

Bjorken-x Dependence of Nucleon Structure from LQCD

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PRD 91, 054510 [1402.1462]

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"Nucleon Helicity and Transversity Parton Distributions from
Lattice QCD", 1603.06664 [hep-ph]

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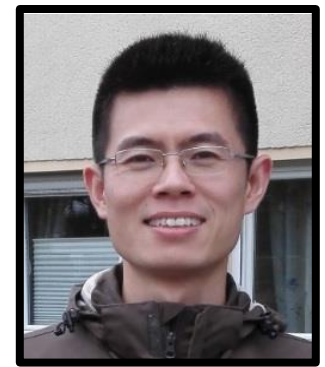
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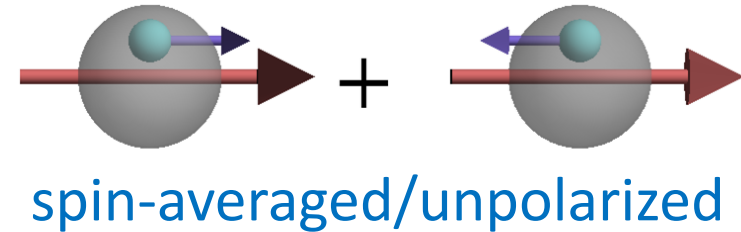
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Parton Distribution Functions

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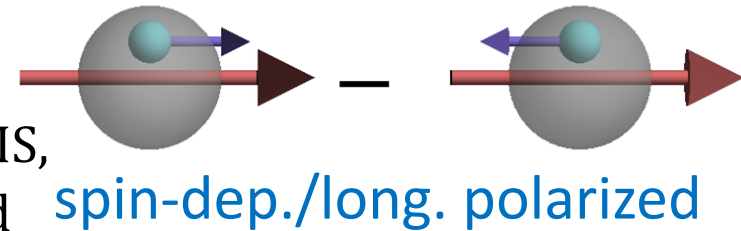
§ Quark distribution $q(x)$

- Processes: DIS (F_2 , σ), Drell-Yan, W -asymmetry, Z -rapidity, $(\gamma+)$ jet, ...
- Experiments: BCDMS, NMC, SLAC, JLab, HERA, E866, CDF, DØ, ...



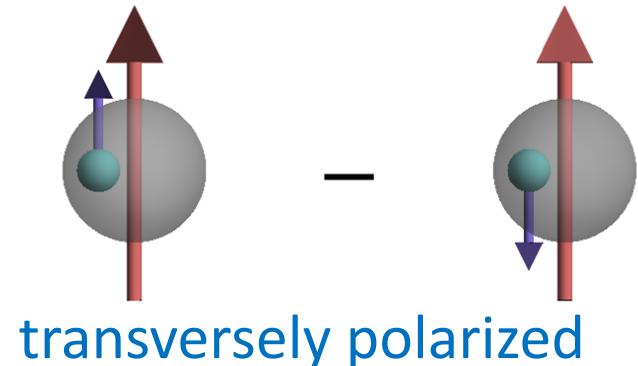
§ Helicity distribution $\Delta q(x)$

- Processes: polarized DIS, semi-inclusive DIS, photo- and electroproduction of hadrons and charm, pp collisions
- Experiments: EMC, HERMES, Hall A, CLAS, COMPASS, STAR, PHENIX, ...



§ Transversity distribution $\delta q(x)$

- Process: single-spin asymmetry in SIDIS, ...
- Experiments: HERMES, COMPASS, Belle...

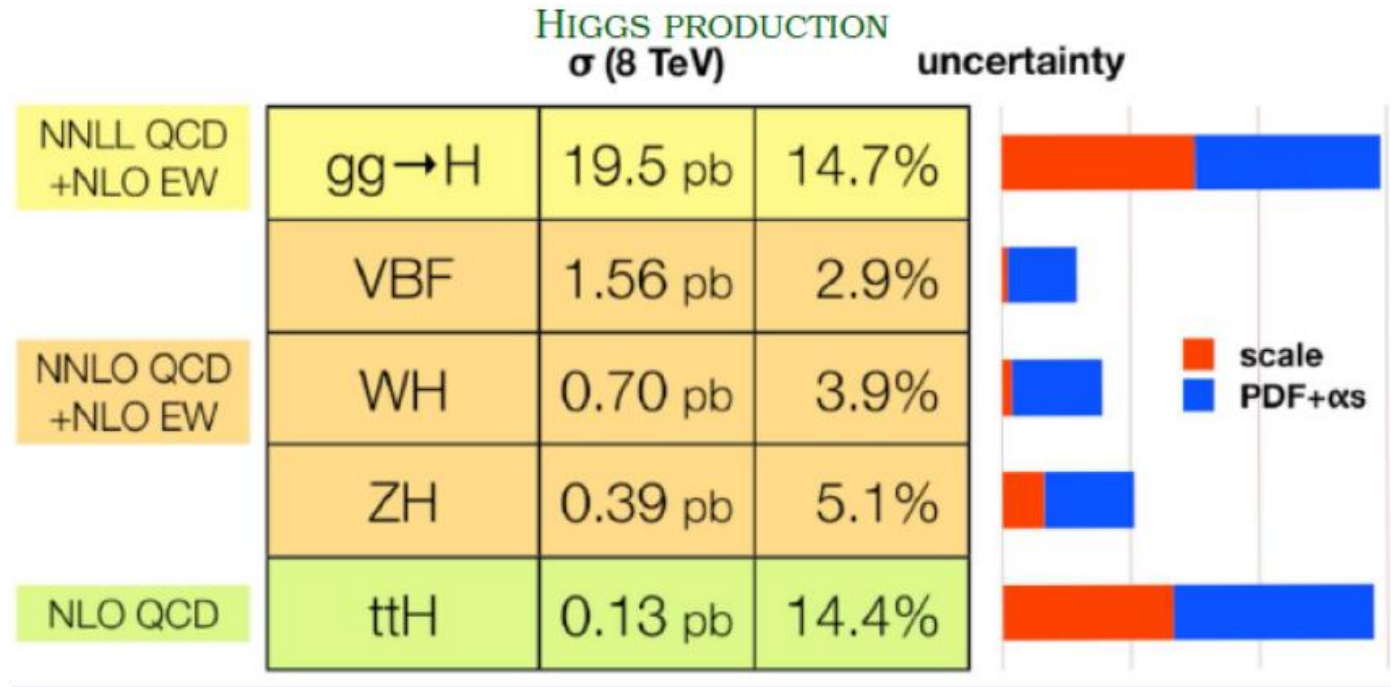


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§ Important inputs to discern new physics at LHC

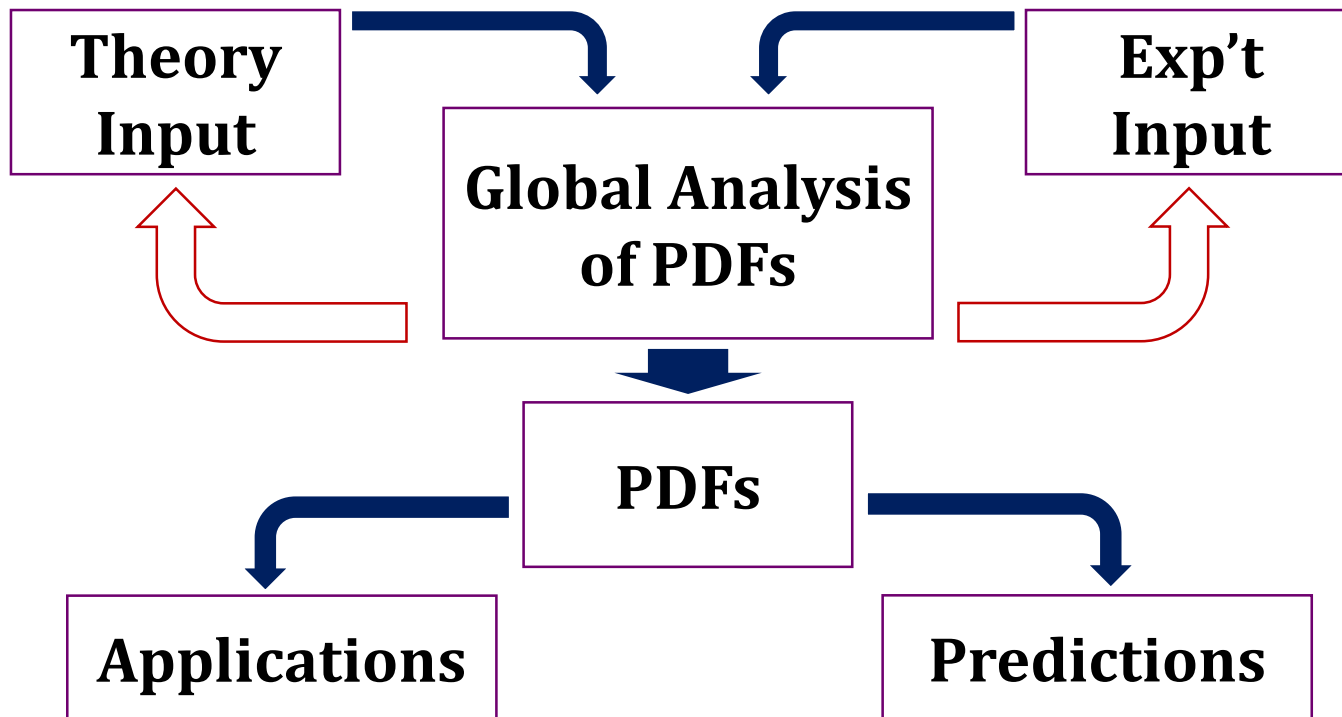
↻ Currently dominate errors in Higgs production



(J. Campbell, HCP2012)

Global Analysis

- § Experiments cover diverse kinematics of parton variables
 - ↪ Global analysis takes advantage of all data sets



Global Analysis

**Theory
Input**

**Exp't
Input**

**Global Analysis
of PDFs**

§ Some choices made
for the analysis

- ∞ Choice of data sets and kinematic cuts
- ∞ Strong coupling constant $\alpha_s(M_Z)$
- ∞ How to parametrize the distribution

$$f(x, \mu_0) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1 - x)^{a_2} P(x)$$

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + a_3 x + a_4 x^2 \\ e^{a_3 x} (1 + e^{a_4 x})^{a_5} \end{cases}$$

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For example, $s = \bar{s} = \kappa(\bar{u} + \bar{d})$
or symmetric sea in helicity

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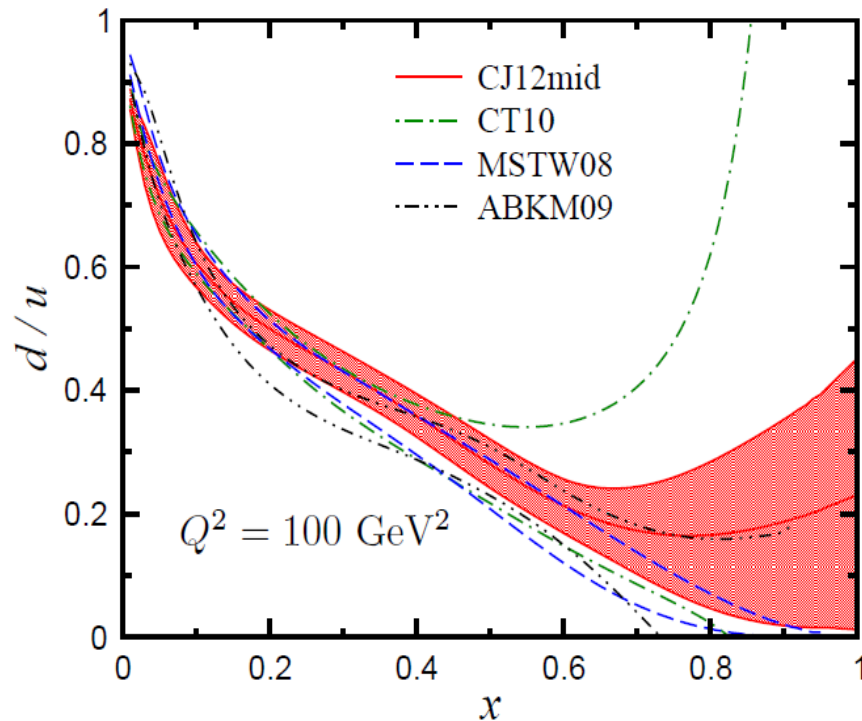
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Discrepancies appear when data is scarce

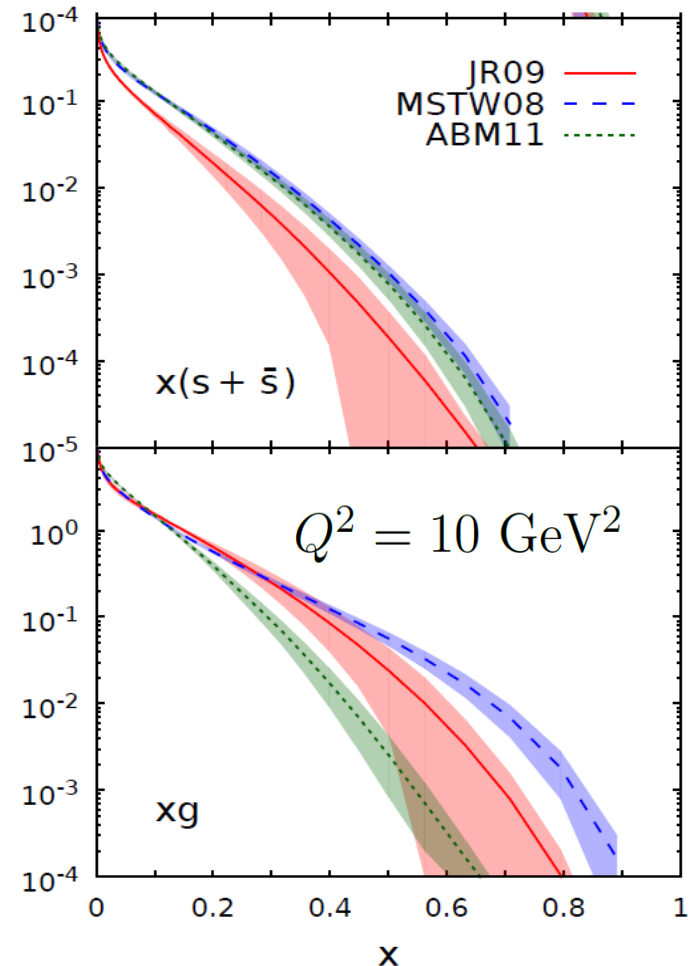
Global Analysis

§ Many groups have tackled the analysis

↻ CTEQ, MSTW, ABM, JR, NNPDF, etc.



Jimenez-Delgado, Melnitchouk, Owens,
J.Phys. G40 (2013) 09310



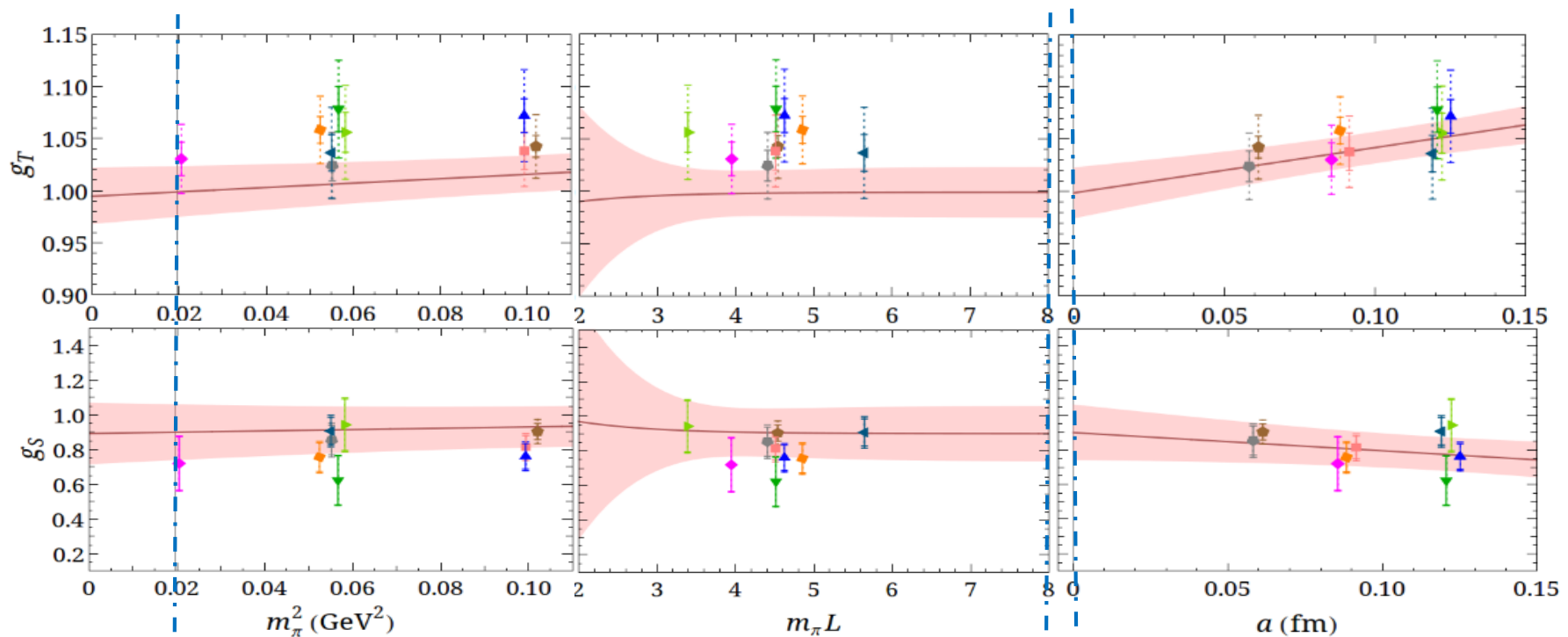
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- § PNDME's $g_{T,S}$ calculations PNDME, 1506.06411; 1506.04196; in prep.

↻ Extrapolate to the physical limit $m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$, $a \rightarrow 0$, $L \rightarrow \infty$



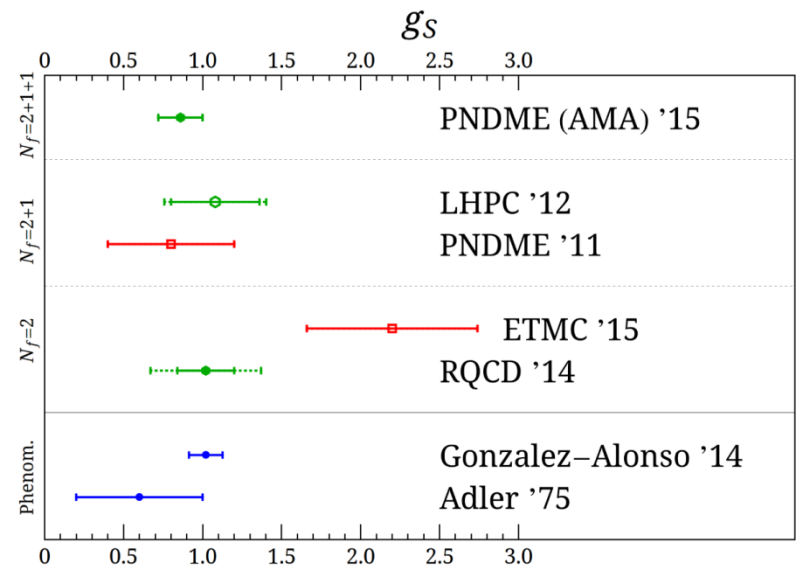
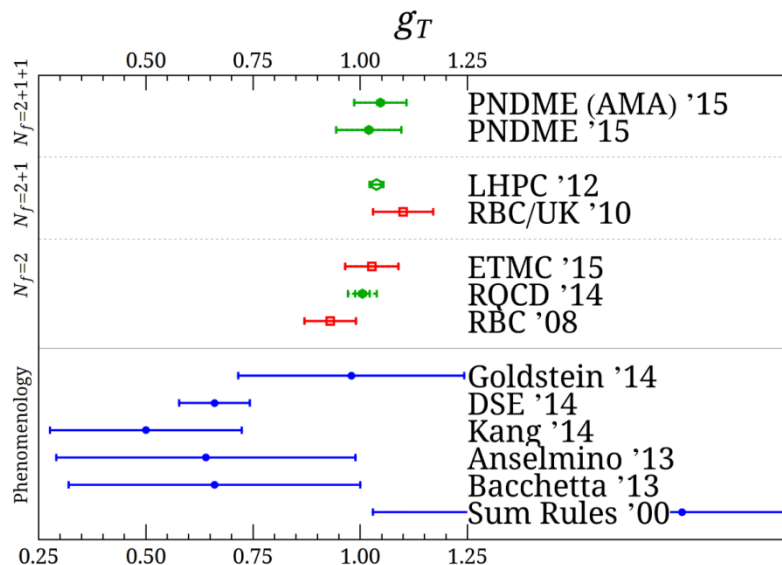
Tensor/Scalar Charges

FLAG rating system

PNDME, 1506.06411; in preparation

New: excited-state rating

Collaboration	Ref.	publication status	N_f	chiral extrapolation	continuum extrapolation	finite volume	excited state	renormalization	g_T
PNDME'15	This work	P	2+1+1	★	★	★	★	★	1.020(76) ^a
ETMC'13	[30]	C	2+1+1	■	○	○	■	★	1.11(3) ^b
LHPC'12	[28]	A	2+1	★	○	★	○	★	1.037(20) ^c
RBC/UKQCD'10	[29]	A	2+1	○	■	★	★	★	1.10(7) ^d
RQCD'14	[31]	P	2	★	★	★	○	★	1.005(17)(29) ^e
ETMC'13	[30]	C	2	★	■	○	■	○	1.114(46) ^f
RBC'08	[32]	P	2	■	■	★	■	★	0.93(6) ^g



Beta Decays & BSM

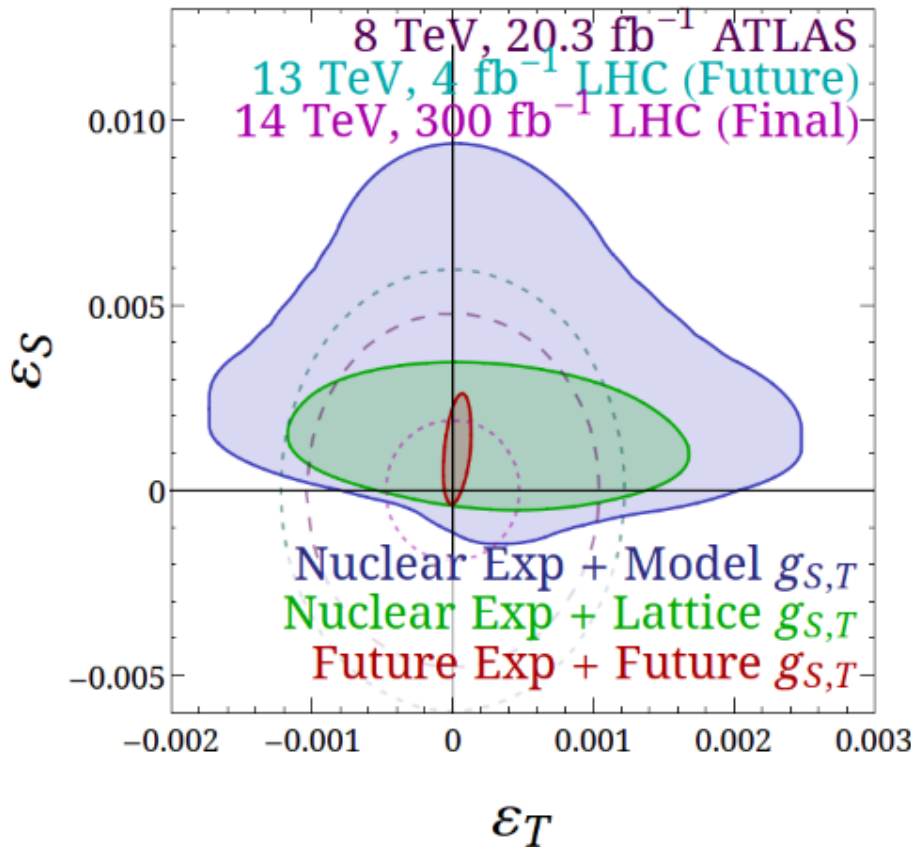
§ Given precision $g_{S,T}$ and O_{BSM} , predict new-physics scales

Low-Energy

Expt

$$O_{\text{BSM}} = f_O(\epsilon_{S,T} g_{S,T})$$

Precision LQCD input
($m_\pi \rightarrow 140$ MeV, $a \rightarrow 0$)



$$\epsilon_{S,T} \propto \Lambda_{S,T}^{-2}$$

Upcoming precision

low-energy experiments

LANL/ ORNL UCN neutron
decay exp't

$$|B_1 - b|_{\text{BSM}} < 10^{-3}$$

$$|b|_{\text{BSM}} < 10^{-3}$$

CENPA: ${}^6\text{He}(b_{\text{GT}})$ at 10^{-3}

PNDME, PRD85 054512 (2012);
1306.5435; in preparation

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New Strateg

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quark dist

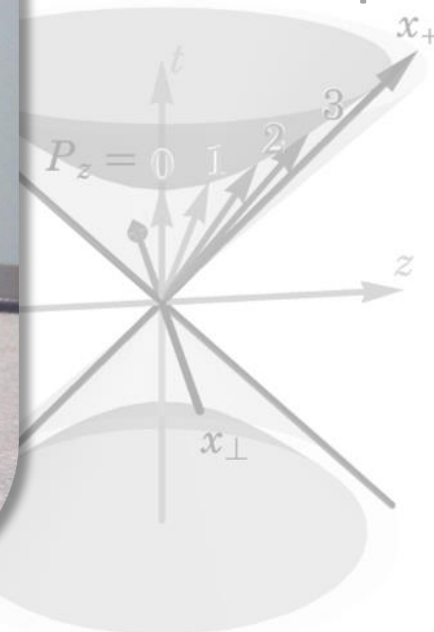
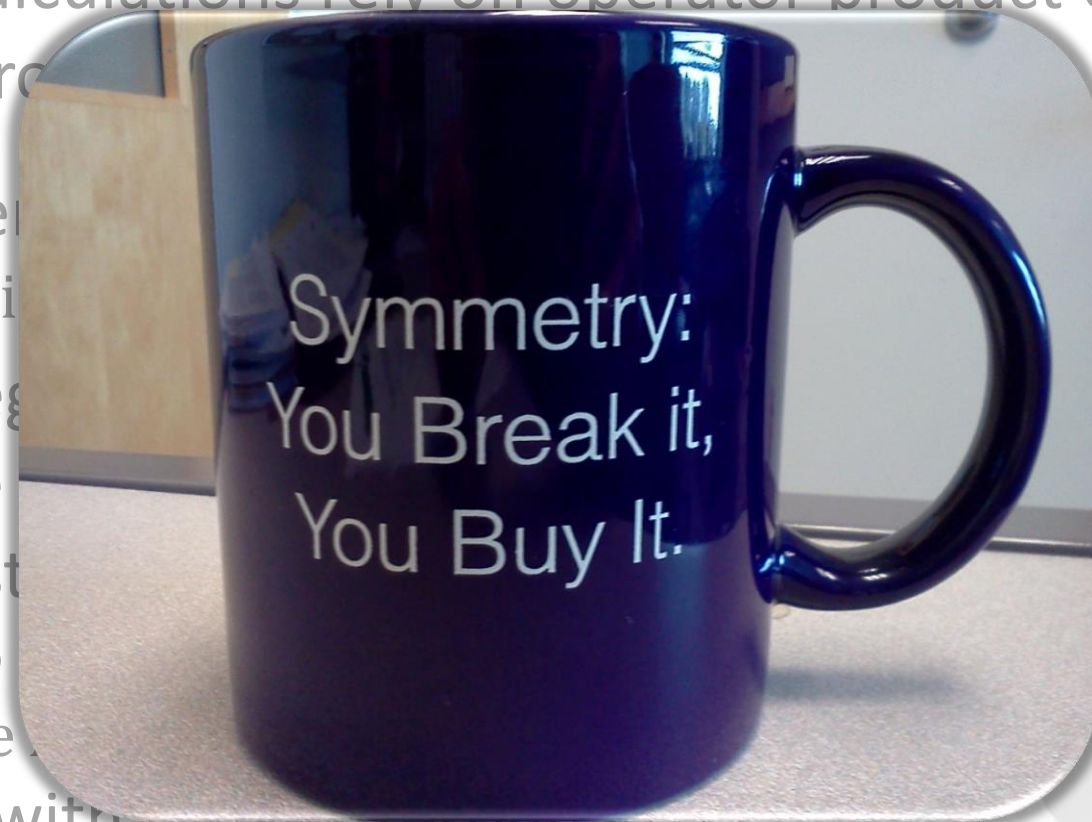
⇒ In $P_z \rightarrow \infty$

⇒ For finite

§ Feasible with today's resources:

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x)$$

dimension ops



Xiangdong Ji, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111,
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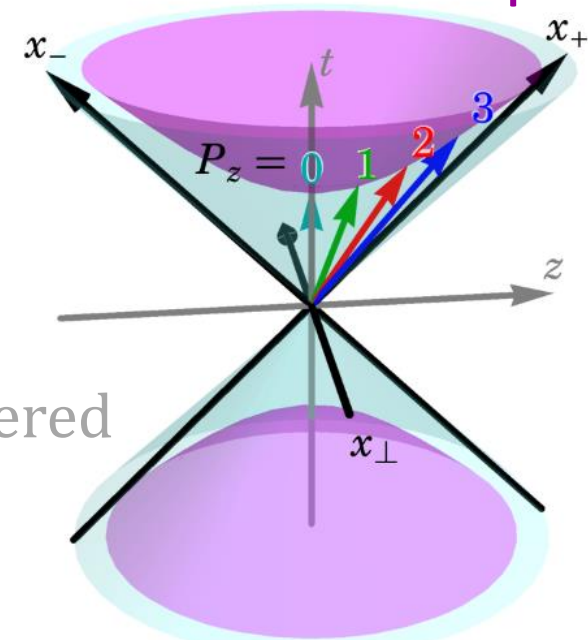
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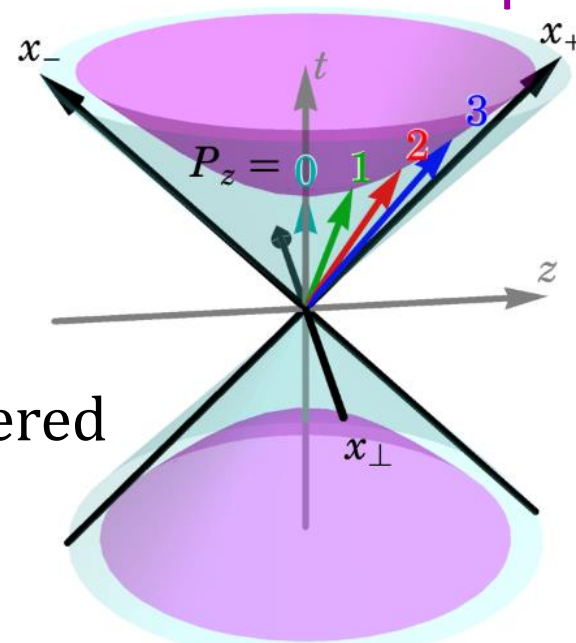
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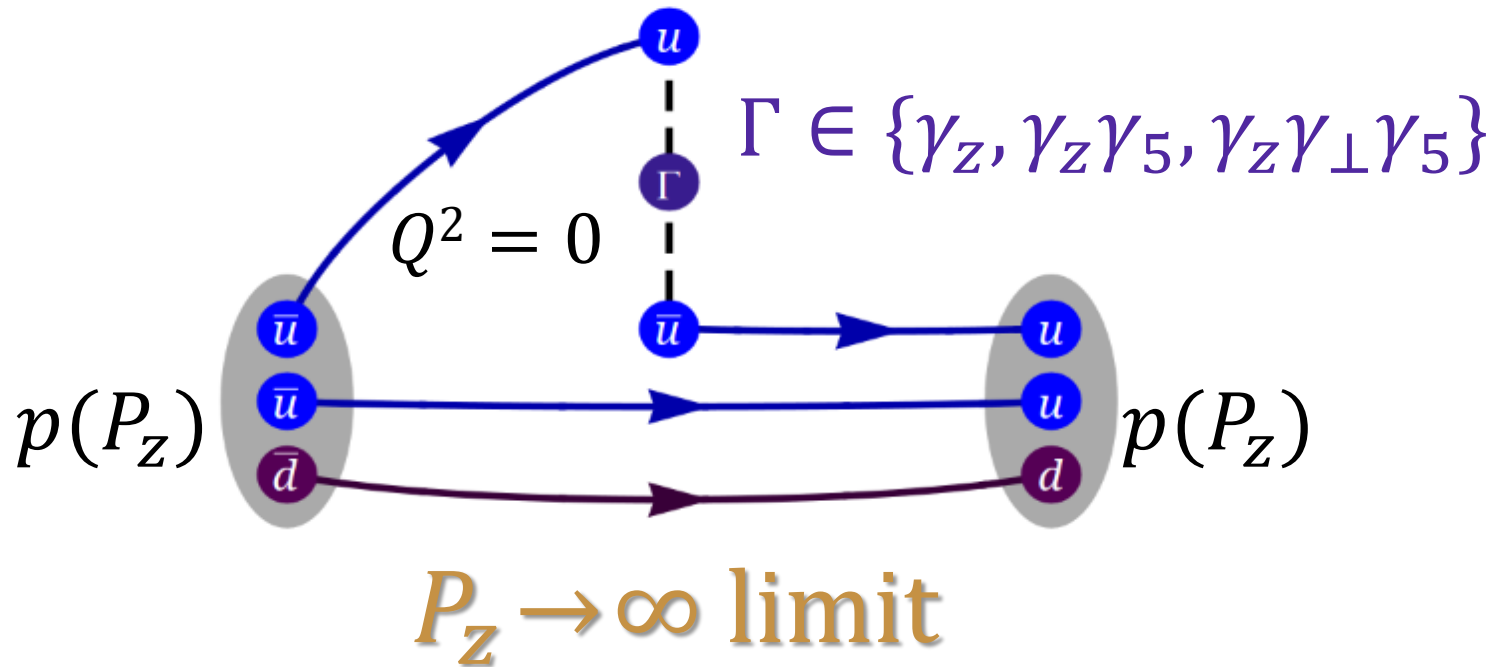


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Parton Distribution Functions

Large-Momentum Effective Theory for PDFs

$$\int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_z} \left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right) \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle$$



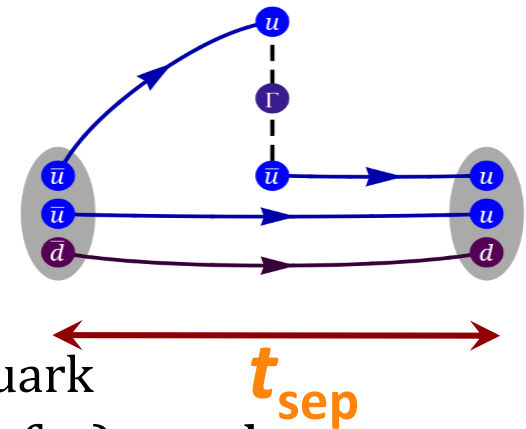
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X. Xiong et al., 1310.7471; J.-W. Chen et al, 1603.06664

Some Lattice Details

§ Exploratory study

- ↪ $N_f = 2+1+1$ clover/HISQ lattices (MILC)
- $M_\pi \approx 310 \text{ MeV}$, $a \approx 0.12 \text{ fm}$ ($L \approx 2.88 \text{ fm}$)
- ↪ Isovector only (“disconnected” suppressed)
 - gives us flavor asymmetry between up and down quark
- ↪ 2 source-sink separations ($t_{\text{sep}} \approx 0.96$ and 1.2 fm) used



§ Properties known on these lattices

- ↪ Lattice Z_Γ for bilinear operator ~ 1
(with HYP-smearing)
- ↪ $M_\pi L \approx 4.6$ large enough to avoid finite-volume effects



Hyak @ UW

§ Feasible with today’s computational resources!

- ↪ 256/512 cores on UW Hyak cluster ([NSF grant PHY-09227700](#))

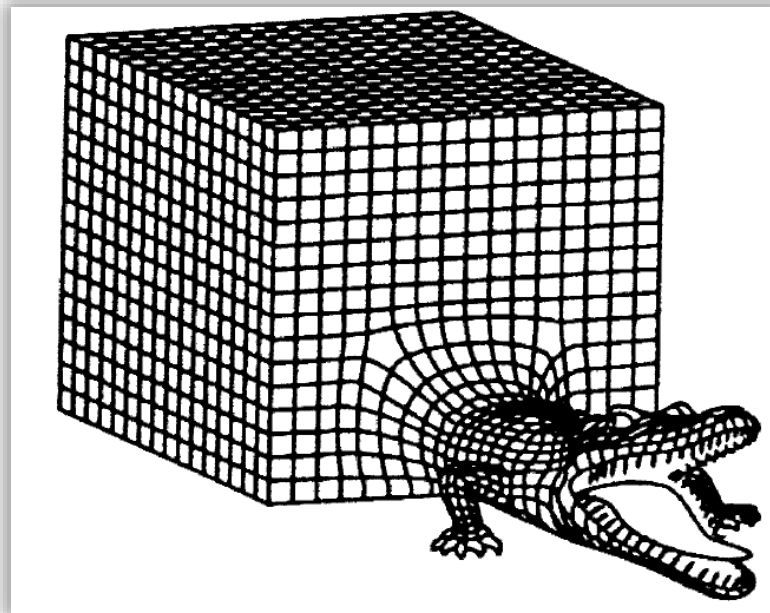
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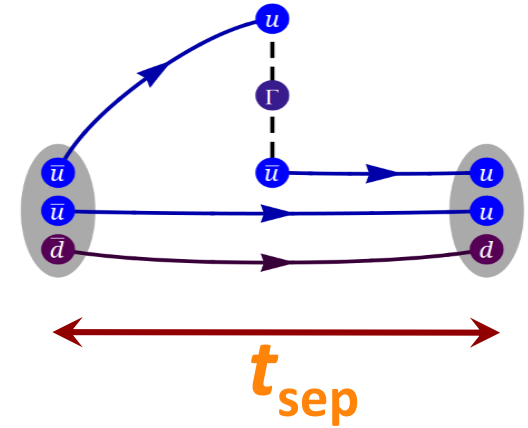
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NO SYSTEMATICS YET!

§ Demonstration that the method works!

∞ Intend to motivate future LQCD work on many quantities

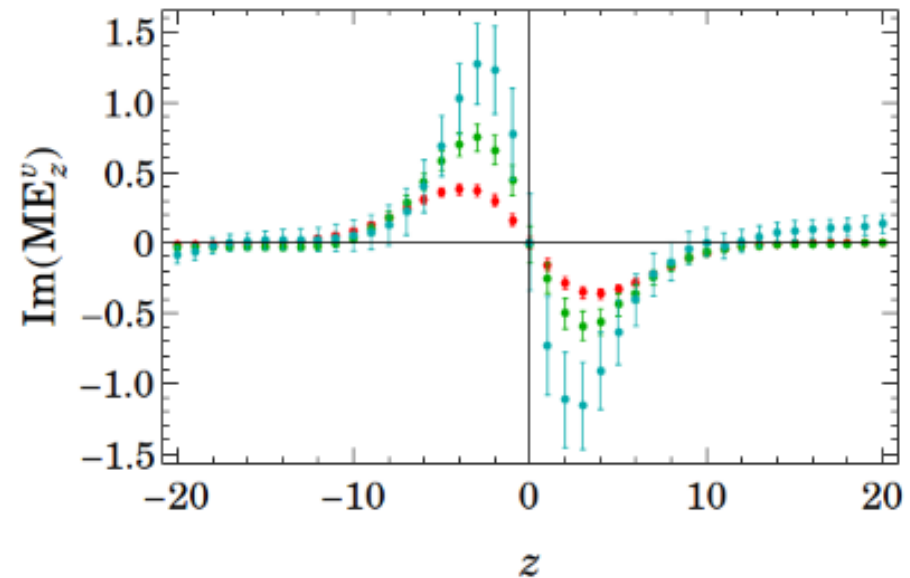
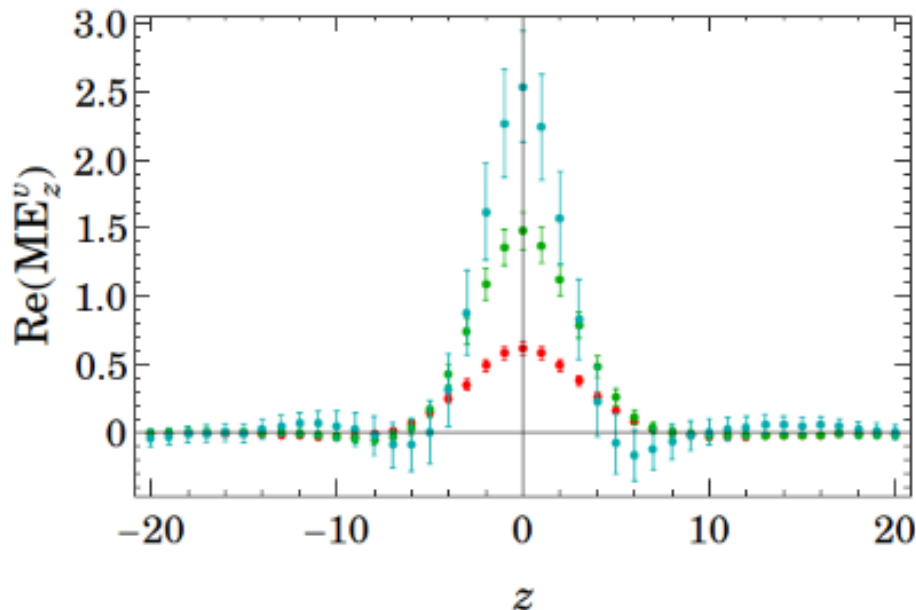


Quark Distribution

§ Exploratory study

$$\left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_z \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right) \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle$$

⇒ How many links are needed?



⇒ Lattice momenta discretized
by finite size of volume

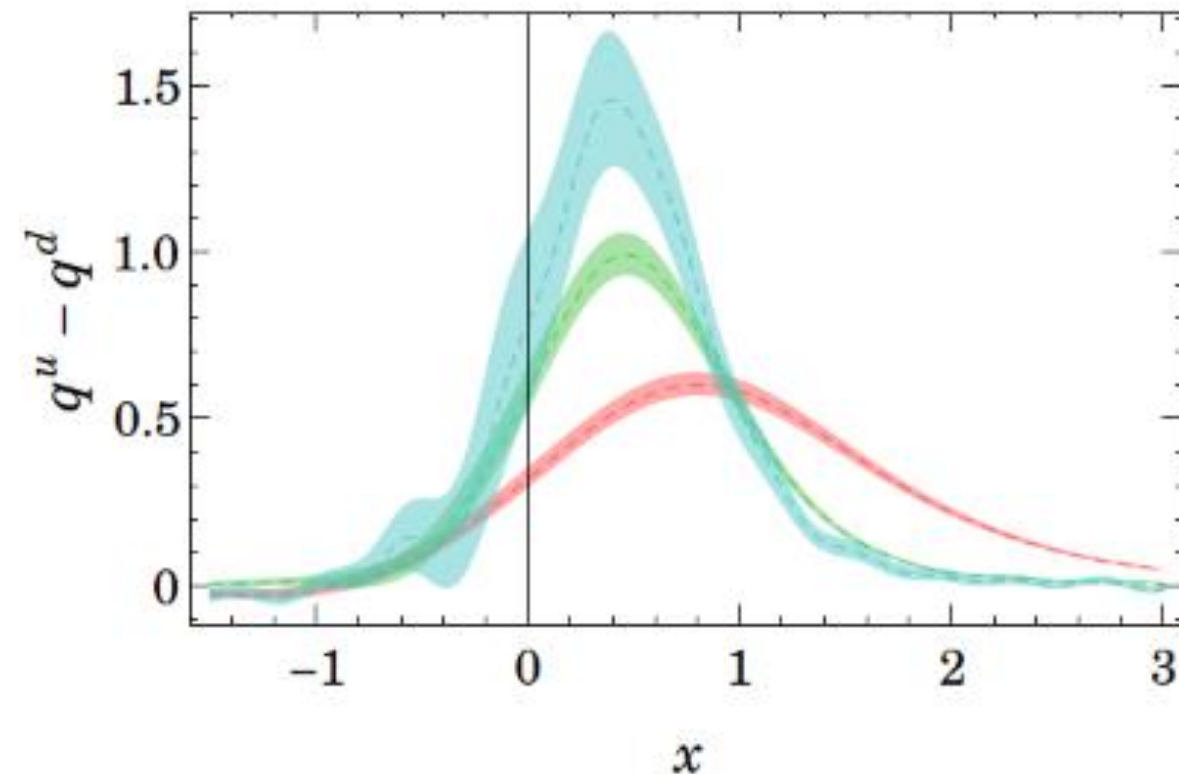
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Uncorrected bare
lattice results

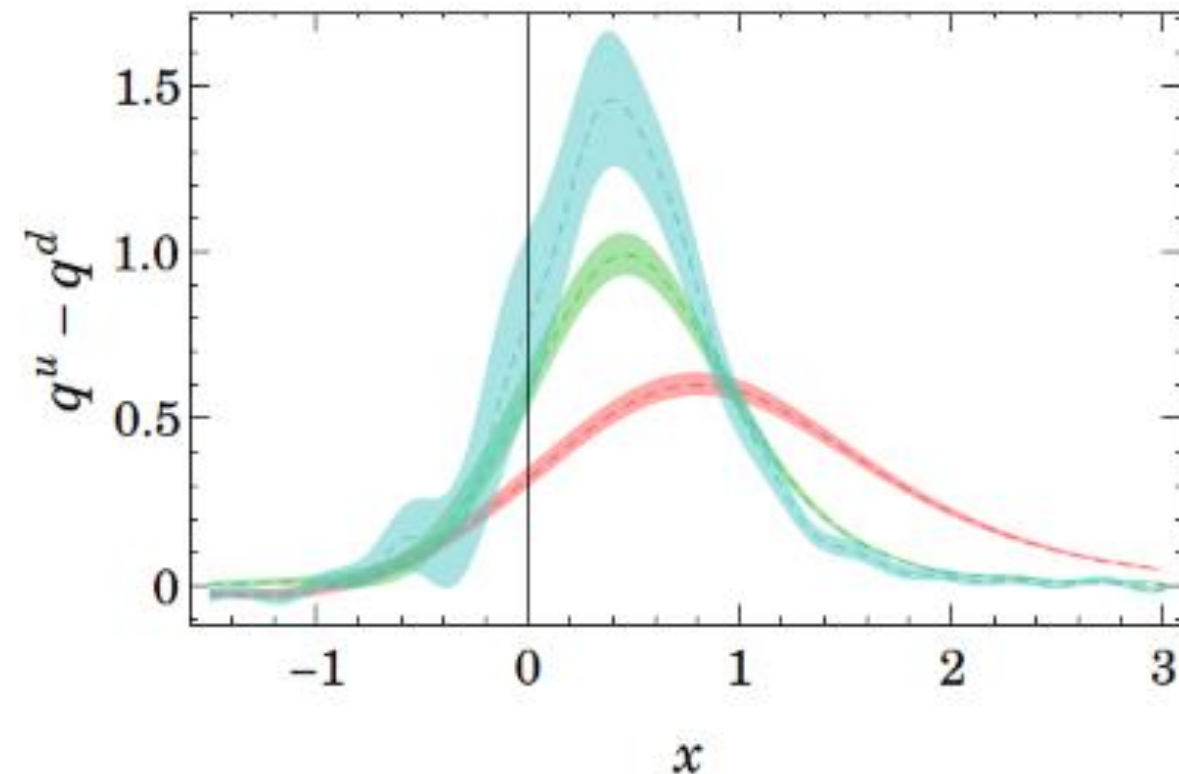
$$x = k_z/P_z$$

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Distribution gets sharper as P_z increases
Artifacts due to finite P_z on the lattice

Improvement?

Work out leading- P_z corrections

Quark Distribution

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What we want

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Quasi-distribution
What we calculate
on the lattice

$$P_z \in \{1, 2, 3\} \cdot 2\pi/L$$

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Dominant correction (for nucleon);
known scaling form

HWL et al. 1402.1462

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Finite $P_z \leftrightarrow \infty$ perturbative matching

$$q(x, \mu, P_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} Z\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{P_z}\right) \tilde{q}(y, \mu)$$

$$Z(x, \mu/P_z) = C\delta(x-1) - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} Z^{(1)}(x, \mu/P_z)$$

Non-singlet case only

X. Xiong, X. Ji, J. Zhang, Y. Zhao,
1310.7471;

Ma and Qiu, 1404.6860

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Smaller P_z correction
complicated higher-twist operator

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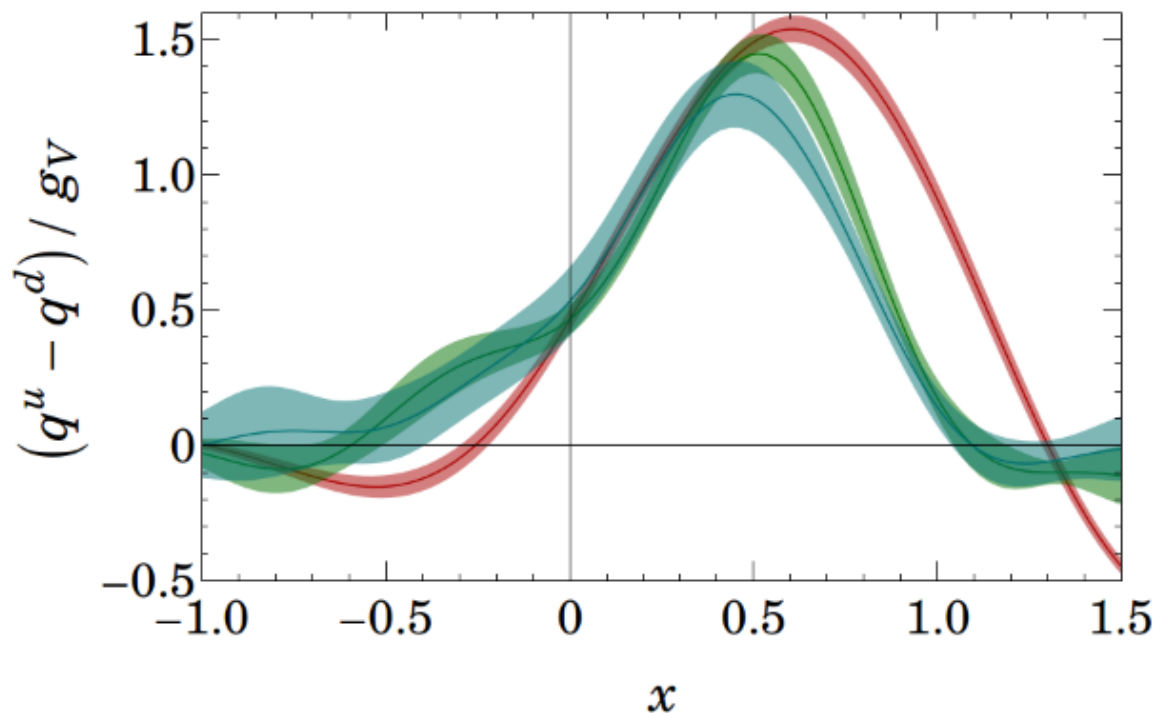
(extrapolate it away)

Quark Distribution

§ Exploratory study

☞ Take ratios (partially cancel statistical and systematic errors)

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Removing $O(M_N^n/P_z^n)$ errors + $O(\alpha_s)$

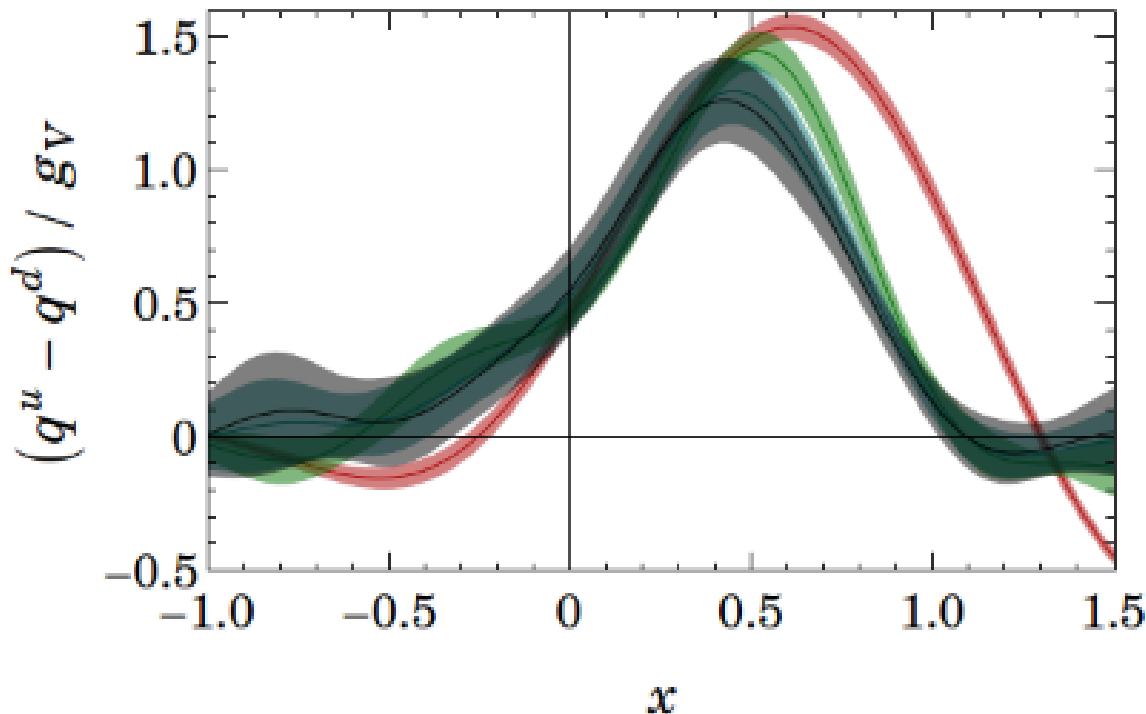
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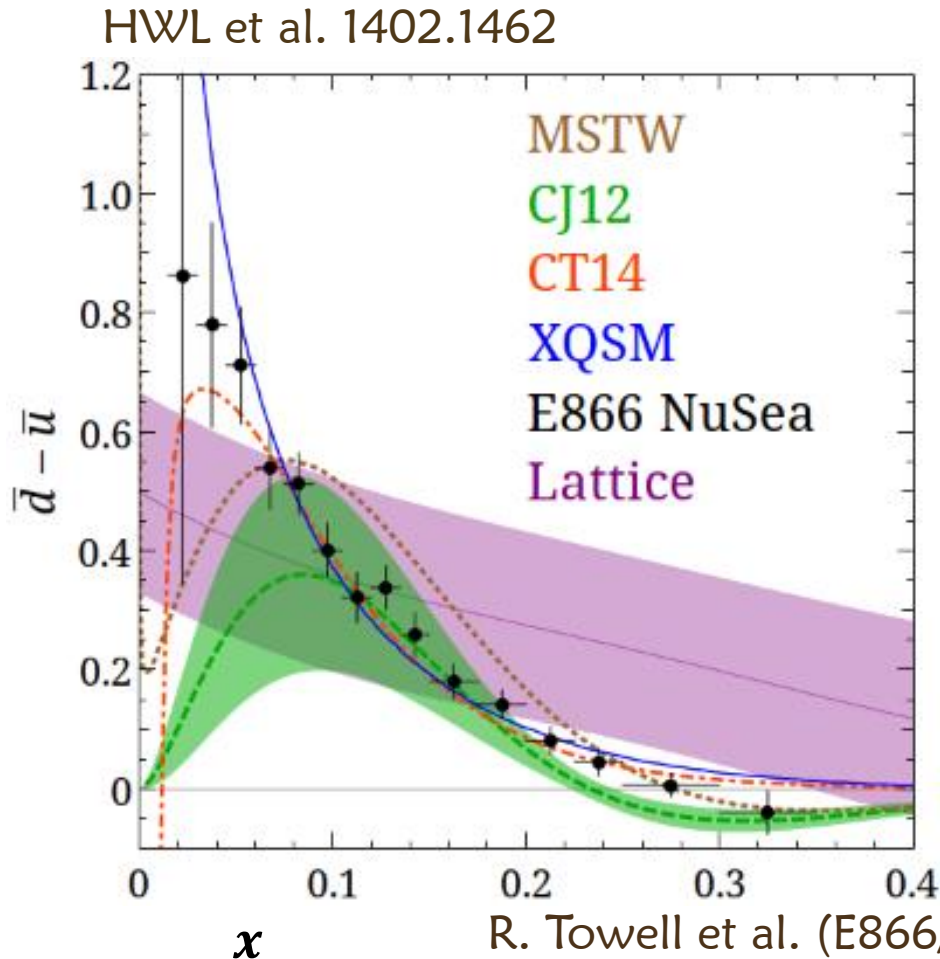
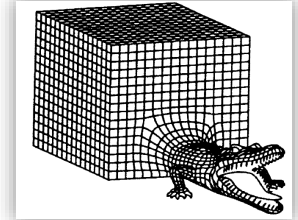
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Further removing $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_z^2)$ errors

Sea Flavor Asymmetry

§ First time in LQCD history to study antiquark distribution!

$$\approx M_\pi \approx 310 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\bar{q}(x) = -q(-x)$$

Lost resolution in
small- x region

Future improvement:
larger lattice volume

$$\int dx (\bar{u}(x) - \bar{d}(x)) \approx -0.16(7)$$

Experiment	x range	$\int_0^1 [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)] dx$
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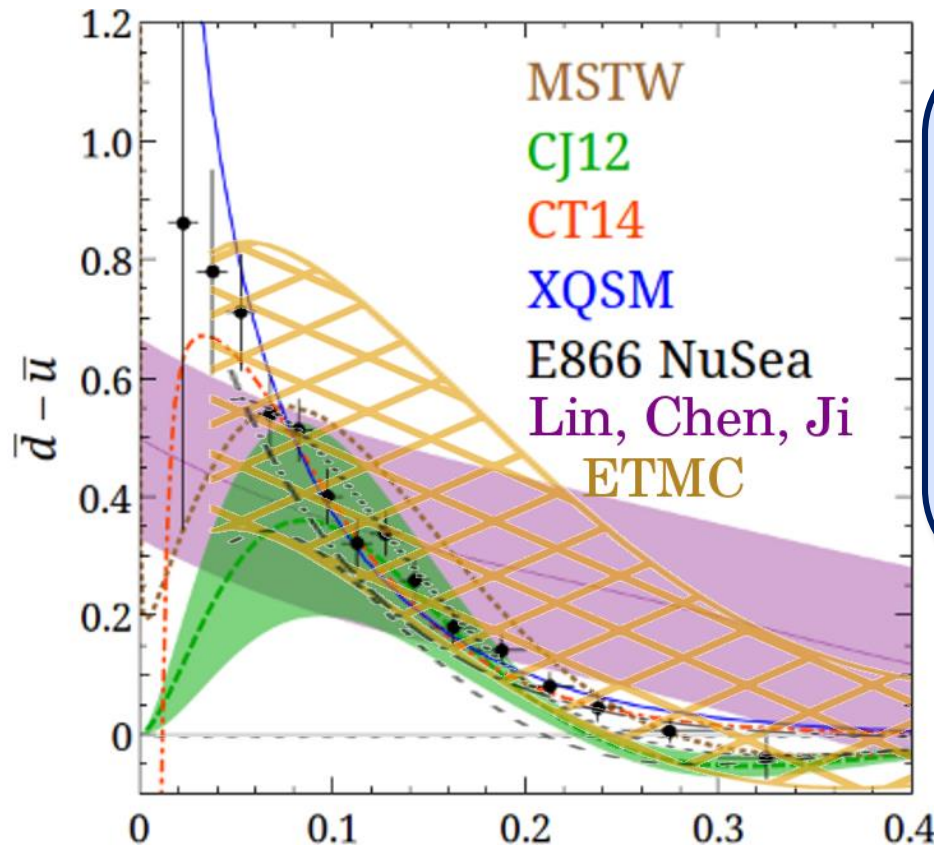
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Sea Flavor Asymmetry

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HWL et al 1402.1462



Compared with E866

Too good to be true?

One year later,
this calculation is
repeated by ETMC,
at $M_\pi \approx 373 \text{ MeV}$
Found similar results.

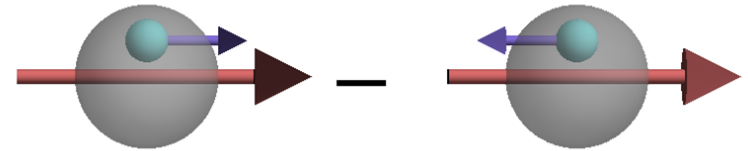
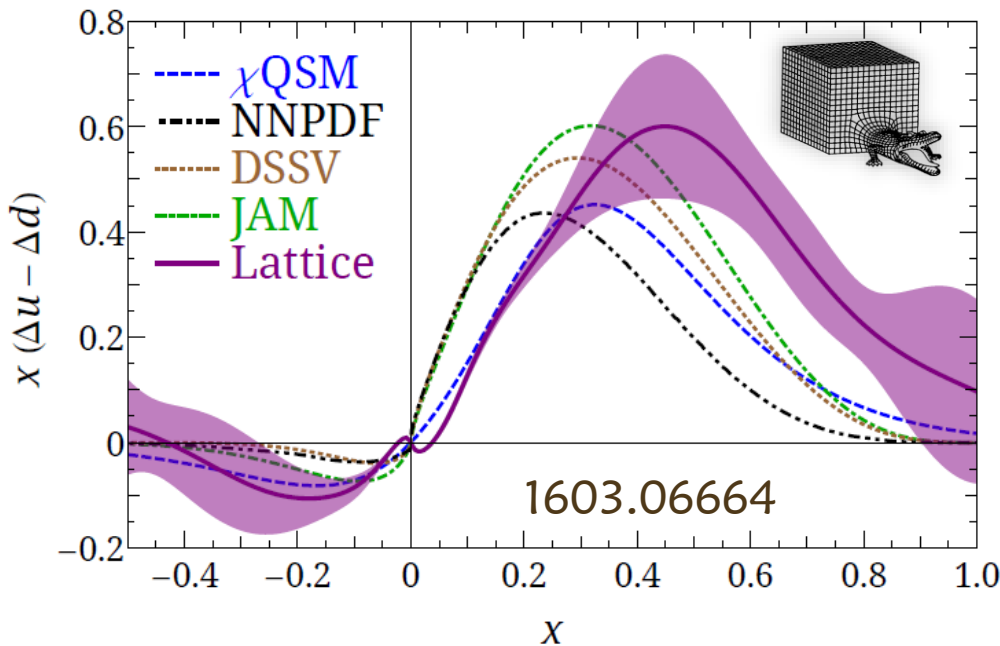
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Removing
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 + $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_z^2)$

\approx We see polarized sea asymmetry $\int dx (\Delta\bar{u}(x) - \Delta\bar{d}(x)) \approx 0.14(9)$

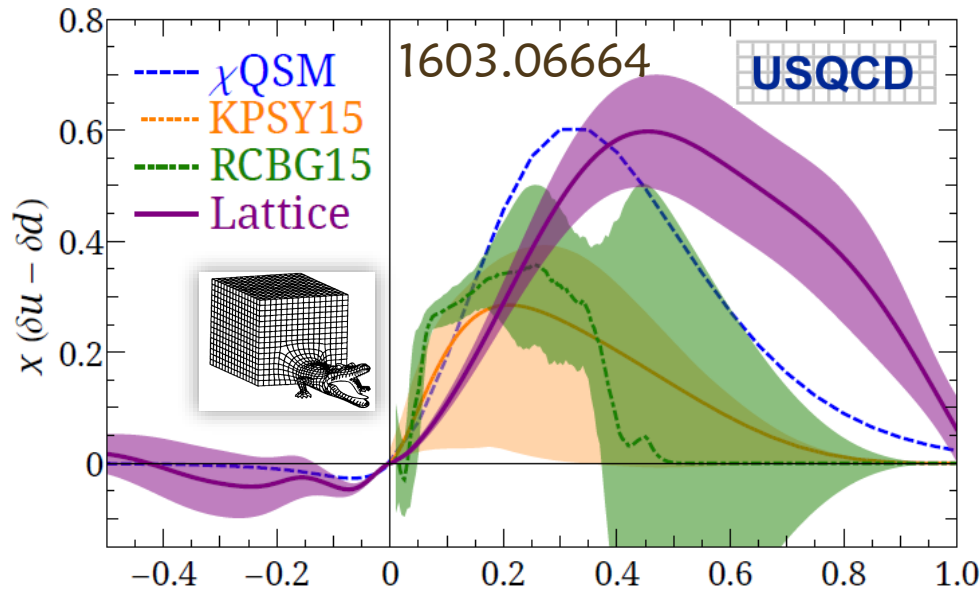
\approx Both STAR and PHENIX at RHIC see $\Delta\bar{u} > \Delta\bar{d}$

1404.6880 and 1504.07451

\approx Other experiments, Fermilab DY exp'ts (E1027/E1039), future EIC

Transversity Distribution

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 + $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_z^2)$

$$\delta \bar{q}(x) = -\delta q(-x^x) \quad 1505.05589; 1503.03495$$

\ni We found sea asymmetry of $\int dx (\delta \bar{u}(x) - \delta \bar{d}(x)) \approx -0.10(8)$

\ni Chiral quark-soliton model $\int dx (\delta \bar{u}(x) - \delta \bar{d}(x)) \approx -0.082$

P. Schweitzer et al., PRD 64, 034013 (2001)

\ni SoLID at JLab, Drell-Yan exp't at FNAL (E1027+E1039), EIC, ...

A NEW HOPE

It is a period of war and economic uncertainty.

Turmoil has engulfed the galactic republics.

Basic truths at foundation of the human civilization are disputed by the dark forces of the evil empire.

A small group of QCD Knights from United Federation of Physicists has gathered in a remote location on the third planet of a star called Sol on the inner edge of the Orion-Cygnus arm of the galaxy.

The QCD Knights are the only ones who can tame the power of the Strong Force, responsible for holding atomic nuclei together, for giving mass and shape to matter in the Universe.

They carry secret plans to build the most powerful

Summary and Outlook

Exciting time for studying structure on the lattice

§ Overcoming longstanding obstacle to full x -distribution

↪ Most importantly, this can be done with today's computer

§ First lattice approach to study sea asymmetry

↪ Promising results on unpolarized and polarized sea asymmetry

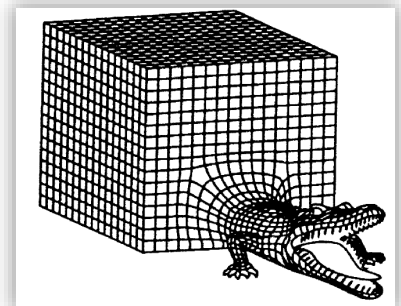
↪ Prediction of transversity sea asymmetry

§ Caveats

↪ Need to improve large-momentum signal:

large- q form factors, heavy-flavor physics, ...

↪ Not a precision calculation *yet*; needs better statistics, proper renormalization, ...



§ Opens doors to much future lattice-QCD work

↪ GPDs, gluons, TMDs...



Backup Slides

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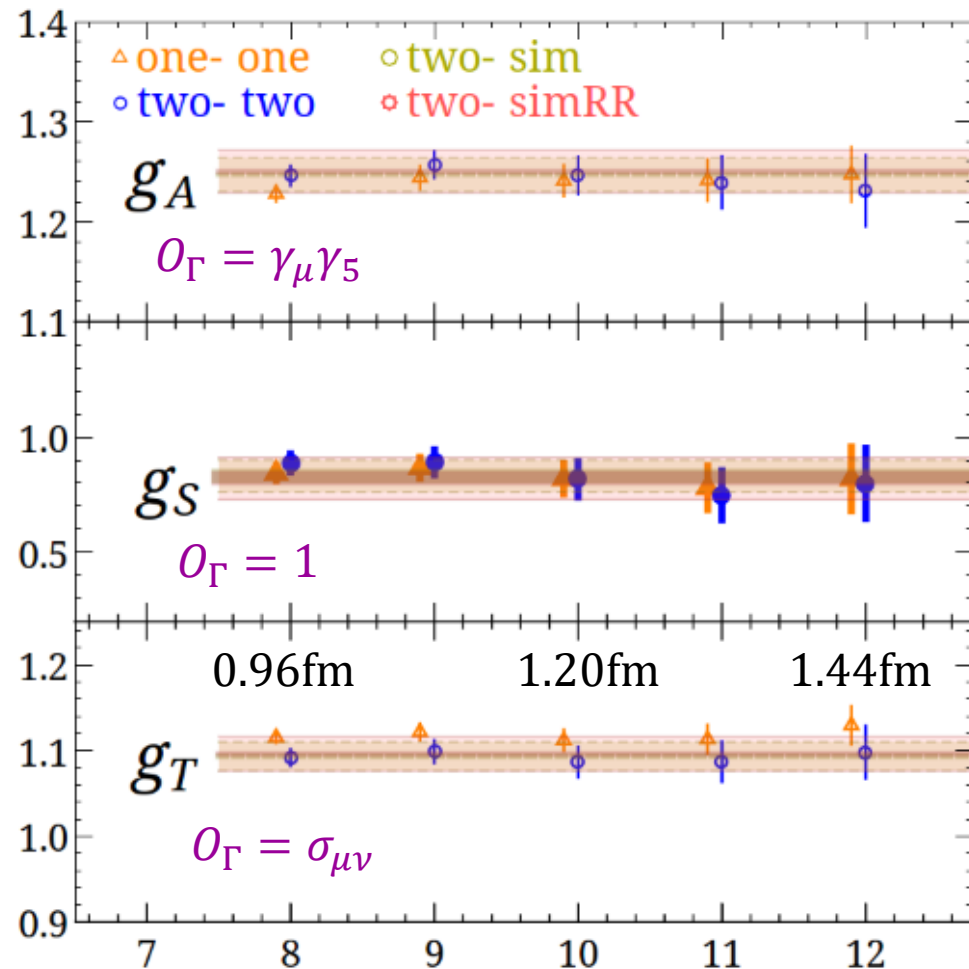
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⇒ No obvious contamination between 0.96 and 1.44 fm separation



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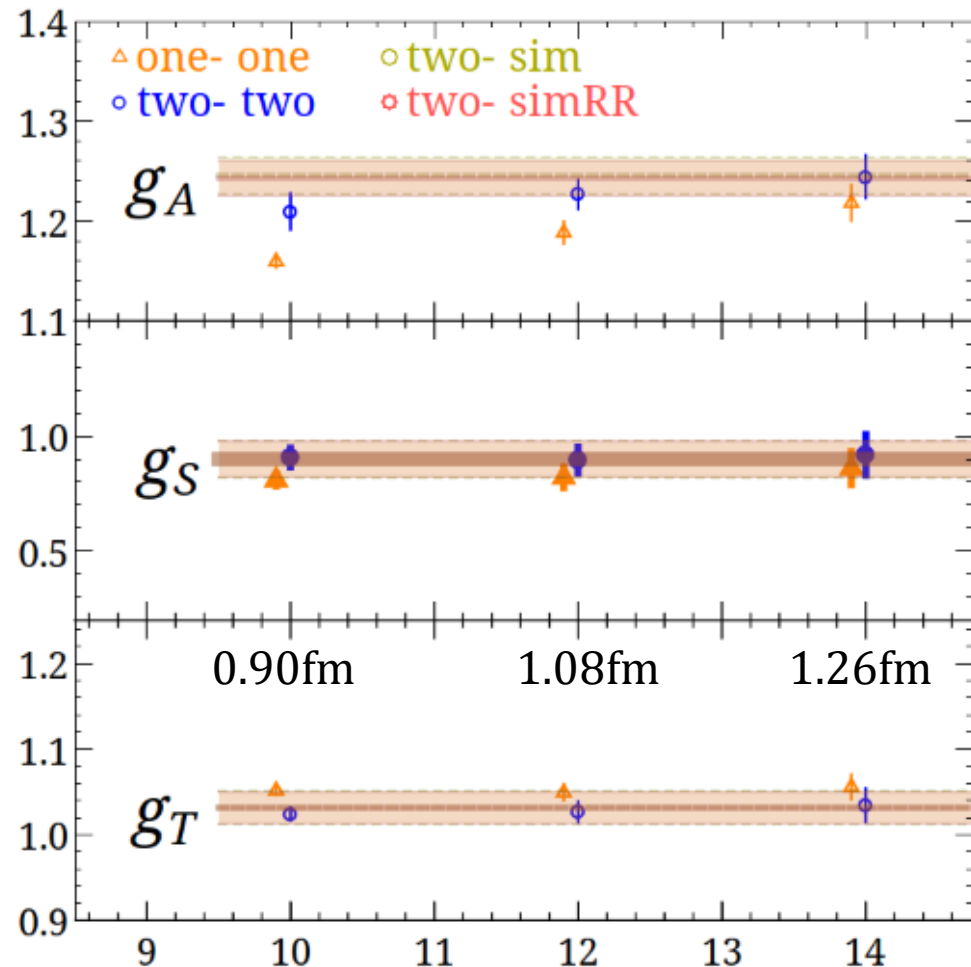
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⇒ Much stronger effect at finer lattice spacing!

⇒ Needs to be studied case by case



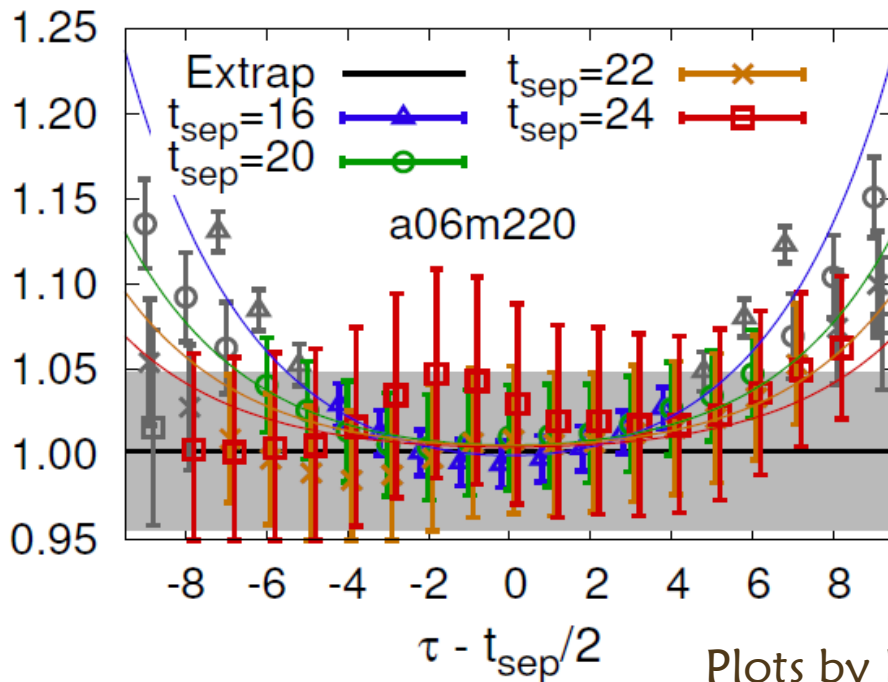
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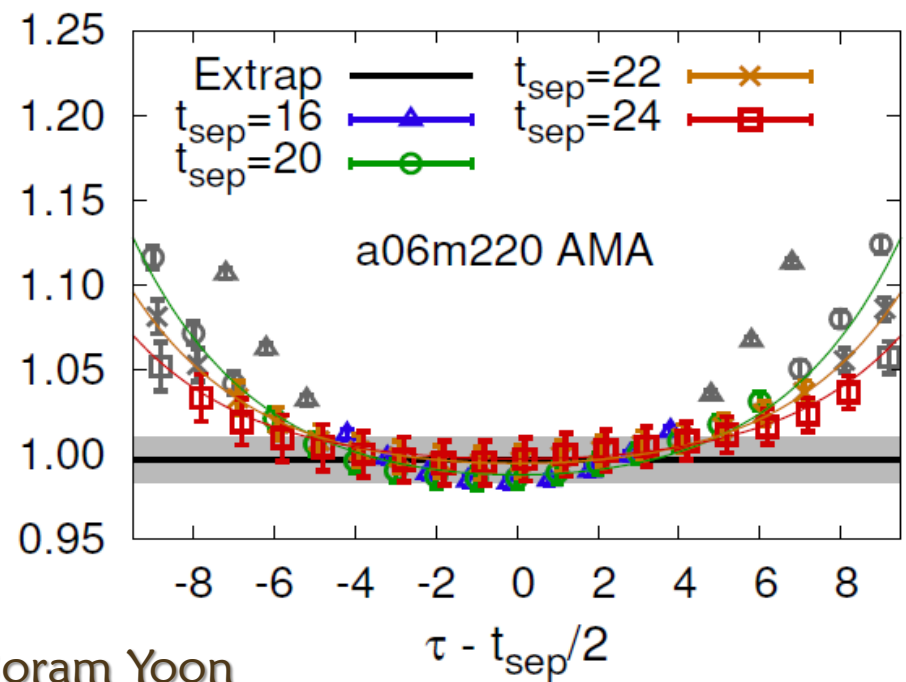
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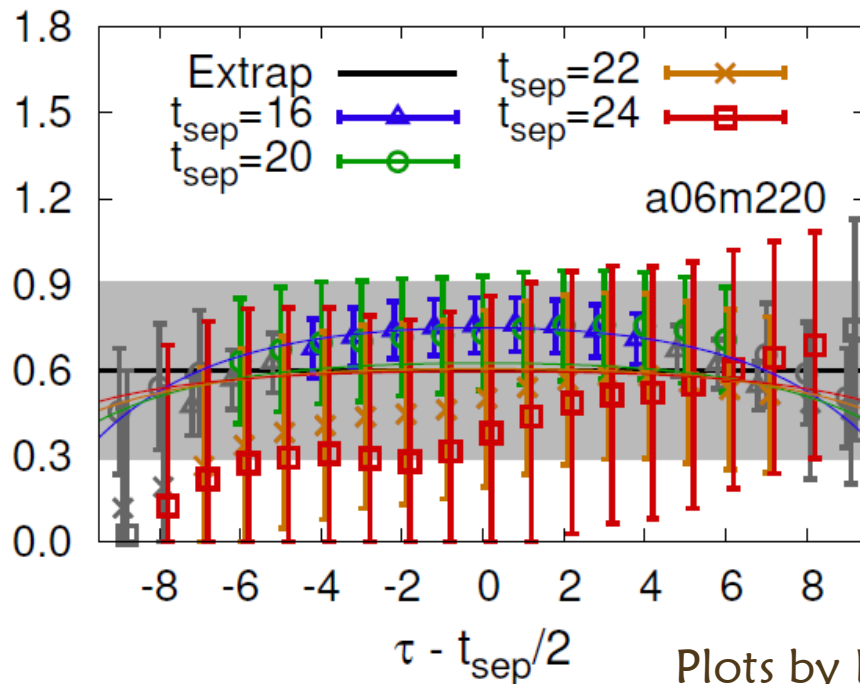
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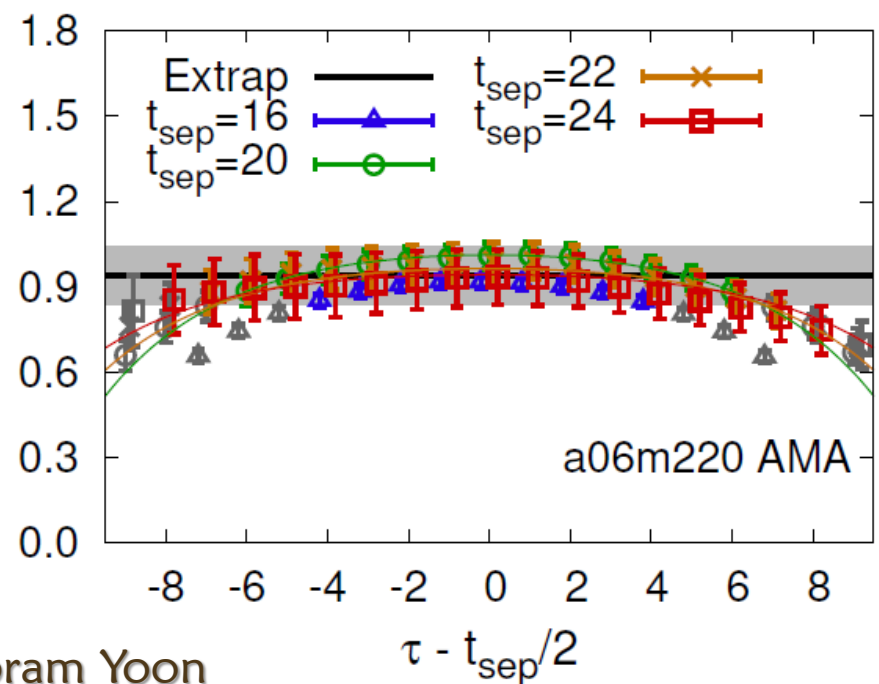
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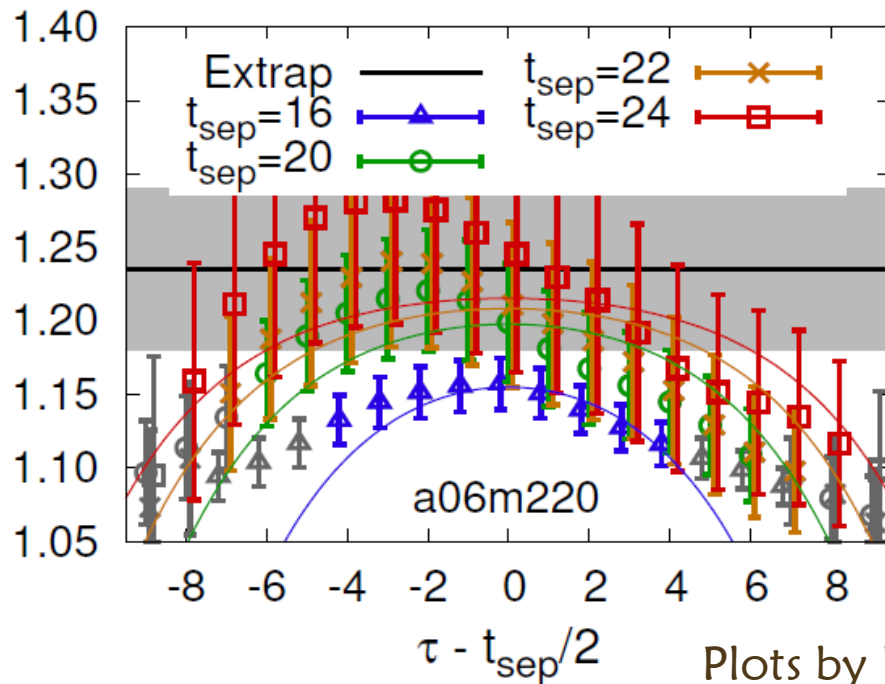
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↪ Statistical effect (worst case) $a = 0.06$ fm, 220-MeV pion

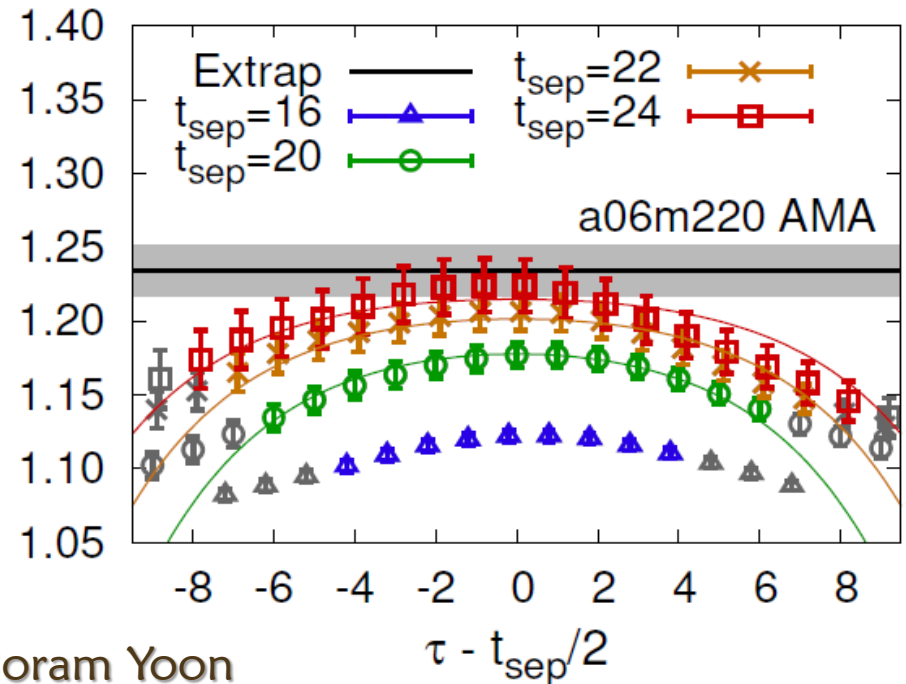
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g_A

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§ For example, RNDME's calculations

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Lessons Learned

⇒ g_A is *not* a gold-plated quantity

Early impressions that g_A would be easy underestimated systematics

⇒ No review of g_A in this talk

Stay tuned for a better controlled g_A in the future

⇒ You can still trust lattice g_A

...from groups who do due diligence for *every* ensemble and carefully study systematics

⇒ Getting g_A to subpercent precision will be very hard

Sitting back and letting the computer do the work won't get us there

⇒ Perhaps g_T is the real gold-plated quantity

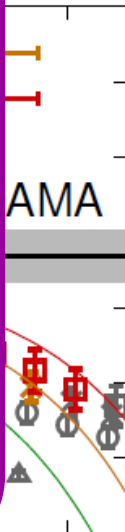
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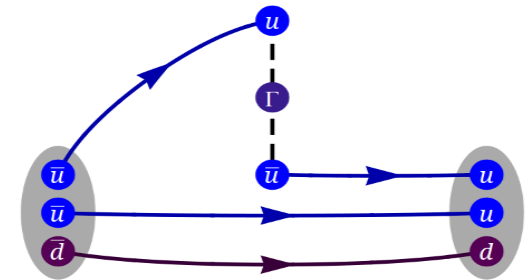
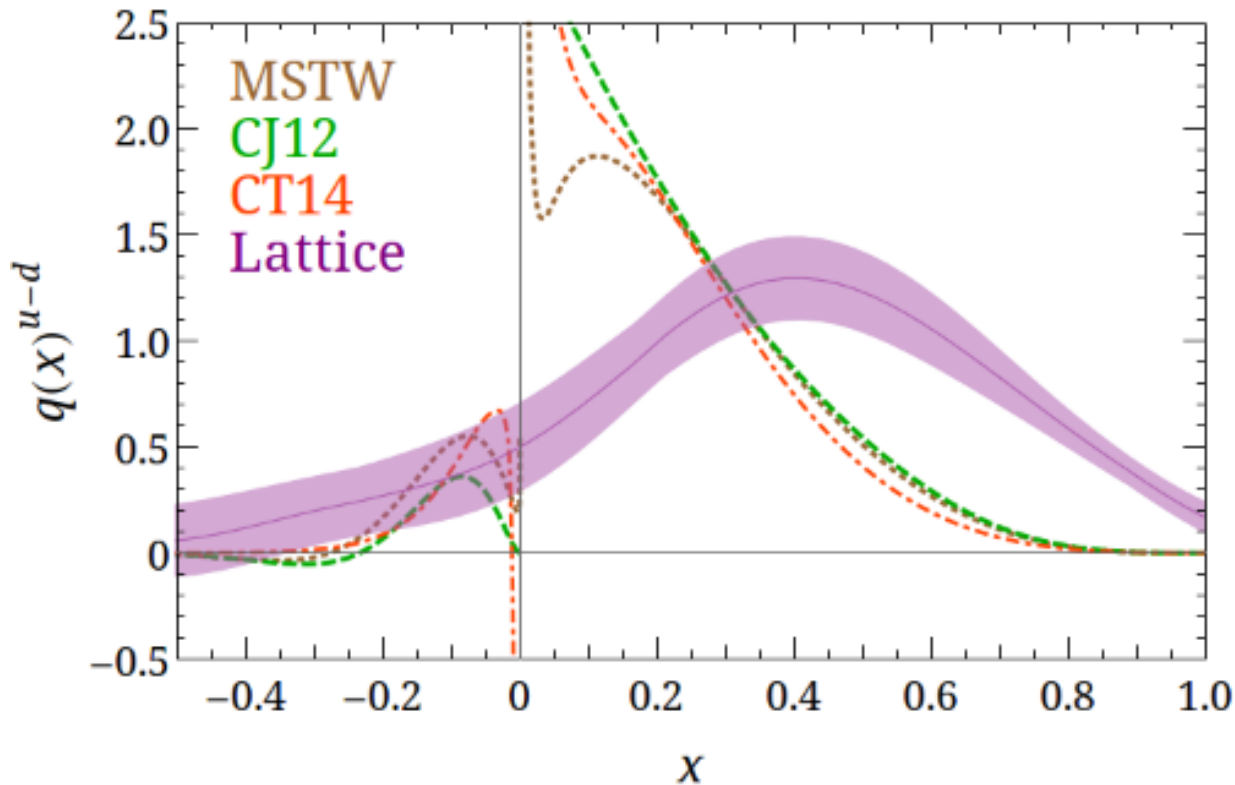
Quark Distribution

§ A first exploratory study

HWL et al. 1402.1462

☞ $N_f = 2+1+1$ clover/HISQ lattices (MILC)

$M_\pi \approx 310$ MeV, $a \approx 0.12$ fm ($M_\pi L \approx 4.5$), $O(10^3)$ measurements



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