



# nCTEQ15-HIX

## Nuclear PDFs in valence region

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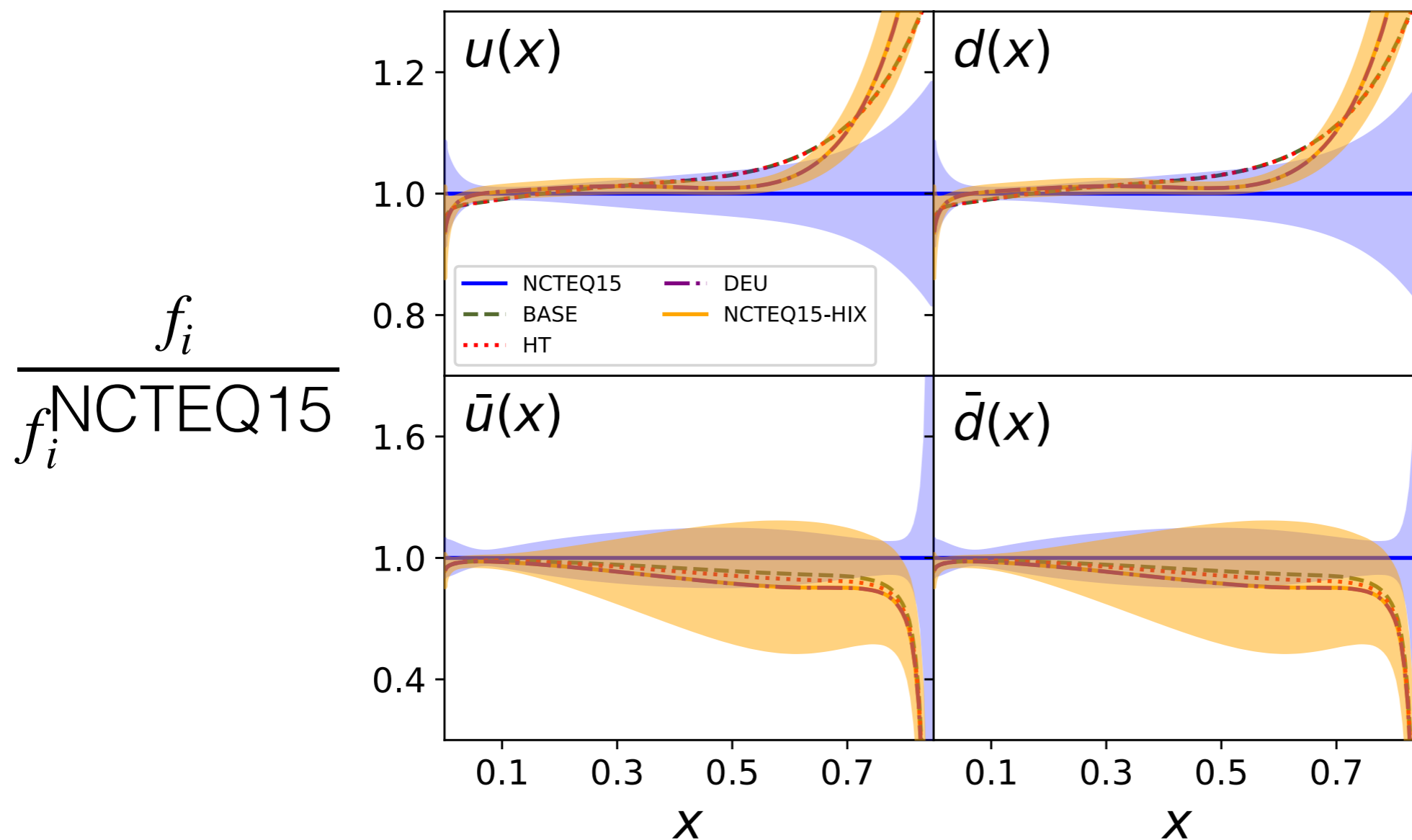
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Important for neutrino DIS analyses in transition region  
( $W > 1.7$  GeV) & future experiments (like DUNE)



# Outline

- nCTEQ framework (**nCTEQ15**)
- Challenges in the valence region
- Resulting PDFs (**nCTEQ15HIX**)

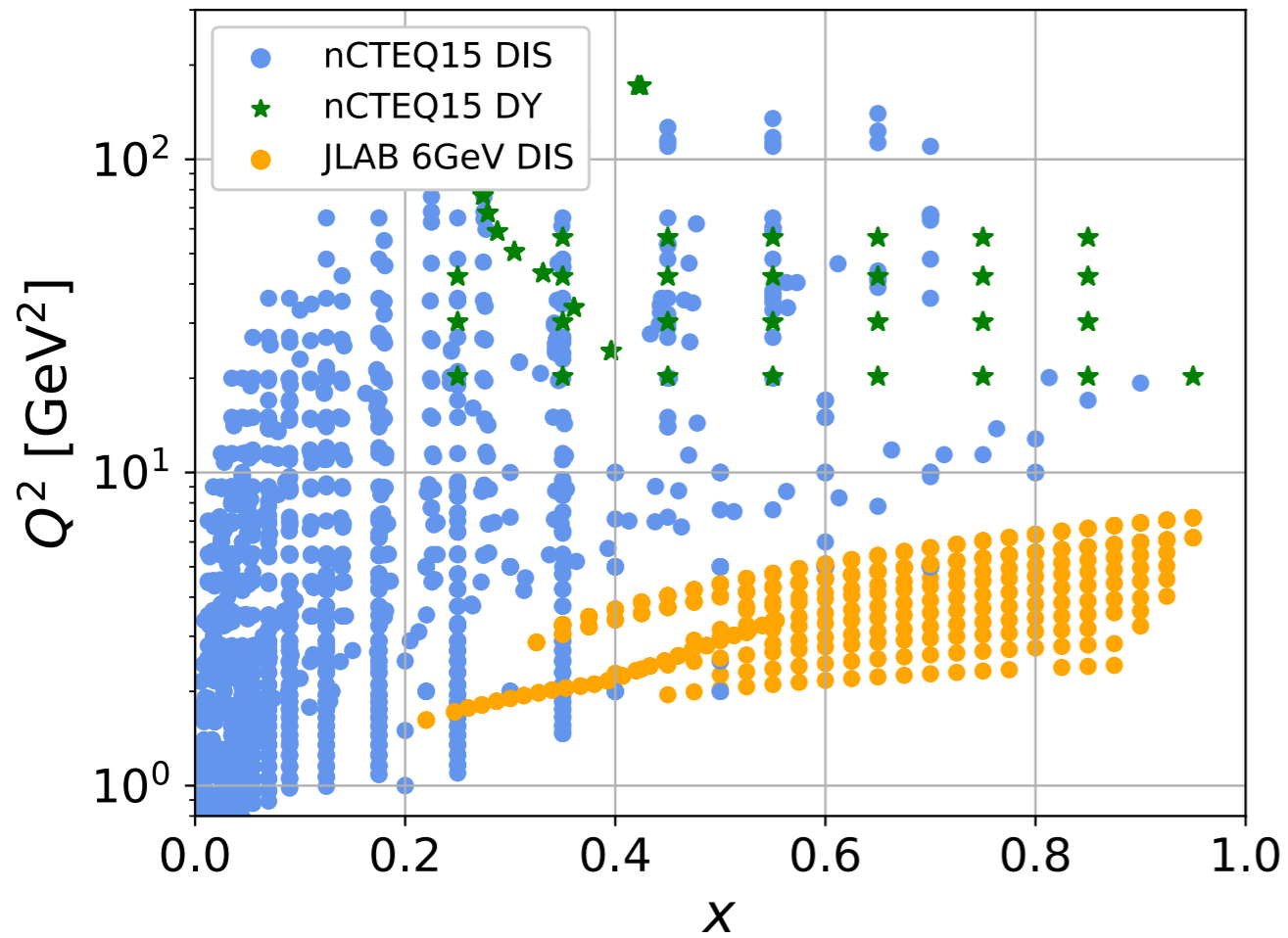
[arxiv 2012.11566](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.11566) (under review)

# Extracting nPDFs

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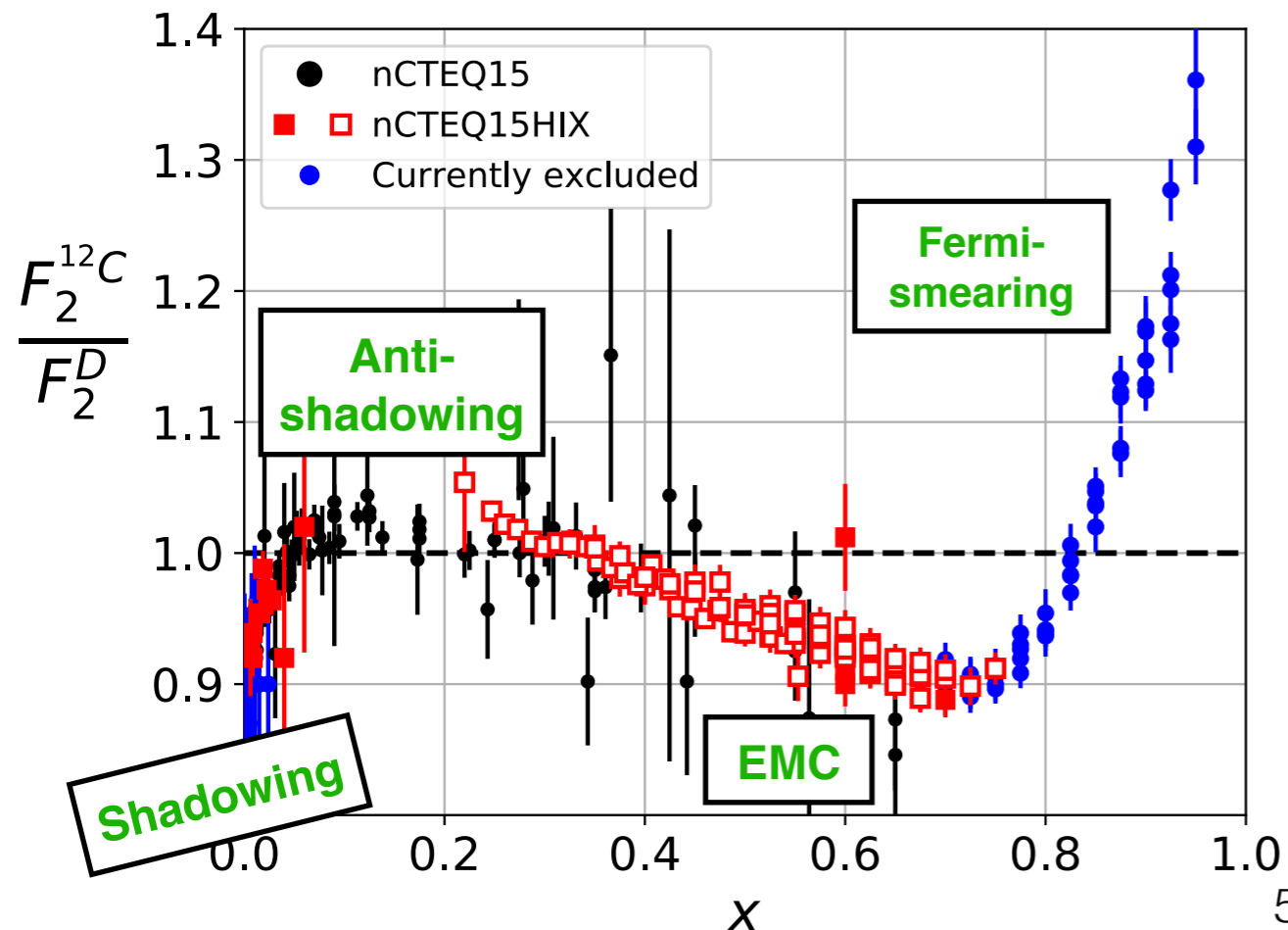
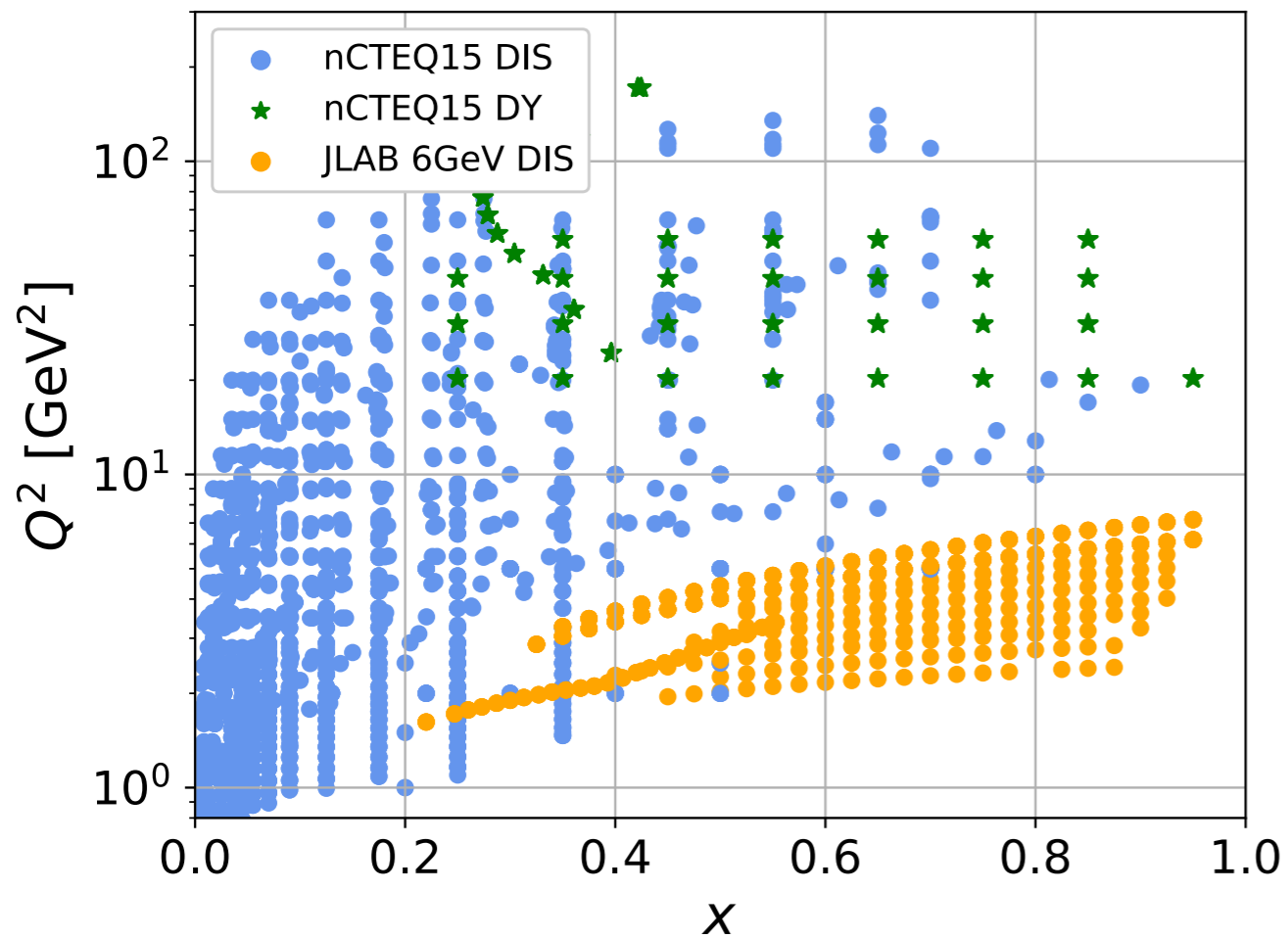


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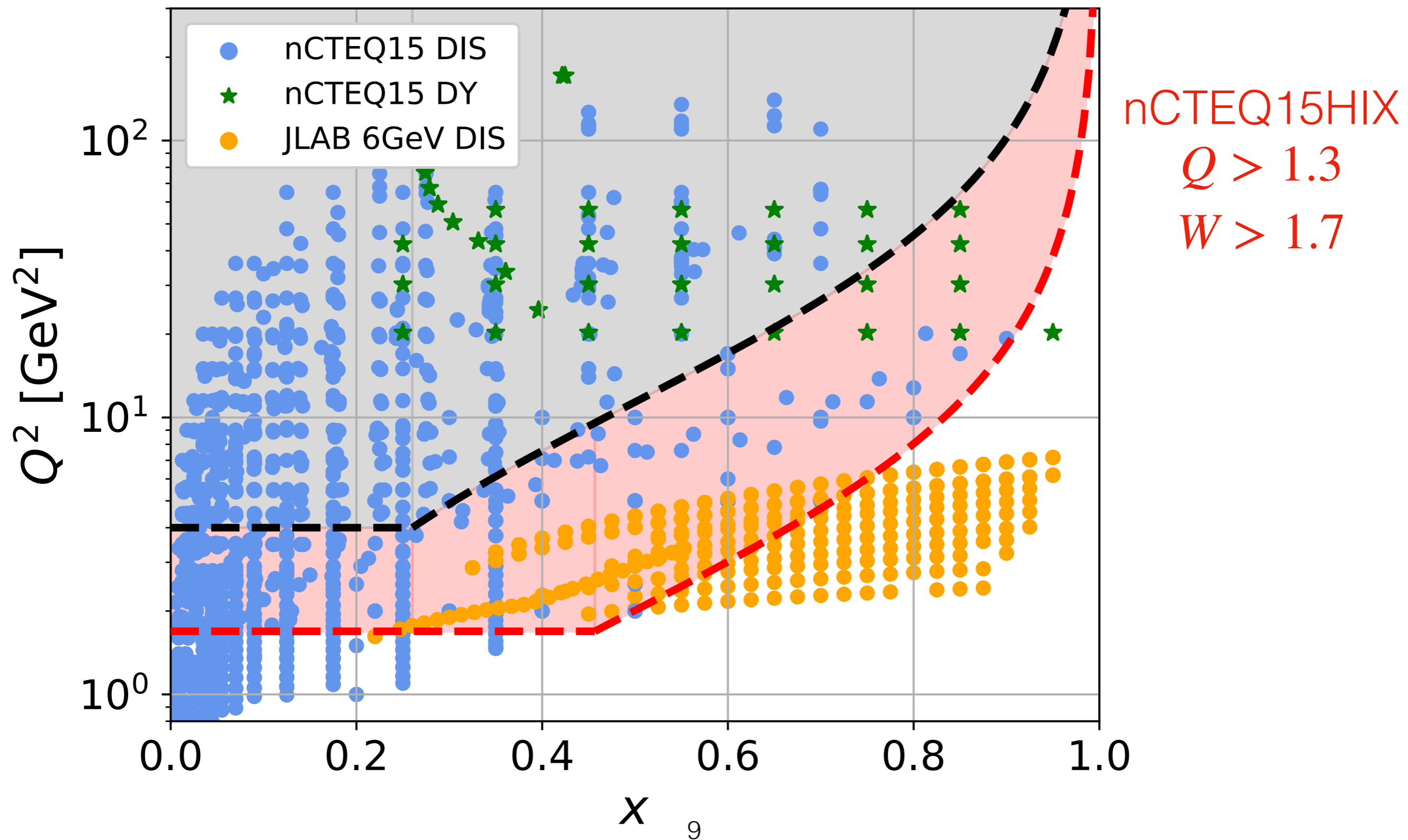
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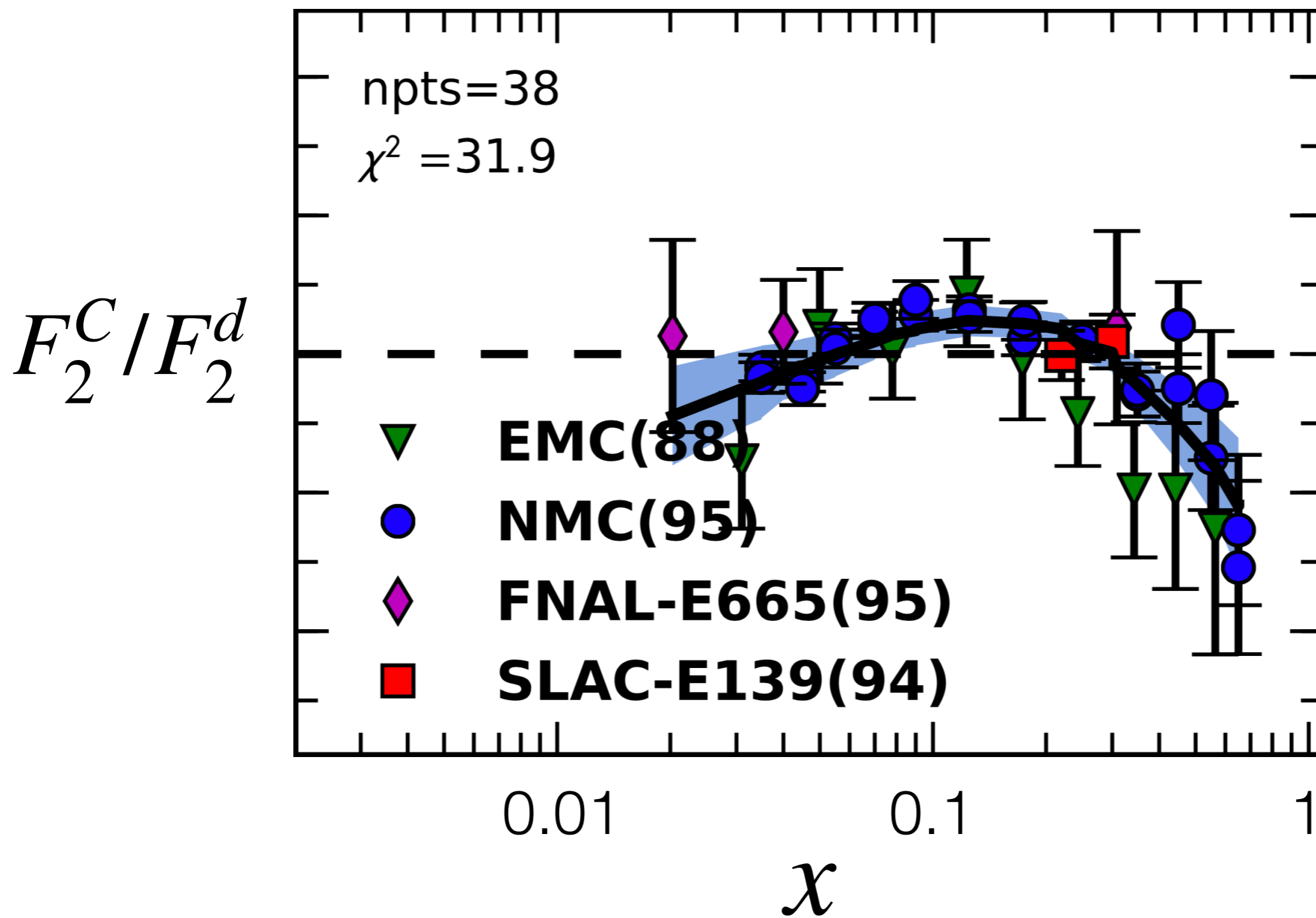
# Data used

nCTEQ15  $Q > 2, W > 3.5$

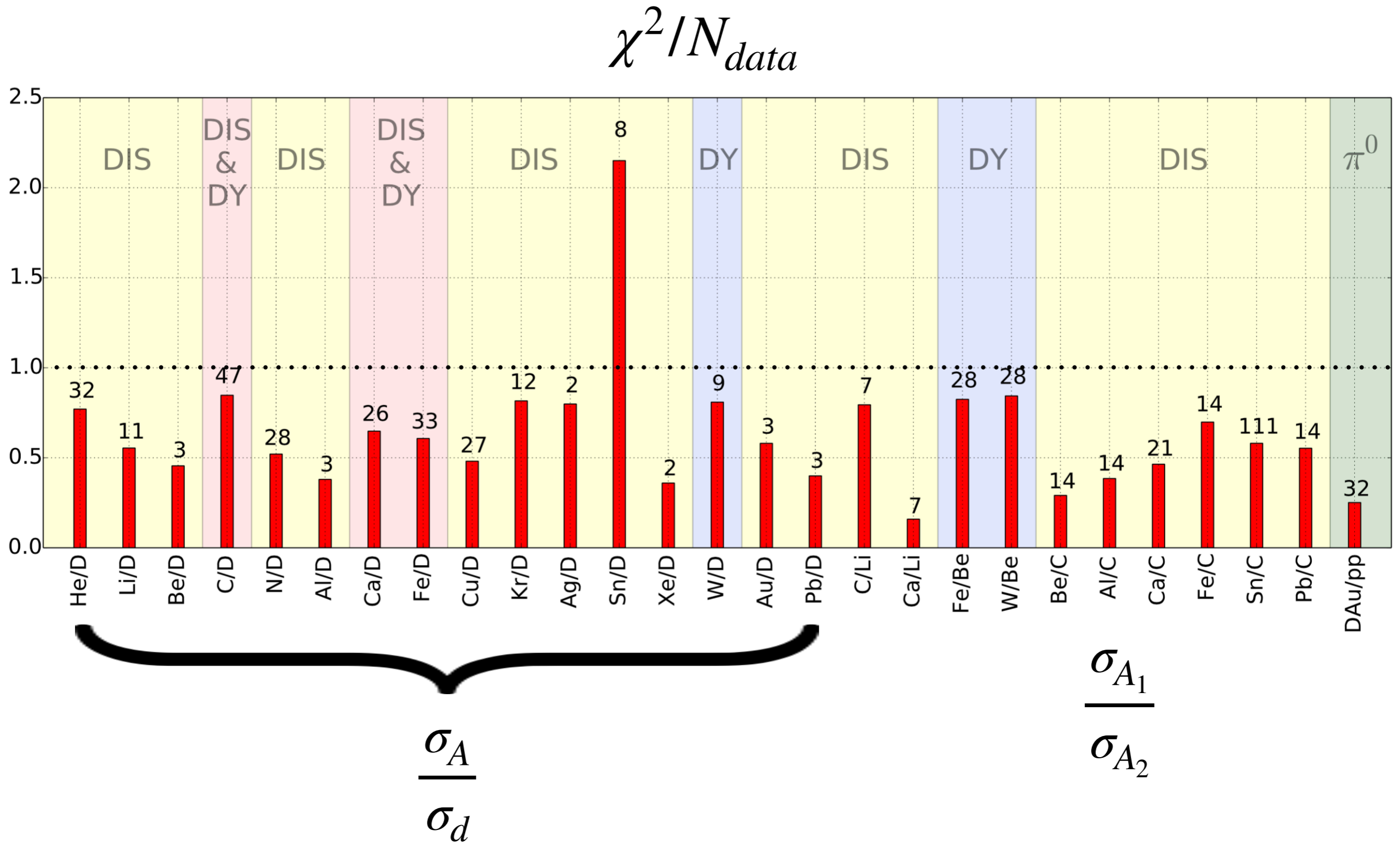


# Extraction and assessment of fit

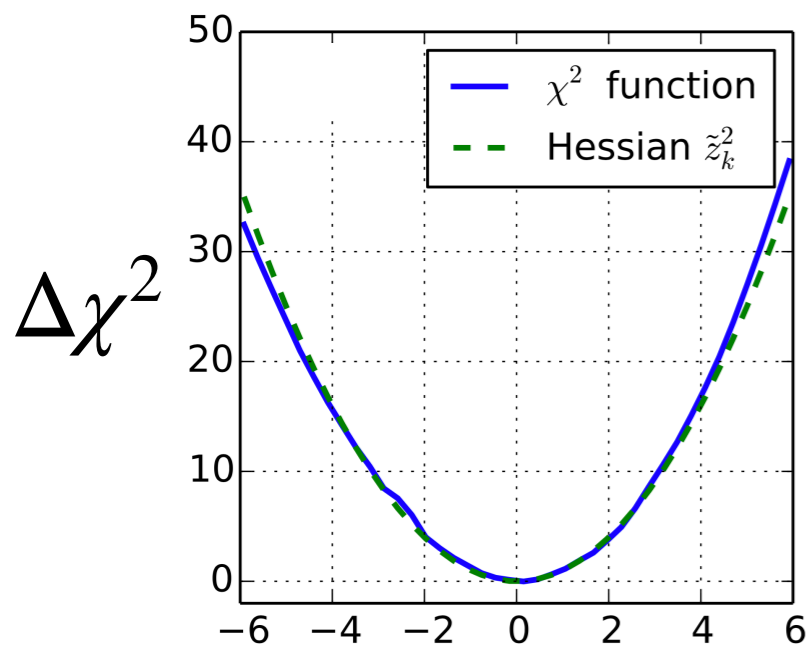
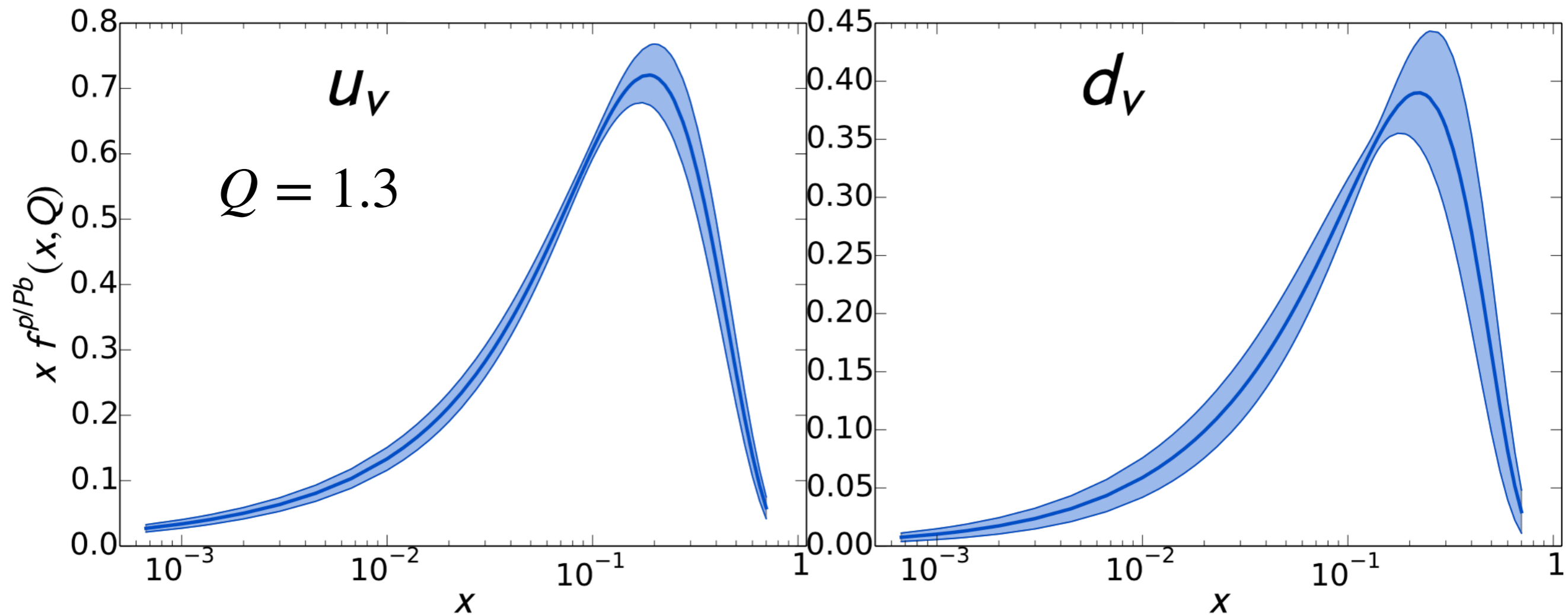
$\chi^2$  minimization of  $\sim 16$  parameters



# Assessing quality

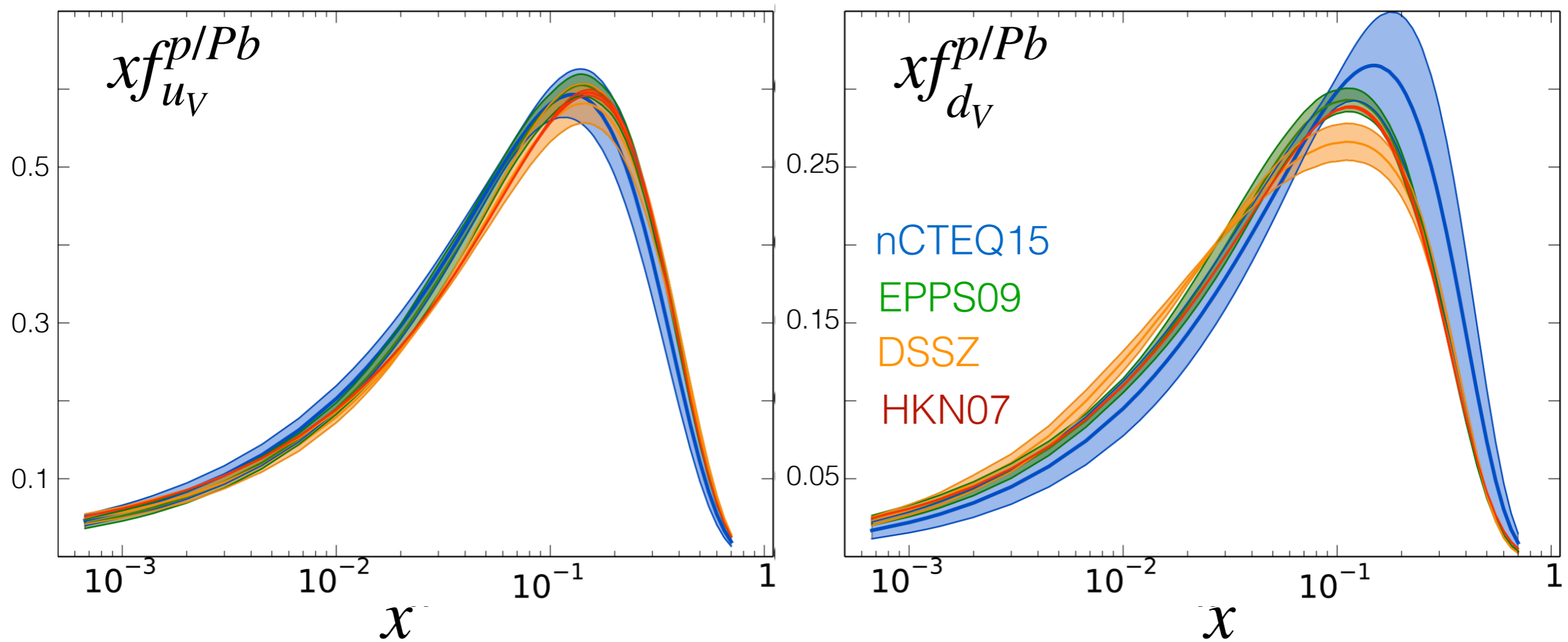


# Resulting effective nPDFs



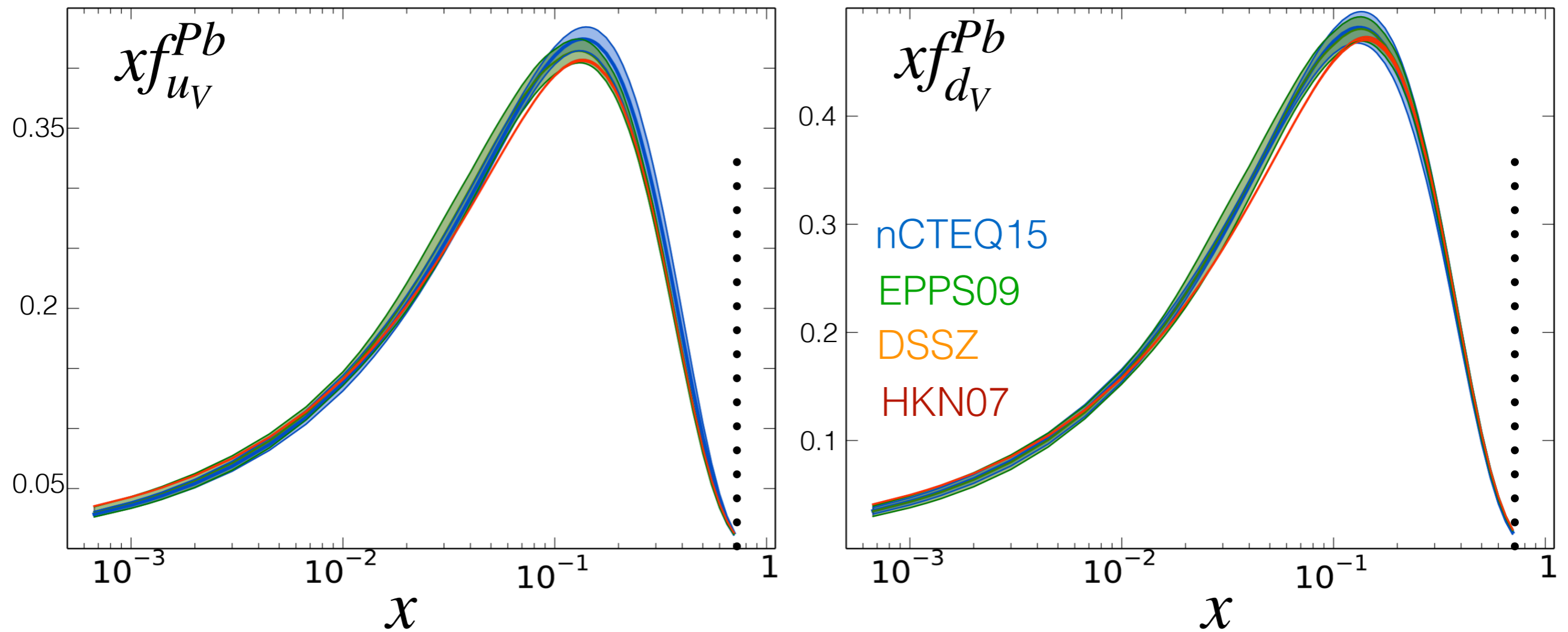
Uncertainty estimated via Hessian method

# Average effective PDFs have some variance between groups



$$f_i^{(A,Z)}(x, Q) = \frac{Z}{A} f_i^{p/A}(x, Q) + \frac{A-Z}{A} f_i^{n/A}(x, Q)$$

# Full effective nPDFs are very similar



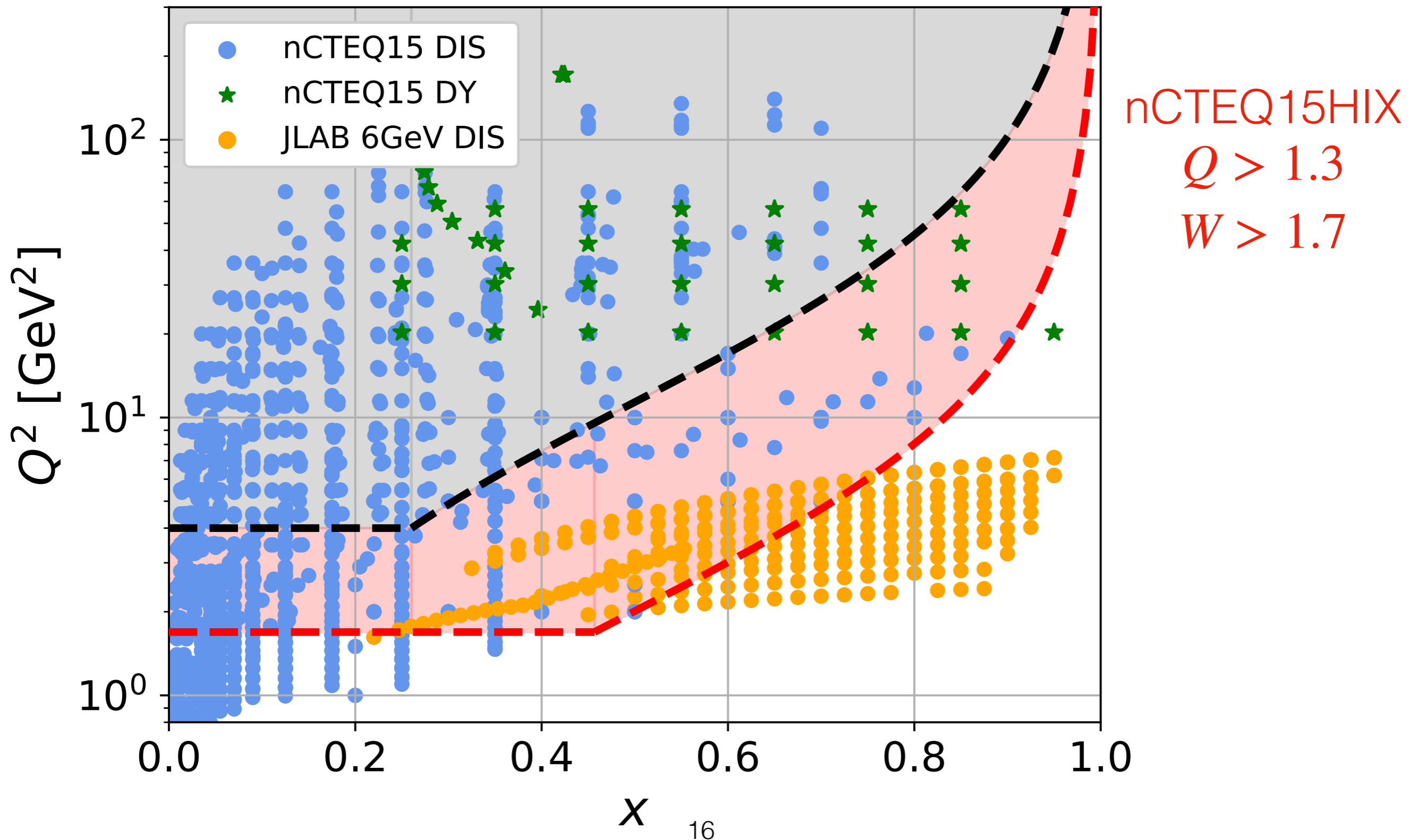
(which is great given completely different approaches)

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# Moving to valence region

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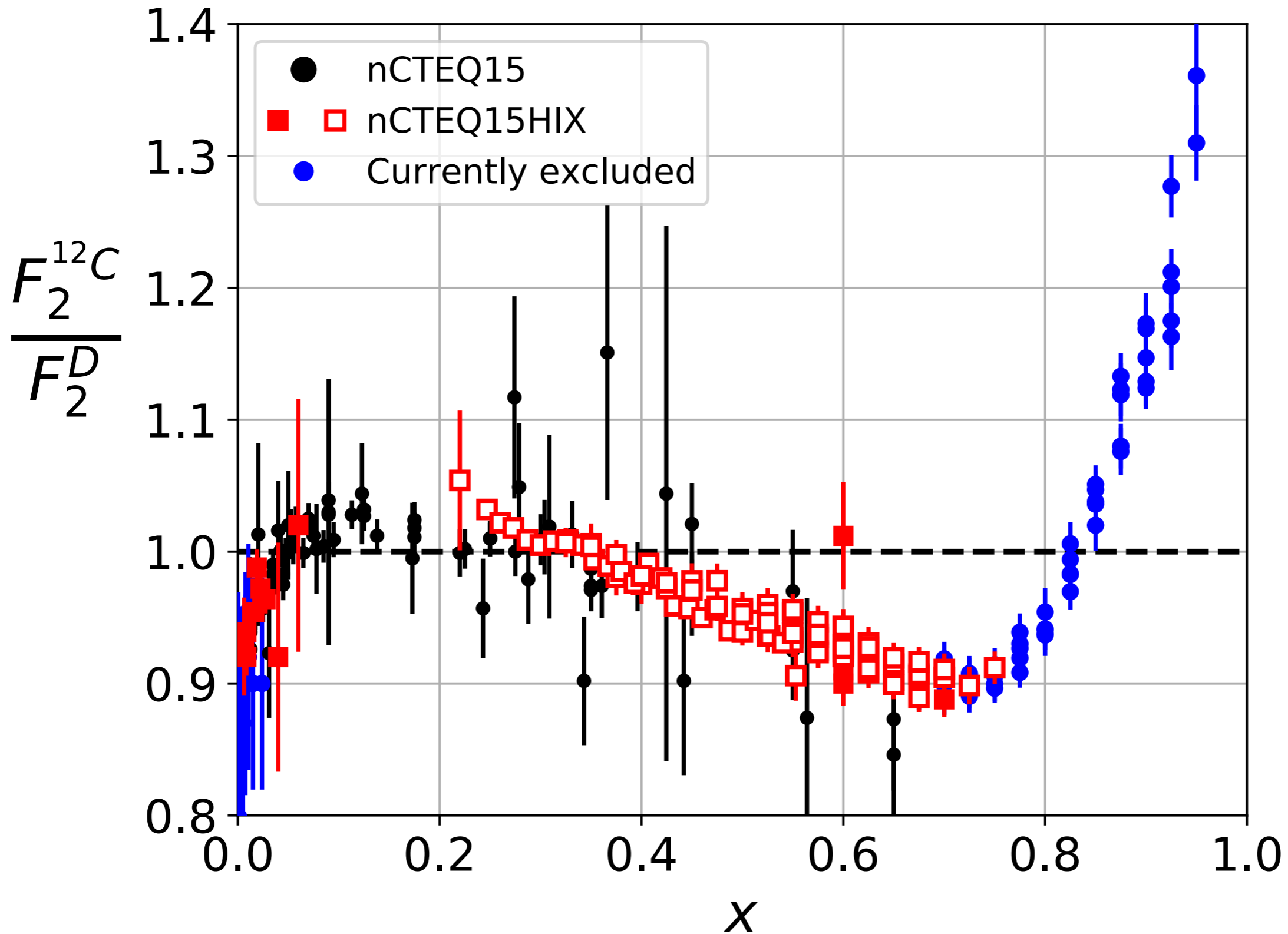
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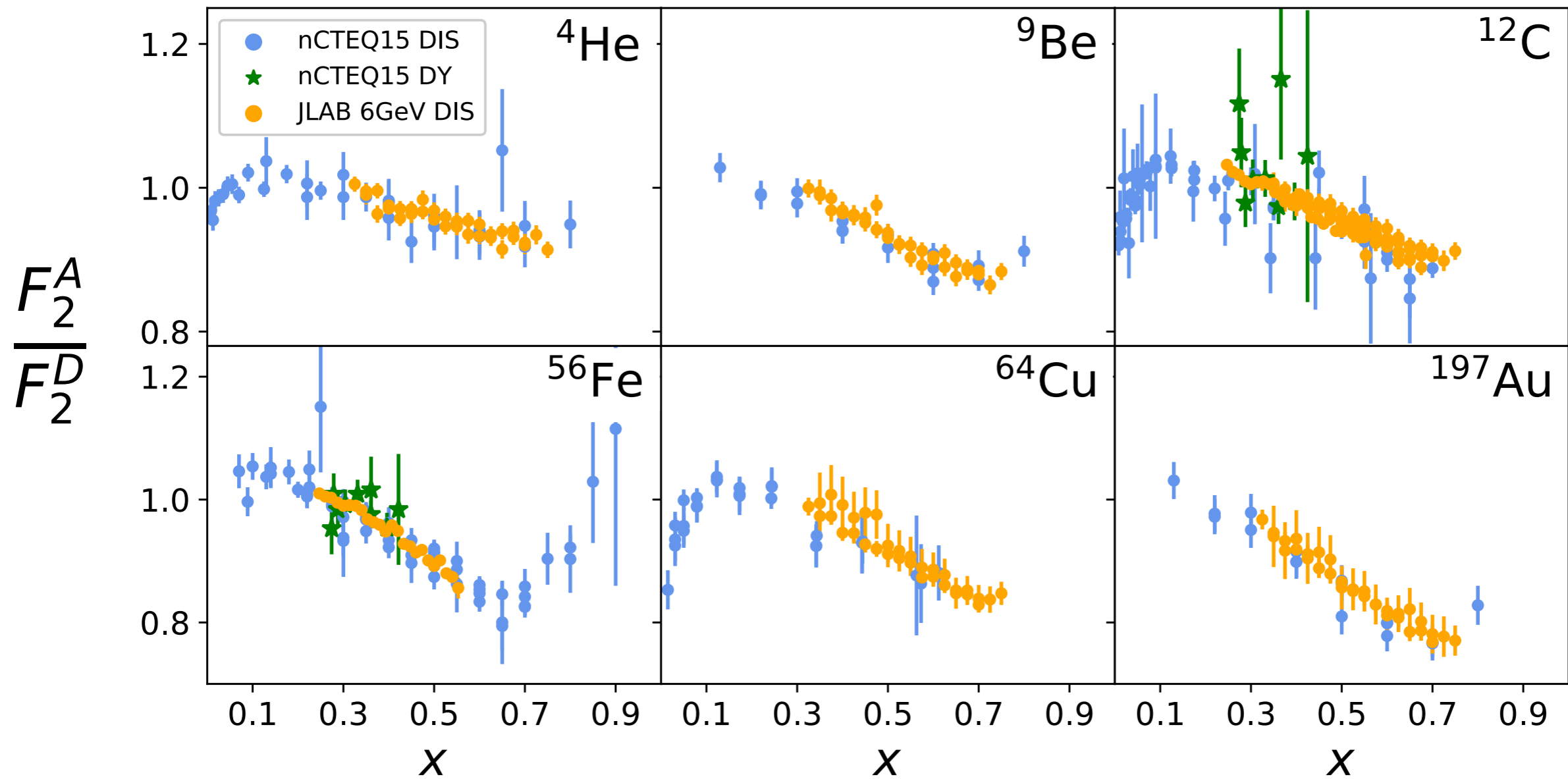
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- Target-mass and higher-twist effects become important in theory calculation

# EMC region and Fermi smearing



# JLab 6GeV has precise data over wide range of $A$



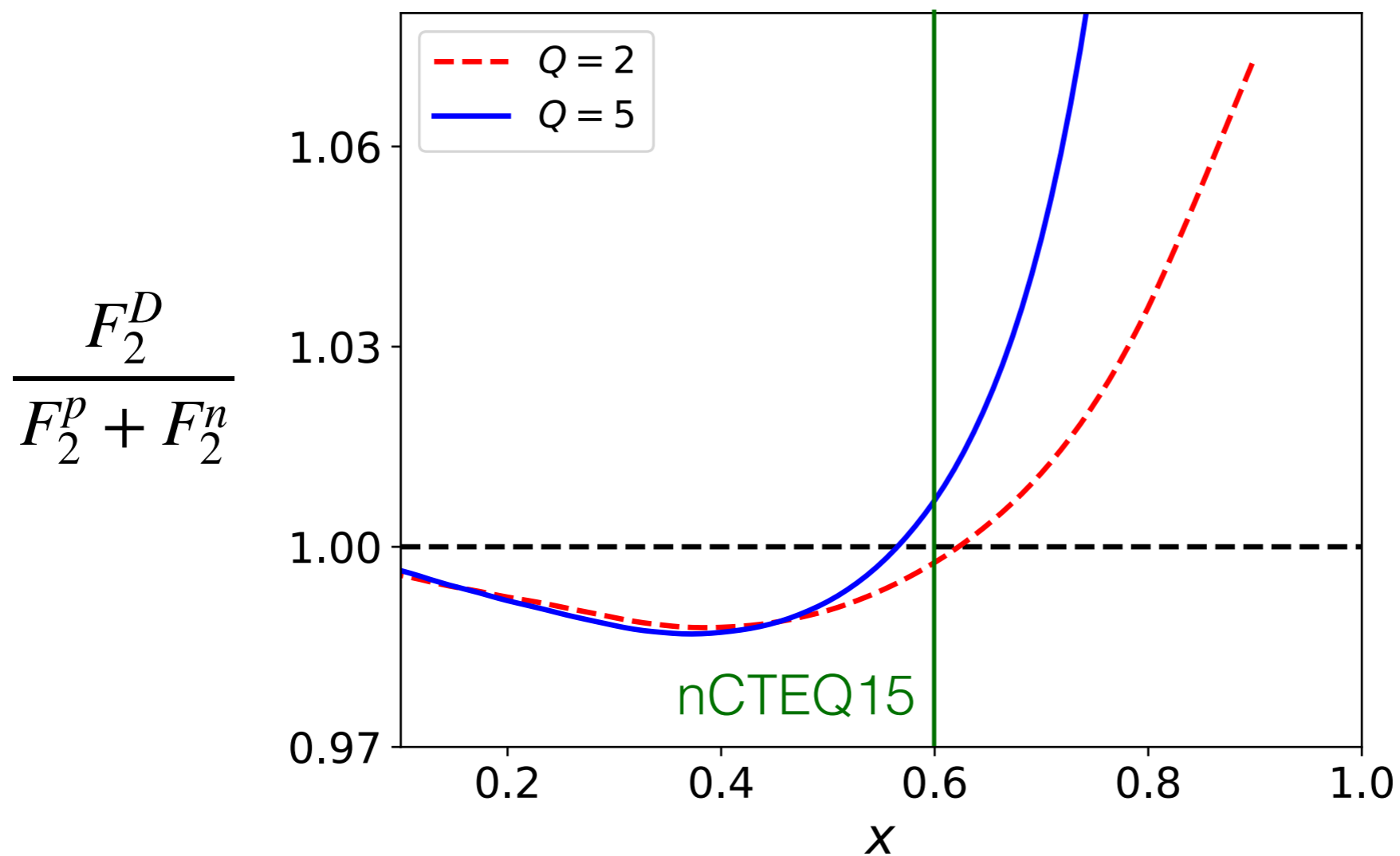
# Deuterium at high- $x$

nCTEQ15  
calculates

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^P + F_2^n}$$

Data  
reported as

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^D}$$



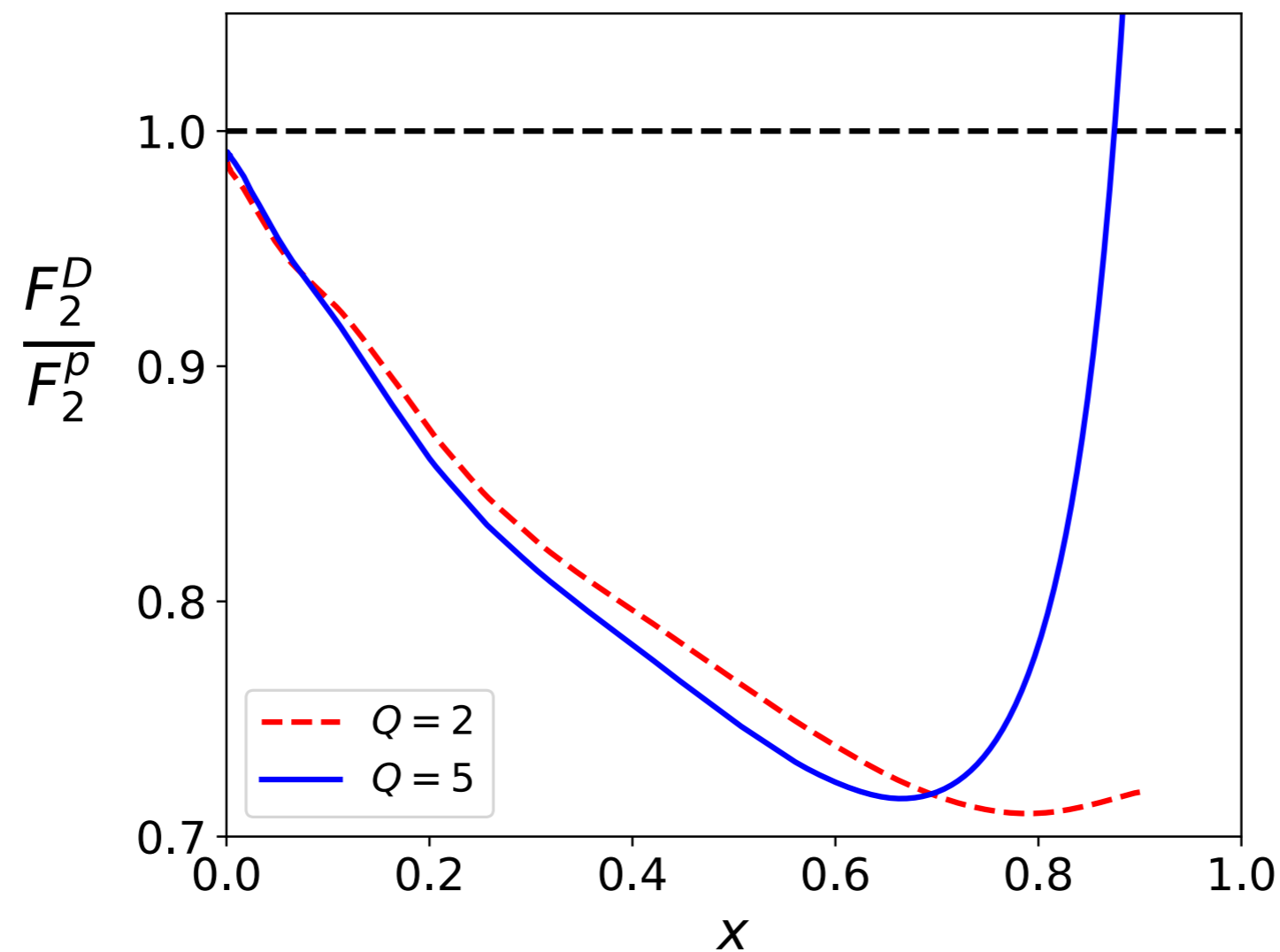
# Deuterium at high- $x$

nCTEQ15HIX  
calculates

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^p} \quad (\text{Fixed free proton})$$

Data  
“correction”

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^d} \cdot \left( \frac{F_2^d}{F_2^p} \right)_{CJ}$$



# TMC & HT Corrections

**TMC:** Subleading  $M^2/Q^2$  corrections to leading twist structure function

$$F_2^{TMC} \sim F_2^{(0)} + \frac{M^2}{Q^2} [\dots]$$

**HT:** Non-perturbative multi-quark interactions, theoretically not well understood, often parametrized and fitted

$$F_2^A \rightarrow F_2^A \left[ 1 + \frac{C_{HT}^A}{Q^2} \right]$$

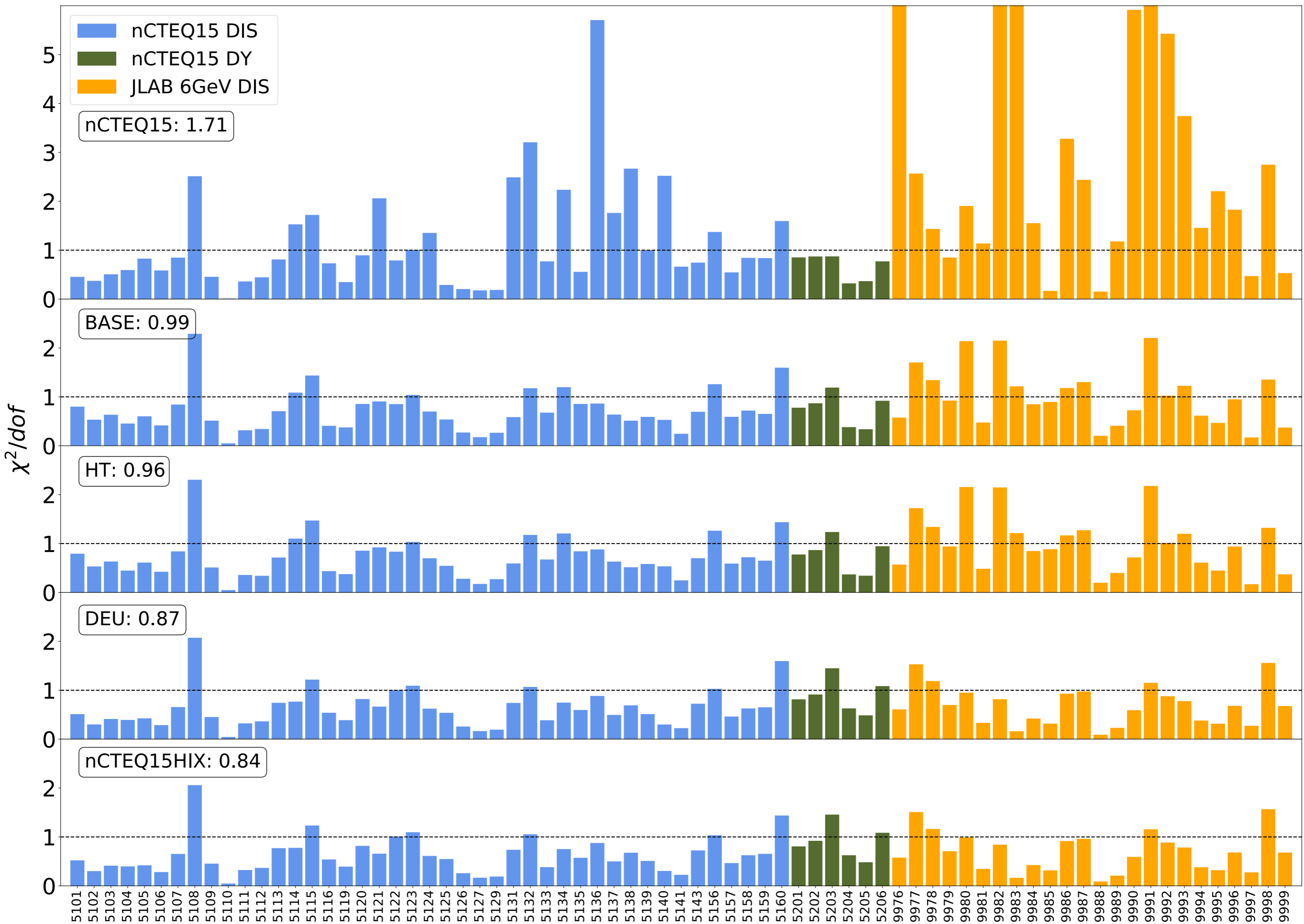
*(often called dynamical higher-twist; what are the dynamics that allow for one quark to carry all momentum)*



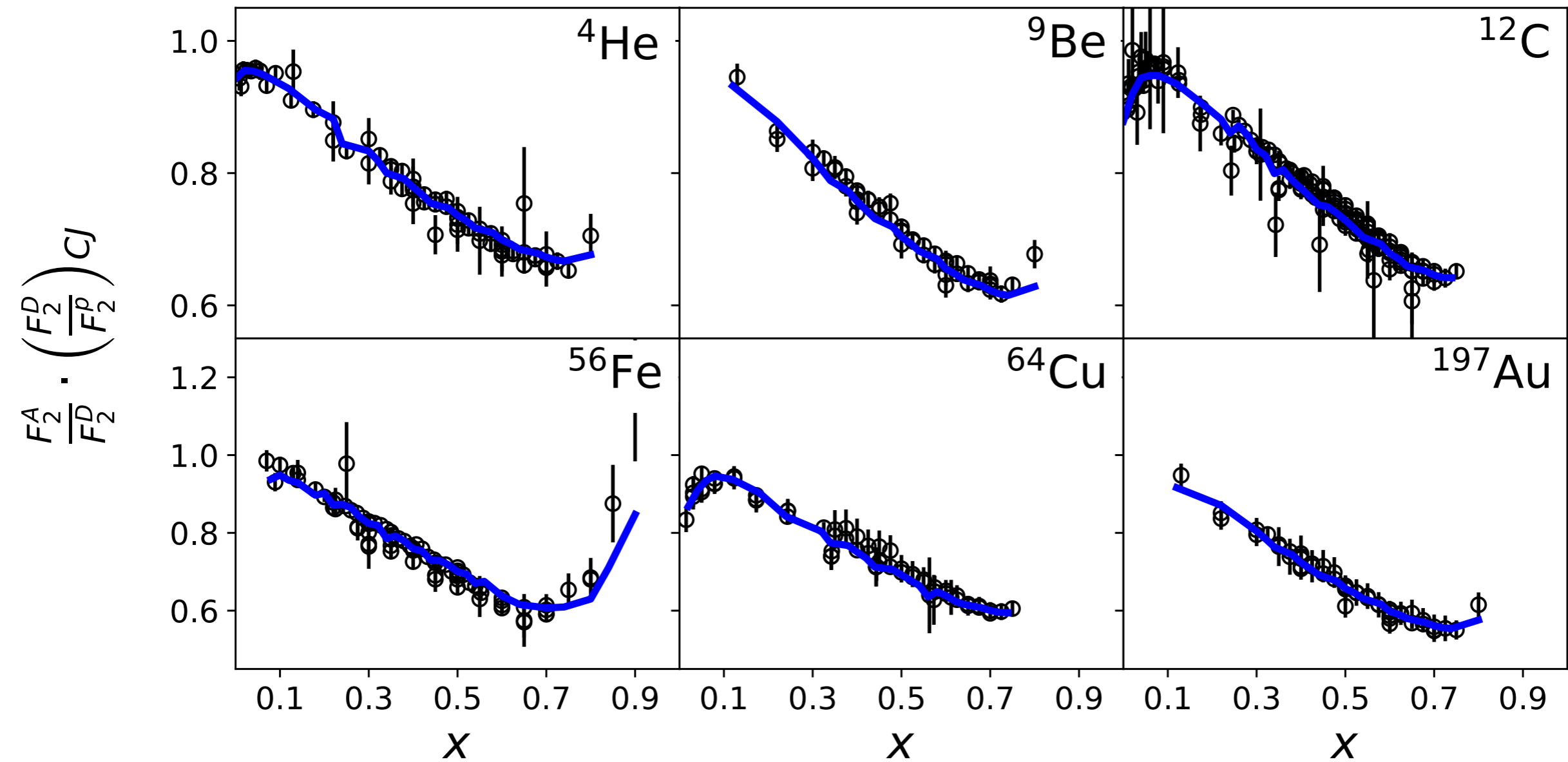
# Approach to nCTEQ15HIX

Include JLab 6GeV DIS data & **remove all isoscalar corrections** from nCTEQ15 data with lowered ( $Q^2, W$ ) cuts ( $N_{data} = 740 \rightarrow 1564$ )

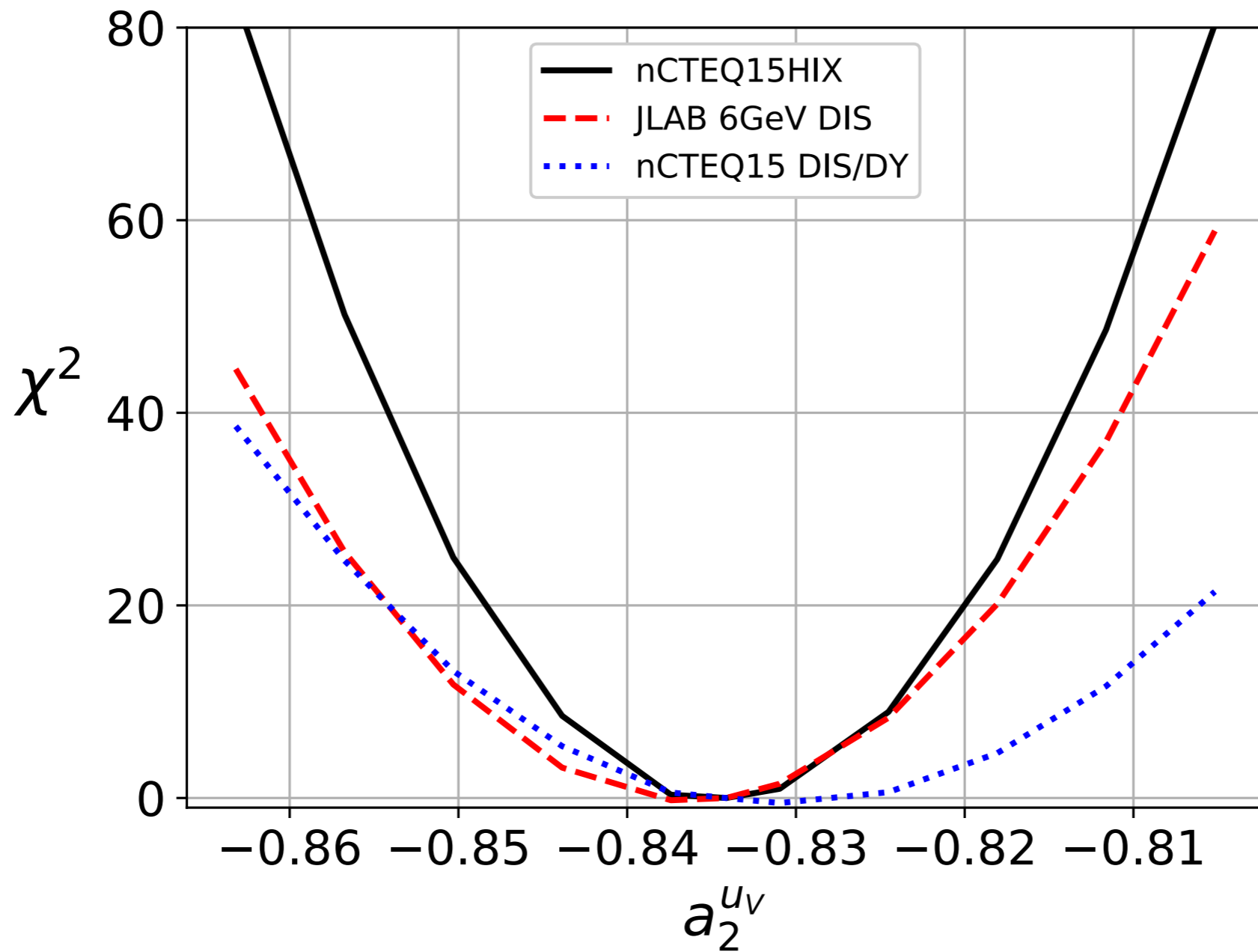
1. See how nCTEQ15 works out of the box (**nCTEQ15**)
2. Refit nCTEQ15 (**BASE**)
3. Include just HT & TMC corrections (**HT**)
4. Include just deuterium-to-proton evolution (**DEUT**)
5. Include all corrections (**nCTEQ15HIX**)



# nCTEQ15HIX describes data well



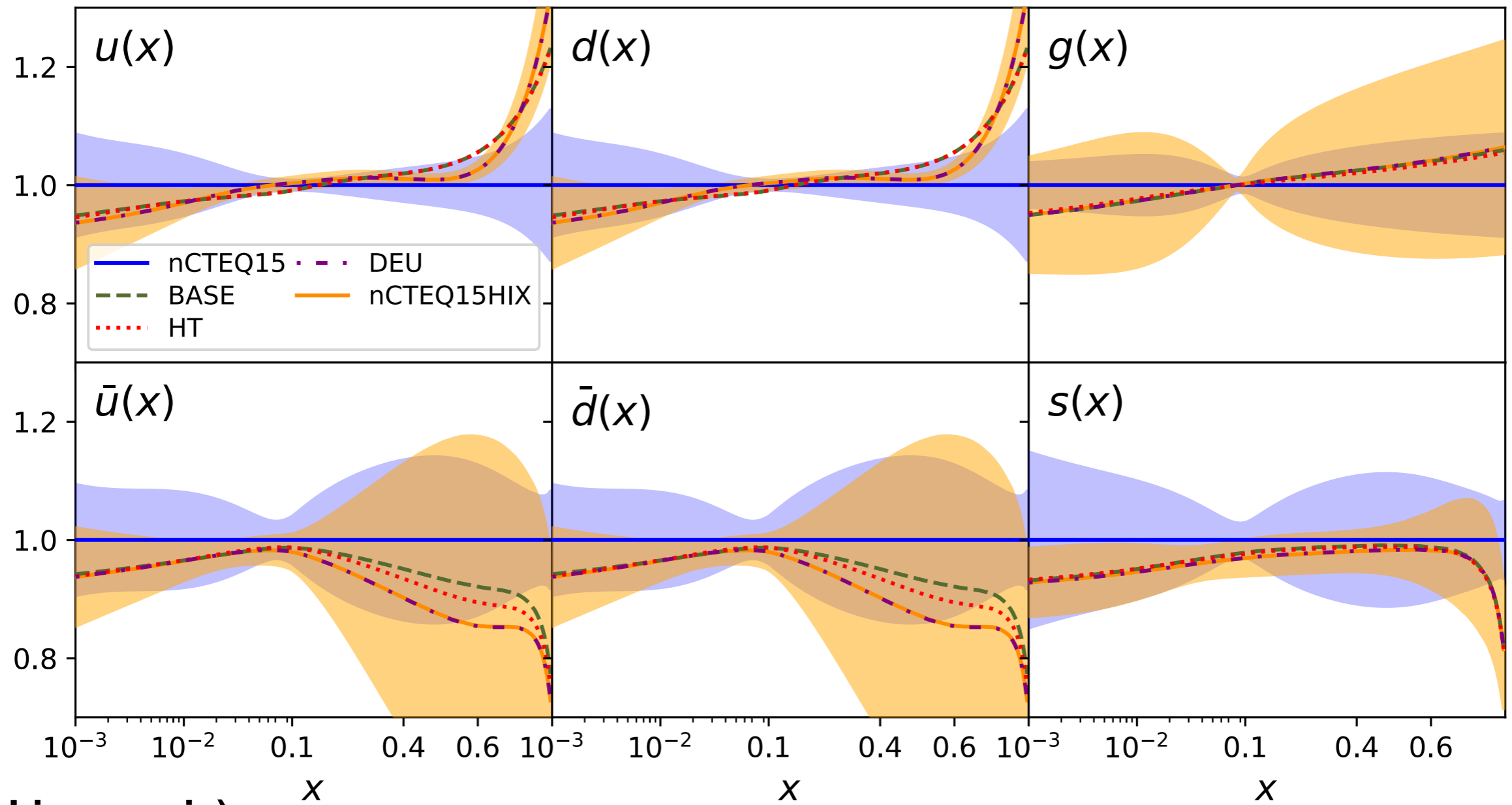
# Added JLab 6GeV data adds tighter constraints on $u_V, d_V$ parameters



# Resulting nPDFs have new behavior at high- $x$

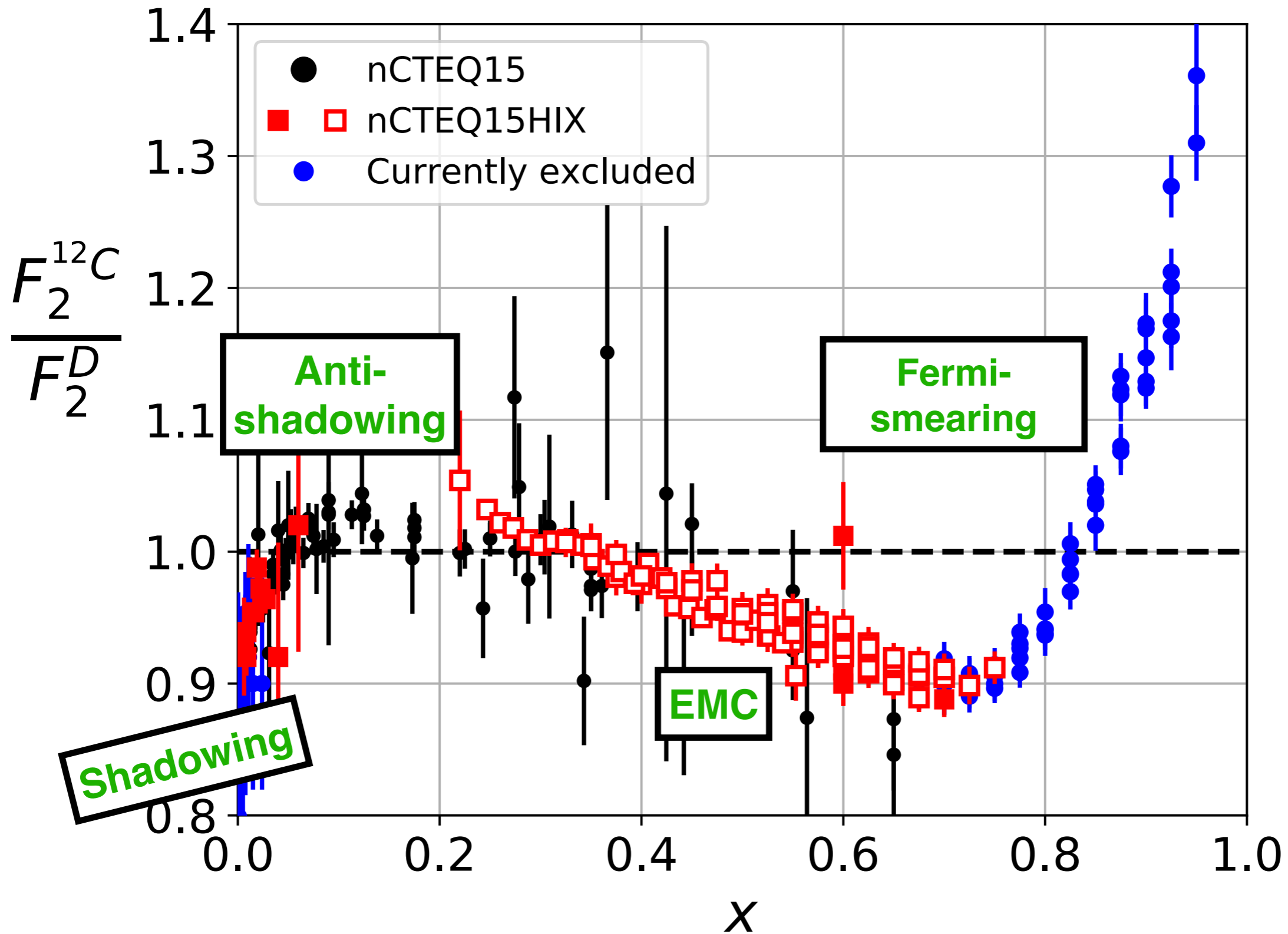
$$\frac{f_i}{f_i^{\text{nCTEQ15}}}$$

Carbon PDF Ratios to nCTEQ15 ( $Q = 2$  GeV)

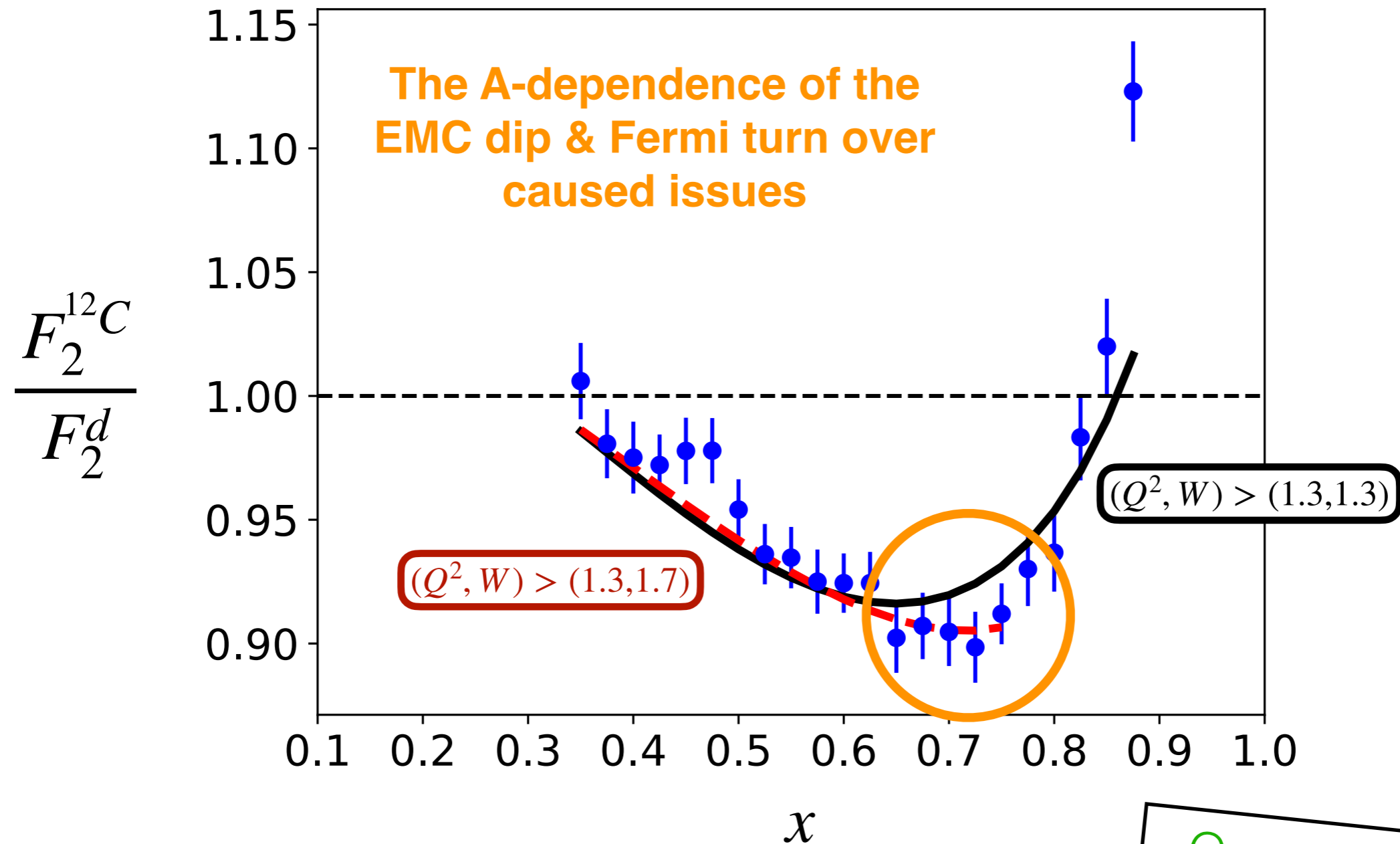


(Log-Linear axis)

...but we don't use data much above  $x \sim 0.7$



We spent a long time trying to address very-high  $x$



One approach:

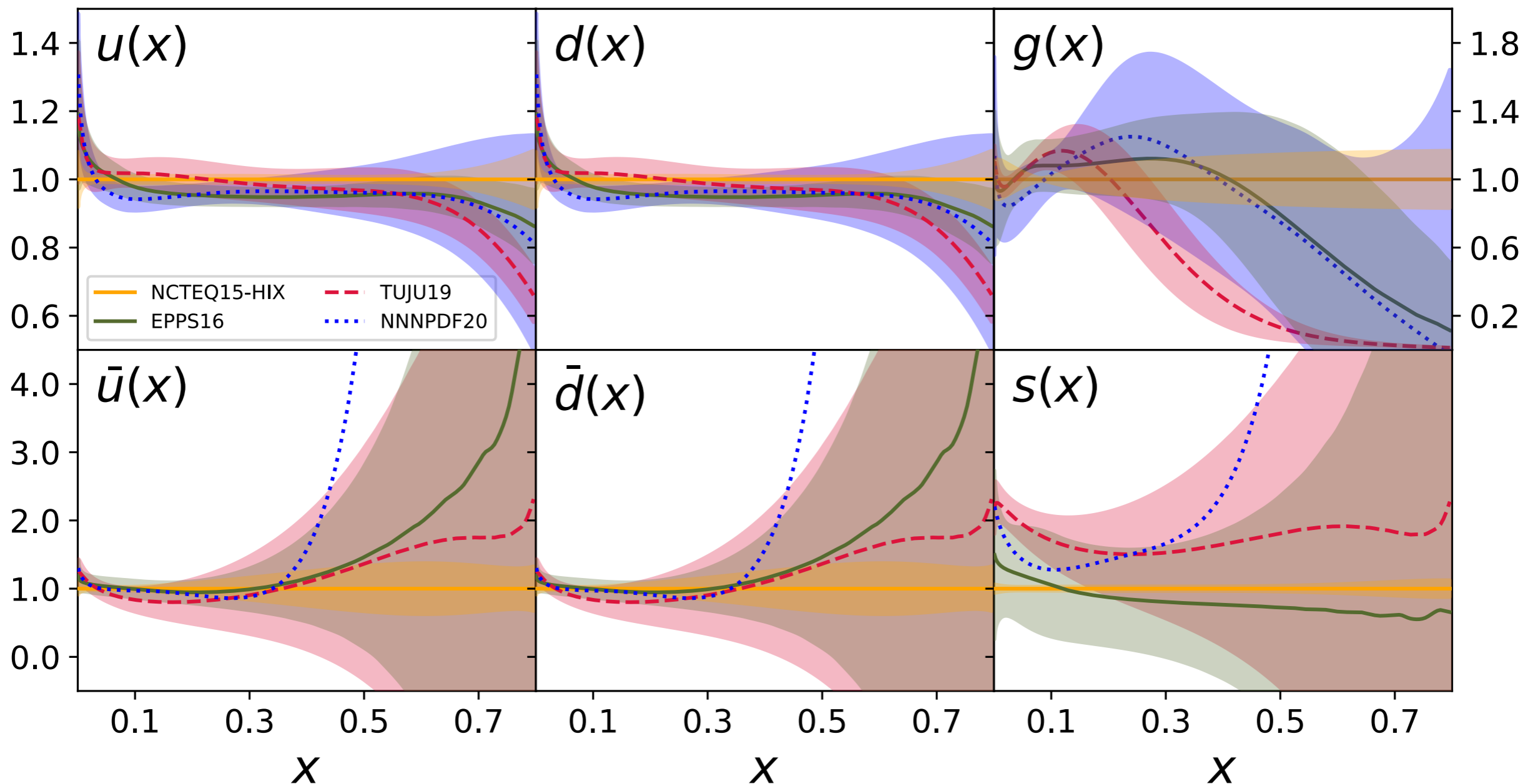
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# Stay tuned & check out our work

nCTEQ15HIX — Extending nPDF Analyses into  
the High- $x$  Region with New Jefferson Lab Data

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# Thanks all!

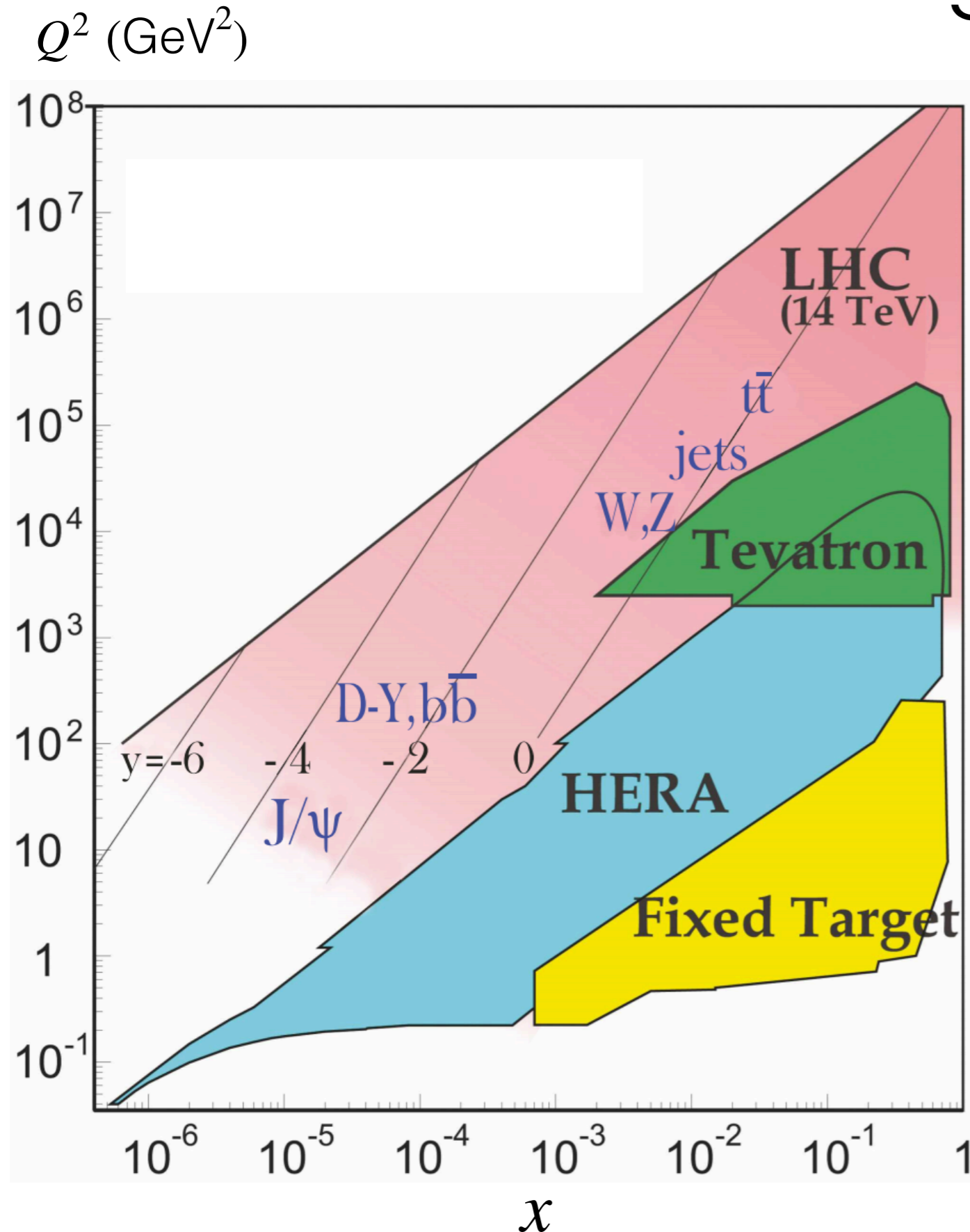
Questions, comments?







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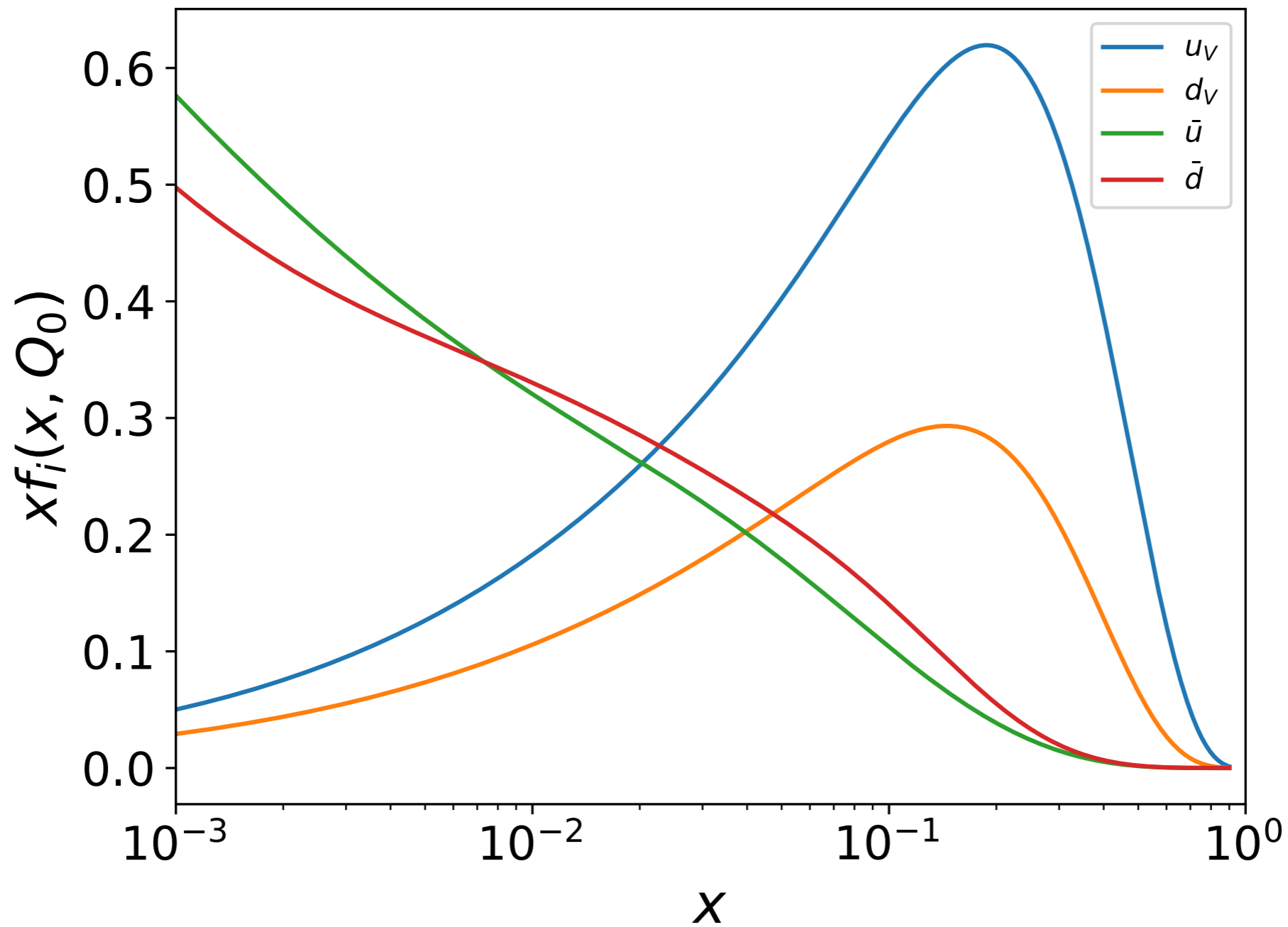


## Finer points of debate

- how reliable is theory in all  $(Q^2, W)$
- how reliable is the data
- are all data treated the same
- how to handle data uncertainty
- how to calculate PDF uncertainty
- ...

# Inference results for free proton

CTEQ14 Proton PDFs



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# (Bit out of date comparison)

	nNNPDF1.0 EPJC79(2019)471	EPPS16 EPJC77(2017)163	nCTEQ15 PRD93(2016)085037	KA15 PRD93(2016)014036	DSSZ12 PRD85(2012)074028	EPS09 JHEP0904(2009)065
IA DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DY in p+A	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RHIC $\pi$ d+Au	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
$\nu$ A DIS	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
DY in $\pi$ +A	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
LHC p+Pb dijets	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
LHC p+Pb W,Z	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

Order in $\alpha_s$	NNLO	NLO	NLO	NNLO	NLO	NLO
Q-cut in DIS	1.87 GeV	1.3 GeV	<b>2 GeV</b>	1 GeV	1 GeV	1.3 GeV
W-cut	3.53 GeV	-	<b>3.5 GeV</b>	-	-	-
Data points	451	1811	708	1479	1579	929
Free parameters	Neural Net	20	16	16	25	15
Error tolerance	MC replica	52	35	N.N.	30	50
Proton baseline	NNPDF3.1	CT14NLO	~CTEQ6.1	JR09	MSTW08	CTEQ6.1
Mass scheme	FONLL-B	GM-VFNS	GM-VFNS	ZM-VFNS	GM-VFNS	ZM-VFNS
Flavour sep.	-	val.+sea	valence	-	-	-

# Isoscalar corrected data

**Measured data:**

$$\frac{F_2^A}{F_2^d} \rightarrow \frac{F_2^A}{F_2^d} \cdot \frac{F_2^p + F_2^n}{ZF_2^p + NF_2^n}$$

uses some assumption on  $F_2^n$  and results in degeneracy of isospin-symmetric PDFs:  $f_u^A = f_d^A$

**nCTEQ15 theory:**

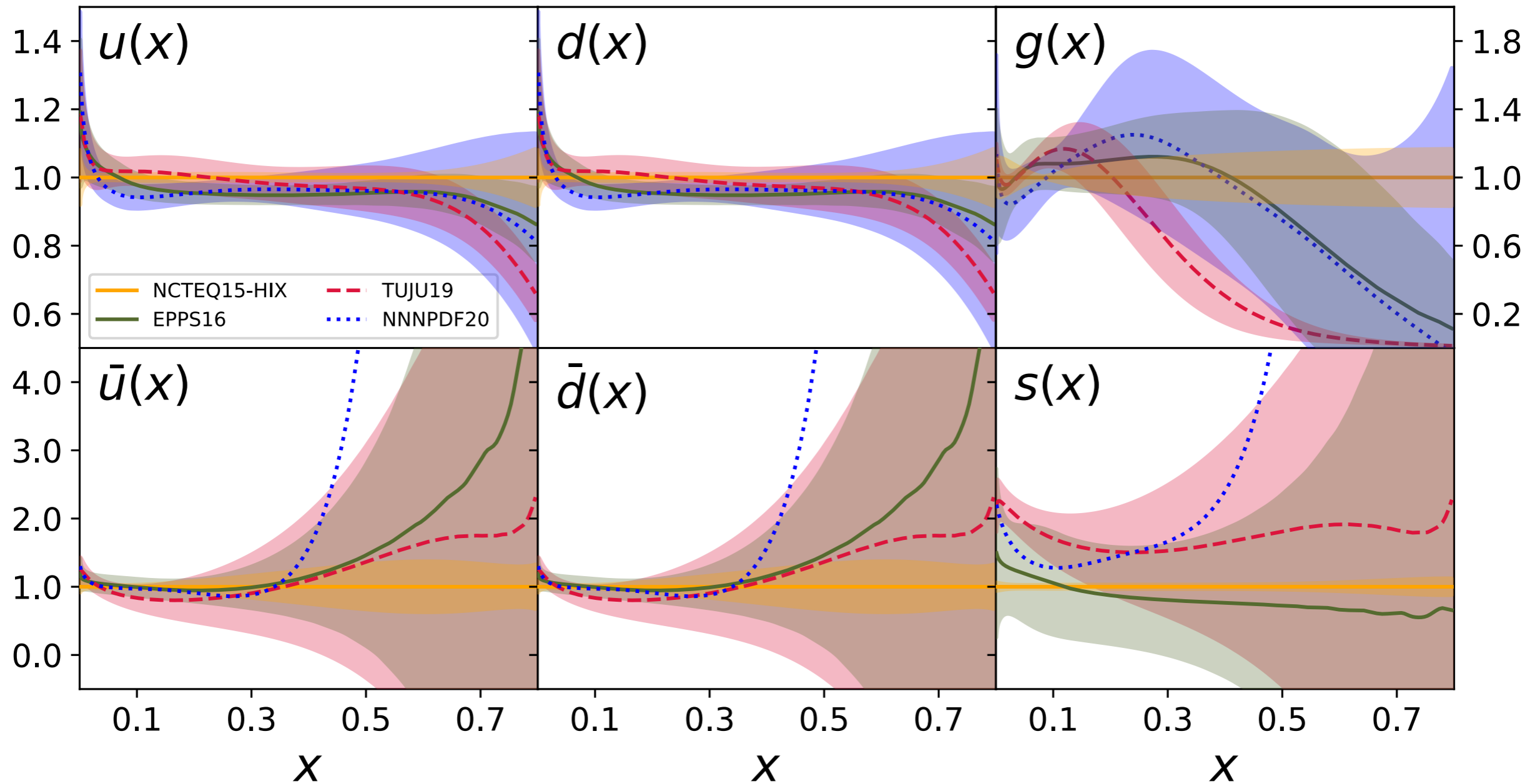
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This is wrong to the level of  $F_2^d / (F_2^p + F_2^n)$



# Similar behavior as compared to other groups

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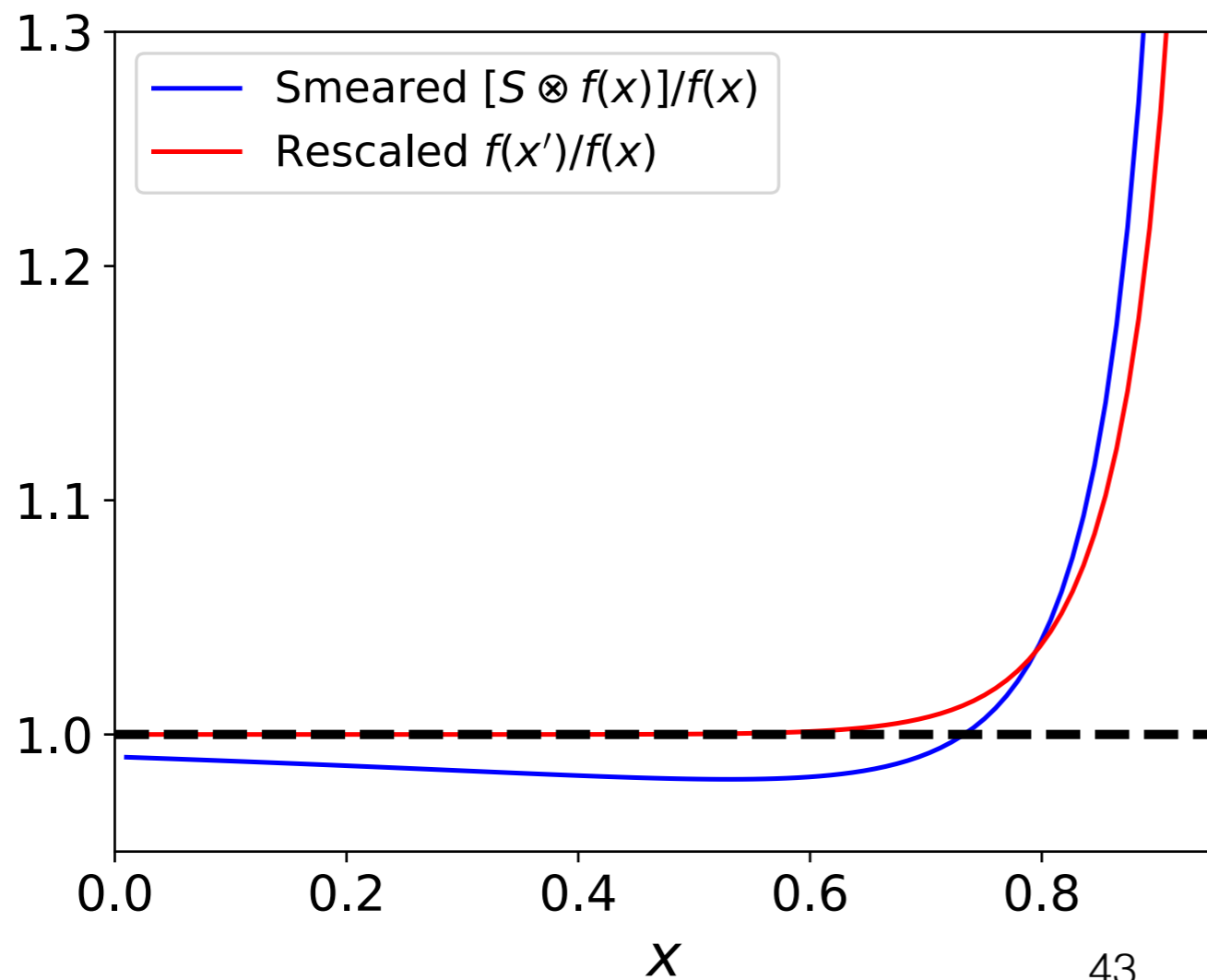
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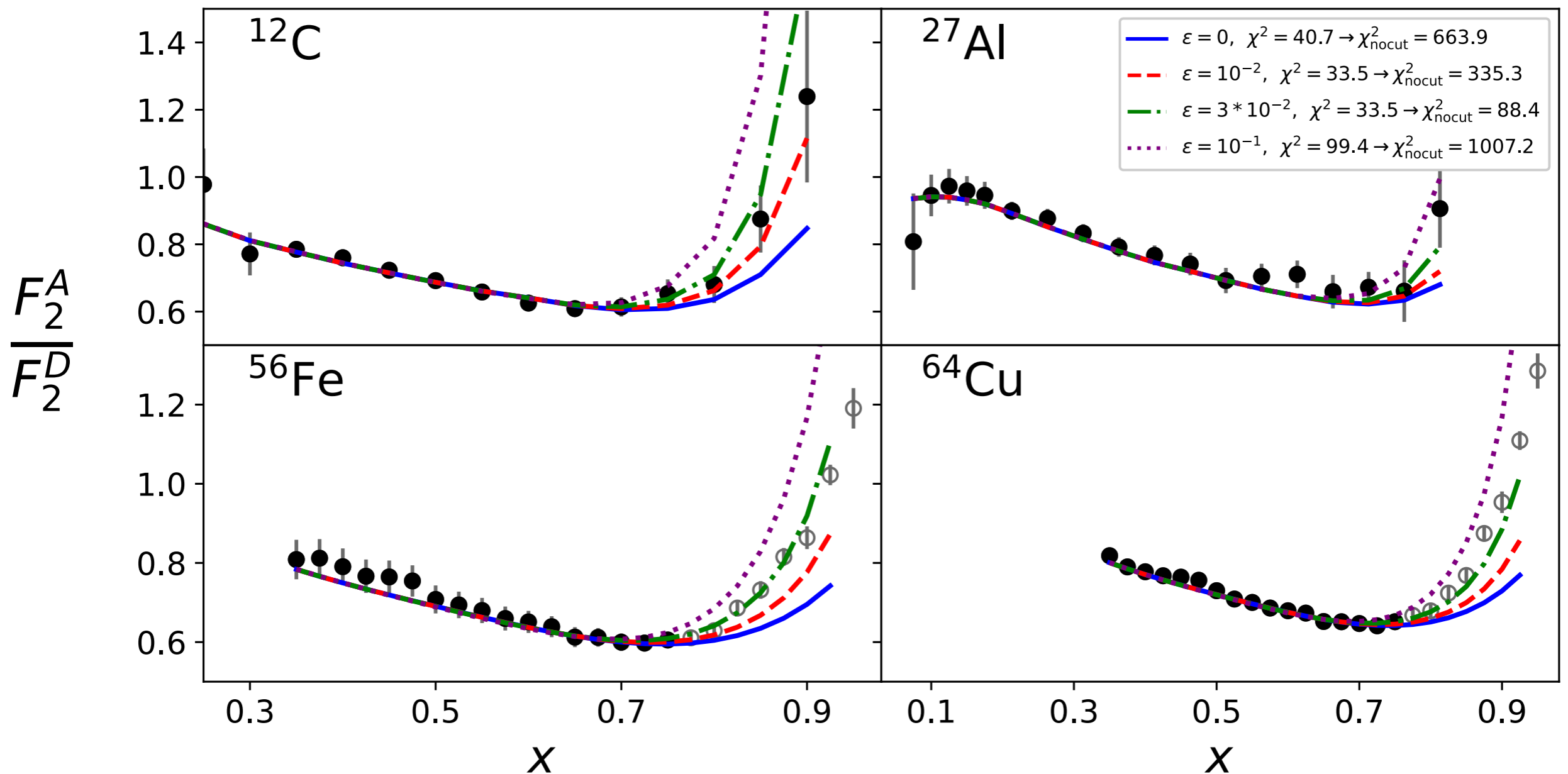
is computational expensive... but we developed a “trick”



Instead of calling  $f_i(x, Q^2)$ , rescale  $x \rightarrow x' = x - \epsilon x^\kappa \log_{10} A$

# Rescaling works quite well but issues of A-dependence remain

Fit only to black points and rescale resulting PDFs to check quality at high-x



# Future work of overhauling A-dependence

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