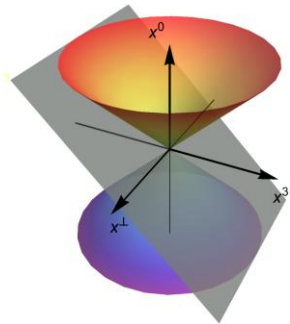


Light Meson Structure from Basis Light-front Quantization

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Outline

- Basis Light-front Quantization approach
- Application to Light Mesons
 - A review of BLFQ-NJL
 - Light mesons with one dynamical gluon
(LFWF, EMFF, PDA, TFF, PDF, GPD & TMD)
- Summary & Outlook

Basis Light-front Quantization

- Nonperturbative eigenvalue problem

[Vary et al, 2008]

$$P^-|\beta\rangle = P_\beta^-|\beta\rangle$$

- P^- : light-front Hamiltonian
- $|\beta\rangle$: mass eigenstate
- P_β^- : eigenvalue for $|\beta\rangle$

- Evaluate observables for eigenstate

$$O \equiv \langle\beta|\hat{O}|\beta\rangle$$

- Fock sector expansion

- Eg. $|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + d|q\bar{q}gg\rangle + \dots$

- Discretized basis

- Transverse: 2D harmonic oscillator basis: $\Phi_{n,m}^b(\vec{p}_\perp)$.
- Longitudinal: plane-wave basis, labeled by k .
- Basis truncation:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_i (2n_i + |m_i| + 1) &\leq N_{max}, \\ \sum_i k_i &= K.\end{aligned}$$

N_{max}, K are basis truncation parameters.

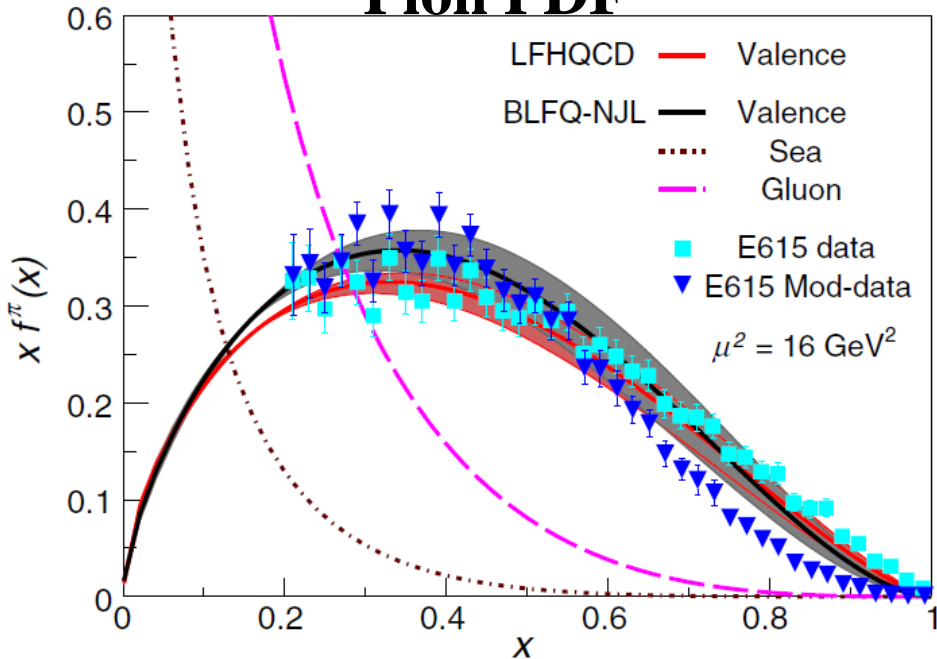
Large N_{max} and K : High UV cutoff & low IR cutoff

PDFs for Light Mesons

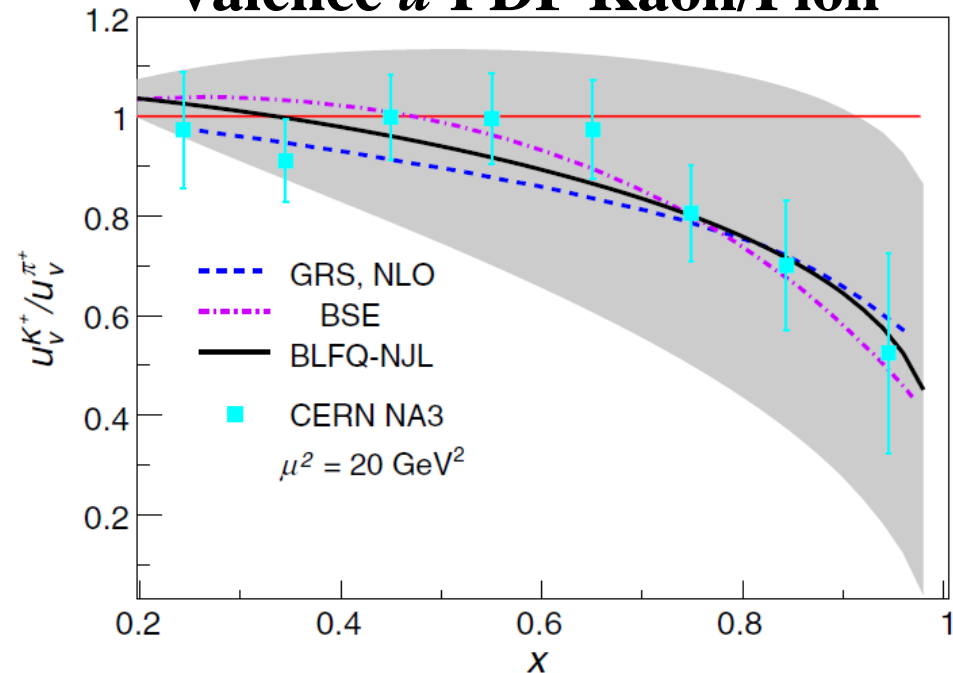
$$H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m_q^2}{x} + \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} + \kappa^4 x(1-x) \vec{r}_{\perp}^2 - \frac{\kappa^4}{(m_q + m_{\bar{q}})^2} \partial_x (x(1-x) \partial_x) + H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{NJL}}$$



Pion PDF

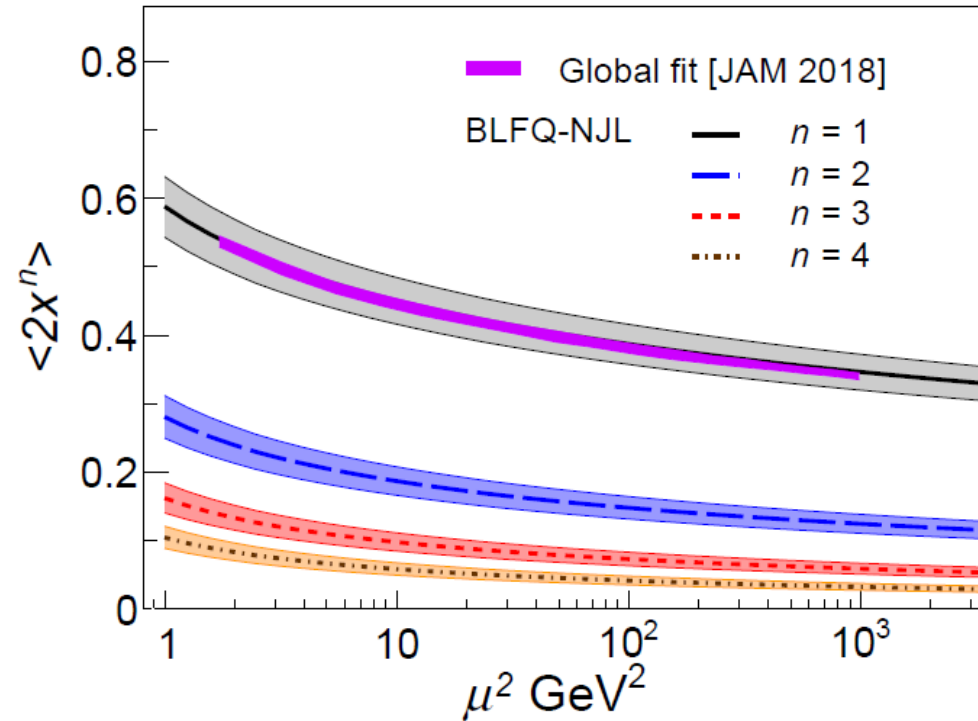
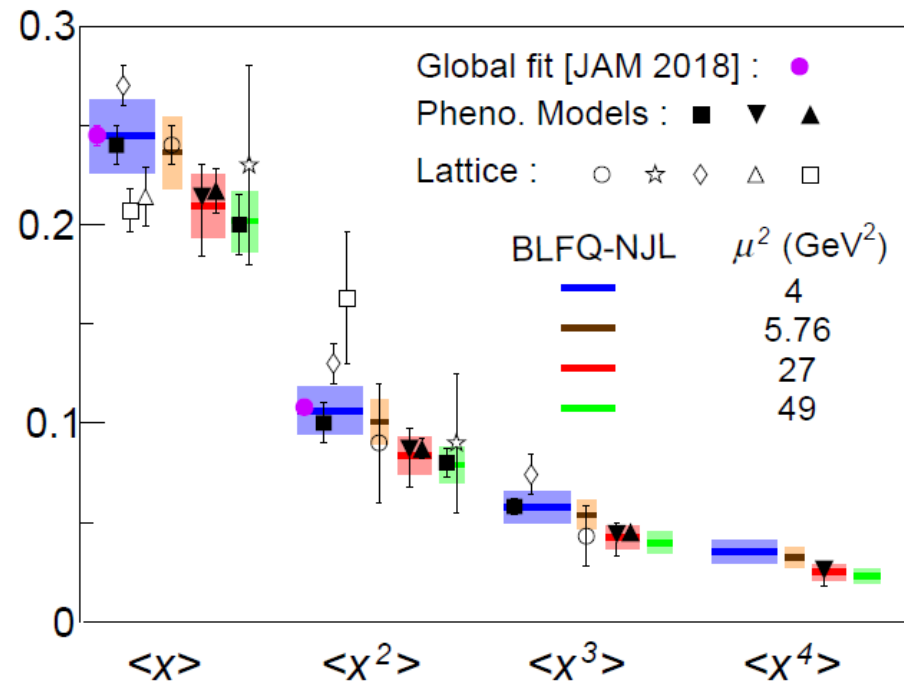


Valence u PDF Kaon/Pion



Moments of Pion PDF

$$\langle x^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx x^n f_{v,s,g}^\pi(x, \mu^2), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$



$\langle x \rangle$ @ 4 GeV ²	Valence	Gluon	Sea
BLFQ-NJL	0.489	0.398	0.113
[Ding <i>et. al.</i> , BSE model 2019']	0.48(3)	0.41(2)	0.11(2)

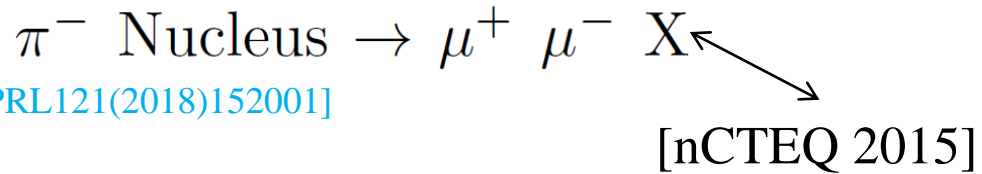
Agree with other results

Drell-Yan Cross Section

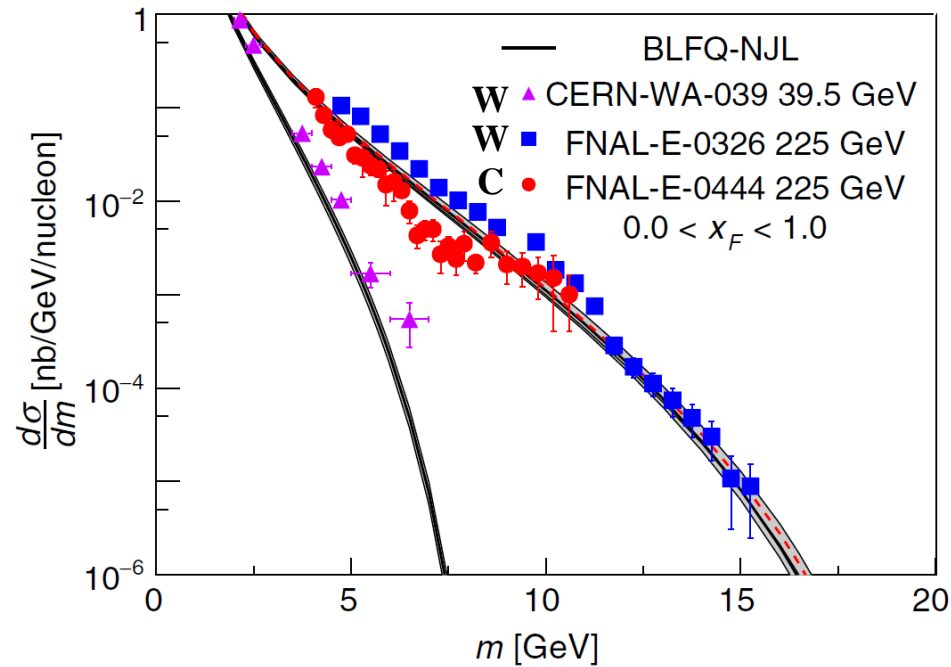
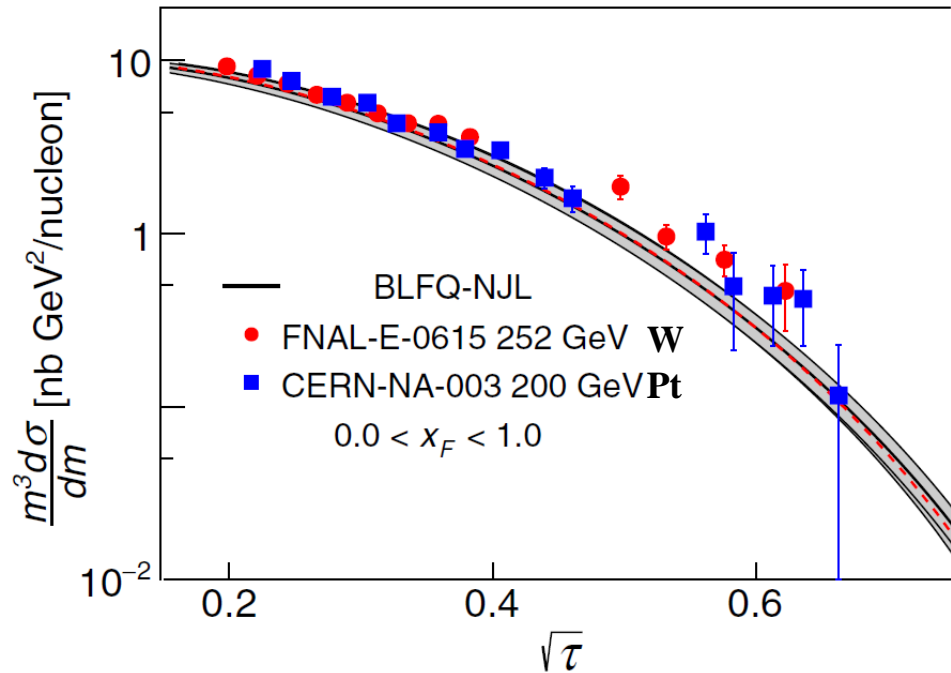
[S. D. Drell and T.-M. Yan, PRL (1970)]

[T. Becher et al, JKEP07(2008)030]; [P. C. Barry et al, PRL121(2018)152001]

[C. Anastasiou et al, PRL91(2003)182002]



$$\frac{m^3 d^2 \sigma}{dm dY} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2 m^2}{9 s} \sum_{ij} dx_1 dx_2 \tilde{C}_{ij}(x_1, x_2, s, m, \mu_f) f_{i/\pi}(x_1, \mu_f) f_{j/N}(x_2, \mu_f)$$



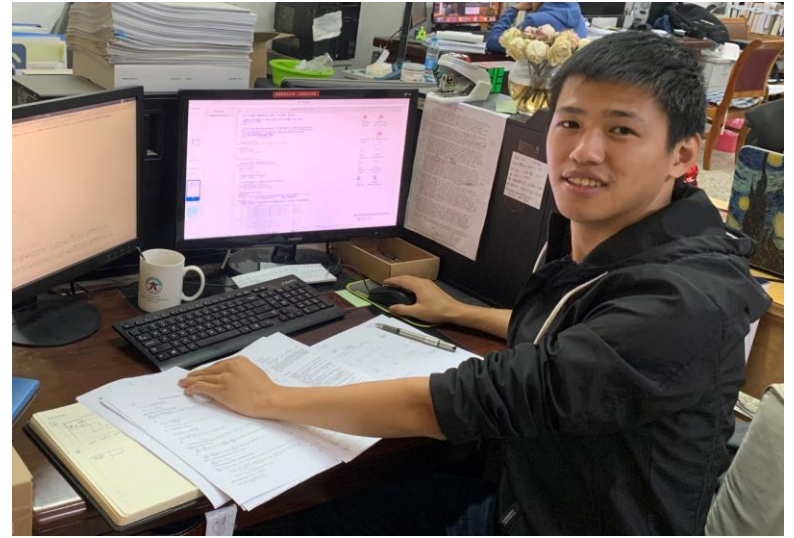
Agree with experimental data (FNAL E615, 326, 444, & CERN NA3, WA-039).

[Lan, Mondal, Jia, Zhao, Vary, PRD101,034024(2020)]

$$|\text{meson}\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + \dots$$



$$|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$



Interaction Part of Hamiltonian

$$|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

H_{int}	$ q\bar{q}\rangle$	$ q\bar{q}g\rangle$
$\langle q\bar{q} $		
$\langle q\bar{q}g $		0

$$P^- = \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_q^2}{x} + \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} + \kappa^4 x(1-x) \vec{r}_\perp^2$$

$$- \frac{\kappa^4}{(m_q + m_{\bar{q}})^2} \partial_x (x(1-x) \partial_x) + H_{\text{int}}$$

Light-front QCD Hamiltonian

[Brodsky et al, 1998]

$$P_{LFQCD}^- = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \frac{(i\partial^\perp)^2 + m^2}{i\partial^+} \psi - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x A_a^i (i\partial^\perp)^2 A_a^i$$

$$+g \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu A^\mu \psi$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu A^\mu \frac{\gamma^+}{i\partial^+} \gamma_\nu A^\nu \psi$$

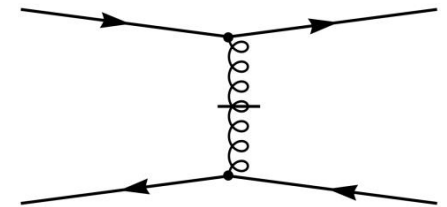
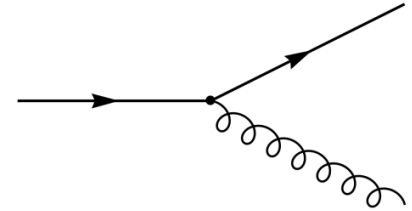
$$-i g^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^c \psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} (i\partial^+ A_a^\mu A_{\mu b})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ T^a \psi$$

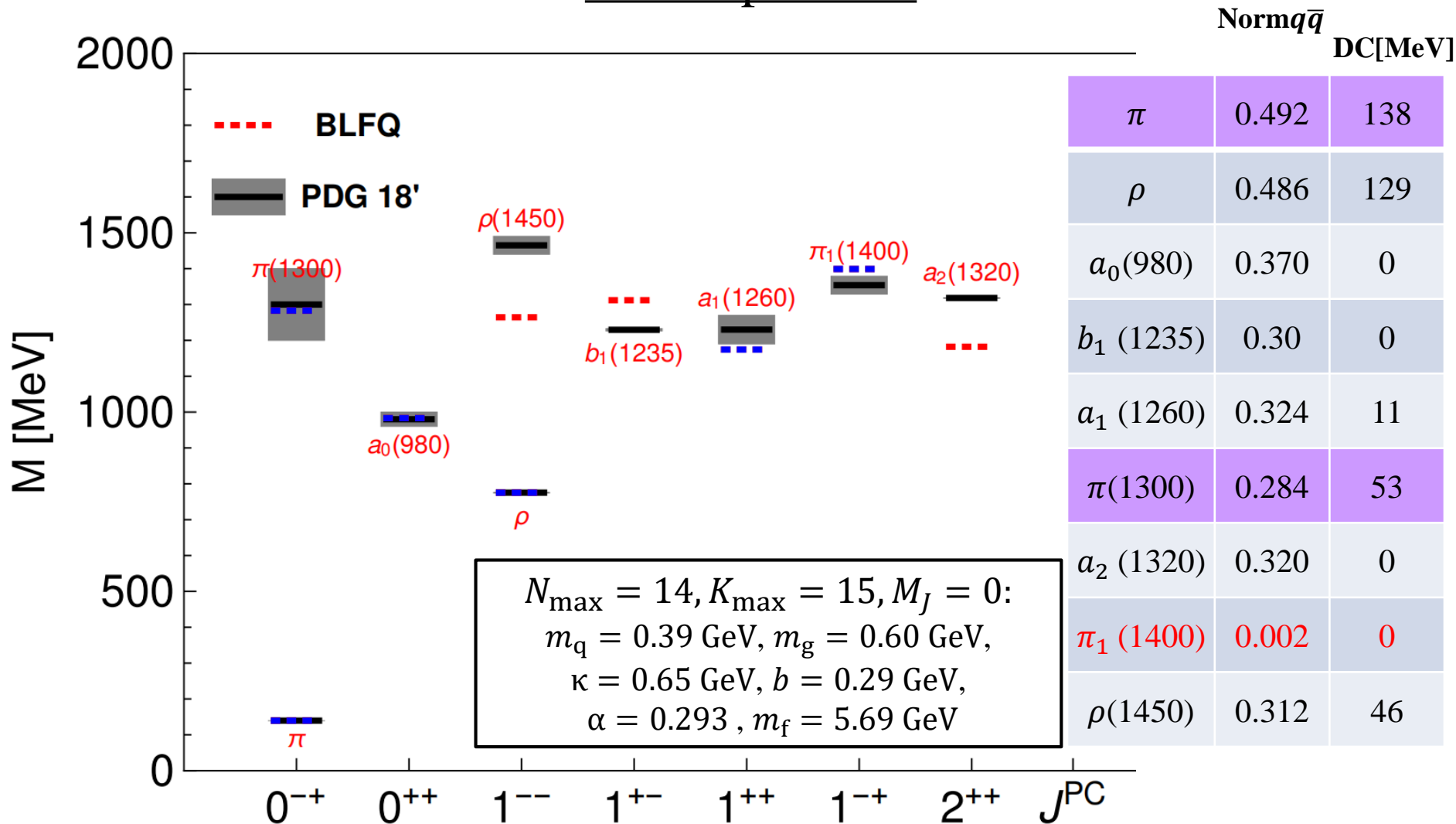
$$+i g \int d^3x f^{abc} i\partial^\mu A^{va} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} g^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} f^{ade} i\partial^+ A_b^\mu A_{\mu c} \frac{1}{(i\partial^+)^2} (i\partial^+ A_d^+ A_{ve})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} g^2 \int d^3x f^{abc} f^{ade} A_b^\mu A_c^\nu A_{\mu d} A_{ve}$$



Mass Spectrum

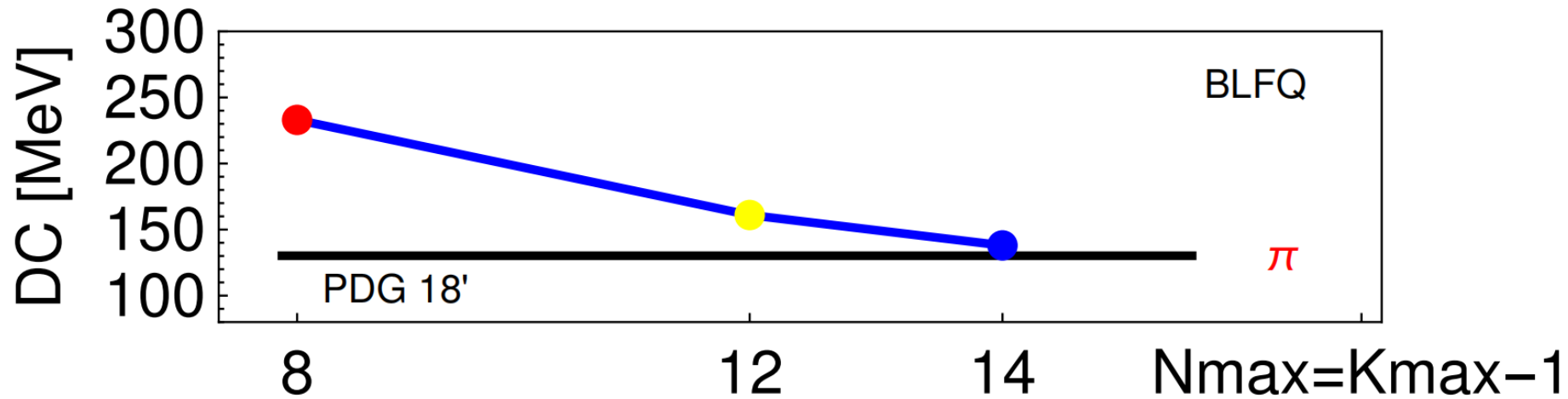


$$|\text{meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

Fix the parameters by fitting six blue states

- $\pi_1(1400)$: $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$ dominates
- $\pi(1300)$: the DC is smaller than the DC of pion

Pion Decay Constant

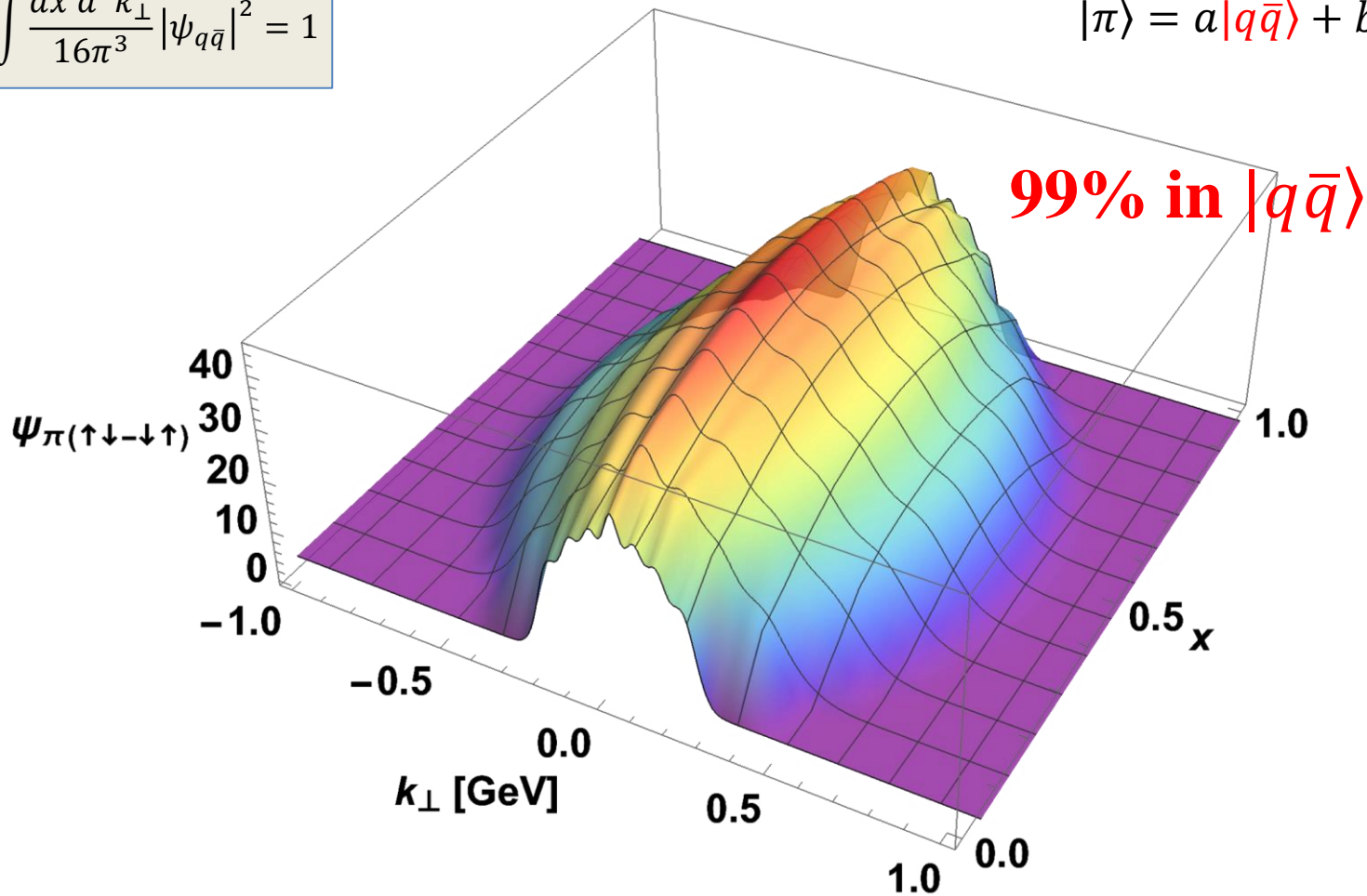


With increasing basis size, the DC approaches the experimental value

Wave Function

$$\int \frac{dx d^2k_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} |\psi_{q\bar{q}}|^2 = 1$$

$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

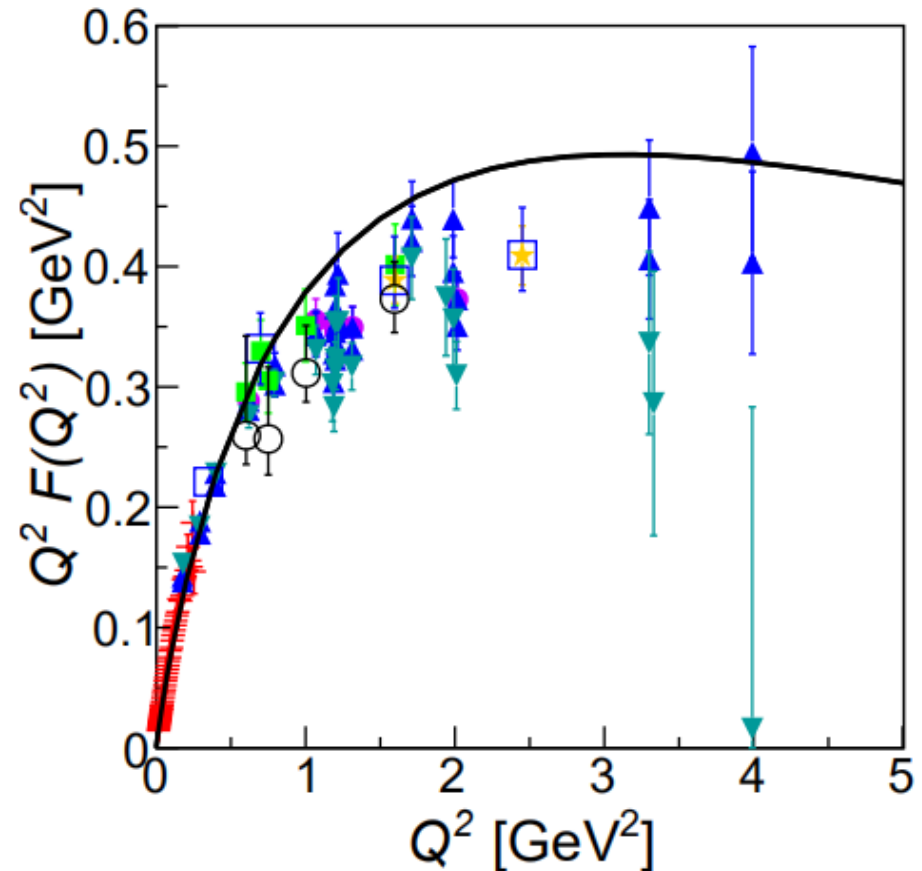
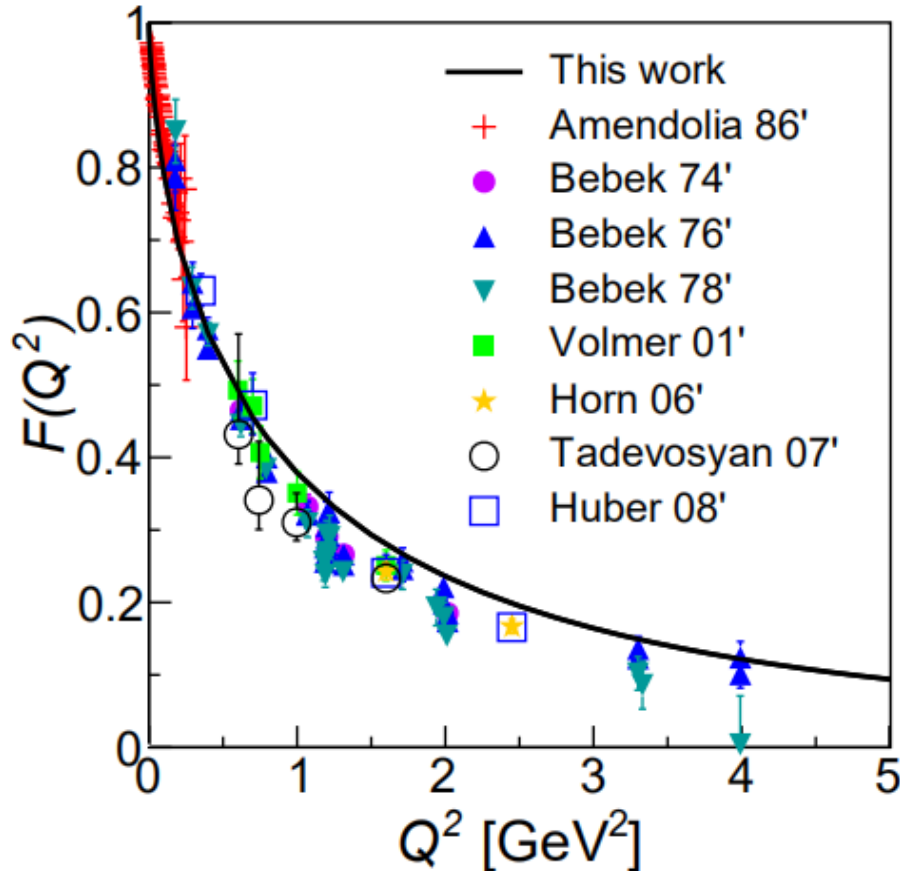


- At endpoint x , $\psi \sim k_{\perp}$: lightly narrow
- At middle x , $\psi \sim k_{\perp}$: a little bit wide

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Pion Electromagnetic Form Factor

$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

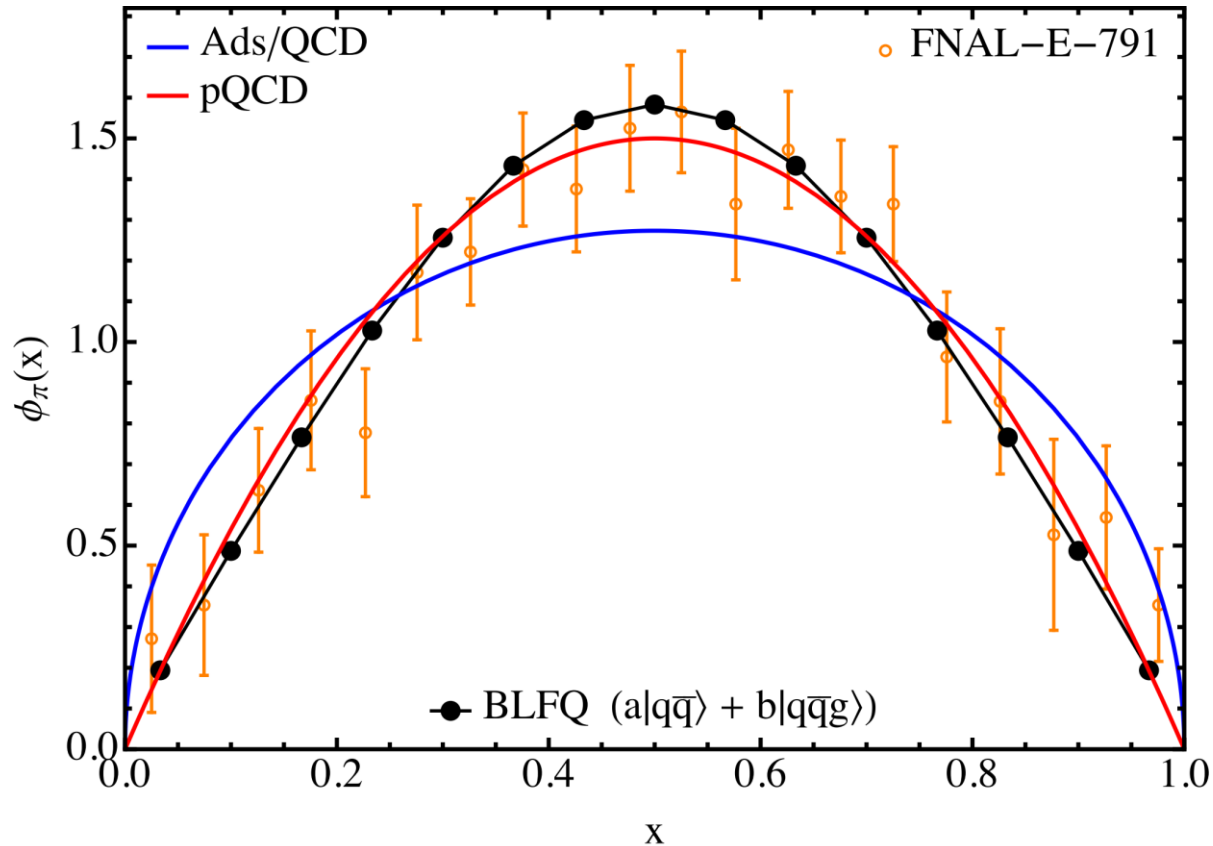


- FF is in reasonable agreement with experimental data
- $F(Q^2) \propto 1/Q^2$ for large Q^2

Pion PDA

$$f_\pi \phi_\pi^q(x) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \int d^2k_\perp \psi(x, k_\perp)$$

$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$



- Endpoint behavior almost agrees with pQCD
- Consistent with FNAL-E-791 experiment

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$\pi \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ Transition Form Factor

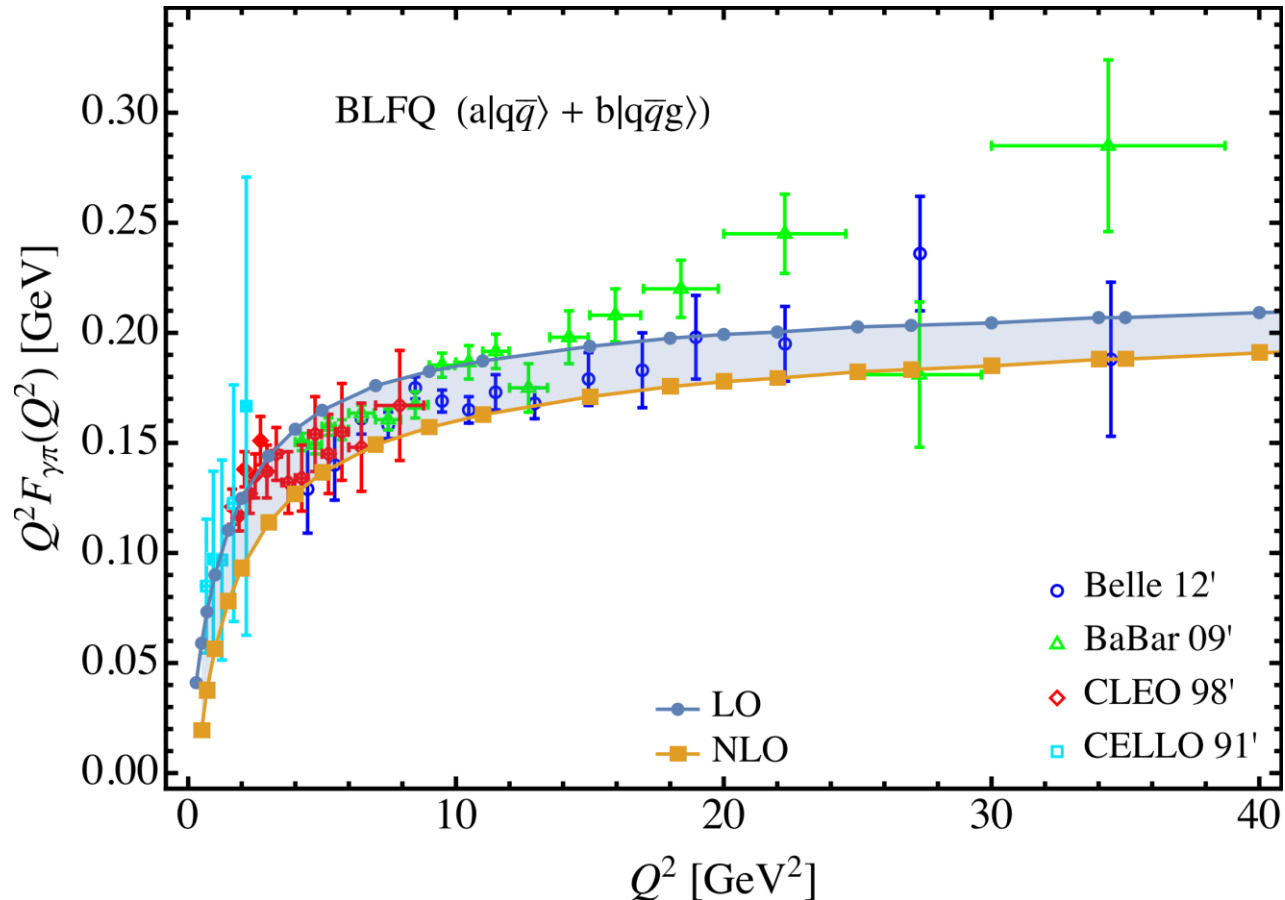
[Brodsky et al, PRD 84, 033001 (2011)]

$$Q^2 F_{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 T_H(x, Q) dx \int_0^{\bar{x}Q} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$$

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$$T_H(x, Q) = \frac{1}{\bar{x}} + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{4\pi} C_F \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \left[-9 - \frac{\bar{x}}{x} \ln(\bar{x}) + \ln^2 \bar{x} + (3 + 2 \ln \bar{x}) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2}\right) \right]$$

- Reasonably agrees with experimental results
- Flat at large Q^2



$\pi \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$ Transition Form Factor

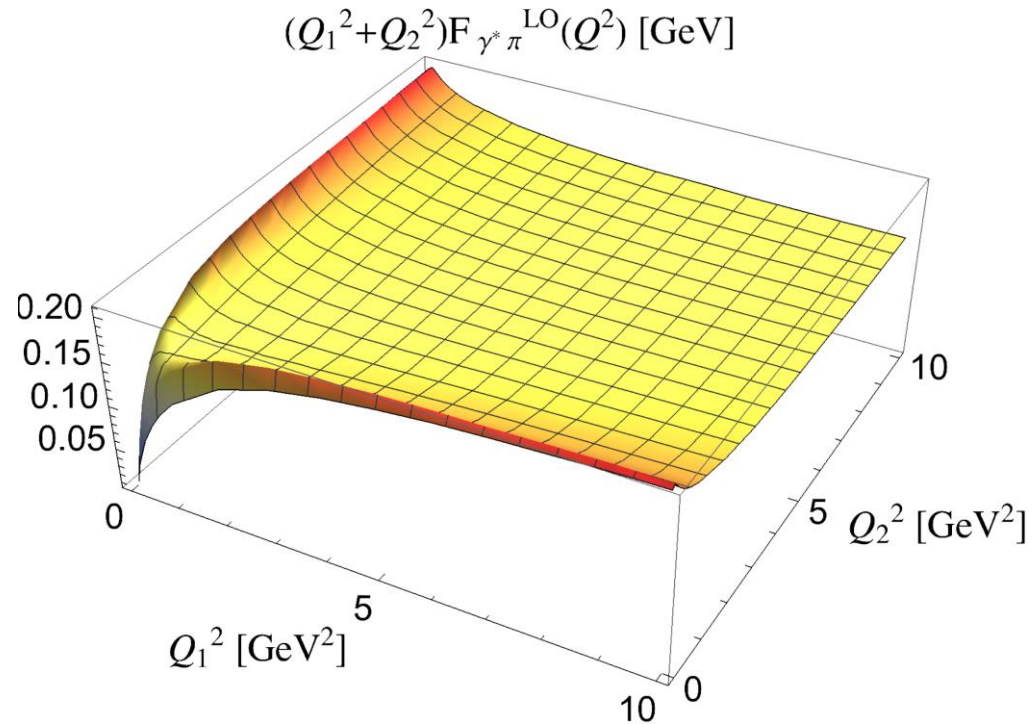
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[CM et al, Phys. Rev. D 104, 094034 (2021)]

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$$(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)F_{\gamma^*\pi}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\bar{x}Q_1^2 + xQ_2^2} \int_0^{\bar{x}Q_1 + xQ_2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \psi_{q\bar{q}}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$$

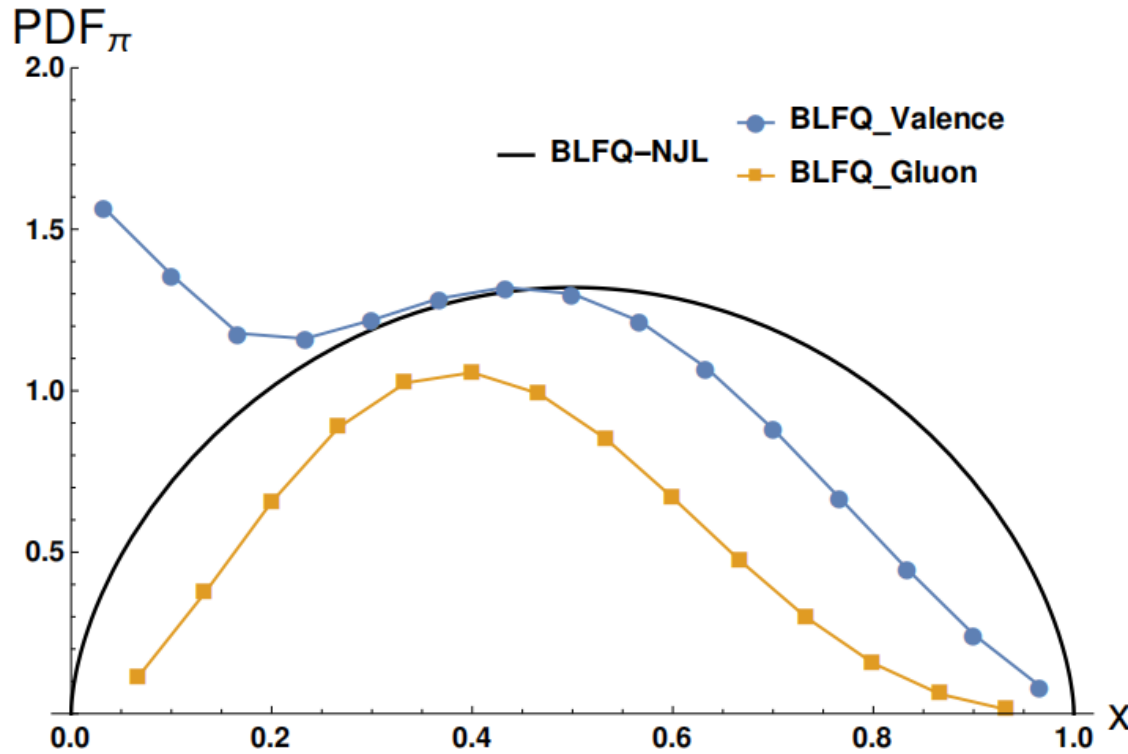
- $F_{\pi\gamma^*}(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) \sim 1/(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)$ when $(Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) \rightarrow \infty$
- Reasonably agrees with pQCD prediction
- Symmetric



Pion initial PDF

$$f_{q,g}(x) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \sum_{\mathcal{N}, \lambda} \int d^2k_{\perp} |\psi^{\mathcal{N}}(x, k_{\perp})|^2 \delta(x - x_i)$$

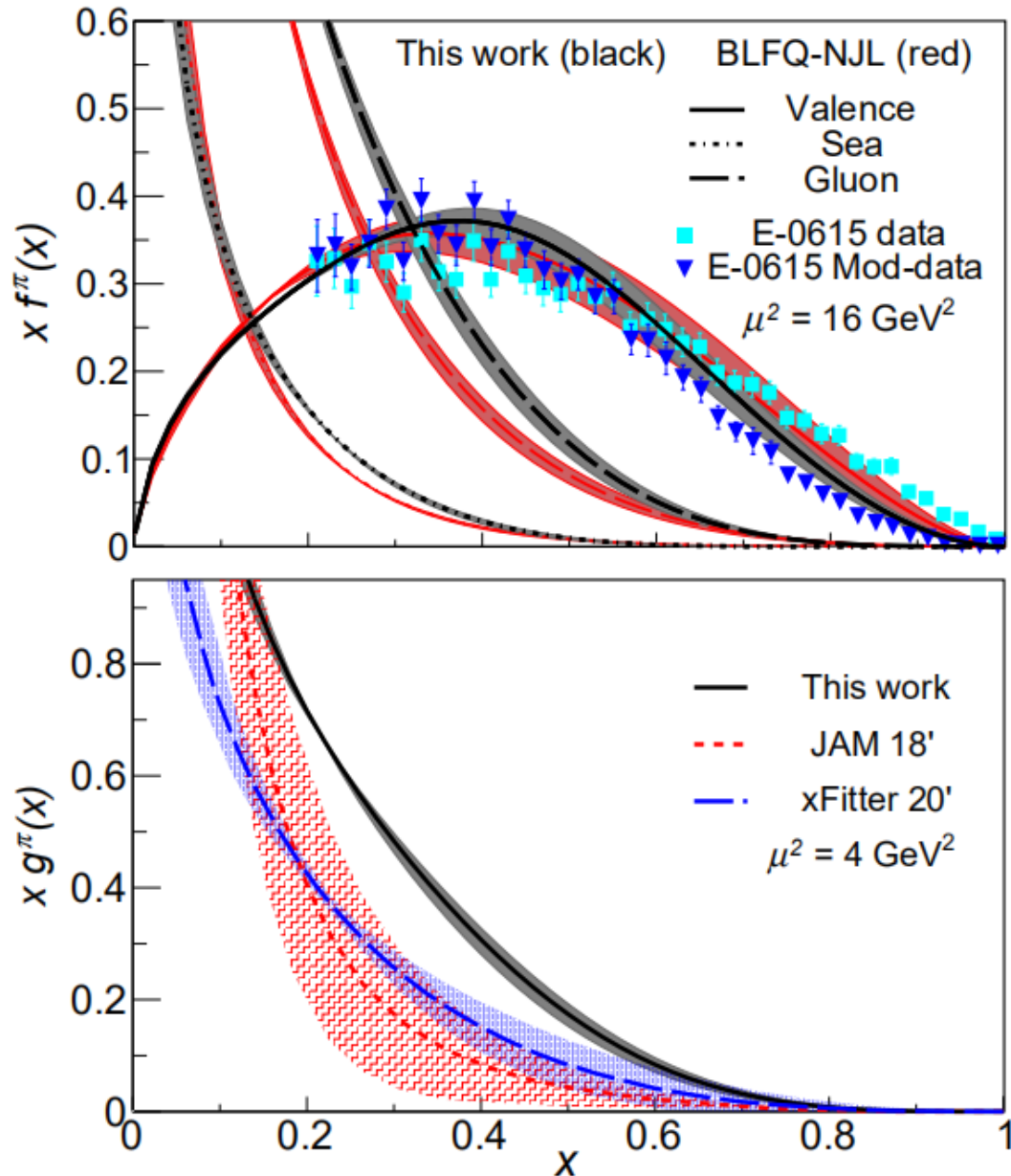
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large x

$\mu_{0\text{BLFQ-NJL}}^2 = 0.240 \text{ GeV}^2$	$\langle x \rangle_{\text{gluon}} = 0$;	$\langle x \rangle_{\text{valence } u} = 0.5$	$(1-x)^{0.596}$
$\mu_{0\text{BLFQ}}^2 = 0.34 \text{ GeV}^2$	$\langle x \rangle_{\text{gluon}} = 0.216$;	$\langle x \rangle_{\text{valence } u} = 0.392$	$(1-x)^{1.4}$

Pion PDF



$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

- Large- x behavior $(1 - x)^{1.77}$ closer to pQCD
- The gluon distribution significantly increases

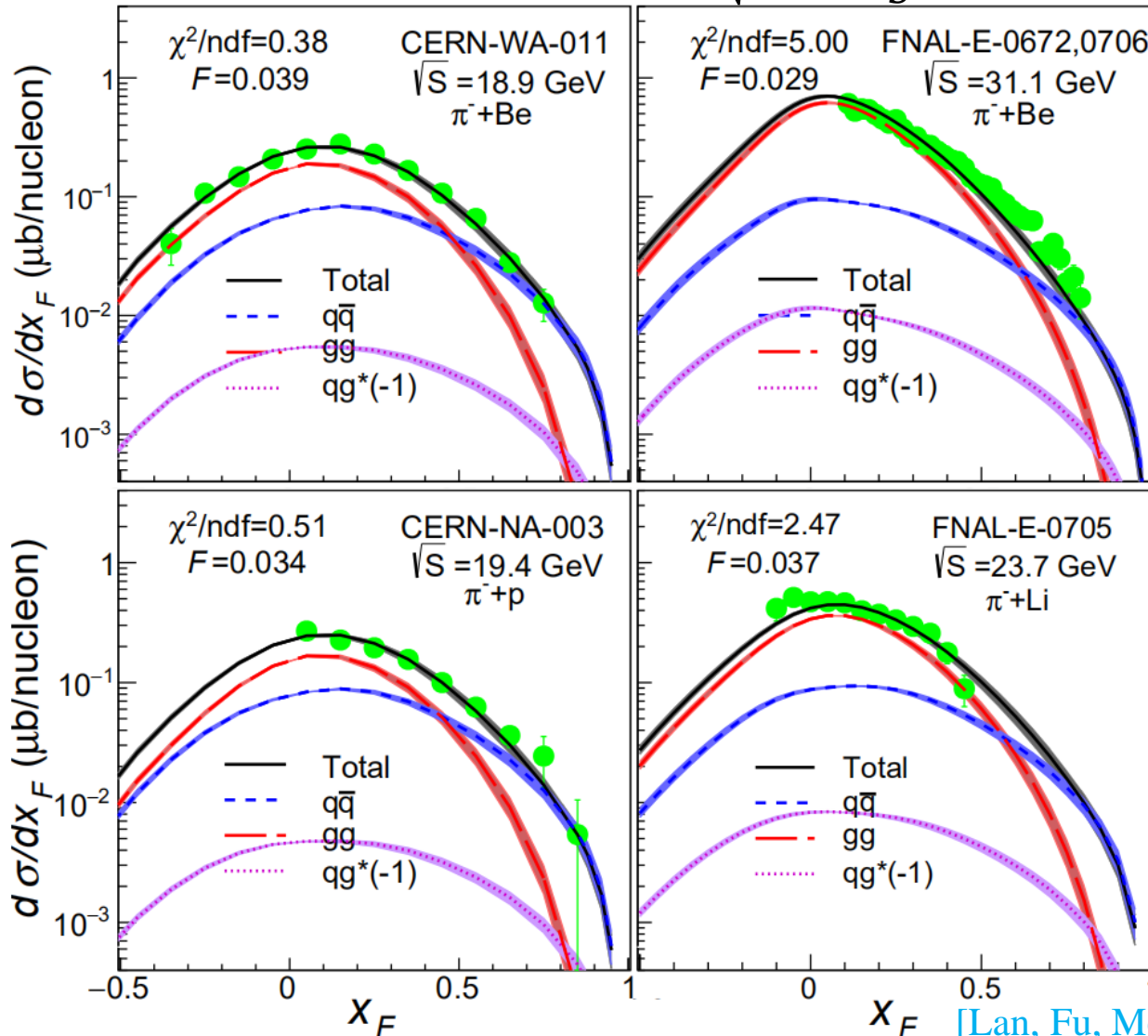
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J/ψ production cross section

$$\pi^\pm N \rightarrow J/\psi X$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F} |J/\psi = F \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} \int_{2m_c}^{2m_D} dM_{c\bar{c}} \frac{2M_{c\bar{c}}}{S \sqrt{x_F^2 + \frac{4M_{c\bar{c}}^2}{S}}} \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(s, m_c^2, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) f_i^{\pi^\pm}(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_j^N(x_2, \mu_F^2)$$

[nCTEQ 2015]



CEM

[Chang, et al, PRD 102 (2020) 054024];
 [Nason, et al, NPB 303 (1988) 607];
 [Mangano, et al, NPB 405 (1993) 507]

- significantly gg contribution
- various energies of pions
- different target

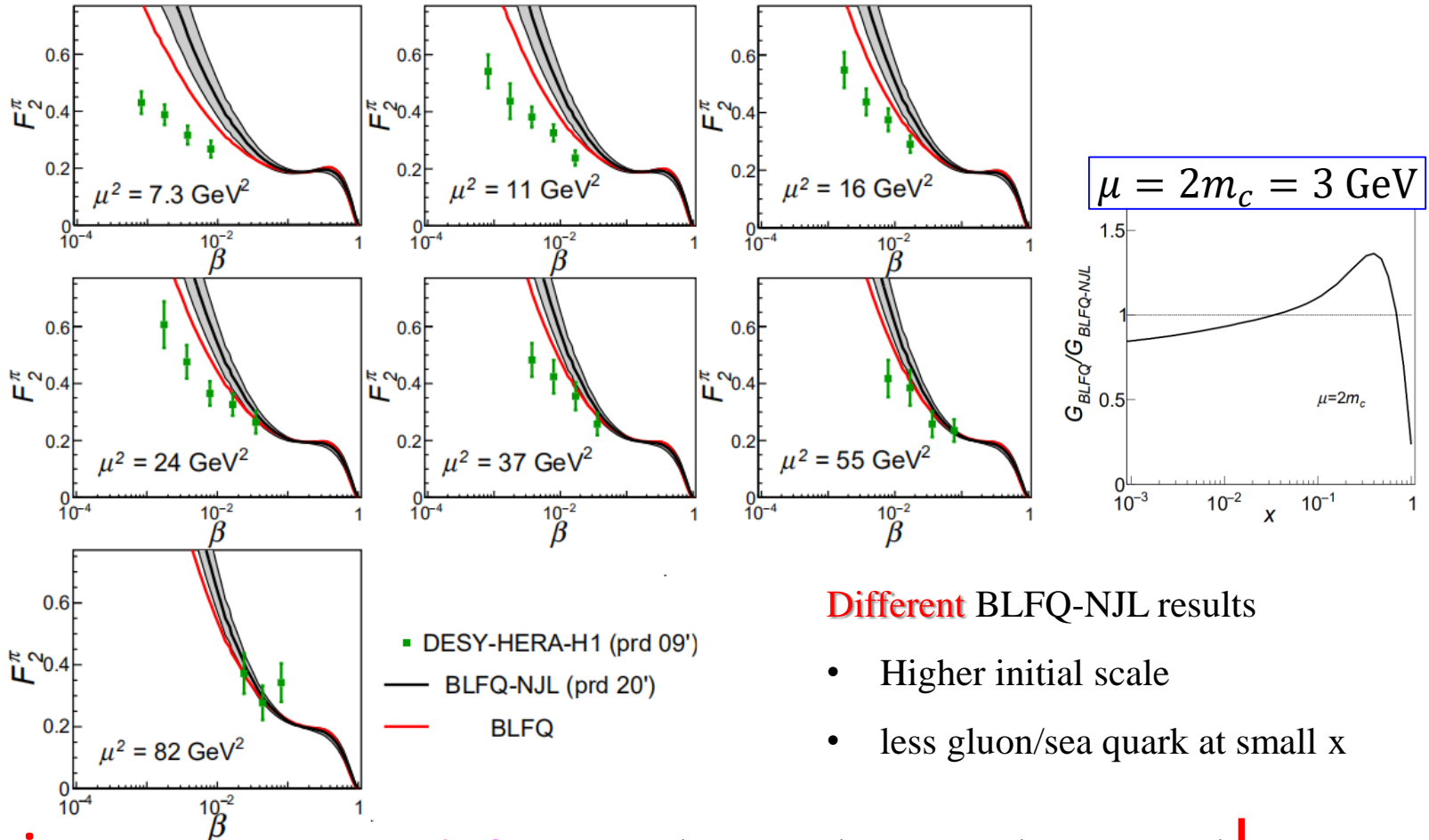
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Pion Structure function

[Lan, Mondal, Jia, Zhao, Vary, PRD101,034024(2020)]

$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

$$F_2^\pi(\beta, \mu^2) = \sum_{q,g} e_q^2 \beta \{f_q^\pi(\beta, \mu^2) + f_{\bar{q}}^\pi(\beta, \mu^2) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} [C_{q,2} \otimes (f_q^\pi + f_{\bar{q}}^\pi) + 2C_{g,2} \otimes f_g^\pi]\}$$



Different BLFQ-NJL results

- Higher initial scale
- less gluon/sea quark at small x

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in future

$$|\pi\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + \dots$$

Pion GPD

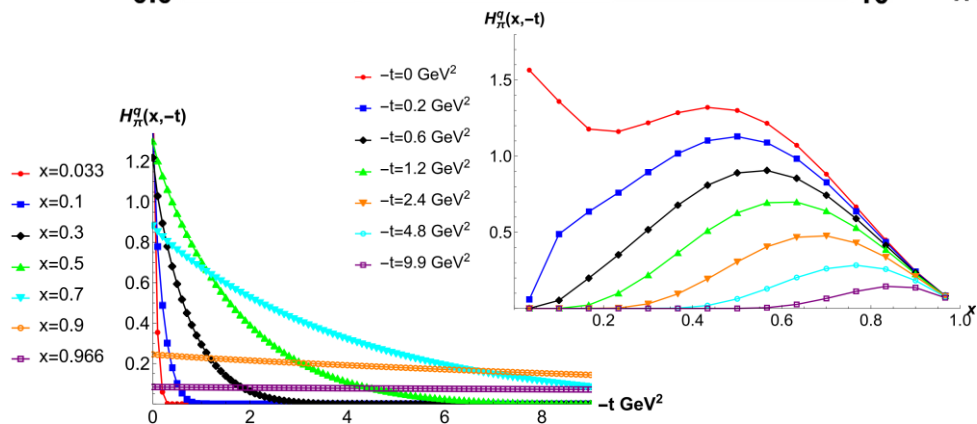
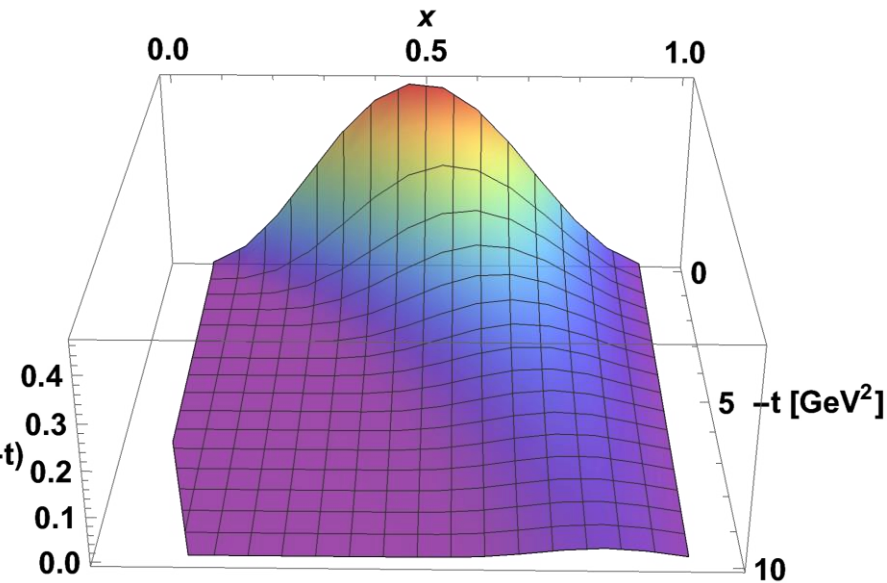
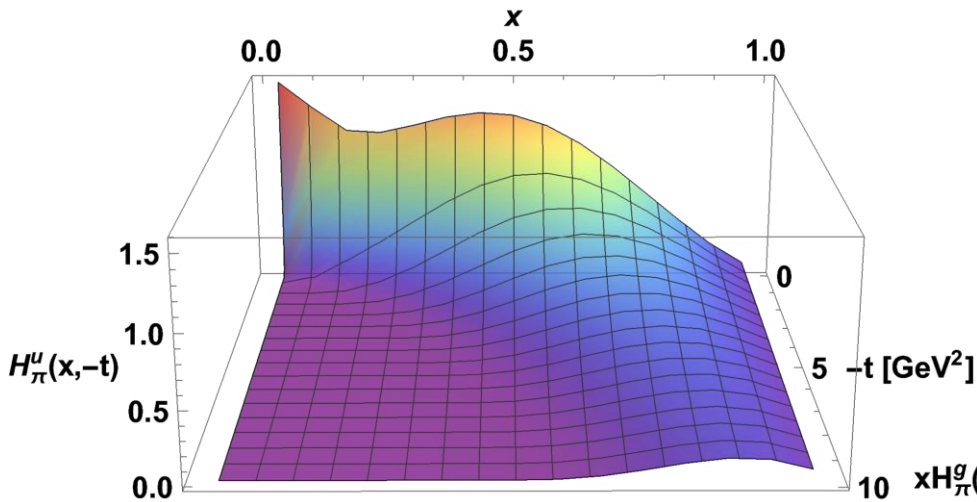
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[M. Diehl, Phys. Rep. 388 (2003) 41-277]

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$$H_{\pi}^g(x, \xi = 0, t) = \frac{1}{P^+} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \left\langle \pi, P + \frac{\Delta}{2} \left| G^{+\mu} \left(-\frac{z}{2}\right) G_{\mu}^+ \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \right| \pi, P - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right\rangle_{\substack{z^+=0 \\ z_{\perp}=0}}$$

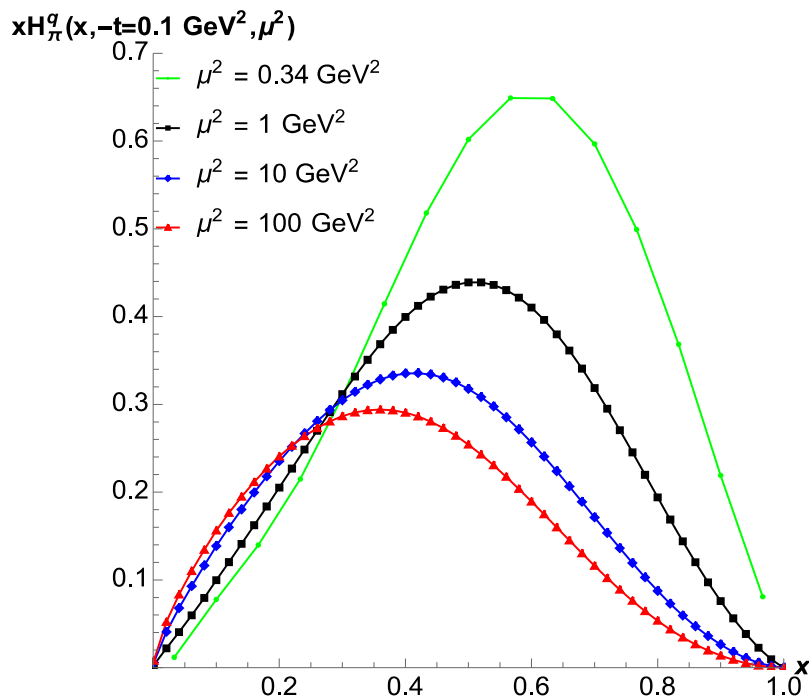


- Quark content enhanced at small x with $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$
- Falls slowly at larger x
- Emerge at larger x range for larger $-t$

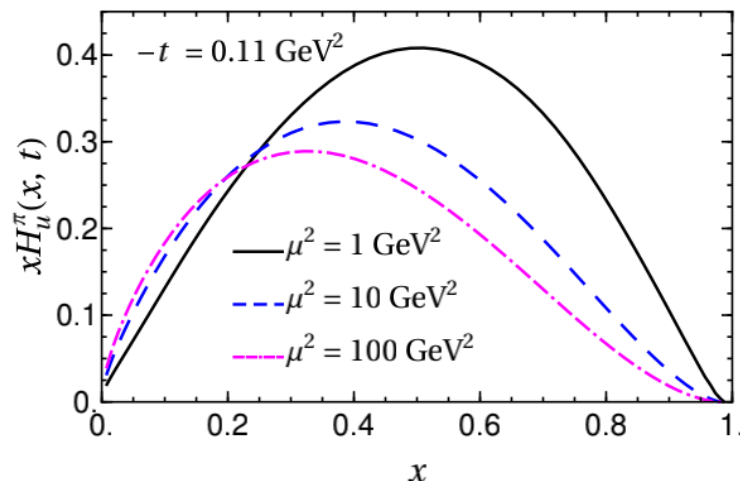
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BLFQ-NJL $\mu_0^2 = 0.24 \text{ GeV}^2$



[Adhikari et al, arXiv: 2110.05048]

- Including valence quark only
- Scale evolution performed using DGLAP equation (HOPPET)

Pion Polarized GPD

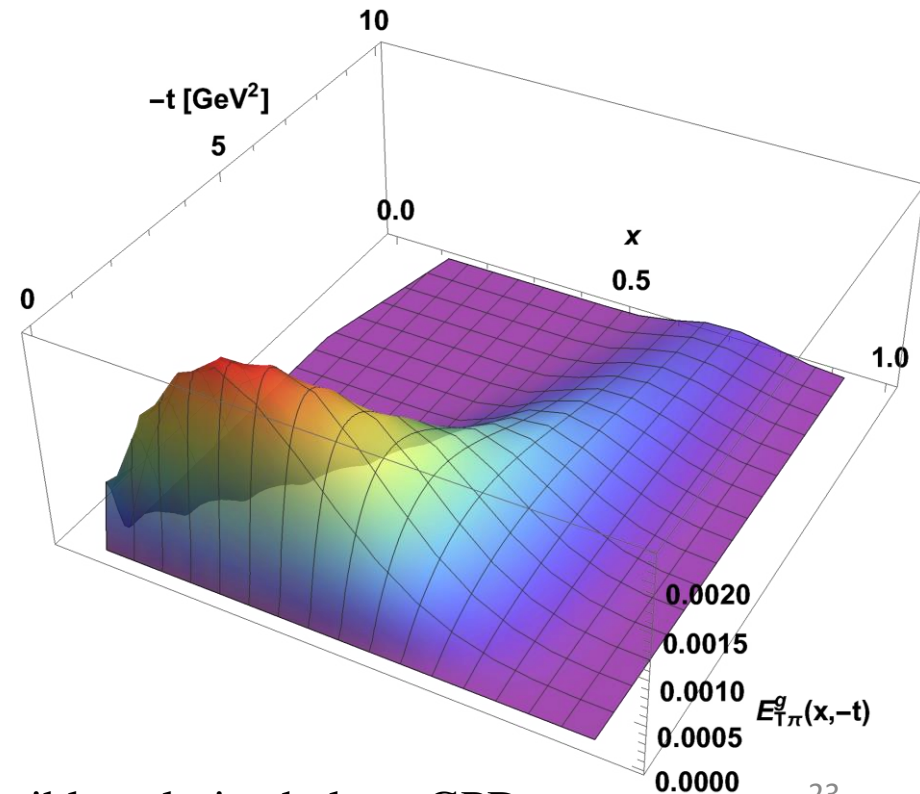
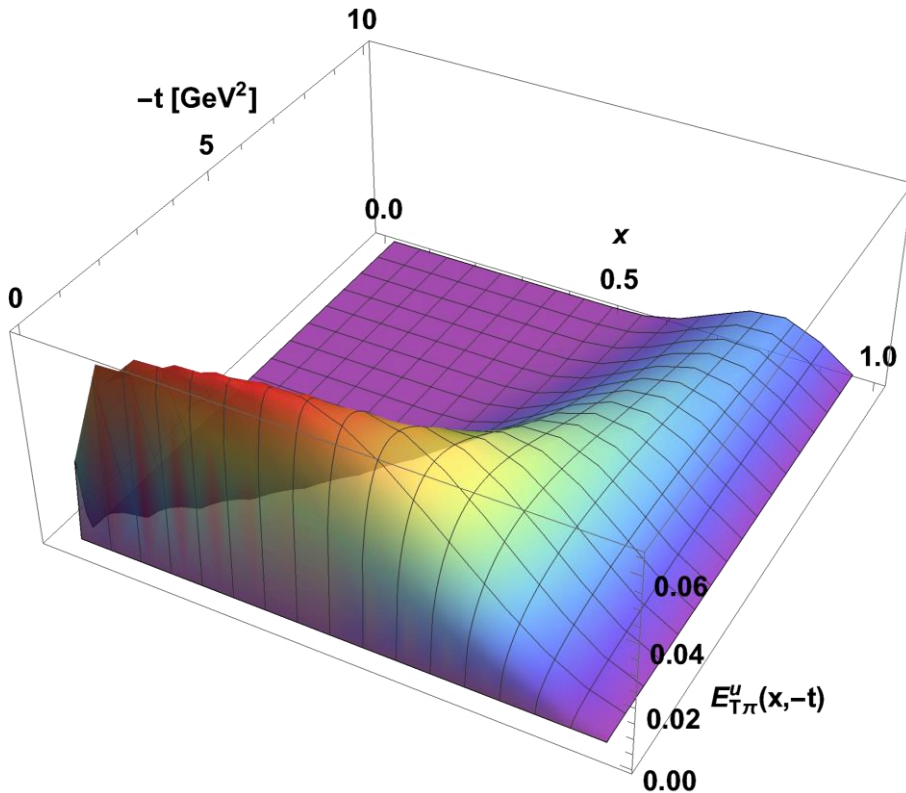
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$$E_{T\pi}^g(x, \xi = 0, t) \sim \frac{1}{2} \sum_s \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} [(-i)^j \psi_{\uparrow s}^*(x, \vec{k}'_\perp) \psi_{\downarrow s}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) + (i)^j \psi_{\downarrow s}^*(x, \vec{k}'_\perp) \psi_{\uparrow s}(x, \vec{k}_\perp)]$$



- accessible polarized gluon GPD

Pion TMD

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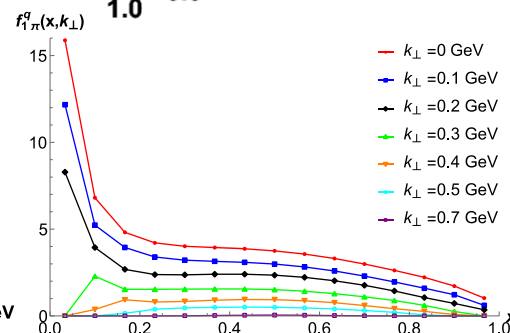
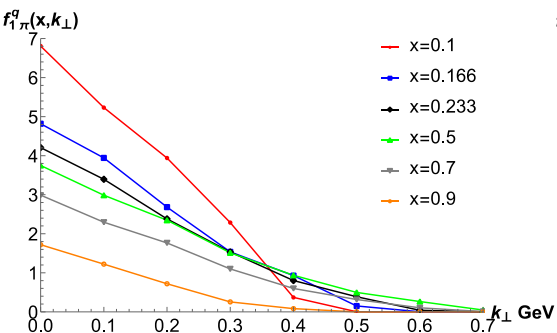
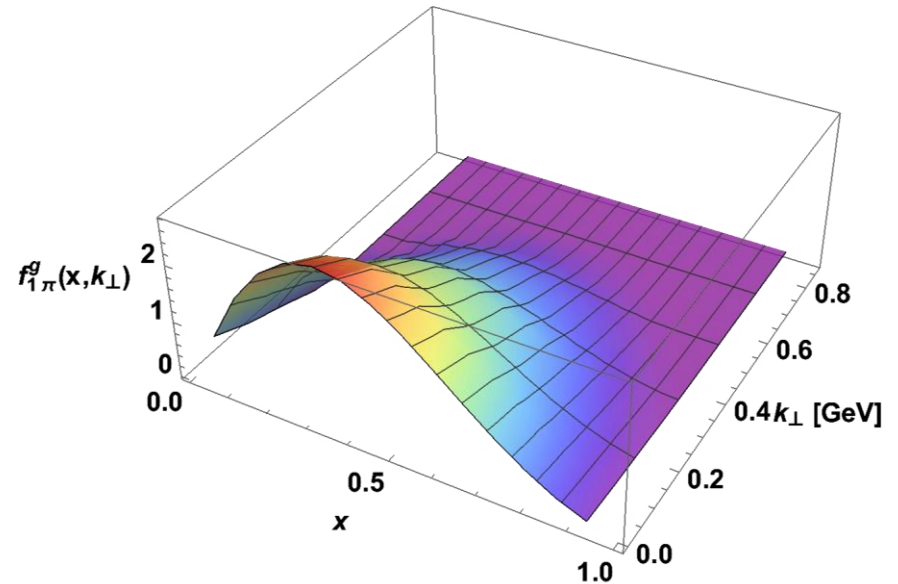
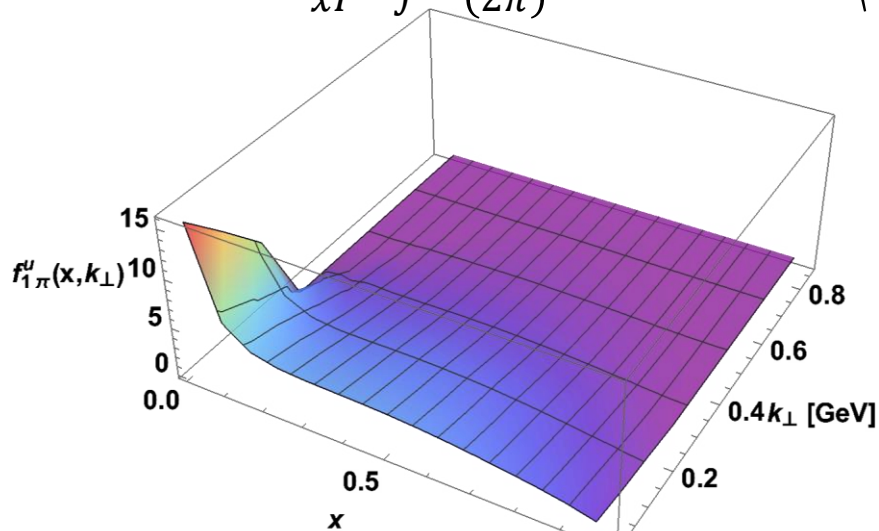
[Boer & Mulders PRD 57 (1998) 5780]

[Pasquini et al, PRD 90 (2014) 014050]

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$$f_1^g(x, k_\perp) = \frac{1}{xP^+} \int \frac{dz^- d^2 z_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(z^- k^+ - z_\perp k_\perp)} \left\langle \pi, P \left| G^{+\mu} \left(-\frac{Z}{2} \right) G_\mu^+ \left(\frac{Z}{2} \right) \right| \pi, P \right\rangle_{z^+=0}$$



- The TMD decreases with k_\perp
- Vanishes after $k_\perp \sim 0.7$ GeV

Conclusion & Outlook

- Light-front Hamiltonian approach: mass spectrum \longleftrightarrow structure
 - Compared to NJL interaction, dynamical gluon in light meson:
 - ✓ Explains the properties of excited/exotic states such as $\pi(1300)$, $\pi_1(1400)$
 - ✓ Describes EMFF, $F(Q^2) \propto 1/Q^2$ for large Q^2
 - ✓ Improves endpoint behavior in PDF/PDA
 - ✓ Reasonable TFF
 - ✓ Generates more gluon at moderate x /less gluon at small x
 - ✓ Improves agreement on J/ψ production cross section with experimental data
 - ✓ Improves π structure function at small x
 - Preliminary results on (polarized) **gluon** GPDs and TMDs of light mesons
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- Systematically expandable by including higher Fock sectors

$$|\text{Meson}\rangle = a|q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + \dots$$

Thank you !