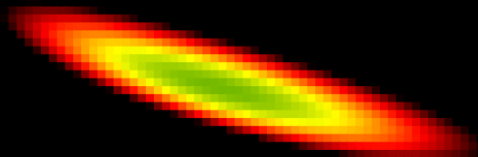


# Pion TMDPDFs from phenomenology

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

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- ▶ **HOW** do we access them:  
TMDs can describe the cross section of hadronic scattering events  
available data are from Drell-Yan measurements  
→ Method = parametrise and fit.

# 8 TMD distributions

quark polarization

$N \backslash q$	$U$	$L$	$T$
$U$			
$L$			
$T$			

Parametrised forms of TMDs include 8 functions.

Polarisation of quark  
 $\sim$  **internal** spinor operator ( $\Gamma$ )

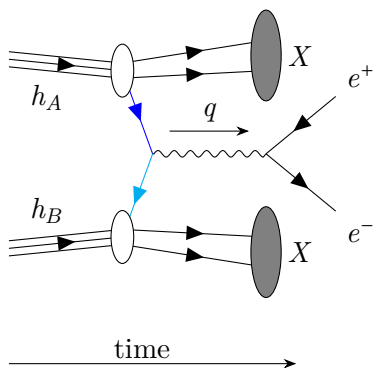
Posalisation of hadron  
 $\sim$  **exterior** state of nucleon

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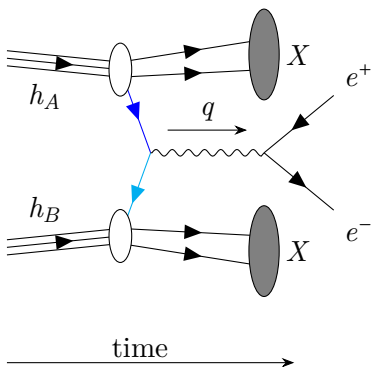
- ▶ momentum of lepton pair  $q$   
= momentum of virtual boson  
= momentum of colliding quarks
- ▶ only PDFs involved
- ▶ small transverse momentum  $q_T$  of photon  $\sim$  notion of small transverse motion of quarks

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Kinematics:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= k + k' & Q^2 &= q^2 \\ x_{1,2} &= \frac{q^\pm}{p_{1,2}^\pm} & 0 < q_T &= |q \perp \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle| \\ x_F &= x_1 - x_2 & y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x_1}{x_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

... on the example of  $\gamma^*$  production in DY

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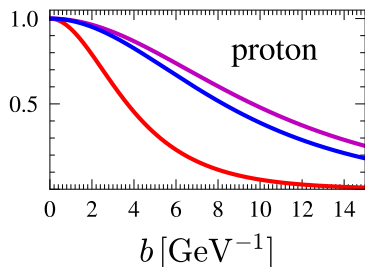
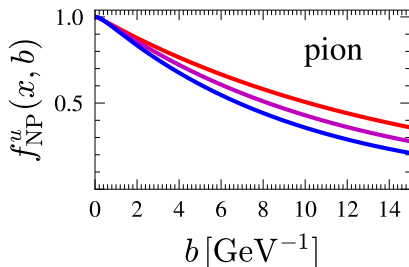
Scale dependence of TMDs – both **pert.** and **NP**.

# How do we "construct" the TMDPDFs:

$$f_{1,f}(x, b) = (C_{f \rightarrow f'} \otimes q_{f'}) (x, b) \cdot f_{\text{NP}}^f(x, b)$$

→ use **perturbative expansion** in **collinear PDFs**  
multiplied by a **NP** parametrisation for large distance decay

$$f_{\text{NP}}^{f,\pi}(x, b) = \exp \left\{ -(\lambda_1(1-x) + \lambda_2 x) \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{x\lambda_3}} - 1 \right) \right\}$$

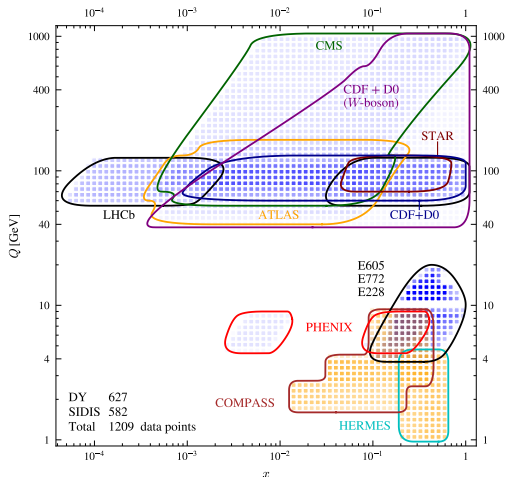


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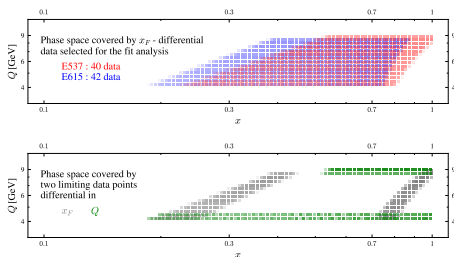
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# Kinematic range of included data that constrains the nucleon...



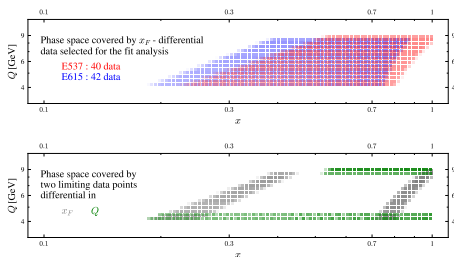
## Features:

- ▶ large range of resolution scale: 1 GeV  $\rightarrow$  1 TeV
- ▶  $W$  production in DY
- ▶ SIDIS (flavour sensitive!) and DY data
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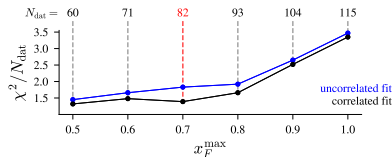
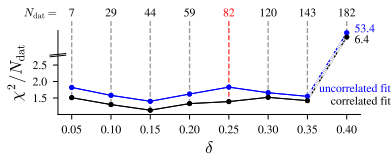
$\chi^2$ -testfunction:

$$\chi^2 = (t - d)^T C^{-1} (t - d)$$

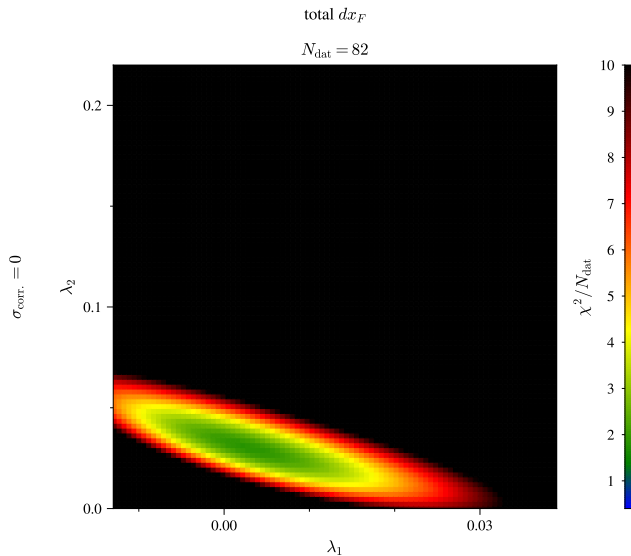
Covariance matrix

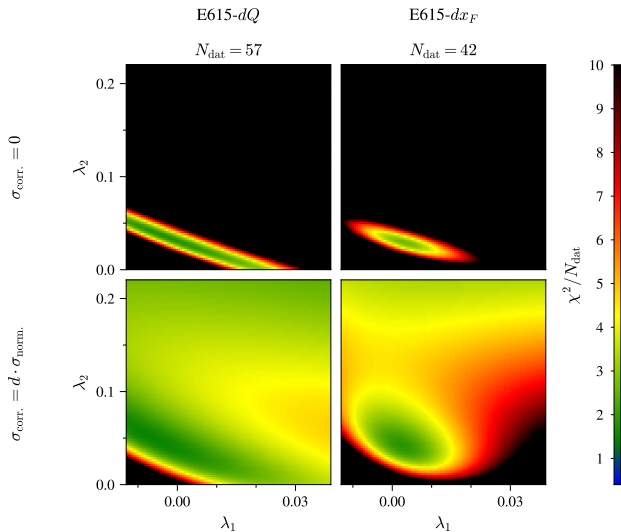
$$C_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \sigma_{\text{uncorr},i}^2 + \sigma_{\text{corr},i} \sigma_{\text{corr},j}$$

Our kinematic cuts on the data ( $\delta = q_T/Q$ )

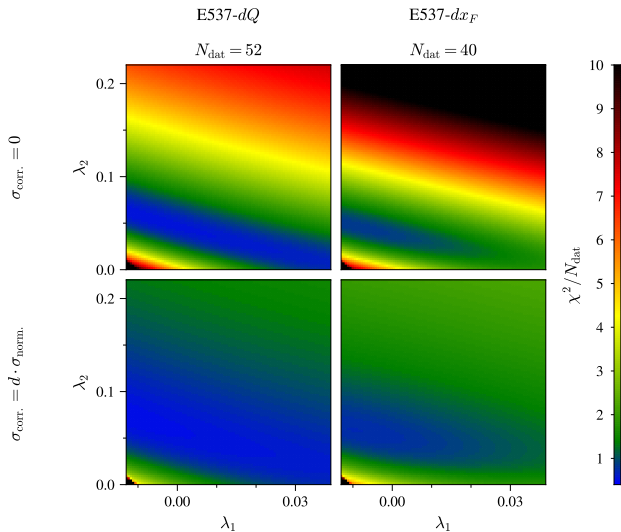


# Example for parameter space $\chi^2$ scan

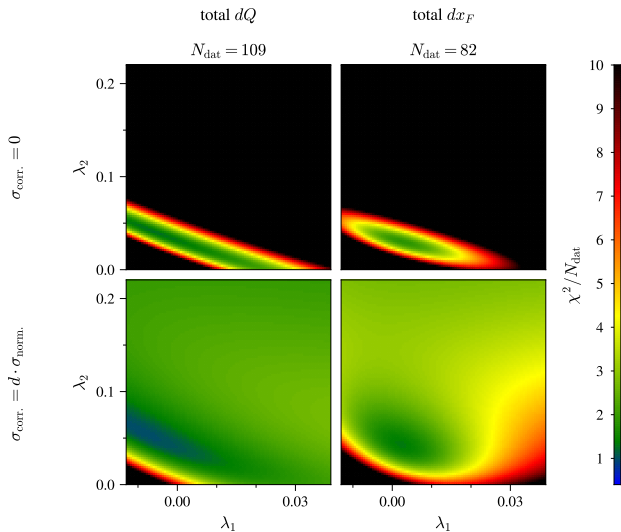




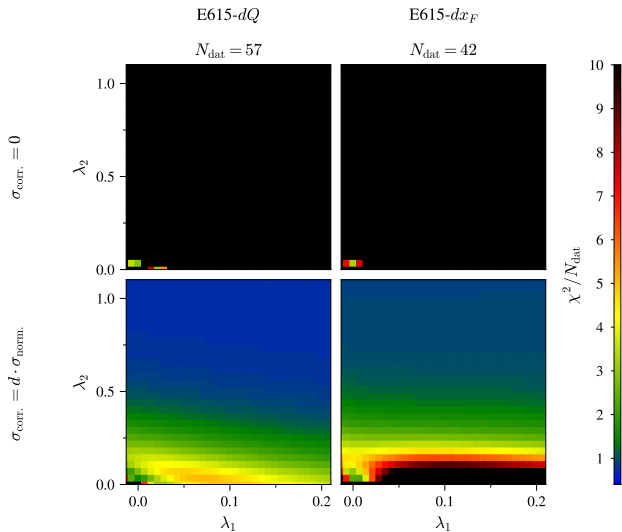
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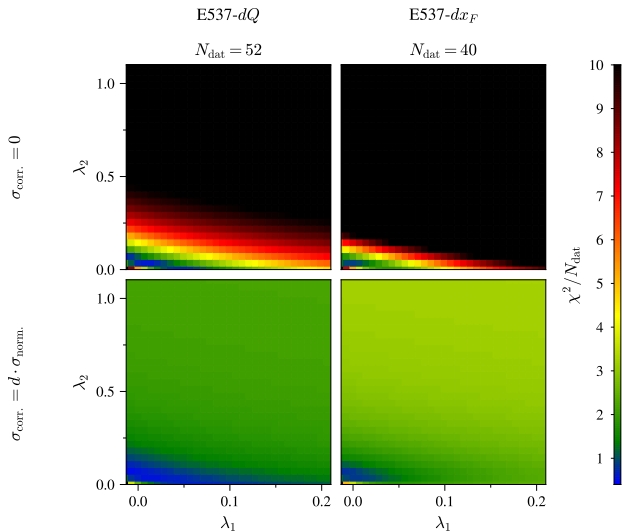
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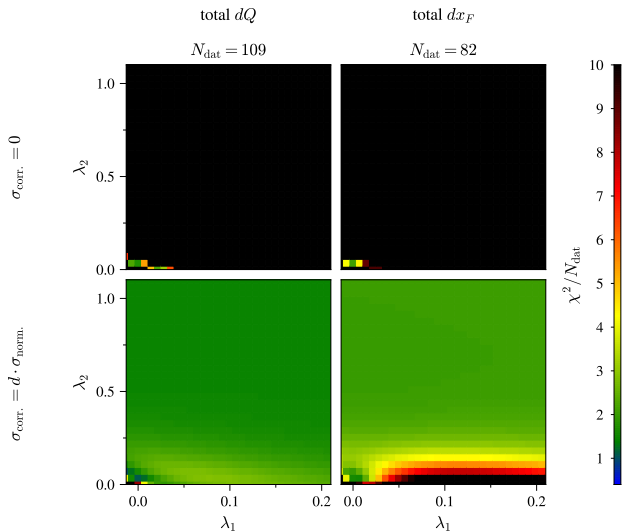


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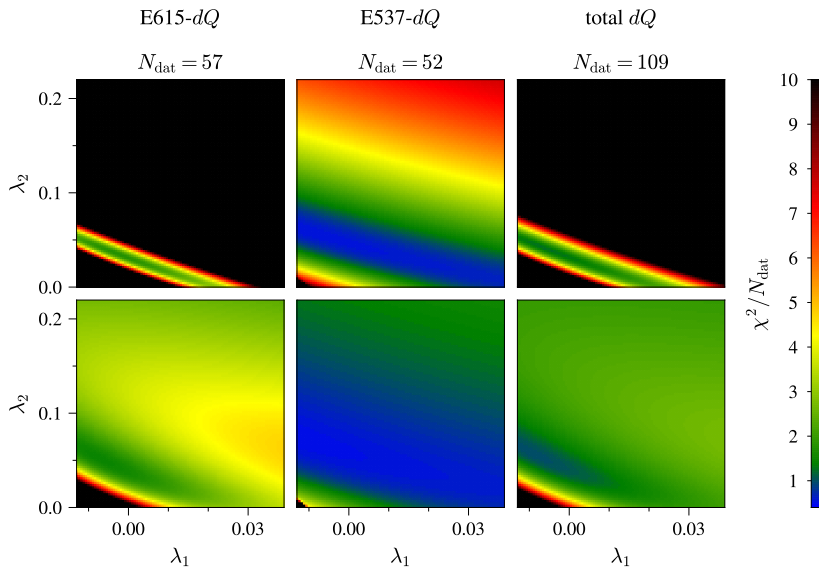


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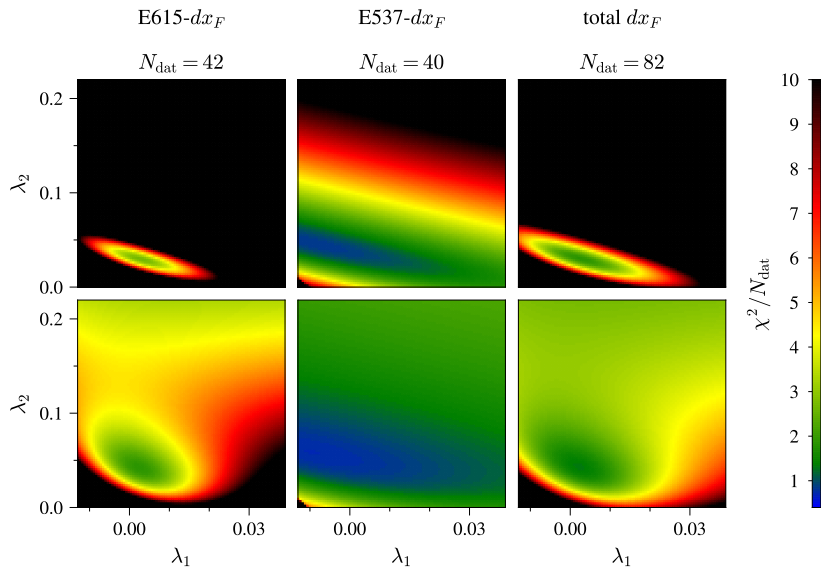
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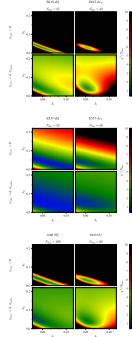
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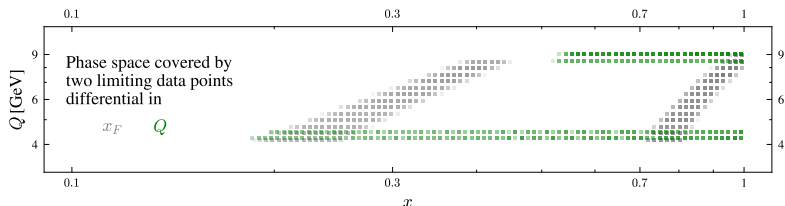
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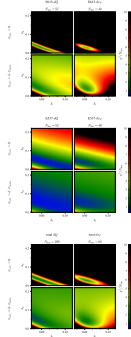
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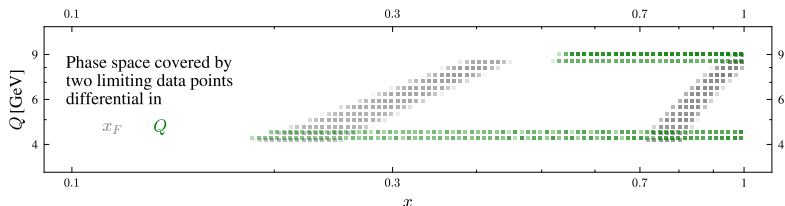
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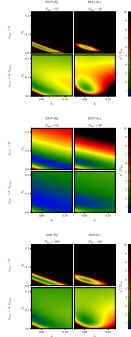
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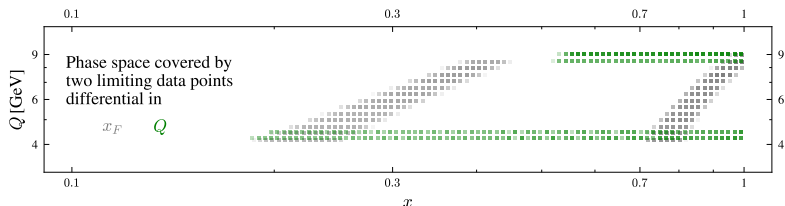
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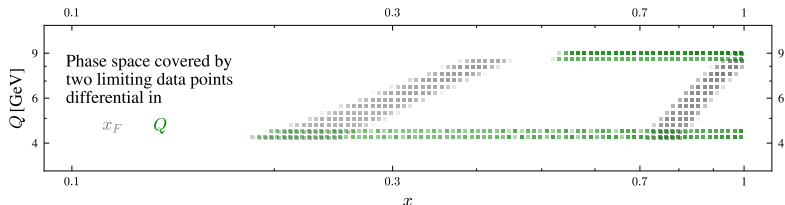
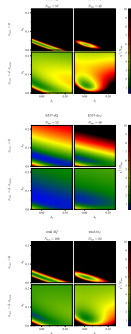


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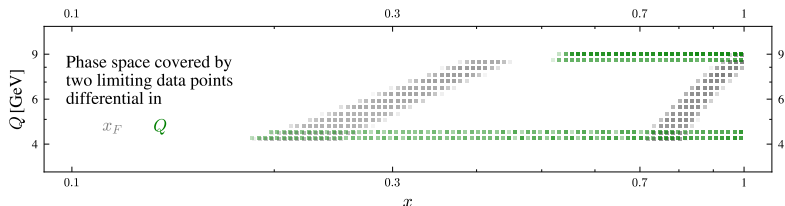
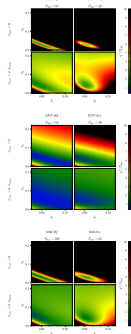
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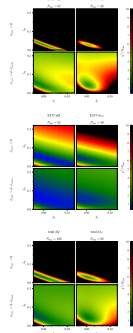
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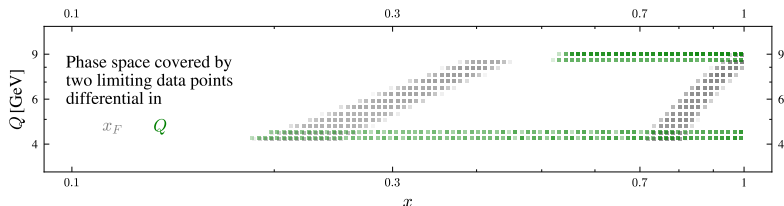


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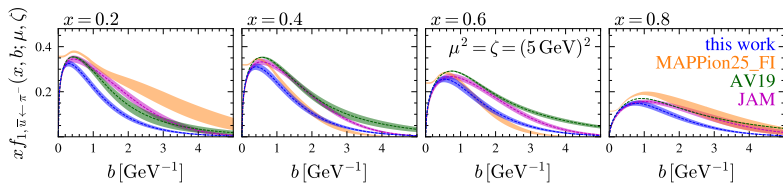
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- ▶ sensible & good  $\chi^2$  results



data	$N_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi_D^2/N_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi_\lambda^2/N_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dat}}$	sys. shift
E537- $dQ$	57	0.572	0.001	0.573	1.0%
E615- $dQ$	52	1.789	0.015	1.804	14.0%
E537- $dx_F$	40	0.764	0.029	0.793	8.6%
E615- $dx_F$	42	1.920	0.012	1.932	11.3%



# pion TMDPDFs valence flavour ( $\bar{u}$ ) compared with other extractions

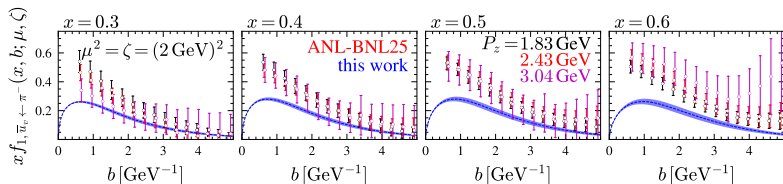


differences in

- ▶ proton TMDPDFs, CS-kernel (rapidity scale evolution)
- ▶ kinematic binning of data ( $Q$  or  $x_F$ )
- ▶ fit strategy and (resulting) normalisation

# pion TMDPDFs

## valence combination ( $\bar{u} - u$ ) compared with LaMET



- ▶ Large Momentum Effective Theory needs to extrapolate to large hadron momenta  $P_z$
- ▶ Promising complementary method to phenomenology (this talk) to determine pion distributions!
- ▶ large  $b$  trend  $\sim$  similar...
- ▶ small  $b$  difference can be due to collinear PDF (normalisation)
- ▶  $x$  behaviour different (normalisation/other pheno)

# Summary on a technical level

## data input

- ▶  $\frac{q_T}{Q} = \delta < 0.25$   
(TMD regime:  $\delta \ll 1$ )
- ▶  $x_F = x_\pi - x_{\text{tar.}} < 0.7$   
→ 82 data

## non-perturbative input:

- ▶ ART25 (TMDs:target  
(PDFs:MSHTPDF20)  
and CS-kernel)
- ▶ `xfitter` (NLO)  
(PDFs:pion)

## perturbative input

$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}$	$\gamma_V$	$\mathcal{D}_{\text{pert}}$	$C_{f \rightarrow f'}$	$C_h$
$N^4\text{LO}$	$N^3\text{LO}$	$N^3\text{LO}$	$N^3\text{LO}$	$N^4\text{LO}$
$\alpha_s^5$	$\alpha_s^4$	$\alpha_s^4$	$\alpha_s^3$	$\alpha_s^4$

## human footprint (!)

- ▶ parametrisation
- ▶ fit strategy

## output

unpolarised  $\pi^-$  TMDPDFs

$$\chi^2/N_{\text{pt}} = 1.38$$

# I showed you

**WHAT** physical function we extract (unpol. pion TMDPDFs)

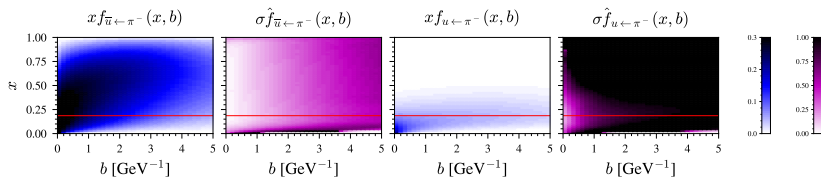
and **HOW** we do it ( DY data + parametrisation (intuition) + fit)

**Problems** are a **small phase space(total), large phase space(per data point), normalisation uncertainty,**  
large  $x_F$  region, consistency between PDFs and TMDPDFs ( $\sigma_{\text{norm}}$ ),...

A paper should appear soon on the arXive.



# pion TMDPDFs in collinear momentum - transverse distance - space



- ▶  $0.18 < x < 1.0$  accessed by data (red line)
- ▶ flavour dependent to illustrate the uncertainty of sea quarks

# Scale dependence of TMDs:

PDF  $f(x; \mu)$   $\longrightarrow$  TMDPDF  $f(x, b; \mu, \zeta)$

Evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} f(x, b; \mu, \zeta) &= \frac{\gamma_F(\mu, \zeta)}{2} f(x, b; \mu, \zeta) \\ \zeta \frac{d}{d\zeta} f(x, b; \mu, \zeta) &= -\mathcal{D}(b, \mu) f(x, b; \mu, \zeta)\end{aligned}$$

$\mu$  evolution is perturbative  $\checkmark$

$\zeta$  evolution is not:

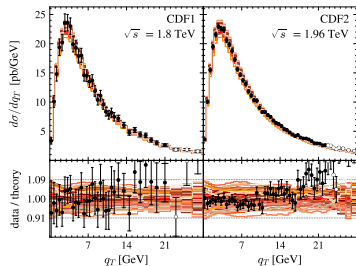
Parametrisation of TMD Evolution: (Collins-Soper kernel  $\mathcal{D}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}(b, \mu) &= \mathcal{D}_{\text{small-b}}(b^*, \mu) + \mathcal{D}_{\text{NP}}(b) \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{\text{small-b}}(b^*, \mu^*) + \int_{\mu^*}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\mu') + \mathcal{D}_{\text{NP}}(b)\end{aligned}$$

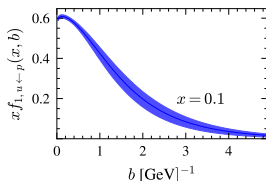
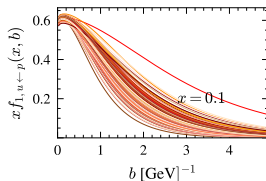
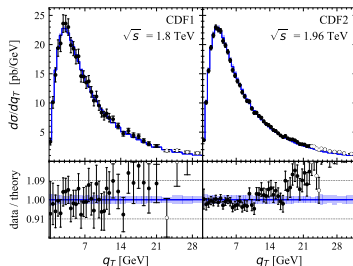
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replica of data + replica of PDF  $\xrightarrow{\text{fit}}$  TMDPDF replica

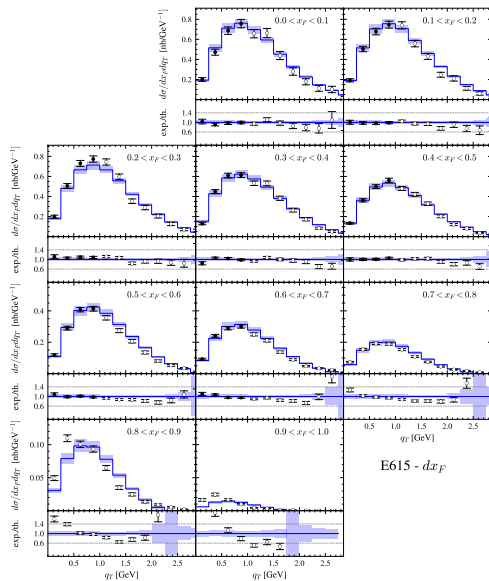
ensemble of replicas



average value and 68% CI



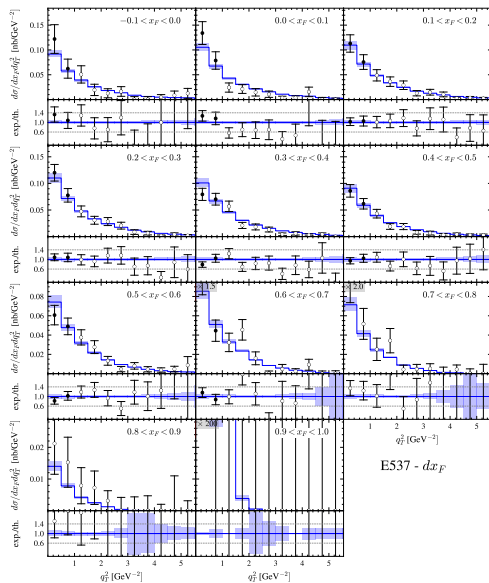
# data - theory agreement after fit I



$\pi^- + W \rightarrow DY$   $q_T$   
spectrum in bins of  $x_F$

- data in fit
- data not in fit

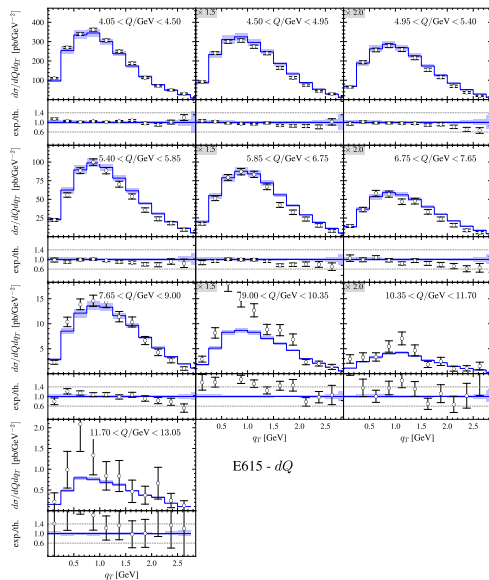
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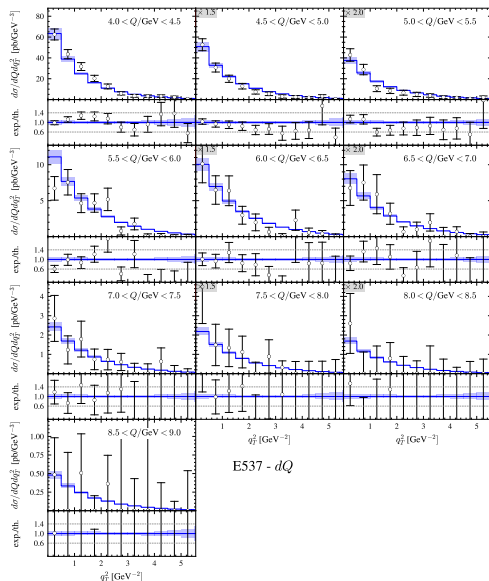
# data - theory agreement after fit III



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spectrum in bins of  $Q$

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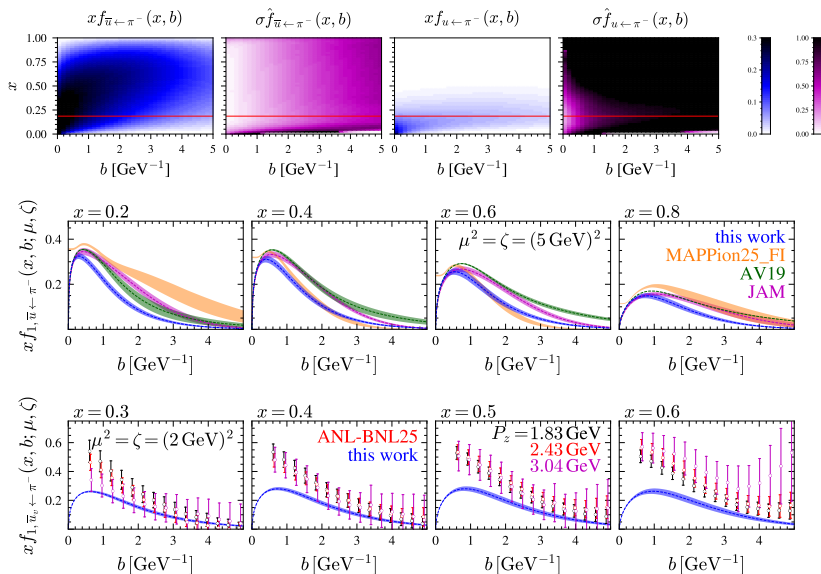
# data - theory agreement after fit IV



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# Let me flash a few results... the extracted distributions



# $\chi^2$ heatmap with alternative model

