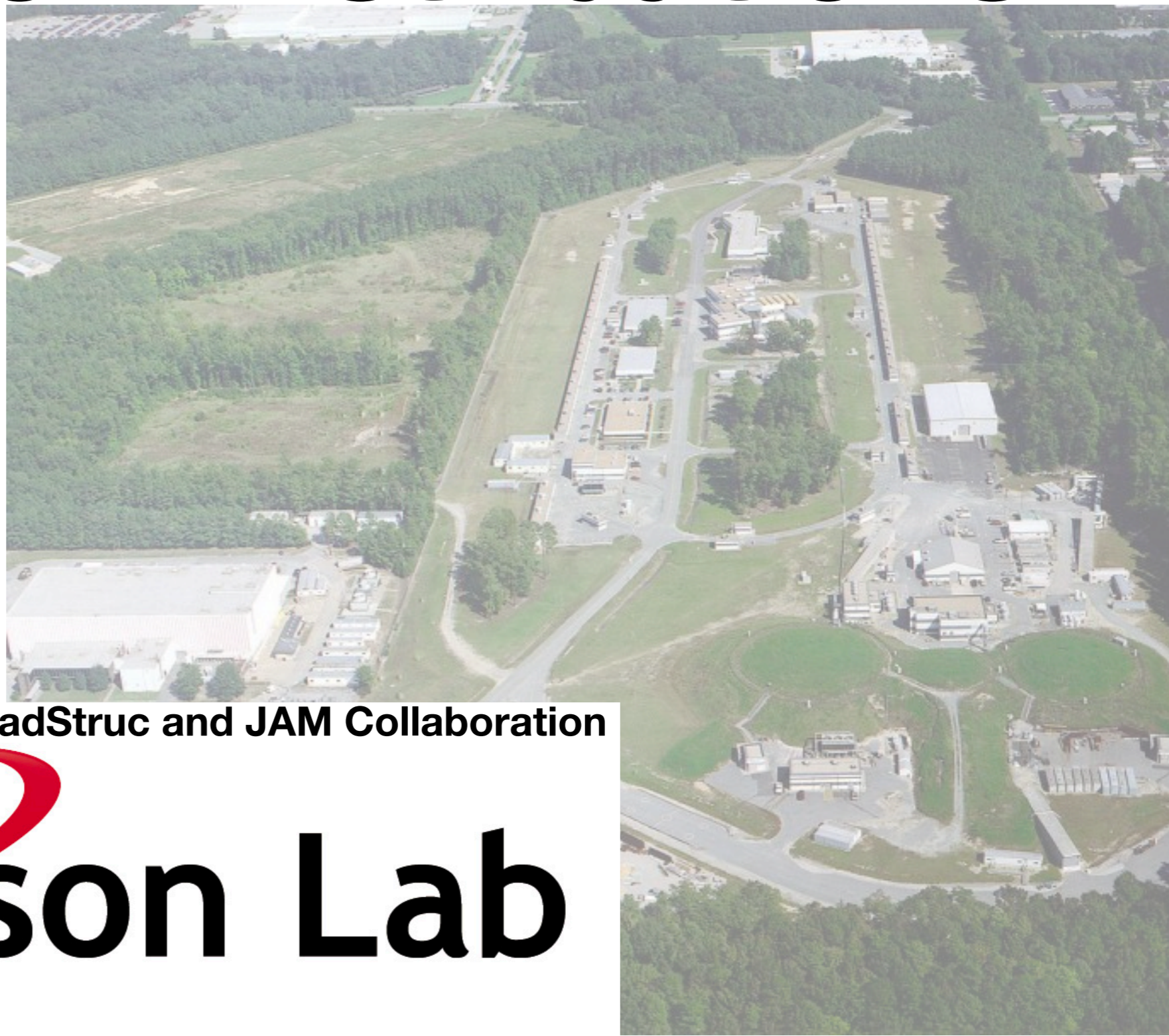


# Lattice QCD Calculation Of Parton Distributions



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# Parton Structure

For various flavors and spin combinations

Wigner Distribution/  
Generalized Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (GTMD)

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

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Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (TMD)

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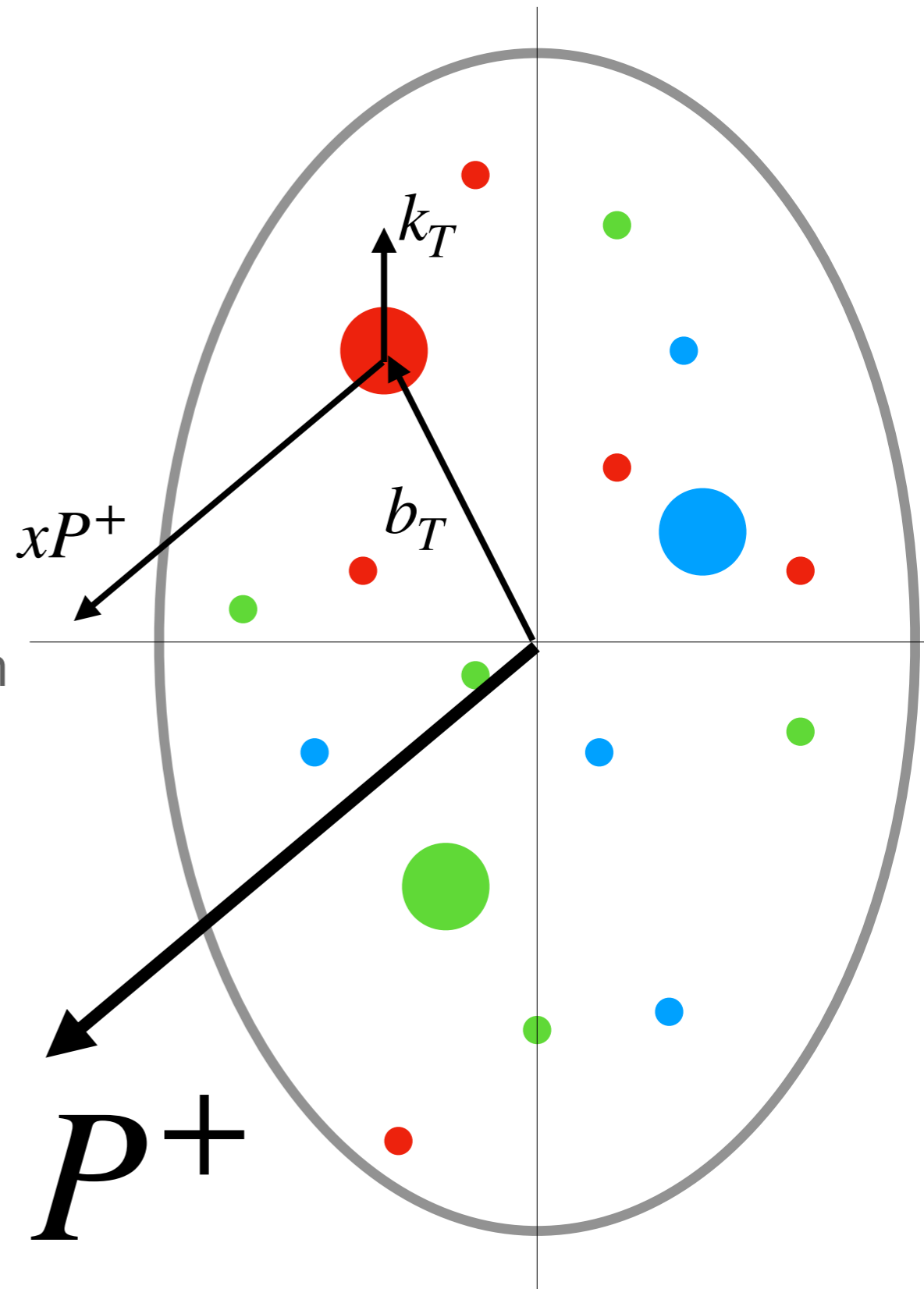
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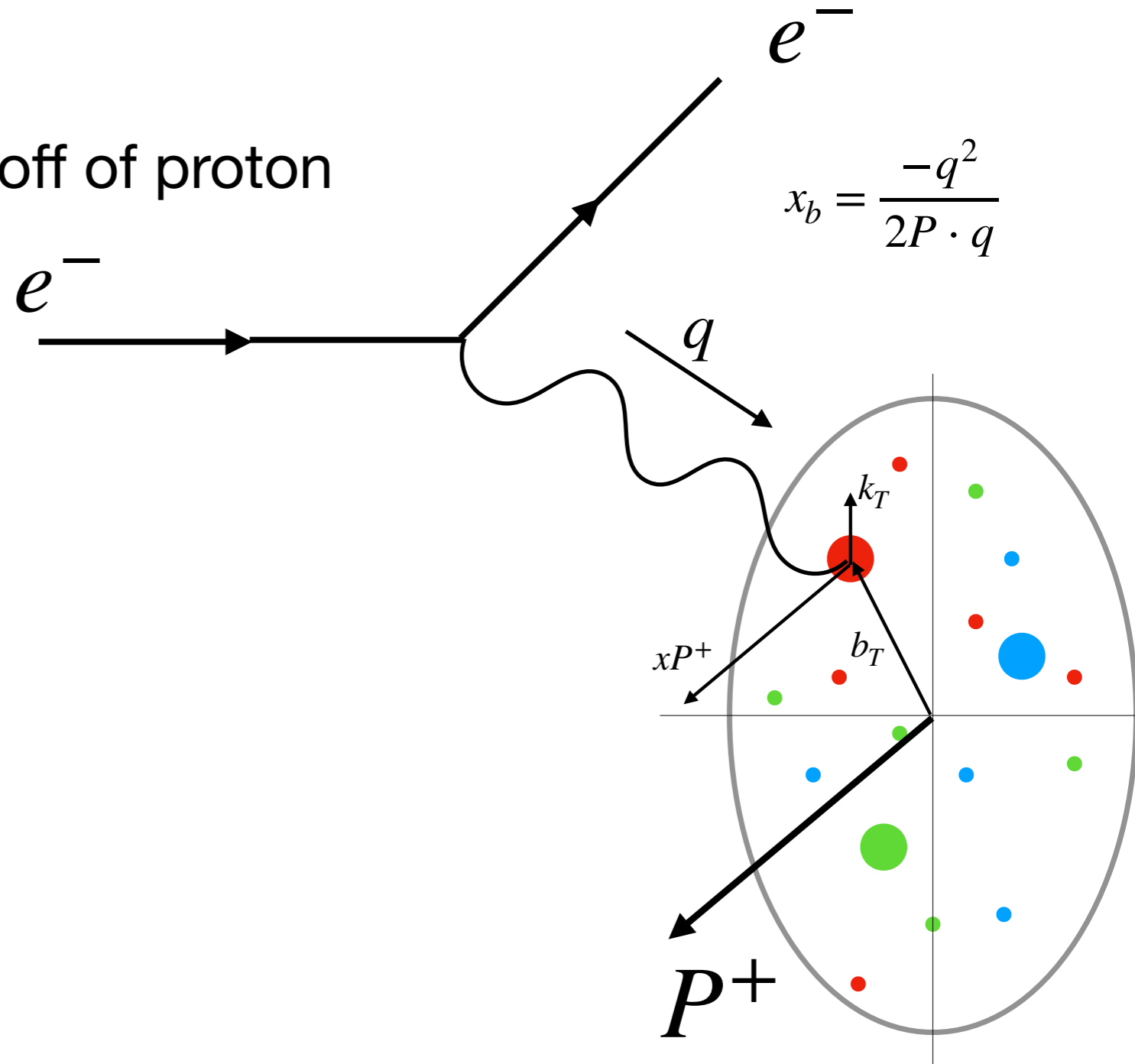
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# Partons from Experiments

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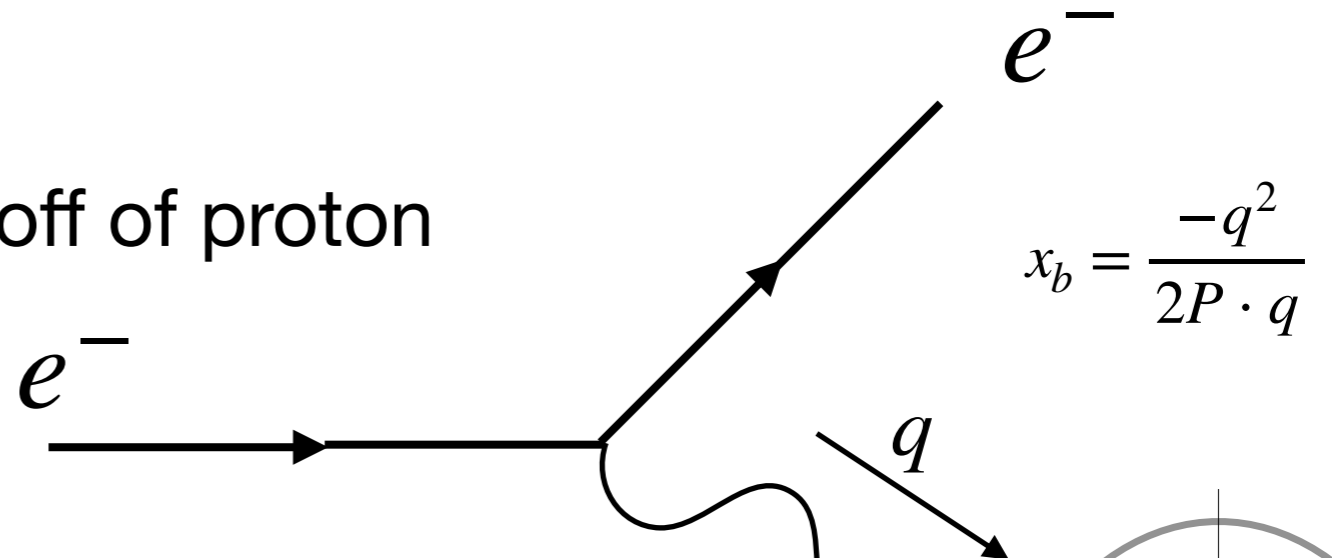
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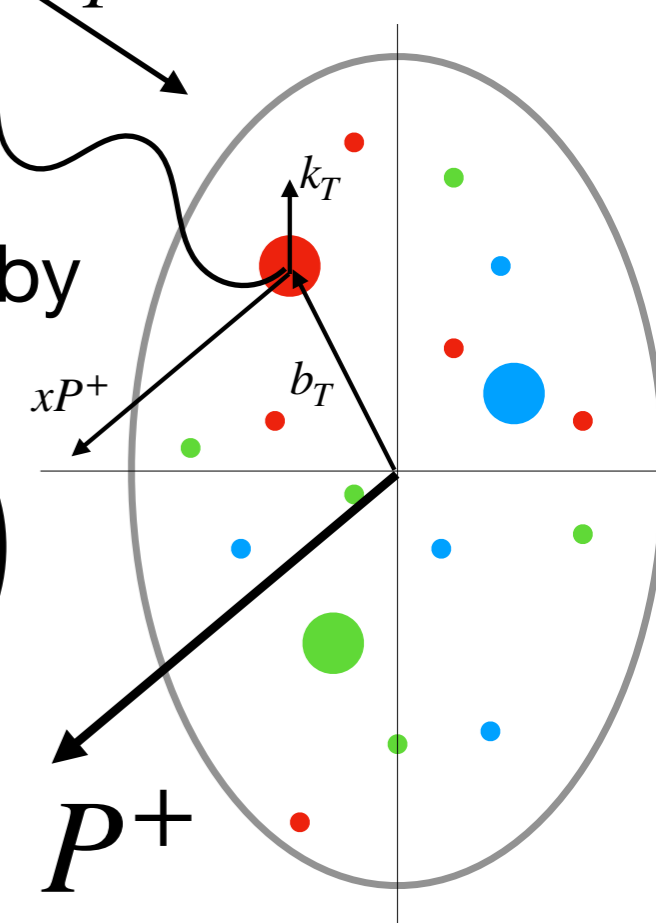
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$$F_2^h(x_b, Q^2) = \sum_i \int_{x_b}^1 d\xi F_2^i(\xi, \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}) f_i^h(\frac{x_b}{\xi}, \mu^2) + O\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{Q^2}\right)$$



Hadron Structure Function

Parton Structure Function

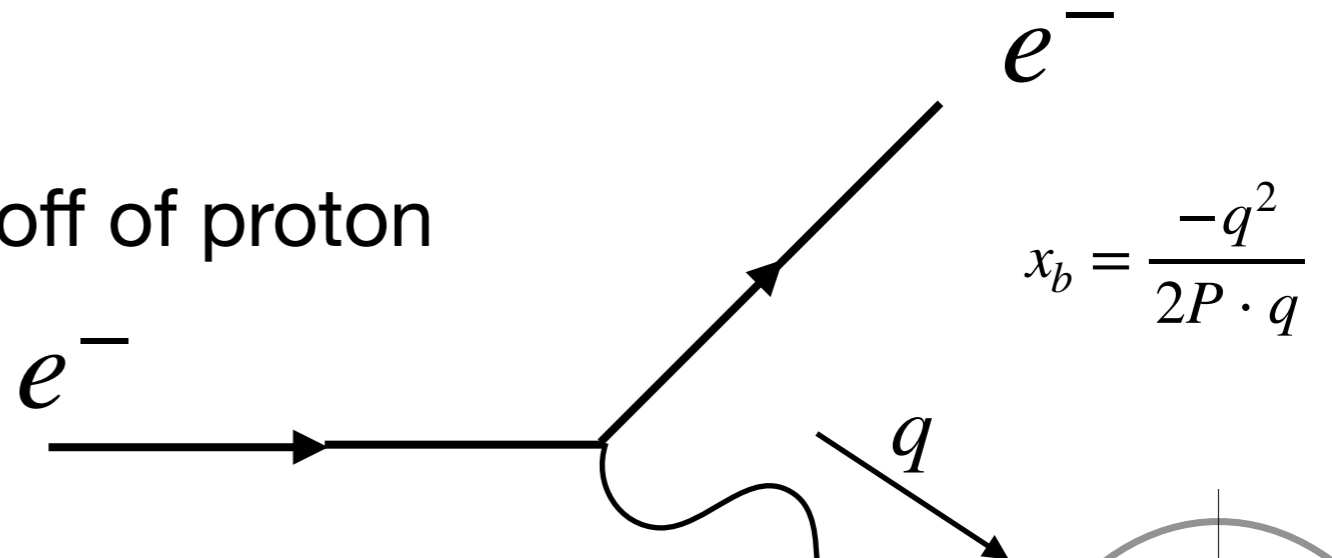
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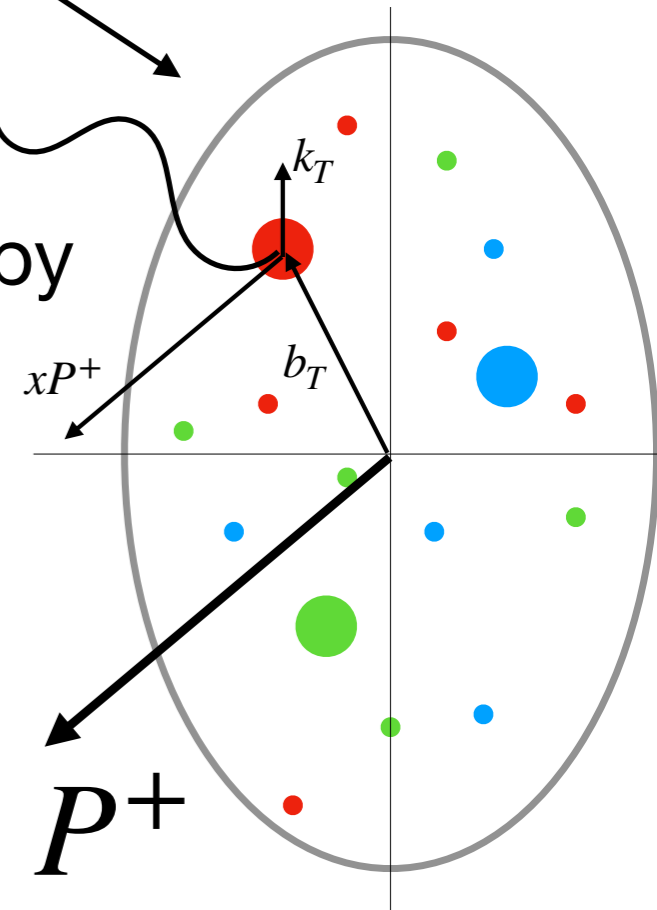
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- PDFs interpolate between Parton process and Hadronic processes

- Global fits: Use global collider data to determine universal PDFs



# 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

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

$$z^2 = 0$$

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

$$i = x, y$$

- Parton Distribution Functions

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

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

# Parton Distributions and the Lattice

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

- Use space-like separations

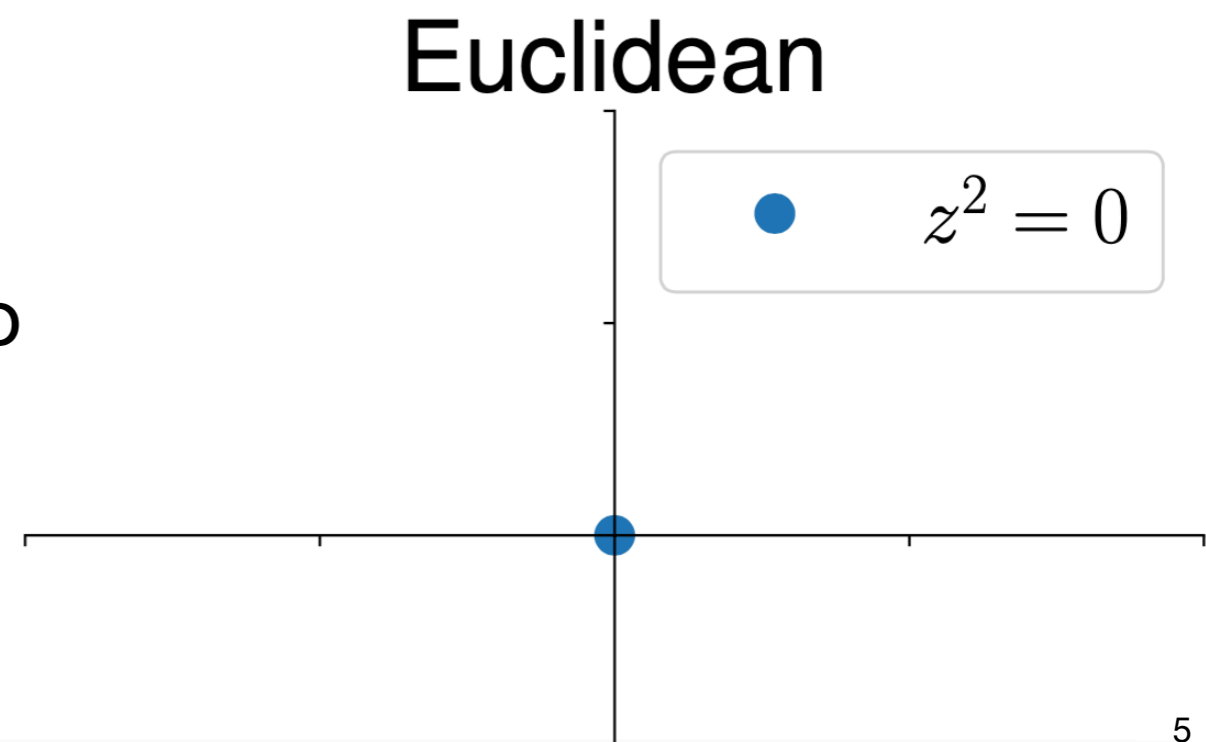
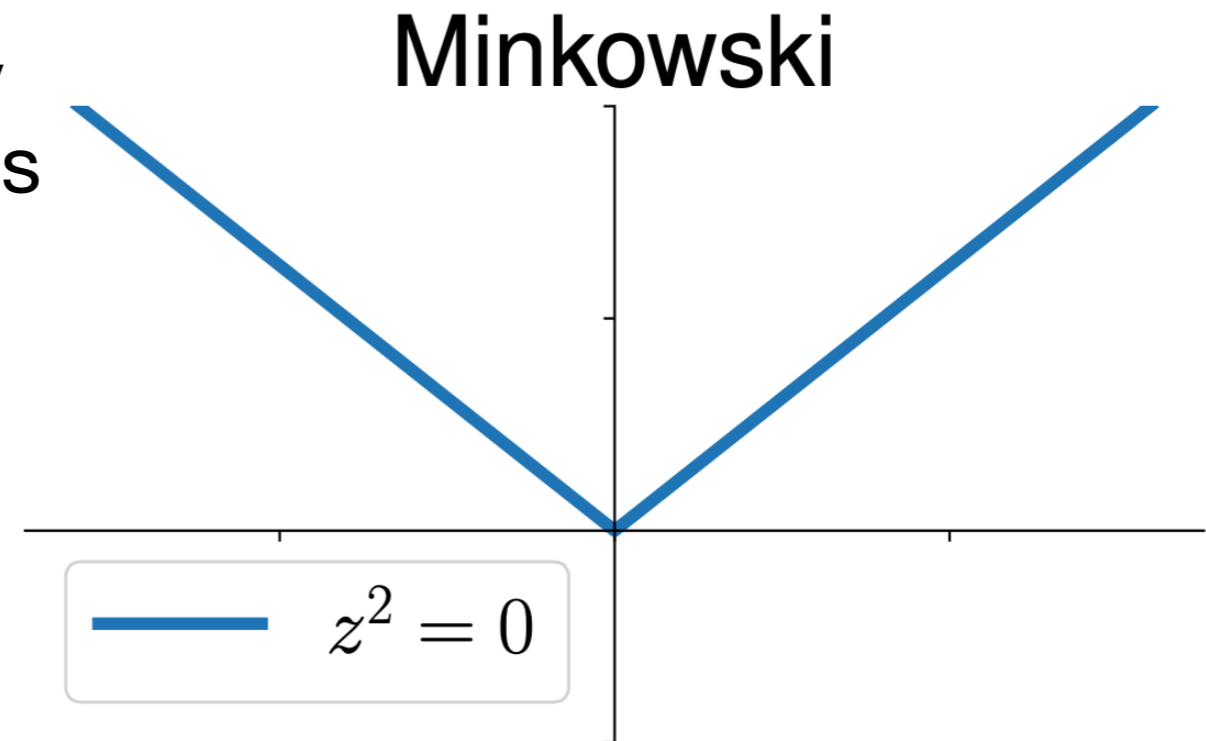
*X. Ji Phys Rev Lett 110 (2013) 262002*

- 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**

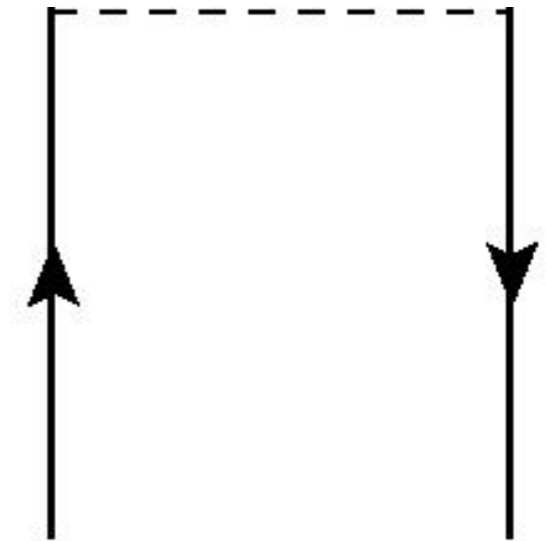
- V. Braun and D. Muller Eur. Phys. J. C* 55 (2008) 349

- **OPE-without-OPE**

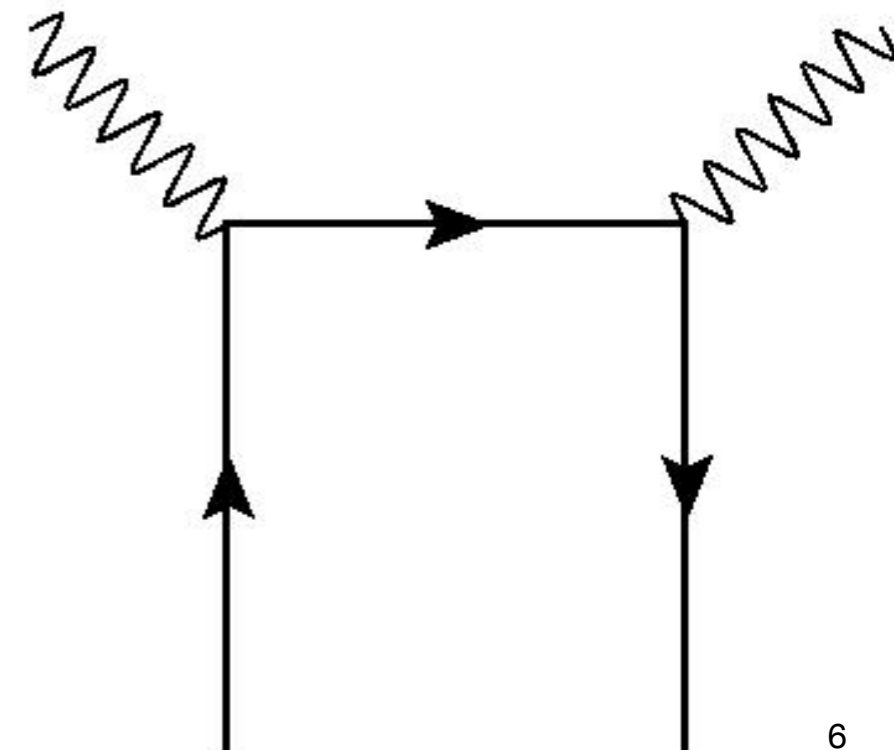
- A. Chambers et al, Phys. Rev. Lett.* 118 (2017) 242001

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

- 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-PDF: [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**, **pseudo-PDF**, and **Structure Functions**, variables have common roles

## Scale:

$$p_z^2 / z^2 / Q^2$$

- Scale for factorization to PDF
- Scale in power expansion
- Keep away from  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- Technically only requires single value

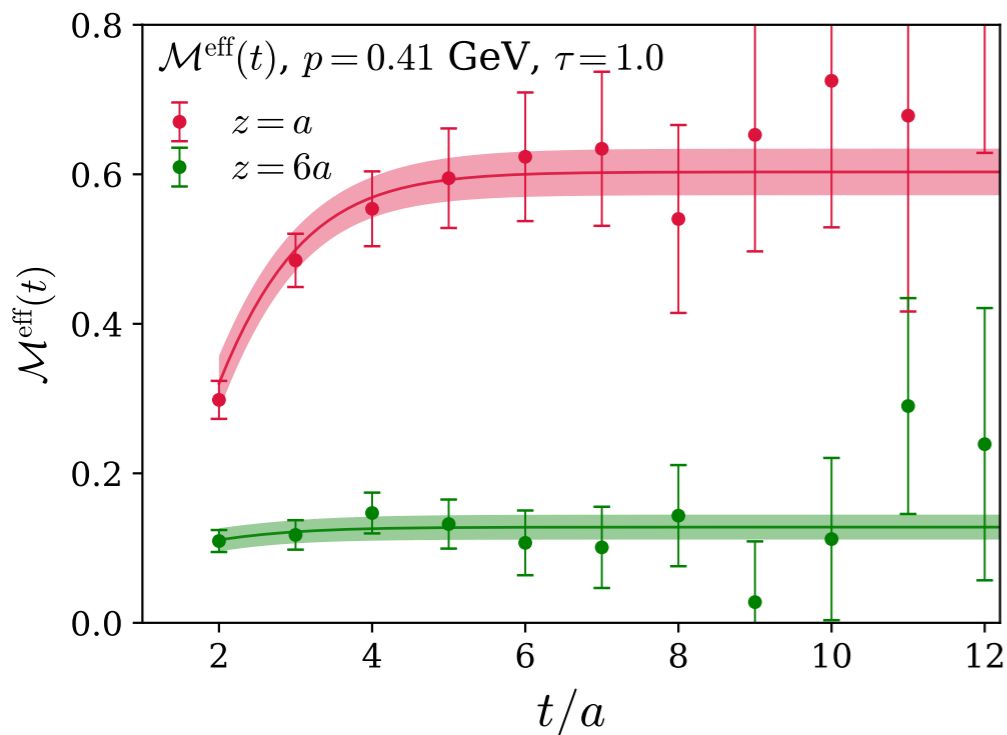
## Dynamical variable:

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

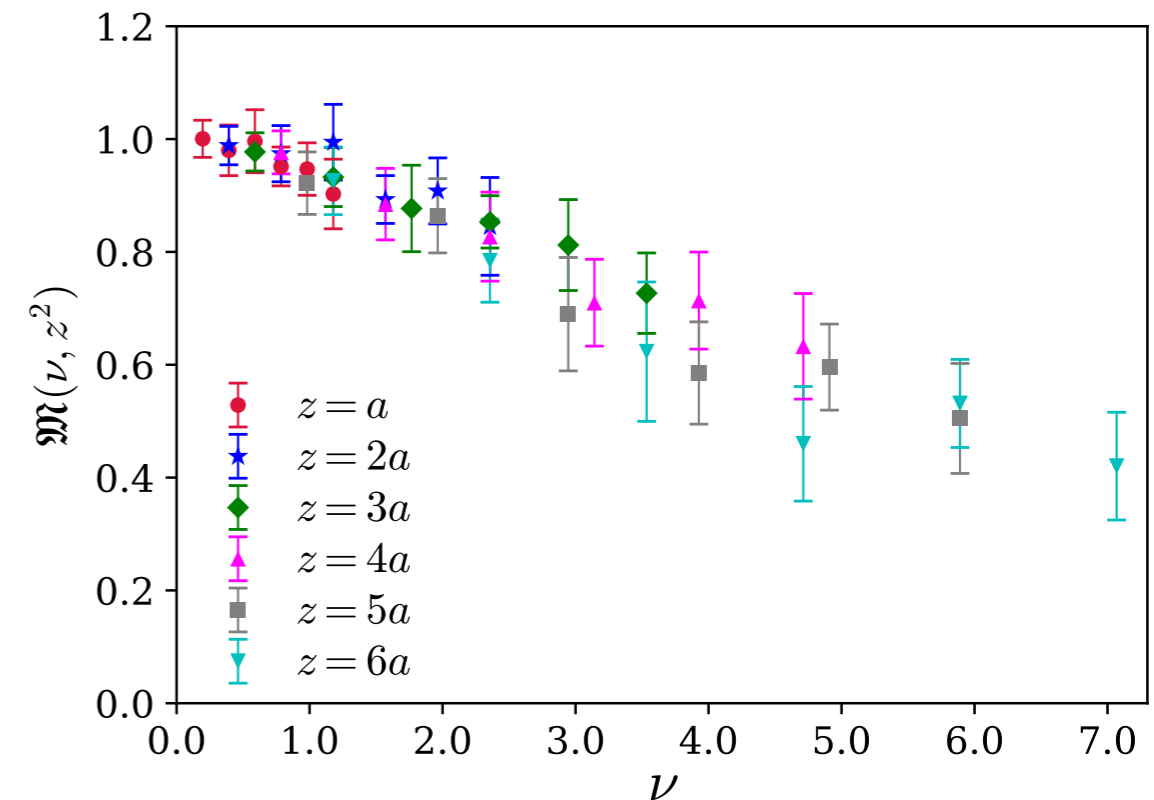
- Variable describes non-perturbative dynamics
- Can take large or small value
- Want as many as are available
- Wider range improves the inverse problem

# From Lattice QCD to PDFs

## Lattice Correlation Functions



## Hadron Matrix Elements



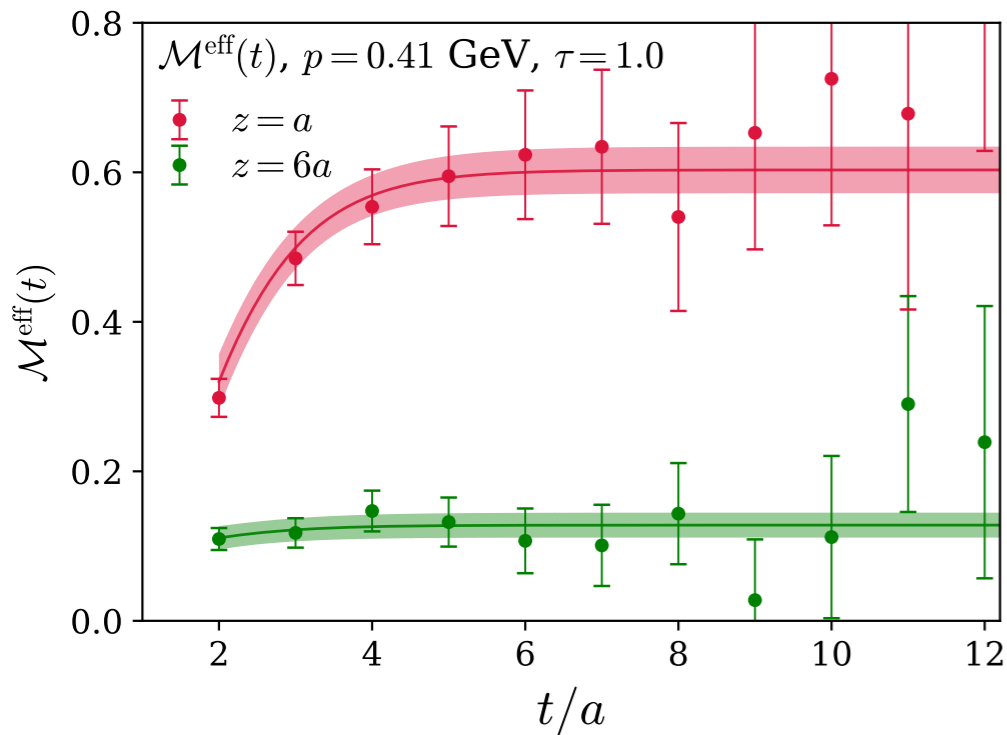
- Correlators are series of exponentials (Euclidean space)
- Model and remove subdominant at large time
- Common procedure in LQCD hadronic studies

## Unpolarized Gluon PDF

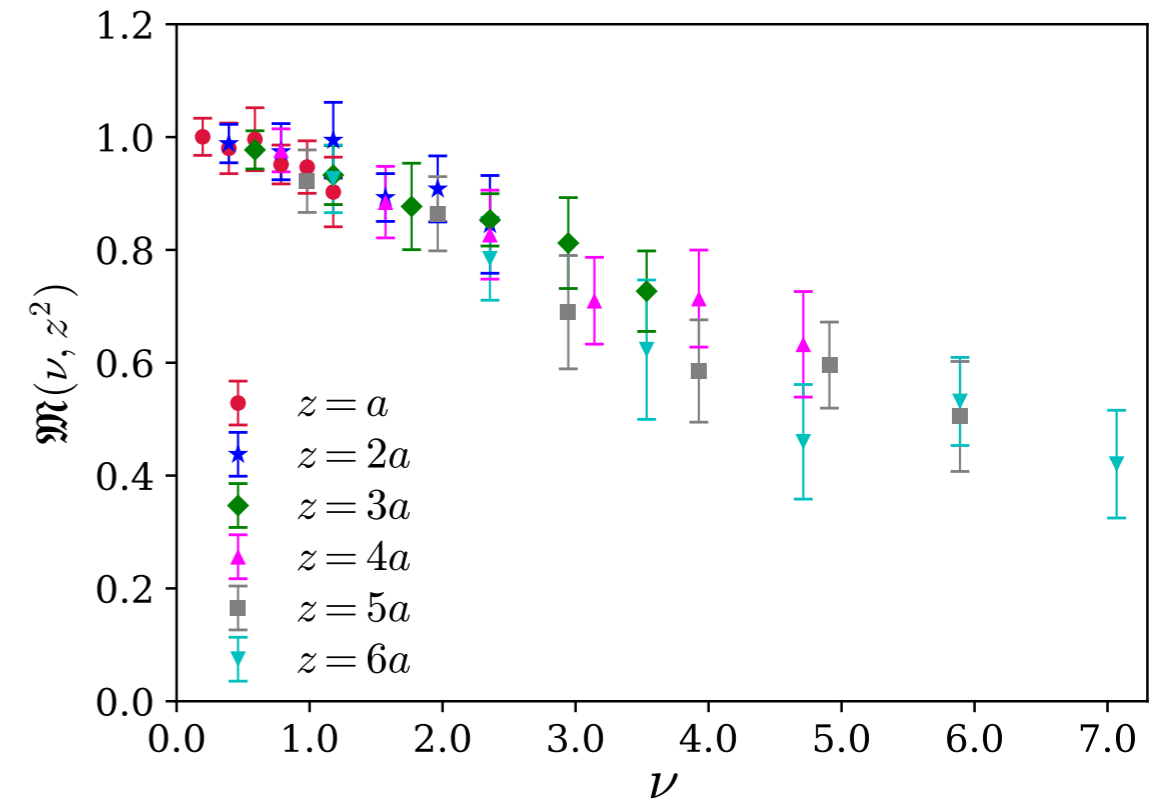
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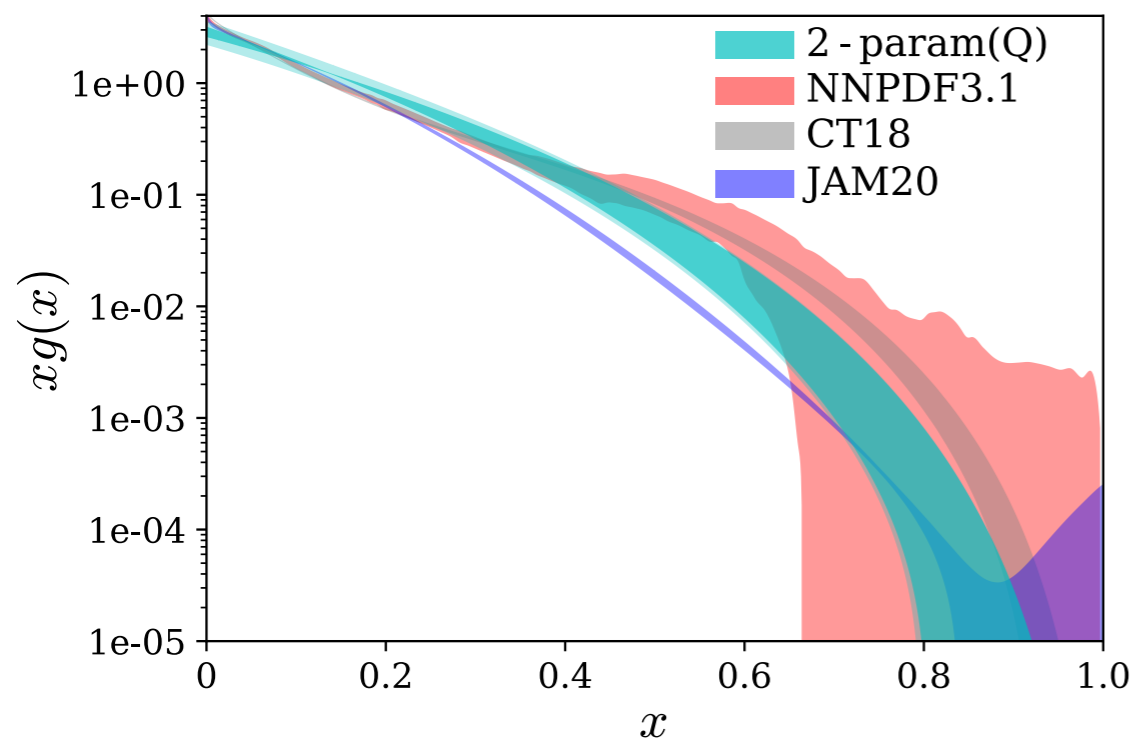
## Lattice Correlation Functions



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## Parton Distributions



- Incomplete information gives integral inverse problem

$$xg(x) = x^a(1-x)^b/B(a+1, b+1)$$

- To more accurately infer PDF, we need larger  $\nu$

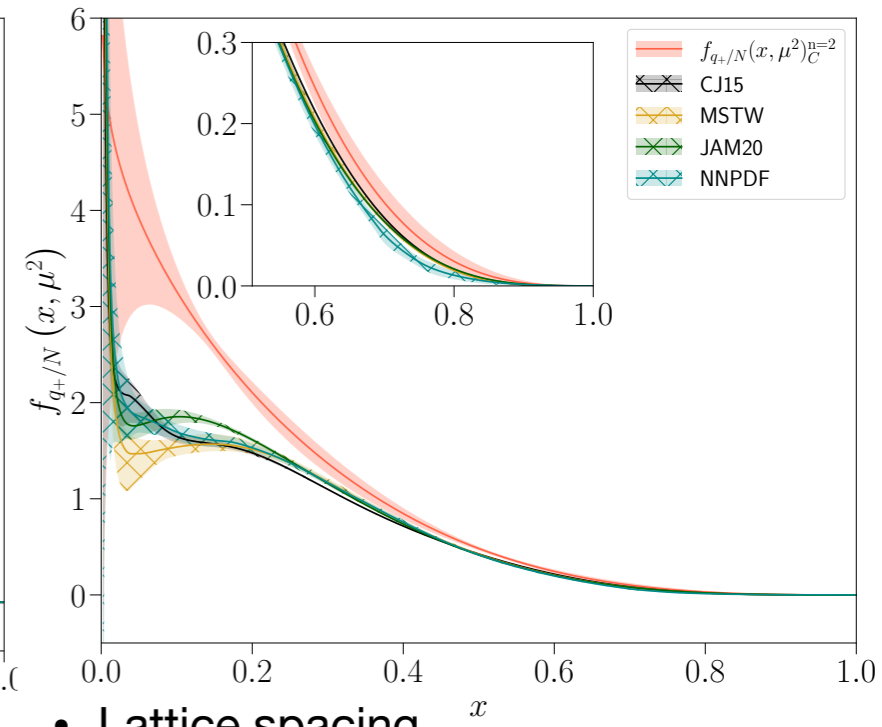
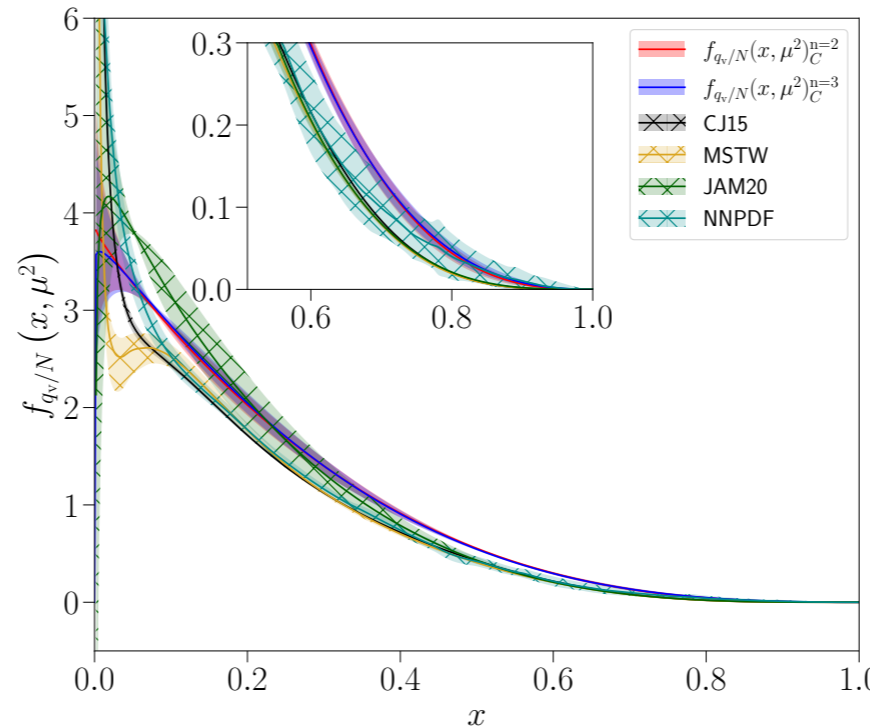
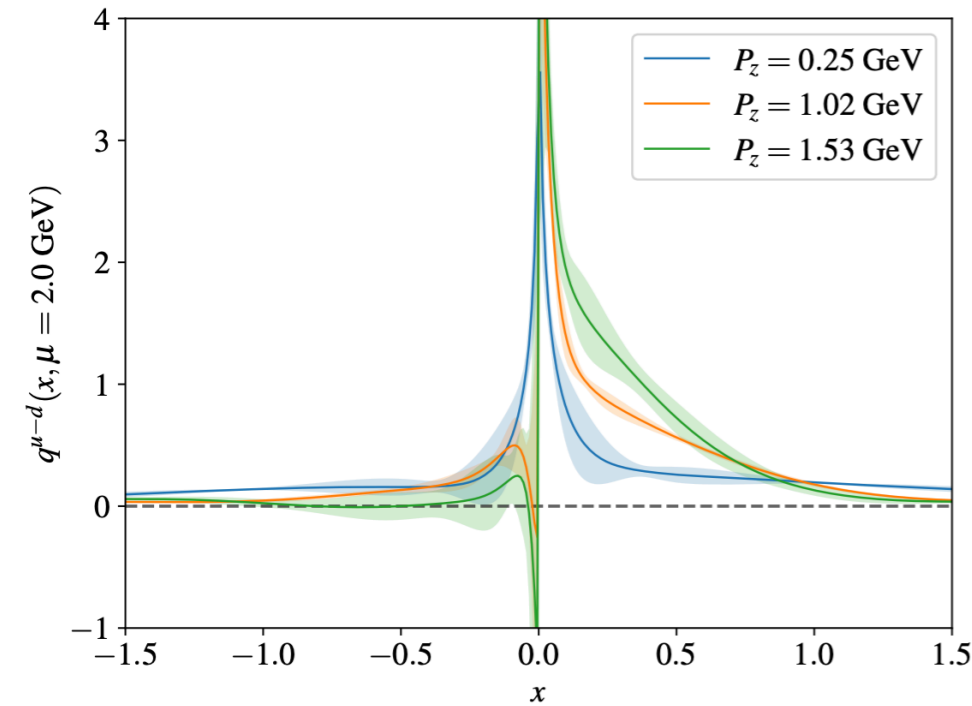
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# Nucleon Unpolarized Quark PDF

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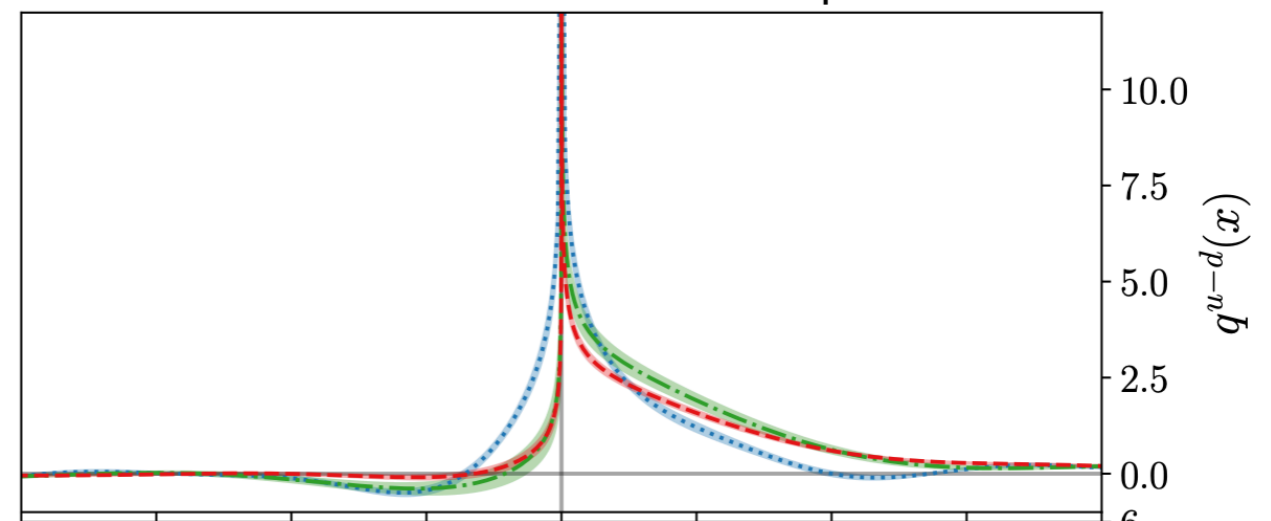
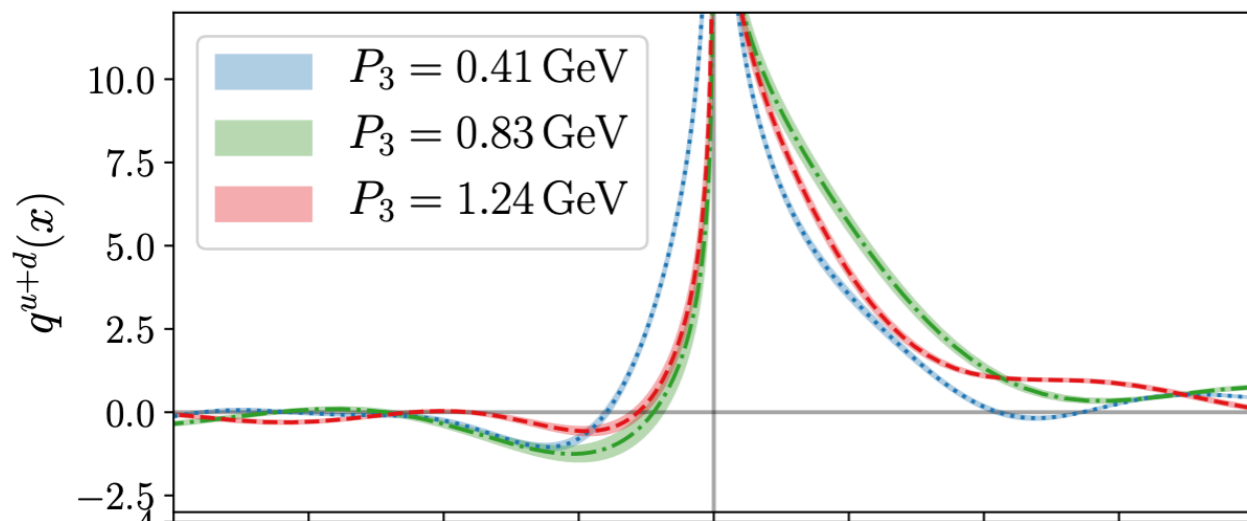
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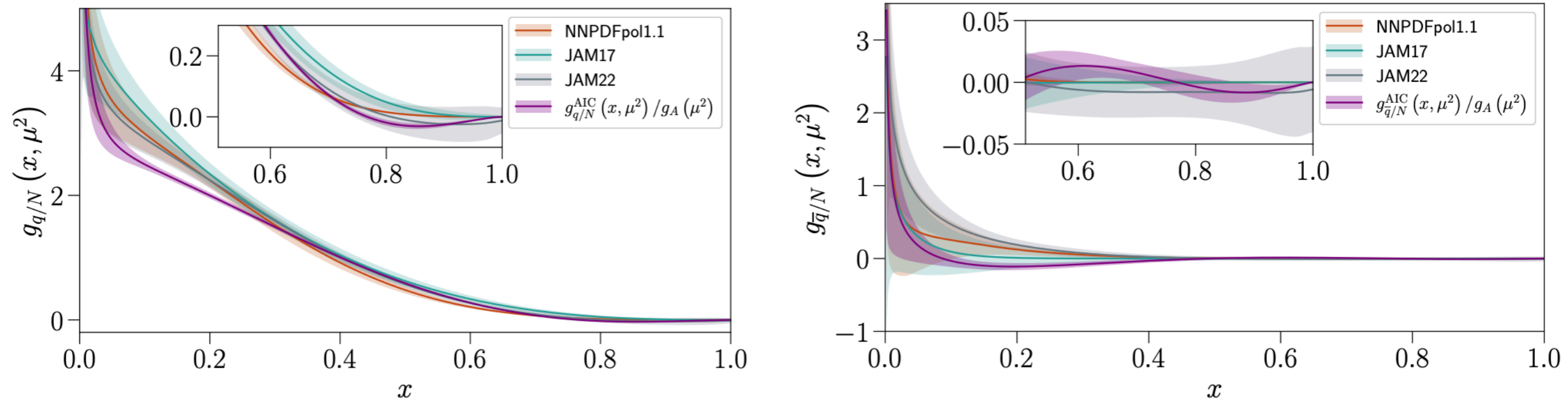
- Lattice spacing
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- Model dependence

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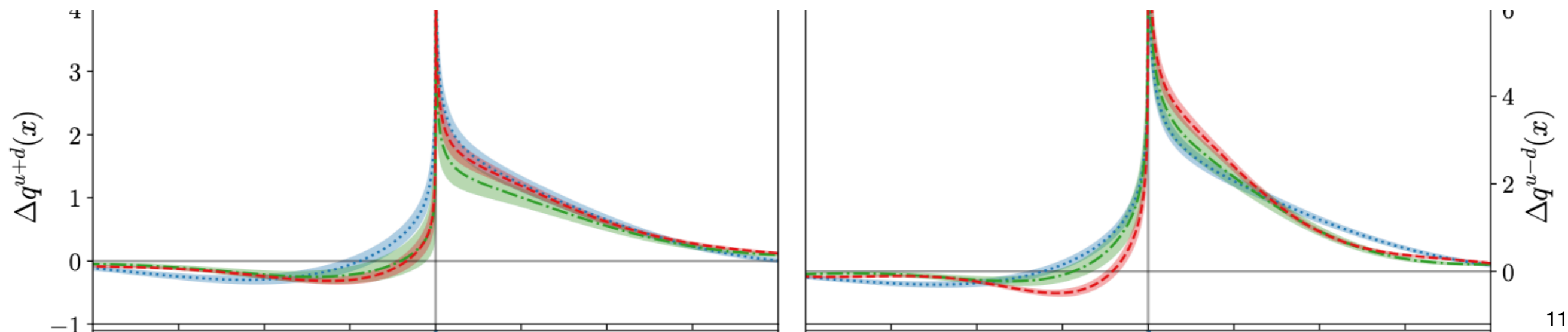
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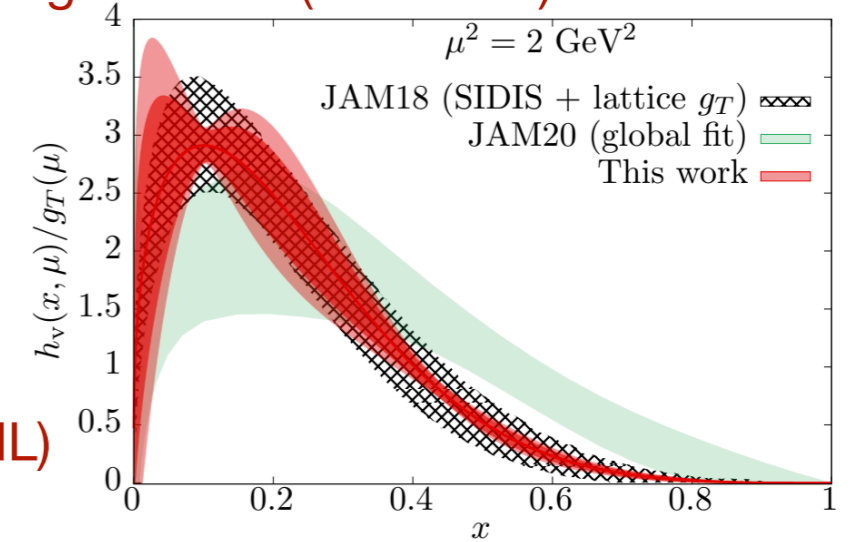
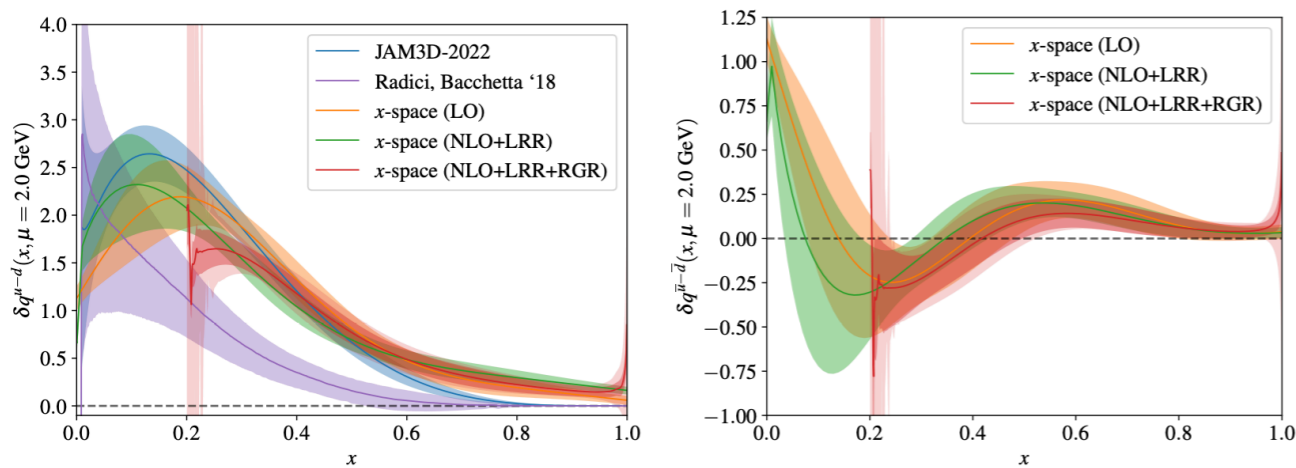
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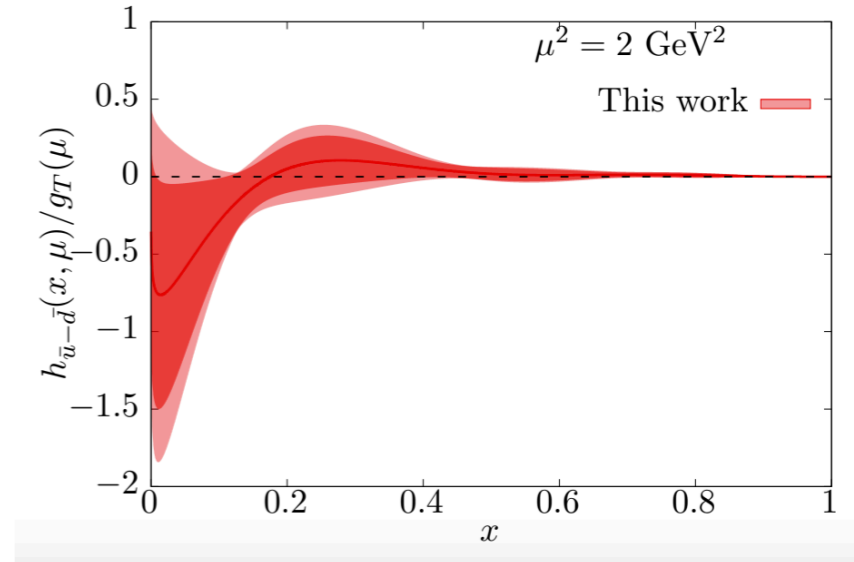
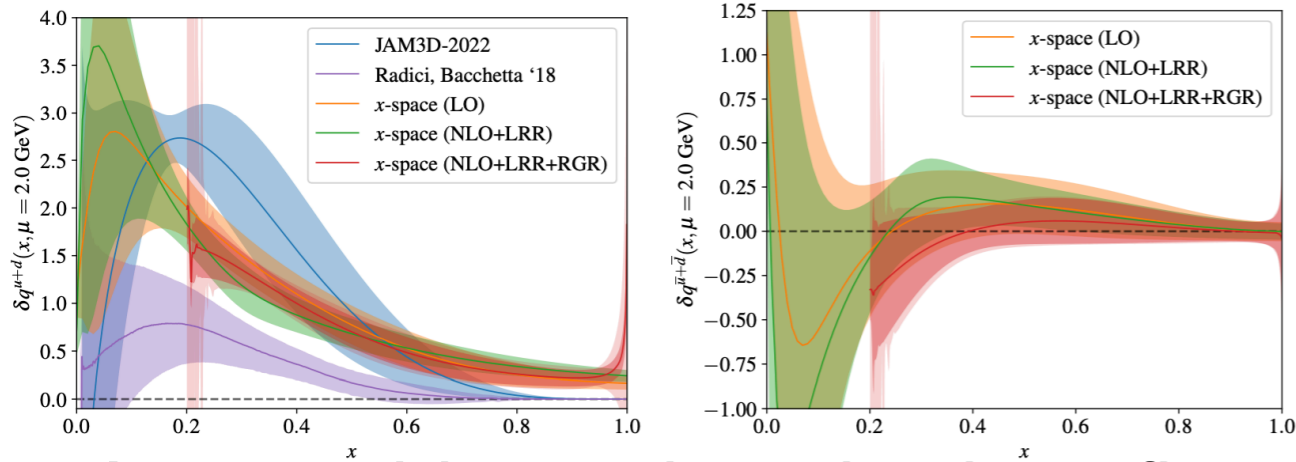


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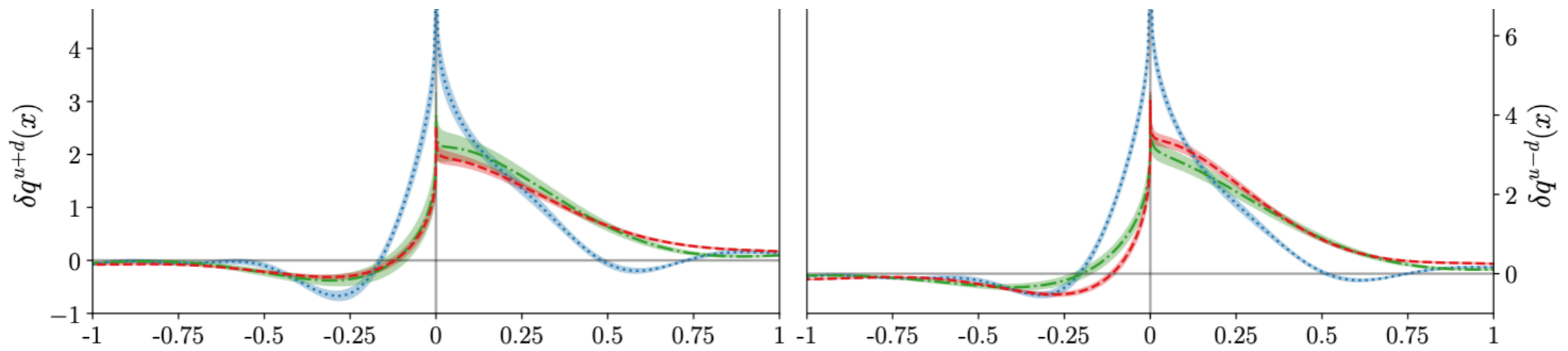


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**What can we do beyond looking  
at nice PDF fits?**

# Evolution of parton distributions

- Standard DGLAP evolution
  - Parton model: Splitting of partons into smaller  $x$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} q(x, \mu^2) = \int_x^1 dy P_{qq}(y) q\left(\frac{x}{y}, \mu^2\right)$$

- MSbar Step Scaling function
  - Integrated or discretized version of evolution

$$q(x, \mu^2) = \int_x^1 dy \mathcal{E}(y, \mu^2, \mu_0^2) q\left(\frac{x}{y}, \mu_0^2\right)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mu^2, \mu_0^2) = C^{-1}(\mu^2 z^2) \otimes \Sigma(z^2, z_0^2) \otimes C(\mu_0^2 z_0^2)$$

- pseudo-PDF evolution

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 du C(u, \mu^2 z^2) I(u\nu, \mu^2)$$

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

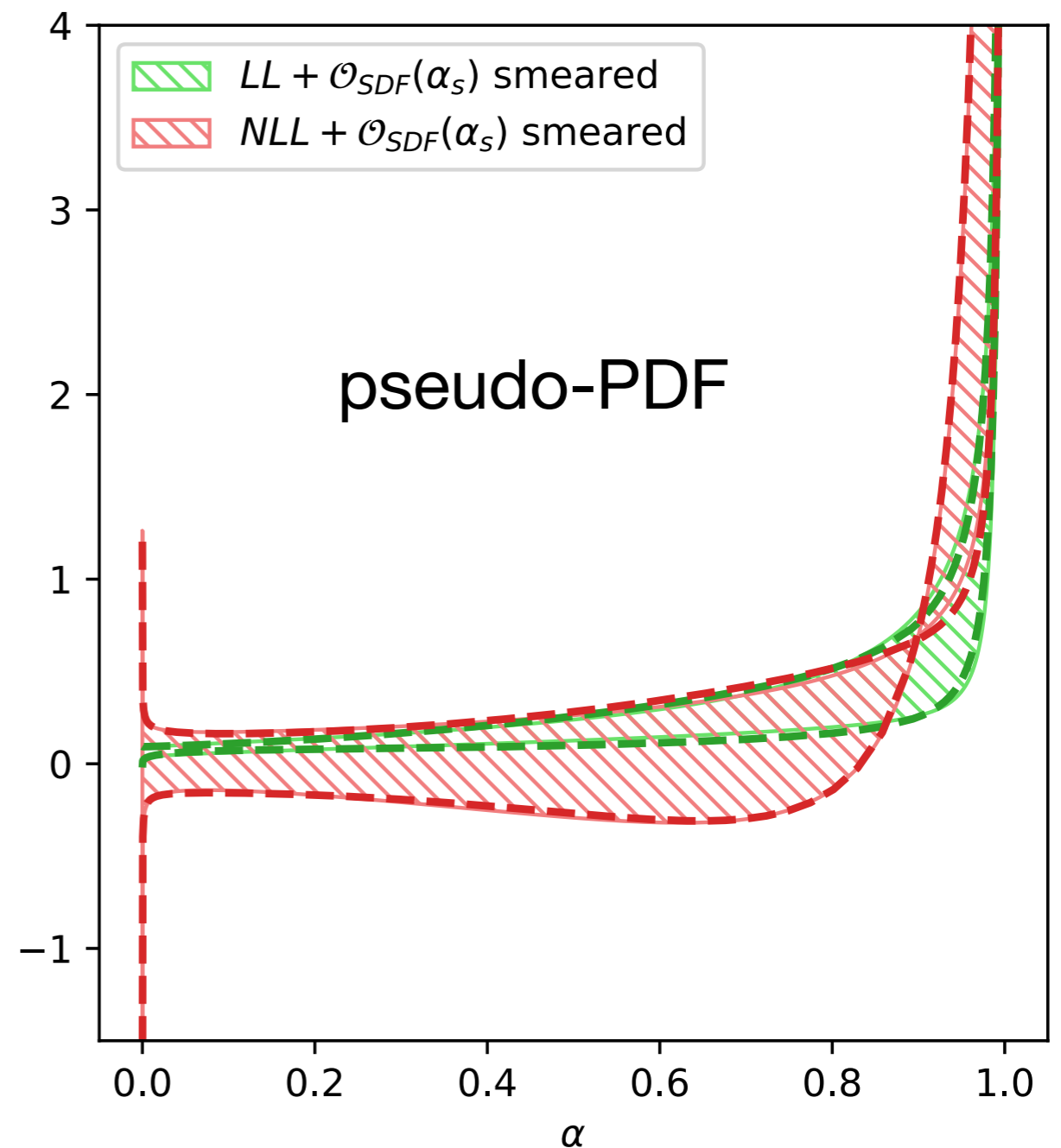
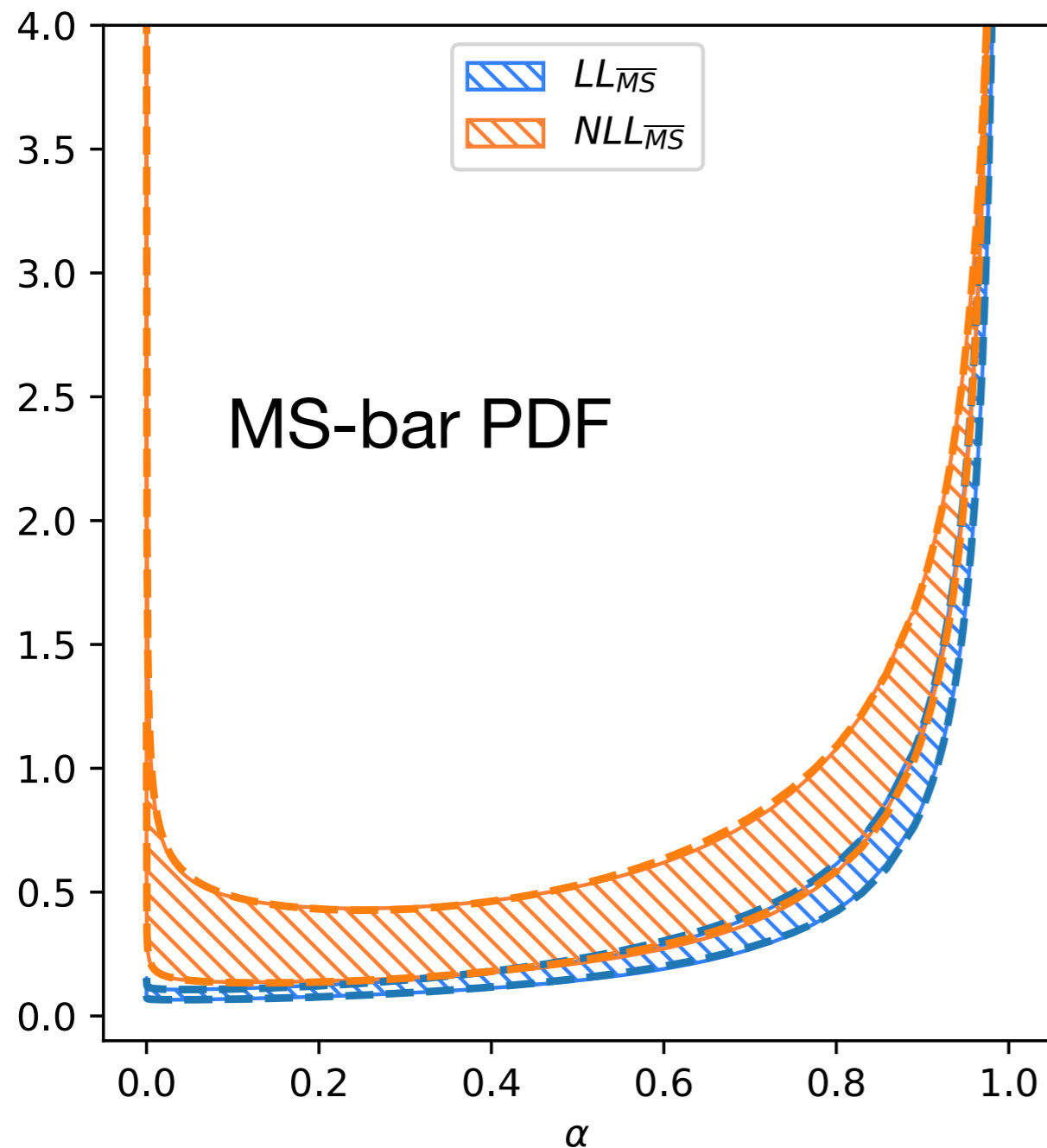


$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \Sigma(\alpha, z^2, z_0^2) \mathfrak{M}(\alpha\nu, z_0^2)$$

# Evolution of parton distributions

H. Dutrioux, JK, C. Monahan, K. Orginos, S. Zafeiropoulos arXiv:2310.19926

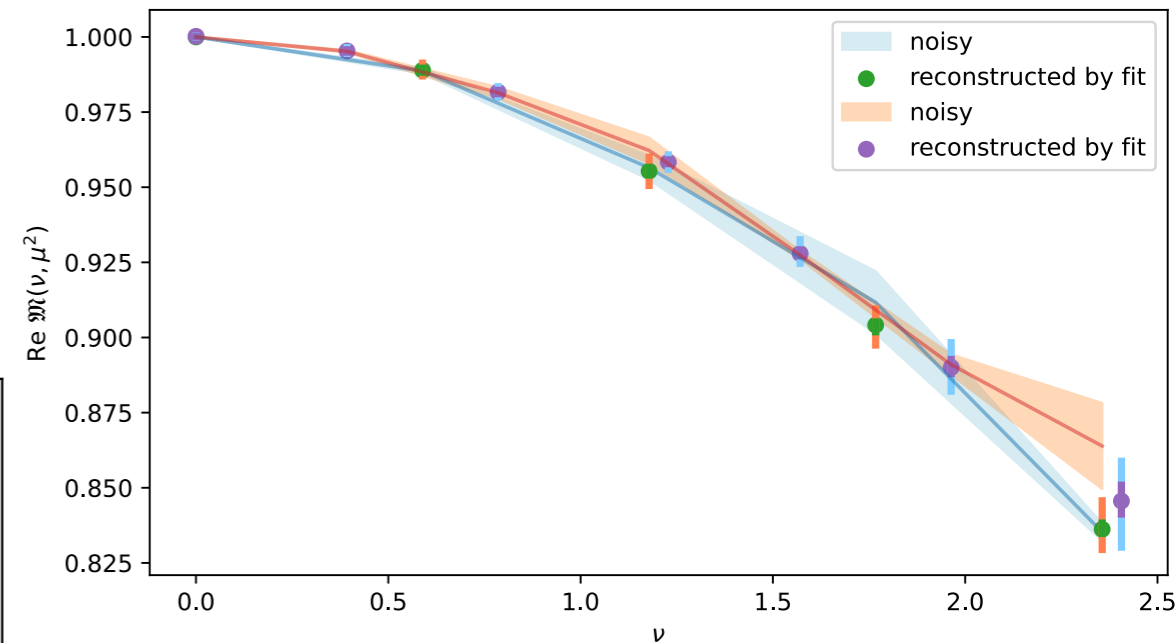
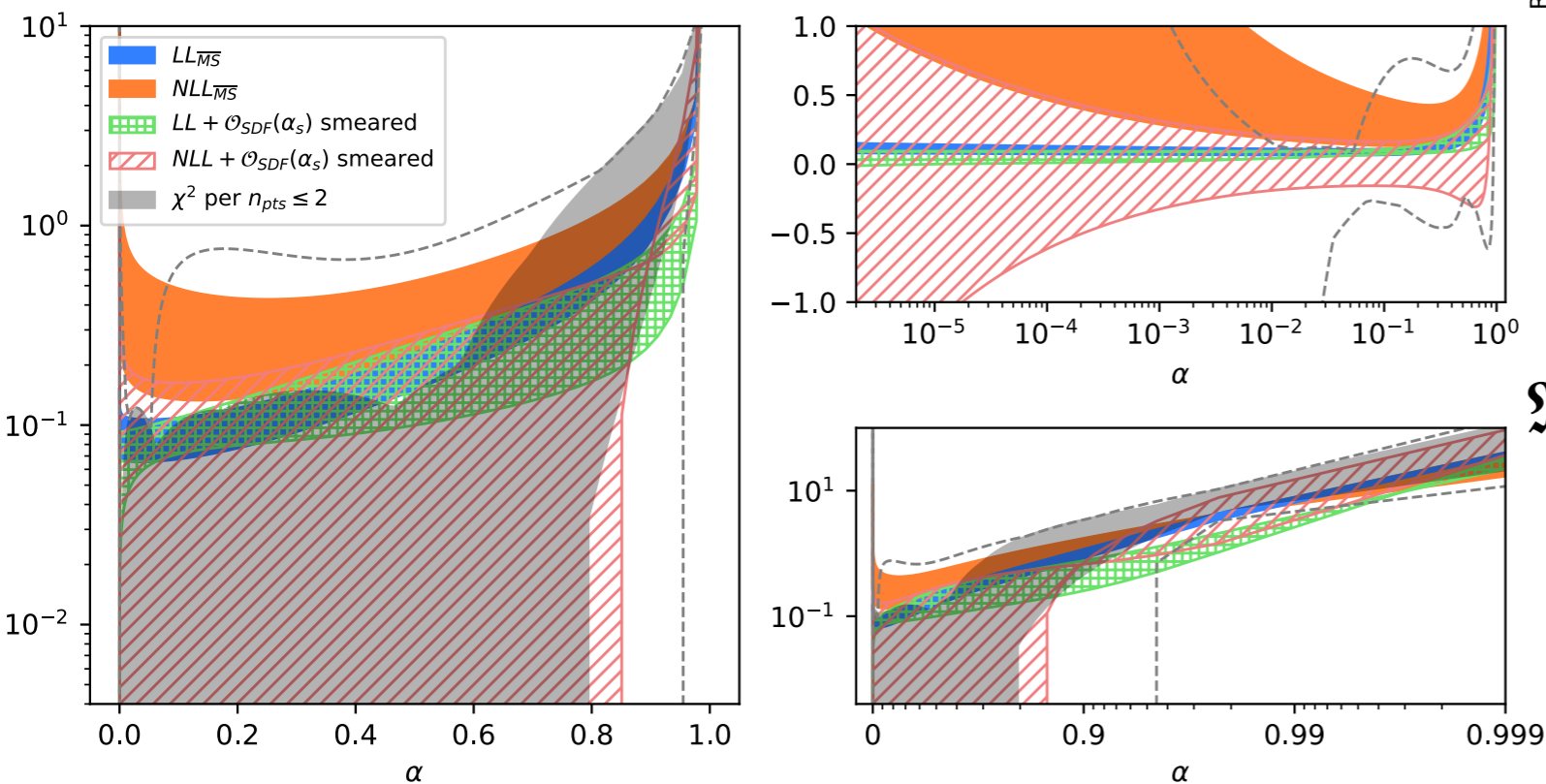
- Perturbative evolution from  $\sim 700$  MeV (0.282 fm) to  $\sim 1$  GeV (0.188 fm)
- Errors from varying scale by factor of 2



# Step Scaling from the lattice

- Requires data in same range of  $\nu$  and different  $z$
- Model Function

$$\Sigma(\alpha) = A\alpha^{-\delta}(1 + r\alpha) + B(-\ln(\alpha))^{-\eta}\ln^2(1 - \alpha) + \sigma\alpha(1 - \alpha)$$



$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \Sigma(\alpha, z^2, z_0^2) \mathfrak{M}(\alpha\nu, z_0^2)$$

- Catch: Requires assumption of leading twist dominance and ranges of  $\nu$  are limited
- Need very fine lattices to do right.

# If PDFs are universal....

*If the **same** PDFs are factorizable from lattice and experiment, and if power corrections can be controlled for both*

***Why not analyze both simultaneously?***

- Factorization of hadronic cross sections

- Factorization of Lattice observables

$$d\sigma_h = d\sigma_q \otimes f_{h/q} + P.C. \quad M_h = M_q \otimes f_{h/q} + P.C.$$

***Consider Lattice as a theoretical prior to the experimental Global Fit***

# Complementarity in Lattice and Experiment

## LATTICE

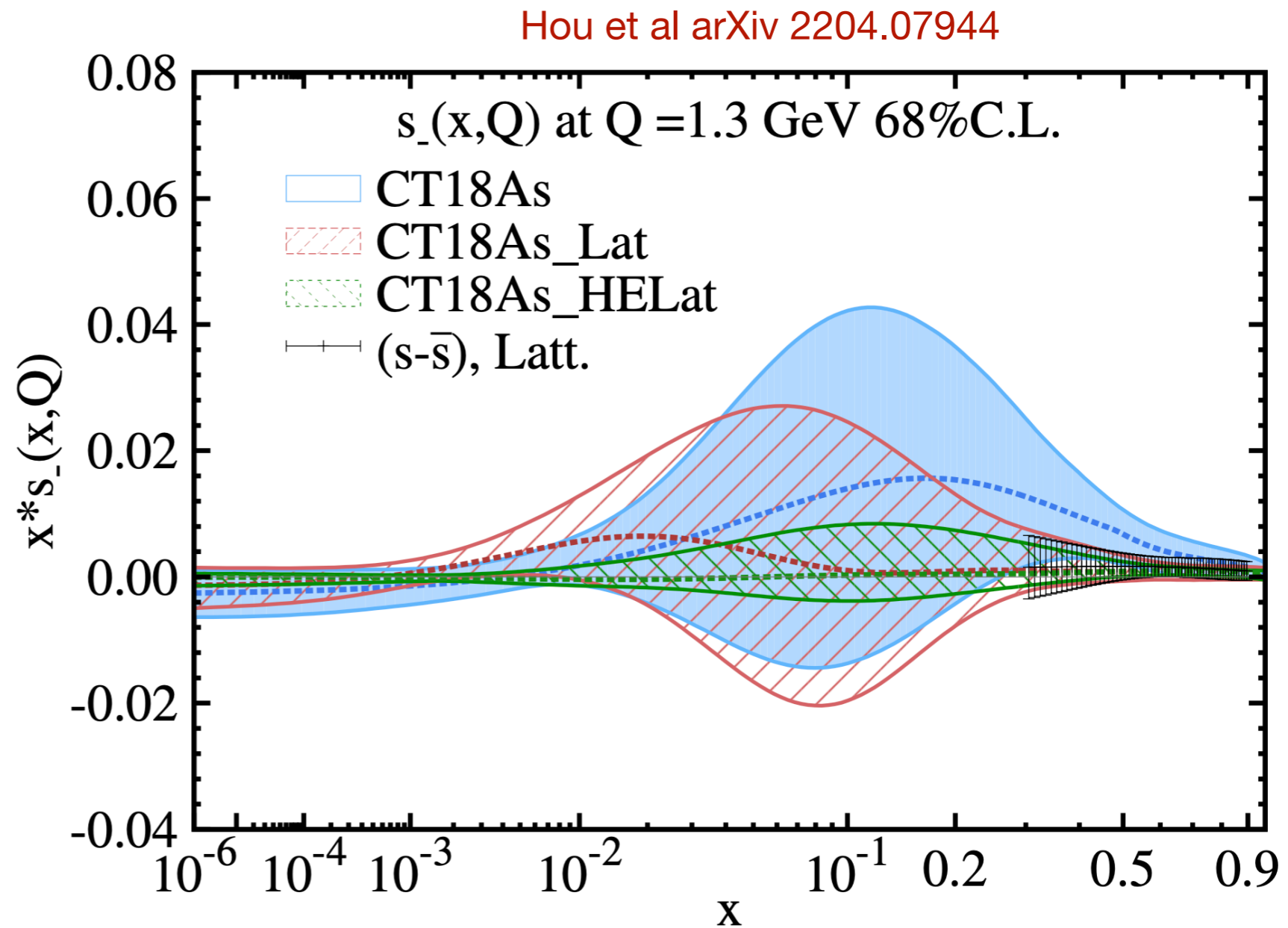
- Lattice limited to low  $\nu$ , sensitive to  $x \gtrsim 0.2$ , but high sensitivity to large  $x$
- Lattice matching relation is integral over all  $x$
- Low  $p_z$  data can reach high signal-to-noise compared to experiment
- Lattice can evaluate independently each spin, flavor, and even hadron

## EXPERIMENT

- Cross Sections limited to specific max but can reach very low  $x_B$
- Cross Section matching is integral from  $x_B$  to 1
  - Creates sensitively to hard kernel in large  $x$  region
- Wealth of decades of experimental data outweigh modern lattice

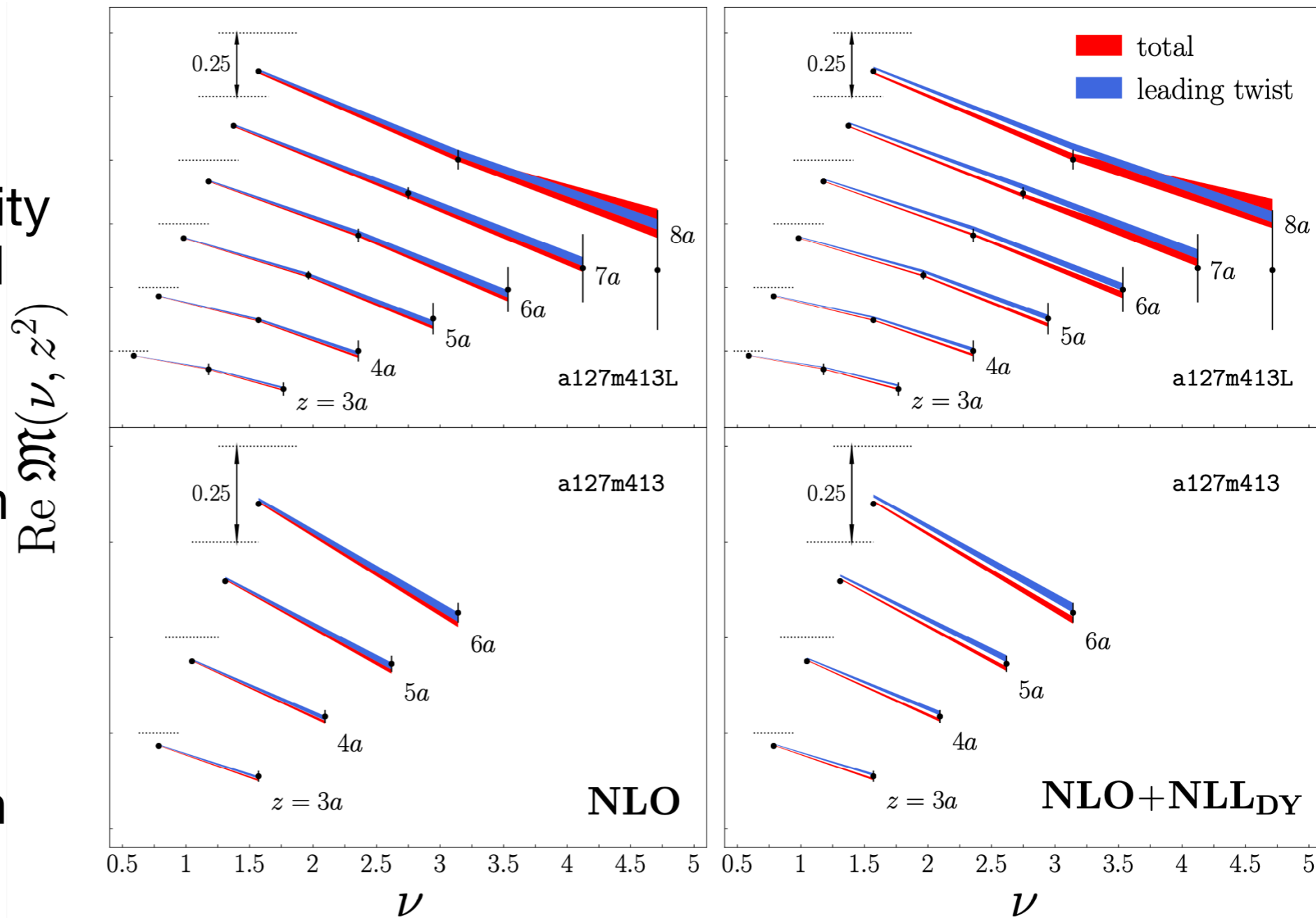
# Strange quark distributions

- Lattice can directly access individual quark flavors independently
- Flavor decomposed matrix elements have noisy “disconnected” contributions
- Studies of strange and charm PDFs have begun and give promising precision



# Complementarity in pion PDF

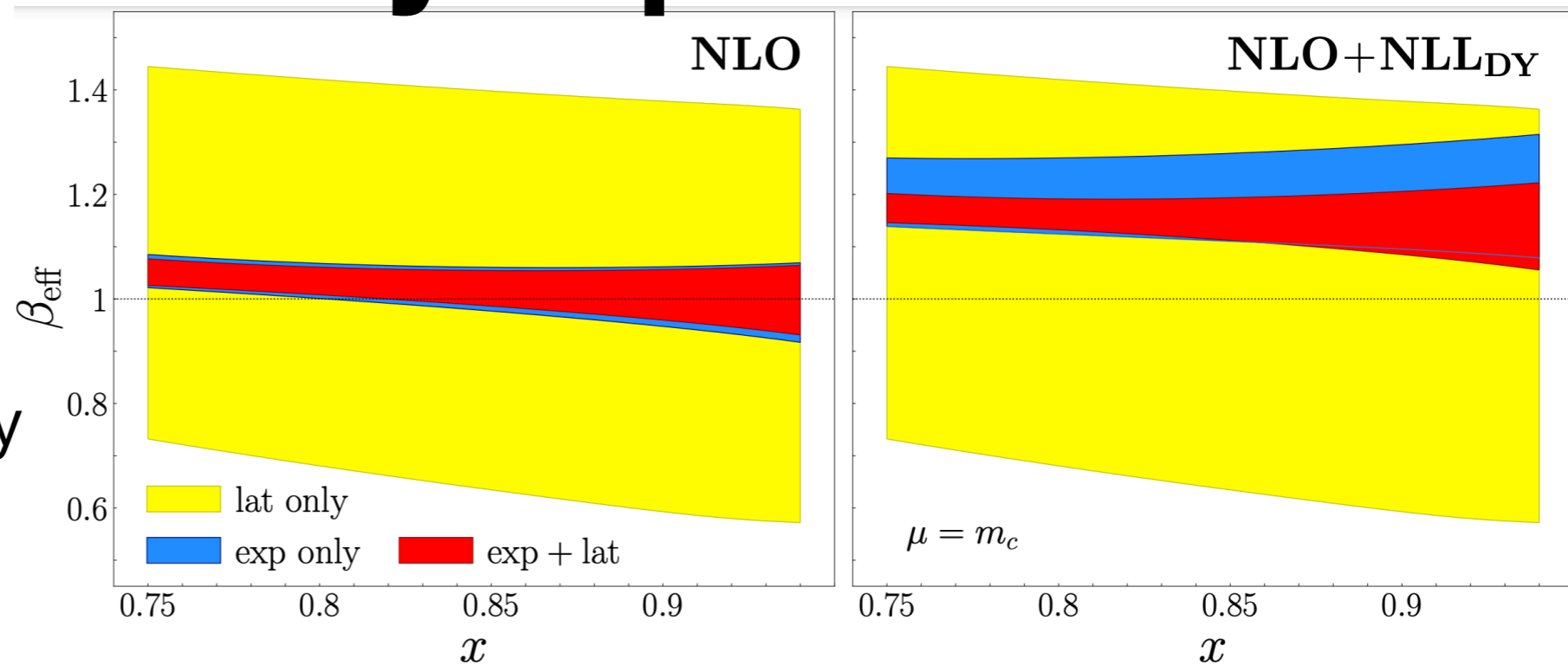
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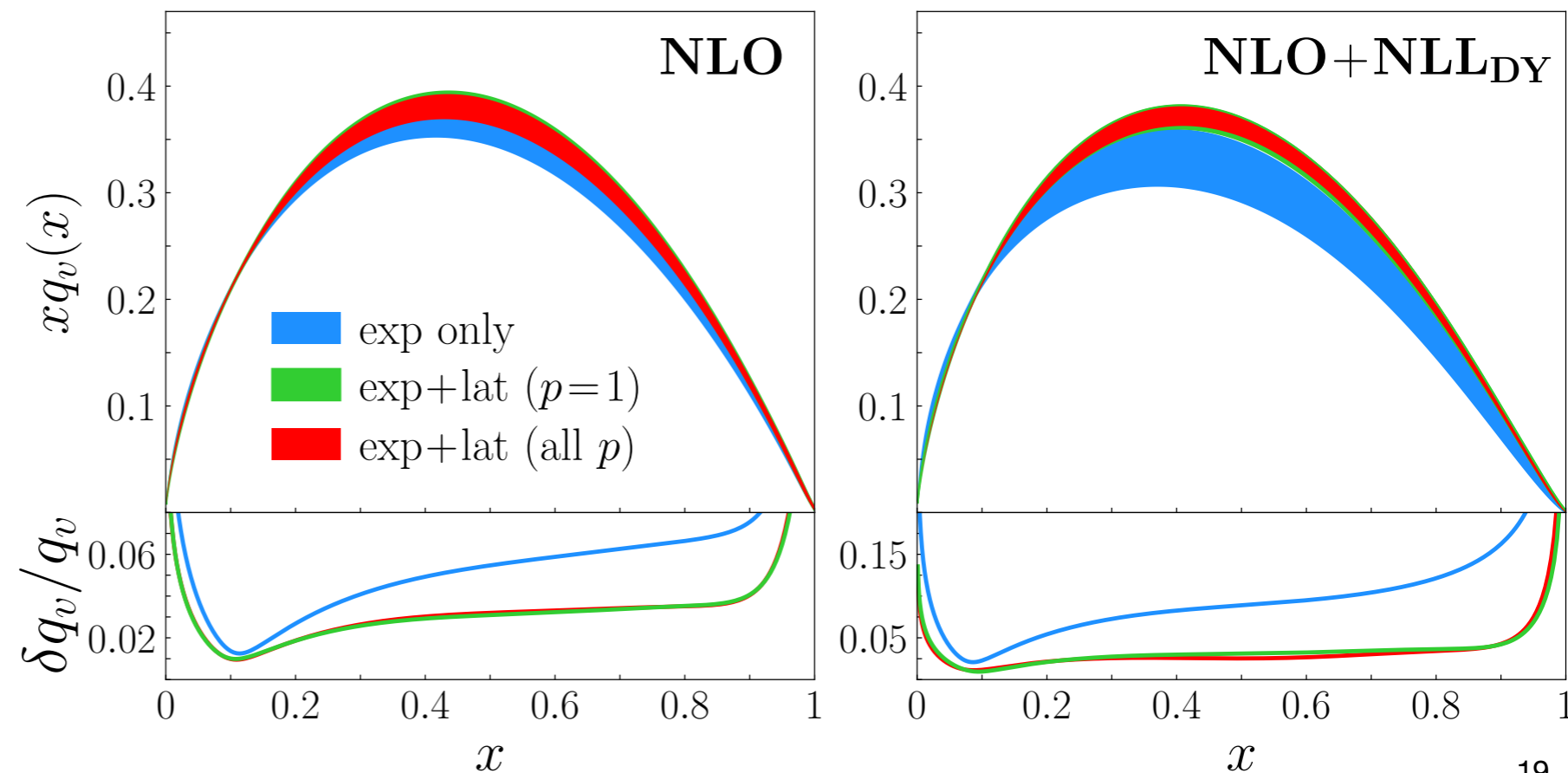


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P. Barry et al, *Phys. Rev. D* 105 (2022) 11, 114051



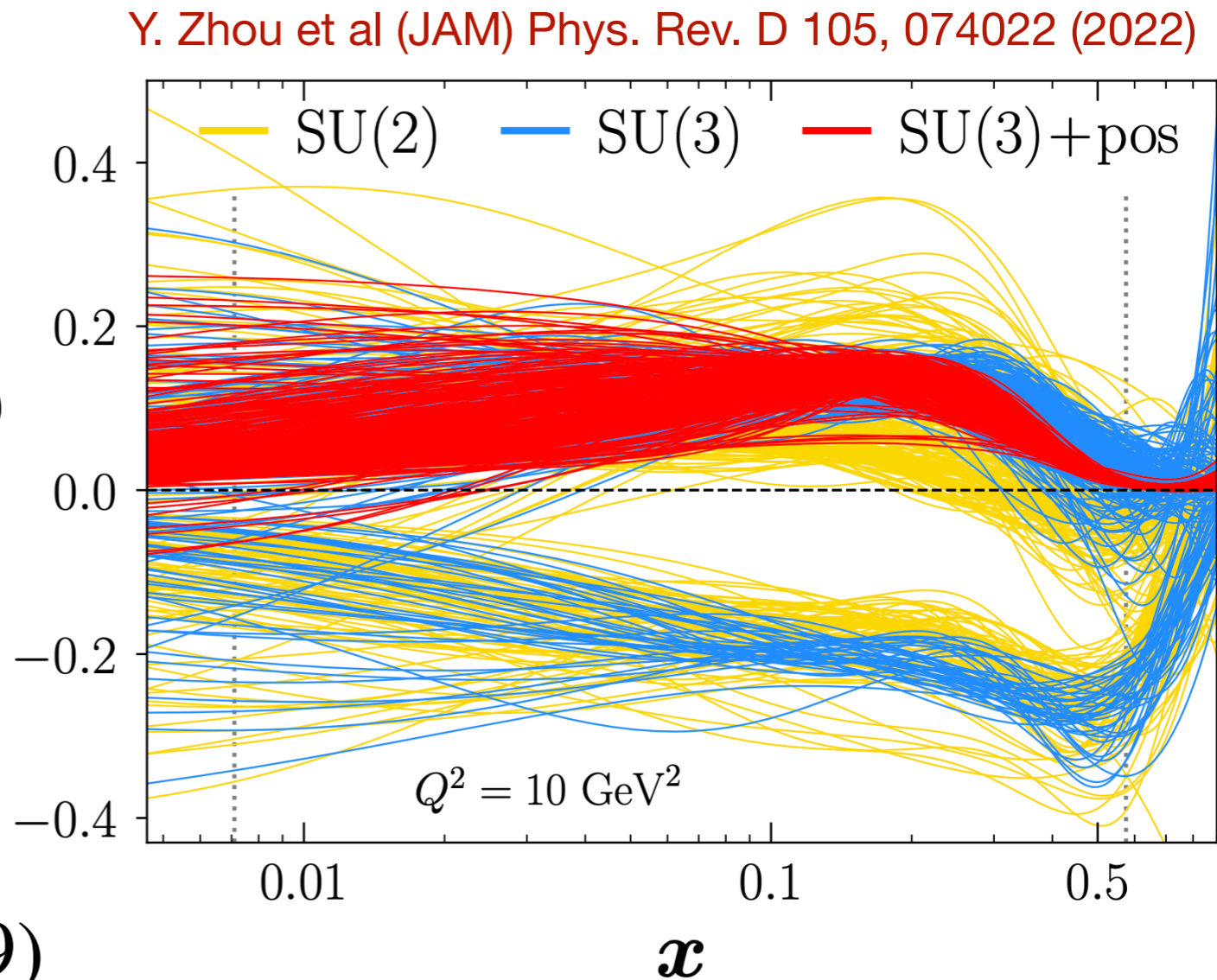
# Spinning gluons

- Positivity removed from JAM helicity gluon PDF

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

- Reveals new band of solutions

$x\Delta g$



- With constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.39(9)$
- Without constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.3(5)$
- Lattice:  $\Delta G = 0.251(47)(16)$

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

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

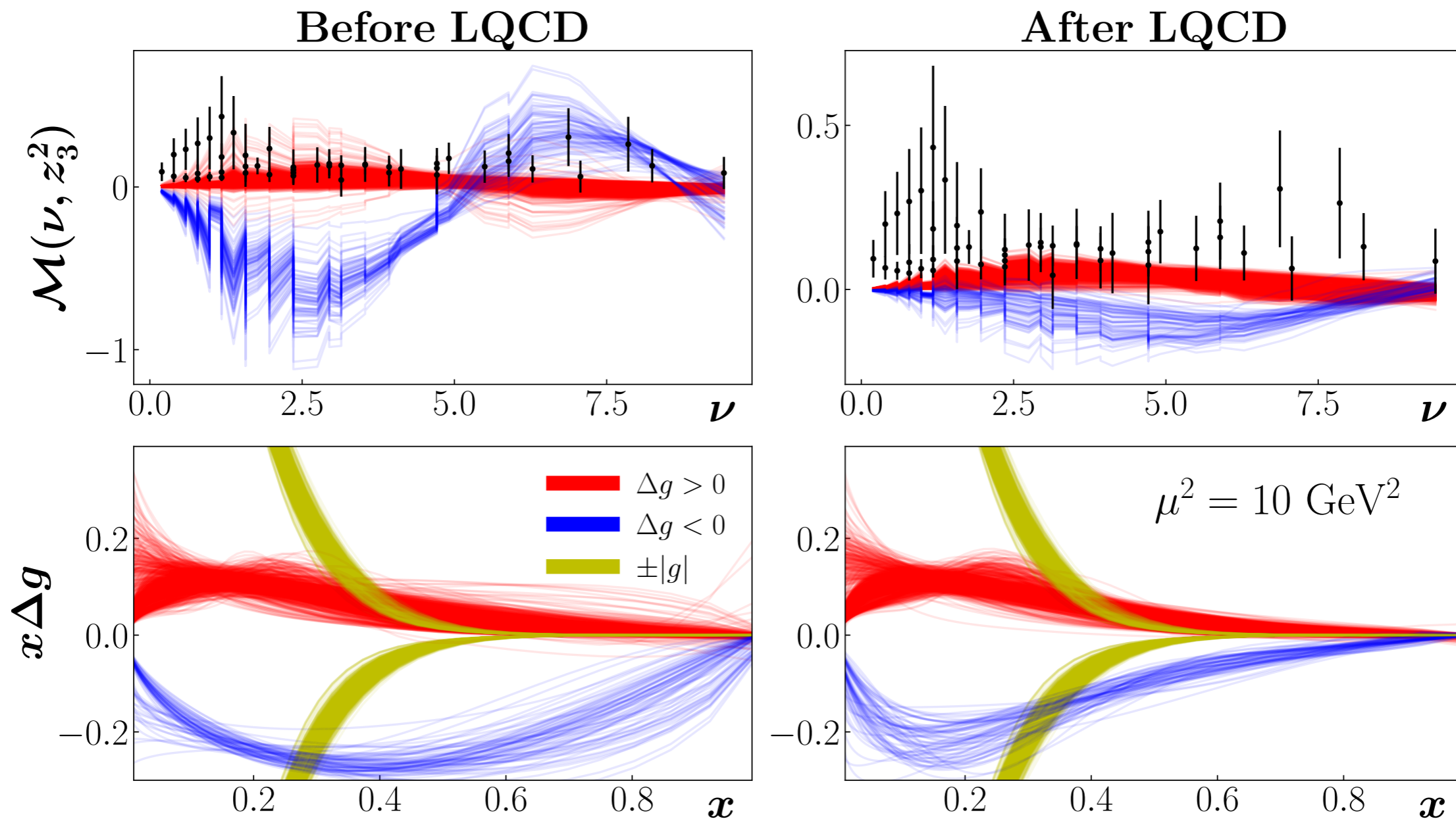
$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

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

K-F. Liu arXiv: 2112.08416

# Spinning gluons

Can lattice data affect phenomenological polarized gluon analysis?



- The positive and negative solutions without positivity constraints

- Only positive band consistent with lattice data, but is too noisy to constrain.  $\Delta G = \int d\nu I_g(\nu)$

# Conclusions

- Lattice matrix elements can be related to PDFs and their calculation have matured over the decade
- With control of systematic errors, lattice PDFs are approaching accuracy of global fits
- Non-perturbative PDF evolution can be determined from lattice data
- Adding Lattice data into global fits give better results than either could do alone
- All lessons can be extended to TMDs and GPDs

**Thank you and the organizers!**

# Back up slides

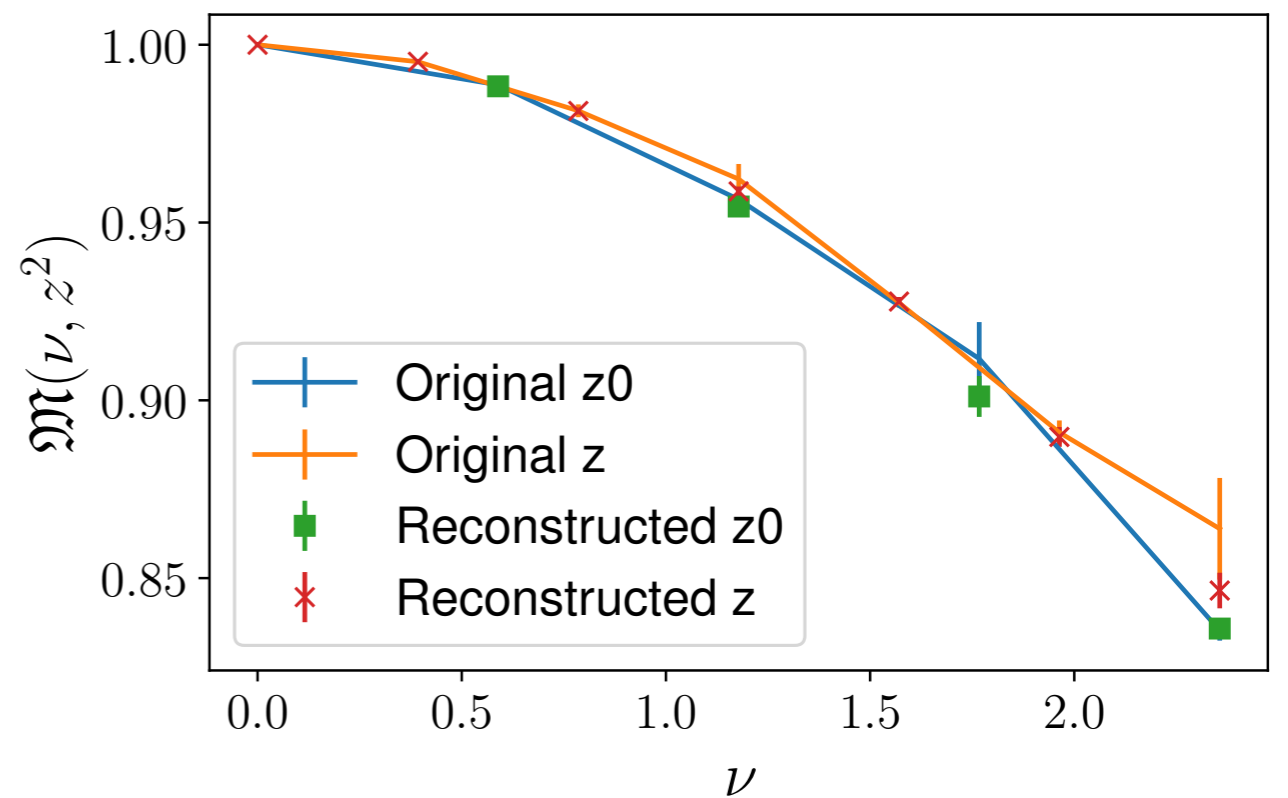
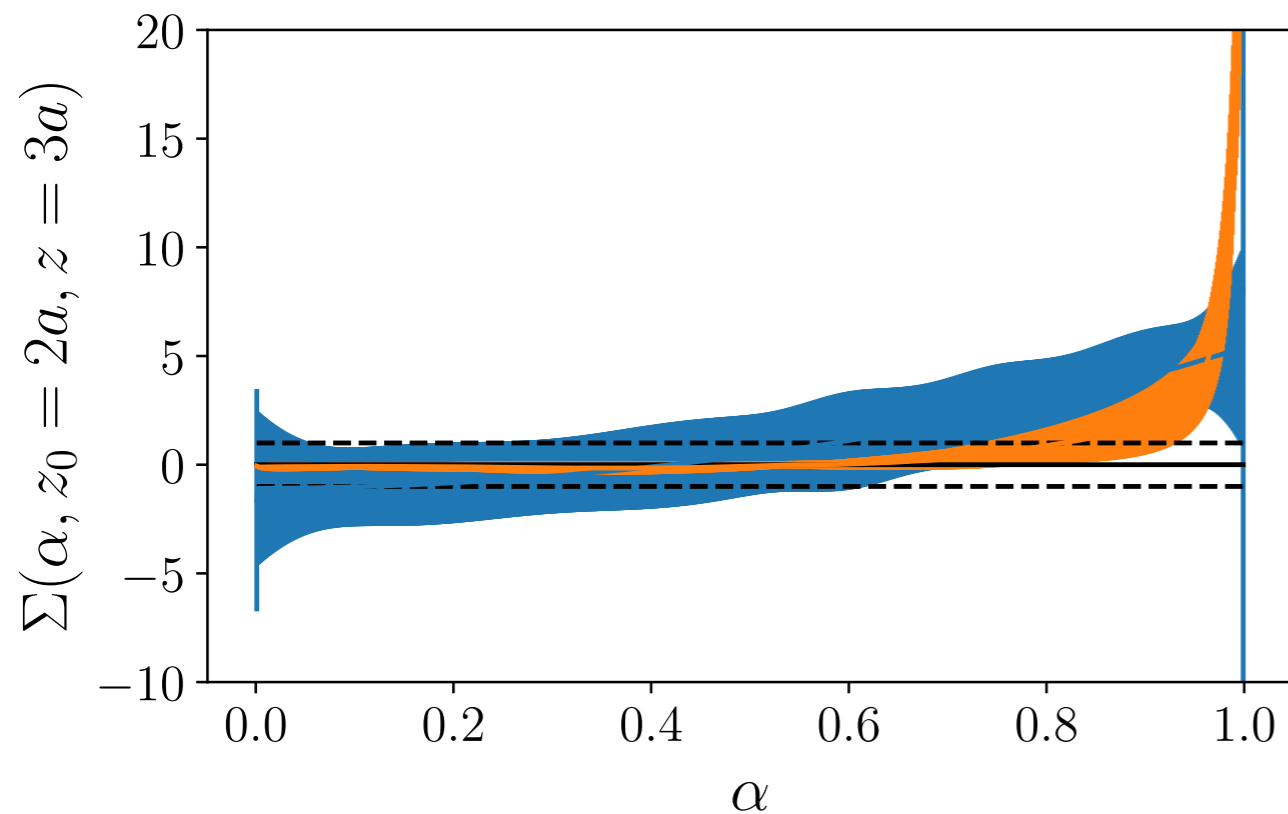


# Bayesian Reconstruction

- Use different BR priors to study model dependencies
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Preliminary!



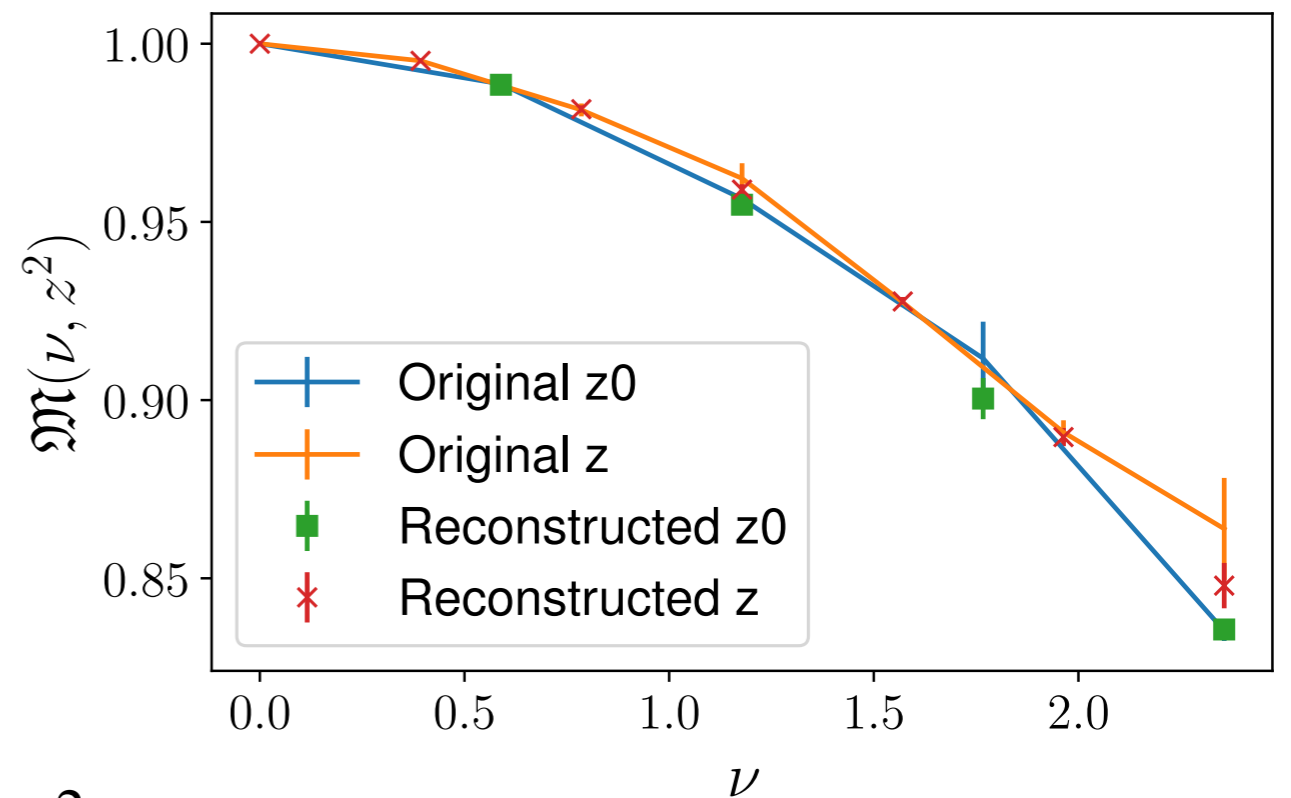
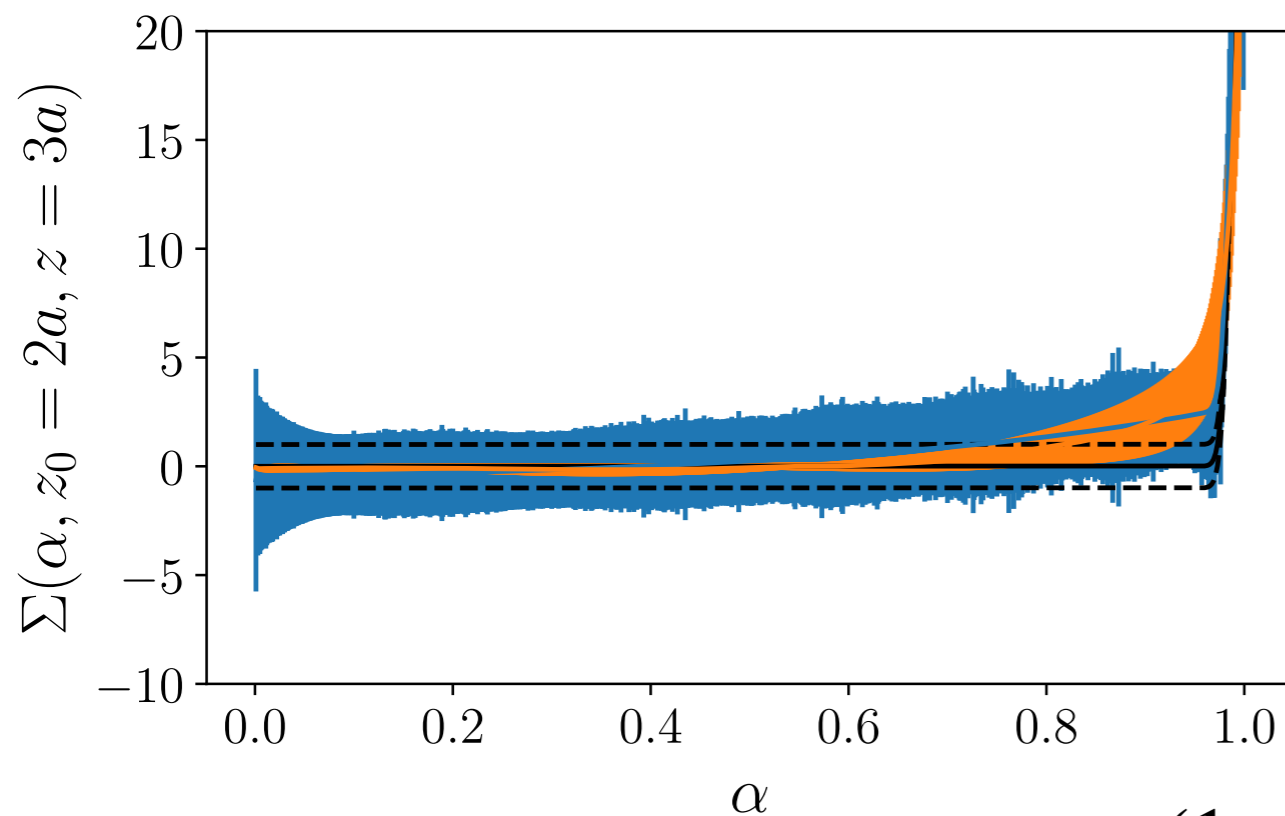
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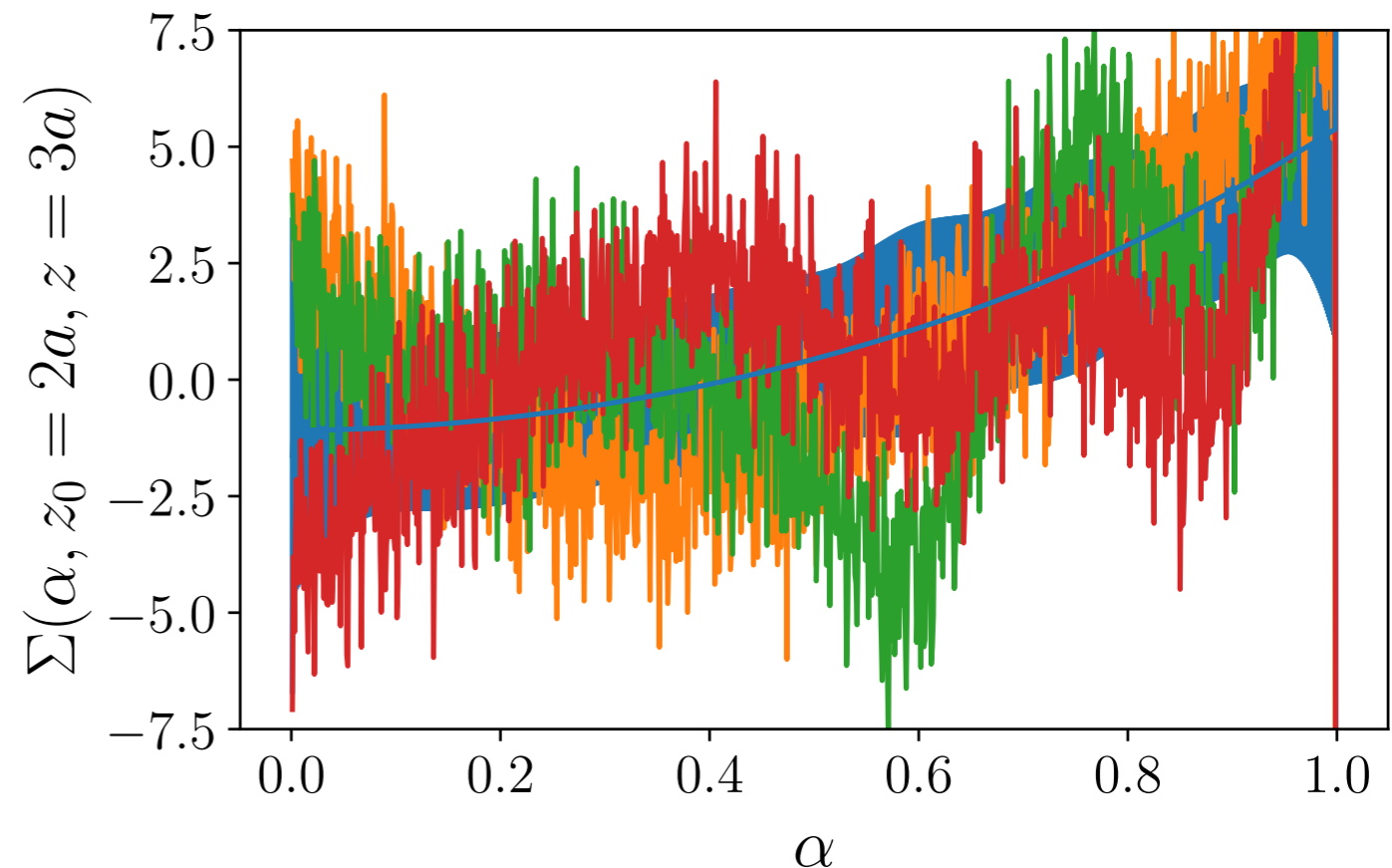
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- Use different BR priors to study model dependencies

- Can we remove the wiggles?

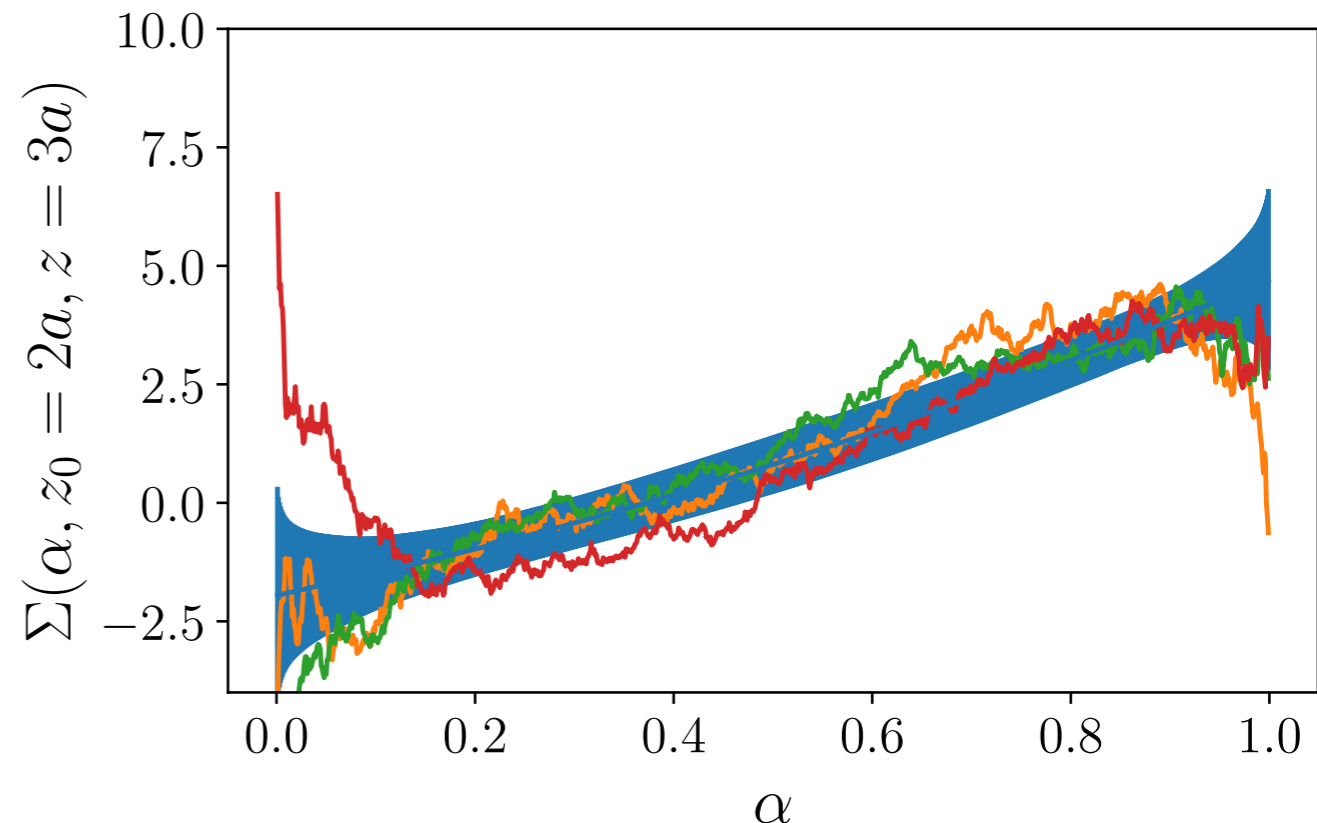
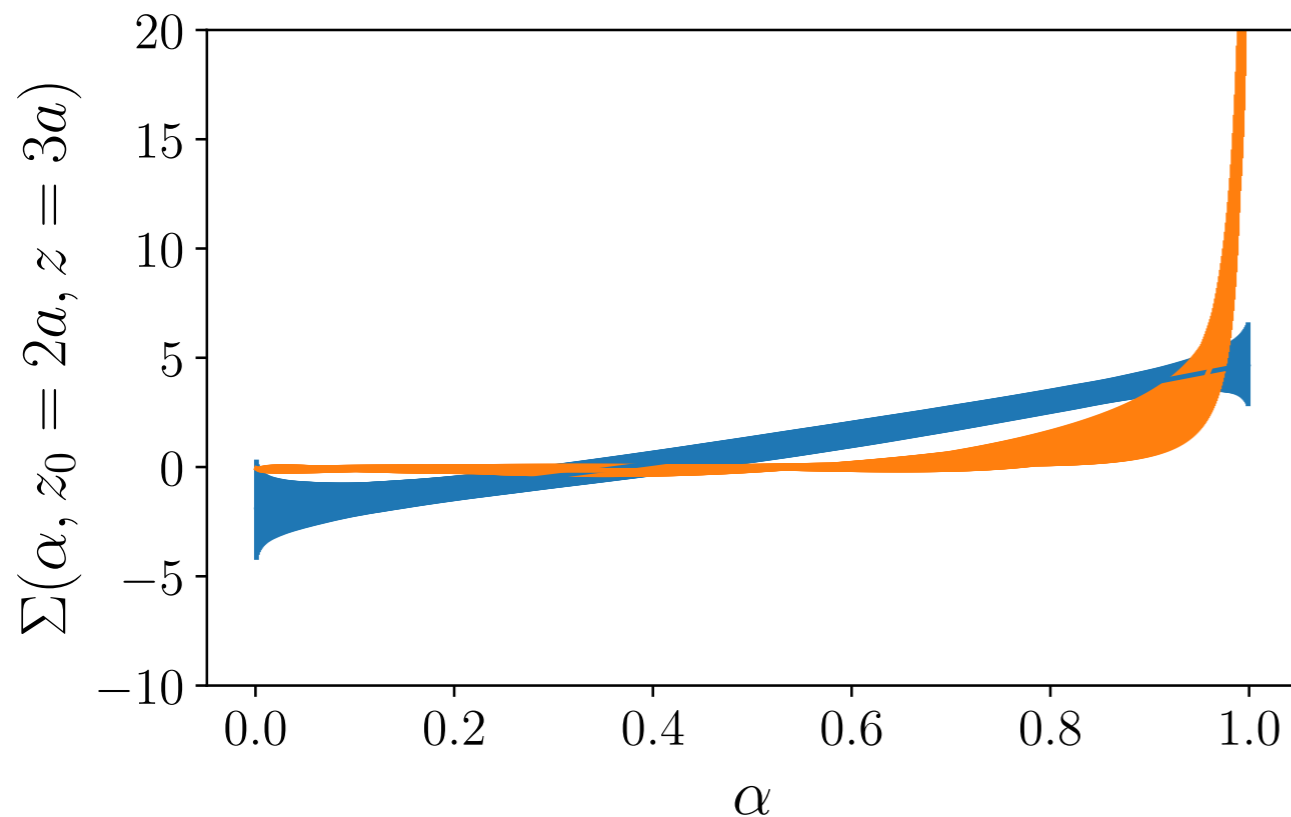
- A smoothing prior

$$S(\Sigma) = u \int_0^1 d\alpha \alpha(1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \alpha} \right)^2$$

- Set  $u$  too large and it forces a flat result.

Preliminary!

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# Pol Gluon Lorentz decomposition

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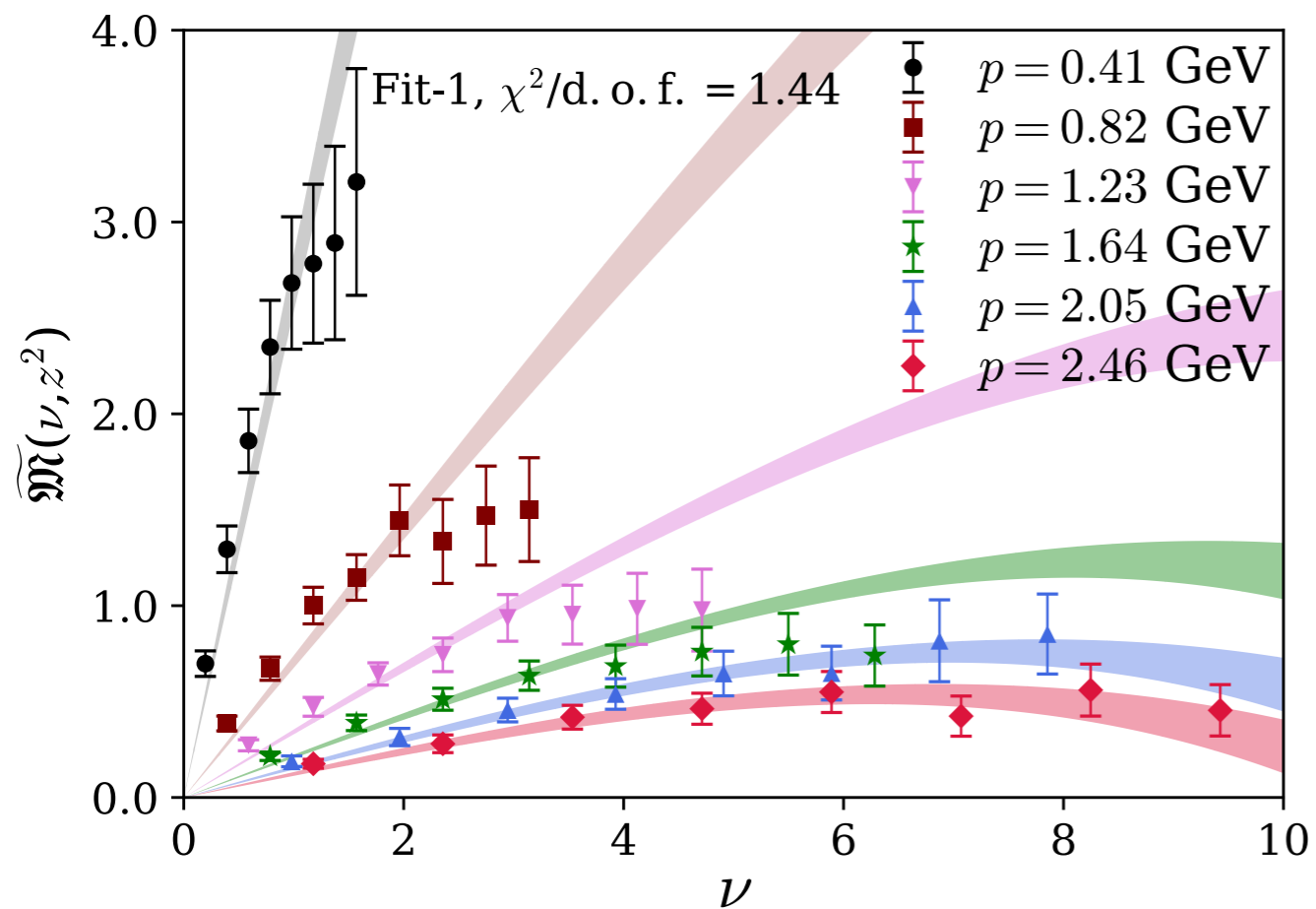
Want:  $M_{\Delta g}(\nu, z^2) = \left[ \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{sp}^{(+)} - \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp} \right]$

Can get:  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}(z, p) = \left[ \widetilde{M}_{ti;it} + \widetilde{M}_{ij;ij} \right]$

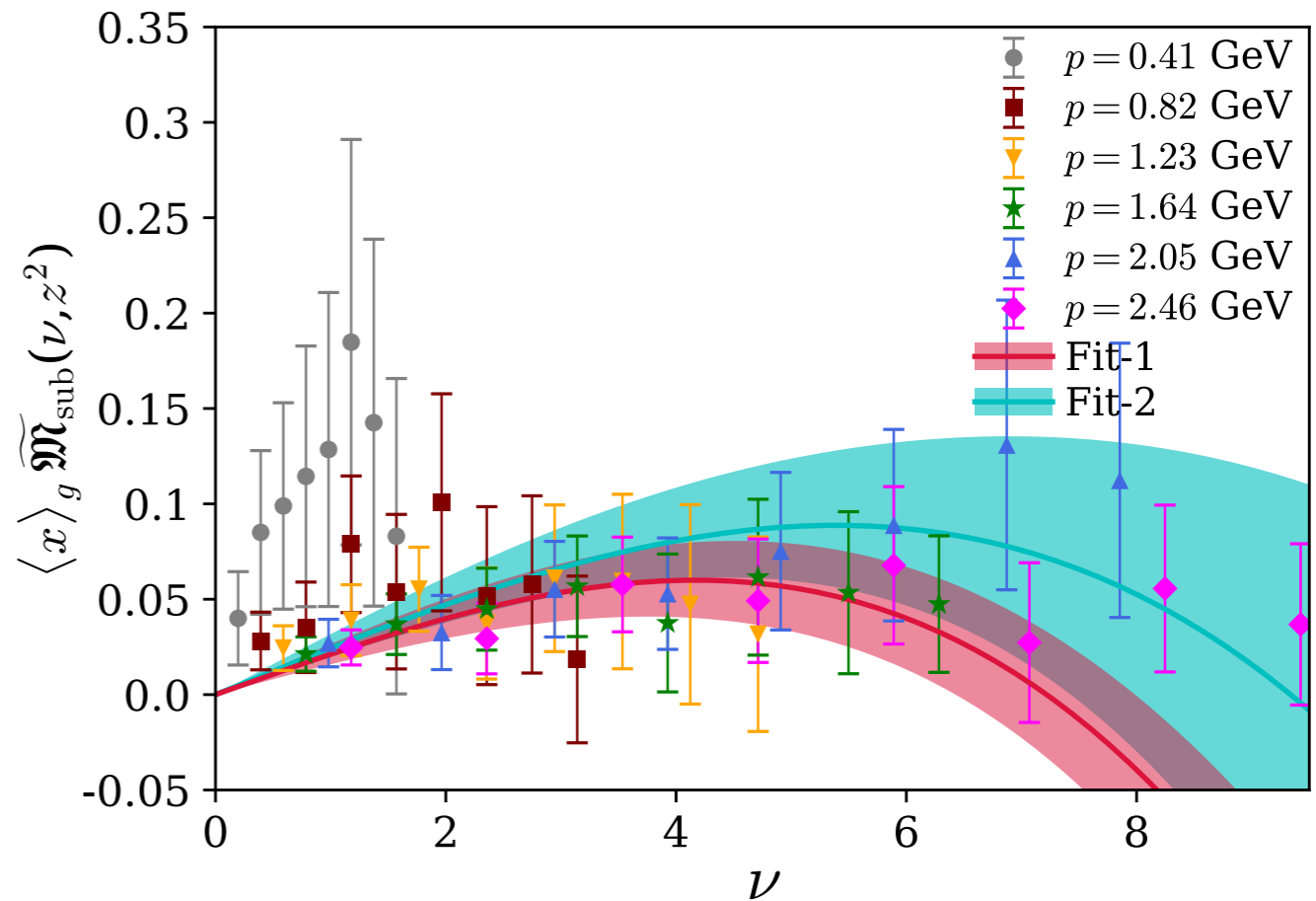
$$\begin{aligned}& = M_{\Delta g} - \frac{m^2 z^2}{\nu} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp} \\ & = M_{\Delta g} - \frac{m^2}{p_z^2} \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}\end{aligned}$$

# Helicity Gluon PDF

- Model both terms



- Subtract rest frame

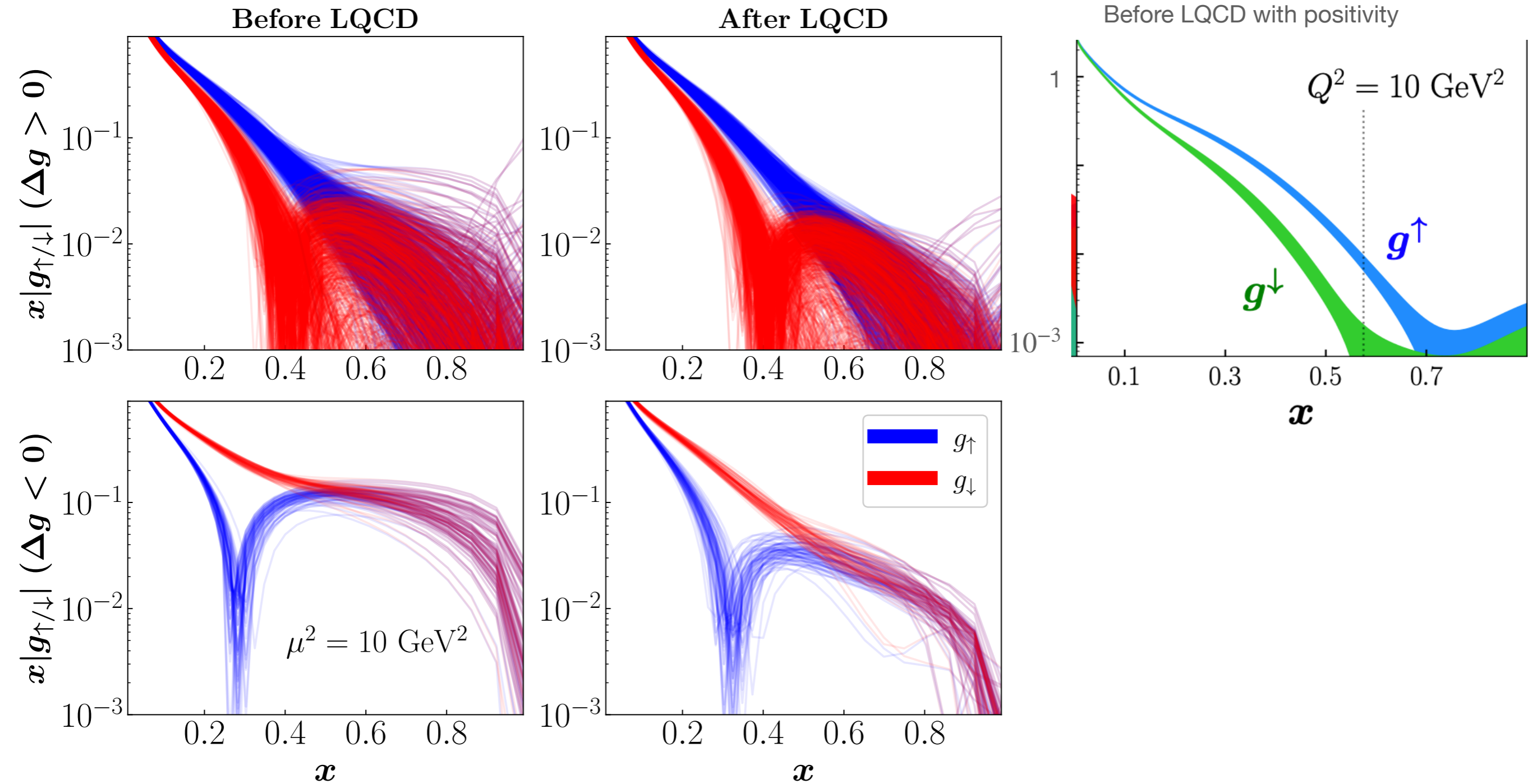


$$a = 0.094 \text{ fm}$$

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

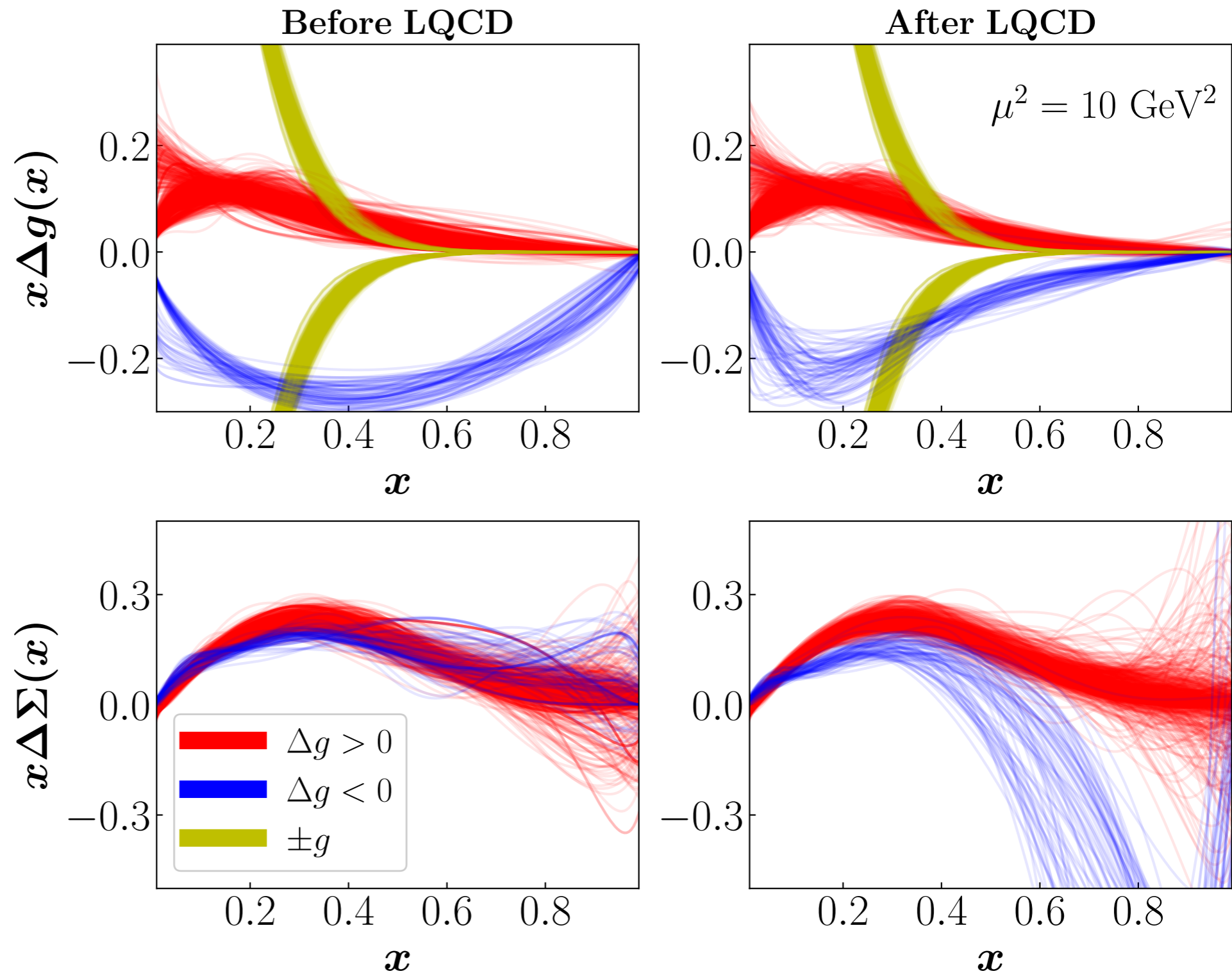


# Which ways do gluons spin?



# Lattice gluon data impacts quarks

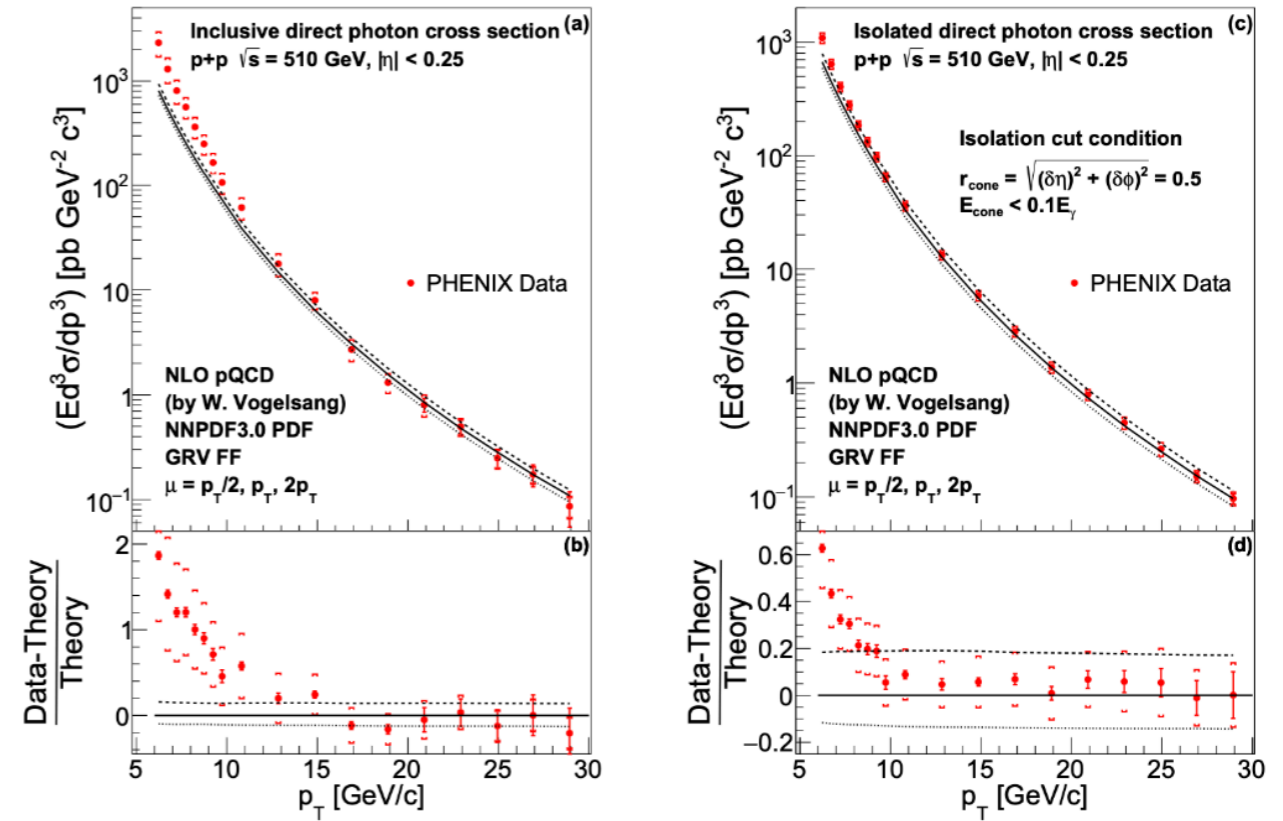
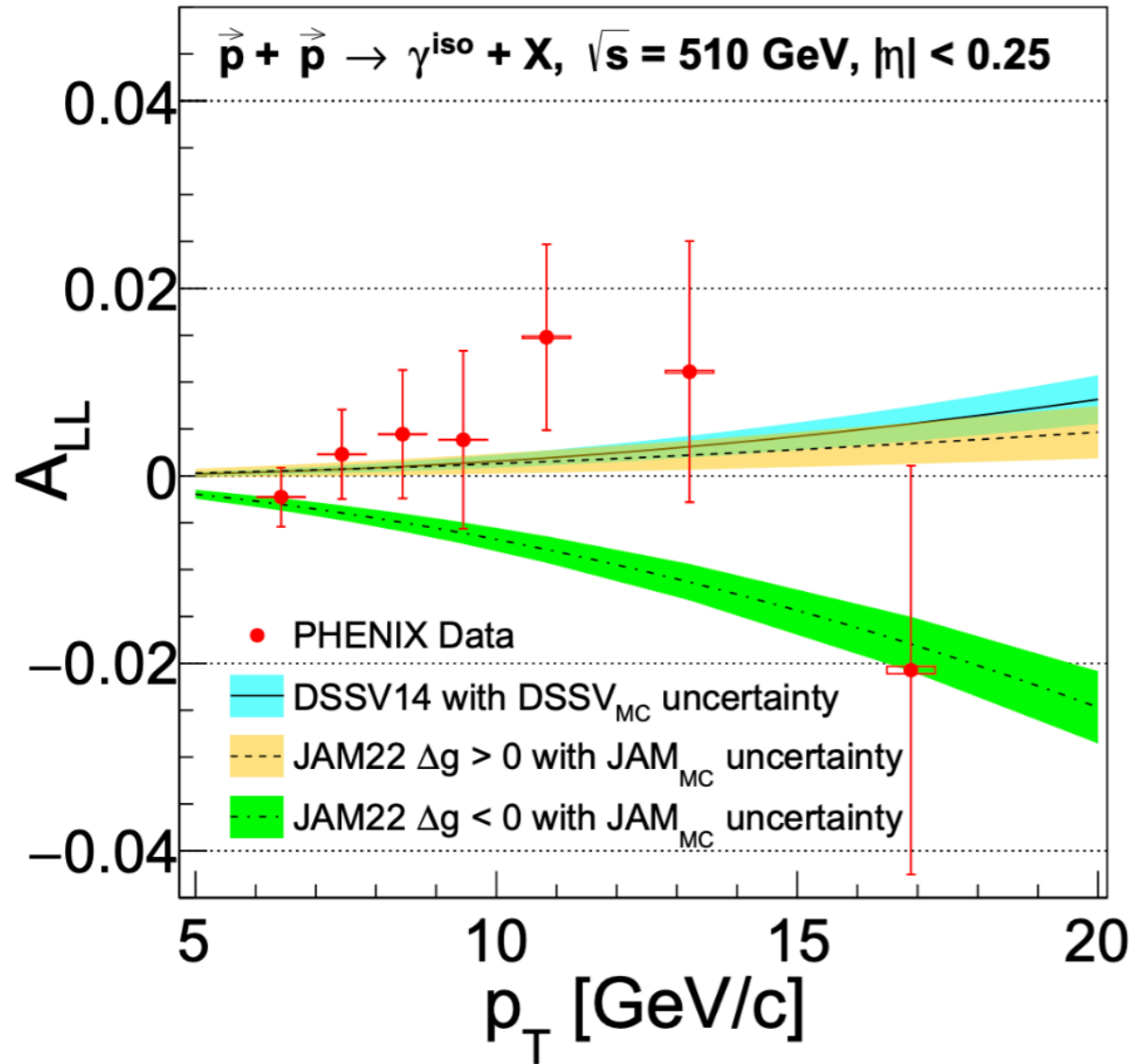
- Quark gluon mixing leads to impact on singlet
- Unexpected change in extrapolation region
- Compensates reduced magnitude of  $\Delta g$  in relation to cross sections



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The two dashed curves in Fig. 2 come from the global analysis of the JAM Collaboration [15, 16]. They found there are two distinct sets of solutions for the polarized gluon PDF,  $\Delta g$ , which differ in sign. Even though the solutions with  $\Delta g < 0$  violate the positivity assumption,  $|\Delta g| < g$ , all previous data cannot exclude those solutions due to the mixed contributions from quark-gluon and gluon-gluon interactions. However, the direct-photon  $A_{LL}$  comes mainly from the quark-gluon interactions and has  $\chi^2 = 4.7$  and 12.6 for 7 data points for the  $\Delta g > 0$  and  $\Delta g < 0$  solutions, respectively, with the difference of 7.9 between  $\chi^2$  values implying that the negative solution is disfavored at more than  $2.8\sigma$  level.