

3D Imaging of the Pion on a Fine Lattice

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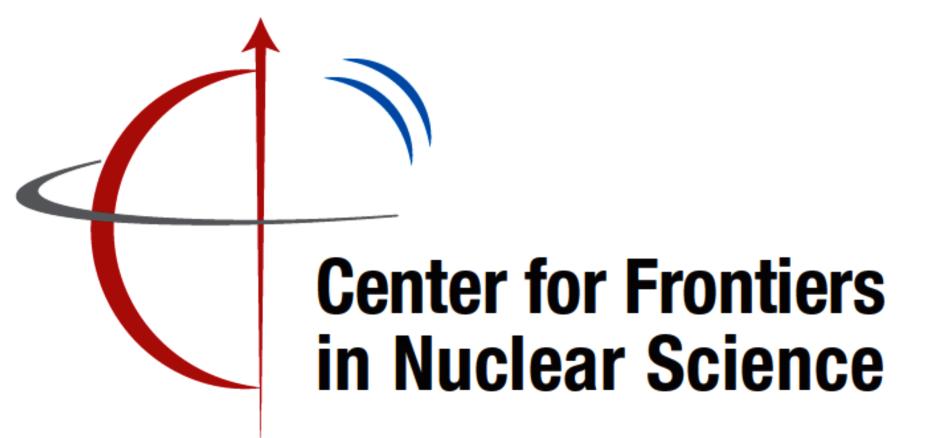
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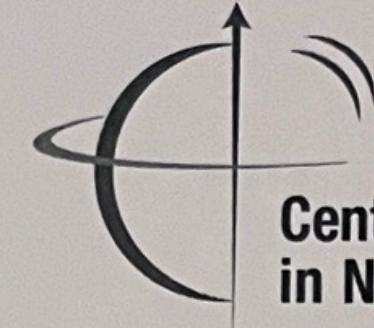
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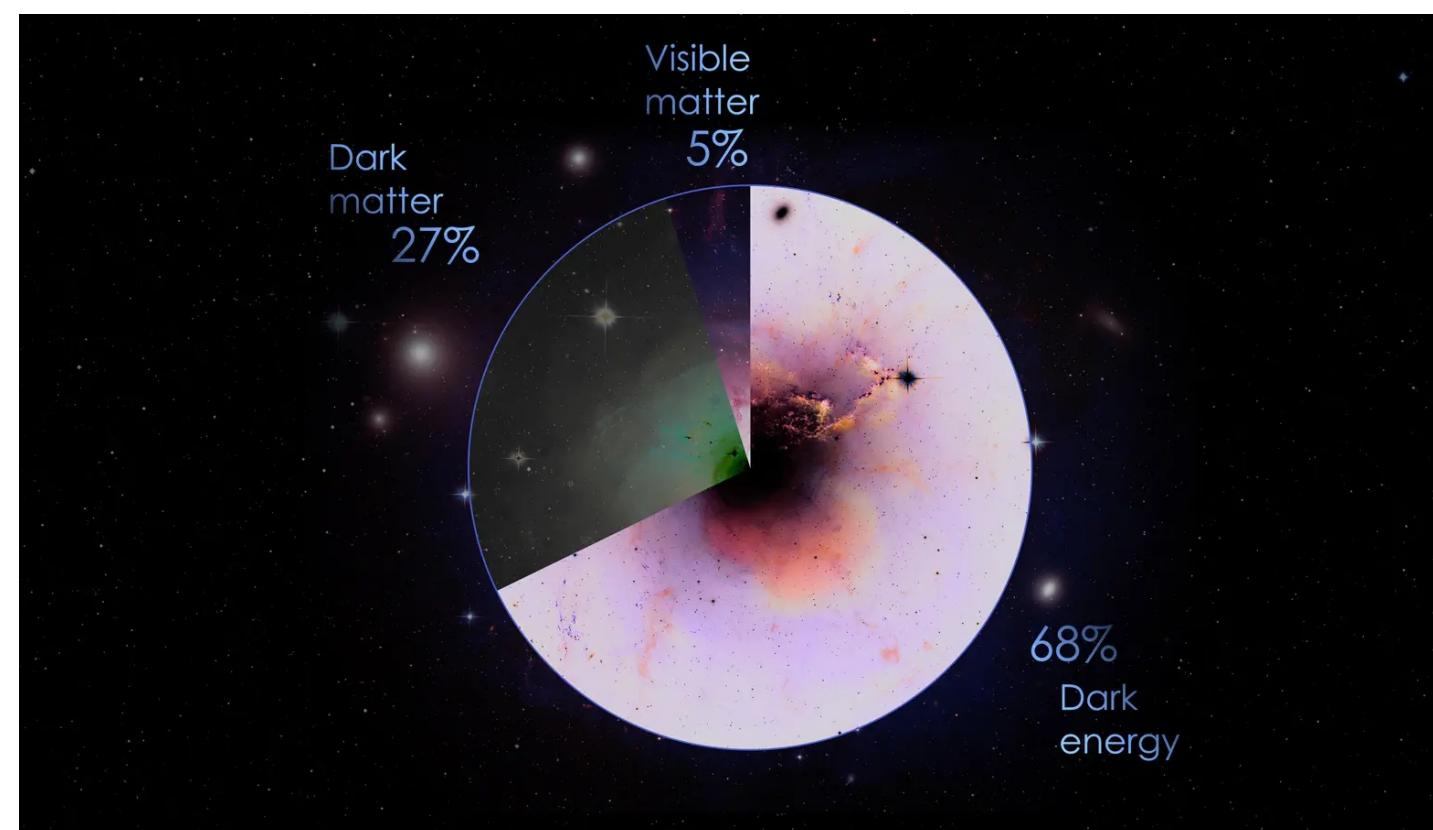
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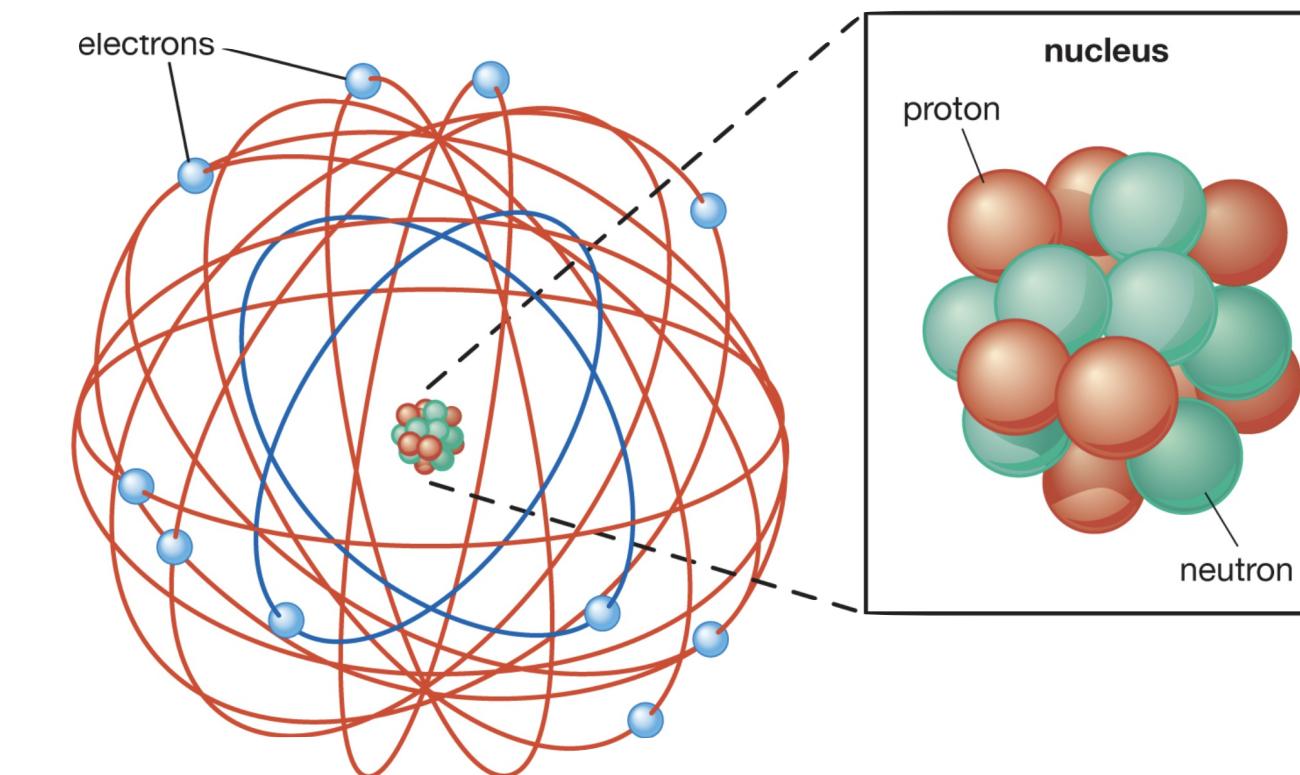


Visible Universe

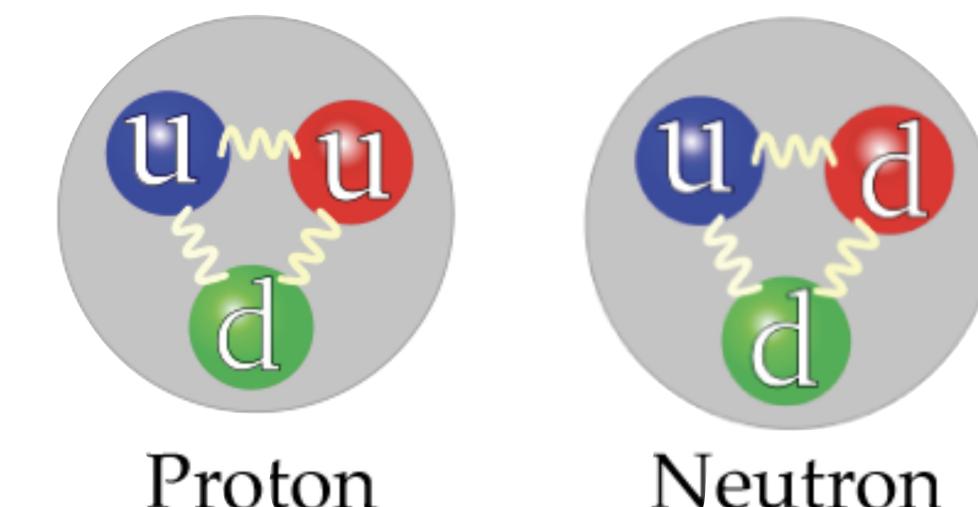
- Only 5% of the universe is visible. *Spergel, David N. "The dark side of cosmology: Dark matter and dark energy." Science 347.6226 (2015): 1100-1102.*
- The visible universe is made up of protons and neutrons, the inner structure of hadrons are sophisticated if we step closer.



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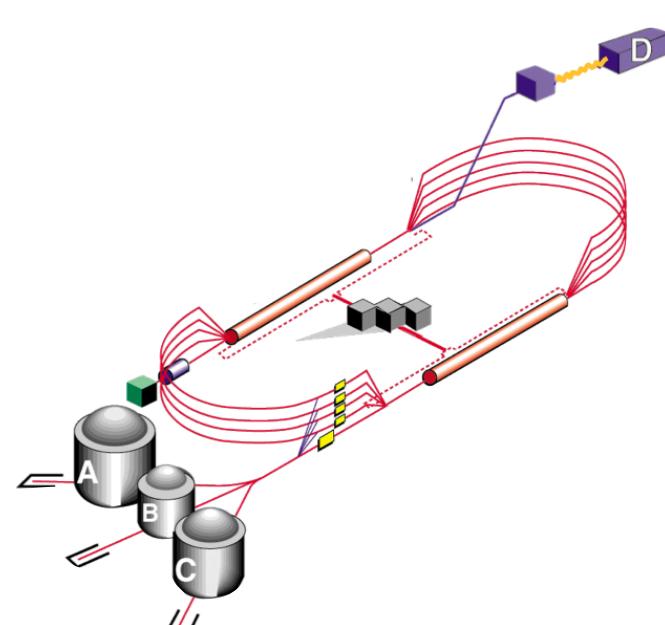


Proton
Neutron

- Many experiments have been designed to probe the internal structure of hadrons.

P.S. The list of experiments here is not complete.

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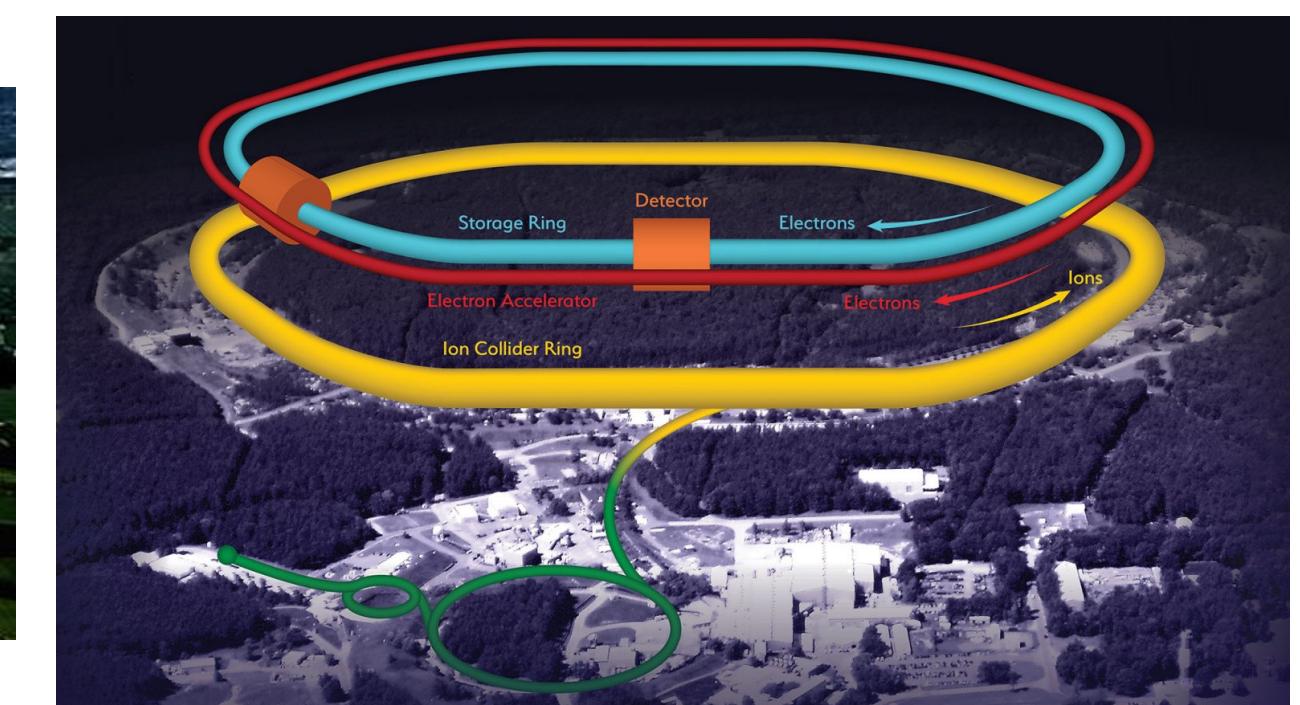
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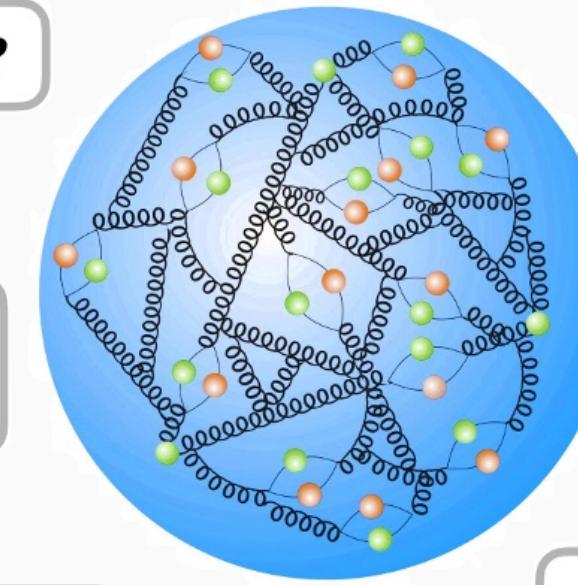
Parton Physics

- Our knowledge on hadron is still limited:
 - Spin, mass ...
 - How to describe a relativistic moving strong-coupled bound state?
- The language from Feynman: Parton Model in the infinite momentum frame
R. P. Feynman, Conf. Proc. C 690905 (1969)
 - Quarks and gluons (partons) are “frozen” in the transverse plane;
 - During a high-energy collision, the struck parton appears like a free particle.

The many faces of the proton

QCD bound state of **quarks** and **gluons**

Origin of mass?



Origin of spin?

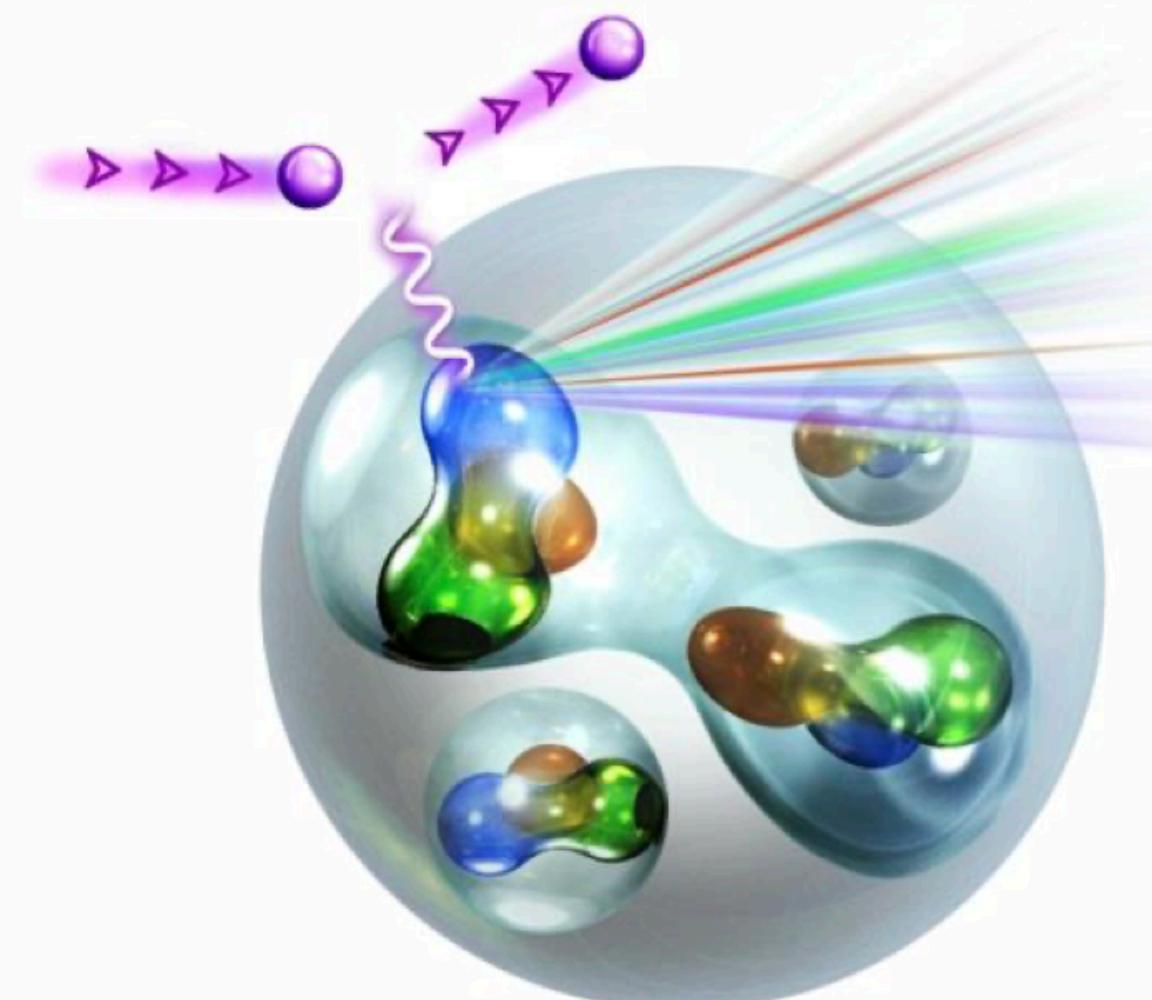
Gluon-dominated matter?

3D imaging?

Heavy quark content?

Nuclear modifications?

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QCD Factorization

$$\sigma_{\text{DIS}} \propto \left| \frac{l}{P} \right|^2 \approx \left| \frac{k \approx \xi P}{P} \right|^2 \otimes \left| \frac{l}{\xi P} \right|^2$$

R. Boussarie, et al., “TMD Handbook”, [arXiv:2304.03302 [hep-ph]]

3D Imaging of Hadron

x is the momentum fraction in the longitudinal (hadron momentum) direction.

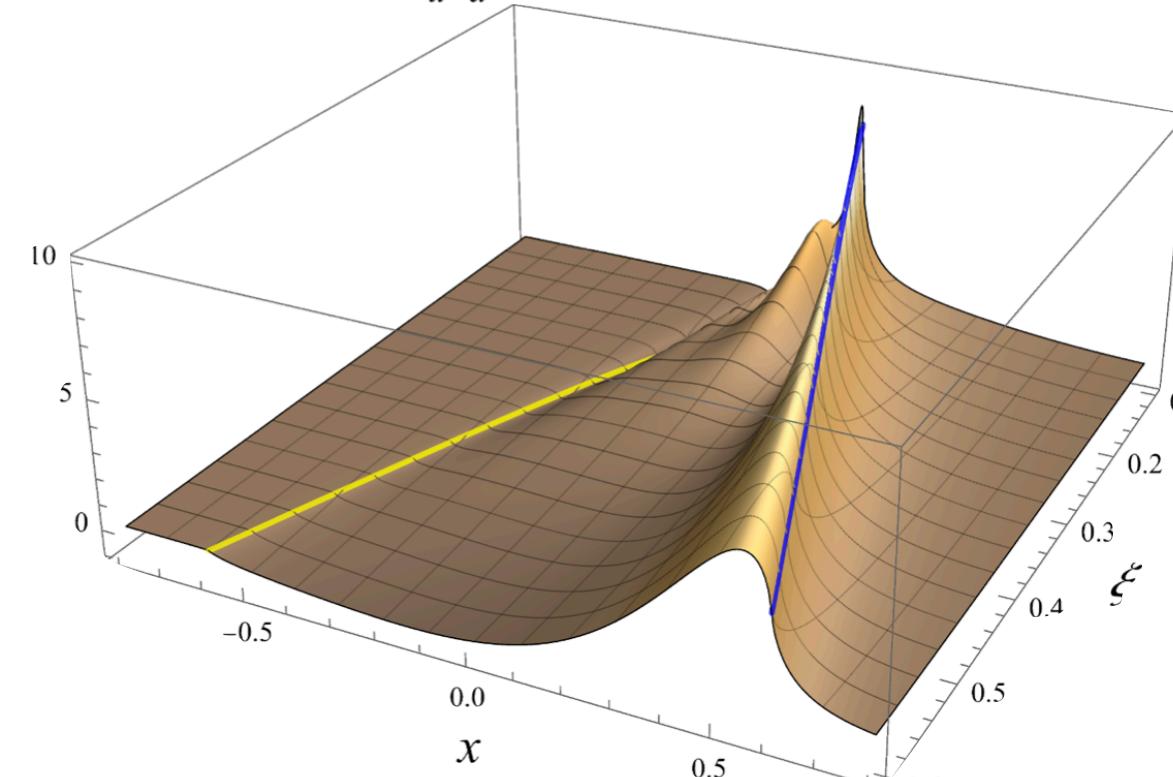
Wigner Distribution / GTMD

$$W(x, \vec{r}_\perp, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

$$\int d^2\vec{k}_\perp$$

Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

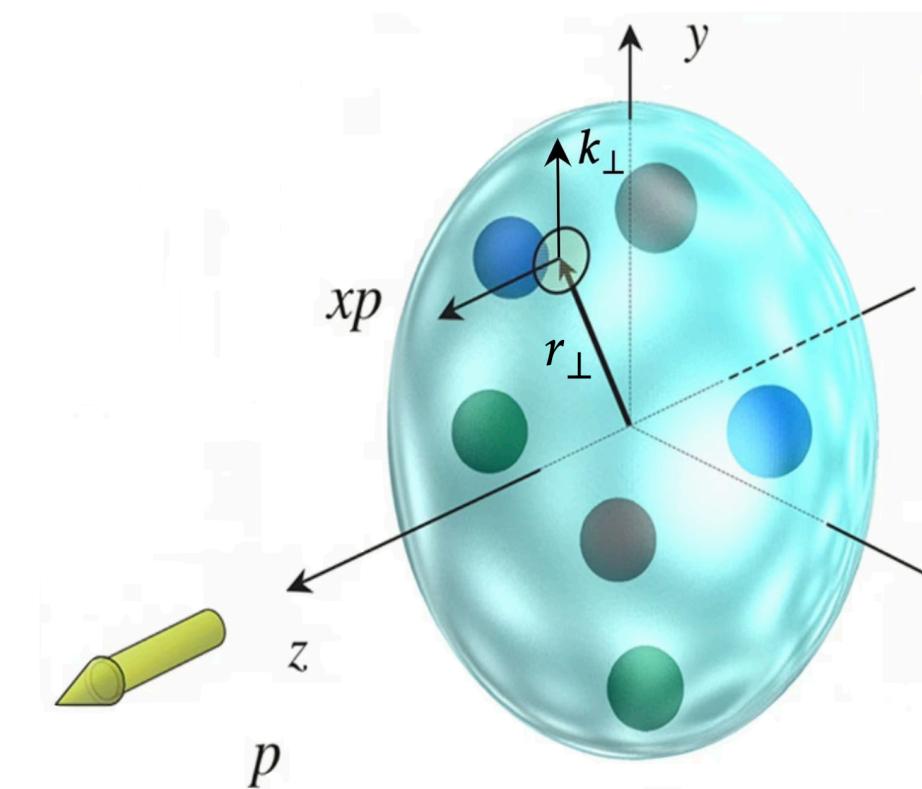
The isovector GPD H_{u-d} at $-t = 0.69 \text{ GeV}^2$ tuned with DA terms



Y. Guo, et al., JHEP 09 (2022)

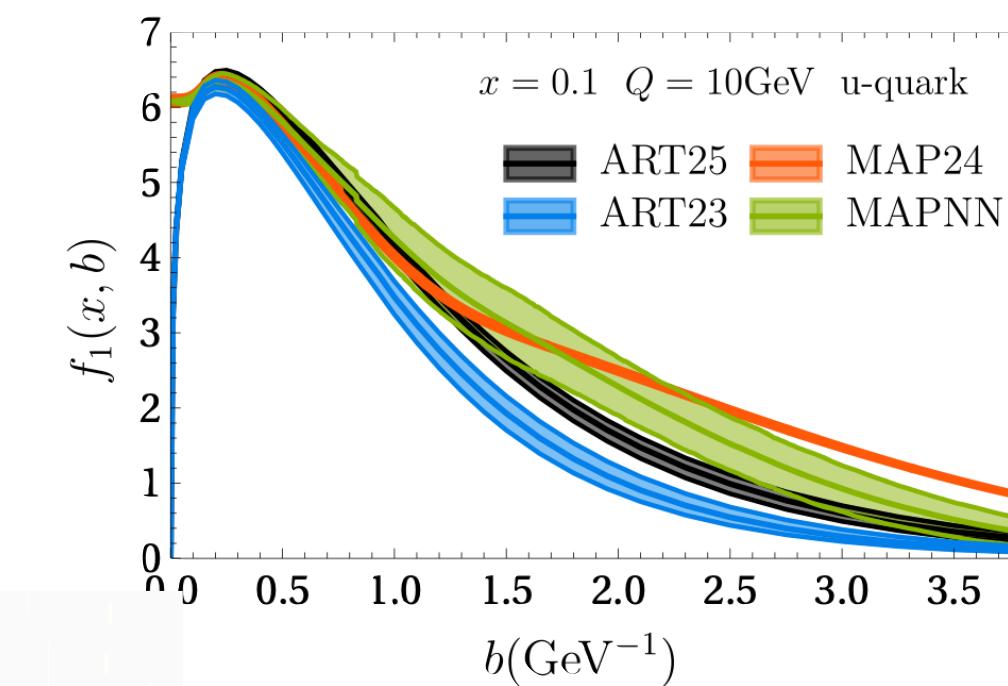
Latest results of GUMP 1.0 in 2509.08037 [hep-ph]

$$\int d^2\vec{r}_\perp$$

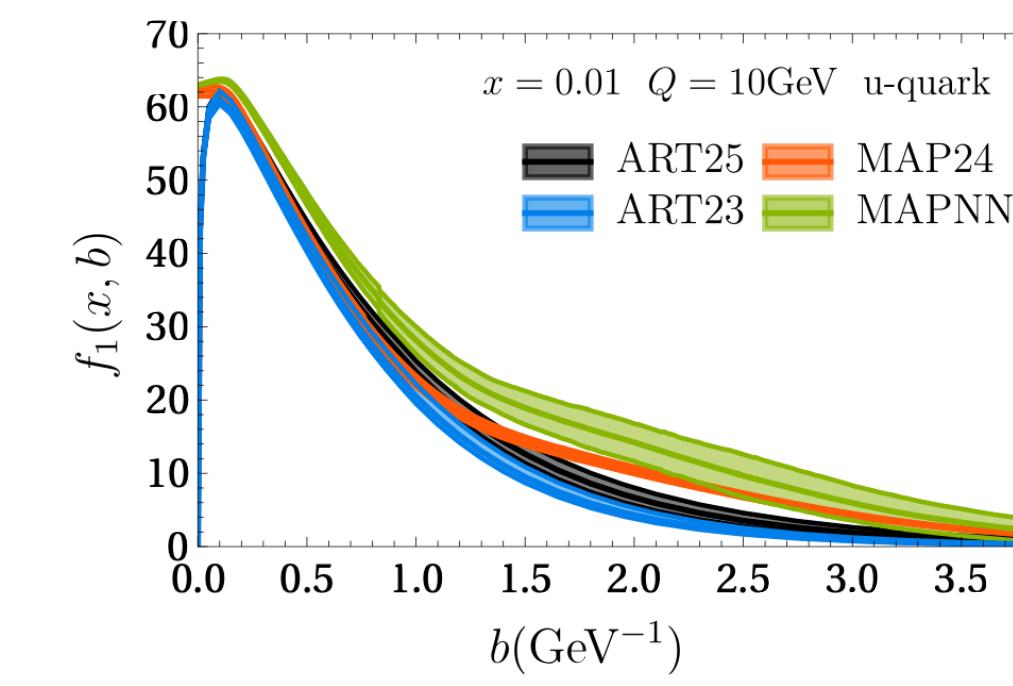


$$\int d^2\vec{r}_\perp$$

Transverse-Momentum-Dependent distributions (TMDs)



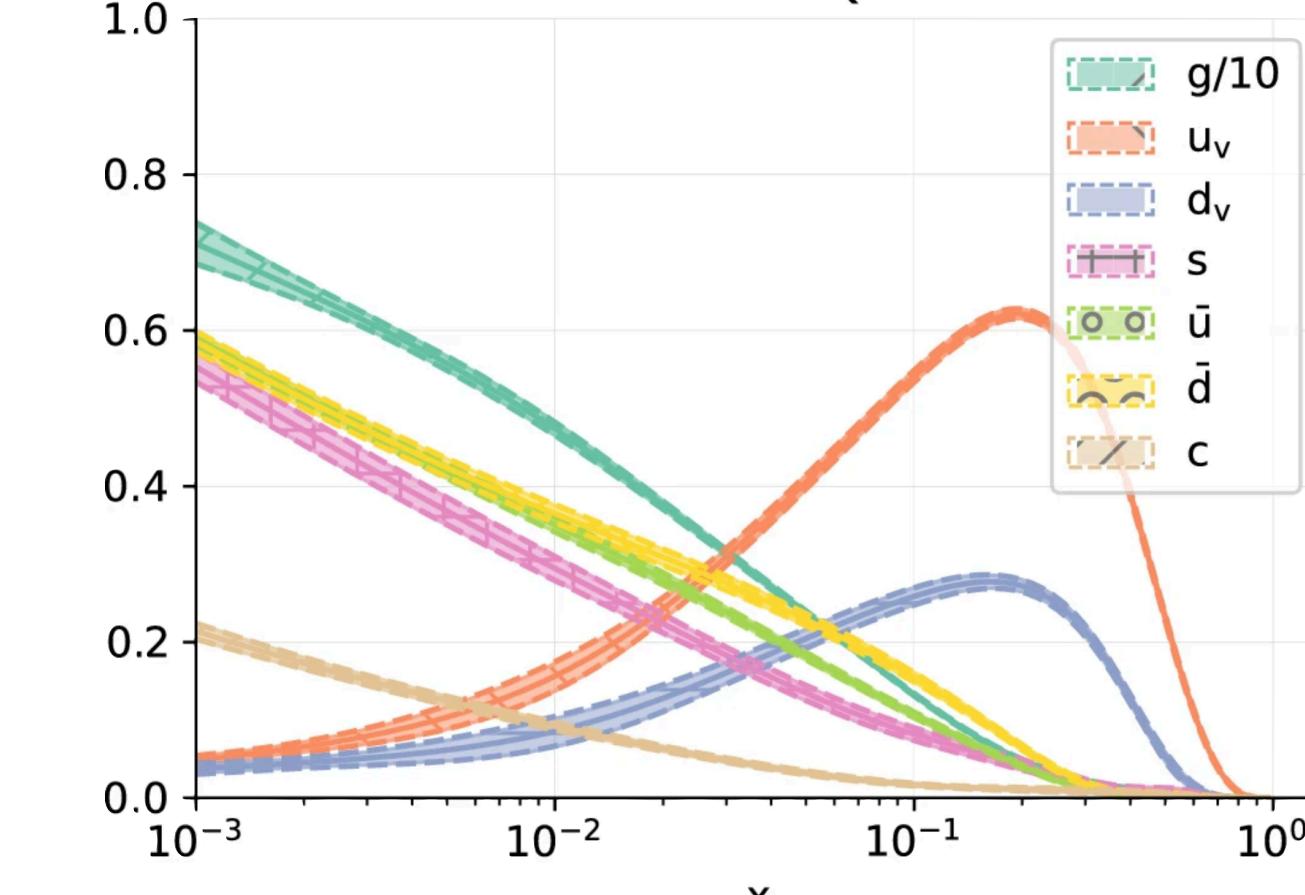
V. Moos, et al., 2503.11201 (2025)



$$\int d^2\vec{k}_\perp$$

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

NNPDF4.0 NNLO $Q = 3.2 \text{ GeV}$



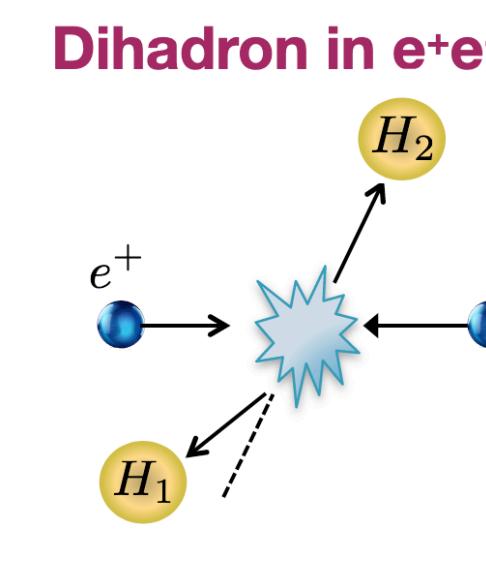
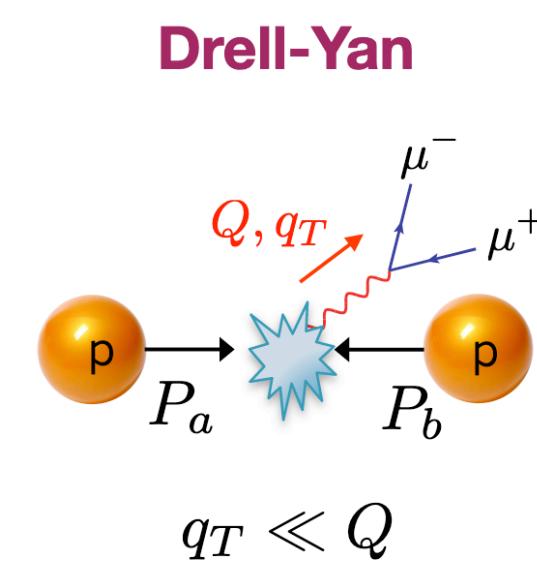
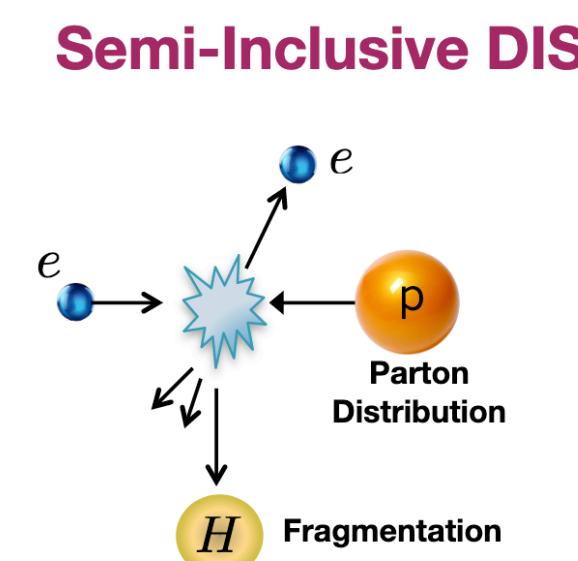
R. D. Ball, et al. [NNPDF], Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022)

TMDs in Experiments

- **TMDPDFs:** the distribution densities of finding a parton carrying a longitudinal momentum fraction x and transverse momentum k_\perp in a hadron;
- TMD processes are important processes in high energy collisions, like Drell-Yan process on LHC and Semi-Inclusive DIS on EIC;

$$\sigma_{\text{DY}} \propto \left| \frac{H_b}{P_b} \frac{H_a}{P_a} \frac{k_b}{k_a} \frac{q}{l'} \right|^2 \approx \left| \frac{H_a}{P_a} \frac{x_a P_a}{l'} \right|^2 \otimes \left| \frac{H_b}{P_b} \frac{x_b P_b}{l'} \right|^2 \otimes \left| \frac{H_b}{P_b} \frac{x_b P_b}{x_a P_a} \frac{q}{l'} \right|^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{H_a + H_b \rightarrow l\bar{l} + X}}{dQ^2 dY d^2\vec{q}_T} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3N_c Q^2 S} \sum_i e_i^2 \int d^2\vec{k}_{a\perp} d^2\vec{k}_{b\perp} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{q}_T - \vec{k}_{a\perp} - \vec{k}_{b\perp}) \\ \times f_1(i/H_a) \left(x_a, \vec{k}_{a\perp} \right) \times f_1(\bar{i}/H_b) \left(x_b, \vec{k}_{b\perp} \right)$$



Leading Quark TMDPDFs

		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \bullet$ Unpolarized		$h_1^\perp = \bullet - \bullet$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_1 = \bullet \rightarrow - \bullet \rightarrow$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \bullet \rightarrow - \bullet \rightarrow$ Worm-gear
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \bullet \uparrow - \bullet \downarrow$ Sivers	$g_{1T}^\perp = \bullet \uparrow - \bullet \downarrow$ Worm-gear	$h_1^\perp = \bullet \uparrow - \bullet \uparrow$ Transversity $h_{1T}^\perp = \bullet \uparrow - \bullet \downarrow$ Pretzelosity

R. Boussarie, et al., 2304.03302 (2023)

Phenomenological Extraction of TMDs

- Significant progress has been made in the phenomenological parameterizations of TMDs

Some of groups will incorporate neural network;

Some of groups will include lattice data;

- Collins-Soper kernel (CS kernel): rapidity evolution kernel of TMDs

A. Bacchetta, et al. (MAP) JHEP 08 (2024); V. Moos, et al., 2503.11201 ...

- Nucleon TMDs

- Unpolarized

M. Bury, et al., JHEP 10 (2022); A. Bacchetta, et al., JHEP 10 (2022); V. Moos, et al., JHEP 05 (2024) ...

- Sivers

M. Bury, et al., PRL 126 (2021); I. P. Fernando, et al., Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023) ...

- Boer-Mulders

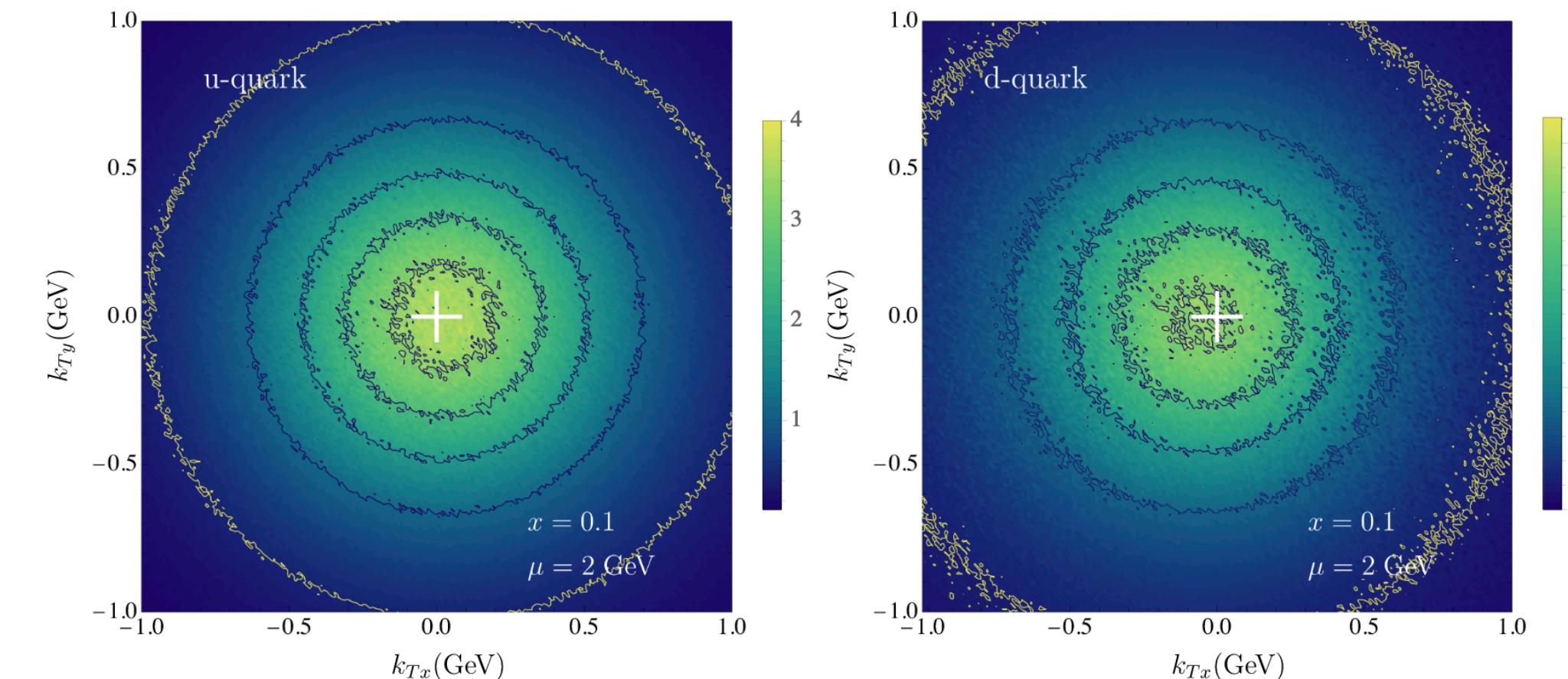
Z. Lu, et al., Phys.Rev.D 81 (2010); X. Liu, et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) ...

- Pion TMDs: much less is known about the TMDs of the pion

- Unpolarized

A. Vladimirov, JHEP 10 (2019); M. Cerutti, et al. (MAP), Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023); P. C. Barry, et al. (JAM) Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023)

Tomographic scan of the nucleon via quark density function



As the lightest pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson, the 3D structure of pion will help us understand the strong interaction, such as the origin of chiral-symmetry breaking.

Lattice QCD

- Path integral formalism

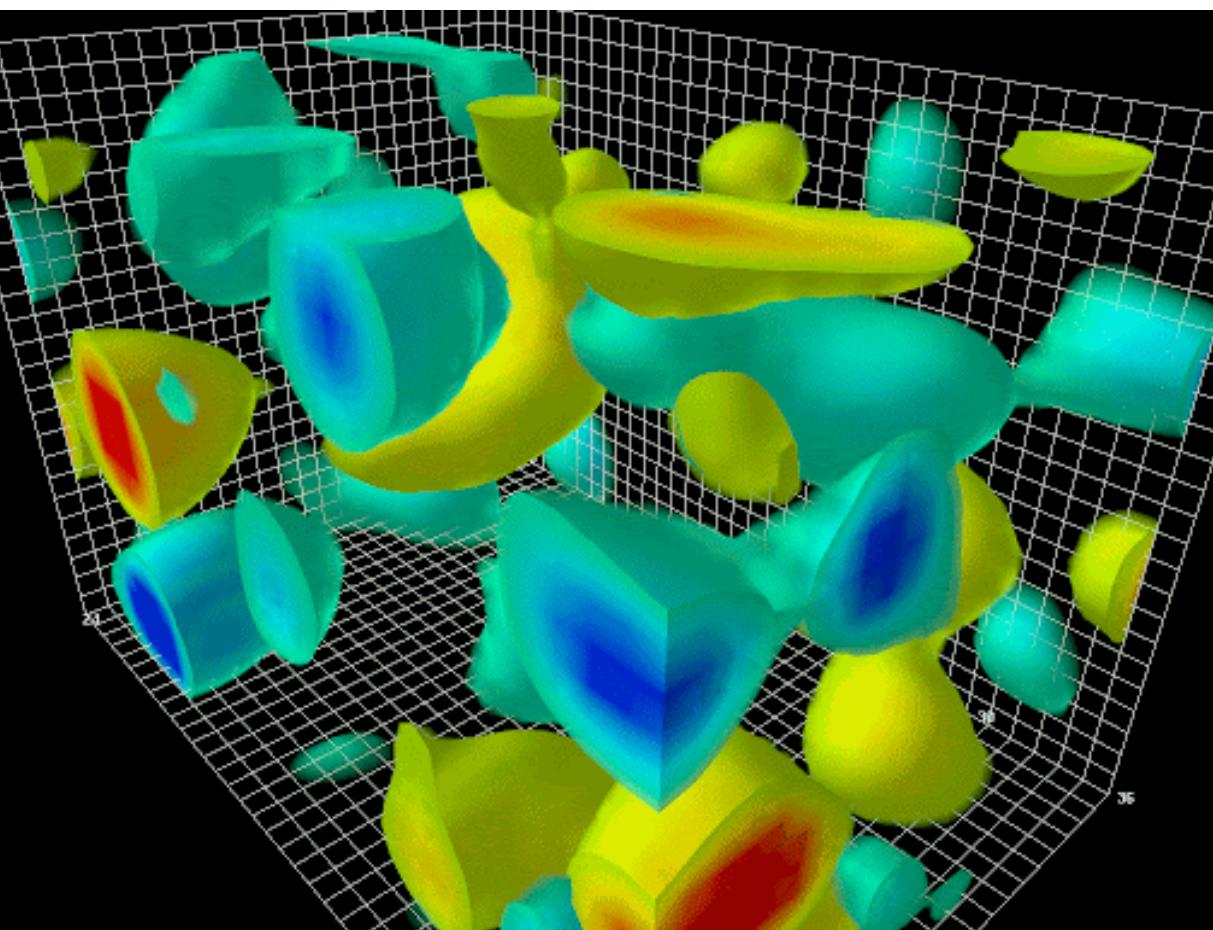
$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{iS_{\text{QCD}}[A, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow -it_E]{\text{Wilson link}} Z_E = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_E^g[U]} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-\bar{\psi} M[U] \psi} = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_E^g[U]} \det M[U]$$

Wick rotation

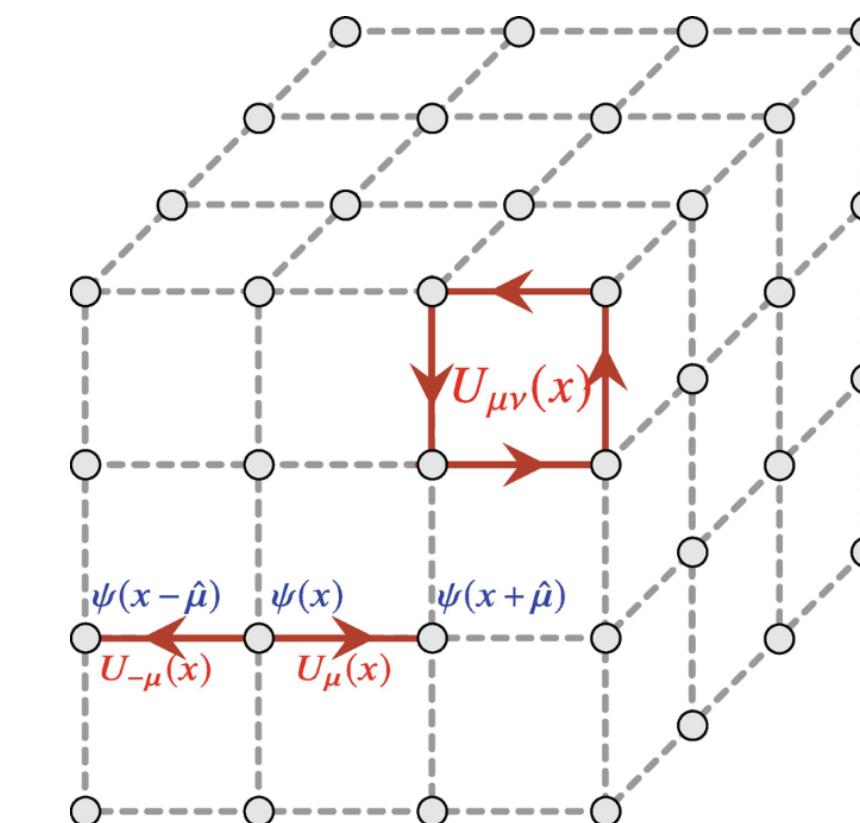
Sampling probability for configuration U

- Monte Carlo sampling

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_E} \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \hat{O} e^{-S_E^{\text{QCD}}[A, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N O[U^{(i)}]$$



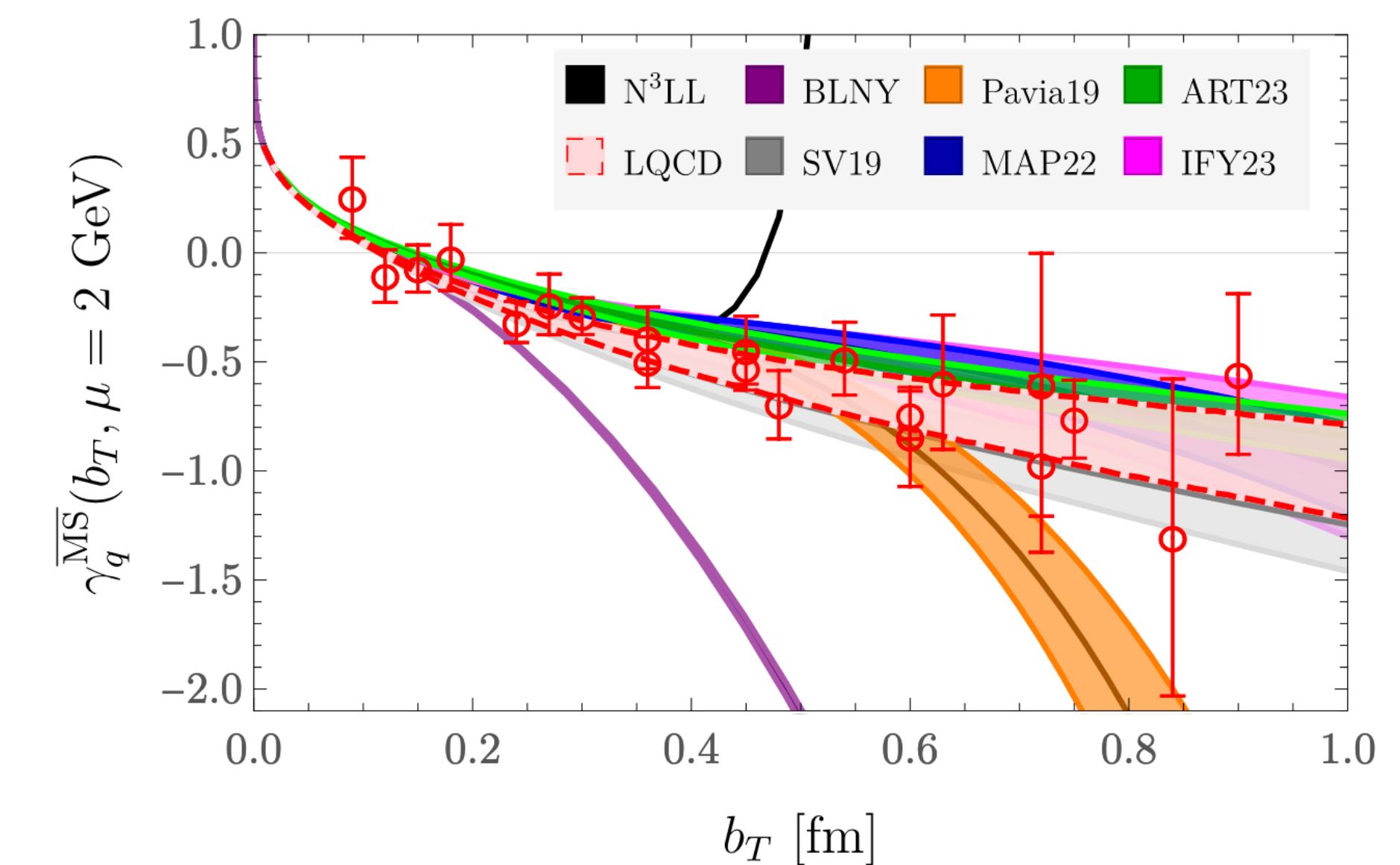
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Cr. Olaf Kaczmarek

Lattice QCD Calculation of TMDs

- As a first-principles non-perturbative method, Lattice QCD provides independent predictions of TMDs.
- Mellin Moments [B. Yoon, et al., 1601.05717; B. Yoon, et al., Phys. Rev. D 96 \(2017\)...](#)
- Large Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET)
- CS kernel [M. H. Chu, et al. \(LPC\), JHEP 08 \(2023\); A. Avkhadiev et al., PRL 132 \(2024\); D. Bollweg, et al., Phys. Lett. B 852 \(2024\) ...](#)
- Intrinsic soft function [Q. A. Zhang, et al. \(LPC\), PRL 125 \(2020\); M. H. Chu, et al. \(LPC\), JHEP 08 \(2023\)](#)
- Unpolarized [JH, et al. \(LPC\), Phys.Rev.D 109 \(2024\)](#)
- Helicity [D. Bollweg, X. Gao, S. Mukherjee and Y. Zhao, 2505.18430](#)
- Boer-Mulders [L. Walter, et al. \(LPC\), 2412.19988; L. Ma, et al. \(LPC\), 2502.11807](#)



Methodology



Large-Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET)

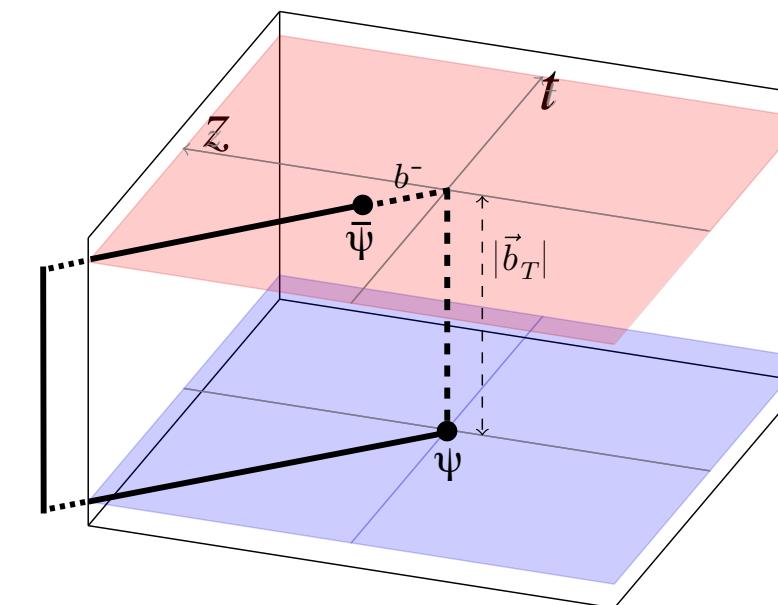
- TMDPDF is defined from a light-cone correlator in a hadron, which is Lorentz invariant.

$$f(x, b_\perp, \dots) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} \left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(b^\mu) W_\square(b^\mu, 0) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle \leftrightarrow \left\langle |\vec{P}| = \infty \left| O(t=0) \right| |\vec{P}| = \infty \right\rangle$$

Parton model

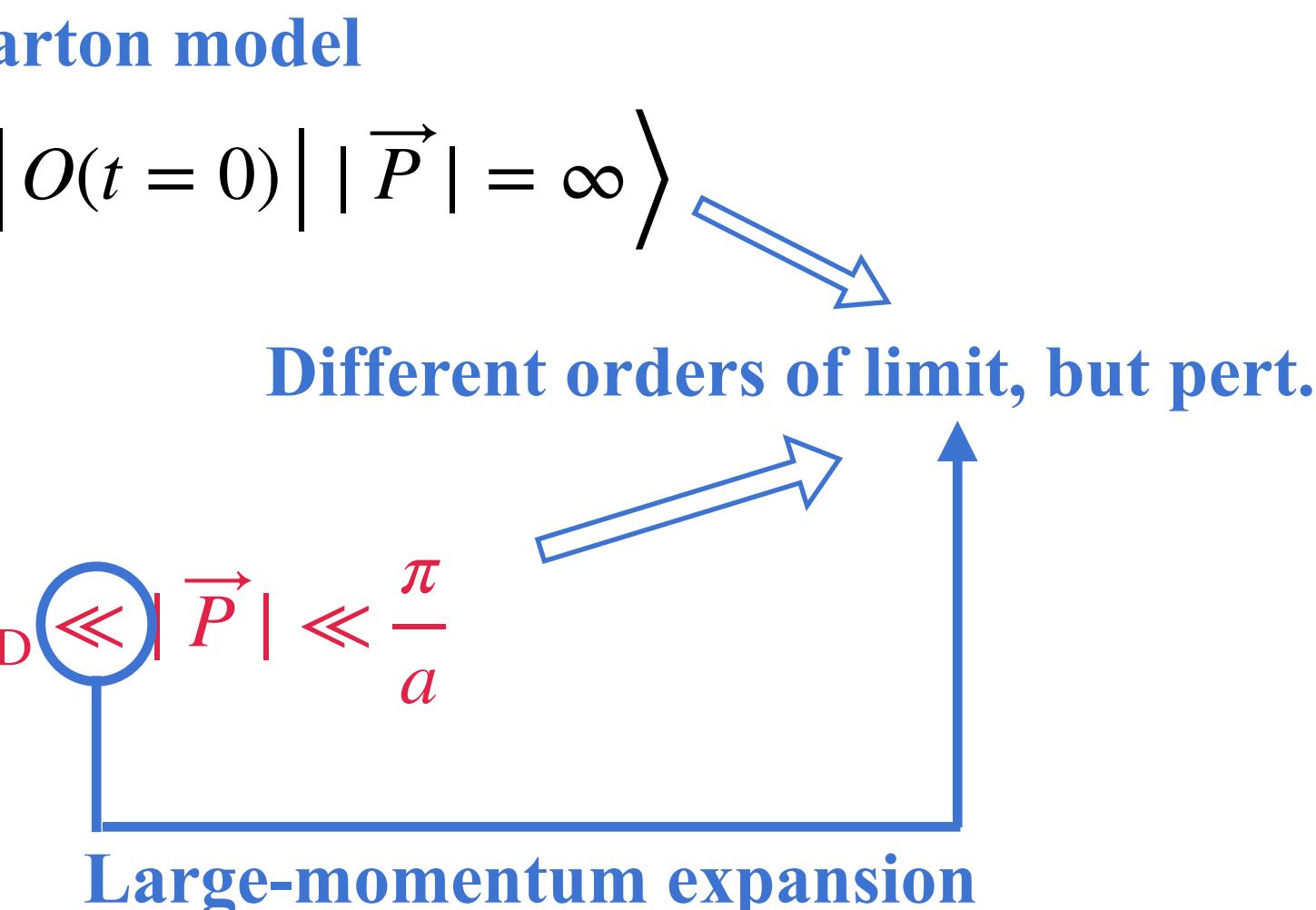
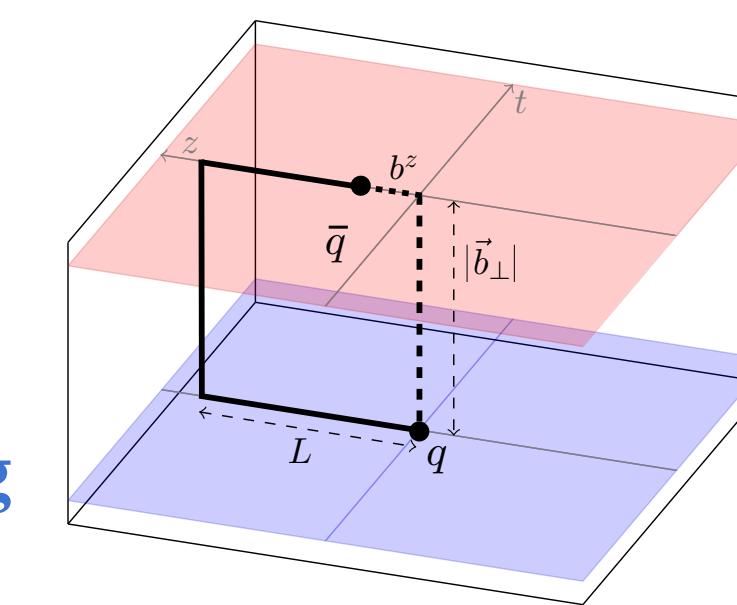
- Define a quasi distribution with large-momentum states and time-independent operators.

$$\tilde{f}_\Gamma^0(x, b_\perp, P^z, \mu) = P^z \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{iz(xP^z)} \frac{1}{2P^t} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_0(z, b_\perp) W_\square(z, b_\perp; 0) \Gamma \psi_0(0) | P \rangle, \quad \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll |\vec{P}| \ll \frac{\pi}{a}$$



X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013)
X. Ji, et al., Rev.Mod.Phys. 93 (2021)
X. Ji, Nucl. Phys. B 1007 (2024)

Lorentz boost & Matching



Light-cone distribution:

Critical point with infinite correlation length
Cannot be directly calculated on the lattice

Quasi distribution:

Directly calculable on the lattice

$H_f(x, P^z; \mu) = |C_{\text{TMD}}(xP^z; \mu)|^2$ is the TMD hard kernel for matching.

- LaMET enables us to obtain the precision-controlled x-distribution of TMDs in $x \in [x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$.

$$\sqrt{S_I(b_\perp; \mu)} \cdot \tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu) = f(x, b_\perp; \mu, \zeta) H_f(x, P^z; \mu) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(2xP^z)^2}{\zeta} \gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}} (b_\perp; \mu) \right] + \text{Power corrections}$$

Collins-Soper scale: $\zeta \sim 2(xP^+)^2$

Soft Function

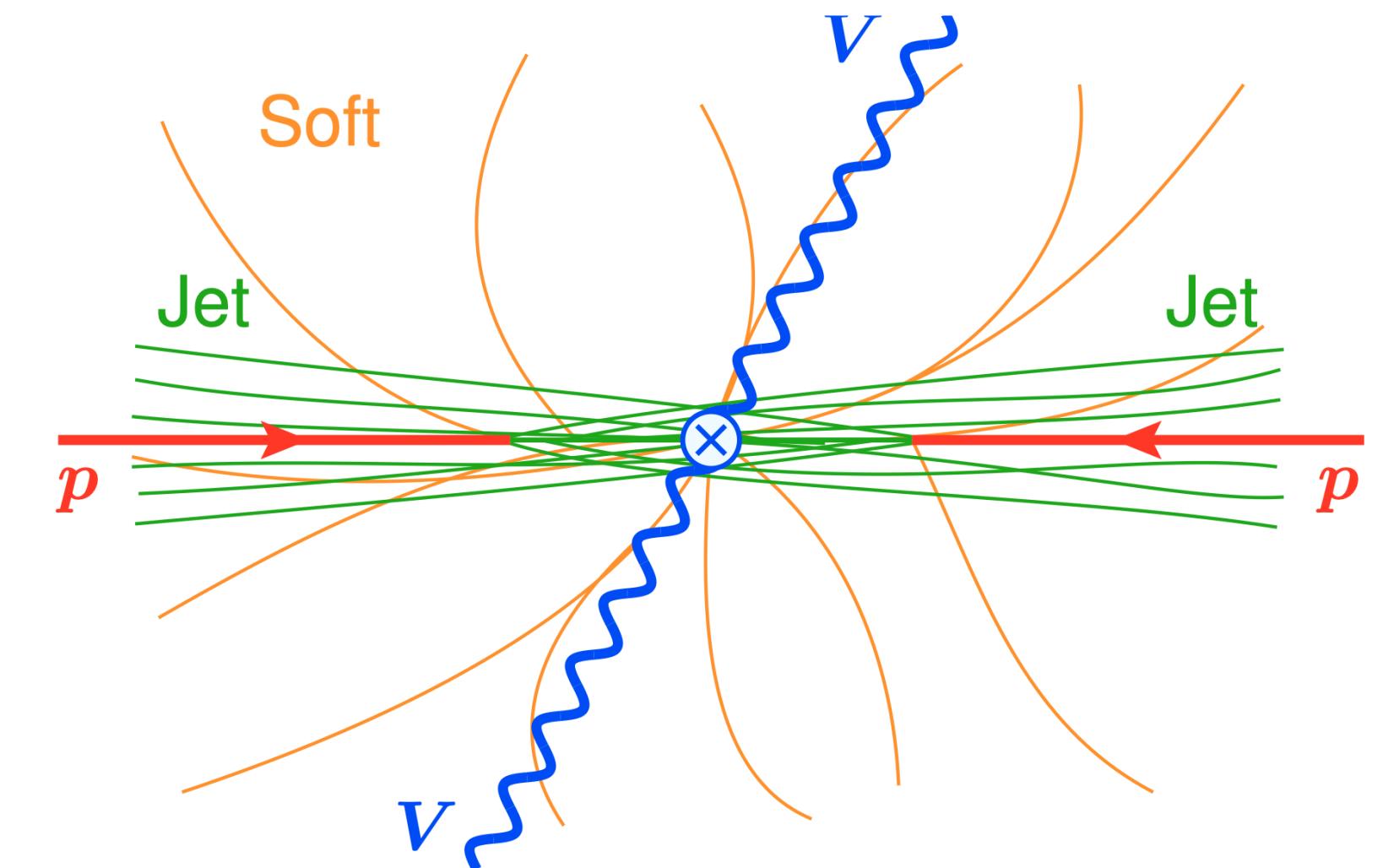
$$\sqrt{S_I(b_\perp; \mu)} \cdot \tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu) = f(x, b_\perp; \mu, \zeta) H_f(x, P^z; \mu) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(2xP^z)^2}{\zeta} \gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_\perp; \mu) \right] + \text{Power corrections}$$

After regularization, the rapidity evolution is controlled by Collins-Soper scale: $\zeta = 2(xP^+)^2 e^{-2y_n}$

- The soft gluon radiation will lead to the existence of **soft functions**;
- Due to the gluon radiation in the collinear mode, the soft function contains the well-known rapidity divergence;

$$\underbrace{\int_{q_T}^Q \frac{dk}{k}}_{\text{full}} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} [\underbrace{\int_0^Q \frac{dk}{k} R_c(k, \tau)}_{\text{collinear}} + \underbrace{\int_{q_T}^\infty \frac{dk}{k} R_s(k, \tau)}_{\text{soft}}] = \ln \frac{Q}{q_T}$$

- The soft function can be separated into two parts:
 - Rapidity evolution kernel: CS kernel $\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_\perp; \mu)$
 - Rapidity independent part: intrinsic soft function $S_I(b_\perp; \mu)$
- CS kernel can be extracted from the rapidity evolution of TMDs



M. Ebert, PhD Thesis (2017)

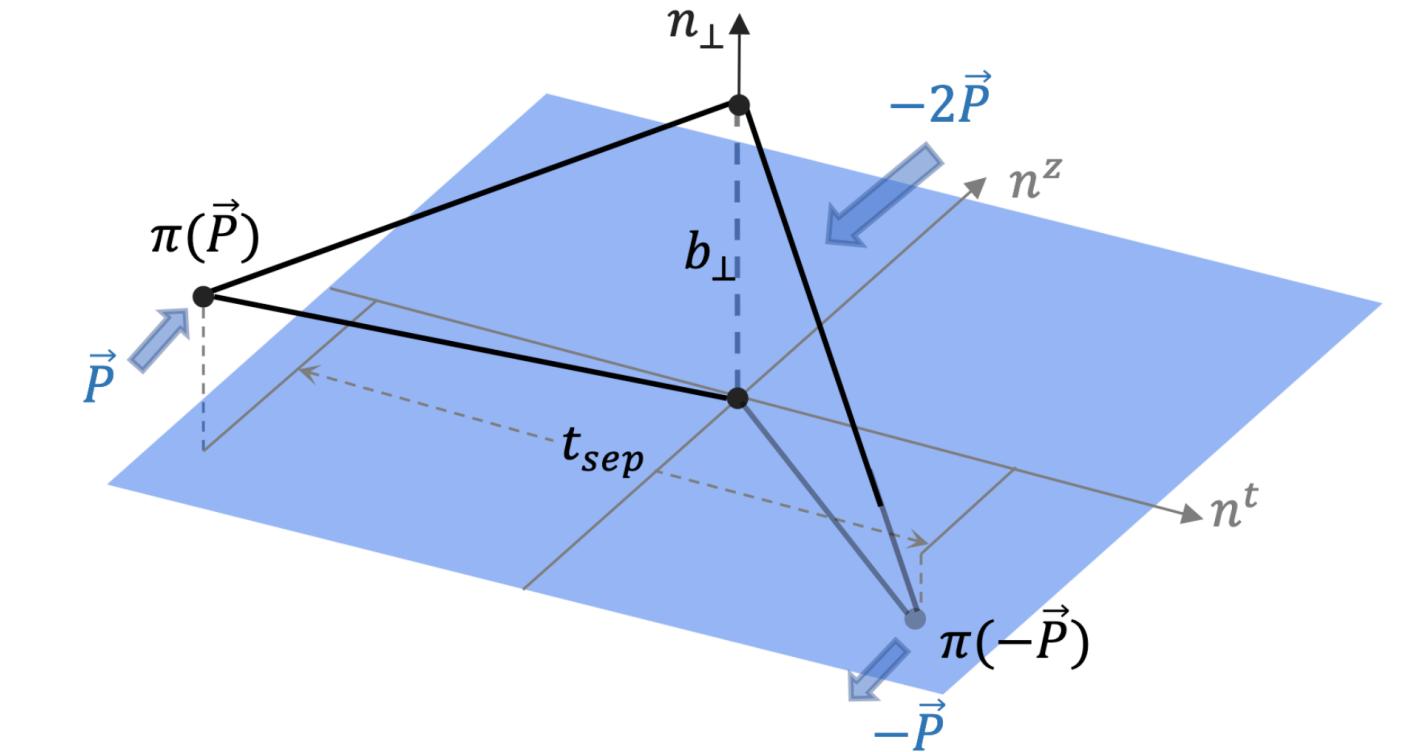
$$\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_\perp, P_1, P_2; \mu) = \frac{1}{\ln(P_2/P_1)} \ln \frac{H_f(x, \bar{x}, P_1; \mu) \tilde{f}_{\gamma'}(x, b_\perp, P_2; \mu)}{H_f(x, \bar{x}, P_2; \mu) \tilde{f}_{\gamma'}(x, b_\perp, P_1; \mu)}$$

$H_f(x, P^z; \mu) = |C_{\text{TMD}}(xP^z; \mu)|^2$ is the TMD hard kernel for matching.

Soft Function

- The intrinsic soft function cannot be directly calculated on lattice because of two light-like Wilson lines in different directions
- Fortunately, it can be extracted from the meson form factor [X. Ji, et al., Nucl.Phys.B 955 \(2020\)](#)

$$F(b_\perp, P_1, P_2, \Gamma, \Gamma') \equiv -4N_c \frac{\langle P_2 | \bar{q}(b_\perp) \Gamma q(b_\perp) \bar{q}(0) \Gamma' q(0) | P_1 \rangle}{f_\pi^2(P_1 \cdot P_2)}$$



[Q. A. Zhang, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 125 \(2020\)](#)

- The form factor satisfies the factorization formula

$$F(b_\perp, P^z) = \int dx_1 dx_2 H_F(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) \phi^\dagger(x_1, b_\perp, y_n; \mu, \zeta_1, \bar{\zeta}_1) \phi(x_2, b_\perp, -y_n; \mu, \zeta_2, \bar{\zeta}_2)$$

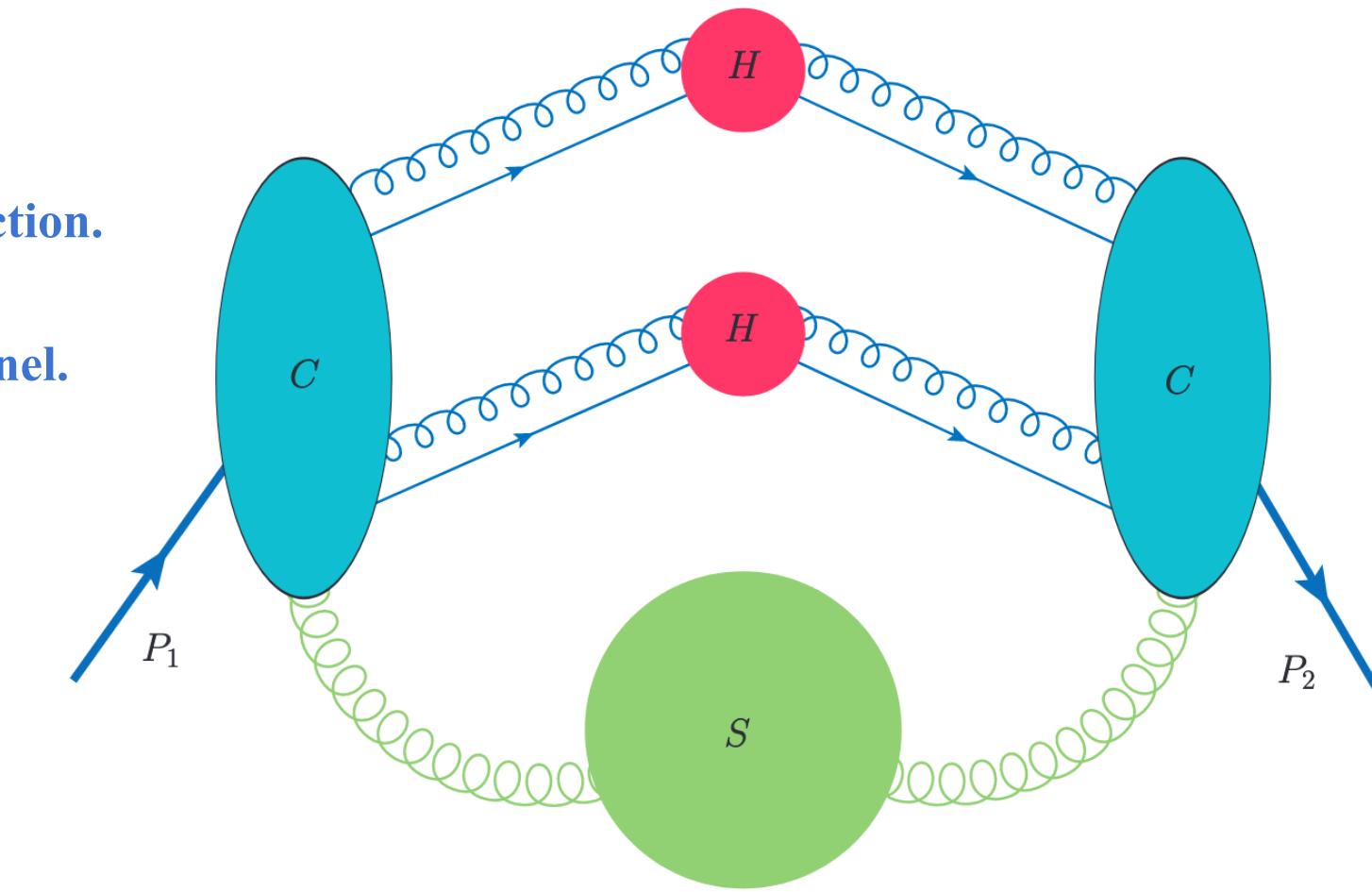
$\phi(x, b_\perp, \dots) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}(b^\mu) W_C(b^\mu, 0) \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \psi(0) | P \rangle$ is TMD wave function.

$H_F(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) = C_{\text{Sud}}(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) \cdot C_{\text{Sud}}(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, P^z; \mu)$, where C_{Sud} is the Sudakov kernel.

- Therefore, the intrinsic soft function can be extracted via

$$S_I(b_\perp; \mu) = \frac{F(b_\perp, P^z)}{\int dx_1 dx_2 H_F(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger(x_1) \tilde{\Phi}(x_2)} \text{ with } \tilde{\Phi}(x) \equiv \frac{\tilde{\phi}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu)}{H_\phi(x, \bar{x}, P^z; \mu)}$$

$\tilde{\phi}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu)$ is quasi-TMD wave function.

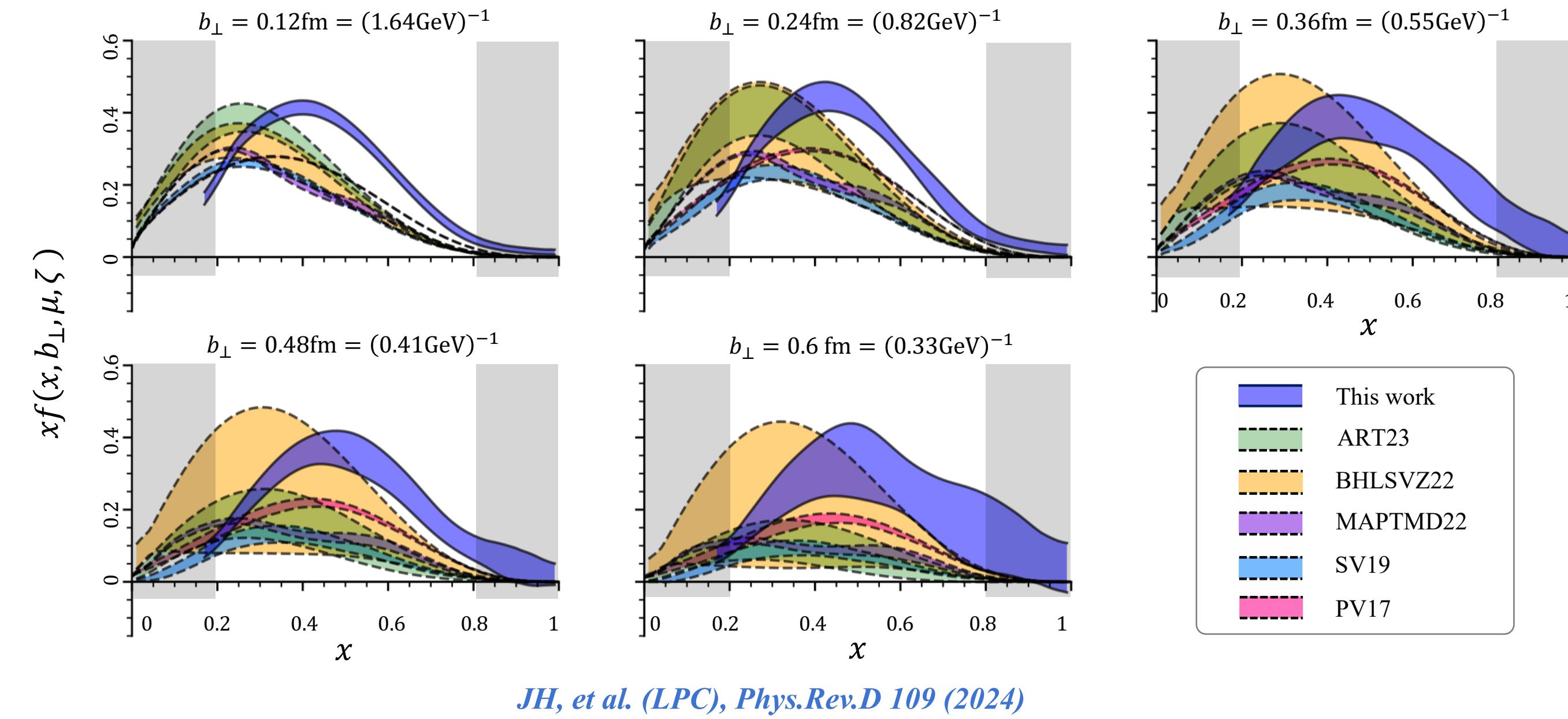


[Z. F. Deng, et al., JHEP 09 \(2022\)](#)

Unpolarized TMD via LaMET

- In recent years, a lot of improvements of renormalization and matching has been developed in LaMET;

Unpolarized nucleon TMDPDF



- Existing lattice calculations of the nucleon TMD still suffer from some systematics:
 - Discretization effects;
 - Excited-state contamination;
 - Hadron momentum is not large enough ...
- Due to the bad signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), it is hard to probe the large b_{\perp} region.

Y. Su, et al., Nucl. Phys. B 991 (2023);
R. Zhang, et al., Phys. Lett. B 844 (2023);
X. Ji, et al., 2410.12910 [hep-ph]

- ◆ $a = 0.12 \text{ fm}$
- ◆ $P_{\max}^z = 2.58 \text{ GeV}$
- ◆ Physical limit of m_{π}^{val}
- ◆ N3LL matching
- ◆ NLO soft function

Coulomb Gauge Method

- Define a quasi distribution in CG without Wilson line: [X. Gao, W. Y. Liu and Y. Zhao, PRD 109 \(2024\)](#)

$$\tilde{f}_{\text{CG}}^0(x, b_\perp, P^z, \mu) = P^z \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{iz(xP^z)} \frac{1}{2P^t} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_0(z, b_\perp) \Gamma \psi_0(0) \Big|_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}=0} | P \rangle$$

[Y. Zhao, PRL 133 \(2024\)](#)

- Why choose CG?

[X. Ji, Y. S. Liu, Y. Liu, J. H. Zhang and Y. Zhao, RMP 93 \(2021\)](#)

- $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ becomes $A^+ = 0$ in the infinite boost, so the quasi distribution in CG belongs to the universality class in LaMET;

Wilson line on light-cone

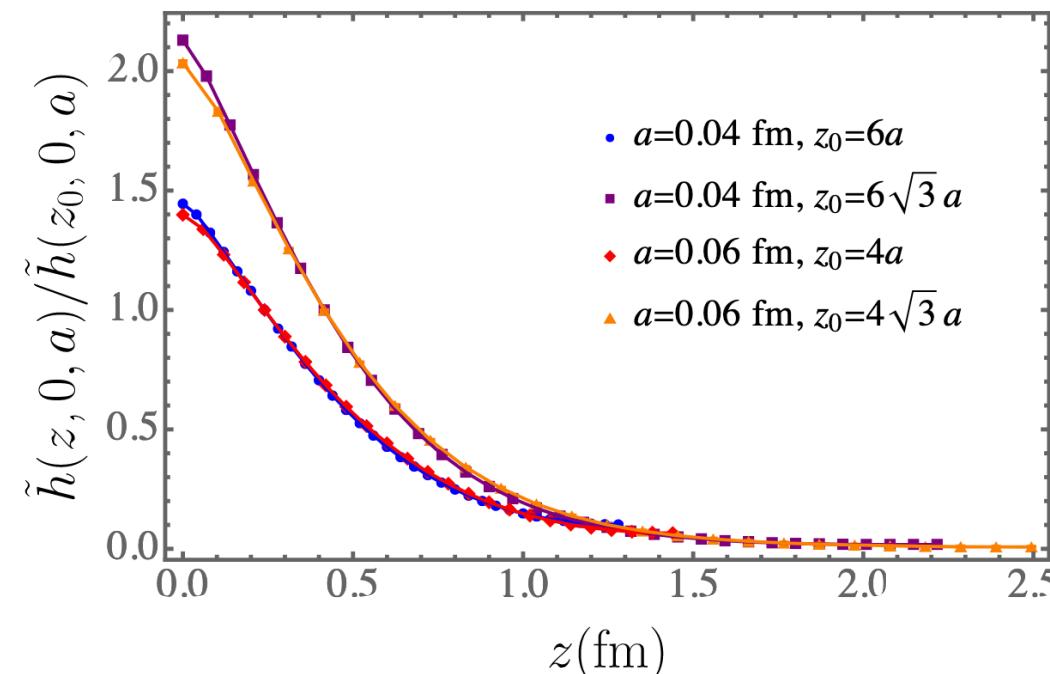
$$\psi_C(x) = e^{-ie\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}} \psi_0(x) \xrightarrow{P^z \rightarrow \infty} e^{-ie\frac{1}{(\nabla^+)^2}\nabla^+ A^+} \psi_0(x) = e^{-ie\frac{1}{\nabla^+ \pm 0} A^+} \psi_0(x) = e^{-ie\int_{\pm\infty}^x dy^- A^+(y^-, x_\perp)} \psi_0(x)$$

- No linear divergence from the Wilson link, improving the SNR significantly;

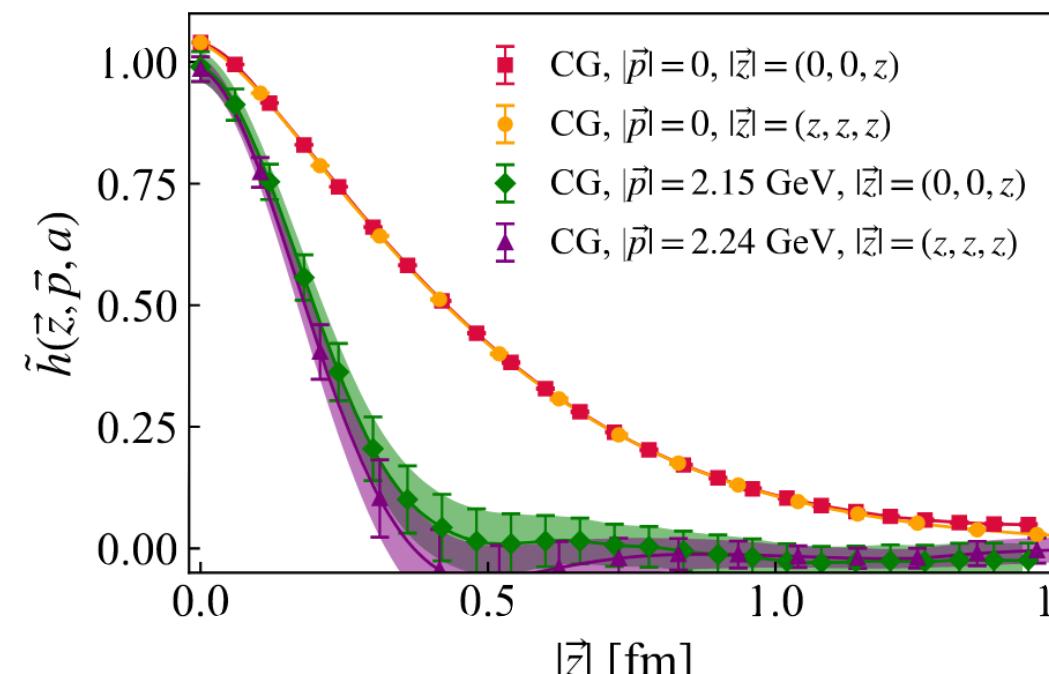
- Simplified renormalization $\bar{\psi}_0(z, b_\perp) \Gamma \psi_0(0) = Z_\psi(a) [\bar{\psi}(z, b_\perp) \Gamma \psi(0)]$;

- Larger off-axis momenta (3D rotational symmetry).

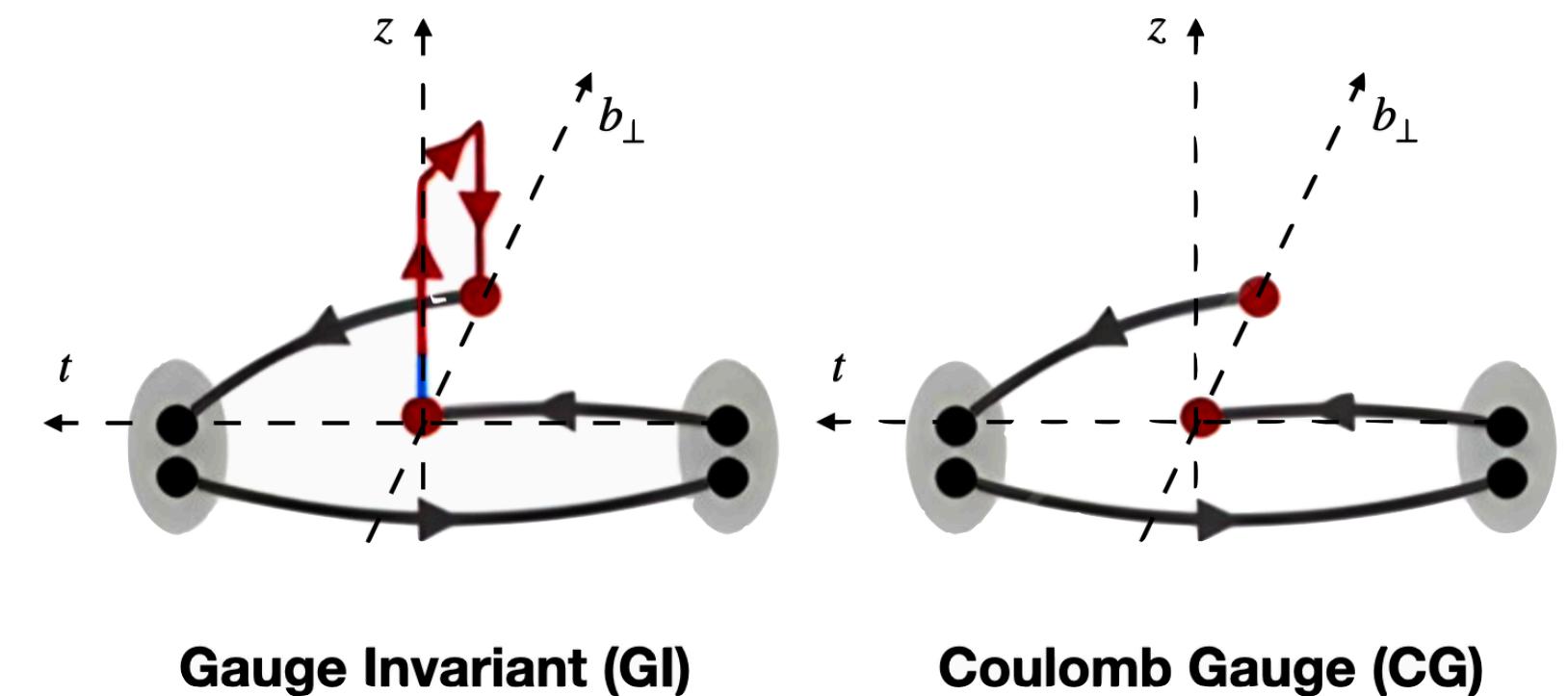
No linear divergence



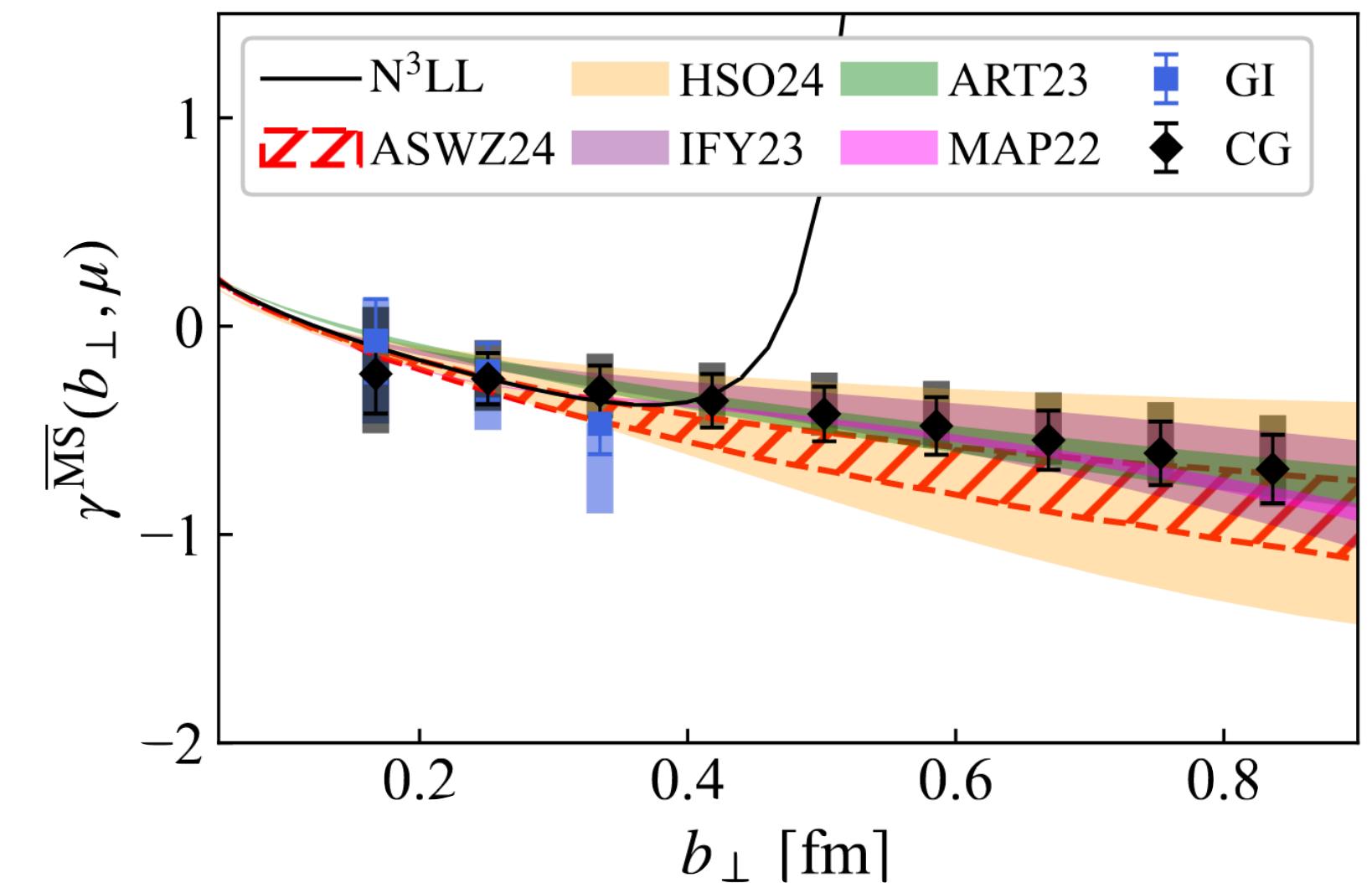
3D rotational symmetry



[X. Gao, W. Y. Liu and Y. Zhao, PRD 109 \(2024\)](#)



[Collins-Soper kernel in CG v.s. GI](#)



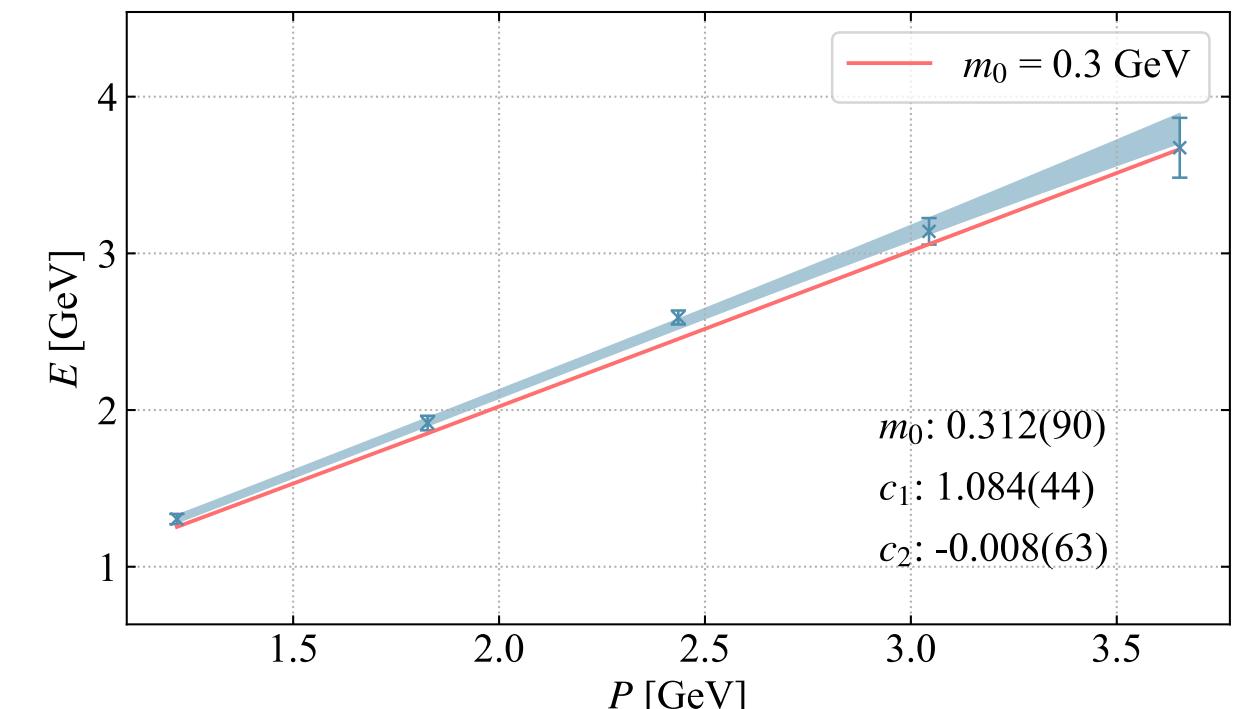
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Numerical Results

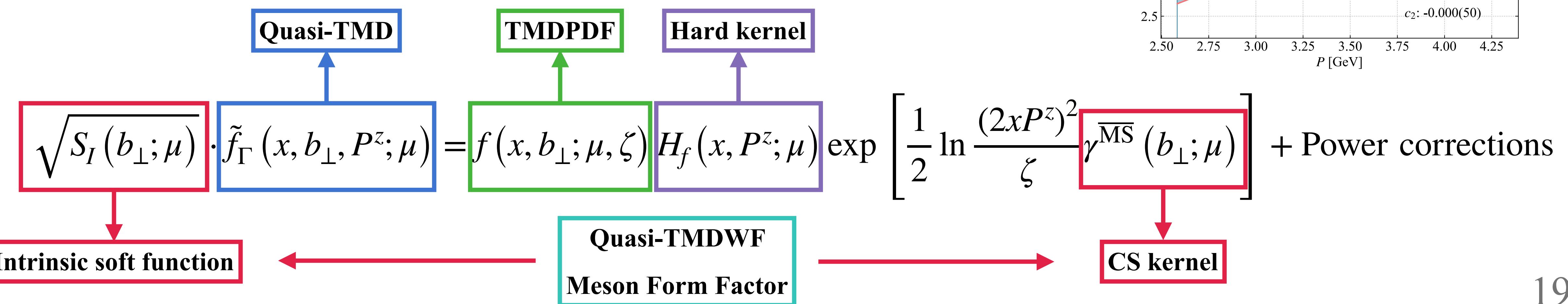
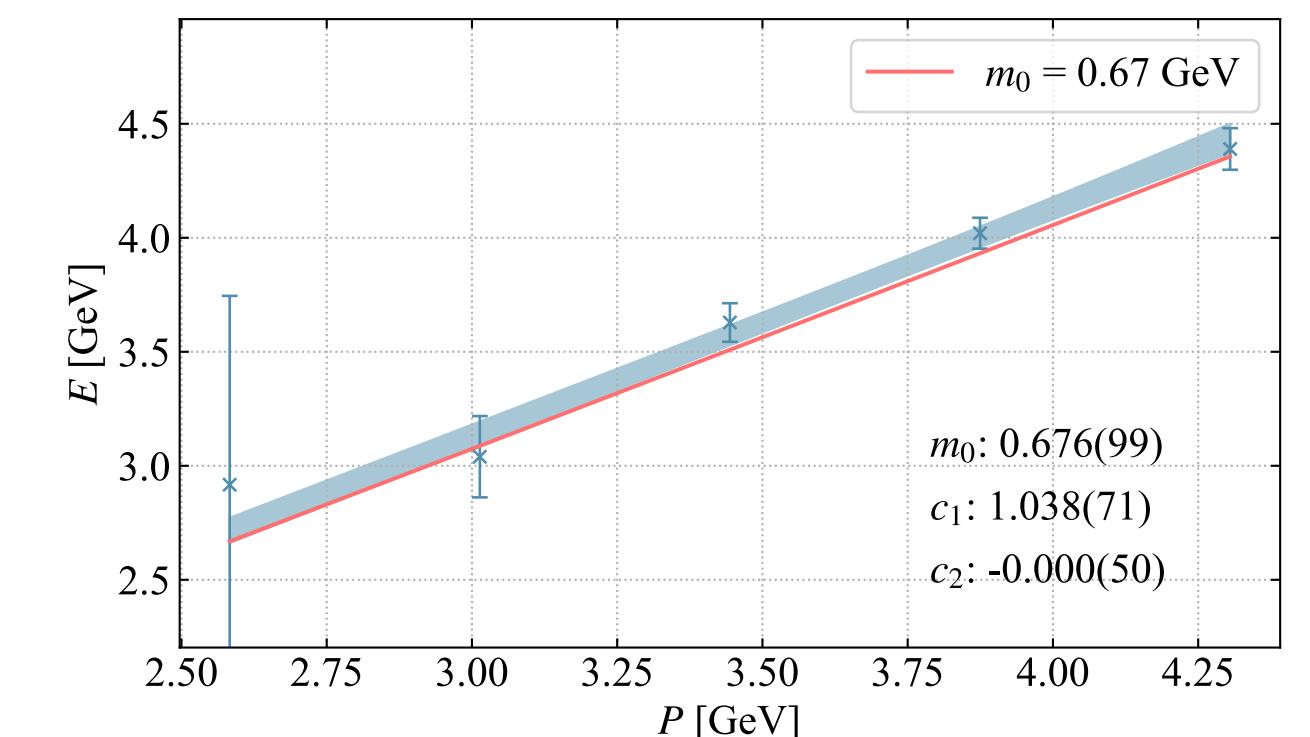
Lattice Setup

- 2+1 flavor HISQ ensemble by HotQCD with volume $L_s \times L_t = 48^3 \times 64$;
- Lattice spacing is $a = 0.06$ fm;
- Pion mass of sea quark: $m_\pi^{\text{sea}} = 160$ MeV;
- Pion mass of valence quark for quasi-TMD: $m_\pi^{\text{val}} = 300$ MeV;
- Off-axis ($\vec{n} = (1,1,0)$) hadron momenta for quasi-TMD: 1.83 GeV, 2.43 GeV and 3.04 GeV;

Dispersion relation: $E^2 = m_0^2 + c_1 P^2 + c_2 a^2 P^4$



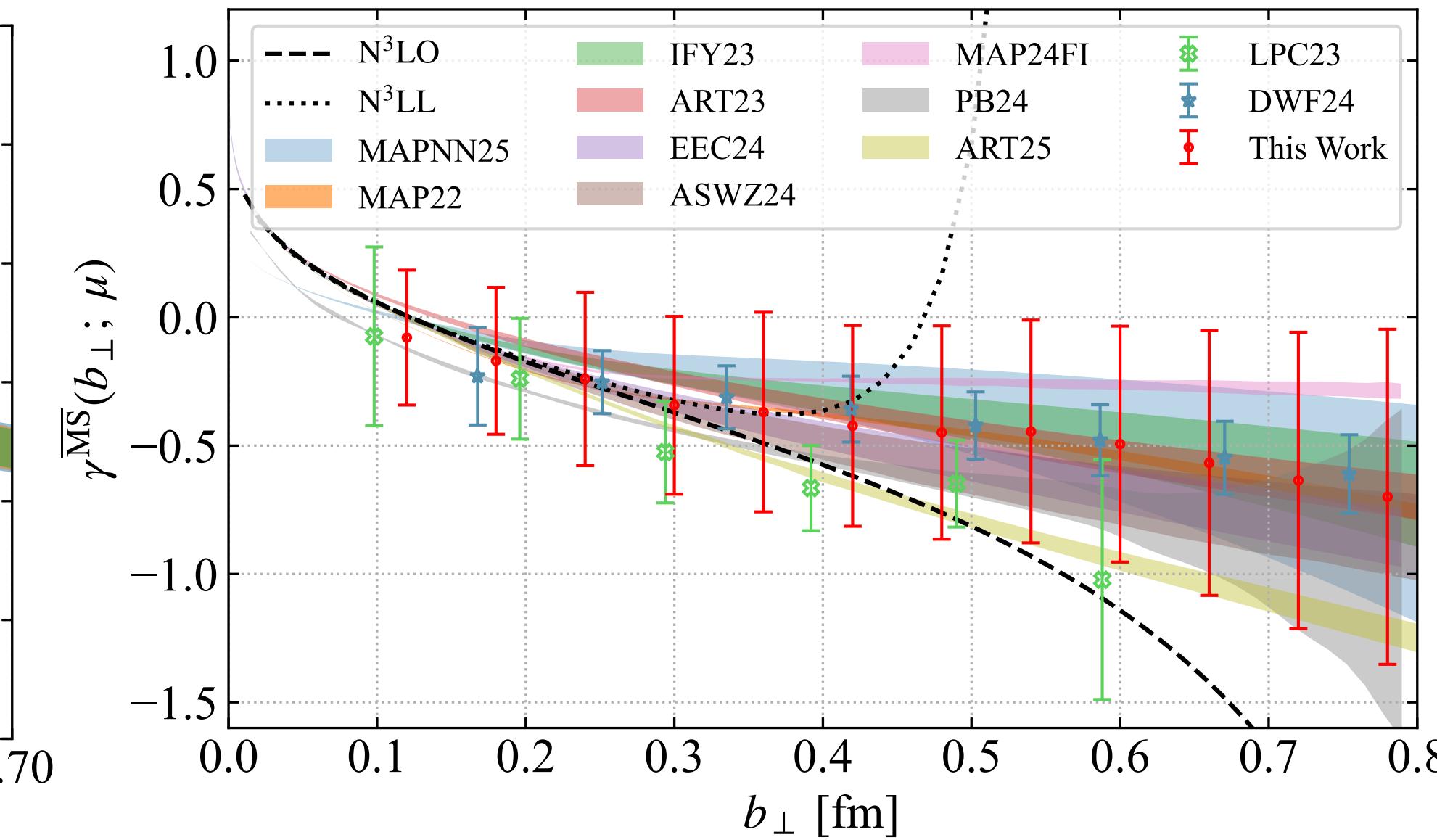
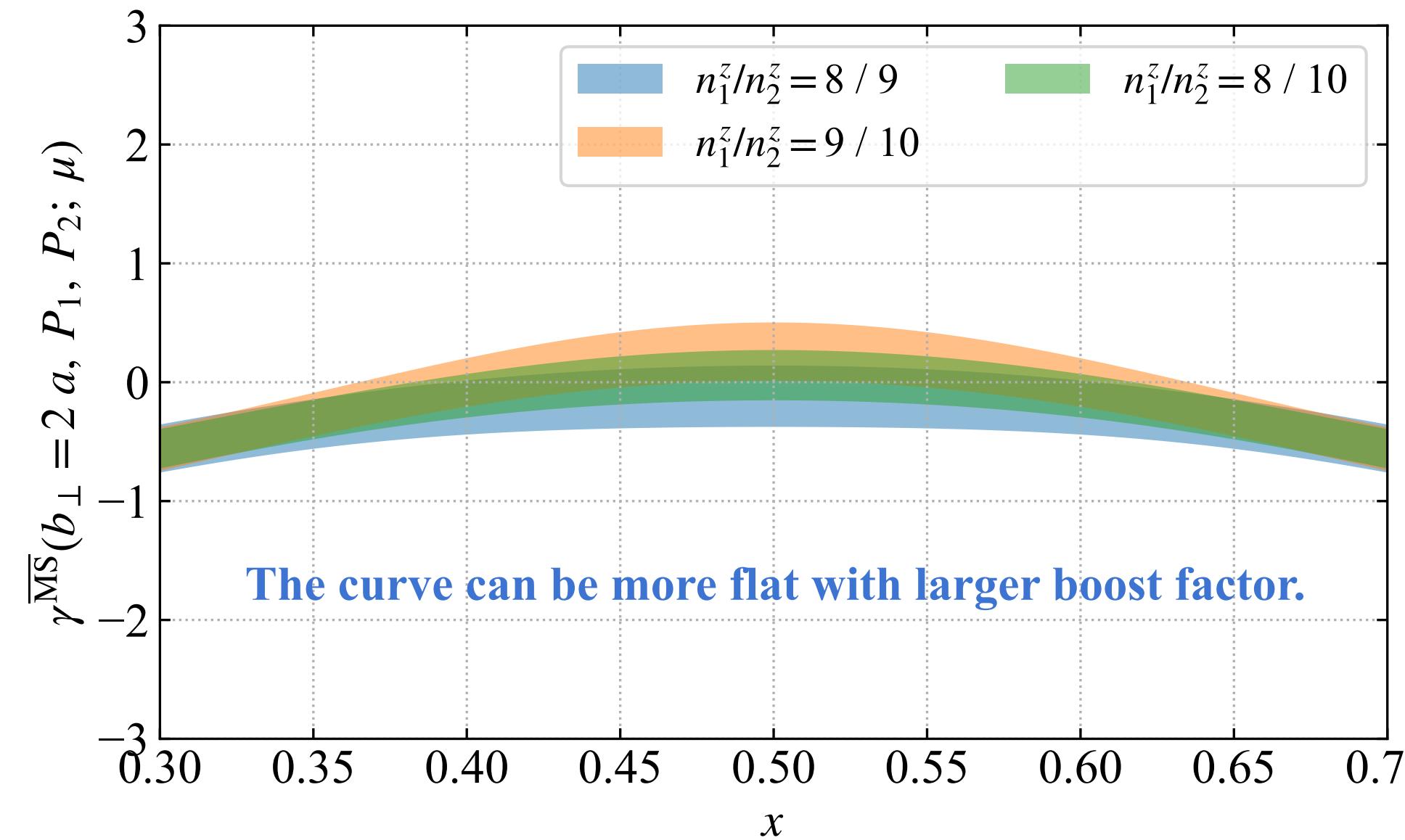
- Pion mass of valence quark for qTMDWF and meson form factor: $m_\pi^{\text{val}} = 670$ MeV;
- On-axis hadron momenta for qTMDWF: 3.44 GeV, 3.87 GeV and 4.30 GeV;
- On-axis hadron momenta for meson form factor: 2.58 GeV.



Collins-Soper Kernel

$$\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_{\perp}, P_1, P_2; \mu) = \frac{1}{\ln(P_2/P_1)} \ln \frac{H_{\phi}(x, \bar{x}, P_1; \mu) \tilde{\phi}_{\gamma^z \gamma^5}(x, b_{\perp}, P_2; \mu)}{H_{\phi}(x, \bar{x}, P_2; \mu) \tilde{\phi}_{\gamma^z \gamma^5}(x, b_{\perp}, P_1; \mu)}$$

$H_{\phi}(x, \bar{x}, P^z; \mu) = C_{\text{TMD}}(xP^z; \mu) \cdot C_{\text{TMD}}(\bar{x}P^z; \mu)$ is the TMD hard kernel for matching.



- DWF24 is another lattice calculation using the CG method on chirally symmetric domain-wall fermion configurations;
- There is a notable tension among recent results in phenomenology (MAP24FI & ART25);
- Both remain consistent with this work due to the large uncertainty;
- The large uncertainty is mainly caused by the small Lorentz boost factor at such a heavy pion mass ($m_{\pi}^{\text{val}} = 670$ MeV);

Pion Form Factor

- The form factor is defined as

$$F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma) \equiv -4N_c \frac{\langle -P^z | \bar{q}(b_\perp) \Gamma q(b_\perp) \bar{q}(0) \Gamma q(0) | P^z \rangle}{f_\pi^2 ((P^t)^2 + (P^z)^2)}$$

We choose $\Gamma \in \{\gamma^\perp, \gamma^\perp \gamma^5\}$ to get leading-twist contribution, then take the Fierz rearrangement.

$$F(b_\perp, P^z) = \frac{1}{4} [F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma = \gamma^x \gamma^5) + F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma = \gamma^y \gamma^5) + F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma = \gamma^x) + F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma = \gamma^y)]$$

- It can be extracted from the ratio

$$R_F(b_\perp, P^z, \Gamma) \equiv -4N_c \frac{\langle -P^z | \bar{q}(b_\perp) \Gamma q(b_\perp) \bar{q}(0) \Gamma q(0) | P^z \rangle}{\langle 0 | \bar{q}(0) \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q(0) | P^z \rangle \langle -P^z | \bar{q}(0) \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q(0) | 0 \rangle}$$

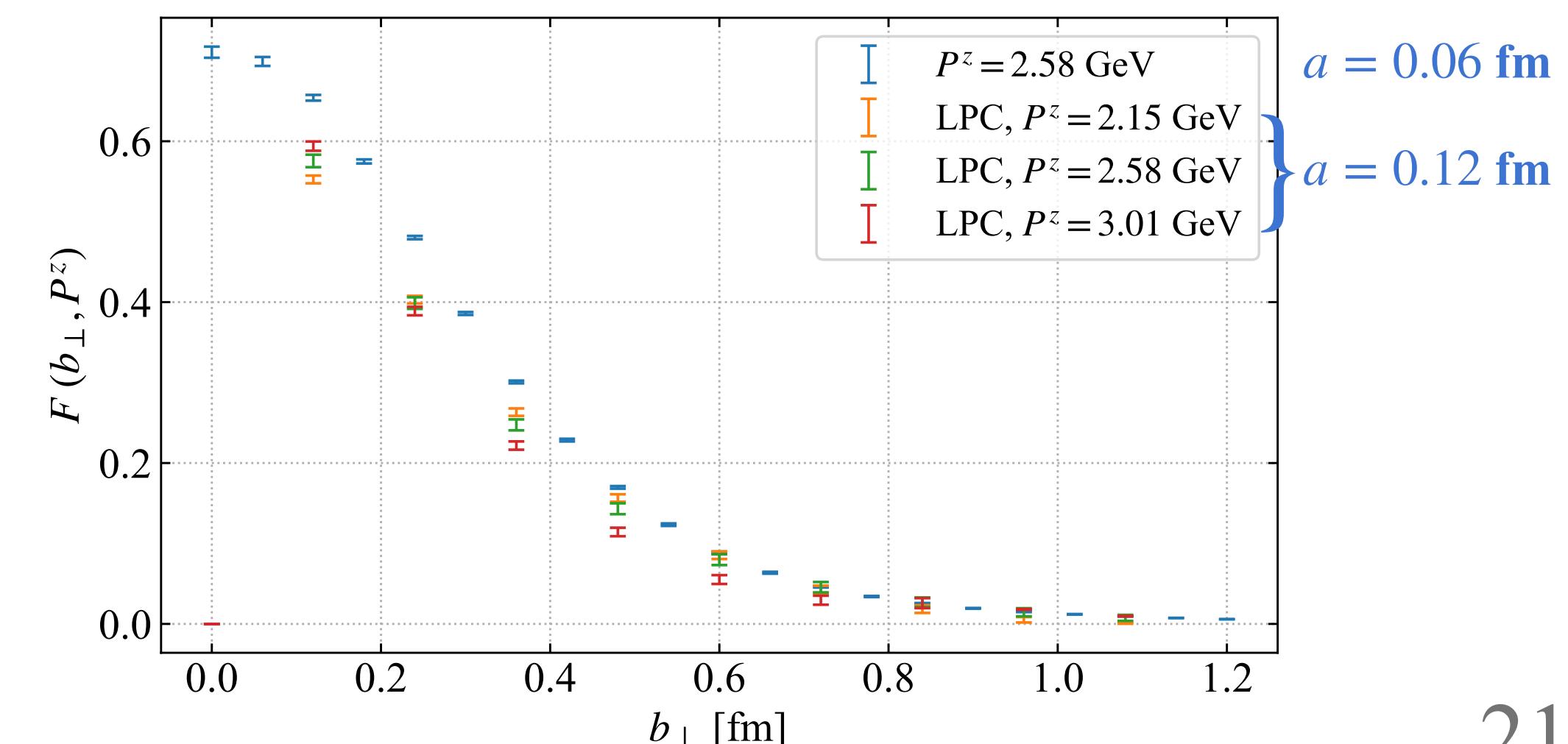
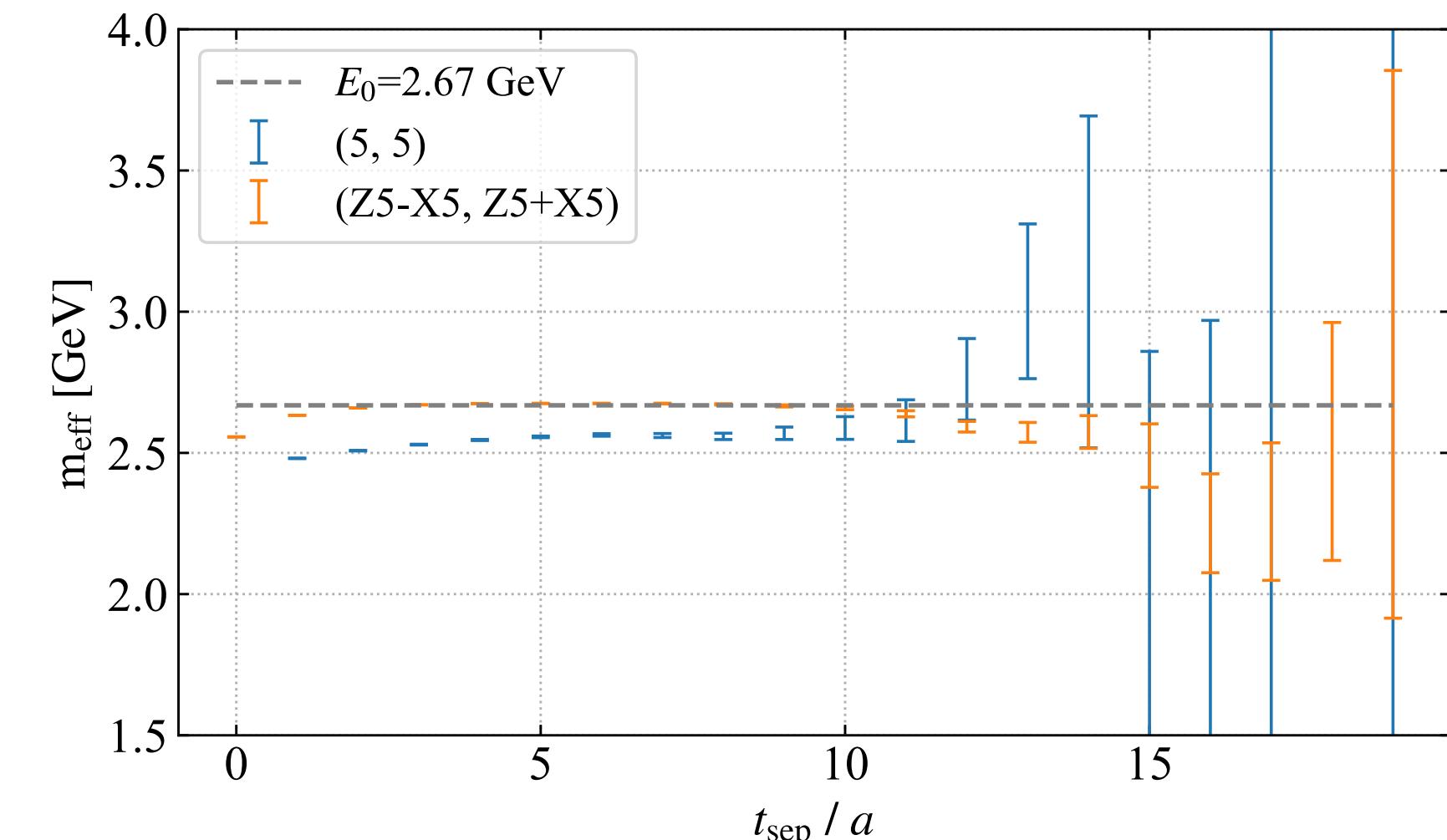
- The ratio in terms of correlators on lattice

$$R_F(t_{\text{sep}}, \tau) = \frac{-4N_c}{1 + (P^t/P^z)^2} \frac{C_F(t_{\text{sep}}, \tau)}{\left| C_{2\text{pt}}(t_{\text{sep}}/2) \right|^2}$$

The 2pt is calculated using the new interpolating operator.

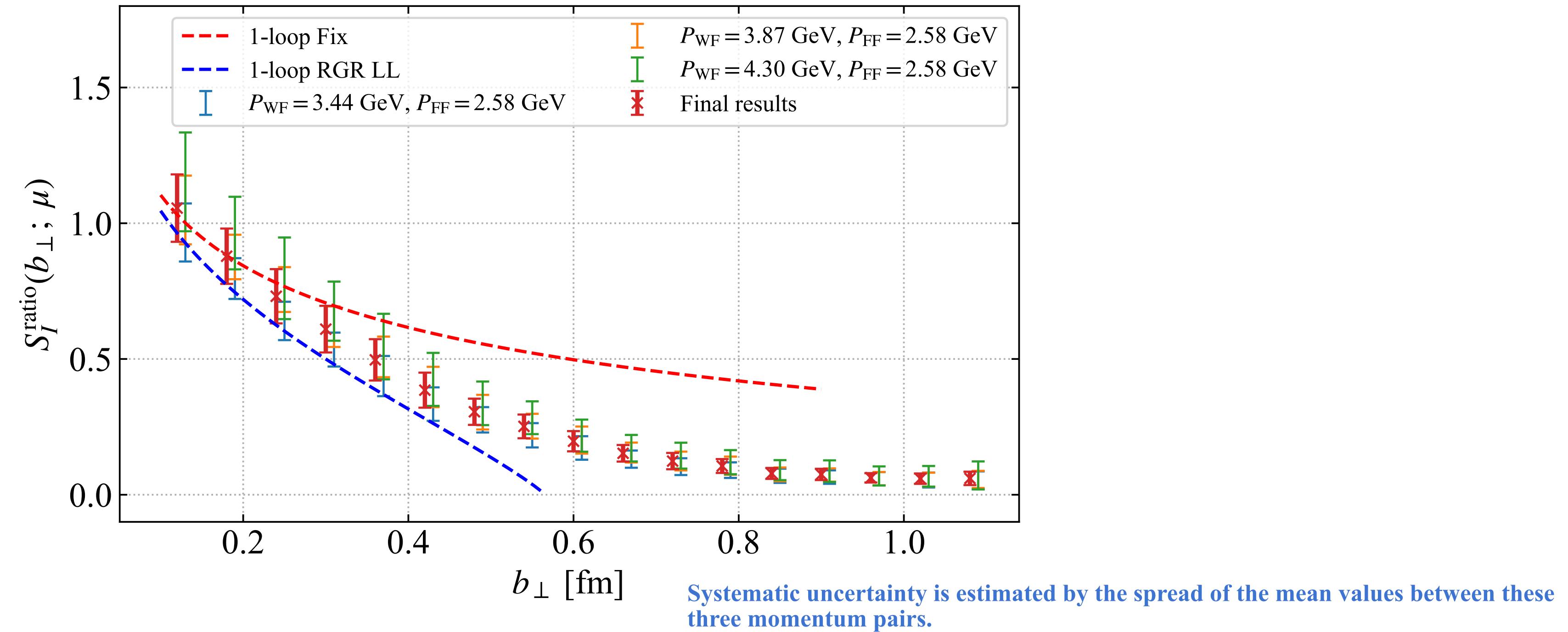
Kinematically-enhanced interpolating operator

R. Zhang, et al., Phys. Rev. D 112 (2025)



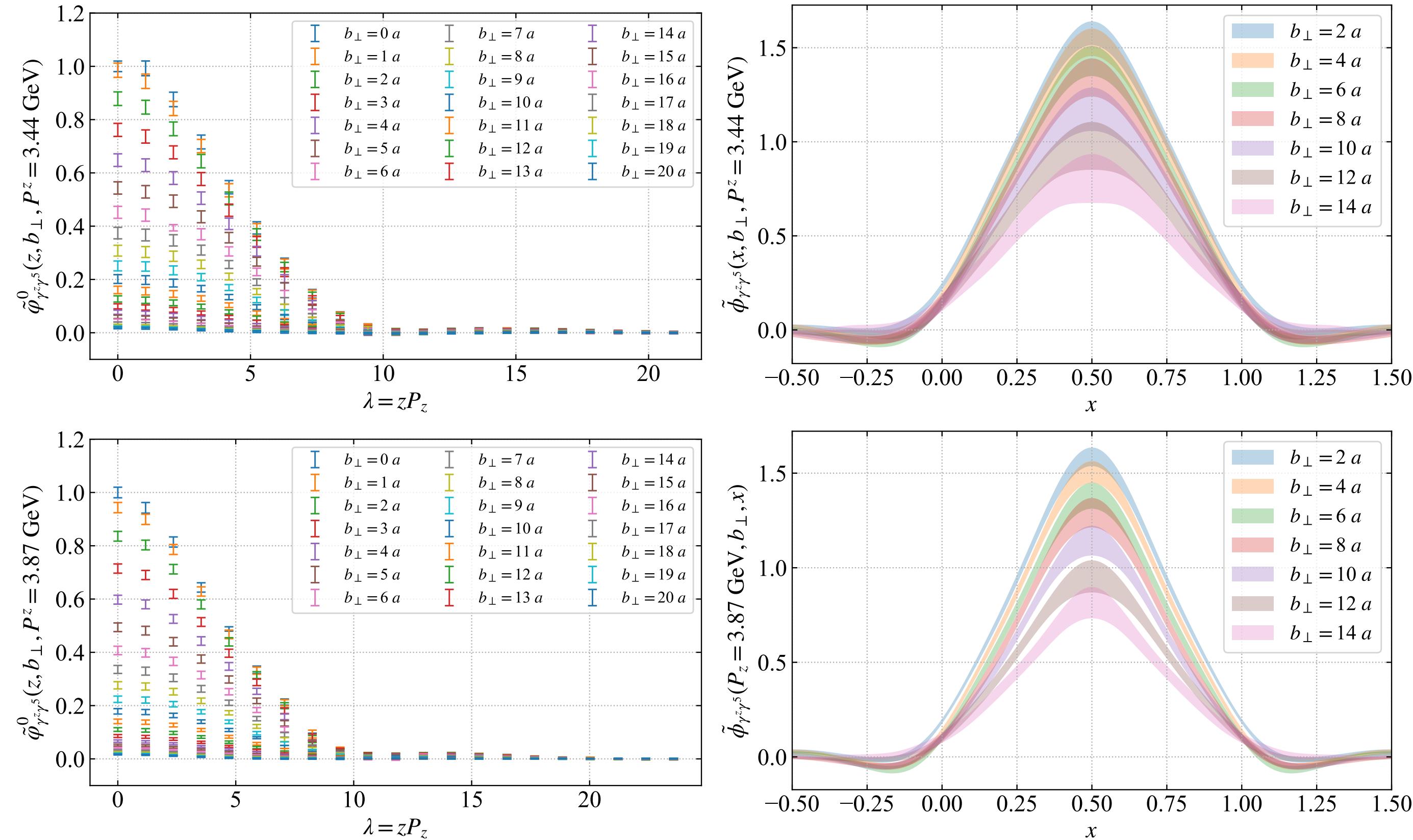
Intrinsic Soft Function

$$S_I(b_\perp; \mu) = \frac{F(b_\perp, P^z)}{\int dx_1 dx_2 H_F(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger(x_1) \tilde{\Phi}(x_2)} \text{ with } \tilde{\Phi}(x) \equiv \frac{\tilde{\phi}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu)}{H_\phi(x, \bar{x}, P^z; \mu)}$$



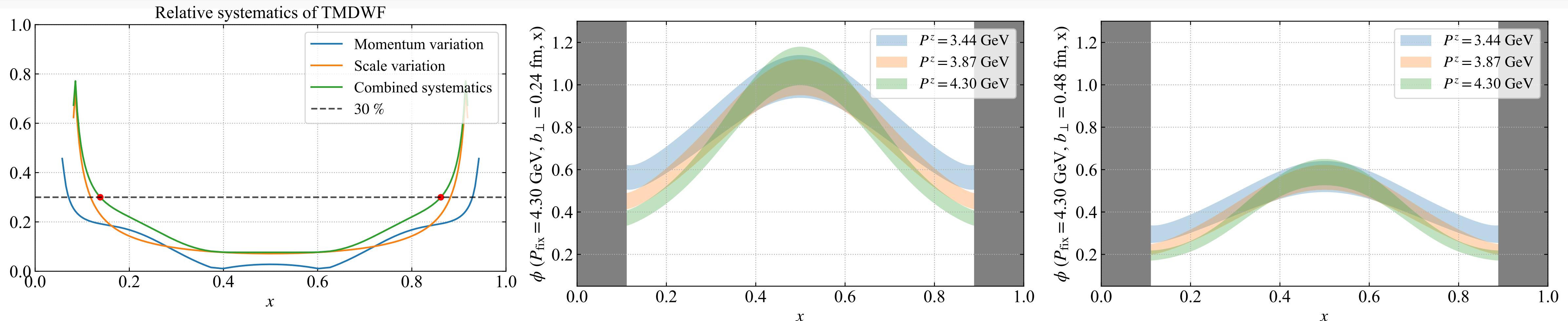
- Our lattice results are consistent with the perturbation theory in the small b_\perp regime;
- Different momenta of quasi-TMDWF give consistent results;
- Thanks to the absence of linear divergence, our final results of the intrinsic soft function can go beyond $b_\perp \sim 1$ fm.

Pion quasi-TMD Wave Function



- We did a discretized Fourier transform because of the good convergence in the λ -space;
- The CG matrix elements decay to zero with the error bars remain almost constant, making the FT easy to be under control.

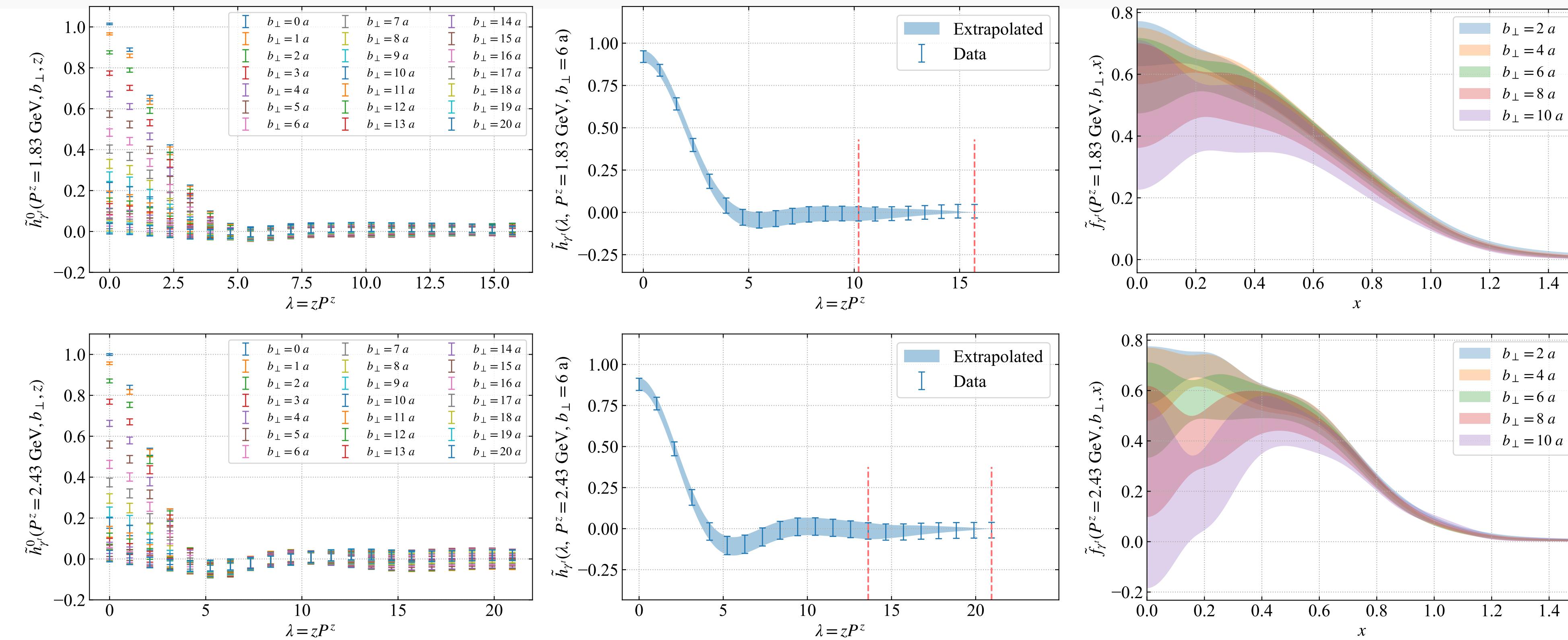
Pion TMD Wave Function



$$\sqrt{S_I(b_{\perp}; \mu)} \cdot \tilde{\phi}_{\Gamma}(x, b_{\perp}, P^z; \mu) = \phi(x, b_{\perp}; \mu, \zeta, \bar{\zeta}) H_{\phi}(x, \bar{x}, P^z; \mu) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(2xP^z)^2}{\zeta} \gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}} (b_{\perp}; \mu) \right] + \text{Power corrections}$$

- The variation between different momenta remains mild in the moderate x region, demonstrating the validity of power expansion in large P^z ;
- The combined systematics are estimated from two sources:
 - Momentum variation: spread of central values between three momenta / mean of central values of three momenta
 - Vary the initial scale in the RG resummation of matching kernel by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$;
- The 30 % combined systematics are used to quantify the moderate x region that LaMET can make reliable predictions;
- The convergence between three momenta near the endpoint regions can be improved with larger Lorentz boost factor.

Pion quasi-TMD Beam Function

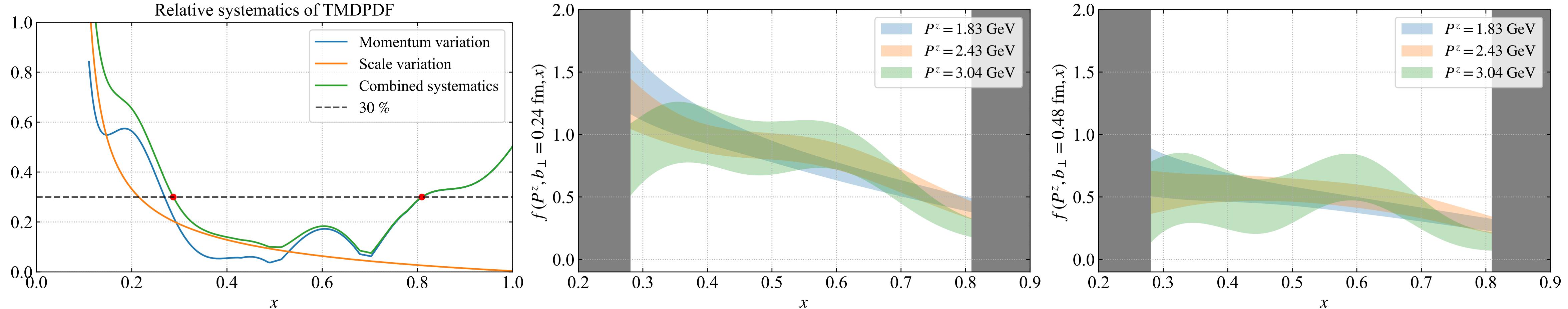


- The CG matrix elements decay to zero with the error bars remain almost constant, making the FT easy to be under control.
- To remove the non-physical oscillation, we apply the extrapolation to make error bars converge to zero smoothly.
- Since quasi-TMD (in moderate x) is insensitive to the extrapolation strategies, the non-fit extrapolation is adopted here:

A recent paper on asymptotic analysis in LaMET: [J. W. Chen, et al., 2505.14619](#)

$\tilde{h}^{\text{ext}} = w \cdot \tilde{h} + (1 - w) \cdot 0$, where the weight $w(z)$ linearly decays from 1 to 0 within two red dashed lines below.

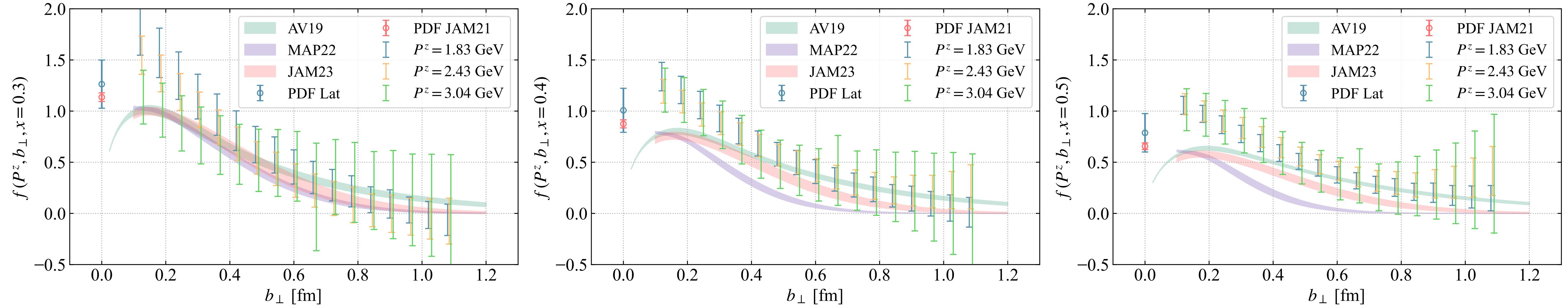
Pion TMDPDF in the x Space



$$\sqrt{S_I(b_\perp; \mu)} \cdot \tilde{f}_\Gamma(x, b_\perp, P^z; \mu) = f(x, b_\perp; \mu, \zeta) H_f(x, P^z; \mu) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(2xP^z)^2}{\zeta} \gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}} (b_\perp; \mu) \right] + \text{Power corrections}$$

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Pion TMDPDF in the b_\perp Space

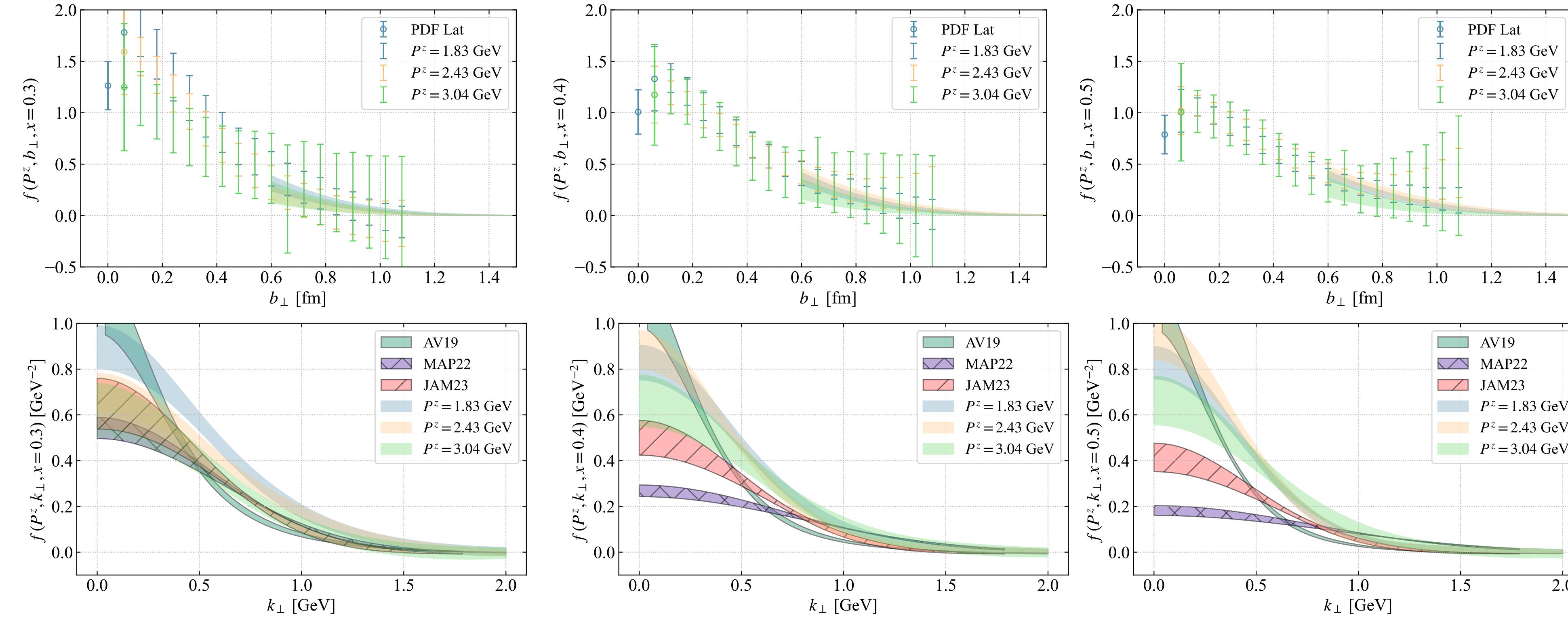


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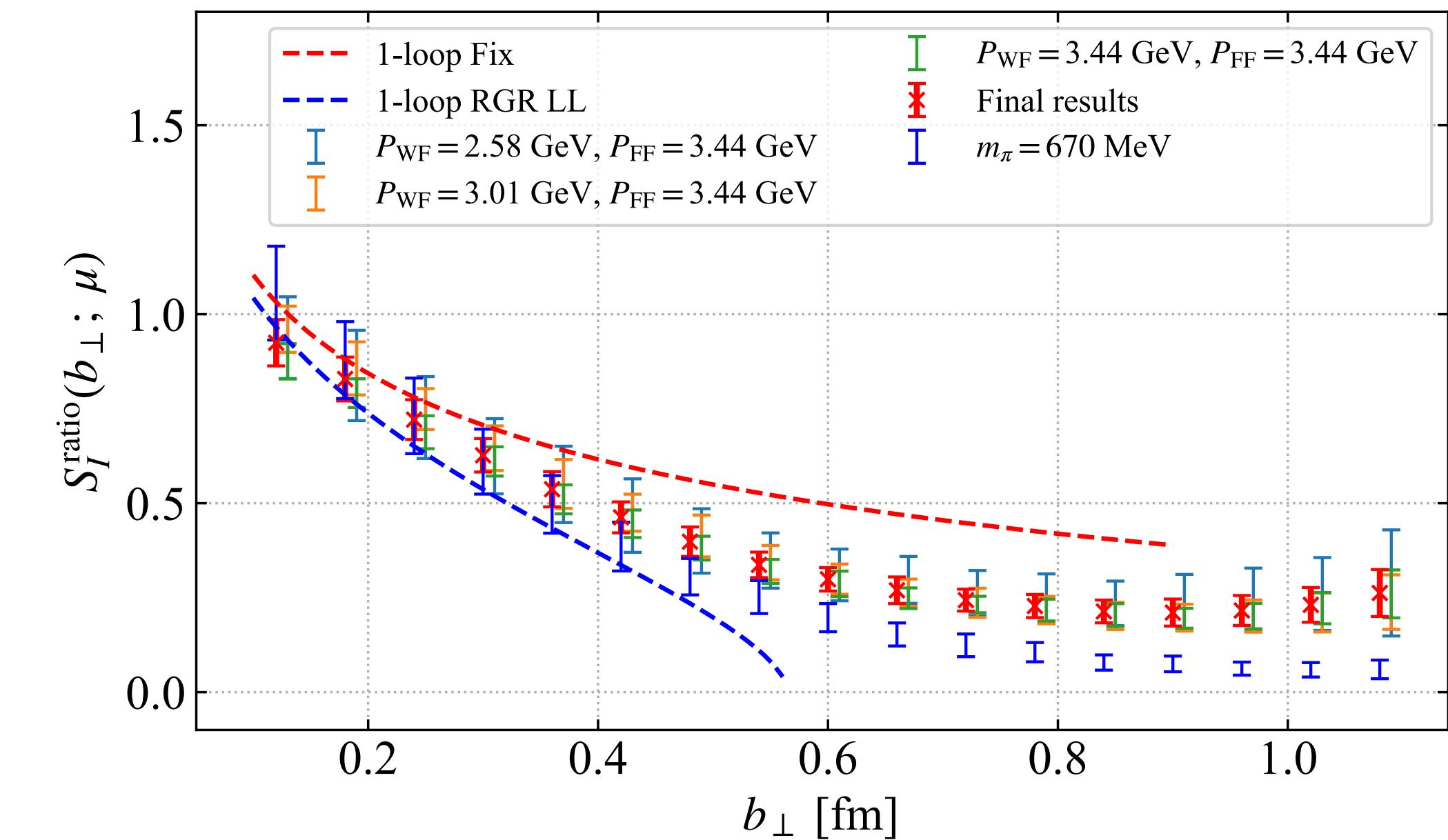
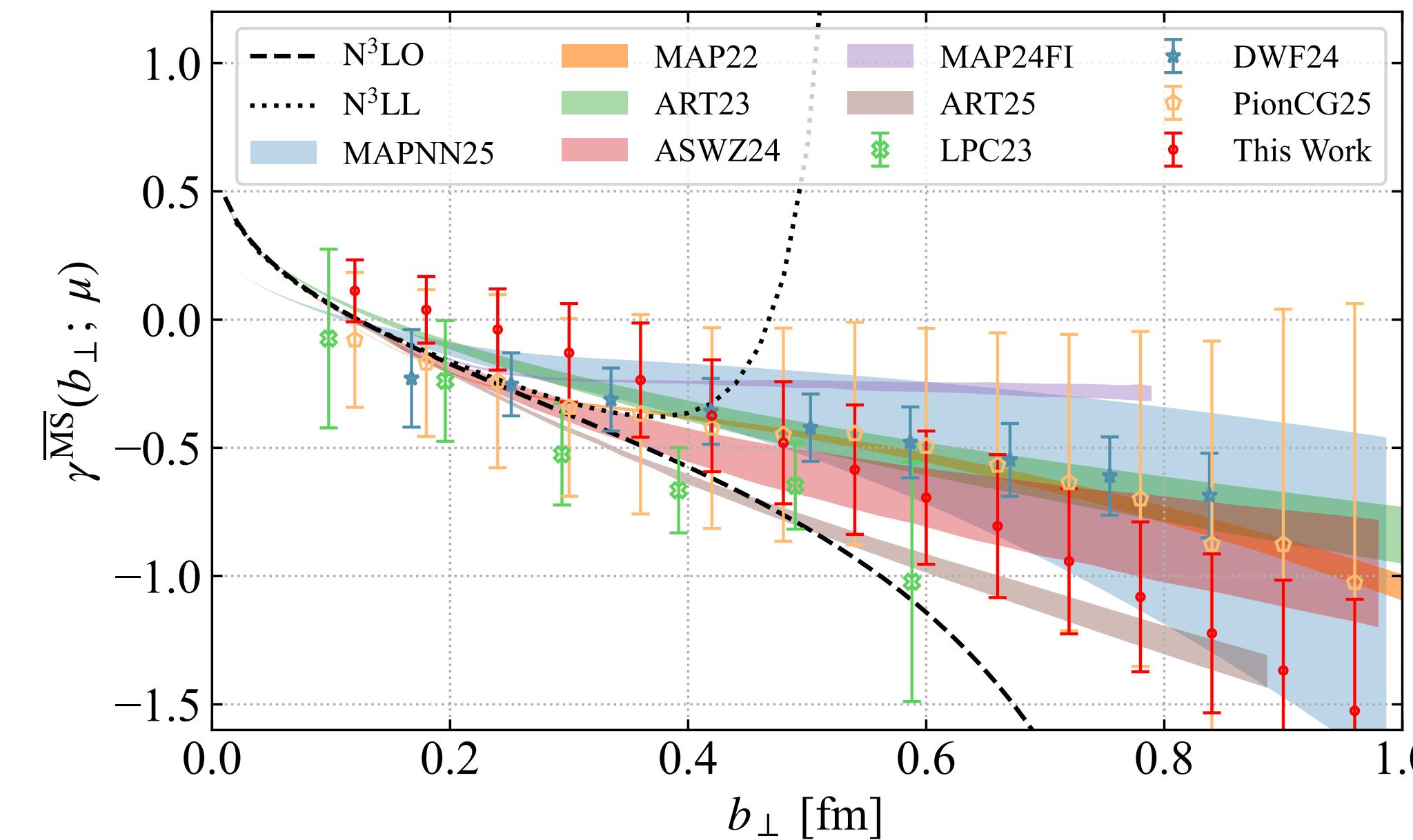
- **Thanks to the absence of linear divergence, we can calculate pion TMDPDF up to $b_\perp > 1$ fm;**
- **When x gets larger, the amplitude of TMDPDF is decreasing, while the the transverse correlation length stays roughly the same;**
- **When x gets closer to $x = 0.5$, we can find that the variance across different momenta becomes smaller, indicating the suppression of power correction;**
- **Global analysis has a better control at relative small , where we saw consistency;**
- **Lattice provides predictions at relative large , where experimental data gives less constraints.**

Pion TMDPDF in the k_\perp Space

- We can give the k_\perp -dependence thanks to the good SNR in CG;
- Extrapolate the large b_\perp using a simple Gaussian form: $f(b_\perp) = Ae^{-mb_\perp^2}$;
- Fourier transform to the k_\perp space: $\tilde{f}(k_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2\vec{b}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}_\perp} f(b_\perp) = \int \frac{d|b_\perp|}{2\pi} |b_\perp| \cdot J_0(|b_\perp| \cdot |k_\perp|) \cdot f(b_\perp)$.



Preliminary Results with mpi=300



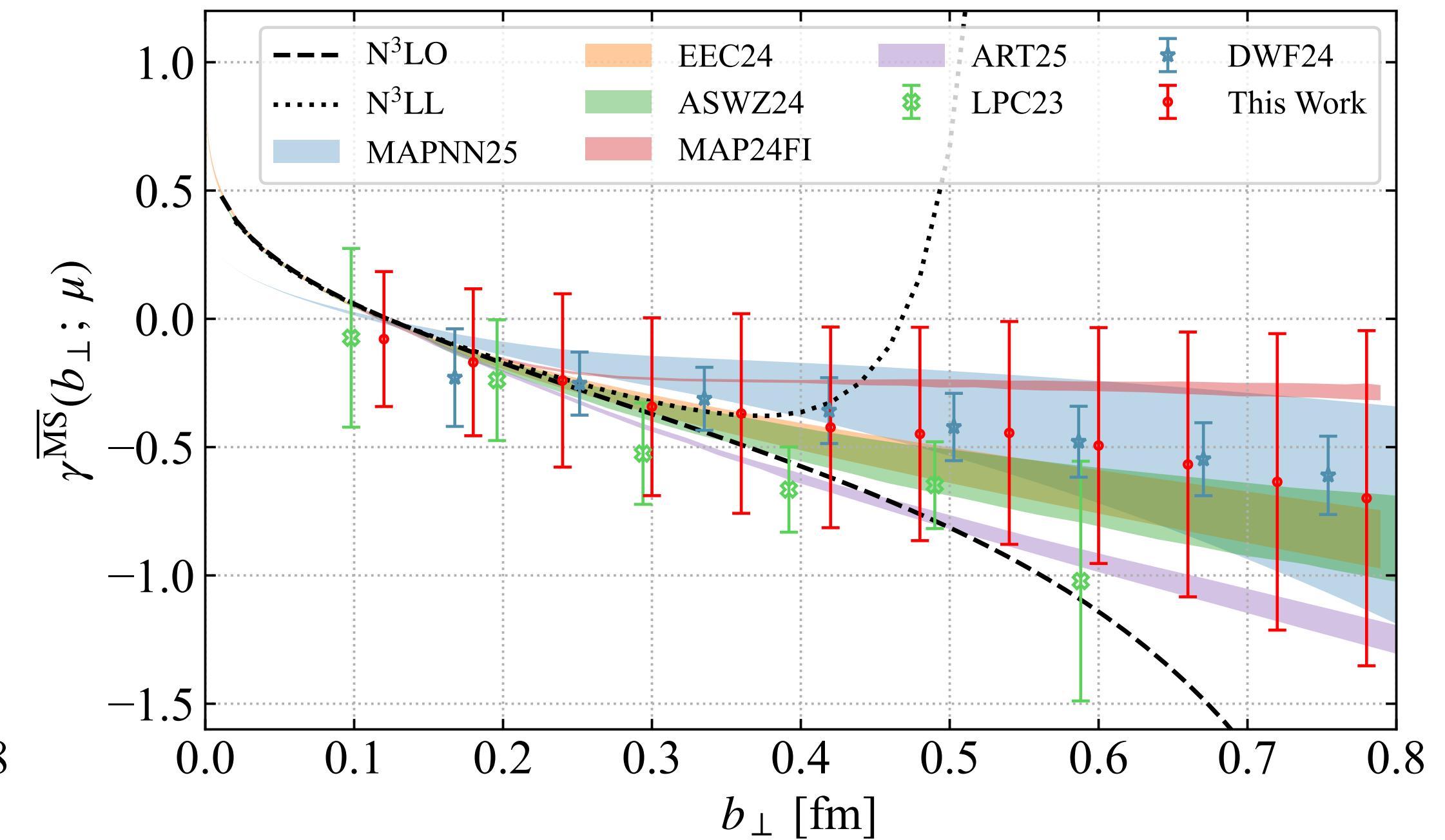
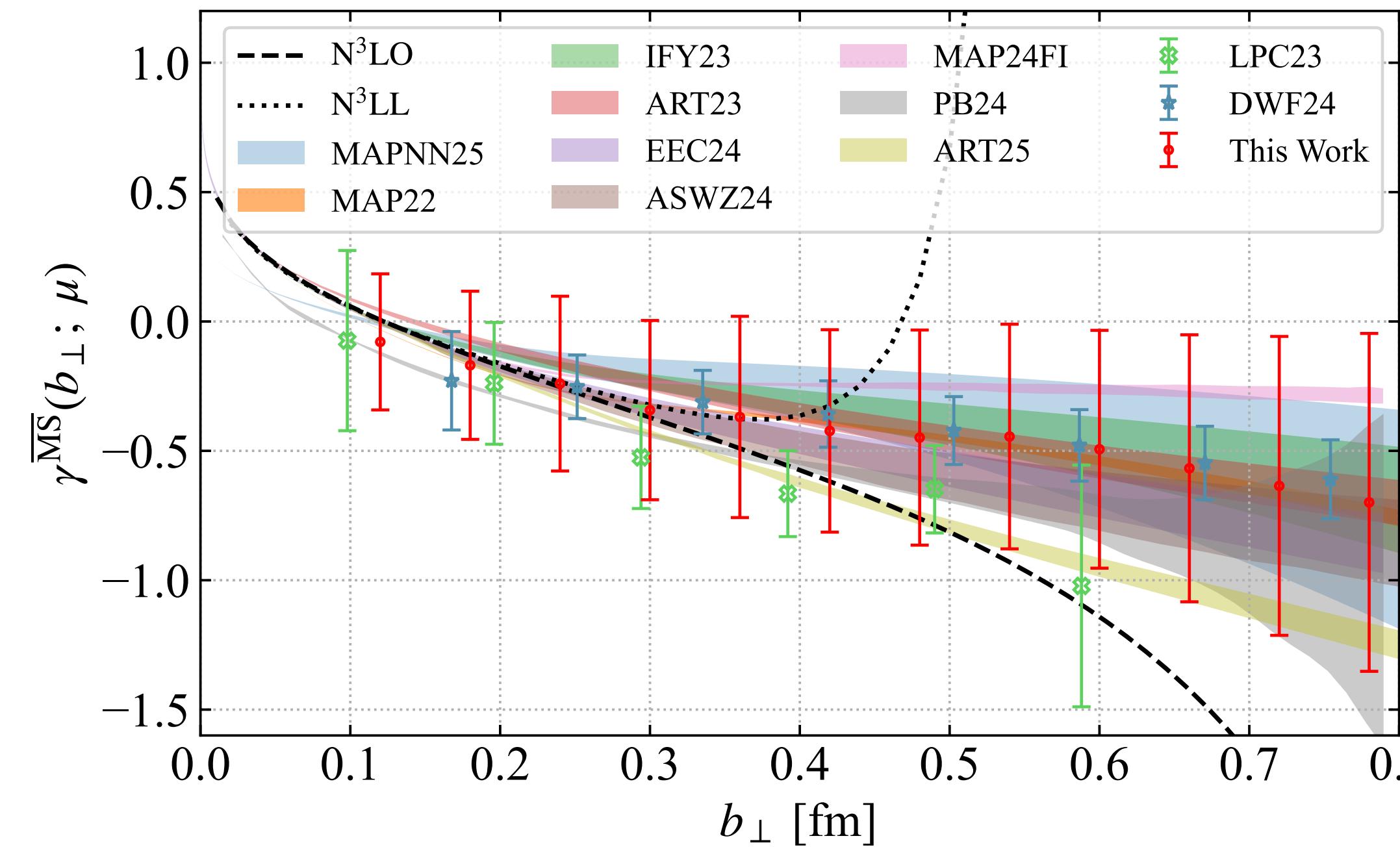
Summary

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- This is the **first lattice calculation** of the pion unpolarized TMDPDF within LaMET framework;
- The **novel CG** method is employed to remove the linear divergence, so that to have a good SNR up to $b_\perp > 1$ fm;
- The soft function is extracted at **NLL factorization** using RG resummation, the results show consistency with perturbation theory;
- The TMDs, including CS kernel, intrinsic function, TMDWF and TMDPDF are calculated using the same lattice ensemble, and the results show consistency with existing studies, including phenomenology and lattice calculations;
- The outcome of this study highlights the efficacy of the CG quasi-TMD approach in probing the transverse momentum structure of hadrons;
- In the future work, we will apply the CG quasi-TMD approach on nucleon, and the lattice systematics like discretization effects and non-physical pion mass will be investigated in detail.

Backup

CS Kernel



Soft Function in TMD Factorization

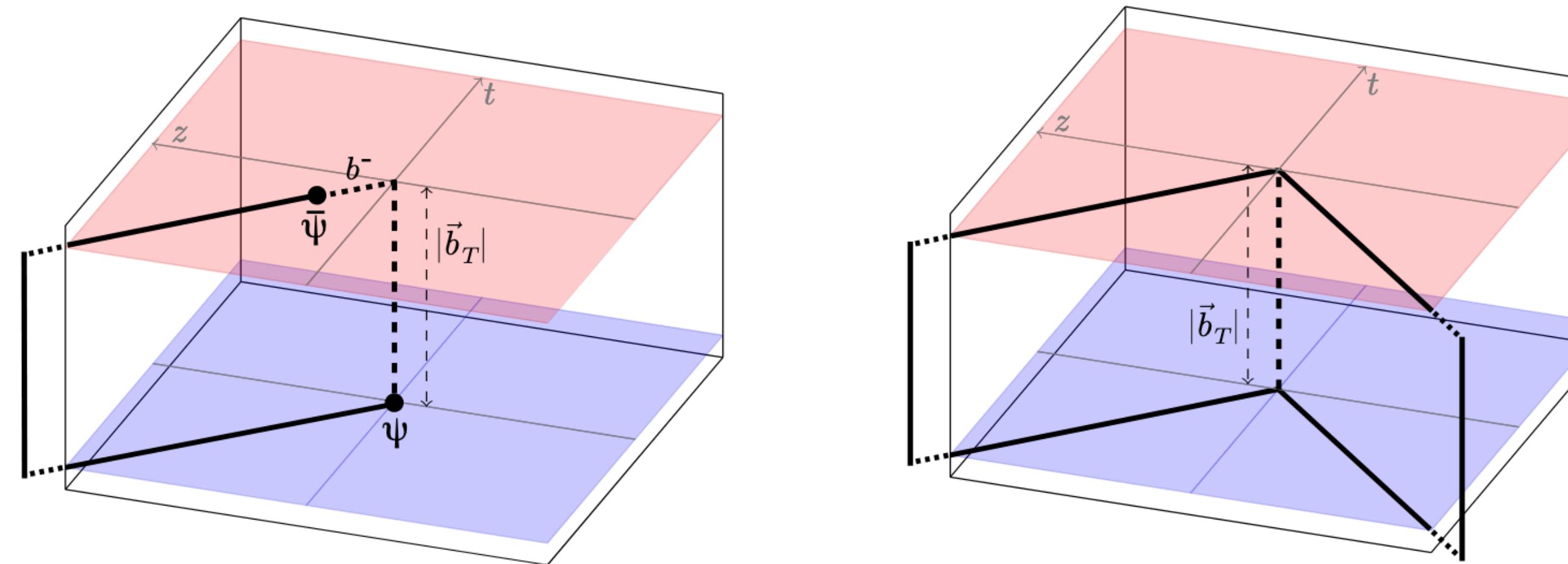


Figure 2.1: Graphs of the Wilson line structure $W_{\square}(b^\mu, 0)$ of the unsubtracted TMD PDF $f_{i/p}^{0(u)}$ (left) and of $W_{\triangleright}(b_T)$ for the soft function $S_{n_a n_b}^0$ (right), defined in Eqs. (2.37) and (2.38). The Wilson lines (solid) extend to infinity in the directions indicated. Adapted from [106].

R. Boussarie, et al., 2304.03302 (2023)

Sudakov Kernel

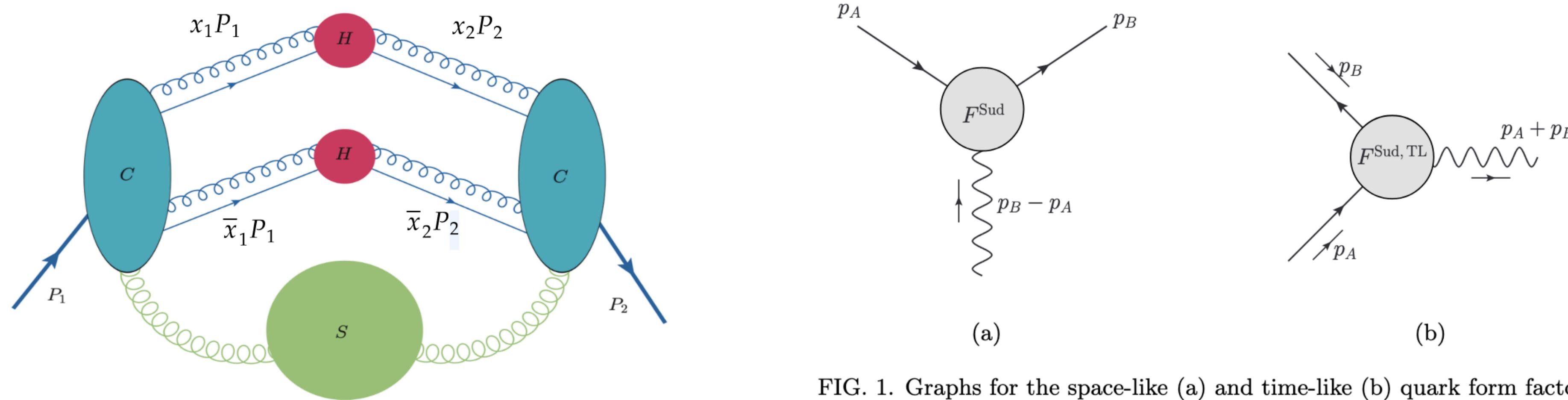


FIG. 1. Graphs for the space-like (a) and time-like (b) quark form factor.

Z. F. Deng, et al., JHEP 09 (2022)

J. Collins and T. C. Rogers, Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017)

$H_F(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) = C_{\text{Sud}}(x_1, x_2, P^z; \mu) \cdot C_{\text{Sud}}(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, P^z; \mu)$, where C_{Sud} is the Sudakov kernel.

$$p_A = (x_1 P_1, 0, 0, x_1 P_1), \quad p_B = (x_2 P_2, 0, 0, -x_2 P_2)$$

$$Q^2 = -(p_B - p_A)^2 = 4x_1 x_2 P_1 P_2$$

$$\bar{Q}^2 = 4\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2 P_1 P_2$$

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

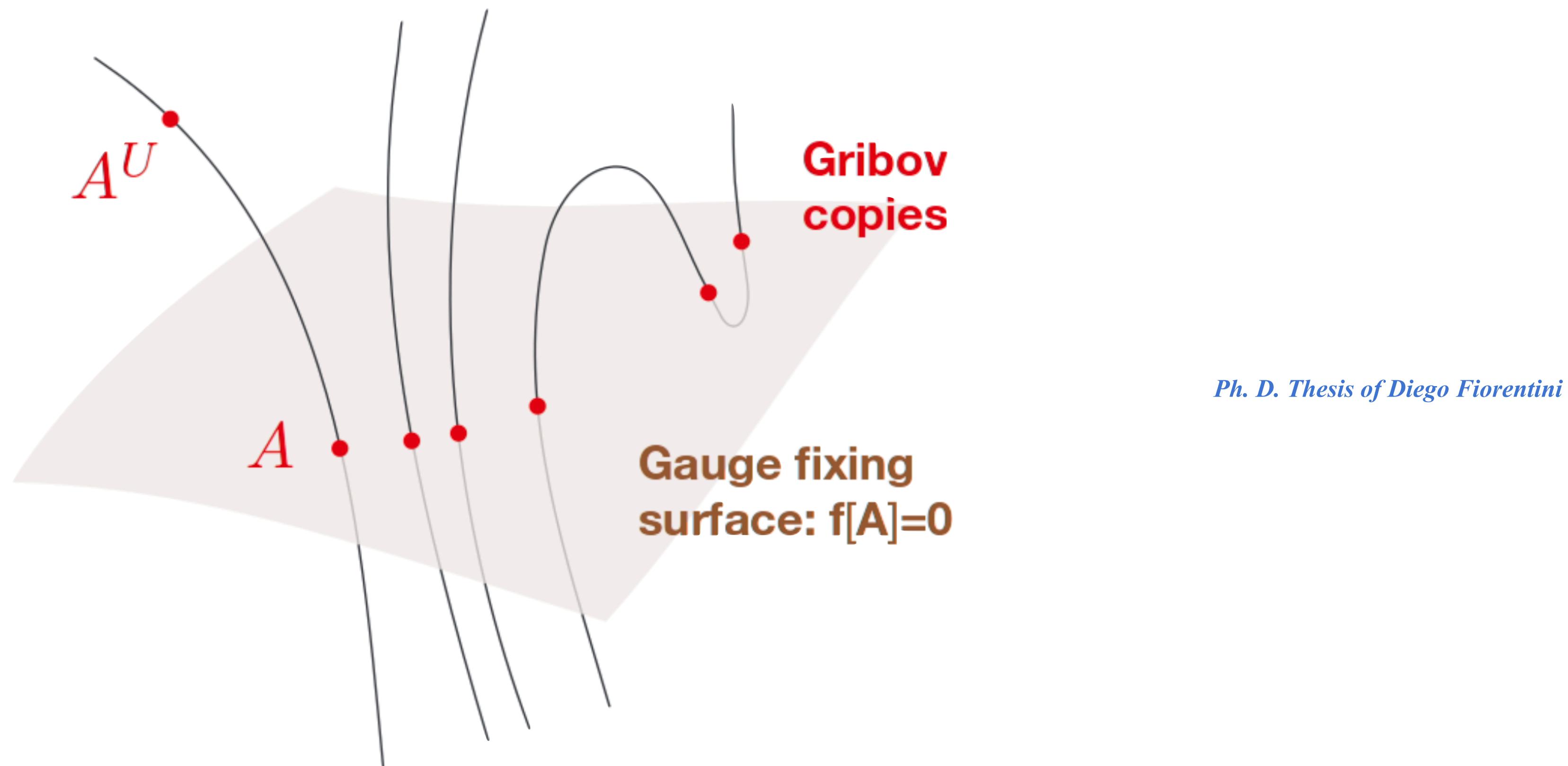
$$F_{\text{CG}}[U, \Omega] \equiv -\Re \left[\text{Tr} \sum_x \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \Omega^\dagger(x + \hat{\mu}) U_\mu(x) \Omega(x) \right]$$

Find stationary points of the functional value.

Gauge fixing criterion in this work: variation of functional satisfies $\delta F/F < 10^{-8}$.

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



Criteria of Gauge Fixing

- Variation of the functional

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

- Residual gradient of the functional

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

