

# The Role of Lattice QCD in nucleon imaging

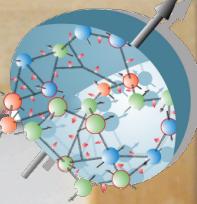
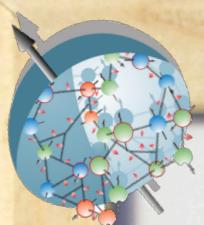
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# OUTLINE OF THE TALK



*Motivation -  
The way from  
 $0D$  to  $5D$   
structure*

*Nucleon  
charges and  
first moments*

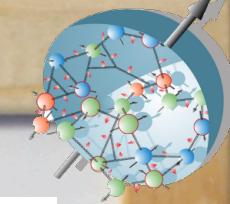
*Nucleon  
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# Motivation - The way from 0D to 5D

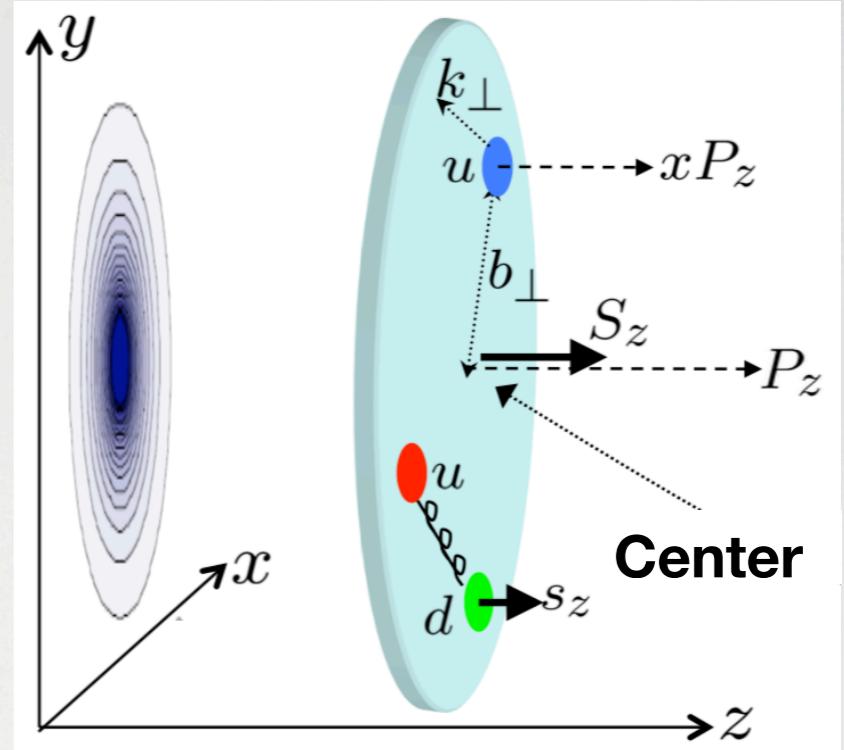


→ Long way to go before we are able to do 5D imaging of the nucleon

**5D:**

$$\text{GTMD}(x, \xi, k_{\perp}, b_{\perp})$$

$$\int d^2 b_{\perp}$$



**3D:**

$$\text{TMDs}(x, k_{\perp})$$

$$\int d^2 k_{\perp}$$

$$\xi = 0, Q^2 = 0$$

$$\text{GPDs}(x, \xi, Q^2)$$

$$\xi = 0, \int dx$$

$$\xi = 0, \int dx x^{n-1}$$

**1D:**

$$\text{PDFs}(x)$$

$$\int dx x^{n-1}$$

$$\int dx$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

**0D:**

Moments of PDFs

Charges

Moments of PDFs

→ First steps in the calculation of 3D imaging, GPDs & TMDs

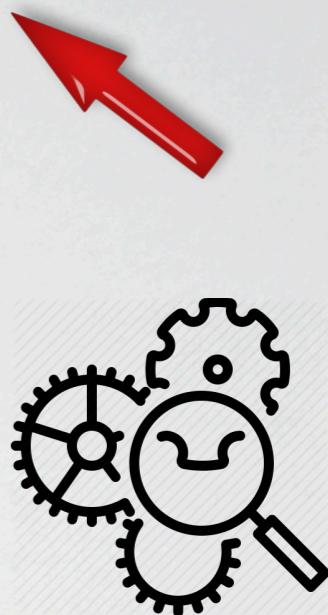
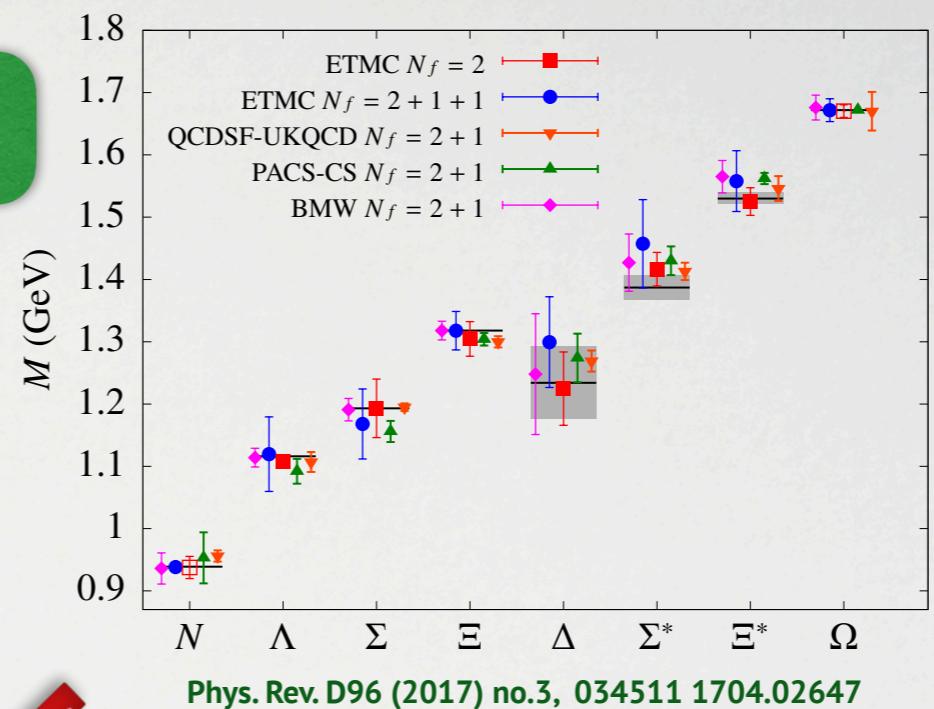
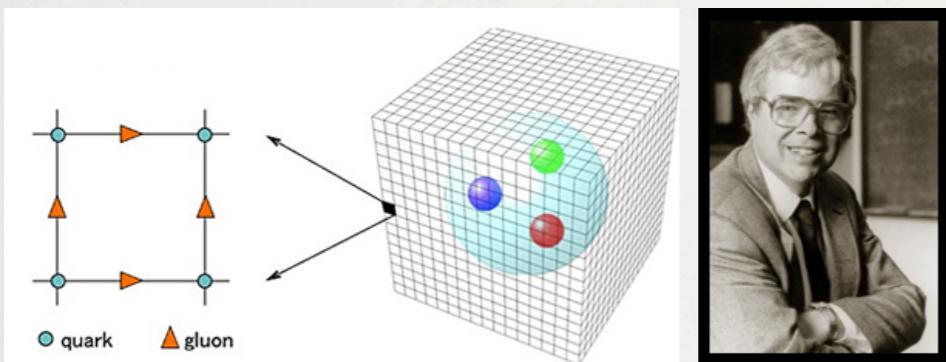
→ Relatively only recently we are able to do PDFs directly on the lattice

→ In the past, lattice QCD focused  
 $FFs(Q^2), GFFs(Q^2)$ , Charges, Moments

# Computing observables on the Lattice

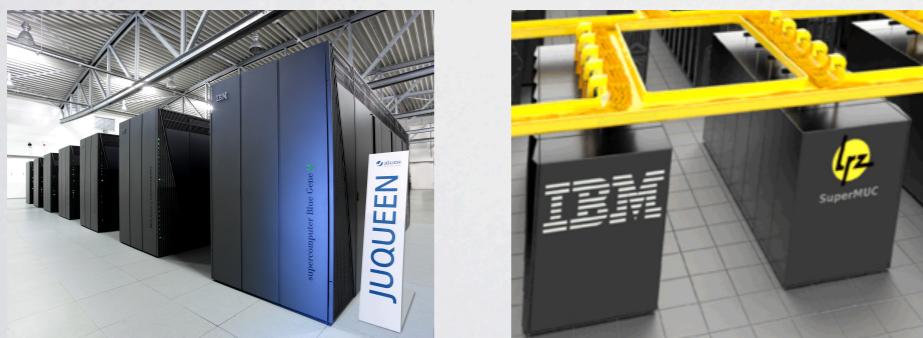
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_U \mathcal{O}(D^{-1}[U], U) \det(D[U]^{N_f}) e^{-S[U]}$$

LQCD



Data Analysis

Configurations  
Simulation

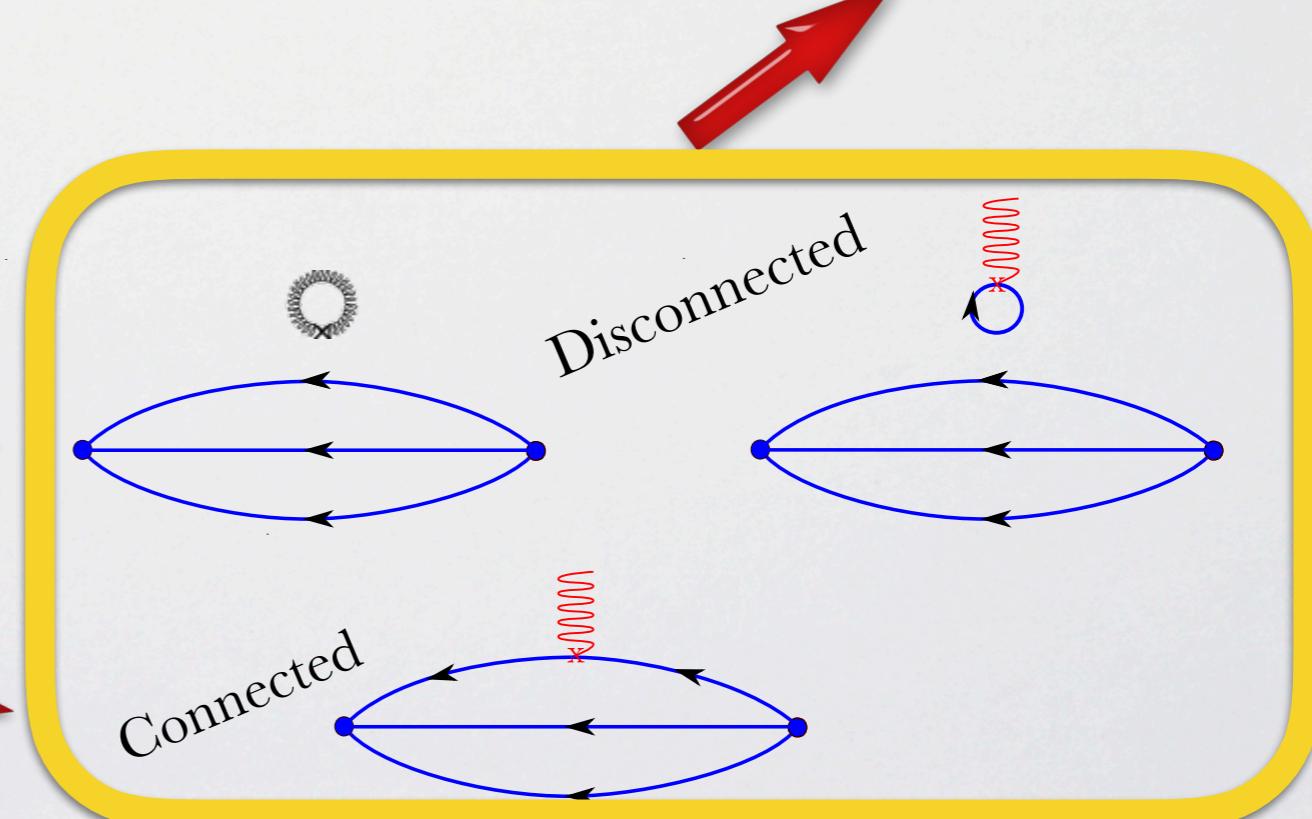


Quark

Propagators

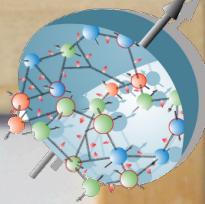
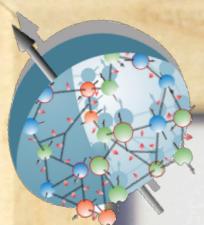


Contractions



# OD quantities

# 0D: Charges



$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\Gamma\psi(x)$$

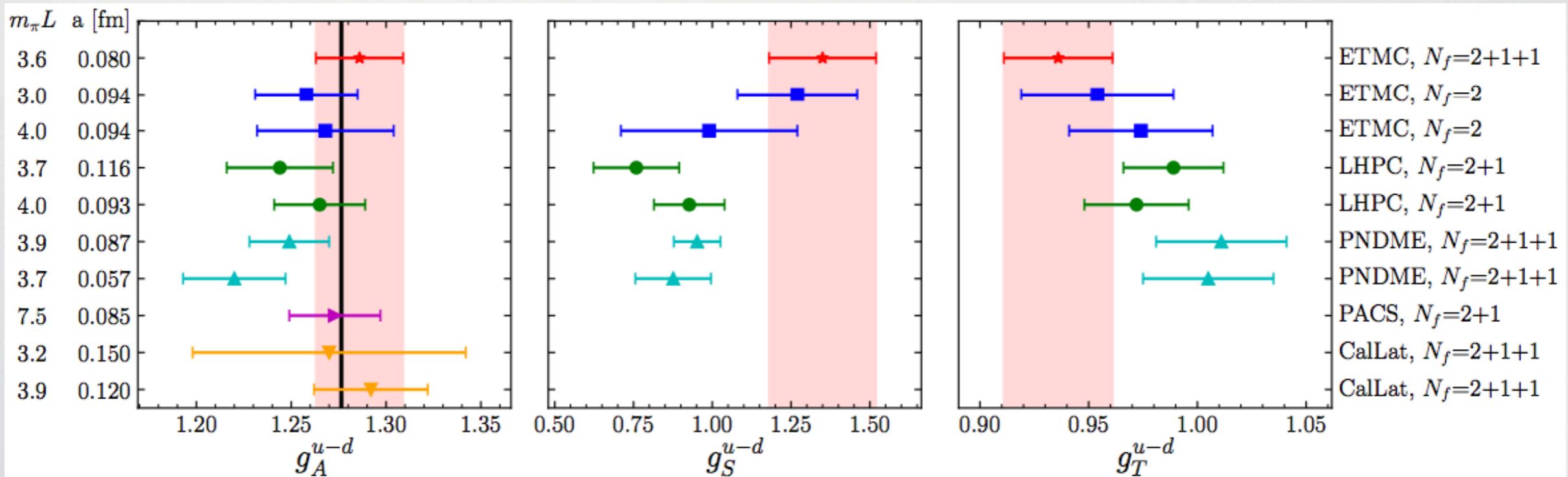
- Axial charge  $\longrightarrow \Gamma = \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu$
- Scalar charge  $\longrightarrow \Gamma = 1$
- Tensor charge  $\longrightarrow \Gamma = \sigma_{\mu\nu}$

Matrix elements

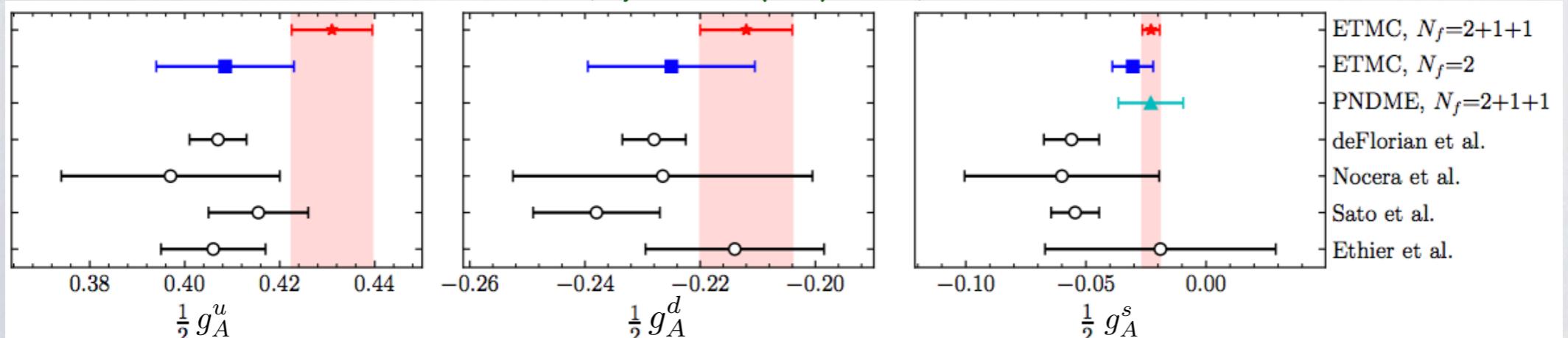
$$\langle N | \mathcal{O}(x) | N \rangle \rightarrow g_{A,S,T}$$

First moment of the helicity PDF

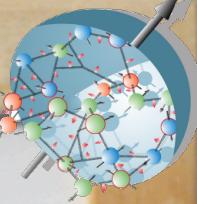
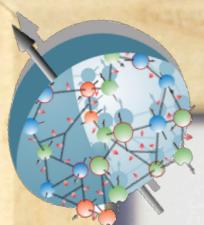
First moment of the transversity PDF



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# 0D: Second Moment of the unpolarized PDF



**Direct access to moments  
of Parton Distribution Functions**

- Isovector combination is relatively easy to access
- Singlet is complicated because of the mixing and disconnected contributions

$$\langle x \rangle^{q+} = \int dx x[q(x) + \bar{q}(x)]$$

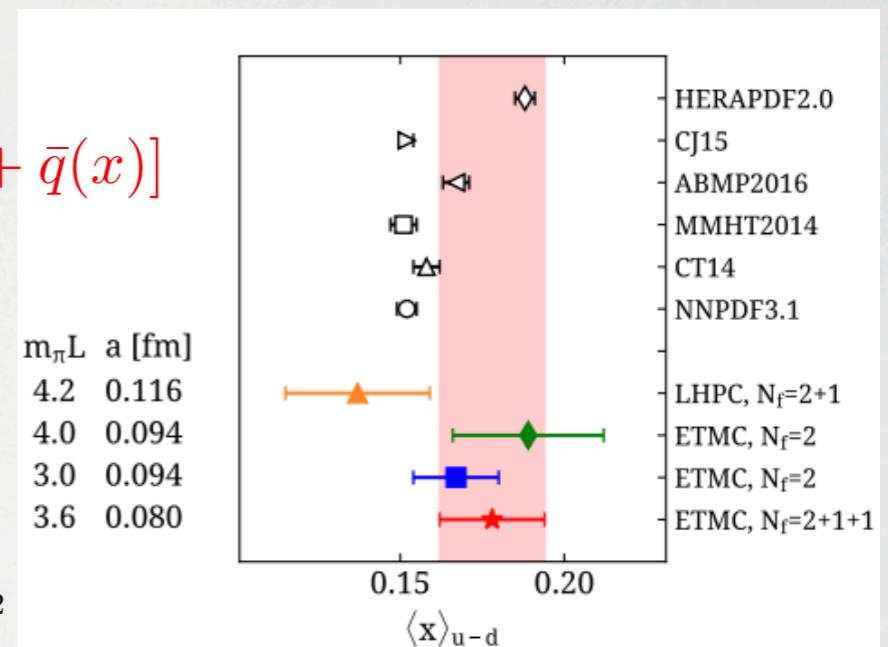
$$\mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu D^\nu\psi(x)$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu}(x) = F^{\mu\rho}(x)F_\rho^\nu(x)$$

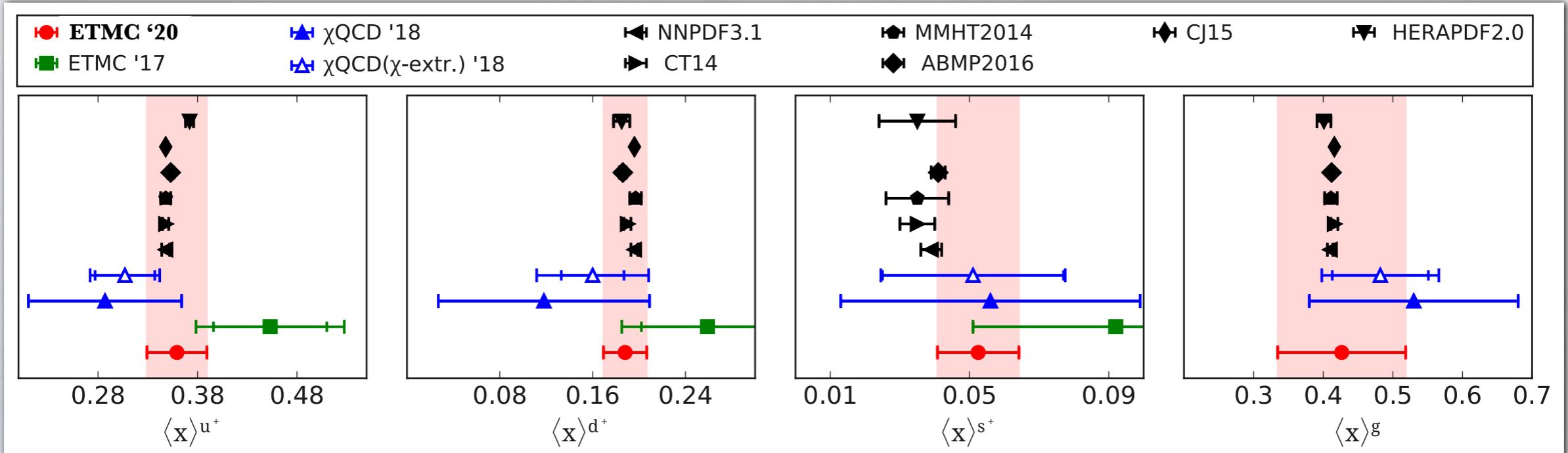
- \* Up and down quarks agree with phenomenology but lattice has very big errors
- \* Competitive results for the strange
- \* The gluon is still a challenge due to the large statistical errors

**Quantities are given in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme at  $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$**

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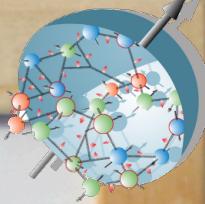


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# 1D quantities

# 1D: Form Factors - Electromagnetic



Nucleon Vector matrix element describes the coupling of nucleon with a vector

$$\langle N(p', s') | j_\mu | N(p, s) \rangle \propto \bar{u}_N(p', s') \left( \gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^\nu}{2m_N} F_2(q^2) \right) u_N(p, s)$$

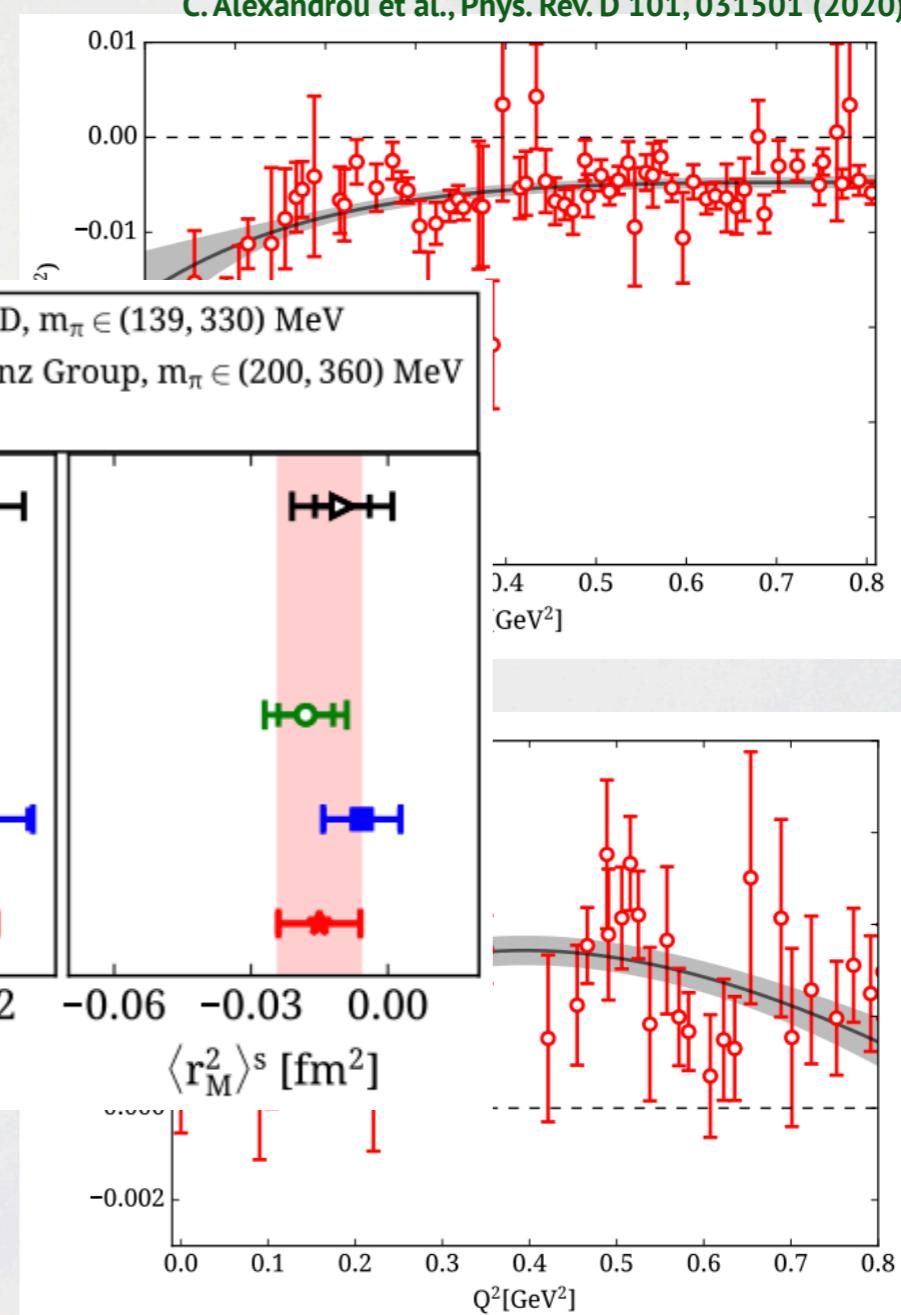
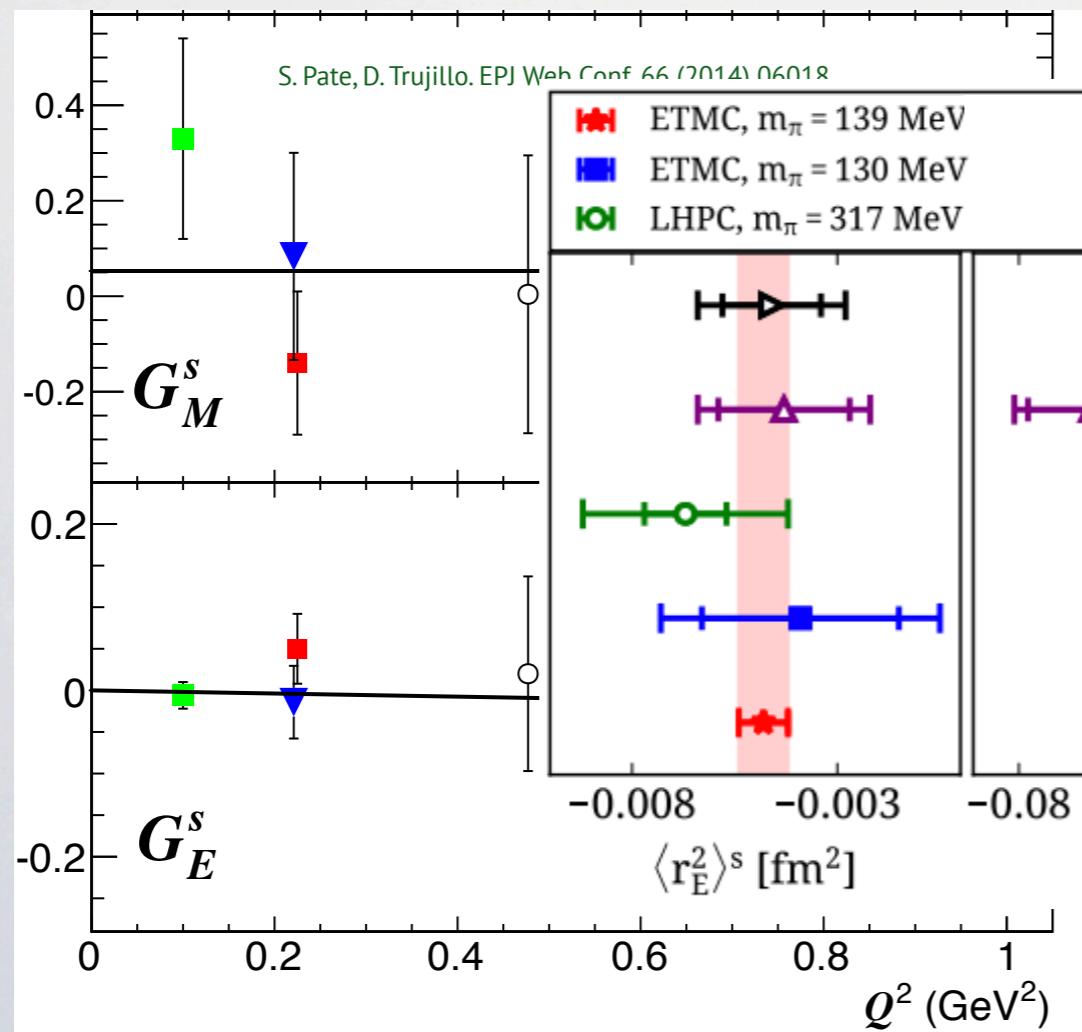
$$G_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{2m_N} F_2(q^2)$$

$$j^\mu(x) = \frac{2}{3}\bar{u}(x)\gamma_\mu u(x) - \frac{1}{3}\bar{d}(x)\gamma_\mu d(x) - \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}(x)\gamma_\mu s(x)$$

$$G_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + F_2(q^2)$$

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Parity-violating electron scattering data analysis  
Experimental Data: E734, SAMPLE, HAPPEX, G0, PVA4

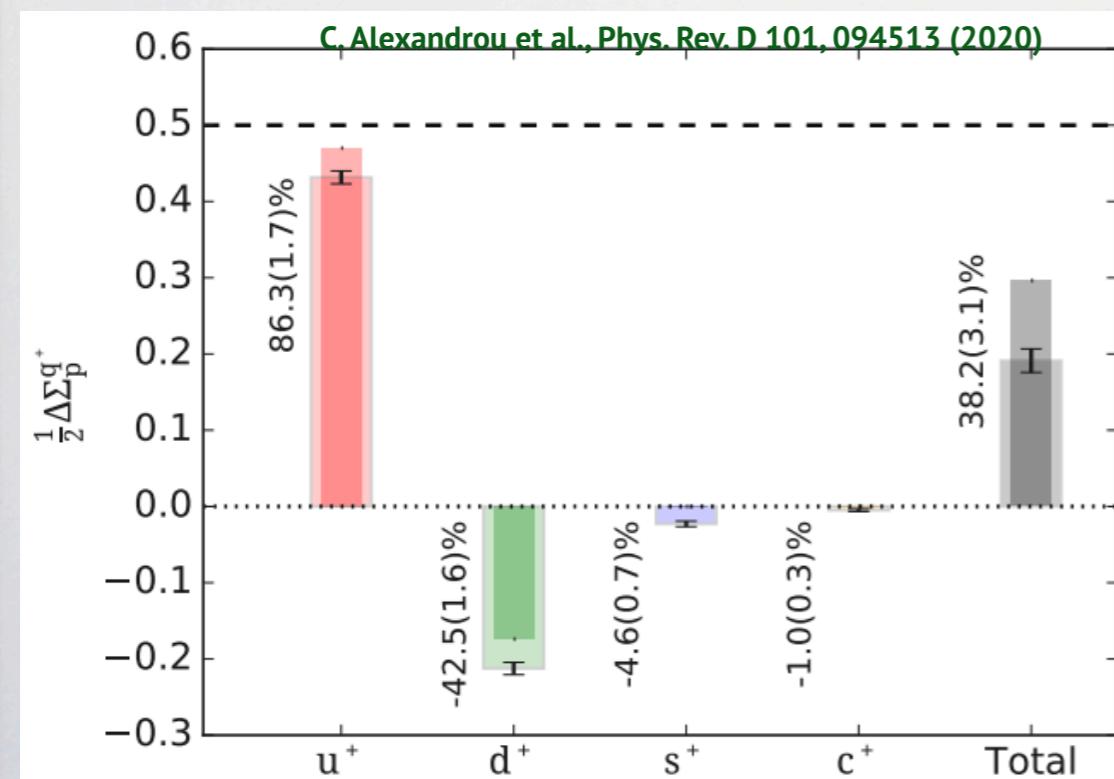


Results are consistent with zero

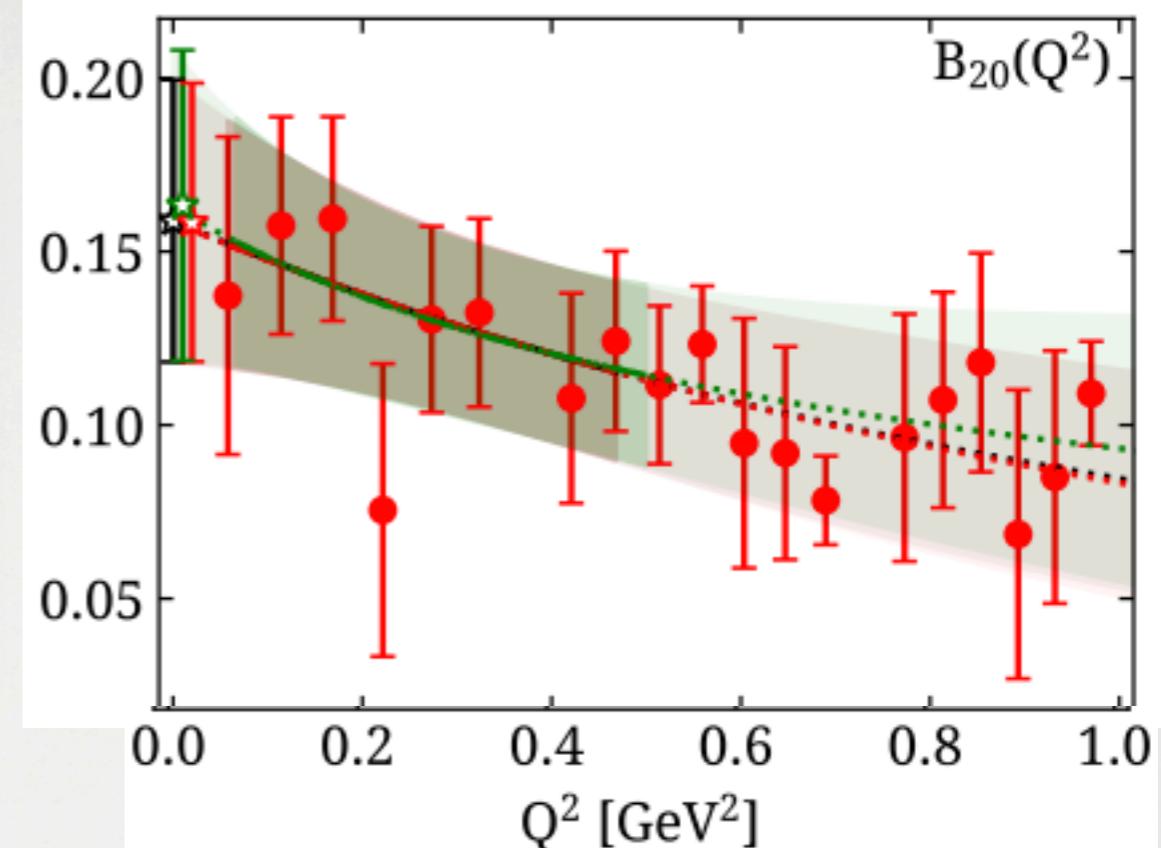
# 1D: Generalized FFs - Nucleon Spin

## \* Nucleon matrix element decomp.

$$\langle N(p', s') | \bar{T}^{\mu\nu; q, g} | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_N(p', s') \left[ A_{20}^{q, g}(q^2) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_{20}^{q, g}(q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\{\mu\rho} q_\rho P^{\nu\}}}{2m_N} + C_{20}^{q, g}(q^2) \frac{q^{\{\mu} q^{\nu\}}}{m_N} \right] u_N(p, s)$$



- About 40% to the nucleon spin from intrinsic quark spin



X. Ji, Phys. Rev. Lett. 78, 610 (1997)

## \* Summary Equations

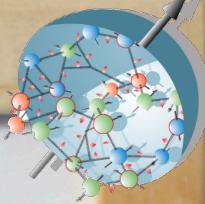
$$J^{q, g} = \frac{1}{2} [A_{20}^{q, g}(0) + B_{20}^{q, g}(0)]$$

$$L^q = J^q - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^q$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sum_q \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_{q+} + L_{q+} \right) + J_g$$

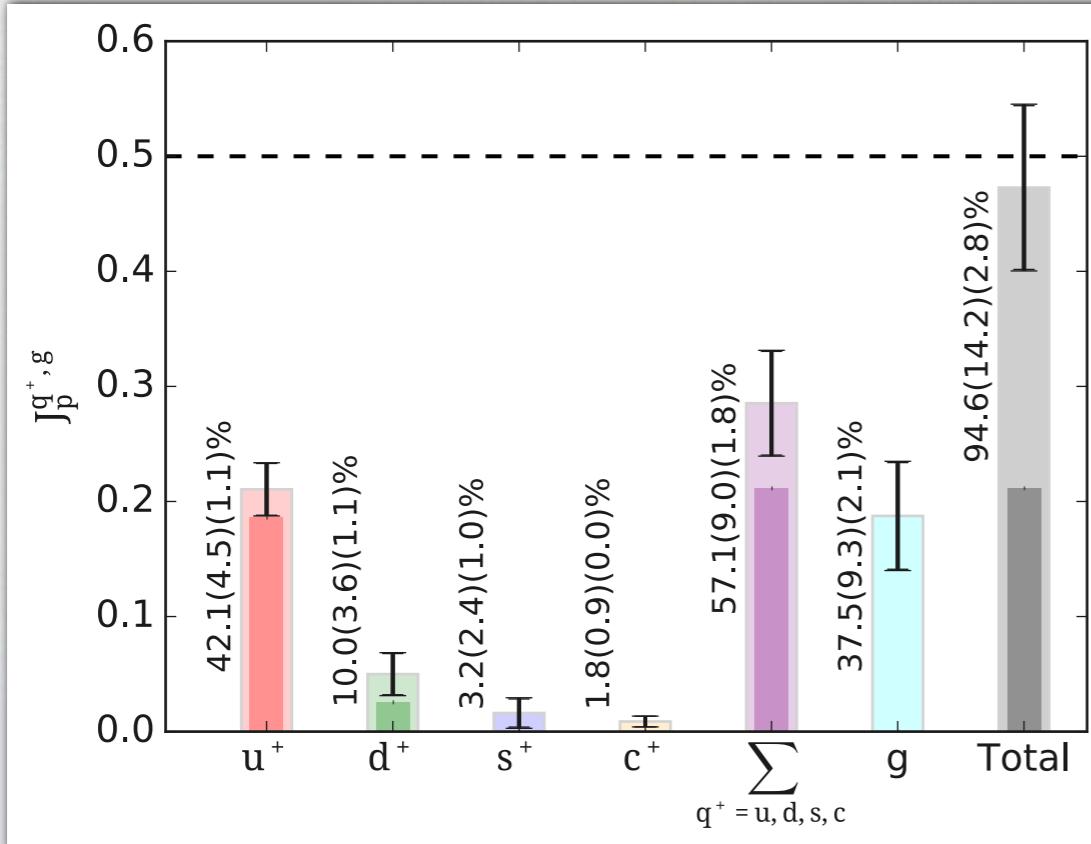


# 1D: Nucleon Spin

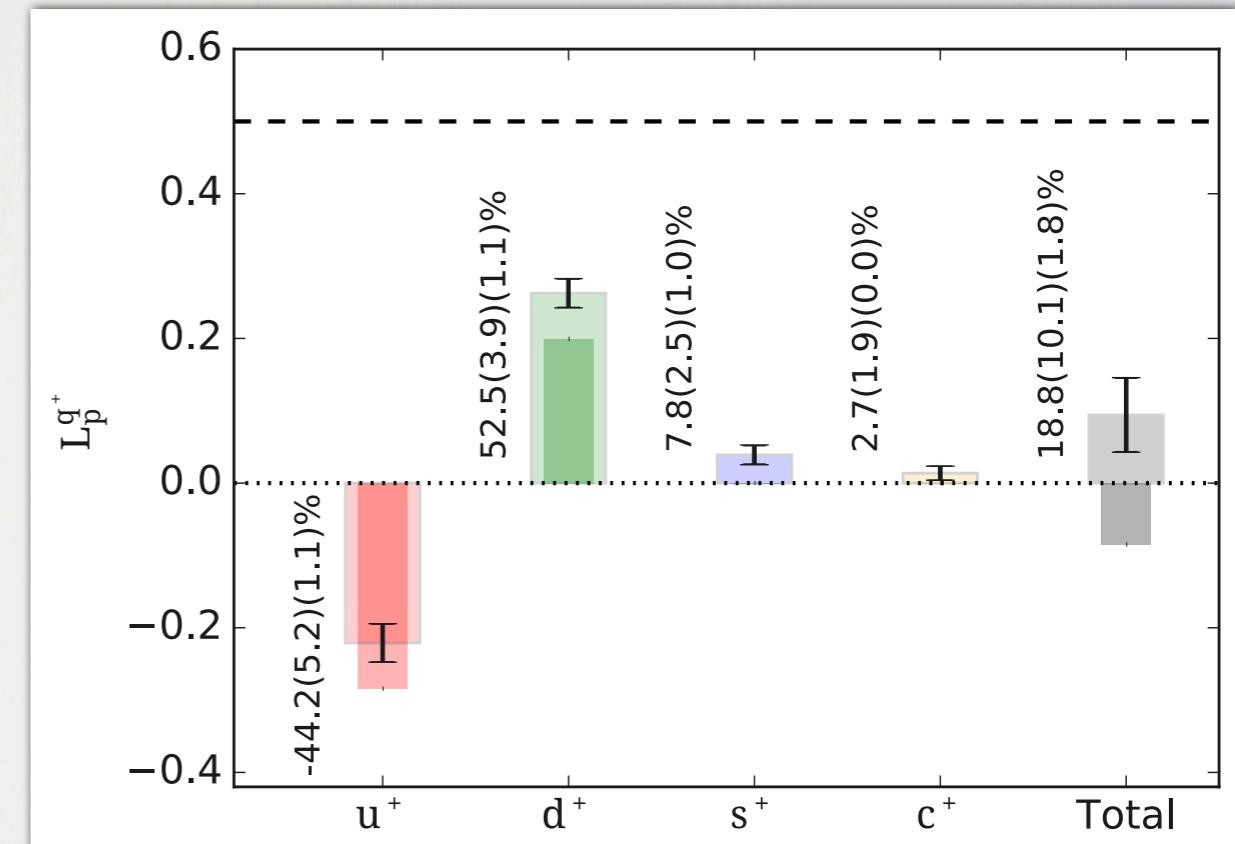


## \* Angular momentum

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## \* Orbital Angular momentum



- Including up, down, strange and charm quarks we get about 60% of the proton spin
- About 40% comes from the gluon contribution but results still have large uncertainties

- The up quark is orbiting in the opposite direction compared to the proton spin like the down quark
- Up and down quarks are also cancelling each other
- Total has large uncertainties

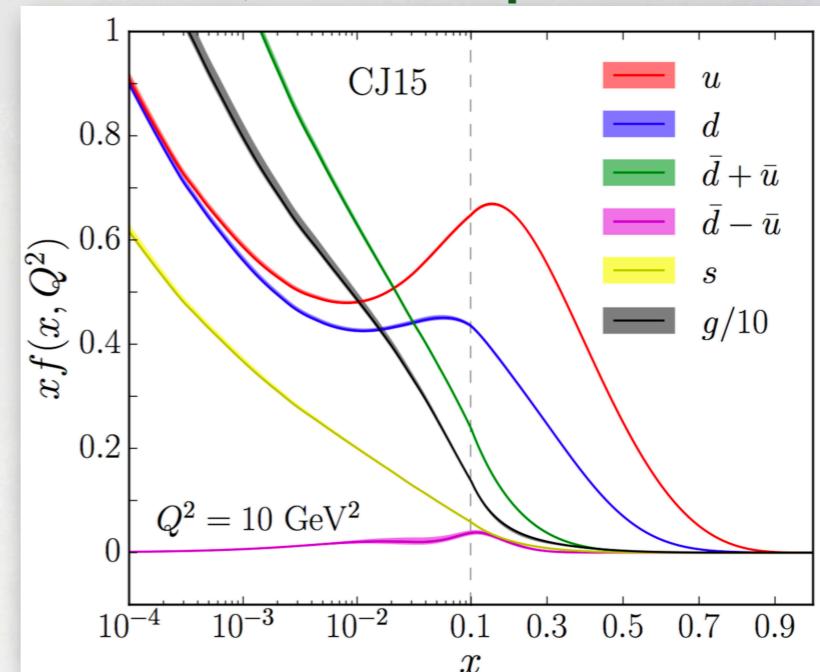
# 1D: Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

- ★ Universal tools to study hadron structure (1D)
- ★ Global fit analyses of DIS data: main source of information
- ★ Global fits not without ambiguities



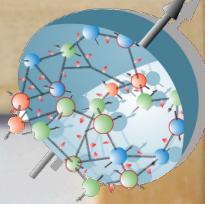
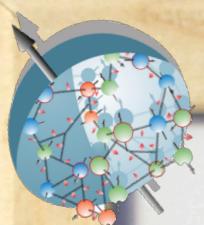
Calculation from first principle is needed

A. Accardi et al., arXiv:1602.03154]



- ★ PDFs parameterized in terms of off-forward matrix elements of non-local light-cone operators (Not accessible in Euclidean lattice)
- ★ Lattice QCD: long-standing history of moments of PDFs (via OPE), but reconstruction of PDFs not feasible (gauge noise, mixing)
- ★ Alternative approaches proposed, e.g.: quasi-PDFs, pseudo-PDFs, auxiliary heavy quark, hadronic tensor, OPE w/o OPE
- ★ All methods are under investigation in lattice QCD

# 1D: Accessing PDFs on a Euclidean



Matrix elements of spatial operators with **fast moving hadrons**

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu^2, P_3) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixP_3 z} \langle N(P_3) | \bar{\Psi}(z) \Gamma \mathcal{A}(z, 0) \Psi(0) | N(P_3) \rangle_{\mu^2}$$

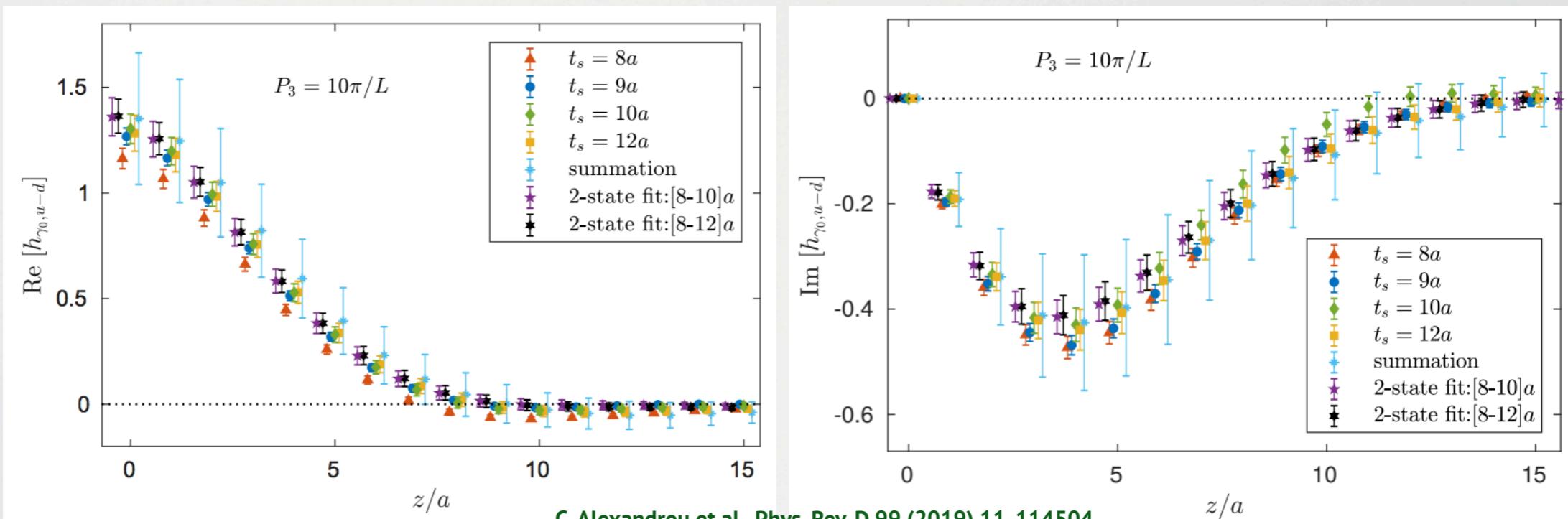
Contact with light-cone PDFs feasible:

- ★ Matching procedure in large momentum ET (LaMET) to relate quasi-PDFs to light-cone PDF
- ★ Difference reduced as  $P_3$  increases  $\mathcal{O}\left(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_3^2, m_N^2/P_3^2\right)$

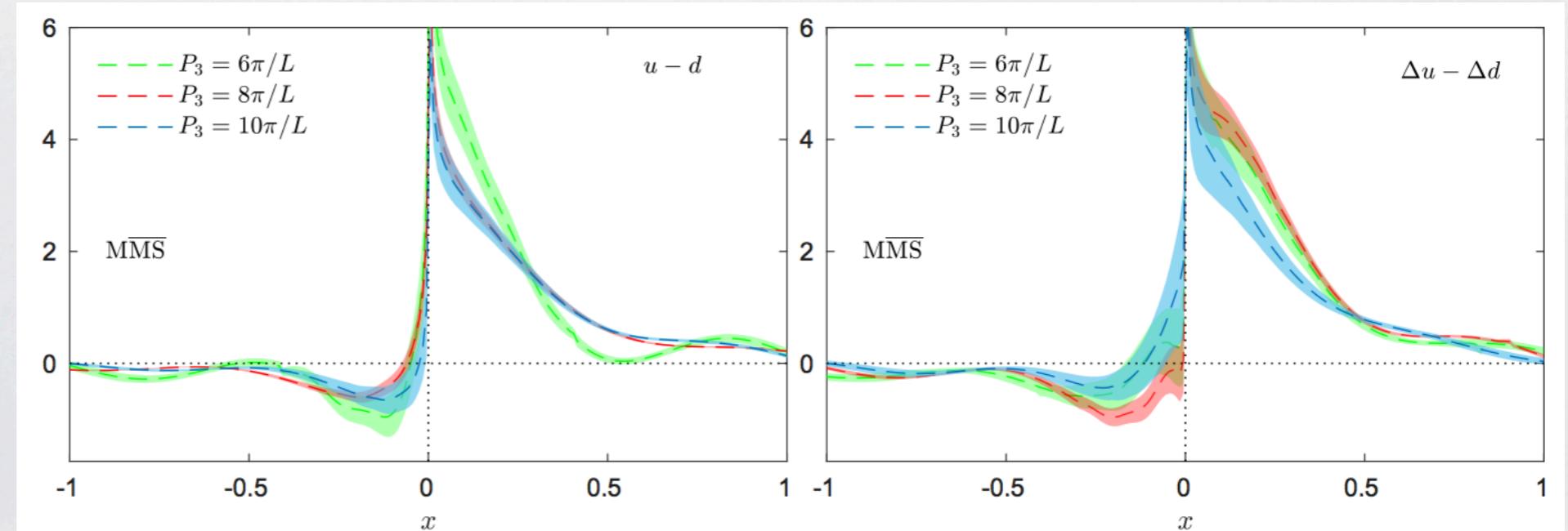
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# 1D: Progress in isovector PDFs

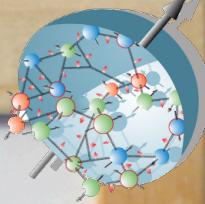
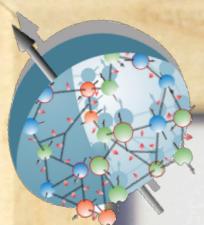
- Unpolarized PDFs - Investigation of excited states cont.



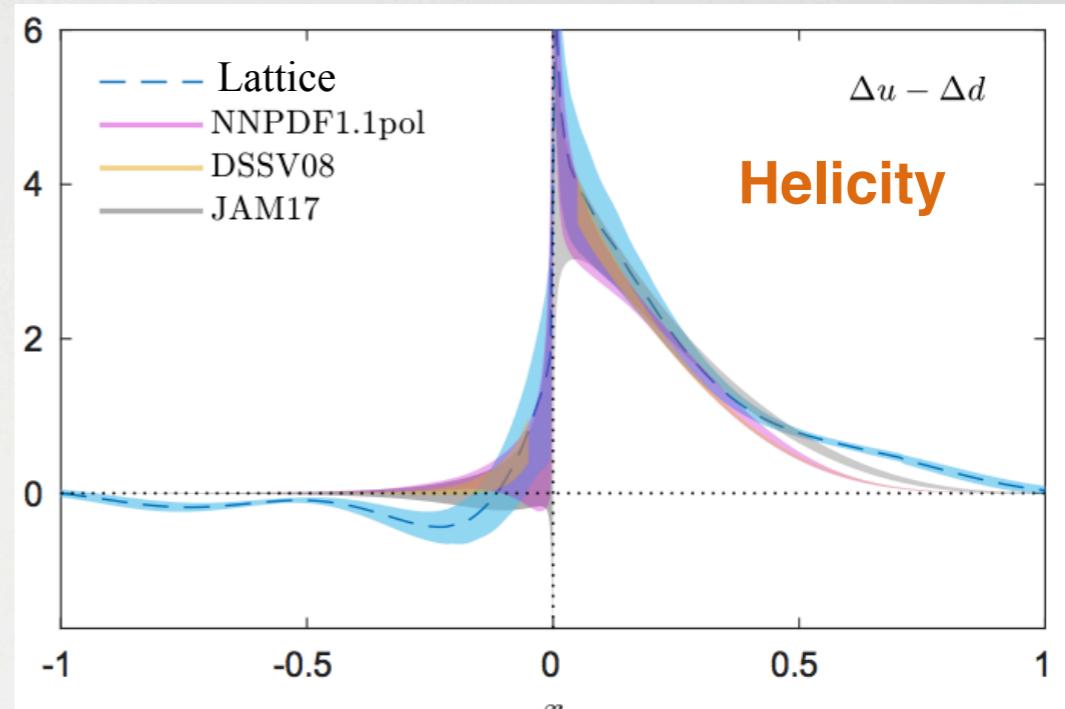
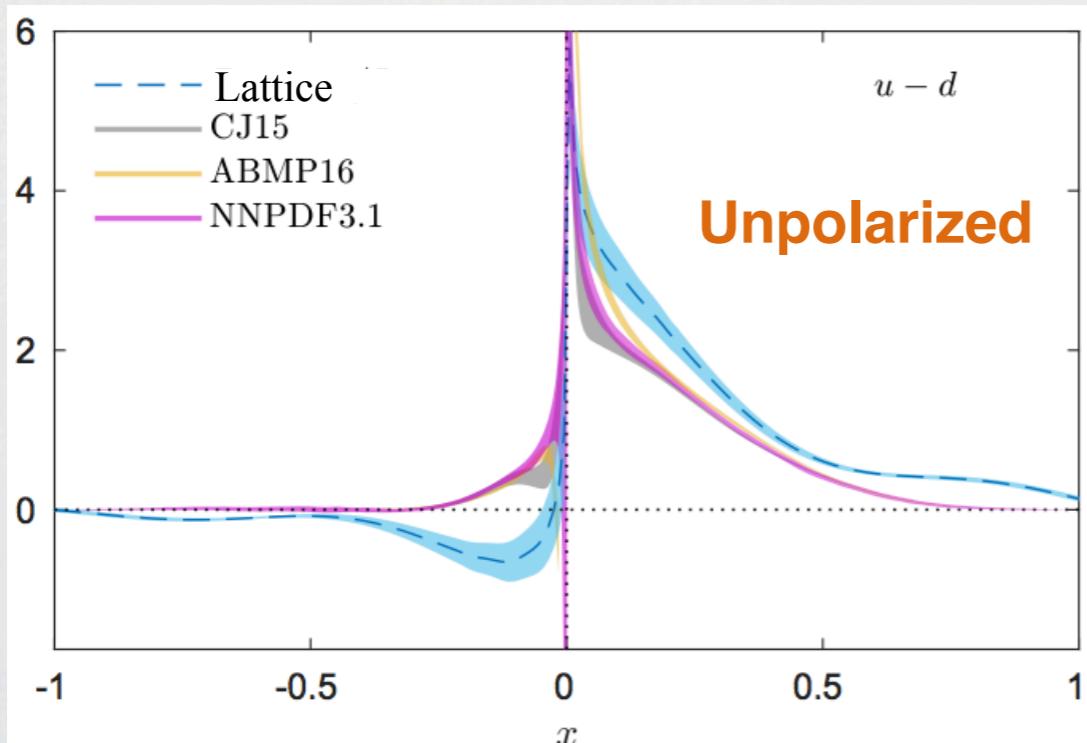
- Investigation of the momentum dependence of the PDFs
- Unphysical oscillations are reduced with momentum
- Higher momenta are challenging



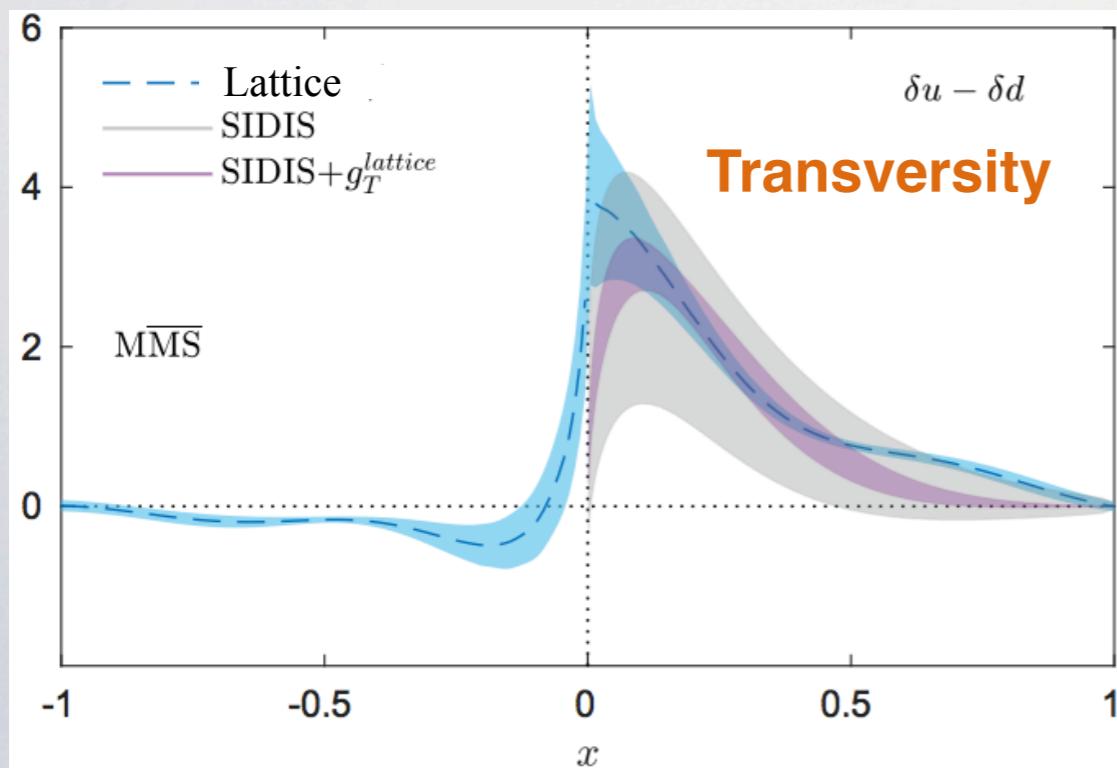
# 1D: Progress in isovector PDFs - Comparison



## Comparison of lattice results with phenomenology

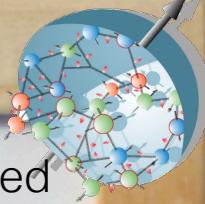
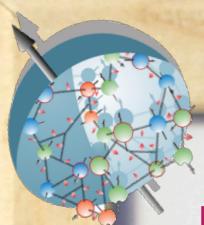


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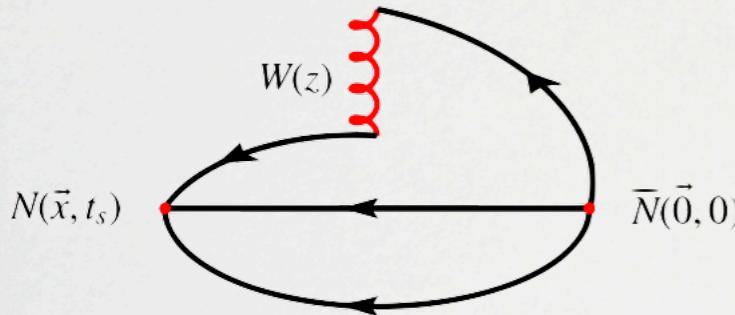


- ★ **Unpolarized case: Discrepancy with phenomenology - More thorough investigation is needed**
- ★ **Helicity case: Better behaved and mostly in agreement with phenomenology**
- ★ **Transversity case: Lattice results are much better constrained**

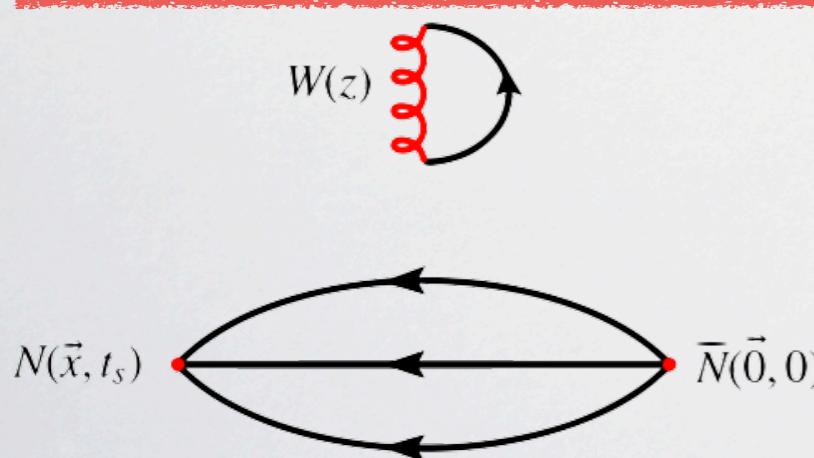
# 1D: Flavor decomposition - Helicity case



Up to now Lattice QCD has concentrated in the isovector combination of PDFs

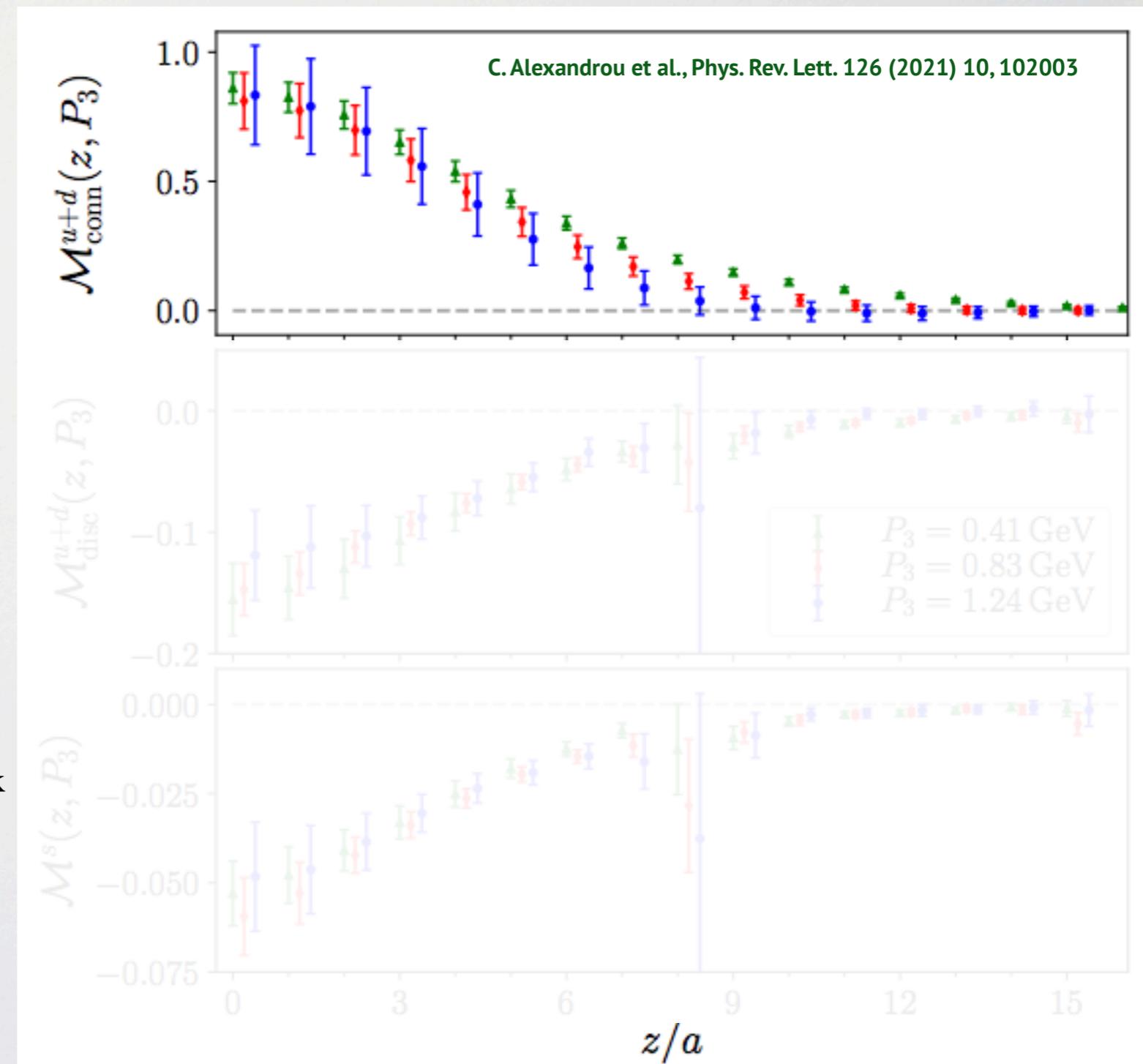


- Isoscalar connected diagram: Straight forward to implement, computationally cheap



- Isoscalar disconnected diagram: Quark loop with Wilson line needs sophisticated algorithms - Computationally very demanding
- Mixing with gluon is in progress...

Avoids expensive disconnected diagrams  
Avoids mixing with gluons

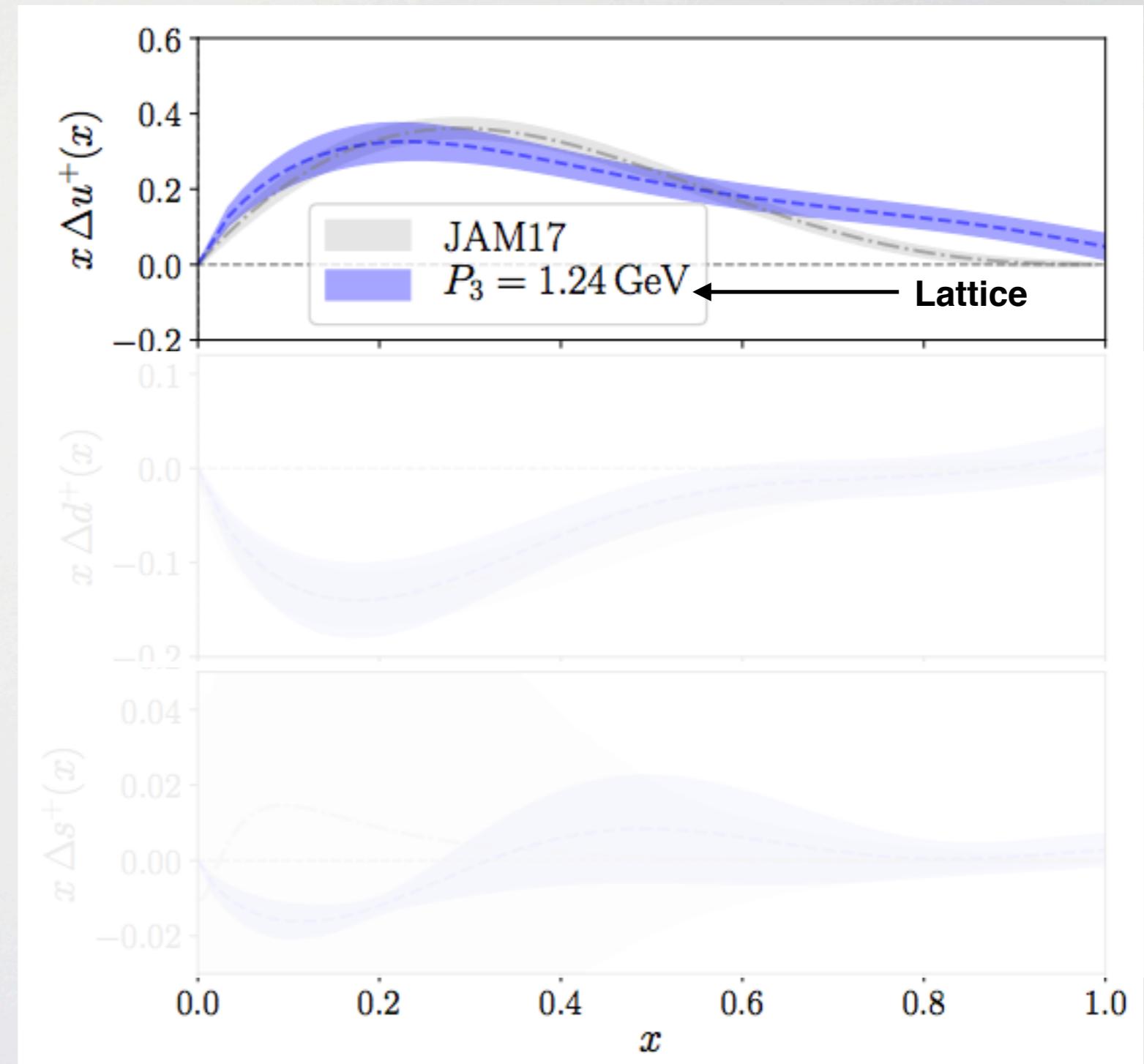


# 1D: Flavor decomposition - Helicity case

First results about the flavor decomposition of the helicity Parton Distribution Function

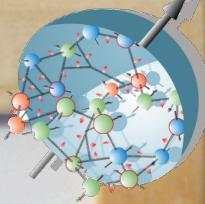
$$q^+(x) \equiv q(x) + \bar{q}(x)$$

- ★ Calculation is done at a heavier than physical pion mass
- ★ For the up quark mostly compatible except for  $x > 0.6$
- ★ For the down quark the agreement is better but the errors are bigger
- ★ For the strange quark, JAM17 results are very noisy - Lattice has the potential to have competitive results



# 3D quantities

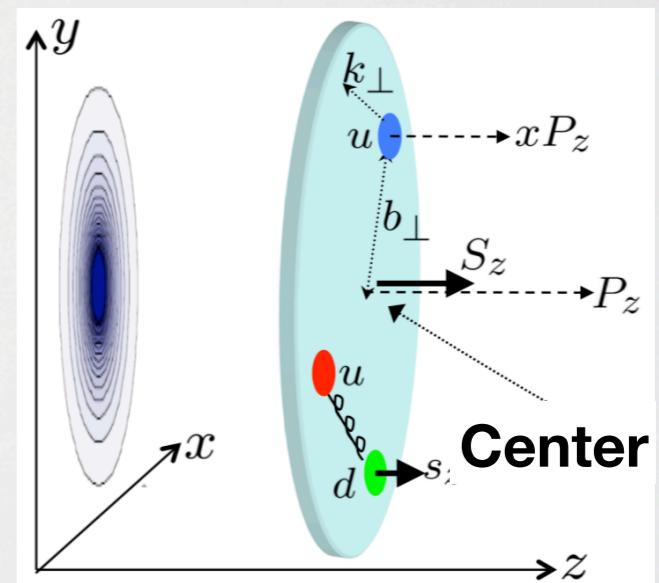
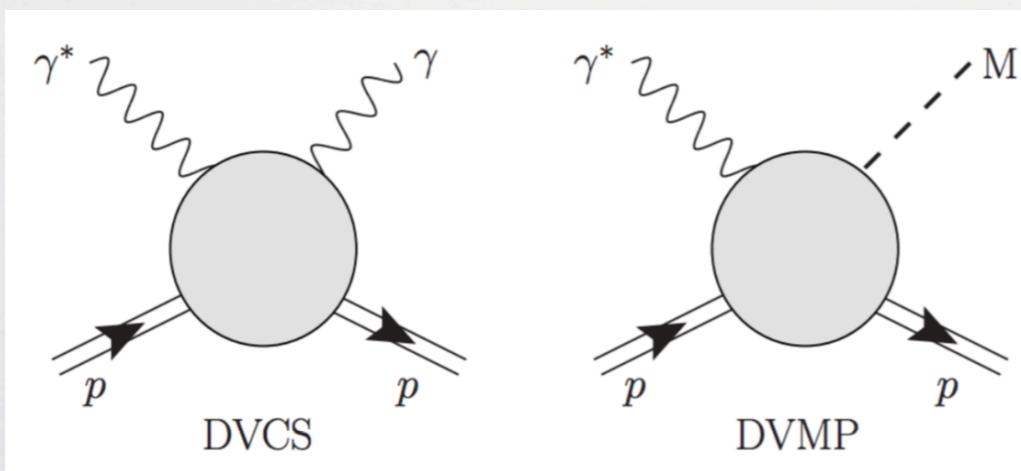
# 3D: Generalized Parton Distribution



- ★ GPDs provide information on spatial distribution of partons inside the hadron, and its mechanical properties M. Burkardt, Phys. Rev. D 62 071503 (2000), hep-ph/0005108
- ★ GPDs can be accessed experimentally in Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) and Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)

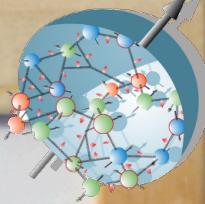
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(Halls A,B,C (JLab), PHENIX, STAR, HERMES, COMPASS, GSI, BELLE, J-PARC)



- ★ Experimentally, GPDs are not well-constrained:
  - independent measurements to disentangle GPDs
  - limited coverage of kinematic region
  - data are available on certain GPDs
  - GPDs phenomenology is more complicated than PDFs (multi-dimensional objects)

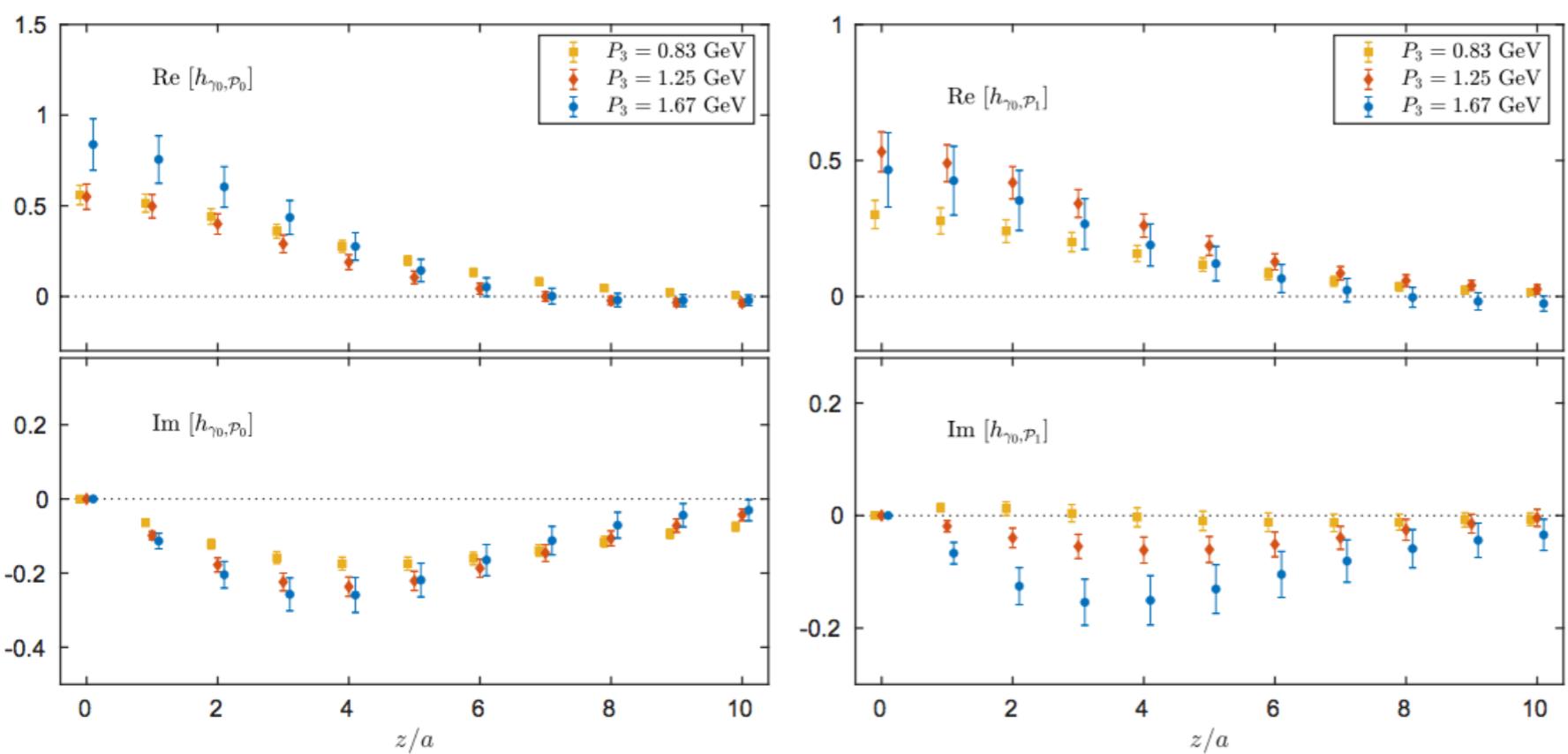
# 3D: Generalized Parton Distribution - Lattice



## Decomposition of matrix elements to GPDs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi_{\gamma^0}(\mathcal{P}_0; P_f, P_i) &= C \left[ F_H(Q^2) \left( \frac{E_f E_i}{2m^2} + \frac{E_f + E_i}{4m} + \frac{P_{f\rho} P_{i\rho}}{4m^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + F_E(Q^2) \left( P_{f\rho} P_{i\rho} \left( \frac{E_f + E_i}{8m^3} + \frac{1}{4m^2} \right) - \frac{(E_f - E_i)^2}{8m^2} + \frac{E_f + E_i}{8m} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right], \\
 \Pi_{\gamma^0}(\mathcal{P}_j; P_f, P_i) &= i \epsilon_{j0\rho\tau} C \left[ F_H(Q^2) \frac{P_{f\rho} P_{i\tau}}{4m^2} + F_E(Q^2) \left( \frac{(E_f + E_i) P_{f\rho} P_{i\tau}}{8m^3} + \frac{P_{f\rho} P_{i\tau} - P_{f\tau} P_{i\rho}}{8m^2} \right) \right], \\
 \Pi_{\gamma^3\gamma^5}(\mathcal{P}_j; P_f, P_i) &= i C \left[ F_{\tilde{H}}(Q^2) \left( \delta_{j3} \left( \frac{E_f + E_i}{4m} - \frac{P_{f\rho} P_{i\rho}}{4m^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{P_{i3} P_{fj} + P_{f3} P_{ij}}{4m^2} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Unpolarized →



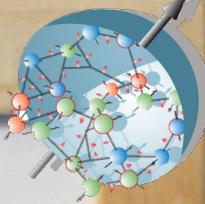
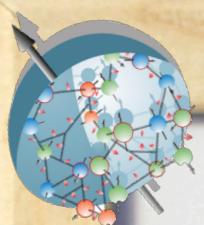
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- Kinematic factors defined by calculation setup
- Decomposition similar to the way we decompose the form factors
- Two unpolarized GPDs  $H(x, \xi, Q^2), E(x, \xi, Q^2)$
- Two helicity GPDs  $\tilde{H}(x, \xi, Q^2), \tilde{E}(x, \xi, Q^2)$

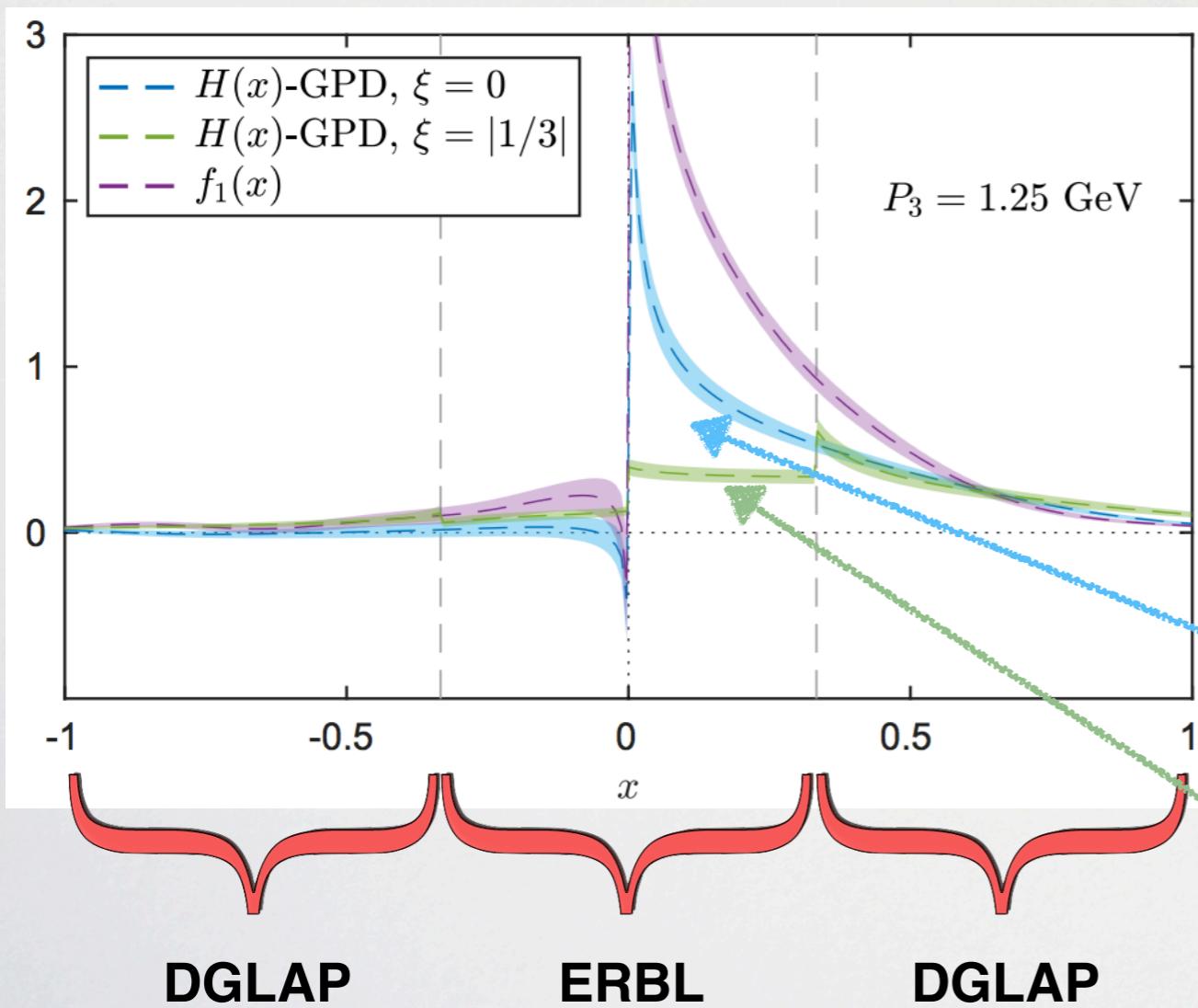
$$\xi = -\frac{Q_3}{2P_3} \text{ Skewness}$$

- Results with zero Skewness
- Various combinations of matrix elements to isolate GPDs is needed

# 3D: Generalized Parton Distribution - Lattice



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- ★ **ERBL region:** ( $|x| < \xi$ )  
amplitude of removing a quark-antiquark pair with momentum  $-Q_3$

- ★ **DGLAP region:** ( $\xi < |x| < 1$ )  
amplitude of removing a quark-antiquark pair from the hadron and inserting it back with momentum increase  $Q_3$

$\xi = 0, Q^2 = 0.69 \text{ GeV}^2$

$|\xi| = 1/3, Q^2 = 1.38 \text{ GeV}^2$

- ★ **ERBL region:** ( $|x| < \xi$ )
  - $f_1(x)$  dominant
  - $H(x, 1/3)$  suppressed compared to  $H(x, 0)$

- ★ **DGLAP region:** ( $\xi < |x| < 1$ )
  - $H(x, 1/3)$  similar behavior as  $H(x, 0)$
  - $H(x, 0)$  is asymptotically equal to  $f_1(x)$

# Summary

- ◆ LQCD can compute nucleon charges, second moments (**0D**) reliably at the physical point of the theory, (axial, scalar, tensor, average momentum fraction)
- ◆ Strange EM form factors (**1D**) have been computed in good precision compared to experimental determinations
- ◆ LQCD can compute isovector PDFs (**1D**) now even at the physical point
  - ▶ Systematic errors are constantly improving
- ◆ First steps (recently) to do the flavor decomposition of PDFs (**1D**)
  - ▶ Mixing with the gluons need to be treated
  - ▶ Simulations at the physical point needed
- ◆ First results for isovector GPDs for unpolarized and helicity (**3D**)
  - ▶ Need to find a way to access smaller  $Q^2$  values
  - ▶ Simulations at the physical point needed
  - ▶ Transversity GPD is on the way