



New developments in tagged structure functions and PDF determination

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After almost 100 years of nuclear physics, what do we know about the nucleon?

→ it has finite size

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{point}} \times F^2(Q^2)$$

elastic form factor



Hofstadter (1955)

→ from slope of form factor at low Q^2
r.m.s. charge radius $\sim 0.75 \times 10^{-15} \text{m}$

(precise value currently under hot debate!)

→ at high Q^2 inelastic cross section looks point-like

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \left. \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right|_{\text{point}} \left(2F_1 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + F_2 \right)$$

structure functions



Friedman, Kendall, Taylor (1969)

☀ At high energies, scattering from point-like constituents of nucleon

→ “partons” (*Feynman, 1970*) = quarks (*Gell-Mann, Zweig, 1964*)
+ gluons (*Gell-Mann... 1972*)

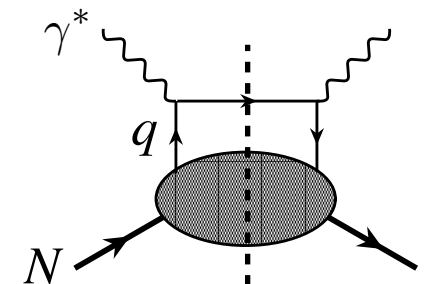


☀ Measurement of structure functions in DIS reveals how nucleon is made up of quarks & gluons

→ in Feynman’s parton model, structure functions given by parton distribution functions (PDFs)

$$F_2 = x \sum_q e_q^2 q(x)$$

$q(x)$ = probability distribution to find quark q in nucleon with momentum fraction x





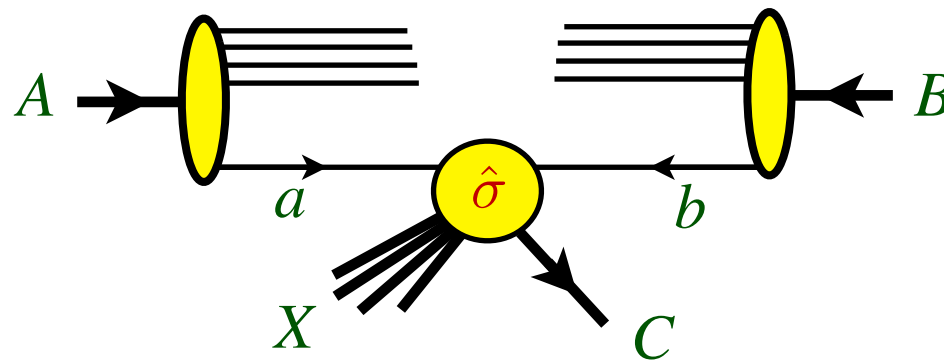
In QCD, parton distributions are universal (process-independent)

→ established formally through factorization theorems
(e.g. collinear, TMD, ...)

Collins, Soper, Sterman (“CSS”), 1980s



→ allows high-energy cross sections to be factorized
into “hard scattering partonic cross sections”
(calculated from QCD using perturbation theory),
and “soft” matrix elements (parametrized via PDFs)



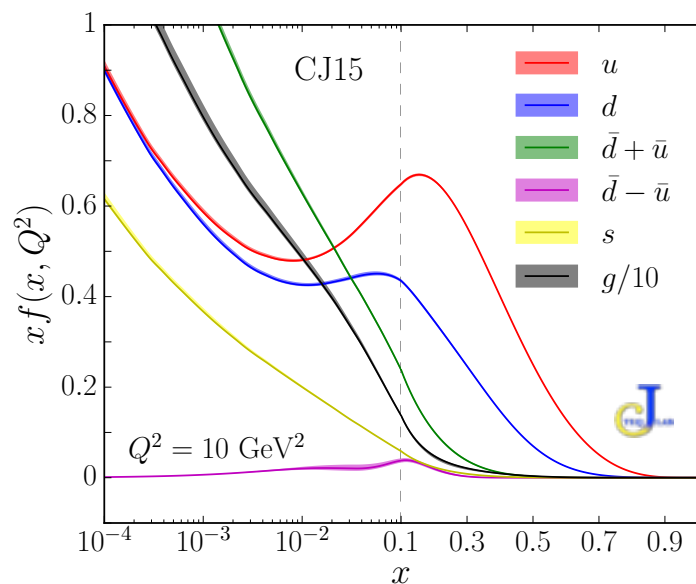
$$\sigma_{AB \rightarrow CX}(p_A, p_B) = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a dx_b \boxed{f_{a/A}(x_a, \mu)} \boxed{f_{b/B}(x_b, \mu)} \\ \times \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow CX}(x_a p_A, x_b p_B, Q/\mu)$$



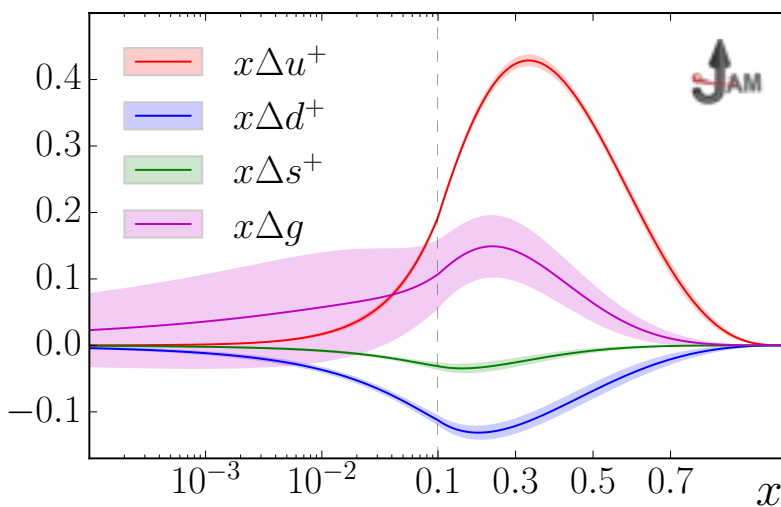
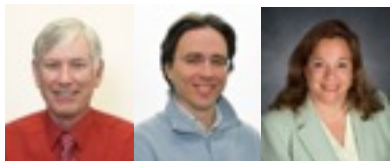
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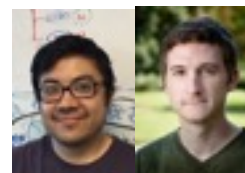
→ e.g. CTEQ-JLab (CJ), JLab Angular Momentum (JAM) Collaborations



CJ (Owens, Accardi, Keppel, WM...)



JAM (Sato, Ethier, WM...)



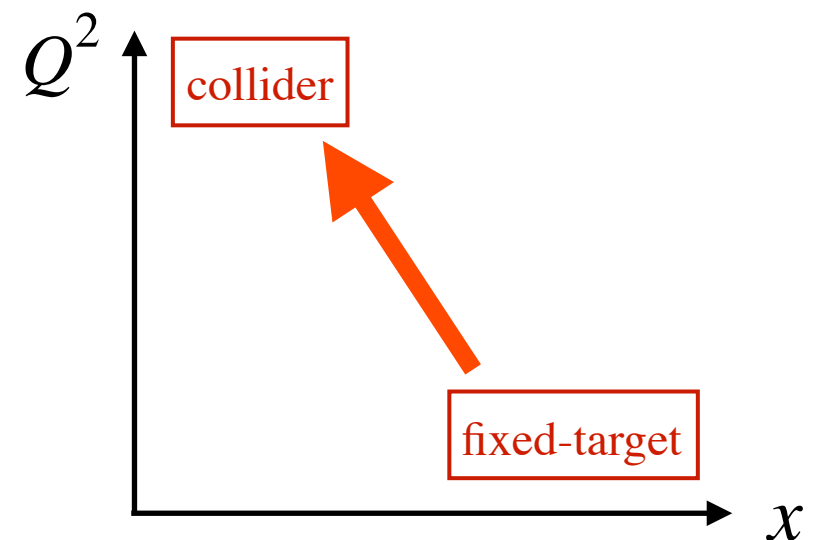
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☀ Precision PDFs needed to

- (1) understand basic structure of QCD bound states
- (2) compute backgrounds in searches for BSM physics

→ Q^2 evolution feeds
low x , high Q^2 (“LHC”)
from high x , low Q^2 (“JLab”)



CJ15 global PDF analysis

- NLO analysis of expanded set of proton & deuterium data
 - include high- x region ($x > 0.5$)
- High- x region requires use of data at lower W & Q^2
- Analysis of high- x data requires careful treatment of subleading $1/Q^2$ corrections
 - target mass corrections, higher twist effects
- Correct for nuclear effects in deuteron (binding + off-shell)
 - binding + Fermi motion (well known), nucleon off-shell (less well known)
 - impact on d/u ratio in large- x region

■ data sets
used in fit

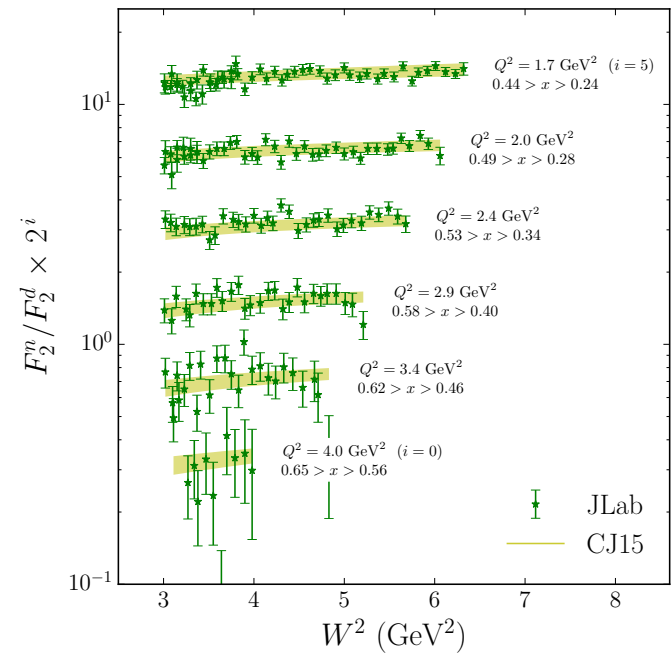
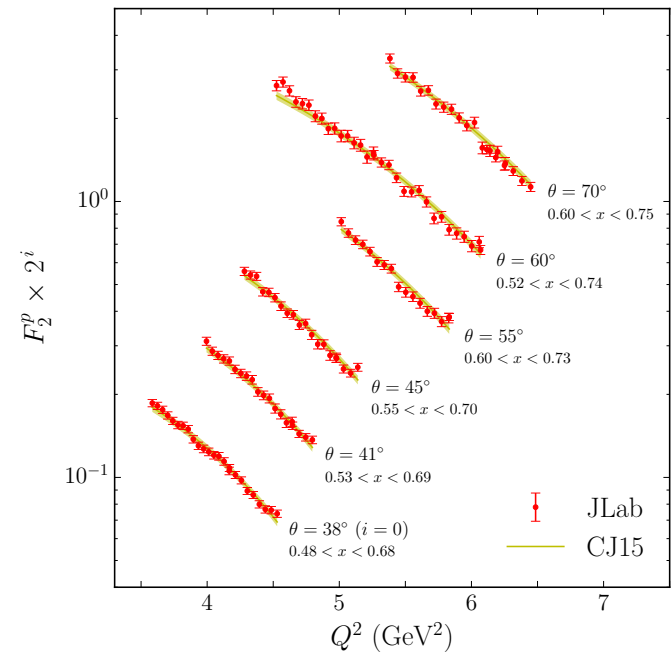
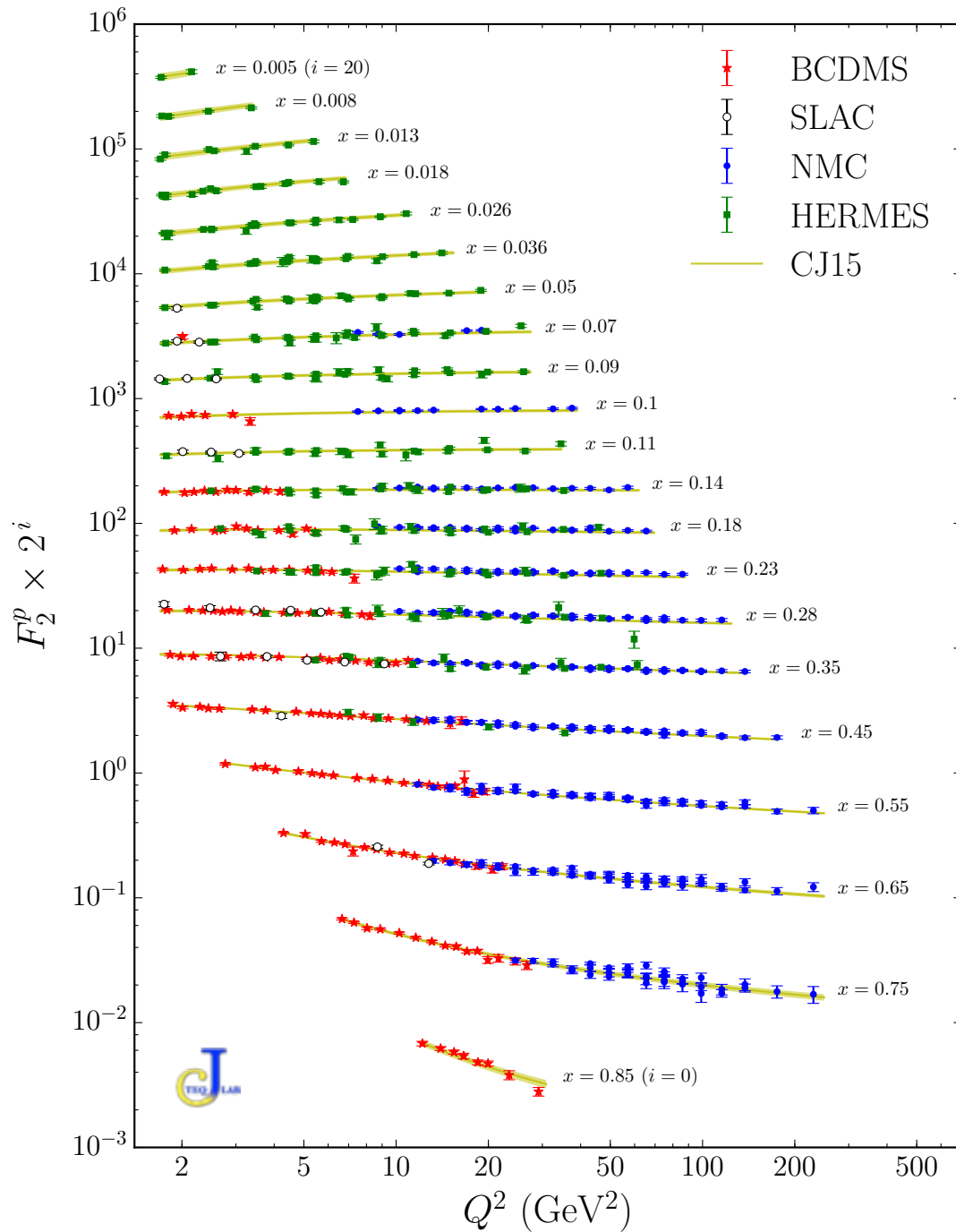
Observable	Experiment	# points	χ^2				
			LO	NLO	NLO (OCS)	NLO (no nucl)	NLO (no nucl/D0)
DIS F_2	BCDMS (p) [81]	351	430	438	436	440	427
	BCDMS (d) [81]	254	297	292	289	301	301
	SLAC (p) [82]	564	488	434	435	441	440
	SLAC (d) [82]	582	396	376	380	507	466
	NMC (p) [83]	275	431	405	404	405	403
	NMC (d/p) [84]	189	179	172	173	174	173
	HERMES (p) [86]	37	56	42	43	44	44
	HERMES (d) [86]	37	51	37	38	36	37
	Jefferson Lab (p) [87]	136	166	166	167	177	166
	Jefferson Lab (d) [87]	136	131	123	124	126	130
DIS F_2 tagged	Jefferson Lab (n/d) [21]	191	218	214	213	219	219
DIS σ	HERA (NC e^-p) [85]	159	325	241	240	247	244
	HERA (NC e^+p 1) [85]	402	966	580	579	588	585
	HERA (NC e^+p 2) [85]	75	184	94	94	94	93
	HERA (NC e^+p 3) [85]	259	307	249	249	248	248
	HERA (NC e^+p 4) [85]	209	348	228	228	228	228
	HERA (CC e^-p) [85]	42	44	48	48	45	49
	HERA (CC e^+p) [85]	39	56	50	50	51	51
Drell-Yan	E866 (pp) [29]	121	148	139	139	145	143
	E866 (pd) [29]	129	207	145	143	158	157
W/charge asymmetry	CDF (e) [88]	11	11	12	12	13	14
	DØ (μ) [17]	10	37	20	19	29	28
	DØ (e) [18]	13	20	29	29	14	14
	CDF (W) [89]	13	16	16	16	14	14
	DØ (W) [19]	14	39	14	15	82	—
Z rapidity	CDF (Z) [90]	28	100	27	27	26	26
	DØ (Z) [91]	28	25	16	16	16	16
jet	CDF (run 2) [92]	72	33	15	15	23	25
	DØ (run 2) [93]	110	23	21	21	14	14
γ +jet	DØ 1 [94]	16	17	7	7	7	7
	DØ 2 [94]	16	34	16	16	17	17
	DØ 3 [94]	12	34	25	25	24	25
	DØ 4 [94]	12	76	13	13	13	13
total		4542	5894	4700	4702	4964	4817
total + norm			6022	4708	4710	4972	4826
χ^2 /datum			1.33	1.04	1.04	1.09	1.07

← BONuS F_2^n / F_2^d

← D0 A_l

← D0 A_W

~ 4500 data points, with χ^2 per datum = 1.04

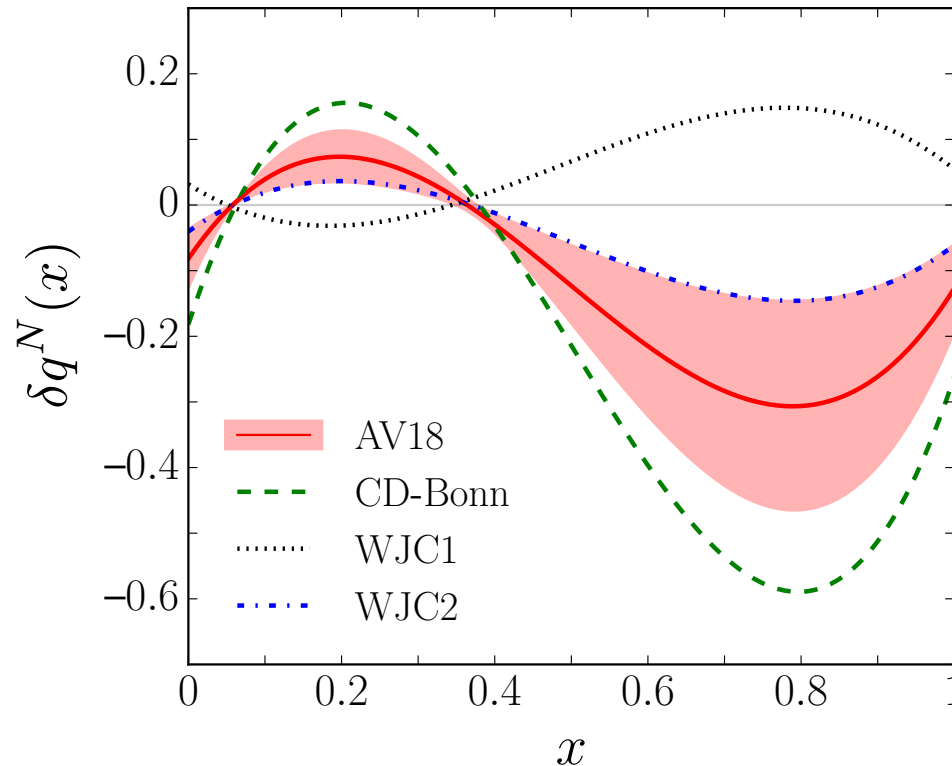


→ excellent description over orders of magnitude in x and Q^2

Nuclear corrections

- Nucleon off-shell correction parametrized phenomenologically

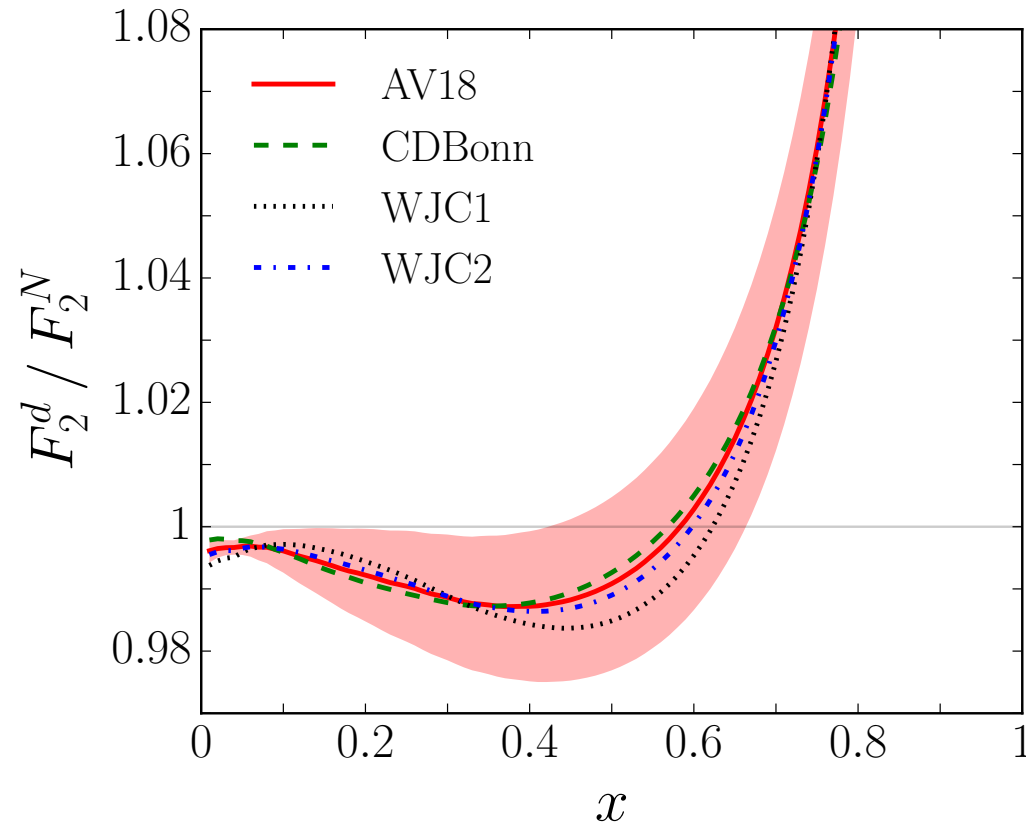
$$\delta q^N = C_N(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(1 + x - x_0)$$



→ fitted off-shell corrections weakly dependent on deuteron wave function, except for WJC-1 (hardest momentum distribution – largest tail)

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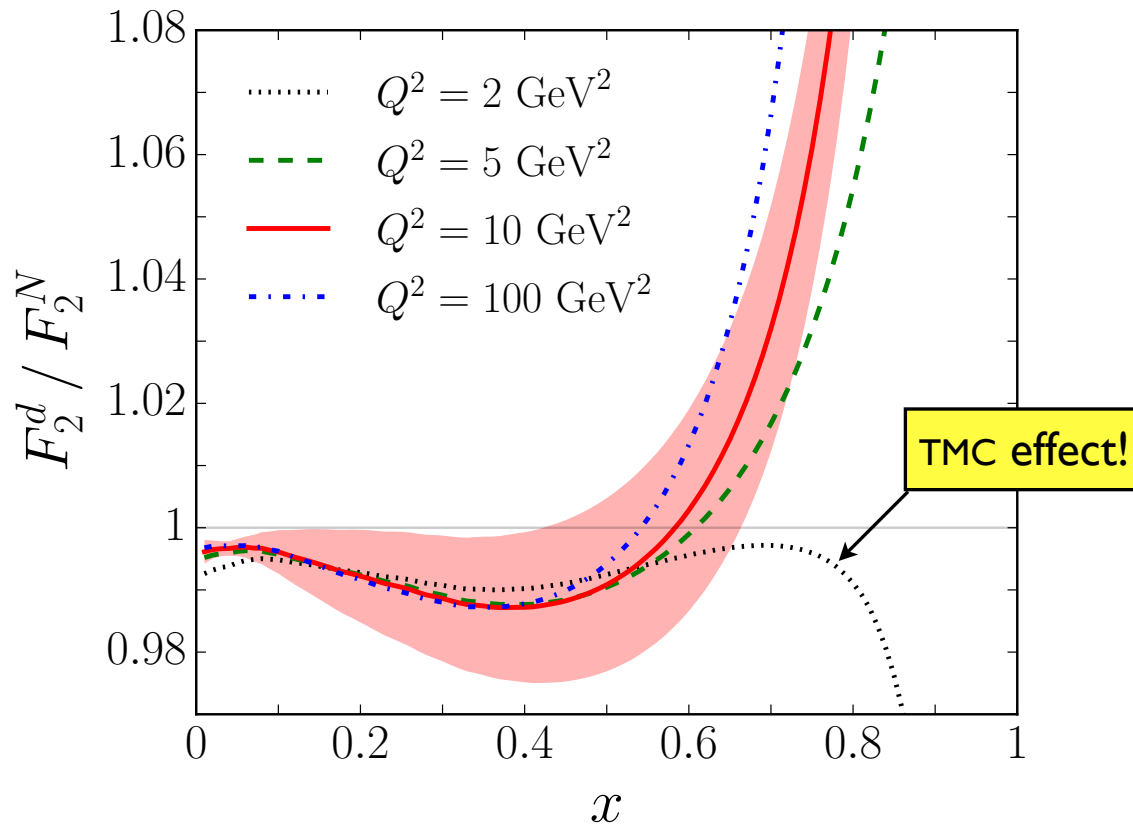
■ Nuclear “EMC ratio” in deuterium



- observables sensitive only to combined smearing (wave function) *and* off-shell corrections
- no evidence for “antishadowing” at $x \sim 0.1$

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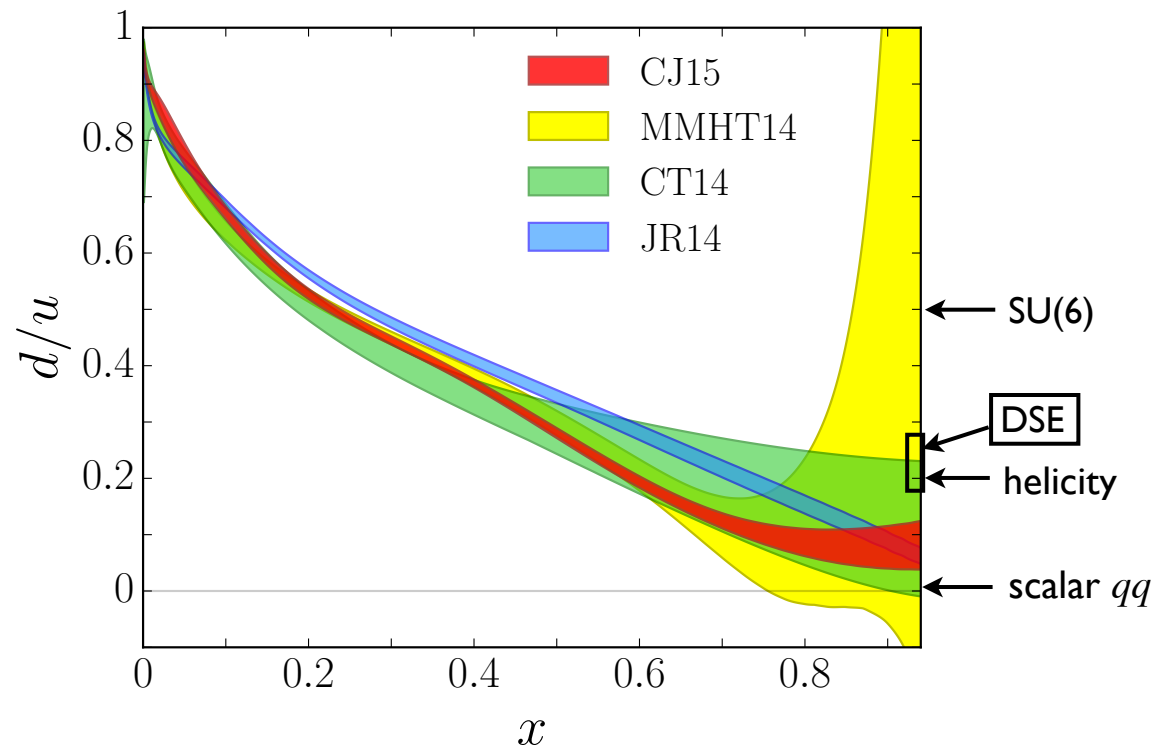
→ ratio has significant Q^2 dependence at low Q^2
from target mass effects – problematic to use
universal ratio $R = F_2^d / F_2^N$ for all kinematics

Valence quark PDFs

■ Valence d/u ratio at high x of particular interest

→ testing ground for nucleon models in $x \rightarrow 1$ limit

- $d/u \rightarrow 1/2$
SU(6) symmetry
- $d/u \rightarrow 0$
 $S = 0$ qq dominance
(color-hyperfine interaction)
- $d/u \rightarrow 1/5$
 $S_z = 0$ qq dominance
(perturbative gluon exchange)
- $d/u \rightarrow 0.18 - 0.28$
DSE with qq correlations

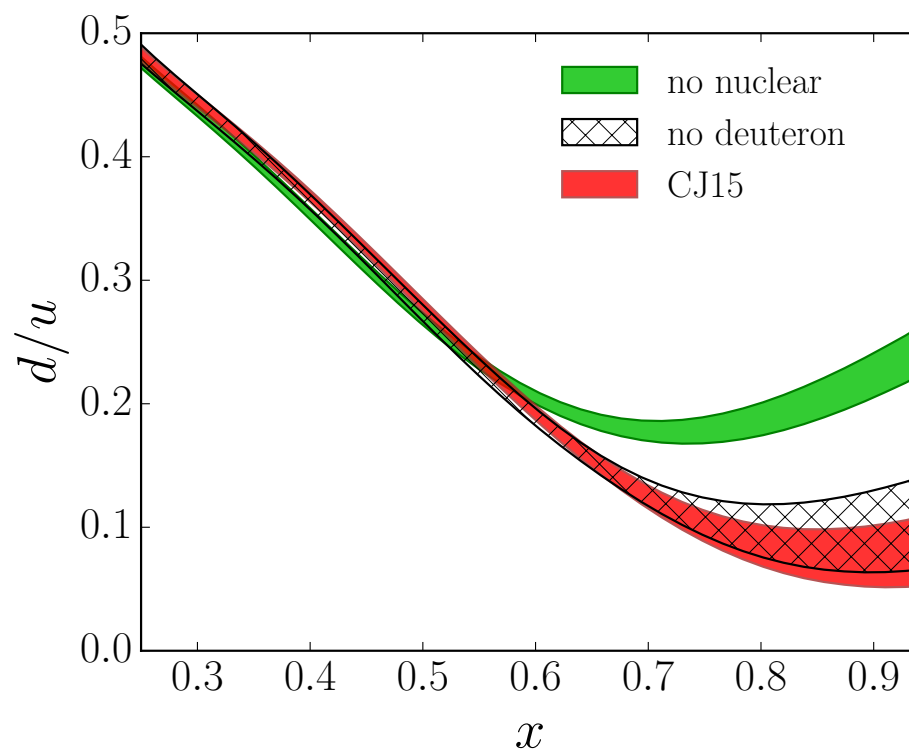


→ considerable uncertainty at high x from deuterium corrections (no free neutrons!)

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- nuclear corrections vital at large x
- omission would lead to significant overestimate of d/u at $x > 0.6$
- deuterium data reduces uncertainties (at all x)

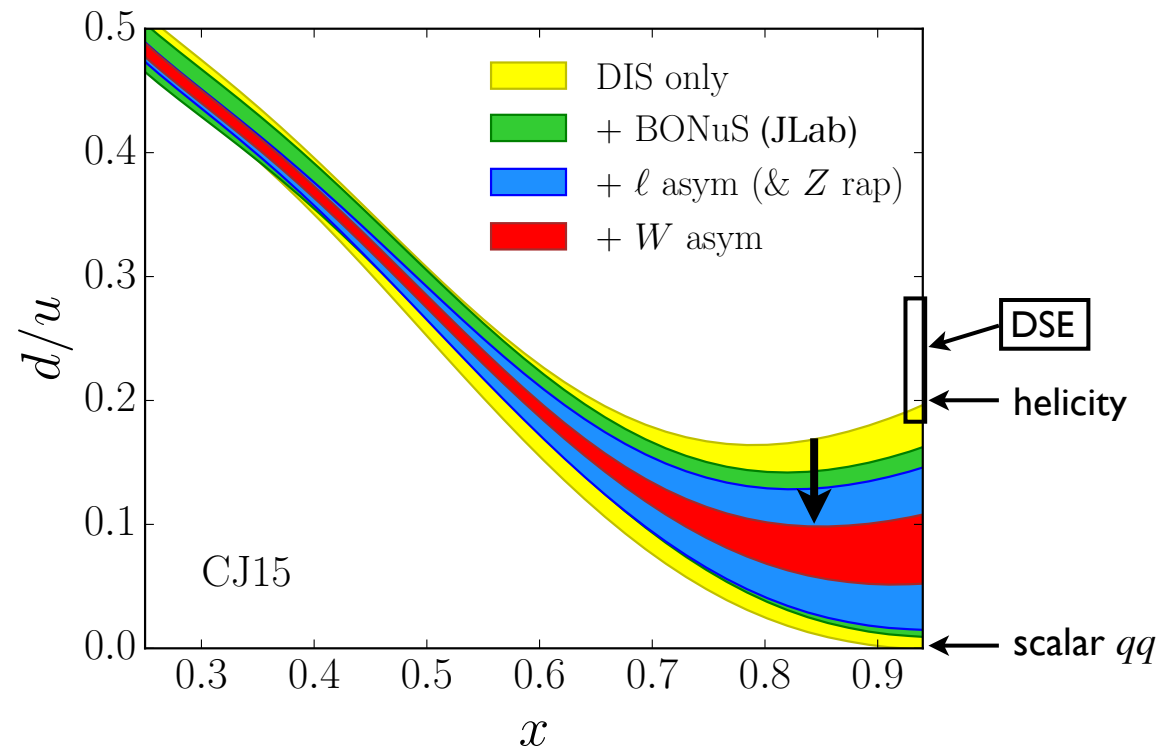
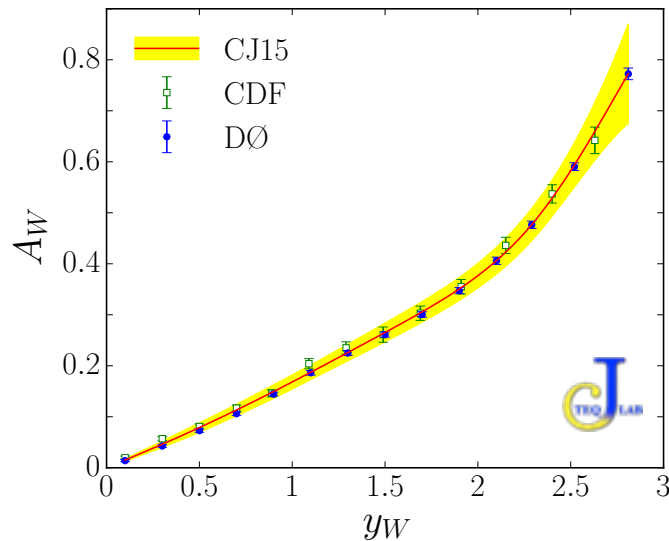


→ note: errors are 90% CL with no “tolerance” factor

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→ significant reduction of PDF errors with new JLab tagged neutron & FNAL W -asymmetry data



→ extrapolated ratio at $x = 1$

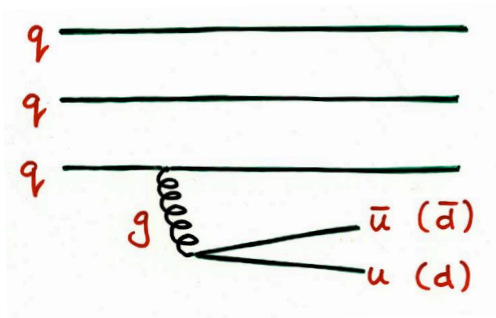
$$d/u \rightarrow 0.09 \pm 0.03$$

does not match any model!

→ upcoming experiments at JLab (MARATHON, BONuS, SoLID) will determine d/u up to $x \sim 0.85$

Light quark sea

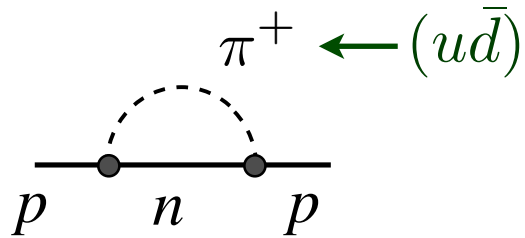
- From perturbative QCD expect symmetric $q\bar{q}$ sea generated by gluon radiation into $q\bar{q}$ pairs (if quark masses are the same)



→ since u and d quarks nearly degenerate, expect flavor-symmetric light-quark sea

$$\bar{d} \approx \bar{u}$$

- In 1980s Thomas argued that chiral symmetry of QCD (important at low energies) should have consequences for antiquark PDFs in the nucleon (at high energies)



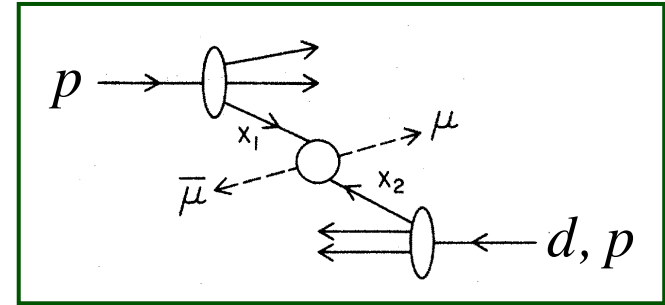
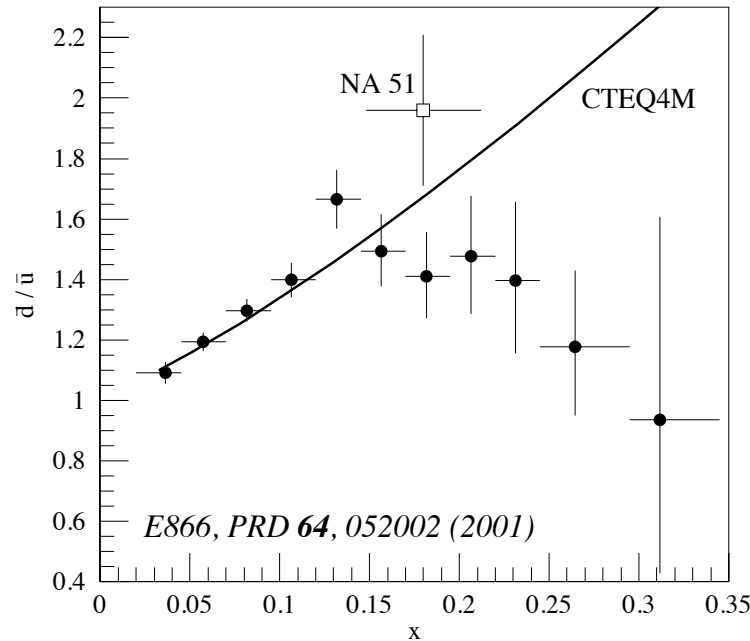
→

$$\bar{d} > \bar{u}$$

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Asymmetry spectacularly confirmed in high-precision DIS and Drell-Yan experiments



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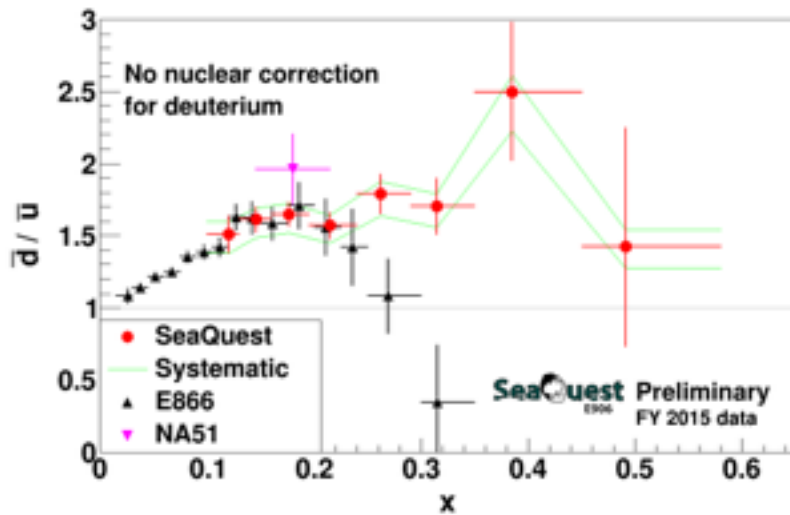
pion distribution
in nucleon

pion PDF

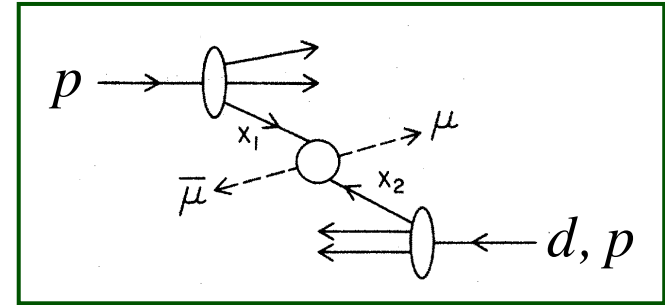
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P. Reimer (2016)



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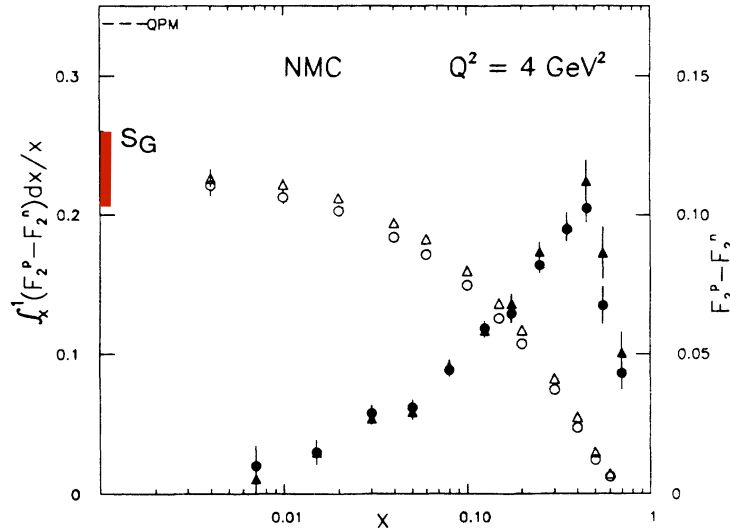
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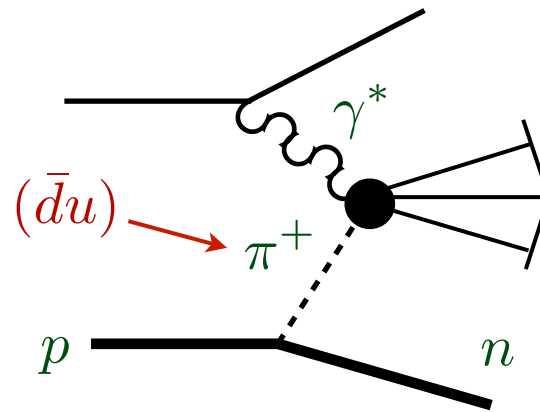


NMC (1994)

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (F_2^p - F_2^n) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 dx (\bar{d} - \bar{u}) = 0.235(26)$$

violation of Gottfried sum rule!

→ Sullivan process —
DIS from pion cloud
of the nucleon



Sullivan (1972)

Chiral effective theory



Early calculations used phenomenological models
— more recently rigorous connection with QCD
established via effective chiral field theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \bar{\psi}_N \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \psi_N - \frac{1}{(2f_\pi)^2} \bar{\psi}_N \gamma^\mu \vec{\tau} \cdot (\vec{\pi} \times \partial_\mu \vec{\pi}) \psi_N$$

Weinberg (1967)

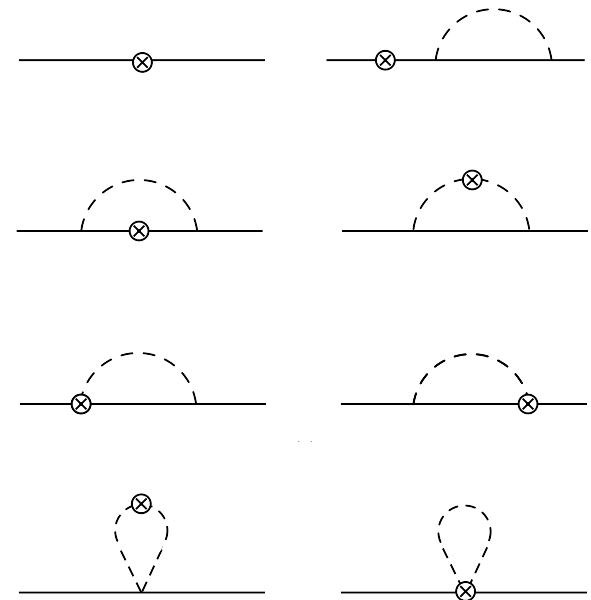
→ lowest order πN interaction includes
pion rainbow and tadpole contributions

→ matching quark- and hadron-level operators

$$\mathcal{O}_q^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \sum_h c_{q/h}^{(n)} \mathcal{O}_h^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}$$

yields convolution representation

$$q(x) = \sum_h \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_h(y) q_v^h(x/y)$$



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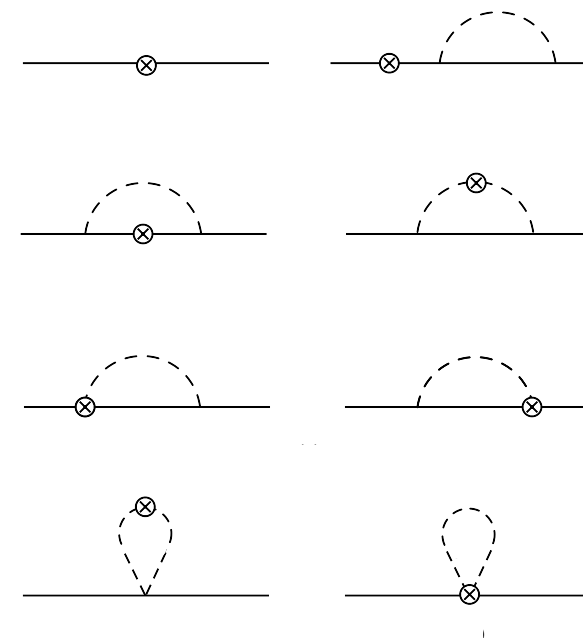
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Weinberg (1967)

→ expanding PDF moments in powers of m_π ,
coefficients of leading nonanalytic (LNA)
terms are model-independent!

Thomas, WM, Steffens (2000)

Chuang Ji, WM, Thomas (2012)



→ nonanalytic behavior vital for chiral
extrapolation of lattice data on PDF moments

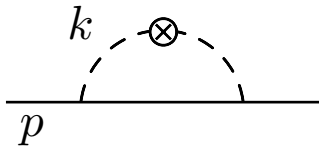
$$\langle x \rangle_{u-d}^{\text{LNA}} \sim m_\pi^2 \log m_\pi^2$$

Detmold et al. (2001)

Pion splitting functions



Spitting functions for various diagrams computed in chiral theory
e.g. pion rainbow diagram



$$f_{\pi}(y) = f^{(\text{on})}(y) + f^{(\delta)}(y)$$

has on-shell ($y = k^+/p^+ > 0$)
and $\delta(y)$ contributions!

$$f^{(\text{on})}(y) = \frac{g_A^2 M^2}{(4\pi f_{\pi})^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \frac{y(k_{\perp}^2 + y^2 M^2)}{[k_{\perp}^2 + y^2 M^2 + (1-y)m_{\pi}^2]^2}$$

$$f^{(\delta)}(y) = \frac{g_A^2}{4(4\pi f_{\pi})^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \log \left(\frac{k_{\perp}^2 + m_{\pi}^2}{\mu^2} \right) \delta(y)$$



For point-like nucleons and pions, integrals divergent

→ finite size of nucleon provides natural regularization scale
(but does not prescribe form of regularization)

$$\mathcal{F} = \Theta(\Lambda^2 - k_{\perp}^2) \quad k_{\perp} \text{ cutoff}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \exp [(M^2 - s)/\Lambda^2] \quad s\text{-dep. exponential}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \left(\frac{\Lambda^2 - m_{\pi}^2}{\Lambda^2 - t} \right) \quad t \text{ monopole}$$

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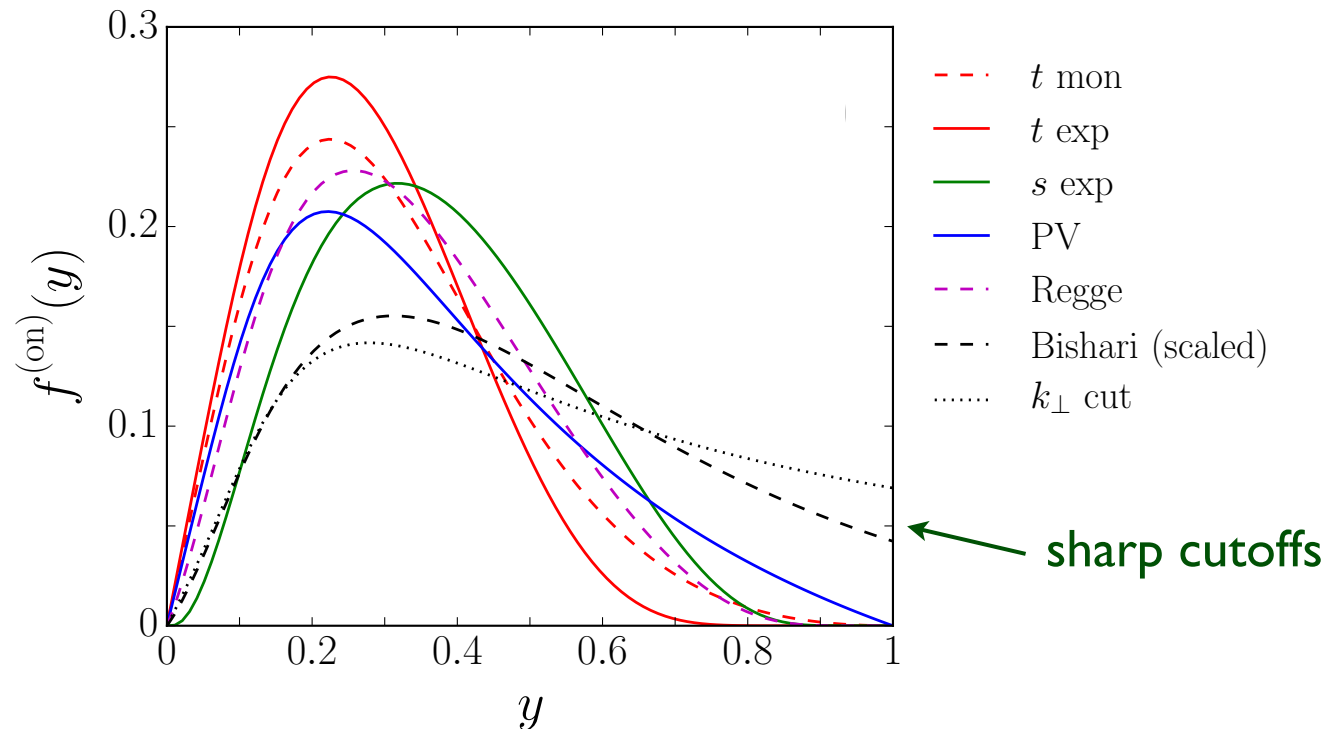
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Detailed shape of splitting function depends on regularization, but common general features

e.g. on-shell function



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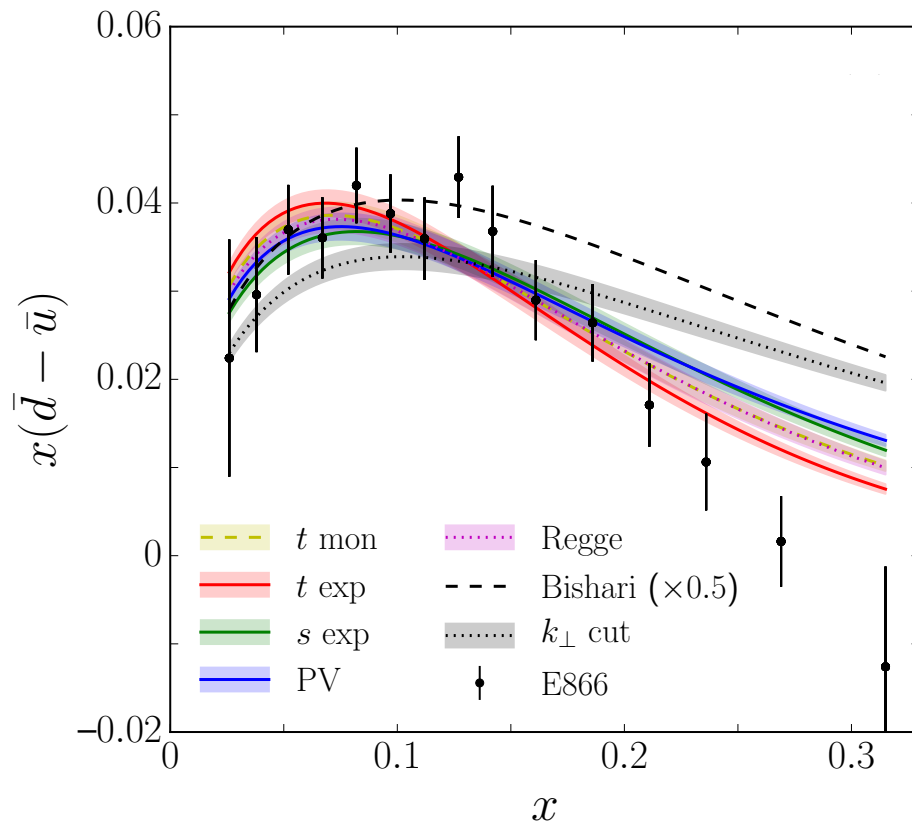
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☀ E866 $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ data can be fitted with range of regulators



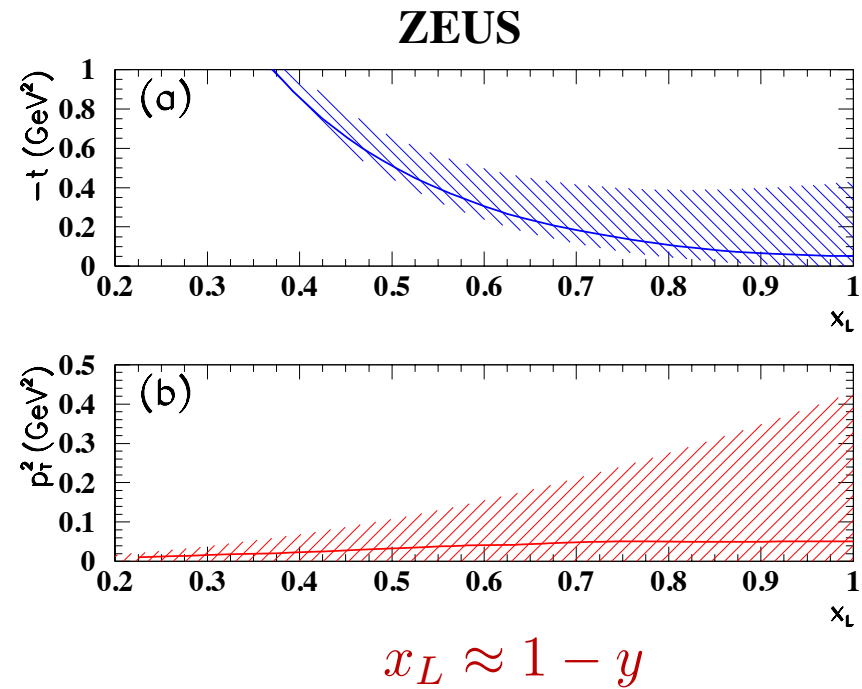
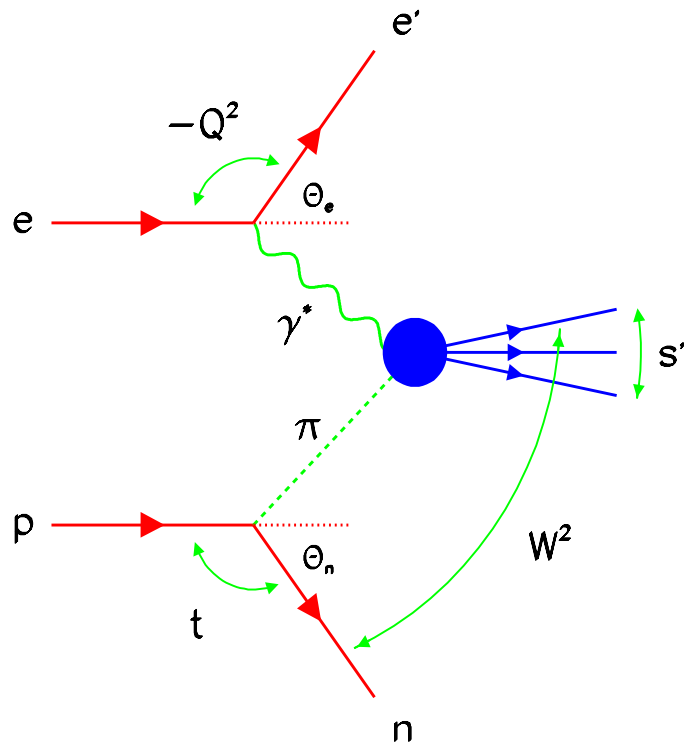
average pion “multiplicity”

$$\langle n \rangle_{\pi N} = 3 \int_0^1 dy f_N^{(\text{on})}(y)$$
$$\sim 0.25 - 0.3$$

- with exception of k_{\perp} cutoff and Bishari models, all others give reasonable fits, $\chi^2 \lesssim 1.5$
- are there other data that can be more discriminating?

Leading neutron production at HERA

- ZEUS & H1 collaborations measured spectra of neutrons produced at very forward angles, $\theta_n < 0.8$ mrad



- can data be described within same framework as E866 asymmetry?
- simultaneous fit never previously been performed!

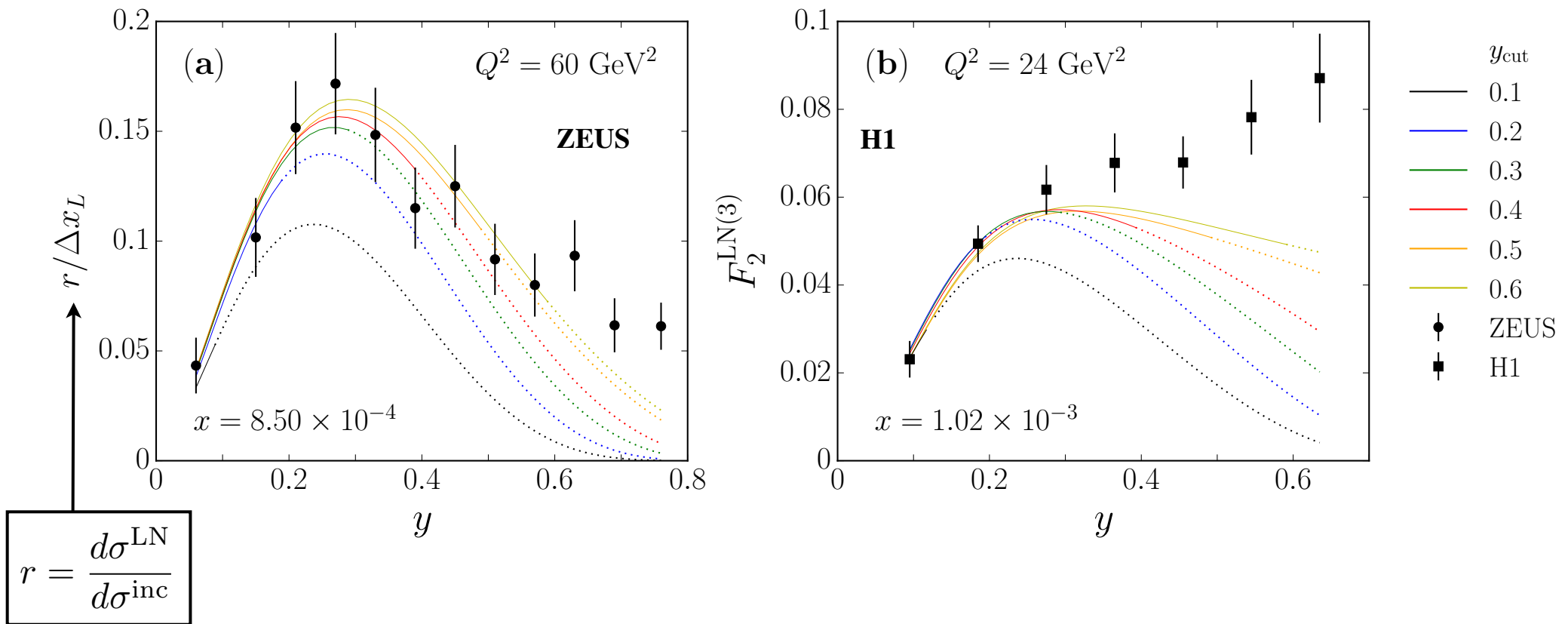
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■ Measured LN differential cross section (integrated over p_\perp)

$$\frac{d^3\sigma^{\text{LN}}}{dx dQ^2 dy} \sim F_2^{\text{LN}(3)}(x, Q^2, y)$$

$$2f_N^{(\text{on})}(y) F_2^\pi(x/y, Q^2) \text{ for } \pi \text{ exchange}$$

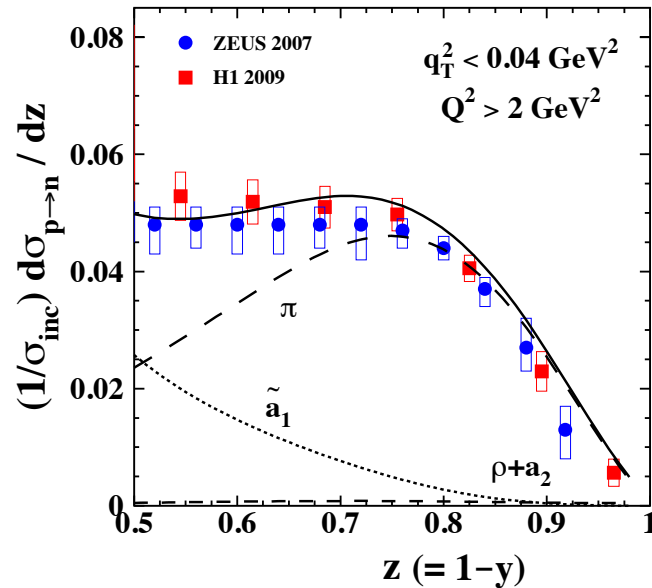
e.g.



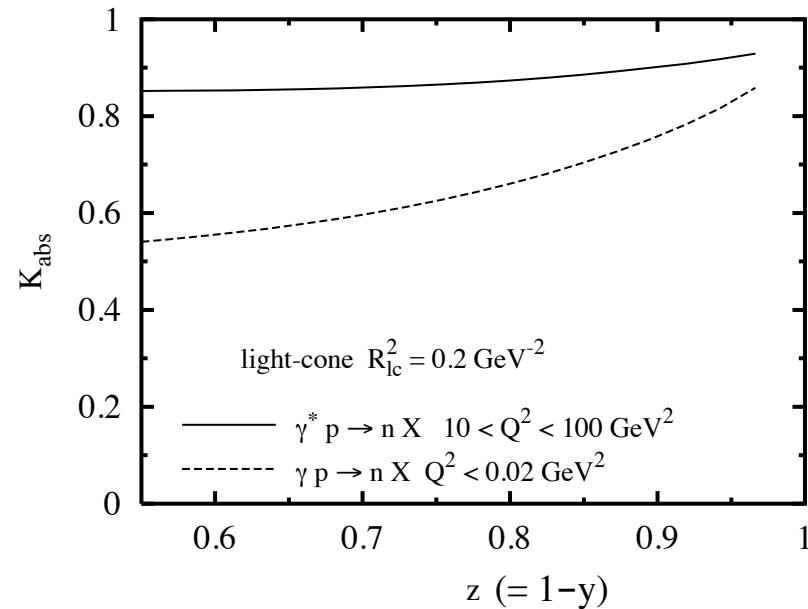
→ quality of fit depends on range of y fitted

Leading neutron production at HERA

- At large y non-pionic mechanisms contribute (*e.g.* heavier mesons, absorption)



Kopeliovich et al. (2012)

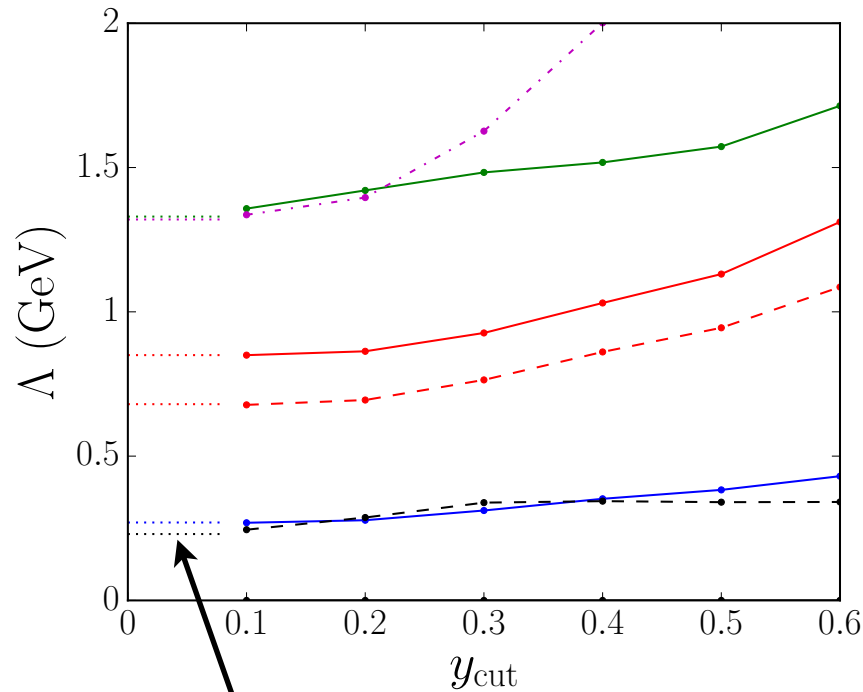


D'Alesio, Pirner (2000)

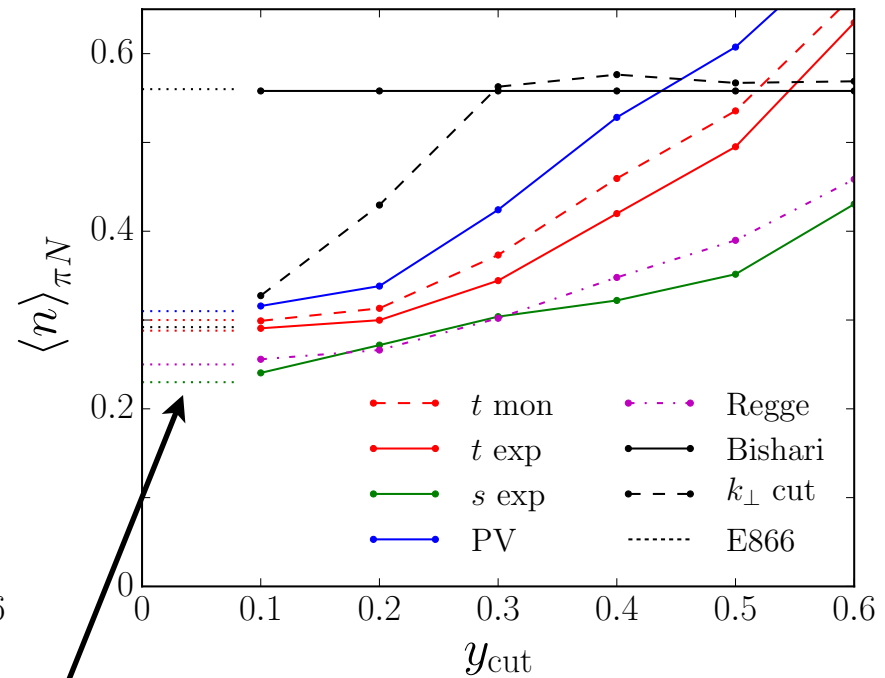
- To reduce model dependence, fit the value of y_{cut} up to which data can be described in terms of π exchange

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- Fit requires higher momentum pions with increasing y_{cut}



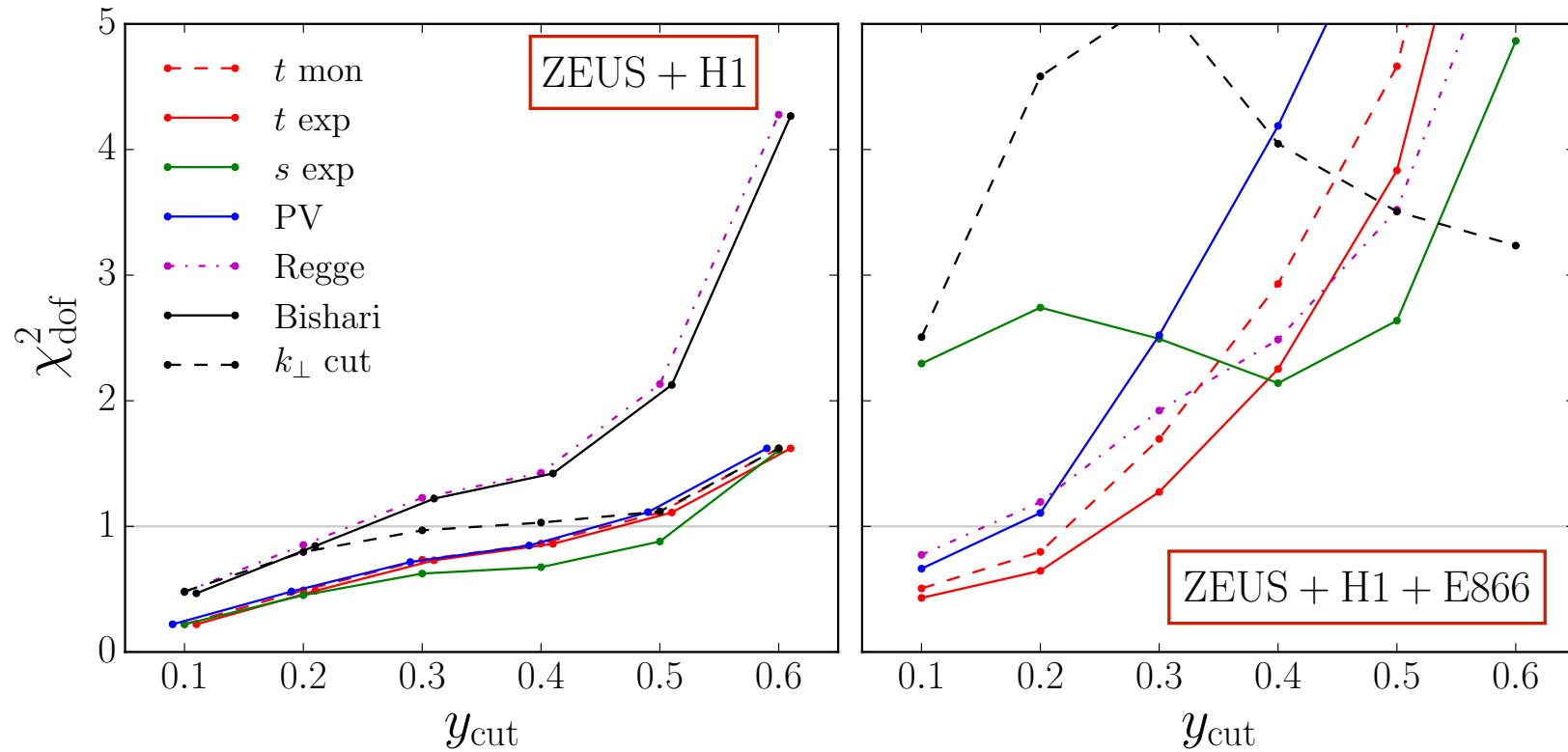
values from fit to E866 data only



→ larger values of y_{cut} more in conflict with E866 data

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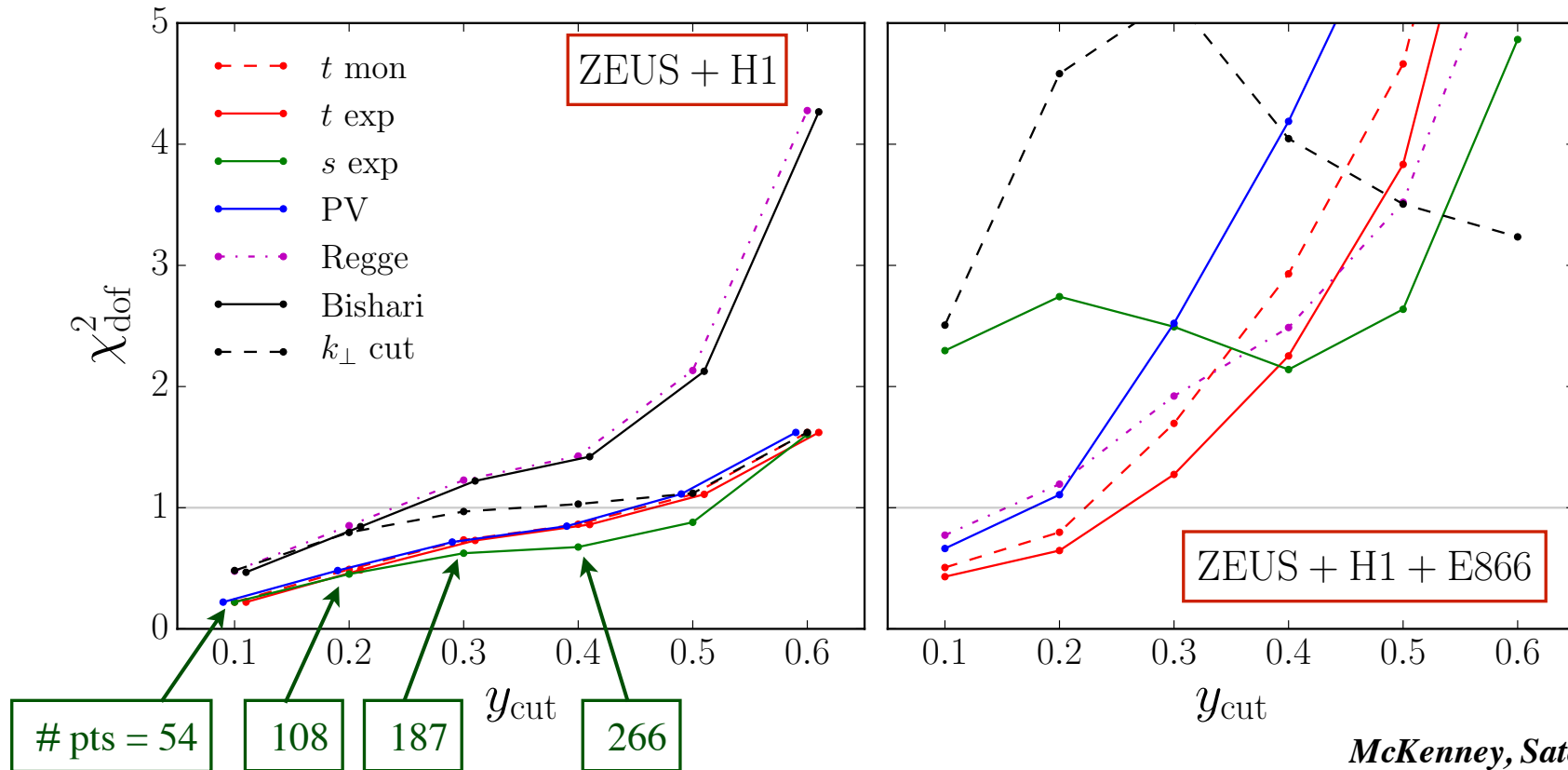
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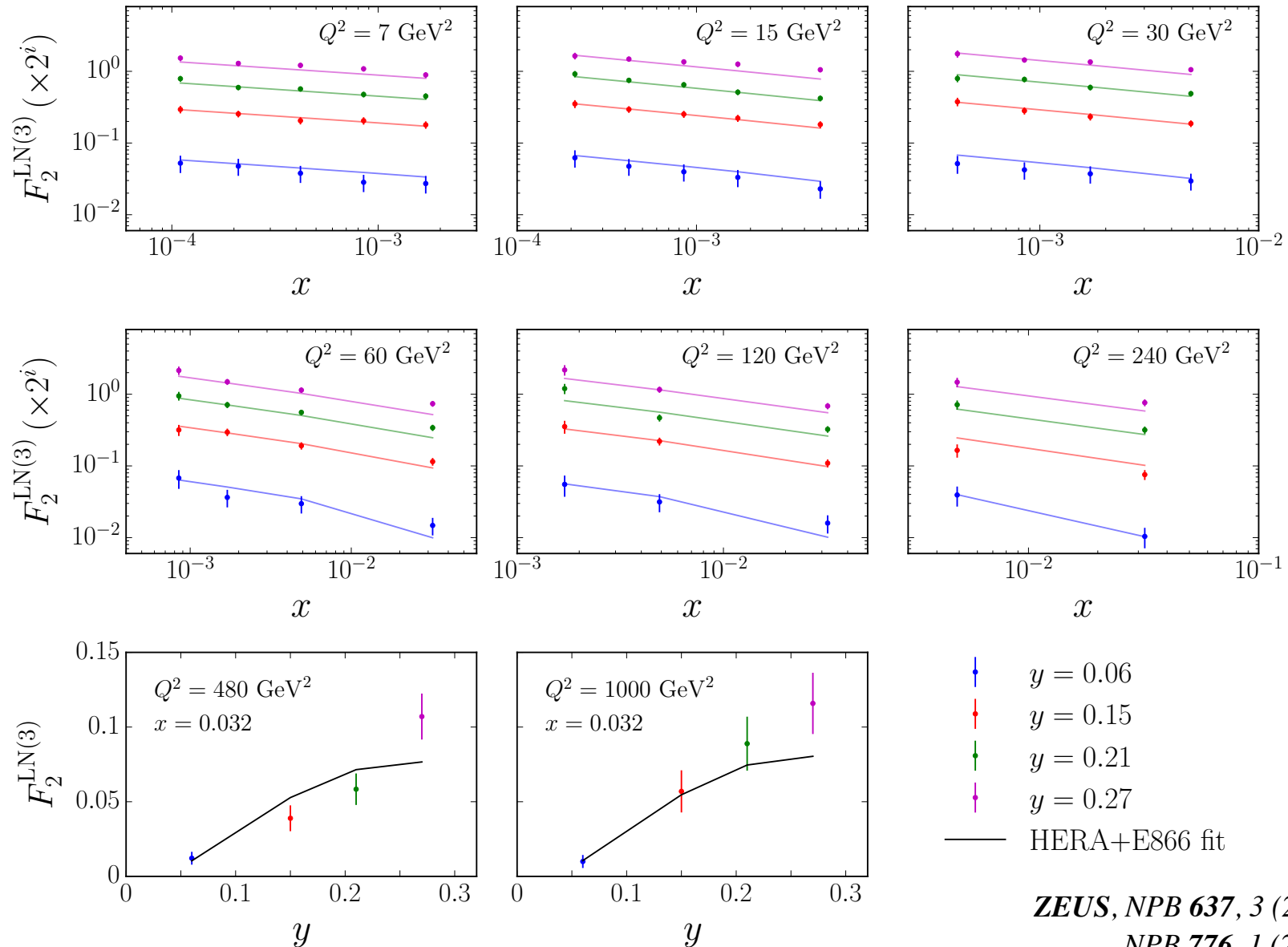


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→ best fits for largest number of points afforded by t -dependent exponential (and t monopole) regulators

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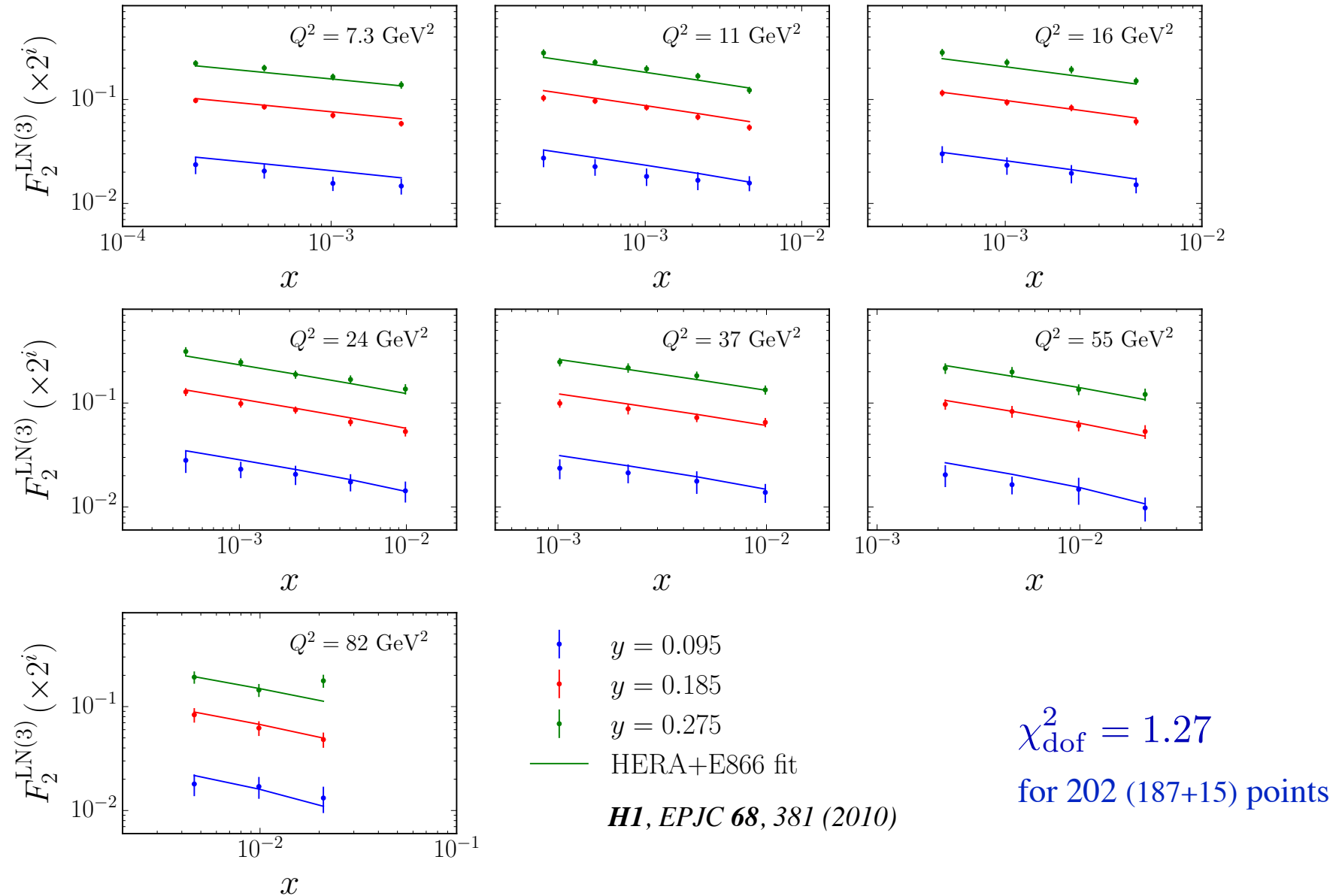
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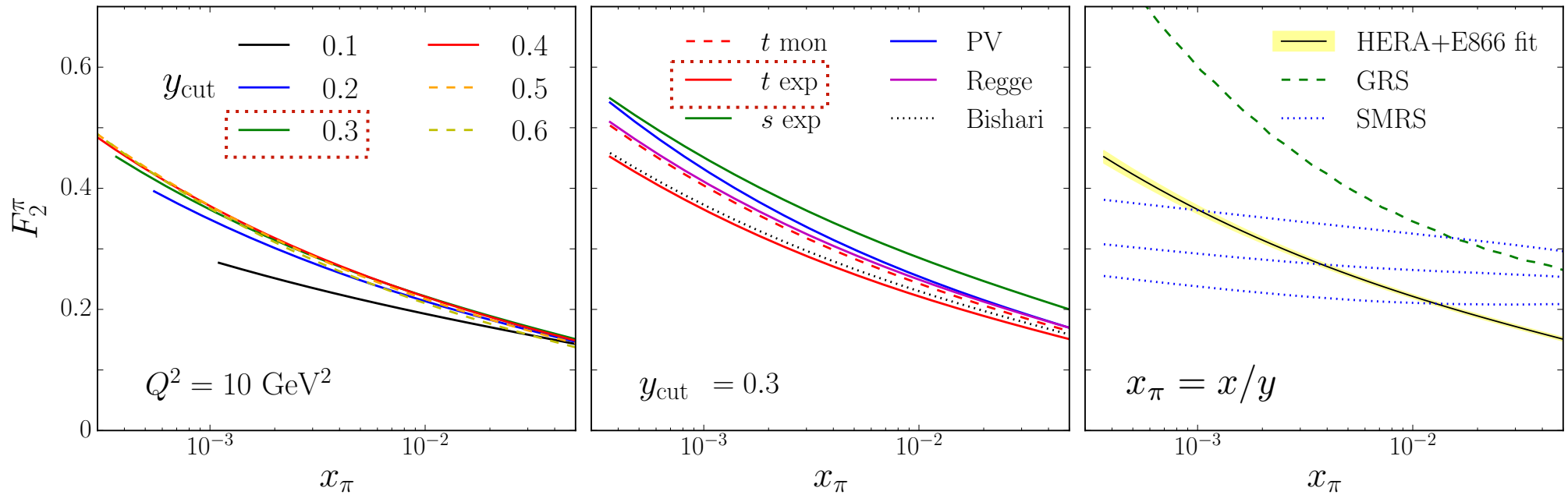
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■ Fit to H1 LN spectra for $y_{\text{cut}} = 0.3$ (t -dependent exponential)



Extracted pion structure function



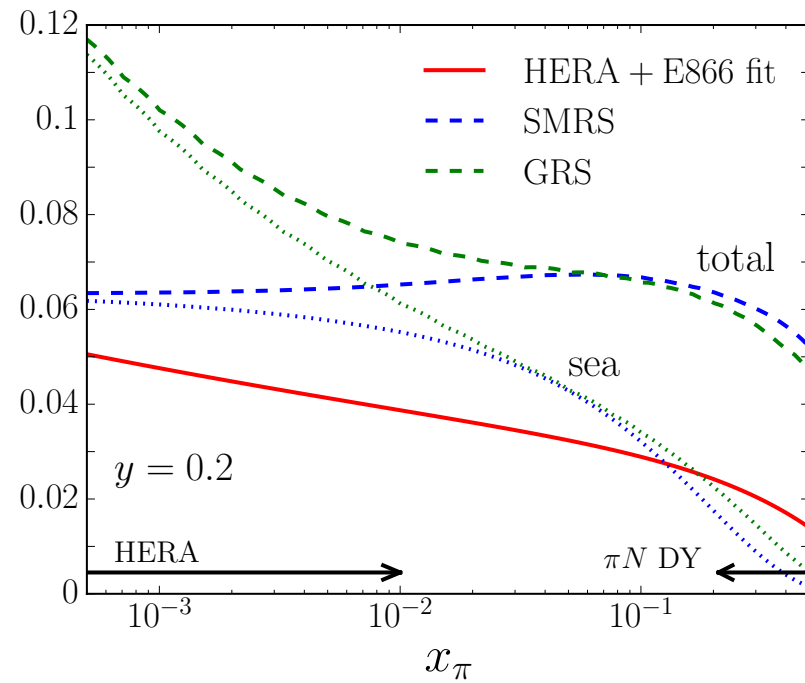
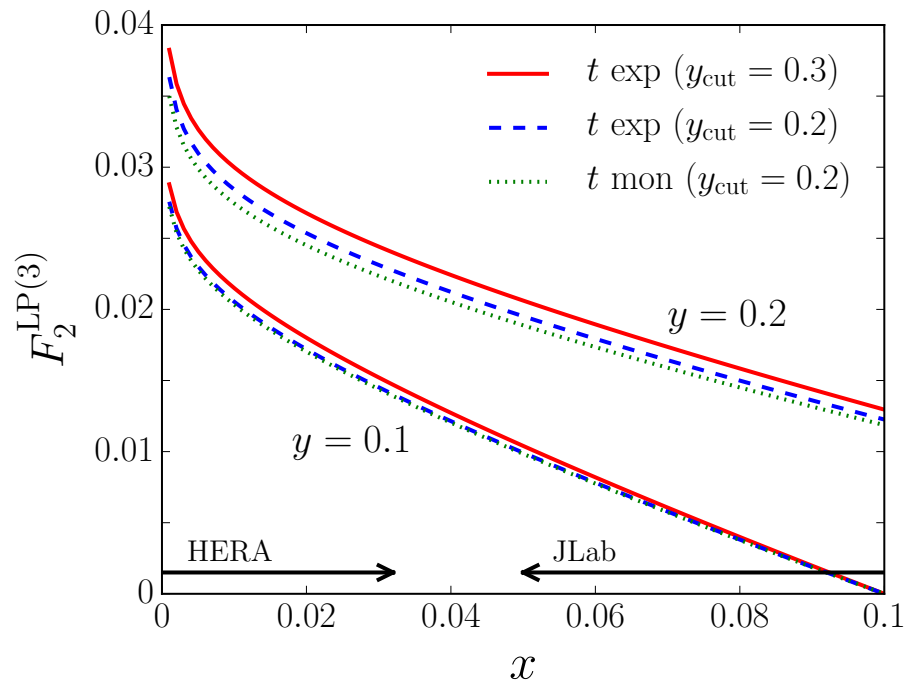
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$$F_2^\pi = N x_\pi^a (1 - x_\pi)^b, \quad a = a_0 + a_1 \eta$$

$$\eta \sim \log(\log Q^2)$$

- stable values of F_2^π at $4 \times 10^{-4} \lesssim x_\pi \lesssim 0.03$ from combined fit
- shape similar to GRS fit to πN Drell-Yan data (for $x_\pi \gtrsim 0.2$), but smaller magnitude

Predictions at TDIS kinematics



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→ JLab TDIS experiment can fill gap in x_π coverage between HERA and πN Drell-Yan kinematics

Outlook

- Combined analysis can be extended by including πN DY data
→ constrain large- x_π region ($x_\pi \gtrsim 0.2$)
- Generalize parametrization by fitting individual pion valence and sea quark PDFs, rather than F_2^π
- Medium-term goal is to use all data sensitive to pion structure (including TDIS, EIC) to constrain pion PDFs over full range $10^{-4} \lesssim x_\pi \lesssim 1$
→ global analysis under way of HERA LN, Drell-Yan $\pi N + pd/pp$ (+ future JLab TDIS data) to determine pion PDFs at all x
Patrick Barry, Chueng Ji, Nobuo Sato, WM (2016)
- Longer-term goal is to *simultaneously* fit nucleon and pion PDFs!