

# Frontiers in Lattice PDF Study

Yi-Bo Yang  
*Michigan state university*



*and*

*Lattice Parton Physics Project (LP3)*

[yangyibo@pa.msu.edu](mailto:yangyibo@pa.msu.edu)

**Sep. 1st 2017**

# The parton distribution function (PDF)

The original quark PDF defined in the light front frame is,

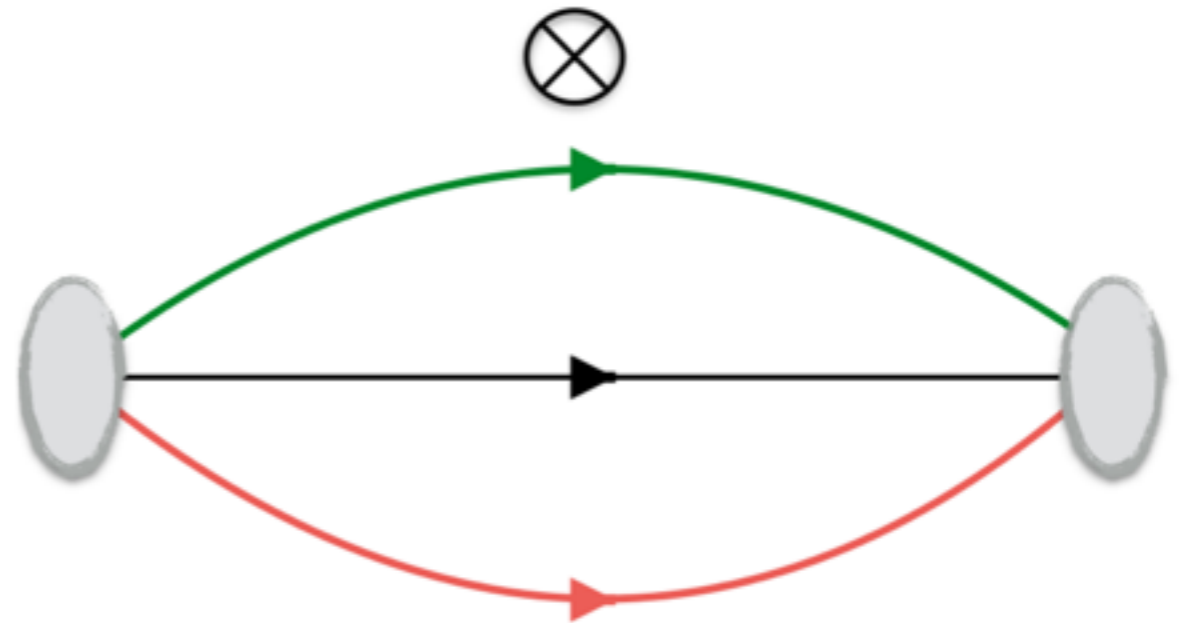
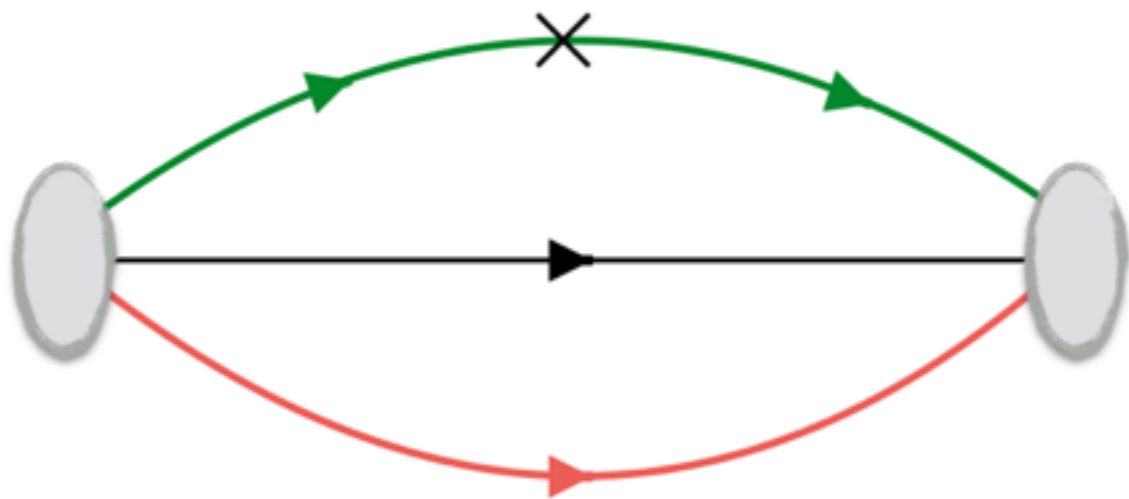
$$q(x, \mu^2) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ix\xi^- P^+} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \times \exp \left( -ig \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-) \right) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

- PDF is a universal distribution in nucleon;
- Many ongoing/planned experiments (BNL, JLab, J-PARC, COMPASS, GSI, EIC, LHeC, ...);
- Important inputs to discern new physics at LHC, and currently dominate errors in Higgs production.
- The real time dependence in the PDF definition makes the direct lattice simulation to be impossible.

# *The alternative solutions on the lattice:*

- **The moments of the PDF which are the matrix elements of local operators:**
  - How to do the lattice calculation is clear;
  - The renormalization of the quark part is also clear, while the gluon ones and the mixing are unclear;
  - Limited to a few moments and most of the recent calculations concentrate on the zero/first moments.
- **Reconstruct the PDF from the lattice “cross section”:**
  - The lattice calculation is relatively non-trivial;
  - The renormalization is non-trivial for part of the approaches;
  - Can access the full Bjorken  $x$  dependence of PDF, while the result may depend on the way to do the reconstruction.

# *The calculations of the moments*



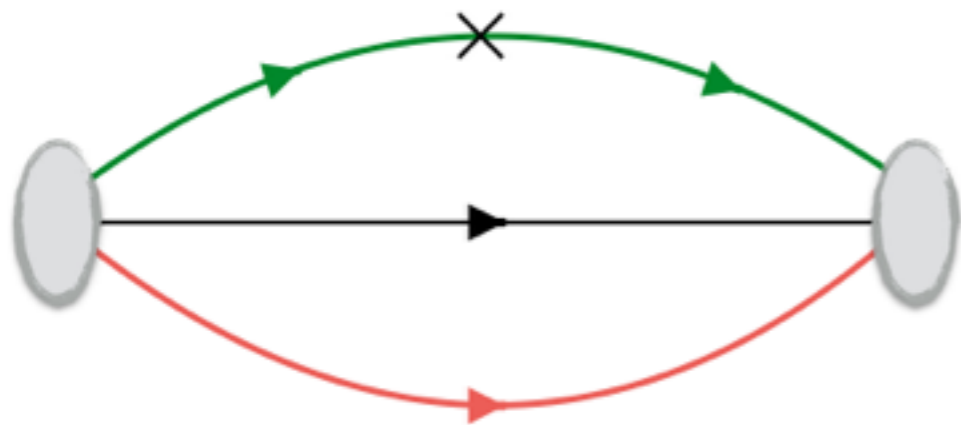
# The calculations of the moments

- The moments of the PDF which are the matrix elements of local light-cone operators:  $O^n = \bar{\psi}\gamma^+D^{+2}\dots D^{+n}\psi$   
or,

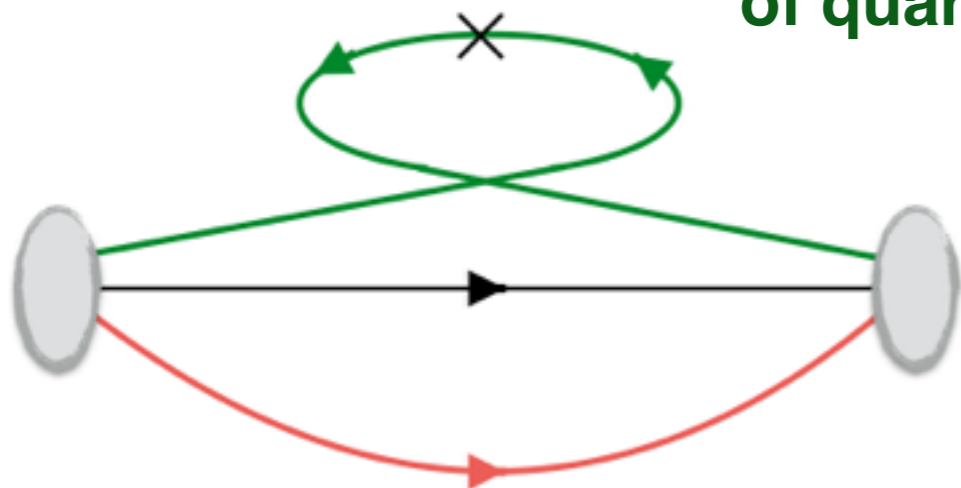
$$O^{\mu_1\dots\mu_n} = \bar{\psi}\gamma^{(\mu_1}iD^{\mu_2}\dots iD^{\mu_n)}\psi - \text{trace}$$

- How to do the lattice calculation is clear;
- The renormalization of the quark part is also clear, while the gluon ones and the mixing are unclear;
- Limited to a few moments and most of the recent calculations concentrate on the first/second moments.

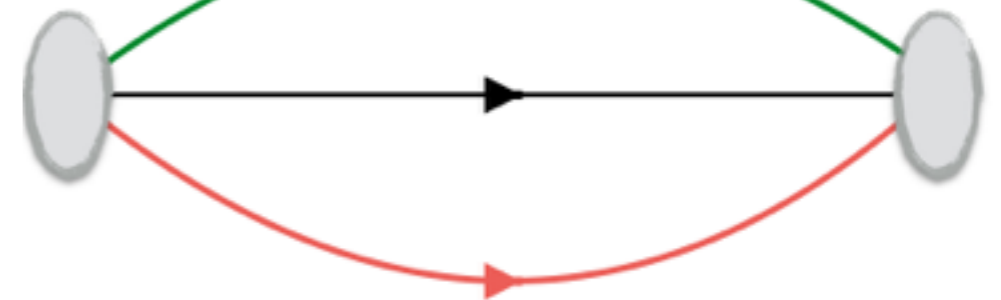
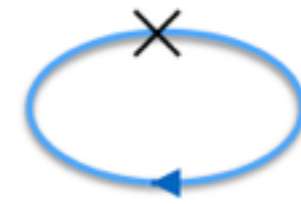
# Connected and disconnect insertions



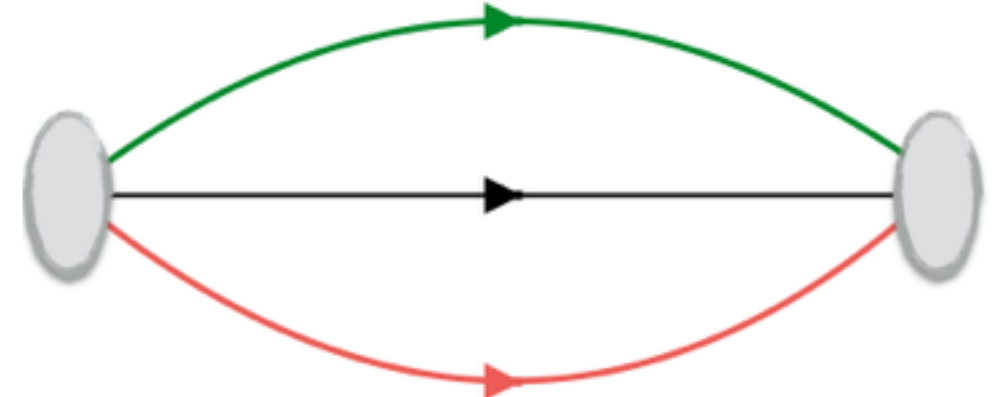
**+** = Connected insertions  
of quark



**Disconnected  
insertion of  
quark**



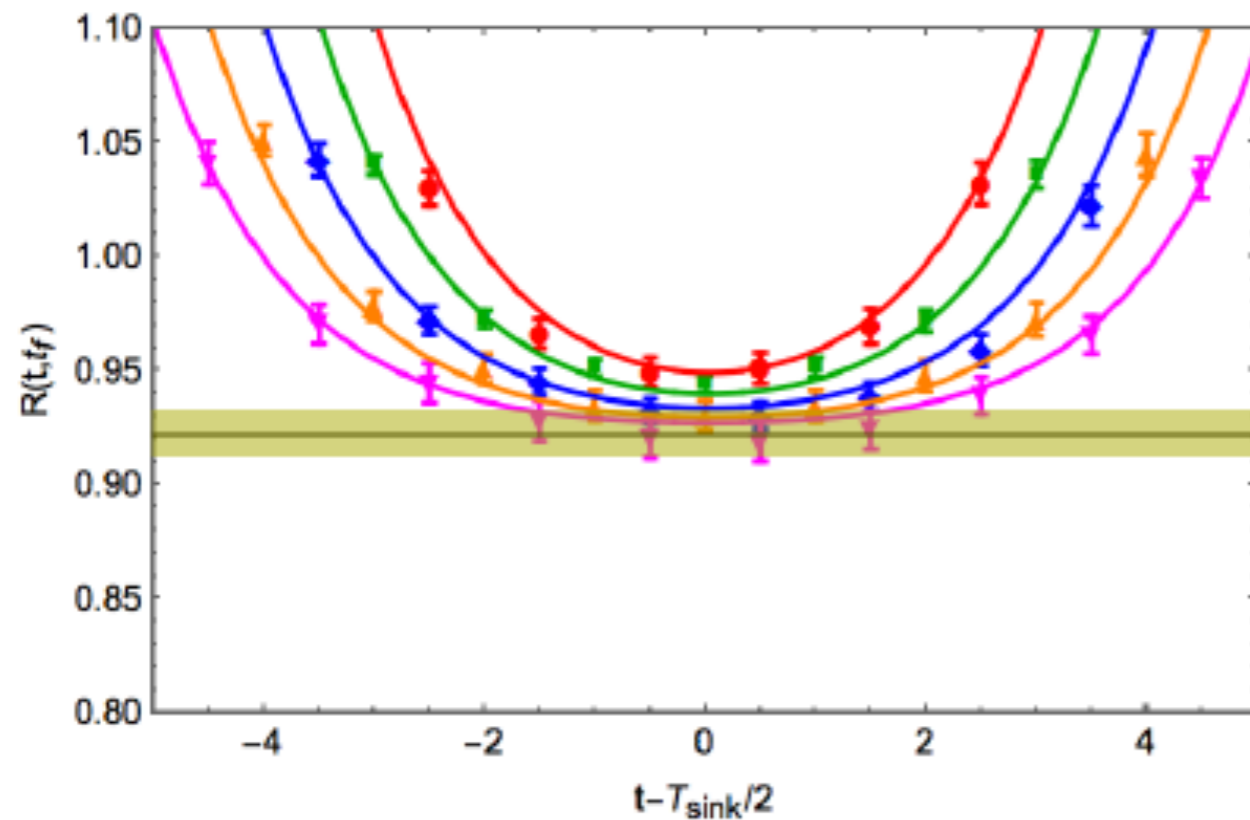
**Disconnected  
insertion of  
gluon**



- Quark propagates in the gluon background

# Two state fit

to remove the excited states contaminations

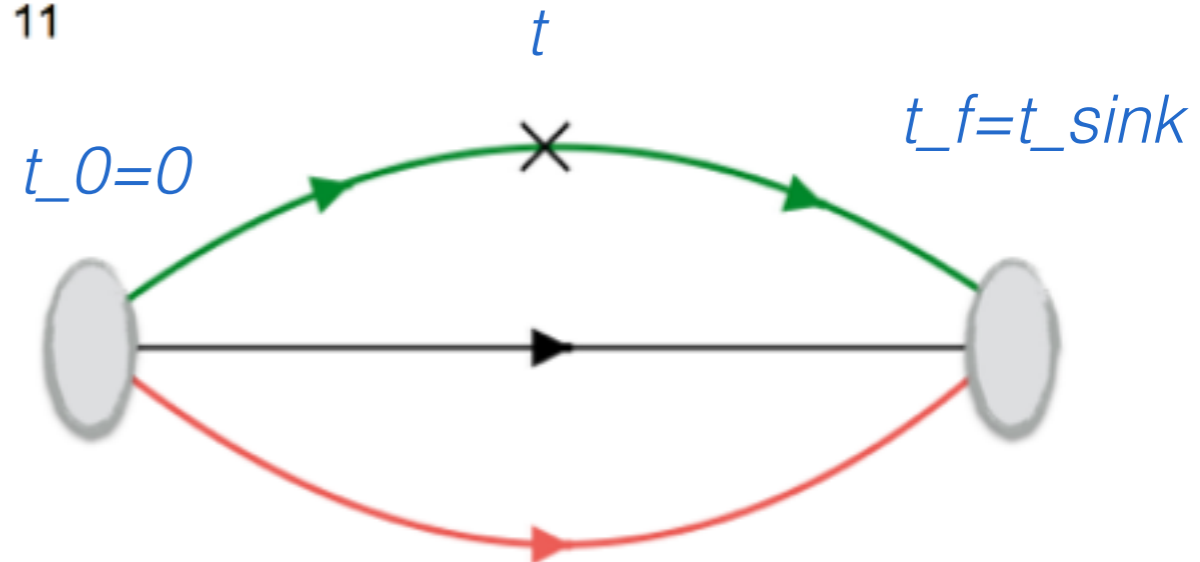


*An example of the two-state fit from the tensor charge case which has obvious excited states contaminations.*

- $T_{\text{sink}}=7$
- $T_{\text{sink}}=8$
- ◆  $T_{\text{sink}}=9$
- ▲  $T_{\text{sink}}=10$
- ▼  $T_{\text{sink}}=11$

$$R(t_f, t) = S_G + C_1 e^{-\Delta E(t_f - t)} + C_2 e^{-\Delta E t}$$

*the difference between the proton mass and effective excited state mass*



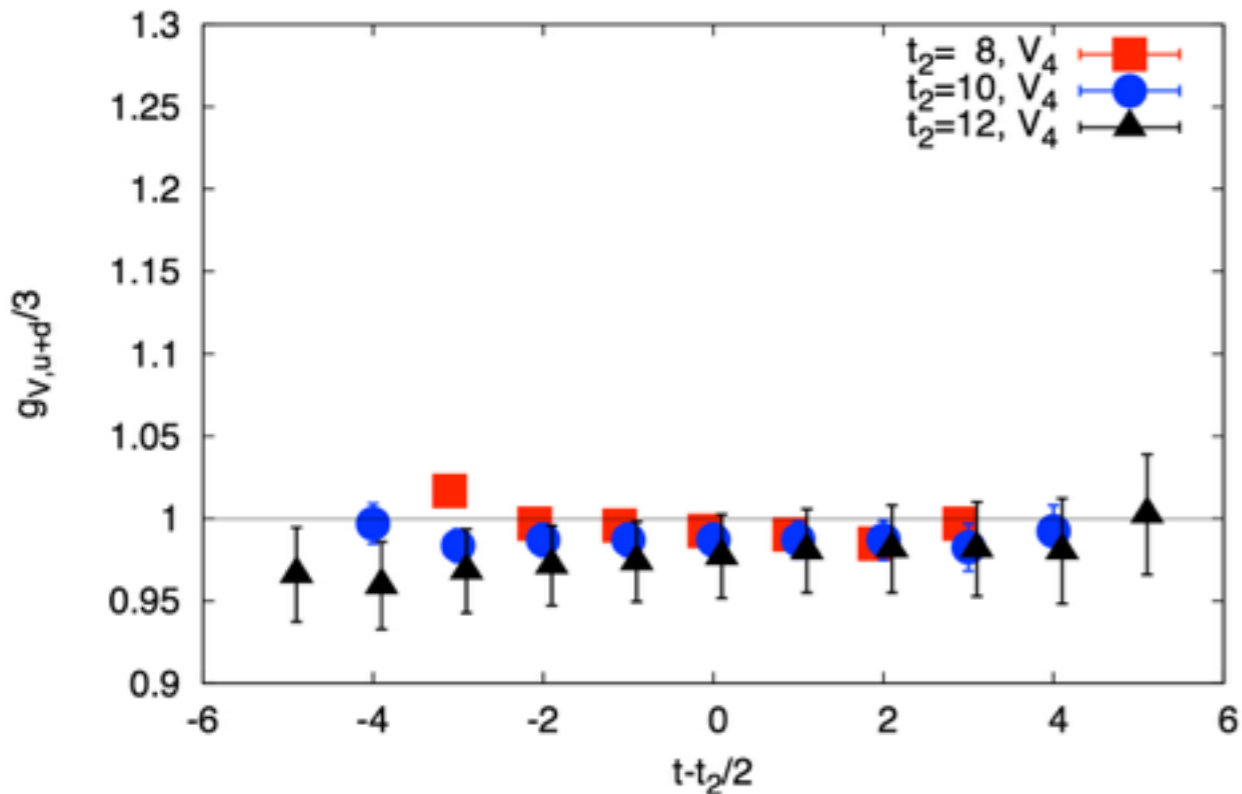
# Integration of PDF

## Connected insertion(CI) parts

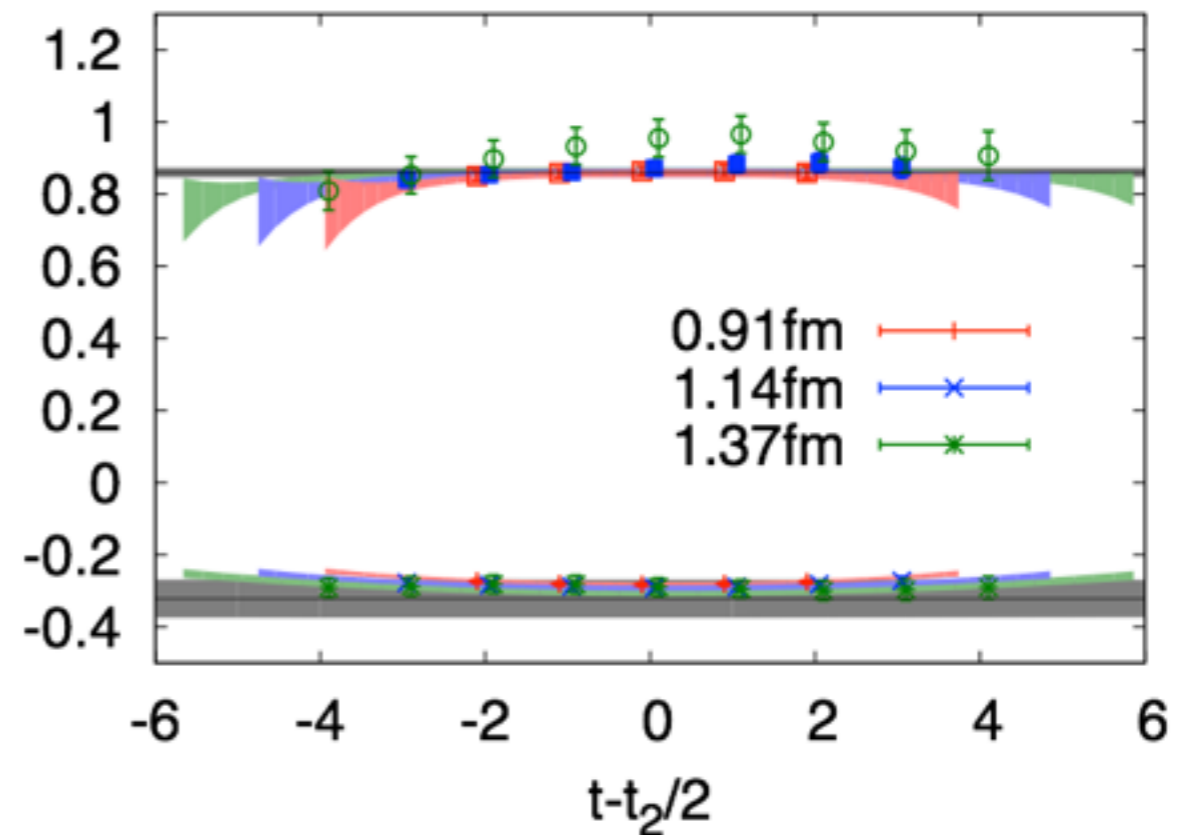
$$q(x, \mu^2) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ix\xi^- P^+} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \left( \exp \left( -ig \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-) \right) \psi(0) | P \right) \rangle$$

Replace  $\gamma^+$  by  $\gamma^+ \gamma^5$  to get the polarized case.

YBY. et.al,  $\chi$ QCD, in preparation



The averaged vector charge



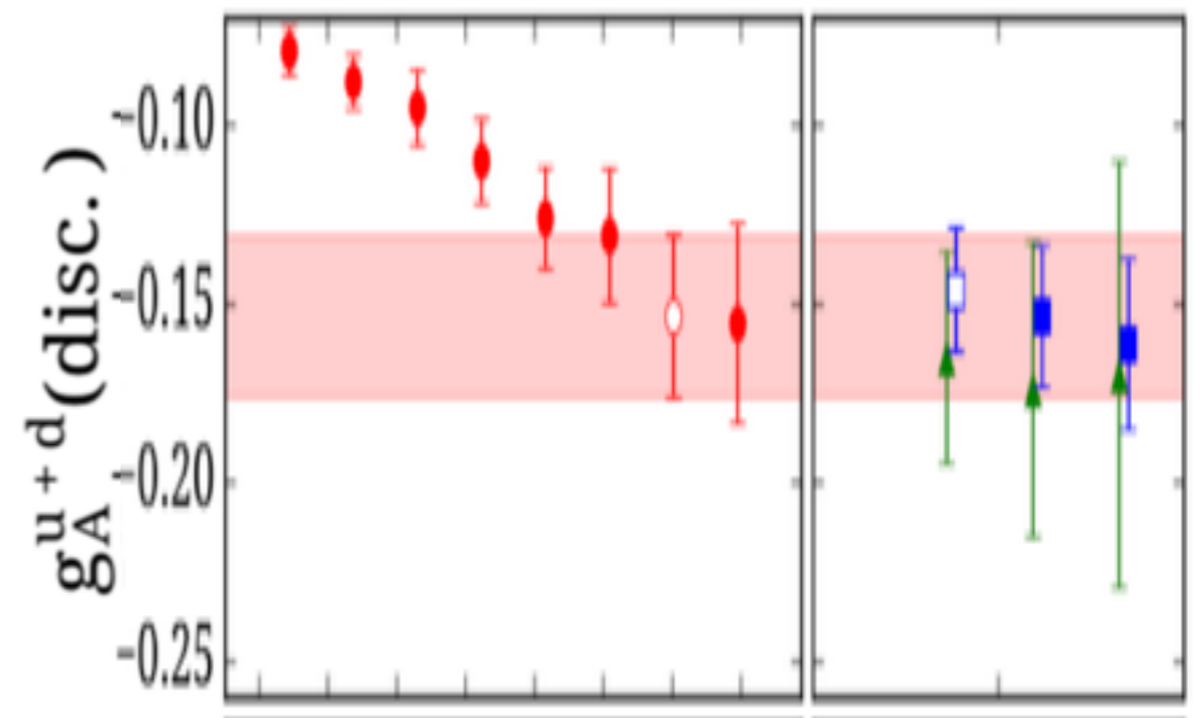
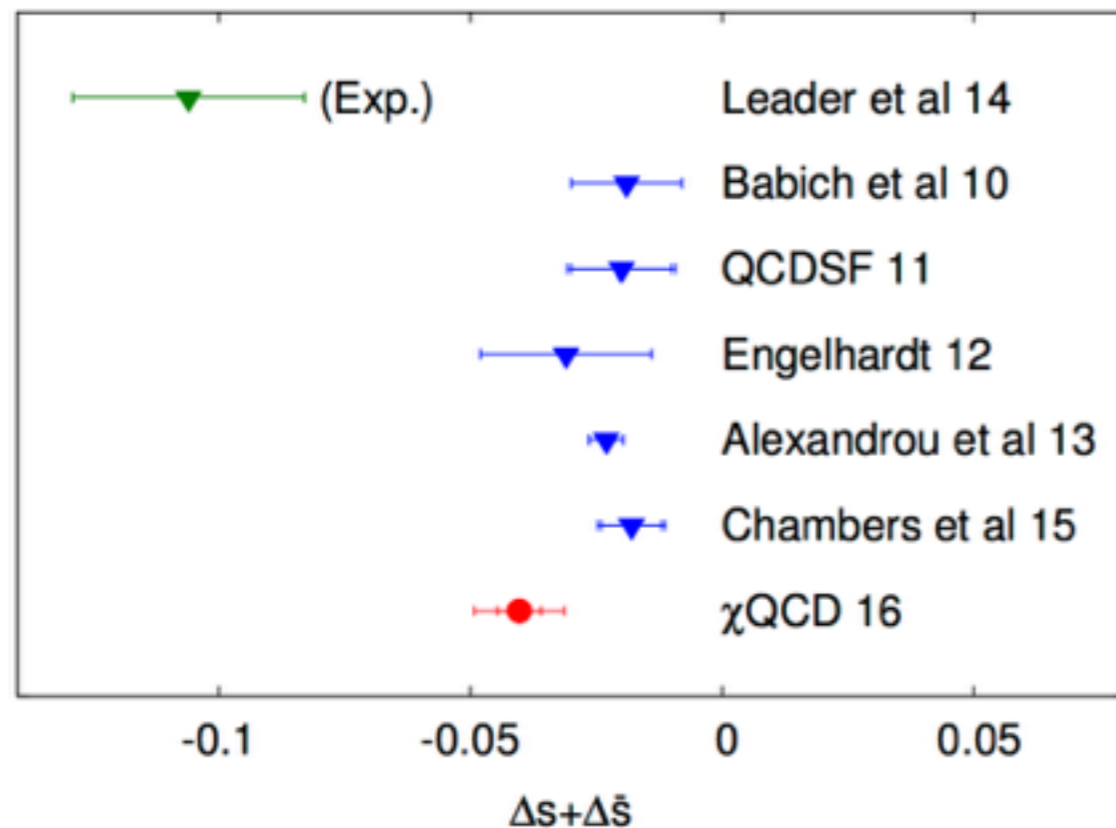
The connected insertion parts of the axial vector charge



# Integration of PDF

## quark disconnected insertion (DI) parts

- The DI parts of the vector charge should be zero due to the cancellation between the quarks and anti-quarks;
- But those of the axial vector charge can be large.



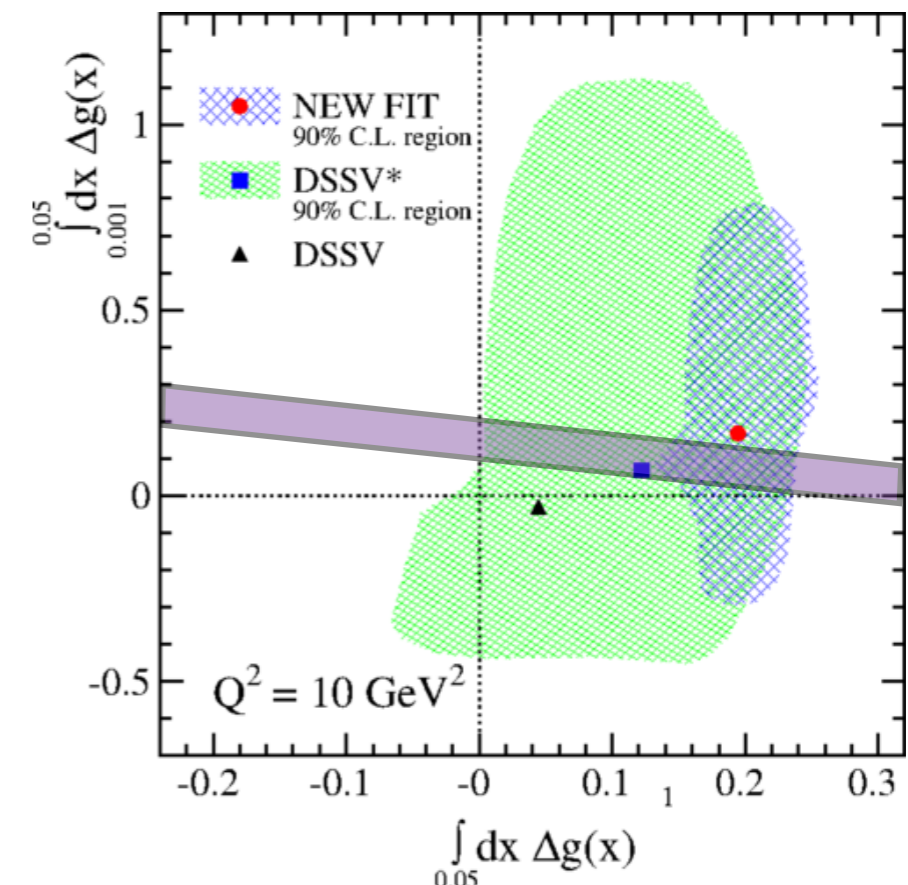
# Integration of PDF

## gluon parts

- The integration of the unpolarized gluon PDF is undefined.
- But the polarized one can be a finite value.

$$\Delta G = \int_0^1 dx \Delta g(x) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{i}{2xP^+} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \langle PS | F_a^{+\alpha}(\xi^-) \mathcal{L}^{ab}(\xi^-, 0) \tilde{F}_{\alpha,b}^+(0) | PS \rangle$$

- *The gluon spin under the Coulomb gauge can be calculated on the lattice.*
- *It can be matched to  $\Delta G$  based on the large momentum effective theory (LaMET).*
- *With renormalization at the 1-loop level, we predicts  $\Delta G=0.25(6)$  when the matching effects can be ignored.*



LaMET: X. Ji, et. al, PRL 111(2013) 112002, 1304.6708

Exp. fit: Florian et. al, PRL 113 (2014), 012001, 1404.4293

Lattice: YBY, et al,  $\chi$ QCD, PRL 118 (2017), 102001, 1609.05937

# Integration of GPD

## The form factors

$$F_q(x, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ix\bar{P}^+ z^-} \langle P' | \bar{\psi}(-z/2) \gamma^+ \psi(z/2) | P \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = z^1 = z^2 = 0}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\bar{P}^+} \left( H_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(P') \gamma^+ u(P) + E_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(P') \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} u(P) \right)$$

When we integrate  $F$  over  $x$ , we get the Dirac and Pauli form factors,

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx H_q(x, \xi, t) = F_1^q(t) \quad \int_{-1}^1 dx E_q(x, \xi, t) = F_2^q(t)$$

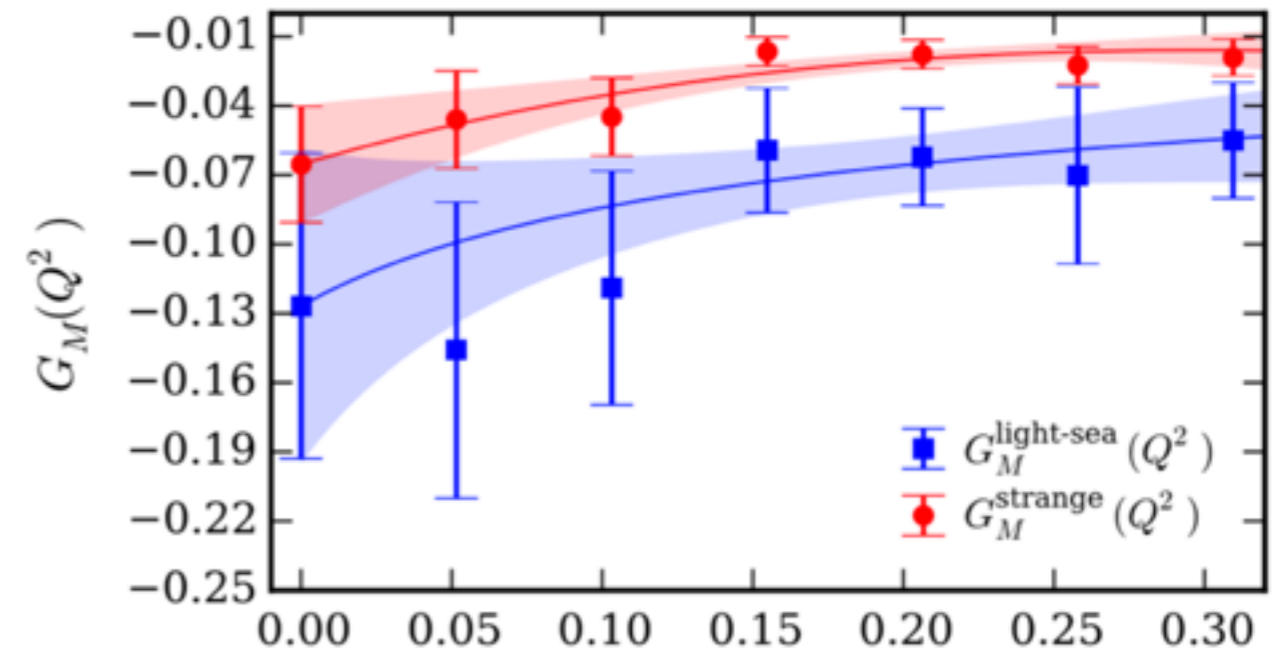
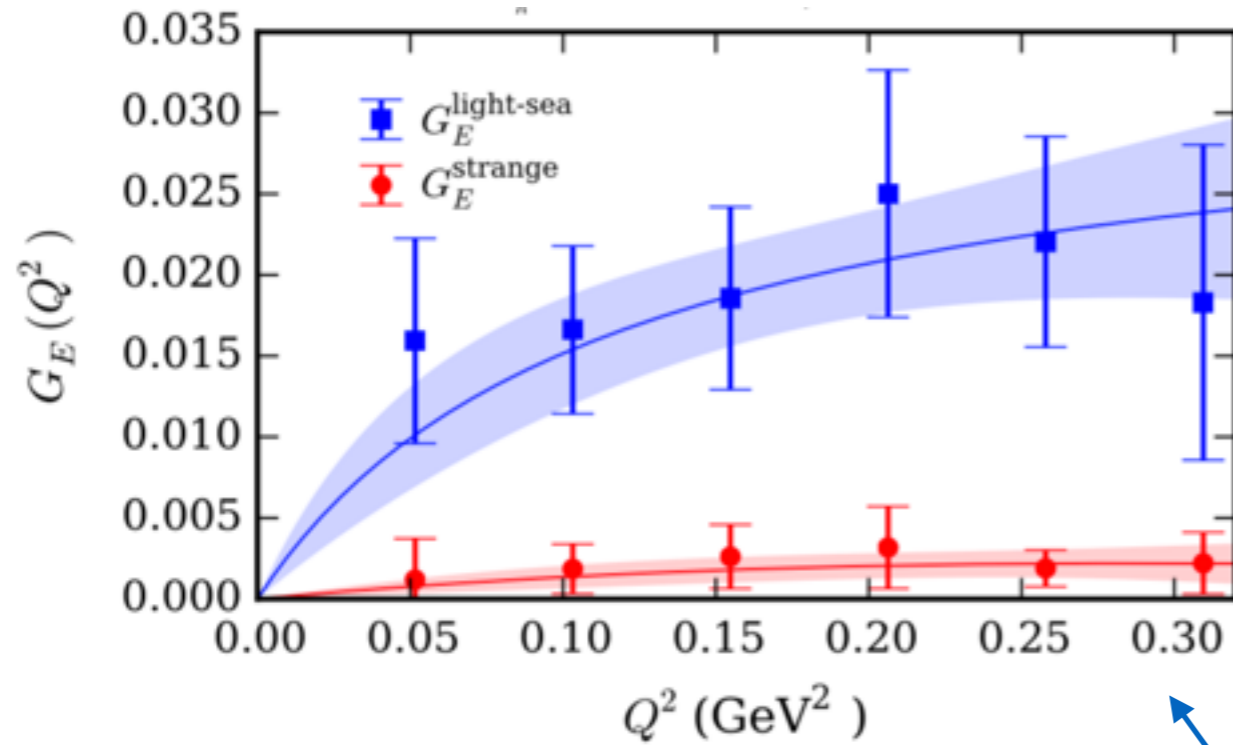
The lattice simulation of their combinations

$$G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4m_N^2} F_2(Q^2) \quad G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$$

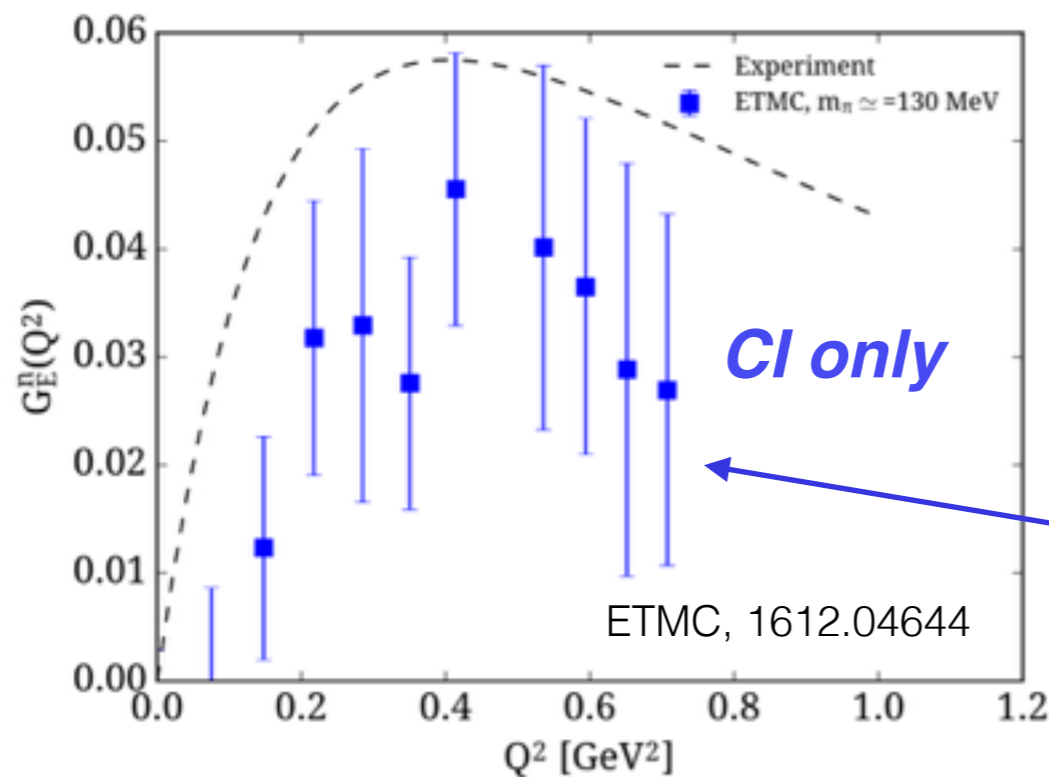
are more straightforward to calculate, as they can be obtained by the off-forward vector current in the unpolarized and polarized proton.

# Integration of GPD

## Example: *The DI form factors*



R. S. Sufian, YBY, et al,  $\chi$ QCD, PRL 118 (2017), 042001, 1606.07075  
 R. S. Sufian, YBY, et al,  $\chi$ QCD, 1705.05849



- *The sea quark contributions should be important to understand the tension between the ETMC valance quarks results and the experiment values.*

# Moments of GPD

## The first moment

$$F_q(x, \xi, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ix\bar{P}^+ z^-} \langle P' | \bar{\psi}(-z/2) \gamma^+ \psi(z/2) | P \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = z^1 = z^2 = 0}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\bar{P}^+} \left( H_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(P') \gamma^+ u(P) + E_q(x, \xi, t) \bar{u}(P') \frac{i\sigma^{+\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2m} u(P) \right)$$

For the first moment, we have the Ji sum rule:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x [H_q(x, \xi, t) + E_q(x, \xi, t)] = A_q(t) + B_q(t)$$

for the quark GPD and also the gluon one,

where the form factor can be obtained from the M.E. of the Energy-Momentum tensor,

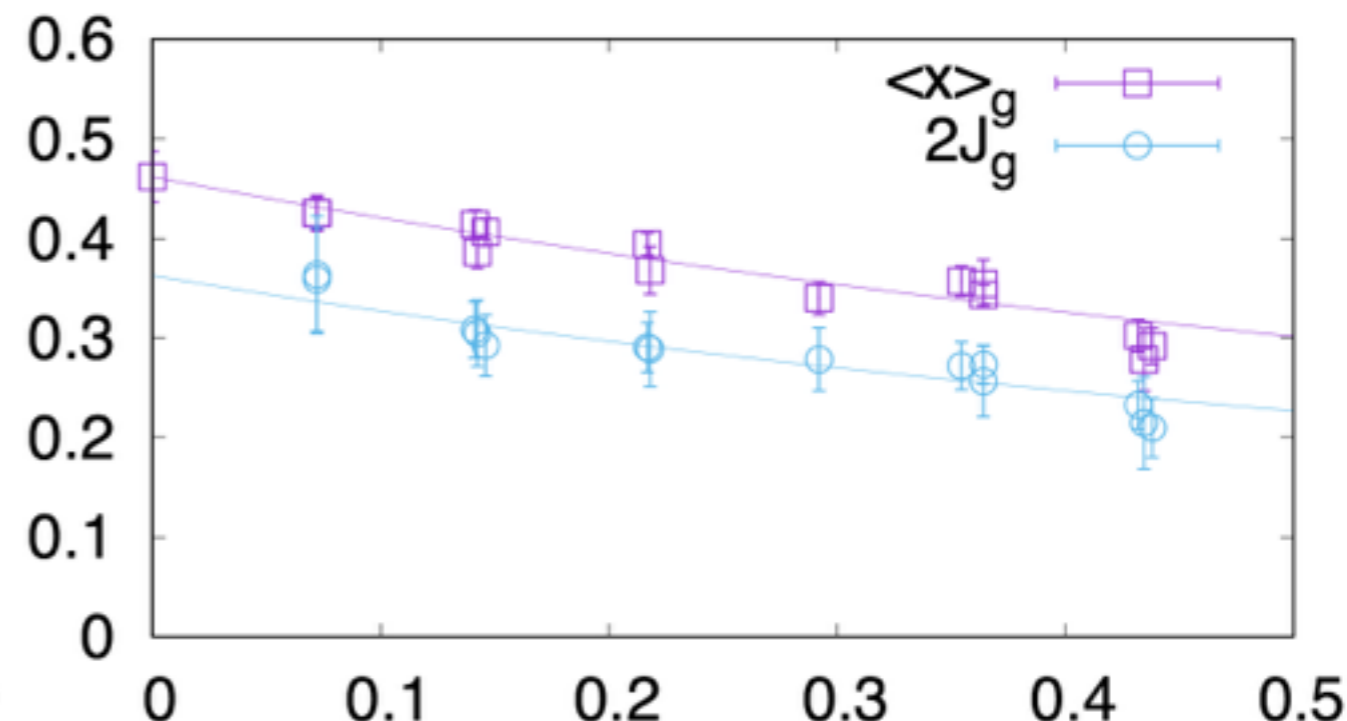
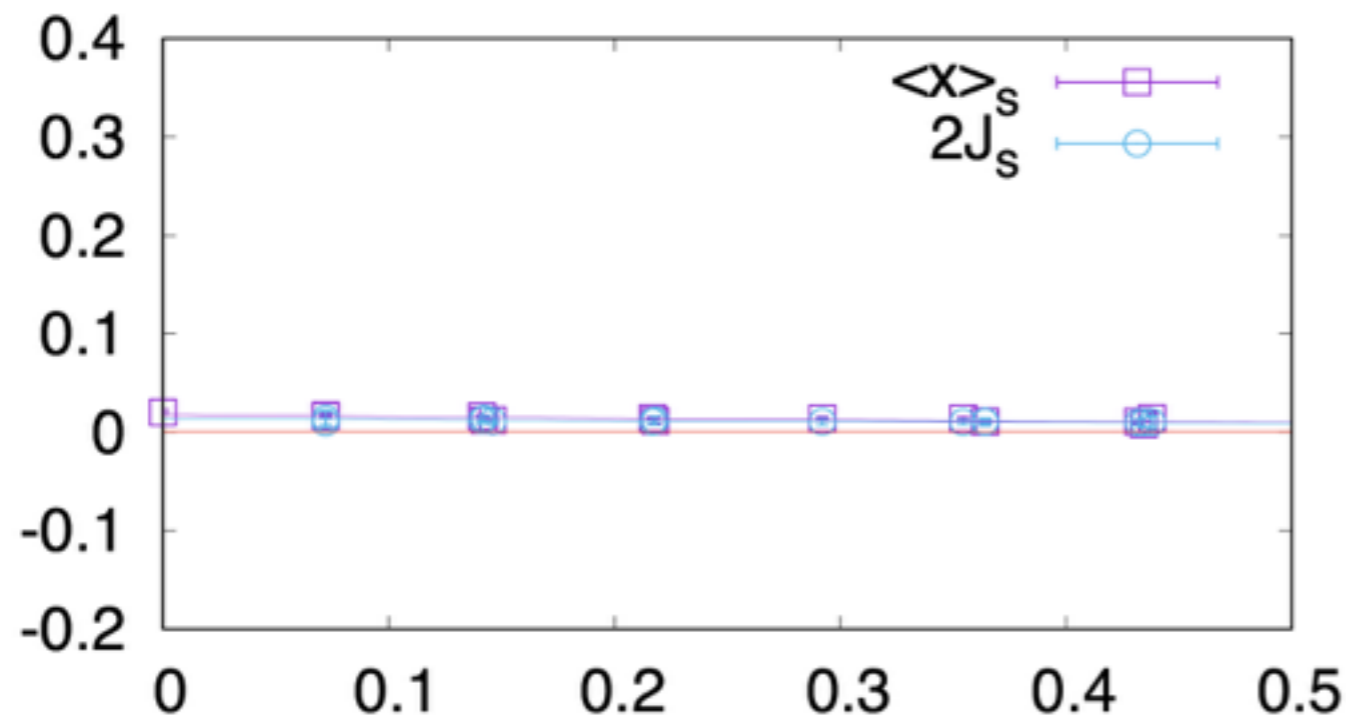
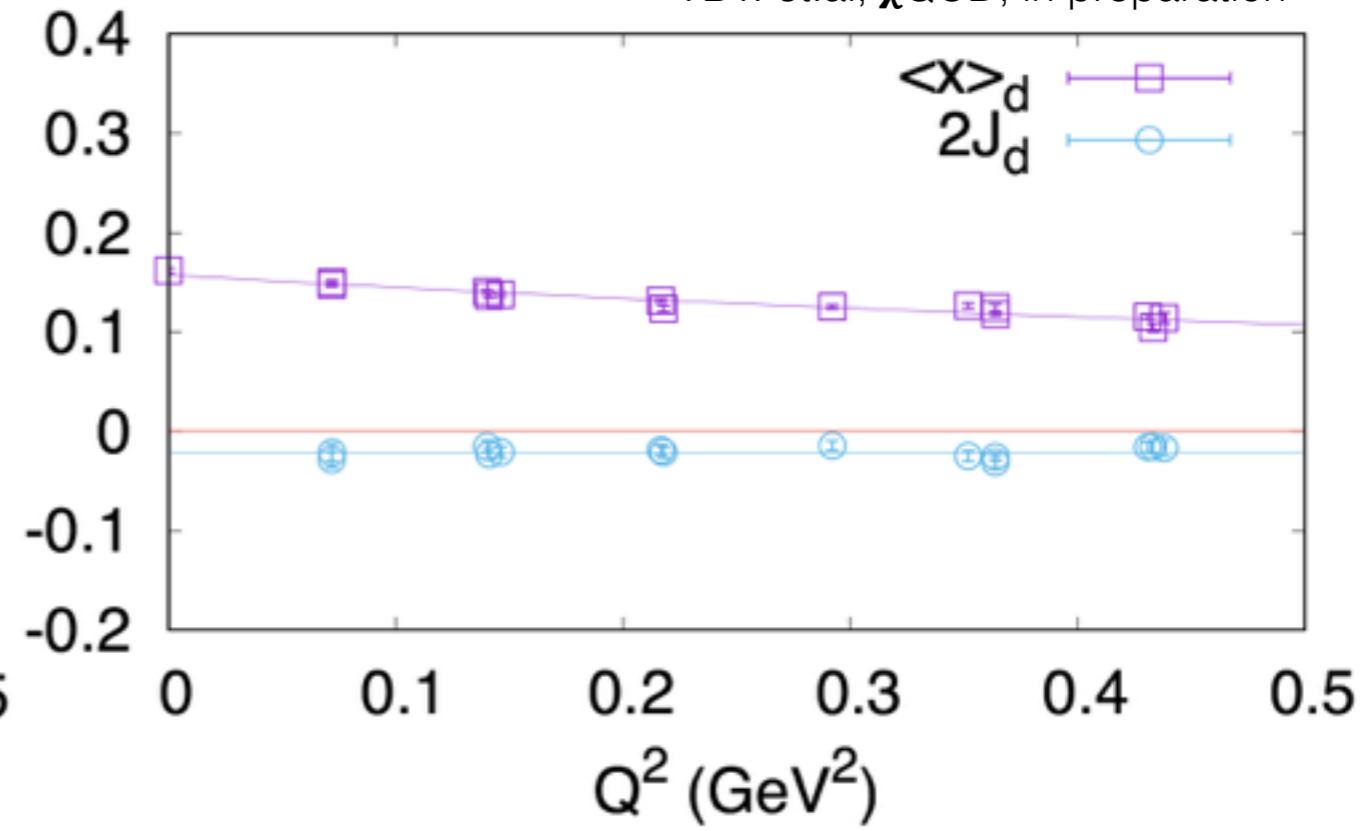
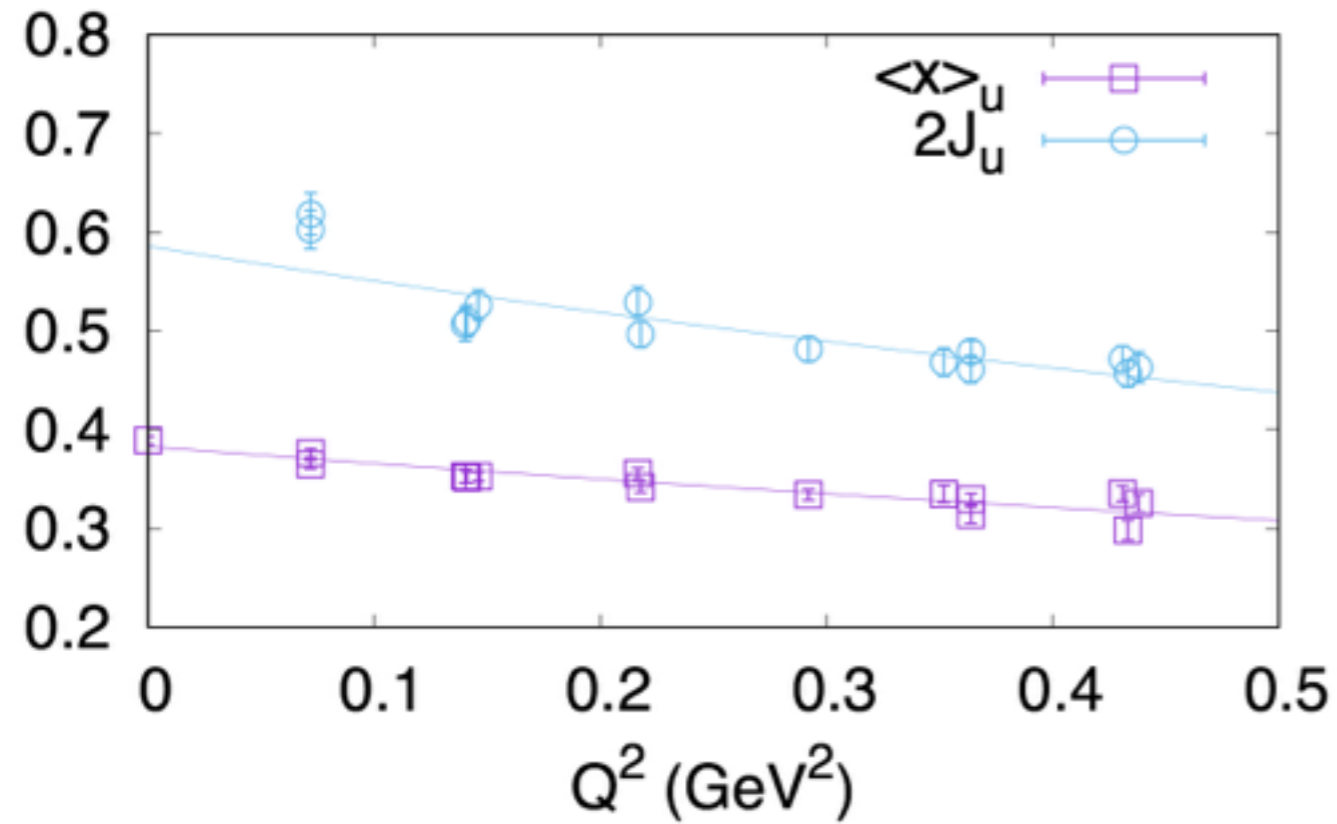
$$\langle P' | T_{q,g}^{\mu\nu} | P \rangle = \bar{U}(P') \left[ A_{q,g}(t) \gamma^{(\mu} \bar{P}^{\nu)} + B_{q,g}(t) \bar{P}^{(\mu} i\sigma^{\nu)\alpha} \Delta_\alpha / 2M + C_{q,g}(t) \Delta^{(\mu} \Delta^{\nu)} / M \right] U(P)$$

Note that  $A(0)$  corresponds to the momentum fraction,

and  $A(0)+B(0)$  corresponds to the angular momentum fraction.

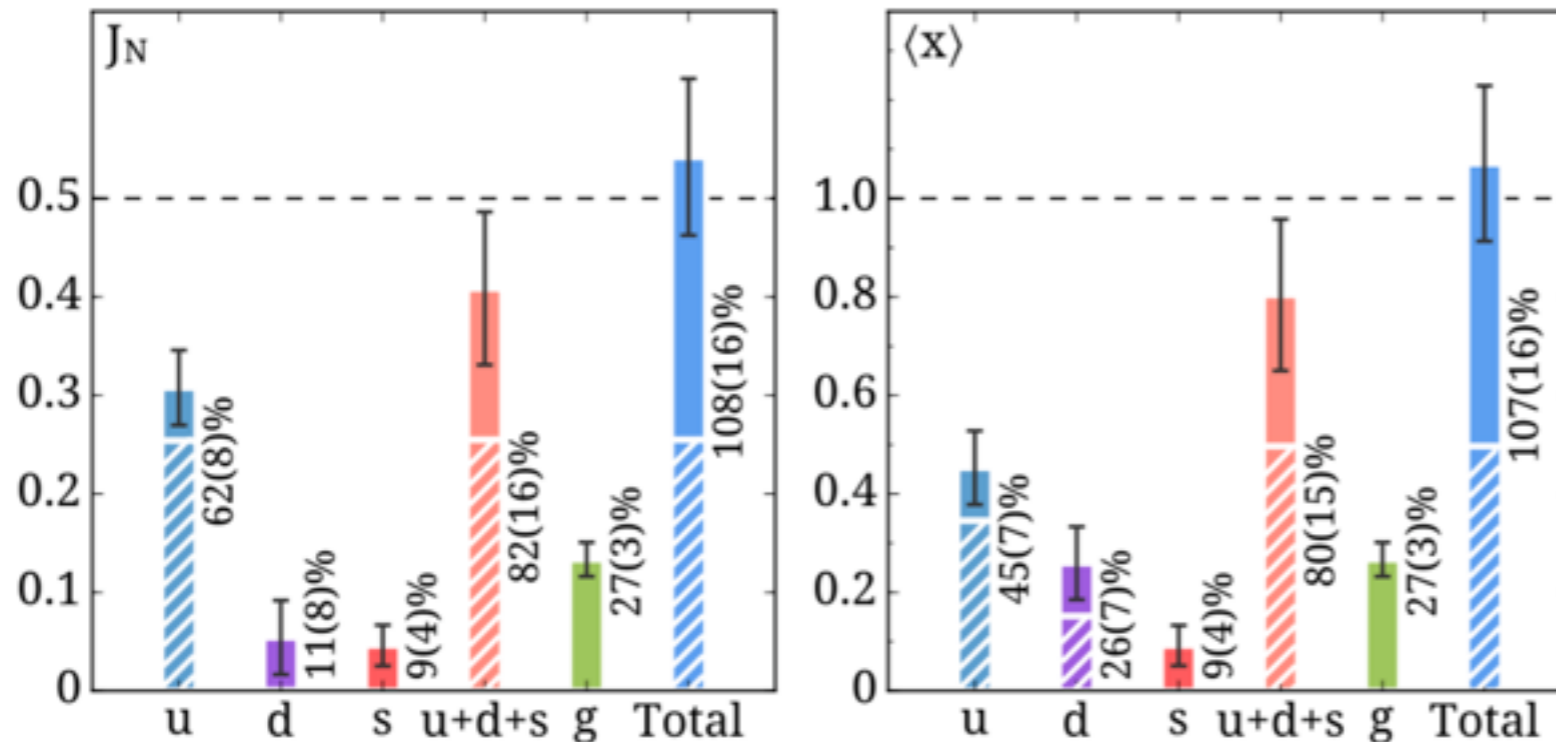
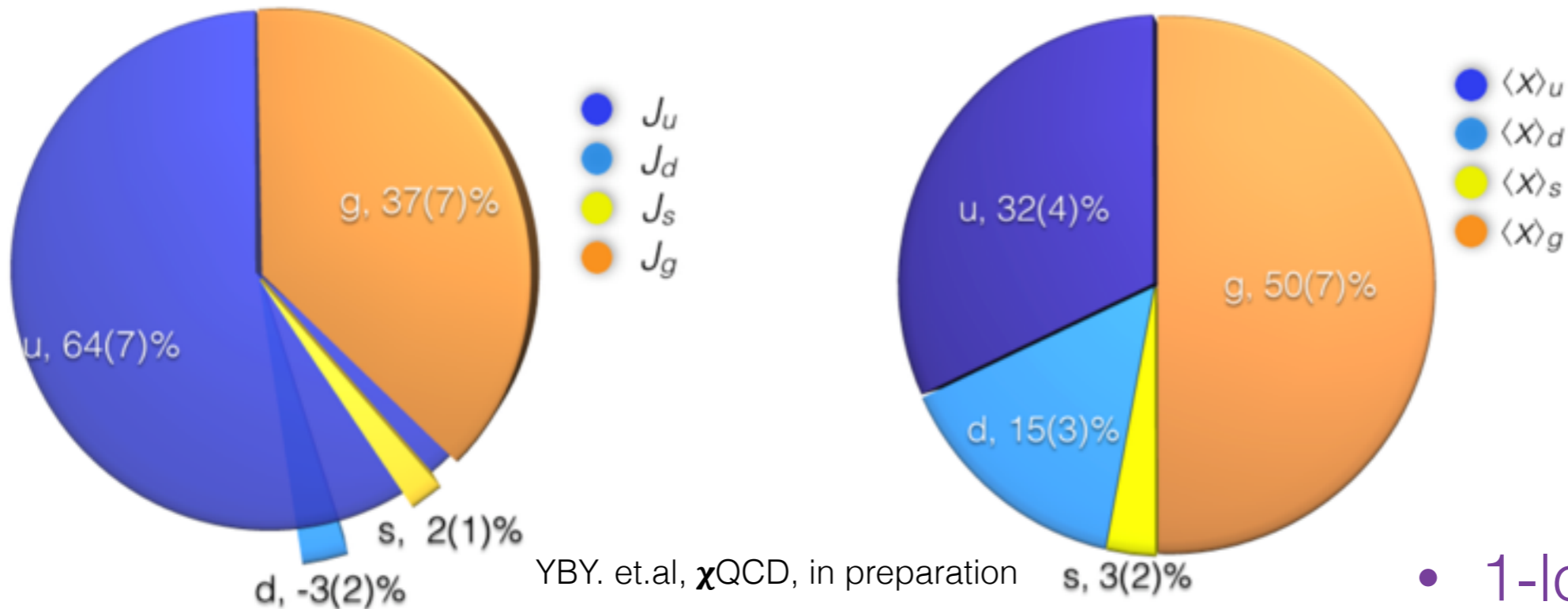
# The lattice calculations

YBY. et.al,  $\chi$ QCD, in preparation



# The first moments of GPD

## Results

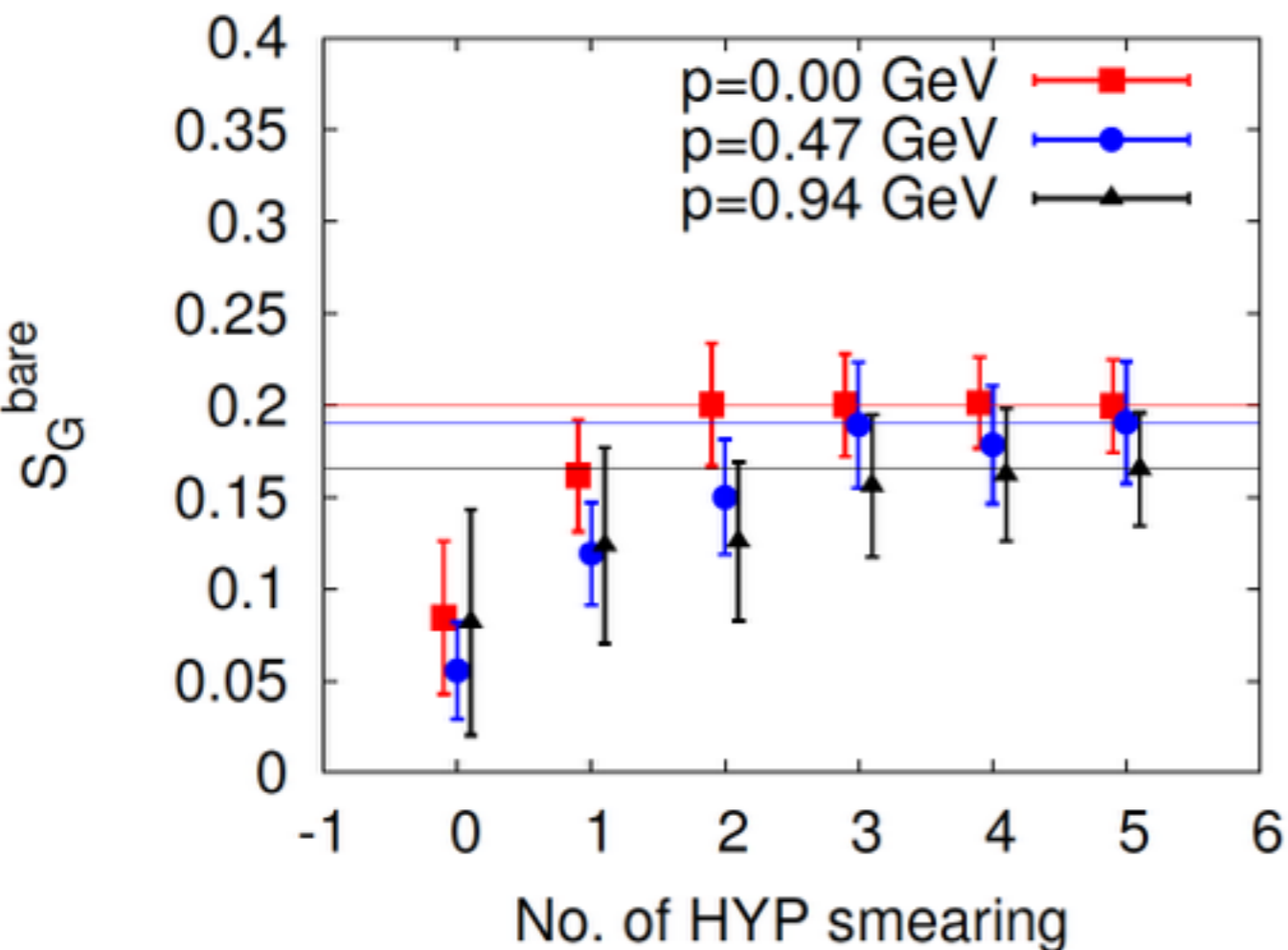


- 1-loop perturbative renormalization on the glue parts.
- Systematic uncertainties from finite lattice spacing, pion mass, and etc. are not fully included.

# Non-perturbative renormalization

of the gluon parts?

YBY, R. S. Sufian, et al,  $\chi$ QCD, PRL 118 (2017), 102001, 1609.05937



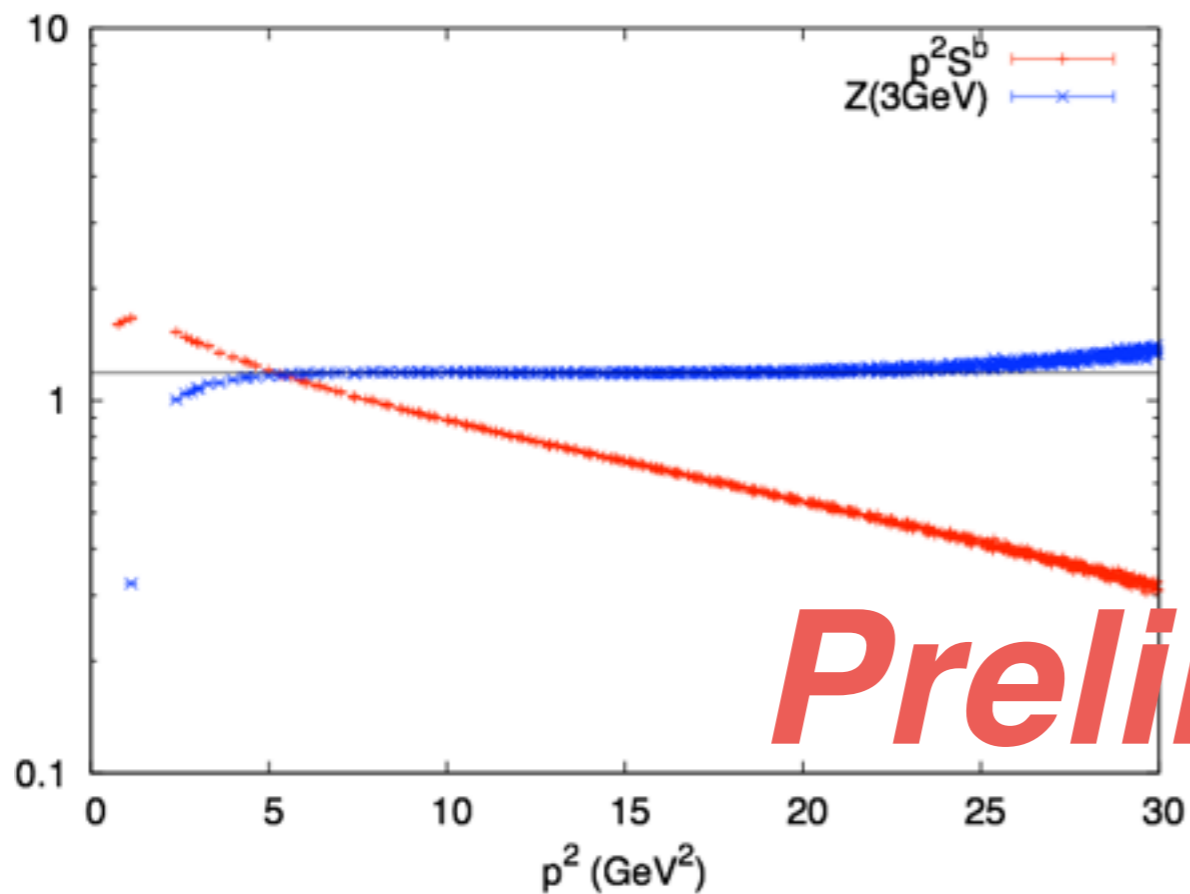
- The gluon M.E. with different steps HYP smearing can be quite different.
- The values converge after several steps, and the 1-loop renormalization effect there is reasonable in the case shown here.
- The non-perturbative renormalization will be necessary to confirm the final results are independent to the No. of HYP smearing steps.



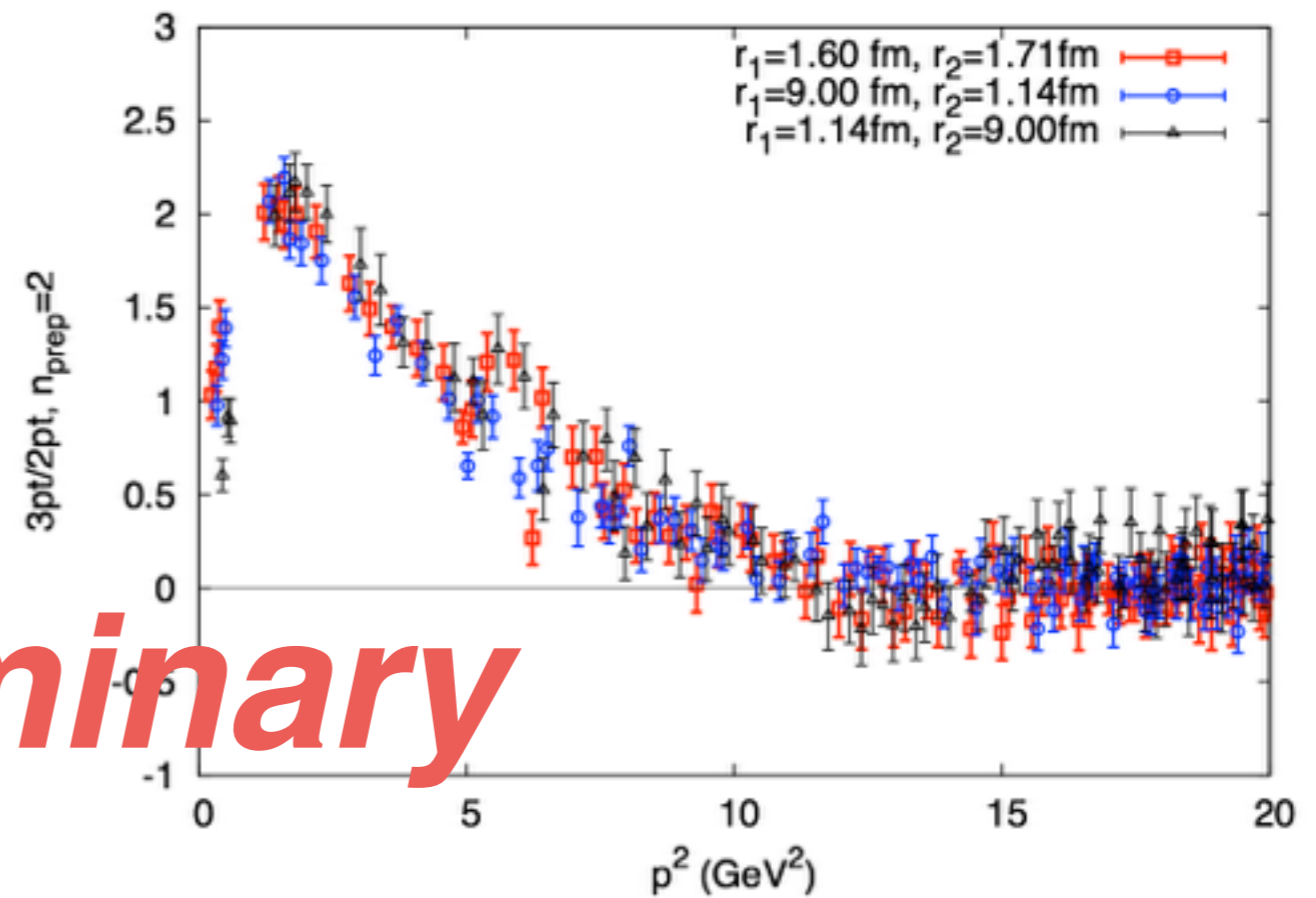
# Non-perturbative renormalization

of the gluon parts?

*The renormalization factor of the gluon self energy*



*The renormalization factor of the gluon EMT operator*



*Preliminary*

YBY. et.al, in preparation

# Summary

## *of the moment calculations*

- The lattice communities have many achievements recently on the first a few moments of PDF and also GPD, for both quark and gluon.

*Some recent works didn't mentioned in this talk:*

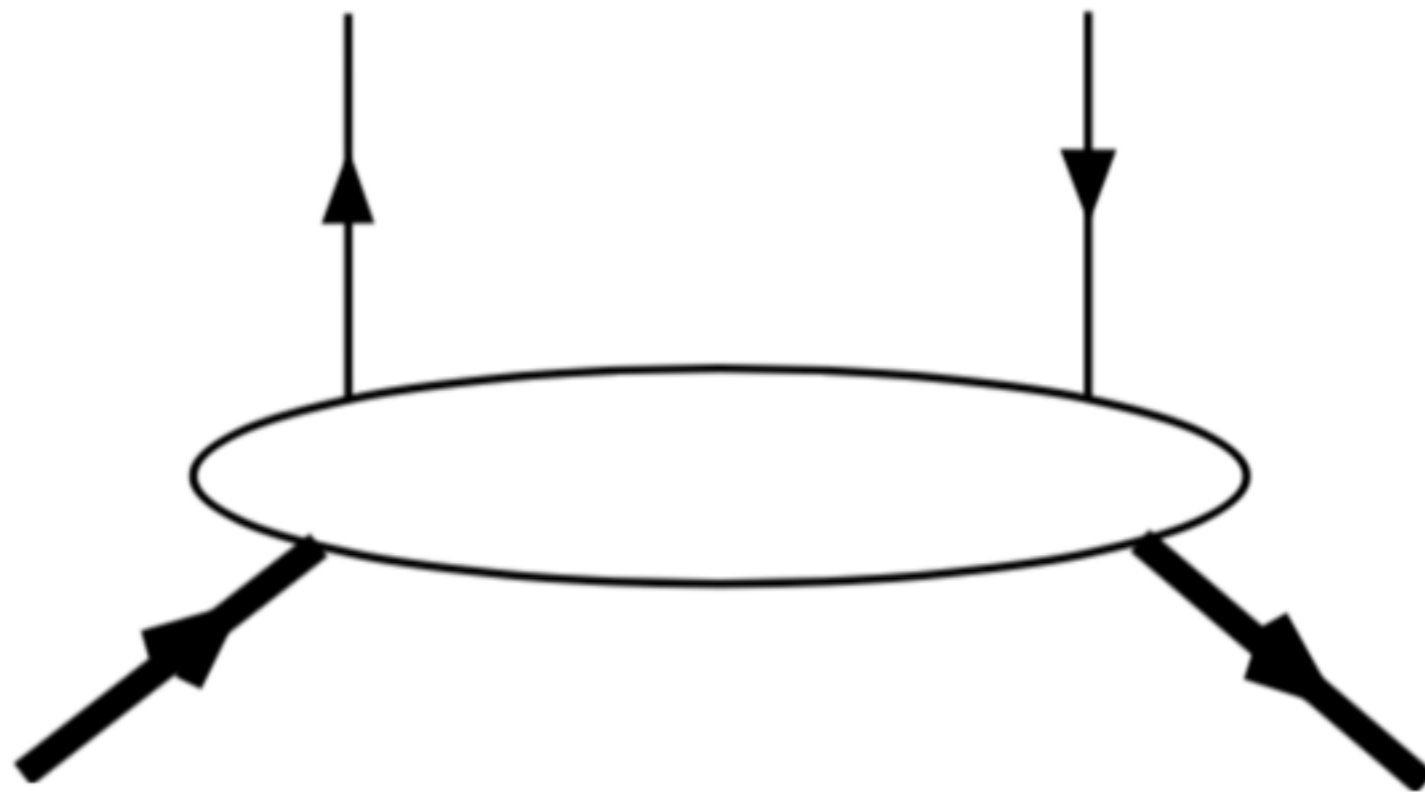
The integrations of the polarized quark GPD: 1705.03399  
The moments of the gluon GPD in vector meson: 1703.08220

- The 3rd or lower moments can be obtained on the lattice without the mixing with the even lower moments, by choosing the pure off-diagonal parts; but the 4th or higher ones would be impossible.

$$O^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^{(\mu_1} i D^{\mu_2} \dots i D^{\mu_n)} \psi - \text{trace}$$

- The non-perturbative renormalization of the gluon part is still in progress.

*Reconstruct the PDF from  
the lattice “cross section”*



# Reconstruct the PDF from the lattice “cross section”

- Lattice cross section: the hadronic matrix elements of a finite  $P_z$ , which are calculable in lattice QCD and whose continuum limit can be perturbatively factorized in terms of PDFs. Y.Q. Ma and J.-W. Qiu, 1404.6860
- The quasi-PDF proposed by Ji. are good lattice “cross sections”, with well-developed lattice techniques on the local operators like the moments discussed in the previous section.
- The hadronic tensor are also good lattice “cross sections”, while the calculation will be much more non-trivial;
- **Can access the full Bjorken  $x$  dependence of PDF**, while the result may depend on the way to do the reconstruction.

# Definition of the quasi-PDF

The original quark PDF defined in the light front frame is,

$$q(x, \mu^2) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ix\xi^- P^+} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \times \exp \left( -ig \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-) \right) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

The quasi-PDF is defined by

$$q(x, \mu^2, P^z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{izk^z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z \times \exp \left( -ig \int_0^z dz' A^z(z') \right) \psi(0) | P \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2 / (P^z)^2, M^2 / (P^z)^2) ,$$

# From the renormalized quasi-PDF

to the real PDF

X.D. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013) 262002, 1305.1539

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(x, \mu) = & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} \left[ \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) \left\{ \underset{\substack{\text{Tree level} \\ \downarrow}}{1} + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi C^{OM} \left( \xi, \frac{\mu_R}{P_z}, \frac{\mu}{P_z} \right) \right\} - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} C^{OM} \left( \frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu_R}{P_z}, \frac{\mu}{P_z} \right) \right] \\
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{iyP^z z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z W_z(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle_R \\
 & + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{P_z^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

*1-loop matching from quasi-PDF to PDF*

*Renormalized Lattice quasi-PDF matrix elements with the mass correction which can be calculated analytically*

*Residual higher-twist contribution*

*Residual higher-loop matching*

X. Xiong, X. Ji, J. Zhang, Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 014051, 1310.7471  
 LP3, Nucl.Phys. B911 (2016) 246-273, 1603.06664

# From the bare quasi-PDF

to the real PDF

Y-Q. Ma, J-W. Qiu, 1404.6860  
 C. Alexandrou et. al., Phys. Rev. D92 014502  
 J.-W. Chen, X. Ji, J. Zhang, Nucl.Phys. B915 (2017) 1

$$q(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} \left[ \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi C^{OM}\left(\xi, \frac{\mu_R}{P_z}, \frac{\mu}{P_z}\right) \right\} - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} C^{OM}\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu_R}{P_z}, \frac{\mu}{P_z}\right) \right] \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{iyP^z z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z W_z(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle_R \\ + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{P_z^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2\right)$$

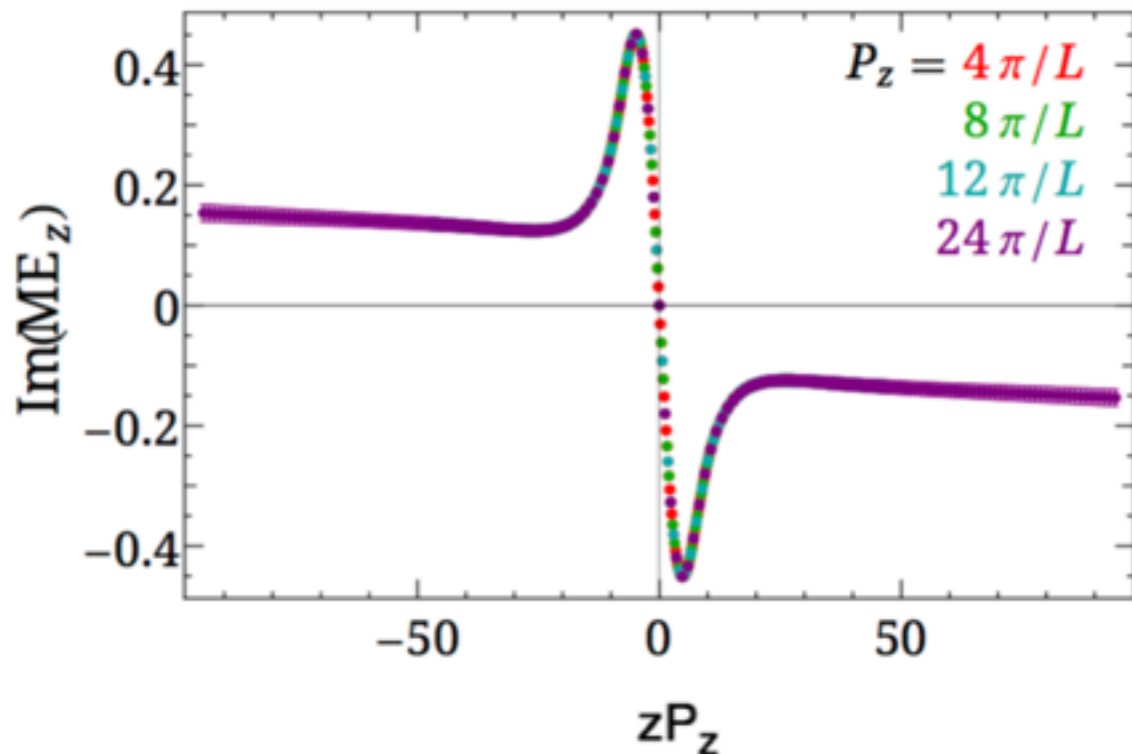
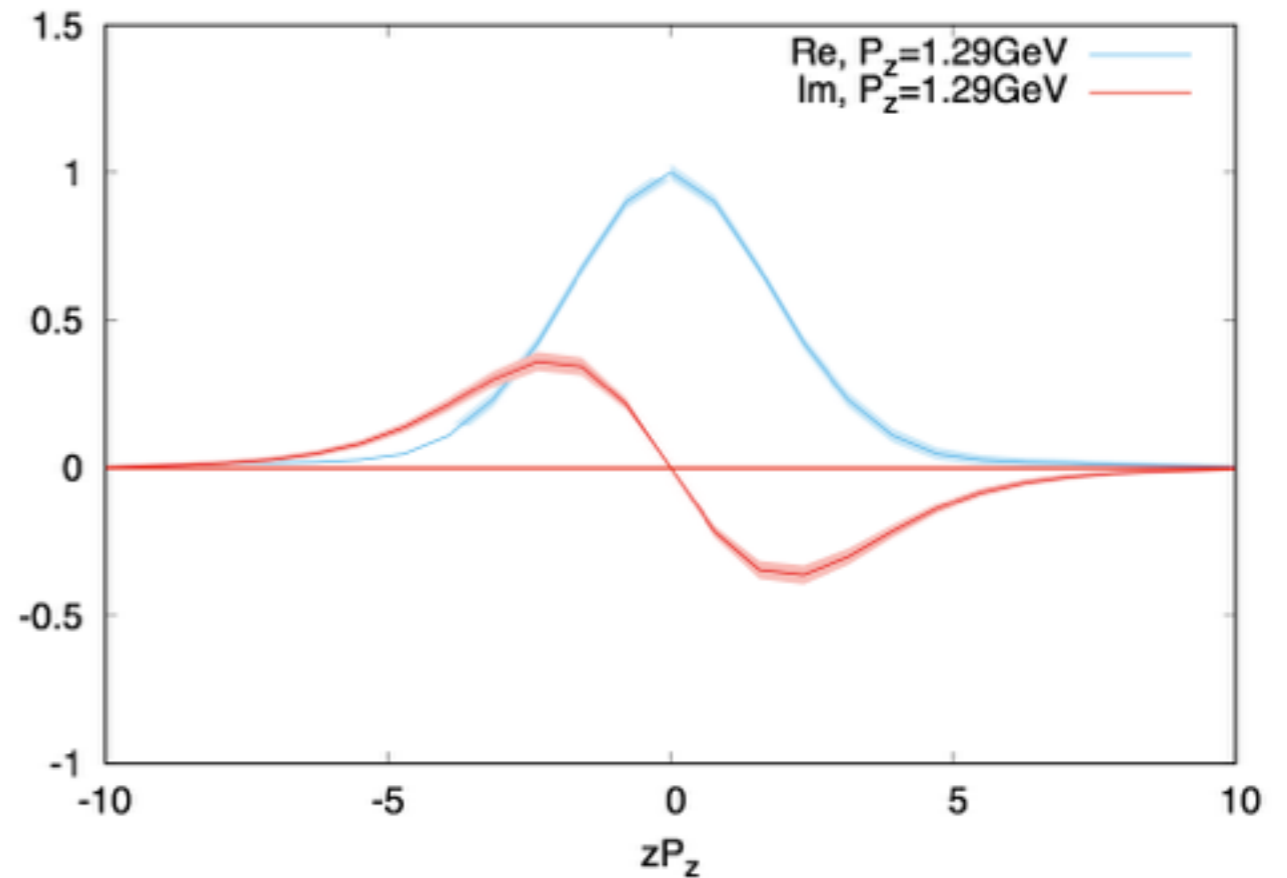
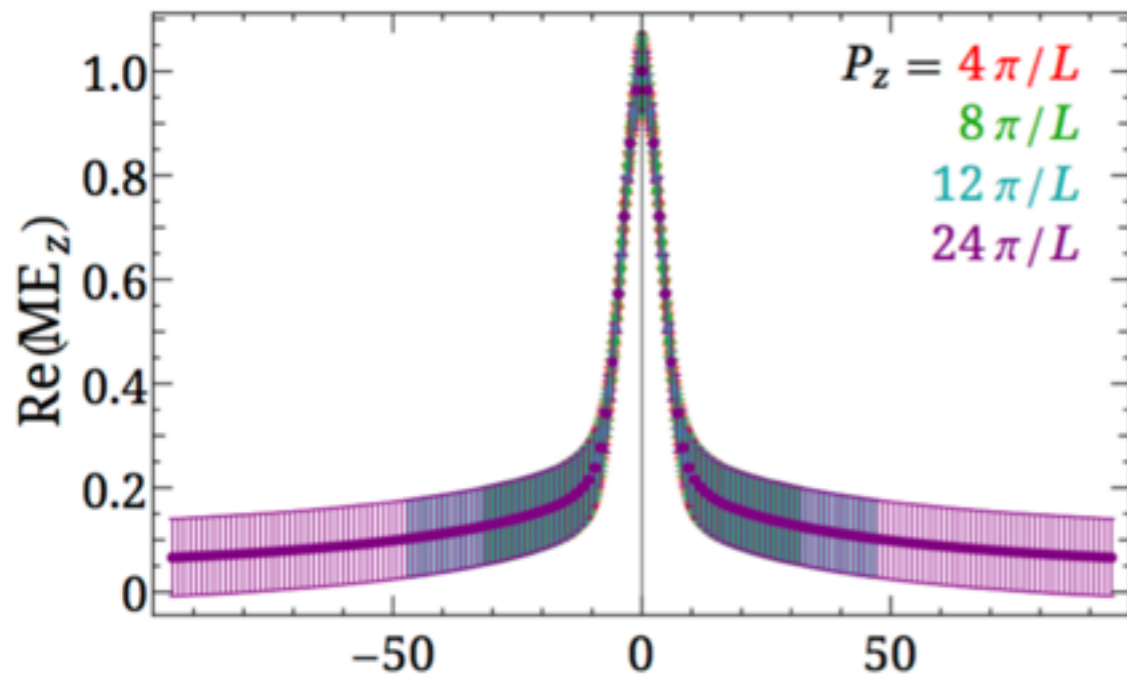


*The linear divergence under the lattice regularization can break the convergence of the perturbative series!*

$$\langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z W_z(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle_R = \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi} \left( \frac{C}{a} + \text{Log}(p^2 a^2) + \dots \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi}\right)^2\right) \right) \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z W_z(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle_{\text{bare}}$$

# Linear divergence

another hint

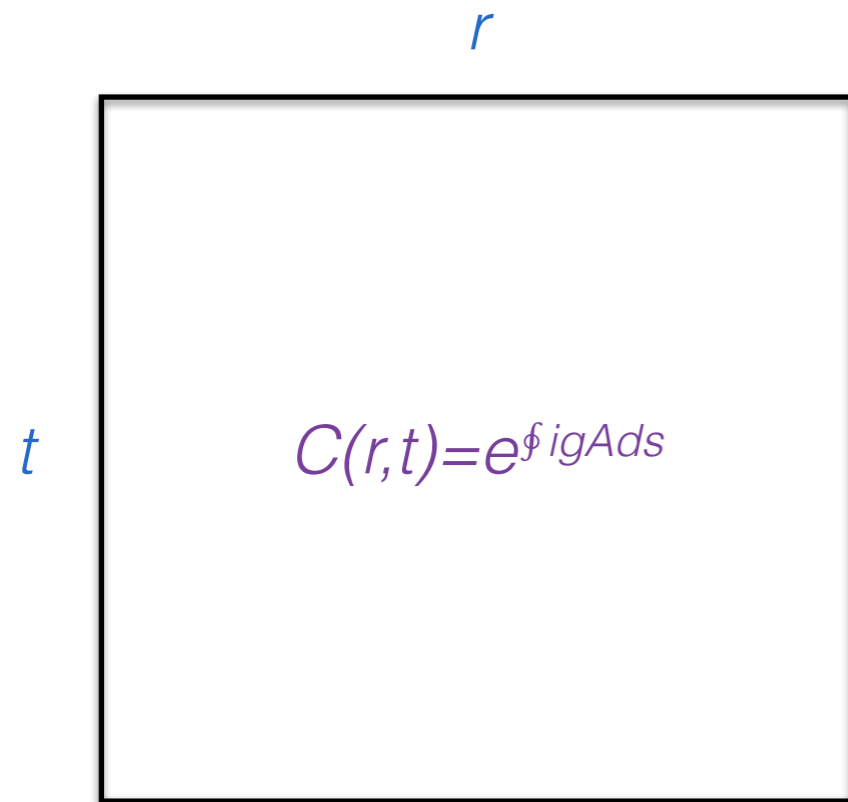


- Right: The bare quasi-PDF M.E. from the lattice simulation;
- The bare quasi-PDF M.E. decays much faster than the FT of the real PDF **due to the linear divergence.**



# Linear divergence

in the wilson loop



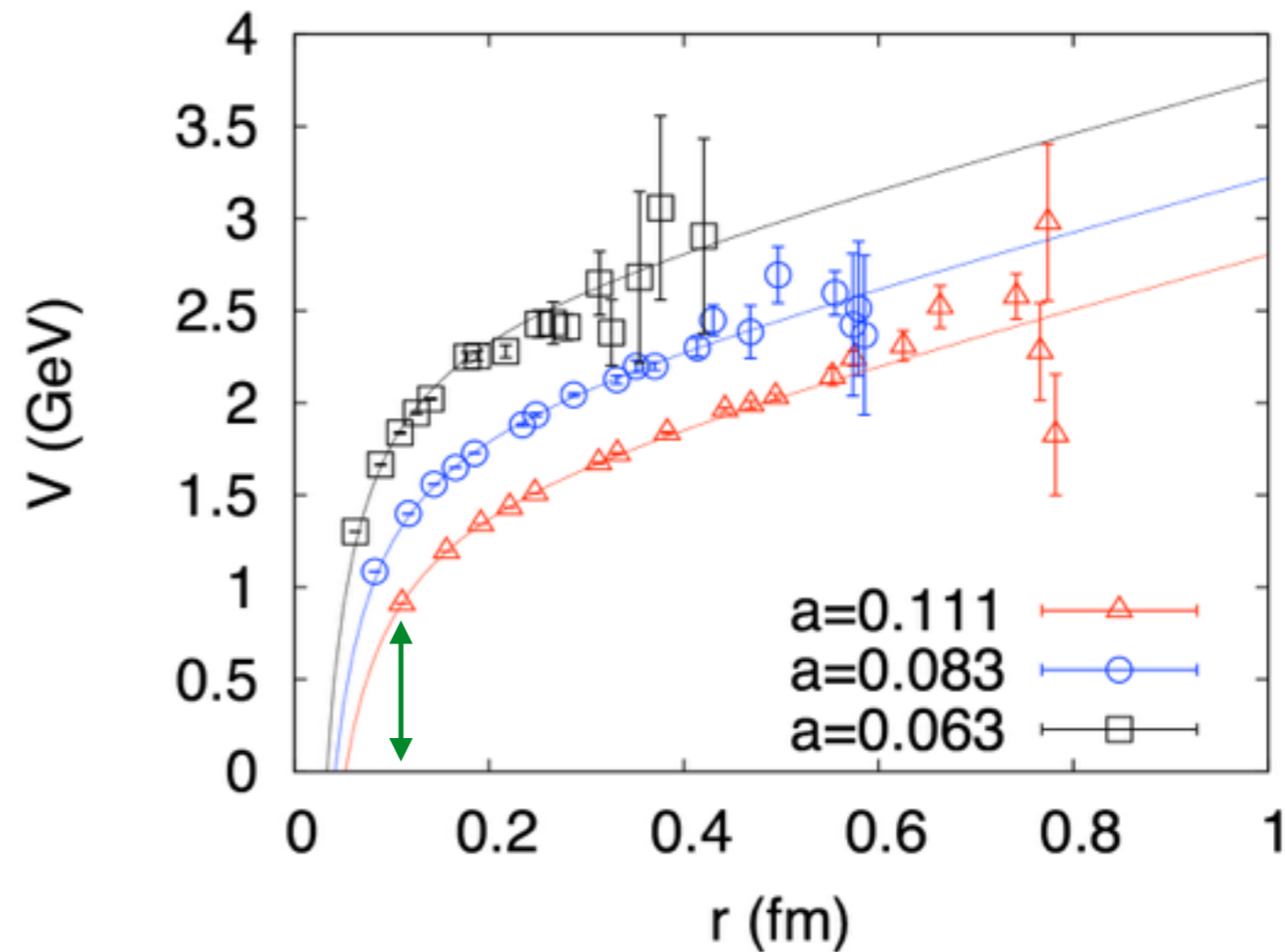
The statical potential is defined by,

$$V(R) = \text{Log}[\langle C(r,t) \rangle / \langle C(r,t+1) \rangle] \Big|_{t \rightarrow \infty, r \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$= \alpha/r + 2\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}r,$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} \sim \Delta m \mathbf{a}_0/a + \mathbf{A}_0$$



# The non-perturbative renormalization of the quasi-PDF operator

- The quasi-PDF operator  $\langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z W_z(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle_{bare}$  with different  $z$  will NOT mix with each other.

T. Ishikawa, et.al, 1707.03107

- The linear divergence of the wilson link can be removed by multiply a factor  $\sim e^{\Delta m z}$  with  $\Delta m$  from the wilson line/loop.

X.Ji. et.al, 1706.08962

J. Green, et.al, 1707.07152

- **Or, both the linear and logarithmic UV divergence can be removed with non-perturbative renormalization (NPR) under RI/MOM scheme.**

ETMC, NPB923(2017) 394, 1706.00265

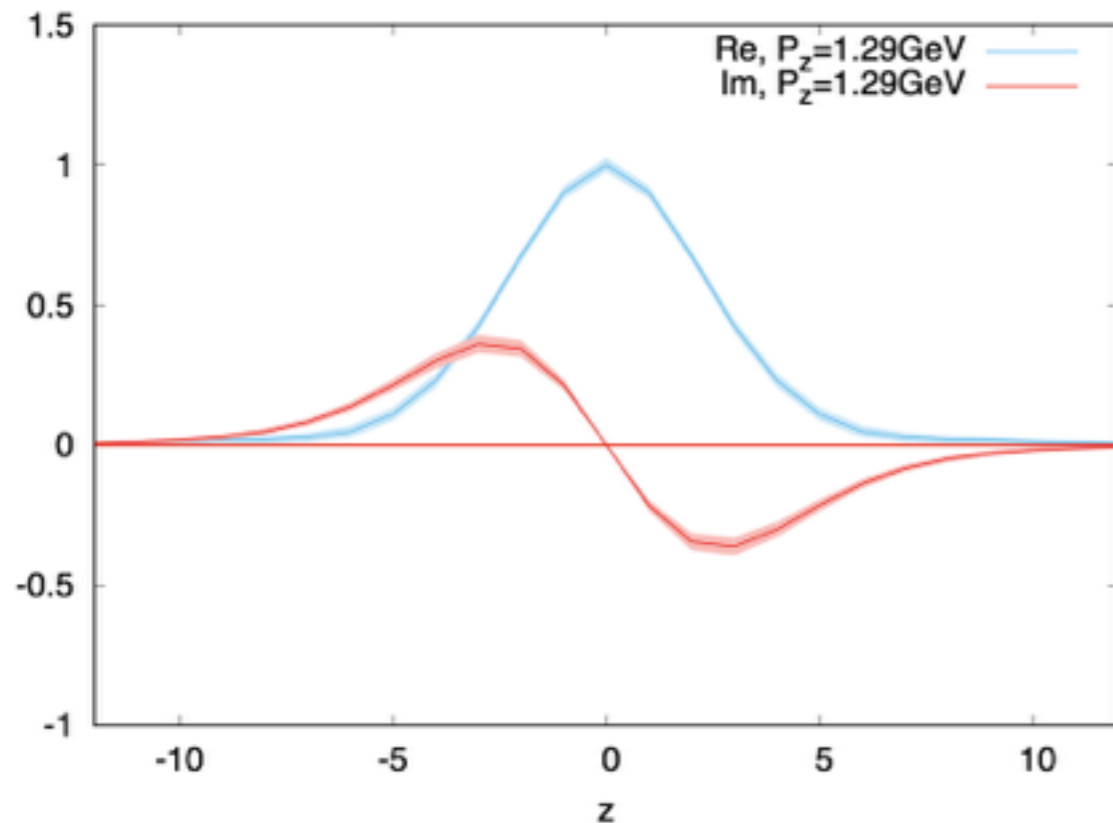
LP3, 1706.01295

- **Or, the UV divergence can be removed by taking ratio of the hadron M.E. with the same operator and different momenta.**

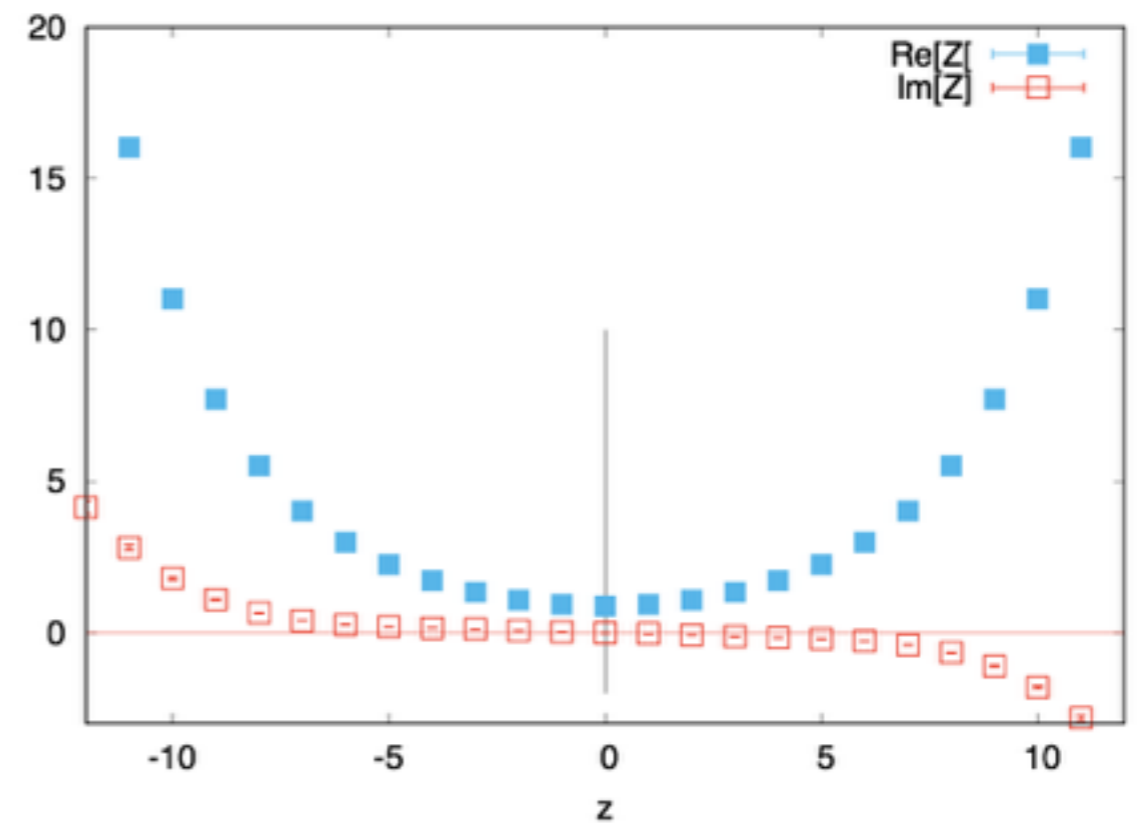
A. Radyushkin, 1705.01488

K. Orginos, et.al, 1706.05373

# The non-perturbative renormalization of the quasi-PDF operator



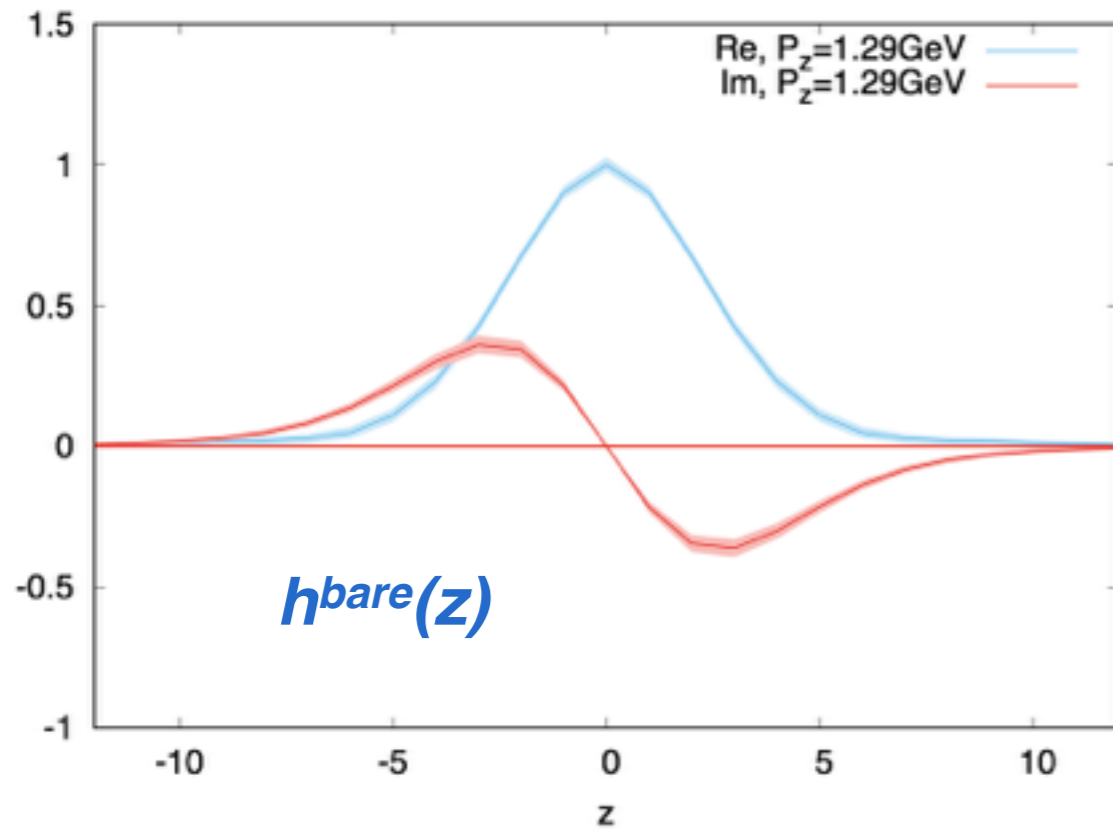
*The bare matrix elements*



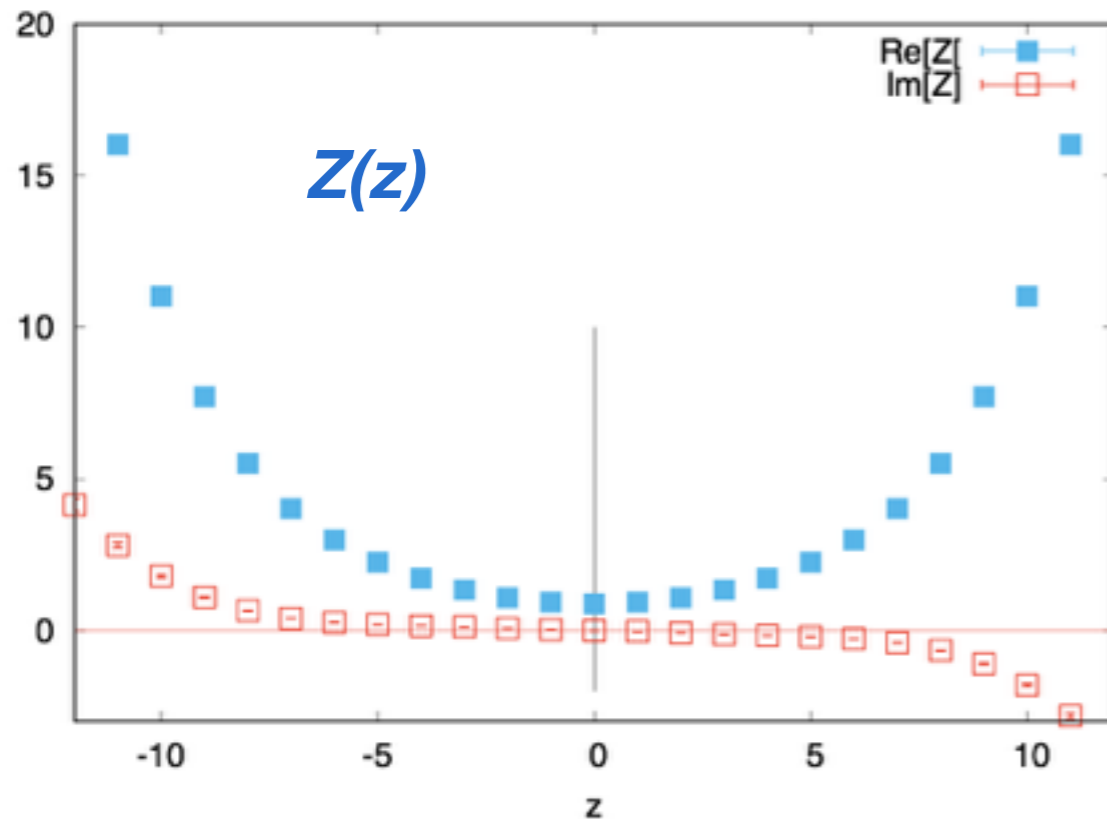
*The renormalization factors including the factor  $e^{\Delta mz}$*

# The renormalized quasi-PDF

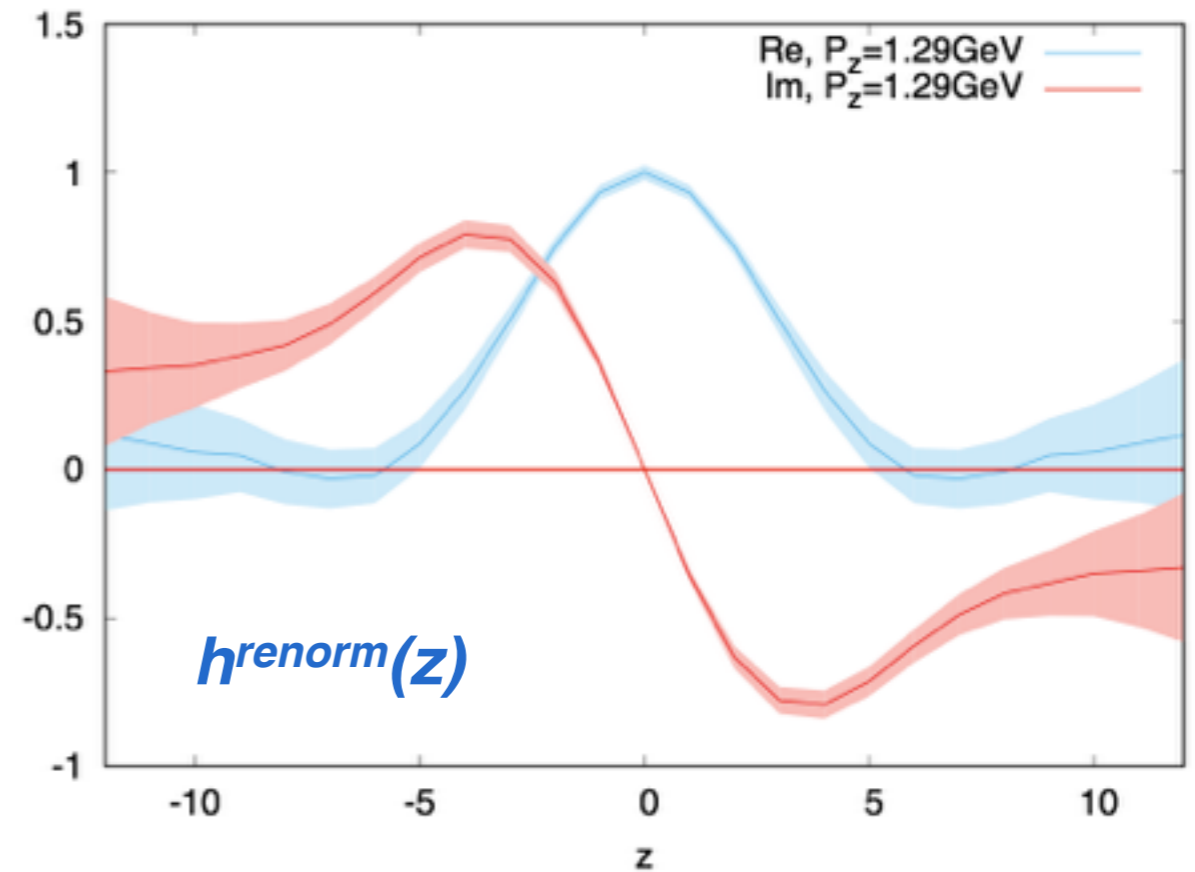
LP3, 1706.01295



$\times$



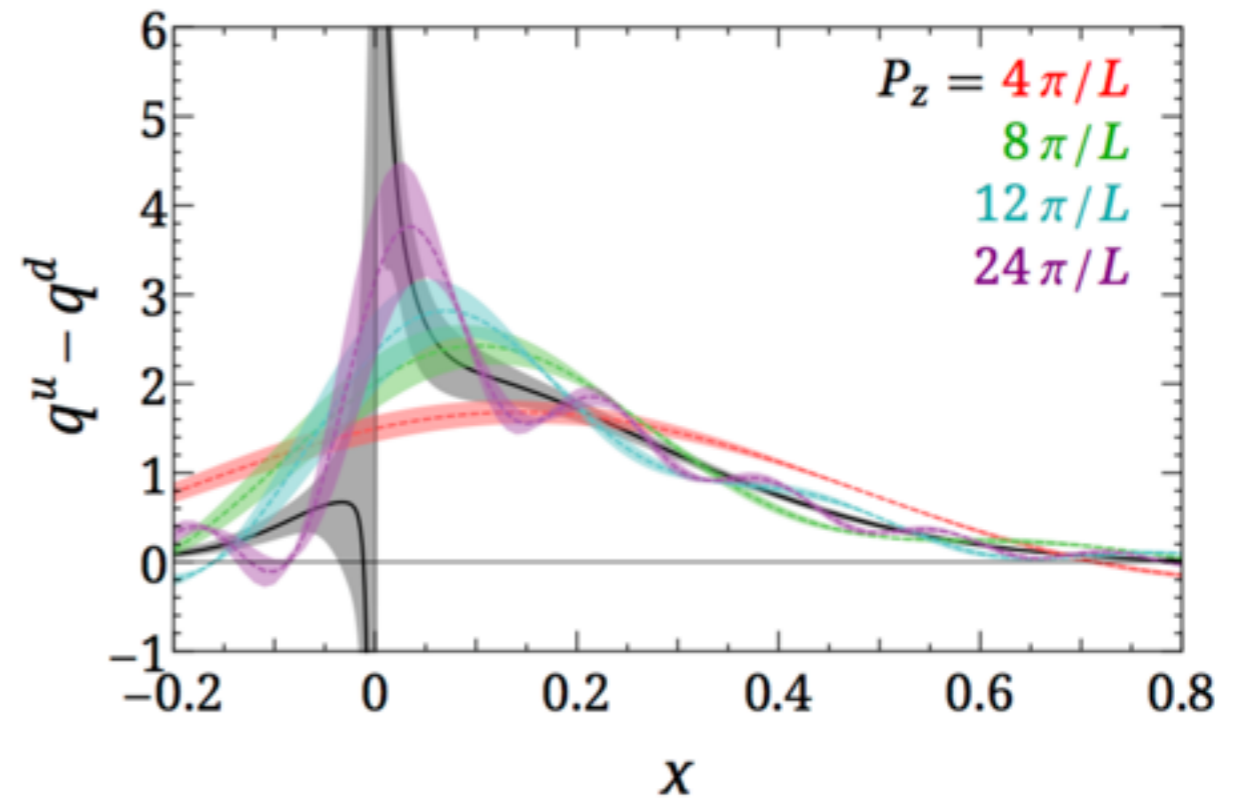
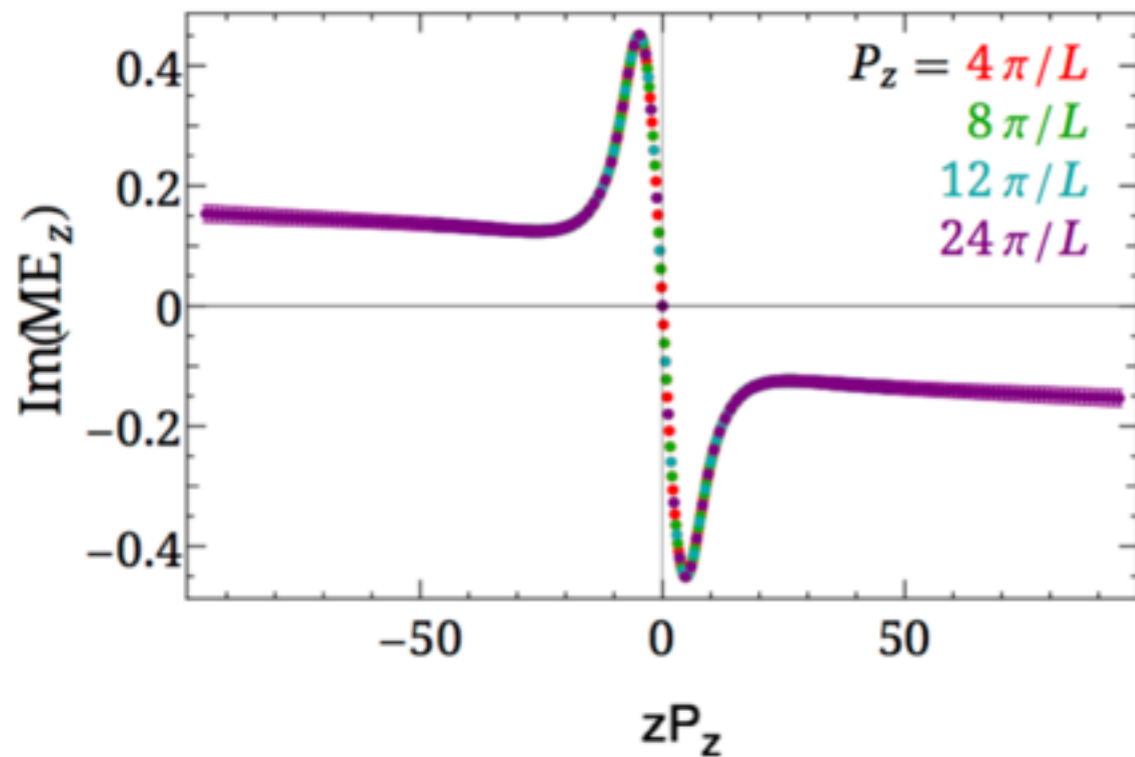
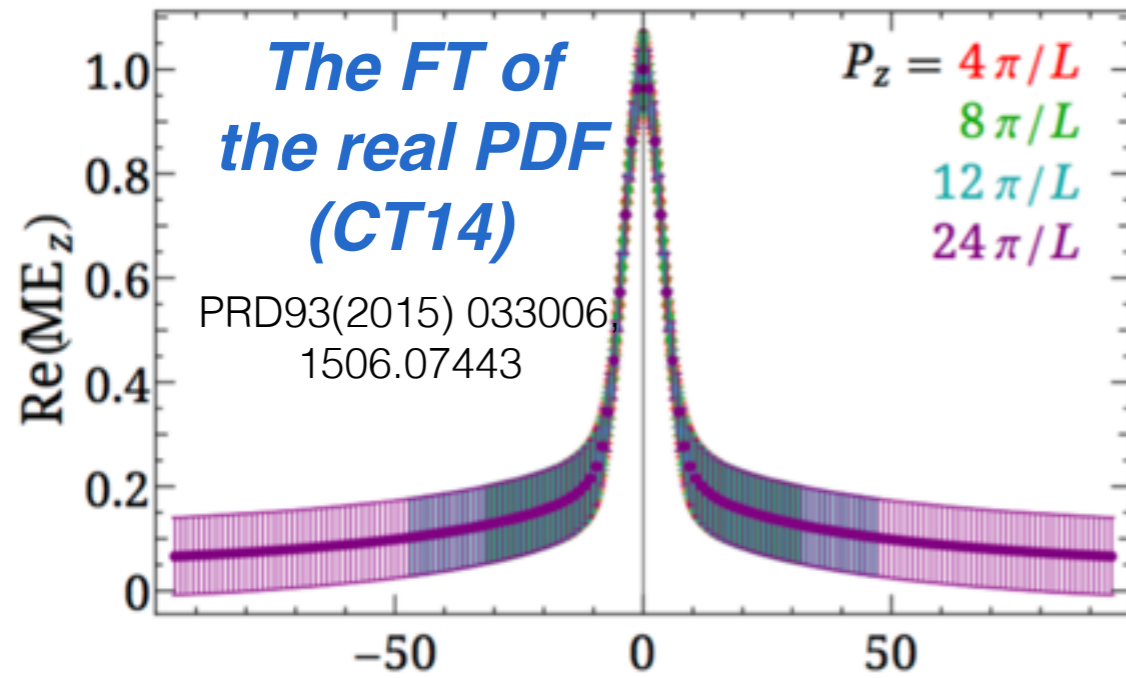
=



- The unphysical exponential decay in the bare M.E. has been cured with the NPR;
- The uncertainties at large  $z$  have been enhanced by the huge factors  $e^{\Delta m z}$ .

# Reconstruct PDF

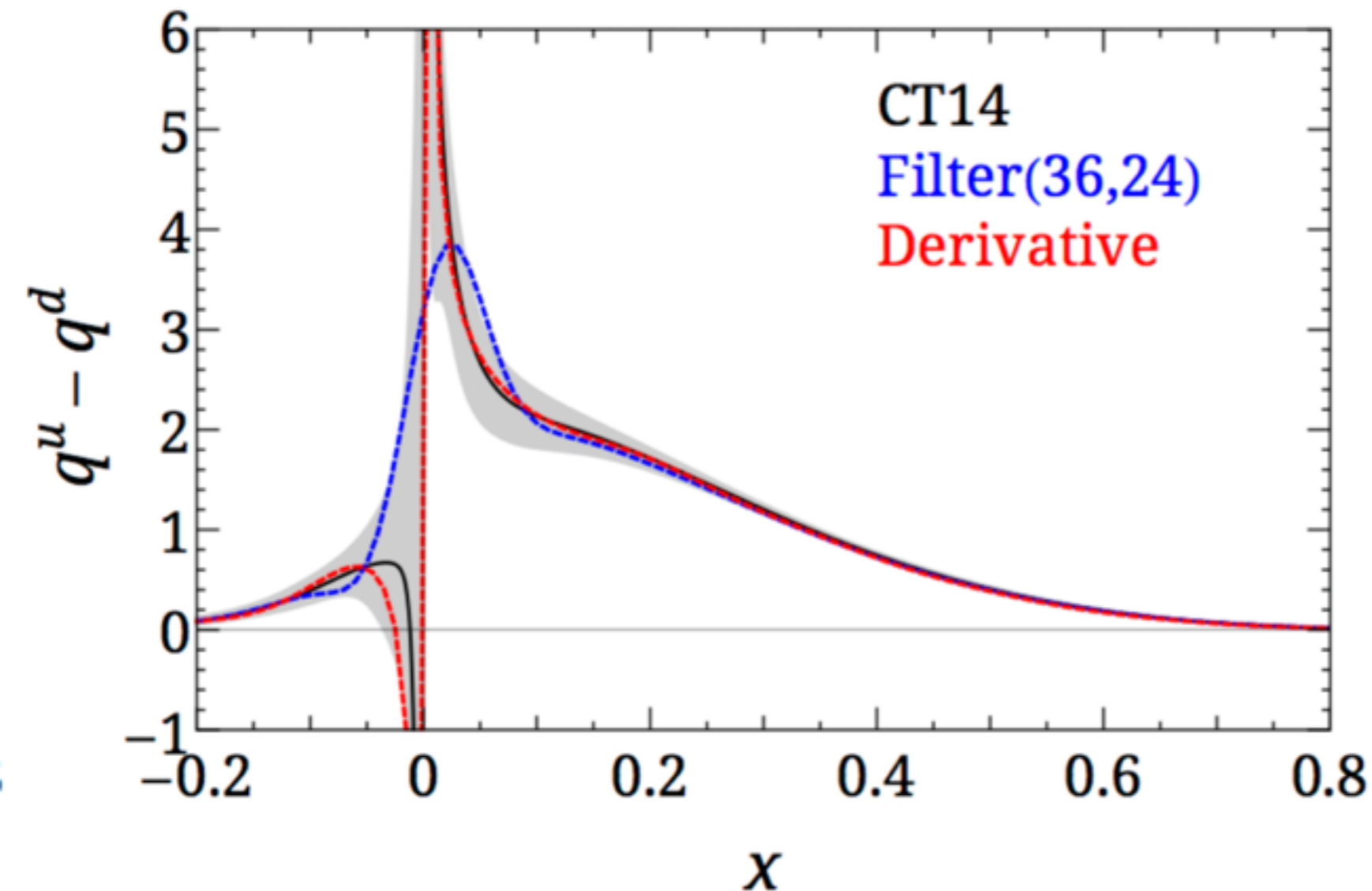
H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, T. Ishikawa, J.-H. Zhang, 1708.05301



- The data can be obtained on the lattice are limited by some  $z_{max}$
- If we do FT back with limited  $z_{max}$ , strong oscillations will be observed.

# Reconstruct PDF with filters

H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, T. Ishikawa, J.-H. Zhang, 1708.05301



*Derivative: Require the derivative of the original PDF to be **zero** when  $|z| > L/2 = 32$*

*Filter(36,24): Applying the filter*

$$F(z_{\text{lim}}, z_{\text{wid}}) = \frac{1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{z+z_{\text{lim}}}{z_{\text{wid}}}\right)}{2} \frac{1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{z-z_{\text{lim}}}{z_{\text{wid}}}\right)}{2}$$

*on the FT of the original PDF and FT back.*

***Both of the them can improve the quality of the reconstruction.***

# Hadronic tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle P, S | [J_\mu^\dagger(z), J_\nu(0)] | P, S \rangle$$

$$= \left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) F_1(x, Q^2) + \frac{\hat{P}_\mu \hat{P}_\nu}{P \cdot q} F_2(x, Q^2)$$

$$- i\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{q^\alpha P^\beta}{2P \cdot q} F_3(x, Q^2)$$

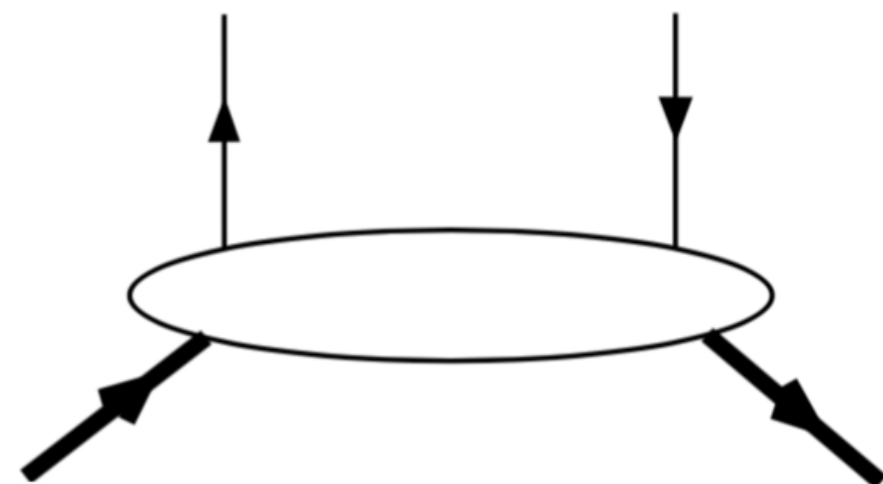
$$+ i\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{q^\alpha}{P \cdot q} \left[ S^\beta g_1(x, Q^2) + \left( S^\beta - \frac{S \cdot q}{P \cdot q} P^\beta \right) g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{P \cdot q} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{P}_\mu \hat{S}_\nu + \hat{S}_\mu \hat{P}_\nu \right) - \frac{S \cdot q}{P \cdot q} \hat{P}_\mu \hat{P}_\nu \right] g_3(x, Q^2)$$

$$+ \frac{S \cdot q}{P \cdot q} \left[ \frac{\hat{P}_\mu \hat{P}_\nu}{P \cdot q} g_4(x, Q^2) + \left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) g_5(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$$\hat{P}_\mu = P_\mu - \frac{P \cdot q}{q^2} q_\mu, \quad \hat{S}_\mu = S_\mu - \frac{S \cdot q}{q^2} q_\mu.$$

## and the PDF



- The form factors can be reduced to the PDFs in the large  $Q^2$  limit with reasonable assumptions.
- Thus one can reconstruct PDF with the “measurements” on the hadronic tensor.

# Reconstruct the PDF from lattice operator product expansion

QCDSF, Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017), 242001, 1703.01153

Given forward hadronic tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = \rho_{\lambda\lambda'} \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle p, \lambda' | T J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) | p, \lambda \rangle$$

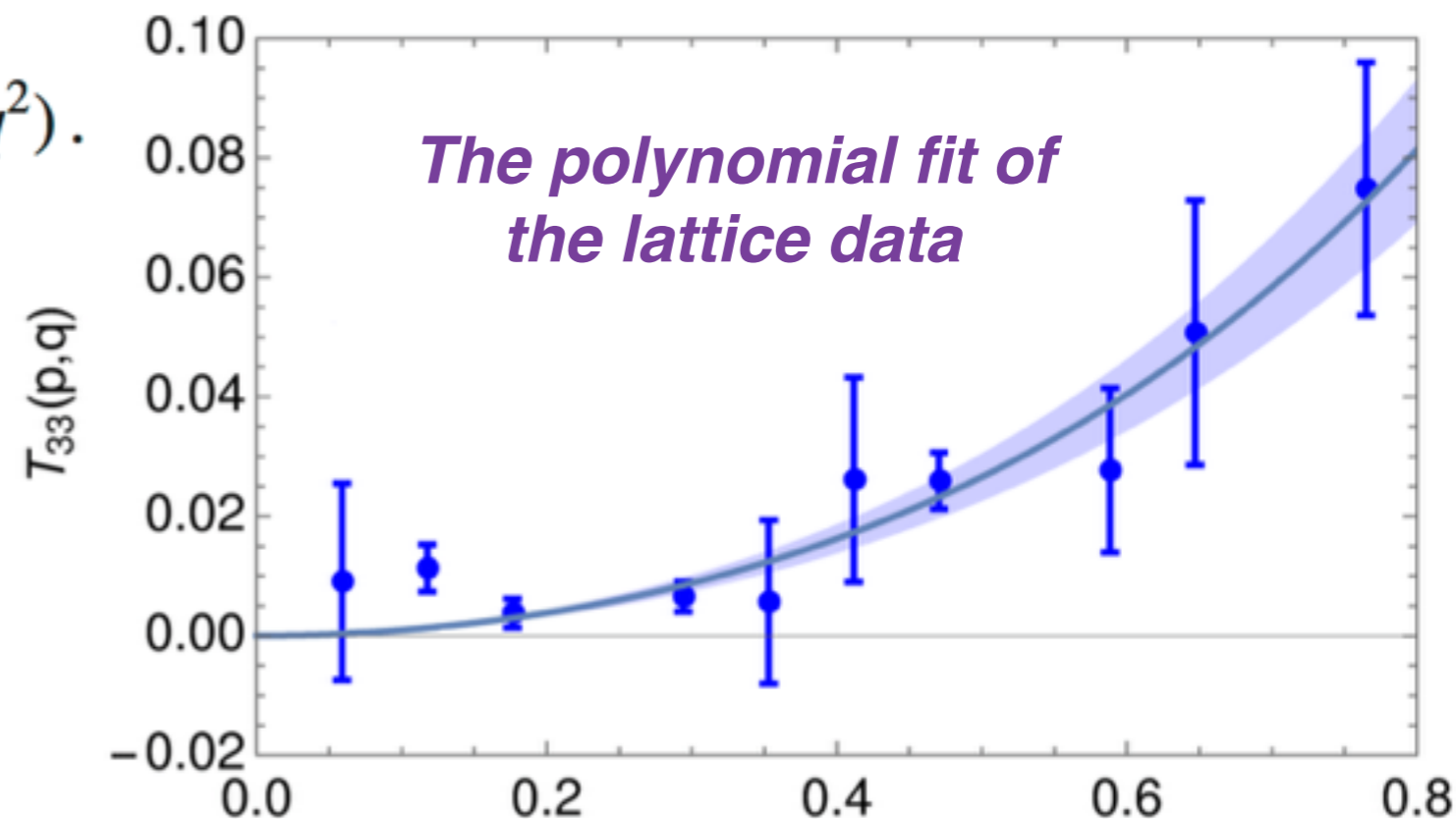
choose  $\mu = \nu = 3$  and  $p_3 = q_3 = q_4 = 0$

one has,

$$T_{33}(p, q) = 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{\omega x}{1 - (\omega x)^2} F_1(x, q^2).$$

with  $\omega = 2p \cdot q / q^2$

Then one can reconstruct the PDF  
from the results of the hadronic tensor.

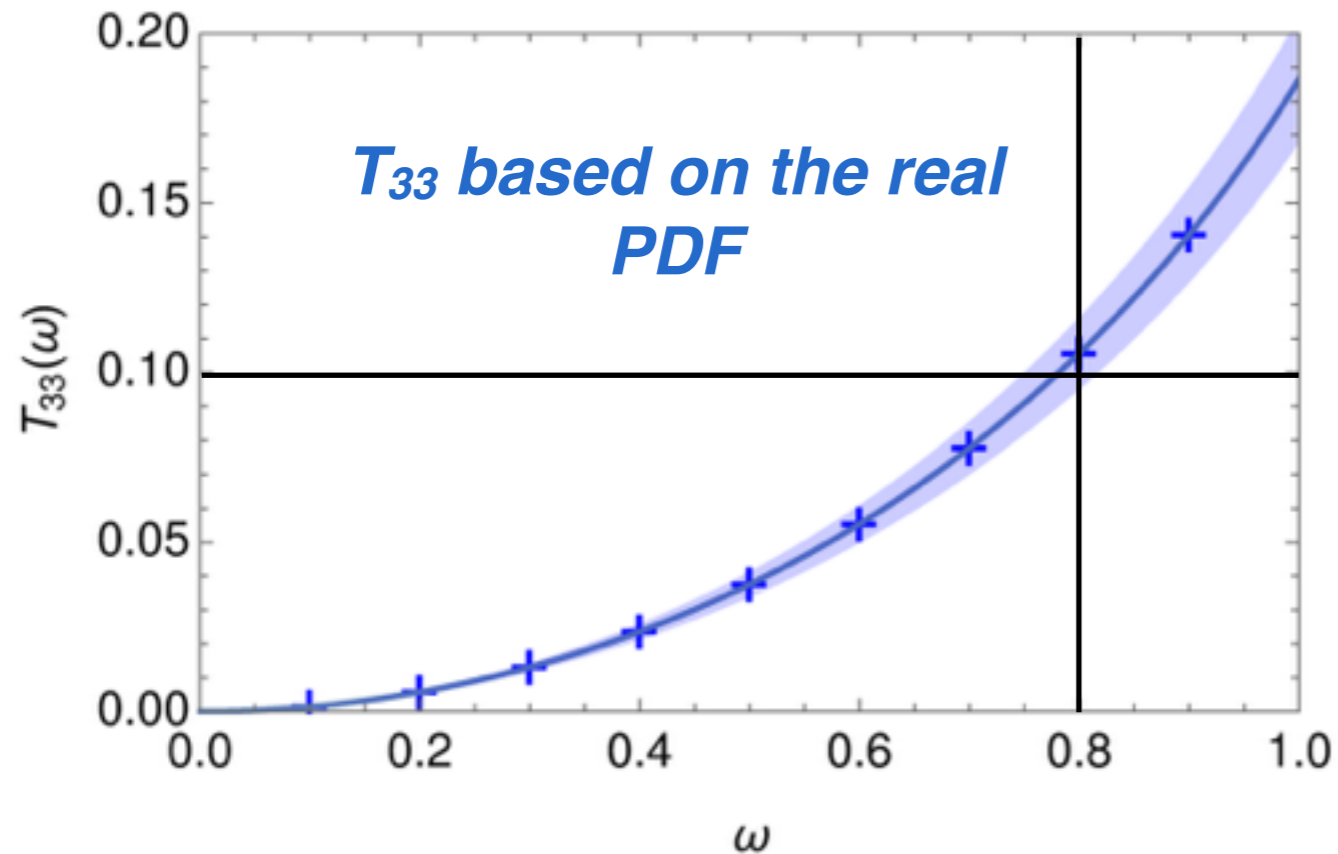




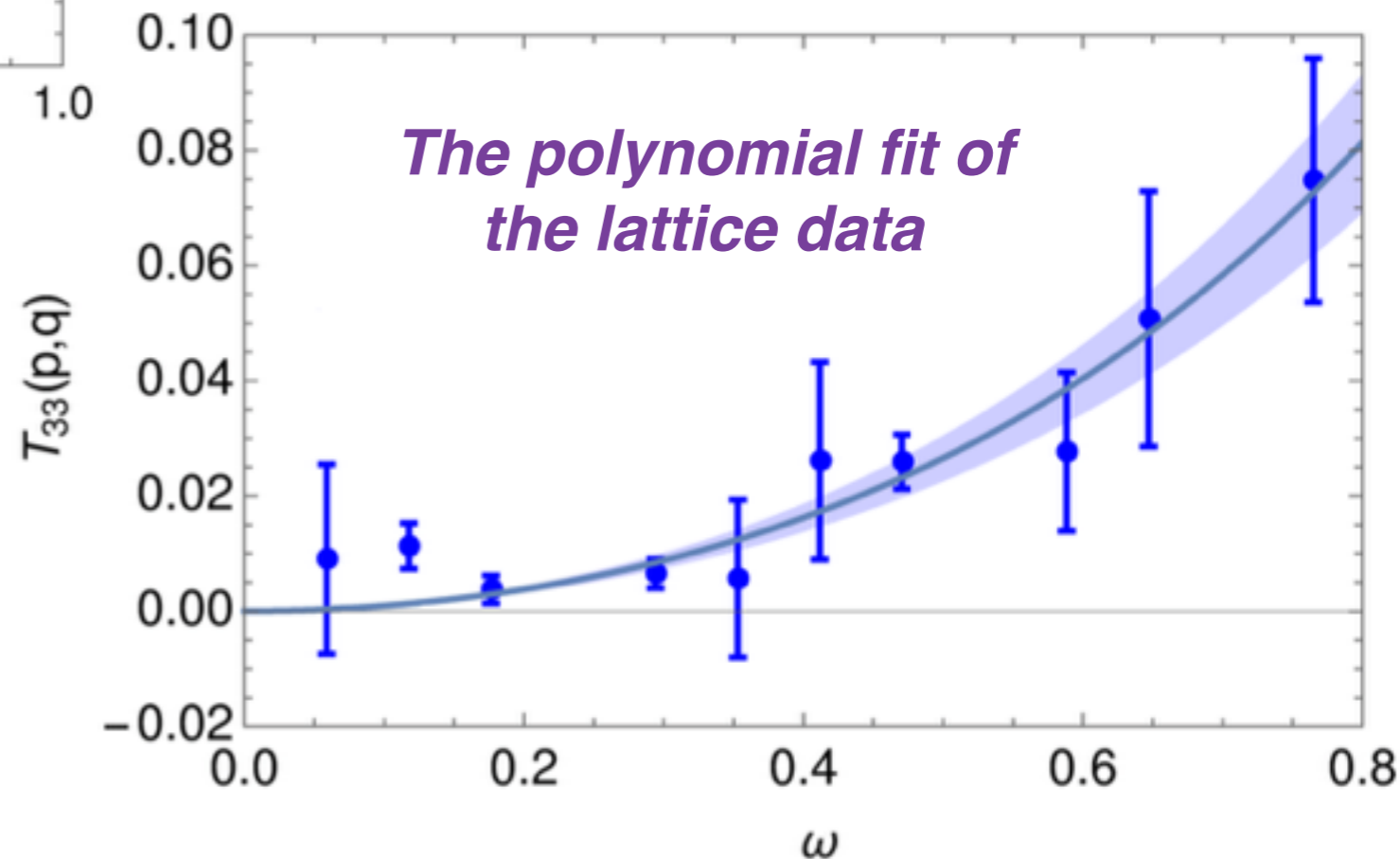
# Reconstruct the PDF from lattice operator product expansion

QCDSF, Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017), 242001, 1703.01153

*The reconstruction strategy has been tested with the real PDF data;*



*and the lattice results on  $T_{33}$  seem to have a similar shape as that from the real PDF data.*



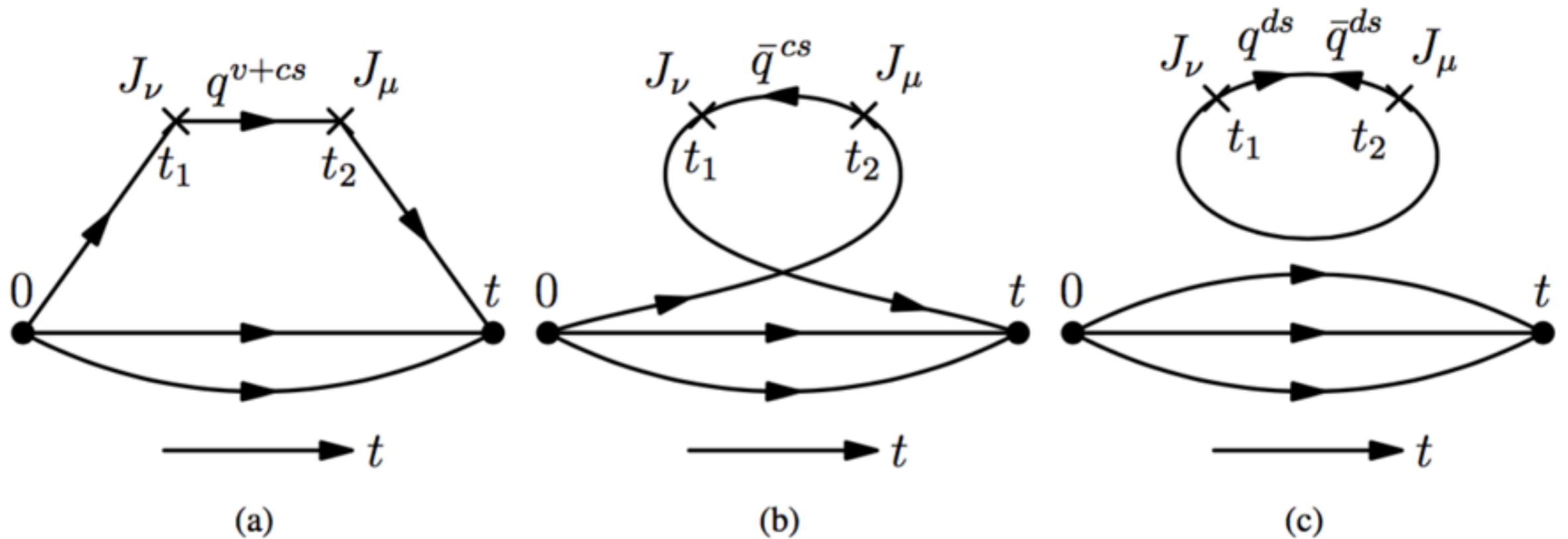
# Access the connected sea

## with a special currents setup

K.-F. Liu, 1606.07075,  
K.-F. Liu, J. Liang, YBY. Lattice 2017 poster

$$\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}(q^2, \tau) = \sum_{\vec{x}_f} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}_f} \sum_{\vec{x}_2 \vec{x}_1} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1)} \langle \chi_N(\vec{x}_f, t_f) J_\mu(\vec{x}_2, t_2) J_\nu(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \bar{\chi}_N(\vec{0}, t_0) \rangle,$$

$\tau = t_2 - t_1.$

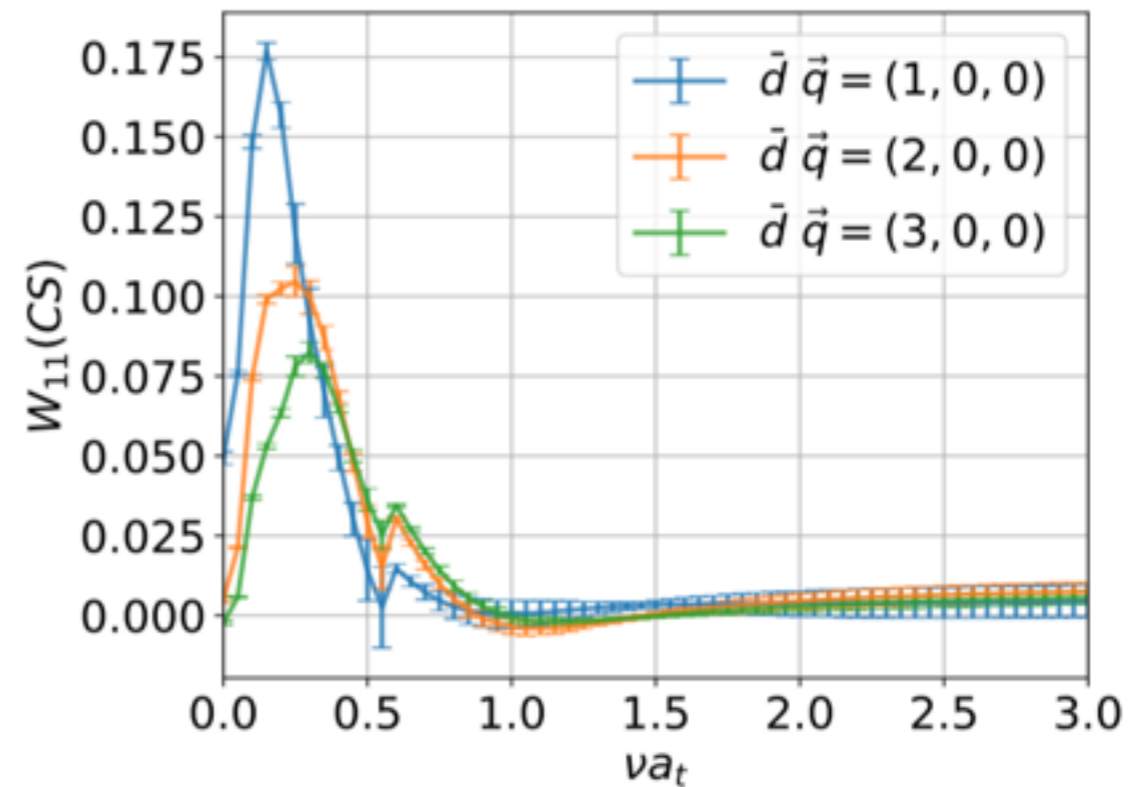
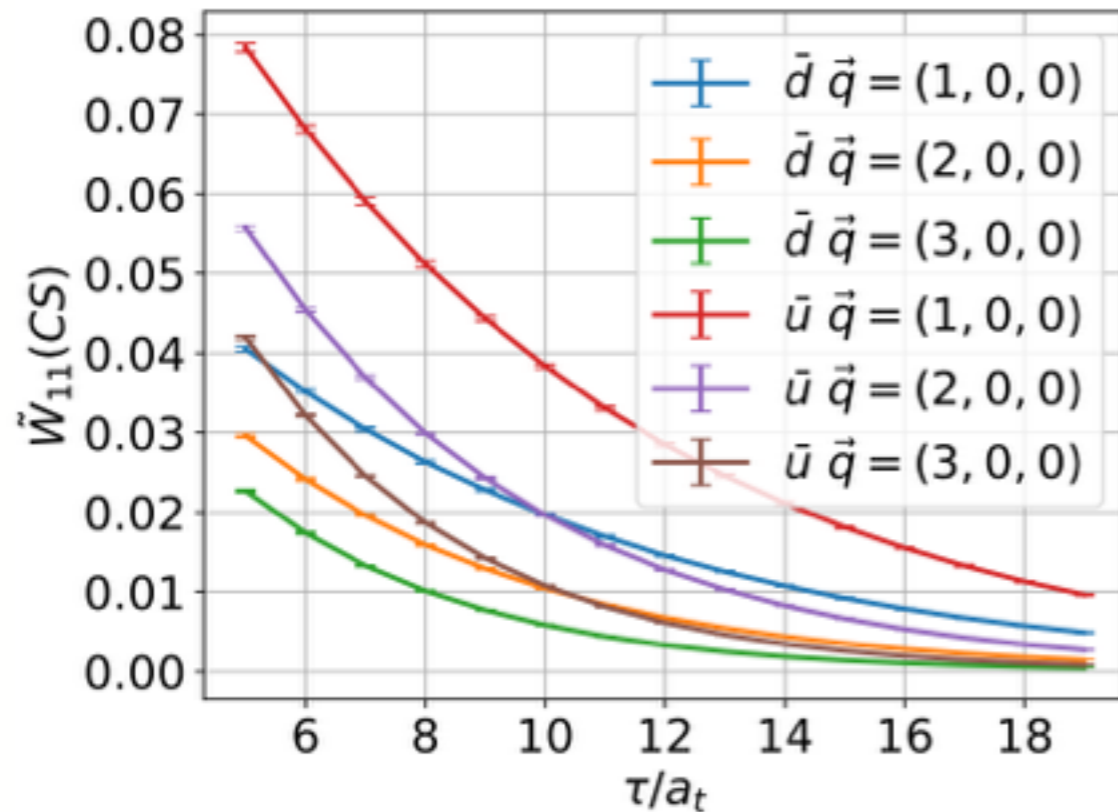


By using different time order of the two vector currents, the contribution of **the anti-quark connected sea** can be obtained independently.

# Access the connected sea

## with a special currents setup

K.-F. Liu, 1606.07075,  
K.-F. Liu, J. Liang, YBY. Lattice 2017 poster



$$\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}(q^2, \tau) = \int d\omega e^{-\nu\tau} W_{\mu\nu}(q^2, \nu)$$

The hadronic tensor of the connected sea part can be implemented by several methods, such as the Backus-Gilbert method, the improved maximum entropy method, the  $\chi^2$  fit with model functions and so on.

Backus-Gilbert Method: Maxwell T. Hansen, Harvey B. Meyer, Daniel Robaina, 1704.08993  
Improved Maximum entropy method: Yannis Burnier, Alexander Rothkopf PRL. 111 (2013) 182003, 1307.6106

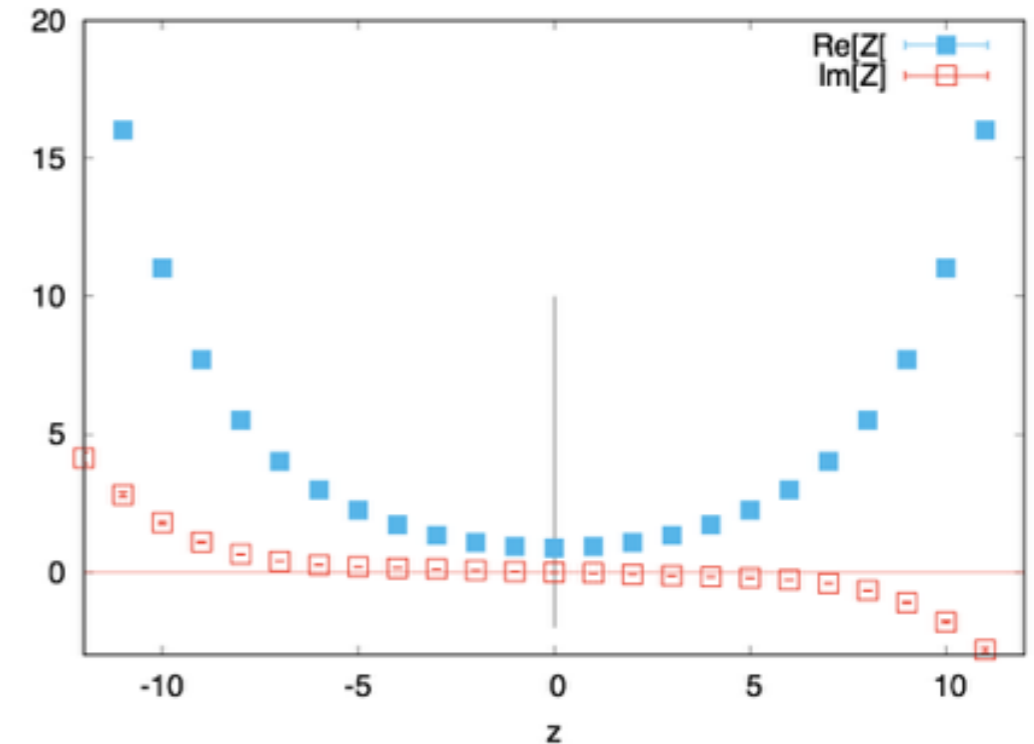
# Summary

## The reconstruction of the entire PDF

- The linear divergence in the quasi-PDF can be safely removed by several strategies.

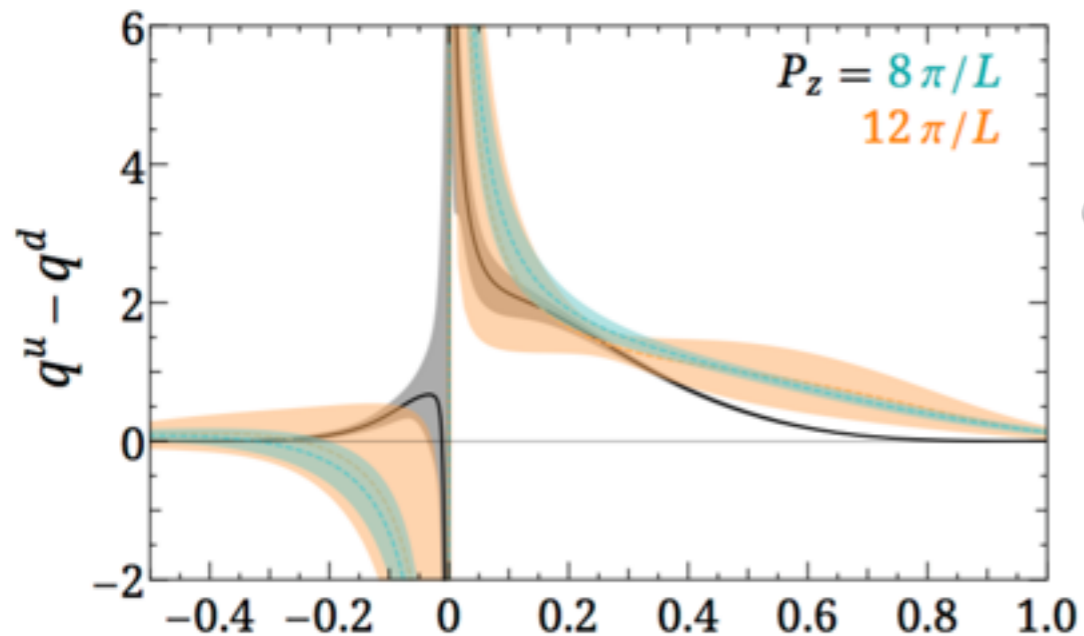
$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle P, S | [J_\mu^\dagger(z), J_\nu(0)] | P, S \rangle$$

- Reconstructing PDF from the hadronic tensor are also in progress with several approaches.
- The systematic uncertainties for both the directions are under investigation, and the statistical uncertainties will be under control with increasing computer resources.



# Summary

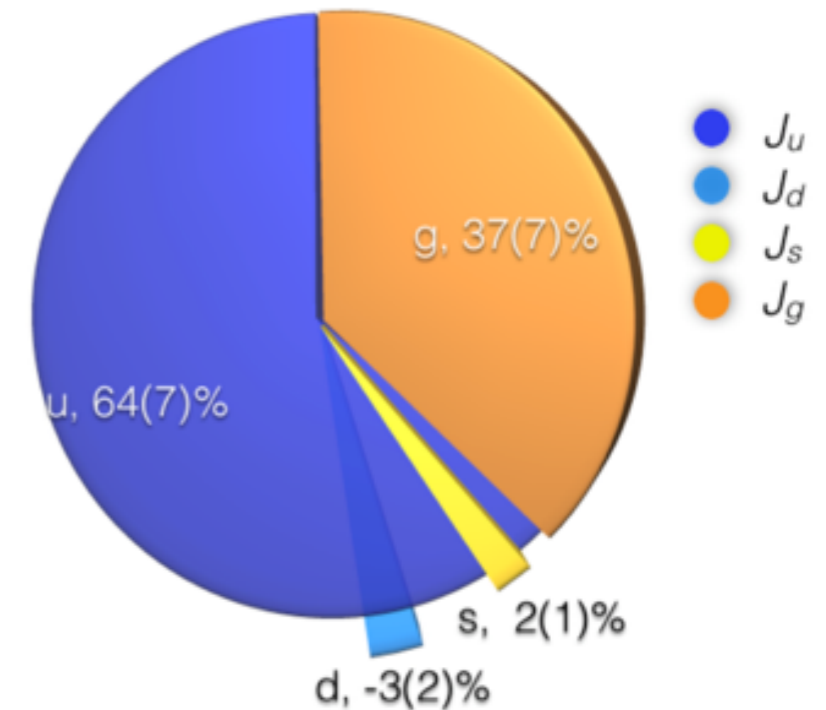
- The moments calculation can provide relatively precise informations on limited moments of PDF and GPD;



X H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, T. Ishikawa, J.-H. Zhang, 1708.05301

- The reconstruction approaches like quasi-PDF can provide much more informations which may not be very precise in the present stage;

walking on two legs



- We should combine two approaches to obtain a precise picture of the parton distributions.