

# Systematic Uncertainties from Gribov Copies in CG-Fixed Correlation Functions

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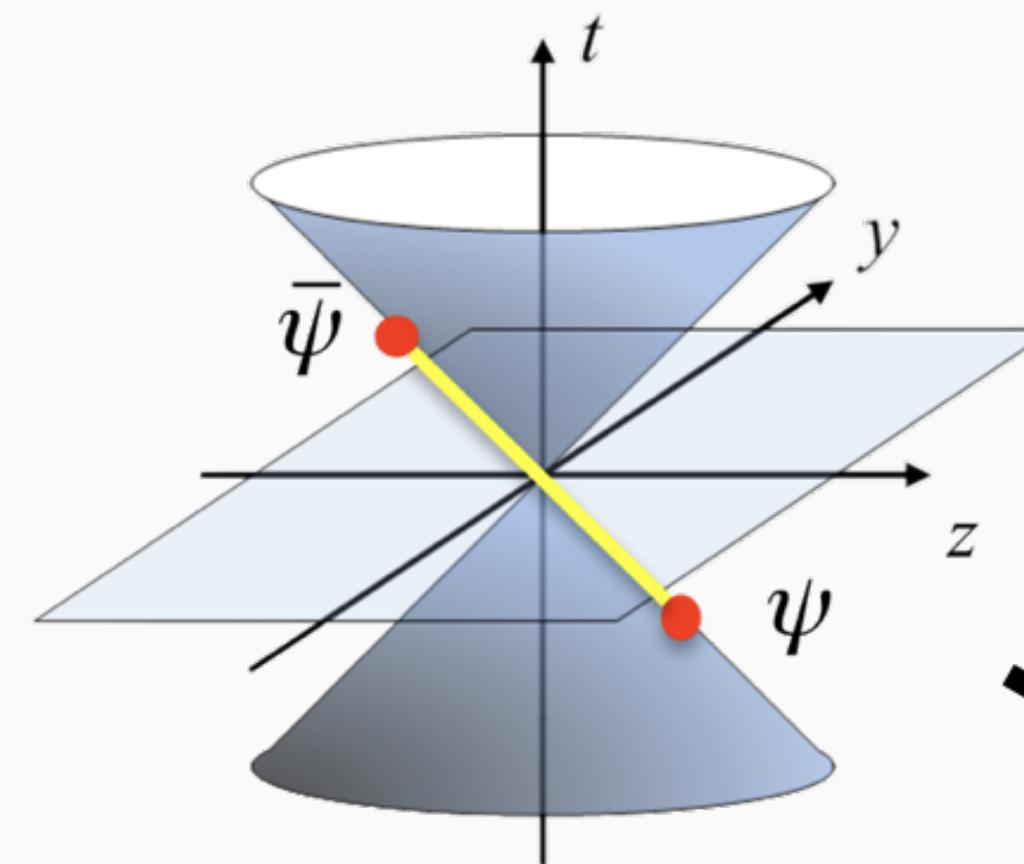
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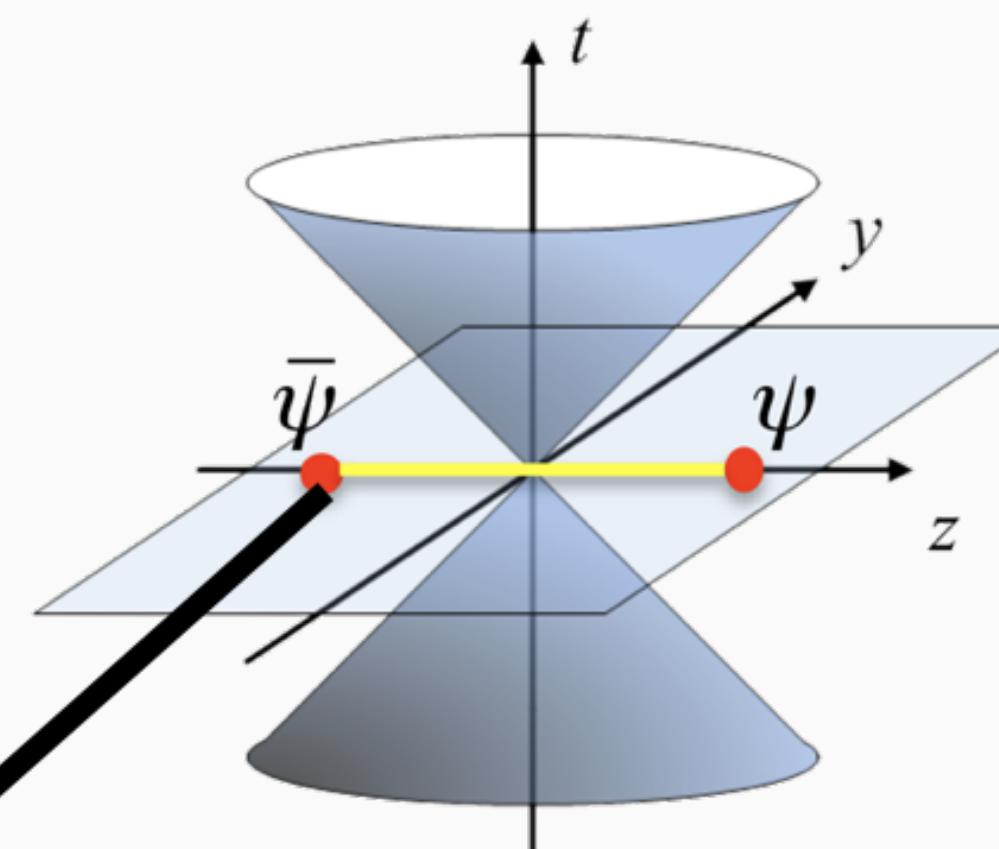
# Background

# Large-Momentum Effective Theory(LaMET)

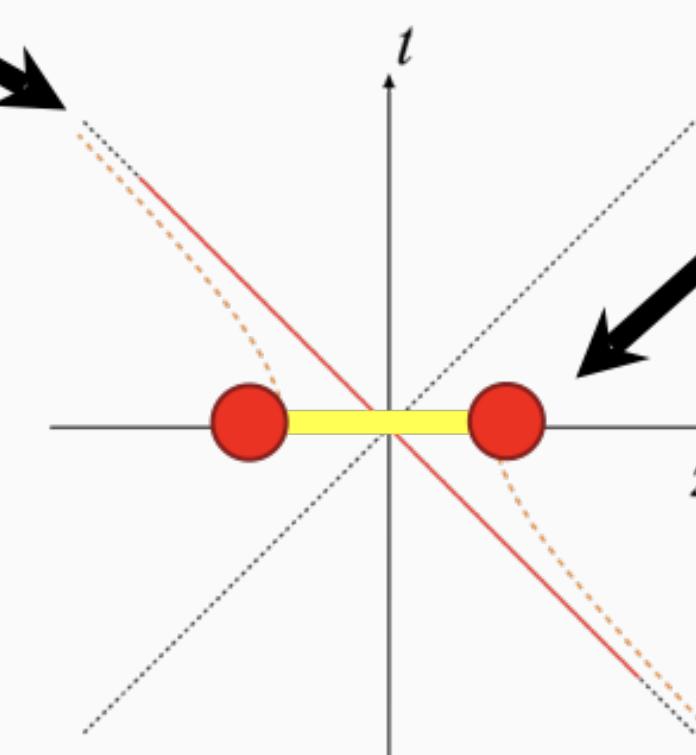
First-principle calculations of the x-dependence of parton distribution functions



X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, 262002 (2013)  
X. Ji, et al., Rev.Mod.Phys. 93 (2021)  
X. Ji, 2408.03378

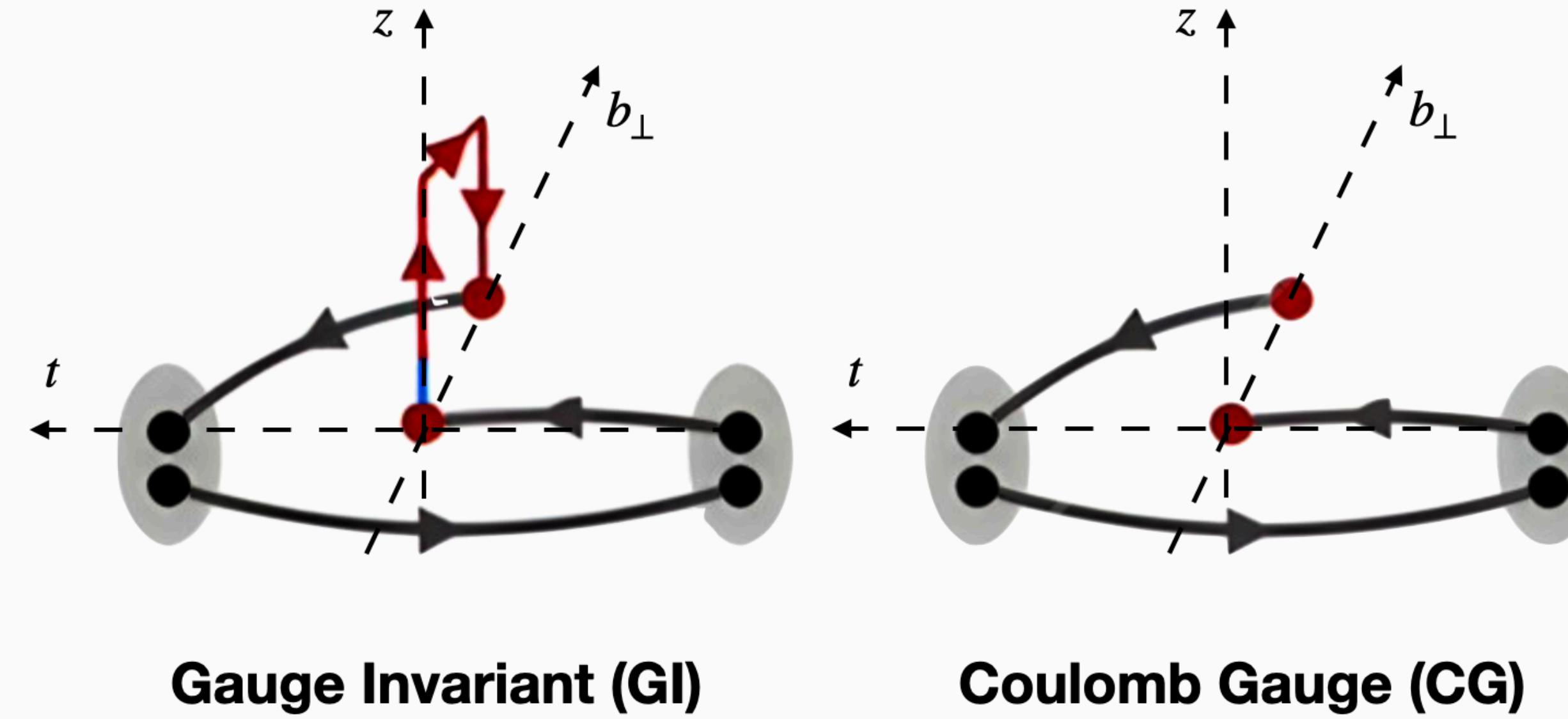


**Light-cone distribution:**  
Separated on the time axis;  
**Cannot be calculated on the lattice**



**Quasi distribution:**  
Equal time in large- $P$  hadron state;  
**Directly calculable on the lattice**

# Quasi-distributions in CG without Wilson Line



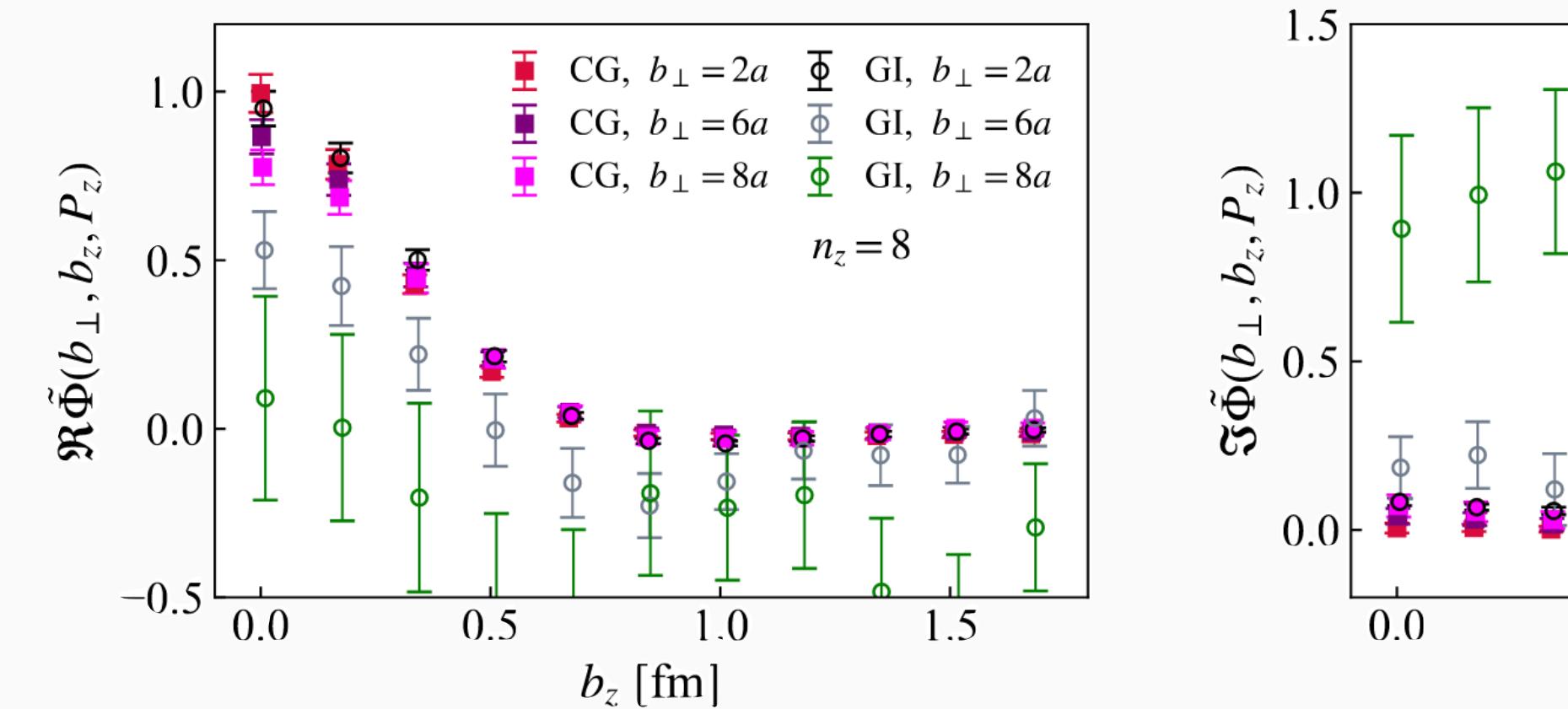
The quasi-TMD matrix elements of the pion under CG are defined as

$$\tilde{h}_{\gamma^t}(z, P^z, \mu) = \frac{1}{2P^t} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^t \psi(0) |_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0} | P \rangle$$

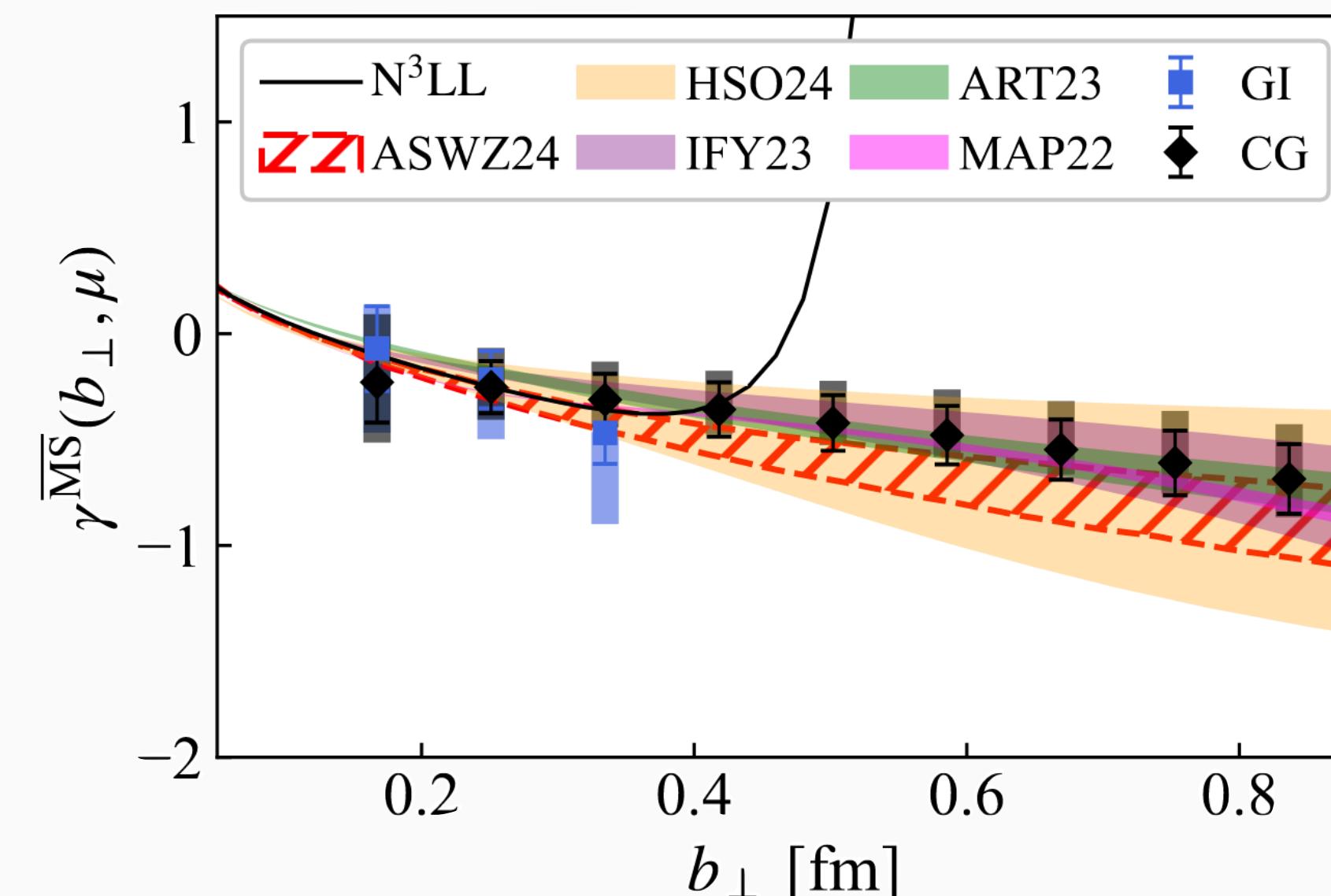
[Y.Zhao, 2311.01391](#)

# Quasi-TMD in Coulomb Gauge without Wilson Line

Compared with the GI method, CG method has much better signal, especially for TMDs.



Pion Quasi-TMDWF

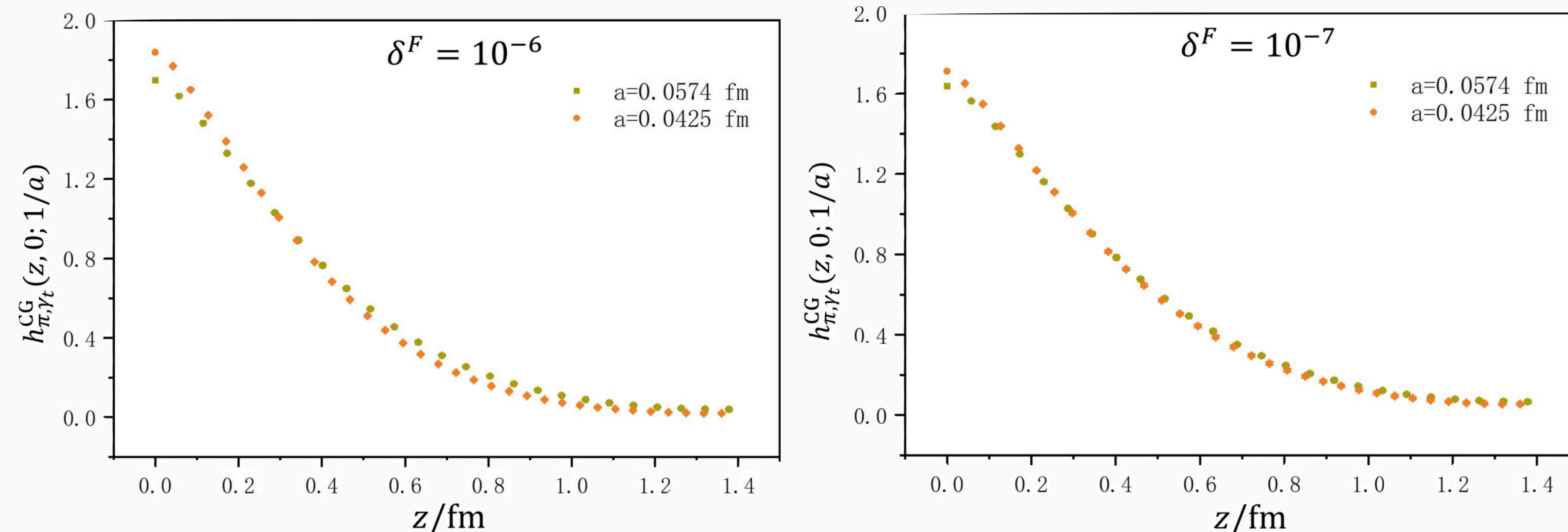


Collins-Soper kernel

D. Bollweg, et al., Phys.Lett.B 852 (2024)

# Dependence on the Gauge Fixing Precision

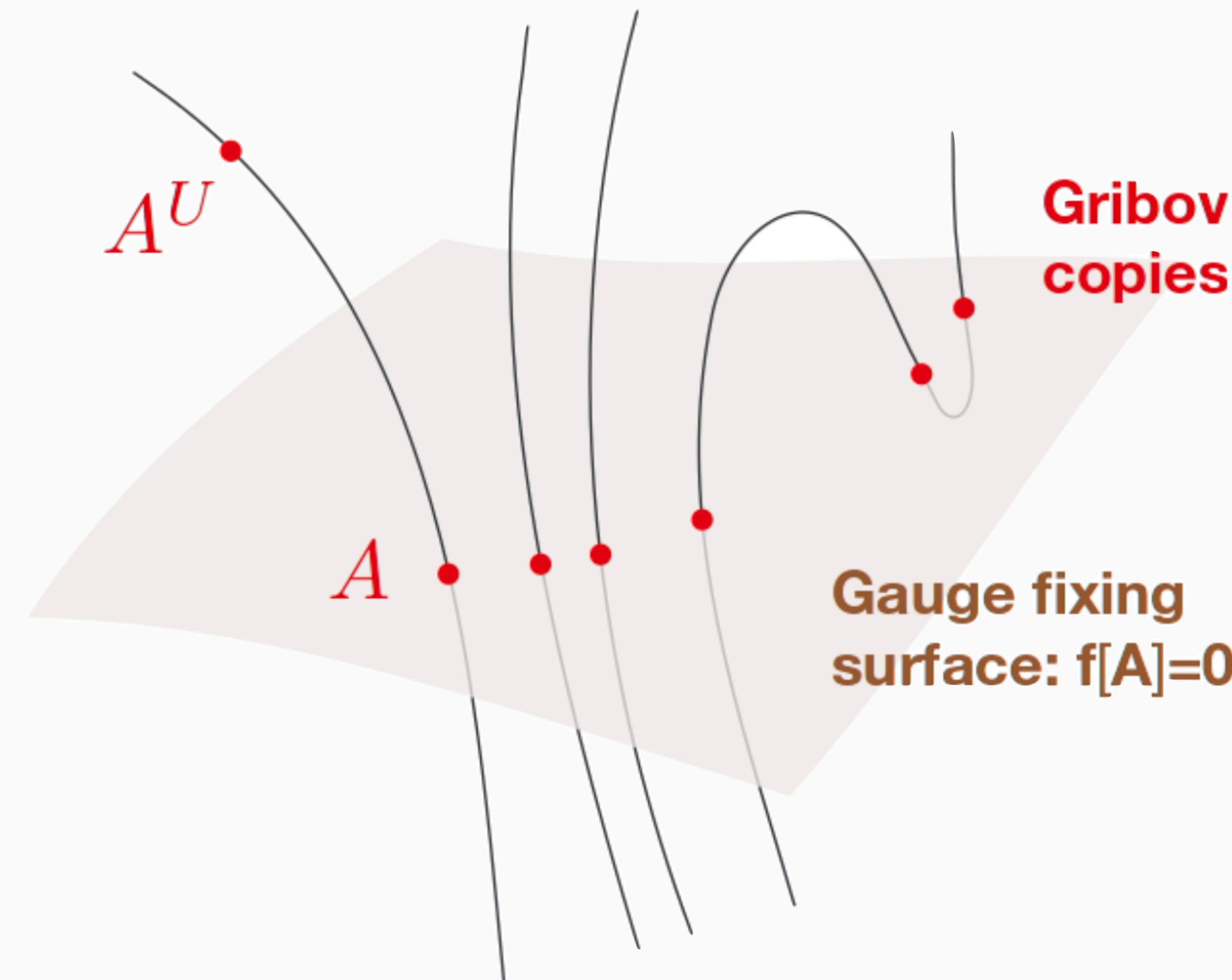
Pion PDF using Coulomb gauge method depends on the gauge fixing precision.



K. Zhang, et al.(LPC), 2405.14097

# Gribov Copies

- The gauge fixing condition may have many solutions in Lattice QCD.



*Ph. D. Thesis of Diego Fiorentini*

# Faddeev-Popov operator

- The existence of Gribov copies is related to the zero mode of the Faddeev-Popov operator

$$\text{Gauge condition: } \mathcal{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\text{Infinitesimal transformation: } \delta \vec{A} = - \vec{D} \omega$$

$$\text{Variation: } \delta \mathcal{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{A} = - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{D} \omega)$$

$$\text{Faddeev-Popov: } \mathcal{M} \equiv \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \omega} = - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}$$

For QED, there is no Gribov copy in Landau gauge.

$$\text{if } \mathcal{M}\theta = 0 , \text{ then } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} - \vec{D}\theta) \equiv \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}' = 0$$

$${}^* D_{\mu ab} \omega_b = \partial_\mu \omega_a - g f^{cab} A_\mu^c \omega_b$$

# Methodology

# Gauge Fixing in Lattice QCD

## Continuous Theory

$$F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x A_{\Omega\mu}^a(x) A_{\Omega}^{\mu a}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] &= - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x (D_{\mu ab}^{\Omega} \theta_b) A_{\Omega}^{\mu a} \\ &= - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x (\partial_{\mu} \theta_a - g f^{cab} A_{\Omega\mu}^c \theta_b) A_{\Omega}^{\mu a} \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x \theta_a (\partial_{\mu} A_{\Omega}^{\mu a})\end{aligned}$$

$${}^* A_{\Omega\mu}(x) \equiv \Omega^{\dagger}(x) A_{\mu}(x) \Omega(x) + \frac{i}{g} \Omega^{\dagger}(x) \partial_{\mu} \Omega(x)$$

## Lattice Theory

$$F_{\text{CG}}[U, \Omega] \equiv -\Re \left[ \text{Tr} \sum_x \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \Omega^{\dagger}(x + \hat{\mu}) U_{\mu}(x) \Omega(x) \right]$$

Find ~~stationary points~~ of the functional value.

Find **minimal points** of the functional value, so that F-P operator (second derivative) is positive definite.

# Criteria of Gauge Fixing

- Variation of the functional

$$\delta F/F < 10^{-8}$$

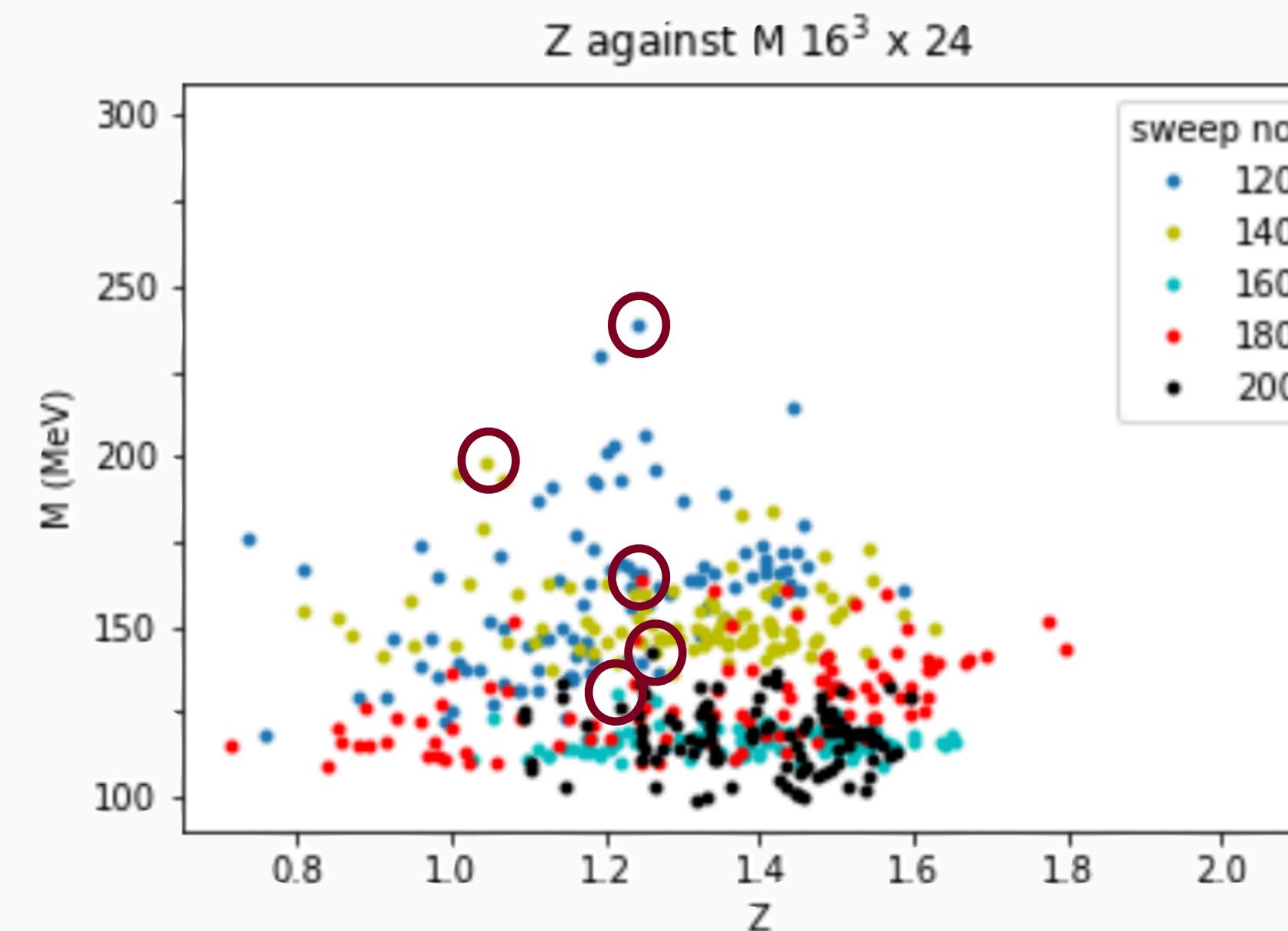
- Residual gradient of the functional

$$\theta^G \equiv \frac{1}{V} \sum_x \theta^G(x) \equiv \frac{1}{V} \sum_x \text{Tr} \left[ \Delta^G(x) (\Delta^G)^{\dagger}(x) \right]$$
$$* \Delta^G(x) \equiv \sum_{\mu} \left( A_{\mu}^G(x) - A_{\mu}^G(x - \hat{\mu}) \right)$$

Different Gribov copies can be distinguished by the difference of functional values  $\Delta F$ .

# Two kinds of impact from Gribov Copies

- **Lattice Gribov noise**: not separable from the statistical uncertainty; related to the distribution across Gribov copies.
- **Measurement distortion**: systematic uncertainty; related to the bias of strategies to choose representative from copies.



# Strategies to Choose Representative in Gribov Copies

- **Mother-daughter method:** do a random gauge transformation before gauge fixing to get different copies.
- “First it”: choose the first instance of gauge fixing;
- “Smallest f”: choose the instance with the smallest functional value among all instances; (**Fundamental Modular Region**)

*N. Vandersickel, et al., Phys.Rept. 520 (2012)*

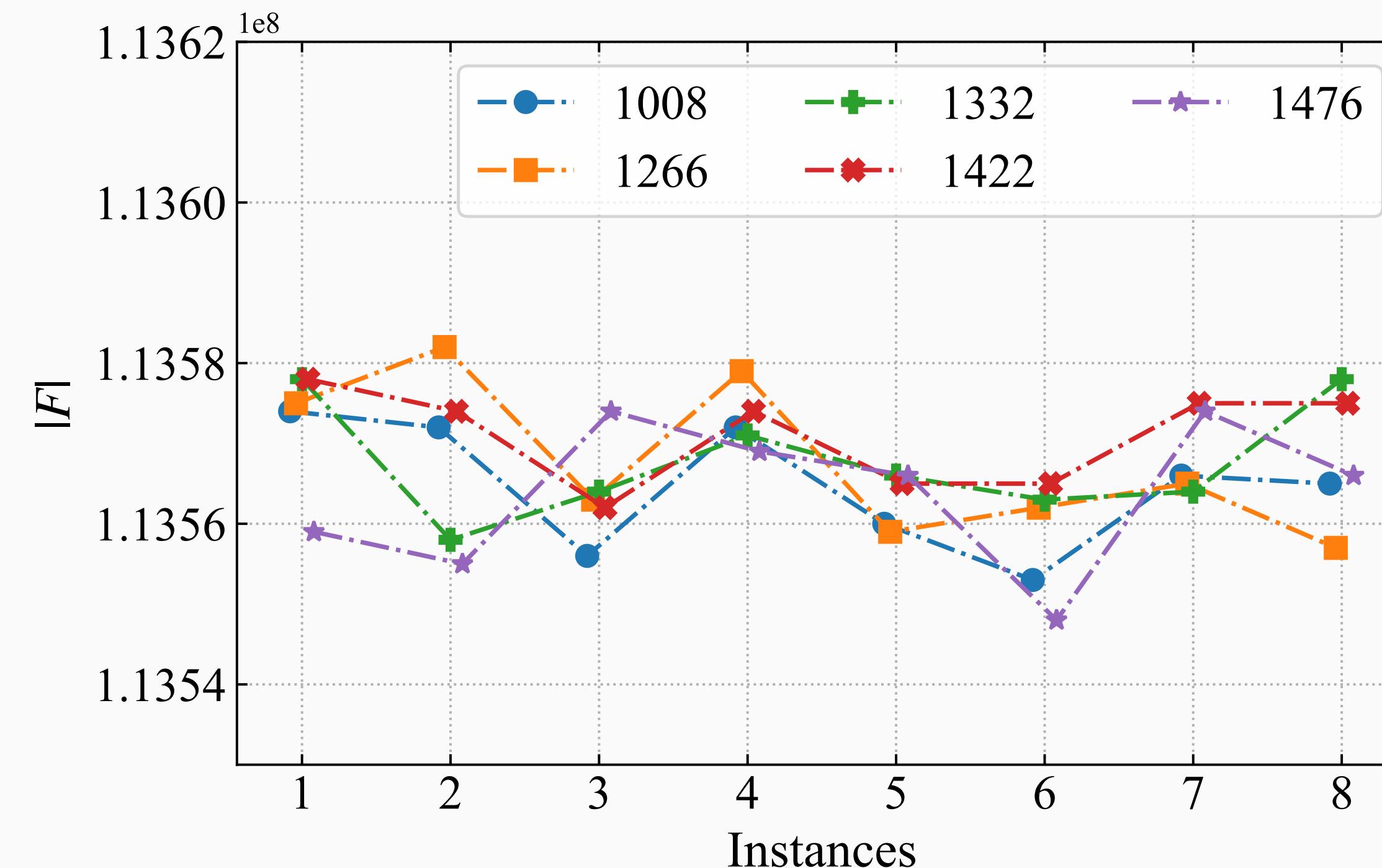
# Numerical Results

# Functional Values of Gribov Copies

Lattice setup: 2+1 flavor HISQ ensemble by HotQCD

$a$	$L_s^3 \times L_t$	$m_q a$	$m_\pi L_t$	#Cfgs	(#ex, #sl)	Inv precision
0.06 fm	$48^3 \times 64$	-0.0388	5.85	100	(1, 8)	ex: $10^{-10}$ ; sl: $10^{-4}$

We have 100 configurations, do the Coulomb gauge fixing to get 8 instances on each configuration.



# Quark Propagator under the Coulomb Gauge

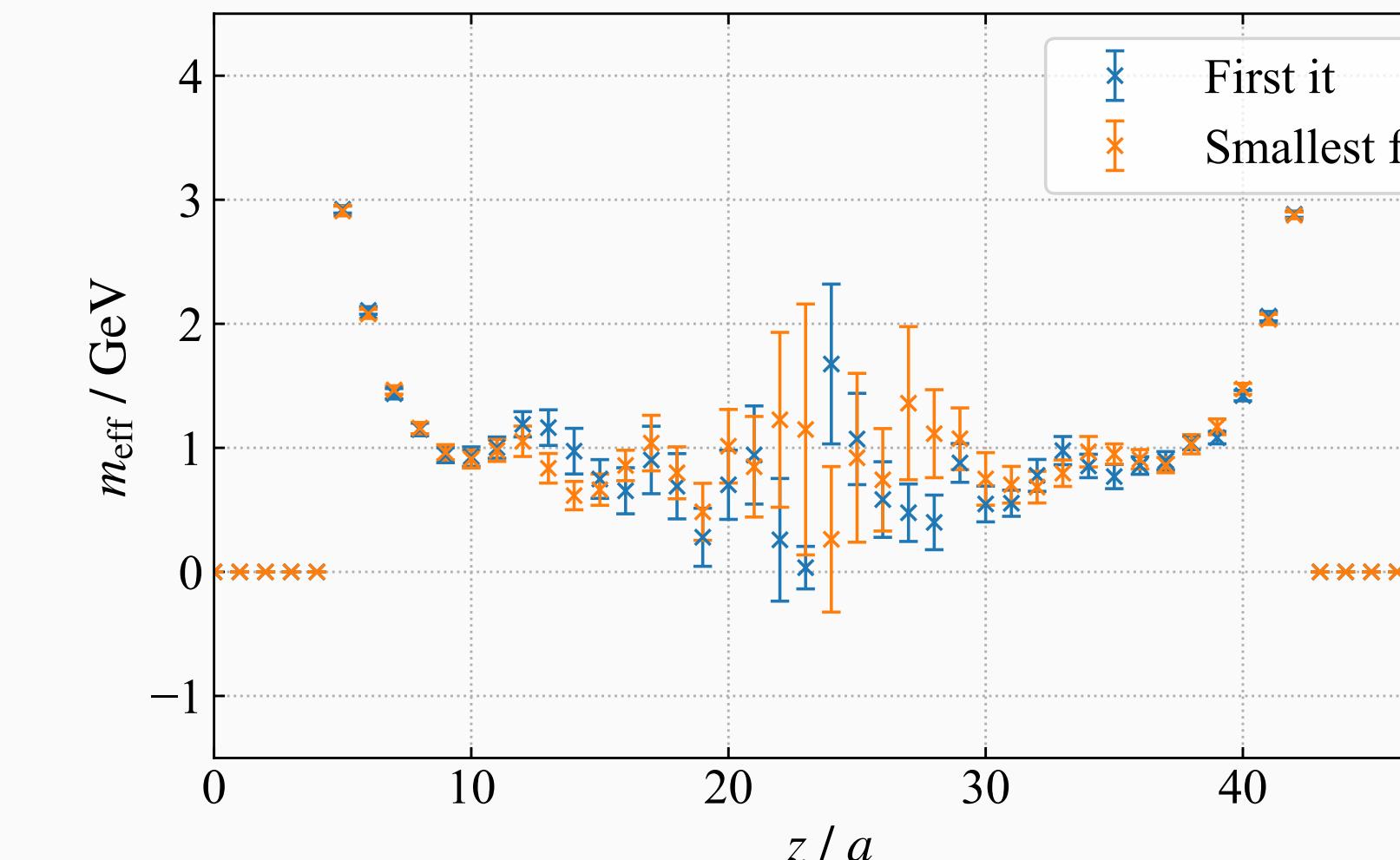
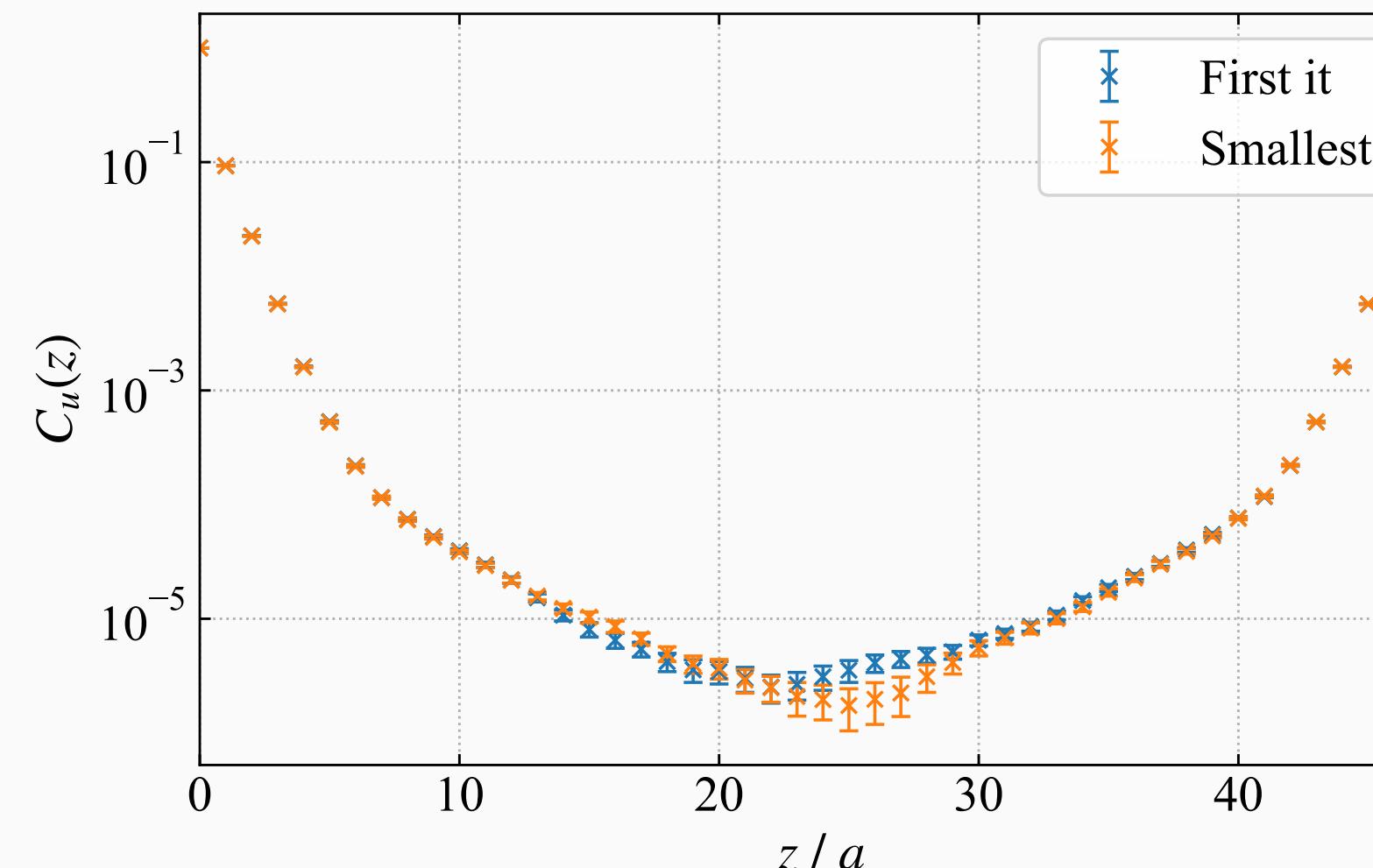
- Quark Propagator:

$$C_u(z) = \langle \text{Tr}[u(z)\bar{u}(0)] \rangle$$

- Effective Mass:

$$\frac{C_u(z)}{C_u(z+1)} = \frac{\cosh(m_{\text{eff}} \cdot (z - L_s/2))}{\cosh(m_{\text{eff}} \cdot (z + 1 - L_s/2))}$$

Both 2pt and meff show a good consistency between two strategies.



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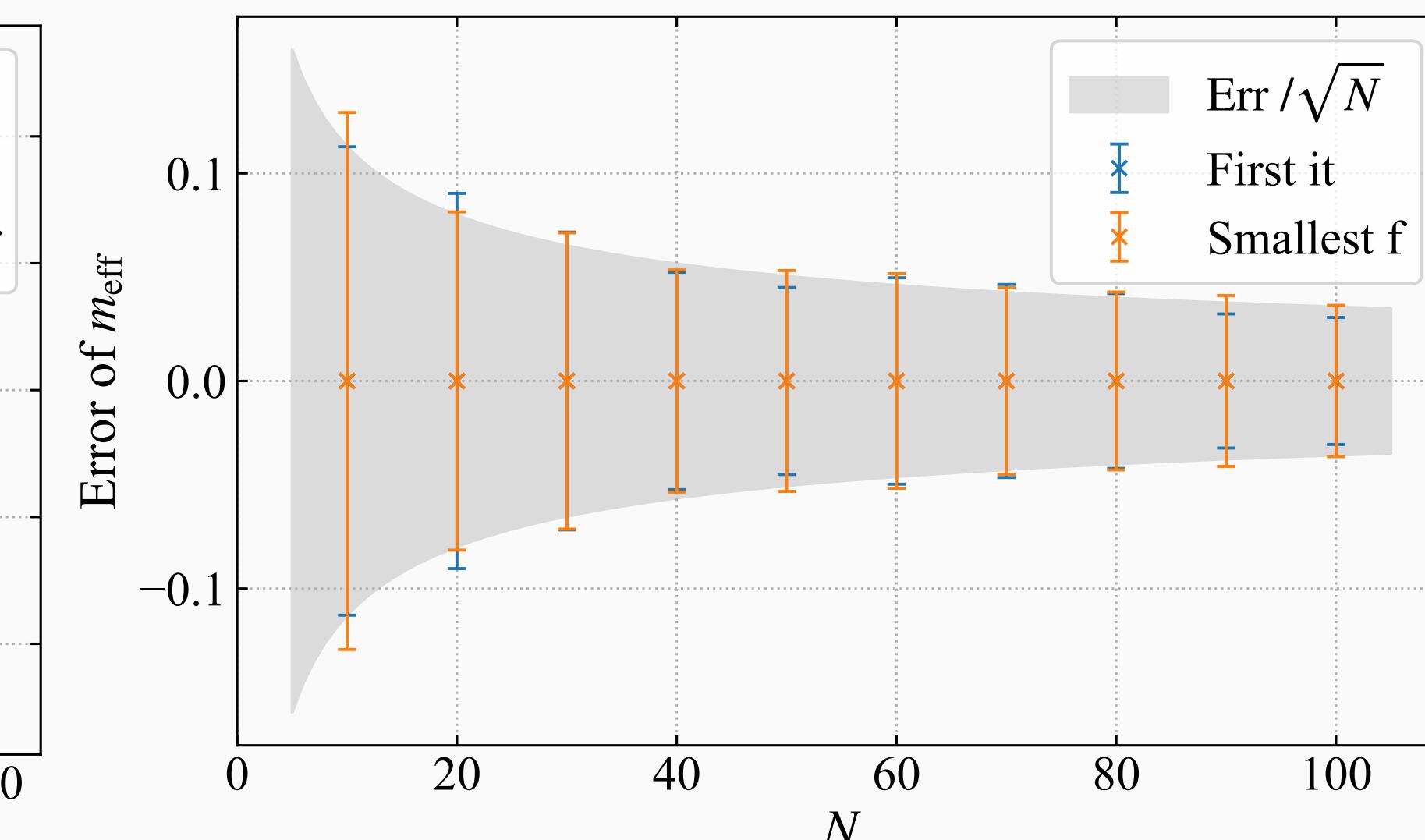
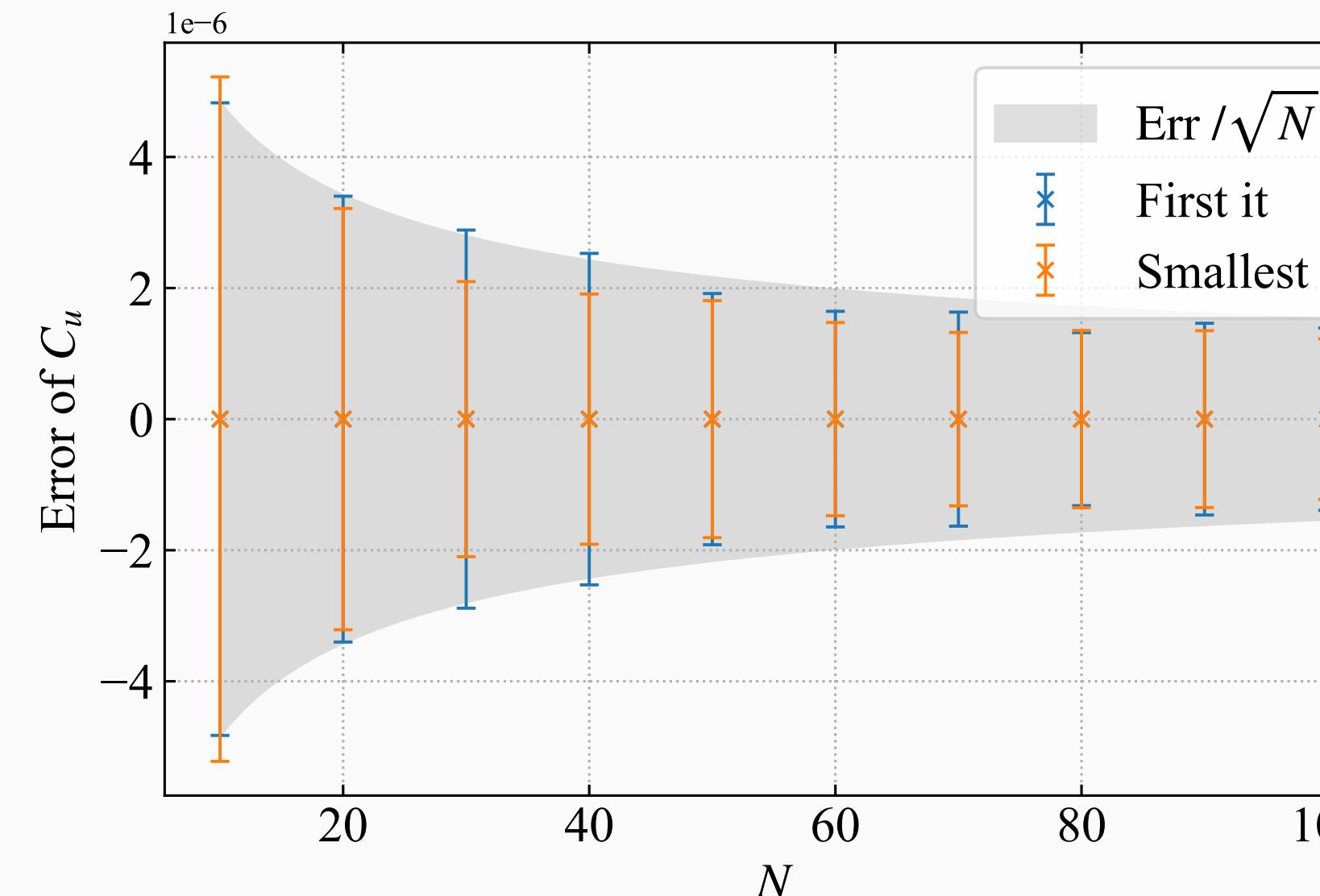
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The behavior of error is consistent with  $1/\sqrt{N}$  when varying the number of configurations  $N$ .



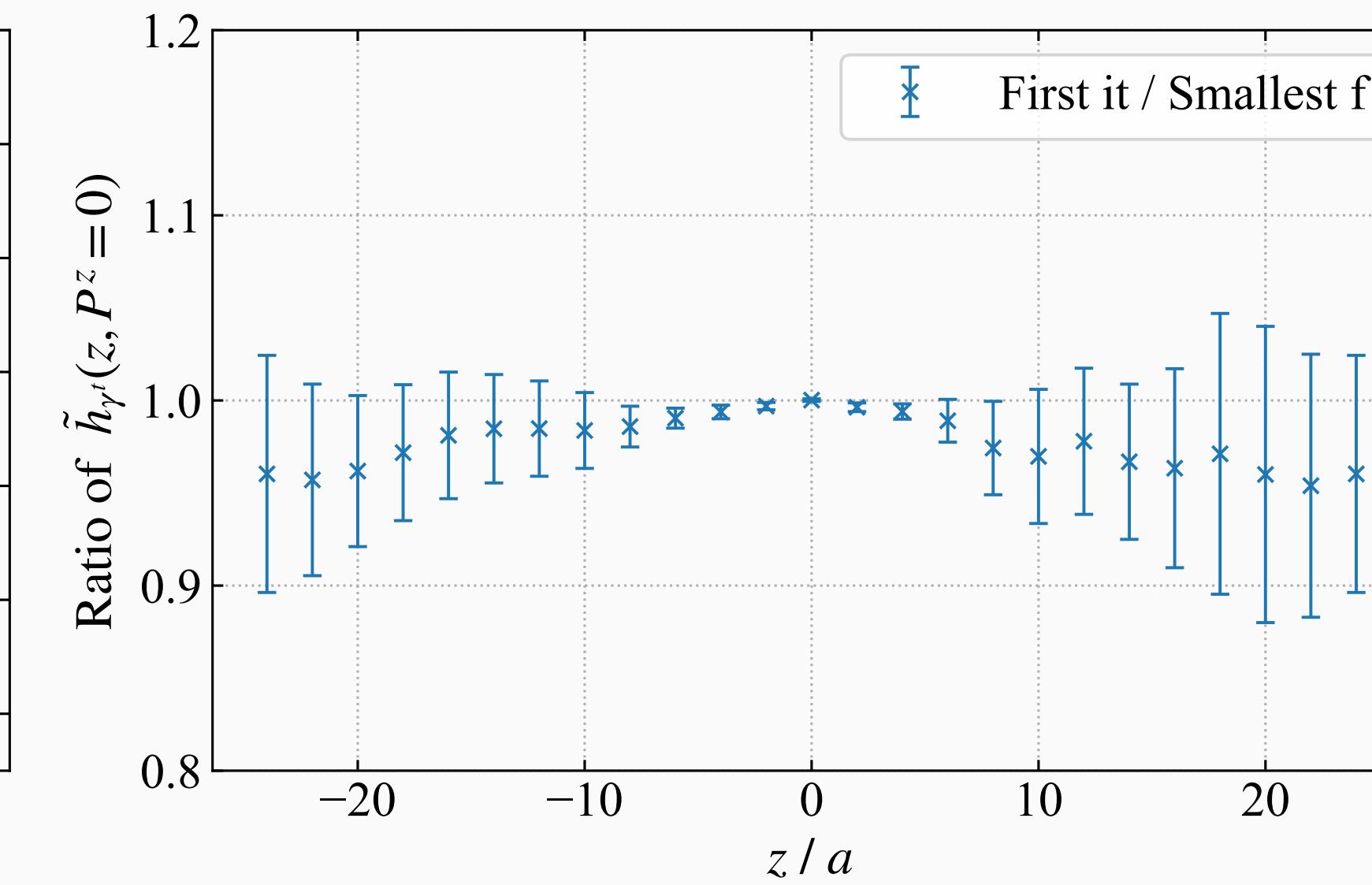
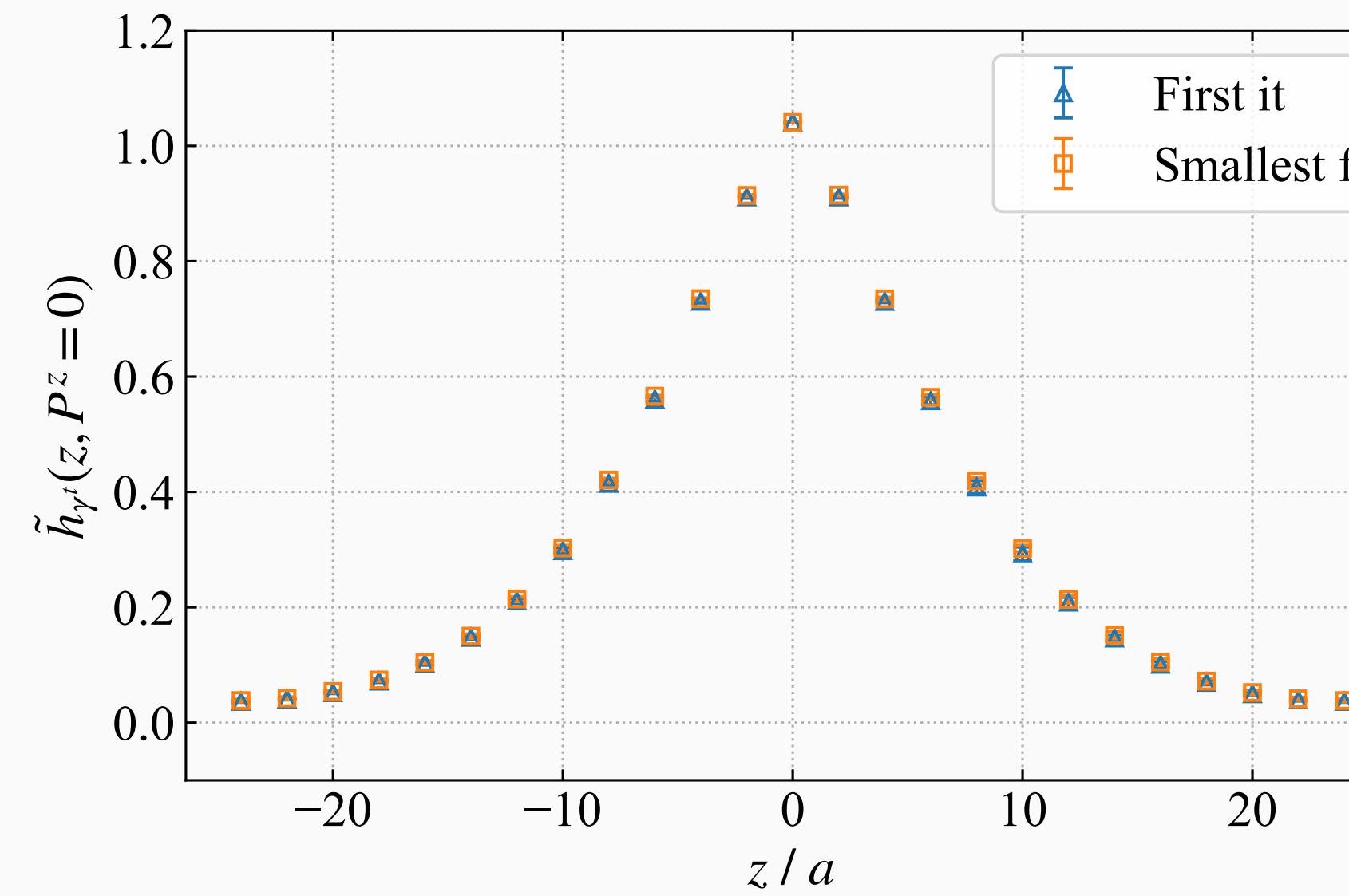
$z = 10 a$

# Quasi-distribution under the Coulomb Gauge

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$$\tilde{h}_{\gamma^t}(z, P^z, \mu) = \frac{1}{2P^t} \langle \vec{P} = \vec{0} | \bar{\psi}(z)\gamma^t\psi(0) |_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0} | \vec{P} = \vec{0} \rangle$$

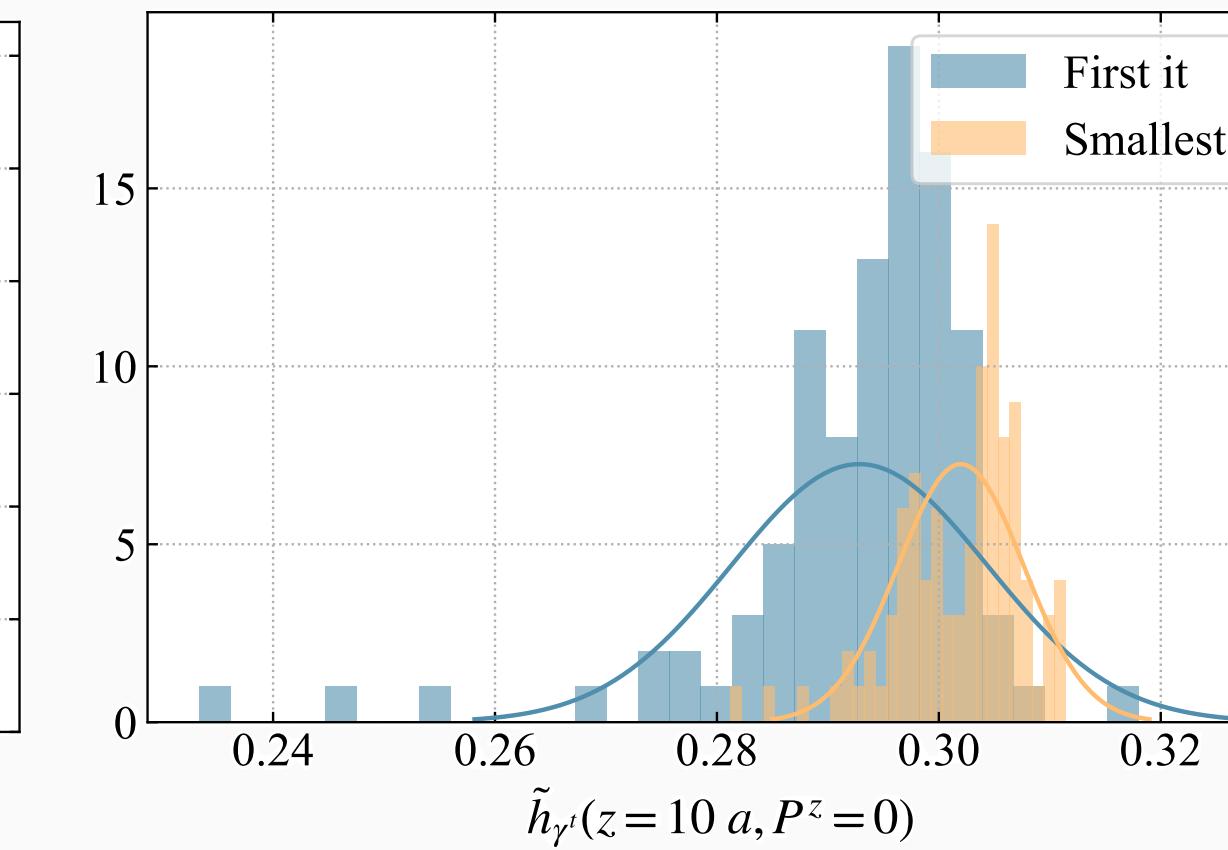
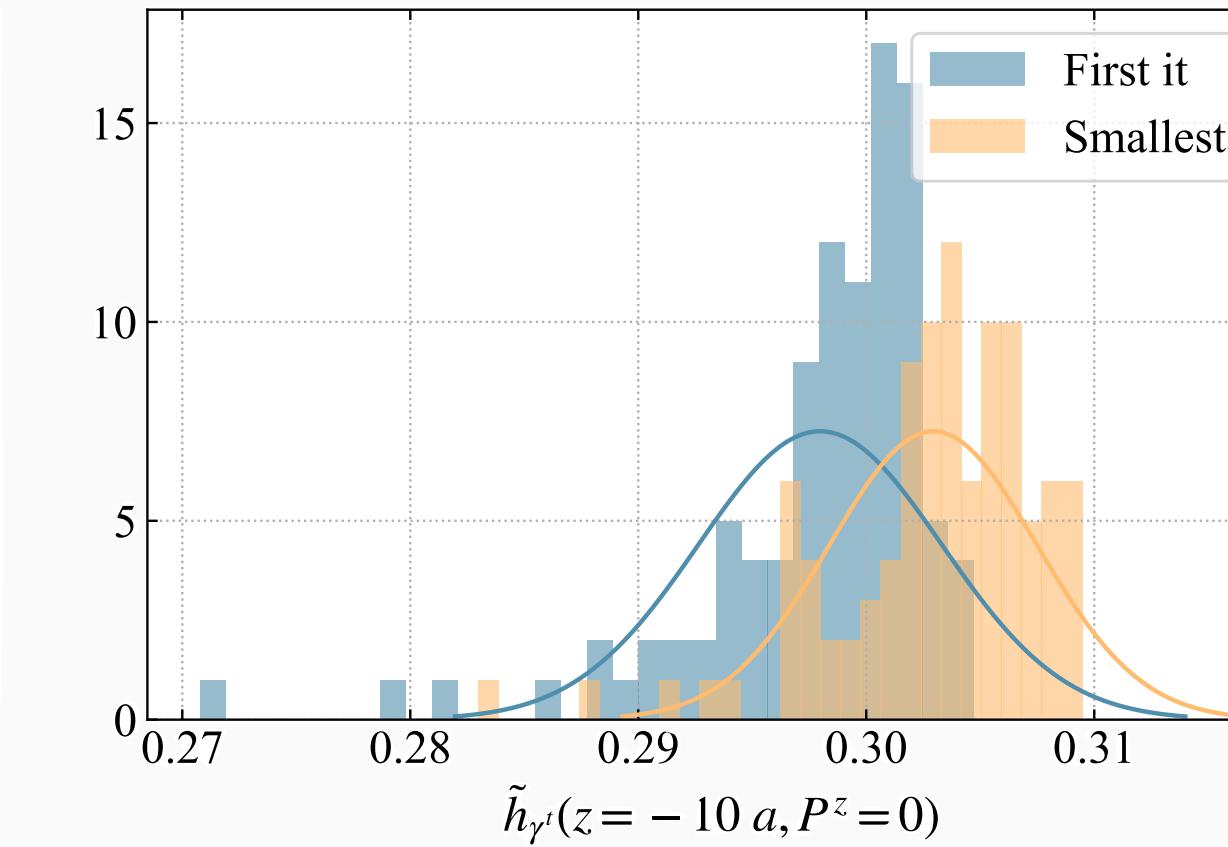
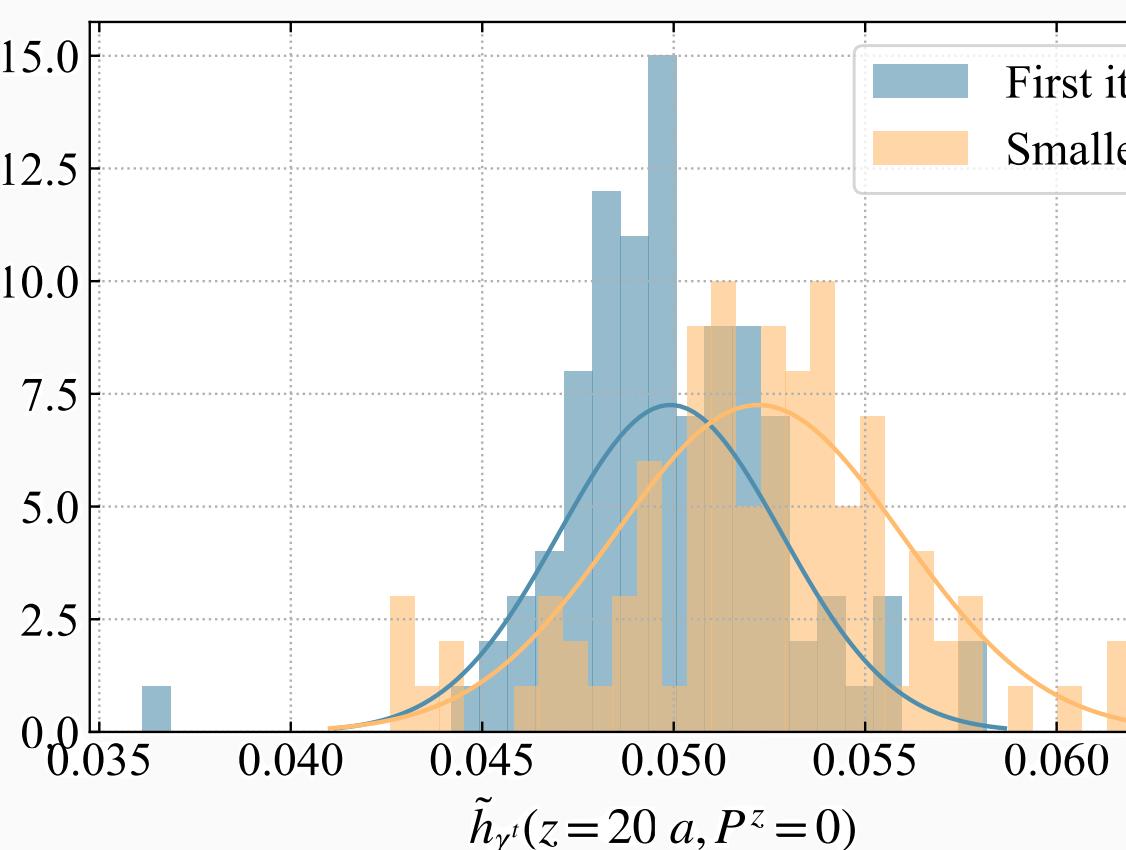
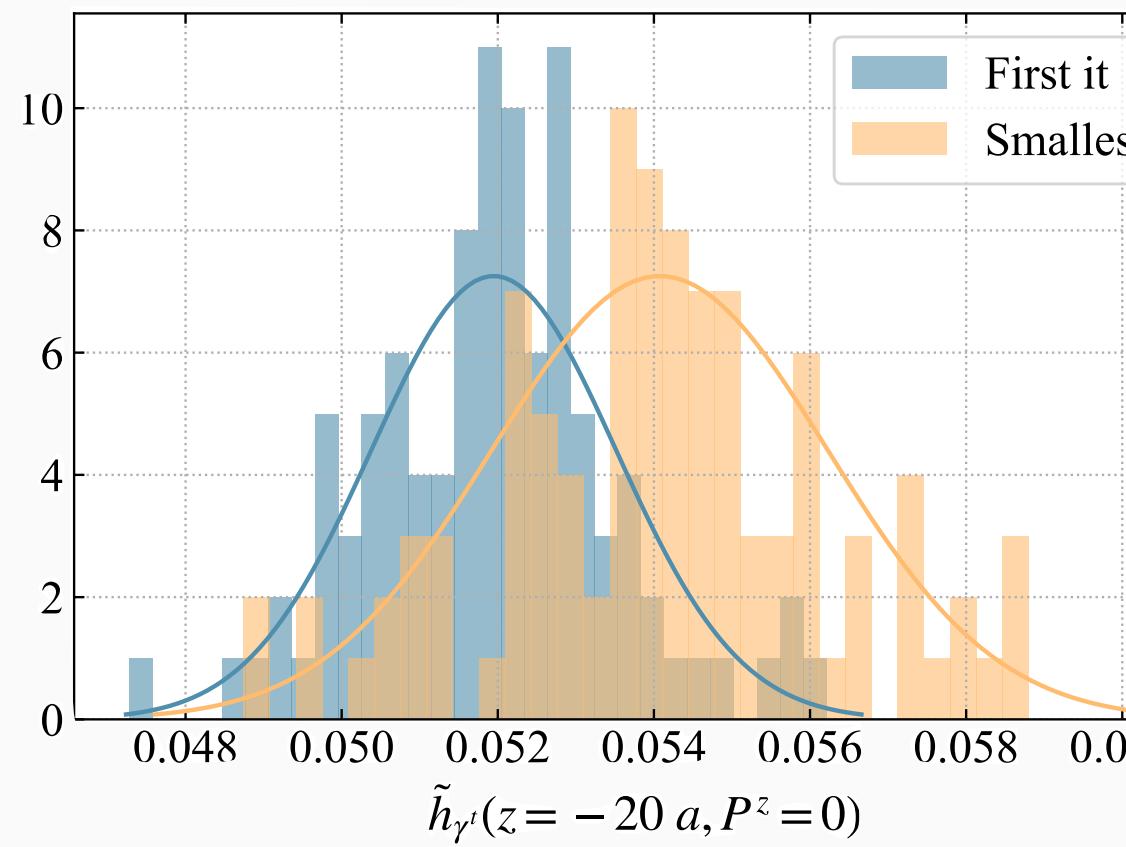
The conclusion holds for both collinear and TMD case because of 3D rotational symmetry.



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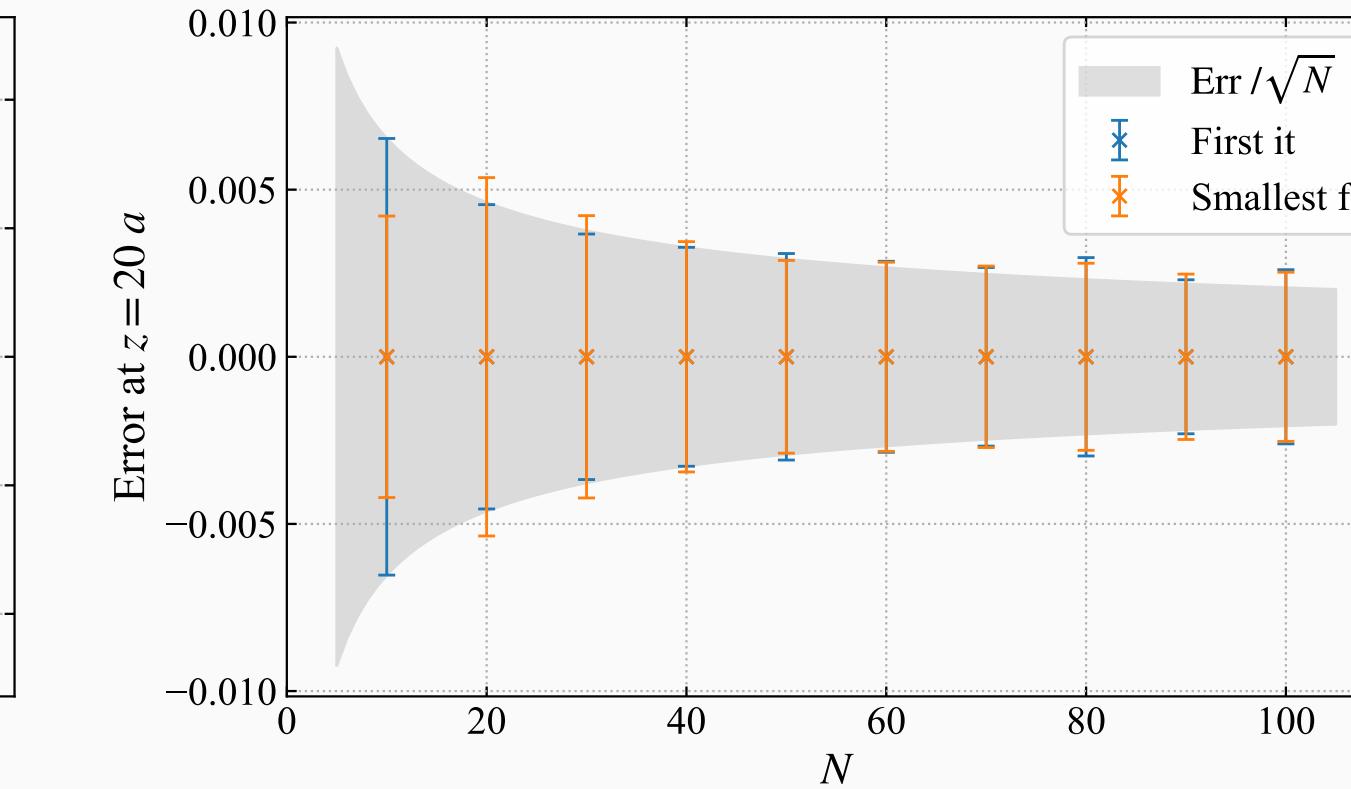
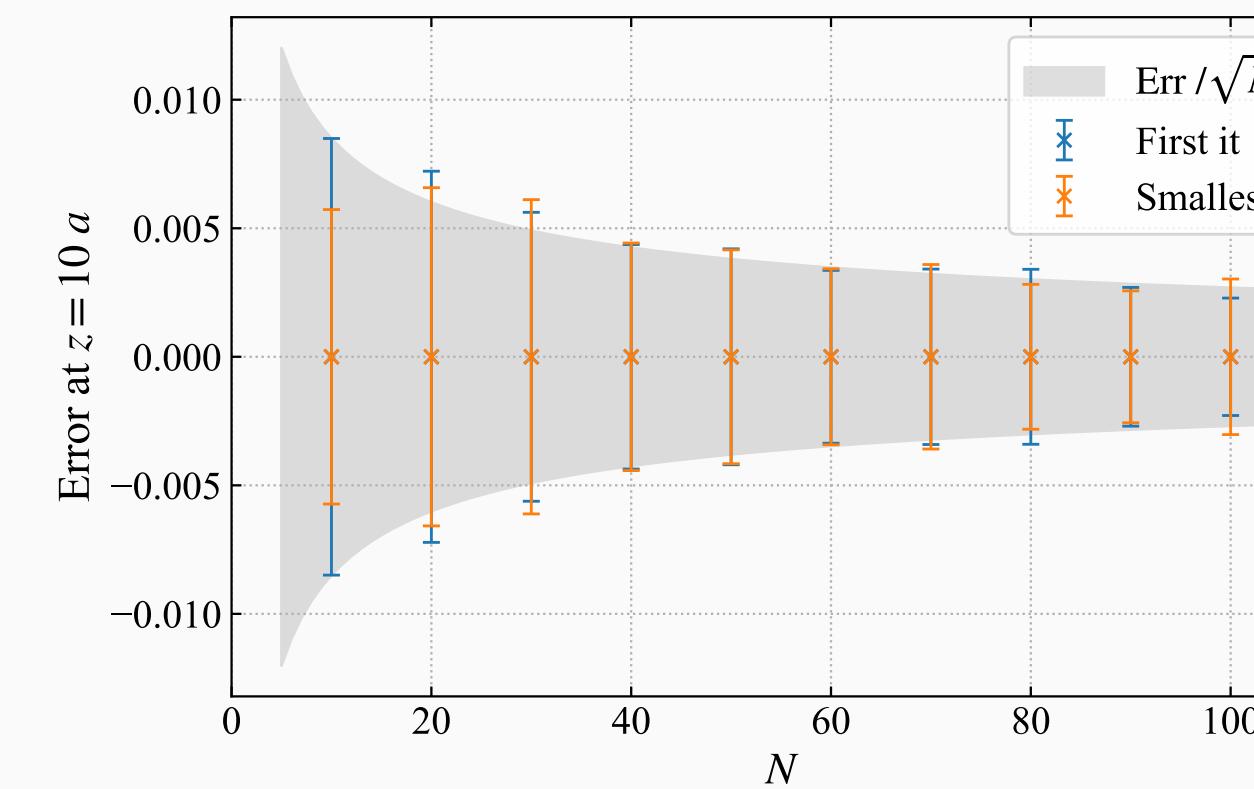
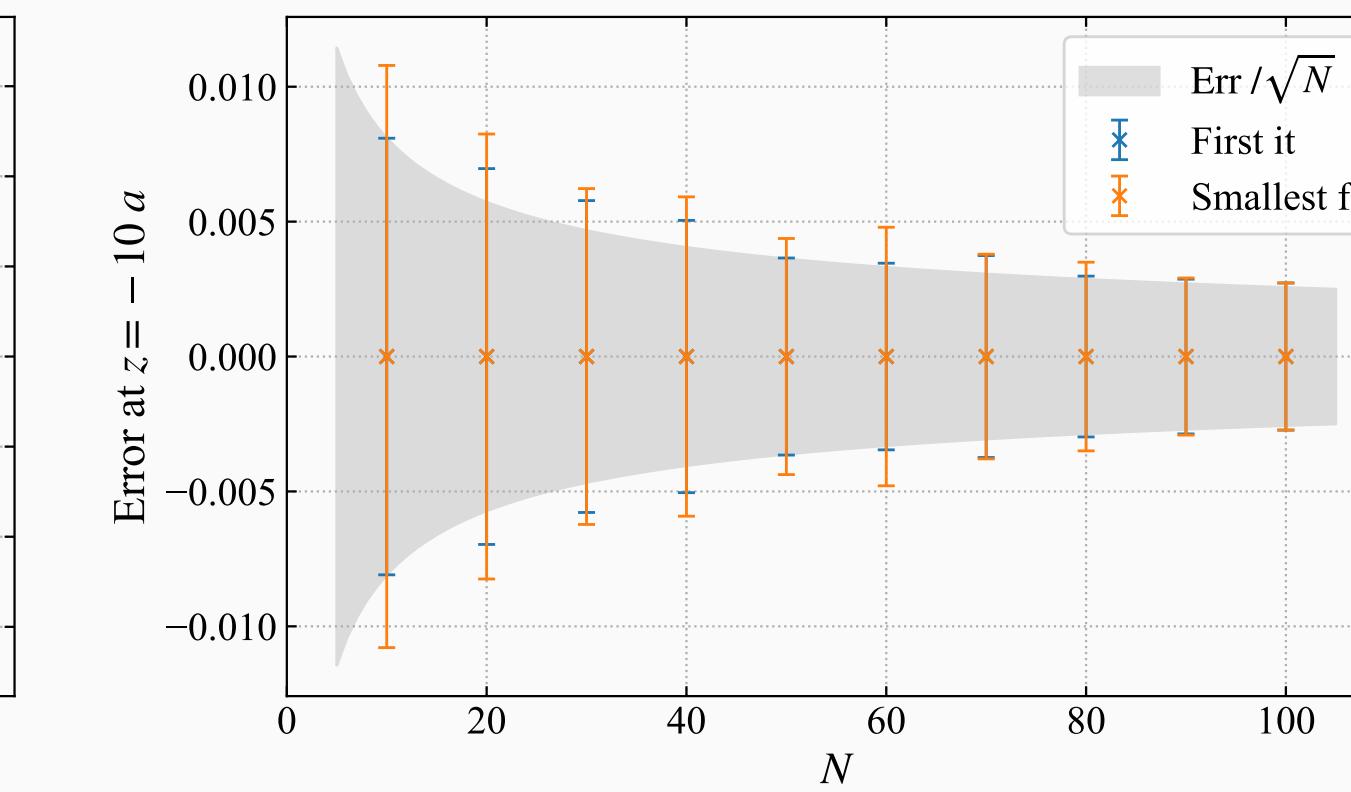
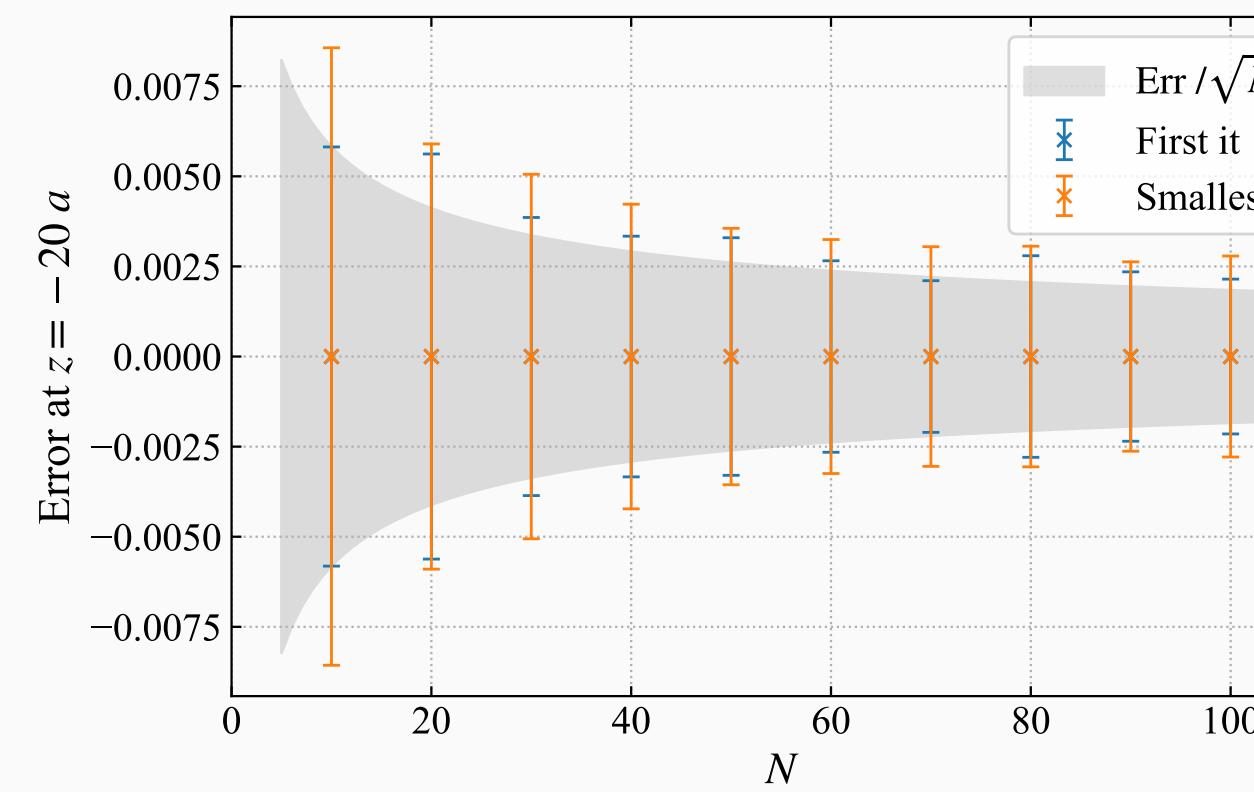
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$t_{\text{sep}} = 8 a, \tau = 4 a$

# Summary

# Summary

- Gribov copies stem from multiple solutions of gauge condition;
- Two impacts of Gribov copies: noise and distortion;
- Gribov noise is undistinguishable from the statistical noise;
- No significant distortion on quark propagator & quasi-distribution;

# Prospect

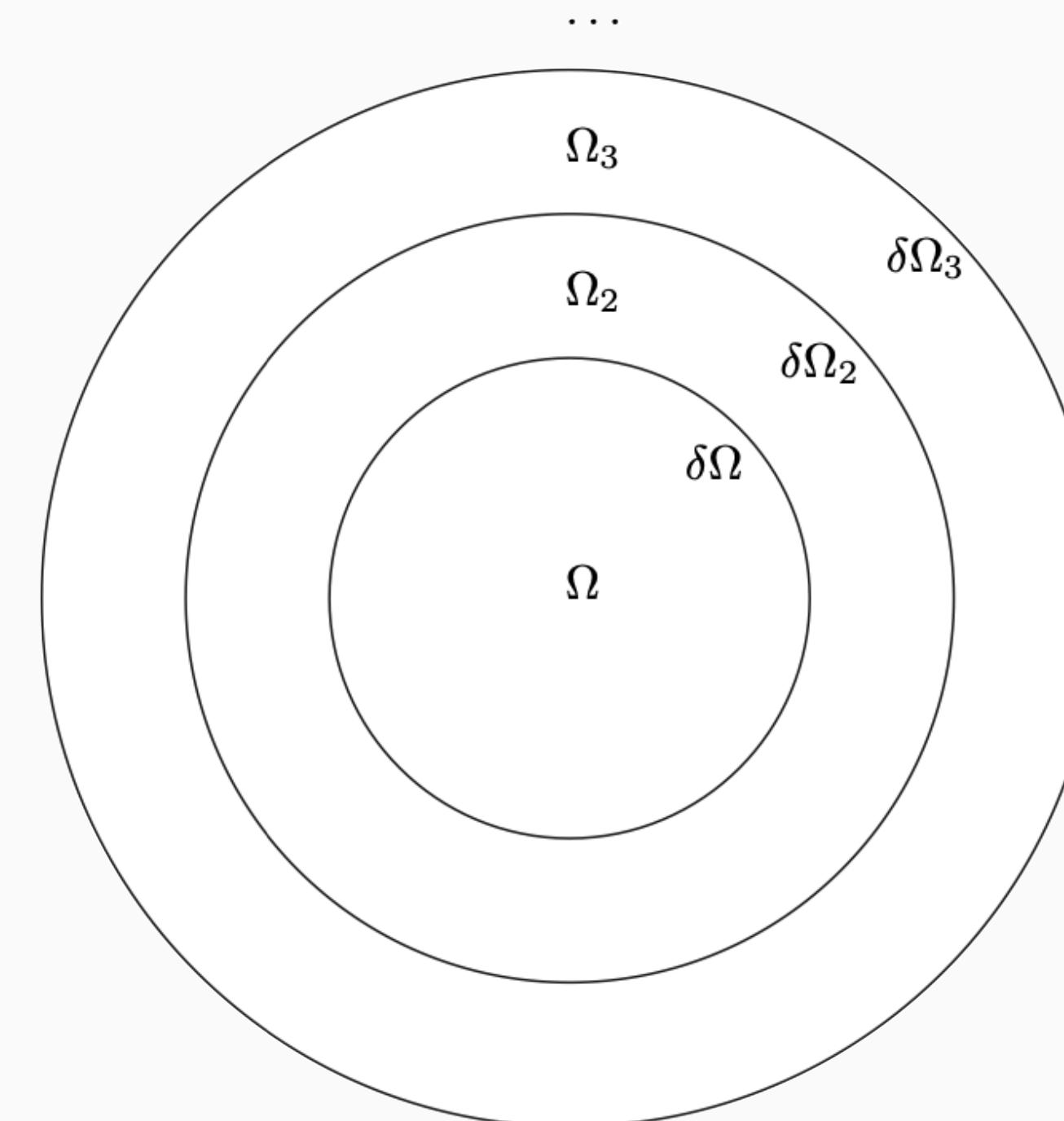
- Including more strategies;
- Including more instances;
- Study the gluon propagator for the gluon parton distribution;

# Back Up



# First Gribov Region

- First Gribov Region: Faddeev-Popov operator is positive definite;
- Gribov Horizon: Faddeev-Popov determinant is zero.



N. Vandersickel, et al., Phys.Rept. 520 (2012)

# First Gribov Region

Take minimum point of the functional

$$F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x A_{\Omega\mu}^a(x) A_{\Omega}^{\mu a}(x)$$

$$\delta^2 F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] = - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x \partial_\mu \theta_a \delta A_{\Omega}^{\mu a} = - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x \theta_a (\partial_\mu D_\mu^{ab}) \theta^b$$

$$\delta F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] = - \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \int d^4x (D_{\mu ab}^\Omega \theta_b) A_{\Omega}^{\mu a}$$

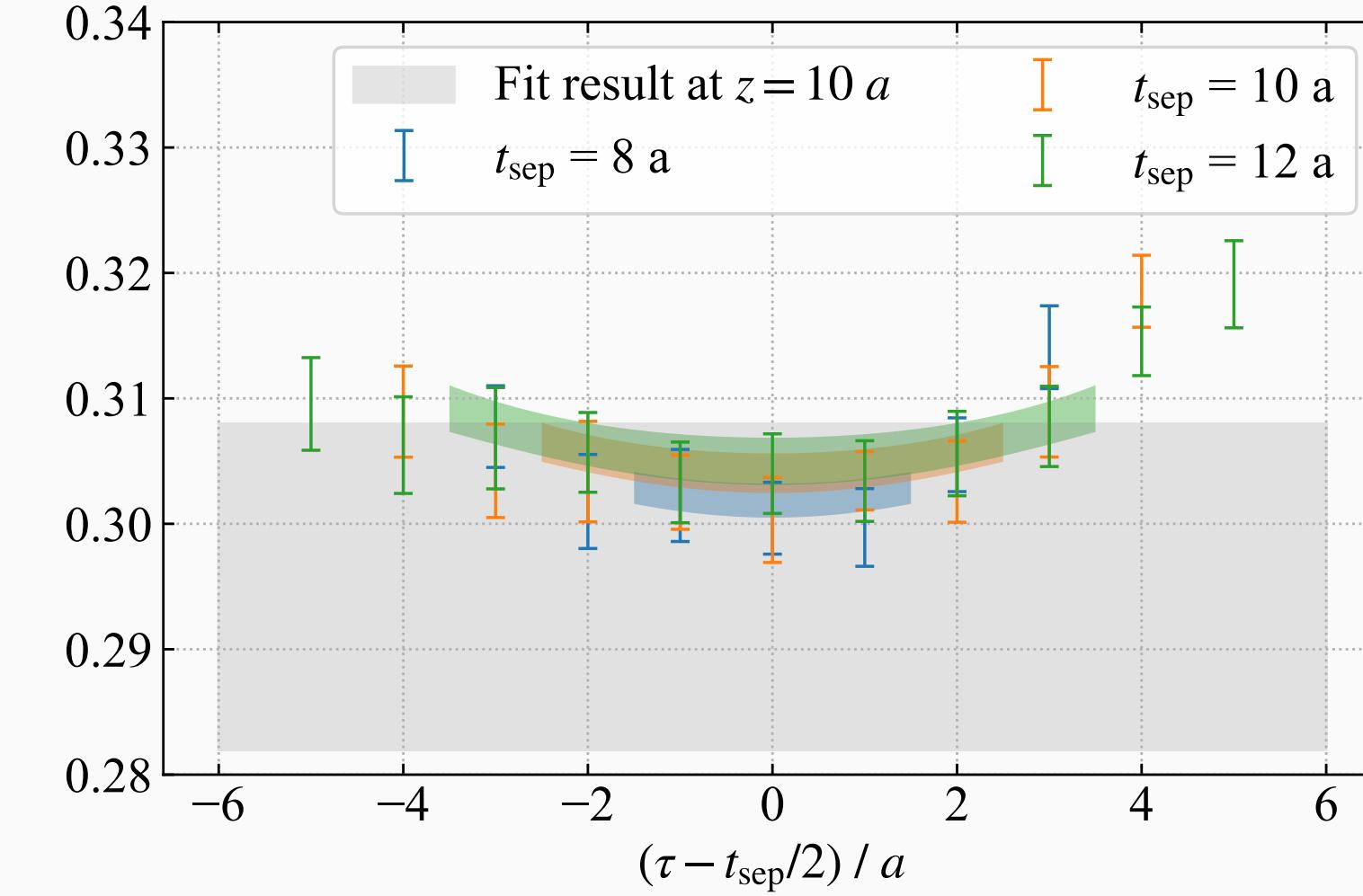
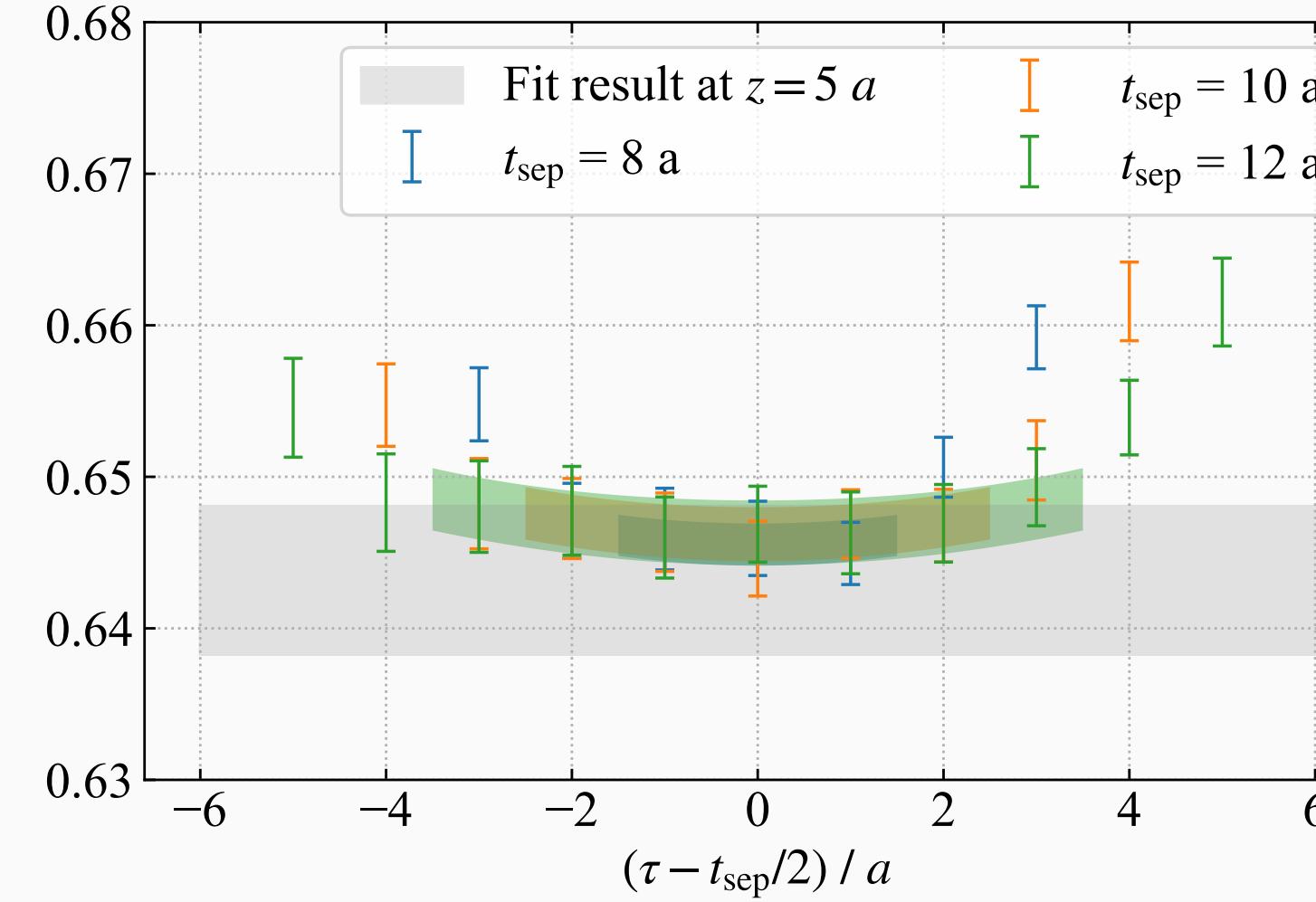
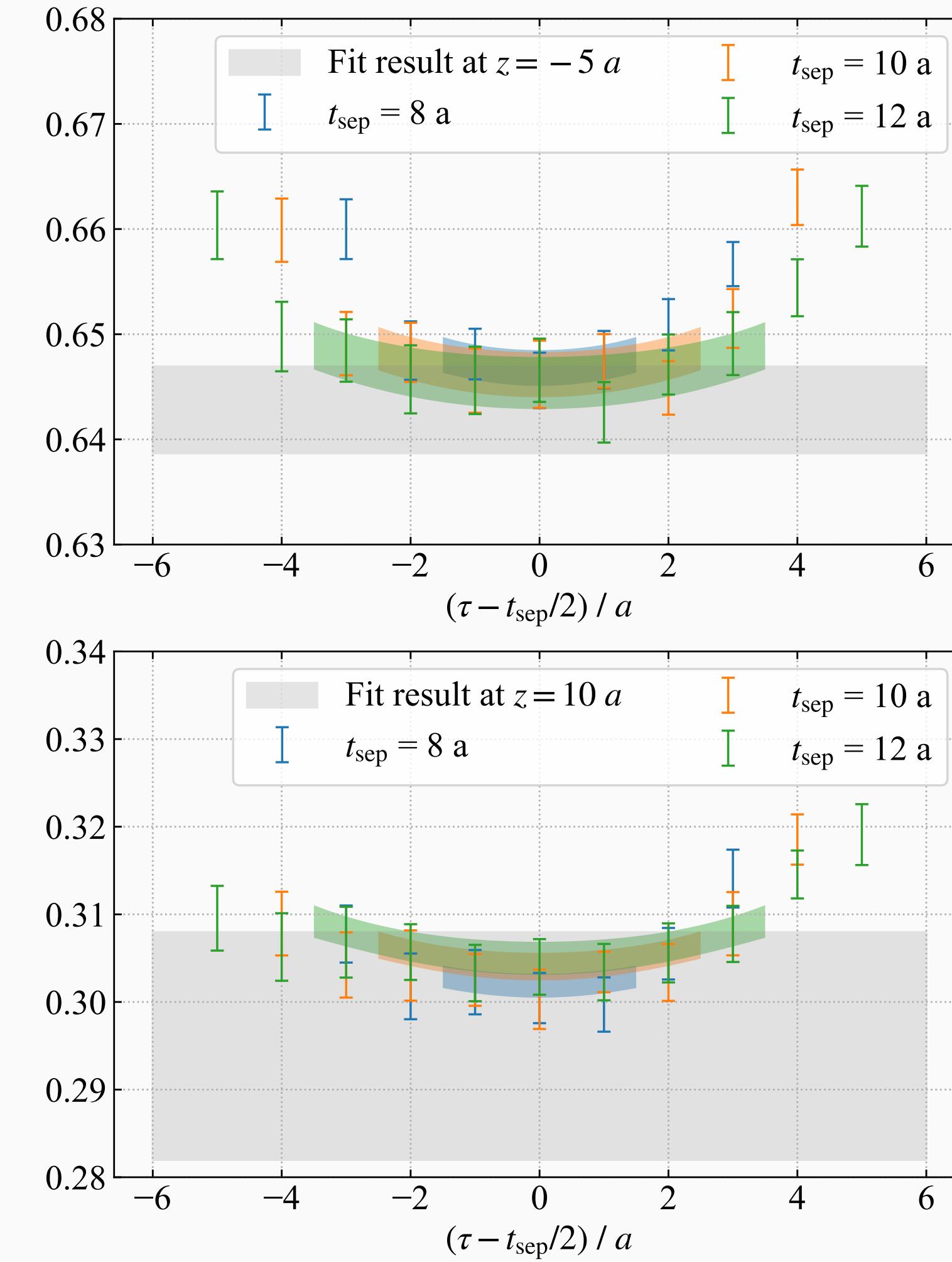
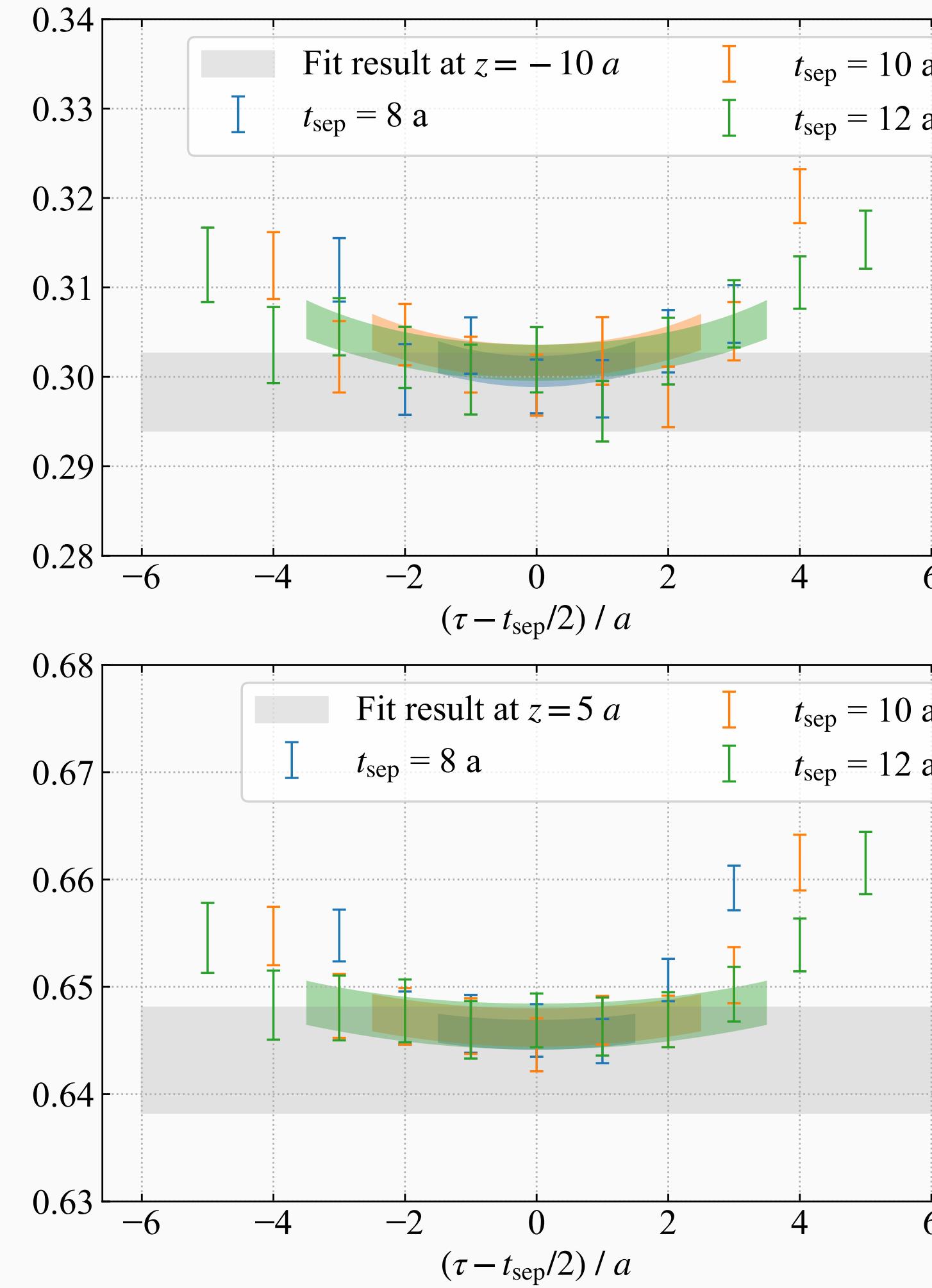
$\delta^2 F_{\text{CG}}[A, \Omega] \geq 0$  for  $\forall \theta \implies \mathcal{M} = -\partial_\mu D_\mu^{ab}$  is positive definite

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In the first Gribov region

$${}^* A_{\Omega\mu}(x) \equiv \Omega^\dagger(x) A_\mu(x) \Omega(x) + \frac{i}{g} \Omega^\dagger(x) \partial_\mu \Omega(x)$$

# Ground State Fit of First it



# Ground State Fit of Smallest f

