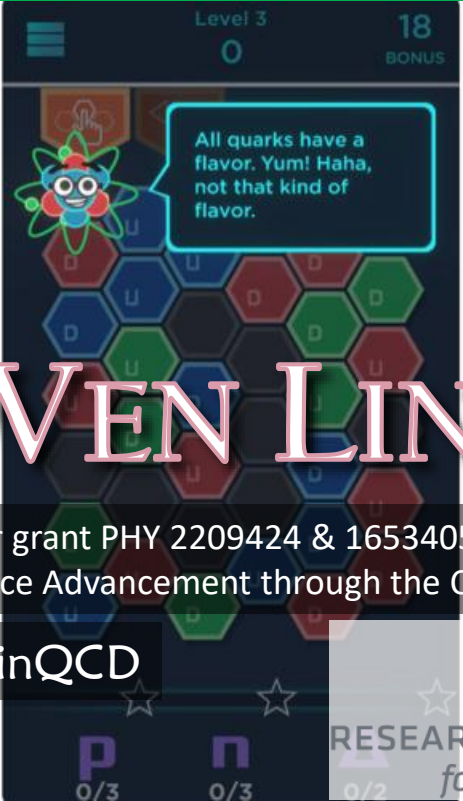


Advancing Nucleon and Pion Parton Distributions with Lattice QCD: Insights and Impact on Global Analyses









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Outline

§ Lattice QCD and Parton Distribution Functions

§ Selected x -Dependent Parton Distributions

↻ Flavor non-singlet PDFs

↻ Gluon PDFs

↻ Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

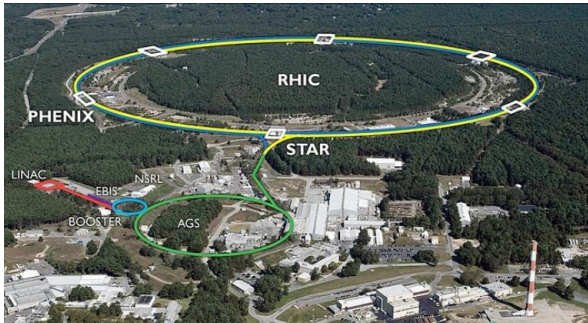
§ Impact of Lattice-QCD PDFs on Global Fits



Parton Distribution Functions

§ PDFs are universal quark/gluon distributions of nucleon

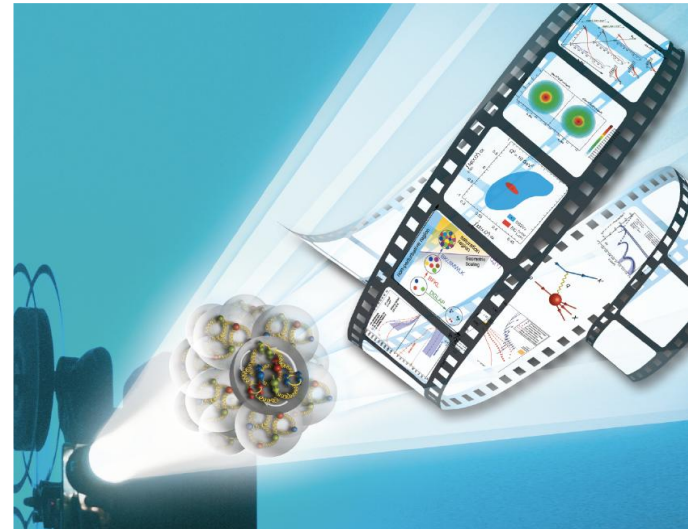
∞ Many ongoing/planned experiments
(BNL, JLab, J-PARC, COMPASS, GSI, EIC, EIC, LHeC, ...)



**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; [The Present and Future of QCD](#) (2303.02579)

Parton Distribution Functions

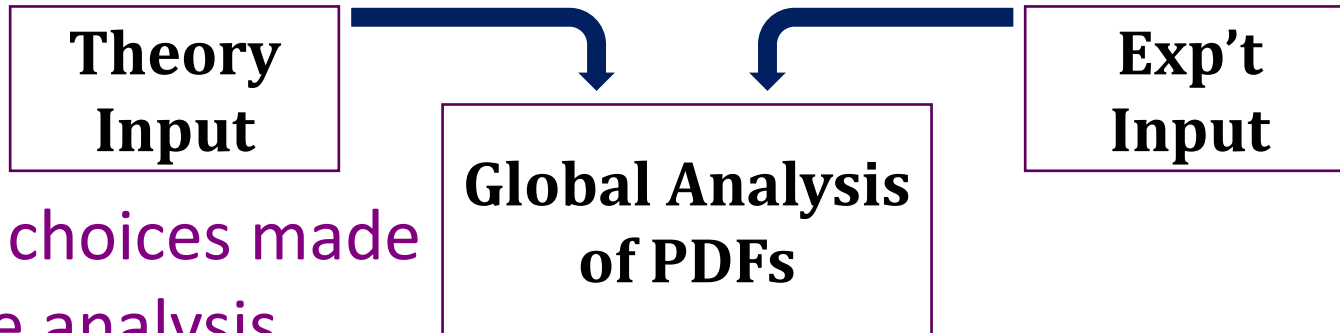
Electron-Ion Collider
in China ([2102.09222](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.09222))



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

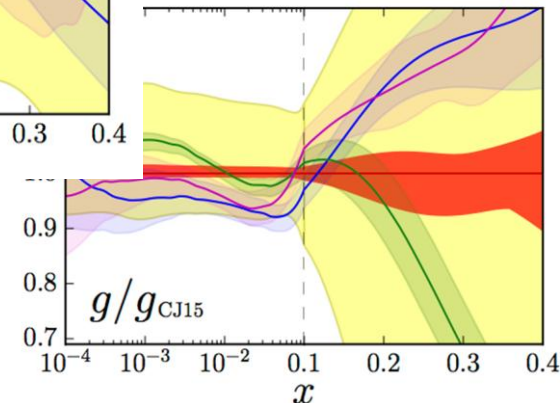
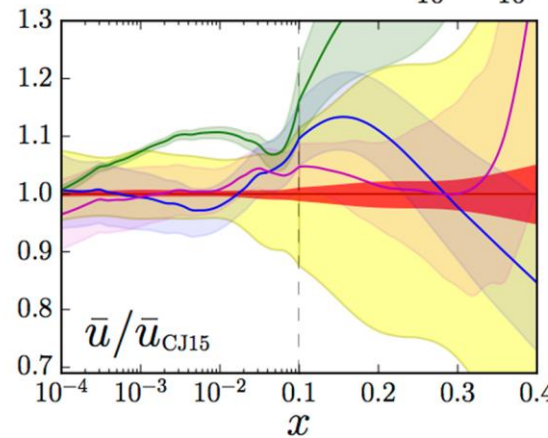
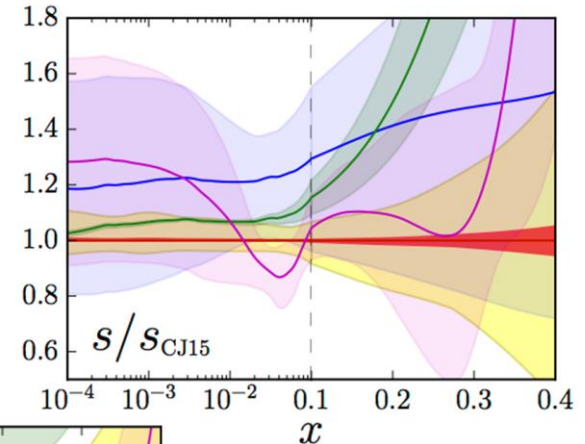
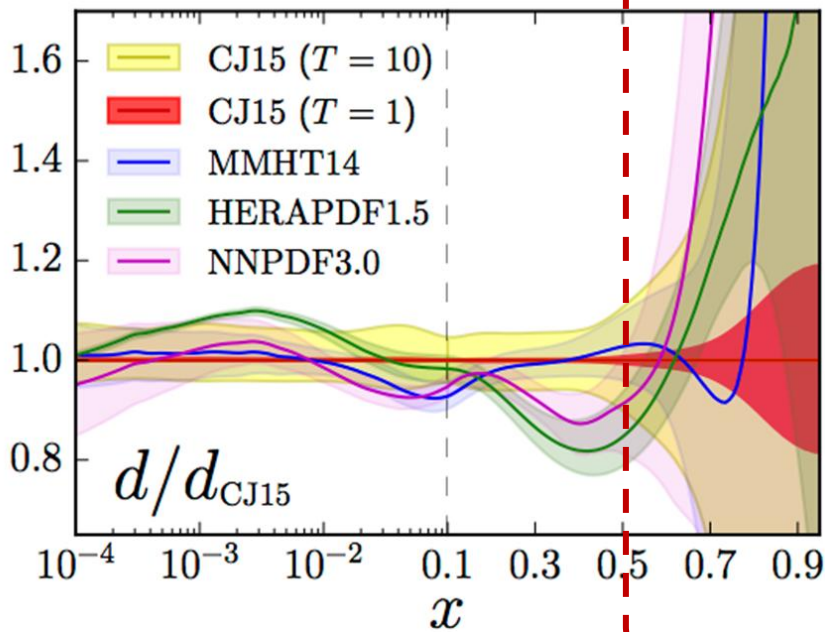
$$s = \bar{s} = \kappa(\bar{u} + \bar{d})$$

Global Analysis

§ Discrepancies appear when data is scarce

§ Many groups have tackled the analysis

↻ CTEQ, MSTW, ABM, JR, NNPDF, etc.

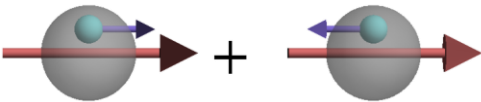
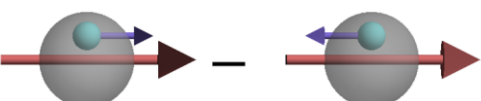


CTEQ-JLAB

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

PDFs on the Lattice

§ Traditional lattice calculations rely on operator product expansion, only provide moments

 spin-averaged/unpolarized	$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_q = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x)$	most well known
 spin-dependent longitudinally polarized	$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_{\Delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} \Delta q(x)$	
 spin-dependent transversely polarized	$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_{\delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} \delta q(x)$	very poorly known

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

Moments of PDFs

§ PDG-like rating system or average

§ LatticePDF Workshop

∞ Lattice representatives came together and devised a rating system

§ Lattice QCD/global fit status

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



LatticePDF Report, 1711.07916, 2006.08636

Moment	Collaboration	Reference	N_f	DE	CE	FV	RE	ES	Value	Global Fit
g_T	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1	■	★	○	★	★	** 0.926(32)	0.10 — 1.1
	PNDME 18	(Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1+1	★	★	★	★	★	* 0.989(32)(10)	
	χ QCD 20	(Horkel <i>et al.</i> , 2020)	2+1	■	★	○	★	★	† 1.096(30)	
	LHPC 19	(Hasan <i>et al.</i> , 2019)	2+1	○	★	○	★	★	* 0.972(41)	
	Mainz 19	(Harris <i>et al.</i> , 2019)	2+1	★	○	★	★	★	0.965(38)(⁺¹³ ₋₄₁)	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1	■	○	○	★	★	1.08(3)(3)(9)	
	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2	■	★	○	★	★	** 0.974(33)	
	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2017d)	2	■	★	■	★	★	1.004(21)(02)(19)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta u^-}$	RQCD 14	(Bali <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	○	★	★	★	■	1.005(17)(29)	-0.14 — 0.91
	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1	■	★	○	★	★	** 0.716(28)	
	PNDME 18	(Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1+1	★	★	★	★	★	* 0.784(28)(10)	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1	■	○	○	★	★	0.85(3)(2)(7)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta d^-}$	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2017d)	2	■	★	■	★	★	0.782(16)(2)(13)	-0.97 — 0.47
	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1	■	★	○	★	★	** -0.210(11)	
	PNDME 18	(Gupta <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1+1	★	★	★	★	★	* -0.204(11)(10)	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	2+1	■	○	○	★	★	-0.24(2)(0)(2)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta s^-}$	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2017d)	2	■	★	■	★	★	-0.219(10)(2)(13)	N/A
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Moments of PDFs

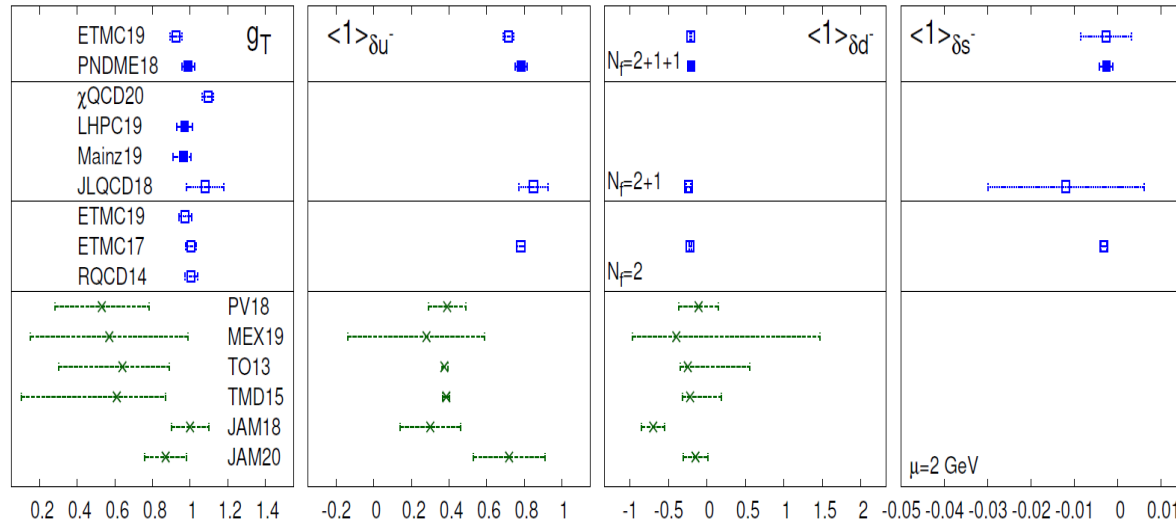
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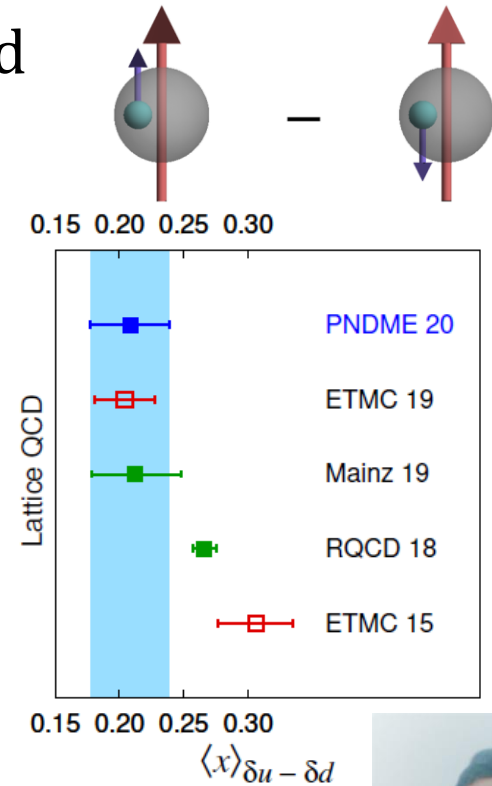
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§ Recent lattice QCD/global fit status

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



S. Mondal et al
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From Charges to PDFs

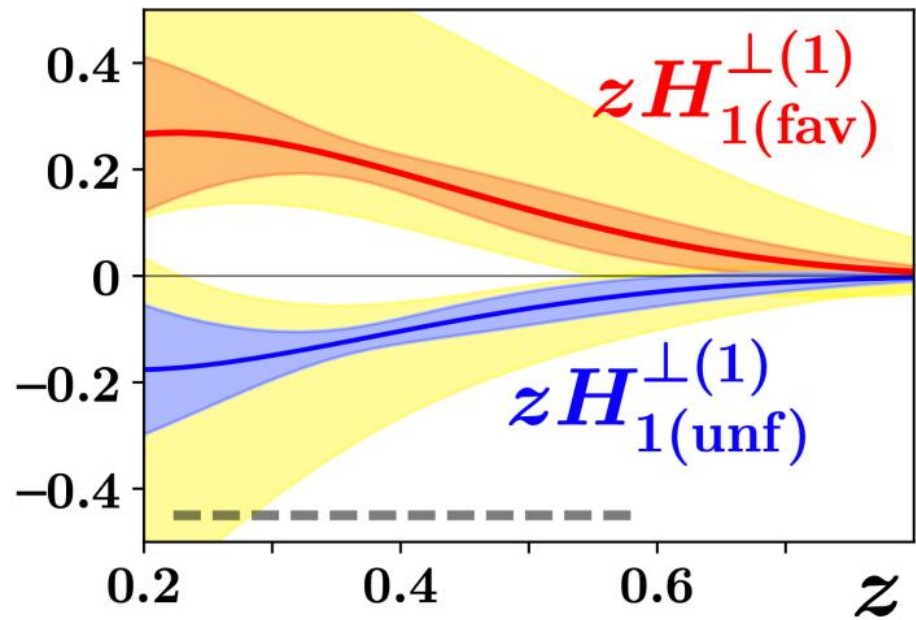
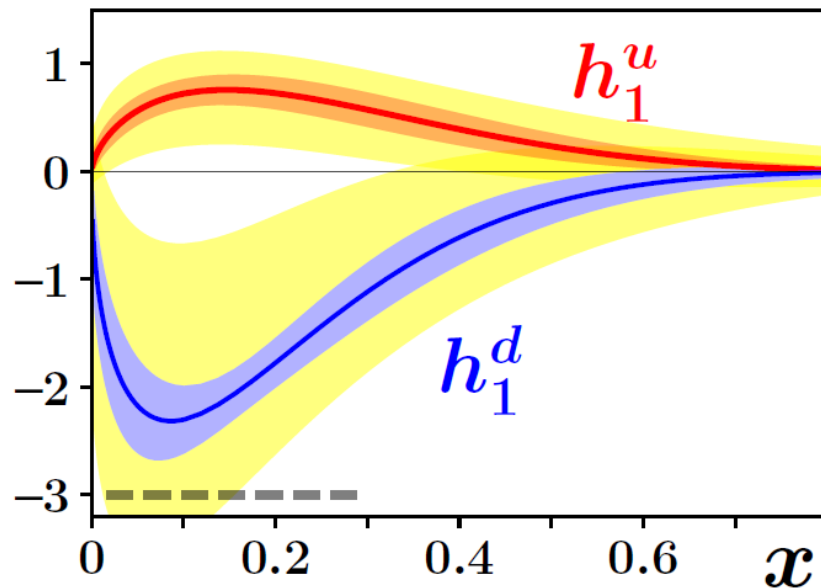
§ Improved transversity distribution with

LQCD tensor charge, $g_T = \int_{-1}^1 dx (h_1^u(x) - h_1^d(x))$



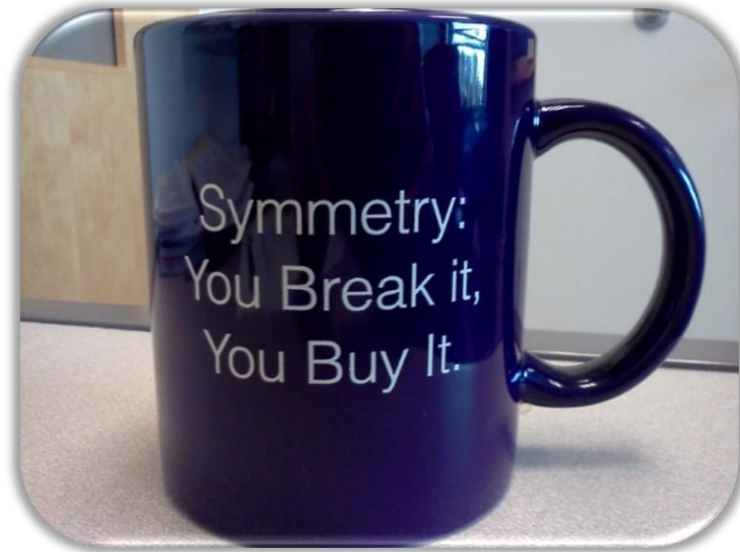
↻ Global analysis with 12 extrapolation forms: $g_T = 1.006(58)$

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



Lin, Melnitchouk, Prokudin, Sato, 1710.09858, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 152502 (2018)

Lattice Structure Limitation



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

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

§ Longstanding obstacle!

⌘ Holy grail of structure calculations

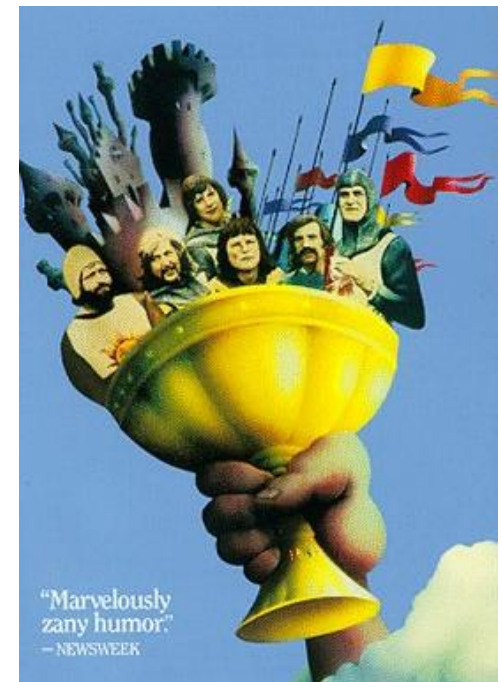
§ Applies to many structure quantities:

⌘ Parton distribution functions (PDF)

⌘ Generalized parton distributions (GPD)

⌘ Transverse-momentum distributions (TMD)

⋮



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.

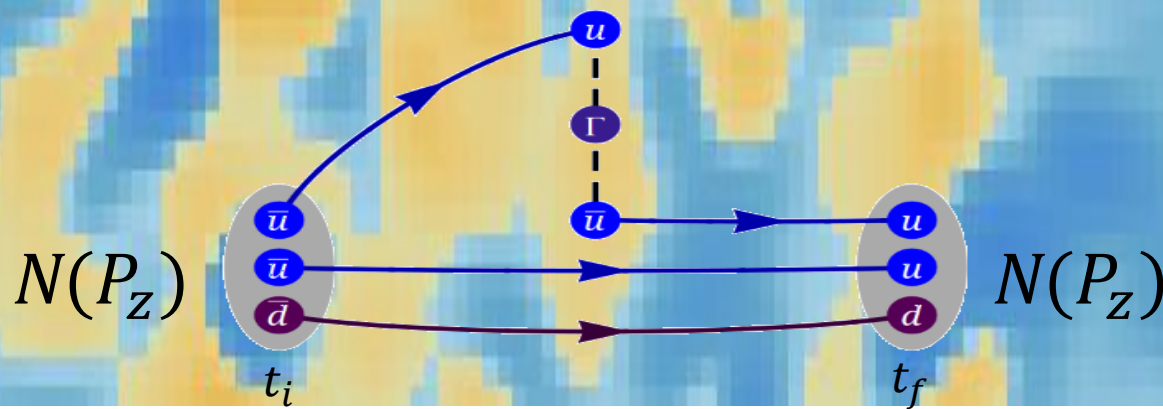
The QCD Knights are the only ones who can tame the power of the Strong Force, responsible for holding atomic nuclei together, for giving mass and shape to matter in the Universe.

They carry secret plans to build the most powerful

Lattice Parton Method

§ Large-momentum effective theory (LaMET)/quasi-PDF

(X. Ji, 2013; See 2004.03543 for review)



§ Compute quasi-distribution via

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

§ Recover true distribution (take $P_z \rightarrow \infty$ limit)

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} C \left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{P_z} \right) \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{M_N^2}{P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(x P_z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{((1-x) P_z)^2} \right)$$

X. Xiong e.a., 1310.7471; J.-W. Chen e.a., 1603.06664

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Additional source of systematics: P_z

Smaller P_z gives better signal but larger systematics
(like how heavier pion mass gives better precision)

New parameters in x-dependent methods to
pay attention to

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Direct x -Dependent Structure

§ Longstanding obstacle to lattice calculations!



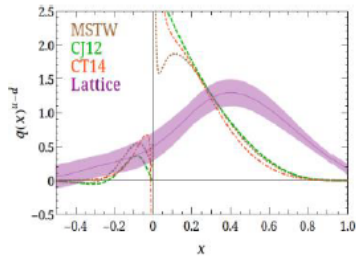
- ✧ **Quasi-PDF**/large-momentum effective theory (LaMET)
(X. Ji, 2013; See 2004.03543 for review)
- ✧ **Pseudo-PDF** method: differs in FT (A. Radyushkin, 2017)
- ✧ Lattice cross-section method (**LCS**) (Y Ma and J. Qiu, 2014, 2017)
- ✧ Compton amplitude method (A.J. Chambers et al., 1703.01153)
- ✧ Hadronic tensor currents (Liu et al., hep-ph/9806491, ... 1603.07352)
- ✧ Euclidean correlation functions (RQCD, 1709.04325)

Lattice Parton Calculations

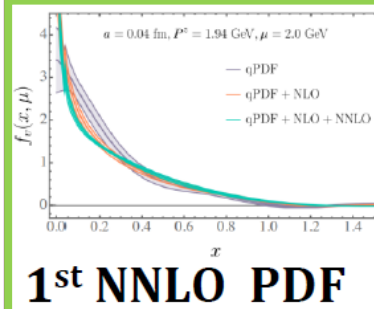
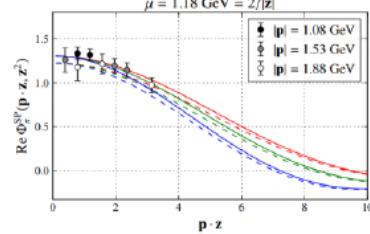
§ Rapid developments!

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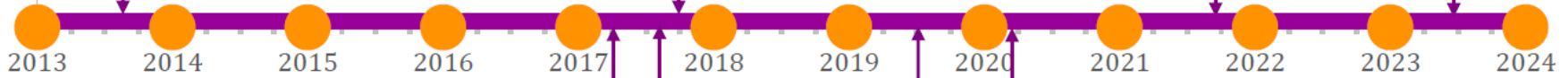
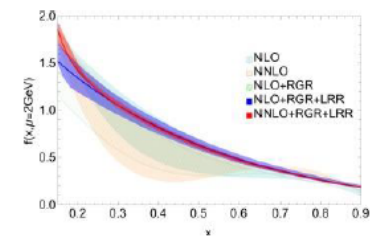
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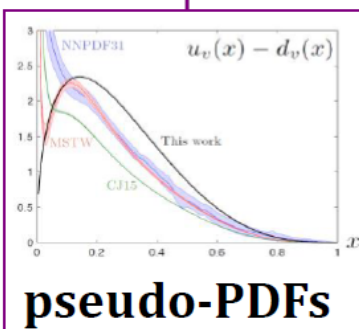
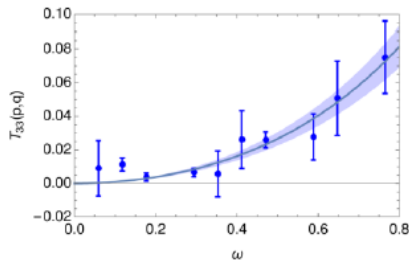
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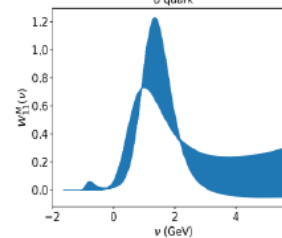
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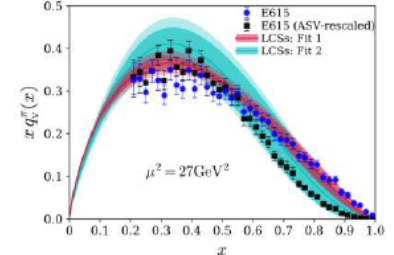
Compton amplitude



Hadronic tensor



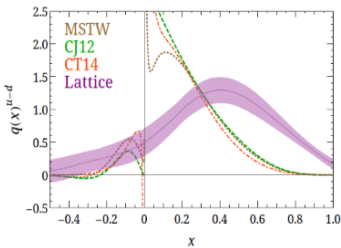
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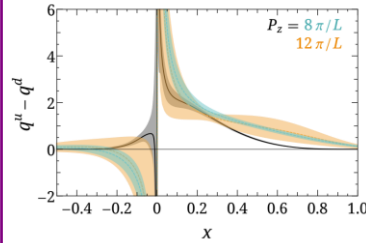
Lattice Parton Calculations

§ Physics-quantity milestones

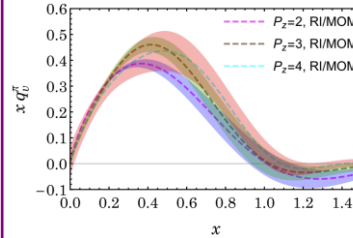
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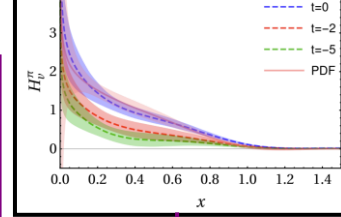
First PDFs at M_π^{phys}



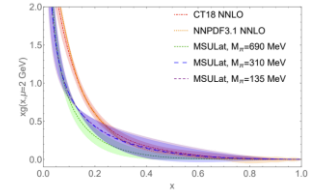
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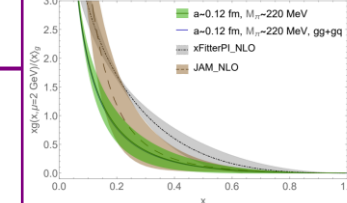
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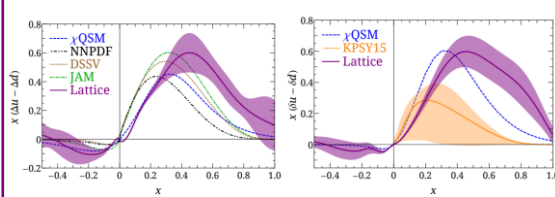
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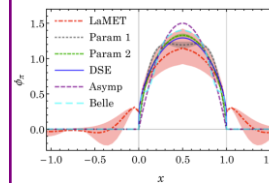
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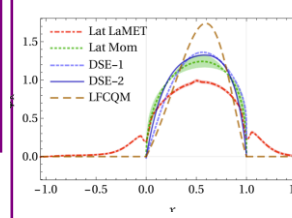
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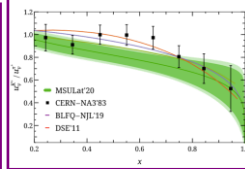
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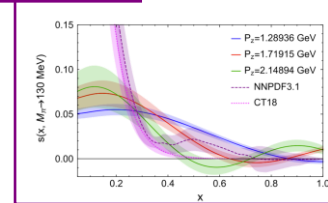
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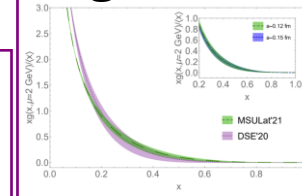
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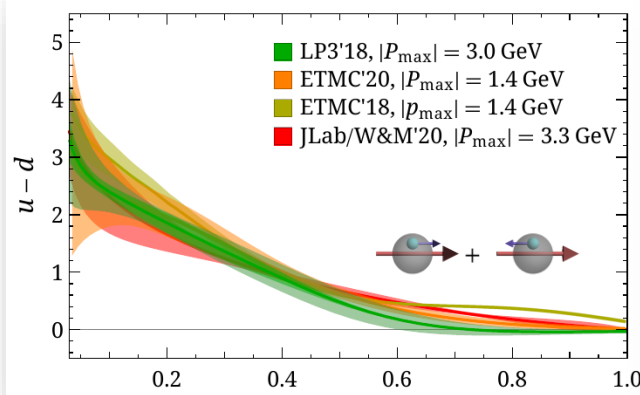
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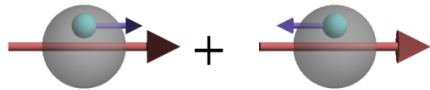
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Lattice Example Results

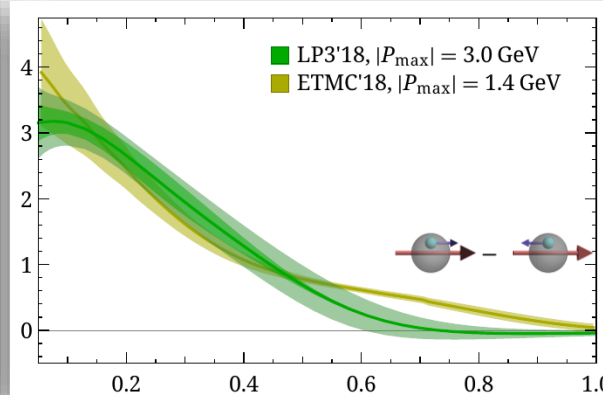
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unpolarized



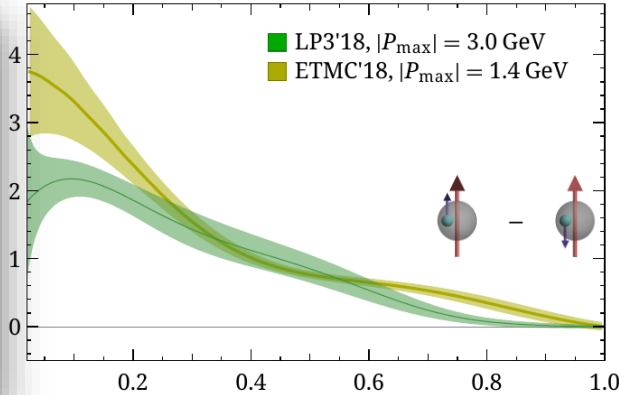
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longitudinally polarized



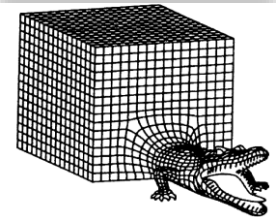
$$\Delta u(x) - \Delta d(x)$$



transversely polarized



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



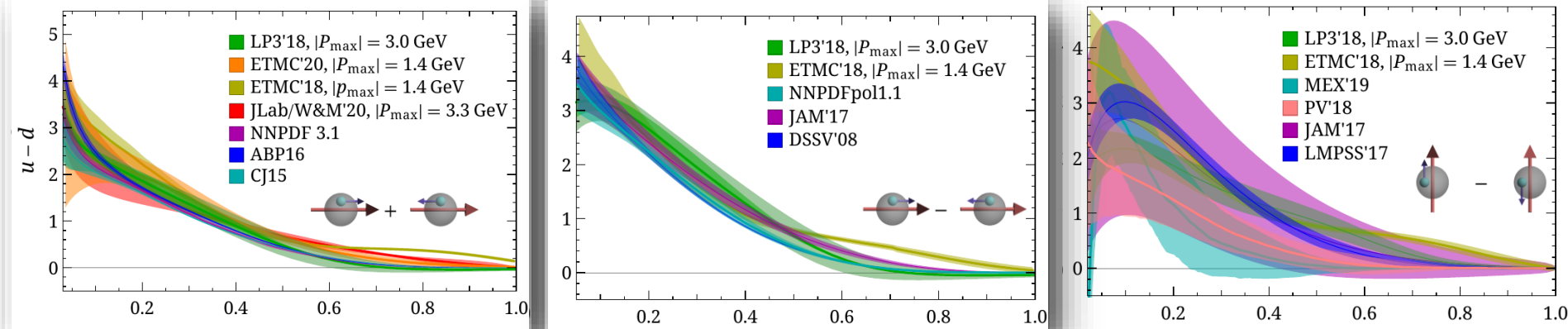
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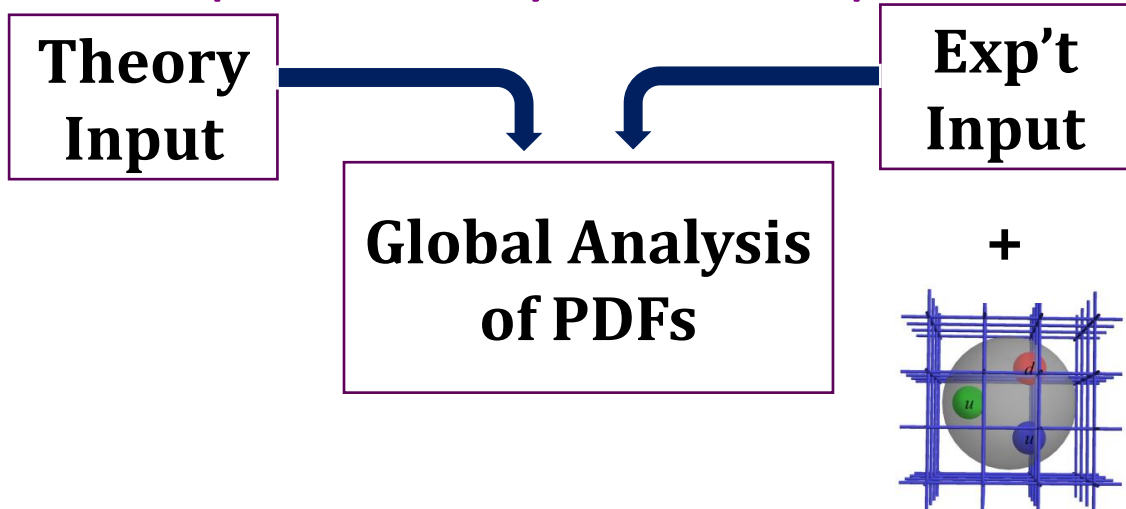
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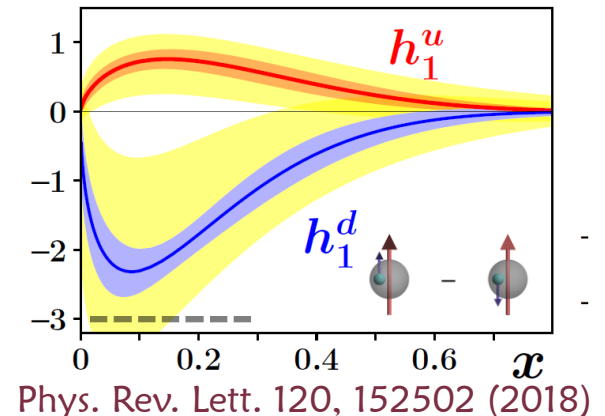
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§ Complementary Lattice inputs for best PDFs



Works have been developed in this direction



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Isvector PDFs Update

§ Nucleon isovector PDF calculated directly at **physical pion mass**

∞ NNLO matching & treat leading-renormalon effects



∞ Leading-renormalon resummation (LRR)

R. Zhang, et. al.

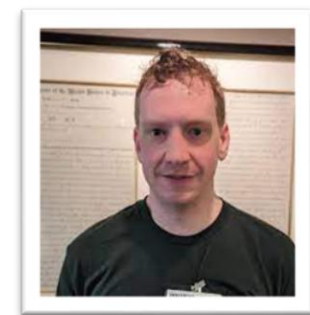
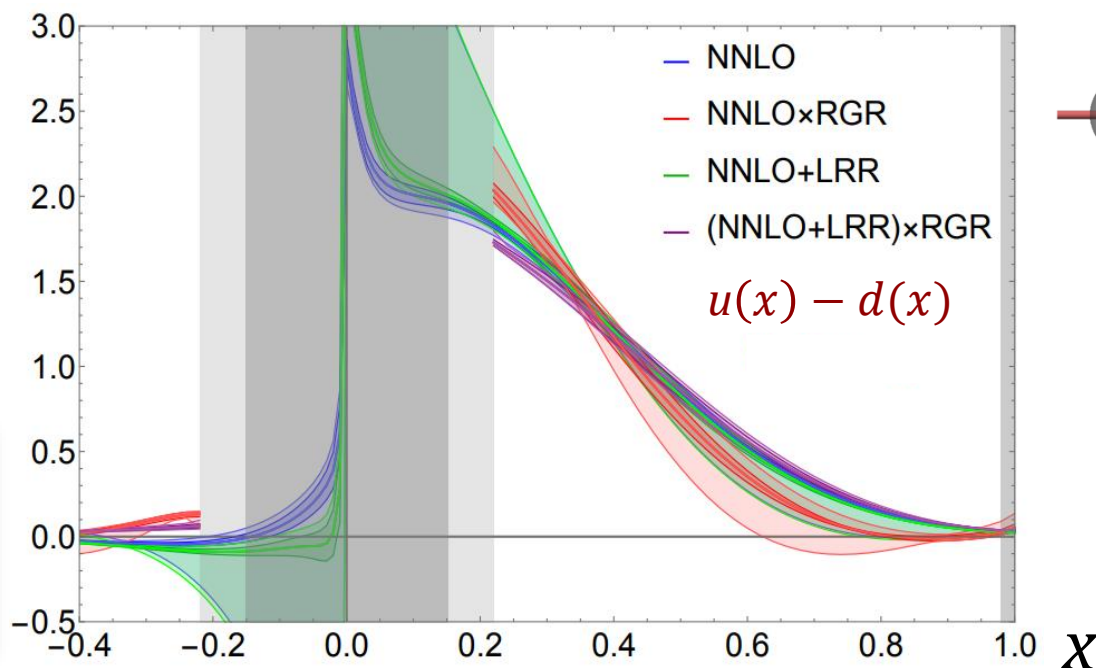
∞ Renormalization-group resummation (RGR)

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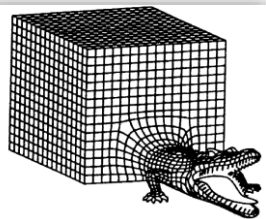
∞ $N_f = 2+1+1$ clover/HISQ, $a \approx 0.09$ fm, $P_z \approx 2$ GeV

J. Holligan, HL (MSULat), 2312.10829 [hep-lat]

Wanted
PDFs,
GPDs,
etc...



P: Jack Holligan



Continuum PDF

§ Nucleon PDFs using quasi-PDFs in the continuum limit

∞ Lattice details: clover/2+1 clover (LPC)

$a \approx \{0.49, 0.64, 0.85, 0.98\}$ fm,

$M_\pi \in [222, 354]$ -MeV pion,

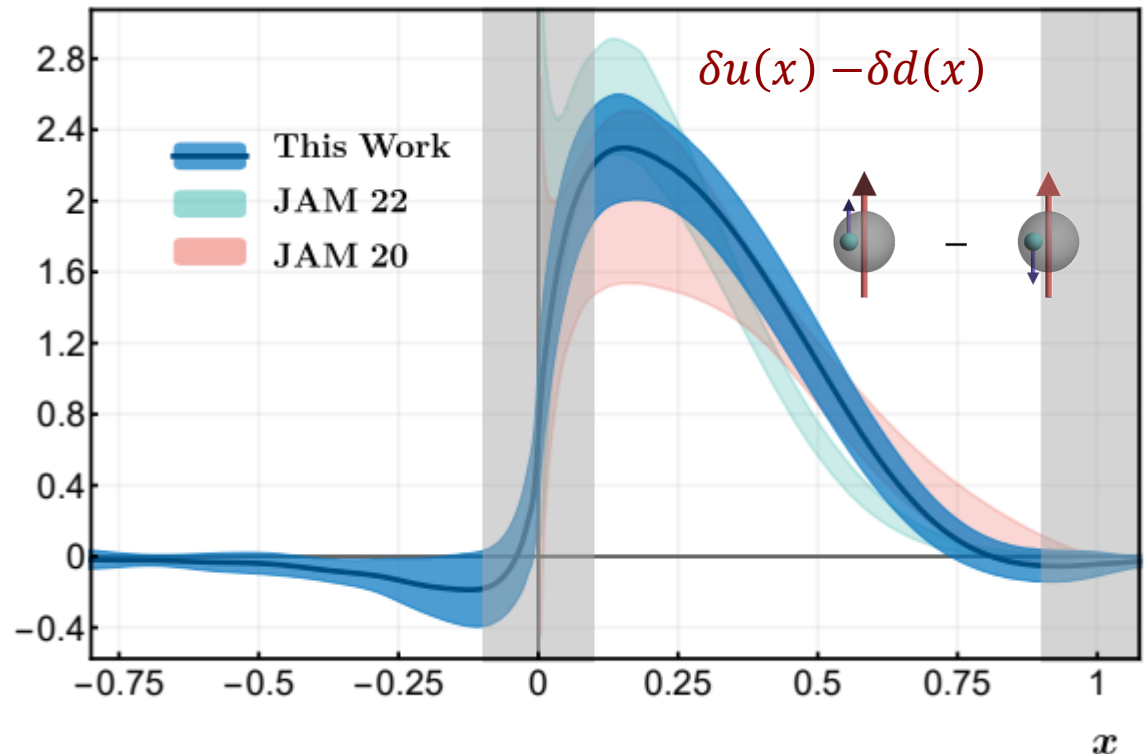
$M_\pi L \in [3.9, 8.1]$

$P_z \in [1.8, 2.8]$



F. Yao et al (LPC), 2208.08008

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Nucleon Gluon PDF (2018)

§ Pioneering first glimpse into gluon PDF using LaMET

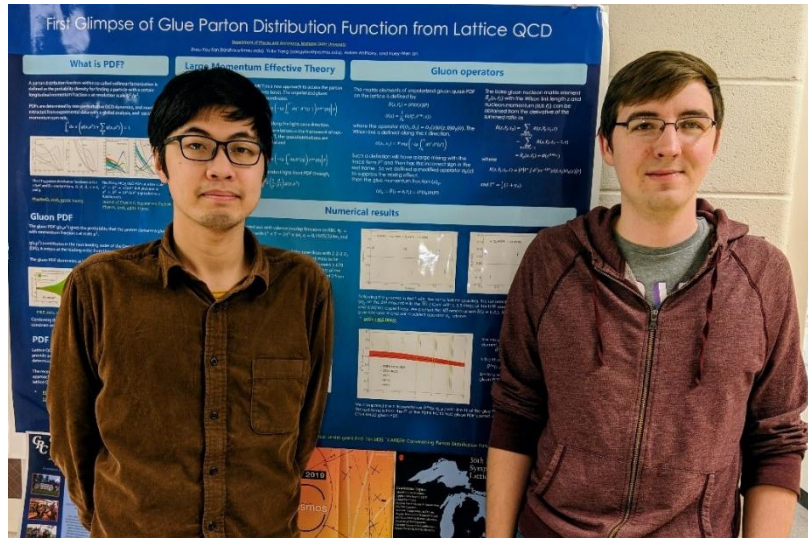
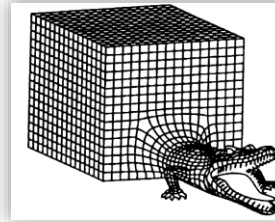


⌘ Lattice details: overlap/2+1DWF, 0.16fm, 340-MeV sea pion mass

⌘ Promising results using coordinate-space comparison, but signal does not go far in z

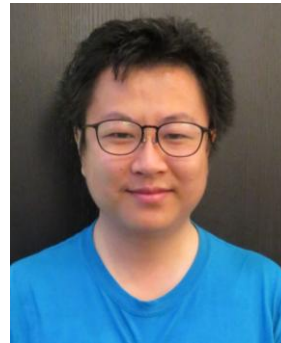
⌘ Hard numerical problem to be solved

Fan et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 121, 242001 (2018)

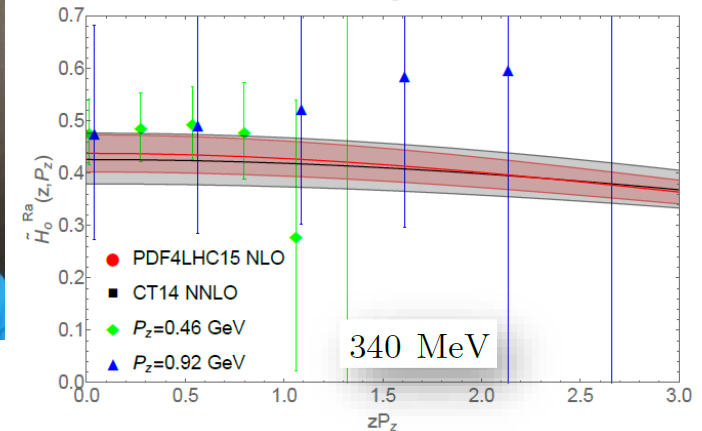
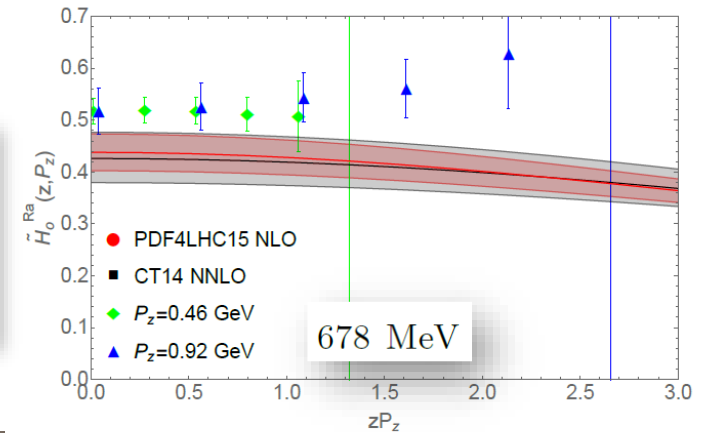


G: Zhouyou Fan

G: Adam Antony



P: Yi-Bo Yang



iCER@MSU is crucial for earlier code development and completion of this work

Nucleon Gluon PDF (2020)

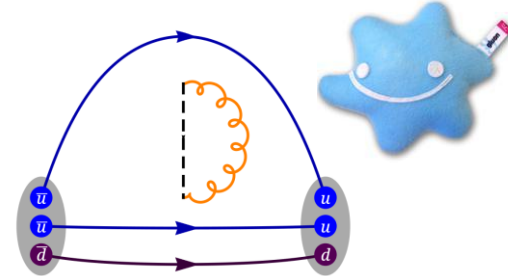
§ Gluon PDF using pseudo-PDF

∞ Lattice details: clover/2+1+1 HISQ 0.12 fm,

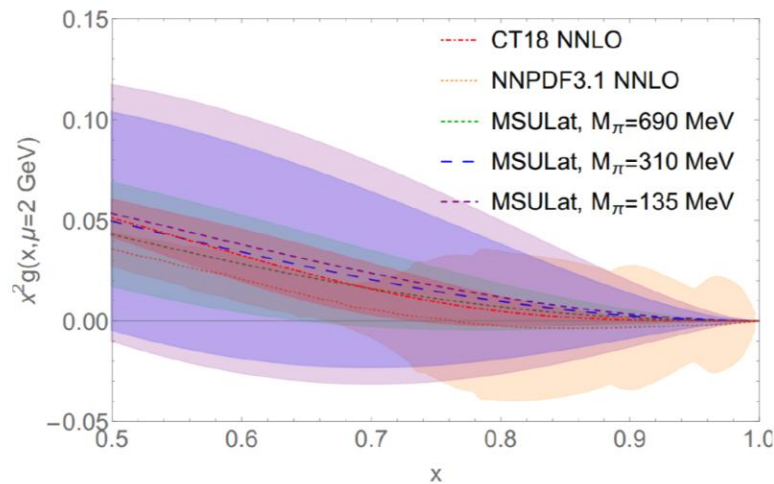
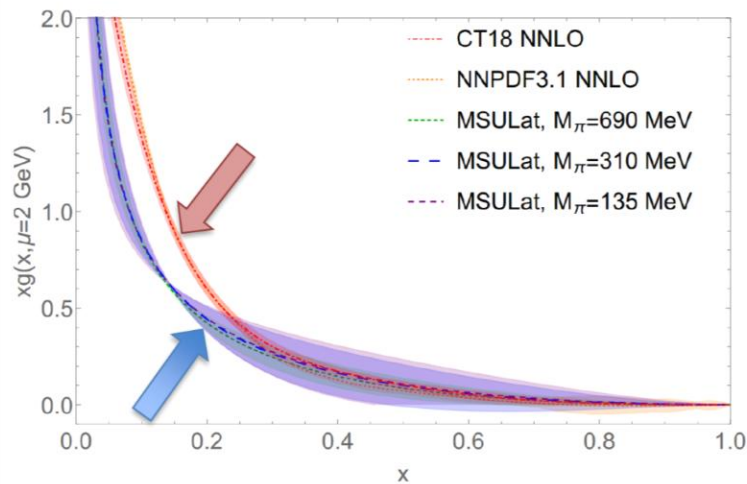
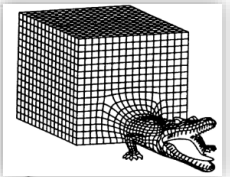
310-MeV sea pion

∞ Study strange/light-quark

Z. Fan. et al (MSULat),
2007.16113



The comparison of the reconstructed unpolarized gluon PDF from the function form with CT18 NNLO and NNPDF3.1 NNLO gluon unpolarized PDF at $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$ in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.



Slide by Zhouyou Fan@DNP2020

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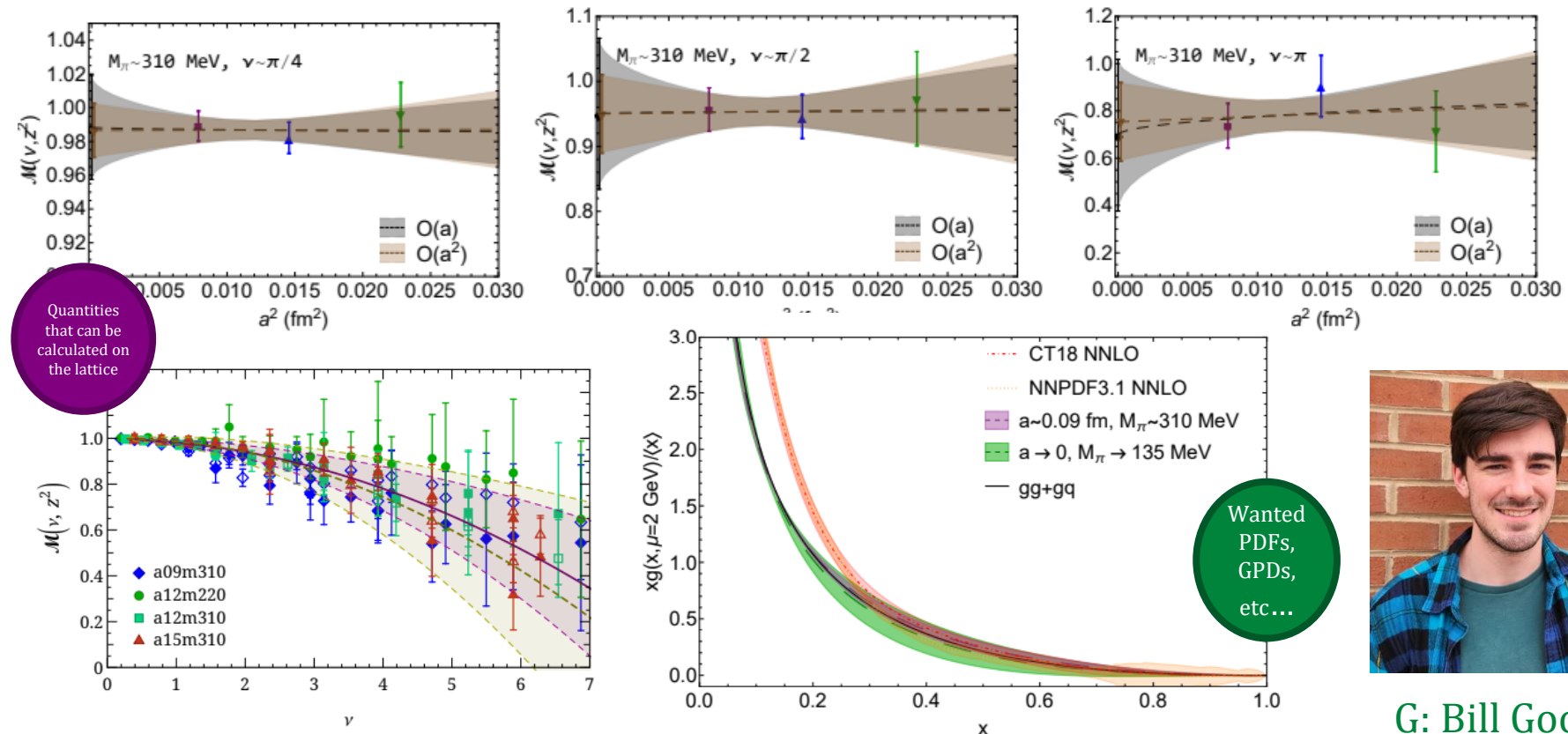
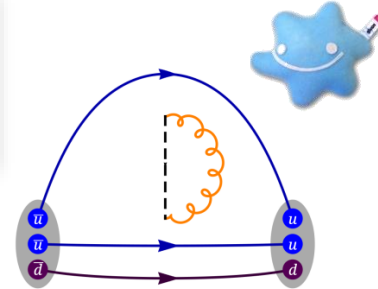
Gluon PDF in Nucleon

§ Continuum Gluon PDF w/ pseudo-PDF

$\propto$ 2+1+1 HISQ {0.09, 0.12, 0.15} fm

[220, 310, 700]-MeV pion, 10^5 – 10^6 statistics

Z. Fan et al (MSULat), 2210.09985



G: Bill Good

First LaMET Gluon PDF

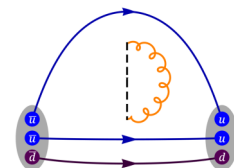
§ Hybrid-renormalized Gluon PDF w/ quasi-PDFs



∞ 2+1+1 clover/HISQ 0.12 fm, {310,690}-MeV pion, 10^6 statistics

Good et al (MSULat), 2505.13321

∞ PQCD calculated Wilson coefficient and matching kernel

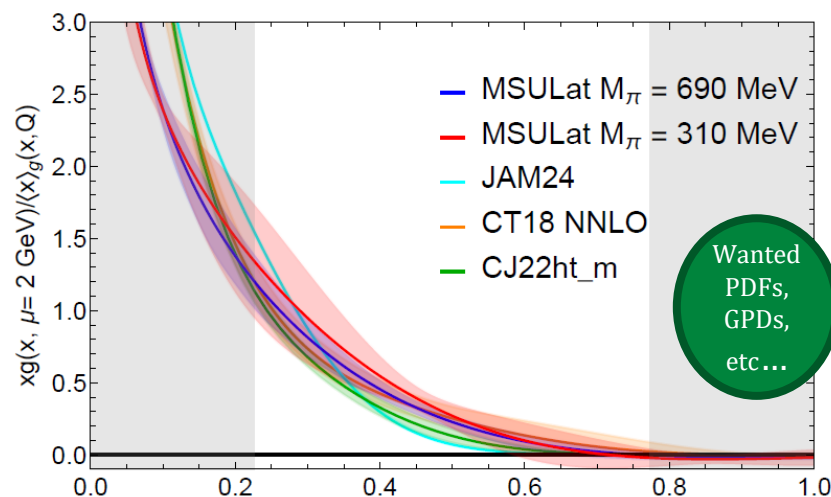
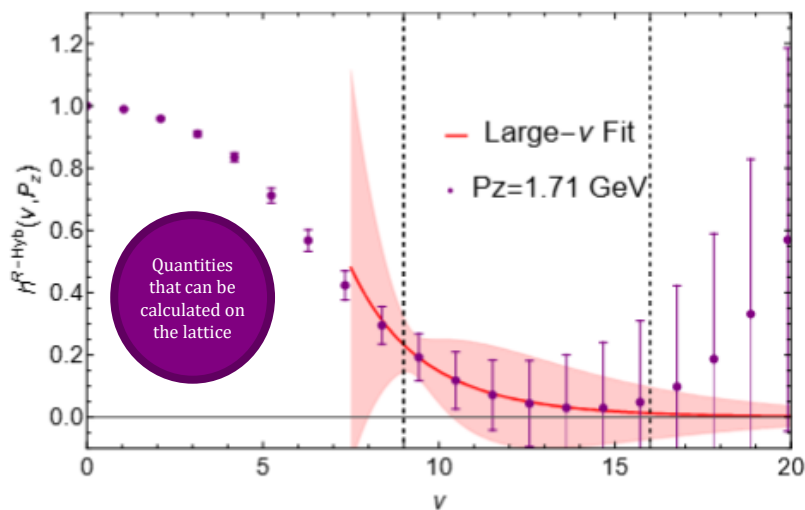


$$C_0 = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \left(\frac{5}{6} \ln \left(\frac{z^2 \mu^2 e^{2\gamma_E}}{4} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$C^{\text{hyb.}} \left(\xi, \frac{\mu}{p^z} \right) = C^{\text{ratio}} \left(\xi, \frac{\mu}{p^z} \right) + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \frac{5}{6} \left[-\frac{1}{|1-\xi|} + \frac{2\text{Si}((1-\xi)z_s p^z)}{\pi(1-\xi)} \right]_+$$

Formula by Fei Yao
(BNL)

∞ First LaMET result Plots by Bill Good (MSU)

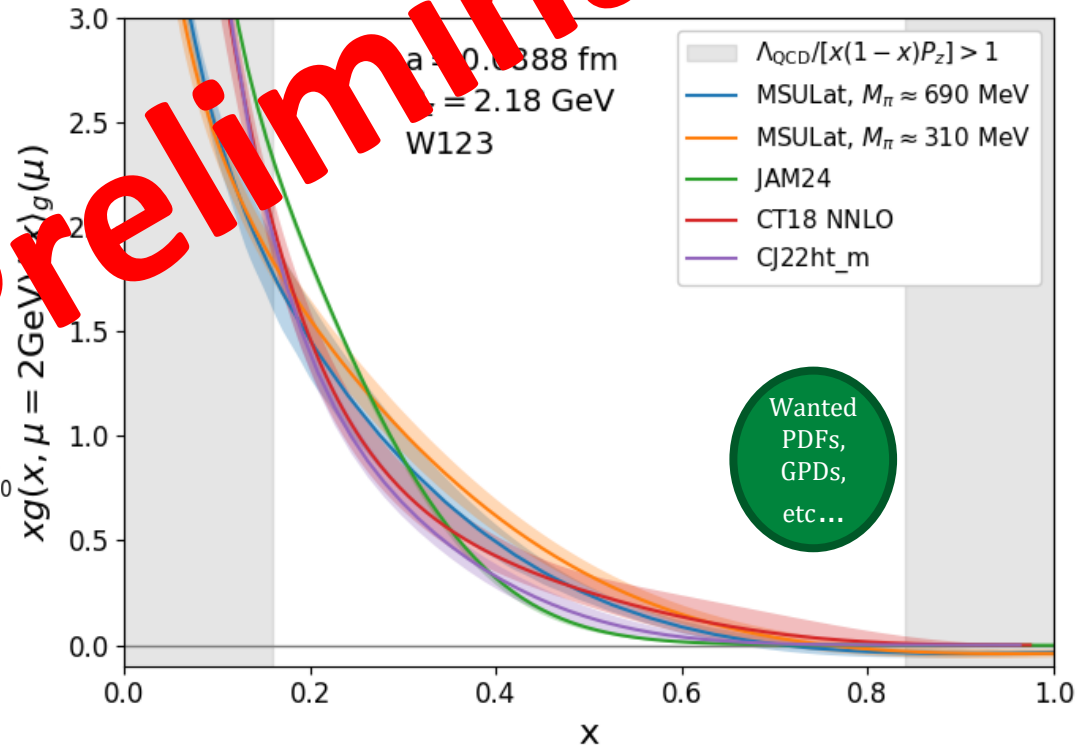
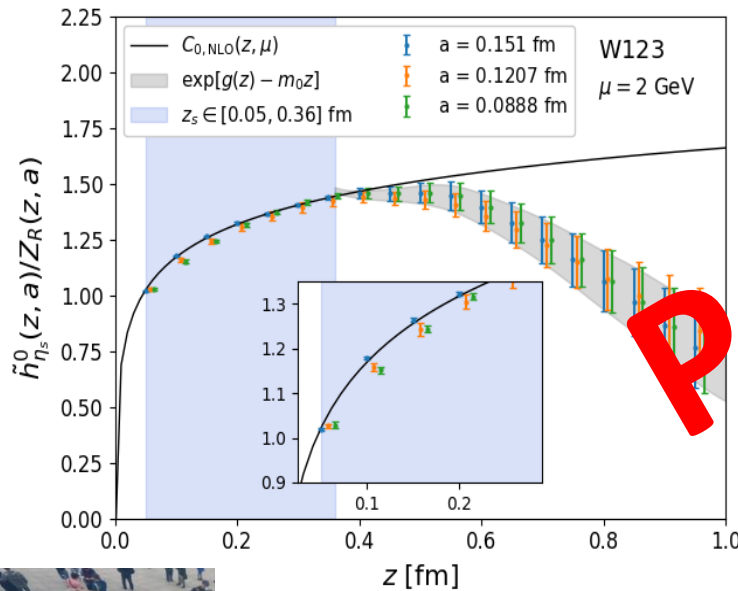


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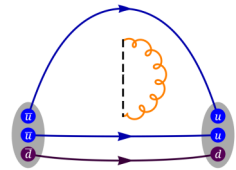
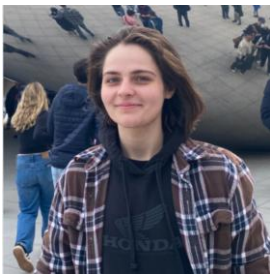
§ Self-renormalized gluon PDF w/ quasi-PDFs

2+1+1 clover/HISQ $\{0.15, 0.12, 0.09\}$ fm, $\{310, 690\}$ -MeV pion,
 10^6 statistics NieMiera et al (MSULat), 2510.XXXX

⌘ Preliminary result

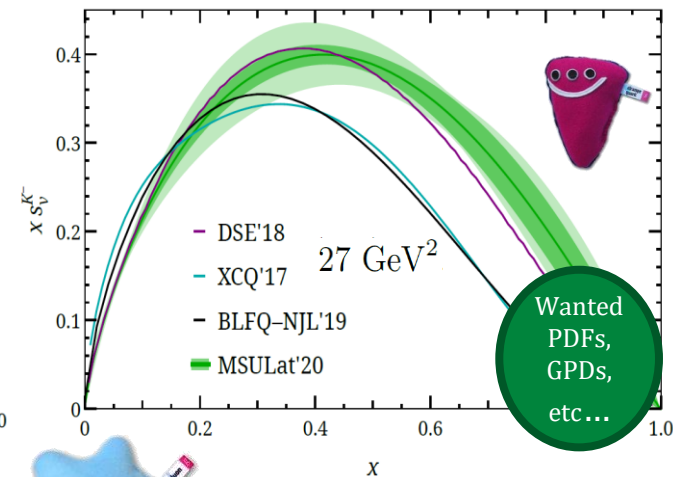
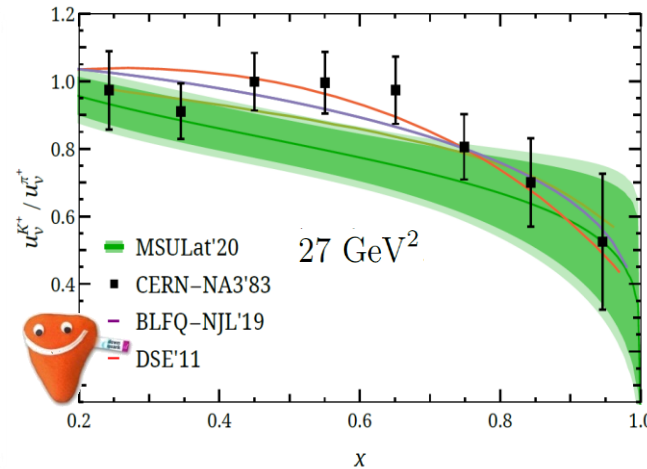
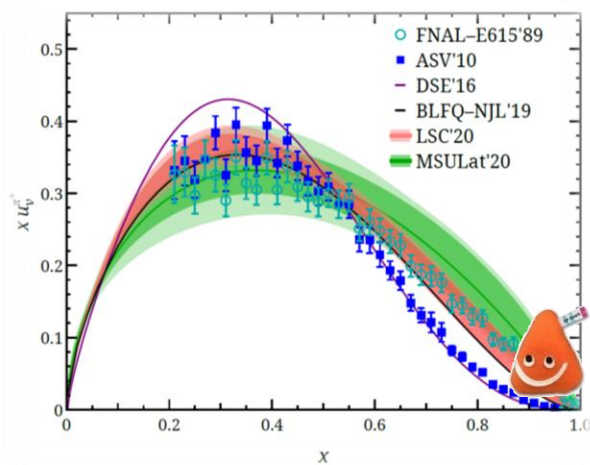


Plots by
 Alex NieMiera (MSU)

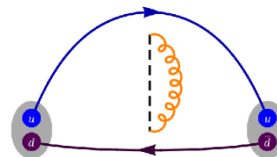
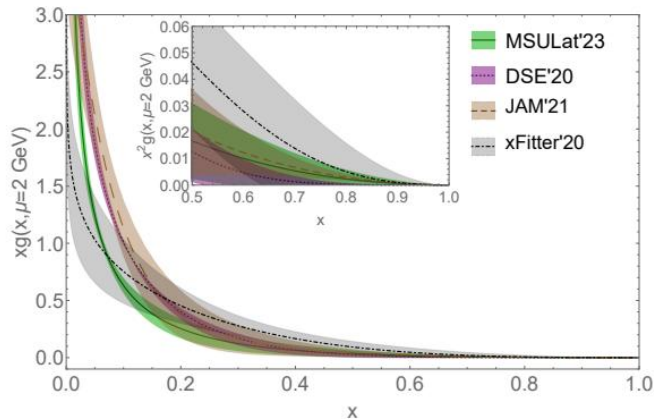


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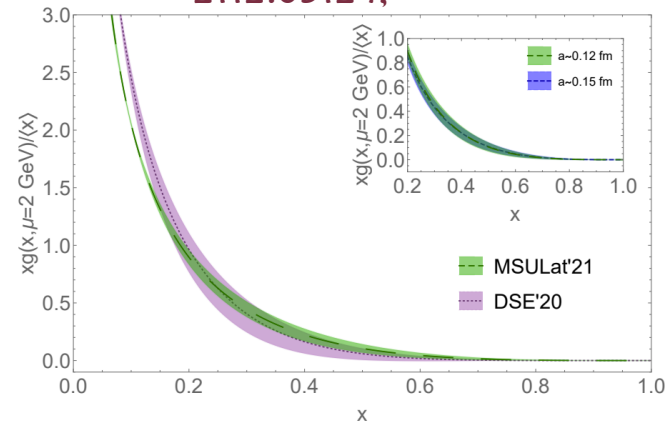
§ Pion/Kaon valence-quark PDFs using quasi-PDF in the continuum limit MSULat. 2003.14128



§ Pion/Kaon Gluon PDF w/ pseudo-PDF Good et al. (MSULat), 2310.12034,



Salas-Chavira et al. (MSULat), 2112.03124,



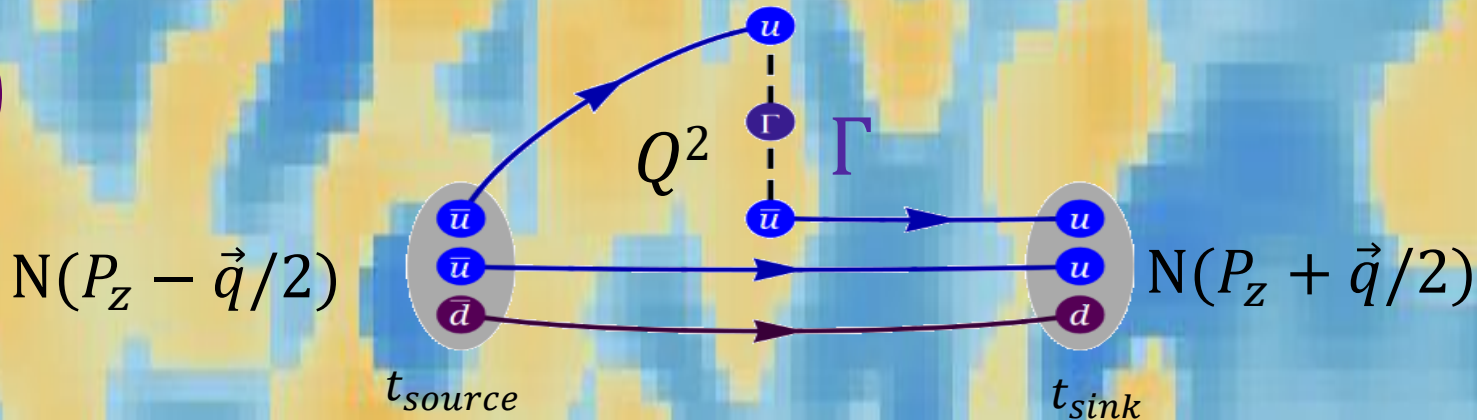
Isvector Nucleon GPDs

§ Nucleon GPD using quasi-PDFs at physical pion mass

⌘ MSULat: clover/2+1+1 HISQ

0.09 fm, 135-MeV pion mass, $P_z \approx 2$ GeV

⌘ $\xi = 0$ isovector nucleon GPD results



$$\tilde{F}(x, \xi, t, \bar{P}_Z) = \frac{\bar{P}_Z}{\bar{P}_0} \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{ixz\bar{P}_Z} \langle P' | \tilde{O}_{\gamma_0}(z) | P \rangle = \frac{\bar{u}(P')}{2\bar{P}^0} \left(H(x, \xi, t, \bar{P}_Z) \gamma^0 + E(x, \xi, t, \bar{P}_Z) \frac{i\sigma^{0\mu} \Delta_\mu}{2M} \right) u(P'')$$

$$p^\mu = \frac{p''^\mu + p'^\mu}{2}, \quad \Delta^\mu = p''^\mu - p'^\mu, \quad t = \Delta^2, \quad \xi = \frac{p''^+ - p'^+}{p''^+ + p'^+}$$

HL, Phys.Rev.Lett. 127 (2021) 18, 182001

Tomography @ Physical Pion Mass

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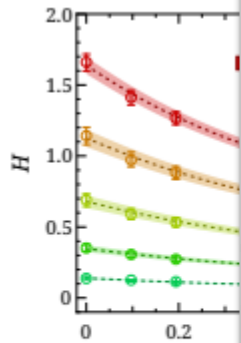
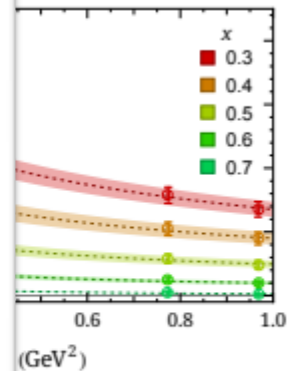
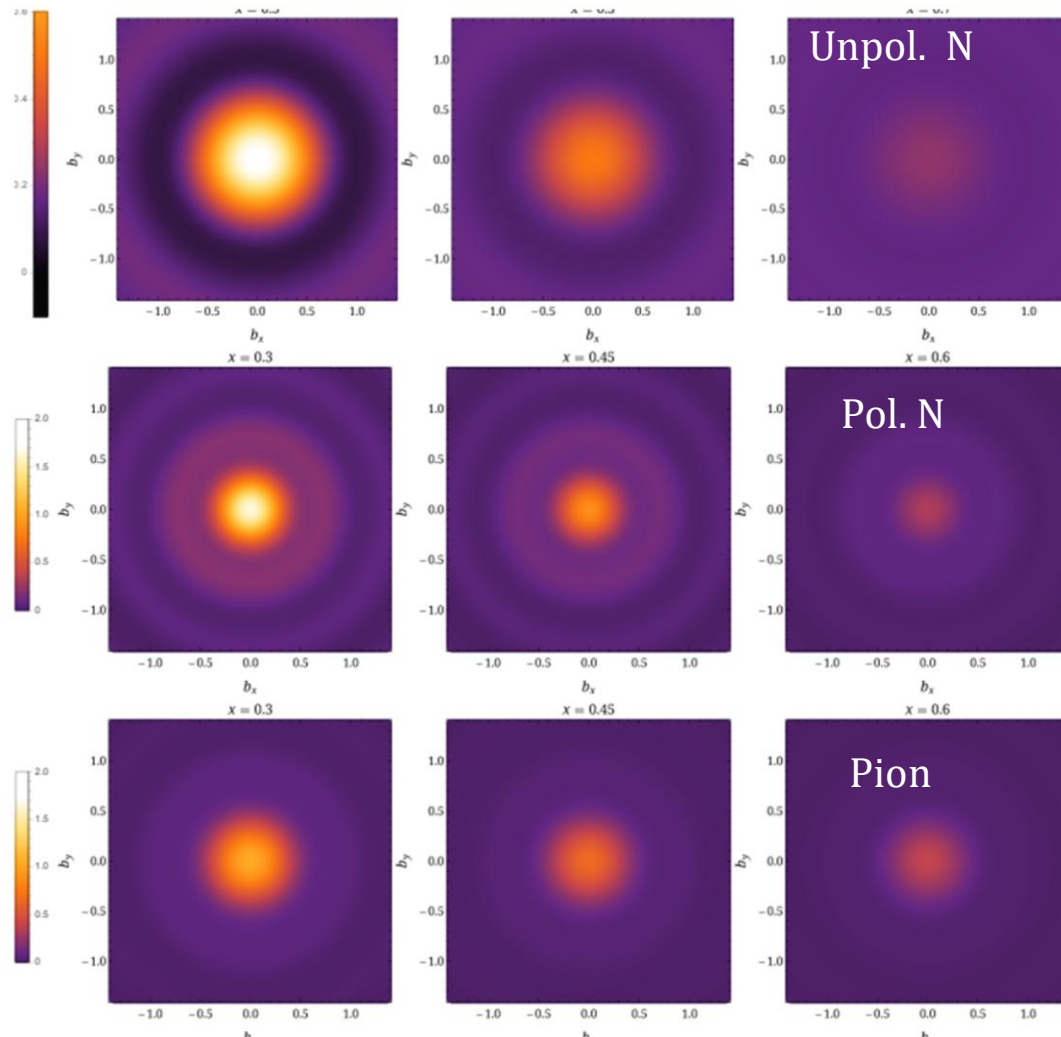


Figure 4.1:



selected x values.

HL, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 144 (2025) 104177

GPD Systematic Update

§ Nucleon isovector GPDs & pion valence-quark GPDs

↻ NNLO matching & treat leading-renormalon effects



↻ Leading-renormalon resummation (LRR)

R. Zhang, et. al.

↻ Renormalization-group resummation (RGR)

PLB 844, 138081 (2023)

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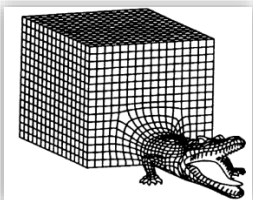
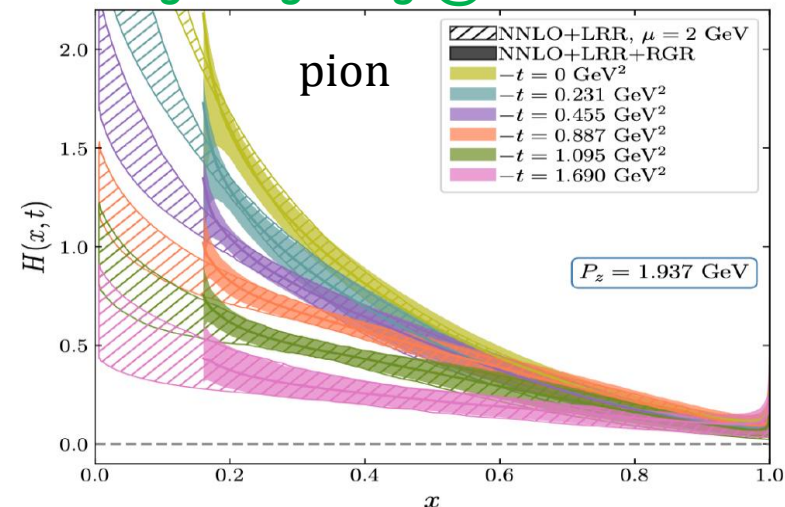
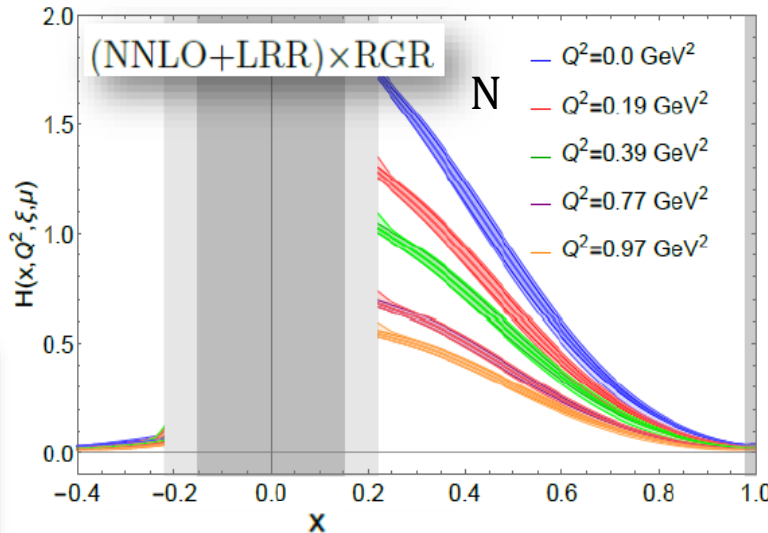
J. Holligan, HL (MSULat),
2312.10829 [hep-lat]

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300-MeV pion, $P_z \approx 2$ GeV

H. Ding et al (ANL/BNL/Wuhan),
2407.03516 [hep-lat]

Heng-Tong Ding @ Tue. 9:30 AM

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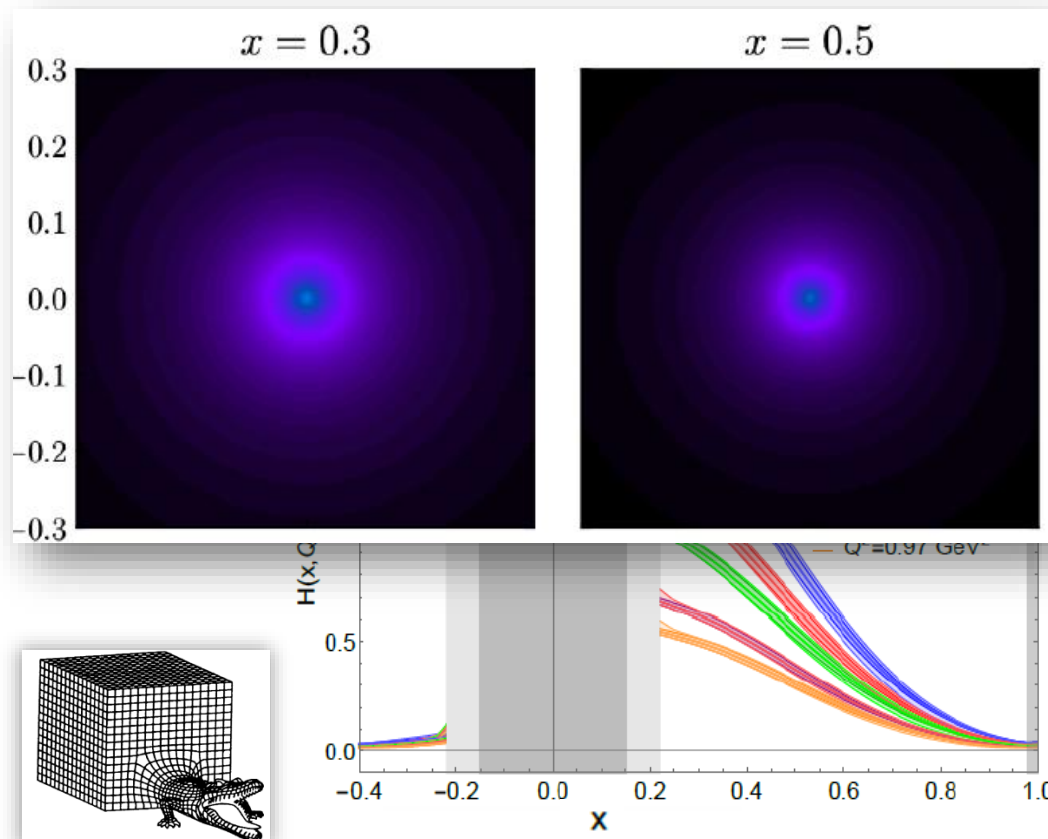
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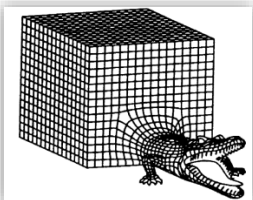
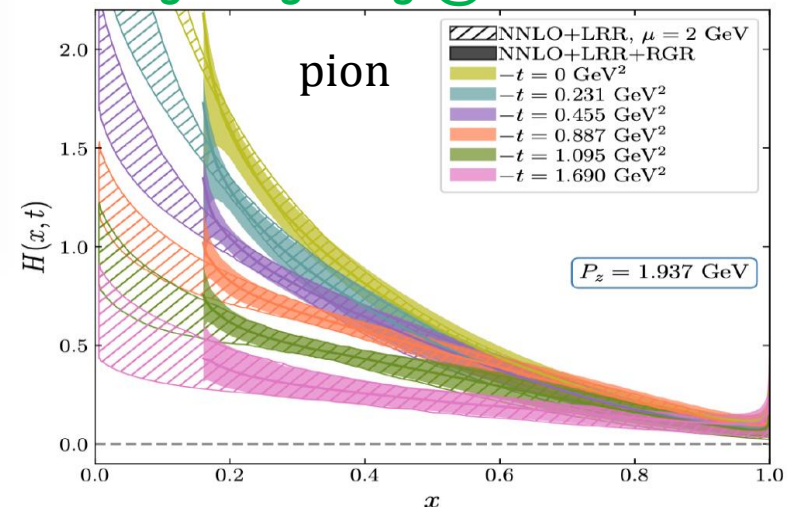
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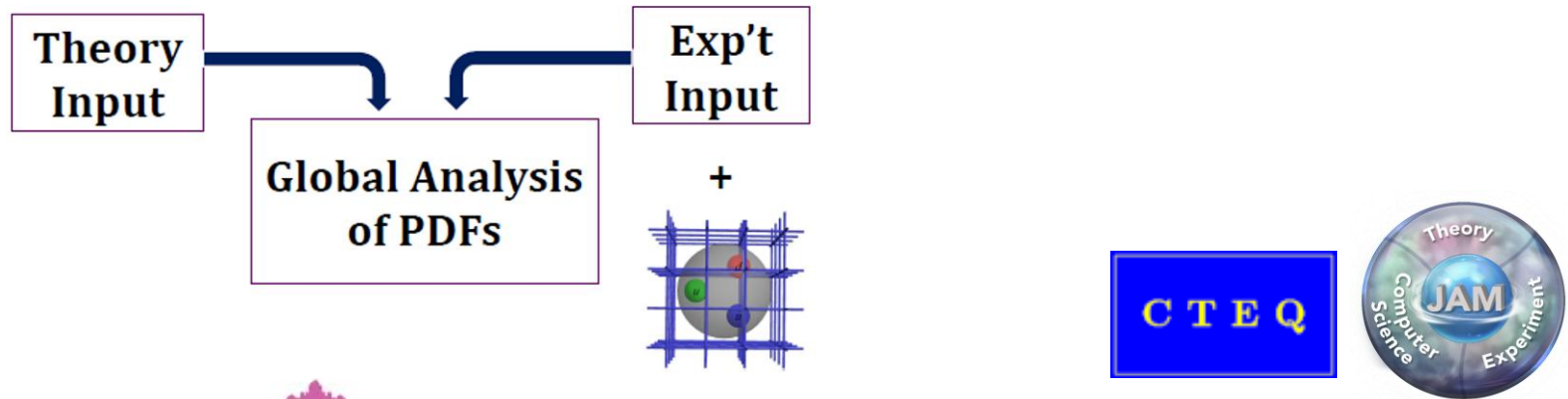
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Impact of Lattice-QCD PDFs on Global Fits



First Lattice Strange PDF

§ Results by MSULat/quasi-PDF method

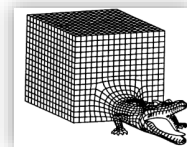
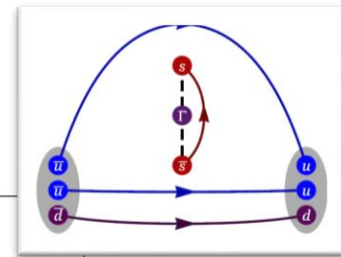
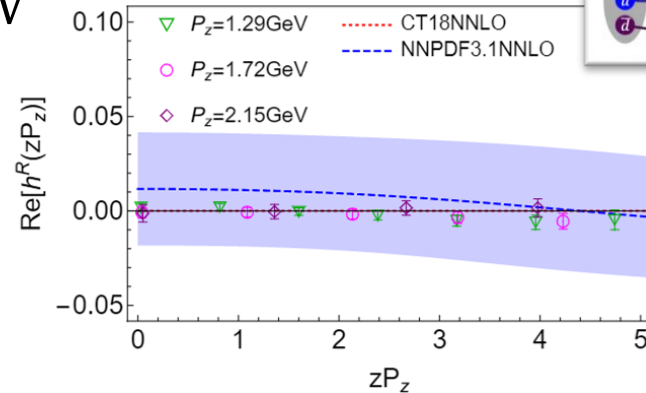
- ∞ Clover on 2+1+1 HISQ, 0.12-fm 310-MeV QCD vacuum
- ∞ Extrapolated to $M_\pi \approx 140$ MeV

R. Zhang et al (MSULat),
2005.01124

$$\text{Re}[h(z)] \propto \int dx (s(x) - \bar{s}(x)) \cos(xzP_z)$$



FG: Rui Zhang



Quantities
that can be
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Lattice Strangeness Asymmetry Impact

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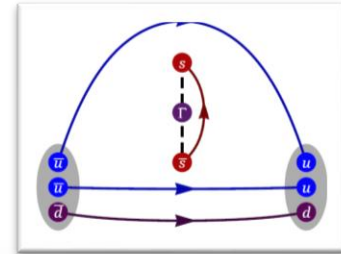
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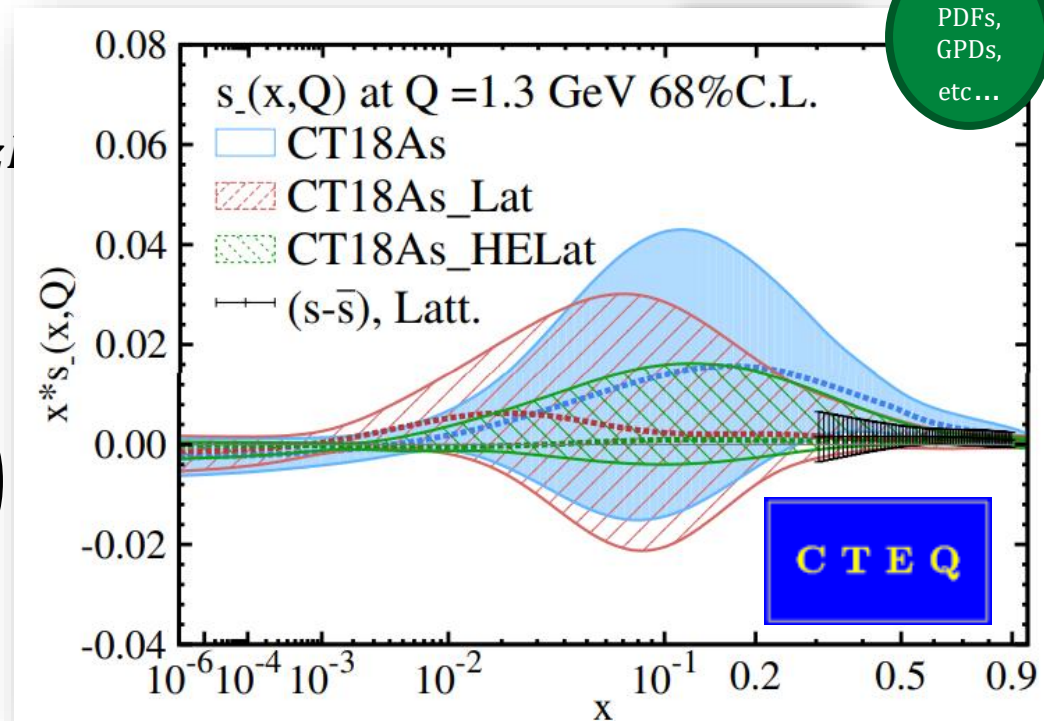
§ From quasi-PDF to PDF

$$\tilde{f}_q(x, P_z) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} f_q(y) C_{q/q}(x, y, P_z, \mu) + O\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(1-x)^2 P_z^2}\right)$$

T. Hou, HL, M. Yan, C. Yuan,
2211.11064



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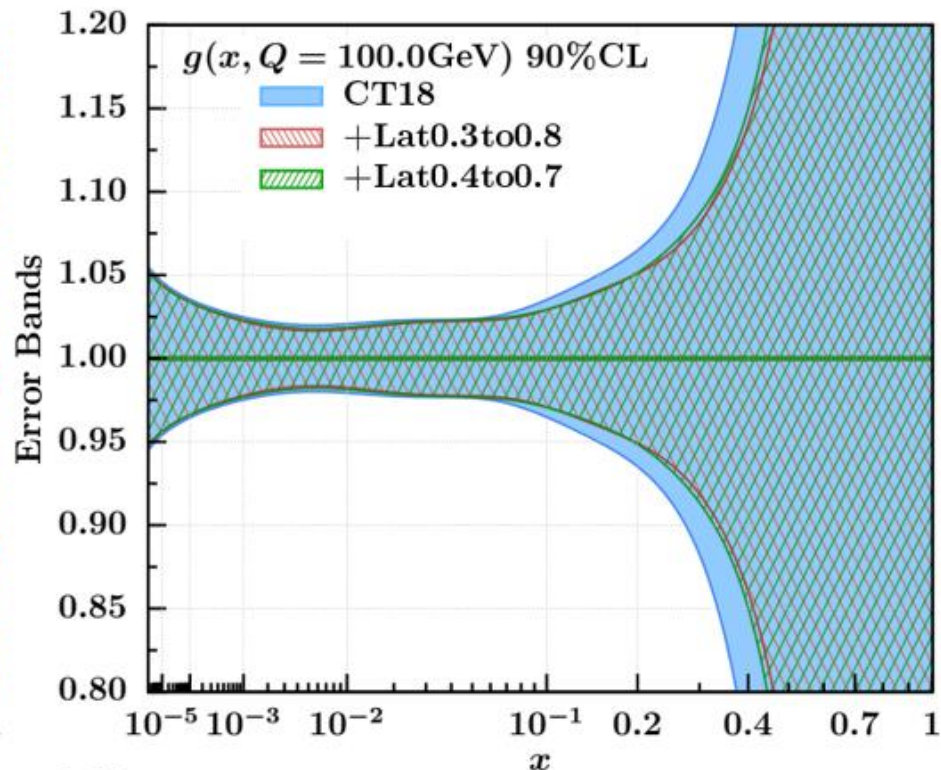
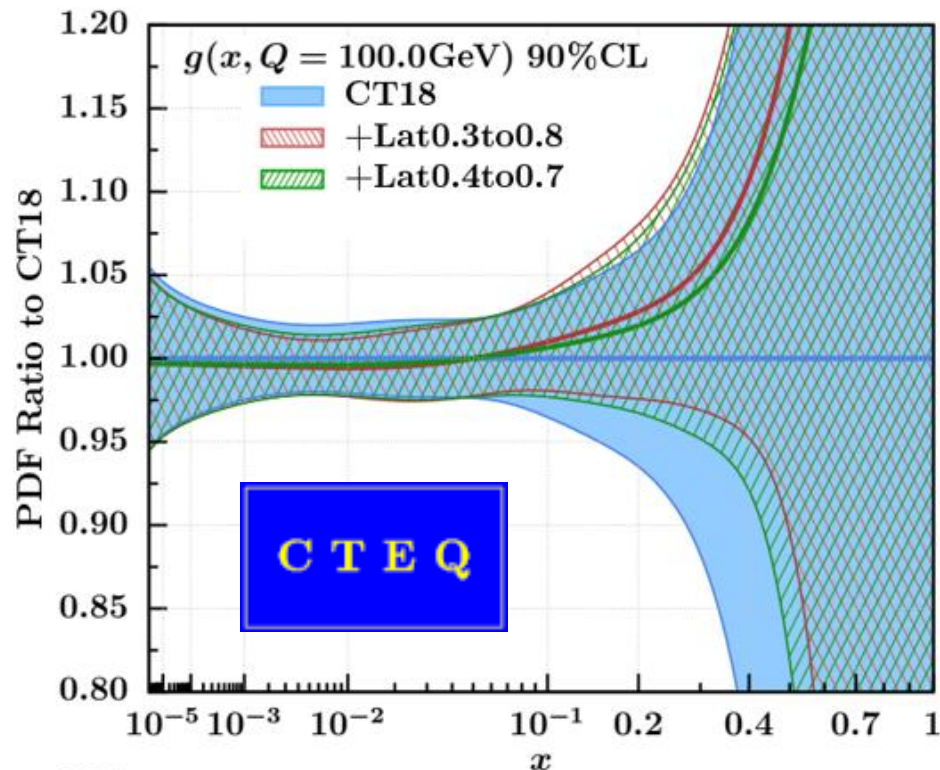
§ The strangeness asymmetry $s(x, Q) - \bar{s}(x, Q)$ at $x > 0.2$ is difficult to measure, but can be predicted in lattice QCD

Nucleon Gluon PDF Impact

§ Impact study with CTEQ-TEA analysis

☞ Take lattice inputs in the region where no strong experimental data constraints, $x \in [0.3, 0.8]$

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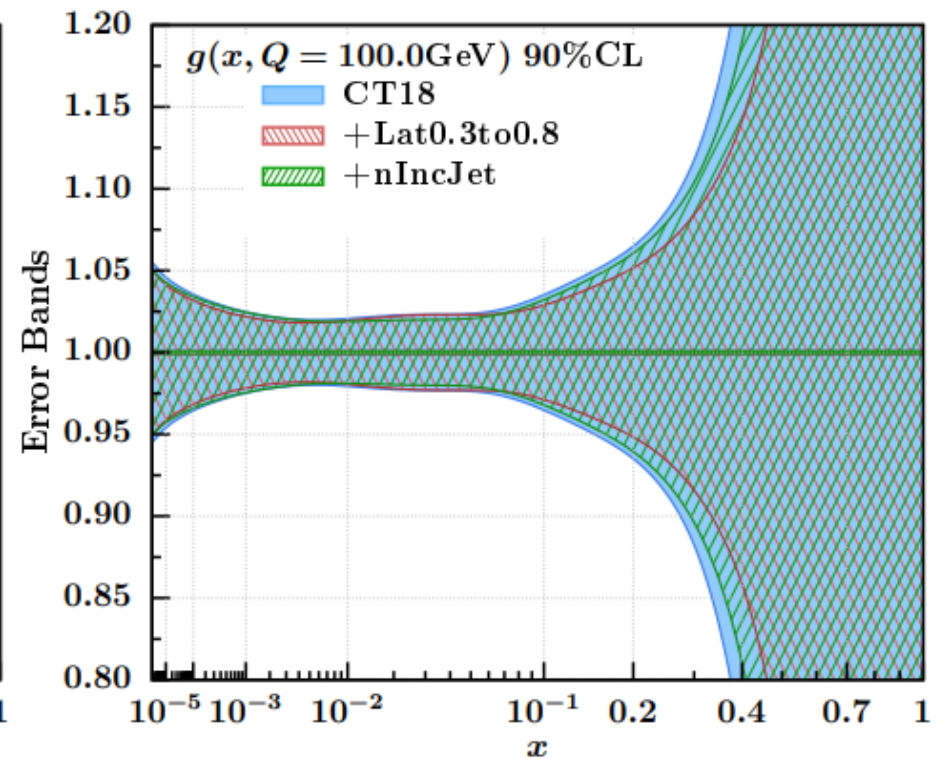
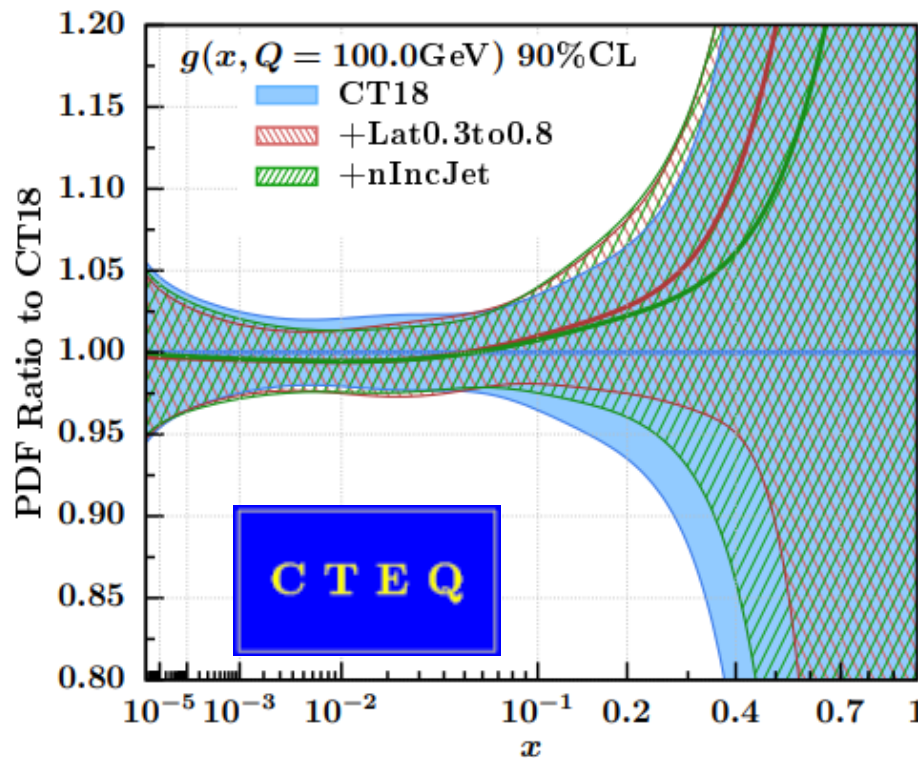


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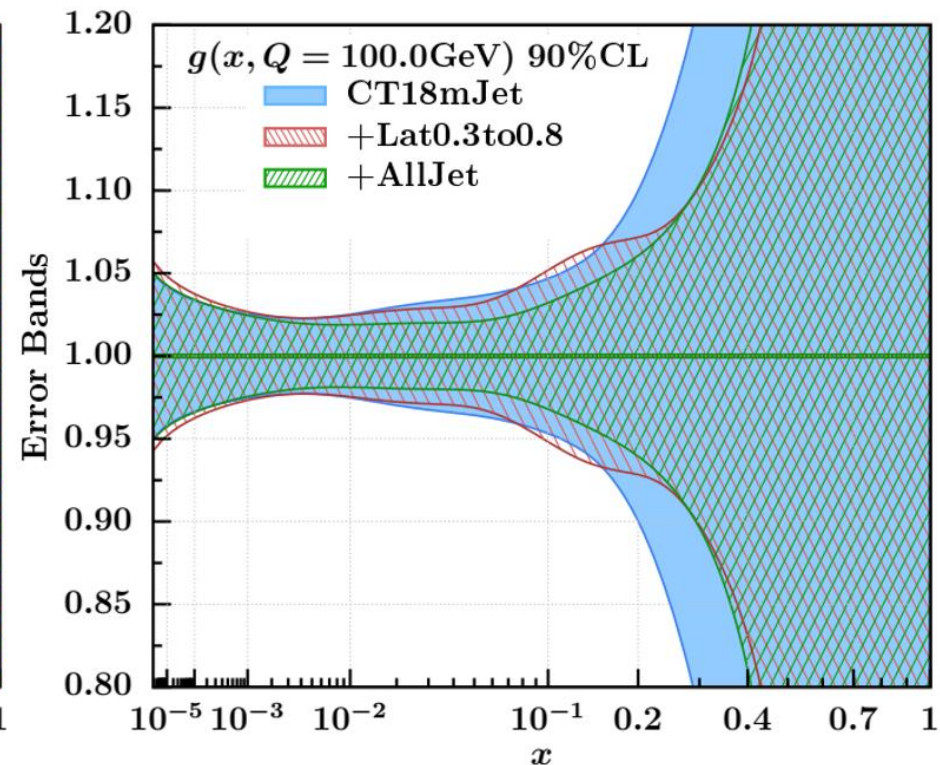
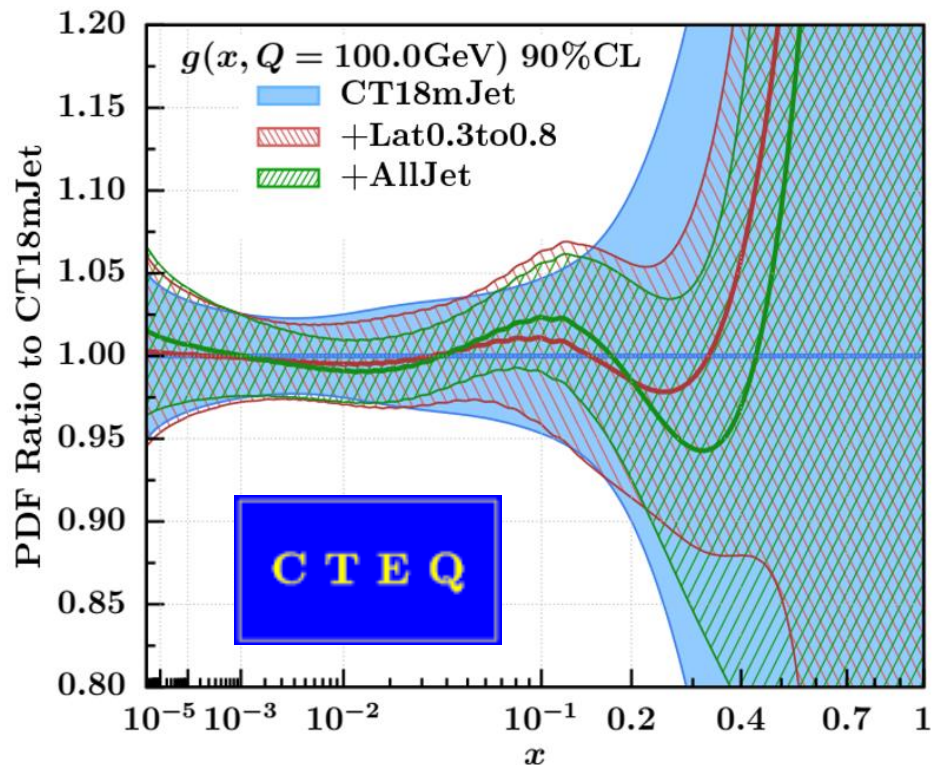
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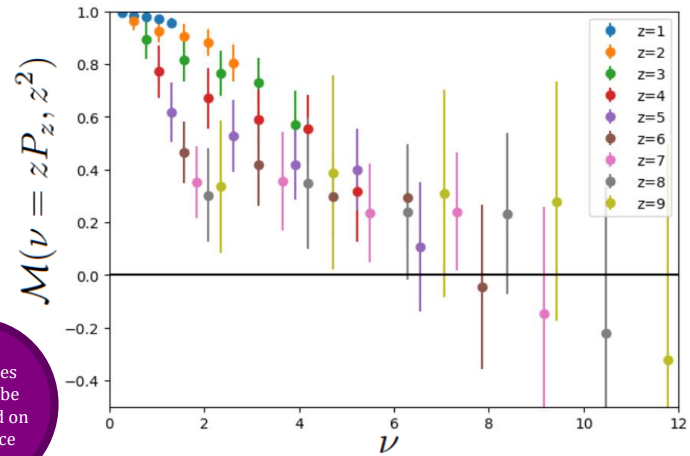


Pion Gluon PDF Impact

§ Study with JAM analysis

∞ Treat lattice reduced pseudo-Ioffe time distribution (RpITD) as “cross-section” inputs in the JAM global fit

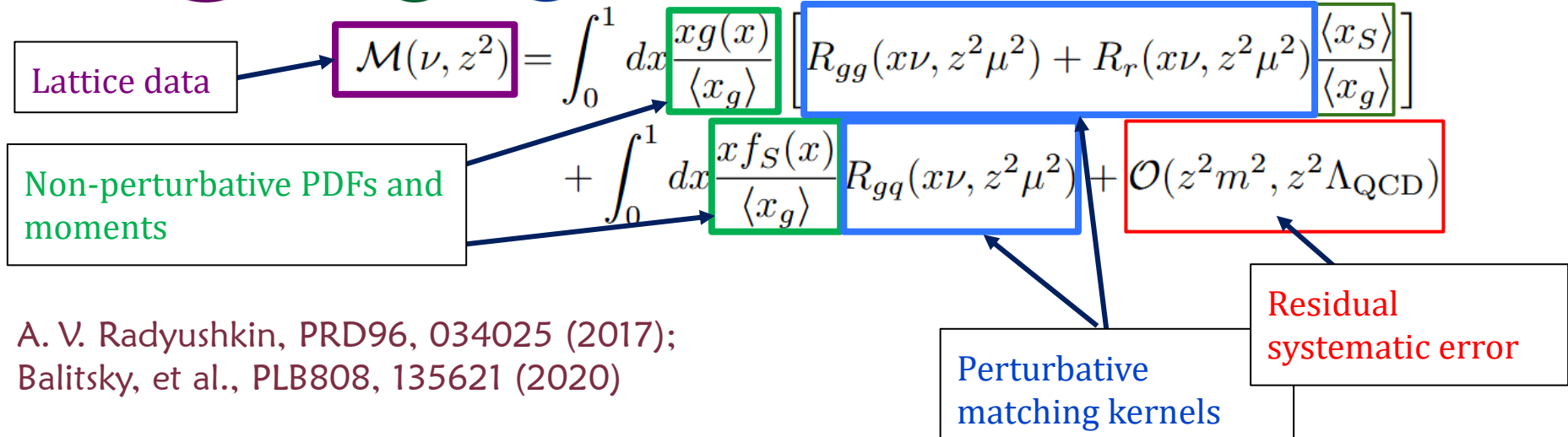
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W. Good et al, 2409.02750 [hep-lat]



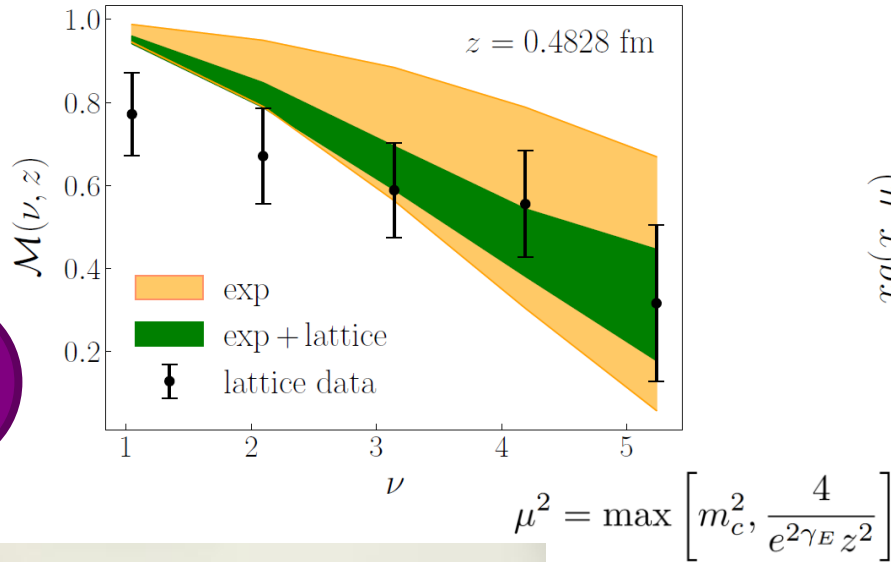
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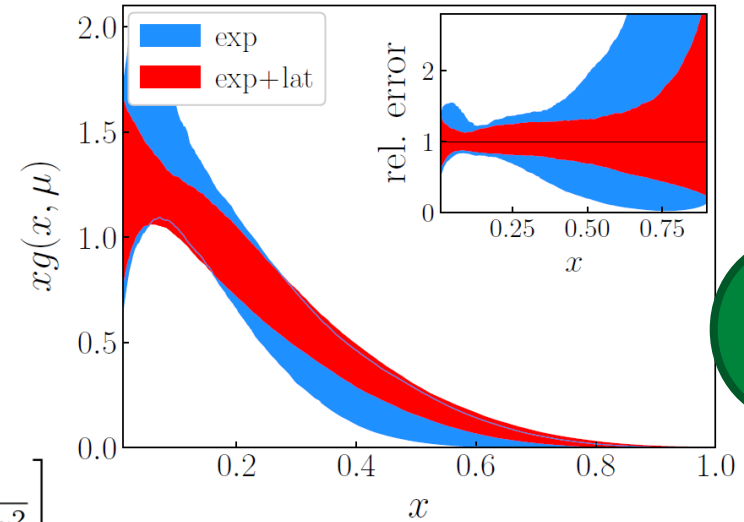
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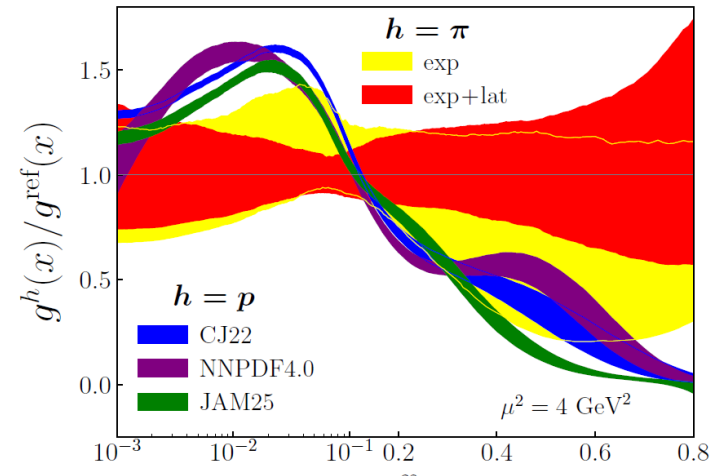
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Summary and Outlook

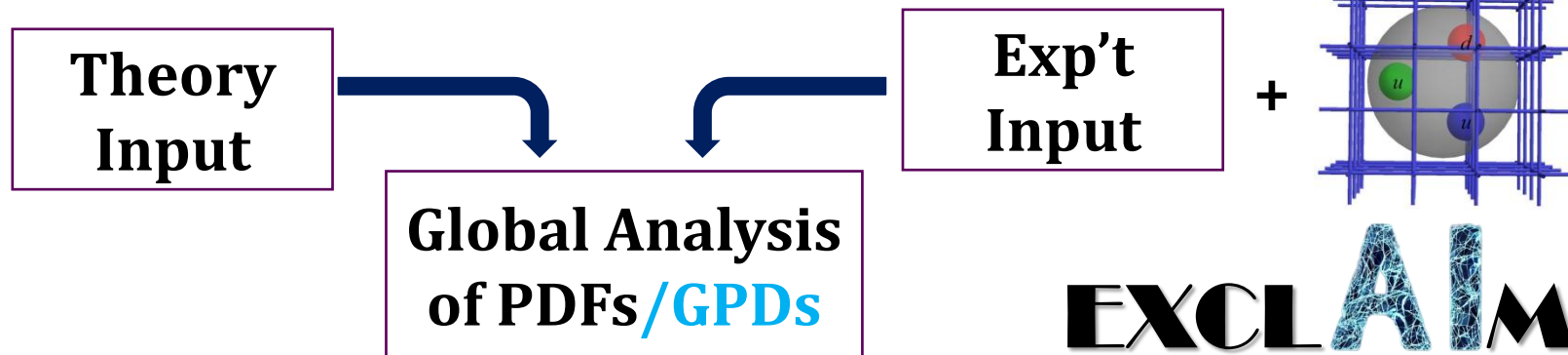
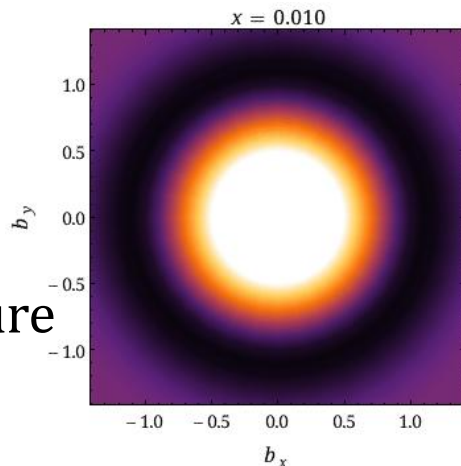
§ Exciting era using LQCD to study x-dependent parton distributions

- ∞ Bjorken-x dependence of parton distributions now widely studied
- ∞ More study of systematics planned for the near future

§ Lattice strange and gluon PDFs can have impacts

- ∞ Treat lattice matrix elements as expt inputs in the future
- ∞ Computational resources are needed for precision calculations (community support!)

§ Precision and progress are limited by resources



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Backup Slides



Lattice Progress & Challenges

§ Beyond the standard twist-2 collinear PDFs

- ↻ Generalized parton distributions (GPDs) for the pion and unpolarized/polarized nucleon
- ↻ Transverse-momentum- dependent distributions (TMDs)
 - ↻ Collins-Soper kernel, soft function and wavefunctions
- ↻ Twist-3 PDFs and GPDs

For more details and references, refer to 2202.07193

§ Challenges ahead for precision PDFs (C3NT can help)

- ↻ Large momentum is essential
 - ↻ With sufficient statistics nucleons may reach 5 GeV
- ↻ Methods for signal-to-noise improvement
 - ↻ Gluonic observables, new ideas for large momentum
- ↻ Access small-x physics; some methods have inverse problem in PDF extraction, more computational resources, etc.

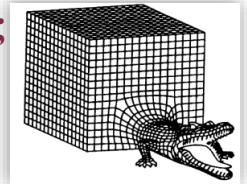
First Lattice GPDs

§ First glimpse into pion GPD using Quasi-PDF/LaMET

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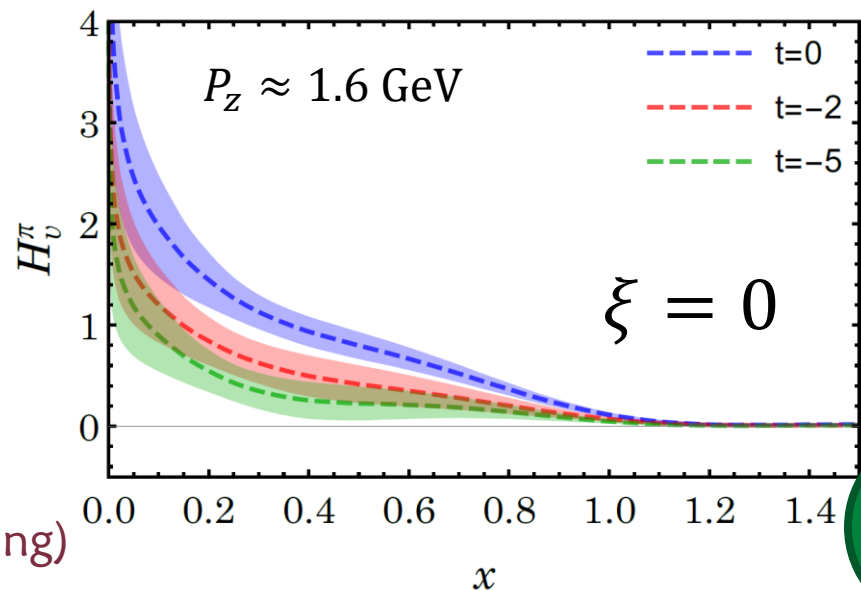
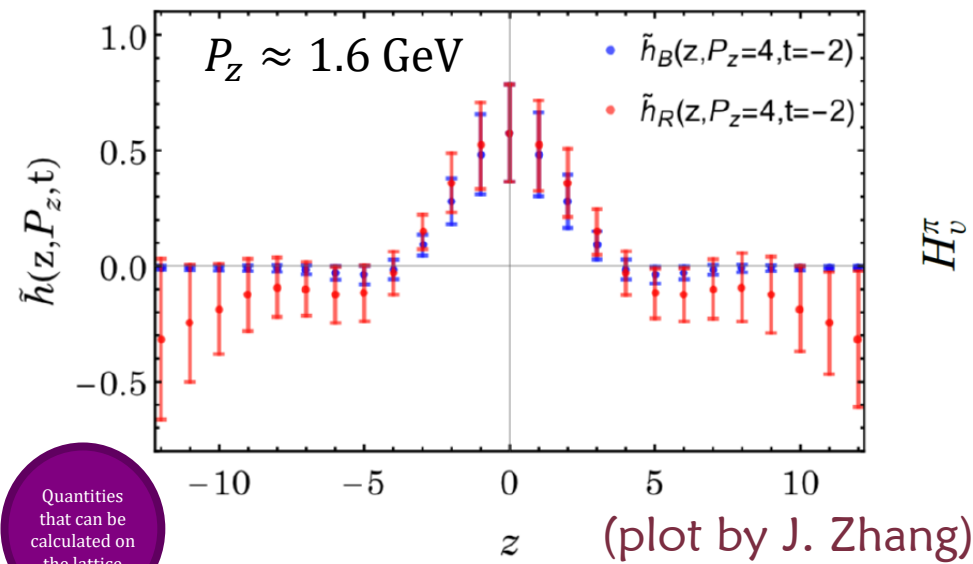
$$P_z \approx 1.3, 1.6 \text{ GeV}$$

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Phys. Rev. D, 87 (2013), 0545056



J. Chen, HL, J. Zhang, 1904.1237;

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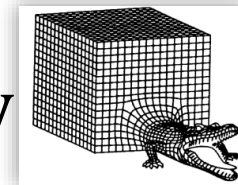
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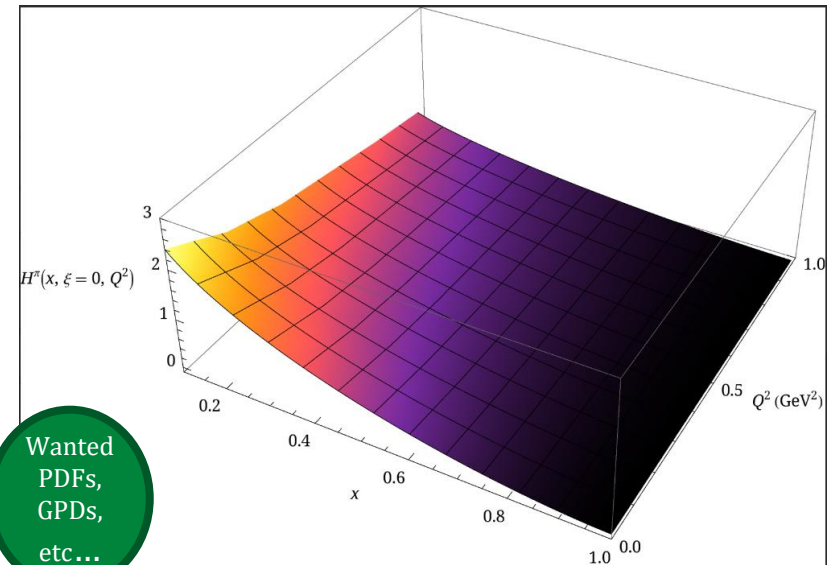
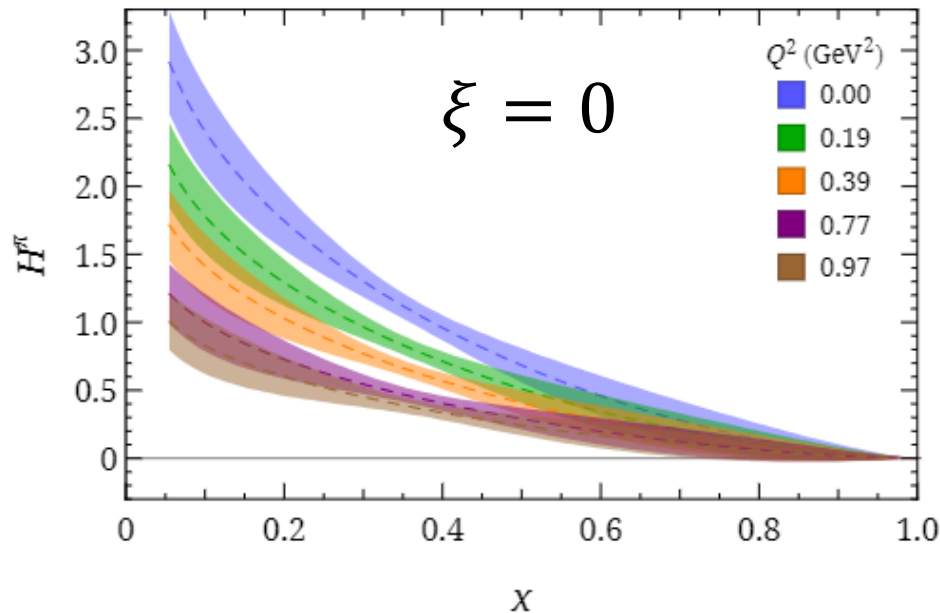
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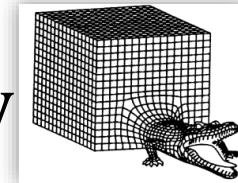
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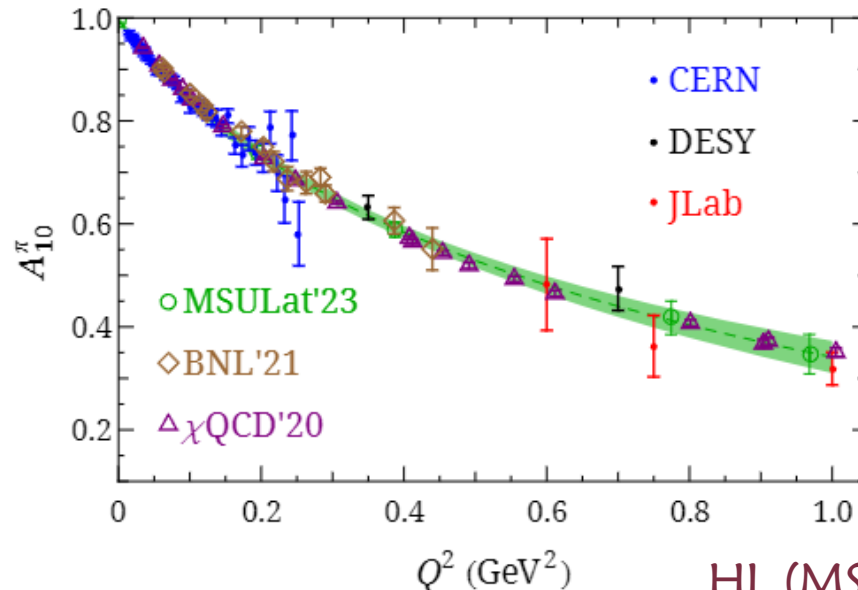
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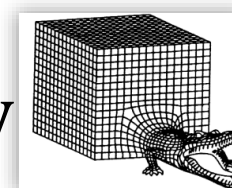
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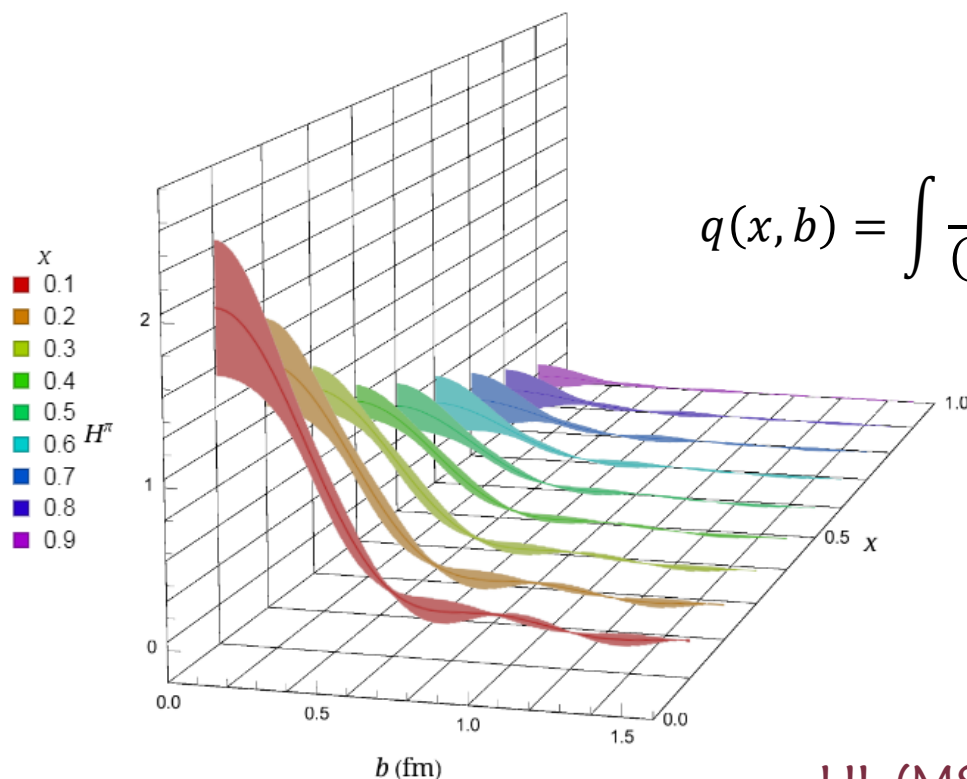
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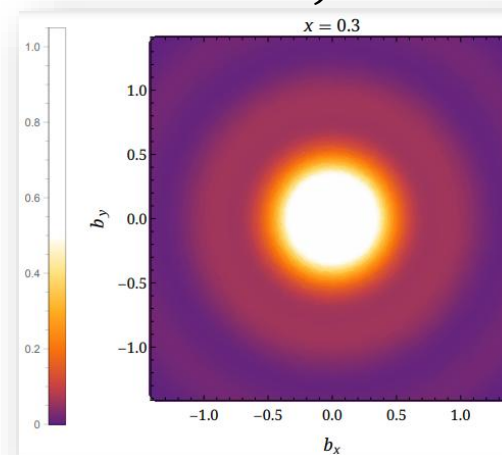
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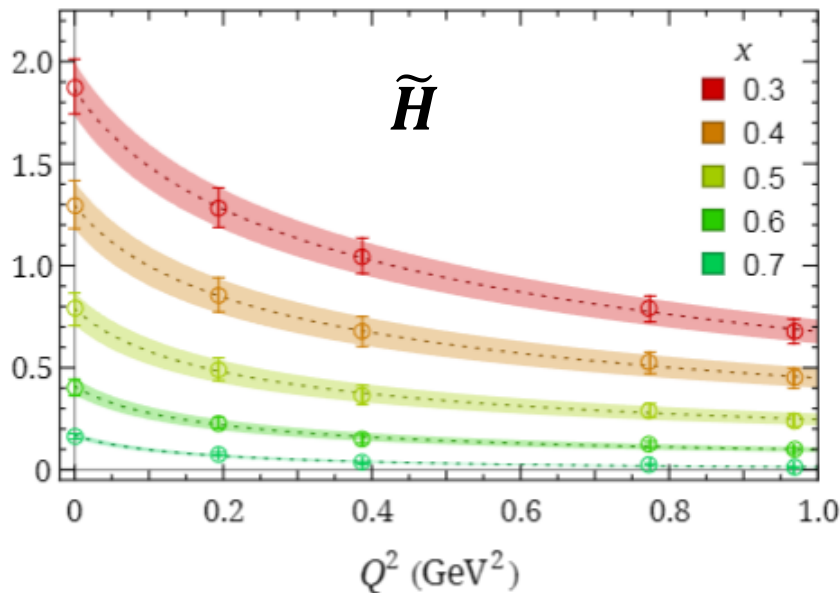
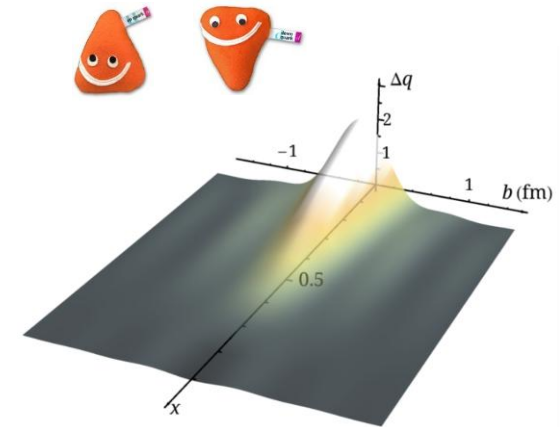
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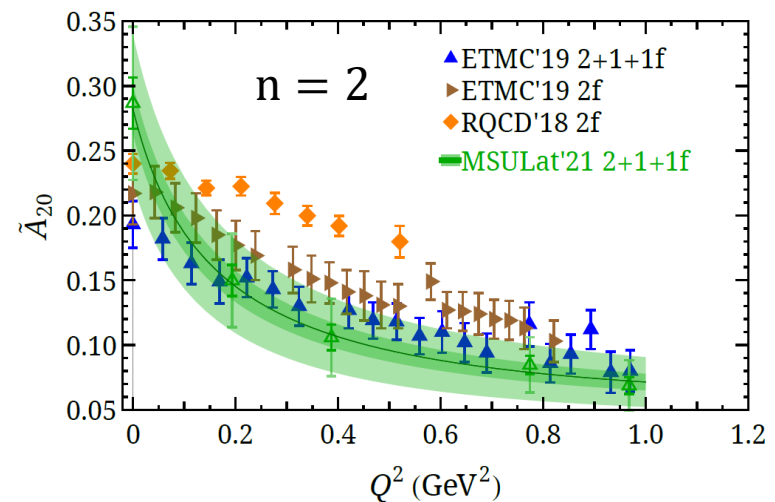
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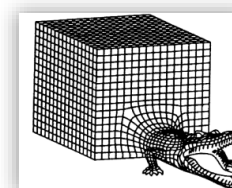
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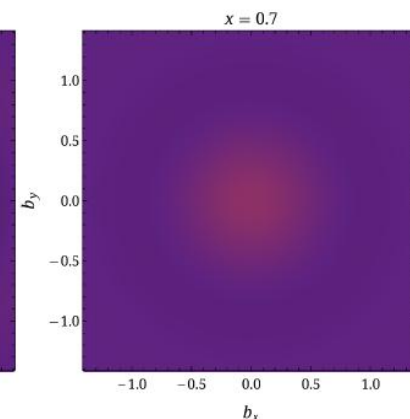
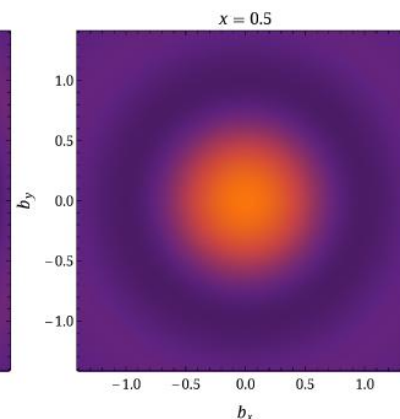
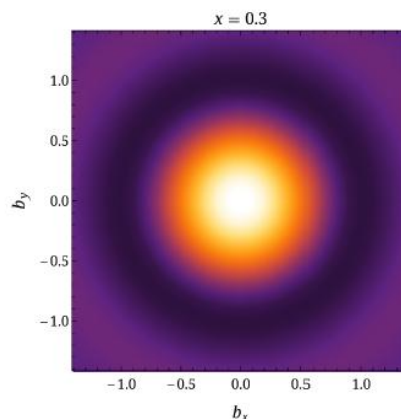
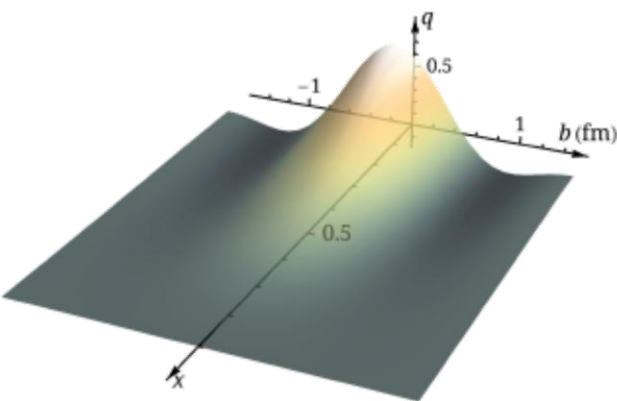
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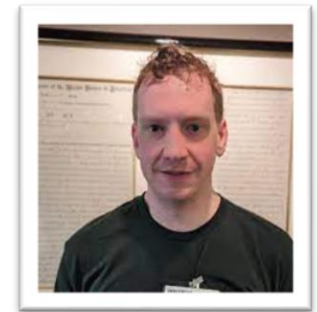
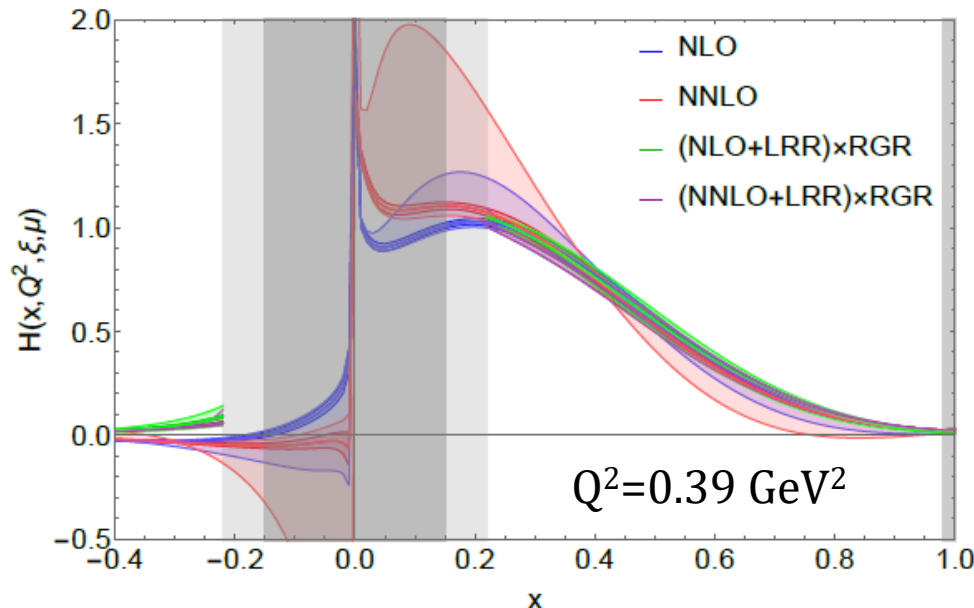
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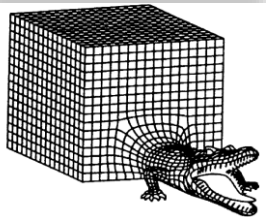
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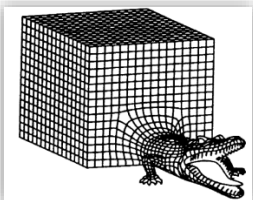
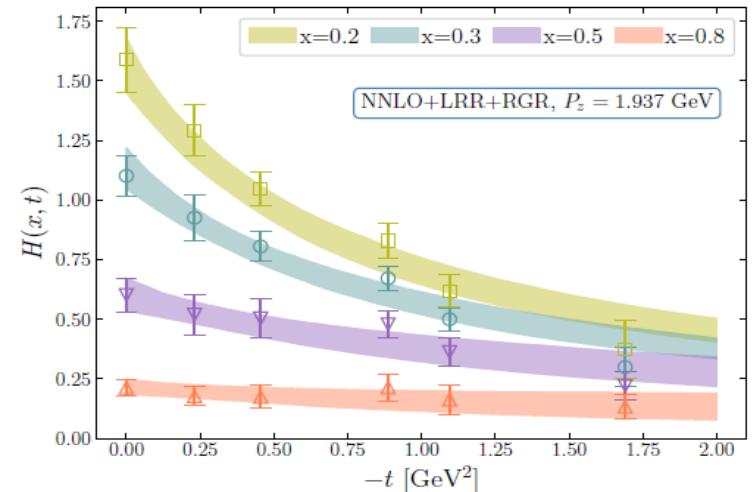
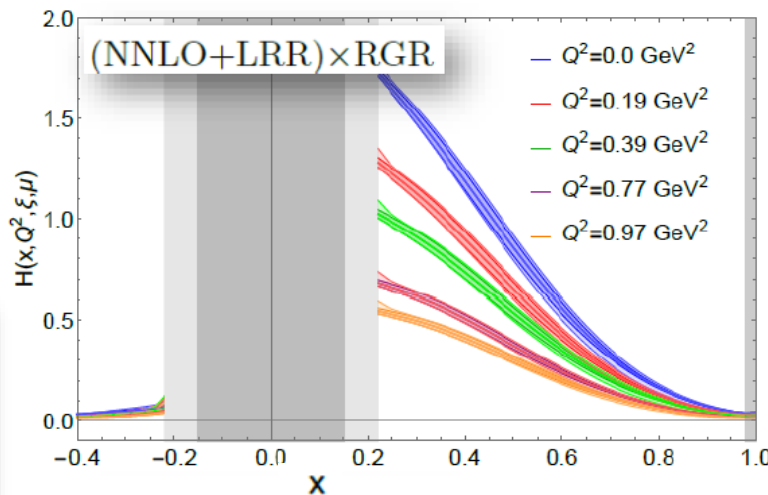
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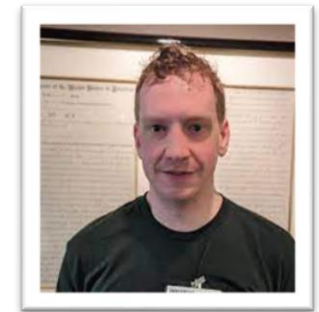
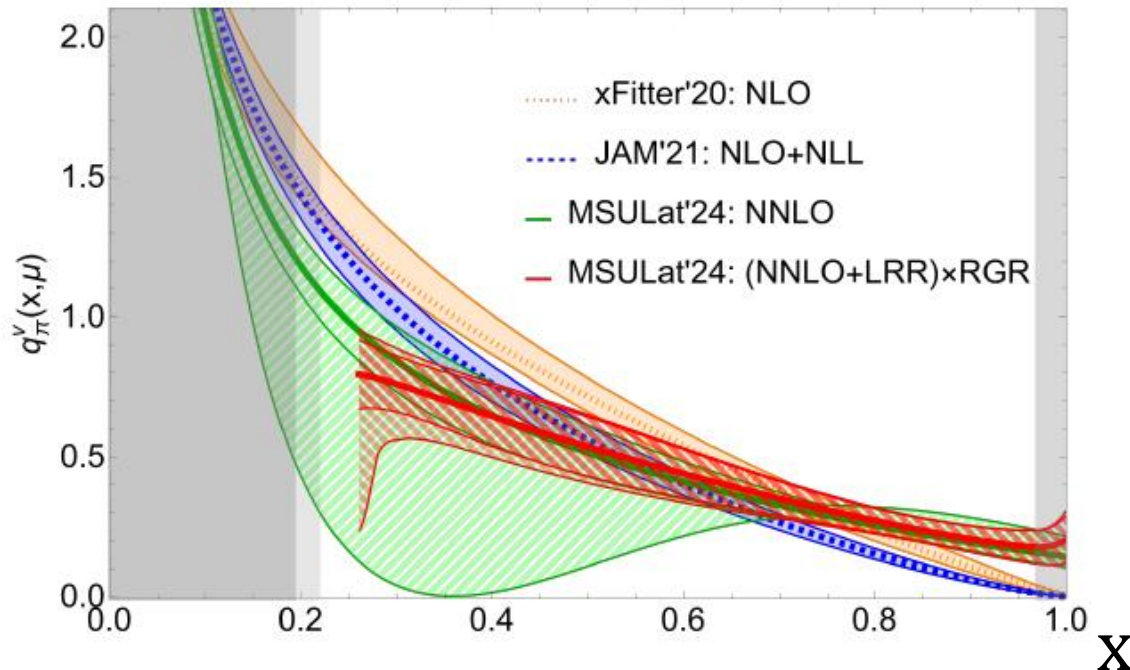
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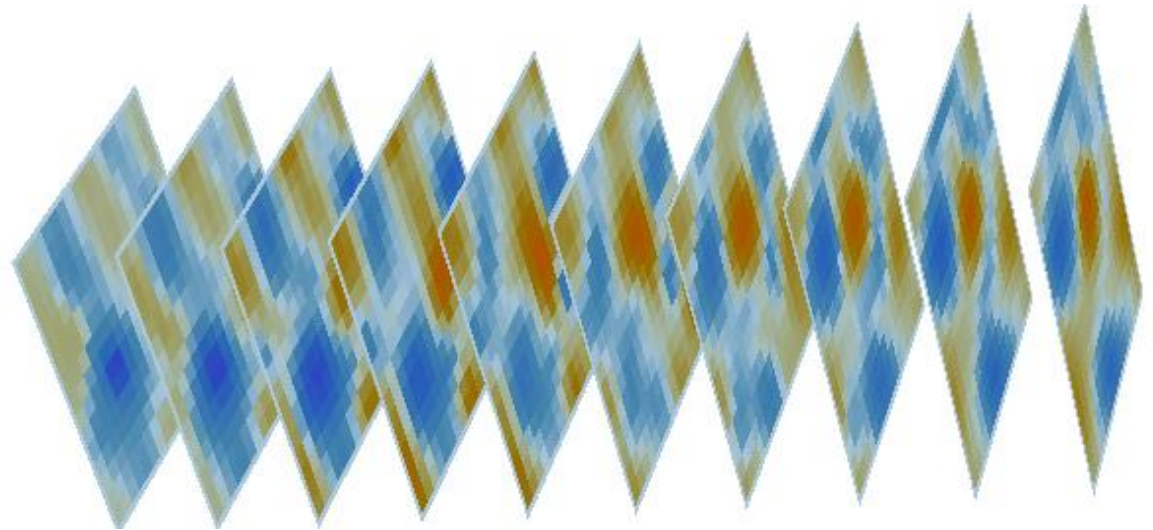
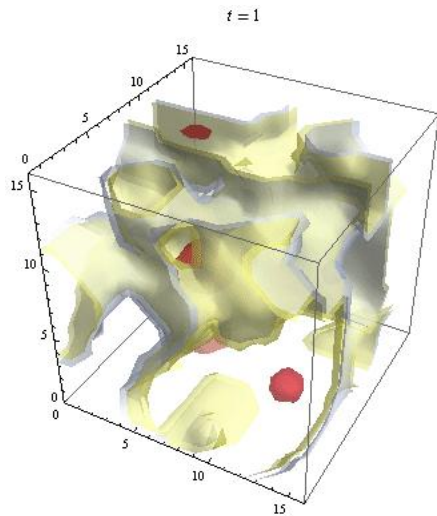
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Anatomy of a Lattice Calculation

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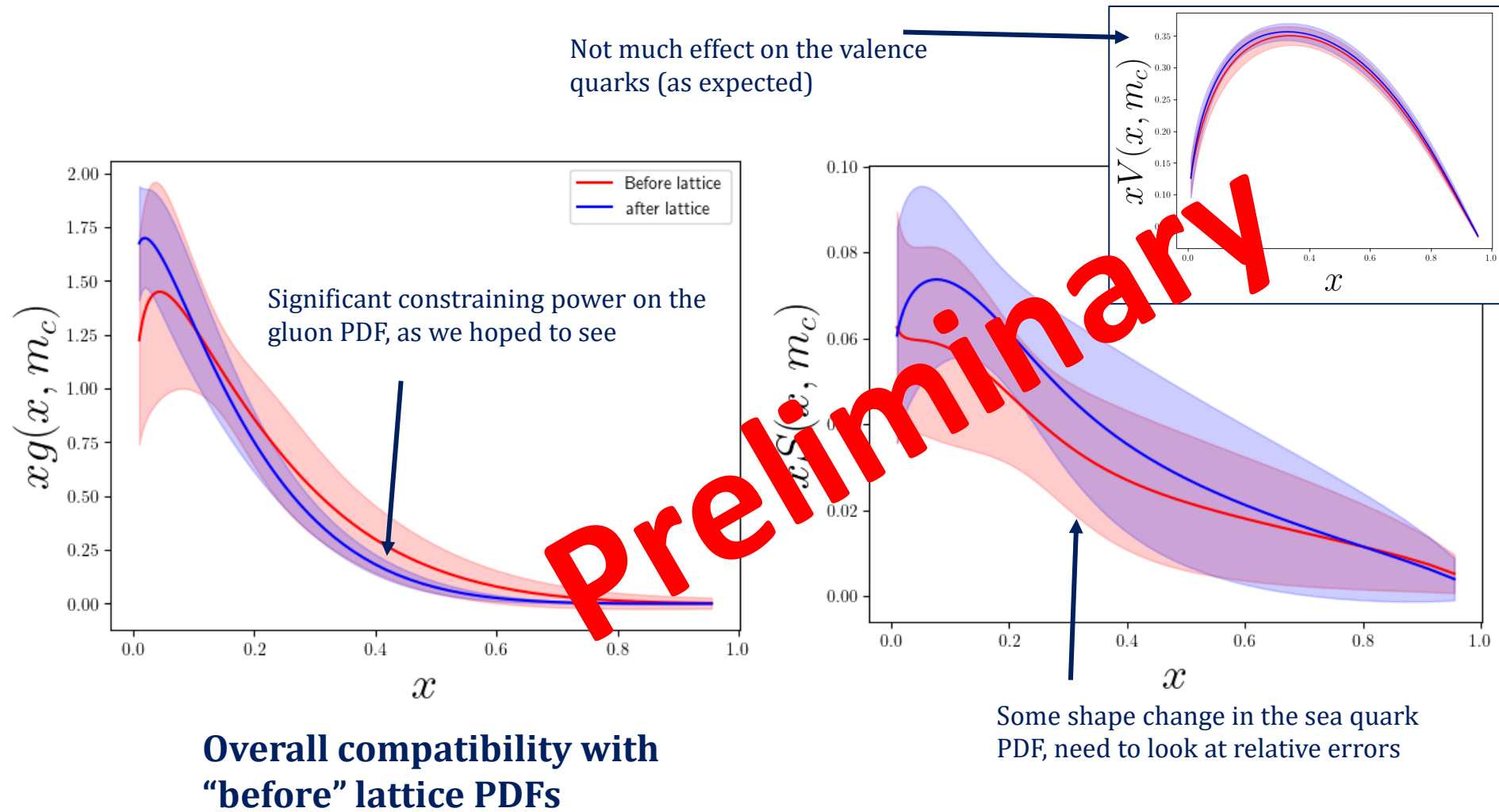
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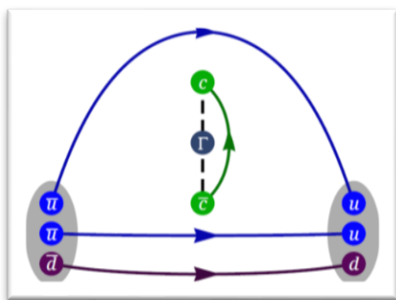
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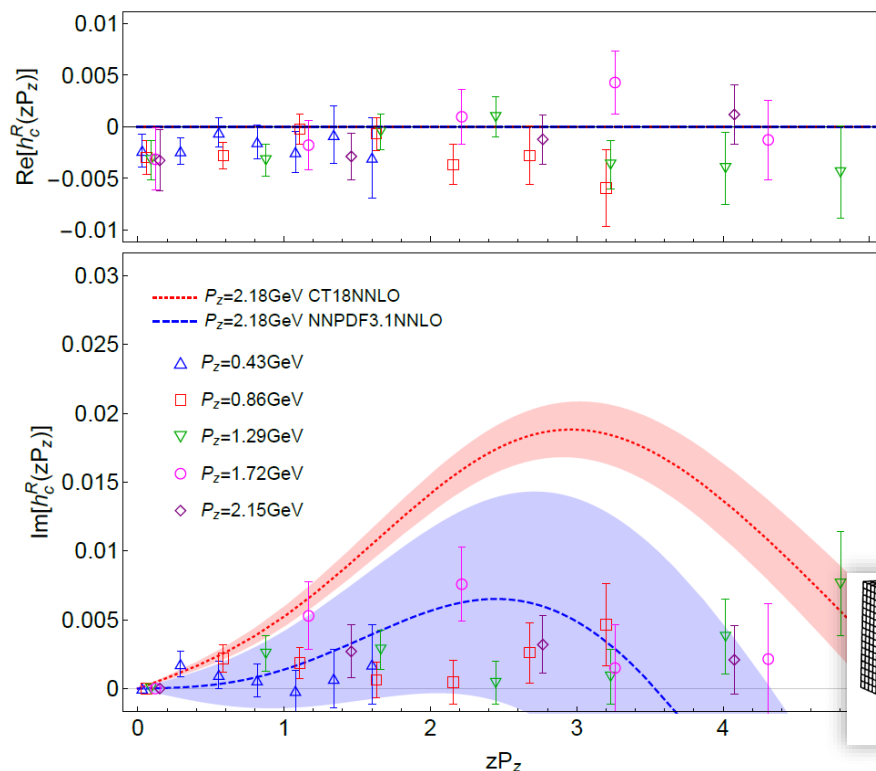
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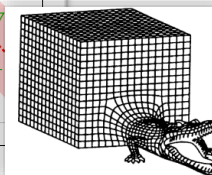
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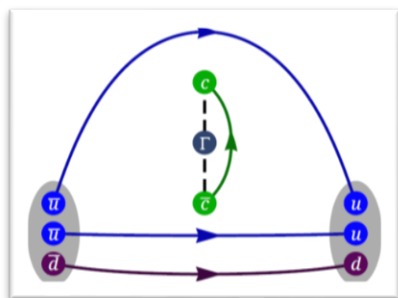
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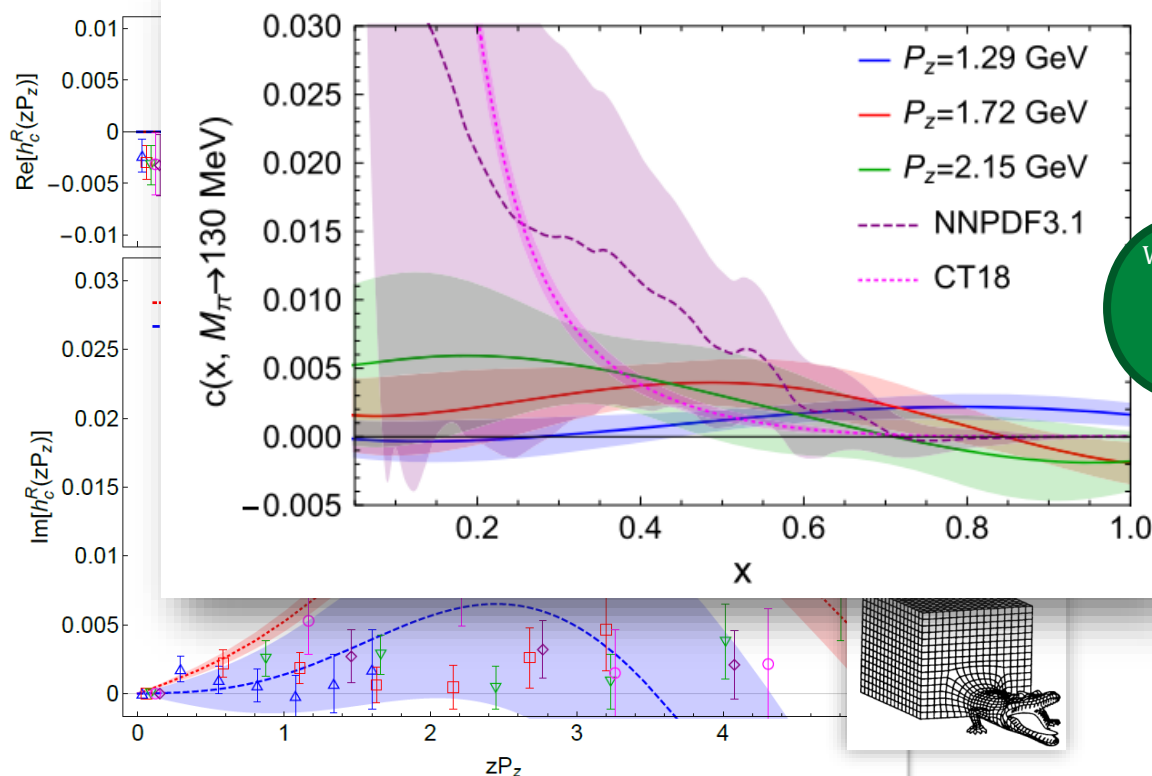
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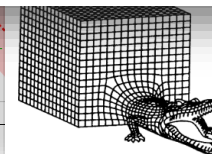
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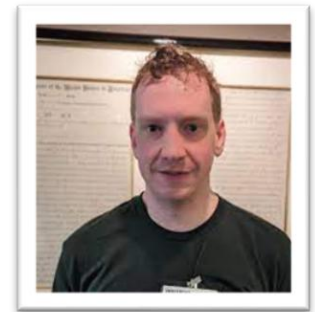
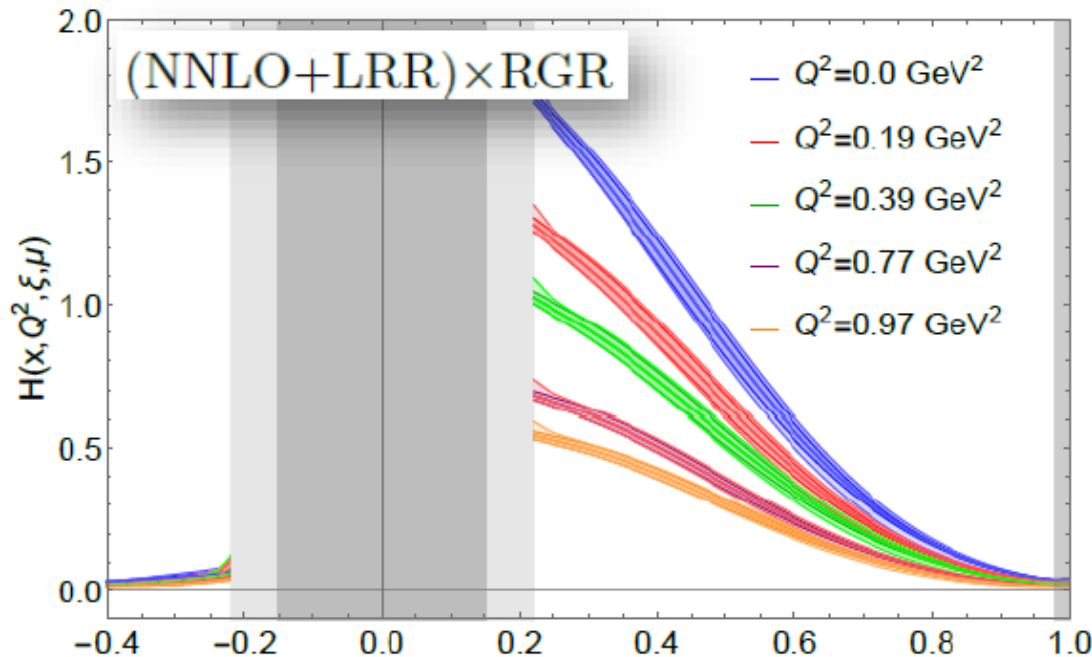
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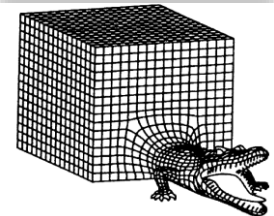
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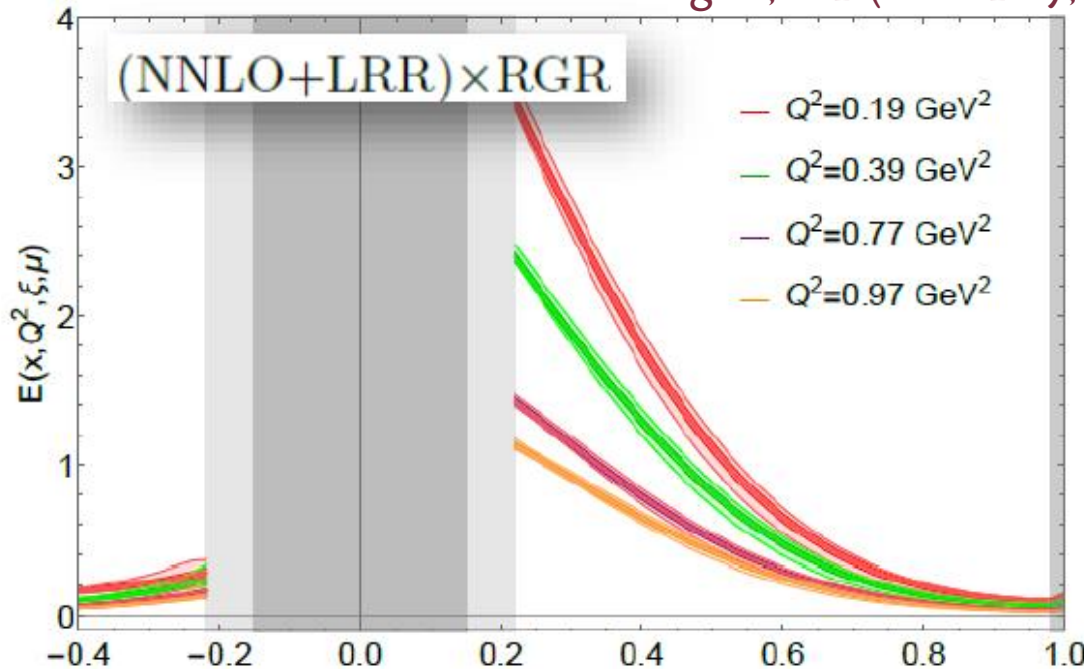
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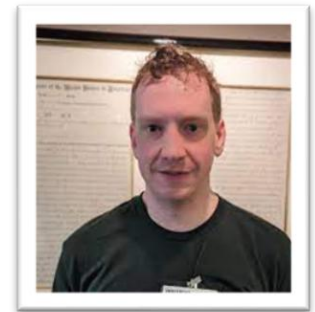
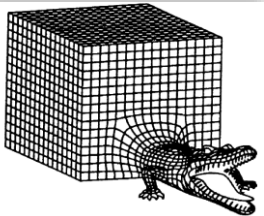
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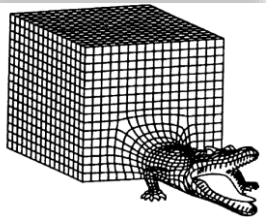
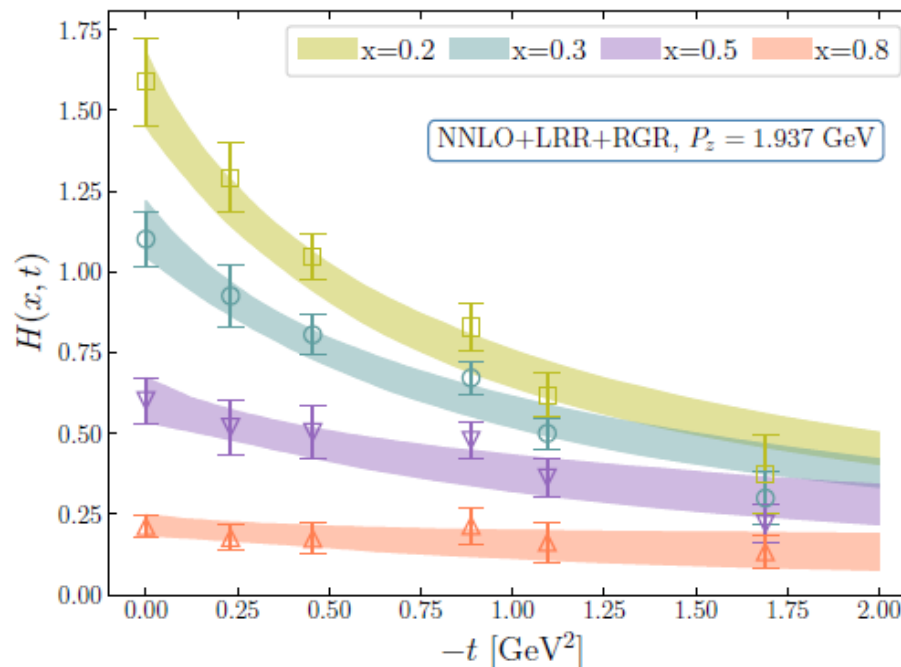
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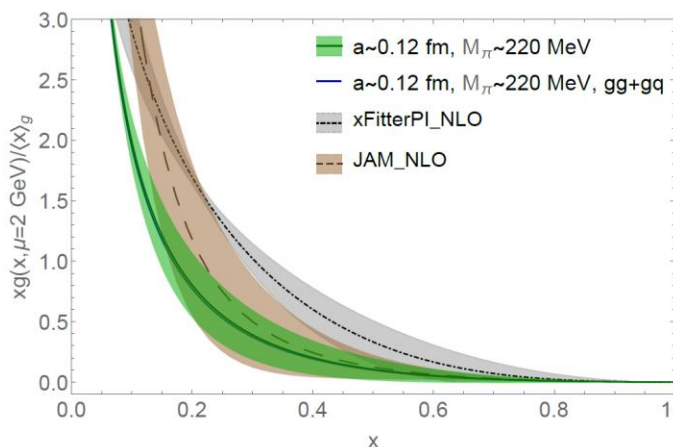
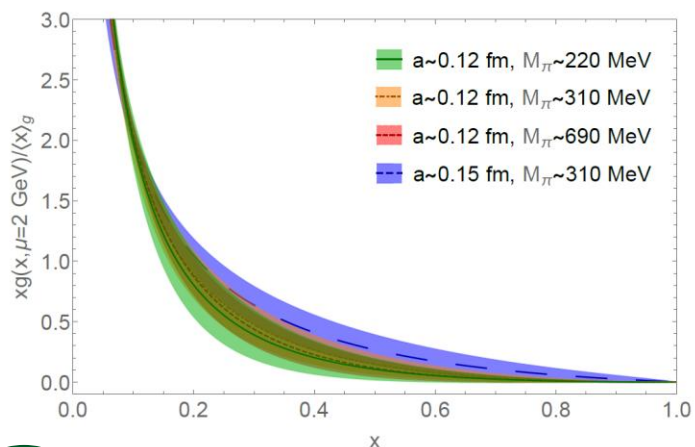
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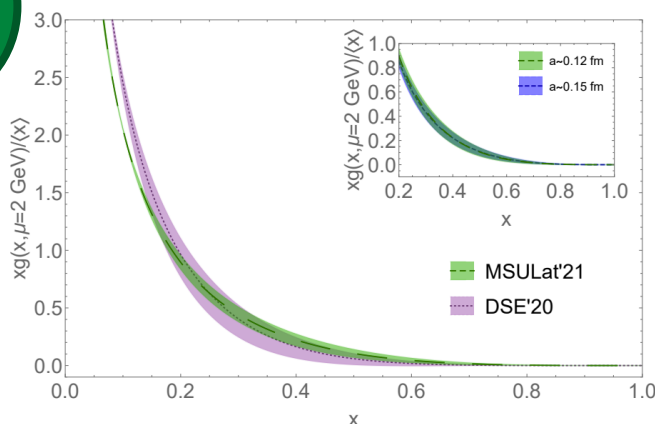
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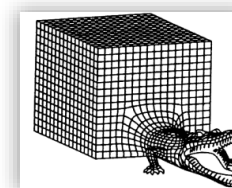
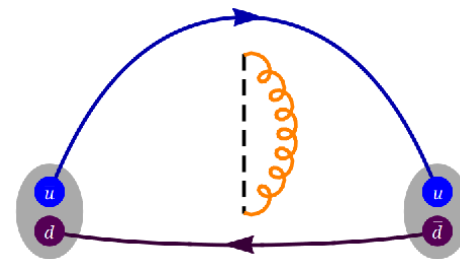
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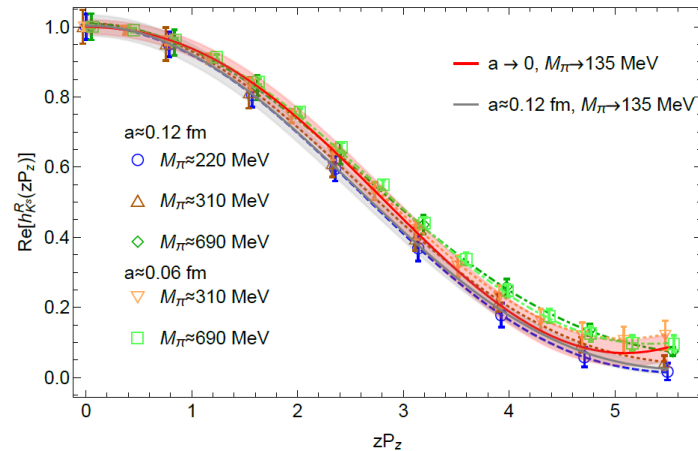
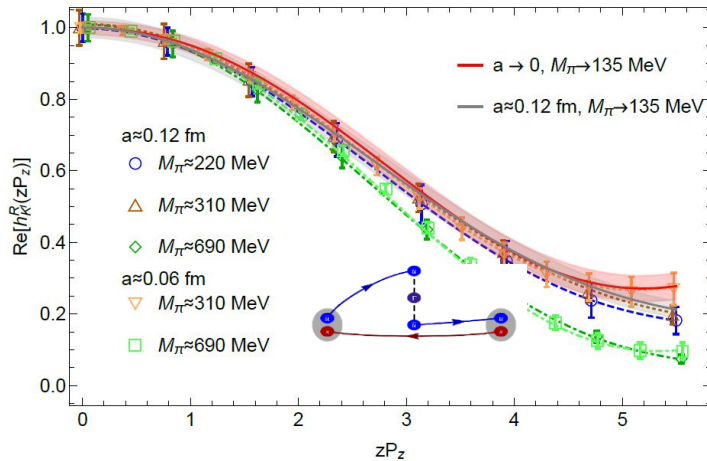


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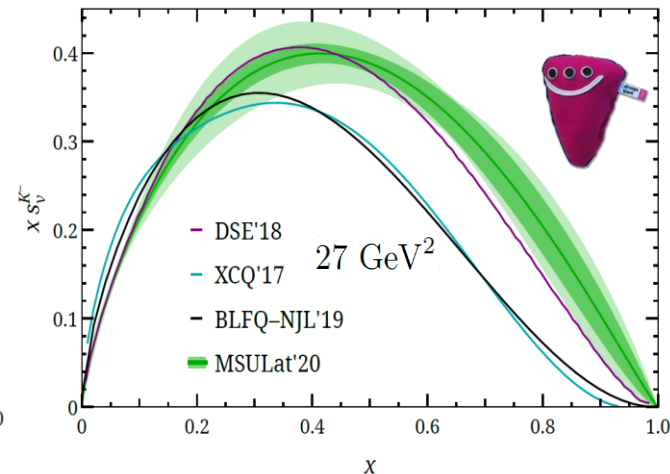
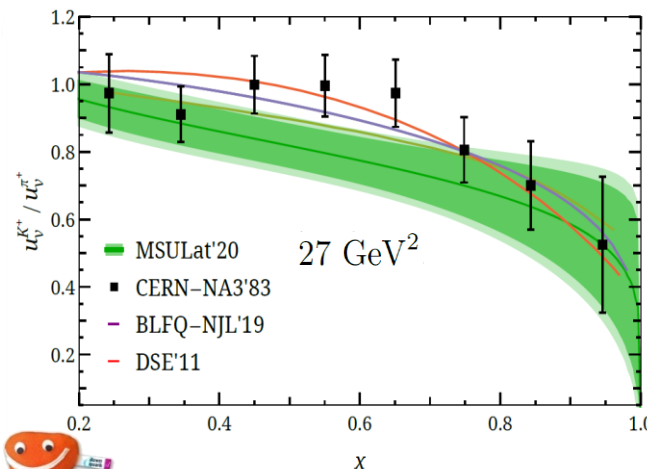
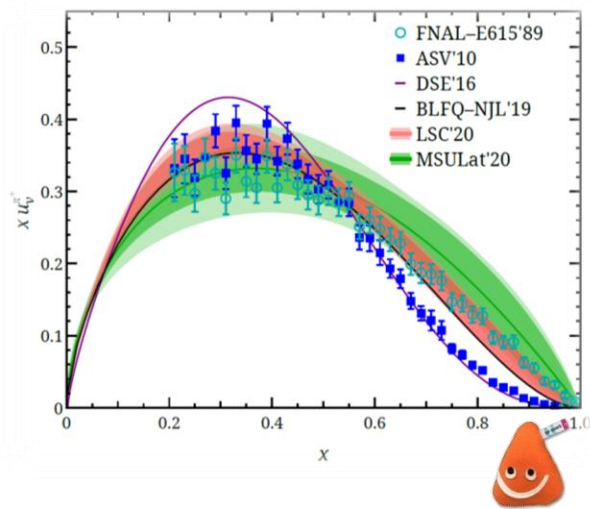
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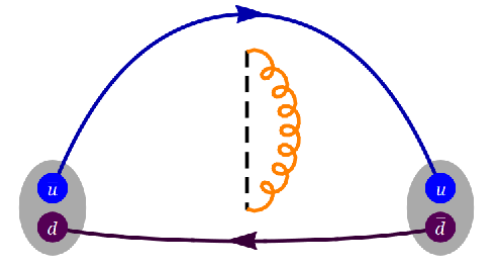
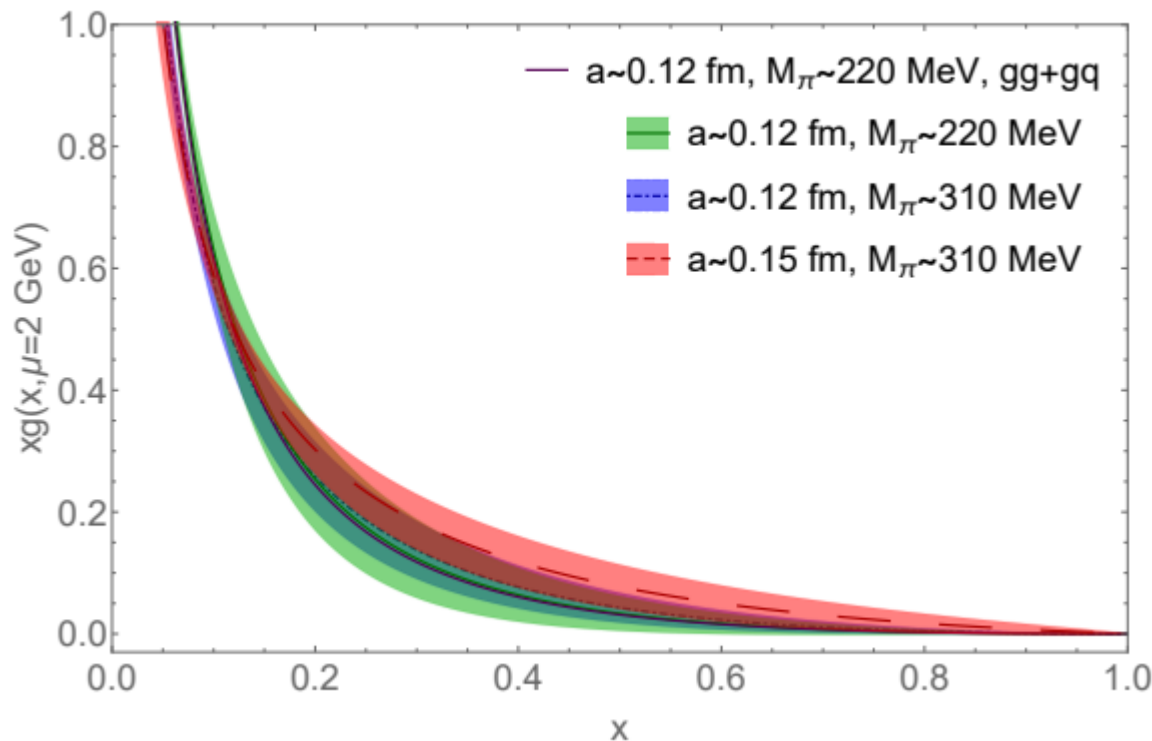
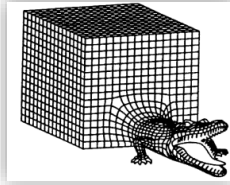




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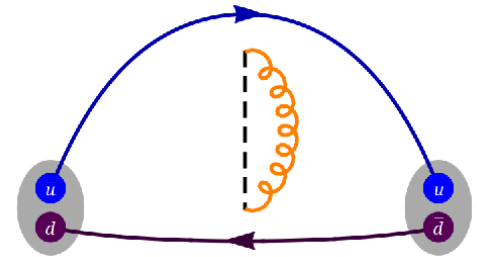
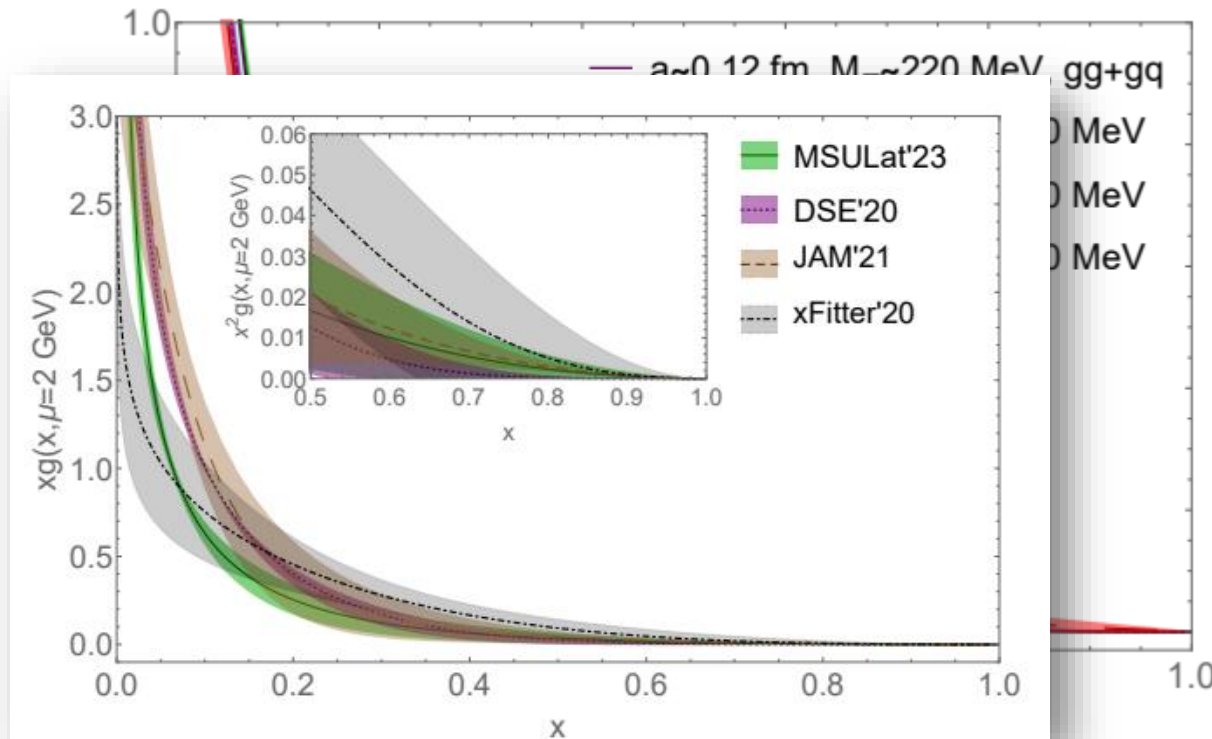
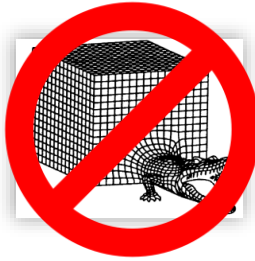




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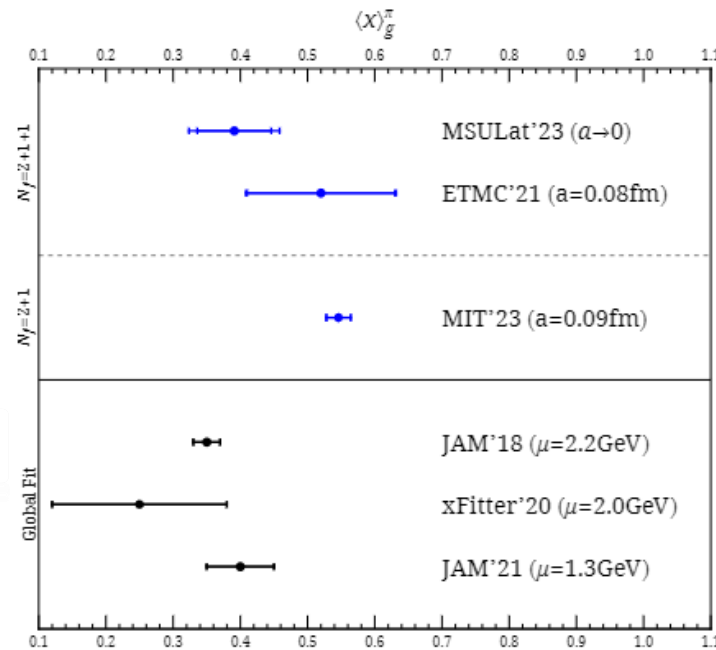
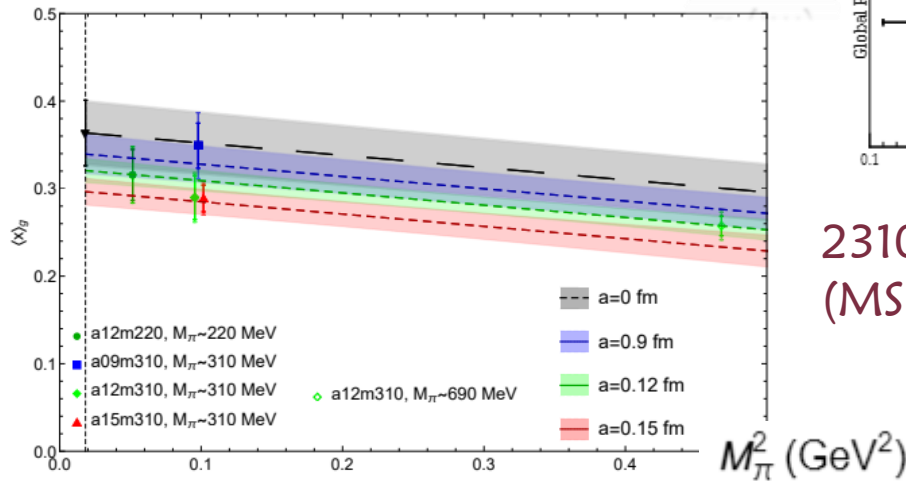
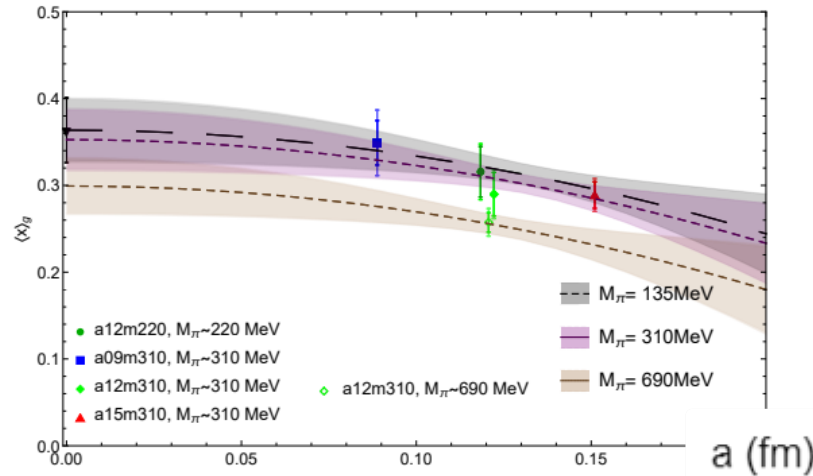


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§ Study discretization systematic in $\langle x \rangle_{\{\pi, g\}}$

∞ Lattice details: clover/HISQ, HISQ, $a \sim \{0.15, 0.12, 0.09\}$ fm



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