

GLOBAL ANALYSES OF FRAGMENTATION FUNCTIONS AT NNLO ACCURACY

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FRAGMENTATION FUNCTIONS IN A NUTSHELL

For a review see Metz,Vossen. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 91 (2016) 136-202

Based on Collinear Factorization

$$\mathcal{O}^h = \sum_{ab} \int dx \int dz f_a(x, \mu_F^2) D_b^h(z, \mu_F^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x, z, \alpha_S(\mu_R), \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{Q}\right)$$

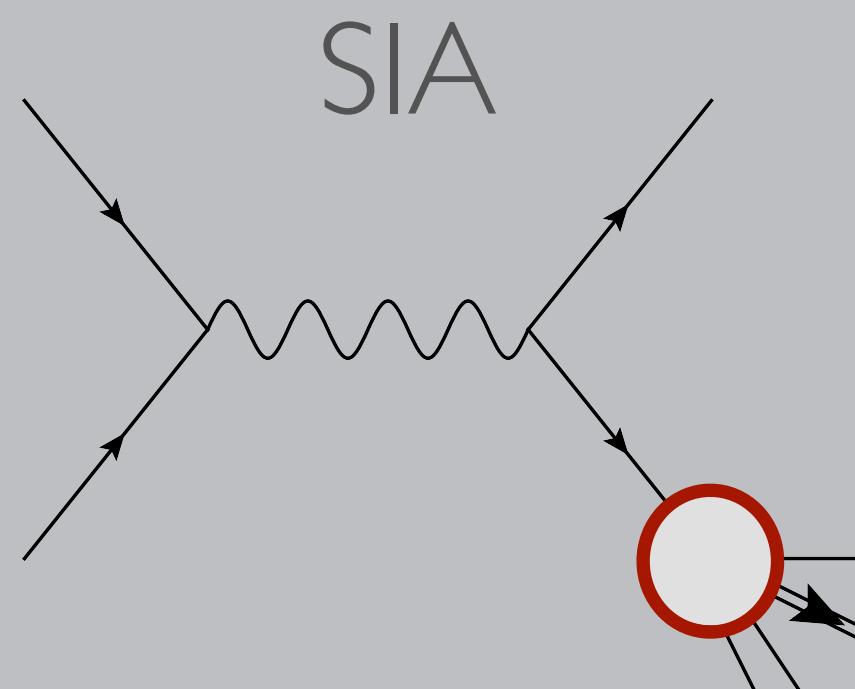
Parton distribution functions/
Fragmentation Functions
Non-perturbative & Universal

Partonic cross section;
Perturbative & process
dependent

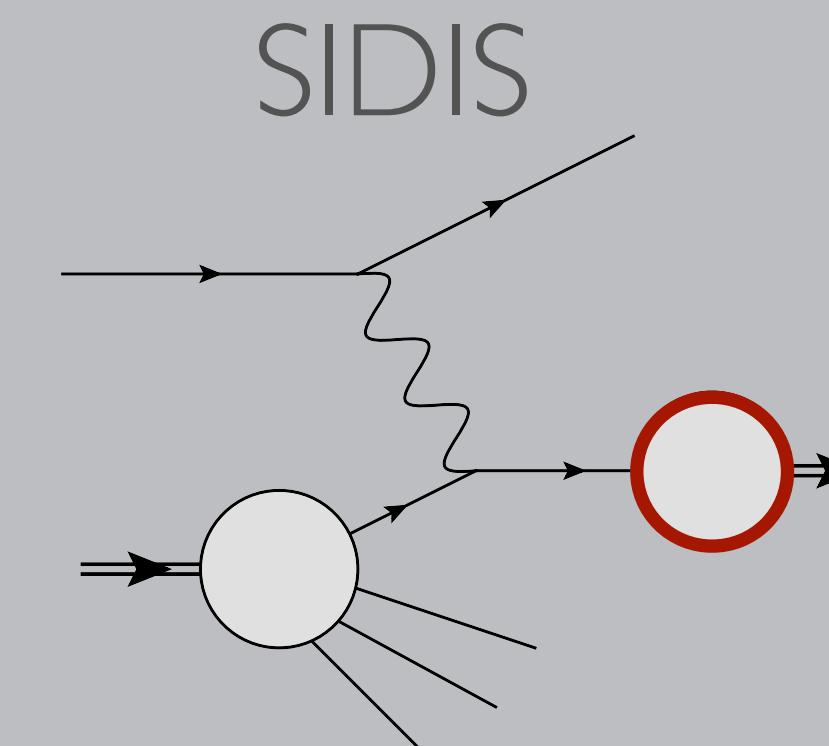
Power
Corrections

$$\hat{\sigma}_a = \sigma_a^{\text{Born}} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_a^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi}\right)^2 \sigma_a^{(2)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi}\right)^3 \sigma_a^{(3)} + \dots \right)$$

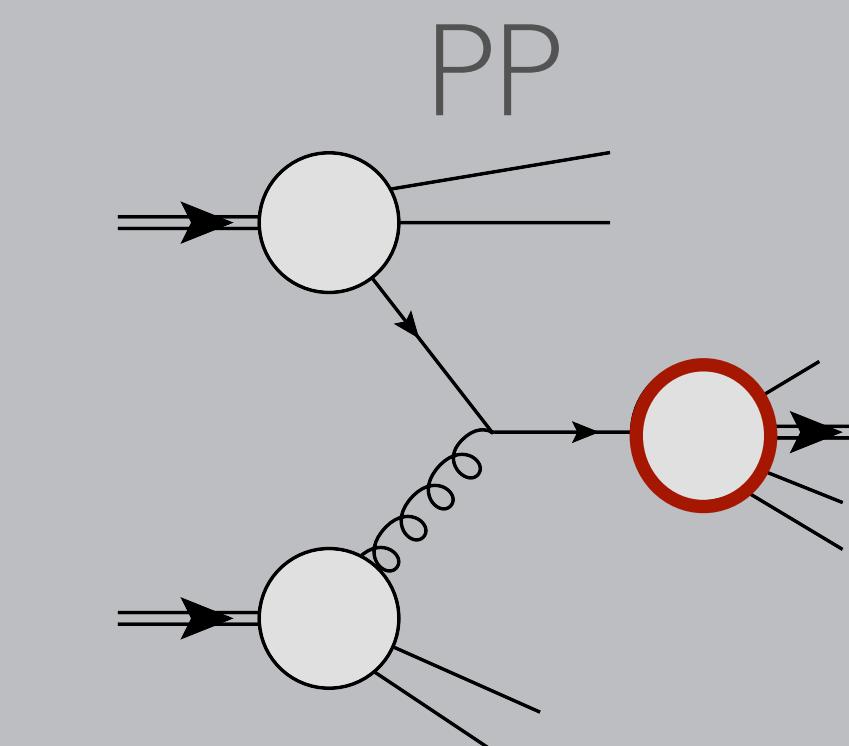
Validated by a large set of unpolarized data



$$d\sigma = \sum_a d\hat{\sigma}_a \otimes D_a^h$$



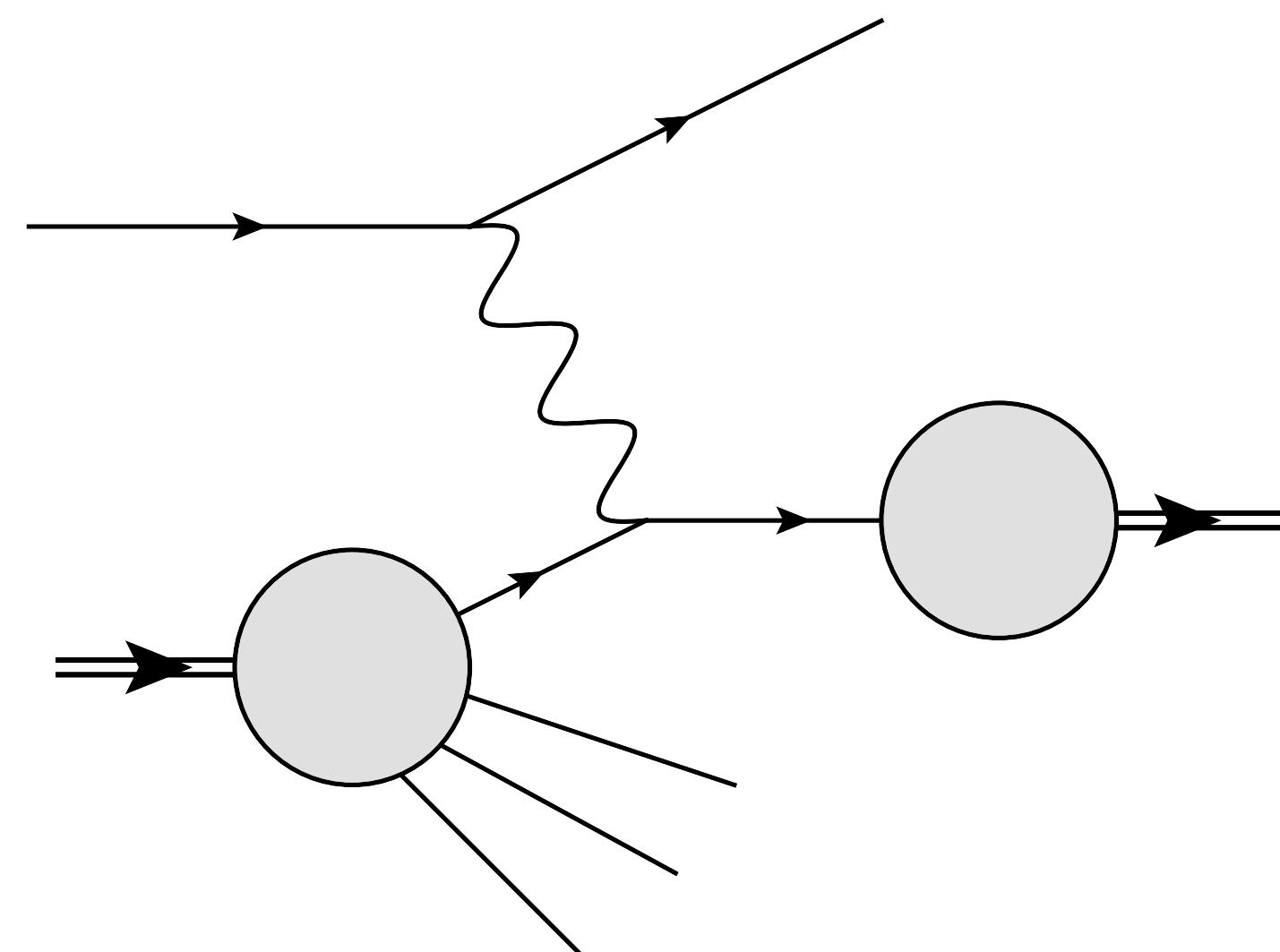
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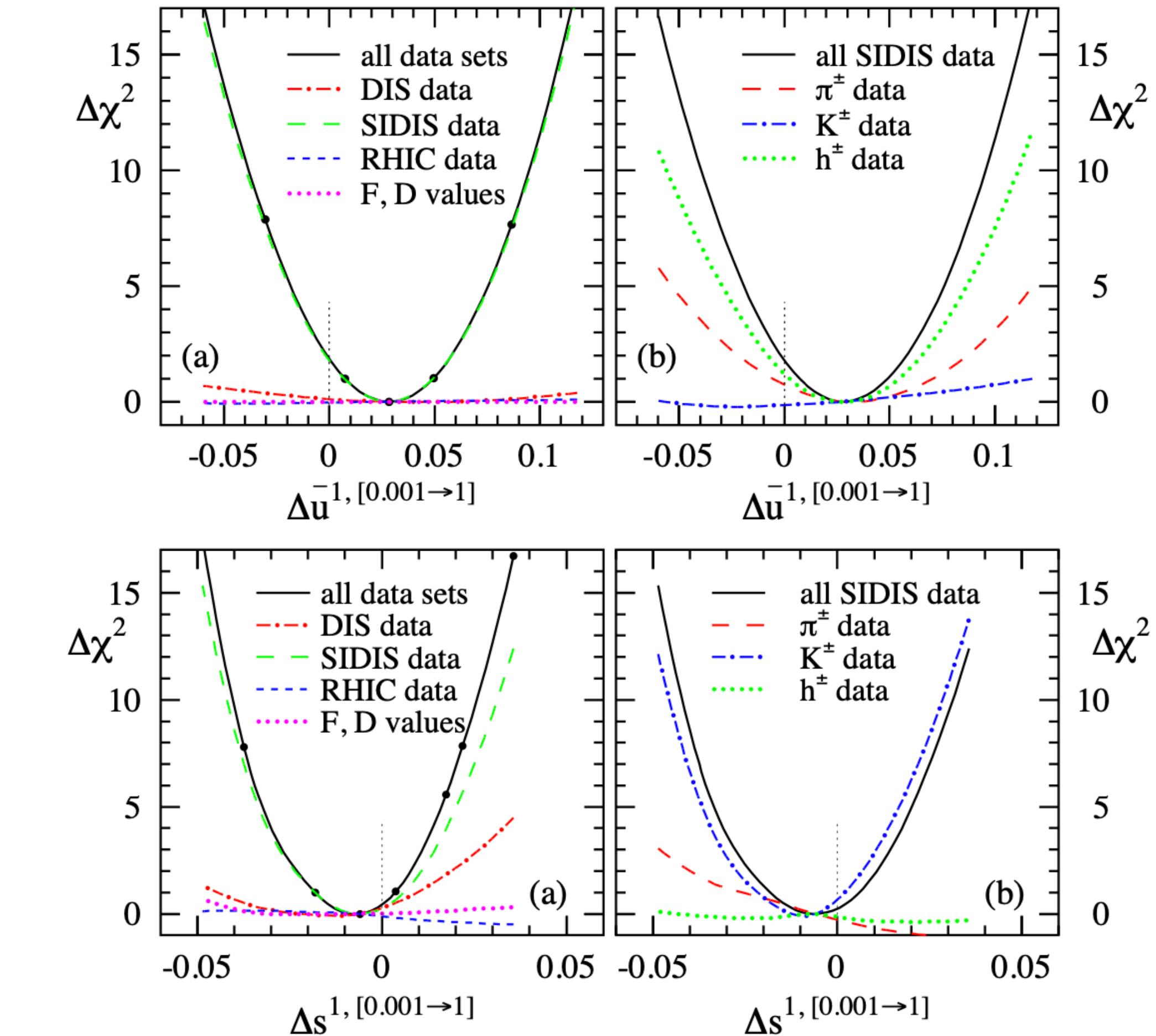
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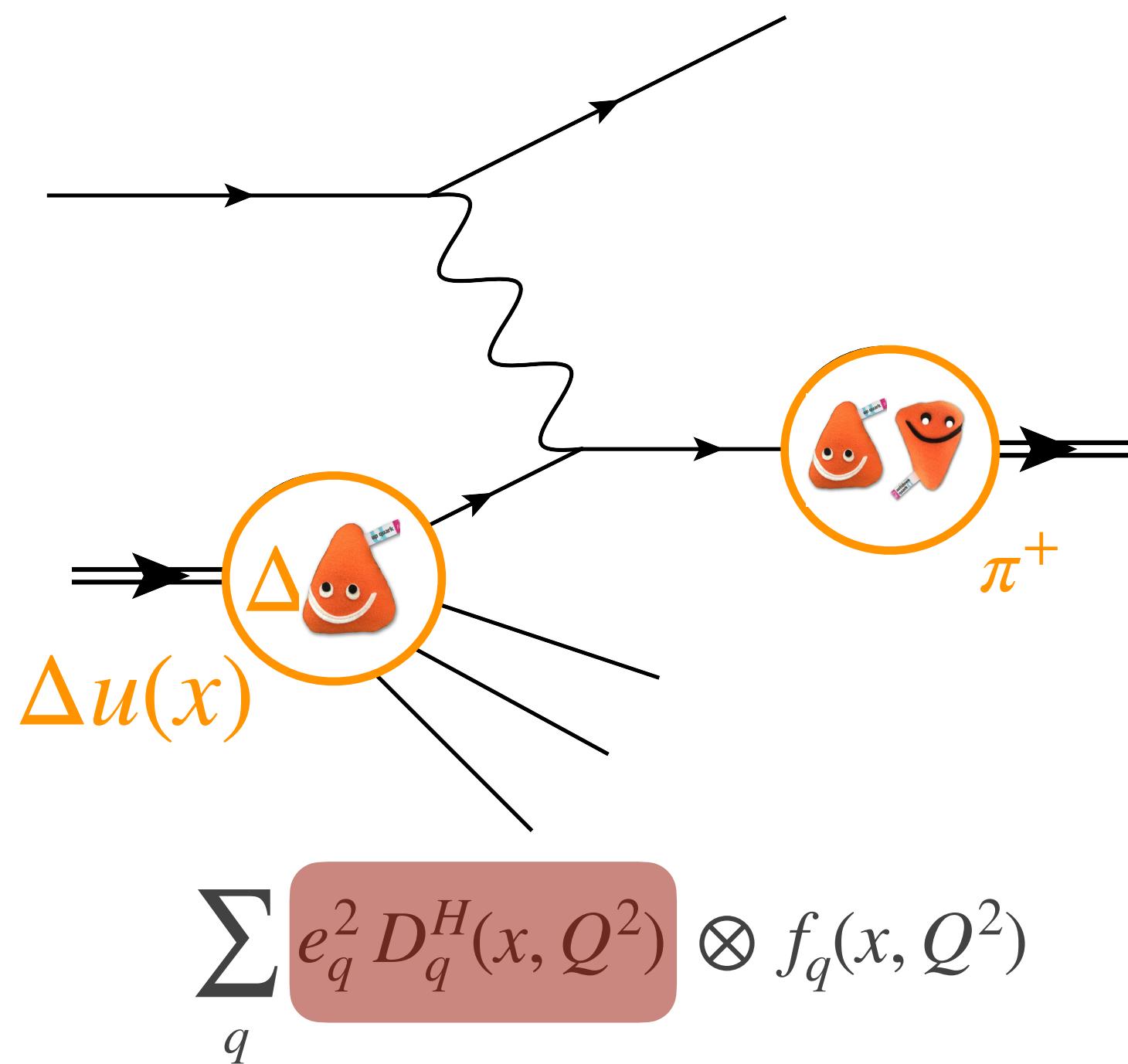
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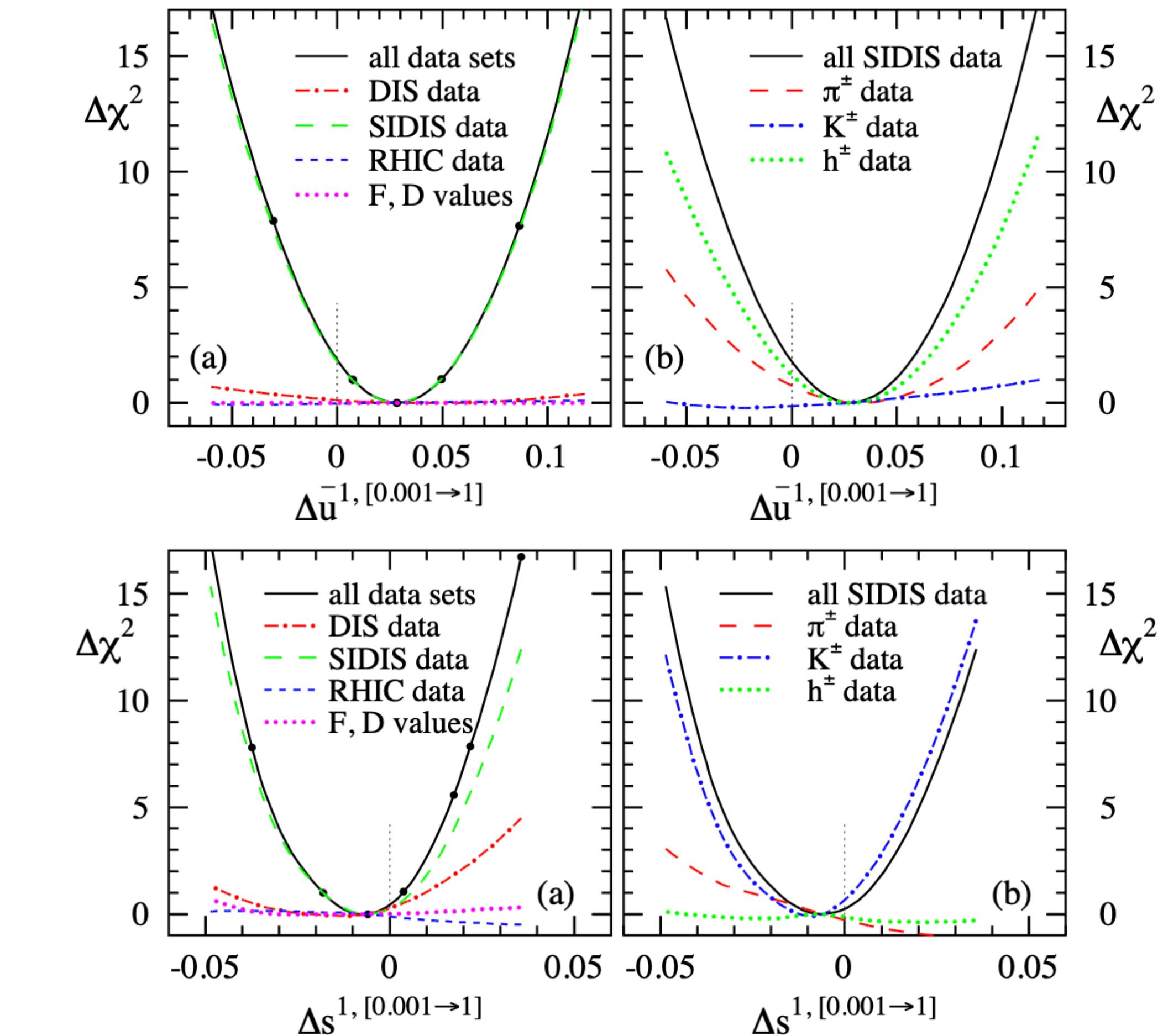
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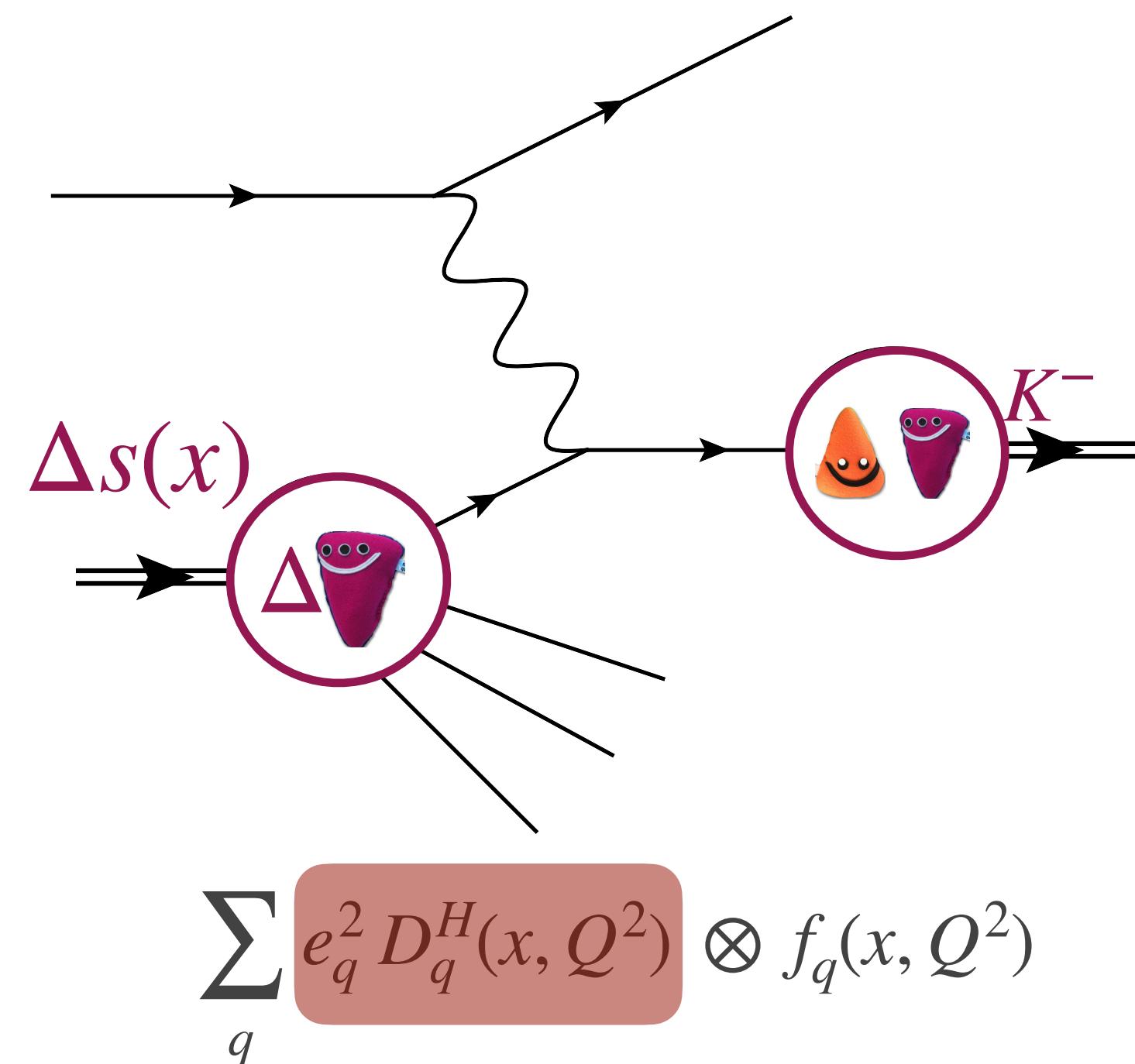
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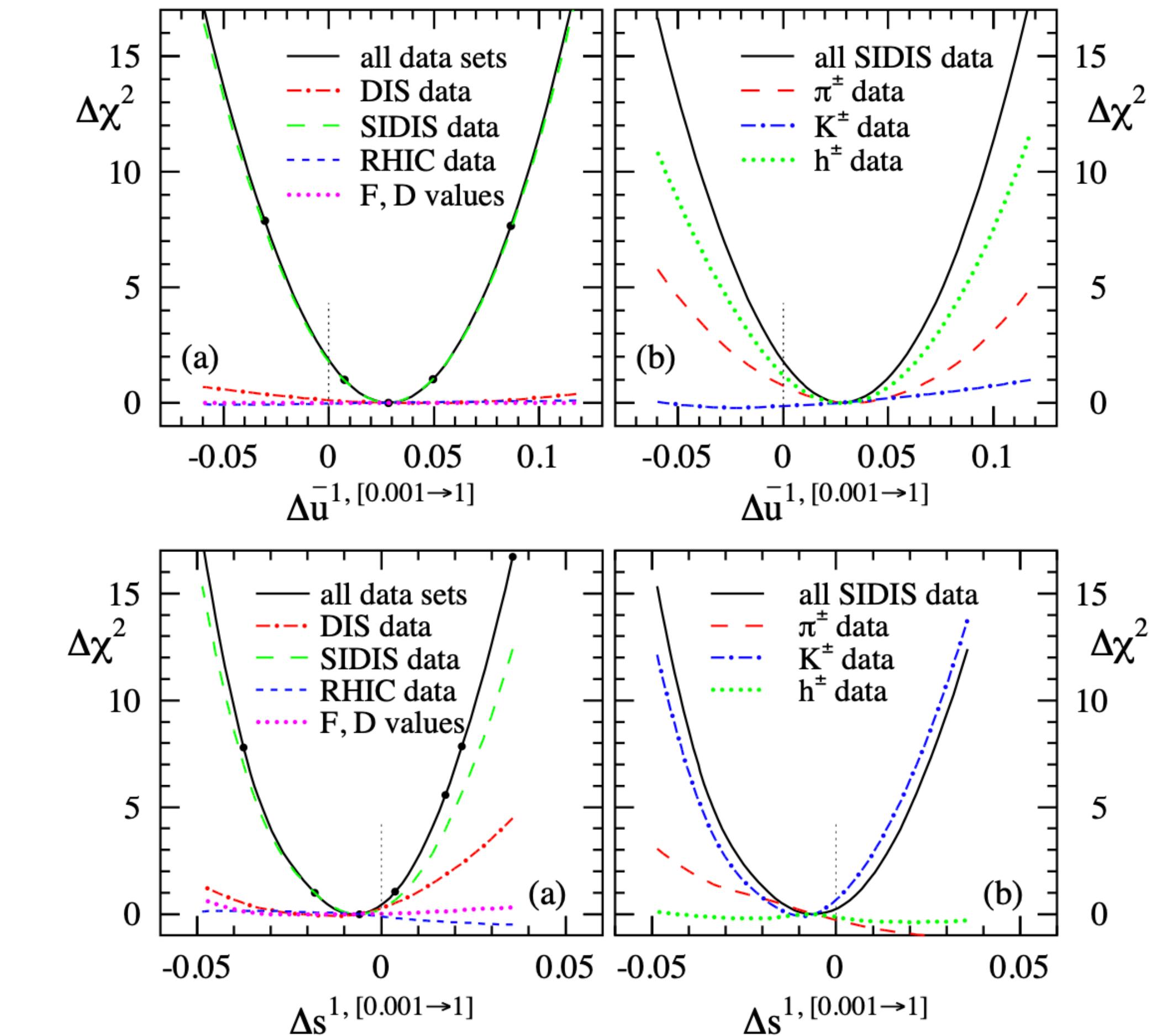
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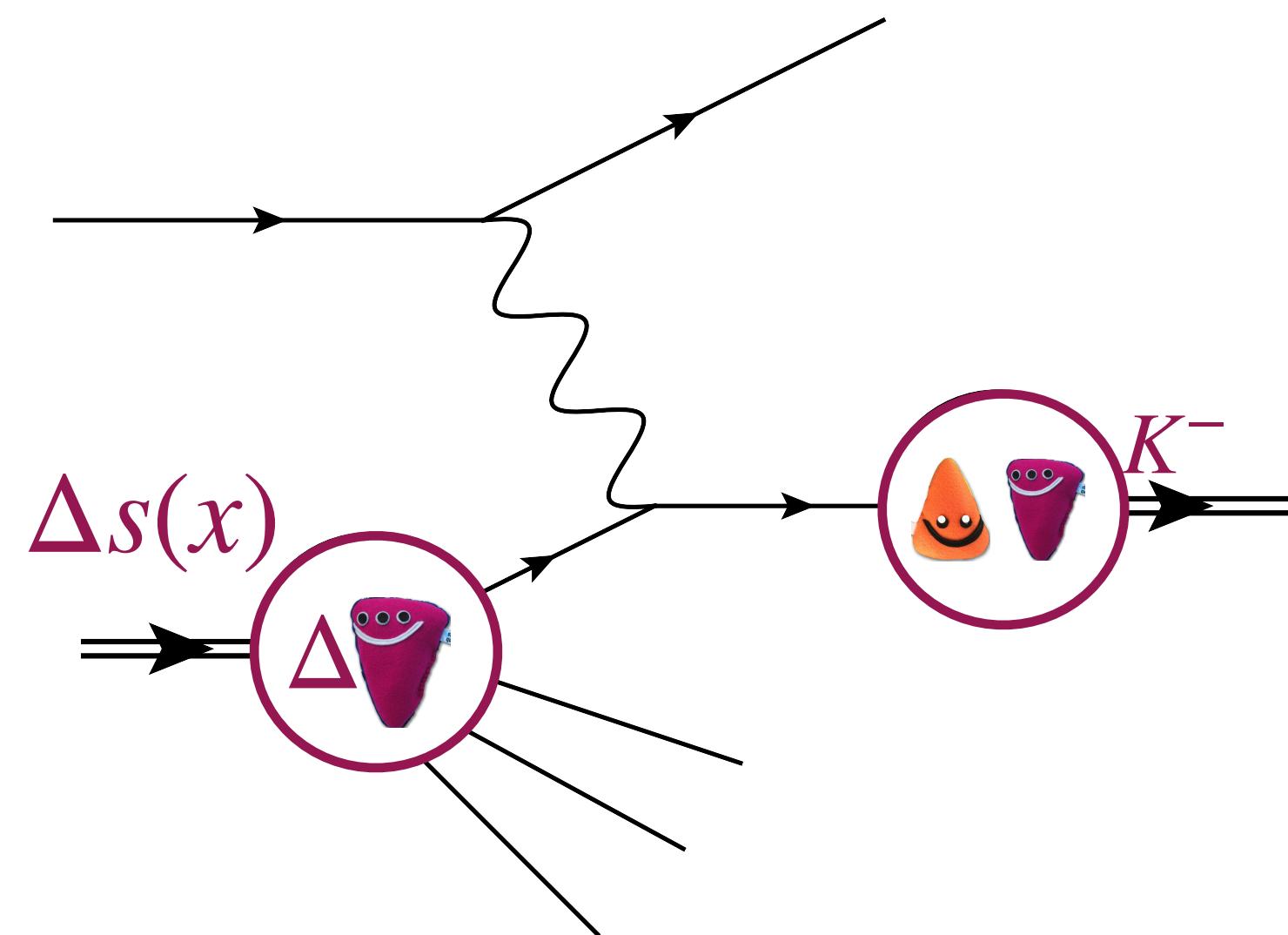
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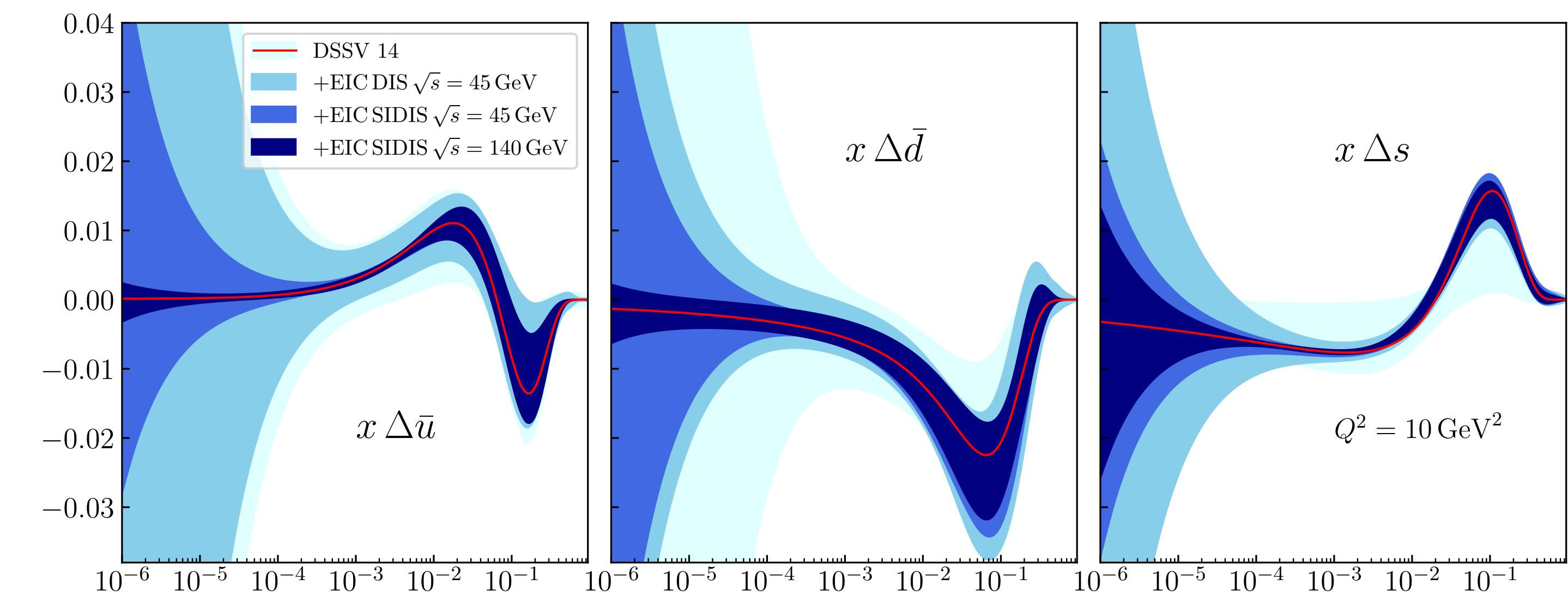
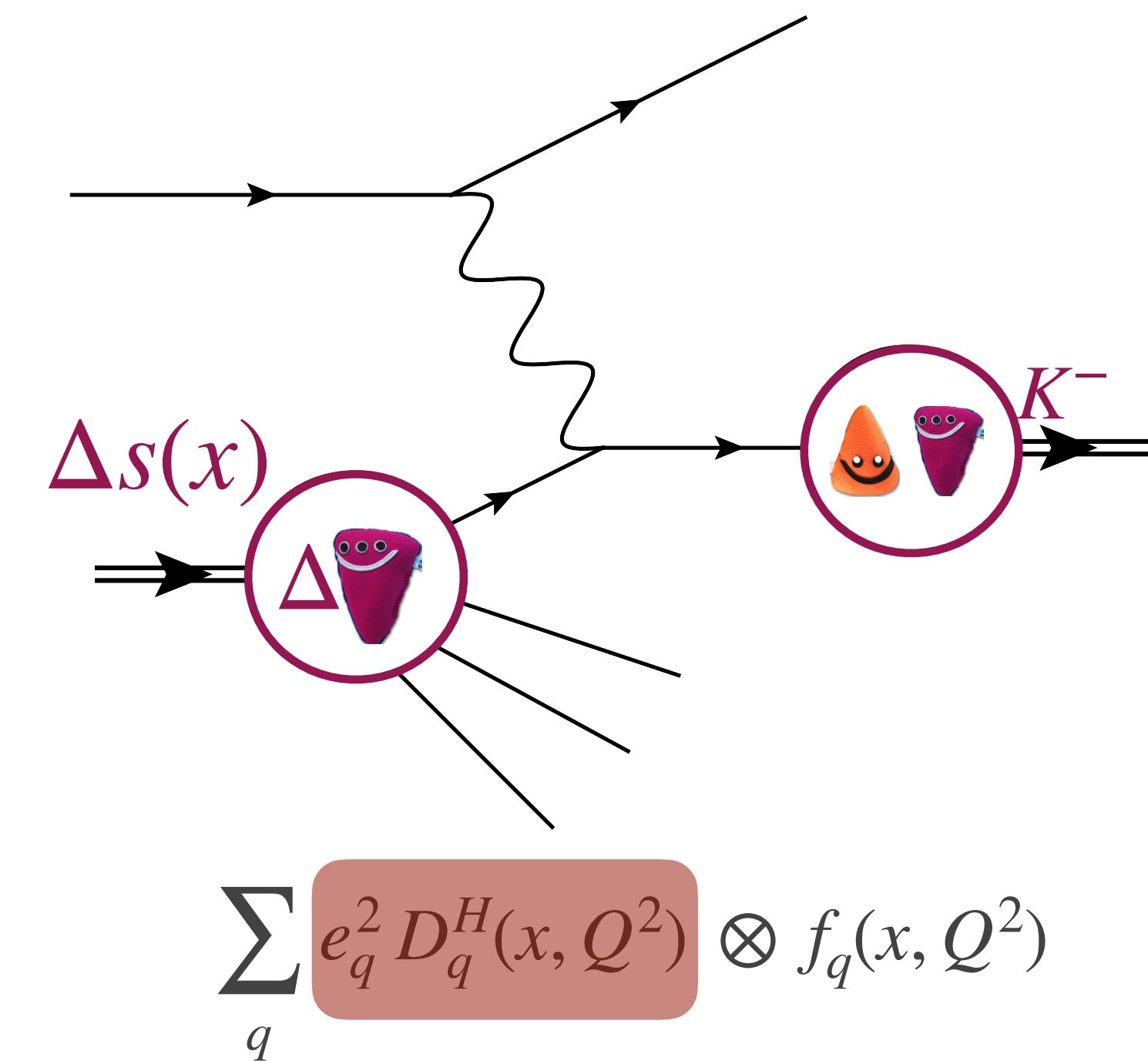
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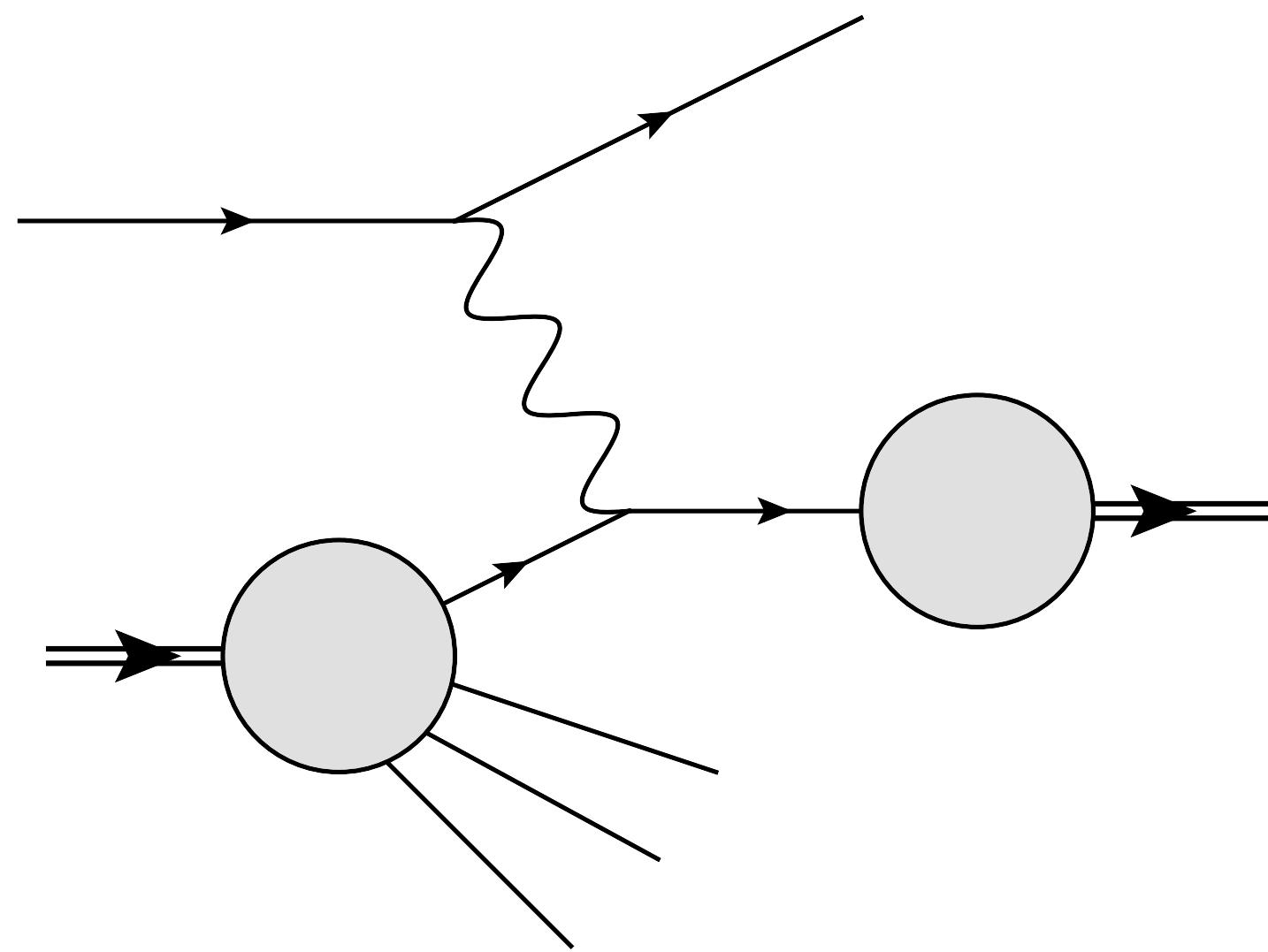
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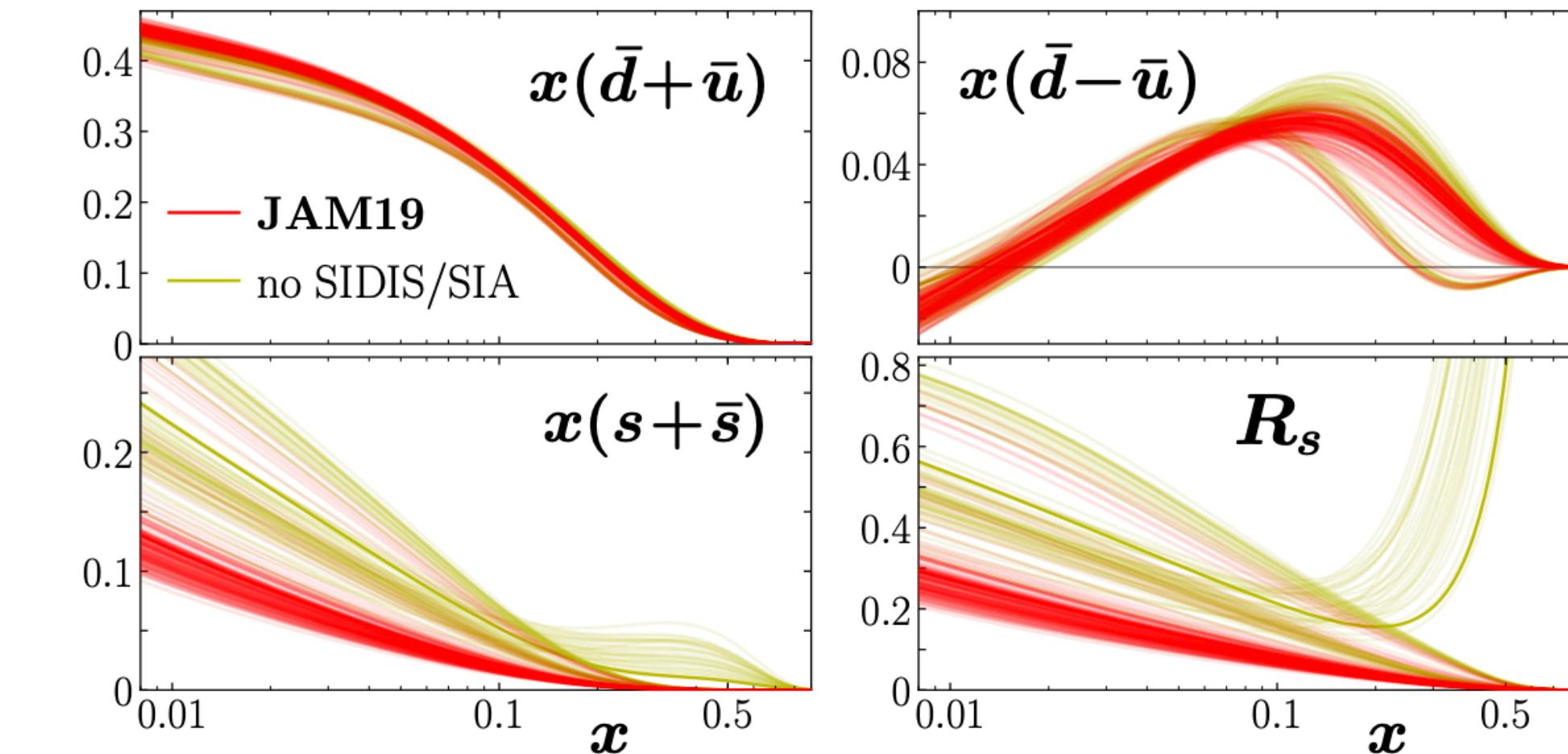
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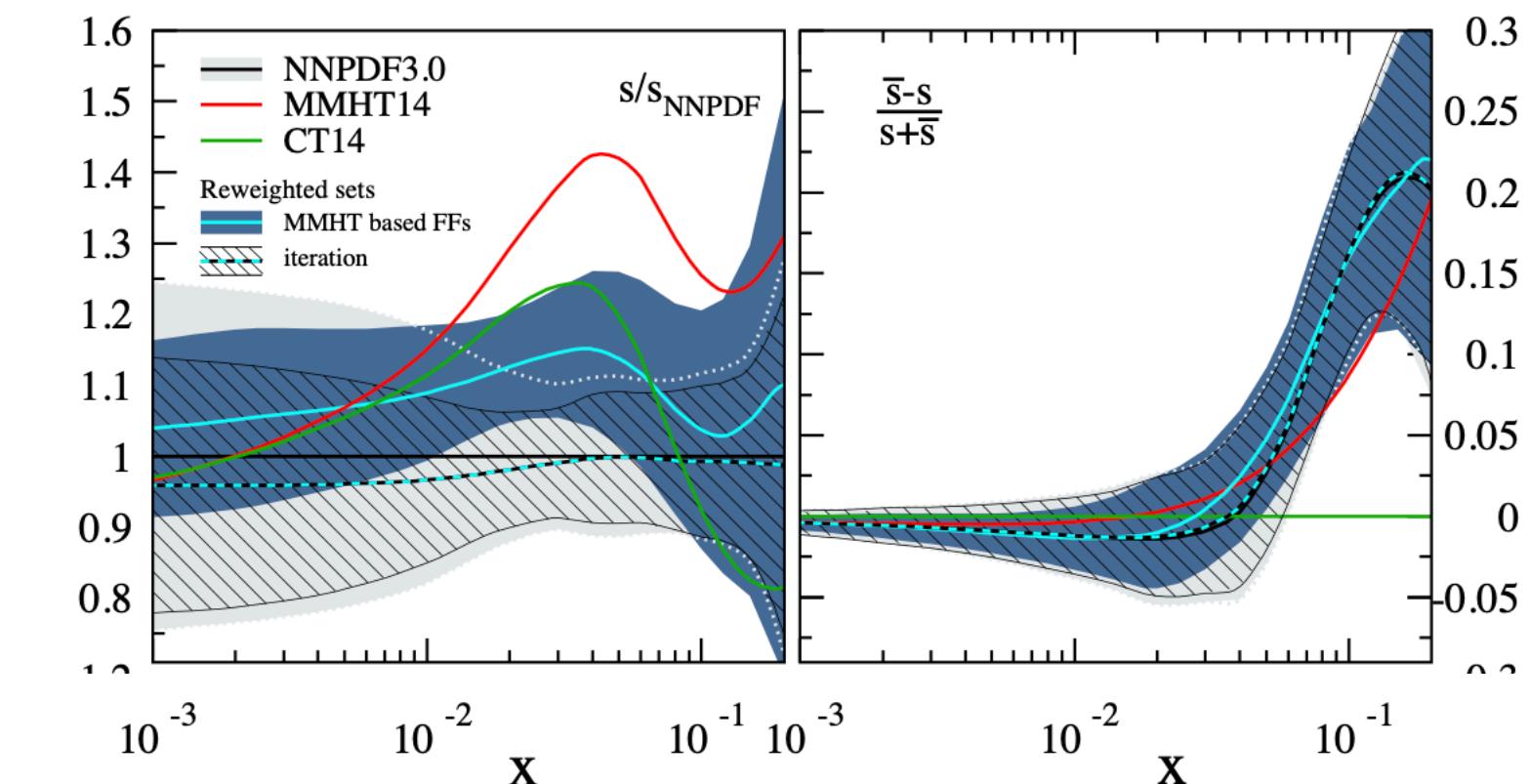


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Additional information on sea quarks PDFs

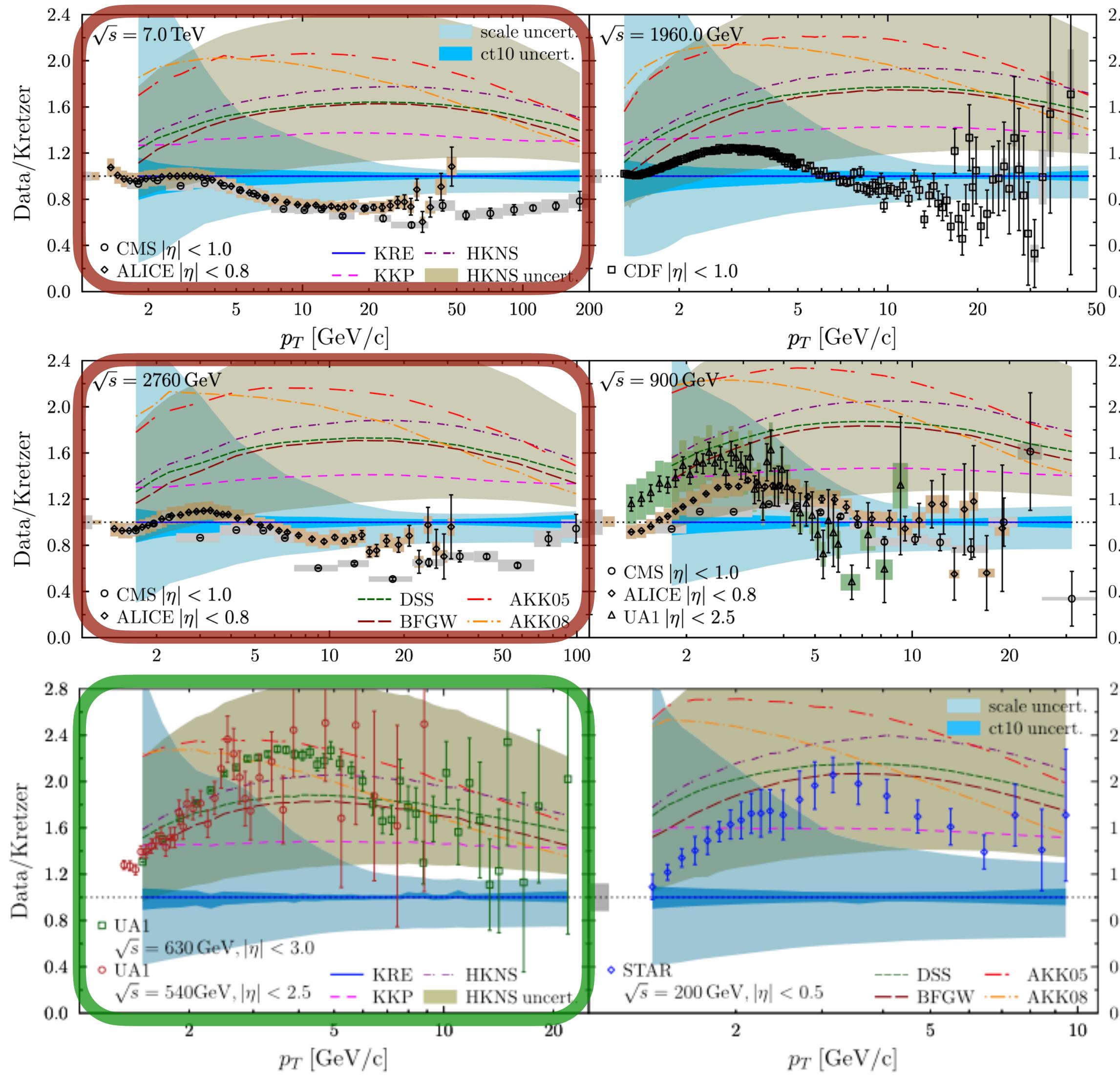


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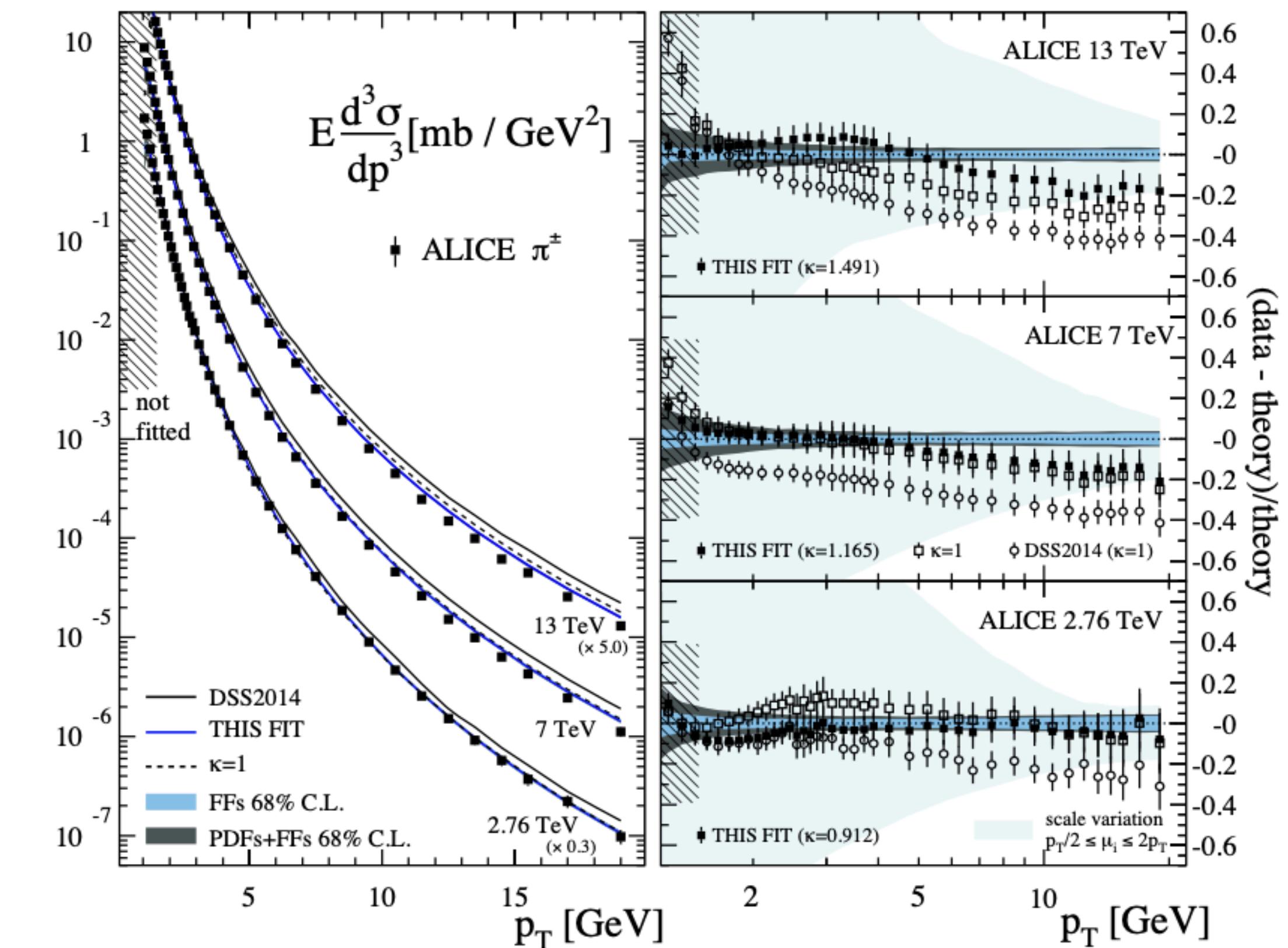


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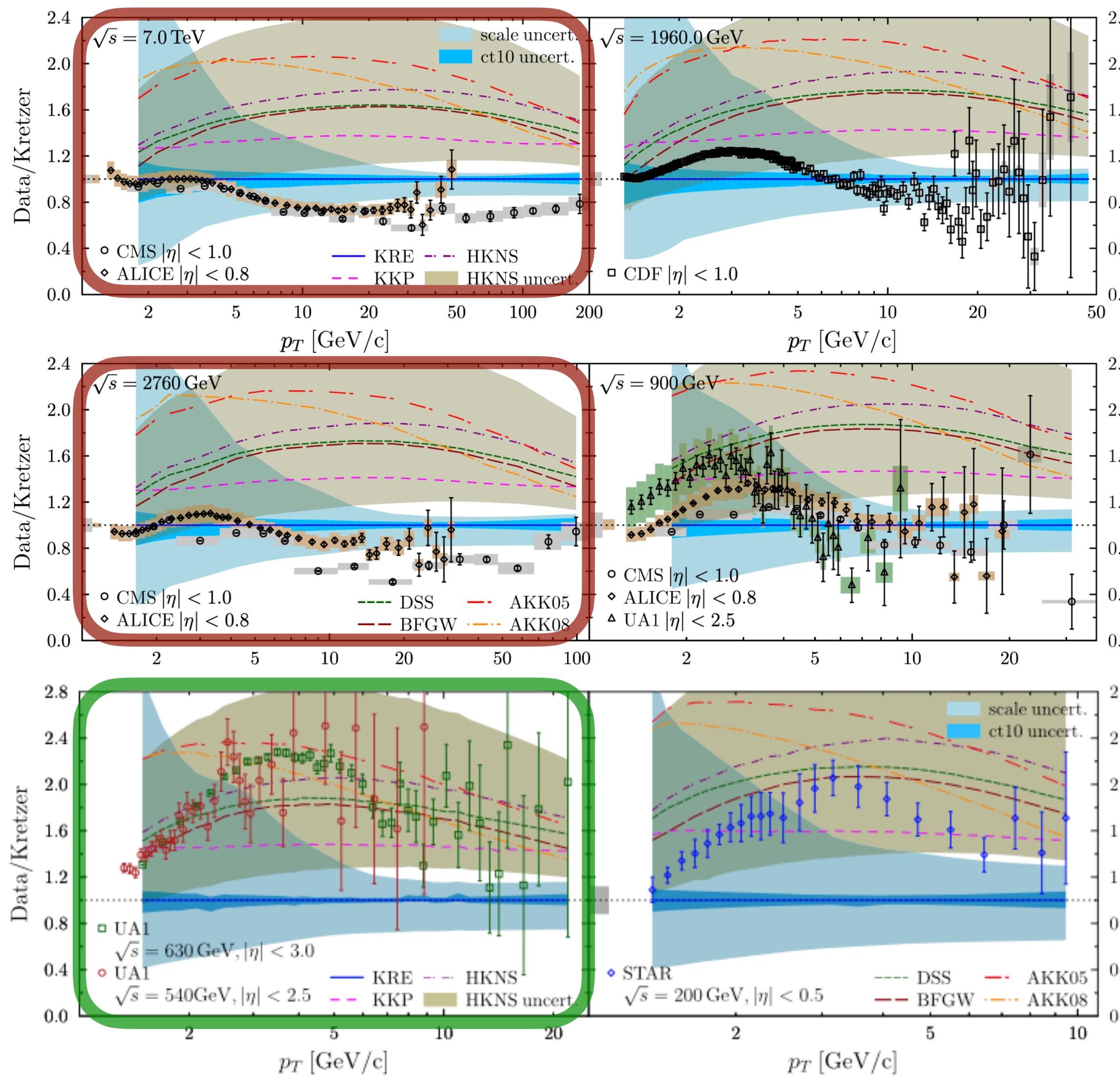
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Description of the p_T -behaviour deteriorates for higher c.m.s energies
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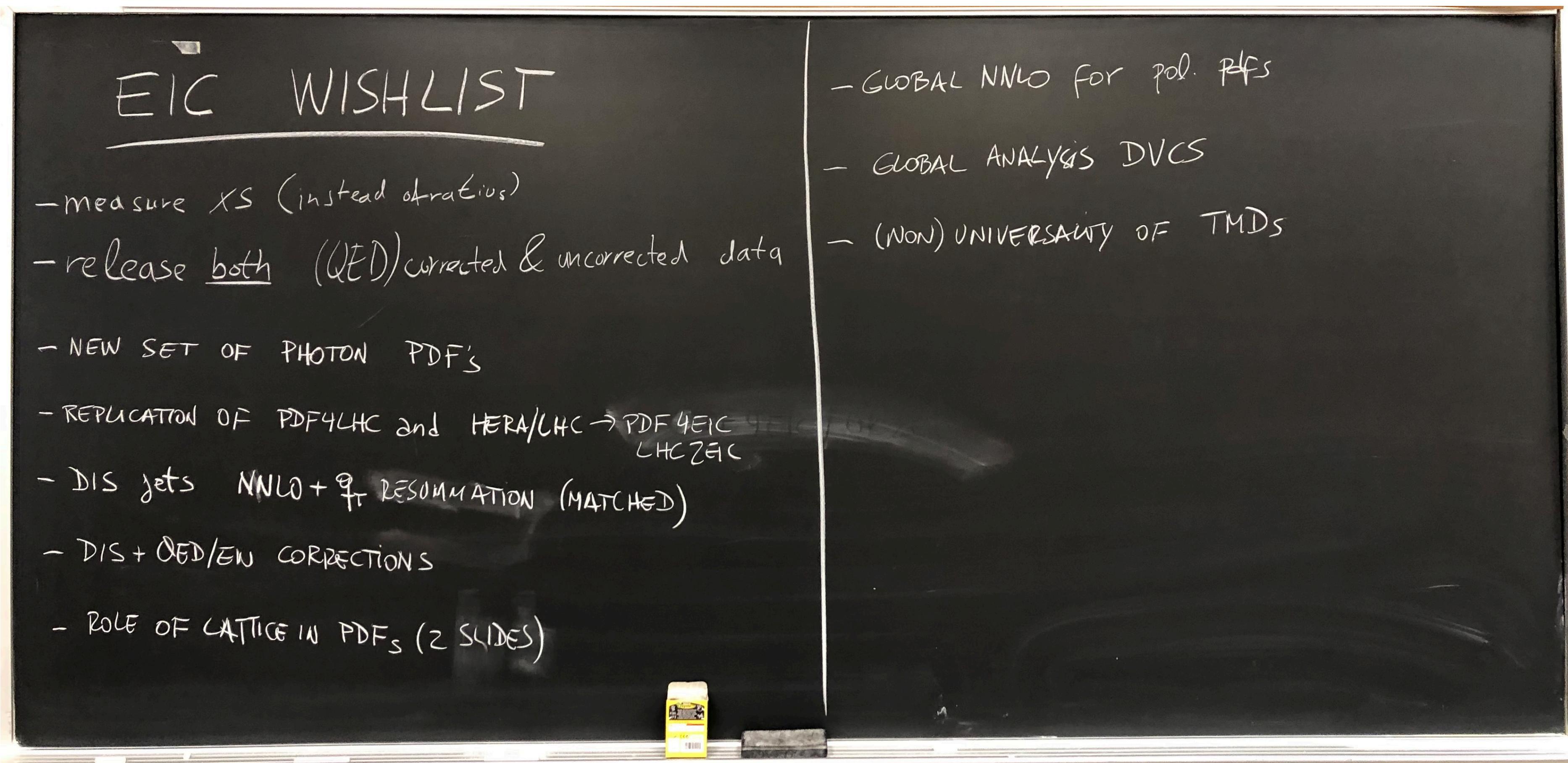


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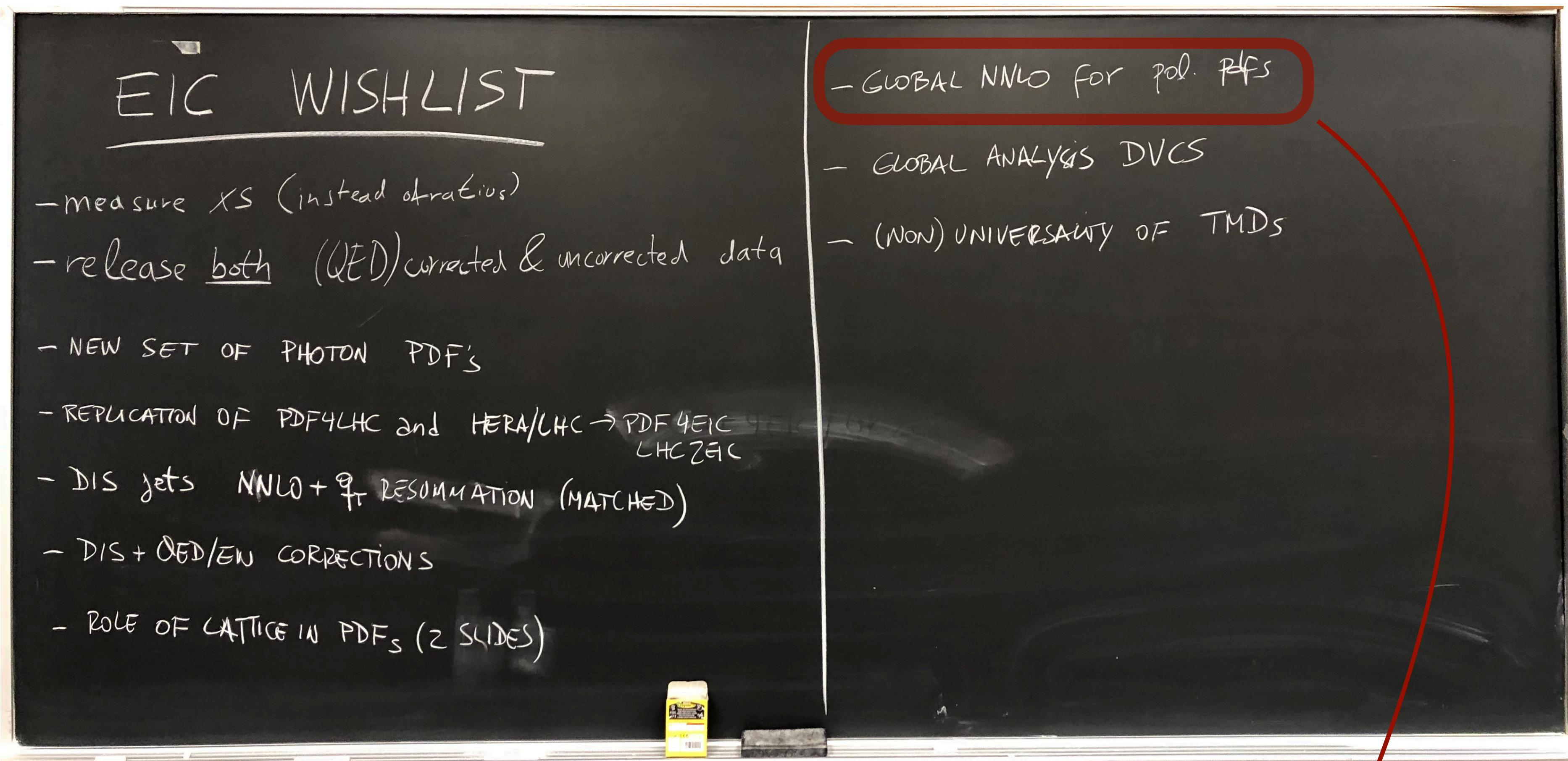


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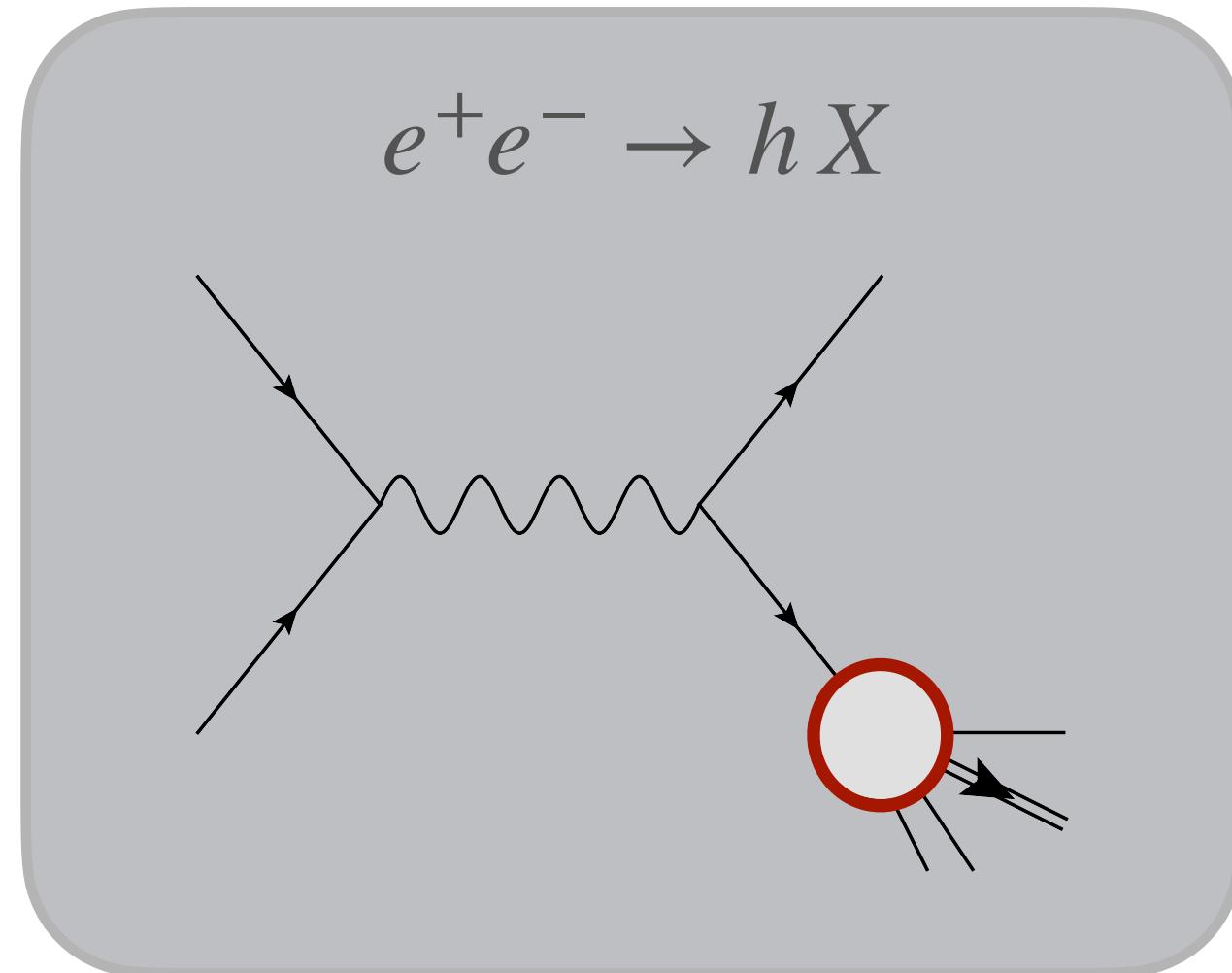
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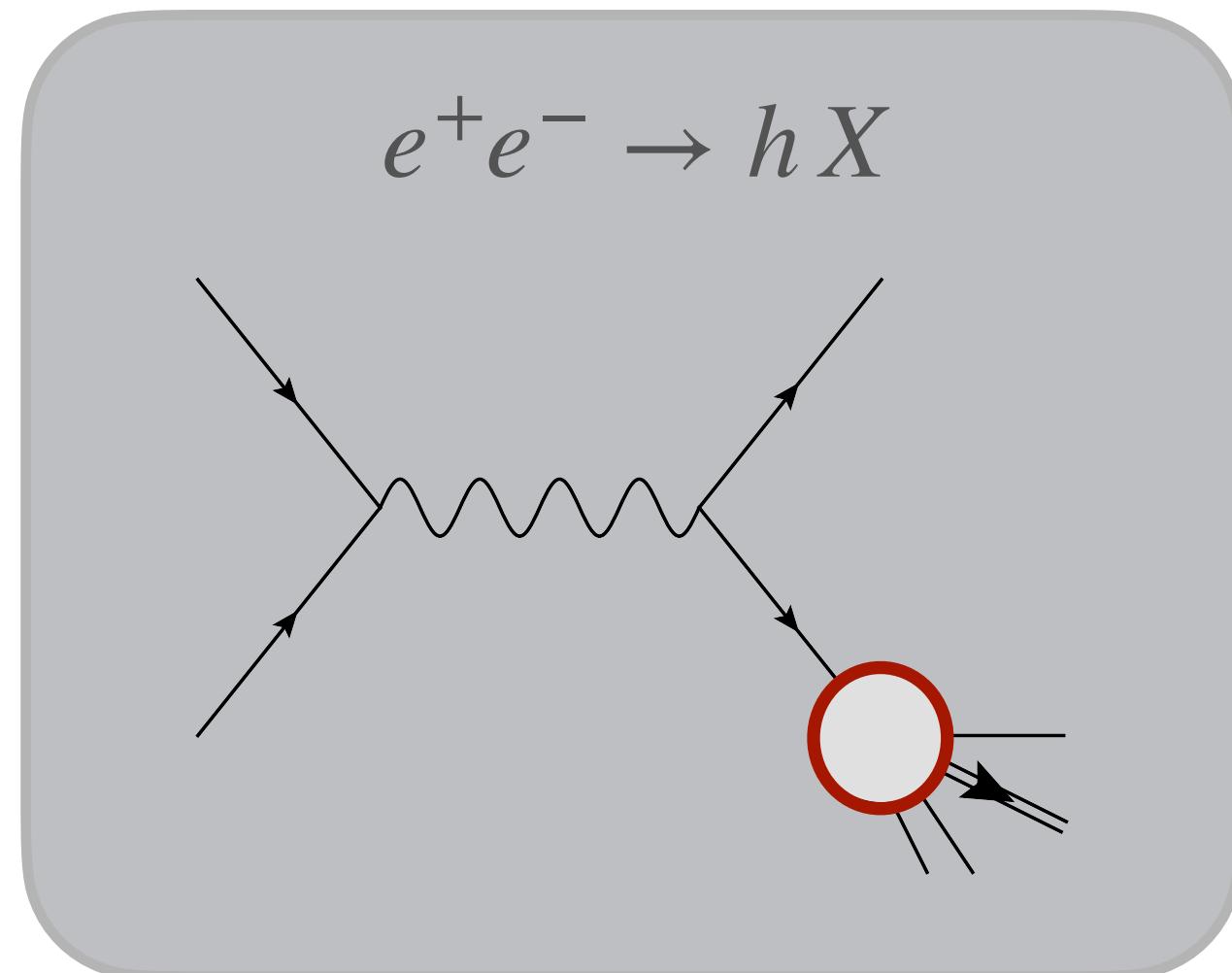


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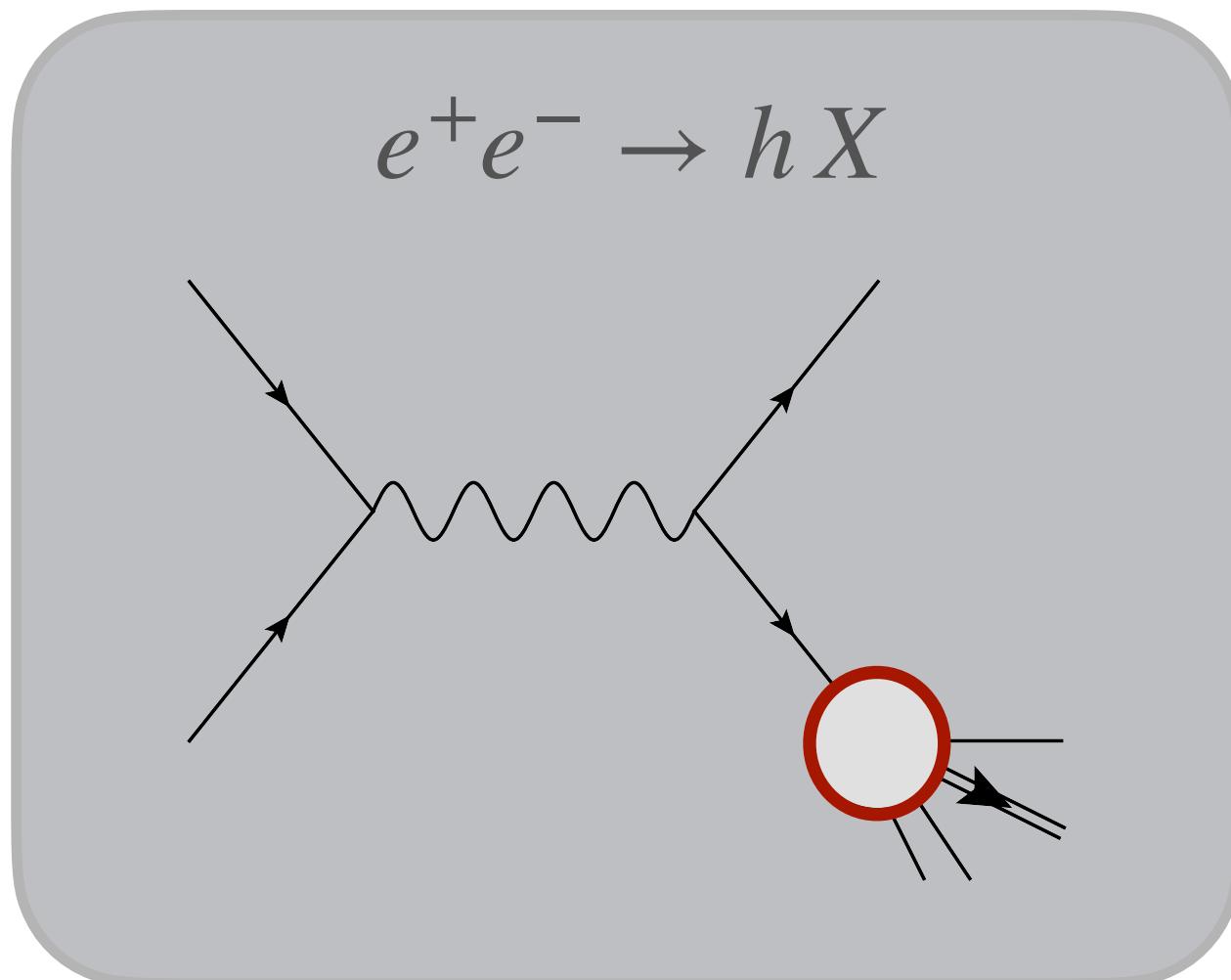
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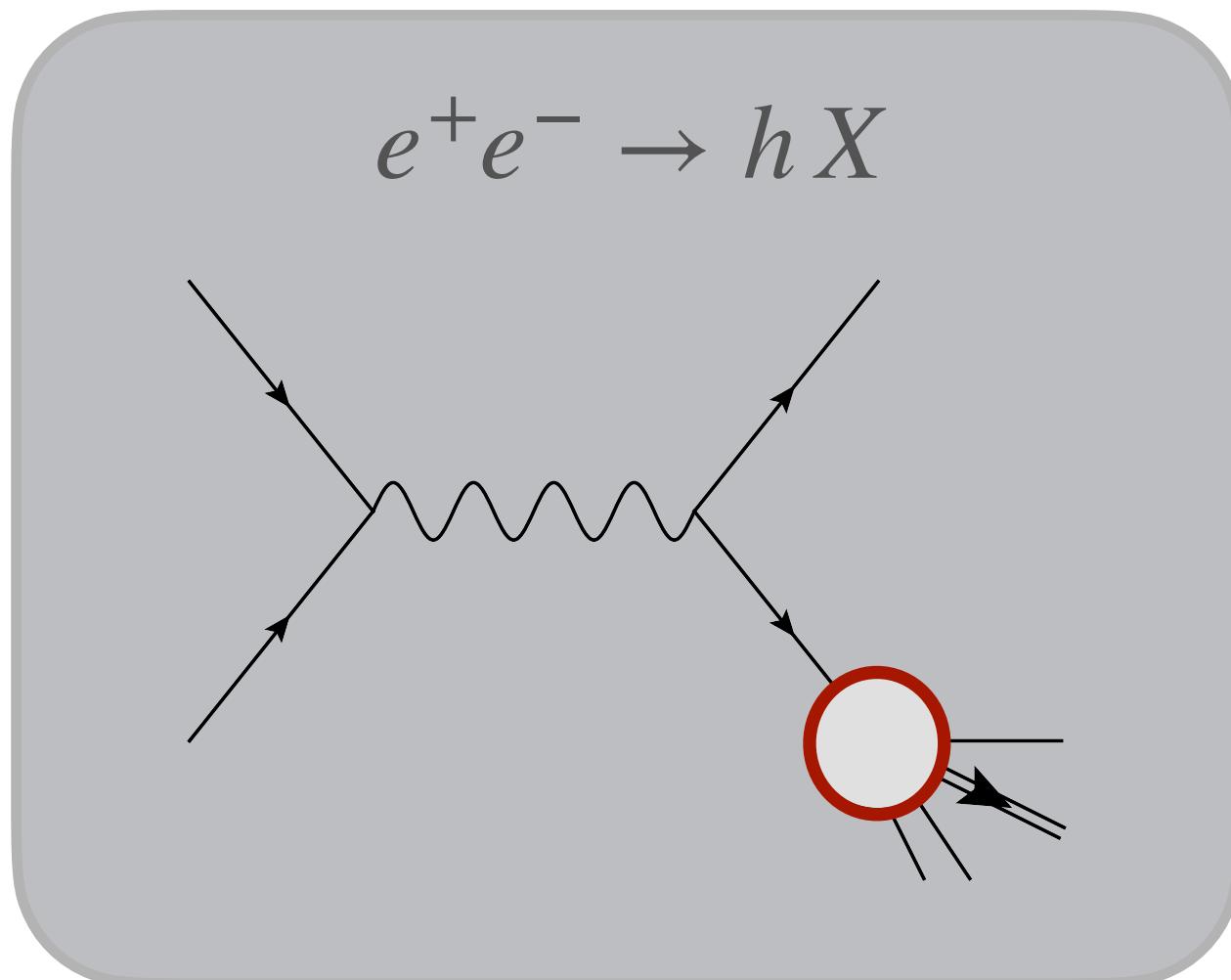


- Probes the combination $[D_q^h + D_{\bar{q}}^h] \rightarrow$ limited flavor separation
- Mainly constrain the singlet distribution $D_\Sigma^h = D_u^h + D_{\bar{u}}^h + D_d^h + D_{\bar{d}}^h + D_s^h + D_{\bar{s}}^h + \dots$
- Gluon fragmentation suppressed in $\alpha_S(Q^2)$ → only indirect constraints through scaling violations
- Weak scale dependence



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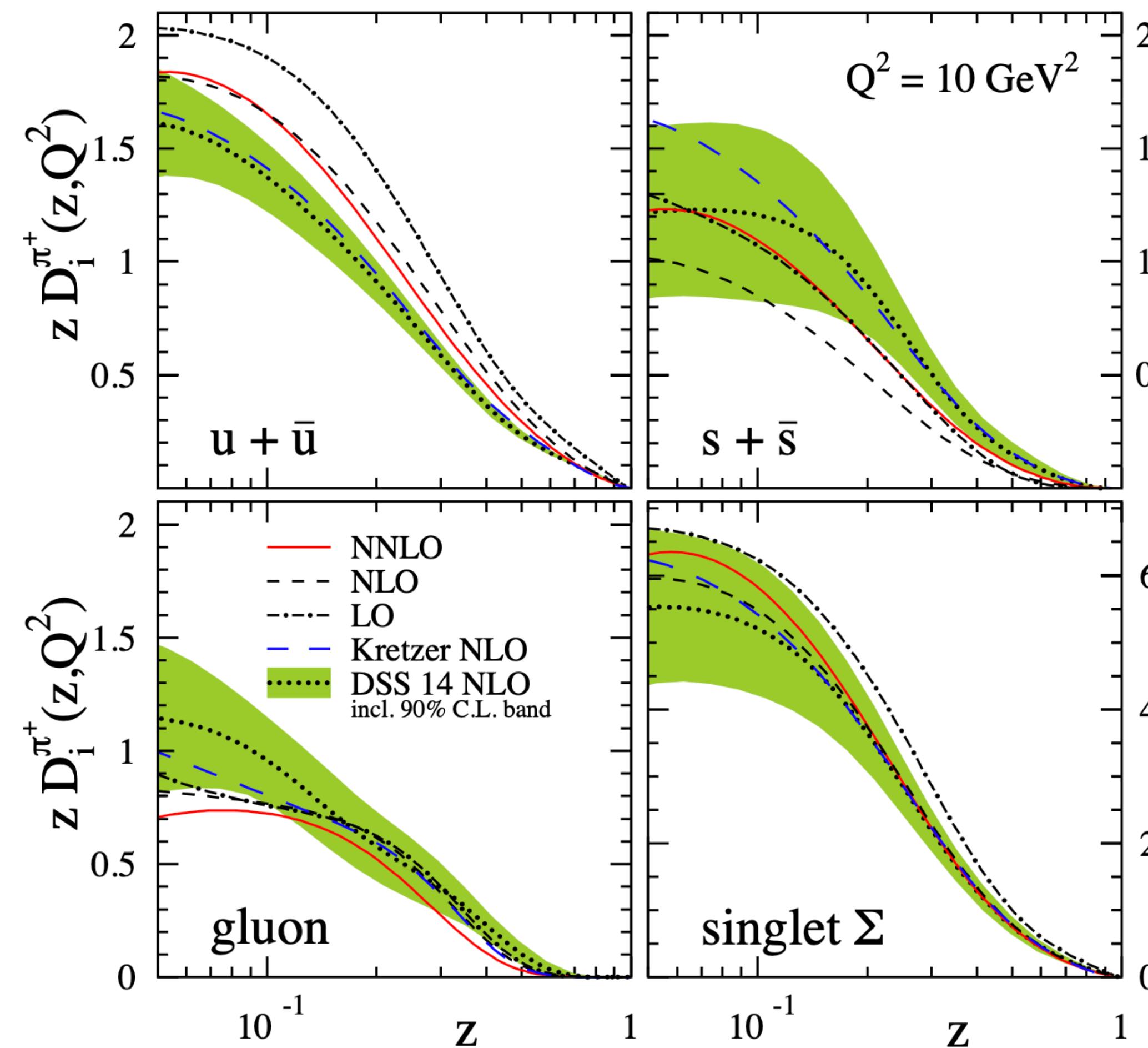
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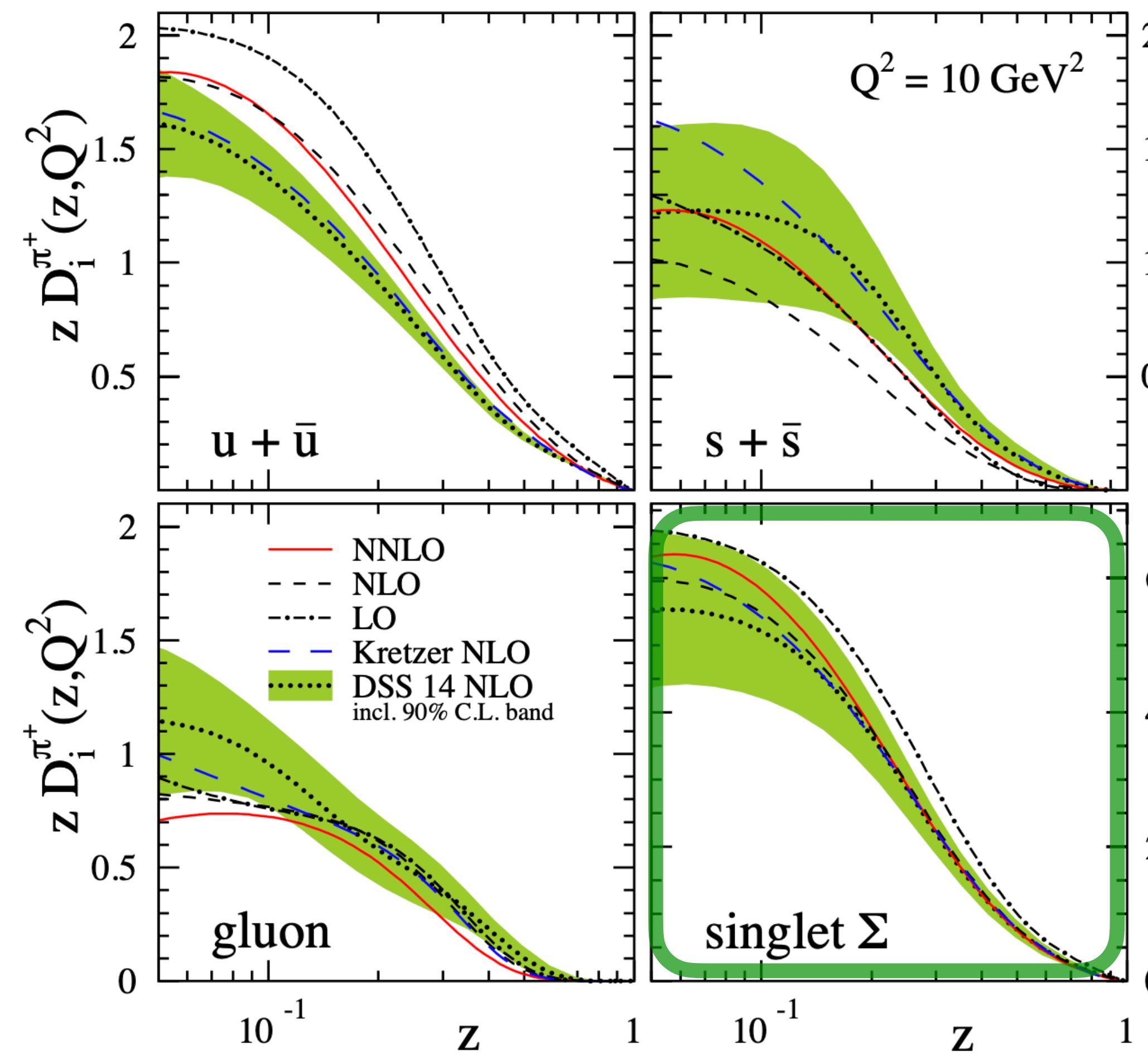


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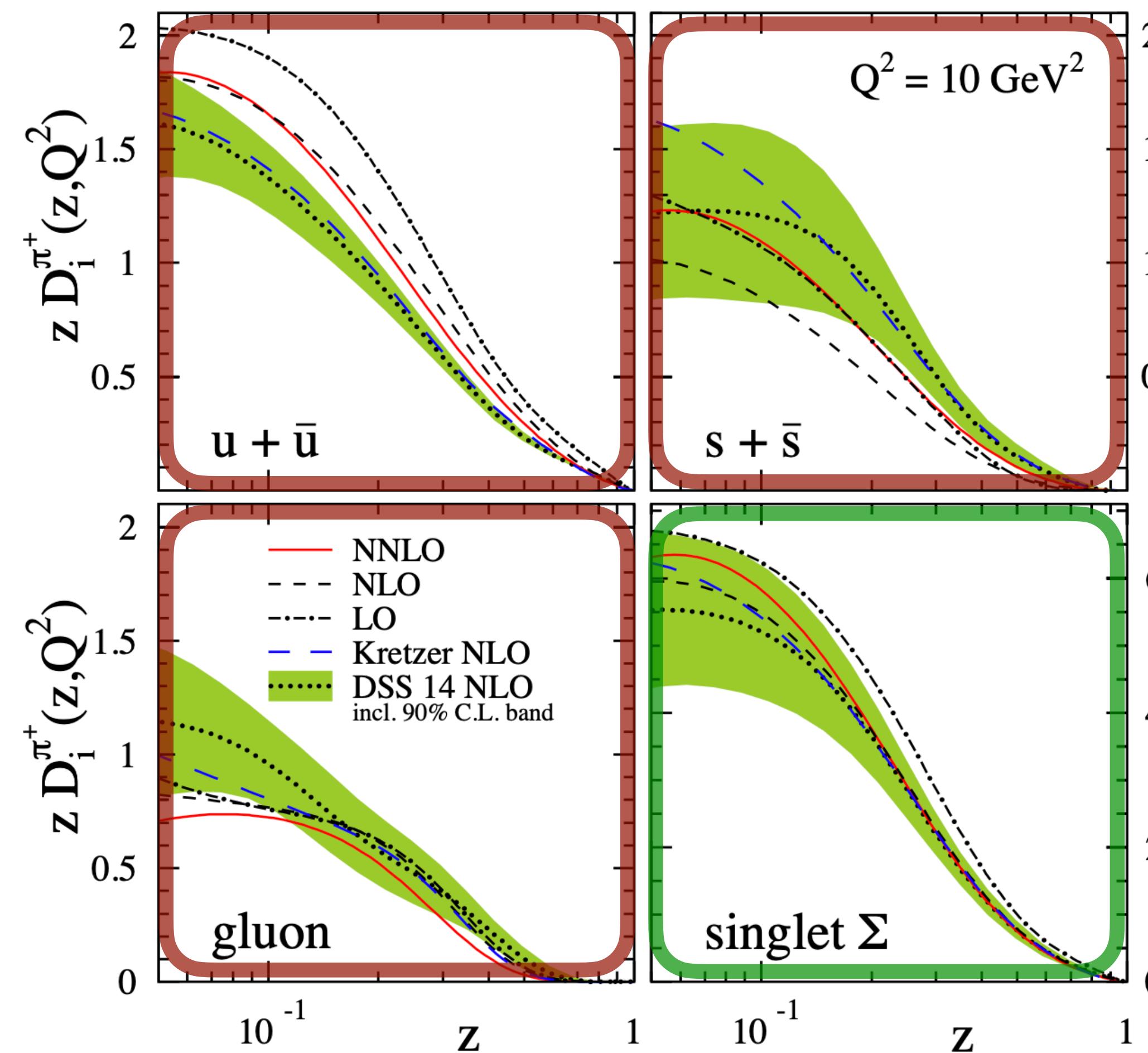
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Over-fitting a single data type

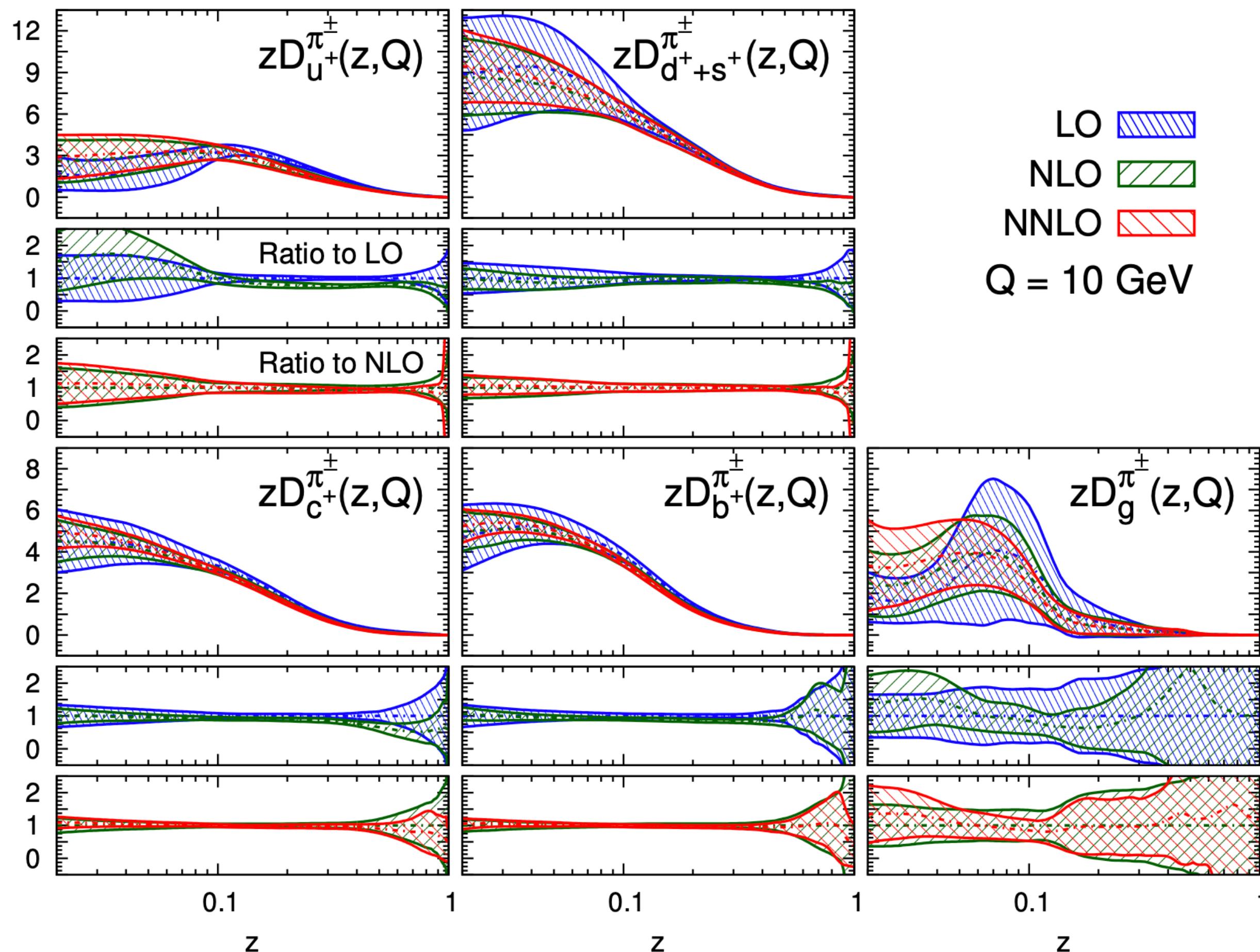
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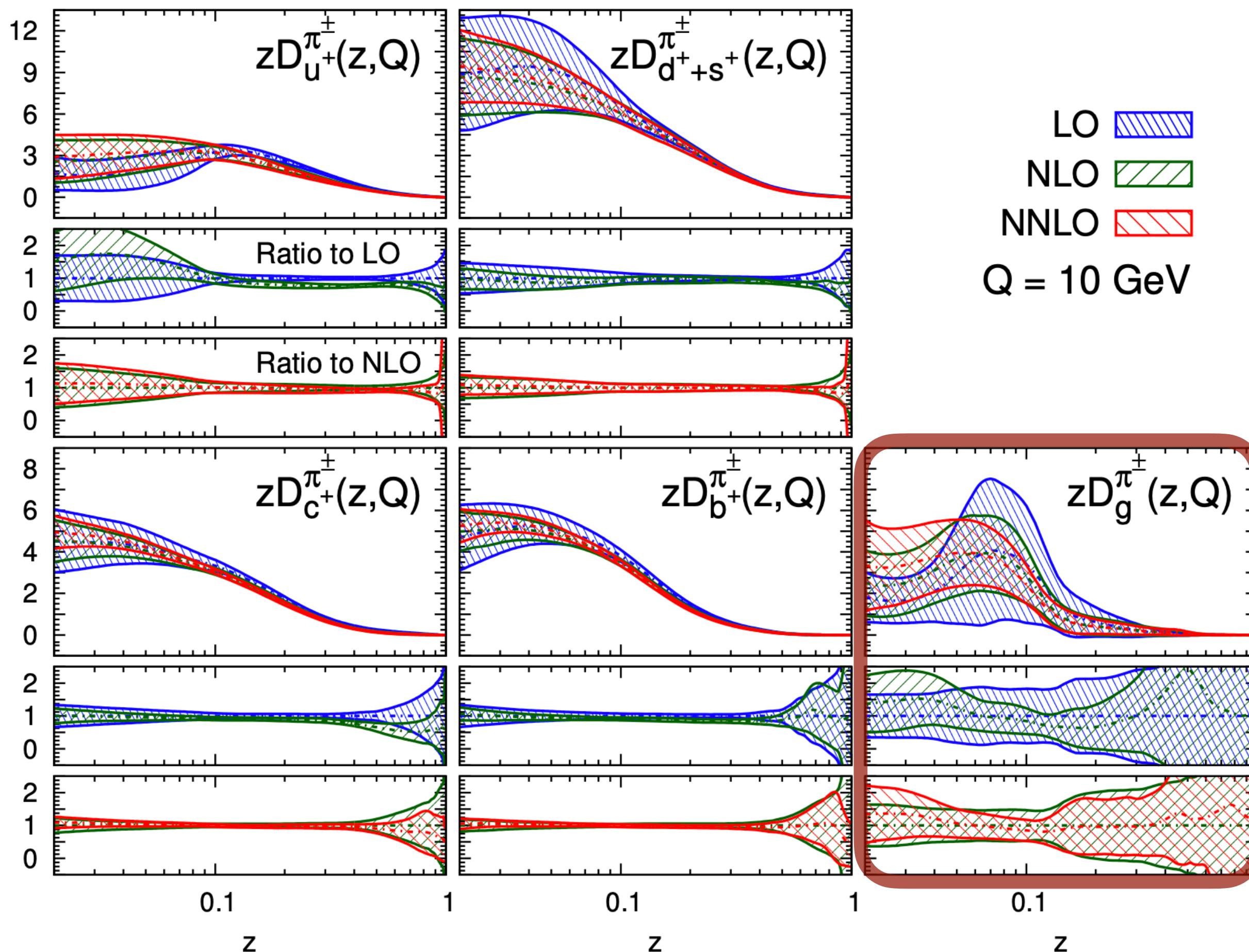


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DELPHI (<i>b</i> tag)	1.21	0.99	0.95
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SLD (incl.)	2.33	1.14	0.83
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Total dataset	1.44	1.02	0.87

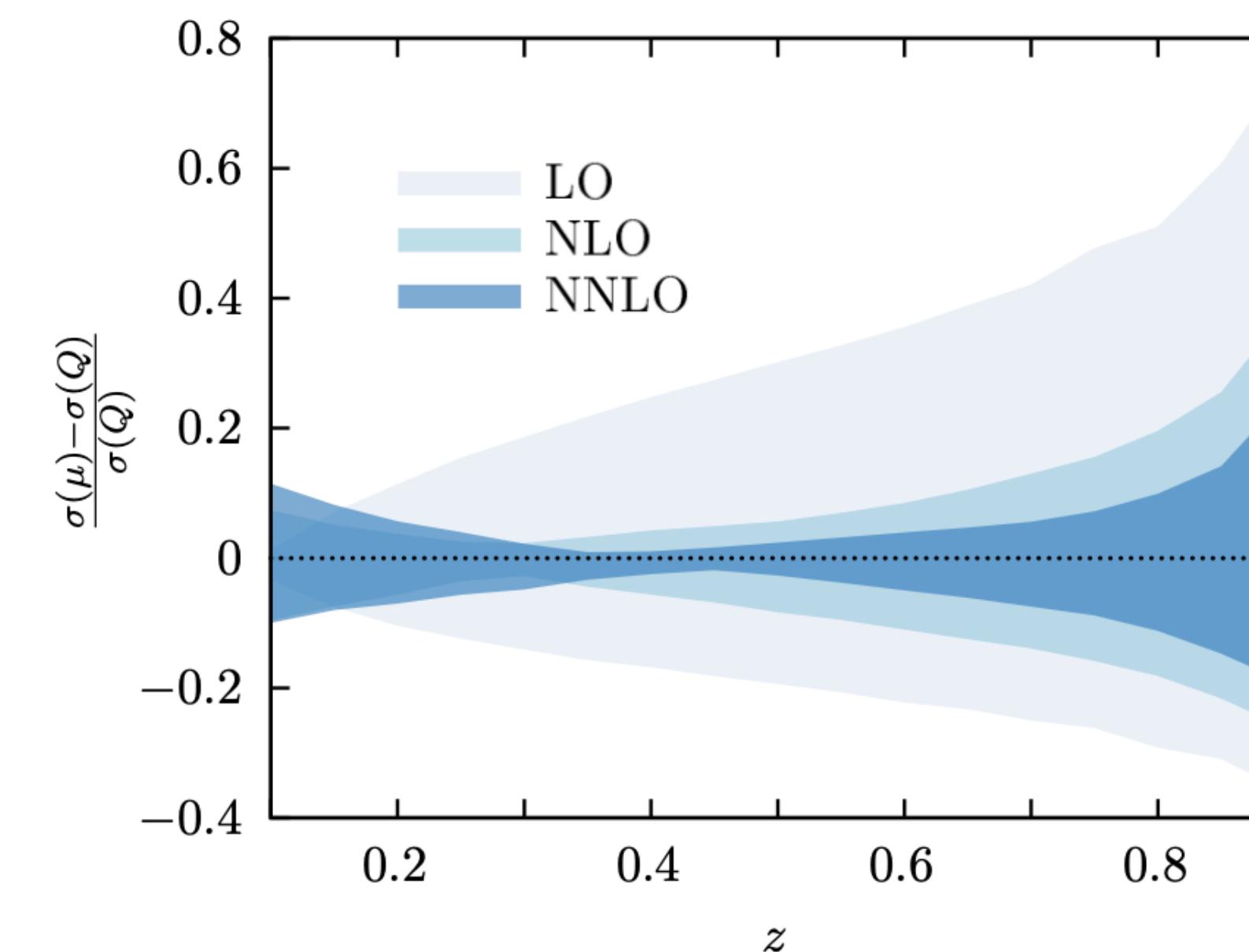
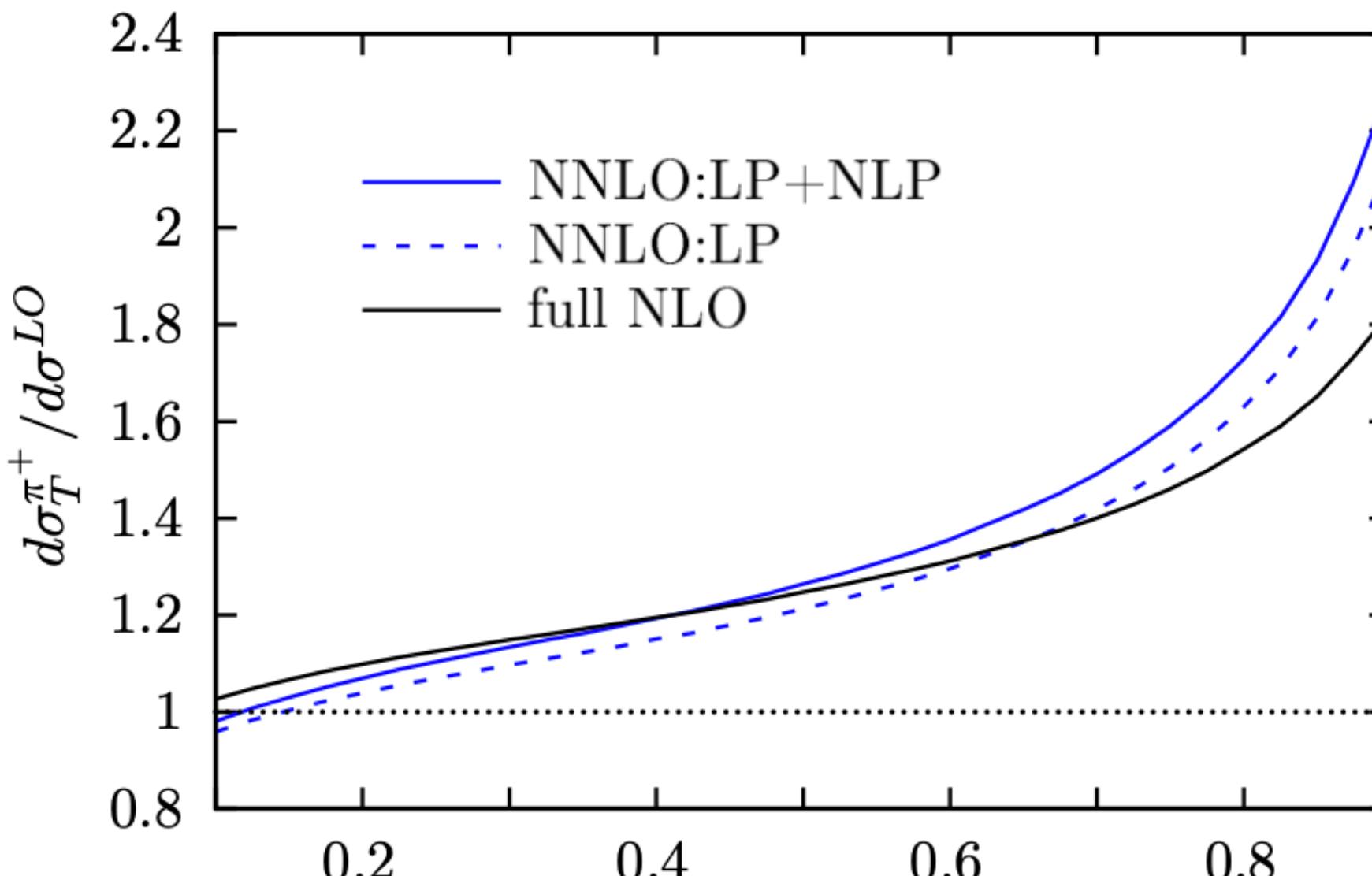
FROM NLO TO NNLO

Approximate NNLO corrections for SIDIS

Abele, de Florian, Vogelsang. *Phys.Rev.D* 104 (2021) 9, 094046

Dominant contribution associated to soft gluon emission as $x, z \sim 1$

SIDIS at COMPASS: $\mu p \rightarrow \pi^+ X$



Suitable for numerical implementation in Mellin space

$$\mathcal{F}_i^h(x, z, Q^2) = \int_{C_M} \frac{dM}{2\pi i} z^{-M} \sum_{f,f'} \tilde{D}_{f'}^h(M, \mu_F) \int_{C_N} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} x^{-N} \tilde{\omega}_{f' f}^i \left(N, M, \alpha_s(\mu_R), \frac{\mu_R}{Q}, \frac{\mu_F}{Q} \right) \tilde{f}(N, \mu_F)$$

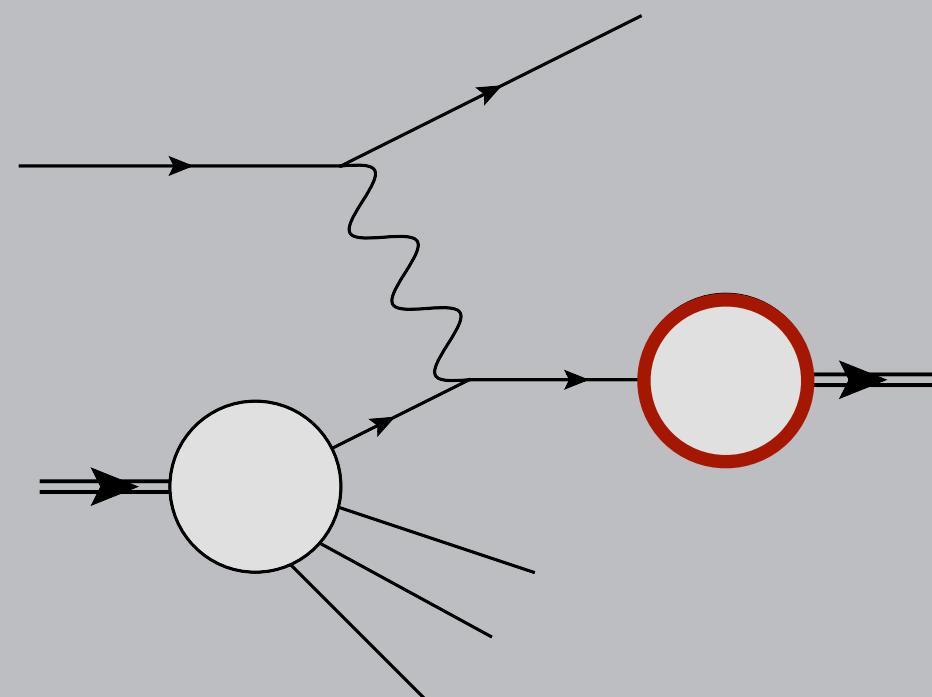
MELLIN INVERSION FIT PRECALCULATED GRIDS

- Significant corrections for large z
- Sizable NLP contribution
- Reduction of the scale dependence for $z \gtrsim 0.3$

Analytical moments of PDFs (NNPDF4.0)

FROM NLO TO NNLO

$l p \rightarrow l h X$



$$\frac{d\sigma^H}{dx dQ^2 dz_H} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xsQ^2} \left[\frac{1 + (1-y)^2}{y} 2F_1^H(x, z_H, Q^2) + \frac{2(1-y)}{y} F_L^H(x, z_H, Q^2) \right]$$

$$F_1^H(x, z, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 f_q(x, Q^2) D_q(z, Q^2)$$

$$+ \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 [f_q \otimes C_{qq} \otimes D_q^H + f_q \otimes C_{gq} \otimes D_g^H + f_g \otimes C_{qg} \otimes D_q^H]$$

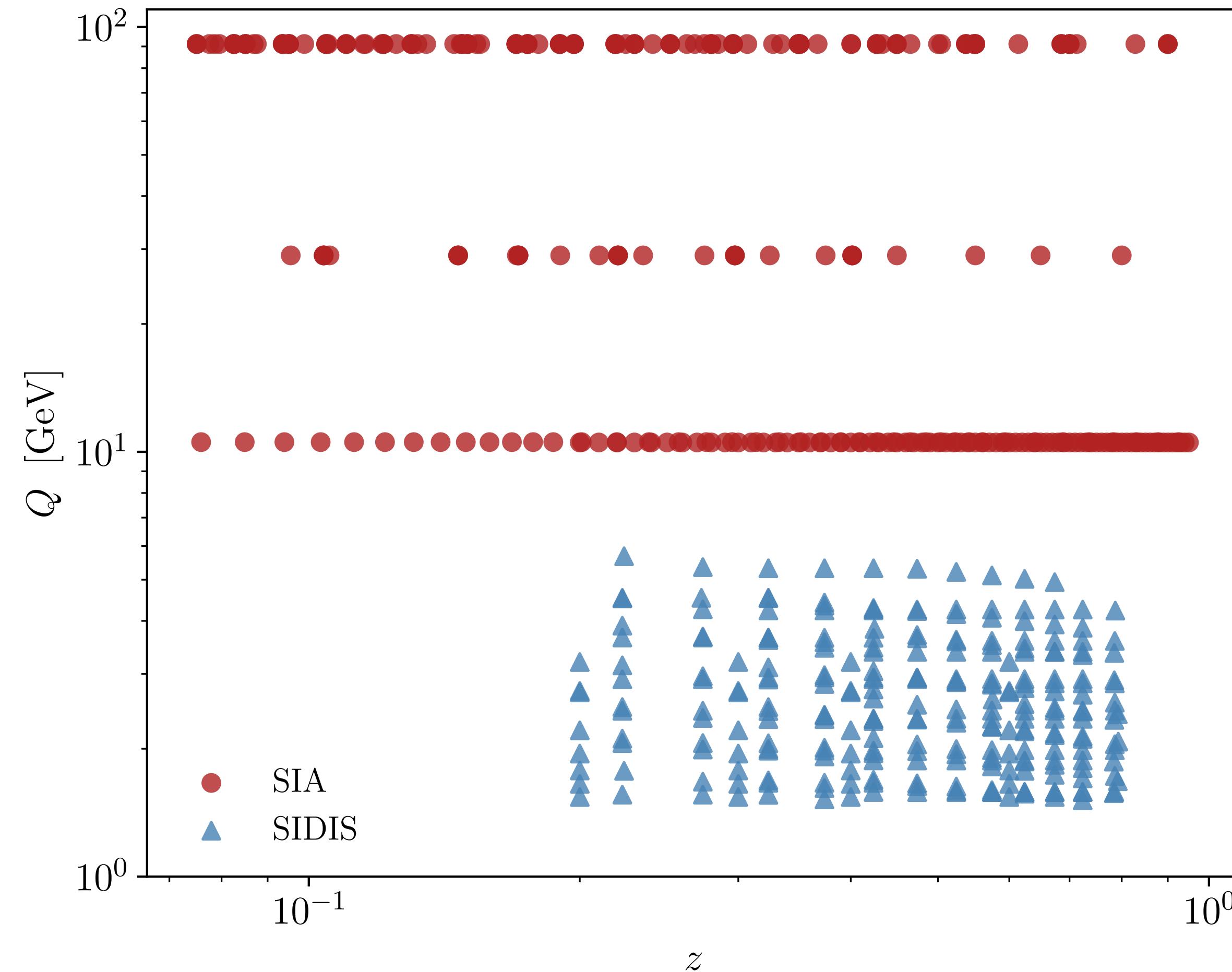
Effective charge

- PDFs act as effective charges → allows for flavor and charge separation
- Different targets and x can be used
- Probe lower values of Q^2 → improve constraints on D_g^h
- Approximate NNLO corrections

- Dependence on the PDFs
- Gluon fragmentation suppressed in $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ → only indirect constraints through scaling violations
- Additional corrections at small Q^2 ?

EXPERIMENTAL DATA

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$$0.075 < z_{\text{SIA}} < 0.95$$

$$Q_{\text{SIDIS}}^2 > 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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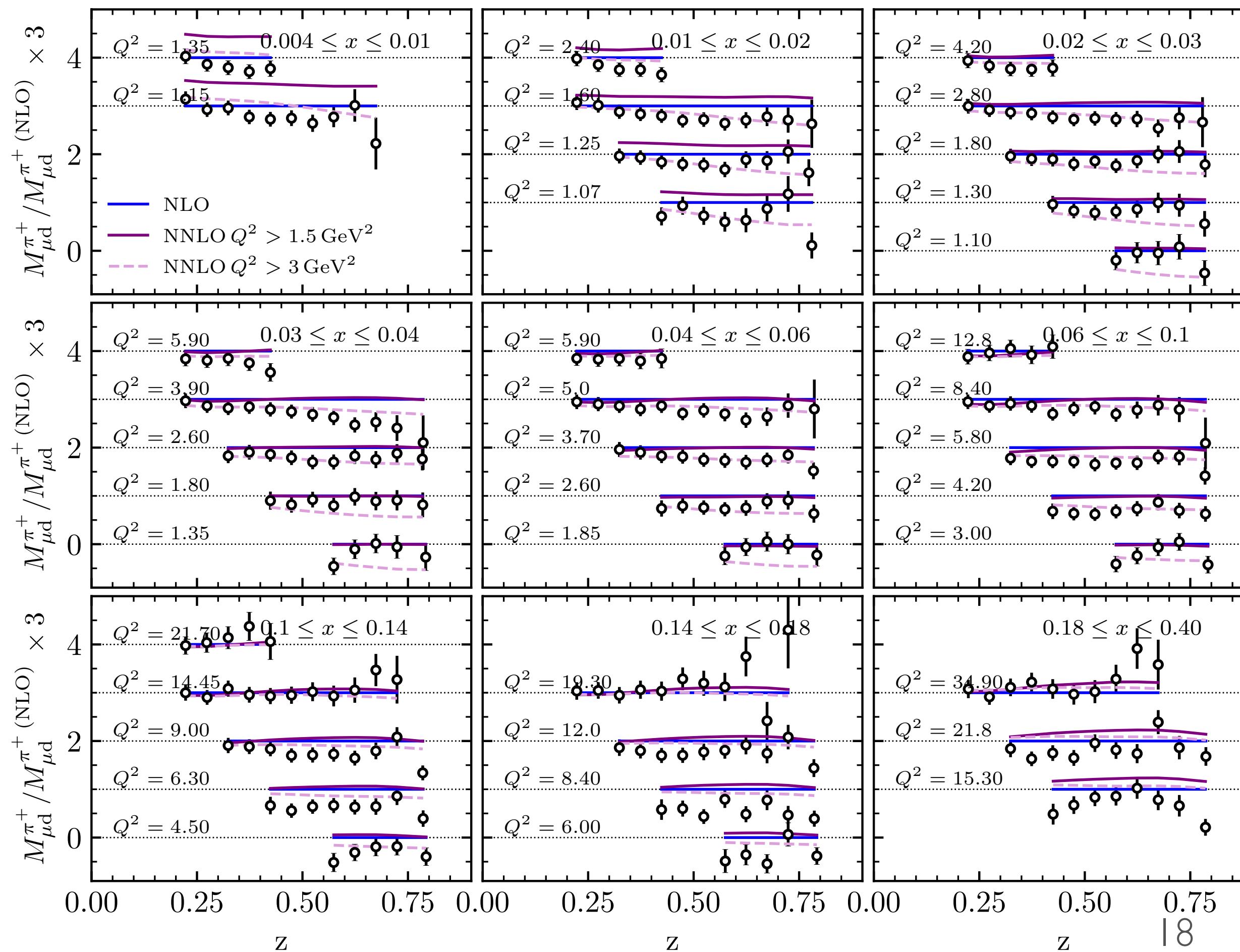
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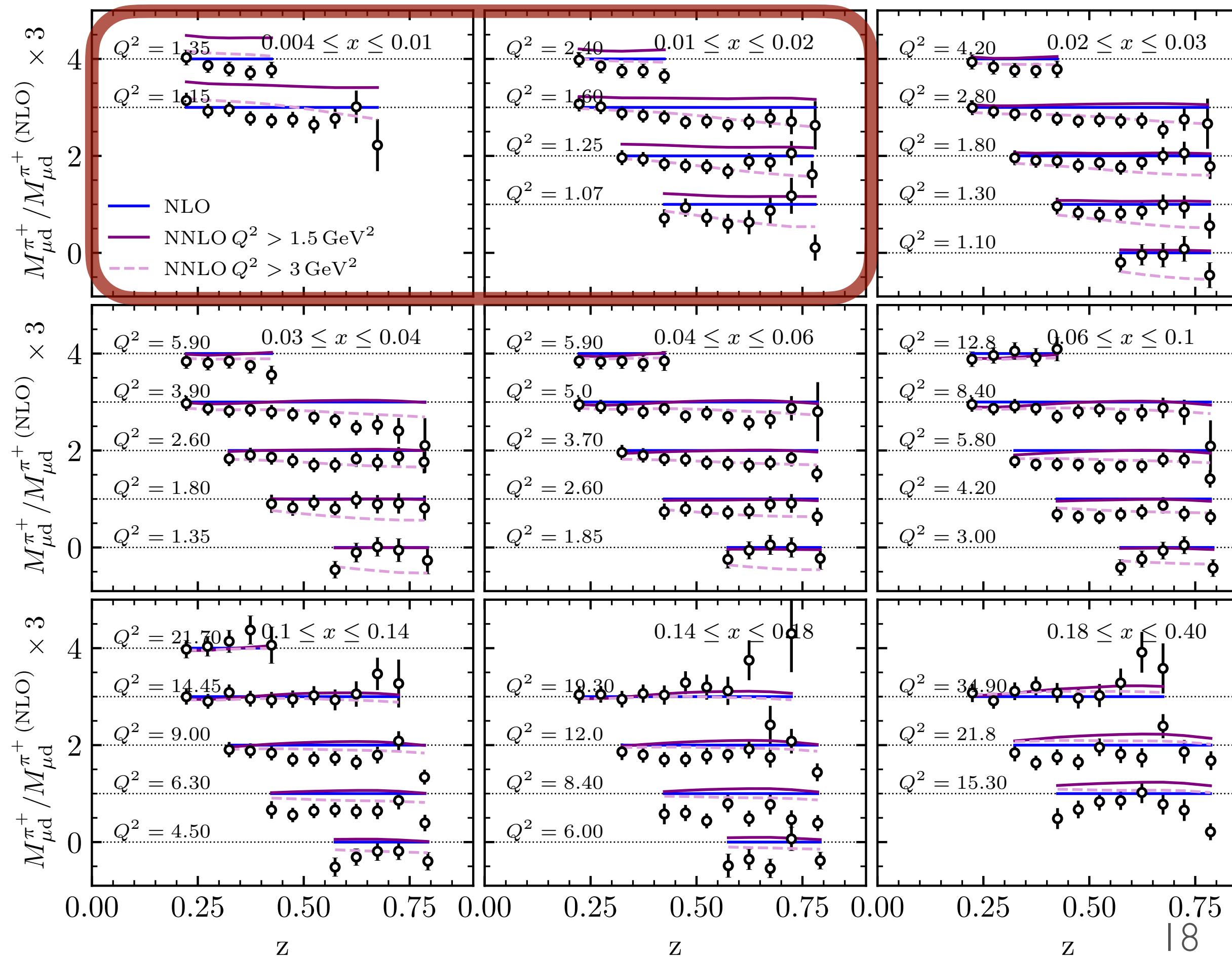
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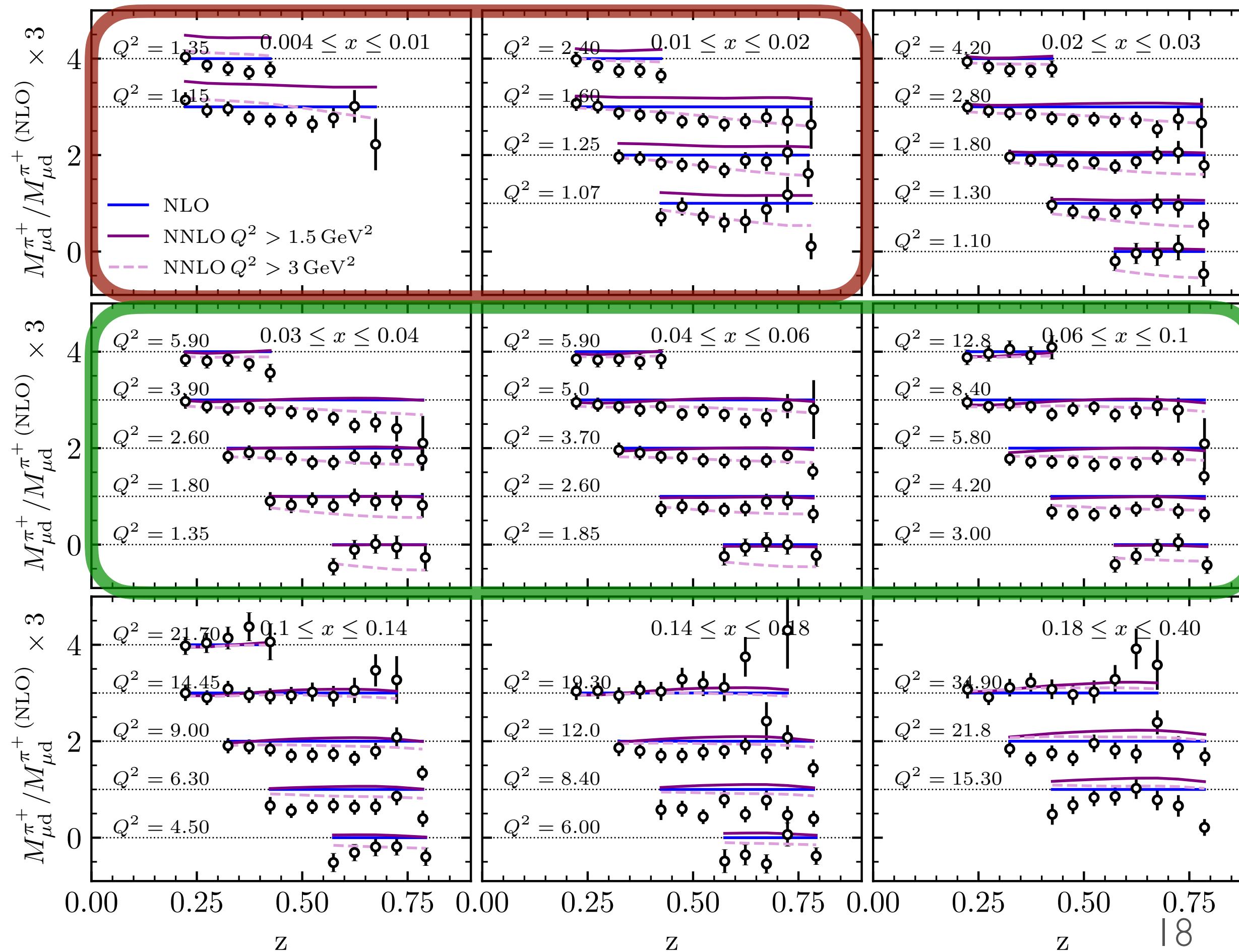
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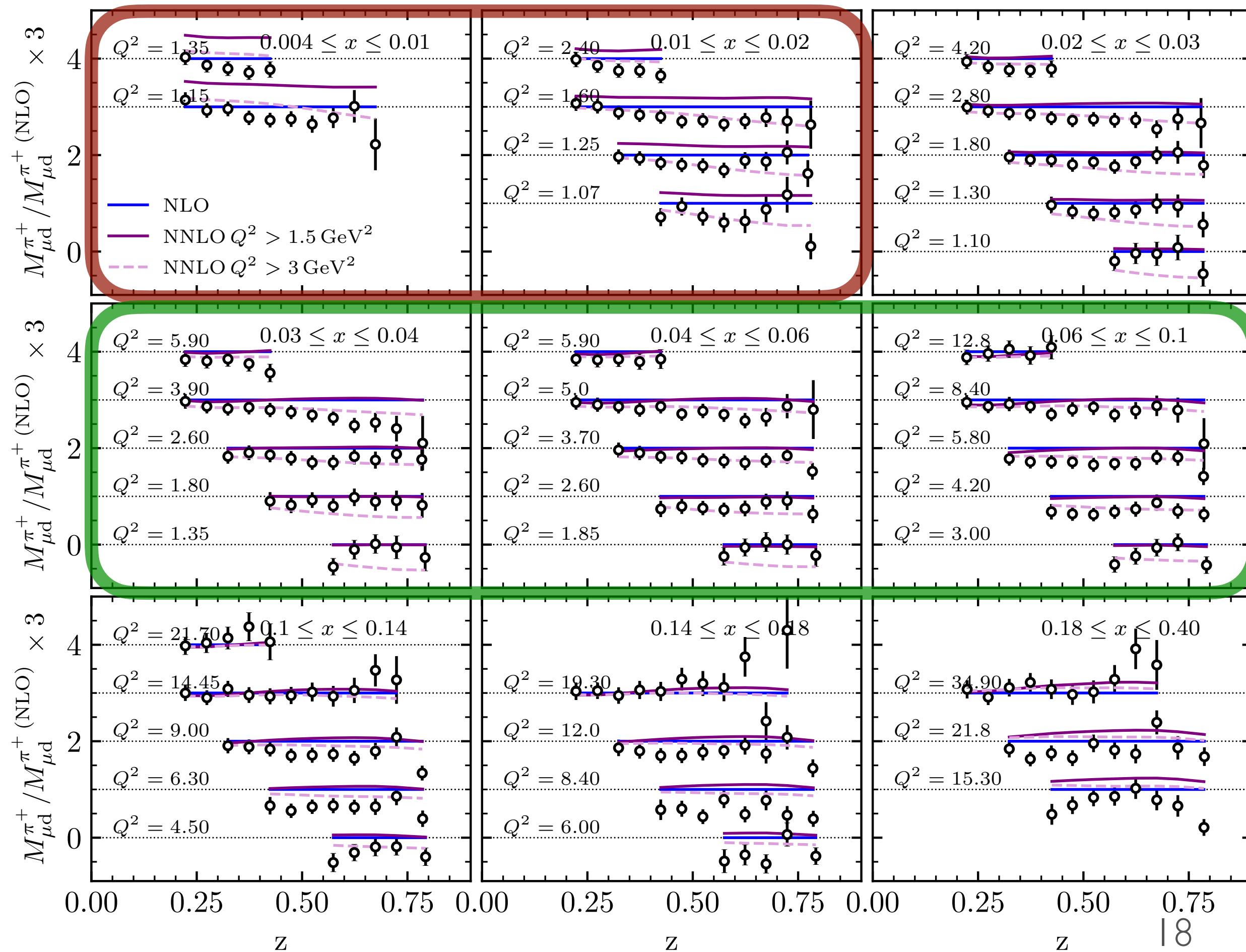
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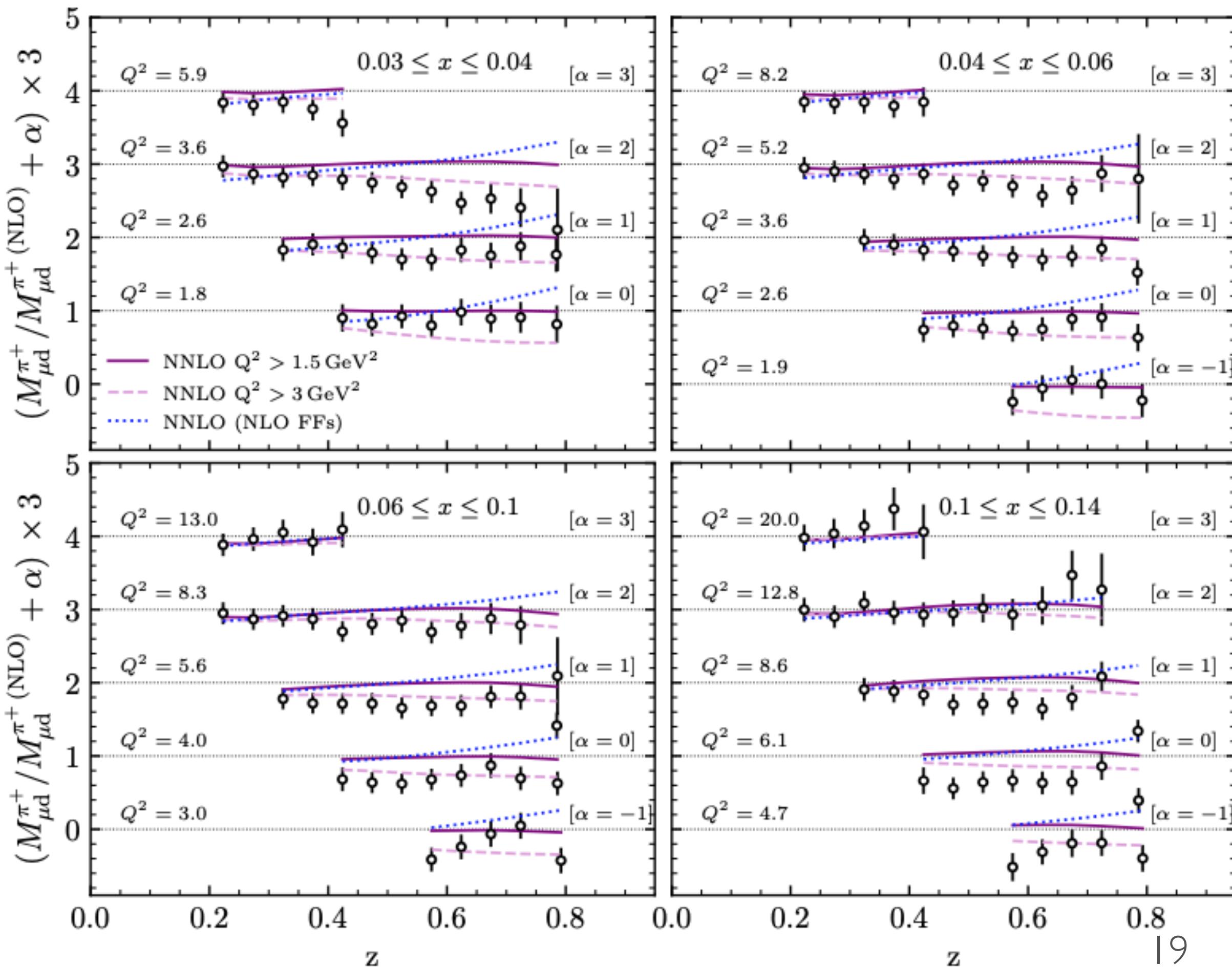


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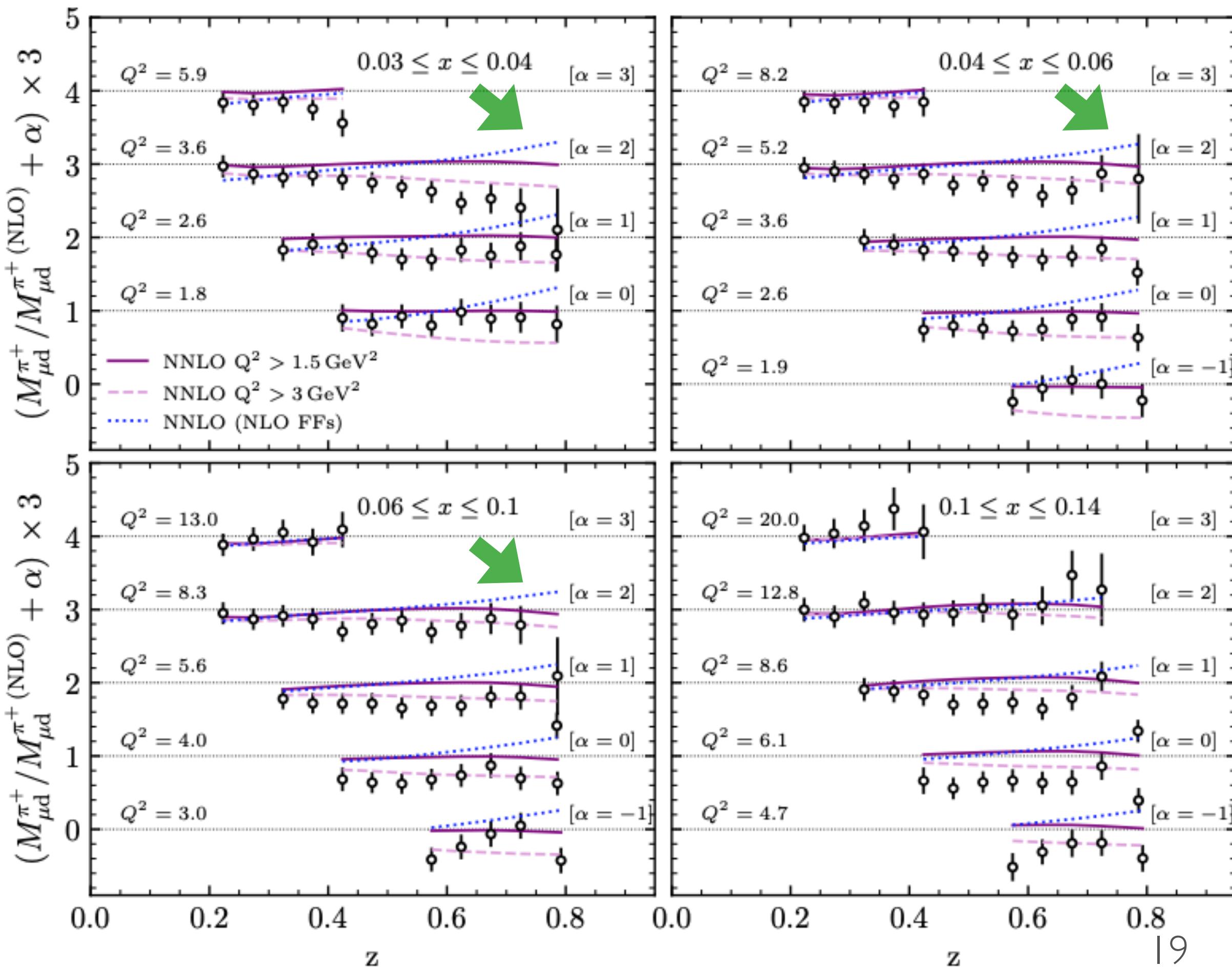


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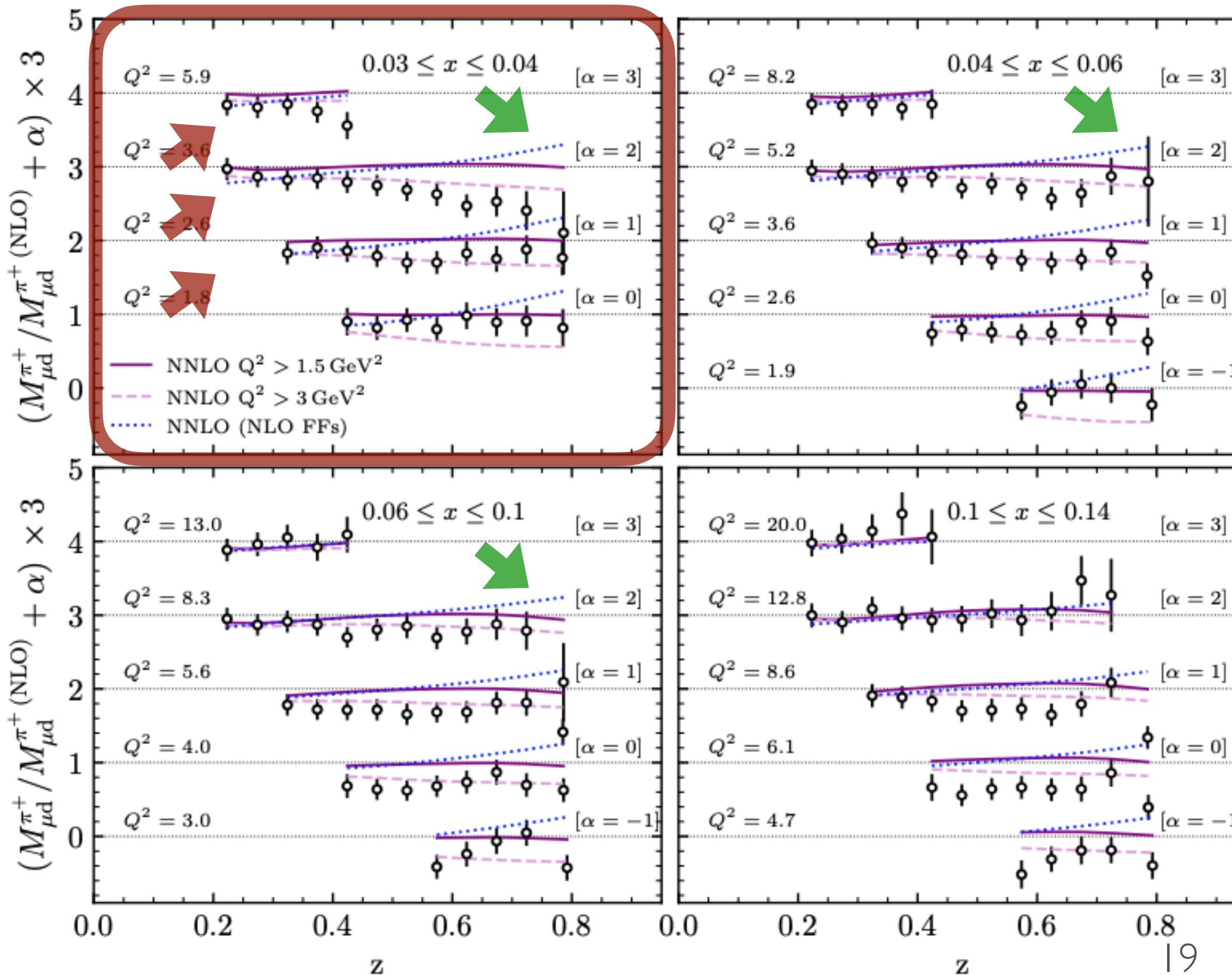


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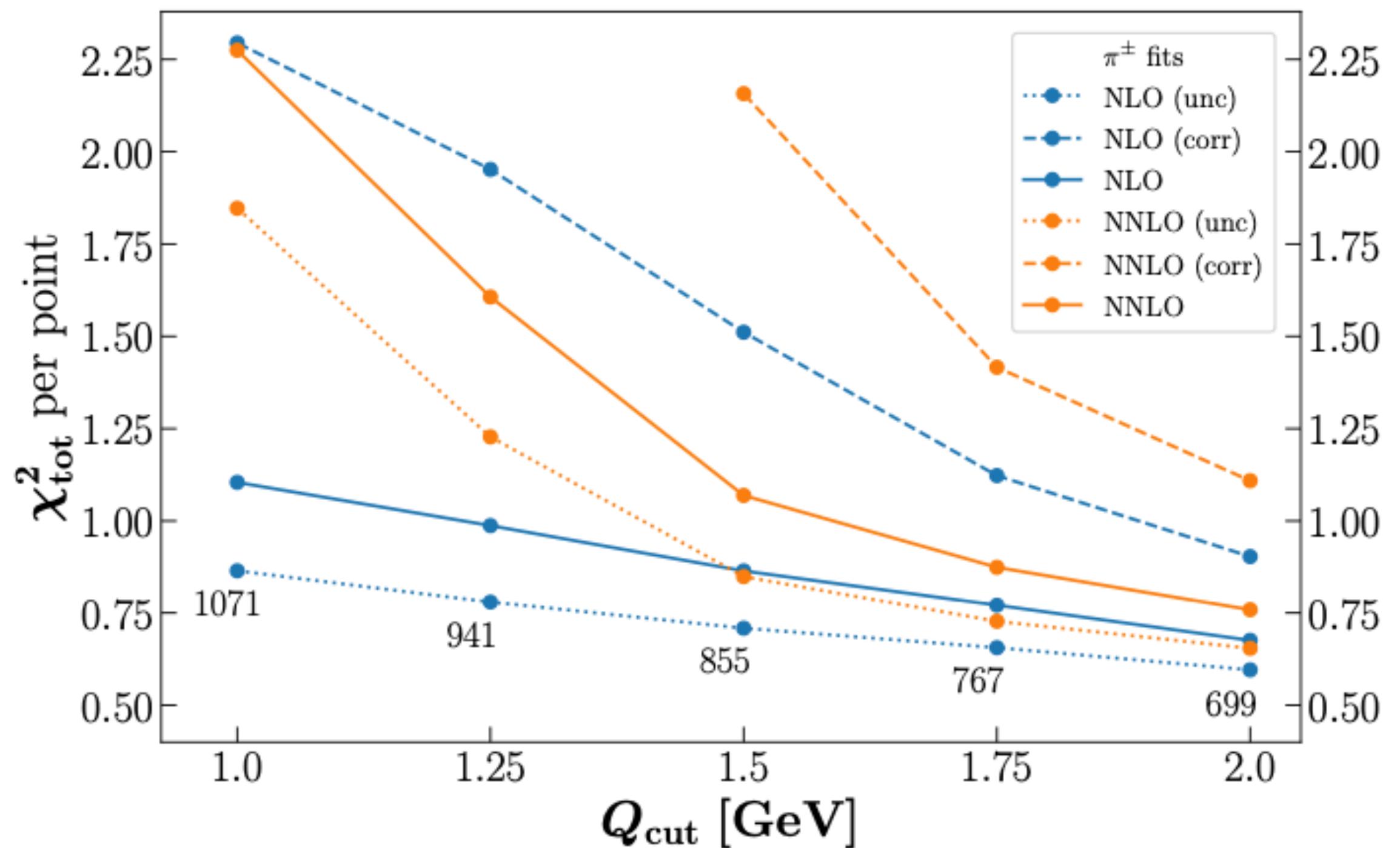


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Recent set of NNLO FFs (π^\pm & K^\pm) by the MAP Collaboration
Khalek, Bertone, Khoudli, Nocera. arXiv [2204.10331](#)

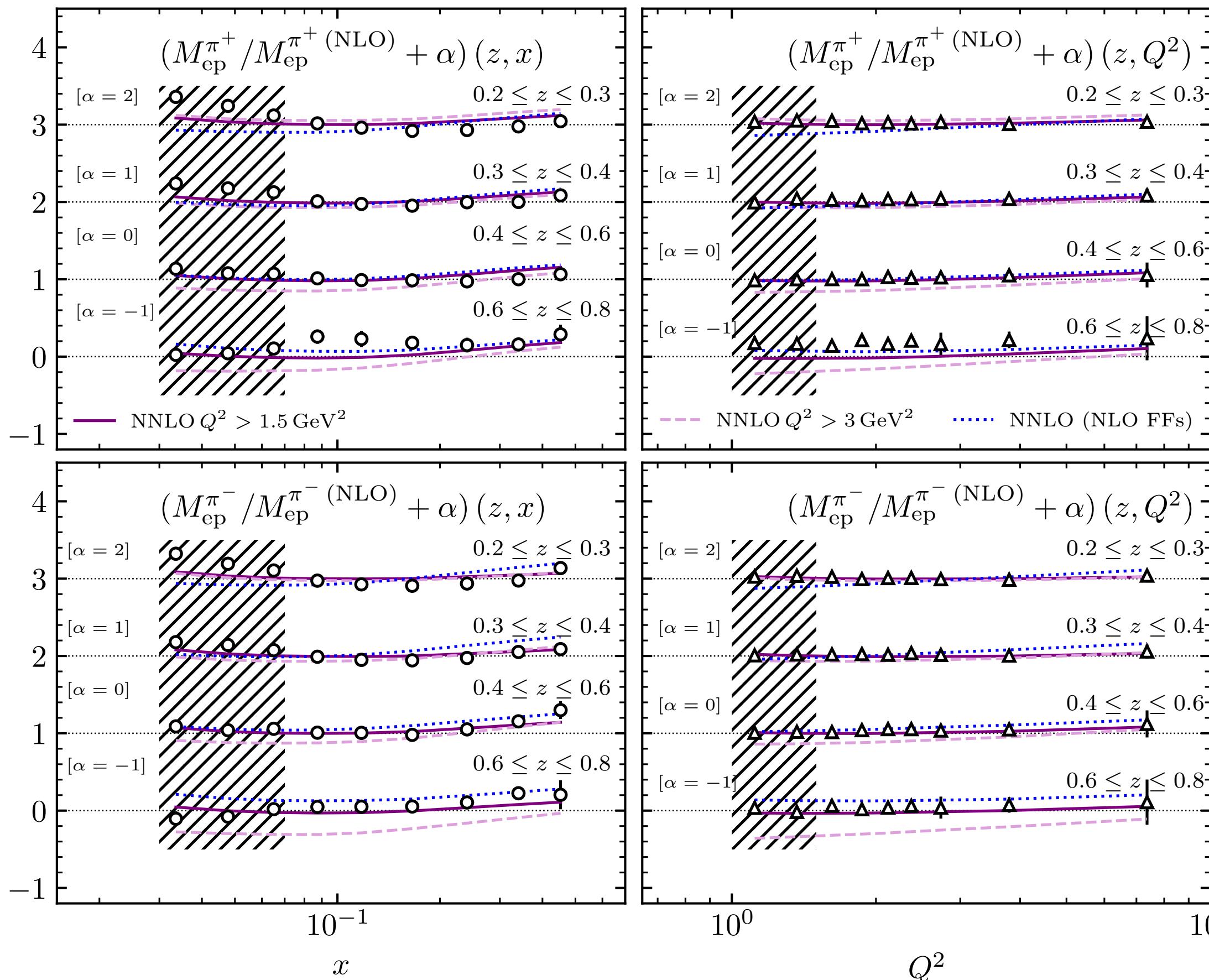


- For pions FFs, similar deterioration of χ^2 as Q^2 -cut is lowered, with a steeper increase in the case of NNLO
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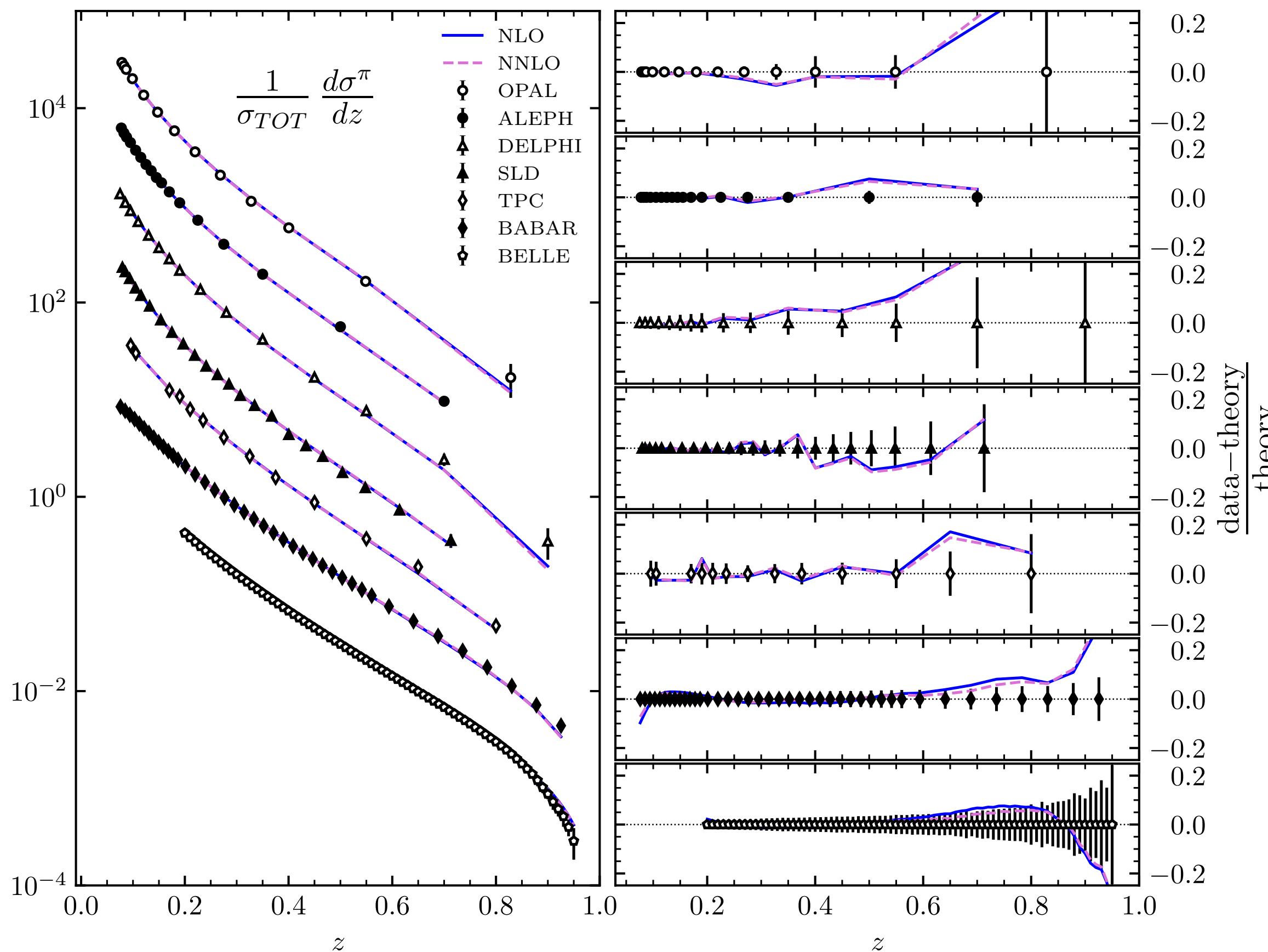
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- Same pattern of NNLO correction for HERMES
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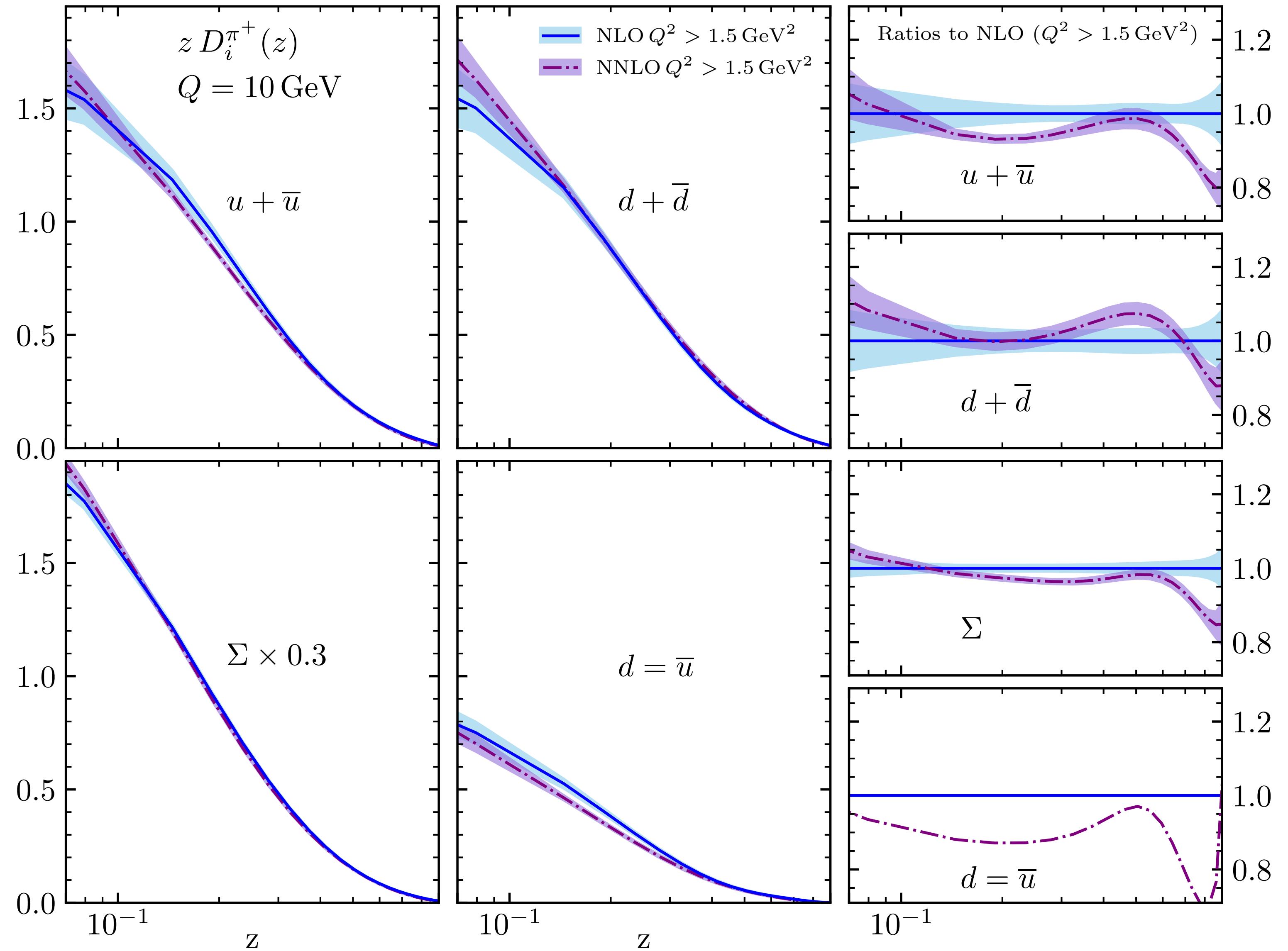
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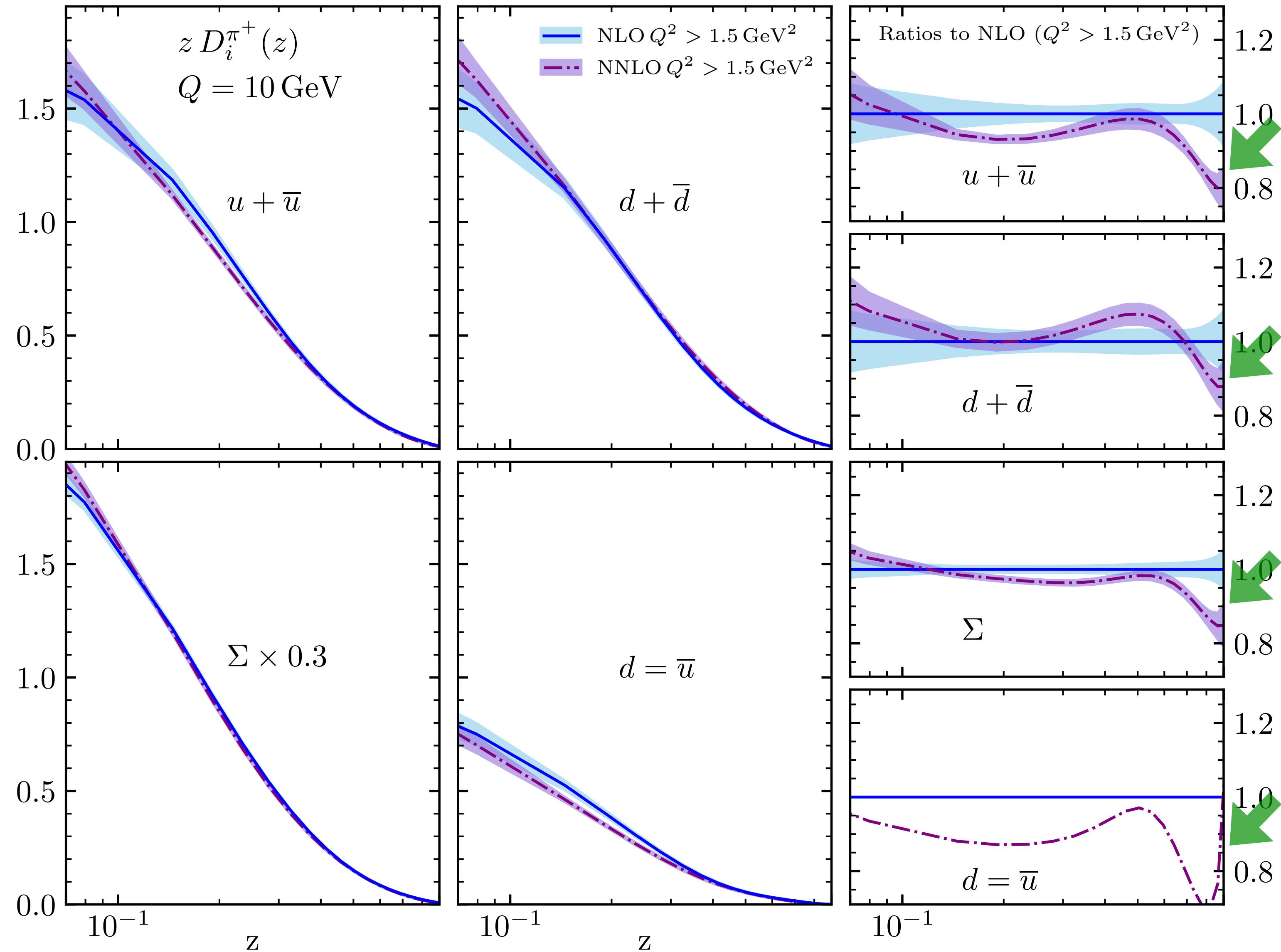


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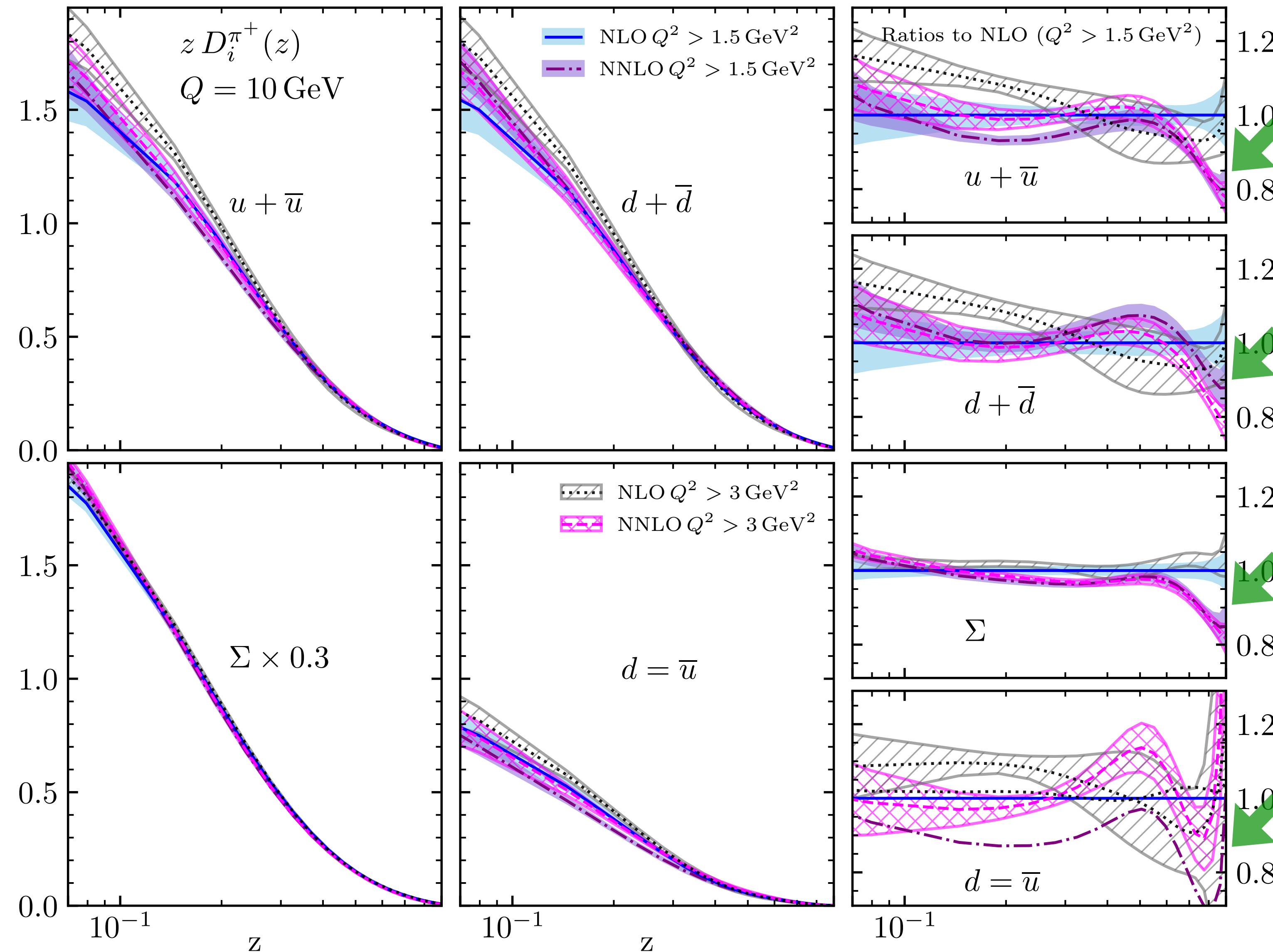


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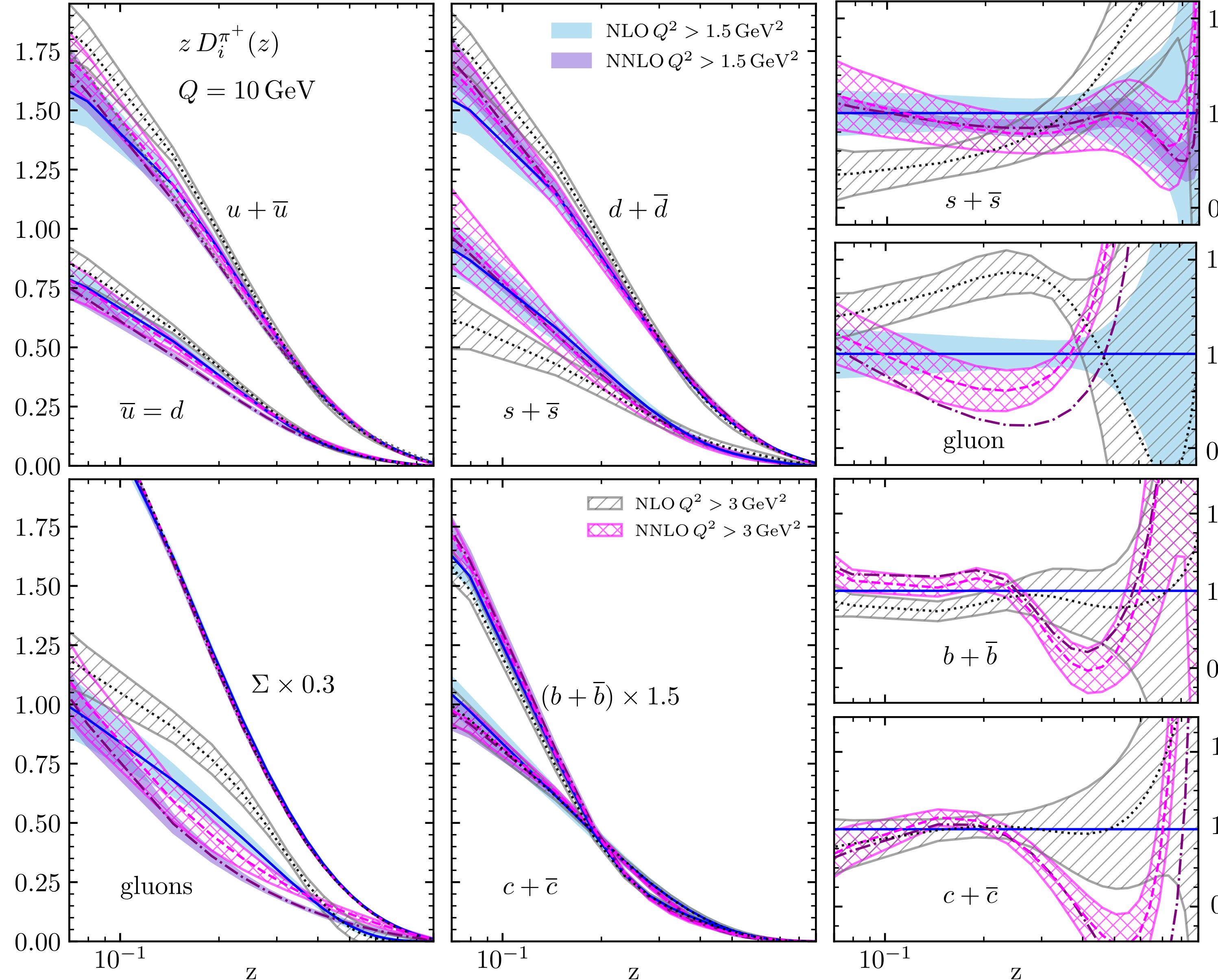
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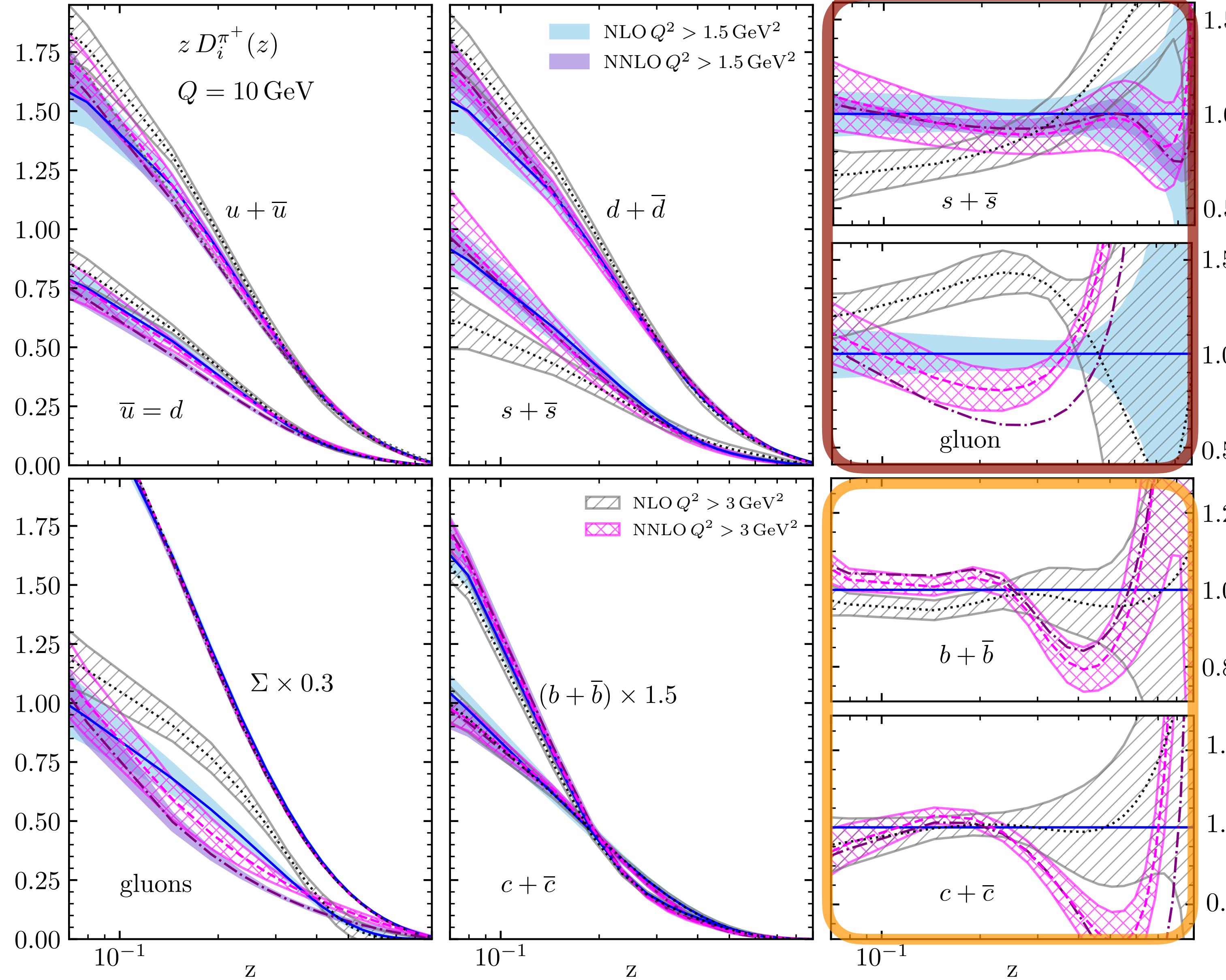
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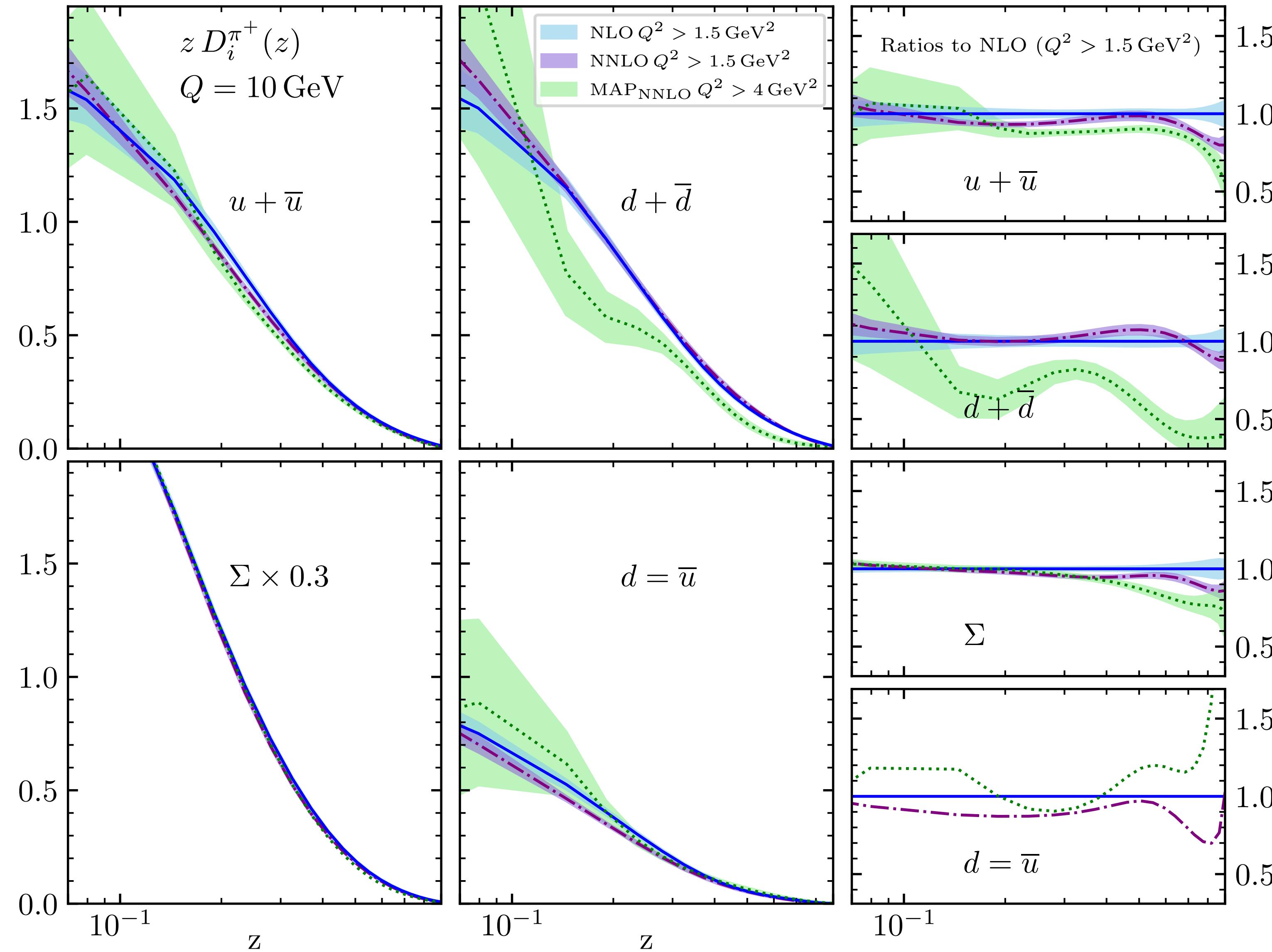
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RESULTS - NNLO FFS



- Rather good agreement for $D_{\Sigma}^{\pi^+}$ and $D_{u_{\text{tot}}}^{\pi^{\pm}}$
- Large difference for $D_{d_{\text{tot}}}^{\pi^{\pm}}$ (In DSS, $D_{d_{\text{tot}}}^{\pi^{\pm}}$ constrained through partial SU(2) symmetry)
- Larger uncertainties for MAP FFs (reduced data set & more flexible parametrization)

SUMMARY

Precise knowledge of FFs is needed to probe the proton spin and flavor decomposition, and will play an instrumental role for the EIC spin program

- NNLO fit of polarized PDFs
- N³LL determination of TMDs

First “proof-of-principle”

NNLO global analysis of FFs based on SIA and SIDIS data:

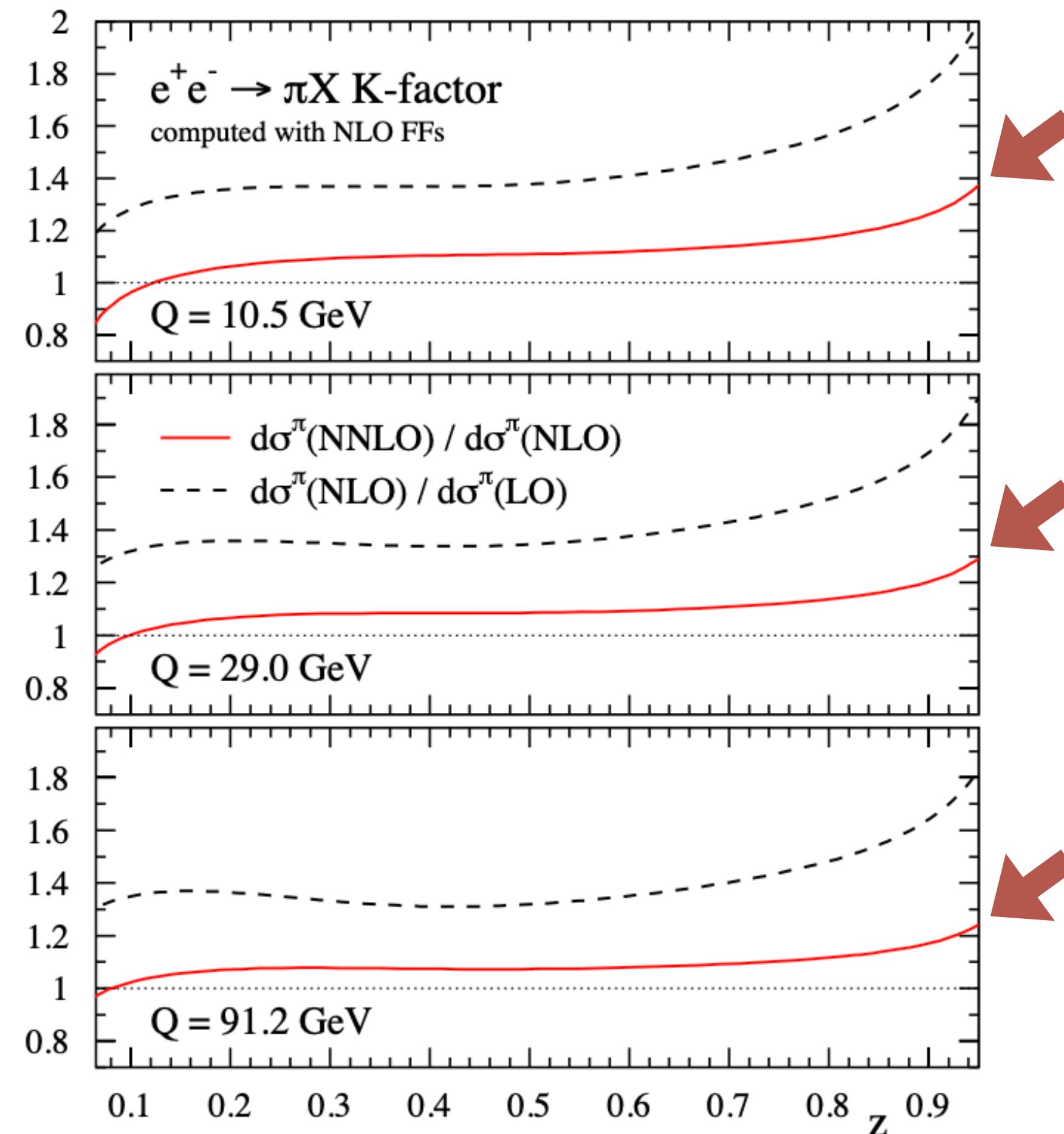
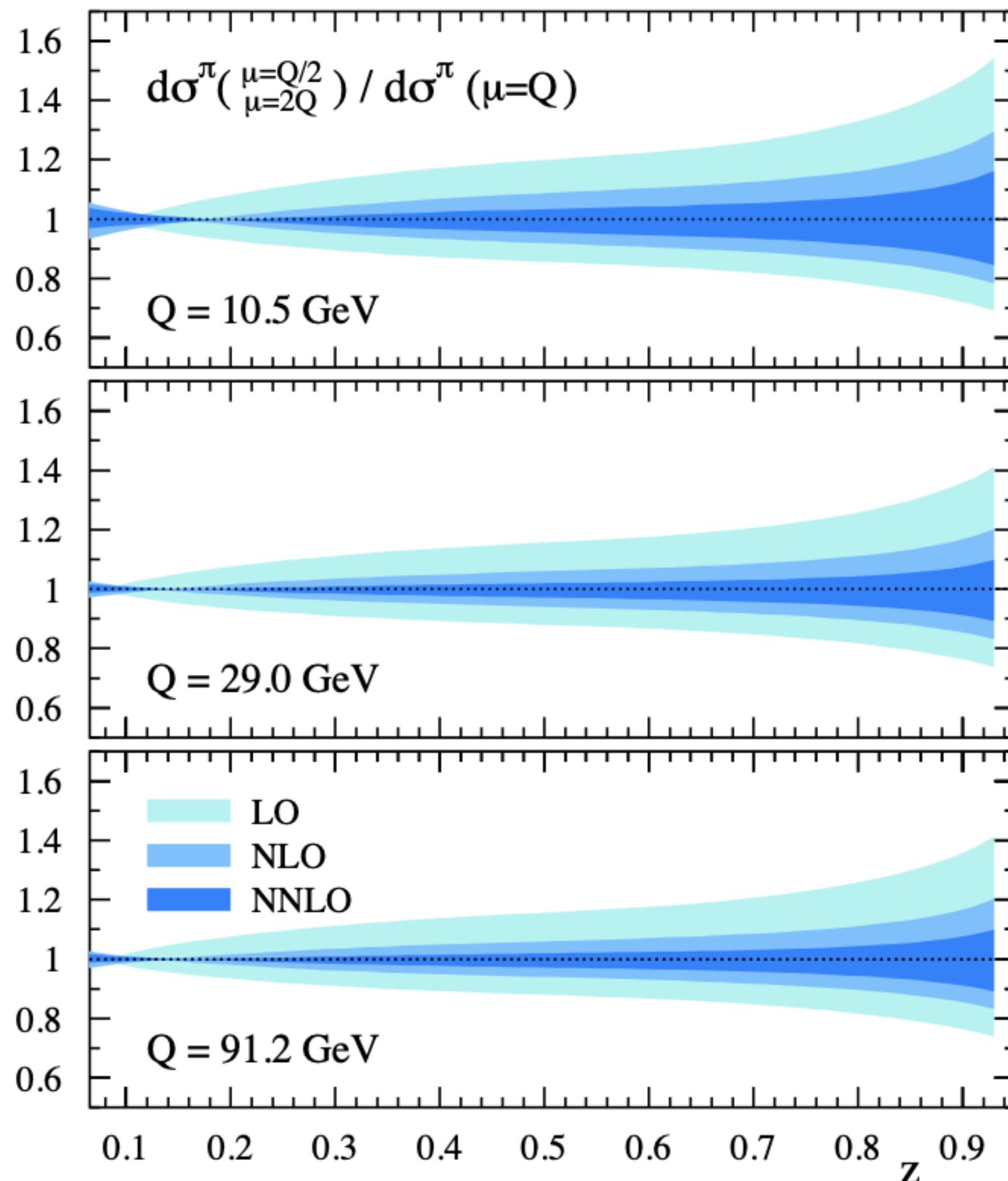
- Inclusion of NNLO corrections improve the quality of the fit, but after imposing a lower cut on Q^2 of at least 2 GeV²
- Suppression of the FFs in the high-z region
- Unconstrained gluons → Need for pp NNLO corrections

THANK YOU

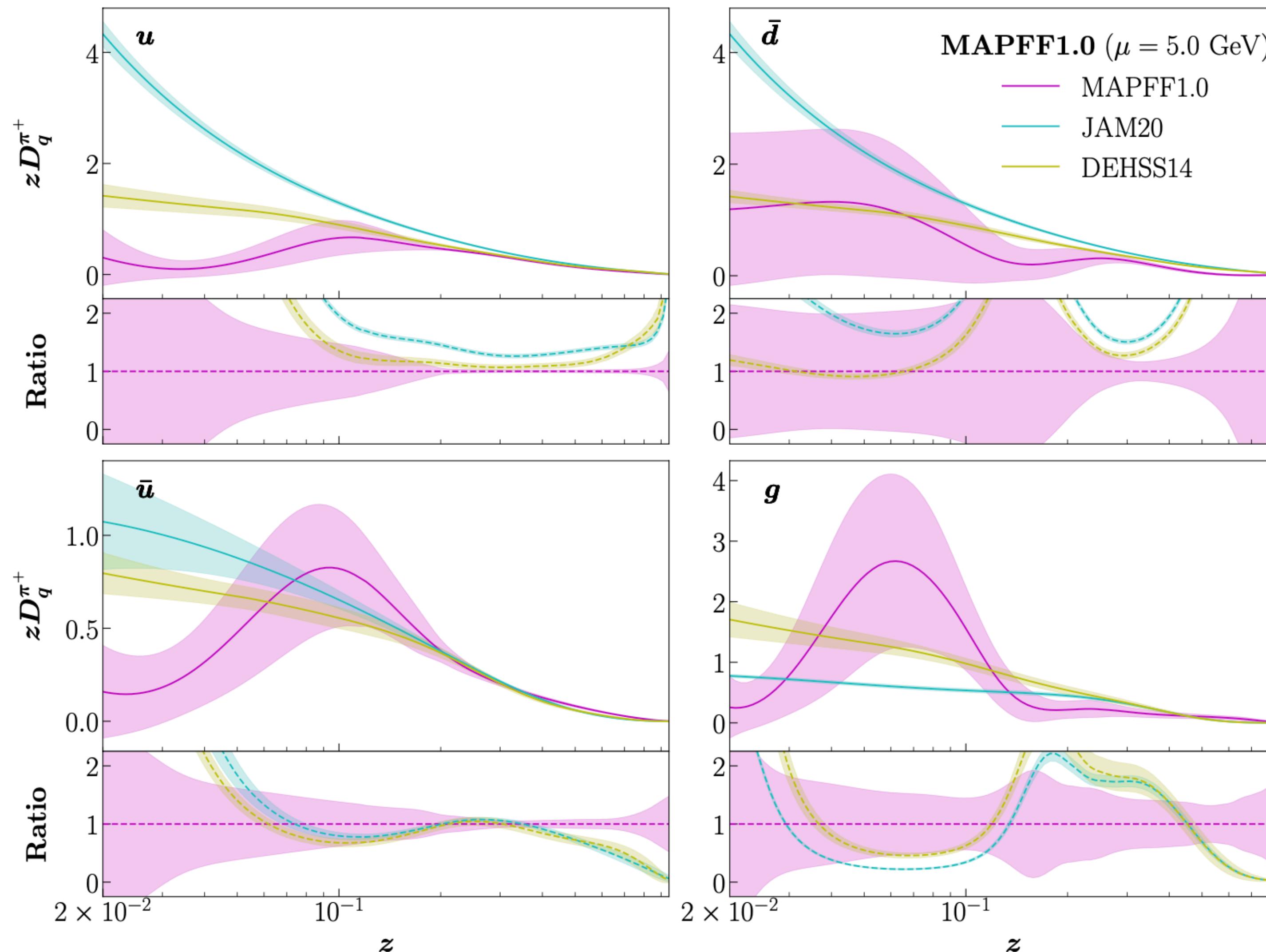
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