

## CFNS Workshop on Lattice Parton Distribution Functions

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# Good Lattice Cross Sections

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K. Orginos, D.G. Richards, R. Sufian, S. Yoshida, ...  
and work by many others, ...

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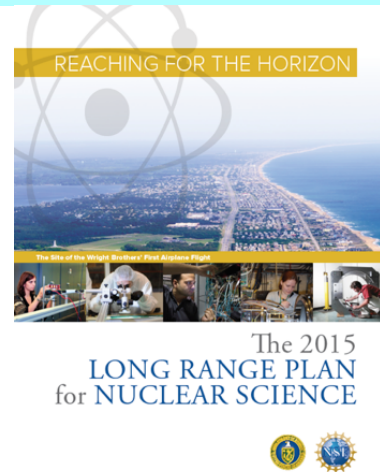
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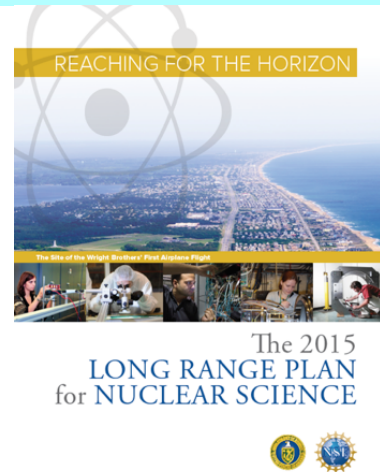


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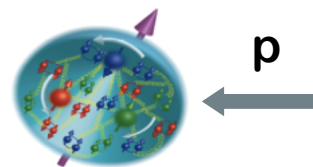


Diagram illustrating the DIS process: An incoming electron (e) with momentum  $p$  interacts with a target (blue oval), producing a scattered electron (e) and a hadron (H). The cross-section is given by  $\sigma_{\text{DIS}}(x, Q^2)$ .

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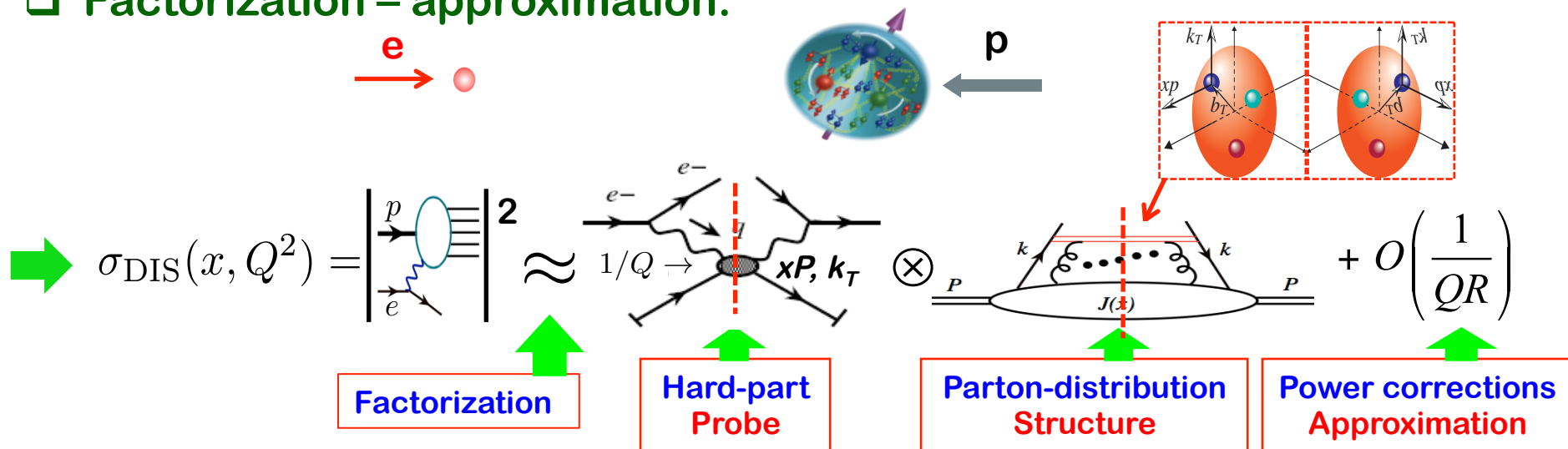
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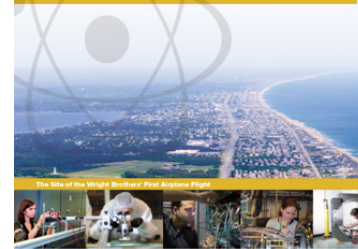
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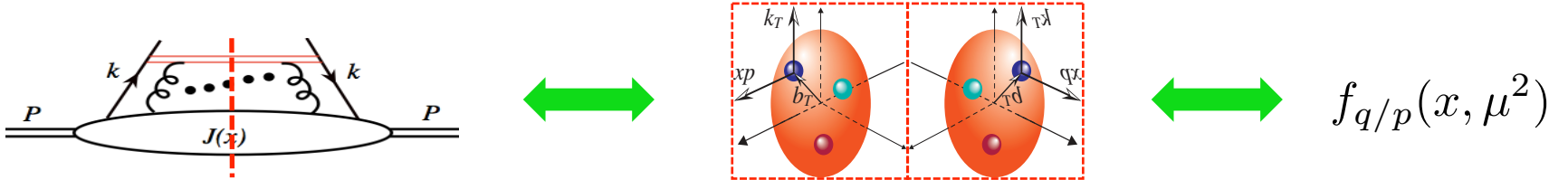


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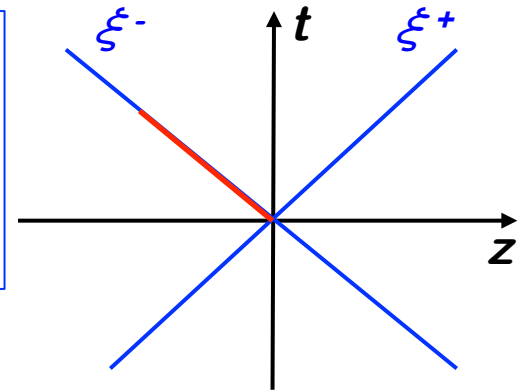
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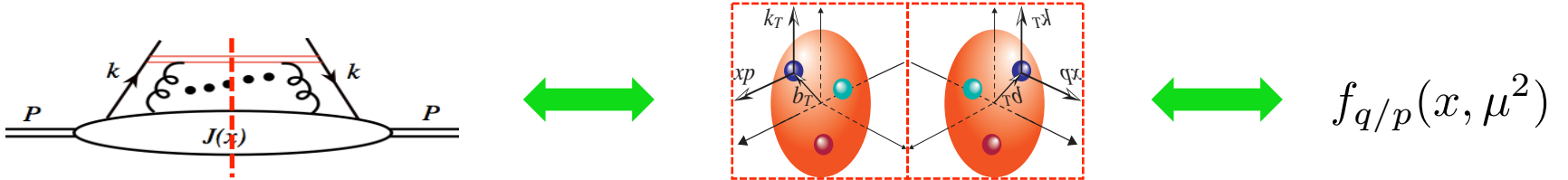
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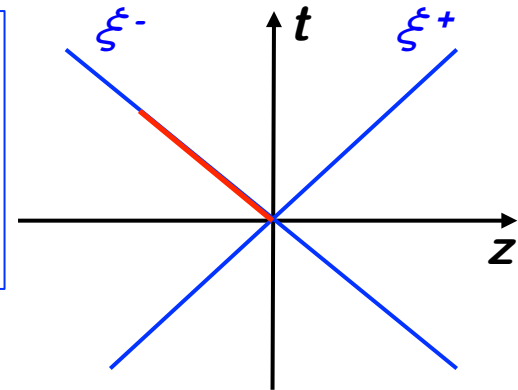
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*Provide the indirect access to hadron's partonic structure!*

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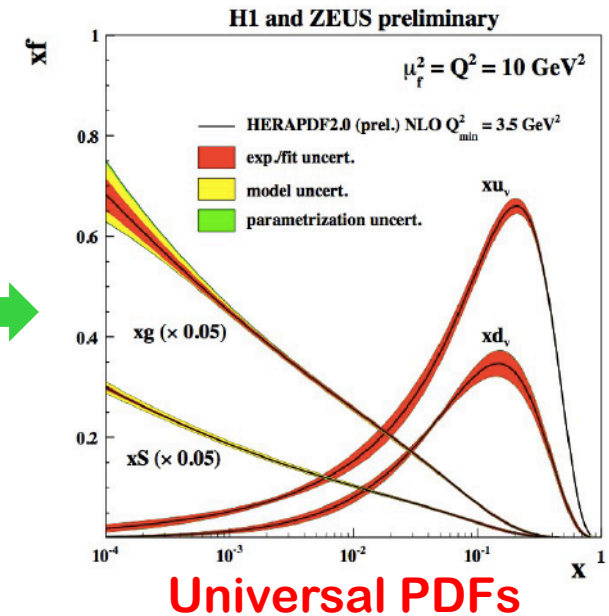
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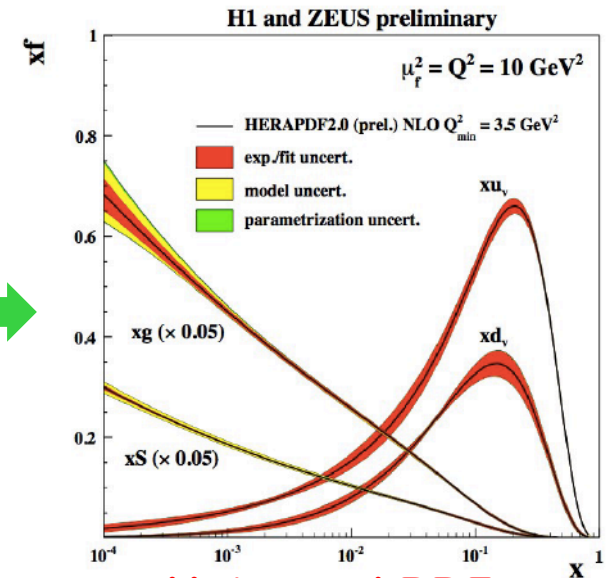
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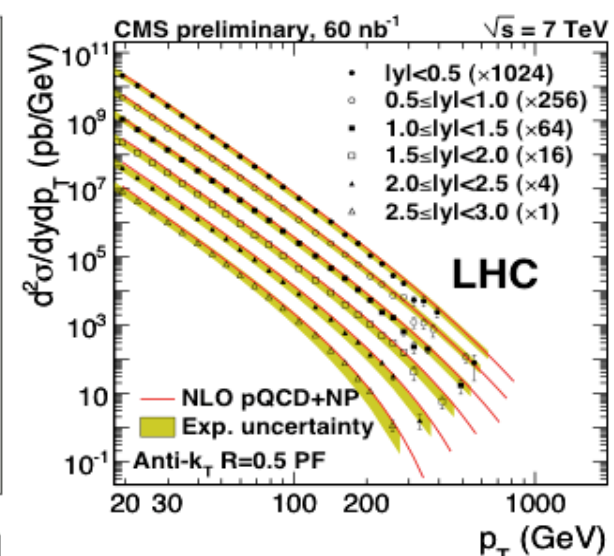
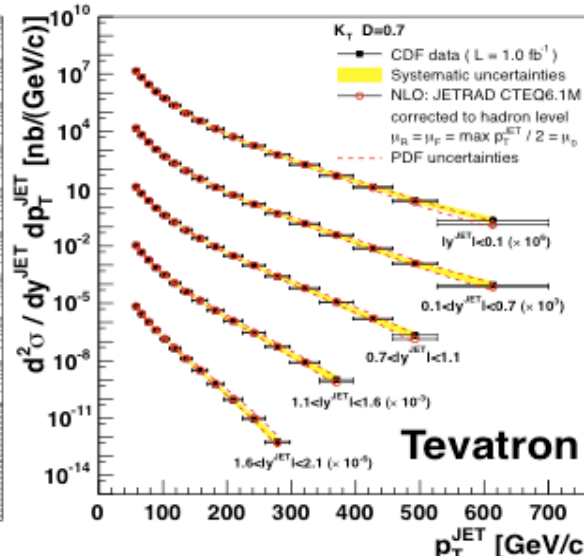
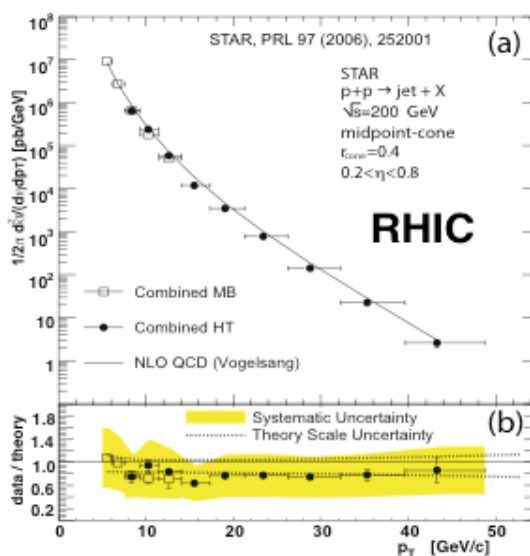
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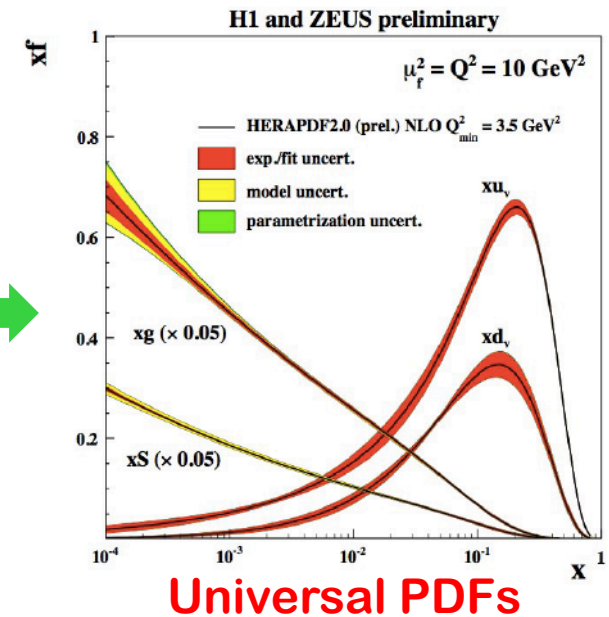
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□ The “BIG” question(s)

Why these PDFs behave as what have been extracted from the fits?

What have been tested is the evolution from  $\mu_1$  to  $\mu_2$

But, does not explain why they have the shape to start with!

Can QCD calculate and predict the shape of PDFs at the input scale, and other parton correlation functions?

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“OPE without OPE” (Chambers et al. 2017), Hadronic tensor (Liu et al. 1994, ...), ...

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*Need a UV renormalization scheme:*

See Y.Q Ma's talk

- ✧ Easy to be implemented non-perturbatively, as well as perturbatively
- ✧ Need to be both IR and CO insensitive!

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with

$d_j$  : Dimension of the current

$Z_j$  : Renormalization constant of the current

Sample currents:

$$j_S(\xi) = \xi^2 Z_S^{-1} [\bar{\psi}_q \psi_q](\xi),$$

$$j_V(\xi) = \xi Z_V^{-1} [\bar{\psi}_q \gamma \cdot \xi \psi_q](\xi),$$

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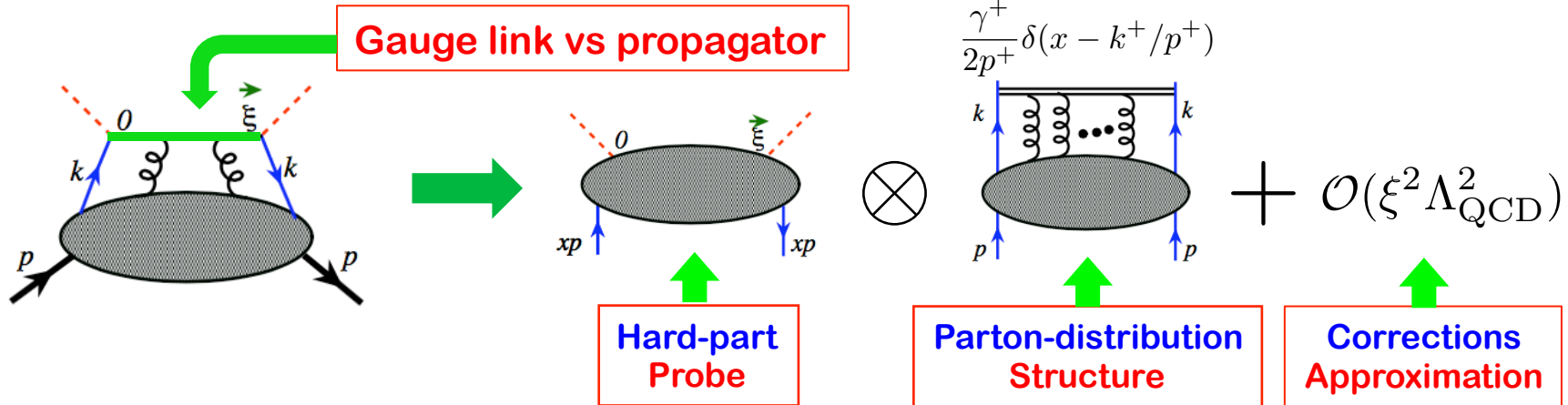
$$j_G(\xi) = \xi^3 Z_G^{-1} [-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^c F_{\mu\nu}^c](\xi), \dots$$

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- ✧ Harder to calculate in lattice QCD, ...

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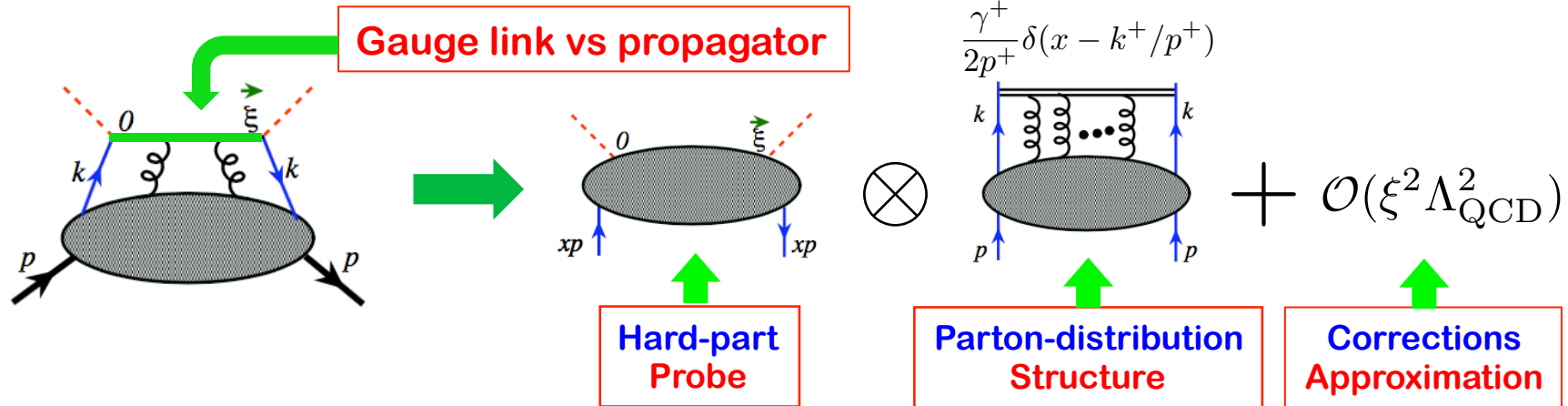
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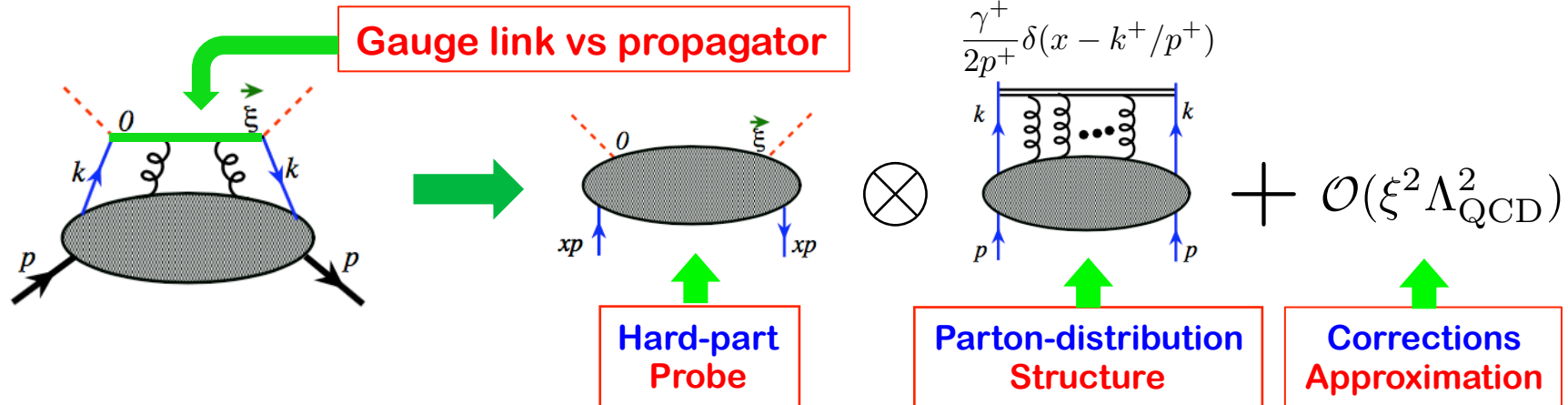
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## Complementarity and advantages:

- ✧ Complementary to existing approaches for analyzing exp data, large  $x$ , ...
- ✧ Complementary between different “lattice cross sections”, ...
- ✧ Have tremendous potentials:

*Neutron PDFs, ... (no free neutron target!)*

*Meson PDFs, such as pion, ...*

*More direct access to gluons – gluonic current, quark flavor, ...*

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$$= \sum_{i=0}^{[J/2]} C_{J-i}^i(\omega)^{J-2i} (-P^2 \xi^2 / 4)^i$$

**No approximation yet!**

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- ✧ That is,  $\sigma_n$  remains to be an analytic function of  $\omega$  unless  $\omega = \infty$

**Factorization holds for any finite value of  $\omega$  and  $p^2 \xi^2$ , if  $\xi$  is short-distance**

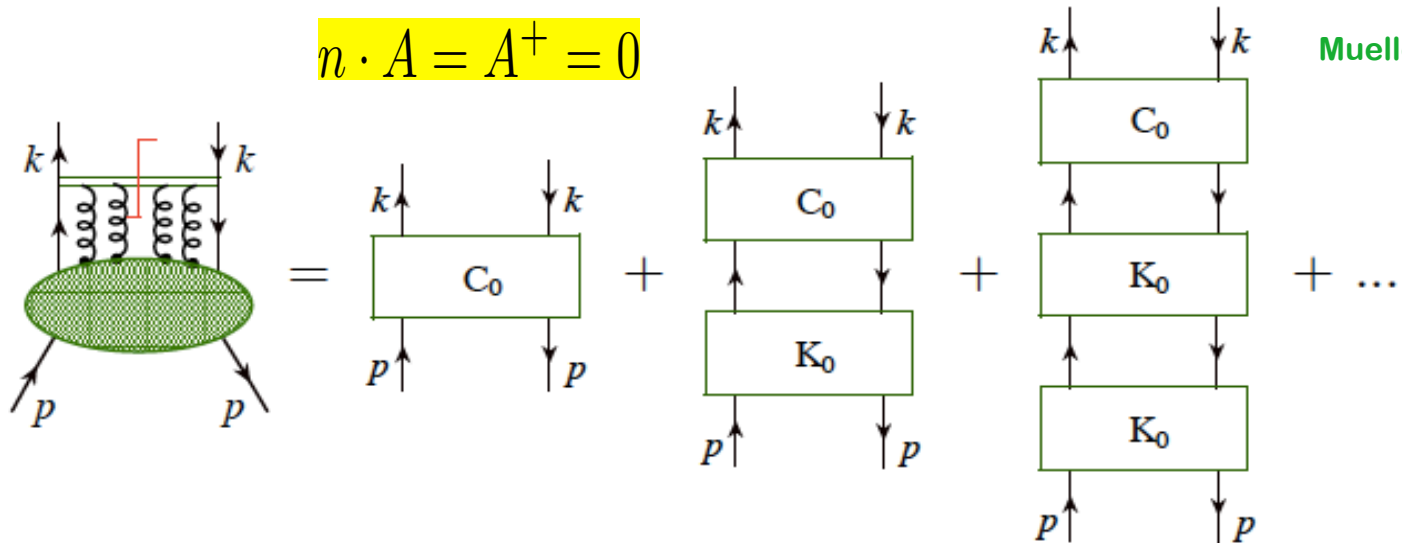
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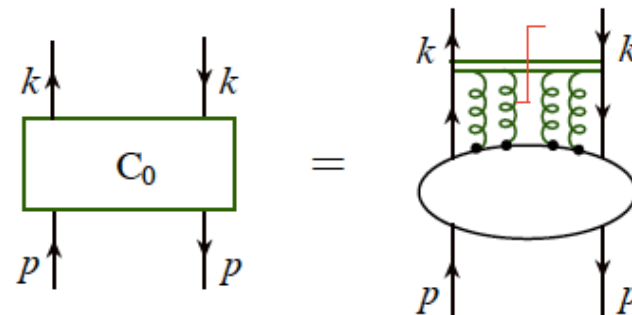
$$n \cdot A = A^+ = 0$$

Mueller, PRD 1974



## $C_0, K_0$ : 2PI kernels

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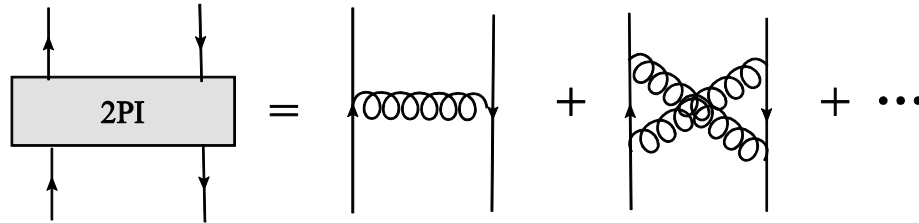
✧ 2PI are finite in a physical gauge for fixed  $k$  and  $p$ :

Ellis, Georgi, Machacek, Politzer, Ross, 1978, 1979

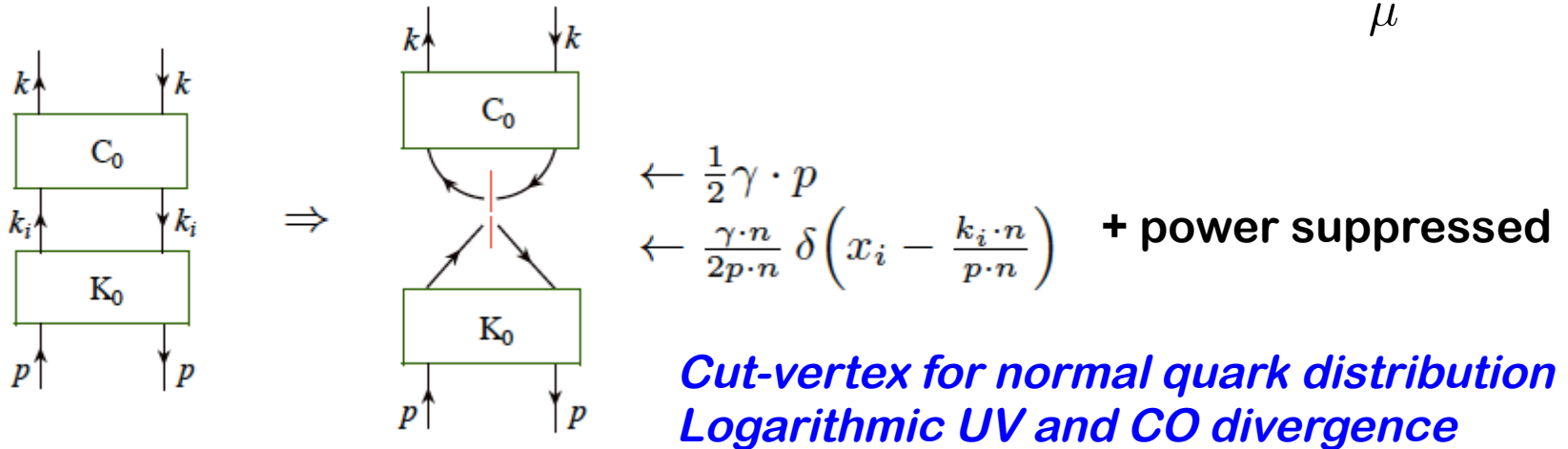
*Arguments valid on if UV divergences are multiplicatively renormalizable*

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## □ 2PI kernels – Diagrams:



## □ Ordering in virtuality: $P^2 \ll k^2 \lesssim \tilde{\mu}^2$ – Leading power in $\frac{1}{\tilde{\mu}}$



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$$K \equiv \int d^4 k_i \delta\left(x_i - \frac{k^+}{p^+}\right) \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\gamma \cdot n}{2 p \cdot n} K_0 \frac{\gamma \cdot p}{2} \right] + \text{UVCT}_{\text{Logarithmic}}$$

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*UV finite?*

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- Not to be sensitive to the hadron state, especially, its CO behavior

*Need to be both IR and CO insensitive – it is a choice*

e.g., Pseudo-PDFs suppress certain power correction

V. Braun's  
talk:

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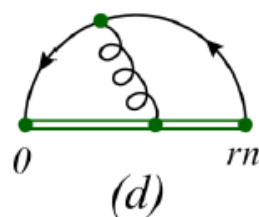
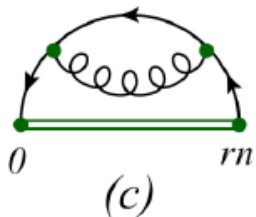
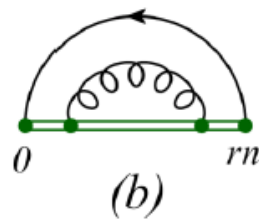
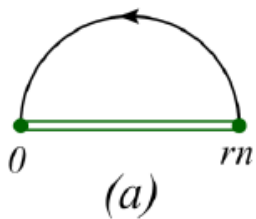
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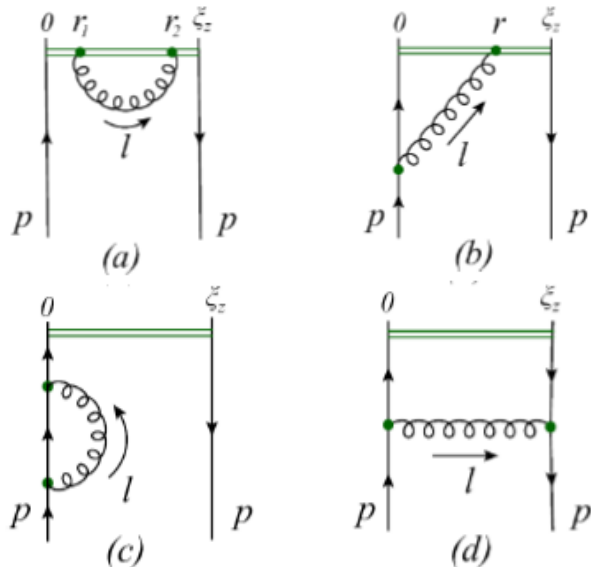
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$$H_q^\nu(x\omega, \xi^2, \mu_f^2) = \frac{i\xi^\nu}{-\xi^2} H_1(x\omega, \mu_f^2) + xp^\nu H_2(x\omega, \mu_f^2)$$

$H_1$  and  $H_2$  are given in Y.Q. Ma's talk

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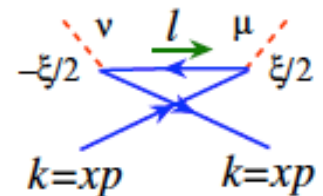
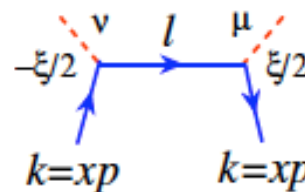
✧ Lowest order coefficient functions:

$$C_1^{q(0)}(\omega, \xi^2; x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} x (e^{ix\omega} + e^{-ix\omega})$$

$$C_2^{q(0)}(\omega, \xi^2) = 0.$$

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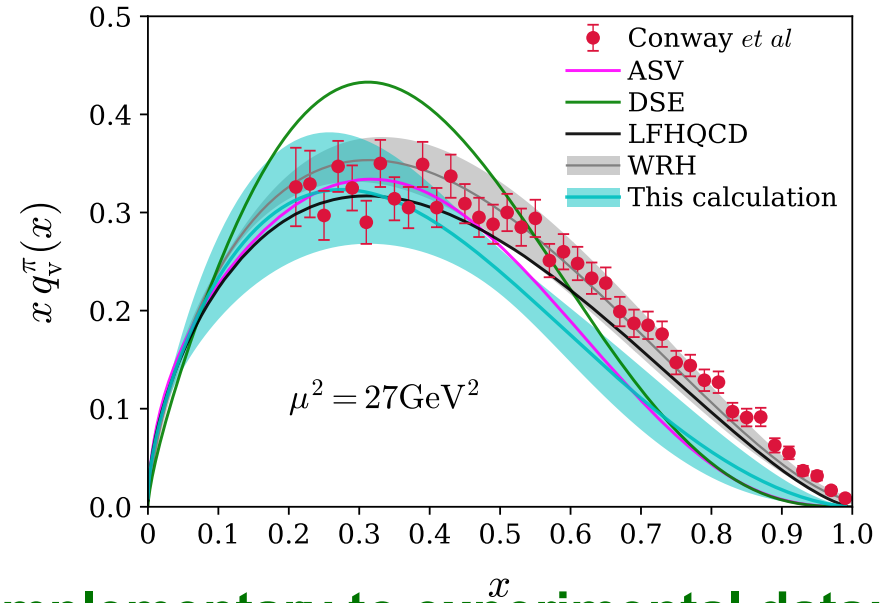
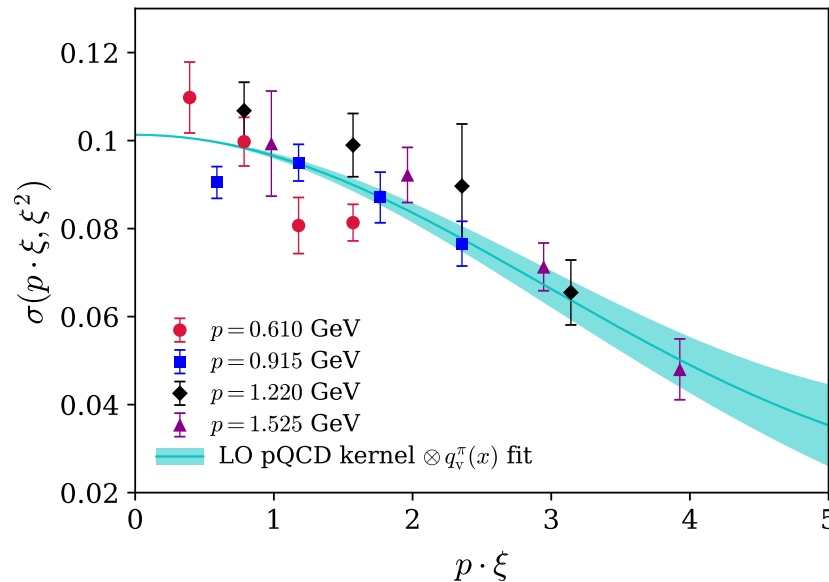
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✧ Lattice QCD calculation results with 1-loop matching coefficient

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## □ First lattice QCD calculation of pion PDFs:

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See Sufian's talk



## □ Global analysis of LQCD data – complementary to experimental data:

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LQCD calculable

Global analyses

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# Summary and outlook

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calculable in Lattice QCD, renormalizable + factorizable in QCD

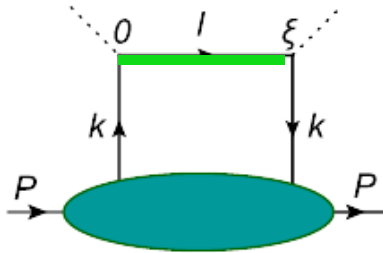
Going beyond the quasi-parton operators

- Extract PDFs by global analysis of data of “Lattice x-sections”

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$$\text{with } f_a(x, \mu^2) = -f_a(-x, \mu^2)$$

- Conservation of difficulties – an example:



Use heavy-light flavor changing current to suppress noise from the middle propagator:

$$\Rightarrow f_q(x, \mu^2) + f_Q(x, \mu^2) \approx f_q(x, \mu^2) \quad \text{if } m_Q \sim \mu$$

*No free-lunch! But, we are trying to find a better way to get our lunch!*

- Lattice QCD can be used to study hadron structure, but, more works are needed!

Thank you!