

Strangeness in the Proton from W+charm Production and SIDIS Data



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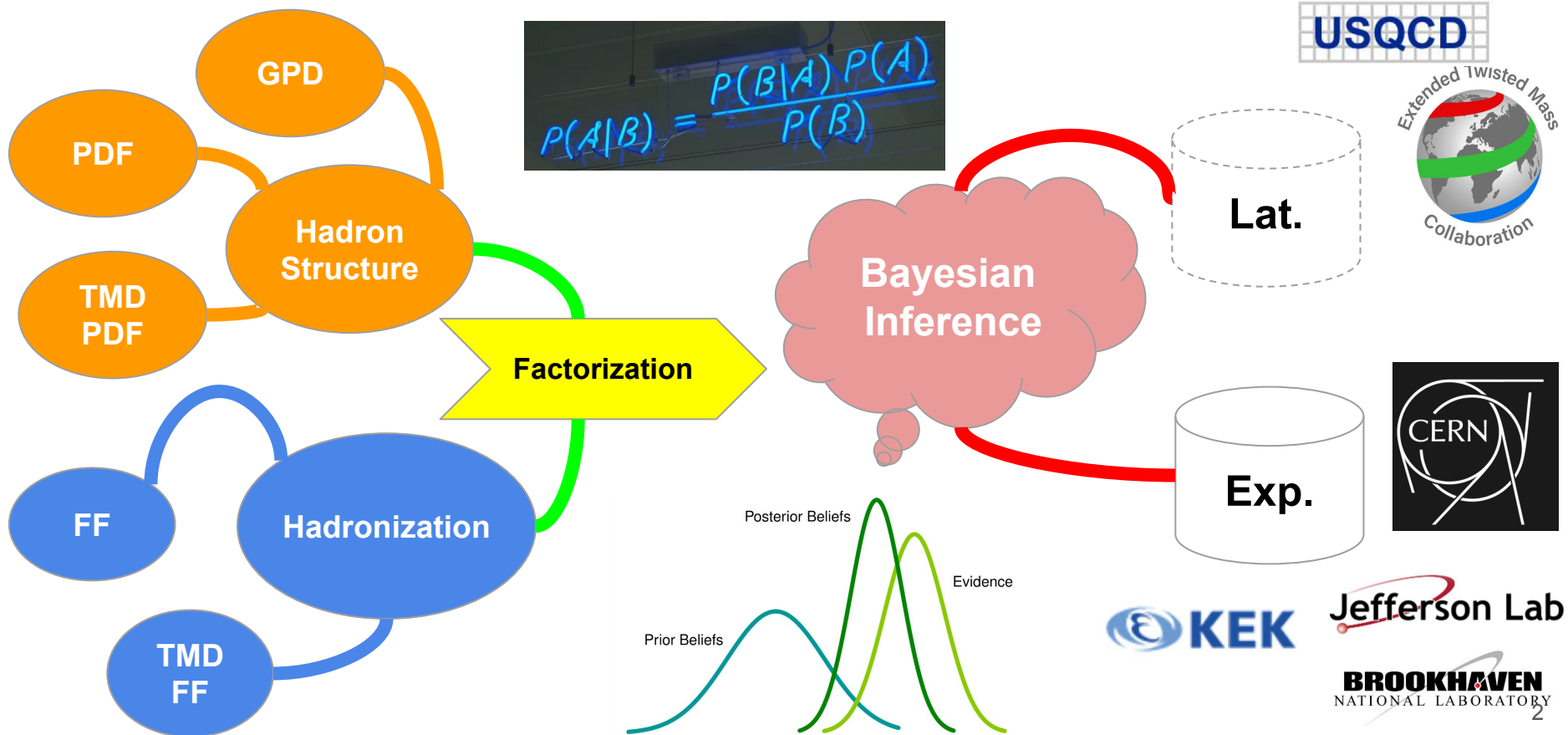
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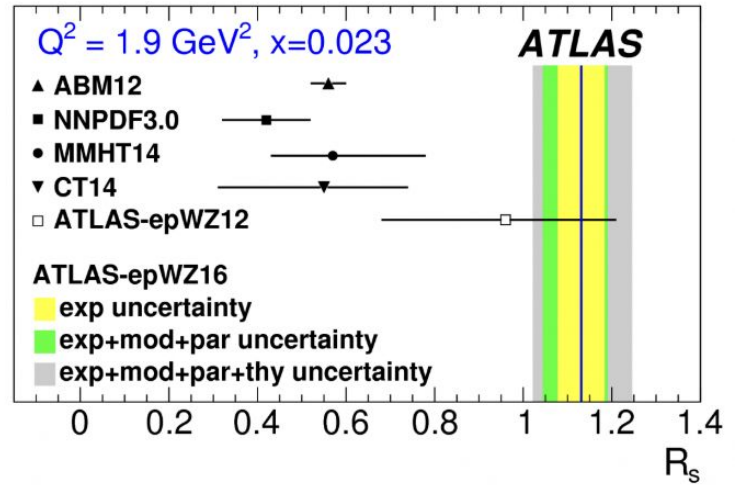


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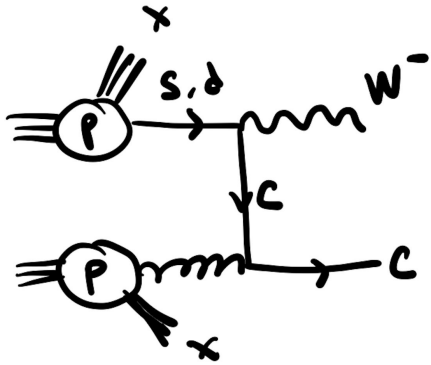


What is the strange quark content in the proton?



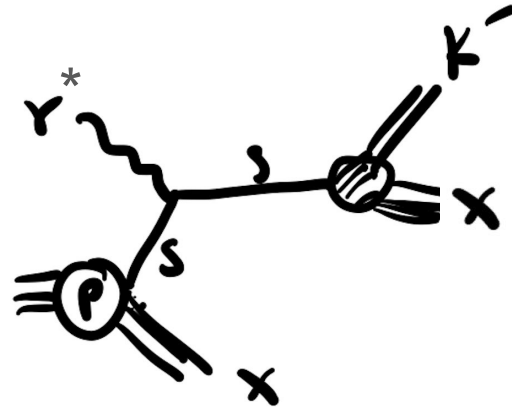
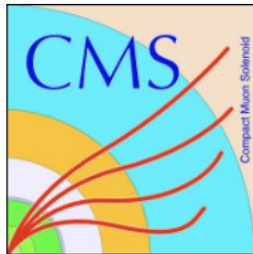
$$R_S = \frac{s + \bar{s}}{\bar{u} + \bar{d}}$$

Enhanced strange sensitive observables



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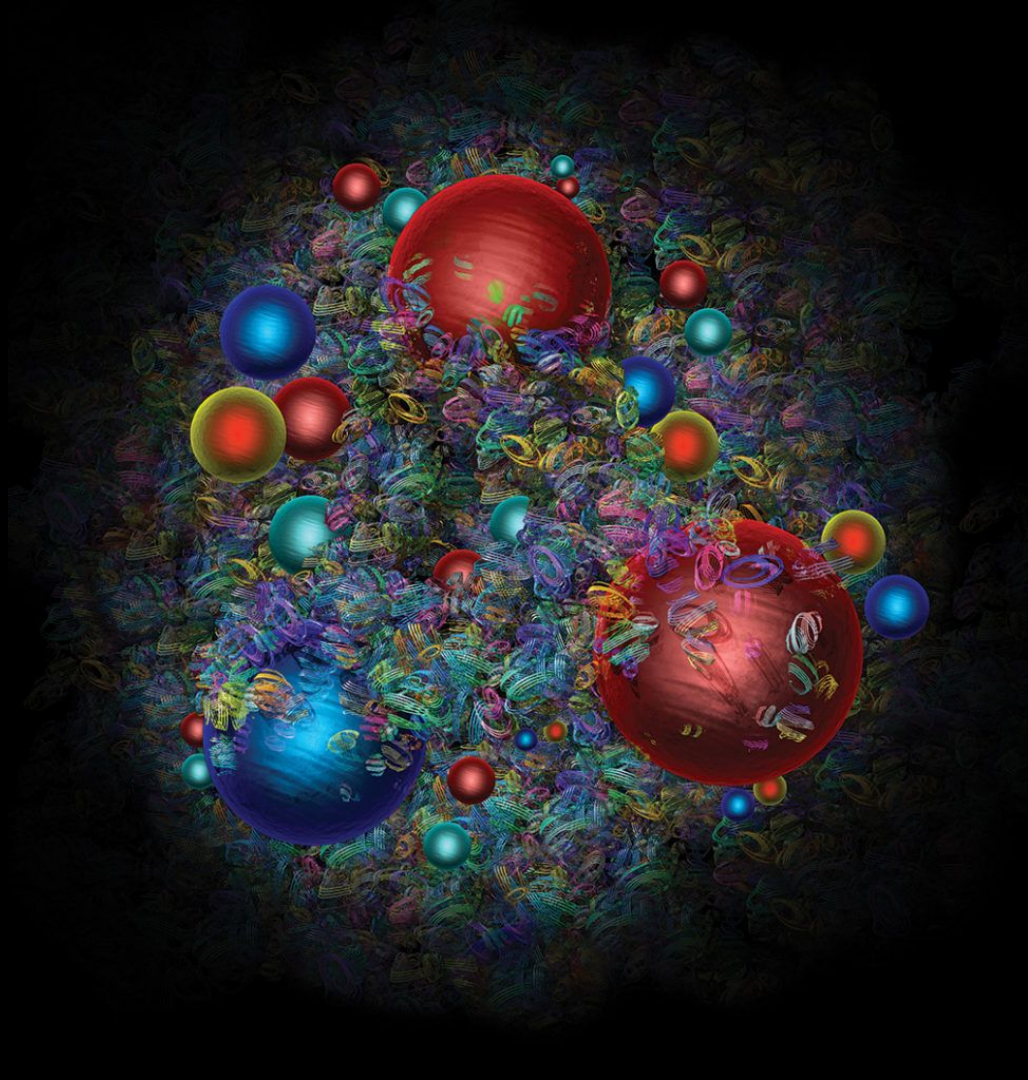
$$e + p \rightarrow e' + K^- + X$$

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Theory framework

$$p + p \rightarrow W + c + X$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{W+c}}{d|\eta|} = \sum_{a,b} \iint_{x_a x_b} d\hat{x}_a d\hat{x}_b f_a(\hat{x}_a, \mu_F) f_b(\hat{x}_b, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_{a,b}^{W+c} \left(\frac{\hat{x}_a}{x_a}, \frac{\hat{x}_b}{x_b}, \mu_F, \mu_R \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{ij} \otimes f_i \otimes f_j &= \int_{x_1^{\min}}^1 dx_1 \int_{x_2^{\min}}^1 dx_2 \mathcal{H}_{ij}(x_1, x_2) f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int dN_1 \int dN_2 F_i(N_1) F_j(N_2) \left[\int_{x_1^{\min}}^1 dx_1 \int_{x_2^{\min}}^1 dx_2 \mathcal{H}_{ij}(x_1, x_2) x_1^{-N_1} x_2^{-N_2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Mellin tables


- Hard kernels computed using MCFM software @ NLO
- Construct Mellins space tables using the MC parton level data provided by MCMC
- We don't use K-factor approach as conventional practice

Theory framework

$$\ell + N \rightarrow \ell + h^\pm + X$$

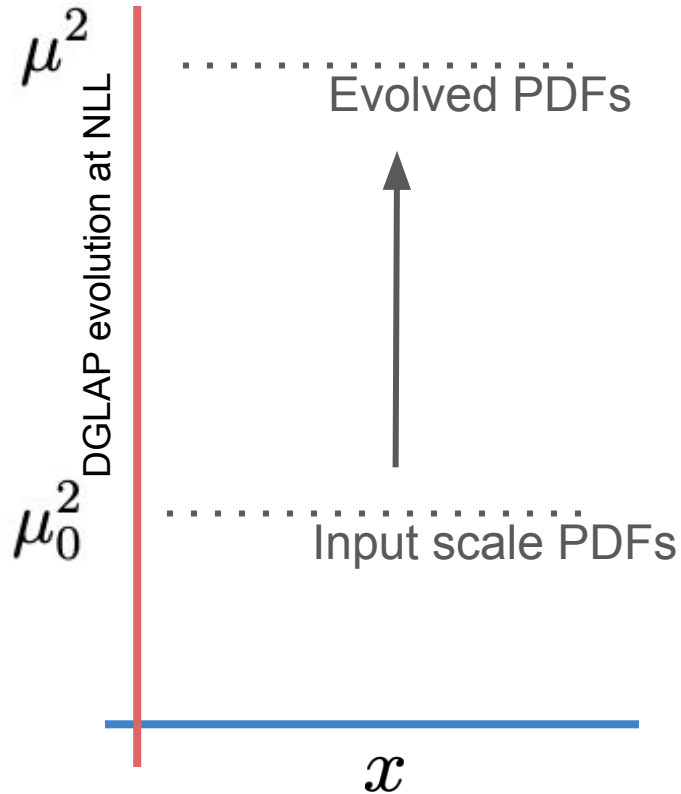
$$\frac{d\sigma^h}{dx_B dz_h dQ^2} = \sum_{a,b} \int_{z_h} \int_{x_B} d\hat{x} d\hat{z} f_a(\hat{x}, \mu_F) D_b^h(\hat{z}, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_{a,b}^h\left(\frac{\hat{x}}{x_B}, \frac{\hat{z}}{z_h}, \mu_F, \mu_R, Q\right)$$

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$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SIDIS}}}{dQ^2 dx_{Bj} dz_h} = \sum_{ijkl} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int dN x_{Bj}^{-N} \int dM z_h^{-M} \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{ik}^{\text{SIDIS}}(N, M, \mu) \\ \times U_{ij}^{\text{S}}(N, \mu, \mu_0) \tilde{f}_j(\mu_0) U_{kl}^{\text{T}}(M, \mu, \mu_0) \tilde{D}_j^h(M, \mu_0).$$

- Mellin space hard kernels @ NLO from analytic approach.
- No K-factor approach

PDF modeling



Shape functions

$$f(x, \mu; \mathbf{a}) = \frac{N}{\mathcal{M}} x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta (1 + \gamma\sqrt{x} + \delta x),$$

$$\mathcal{M} = B[\alpha + 2, \beta + 1] + \gamma B[\alpha + \frac{5}{2}, \beta + 1] + \delta B[\alpha + 3, \beta + 1].$$

Valence and Sea

$$u_v \equiv u - \bar{u},$$

$$d_v \equiv d - \bar{d},$$

$$\bar{u} = S_1 + \delta\bar{u},$$

$$\bar{d} = S_1 + \delta\bar{d},$$

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**99 shape
parameters
for PDFs
and FFs**

Sum Rules

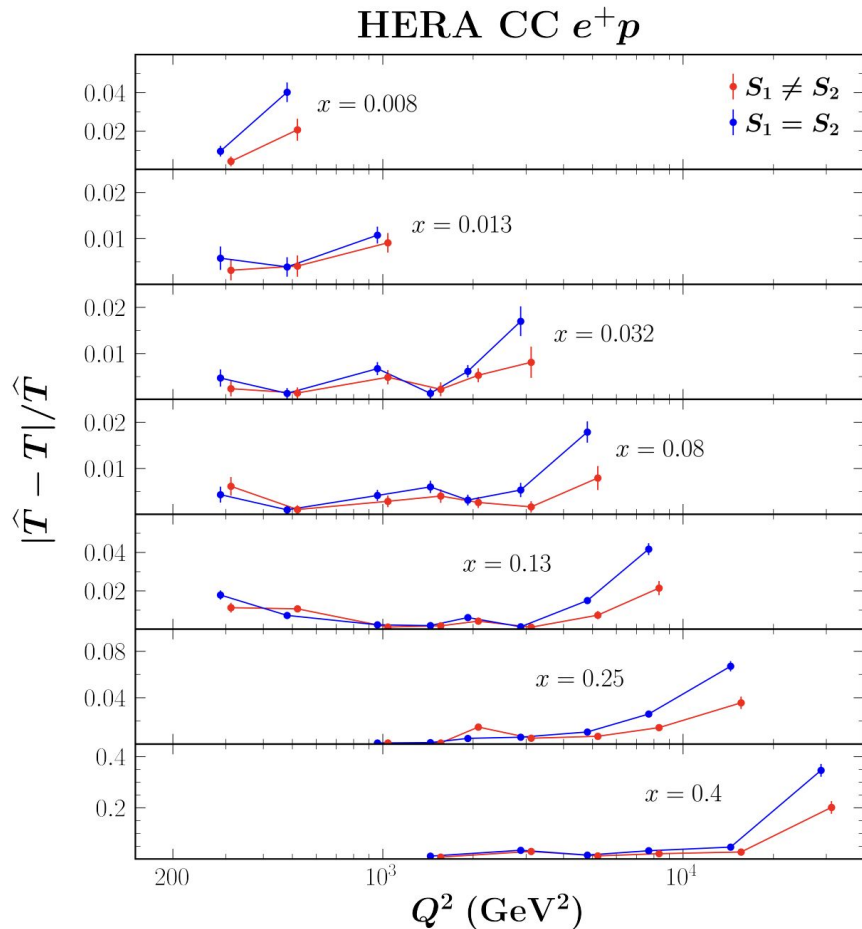
$$\int_0^1 dx u_v = 2, \quad \int_0^1 dx d_v = 1, \quad \int_0^1 dx (s - \bar{s}) = 0,$$

$$\int_0^1 dx x \left(\sum_a (q + \bar{q}) + g \right) = 1$$

Symmetric or asymmetric sea at small x

$$\bar{u} = S_1 + \delta\bar{u}, \quad \bar{d} = S_1 + \delta\bar{d},$$

$$s = S_2 + \delta s, \quad \bar{s} = S_2 + \delta\bar{s},$$



$$\hat{T}_{i,e} \equiv \underbrace{\sum_k r_e^k \tilde{\beta}_{i,e}^k}_{\text{Optimized theory to match with data}} + \frac{T_{i,e}}{N_e}$$

Optimized theory to match with data

- We use nuisance parameters to distort the theory within the quoted experimental systematic uncertainties.
- Rigidity or flexibility of PDF modeling correlates with the sizes of systematic shifts.
- Strategy: add flexibility to minimize the size of theory distortions
- HERA's CC is best described with S1 and S2 to be different

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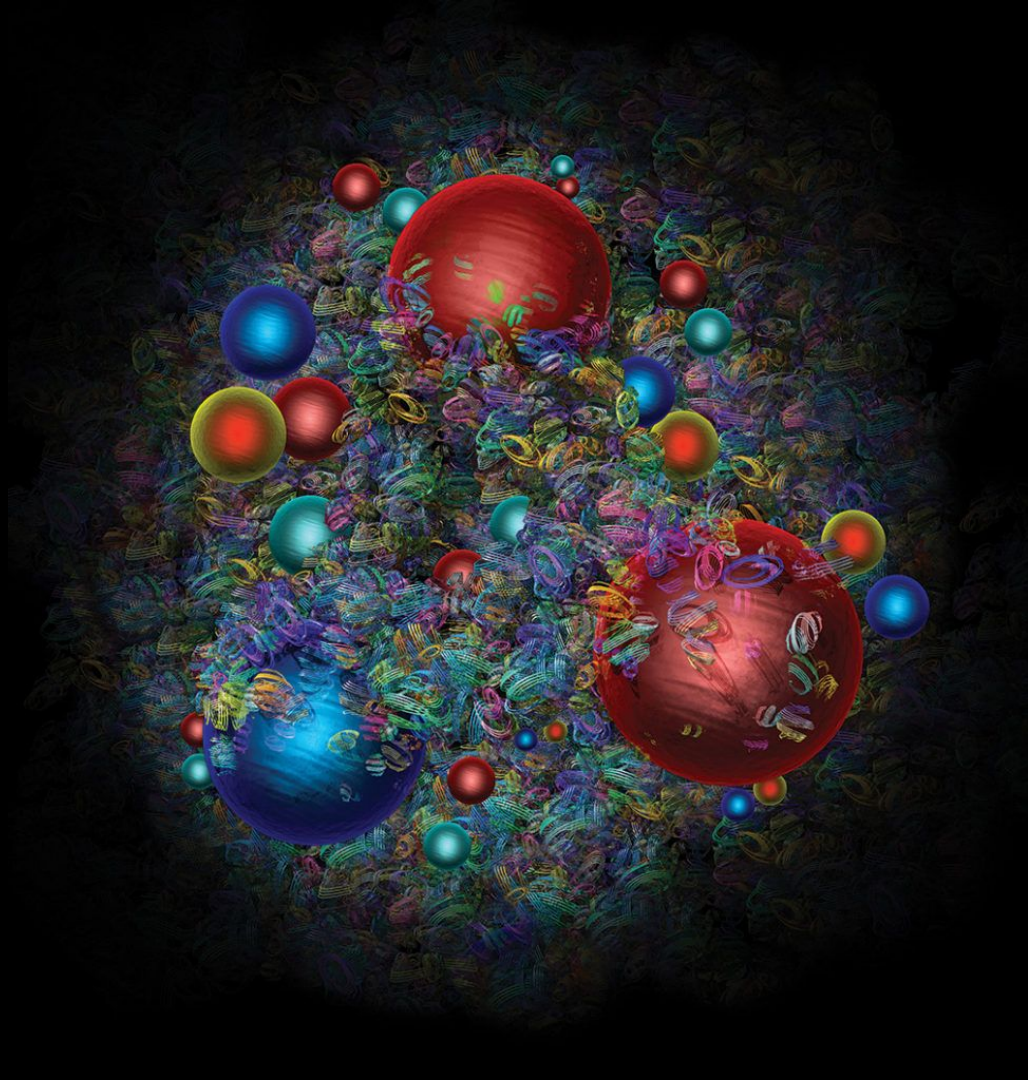
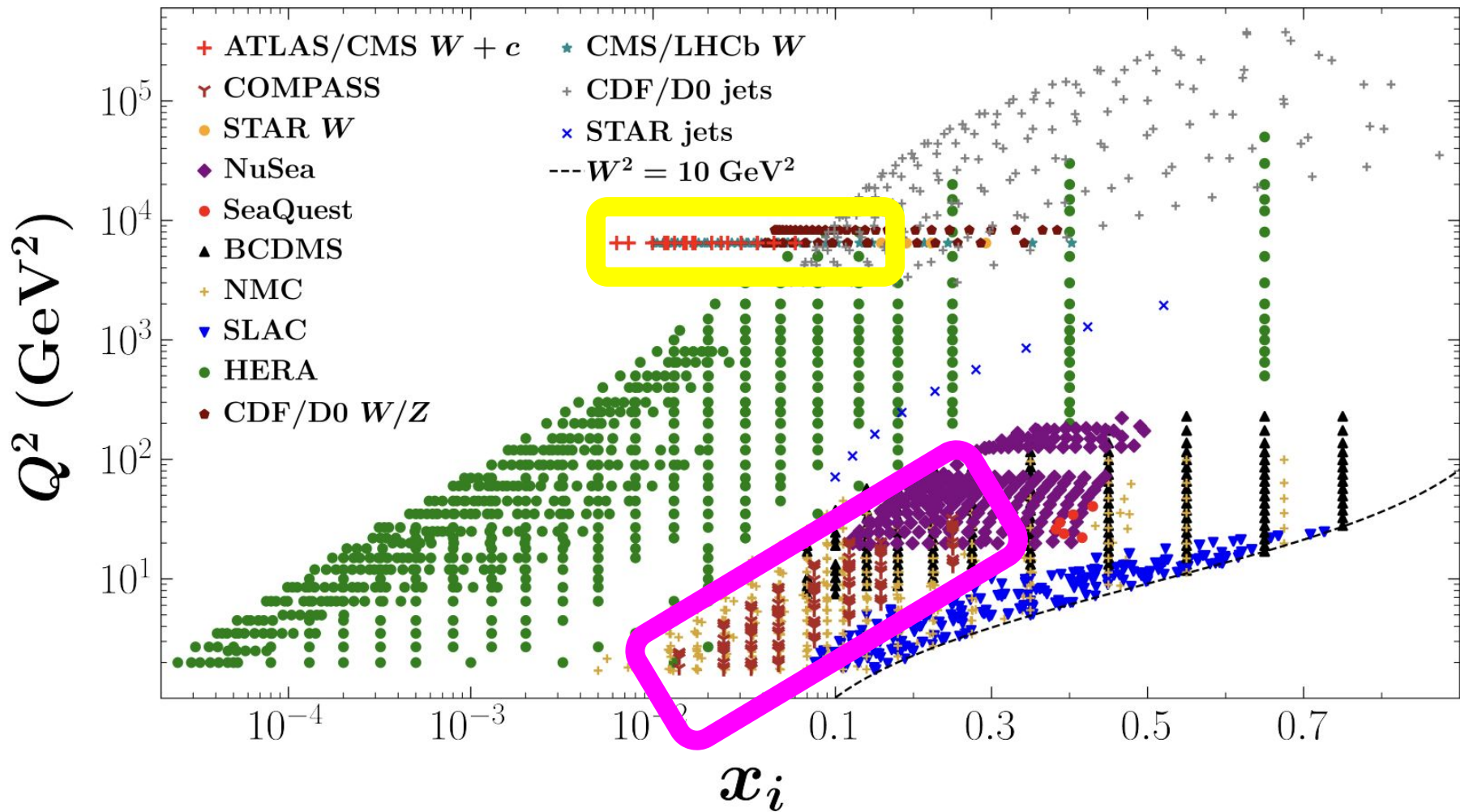


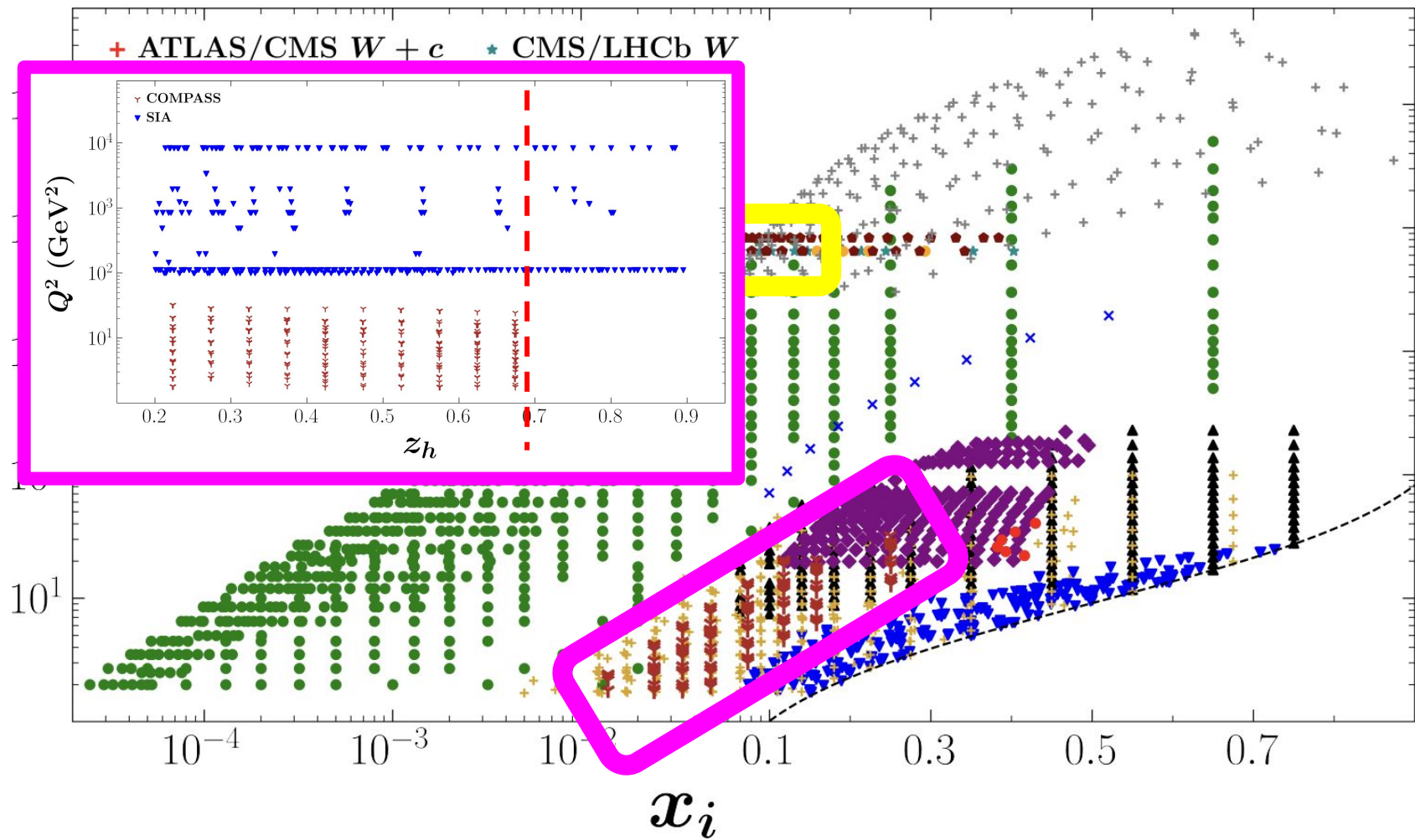
TABLE I. Summary of processes, observables and their connection to PDFs and FFs.

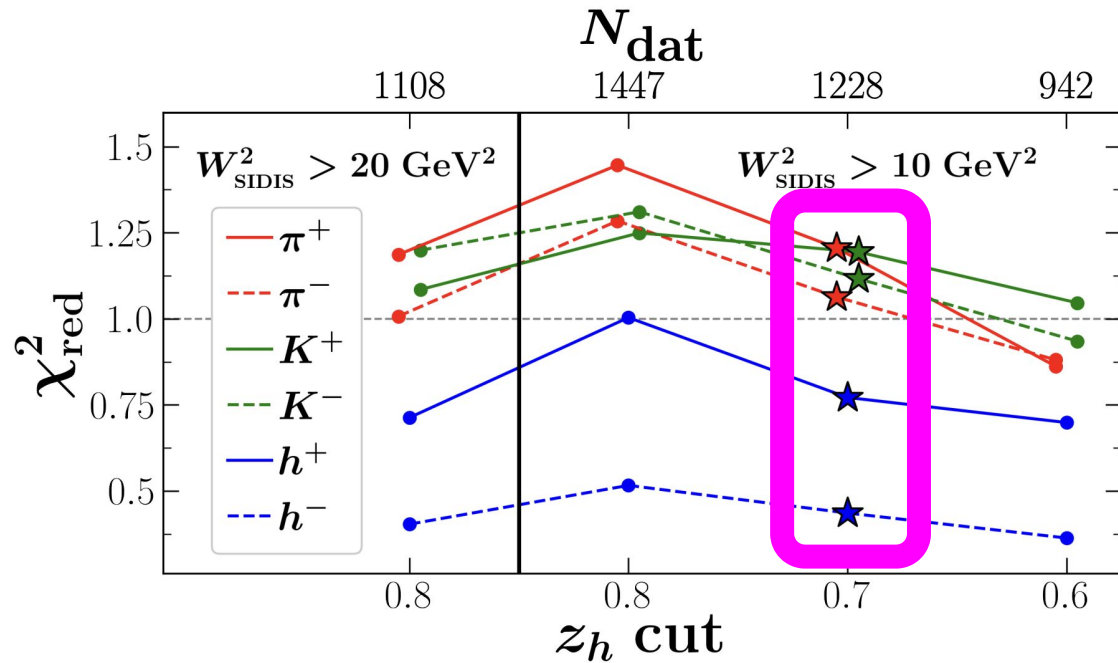
Process	Observables	Cuts	PDFs/FFs
$\ell + (p, d) \rightarrow \ell' + X$	F_2, σ_{red} [36–40]	$Q^2 > m_c^2$ $W^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$	$f_{i/p}$
$\ell + d \rightarrow \ell' + (\pi^\pm, K^\pm, h^\pm) + X$	dM^h/dz_h [41, 42]	$Q^2 > m_c^2$, $W_{\text{SIDIS}}^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ $0.2 < z_h < 0.7$	$f_{i/p}$ $D_i^{(\pi^+, K^+, h^+)}$
$p + (p, d) \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell} + X$	$d\sigma^{p/d}/dx_F dQ^2$ [2, 3]		$f_{i/p}$
$p + (p, \bar{p}) \rightarrow W + X$	$A_W, A_\ell, \sigma^{W^+}/\sigma^{W^-}$ [19–21, 23, 43–47]		$f_{i/p}$
$p + \bar{p} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* + X$	$d\sigma/dy$ [48, 49]		$f_{i/p}$
$p + (p, \bar{p}) \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$	$d\sigma/d\eta dp_T$ [50–52]	$p_T > 8 \text{ GeV}$	$f_{i/p}$
$p + p \rightarrow W + c + X$	$d\sigma/d\eta$ [25–27]		$f_{i/p}$
$\ell + \bar{\ell} \rightarrow (\pi^\pm, K^\pm, h^\pm) + X$	$d\sigma/dz_h$ [53–68]	$0.2 < z_h < 0.9$	$D_i^{(\pi^+, K^+, h^+)}$

- Multiple reactions to optimize PDF modeling and test universality

- Simultaneous inference on PDFs and FFs



$Q^2 \text{ (GeV}^2\text{)}$ 

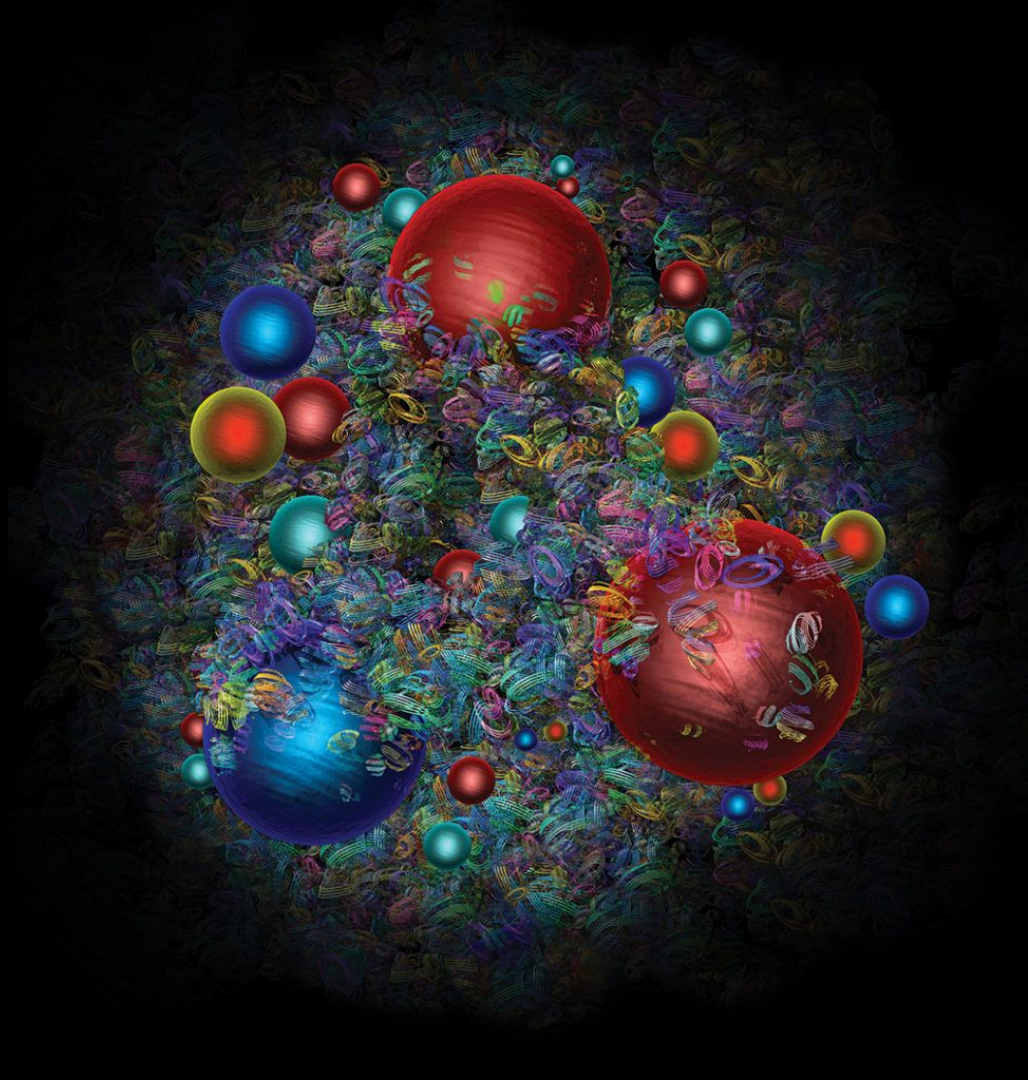


- Not all the available SIDIS data can be described consistently.
- Needs to perform additional cuts to isolate the phase space region that can be described by the model.
- There are multiple effects: HMC, TMCs, Current vs. Target hadronization, power corrections.
- We use z and W_{sidis} values to isolate the region of compatibility

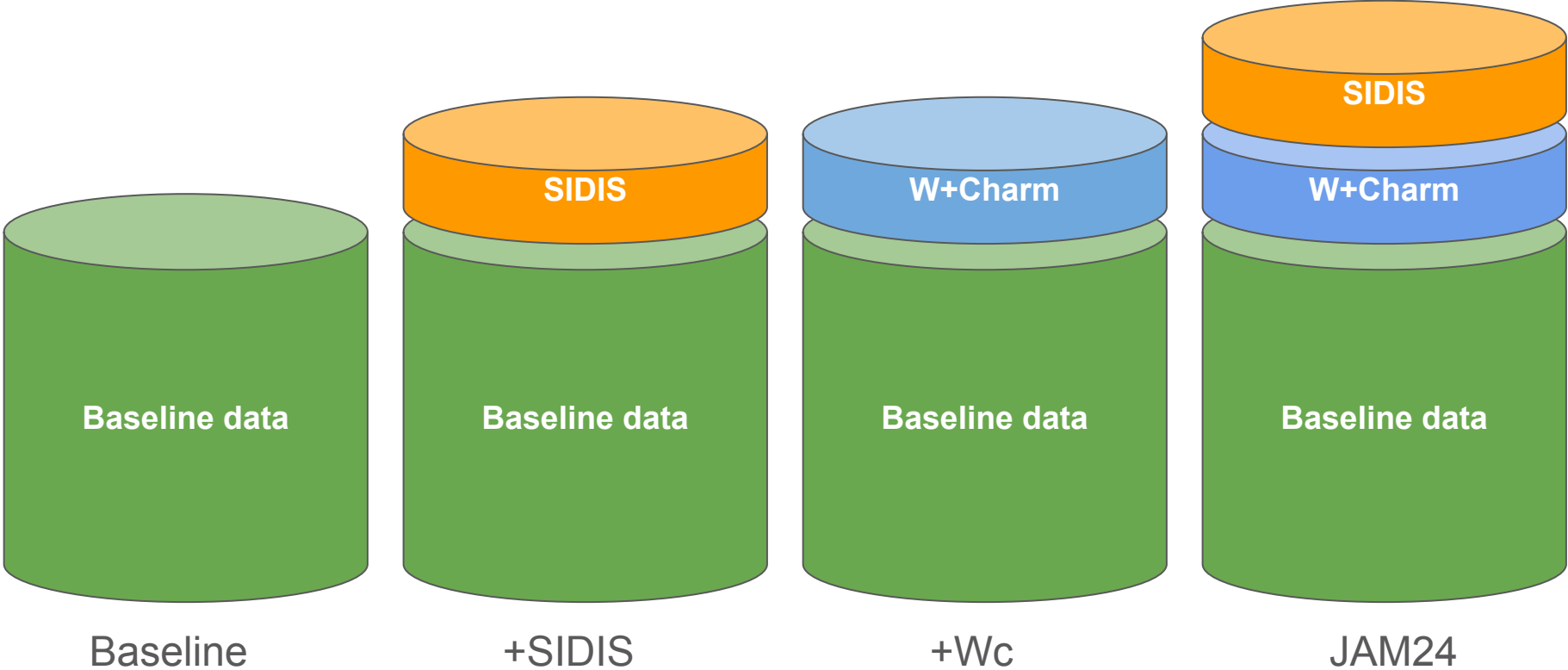
$$W^2_{\text{SIDIS}} = (p + q - p_h)^2$$

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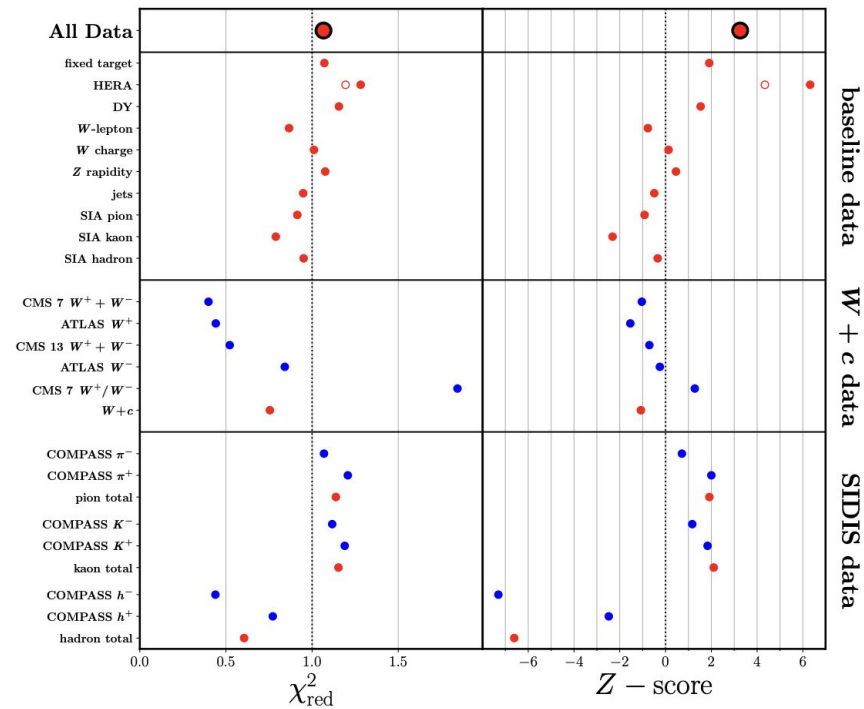
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Analysis scenarios



Process	N_{dat}	χ_{red}^2 (Z -score)			
		baseline	+SIDIS	+ W -charm	JAM24
DIS					
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HERA [40]	1185	1.27 (6.02)	1.29 (6.40)	1.26 (5.97)	1.28 (6.32)
Drell-Yan [2, 3]	205	1.14 (1.36)	1.16 (1.61)	1.14 (1.41)	1.16 (1.53)
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W charge asymmetry [45, 46]	27	1.00 (0.08)	1.15 (0.62)	1.01 (0.12)	1.01 (0.13)
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W + charm [25–27]	37	— (—)	— (—)	0.64 (−1.73)	0.75 (−1.08)
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π^\pm [41]	410	— (—)	1.12 (1.64)	— (—)	1.14 (1.92)
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h^\pm [41]	410	— (—)	0.61 (−6.48)	— (—)	0.61 (−6.61)
SIA					
π^\pm [53–68]	231	0.91 (−0.32)	0.90 (−1.07)	0.91 (−0.32)	0.91 (−0.92)
K^\pm [53–55, 57–68]	213	0.51 (−6.26)	0.80 (−2.20)	0.51 (−6.26)	0.79 (−2.32)
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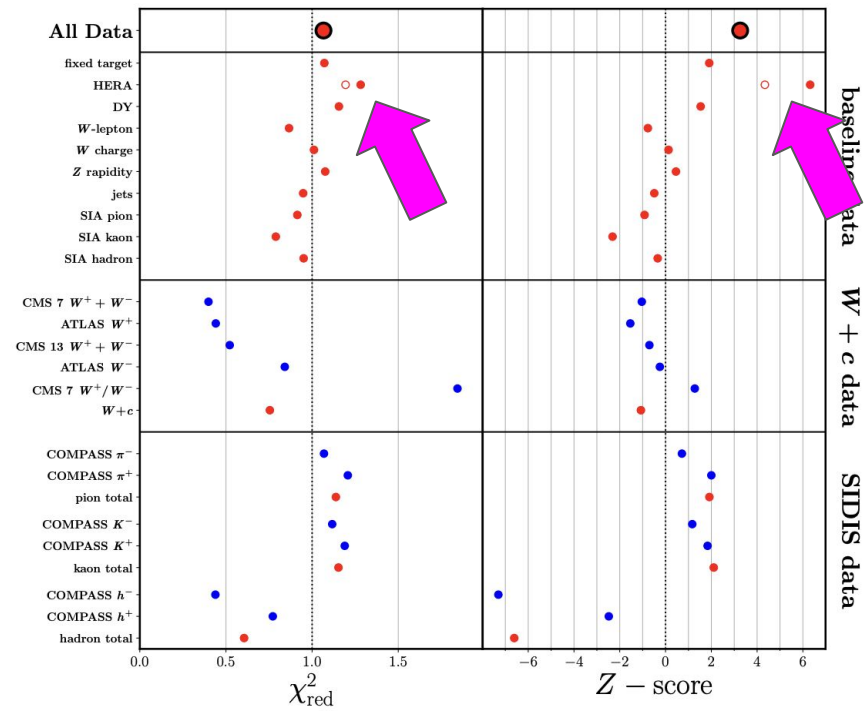


Figures of Merit

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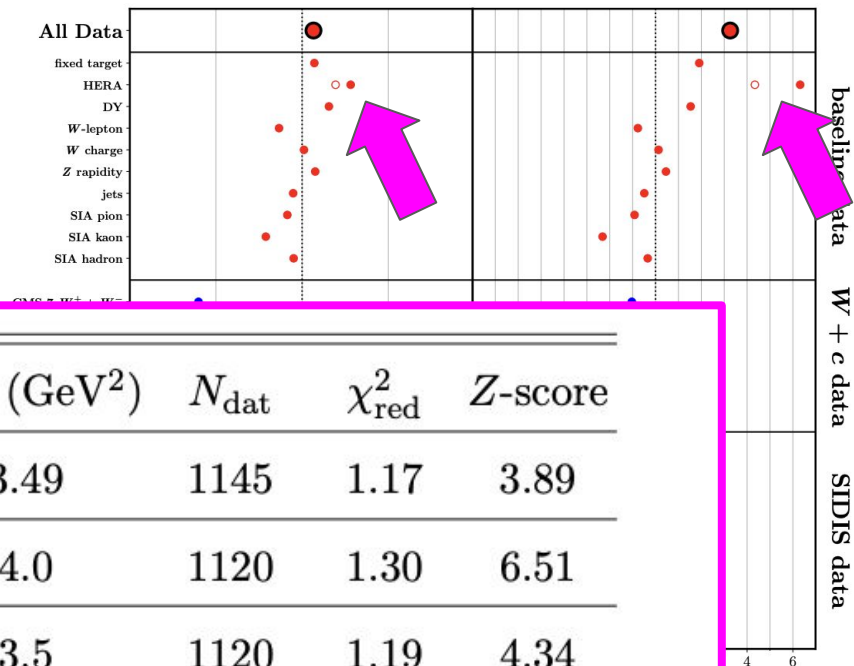


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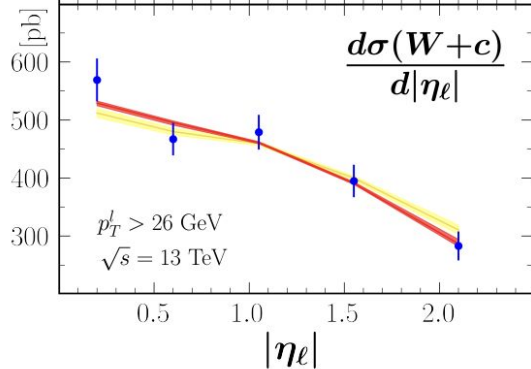
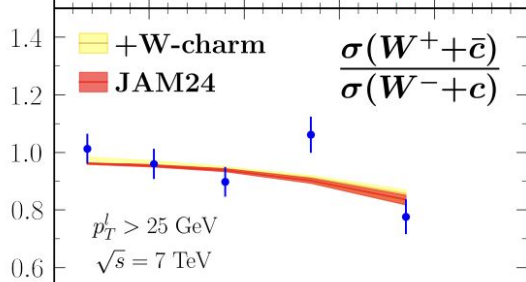
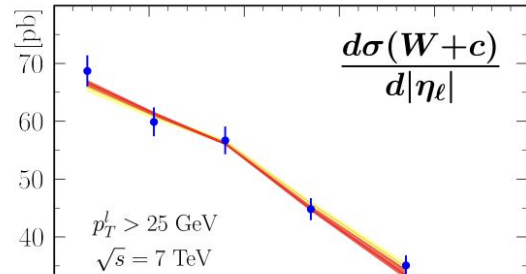
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CT18 [74]	NNLO	4.0	1120	1.30	6.51
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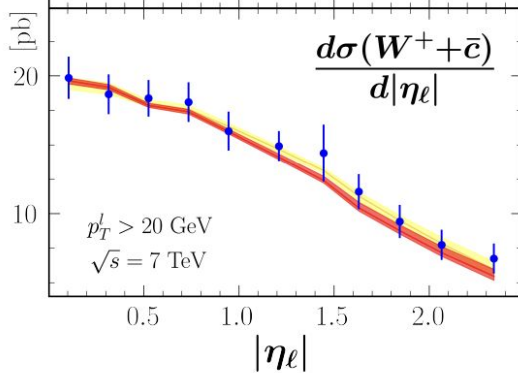
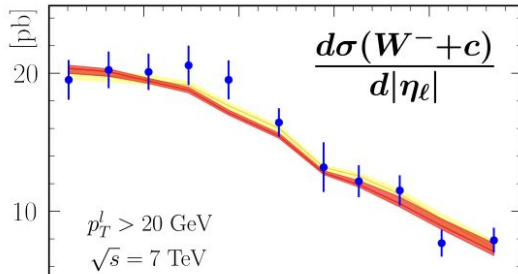
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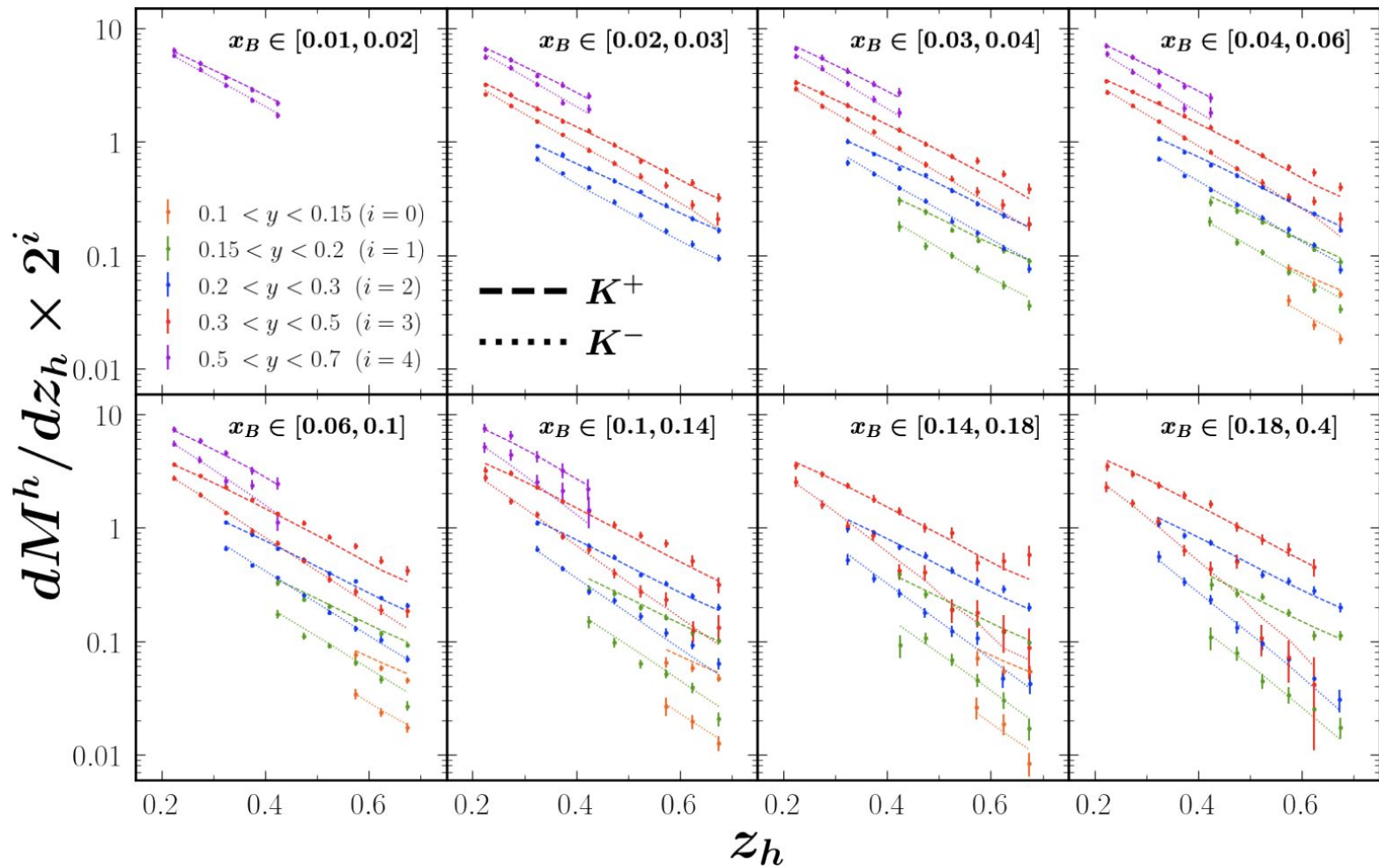
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- W+c has a preference for a slightly larger strange quark PDF
- SIDIS data lowers the strange quark PDF. Hint of tension?

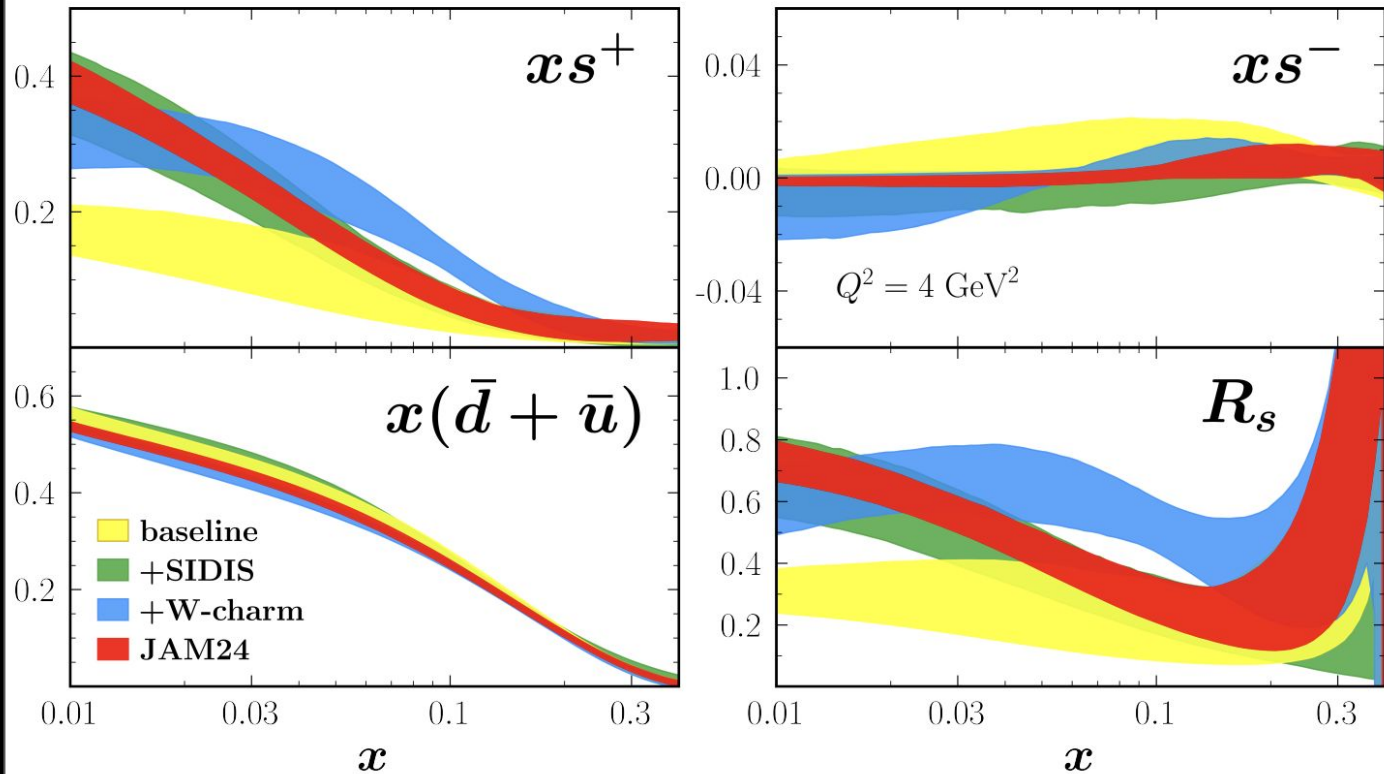


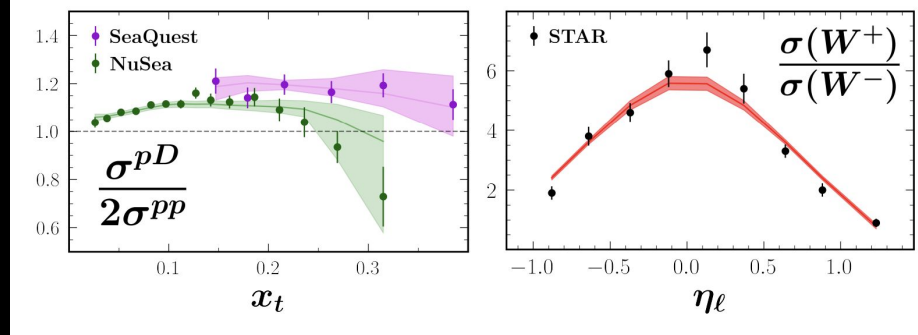
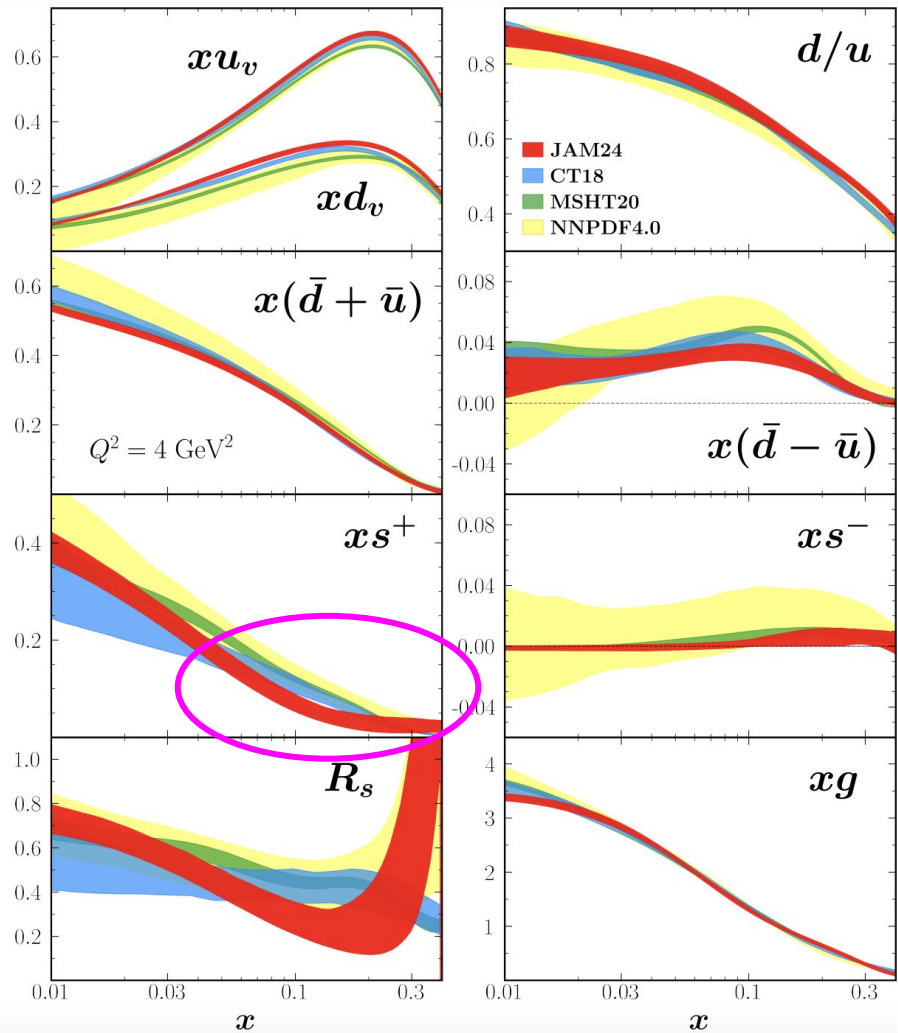
- SIDIS and W_c changes indicates different trends of strange for $x < 0.05$

W enhance sidis
spresses

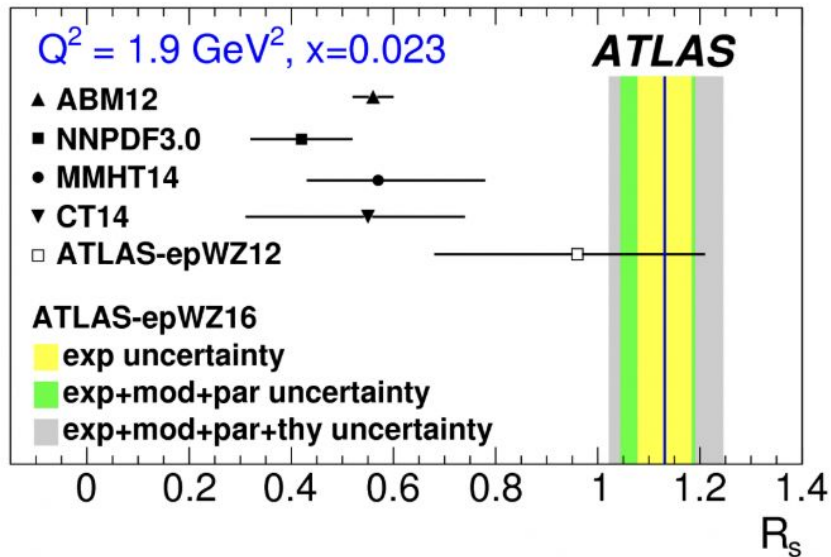
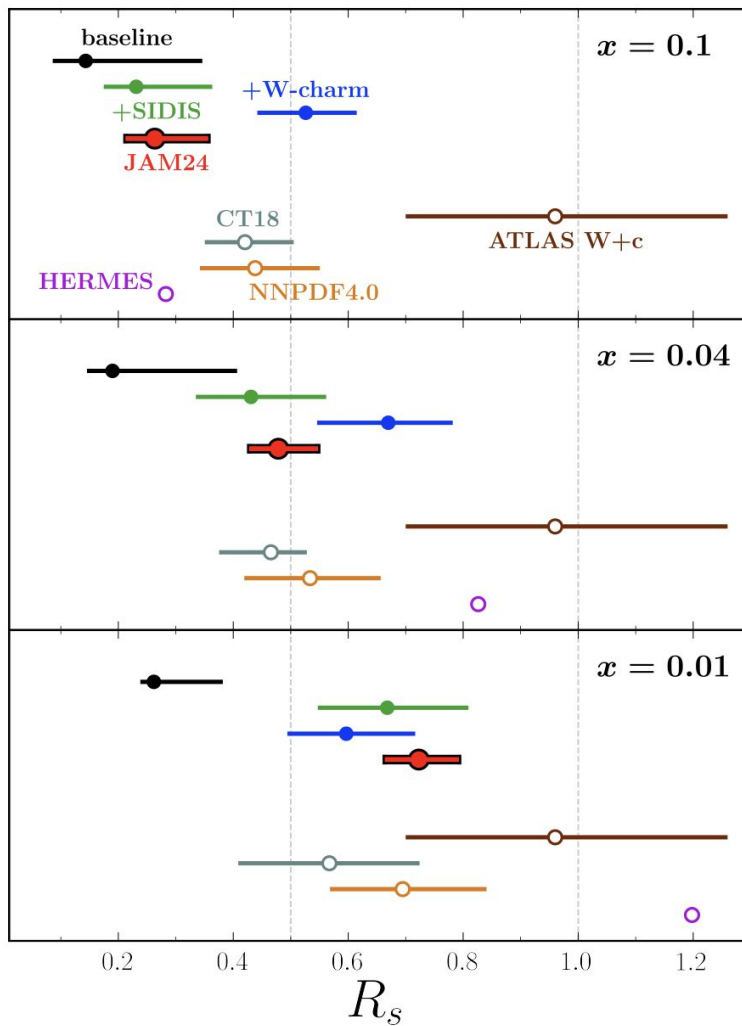
- s-sbar asymmetry consistent within errors

- No changes in db+ub

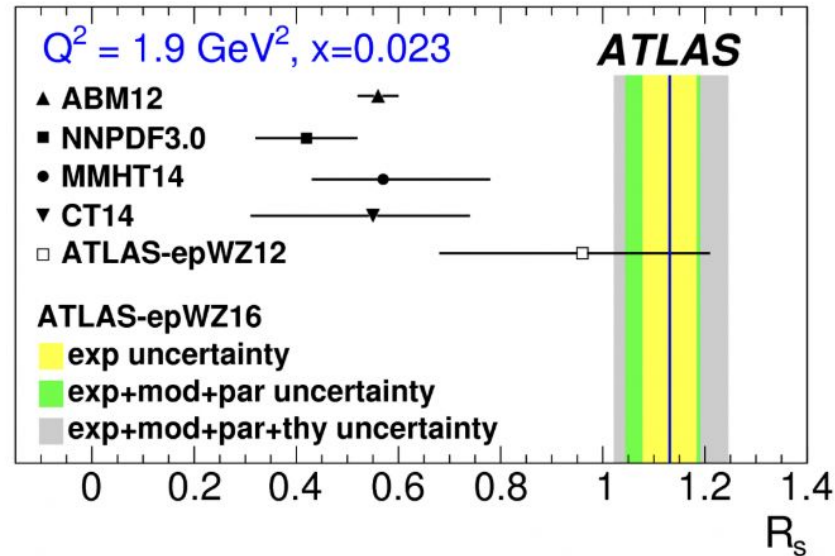
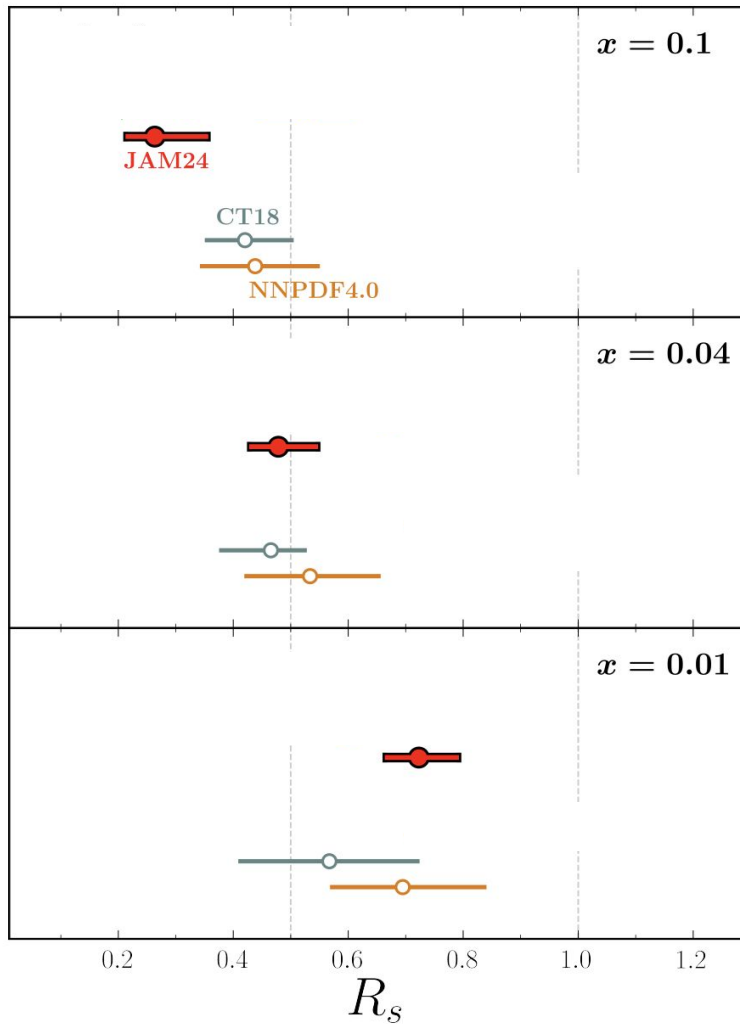




- JAM24 valence pdfs are larger than other groups sitting at the upper end
- The db-ub asymmetry is slightly more suppressed than previous analysis
- The combined effect of $W+c$ and SIDIS gives stronger constraints on strange quark PDFs
- The symmetric sea ($R_s=1$) is disfavored both by SIDIS and collider data



- Strange suppression in R_s is both confirmed by SIDIS and W+charm data
- SIDIS and W+charm agree on R_s at smaller x but becomes more in tension as $x \rightarrow 1$



- JAM24 analysis on strange is largely compatible with other analysis for $x < 0.1$
- Around $x \sim 0.1$, some differences are visible.
- Additional information is needed to map out the strange content inside protons above $x > 0.1$

Summary & outlook

- W+charm data and SIDIS can be described simultaneously within a QCD global analysis
- SIDIS data has at present the larger impact on the determination of strange quark PDF
- The analysis indicates a large suppression of the the strange quark PDFs relative to the light quark sector -> the proton is less strange!
- Additional data sensitive to strange quark PDFs are needed.
 - Parity violating DIS (JLab 12,+22, EIC)
 - Neutrino DIS (need to explore nuclear effects)
 - Synergies with LQCD

