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The Tomography of Nucleon:

**Lattice QCD calculation of the unpolarized
transverse-momentum-dependent parton distributions**

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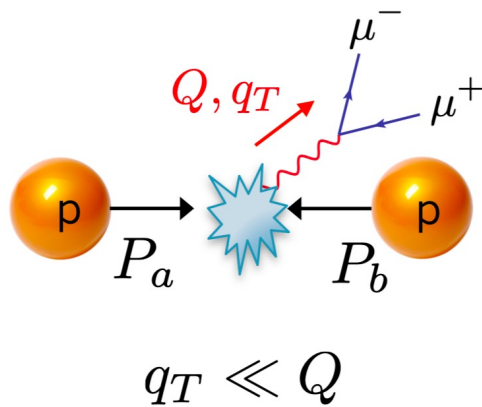
OUTLINE

- **Motivation**
- **Lattice QCD calculation of TMDPDFs**
 - **Extract TMDPDFs from LaMET**
 - **Quasi TMDPDF matrix elements and their renormalization**
 - **From Quasi TMDPDF to physical TMDPDF**
 - **Numerical results**
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TMDPDFs: 3D tomography of the nucleon

TMD processes:

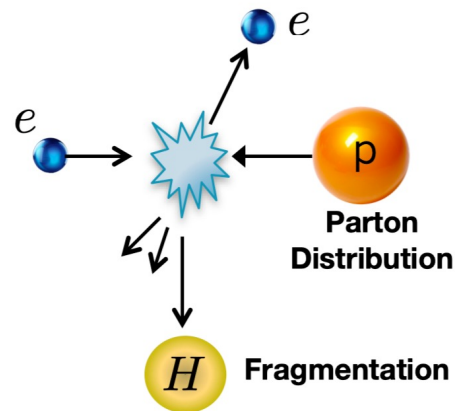
Drell-Yan



LHC, FermiLab, RHIC, ...

$$\sigma \sim f_{q/P}(x, k_T) f_{q/P}(x, k_T)$$

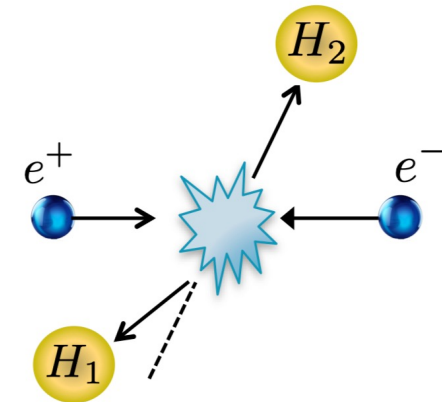
Semi-Inclusive DIS



HERMES, COMPASS, JLab,
EIC, ...

$$\sigma \sim f_{q/P}(x, k_T) D_{h/q}(x, k_T)$$

Dihadron in e+e-

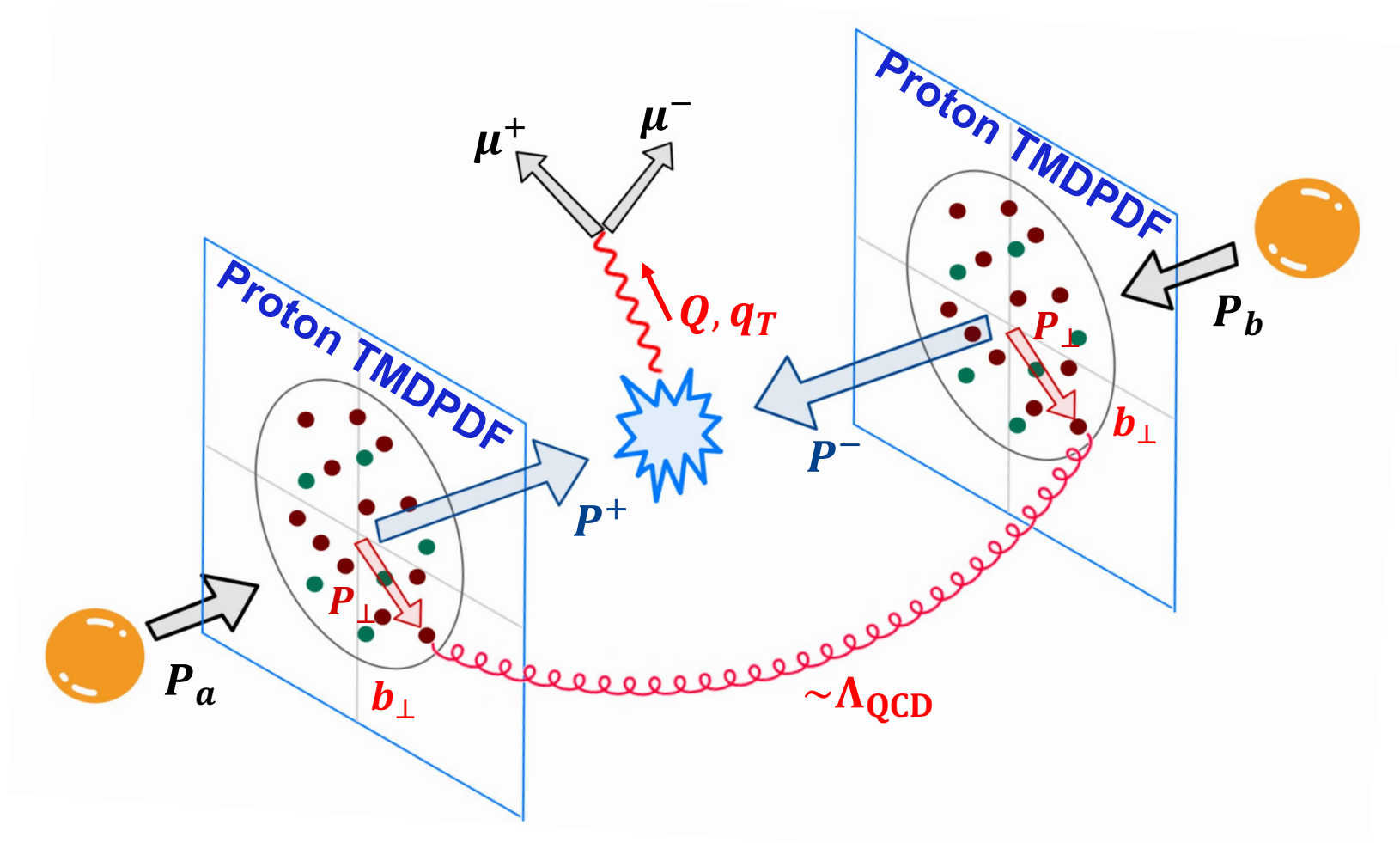


BESIII, Babar, Belle, ...

$$\sigma \sim D_{h_1/q}(x, k_T) D_{h_2/q}(x, k_T)$$

TMDPDFs: 3D tomography of the nucleon

- Low- q_T region of Drell-Yan Process:

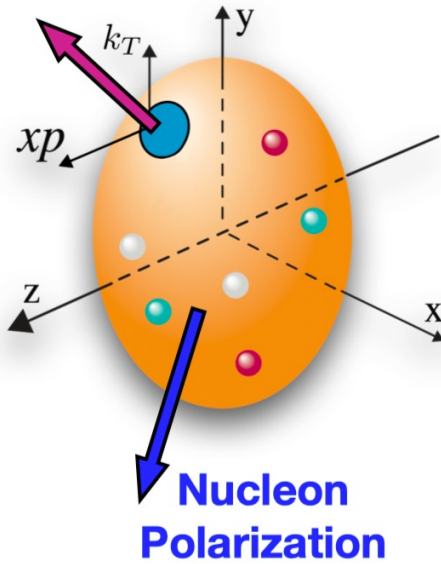


Revealing the
confined motion of
partons inside the nucleon



TMDPDFs: 3D tomography of the nucleon

Quark Polarization



Leading Quark TMDPDFs



		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \text{○} \cdot$ Unpolarized		$h_1^\perp = \text{○} \uparrow - \text{○} \downarrow$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_{1L} = \text{○} \rightarrow - \text{○} \leftarrow$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{○} \nearrow - \text{○} \nwarrow$ Worm-gear
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TMD Handbook, TMD Collaboration, 2304.03302

Progress in the study of TMDPDFs

➤ Theoretical analysis

- **TMD factorization, evolution and resummation:**

Boussarie et al., TMD handbook, 2304.03302;

Collins, Foundations of perturbative QCD;

➤ Phenomenological parametrizations and extractions

- **Unpolarized:**

Moos, JHEP05 (2024); Bacchetta, JHEP10 (2022); Bury, JHEP10 (2022);

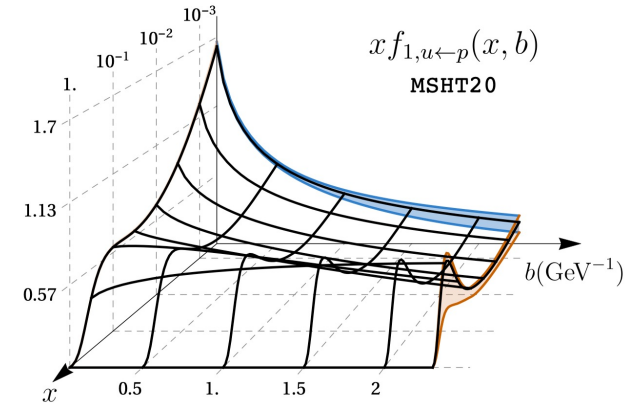
Scimem, JHEP06 (2020); Bacchetta, JHEP06 (2017);

- **Sivers, Boer-Mulders:**

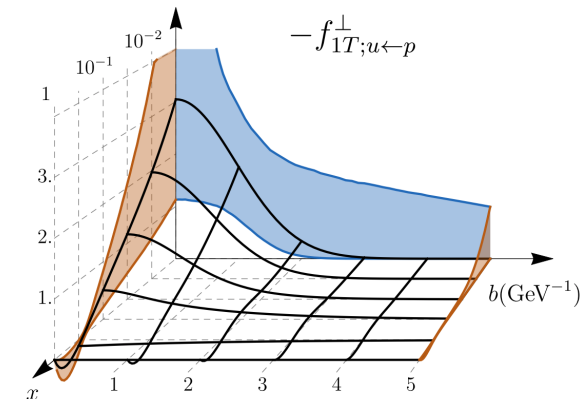
Bury, PRL126 (2021), JHEP05 (2021) ; Cammarota, PRD102(2020);

Zhang, PRD77 (2008), Lu, PRD81 (2010) ;

- **Others: worm-gear, gluon TMDs,**



u-quark unpolarized TMDPDF, 2201.07114



u-quark Sivers function, PRL126 (2021)

➤ Lattice calculations

- **Lorentz-invariant approach:** ratios of Mellin moments

Hagler, EPL88(2009); Musch, PRD85(2012); Engelhardt, PRD93(2016); Yoon, 1601.05717, PRD96(2017);

- **LaMET formalism:**

- ✓ **I: theoretical analysis of matching kernel, soft function, Collins-Soper kernel,**

Rio, PRD108(2023); Ji, JHEP08(2023), RMP93(2021), NPB955(2020), PLB811(2020);

Ebert, JHEP04(2022); Deng, JHEP09(2022).....

- ✓ **II: lattice calculation of intrinsic soft function, Collins-Soper kernel, beam function,**

LPC, JHEP08(2023), PRL125(2020); Li, PRL128(2022); LPC, PRD106(2022);

Shanahan, PRD104(2021); Schlemmer, JHEP08(2021);

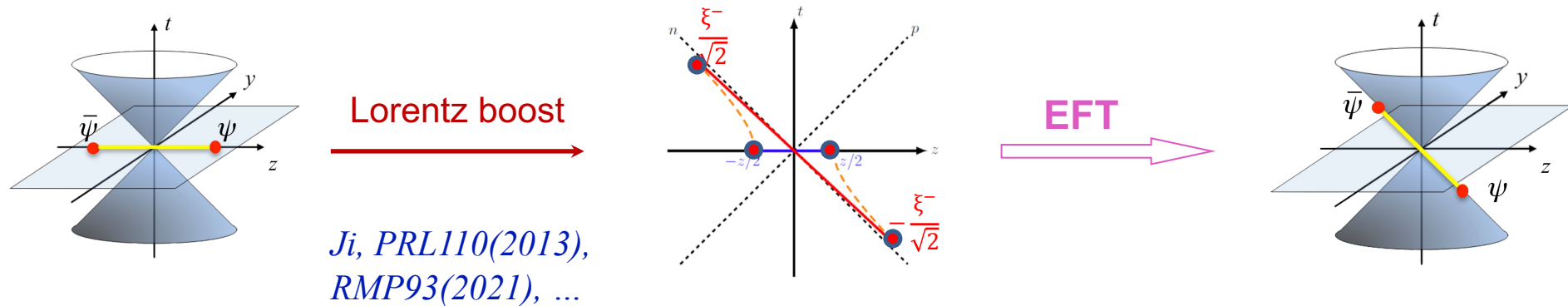
- ✓ **III: Nonperturbative renormalization, resummation,**

Zhang, PLB884(2023); Ji, JHEP08(2023); Su, NPB991(2023); LPC, PRL129(2022); NPB991(2023).....

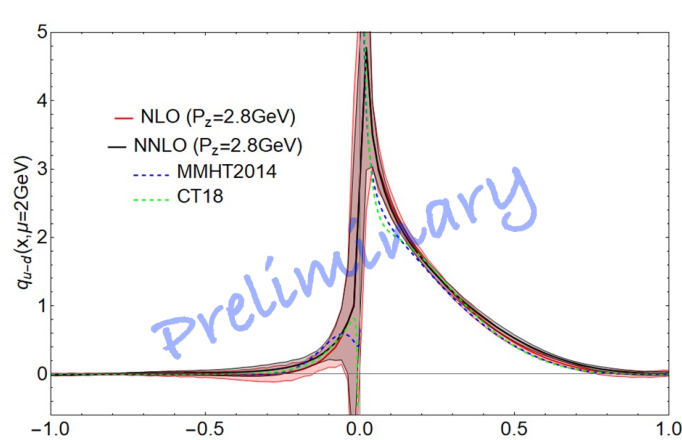
- **IV: A real lattice calculation of TMD observable?**

Extracting TMDs in LaMET formalism

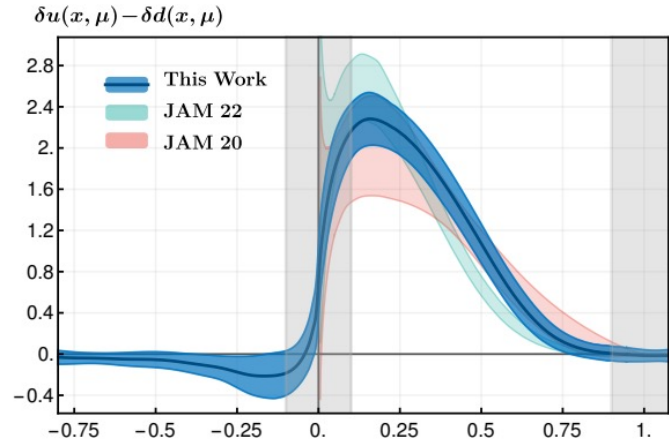
- Large-momentum effective theory: connecting Euclidean lattice and physical observables



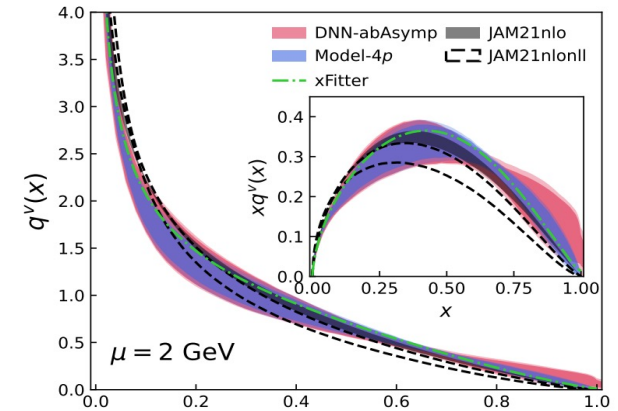
- Achieved great success in the studies of PDF:



Proton unpolarized PDF, in preparation

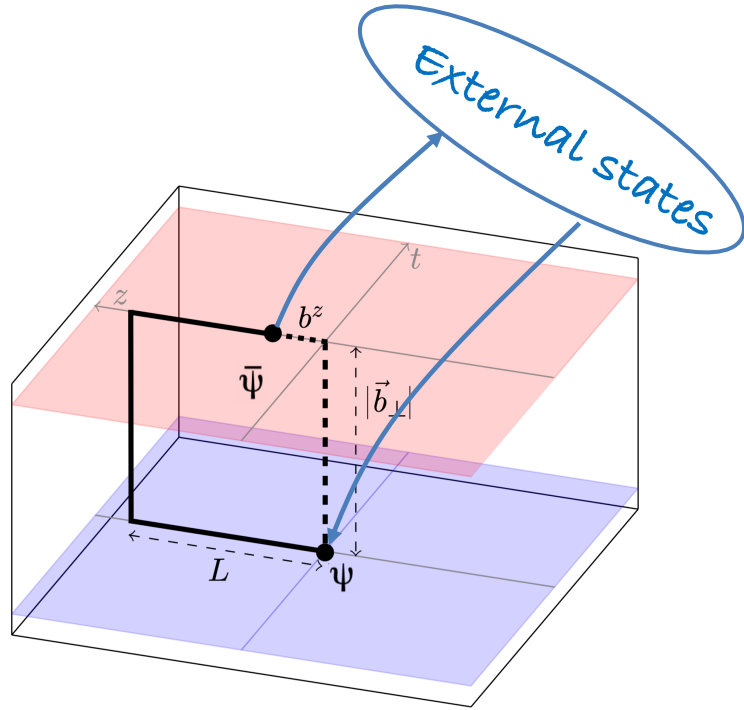


Proton transversity PDF, PRL131(2023)



Pion valance PDF, PRD106(2022)

- **Matching from quasi TMDs to TMDs**



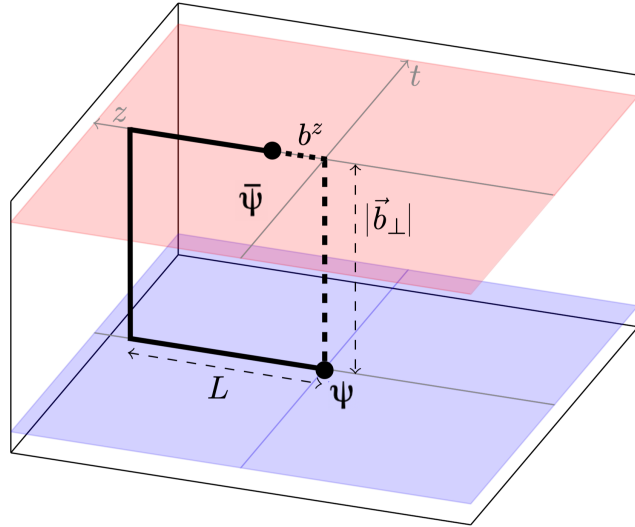
Equal-time correlators
with staple-shaped Wilson link,
directly calculable on lattice

- Hadronic matrix element reduced from equal-time correlators:

$$\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^0(z, b_{\perp}, P^z) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle P^z \left| \bar{\psi}(b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp}) \Gamma \right. \right. \\ \times U_{\square}(b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} \leftarrow b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} + L \hat{n}_z; b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} + L \hat{n}_z \leftarrow L \hat{n}_z; L \hat{n}_z \leftarrow z \hat{n}_z) \\ \left. \left. \times \psi(z \hat{n}_z) \right| P^z \right\rangle$$

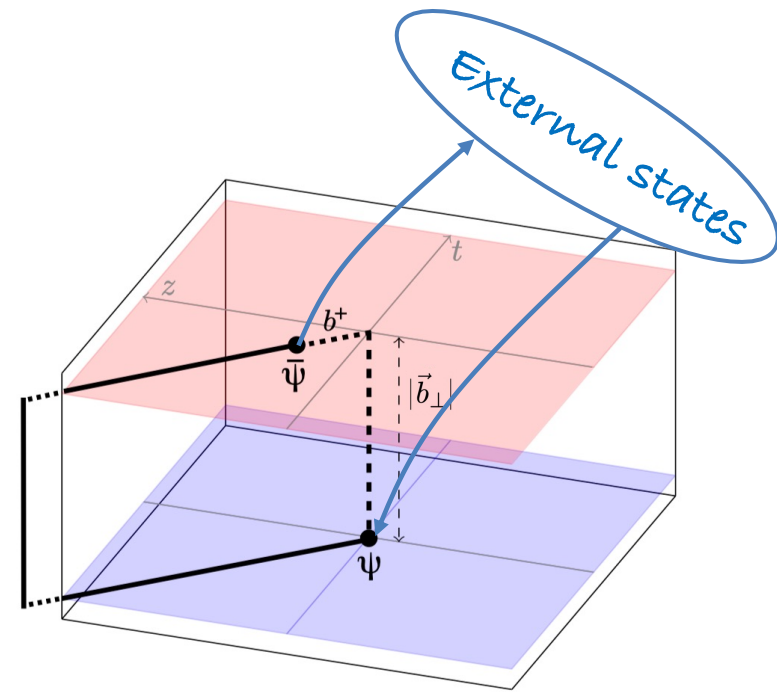
- Subtracted quasi TMDPDFs:

$$\tilde{f}_{\Gamma}(x, b_{\perp}, P^z, \mu) \equiv \lim_{\substack{a \rightarrow 0 \\ L \rightarrow \infty}} \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{-iz(xP^z)} \frac{\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^0(z, b_{\perp}, P^z, a, L)}{\sqrt{Z_E(2L + z, b_{\perp}, a)} Z_O(1/a, \mu, \Gamma)}$$



Equal-time correlators,
directly calculable on lattice

Lorentz boost
 \longrightarrow
 $L \rightarrow \infty$



Space-like correlators,
NO effective method for directly calculation

Connected at large-momentum limit

Ji, PLB811(2020); Ebert, JHEP04(2022)

$$\underbrace{\tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, \zeta_z, \mu)}_{\text{Quasi TMDPDF}} \underbrace{\sqrt{S_I(b_\perp, \mu)}}_{\text{Intrinsic soft function}} = \underbrace{H_\Gamma\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right)}_{\text{Matching kernel}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right)} \underbrace{K(b_\perp, \mu)}_{\text{Collins-Soper kernel}} \underbrace{f(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta)}_{\text{Light-cone TMDPDF}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\zeta_z}, \frac{M^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{1}{b_\perp^2 \zeta_z}\right)$$

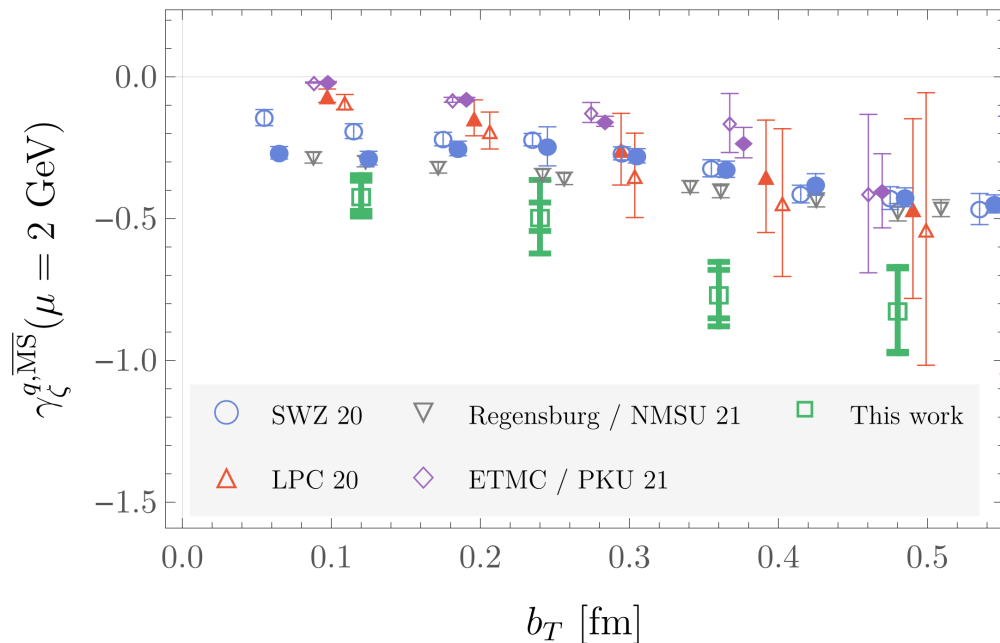
Collins–Soper kernel and intrinsic soft function

- **Collins-Soper kernel**

From quasi beam function:

Shanahan, PRD104(2021), PRD102(2020);

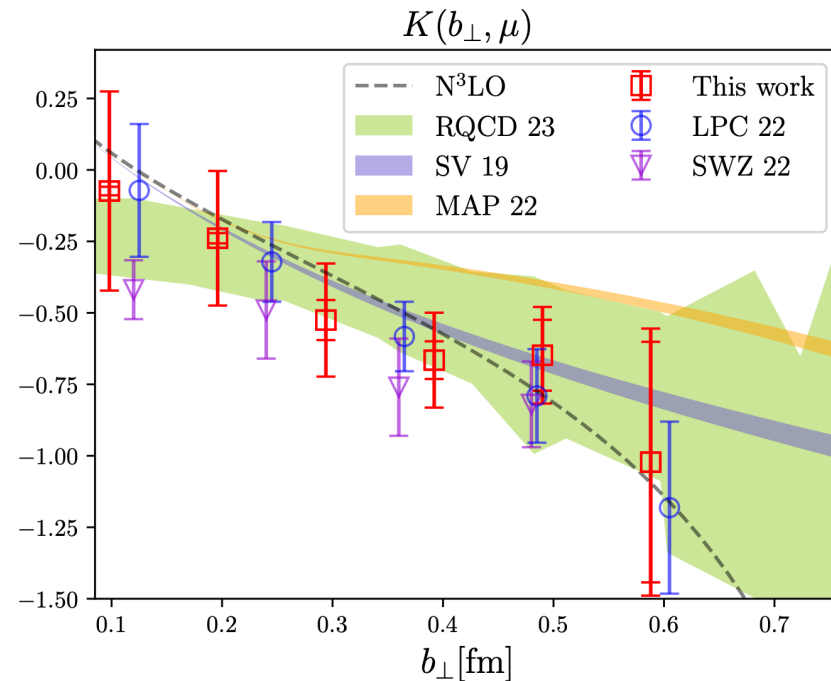
Schlemmer, JHEP08(2021);



From quasi TMDWF:

Chu, JHEP08(2023), PRD106(2022);

Zhang, PRL125(2020); Li, PRL128(2022);



Collins–Soper kernel and intrinsic soft function

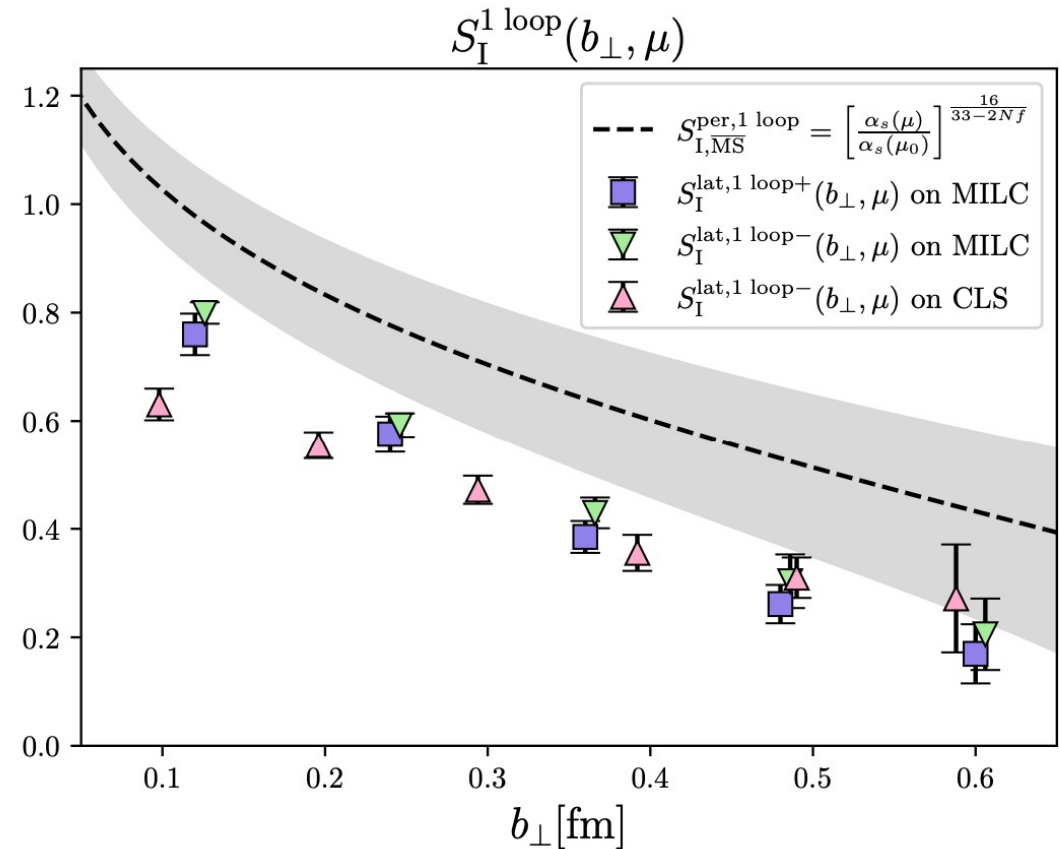
- Intrinsic/reduced soft function

From quasi TMDWF + 4-quark matrix element:

Chu, PRD109(2024); Ji, NPB955(2020);

Zhang, PRL125(2020); Li, PRL128(2022);

.....



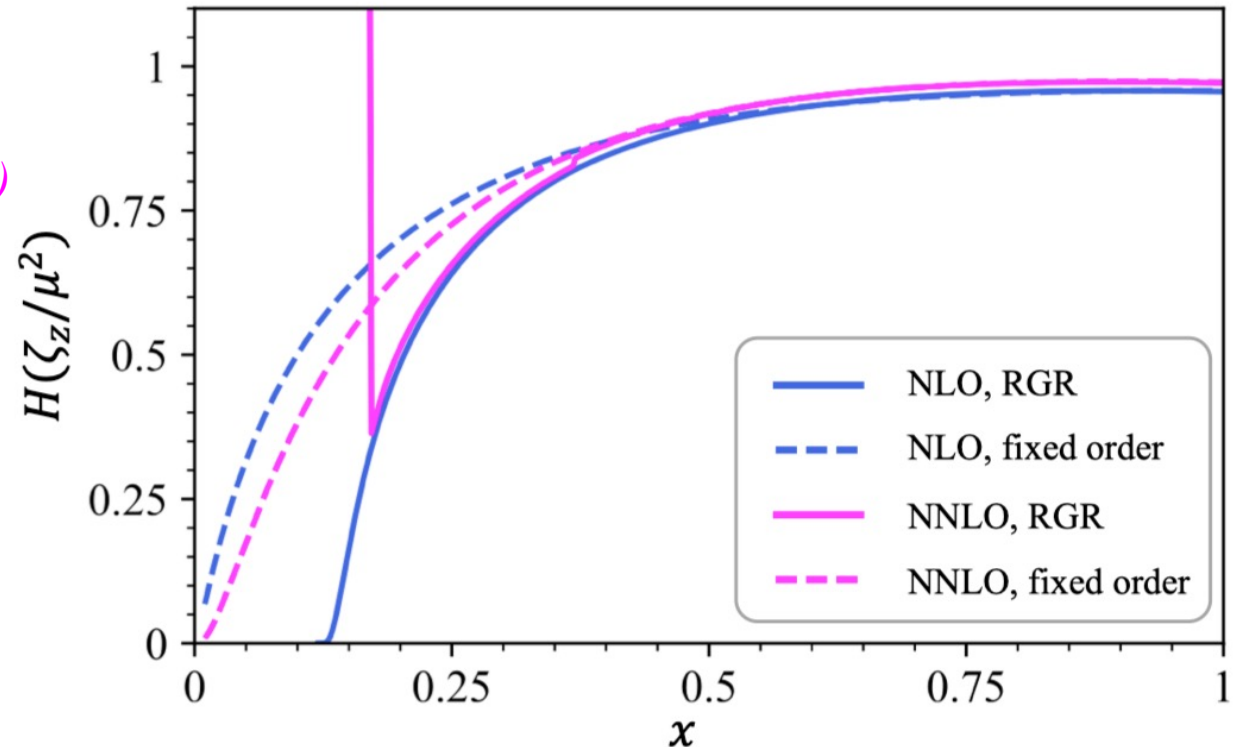
Matching kernel and RG resummation

$$\tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, \zeta_z, \mu) \sqrt{S_I(b_\perp, \mu)} = H_\Gamma\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) e^{\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu}\right)} K(b_\perp, \mu) f(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\zeta_z}, \frac{M^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{1}{b_\perp^2 \zeta_z}\right)$$

Matching kernel

- **NLO:** *Ji, PLB811(2020); RMP93(2021)*
- **NNLO:** *Río, PRD108(2023); Ji, JHEP08(2023)*

- **Fixed order:** $\mu = 2\text{GeV}$;
- **RGR:** RG evolution from lattice scale
 $\zeta_z = 2xP^z$ to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scale $\mu = 2\text{GeV}$.



Lattice calculation of physical TMDPDF?

$$\tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, \zeta_z, \mu) \sqrt{S_I(b_\perp, \mu)} = H_\Gamma\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) e^{\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\zeta}\right)} K(b_\perp, \mu) f(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\zeta_z}, \frac{M^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{1}{b_\perp^2 \zeta_z}\right)$$

Quasi TMDPDF Intrinsic soft function ✓ Collins-Soper kernel ✓

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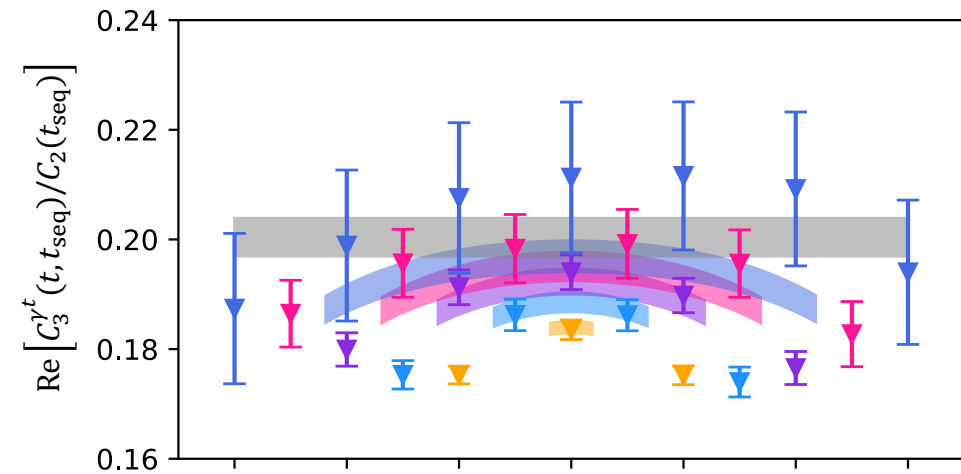
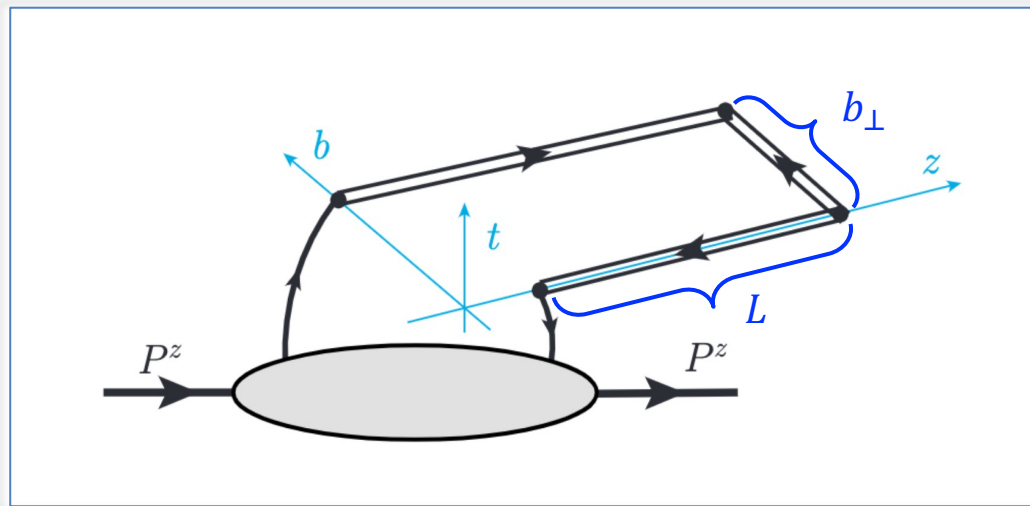
Simulating quasi TMDPDF on a Euclidean lattice:

- MILC configuration: $48^3 \times 64$, $a = 0.12\text{fm}$;
- Pion mass: $m_\pi^{\text{sea}} = 130\text{MeV}$, $m_\pi^{\text{val}} = \{310, 220\}\text{MeV} \Rightarrow$ extrapolate to physical mass
- Large momentum: $P^z = \{1.72, 2.15, 2.58\}\text{GeV} \Rightarrow$ extrapolate to infinity
- Saturated length of Wilson link $L = 0.72\text{fm}$;
- $z_{\text{max}} = 1.44\text{fm}$, $b_{\perp\text{max}} = 0.6\text{fm}$.

Quasi TMDPDF matrix element

Bare quasi TMDPDF matrix element

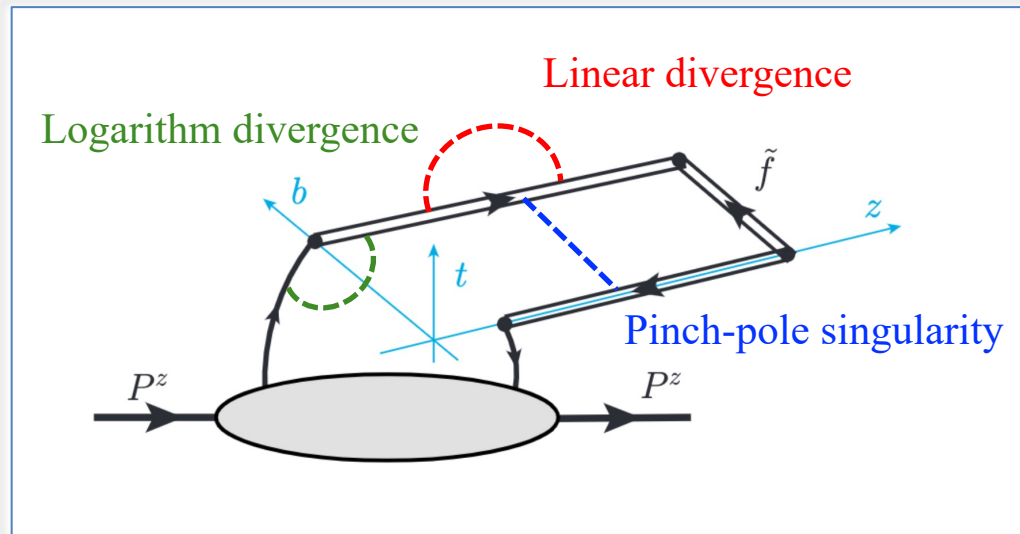
$$\tilde{h}_{\Gamma}^0(z, b_{\perp}, P^z) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle P^z \left| \bar{\psi}(b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp}) \Gamma U_{\square}(b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} \leftarrow b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} + L \hat{n}_z; b_{\perp} \hat{n}_{\perp} + L \hat{n}_z \leftarrow L \hat{n}_z; L \hat{n}_z \leftarrow z \hat{n}_z) \psi(z \hat{n}_z) \right| P^z \right\rangle$$



- Extracted from 3- and 2-point functions

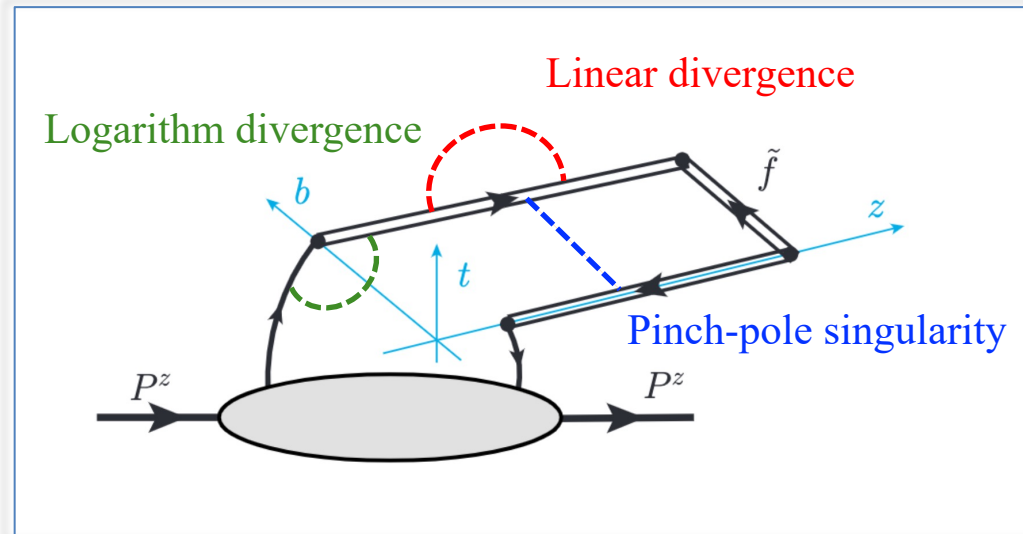
Quasi TMDPDF matrix element and renormalization

1. Divergences in bare quasi TMDPDF

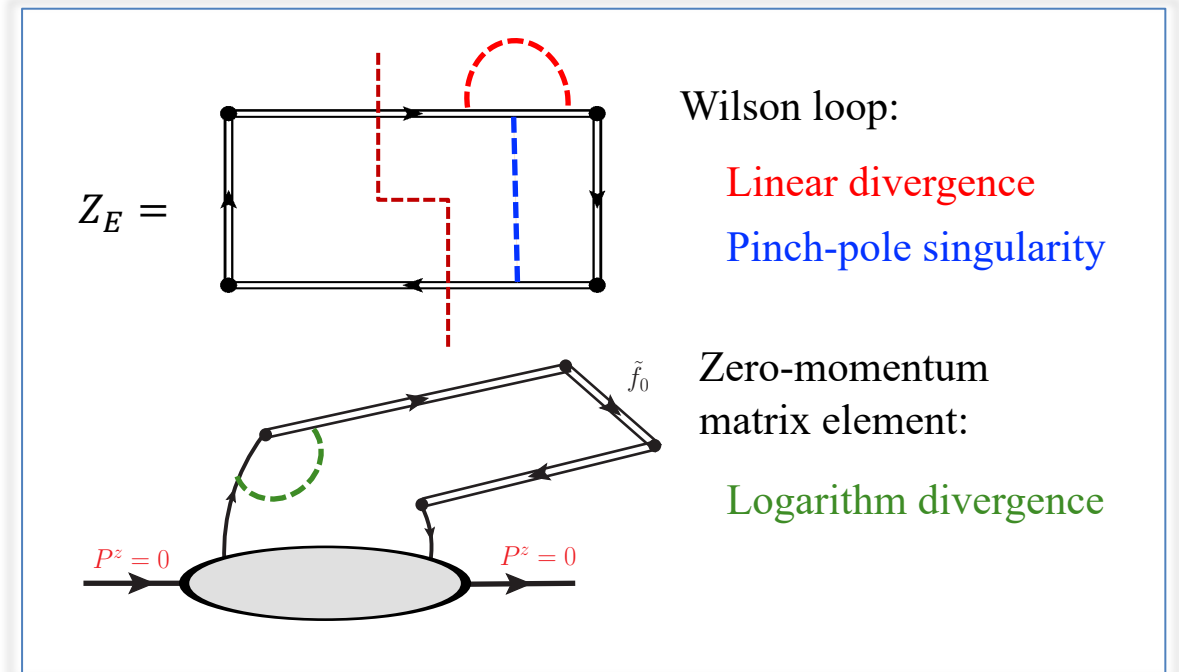


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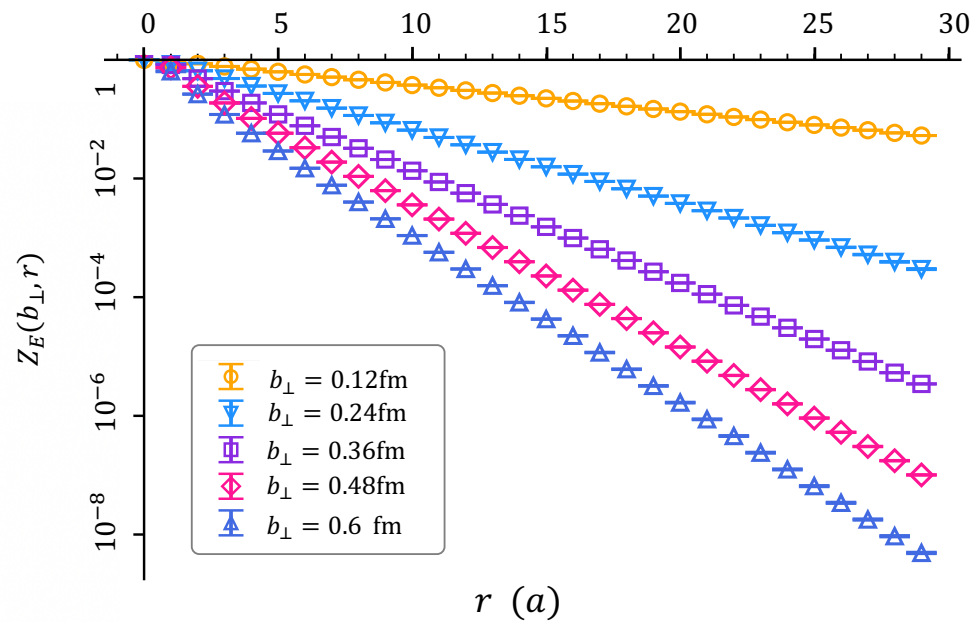
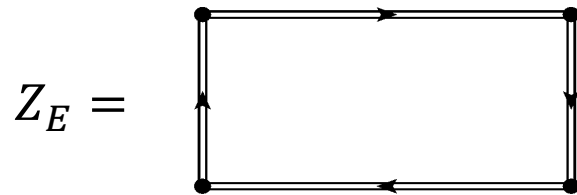
2. Renormalization



Ji, PRL120(2018), NPB964(2021), PLB257(1991); Zhang, PRD95(2017), NPB939(2019); Ishikawa, PRD96(2017); Green, PRL121(2018); Huo, NPB969(2021); Chen, NPB915(2017); Musch, PRD83(2011);

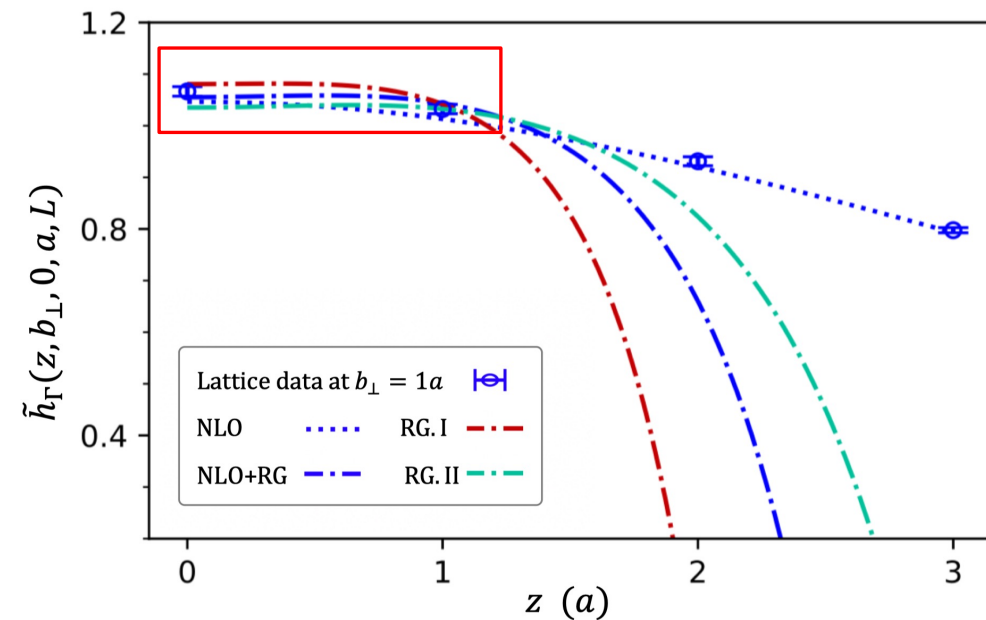
Quasi TMDPDF matrix element and renormalization

- Wilson loop

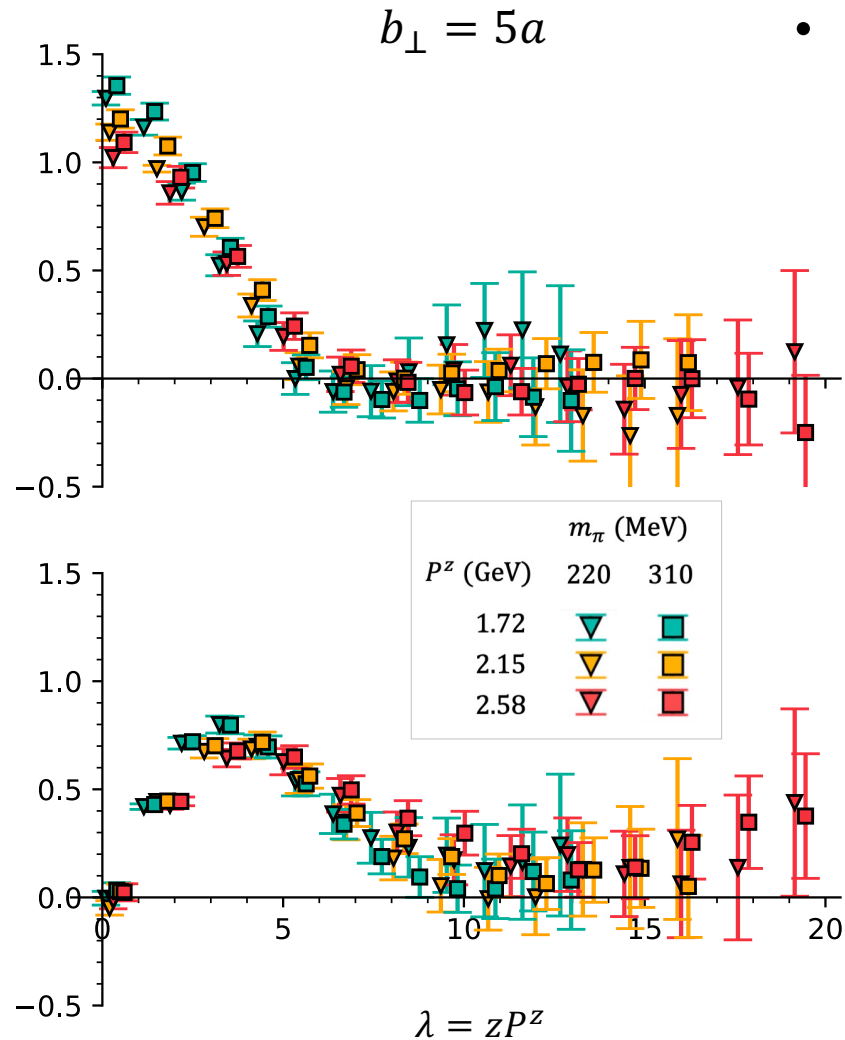


- Logarithmic divergences factor

$$Z_O(1/a, \mu, \Gamma) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{h}_\Gamma^0(z, b_\perp, 0, a, L)}{\sqrt{Z_E(2L + z, b_\perp, a)} \tilde{h}_\Gamma^{\text{MS}}(z, b_\perp, \mu)}$$

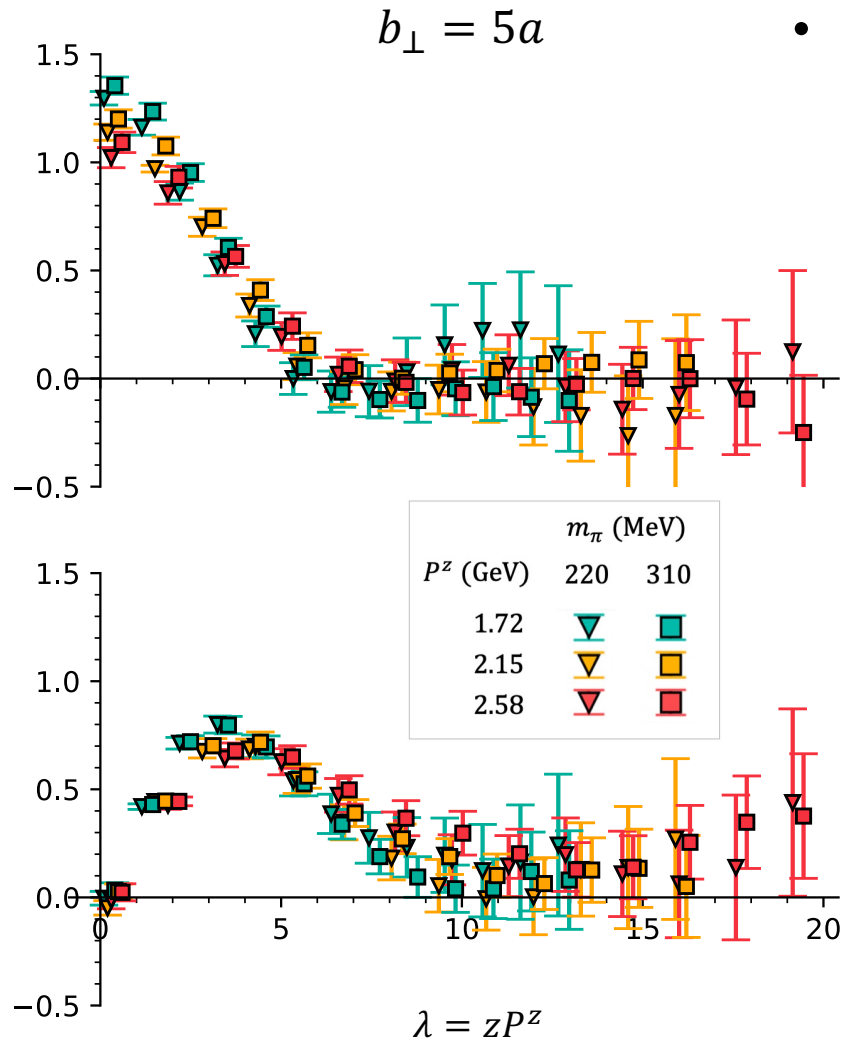


Quasi TMDPDF matrix element and λ extrapolation



- A brute-force truncation at large λ will lead to **strong oscillation** after FT \Rightarrow need additional extrapolation....

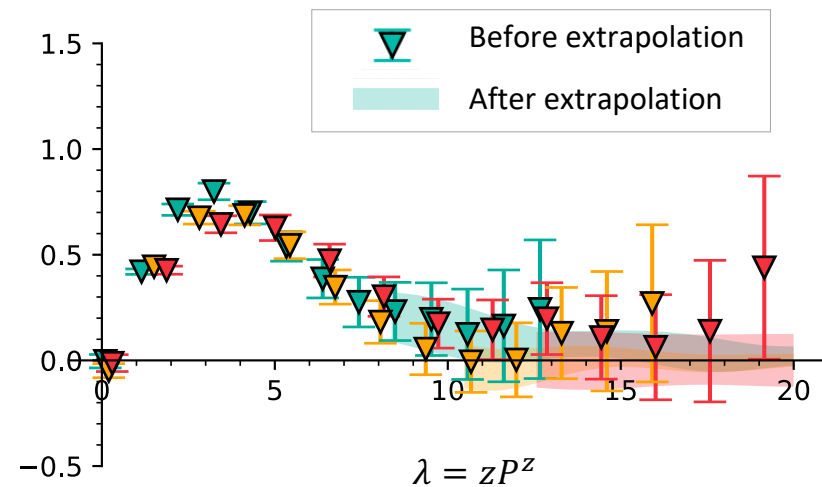
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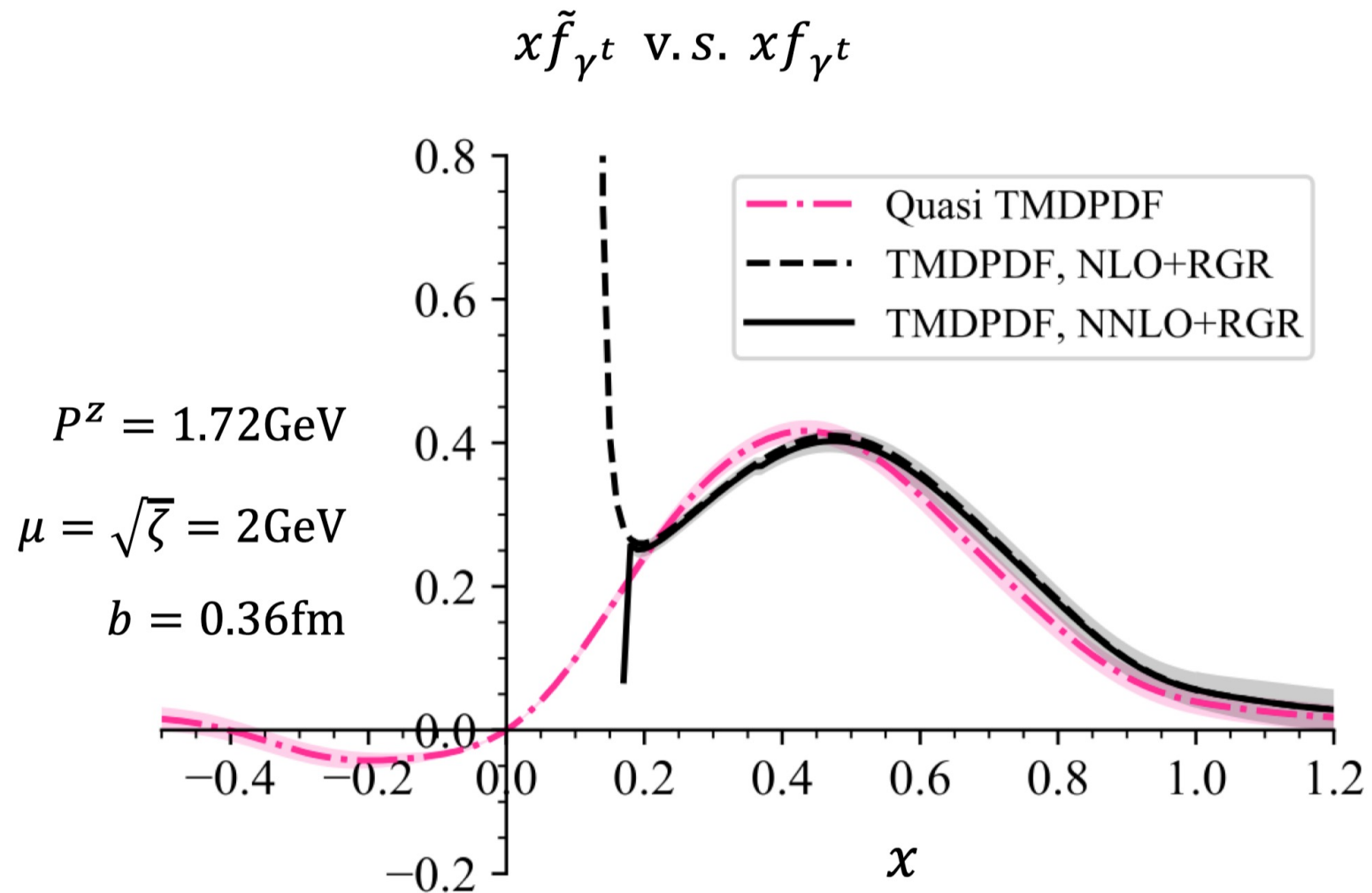
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$$\tilde{h}_{\text{extra}}(\lambda) = \left[\frac{c_1}{(-i\lambda)^{n_1}} + e^{i\lambda} \frac{c_2}{(i\lambda)^{n_2}} \right] e^{-\lambda/\lambda_0}$$

- end point power-law behavior $x^a(1-x)^b$;
- correlation function has a finite correlation length λ_0 .



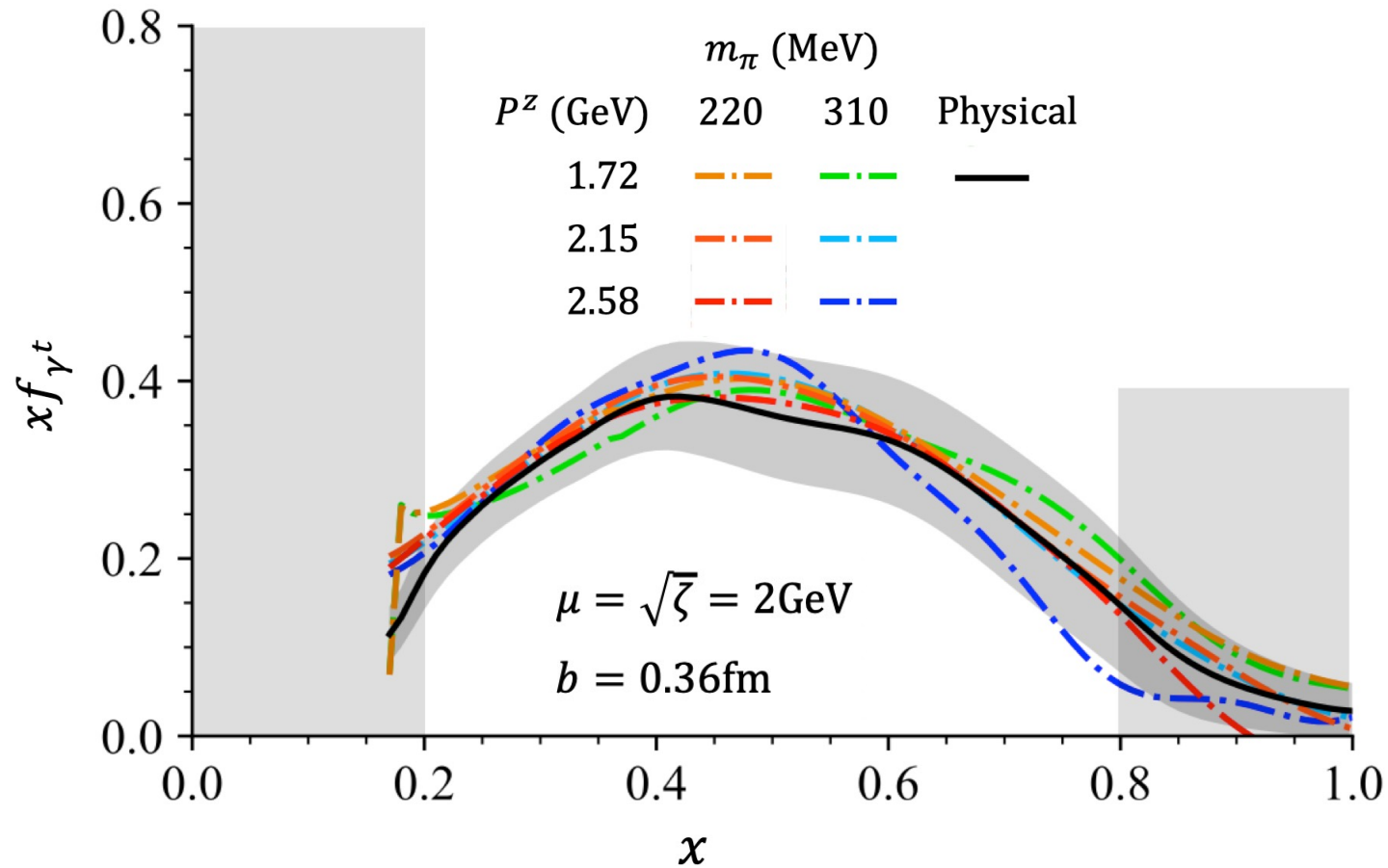
From Quasi TMDPDF to TMDPDF



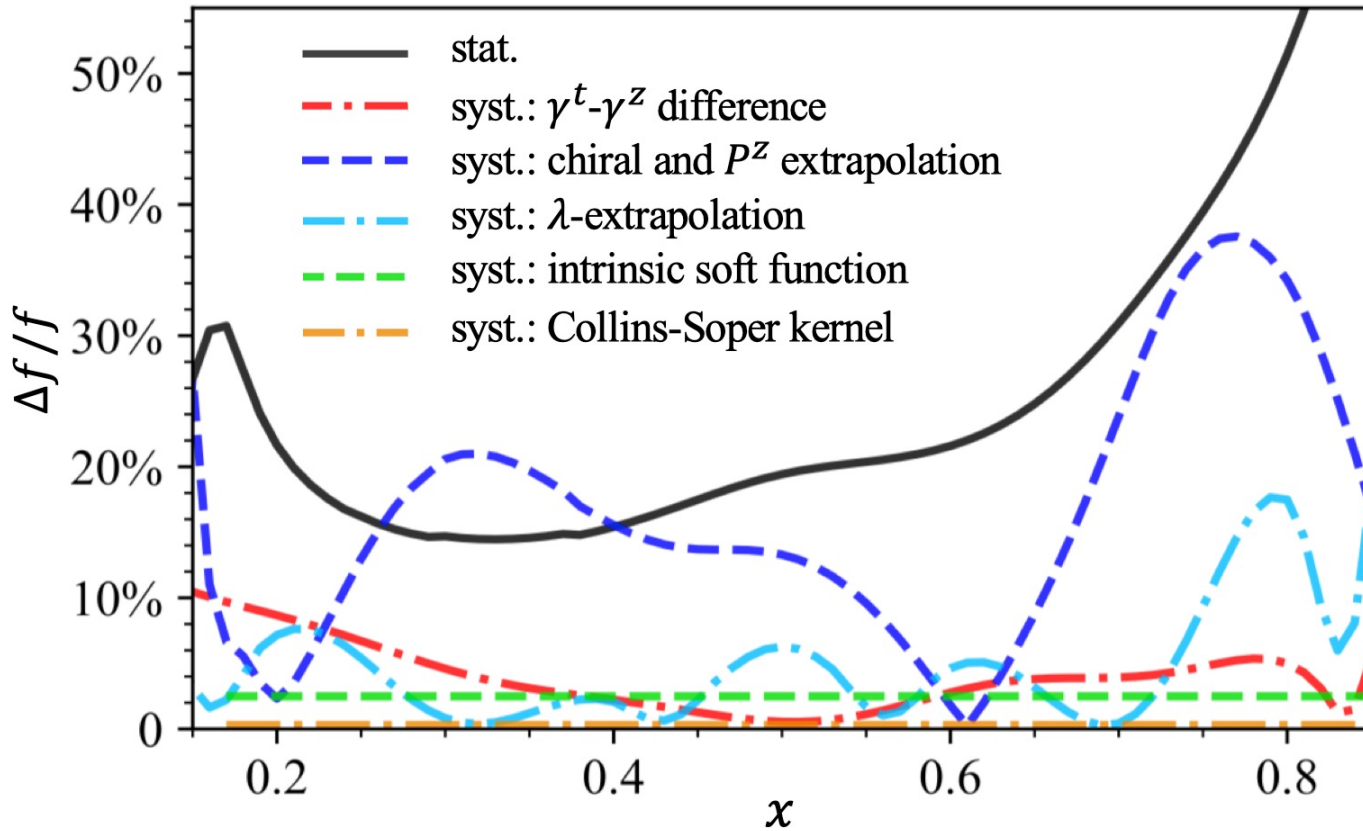
Physical TMDPDF

Chiral and large- P^z joint extrapolation:

$$d_0(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phy}}^2) + \frac{d_1}{(P^z)^2}$$



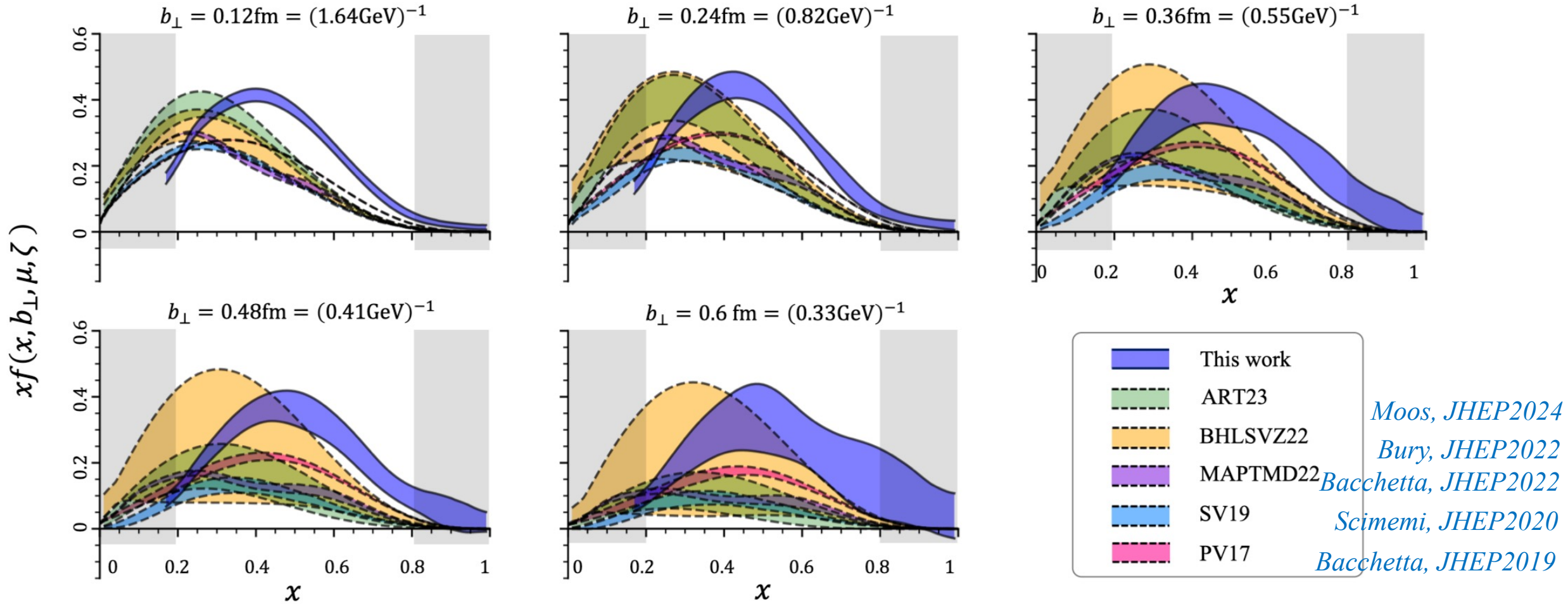
Error estimation



All errors:

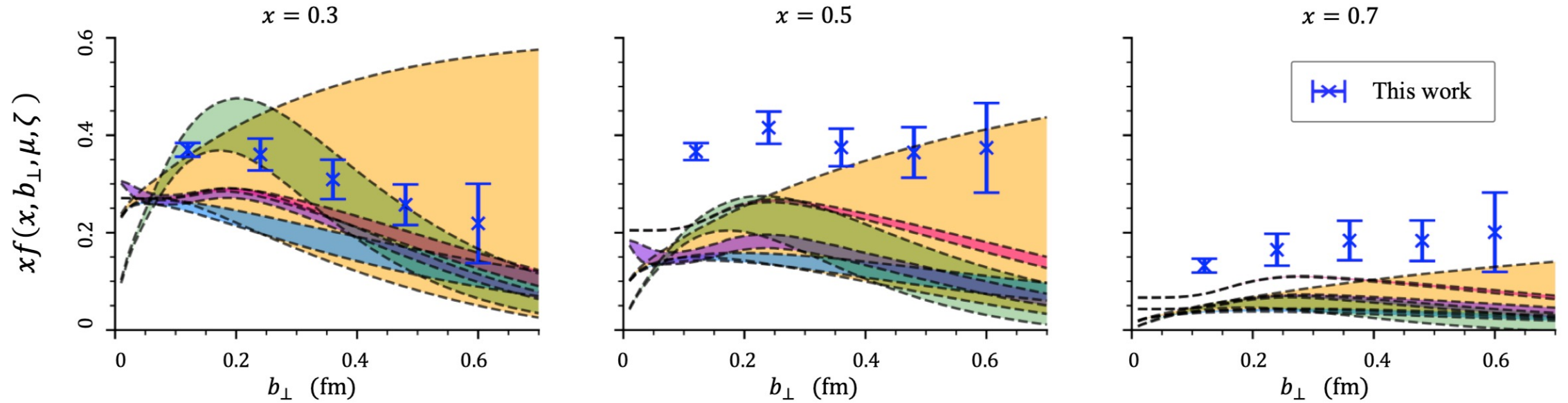
- **Statistical error;**
- (1) **From difference of γ^t and γ^z**
- (2) **From physical extrapolation**
- (3) **From λ -extrapolation**
- (4) **From soft function**
- (5) **From Collins-Soper kernel**

Final results and discussion



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Compare the b_{\perp} -dependence of lattice and phenomenological results:



Summary and Outlook

We present the lattice QCD calculation of TMDPDF at first attempt:

- ✓ **The state-of-the-art techniques in renormalization and extrapolation on the lattice;**
- ✓ **The latest perturbative kernel up to 2-loop with RG evolution;**
- ✓ **Physical extrapolation include chiral-continuum and infinity momentum;**
- ✓ **Comparable results with phenomenological global fits.**

Summary and Outlook

While there is still much room for further improvement:

- 🤔 Better control of uncertainties;
- 🤔 Continuum extrapolation: more lattice spacings;
- 🤔 Larger b_{\perp} (up to nucleon radius?) to obtain a converge distribution in coordinate space;
- 🤔 Theoretical improvements:

Power correction (small- x region), higher twist effects (operator mixing),

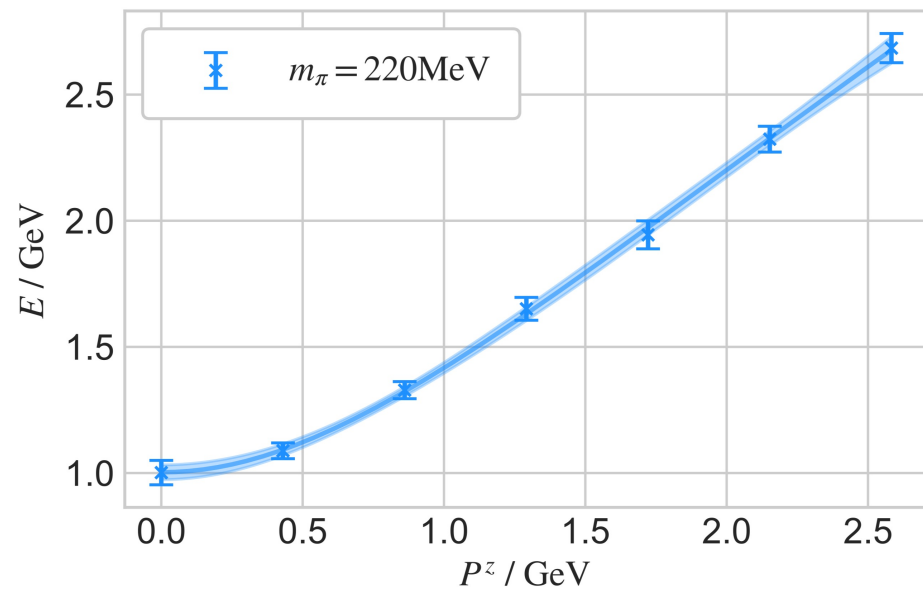
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Backup slides

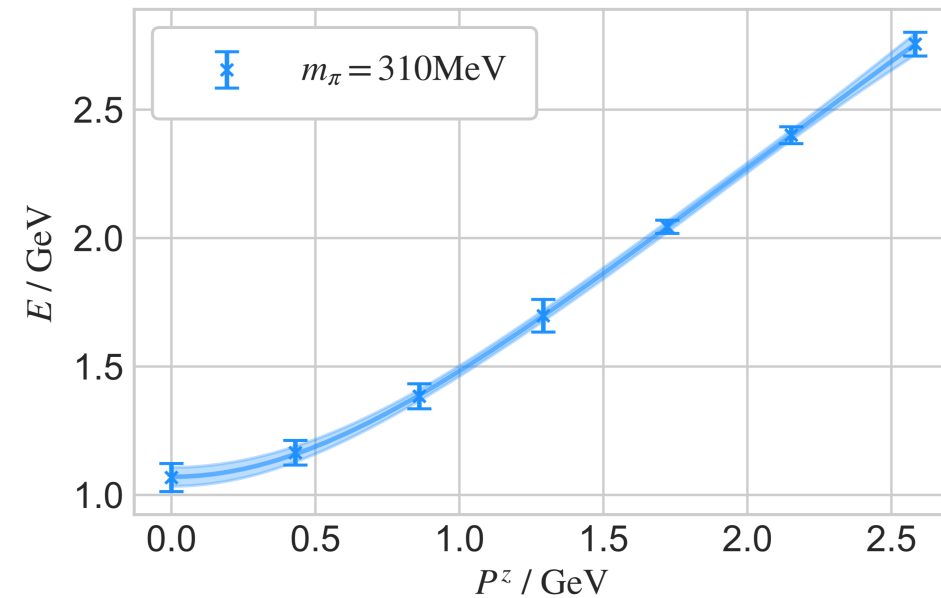
Dispersion relation

$$E = \sqrt{m^2 + c_1(P^z)^2 + c_2(P^z)^4 a^2}$$

$$c_1 = 1.014(95), \quad c_2 = -0.014(17)$$



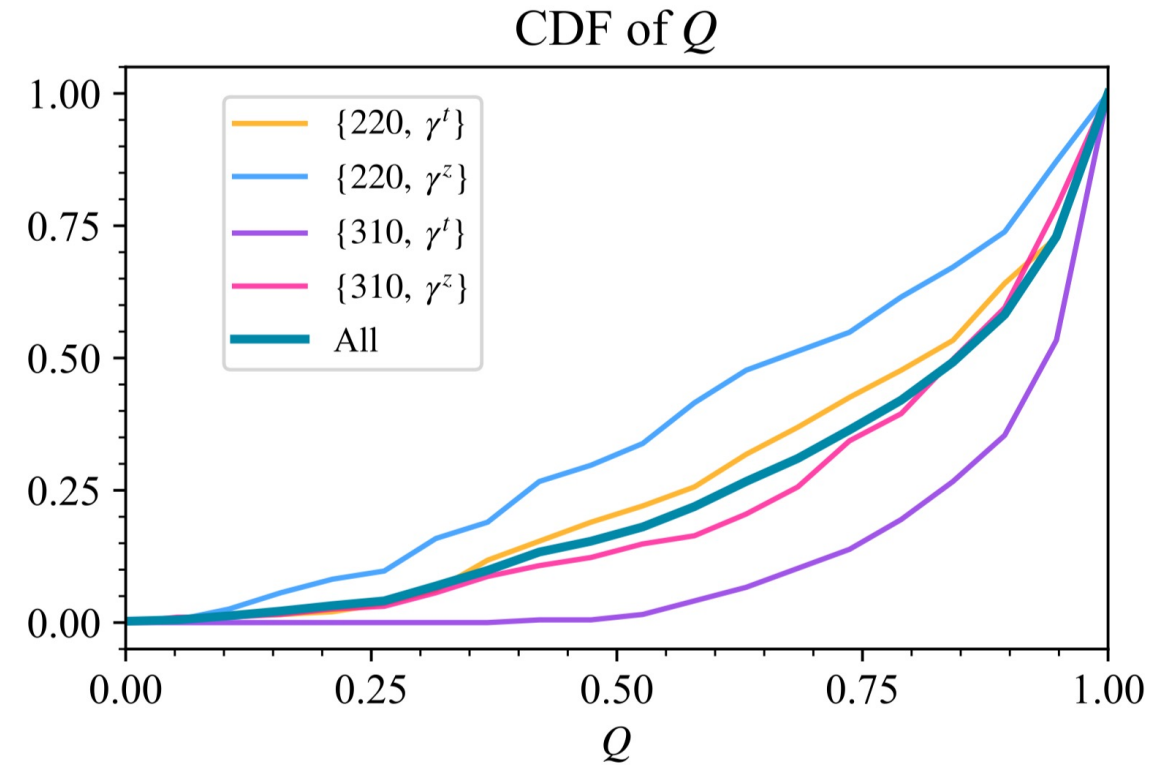
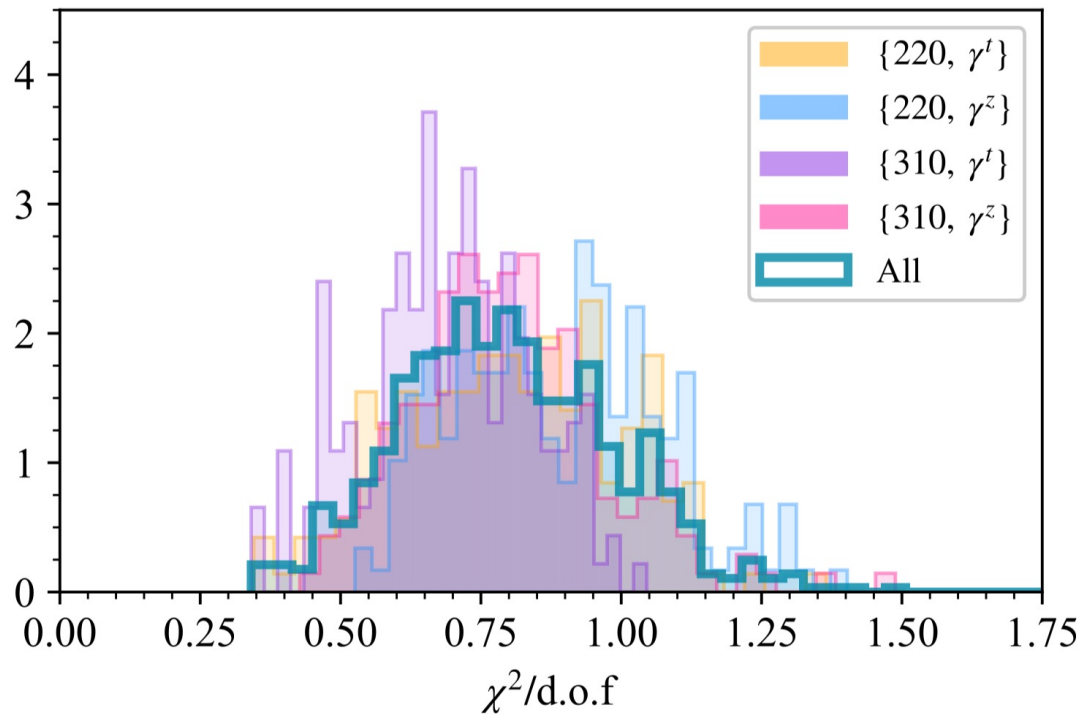
$$c_1 = 1.066(80), \quad c_2 = -0.015(14)$$

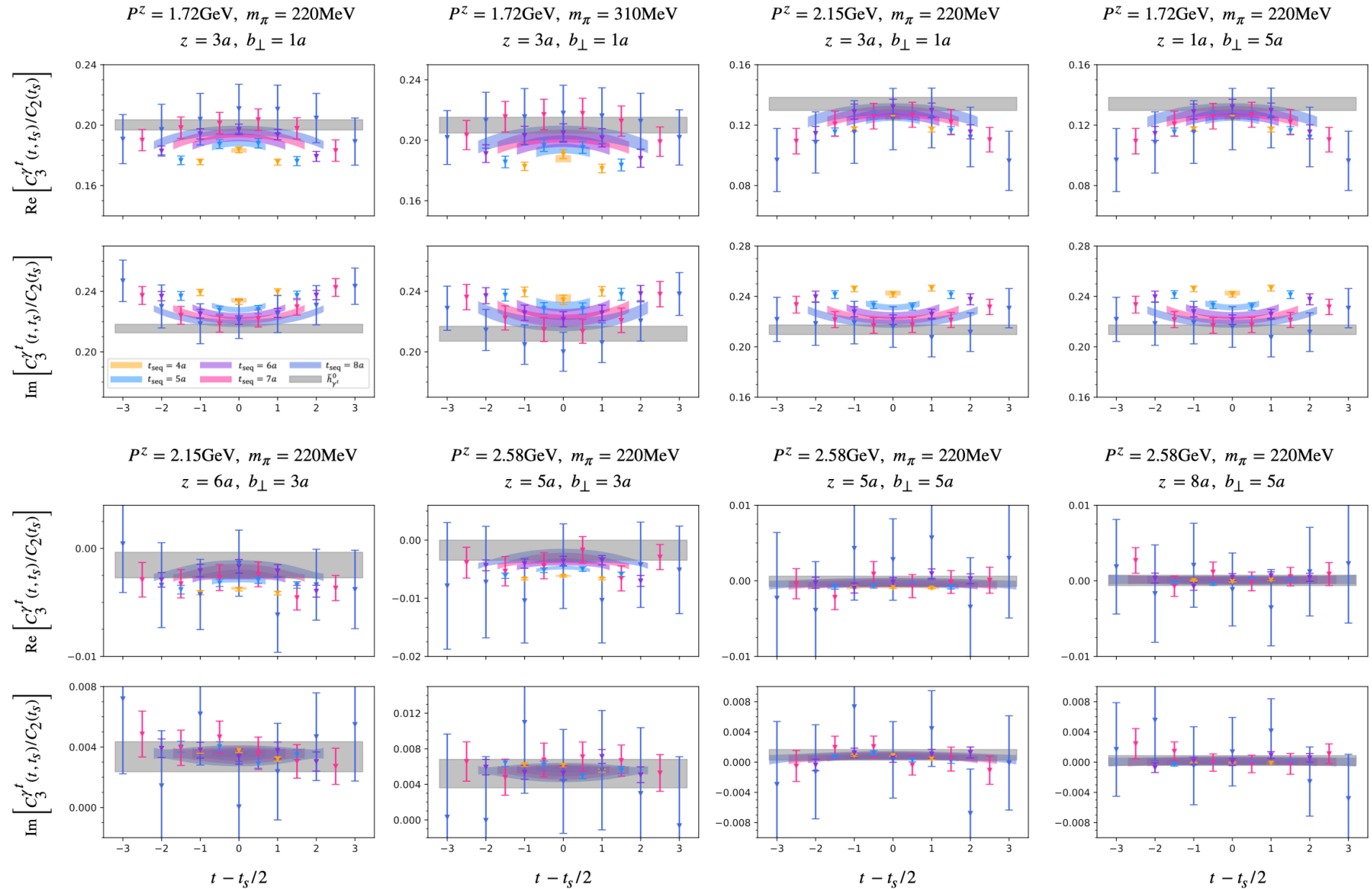


Details of correlated joint fits

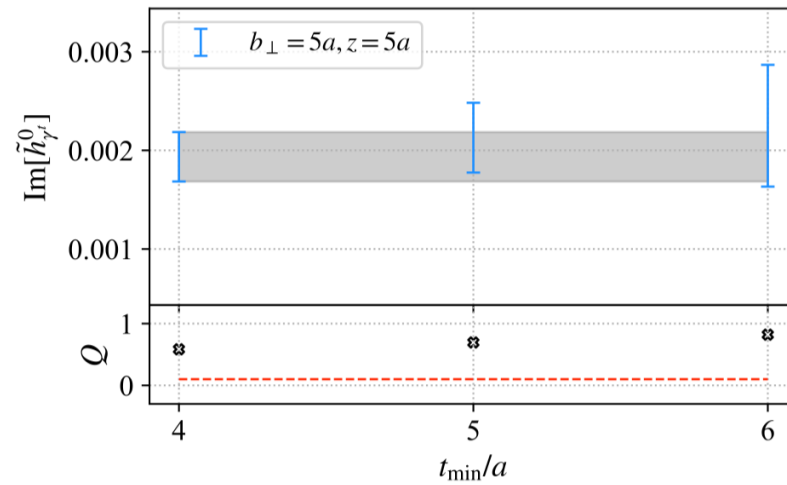
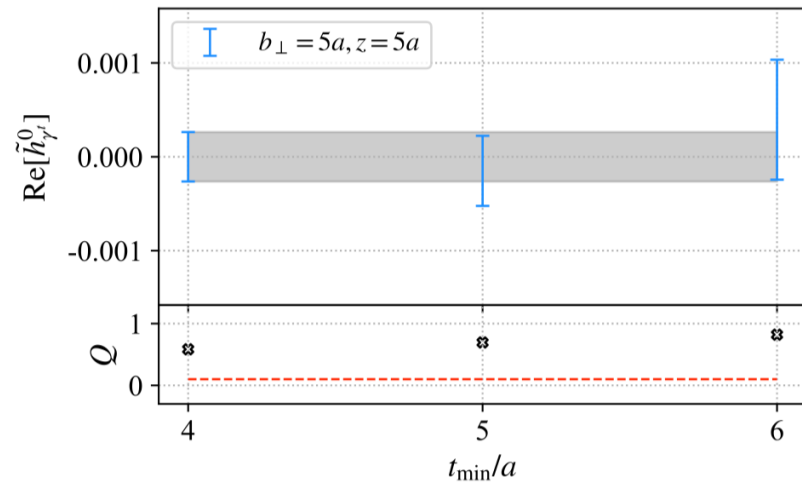
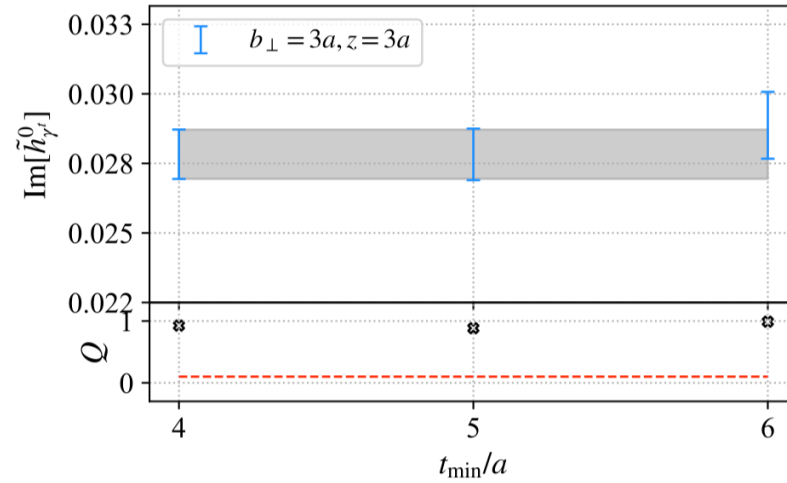
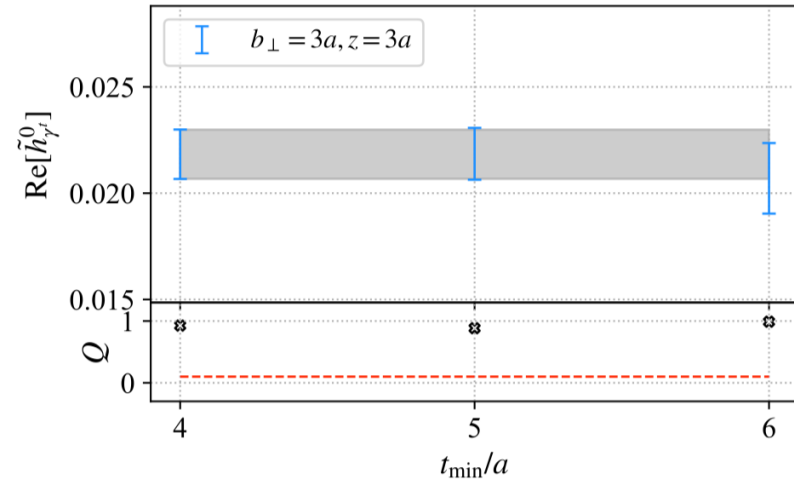
Fit quality:

- Utilizing bootstrap resampling to establish correlations among all datasets;
- Employing fully-correlated Bayesian constrained fits to extract ground-state matrix elements.

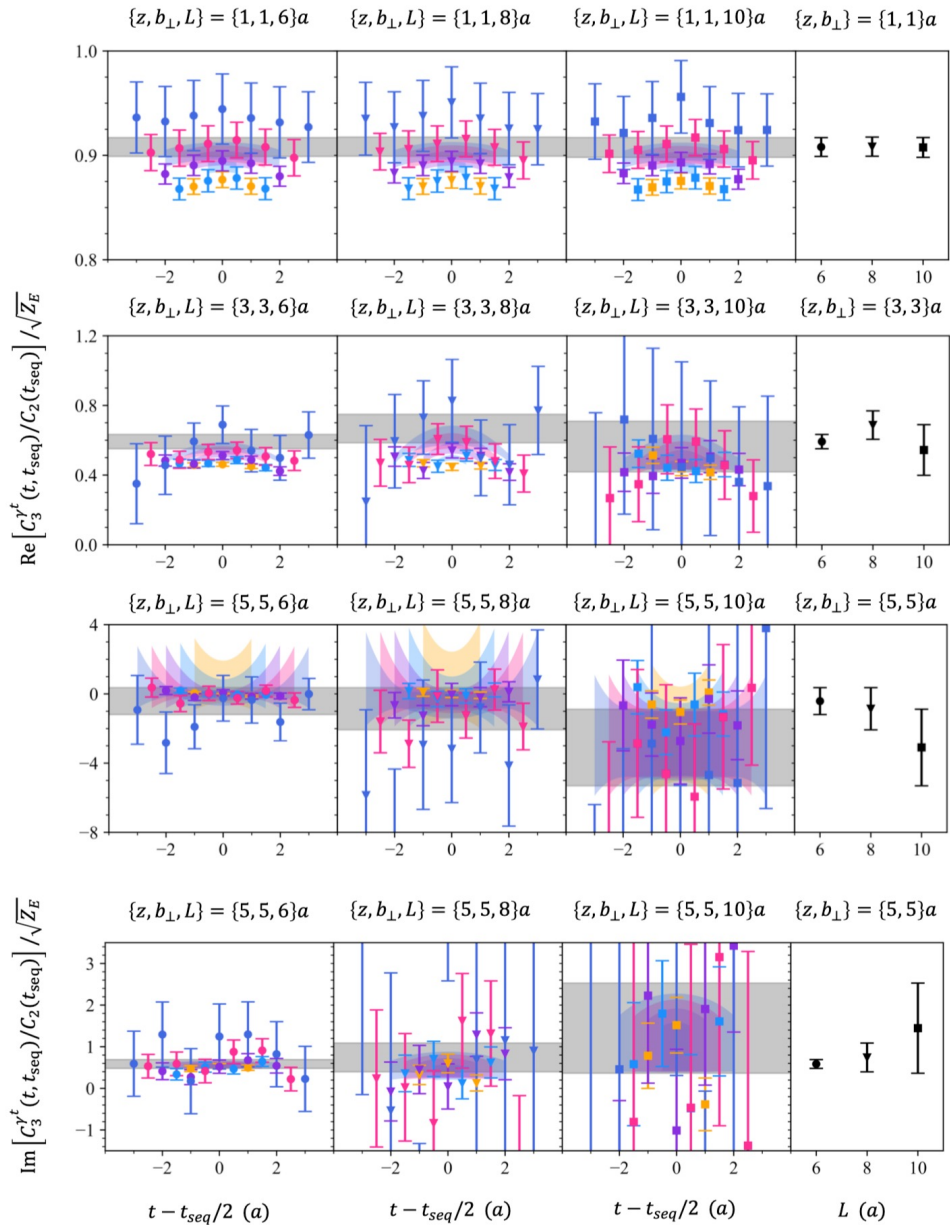




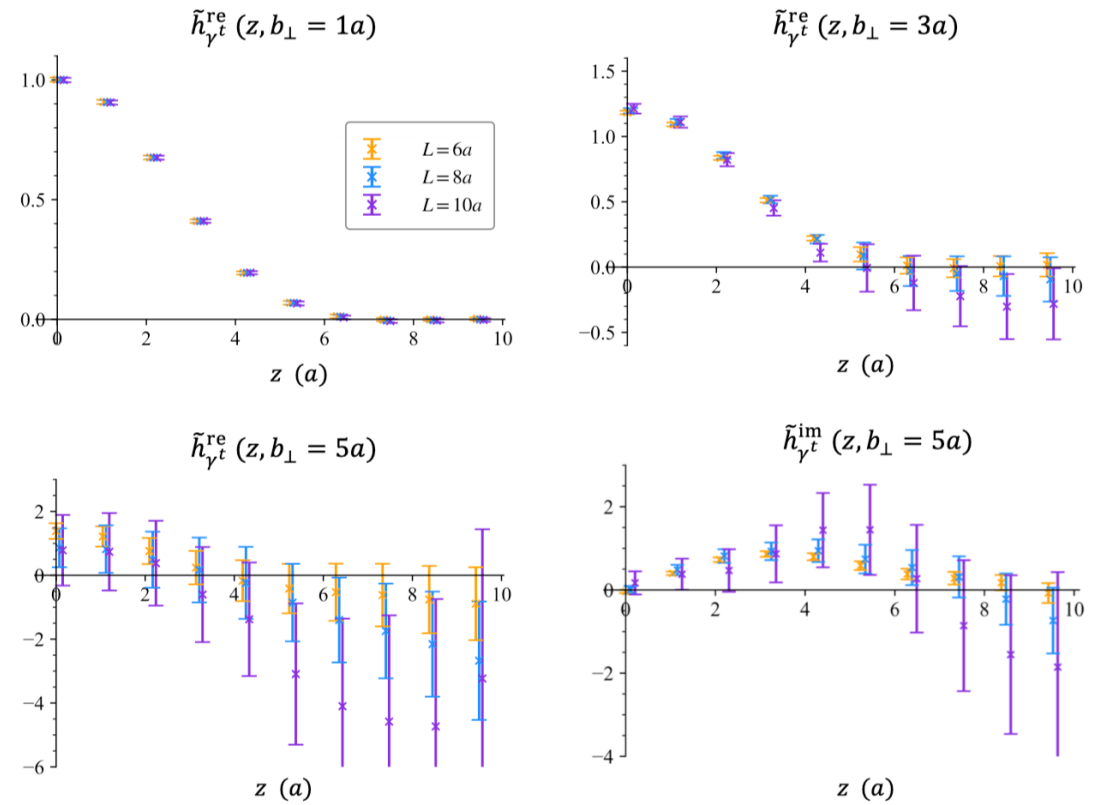
- Stability of the joint fits: t_{\min} dependence of the fit result, which fit range is $[t_{\min}, t_{\max}]$.



L-dependence



Saturation length of Wilson link:



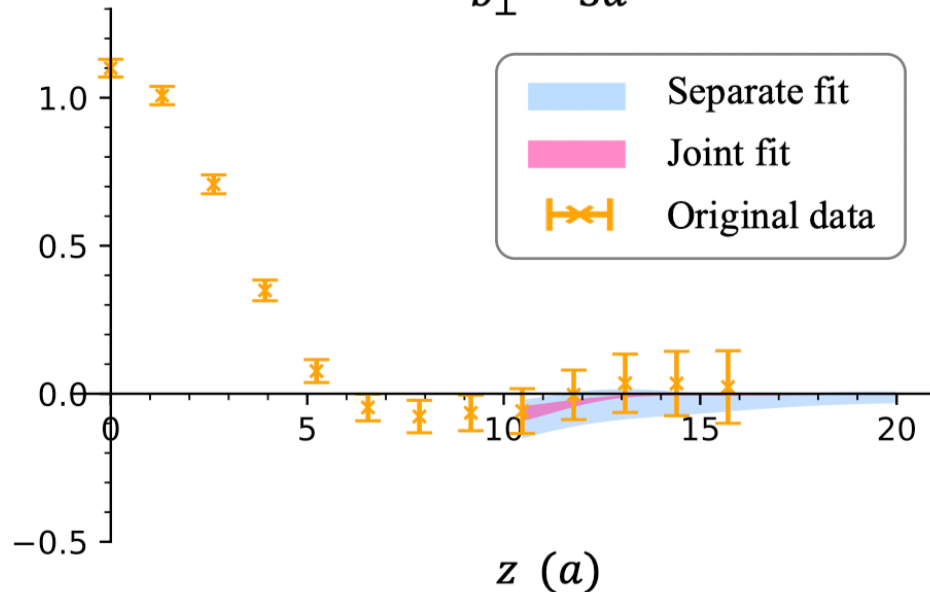
λ -extrapolation

Factorization of z and b_{\perp} ?

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(c) $m_{\pi} = 220\text{MeV}, P^Z = 2.15\text{GeV}$

$b_{\perp} = 3a$



The **power-law behavior** and **correlation length** for each b_{\perp} should be similar,

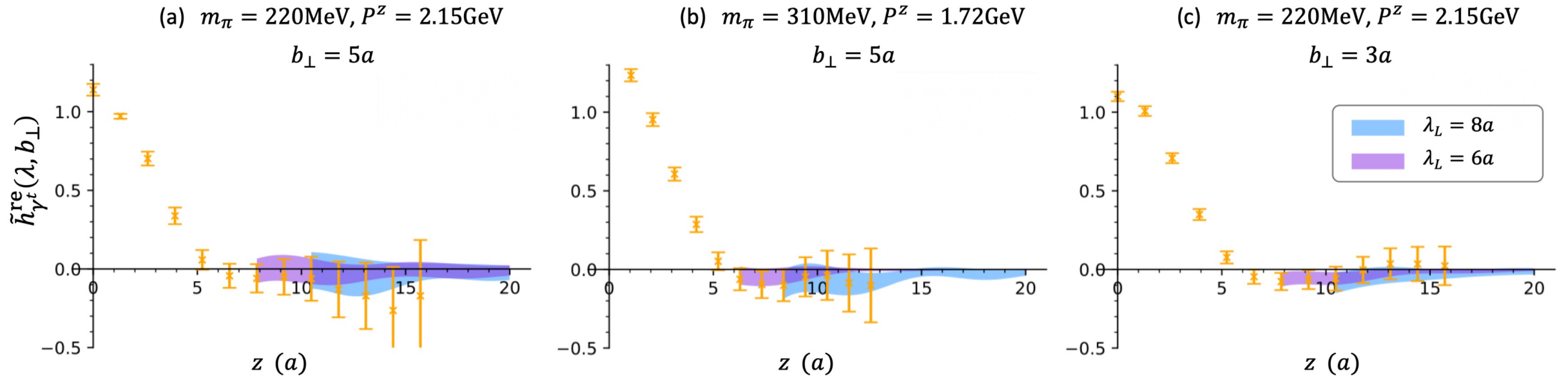
but the joint fit will give a strict limit for large- b_{\perp} cases:

b_{\perp} (a)	1	2	3	4	5	Joint
n_1	0.909(39)	0.943(61)	0.89(10)	0.801(78)	0.84(16)	0.887(28)
n_2	1.31(34)	2.37(68)	1.71(31)	1.55(38)	1.22(44)	1.65(12)
λ	2.63(38)	3.20(80)	2.42(85)	4.3(1.6)	4.4(2.8)	2.53(28)
$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.75	0.57	1.2

λ -extrapolation

Systematic uncertainty from fit region $[\lambda_L: \lambda_{\max}]$

$$\tilde{h}_{\text{extra}}(\lambda) = \left[\frac{c_1}{(-i\lambda)^{n_1}} + e^{i\lambda} \frac{c_2}{(i\lambda)^{n_2}} \right] e^{-\lambda/\lambda_0}$$



Perturbative matching kernel and RG resummation

- Fixed-order perturbative results up to the 2-loop level:

$$h^{(1)}\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left(-2 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \right),$$

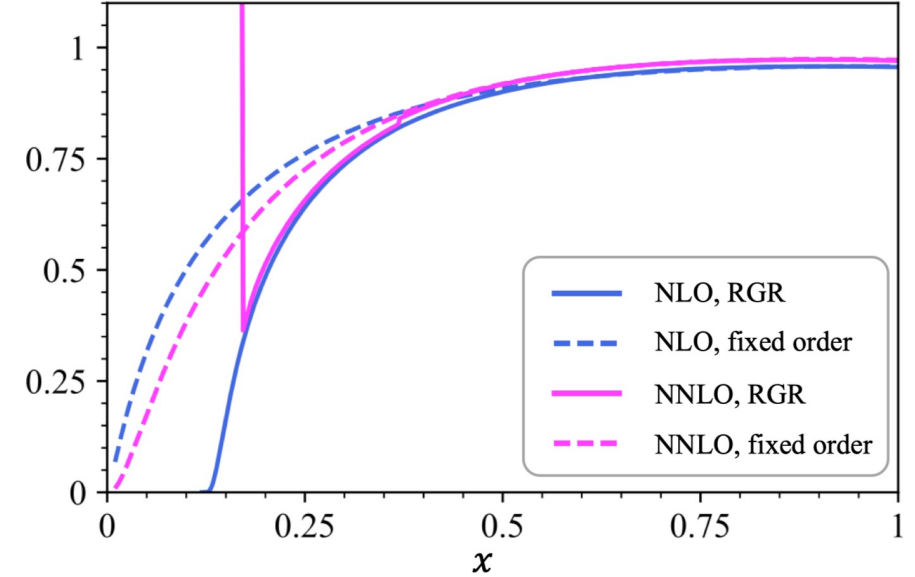
$$h^{(2)}\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) = \alpha_s^2 \left[c_2 - \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_C^{(2)} - \beta_0 c_1) \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)} - \frac{\beta_0 C_F}{2\pi} \right) \ln^2 \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} - \frac{\beta_0 C_F}{24\pi} \ln^3 \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \right]$$

- RG equation of the matching kernel:

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \ln H\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} + \frac{\gamma_C(\alpha_s)}{2},$$

and its solution:

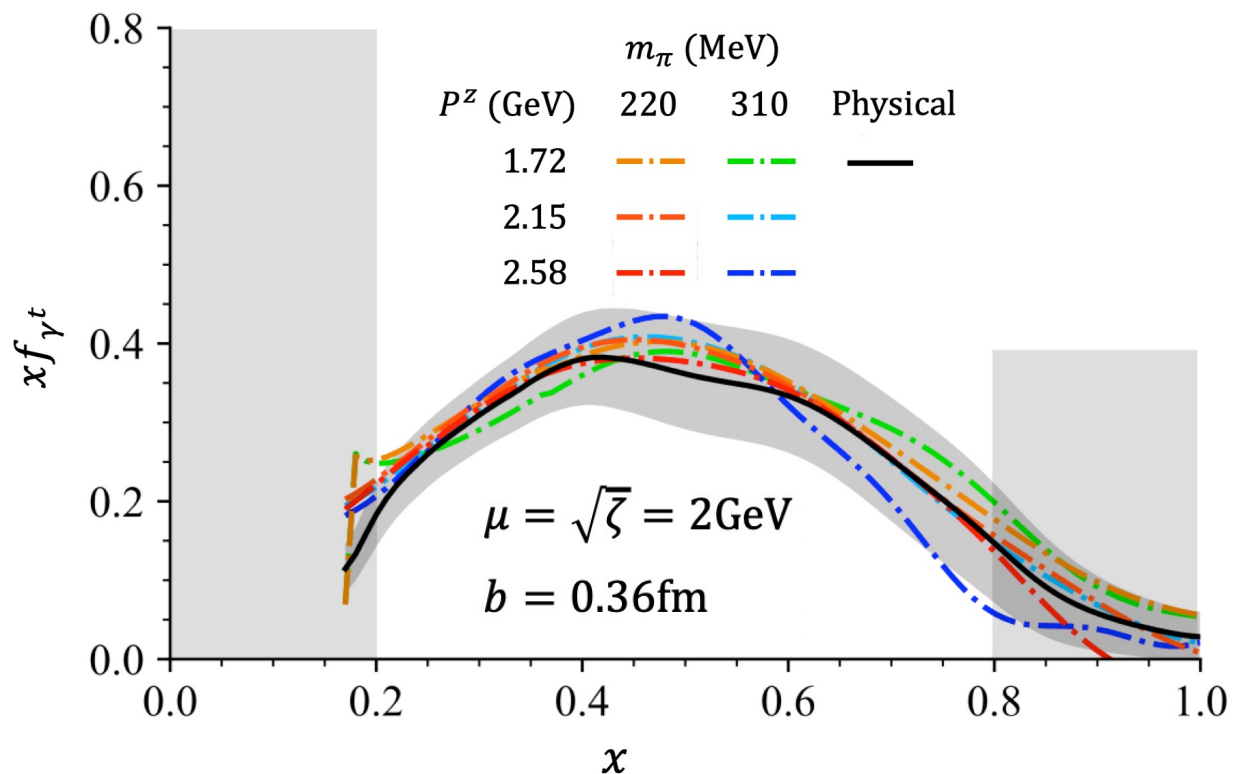
$$H\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2}\right) = H\left(\frac{\zeta_z}{\mu_0^2}\right) \exp \left[\int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \alpha_s(\mu) + \gamma_C^{(1)} \alpha_s(\mu) + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(2)} \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \alpha_s^2(\mu) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \gamma_C^{(2)} \alpha_s^2(\mu) + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(3)} \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \alpha_s^3(\mu) + \gamma_C^{(3)} \alpha_s^3(\mu) + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(4)} \ln \frac{\zeta_z}{\mu^2} \alpha_s^4(\mu) \right) \right].$$



Physical TMDPDF

Chiral and large- P^z joint extrapolation:

$$d_0(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phy}}^2) + \frac{d_1}{(P^z)^2}$$

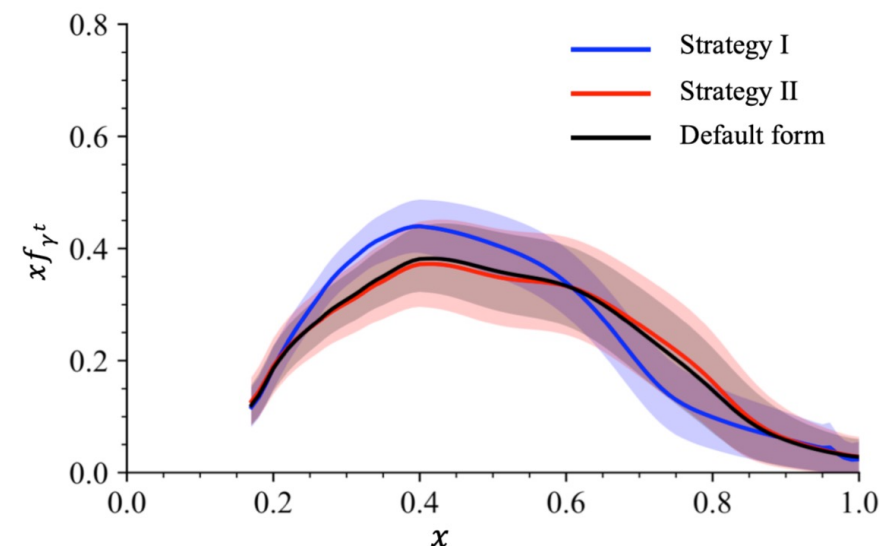


Systematic from chiral extrapolation (strategy I):

$$d_0(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phy}}^2)^2 + \frac{d_1}{(P^z)^2}$$

from large- P^z extrapolation (strategy II):

$$d_0(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phy}}^2) + \frac{d_1}{(P^z)^2} + \frac{d_2}{P^z}$$



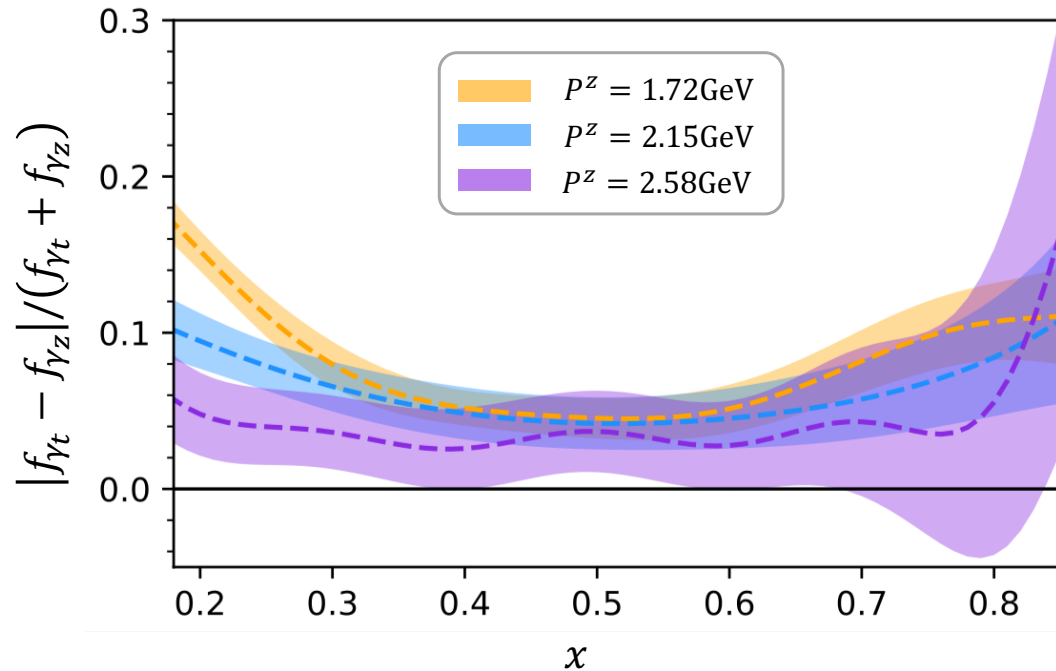
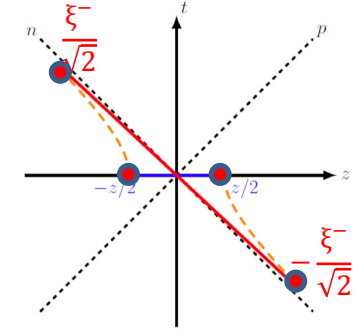
Power correction

After Lorentz boost:

Leading power

Higher power

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^t\psi(0) &= \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^+\psi(0) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^-\psi(0) \\ \bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^z\psi(0) &= \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^+\psi(0) - \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^-\psi(0) \end{aligned}$$



- Ratios denote the deviations from light-like correlator with specific P^z ;
- Ratio becomes smaller with P^z increasing.

Final results and discussion

🤔 **The unpolarized TMDPDFs seem not converge in b_{\perp} -space?**

Of course not! Perhaps there will be abrupt change at the edge of nucleon

⇒ Need larger b_{\perp} and more statistics!

🤔 **Lattice discretization and finite-volume systematics are still absent in this preliminary work...**

- **It is a challenging work for calculating the TMDPDF at small lattice spacing**
- **From the previous experience of PDF ([Lin, 2011.14971](#)), we can roughly estimate that:**

Finite-volume effect is less than 1%;

Discretization effects overall within 2 standard deviations.