

# PDFs and Nuclear Structure in the CJ Global Analysis

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# Global QCD fits

See A. Accardi's DIS2023 talk

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1199314/contributions/5193086/>

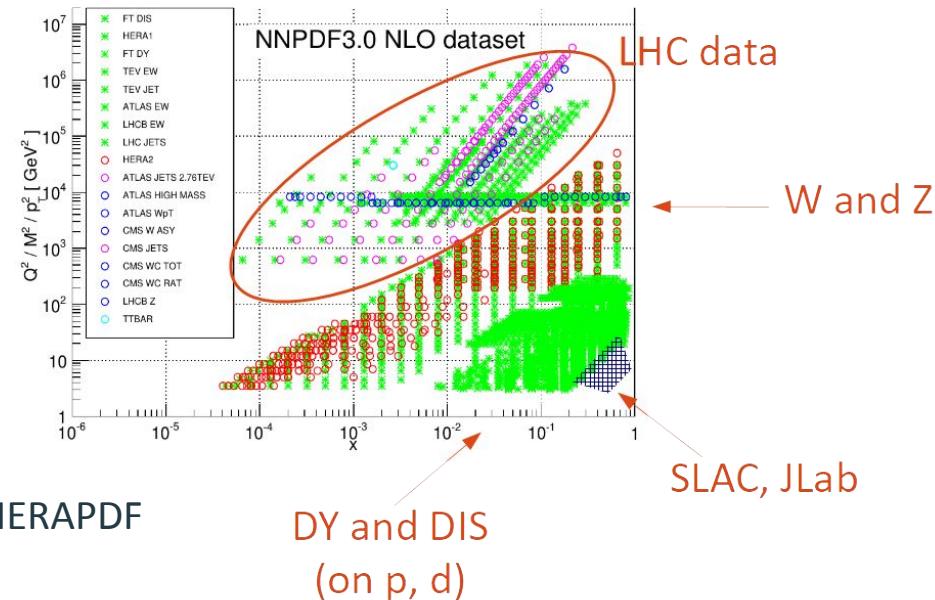
- pQCD factorization & universality:  
can fit PDFs to a variety of hard scattering data

- Hadron-hadron collisions
  - Jets
  - Electro-weak boson production
- Electron-proton DIS
- Electron-Deuteron DIS

- >1000's data points
- 40+ years of experience,
  - "High-energy" fitters:
    - CTEQ-TEA, MMHT, NNPDF, HERAPDF
  - Lower-energy / nuclear focus:
    - **CTEQ-JLab, AKP, ABMP, JAM**

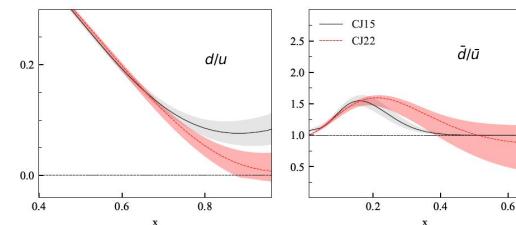
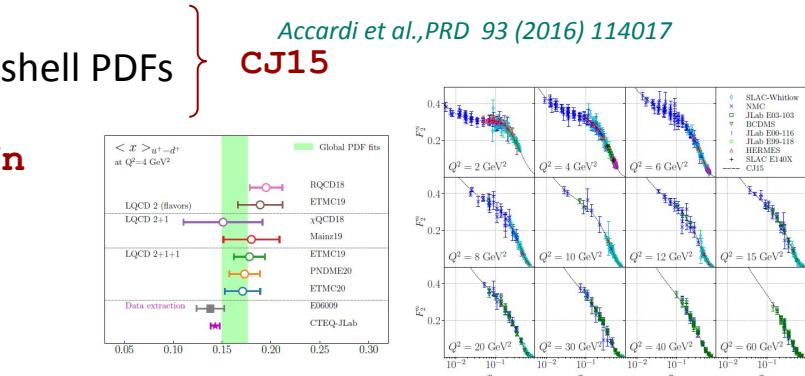
$$d\sigma_{\text{hadron}} = \sum_{f_1, f_2, i, j} \phi_{f_1} \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{\text{parton}}^{f_1 f_2 \rightarrow ij} \otimes \phi_{f_2}$$

pQCD calc.  
PDFs (from DIS fits)



# The CTEQ-JLab collaboration

- Coordinated Theory-Experiment Effort with Jefferson Lab:
  - A. Accardi, **Xiaoxian Jing, Ishara Fernando**, W.Melnitchouk, J.F.Owens
  - C.E. Keppel, **Shujie Li**, P. Monaghan, **Sanghwa Park**
- Focus and recent work:
  - Large- $x$ , low- $Q^2$  → TMC, HT
  - Nuclear dynamics → p,n motions, off-shell PDFs
  - $F_2(n)$  extraction, **CJ15ht** and **CJ15sfn**  
(S. Li, I. Fernando)
  - Light antiquarks, **CJ22**  
(S. Park, X. Jing)
  - [In progress (S. Park)  
→ Strange sea with LHC data]



*Park et al., arXiv:2303.11509  
(accepted in PRD)*

# Light sea and valence quarks in the **CJ22** global PDF analysis

*A.Accardi, X. Jing, J. Owens, S. Park, arXiv:2303.11509*

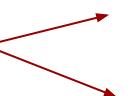
# New: light antiquark parametrization

- CJ15: *Accardi et al., PRD 93 (2016) 11*

$$\bar{d}/\bar{u} = a_0 x^{a_1} (1-x)^{a_2} + 1 + a_3 x (1-x)^{a_4}$$

- Large  $x$ : tends to 1 from above
- Shape “hugs” E866 data
- CJ22: follows CJ15-a, reverts back to CJ12 param: *Accardi et al., PLB 801 (2020) 135143*

$$x(\bar{d} - \bar{u}) = \bar{a}_0 x^{\bar{a}_1} (1-x)^{\bar{a}_2} (1 + \bar{a}_4 x)$$

- Unconstrained  $x \rightarrow 1$  limit
- Free  $\bar{a}_2$  instead of fixing  $\bar{a}_2 = a_2 + 2.5$
- **More flexibility** 
  - more data, fix extra parameters
  - sensitivity to  $d/\bar{u}$  ↔  $d/u$  anticorrelation

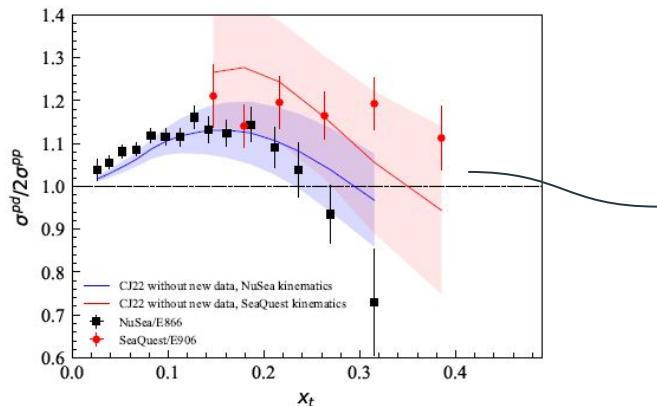
# New: electroweak data

Obs.	Experiment	Ref.	# Points	$\chi^2$
DIS	JLab (p)	[31]	136	161.0
	JLab (d)	[31]	136	119.1
	JLab (n/d)	[32]	191	213.2
	HERMES (p)	[33]	37	29.1
	HERMES (d)	[33]	37	29.5
	SLAC (p)	[34]	564	469.8
	SLAC (d)	[34]	582	412.1
	BCDMS (p)	[35]	351	472.2
	BCDMS (d)	[36]	254	321.8
	NMC (p)	[37]	275	416.5
	NMC (d/p)	[38]	189	199.6
	HERA (NC $e^- p$ )	[39]	159	249.7
	HERA (NC $e^+ p$ 1)	[39]	402	598.9
	HERA (NC $e^+ p$ 2)	[39]	75	98.8
	HERA (NC $e^+ p$ 3)	[39]	259	250.0
	HERA (NC $e^+ p$ 4)	[39]	209	229.1
	HERA (CC $e^- p$ )	[39]	42	45.6
	HERA (CC $e^+ p$ )	[39]	39	52.5

Obs.	Experiment	Ref.	# Points	$\chi^2$
LPP	E866 ( $pp$ )	[4]	121	144.1
	E866 ( $pd$ )	[4]	129	157.4
	SeaQuest ( $d/p$ )	[5]	6	7.5
	CDF ( $e$ )	[40]	11	12.6
	D0 ( $e$ )	[41]	13	28.8
	D0 ( $\mu$ )	[42]	10	17.5
W	CDF ( $W$ )	[43]	13	18.0
	D0 ( $W$ )	[44]	14	14.5
	STAR ( $e^+ / e^-$ ) (less $\eta_{\max}$ point)	[6]	9 (8)	25.3 (15.4)
	CDF	[45]	28	29.2
	D0	[46]	28	16.1
	CDF	[47]	72	14.0
jet	D0	[48, 49]	110	14.0
	D0 1	[50]	16	8.7
	D0 2	[50]	16	19.3
	D0 3	[50]	12	25.0
	D0 4	[50]	12	12.2
	total		4557	4936.6
	total + norm		4573	4948.6

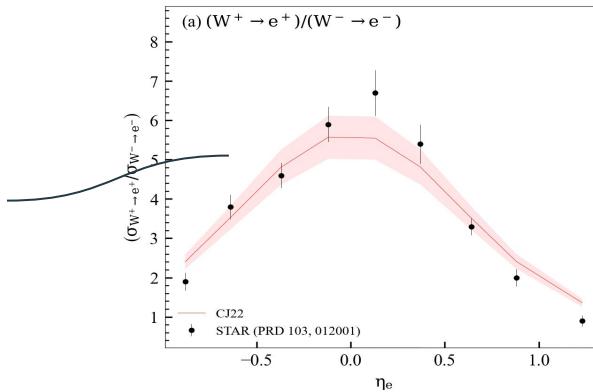
# New: electroweak data

**SeaQuest**



Fits w/o  
new data

**STAR  $W^+ \rightarrow e^+/W^- \rightarrow e^-$**



$$\frac{\sigma_{pd}}{\sigma_{pp}} \approx \frac{4 + \frac{d(x_b)}{u(x_b)}}{4 + \frac{d(x_b)}{u(x_b)} \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)} \right)$$

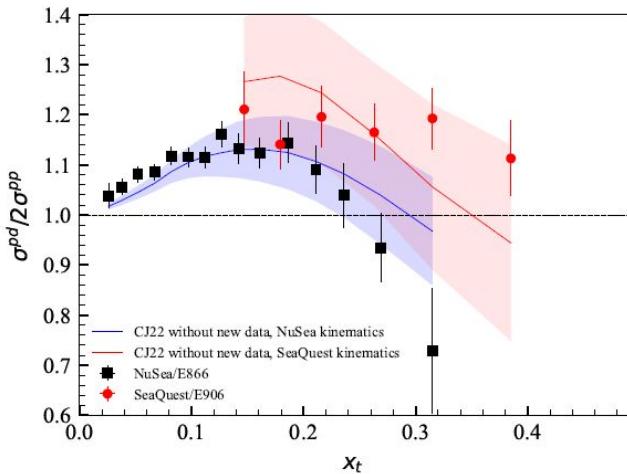
$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} \approx \frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2) + \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)} \quad y_W \approx 0 \quad \frac{\bar{d}}{\bar{u}}$$

**Anticorrelation:**       $db/ub \longleftrightarrow d/u$   
                                  $med. xt \longleftrightarrow large xb$   
                                  $(0.05 - 0.4) \quad (0.3 - 0.7)$

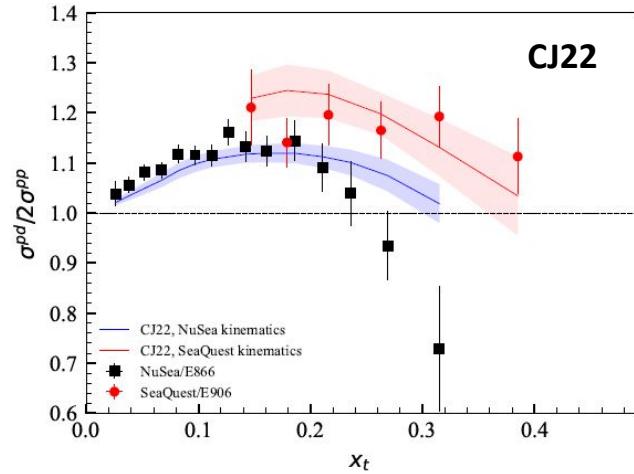
**Correlation:**       $db/ub \longleftrightarrow d/u$   
                                  $x \sim 0.16$

Need flexible enough  
parametrization

# Lepton Pair Production



Fit new data  
(SeaQuest & STAR)



SeaQuest:  $\chi^2/\text{datum} = 3.19$



1.25

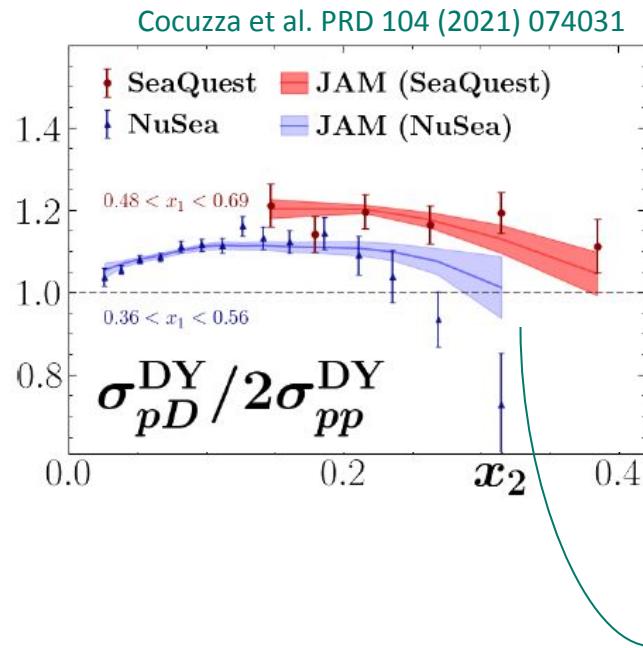
E866 :  $\chi^2/\text{datum} = 1.63$



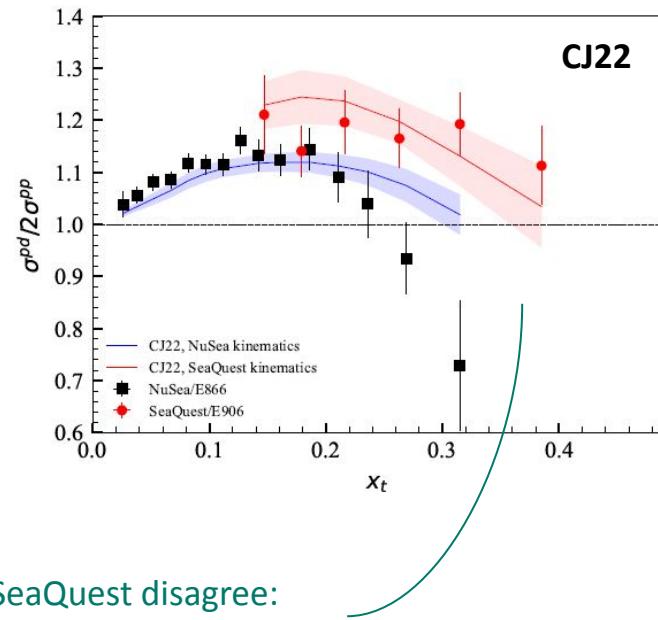
1.93

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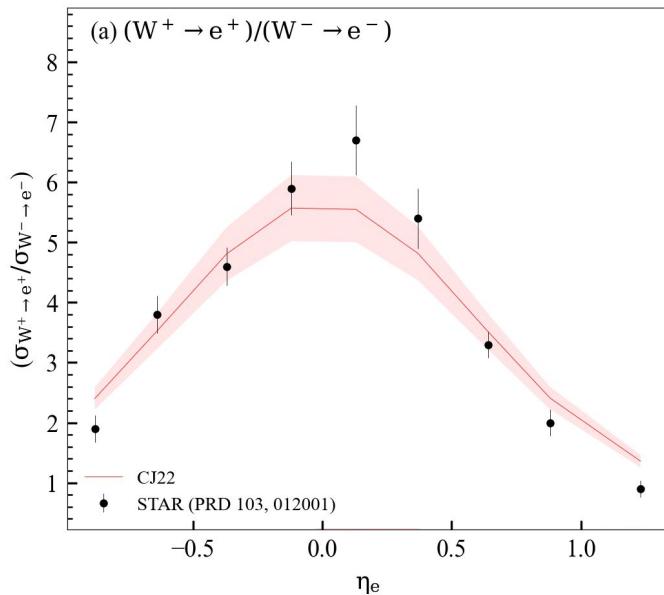
- Comparable results to JAM, CT:



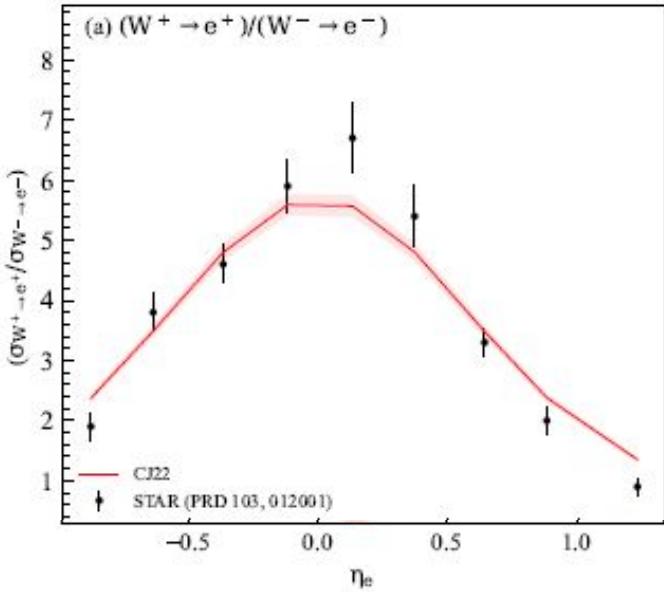
E866, SeaQuest disagree:  
How to include in error bands?



# Weak boson production

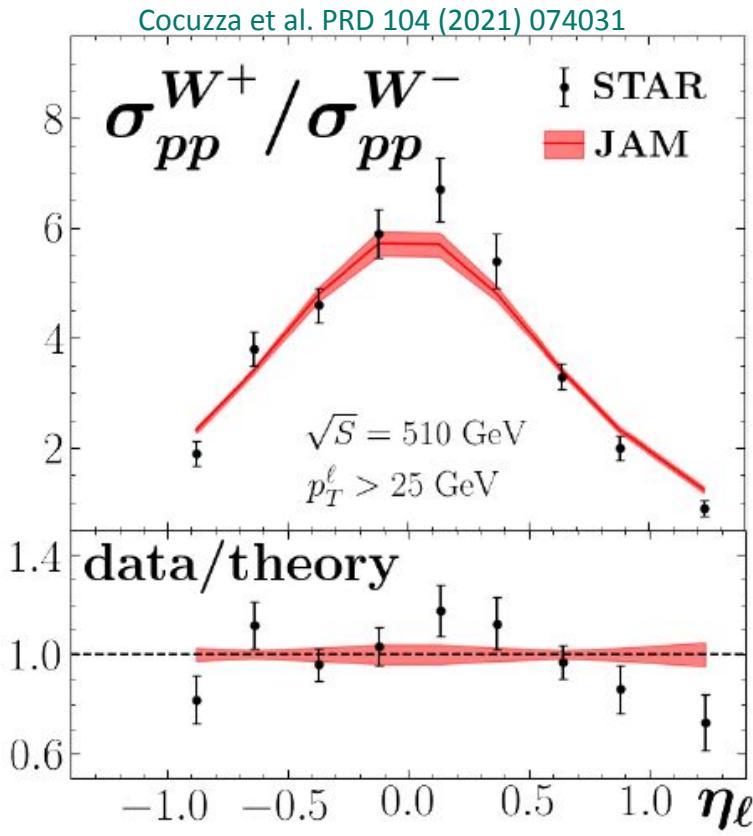


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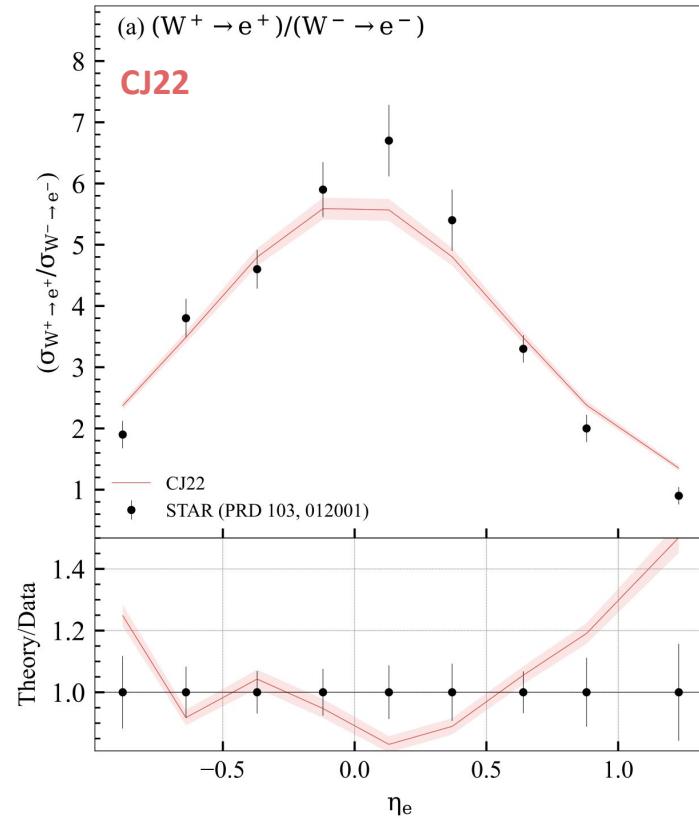


- Large reduction in uncertainty driven by SeaQuest data
- STAR contributes  $\sim 15\%$  reduction around  $x \sim 0.16$ 
  - distributed between d/u (5%) and db/ub (10%) PDF ratios

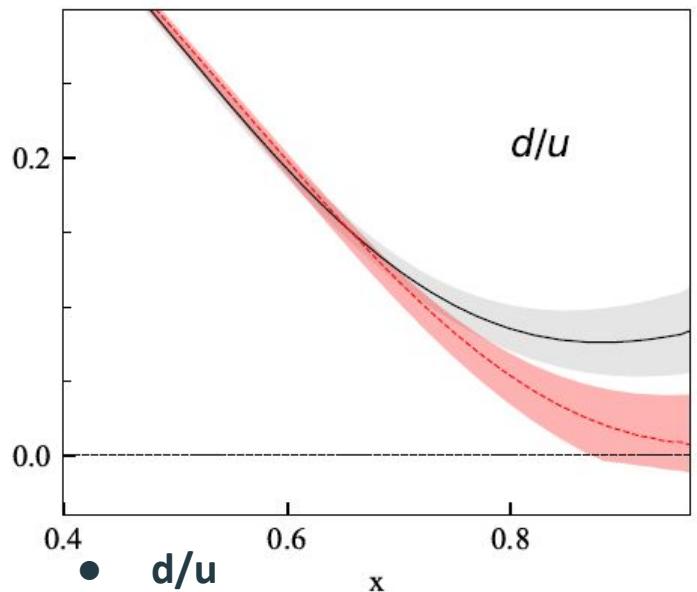
# Weak boson production



- Only  $W^+/W^-$  ratio was fitted

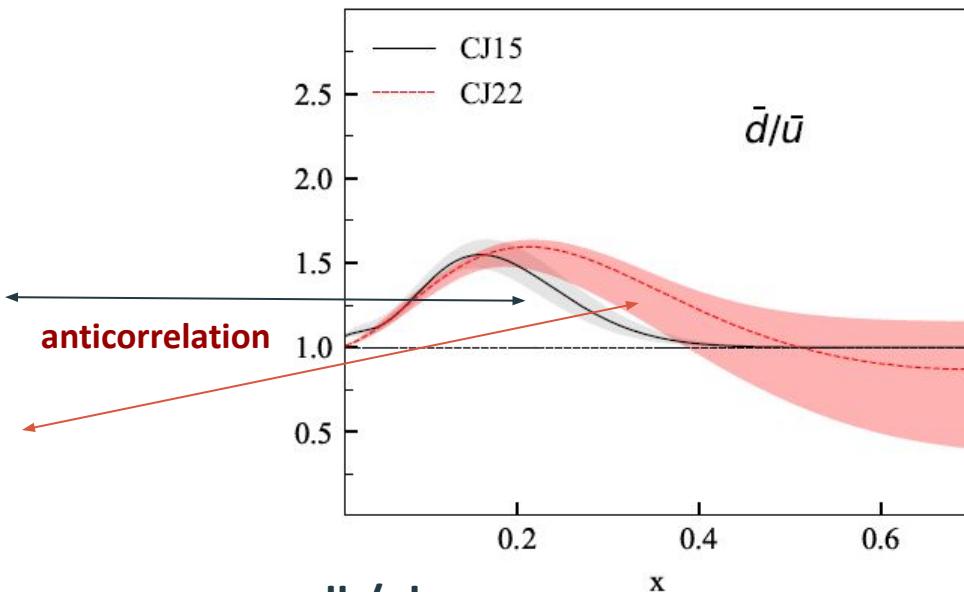


# Light quarks and anti quarks



●  $d/u$

- CJ15 was biased upwards
- CJ22 new parameterization agrees with AKP



●  $\bar{d}/\bar{u}$

- pulled up by SeaQuest
- Naturally relaxes to 1 at large  $x$

# New: PDF error analysis

- “Adjusted” Hessian approximation    *Accardi et al., EPJC 81 (2021) 7*

- Diagonalize H
  - Error PDFs defined in each eigendirection by

$$\Delta\chi_i^2, \pm = 1.645 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad "90\% \text{ c.l.}"$$

- Local asymmetric tolerance criterion  
→ Accounts for deviation from Gaussian likelihood

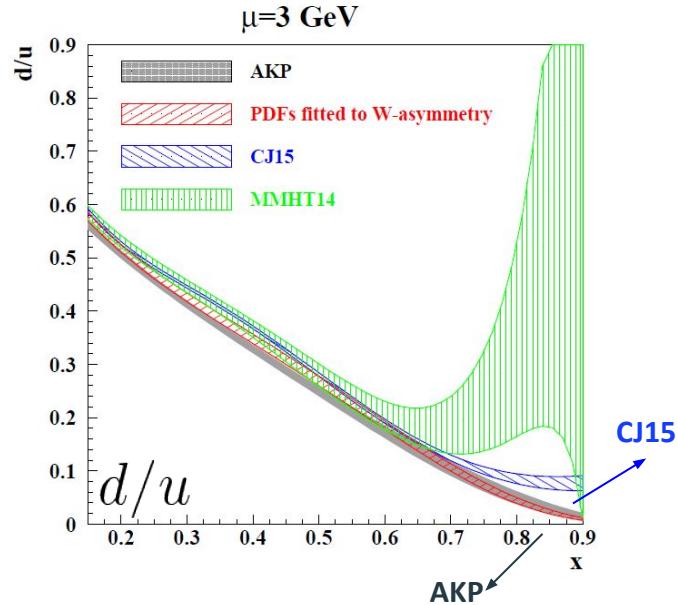
- Important for:
  - Constrained observables (e.g., n/p  $\longleftrightarrow$  d/u at large x)
  - Regions with poor data constraints (e.g., db/ub at  $x > 0.3$ , extrapolation)

# Structure functions at large x: offshell effect and higher twist

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# CJ15 and AKP: d/u to free nucleons

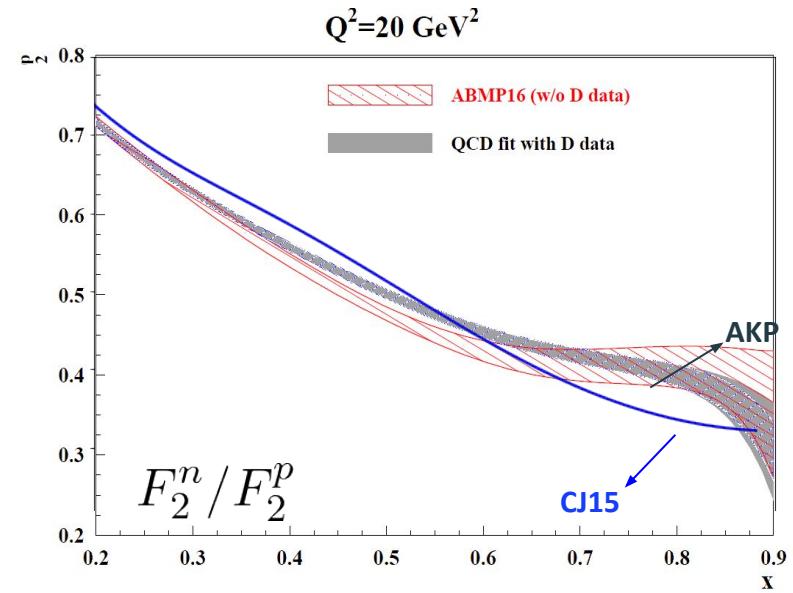
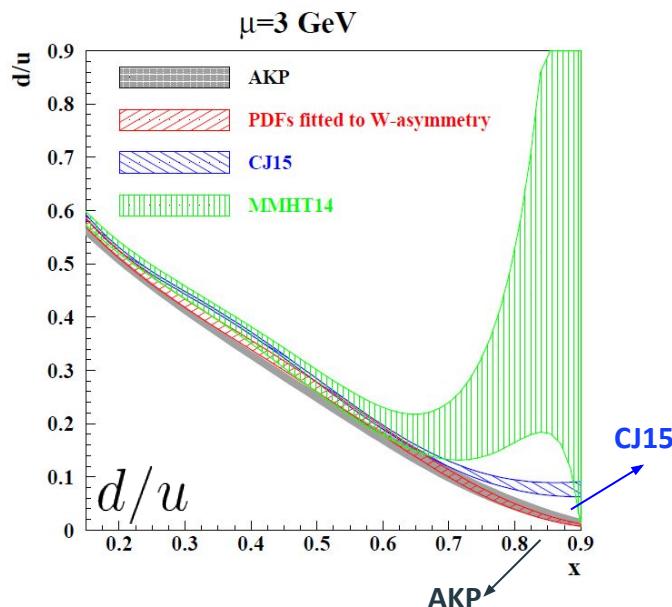
CJ15: *PRD* 93 (2016) 114017  
AKP: *PRD* 96 (2017) 054005  
(see also 2203.07333)



$$\frac{F_{2n}}{F_{2p}} \approx \frac{1 + 4d/u}{4 + d/u} :$$

# CJ15 and AKP: d/u to free nucleons

CJ15: PRD 93 (2016) 114017  
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 (see also 2203.07333)



- AKP has smaller  $d/u$  but bigger  $n/p$  ????
  - Not possible at Leading Twist!
  - → Large HT contributions to high- $x$   $n/p$  ratio

# HT systematics & offshell corrections

Paper in progress

- Additive vs. Multiplicative

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = F_2^{LT}(x, Q^2) + \frac{H(x)}{Q^2}$$

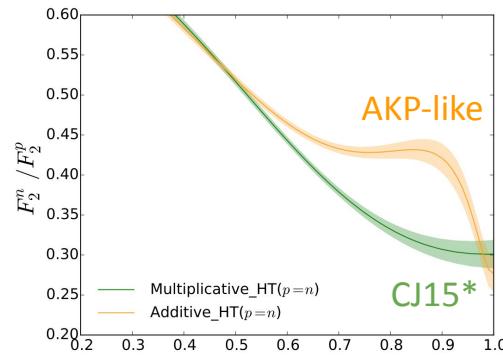
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = F_2^{LT}(x, Q^2) \left(1 + \frac{C(x)}{Q^2}\right)$$

- Isospin,  $Q^2$  evol. not independent

$$\tilde{H}_{p,n}(x, Q^2) = C(x) F_{2p,n}^{LT}(x, Q^2)$$

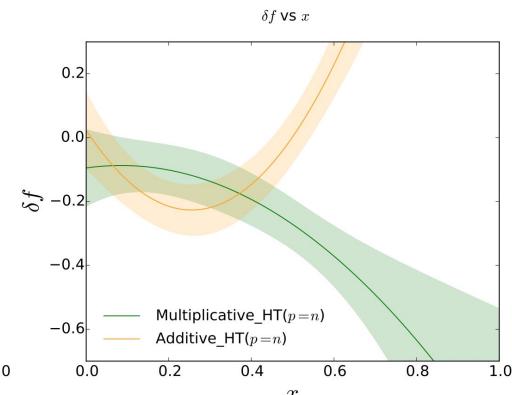
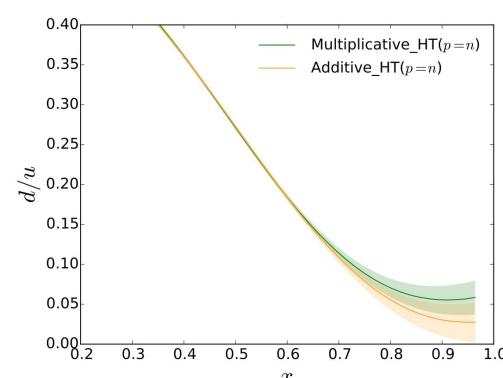
- Non-negligible large- $x$  bias

$$\frac{n}{p} \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow 1]{} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} + 3 \frac{H}{u} & \text{add. } p = n \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{H}{u} & p \neq n \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{mult. } p = n \end{cases}$$



Isospin symmetric HT

█ Additive HT ( $p=n$ )  
█ Mult HT ( $p=n$ )  
 $\rightarrow$  CJ15\*



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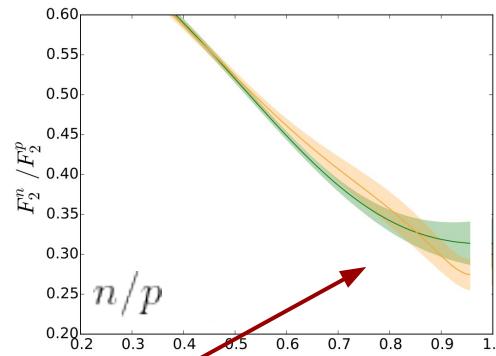
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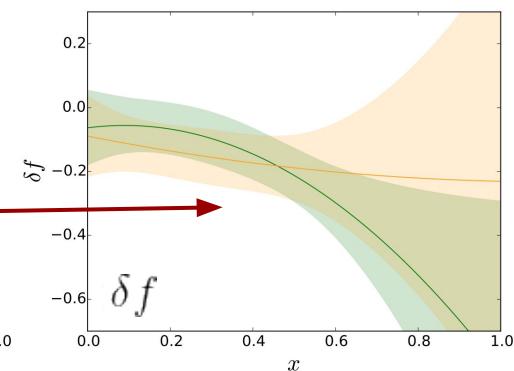
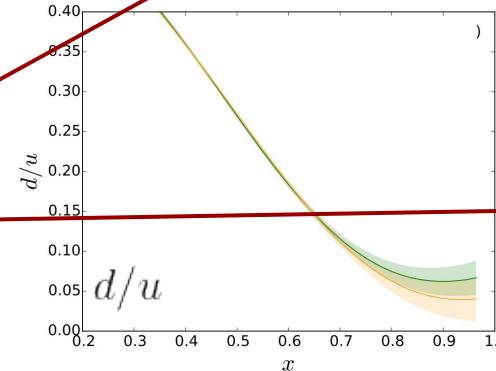
- Isospin dependent HT:

- **BIAS REMOVED!**
- Very small change in  $d/u$
- Offshell remains  $\sim 0$  up to  $x=0.6$



Isospin dependent HT

Orange: Additive HT ( $p \neq n$ )  
Green: Mult HT ( $p \neq n$ )



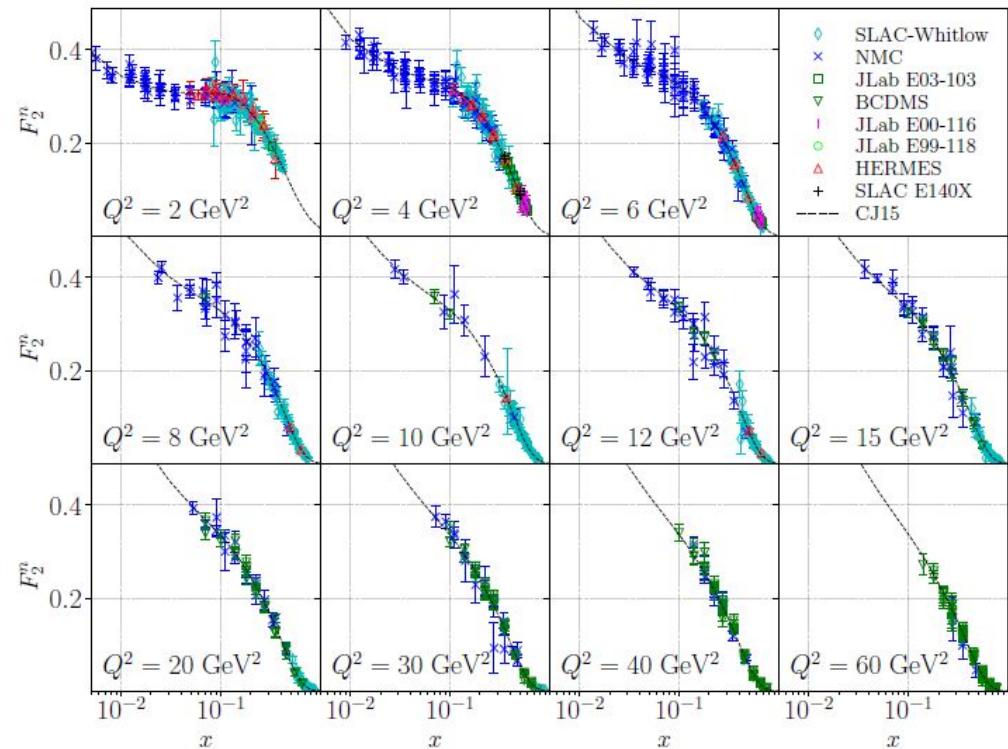
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# $F_2(n)$ extraction and applications

S. Li & CJ – nearly finished

- **Basic idea:**  $\widehat{F}_2^{n(0)}(x, Q^2) = \frac{2 \widehat{F}_2^{d(0)}(x, Q^2)_{\text{exp}}}{R_{d/N}^{\text{CJ}}(x, Q^2)} - \widehat{F}_2^{p(0)}(x, Q^2)_{\text{exp}}$

- **But also:**
  - P, d data matching
  - Data cross normalization
    - using CJ15 PDFs
    - refitting norm,  
Correlated shifts
  - Bin-centering for  
Isosinglet moment
  - ...

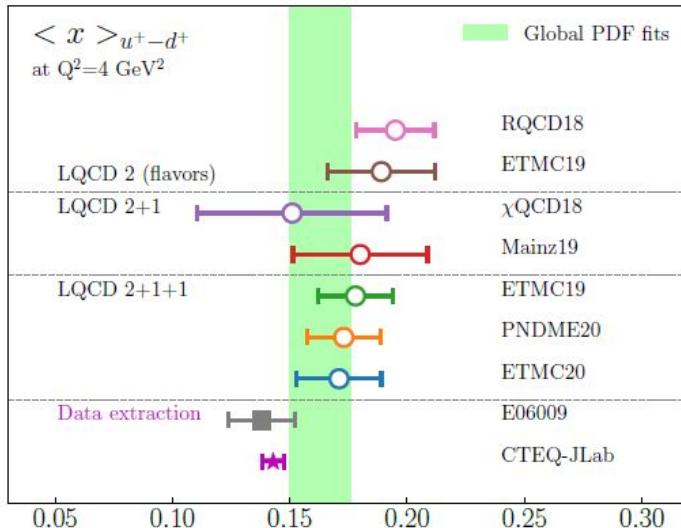


# $F_2(n)$ extraction and applications

Check <https://www.jlab.org/theory/cj>

- World DIS database and extracted

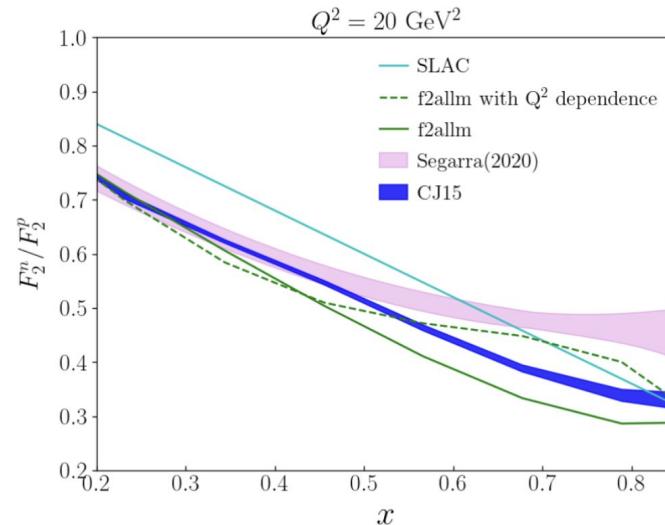
$$F_{2n}, n/p \Rightarrow \int F_2^p - F_2^n$$



- LHAPDF style structure function grids:

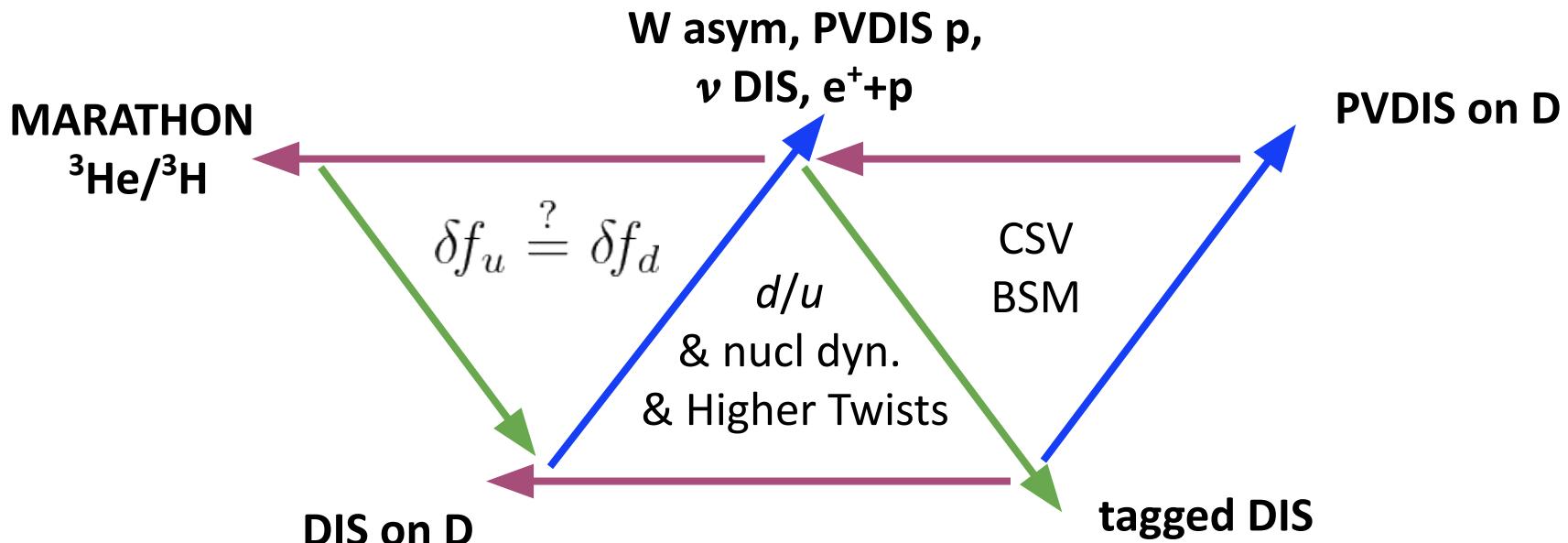
- NC and CC
- w/ and w/o HT, TMC

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sfn_p = lhapdf.mkPDF("CJ15_FpNC", 0)
f2p = sfn_p.xfxQ2(iset=908, x, Q2)
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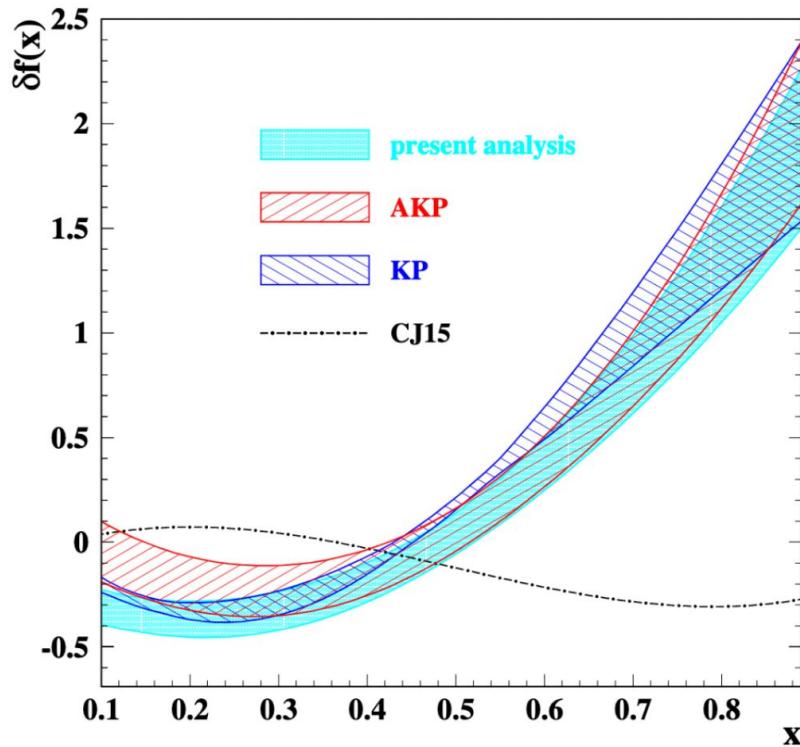


# OUTLOOK

- CJ22 (accepted in PRD)
  - F2n ( almost done)
  - HT and offshell effect (in progress)
  - Strange sea with LHC data
  - Tagged DIS, and nuclear effect with A=3
  - PVDIS
- } CJ22 + isospin dependent HT/offshell

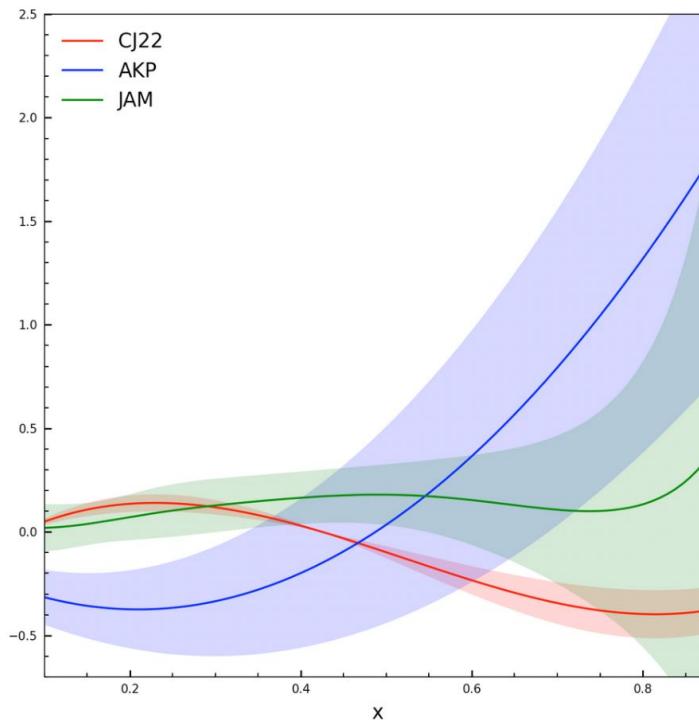


# Backups



AKP: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.07333.pdf>

Polynomial parameterization,  
 $c_0 = -0.16 \pm 0.11$ ,  $c_1 = -2.04 \pm 0.73$ , and  $c_2 = 4.86 \pm 1.13$



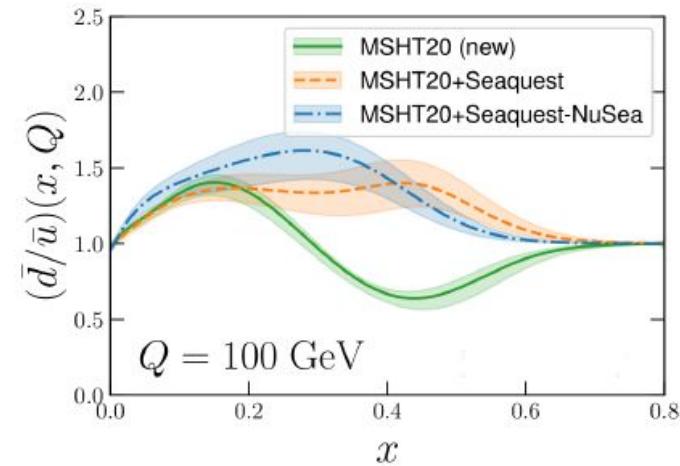
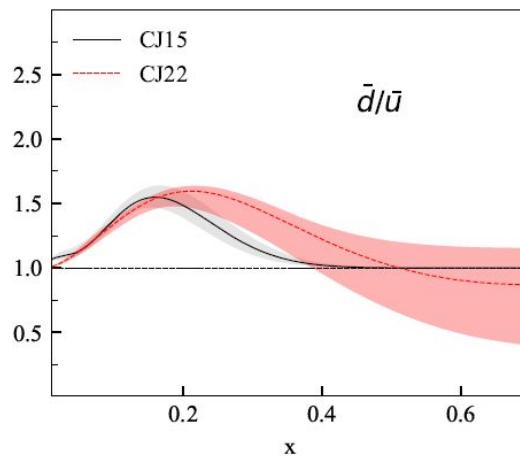
KP-like off-shell function parameters:

$$N(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(1 + x_0 - x)$$

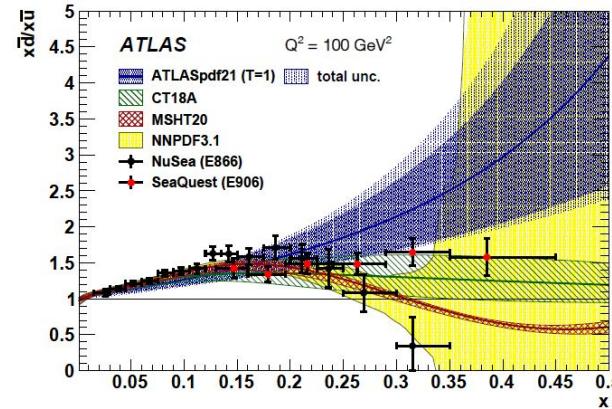
Parameter	CJ15	CJ22
$N$	$-3.6735 \pm 1.5278$	$-5.3600 \pm 1.5674$
$x_0$	$0.57717E091 \pm 0.14842E-01$	$0.70549E-01 \pm 0.44990E-03$
$x_1$	0.36419	0.42527

# Comparison to other recent PDFs

- SeaQuest fitted:

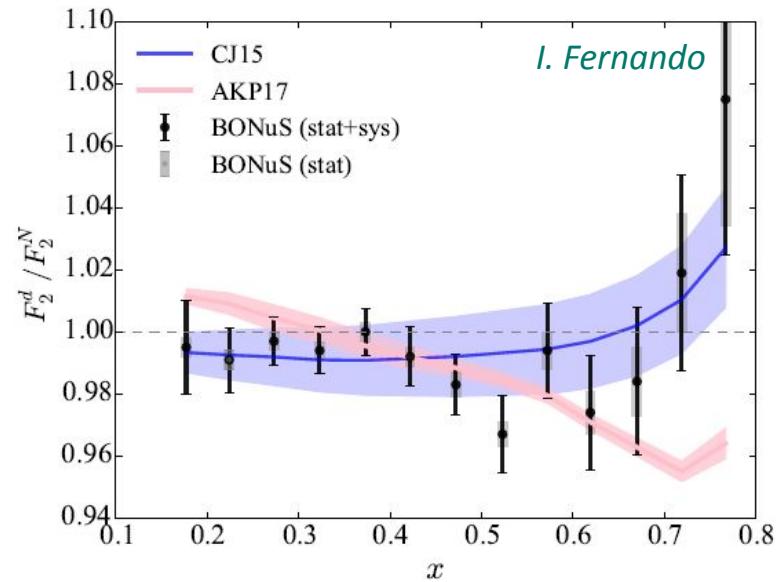
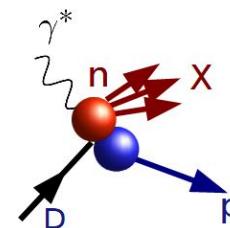
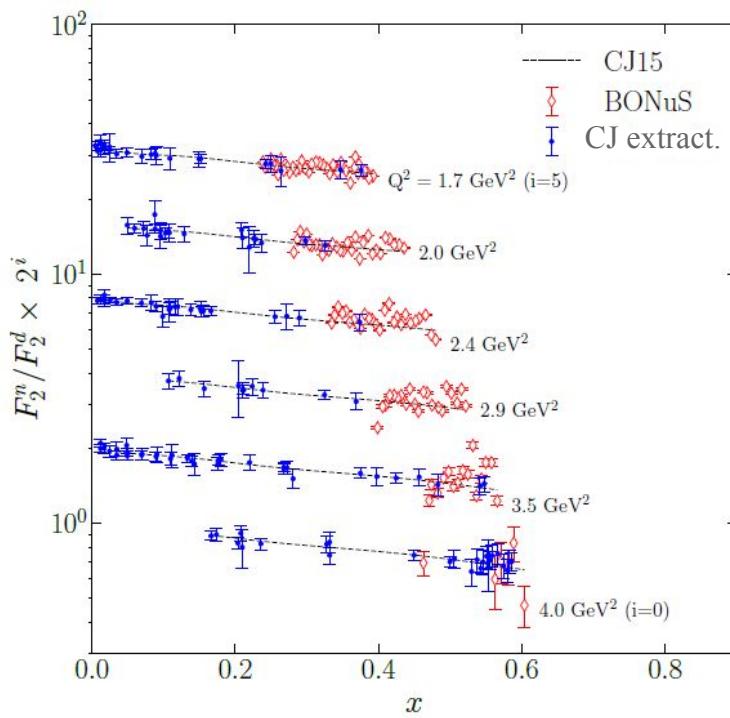


- PDFs w/o SeaQuest:



# Bonus cross-checks

- **BONuS: Tagged proton DIS measurements**



# $F_2(n/p)$ extraction

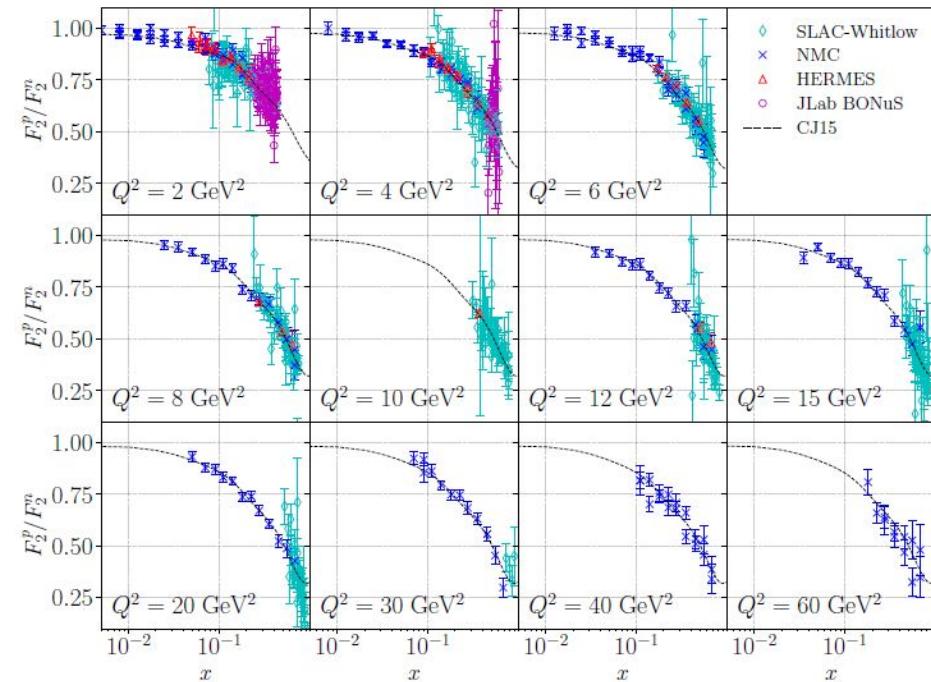
- Similar idea, but using

- d/p data

$$\hat{R}_{n/p}^{(0)} \equiv \frac{2 \hat{R}_{d/p}^{\text{exp},(0)}}{R_{d/N}^{\text{CJ}} - 1}$$

- n/d BONuS data

$$\hat{R}_{n/p}^{(0)} \equiv \frac{\hat{R}_{n/d}^{\text{exp},(0)} R_{d/N}^{\text{CJ}}}{1 - \hat{R}_{n/d}^{\text{exp},(0)} R_{d/N}^{\text{CJ}}}$$



# CJ22: fit framework

- **Electroweak pair production** (*Xiaoxian Jing*)
  - $\gamma, W, Z$
  - NLO calculations with APPLgrid + MCFM
  - Tested against E866, D0 W asymmetry in CJ15
- **STAR  $W$  grids** (*Sanghwa Park*)
  - Exp. cuts:  
→  $p_e > 15 \text{ GeV}, \quad 25 < E_e < 50 \text{ GeV}$
  - Jet suppression (as in STAR paper):  
→ Vetoed jet production → 20% cross section suppression
- STAR  $Z$ ,
  - see paper

# SeaQuest kinematics

$$\frac{\sigma_{pd}}{\sigma_{pp}} \approx \frac{4 + \frac{d(x_b)}{u(x_b)}}{4 + \frac{d(x_b)}{u(x_b)} \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)}} \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_t)}{\bar{u}(x_t)} \right)$$

db/ub

