

# JAM analysis of pion PDFs

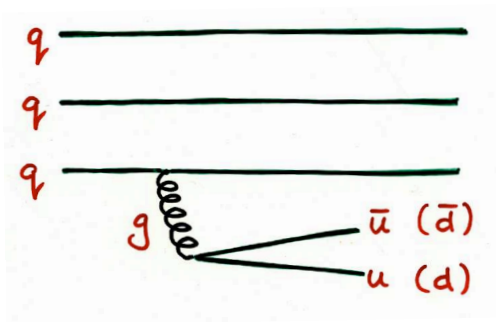
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# Sea of the proton

- From text-books: perturbative QCD expected to generate symmetric  $q\bar{q}$  sea via gluon radiation into  $q\bar{q}$  pairs

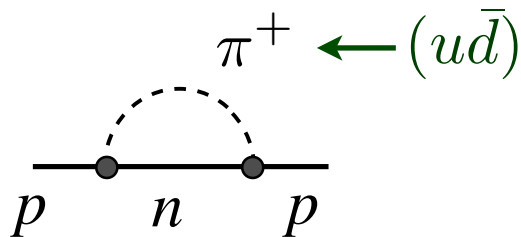


→ since  $u$  and  $d$  quarks nearly degenerate, expect flavor-symmetric light-quark sea

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

*Ross, Sachrajda (1979)*

- (Almost) from text-books: Thomas suggested that chiral symmetry of QCD (“low energy”) should have consequences for antiquark PDFs in the nucleon (“high energy”)

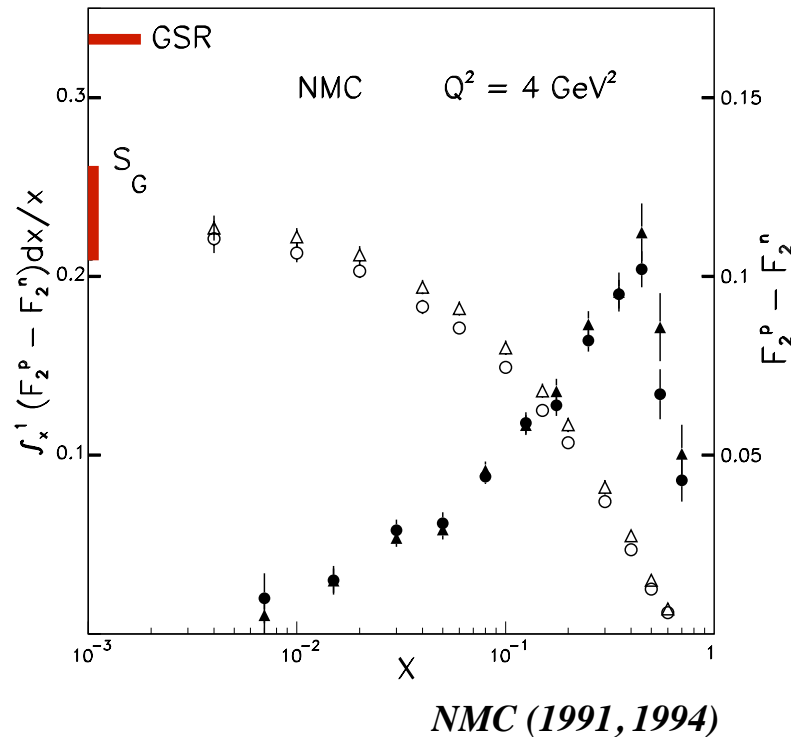


$$\rightarrow \bar{d} > \bar{u}$$

*Thomas (1984)*

# Sea of the proton

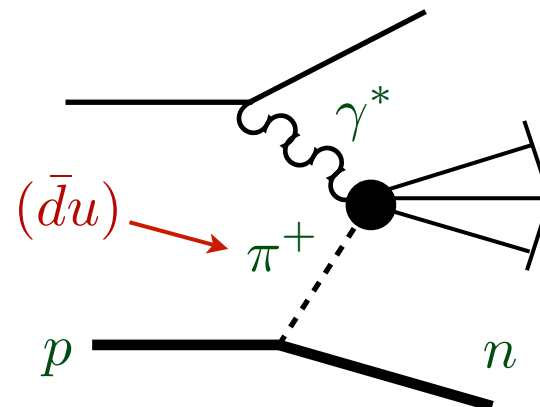
- First clear experimental support for  $\bar{d} \neq \bar{u}$  came from measurement of Gottfried sum observed by NMC



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

→ violation of “Gottfried sum rule”!

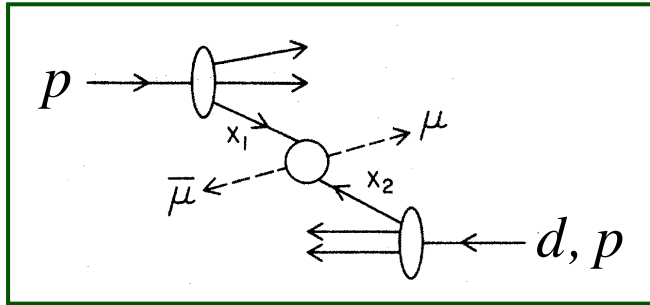
→ Sullivan process —  
DIS from pion cloud  
of the nucleon



Sullivan (1972)

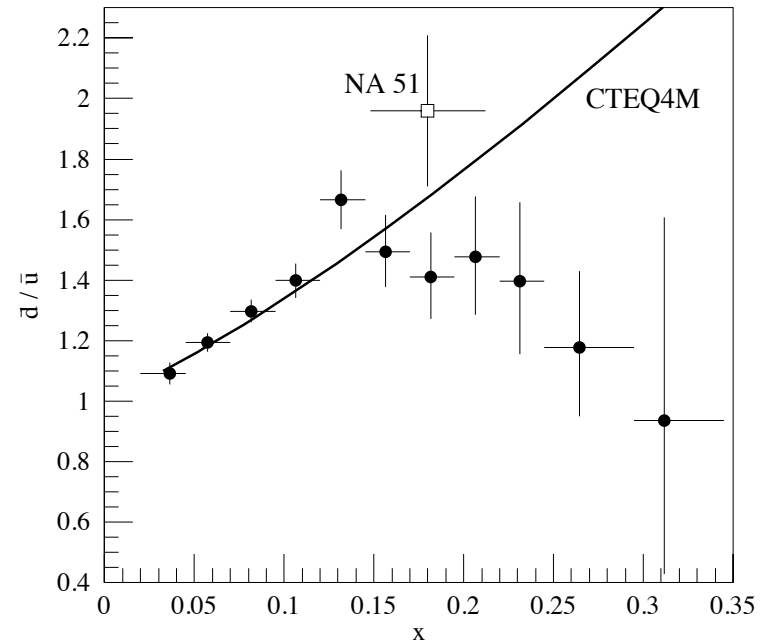
# Sea of the proton

- $x$  dependence of  $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$  asymmetry established in Fermilab E866  $pp/pd$  Drell-Yan experiment



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2) + (x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2)$$

$$\frac{\sigma^{pd}}{\sigma^{pp}} \approx 1 + \frac{\bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_2)} \quad \text{for } x_1 \gg x_2$$



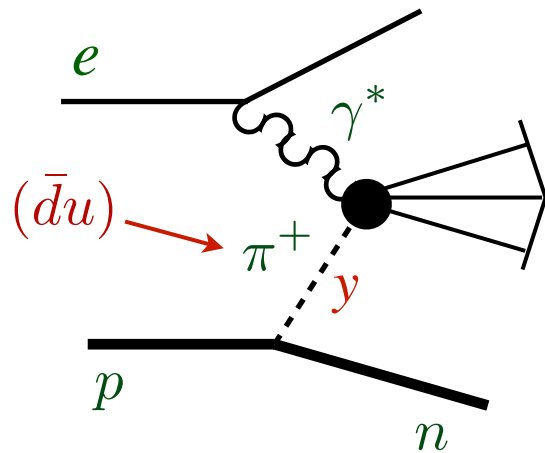
*E866 (2001)*

- strong enhancement of  $\bar{d}$  at  $x \sim 0.1 - 0.2$
- intriguing behavior at large  $x$  hinting at possible sign change of  $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$



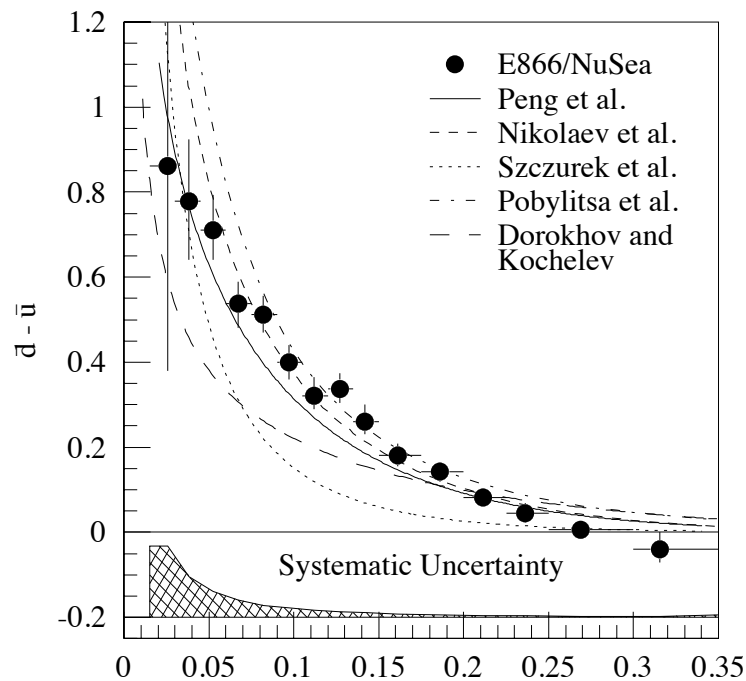
# Sea of the proton — pion contributions

## ■ General agreement with pion cloud models



$$(\bar{d} - \bar{u})(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_{\pi^+ n}(y) \bar{q}_v^\pi(x/y)$$

$p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$  splitting function  
("flux factor")



$x$  PRD64, 052002 (2001)

→ shape qualitatively reproduced by most models (except at high  $x$ ),  
— *but is there a direct connection with QCD?*

# Chiral effective field theory

## ■ Rigorous connection with QCD established via chiral EFT

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

Weinberg (1967)

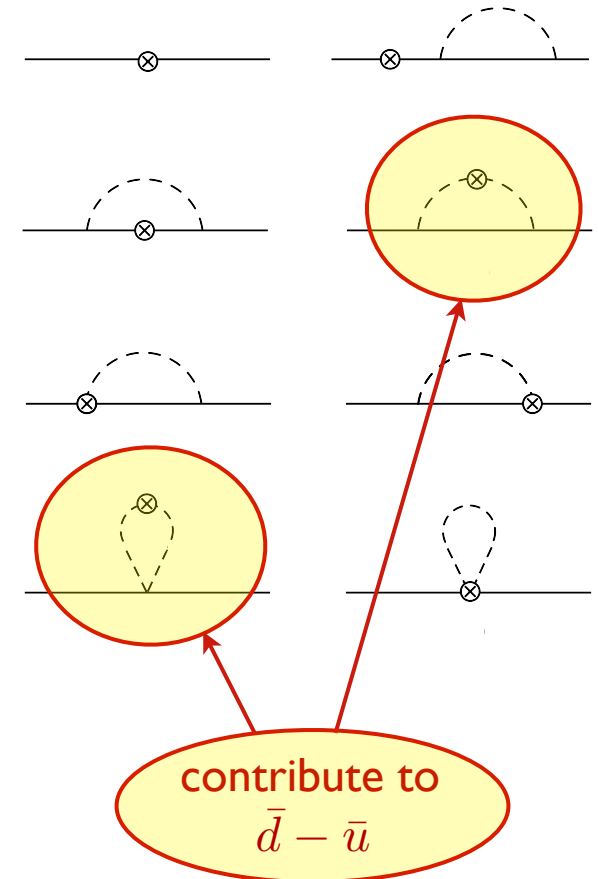
→ lowest order  $\pi N$  interaction includes pion rainbow and tadpole contributions

→ 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

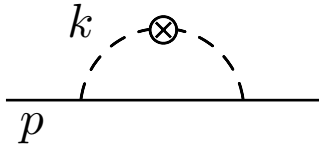
$$q(x) = \sum_h \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_h(y) q_v^h(x/y)$$



Ji, WM, Thomas (2013)

# Chiral effective field theory

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



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

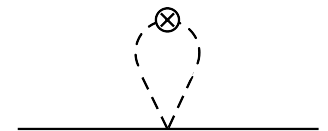
has on-shell ( $y = k^+/p^+ > 0$ )  
and  $\delta(y)$  contributions!

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

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

- Bubble diagram contributes only at  $y=0$  (hence  $x=0$ )

$$f^{(\text{bub})}(y) = \frac{8}{g_A^2} f^{(\delta)}(y)$$



→ contributes to lowest moment, but not at  $x > 0$

# Chiral effective field theory

■ For point-like nucleons and pions, integrals divergent

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

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

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

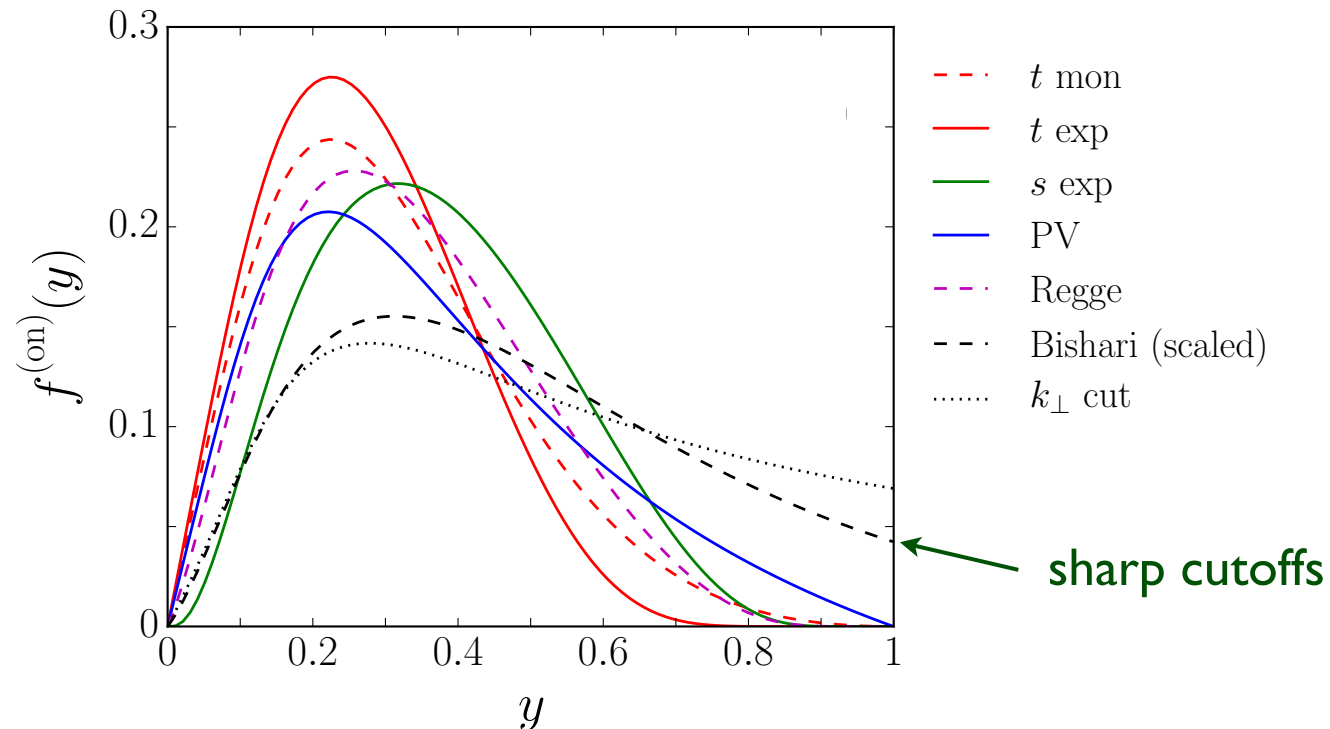
$$\mathcal{F} = \exp \left[ (t - m_{\pi}^2) / \Lambda^2 \right] \quad t \text{ exponential}$$

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

$$\mathcal{F} = \left[ 1 - \frac{(t - m_{\pi}^2)^2}{(t - \Lambda^2)^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad \text{Pauli-Villars}$$

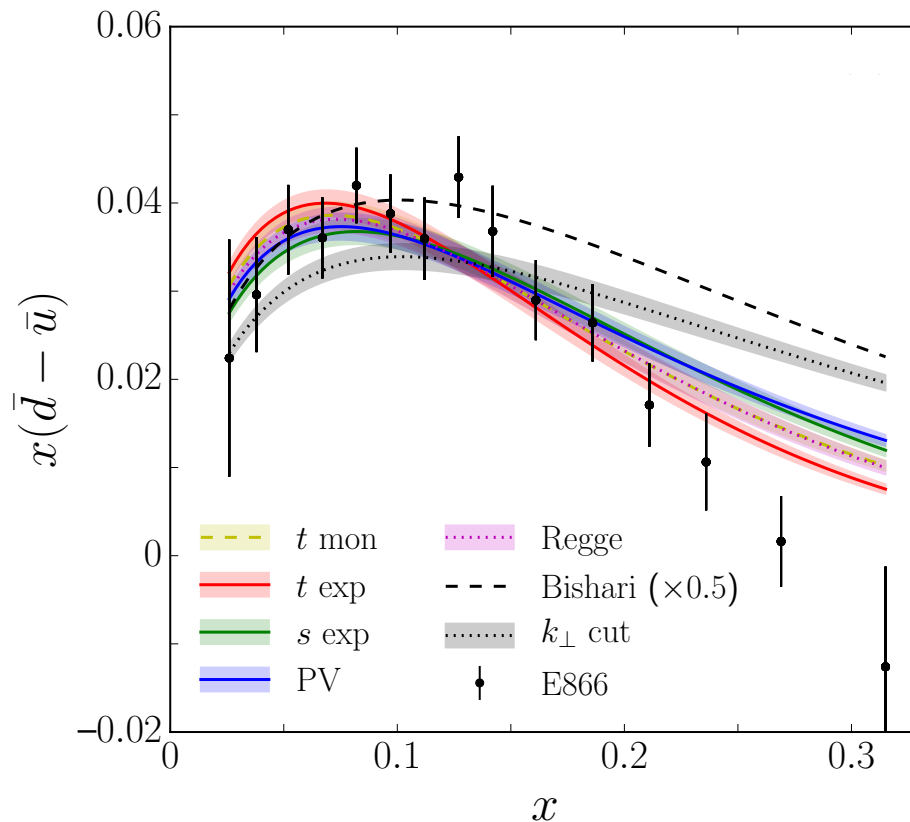
$$\mathcal{F} = y^{-\alpha_{\pi}(t)} \exp \left[ (t - m_{\pi}^2) / \Lambda^2 \right] \quad \text{Regge}$$

e.g. on-shell  
function



# Chiral effective field theory

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



average pion “multiplicity”

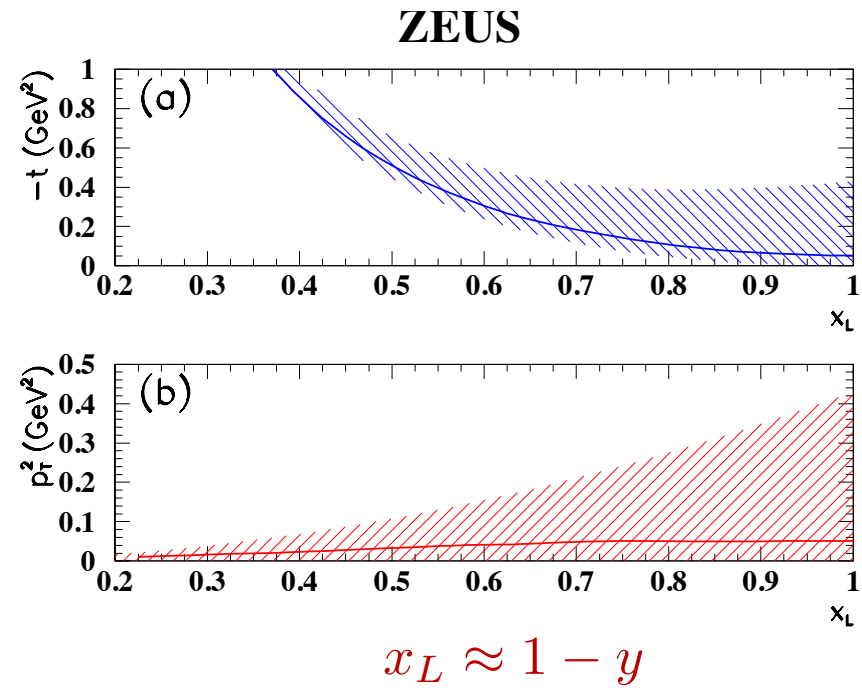
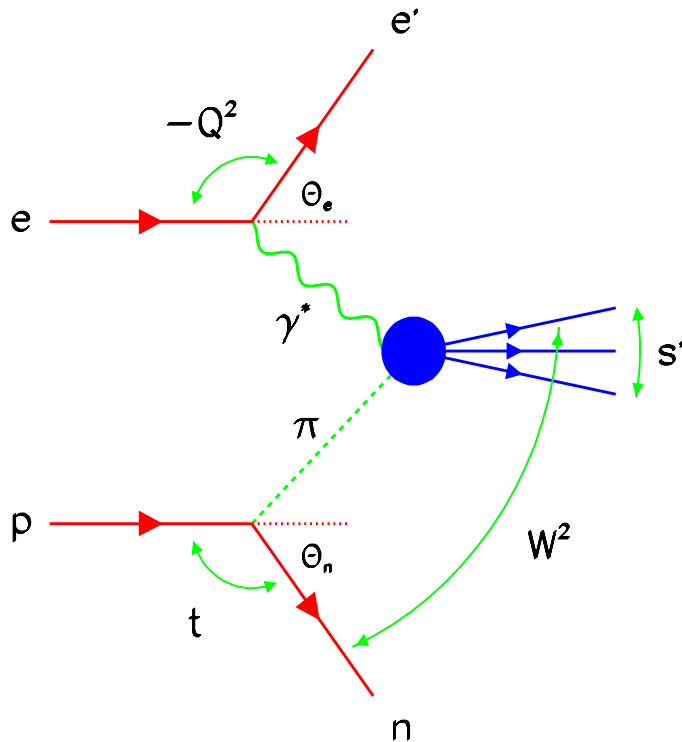
$$\langle n \rangle_{\pi N} = 3 \int_0^1 dy f_N^{(\text{on})}(y) \\ \sim 0.25 - 0.3$$

- 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

# 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!

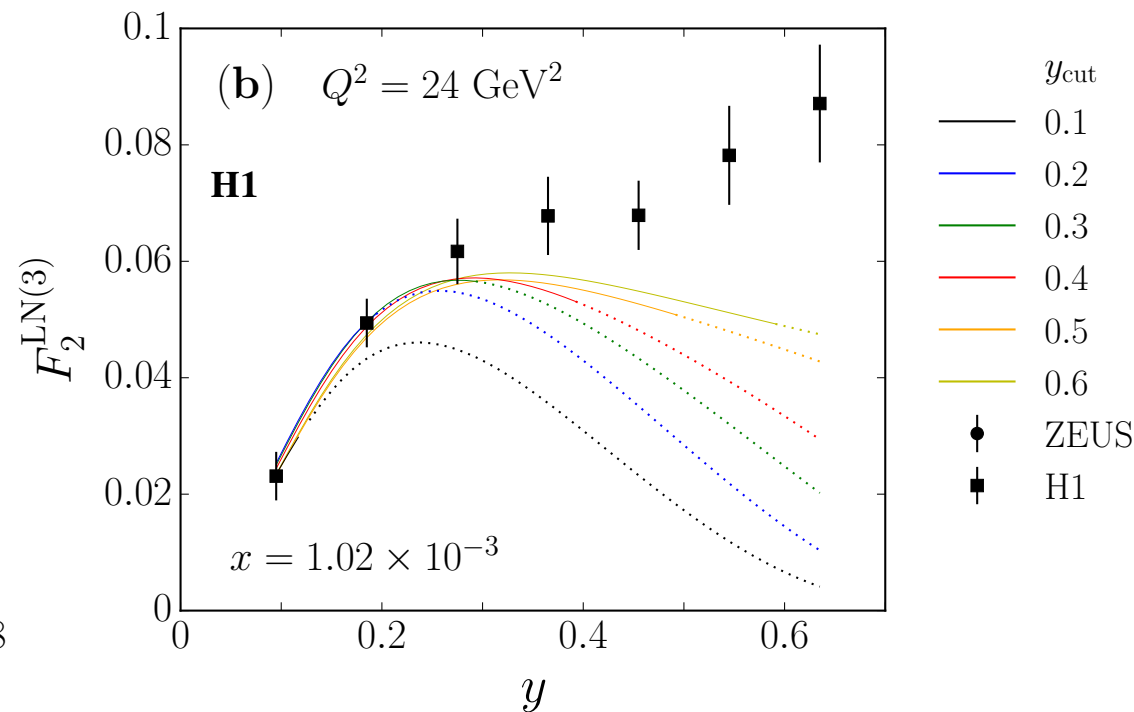
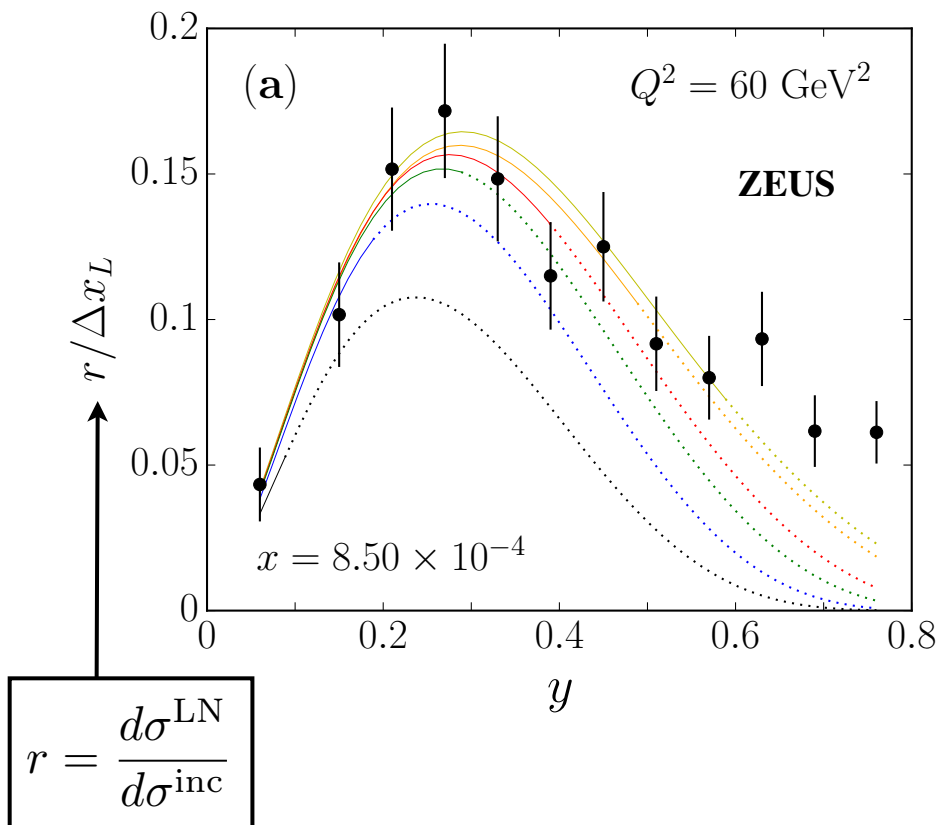
# Leading neutron production at HERA

## ■ 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.*

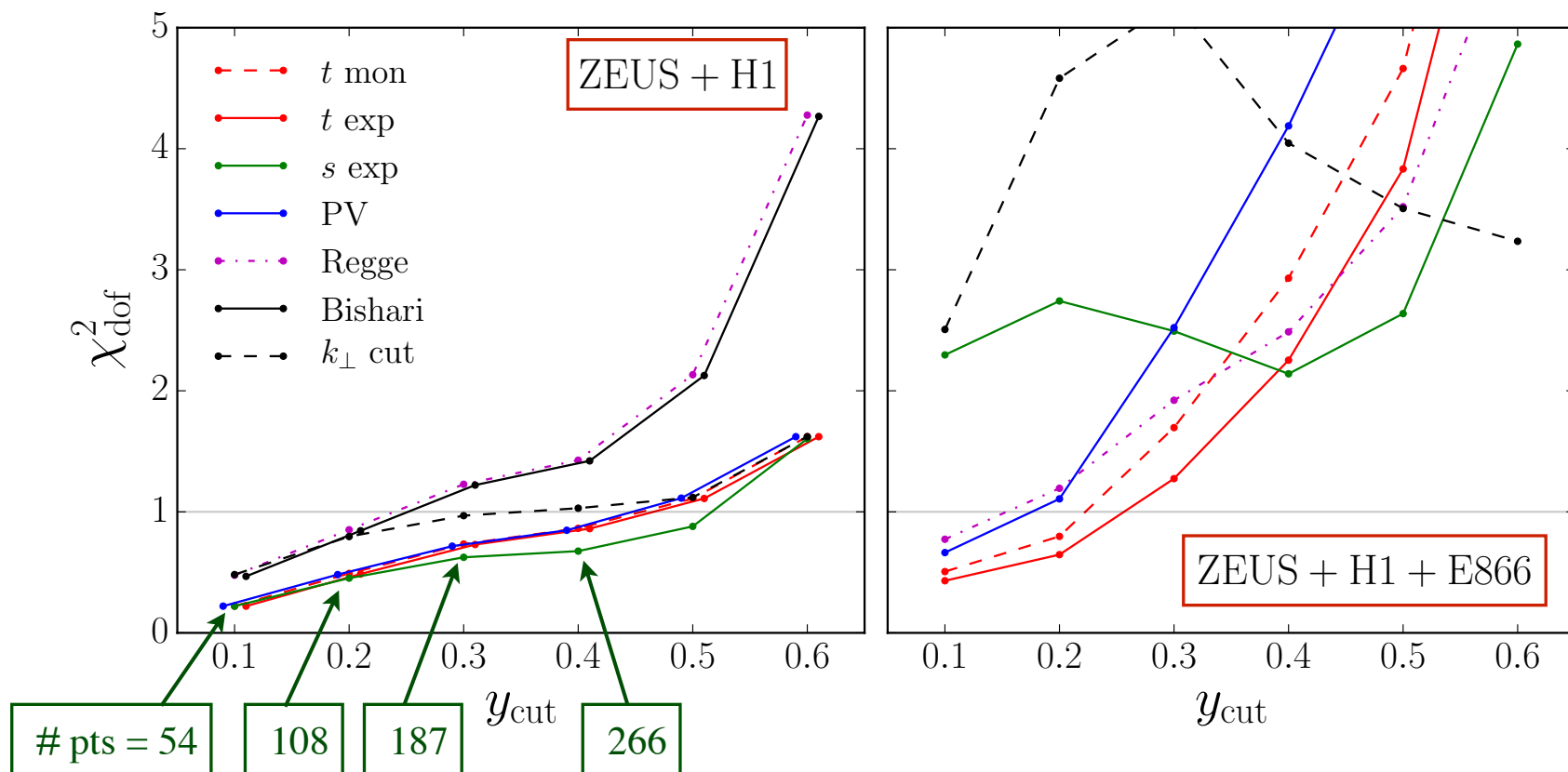


→ quality of fit depends on range of  $y$  fitted



# Leading neutron production at HERA

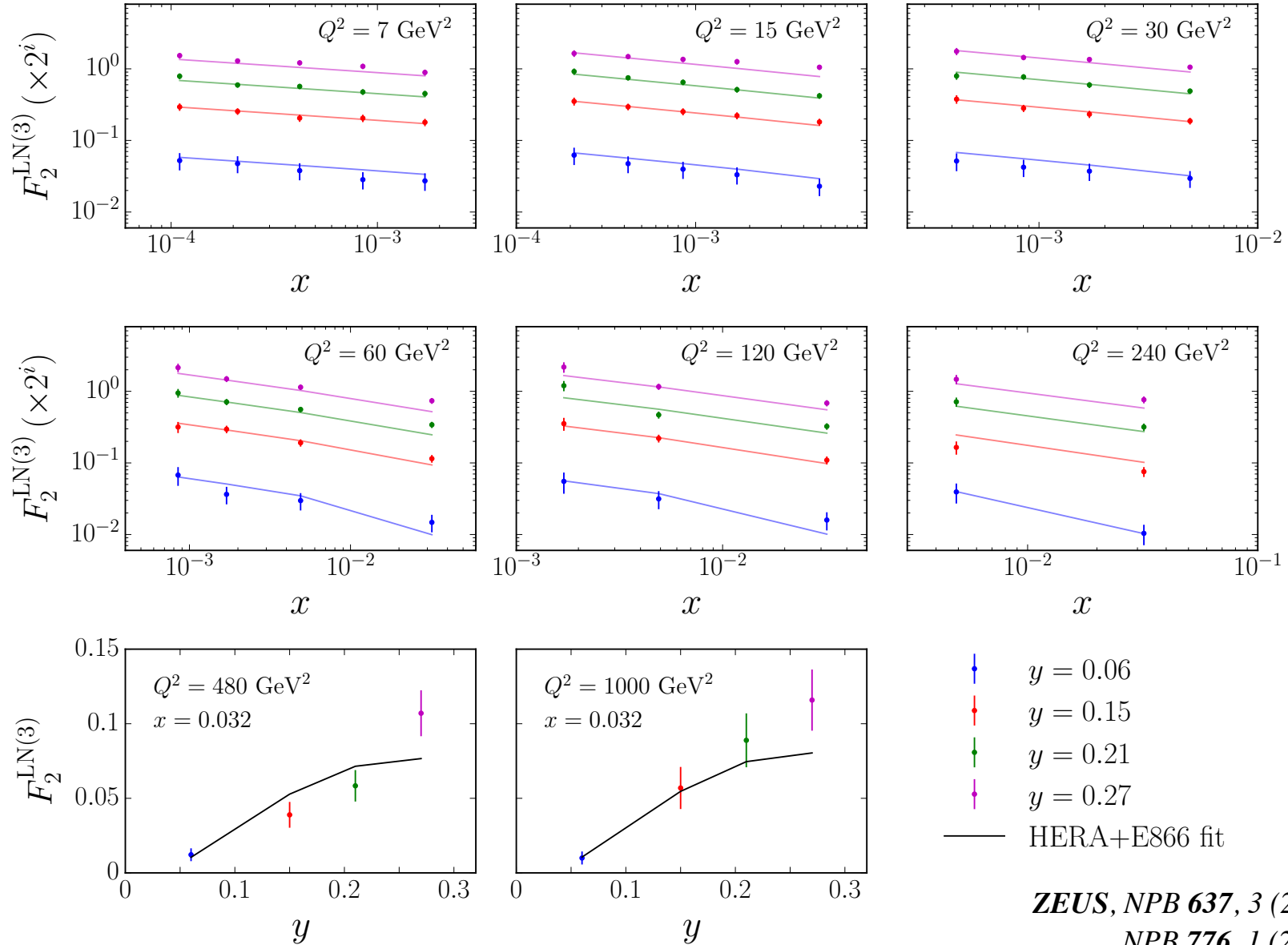
## ■ Combined fit to HERA LN and E866 Drell-Yan data



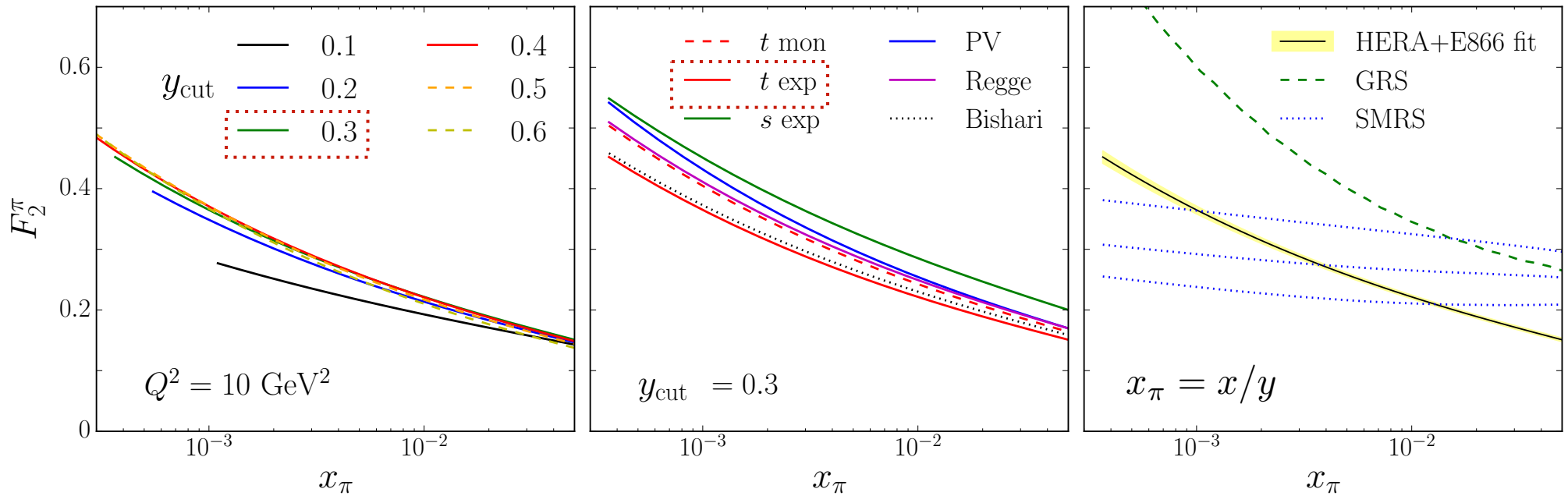
→ best fits for largest number of points afforded by  $t$ -dependent exponential (and  $t$  monopole) regulators

# Leading neutron production at HERA

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



# Extracted pion structure function

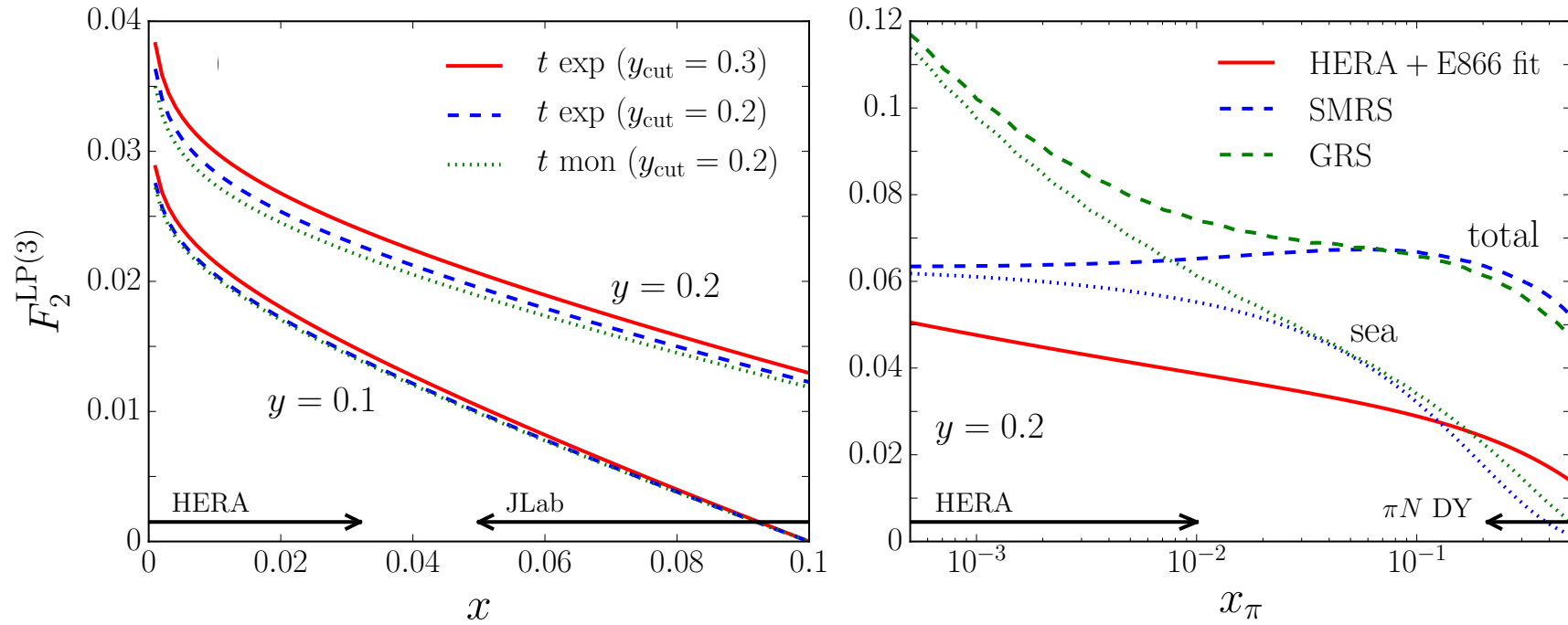


$$F_2^\pi = N x_\pi^a (1 - x_\pi)^b, \quad a = a_0 + a_1 \eta$$

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

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

# Predictions at TDIS kinematics



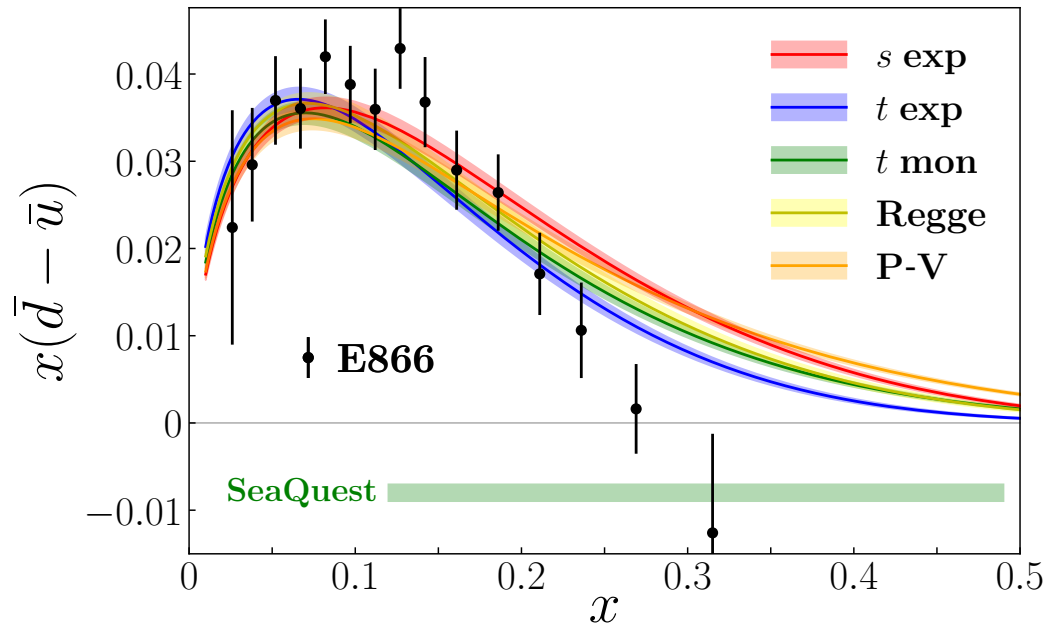
→ JLab TDIS experiment can fill gap in  $x_\pi$  coverage between HERA and  $\pi N$  Drell-Yan kinematics

# JAM-pion QCD analysis

# PDFs in the pion

- E866  $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$  data can be well described within chiral EFT framework

$$\bar{d} - \bar{u} = \left[ f_{\pi}^{(\text{rbw})} + f_{\pi}^{(\text{bub})} \right] \otimes \bar{q}_v^{\pi}$$



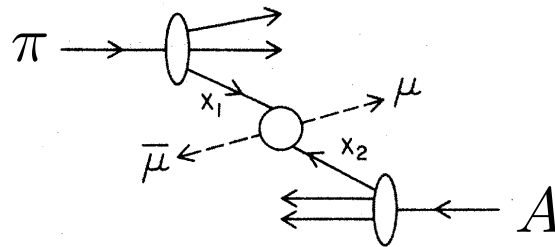
*Barry, Sato, WM, C.-R. Ji  
PRL 121, 152001 (2018)*

→ depends also on pion PDF ... which can be fit simultaneously!

## PDFs in the pion

- PDFs in the pion (in principle) simpler to compute than baryons, but are more difficult to study experimentally

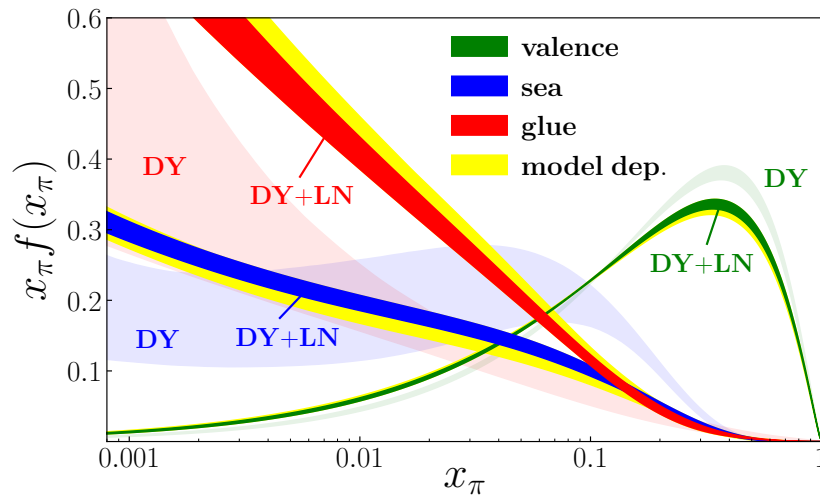
→ most information has come from pion-nucleus (tungsten) Drell-Yan data (CERN, Fermilab)



- constrains valence PDFs at  $x \gg 0$  (uncertainty from gluon resummation)
- pion sea quark & gluon PDFs at small  $x$  mostly unconstrained by Drell-Yan data alone
- include pion-nucleus Drell-Yan data + LN HERA data in global QCD analysis of pion PDFs

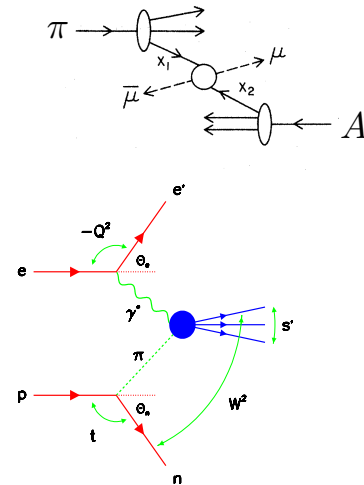
# PDFs in the pion

- MC analysis combining pQCD with chiral EFT to fit  $\pi N$  Drell-Yan + leading neutron electroproduction data from HERA



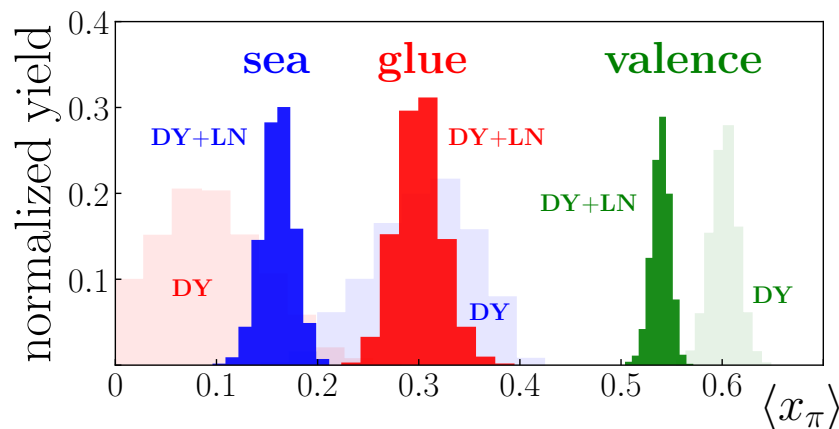
DY =  $\pi N$  Drell-Yan data  
(medium/high  $x$ )

LN = leading neutron  
electroproduction  
(low  $x$ )

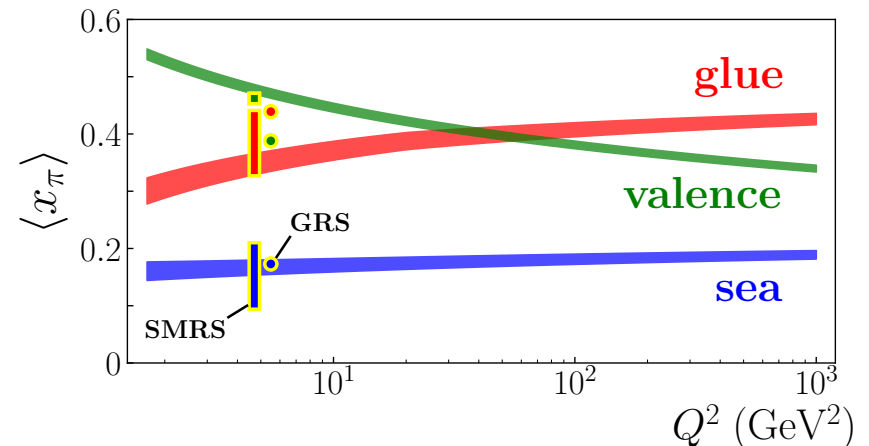


→ TDIS!

- Larger gluon fraction in the pion than without LN constraint



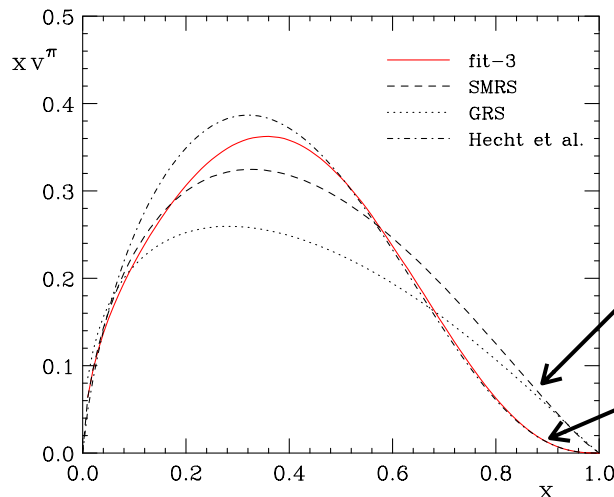
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# PDFs in the pion

- $x \rightarrow 1$  behavior of pion PDF is controversial:  $\sim (1-x)$  or  $(1-x)^2$  ?

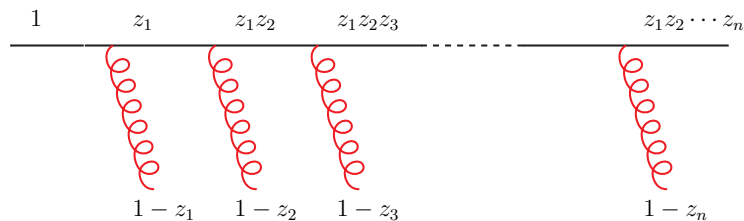


*Aicher, Schafer, Vogelsang (2010)*

no resummation: more consistent with  $\sim (1-x)$

with resummation: more consistent with  $\sim (1-x)^2$

- Hard scattering coefficient function kinematically enhanced when  $z \rightarrow 1$  because of gluon emissions



*Barry, Sato, Ji, WM (2020)*

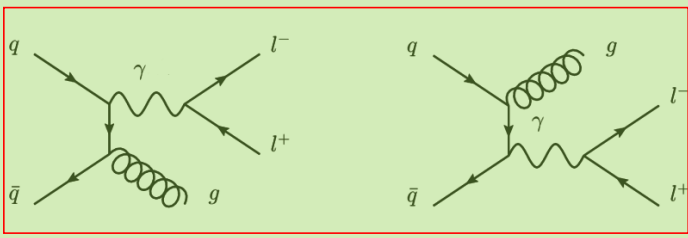
→ effect of resummation on phenomenology?

# Resummation in a nutshell

- Next to leading order, real gluon emissions

Real emissions

$$C_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{real}} = \frac{C_F \alpha_S}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\delta(y) + \delta(1-y)}{2} \left[ (1+z^2) \left( \frac{1}{1-z} \ln \frac{Q^2(1-z)^2}{\mu^2 z} \right)_+ + 1-z \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} y(1-y) \right] \left[ \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{y} \right]_+ + \left[ \frac{1}{1-y} \right]_+ \right) - 2(1-z) \right] \right]$$



- Plus distributions come from subtraction procedure of collinear singularities
- When  $z \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\log(1-z)$  can be large and potentially spoil perturbation
  - Appear in all orders in a predictable manner
- Significant contributions to cross section occur in **soft gluon emissions** and follow the pattern

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{N^k LO}^{q\bar{q}} \propto \alpha_S^k \frac{\ln^{2k-1}(1-z)}{1-z} + \dots$$

# Resummation in a nutshell

- Phase space needs to be broken up and factorized
- A convenient way to do this is by **Mellin transforms**

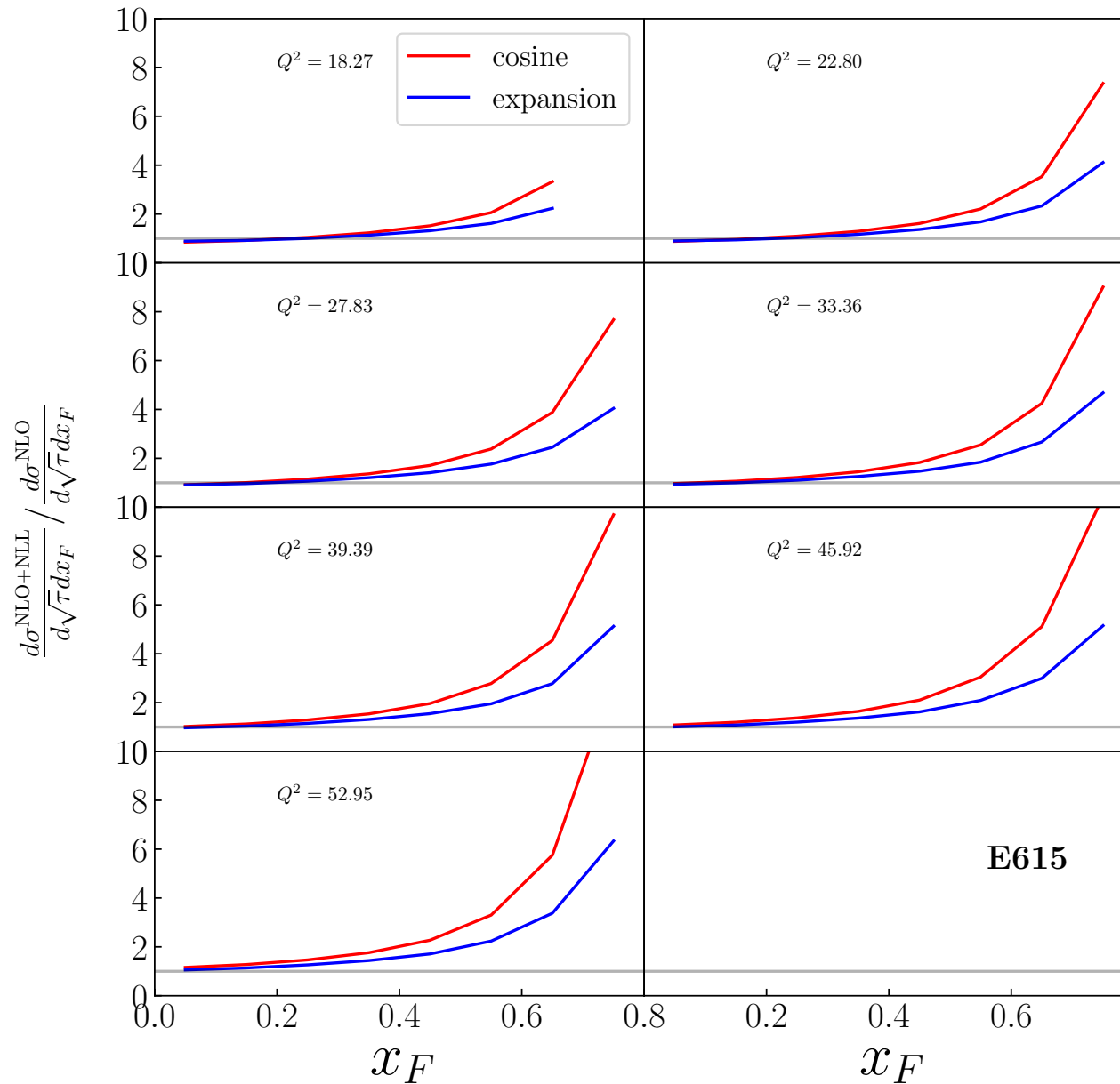
$$\log(1 - z) \rightarrow \log N$$

- Kernels will exponentiate in Mellin space

Subtract the matching to make sure these terms are only counted once!

	<u>LL</u>	<u>NLL</u>	...	<u>N<sup>p</sup>LL</u>
LO	1	--	...	--
NLO	$\alpha_s \log(N)^2$	$\alpha_s \log(N)$	...	--
NNLO	$\alpha_s^2 \log(N)^3$	$\alpha_s^2 \log(N)^2$	...	--
...	...	...	...	...
N <sup>k</sup> LO	$\alpha_s^k \log(N)^{k+1}$	$\alpha_s^k \log(N)^k$	...	$\alpha_s^k \log(N)^{k-(p-1)}$

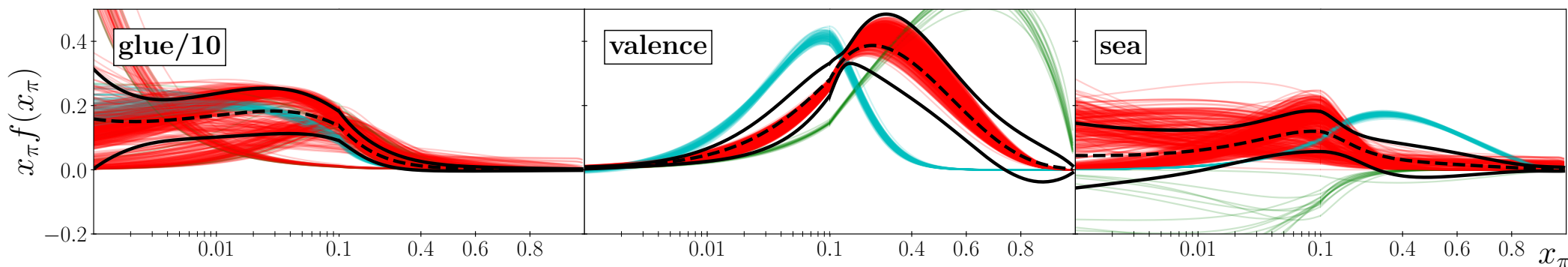
# NLL corrections



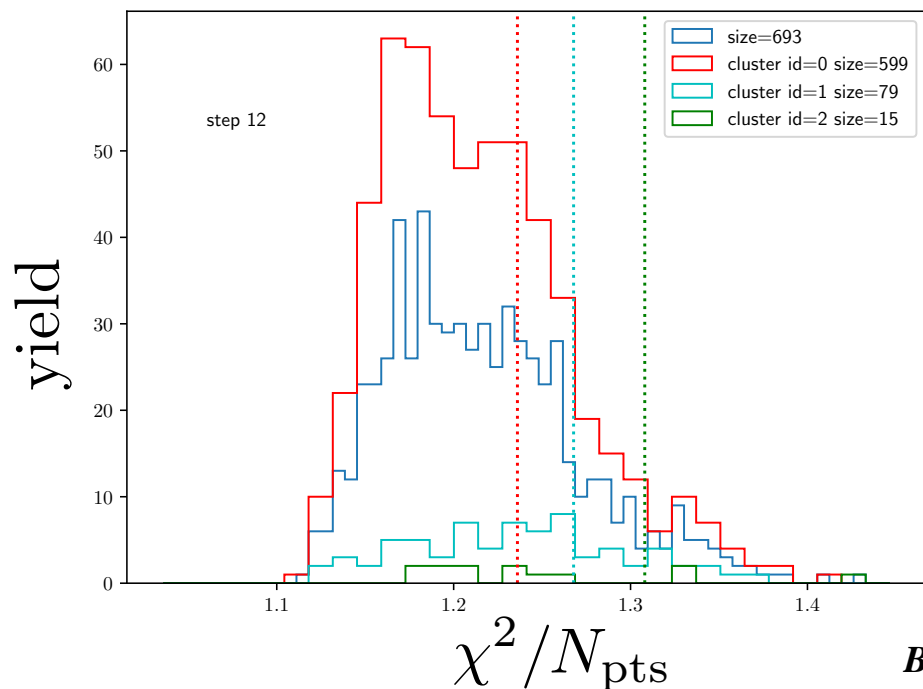
- “K-factor” = ratio of (NLO+NLL) to NLO
- large enhancement at high  $x_F$
- strong (factor  $\sim 2$ ) dependence on resummation prescription
- Aicher *et al.* used “expansion” method
- third prescription (more exact) currently in progress

Barry *et al.* (2020)

# Multiple solutions

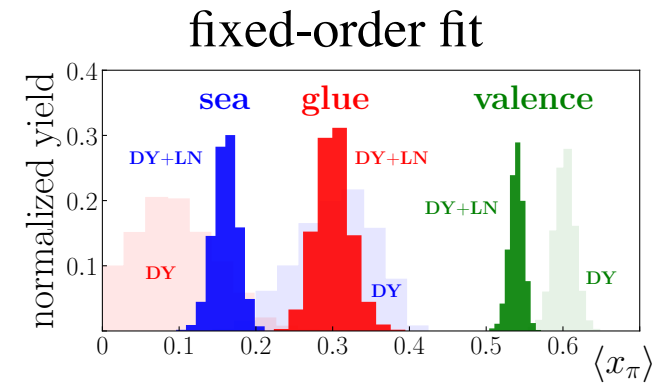
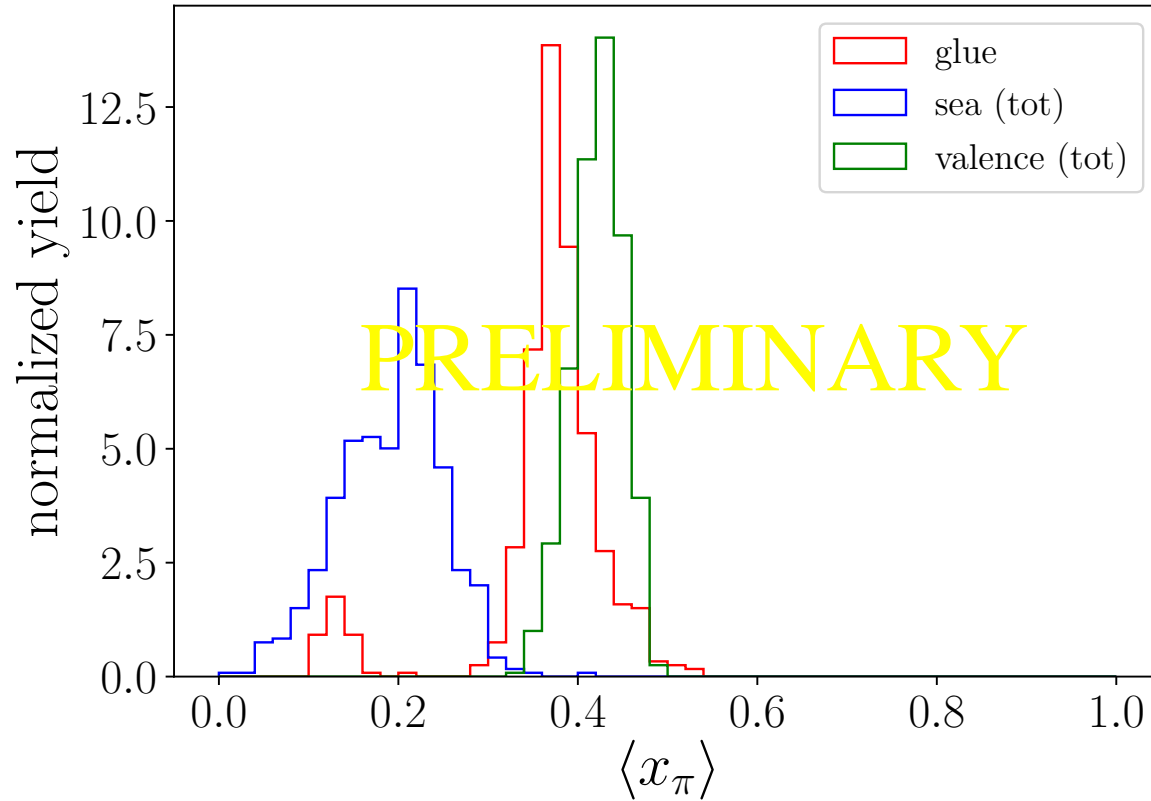


- minimal prescription for threshold resummation with cosine method
- multiple solutions appear in full fit to DY & LN data (trade-offs between valence and sea strength)



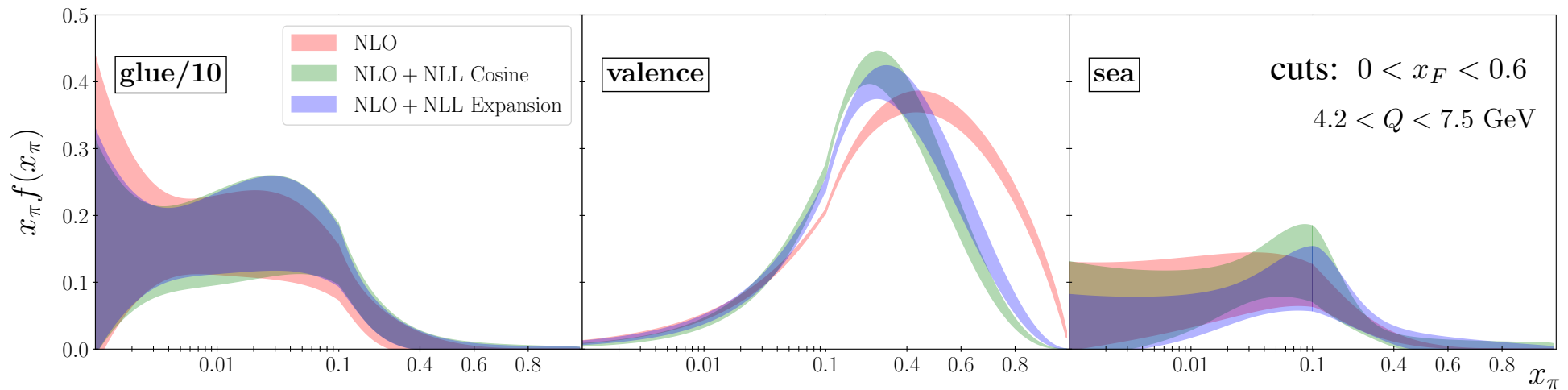
- red solutions give the better  $\chi^2$  but the other solutions are not much worse

# Momentum fractions



- gluon has higher momentum fraction ( $\sim 40\%$ ) compared with fixed-order case ( $\sim 30\%$ ) (with small second cluster at  $\sim 0.12$ )
- valence quark has lower momentum fraction ( $\sim 40\%$ ) than fixed-order ( $\sim 55\%$ )

# Pion PDFs with resummation



*Barry et al. (2020)*

- comparison of fixed-order (NLO) and resummed (NLO + NLL cosine & NLO + NLL expansion prescriptions) fit results
- both NLL prescriptions give softer valence PDF at high  $x$

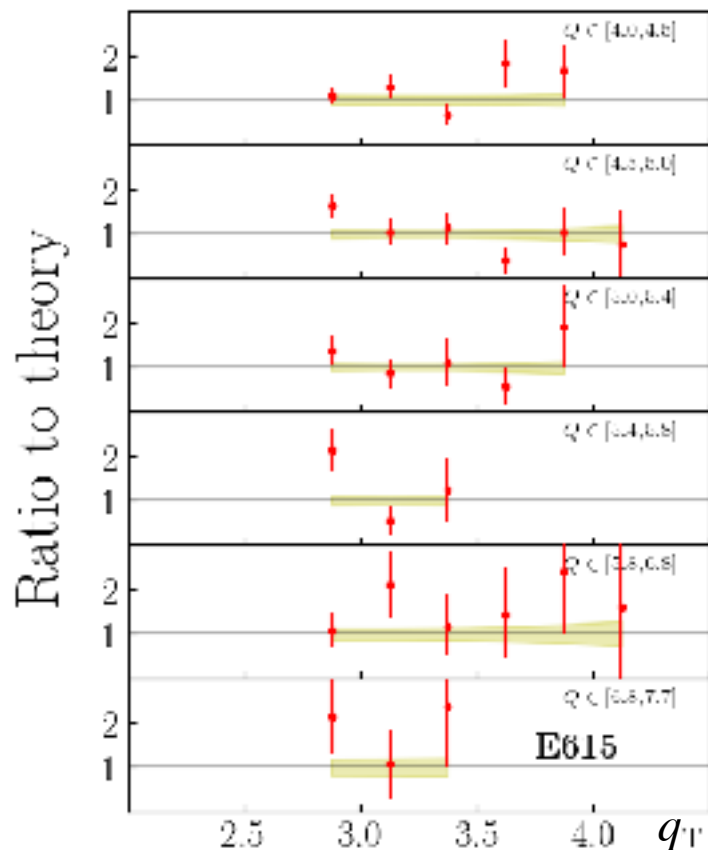
Cosine Method			
exp.	chi2	npts	chi2/npts
H1 (LN)	22.07	58	0.38
ZEUS (LN)	72.75	50	1.46
E615 (DY)	72.19	55	1.31
NA10 (DY)	48.97	36	1.36
NA10 (DY)	27.85	20	1.39
<b><u>total</u></b>	<b><u>243.82</u></b>	<b><u>219</u></b>	<b><u>1.11</u></b>

Expansion Method			
exp.	chi2	npts	chi2/npts
H1 (LN)	21.93	58	0.38
ZEUS (LN)	74.39	50	1.49
E615 (DY)	57.77	55	1.05
NA10 (DY)	26.58	36	0.74
NA10 (DY)	15.29	20	0.76
<b><u>total</u></b>	<b><u>195.96</u></b>	<b><u>219</u></b>	<b><u>0.89</u></b>

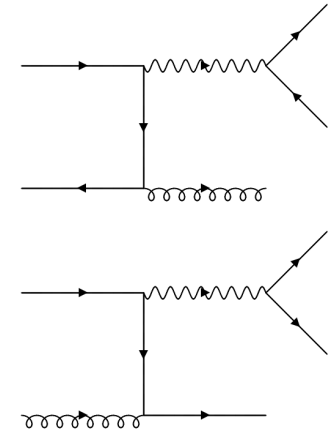
# Transverse momentum dependence

- New analysis examines whether large- $q_T$  DY data can be simultaneously described with  $q_T$ -integrated DY + HERA LN data

→ large- $q_T$  photon requires hard gluon to recoil against  
— sensitivity to gluon PDF in pion at high  $x$



Nina Cao et al. (2020)



- first time that one has been able to describe  $q_T$  spectra ( $q_T > 2.9$  GeV) spectra in terms of collinear PDFs!
- open path to pion TMD studies



# Outlook

- We have a systematic way of describing flavor asymmetries in the proton in terms of chiral symmetry properties of QCD!
- Consistent description requires simultaneously fitting pion PDFs to Drell-Yan and leading neutron ( $\rightarrow$  leading proton) data
  - $\rightarrow$  map out pion structure from low  $x$  to high  $x$
- Full analysis with threshold resummation almost complete
  - $\rightarrow$  insights into high- $x$  pion PDFs
- Extend analysis to incorporate transverse momentum
  - $\rightarrow$  pion PDFs (“3-d structure”)
- Framework easily extended to kaon structure, when data available