
Unraveling the 3D structure of the pion

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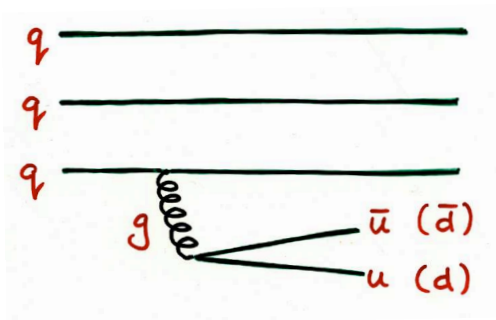
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Outline

- Motivation(s) for studying pion structure
- Simultaneously fit pion PDFs to Drell-Yan and “leading neutron” DIS data
 - first constraints on gluon & sea quark PDFs at low x
- Global QCD analysis with threshold resummation
 - high- x pion PDFs: supports $\sim (1-x)$ behavior large x
- Impact of lattice QCD data
- Extend analysis to incorporate transverse momentum
 - large p_T — sensitivity to gluon PDF at high x
 - small p_T — pion TMDs
- Outlook

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

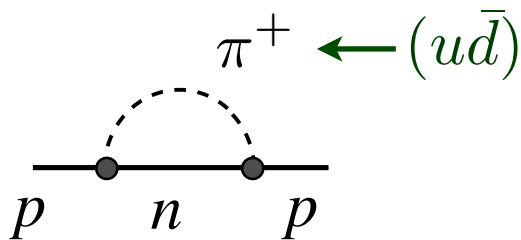


→ since u and d quarks nearly degenerate, expect flavor-symmetric light-quark sea

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

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”)

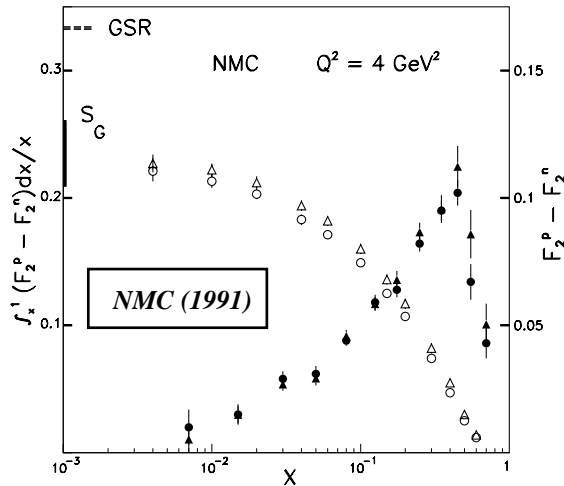


$$\rightarrow \bar{d} > \bar{u}$$

Thomas (1984)

Sea of the proton

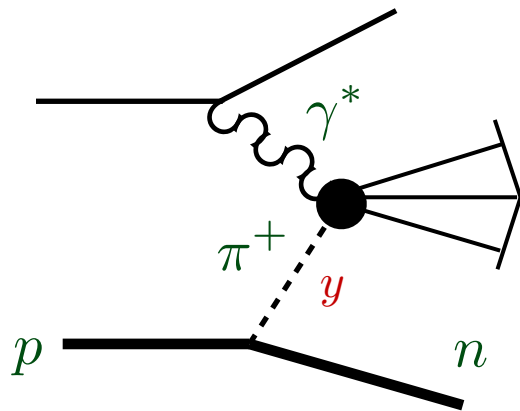
- First clear experimental support for $\bar{d} \neq \bar{u}$ came from measurement of Gottfried sum observed by NMC



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

→ violation of “Gottfried sum rule”

- Sullivan process — DIS from pion cloud of the nucleon



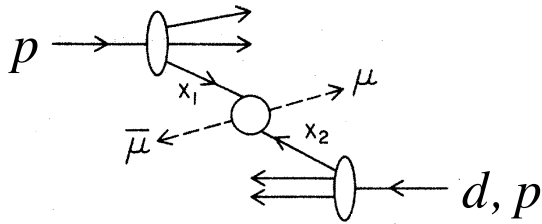
Sullivan (1972)

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

$p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ splitting function (“flux factor”) computed from chiral effective theory

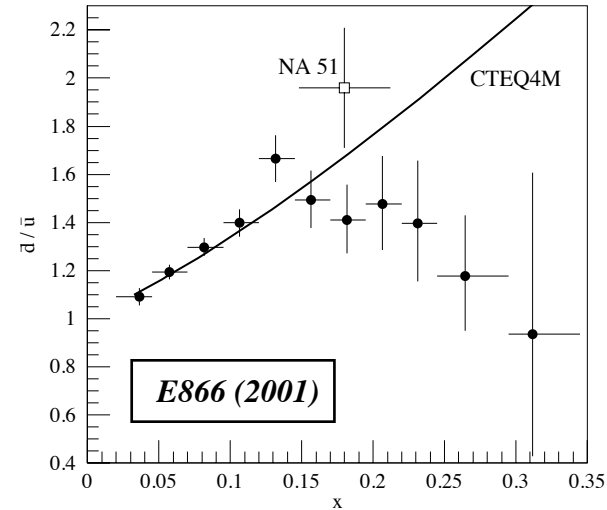
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- x dependence of $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ asymmetry established in Fermilab E866 pp/pd Drell-Yan experiment



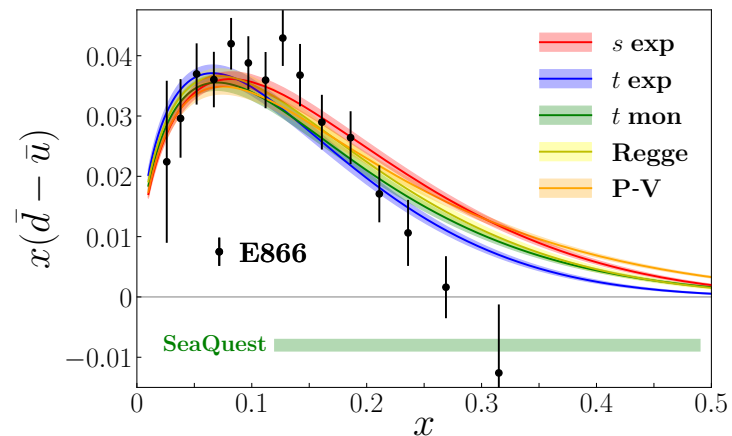
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2) + (x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2)$$

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



→ data can be well described within chiral EFT / pion cloud framework

→ need to know pion PDF!



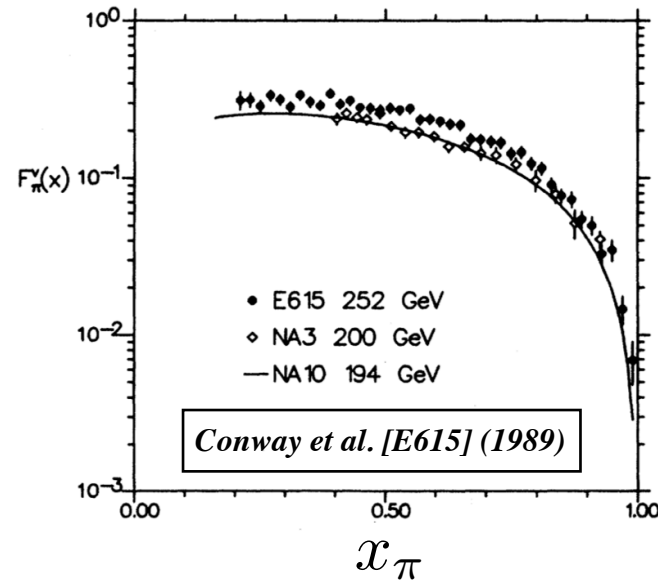
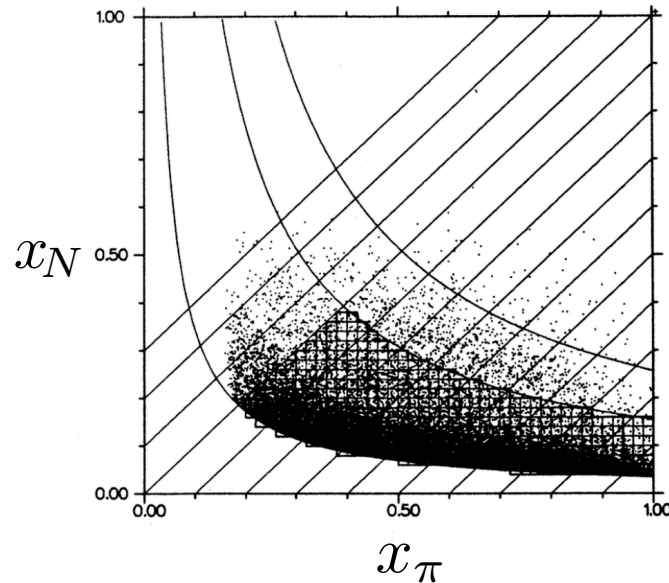
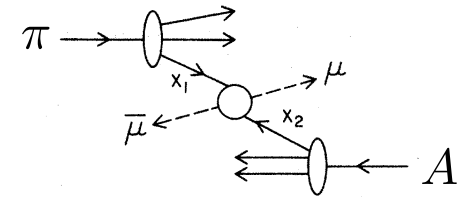
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PDFs in the pion — Drell-Yan

PDFs in the pion difficult to study experimentally

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

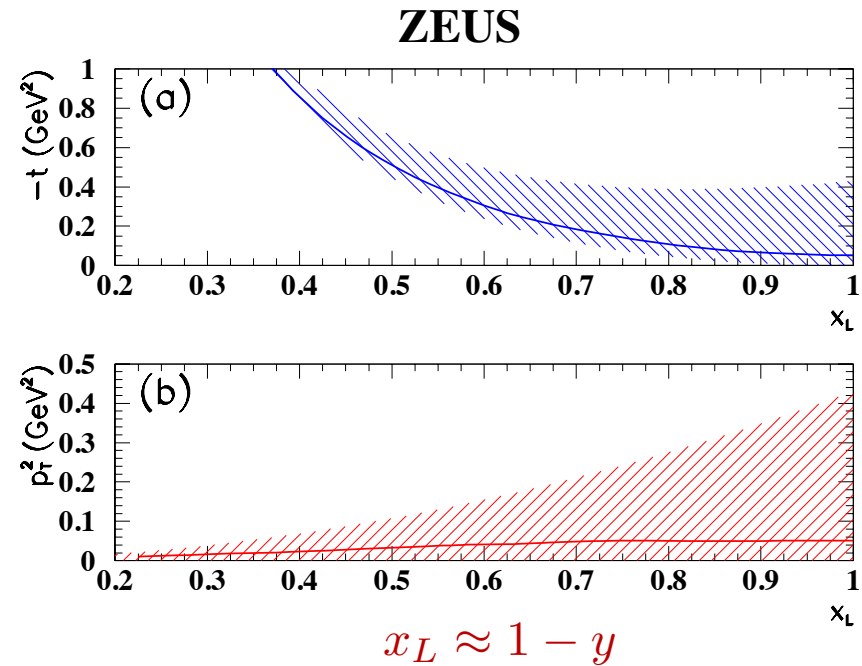
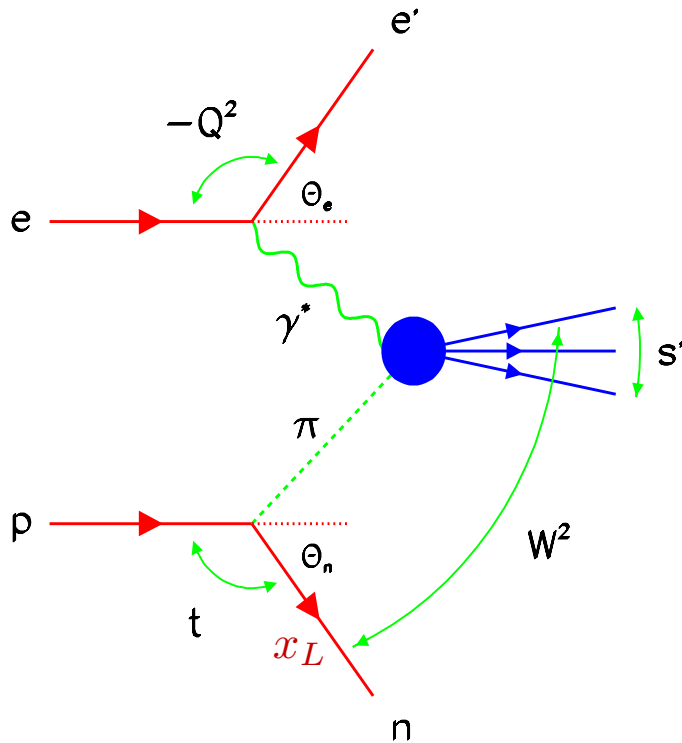
→ constrains valence PDFs at $x \gg 0$



... but pion sea quark & gluon PDFs at small x unconstrained

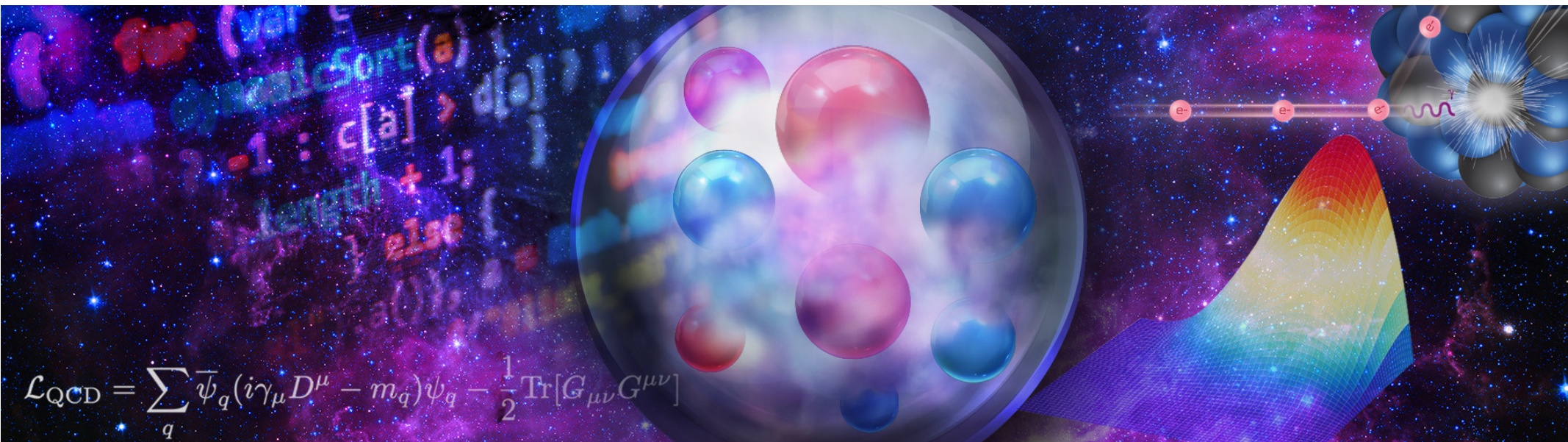
PDFs in the pion — leading neutrons

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



- can data be described within Sullivan process?
- first simultaneous fit performed by JAM Collaboration

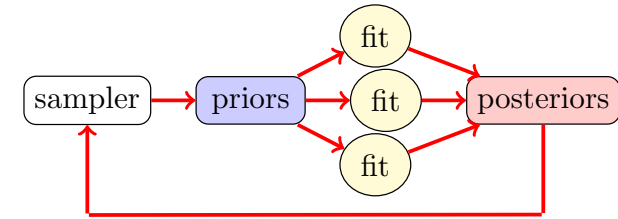
Global QCD analysis



JAM global QCD analysis

■ Theoretical framework

- collinear factorization (NLO)
- iterative Monte Carlo
- Bayesian sampling of parameter space



■ Traditional functional form for PDFs

$$f(x) = N x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta P(x)$$

polynomial, neural net, ...

→ iterate until convergence
(posteriors = priors)

■ “Bayesian master formulas” for expectation values and variances for \mathcal{O} with parameters \vec{a}

$$E[\mathcal{O}] = \int d^n a \mathcal{P}(\vec{a}|\text{data}) \mathcal{O}(\vec{a})$$

probability distribution

$$V[\mathcal{O}] = \int d^n a \mathcal{P}(\vec{a}|\text{data}) [\mathcal{O}(\vec{a}) - E[\mathcal{O}]]^2$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\vec{a}|\text{data}) \propto \mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\vec{a}) \pi(\vec{a})$$

likelihood
function

prior
distribution

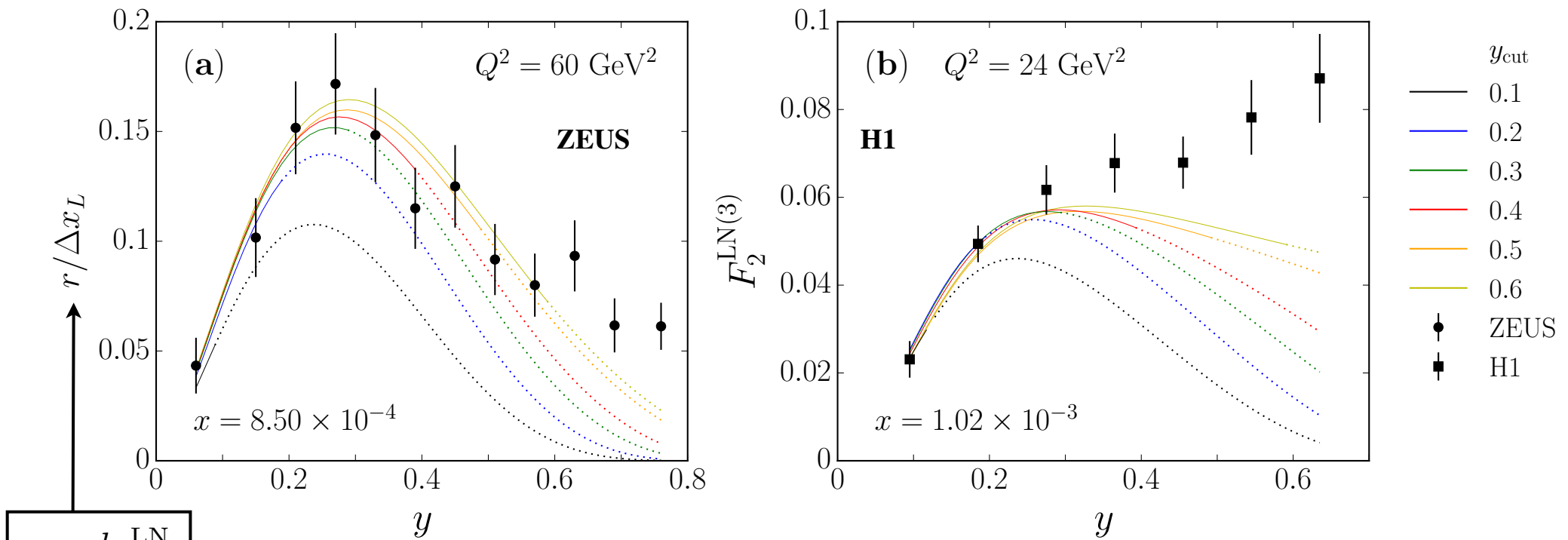
$$\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\vec{a}) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \chi^2(\vec{a}) \right]$$

Impact of leading neutrons

- Measured LN differential cross section (integrated over p_T)

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

$2f_{\pi N}(y) F_2^\pi(x/y, Q^2)$ for π exchange

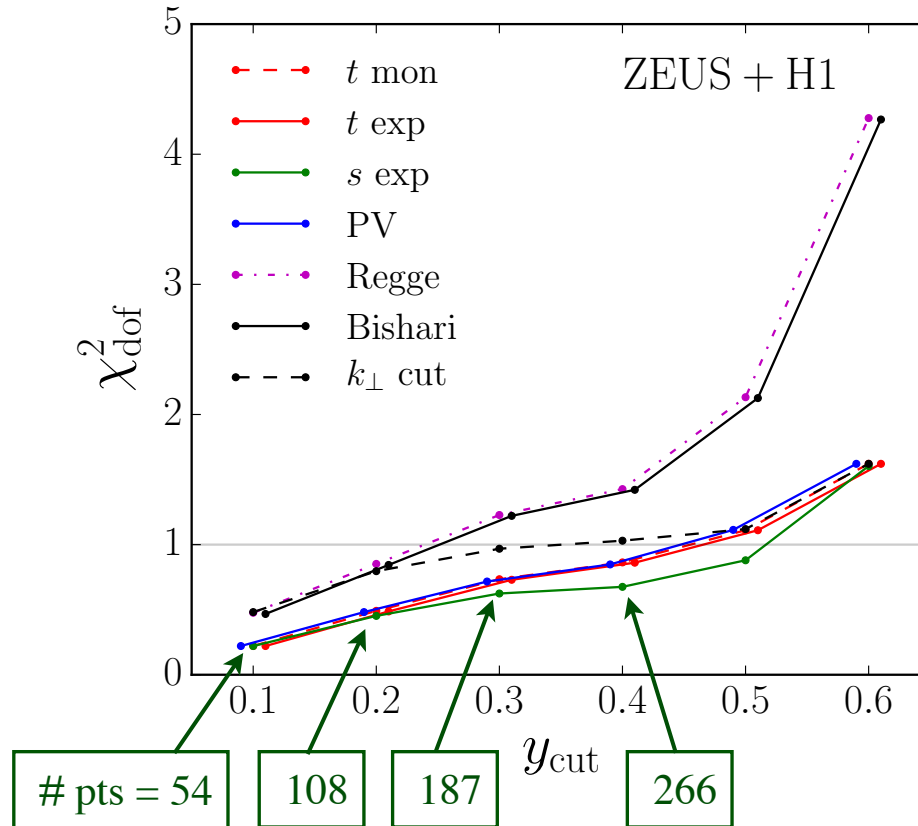


$$r = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{LN}}}{d\sigma^{\text{inc}}}$$

- quality of fit depends on range of y fitted
- expect more non-pionic contributions at larger y

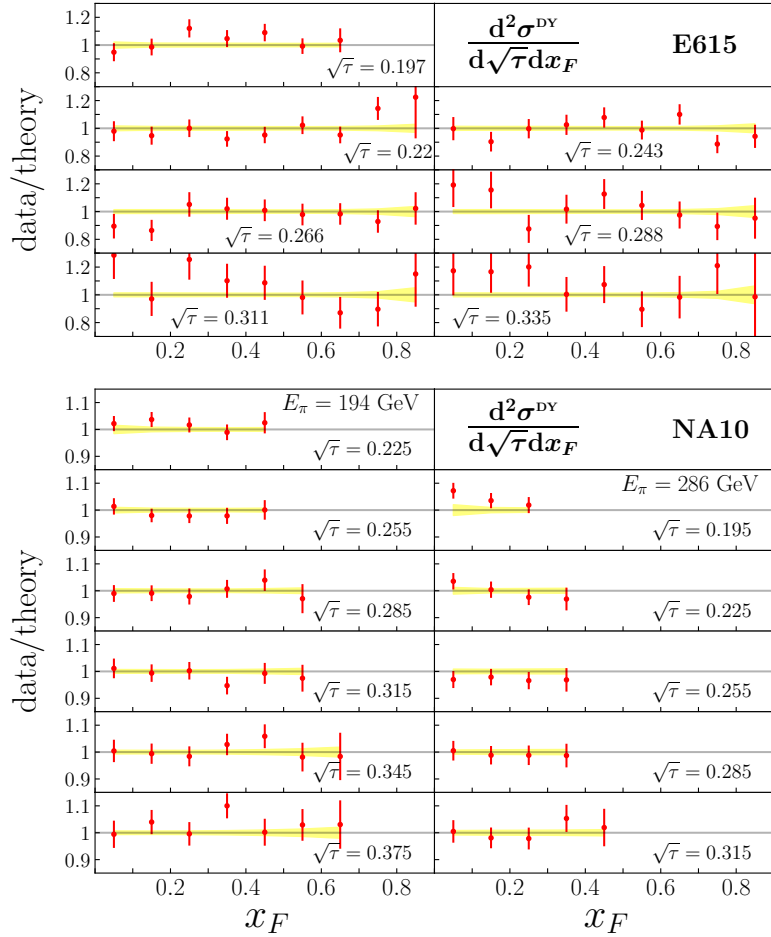
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■ Combined fit to HERA LN and Drell-Yan data

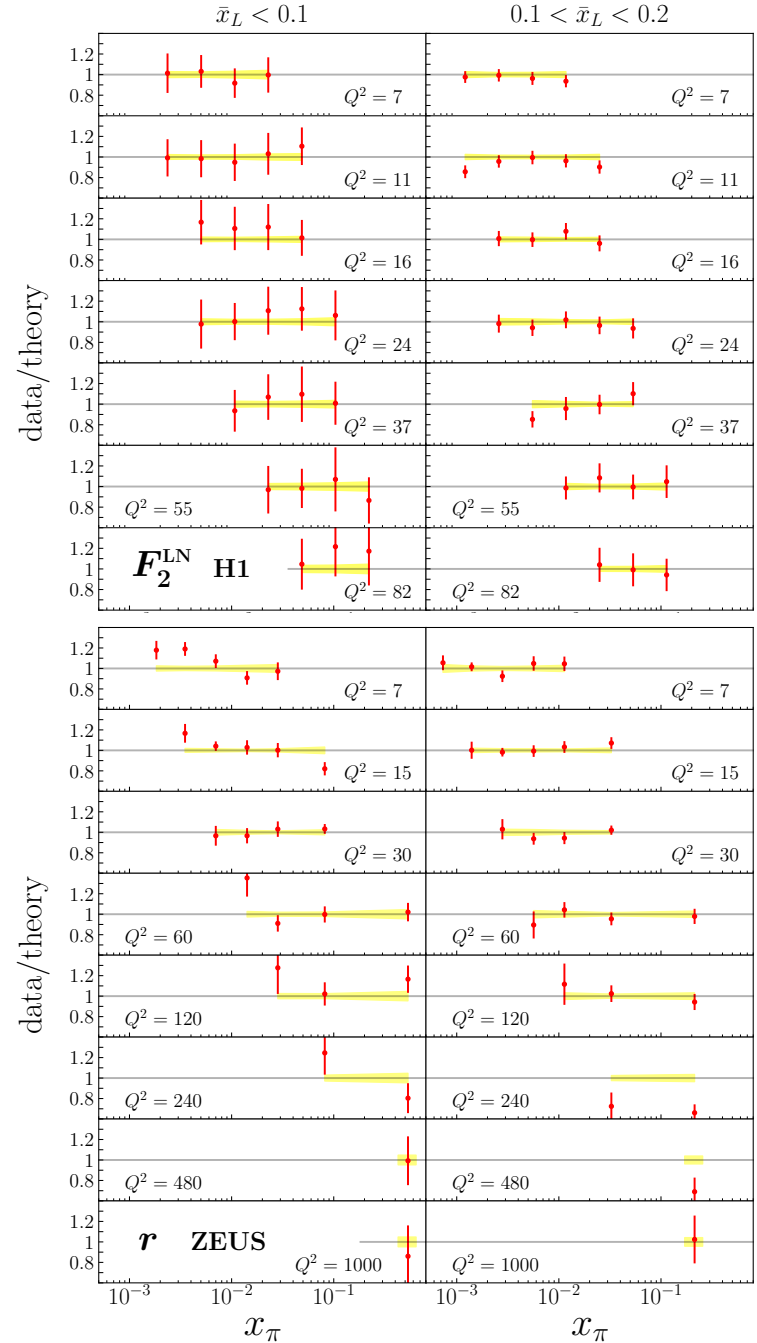


→ optimize χ^2_{dof} with maximum number of points that can be described

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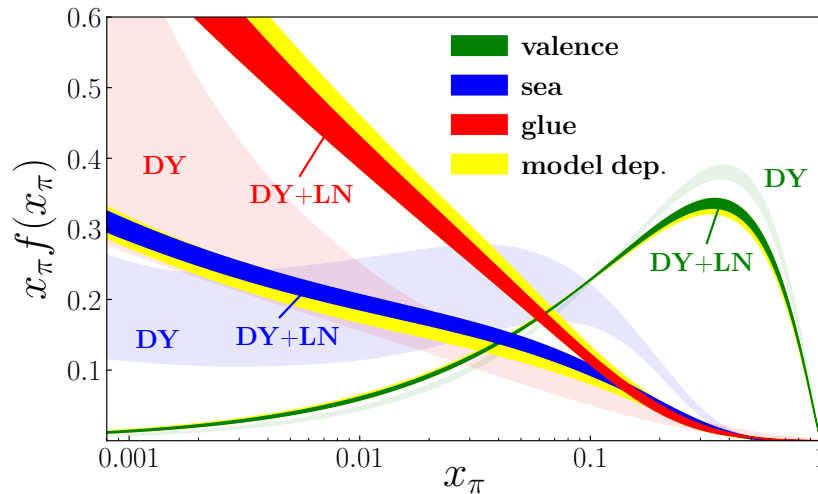
Process	Experiment (observables)	N_{dat}	χ^2_{dat}	n_e
DY	E615 (x_F, Q)	61	0.85	1.08
	NA10 (194 GeV) (x_F, Q)	36	0.52	0.88
	NA10 (286 GeV) (x_F, Q)	20	0.78	0.83
	E615 (Q, p_T)	34	1.08	0.83
	E615 (x_F, p_T)	49	0.85	0.50
LN	H1	58	0.38	1.26
	ZEUS	50	1.51	0.95
Total		308	0.85	



$$\bar{x}_L = 1 - x_L = y$$

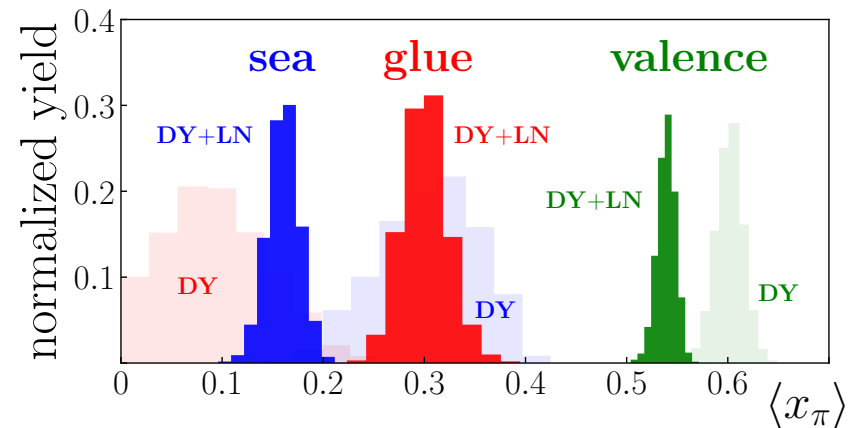
Impact of leading neutrons

- MC analysis combining pQCD with chiral EFT to fit πN Drell-Yan + leading neutron electroproduction data from HERA

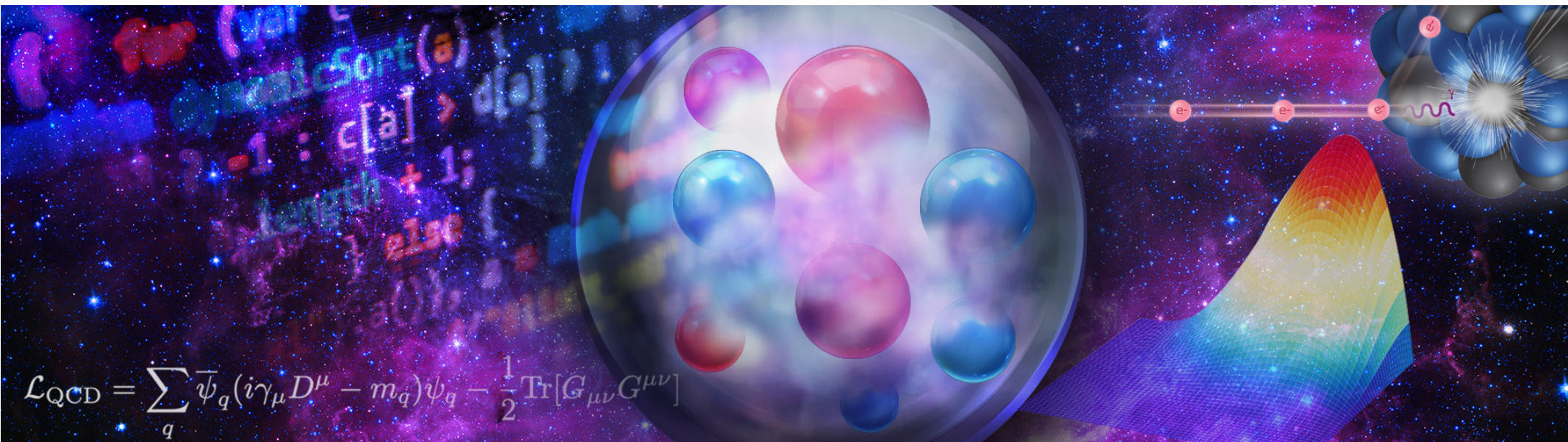


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- significant reduction of glue and sea quark PDF uncertainties
- larger gluon fraction in the pion than without LN constraint

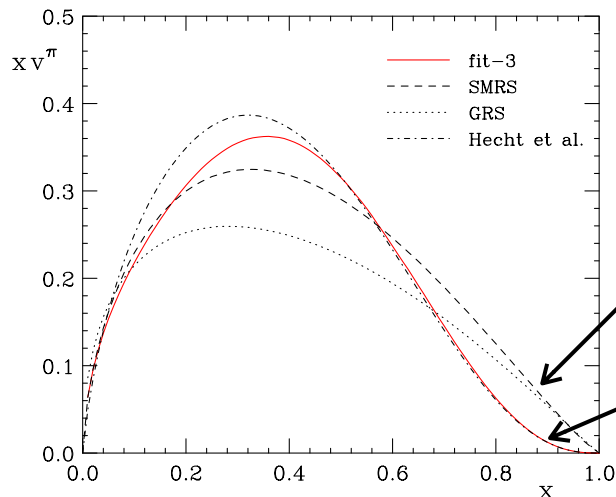


Large- x resummation



Pion PDFs with threshold resummation

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

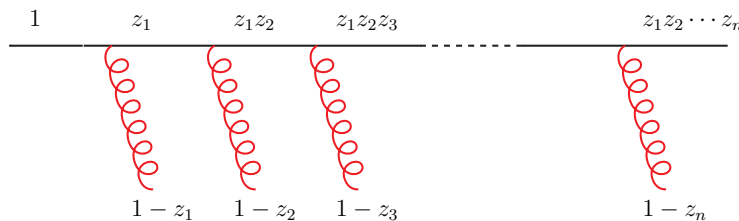


Aicher, Schafer, Vogelsang (2010)

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 (soft) gluon emissions



→ effect of resummation on phenomenology?

Pion PDFs with threshold resummation

Two ways to construct Mellin moments of differential cross section

→ Mellin-Fourier

Mukherjee, Vogelsang (2006)
Bolzoni (2006)
Bonvini, Forte, Ridolfi (2011)

$$\sigma_{\text{MF}}(N, M) \equiv \int_0^1 d\tau \tau^{N-1} \int_{\log \sqrt{\tau}}^{\log \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}}} dY e^{iMY} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\tau dY}$$

$\tau = Q^2/s$ $x_{\pi,A}^0 = \sqrt{\tau} e^{\pm Y}$

→ double Mellin

Westmark, Owens (2017)
Lustermans, Michel, Tackmann (2019)

$$\sigma_{\text{DM}}(N, M) \equiv \int_0^1 dx_{\pi}^0 (x_{\pi}^0)^{N-1} \int_0^1 dx_A^0 (x_A^0)^{M-1} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\tau dY}$$

For MF method, Fourier transform of threshold $\log \delta(\hat{Y} - \frac{1}{2} \log(x_{\pi}/x_A))$ gives factor $\cos(M \log(1/\sqrt{z}))$

→ expand cosine $\cos \rightarrow 1$

“expansion method”

$$\hat{Y} = Y - \frac{1}{2} \log(x_{\pi}/x_A)$$

$$z = Q^2/x_{\pi}x_A S$$

→ keep cosine factor

“cosine method”

used in Aicher, Schafer, Vogelsang (2010) analysis

Pion PDFs with threshold resummation

Deriving resummation expressions – MF

Claim: yellow terms give rise to the resummation expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{q\bar{q}}}{e_q^2} = & \delta(1-z) \frac{\delta(y) + \delta(1-y)}{2} \left[1 + \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \left(\frac{3}{2} \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu_f^2} + \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - 4 \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\delta(y) + \delta(1-y)}{2} \left[(1+z^2) \left[\frac{1}{1-z} \ln \frac{M^2(1-z)^2}{\mu_f^2 z} \right]_+ + 1-z \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} y(1-y) \right] \left[\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \left(\left[\frac{1}{y} \right]_+ + \left[\frac{1}{1-y} \right]_+ \right) - 2(1-z) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Claim: Red terms are power suppressed in $(1-z)$ and don't contribute to the same order as the yellow terms

Generalized threshold resummation

Rewrite the (z, y) coefficients in terms of (z_a, z_b) , and for the red term:

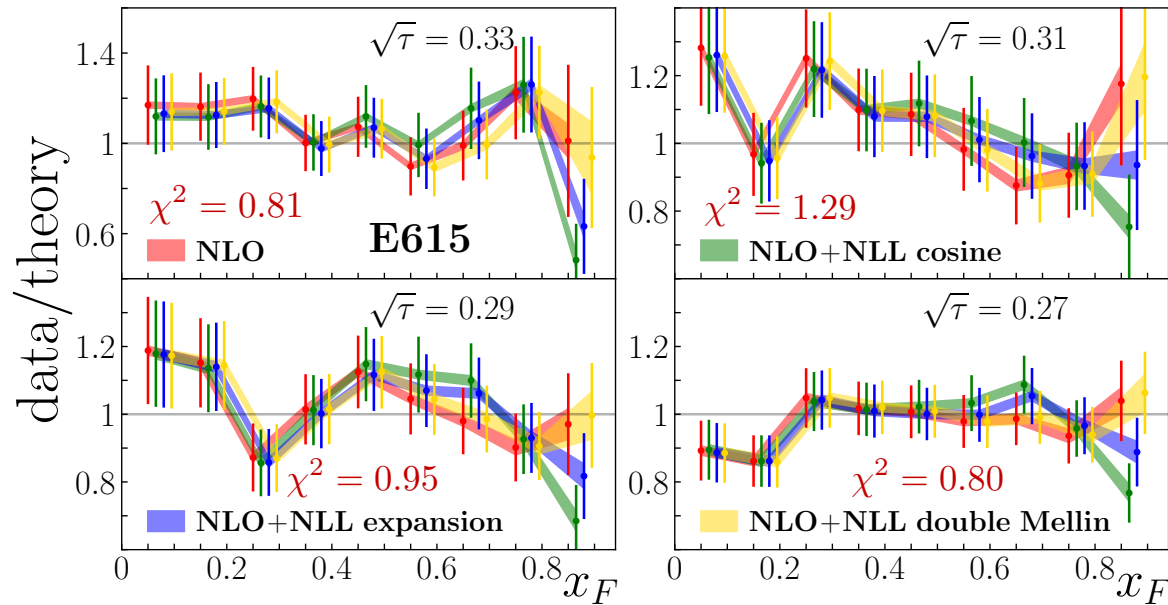
$$z_{a,b} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau} e^{\pm Y}}{x_{a,b}}$$

$$dz dy \frac{1}{1-z} \left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{1-y} \right) = dz_a dz_b \frac{1}{(1-z_a)(1-z_b)} [1 + \mathcal{O}(1-z_a, 1-z_b)].$$

This is *not* power suppressed in $(1-z_a)$ or $(1-z_b)$ - cannot disentangle (z, y)

Double Mellin method, however, includes these terms

Pion PDFs with threshold resummation



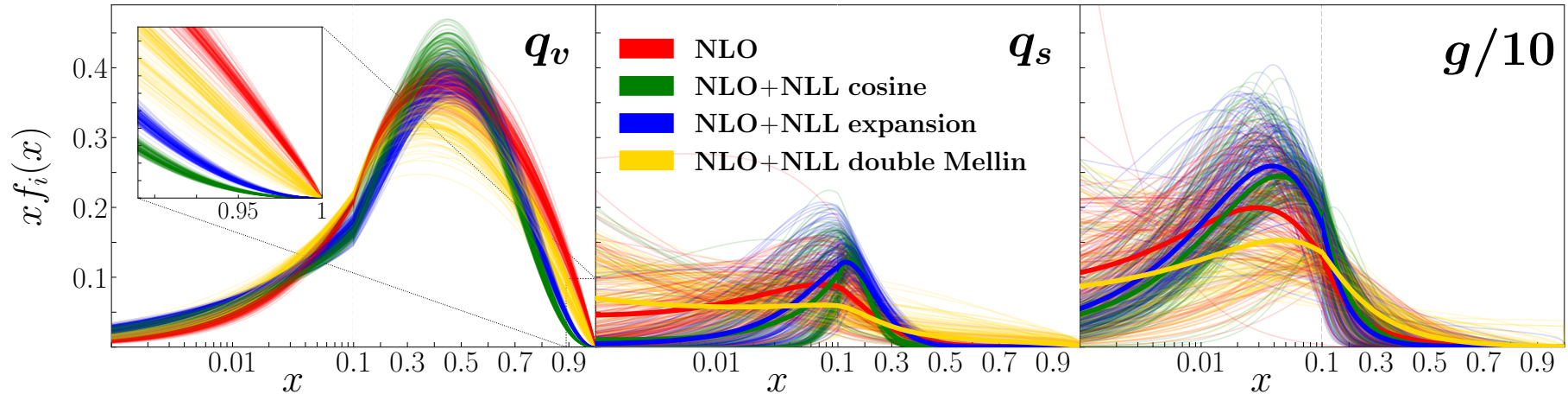
→ good fits to data for most resummation methods (slightly worse for “cosine” method)

→ valence quarks give $\sim 5\%$ momentum fractions to gluons after resummation (for all methods)

resummation method	$\langle x \rangle_v$	$\langle x \rangle_s$	$\langle x \rangle_g$
NLO	0.53(2)	0.14(4)	0.34(6)
NLO+NLL cosine	0.47(2)	0.14(5)	0.39(6)
NLO+NLL expansion	0.46(2)	0.16(5)	0.38(6)
NLO+NLL double Mellin	0.46(3)	0.15(7)	0.40(5)

Pion PDFs with threshold resummation

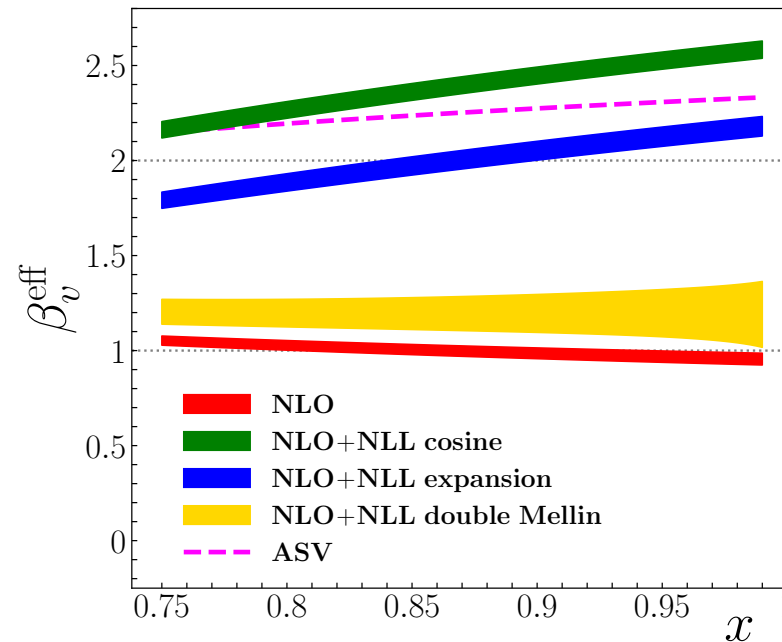
→ redistribution of x dependence



→ effective exponent

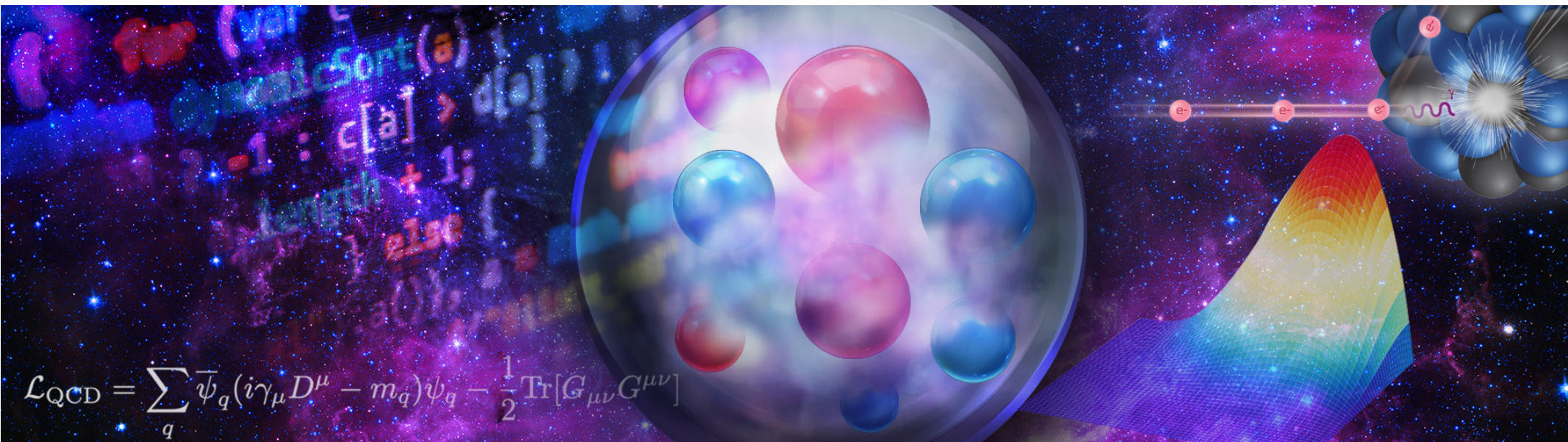
$$\beta_v^{\text{eff}}(x, Q) = \frac{\partial \log |q_v(x, Q)|}{\partial \log(1-x)}$$

→ double Mellin method (theoretically preferred) gives similar results to fixed-order NLO — more consistent with $\beta_v^{\text{eff}} \sim 1$



Barry, Ji, Sato, WM
PRL 127, 232001 (2021)

Impact of lattice QCD data



Pseudo Ioffe-time distributions

■ Reduced pseudo Ioffe-time distribution

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(0, z^2)}$$

UV divergences cancel in ratio

where $\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{1}{2p^0} \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^0 \mathcal{W}(z; 0) \psi(z) | p \rangle$

loffe time $\nu = p \cdot z$

gauge link of length z

Radyushkin
PRD 96, 034025 (2017)

■ Factorization of Rp-ITD via OPE into PDF and hard coefficient function

$$\text{Re}\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx q_v(x, \mu_{\text{lat}}) \mathcal{C}^{\text{Rp-ITD}}(x\nu, z^2, \mu_{\text{lat}}) \longleftarrow \text{leading twist}$$

$$+ z^2 B_1(\nu) + \frac{a}{|z|} P_1(\nu) + e^{-m_\pi(L-z)} F_1(\nu) + \dots$$

power corrections

lattice spacing

finite volume

Pseudo Ioffe-time distributions

■ Lattice data from JLab HadStruc collaboration

→ isotropic clover Fermion action

ID	a (fm)	m_π (MeV)	β	$L^3 \times T$	p_1 (MeV)
a127m413	0.127(2)	413(4)	6.1	$24^3 \times 64$	406(6)
a127m413L	0.127(2)	413(5)	6.1	$32^3 \times 96$	305(5)

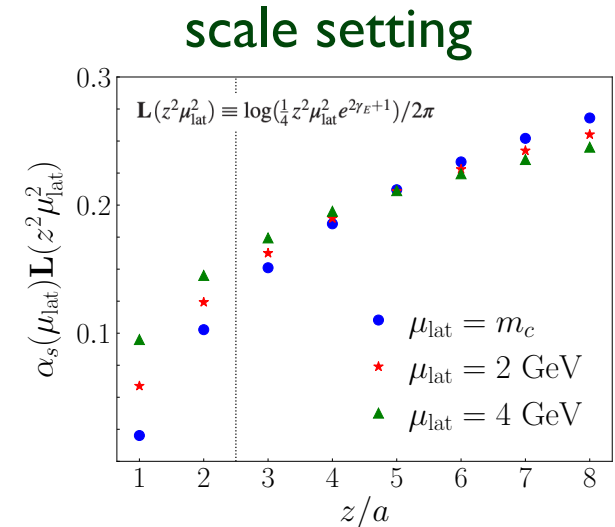
Sufian et al., PRD 102, 054508 (2020)

■ Explore several scenarios

→ “A” experiment only

→ “B” experiment + lattice (leading twist only)

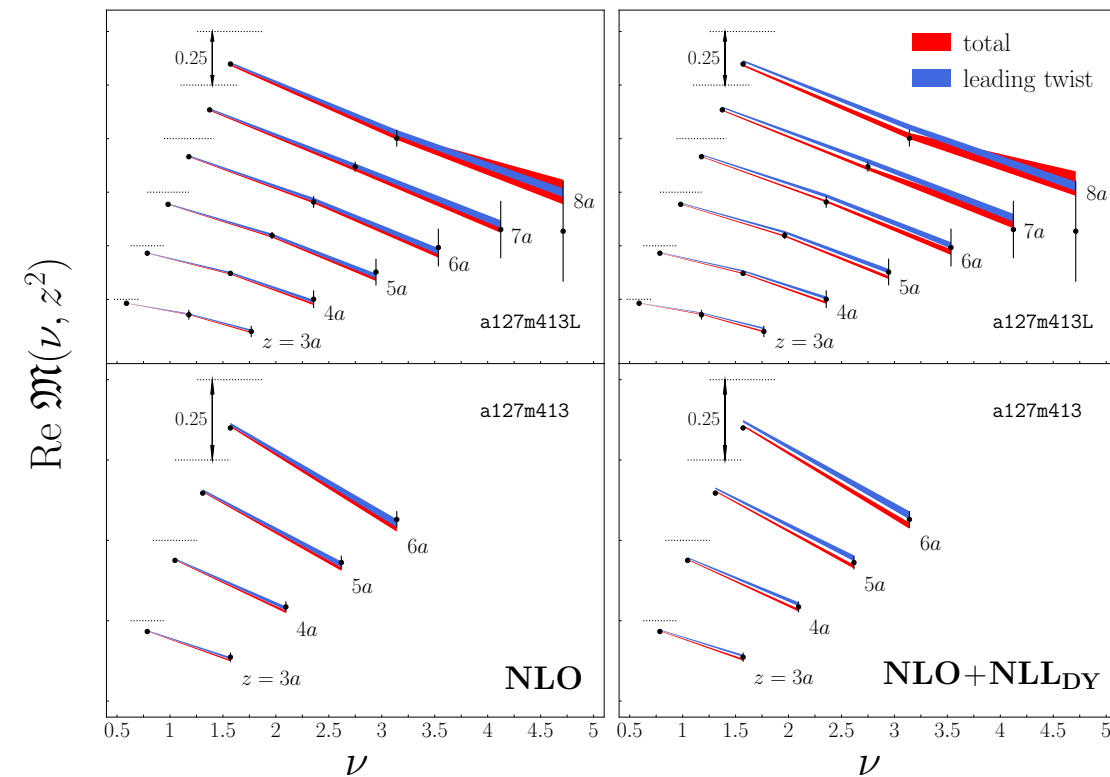
→ “C” experiment + lattice (full fit)



Process	Experiment	N_{dat}	Scenario A		Scenario B		Scenario C	
			NLO	+NLL _{DY}	NLO	+NLL _{DY}	NLO	+NLL _{DY}
			$\bar{\chi}^2$		$\bar{\chi}^2$		$\bar{\chi}^2$	
DY	E615	61	0.84	0.82	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.82
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LN	H1	58	0.36	0.35	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.37
	ZEUS	50	1.56	1.48	1.62	1.69	1.59	1.62
Rp-ITD	a127m413L	18	1.04	1.06	1.05	1.04
	a127m413	8	1.98	2.63	1.00	1.18
Total		251	0.82	0.80	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.86

*Barry et al.,
PRD 105, 114051 (2022)*

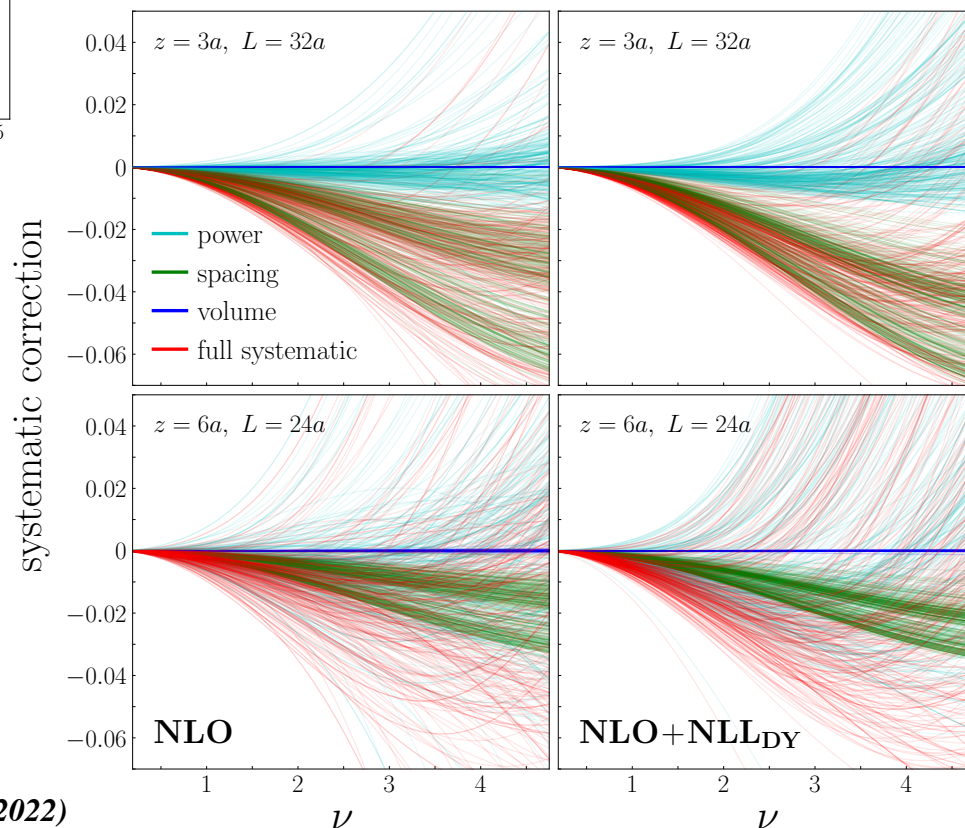
Pseudo Ioffe-time distributions



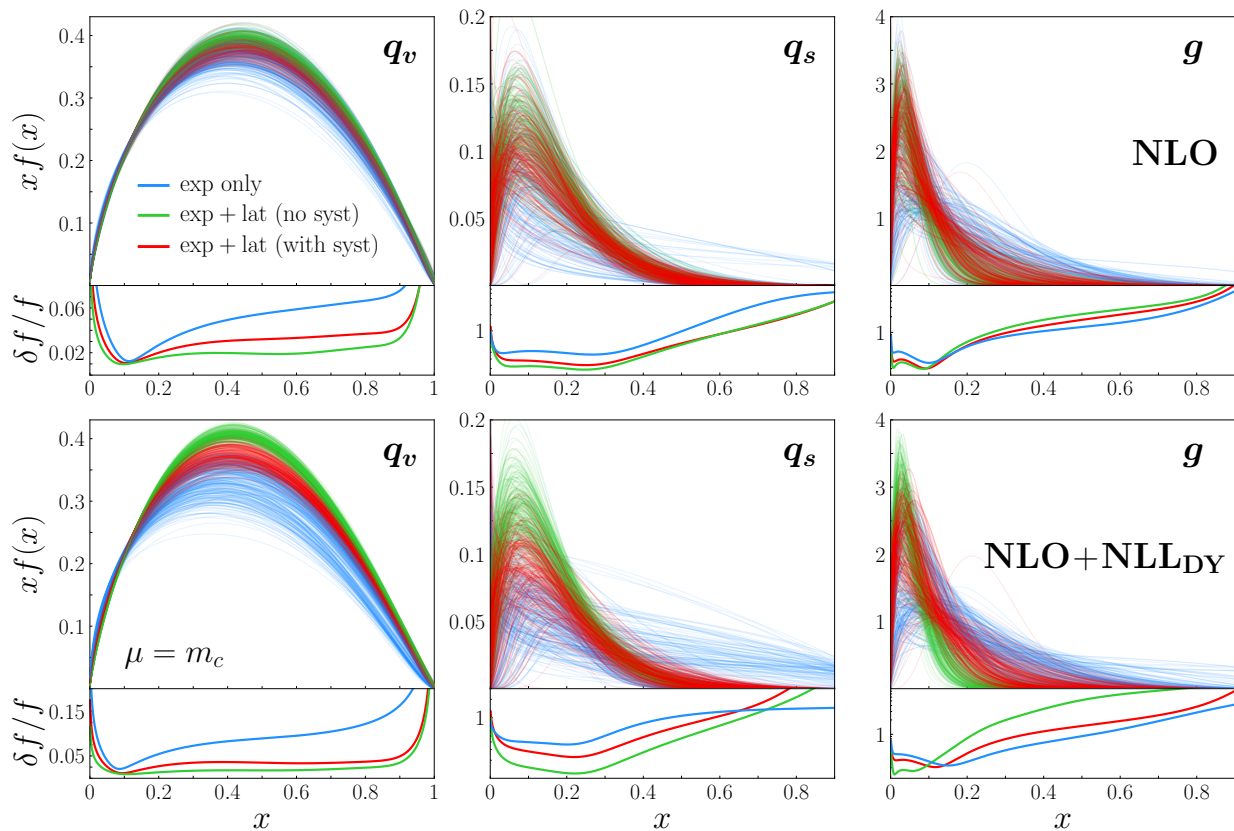
→ systematic corrections generally negative, with magnitude growing with increasing z and ν

→ systematic contributions need to be included for reliable extraction of leading twist PDFs

→ dependence on order of calculation may suggest issue with convergence of perturbative expansion



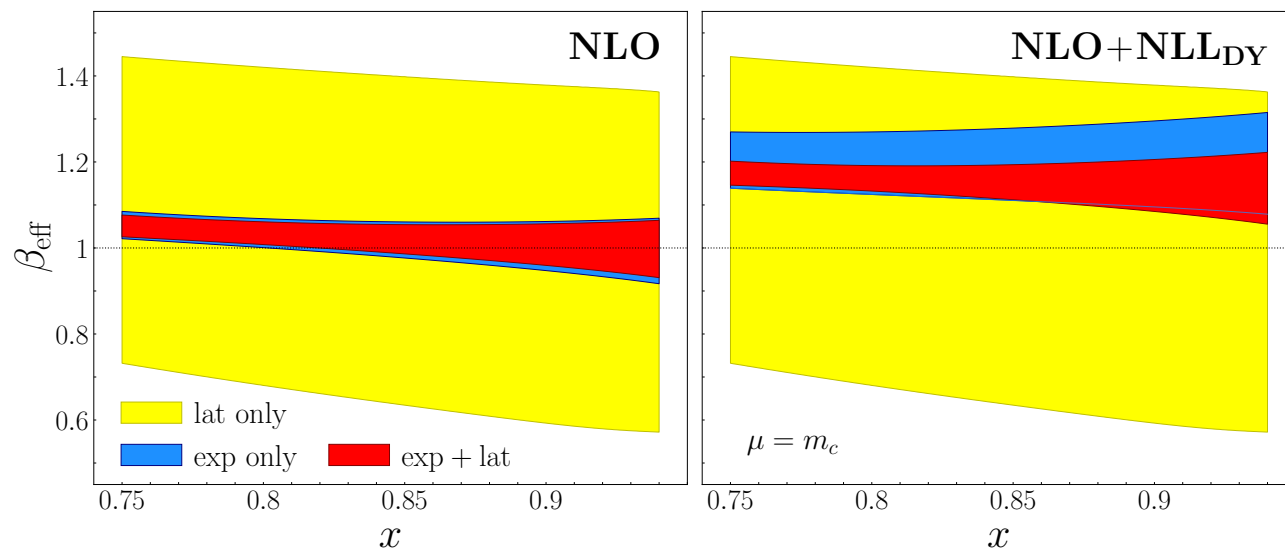
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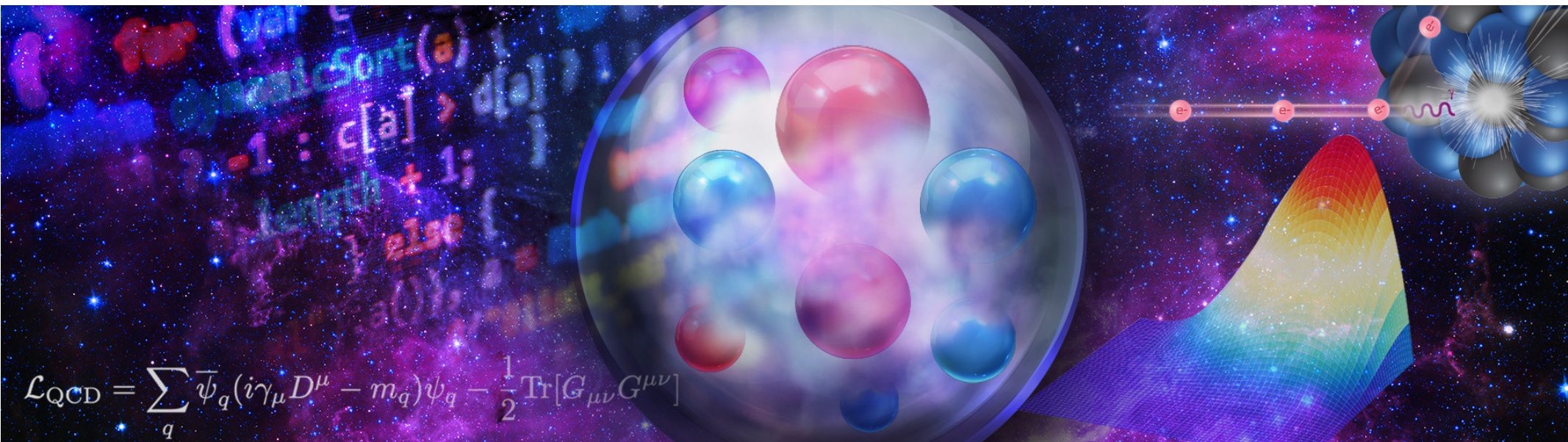
→ PDFs from “exp only” more consistent with “exp+lat” including systematic corrections

→ including lattice data reduces PDF uncertainty for quark sea and glue at high x (indirectly through momentum sum rule)

→ lattice data consistent with experiment, and with $\beta^{\text{eff}} \sim 1$



Transverse momentum

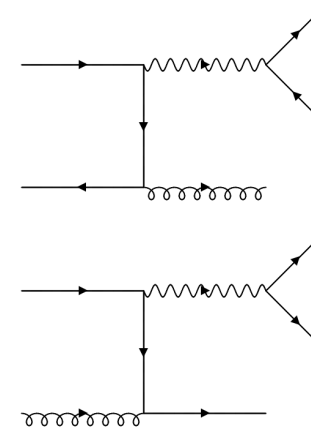


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

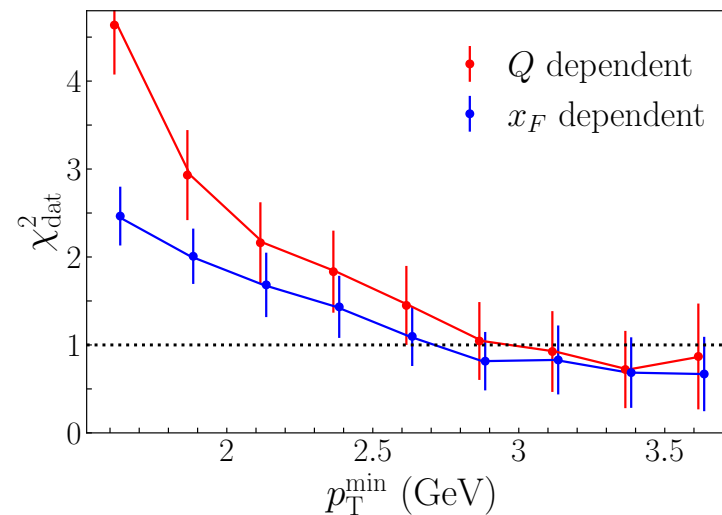
Transverse momentum dependence

- E615 also collected data differential in transverse momentum — never before included in global QCD analysis

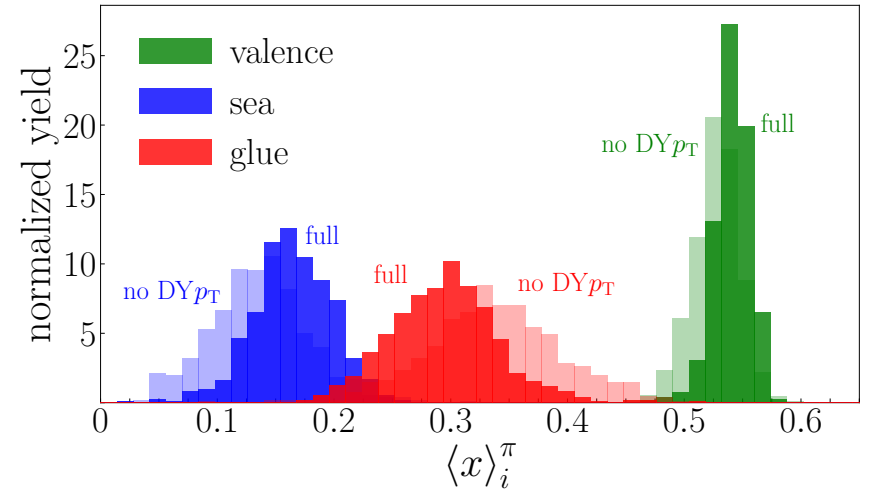
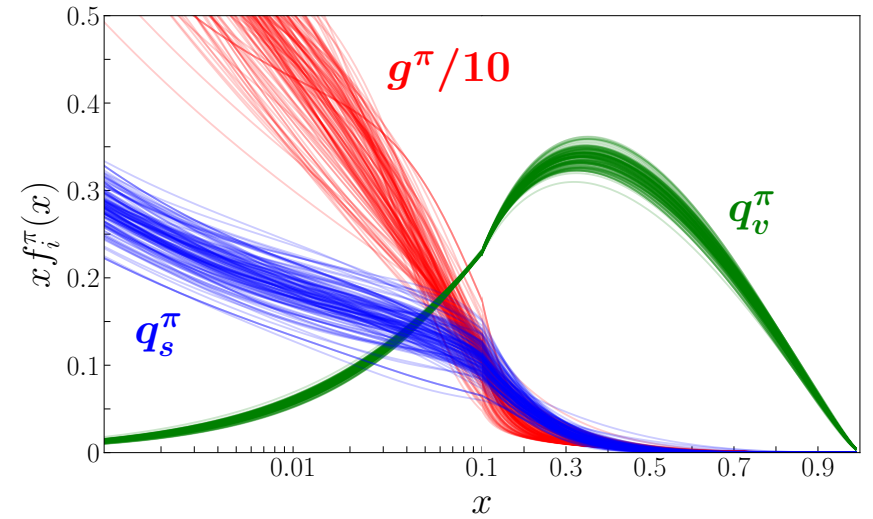
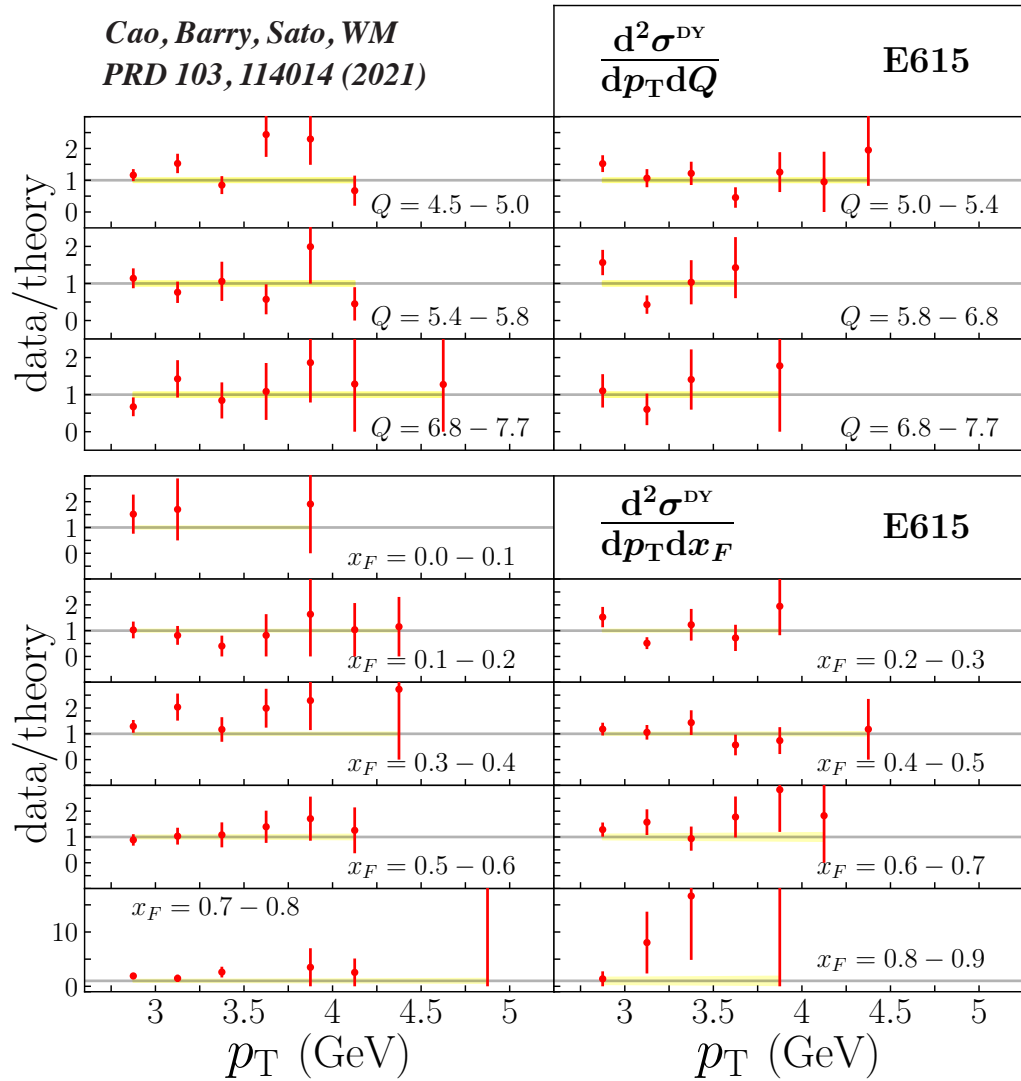
→ large- p_T photon requires hard gluon to recoil against, offering sensitivity to gluon PDF in pion at high x



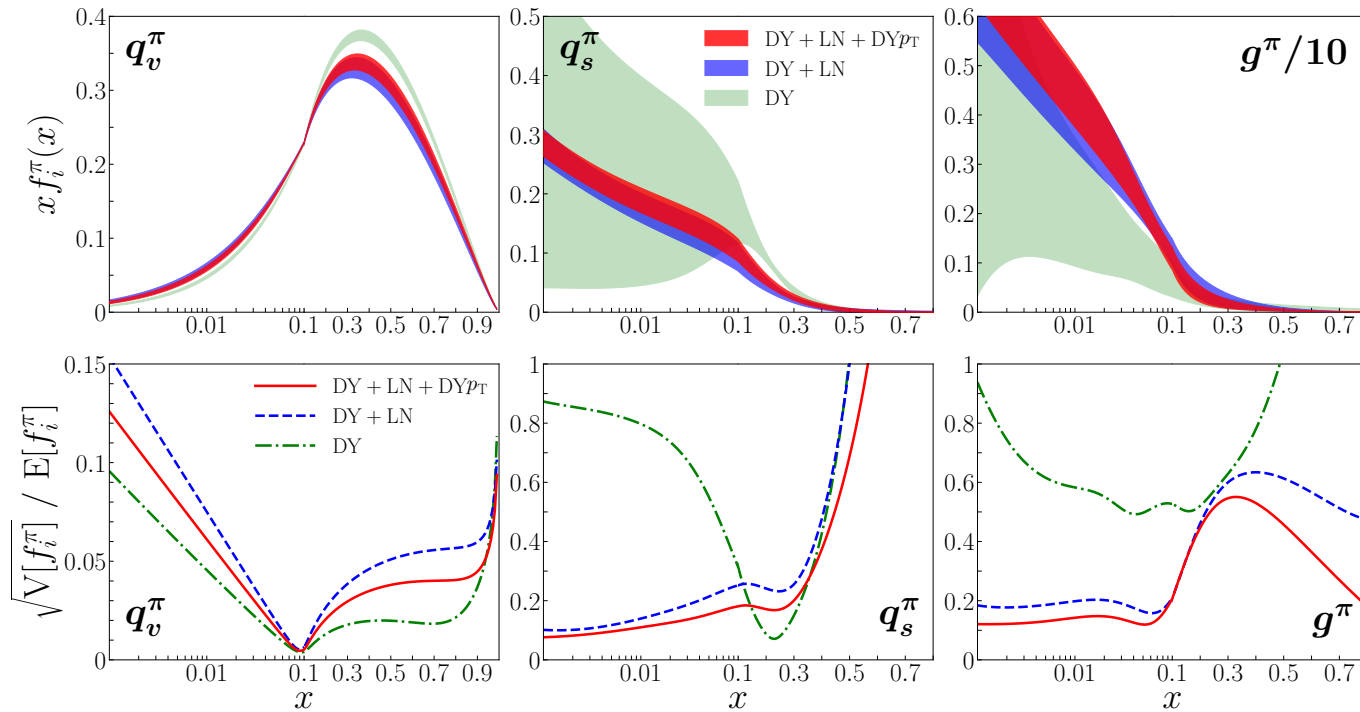
→ what is range of applicability of pQCD description of p_T distribution?



Transverse momentum dependence



Transverse momentum dependence



Cao, Barry, Sato, WM
 PRD 103, 114014 (2021)

- some reduction in gluon PDF uncertainty
 — need higher precision data
- first time that one has been able to describe p_T spectra ($p_T > 2.7$ GeV) spectra in terms of collinear PDFs
- opens path to pion TMD studies

Pion TMDs

- Unpolarized TMD PDF is k_T -space Fourier transform of light-cone correlator (with momentum P)

$$\tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(x, b_T) = \int \frac{db^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+b^-} \text{Tr}[\langle \mathcal{N} | \bar{\psi}_q(b) \gamma^+ \mathcal{W}(b, 0) \psi_q(0) | \mathcal{N} \rangle]$$

impact parameter
 $b \equiv (b^-, 0^+, \mathbf{b}_T)$

→ small- b_T behavior given in terms of collinear PDFs

- At small q_T TMD factorization allows one to write cross section as

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dQ^2 dy dq_T^2} = \sum_q \mathcal{H}_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{DY}}(Q, \mu_Q) \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{b}_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(x_{\mathcal{N}}, b_T; \mu_Q, Q^2) \tilde{f}_{\bar{q}/A}(x_A, b_T; \mu_Q, Q^2)$$

factorization scale rapidity scale

where process-independent TMD PDF is

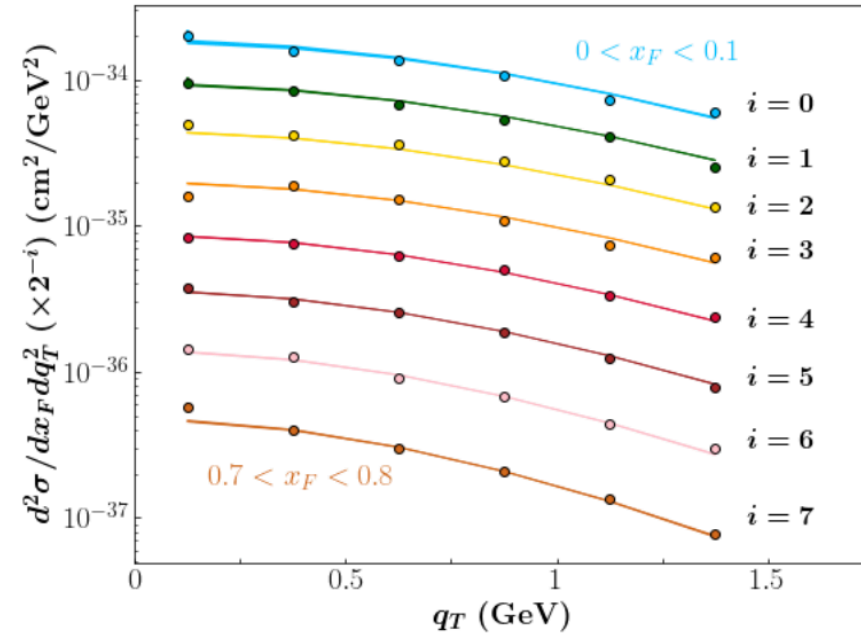
$$\tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}(A)}(x, b_T; \mu_Q, Q^2) = (C \otimes f)_{q/\mathcal{N}(A)}(x; b_*) \exp\left\{-g_{q/\mathcal{N}(A)}(x, b_T) - g_K(b_T) \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0} - S(b_*, Q, \mu_Q)\right\}$$

“ b_* prescription” $b_* = b_T / \sqrt{1 + b_T^2 / b_{\text{max}}^2}$

Pion TMDs

■ Simultaneous fit of pion collinear PDF and TMD PDF

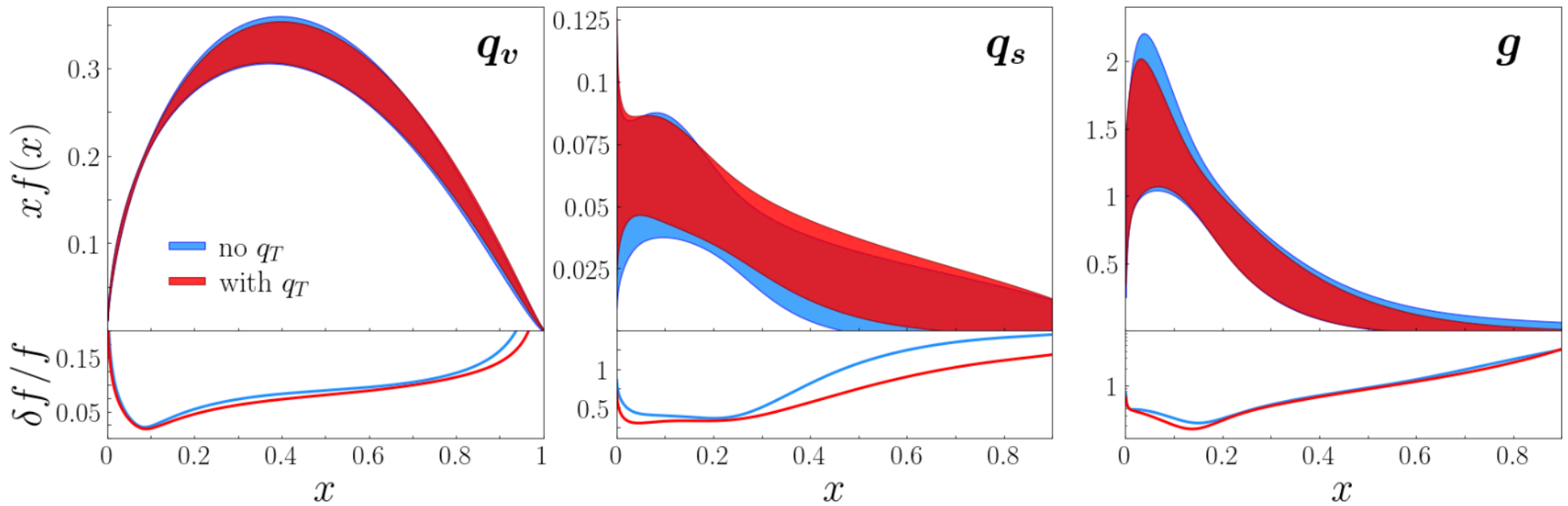
Process	Experiment	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	χ^2/N	Z-score	
TMD					
q_T -dep. pA DY	E288 [89]	19.4	0.93	0.25	
$pA \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	E288 [89]	23.8	1.33	1.54	
	E288 [89]	24.7	0.95	0.23	
	E605 [90]	38.8	1.07	0.39	
	E772 [91]	38.8	2.41	5.74	
	(Fe/Be)	E866 [92]	38.8	1.07	0.29
	(W/Be)	E866 [92]	38.8	0.89	0.11
q_T -dep. πA DY	E615 [93]	21.8	1.61	2.58	
$\pi W \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	E537 [94]	15.3	1.11	0.57	
collinear					
q_T -integr. DY	E615 [93]	21.8	0.86	0.76	
$\pi W \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$	NA10 [95]	19.1	0.54	2.27	
	NA10 [95]	23.2	0.91	0.18	
leading neutron $ep \rightarrow enX$	H1 [96]	318.7	0.36	4.61	
	ZEUS [97]	300.3	1.48	2.16	
Total			1.15	2.55	



→ ~ 600 data points (~ 400 transverse momentum dependent)

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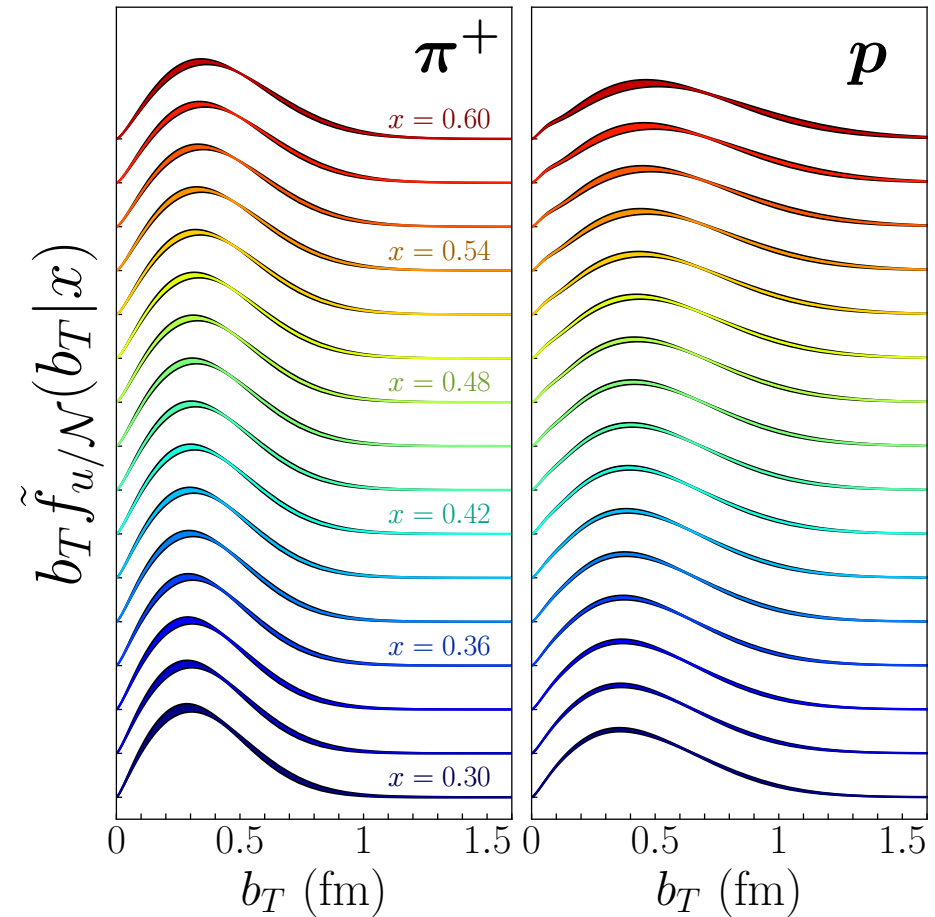
→ little impact of transverse momentum data on collinear PDFs

Pion TMDs

- From Bayes' theorem, define “conditional density” dependent on “ b_T given x ”

$$\tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(b_T|x; Q, Q^2) \equiv \frac{\tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(x, b_T; Q, Q^2)}{\int d^2\mathbf{b}_T \tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(x, b_T; Q, Q^2)}$$

- u quark in pion narrower than u quark in proton
- broadening distribution with increasing x



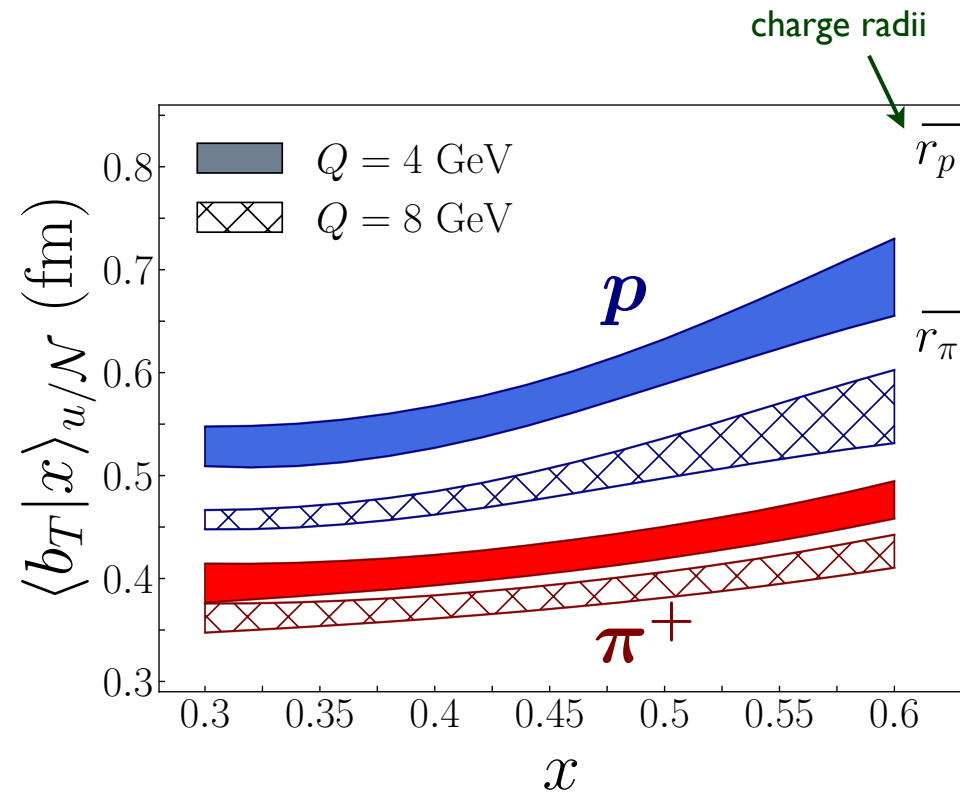
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■ Transverse separation of quarks in pion

→ conditional average b_T of quark q in hadron \mathcal{N}

$$\langle b_T | x \rangle_{q/\mathcal{N}} = \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_T b_T \tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(b_T | x; Q, Q^2)$$

→ on average, find $\sim 20\%$ reduction of u -quark transverse correlations in pions relative to protons (at $\sim 5\sigma - 7\sigma$ level)

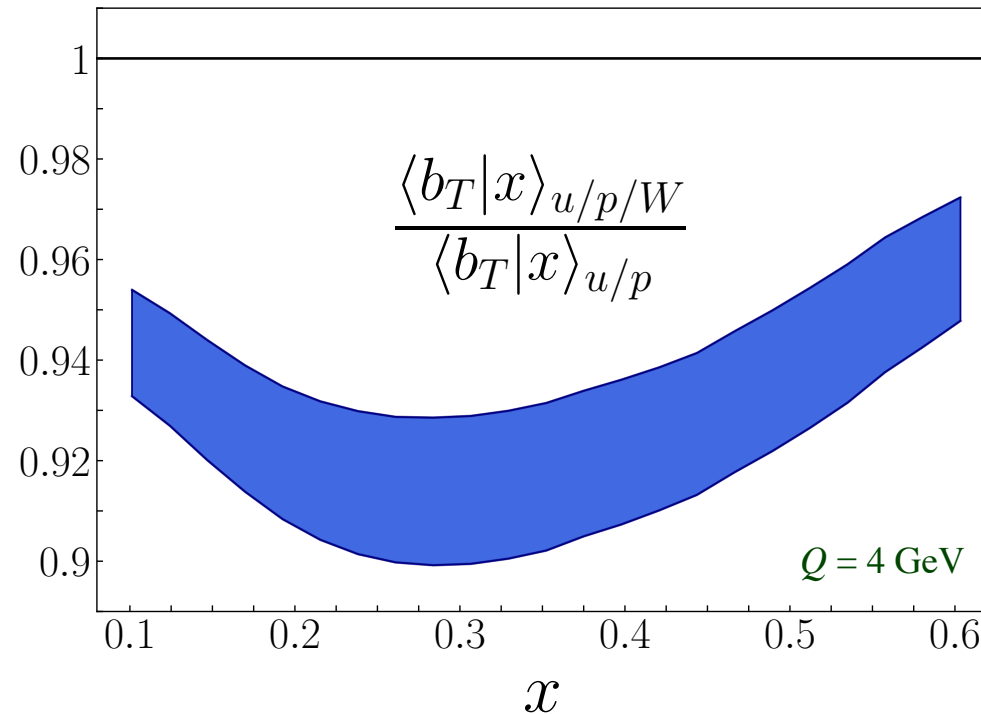


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■ Transverse EMC effect

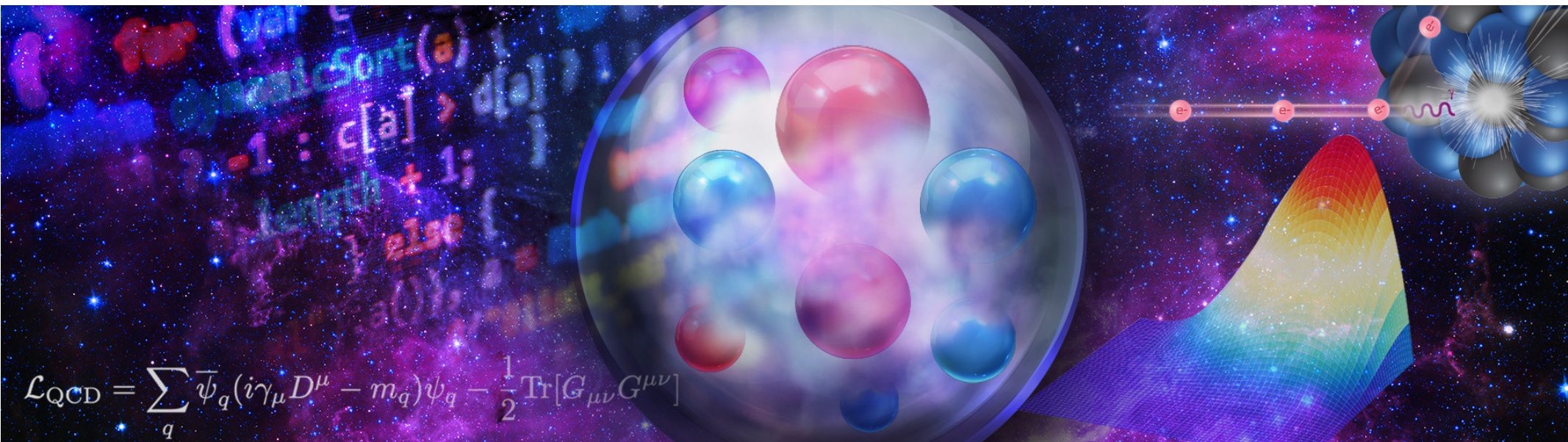
→ ratio of conditional average b_T of u -quark in proton in tungsten relative to that in free proton



→ ratio $\sim 5\% - 10\%$ below unity for entire range of x covered

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Outlook



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_q) \psi_q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

Outlook

- JAM global QCD analysis allows simultaneous description of Drell-Yan (p_T -integrated and differential) and leading neutron electroproduction data in terms of universal set of pion PDFs
 - map out pion structure from low x to high x
- Global QCD analysis with threshold resummation
 - suggests $\sim (1-x)$ behavior at large x
 - consistent with lattice QCD data
- Successful extension to incorporate transverse momentum
 - (high p_T) more precise data needed to constrain gluon PDF at high x
 - (low p_T) new avenue for study of pion TMDs / 3D structure
- Future experimental avenues
 - TDIS (Tagged DIS) experiment at JLab ($e d \rightarrow e p X$)
 - AMBER (pion & kaon beams) experiment at CERN