

PDFs from first principles

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Theoretical Framework

Starting point is the [Compton Amplitude](#), to be evaluated at large values of q^2 , i.e. small values of x :

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mu\nu}(p, q) &= \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle N(p, s) | T J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) | N(p, s) \rangle \\ &= \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) \mathcal{F}_1(\omega, q^2) + \left(p_\mu - \frac{pq}{q^2} q_\mu \right) \left(p_\nu - \frac{pq}{q^2} q_\nu \right) \frac{1}{pq} \mathcal{F}_2(\omega, q^2) \\ &\quad + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} q_\lambda s_\sigma \frac{1}{pq} \mathcal{G}_1(\omega, q^2) + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} q_\lambda (pq s_\sigma - sq p_\sigma) \frac{1}{(pq)^2} \mathcal{G}_2(\omega, q^2) \end{aligned}$$

In the physical region $1 \leq |\omega| \leq \infty$

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{F}_{1,2}(\omega, q^2) = 2\pi F_{1,2}(\omega, q^2), \quad \text{Im } \mathcal{G}_{1,2}(\omega, q^2) = 2\pi g_{1,2}(\omega, q^2) \quad \omega = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{2pq}{q^2}$$

For $p_3 = q_3 = q_0 = 0$, substituting $\bar{\omega}$ by $1/x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{33}(p, q) = \mathcal{F}_1(\omega, q^2) &= 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{\omega x}{1 - (\omega x)^2} F_1(x, q^2) + \mathcal{F}_1(0, q^2) \\
 &= \sum_{n=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} 4\omega^n \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} F_1(x, q^2) + \mathcal{F}_1(0, q^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{03}(p, q) \stackrel{\vec{s} \parallel \vec{p}}{=} \frac{(\vec{q} \times \vec{s})_3}{pq} \mathcal{G}_1(\omega, q^2) &= \frac{(\vec{q} \times \vec{s})_3}{pq} 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{1 - (\omega x)^2} g_1(x, q^2) \\
 &= \frac{(\vec{q} \times \vec{s})_3}{pq} \sum_{n=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} 4\omega^n \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} g_1(x, q^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{03}(p, q) \stackrel{\vec{s} \parallel \vec{q}}{=} -\frac{(\vec{p} \times \vec{q})_3 \vec{s} \vec{q}}{(pq)^2} \mathcal{G}_2(\omega, q^2) &= -\frac{(\vec{p} \times \vec{q})_3 \vec{s} \vec{q}}{(pq)^2} 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{1 - (\omega x)^2} g_2(x, q^2) \\
 &= -\frac{(\vec{p} \times \vec{q})_3 \vec{s} \vec{q}}{(pq)^2} \sum_{n=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} 4\omega^n \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} g_2(x, q^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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Moments

$$\mu_n(q^2) = f \int_0^1 dx x^n F_1(x, q^2) = \langle x^n \rangle$$

PDFs are obtained by Mellin transform

$$F_1(x, q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i f} \int_C ds x^{-s-1} \mu_s(q^2)$$

For example

$$\mu_1(q^2) = c_2(q^2 a^2) \mathcal{V}_2(a) + \frac{c_4(q^2 a^2)}{q^2} \mathcal{V}_4(a) + \dots$$

$$\text{Lattice: } q^2 \sim \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Twist-2

Twist-4

$$\langle N(p) | \mathcal{O}_{\mu\nu} | N(p) \rangle = \mathcal{V}_2 [p_\mu p_\nu - \text{traces}] \quad \langle N(p) | \mathcal{O}_{\mu\nu\lambda\lambda} | N(p) \rangle = \mathcal{V}_4 [p_\mu p_\nu - \text{traces}]$$

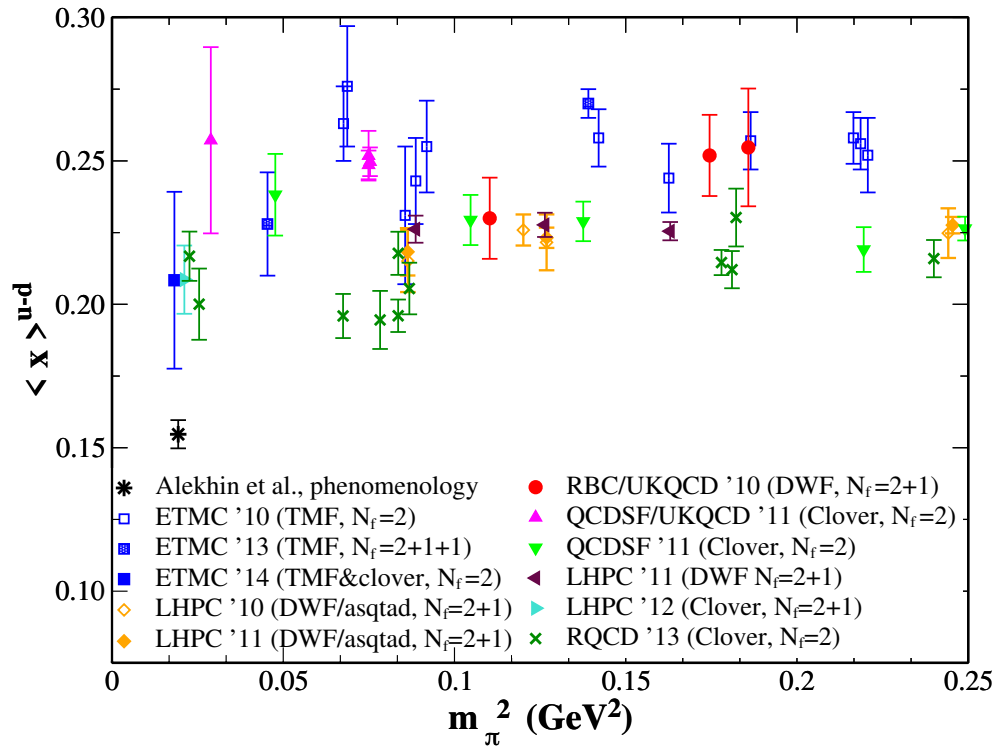
$$\mathcal{O}_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} \dots D_{\mu_n} \psi$$

It happens that matrix elements of twist-2 mix with matrix elements of twist-4 and higher under renormalization due to power divergences

Martinelli & Sachrajda, Rossi & Testa

Twist-2 only

Exp. →



For comparison: Quasi-PDFs

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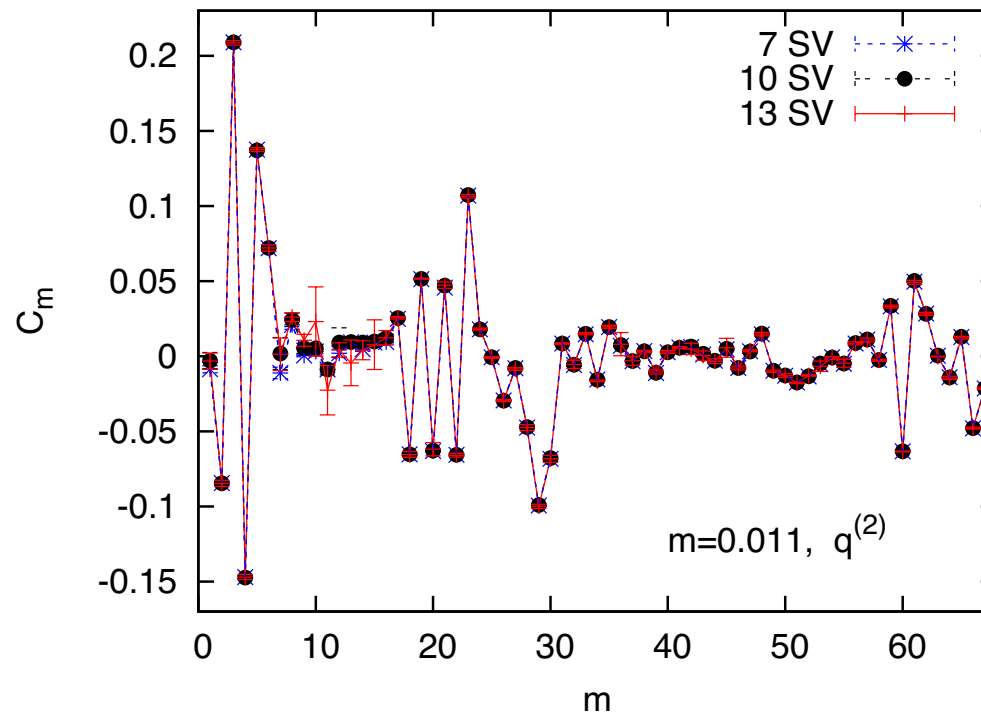
$$q(x) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{i x p_z z} \langle N(p) | \mathcal{P} \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma e^{-ig \int_0^z d\zeta A_z(\zeta)} \psi(0) | N(p) \rangle$$

Twist-2

Significance of higher twist?

Wilson coefficients

$$\ell_{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = \sum c_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}^i \langle p | \mathcal{O}_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}^i | p \rangle$$



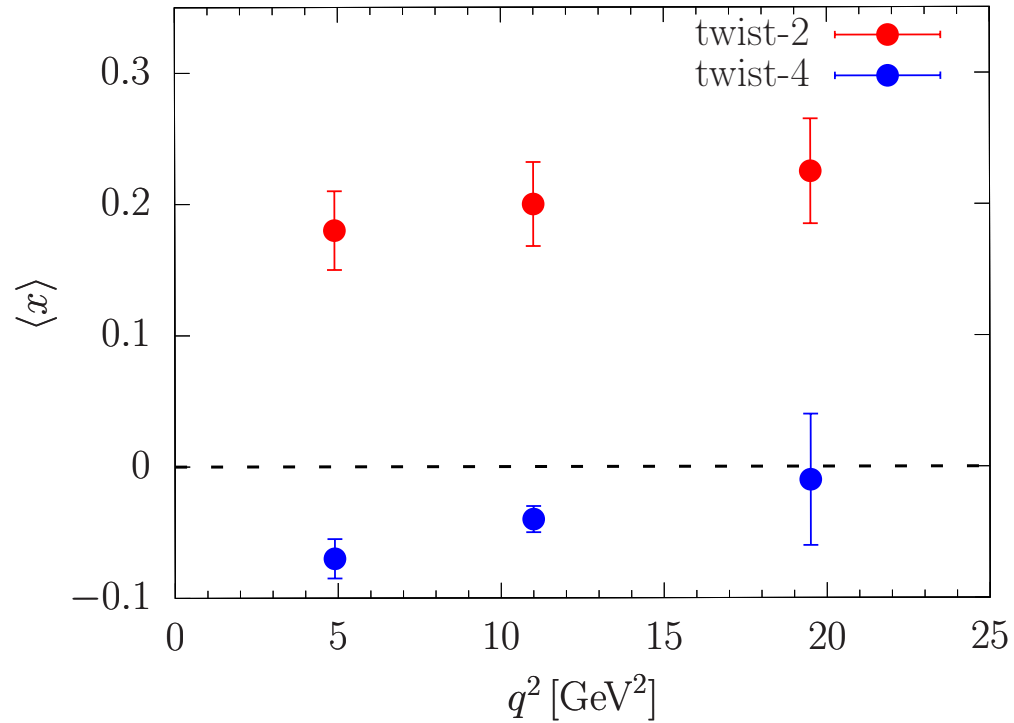
Operators taken into account

1	1	1	2	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i$	3			
3	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu$	1	4	$\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_\mu$	3	5	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3
7	$\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_j$	6						
8	$1\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu$	1	9	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu$	3	10	$1\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3
11	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3	12	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_j$	6	13	$1\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_\mu$	3
14	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_i$	3	15	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_j\mathcal{D}_\mu$	6	16	$1\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_i$	3
17	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_j\mathcal{D}_\mu$	6	18	$1\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_i$	3	19	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_j\mathcal{D}_i$	6
20	$1\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_j$	6	21	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_j$	6	22	$i\gamma_\mu\gamma_i\mathcal{D}_j\mathcal{D}_k$	6
23	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu$	1	24	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu$	3	25	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3
26	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3	27	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	6	28	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_\mu$	3
29	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	6	30	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3	31	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_i$	3
32	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3	33	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	6	34	$\gamma_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i\mathcal{D}_j$	6
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38	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	6	39	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	3	40	$\gamma_\alpha\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_\mu\mathcal{D}_i$	6
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Ordering not consistent with figure

Effect of twist-4 (for illustration)

$$\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}D_{\nu}\psi, \quad \bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}D_{\nu}D_{\lambda}D_{\lambda}\psi$$

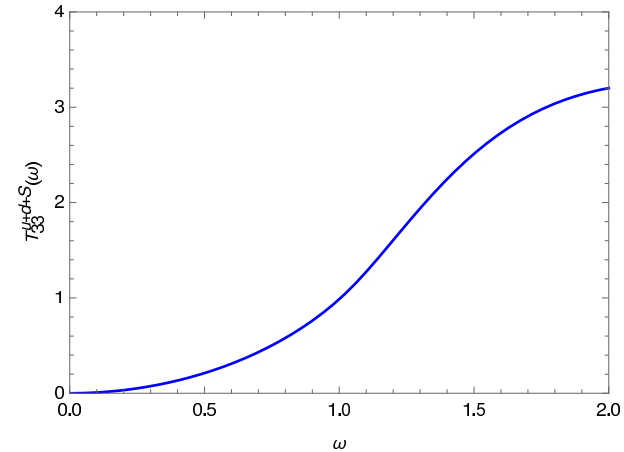


Quenched overlap

QCDSF

OPE Caveats

$$T_{33}^{u+d+S}(\omega) = 4\omega \mathbf{P} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\omega x}{1 - (\omega x)^2} F_1^{u+d+S}(x)$$



Large ω / small x region incompatible with OPE Regge

Extension of OPE to Regge asymptotics:

R.A. Brandt, Nucl. Phys. B72 (1974) 125

H.-J. Thun, Nuovo Cim. A26 (1975) 329

Further reading

A.H. Mueller, Phys. Lett. B396 (1997) 251

QCDSF Approach ComInv

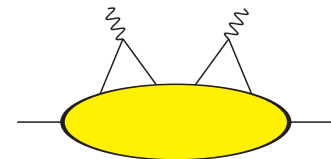
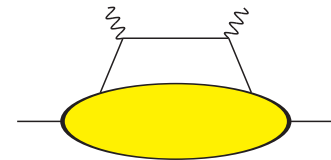
The Compton amplitude can be computed most efficiently, including singlet (disconnected) matrix elements, by the **Feynman-Hellmann** technique. By introducing the perturbation to the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}(x) + \lambda \mathcal{J}_3(x), \quad \mathcal{J}_3(x) = Z_V \cos(\vec{q}\vec{x}) e_q \bar{q}(x) \gamma_3 q(x)$$

and taking the second derivative of $\langle N(\vec{p}, t) \bar{N}(\vec{p}, 0) \rangle_\lambda \simeq C_\lambda e^{-E_\lambda(p,q)t}$ with respect to λ on both sides, we obtain

$$-2E_\lambda(p, q) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} E_\lambda(p, q) \Big|_{\lambda=0} = T_{33}(p, q)$$

The amplitude encompasses the dominating ‘handbag’ diagram as well as the power-suppressed ‘cats ears’ diagram. Varying q^2 will allow to test the twist expansion. **No further renormalization is needed**

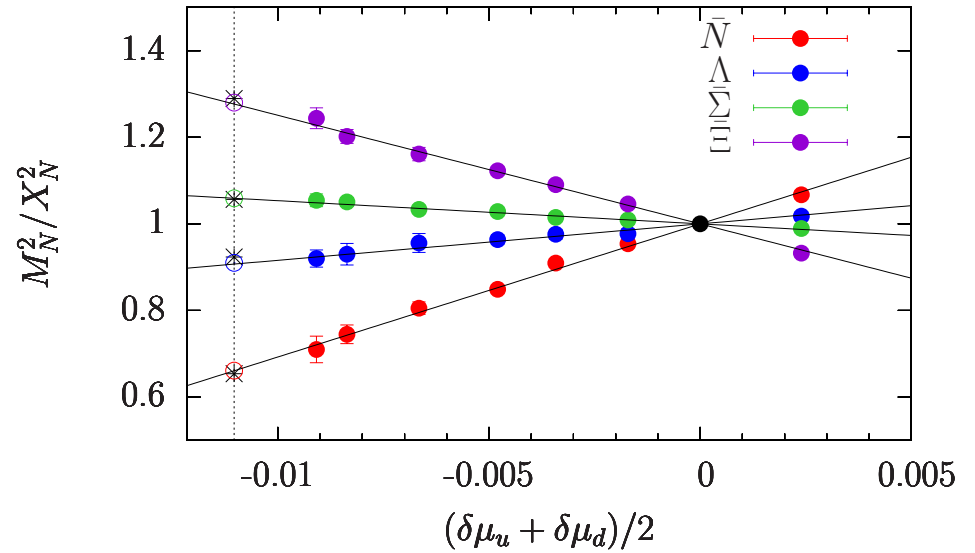


Lattices: SU(3) symmetric point

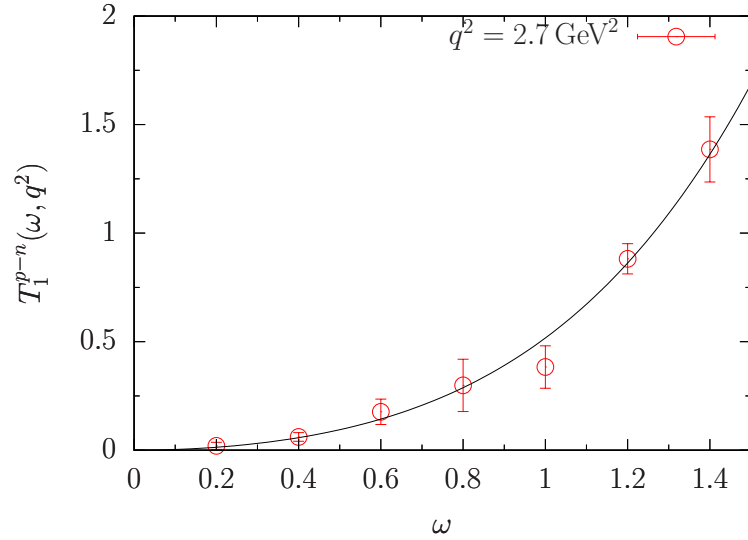
$$M_\pi = M_K \approx 410 \text{ MeV}$$

V	a [fm]	q^2 [GeV ²]
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	1.37
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	2.73 *
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	3.55
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	4.64 *
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	5.48
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	6.83
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	7.10
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	9.29
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	12.29
$32^3 \times 64$	0.074	15.85
$48^3 \times 96$	0.068	1.44

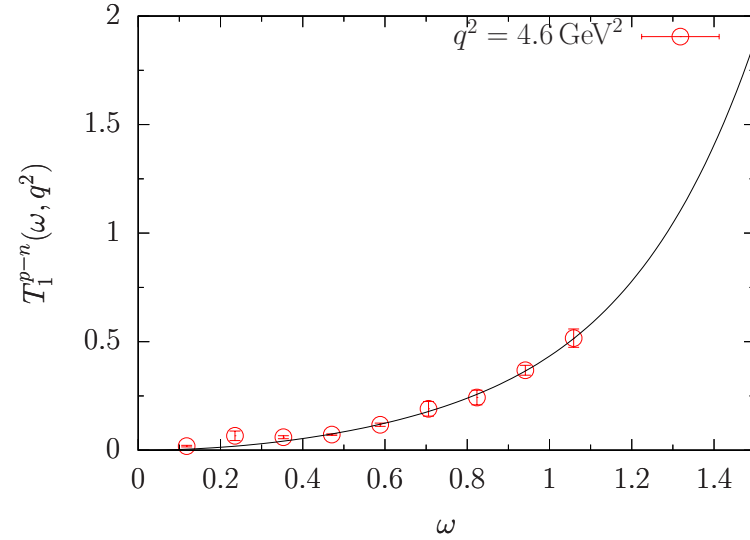
* High statistics



Compton amplitude

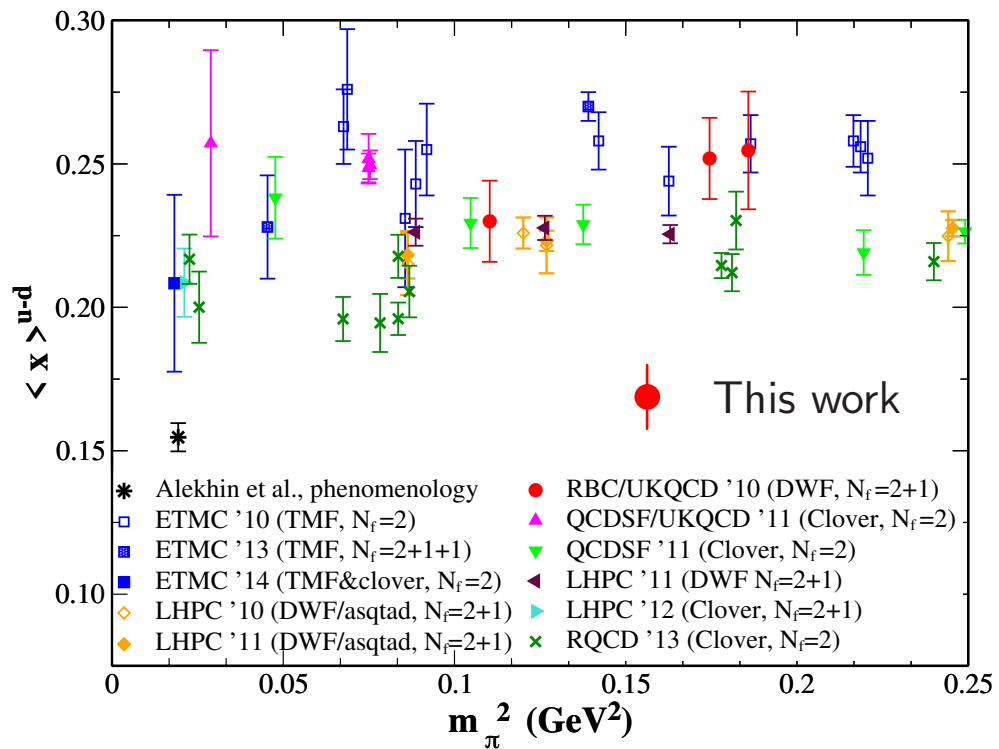


$$\langle x \rangle^{u-d} = 0.166(33)$$



$$\langle x \rangle^{u-d} = 0.167(45)$$

$$T^{p-n}(\omega, q) = \frac{3}{2} \langle x \rangle^{u-d} \omega^2 + O(\omega^4)$$

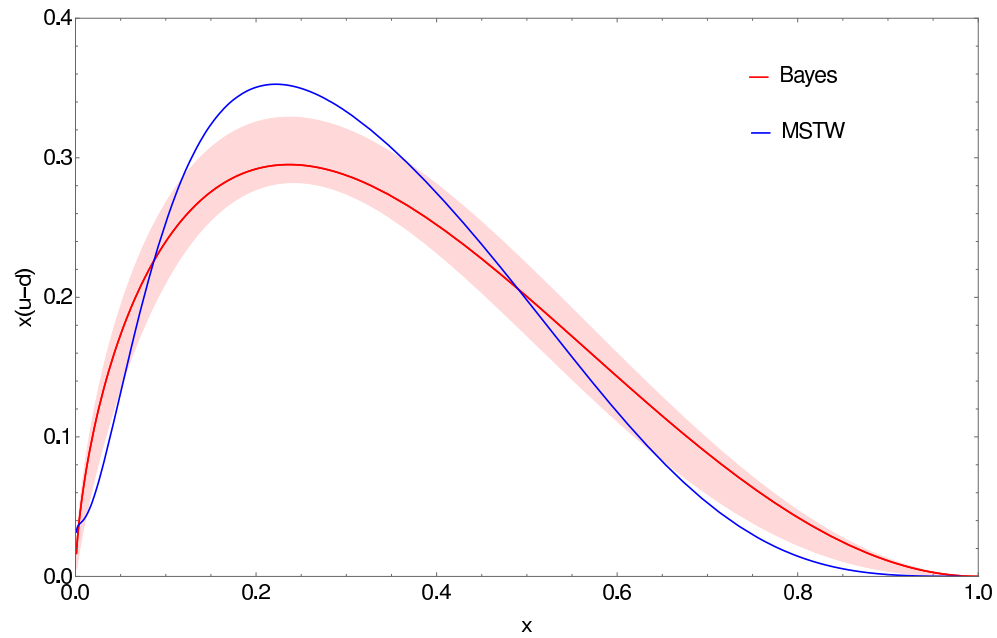


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 Flavor symmetric point

PDF nonsinglet

Bayesian fit

Prior: $A x^B (1 - x)^C$



$q^2 = 4.6 \text{ GeV}^2$

Conclusions

ComInv appears to be a promising method to compute PDFs from first principles. Mixing of operators of leading twist with operators of higher dimension and twist under renormalization is taken into account automatically. Issues of the OPE are evaded

A generalization of **ComInv** to the computation of GPDs is straightforward. Consider, for example, the unpolarized case. In the Breit frame

$$\begin{aligned} T_{33}(\vec{p}, -\vec{p}, \vec{q}) &= \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle N(\vec{p}, s) | T J_3(x) J_3(0) | N(-\vec{p}, s) \rangle \\ &= \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{\omega x}{1 - (\omega x)^2} H(x, \Delta^2, q^2) \quad \vec{\Delta} = 2\vec{p} \end{aligned}$$

with

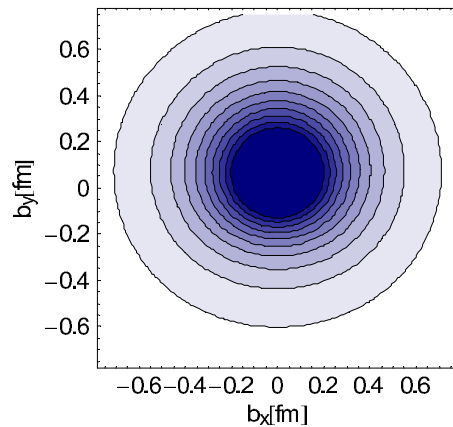
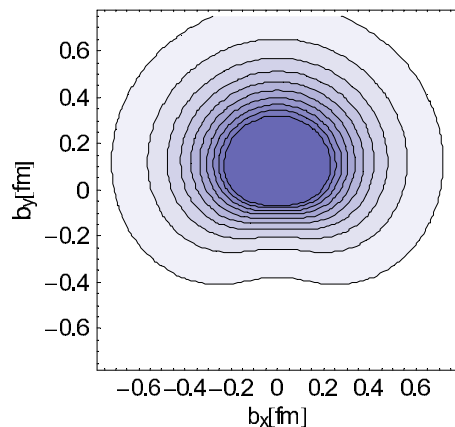
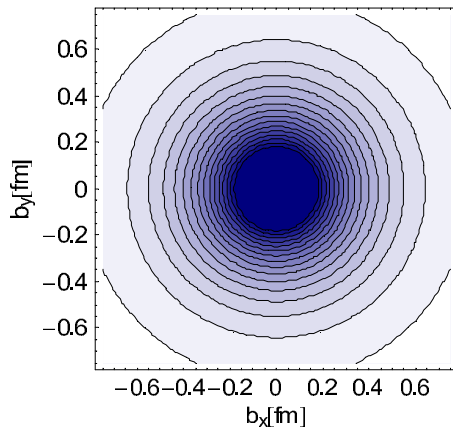
$$\mathcal{J}_3(x) = Z_V \cos(\vec{p}\vec{x}) e_q \bar{q}(x) \gamma_3 q(x)$$

No extra propagators and background field configurations need to be generated

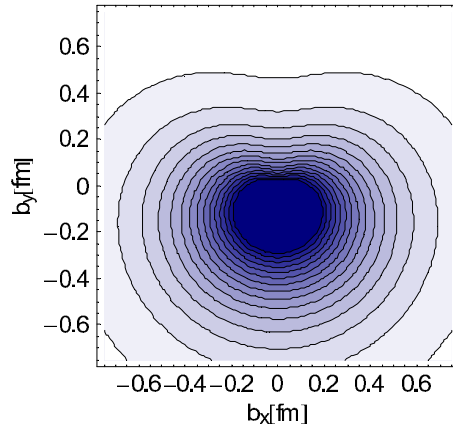
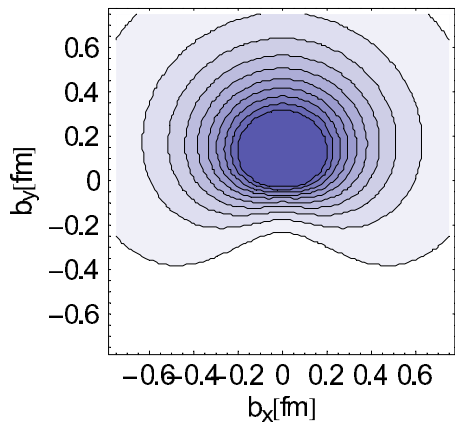
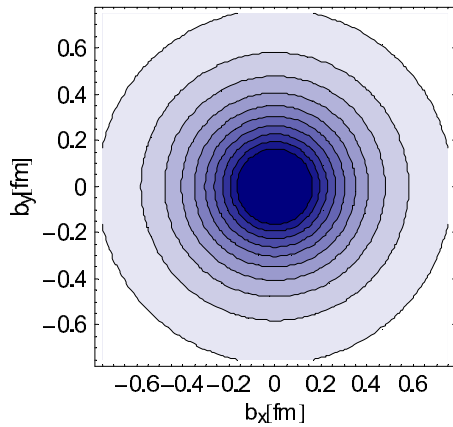
Transversity – Can we do better?

$$\langle x \rangle$$

up

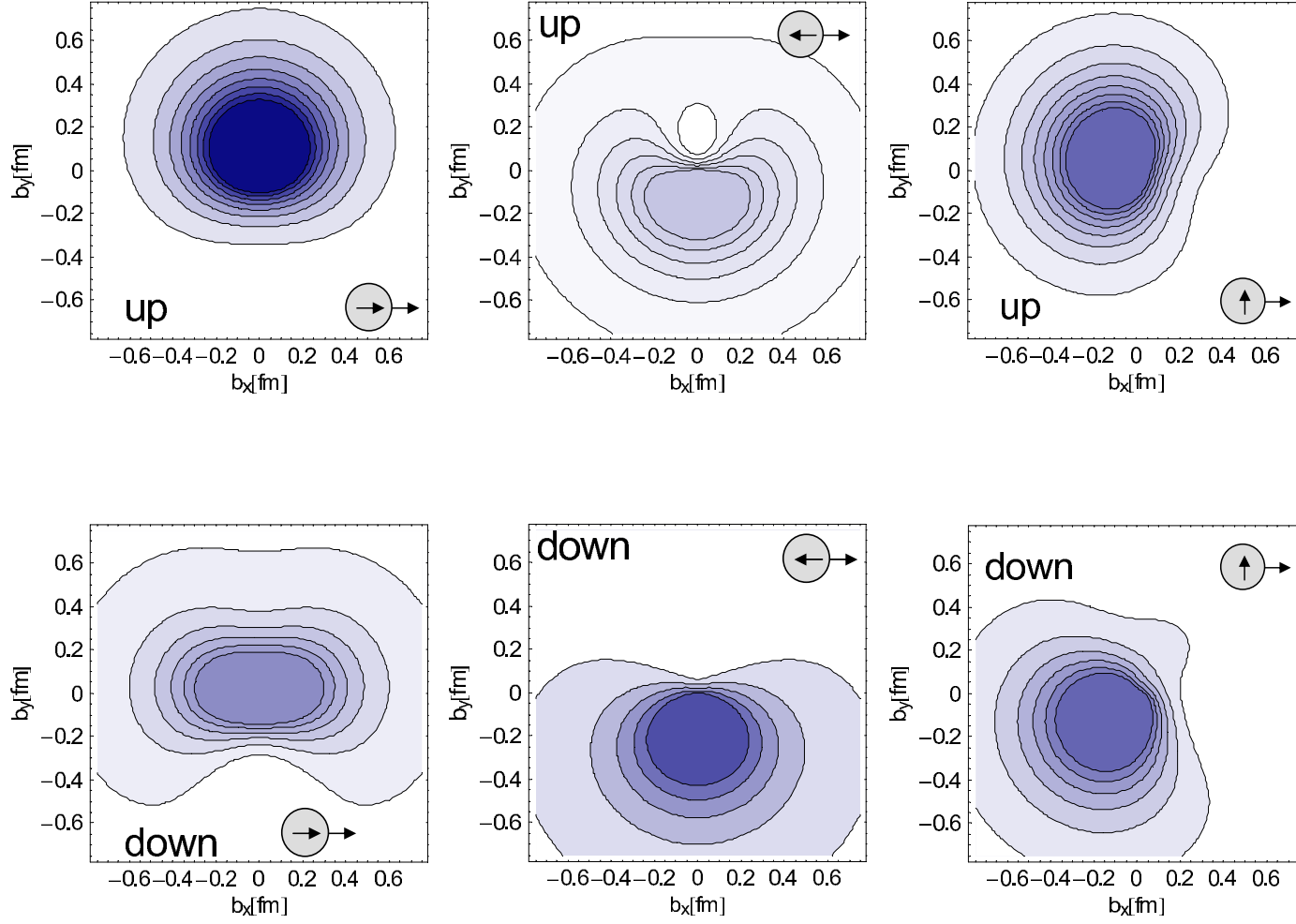


down



Boer–Mulders effect

Sivers effect



Displacement due to orbital angular momentum