

# Nucleon Pseudo Distributions

**Nucleon Structure at Low  $Q$**

AVRA IMPERIAL HOTEL, CRETE, GREECE, 15 MAY – 21 MAY 2023



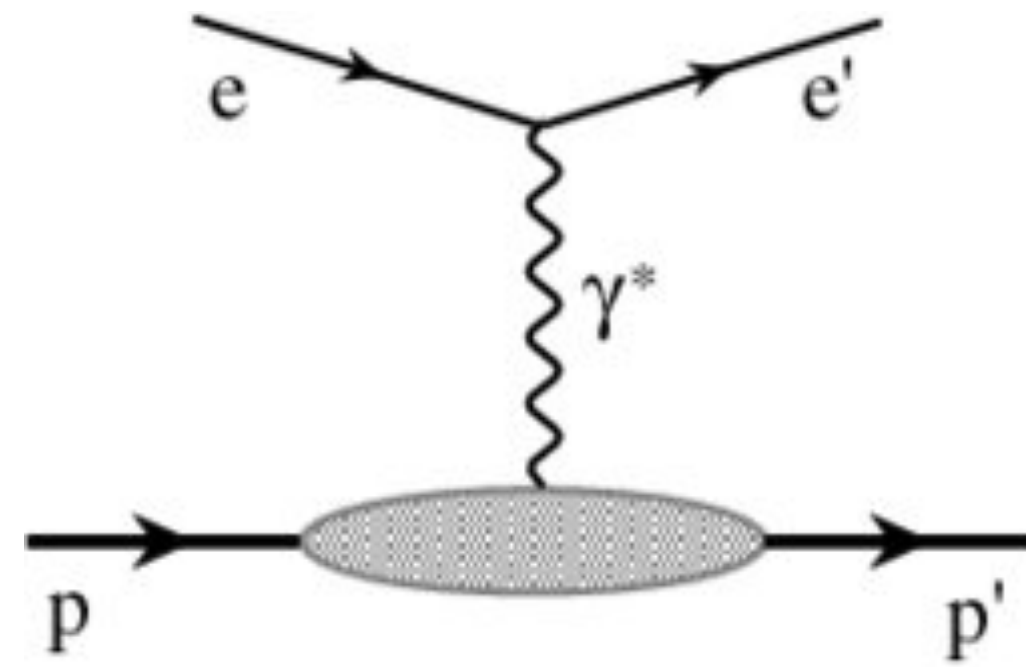
**Kostas Orginos, William & Mary**



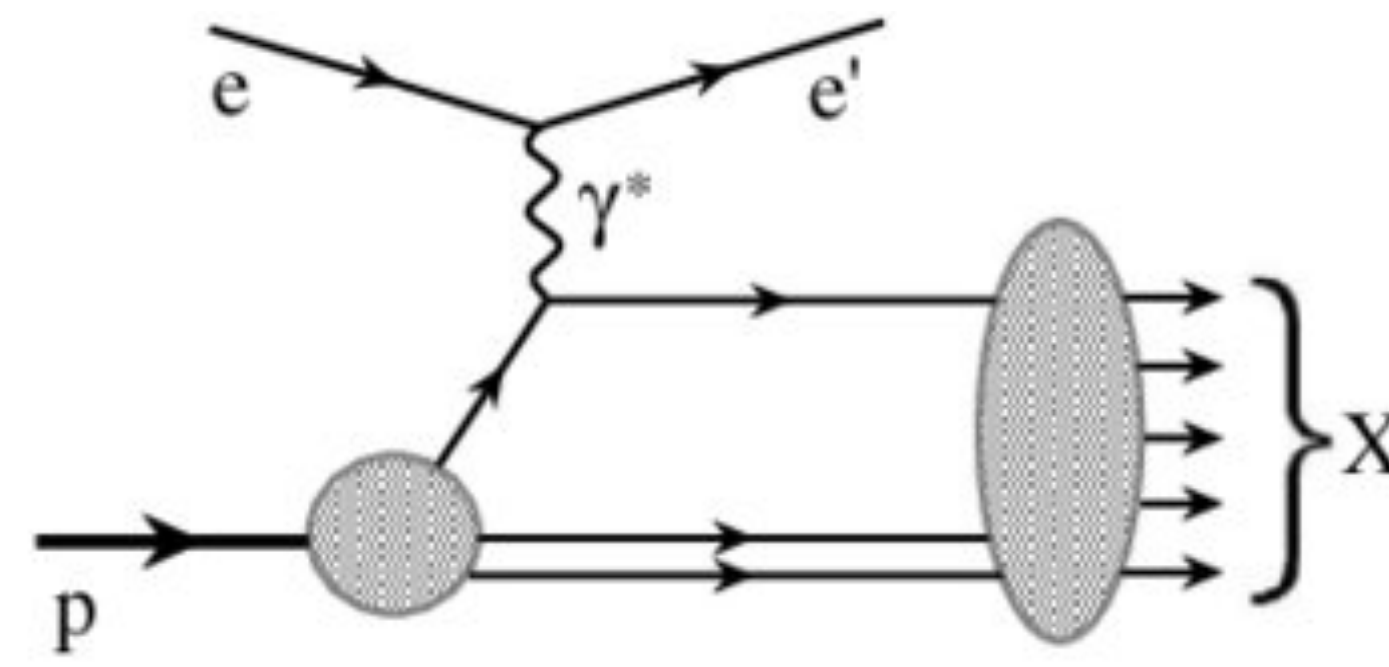
Factorization



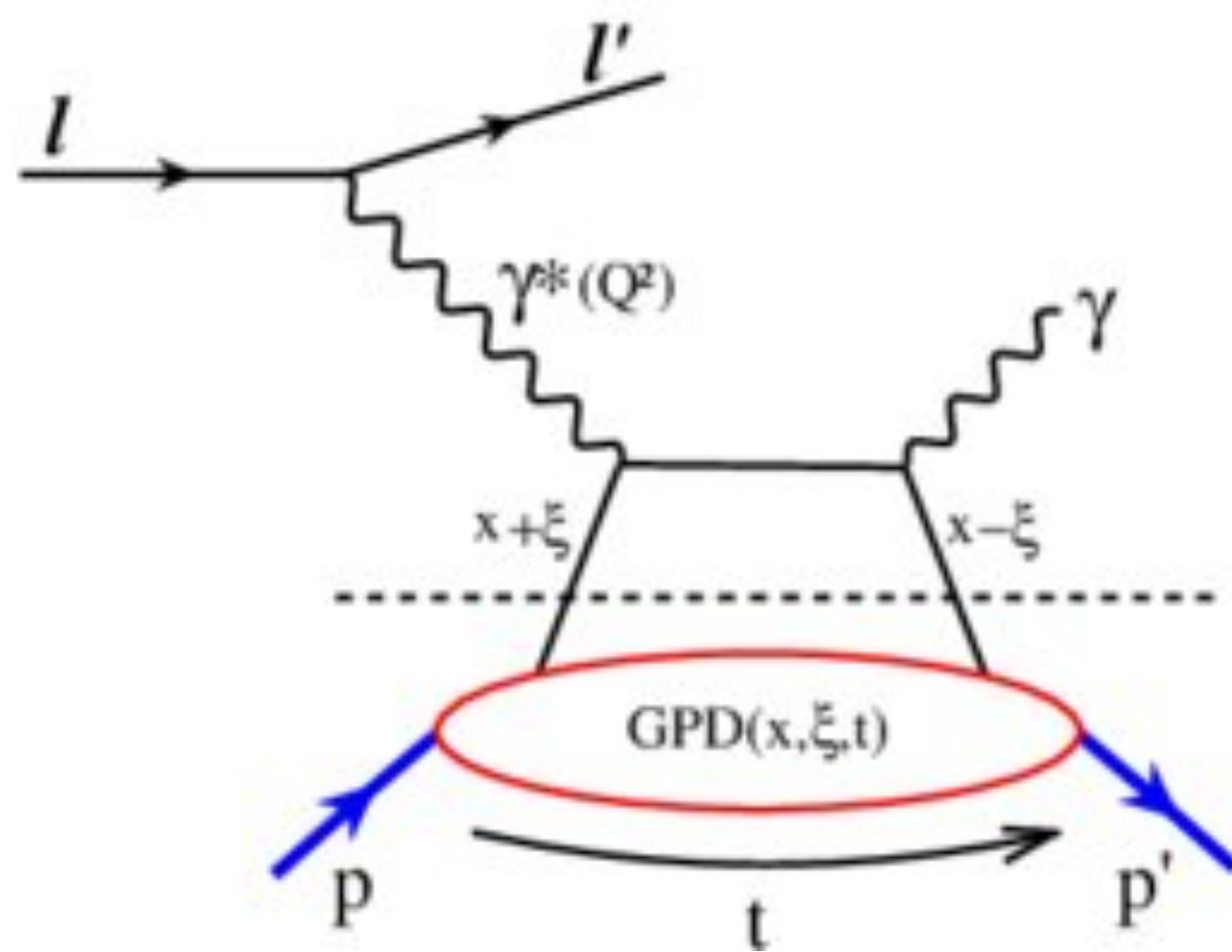
non-perturbative structure



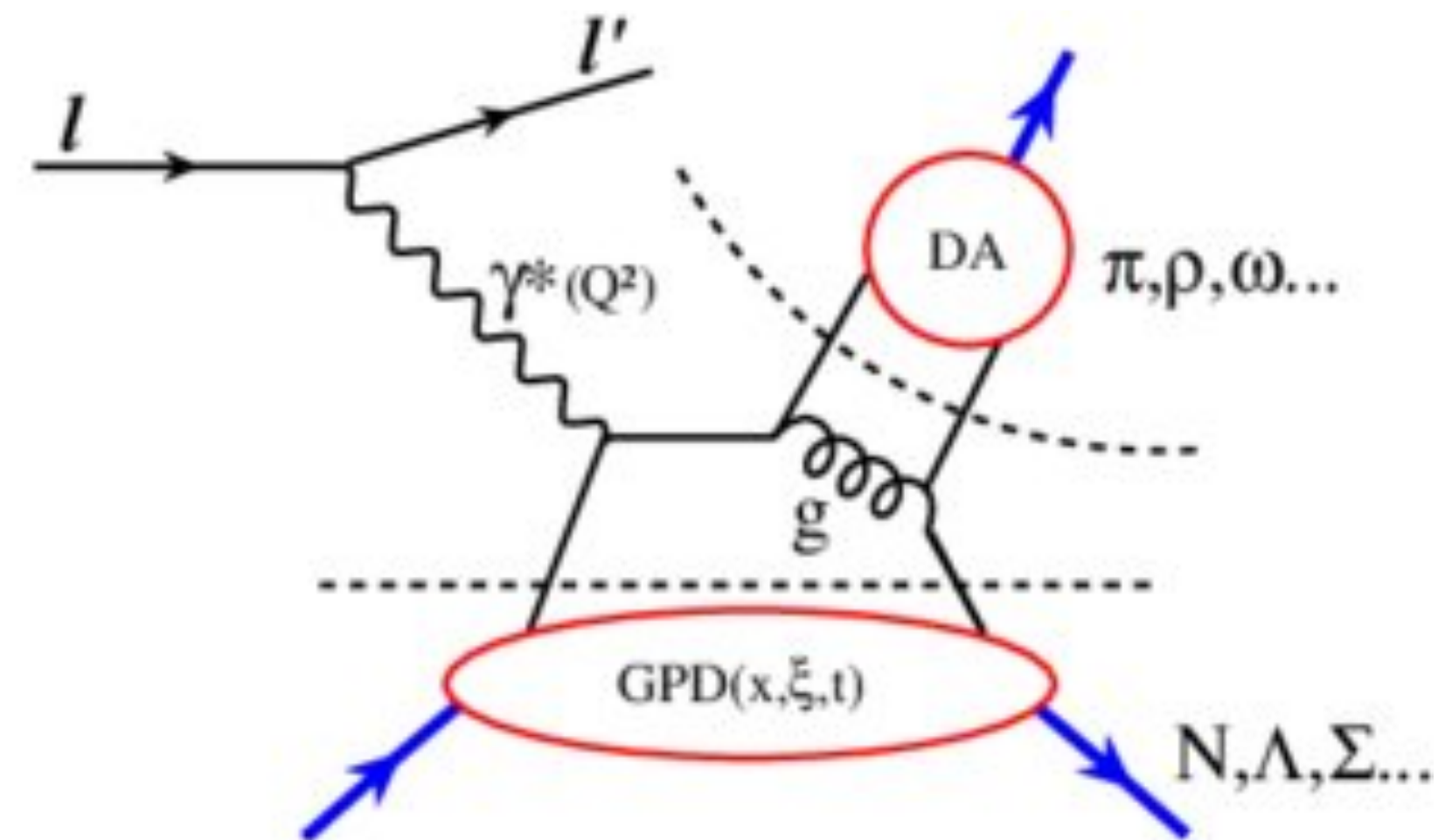
Elastic scattering: Form factor



DIS: Parton distributions

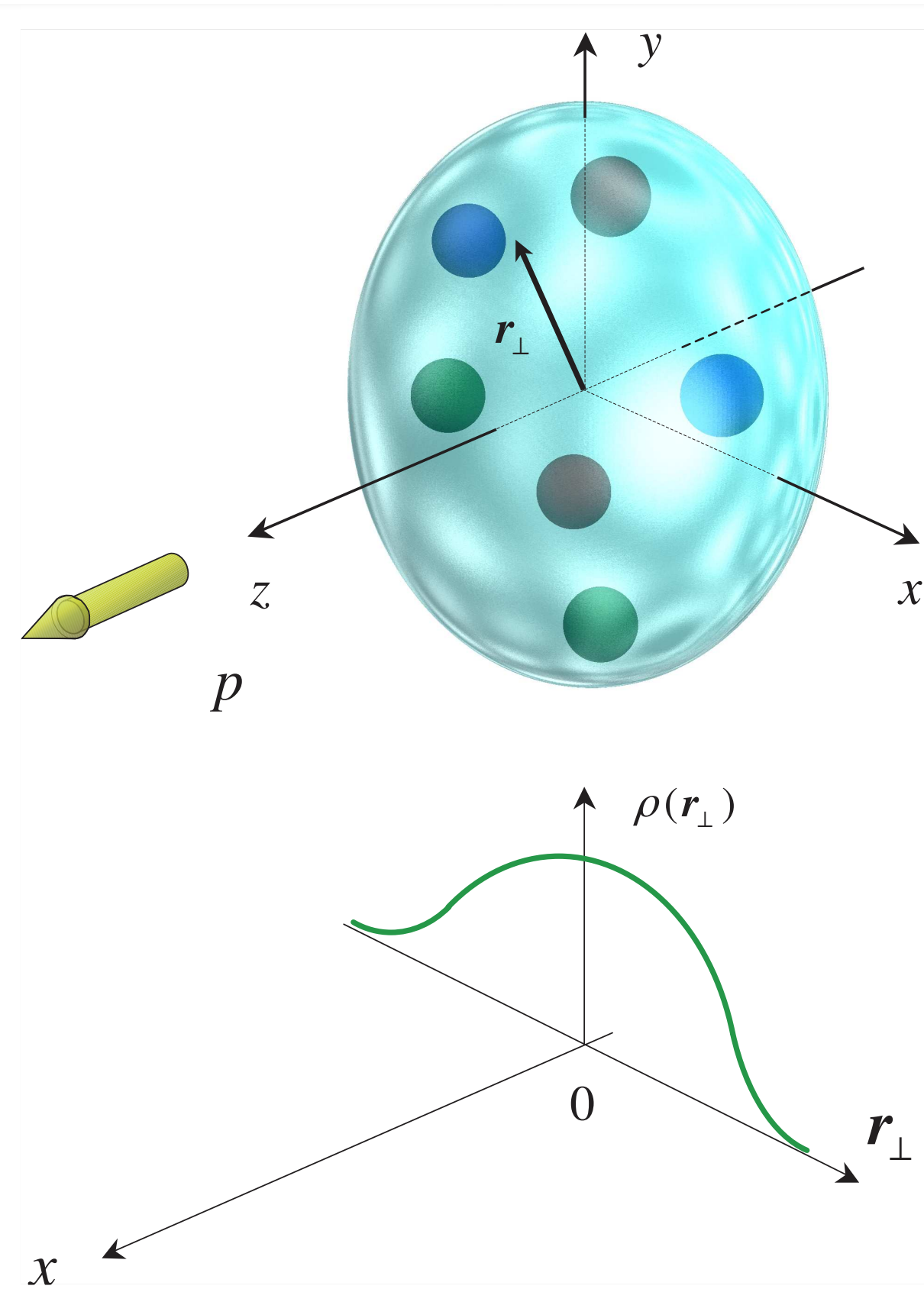


DVCS or DVMP: Generalized Parton distributions

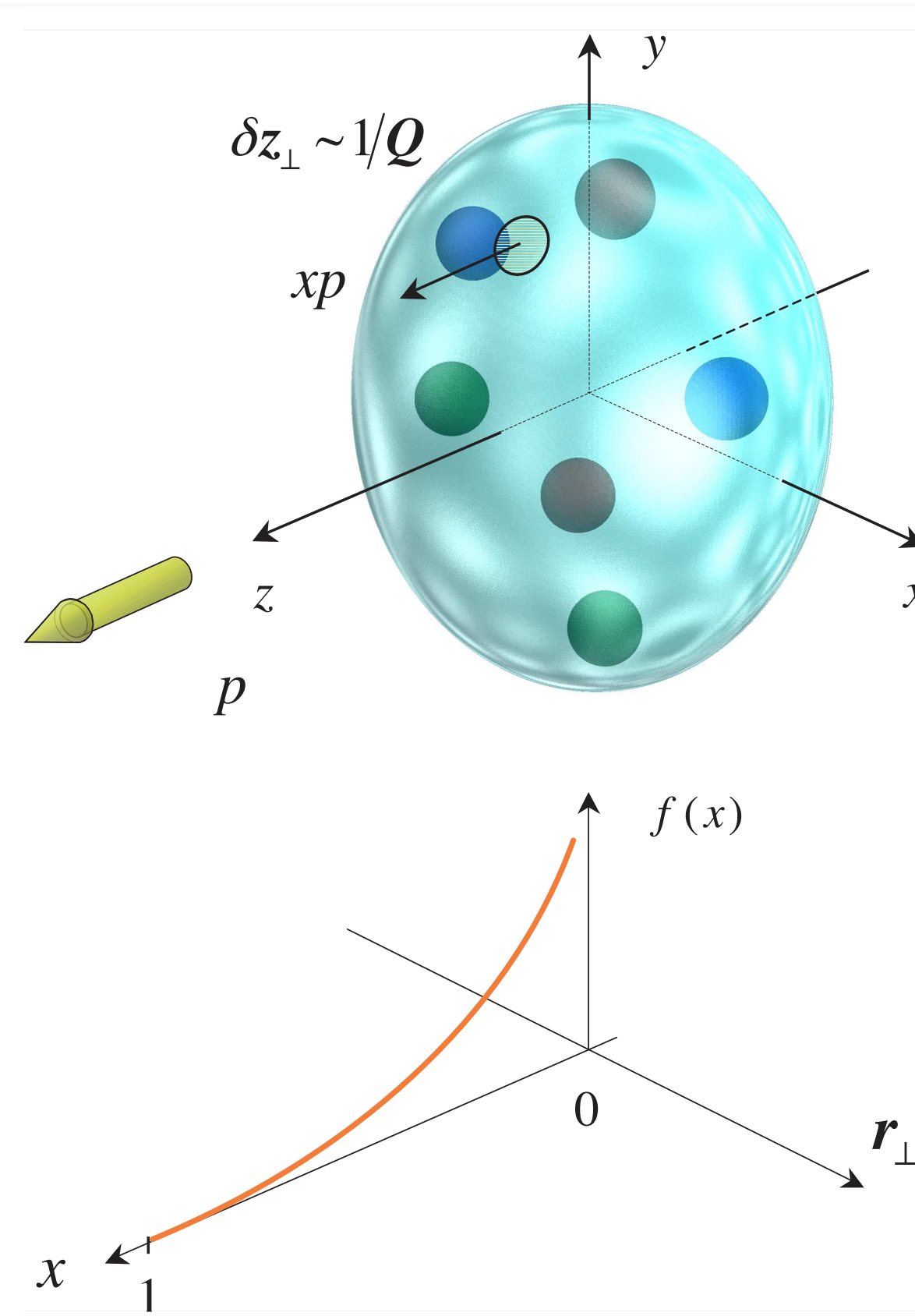




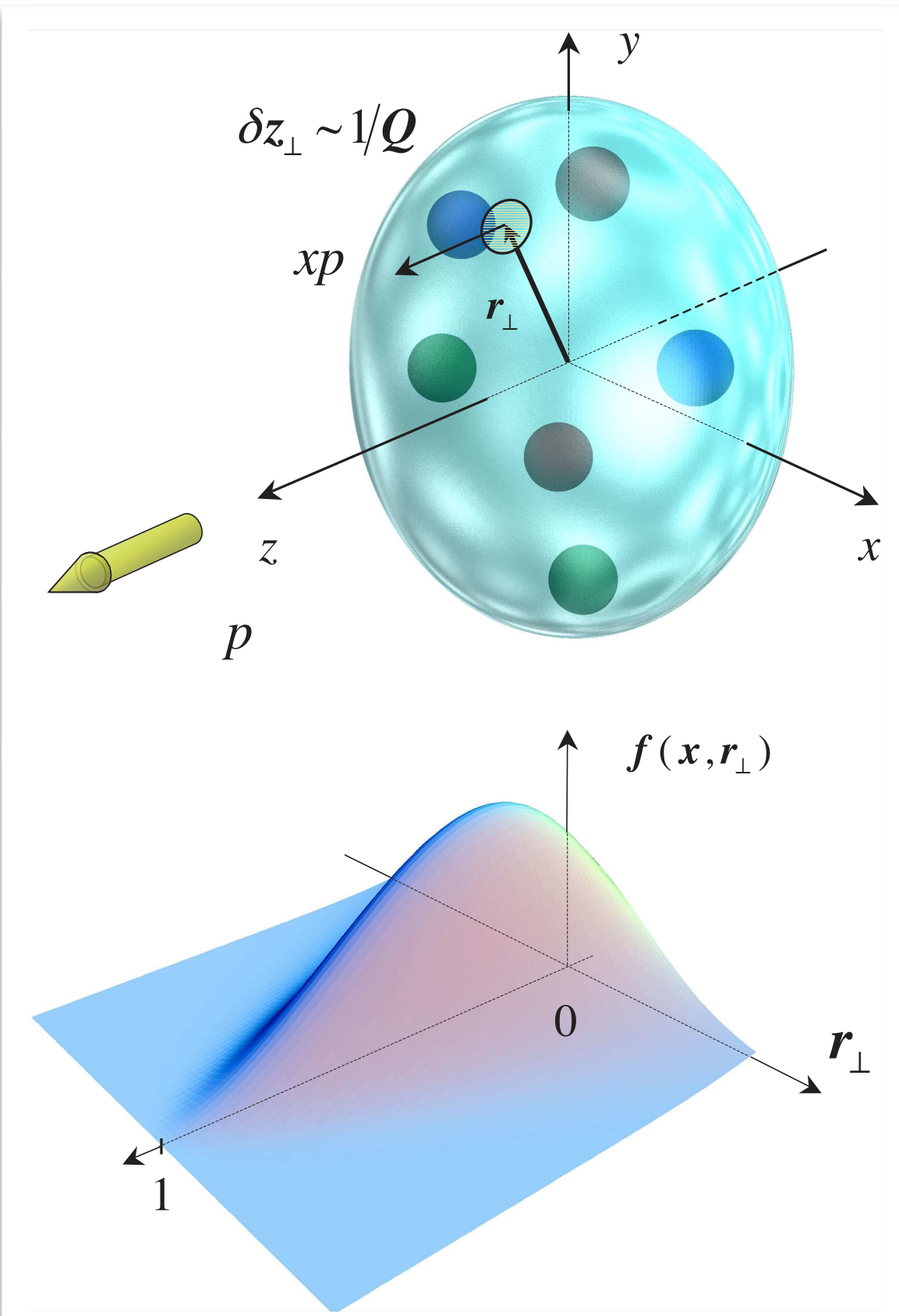
X. Ji, D. Muller, A. Radyushkin (1994-1997)



Form Factors



Parton Distribution  
functions



Generalized Parton  
Distribution functions

# 2013 revolution

## Go beyond moments

- Goal: Compute full x-dependence (generalized) parton distribution functions (GPDFs)
- Operator product: Mellin moments are local matrix elements that can be computed in Lattice QCD
  - Power divergent mixing limits us to few moments

- X. Ji suggested an approach for obtaining PDFs from Lattice QCD

X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, (2013)

Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu (2014) 1404.6860

- First calculations quickly became available

H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, S. D. Cohen, and X. Ji, Phys.Rev. D91, 054510 (2015)

C. Alexandrou, et al, Phys. Rev. D92, 014502 (2015)

- Older approaches based on the hadronic tensor

K-F Liu et al Phys. Rev. Lett. 72 (1994) , Phys. Rev. D62 (2000) 074501  
Detmold and Lin 2005

M. T. Hansen et al arXiv:1704.08993.

UKQCD-QCDSF-CSSM Phys. Lett. B714 (2012), arXiv:1703.01153



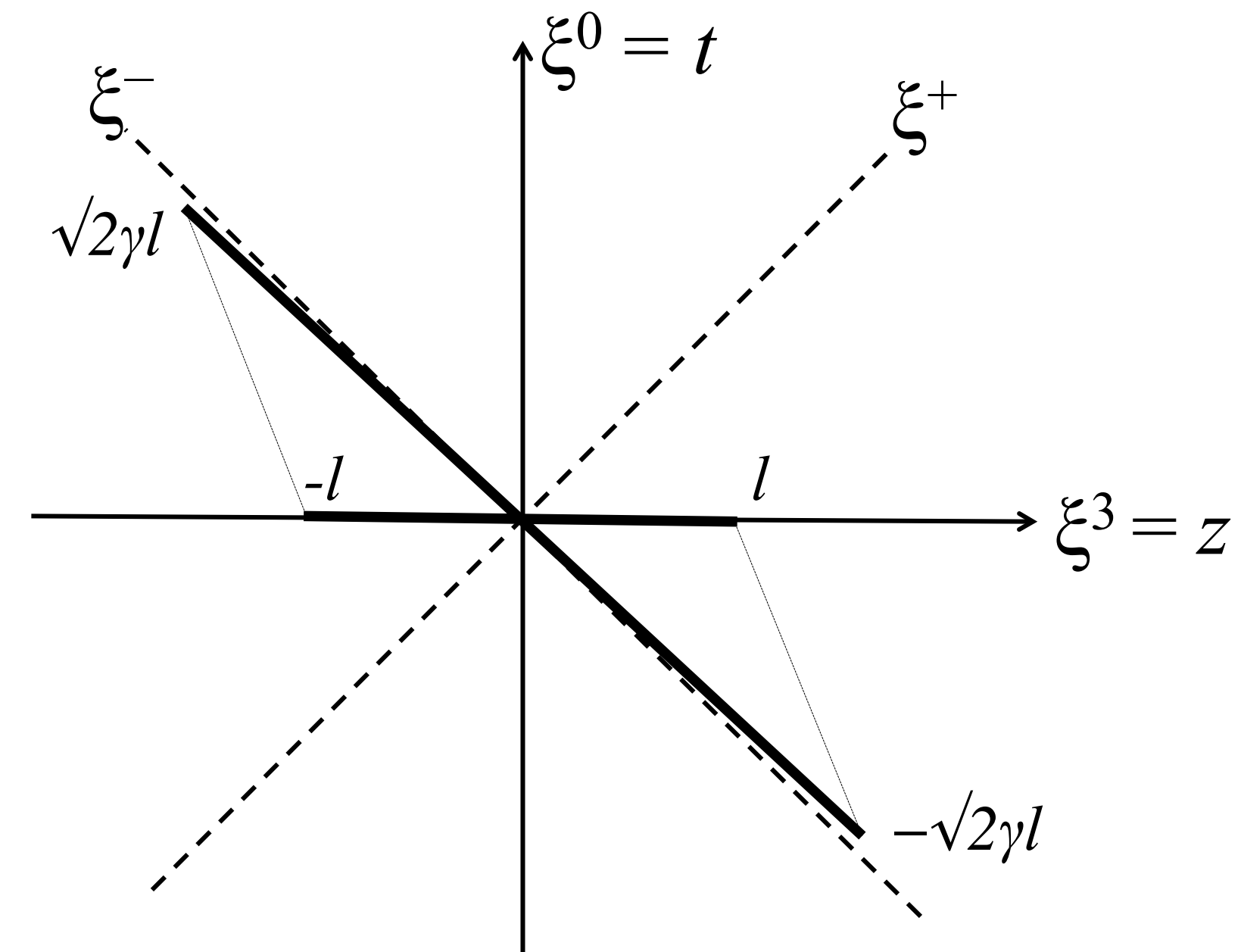
# Quasi-PDF

## X. Ji's Basic idea

- Lattice QCD computes equal time matrix elements
- Displace quarks in space-like interval
- Boost states to infinite momentum
- On the frame of the proton displacement becomes light-like
- Infinite momentum not possible on the lattice
  - Perturbative matching from finite momentum
  - LaMET

X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, (2013)

X. Ji (2014) Sci. China Phys. Mech. Atron. 57 arXiv:1404.6680



Renormalization of UV divergences is required

# Good Lattice Cross sections

## Current-Current Correlators

Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu (2014) arXiv:1404.6860  
Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu (2017) arXiv:1709.3018

4-quark bi-local matrix elements:

$$\sigma_n(\nu, z^2) = \langle P | T \{ O_n(z) \} | P \rangle$$

equal time matrix element

Ex.

$$\begin{aligned} O_S(z) &= (z^2)^2 Z_S^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \psi_q](z) [\bar{\psi}_q \psi](0) \\ O_{V'}(z) &= z^2 Z_{V'}^2 [\bar{\psi}_q(z \cdot \gamma) \psi_{q'}](z) [\bar{\psi}_{q'} z \cdot \gamma \psi](0), \end{aligned}$$

Short distance factorization:

$$\sigma_n(\nu, z^2) = \sum_a \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_a(x, \mu^2) K_n^a(x\nu, z^2 \mu^2) + O(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2),$$

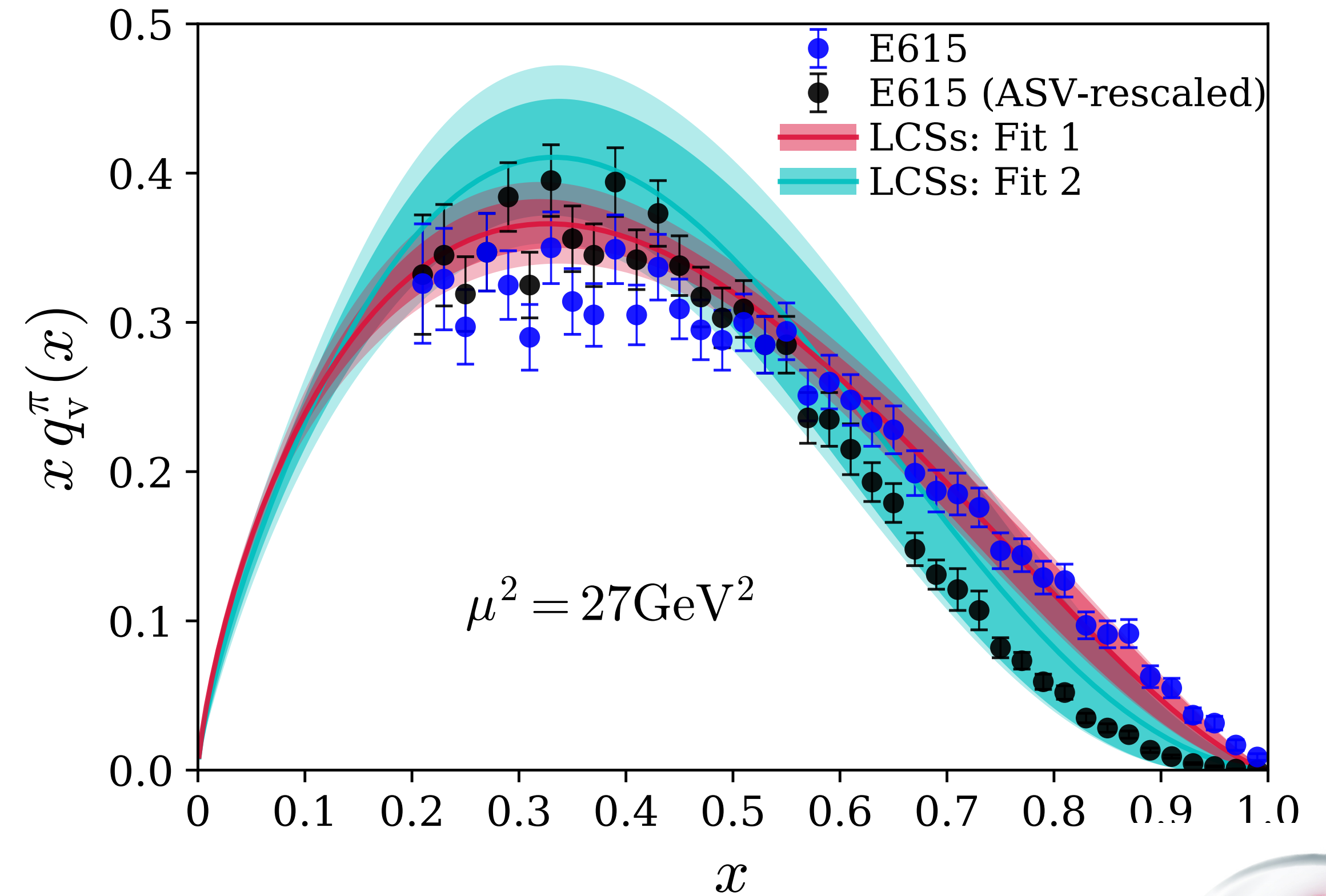
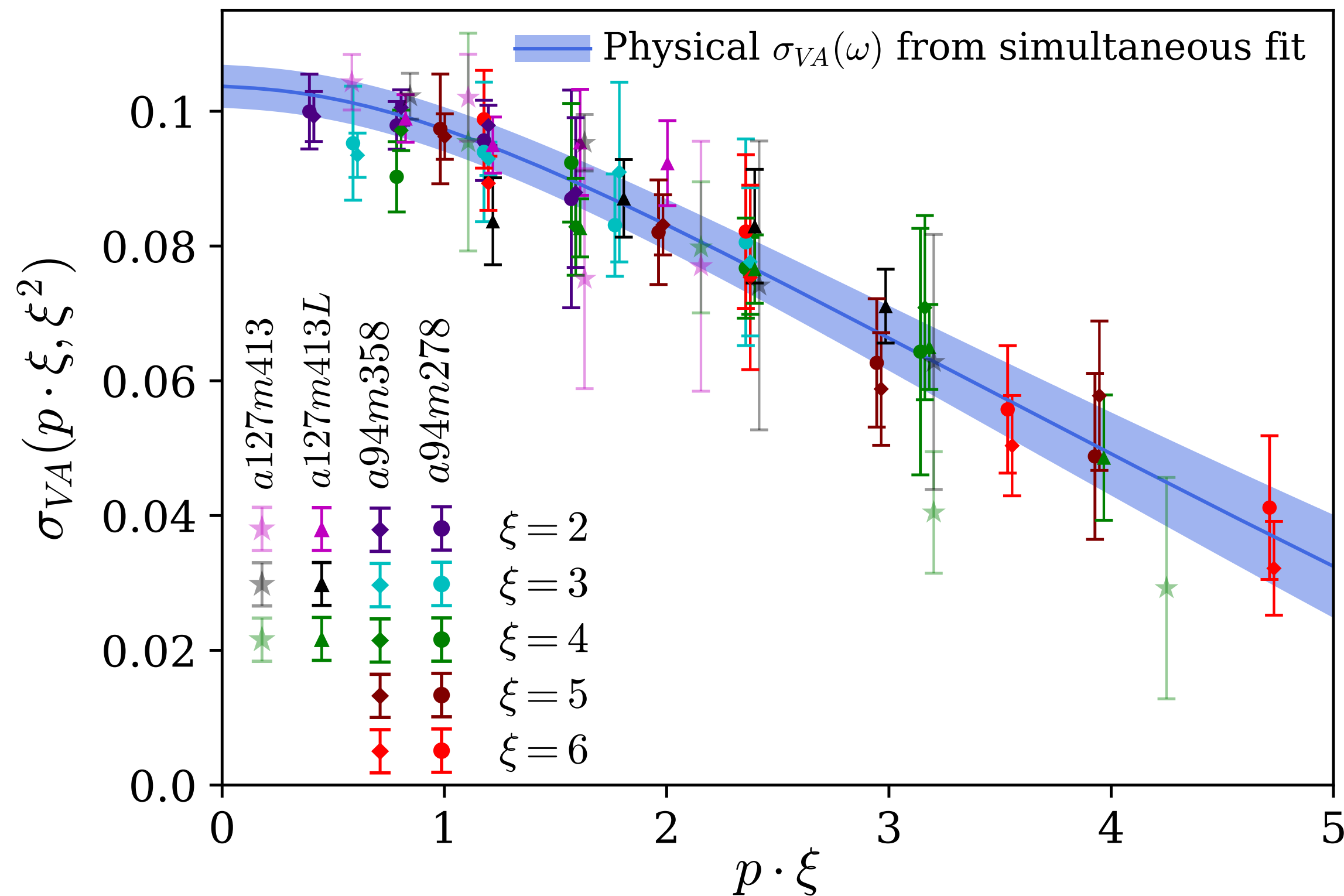
PDFs can be obtained

Imitate scattering experiments: factorization

Renormalization of UV divergences of local operators is required

# Pion PDF from current-current correlators

- R. Sufian *et al* , e-Print: [2001.04960](#) [hep-lat]



3 pion masses, 2 lattice spacings, 2 volumes





# Pseudo-PDFs

## An alternative point of view

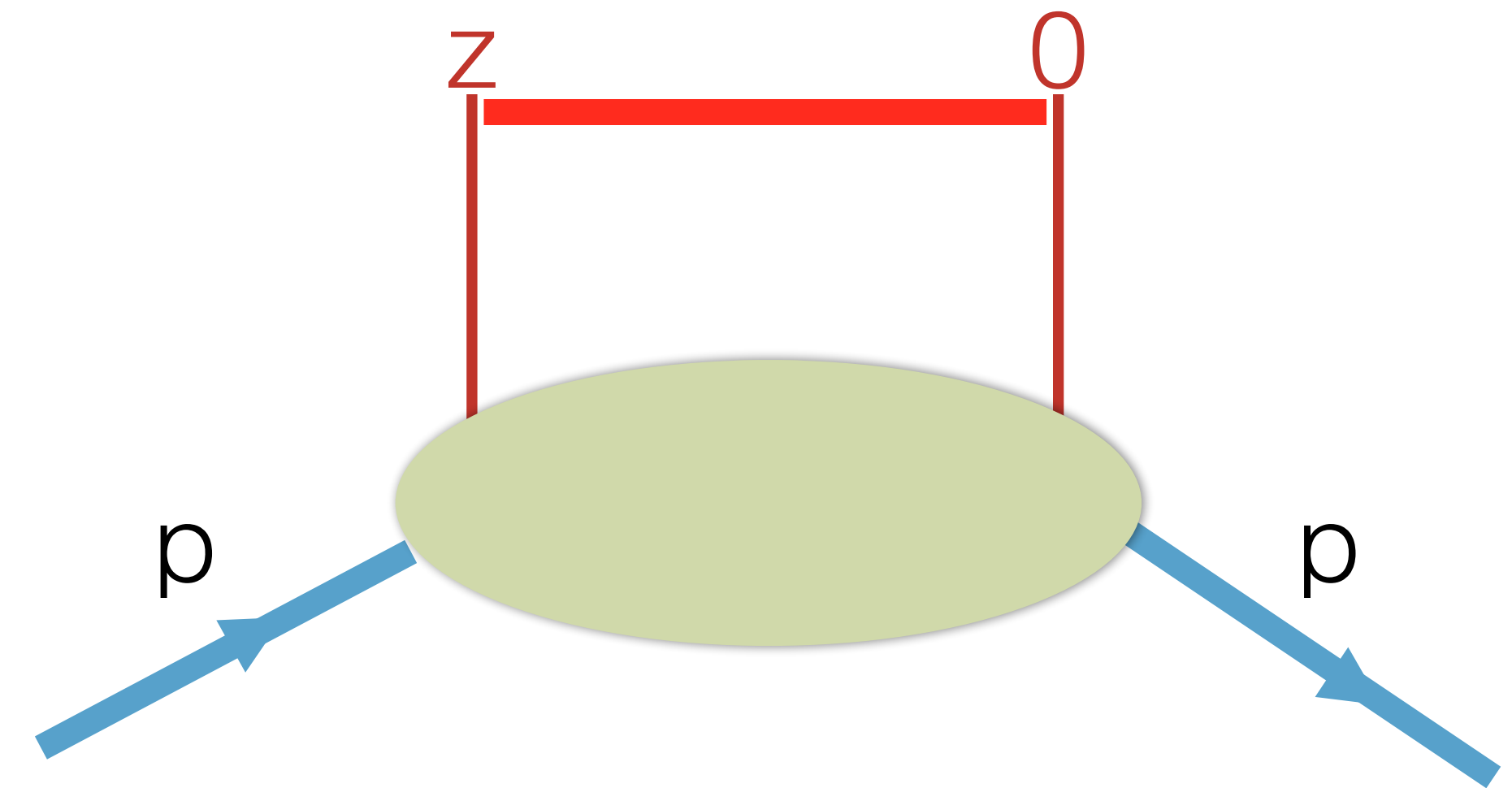
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

Unpolarized PDFs proton:

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^\alpha \hat{E}(0, z; A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

$$\hat{E}(0, z; A) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ -ig \int_0^z dz'_\mu A_\alpha^\mu(z') T_\alpha \right]$$

space-like separation of quarks



Lorentz decomposition:

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) = 2p^\alpha \mathcal{M}_p(-(zp), -z^2) + z^\alpha \mathcal{M}_z(-(zp), -z^2)$$

# Pseudo-PDFs

## Connection to light cone PDFs

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) = 2p^\alpha \mathcal{M}_p(-(zp), -z^2) + z^\alpha \mathcal{M}_z(-(zp), -z^2)$$

Collinear PDFs: Choose

$$z = (0, z_-, 0)$$

$$p = (p_+, 0, 0)$$

$$\gamma^+$$

$$\mathcal{M}^+(z, p) = 2p^+ \mathcal{M}_p(-p_+ z_-, 0)$$

Definition of PDF:

$$\mathcal{M}_p(-p_+ z_-, 0) = \int_{-1}^1 dx f(x) e^{-ixp_+ z_-}$$

Lorentz invariance allows for the computation of invariant form factors in any frame

Use equal time kinematics for LQCD

Lattice QCD calculation:

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^\alpha \hat{E}(0, z; A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

Choose

$$p = (p_0, 0, 0, p_3) \quad \gamma^0$$

$$z = (0, 0, 0, z_3)$$

On shell equal time matrix element  
computable in Euclidean space

Briceno *et al* arXiv:1703.06072

Obtaining only the relevant

$$\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z_3^2) = \frac{1}{2p_0} \mathcal{M}^0(z_3, p_3)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) e^{-ix\nu}$$

the pseudo-PDF  $x \in [-1, 1]$

Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017) 314-320

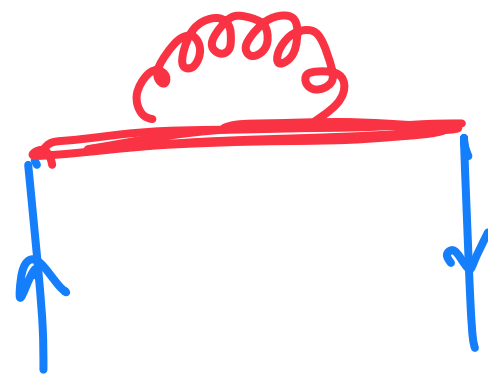
Choosing  $\gamma^0$  was also suggested also by M. Constantinou at GHP2017 based  
on an operator mixing argument for the renormalized matrix element

Alexandrou *et al* arXiv:1706.00265



- $M_p(\nu, -z^2)$  is computable in LQCD with a lattice cutoff  $a$

- Continuum limit  $a \rightarrow 0$  : UV divergences



$$M_p(\nu, -z^2) \propto e^{-m|z|/a} \left( \frac{a}{z^2} \right)^{2\gamma_{\text{end}}}$$

UV divergences are multiplicative

- J.G.M. Gatheral, Phys. Lett. 133B, 90 (1983)
- J. Frenkel, J.C. Taylor, Nucl. Phys. B246, 231 (1984),
- G.P. Korchemsky, A.V. Radyushkin, Nucl. Phys. B283, 342 (1987).

Constantinou, Panagopoulos *Phys. Rev. D* 107 (2023) 1, 014503  
 Alexandrou et al. Nucl. Phys. B923 (2017) 394

Consider the ratio

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z_3^2)}{\mathcal{M}_p(0, z_3^2)}$$

UV divergences will cancel in this ratio resulting a renormalization group invariant (RGI) function

The lattice regulator can now be removed

$\mathfrak{M}^{cont}(\nu, z_3^2)$  Universal independent of the lattice

Its Fourier transformation with respect to  $\nu$  is a particular definition of a PDF

It contains non-perturbative information about the structure of the proton

$\mathcal{M}_p(0, 0) = 1$  Isovector matrix element

## Properties of $M(v, -z^2)$

- Fourier Transform:  $P(x, -z^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv M(v, -z^2) e^{-ivx}$

the Pseudo PDF  $x \in [-1, 1]$

- At  $-z^2 \rightarrow 0$ : Collinear divergences

- The small  $-z^2$  limit defines the twist-2 PDF
- At small  $-z^2$  it can be matched to the  $\overline{MS}$  PDF

$$M(v, z^2) = \underbrace{\int_0^1 d\alpha C(\alpha, z^2 \mu^2) Q(v, \mu^2)}_{\text{twist-2}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(z^2)}_{\text{higher twist}}$$

V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

- DGLAP evolution  $z^2 \frac{d}{dz^2} M(v, -z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha B(\alpha, z^2) M(\alpha v, -z^2) + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$

DGLAP kernel

- $M(v, -z^2)$  Computable for any  $z^2, v$
- $v$  is called lattice time  
Blöte '64



Continuum limit matching to  $\overline{MS}$  computed at 1-loop

Radyushkin Phys.Rev. D98 (2018) no.1, 014019  
Zhang et al. Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.7, 074508

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, q_v(x, \mu) \mathcal{K}(x\nu, z^2\mu^2) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_k(\nu) (z^2)^k.$$

$$\mathcal{K}(x\nu, z^2\mu^2) = \cos(x\nu) - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left[ \ln(e^{2\gamma_E+1} z^2\mu^2/4) \tilde{B}(x\nu) + \tilde{D}(x\nu) \right].$$

$$\tilde{B}(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} + 2 \sin(x) \frac{x \text{Si}(x) - 1}{x} + \frac{3 - 4\gamma_E}{2} \cos(x) + 2 \cos(x) [\text{Ci}(x) - \ln(x)]$$

$$\tilde{D}(x) = x \text{Im} [e^{ix} {}_3F_3(111; 222; -ix)] - \frac{2 - (2 + x^2) \cos(x)}{x^2}$$

Polynomial corrections to the Ioffe time PDF may be suppressed

B. U. Musch, *et al* Phys. Rev. D 83, 094507 (2011)  
M. Anselmino et al. 10.1007/JHEP04(2014)005  
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)



"Δός μοι πα στῶ, και τὸν χᾶν κινῆσω,,

Αρχιμήδης





"Δός μοι πᾶς στῶ, καὶ τὰν χᾶν κινῆσω" Αρχιμήδης

- Small lattice spacing for both continuum limit and small  $-z^2$
- Large momentum to extend the range of  $v$

large  $v \longleftrightarrow$  small  $x$

- Scaling  $1/a^7(?)$

- Large momentum  $\rightarrow$  bad signal to noise ratio

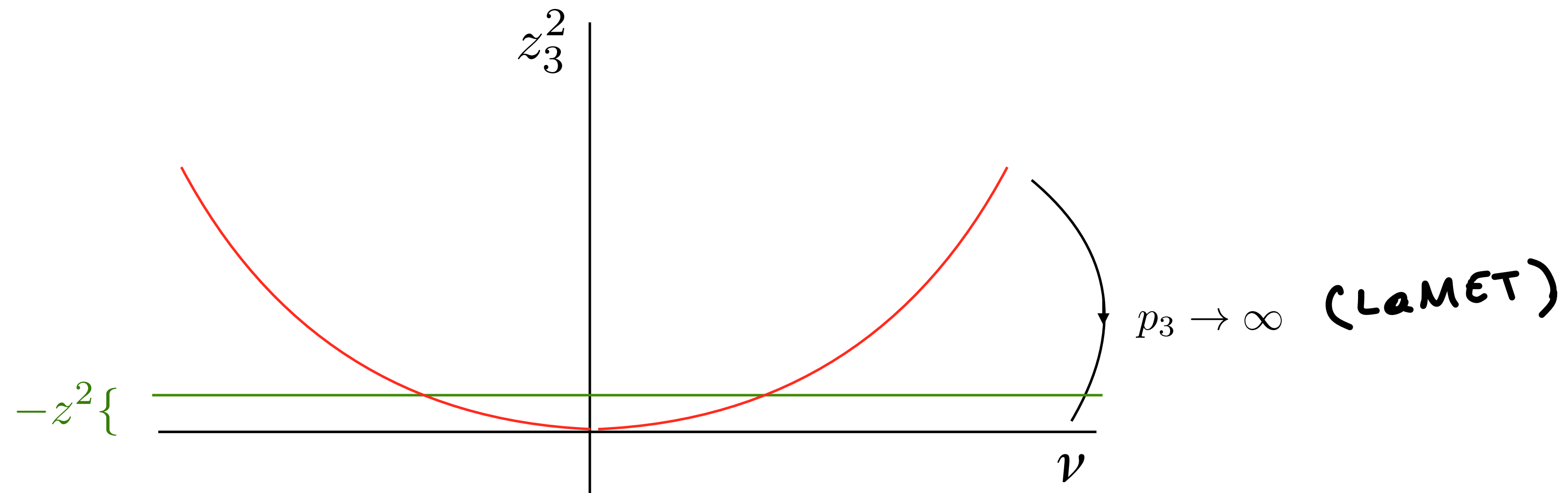
"Give me a big computer..."



$$Q(y, p_3) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, \nu^2/p_3^2) e^{-iy\nu} \quad \text{Ji's quasi-PDF} \quad y \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

Large values of  $z_3 = \nu/p_3$  are problematic

Alternative approach to the light-cone:



$$\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) e^{-ix\nu}$$

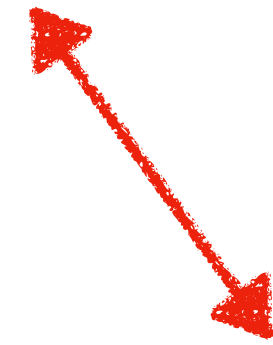
PDFs can be recovered  $-z^2 \rightarrow 0$

Note that  $x \in [-1, 1]$



# Our inverse problem

$$\mathfrak{M}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}_{\text{cont}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_{n=1} \left( \frac{a}{|z|} \right)^n P_n(\nu) + (a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^n R_n(\nu) .$$




$$\text{Re } \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \mathcal{K}_R(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_-(x, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

$$\text{Im } \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \mathcal{K}_I(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_+(x, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}(z^2) ,$$

- Obtain the PDF from a limited set of matrix elements obtained from lattice QCD
- $z^2$  is a physical length scale sampled on discrete values
- $z^2$  needs to be sufficiently small so that higher twist effects are under control
- $\nu$  is dimensionless also sampled in discrete values
- the range of  $\nu$  is dictated by the range of  $z$  and the range of momenta available and is typically limited
- Parametrization of unknown functions

However on the Lattice after expanding in lattice spacing we have

$$\mathfrak{M}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}_{\text{cont}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_{n=1} \left( \frac{a}{|z|} \right)^n P_n(\nu) + (a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^n R_n(\nu) .$$



$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx q_v(x, \mu) \mathcal{K}(x\nu, z^2 \mu^2) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_k(\nu) (z^2)^k .$$

Ioffe time  $-z \cdot p = \nu$

- All coefficient functions respect continuum symmetries
- On dimensional ground  $a/z$  terms must exist
- Lattice spacing corrections to higher twist effects are ignored
- Additional  $O(a)$  effects (last term)

The inverse problem to solve: Obtain  $q(x, \mu)$  from the lattice matrix elements

see discussion in J. Karpie *et al JHEP* 04 (2019) 057

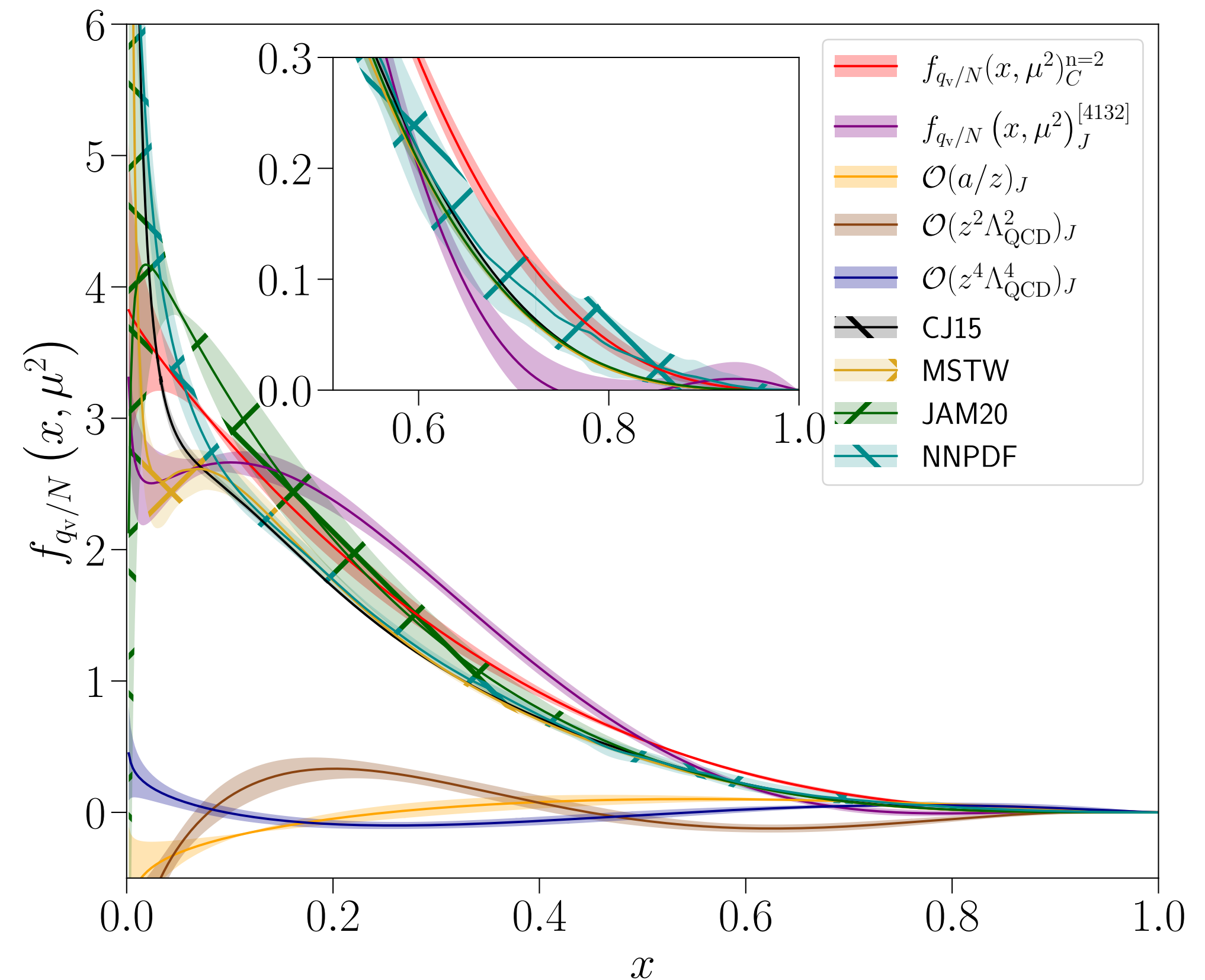
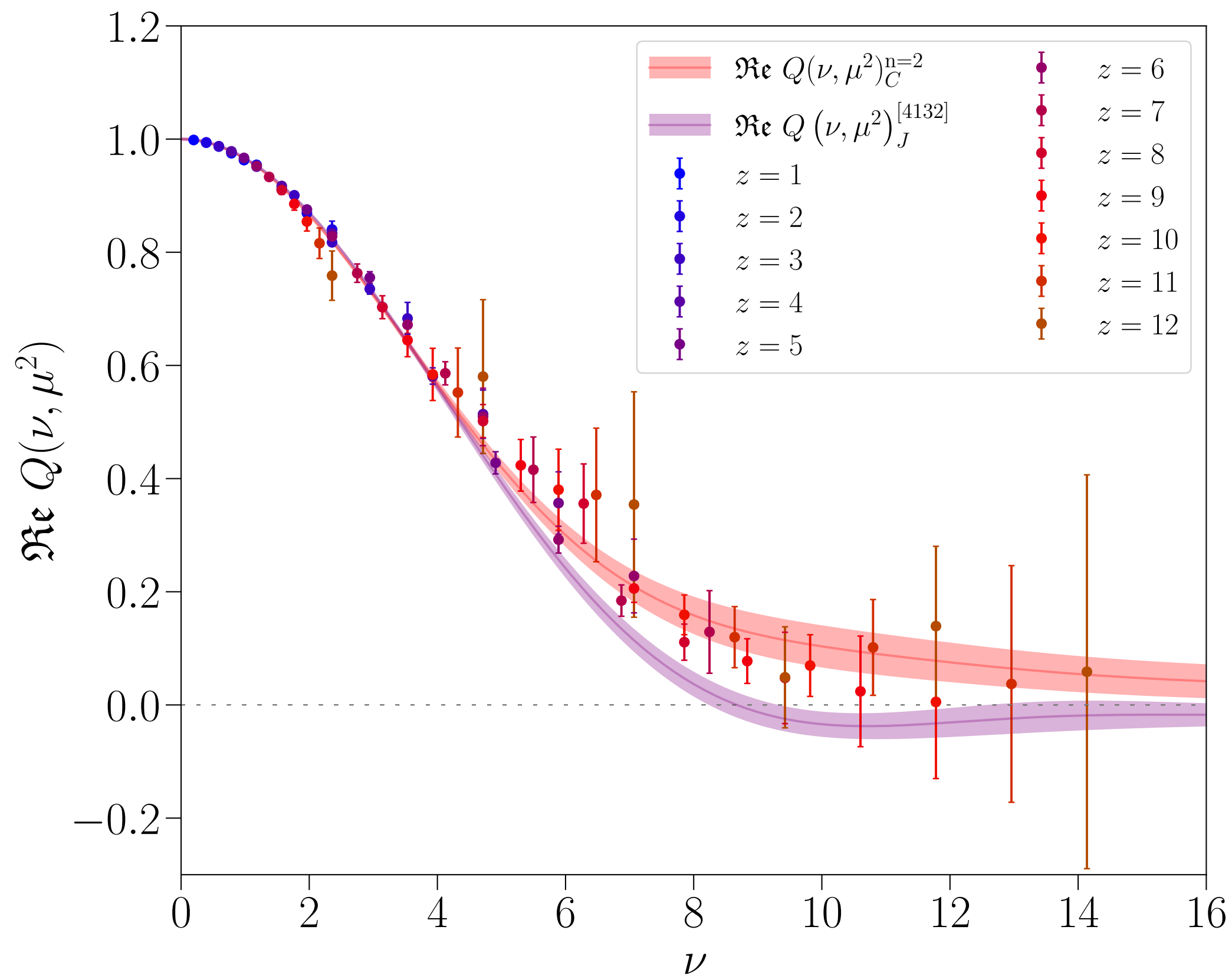
and L. DelDebio *et al JHEP* 02 (2021) 138

Exploration of various methods for LO matching

Exploration of the NNPDF approach applied to lattice data

# Unpolarized Isovector PDF

## 2+1 flavors single lattice spacing 350 MeV pion

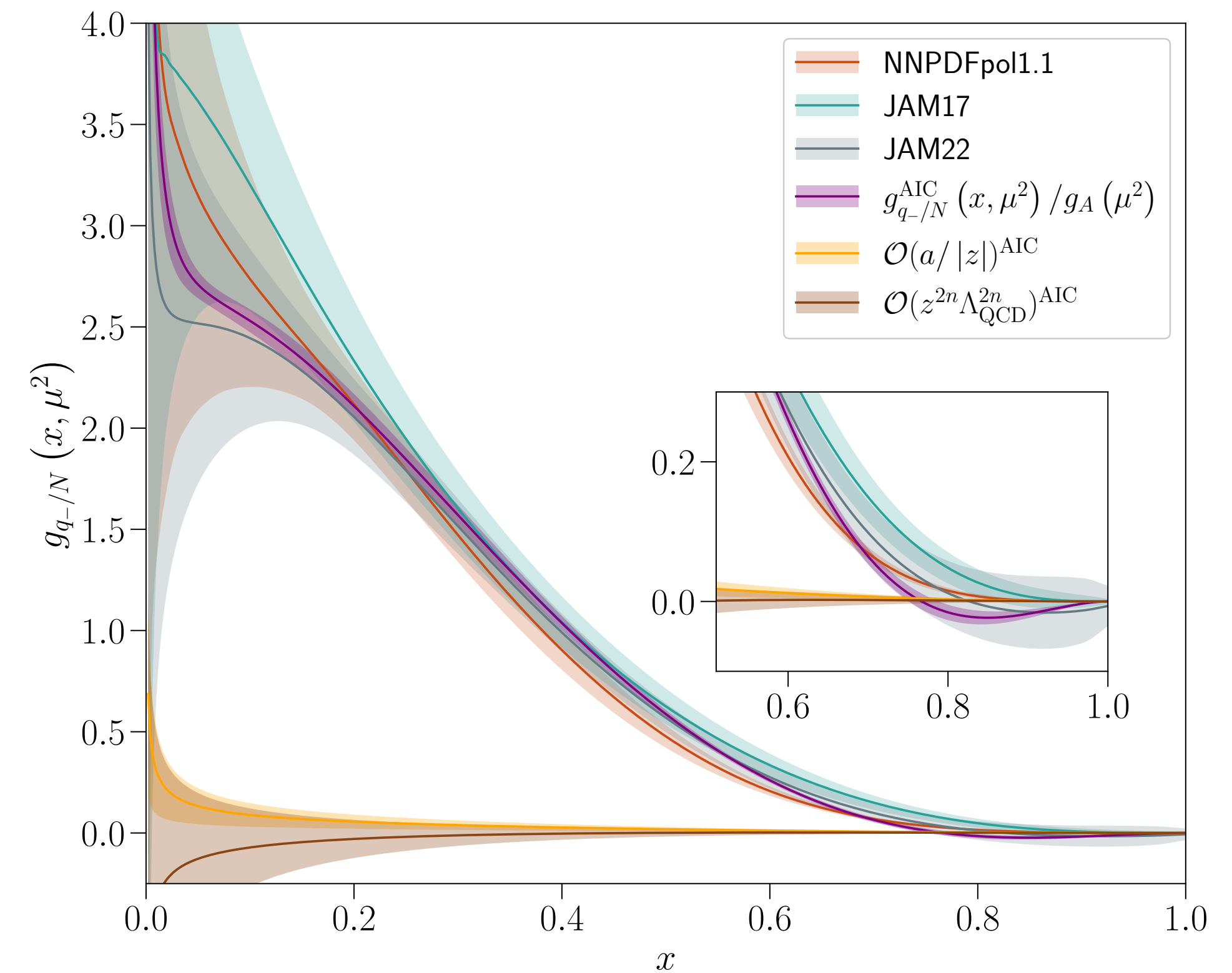
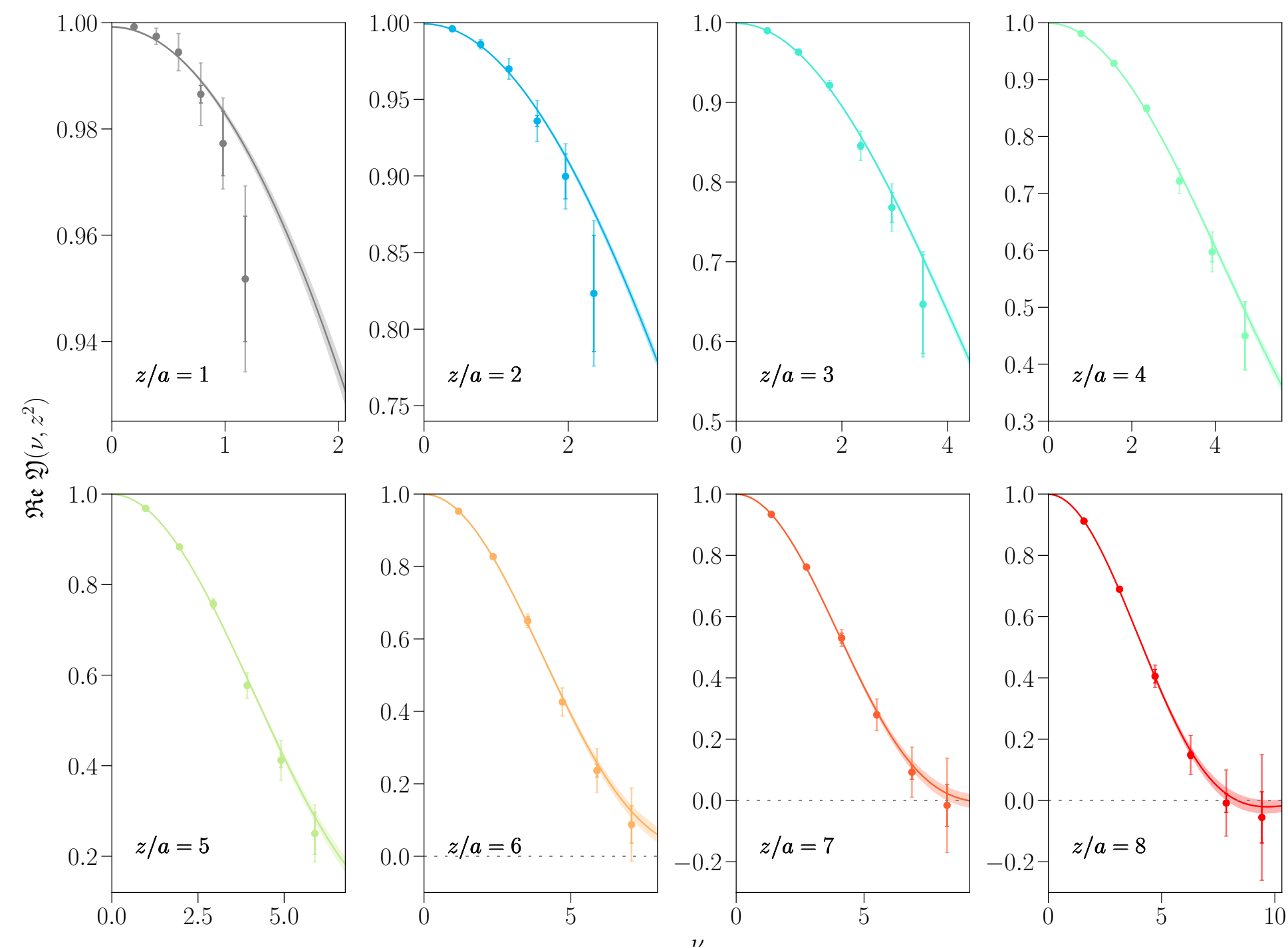


[arXiv:2107.05199](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.05199) [hep-lat] C. Egerer *et. al.*



# Helicity Isovector PDF

2+1 flavors single lattice spacing 350 MeV pion



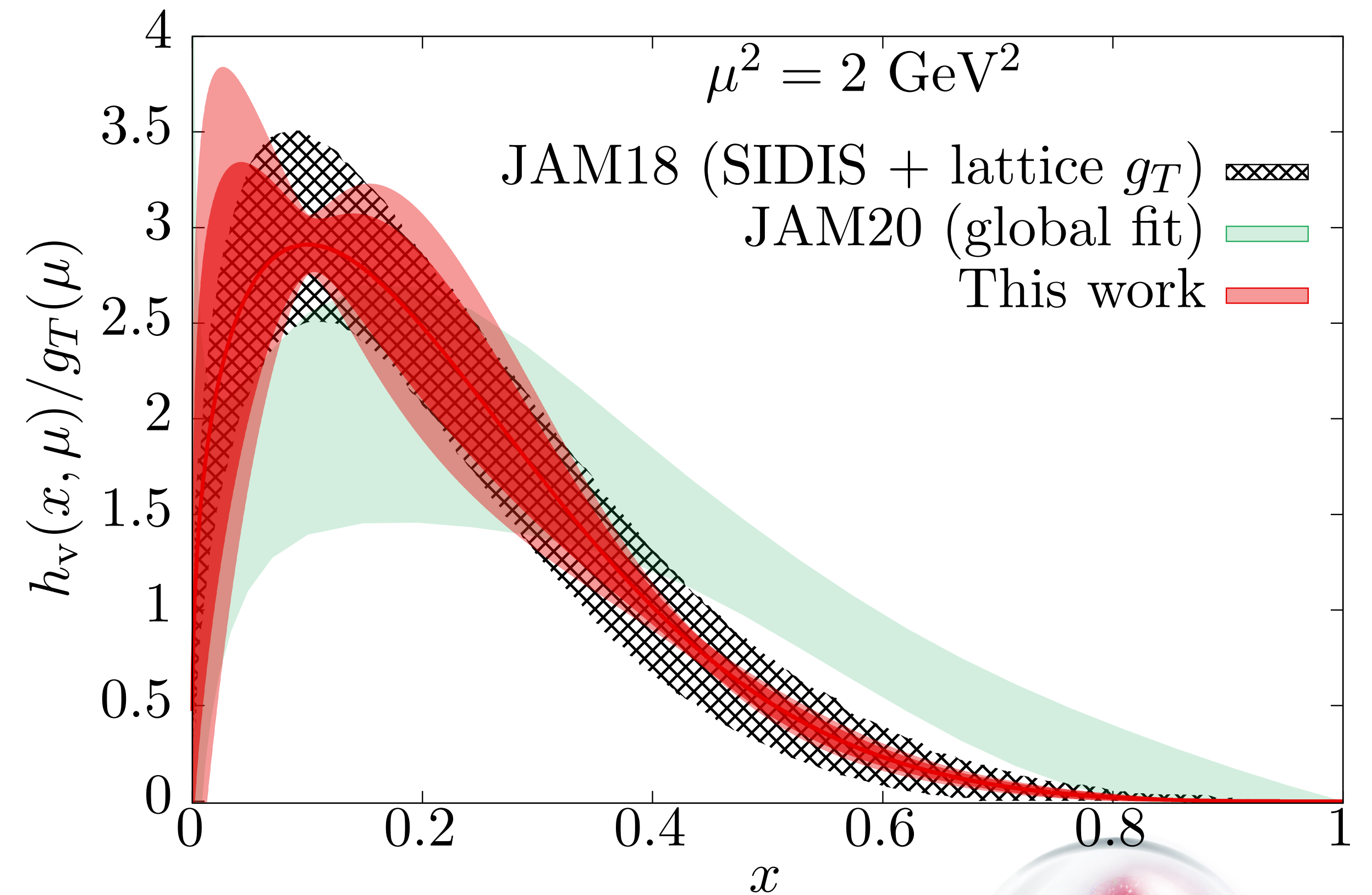
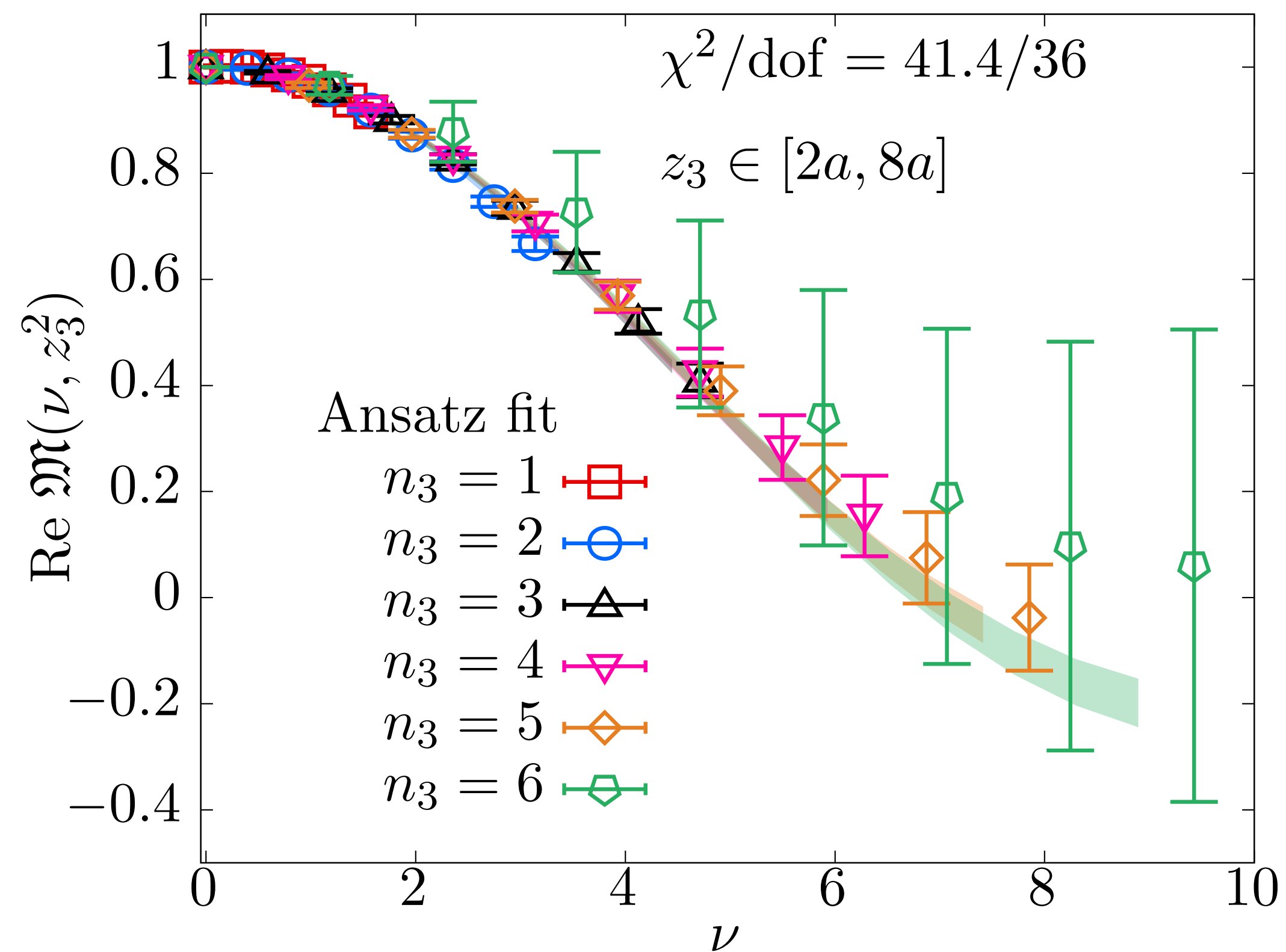
[arXiv:2211.04434](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.04434) [hep-lat] C. Egerer *et. al.*





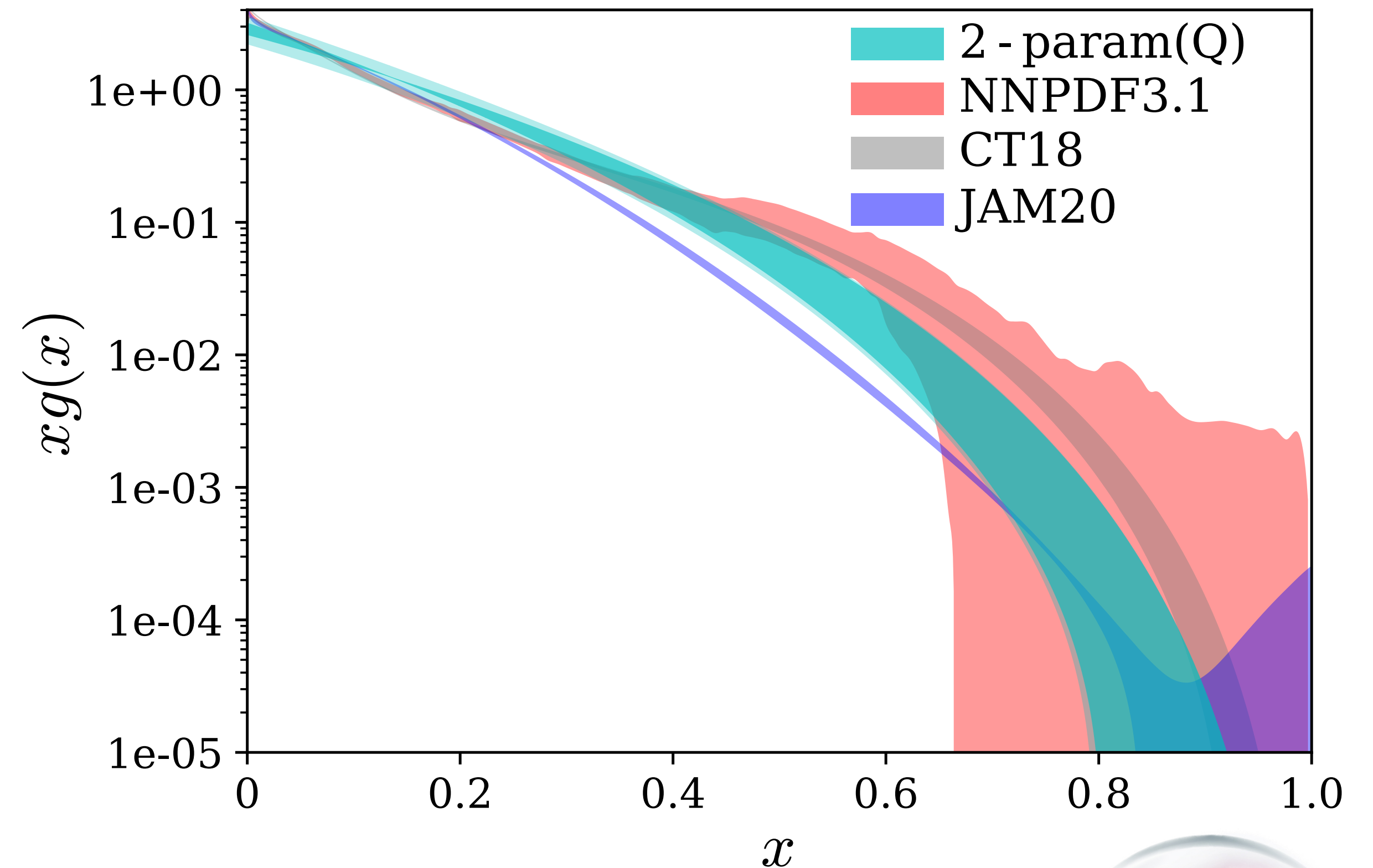
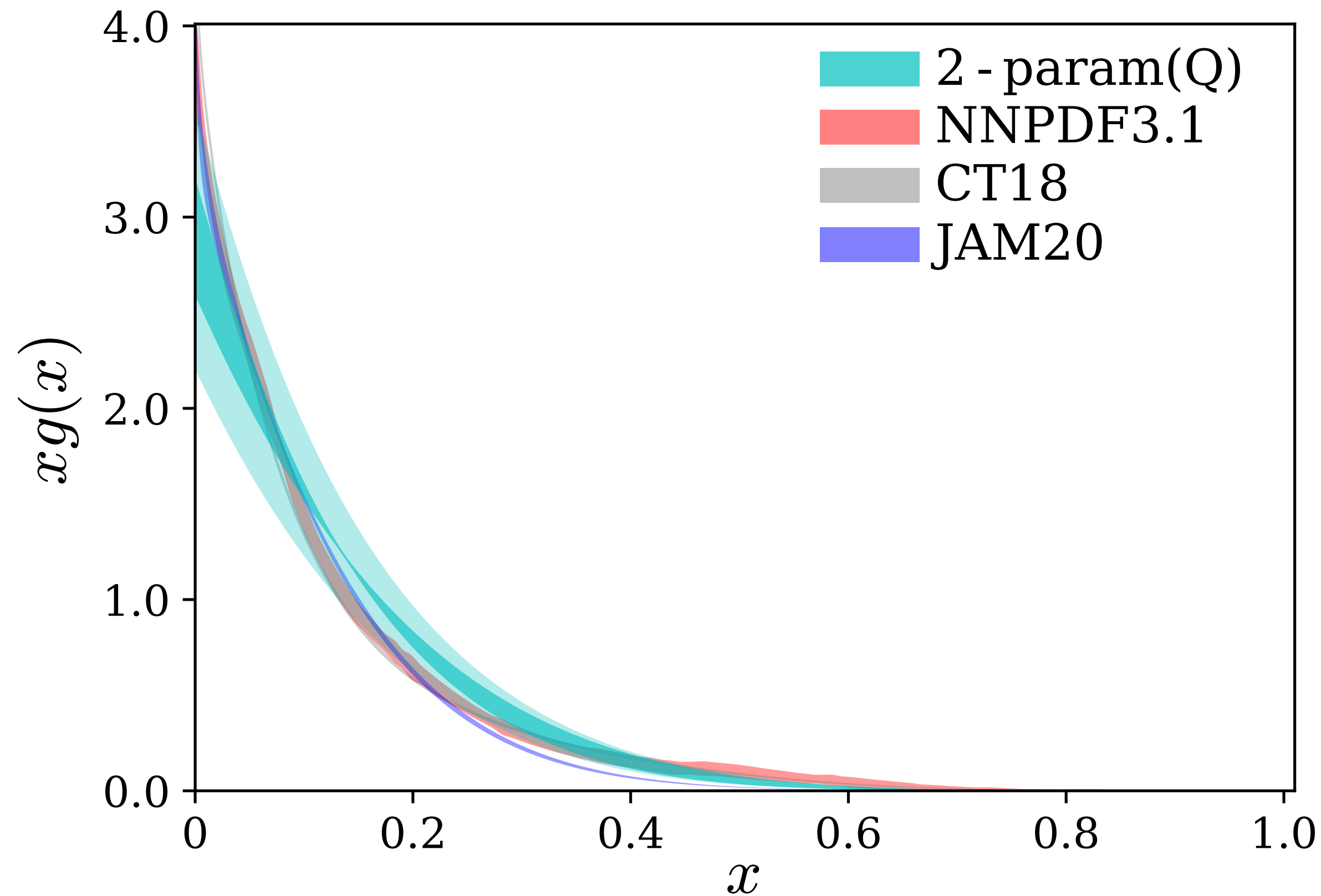
# Transversity Isovector PDF

2+1 flavors single lattice spacing 350 MeV pion



# Gluon PDF

2+1 flavors single lattice spacing 350 MeV pion



No quark mixing used

• T. Khan et al [10.1103/PhysRevD.104.094516](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.104.094516)



# Conclusions

## Outlook



- The understanding hadronic structure is a major goal in nuclear physics
  - Large experimental effort: JLab 12 GeV and future EIC
- Lattice QCD calculations can in principle compute (Generalized) Parton distribution functions from first principles
- Controlling all systematics of the calculation is important and that complicates the solution of the inverse problem at hand
  - Both lattice spacing and higher twist effects need to be controlled
- New ideas are needed for pushing to higher momentum and improved sampling of the Ioffe time
  - The range of Ioffe time is essential for obtaining the x-dependence of distribution functions
- The synergy between lattice and experiment may be proven essential in providing precision estimates of (Generalized) Parton distribution functions

**Back up — DGLAP**



$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu^2) = - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du B(u) \mathcal{Q}(u\nu, \mu^2)$$

$$B(u) = \left[ \frac{1+u^2}{1-u} \right]_+$$

DGLAP kernel in position space

V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

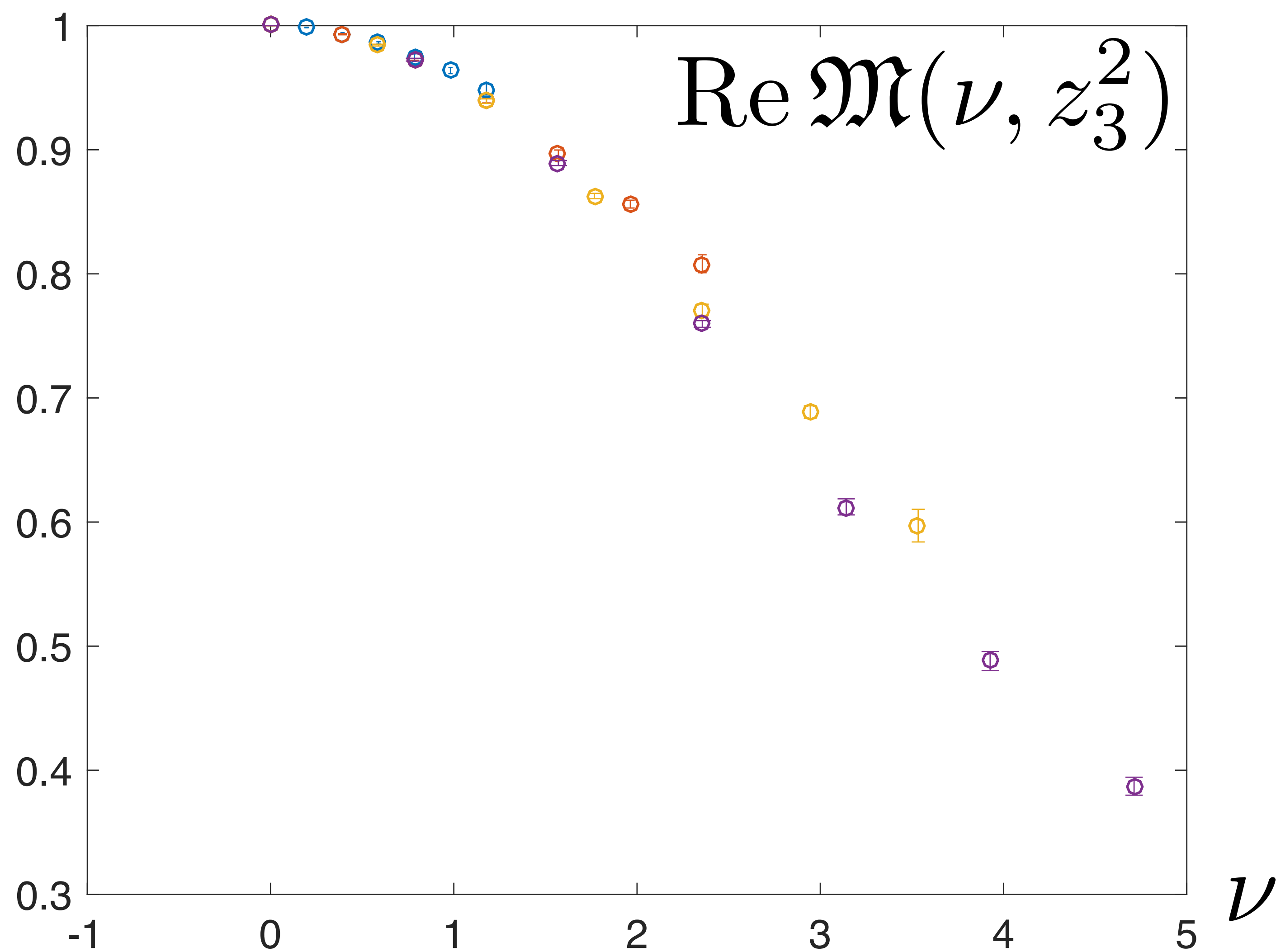
At 1-loop

$$\mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu'^2) = \mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu^2) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln(\mu'^2 / \mu^2) \int_0^1 du B(u) \mathcal{Q}(u\nu, \mu^2)$$

Which implies (ignoring higher twist)

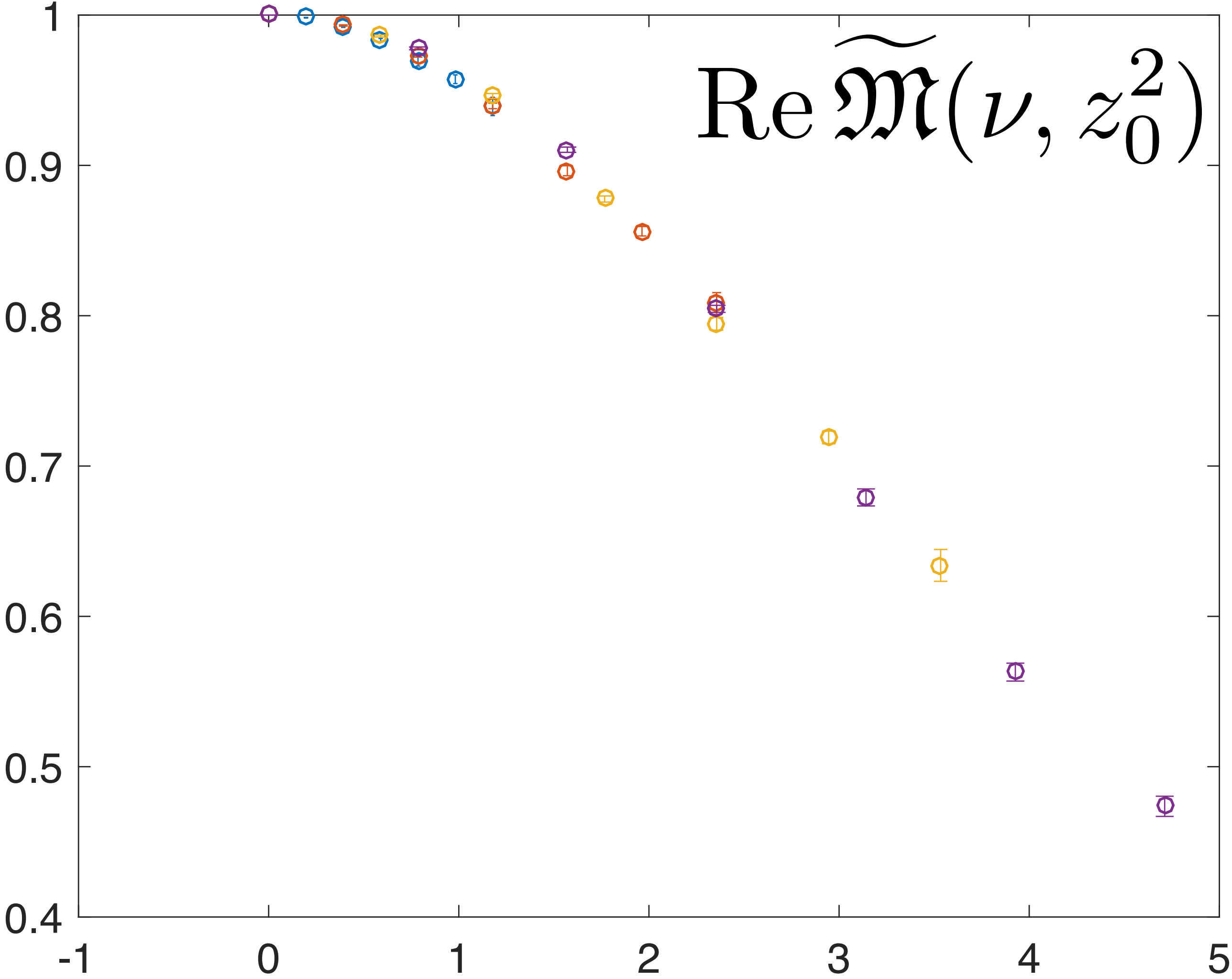
$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z'^2) = \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(z^2)}{\pi} \ln(z'^2 / z^2) \int_0^1 du B(u) [\mathfrak{M}(u\nu, z^2)]$$

Quenched QCD



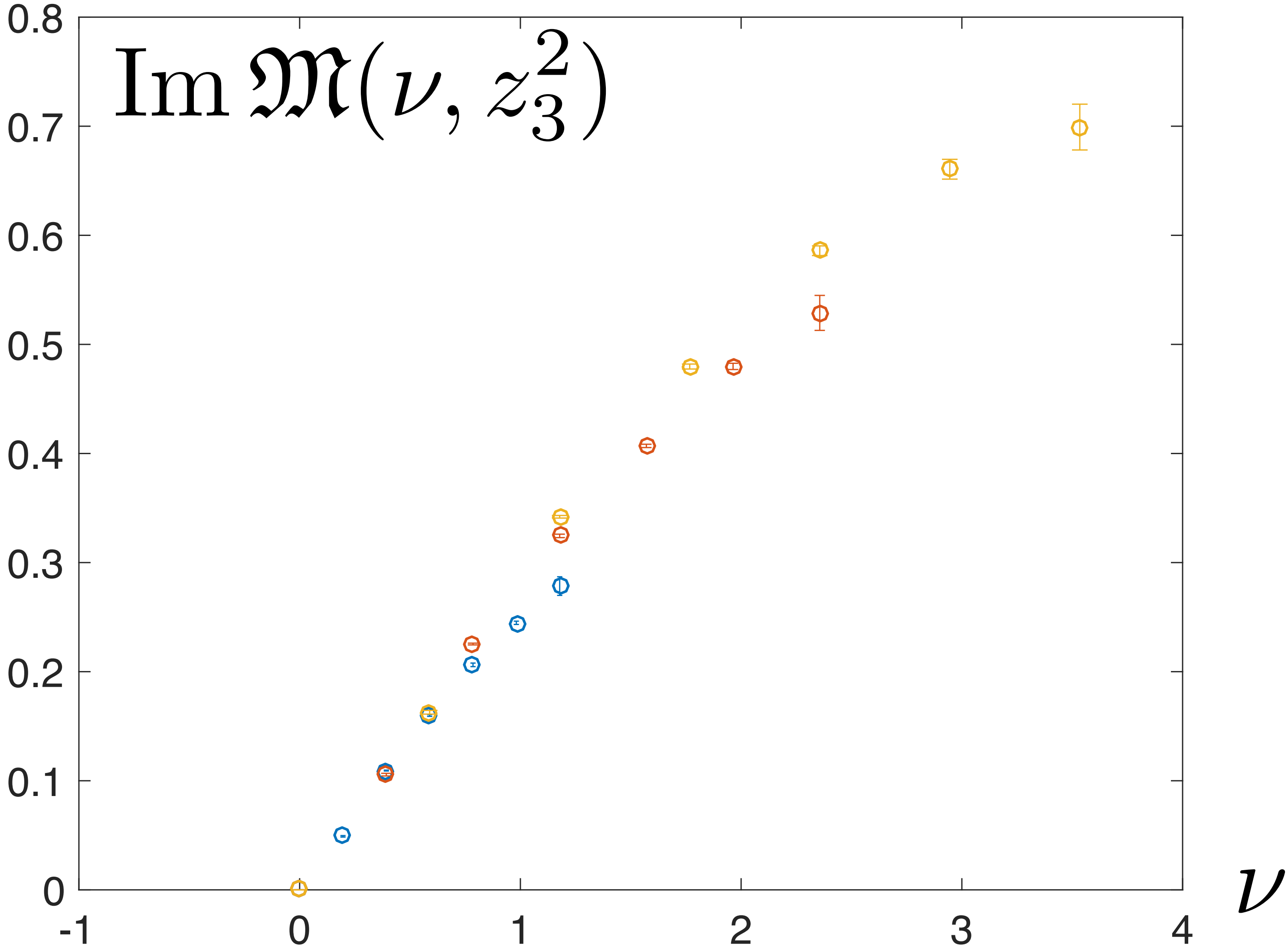
Data corresponding to  $z/a= 1, 2, 3, 4$

Quenched QCD



Evolved to 1GeV

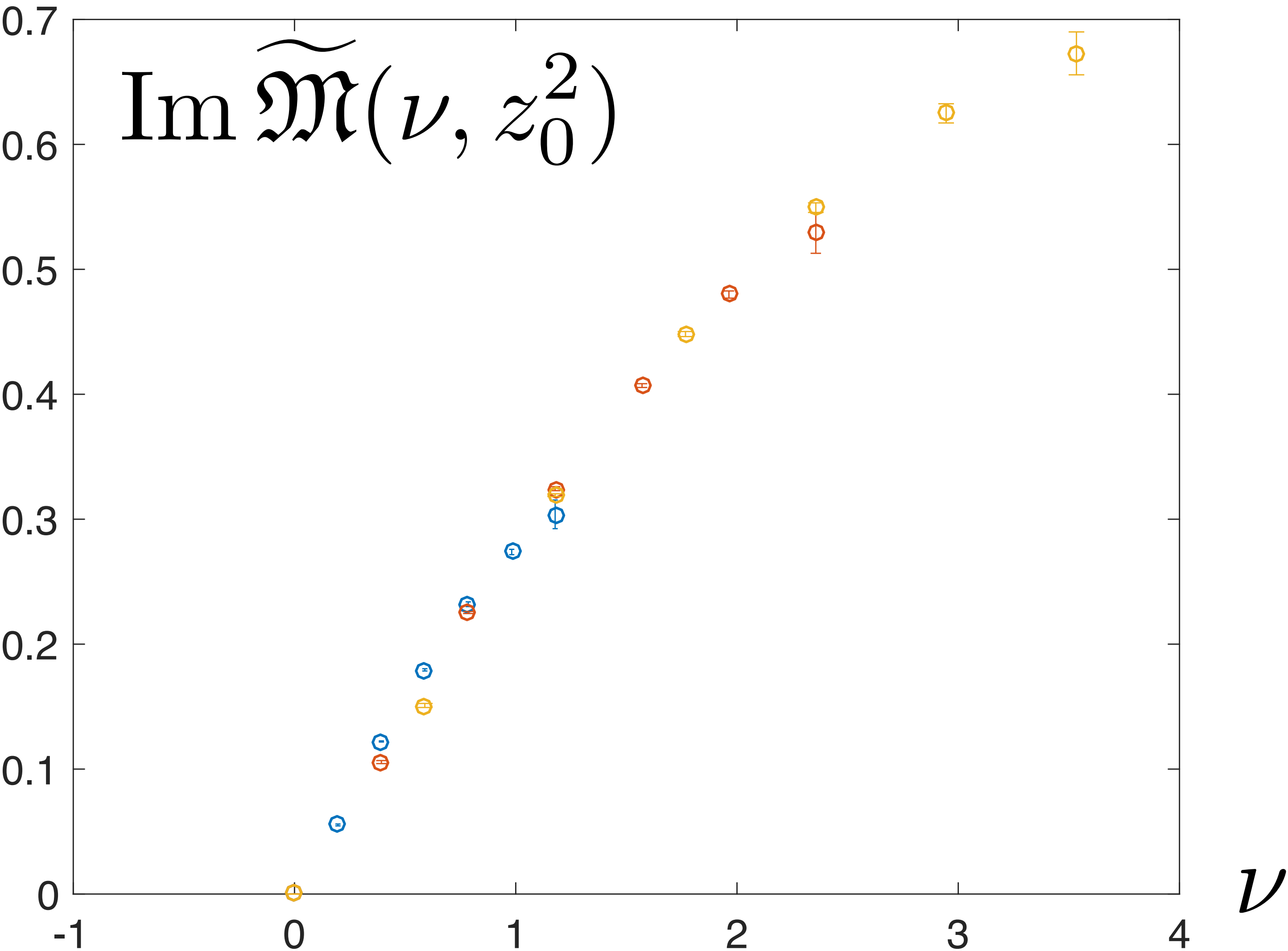
Quenched QCD



Data corresponding to  $z/a= 1, 2, 3, 4$



Quenched QCD



Evolved to 1GeV