

# Finding out what you're made of:

Partons on the lattice

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# Outline

- **Review Parton Structure**
  - Positivity and phenomenological global analyses
- **Lattice approaches to PDFs**
  - Wilson line operators
  - Inverse problems
  - Techniques for reaching high momentum
- **Numerical results**
  - Lattice analyses of quark and gluon distributions
  - Future of combining lattice and experiment

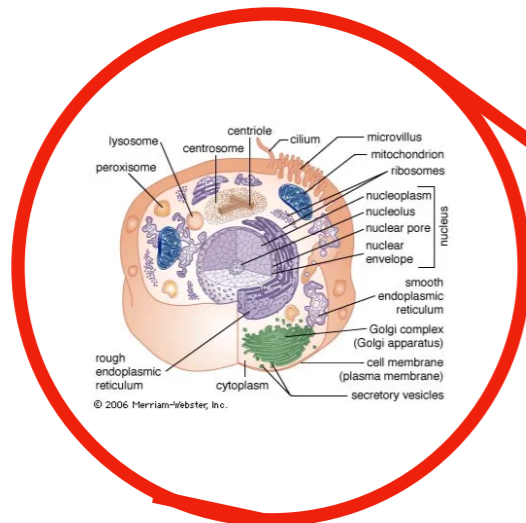
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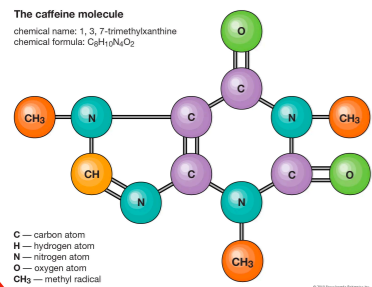
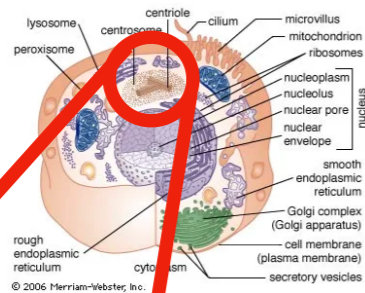
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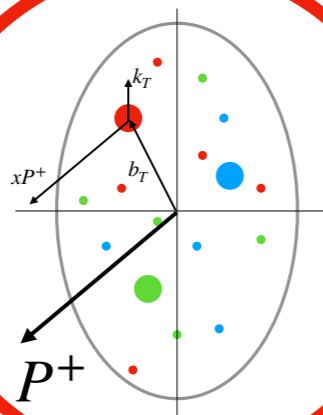
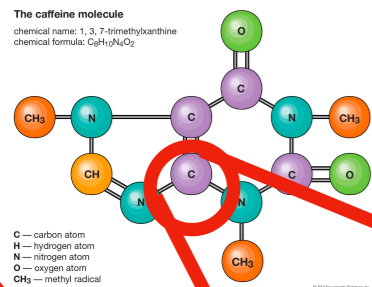
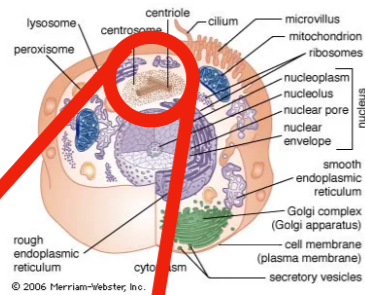
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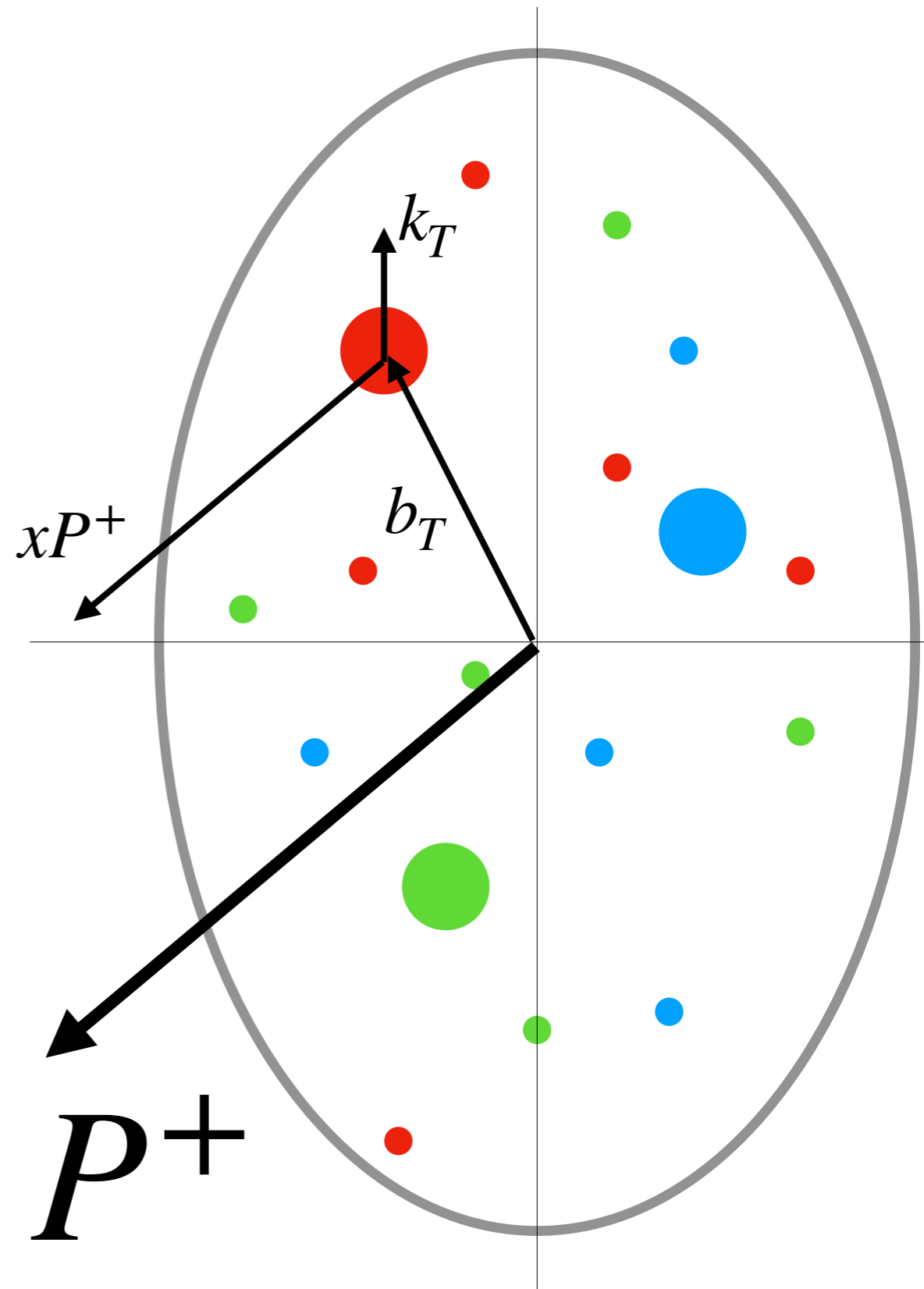
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# Parton Structure

- Internal structure of hadrons
- How are quarks and gluons distributed?
- How do they contribute to cross sections, hadron mass, spin, .....?
- **Longitudinal** structure from momentum fraction  $x$
- **Transverse** structure from
  - Impact parameter  $b_T$
  - Transverse momentum  $k_T$





# Parton Structure

For various flavors and spin combinations

Wigner Distribution/  
Generalized Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (GTMD)

$$F(x, b_T, k_T)$$

$$\int d^2b_t$$

$$\int d^2k_t$$

Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (TMD)

$$f(x, k_T)$$

Generalized Parton  
Distribution (GPD)

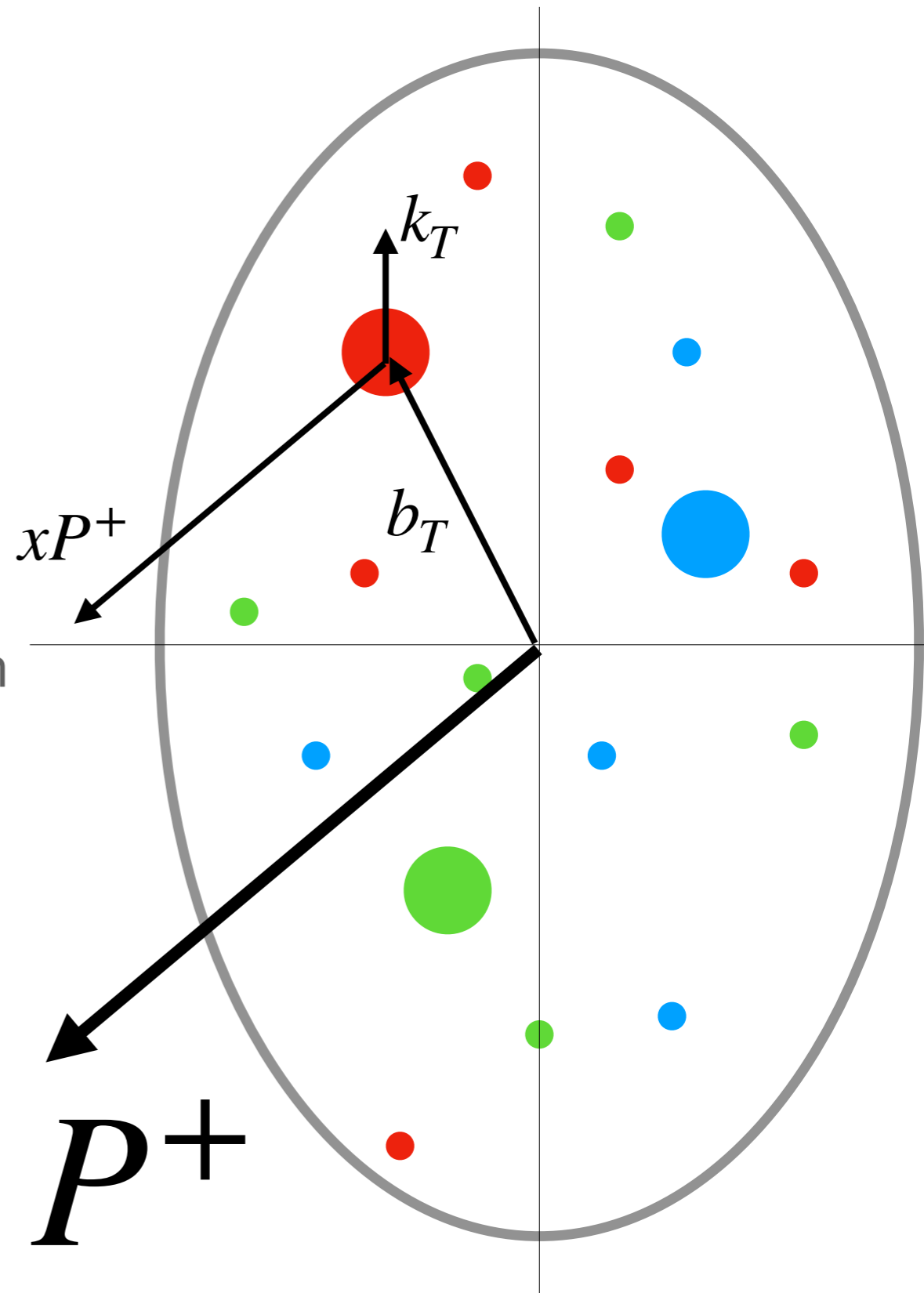
$$f(x, b_T)$$

$$\int d^2k_t$$

$$\int d^2b_t$$

Parton Distribution Function (PDF)

$$f(x)$$



# Parton and Ioffe Time distributions

- Unpolarized Ioffe time distributions

Ioffe time:  $\nu = p \cdot z$

V. Braun, P. Gornicki, L. Mankiewicz  
*Phys Rev D* 51 (1995) 6036-6051

- $$I_q(\nu, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle p | \bar{\psi}_q(z^-) \gamma^+ W(z^-; 0) \psi_q(0) | p \rangle_\mu$$

$$z^2 = 0$$

- $$I_g(\nu, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{(2p^+)^2} \langle p | F_{+i}(z^-) W(z^-; 0) F_{+i}^i(0) | p \rangle_\mu$$

$$i = x, y$$

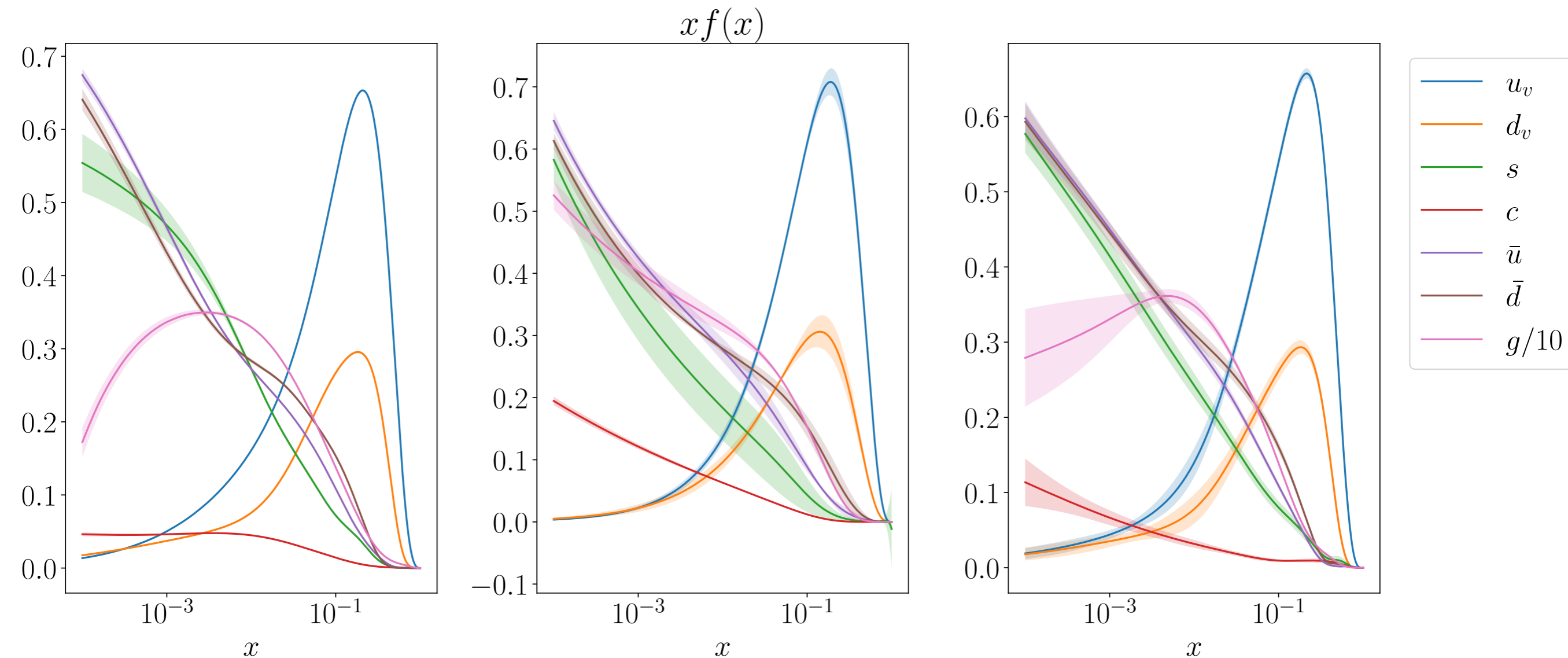
- Parton Distribution Functions

- $$I_q(\nu, \mu^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{ix\nu} f_q(x, \mu^2)$$

- $$I_g(\nu, \mu^2) = \int_0^1 dx \cos(x\nu) x f_g(x, \mu^2)$$

# Phenomenological Fits

- **Nucleon unpolarized PDFs** from analysis of global experimental data
  - Best known distributions

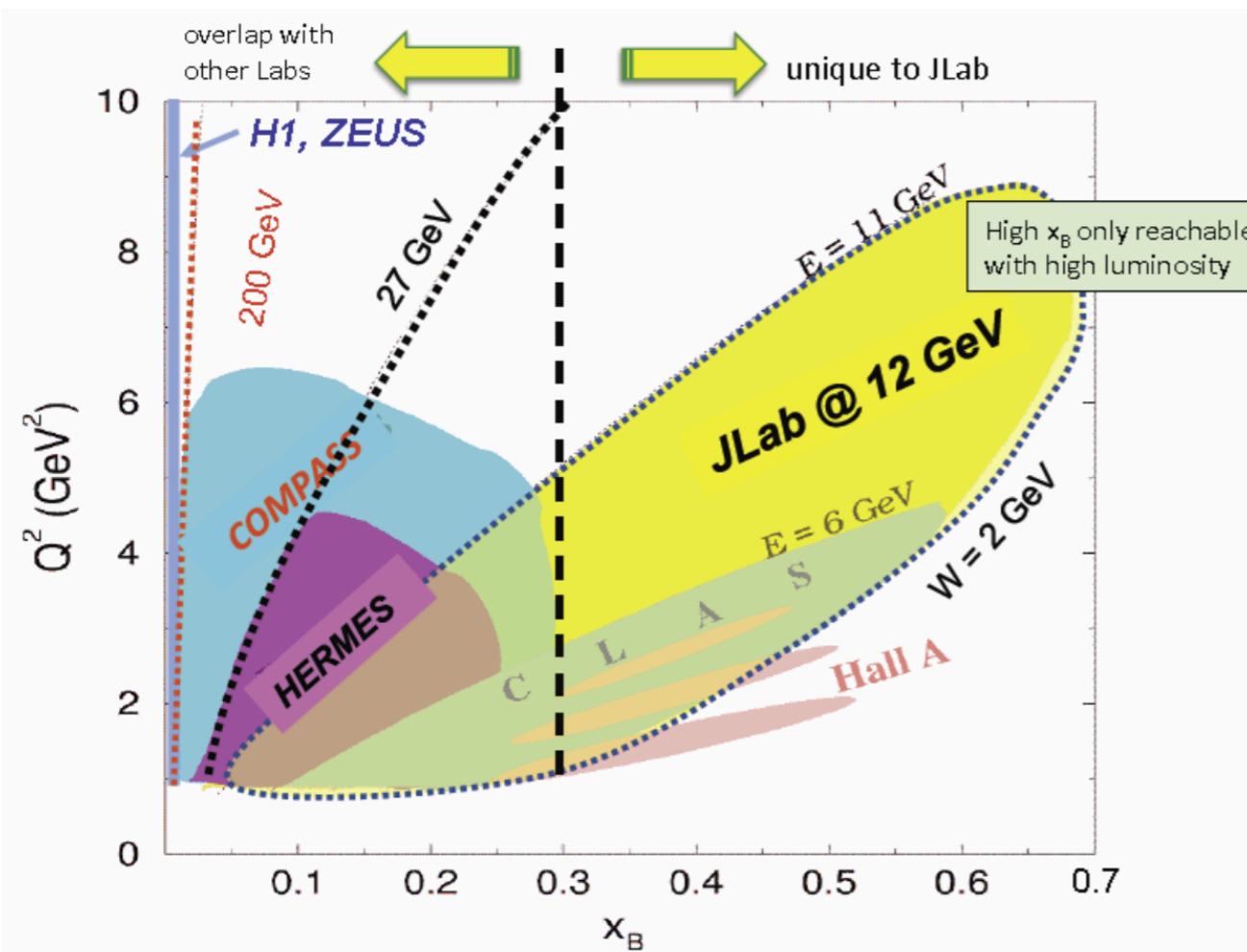


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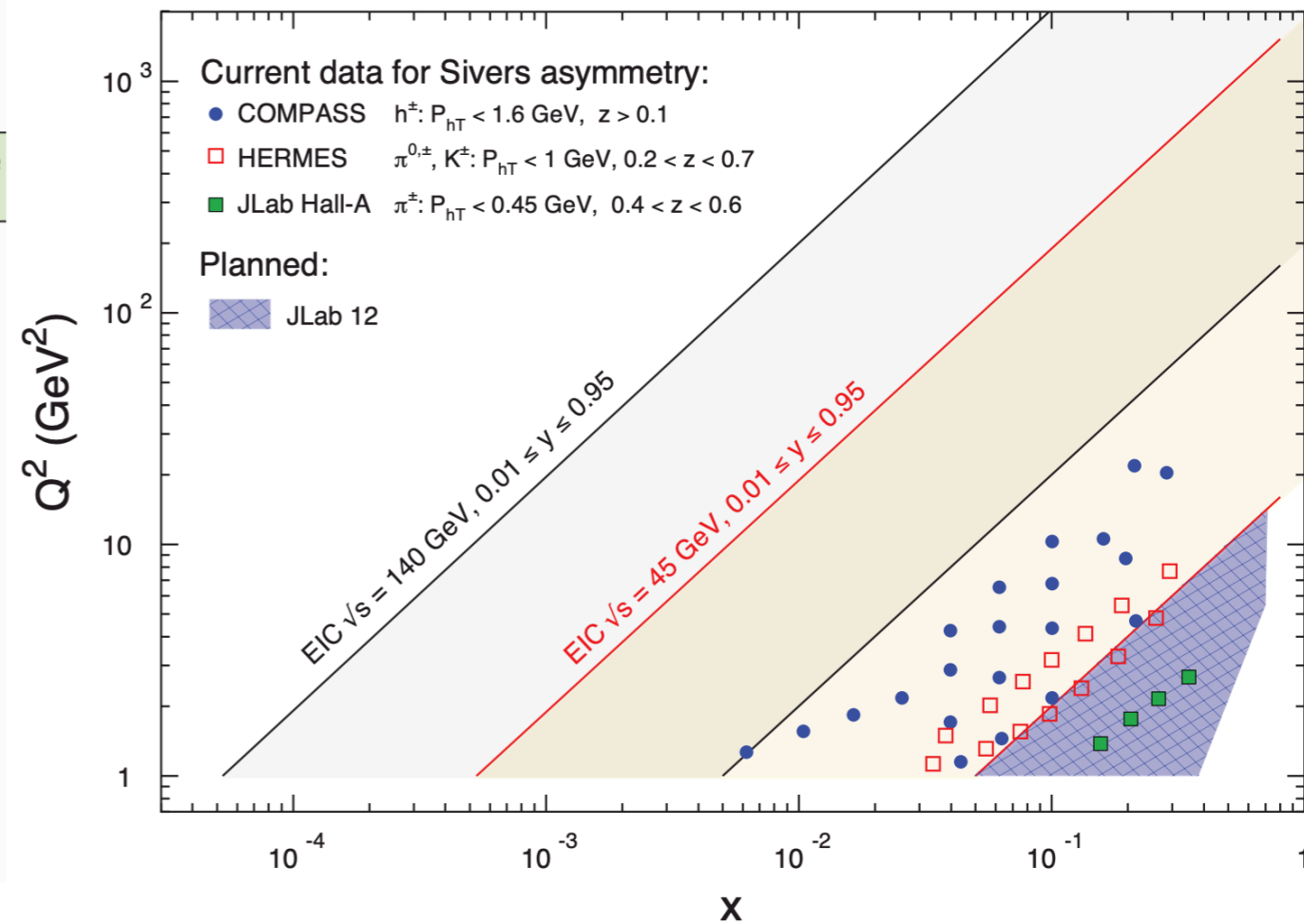


# JLab 12 GeV and the EIC

- Expand Kinematic Coverage
  - JLab extends to large  $x$  (also where lattice is most sensitive)
  - Unpolarized gluon PDF dominates low  $x$  and is goal of EIC
- Expand to polarized and 3D distributions (lattice goal as well)



JLab 12 GeV White Paper:  
Eur. Phys. J. A 48 (2012) 187



EIC White Paper:  
Eur. Phys. J. A 52 (2016) 9, 268

# Positivity of the PDFs

- In parton model (LO without QCD interactions),  $f_i^{\uparrow/\downarrow}(x) \geq 0$ 
  - Sometimes assumed for PDF analysis
  - For gluons implies,

$$2g(x) = g^{\uparrow}(x) + g^{\downarrow}(x) \qquad 2\Delta g(x) = g^{\uparrow}(x) - g^{\downarrow}(x)$$

$$|\Delta g(x)| \leq g(x)$$

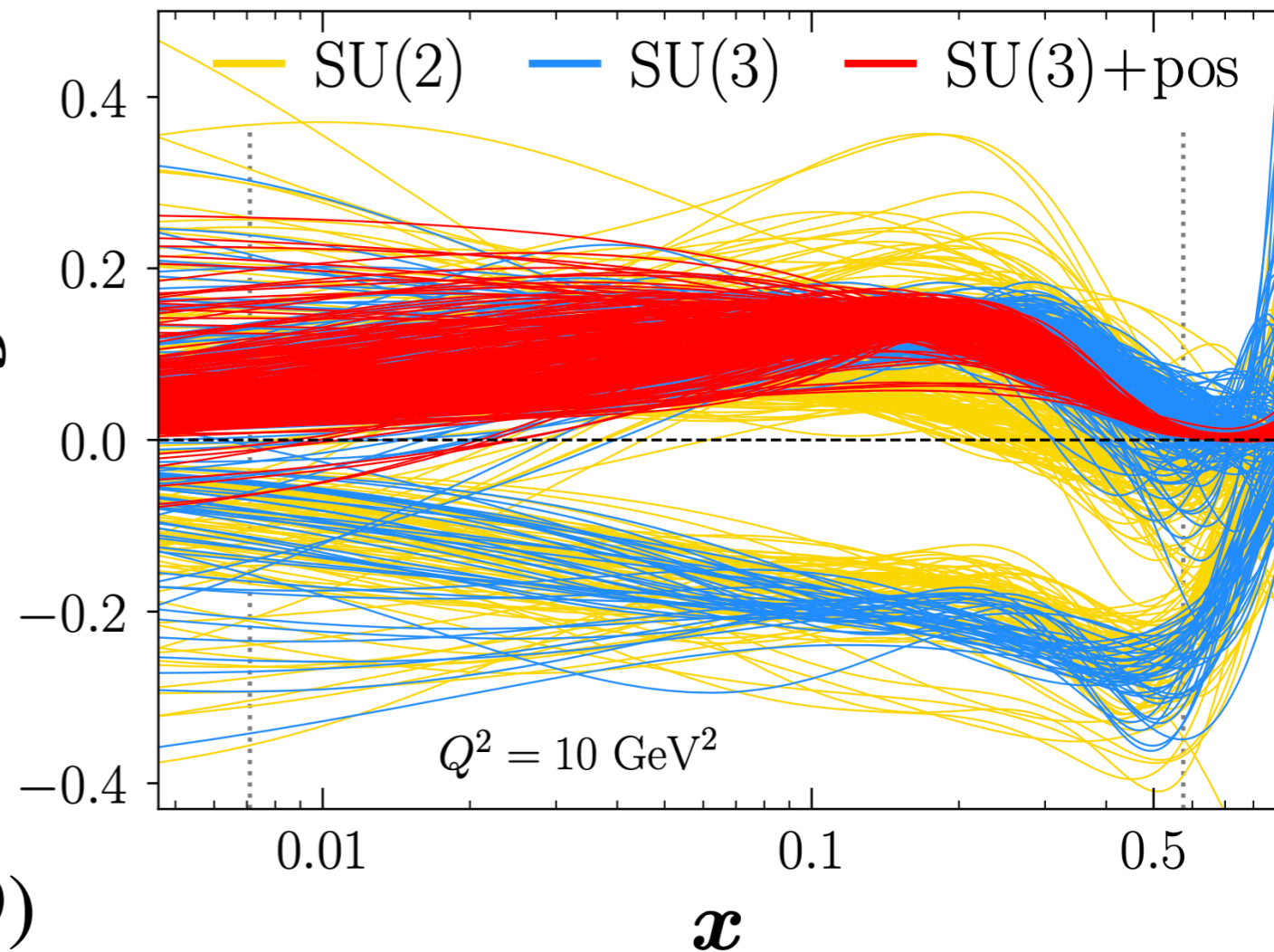
- With interactions, does not have to be true for  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme

J. Collins, T. Rogers, N. Sato, Phys Rev D 105 (2022) 7,076010

- How will this effect analyses?

# Spinning gluons

Y. Zhou et al (JAM) Phys. Rev. D 105, 074022 (2022)



R. Jaffe and A. Manohar, Nucl. Phys. B 337, 509 (1990)

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q + L_G + \Delta G$$

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

- Positivity removed from JAM helicity gluon PDF

$$|\Delta g| \leq g$$

- Reveals new band of solutions

- With constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.39(9)$

- Without constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.3(5)$

- Lattice:  $\Delta G = 0.251(47)(16)$

Y-B. Yang et al ( $\chi$ -QCD) Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 102001 (2017)

K-F. Liu arXiv: 2112.08416



# Parton Distributions and the Lattice

- Parton Distributions are defined by operators with light-like separations

- Use space-like separations

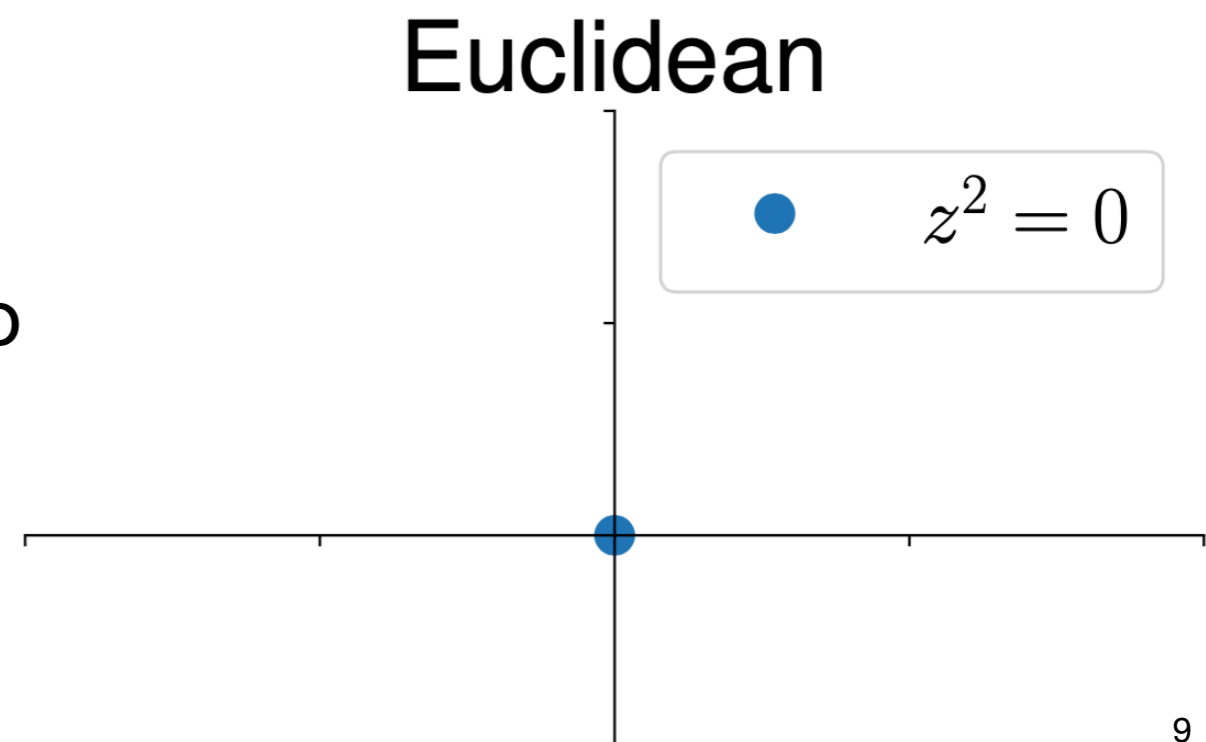
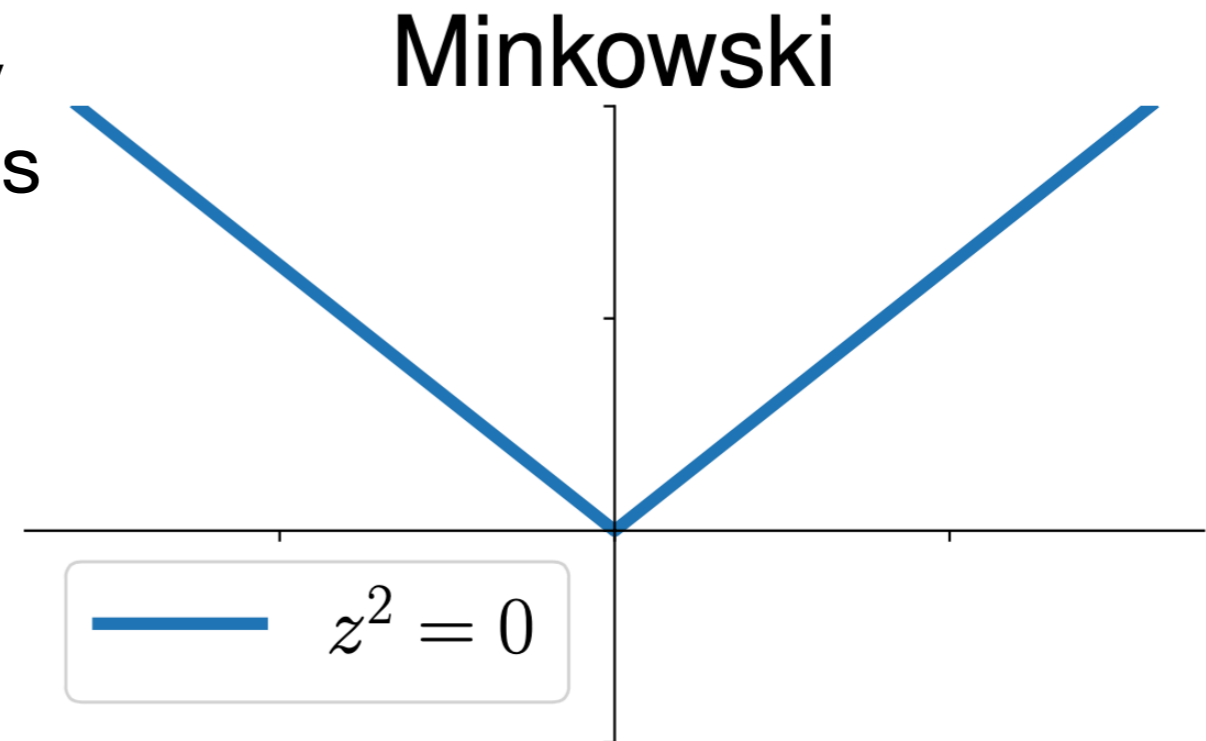
*X. Ji Phys Rev Lett 110 (2013) 262002*

- Wilson line operators

$$O_{\Gamma}^{\text{WL}}(z) = \bar{\psi}(z)\Gamma W(z; 0)\psi(0)$$

$$z^2 \neq 0$$

- Factorizations exist analogous to cross sections



# Many approaches

- **Wilson line operators**

$$O_{WL}(x; z) = \bar{\psi}(x + z)\Gamma W(x + z; x)\psi(x)$$

- LaMET *X. Ji Phys. Rev. Lett.* 110 (2013) 262002

- Pseudo-PDF *A. Radyushkin Phys. Rev. D* 96 (2017) 3, 034025

- **Two current correlators**

- **Hadronic Tensor**

- K.-F. Liu et al Phys. Rev. Lett.* 72 1790 (1994)

- **HOPE**

- Phys. Rev. D* 62 (2000) 074501

- W. Detmold and C.-J. D. Lin, Phys. Rev. D* 73 (2006) 014501

- **Short distance OPE**

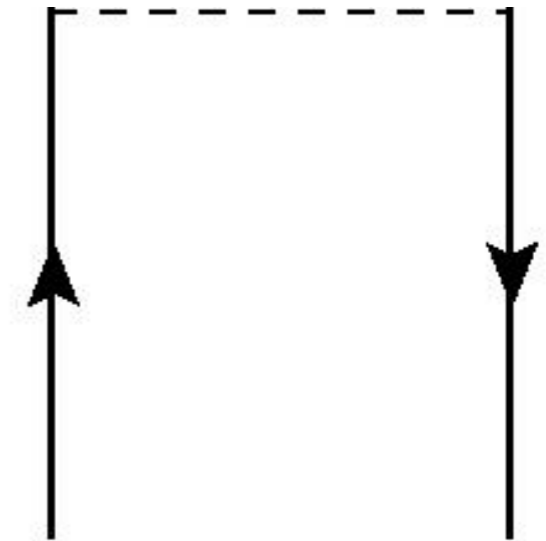
- V. Braun and D. Muller Eur. Phys. J. C* 55 (2008) 349

- **OPE-without-OPE**

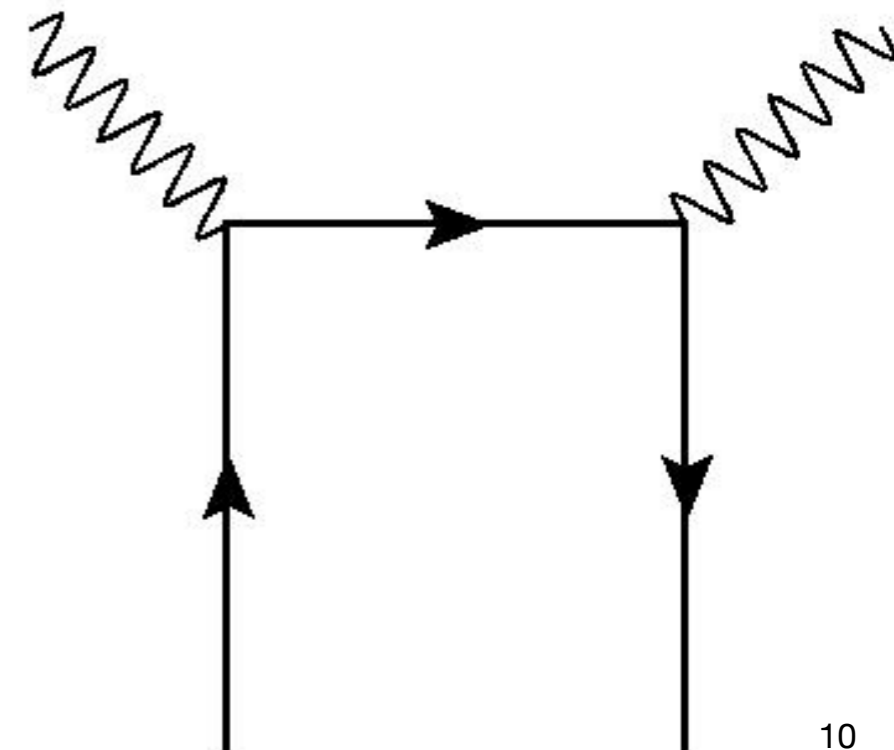
- A. Chambers et al, Phys. Rev. Lett.* 118 (2017) 242001

- **Good Lattice Cross Sections**

- Y.-Q. Ma and J.-W. Qiu Phys. Rev. Lett.* 120 (2018) 2, 022003



$$O_{CC}(x, y) = J_{\Gamma}(x)J_{\Gamma'}(y)$$



# Wilson Line Matrix Elements

- Matrix element  $M(p, z) = \langle p | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^\alpha W(z; 0) \psi(0) | p \rangle \quad z^2 \neq 0$   
 $= 2p^\alpha \mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) + 2z^\alpha \mathcal{N}(\nu, z^2)$

- Quasi-PDF:  $\tilde{q}(y, p_z^2) = \frac{1}{2p_\alpha} \int dz e^{iy p_z z} M(z, p_z)$

- Large Momentum Effective Theory: [X. Ji Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 262002](#)

- $\tilde{q}(y, p_z^2) = \int \frac{dx}{|x|} K\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{\mu^2}{(xp_z)^2}\right) q(x, \mu^2) + O\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xp_z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{((1-x)p_z)^2}\right)$

- Pseudo-ITD: [A. Radyushkin Phys. Rev. D 96 \(2017\) 3, 034025](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) &= \int dx C(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q(x, \mu^2) + O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 z^2) \\ &= \int du C'(u, \mu^2 z^2) I_q(u\nu, \mu^2) + O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 z^2) \end{aligned}$$



# The Role of Separation and Momentum

- In **quasi-PDF** and **pseudo-PDF**, separation and momentum swap roles

**Scale:**

$$p_z^2 / z^2$$

**Fourier variable:**

$$z / p_z, \text{ or } \nu = p \cdot z$$

- Scale for factorization to PDF
- Scale in power expansion
- Keep away from  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- Technically only requires single value
- Variable for inverse Fourier Transform
- Can take large or small value
- Want as many as are available
- Wider range improves the inverse problem

# Lattice QCD

## Why Lattice QCD?

- QCD lacks controllable perturbative expansion
- Numerical Lattice Field Theory at all couplings, masses, ....
- Systematically improvable approximations



Summit (ORNL/OLCF)

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## Need to watch out for

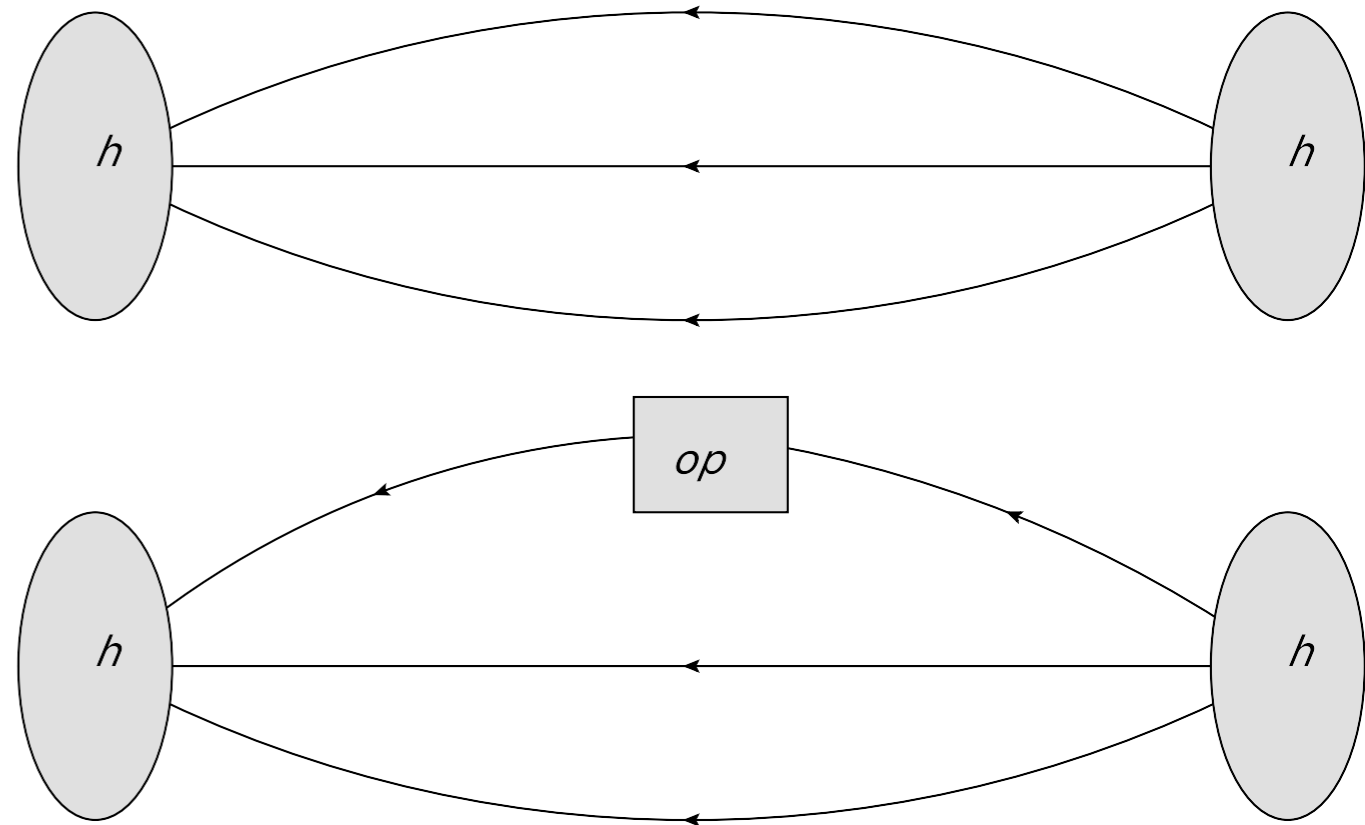
- Finite lattice spacing
- Finite physical volume
- Unphysical pion mass
- Euclidean vs Minkowski space
- $u - d$  iso-vector to avoid noisy diagrams

# Correlation Functions

$$C_2(T) = \langle O_h(T) \bar{O}_h(0) \rangle = \sum_n |Z_n|^2 e^{-E_n T}$$

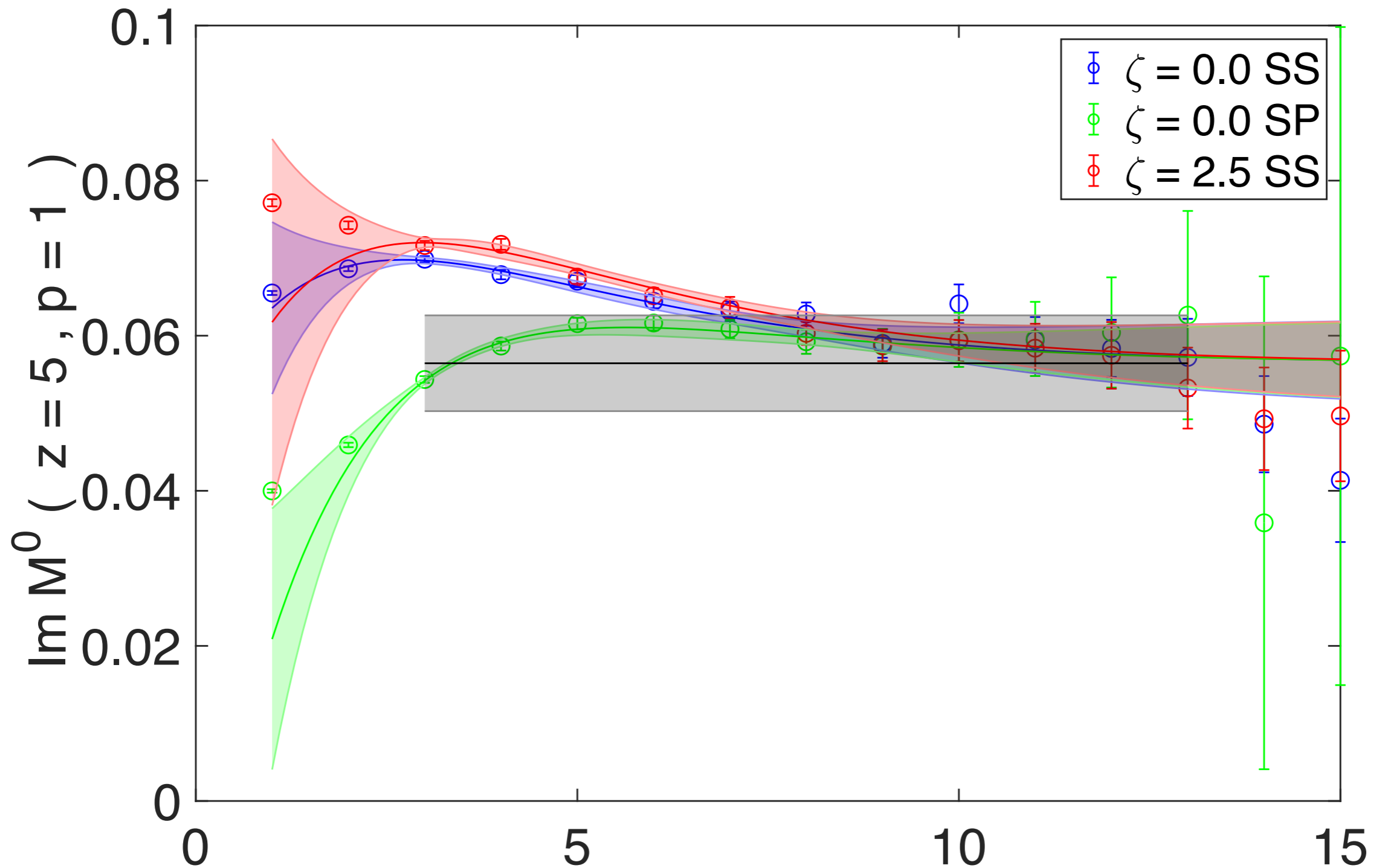
$$C_3(T, t) = \langle O_h(T) O_{op}(t) \bar{O}_h(0) \rangle$$

- Ratios lead to hadronic matrix elements when  $T \rightarrow \infty$
- Short  $T$ : Excited state contamination
- Large  $T$ : Exponentially growing signal-to-noise ratio





# Correlation Functions



$$R(T) = \sum_t \frac{C_3(T, t)}{C_2(T)} \quad M^{\text{eff}}(T) = R(T+1) - R(T) = M + O(e^{-(E_1 - E_0)T})$$

# Difficulty Reaching High Momentum

- **Creating operator with high overlap and signal**

- **Momentum smearing** improves overlap with moving states

G. Bali et al Phys. Rev. D 93 (2016) 9, 094515

- **Distillation** from all time slices improves signal

M. Peardon, et al,  
Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 054506

- **GEVP** optimizes the overlap with ground state

C. Egerer et al  
Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) 3, 034502

- **Excited state energy gap shrinks**

- Larger times needed for ground state

- **Summed GEVP** techniques can remove lowest states and suppress remaining

J. Bulava, M. Donnellan, R. Sommer JHEP 01 (2012) 140

- **Exponentially suppressed signal-to-noise ratio**

- No current solutions ( technically a sign problem )

**What do we do with this  
data?**



# Inverse Problems for pseudo-PDFs

- Limited range of  $z$  and  $p$  cannot approach  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  to integrate inverse

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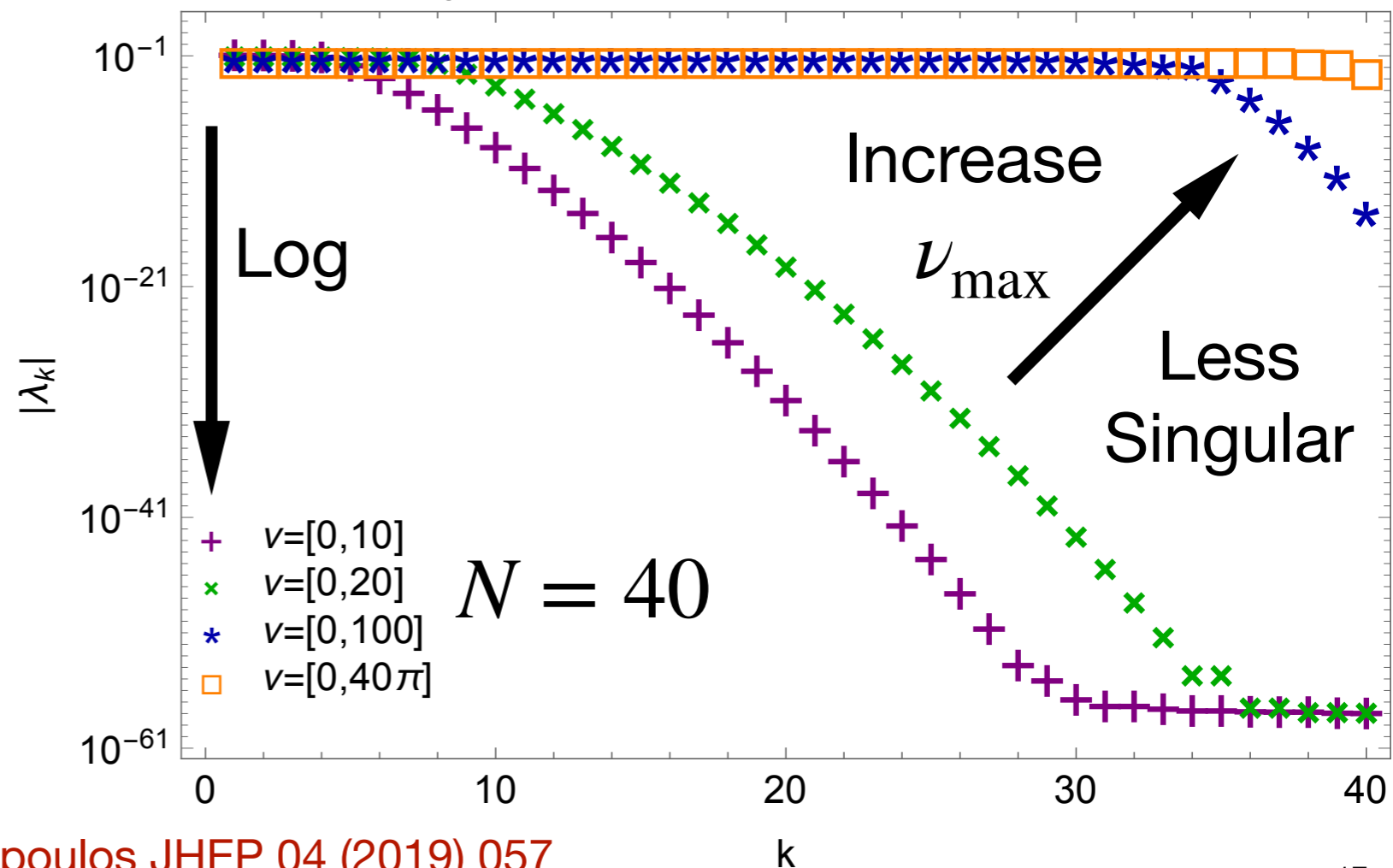
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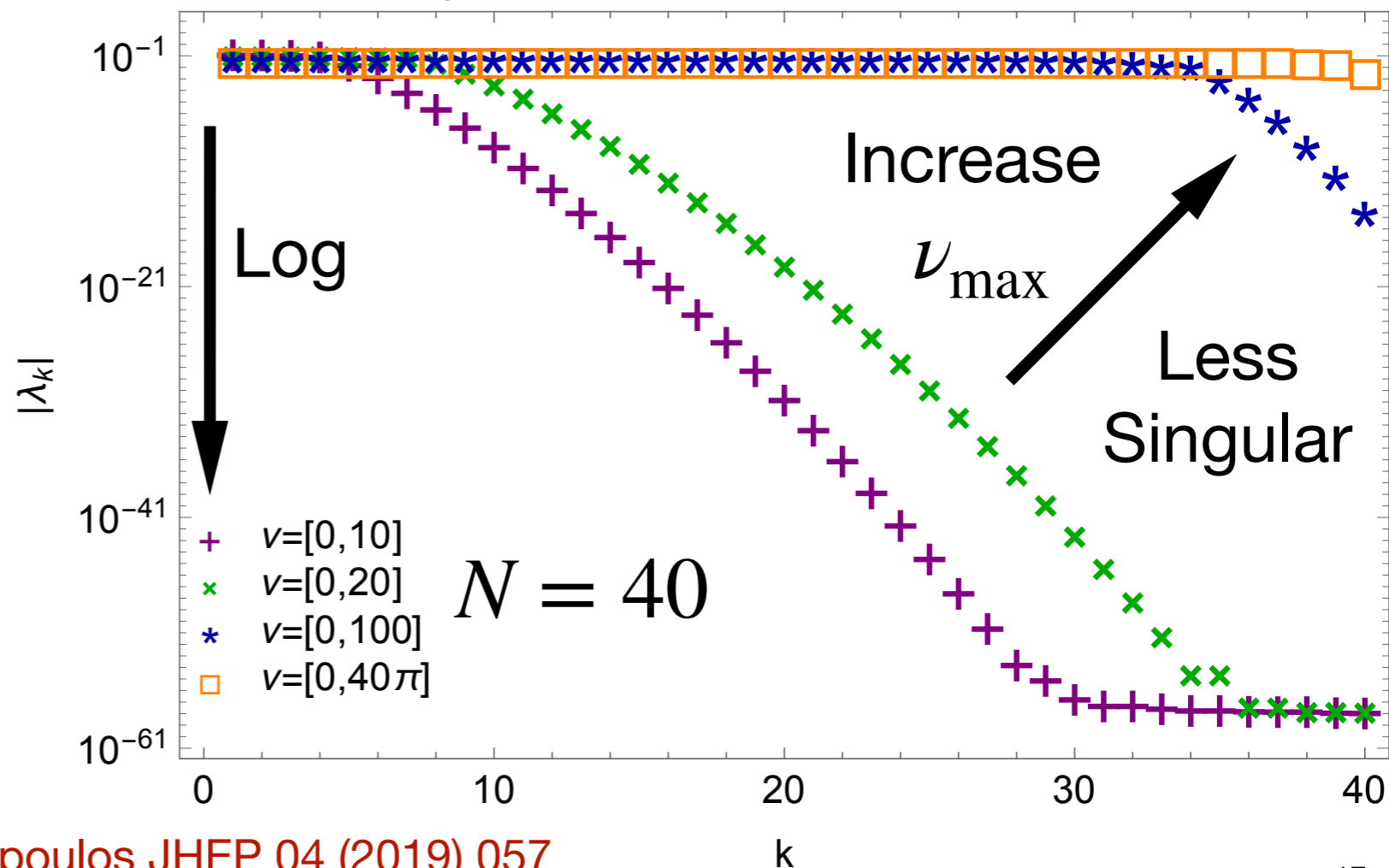
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- Must be regulated by additional information
  - Restricted functional form
  - Constraints on the PDF or parameters
  - Assumptions of smoothness, continuity, ....





# Inverse Problems for Parton Physics

- **Structure Functions**

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_i \int_x^1 d\xi C(\xi, \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}) q(\frac{x}{\xi}, \mu^2)$$

- **Local Matrix elements / HOPE / OPE-without-OPE**

- **LaMET (on the lattice)**

$$M(p_z, z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{iyp_z z} \tilde{q}(y, p_z^2)$$

$$a_n(\mu^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x, \mu^2)$$

- **pseudo-Distributions / Good Lattice Cross Sections**

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx C(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q(x, \mu^2)$$

- **Hadronic Tensor**

$$\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}(\tau) = \int d\nu e^{-\nu\tau} W_{\mu\nu}(\nu)$$

# Approaches to the Inverse Problem

- Parametric Solutions:
  - Phenomenological model
  - **Neural Networks**
- Non-Parametric Solutions:
  - **Backus Gilbert**
  - **Bayesian Reconstruction / Maximum Entropy**
  - Bayes-Gauss-Fourier Transform / Gaussian Processes

JK, K. Orginos, A. Rothkopf, S. Zafeiropoulos  
JHEP 04 (2019) 057

# Unknown Functions

- **Lattice systematic errors**

$$\mathfrak{M}^{\text{latt}}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}^{\text{cont}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_n \left( \frac{a}{|z|} \right)^n P_n(\nu) + \left( a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \right)^n R_n(\nu) + \dots$$

- **Power Corrections**

$$\mathfrak{M}^{\text{cont}}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}^{\text{lt}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_n \left( z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \right)^n B_n(\nu)$$

- **Factorization**

$$[\text{Re/Im}] \mathfrak{M}_{\text{lt}}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx K_{\text{R/I}}(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_{\mp}(x, \mu^2)$$

$$K_R(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) = \cos(x\nu) + O(\alpha) \quad K_I(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) = \sin(x\nu) + O(\alpha)$$

# Jacobi Polynomials

- Change of variables from true Jacobi polynomials

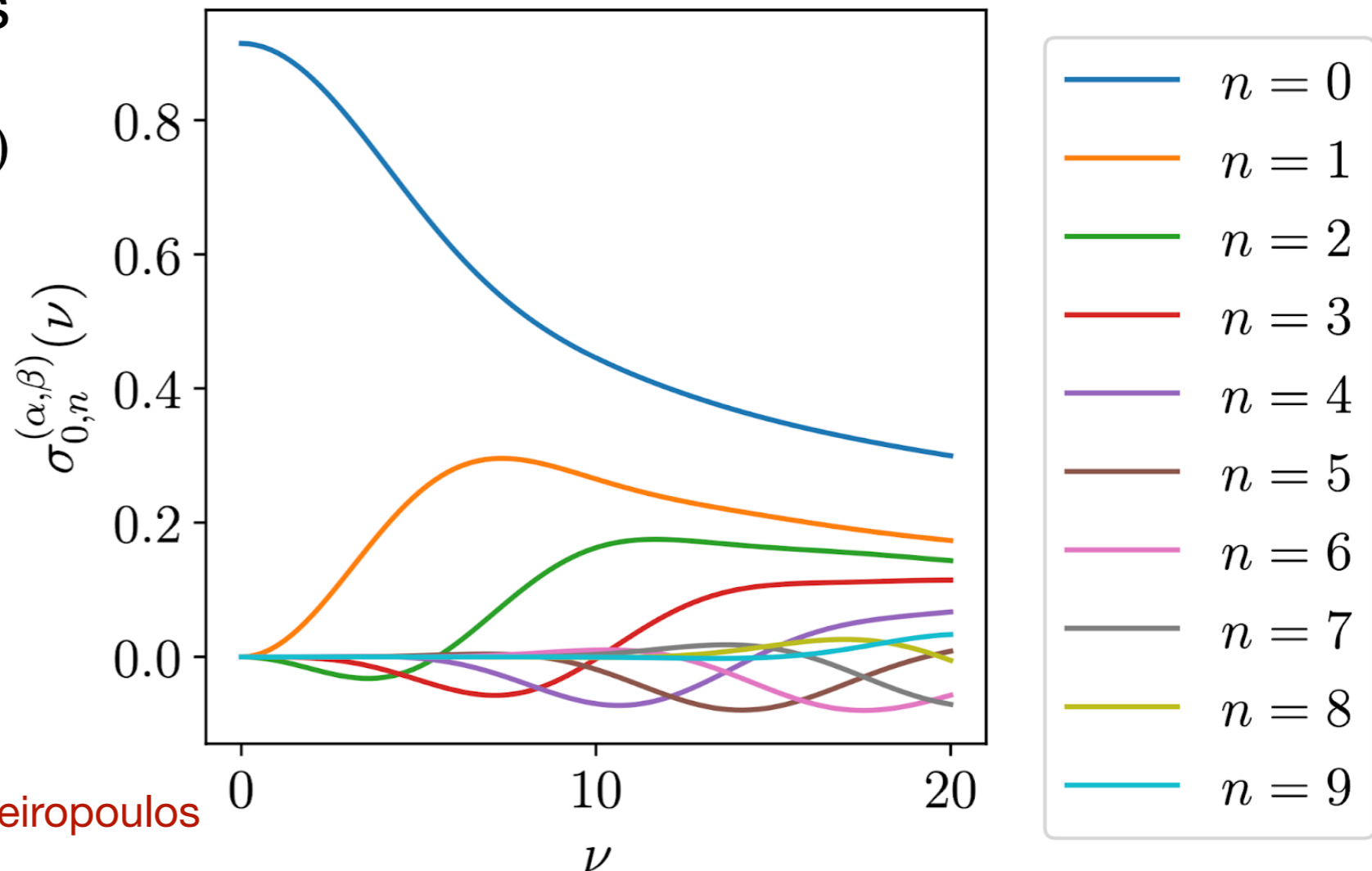
$$\int_{-1}^1 dz (1+z)^\alpha (1-z)^\beta P_n(z) P_m(z) = \delta_{nm} \tilde{N}_n \rightarrow \int_0^1 dx x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta J_n(x) J_m(x) = \delta_{nm} N_n$$

- PDF Parameterized as

$$q_- = x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta \sum_n -d_n P_n(x)$$

- ITD becomes

$$\text{Re } I_q(\nu) = \sum_n -d_n \sigma_n(\nu)$$

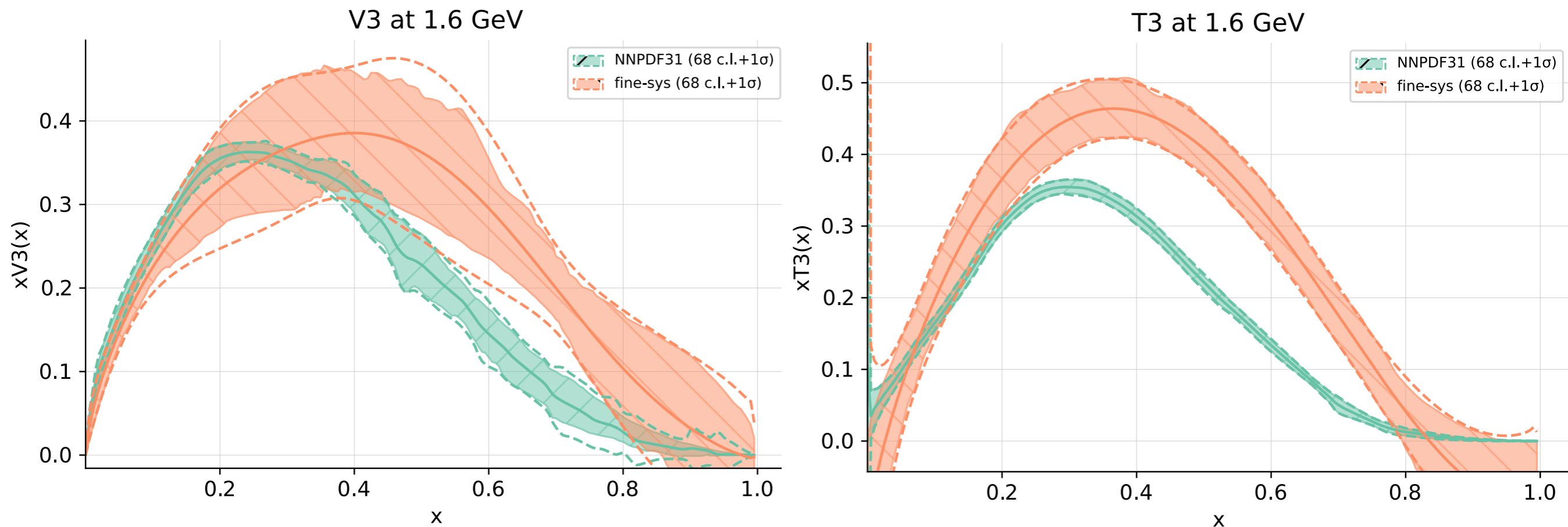




# Neural Networks for Inverse Problems

- NNPDF Analysis with NN geom 2-5-3-1

L. Del Debbio, T. Giani, JK, K. Orginos, A. Radyushkin, S. Zafeiropoulos JHEP 02 (2021) 138



$$V_3 = q_- = q_v \quad T_3 = q_+$$

- Higher dimensional distributions will need larger networks
- Sivers asymmetry and TMDs with NNs I. Fernando et al SciPost Phys.Proc. 8 (2022) 035

# Quark pseudo-PDFs

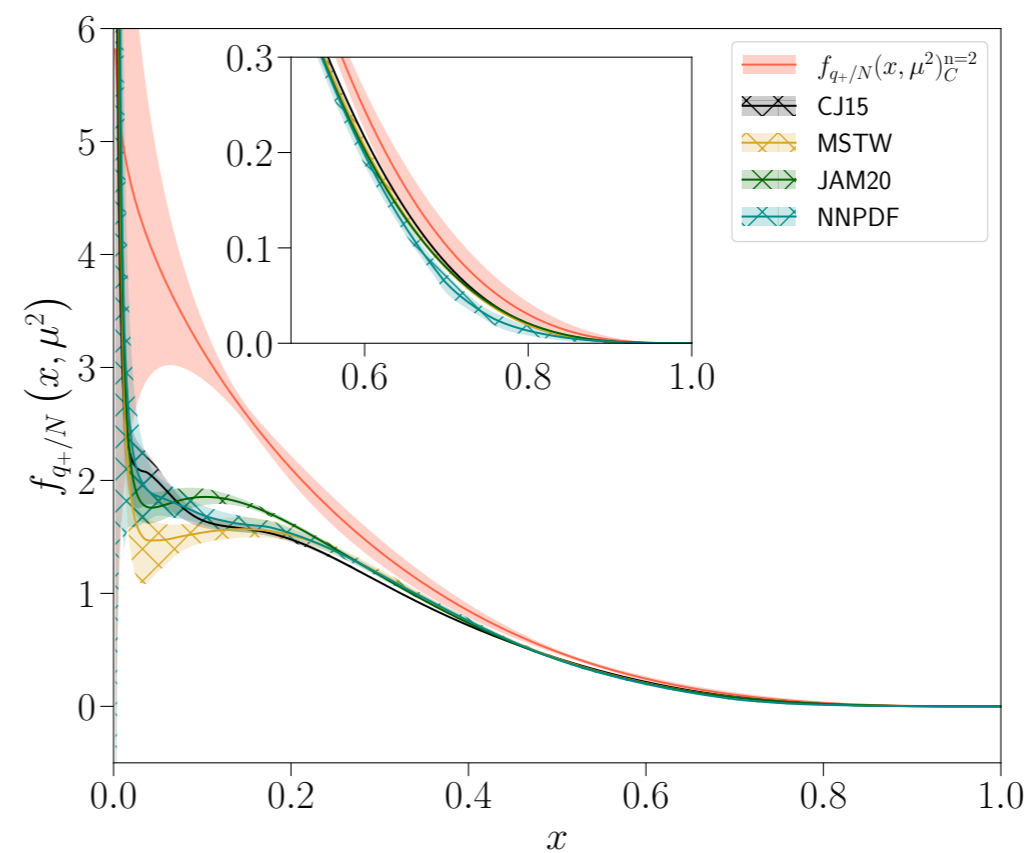
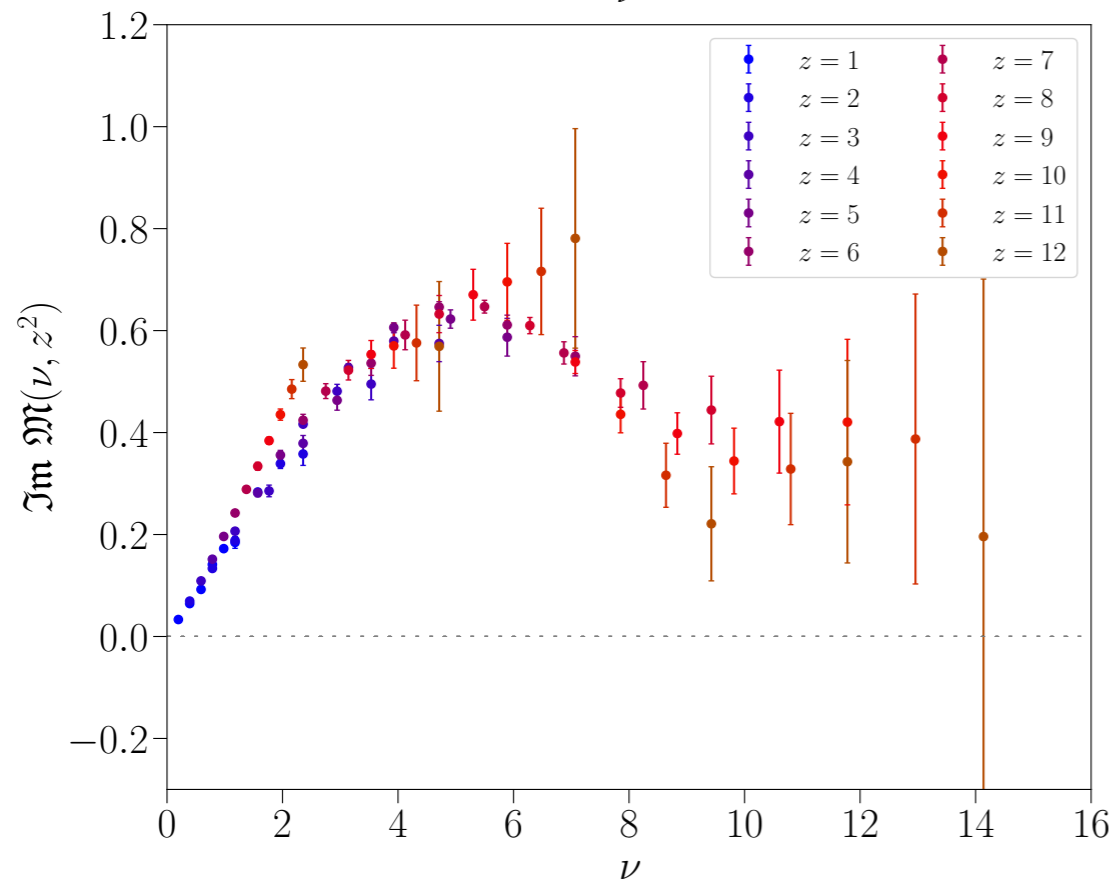
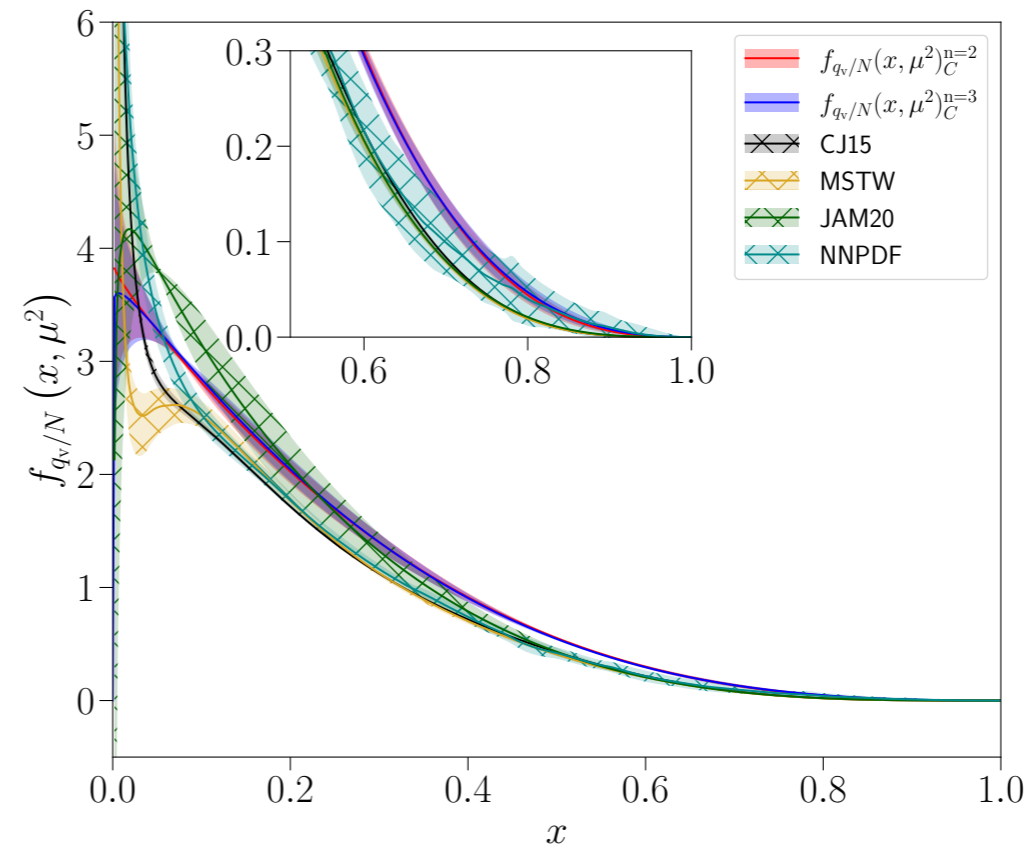
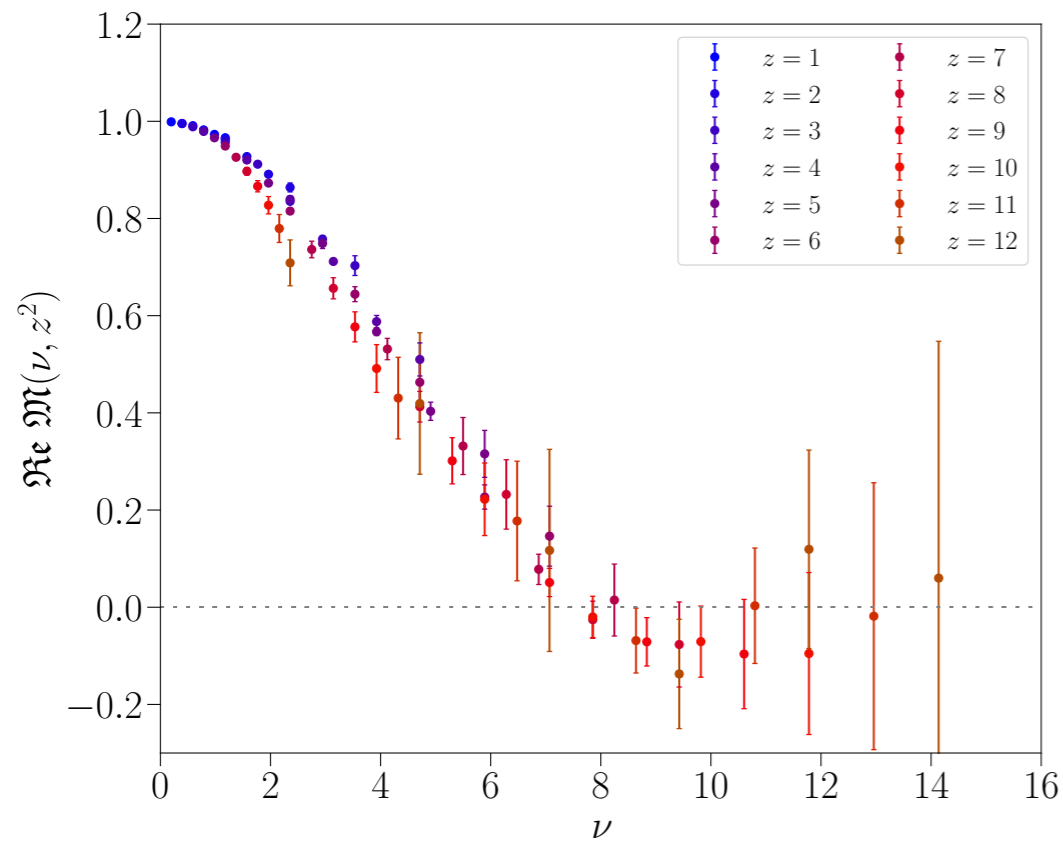
- Bare Matrix element:  $M = \langle p | \bar{\psi}(z)\Gamma W(z; 0)\psi(0) | p \rangle$
- Choose multiplicatively renormalizable operators
  - Unpolarized PDF :  $\Gamma = \gamma^t$
  - Helicity PDF :  $\Gamma = \gamma^z \gamma^5$
  - Transversity PDF :  $\Gamma = \gamma^5 \gamma^t \gamma^i$  ;  $i = x, y$
- First study with distillation with unphysically heavy quarks and coarse ensemble

$$a = 0.094 \text{ fm}$$

$$m_\pi = 358 \text{ MeV}$$

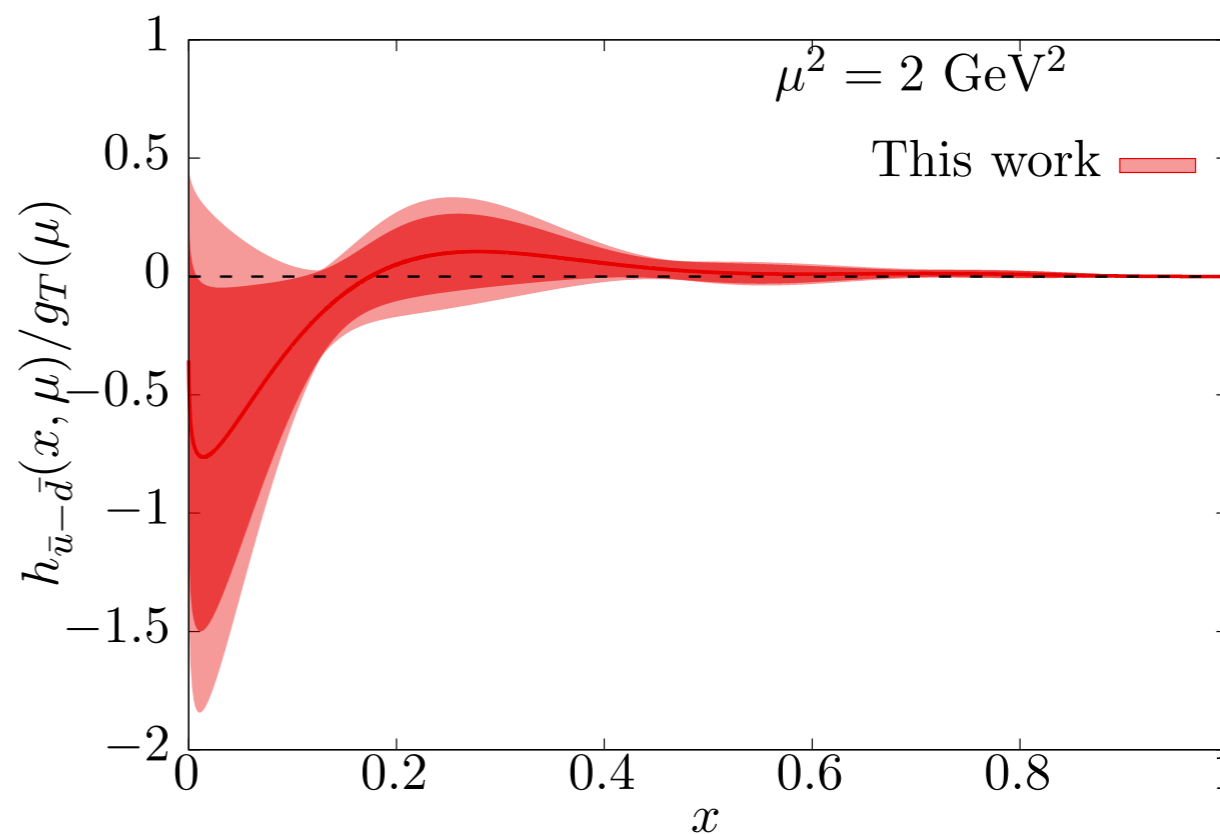
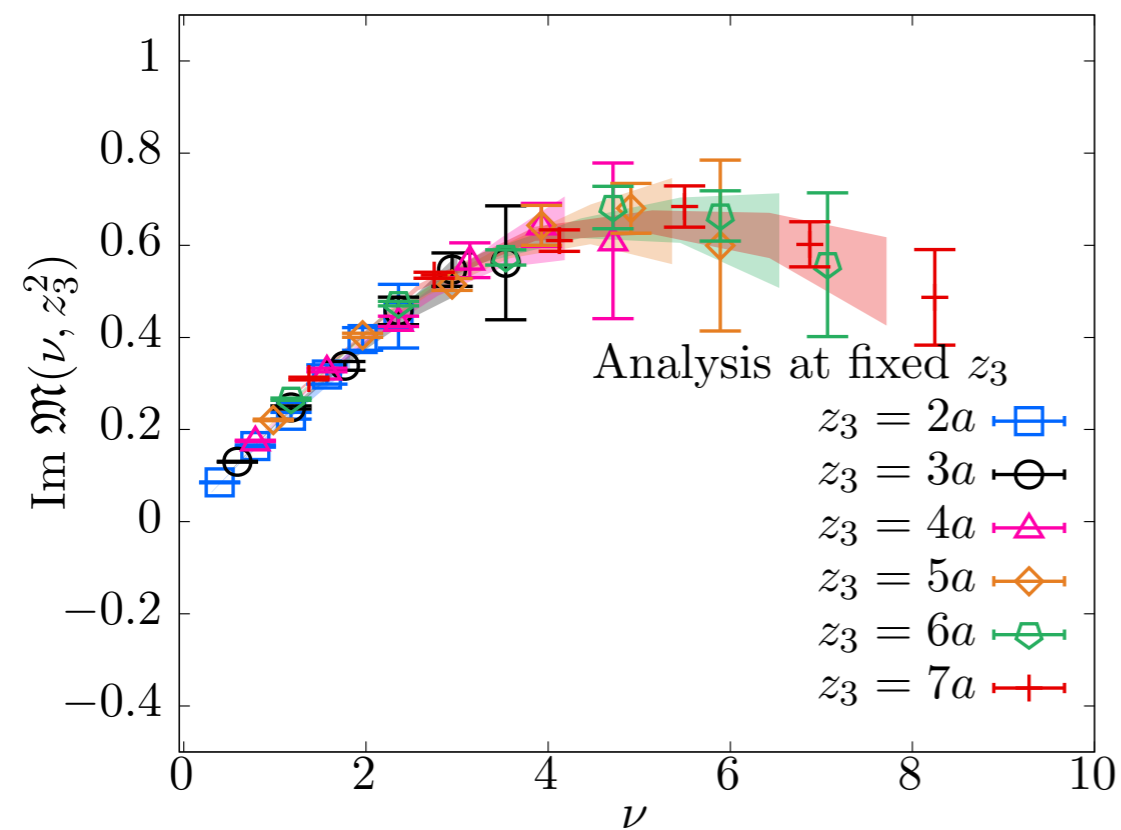
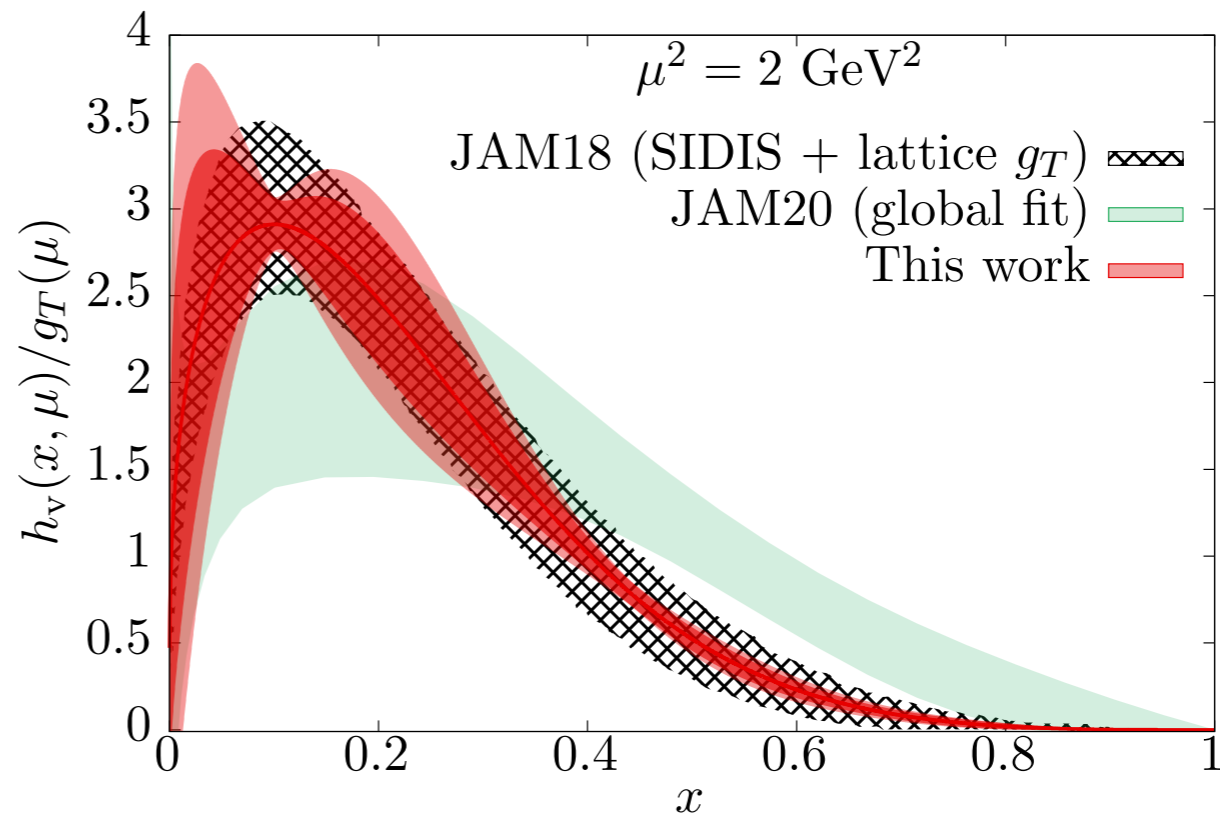
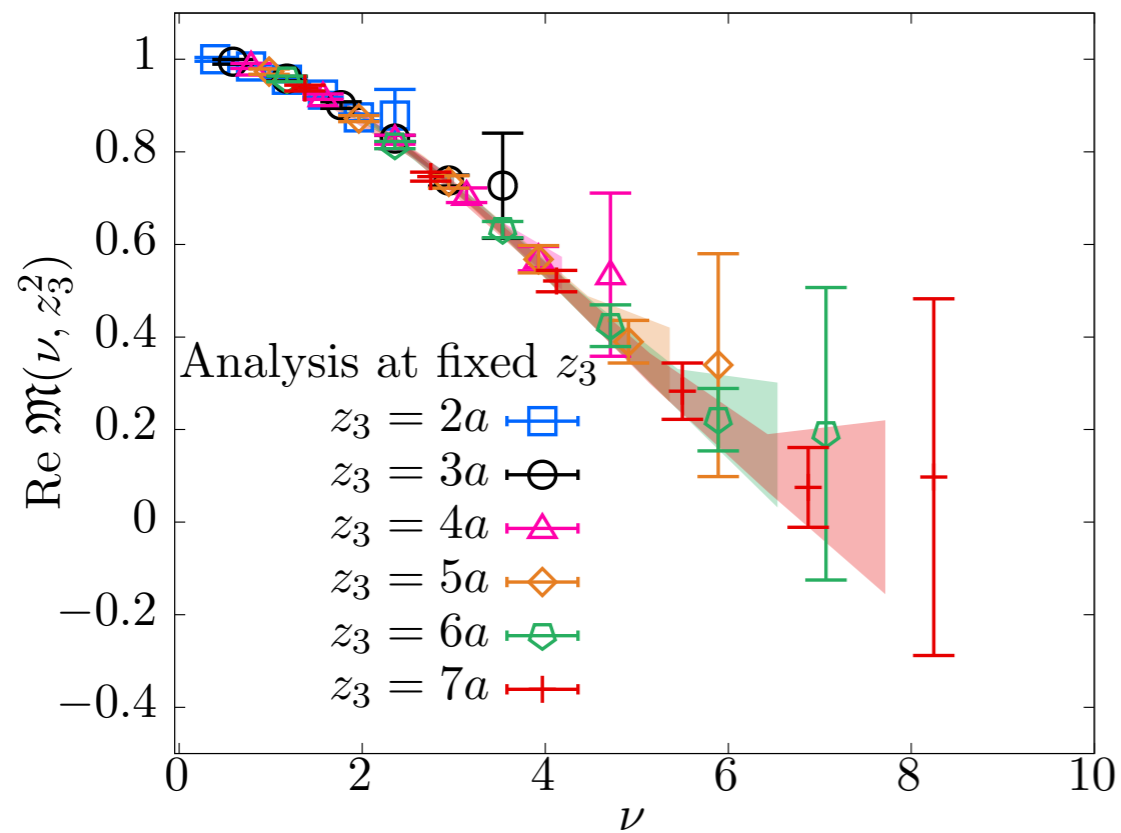
# Unpolarized Quark PDF

C. Egerer et al (HadStruc)  
JHEP 11 (2021) 148



# Transversity Quark PDF

C. Egerer et al (HadStruc)  
Phys Rev D 105 (2022) 3, 034507





# Gluon Matrix Elements

- **General Matrix Element**

$$M^{\mu\alpha;\nu\beta}(z, p, s) = \langle p, s | \text{Tr} [F^{\mu\alpha}(z) W(z; 0) F^{\nu\beta}(0)] | p, s \rangle$$

- Assume  $z$  is along cardinal direction (eventually lattice axis)

- **Renormalization**

Z-Y. Li, Y-Q. Ma, J-W. Qiu.  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 122 (2019) 6, 062002

- Multiplicatively renormalizable
- Depends on how many of  $\mu, \nu, \rho, \sigma$  are in  $z$  direction.
- Matrix element has complicated Lorentz decomposition in terms of  $p^\mu, z^\mu, s^\mu$ 
  - Need to isolate amplitudes with leading twist contributions

# Spin Averaged matrix element

- Spin averaged combination  $\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^3) = \frac{1}{2p_0^2} [M_{ti;it} + M_{ij;ij}]$   
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- Use **ratio** with finite continuum limit

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

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- Relation to **gluon** and **quark singlet** ITD

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 $i, j = x, y$
- Gives **one** amplitude with leading twist contribution

I. Balitsky, W. Morris, A. Radyushkin Phys Rev D 105 (2022) 1, 014008  
 T. Khan et al (HadStruc) Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) 9, 094516

- Use **ratio** with finite continuum limit

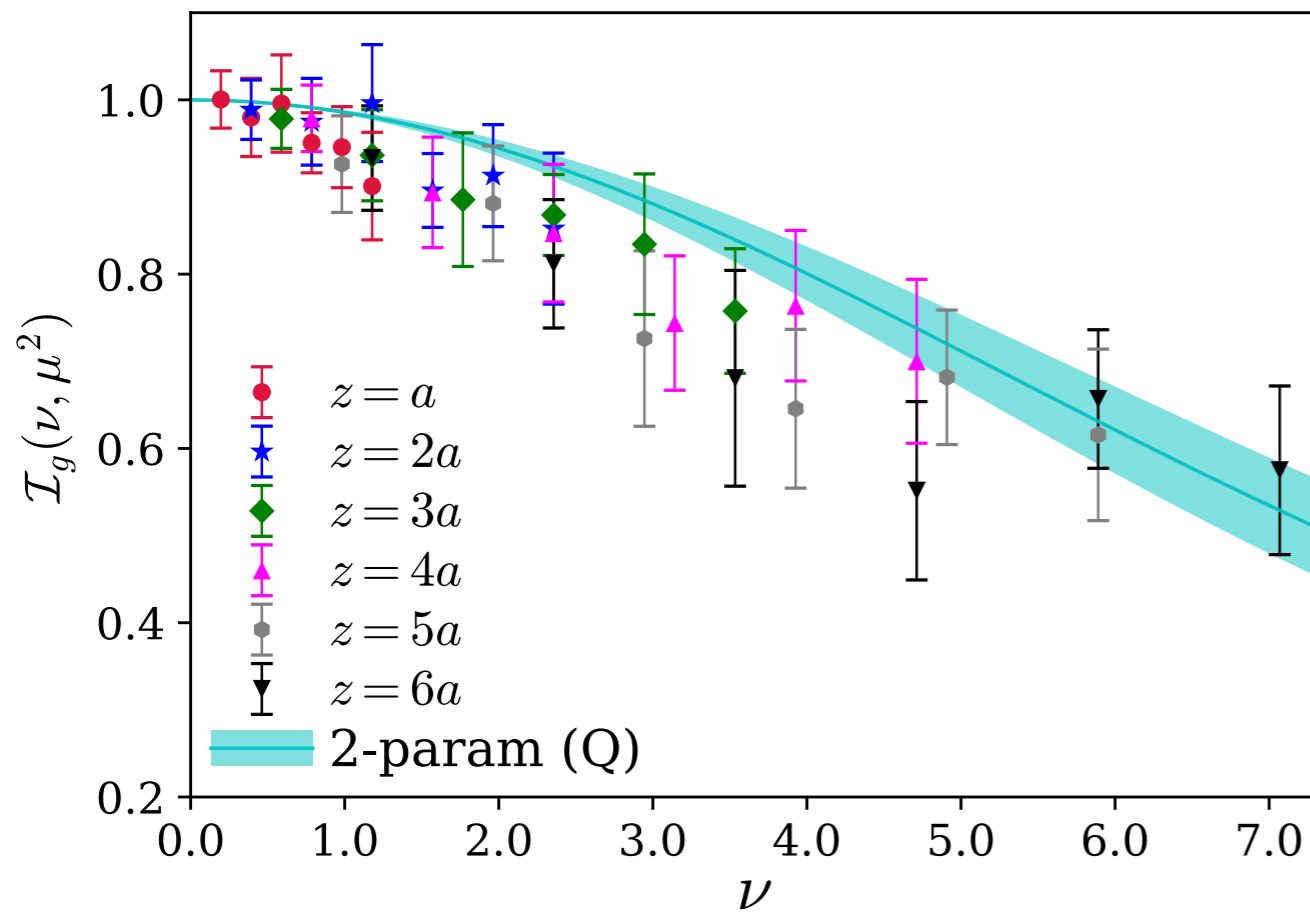
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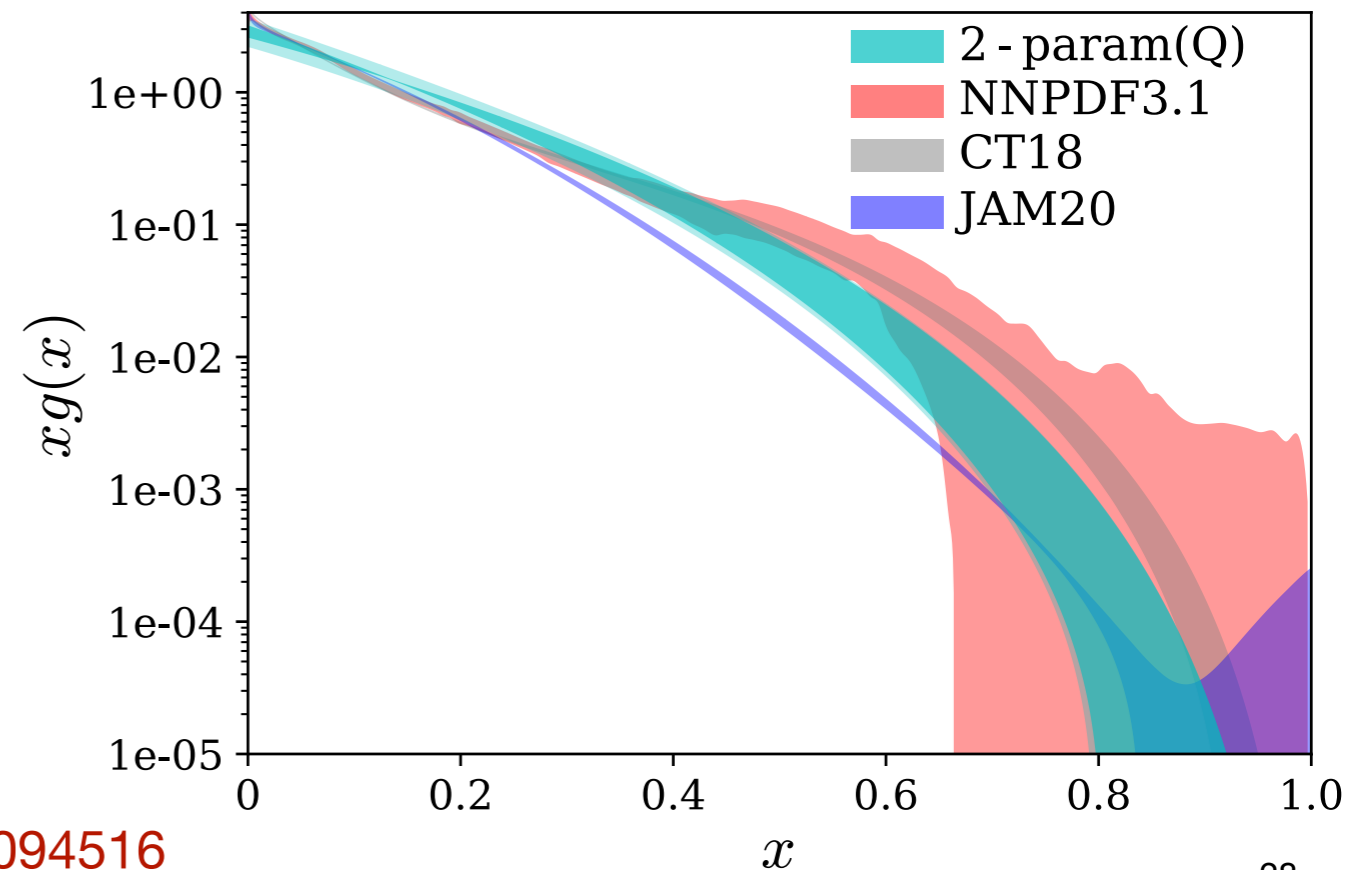


- Extrapolated to  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  flow time
- Modified by NLO formula

$$a = 0.094 \text{ fm}$$

$$m_\pi = 358 \text{ MeV}$$

- ITD fit to cosine transform of  $xg(x) = x^a(1-x)^b/B(a+1, b+1)$
- Qualitative agreement with global analysis





# Helicity Gluon matrix element

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# Lorentz decomposition

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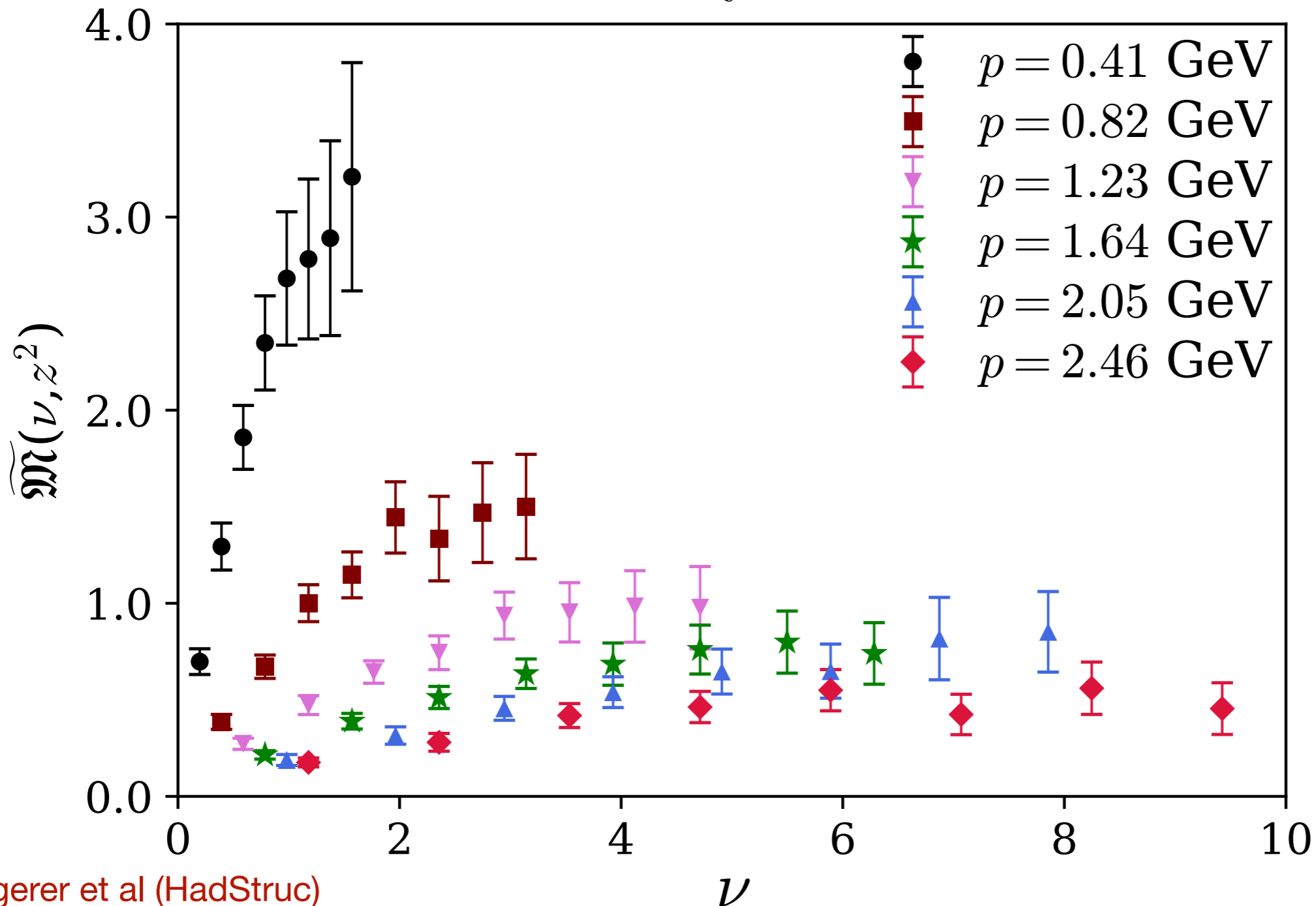
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Want:  $M_{\Delta g}(\nu, z^2) = \left[ \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{sp}^{(+)} - \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp} \right]$

Can get:  $\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}(z, p) &= \left[ \widetilde{M}_{ti;it} + \widetilde{M}_{ij;ij} \right] \\ &= M_{\Delta g} - \frac{m^2 z^2}{\nu} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp} \\ &= M_{\Delta g} - \frac{m^2}{p_z^2} \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp} \end{aligned}$

# Helicity Gluon Matrix Element

- Large contamination from  $\frac{m^2}{p_z^2} \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}$  will need to be removed

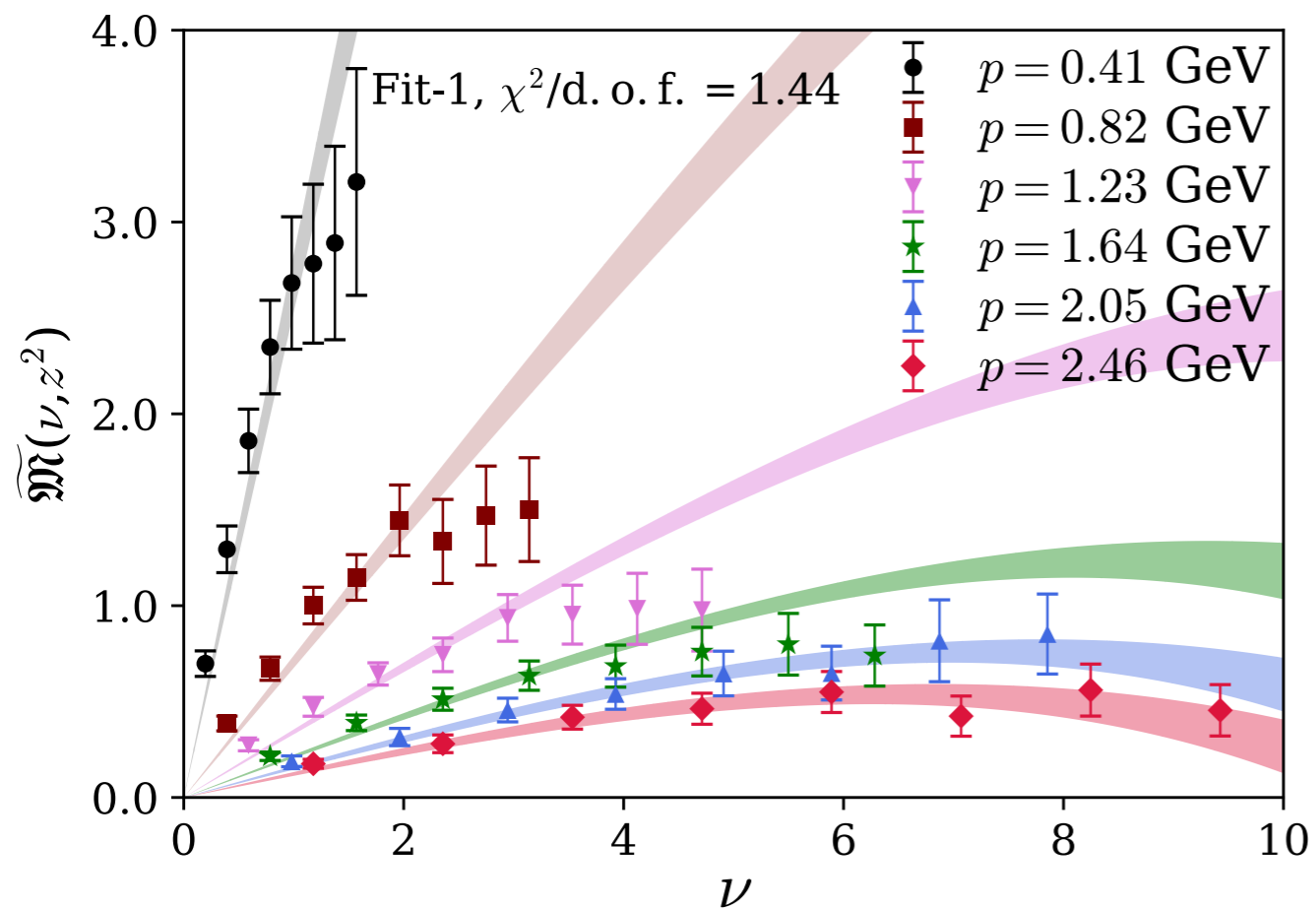


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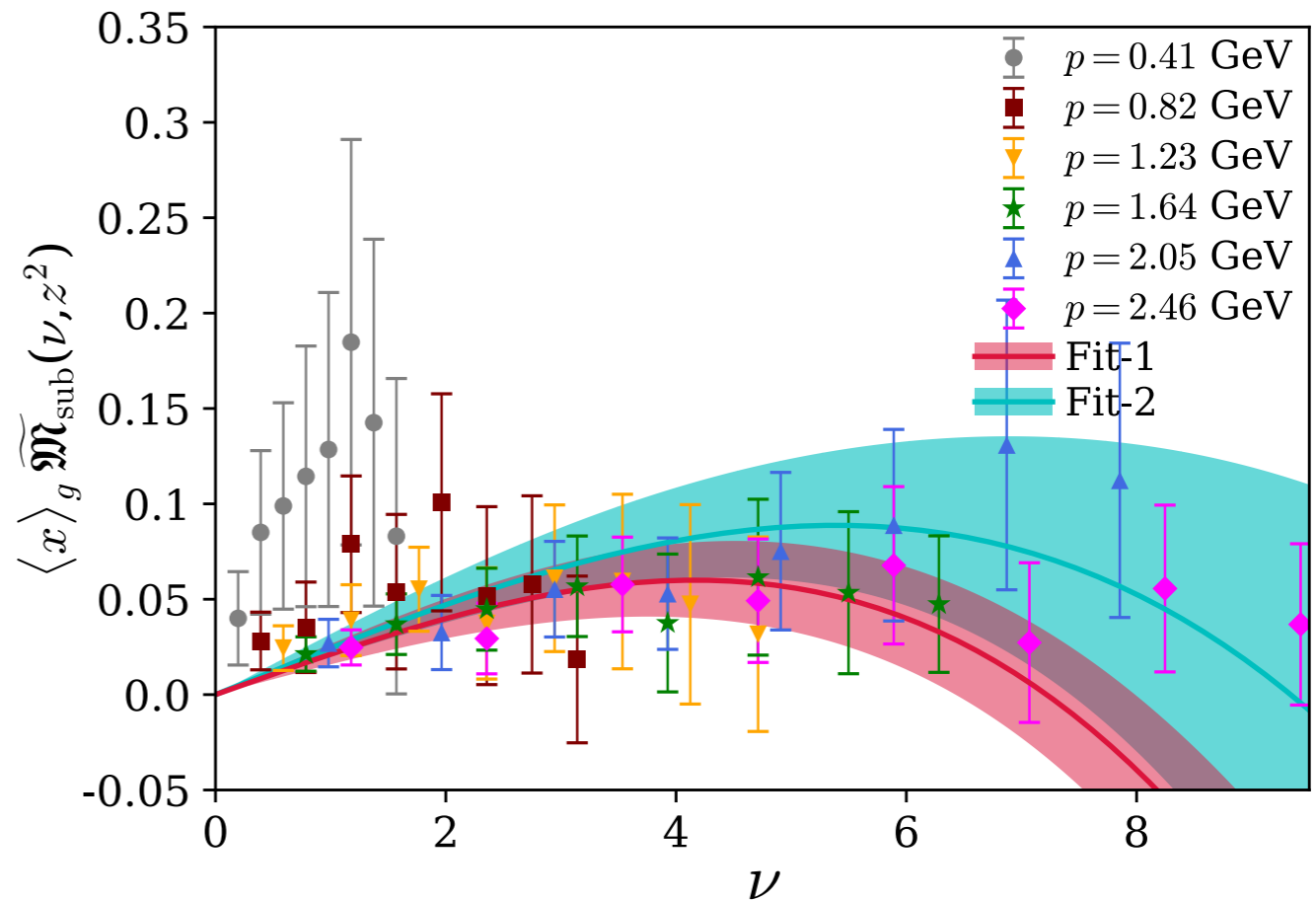


# Helicity Gluon PDF

- Model both terms



- Subtract rest frame



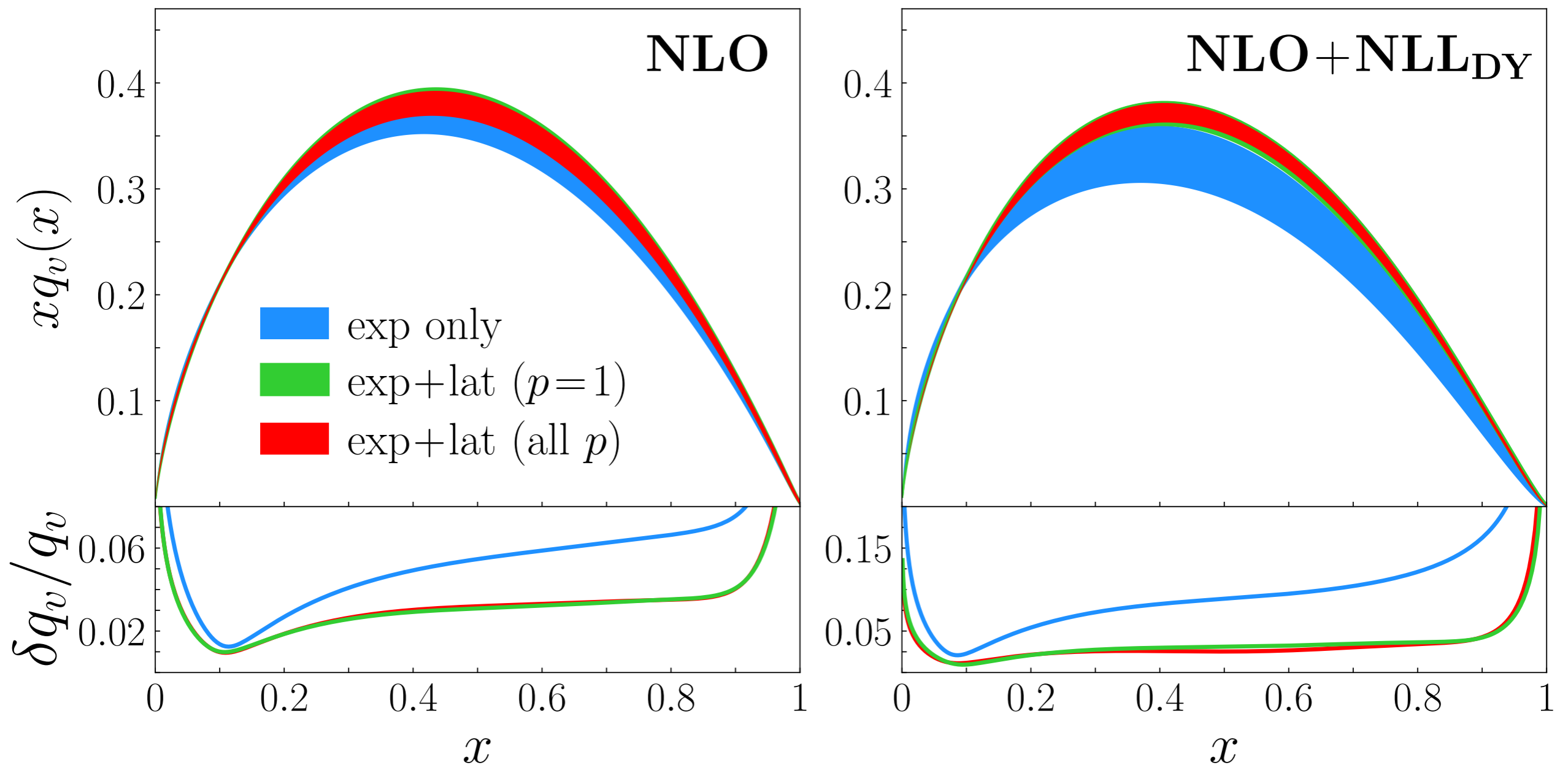
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**Lattice data aren't that  
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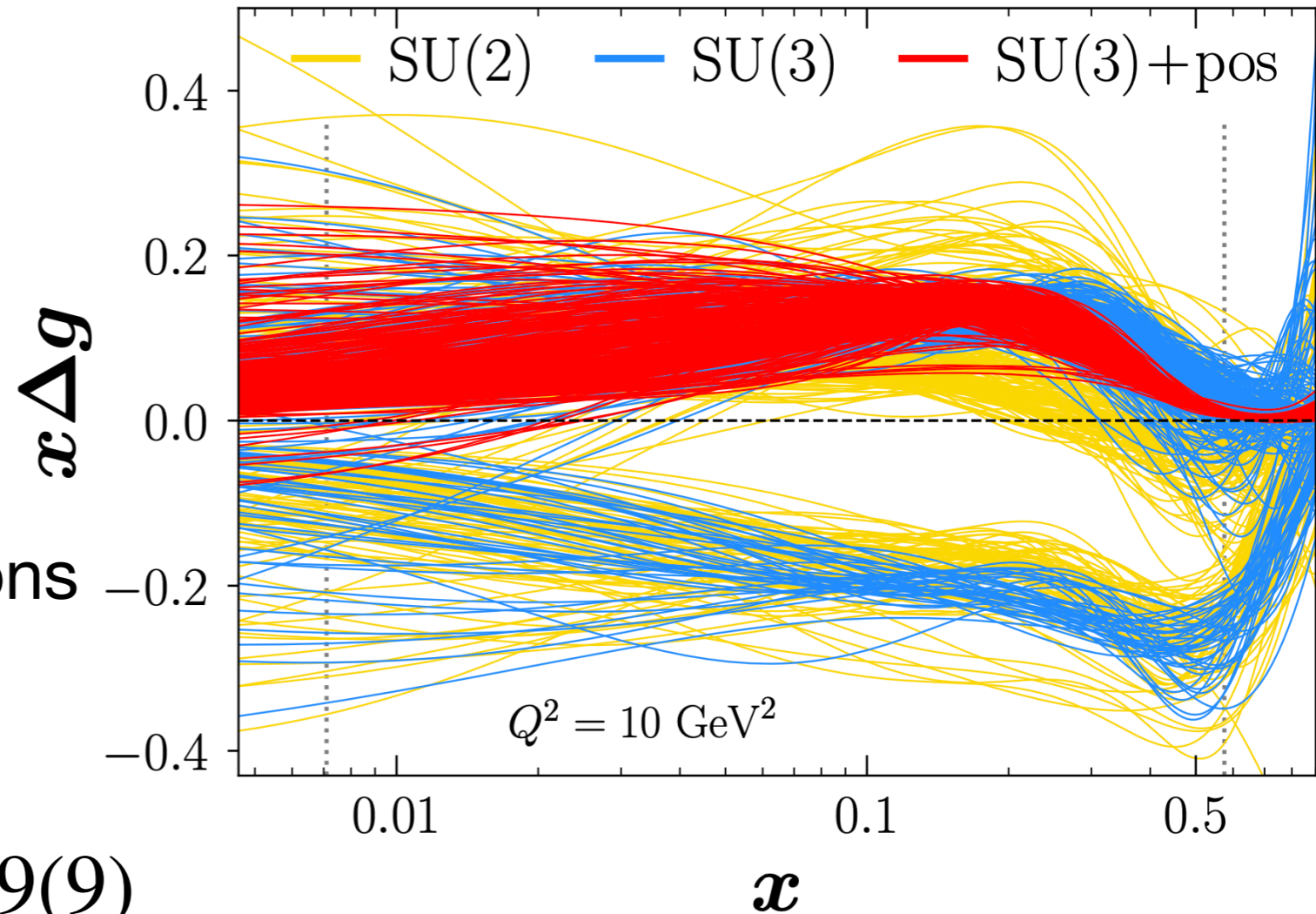
# Combining Lattice and Experiment

- Simultaneously fit Lattice and Experimental pion PDF data
- Each gives unique information complementing each other



# Spinning gluons (revisited)

Y. Zhou et al (JAM) Phys. Rev. D 105, 074022 (2022)



R. Jaffe and A. Manohar, Nucl. Phys. B 337, 509 (1990)

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q + L_G + \Delta G$$

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

- Positivity removed from JAM helicity gluon PDF

$$|\Delta g| \leq g(x)$$

- Reveals new band of solutions

- With constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.39(9)$

- Without constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.3(5)$

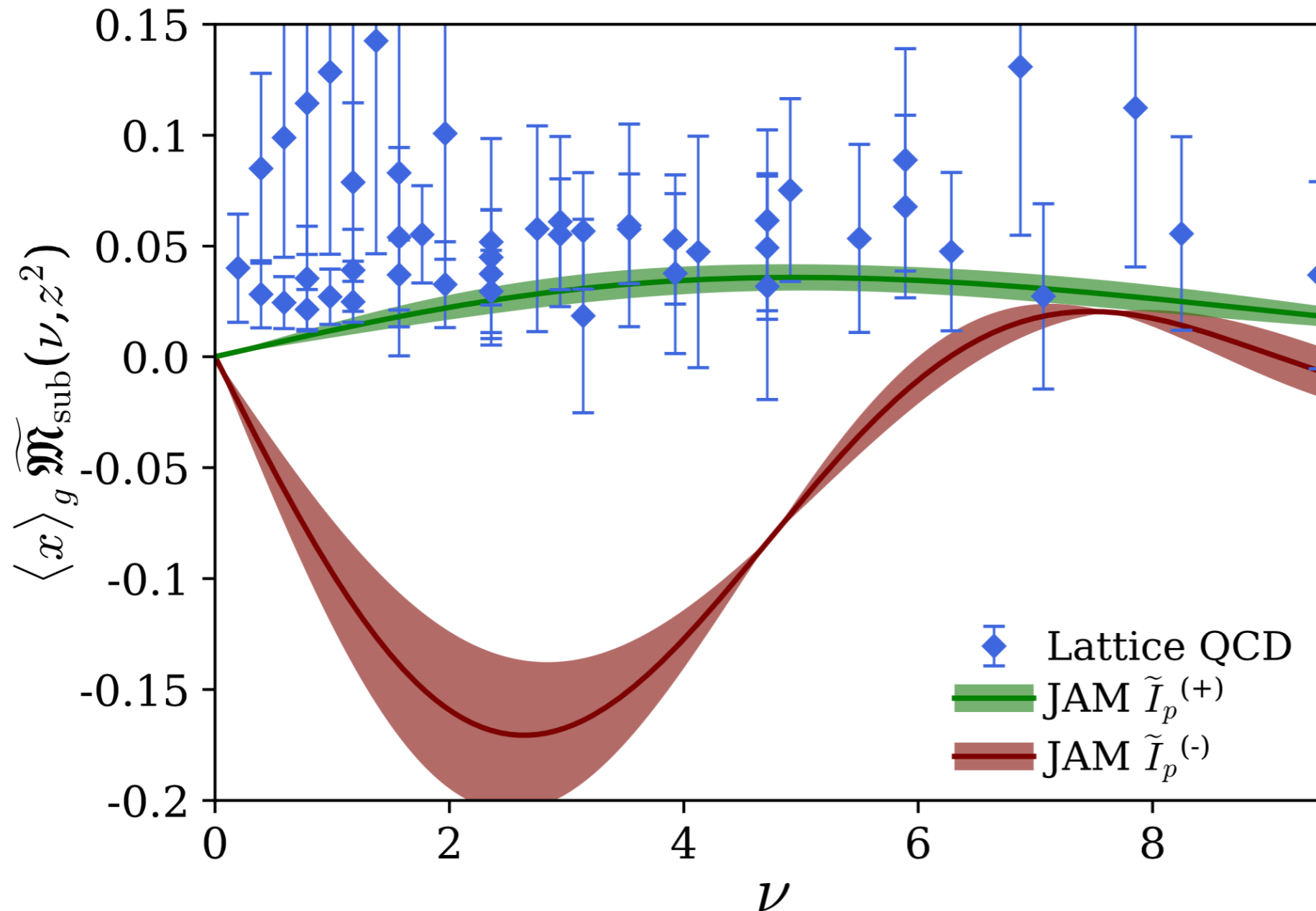
- Lattice:  $\Delta G = 0.251(47)(16)$

Y-B. Yang et al ( $\chi$ -QCD) Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 102001 (2017)

K-F. Liu arXiv: 2112.08416

# Spinning gluons (revisited)

Can lattice data affect phenomenological polarized gluon analysis?



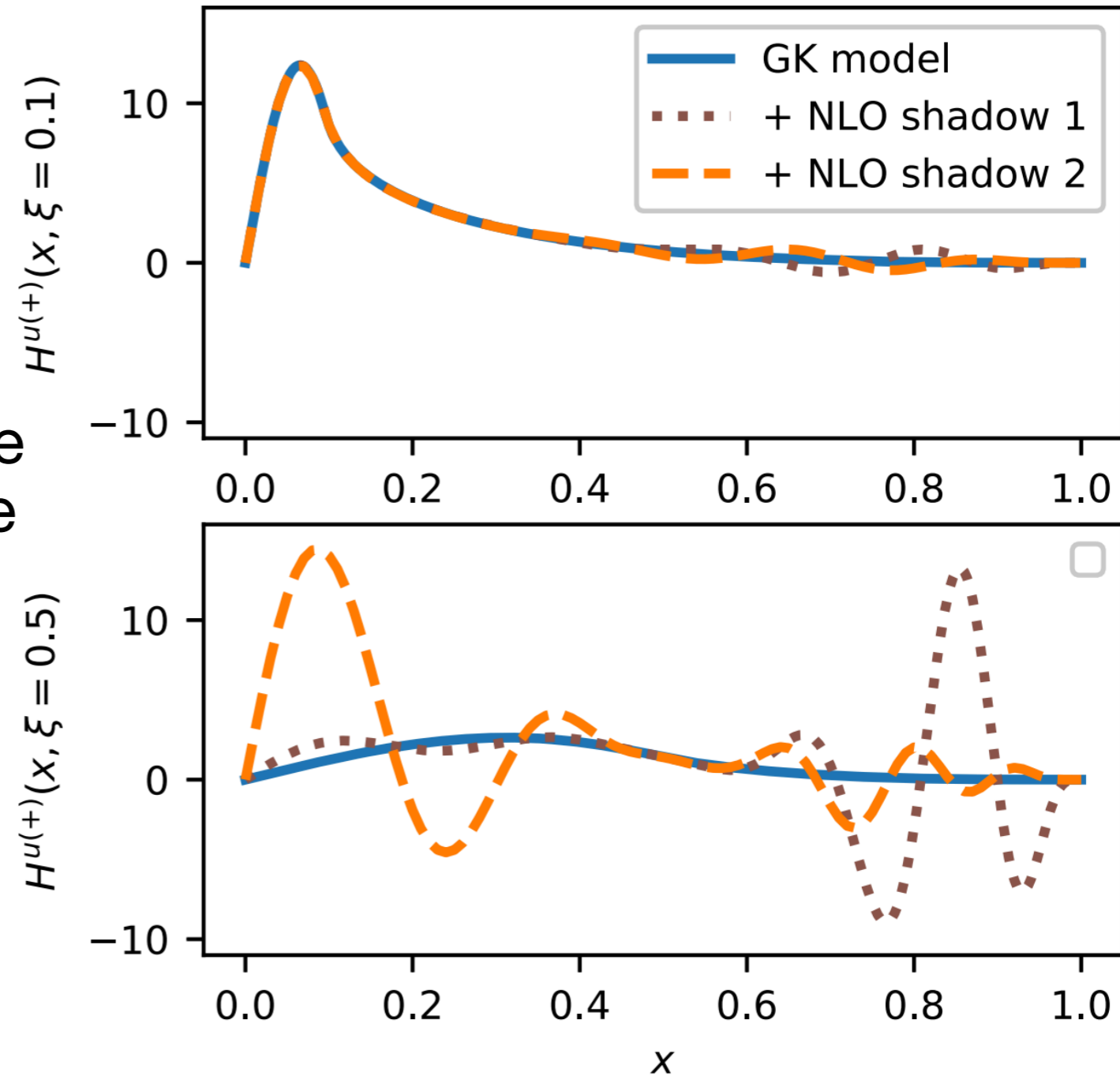
$$\Delta G = \int d\nu I_g(\nu)$$

- The positive and negative solutions without positivity constraints plotted in  $\nu$  space
- Only positive band consistent with lattice data

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# GPDs and their shadows

- First lattice calculations of GPDs have begun
- Model dependence in GDPs from DVCS alone
- “Shadow GPDs” added to the “true” GPD would not change DVCS cross sections
- Lattice will potentially lack GPDs
  - Improved control of kinematics



Shadow GPDs: Phys Rev D 103 (2021) 11, 114019



# Conclusions

- Gluon  $x$  or  $\nu$  dependent structure requires state-of-the-art calculations
  - Use of **distillation** with large number of configurations
  - **Summed GeVP** to control excited states
  - **Wilson flow** to improve signal
- Future work towards gluon 3D distributions, higher twist PDFs,..... is possible given enough resources to find signal
- Possibly impact phenomenological PDF analyses
  - **Today:** with polarized gluon PDF
  - **Future:** JLab 12GeV and EIC data on PDF and on new distributions

**Thank you and the organizers!**