

# Modeling $F_2$ using AI

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**Nucleon and nuclear structure  
from inclusive measurements  
JLab, NN, Va**

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# What? Why? How?

## Disclaimer:

- Even though we had this idea for awhile, working in earnest on this project was a COVID-byproduct.
- ... the fact that we're still "at it" can mean one of (several things):
  - value
  - stubbornness
  - long-COVID
- Many collaborators/advisers contributed a great deal to this project. And they done their level-best.
- Misconceptions/mistakes (including starting this in the first place): GN



← Segway to the next slide...



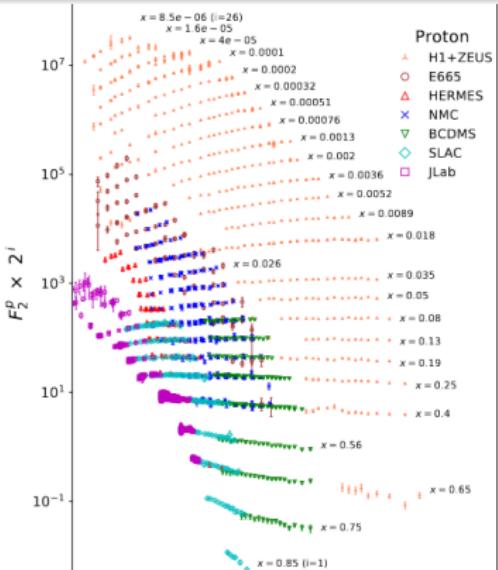
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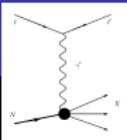
## What?

- $e^{+/-}, \gamma$  **beams**: excellent tools for probing the nucleon structure
- **Inclusive electron scattering**: 50+ years of fruitful service to the field...

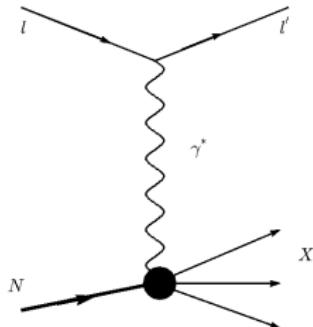


HighX Workshop, Crete, 2019





# Formalism



## Define:

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \vartheta/2 \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$
$$W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2 \quad (\text{also } Z \text{ & } A)$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_{Mott} \left( \frac{2}{M} F_1(x, Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2} + \frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x, Q^2) \right)$$

- $F_i$ s connect to pdfs, gpds, etc.
- so studying these is worthwhile.

## Why?

- Large body of data (SLAC, DESY, CERN, JLAB...)
- Several nice models (pdf-based, phenomenological, hybrid)
- Models do a good job of representing the data. Actively maintained.
- So, why bother? **Why, indeed?**

# Rationale (I)

## Why?

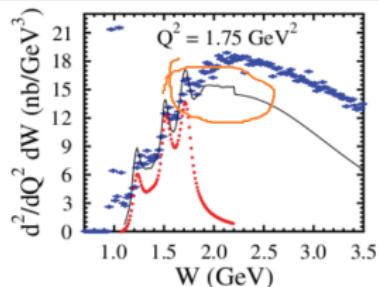
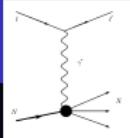
- Most models have limited kinematic reach.
- Meshing two/more models - problematic.



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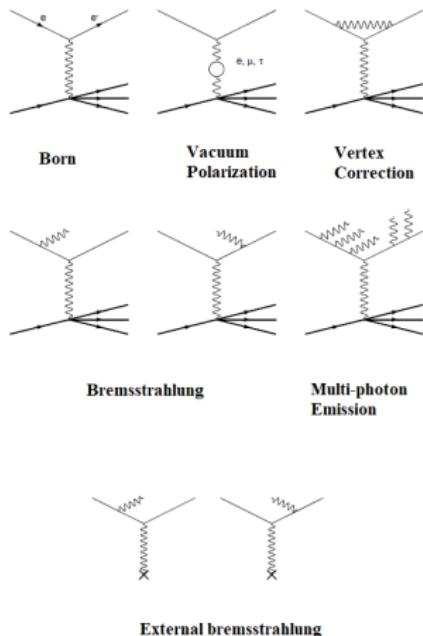


- ...so
- Speed, speed, speed.
- (Audience:) Gabby, CPU cycles are cheap?
- (GN:) Yes, but if you can spend them more fruitfully elsewhere...
- What types of applications\* would benefit from a faster model?
- **Good Question...**



N. Markov - Inclusive electroproduction with CLAS12 and the nucleon structure in the valence quark domain

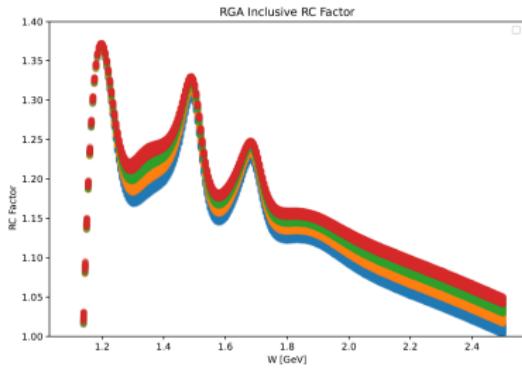
# Rationale (II)



I. Niculescu, Ph.D. Thesis

## A1: Radiative Corrections

- “as measured by detectors” vs
- “as it happened at the tgt.”
- ...the effect can be quite large



# Rationale (III)

## A2: Bin Centering/Unfolding

- Unfolding is well-beyond the scope of this talk so we'll skip it.
- BC: counting experiments
- Mean Value Theorem:
- $(\exists) c \in [a, b]$  so that  $f'(c)(b - a) = f(b) - f(a)$
- The whereabouts of  $c$  are not (generally) known!



## Rationale (IV)

OK! RC, BC, unfolding important. So...

- Where's the AI?
- RC, BC, etc. they all need lots... NO! **LOTS** of events.
- Said events need event (semi)realistic event generators.
- Existing "artwork" (read "models") are not particularly fast.
- Either for logistic or intrinsic reasons (convolutions, interpolation using large tables, etc.)

furthermore...

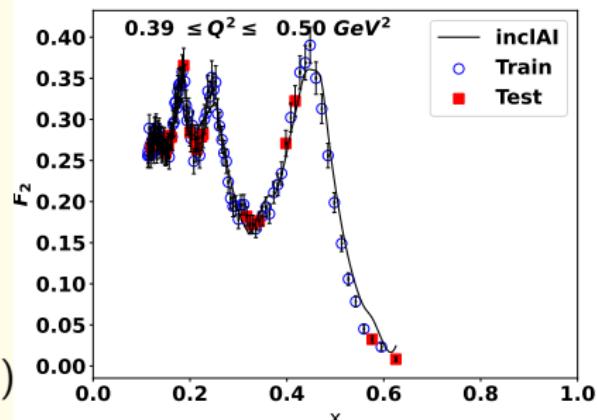
- Even if inclusive scattering is not your game...
- you might still benefit from a super-fast, nimble
- (background?, raw detector rates? etc.)
- ...adaptable/expandable to other reactions, observables...



# Enter: inclAI

## inclAI

- ML model for  $F_2$ .
- no physics assumptions
- spans entire phase space.
- take data uncertainties into account.
- take **Z** and **A** into account
- extensible, customizable.
- fast (for both training and deployment)
- Understandable
- Quantify uncertainty!

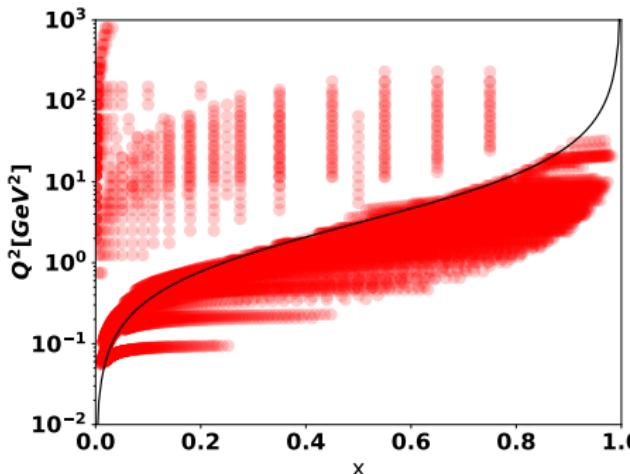




# inclAI (II)

## inclAI: Data Assumptions

- world data accepted **as is** (no **re-scaling!**)
- uncertainties (stat. & syst.\*)
- **features\***:  $Q^2$ ,  $x$ ,  $W^2$ ,  $Z$ ,  $A$
- **label**:  $F_2$  (...)
- **scaling**: std. & min/max
- ~12k data points (h & d)
- ~55k+ for all nuclei
- ~80% of the work went in curating this data (thanks to all that maintain various databases!)

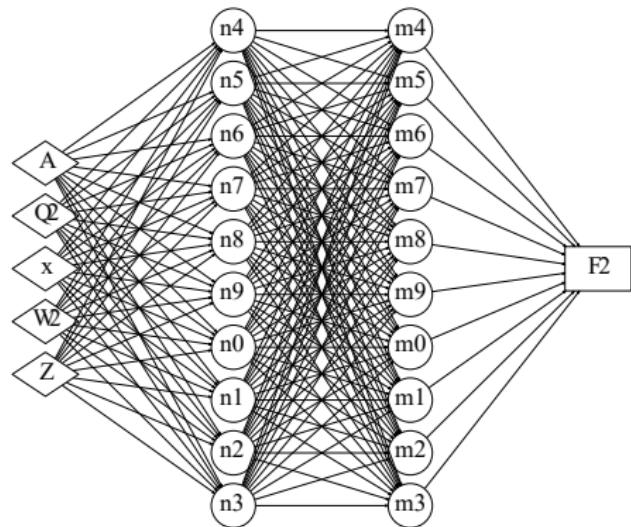


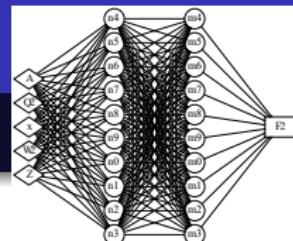


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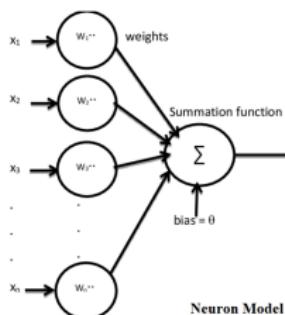
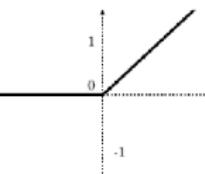
## inclAI: ML Assumptions

- fully connected ANN.
- 1...N hidden layers.
- Activation: ReLU & sigmoid
- Additional details:
  - Early stopping
  - LR change on plateau
  - Cold/Hot start
  - Regularization
  - Logging, messaging
  - 80/20 train/test split
  - stratified sampling
- python/keras/tf

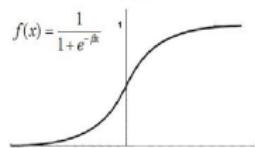




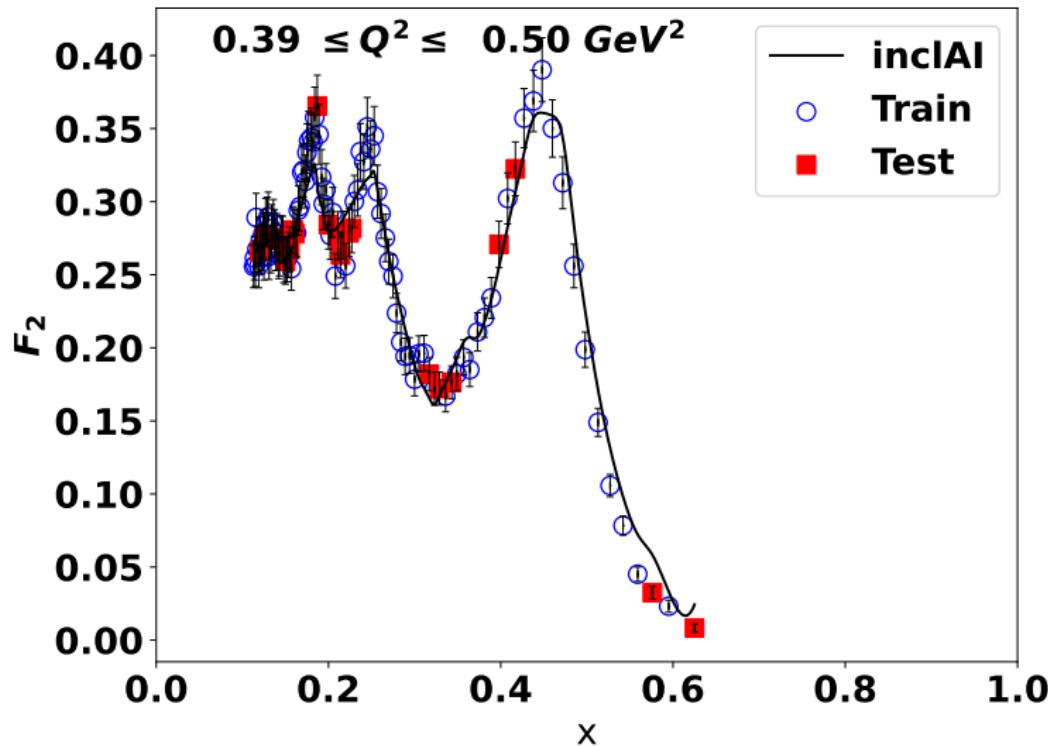
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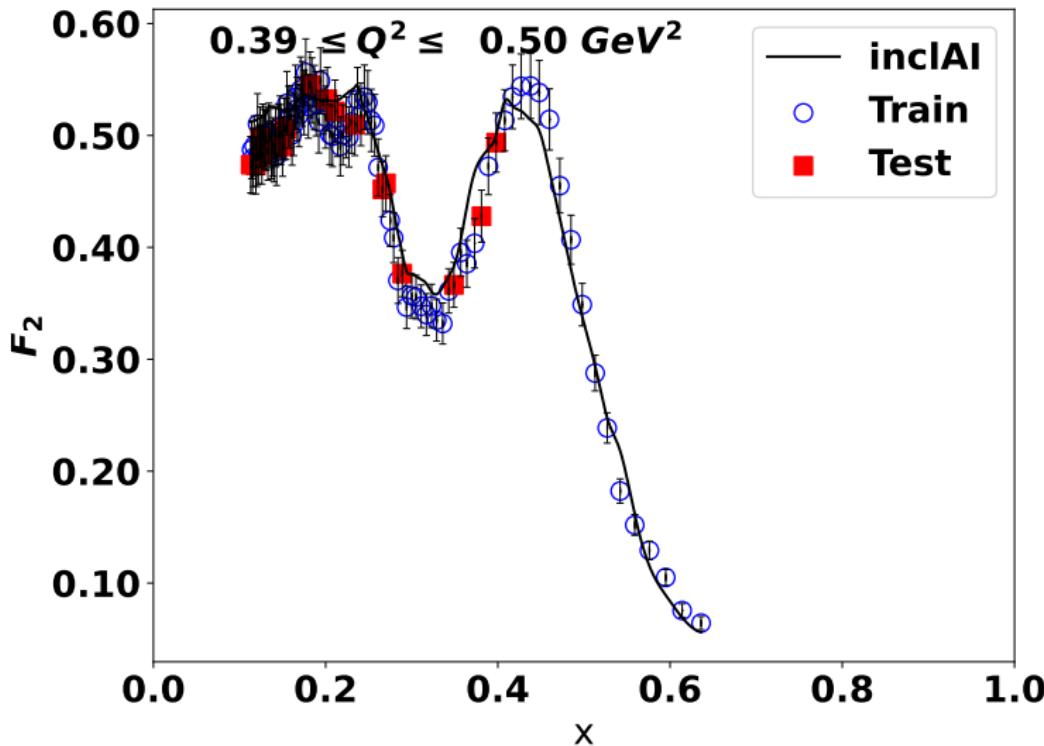
ReLU       $f(x) = \max(0, x)$ 

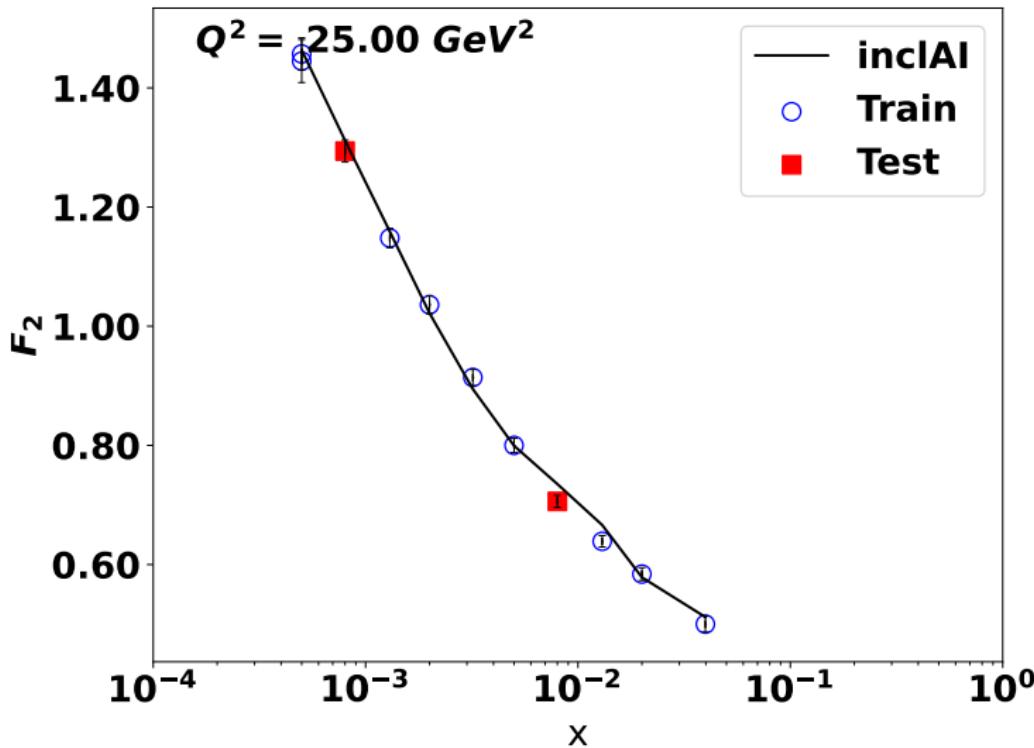
Sigmoid



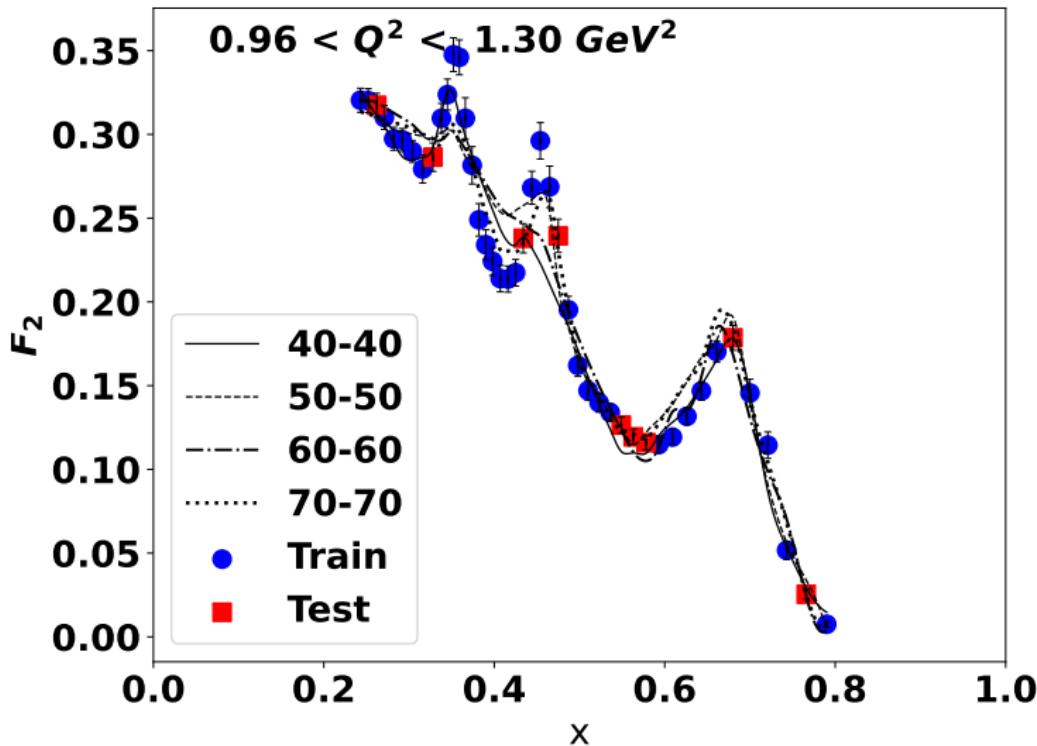
- for each layer “k”, at each node “j”:  $X_{jk} = \sum_i w_{ijk}x_{ijk} + b_{jk}$
- $X_{jk}$  is then fed to the respective activation function, producing the neuron’s output. Repeat for all layers and nodes.
- (Audience:) This is so simple. I bet **it does not even work!**
- (GN:) Well...

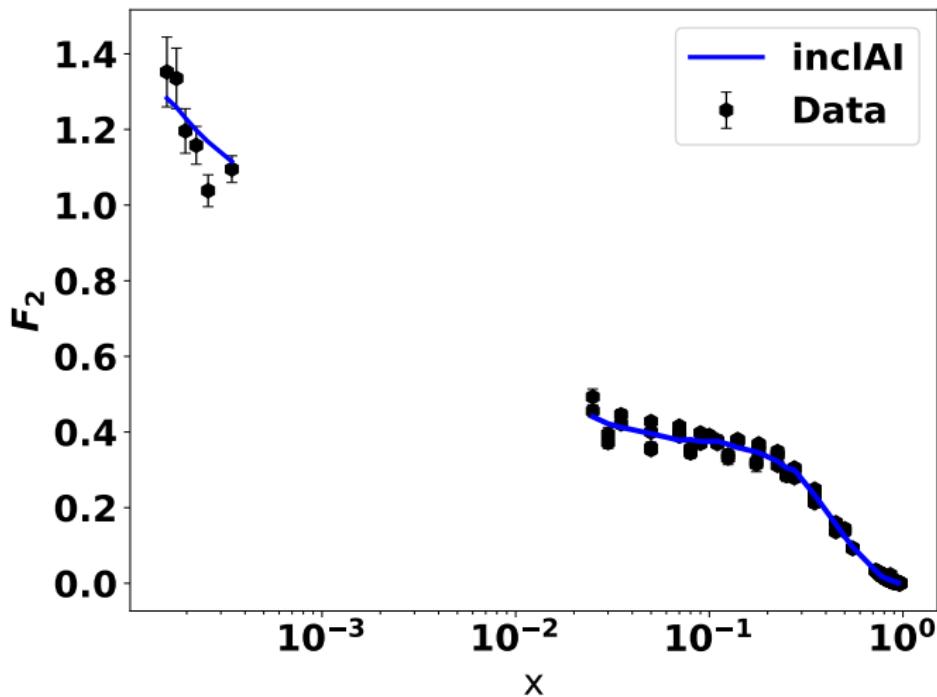
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Does it work? (II) ...deuterium, low  $Q^2$ 

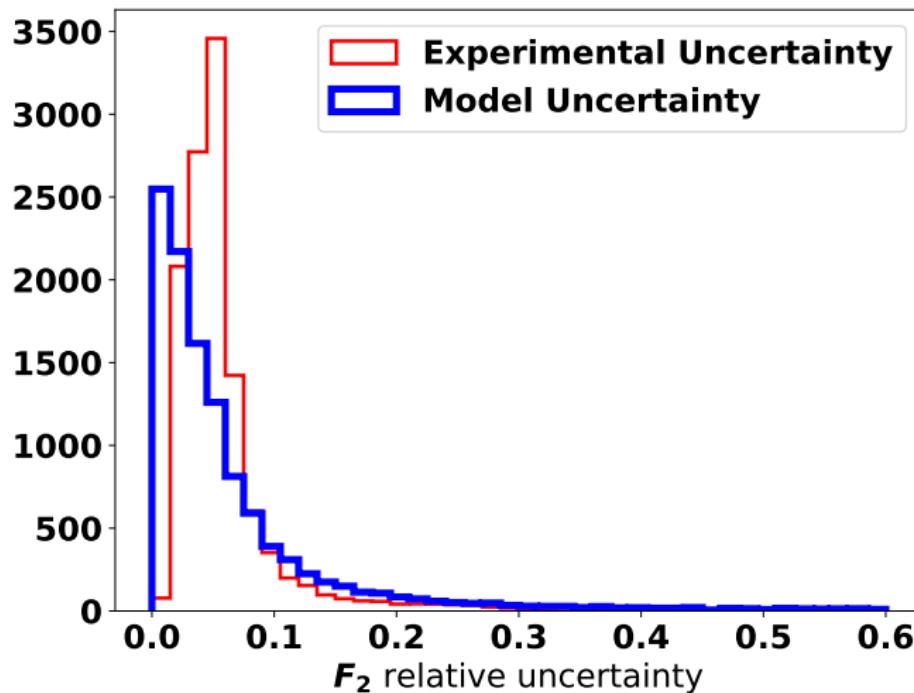
Does it work? (III) ...hydrogen, high  $Q^2$  (log)

## Does it work? (IV) customizable...

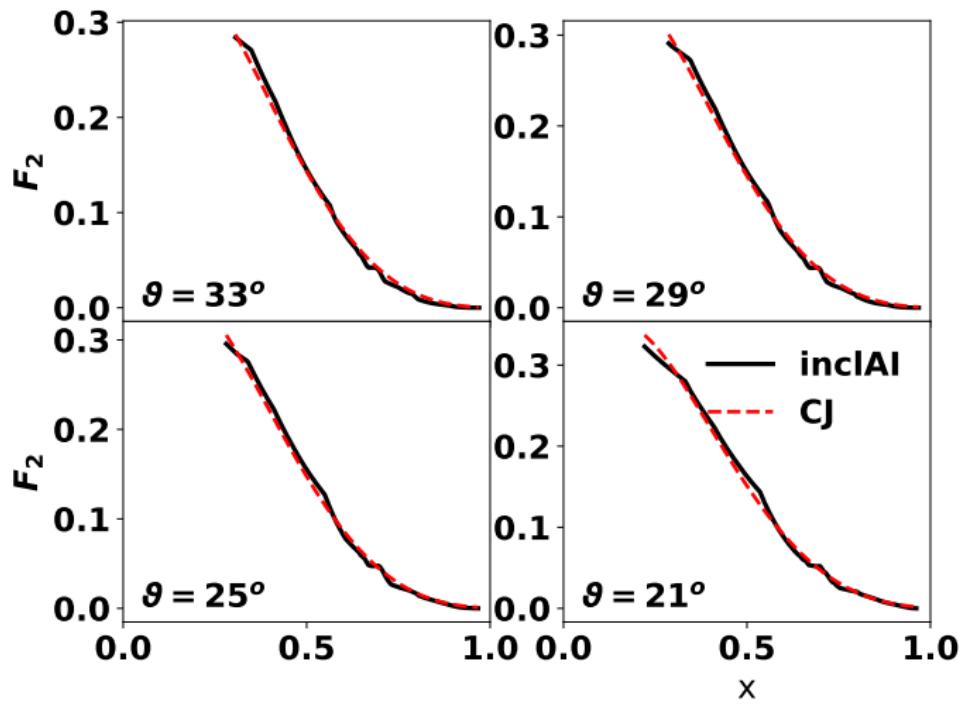


Does it work? (V) ...kinematic range ( $7 \leq Q^2 \leq 13$ )

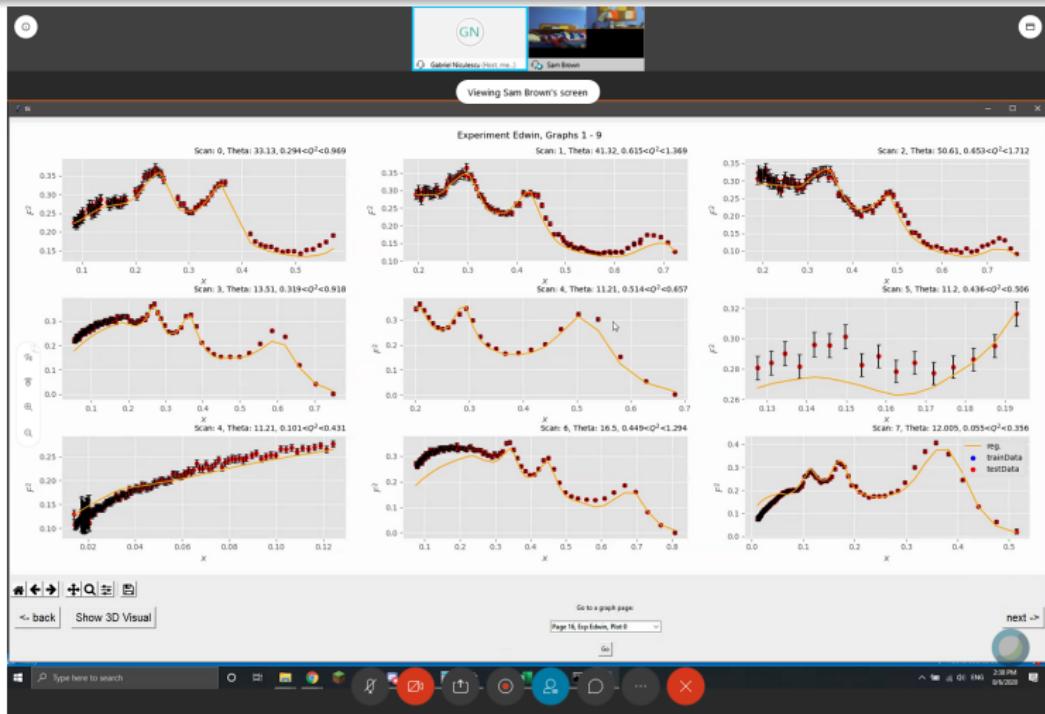
# Does it work? (VI) ...data & model uncertainties



# Does it work? (VII) ...vs existing artwork



# Does it work? (VIII) ...predicting a whole exp. Live shot off of a BlueJeans session!



# inclAI H & D summary

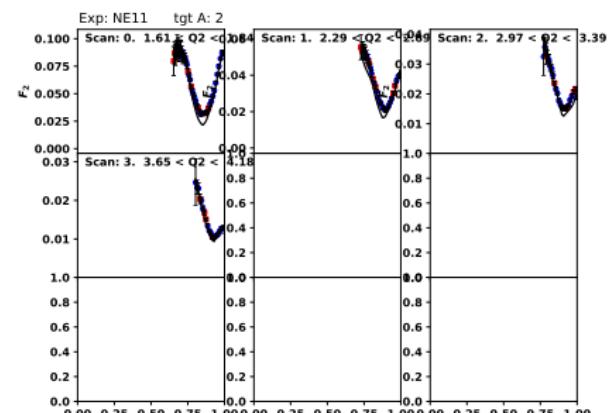
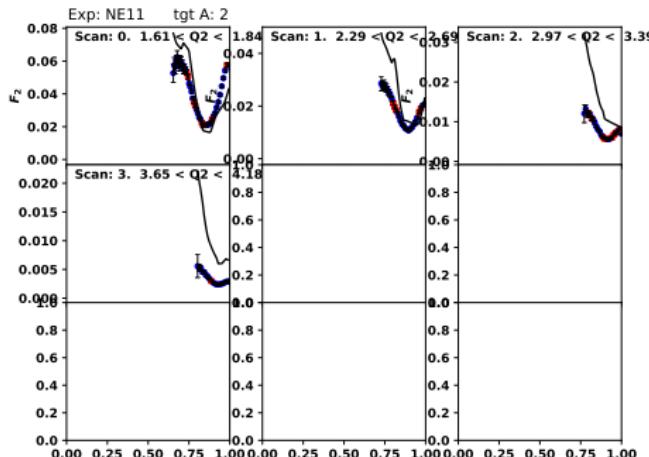
Machine learning representation of the  $F_2$  structure function over all charted  $Q^2$  and  $x$  range

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Phys. Rev. C **104**, 064321 – Published 23 December 2021

- hydrogen and deuterium results published in 2021
- precision comparable w/ the data uncertainties
- Speed: 10-100x faster than existing artwork

- Good!
- Now, onward to extensions, adaptation, current (and future) work
- ... in other words: “emerging capabilities”

# inclAI as “anomaly detector”



Finding “problems” in existing databases...



Modeling  $e + p \rightarrow e' + K^+ + \Lambda/\Sigma^0$  reduced cross-sections

# inclAI extension to nuclei

## inclAI strikes back (and at higher Z!)

- inclAI had target **Z A** as features *ab initio*
- ... with the obvious goal of extending the model to nuclei.
- This presented a few new challenges:
  - Finding/reading the data! ( $m$  data sources,  $n$  different formats,  $n > m$  (!!))  
Thank you to all the maintainers of these databases/websites!!!
  - omG! (some of) this data has quasi-elastic!
  - Some of the data comes as ratios wrt another nucleus (usually deuterium).
  - Add a few (more) columns to our DF (year, type of obs, secondary Z and A).
  - Devise a way of handling ratios (HINT: existing  $F_2^D$  artwork does not work above  $x = 1$ ).
  - Switch from  $F_2$  “per nucleon” to  $F_2$  “absolute”.
  - Revise (a little) the way we plot things.

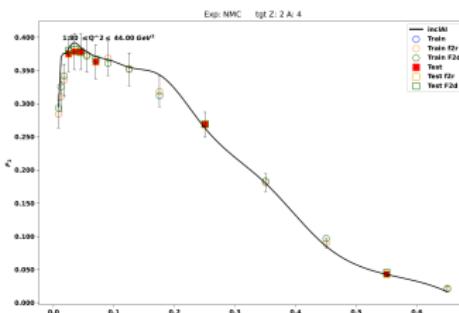
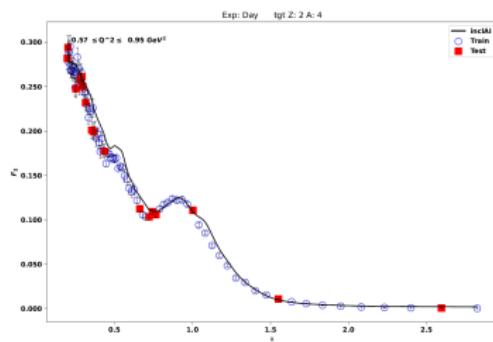
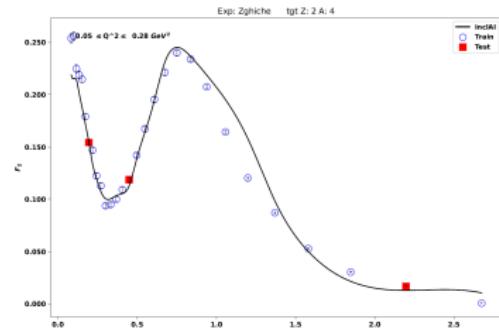
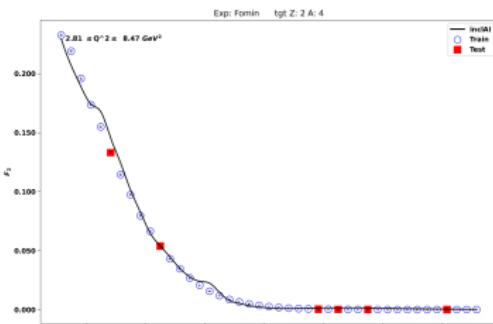
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# Data used for training

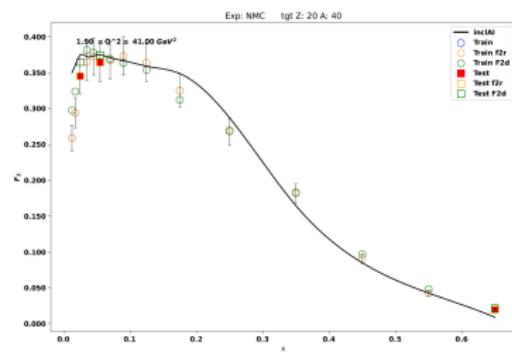
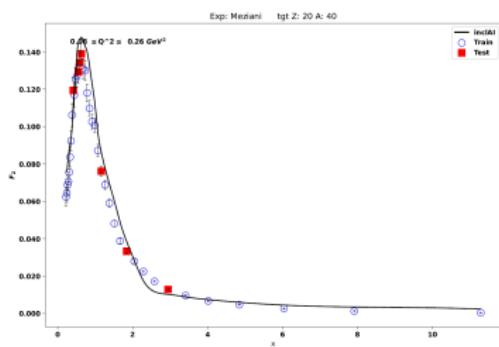
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# $^4_2He$

This, and following pages are PRELIMINARY!!

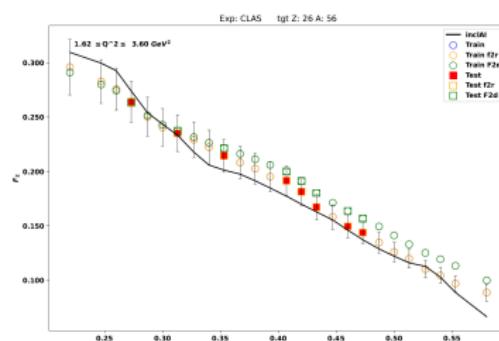
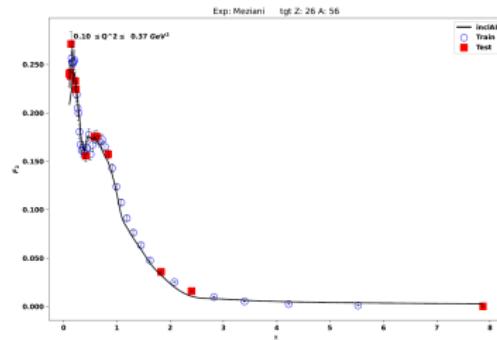
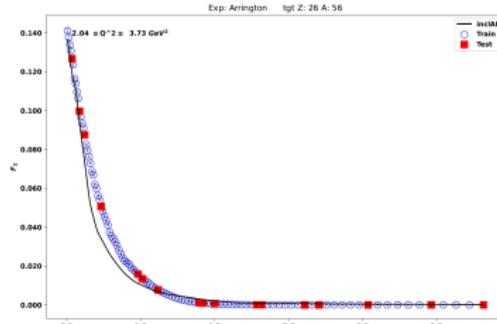


$^{40}_{20} Ca$

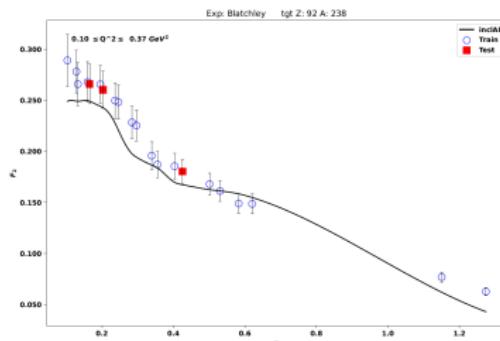
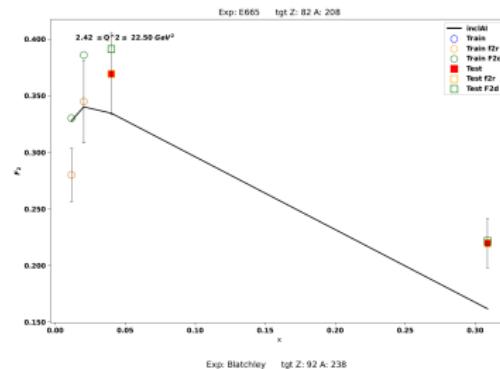
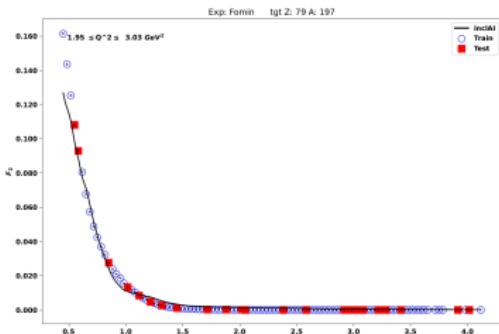
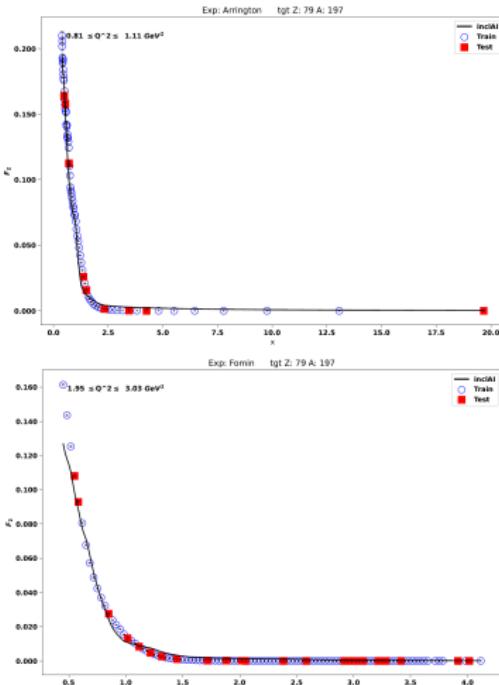


$^{56}_{26}Fe$

As we said: work in progress!!

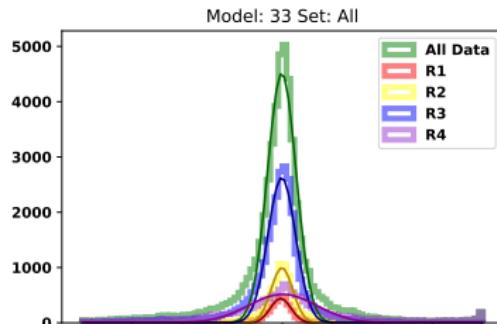


# How about some heavier nuclei?



# Gauging (in)success

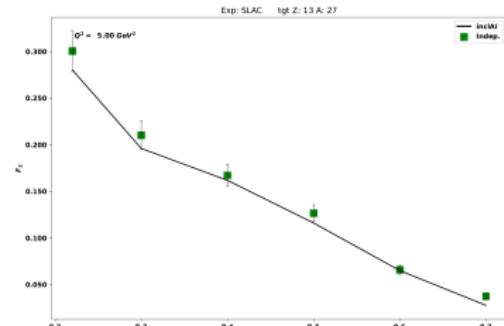
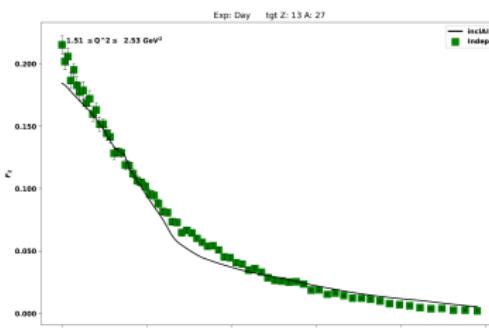
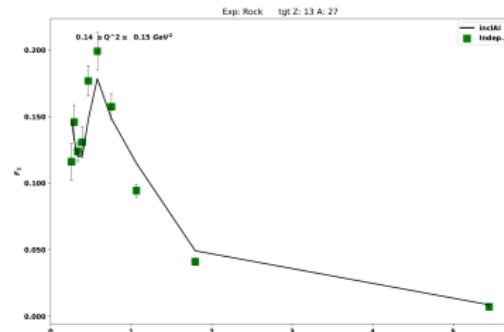
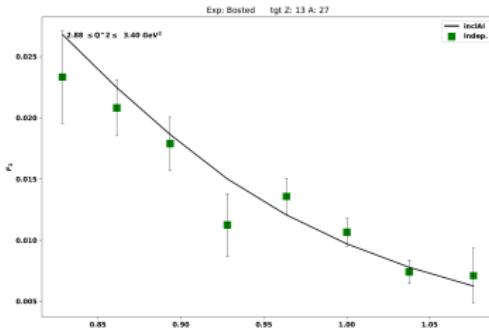
How do you know you won (or lost) the game?



Reg.	$x_{min}$	$x_{max}$	$\sigma_{DATA}$	$res_{fit}$
All	0.0e+00	1.0e+04	8.52e-02	7.39e-02
R0	1.0e-03	1.0e-01	5.59e-02	5.78e-02
R1	1.0e-01	3.0e-01	4.41e-02	5.56e-02
R2	3.0e-01	1.0e+00	5.95e-02	7.08e-02
R3	1.0e+00	1.0e+04	1.62e-01	1.70e-01

# How about...

...leaving a nucleus out of the training and trying to predict its F2 data afterward?



# Quo Vadis?

**To do:** finish/publish the work on nuclei.  
Start phase III of the project.

**Hopefully I convinced you  
that inclAI...**

- ML  $F_2$  representation.
- Flexible, adaptable.
- 10-100x+ speed improvement.
- ideally suited for RC, BC...



# THANK YOU!