

Quark and gluon structure of hadrons computed from QCD

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Outline

- Introduction
- LaMET formalism: quasi- and pseudo-PDF
- How it's made: From Euclidean 3-point function to PDF
- Progress, future and conclusions

First principle understanding of Parton structure of hadrons?

QCD at different resolutions



Asymptotic freedom

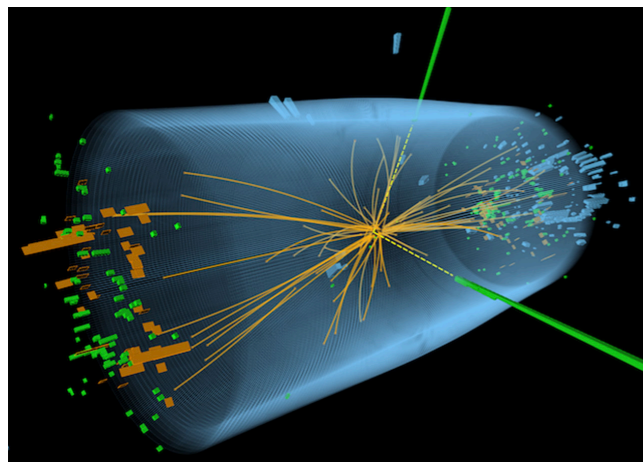
Confinement and mass-gap



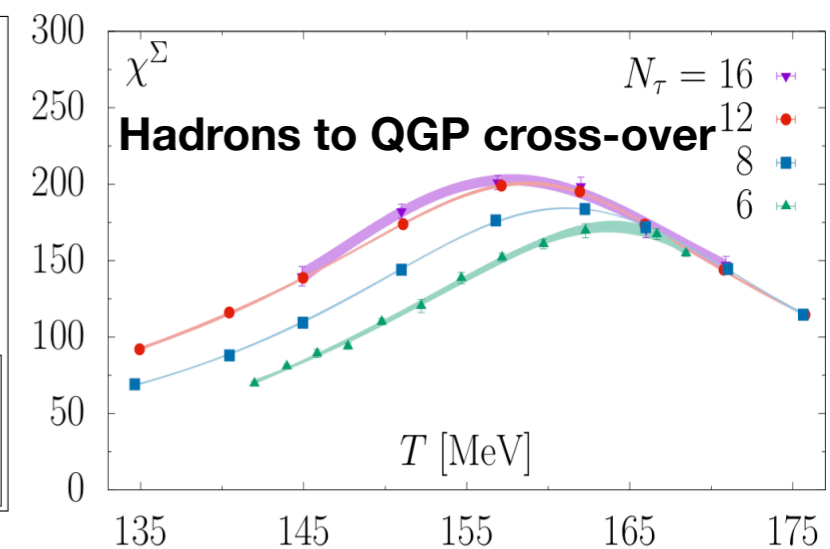
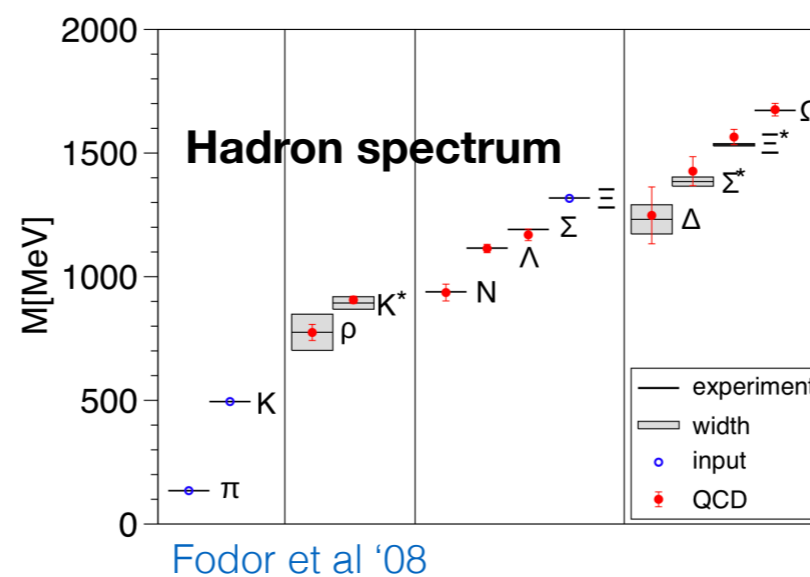
PDF +

Lattice

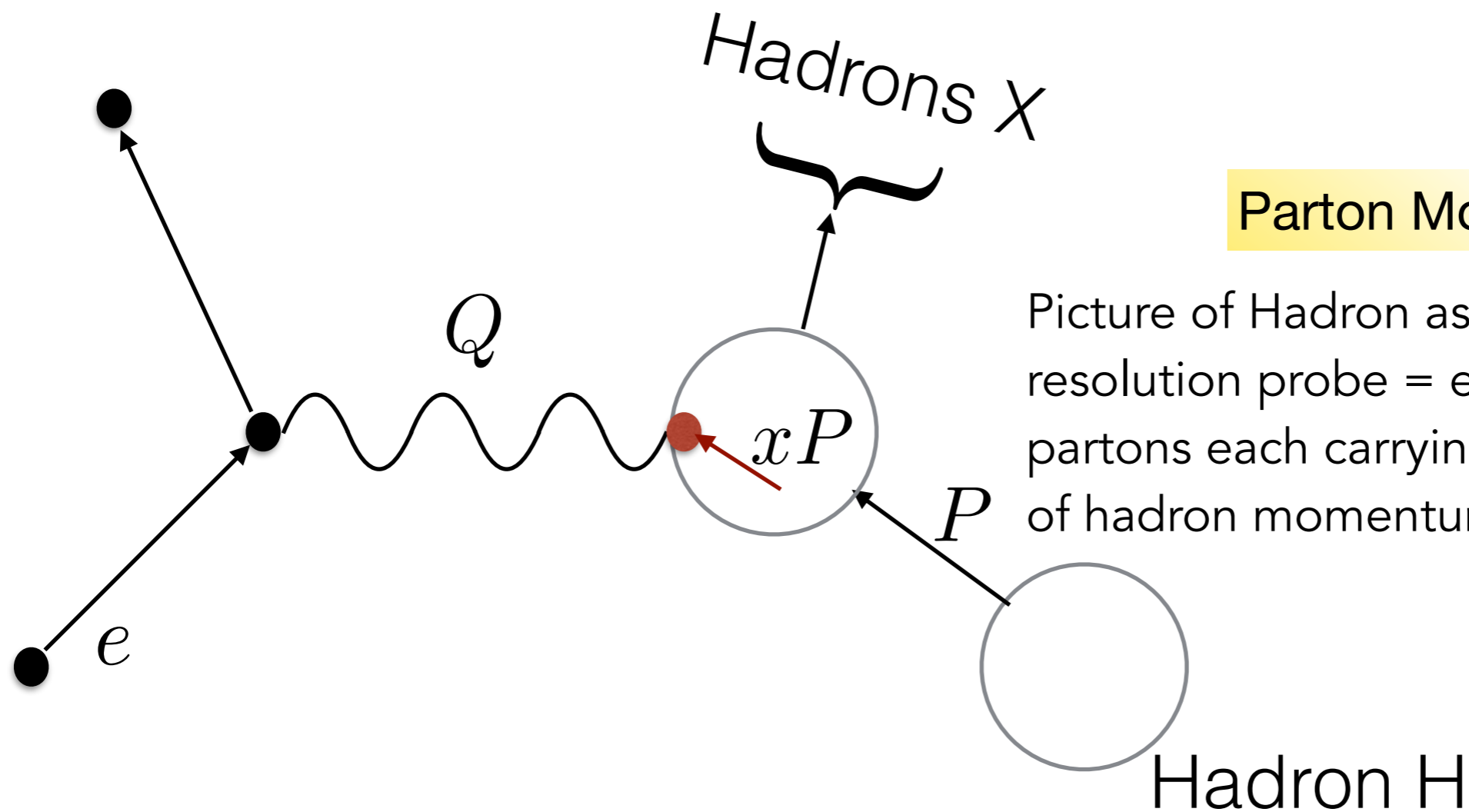
Fragmentation +
Perturbation theory



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Parton Distribution Functions



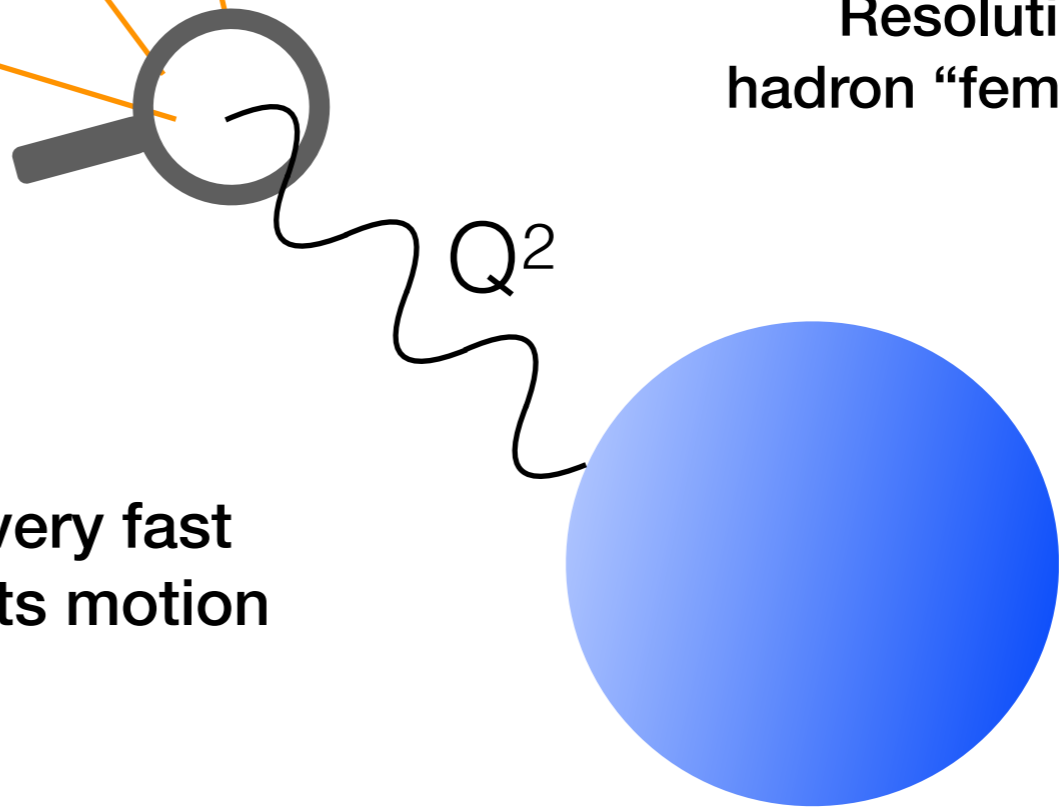
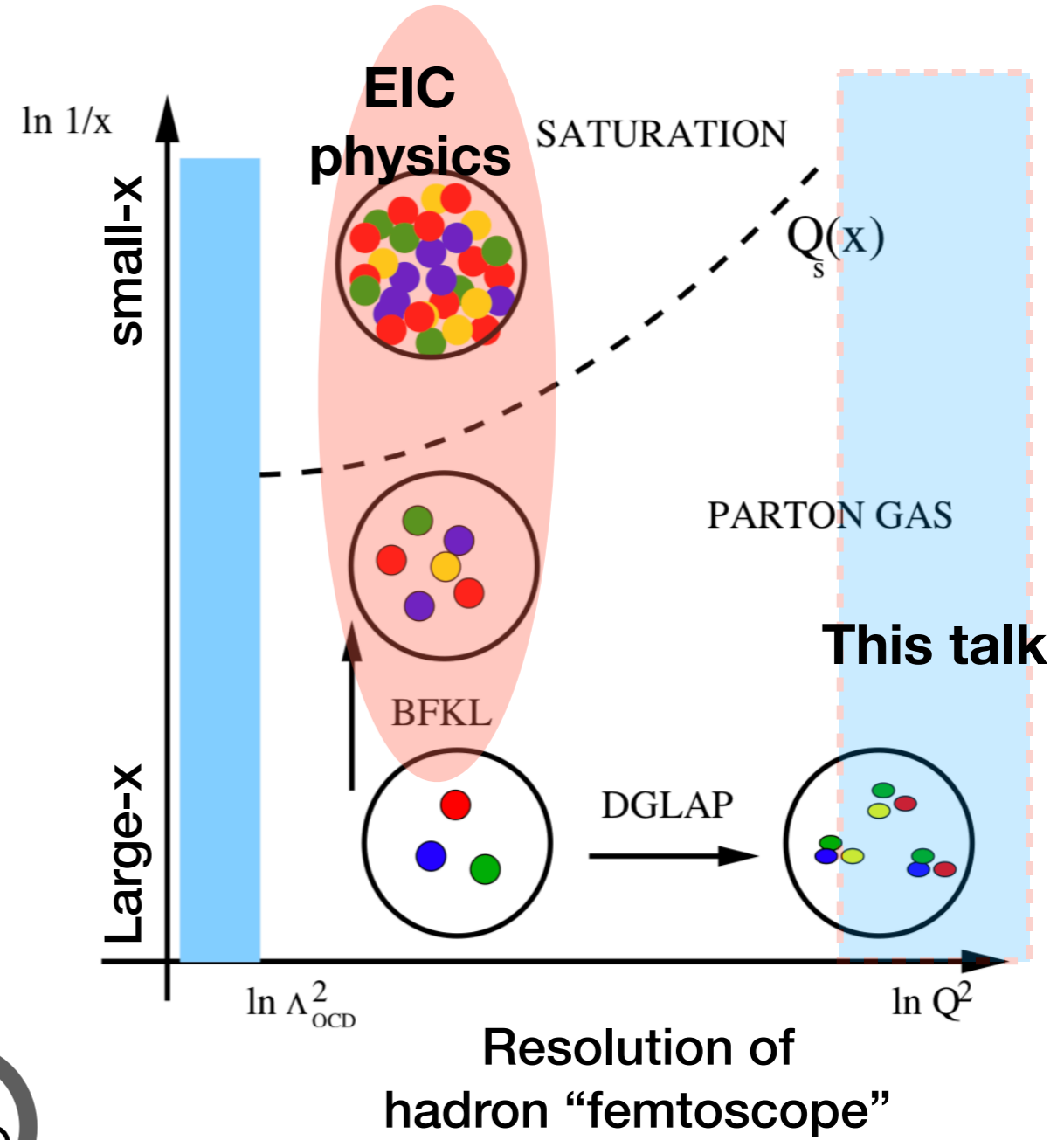
Parton Model (Feynman '69)

Picture of Hadron as imaged using a high-resolution probe = ensemble of massless partons each carrying fraction x of hadron momentum.

Factorization between UV and IR in the Bjorken limit:

$$\sigma = \sum_i f_i(x, Q^2) \otimes \sigma \{eq_i(xP) \rightarrow eq_i(xP + q)\}$$

“Total inclusive cross-section = **probability to find a parton** **X** **cross-section to scatter from a parton**”

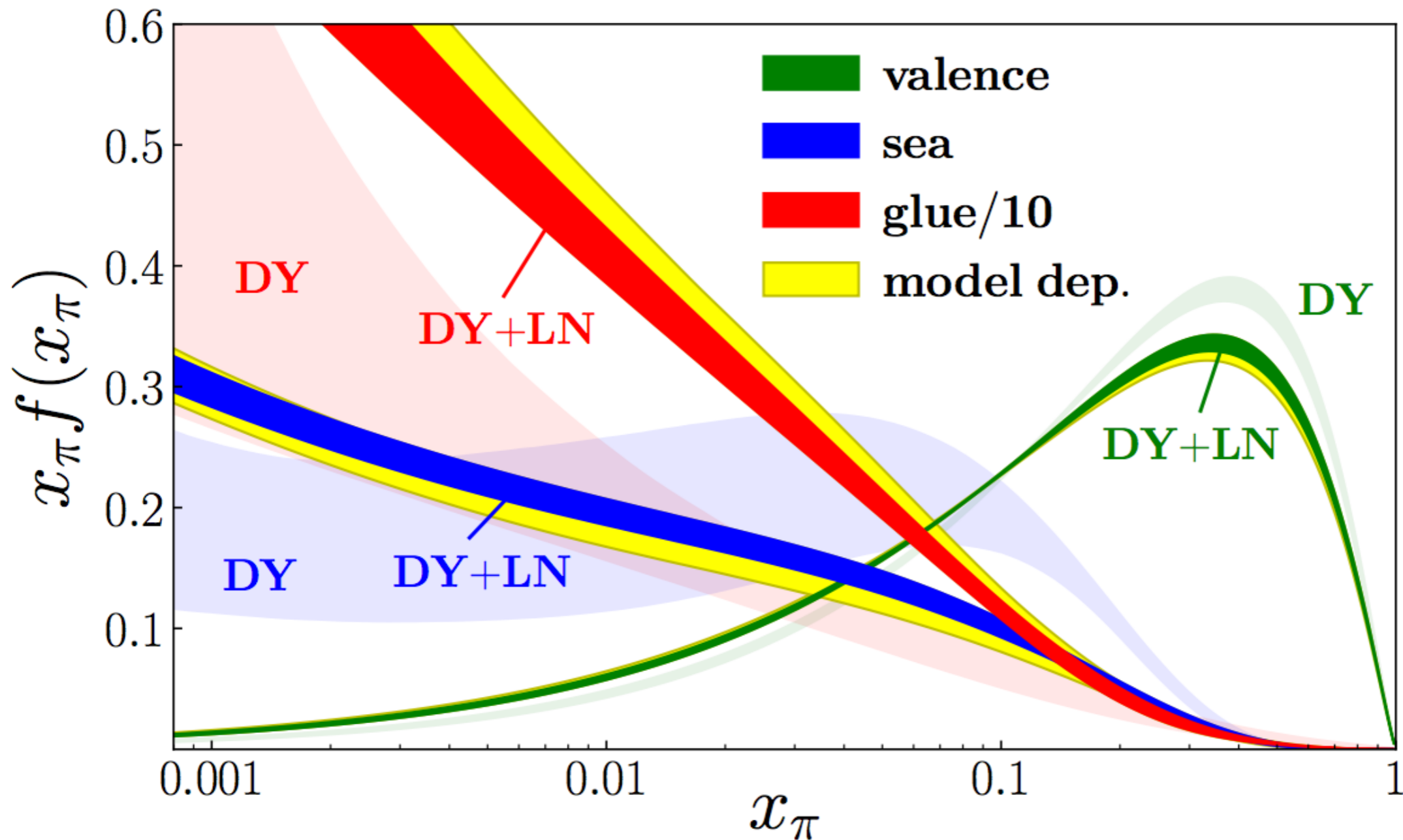


This talk: A simpler 1D structure of a very fast moving hadron along the direction of its motion

Valence PDF of $\pi^+(u\bar{d})$

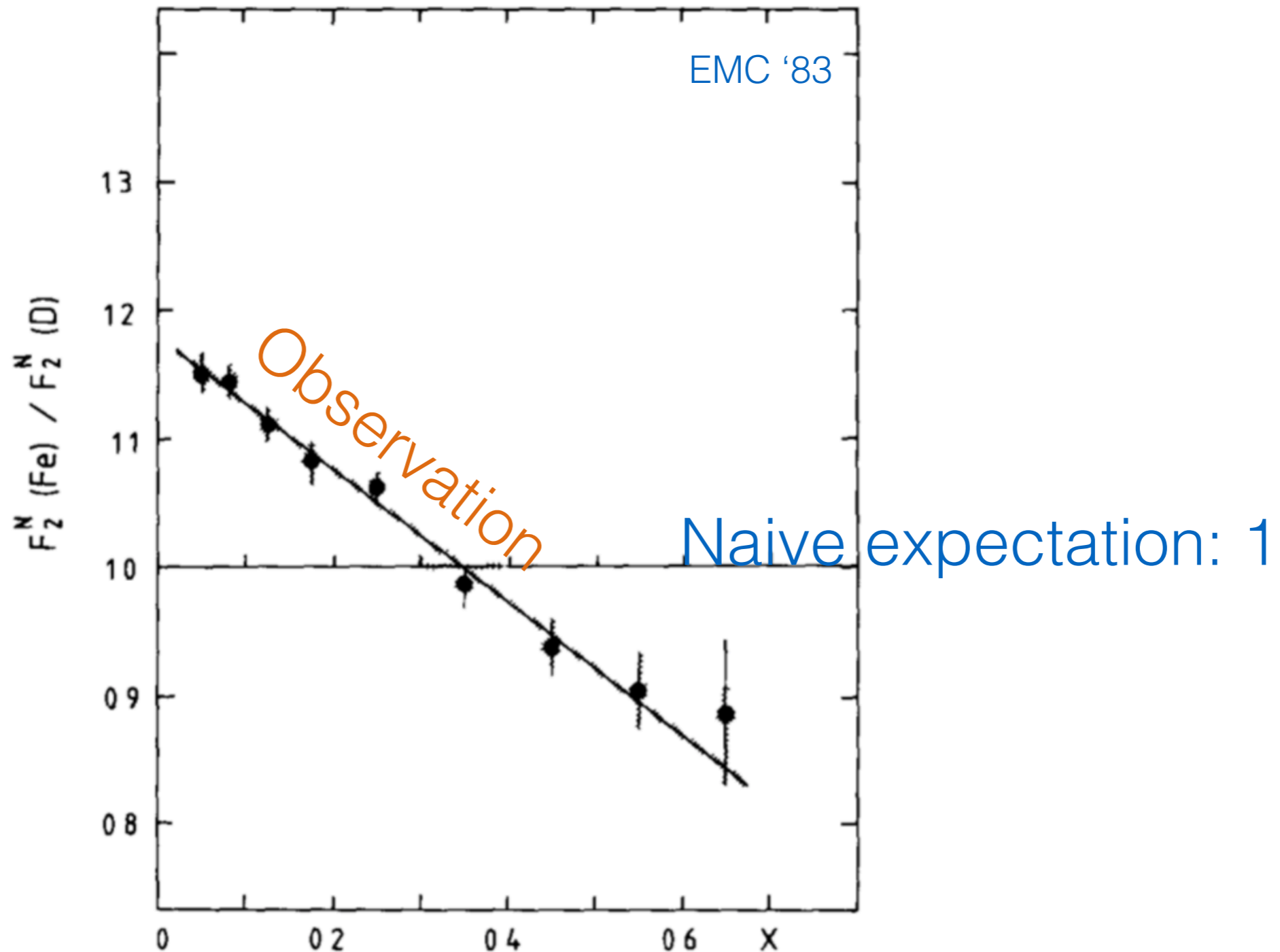
$$f_v^\pi(x) = \underbrace{f_u(x)}_{\text{(sea+valence)}} - \underbrace{f_{\bar{u}}(x)}_{\text{(sea)}} = \underbrace{f_u(x) - f_d(x)}_{\text{(Isospin symmetry)}}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

Experimental determination by P. C. Barry et al, 2018



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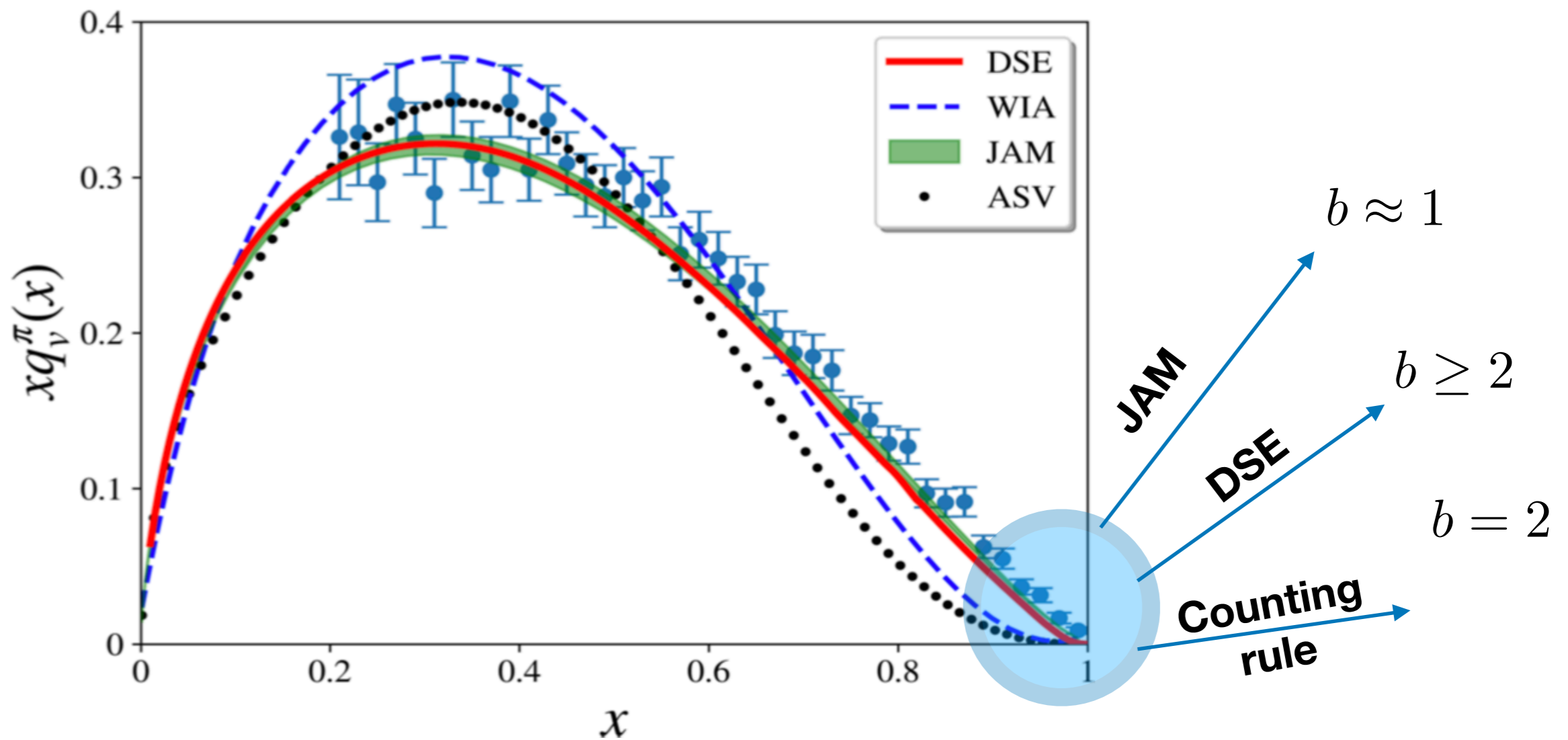
Long standing question-1: Do partons inside a proton within a nucleus know about other nucleons? **Yes (EMC effect)**



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Long standing question-2: Valence PDF of $\pi^+(u\bar{d})$

Key physics issue is $x=1$ behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f_v^\pi(x) \sim (1-x)^b$

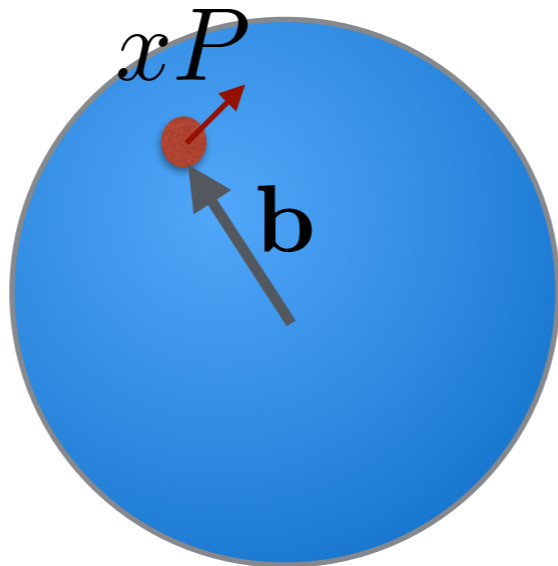


First principle calculation
essential!

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Very little experimental info available on
Generalized Parton Distribution (GPD):

$$H(x, Q^2, \Delta) \sim \tilde{H}(x, Q^2, \mathbf{b})$$



**Why were PDFs not directly
computed from QCD before?**

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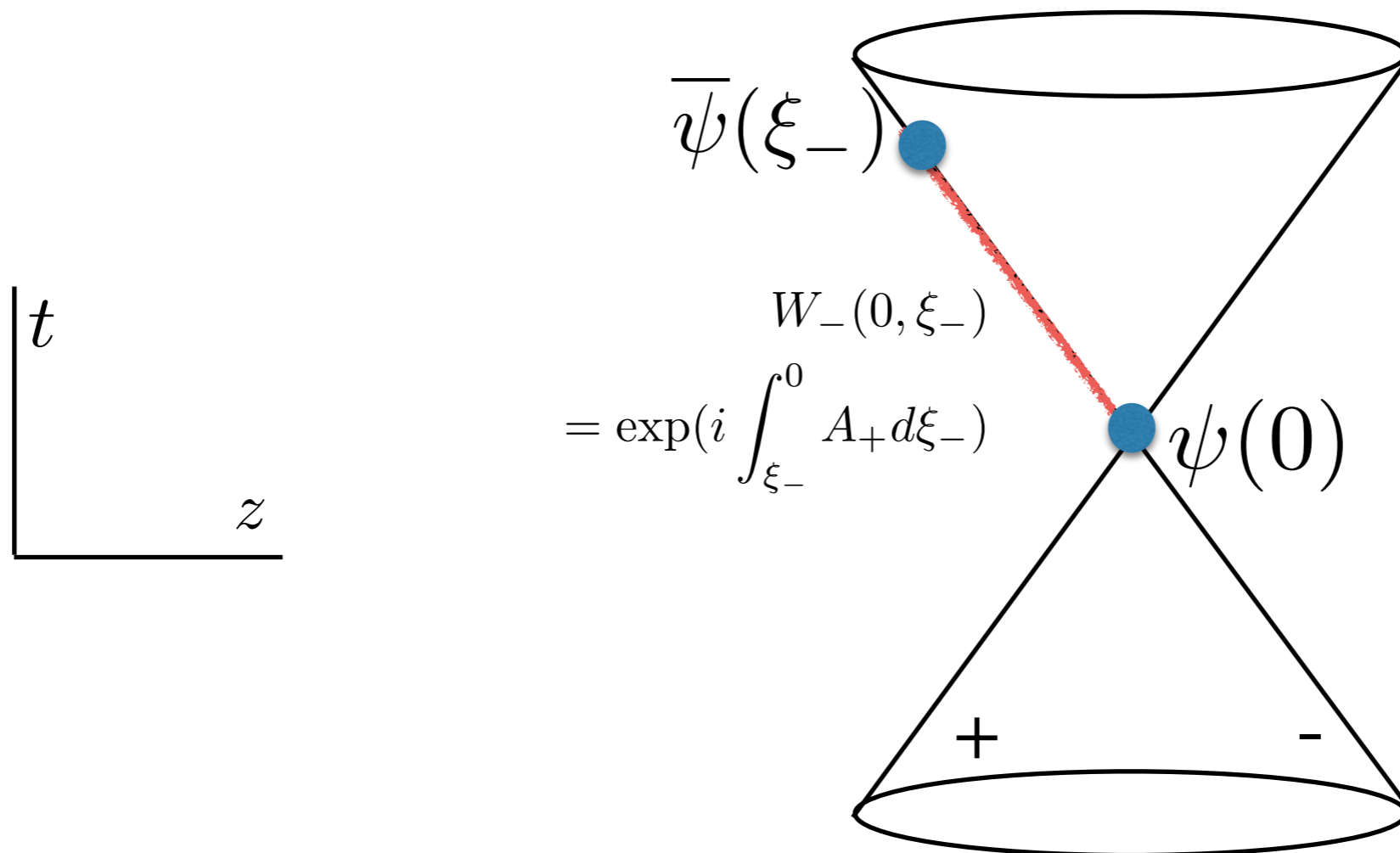
What has changed now?

PDF as light-like separated $q\text{-}\bar{q}$ correlation

Field theoretic Gauge-invariant and Lorentz invariant construction: (Soper '77)

$$f(x) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \langle H(P) | \bar{\psi}(\xi_-) \gamma_+ W_-(0, \xi_-) \tau \psi(0) | H(P) \rangle$$

= “Number of on-shell massless partons with energy $x P^+$ ”



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Definitely tractable on a quantum computer

Is it really out of reach of current lattice computations?

Resolutions:

- Compute moments of PDF which are related by OPE to twist-2 local operators. Martinelli and Sachrajda '88, W. Detmold et al, d > '01

$$\langle H(P) | \psi(x) \gamma_{\{\mu} D_{\nu} \dots D_{\rho\}} \psi(x) - \text{trace} | H(P) \rangle = P_{\mu} \dots P_{\rho} \langle x^n \rangle$$



Mixing of operators on lattice due to rotational symmetry breaking not tractable

- Quasi-PDF approach (this talk), pseudo-PDF and factorization of lattice cross-sections.

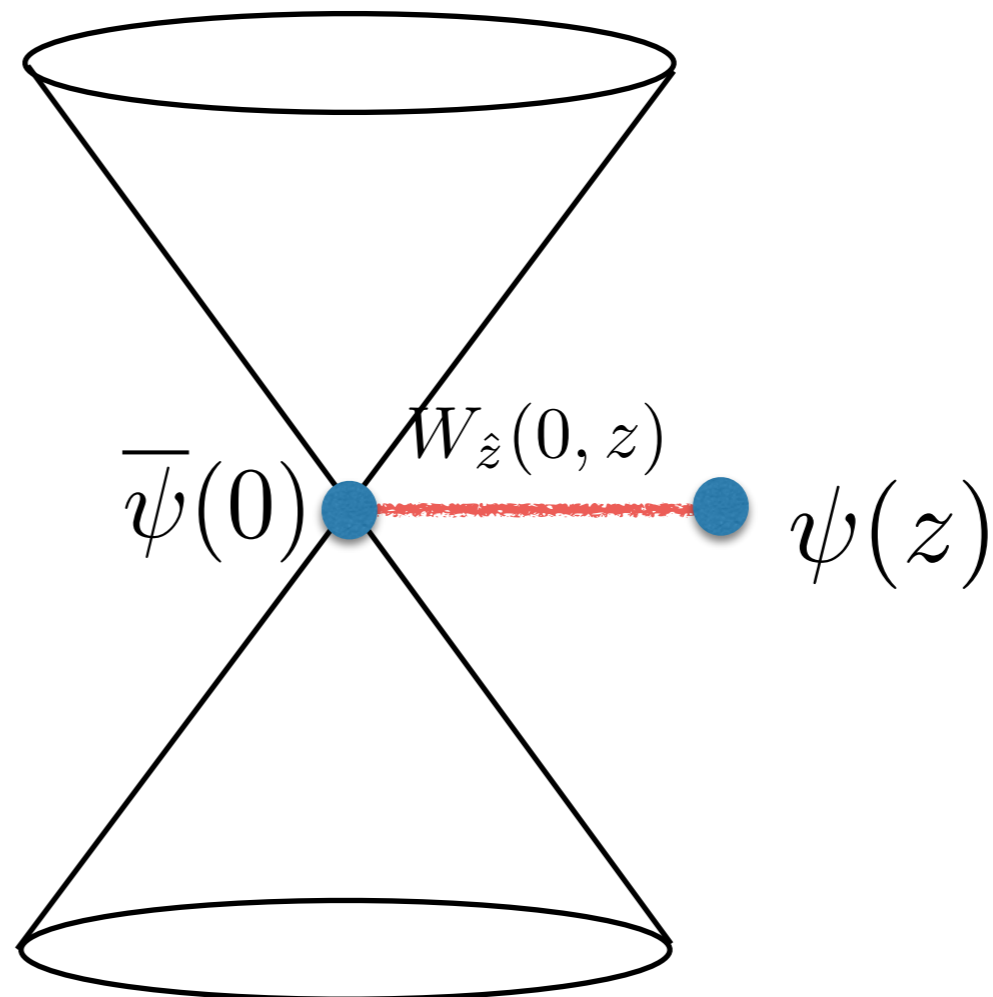
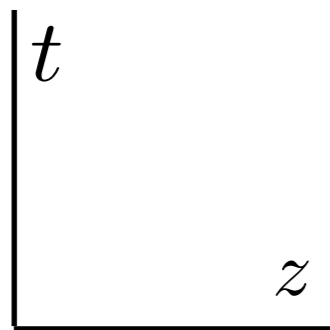
X. Ji '13, A. Radyushkin '17, Ma and Qiu '17

quasi-PDF approach to obtain PDF using Euclidean lattice

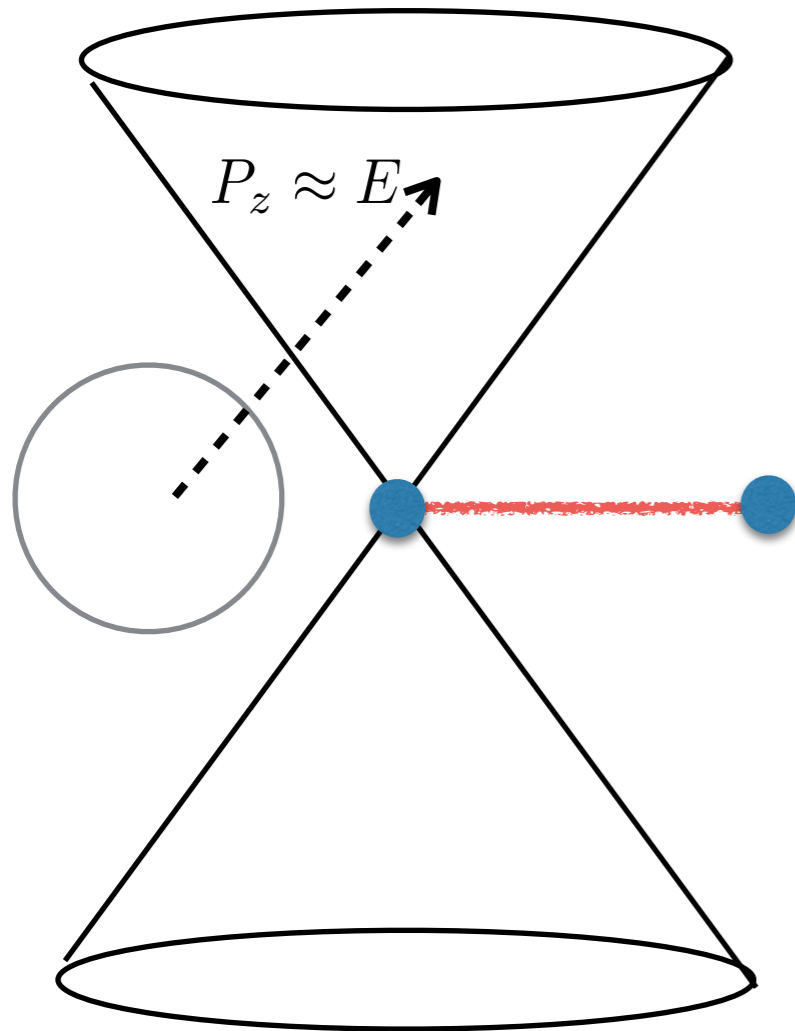
Equal time correlation function that can be determined on lattice:

$$\tilde{q}(x) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixP_z z} \langle H(P_z, E) | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_\mu W_{\hat{z}}(0, z) \tau \psi(z) | H(P_z, E) \rangle$$

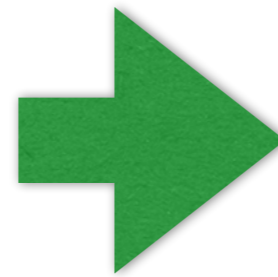
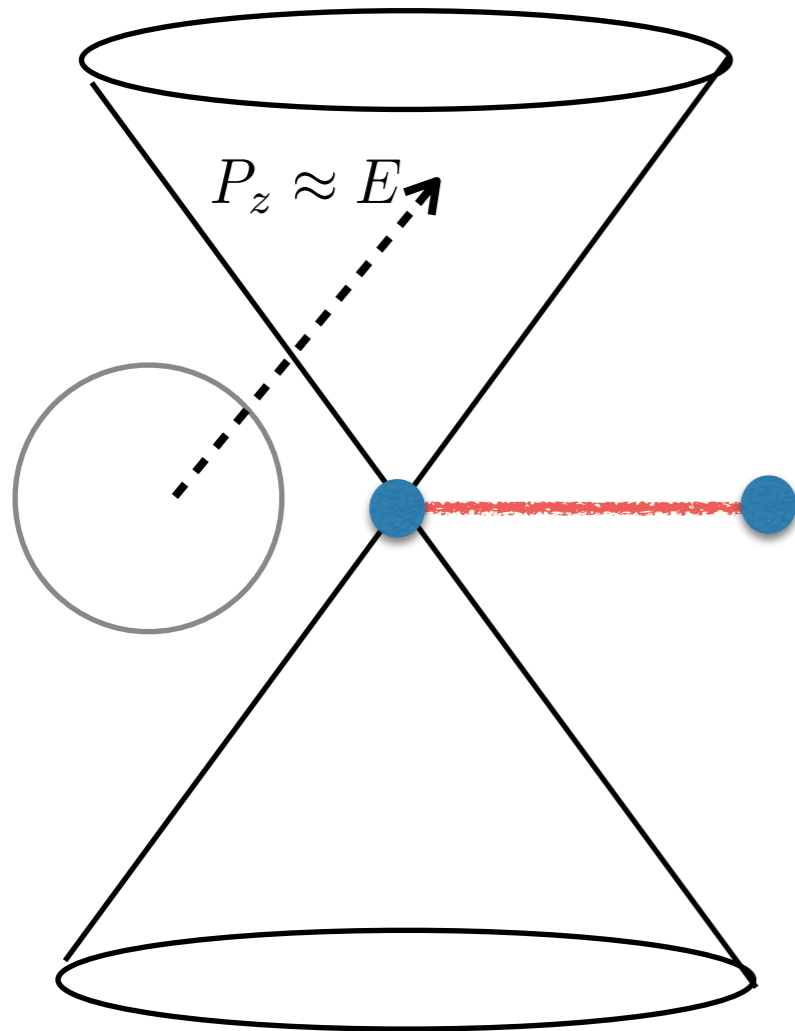
for $\mu = z$ or t .



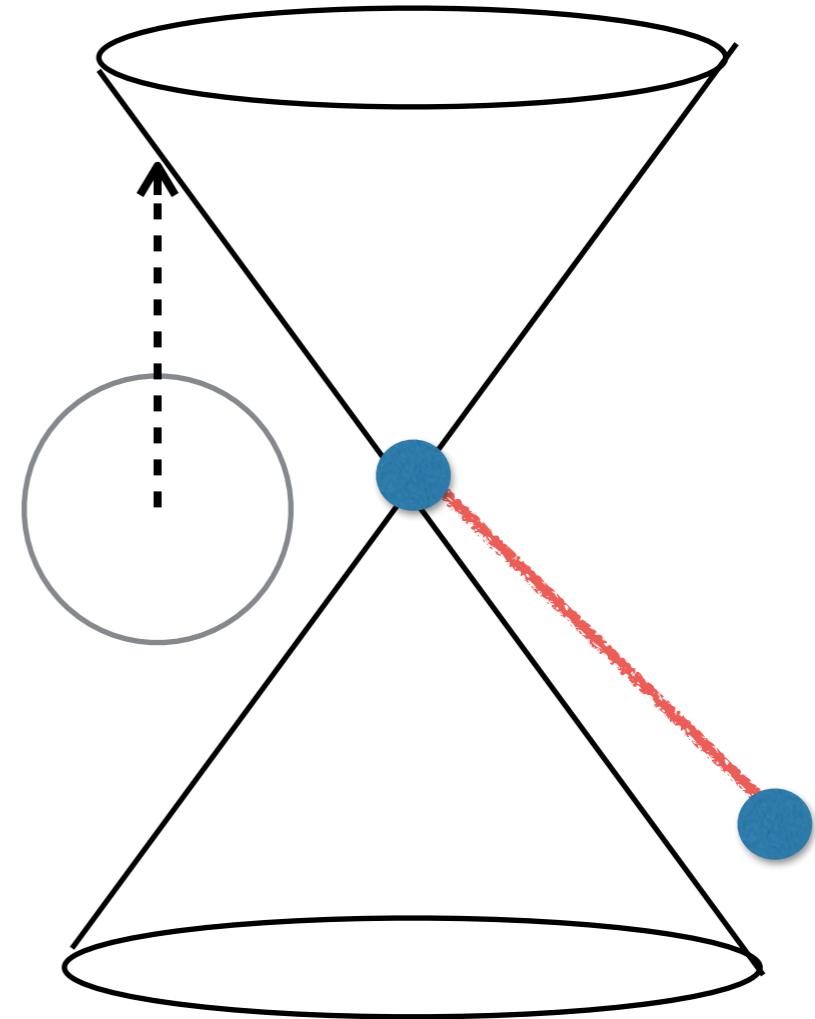
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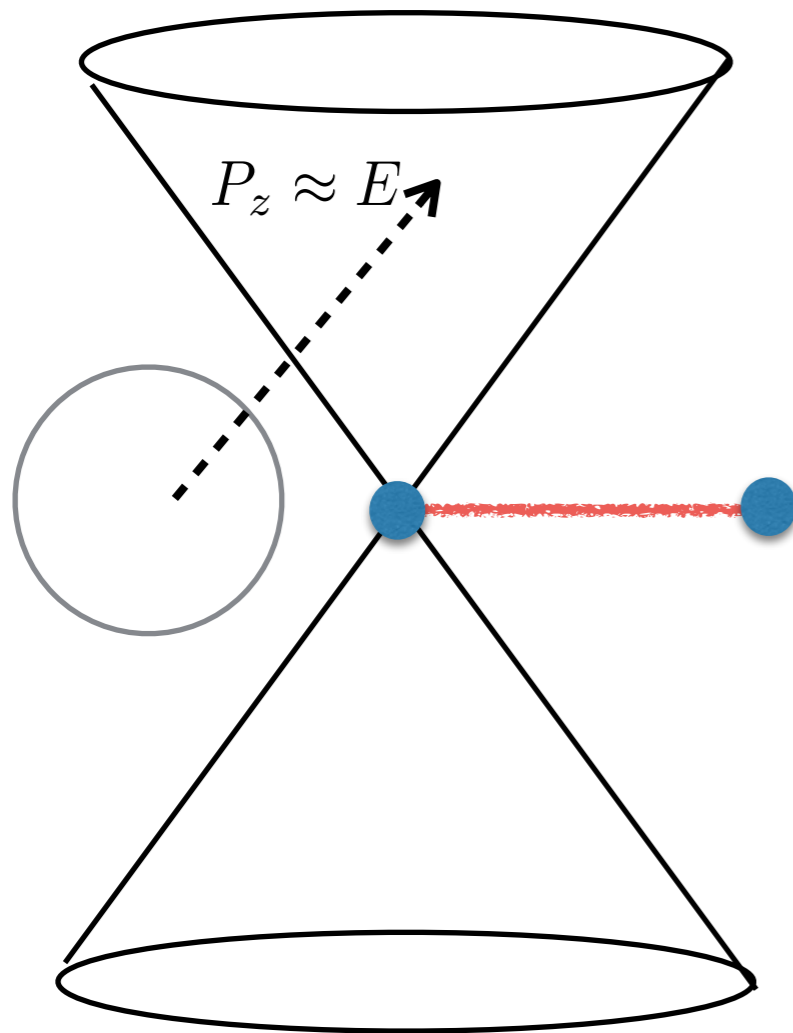
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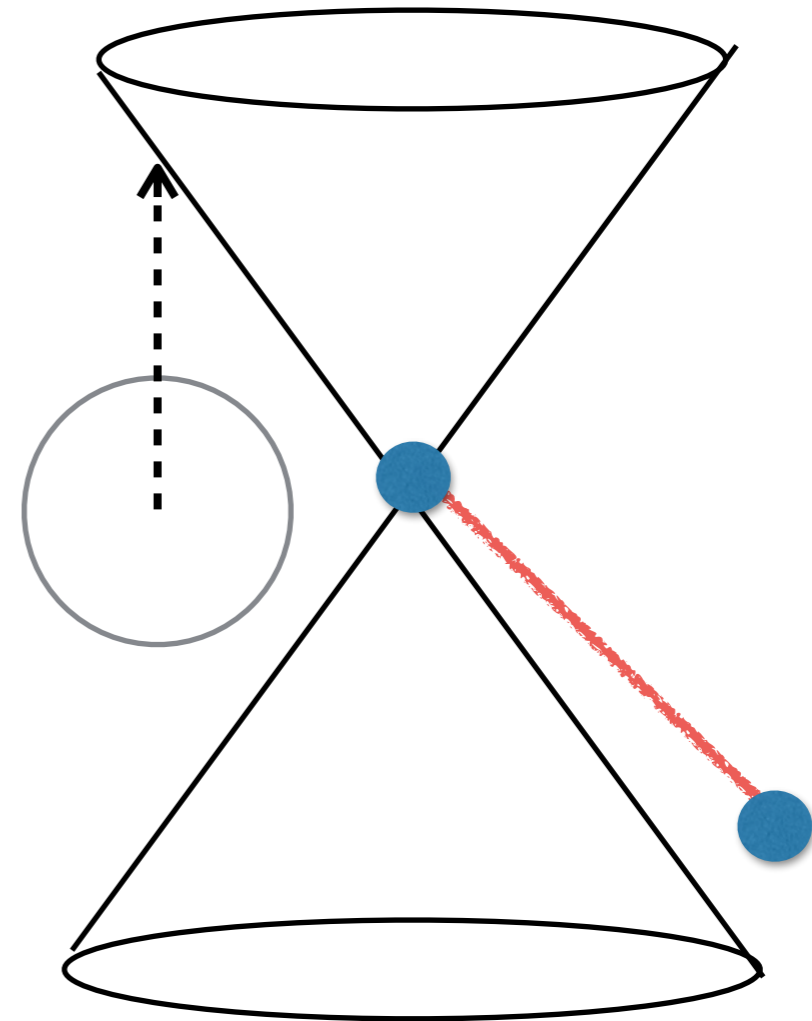
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\mathbf{z}^2 is Lorentz invariant. But the typical \mathbf{z} contributing to Fourier transform at fixed \mathbf{x} is $\mathbf{z}_{\text{typ}} \sim 1/\mathbf{P}_z$ and so $|\mathbf{z}_{\text{typ}}|$ is power suppressed.

Converse: Small \mathbf{x} at fixed $\mathbf{P}_z \longrightarrow$ Larger $|\mathbf{z}_{\text{typ}}| \Rightarrow$ Effect of $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, M, \mathbf{z}^2$

Issue of limits

In 3+1d, PDF operator already is on the light-cone before regularization and renormalization.

On 4d lattice...

- one has finite lattice spacing \mathbf{a}
- At any finite \mathbf{a} , $\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x})$ has to be renormalized at a scale \mathbf{P}^R
- Take $\mathbf{a} \rightarrow 0$ first, then $P_z \rightarrow \infty$

Perturbative matching (or LaMET)

- Perturbative matching between $q(\mathbf{x}, P_z, P^R)$ in a regulator independent renormalization scheme at finite P_z to the infinite momentum MS-bar PDF $f(\mathbf{x}, \mu^2)$

$$q(x; P_z, P^R) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} C \left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{yP_z}, \frac{P_\perp^R}{P_z^R}, \frac{yP_z}{P_z^R} \right) f(x, \mu)$$

with the matching coefficient $C(\xi) = \delta(1 - \xi) + \alpha_S(\mu)C^{(1)}(\xi)$

An alternate perspective: pseudo Ioffe-time distribution

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Concretely:

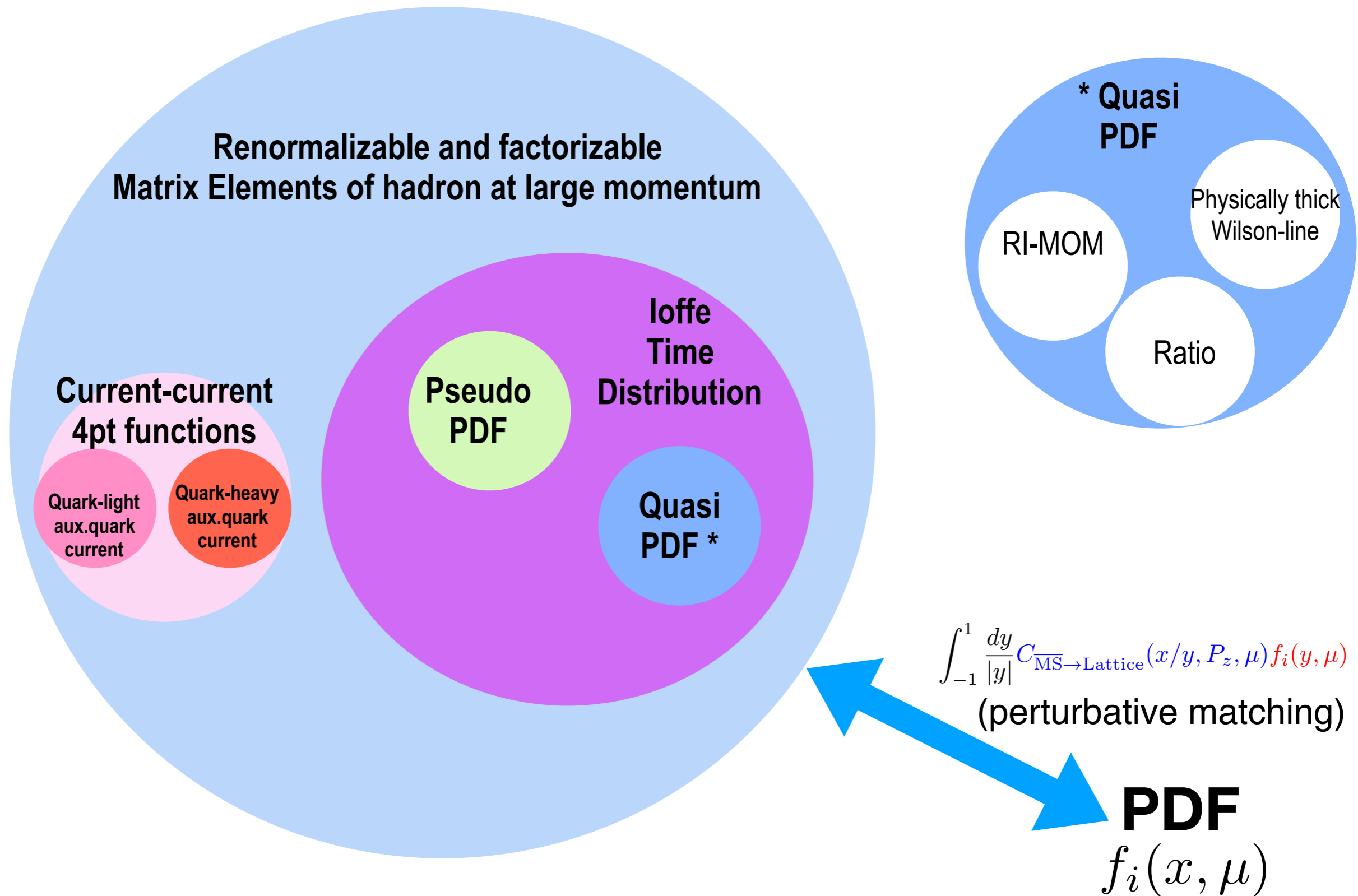
$$\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) = \sum_{\nu} \frac{\nu^n}{n!} C_n(\mu^2 z^2) \left. \frac{\partial^n M(\nu', \mu)}{\partial \nu'^n} \right|_{\nu'=0}$$

Pseudo-Ioffe

Wilson coeffs

Ioffe

A unified framework to reconstruct PDF from lattice



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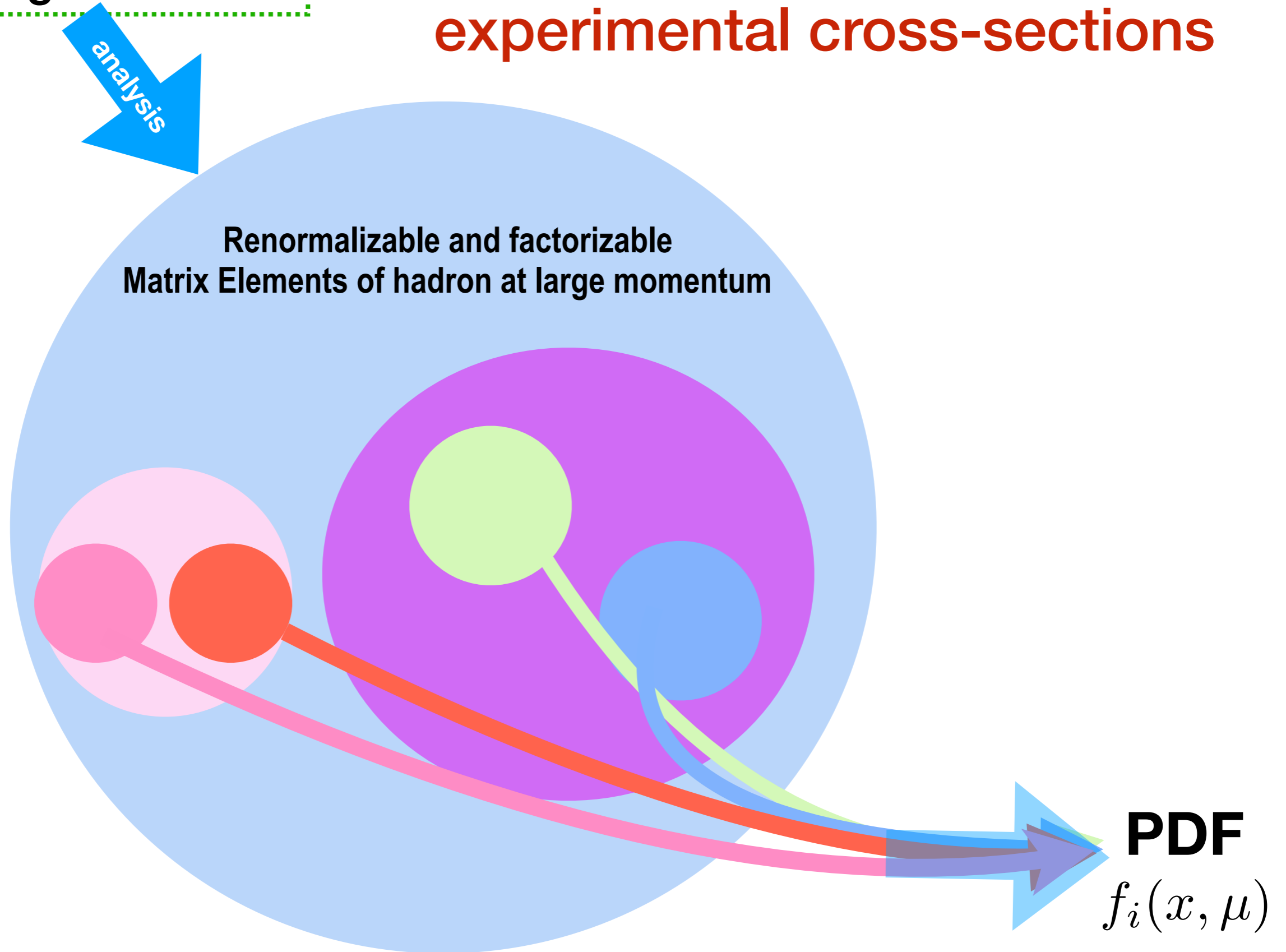
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Same gauge ensemble

The Goal: mimic global analysis of experimental cross-sections



LaMET*

1. Ensure $P_z \gg M$ and $P_z \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
2. Reliable extraction of M.E. of a fast moving hadron
3. First take continuum limit, then take $P_z \rightarrow \infty$
In practice: Keep $(aP_z) < 1$ and renormalize
4. Matching currently to 1-loop order for quasi-PDF. Enough?
5. Extract PDF without using large quark-antiquark separations, and without modeling bias.

***Conditions apply**

Computing the pion valence PDF

Lattice Set-up

1. **Lattice ensemble A** : $a=0.06$ fm, 48×64^3 HISQ sea-quarks (HotQCD ensemble)

1-HYP smeared Wilson-Clover valence quarks

Valence pion mass $M_\pi = 0.3$ GeV

Hadron momenta: $P_z = 0.43, 0.86, 1.29, 1.72$ GeV $< a^{-1} = 3.2$ GeV and $> M_\pi$

Quark-antiquark separations, z , that enter analysis < 0.72 fm

Results from this ensemble: [Phys.Rev. D100 \(2019\), 034516](#)

2. **Lattice ensemble B** : $a=0.04$ fm, 64×64^3

Hadron momenta: $P_z = 0.48, 0.97, 1.45, 1.94$ GeV $< a^{-1} = 4.8$ GeV

This ensemble: Ongoing work

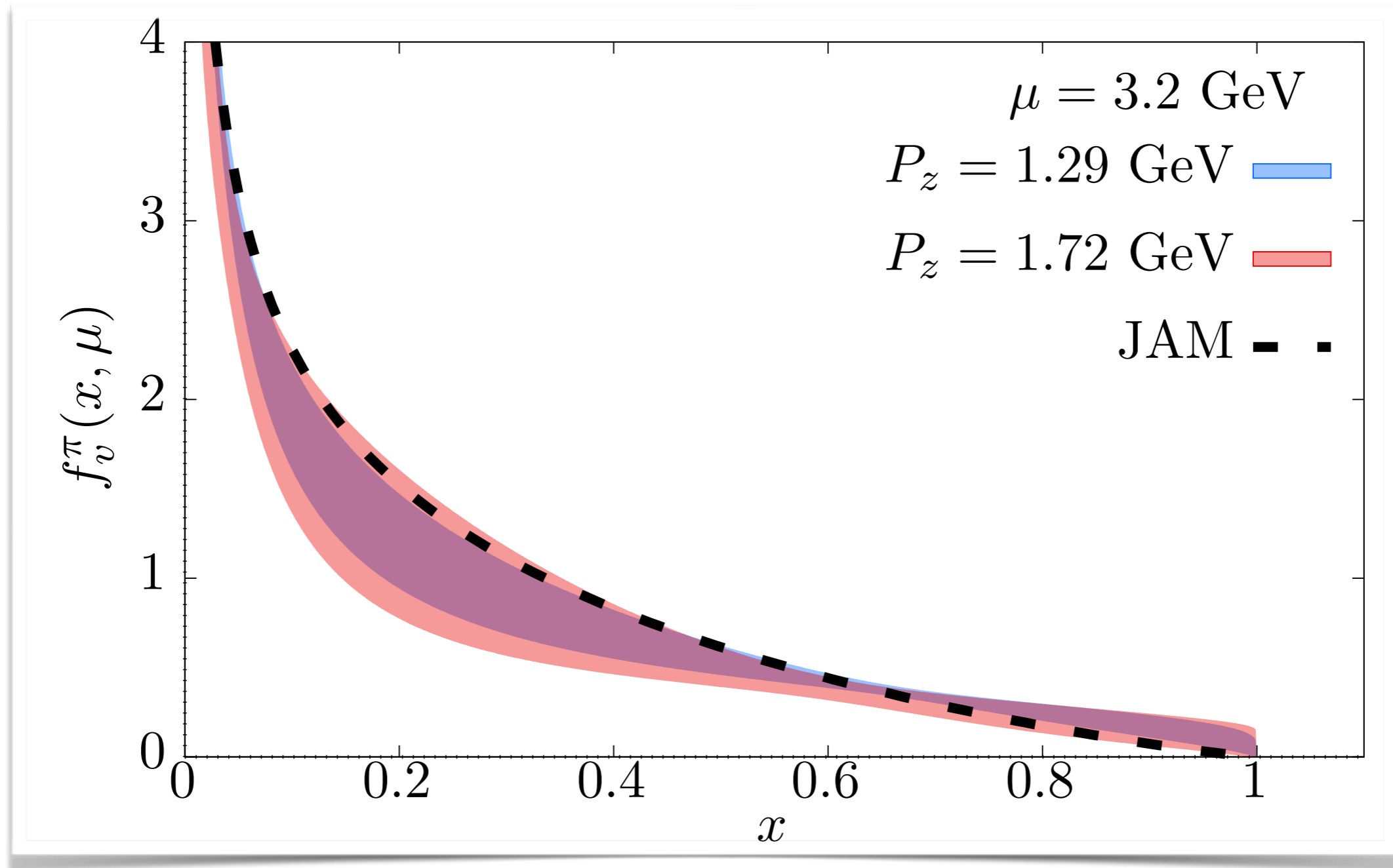
Glossary:

sea quark: (noun) $\det(D)$ used in Monte Carlo.

valence quark: (noun) D^{-1} used in propagators.

HYP: (Abbr.) A procedure to suppress UV lattice-like gluons.

Valence PDF of pion starting from quasi-PDF



$$\frac{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) \overline{\psi}(0) \psi(z) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}$$

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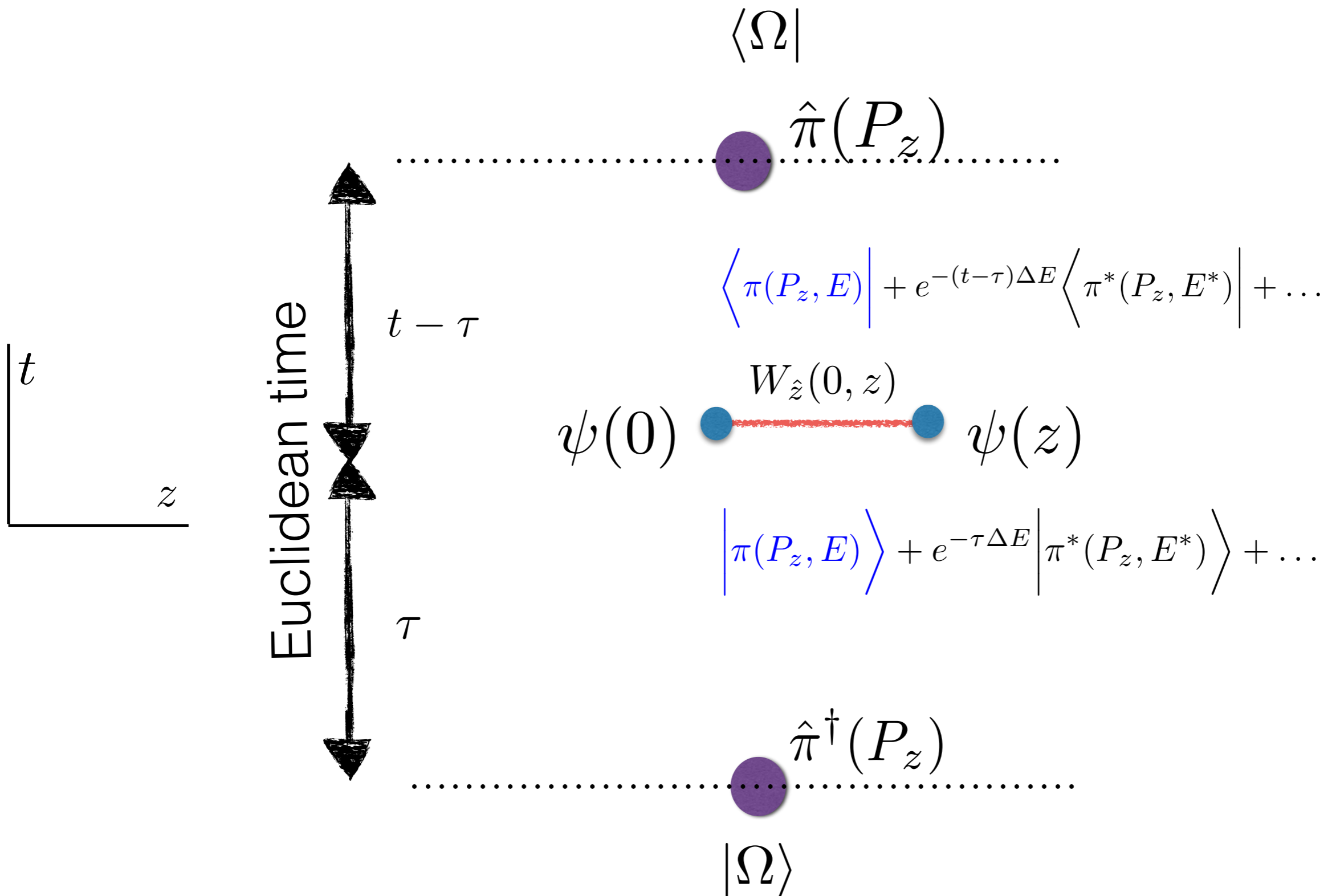
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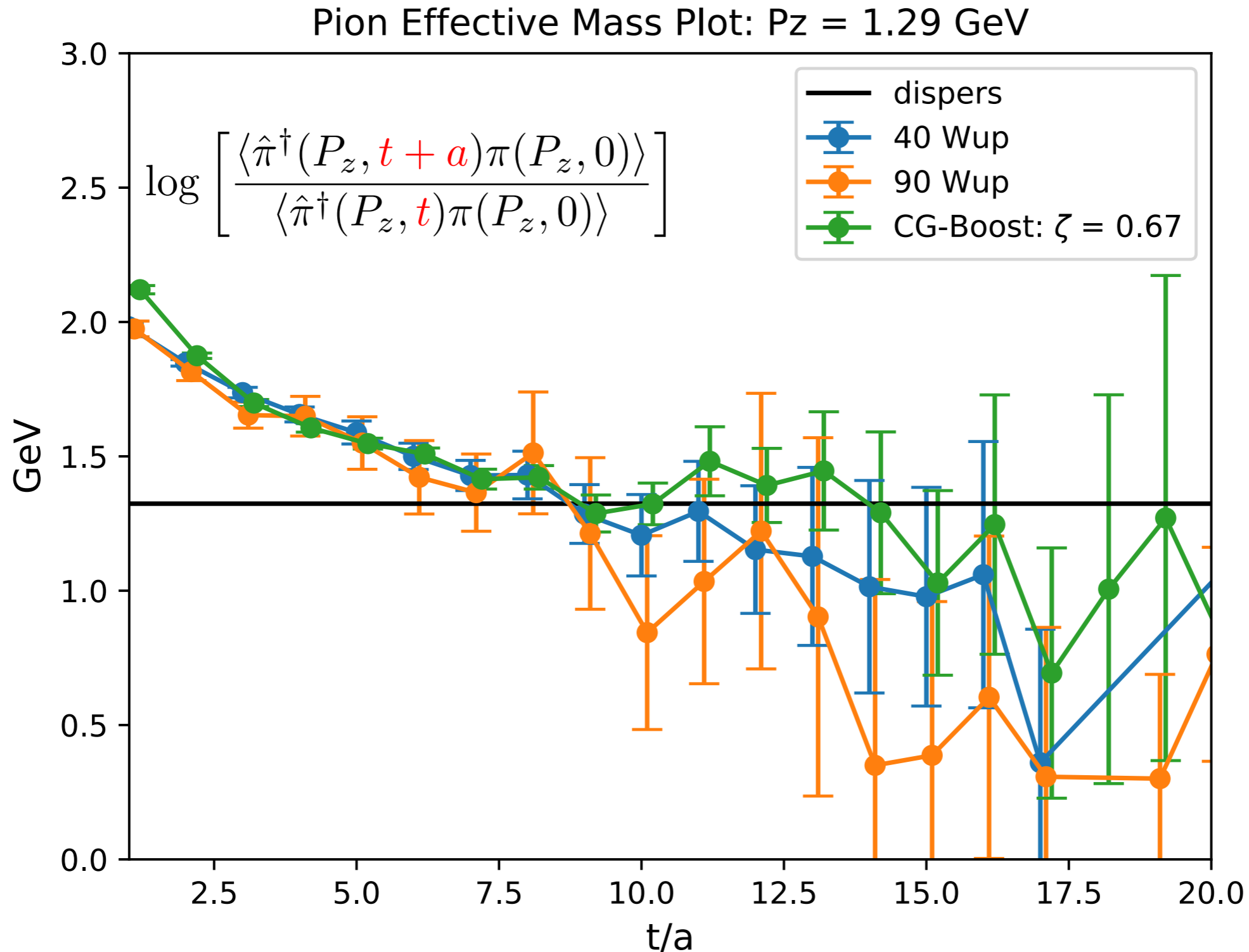
Set up of the 'measurement'



Choice of the creation operator $\hat{\pi}(P_z)$ is important

$$\pi(x_0) = u(x_0)\gamma_5\bar{d}(x_0)\dots\text{choose quark sources} \quad \psi(x_0, t) \sim \int d^3k e^{ikx_0} e^{-\sigma^2 \frac{(k-\zeta P)^2}{2}} \tilde{\psi}(0)$$

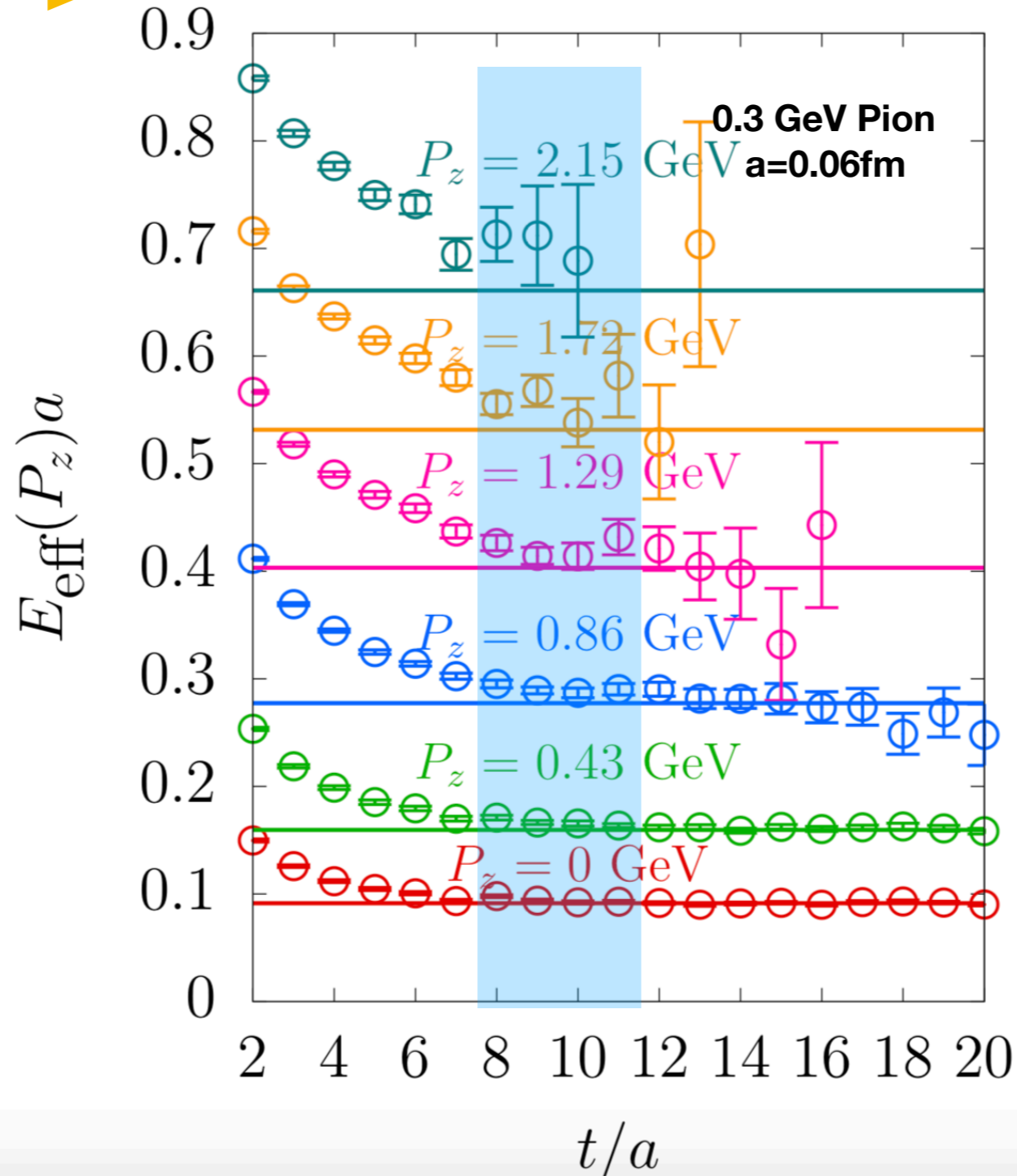
Bali et al '16



Ensuring $P_z \gg M_{\text{hadron}}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Even with optimal smearing: $T_{\text{sink}} \sim 8a-12a$ for pion on $a=0.06$ fm lattice

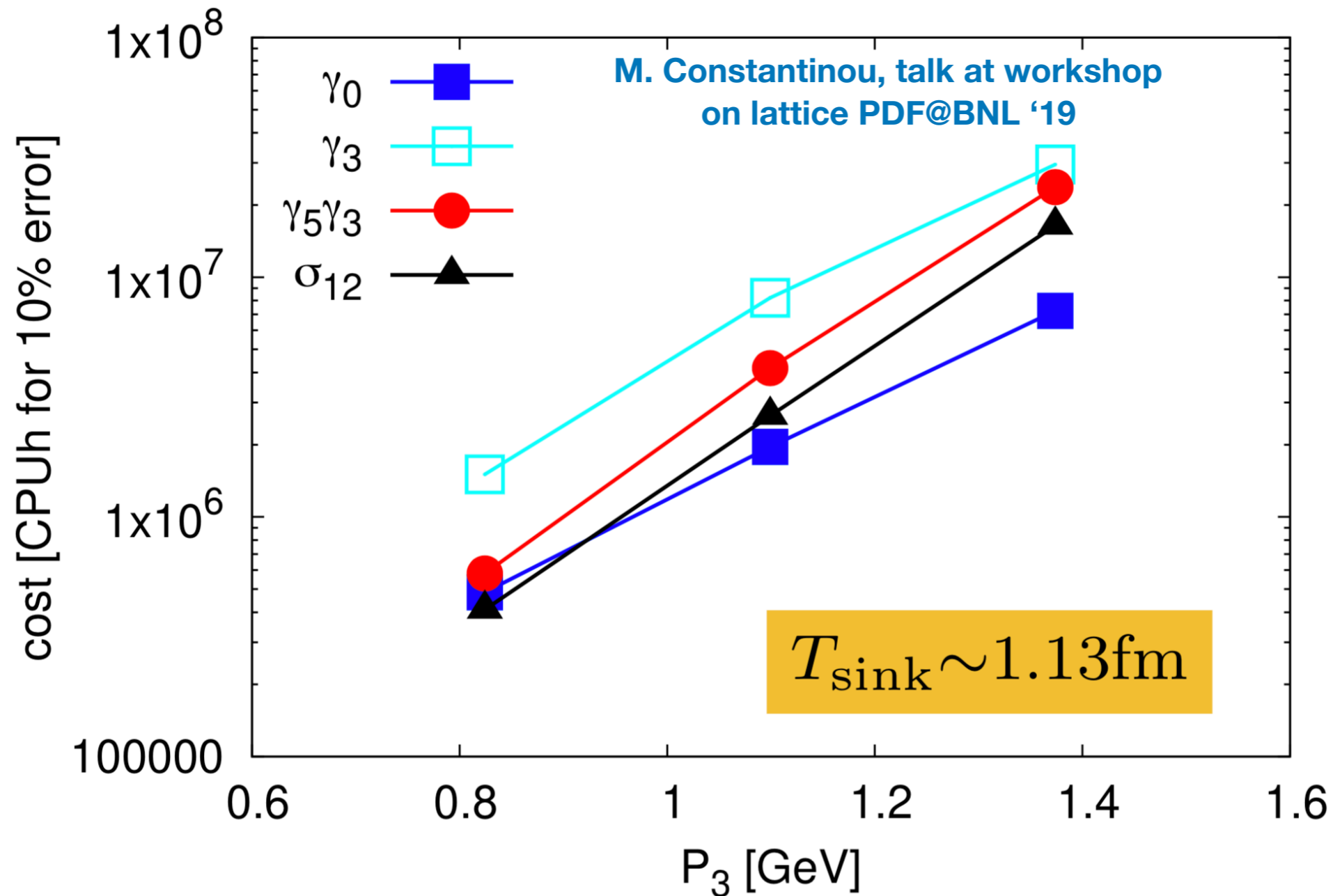
$a=0.06$ fm  Can push $P_z \sim 3$ GeV. But, only $P_z = 1.29$ and 1.72 GeV usable



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Can we beat the noise with statistics?

The required statistics at fixed T_{sink} exponentially increases with momentum



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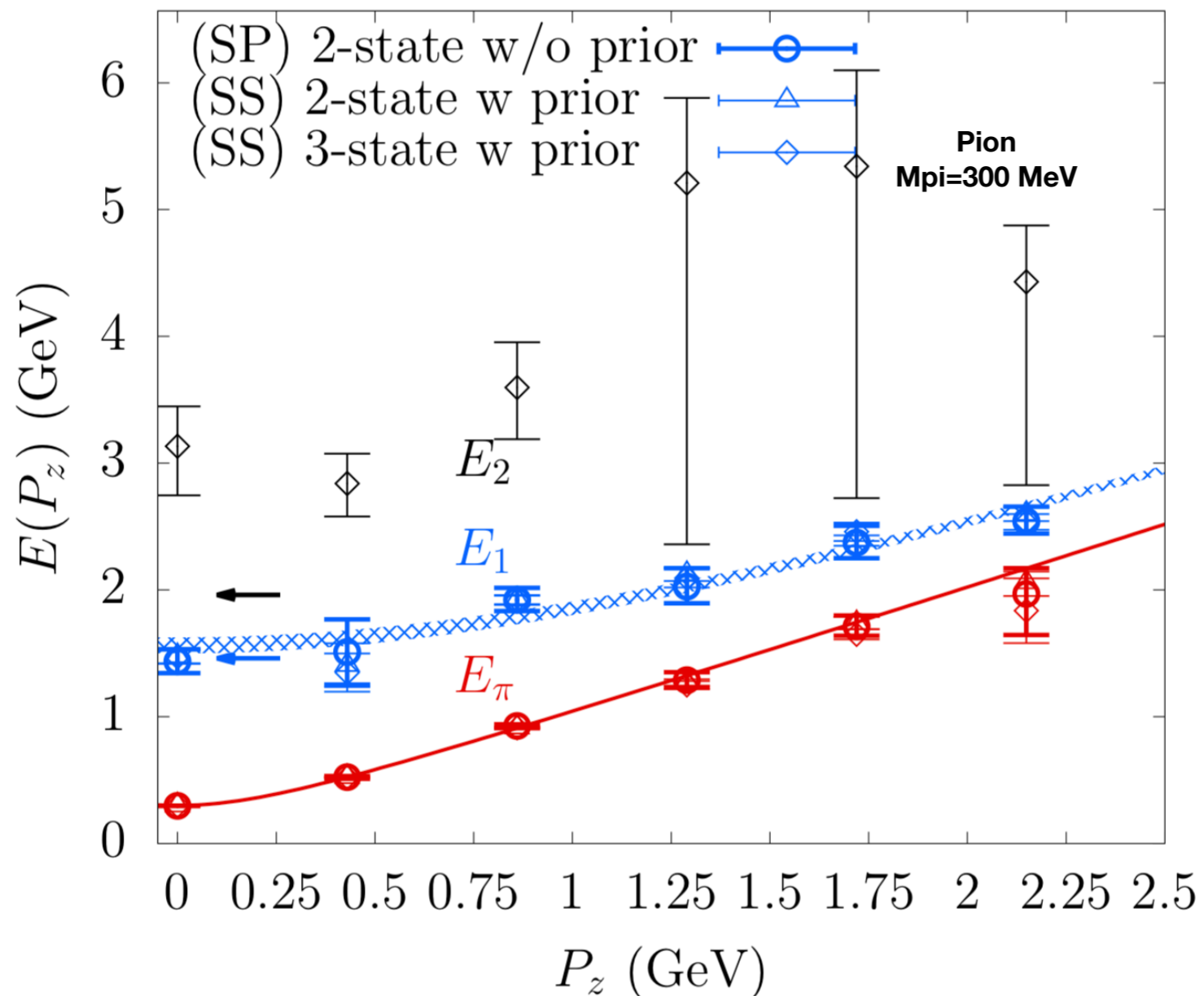
Reliable extraction of matrix element

- **Source of difficulty:** increasing density of excited states for boosted hadrons.

- Choice: amplitudes $\langle E_n | O_\Gamma(z) | E_0 \rangle$ dependent on O_Γ . $\Gamma = \gamma_t$ better than γ_z

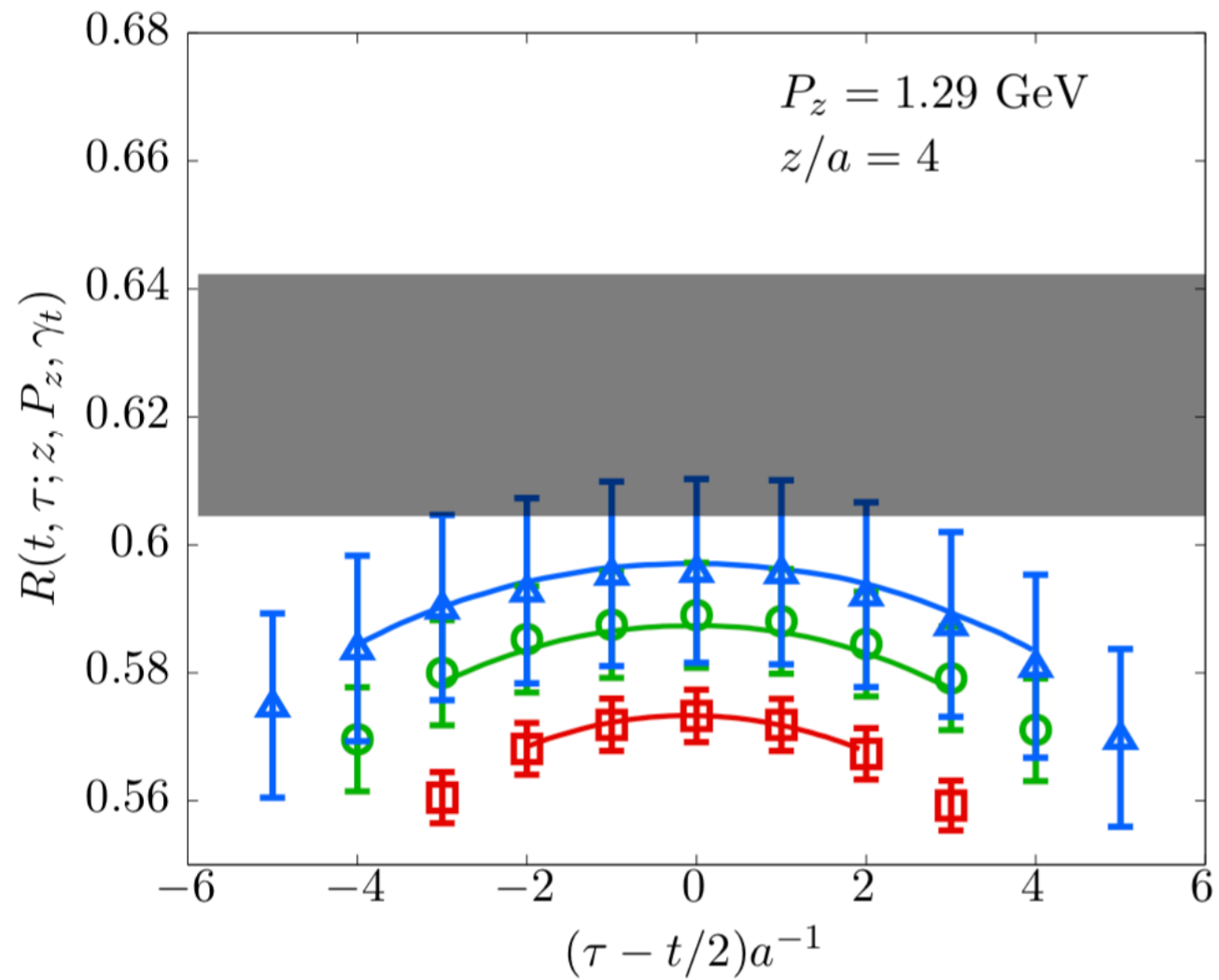
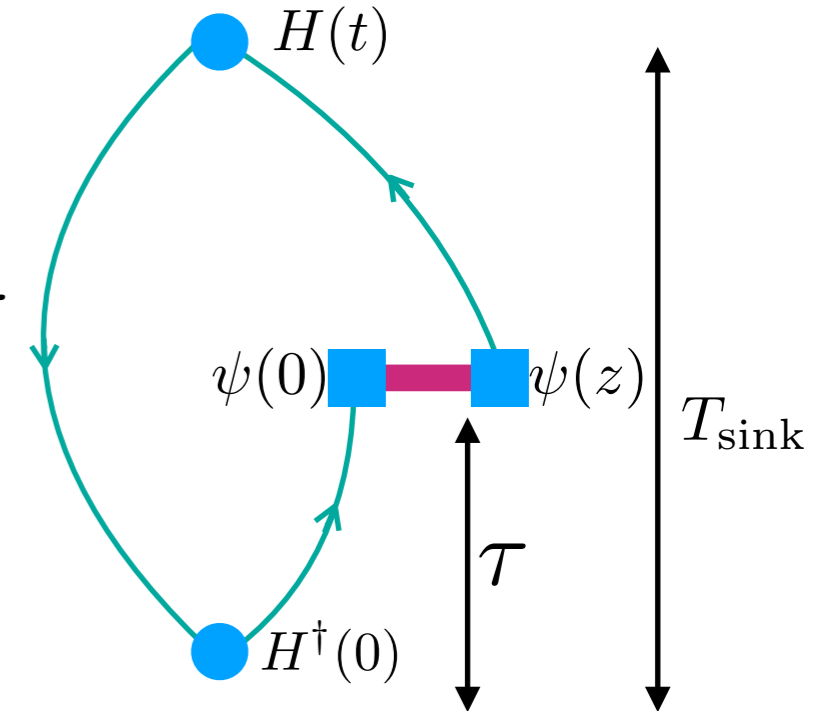
Boosted pion source: π , π_1 and “tower of states”

Boosted nucleon: nucleon and “tower of N-pi states” (ETMC, arXiv:1902.00587)



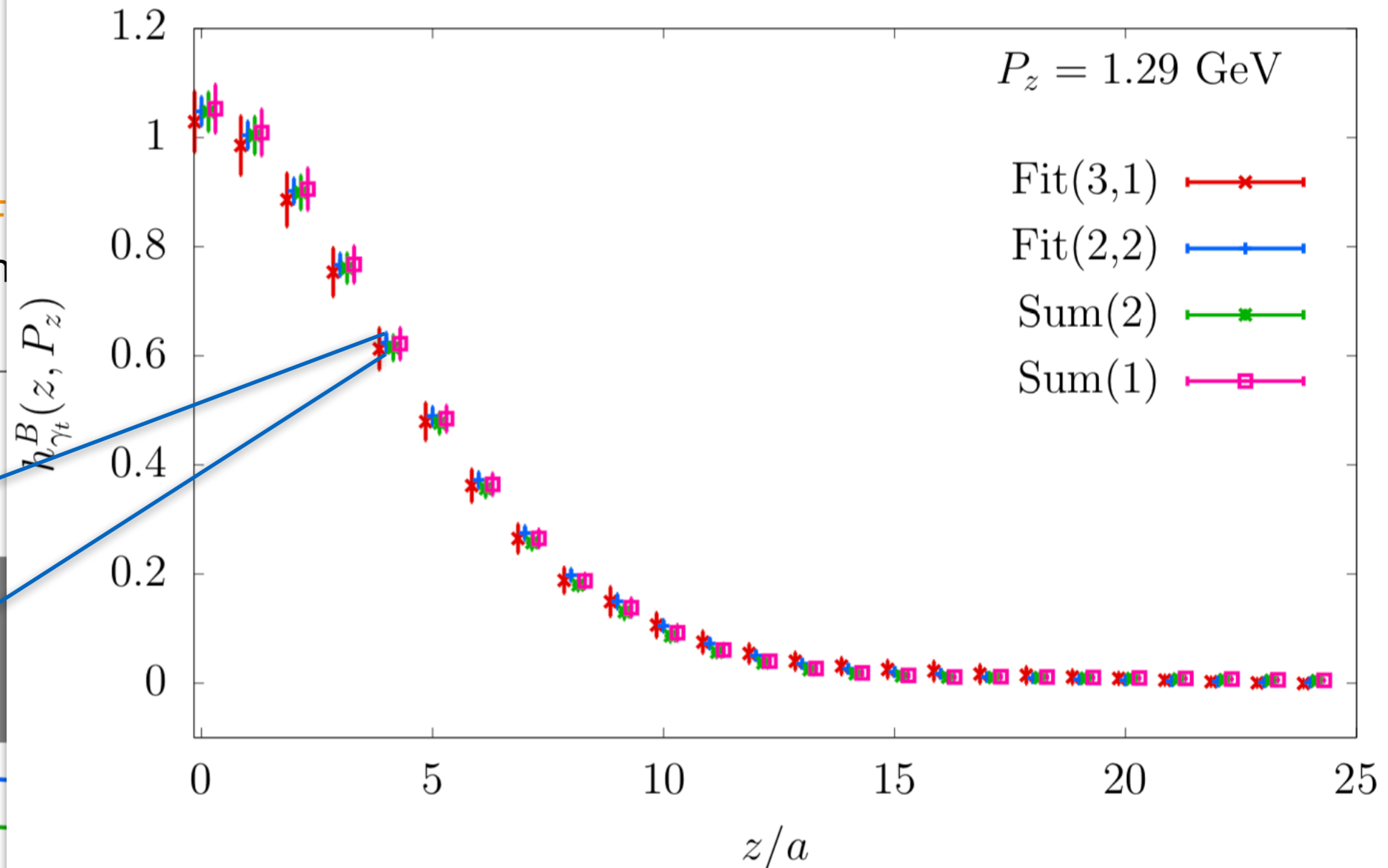
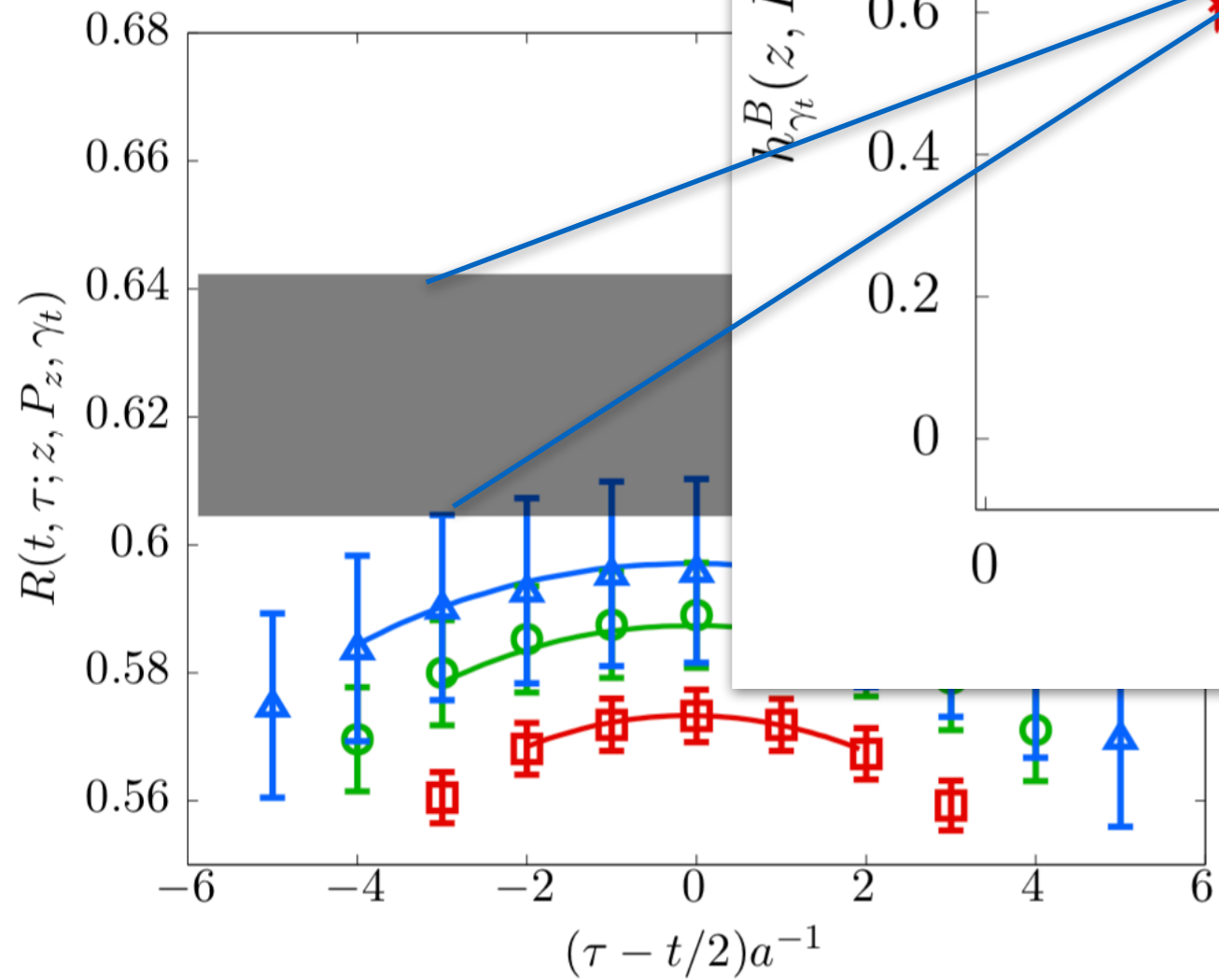
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- Strategies for quasi-PDF: plateau, 2- and 3-state fits to T_{sink} and \mathcal{T} dependence, summation methods.



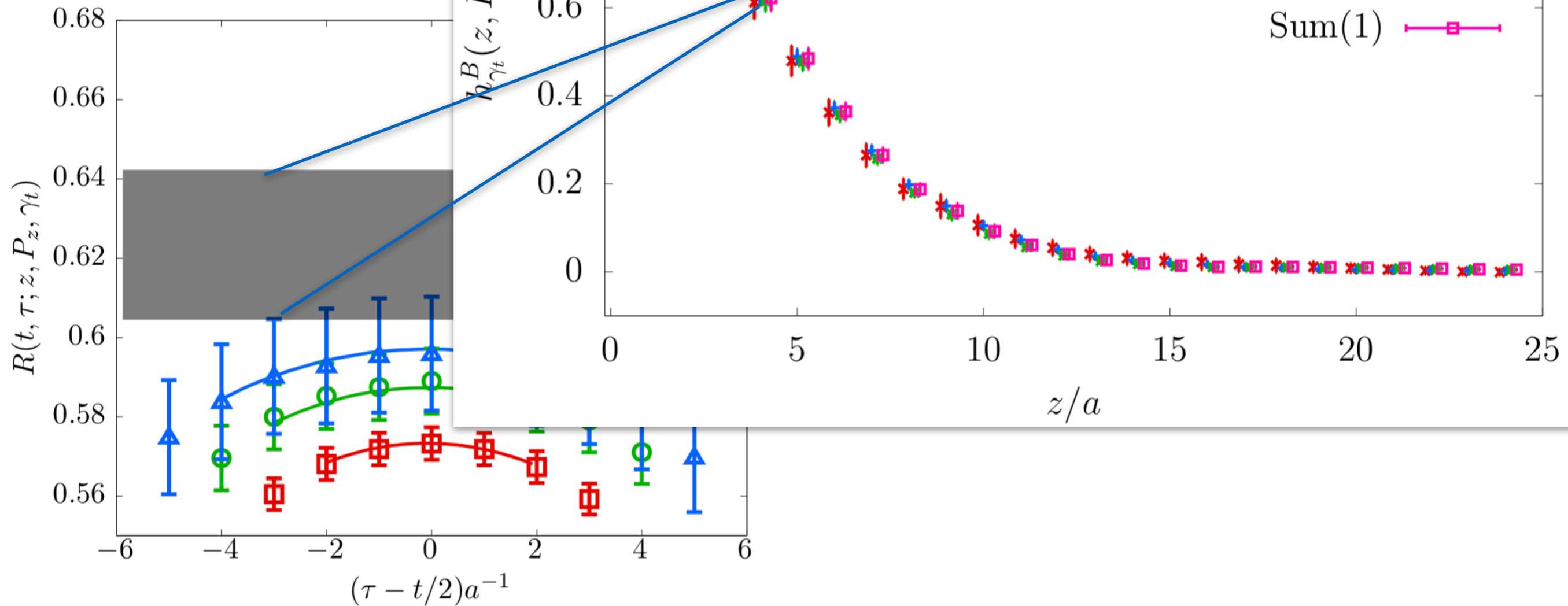
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- Require finer lattices ($a < 0.05$ fm) and larger P_z (> 2 GeV) ?
Fits indispensable. Check for fit ansatz independence.

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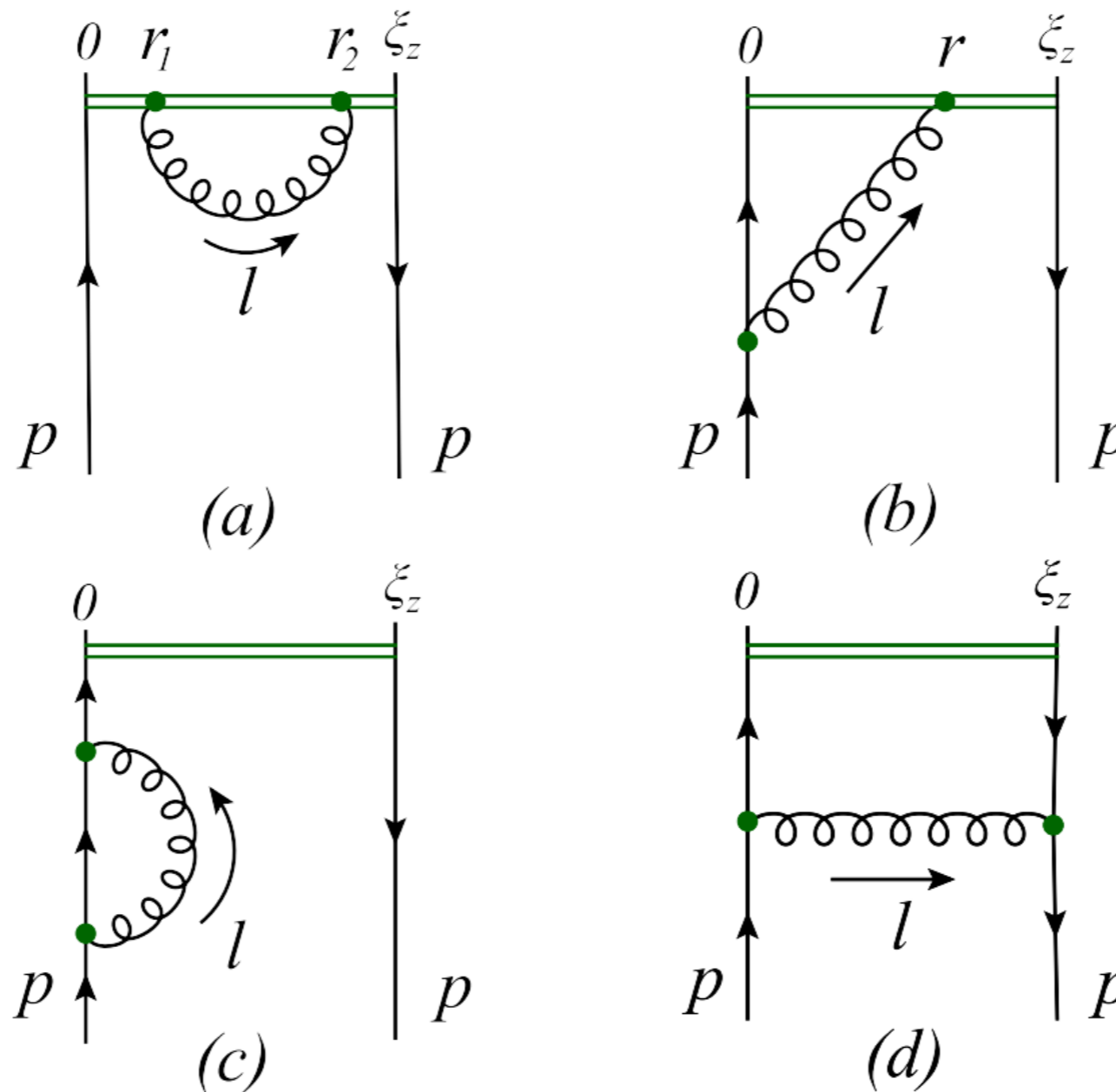
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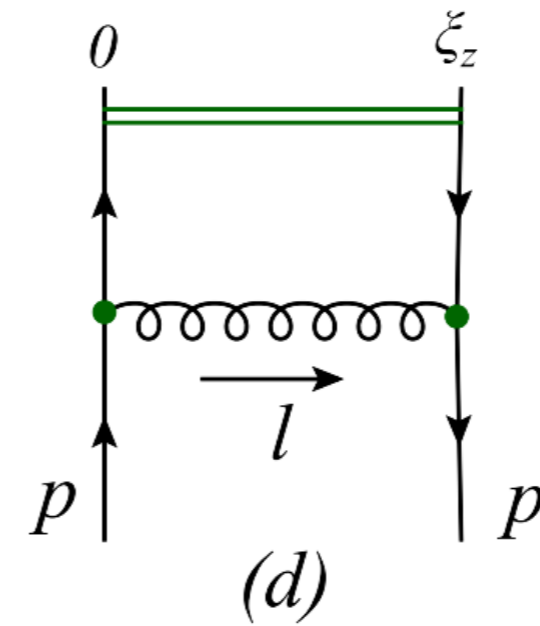
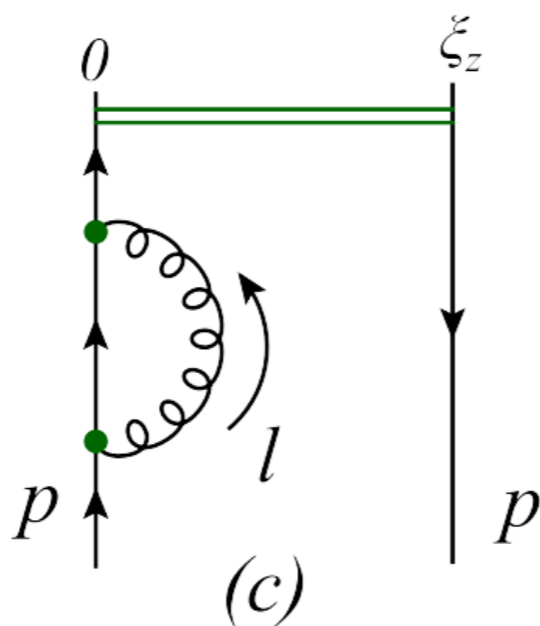
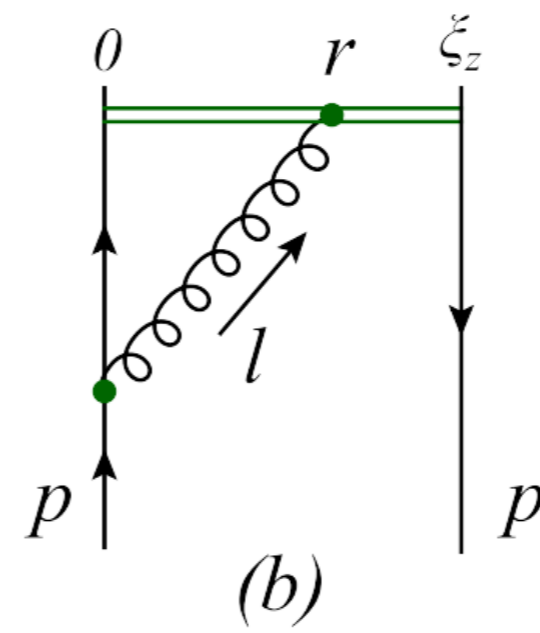
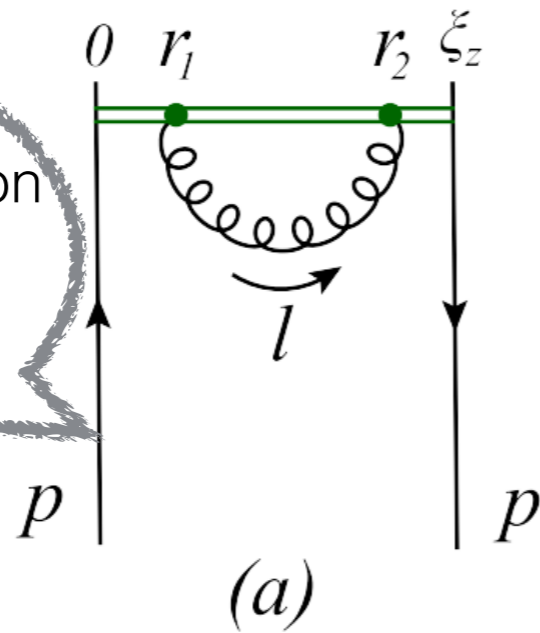
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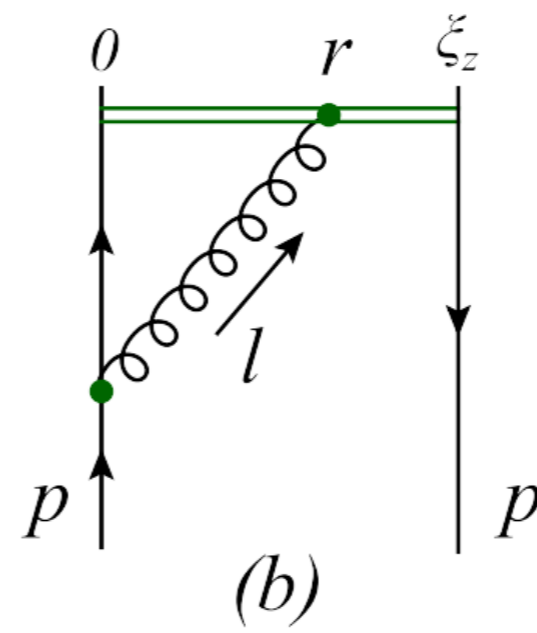
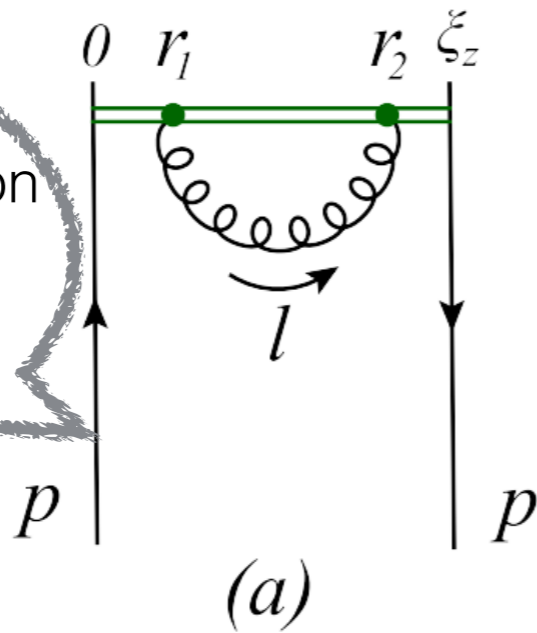
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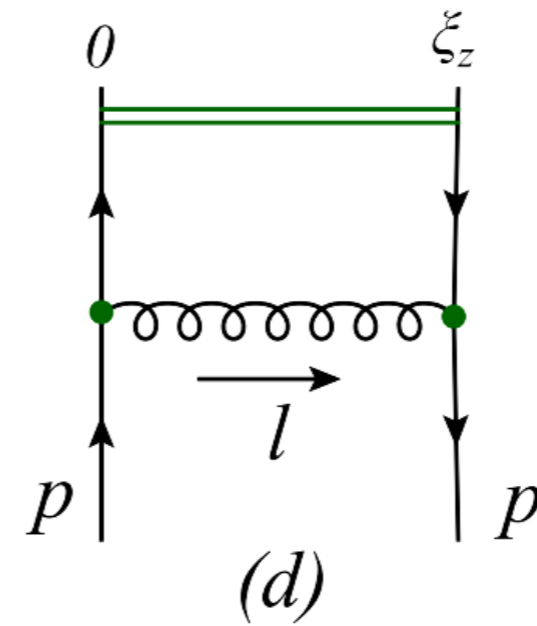
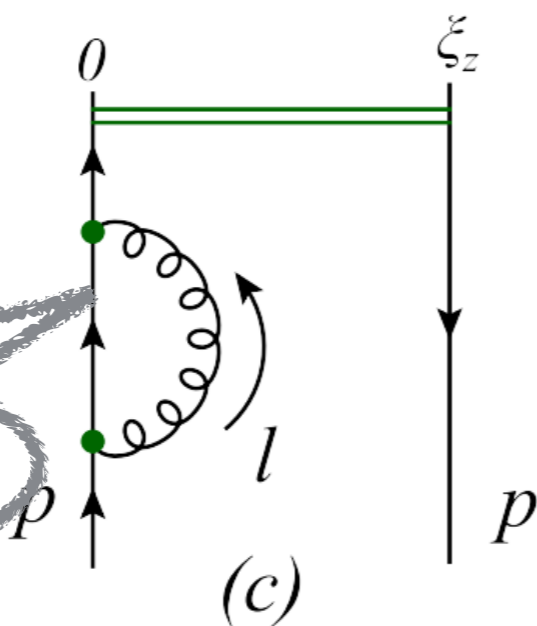
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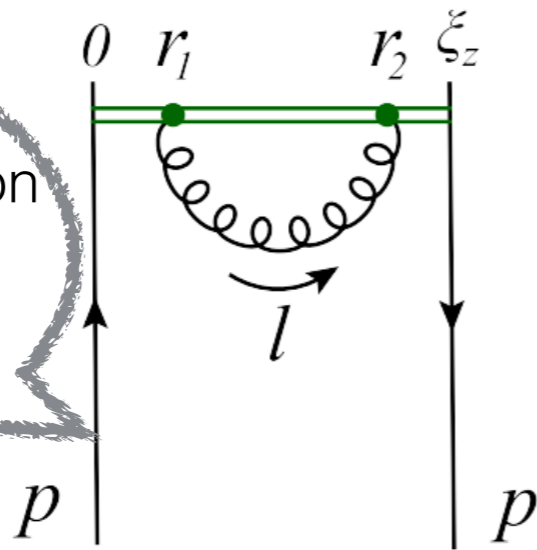
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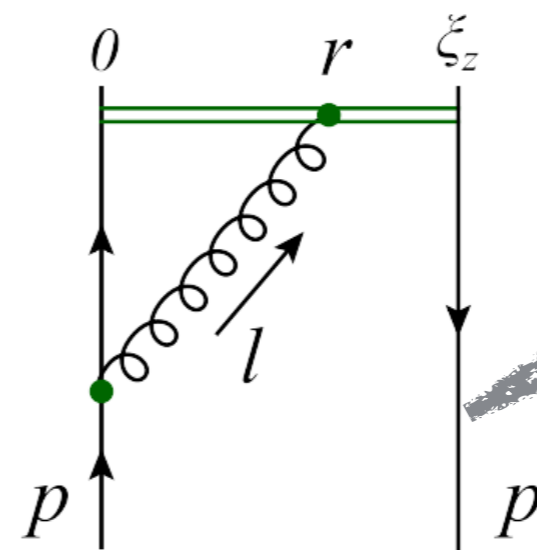
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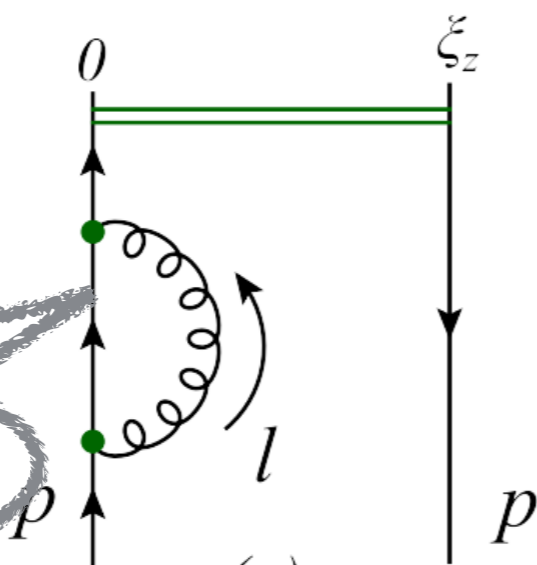
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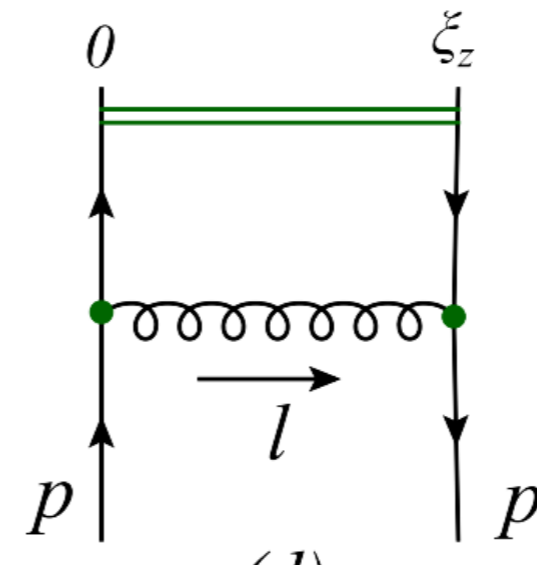
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new divergence in quark-Wilson-line vertex

Quark field renorm.



(c)



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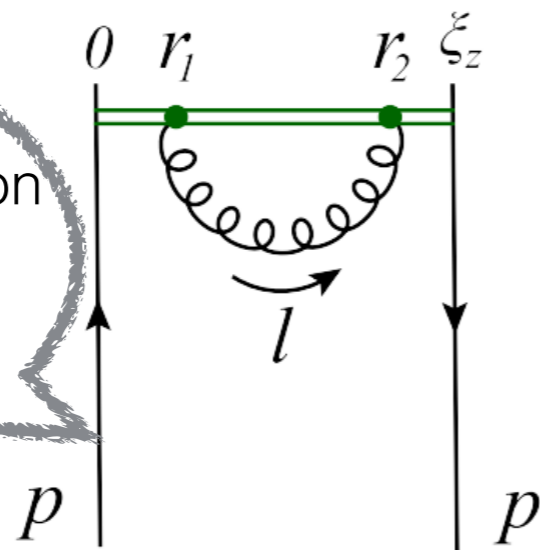
Renormalizability of bi-local quark bilinear

- Real-space quasi-PDF operator can be multiplicatively renormalized with a factor $\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{z})$

(Ishikawa et al '17)

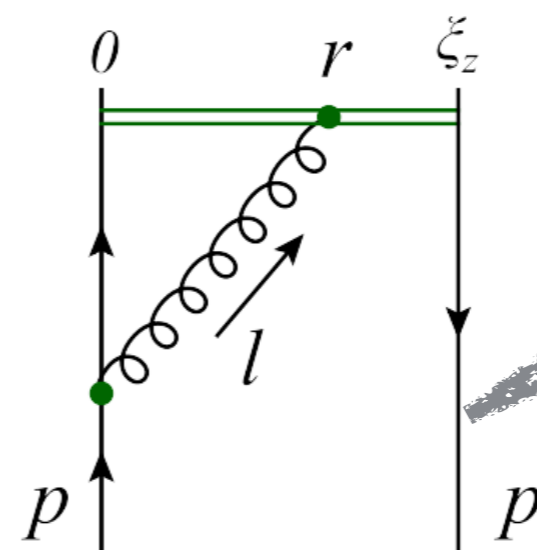
Divergent self-interaction part of Wilson loop:

$$\sim e^{-c|z|}$$



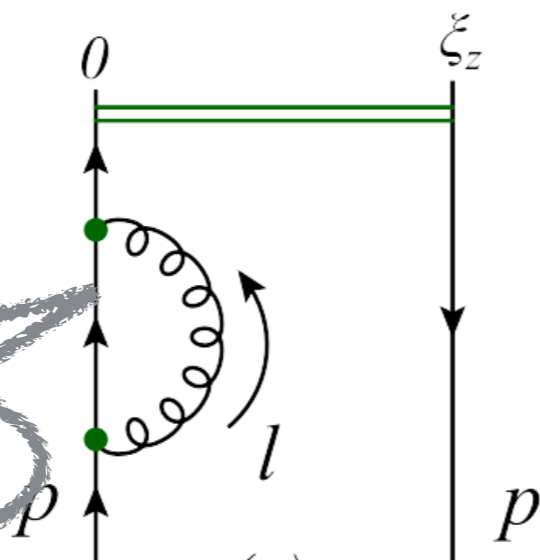
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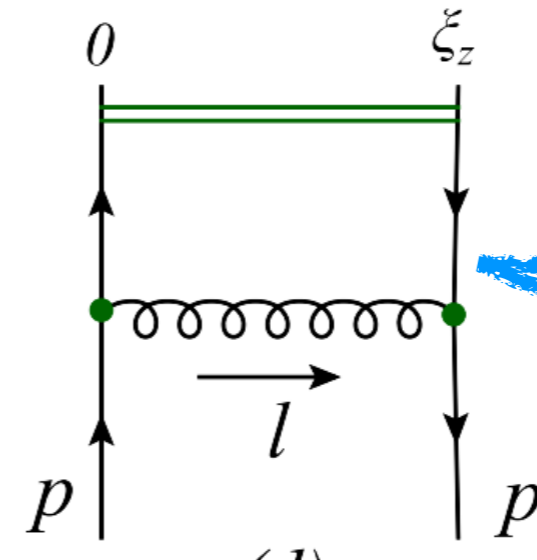
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(c)

Only a $\log(z)$ div.



(d)

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Non-perturbative Z-factor



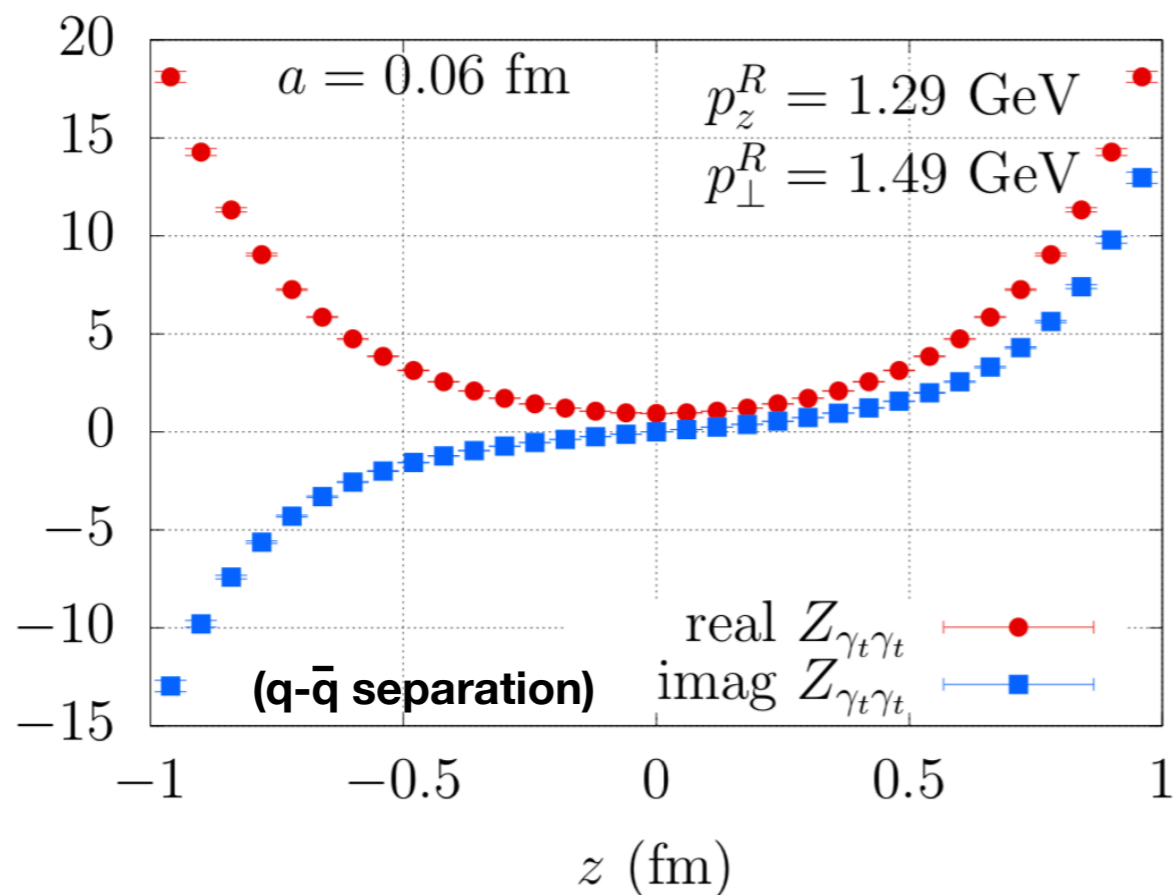
LaMET perturbative framework

Perturbative renormalization and NPR compatible?

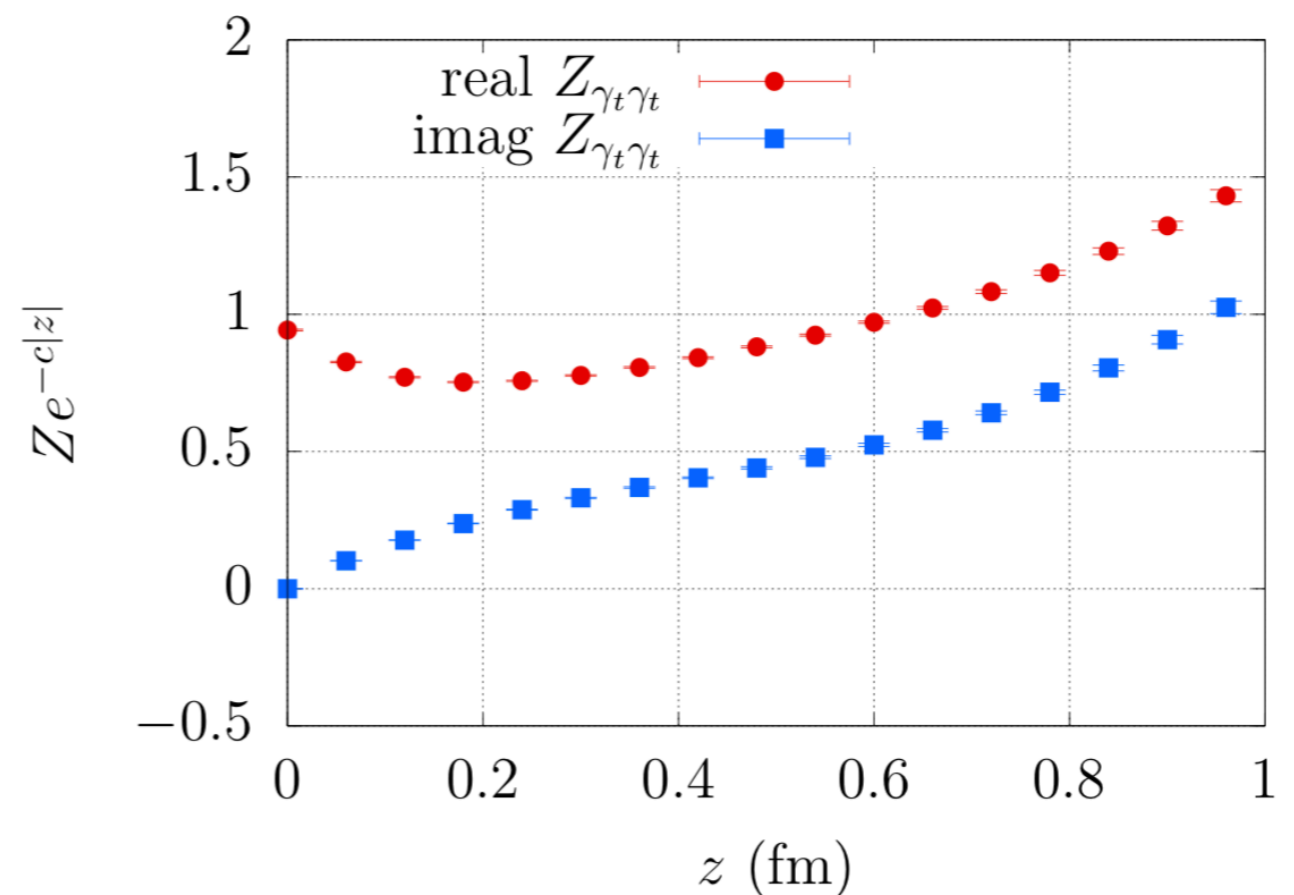
Renormalization in real-space \longrightarrow WL self-energy divergence $e^{-c|z|}$

Issue for 1-loop perturbation theory?

RI-MOM Z-factor for q-PDF

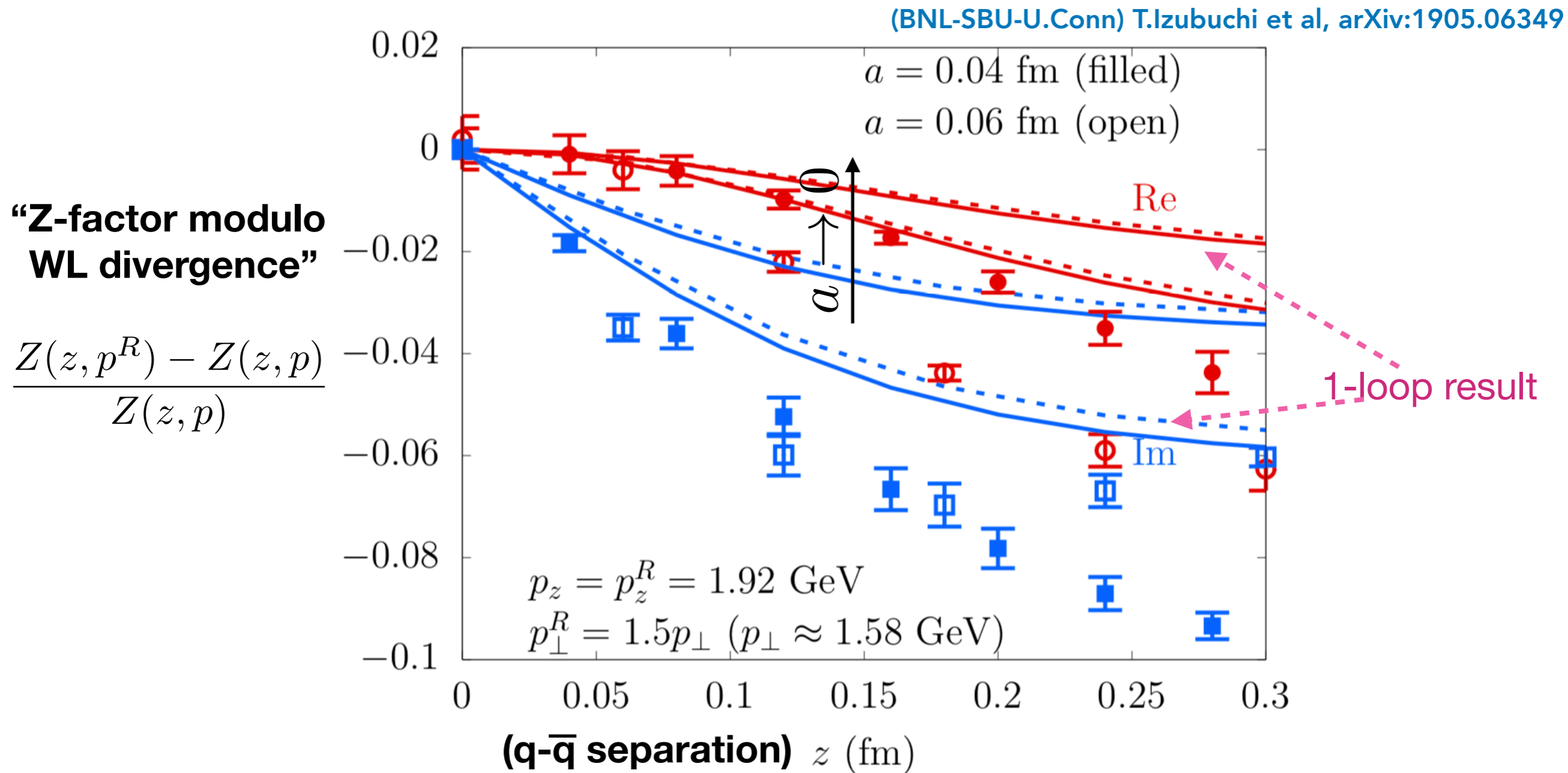


RI-MOM Z-factor modulo WL divergence



The residual piece modulo WL divergence is $O(1)$

Can this residual dependence on z be described by perturbation theory?



- ➔ Only qualitative agreement between actual lattice data and 1-loop
- ➔ Both continuum limit as well as inclusion of 2-loop contributions could be important.

$$\frac{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) \overline{\psi}(0) \text{---} W(0,z) \text{---} \psi(z) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}$$

$t_{\text{sink}} \rightarrow \infty$

$$h(z, P_z) = \langle P_z | \overline{\psi}(0) \text{---} W(0,z) \text{---} \psi(z) | P_z \rangle$$

Renormalize

$$h^R(z, P_z, P^R)$$

Fourier z to conjugate x
at fixed P_z

$$\tilde{q}(x, P_z, P^R)$$

LaMET

$$f(x, \mu^2)$$

Reconstructing PDF from matrix elements

quasi-PDF as an example

**Renormalized
qPDF Matrix
element**

$$h^R(z, P_z, P^R)$$

Fourier

Interpolate z and
extrapolate to larger z

Quasi PDF

$$\tilde{q}(x, P_z, P^R)$$

Inverse 1-loop matching

PDF

$$f(x, \mu)$$

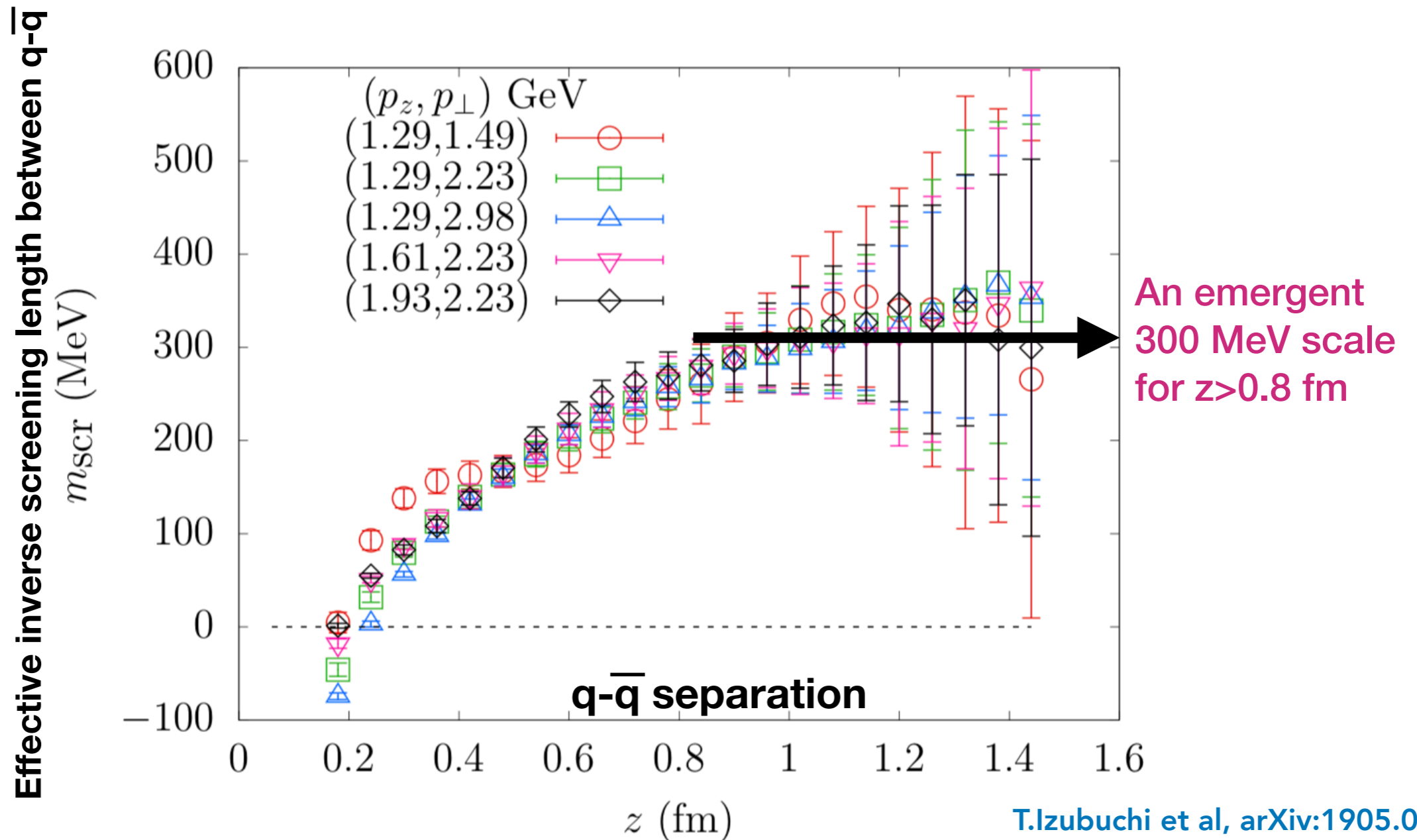
Advantage: Model independent (?)

Disadvantage: No control over range of z

Is it ok to use quasi-PDF at all values of z in matching?

Model NP effects as screening:

$$\langle q(p) | \text{---} z \text{---} | q(p) \rangle_{ren} \sim e^{-i\omega z} e^{-m_{scr} z}$$

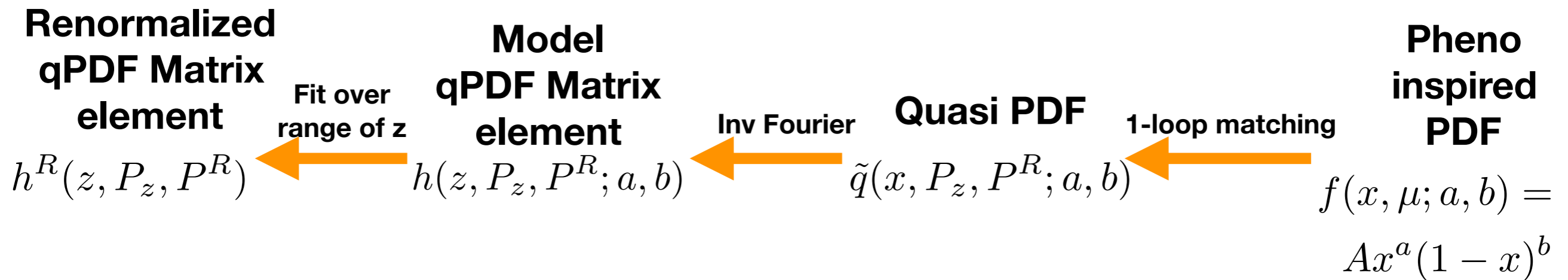


Reconstructing PDF from matrix elements

An alternate approach

Disadvantage: Model dependent (**neural network?**)

Advantage: Control over range of z



$$f(x, \mu; a, b) = Ax^a(1-x)^b$$

1-loop matching

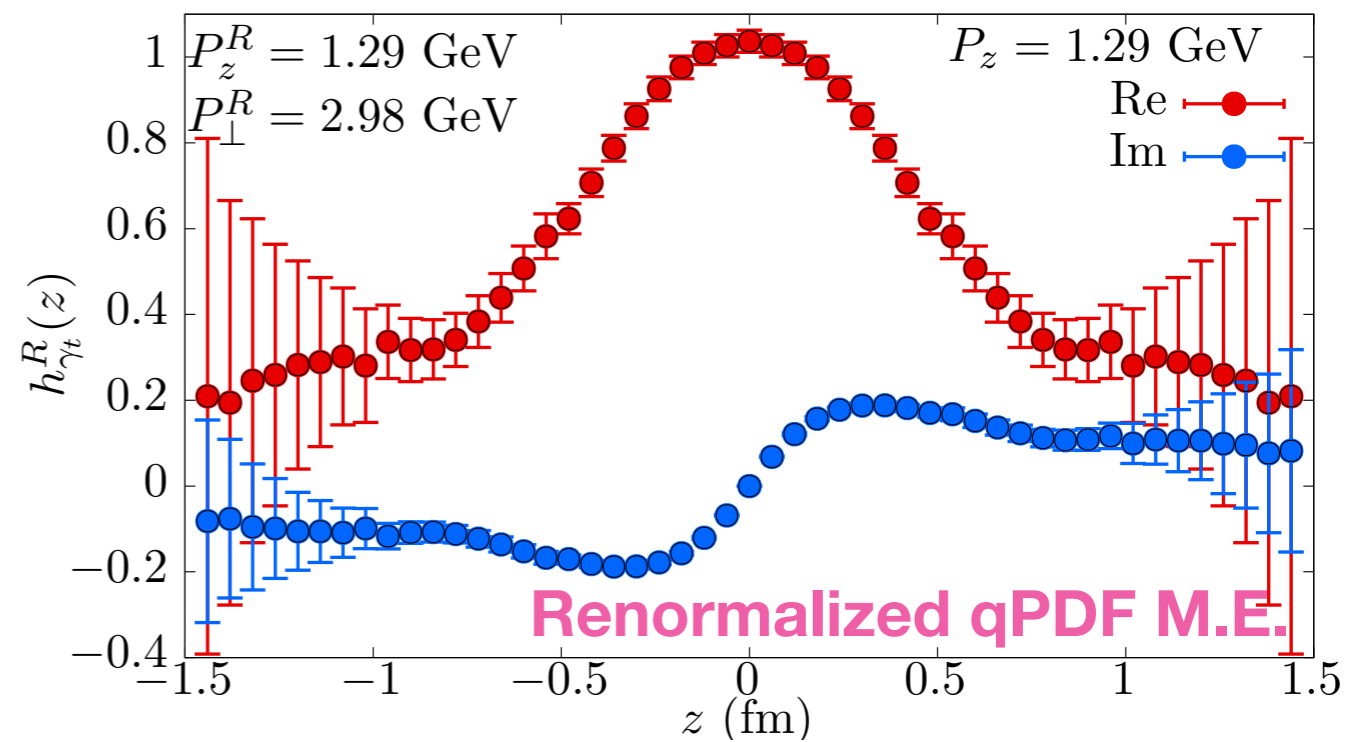
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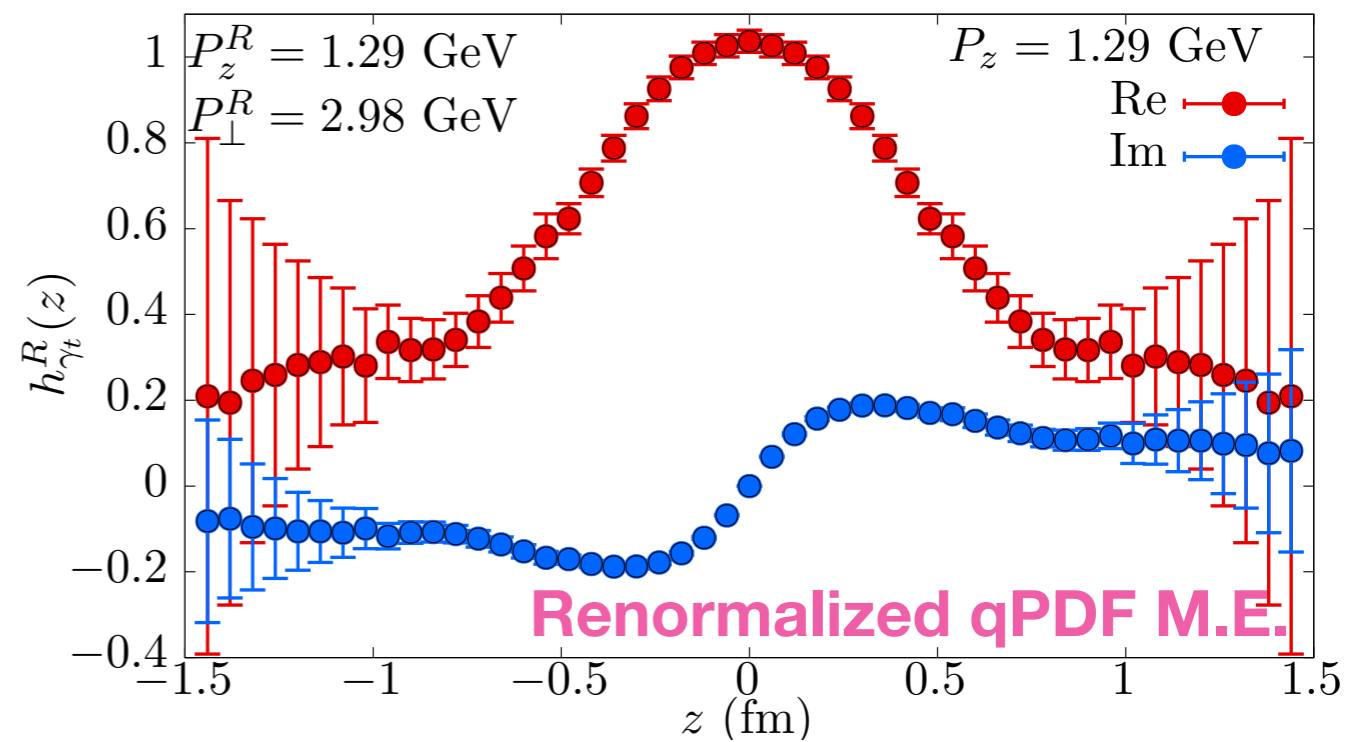
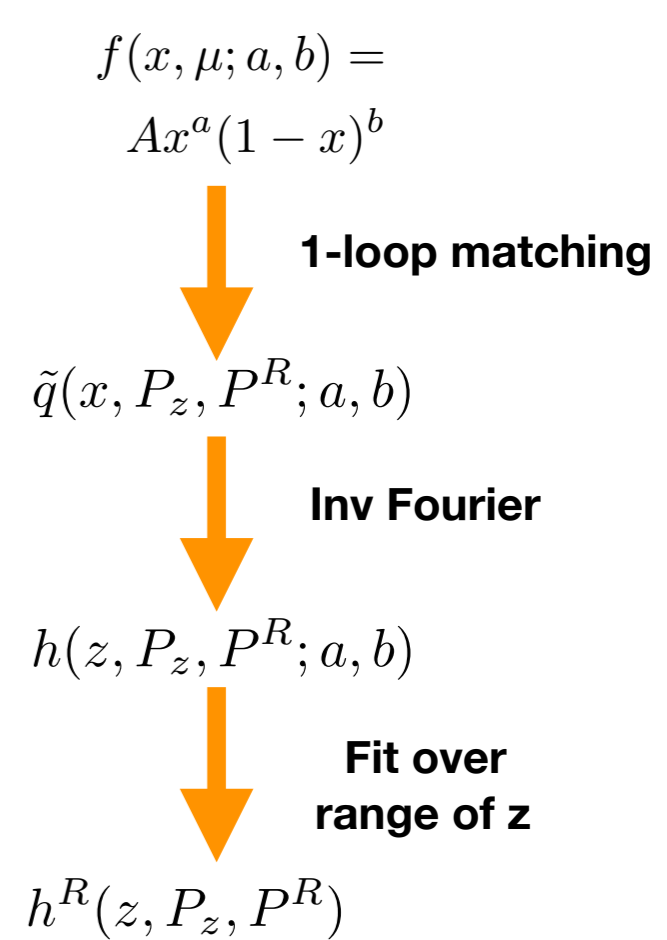
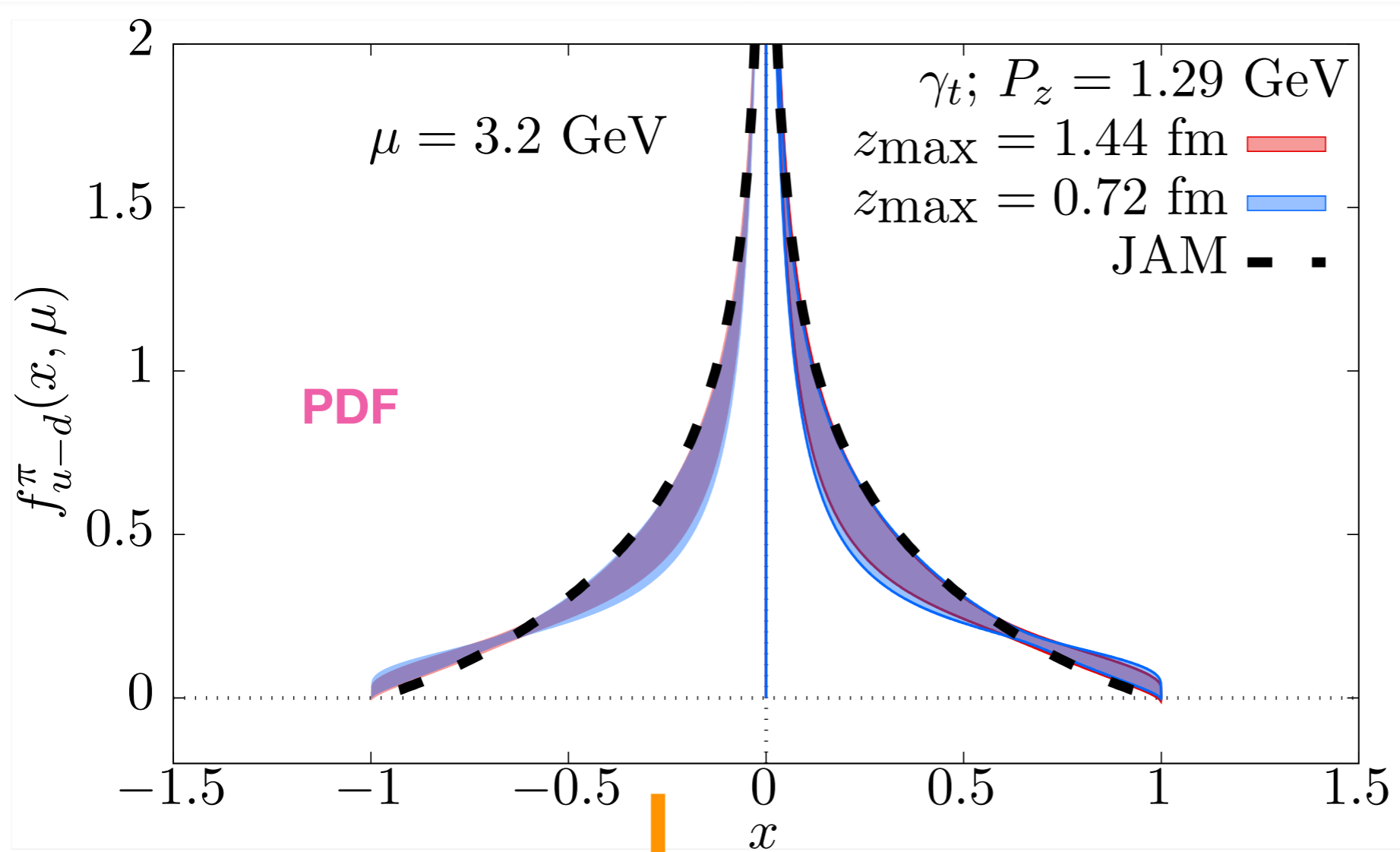
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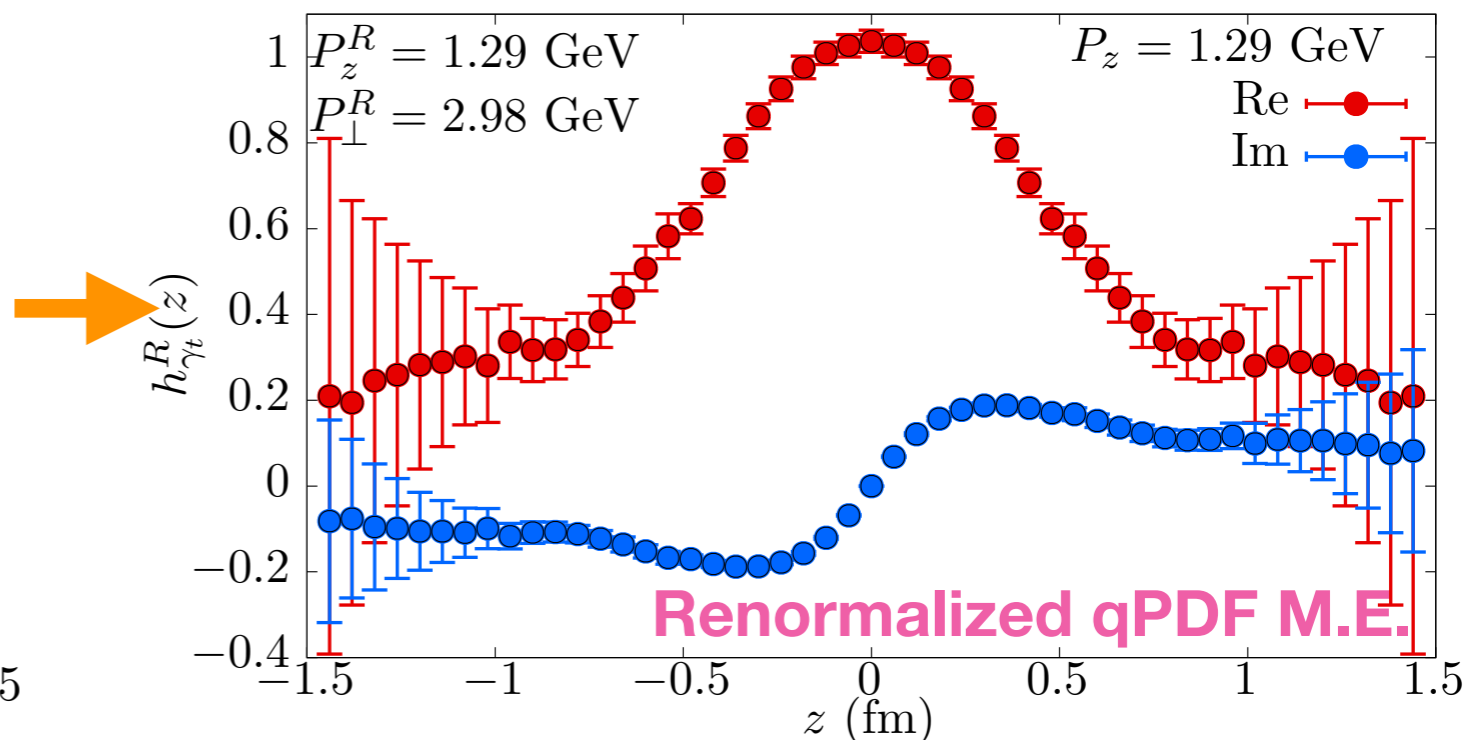
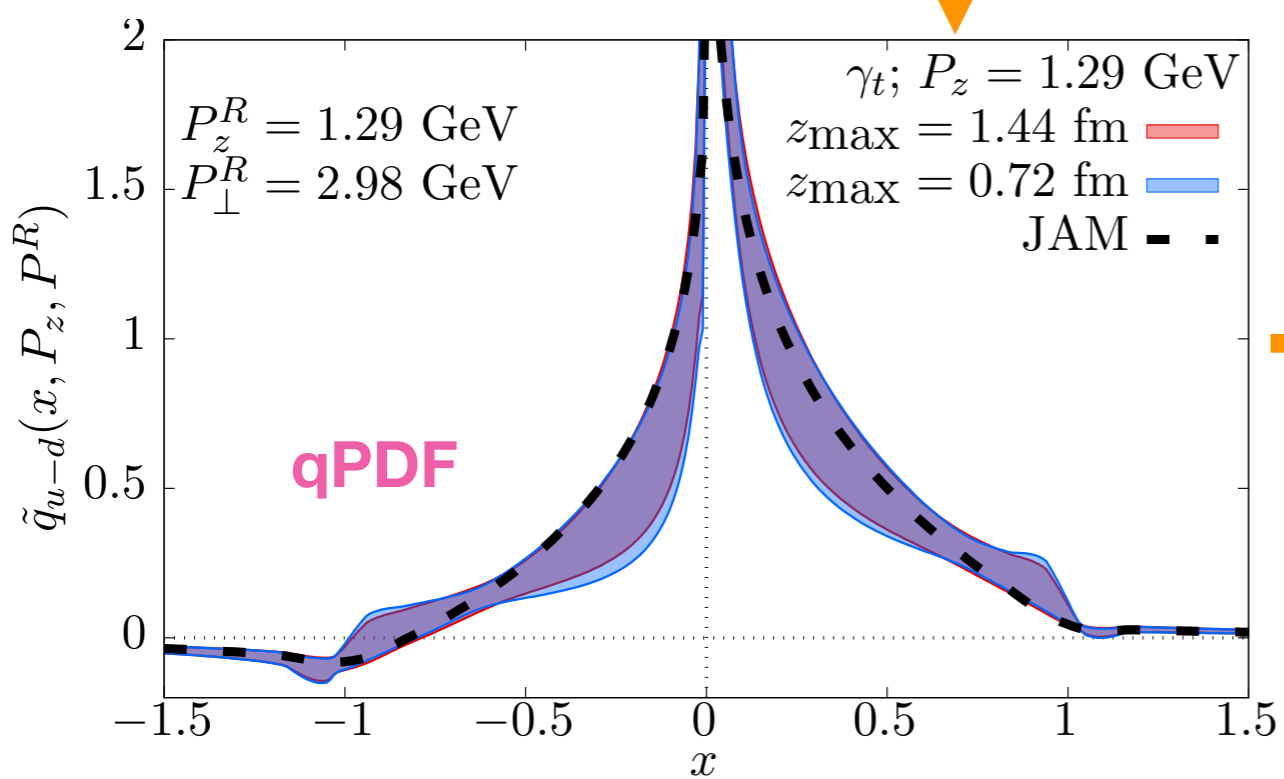
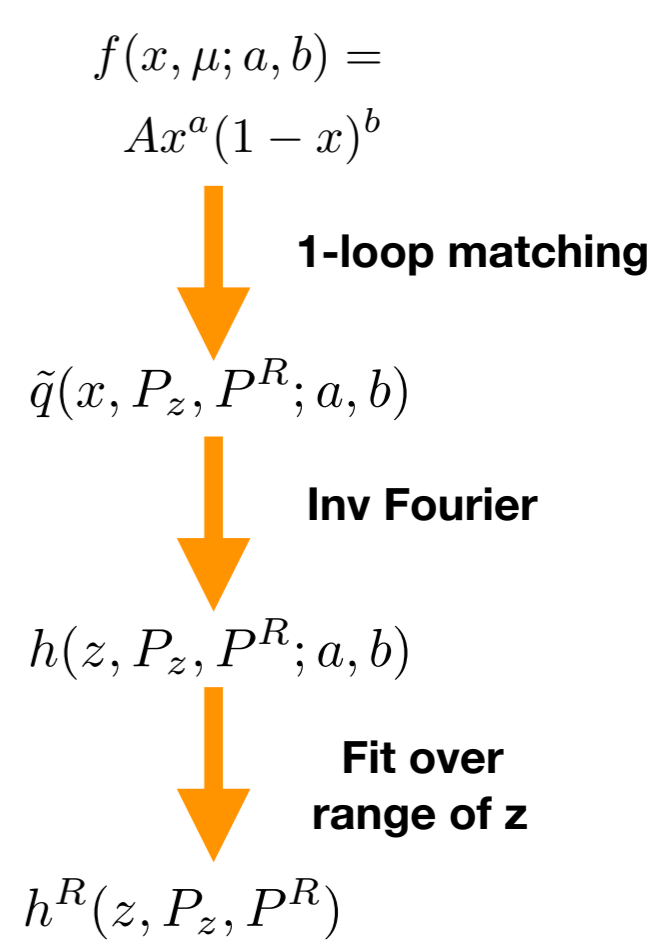
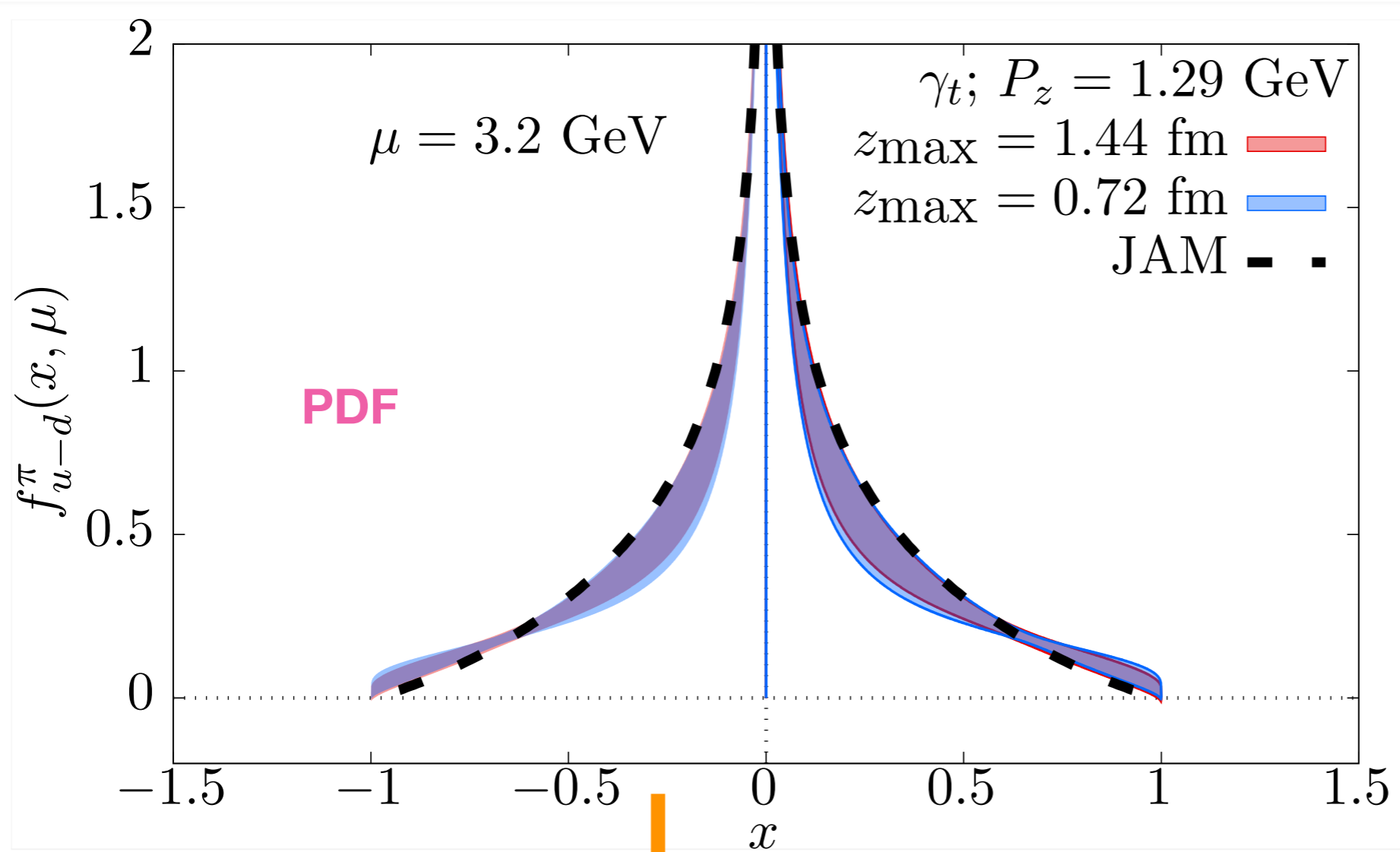
$$h(z, P_z, P^R; a, b)$$

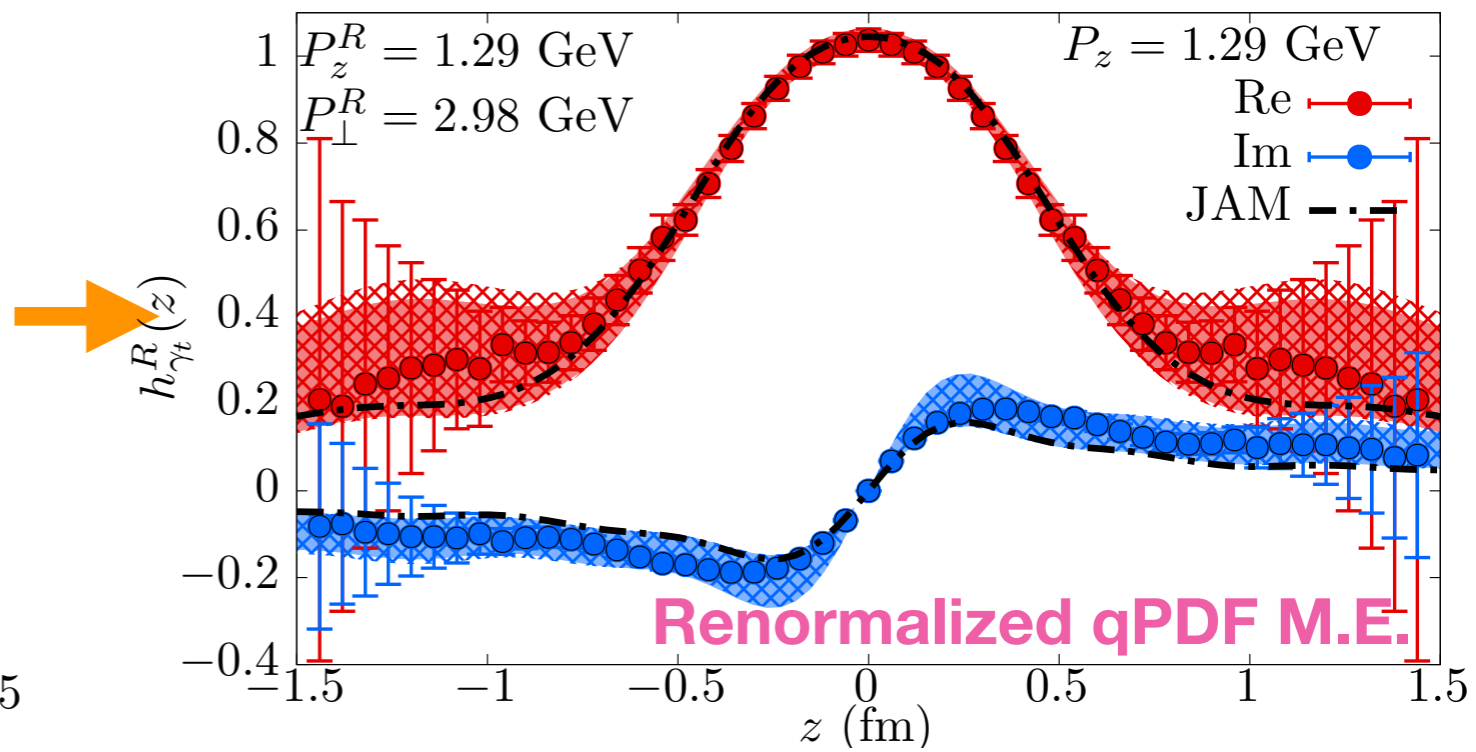
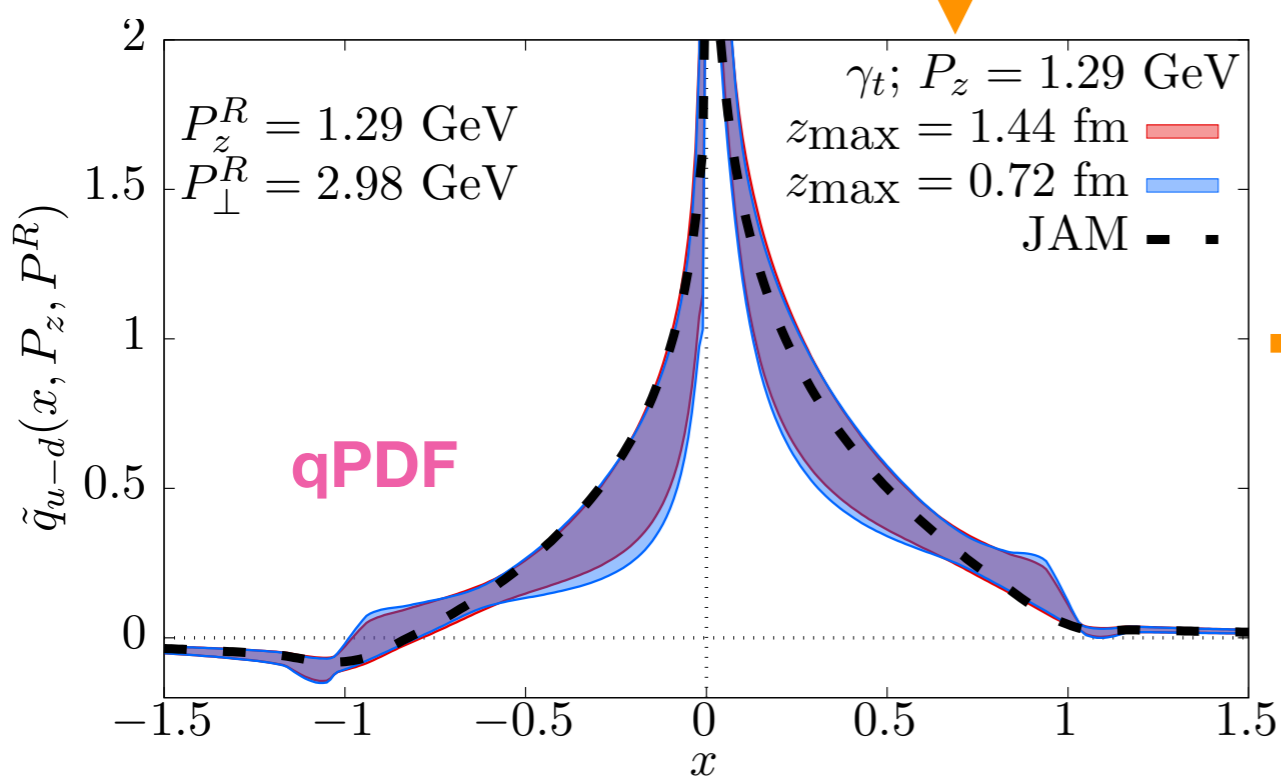
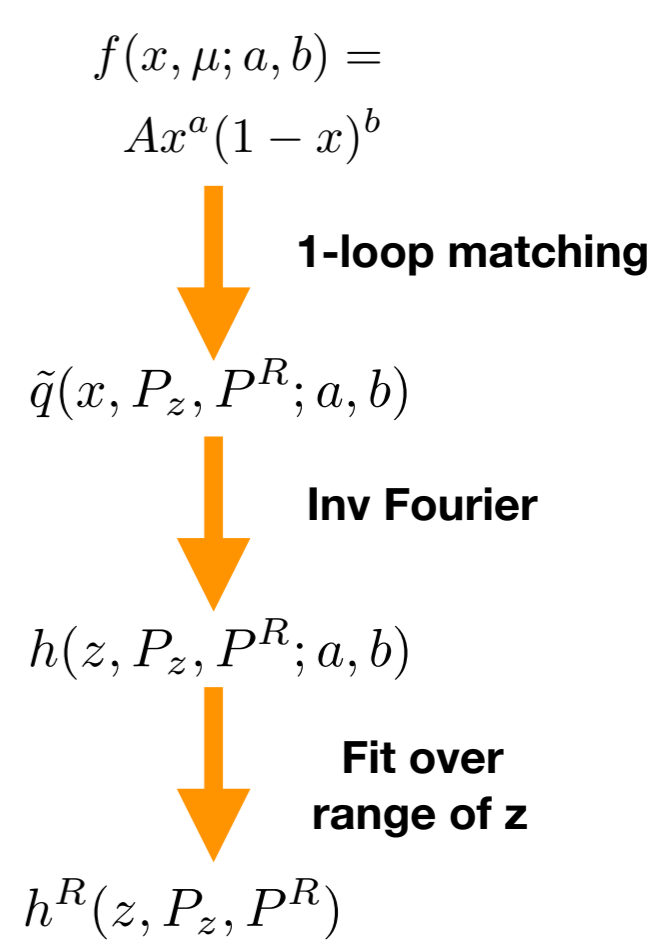
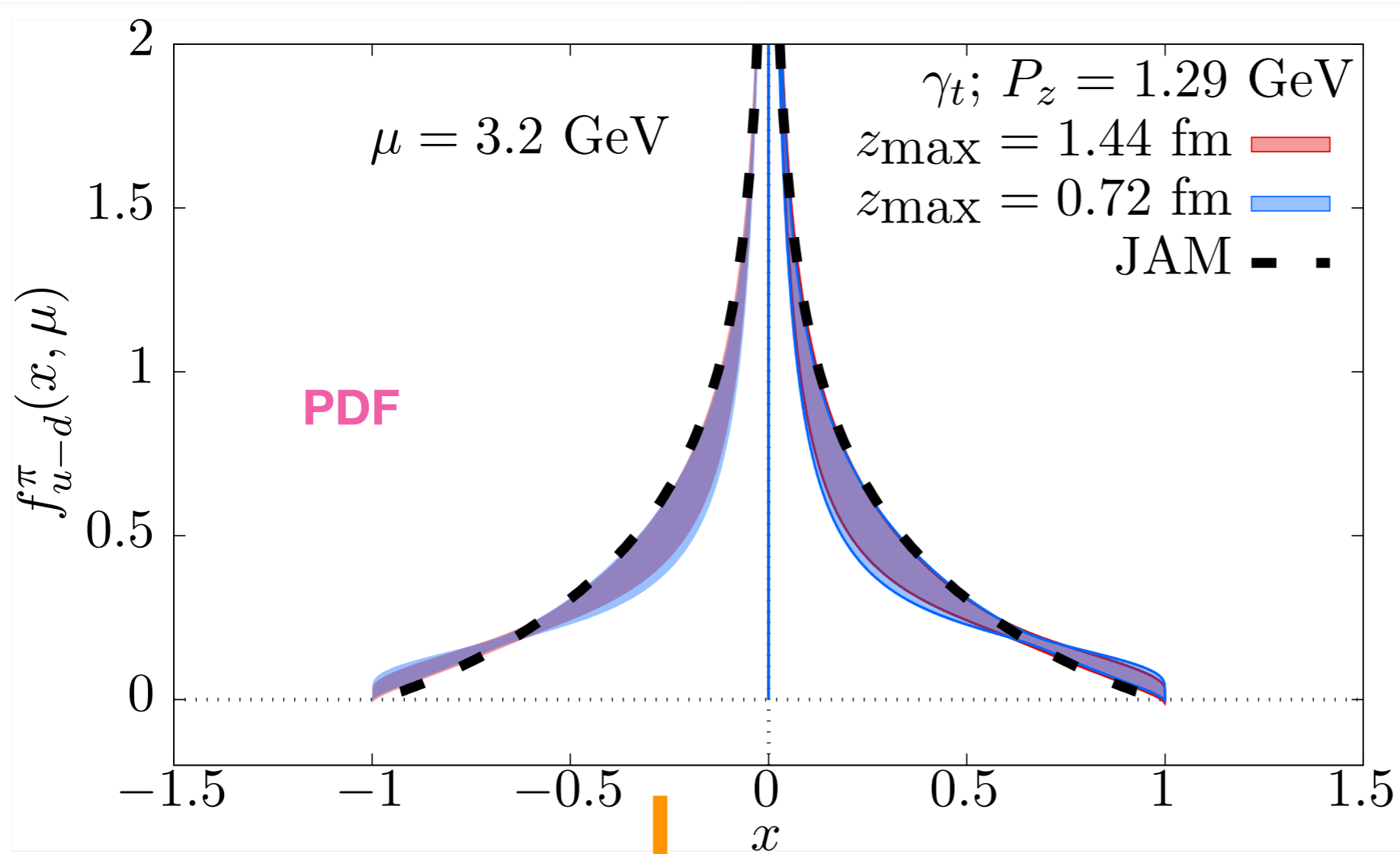
**Fit over
range of z**

$$h^R(z, P_z, P^R)$$



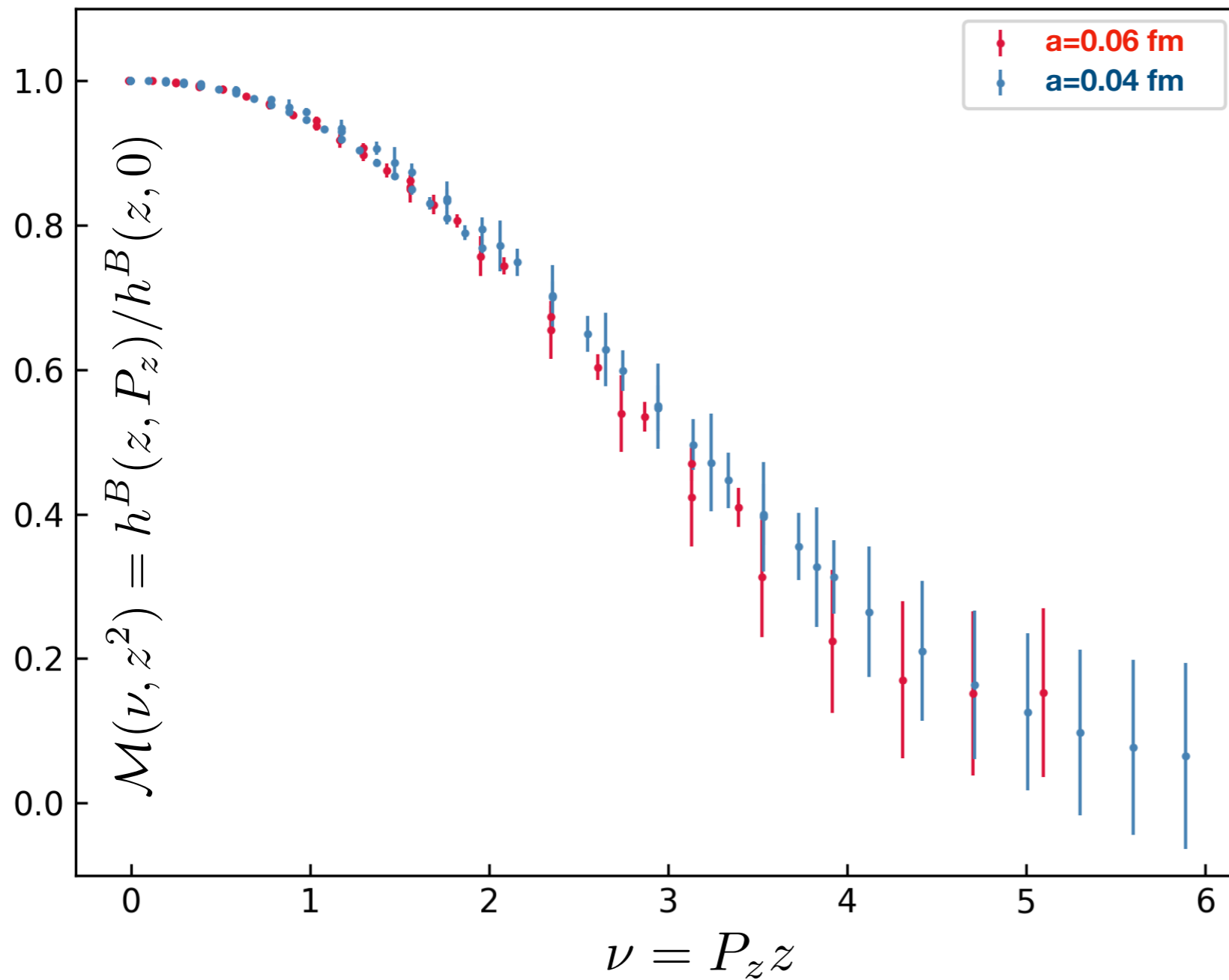






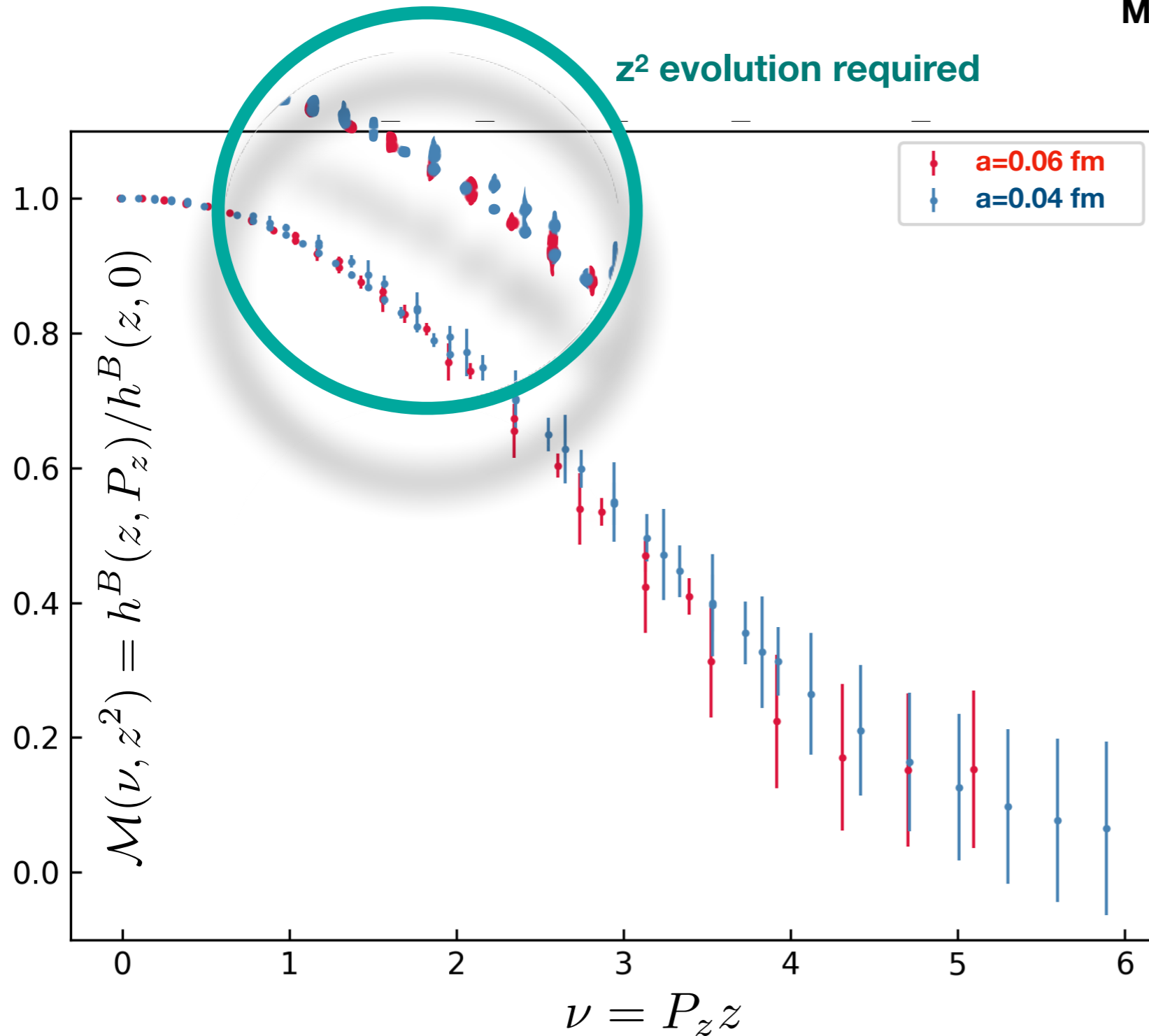
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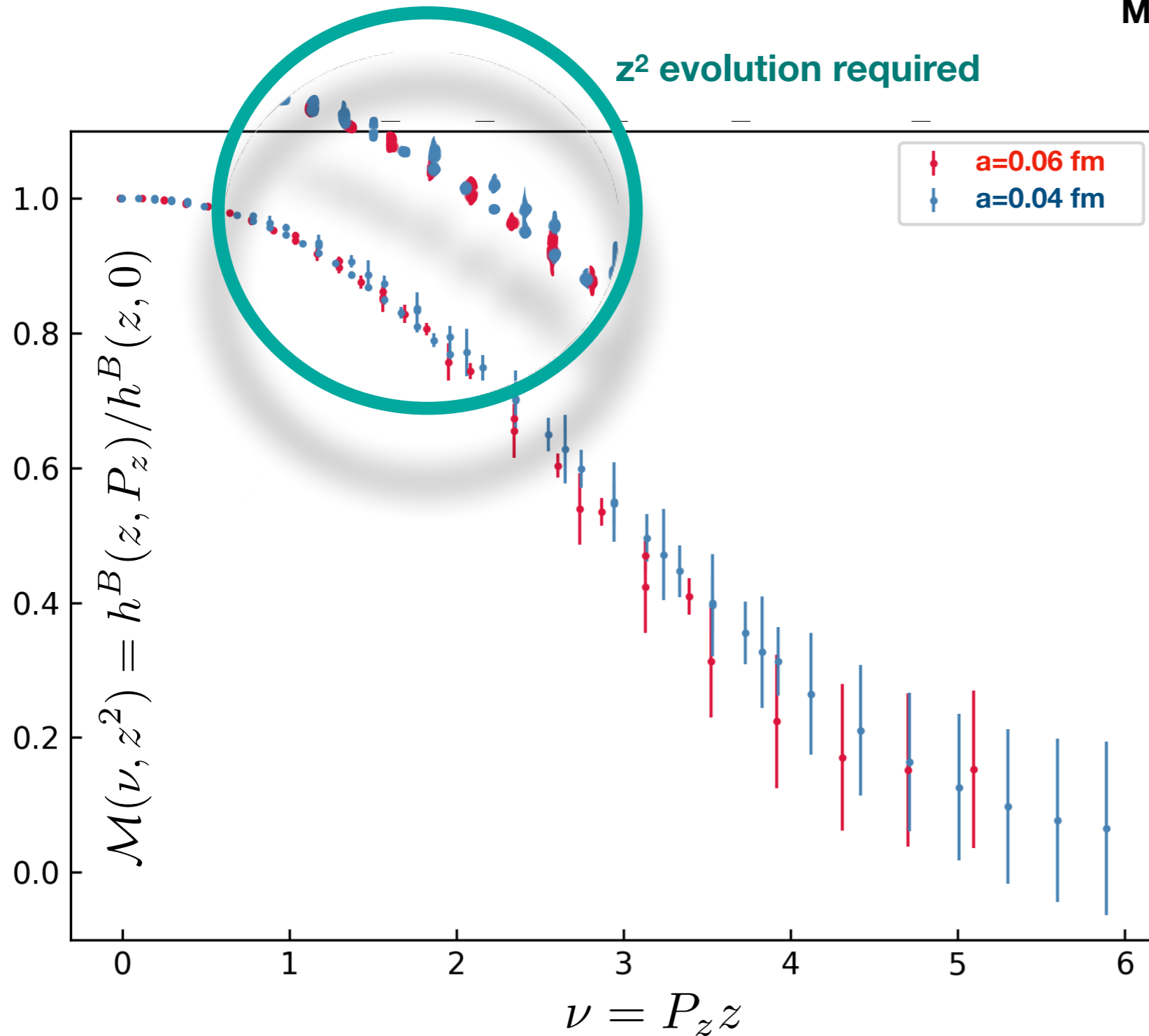
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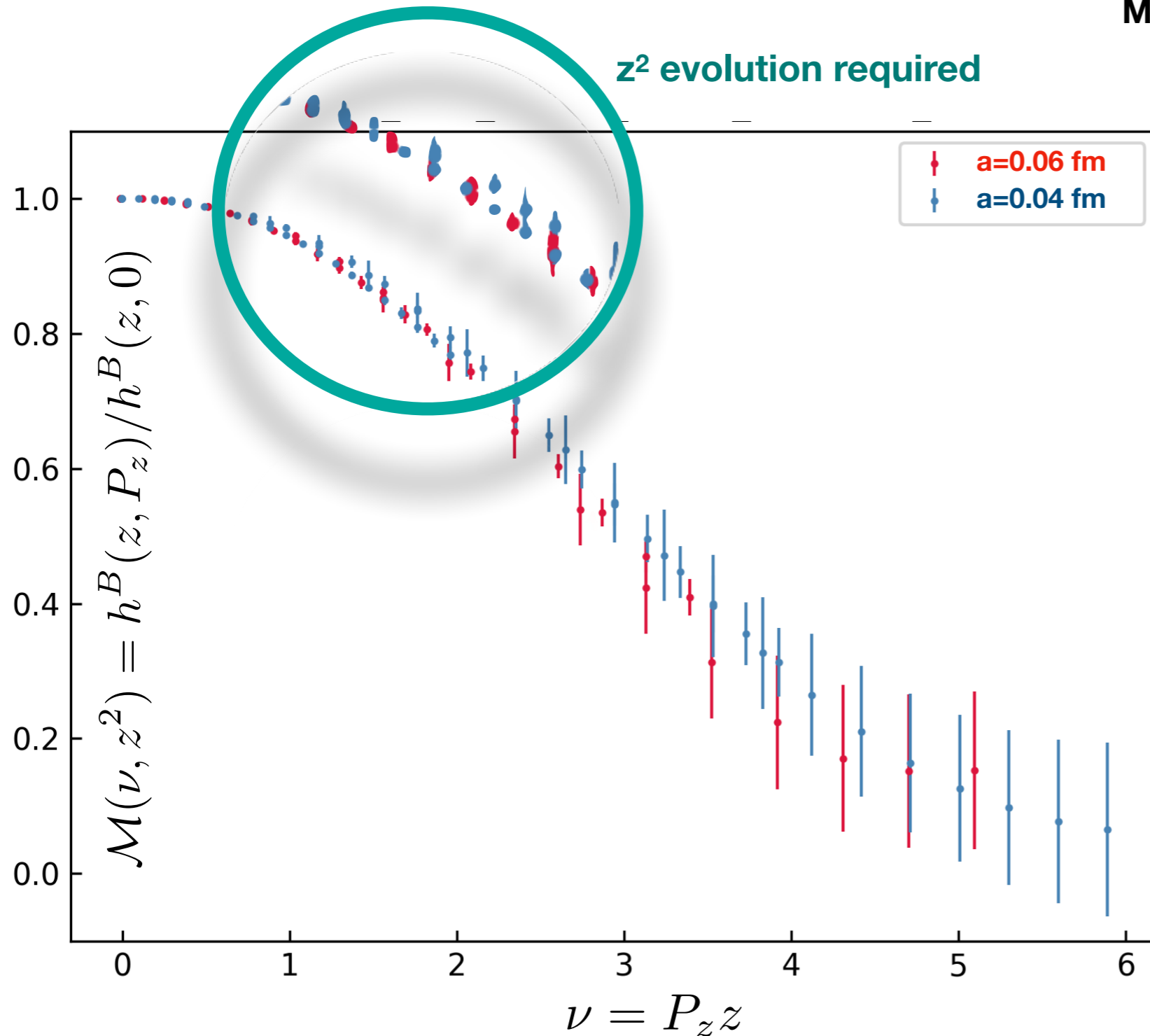
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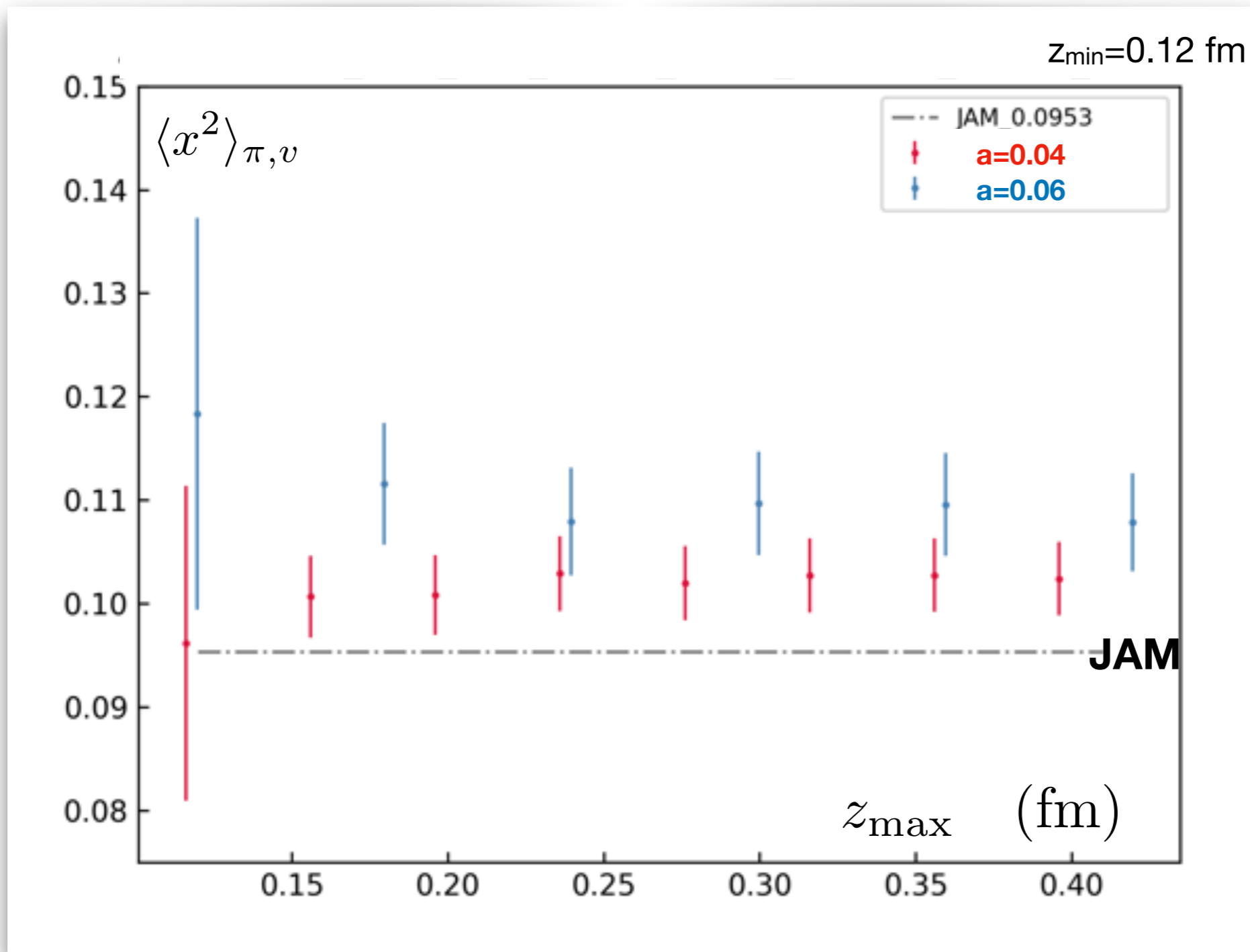
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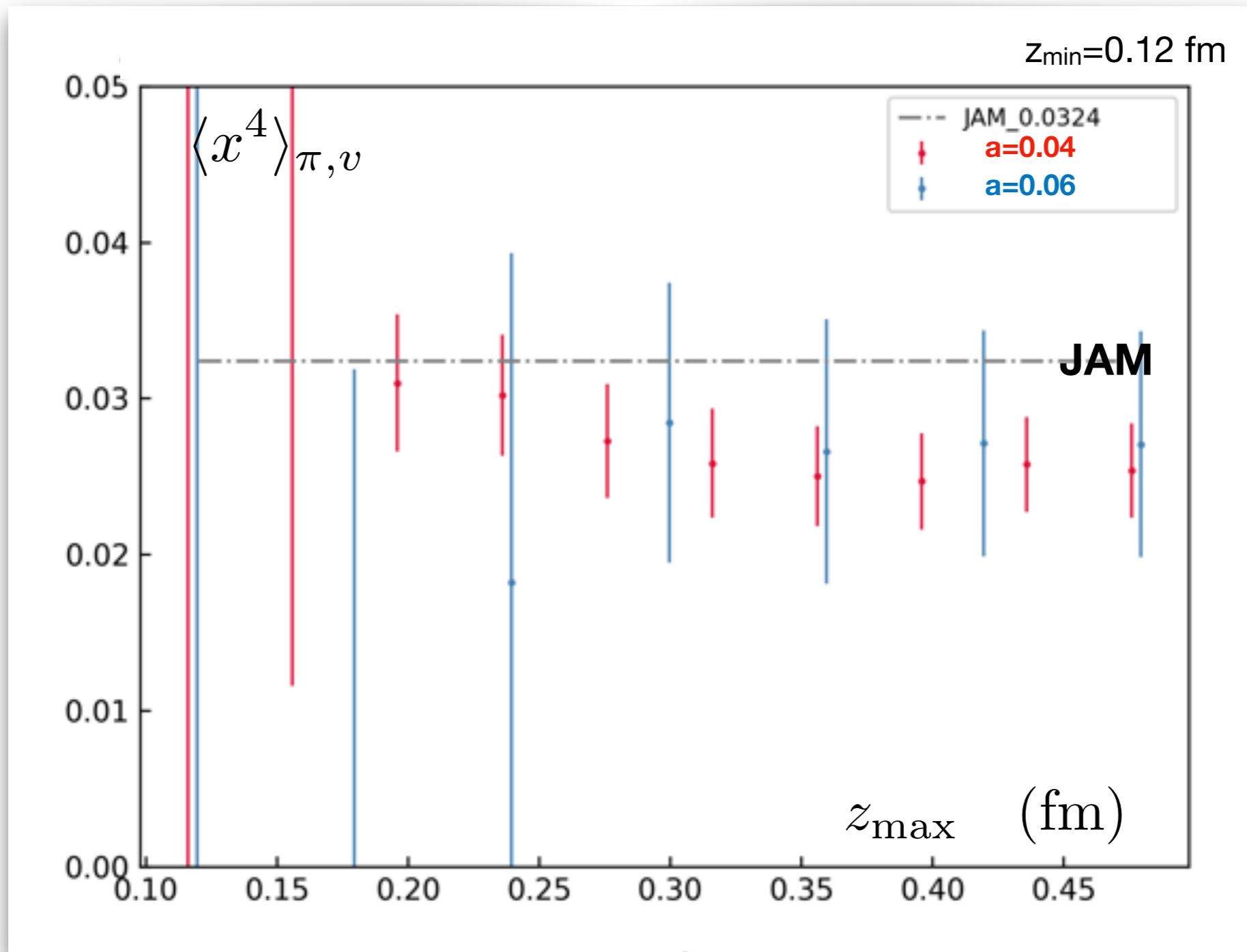
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$$\langle x^2 \rangle_{\pi, \nu}$$



Harder $(1-x)^b$ approach over a large-range of $x \sim 1$? Then $b \uparrow \Rightarrow \langle x^n \rangle \downarrow$

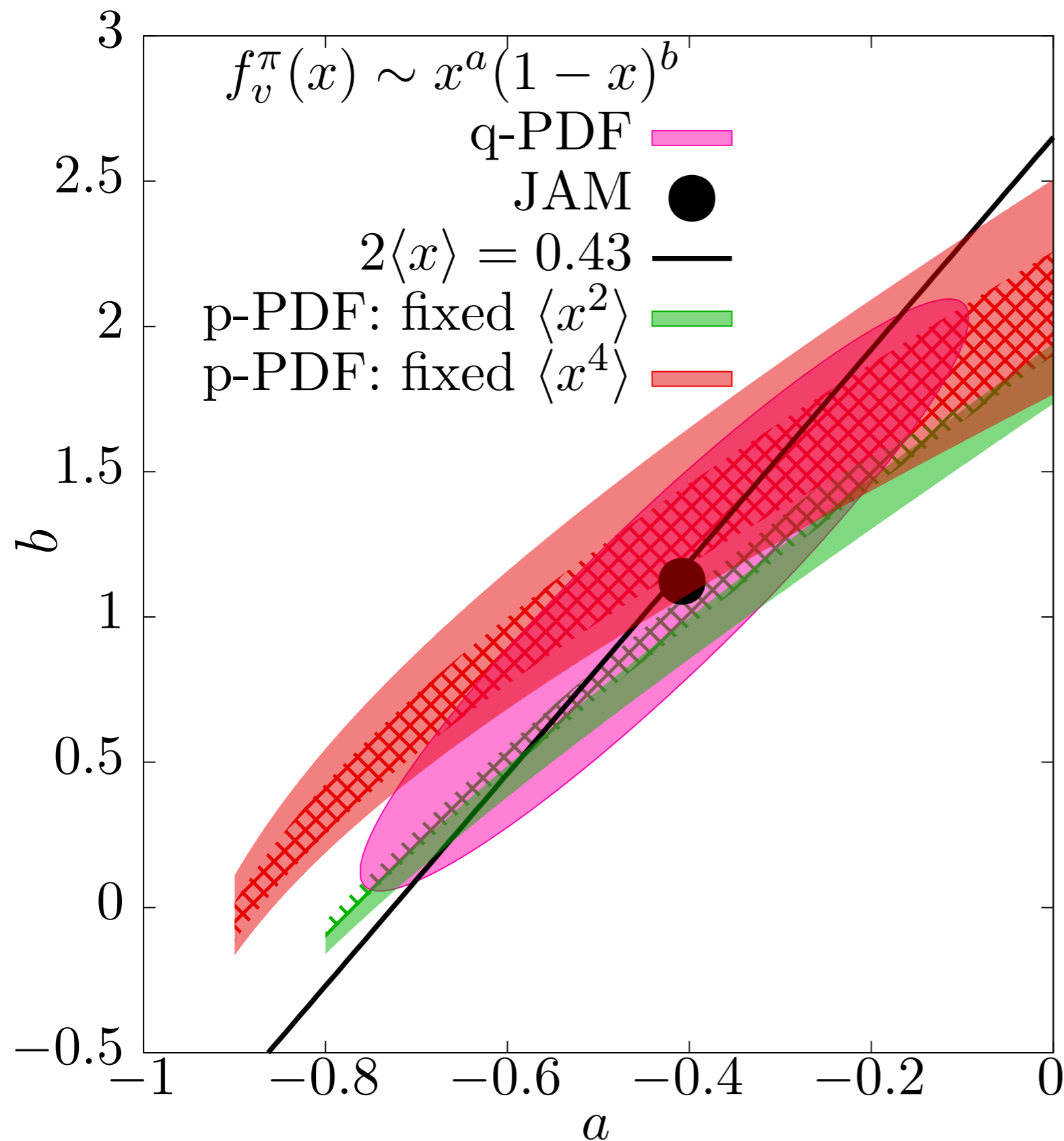
$$\langle x^4 \rangle_{\pi, \nu}$$



Not enough “curvature” in data to get fourth-derivative for $z < 0.25$ fm

The region with signal gets pushed to larger- z for larger- n for $\langle x^n \rangle$

Assuming simple PDF model: Constraints on small-x and large-x asymptotics



Question: Given a model

$$f_v(x) = \mathcal{N} x^a (1-x)^b$$

what values of (a,b) allowed by lattice data?

- * Data from 0.04,0.06 fm ensembles
- * From quasi- and pseudo-PDF — matching at 1-loop and therefore different checks
- * If $a \sim -0.5 \Rightarrow b \sim 1$
- * **Another take:** the model for pion is *not* the simple ansatz, but *with* $b > 2$ asymptotic behavior

Advancements in computing gluon PDF

Choices of renormalizable gluon qPDFs h_0 , h_1 , and h_2

S. Zhao et al

$$h_1(z, P_z) = \left\langle P_z \left| \begin{array}{c} F_t^\mu(z) \quad F_{\mu t}(z) \\ \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \\ W_{\text{adj}}(0, z) \end{array} \right| P_z \right\rangle$$

Challenges

- Mixing with quark flavor singlets
- Statistics heavy. Improvement methods?

Not much has been done yet!

Summary and outlook

- **Theoretical framework of LaMET is now established.**
Issues that remain are about practical implementation on lattice

Renormalization	Yes
$P_z \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$	Yes
Target mass corrections	Yes
$P_z \ll 1/a$	~Ok
Excited state analysis:	$T_{\text{sink}} < 1$ fm. Fits required
Continuum limit:	Not studied
Finite volume effects:	Not studied
Analysis methods:	No consensus
Matching:	1-loop. Convergence?

Things to look out for:

- Combined analysis of quasi-, pseudo- and other lattice cross-sections for PDF
- More work on GPDs and gluon PDFs — Still in very early stages
- Effects on global analysis of PDF — Sensitivity to determination of qPDF at even one value of x . (T.J.Hobbs et al, 1904.00022)
- **Complementing experimental determination of PDF is ok. But, we also need to use lattice to *actually understand* why PDFs are the way they are!**

Back-up slides

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barequark qPDF in full
QCD

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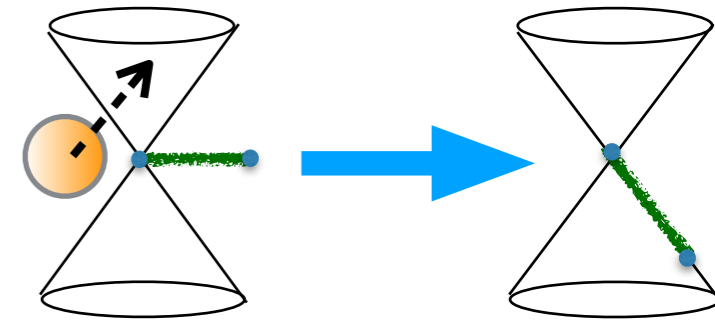
barequark qPDF in full
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Tree level value

Implementable in lattice as well as pert. theory with off shell quark with $P^2 > 0$

$$\frac{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) \bar{\psi}(0) \psi(z) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}{\langle H(t_{\text{sink}}) H^\dagger(0) \rangle}$$

From lattice correlator to PDF



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$t_{\text{sink}} \rightarrow \infty$

Renormalize

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Quasi-PDF $\tilde{q}(x, P_z, P^R)$

$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(x, z^2)$ **pseudo-PDF**

LaMET

Light-ray OPE

Lattice cross-section e.g.,

$$f(x, \mu^2)$$

$$\langle P_z | j_V(0) j_A(z) | P_z \rangle$$