

Interpolating Amplitudes

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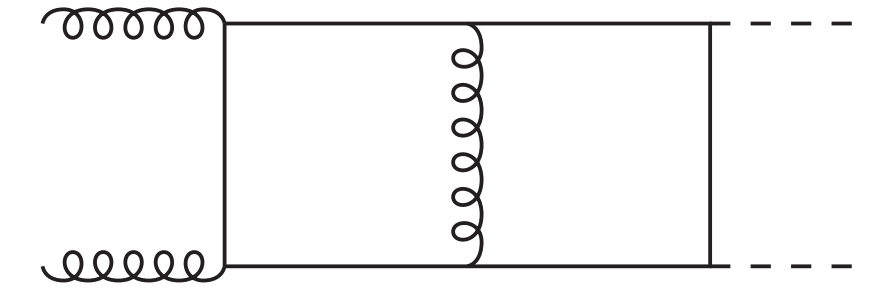
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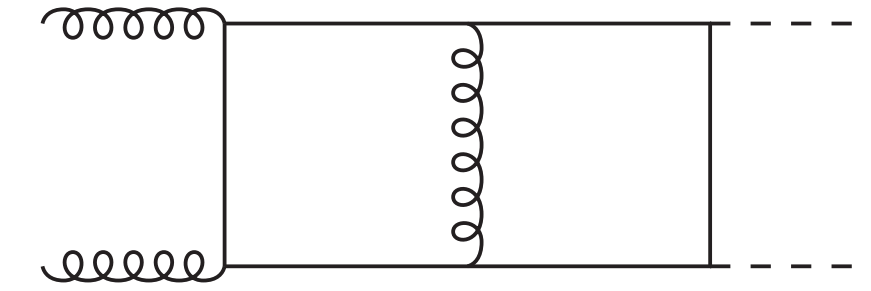
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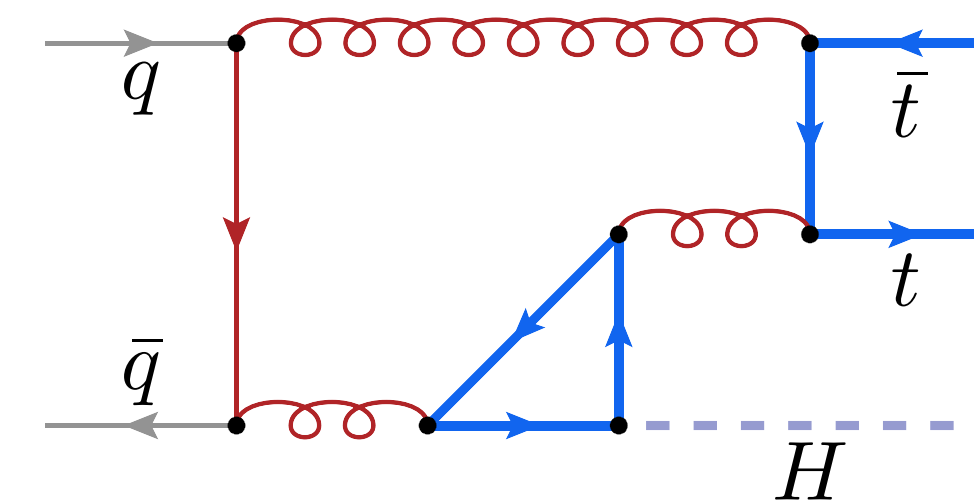
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Current project: 2-loop corrections to $t\bar{t}H$ production

- first results: Agarwal, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Klein, Lang, Magerya, Olsson 2402.03301
 - N_f - contributions to $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$,
 - only 1d and 2d splices in phase space
- full 2-loop corrections & pheno applications
 - need integration over 5-dimensional phase-space
 - construct interpolation framework; try to minimize number of amplitude results required



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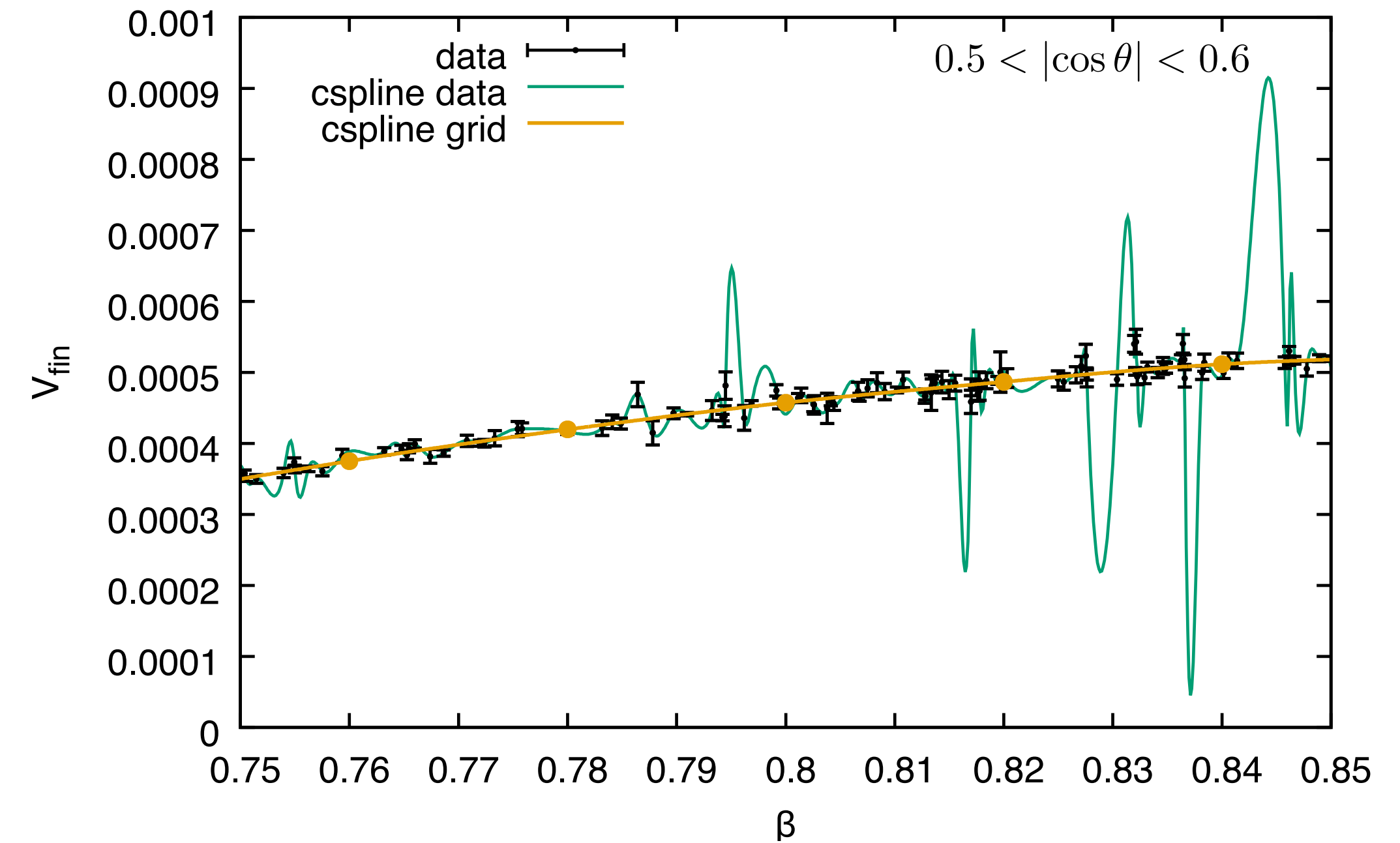
2-dimensional grid interpolation $(\hat{s}, \hat{t})$

Problems during construction of grid:

- interpolation can enhance numerical uncertainties
- input data not evaluated on equidistant grid points

Details of grid interpolation:

- interpolation done in 2 steps:
 1. choose equidistant grid points, estimate result at each grid point with least-square fit to linear function of amplitude results in vicinity
 2. Clough-Tocher interpolation (as implemented in SciPy) to estimate amplitude at arbitrary sampling points
 → reduces sensitivity to uncertainties of input-data points
- input parameters $x = f(\beta(\hat{s}))$, $c_\theta = |\cos \theta| = \left| \frac{\hat{s} + 2\hat{t} - 2m_H^2}{\hat{s}\beta(\hat{s})} \right|$, with $\beta = \left(1 - \frac{4m_H^2}{\hat{s}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 → nearly uniform distribution of phase space points in $(x, c_\theta) \in [0, 1]^2$ if $f(\beta)$ chosen according to cumulative distribution of points in original calculation



HJ [Campillo Aveleira, Heinrich, MK, Kunz 2409.05728]

amplitude regression using neural network (MLP),

avoid divergences in IRC limits by multiplication of amplitude with $\beta^2(1 - \beta)(1 - \cos^2 \theta)$ where $\beta = \frac{s - m_H^2}{s + m_H^2}$

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Methods:

- Polynomial interpolation
- B-splines
- Sparse grids
- Machine Learning (MLP, L-GATr)

Test functions:

- $f_1 : q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ @ $0L$
- $f_2 : q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ @ $1L$, with Coulomb singularity subtracted
- $f_3 : gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ @ $0L$
- $f_4 : gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ @ $1L$, with Coulomb singularity subtracted:
- $f_5 : gg \rightarrow Hg$ @ $1L$

$$a_4 = 2\text{Re} \left[\langle \mathcal{M}_0^{ggt\bar{t}H} | \mathcal{M}_1^{ggt\bar{t}H} \rangle - \frac{\pi^2}{\beta_{t\bar{t}}} \langle \mathcal{M}_0^{ggt\bar{t}H} | \mathbf{T}_{t\bar{t}} | \mathcal{M}_0^{ggt\bar{t}H} \rangle \right]$$

Approximation error based on L^1 -norm, target for $\varepsilon < 1\%$:

$$L^1[f] = \left(\int |f(\vec{x})|^p d\vec{x} \right)^{1/p}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\|\tilde{f} - f\|_1}{\|f\|_1}, \quad \text{where} \quad f(\vec{x}) \equiv a(\vec{x}) \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \left| \frac{d(\Phi, \rho)}{d\vec{x}} \right|}_{\equiv \text{weight } w(\vec{x})}$$

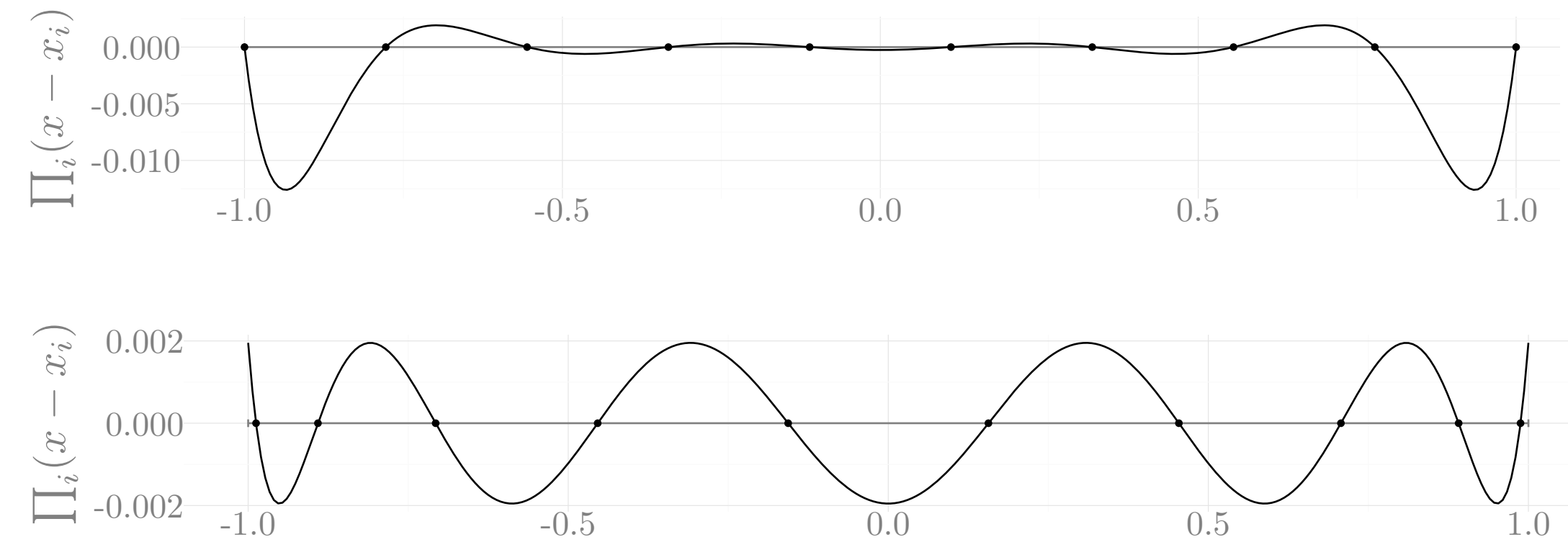
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Polynomial Interpolation (1D):
$$f(x) - \tilde{f}(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n (x - x_i)$$

Runge Phenomenon can be avoided by choosing Chebyshev nodes

$$x_i = \cos\left(\frac{2i-1}{2n}\pi\right) \quad \tilde{f}(x) = \sum_i c_i T_i(x)$$

↖
Chebyshev polynomials

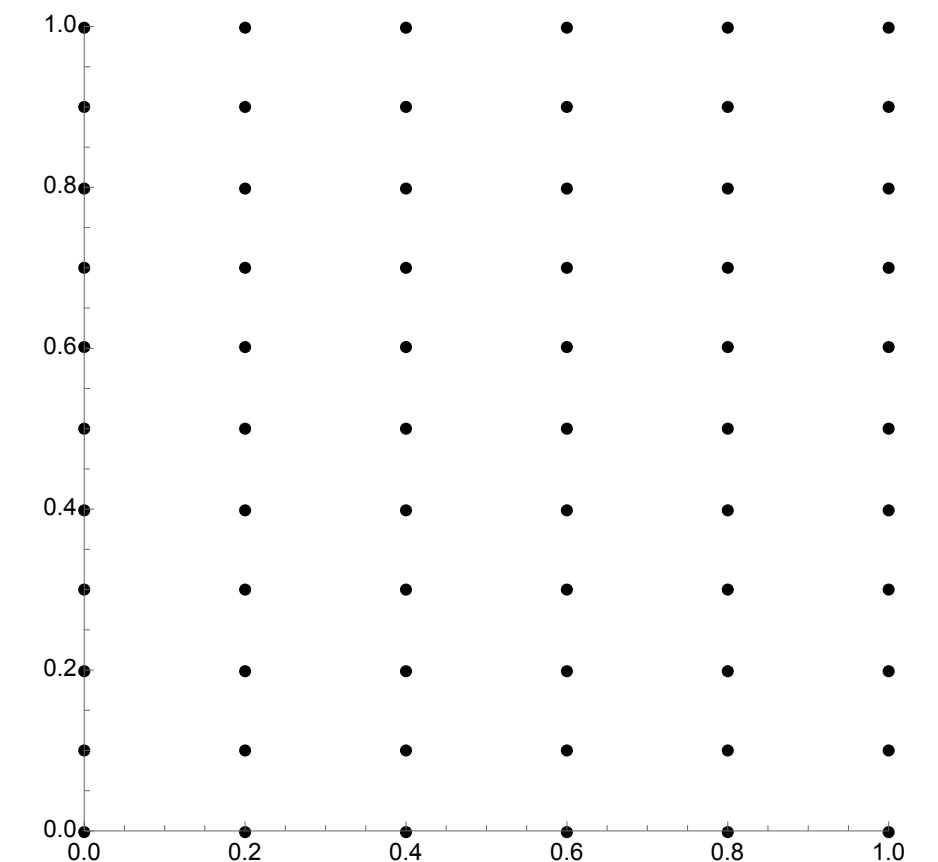
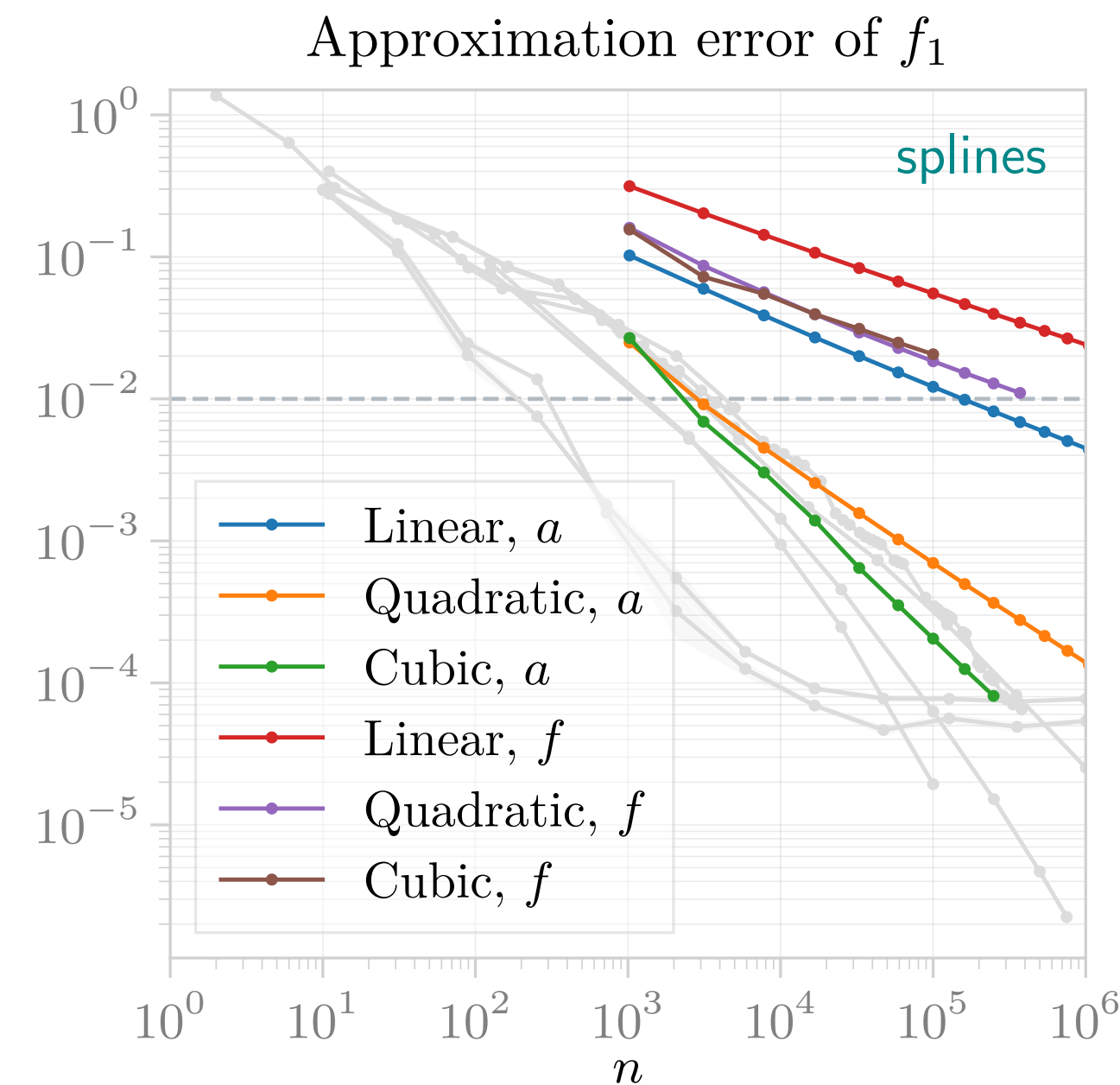
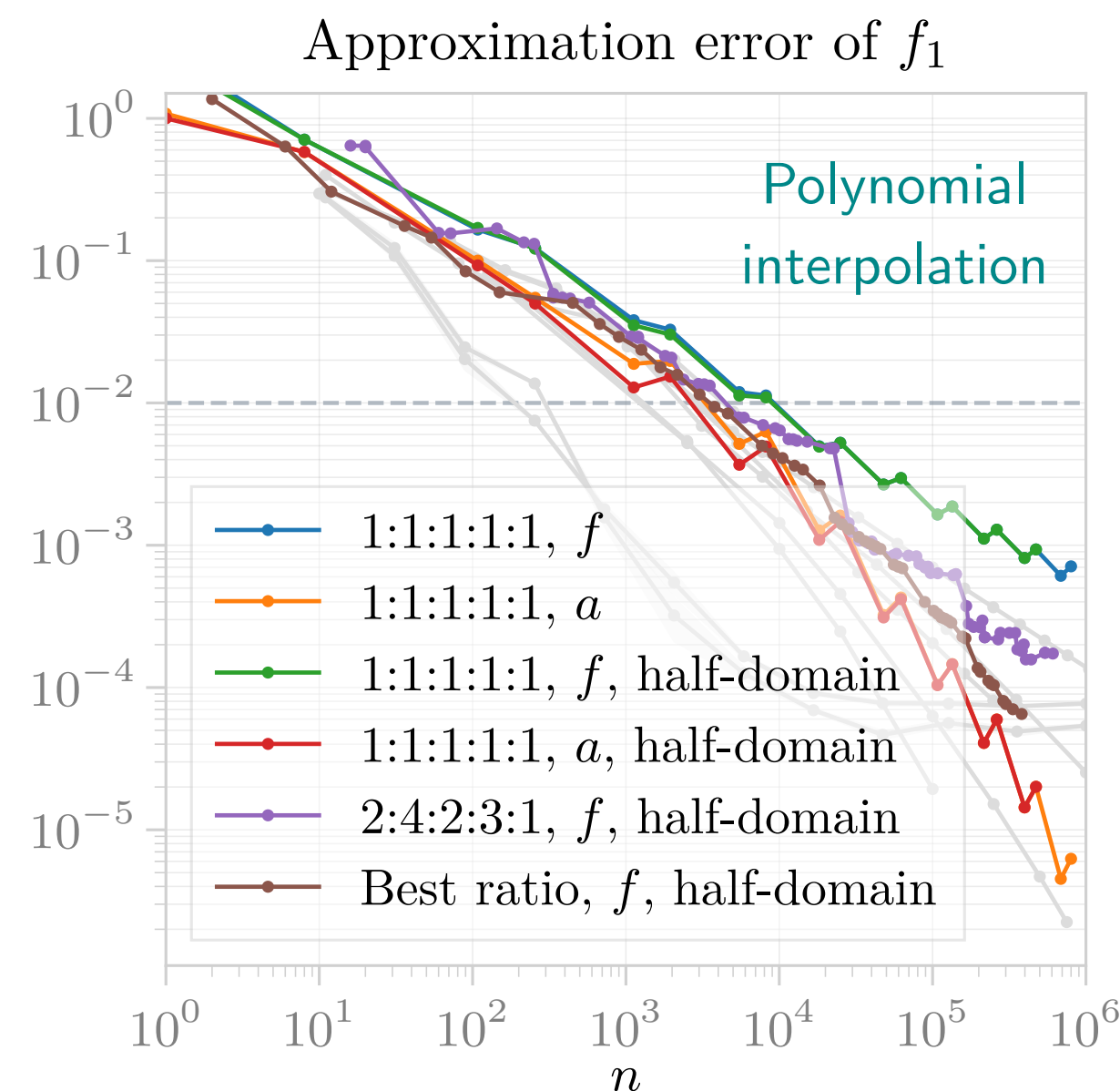


Polynomial Interpolation (Multiple dimensions):

Chebyshev nodes
for each dimension:

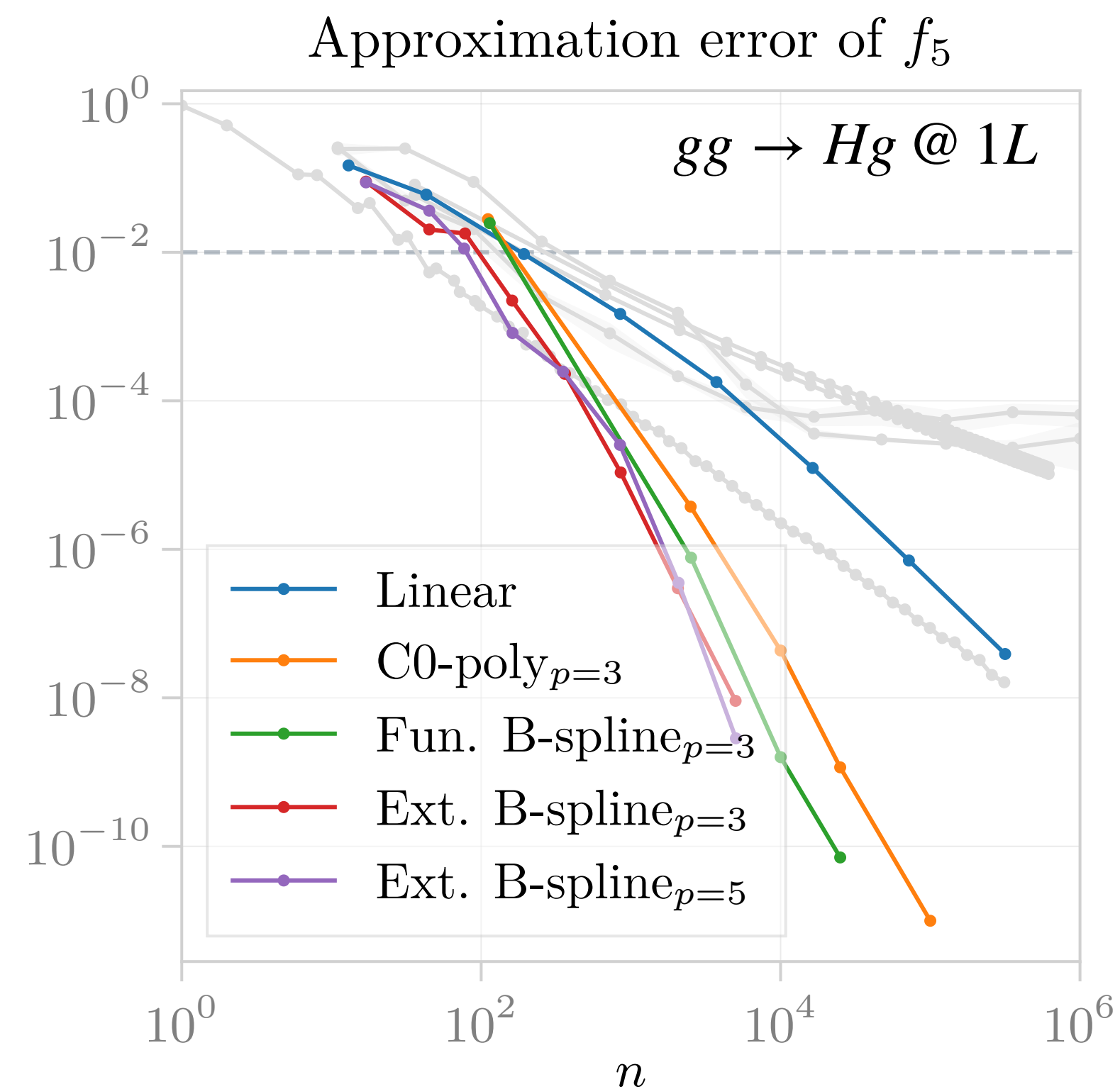
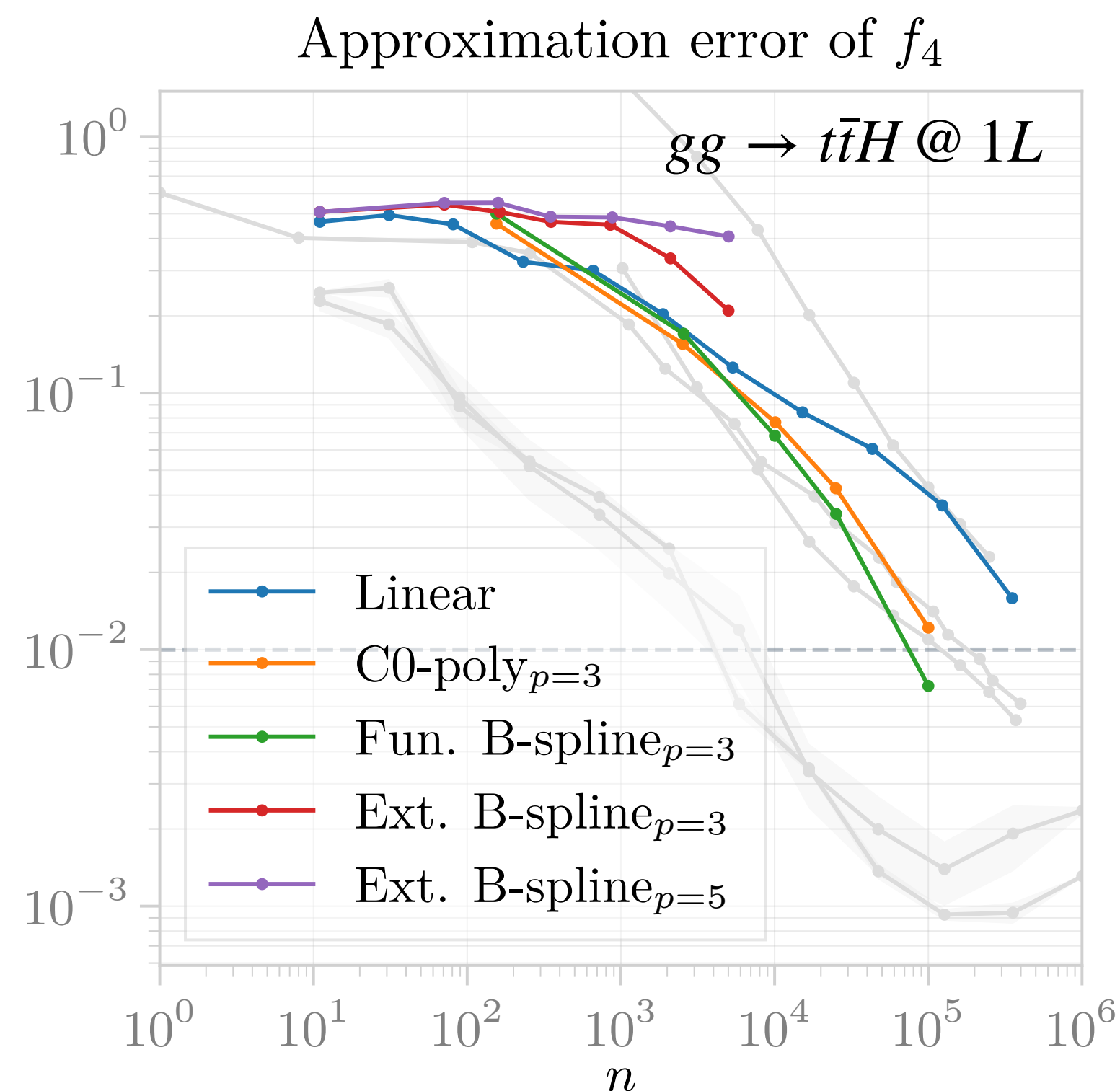
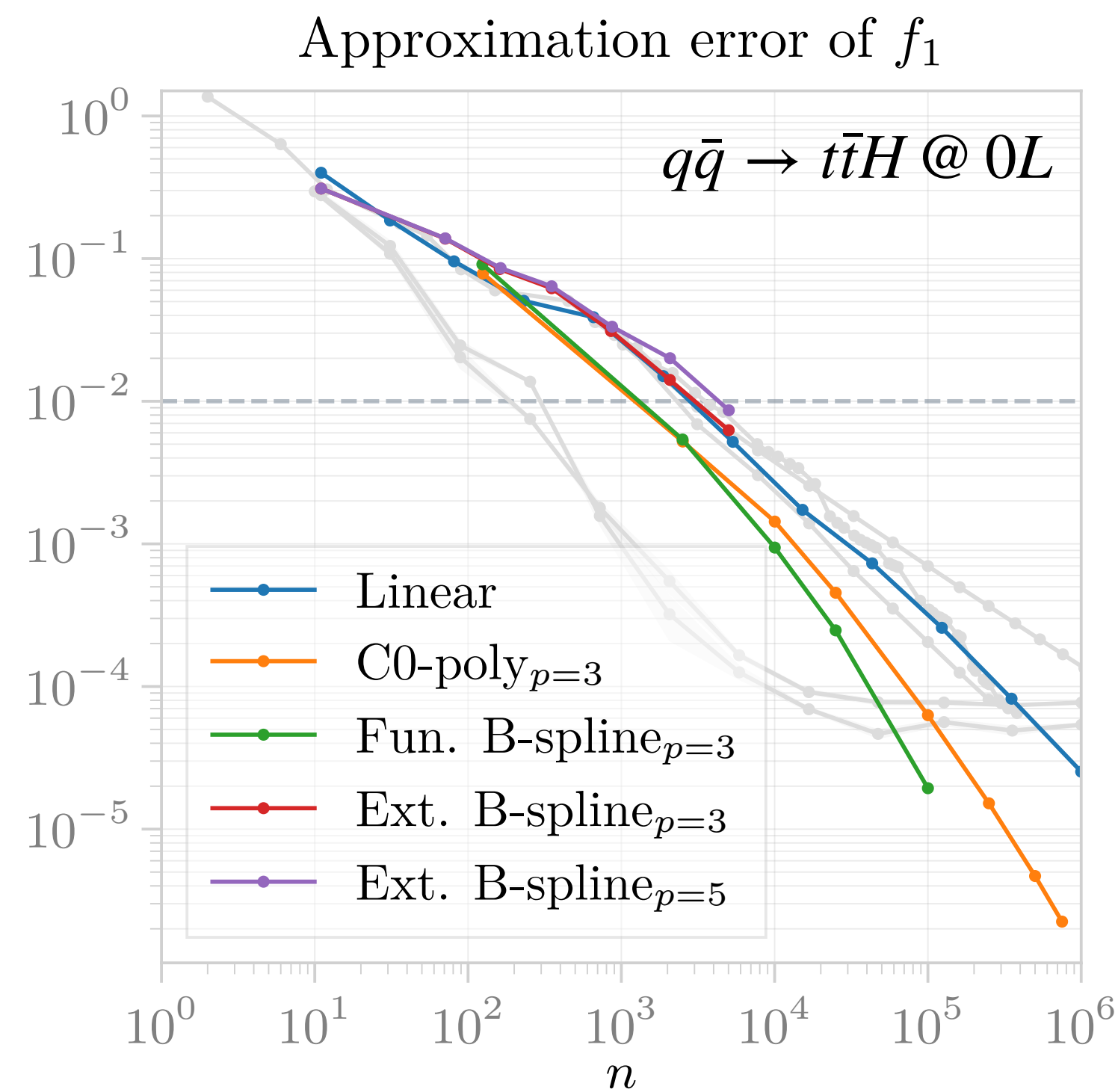
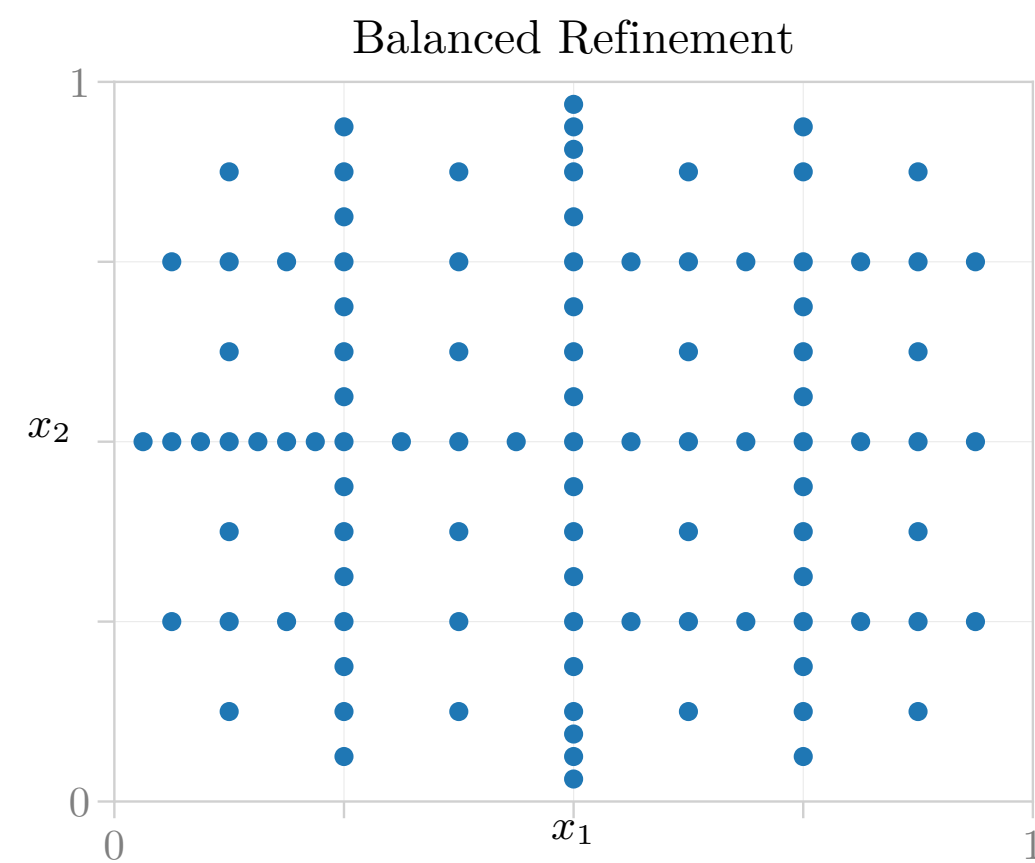
$$\{\vec{x}_i\} = \{x_{i_1}\} \otimes \cdots \otimes \{x_{i_d}\} \longrightarrow \tilde{f}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \cdots \sum_{i_d=1}^{n_d} c_{i_1 \dots i_d} T_{i_1}(x_1) \cdots T_{i_d}(x_d)$$

Results for f_1 :
($q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ @ 0L)



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Spatially adaptive sparse grids
→ reduce number of grid nodes

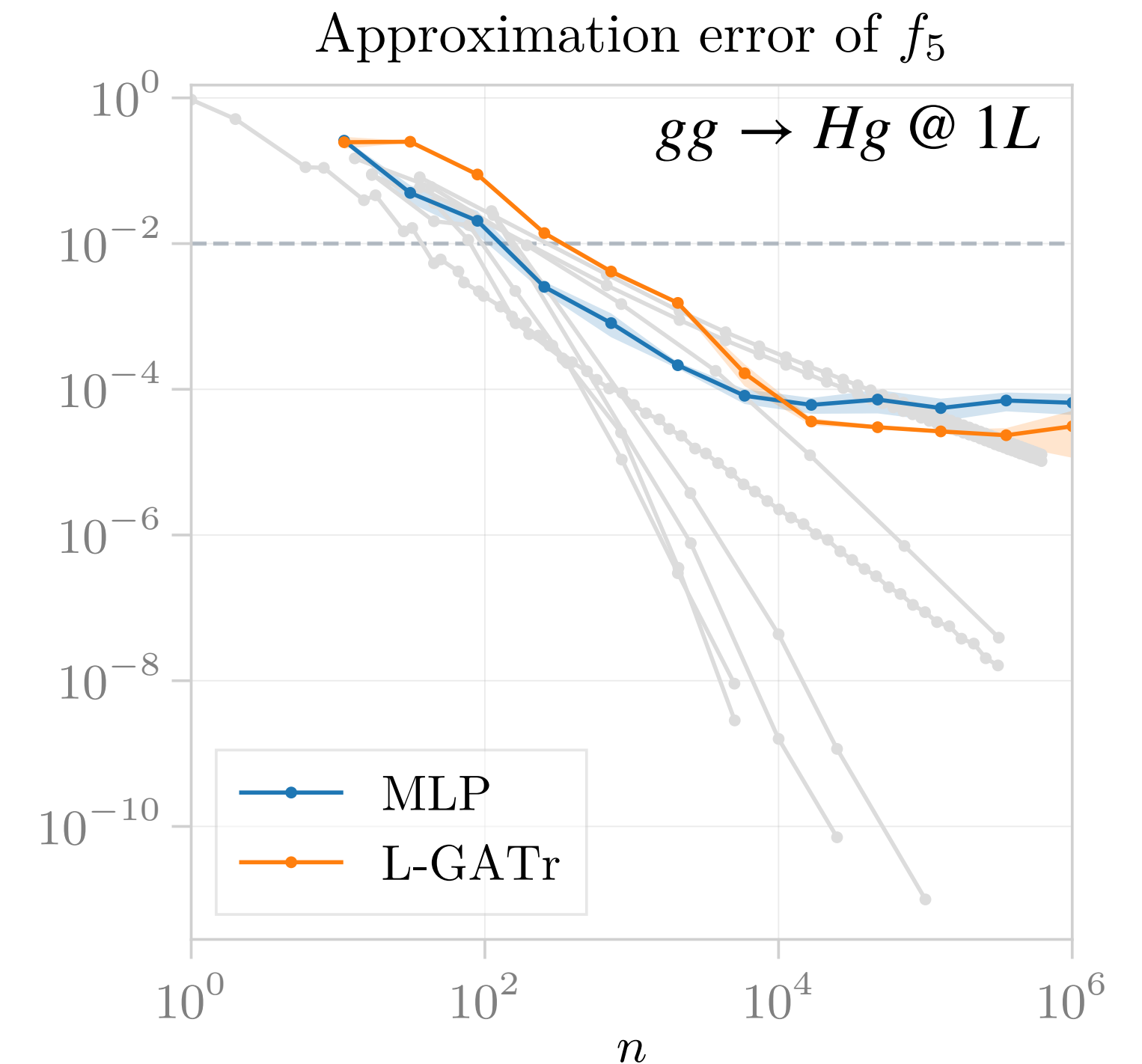
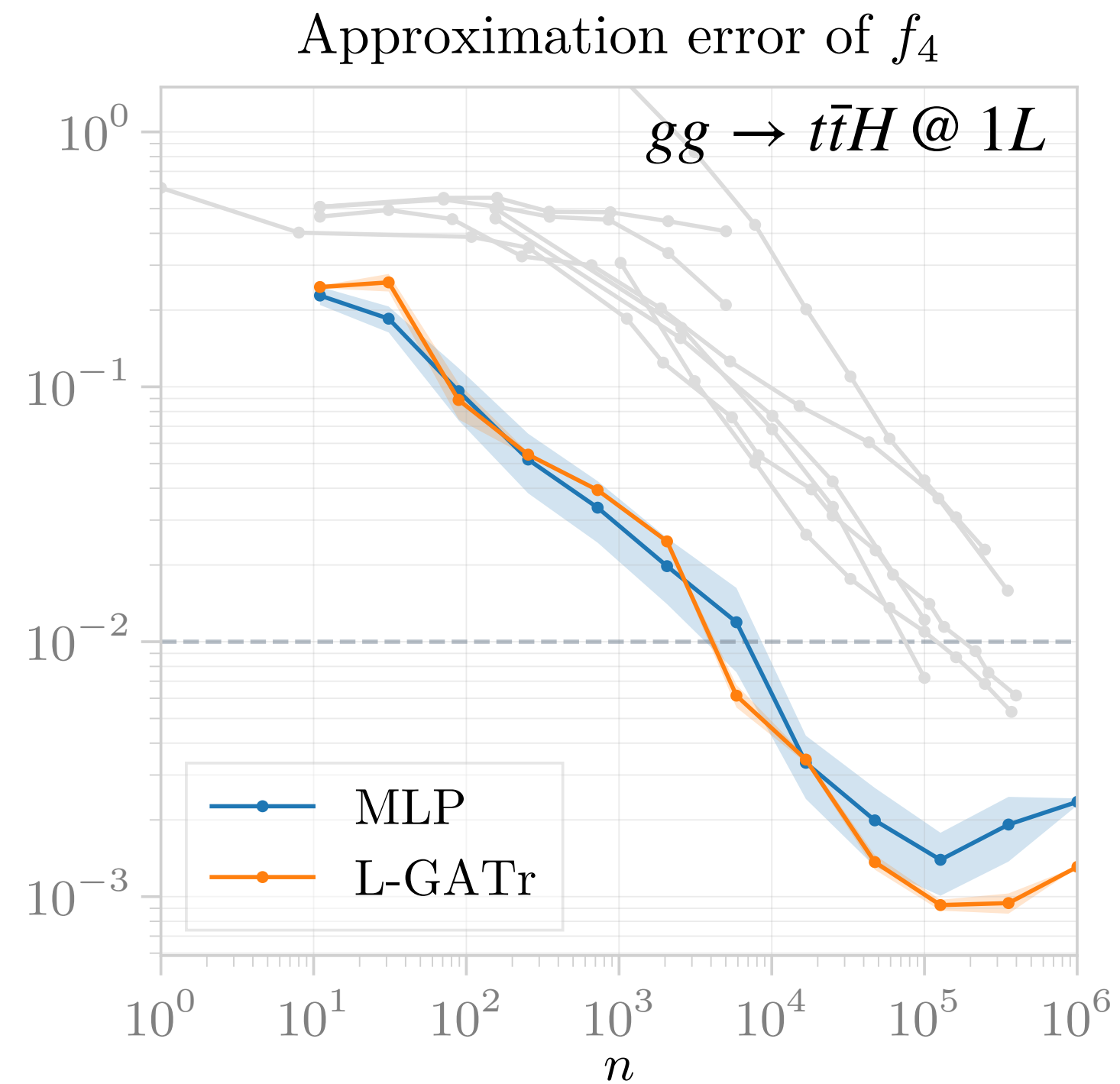
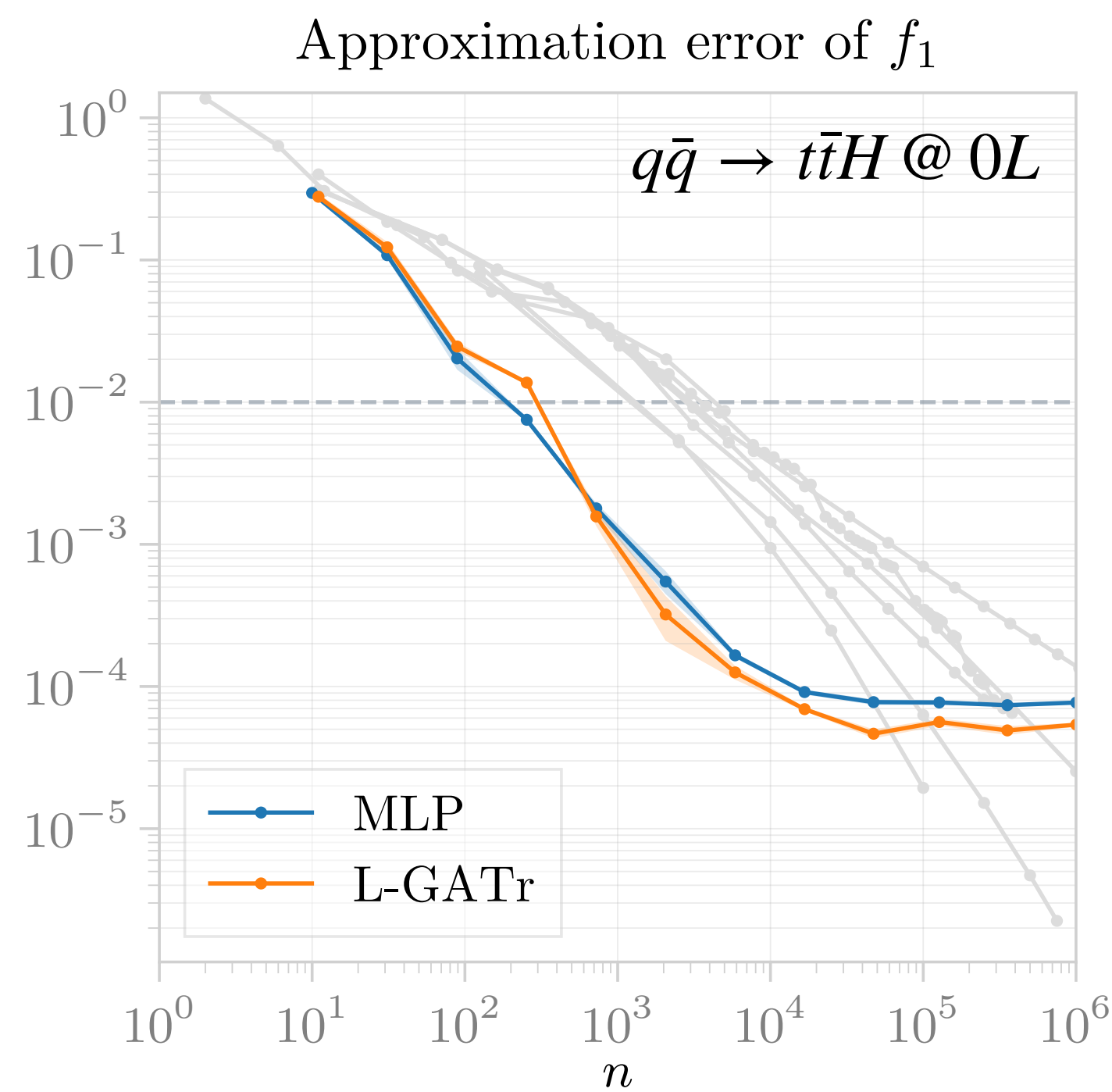


→ Adaptive grids are preferred method @ large n

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Machine Learning Techniques:

- MPL (Multilayer perceptron, 5 layers, 512 channels each)
 - L-GATr (Lorentz-Equivariant Geometric Algebra Transformer) [Brehmer, Bresó, de Haan, Plehn, Qu, Spinner, Thaler 2405.14806, 2412.09534]
- respects space-time symmetry: $f(\Lambda(x)) = \Lambda(f(x))$



→ Error does not improve beyond $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$ level, even for HJ amplitude

Optimising simulations for diphoton production at hadron colliders using amplitude neural networks

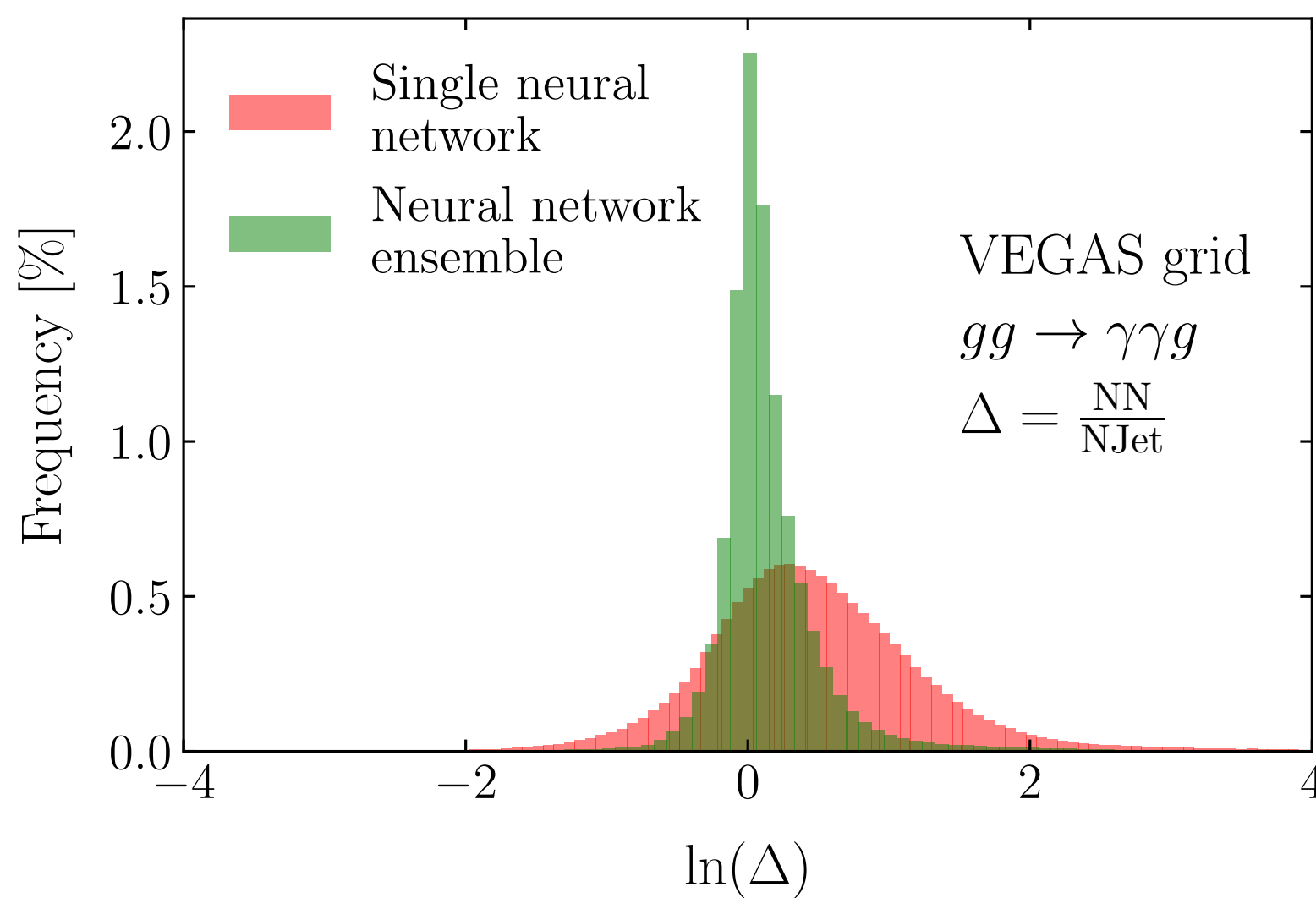
partition phase-space into IRC regions according to FKS and train one NN for each region → **ensemble of neural networks**

$$d\sigma = \sum_{i,j} S_{i,j} d\sigma \quad \text{with} \quad S_{i,j} = \frac{1}{D_1 s_{ij}}, \quad D_1 = \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{FKS}}} \frac{1}{s_{ij}}$$

3 hidden layers: 30-40-30

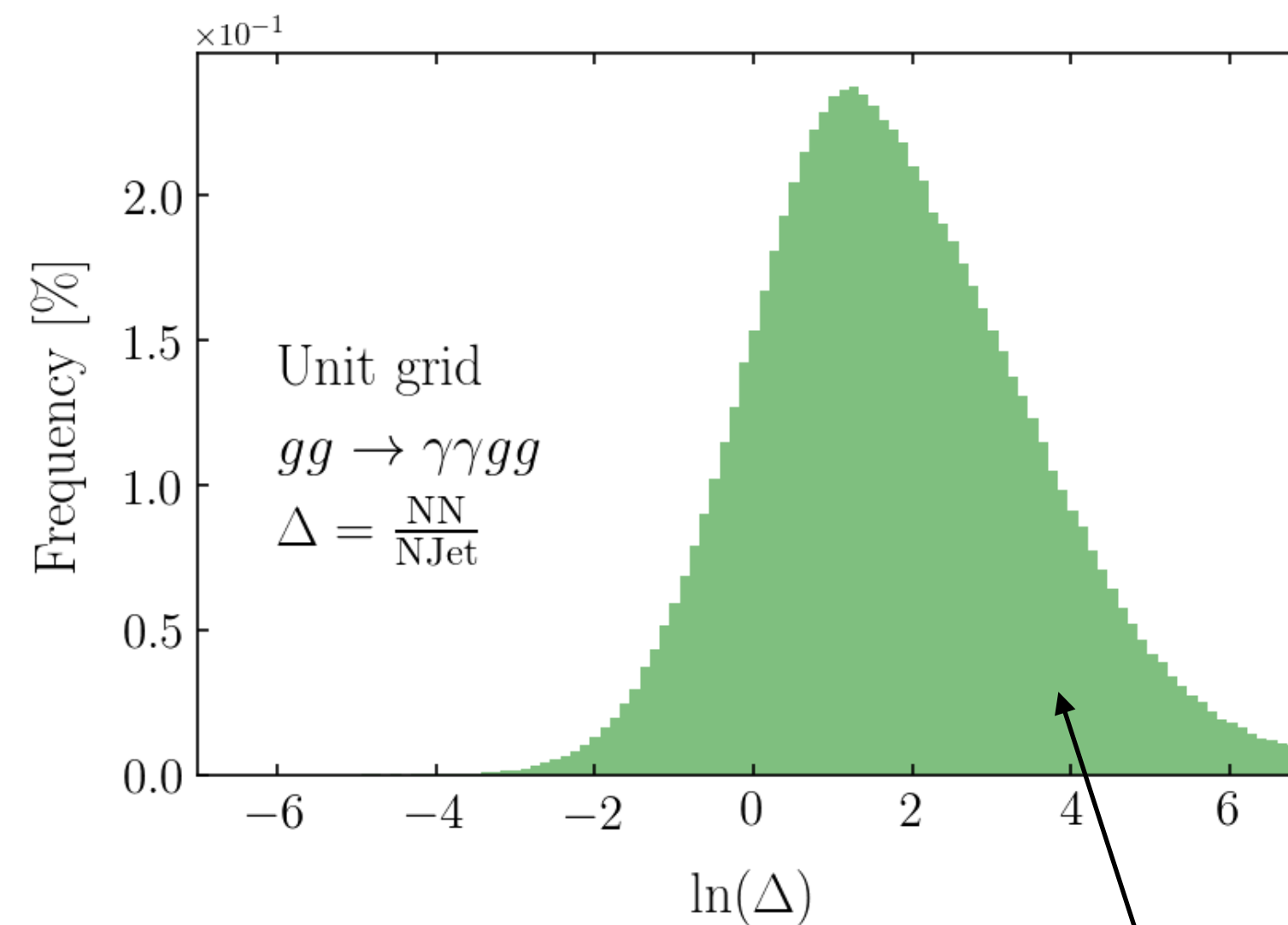
100k training points

$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma g$:

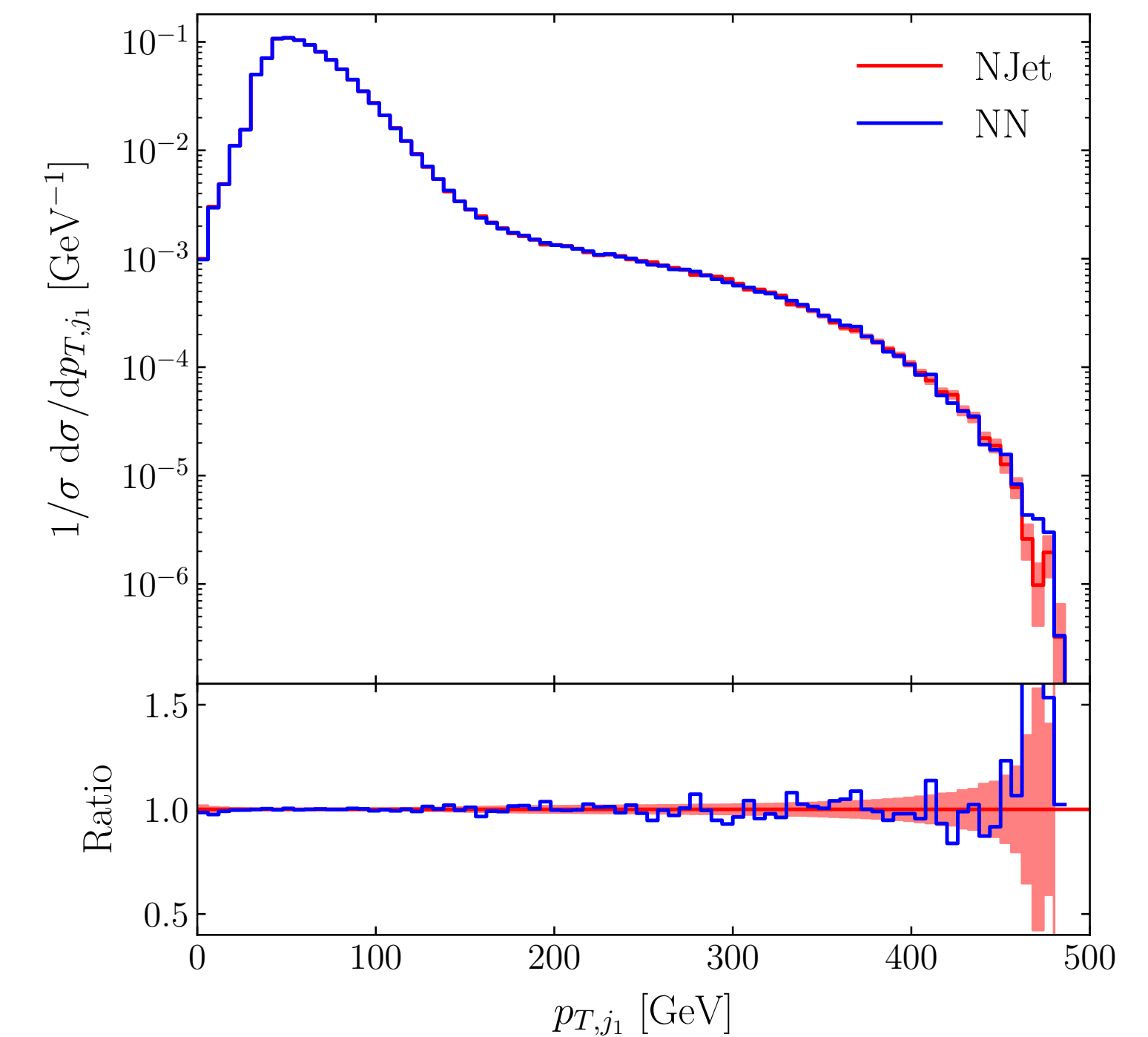


$$\ln(\Delta) = \ln \left(1 + \frac{\text{NN} - \text{NJet}}{\text{NJet}} \right) \\ = \frac{\text{NN} - \text{NJet}}{\text{NJet}} + \mathcal{O}((\text{NN} - \text{NJet})^2)$$

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points with large deviations typically phase-space suppressed
→ still results in good predictions of cross sections

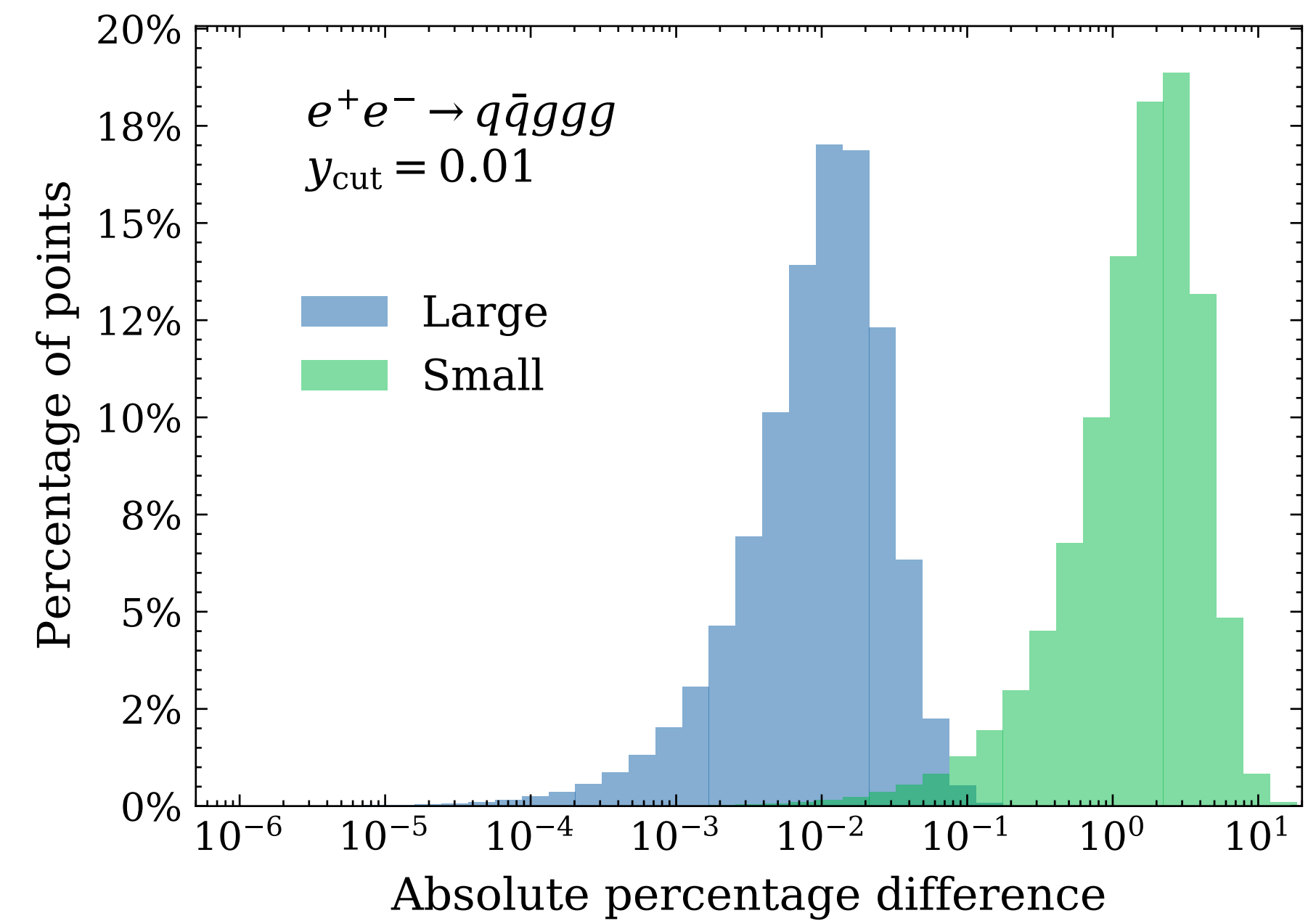
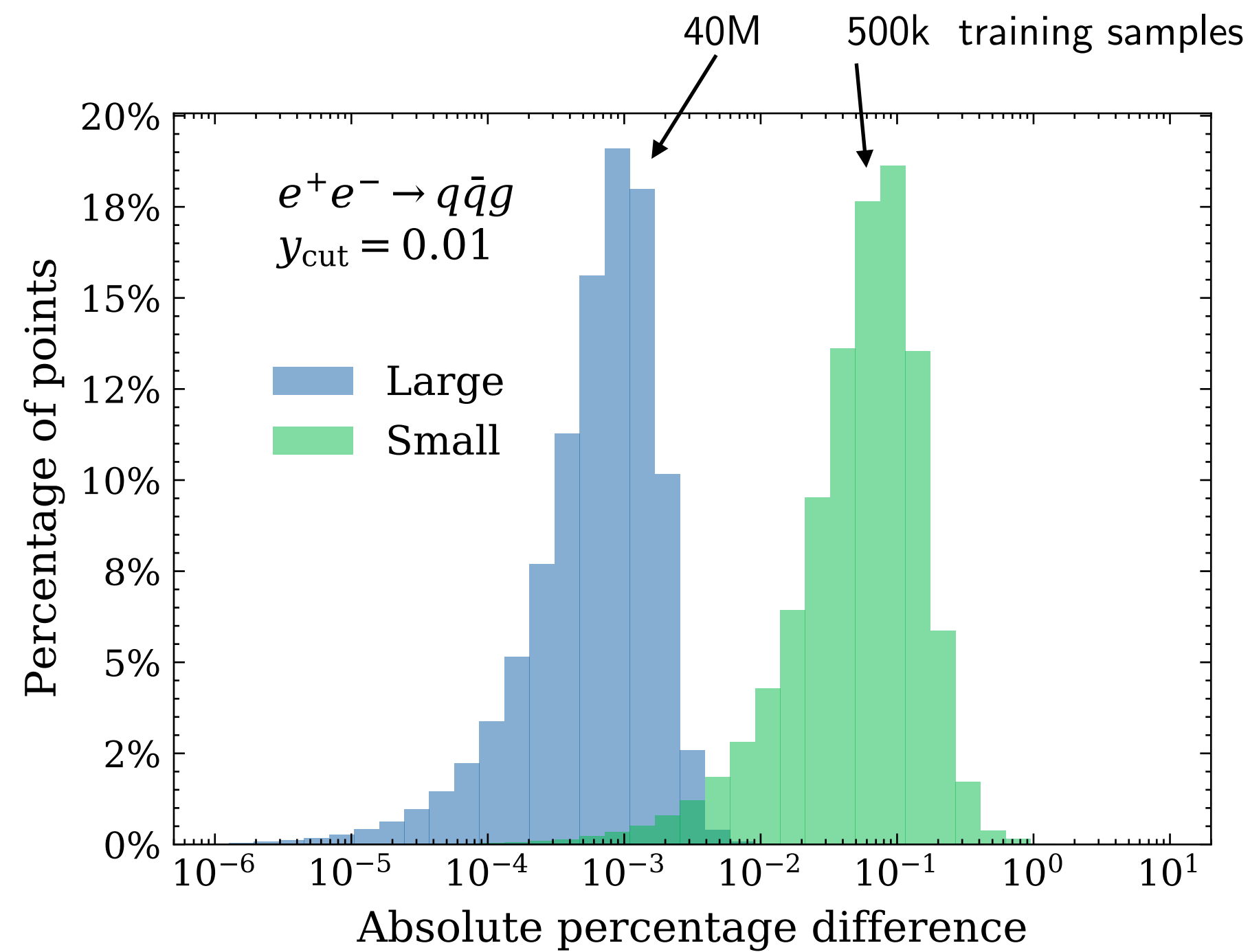
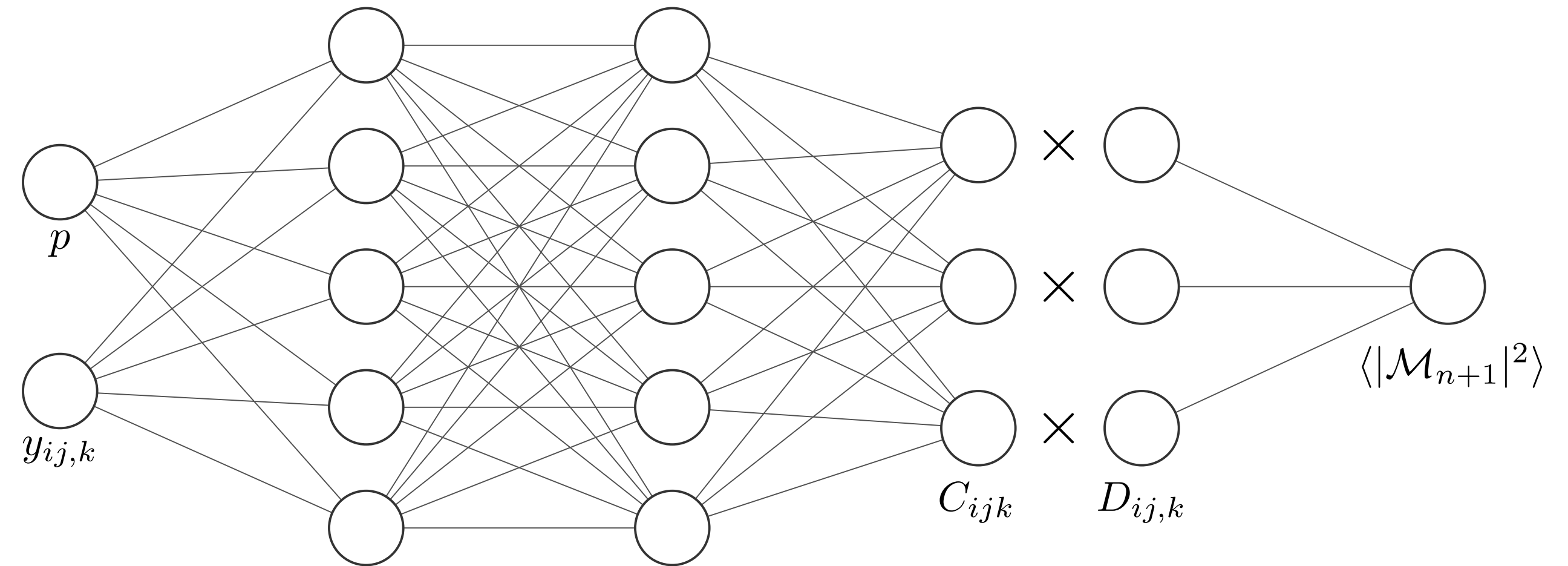


Ansatz for fit using NN:

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2 \rangle = \sum_{\{ijk\}} C_{ijk} D_{ij,k}$$

$\uparrow$ fit coefficients $\uparrow$ Catani Seymour dipoles

→ reliable results also in IRC limits



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& Open Questions

- Which method works best for a given use case?
- Which precision is required?
(on amplitude / cross section)
- How to deal with uncertainties?
(of input data; uncertainties due to interpolation)
- How can we incorporate parametric dependencies?
(anomalous couplings, scale dependence, ...)
- ...