

# New Measurements of the Deuteron to Proton $F_2$ Structure Function Ratio

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# E12-10-002 Data

## 1. Top Panel

1. **Red circle** : Kinematic coverage of E12-10-002 data
2. **Green triangle** : Whitlow reanalysis of the SLAC data
3. **Blue dots** : JLab 6 GeV data , Experiment E00-116
4. Data are shown for the range  $x > 0.5$  &  $Q^2 > 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
5. Solid curve corresponds to  $W^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

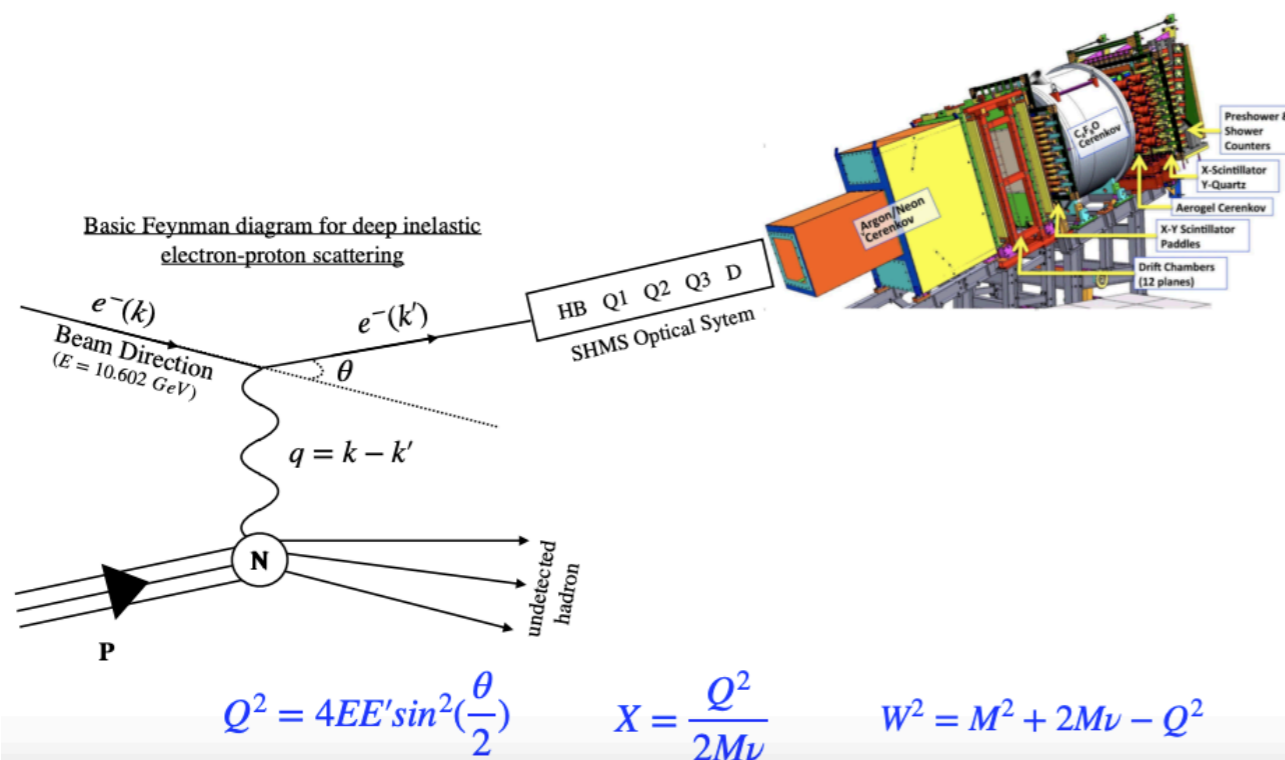
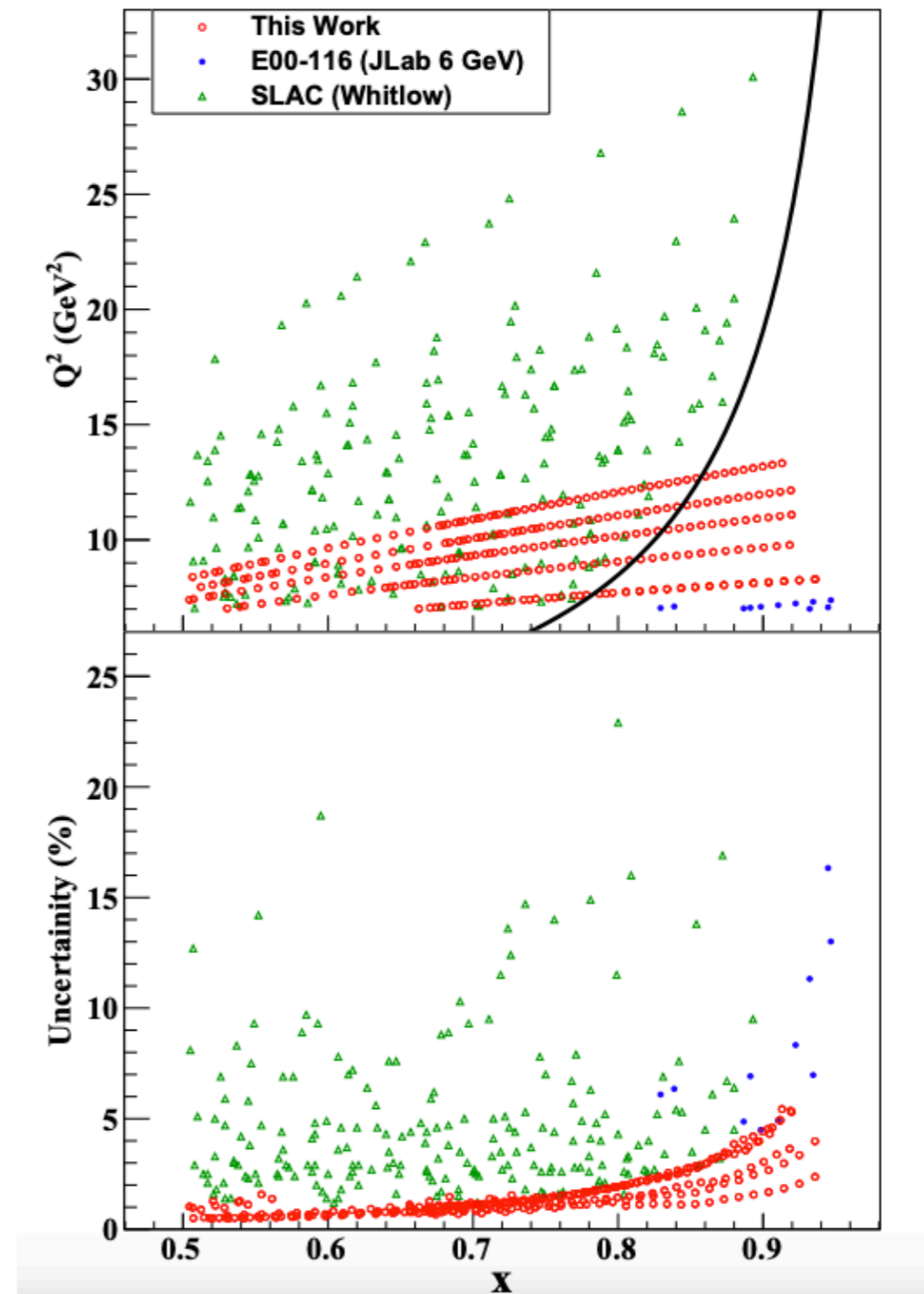
## 2. Bottom Panel

1. Statistical uncertainty of  $\sigma_D/\sigma_H$

## 3. Take away

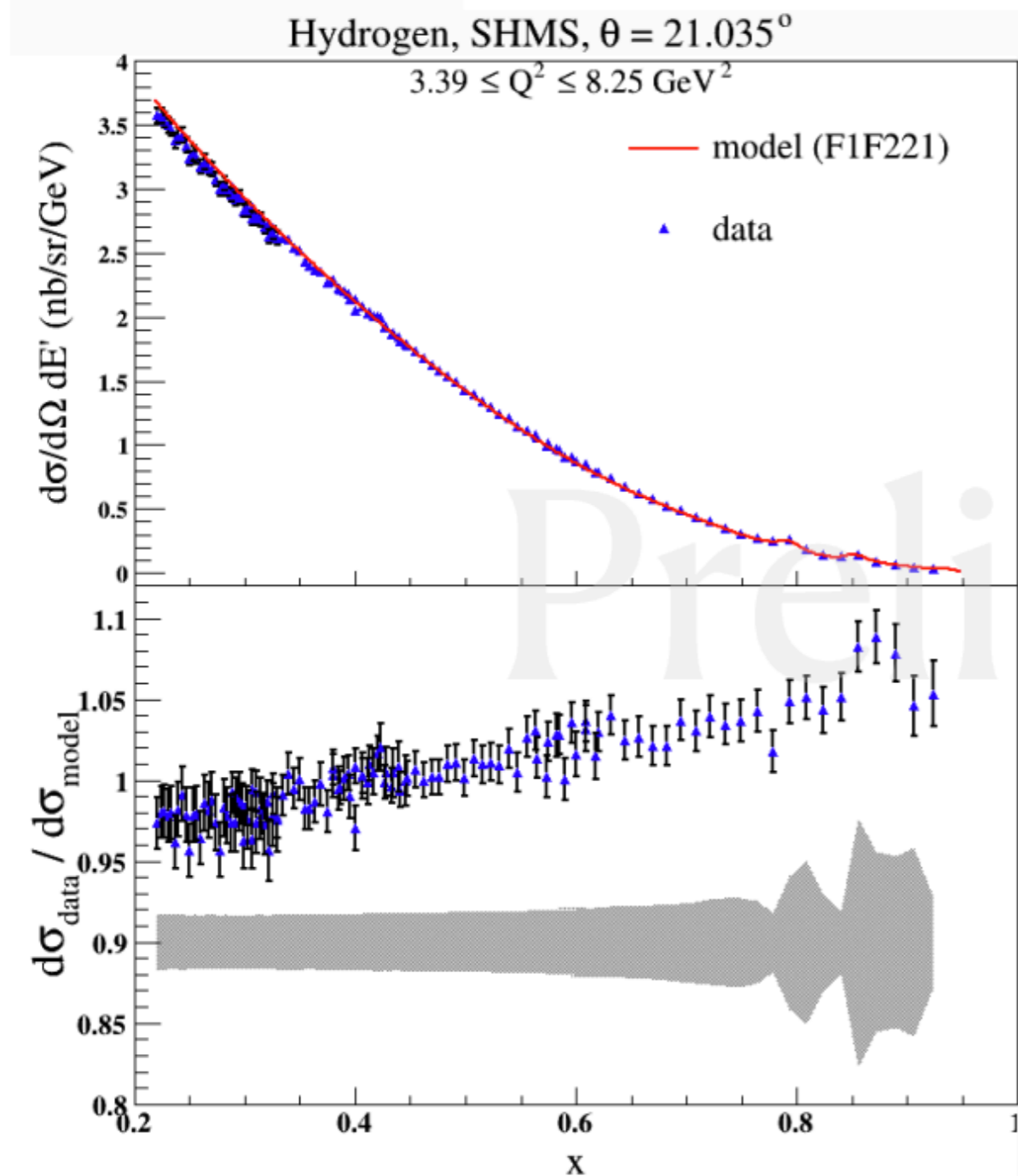
1. Data was poorly populated prior to this experiment for  $W^2 < 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2 > 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
2. This work extends the data into the resonance region

- Ran in the spring of 2018 in parallel with EMC experiment
- Targets used : liquid hydrogen and liquid deuterium
- Large Bjorken  $x$  coverage
- Large  $Q^2$  coverage using both the HMS and SHMS spectrometers



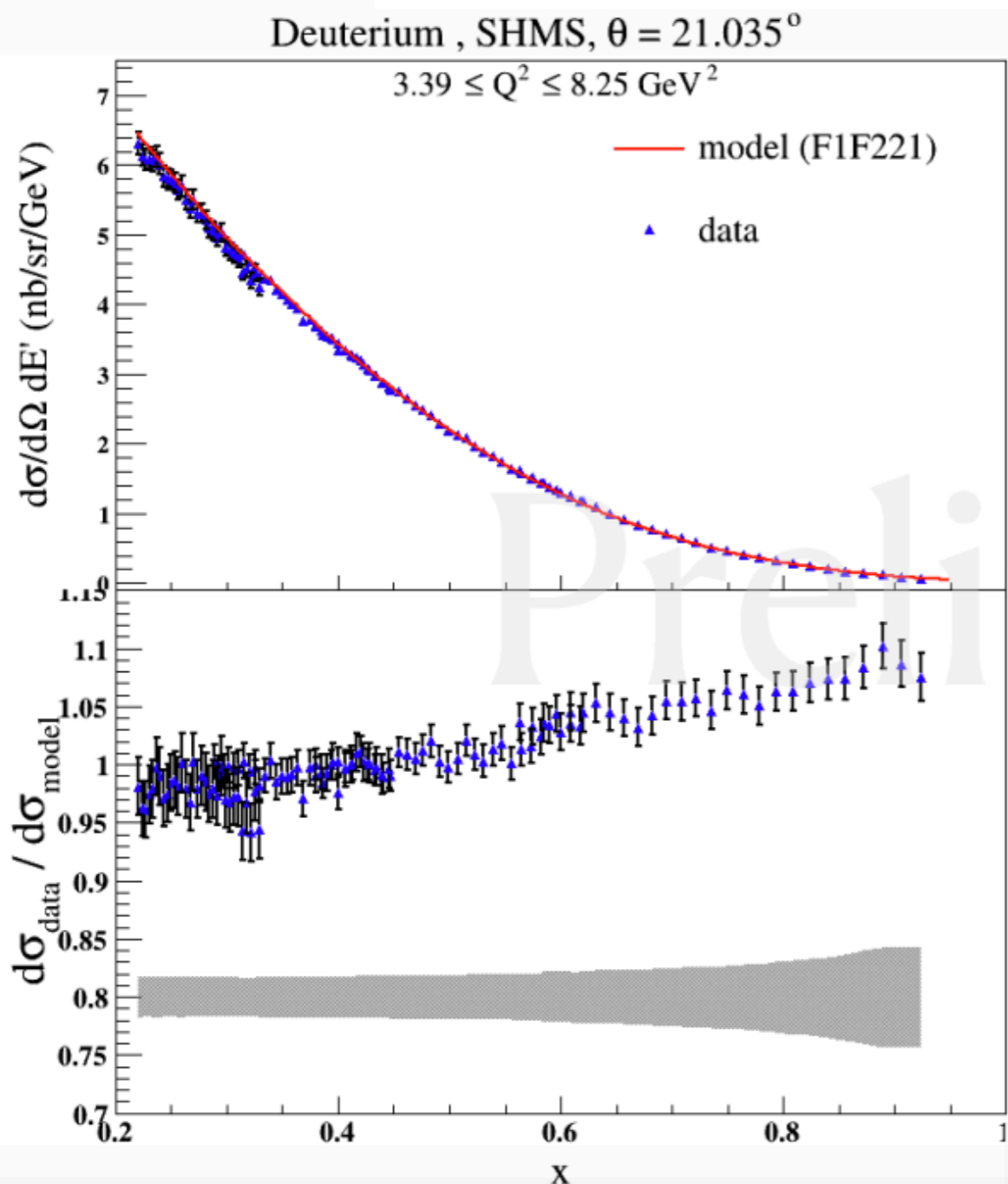
# Extraction of Proton Cross-section

$$\text{Monte Carlo Ratio Method : } \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\text{Exp}} = \frac{Y_{\text{Data}}}{Y_{\text{MC}}} \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\text{Model}}$$



- Proton cross-section is extracted for SHMS at  $21.035^\circ$
- Proton cross-section is extracted also for four other SHMS angles  $24.98^\circ$ ,  $28.99^\circ$ ,  $32.975^\circ$ ,  $38.975^\circ$
- Compared with F1F221 (red solid line)
- F1F221 model is a fit to the world data of inclusive cross-sections
- In this plot model does not include the data from this experiment (E12-10-002)
- The model is valid for wide range for  $W^2 < 30 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2 < 30 \text{ GeV}^2$
- For  $x = 0.2$  to  $0.7$ , the data matches with the model within better than 3%
- At large  $x$  the model is not well constrained, which is one of the biggest motivation for this experiment

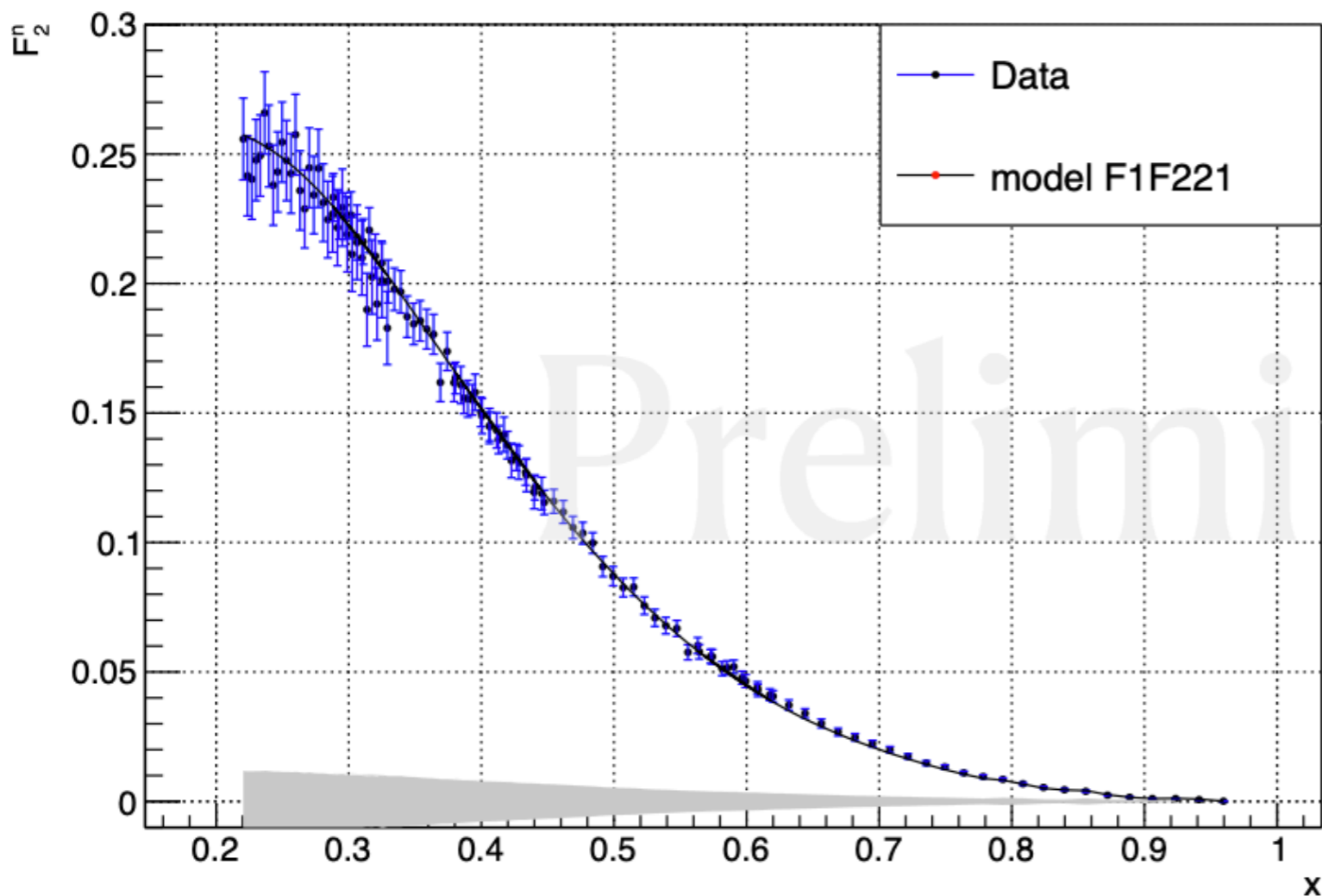
# Extraction of Deuterium Cross-section



- Deuterium cross-section is extracted for SHMS at  $21.035^\circ$
- Deuterium cross-section is extracted also for four other SHMS angles  $24.98^\circ$ ,  $28.99^\circ$ ,  $32.975^\circ$ ,  $38.975^\circ$
- Compared with F1F221 (red solid line)
- F1F221 model is a fit to the world data of inclusive cross-sections
- In this plot model does not include the data from this experiment (E12-10-002)
- The model is valid for wide range for  $W^2 < 30 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2 < 30 \text{ GeV}^2$
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# Extraction of Neutron Cross-section

SHMS F2 21 deg



- In deuterium proton and neutron are in bound state
- Neutron cross-section can be calculated by subtracting the proton cross-section from the deuteron and nuclear effects removed
- To get the unbound p+n cross-section from the bound p+n state inside deuterium-

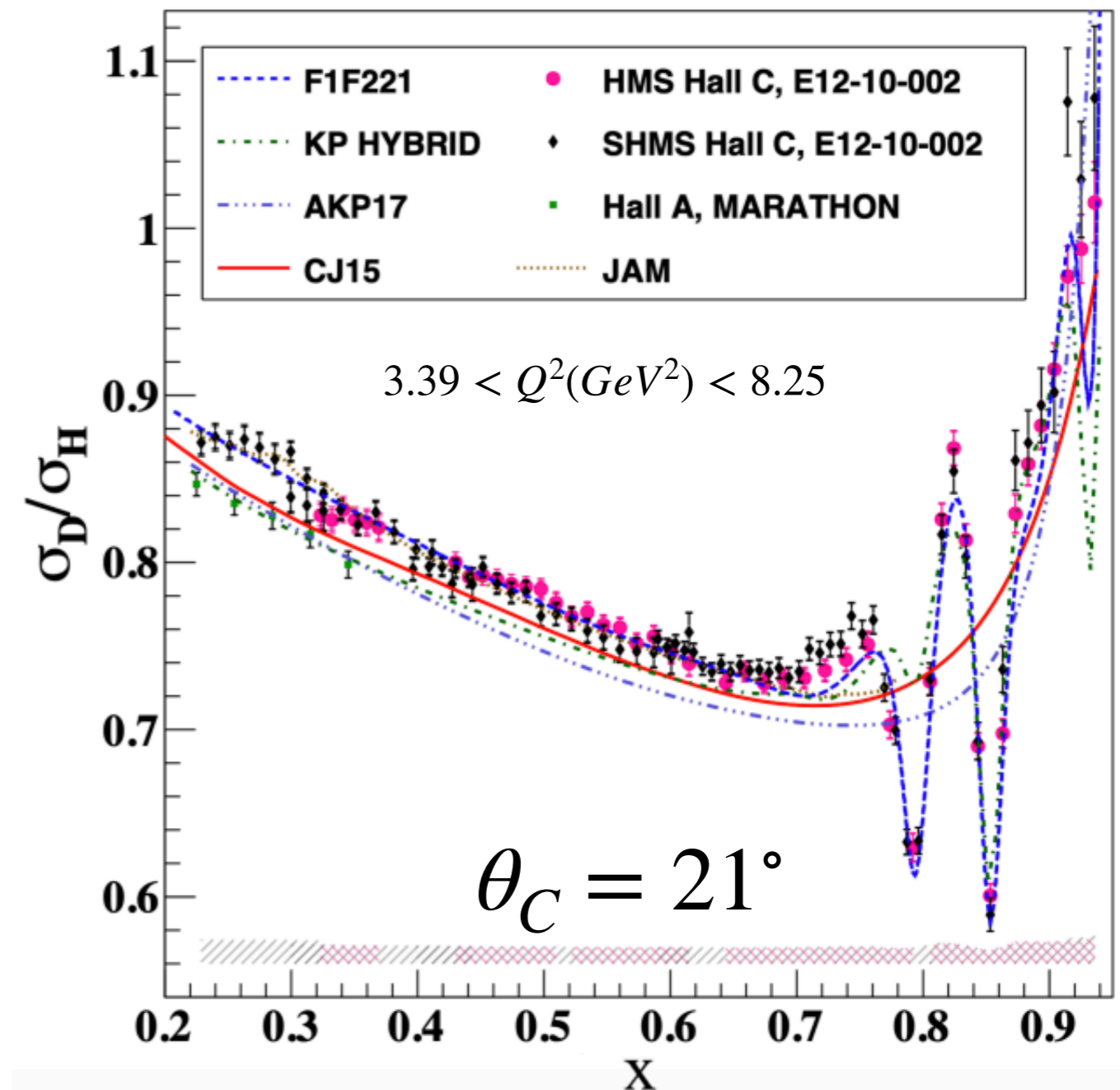
$$\sigma_{p+n} = \frac{\sigma_{p+n}^{model}}{\sigma_d^{model}} \times \sigma_d^{data}$$

$$\sigma_{data}^n = \sigma^{p+n} - \sigma_{data}^p$$

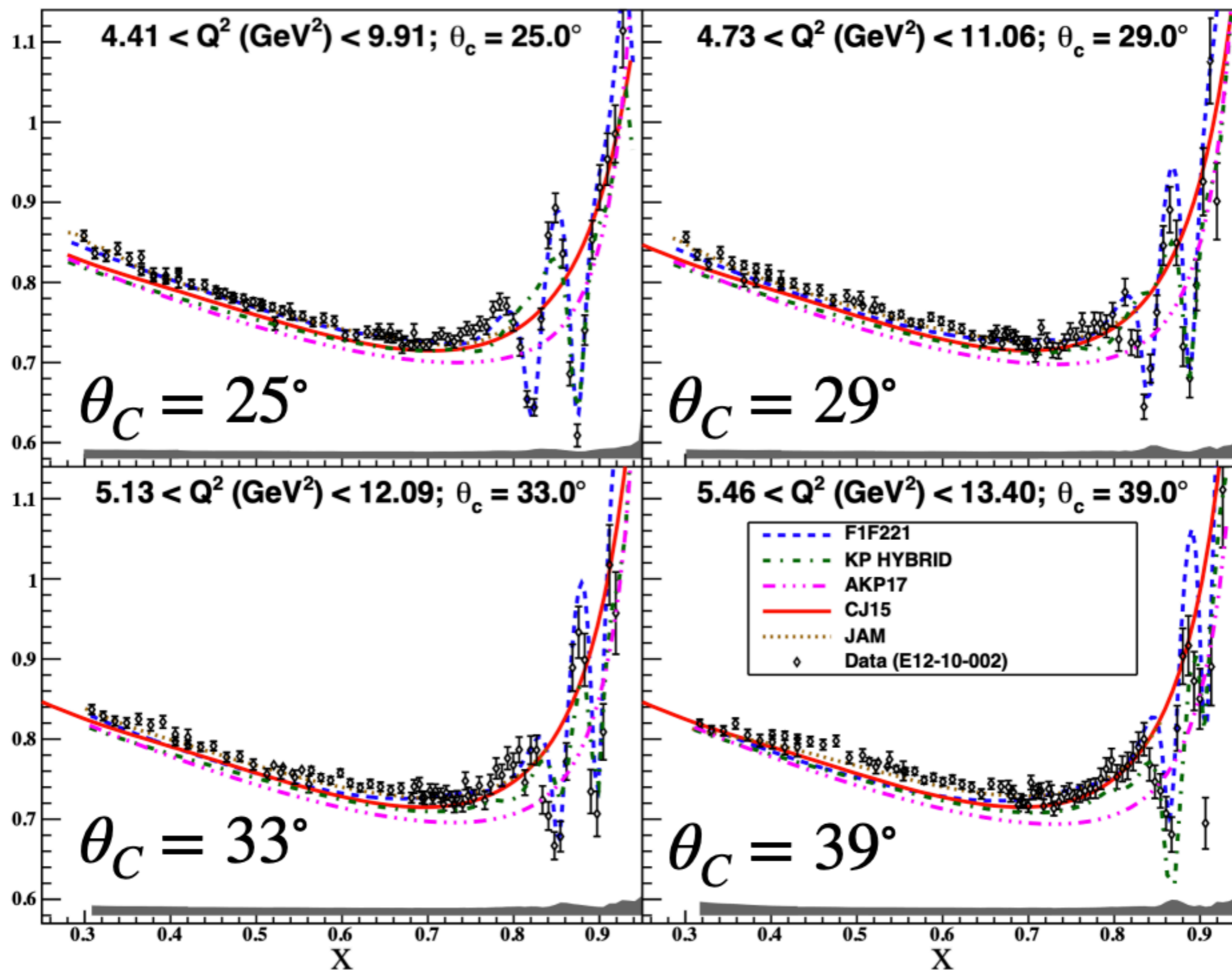


# $\sigma_D/\sigma_H$ : SHMS & HMS

- $\sigma_D/\sigma_H$  ratio were compared for :
  - SHMS data
  - HMS data
  - F1F221 model (used to extract the cross sections in this work)
  - KP HYBRID
  - AKP17
  - CJ15
  - MARATHON, HALLA
  - JAM
- Excellent agreement between SHMS and HMS for  $\theta_C = 21^\circ$
- The error bars include uncorrelated statistical and systematic errors
- The error band include correlated systematic error and an overall normalization uncertainty of 1.1% (due to the uncertainty in the target density)
- F1F221 or any other model does not include this data
- As much as 4.3% discrepancy exists between MARATHON (Hall A) and E12-10-002 (Hall C) data
- Total point to point error 0.6 - 5.4 (with  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  2.9) %
- Total correlated error 1.2 - 2.9 (with  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  2.1) %

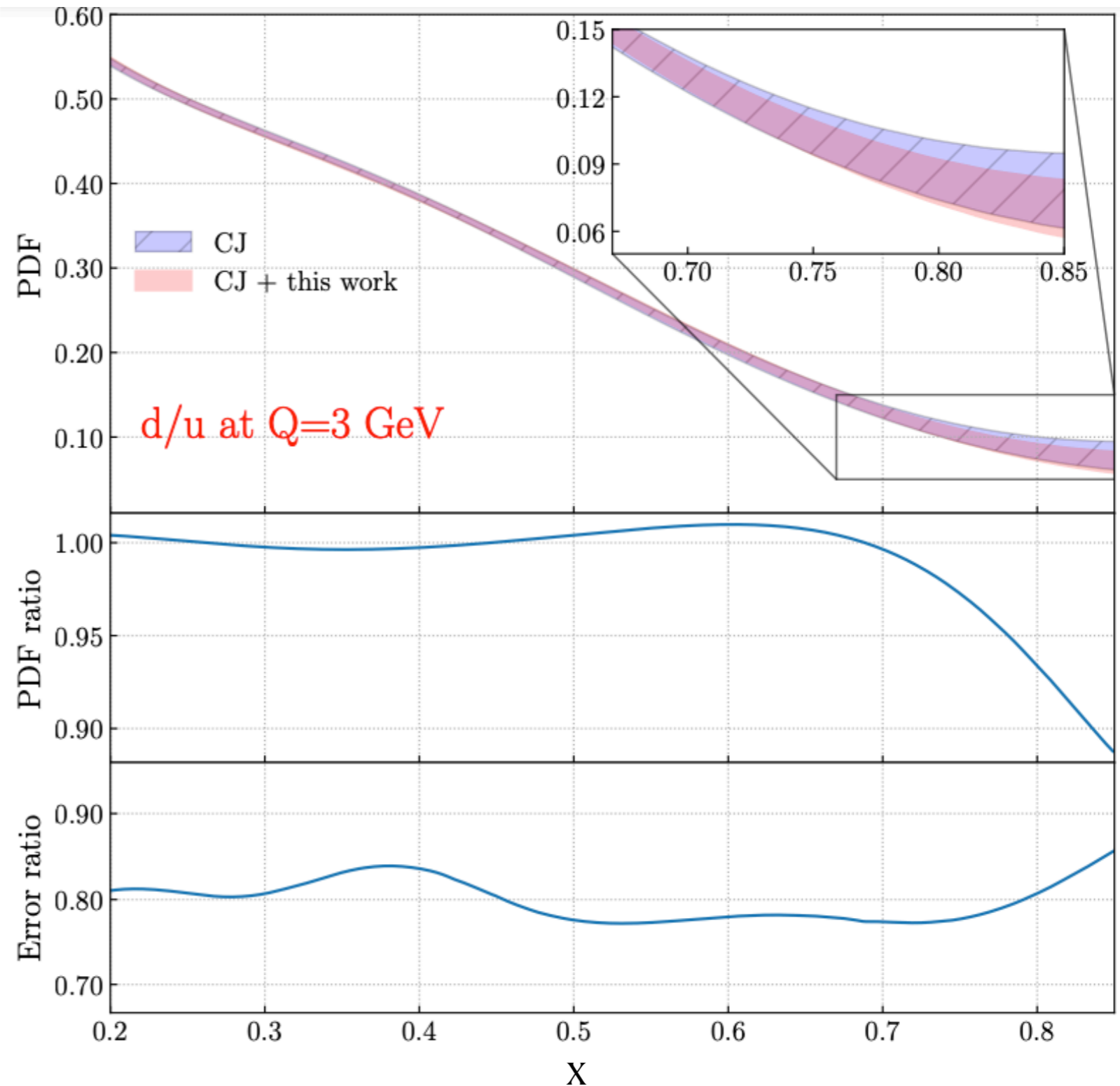


# $\sigma_D/\sigma_H$ : SHMS



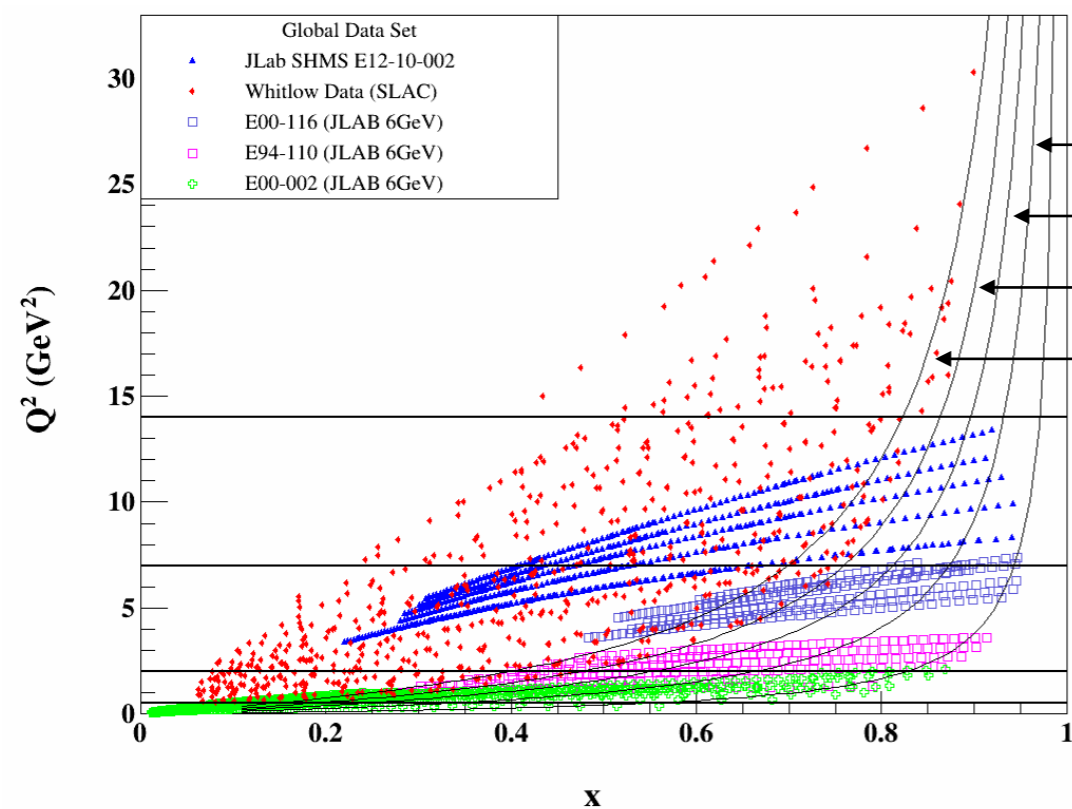
# Impact Study : PDF Fitting

1. Impact of the new data were studied with CJ15 framework
2.  $d/u$  ratio for proton were plotted for  $Q = 3 \text{ GeV}$  and for wide range of  $x$
3.  $W^2 > 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  cut on data to eliminate the resonance region
4. **Magenta** : CJ15 fit ONLY
5. **Pink** : CJ15 fit + data from this work
6. The central value of the  $d/u$  changes as much as 10% for  $x > 0.7$ 
  1. Previous absence of the deuterium data at high  $x$  is responsible for this change
7. The relative error in  $d/u$  ratio decreases by approximately 20% across the entire range of  $x$
8. To fit the data with the model, a normalization factor of -2.1% was applied to the data
  1. The  $x$  dependent correlated error for the data is 1.3-2.1%
  2. Another experiment (E12-10-007, EMC effect) ran along with this experiment observe the 2% normalization shift in result compared to the previous data , and the direction of the shift is consistent with this work



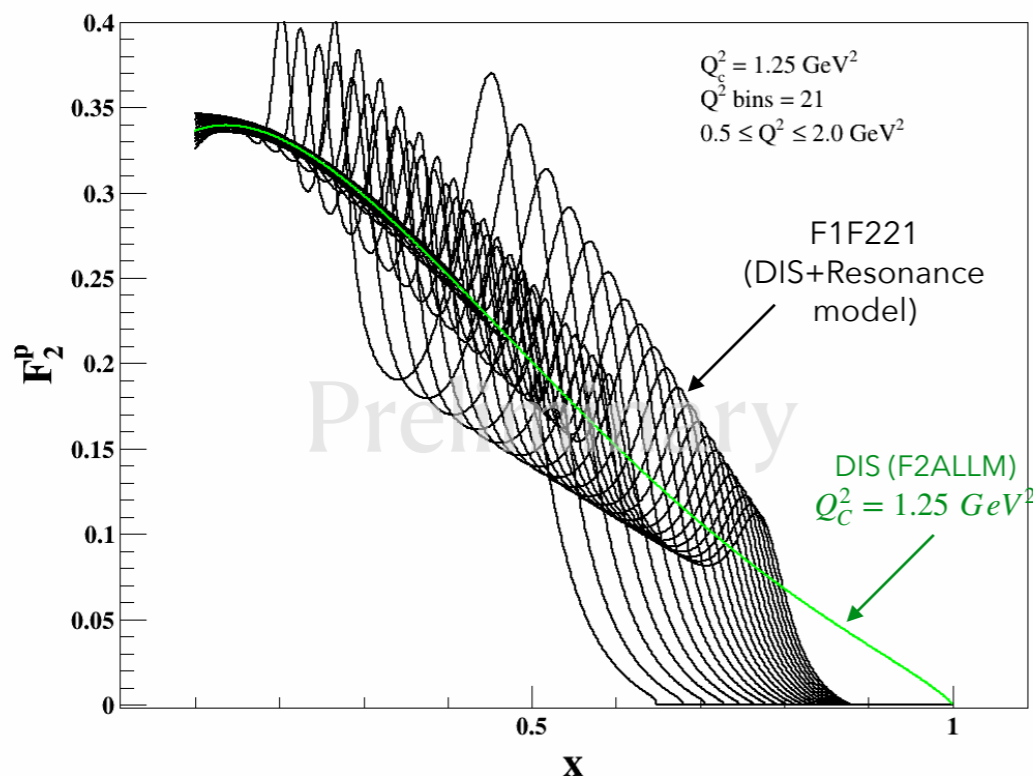


# Impact Study : Quark-Hadron Duality



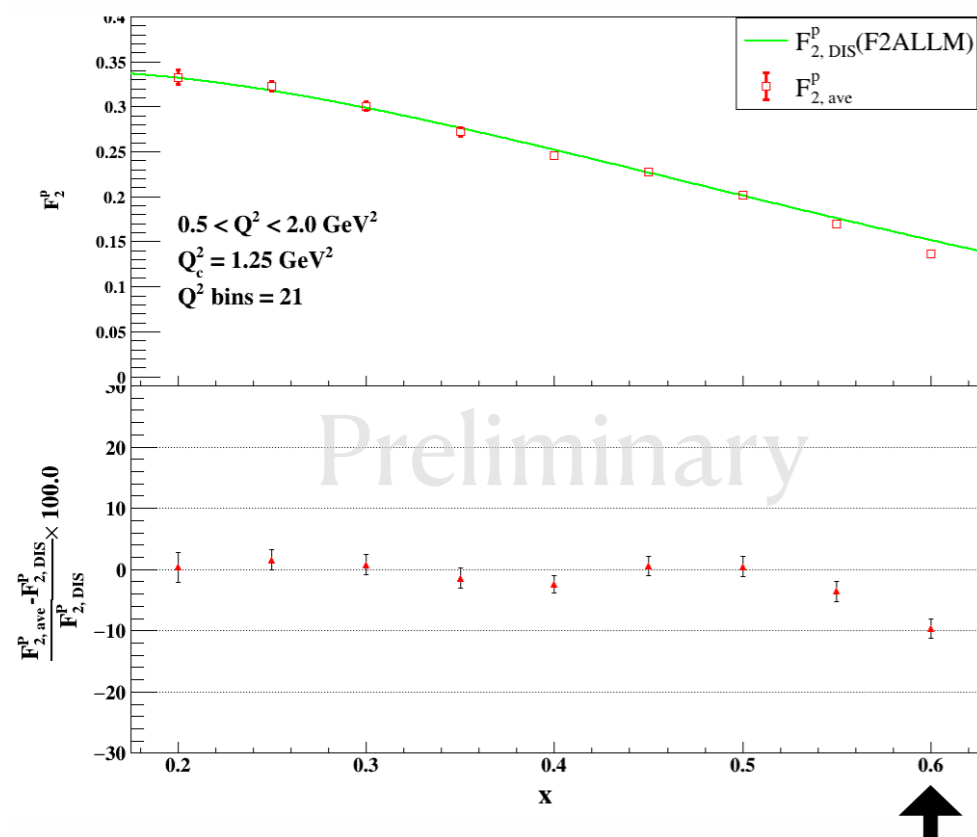
- ← 1.3 < 1st resonance < 1.9
- ← 1.9 < 2nd resonance < 2.5
- ← 2.5 < 2nd resonance < 3.1
- ← 3.1 < 2nd resonance < 3.9

1. This experiment also populate the resonance region data at higher  $Q^2$  : Expands the testing ground for quark-hadron duality

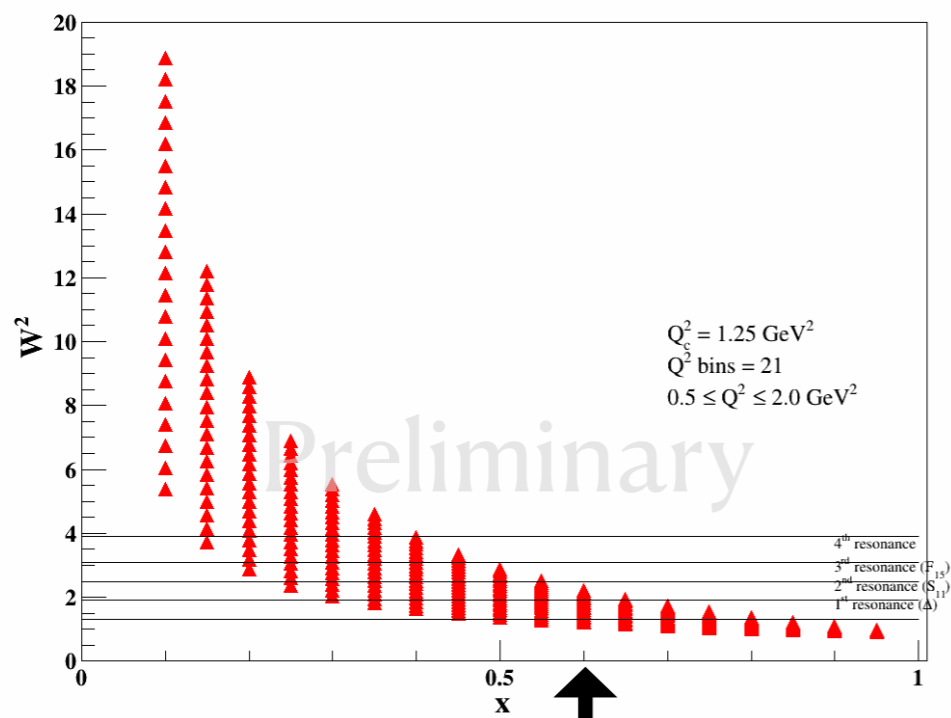


2. From the pioneering work of Bloom and Gilman at SLAC :  $F_2$  Structure function data at DIS region also describe the average resonance region  $F_2$  data at same  $Q^2$
3. For a broad range of  $Q^2$  the dips and peaks (defined by  $W^2$ ) of different resonances passes through a particular  $x$
4. So, averaging over a large enough  $Q^2$  region should recover the DIS curve, provided quark-hadron duality works

# Impact Study : Quark-Hadron Duality



1. The red square points are average  $F_2$  for a particular  $x$  bin
2. For  $0.2 \leq x \leq 0.5$  The DIS curve is recovered better than  $\sim 3\%$
3. For  $x = 0.55$  and  $x = 0.6$  DIS curve is not fully recovered



4.  $W^2$  coverage is shown for each  $x$  bin
5. Note that for  $x = 0.55$  and  $x = 0.6$ , not enough resonances are covered and the data crosses the pion threshold limit

# Summary

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1. The structure function ratio paper is on arxiv (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.15236>)
2. Ratio paper is submitted to PRL
3. Data set is available for inclusion in PDF fits, model ...
4. Future Work
  1. Cross-section ratio from HMS 59 degree data : ongoing
  2. Absolute proton and deuteron cross sections
    1. Quark-Hadron Duality study
    2. Non-Singlet Moments
    3. Improve resonance / DIS modeling

