

P³ : Precision in Polarized Pdfs

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Summary

- ▶ Brief intro to polarized pdfs/DIS
- ▶ Why Global and why NNLO
- ▶ BDSSV24 NNLO global fit [Borsa, deF, Sassot, Stratmann, Vogelsang \(2024\)](#)
- ▶ QED and photon pdfs [deF., Palma, Volonnino \(2024\)](#)
- ▶ Conclusions

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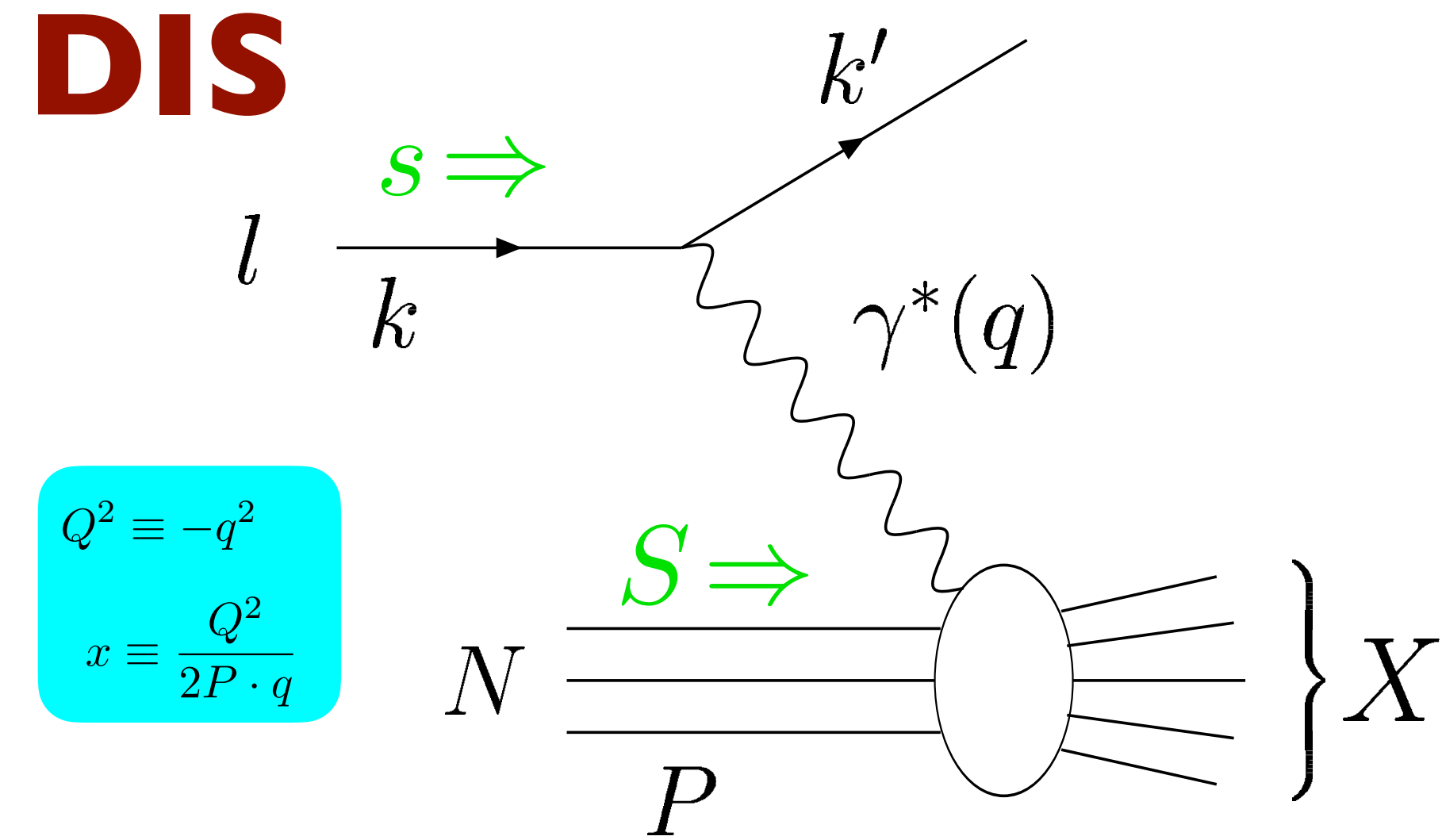
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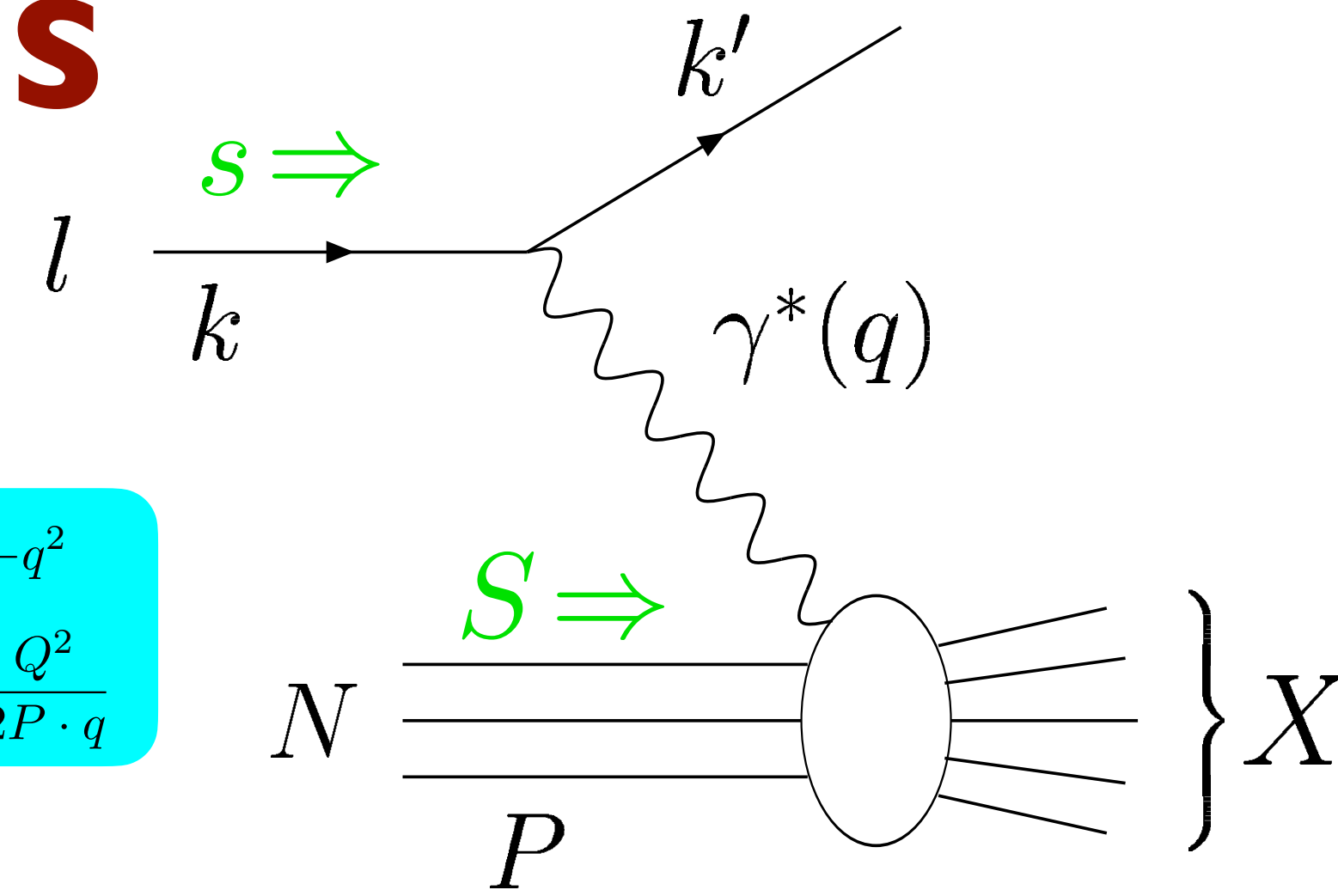
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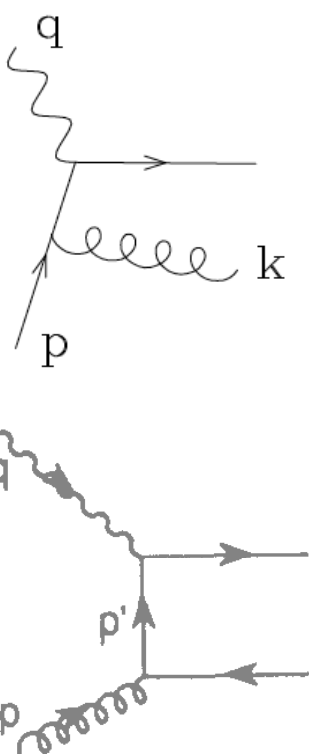
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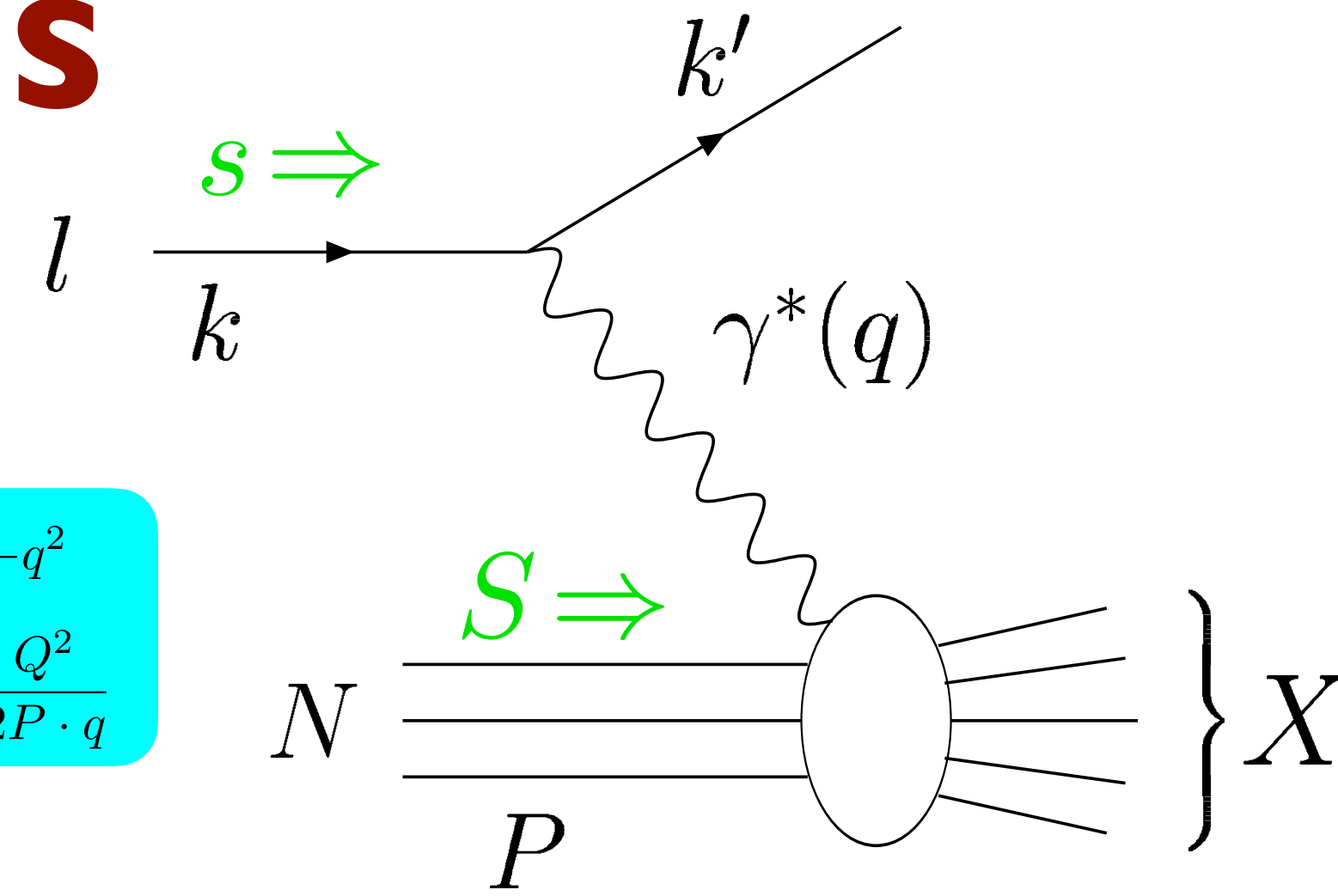
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- quark and gluon contribution to proton spin

$$\Delta\Sigma = \sum_i \int_0^1 \Delta q_i(x, Q^2) dx \quad \Delta G = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx$$

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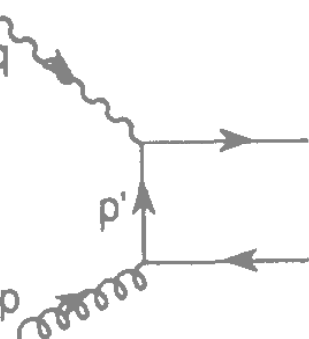
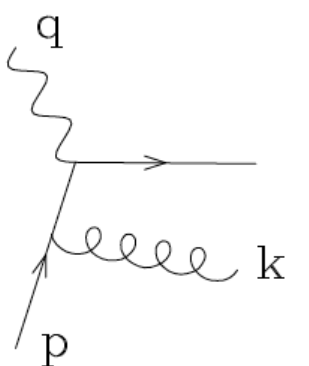
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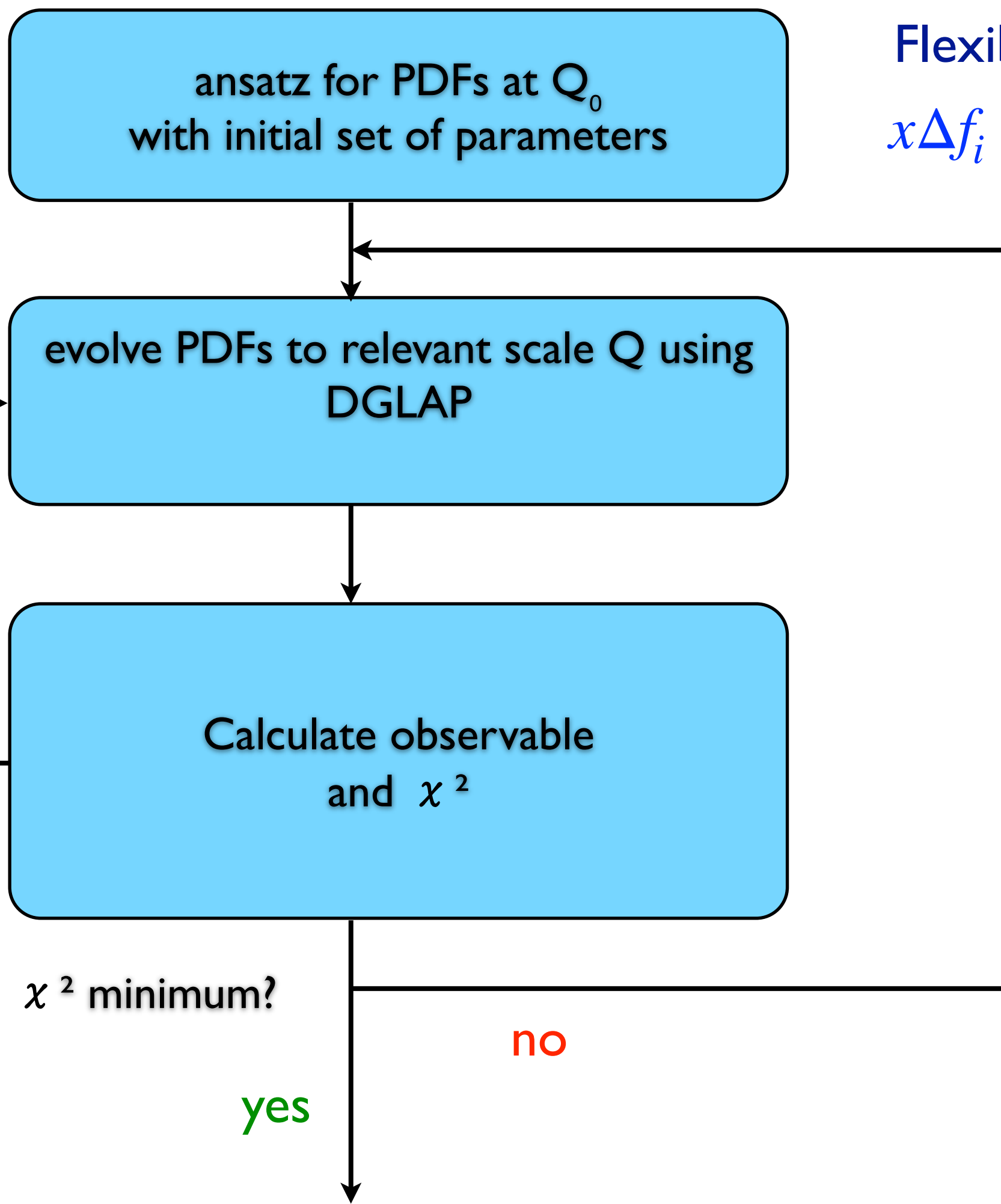
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PDFs obtained by **global fit** : χ^2 minimization

~few hundred data points

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(T_i - E_i)^2}{\delta E_i^2}$$



Flexible parametrization at Q_0

$$x\Delta f_i(x, Q_0^2) = N_i x^{\alpha_i} (1-x)^{\beta_i} (1 + \gamma_i x + \eta_i x^{\kappa_i})$$

change parameters ~ few thousand times

several NLO analyses

- DSSV
- NNPDF
- JAM

“partial” NNLO

MAP Bertone, Chiefa, Nocera (2024)

NNPDF coming: talk by Juan

first global NNLO

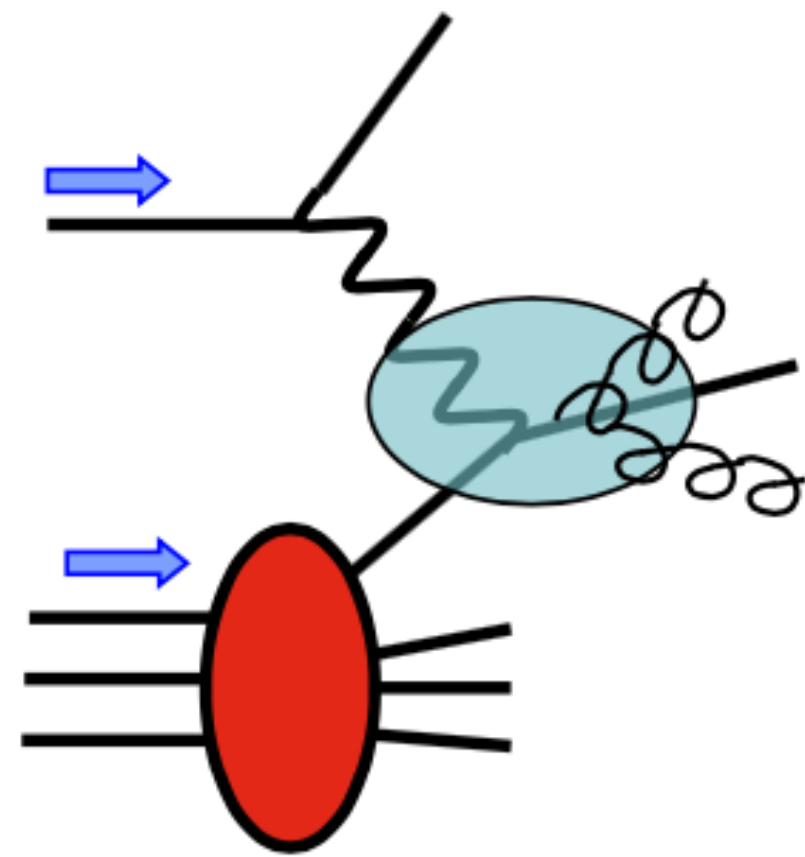
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result : best fit + uncertainties (many fits)

Why global?

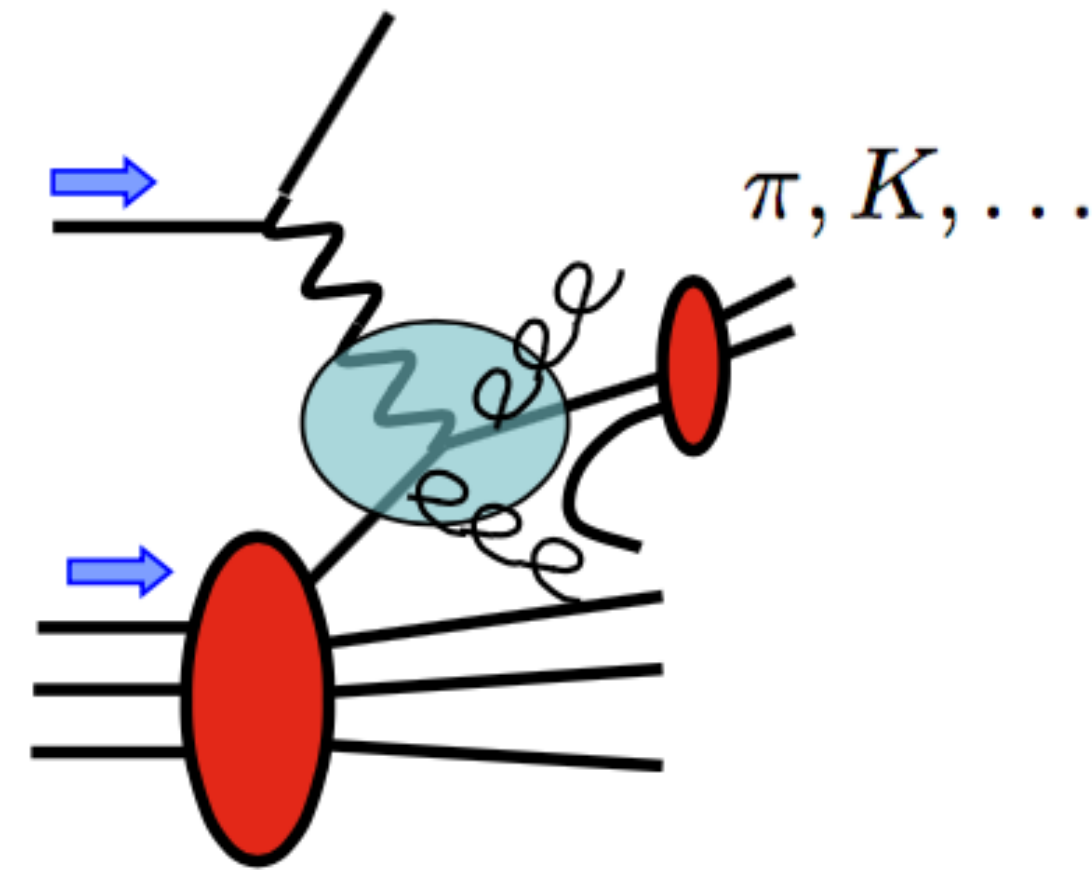
- ▶ Observables provide sensitivity on different pdfs



DIS

$$\Delta\Sigma, (\Delta q + \Delta\bar{q}), \Delta g$$

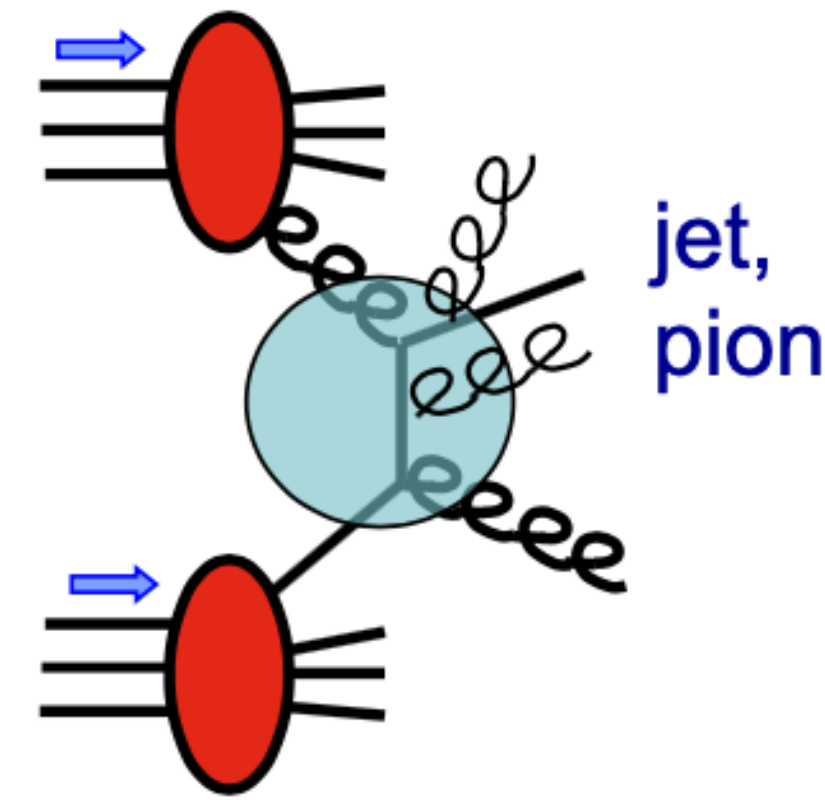
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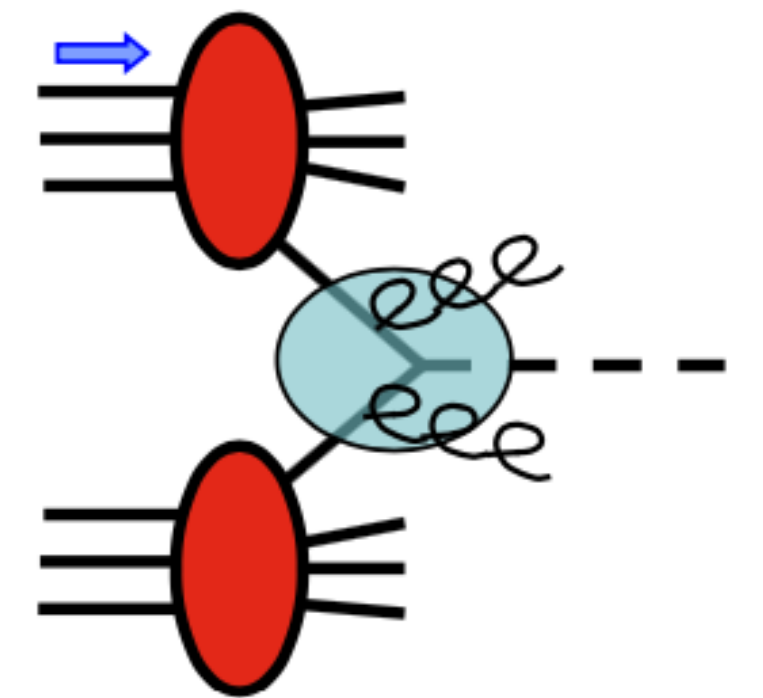
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W bosons

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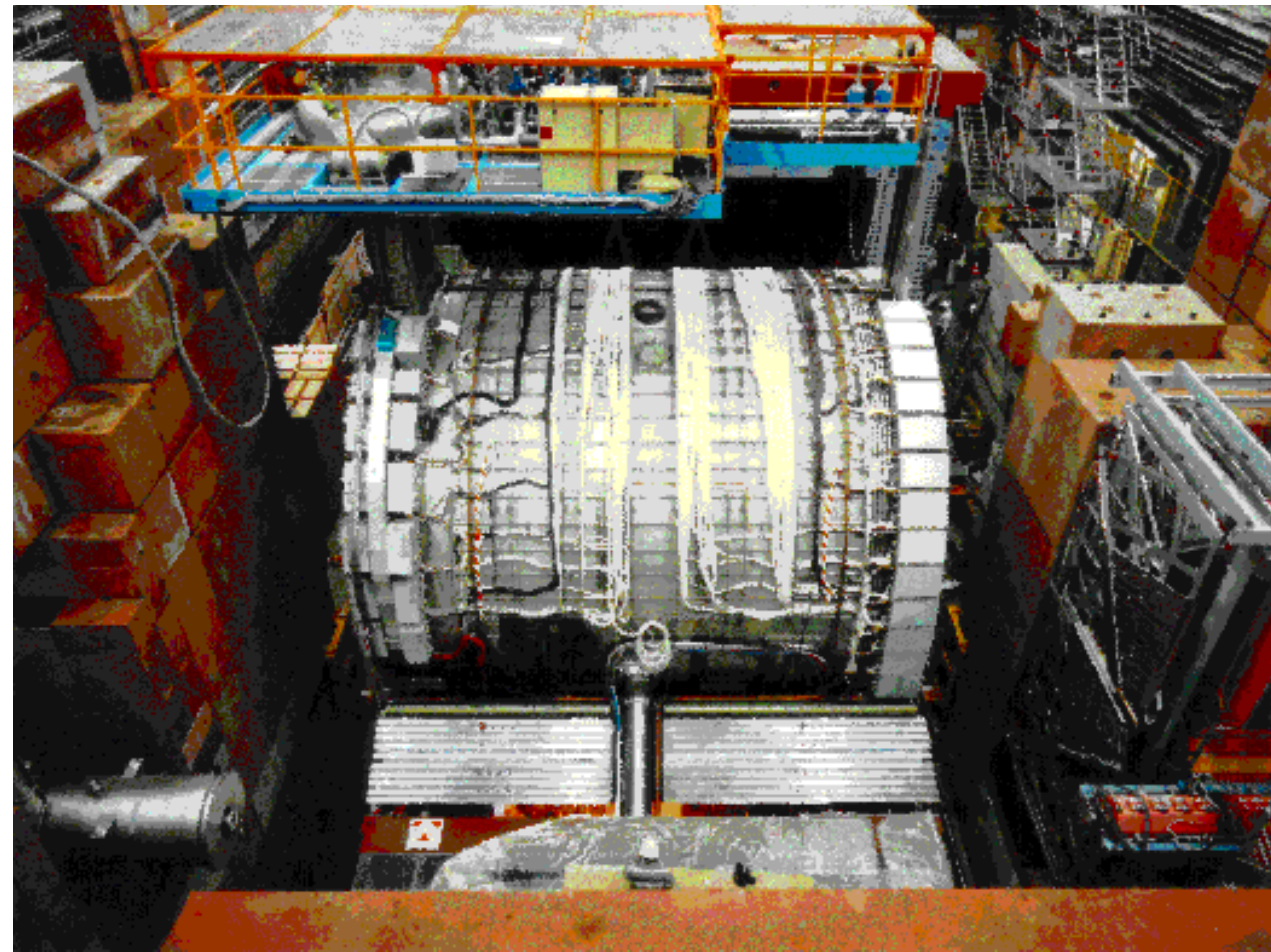
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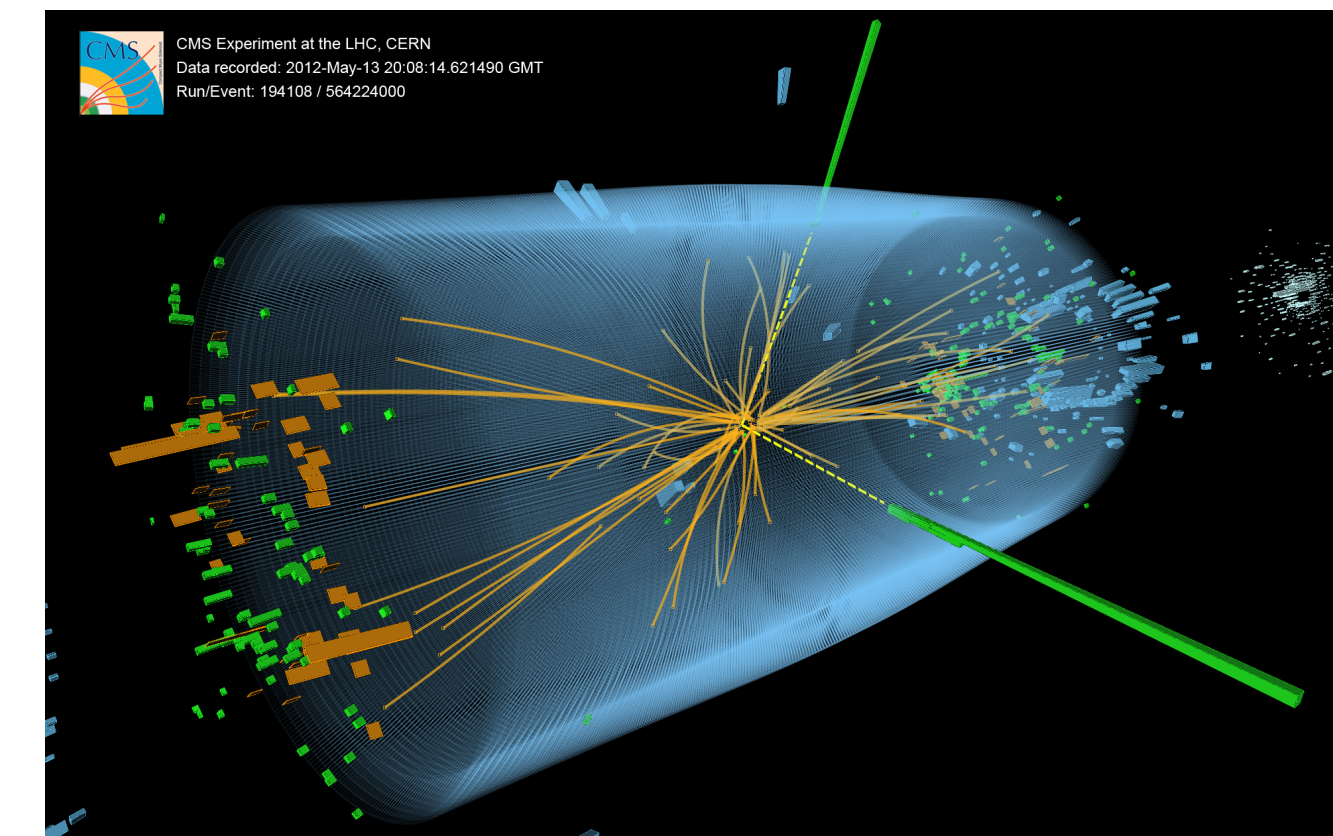
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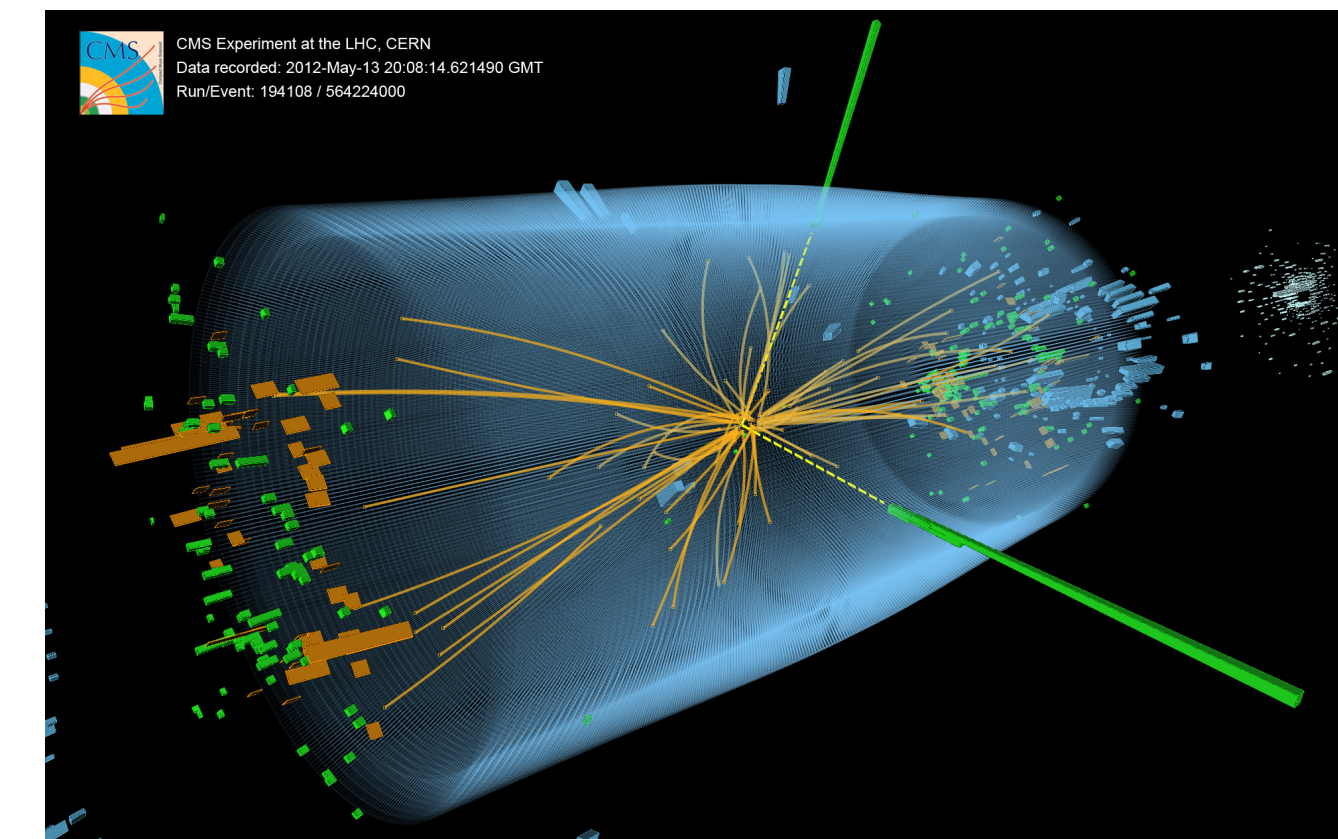
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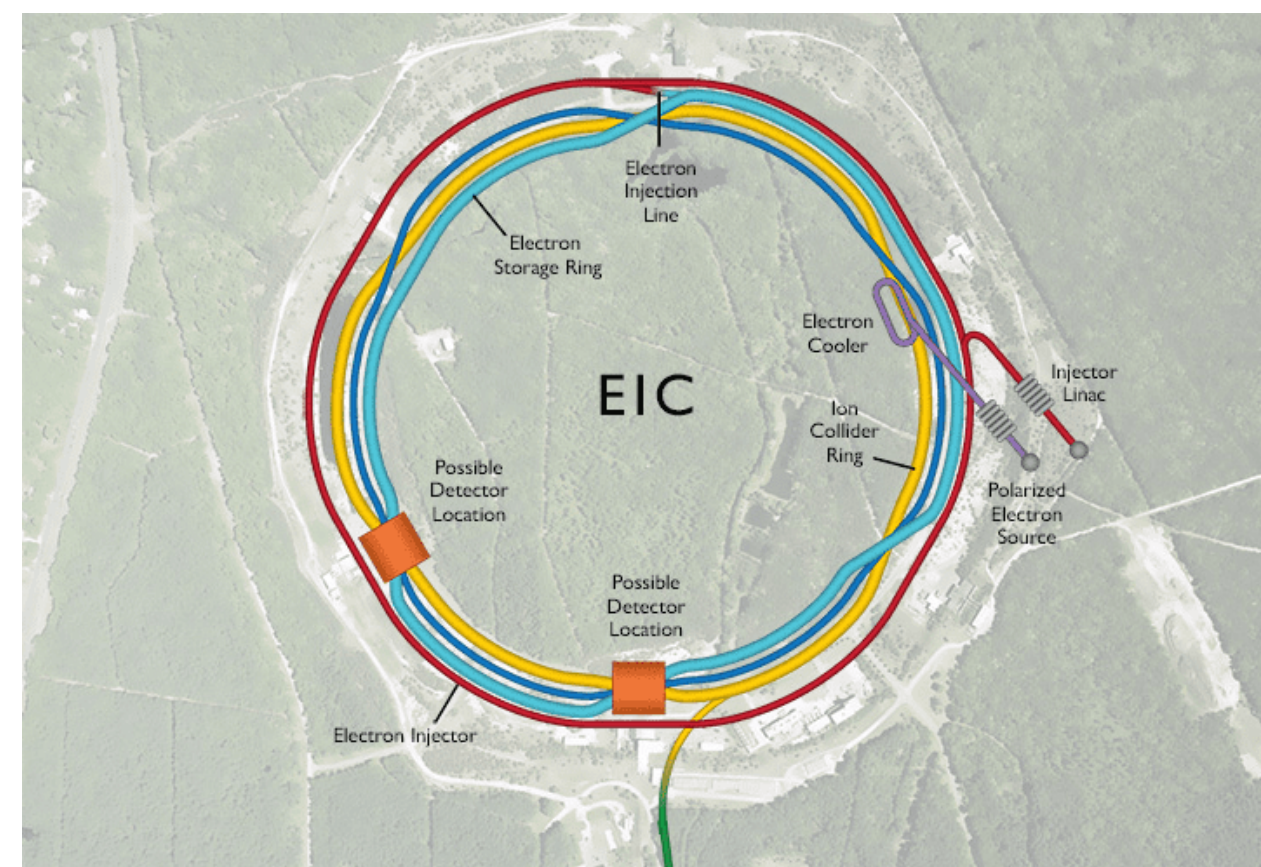
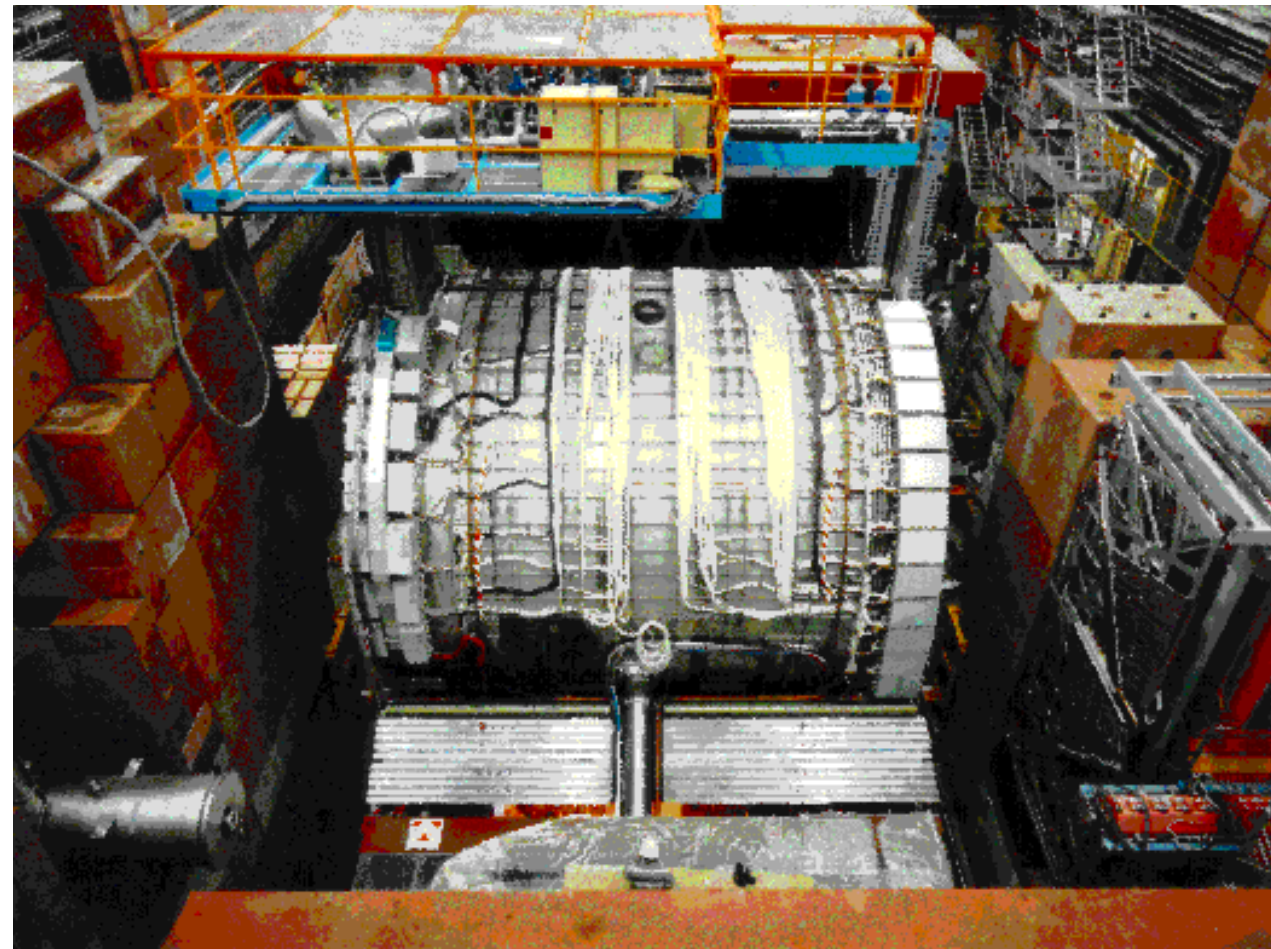


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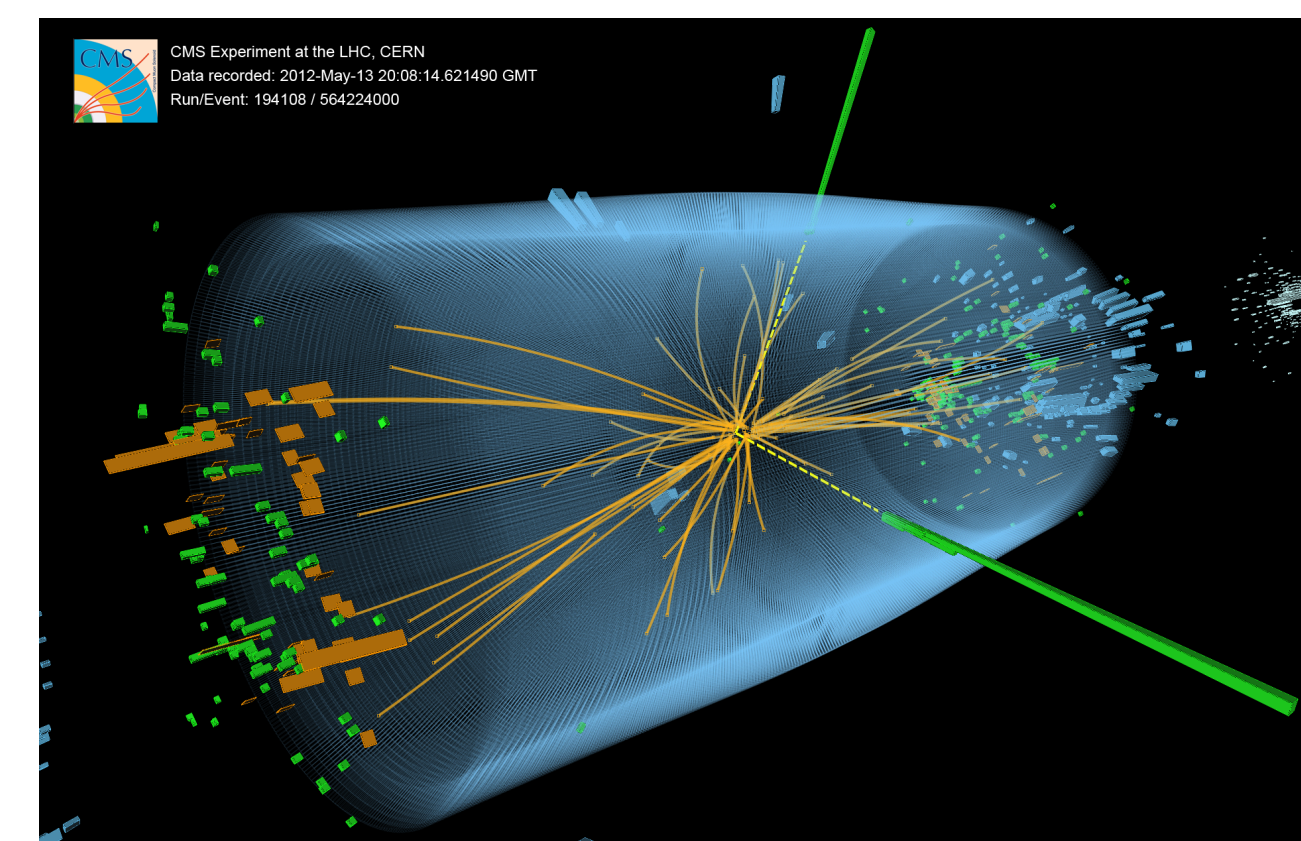
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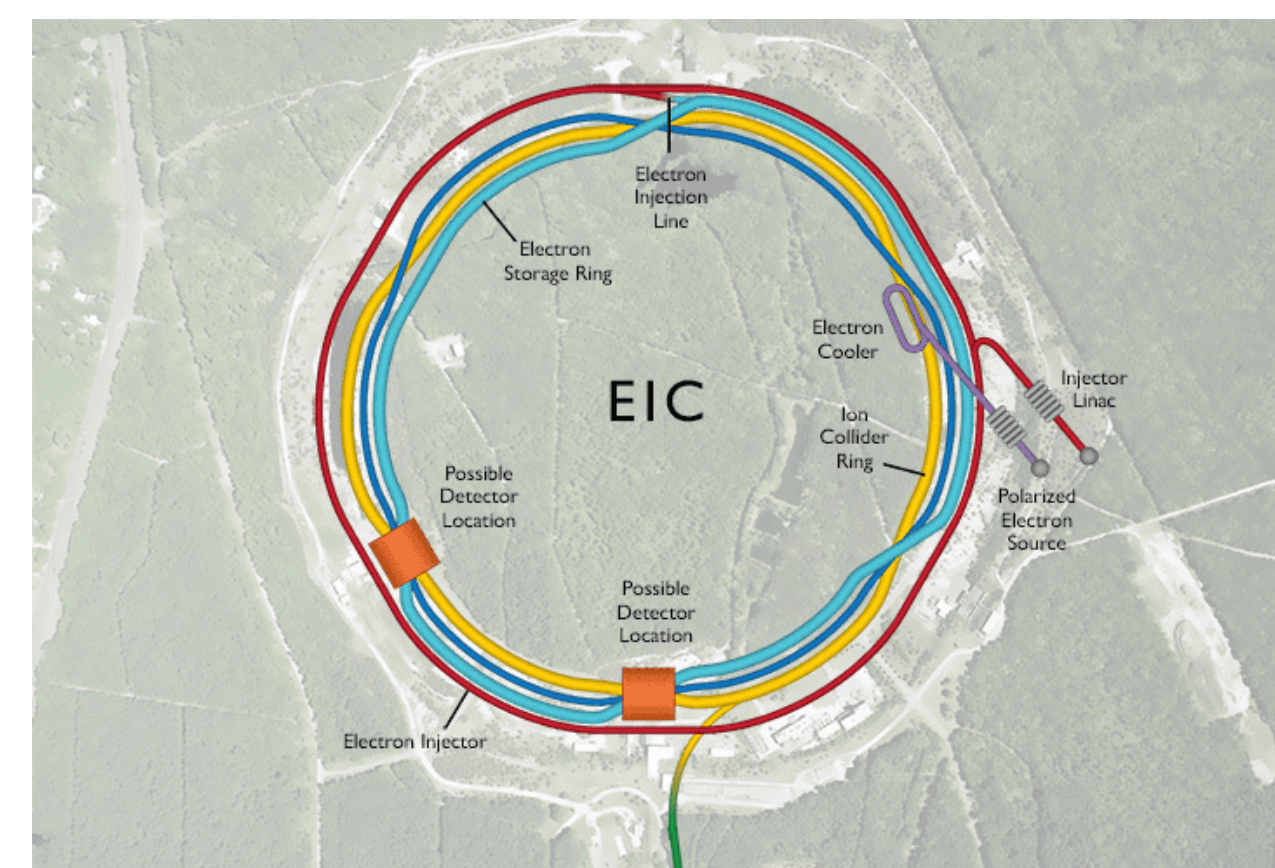
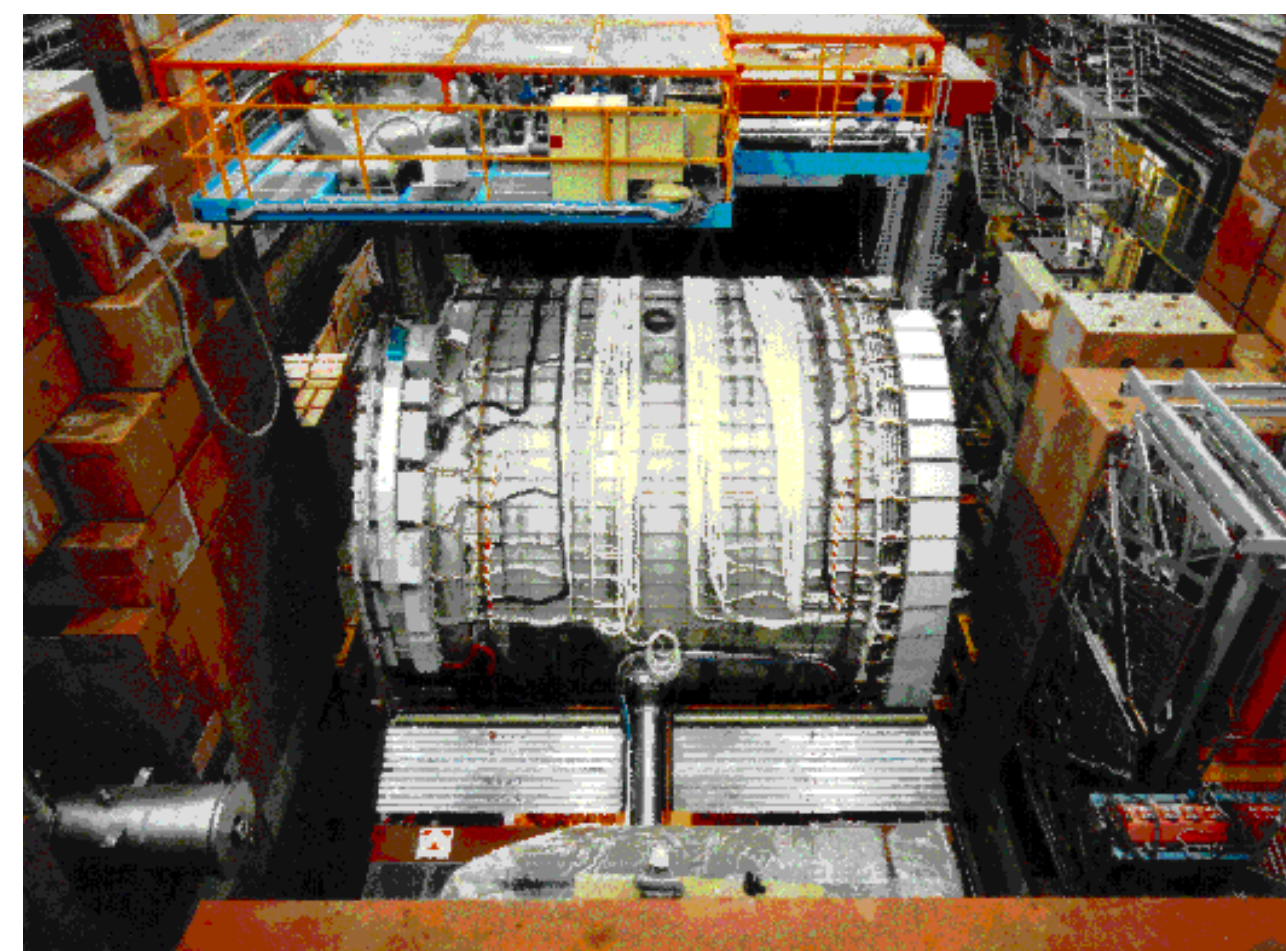
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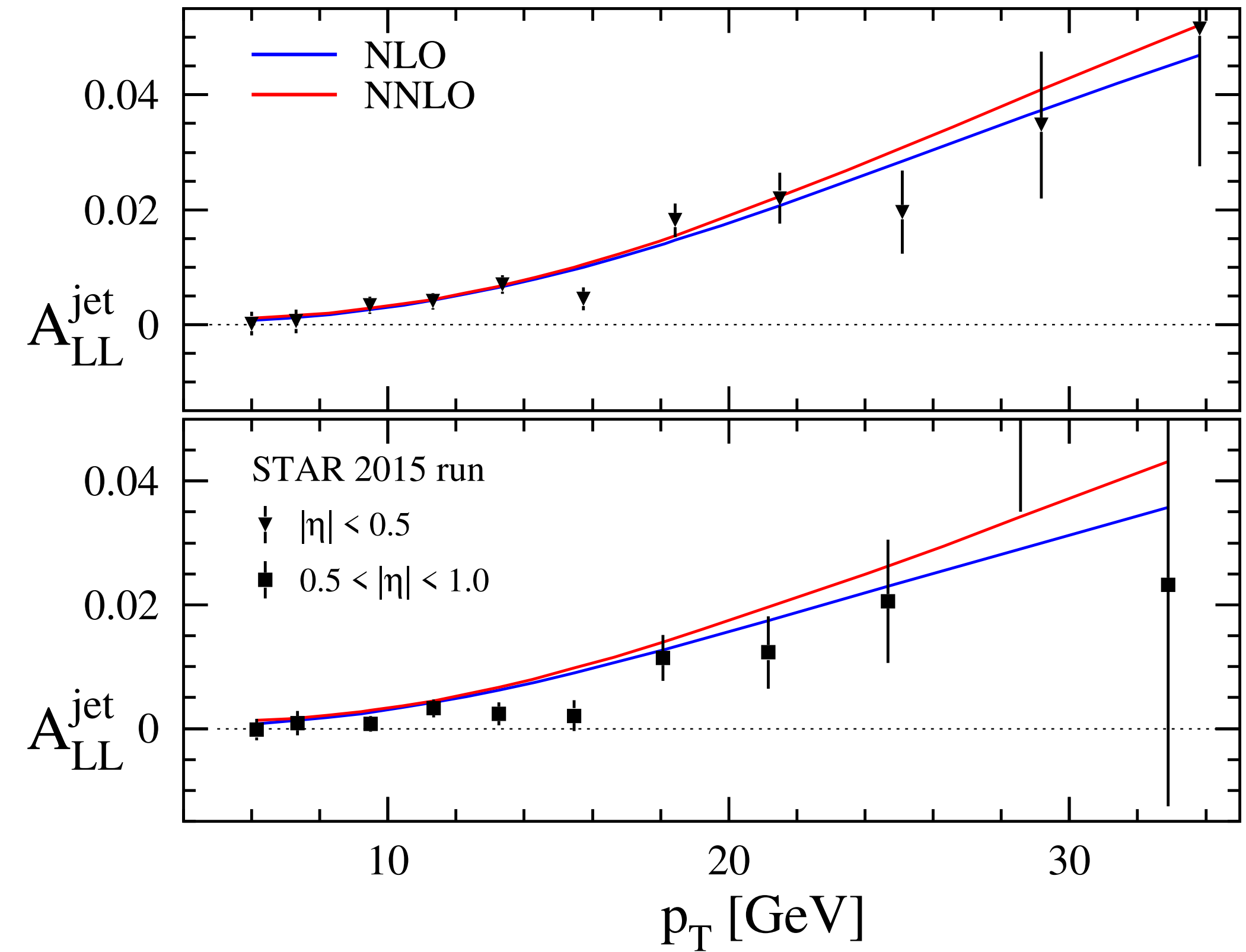
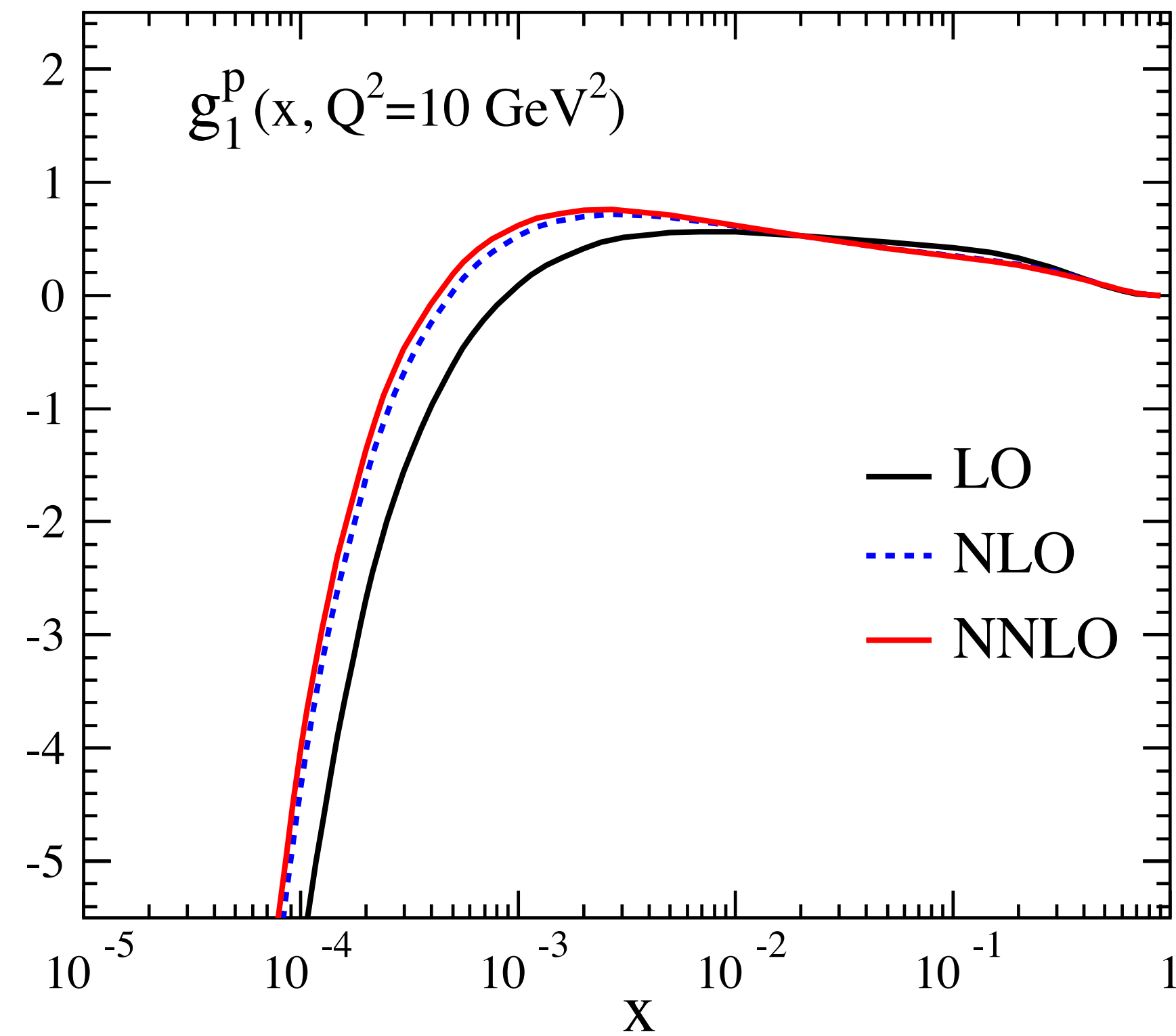
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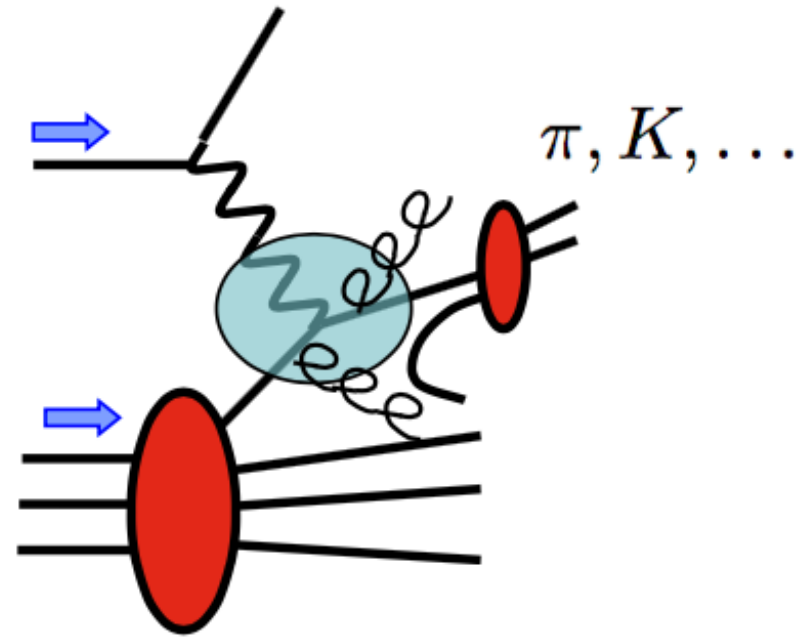


► Not all observables known at NNLO accuracy yet in polarized case

	DIS	NNLO g_1 coefficients	E. B. Zijlstra and W. L. van Neerven (1994)
	DY	NNLO $pp \rightarrow W \rightarrow e^\pm \nu^{(-)}$	R. Boughezal, Hai Tao Li, F. Petriello (2021)
	Evolution	NNLO evolution kernels	S. Moch, J.A.M. Vermaseren, A. Vogt (2014, 2015) A. Vogt, S. Moch, M. Rogal, J.A.M. Vermaseren (2008)
	HQ	Heavy quark matching coefficients	Bierenbaum et al. (2022)
	SIDIS	NNLO SIDIS coefficients	not ready for use in global fit hard to implement in Mellin space (became available while performing fit)
	RHIC jets, dijets, hadrons	$pp \rightarrow \text{jets}, \pi^{\pm,0}$	only NLO known

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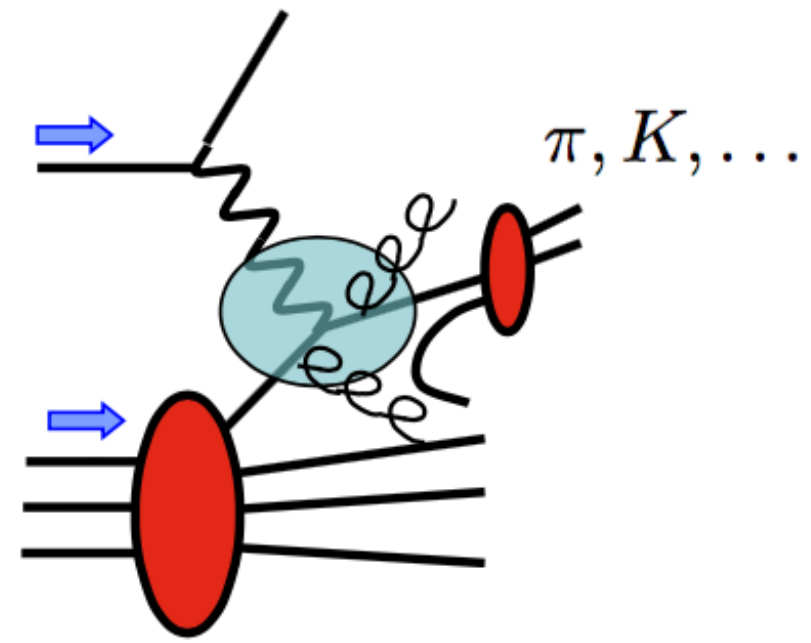
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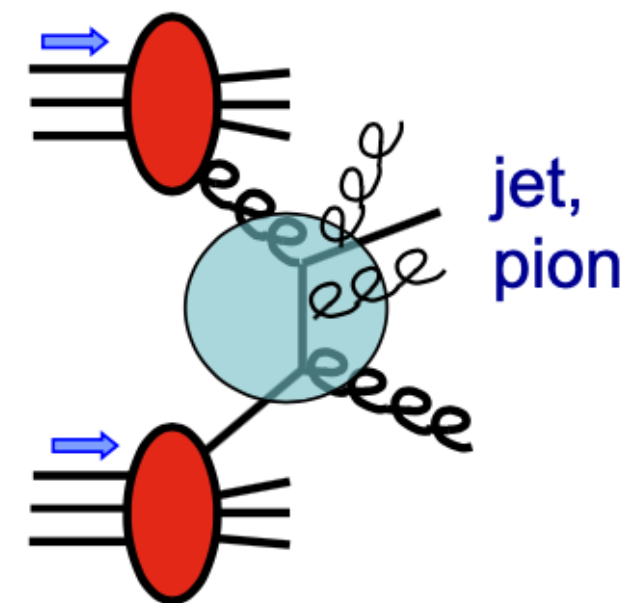
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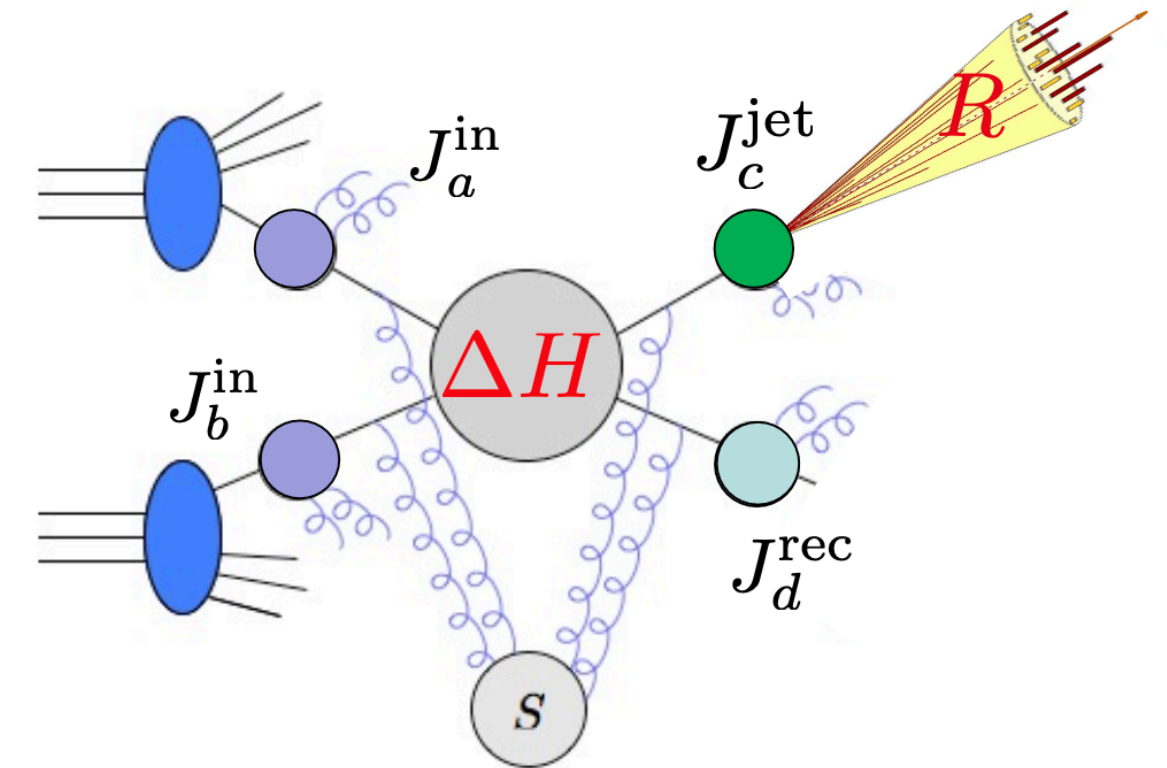


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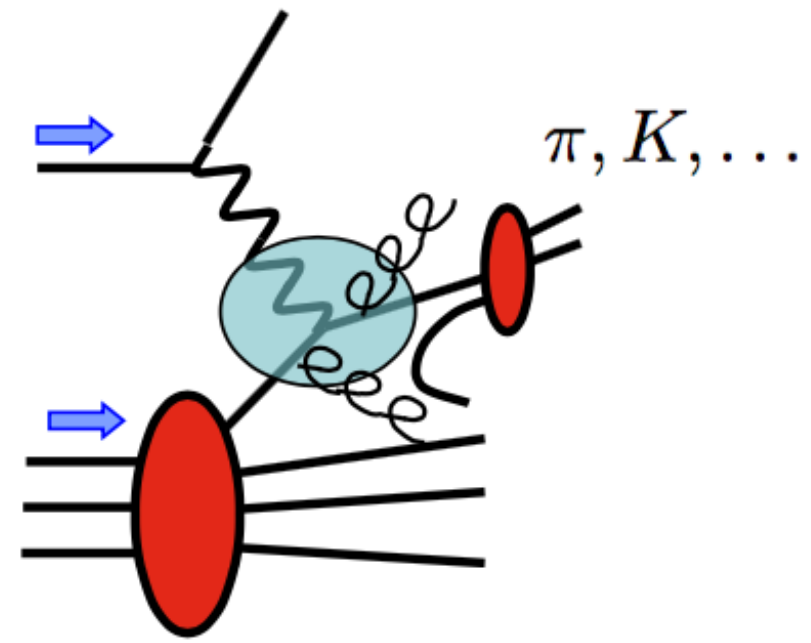
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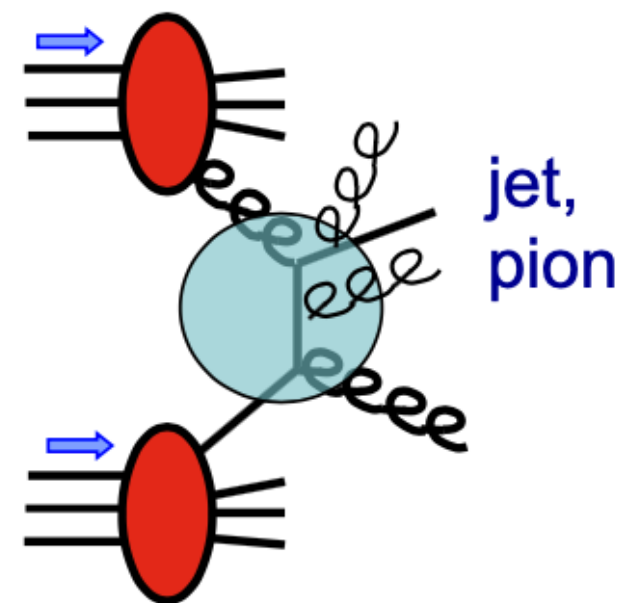
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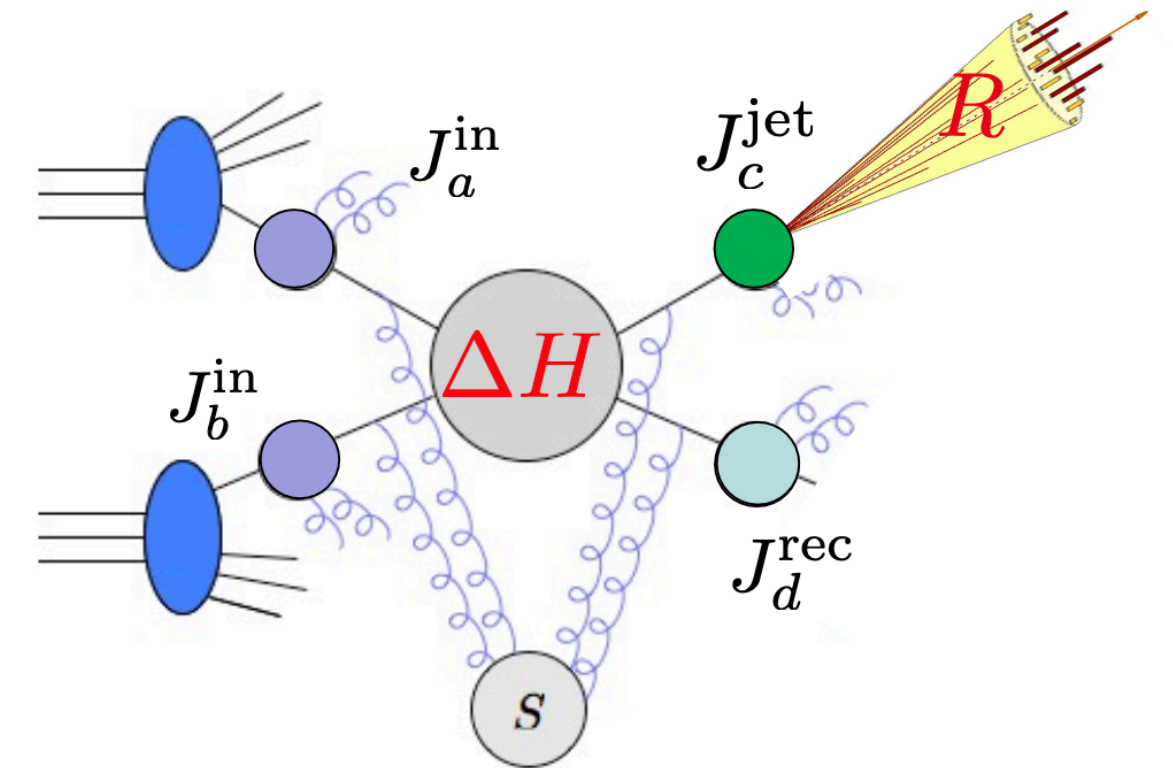


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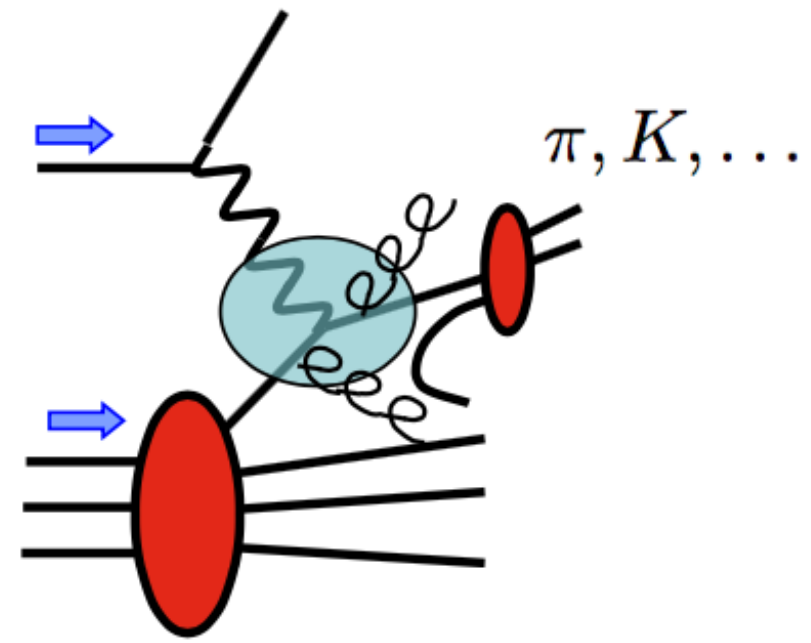
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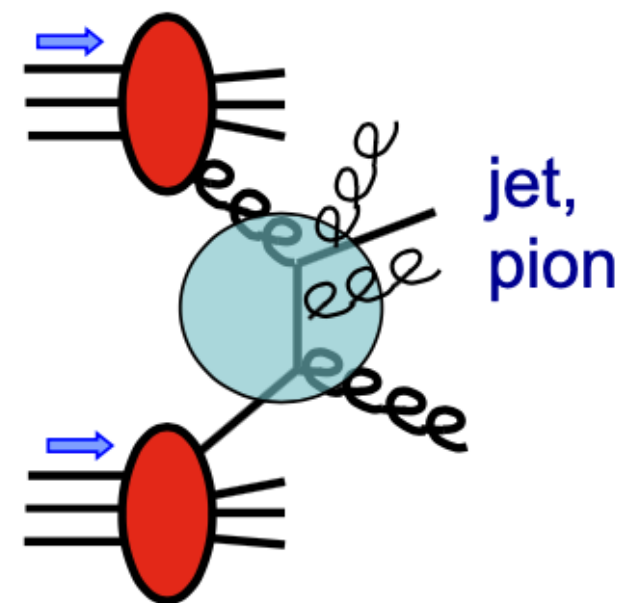
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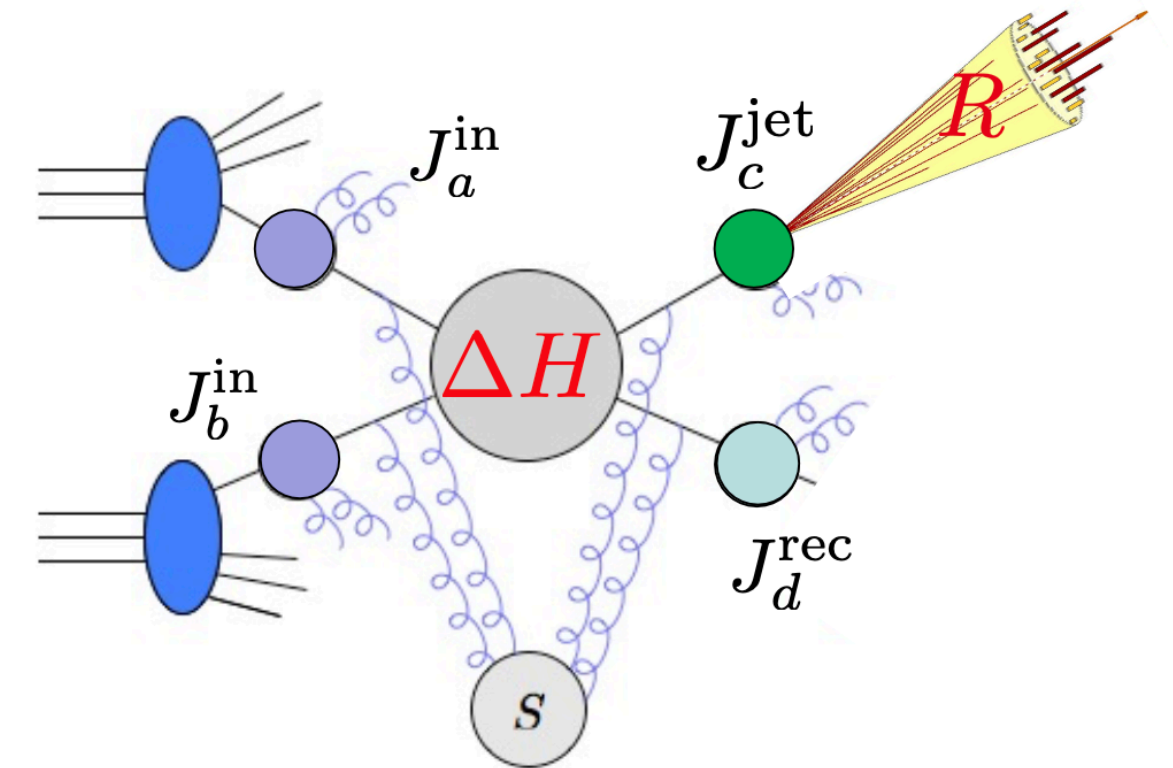


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HERMES, COMPASS, HALL-A, CLAS
(p, n, d, He)

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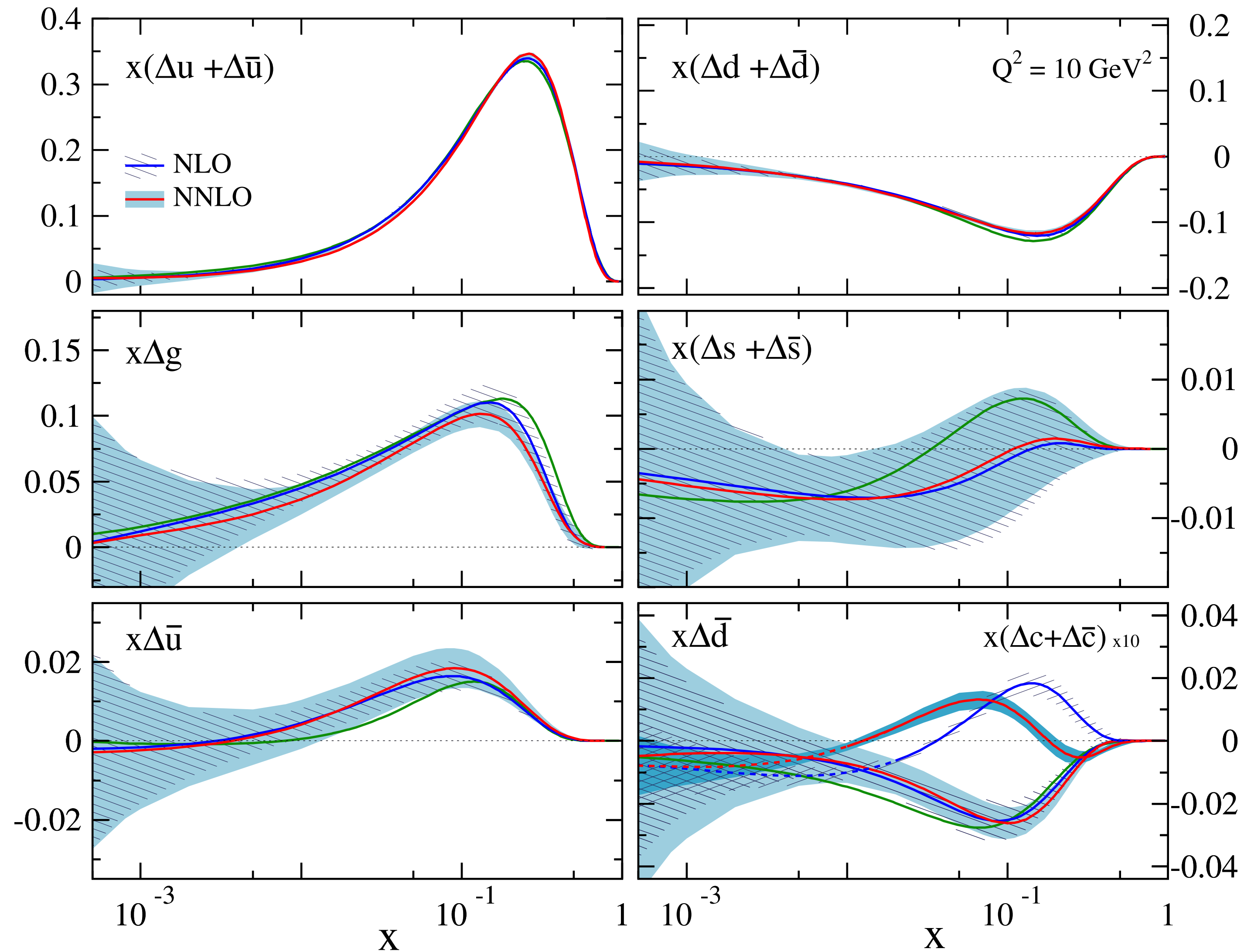
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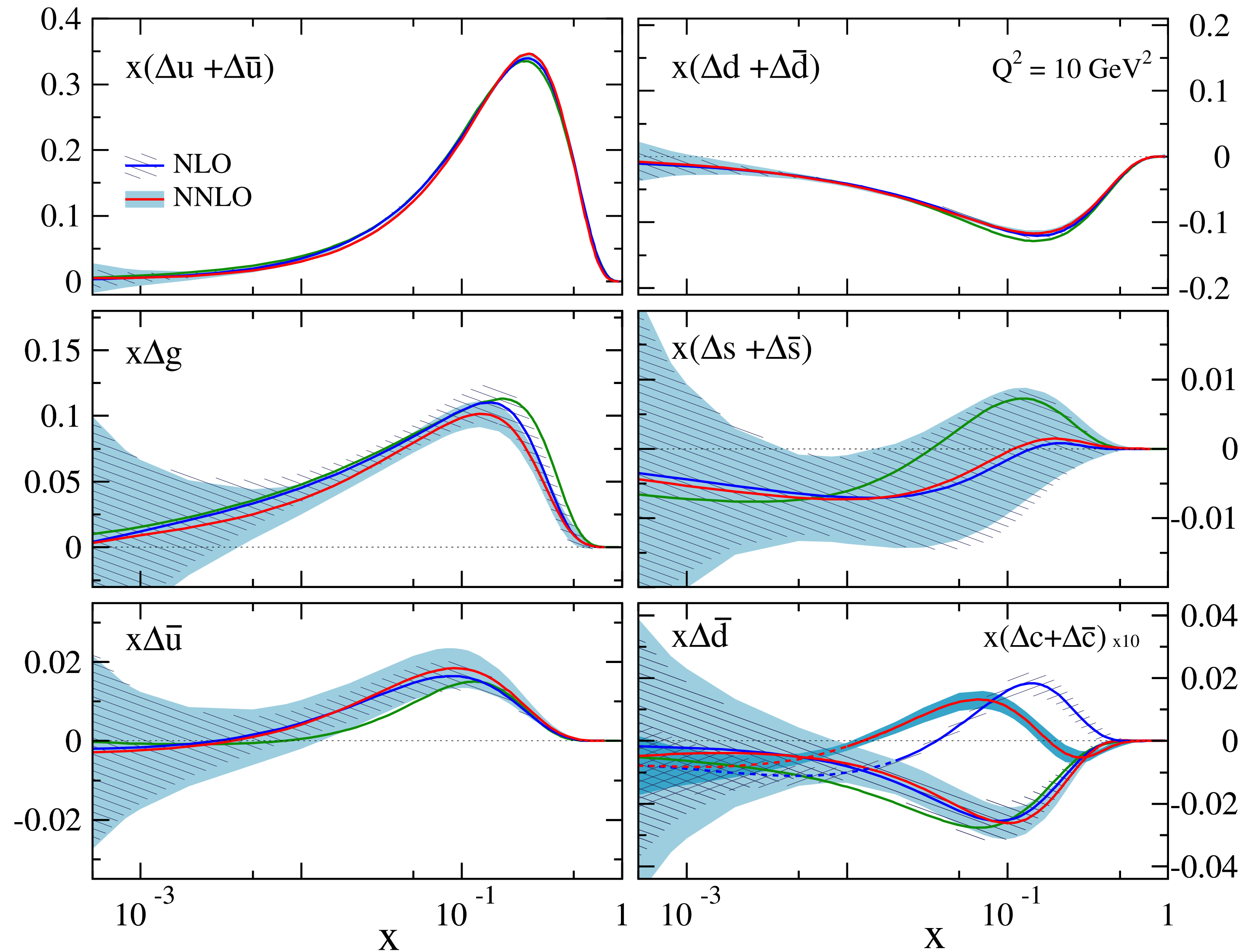
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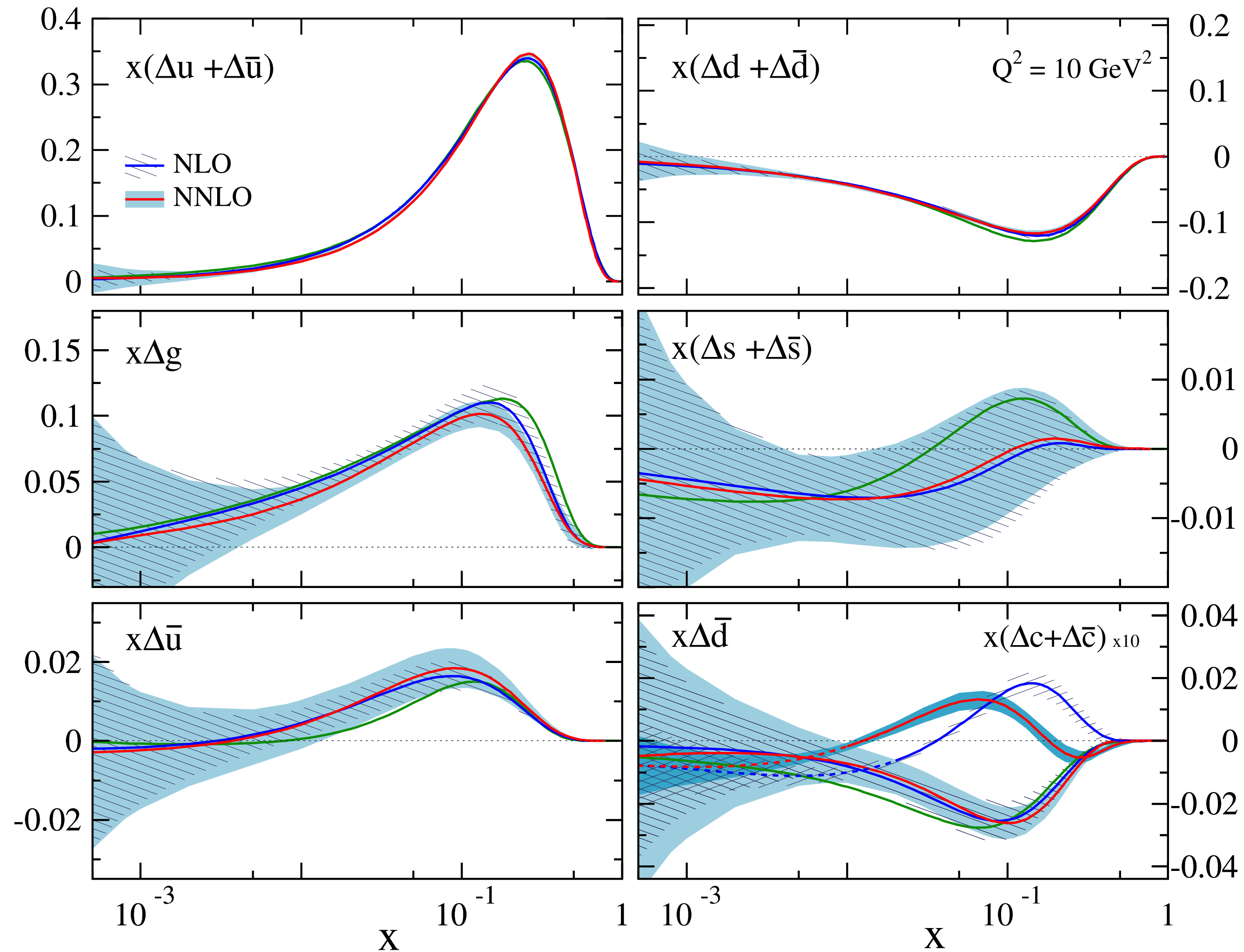
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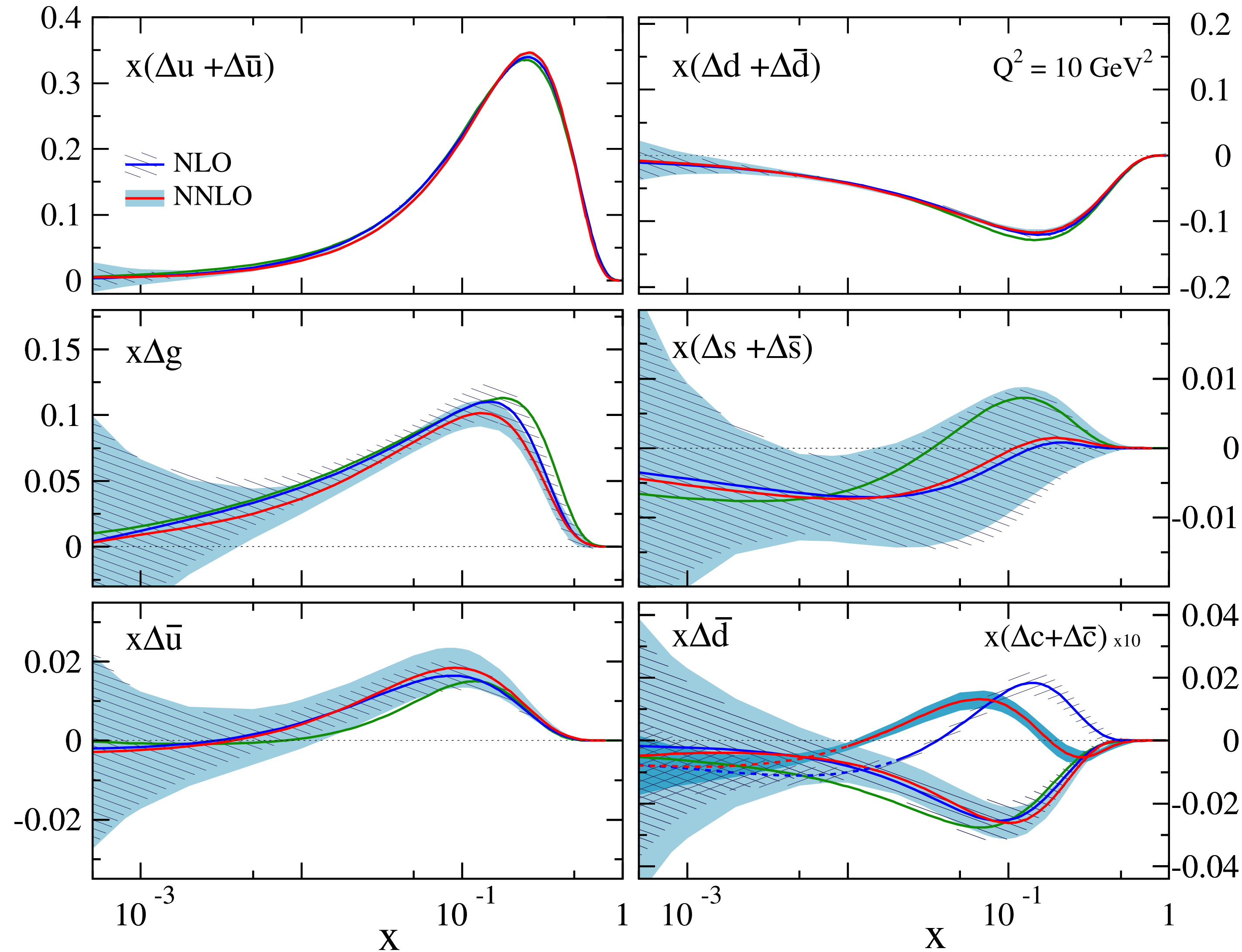
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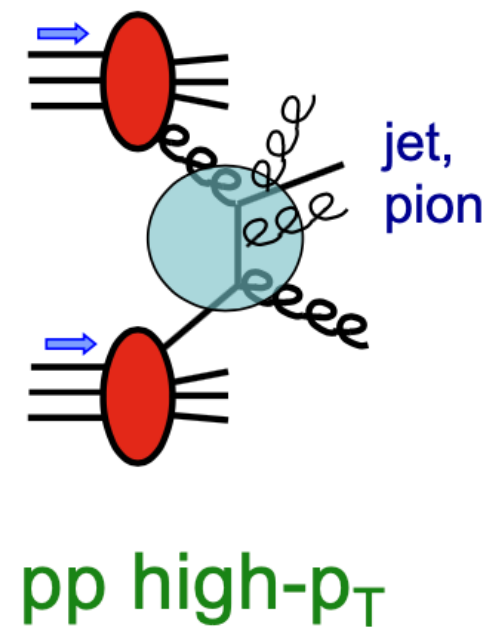
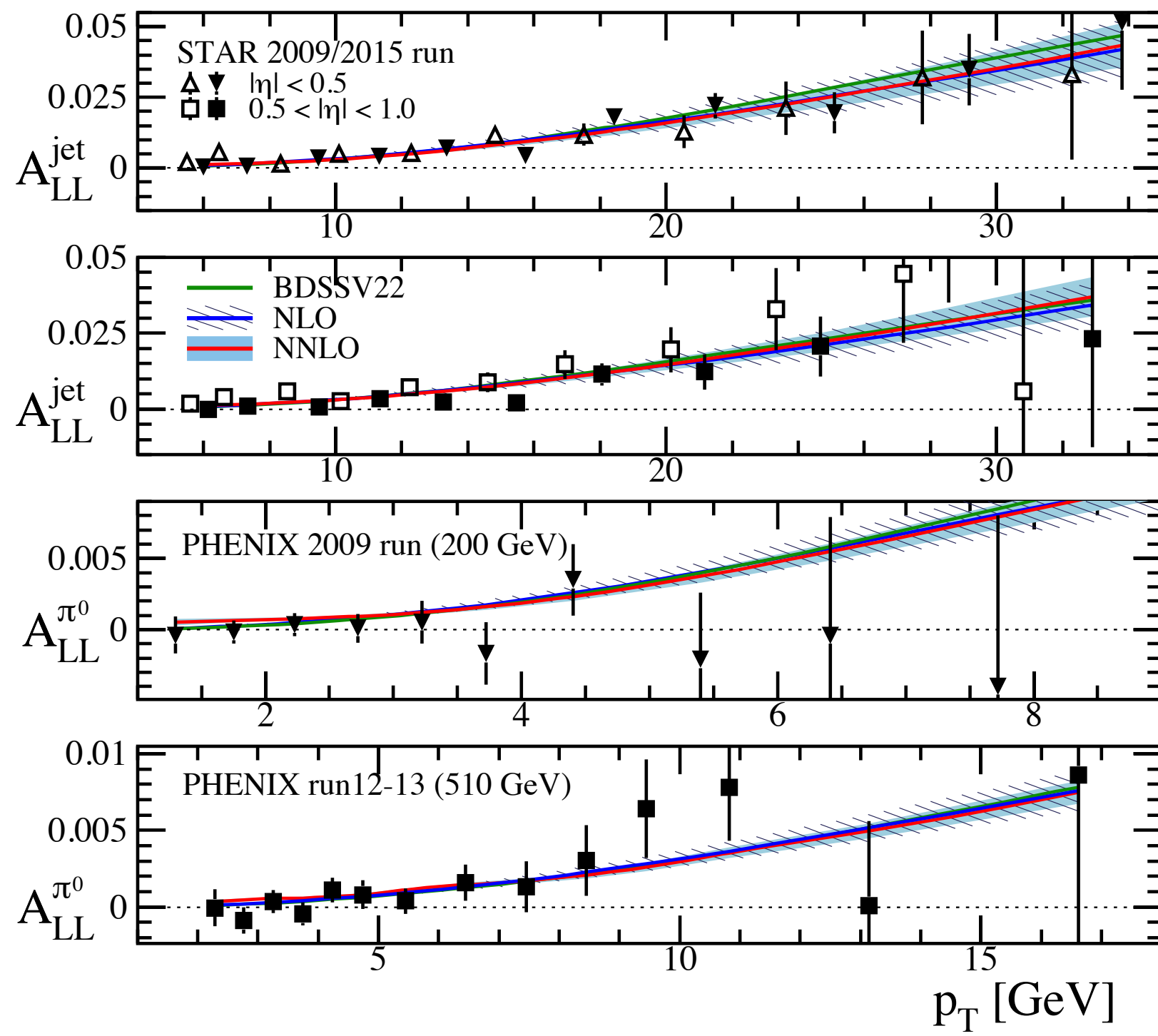
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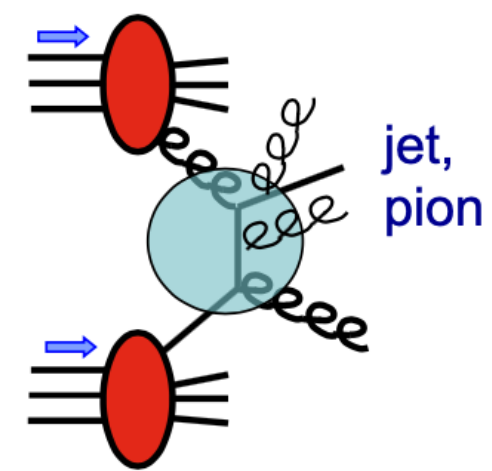
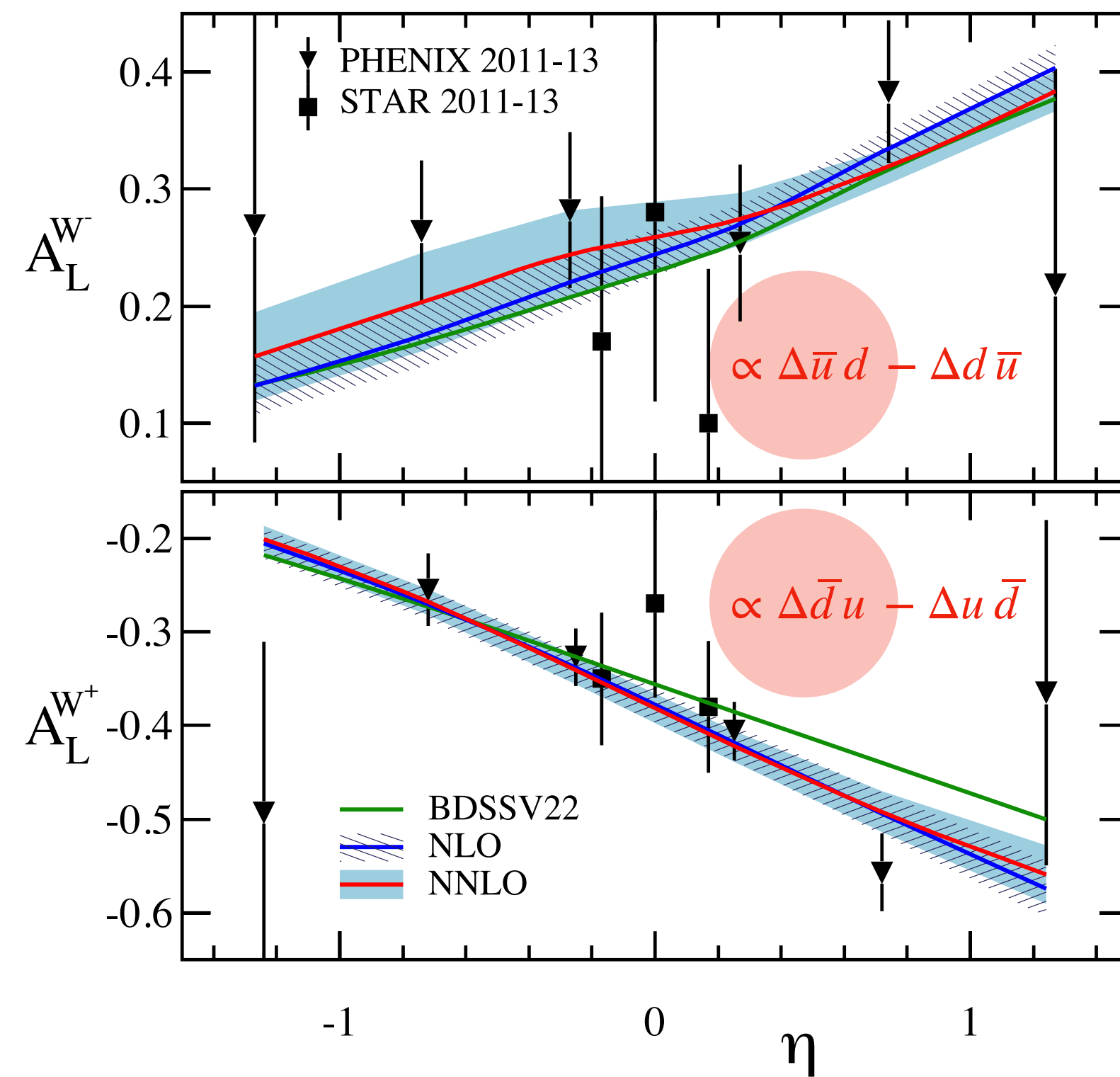
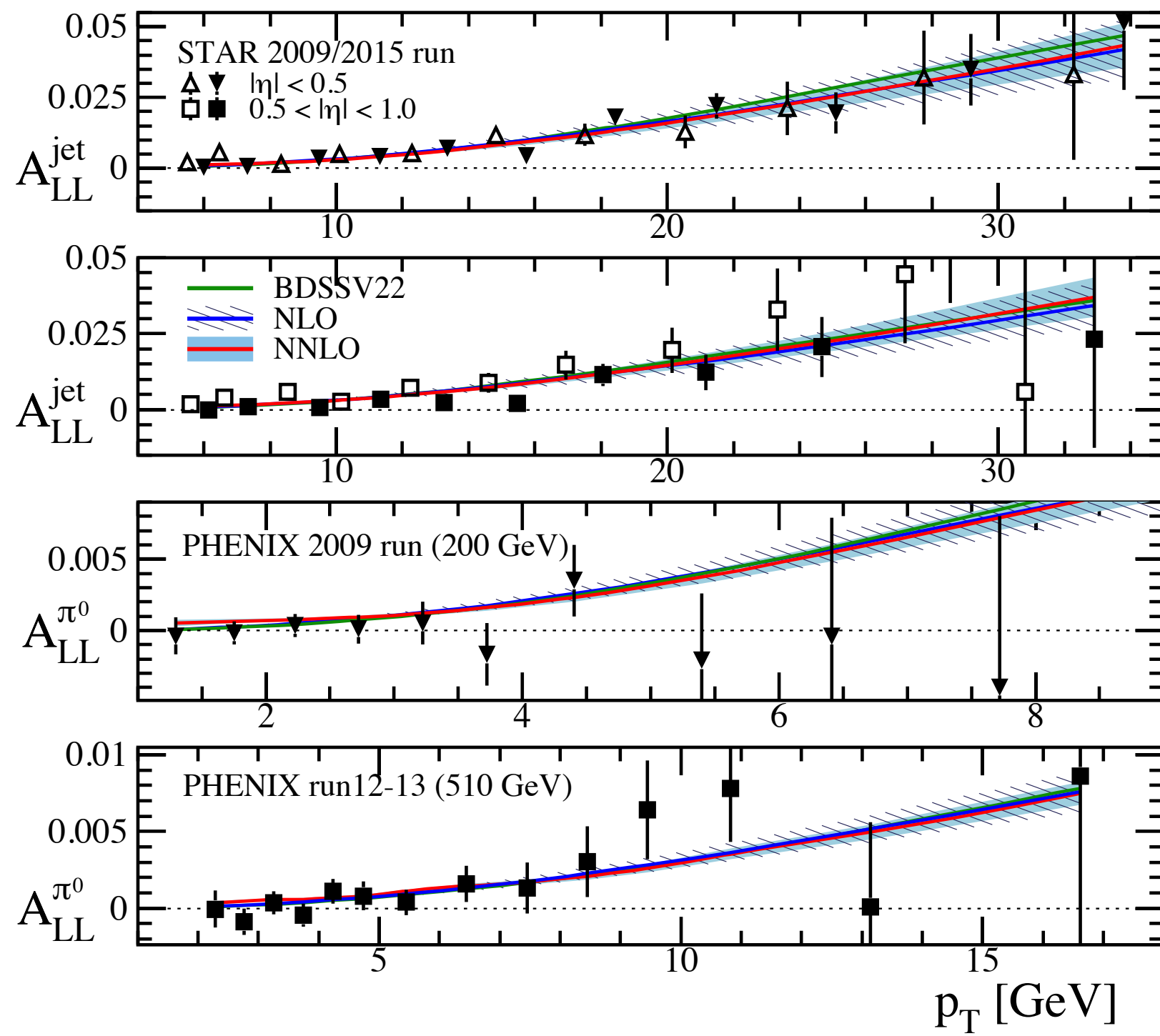
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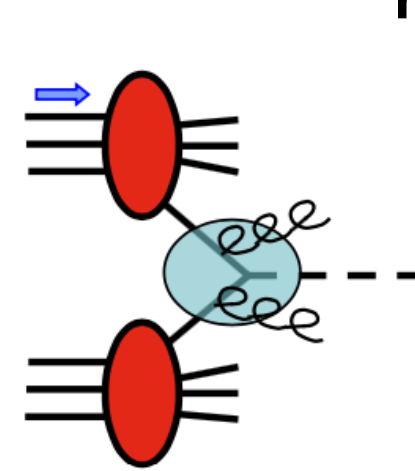
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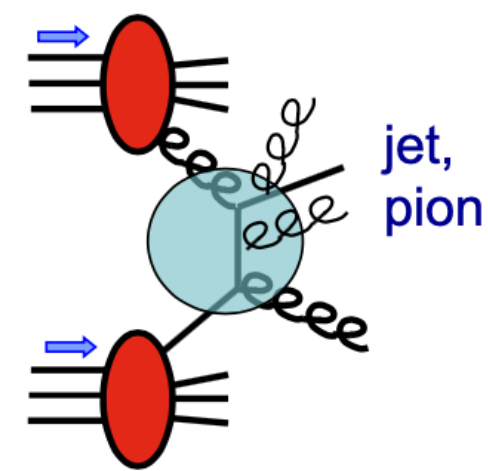
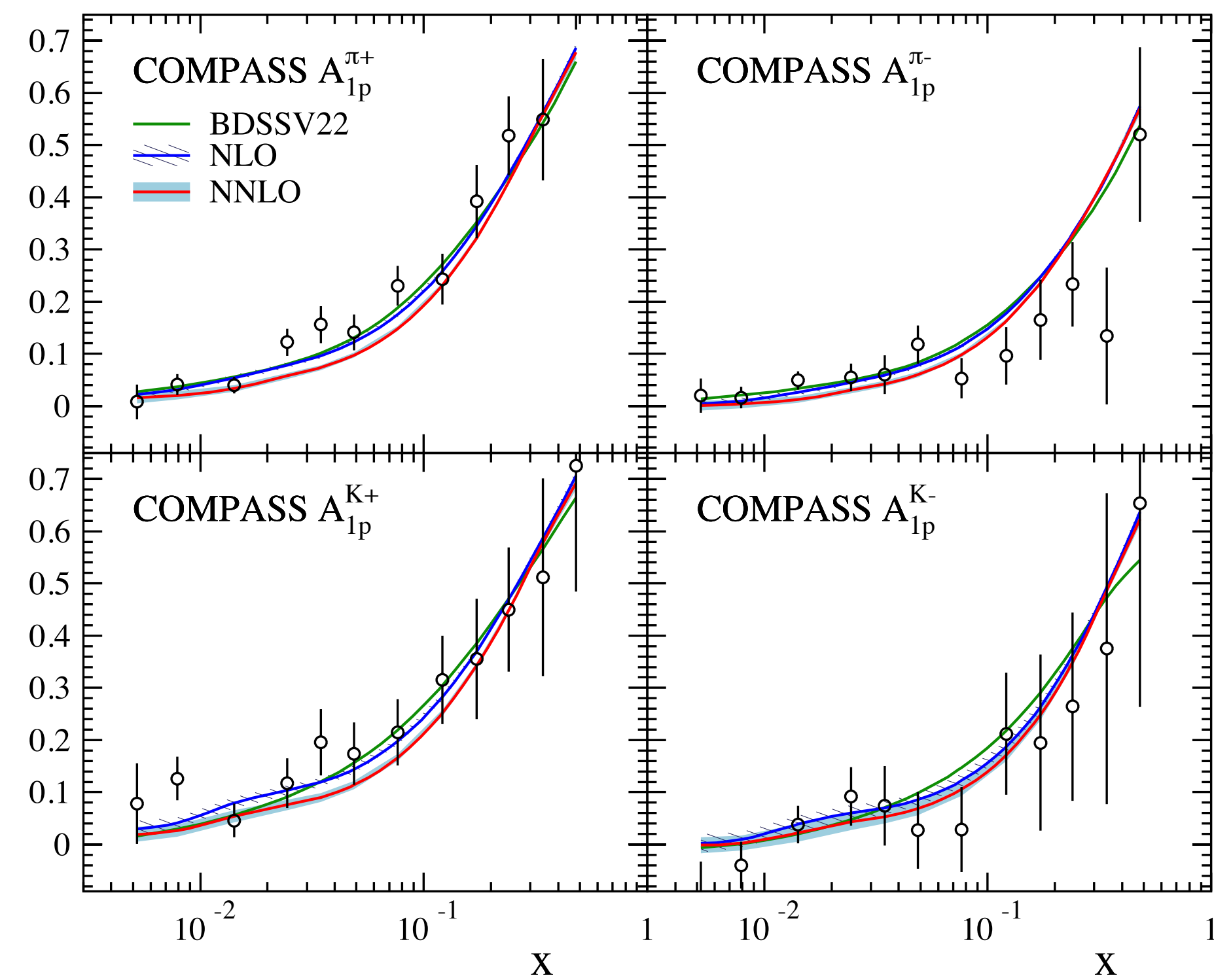
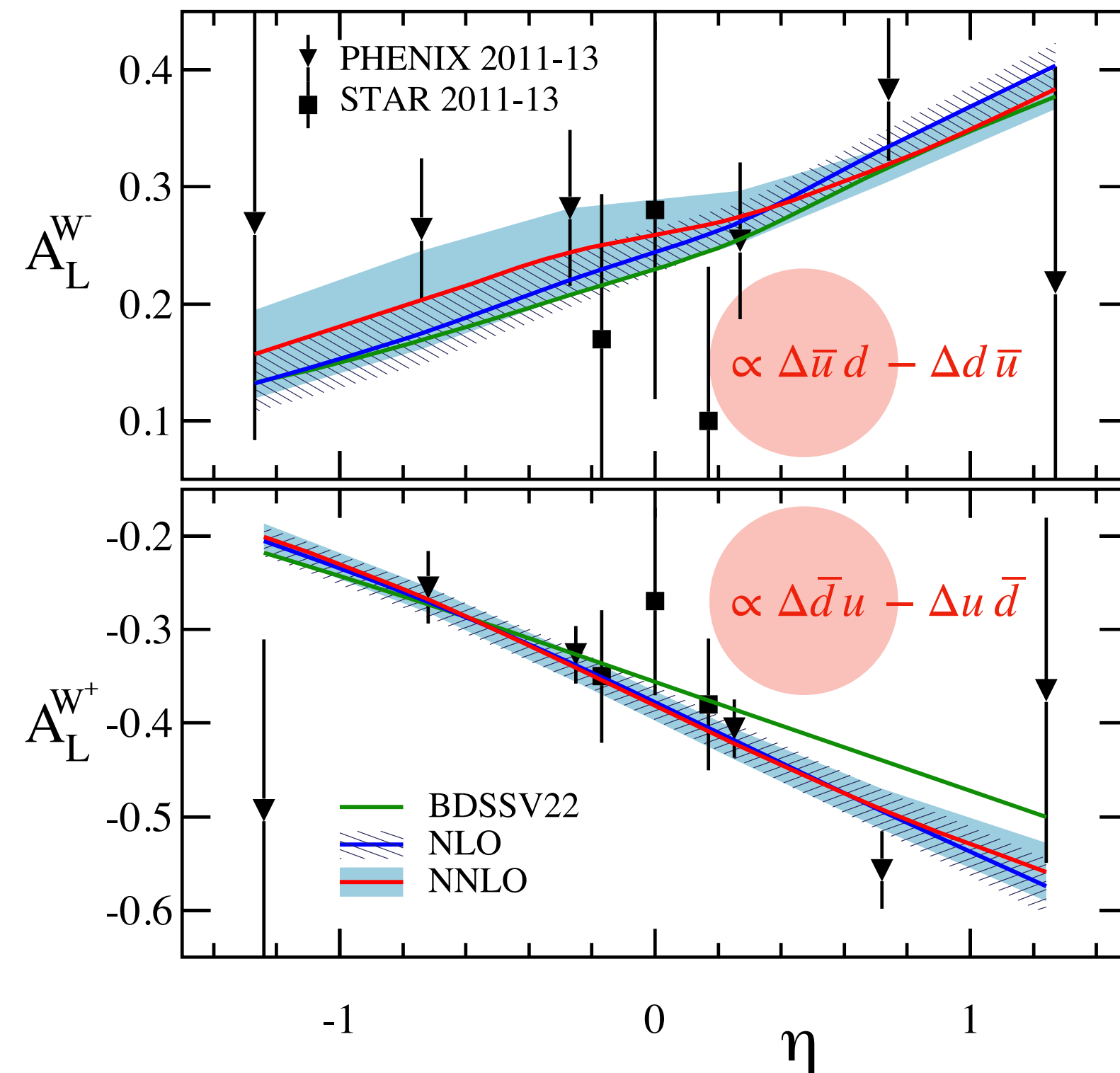
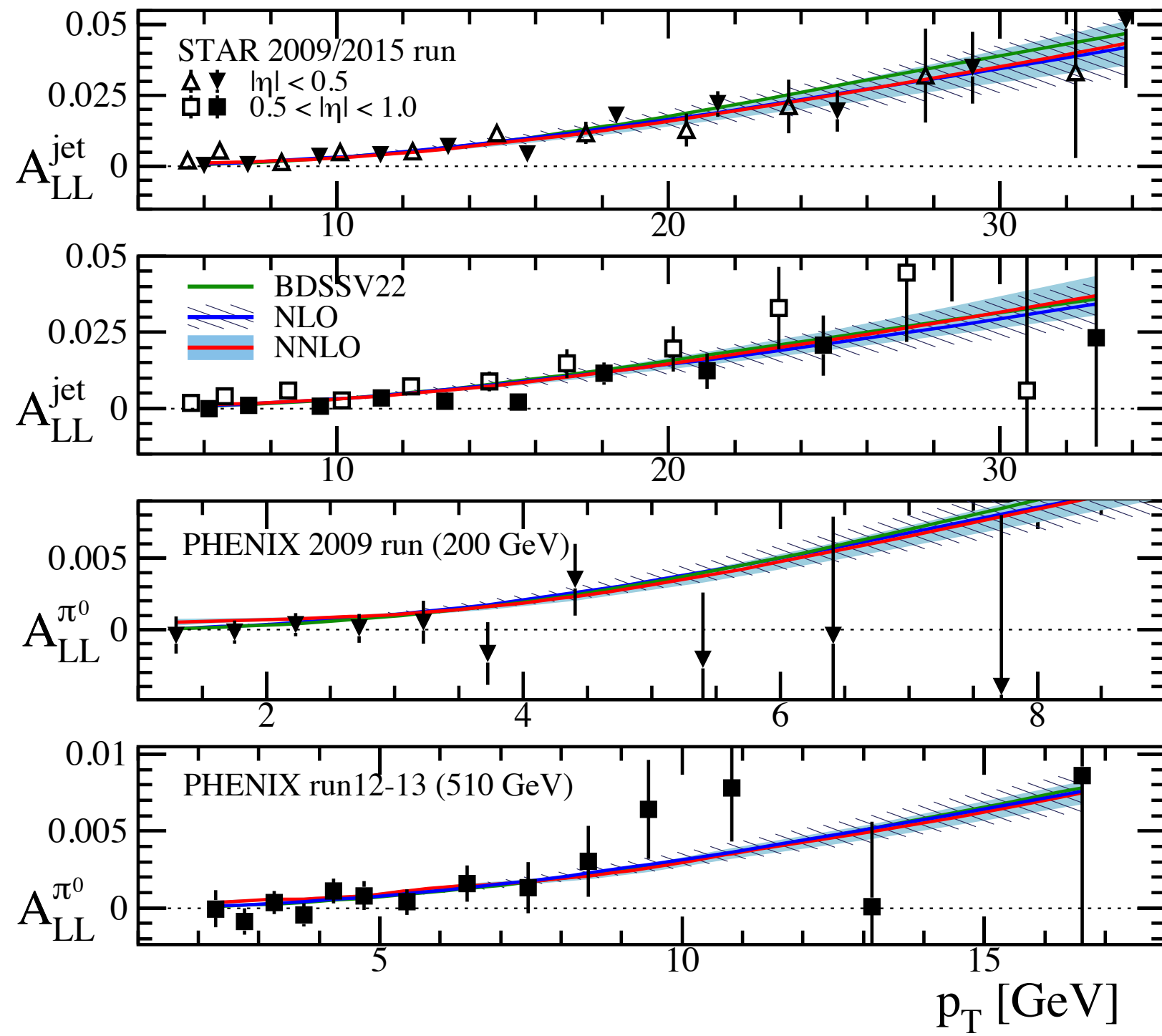


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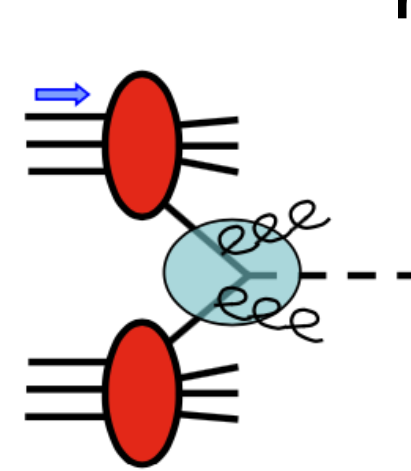


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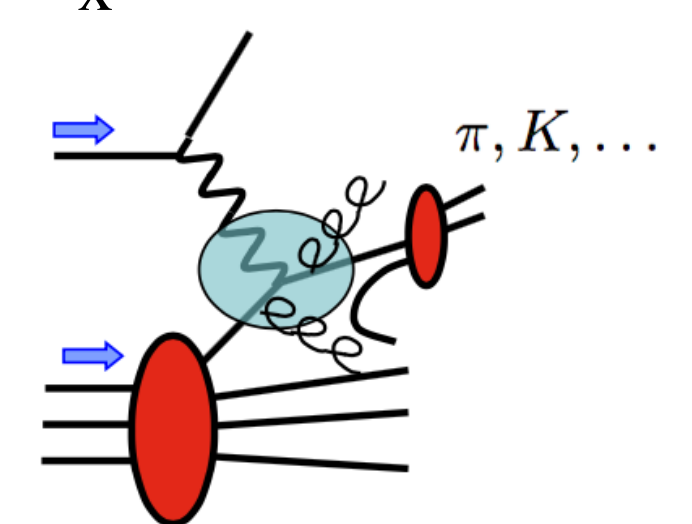
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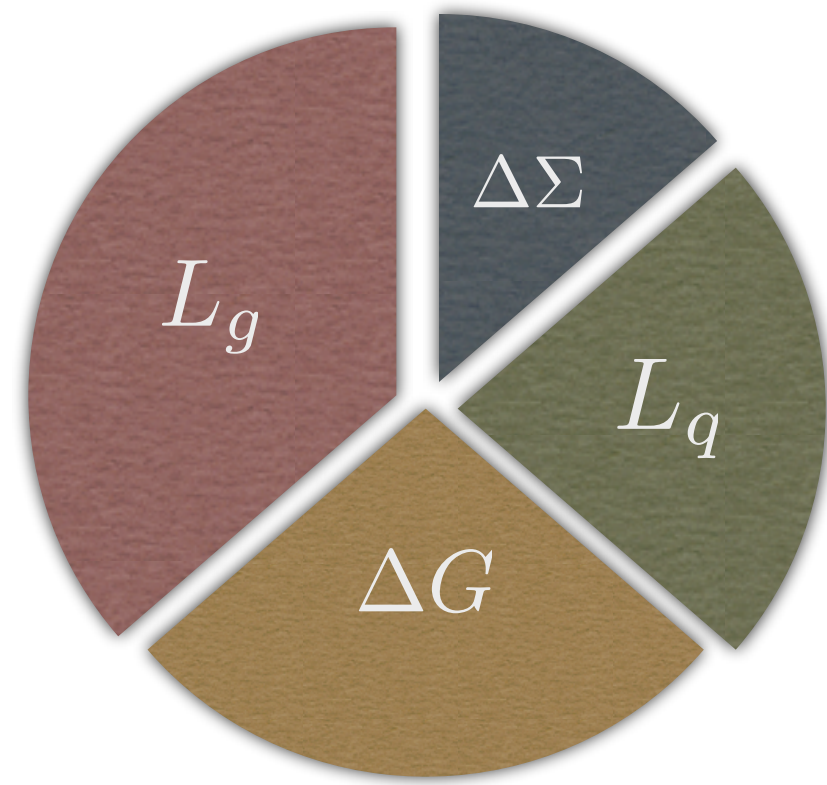


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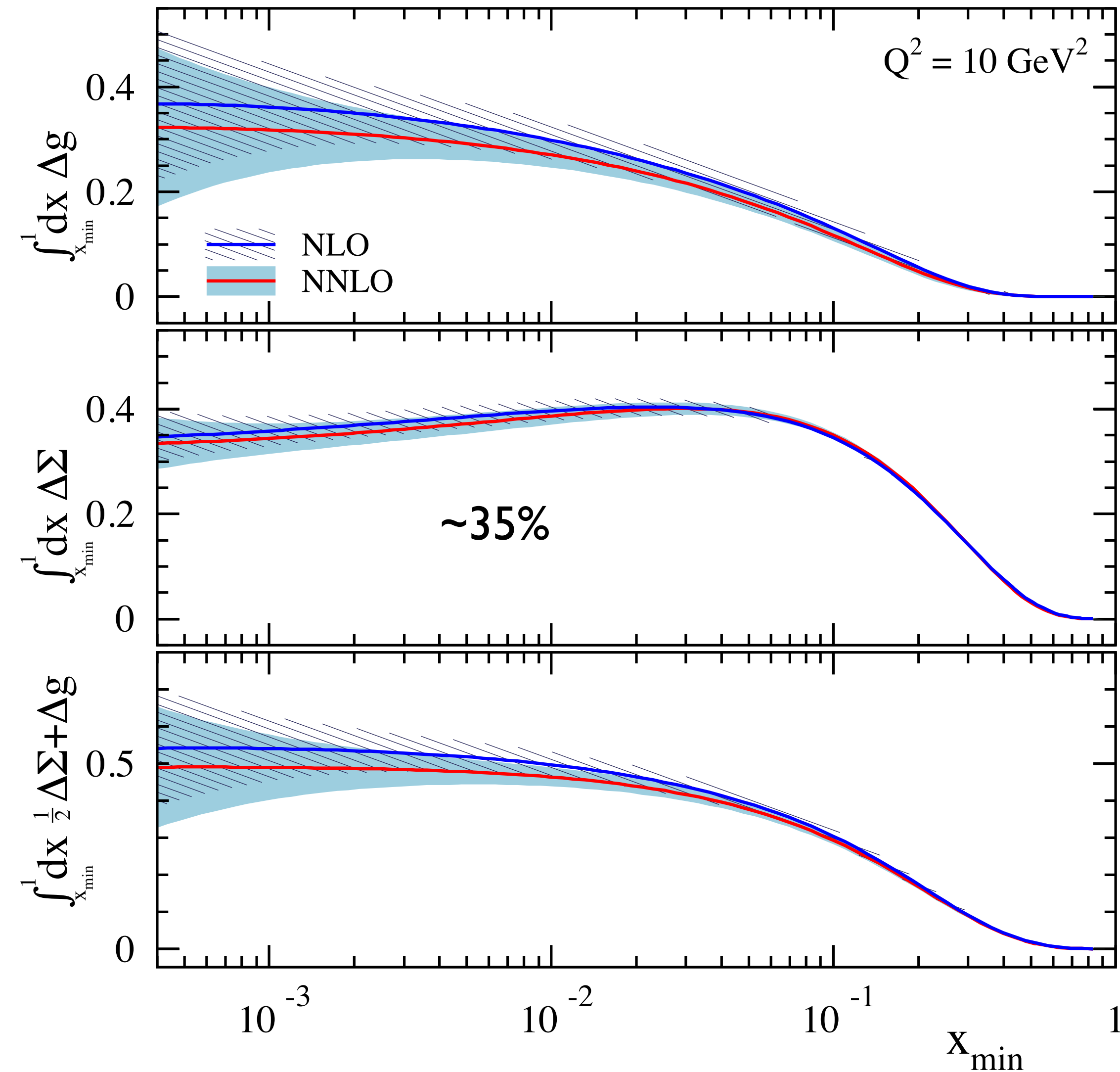
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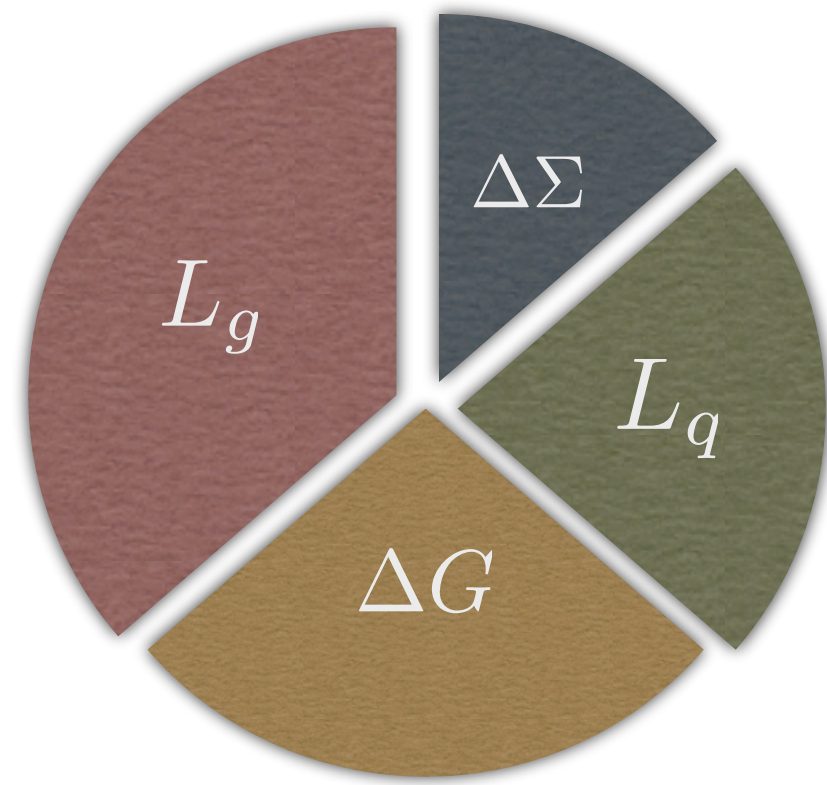
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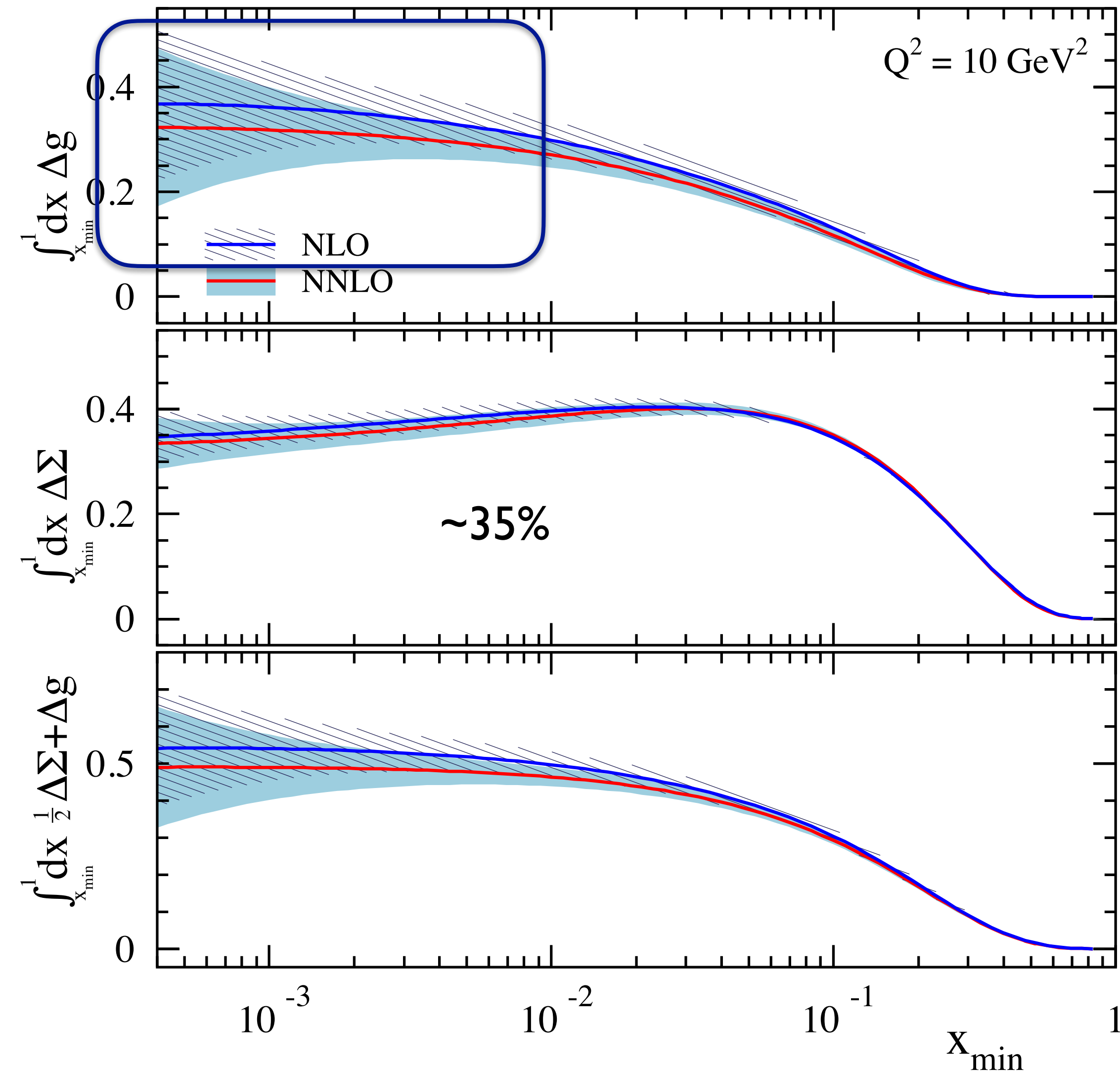
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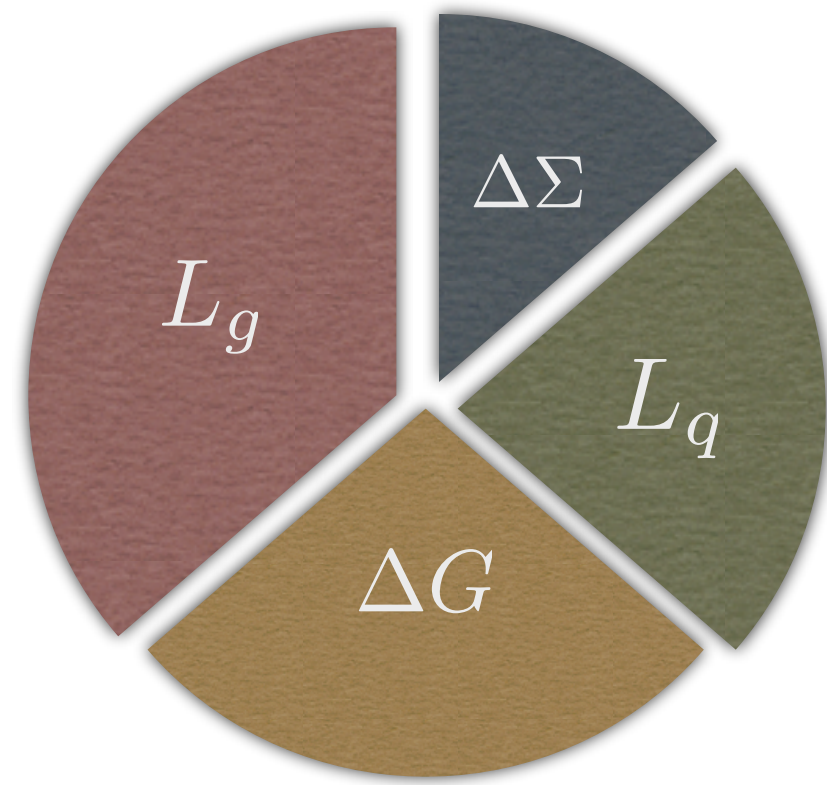
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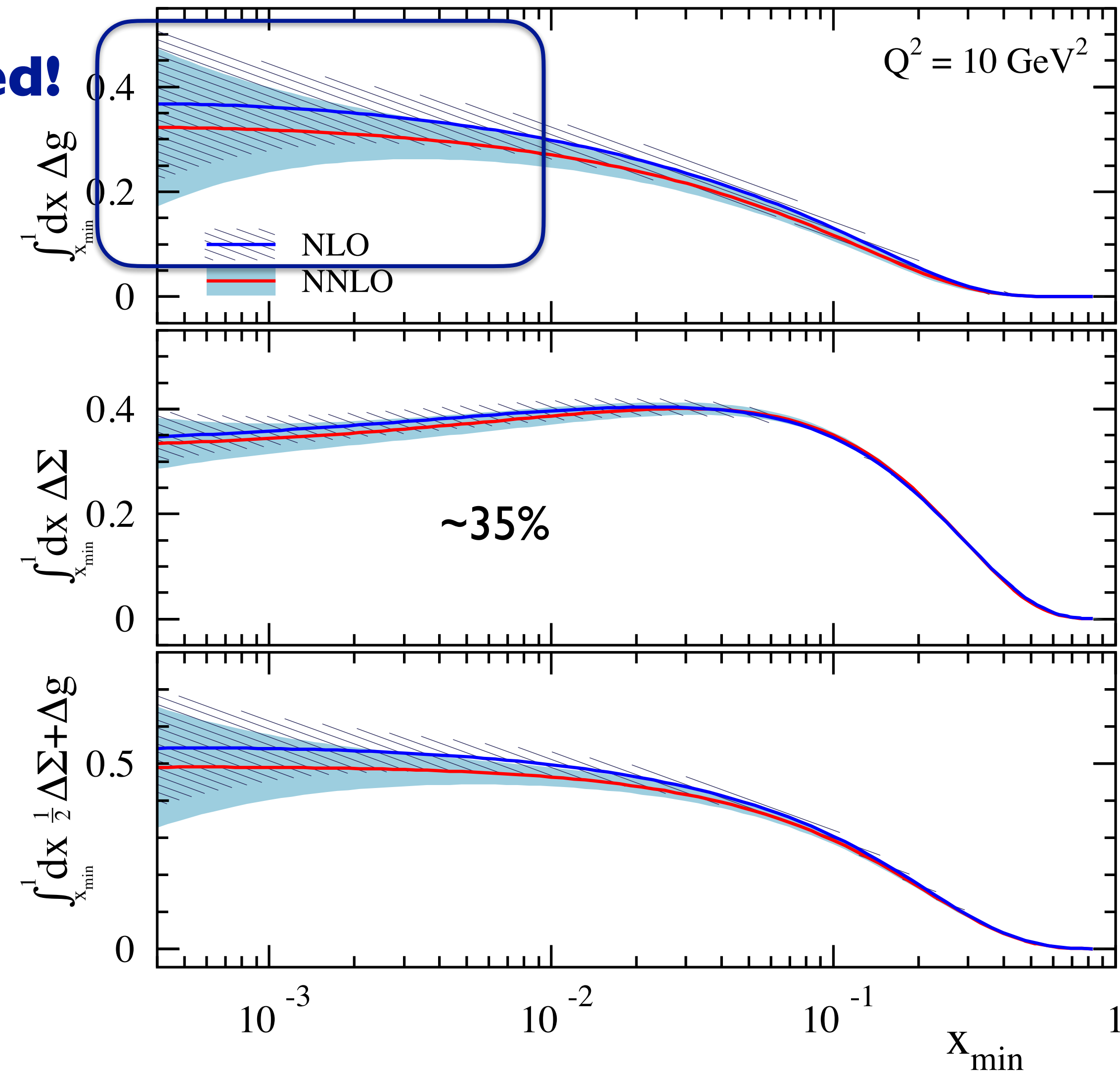


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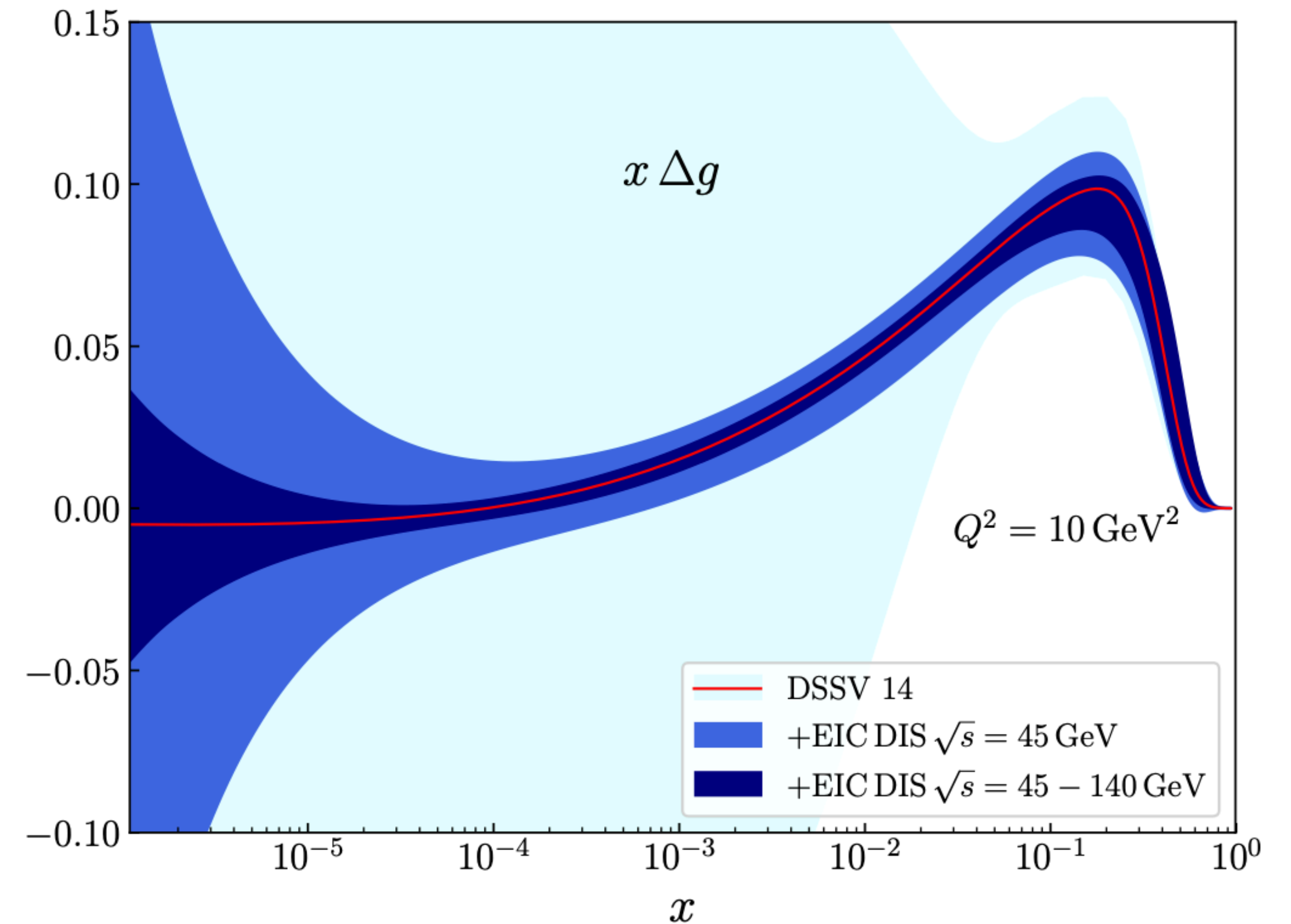
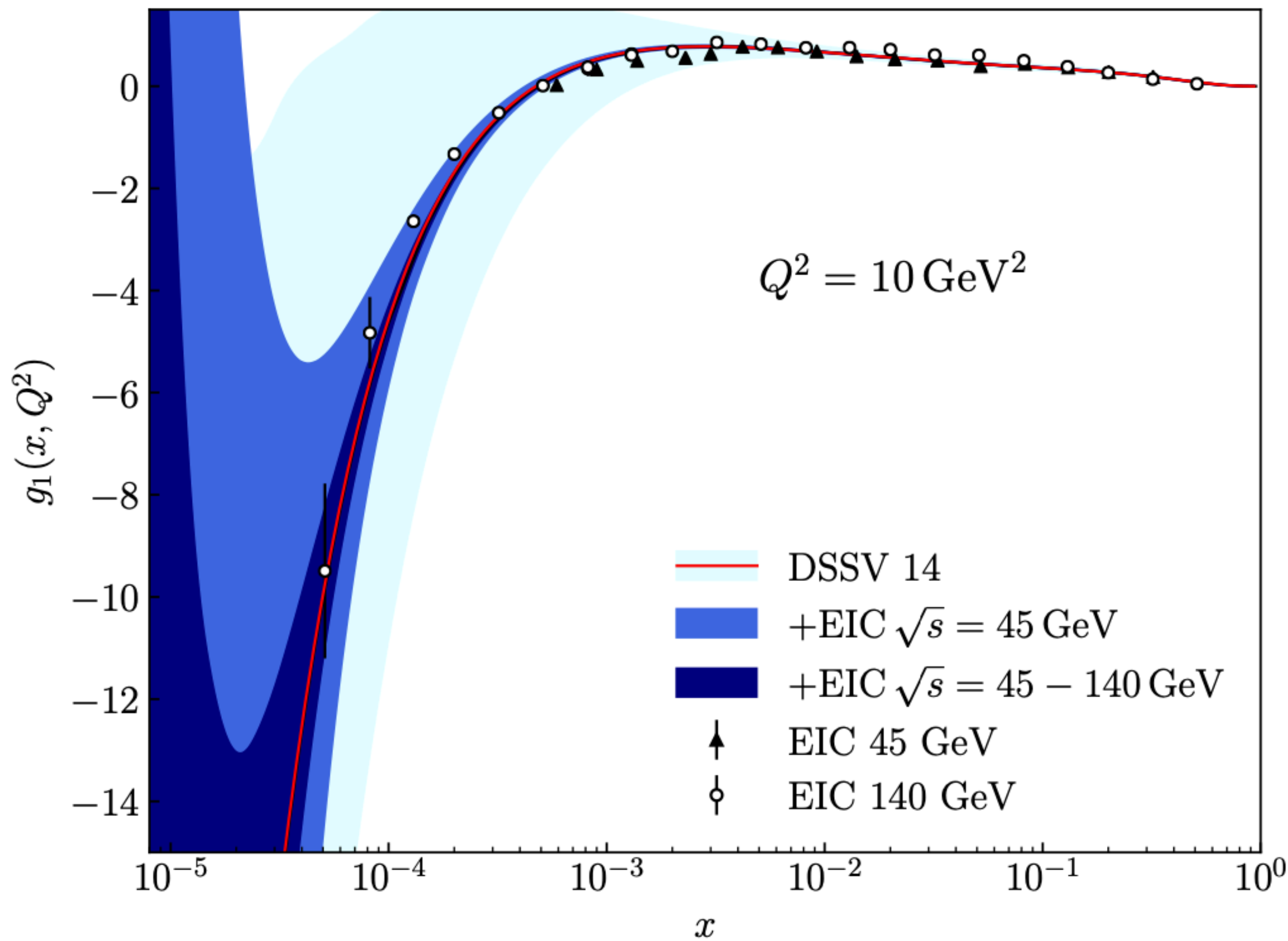
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Aschenauer, Borsa, Lucero, Nunes, Sassot (2020)

QCD+QED/EW effects

Notice that $\alpha_s^2 \sim \alpha \sim 0.01$ and EW effects can be enhanced..

$$\sigma(\alpha_s, \alpha) = \sigma^{(0,0)} + \alpha_s \sigma^{(1,0)} + \alpha_s^2 \sigma^{(2,0)} + \dots + \alpha \sigma^{(0,1)} + \dots + \alpha_s \alpha \sigma^{(1,1)} + \dots$$

LO NLO QCD NNLO QCD

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- mixed QCD-QED splitting functions known

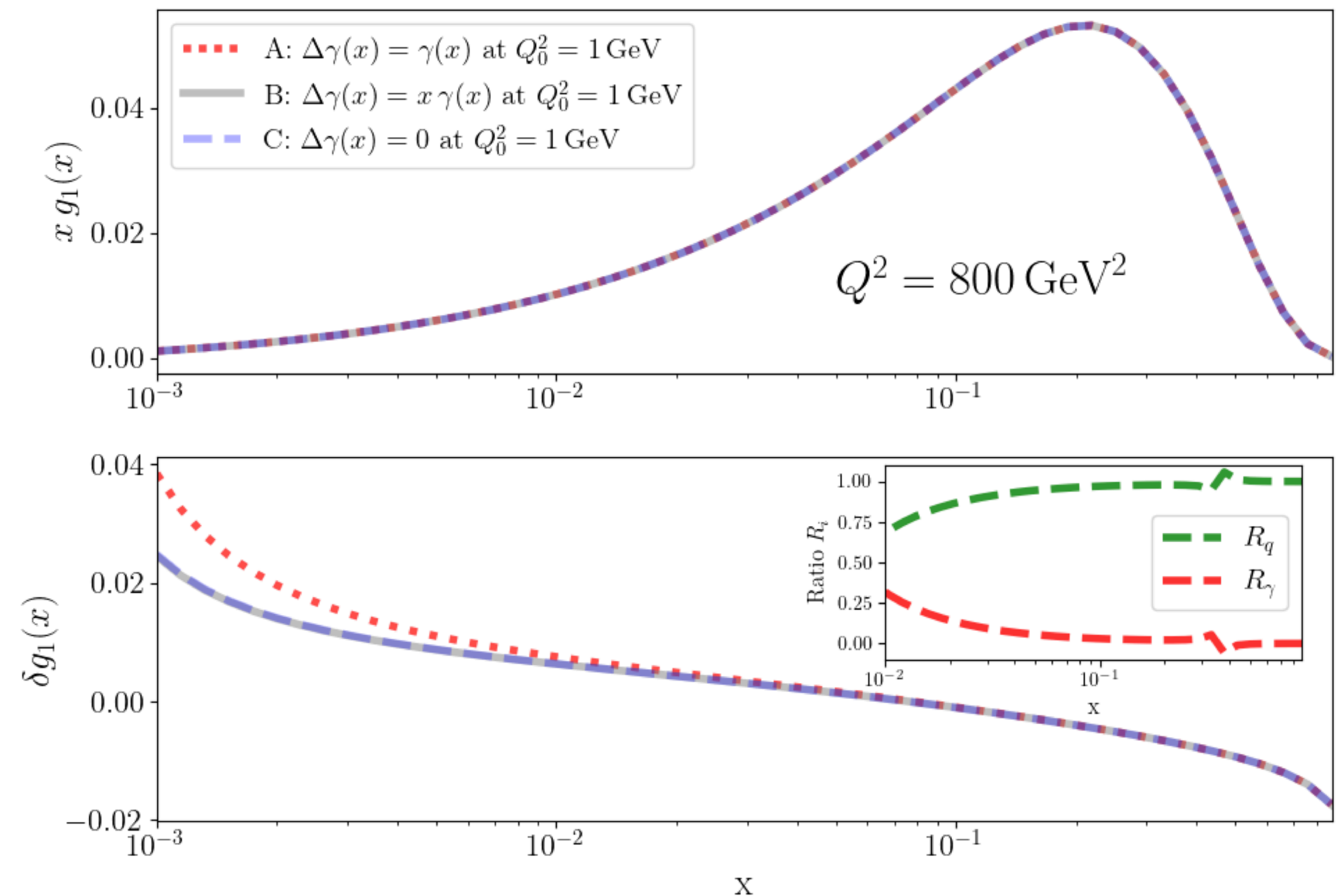
unpolarized deF. Rodrigo, Sborlini (2016)

polarized deF., Palma (2023)

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- ▶ Corrections typically $\sim 1\%$ but can be enhanced in certain kinematical regions

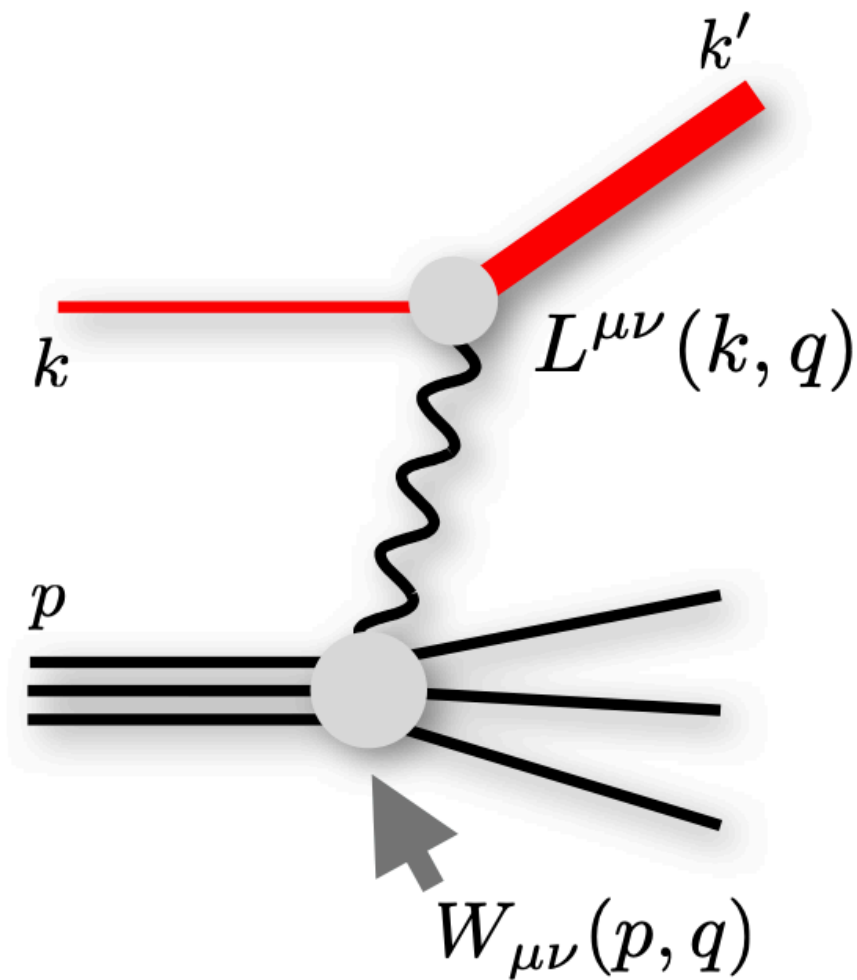
new distributions: photon and lepton in the proton



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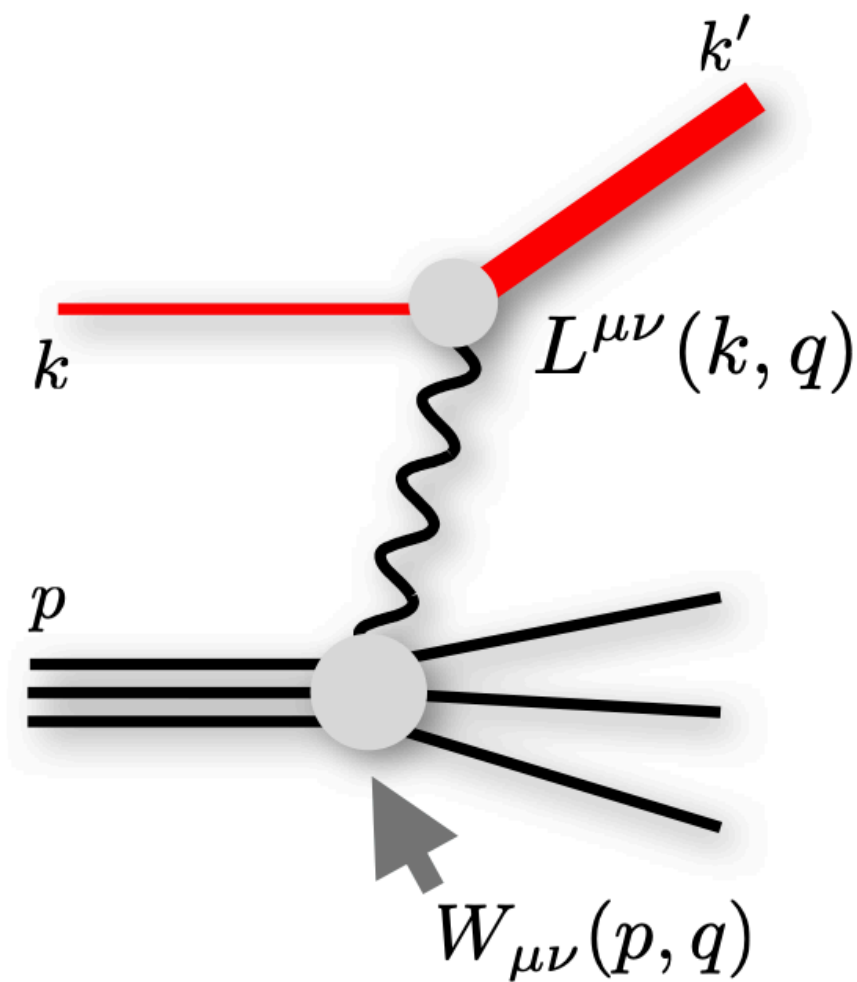


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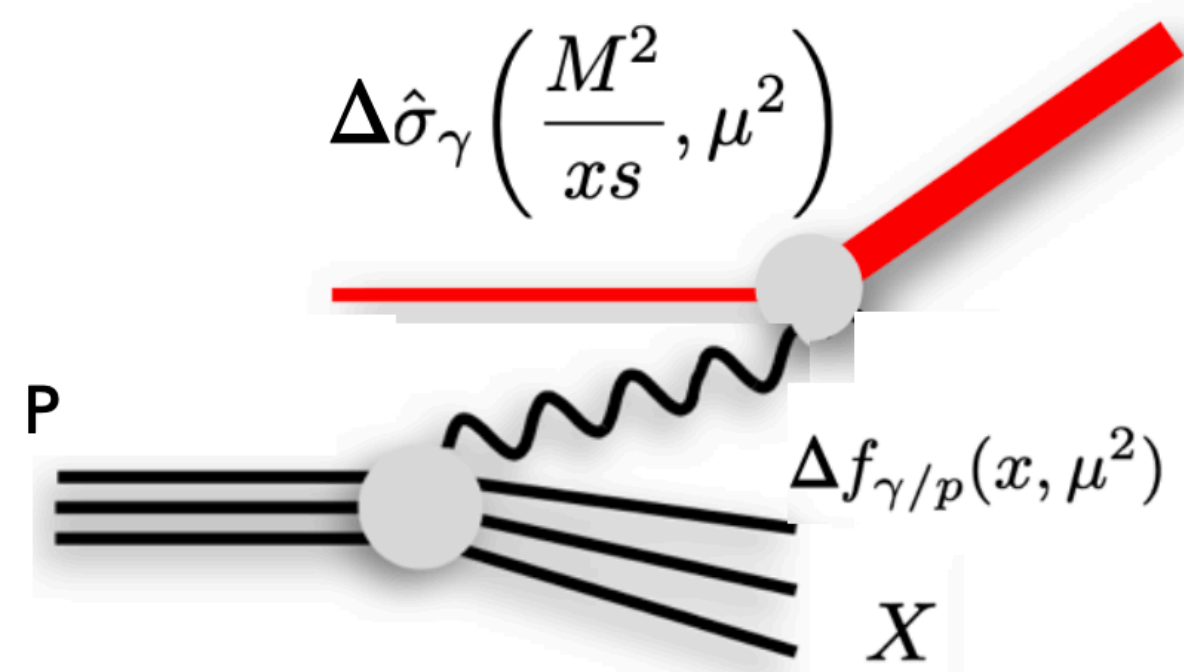
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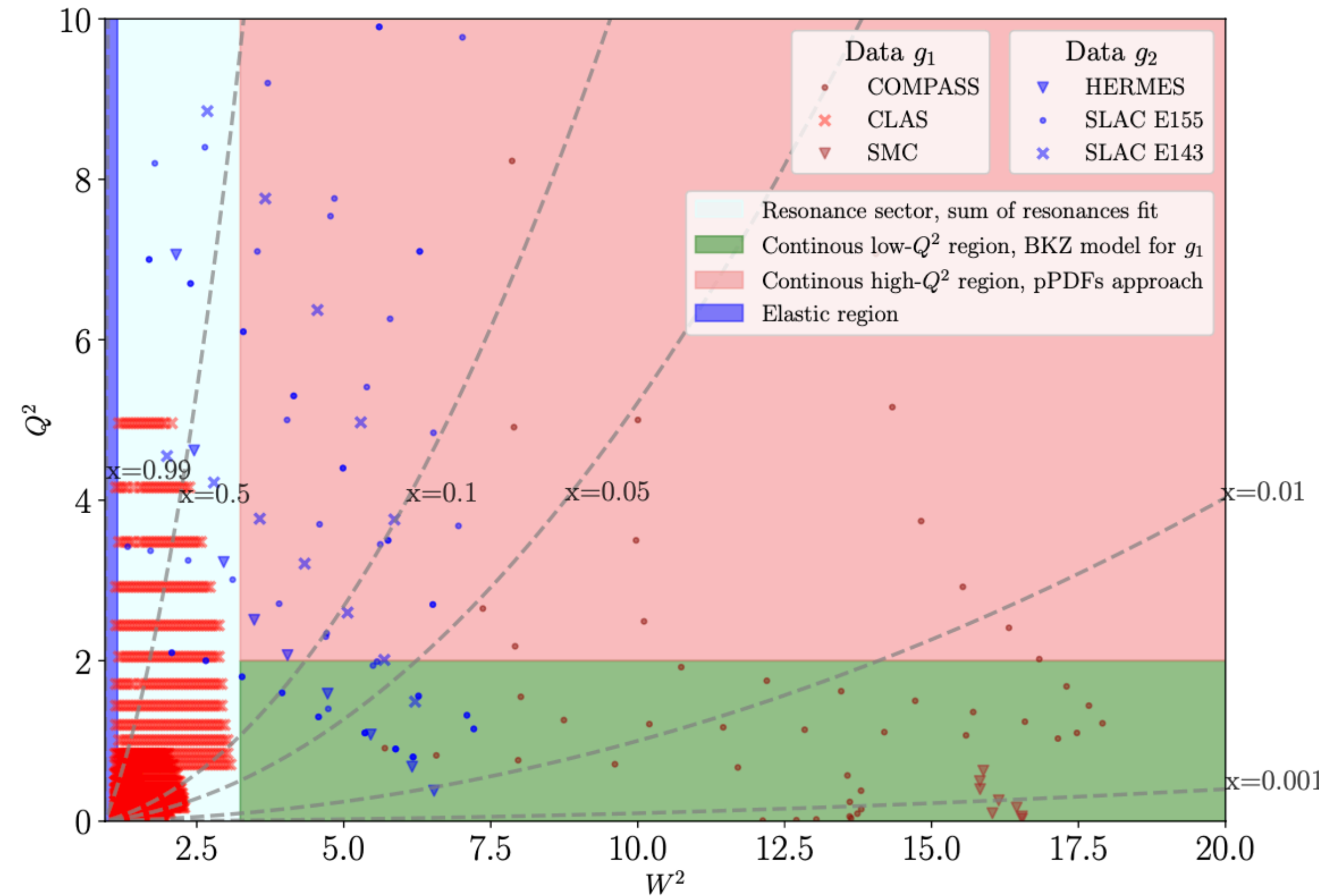
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equate and deduce photon distribution

Polarized photon pdf

Allows to compute the polarized photon distribution

$$\Delta f_\gamma(x, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha(\mu^2)} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \left\{ \int_{Q_{\min}^2}^{\frac{\mu^2}{1-z}} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \alpha_{\text{ph}}^2(Q^2) \left[\left(4 - 2z - \frac{4m_p^2 x^2}{Q^2} \right) g_1(x/z, Q^2) - \left(\frac{8m_p^2 x^2}{zQ^2} \right) g_2(x/z, Q^2) \right] + \alpha^2(\mu^2) 4(1-z) g_1(x/z, \mu^2) \right\}$$



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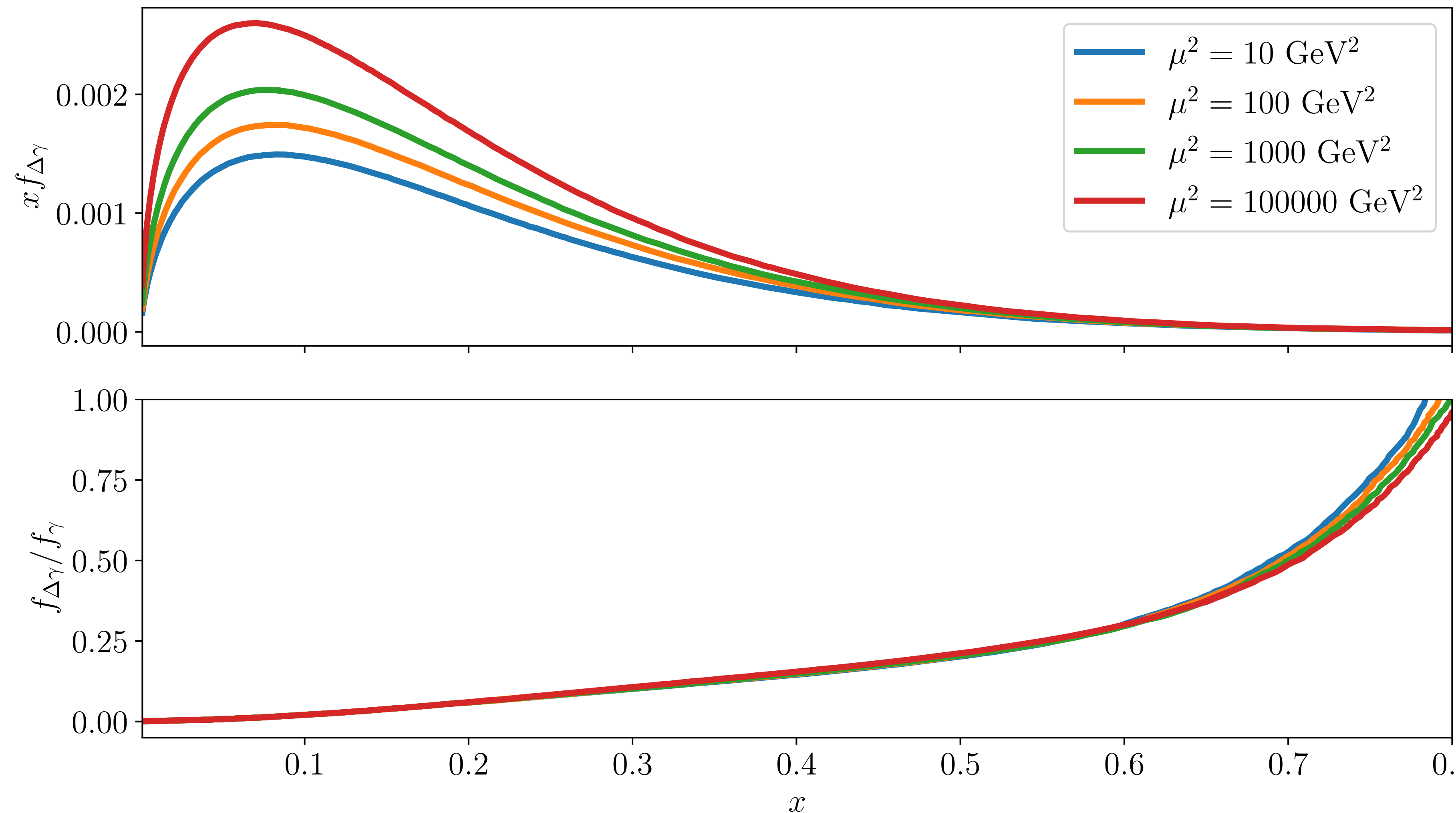
Low Q continuum: VMD model/Fits

deF., Palma, Volonnino (2024)

Resonance: Fits CLAS data

High Q continuum: Perturbative QCD

several sources of uncertainties...



shape consistent with $x \cdot f$

proton spin carried by photons ($\sim 1\%$)

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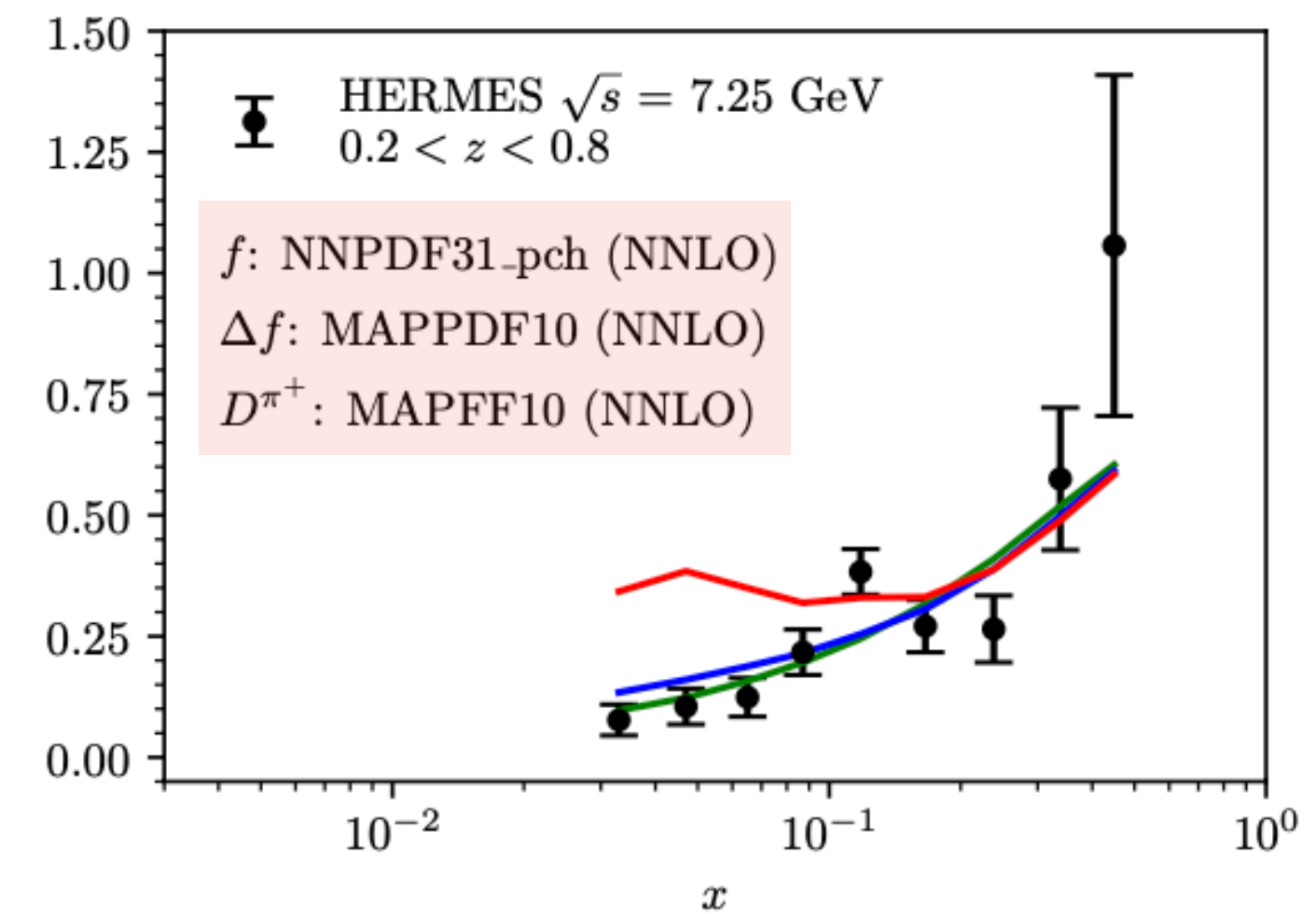
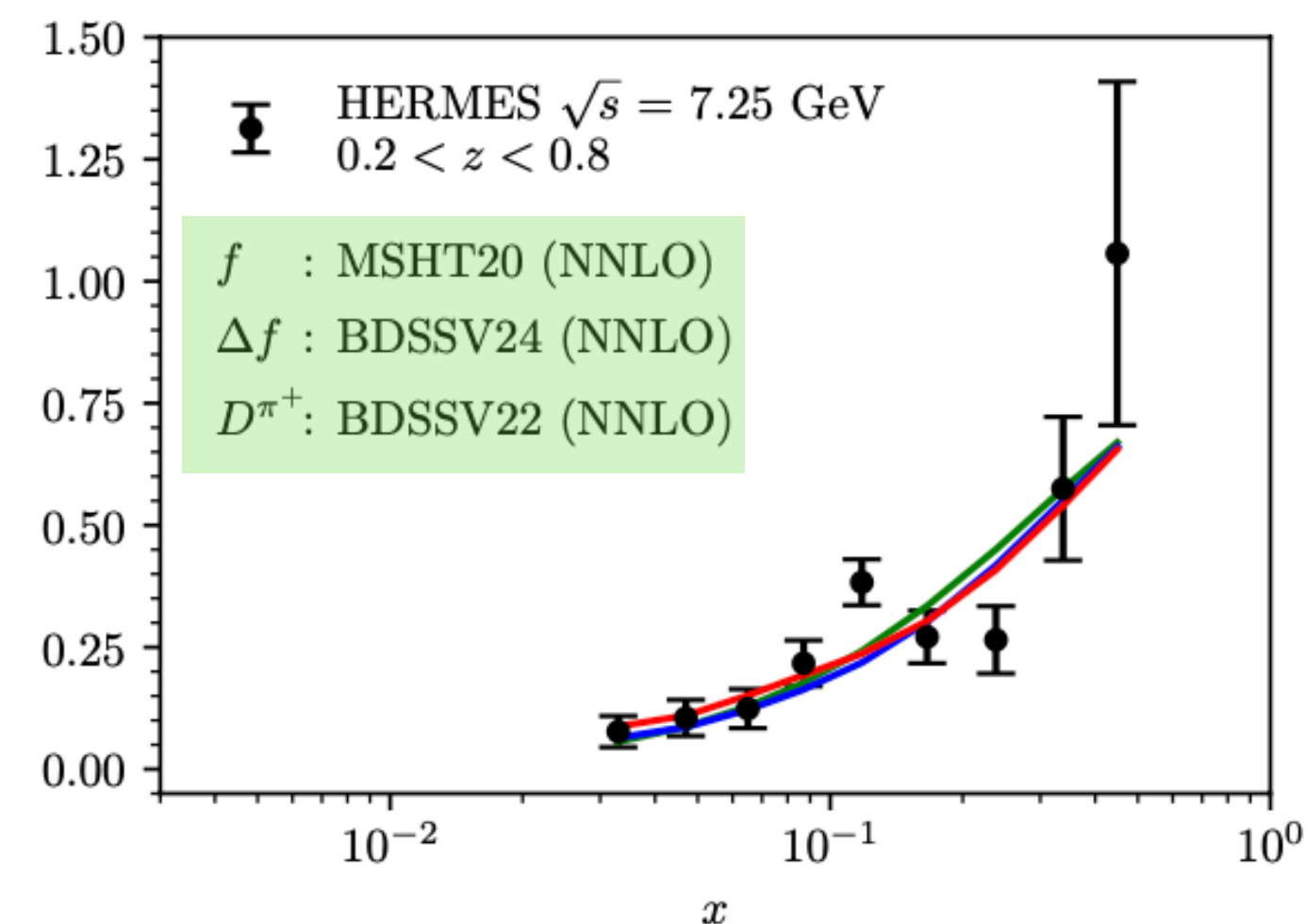
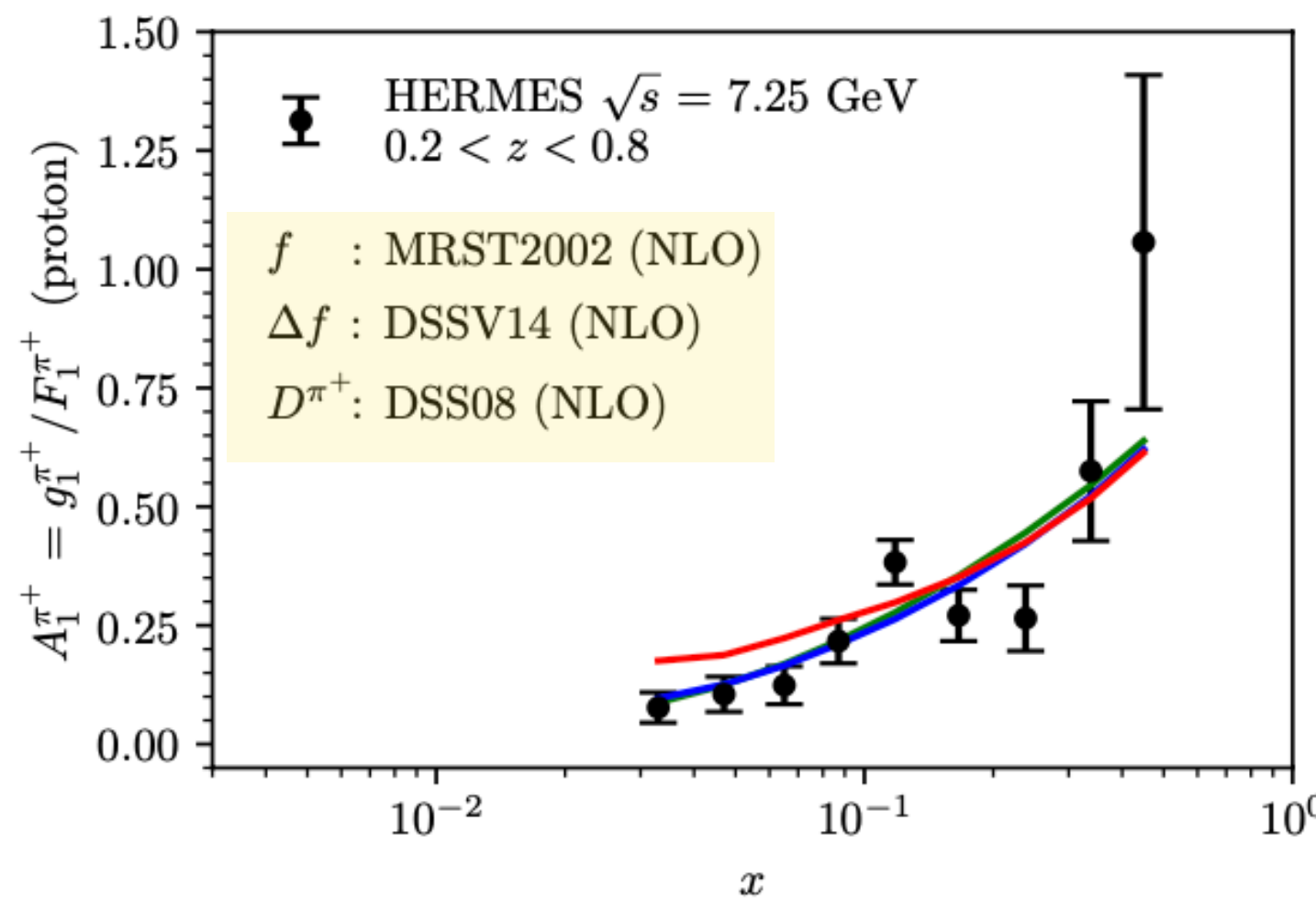
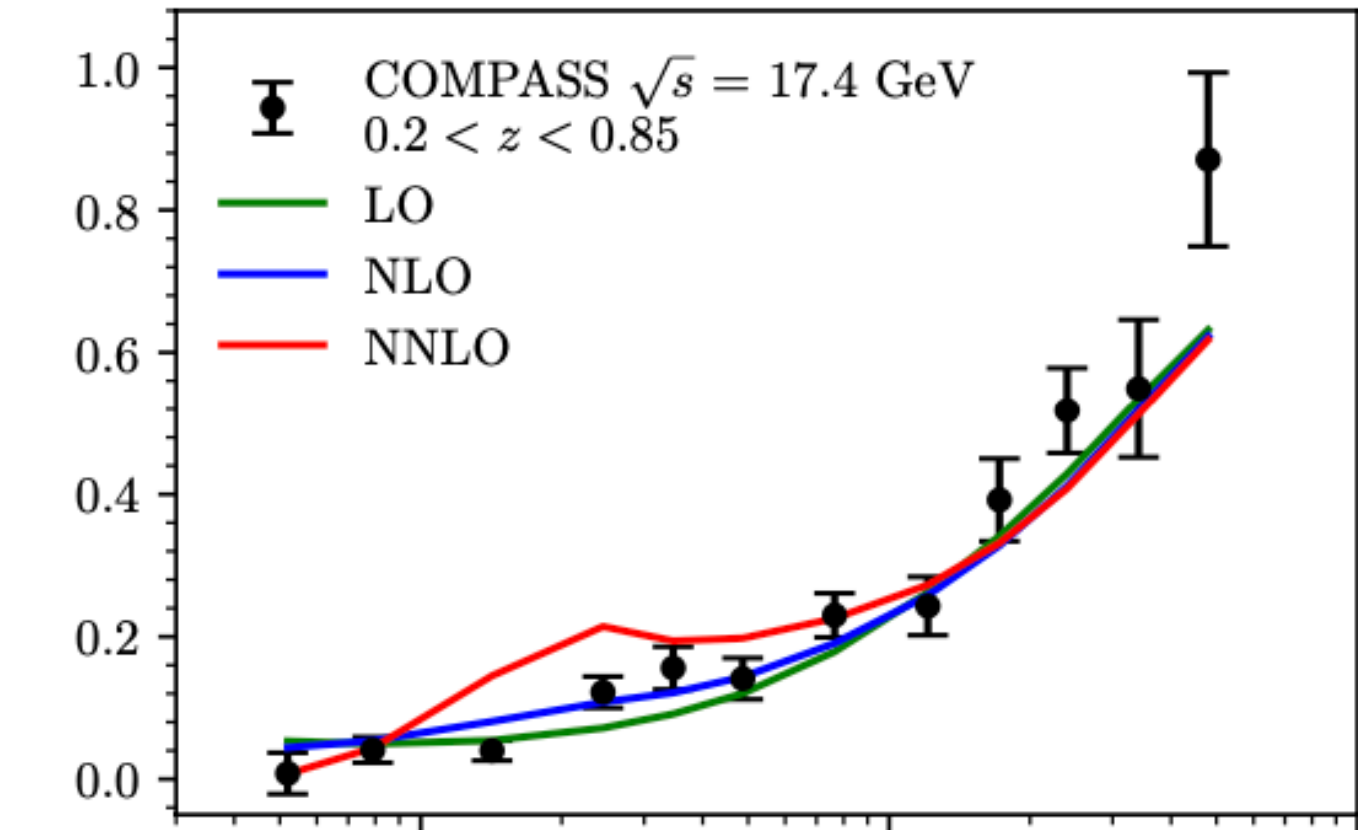
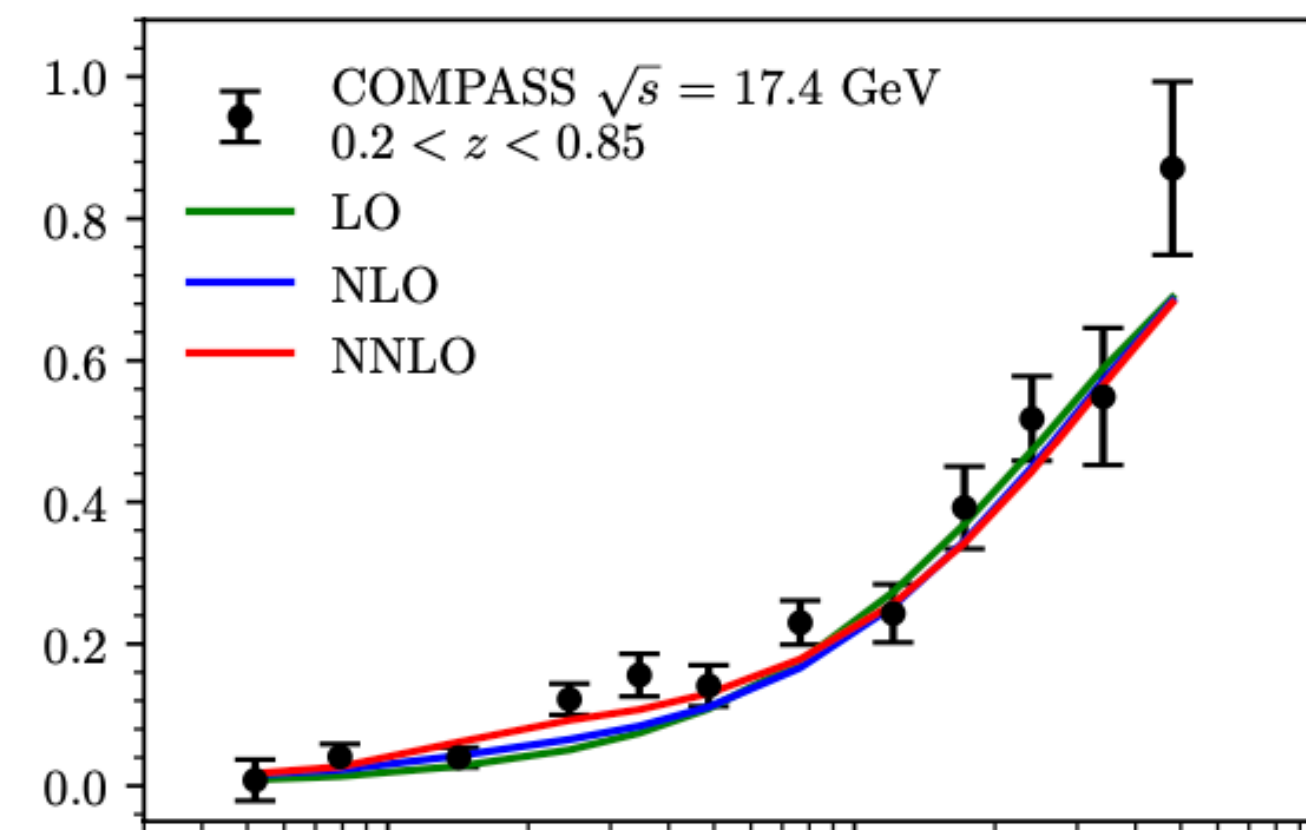
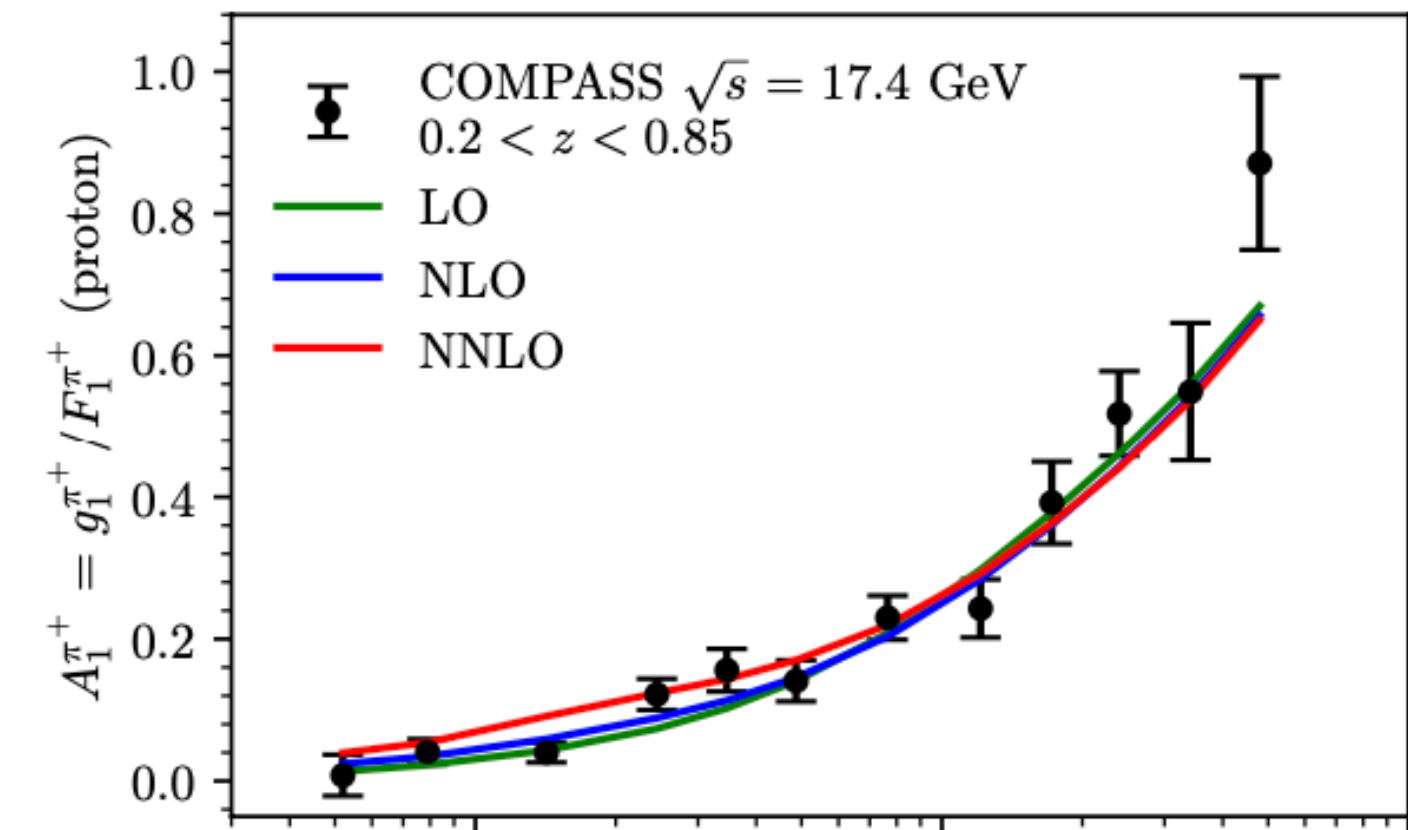


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Backup



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