

PROGRESS & PROSPECTS OF

LQCD PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS

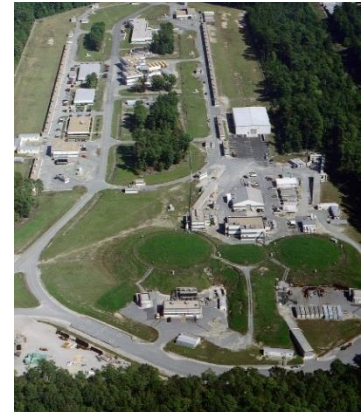


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# Parton Distribution Functions

§ PDFs are universal quark/gluon distributions of nucleon

∞ Many ongoing/planned experiments  
(BNL, JLab, J-PARC, COMPASS, GSI, EIC, LHeC, ...)

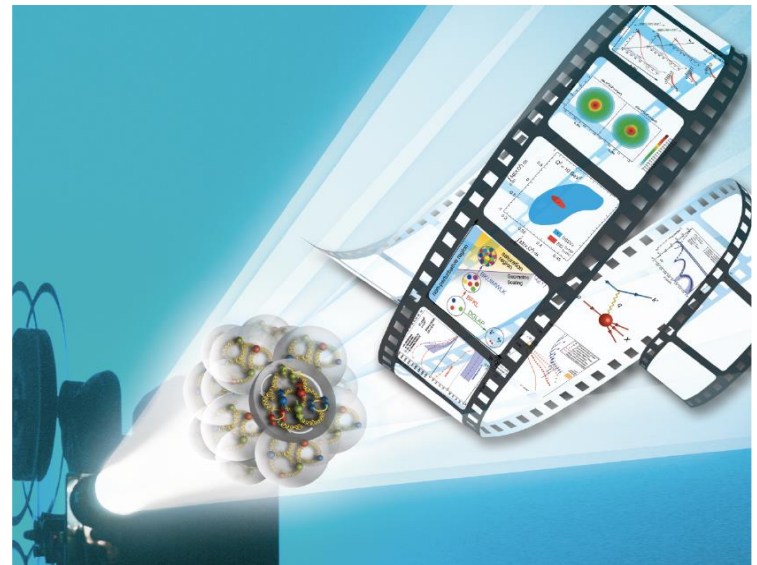


**Electron Ion Collider:  
The Next QCD Frontier**

**Imaging of the proton**

*How are the **sea** quarks and gluons,  
and their spins, distributed in space and  
momentum inside the nucleon?*

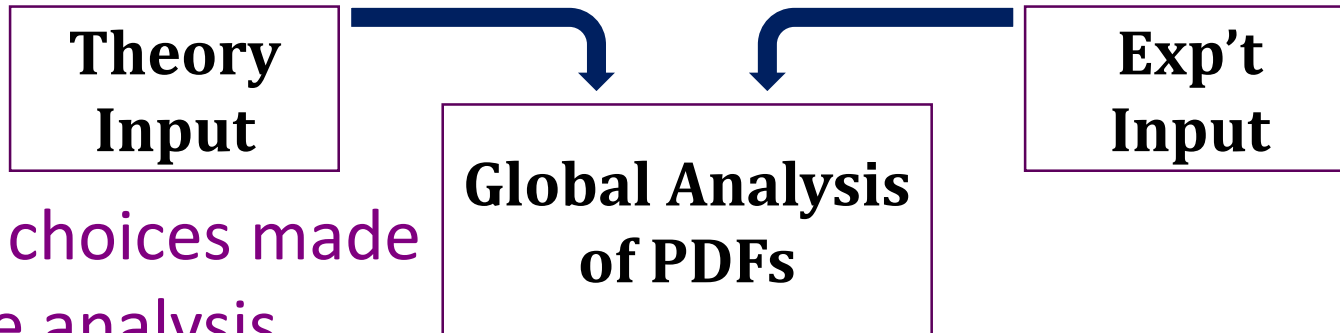
**EIC White Paper, 1212.1701**



# Global Analysis

§ Experiments cover diverse kinematics of parton variables

⇒ Global analysis takes advantage of all data sets



§ Some choices made for the analysis

⇒ Choice of data sets and kinematic cuts

⇒ Strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

⇒ How to parametrize the distribution

$$xf(x, \mu_0) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1 - x)^{a_2} P(x)$$

⇒ Assumptions imposed

SU(3) flavor symmetry, charge symmetry, strange and sea distributions

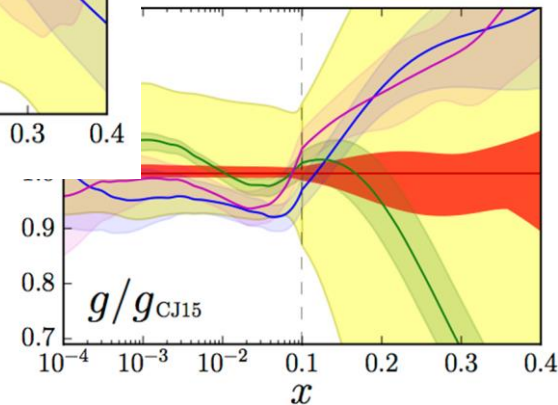
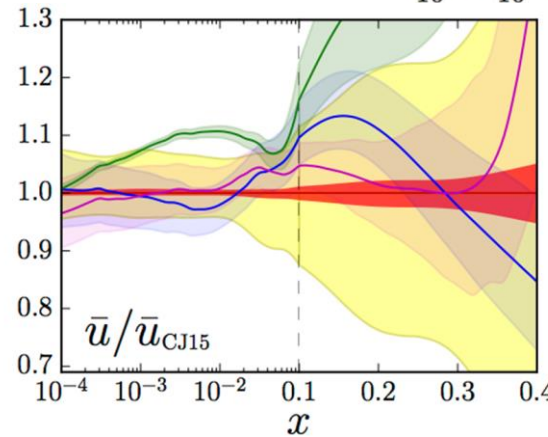
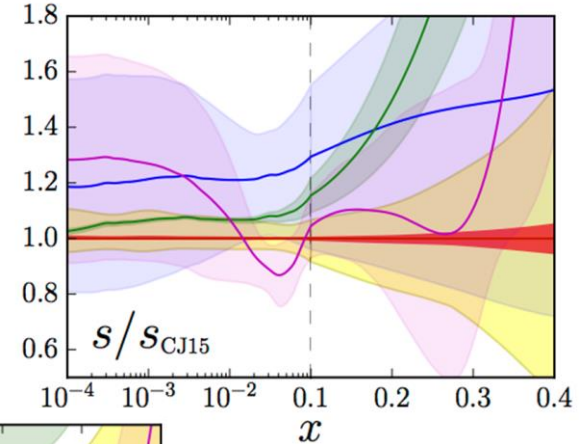
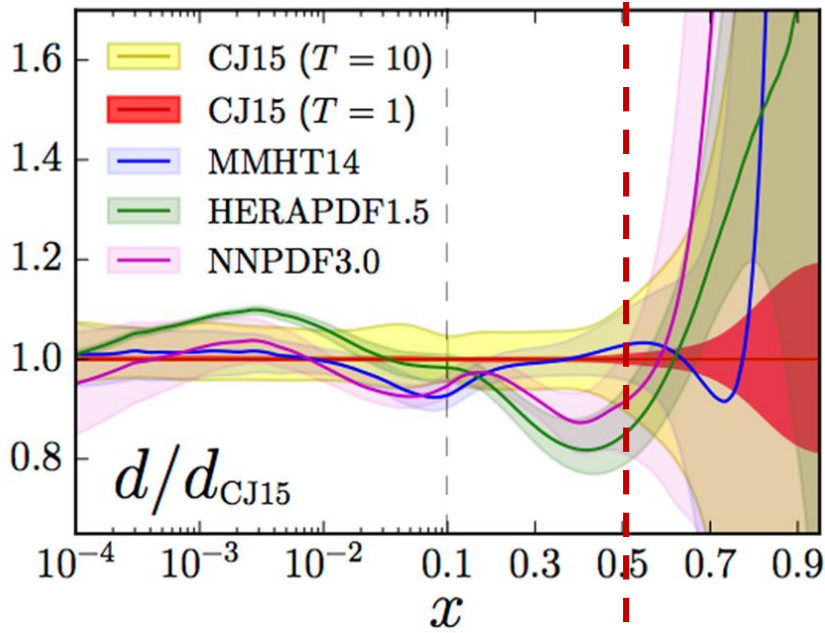
$$s = \bar{s} = \kappa(\bar{u} + \bar{d})$$

# Global Analysis

§ Discrepancies appear when data is scarce

§ Many groups have tackled the analysis

↻ CTEQ, MSTW, ABM, JR, NNPDF, etc.



CTEQ-JLAB

<https://www.jlab.org/theory/cj/>

# *What can we do on the lattice?*



# Lattice QCD 101

- § Lattice QCD is an ideal theoretical tool for investigating strong-coupling regime of quantum field theories
- § Physical observables are calculated from the path integral

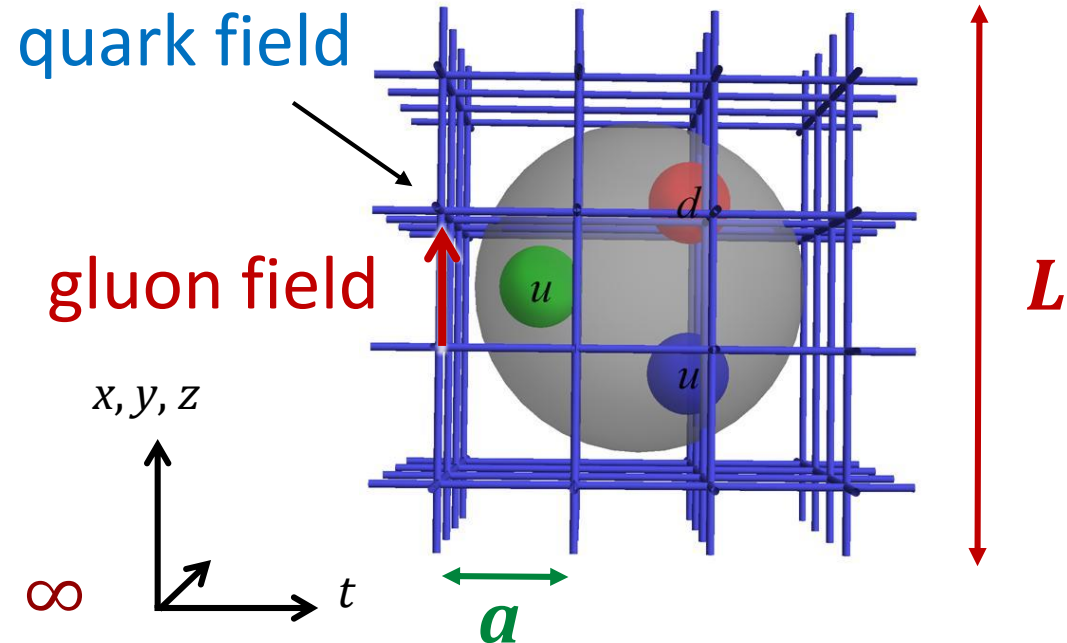
$$\langle 0|O(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A)|0\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi e^{iS(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A)} O(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A)$$

in **Euclidian** space

- ∞ Quark mass parameter (described by  $m_\pi$ )
- ∞ Impose a UV cutoff  
discretize spacetime
- ∞ Impose an infrared cutoff  
finite volume

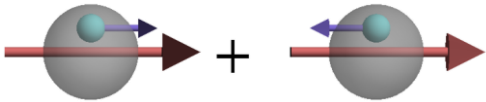
§ Recover physical limit

$$m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phys}}, a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty$$



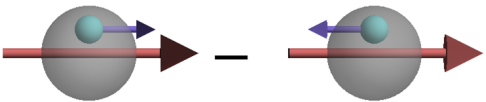
# PDFs on the Lattice

§ Lattice calculations rely on operator product expansion,  
only provide moments

  
Quark density/unpolarized

$$\langle x^n \rangle_q = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n q(x)$$

most well known

  
Helicity

$$\langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n \Delta q(x)$$

longitudinally polarized



$$\langle x^n \rangle_{\delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n \delta q(x)$$

Transversity

transversely polarized

very poorly known



§ True distribution can only be recovered with **all** moments

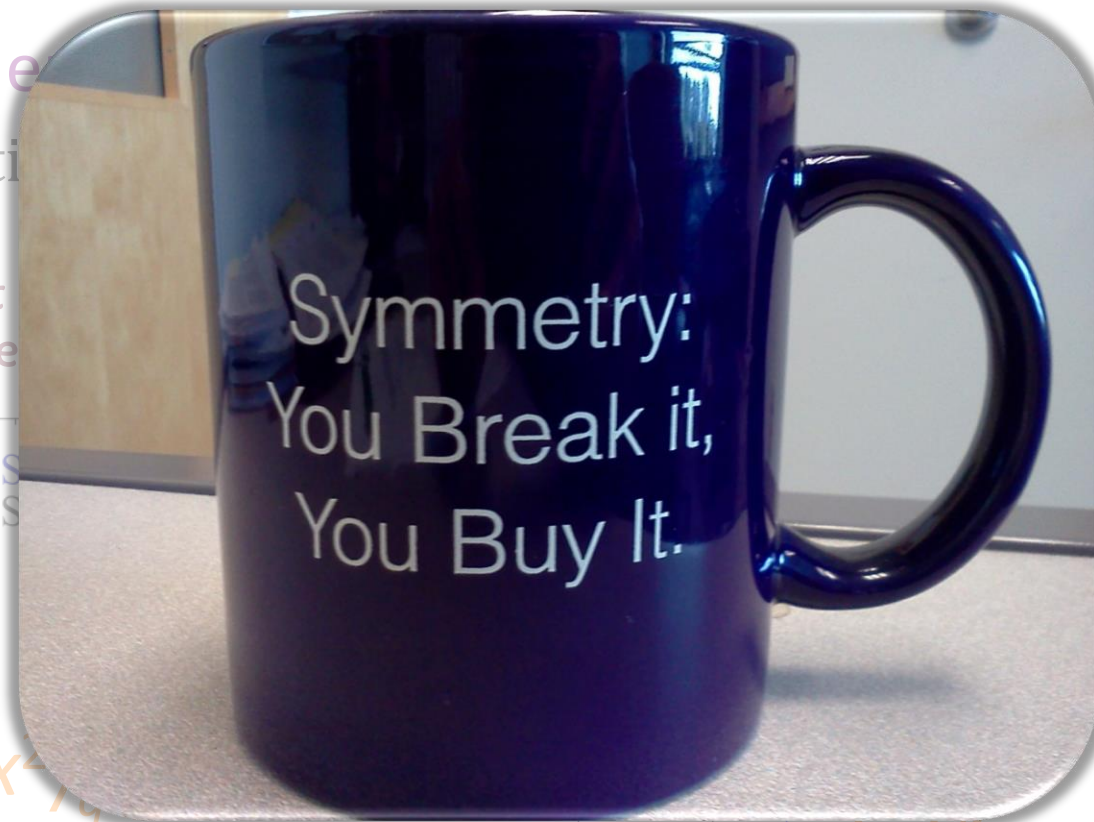
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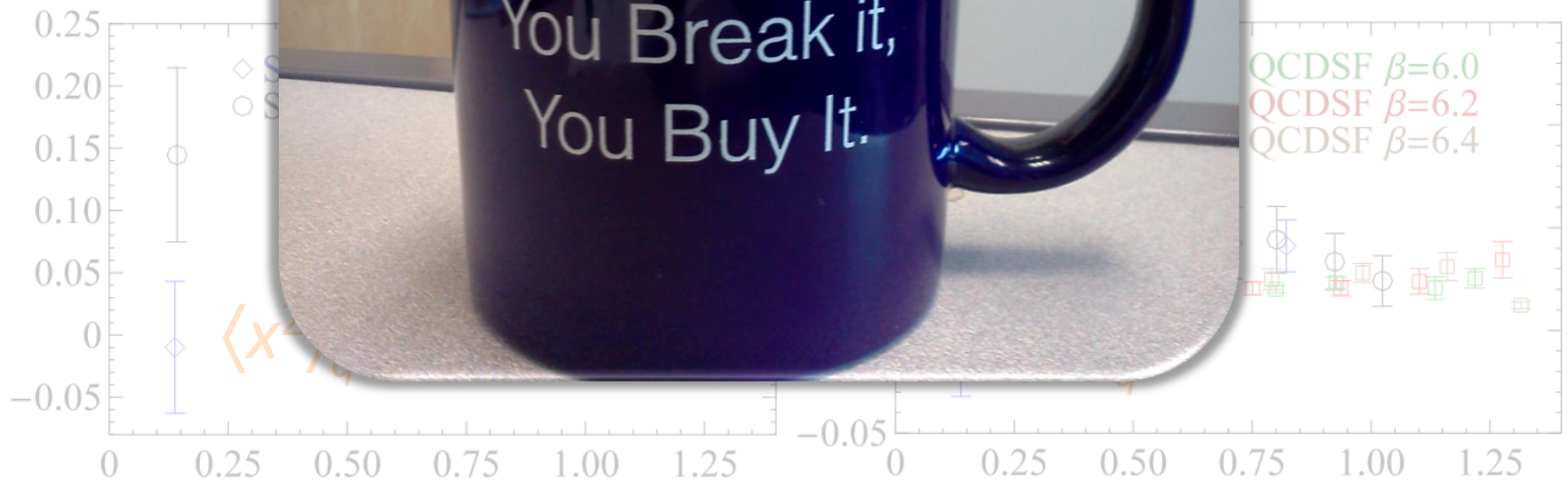
§ Relative e

↪ Calculati



(SAM):  
clover

Dolgov et al  
Göckeler et al





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§ Relative error grows in higher moments

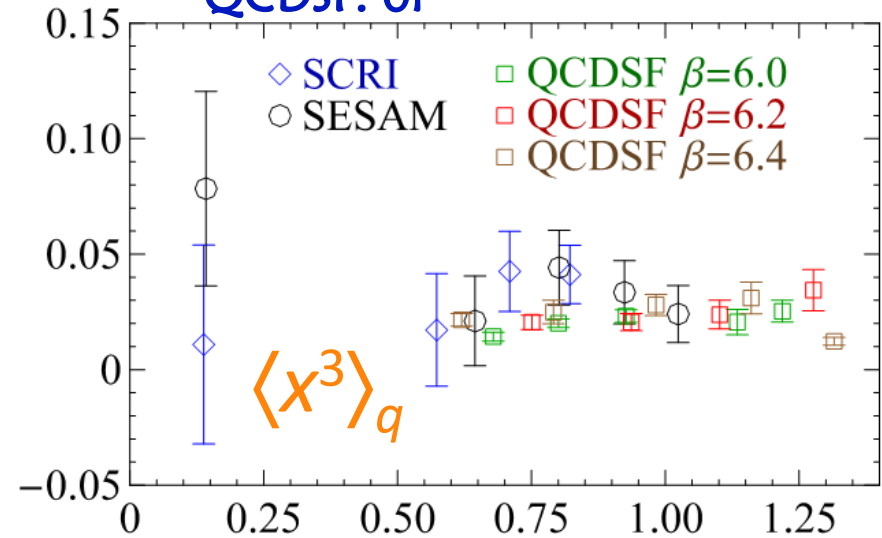
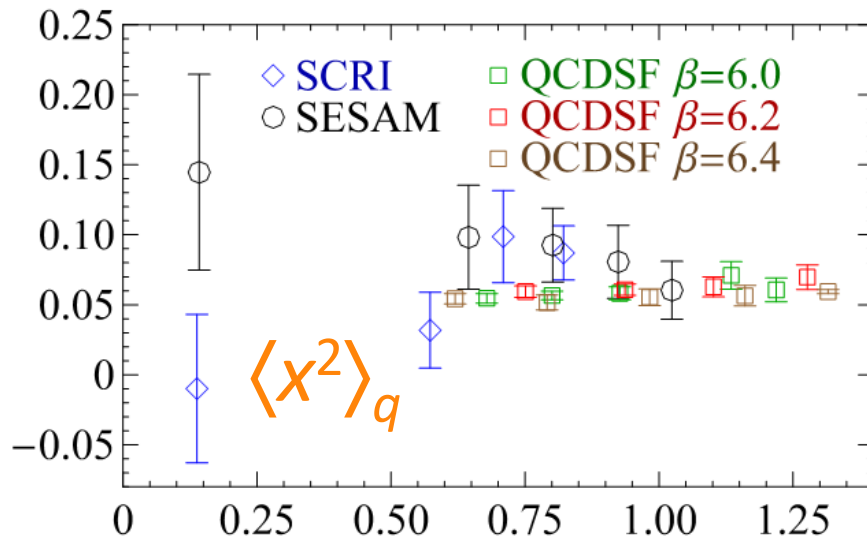
↪ Calculation would be costly and difficult

Dolgov et al. PRD66, 034506 (2002)

Göckeler et al. PRD71, 114511 (2005)

LHPC (SCRI, SESAM):  
2f, Wilson and clover

QCDSF: 0f



# Beyond Traditional Moments?

§ Longstanding obstacle!

§ Holy grail of structure calculations

§ Applies to many structure quantities:

∞ Generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

∞ Transverse-momentum distributions (TMD)

∞ Meson distribution amplitudes...

∞ Wigner distribution



"Marvelously  
zany humor."  
— NEWSWEEK

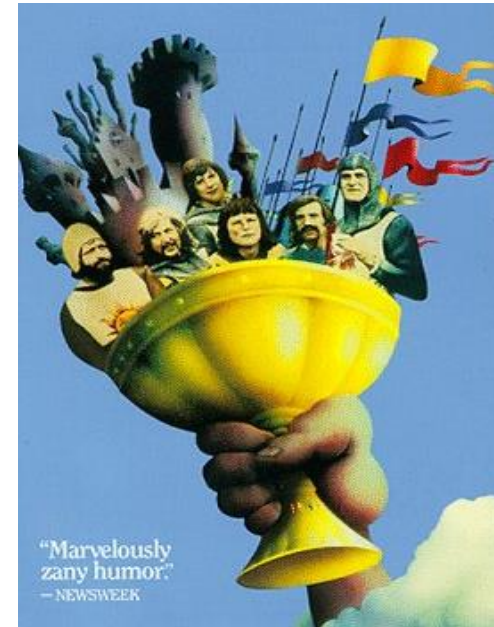
# Beyond Traditional Moments?

## § Reaching for higher moments

- ↻ Fictitious heavy quarks (Detmold and Lin, hep-lat/0507007)
- ↻ Smeared lat. ops (Davoudi et al. 1204.4146)

## § Direct calculation of $x$ dependence

- ↻ Hadronic tensor currents  
(Liu et al., hep-ph/9806491, ... 1603.07352)
- ↻ Inversion method/OPE without OPE  
(QCDSF, hep-lat/9809171, ... 1703.01153)
- ↻ Euclidean correlation functions (RQCD, 1709.04325)
- ↻ Lattice cross-section method (Y.-Q. Ma and J. Qiu, 2014, 2017)
- ↻ Large-momentum effective theory (LaMET) and variations
  - ↻ Original LaMET (“quasi-PDF” method) **This talk**
  - ↻ Pseudo-PDF method: differs in FT (A. Radyushkin, 2017)
  - ↻ Smeared quasi-PDF (C. Monahan and K. Orginos, 2017)



# Lattice Parton Physics Project (LP<sup>3</sup>)

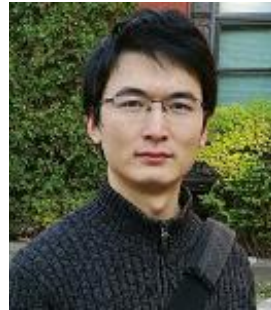
<https://www.pa.msu.edu/~hwlin/LP3/>



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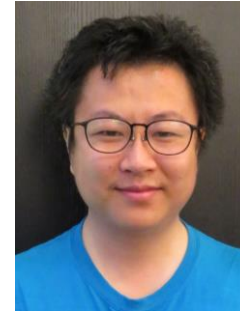
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## International collaborators



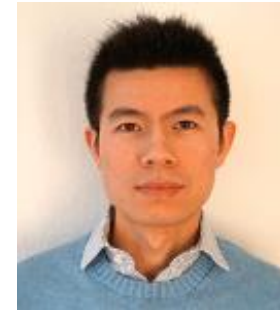
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# LaMET

Large-Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET) X. Ji, PRL. 111, 262002 (2013)

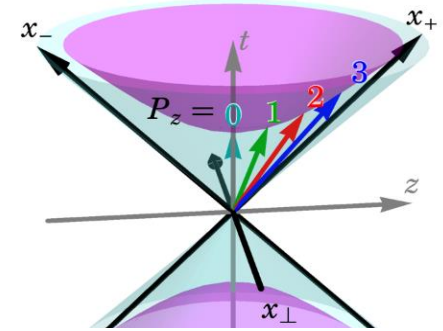
§ Calculate the parton distributions through the infinite-momentum frame Feynman, Phys. Rev. Lett. 23, 1415 (1969)

§ Finite-momentum quark distribution (quasi-distribution)

∞ Suggested operator:

$$\tilde{Q}(x, \mu, P_z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_z \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

$x = k_z/P_z$  (blue arrow pointing to  $x$ )  
 Lattice  $z$  coordinate (green arrow pointing to  $z$ )  
 hadron momentum  $P_\mu = \{P_t, 0, 0, P_z\}$  (red arrow pointing to  $P$ )  
 Product of lattice gauge links (purple arrow pointing to  $\exp(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z'))$ )



§ Take the infinite- $P_z$  limit to recover lightcone functions

∞ Just another limit to take, like taking  $a \rightarrow 0$  or  $V \rightarrow \infty$

# Progress in the theoretical development of LaMET

- **Renormalization:**

Ji and Zhang, 2015; Ishikawa et al., 2016, 2017; Chen, Ji and Zhang, 2016; Xiong, Luu and Meißner, 2017; Constantinou and Panagopoulos, 2017; Ji, Zhang, and Y.Z., 2017; J. Green et al., 2017; Ishikawa et al. (LP3), 2017; Wang, Zhao and Zhu, 2017; Spanouides and Panagopoulos, 2018.

- **Factorization:**

Ma and Qiu, 2014, 2015, 2017; Izubuchi, Ji, Jin, Stewart and Y.Z., 2018.

- **One-loop matching:**

Xiong, Ji, Zhang and Y.Z., 2014; Ji, Schaefer, Xiong and Zhang, 2015; Xiong and Zhang, 2015; Constantinou and Panagopoulos, 2017; I. Stewart and Y.Z., 2017; Wang, Zhao and Zhu, 2017; Izubuchi, Ji, Jin, Stewart and Y.Z., 2018.

- **Power corrections:**

J.-W. Chen et al., 2016; A. Radyushkin, 2017.

- **Transvers momentum dependent parton distribution function:**

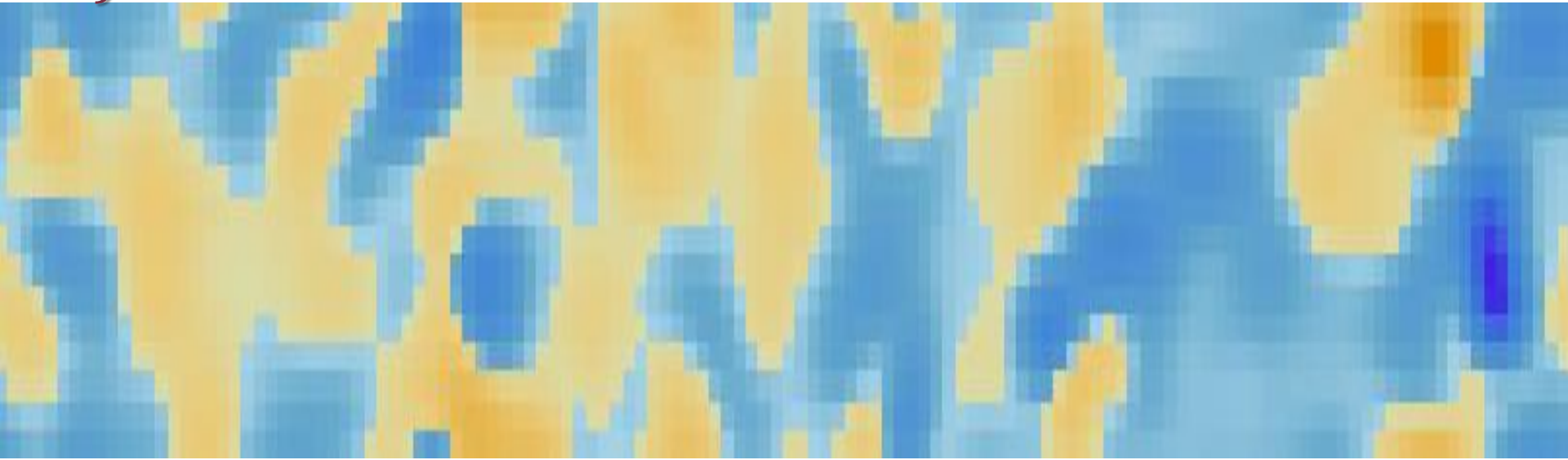
Ji, Xiong, Sun, Yuan, 2015; Ji, Jin, Yuan, Zhang and Y.Z., 2018; Ebert, Stewart and Y.Z., in progress.

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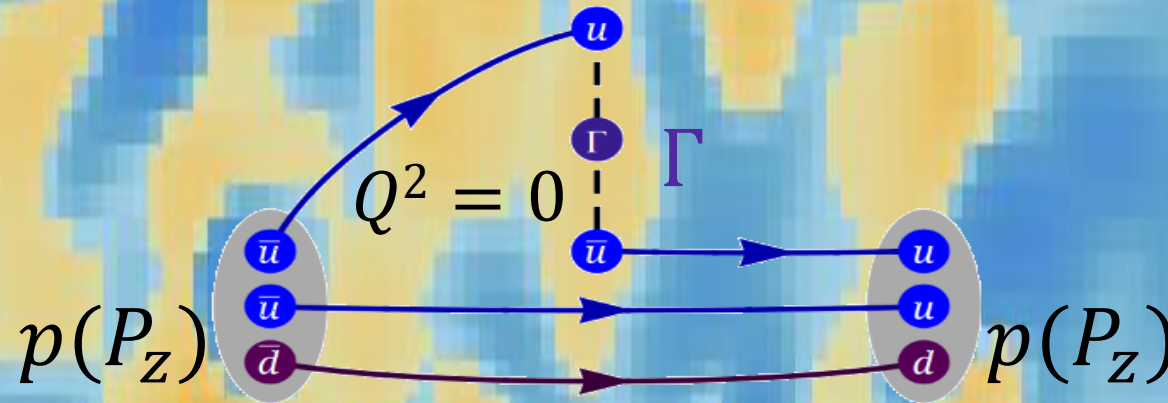


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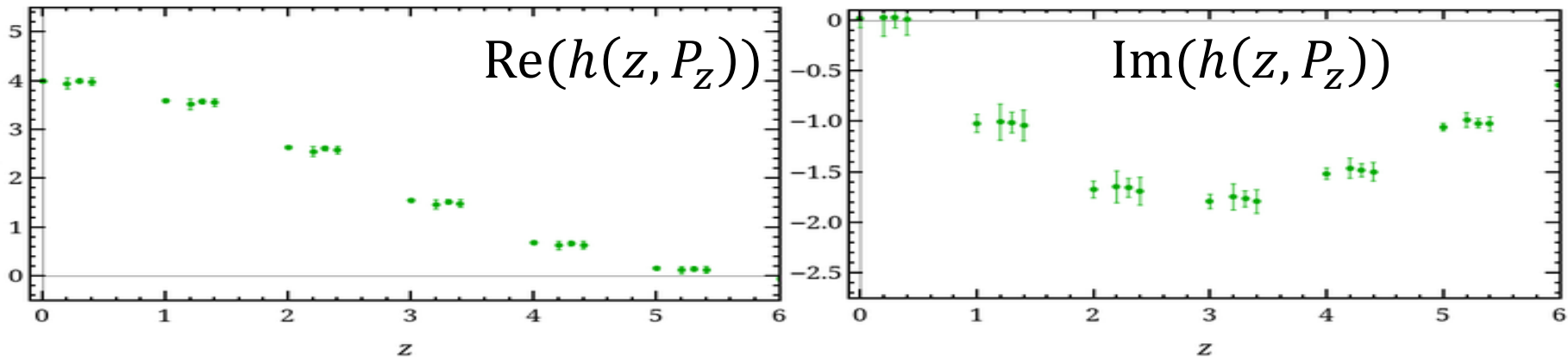


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$$P_z = 2.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}, a \approx 0.09 \text{ fm}$$

$$LP^3 1804.01483$$



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Blinded 3-state fits produced consistent results

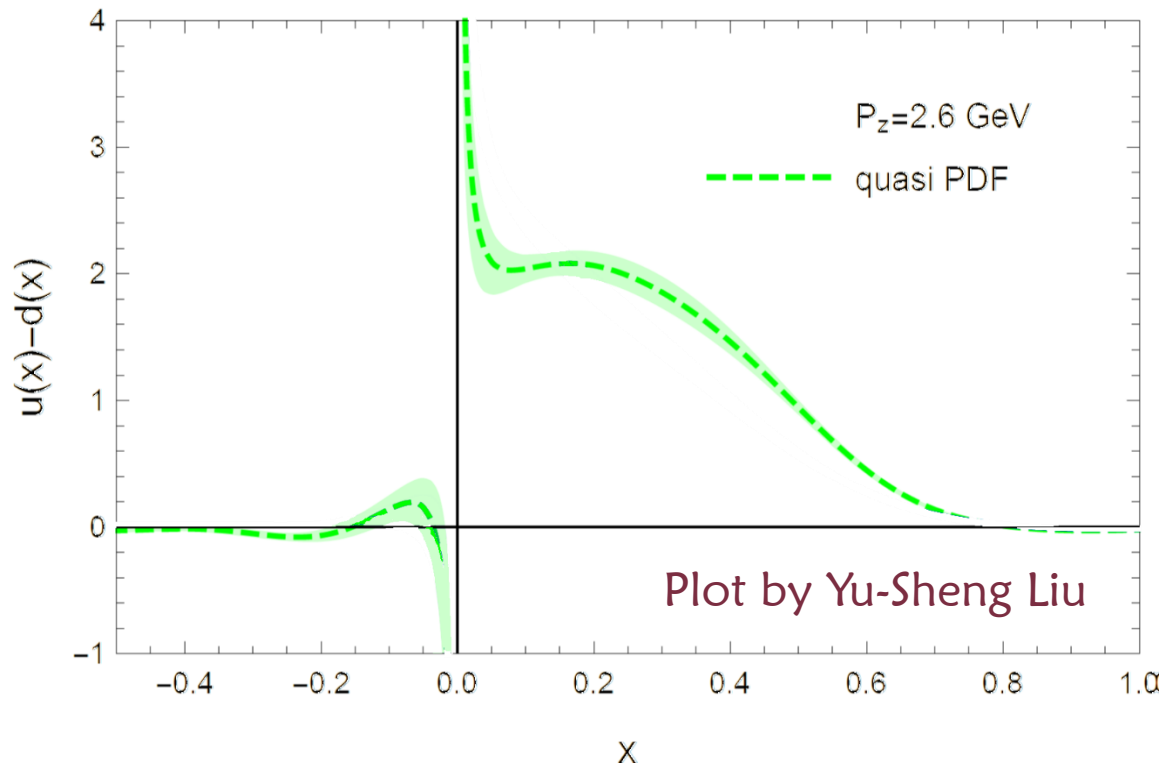
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## Large-Momentum Effective Theory for PDFs

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262002 (2013)

### 2) Compute “quasi-distribution” via

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-i x z P_z} h_R(z, \mu, P_z)$$



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3) Recover true distribution (take  $P_Z \rightarrow \infty$  limit)

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Finite  $P_Z \leftrightarrow \infty$  perturbative matching

$$Z(x, \mu/P_Z) = C\delta(x-1) - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} Z^{(1)}(x, \mu/P_Z)$$

**Non-singlet case only**

Stewart, Zhao: 1709.04933

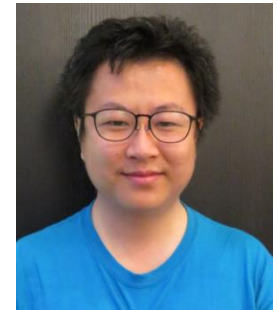
LP<sup>3</sup>, 1807.06566, 1810.05043



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Dominant correction  
(for nucleon);  
known scaling form

LP<sup>3</sup>, 1402.1462, 1603.06664

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complicated higher-twist operator;  
smaller  $P_z$  correction for nucleon  
LP<sup>3</sup>, 1603.06664 and references within  
(extrapolate it away)

§ Some similarity to more broadly-studied HQET...

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_b}{\Lambda}\right) = Z\left(\frac{m_b}{\Lambda}, \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right) o(\mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_b}\right) + \dots$$

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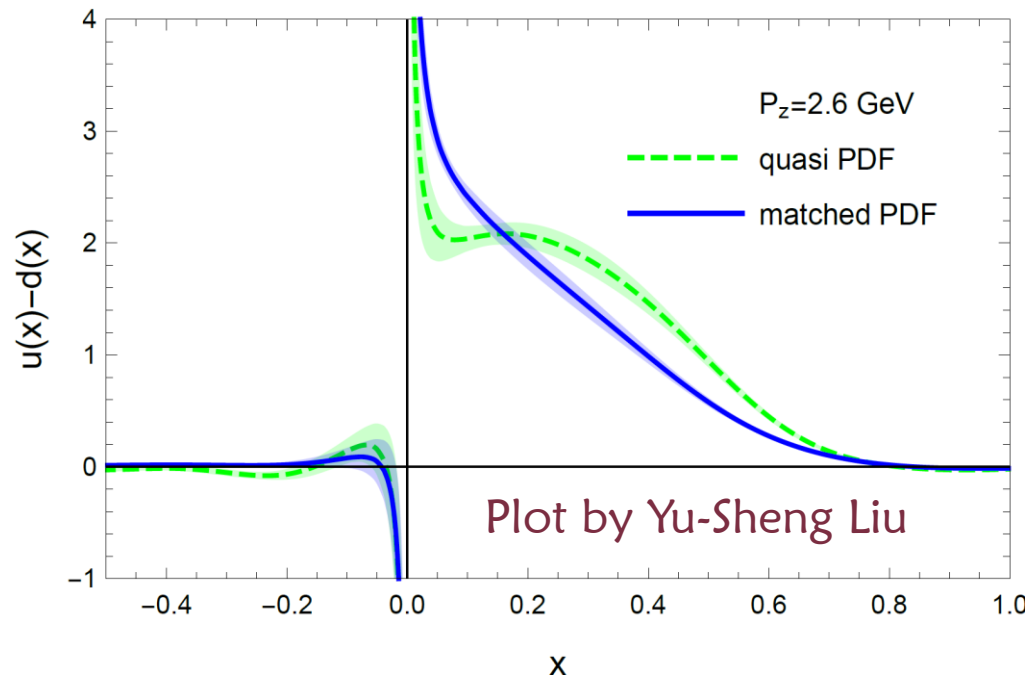
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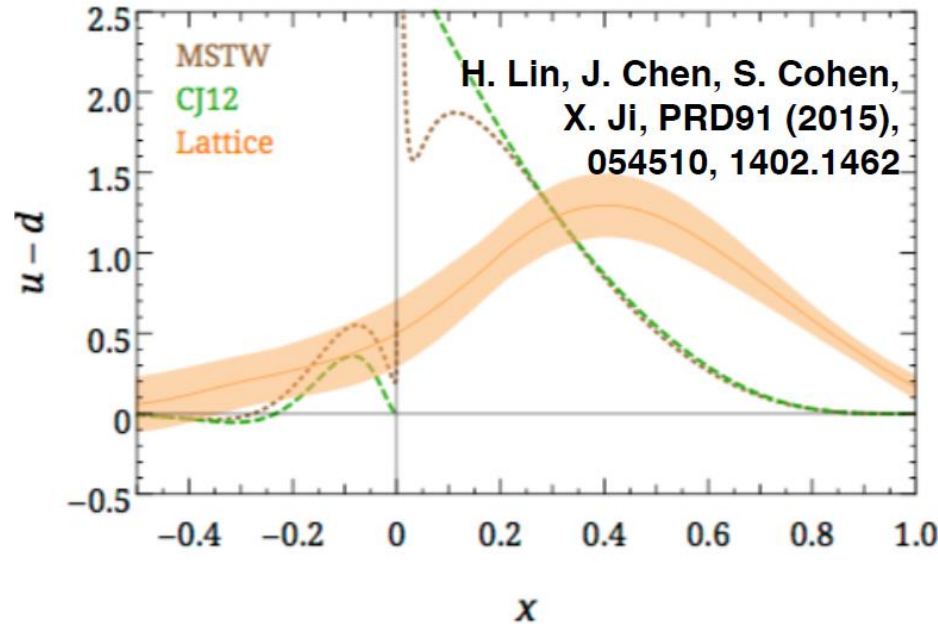
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§ Matching is a crucial step in recovering the true lightcone distribution

# Nucleon Unpolarized PDF

§ From 2014 to 2018

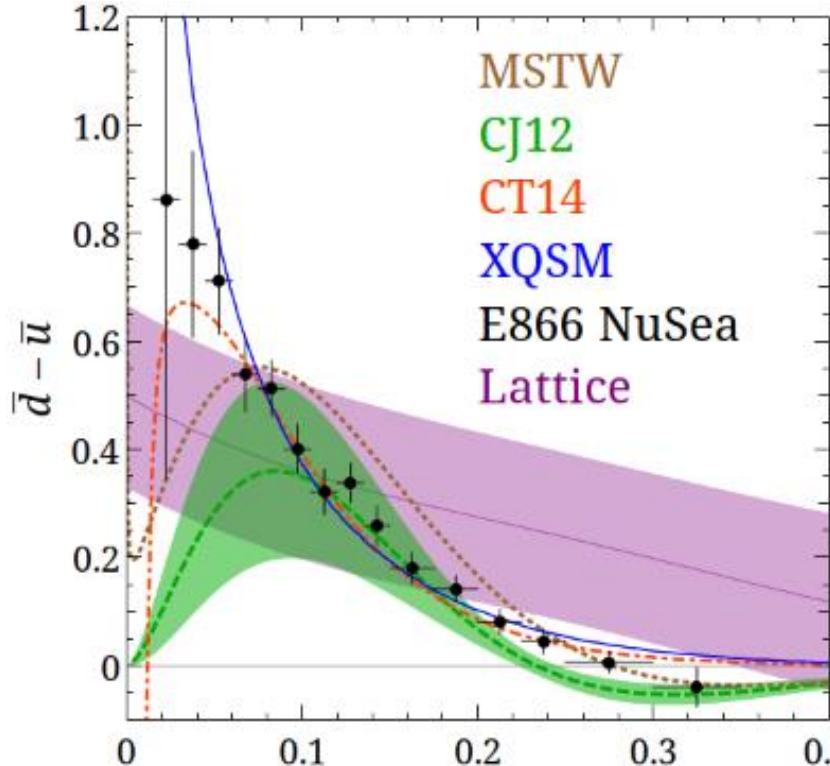


First result in 2014!

- ↻  $M_\pi \approx 310 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $a \approx 0.12 \text{ fm}$   
( $M_\pi L \approx 4.5$ )
- ↻ Largest  $P_Z \approx 1.3 \text{ GeV}$
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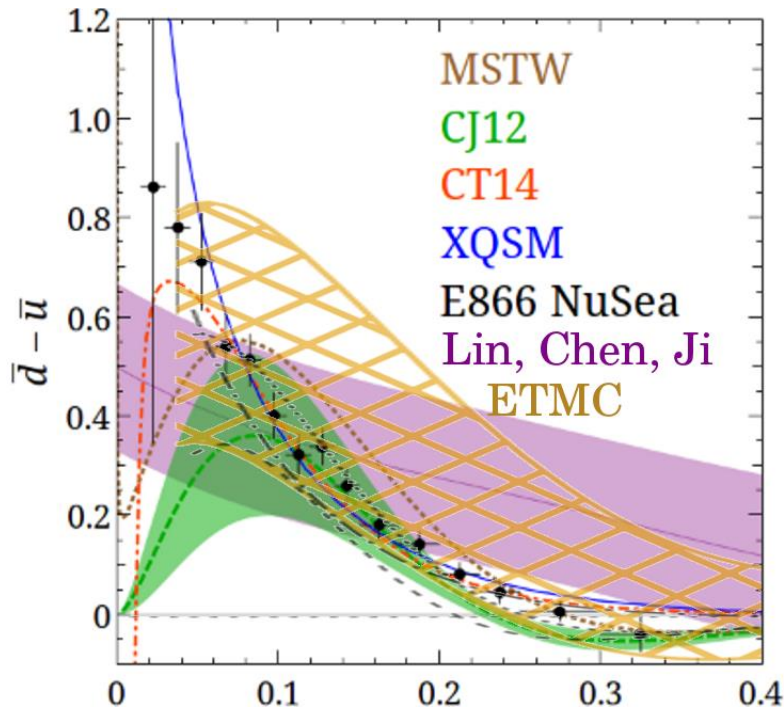
First sea flavor asymmetry  
ever calculated!

Overcomes  
decades of obstacles in  
LQCD structure calculations



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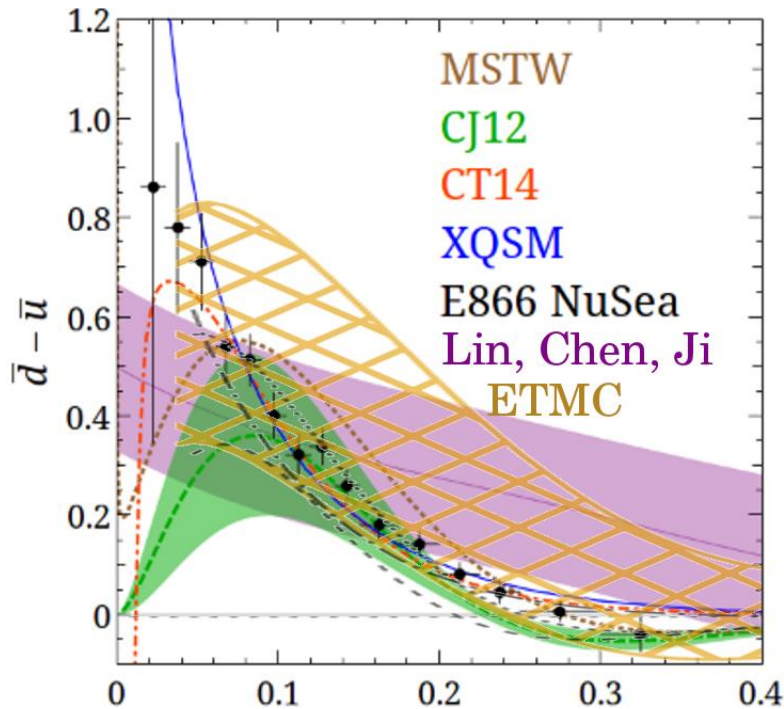


Similar results repeated by  
ETMC,  
at  $M_\pi \approx 373$  MeV,  $a \approx 0.8$  fm  
*ETMC, 1504.07455*

First helicity and transversity results: 1603.06664 (LP<sup>3</sup>)

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## § Updated results in 2017/18

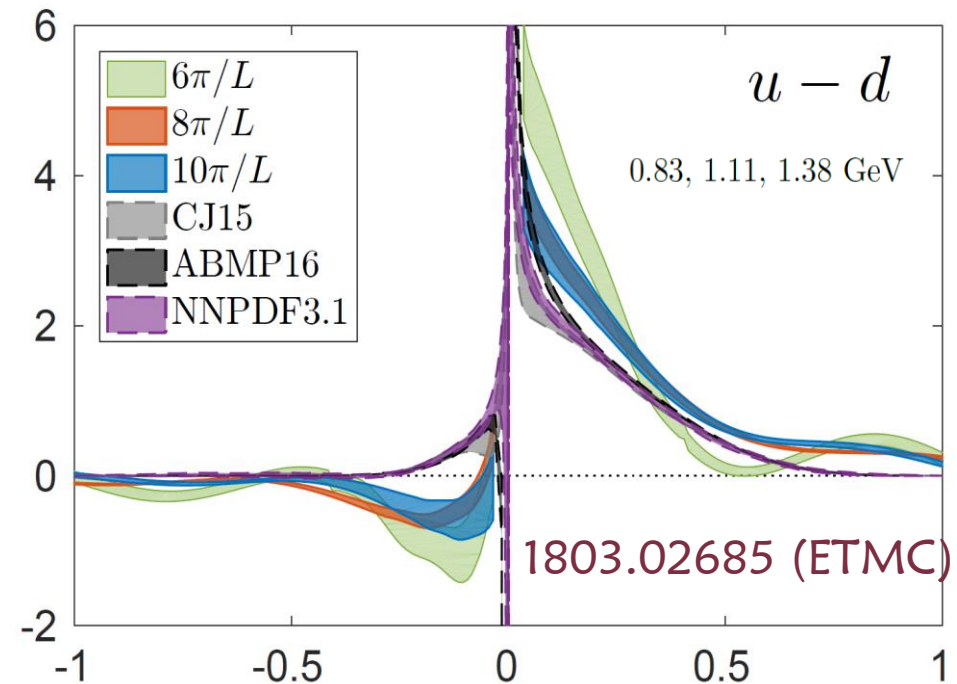
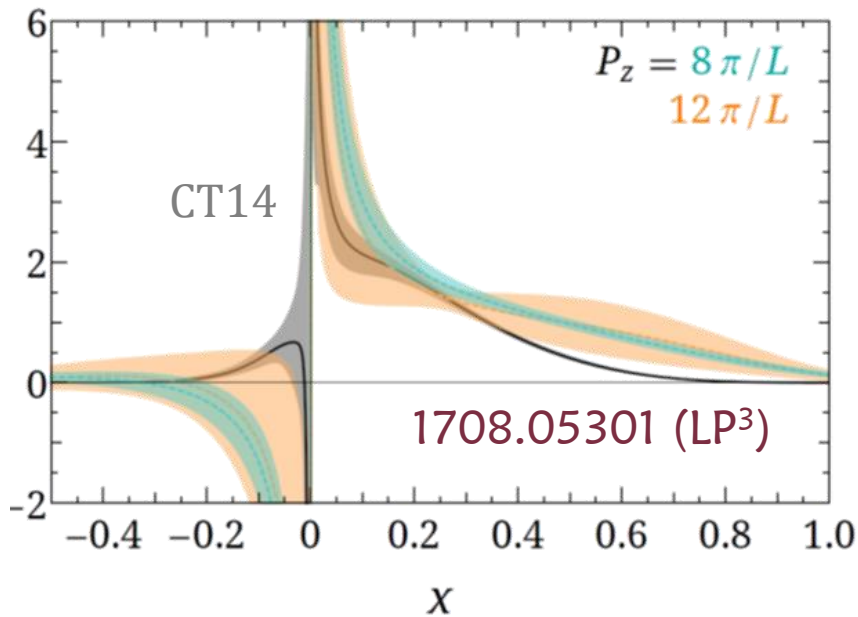
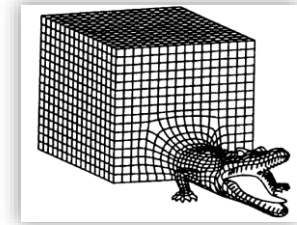
- ↻ RI/MOM nonperturbative renormalization and corresponding matching to lightcone distribution
- ↻ Improved quasi-distribution definition

# Physical Pion Mass Results

§ Exciting! Two collaborations' results at physical pion mass

∞ Boost momenta  $P_z \leq 1.4$  GeV

∞ Study of systematics still needed



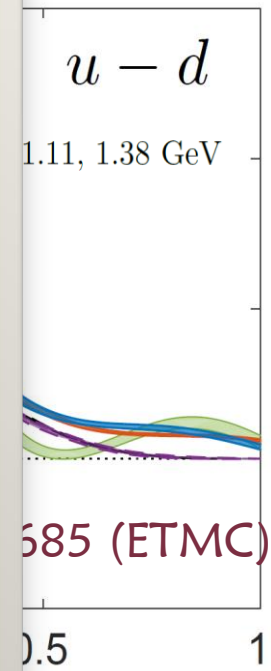
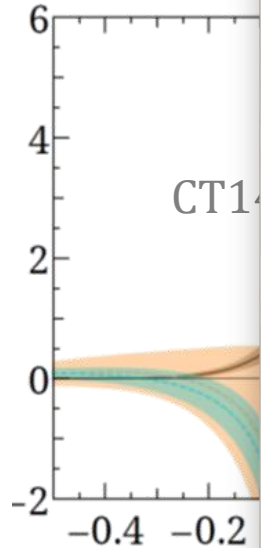
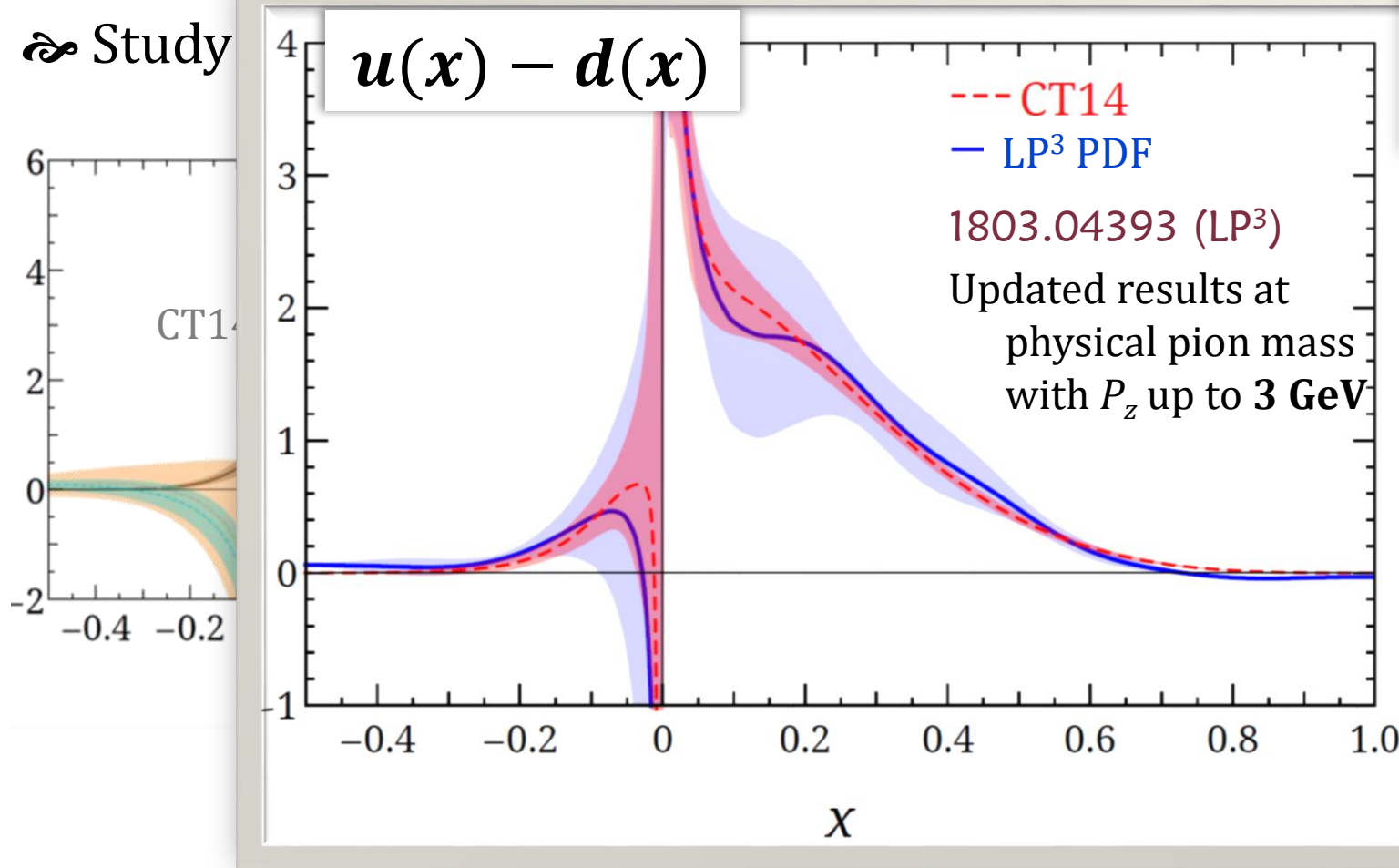
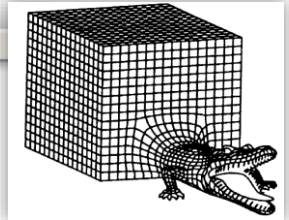
Not use any parametrization form like  $xf(x, \mu_0) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1-x)^{a_2} P(x)$

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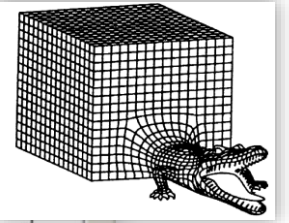
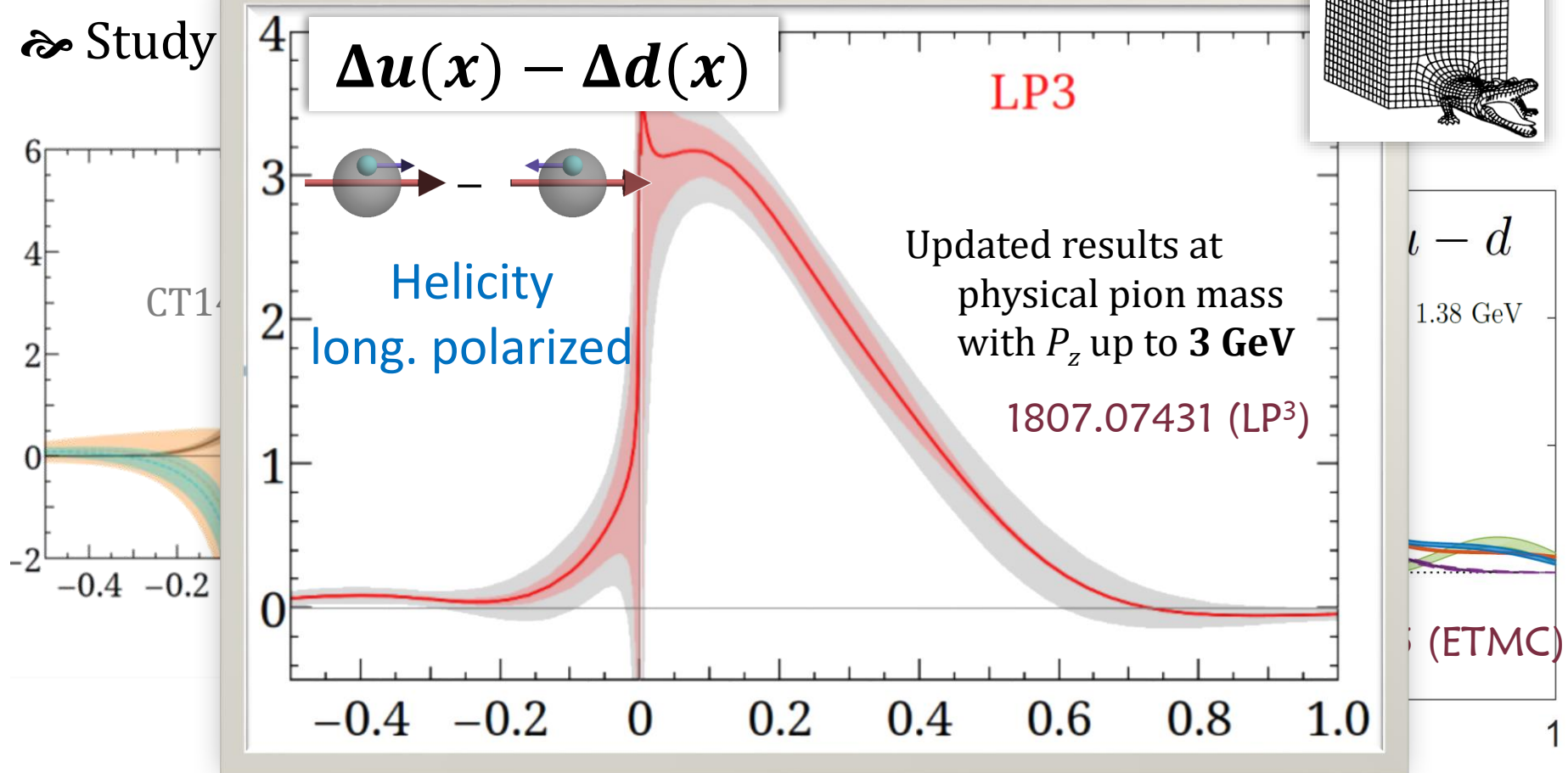


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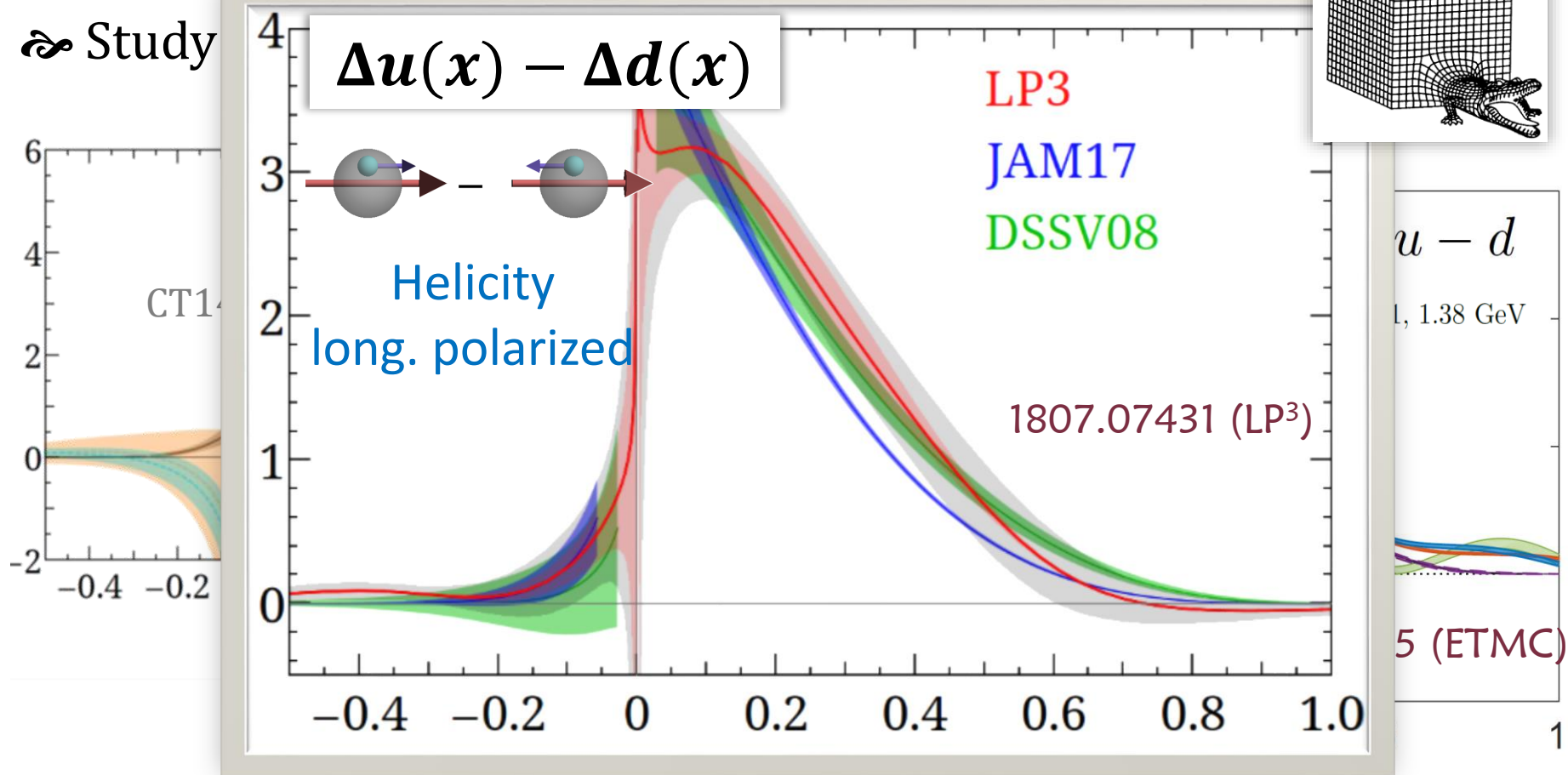
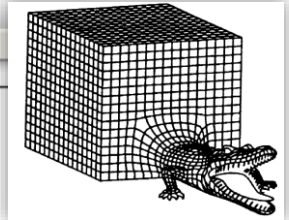


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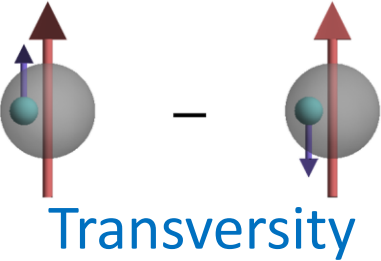


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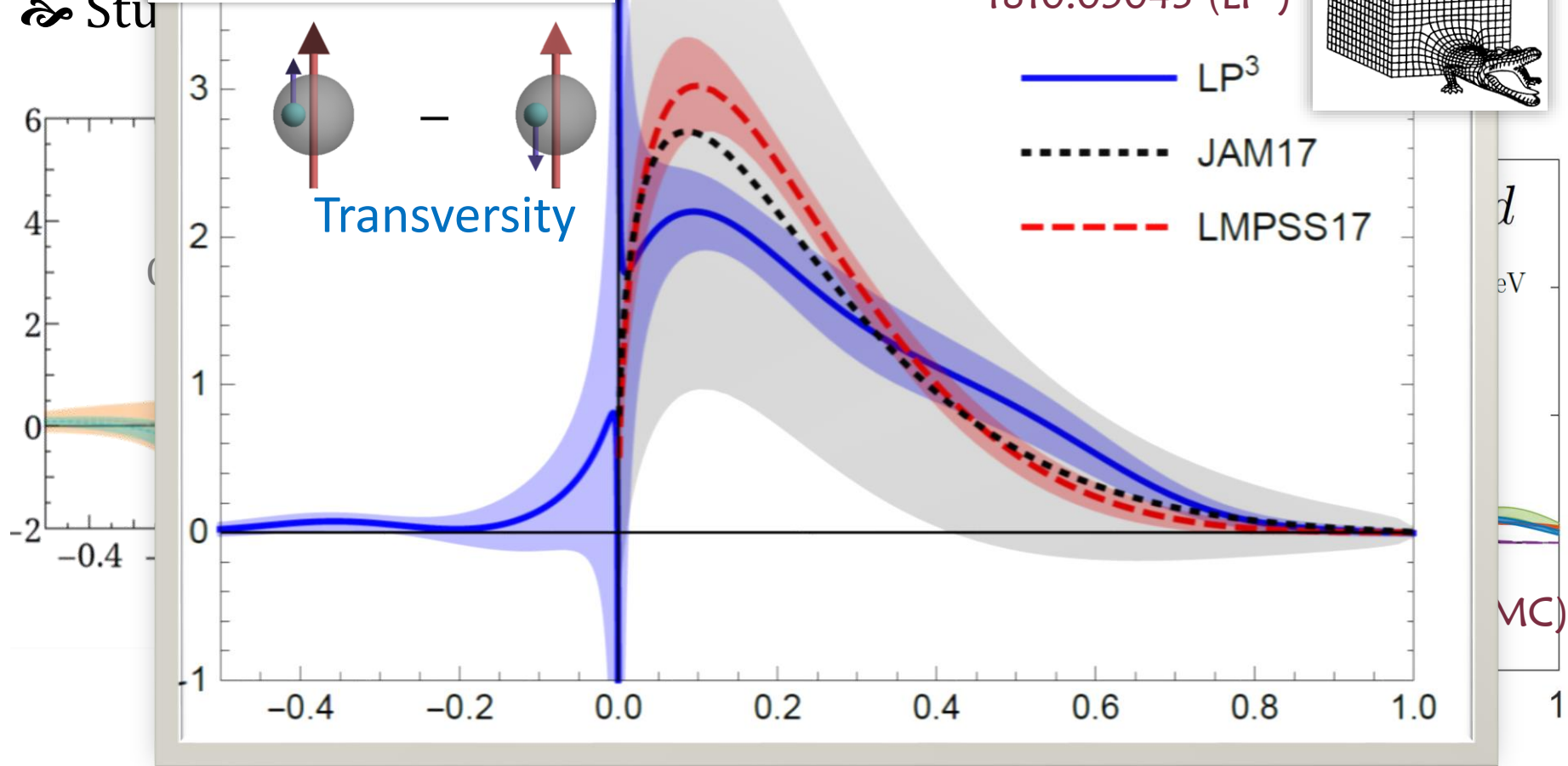
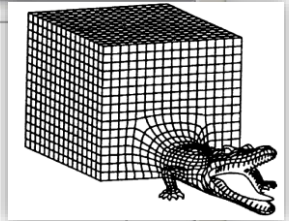
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∞ Bo  
∞ Stu

$$\delta u(x) - \delta d(x)$$



1810.05043 (LP<sup>3</sup>)

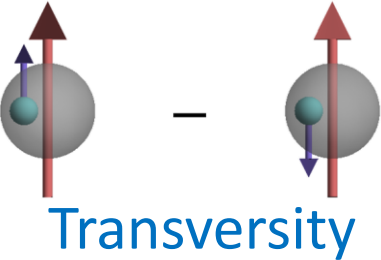


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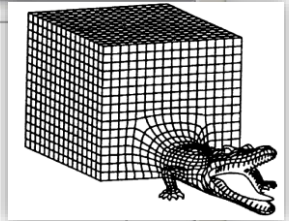
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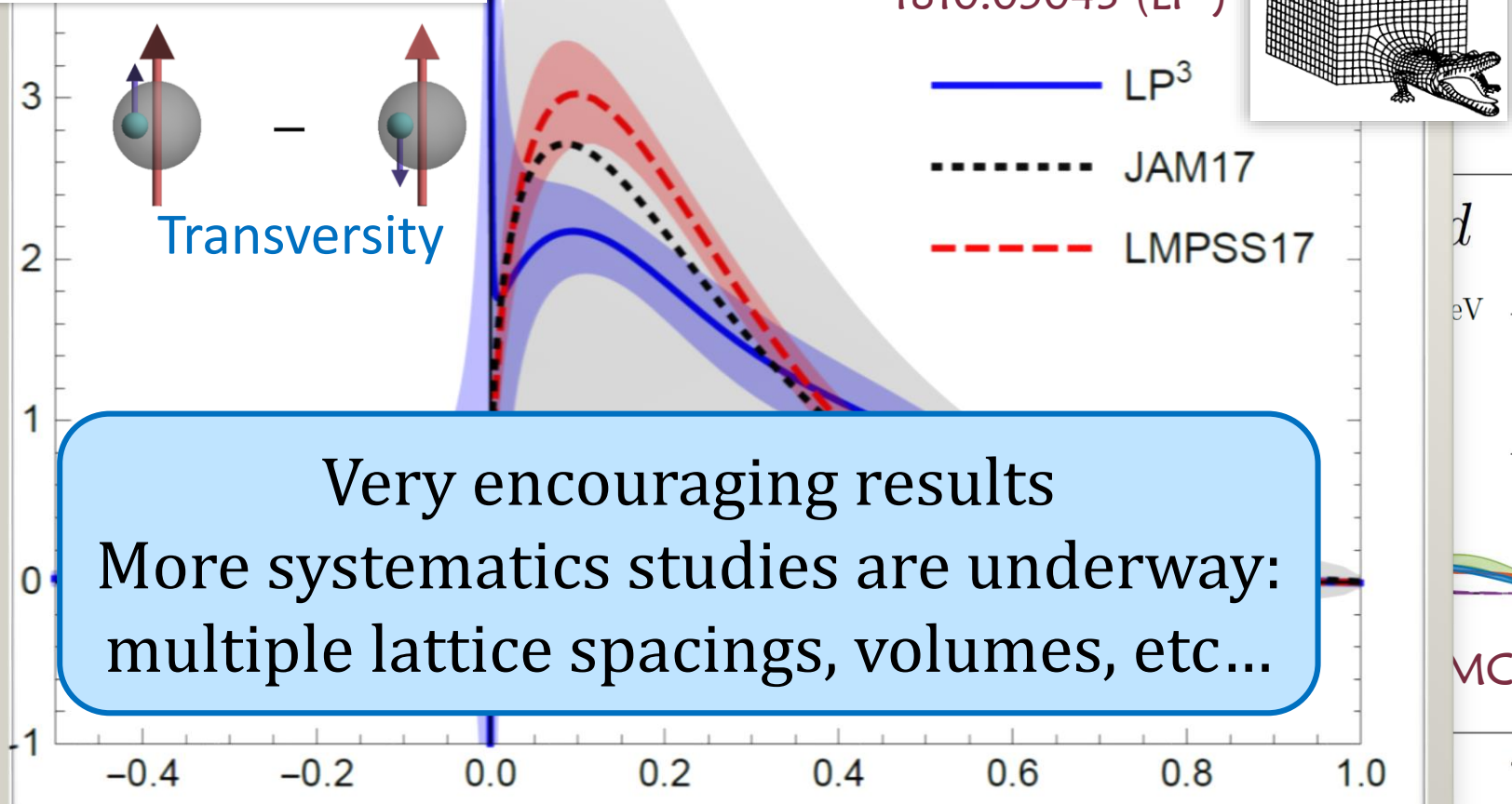


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- - - JAM17  
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Very encouraging results  
More systematics studies are underway:  
multiple lattice spacings, volumes, etc...



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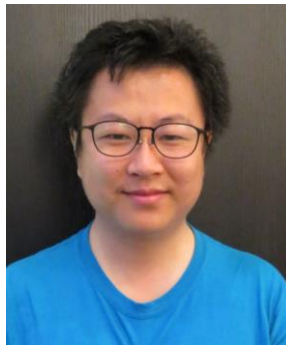
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## § Pioneering first glimpse into gluon PDF using LaMET

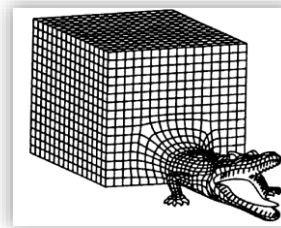
- ∞ Lattice details: overlap/2+1DWF, 0.16fm, 340-MeV sea pion mass
- ∞ Study strange/light-quark
- ∞ Promising results using coordinate-space comparison, but signal does not go far in  $z$
- ∞ Hard numerical problem to be solved



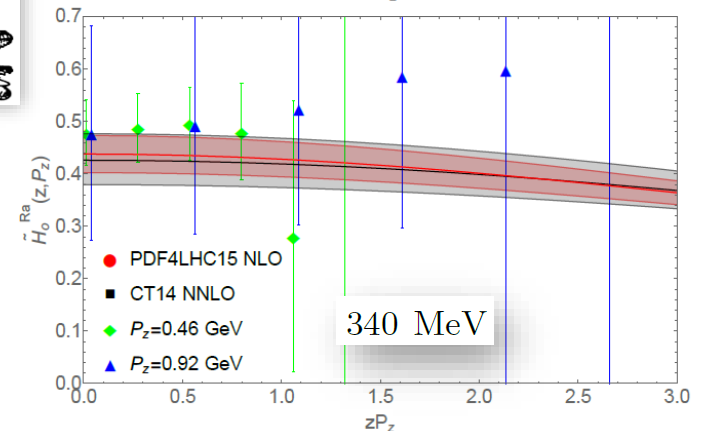
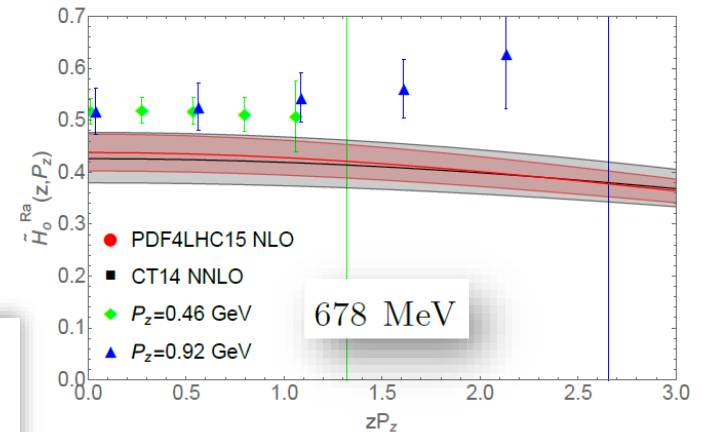
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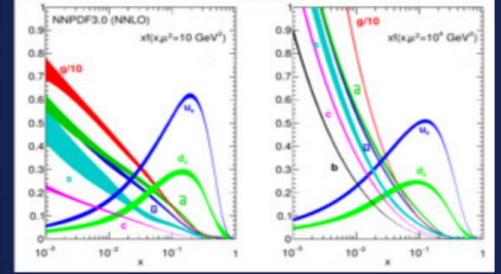
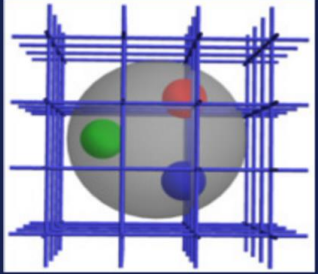


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Fan. et al, 1808.02077





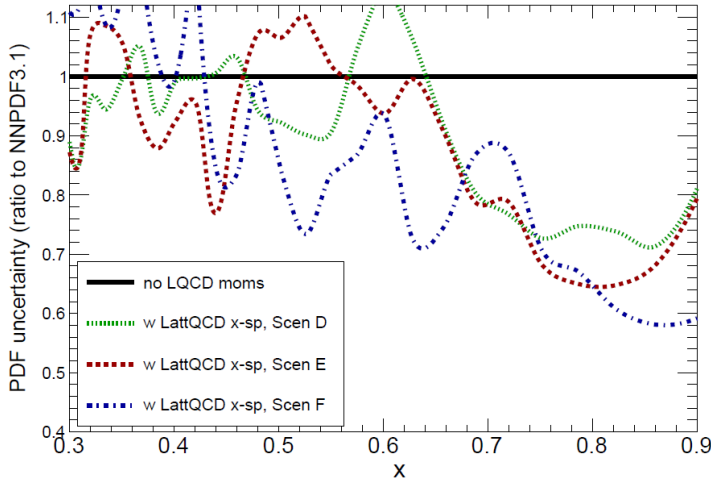
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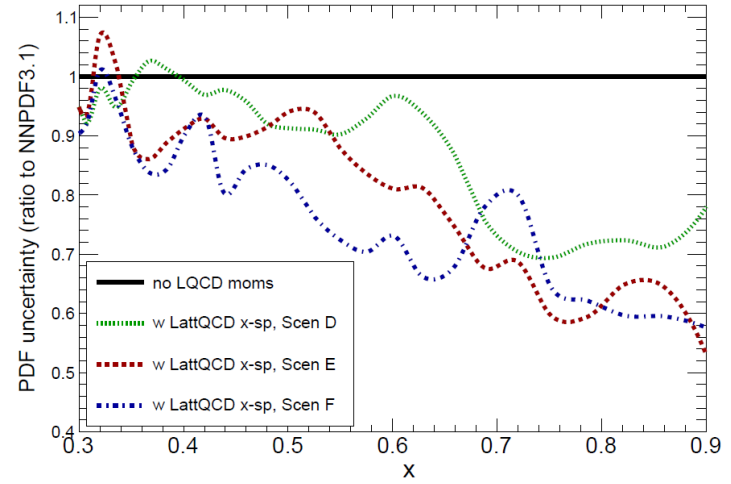
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$\delta(\bar{u}) @ Q^2=4 \text{ GeV}^2, \text{ NNPDF3.1}$



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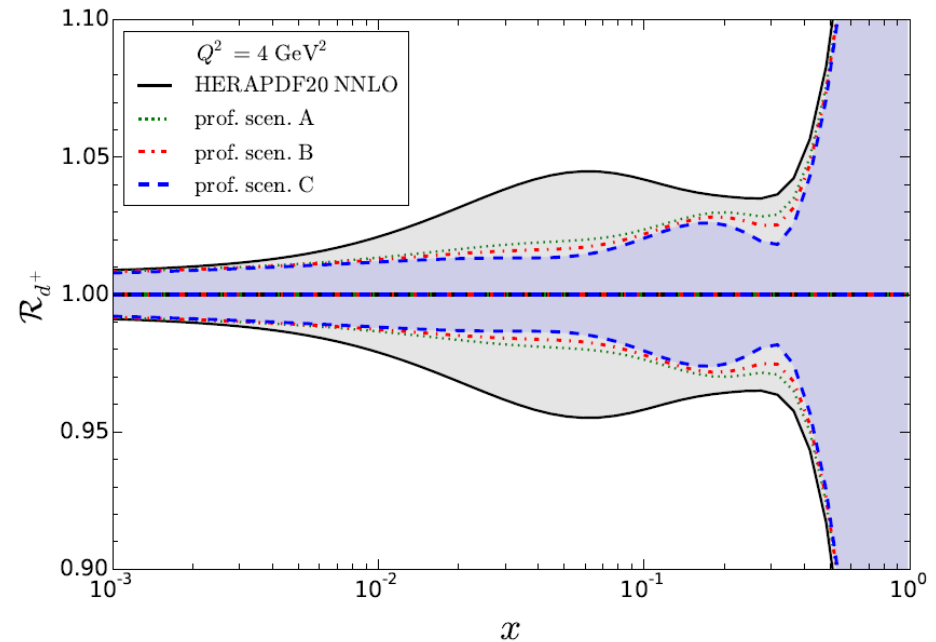
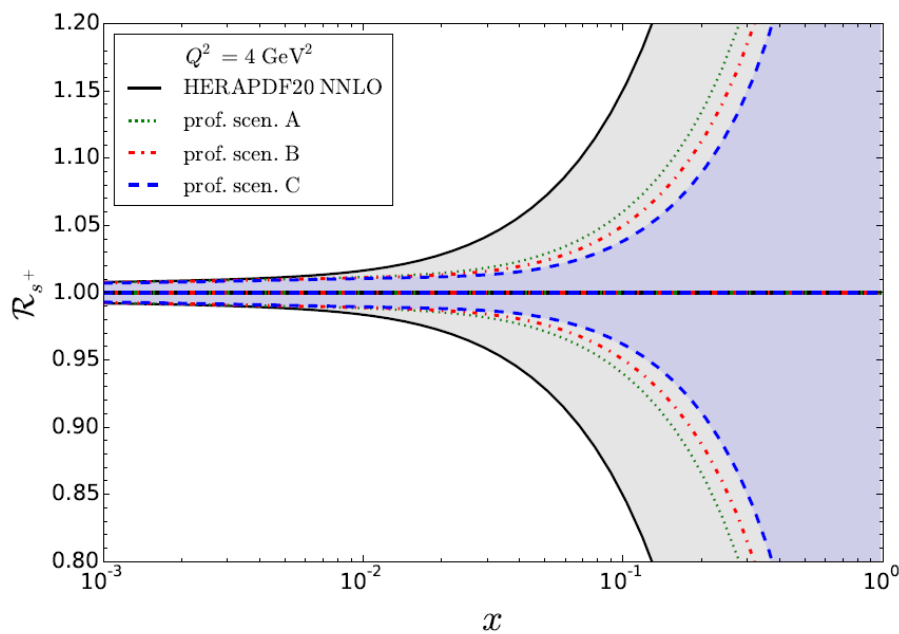
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# *LQCD Impacts*

§ Precision moments can be useful to improve PDFs!

§ Case study on the impacts (example)

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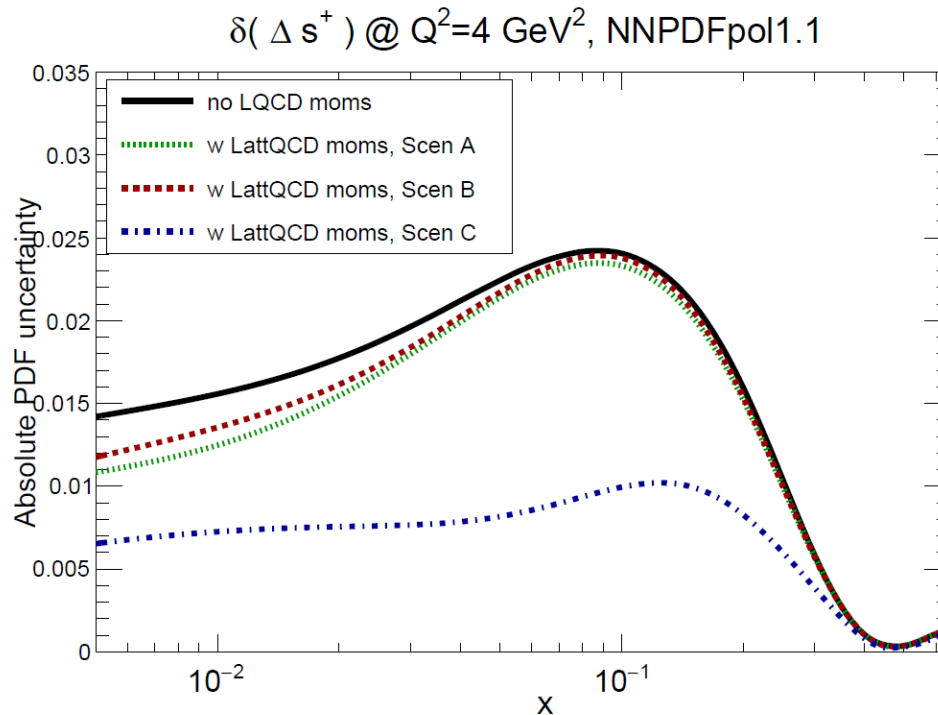
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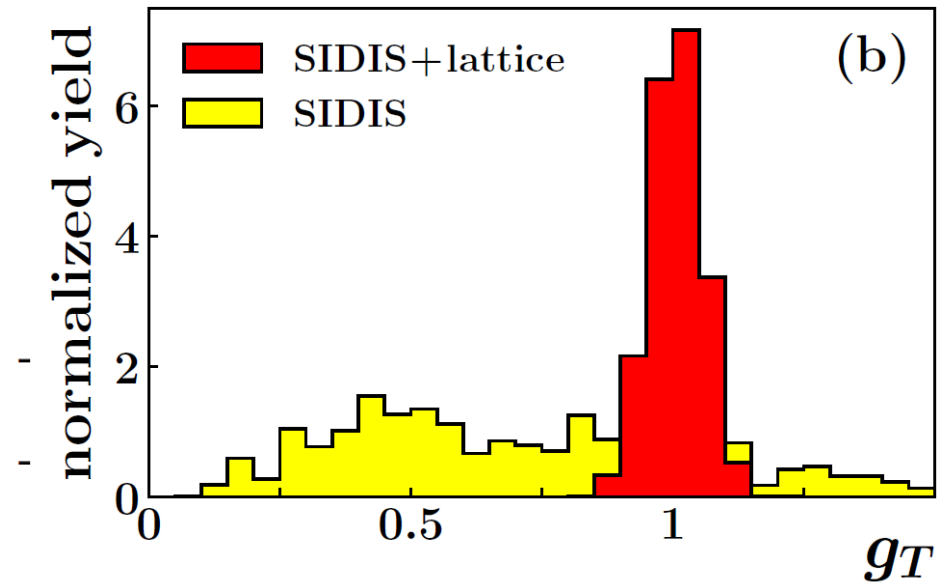
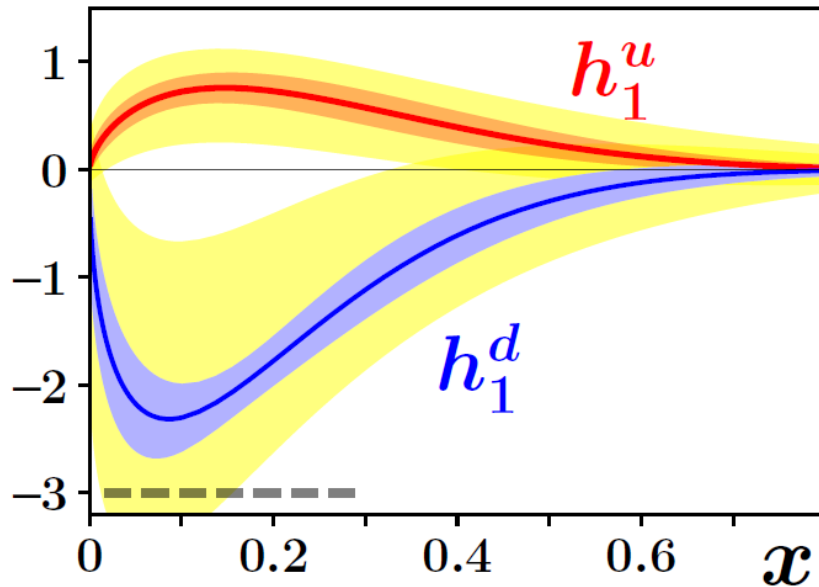
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# $\mathcal{LQCD}$ Impacts

## § Improved transversity distribution with LQCD $g_T$

∞ Global analysis with 12 extrapolation forms:  $g_T = 1.006(58)$

∞ Use to constrain the global analysis fits SIDIS  $\pi^\pm$  production data from proton and deuteron targets



Lin, Melnitchouk, Prokudin, Sato, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 152502 (2018)

# A NEW HOPE

*It is a period of war and economic uncertainty.*

*Turmoil has engulfed the galactic republics.*

*Basic truths at foundation of the human civilization are disputed by the dark forces of the evil empire.*

*A small group of QCD Knights from United Federation of Physicists has gathered in a remote location on the third planet of a star called Sol on the inner edge of the Orion-Cygnus arm of the galaxy.*

*The QCD Knights are the only ones who can tame the power of the Strong Force, responsible for holding atomic nuclei together, for giving mass and shape to matter in the Universe.*

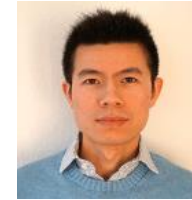
*They carry secret plans to build the most powerful*

# Summary & Outlook

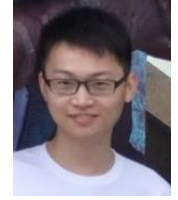
Exciting time for studying structure on the lattice

§ Overcoming longstanding obstacle to full  $x$ -distribution

- Progress made in **first lattice pion PDF** (1804.01483) & **meson distribution amplitudes** (1702.0008,1712.10025)



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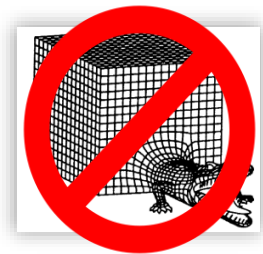


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§ Exciting/promising physical pion mass results

§ Further systematics study needed

- Need further work on larger momentum boost with finer lattice spacing, higher statistics, higher-order matching, ...



§ LQCD impacts for current PDFs in the next few years

- Large- $x$  isovector PDFs and precision moments (examples shown)
- More work need to be done in small- $x$  region

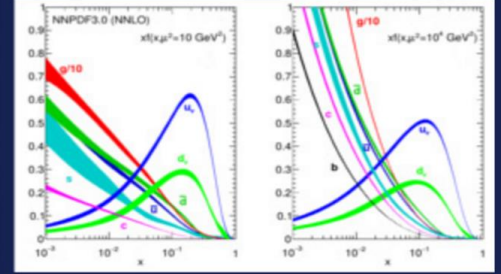
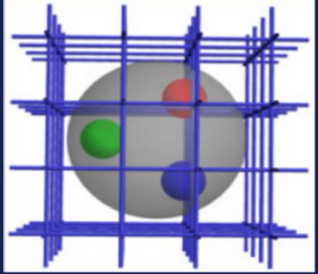


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# *Backup Slides*







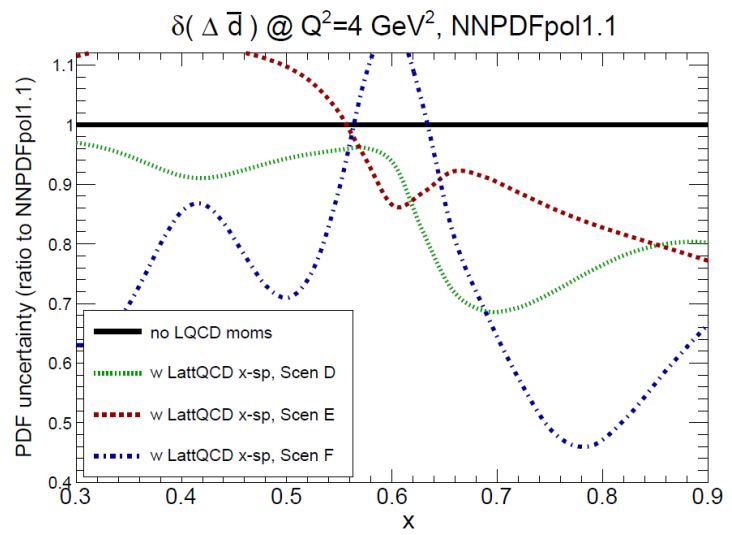
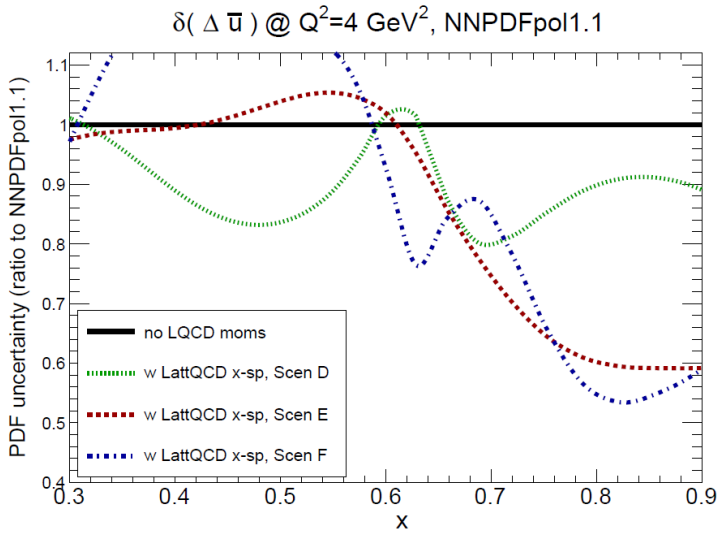
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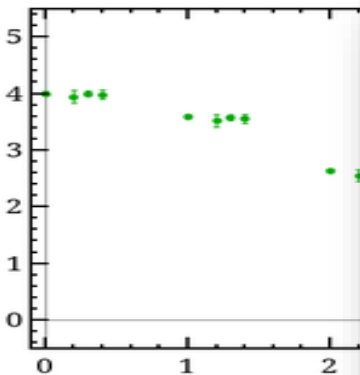
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# LaMET: Step-by-Step

Large-Momentum Effective Theory for PDFs X. Ji, PRL. 111, 262002 (2013)

1) Calculate nucleon matrix elements on the lattice

$$h(z, Pz) = \left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_z \exp\left(-i g \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right) \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle$$



$$P_z = 2.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}$$

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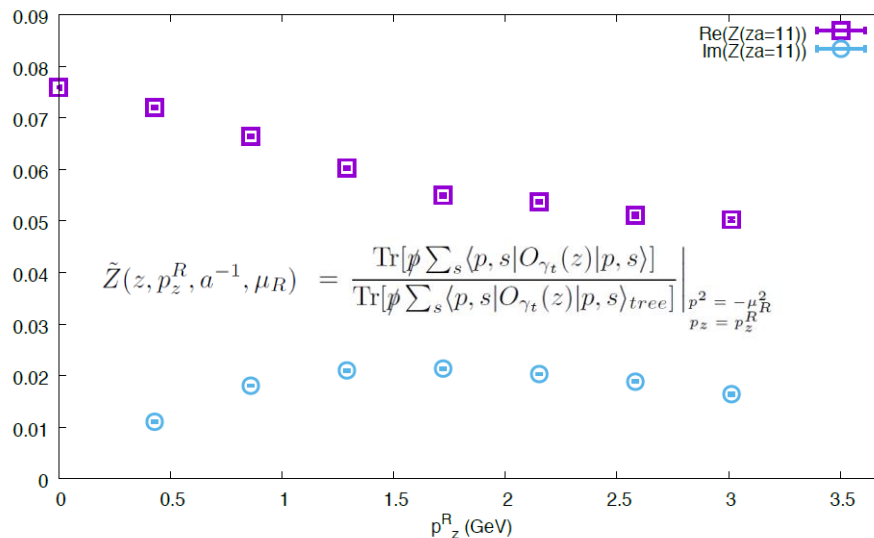
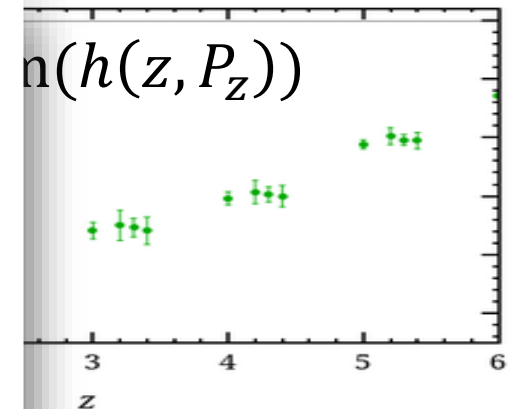


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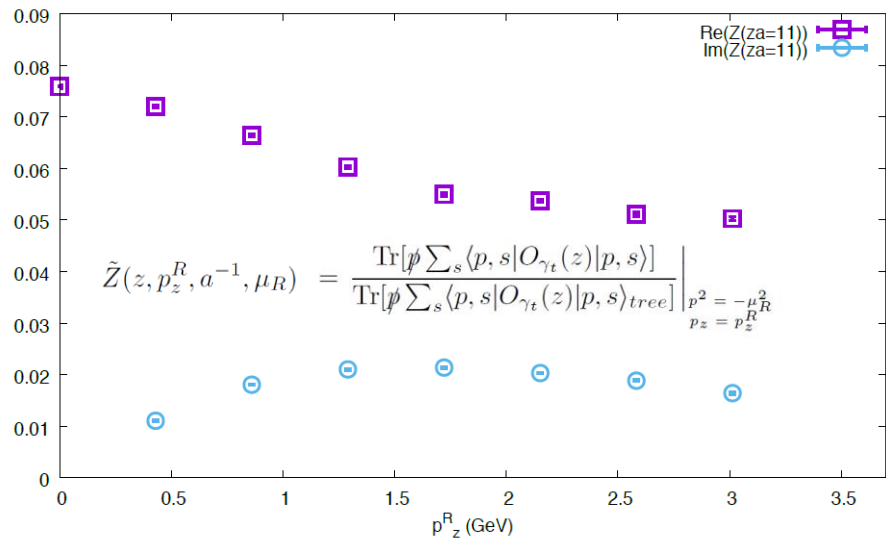
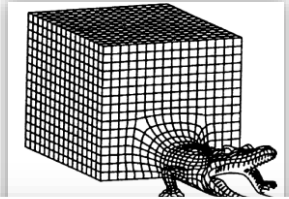


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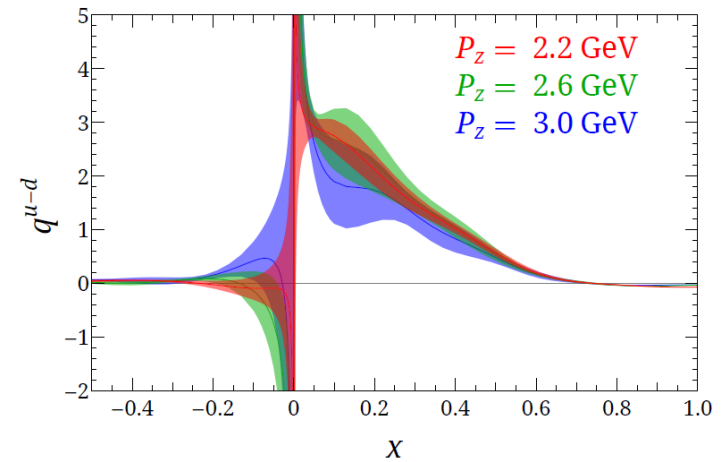


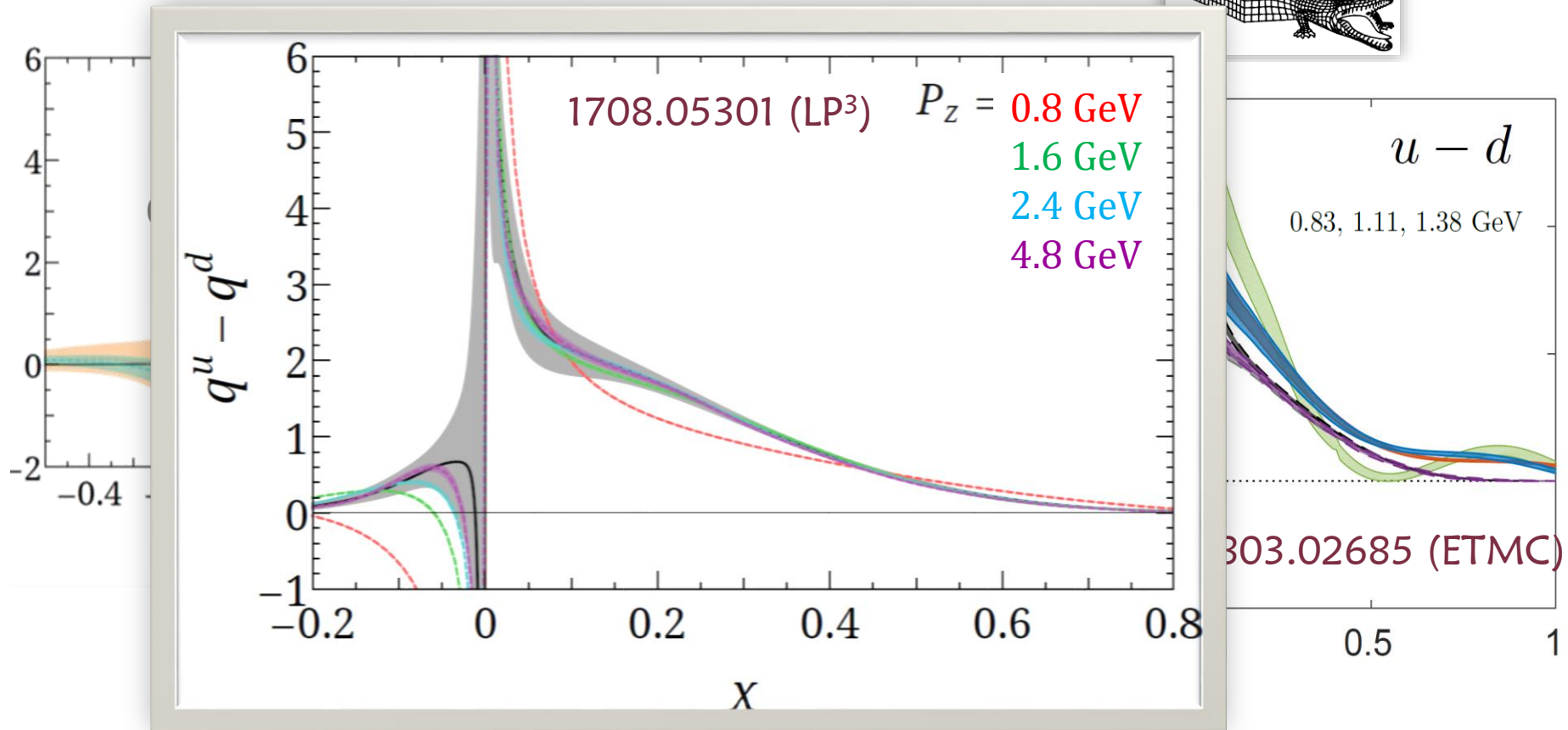
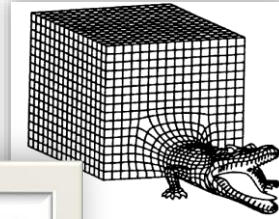
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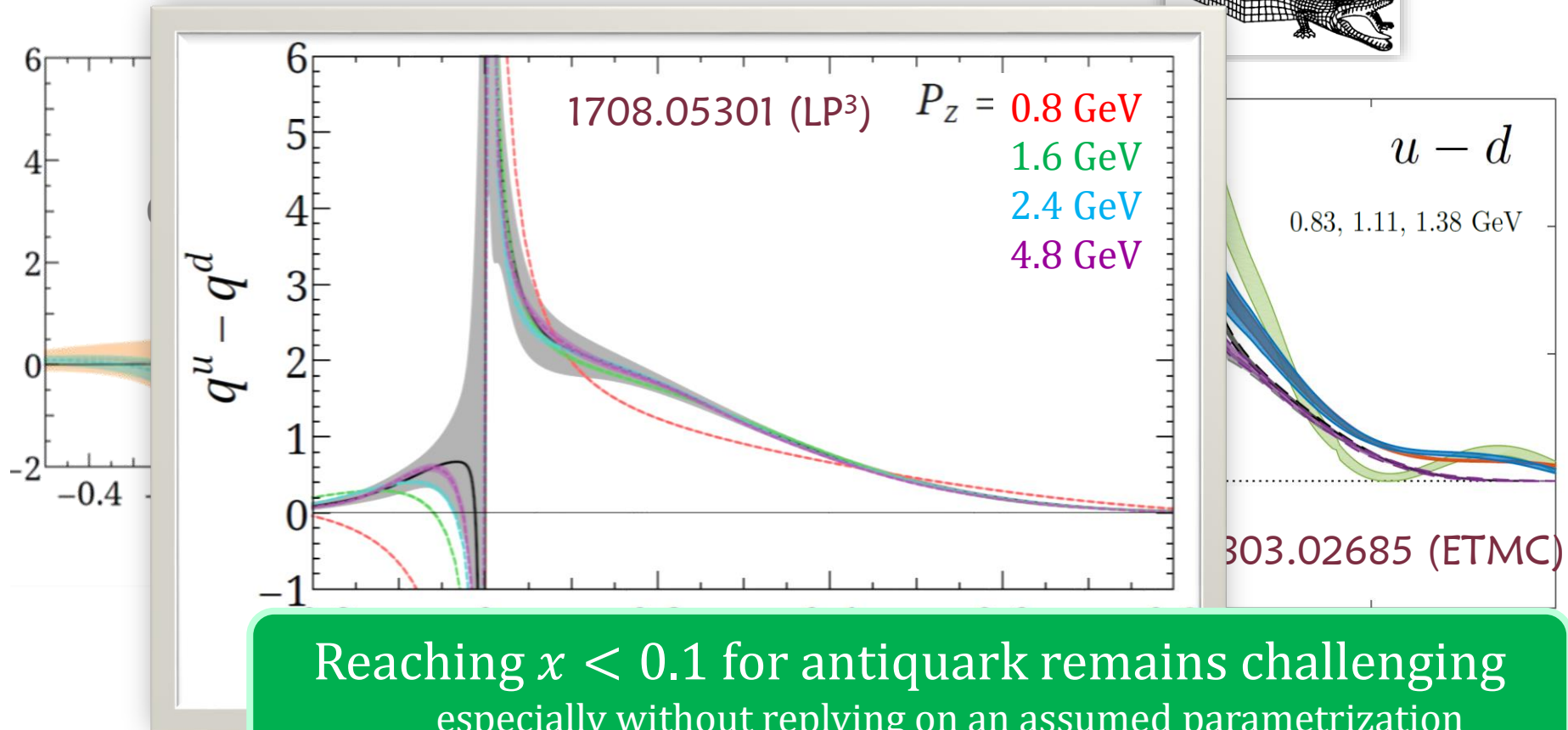
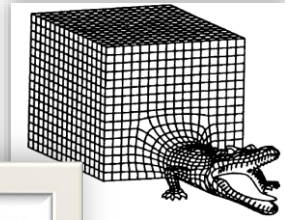


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# Pseudo-PDF Comparison

§ A variation of LaMET: A. Radyushki, 1705.01488

$$\ni \mathcal{P}(x, z^2, \mu, \epsilon) = \int dz (p_z/2\pi) e^{ix \cdot v} h(v, z^2, \mu, \epsilon)$$

§ Versus quasi-PDF Ji, Zhang, Zhao 1706.07416

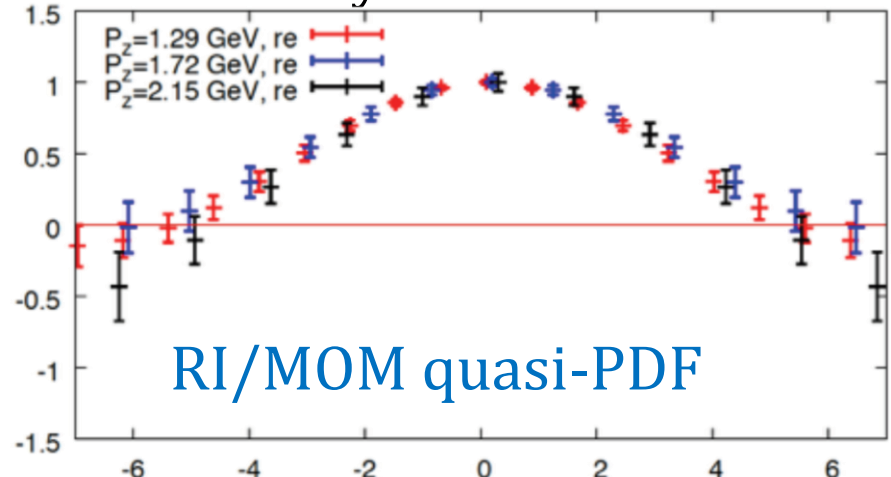
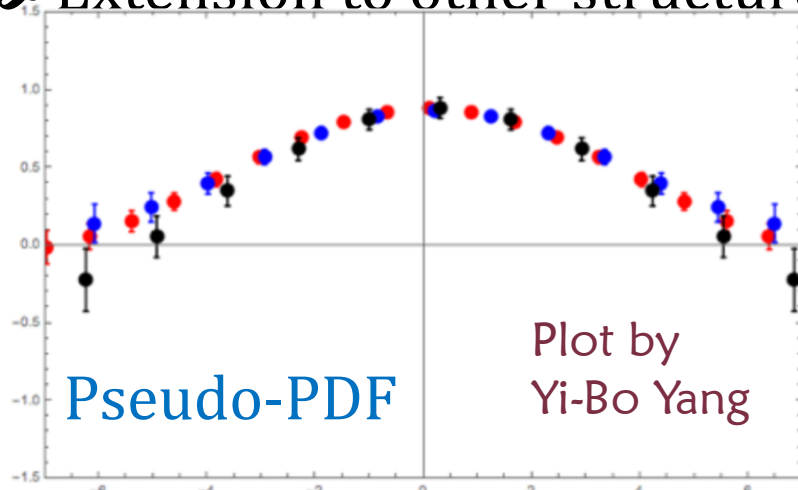
$$\ni \tilde{q}(x, p_z, \mu, \epsilon) = \int (dz/2\pi) e^{ix \cdot z} p_z h(z p_z, z^2, \mu, \epsilon)$$

§ Similarity and issues:  $h(v, z^2)/h(0, z^2) = M(v, z^2)$

§ One of the numerical attractions

$\ni$  Similar matrix elements; same problems we have

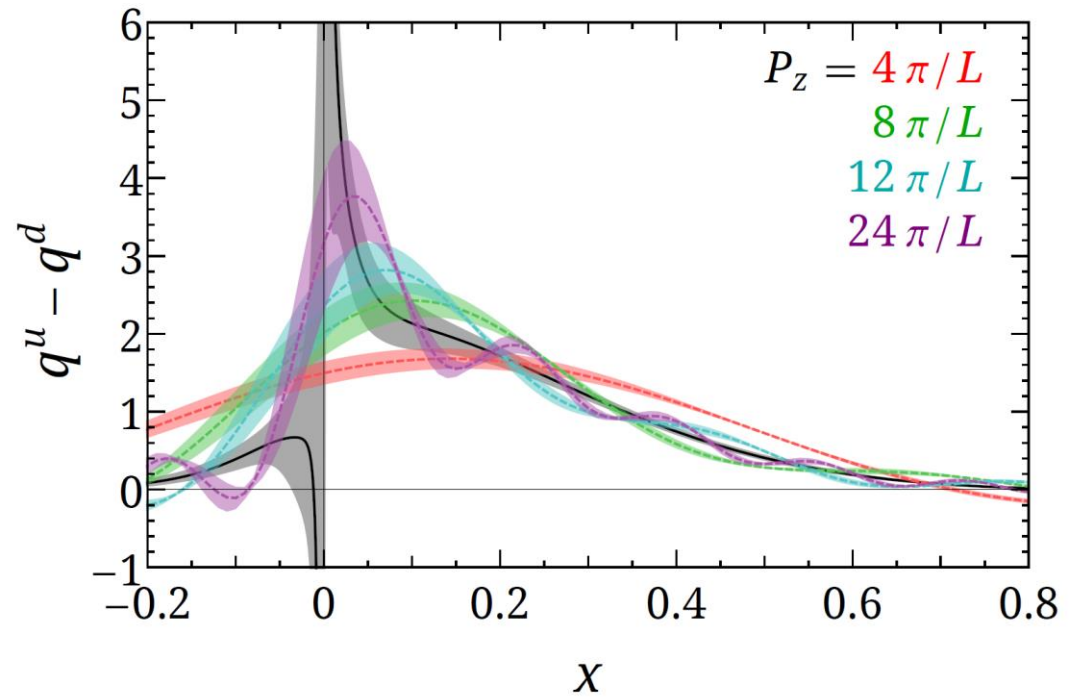
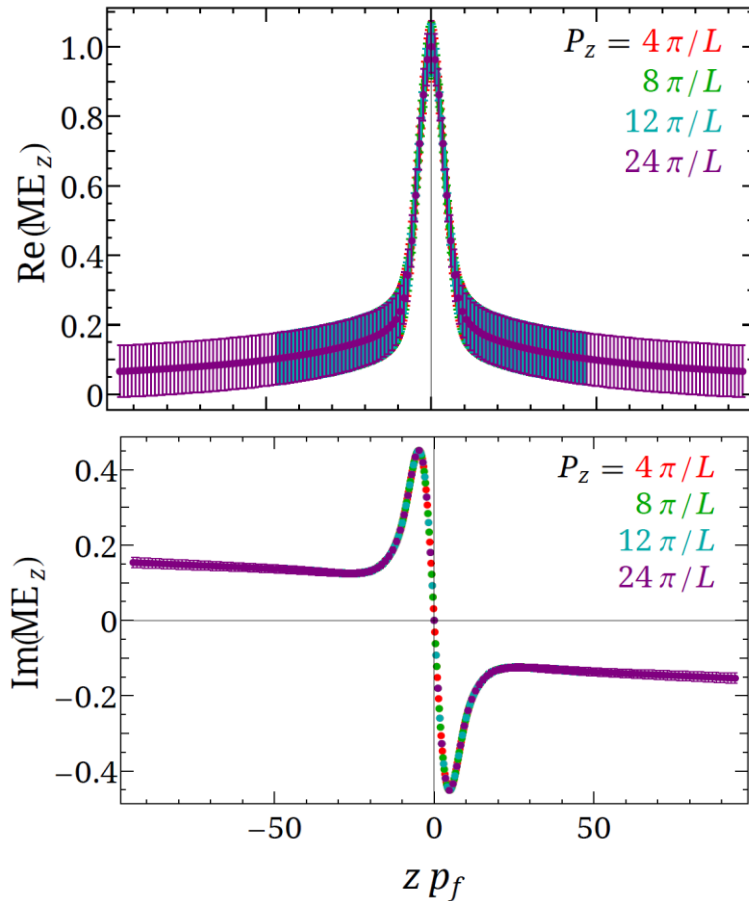
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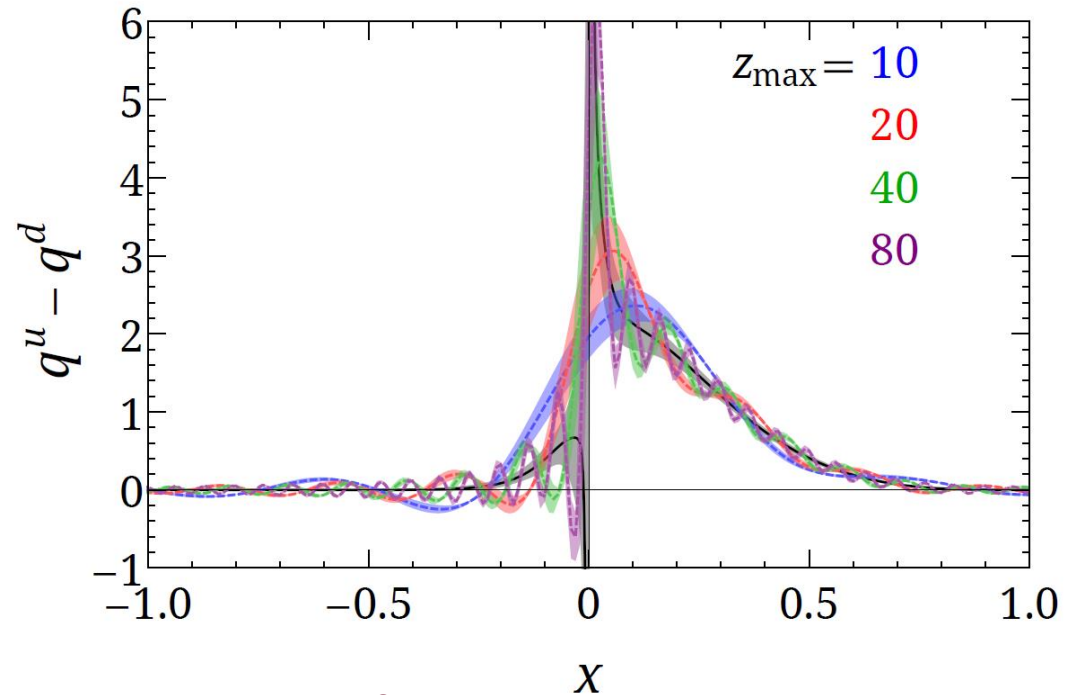
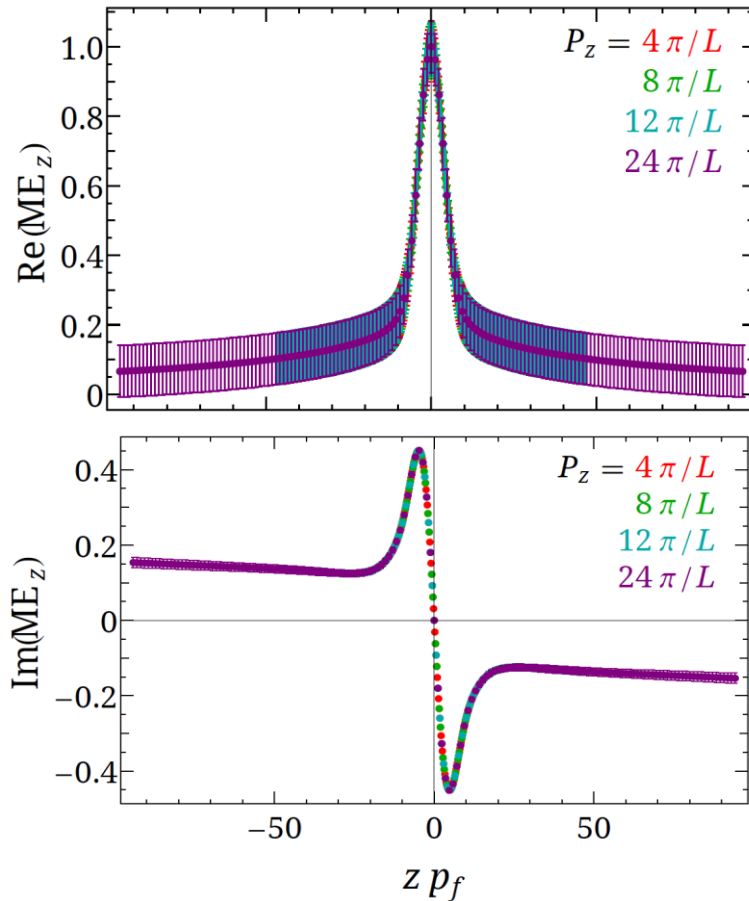
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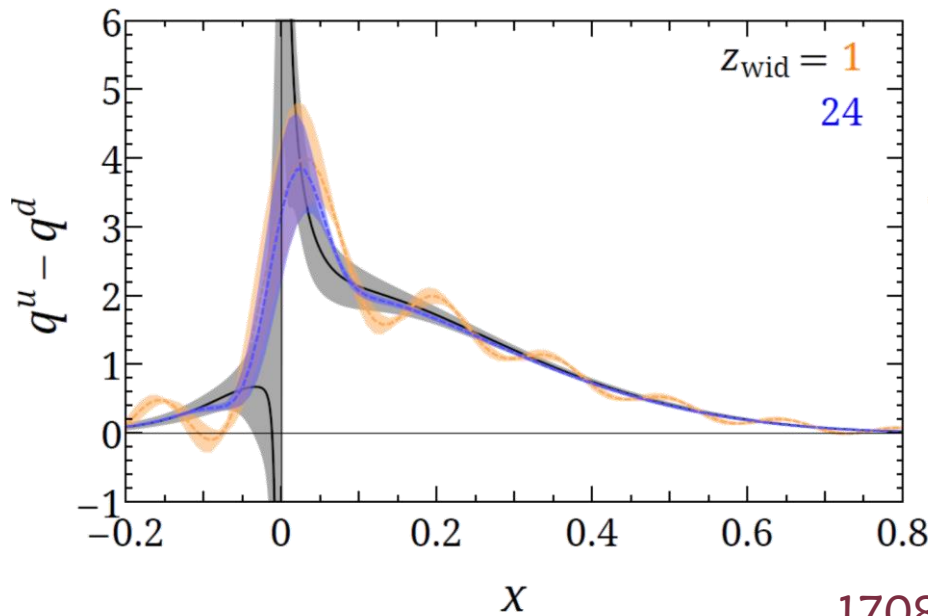
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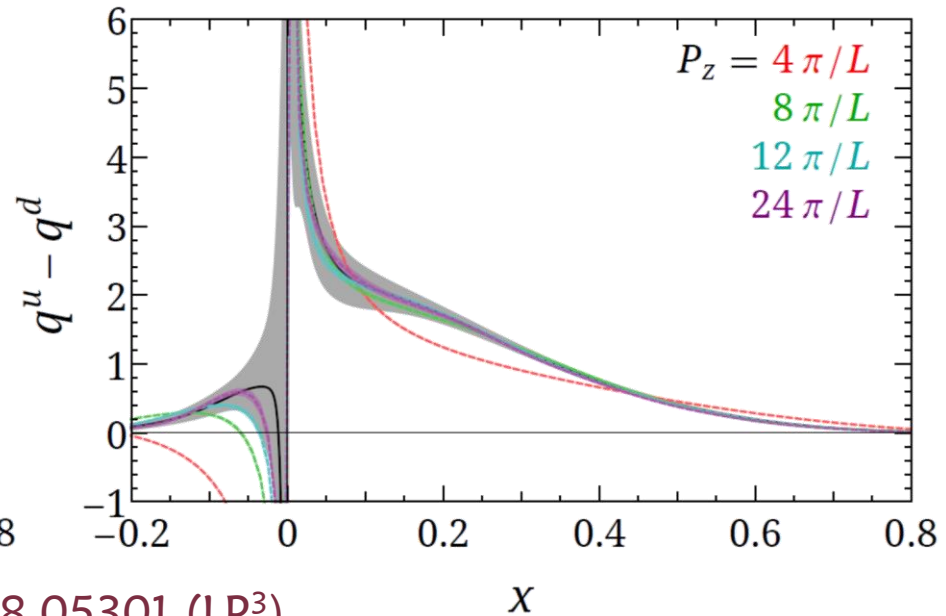
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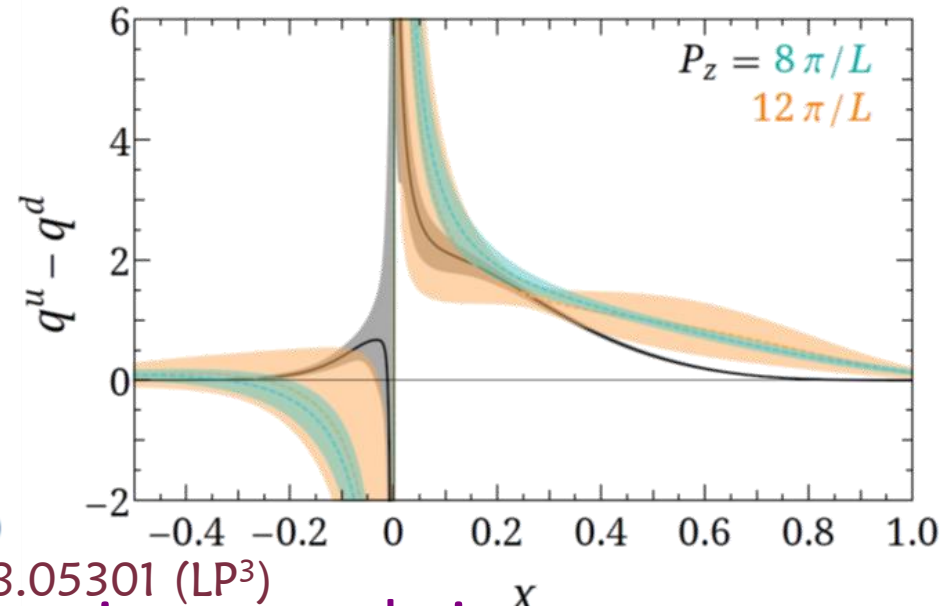
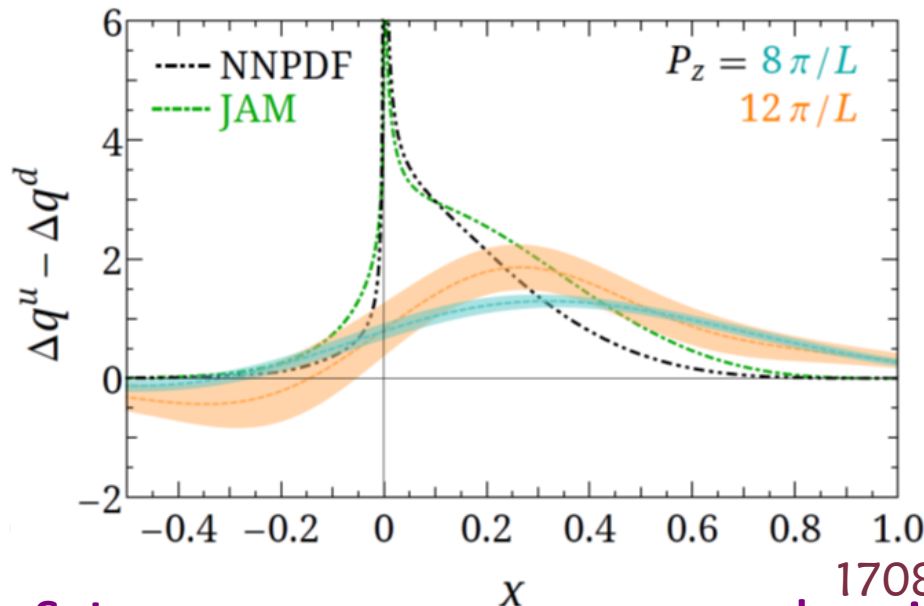
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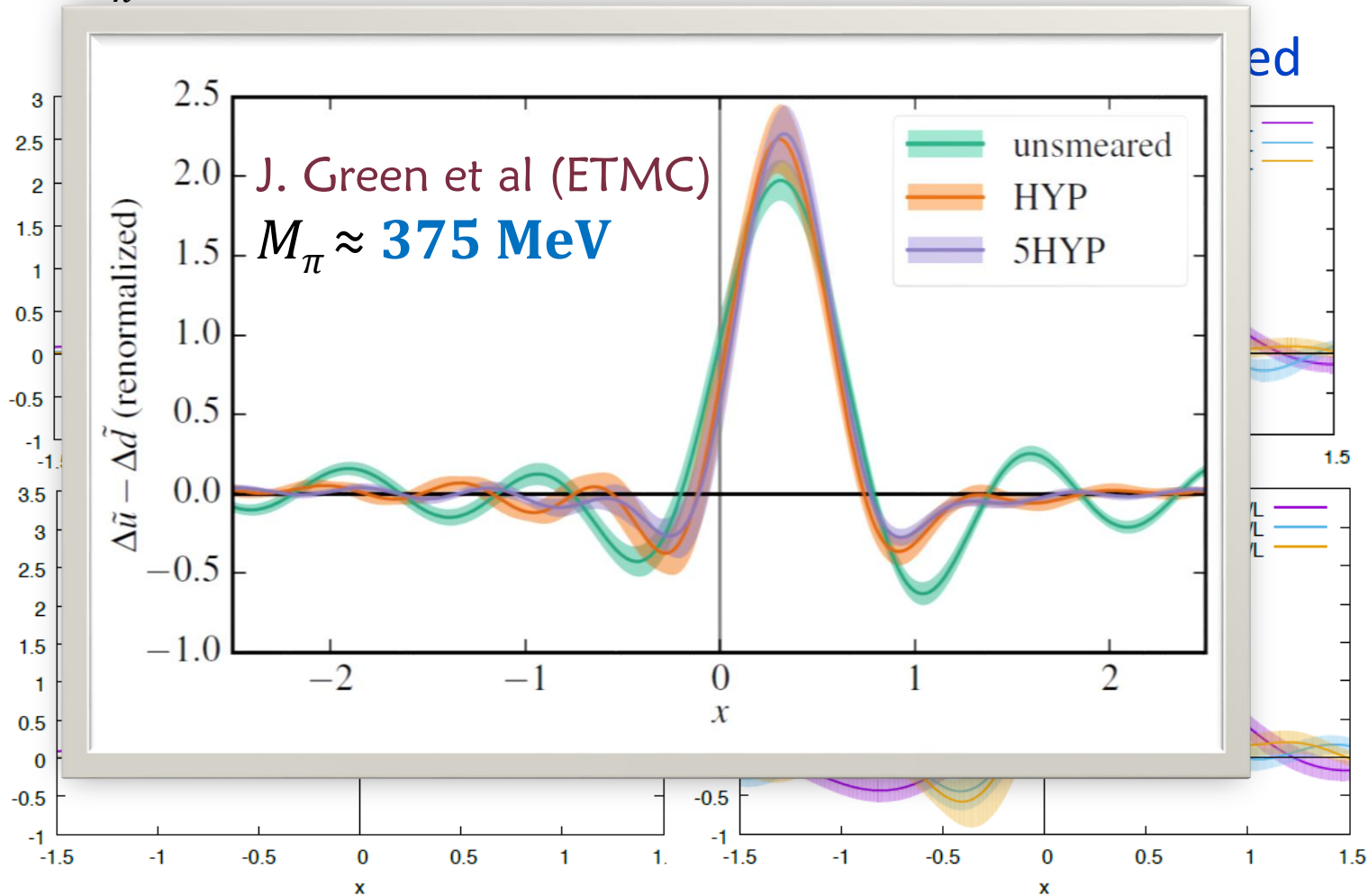
§ Larger momentum production is currently in progress

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§ The problem persists/worsens at physical pion mass

$$M_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}, a \approx 0.09 \text{ fm}, L \approx 5.6 \text{ fm}$$



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