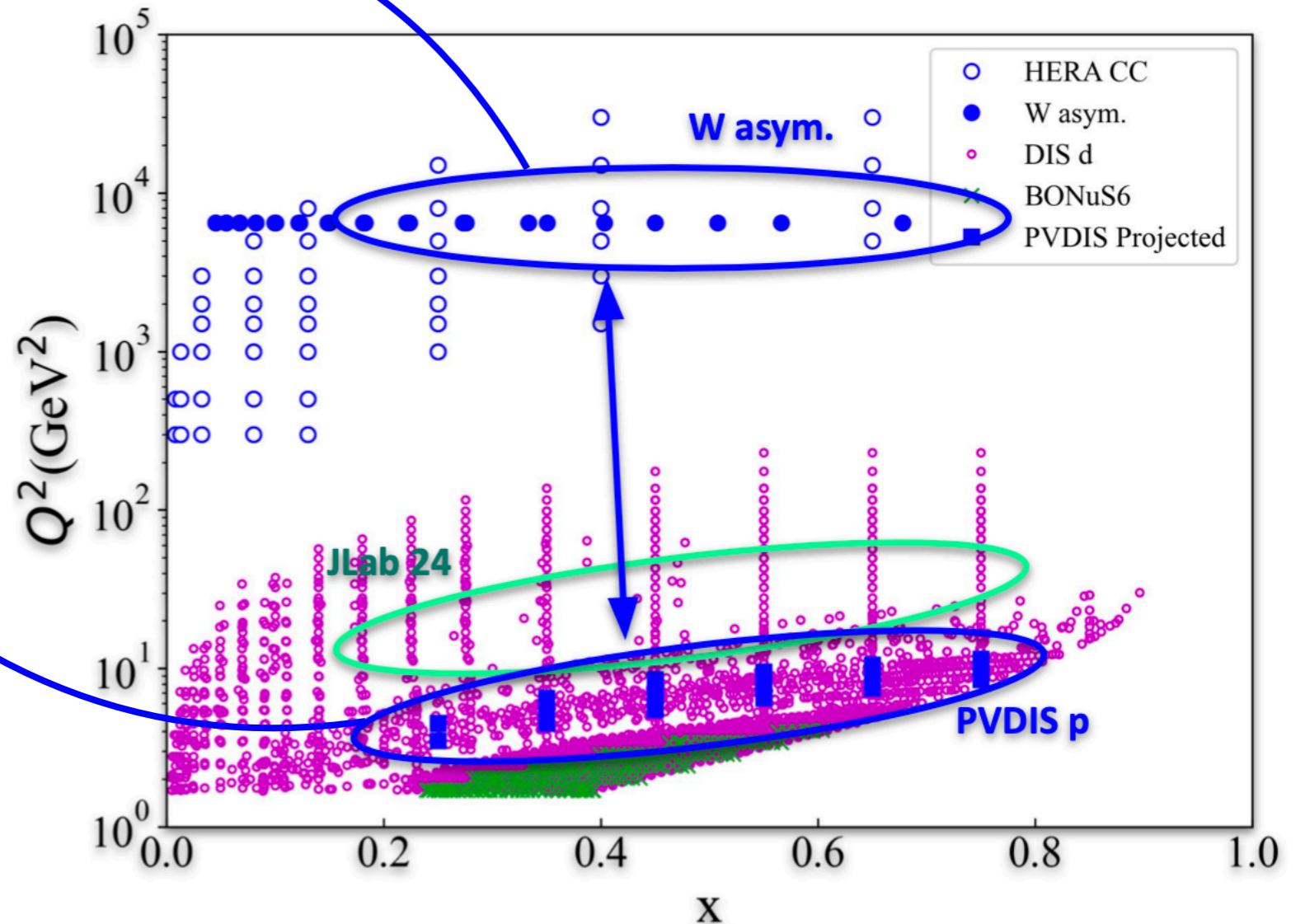
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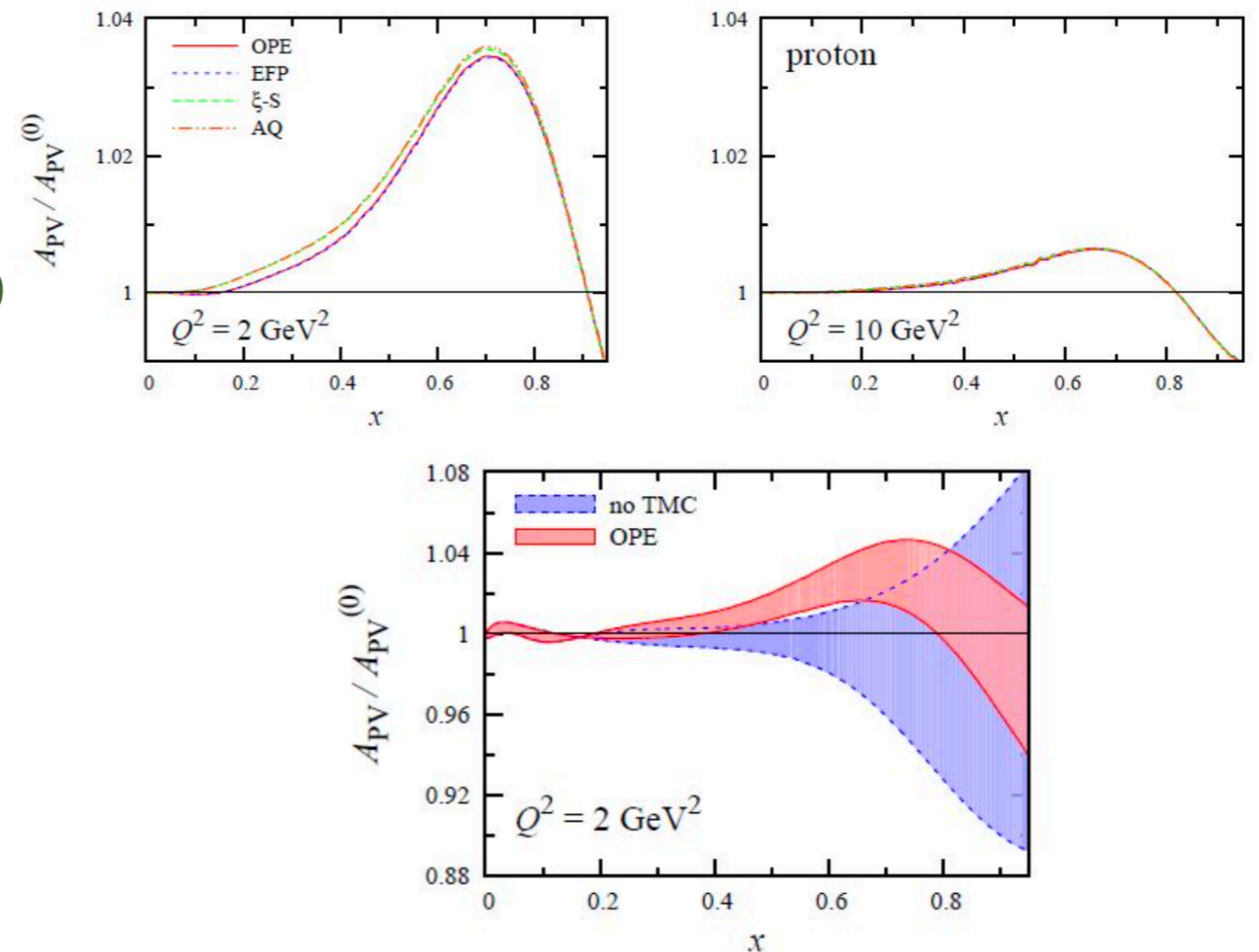
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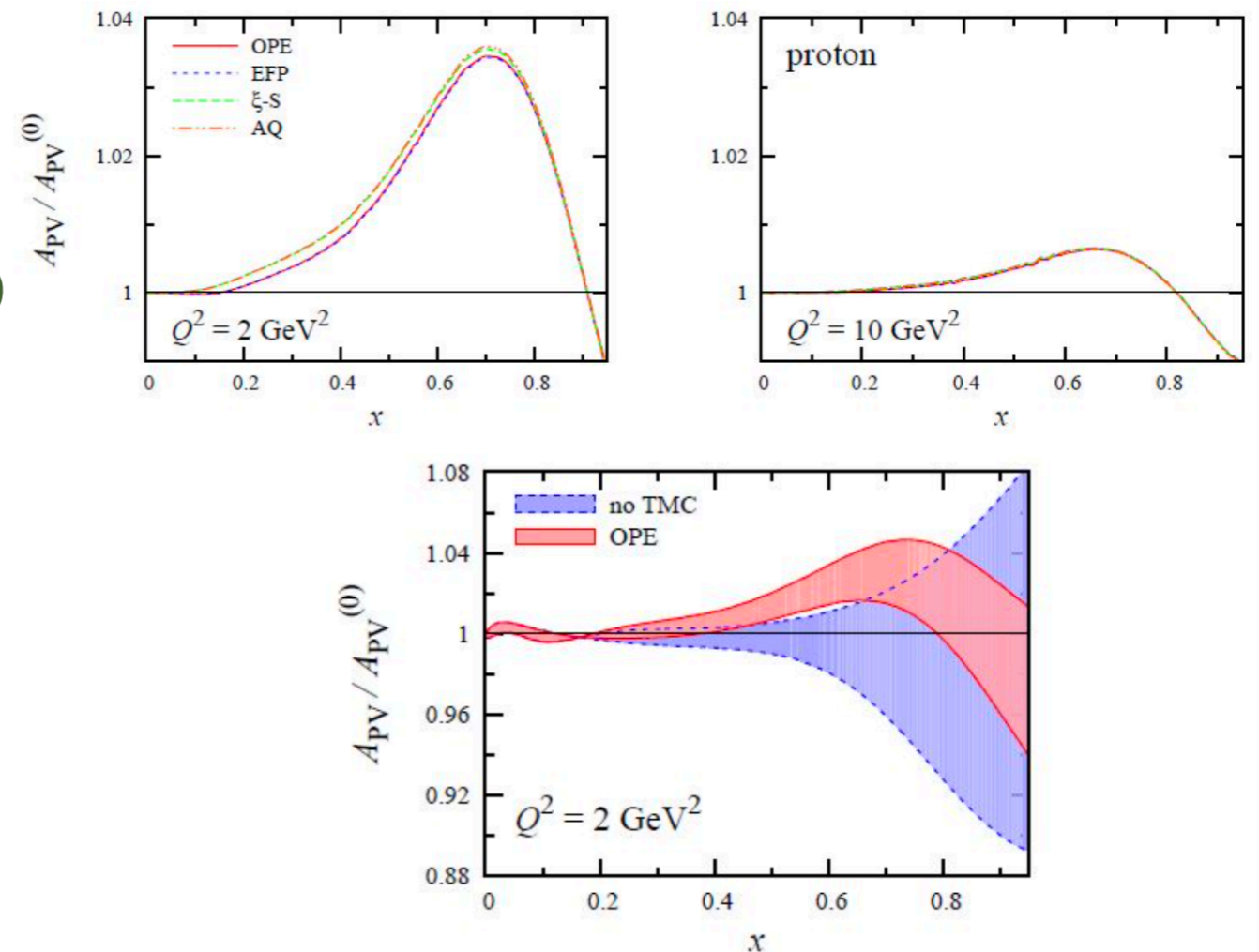
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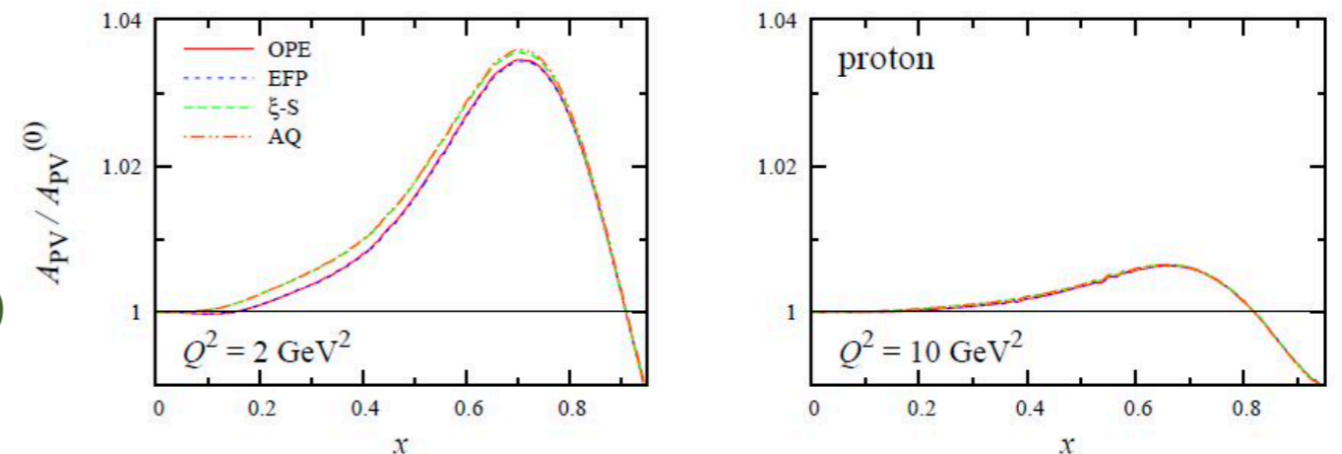
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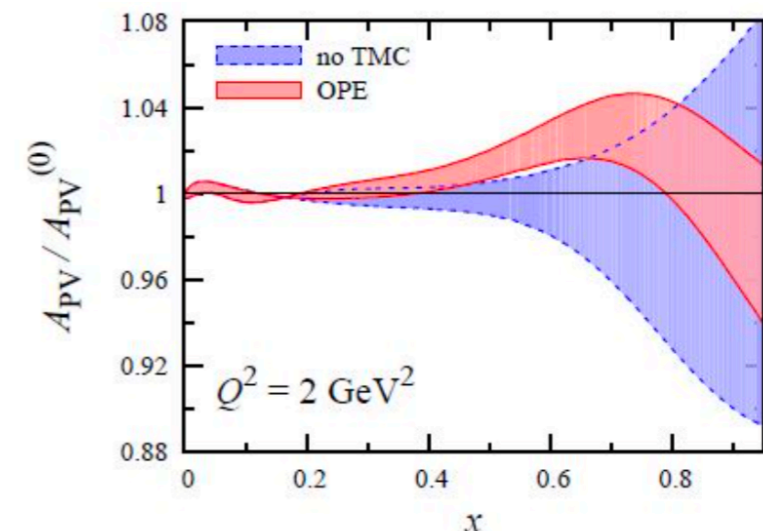
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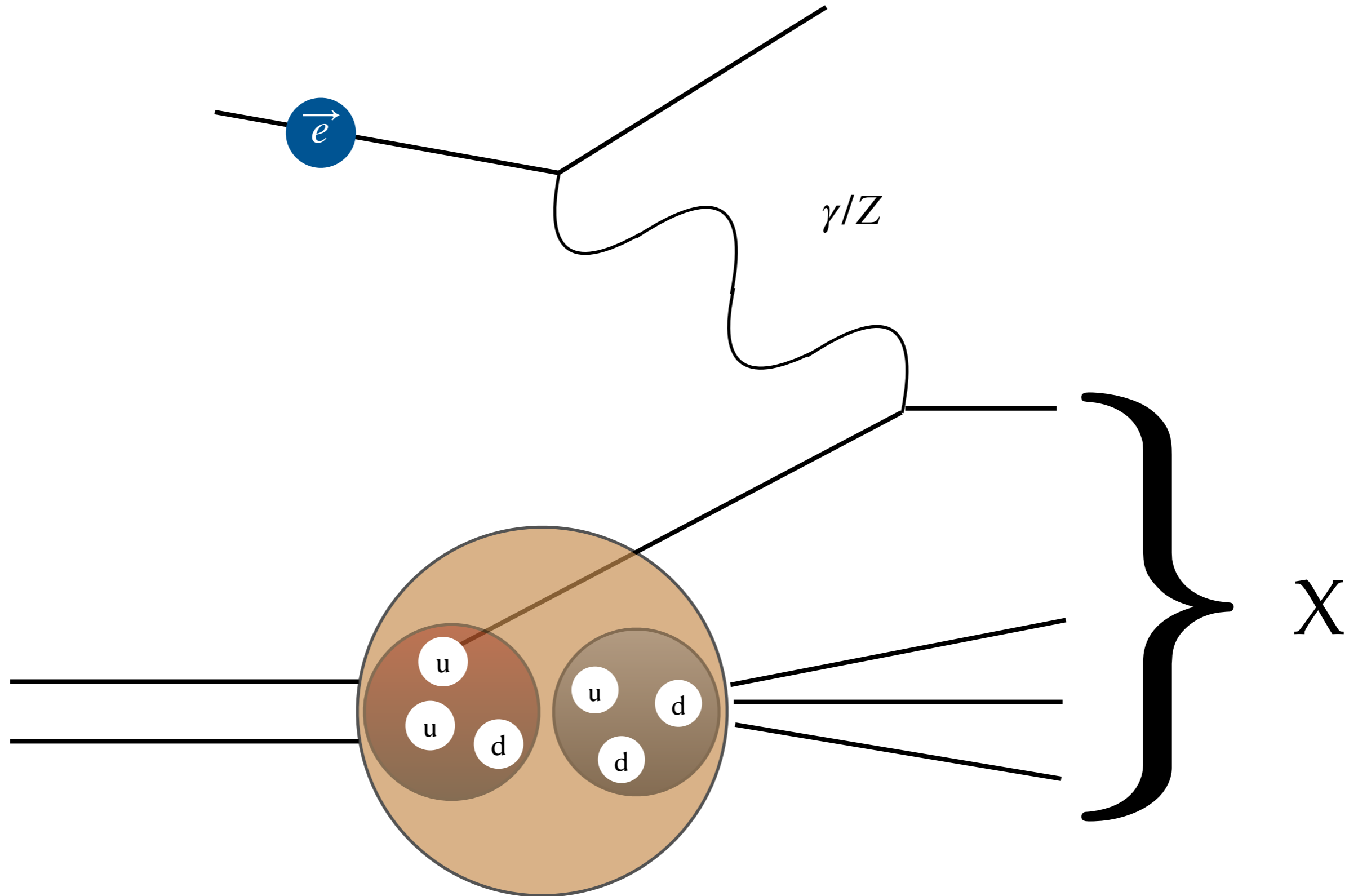


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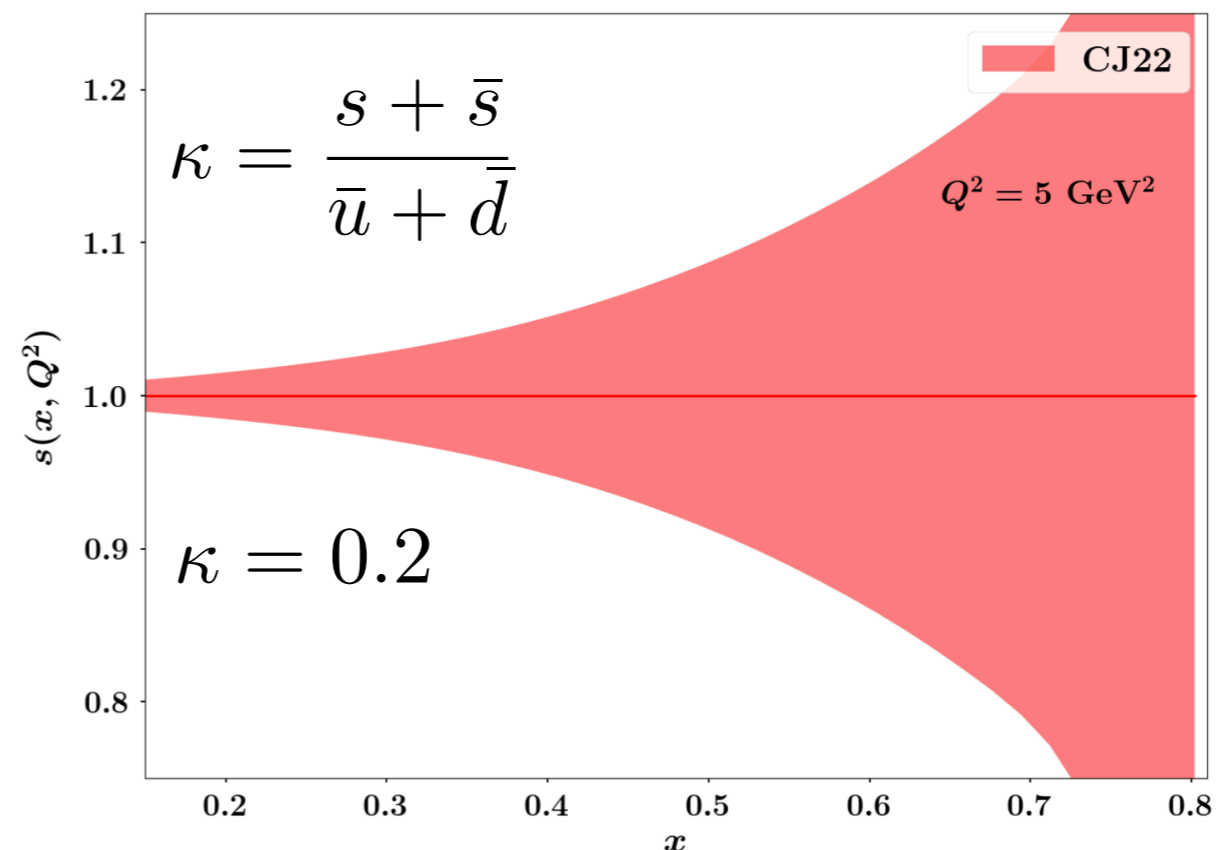
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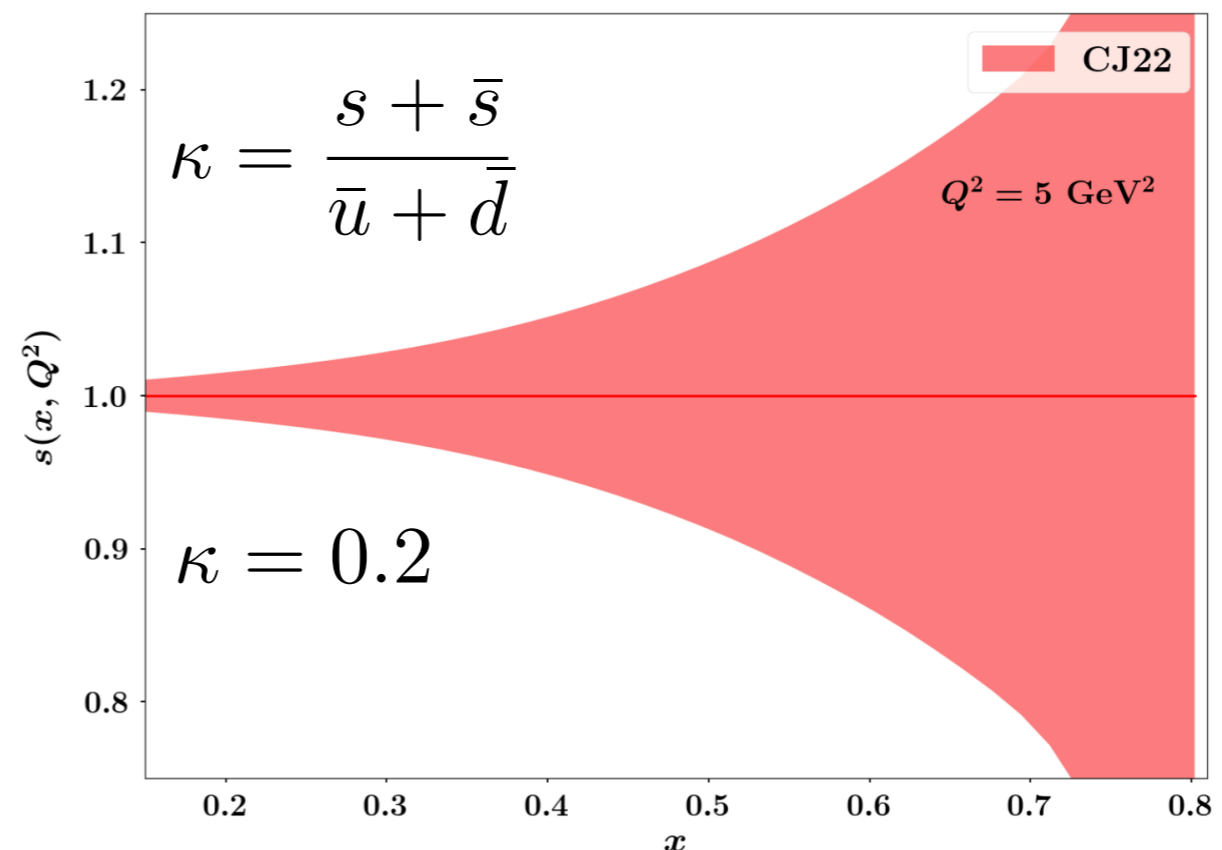
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See my talk of this morning

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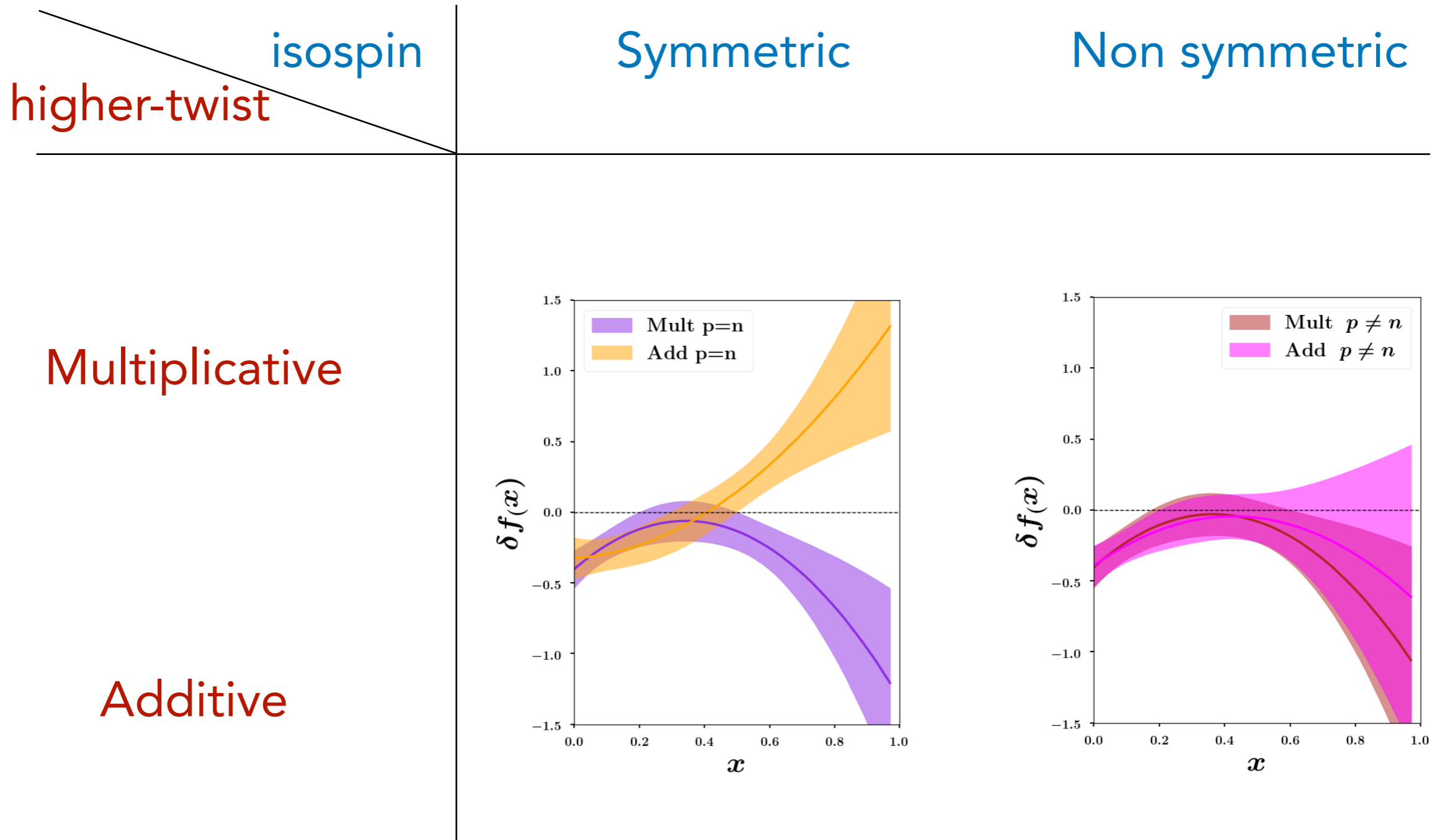
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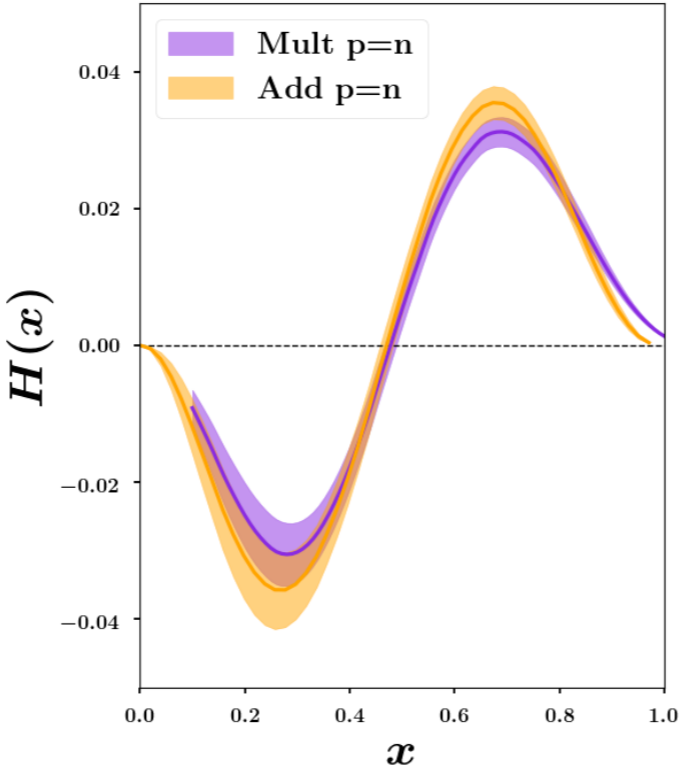
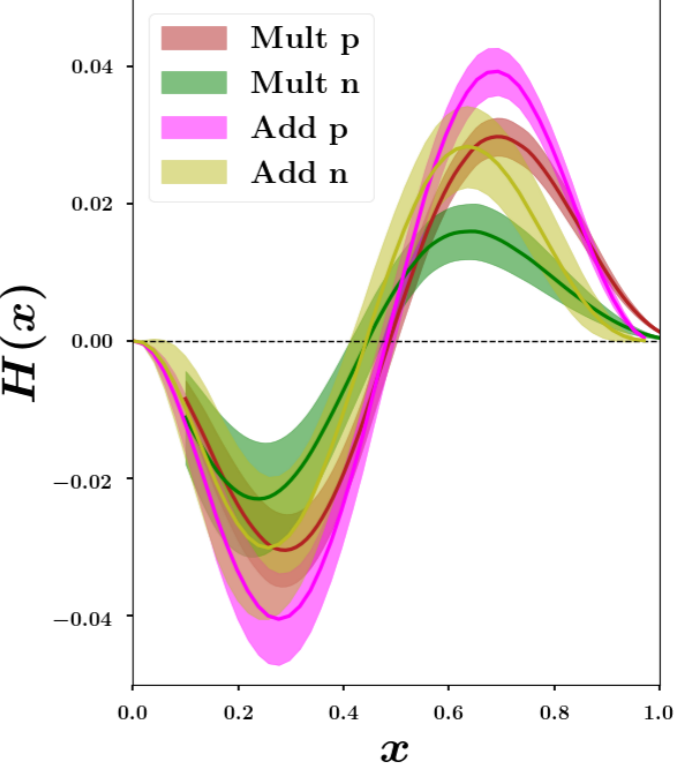
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Backup

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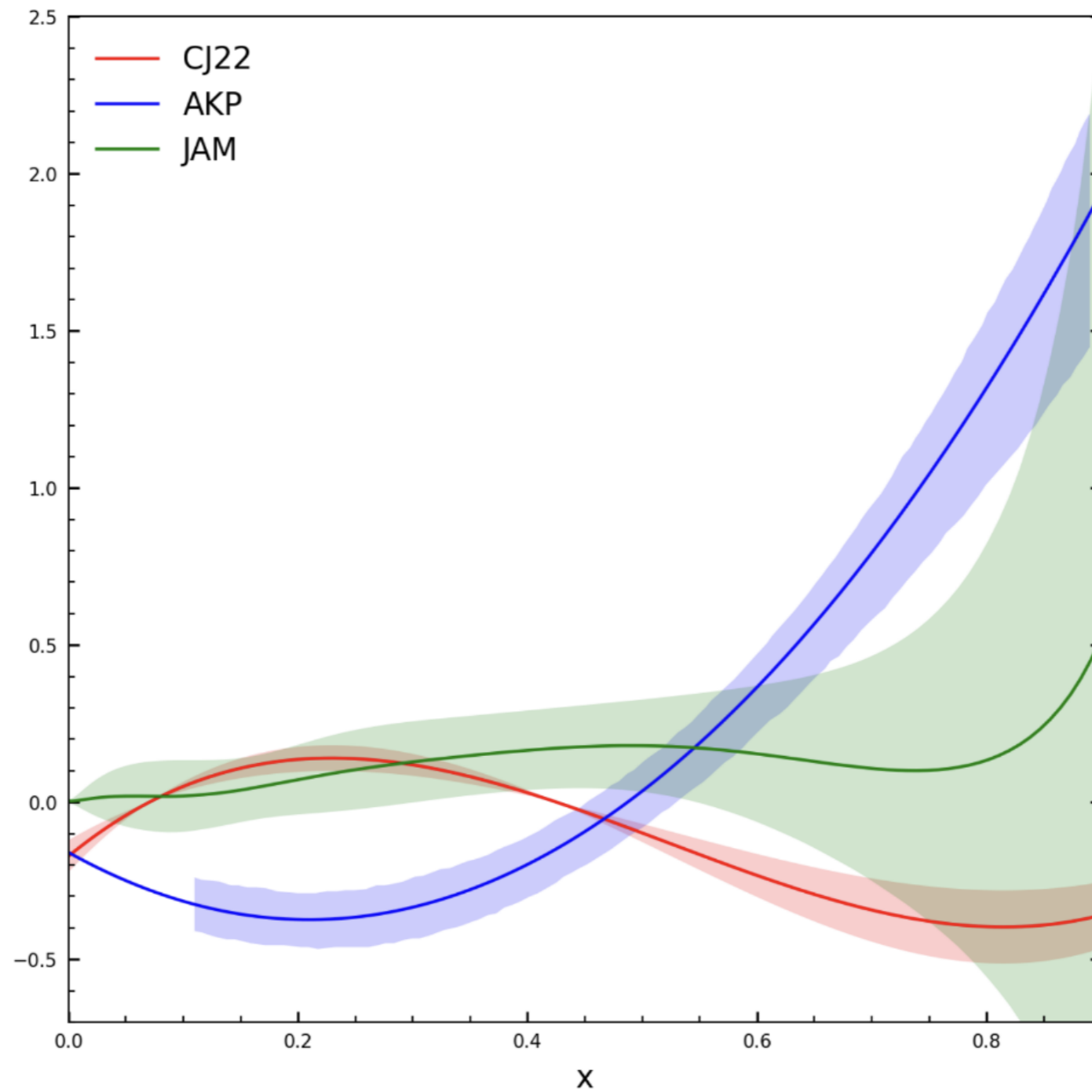


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AKP vs CJ

δf



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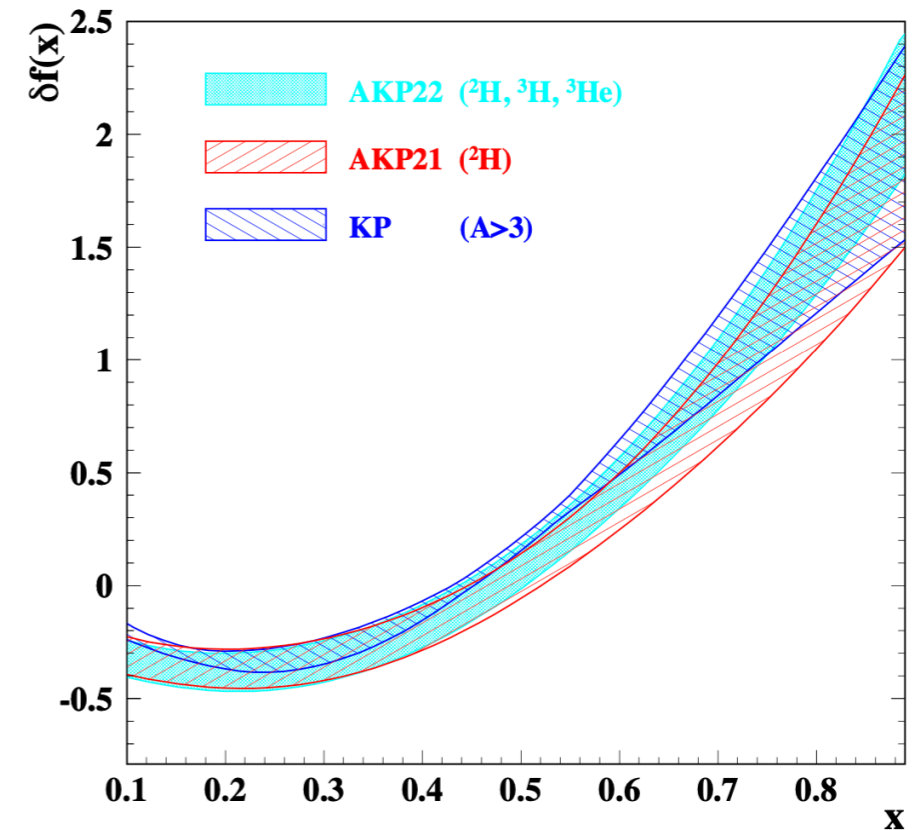
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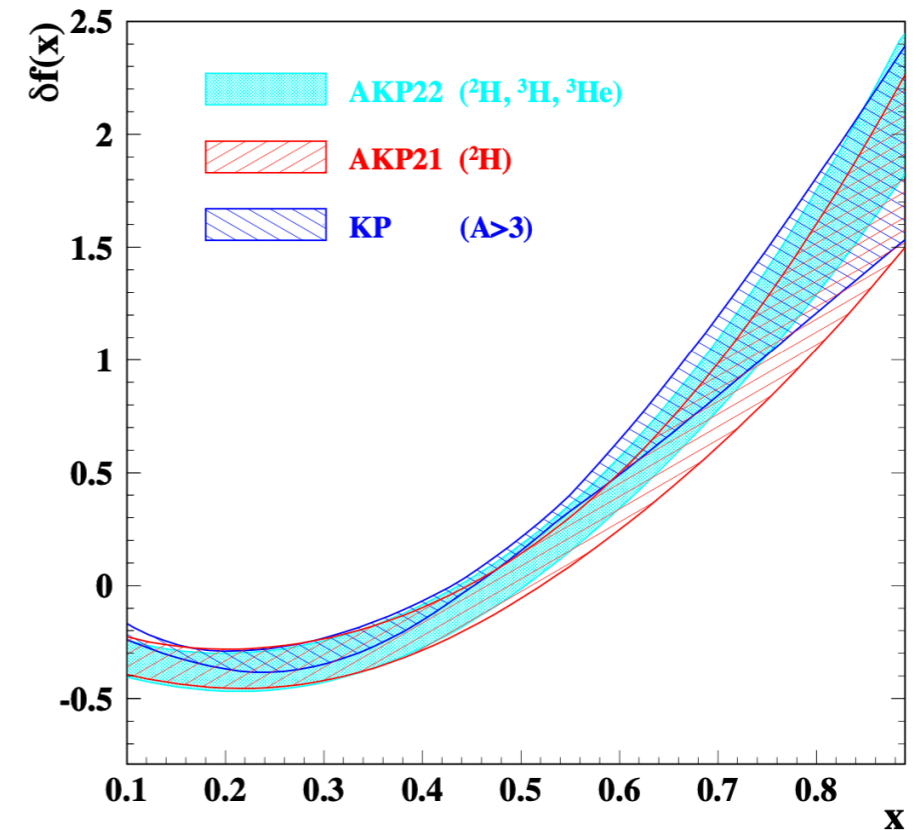
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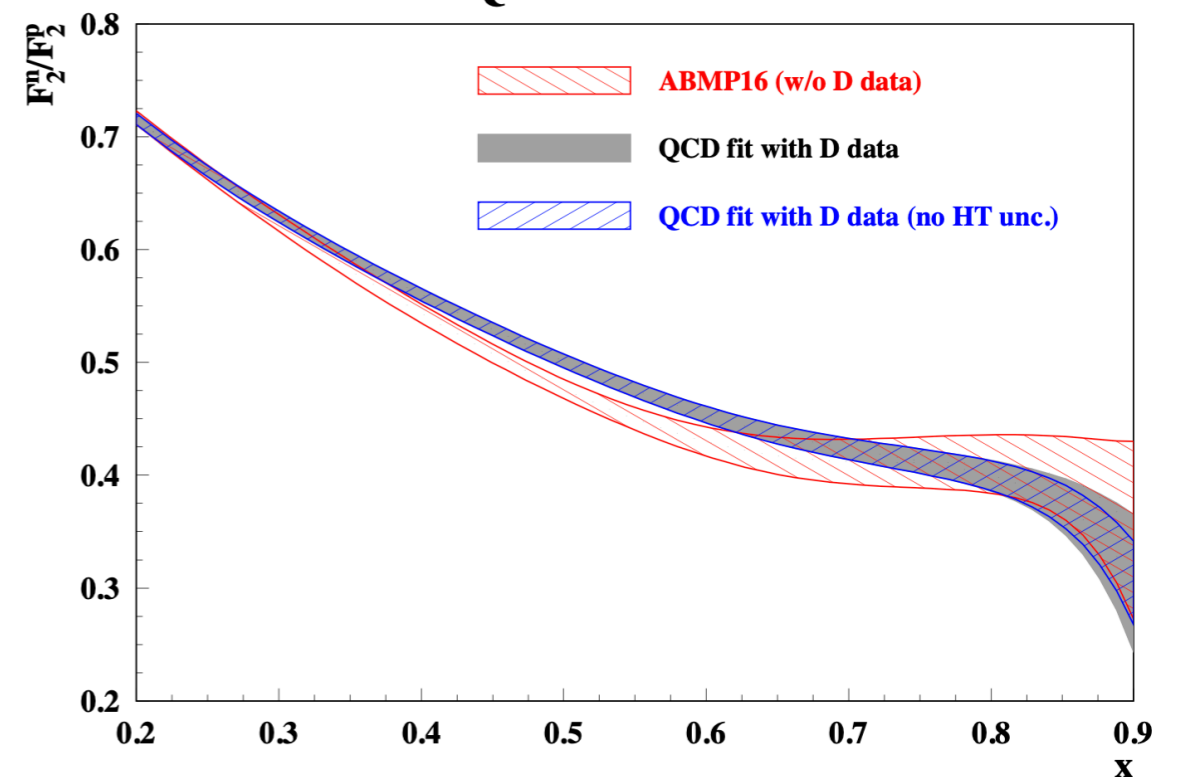
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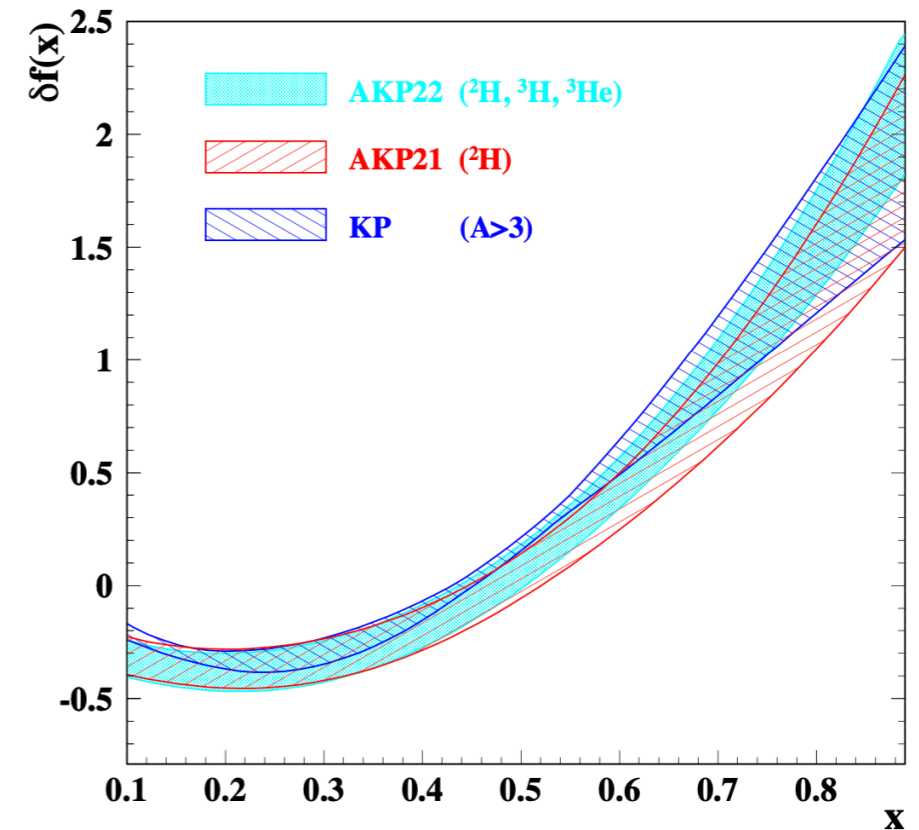
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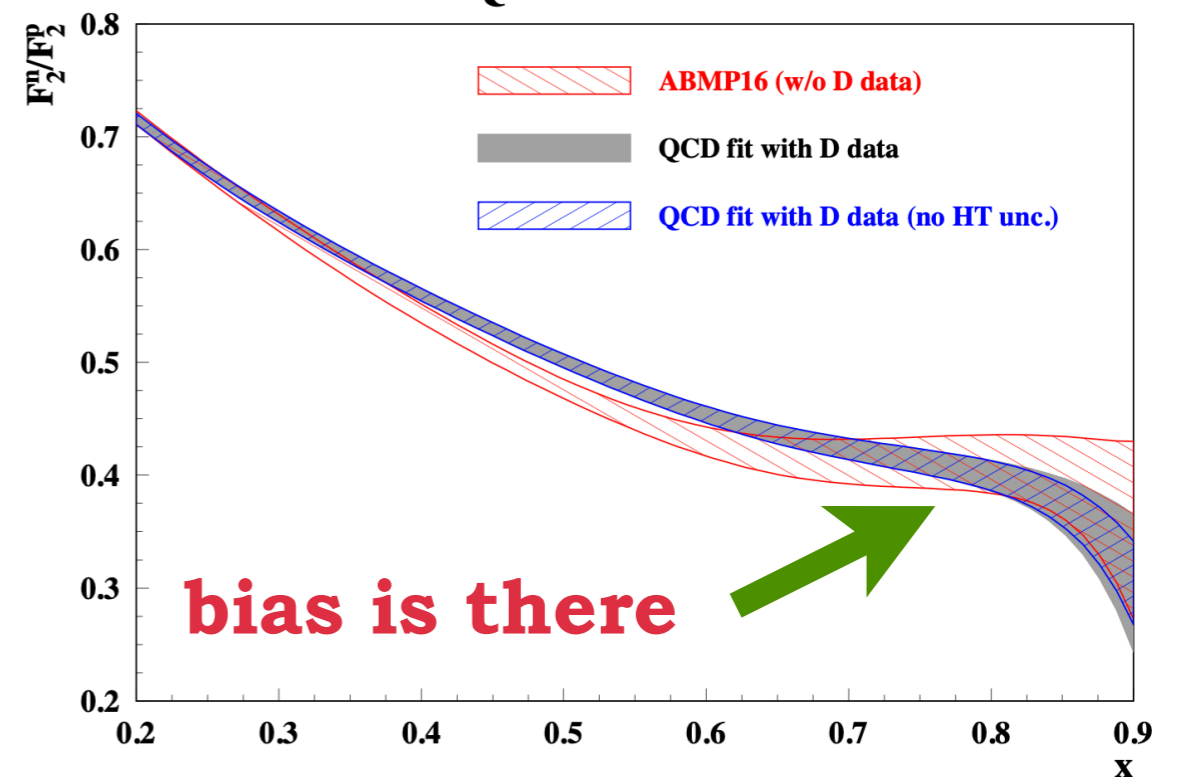
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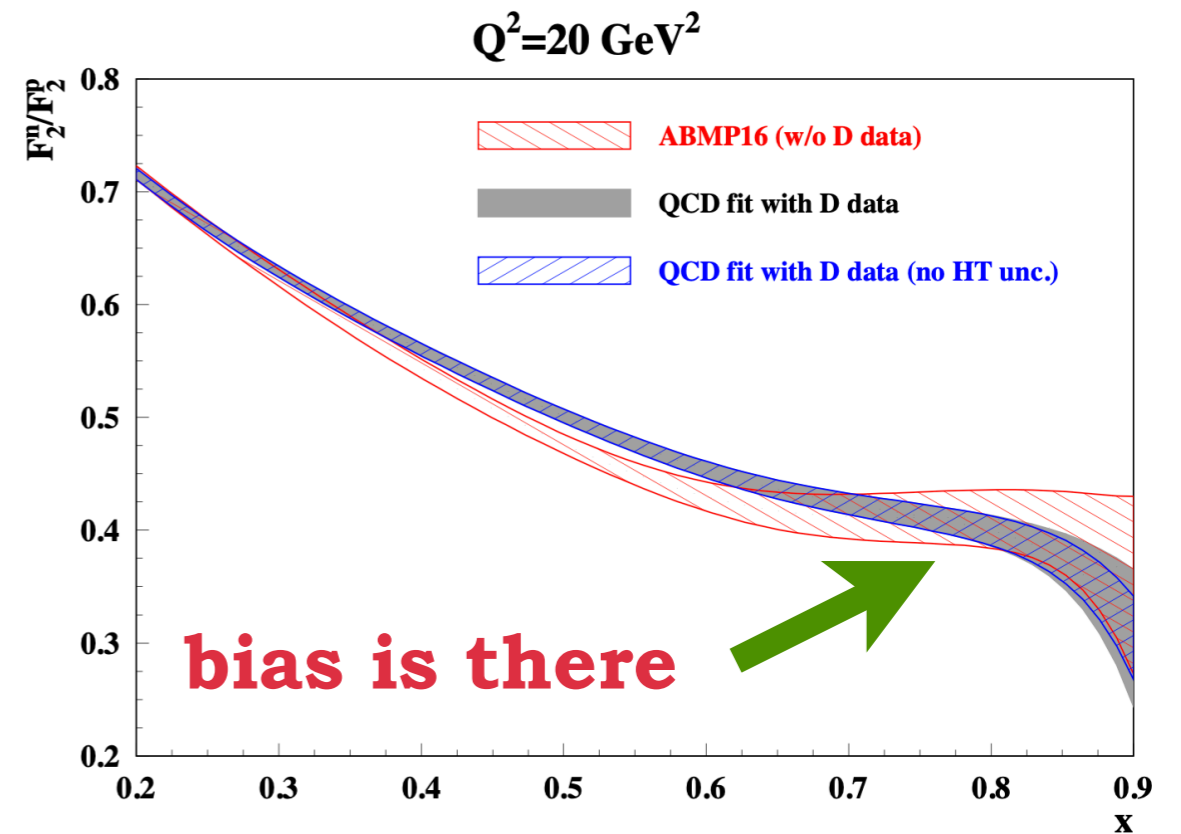
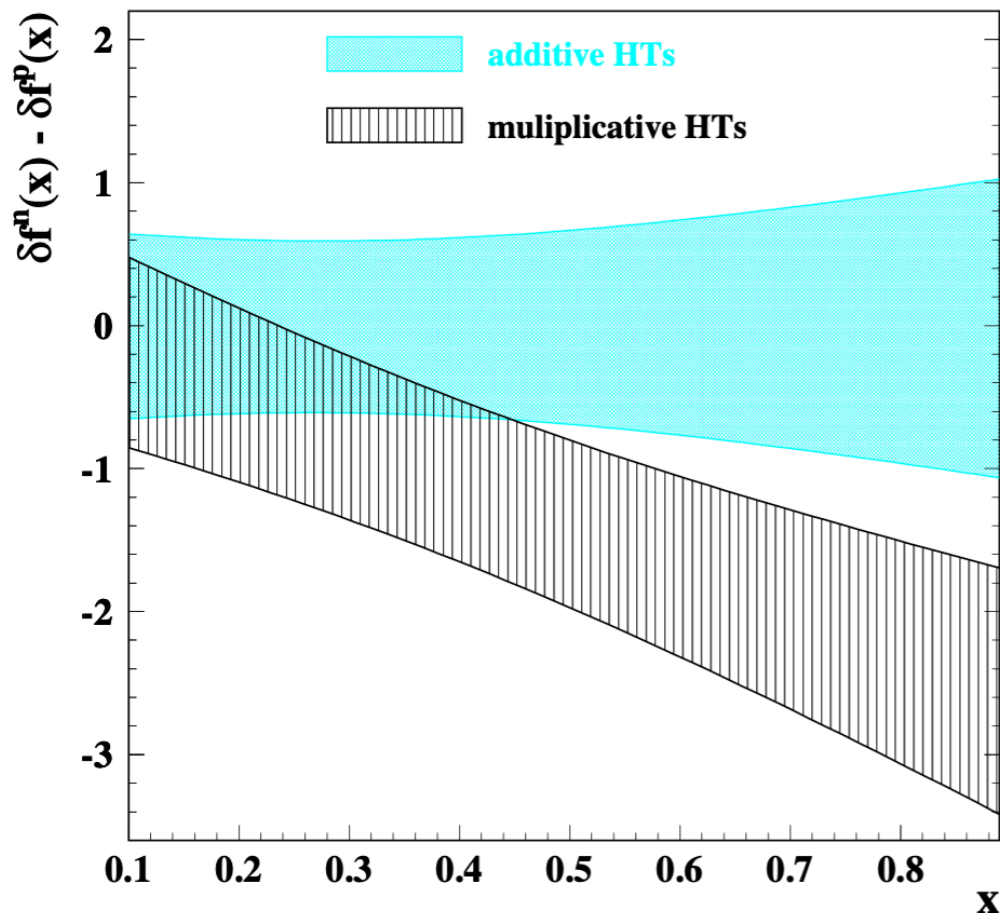
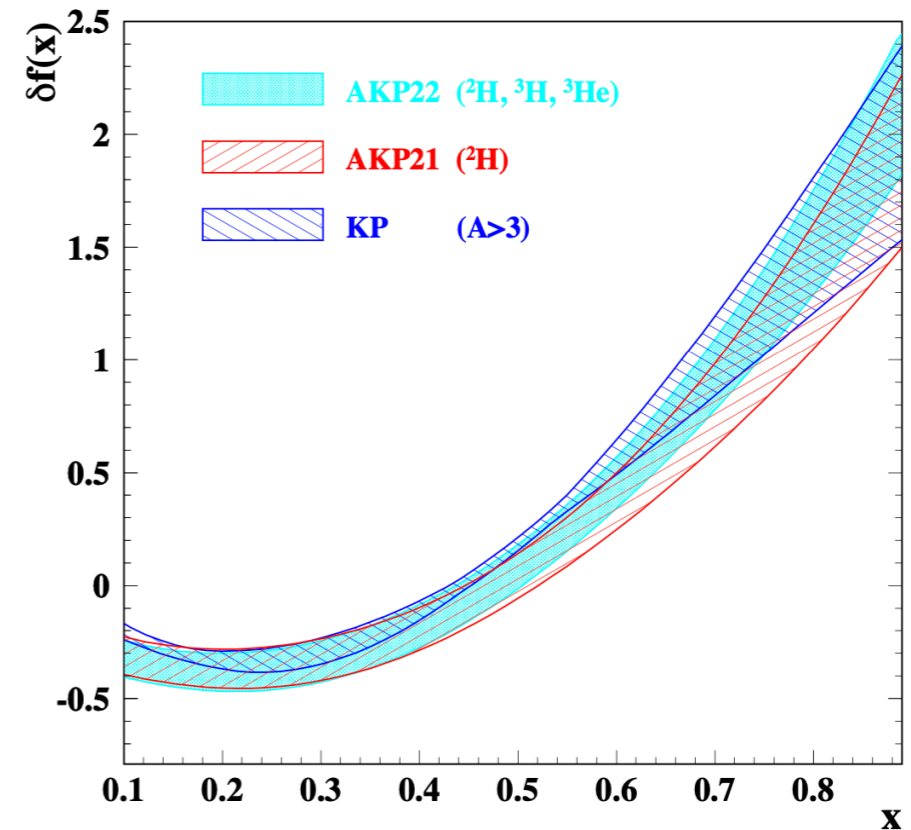
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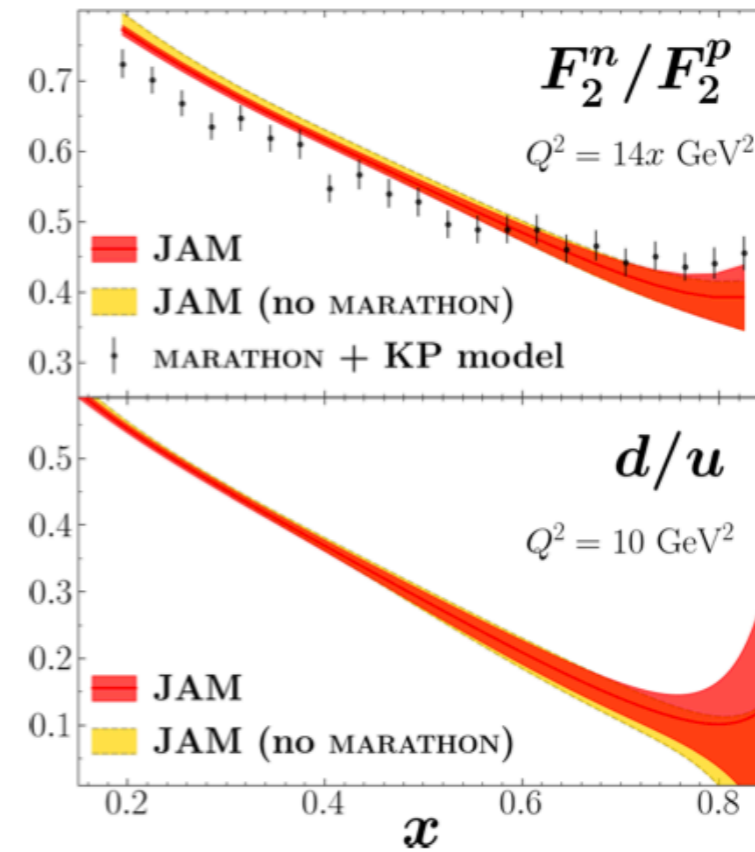
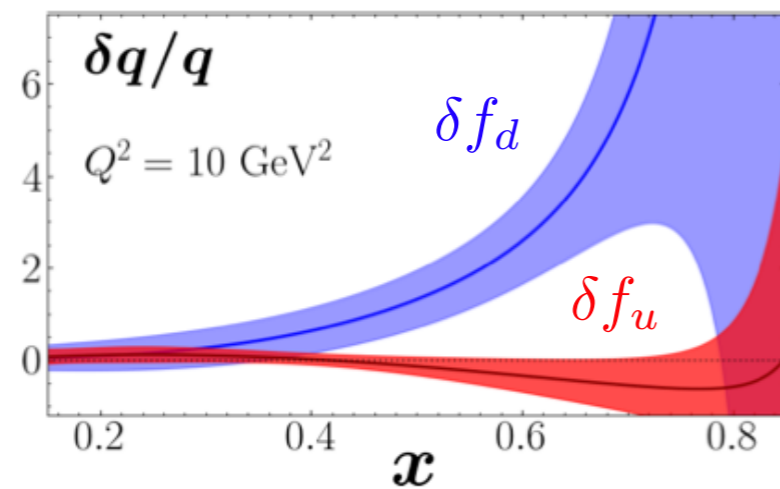
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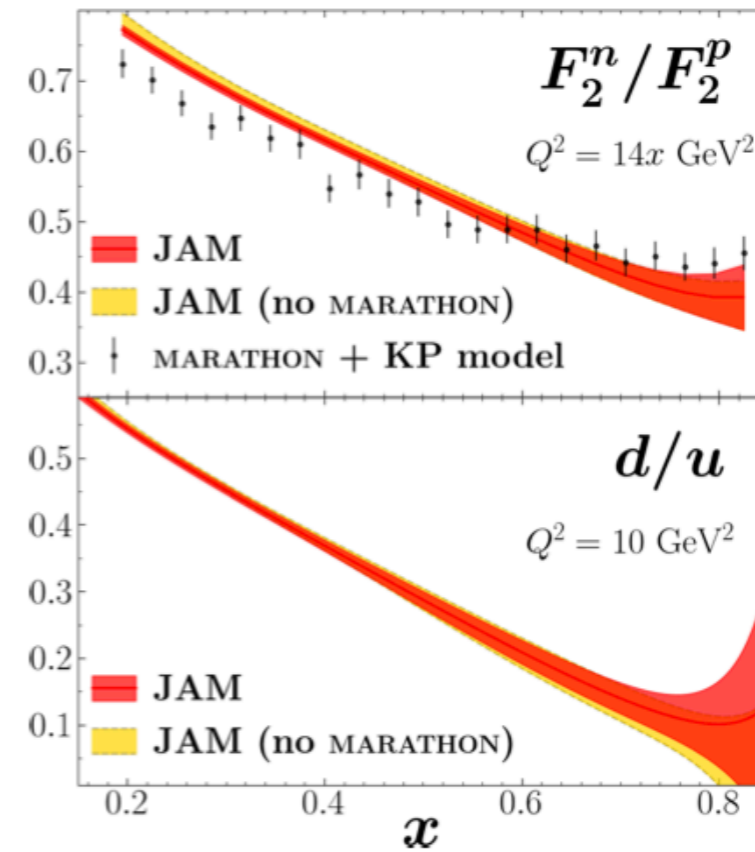
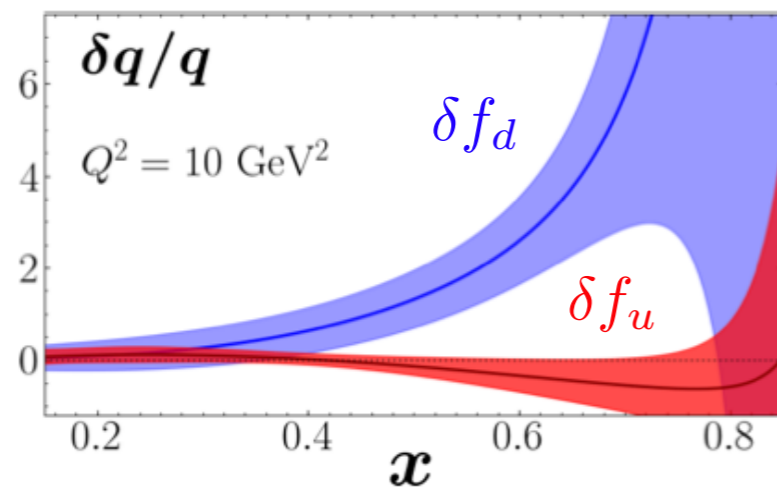


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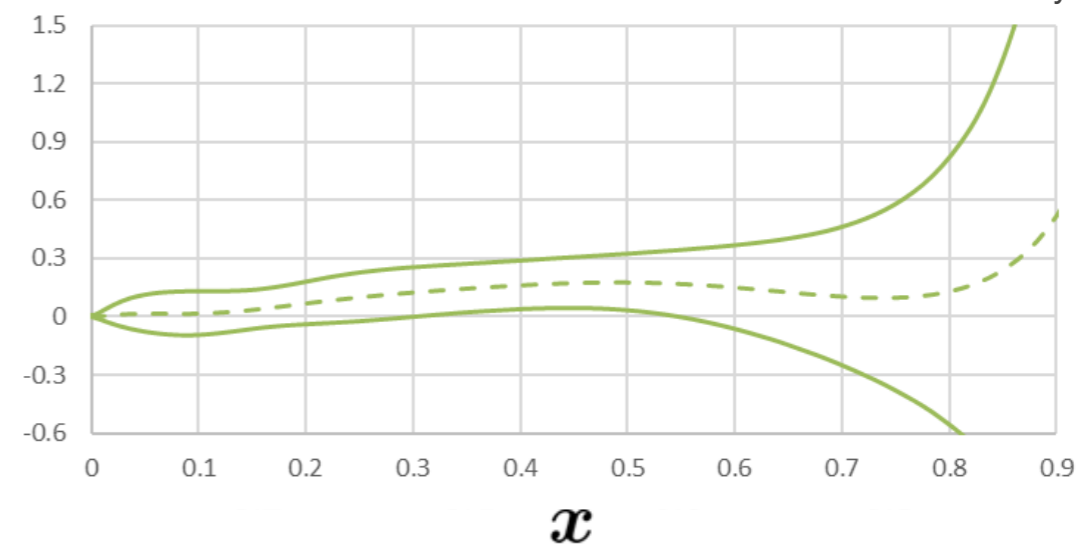
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Isoscalar offshell function (JAM)


Courtesy of C. Cocuzza

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Some implementation differences

Theoretical choices 

Corrections (increasing-x) 

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smearing	Paris	AV18	AV18 $x > 0.1$	(same)
pi-cloud	yes	yes	----	----
TMC	GP O(Q4)?	GP O(Q4)??	GP approx.	(same)
HT	H (p=n ??)	H (p=n)	C (p=n)	H & C, p=n & p!=n
HT(x)	??	5 pt. spline	parametrized	parametrized
off-shell	O(p2-M2)	O(p2-M2)	O(p2-M2)	(same)
df(x)	factorized	polyn. 2nd/3rd	factorized + sum rule	polyn. 2nd/3rd
pi thresh.	yes	yes	----	----