

Lattice QCD Calculation of the Pion Distribution Amplitude with Domain Wall Fermions at Physical Pion Mass

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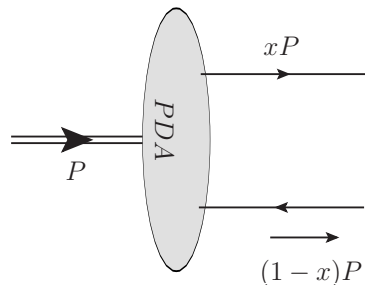
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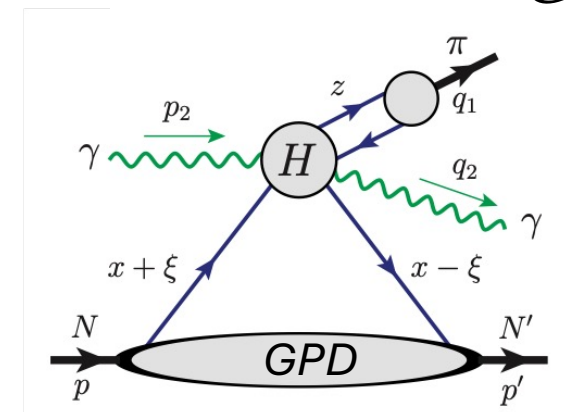
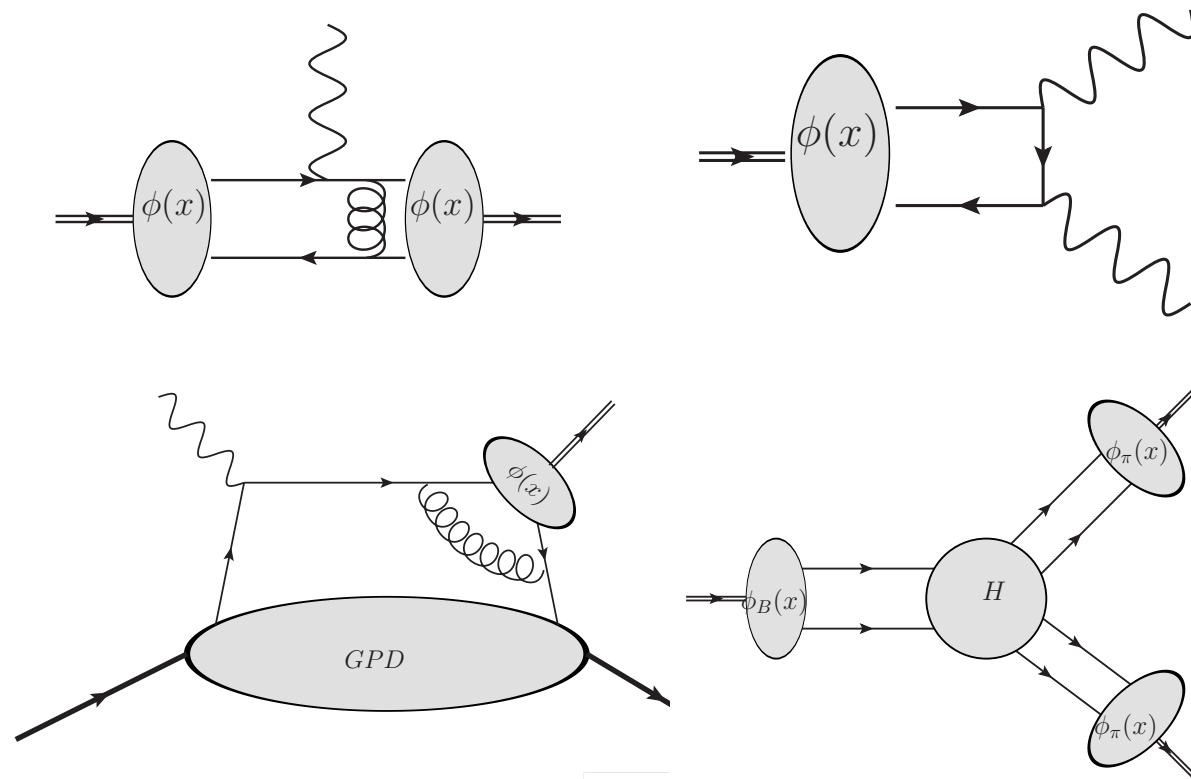
Pion Distribution Amplitude



Universal inputs to various hard exclusive processes at large momentum transfer Q^2

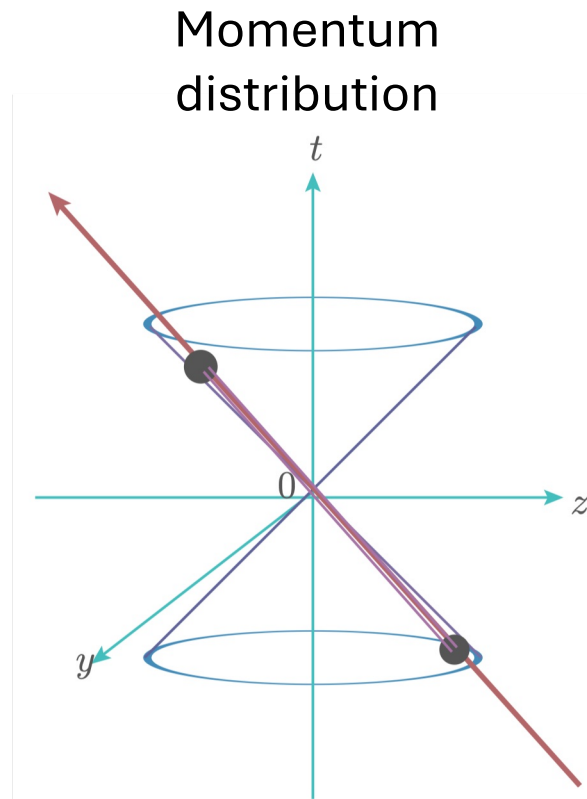
- $\pi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$ transition form factor
- Pion electromagnetic form factor
- Deeply virtual meson production [Brodsky, et.al, PRD \(1994\)](#)
- Heavy meson decay [Beneke, et.al, PRL \(1999\)](#)
- Exclusive Photoproduction [Z.Yu & J.Qiu, PRL \(2024\)](#)
- ...

Weakly constrained by experiments!
Direct calculation from lattice QCD?

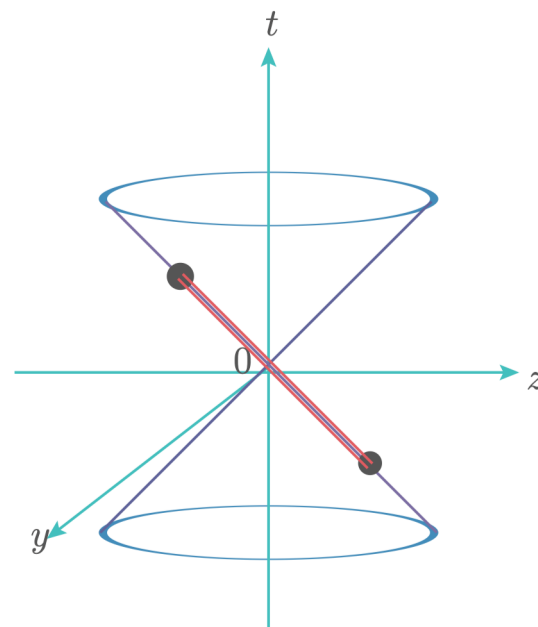


Large Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET)

Ji, PRL (2013)
 Ji, SCPMA(2014)



Large P_z
Expansion



$+ \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{P_z^n}\right)$

Quasi-DA: $\tilde{\phi}(x, P_z) =$

$$\int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{i\left(\frac{1}{2}-x\right)zP_z} \langle 0 | \bar{q}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right) \gamma_z \gamma_5 U(0, z) q\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) | \pi \rangle$$

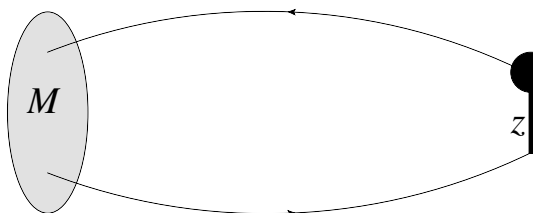
$C(x, y, \mu, P_z) \otimes \phi(y, \mu)$

$$= \frac{1}{if_\pi} \int \frac{d\eta^-}{2\pi} e^{i\left(\frac{1}{2}-x\right)\eta^- p^+} \langle 0 | \bar{q}\left(\frac{\eta^-}{2}\right) \gamma_+ \gamma_5 U\left(\frac{\eta^-}{2}, -\frac{\eta^-}{2}\right) q\left(-\frac{\eta^-}{2}\right) | \pi(p) \rangle$$

$+ \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{\bar{x}^2 P_z^2}\right)$

Recipe

Lattice correlator

$$C_{2pt} = \text{Diagram}$$


Fitting matrix elements

$$C_{2pt} = if_\pi |c_0|^2 \langle 0|O|0\rangle e^{-E_0\tau} + \dots$$

Renormalization

$$H^R(z) = \langle 0|O|0\rangle / Z^R(z, a)$$

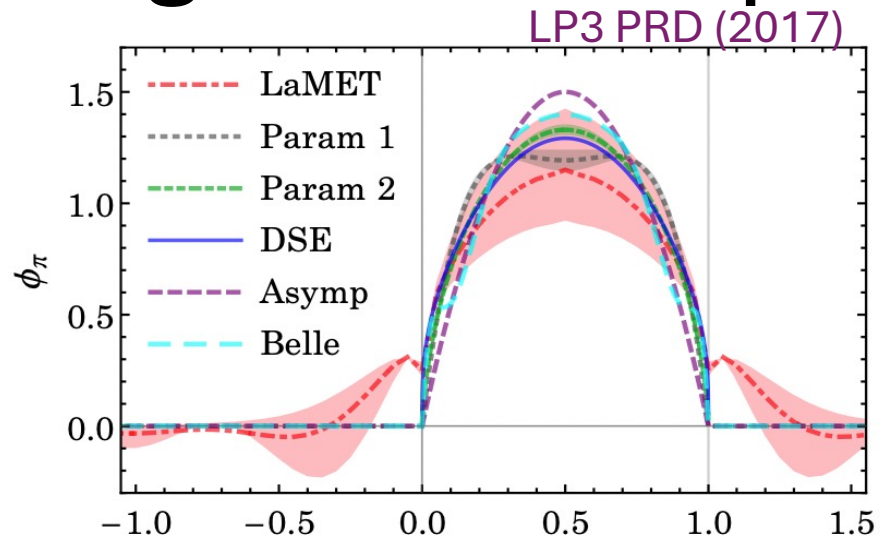
Extract x-dependence

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P_z) = \int \frac{dz P_z}{2\pi} H^R(z) e^{i(\frac{1}{2}-x)zP_z}$$

Matching to lightcone

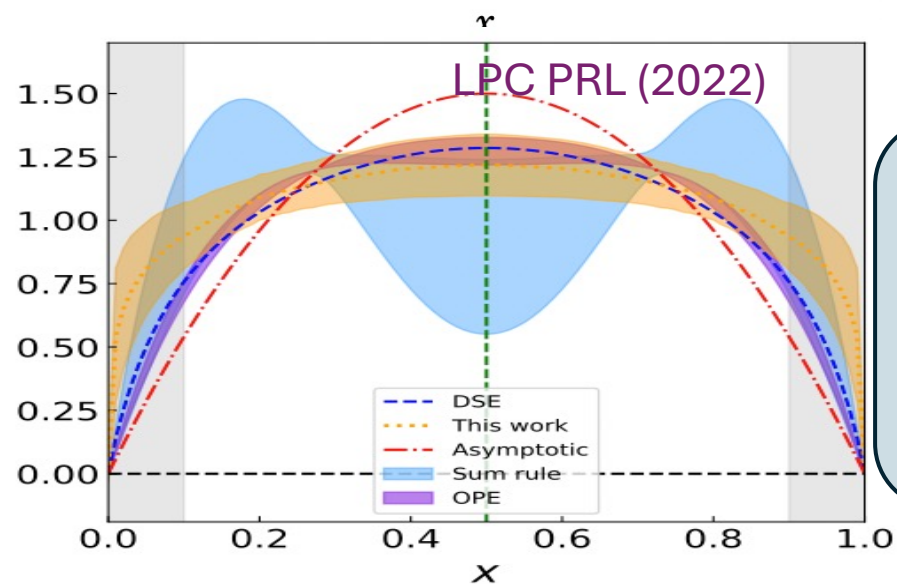
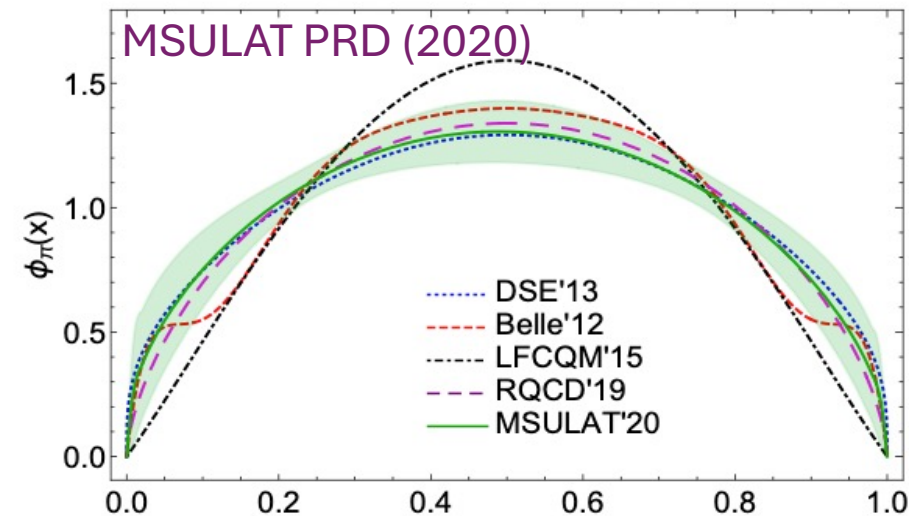
$$\phi(x, \mu) = C^{-1}(x, y, \mu, P_z) \otimes \tilde{\phi}(y, P_z)$$

Progress in x-dependent DA calculations

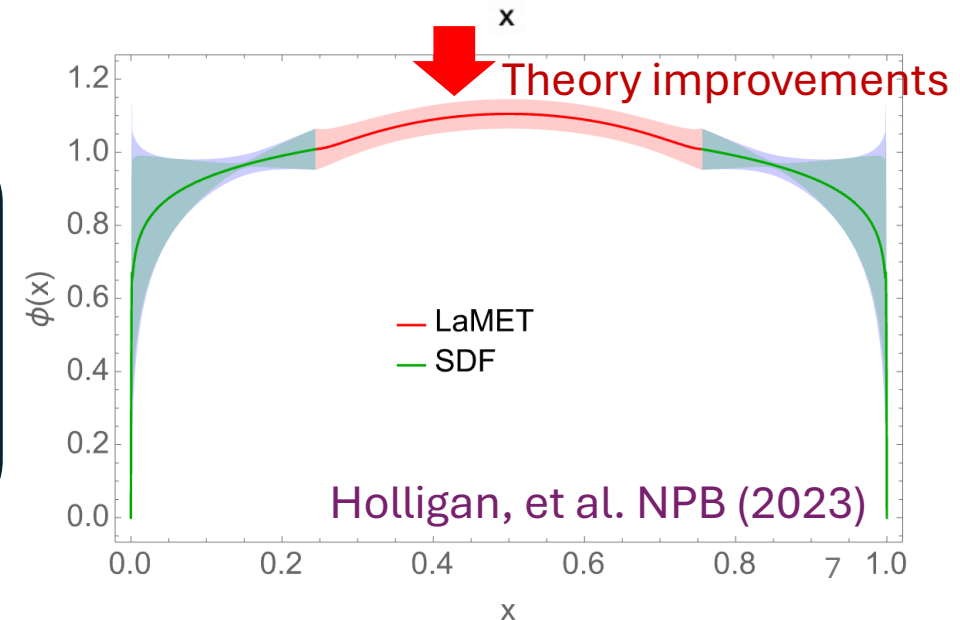


$a \rightarrow 0$

$m_\pi \rightarrow 130 \text{ MeV}$



This work:
Chiral Symmetry
Large Logarithm
Resummation



Outline

Lattice calculation of pion DA

Lattice Setup

- Physical pion mass
- Chiral symmetric Fermion action – domain wall fermions
- Momentum smeared quark source

Lattice Spacing- a	Pion Mass	Lattice Volume	$m_\pi L$	Fermion Action
0.0836 fm	137 MeV	$64^3 \times 128 \times 12$	3.73	2+1f DW
Momentum Smearing	Pion Momentum	Samples	Sources	Effective Statistics
$k = \{0, 1.4\}$ GeV	$P_z = [0, 1.85]$ GeV	55	{32, 128}	Up to 28,160

Lattice raw data and fitting

$$C_{\pi\pi}(t) = \langle O_{\pi}(0) | O_{\pi}(t) \rangle,$$

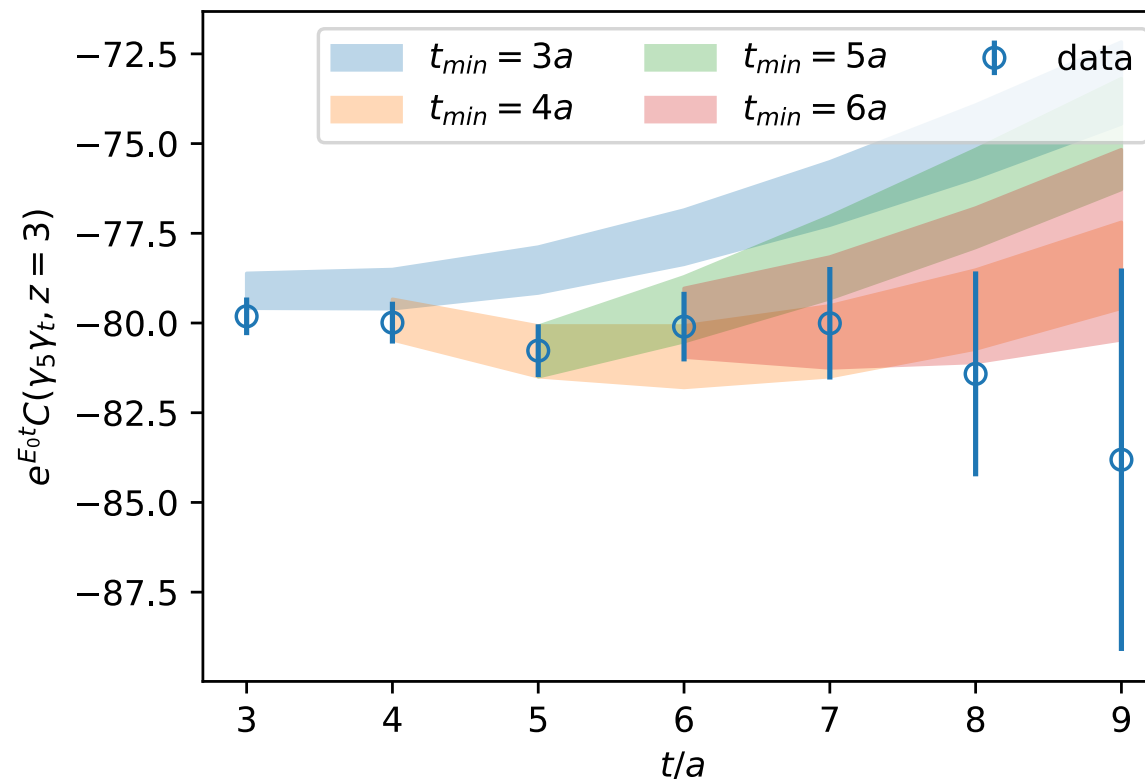
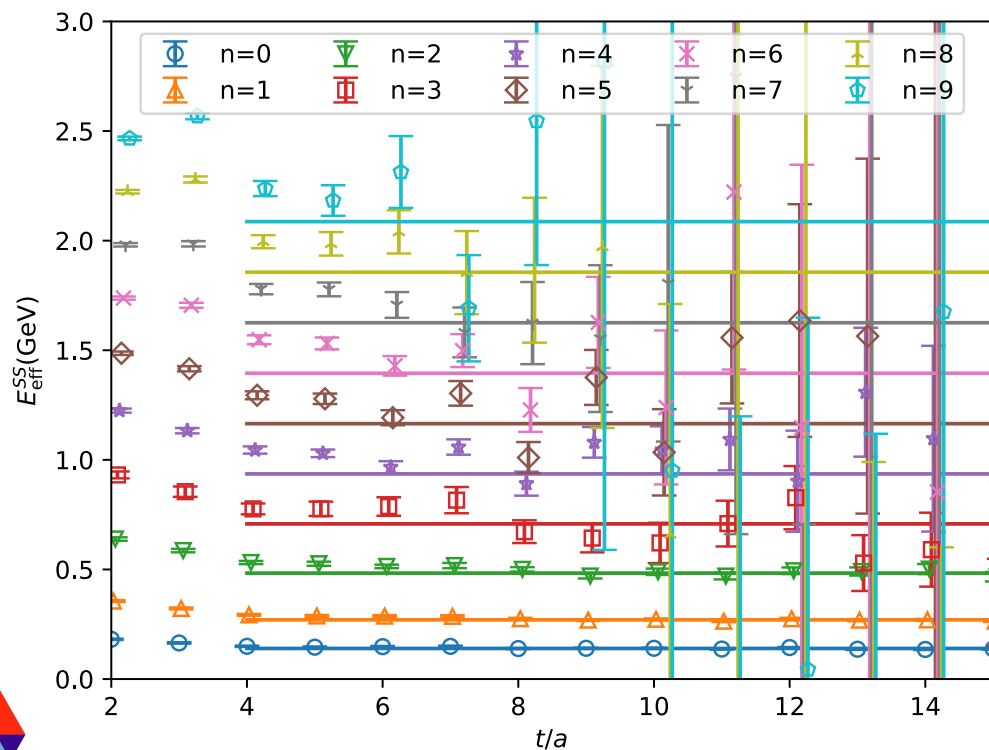
$$C_{\pi O_0}(t, z) = \langle O_{\pi}(0) | \bar{\psi}(-\frac{z}{2}, t) \gamma_t \gamma_5 W(-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}) \psi(\frac{z}{2}, t) | \Omega \rangle,$$

$$C_{\pi O_3}(t, z) = \langle O_{\pi}(0) | \bar{\psi}(-\frac{z}{2}, t) \gamma_z \gamma_5 W(-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}) \psi(\frac{z}{2}, t) | \Omega \rangle$$

$$C_{\pi\pi}(t) = \sum A_i^{\pi} (e^{-E_i t} + e^{-E_i(N_t-t)}),$$

$$C_{\pi O_0}(t, z) = \sum A_i^{O_0}(z) (e^{-E_i t} + e^{-E_i(N_t-t)}),$$

$$C_{\pi O_3}(t, z) = \sum A_i^{O_3}(z) (e^{-E_i t} + e^{-E_i(N_t-t)}),$$



Bare matrix elements

$$A_0^\pi = \frac{|\langle O_\pi | \pi \rangle|^2}{2E_0},$$

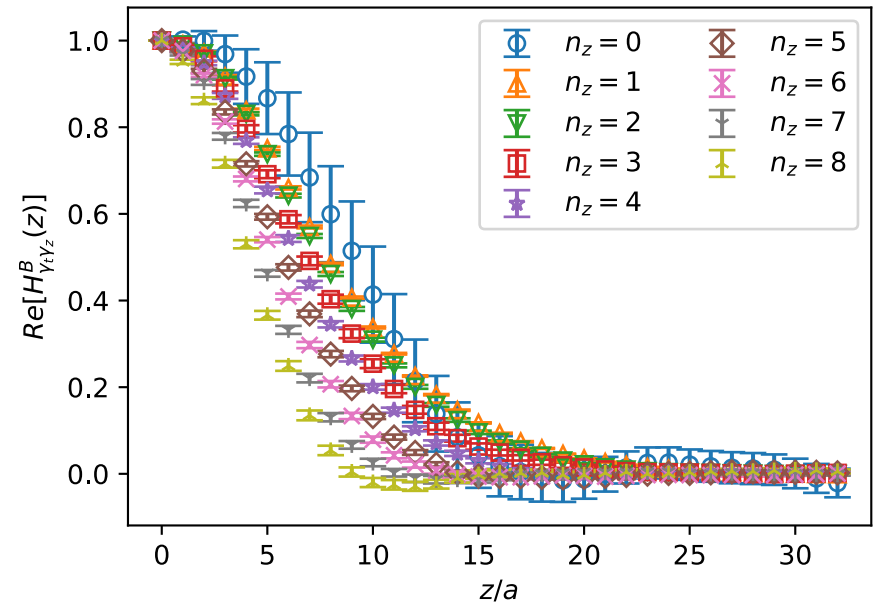
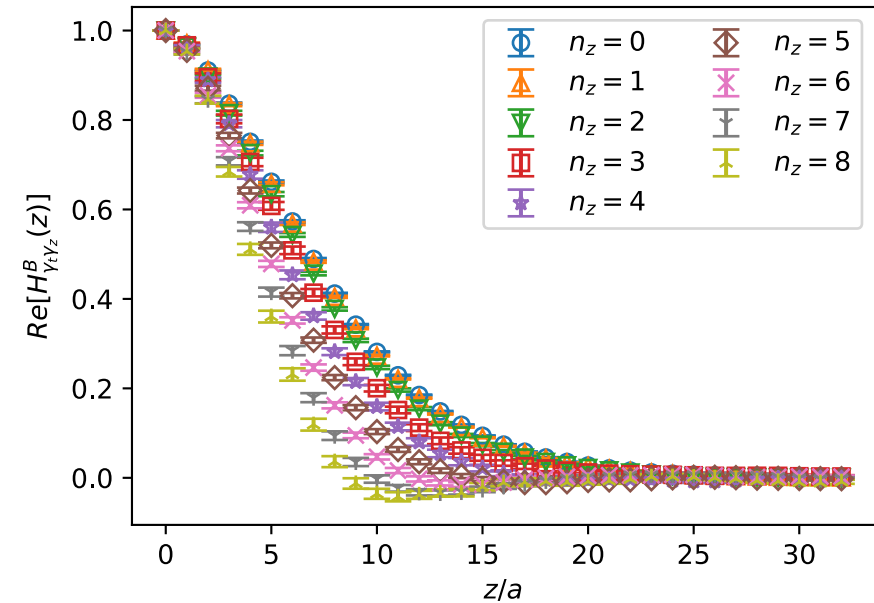
$$A_0^{O_0}(z) = \frac{\langle O_\pi | \pi \rangle}{2E_0} f_\pi H_{\gamma_t \gamma_5}(z) E_0, \quad \text{Zero OP mixing w/ DWF}$$

$$A_0^{O_3}(z) = \frac{\langle O_\pi | \pi \rangle}{2E_0} i f_\pi H_{\gamma_z \gamma_5}(z) P_z,$$

Pion DA is symmetric (vanishing imaginary part)

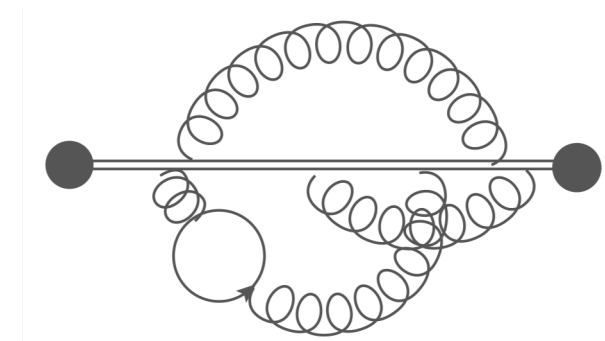
The lattice data decays exponentially with the Wilson link length.

The bare results contains both logarithmic and linear divergence in lattice spacing a



Renormalizing linear divergence

- Linearly divergence in Wilson line: $U(0, z)$
 - $h^B(z) \sim e^{-\delta m(a) \cdot z}$ [Ji, et.al, PRL \(2017\)](#)
- Renormalon ambiguity in $\Delta(\delta m(a)) \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$ [Beneke, PLB \(1995\)](#)
 - Renormalon also in the matching kernel [Braun, et al., PRD \(2018\)](#)
- $h^R(z) \sim h^B(z)e^{\delta m \cdot z}$ uncertain up to $e^{\mathcal{O}(z\Lambda_{QCD})} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}}{x P_z}\right)$ in \tilde{q}



Achieving power accuracy:

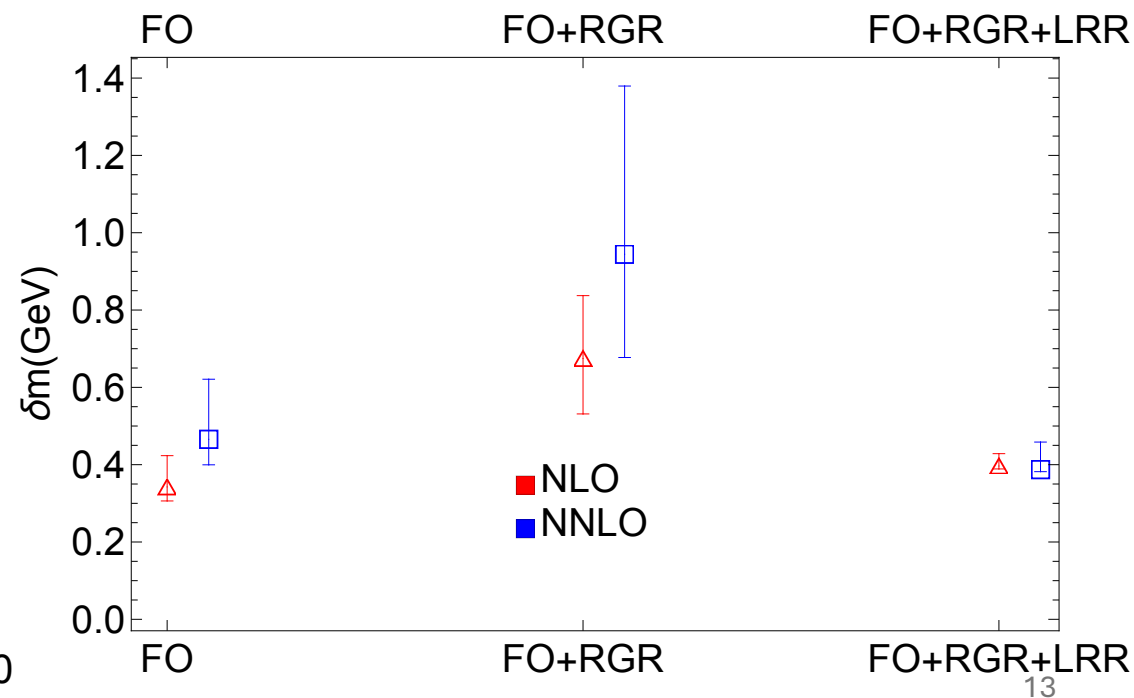
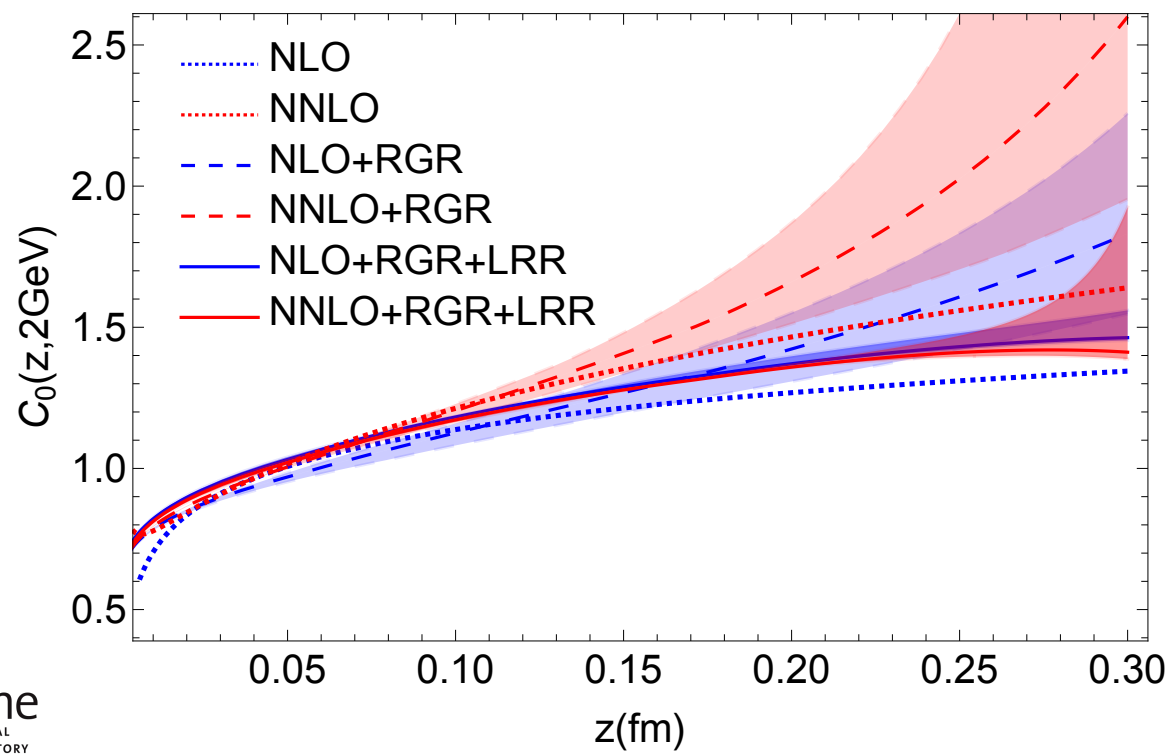
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- Extracting δm with **L**eading **R**enormalon **R**esummation
- Using **LRR**-improved matching

δm extraction with LRR

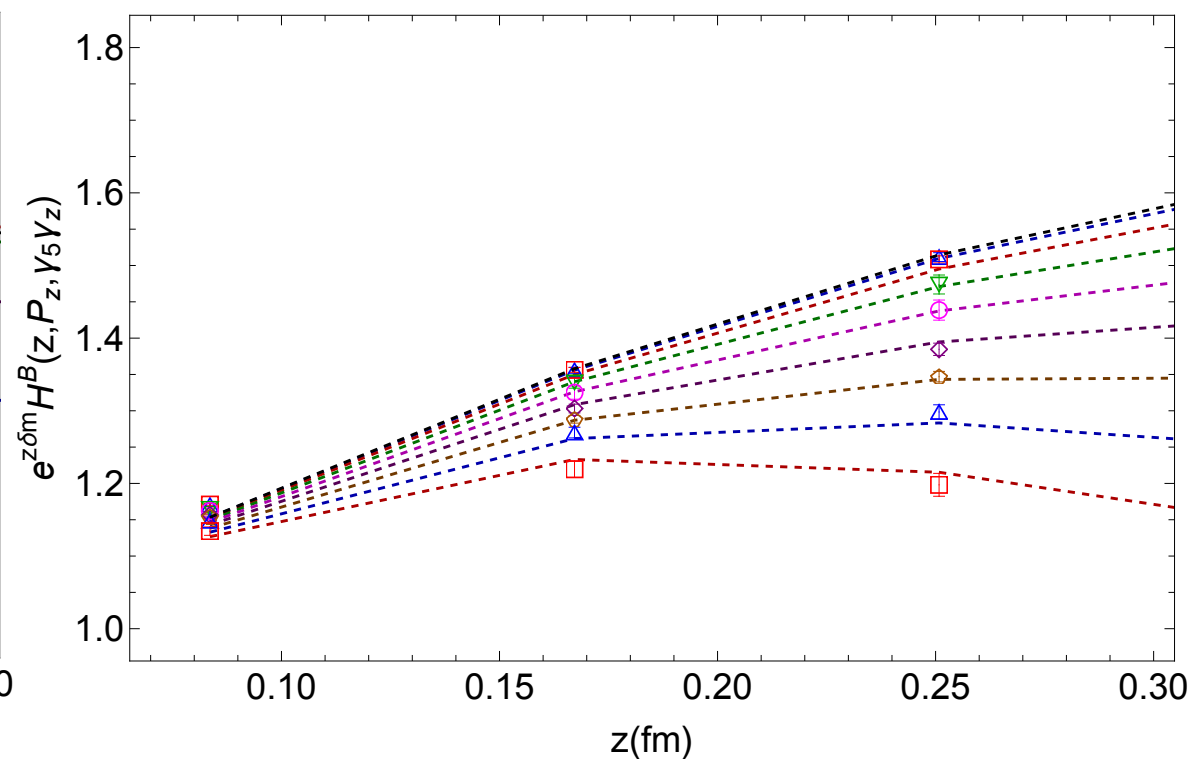
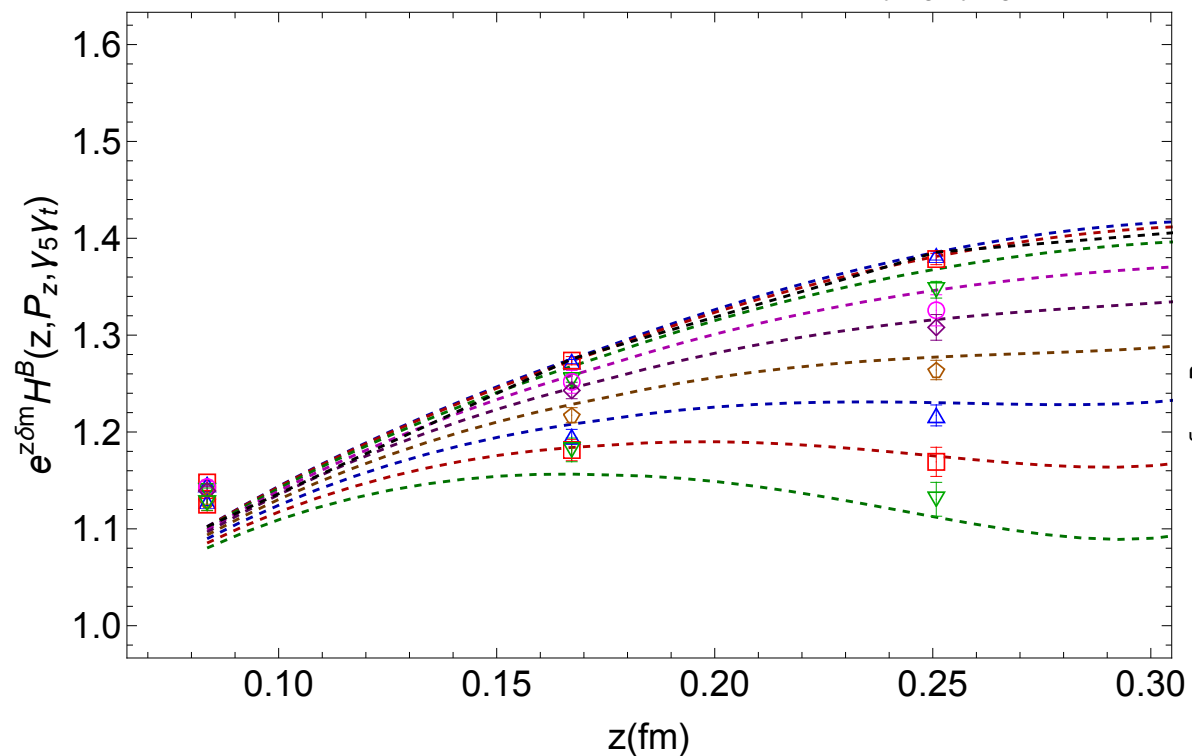
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$$\ln \left(\frac{C_0(z, z^{-1}) \exp(-I(z))}{h^B(z, 0)} \right) = \delta m |z| + b$$



Consistency with OPE

$$H^R(z, P_z, \mu) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{1}{m!} \left(\frac{i z P_z}{2} \right)^m C_{mn}(z, \mu) \langle \xi^n \rangle(\mu)$$

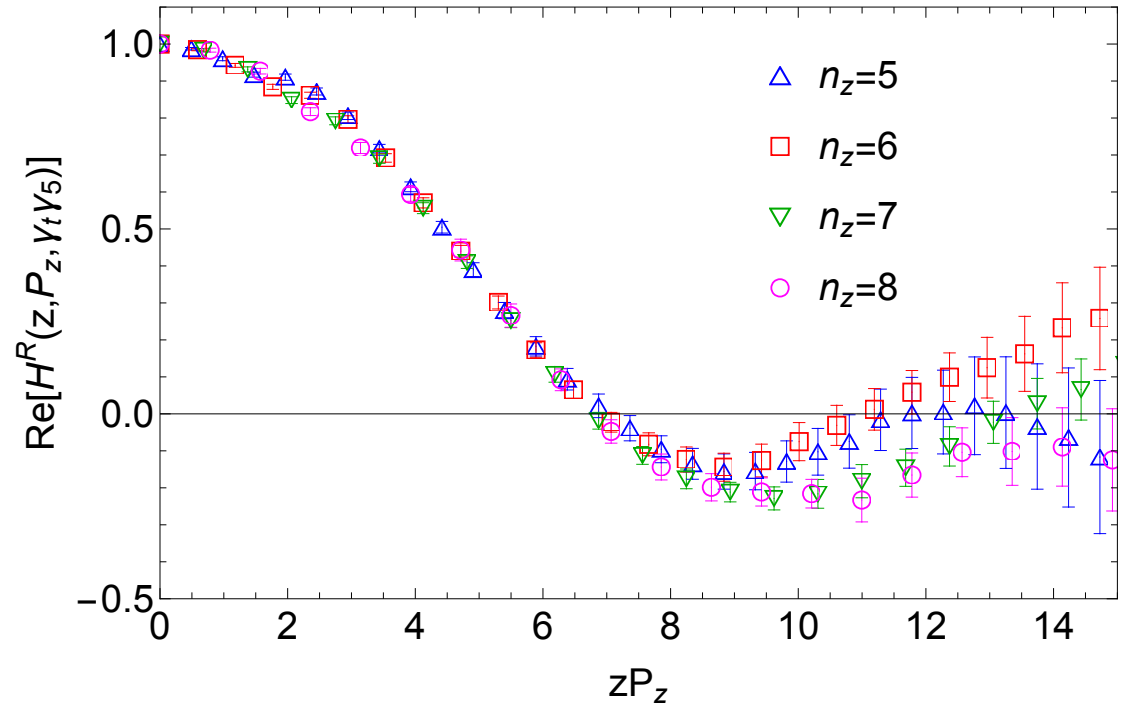


Renormalization in hybrid scheme

[Ji, et al., NPB \(2020\)](#)

$$h^R(z, P_z) = \frac{h^B(z, P_z)}{Z_h(z)}$$

$$Z_h(z) = \begin{cases} h^B(z, 0), & |z| < z_s \\ e^{\delta m |z - z_s|} h^B(z_s, 0), & |z| > z_s \end{cases}$$



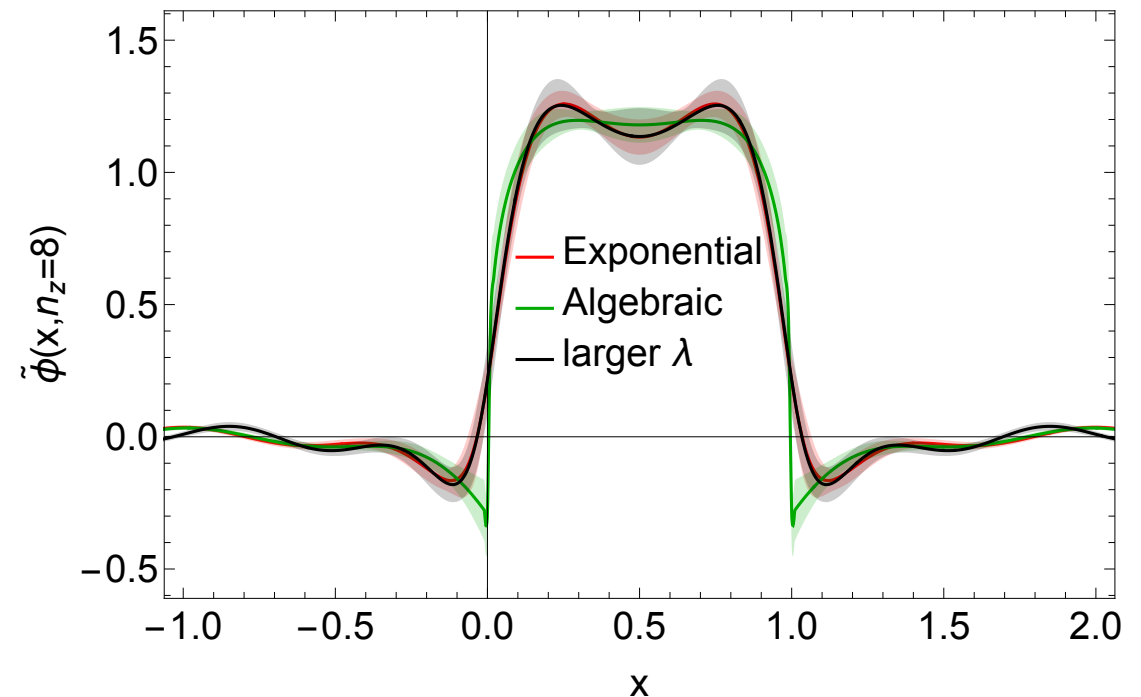
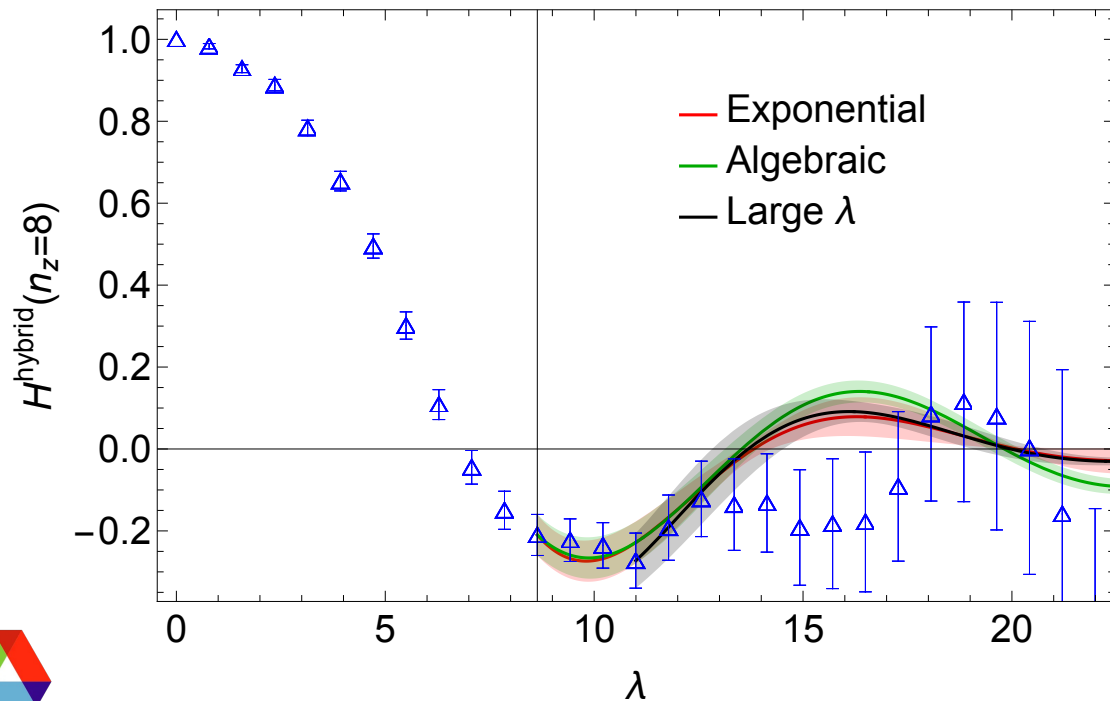
Longtail extrapolation ($\lambda = zP_z \rightarrow \infty$)

[Ji, et al., NPB \(2020\)](#)

Quasi-DA matrix elements have finite correlation length:

$$h^R(\lambda \rightarrow \infty) = e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0}} \left(e^{-\frac{i\lambda}{2}} \frac{c_1}{(-i\lambda)^{d_1}} + e^{\frac{i\lambda}{2}} \frac{c_1}{(i\lambda)^{d_1}} \right)$$

Inferred from Regge behavior



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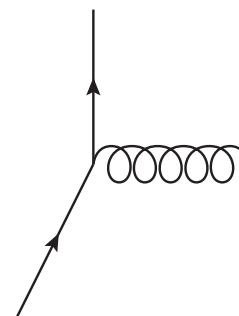
Resummation in quasi-DA matching

Logarithms in the Matching Kernel

$$C^{\gamma_t \gamma_5}(x, y, \mu, P_z) = \delta(x - y) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{1+x-y}{y-x} \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}} \ln \frac{(y-x)}{\bar{x}} + \frac{1+y-x}{y-x} \frac{x}{y} \ln \frac{(y-x)}{-x} \\ \frac{1+y-x}{y-x} \frac{x}{y} \ln \frac{4x(y-x)P_z^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{1+x-y}{y-x} \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}} \ln \frac{y-x}{\bar{x}} - \frac{x}{y} \right) \\ \frac{1+x-y}{x-y} \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}} \ln \frac{4\bar{x}(x-y)P_z^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{1+y-x}{x-y} \left(\frac{x}{y} \ln \frac{x-y}{x} - \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}} \right) \\ \frac{1+y-x}{x-y} \frac{x}{y} \ln \frac{(x-y)}{x} + \frac{1+x-y}{x-y} \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}} \ln \frac{(x-y)}{-\bar{x}} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} x < 0 \\ 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 < y < x < 1 \\ 1 < x \end{array}$$

- Efremov-Radyushkin-Brodsky-Lepage logarithm

- Physical scale of the system
 - Quark momentum logarithm $L = \ln x$
 - Anti-quark momentum logarithm $L = \ln \bar{x}$



Both become important only in the threshold limit $x \rightarrow y$

- Threshold logarithm

- Gluon momentum $L = \ln |x - y|$

- Only one RG equation (ERBL evolution): **How to resum?**

Factorizing Hard and “Soft” scales

Becher, Neubert & Pecjak JHEP(2007)

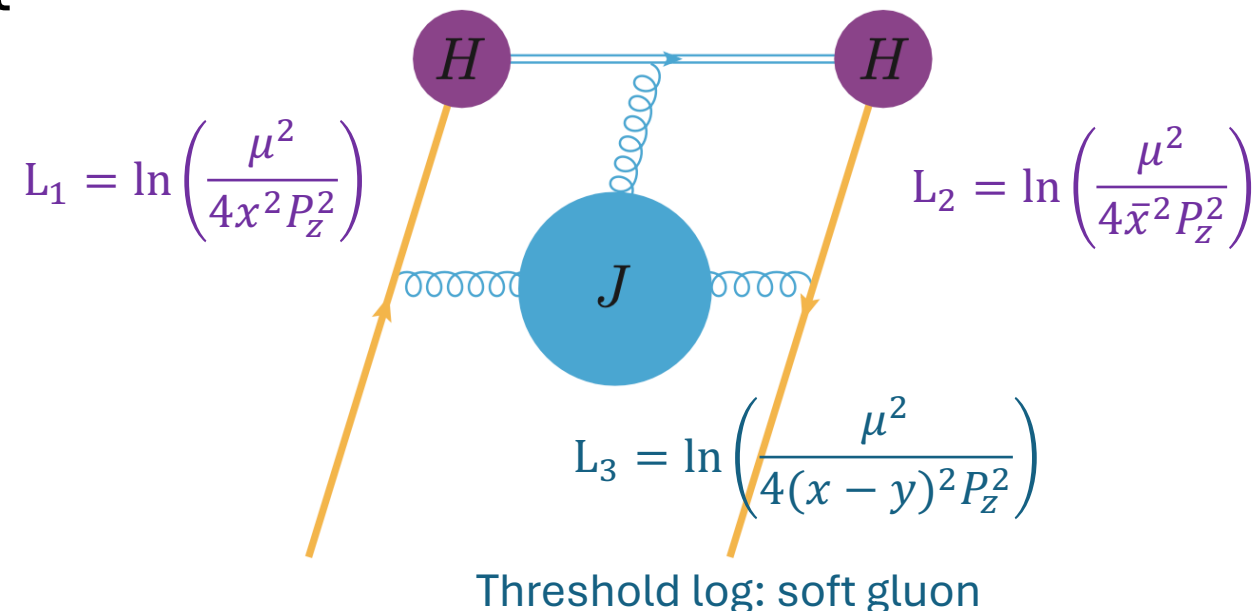
- All three logarithms are important only in the threshold limit

- $x - y \rightarrow 0$, soft gluon emission

- Integrate out hard modes

- Sudakov factor H
 - Quark component
 - Anti-quark component

$$C(x, y, \mu, P_z) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow y} H(xP_z, \bar{x}P_z, \mu) \otimes J(|x - y|P_z, \mu)$$



Ji, Liu & Su JHEP (2023)

- Integrate out hard collinear modes

- Jet function J

See Yushan Su's Talk

Separating all three scales

- $C(x \rightarrow y, \mu, P) \approx H(xP, \mu)H(\bar{x}P, \mu)J(|x - y|P, \mu)$
- $H\left(L_z^\pm = \ln\left(\frac{2xP}{\mu}\right)^2 + i\pi \operatorname{sgn}(zx), \mu\right) = 1 + \frac{C_F \alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{2}(L_z^\pm)^2 + L_z^\pm - 2 - \frac{5\pi^2}{12} \right]$
- $J\left(l_z = \ln\frac{z^2 \mu^2 e^{2\gamma_E}}{4}, \mu\right) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2}l_z^2 + l_z + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 2 \right)$
- Double logarithm come from **soft** and **collinear** divergences
- Cancellation of $\ln^2 \mu^2$ between H and J happens at all orders

Correcting the matching kernel

- Resummed Sudakov factor: $H = |H|e^{i\hat{A}}$

$$|H(\mu)| = |H(\mu_1, \mu_2)| e^{S(\mu_1, \mu) + S(\mu_2, \mu) - a_c(\mu_1, \mu) - a_c(\mu_2, \mu)} \times \left(\frac{2xP_z}{\mu_1}\right)^{-a_\Gamma(\mu_1, \mu)} \left(\frac{2\bar{x}P_z}{\mu_2}\right)^{-a_\Gamma(\mu_2, \mu)}$$

$$\hat{A}^{\text{RGR}}(xP_z, \bar{x}P_z, \mu_1, \mu_2) = \pi \text{sign}(z) \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_1)C_F}{2\pi} \left(1 - \ln \frac{4x^2P_z^2}{\mu_1^2}\right) - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_2)C_F}{2\pi} \left(1 - \ln \frac{4\bar{x}^2P_z^2}{\mu_2^2}\right) + 2 \int_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} \frac{\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}}{\mu} d\mu \right]$$

- Resummed Jet function:

$$J(\Delta, \mu) = e^{[-2S(\mu_i, \mu) + a_J(\mu_i, \mu)]} \tilde{J}_z(l_z = -2\partial_\eta, \alpha_s(\mu_i)) \left[\frac{\sin(\eta\pi/2)}{|\Delta|} \left(\frac{2|\Delta|}{\mu_i}\right)^\eta \right]_* \frac{\Gamma(1-\eta)e^{-\eta\gamma_E}}{\pi} \Big|_{\eta=2a_\Gamma(\mu_i, \mu)}$$

- $C_{TR} = (H \otimes J)_{TR} \otimes (H \otimes J)_{NLO}^{-1} \otimes C_{NLO}$

- Inverse matching:

$$C_{TR}^{-1} = C_{NLO}^{-1} \otimes (H \otimes J)_{NLO} \otimes (H \otimes J)_{TR}^{-1}$$

What are the scale choices of $\mu_{1,2}$ and μ_i ?

Scale choices of resummation

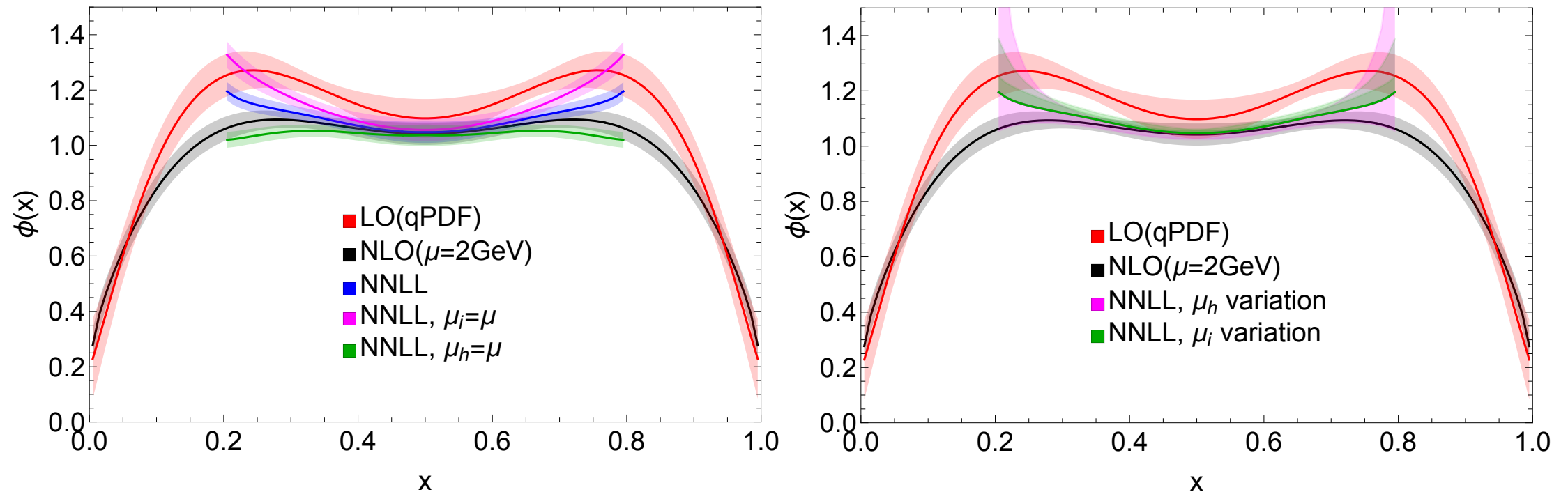
- Hard scale:
 - $H(xP, \mu)$: quark momentum $\mu_{h_1} = 2xP$
 - $H(\bar{x}P, \mu)$: anti-quark momentum $\mu_{h_2} = 2\bar{x}P$
- Semi-hard scale:
 - $J(|y - x|P, \mu)$: gluon momentum $\mu_i = 2|y - x|P$?
 - This scale choice is not applicable because $\mu_i \rightarrow 0$ hits the Landau Pole for any given x !
- Actual x -dependent semi-hard scale found in $\int dy J(|x - y|) \phi(y)$
 - $2xP$ when $x \rightarrow 0$
 - $2\bar{x}P$ when $x \rightarrow 1$
 - Choosing $\mu_i = 2 \min(x, \bar{x}) P$

Becher, Neubert & Pecjak JHEP(2007)

Matching with Resummed Kernel

Scale variation: $\mu_i \rightarrow c * \mu_i$, $c = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}]$

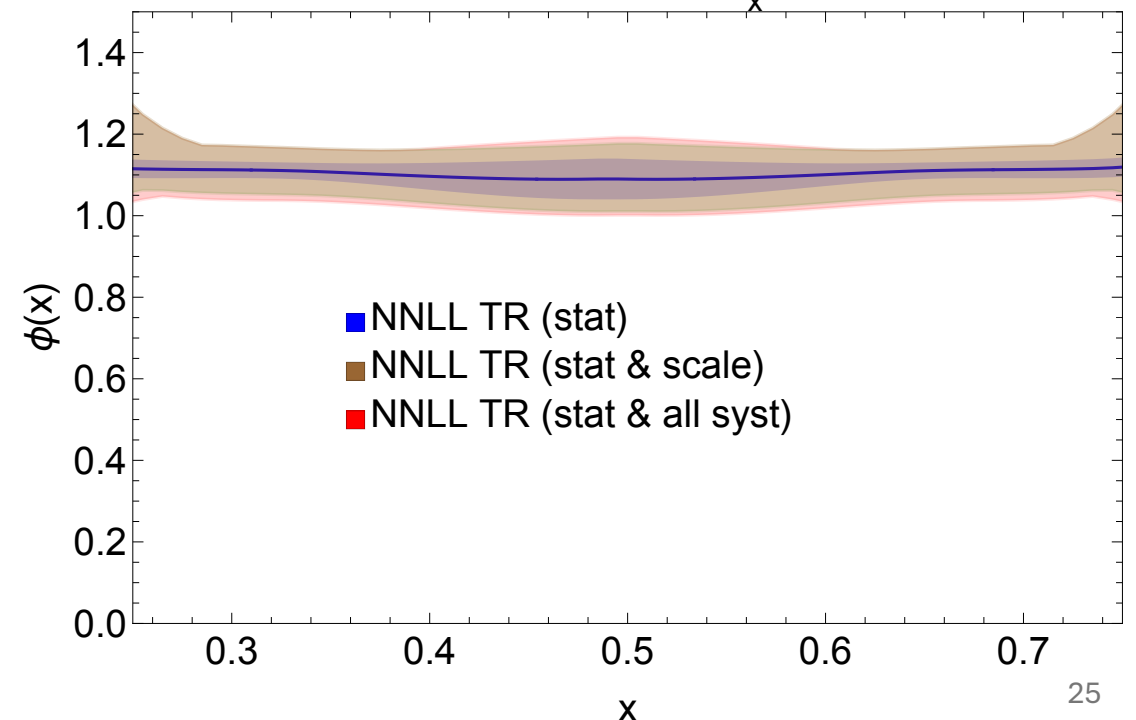
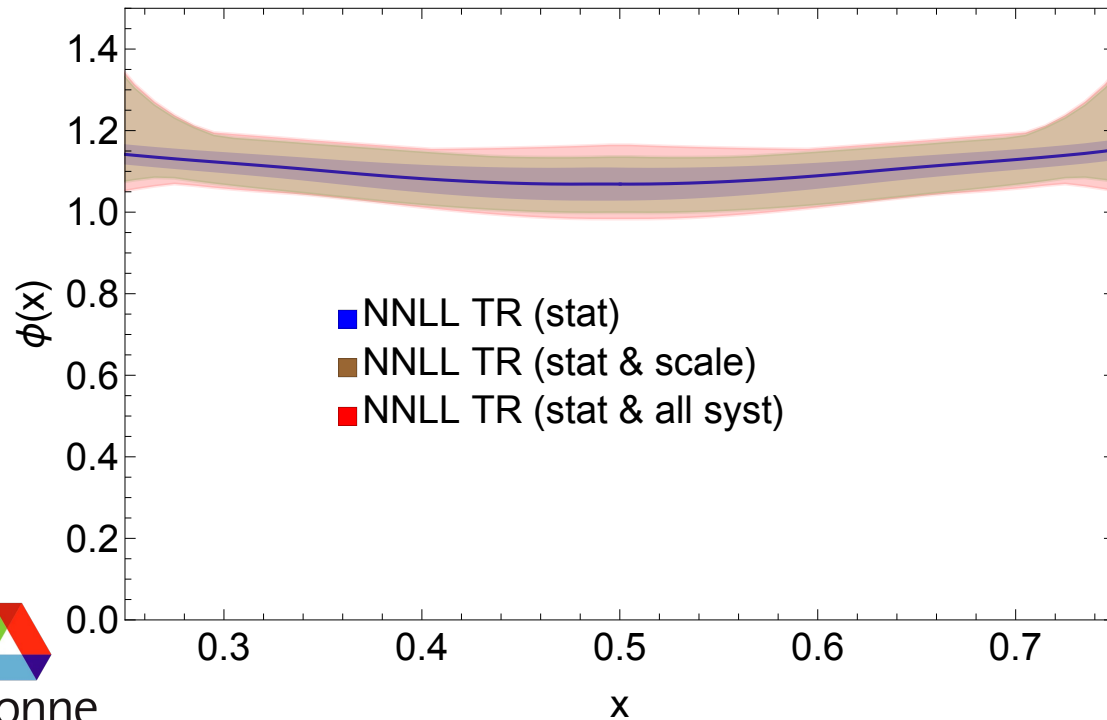
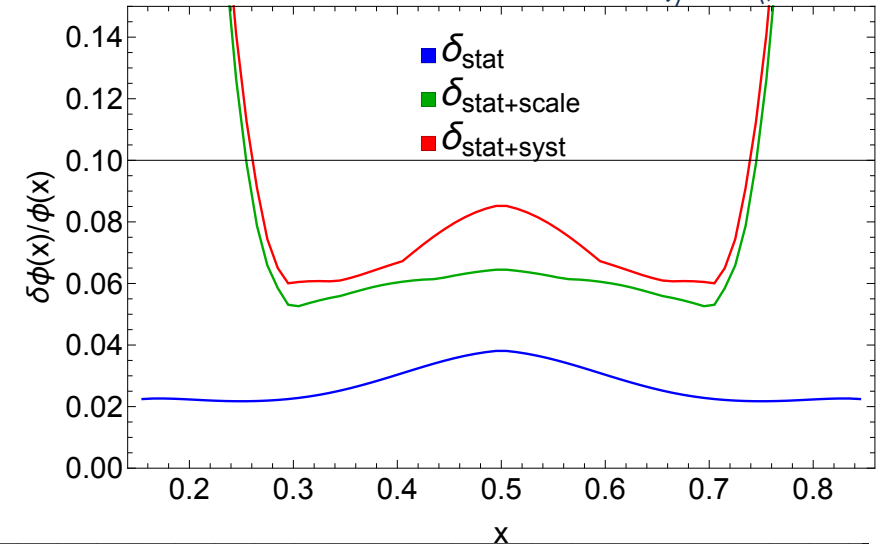
When scale variation becomes large, perturbation theory is no longer reliable



Including all systematics

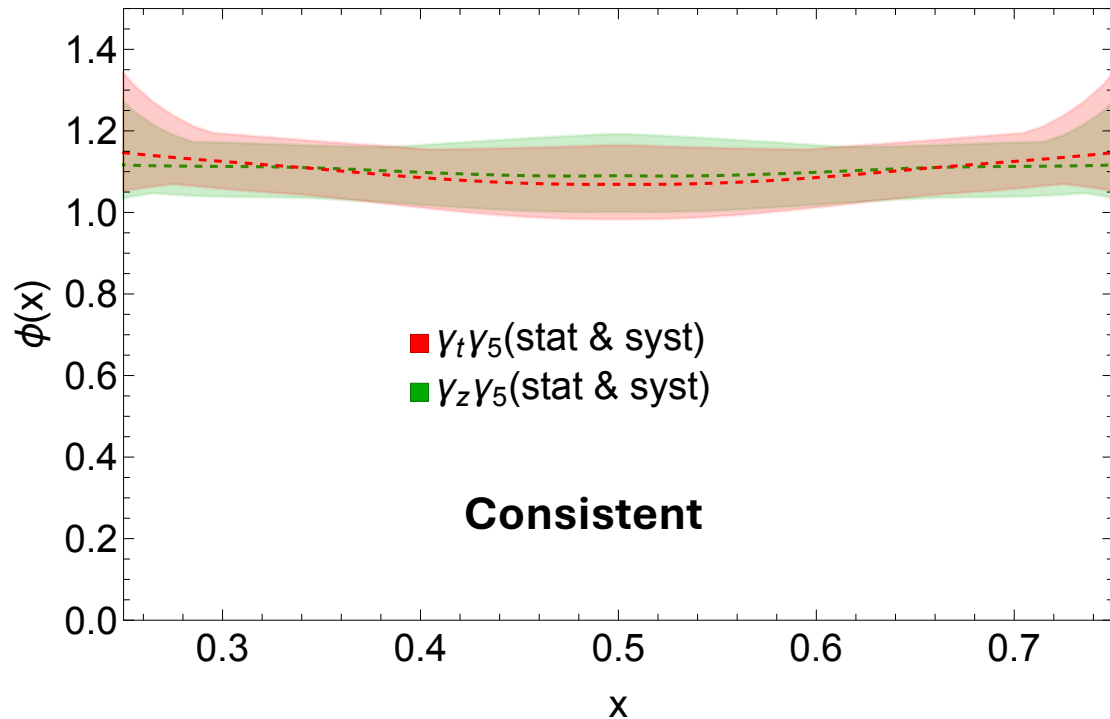
- Different z_s
- Different extrapolations
- Scale Variation

$x \in [0.25, 0.75]$
 $\delta_{total} \approx 10\%$

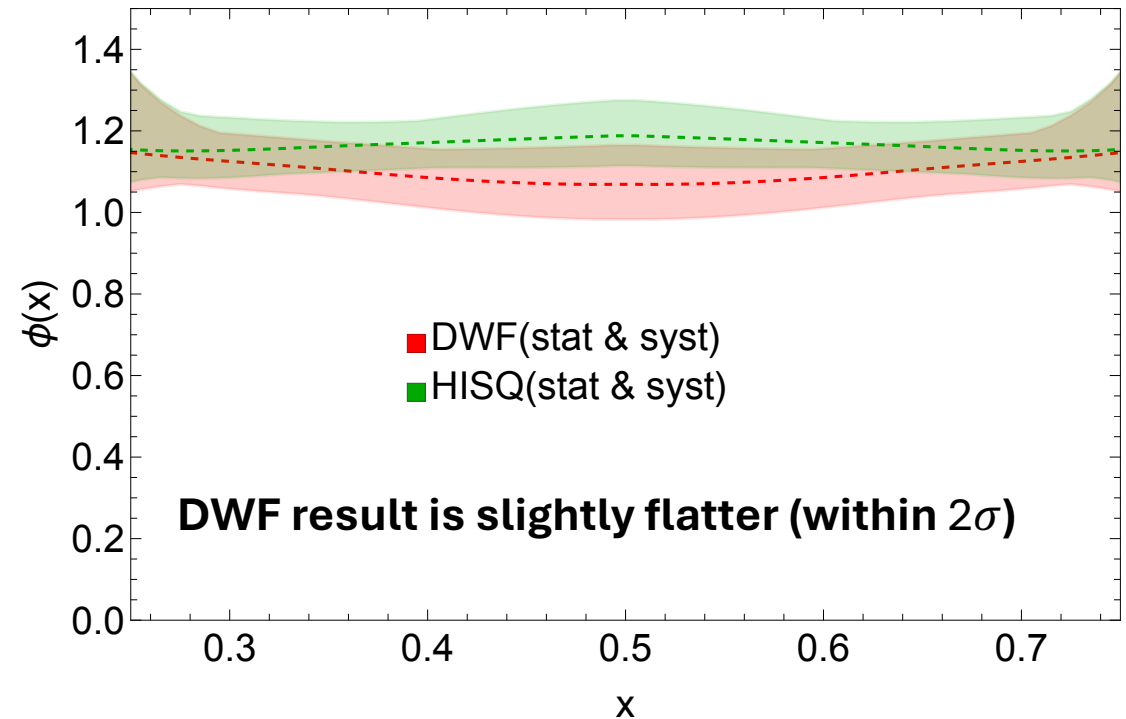


Comparison of Final Results

- Different operators



- Different fermion actions on similar lattice



Conclusion and Outlook

- We present a pion DA calculation using gauge ensembles with domain wall fermions;
 - We propose and develop a more robust method to resum the small-momentum logarithms in the perturbative matching kernel of DA, the first implementation of threshold resummation in the LaMET DA calculation;
 - We observe a slightly flatter distribution for domain wall fermions.
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- Continuum limit is needed for a more conclusive comparison
 - Larger pion momentum is needed to extend the x range of calculation
 - More precise measurement of DA longtail is needed
 - 2-loop DA matching can be used to test the perturbative convergence

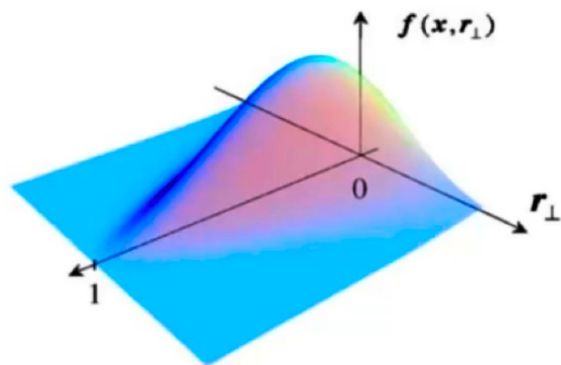
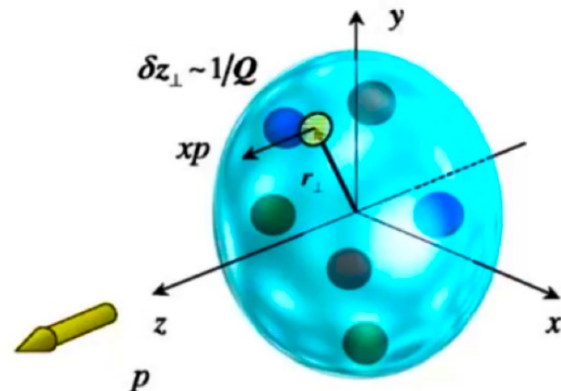
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Outline

Resummation of generalized parton distributions

Generalized Parton Distributions

- GPD offers insights into the 3D image of hadrons
- Challenges in GPD extraction:



Belitsky and Radyushkin:
Phys.Rept.(2005)

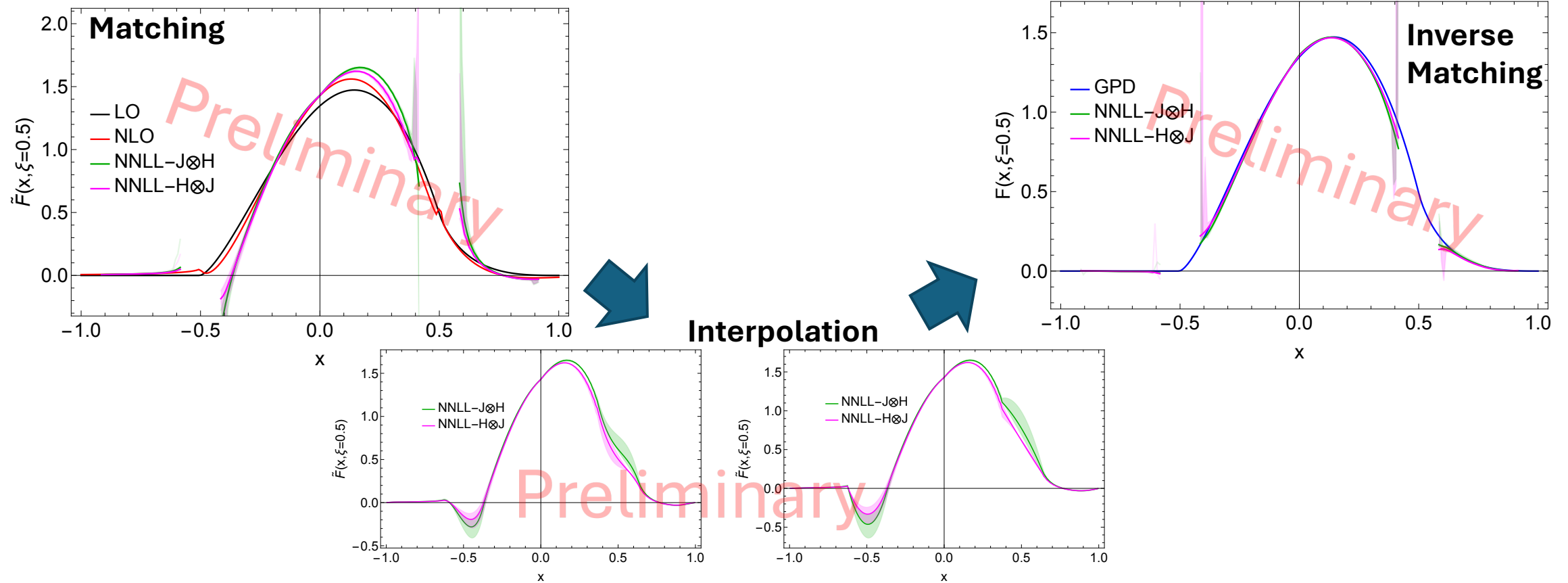
- Multi-dimensionality $F(x, \xi, t)$
- Factorization at **amplitude level**
- x always integrated $iM \propto \int dx \frac{F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon}$
- Shadow GPDs (degenerate solutions)
 - $\int dx \frac{\Delta F(x, \xi, t)}{x - \xi + i\epsilon} = 0$

Direct x -dependence calculation
from lattice QCD with LaMET!

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Resummation in GPD at non-zero skewness

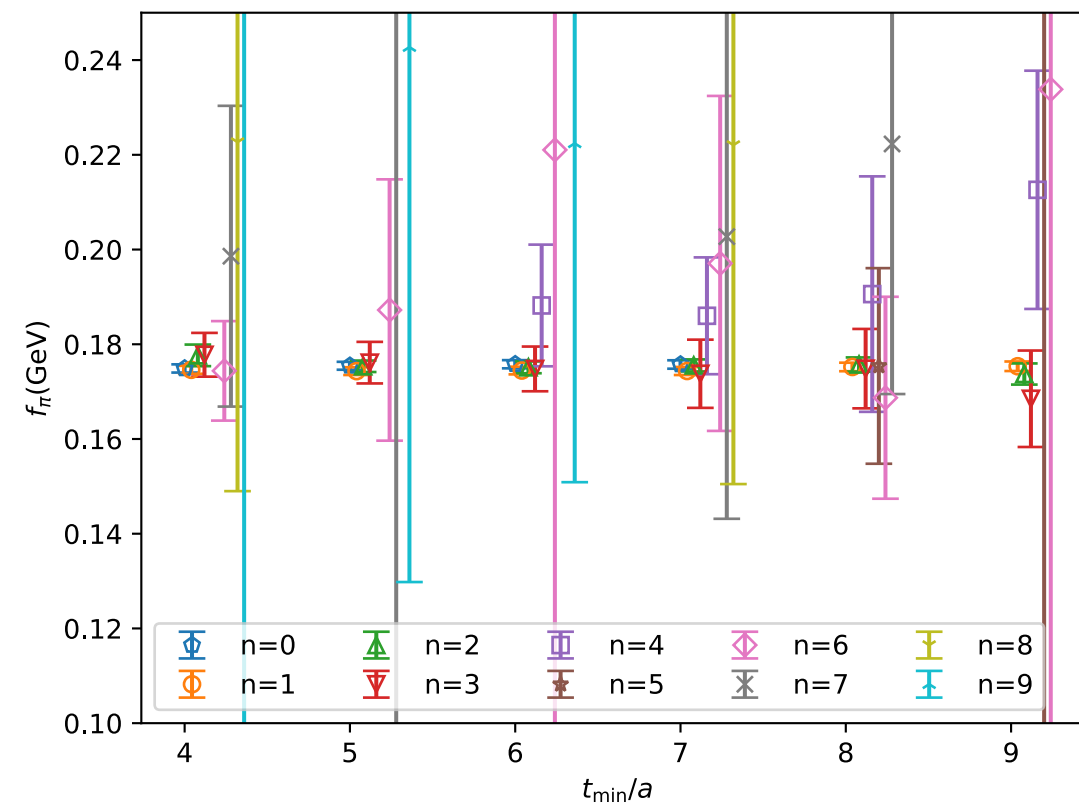
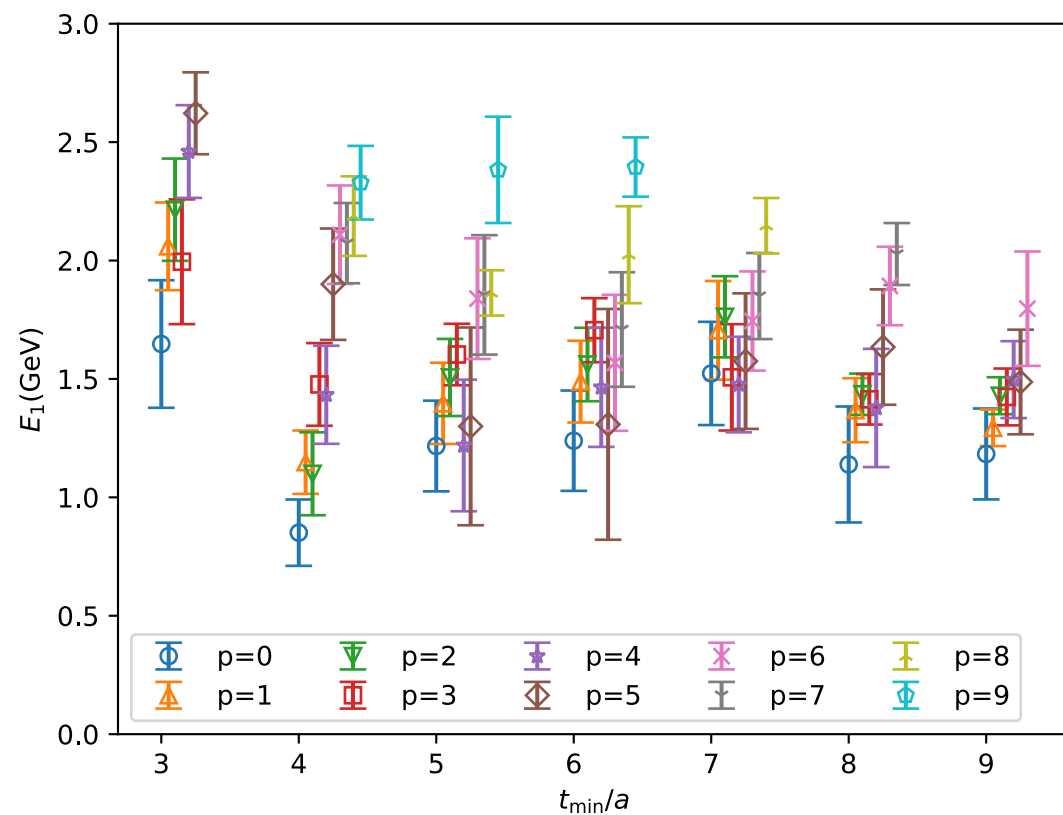
LaMET (inverse) matching is **highly local** and **not spreading out** higher-power or non-perturbative effects.



Thank you for listening!

Backup Slides

Fits of energy and extraction of f_π



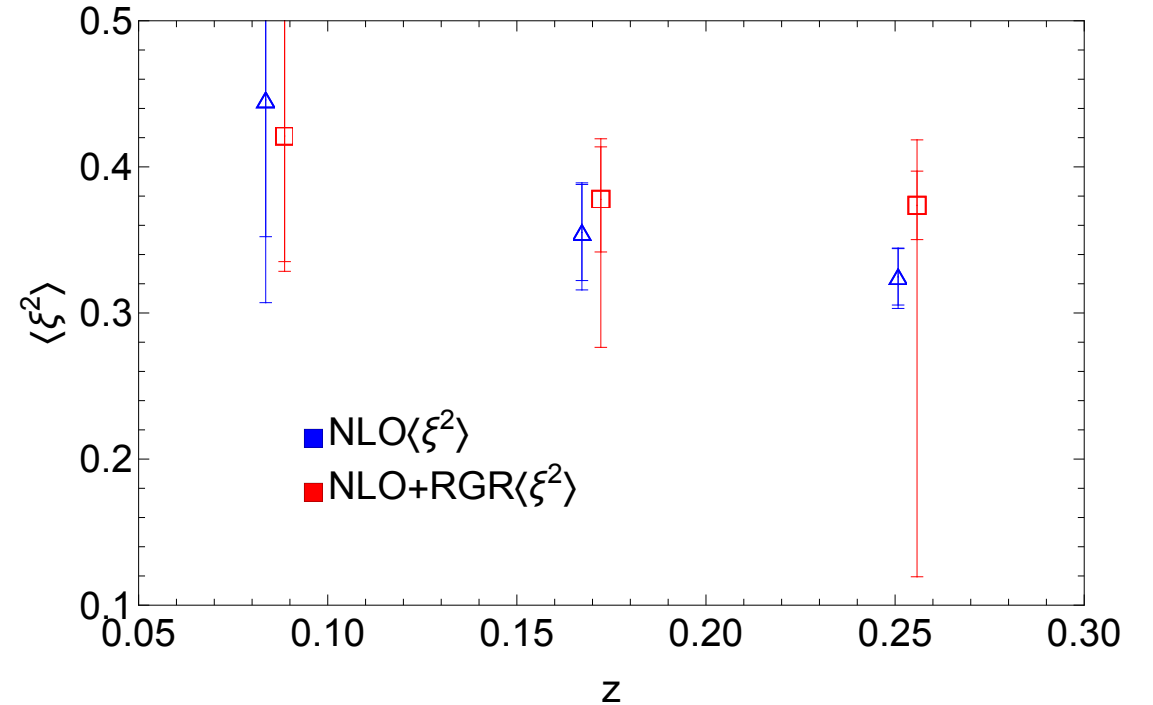
Extracting Moments from OPE

- RG-invariant ratio:

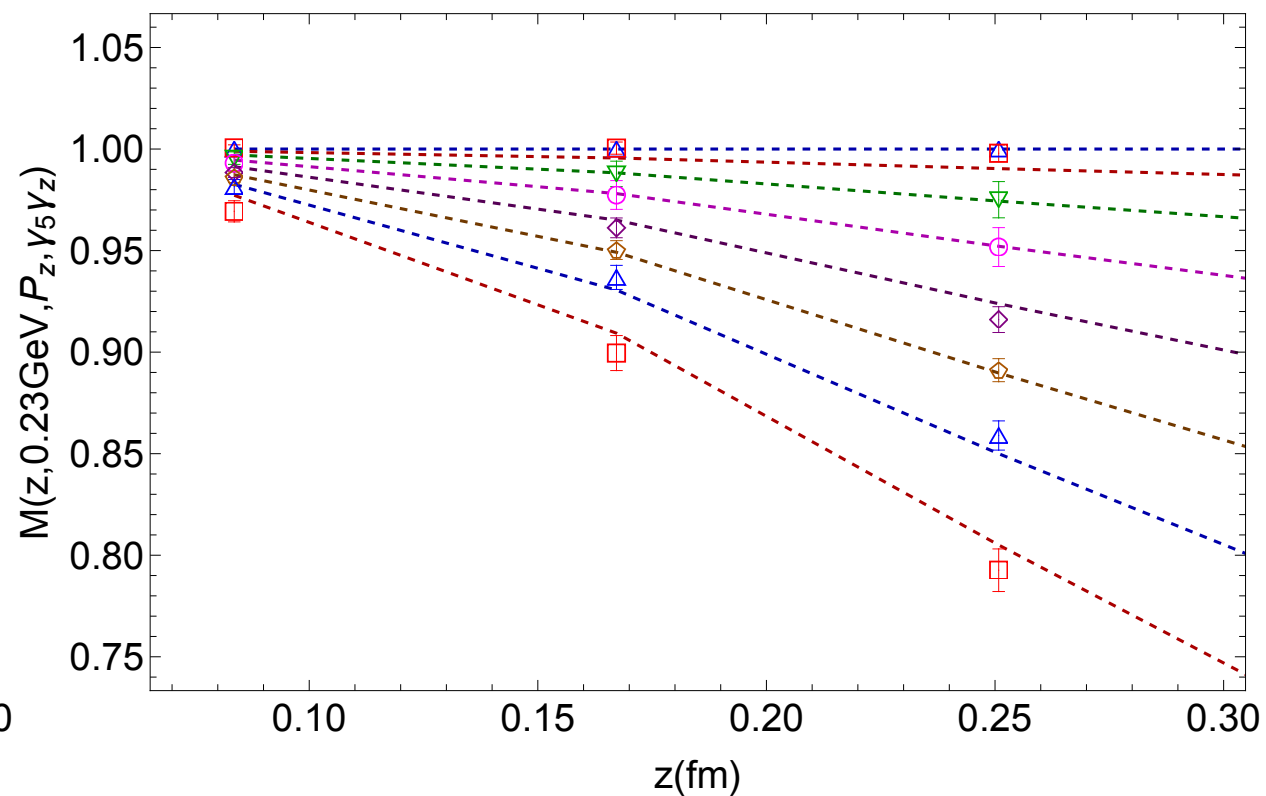
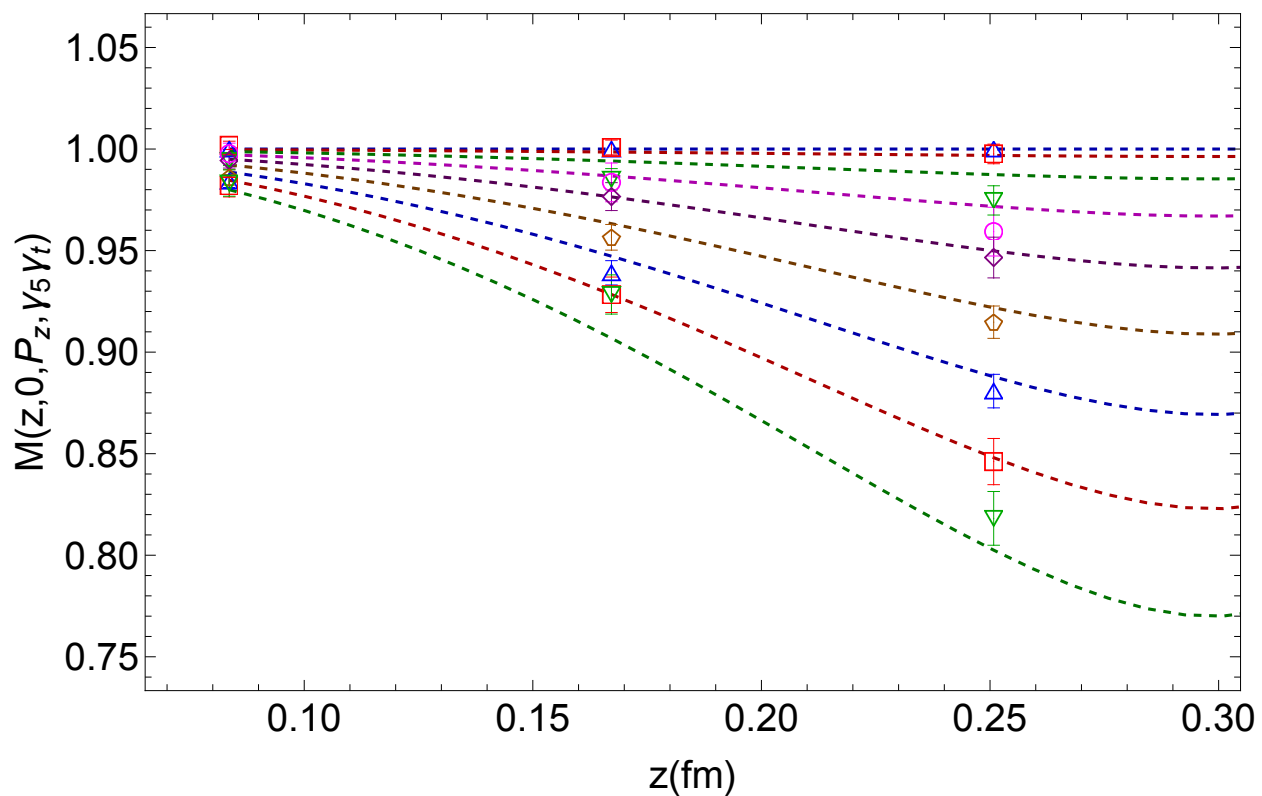
$$\mathcal{M}(z, P_1, P_2) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{H^B(z, P_2, a)}{H^B(z, P_1, a)} = \frac{H^R(z, P_2)}{H^R(z, P_1)}$$

- Fit to OPE

$$\mathcal{M}(z, P_1, P_2) \approx \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-izP_2)^n}{n!} C_{nm}(z, \mu) \langle \xi^m \rangle}{\sum_n \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-izP_1)^n}{n!} C_{nm}(z, \mu) \langle \xi^m \rangle}$$

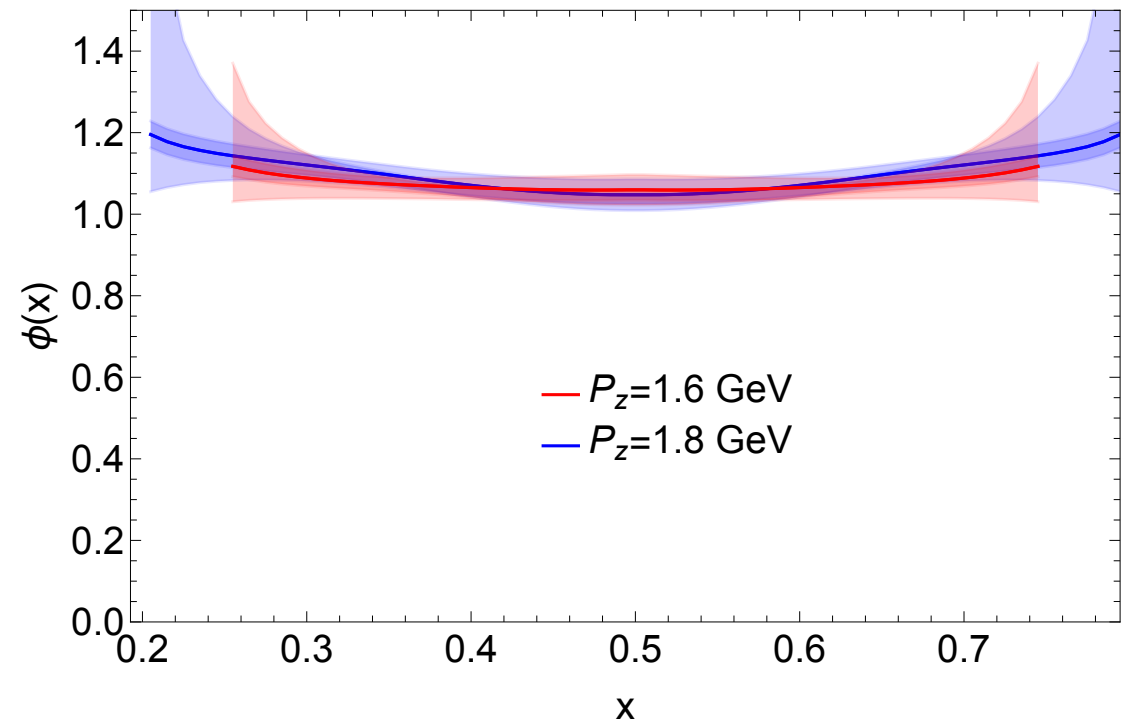
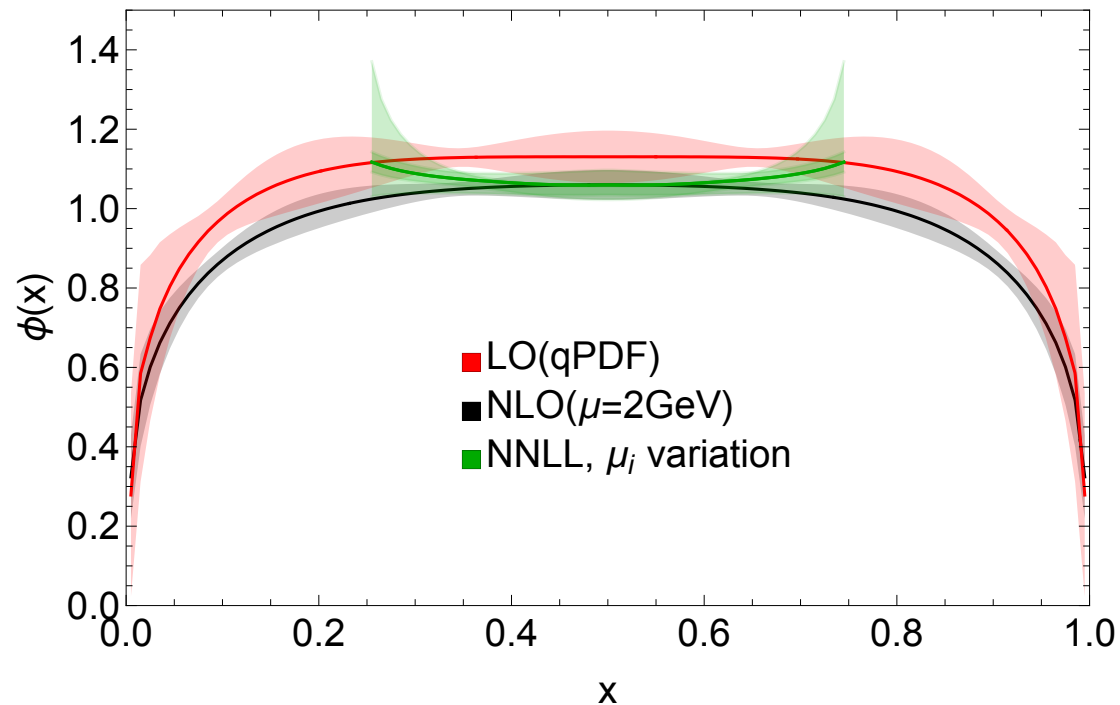


Consistency with OPE (Ratio)



Momentum dependence of calculable range

- Compare with $P_z = 1.6\text{GeV}$
- The range of calculation increases with momentum



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