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# Meson loop effects within nonlocal chiral EFT

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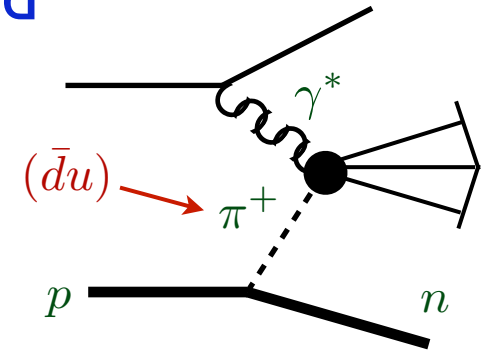
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# Local chiral EFT

- A common and natural explanation for flavor asymmetries in the nucleon ( $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$ ,  $s - \bar{s}$ , ...) is a meson “cloud”

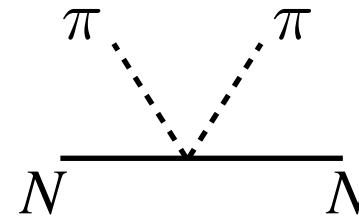
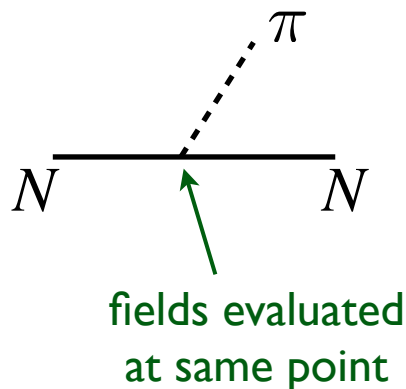
- Most efforts have been within low-energy models of QCD

→ relatively successful phenomenology,  
but connection with QCD often unclear



- Rigorous connection with QCD established via chiral EFT

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



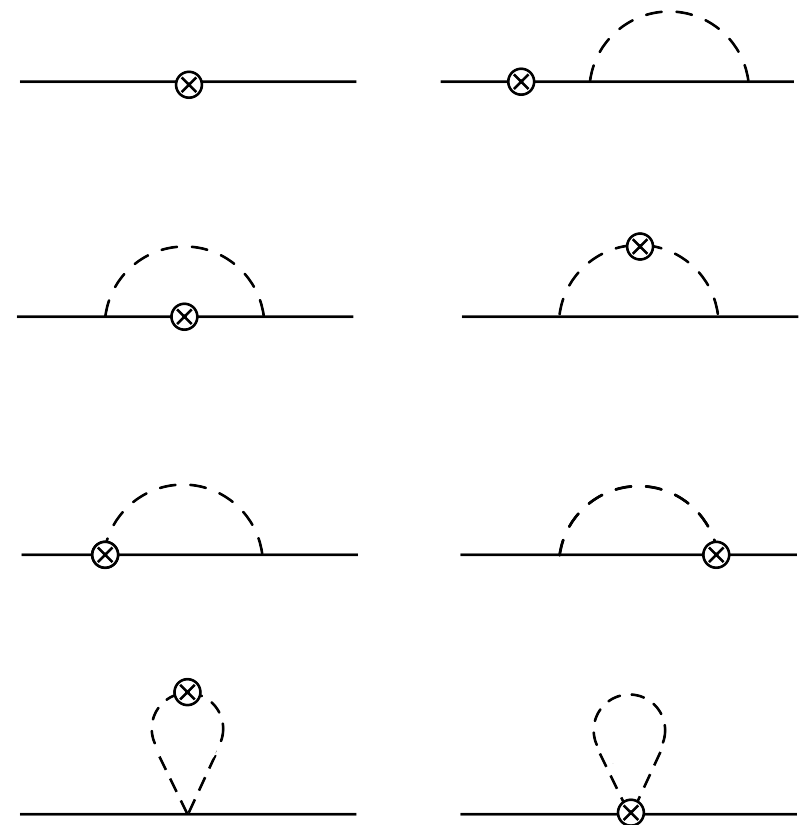
Weinberg (1967)

- At leading order, pion-nucleon interaction includes pion rainbow, Kroll-Ruderman (needed for gauge invariance), and tadpole diagrams

- Matching of quark-level and hadron-level operators with same symmetries

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

→ yields convolution representation for PDFs



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

hadronic splitting functions      PDF in loop hadron

# Parton distributions

- More specifically, contributions to quark PDF from different diagrams can be organized as:

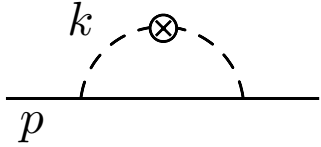
$$q(x) = Z_2 q_N(x) + ([f_N + f_{\text{tad}}] \otimes q_N)(x)$$

$$+ ([f_\pi + f_{\text{bub}}] \otimes q_\pi(x) + (f_{\text{KR}} \otimes \Delta q_N)(x))$$



# Chiral splitting functions

## ■ Splitting functions for pion rainbow diagram



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

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

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

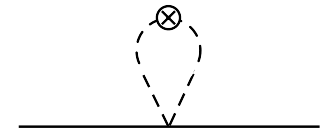
$$D_{\pi N} = -\frac{k_{\perp}^2 + y^2 M^2 + (1-y)m_{\pi}^2}{1-y}$$

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

$\mu = k^-$  cutoff

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

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



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

## ■ Pion rainbow diagram with nucleon coupling

$$f_N^{(\text{rbw})}(y) = f^{(\text{on})}(y) + f^{(\text{off})}(y) - f^{(\delta)}(y)$$

$$f^{(\text{off})}(y) = \frac{g_A^2 M^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \int dk_\perp^2 \frac{2y}{(1-y)D_{\pi N}} \mathcal{F}^2$$

additional off-shell  
contribution at  $y > 0$

## ■ Tadpole contribution also only at $y = 0$

$$f_\pi^{(\text{tad})}(y) = -f_\pi^{(\text{bub})}(y)$$

## ■ KR diagram has off-shell and $\delta$ -function contributions

$$f_N^{(\text{KR})}(y) = -f^{(\text{off})}(y) + 2f^{(\delta)}(y)$$

## ■ Satisfy gauge-invariance relation \*

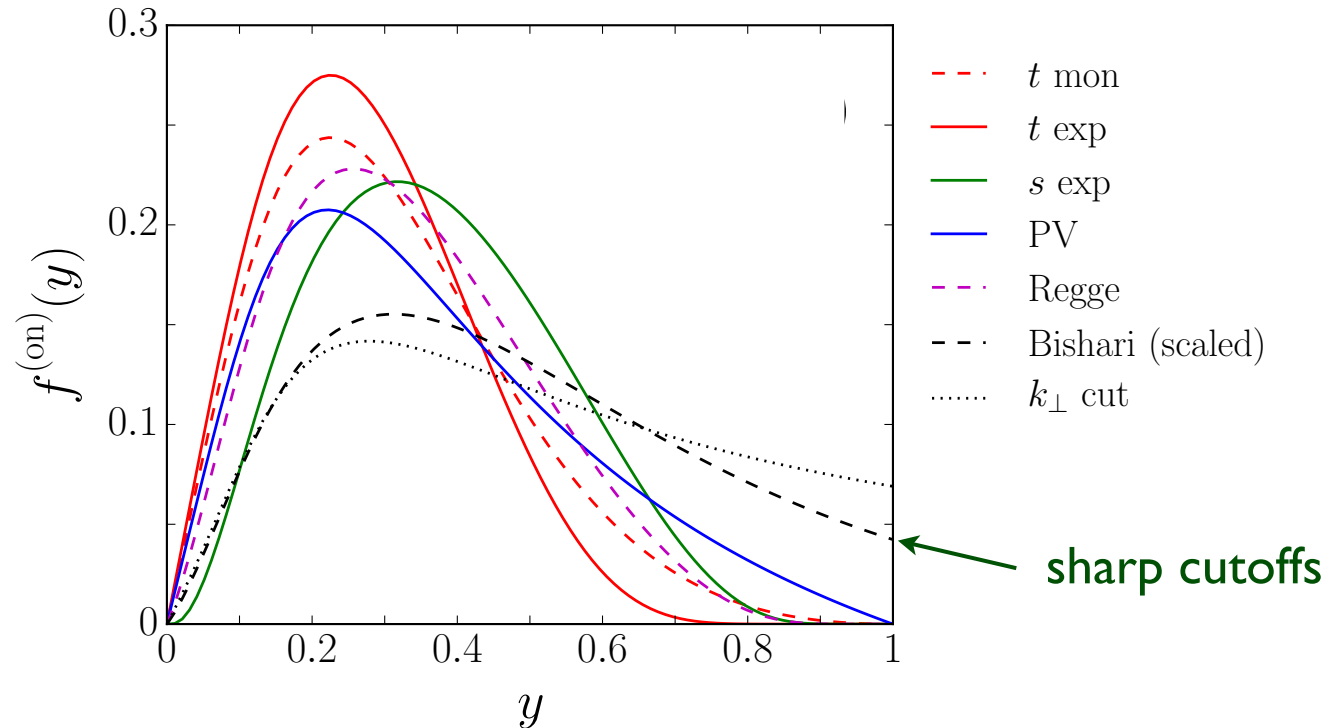
$$f_N^{(\text{rbw})}(y) + f_N^{(\text{KR})}(y) = f_\pi^{(\text{rbw})}(y)$$

\* for symmetry-preserving regulators

■ For point-like nucleons and pions, integrals divergent

→ finite size of nucleon provides natural regularization scale

e.g. on-shell function



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

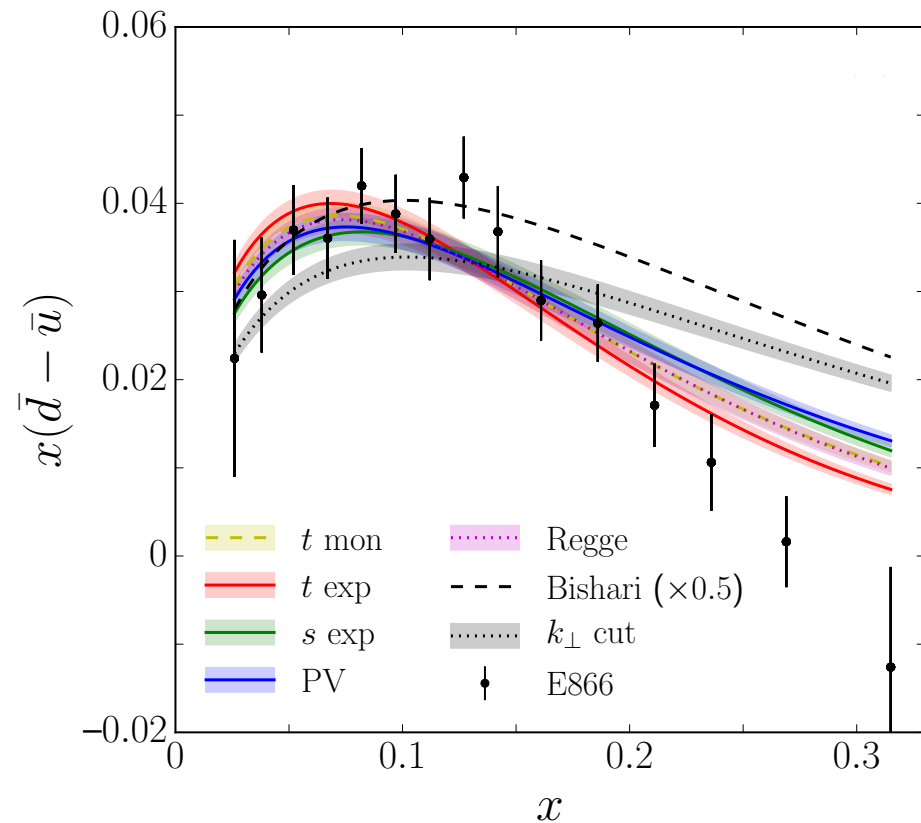
$$\sim f^{(\text{on})} + f^{(\delta)} \quad \sim f^{(\delta)}$$

→ only on-shell function contributes at  $x > 0$

average pion “multiplicity”

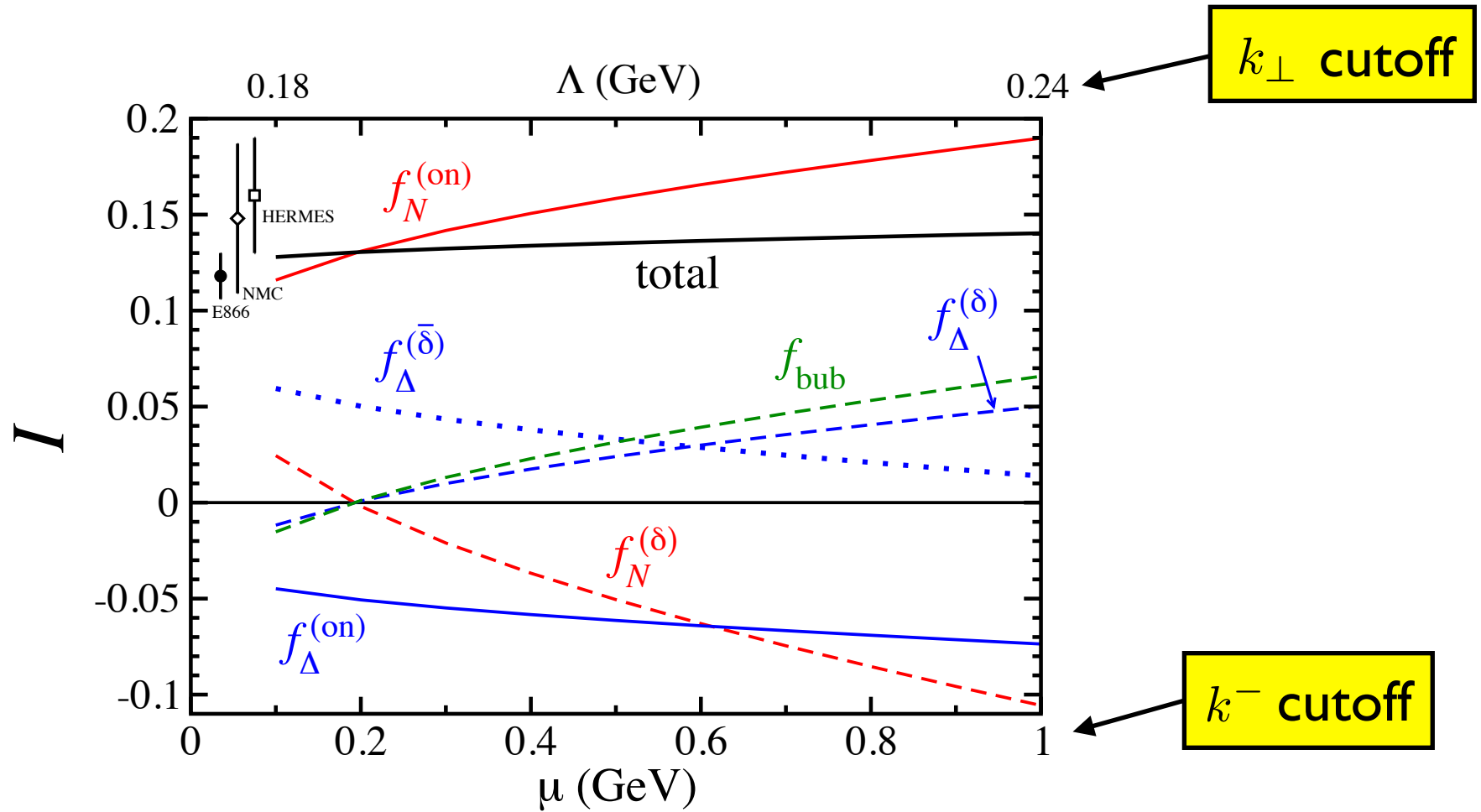
$$\langle n \rangle_{\pi N} = 3 \int_0^1 dy f^{(\text{on})}(y)$$

$$\sim 0.25 - 0.3$$





■ Integrated asymmetry  $I = \int_0^1 dx(\bar{d} - \bar{u})$



*Salamu, C. Ji, WM, Wang (2014)*

→  $N$  on-shell contribution  $\approx$  total!

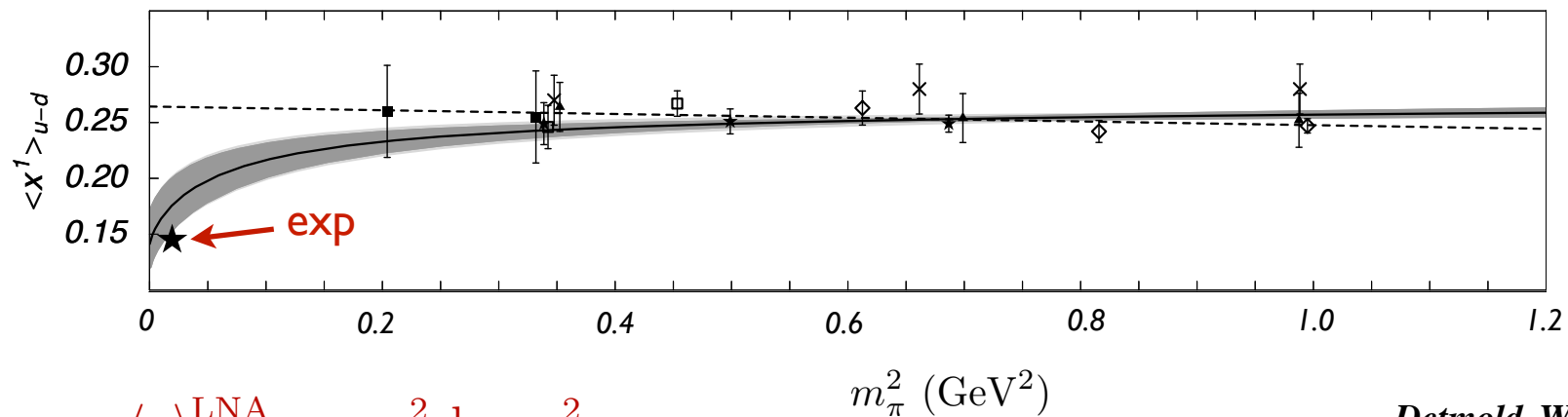
## ■ Effect on moments of PDFs

- coefficients of leading nonanalytic (LNA) terms, reflecting infrared behavior, are *model-independent!*
- QCD therefore *predicts* a nonzero asymmetry from  $\pi$  loops

$$\int_0^1 dx (\bar{d} - \bar{u}) = \frac{(3g_A^2 - 1)}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} m_\pi^2 \log(m_\pi^2/\mu^2) + \text{analytic in } m_\pi^2$$

*Thomas, WM, Steffens (2000)*

- nonanalytic behavior vital for understanding lattice data on PDF moments at low  $m_\pi$



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

*Detmold, WM, Thomas (2001)*

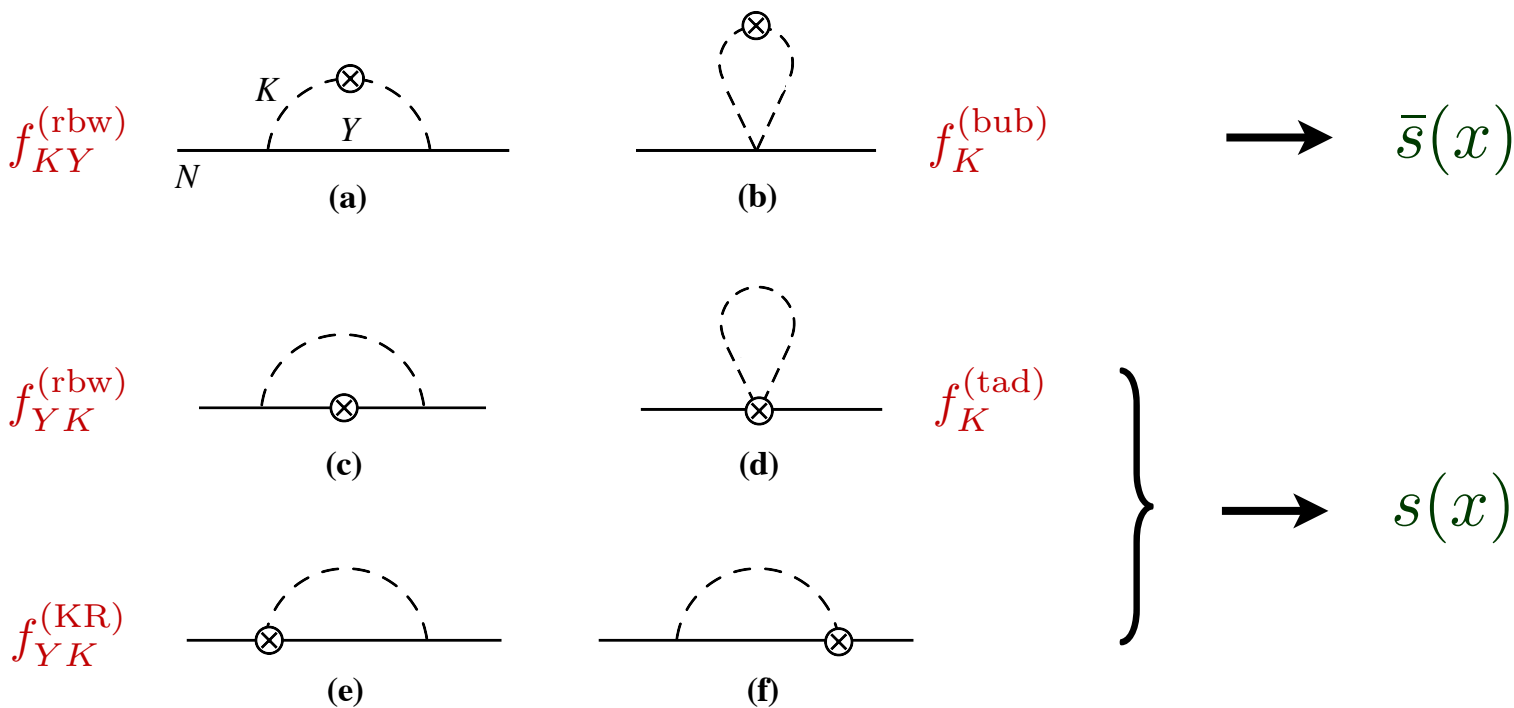
# Strange quarks

- Some indication of strange–antistrange asymmetry from  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$  DIS

$$S^- = \int_0^1 dx x(s - \bar{s}) = (2.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$$

*NuTeV (2007)*

- Chiral SU(3) effective theory analysis suggests natural mechanism for generating strange asymmetry



$\rightarrow$  gauge invariance requires the relations

$$f_{YK}^{(rbw)} + f_{YK}^{(KR)} = f_{KY}^{(rbw)}$$

$$f_K^{(tad)} + f_K^{(bub)} = 0$$

## ■ Convolution representation

$$\bar{s} = \left( f_{KY}^{(\text{rbw})} + f_K^{(\text{bub})} \right) \otimes \bar{s}_K$$

$$s = \left( \bar{f}_{YK}^{(\text{rbw})} \otimes s_Y + \bar{f}^{(\text{KR})} \otimes s_Y^{(\text{KR})} \right) + \bar{f}_K^{(\text{tad})} \otimes s_K^{(\text{tad})}$$

$$\bar{f}(y) \equiv f(1-y)$$

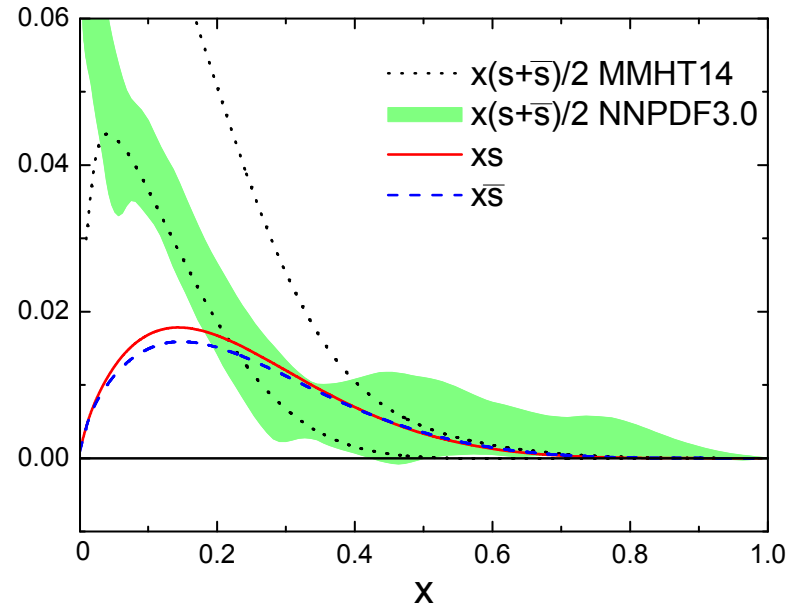
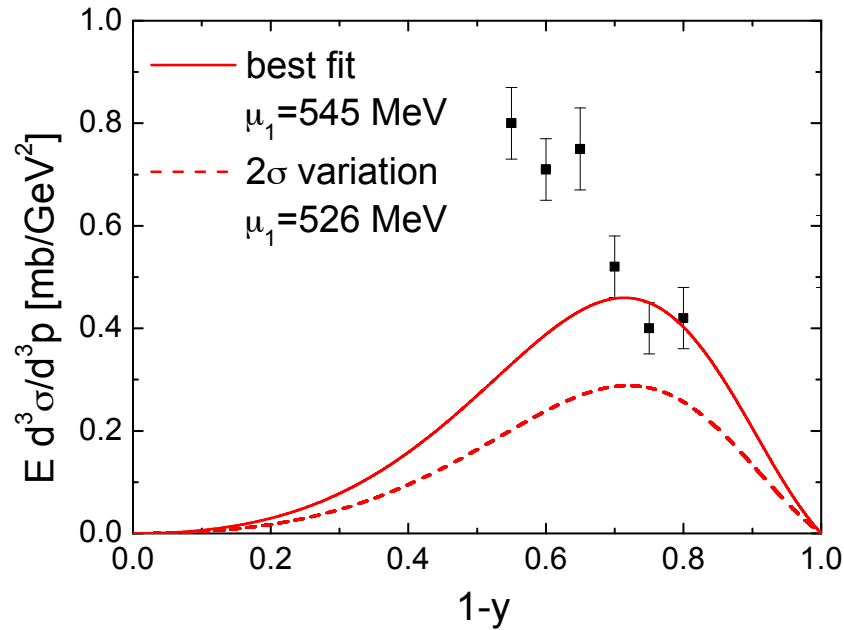
$$\sim \Delta u, \Delta d$$

$$\sim u, d$$

- $KY$  splitting functions regularized using 1 Pauli-Villars subtraction
- $\delta$ -function terms require 2 subtractions (parameters  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ )
- since  $f_K^{(\text{tad})}(y) \sim \delta(y)$ , tadpole term generates *valence-like* strange-quark PDF (nonzero at  $x > 0!$ ) through convolution

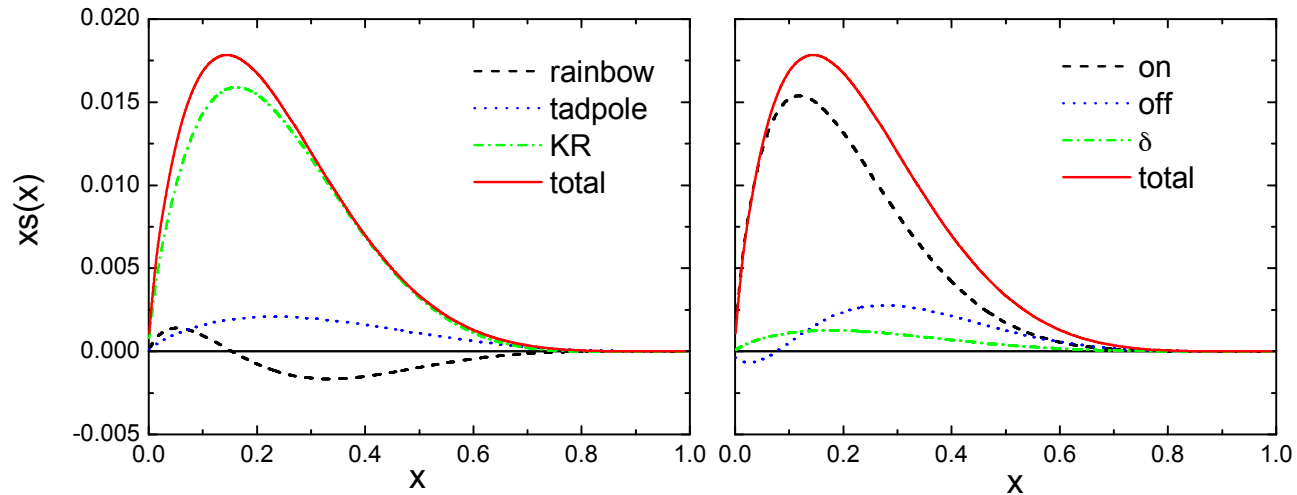
$$\sim s_K^{(\text{tad})}(x)$$

■ Constraints on cutoff parameters from  $pp \rightarrow \Lambda X$   
 and total  $(s + \bar{s})_{\text{loops}} \leq (s + \bar{s})_{\text{total}}$



*X. Wang, C. Ji, WM, Salamu, Thomas, P. Wang (2016)*

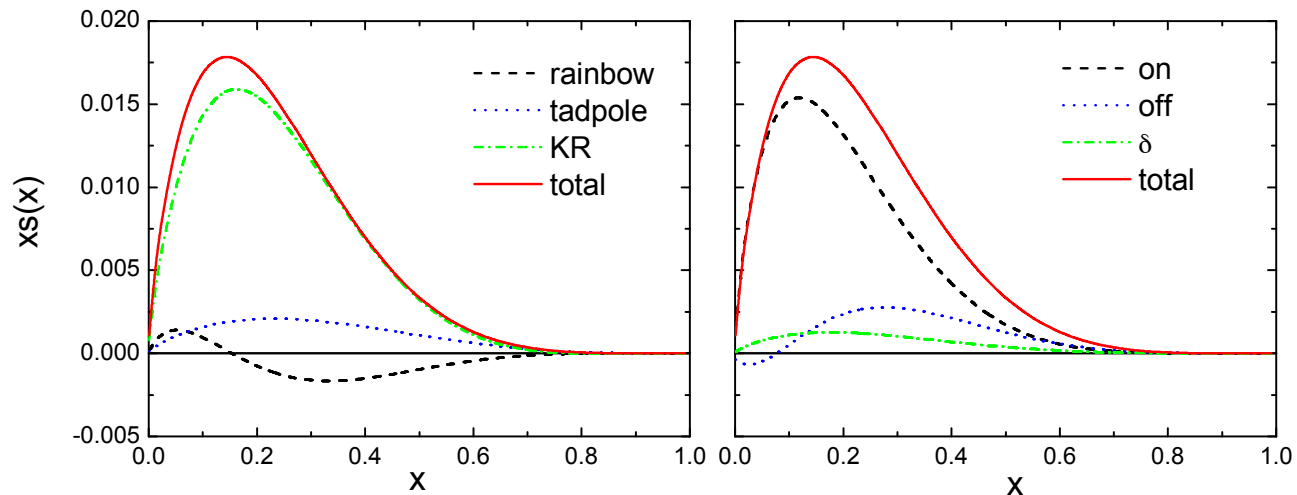
■ Breakdown into individual contributions to  $s(x)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 s(x) &= (s^{(\text{on})} + s^{(\text{off})} + s^{(\delta)})_{\text{rbw}} + s_{\text{tad}}^{(\delta)} + (s^{(\text{off})} + s^{(\delta)})_{\text{KR}} \\
 &= \underbrace{s_{\text{rbw}}^{(\text{on})}}_{\text{on-shell}} + \underbrace{s_{\text{rbw}}^{(\text{off})} + s_{\text{KR}}^{(\text{off})}}_{\text{off-shell}} + \underbrace{s_{\text{rbw}}^{(\delta)} + s_{\text{tad}}^{(\delta)} + s_{\text{KR}}^{(\delta)}}_{\delta\text{-function}},
 \end{aligned}$$

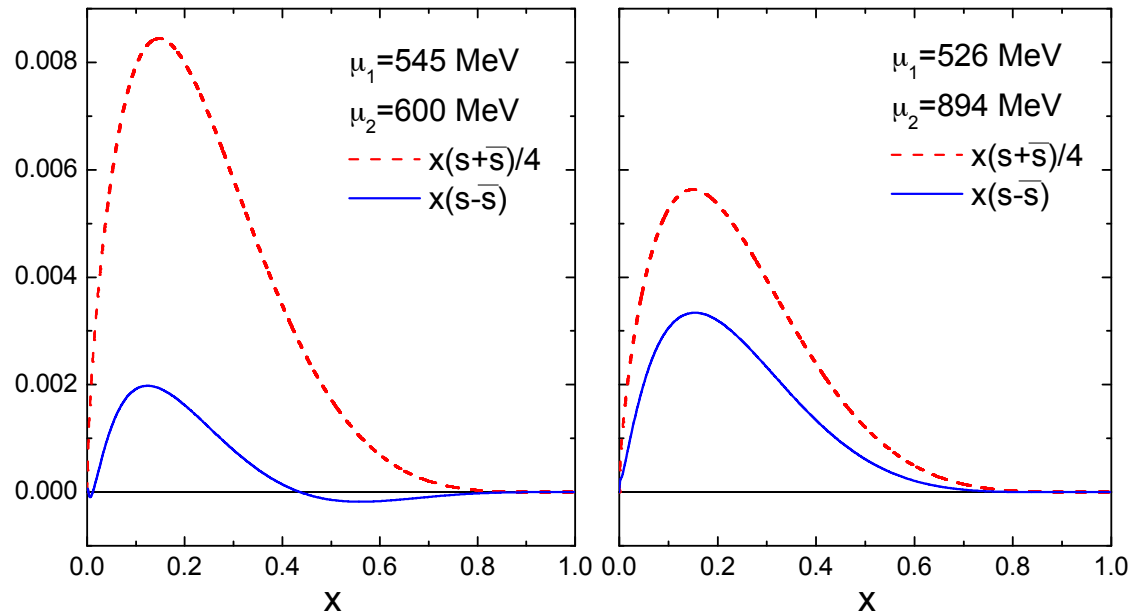
$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{s}(x) &= (\bar{s}^{(\text{on})} + \bar{s}^{(\delta)})_{\text{rbw}} + \bar{s}_{\text{bub}}^{(\delta)} \\
 &= \underbrace{\bar{s}_{\text{rbw}}^{(\text{on})}}_{\text{on-shell}} + \underbrace{\bar{s}_{\text{rbw}}^{(\delta)} + \bar{s}_{\text{bub}}^{(\delta)}}_{\delta\text{-function}},
 \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Breakdown into individual contributions to $s(x)$



- large cancellations between off-shell terms in rainbow & KR, and between  $\delta$ -function terms in rainbow, KR and tadpole
- total  $s(x)$  well approximated by on-shell part of rainbow; total off-shell &  $\delta$ -function terms small
- explains phenomenological success of loop calculations in terms of on-shell rainbow only!

- Gives rise to small but (mostly) positive  $s - \bar{s}$  distribution



→  $x$ -weighted difference  $S^- = (0.4 - 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$

→ presence of  $\delta$ -function terms in  $\bar{s}(x)$  means that integrals of  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$  at  $x > 0$  need not cancel!



# Regularization

- For point particles, regulator functions  $\mathcal{F}$  for on-shell, off-shell and  $\delta$ -function distributions (which could be different!) are unity
  - UV divergent ... need to suppress large- $k$  contributions
- Not all regularization schemes preserve symmetries of the field theory (Lorentz invariance, gauge invariance, chiral symmetry)
  - dimensional regularization, Pauli-Villars (example of finite-range regulator) known to preserve chiral and Lorentz symmetries
  - naive application of (some) hadronic form factors can lead to problems with gauge invariance
- A solution which allows preservation of symmetries with form factors is to use *nonlocal* theory!

# Nonlocal chiral EFT

- For interactions of finite-sized hadrons, it is natural to imagine interactions would not necessarily be at a single point, but smeared out over spacetime

→ generalize local chiral SU(3) Lagrangian ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{(\text{local})}(x) = & \bar{B}(x)(i\gamma^\mu \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x} - M_B)B(x) + \frac{C_{B\phi}}{f} [\bar{p}(x)\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 B(x) \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi(x) + \text{h.c.}] \\
 & + \bar{T}_\mu(x)(i\gamma^{\mu\nu\alpha} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha,x} - M_T\gamma^{\mu\nu})T_\nu(x) + \frac{C_{T\phi}}{f} [\bar{p}(x)\Theta^{\mu\nu}T_\nu(x) \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi(x) + \text{h.c.}] \\
 & + \frac{iC_{\phi\phi 1}}{2f^2} \bar{p}(x)\gamma^\mu p(x) [\phi(x)(\mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi)^\dagger(x) - \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi(x)\phi^\dagger(x)] \\
 & + \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi(x)(\mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi)^\dagger(x) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

covariant derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}B(x) &= [\partial_\mu - ie_B^a \mathcal{A}_\mu(x)] B(x), \\
 \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}T^\nu(x) &= [\partial_\mu - ie_T^a \mathcal{A}_\mu(x)] T^\nu(x), \\
 \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x}\phi(x) &= [\partial_\mu - ie_\phi^a \mathcal{A}_\mu(x)] \phi(x),
 \end{aligned}$$

e.m. field

meson fields

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

octet baryon fields

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & n \\ \Xi^- & \Xi^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

decuplet baryon fields

$$T_\mu^{ijk} = \Delta, \Sigma^*, \Xi^*, \Omega$$

# Nonlocal chiral EFT

- For interactions of finite-sized hadrons, it is natural to imagine interactions would not necessarily be at a single point, but smeared out over spacetime

→ ... to nonlocal Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{(\text{nonloc})}(x) = & \bar{B}(x)(i\gamma^\mu \mathcal{D}_{\mu,x} - M_B)B(x) + \bar{T}_\mu(x)(i\gamma^{\mu\nu\alpha} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha,x} - M_T \gamma^{\mu\nu})T_\nu(x) \\
 & + \bar{p}(x) \left[ \frac{C_{B\phi}}{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 B(x) + \frac{C_{T\phi}}{f} \Theta^{\mu\nu} T_\nu(x) \right] \\
 & \times \int d^4a \mathcal{G}_\phi^q(x, x+a) F(a) \mathcal{D}_{\mu, x+a} \phi(x+a) + \text{h.c.} \\
 & + \frac{iC_{\phi\phi}}{2f^2} \bar{p}(x) \gamma^\mu p(x) \int d^4a \int d^4b \mathcal{G}_\phi^q(x+b, x+a) F(a) F(b) \\
 & \times [\phi(x+a) (\mathcal{D}_{\mu, x+b} \phi)^\dagger(x+b) - \mathcal{D}_{\mu, x+a} \phi(x+a) \phi^\dagger(x+b)] \\
 & + \mathcal{D}_{\mu, x} \phi(x) (\mathcal{D}_{\mu, x} \phi)^\dagger(x) + \dots,
 \end{aligned}$$

→ gauge link  $\mathcal{G}_\phi^q(x, y) = \exp \left[ -ic_\phi^q \int_x^y dz^\mu \mathcal{A}_\mu(z) \right]$  preserves local gauge invariance of fields

→ coordinate space meson-baryon vertex form factor  $F(a)$  in Lagrangian

■ Expand gauge link to lowest order

$$\mathcal{G}_\phi^g(x+b, x+a) = \exp \left[ -ie_\phi^g (a-b)^\mu \int_0^1 dt \mathcal{A}_\mu(x+at+b(1-t)) \right]$$

$$= 1 + \delta\mathcal{G}_\phi^g + \dots;$$

→ allows nonlocal Lagrangian to be written as sum of free and interacting parts, with latter consisting of nonlocal purely hadronic, electromagnetic (from 1st term), and gauge-link parts (from 2nd term)

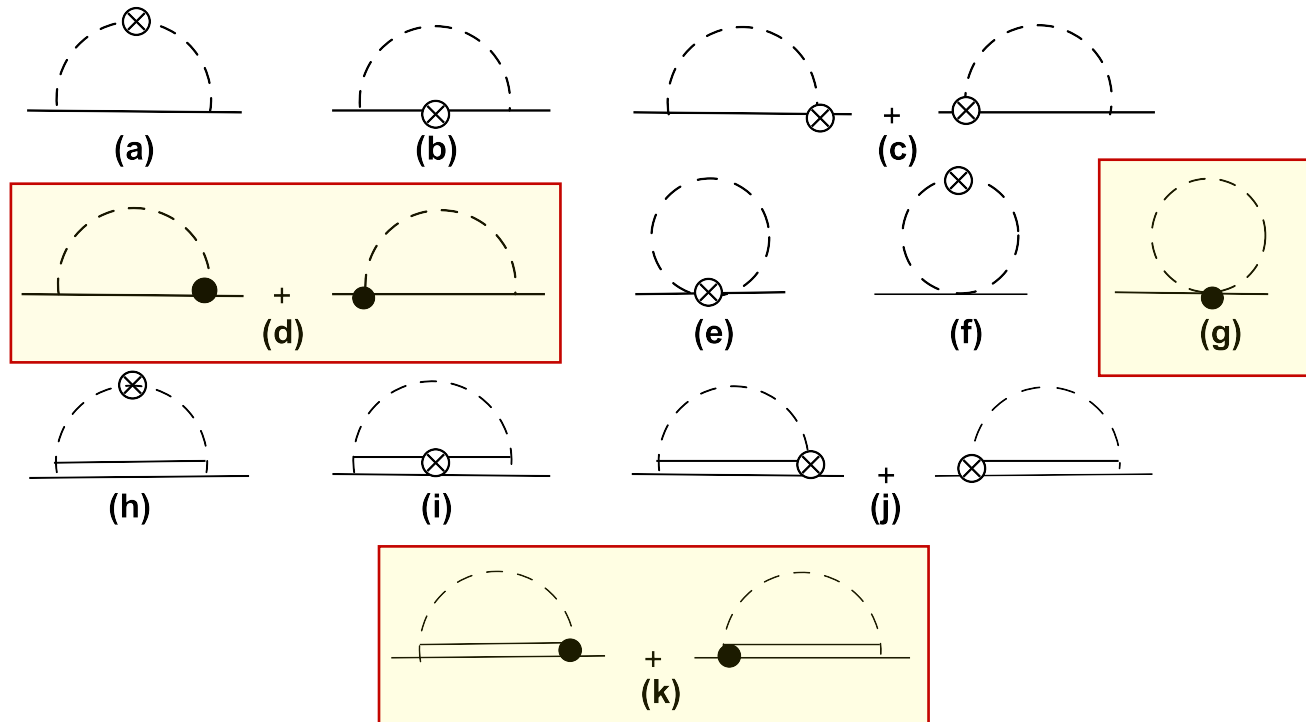
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{link}}^{(\text{nonloc})}(x) = -ie_\phi^g \bar{p}(x) \left[ \frac{C_{B\phi}}{f} \gamma^\rho \gamma^5 B(x) + \frac{C_{T\phi}}{f} \Theta^{\rho\nu} T_\nu(x) \right]$$

$$\times \int_0^1 dt \int d^4a F(a) a^\mu \partial_\rho \phi(x+a) \mathcal{A}_\mu(x+at) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$+ \frac{e_\phi^g C_{\phi\phi^\dagger}}{2f^2} \bar{p}(x) \gamma^\rho p(x) \int_0^1 dt \int d^4a \int d^4b F(a) F(b) (a-b)^\mu$$

$$\times [\phi(x+a) \partial_\rho \phi^\dagger(x+b) - \partial_\rho \phi(x+a) \phi^\dagger(x+b)] \mathcal{A}_\mu(x+at+b(1-t))$$

- Gauge link part of Lagrangian generates additional interactions specific to the nonlocal theory



- there are also nonlocal contributions to all the other diagrams!
- illustrate for case of a ( $k^2$ -dependent) dipole form factor

$$\tilde{F}(k) = \left( \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{D_{\Lambda}} \right)^2 \quad D_{\Lambda} = k^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\epsilon \quad \bar{\Lambda}^2 \equiv \Lambda^2 - m_{\phi}^2$$

■ *e.g.* meson rainbow diagram

$$f_{\phi B}^{(\text{rbw})}(y) = \frac{C_{B\phi}^2 \bar{M}^2}{(4\pi f)^2} \left[ f_B^{(\text{on})}(y) + f_B^{(\delta)}(y) - \delta f_B^{(\delta)}(y) \right]$$

on-shell term

$$f_B^{(\text{on})}(y) = \bar{\Lambda}^8 \int dk_{\perp}^2 \frac{y [k_{\perp}^2 + (yM + \Delta)^2]}{\bar{y}^2 D_{\phi B}^2 D_{\Lambda B}^4};$$

$\delta$ -function term

$$\begin{aligned} f_B^{(\delta)}(y) &= -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}^8}{M^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^3}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \Omega)^4} \delta(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{M^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \left[ \log \frac{\Omega_{\phi}}{\Omega_{\Lambda}} + \frac{\Lambda^2 (11 \Omega_{\Lambda}^2 - 7 \Omega_{\Lambda} \Omega_{\phi} + 2 \Omega_{\phi}^2)}{6 \Omega_{\Lambda}^3} \right] \delta(y). \end{aligned}$$

nonlocal  $\delta$ -function  
contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f_B^{(\delta)}(y) &= -\frac{\bar{\Lambda}^8}{M^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^4}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \Omega)^4} \delta(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{M^2} \int dk_{\perp}^2 \left[ -4 \frac{\Omega_{\phi}}{\Lambda^2} \log \frac{\Omega_{\phi}}{\Omega_{\Lambda}} - \frac{3 \Omega_{\Lambda}^3 + 13 \Omega_{\Lambda}^2 \Omega_{\phi} - 5 \Omega_{\Lambda} \Omega_{\phi}^2 + \Omega_{\phi}^3}{3 \Omega_{\Lambda}^3} \right] \delta(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_{\phi} = k_{\perp}^2 + m_{\phi}^2, \quad \Omega_{\Lambda} = k_{\perp}^2 + \Lambda^2.$$

- *e.g.* meson rainbow diagram

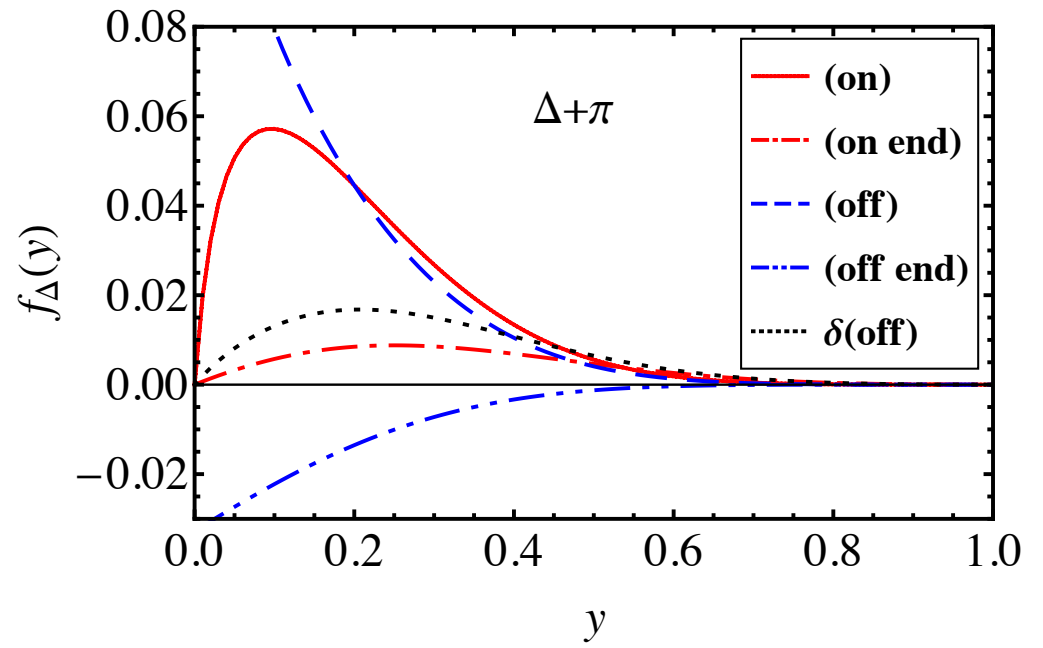
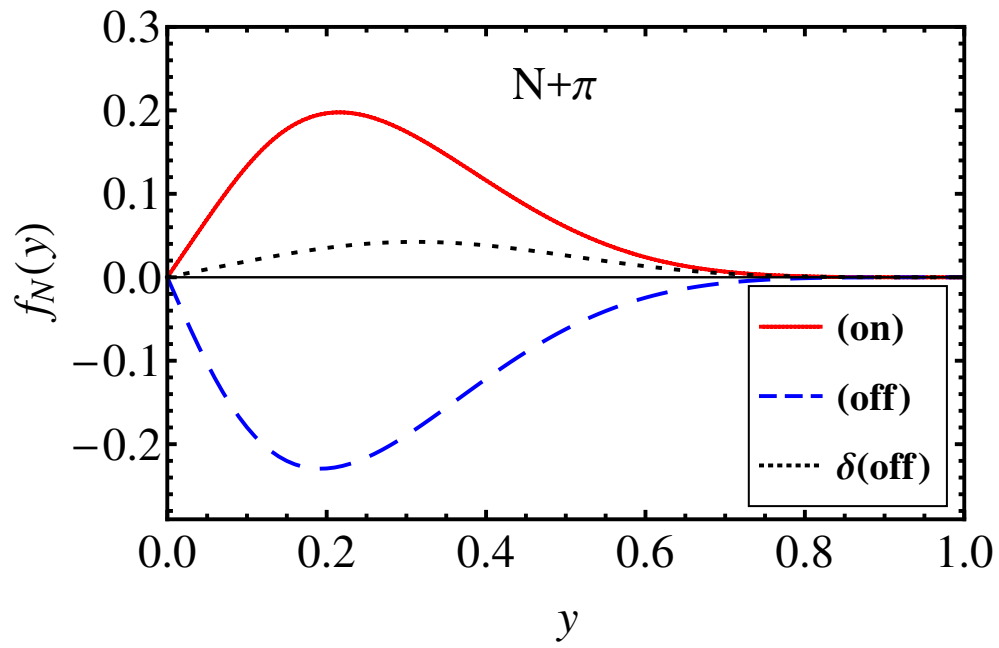
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→ in  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$  limit,  $f_B^{(\text{on})}$  and  $f_B^{(\delta)}$  approach local limits;  
purely nonlocal function  $\delta f_B^{(\delta)}$  vanishes

- similarly for all other diagrams

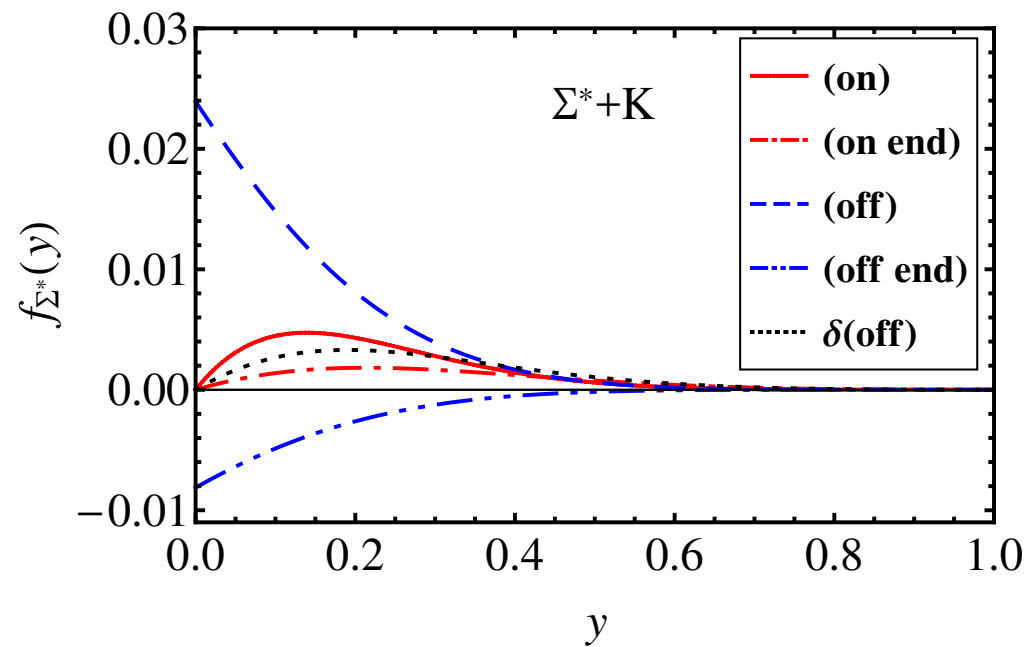
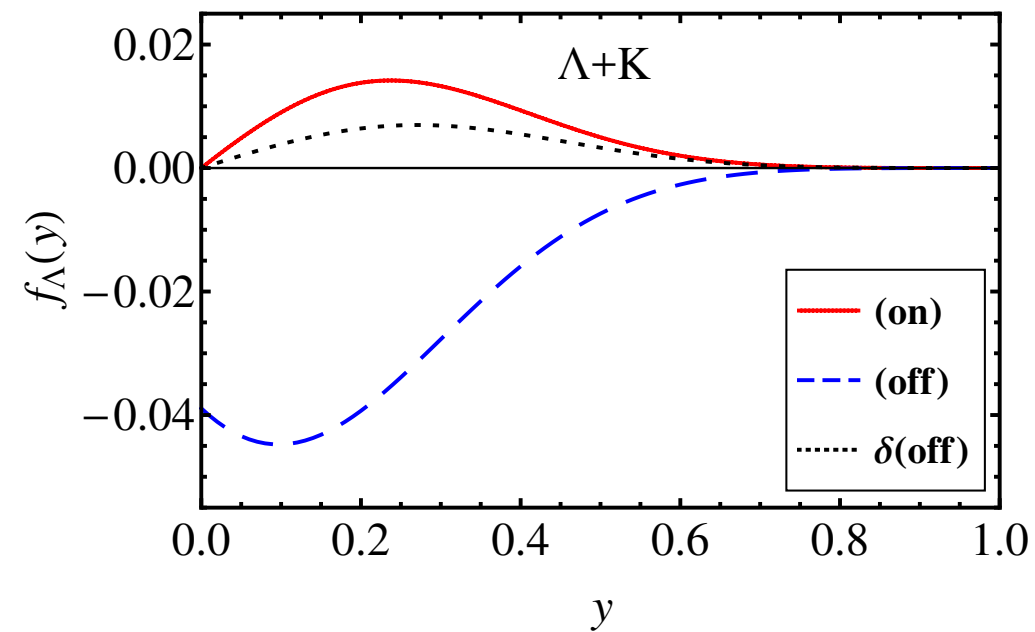
→ additional complications for decuplet diagrams,  
with end-point contributions at  $y = 1$

# Numerical effects of nonlocality

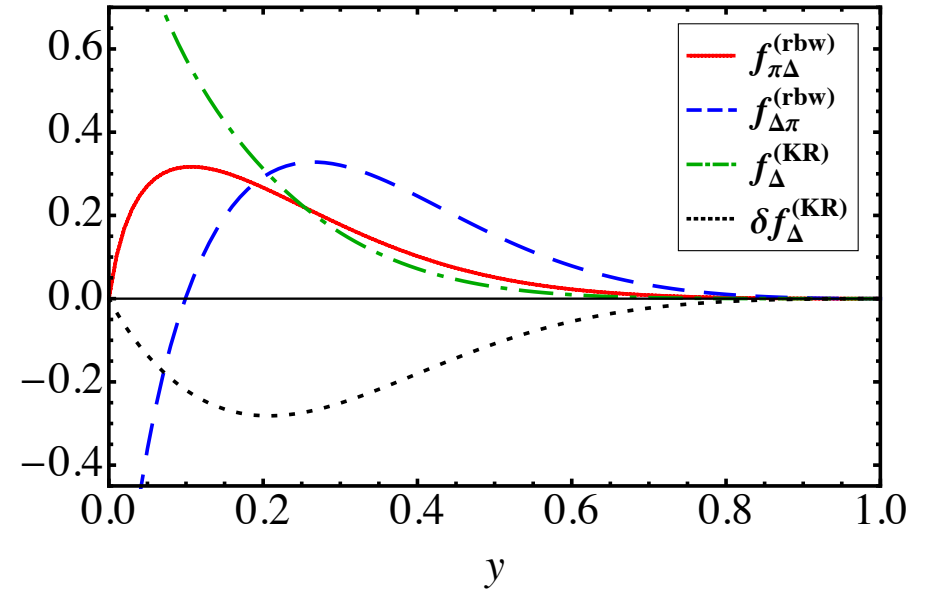
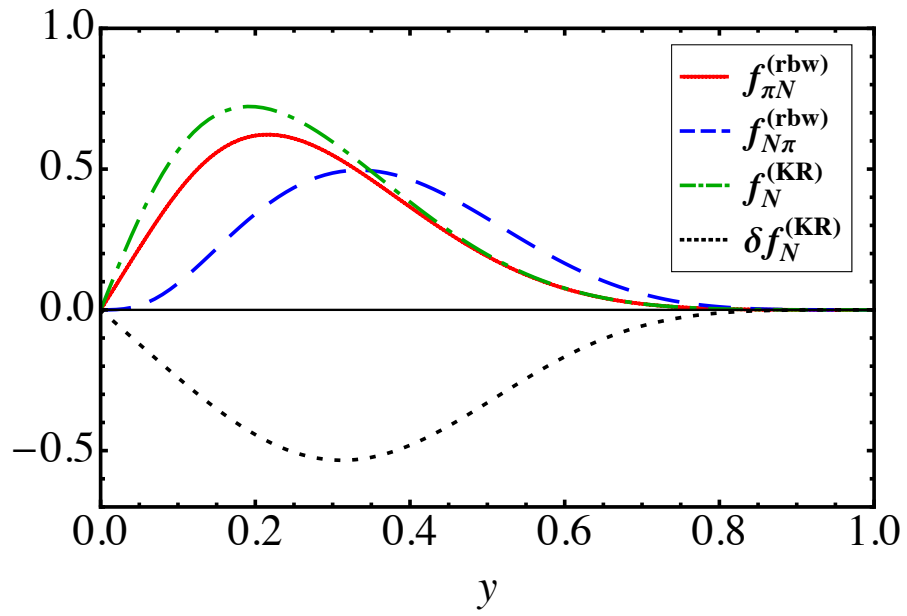




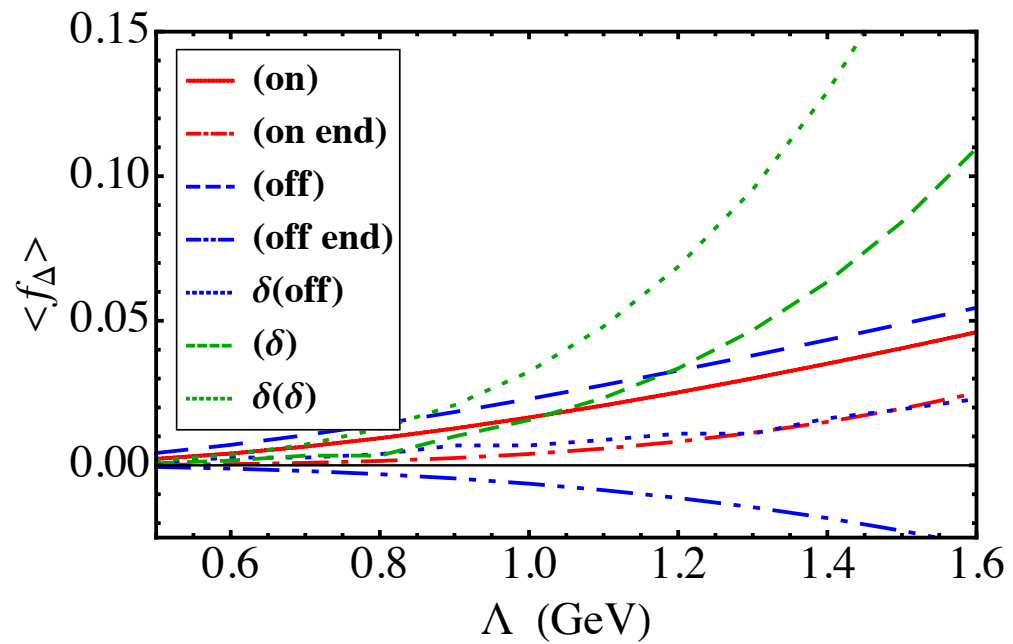
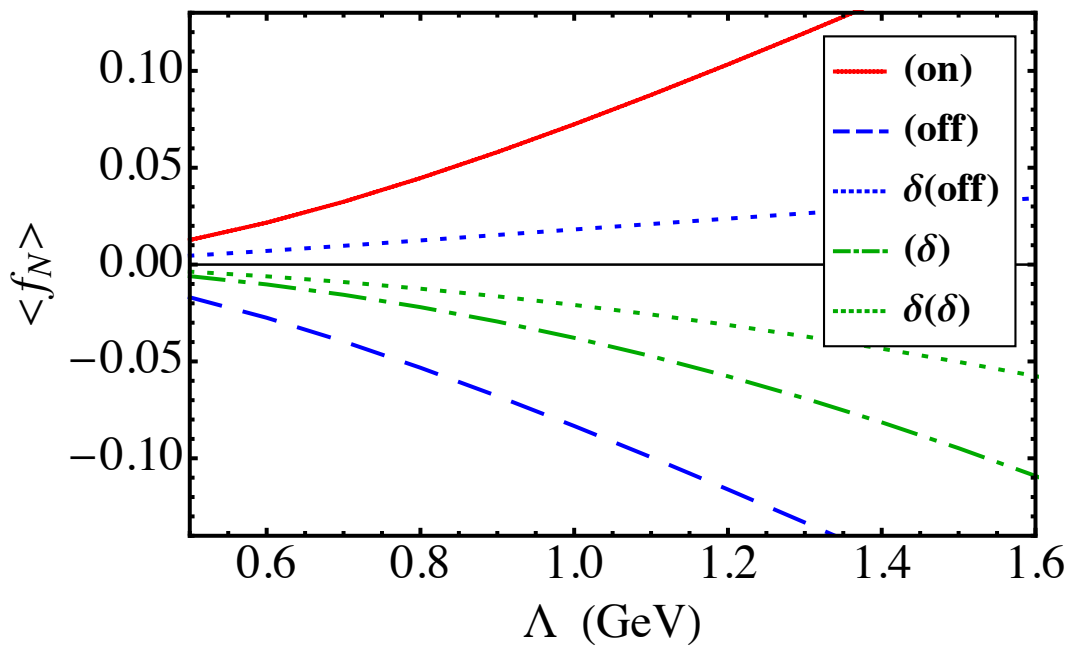
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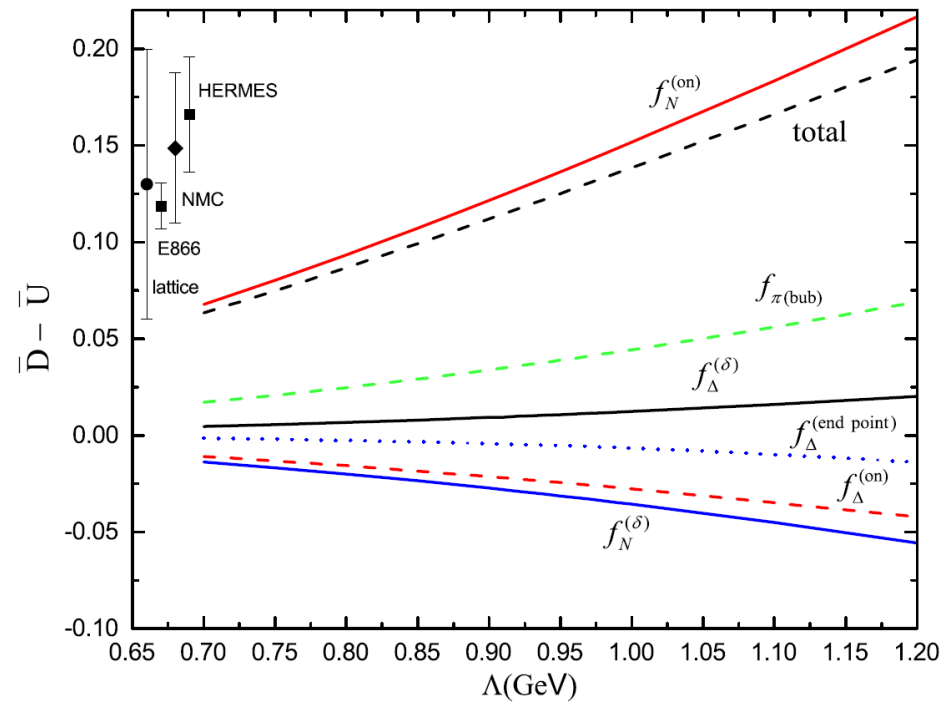
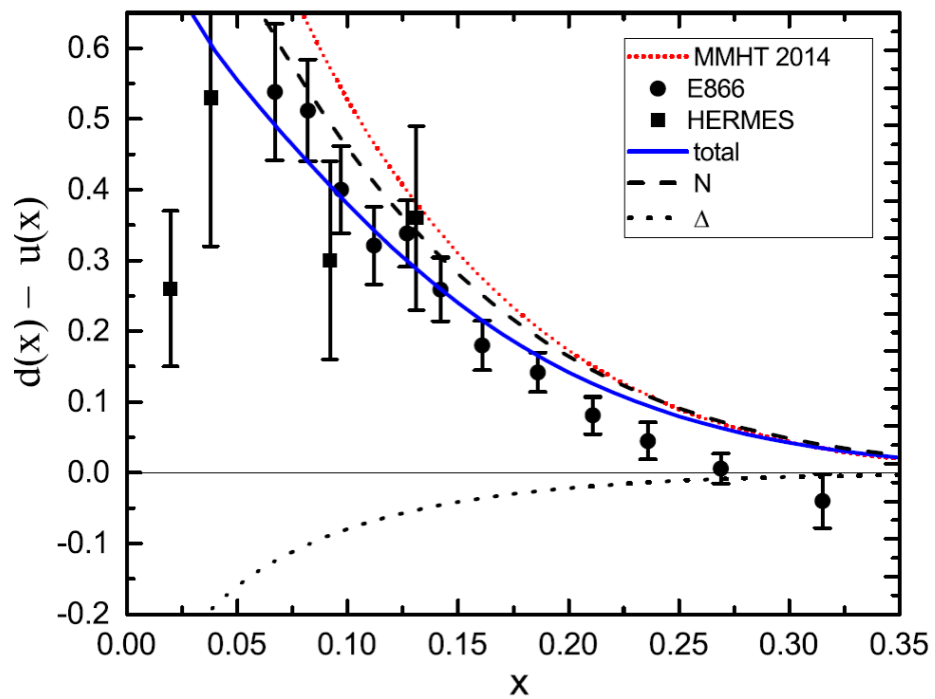
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→  $N$  on-shell contribution still  $\approx$  total!

# Outlook

- The future of chiral loops is “fuzzy”...