



Studies of Hadron Structure by the CJ Collaboration

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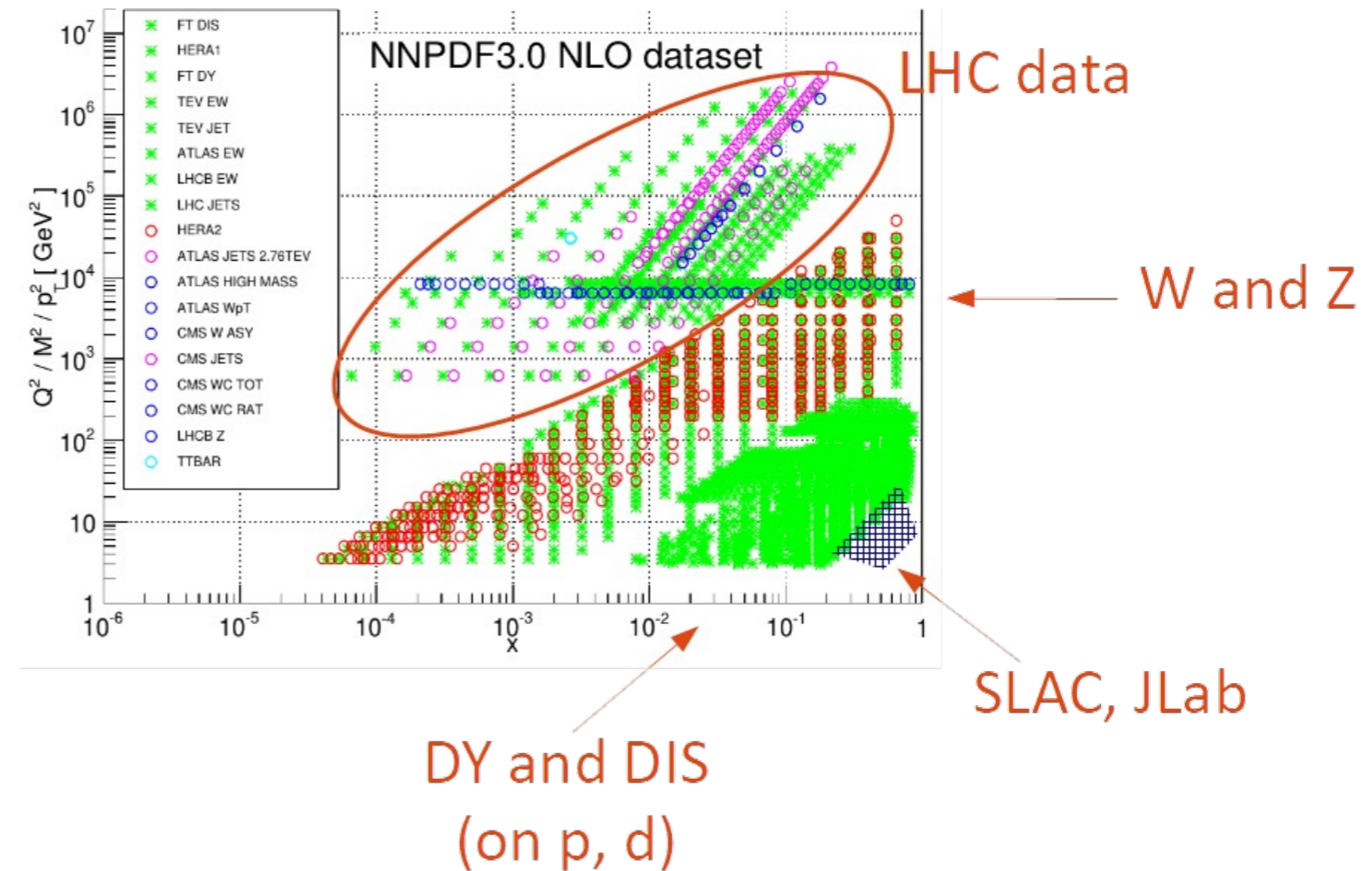
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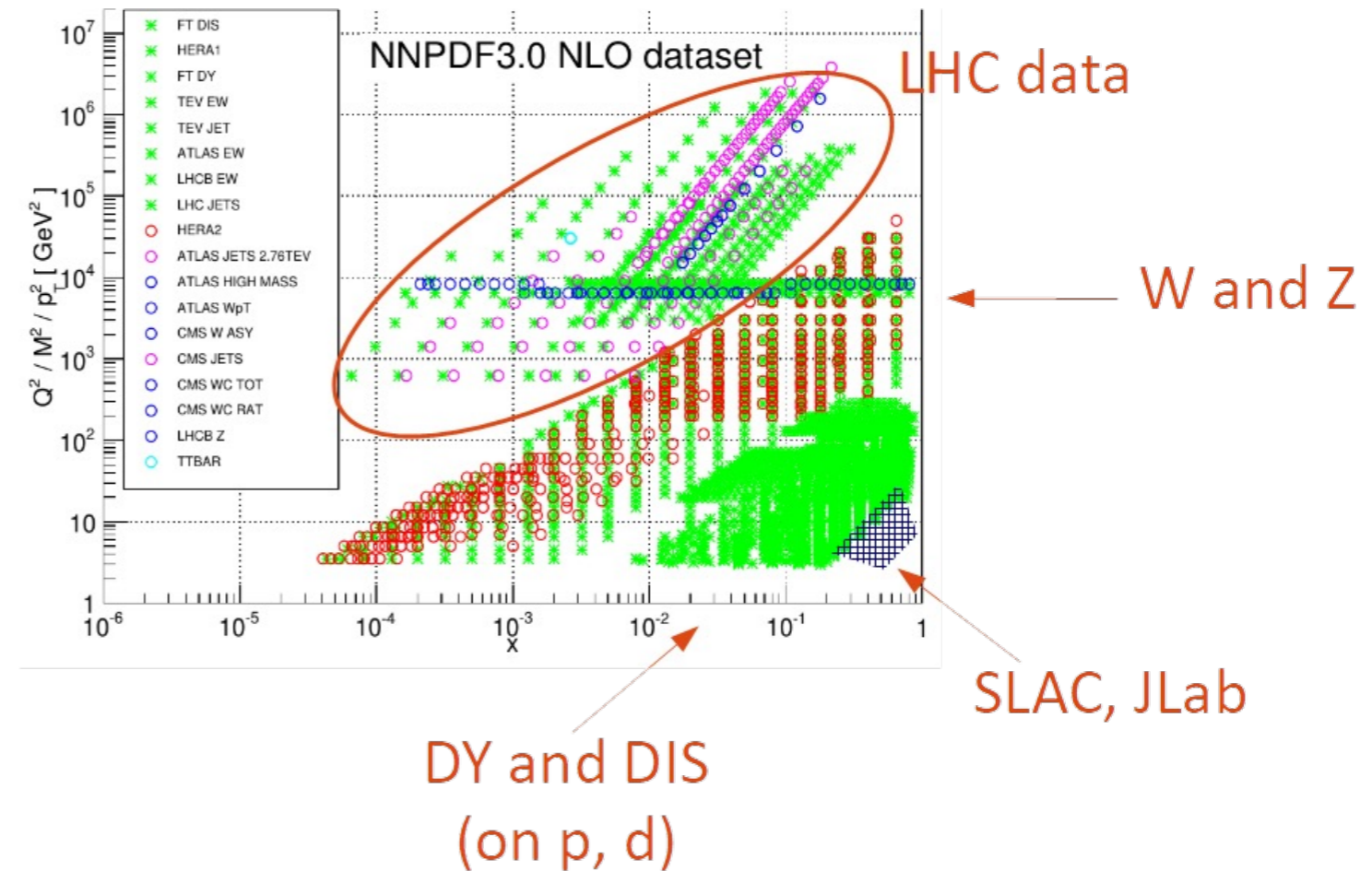
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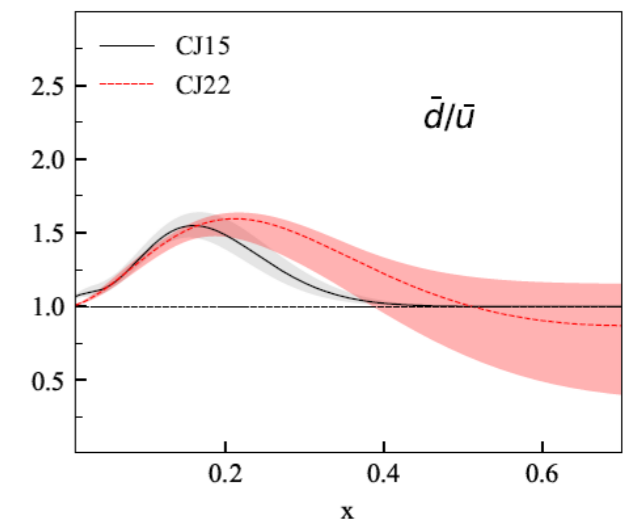
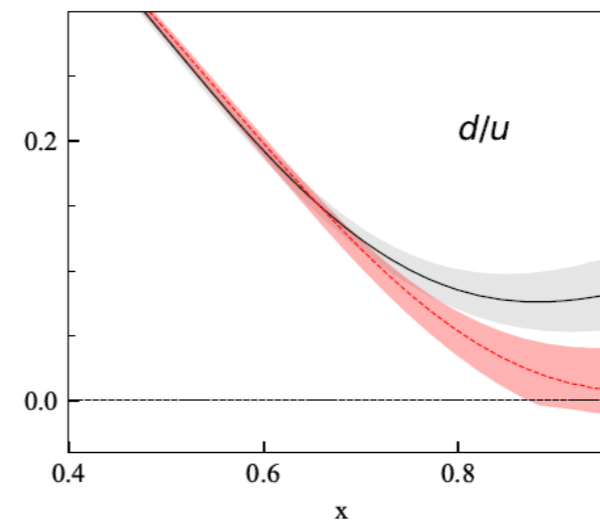
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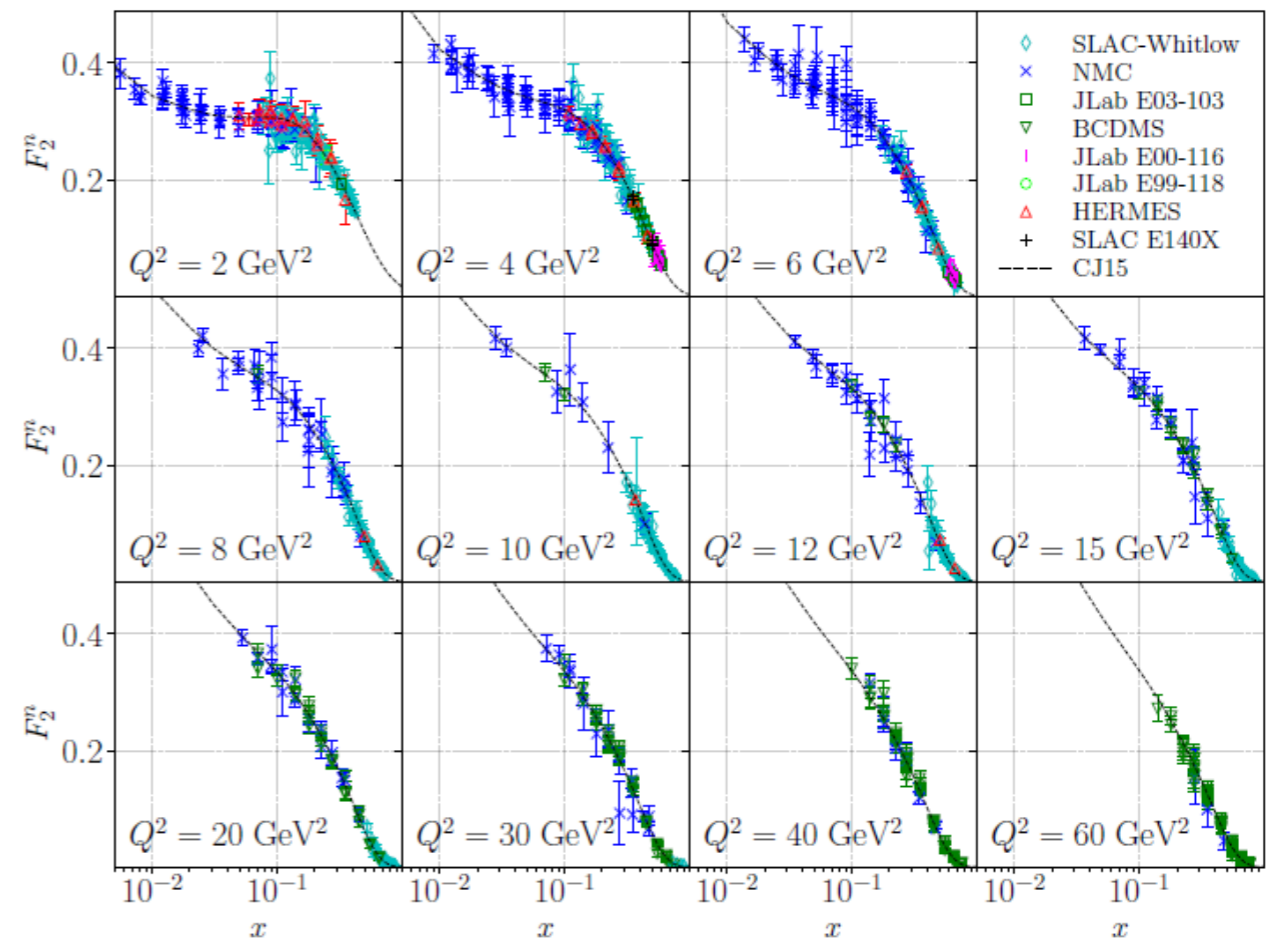
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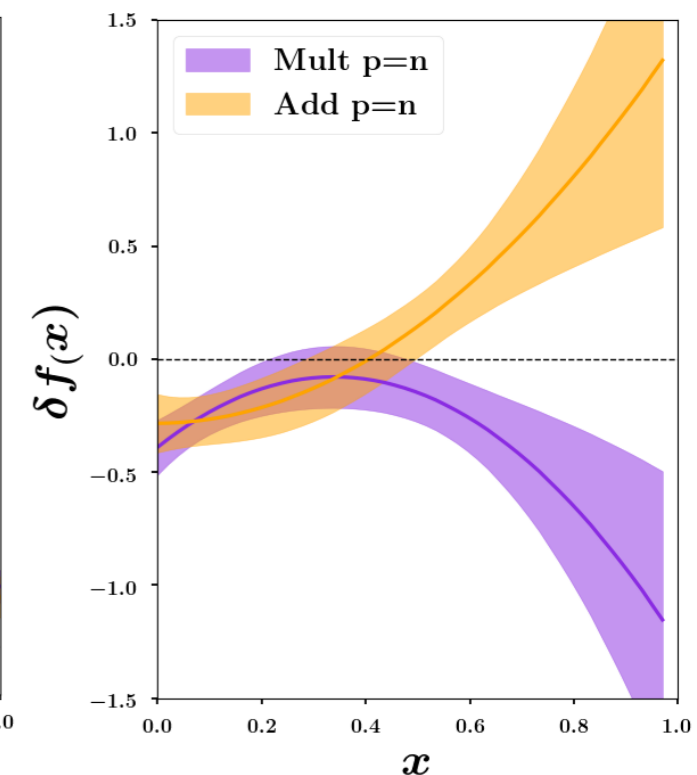
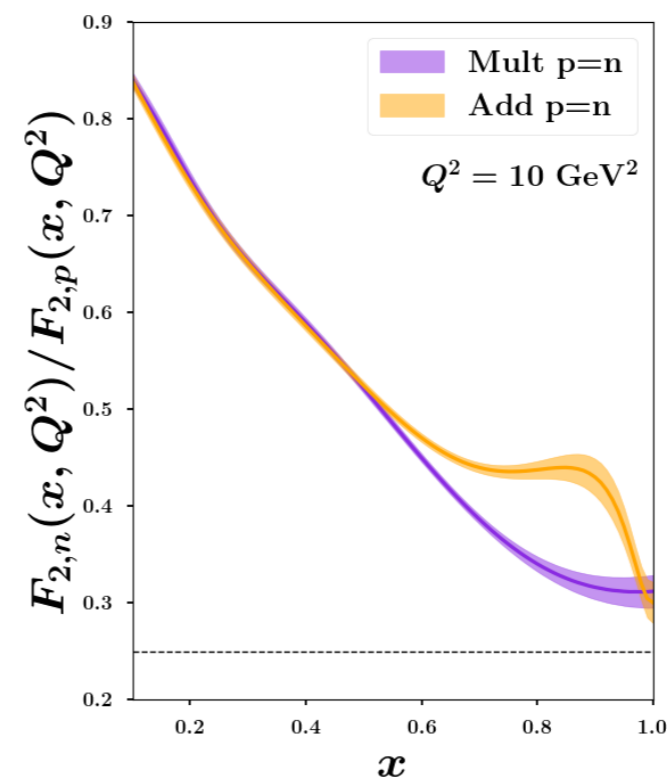
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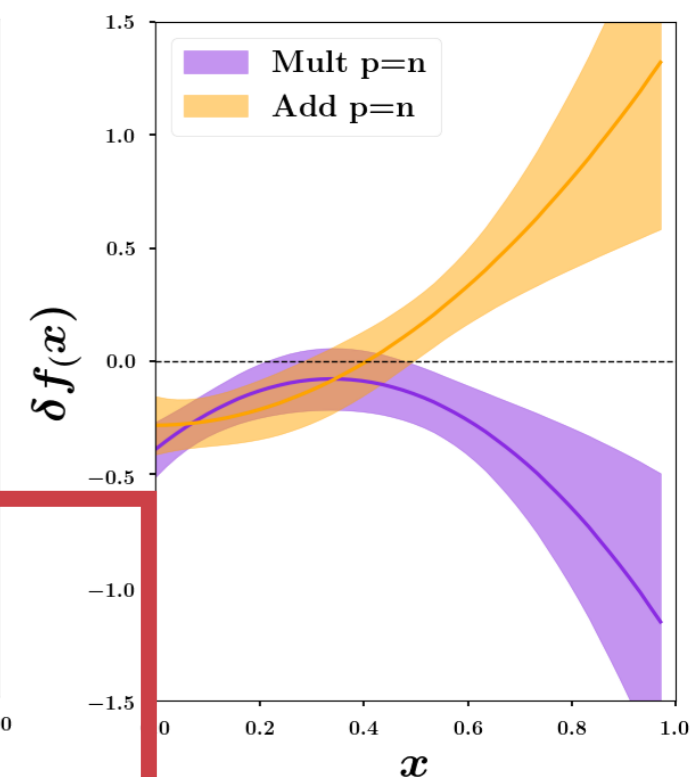
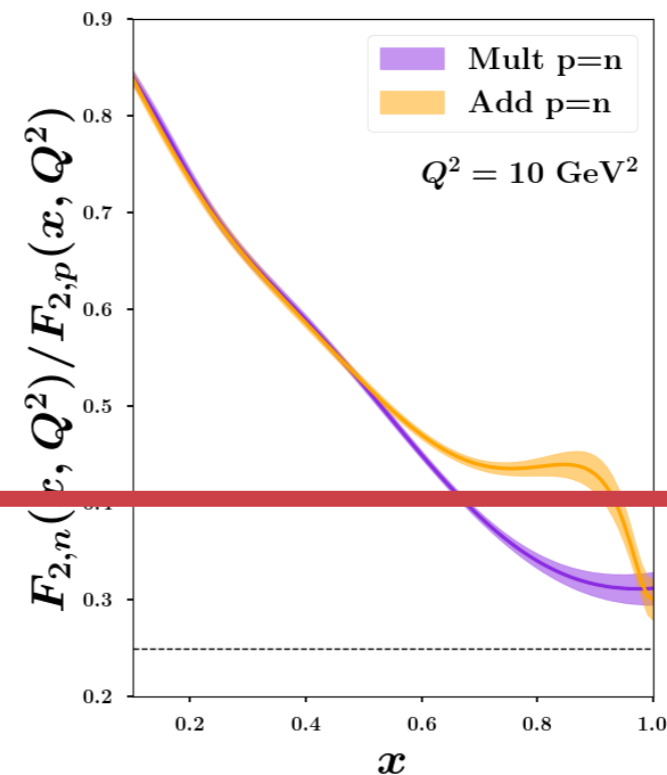
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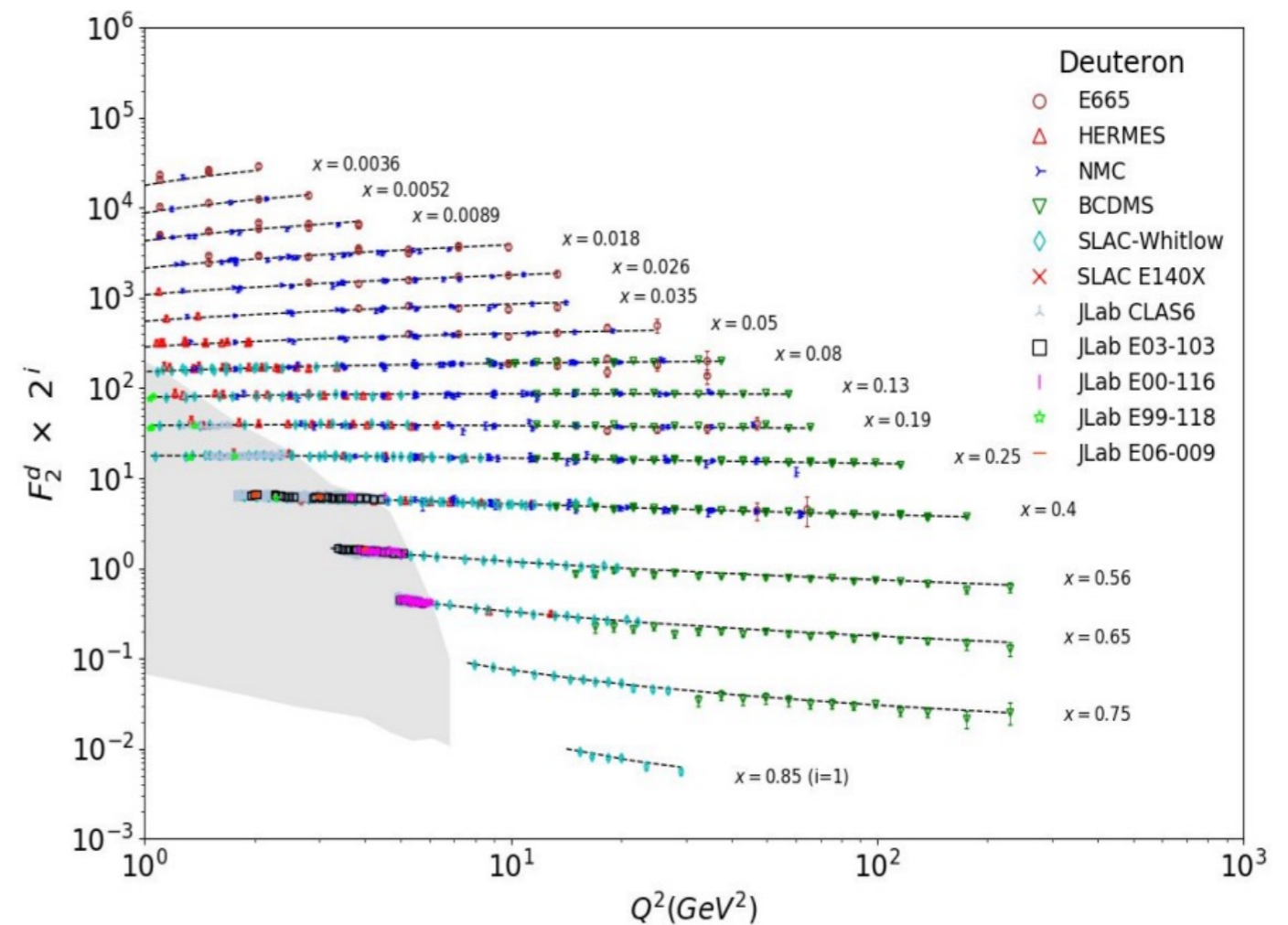
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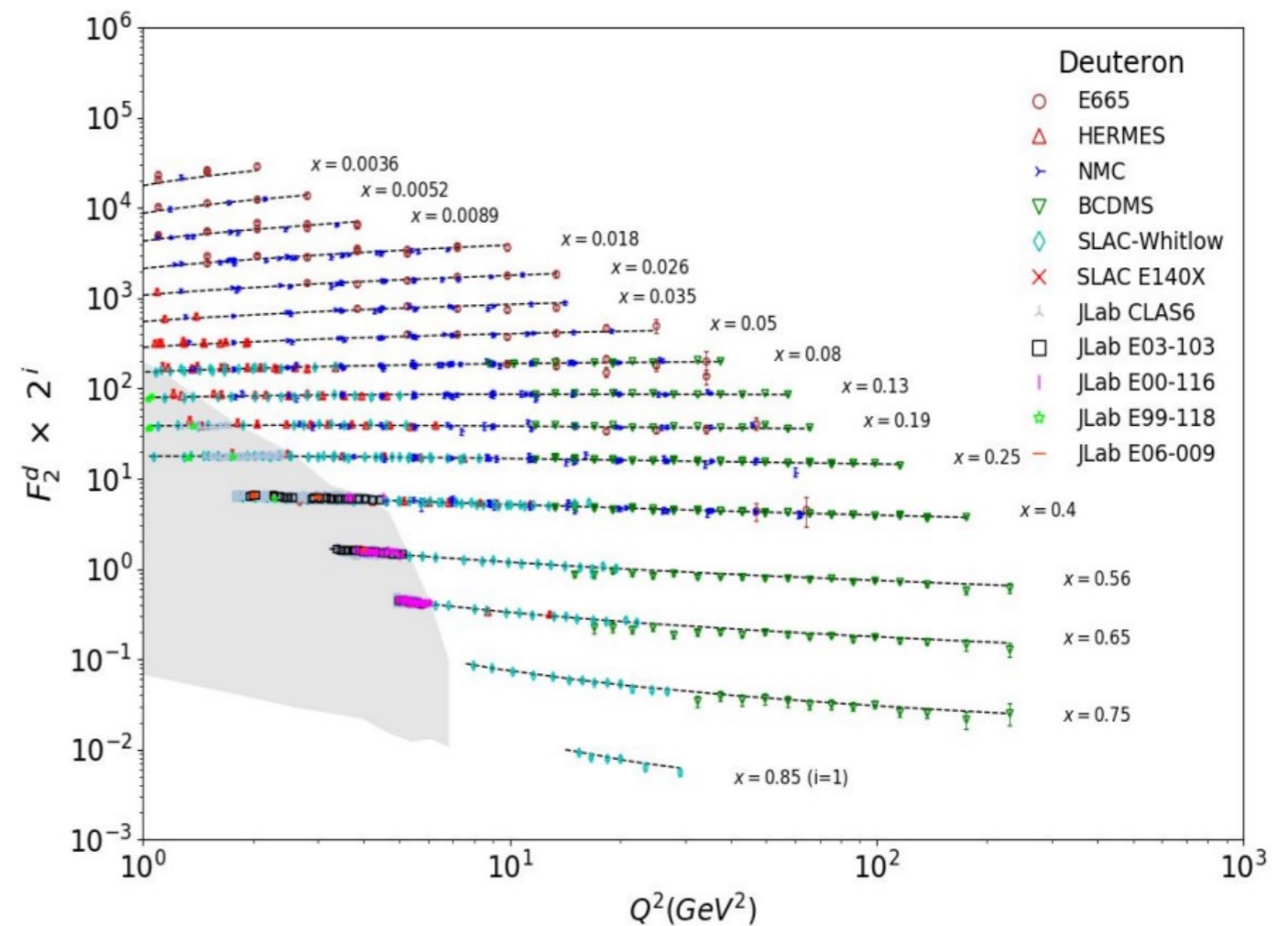
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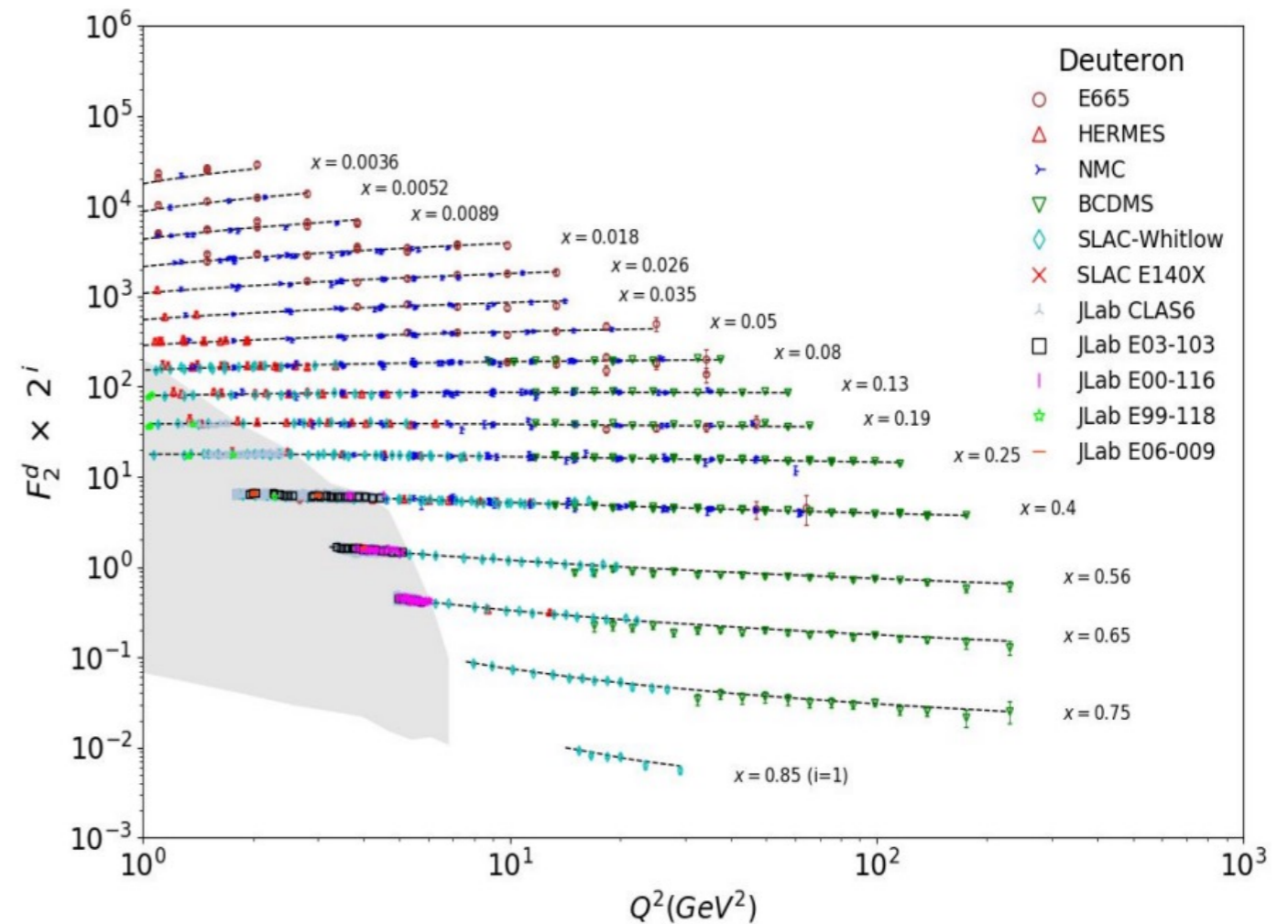
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Smearing function

Structure function of a bound,
off-shell nucleon

Extraction of neutron F_2 structure function

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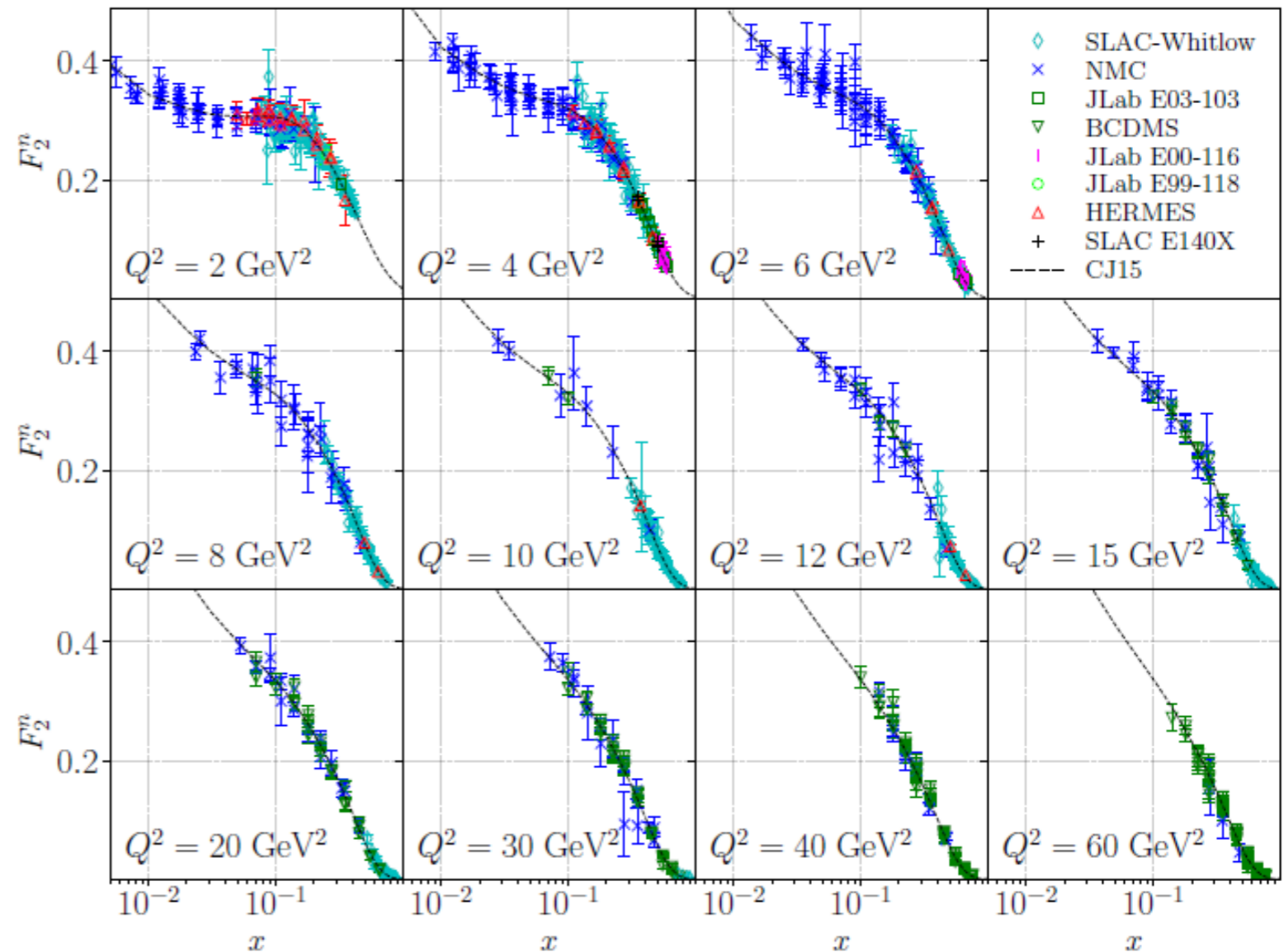
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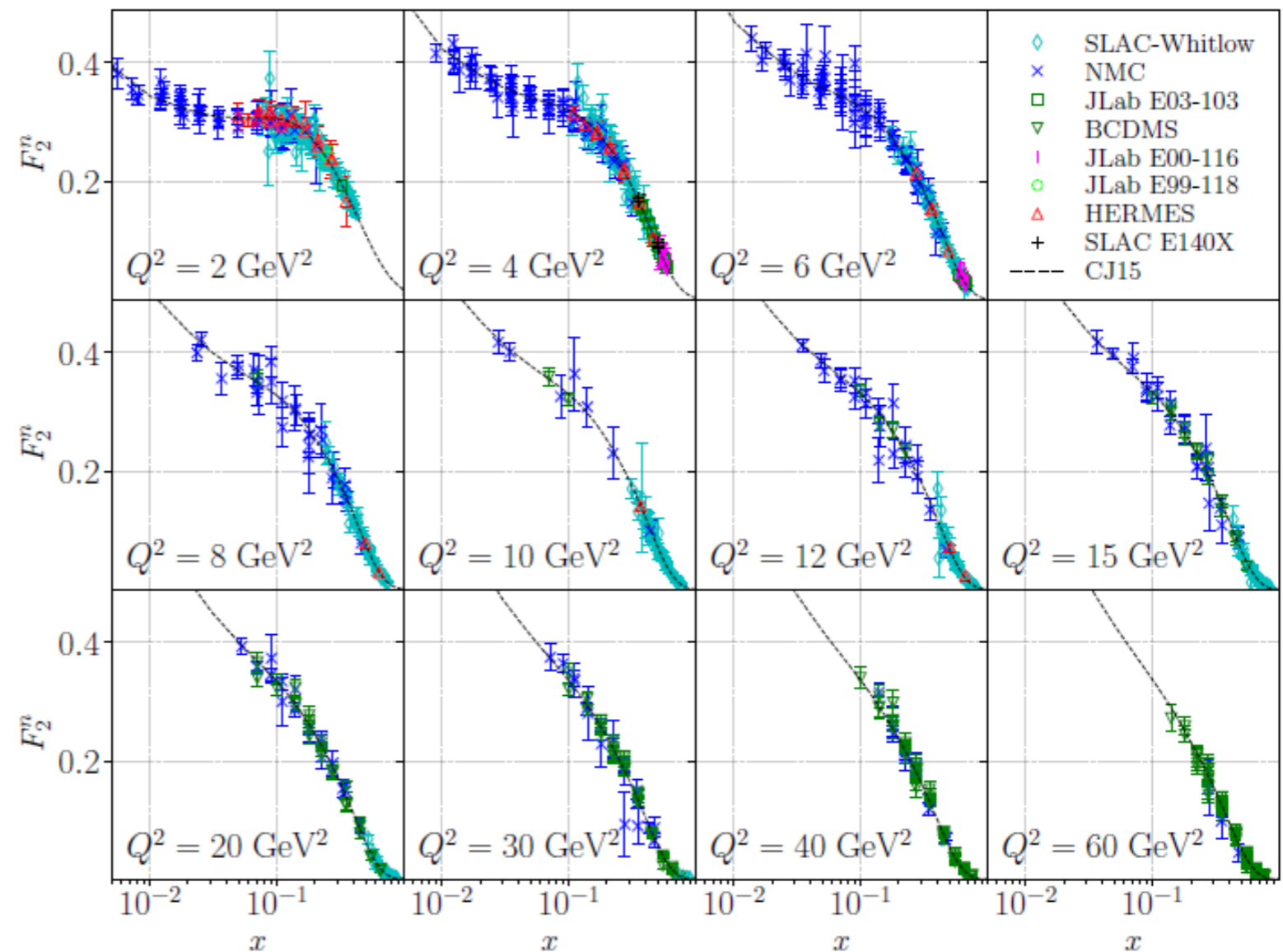
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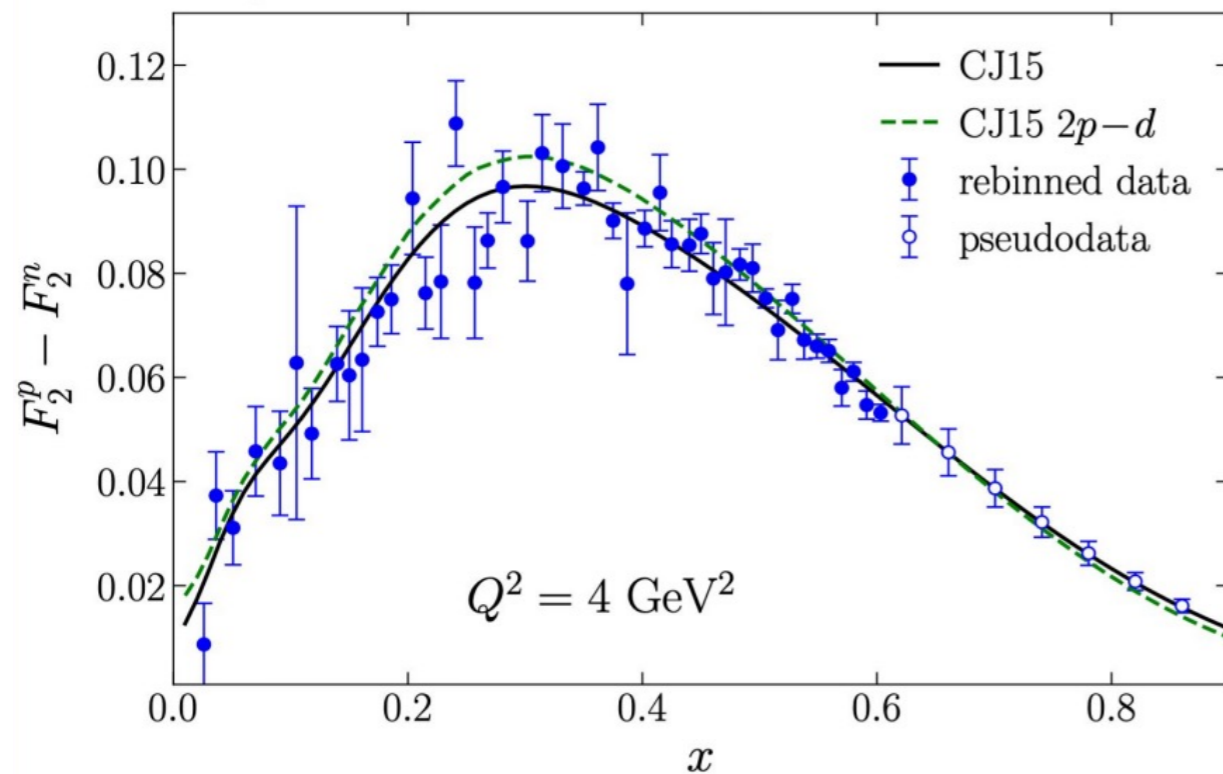


Neutron F_2 data sets and grids available!!!

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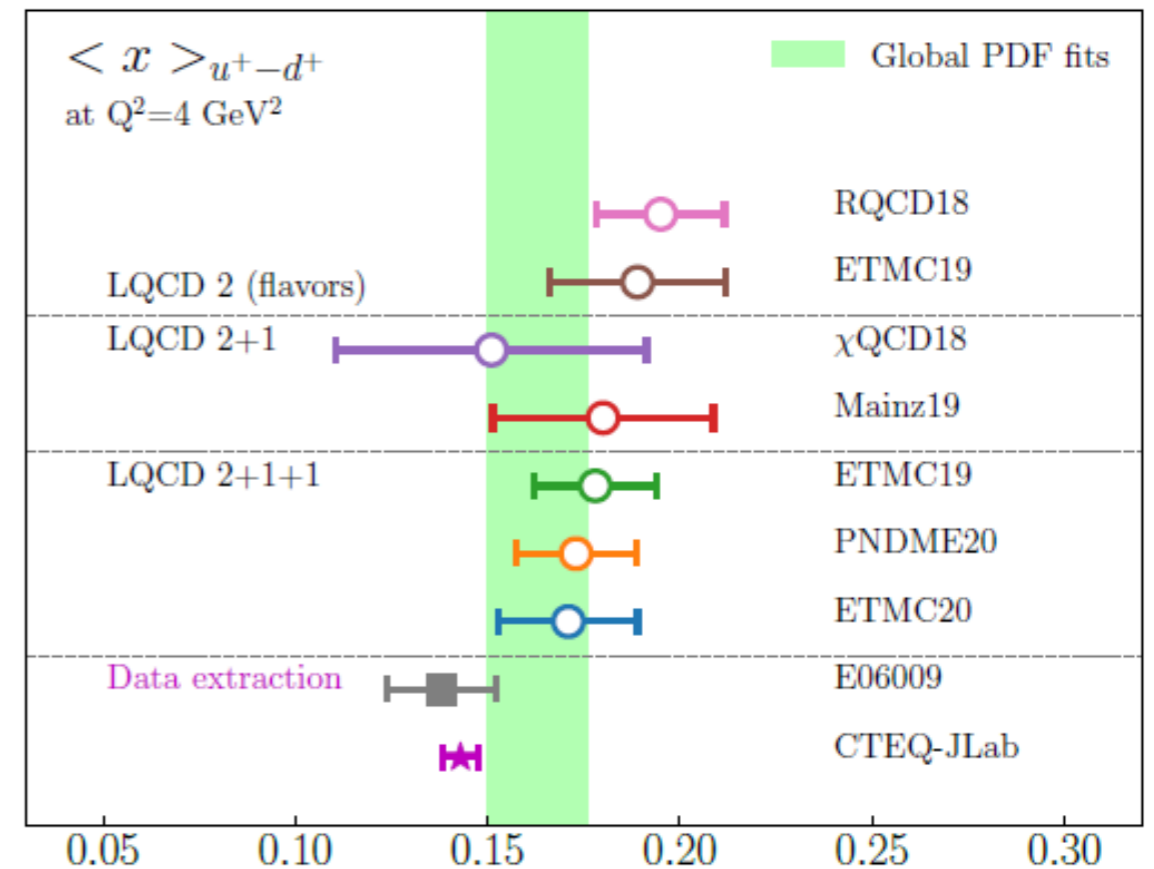
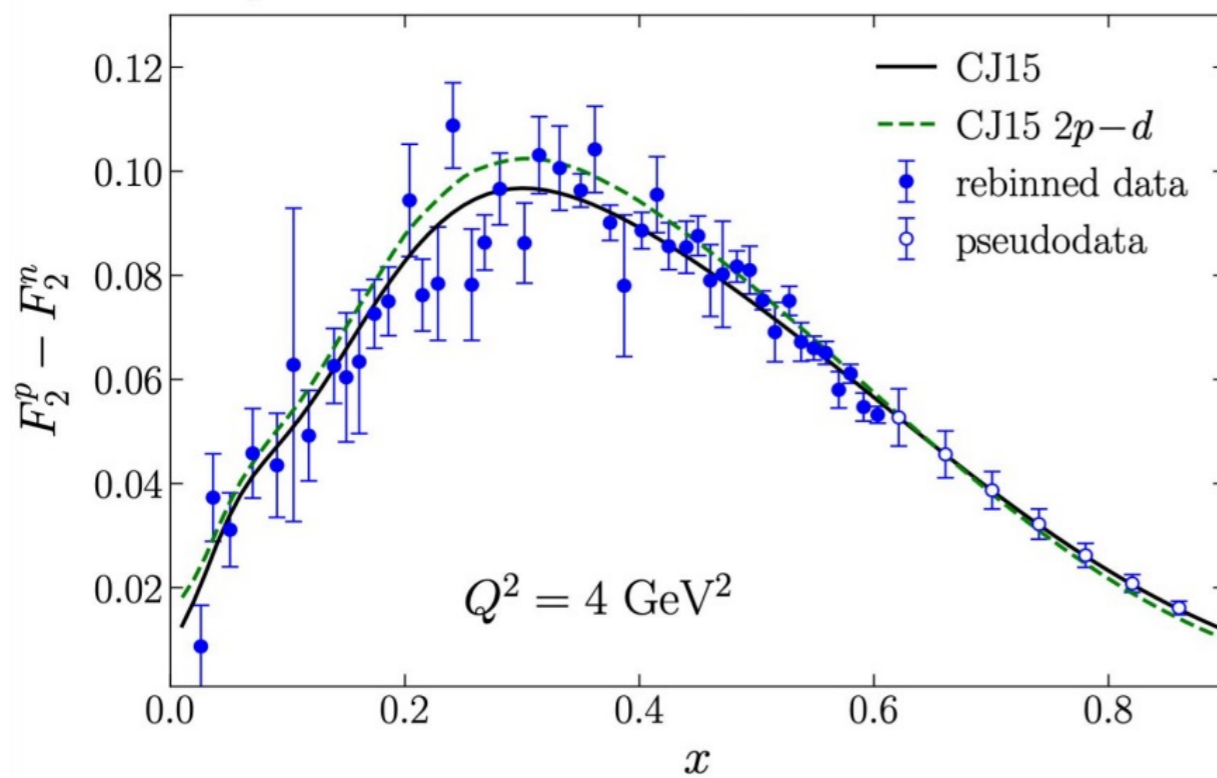


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$$\langle x \rangle_{u^+ - d^+} = \int_0^1 dx x [u(x) + \bar{u}(x) - d(x) - \bar{d}(x)]$$

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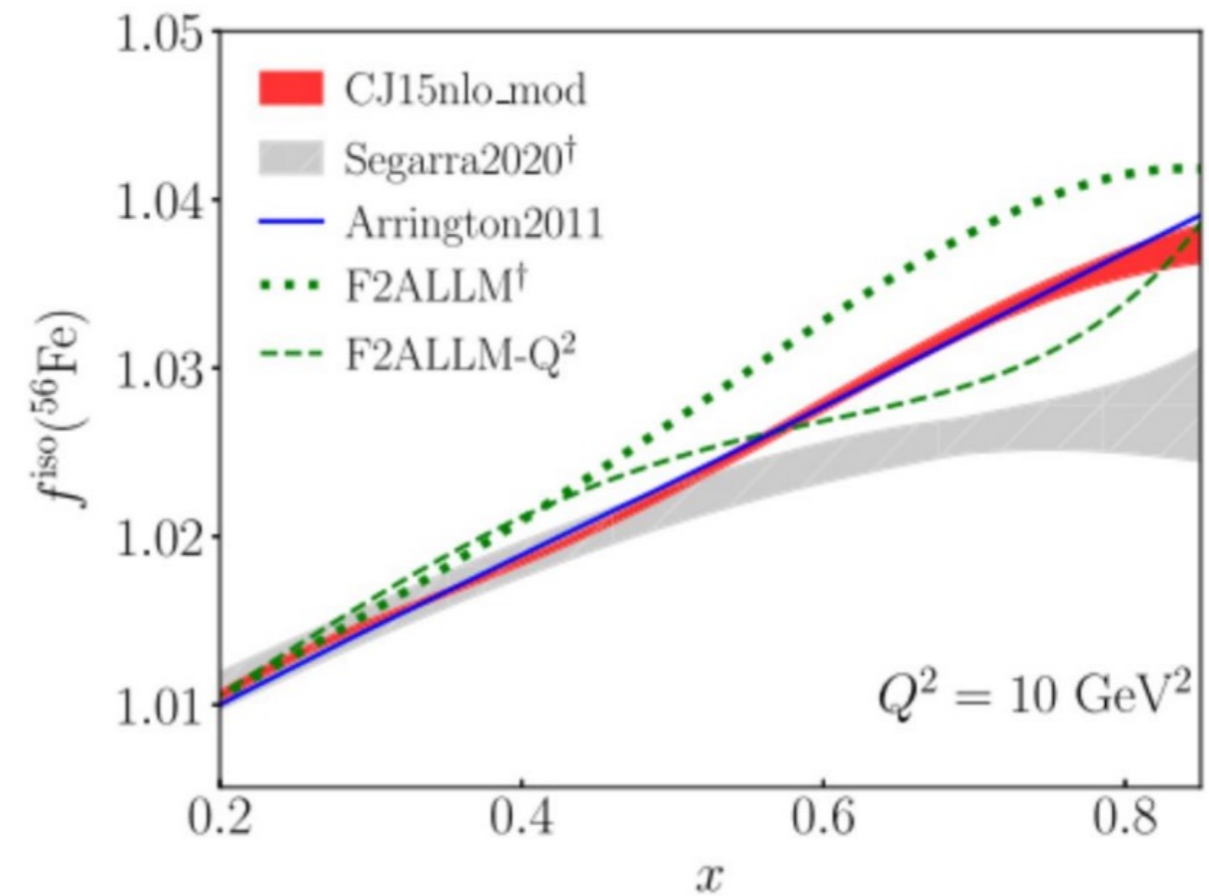
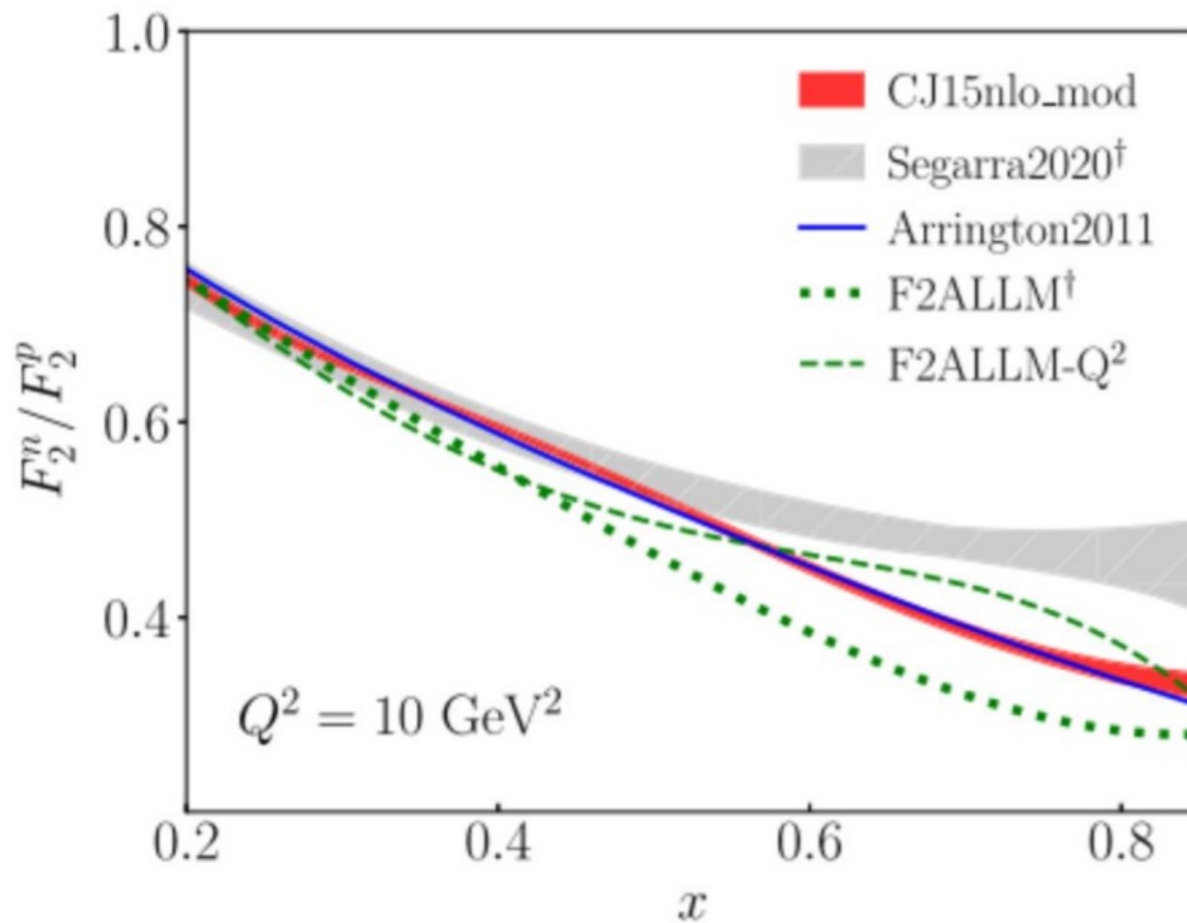
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SLAC-E140			d: 10066
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HT vs Offshell

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Bias in the approach identified

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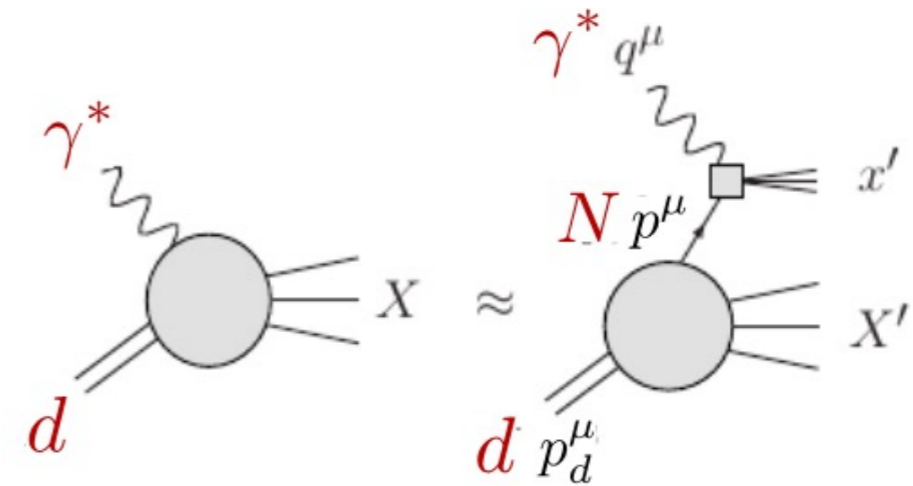
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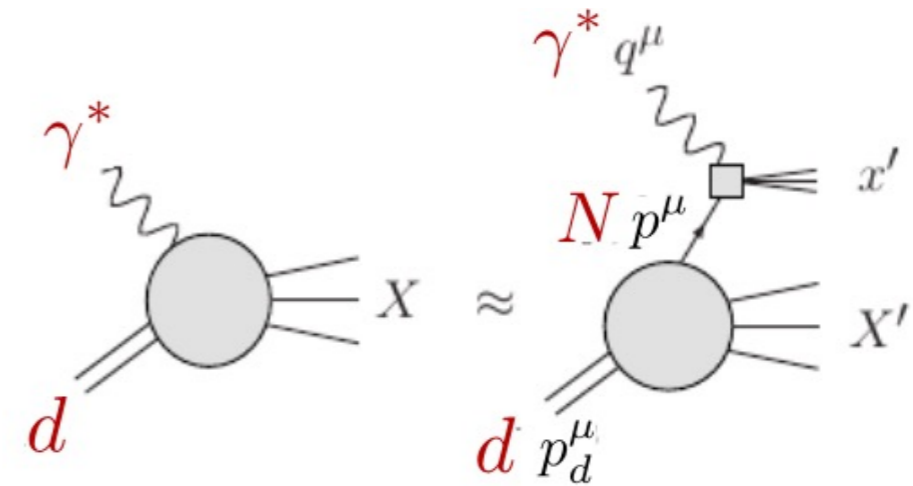


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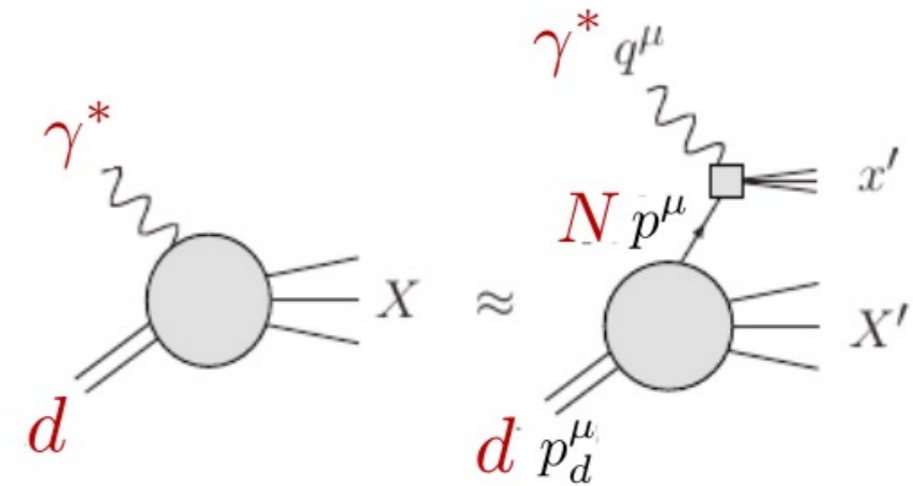
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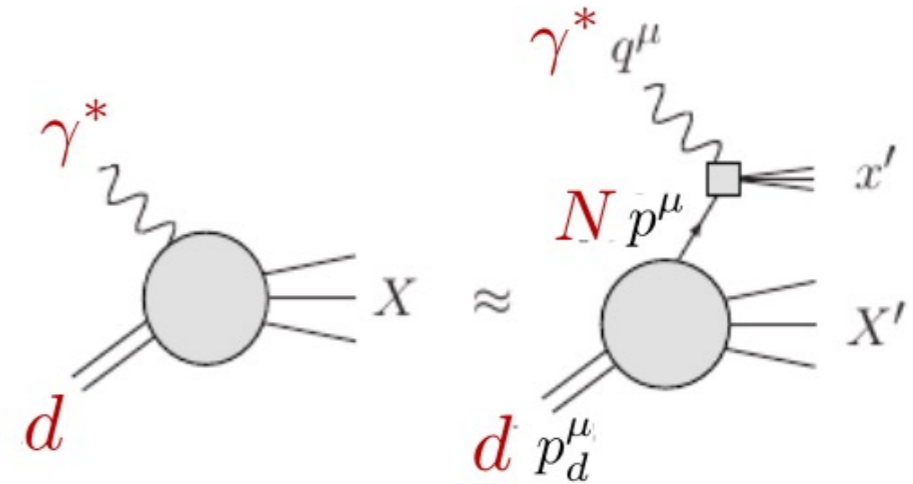
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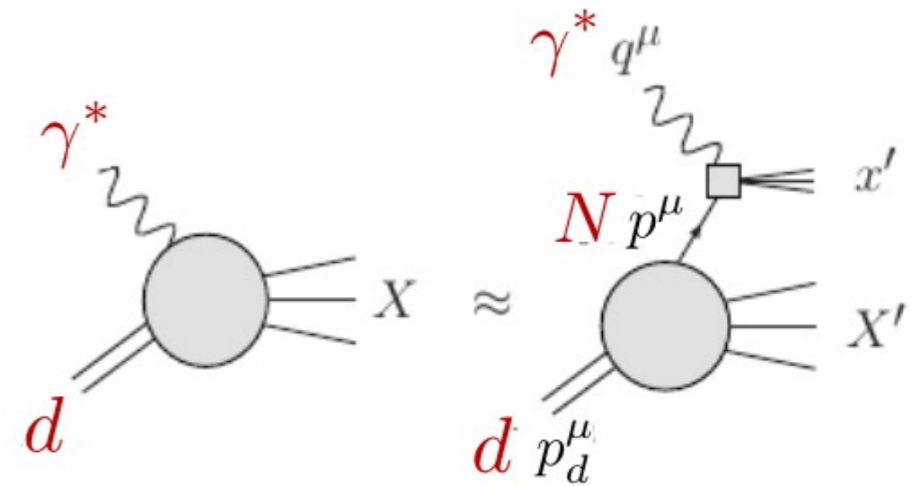
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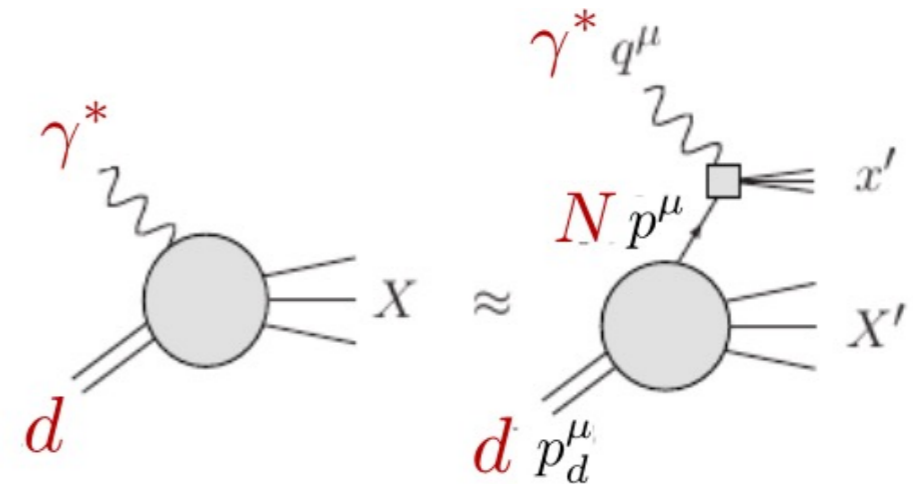
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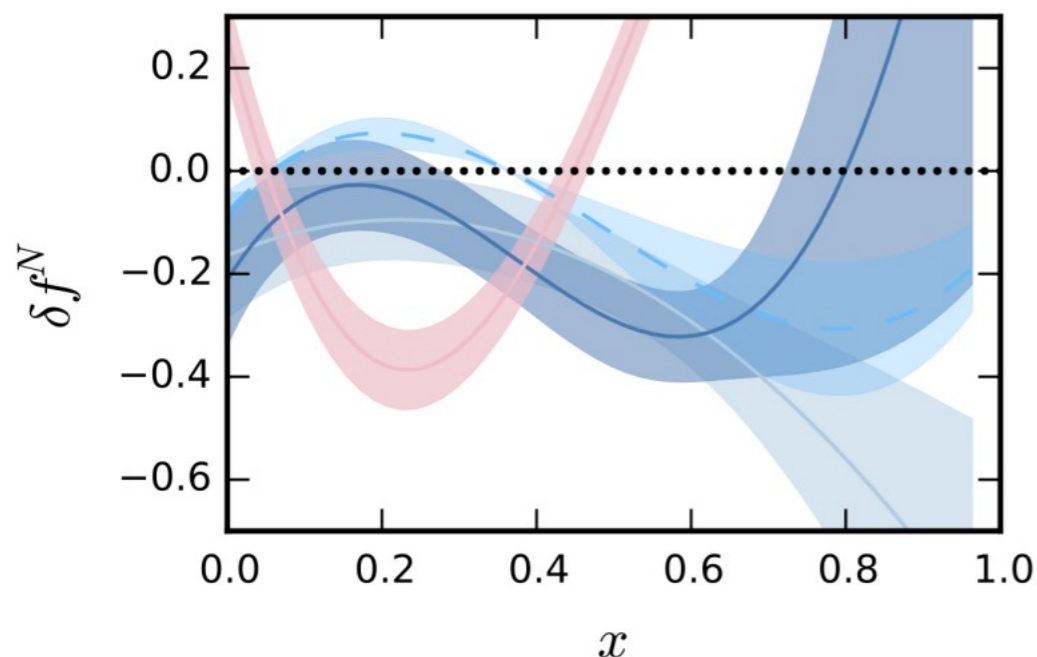
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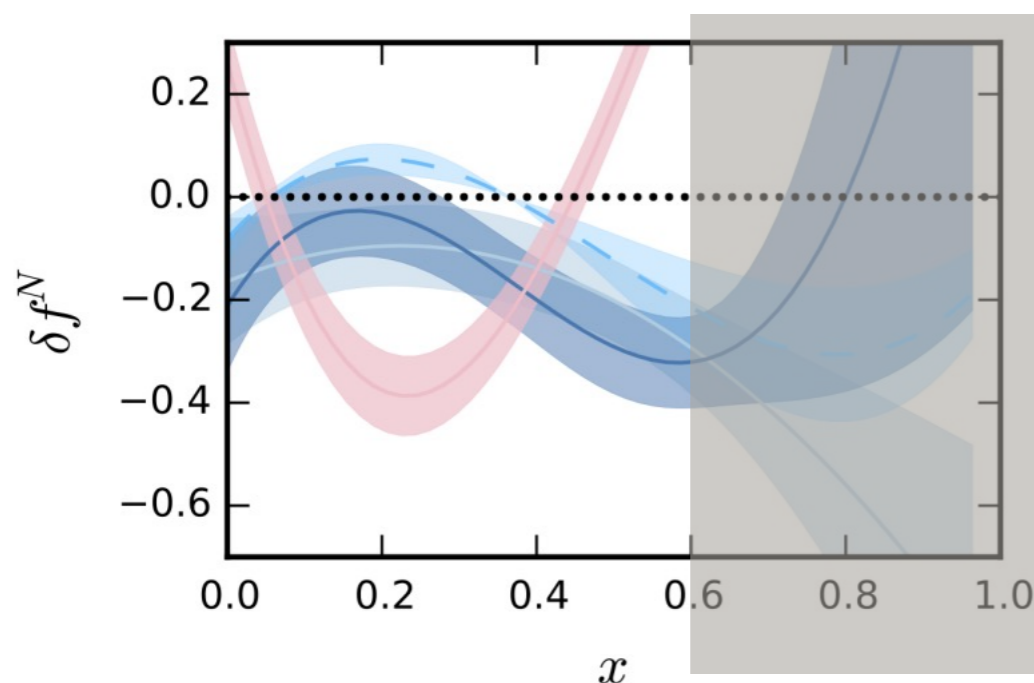
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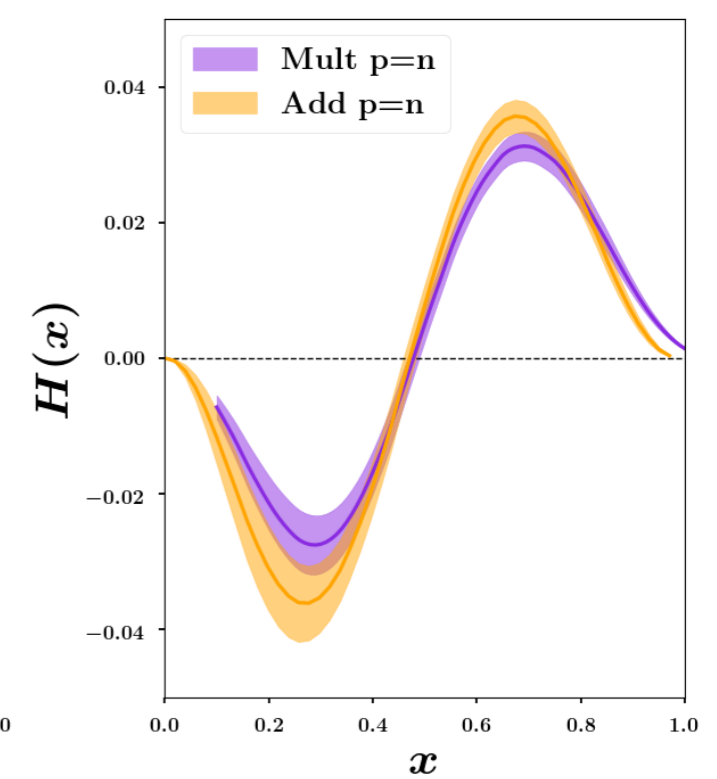
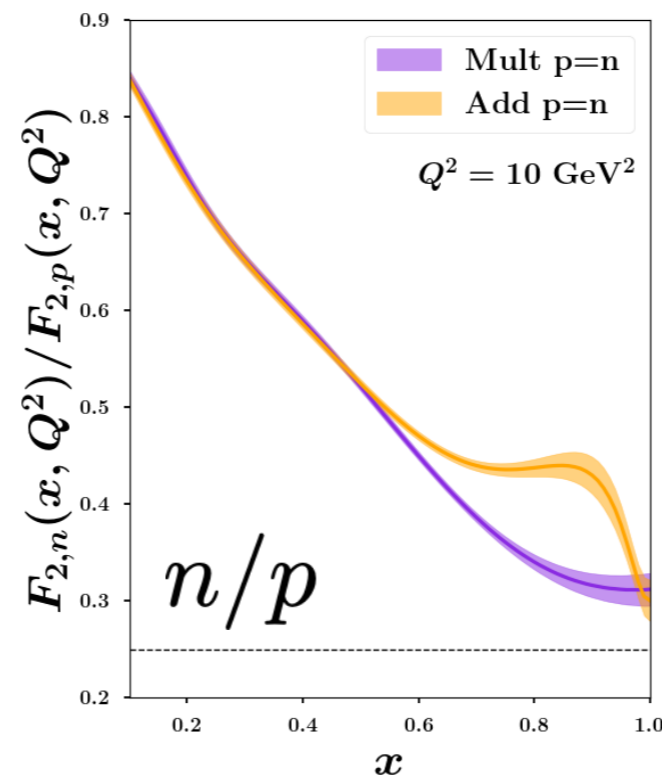
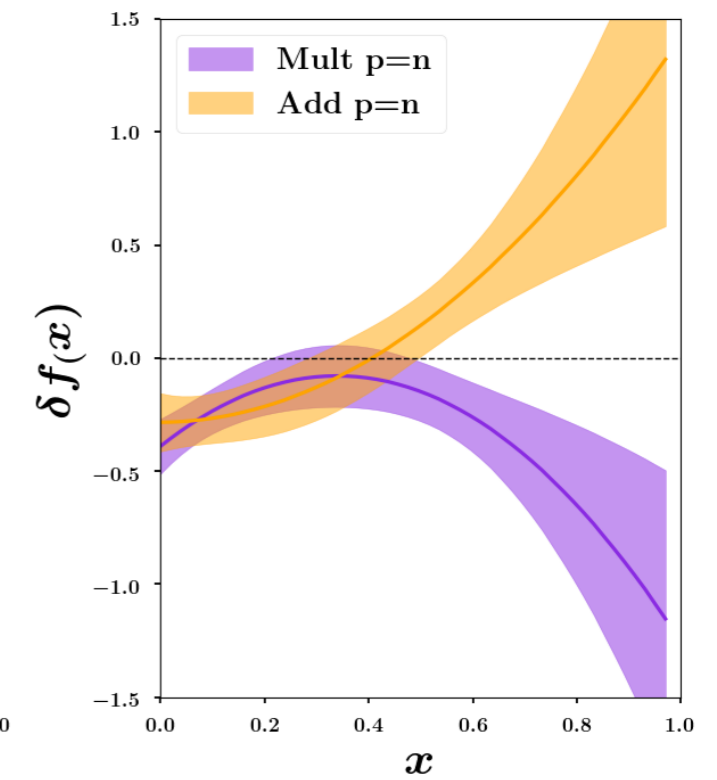
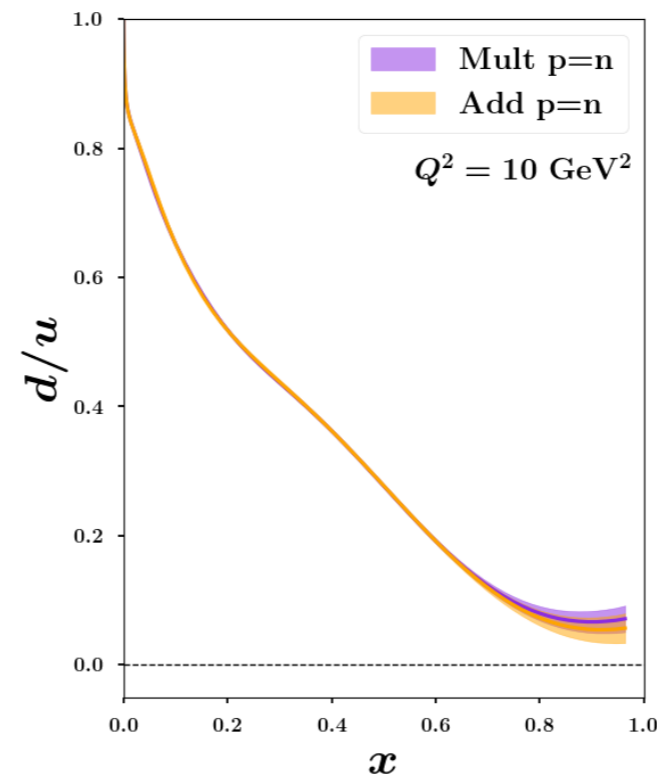
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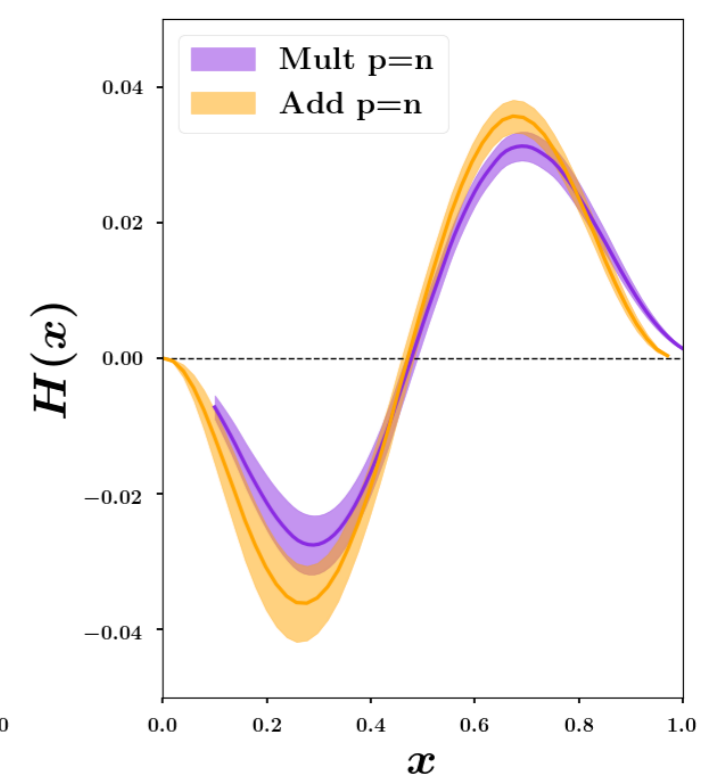
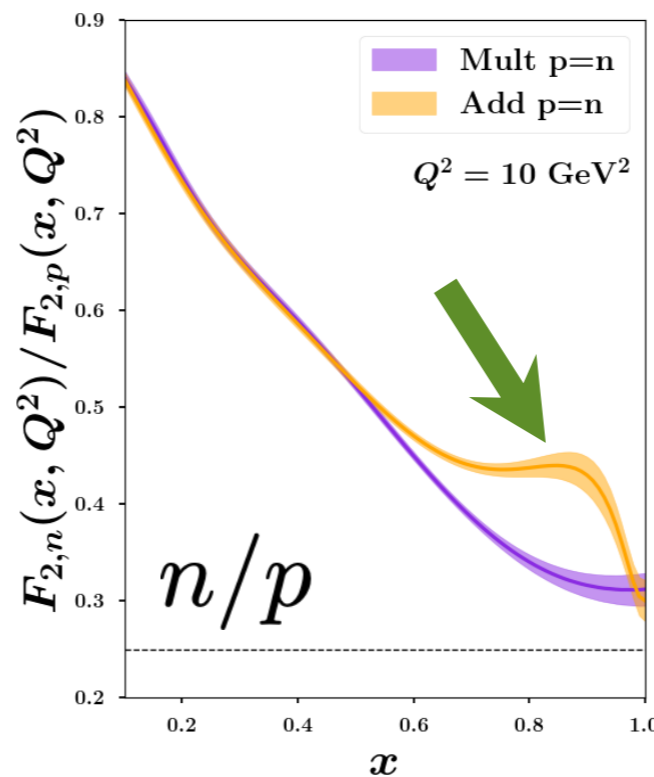
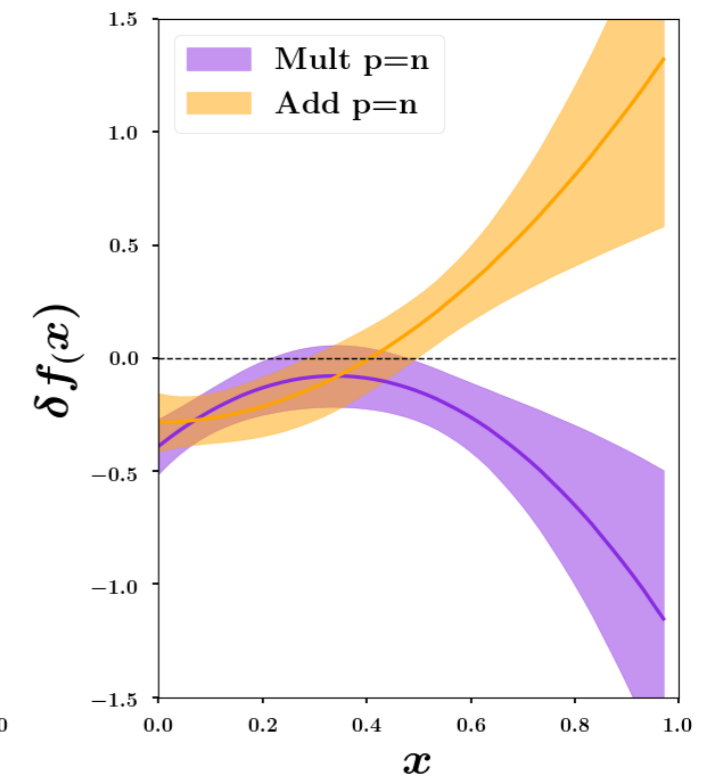
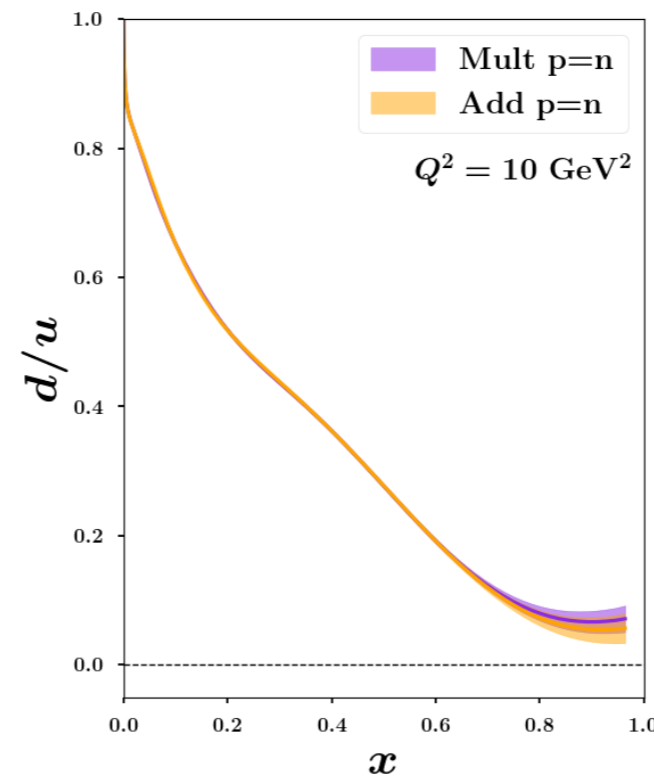
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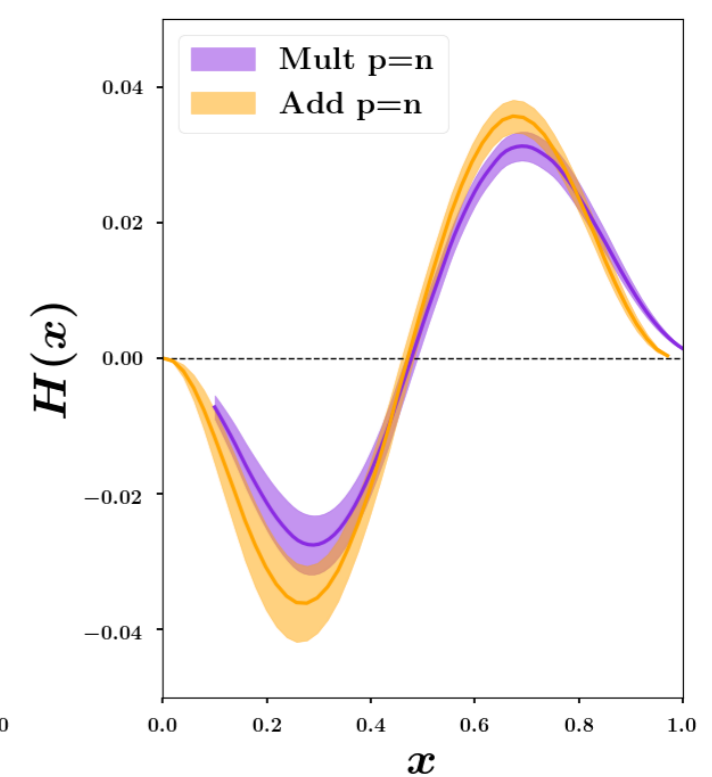
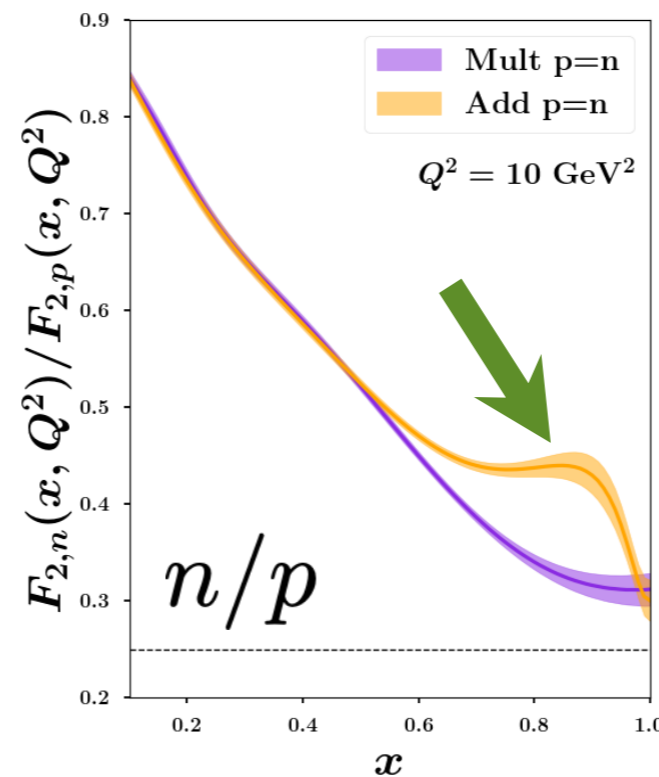
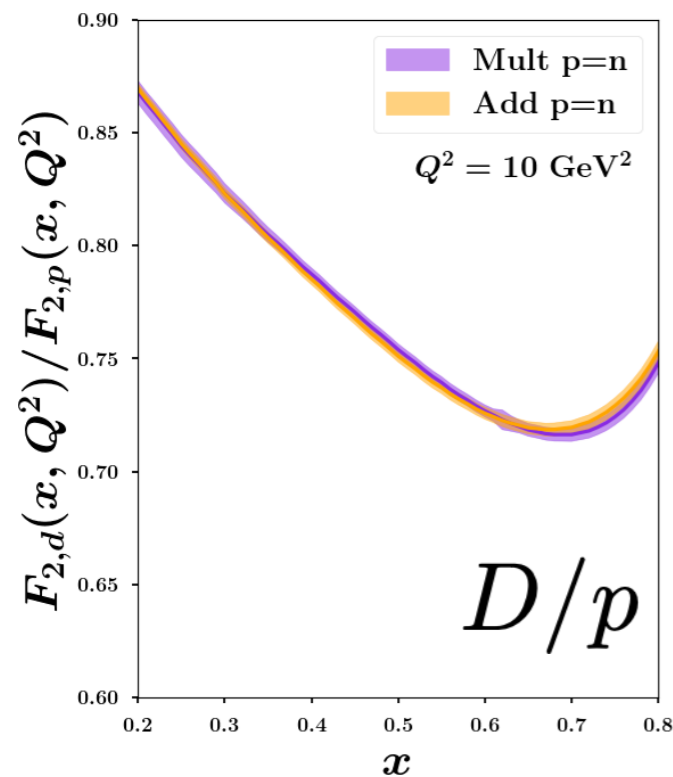
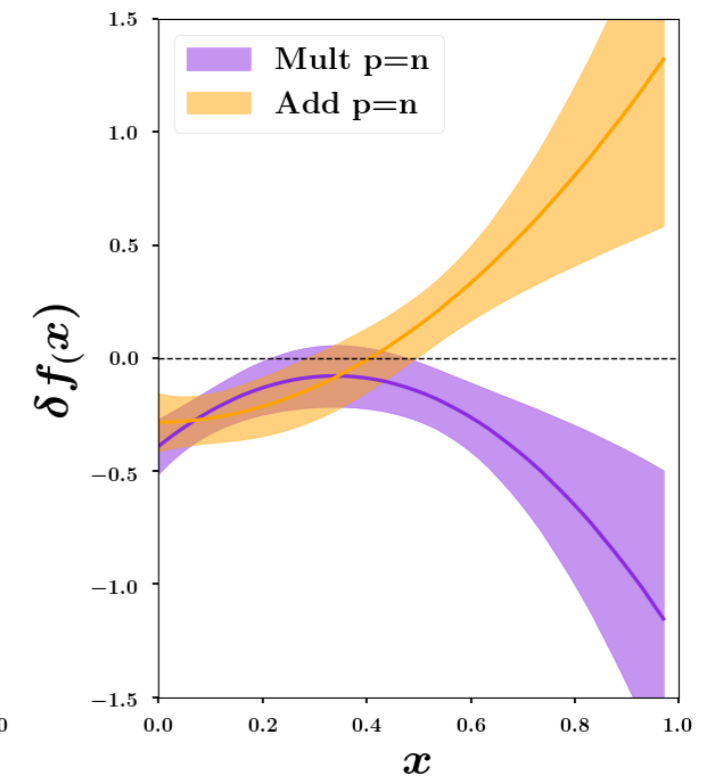
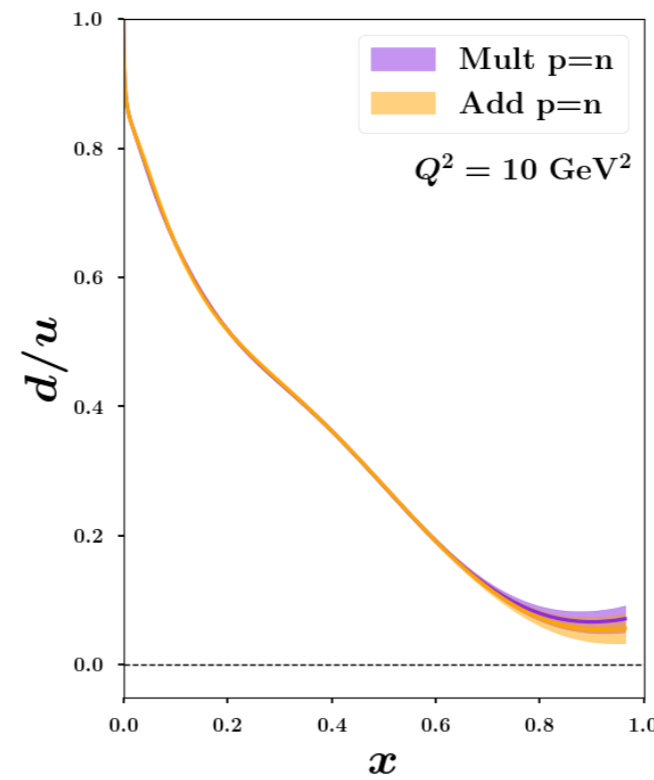
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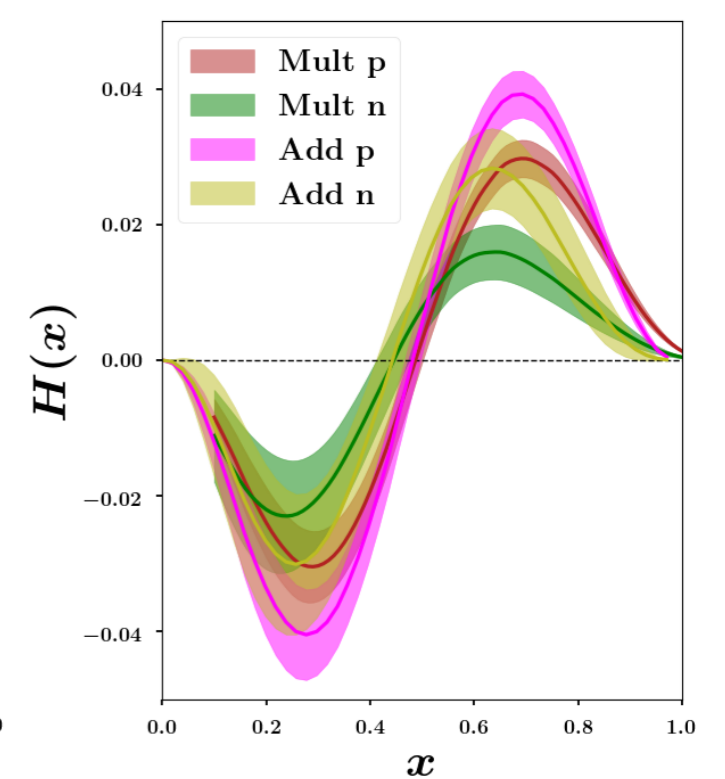
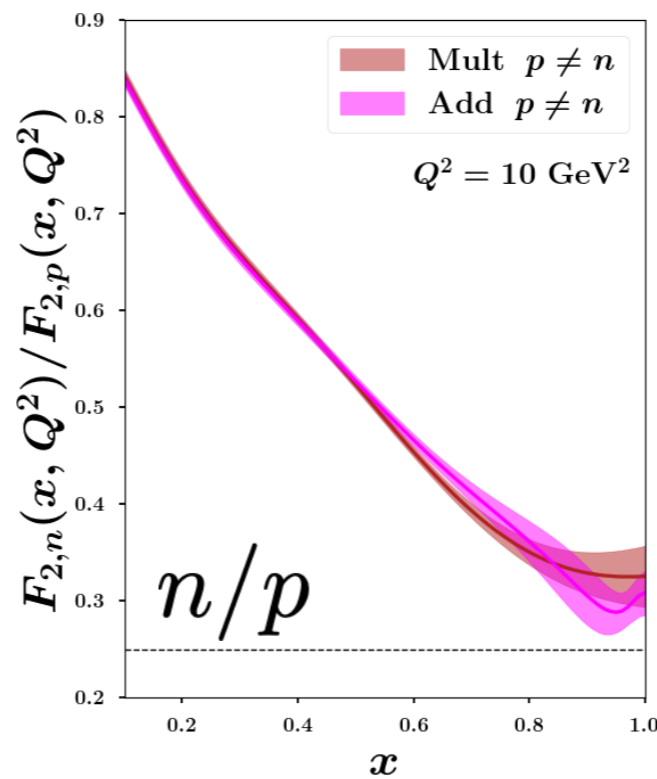
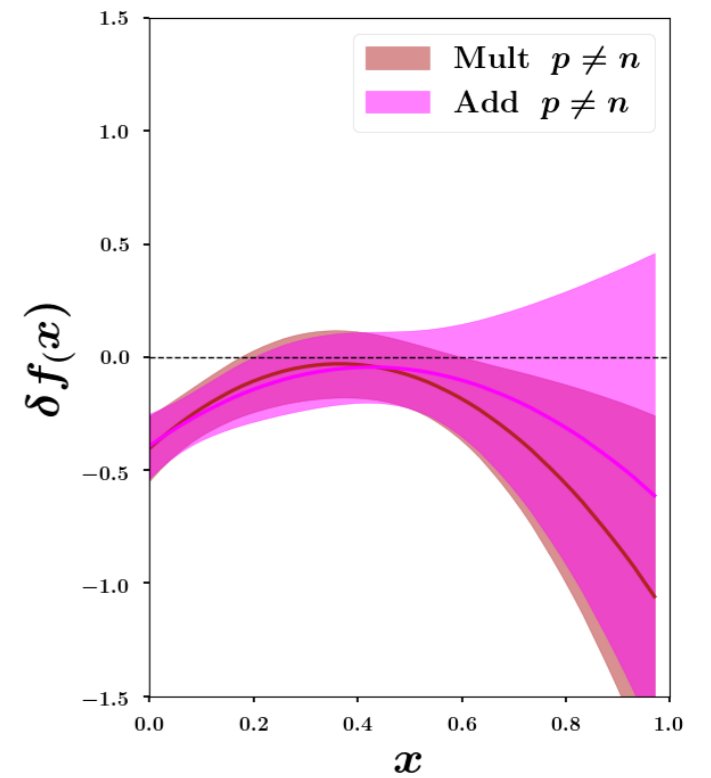
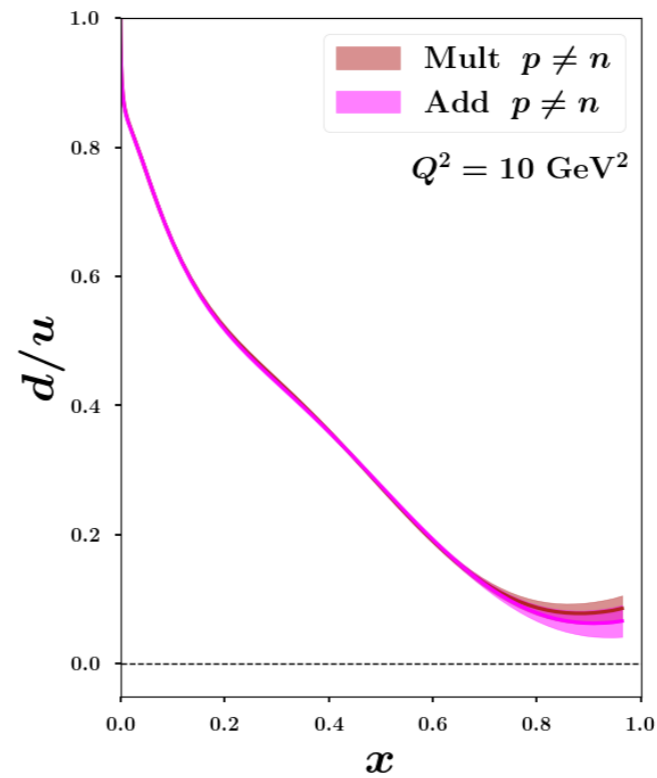
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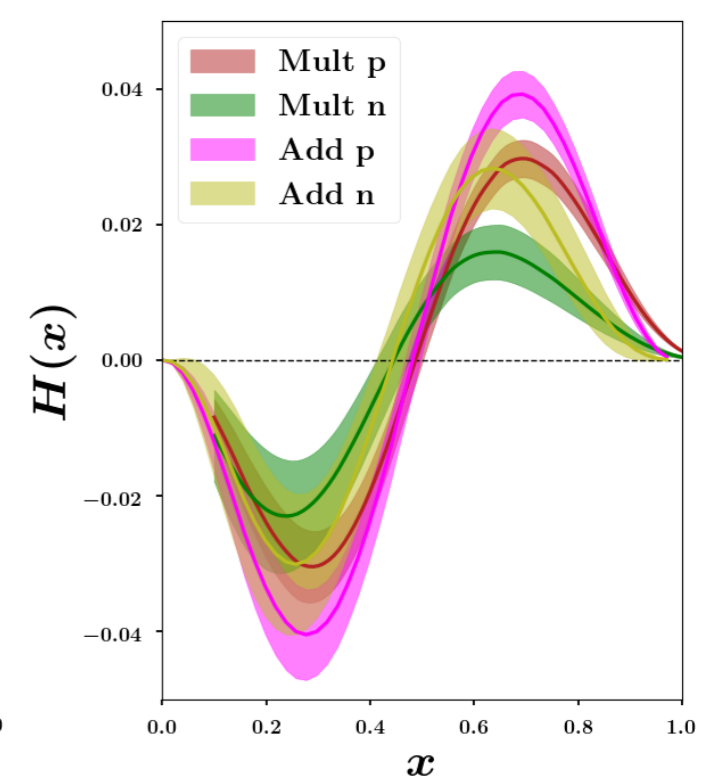
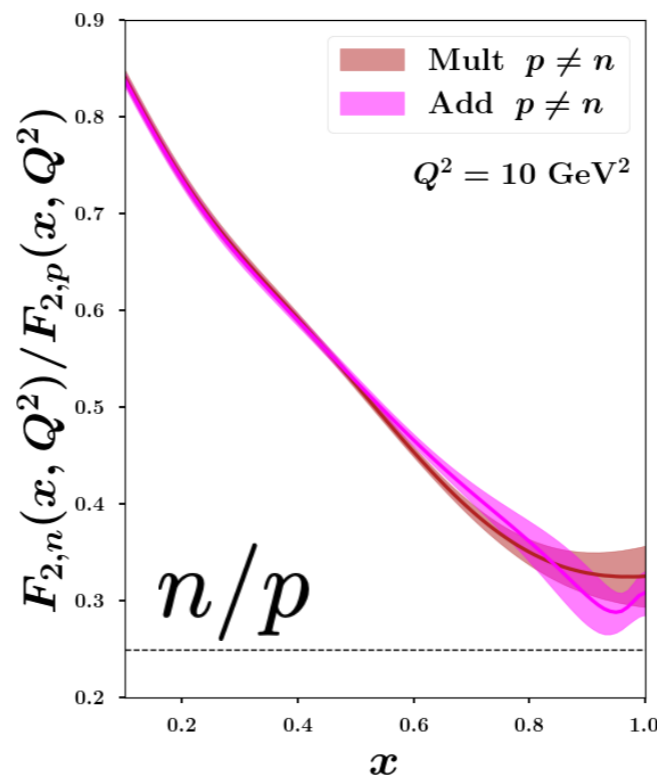
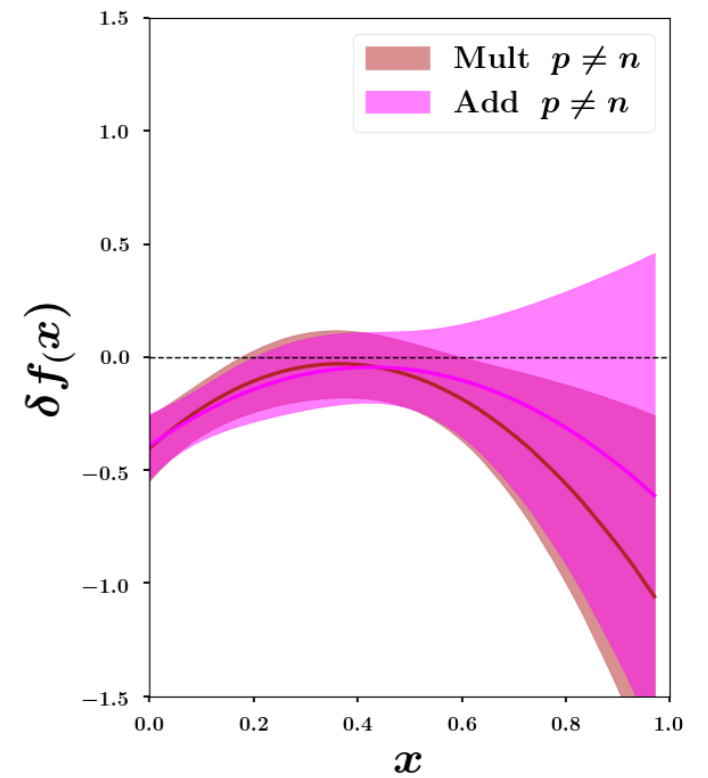
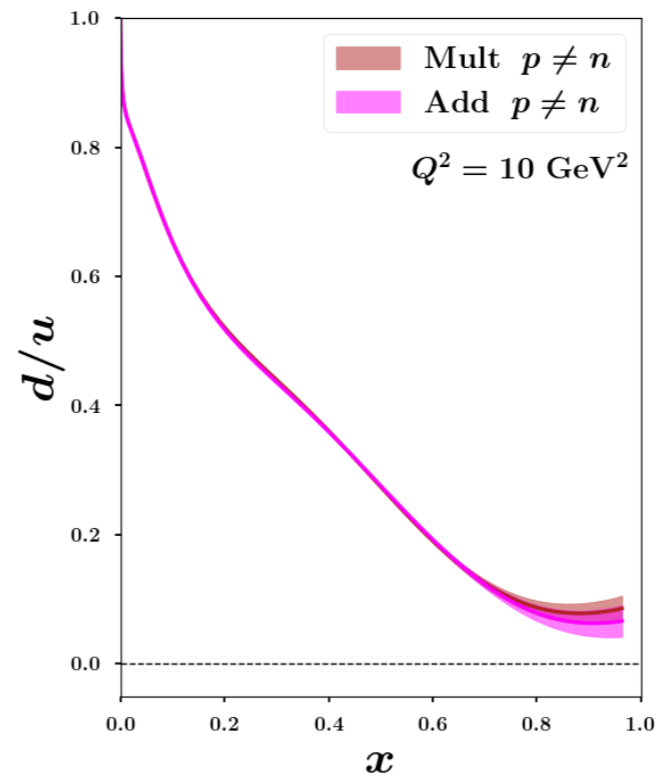


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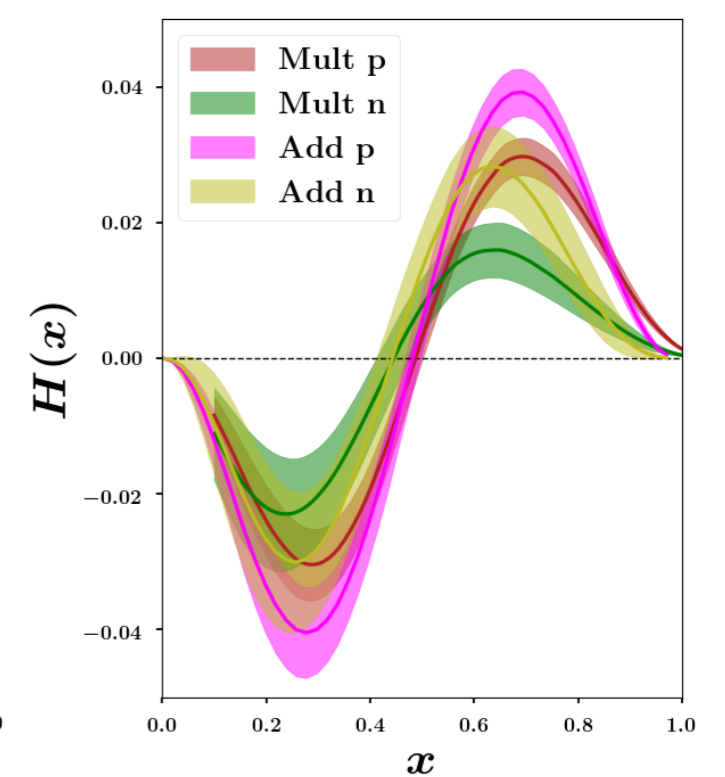
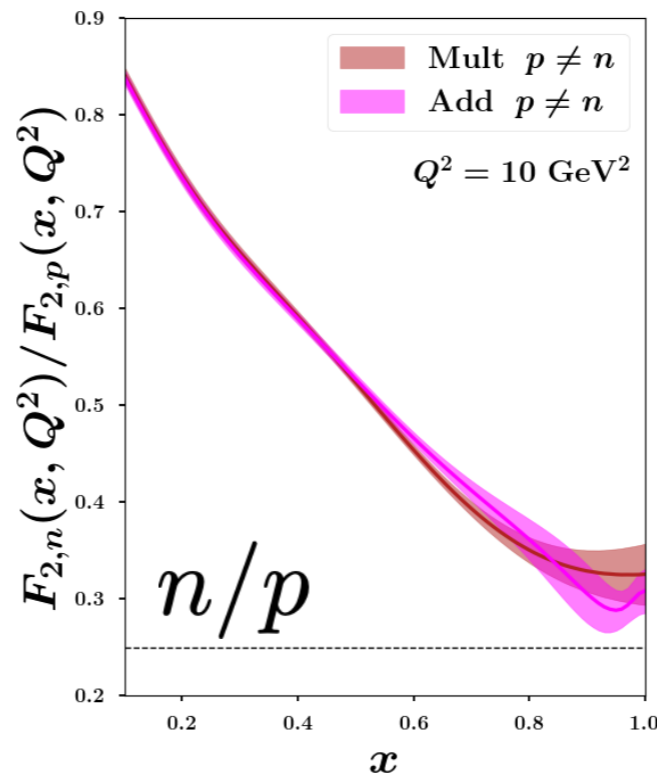
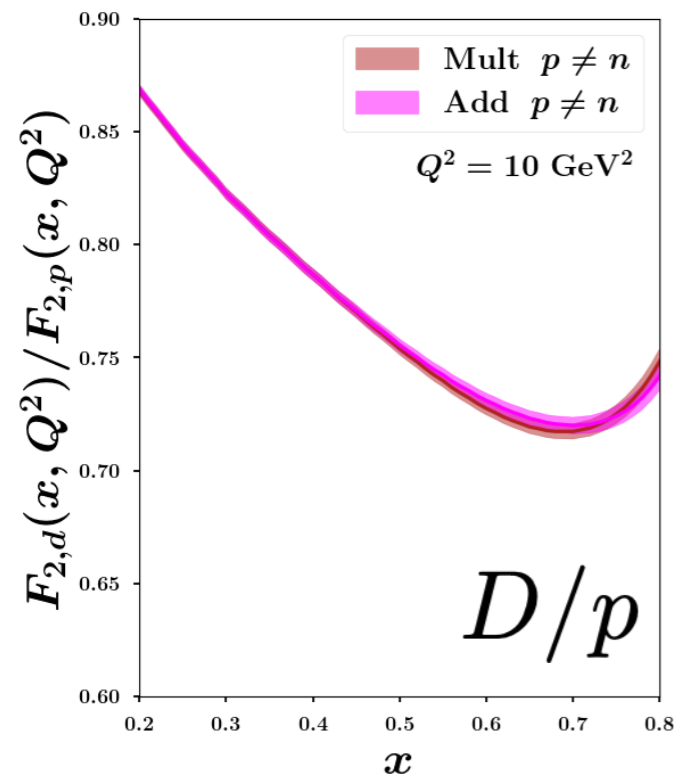
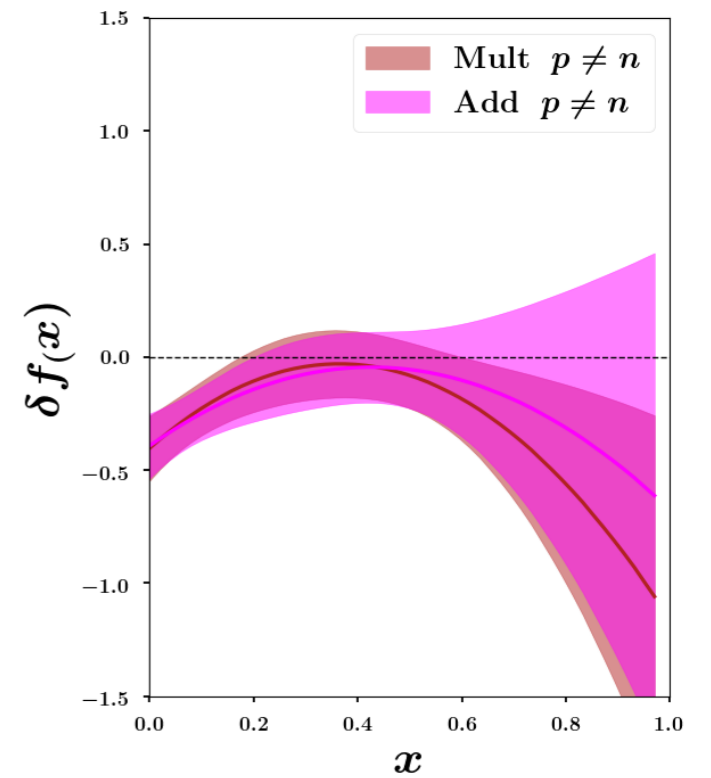
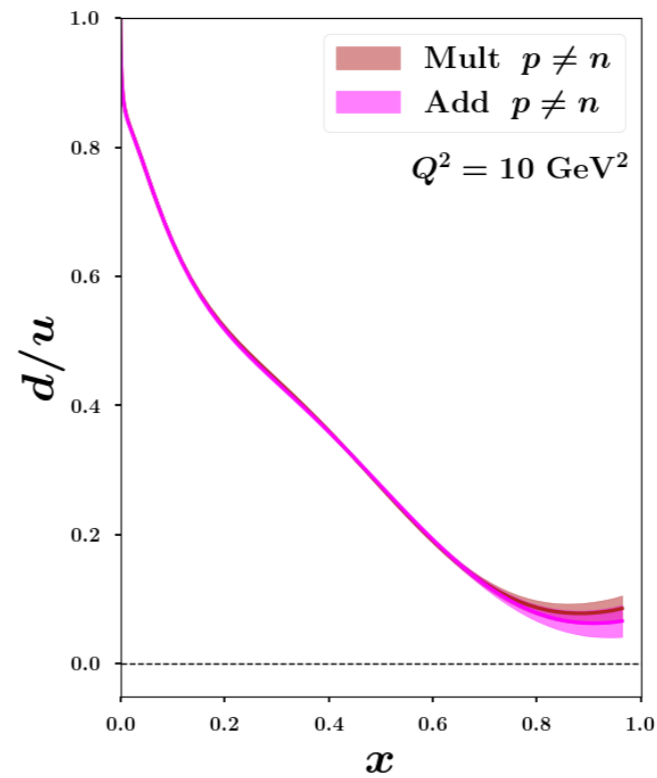
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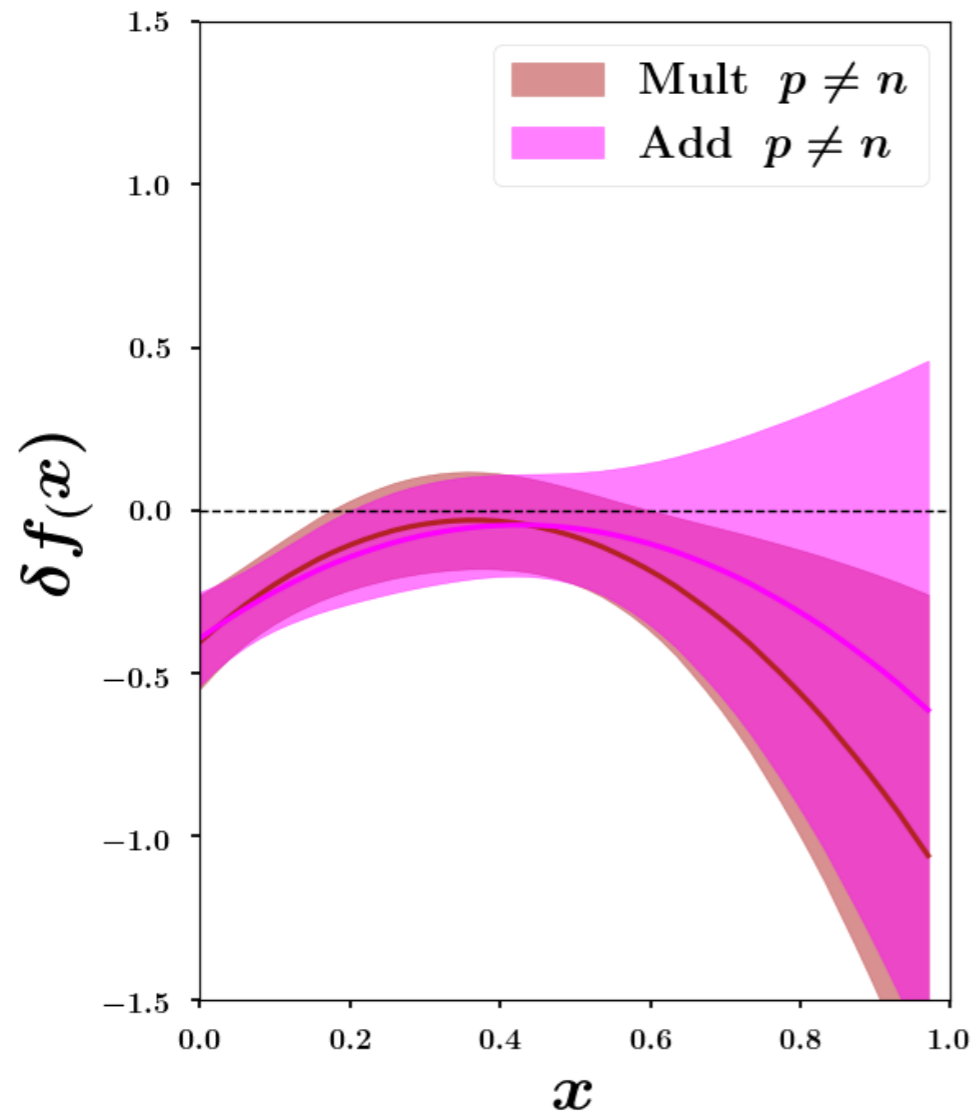
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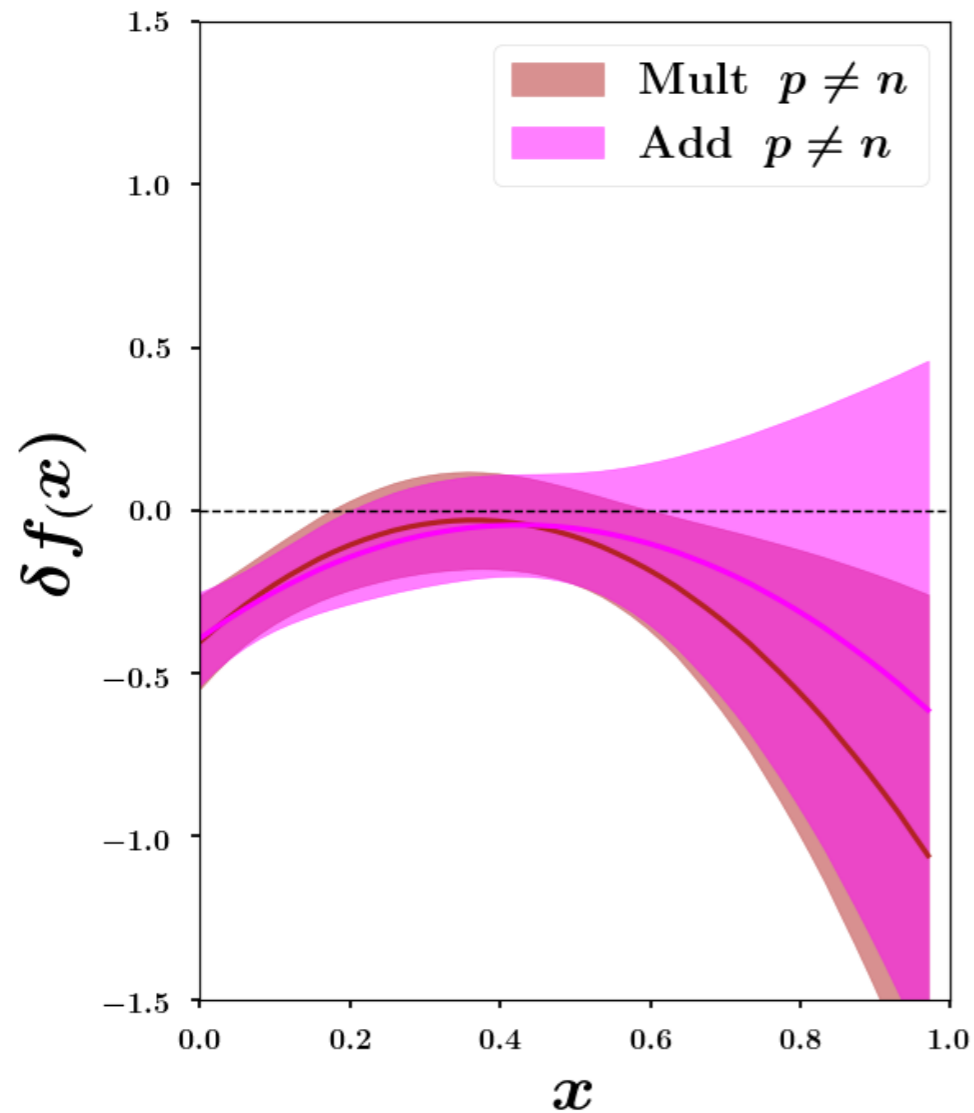


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MARATHON data
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but many differences in the implementation

Fit to $A=3$ data: $\delta f_u(x) \neq \delta f_d(x)$

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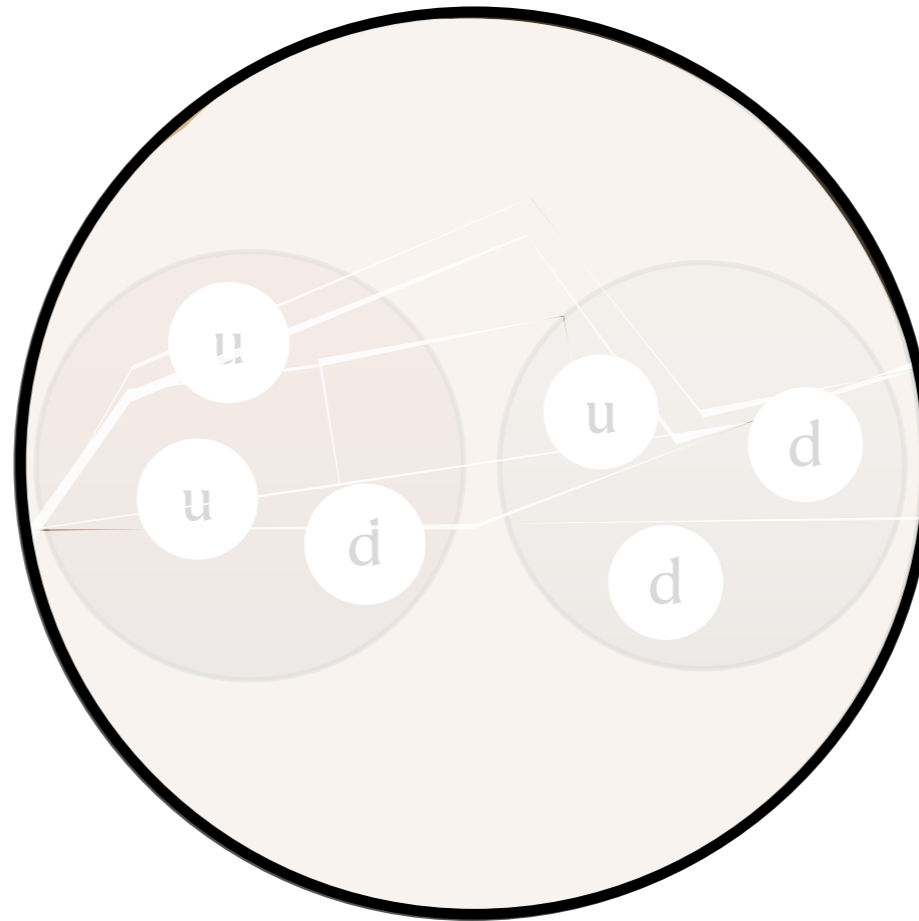
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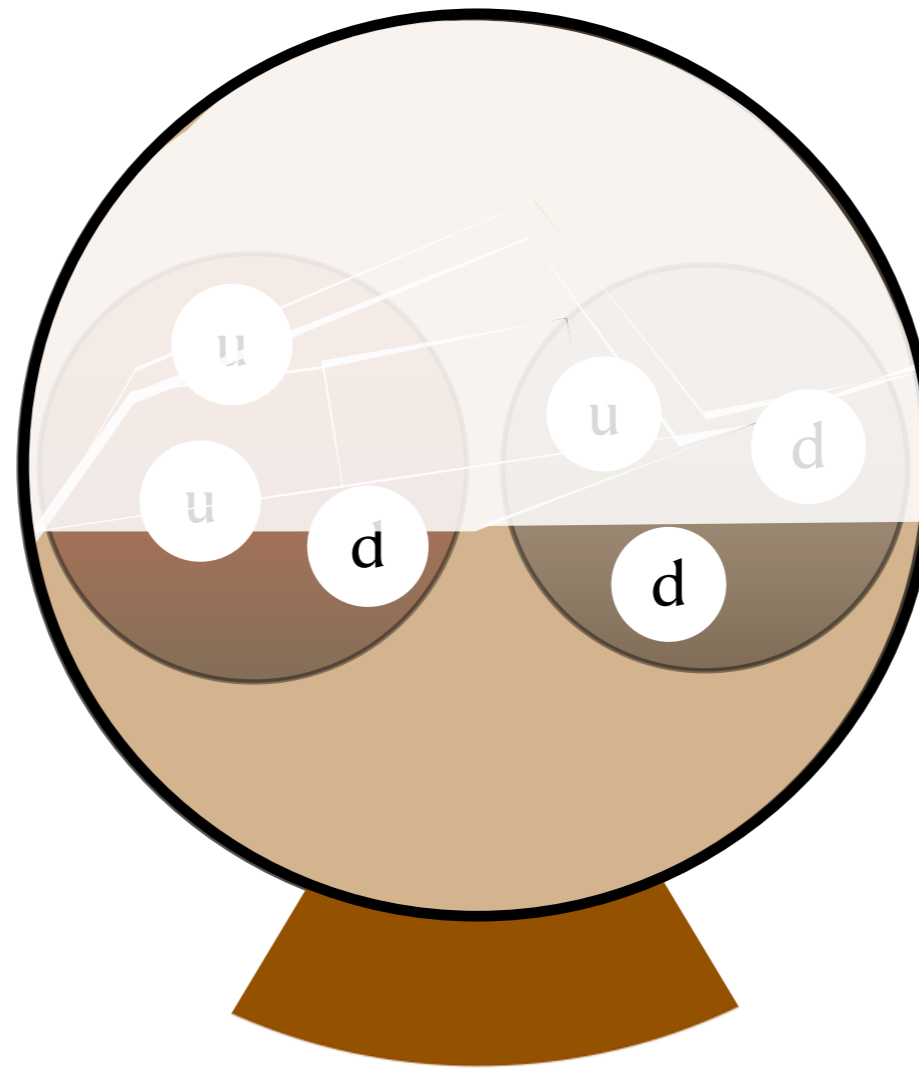
Experimental data differential on the off-shell proton virtuality p^2 would allow us to pin down the off-shell correction in a more clean way



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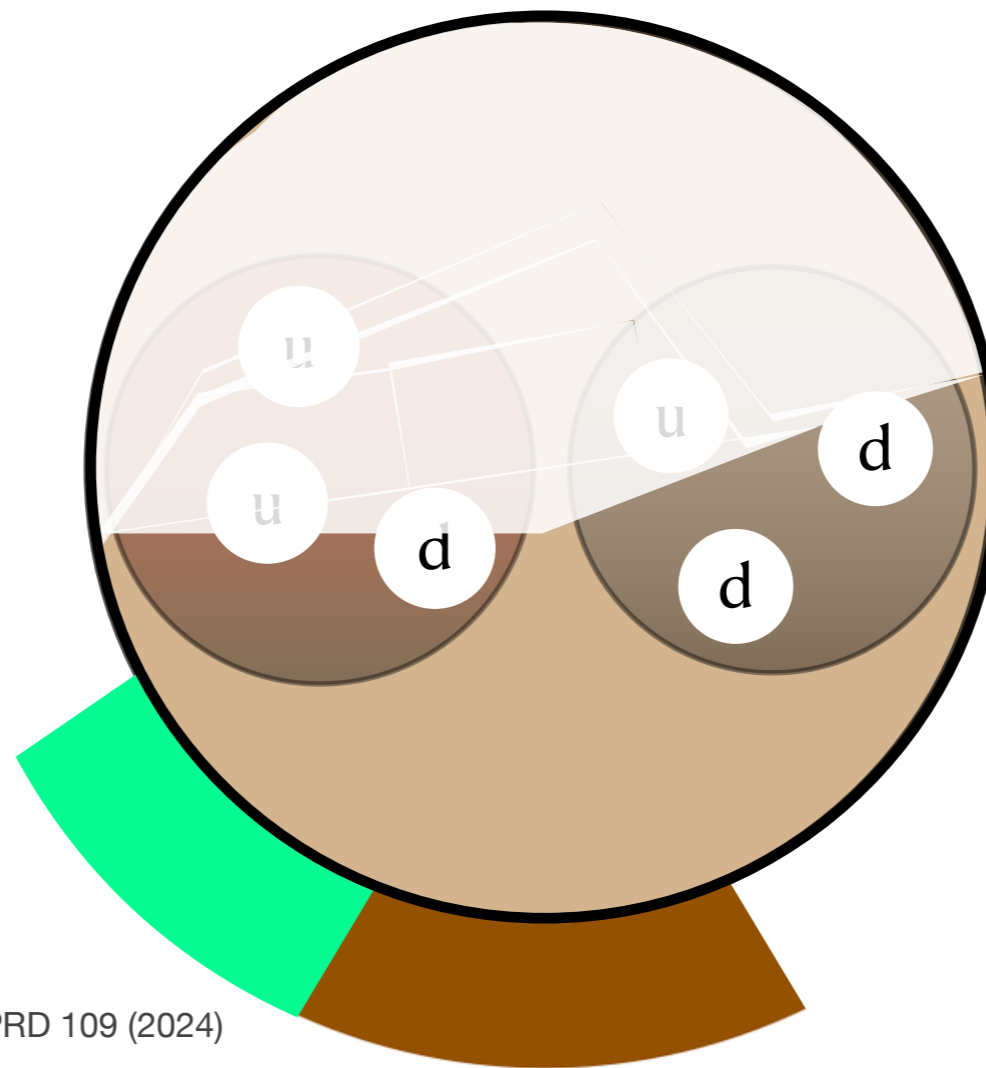
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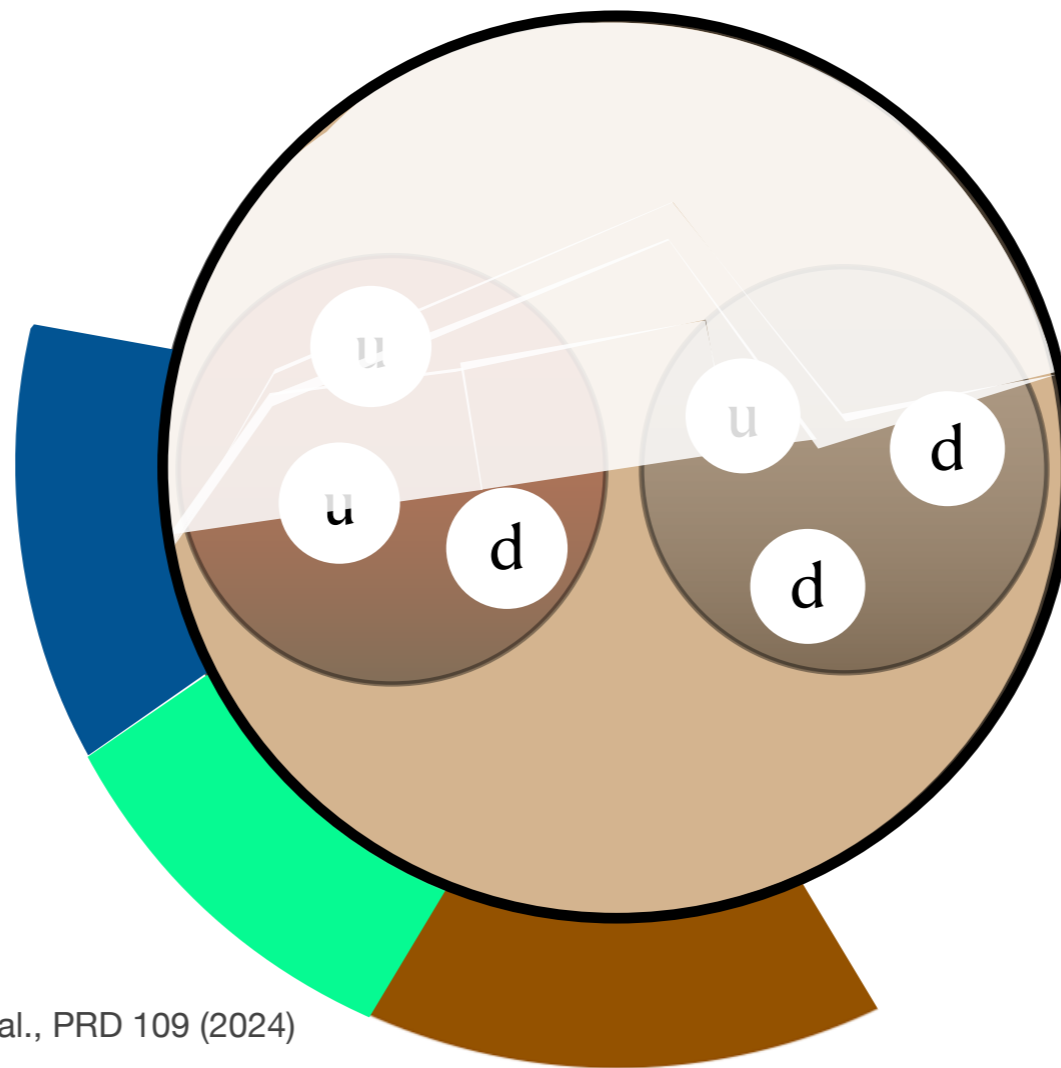
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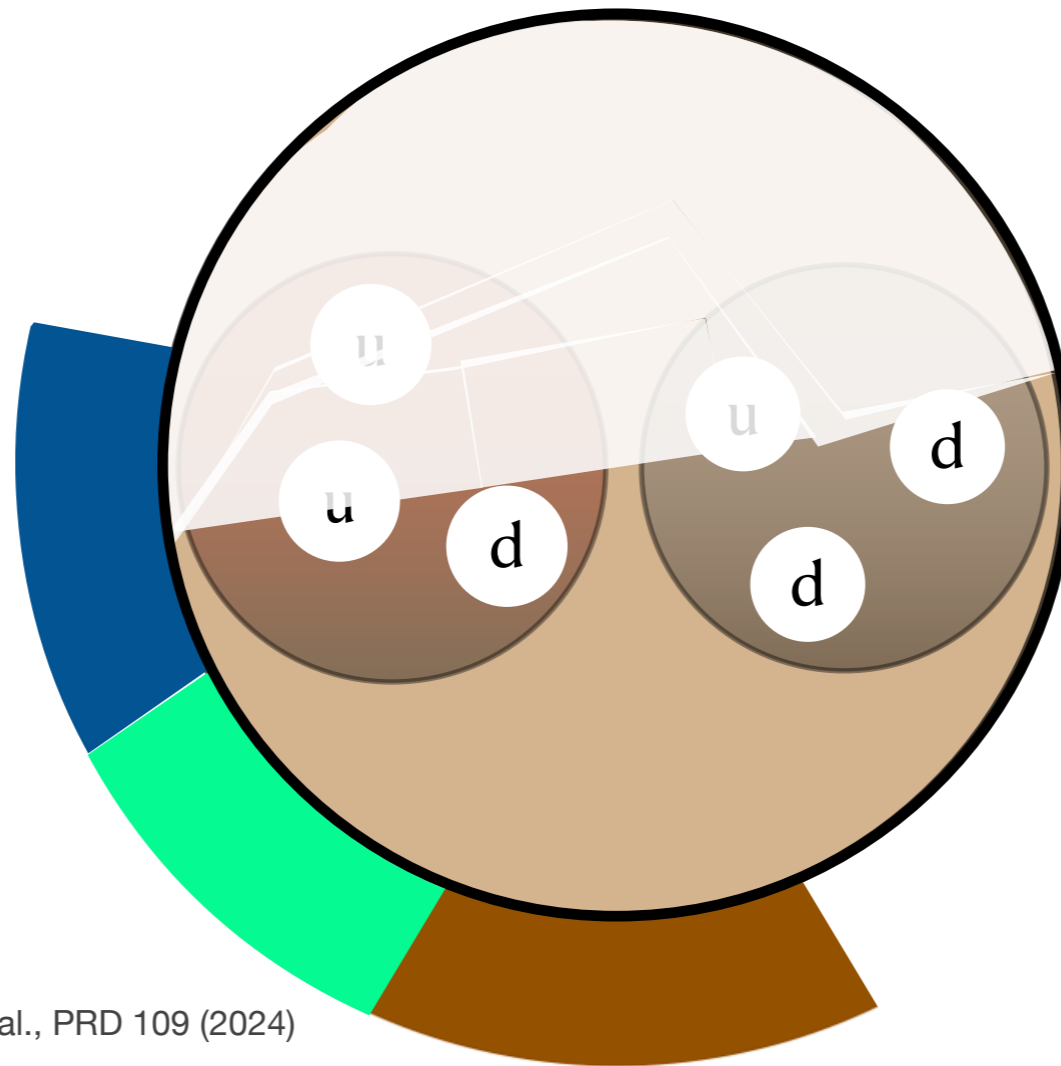
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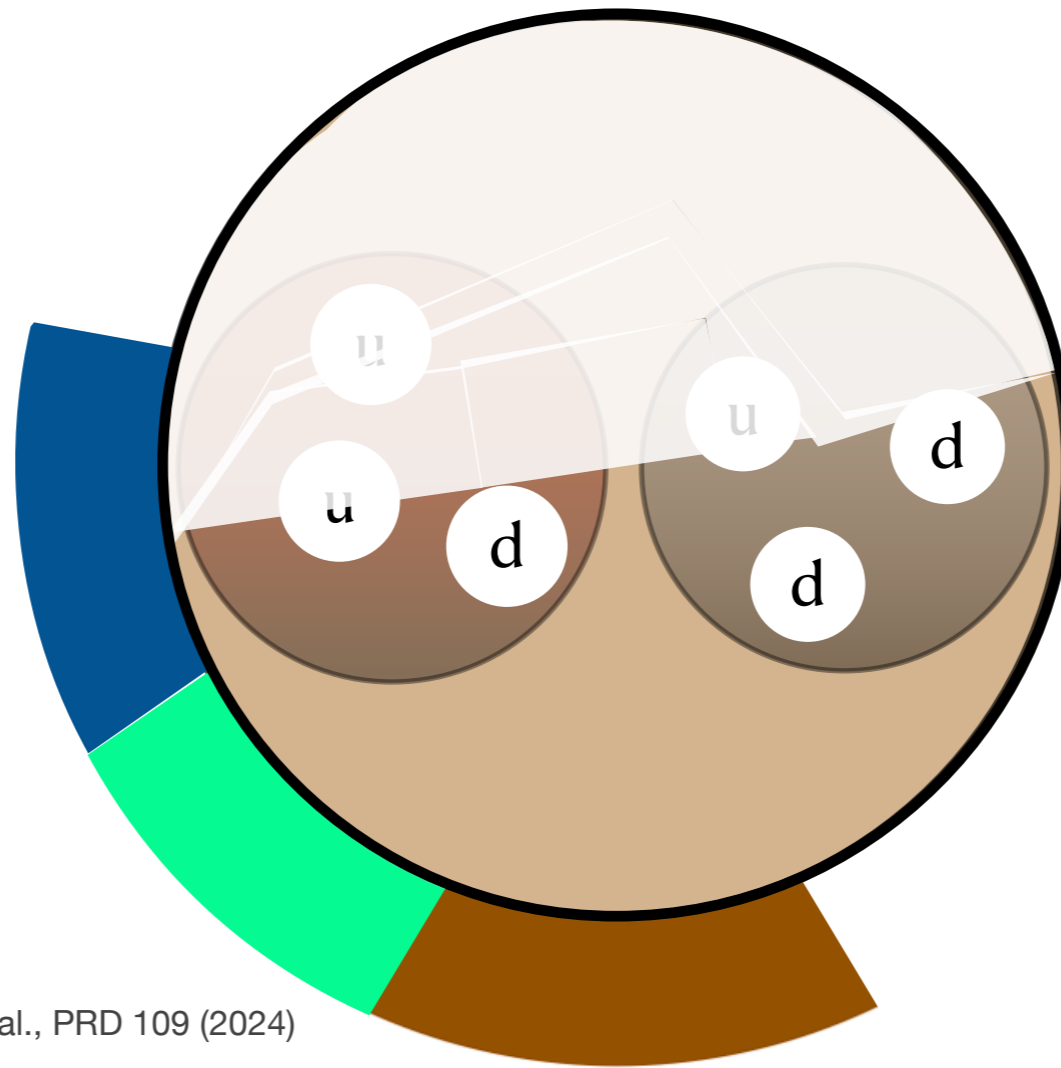
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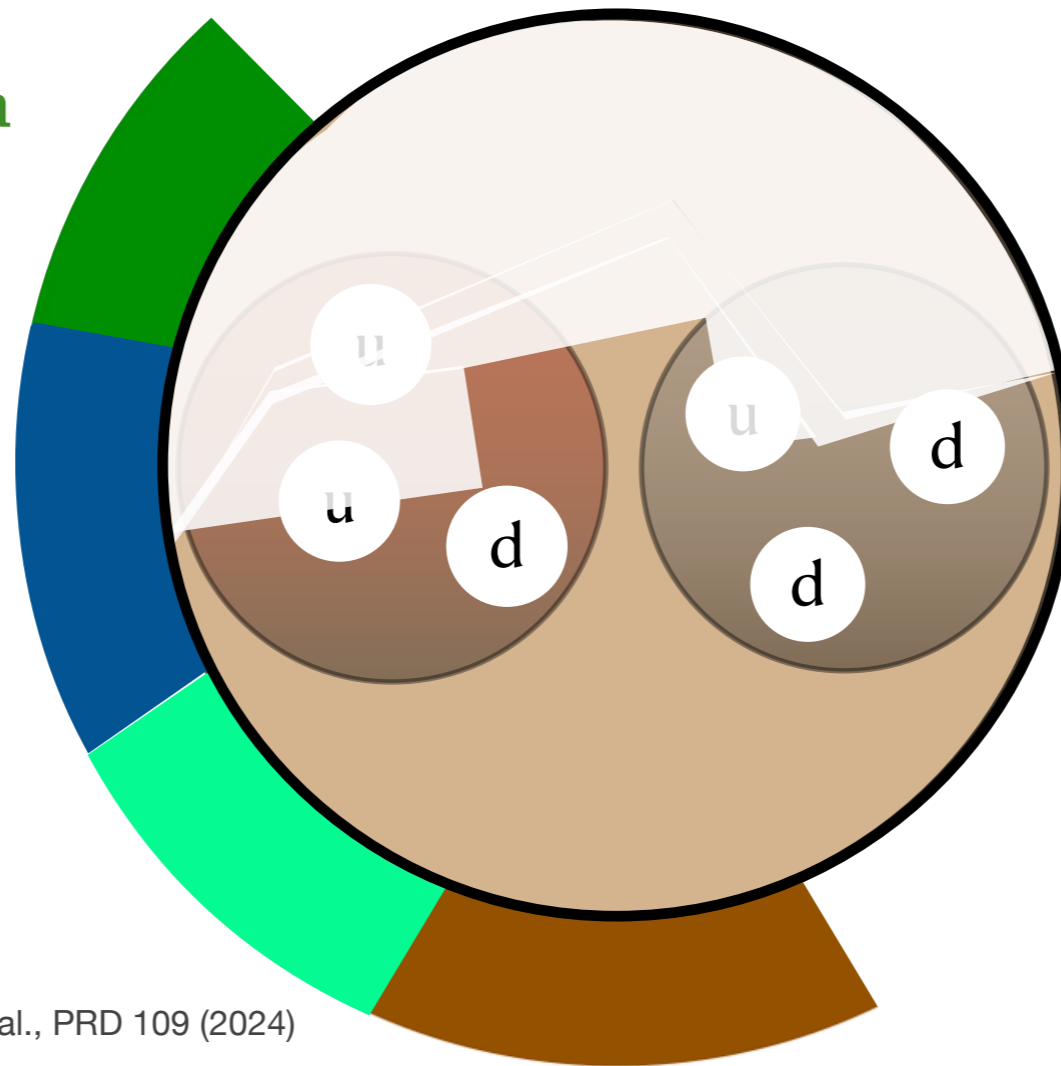
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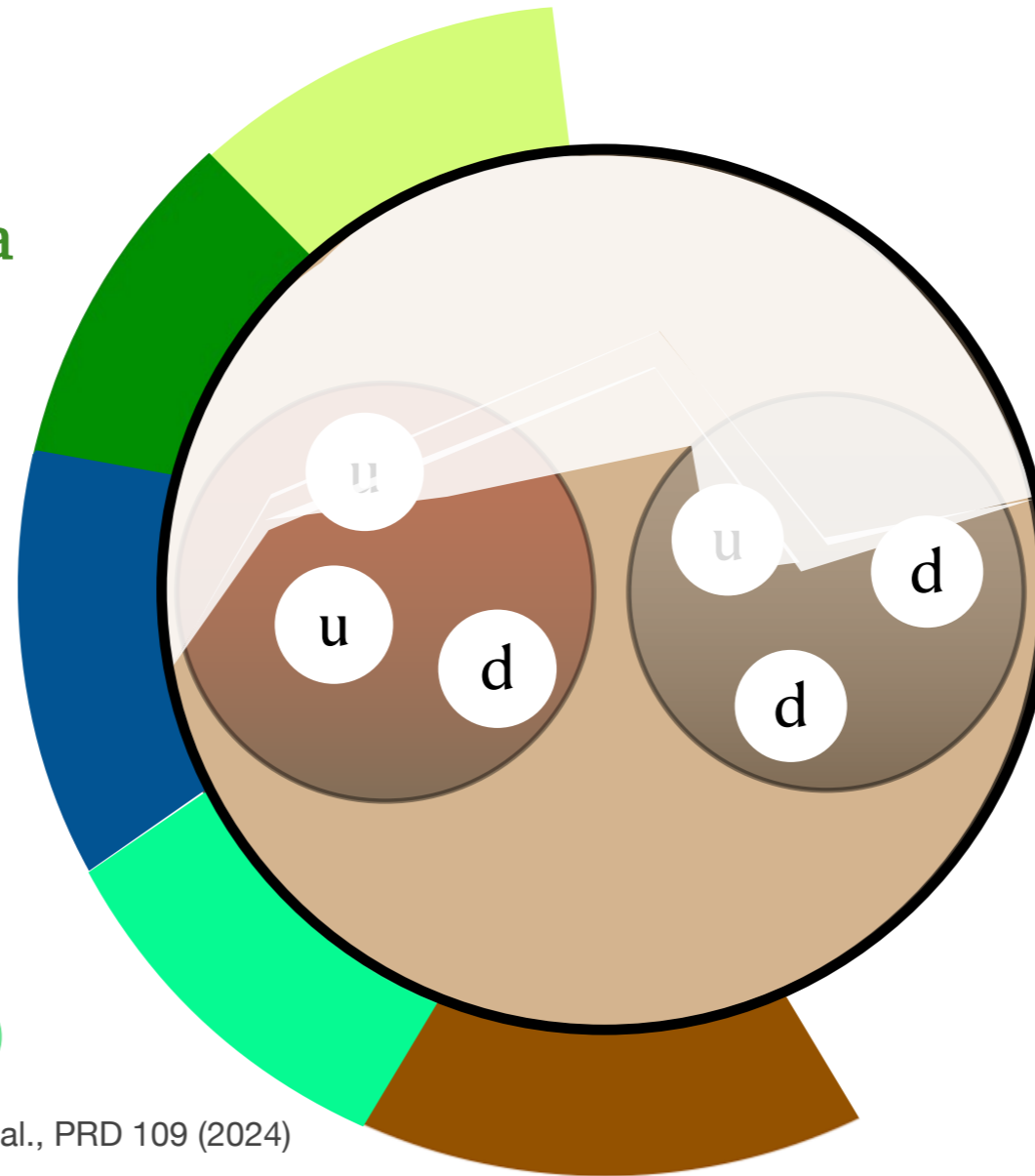
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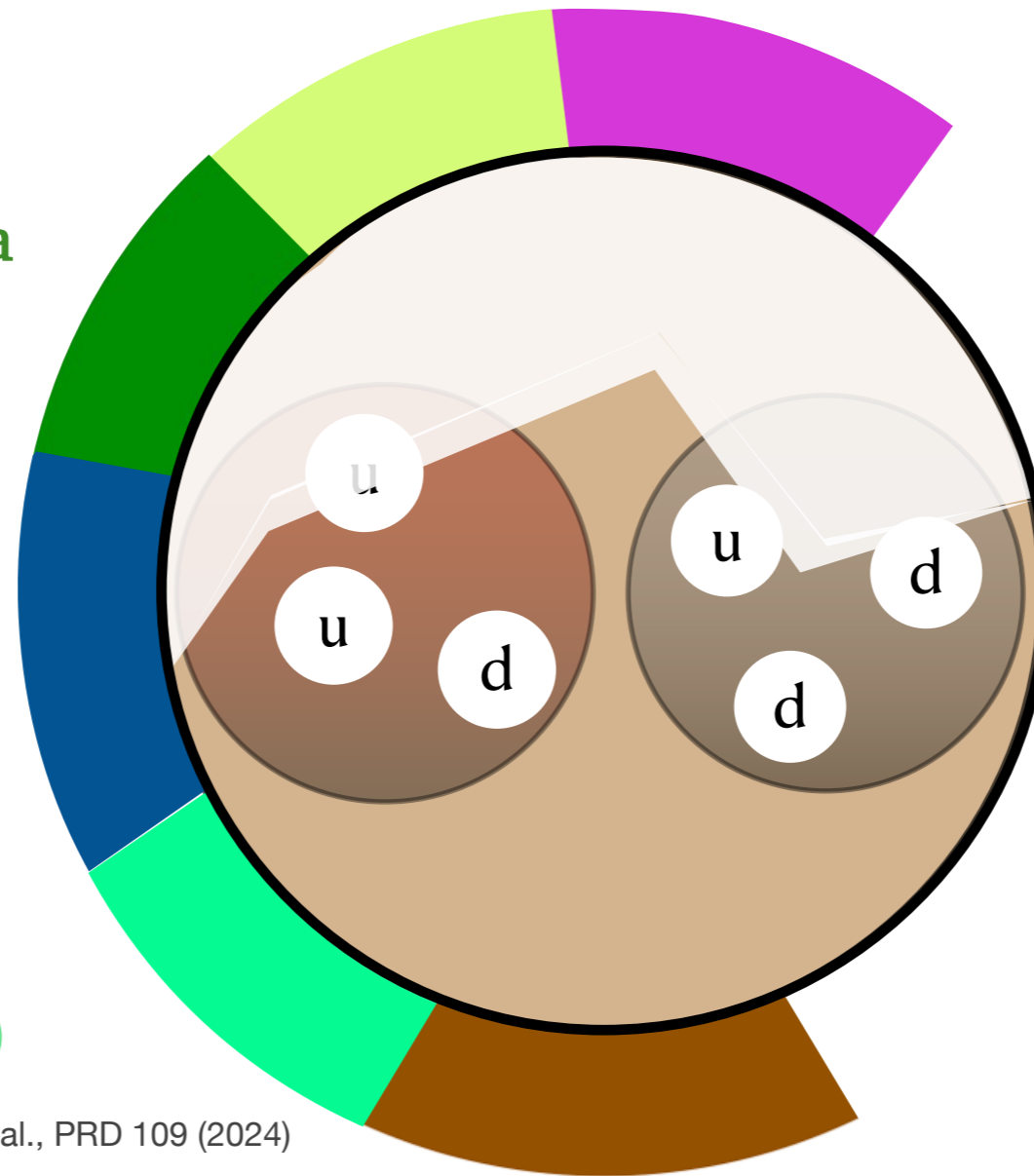
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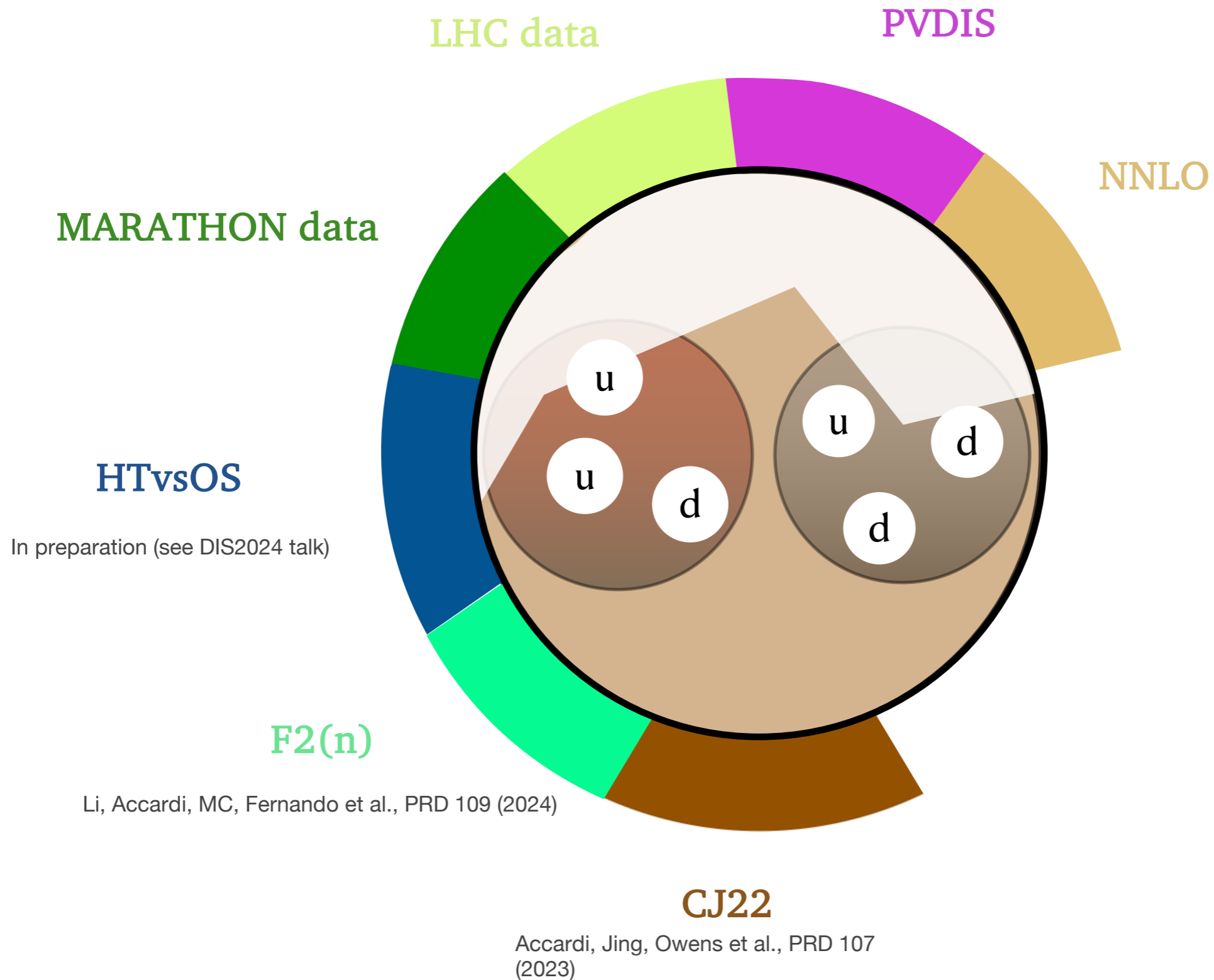
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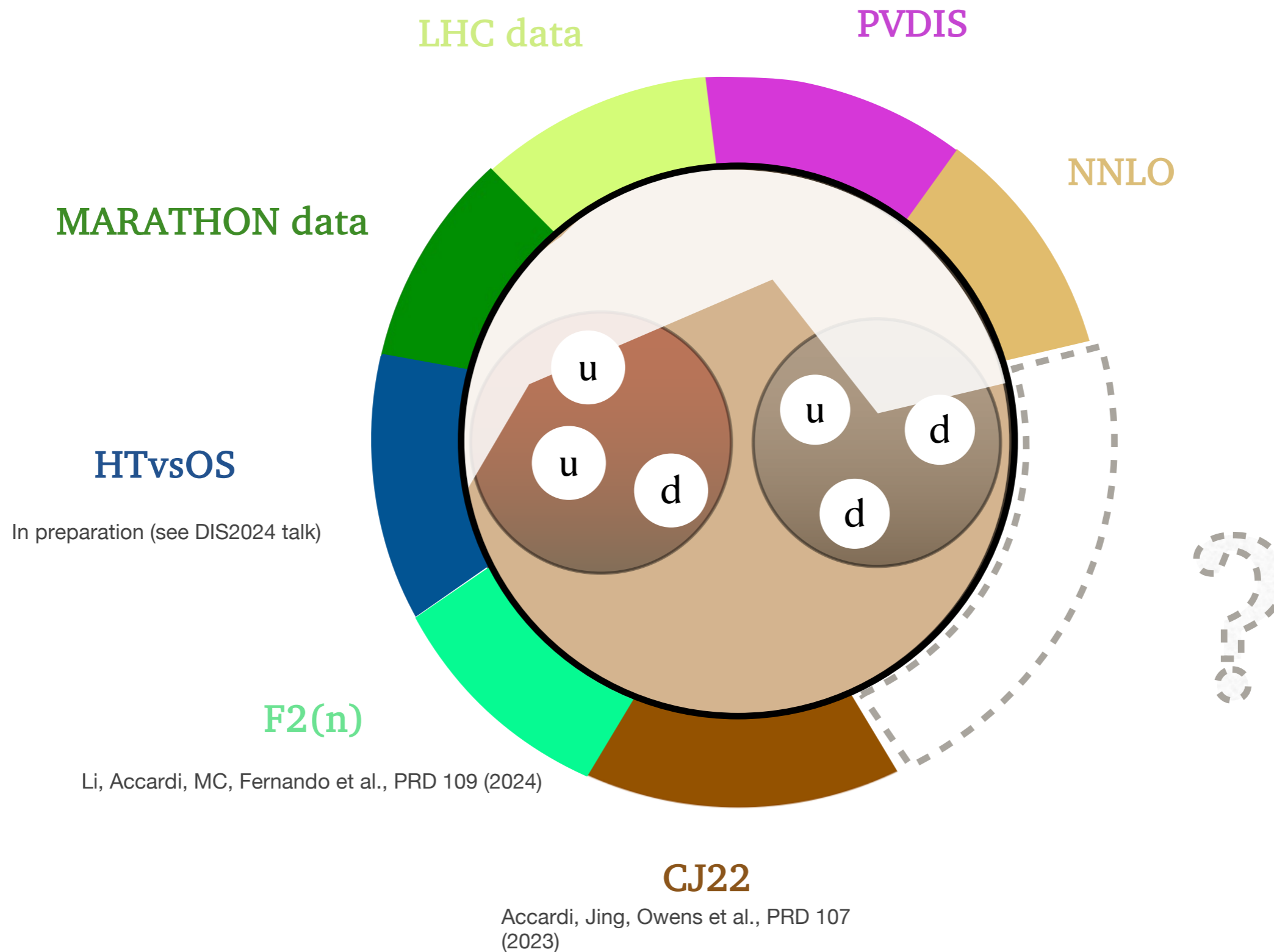
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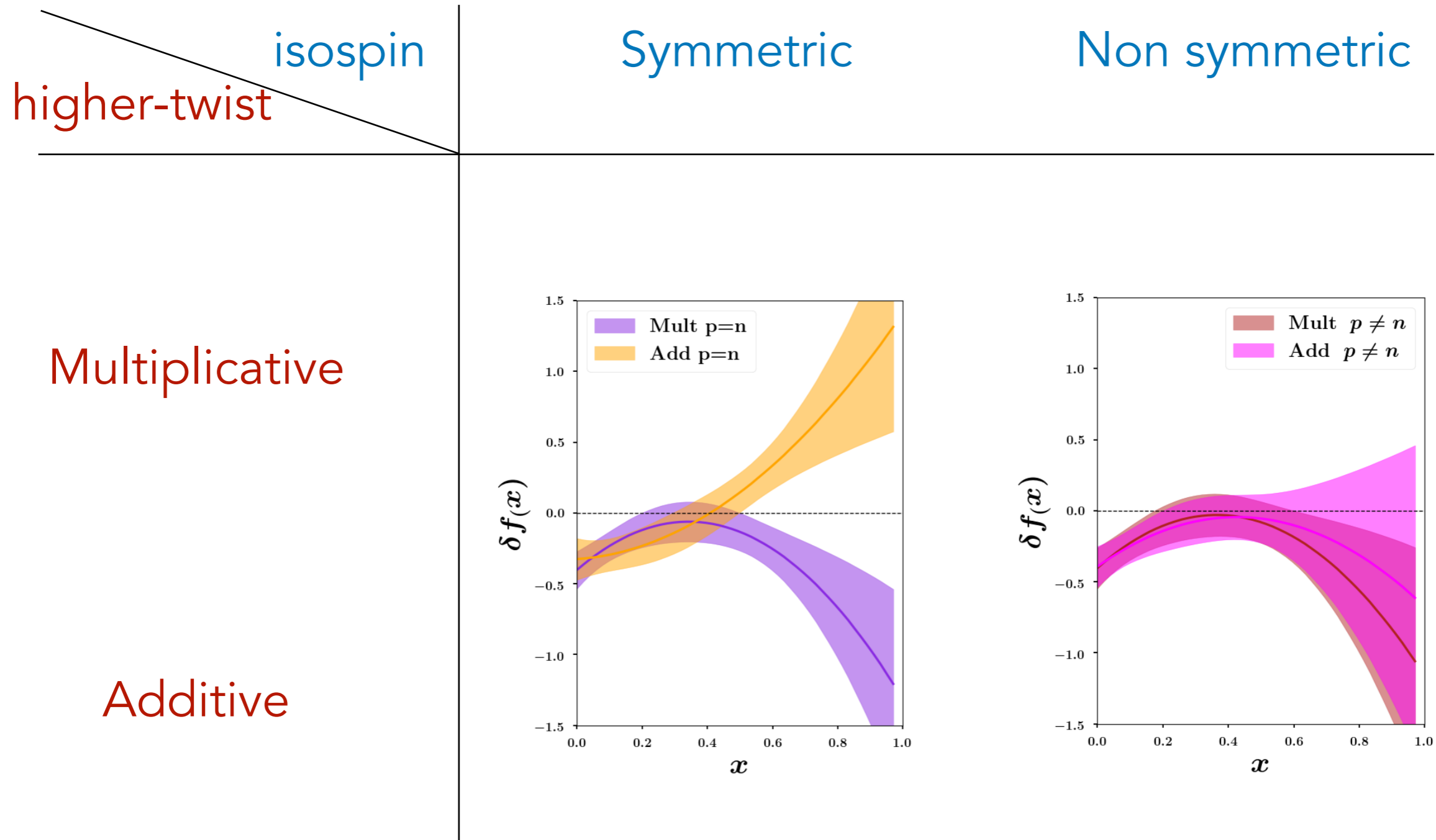
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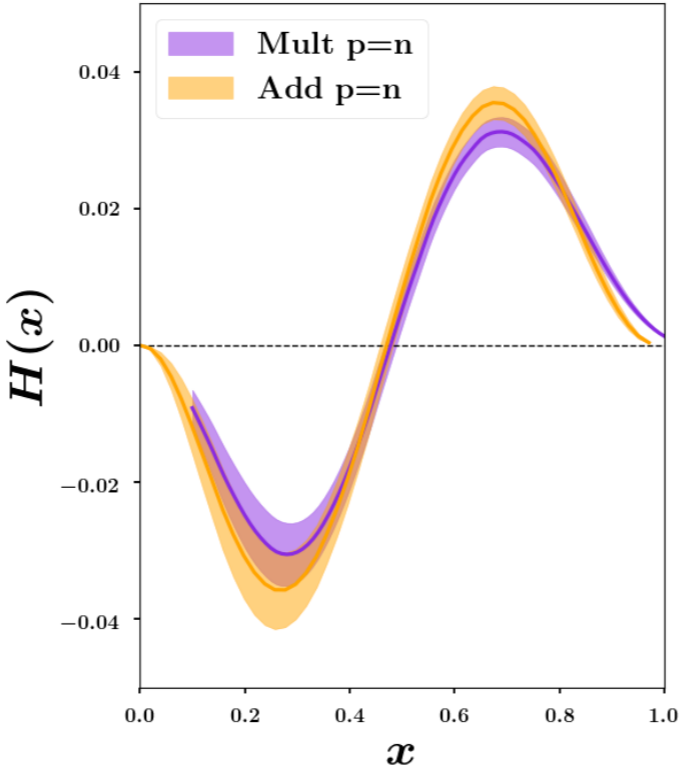
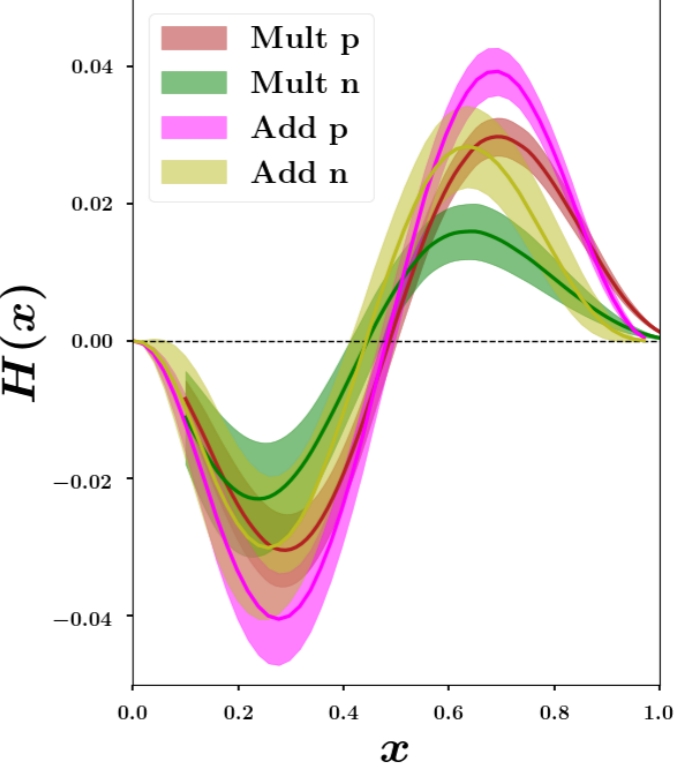


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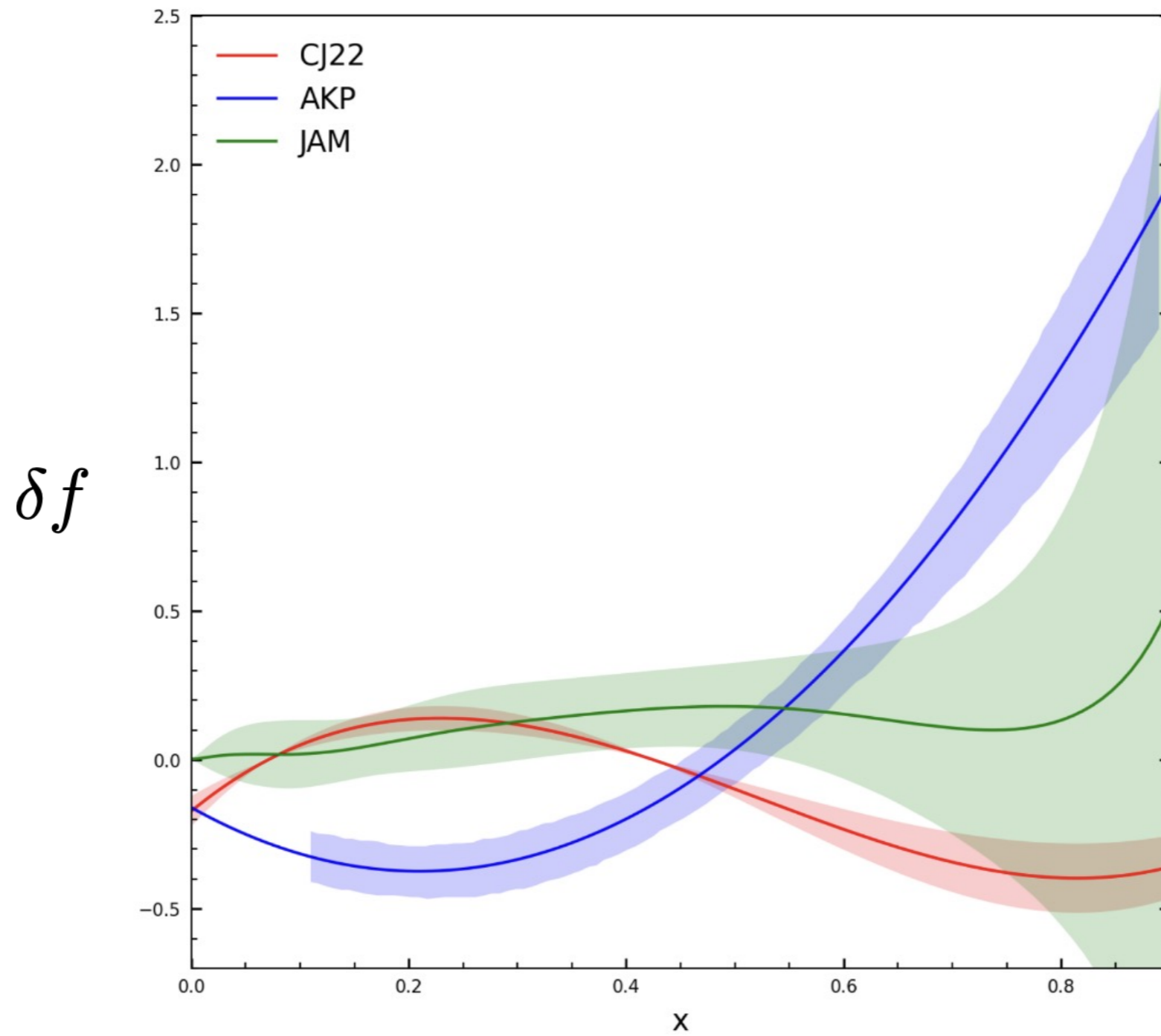
Off-shell table



Higher-Twist table

	isospin	Symmetric	Non symmetric
higher-twist			
Multiplicative		$\tilde{H} = F_{2,N}(x, Q^2) H_{\text{Mult}}(x)$ 	$\delta\tilde{H} = F_{2,N}(x, Q^2) \delta H_{\text{Mult}}(x)$ 
Additive			

AKP vs CJ



AKP results

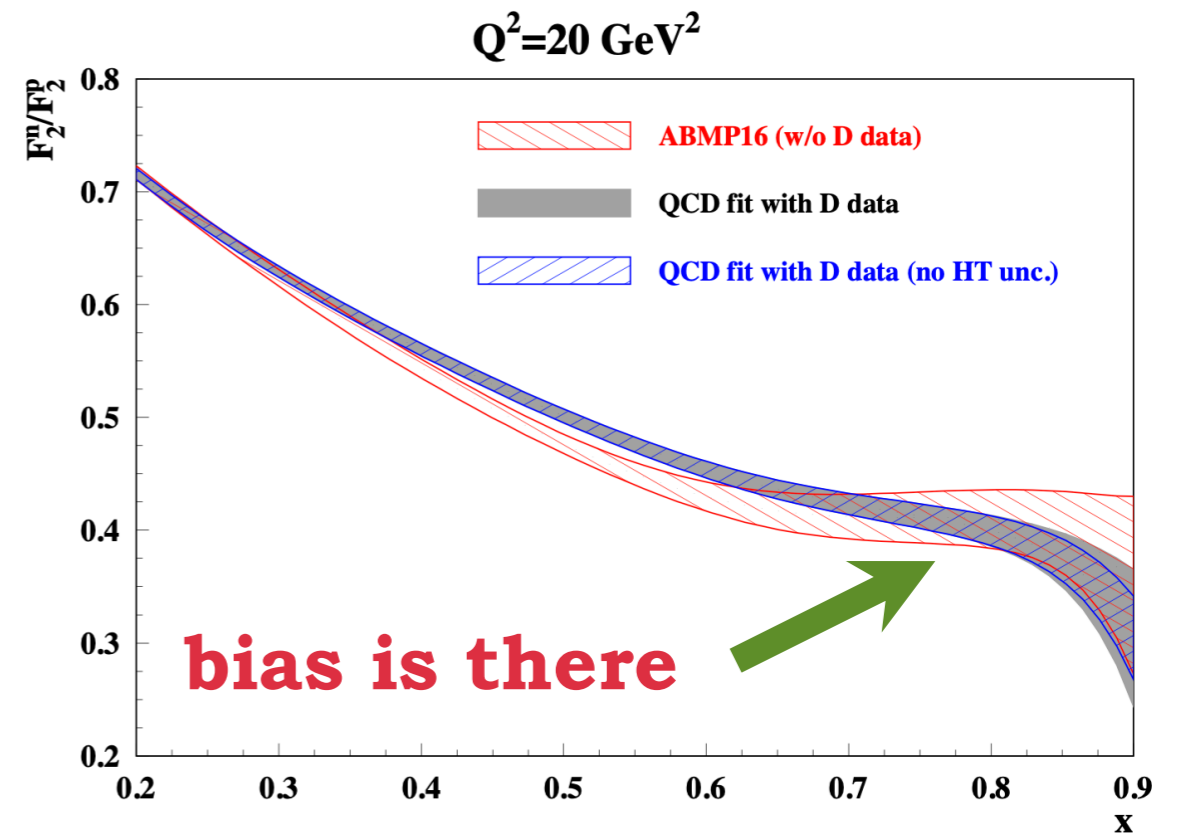
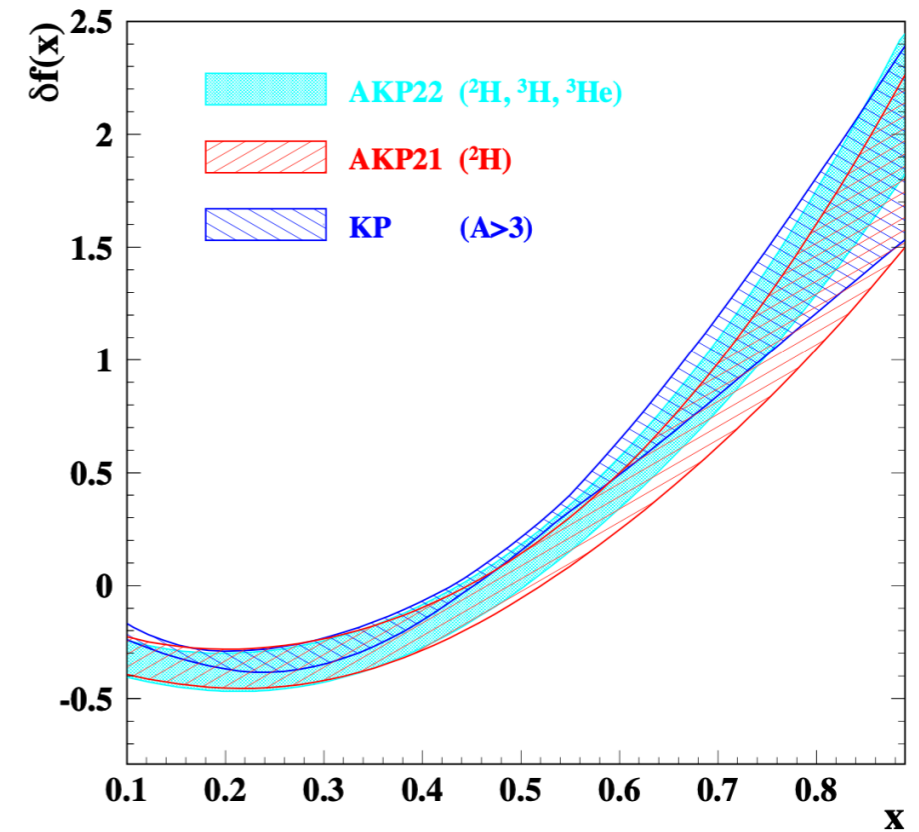
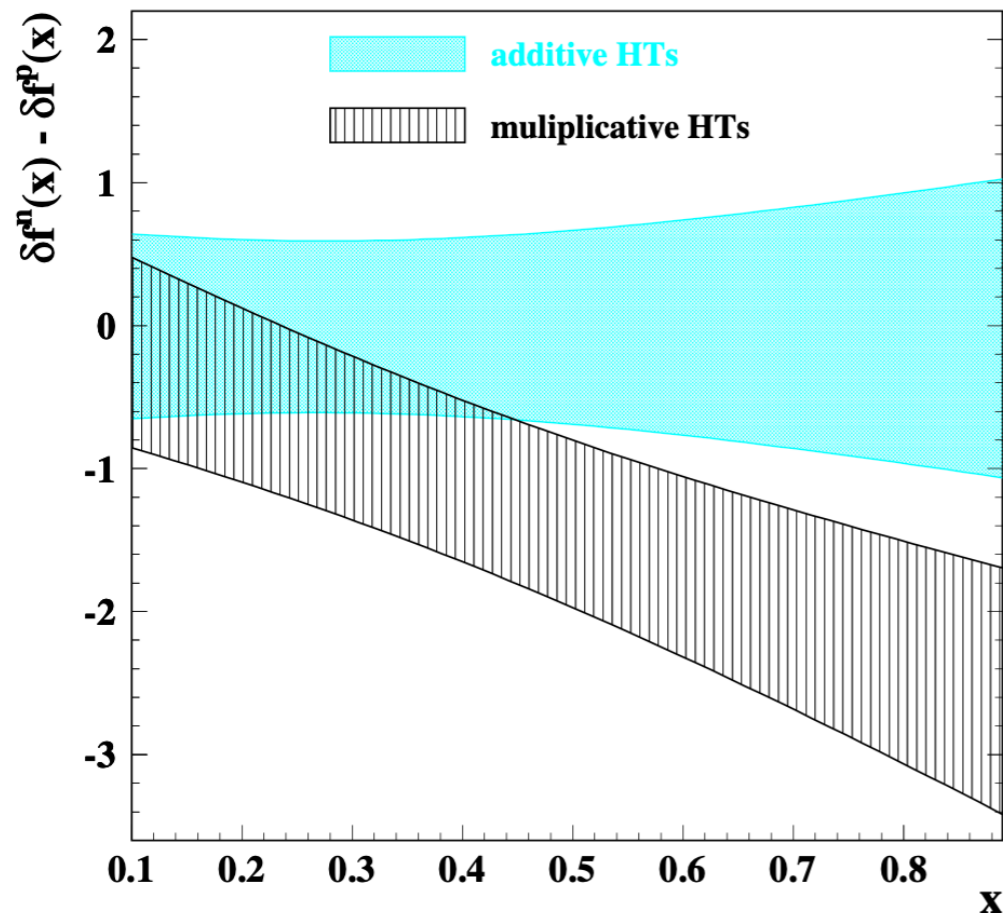
AKP

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Add HT (p=n) as baseline choice

H_2, H_T parametrized

Fit to $A=3$ data $\delta F_p \delta F_n$

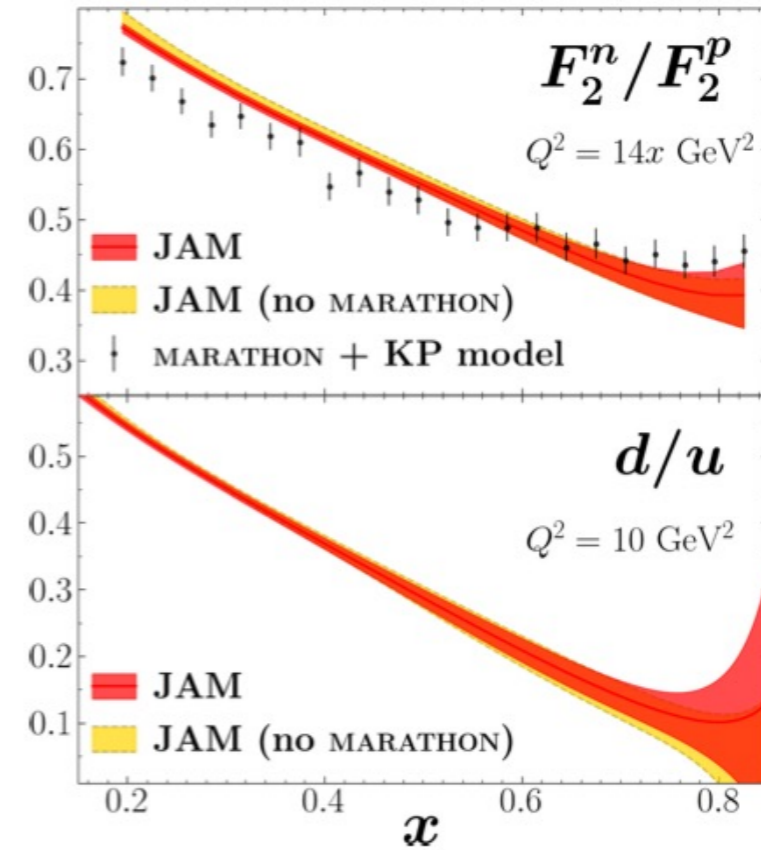
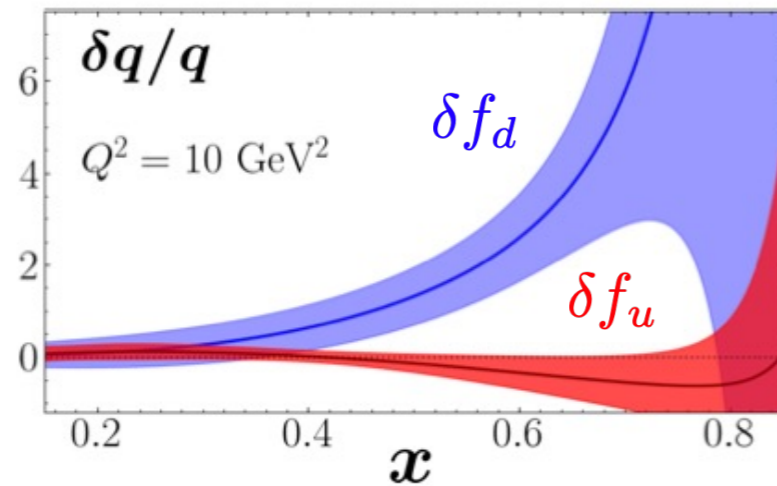


JAM results

JAM Fit including $A=3$ data $\delta f_u \delta f_d$

JAM Collaboration, PRL 127 (2021)

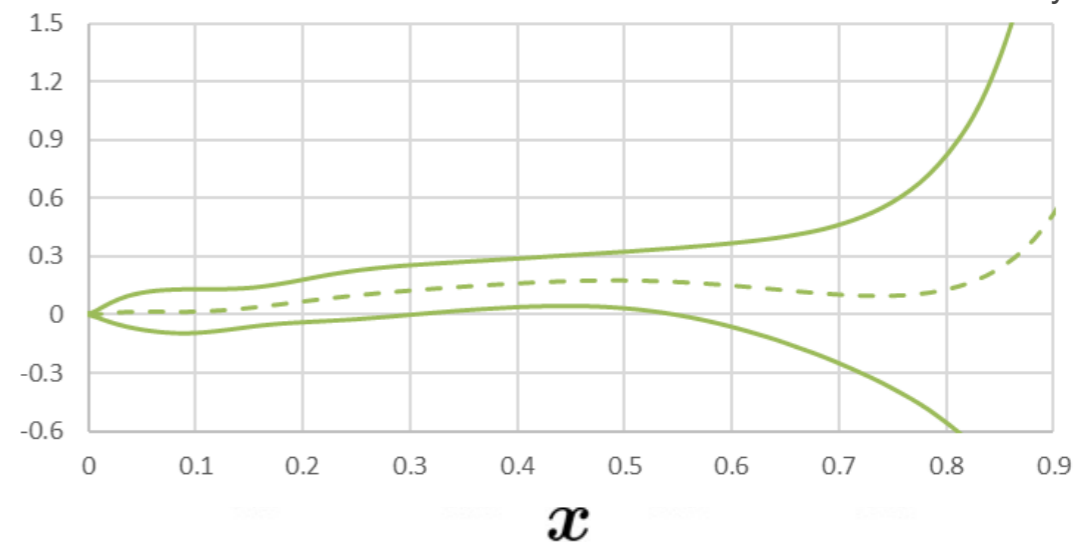
Mult HT ($p=n$) as default choice



Isoscalar offshell function (JAM)

Courtesy of C. Cocuzza

$$\delta f(x)|_{\text{CJ-like}} = \frac{u\delta f_u + d\delta f_d}{u + d}$$



Some implementation differences

Theoretical choices \longrightarrow

Corrections (increasing-x) \downarrow

	KP	AKP	CJ15	AKP-like
shadowing	yes	yes (which one?)	MST $x < 0.1$	(same)
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	----	----