

# Pion and Kaon Distribution from Lattice QCD

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All quarks have a flavor. Yum! Haha, not that kind of flavor.

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# HUEY-WEN LIN

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# *Outline*

§ Brief LaMET Introduction with PDF Examples

§ Pion and Kaon PDFs and Pion GPD

H. Lin et al., 2003.14128; J. Chen, HL, J. Zhang, 1904.12376

§ Pion and Kaon Distribution Amplitudes

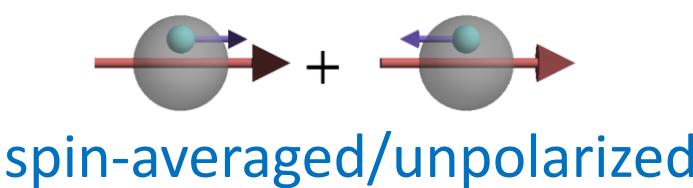
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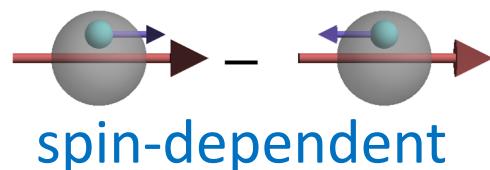
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§ Traditional lattice calculations rely on operator product expansion, only provide moments



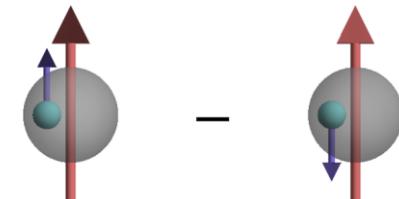
$$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_q = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x)$$

most well known



$$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_{\Delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} \Delta q(x)$$

longitudinally polarized



$$\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_{\delta q} = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} \delta q(x)$$

transversely polarized

very poorly known

§ True distribution can only be recovered with all moments

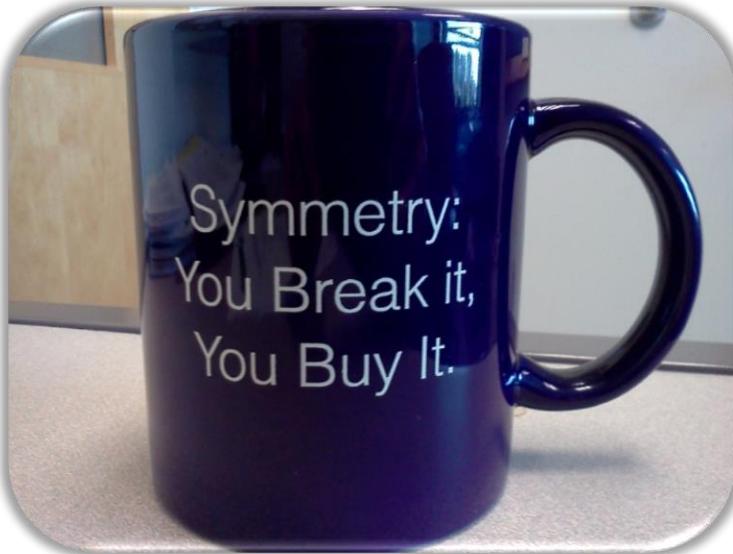
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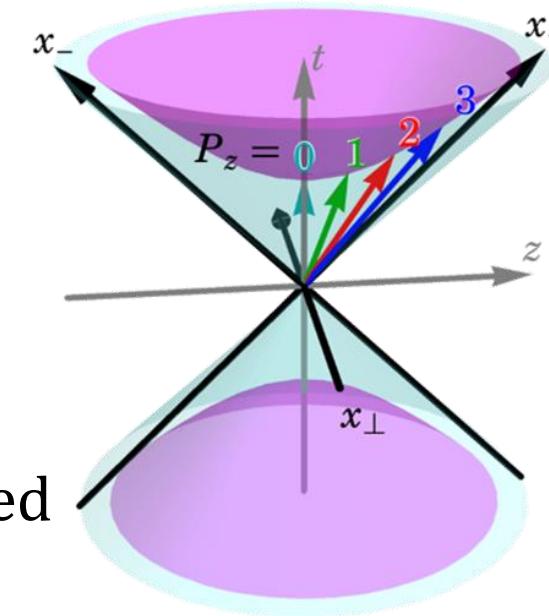
§ New Strategy: Xiangdong Ji, PRL 111, 039103 (2013);

## § Adopt lightcone description for PDFs

## § Calculate finite-boost quark distribution

- ❖ In  $P_z \rightarrow \infty$  limit, parton distribution recovered
- ❖ For finite  $P_z$ , corrections are applied through effective theory

## § Feasible with today's resources!



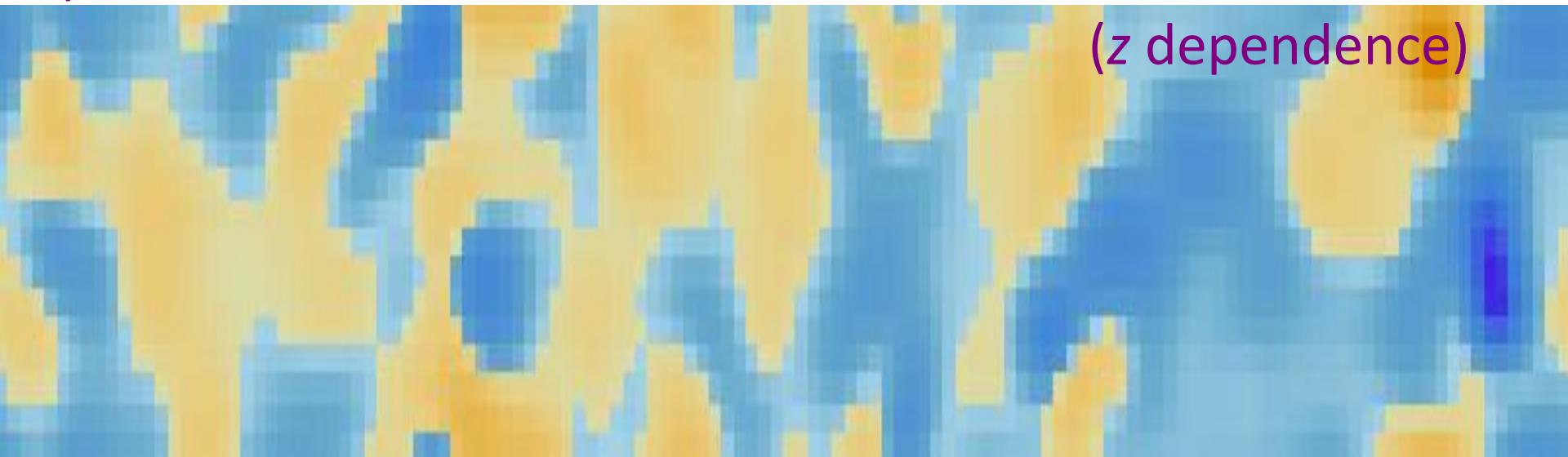
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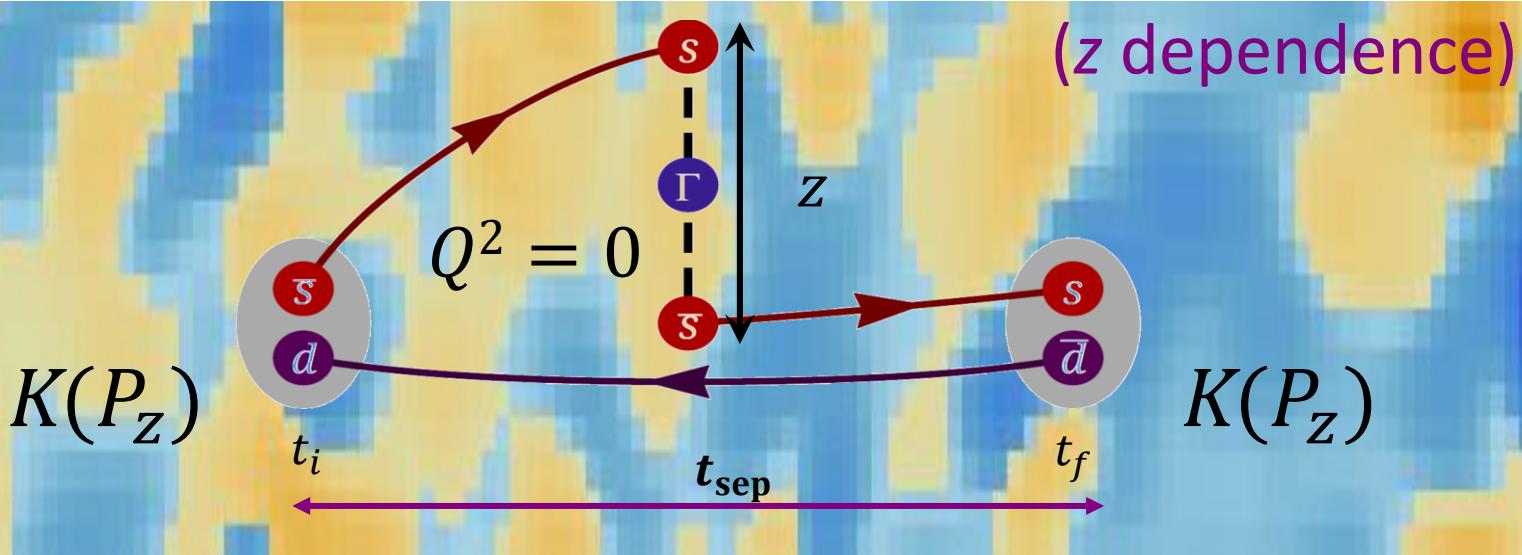
See the talk by David Richard (Wednesday) for a nice overview of other lattice x-dependent methods

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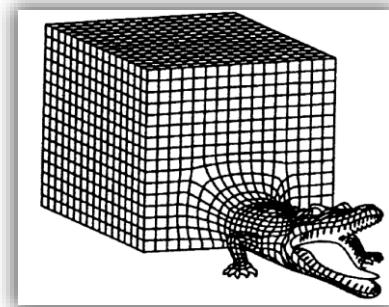
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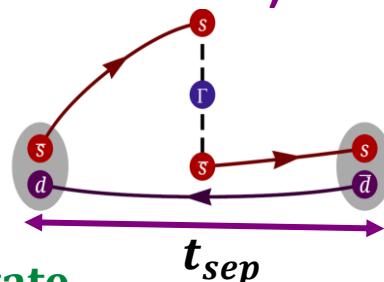
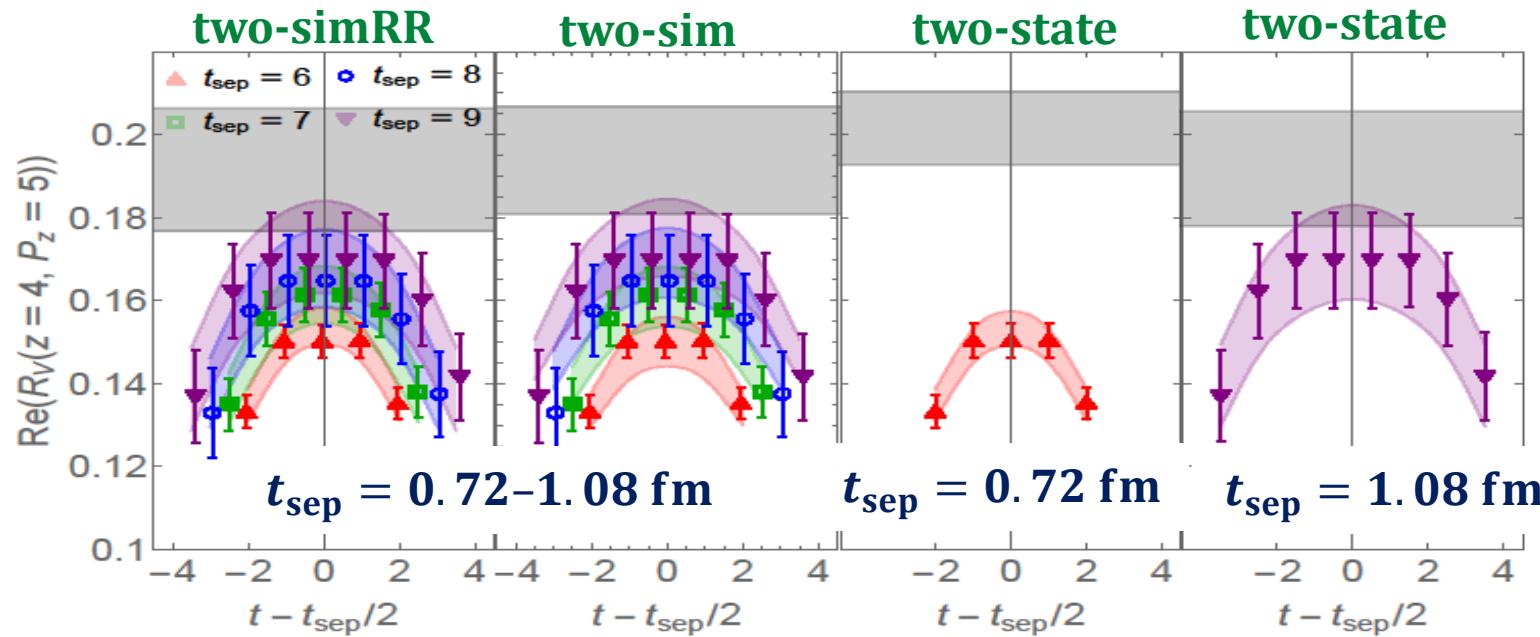
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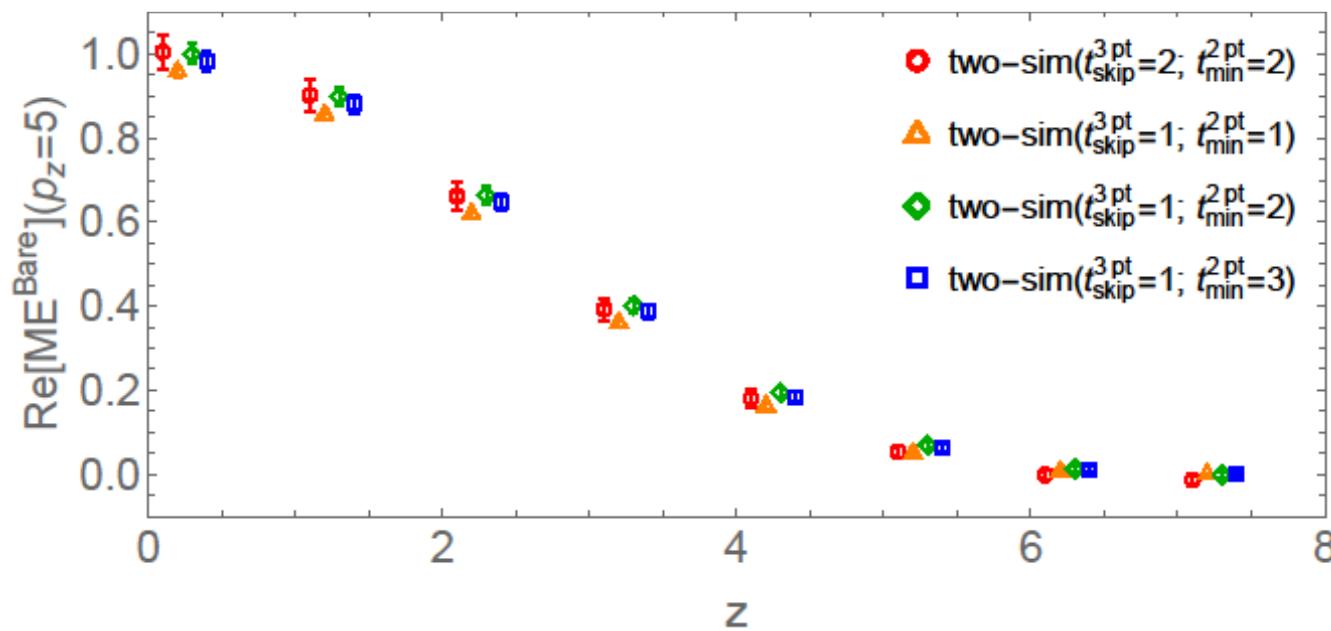
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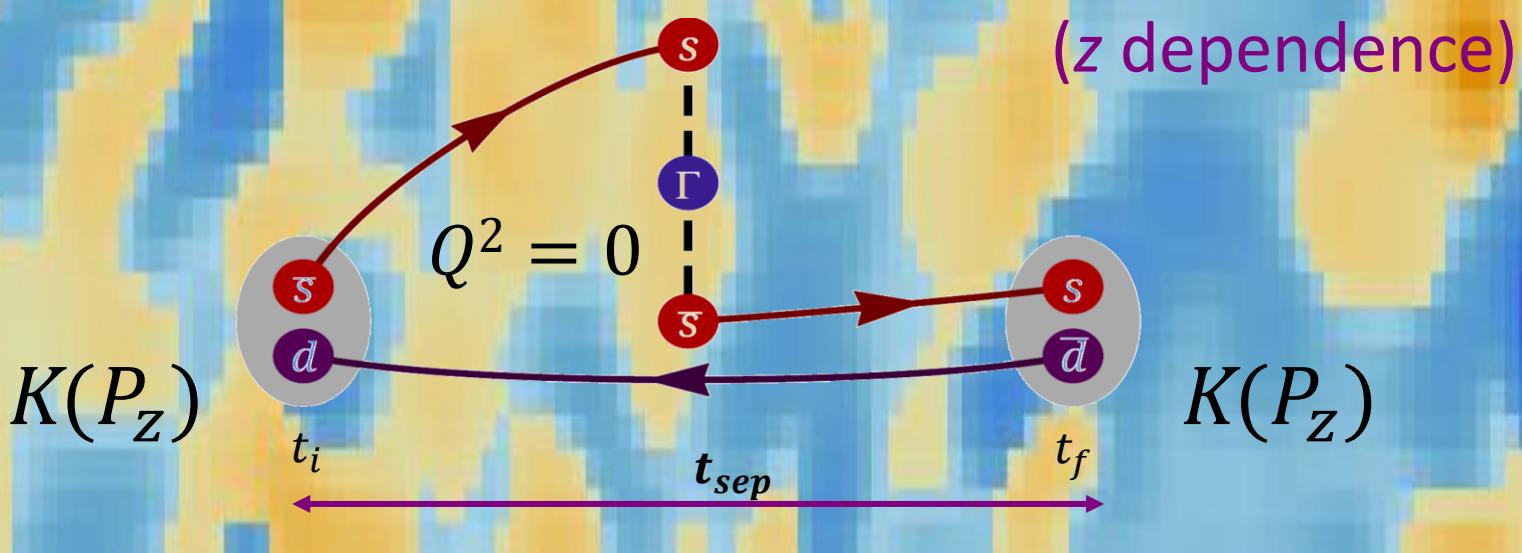


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## § Systematic uncertainty (nonzero $a$ , finite $L$ , etc.)

- ❖ Excited-state removal; nonperturbative renorm.
- ❖ Extrapolation to the continuum limit

$$(m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phys}}, L \rightarrow \infty, a \rightarrow 0)$$



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(z dependence)
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$x = k_z/P_z$  lattice z coordinate      product of lattice gauge links

hadron momentum  $P_\mu = \{P_t, 0, 0, P_z\}$

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3) Recover true distribution (take  $P_z \rightarrow \infty$  limit)

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} Z\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{P_z}\right) \mathbf{q}(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}(M_N^2/P_z^2) + \left(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_z^2\right)$$

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

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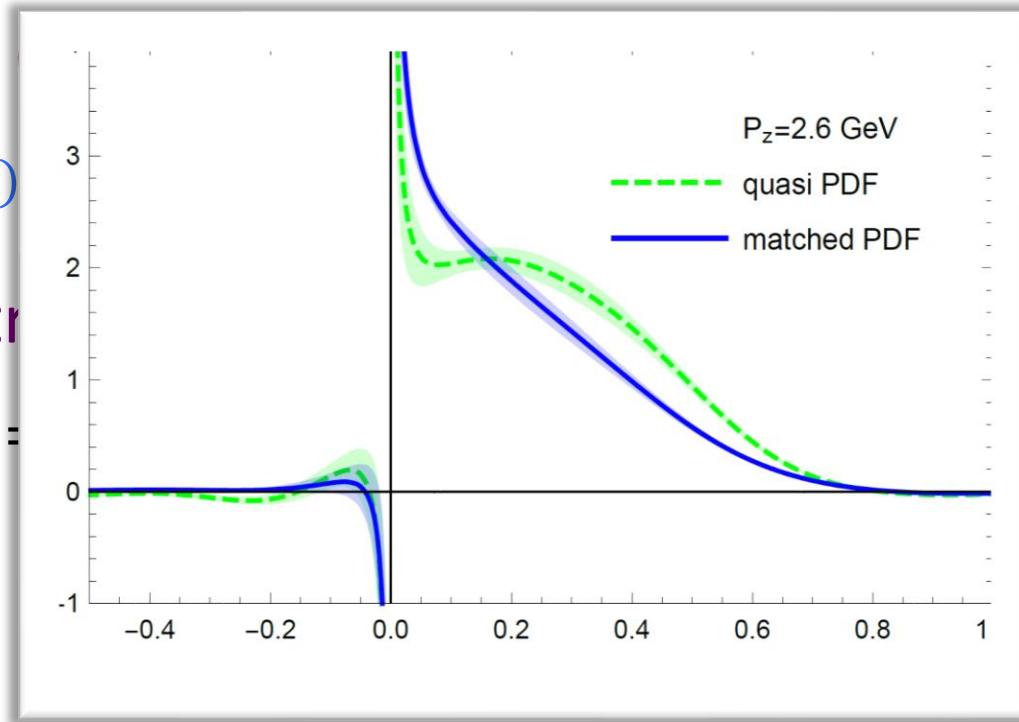
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$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_z)$$

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$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_z) =$$



$$\left. (z') \right] \psi(0) \left| P \right\rangle \\ + \left( \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 / P_z^2 \right)$$

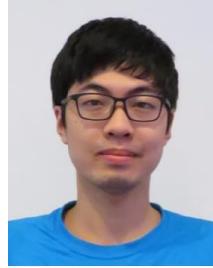
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§ Matching is a crucial step in recovering the true lightcone distribution

# *New Results on Meson Structure*



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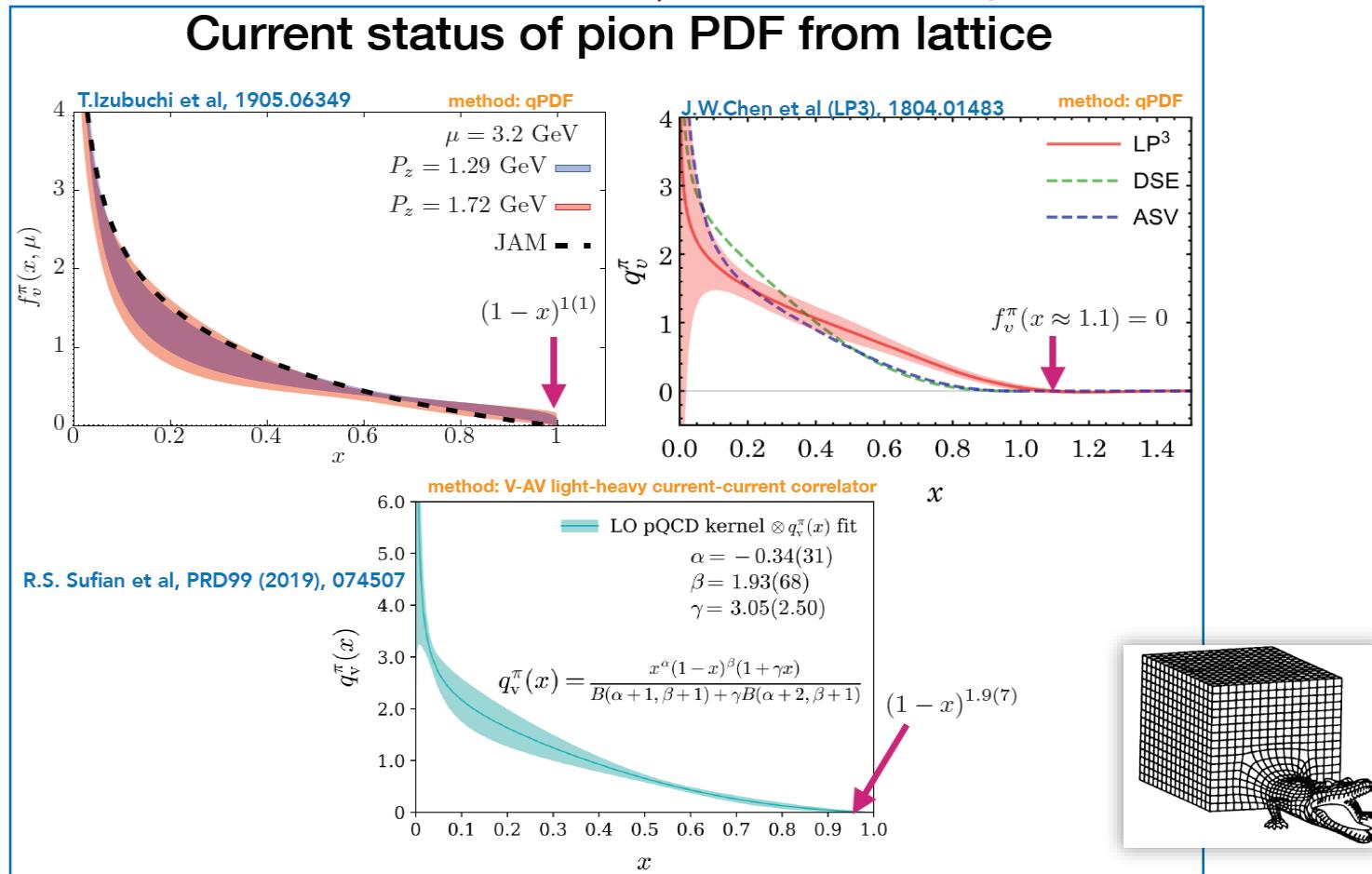
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# Pion Valence-Quark PDF

## § Status as of Summer 2019 Slide by Nikhil Karthik @ Lattice 2019

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



## § Single-ensemble calculation

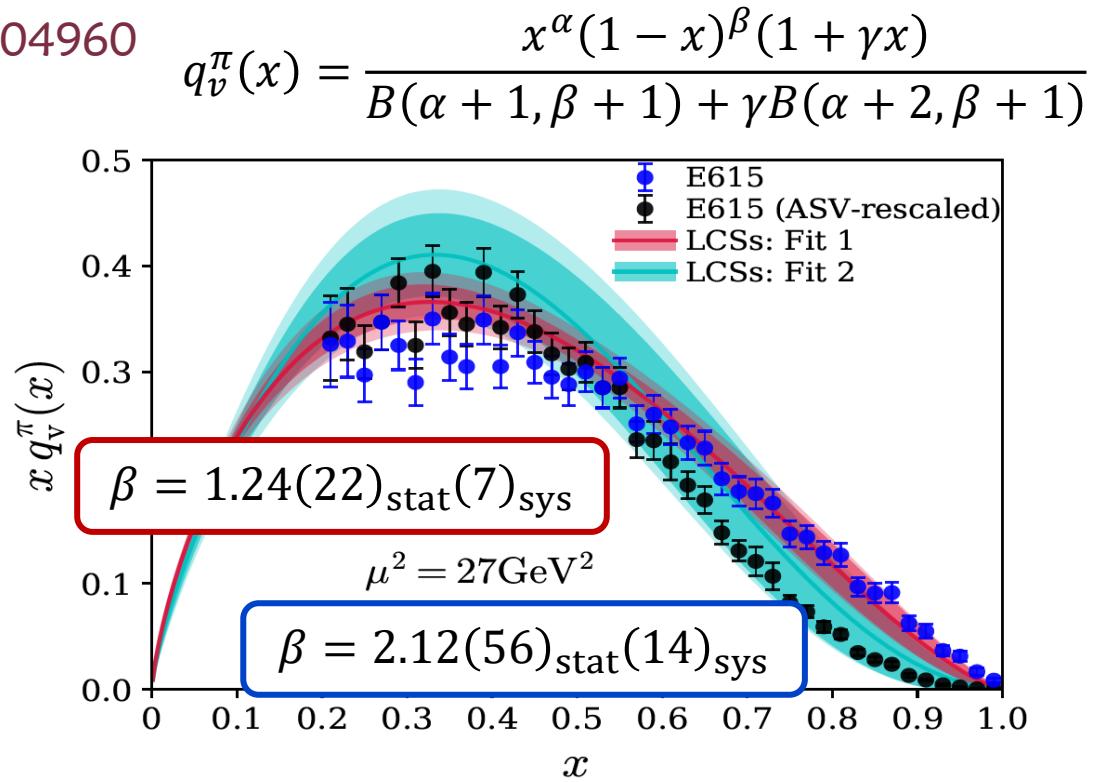
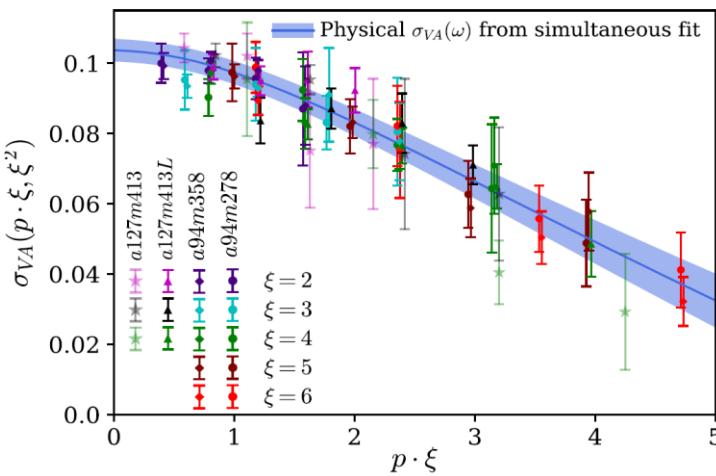
❖ Non-physical pion mass, single lattice spacing, single volume

# Pion Valence-Quark PDF

## § Results from JLab-W&M/LCS method

- ❖  $M_\pi = 278, 358, 413$  MeV with  $a = 0.094, 0.127$  fm
- ❖ Extrapolated to physical limit (shown as blue band)
- ❖ Renormalized  $Z_{V,A}$  in RI/MOM, matched to  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ , run to 27 GeV $^2$

R. S. Sufian, et al, 2001.04960

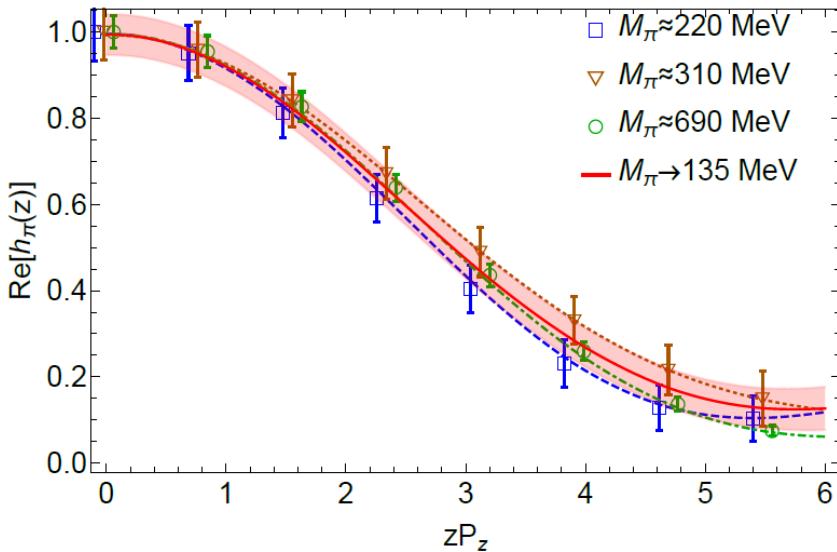


# Pion Valence-Quark PDF

## § Results from MSULat/quasi-PDF method

- ❖  $M_\pi = 220, 310, 790$  MeV with  $a = 0.06, 0.12$  fm
- ❖ Extrapolated to physical limit (shown as pink/green band)
- ❖ Renormalized in RI/MOM, matched to  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ , run to 27 GeV $^2$

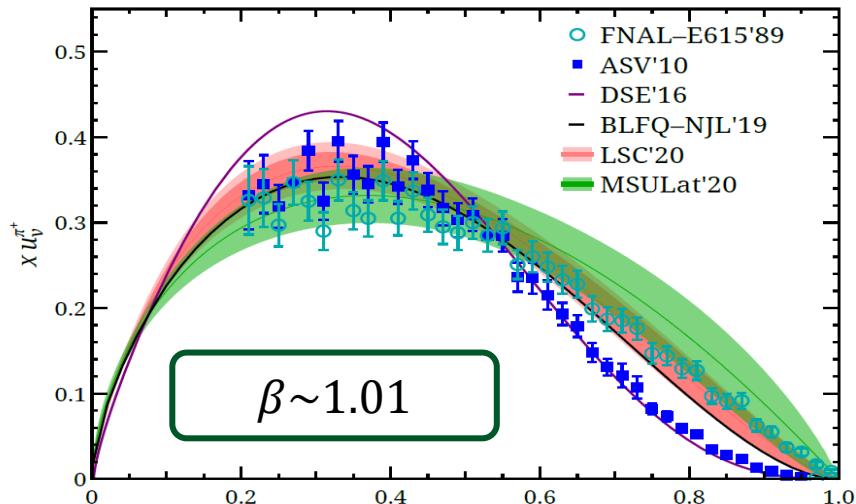
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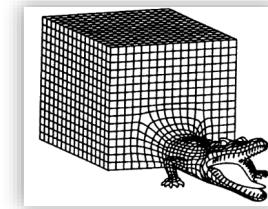
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# Pion Gluon PDF

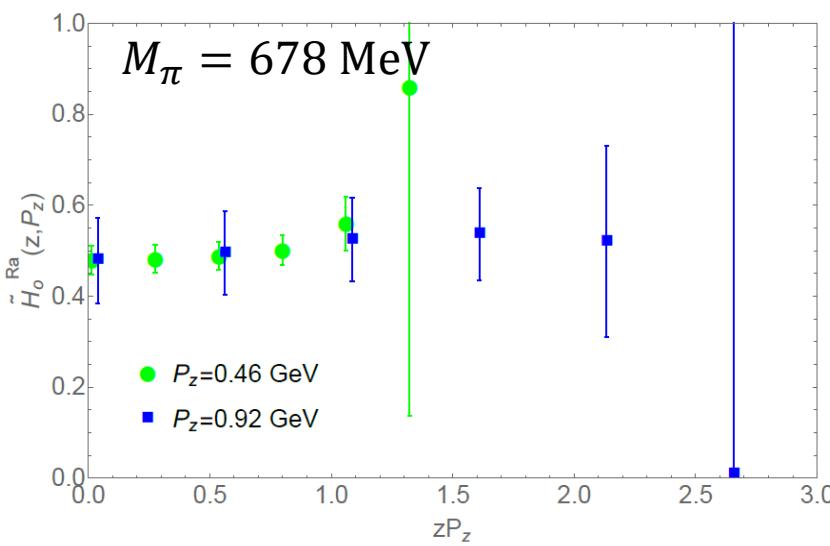
## § Pioneering first glimpse into pion gluon PDF using LaMET

- ❖ Promising results using coordinate-space comparison,  
but signal does not go far in  $z$

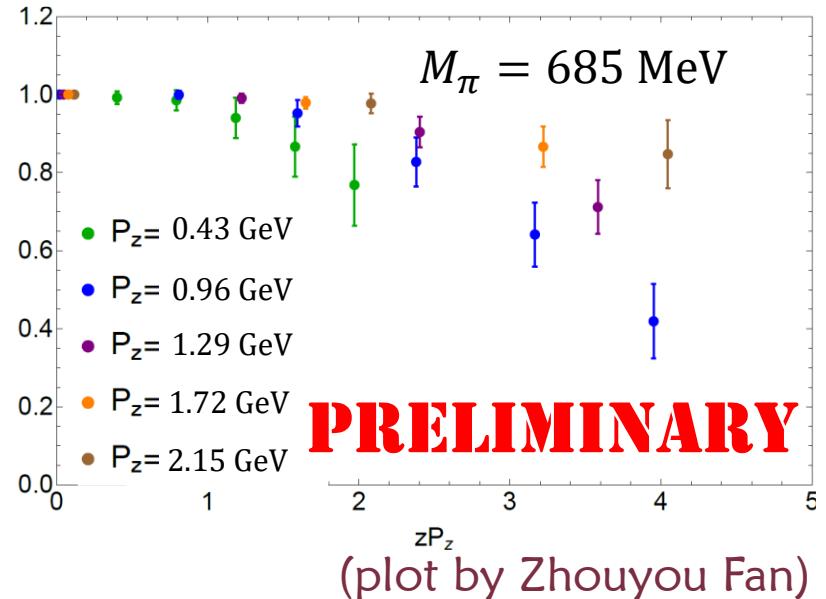


Fan. et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 121,  
242001 (2018)

- ❖ Lattice calculation #1:  
overlap/2+1DWF, 0.16fm, 340-MeV sea pion mass



- ❖ Lattice calculation #2:  
clover/2+1+1 HISQ 0.15fm, 310-MeV sea pion mass with increased momenta (normalized by  $\langle x \rangle_g$ )



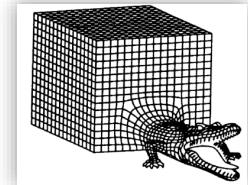
# First Lattice GPDs

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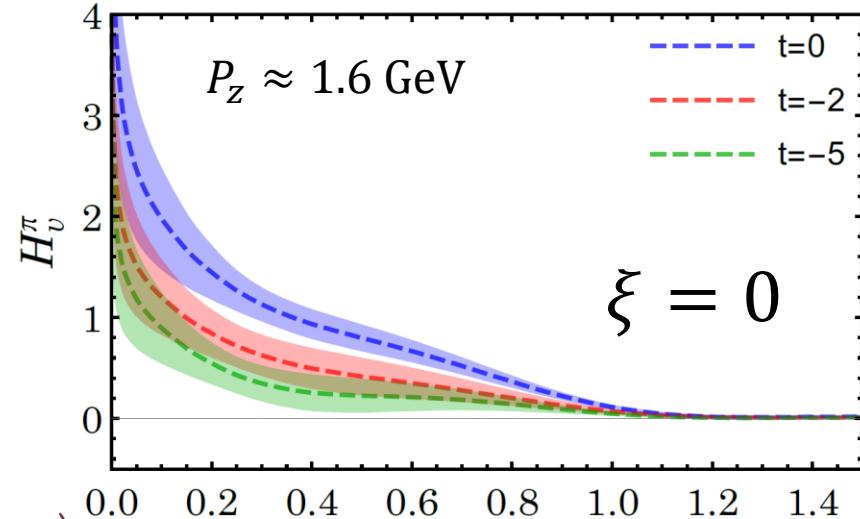
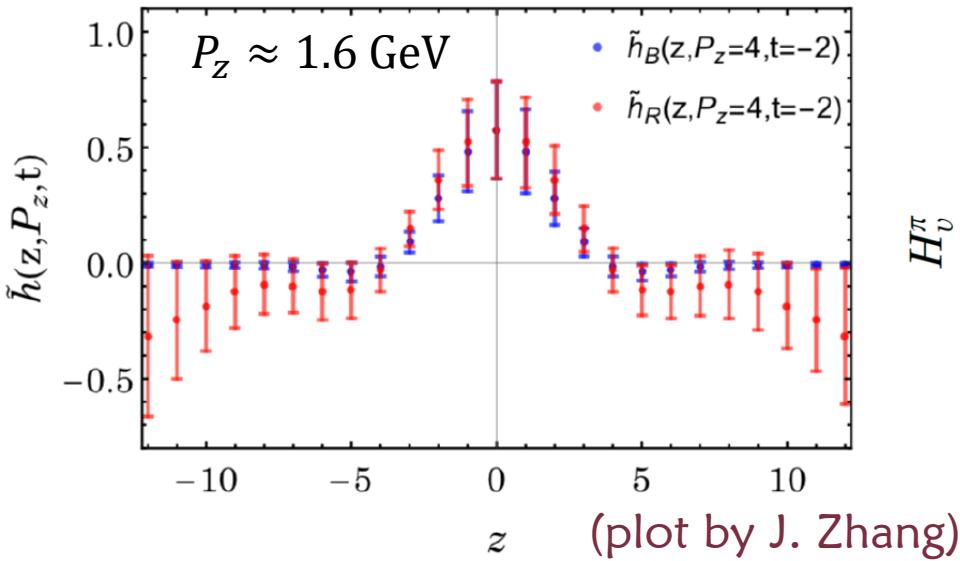
❖ Lattice details: clover/HISQ, 0.12fm, **310-MeV** pion mass

$$P_z \approx 1.3, 1.6 \text{ GeV}$$

J. Chen, HL, J. Zhang, 1904.12376



$$H_q^\pi(x, \xi, t, \mu) = \int \frac{d\eta^-}{4\pi} e^{-ix\eta^- P^+} \left\langle \pi(P + \Delta/2) \left| \bar{q} \left( \frac{\eta^-}{2} \right) \gamma^+ \Gamma \left( \frac{\eta^-}{2}, -\frac{\eta^-}{2} \right) q \left( -\frac{\eta^-}{2} \right) \right| \pi(P - \Delta/2) \right\rangle$$

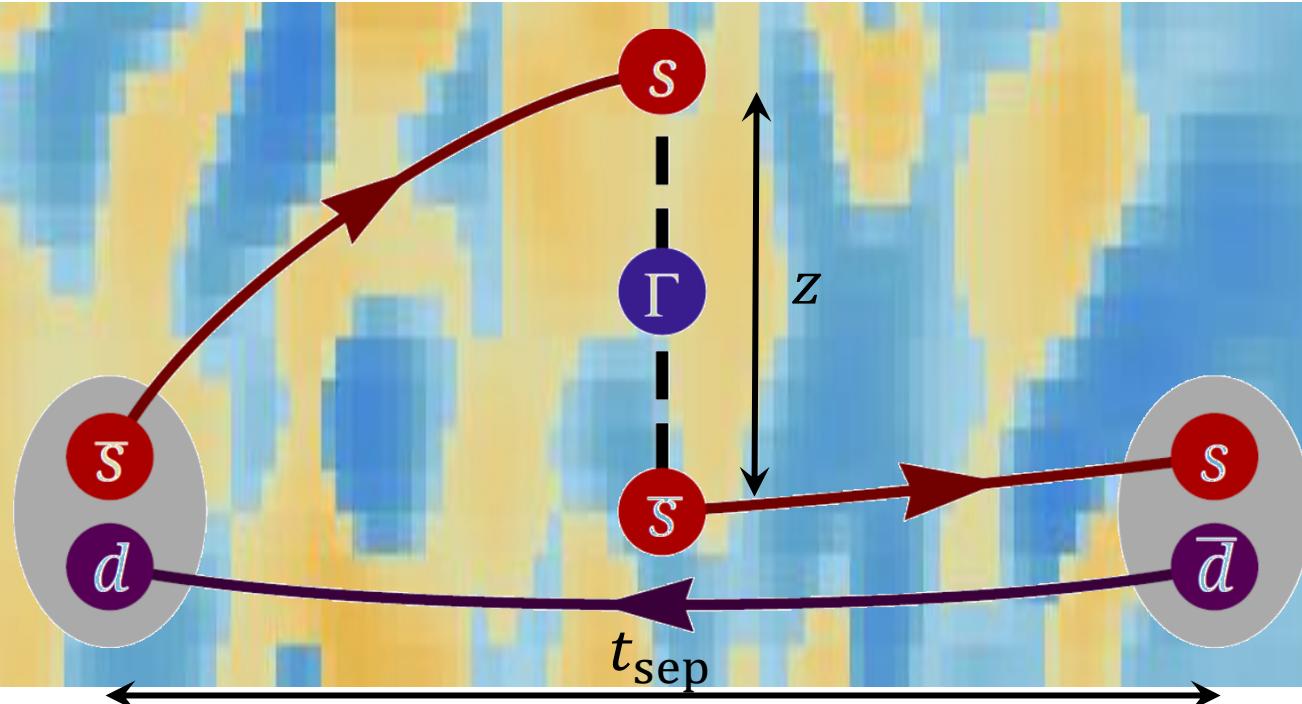


See talk by Colin Egerer, Raza Sufian ( $x$  Friday)

# First Kaon PDFs

## § The first study of $x$ -dependent kaon PDF on the lattice

- ❖  $M_\pi \in \{220, 310, 690 (\eta_s)\} \text{ MeV}$
- ❖  $a = 0.06, 0.12 \text{ fm}$
- ❖  $M_\pi^{\min} L = 5.5$
- ❖  $t_{\text{sep}} = 0.72\text{--}1.08 \text{ fm}$

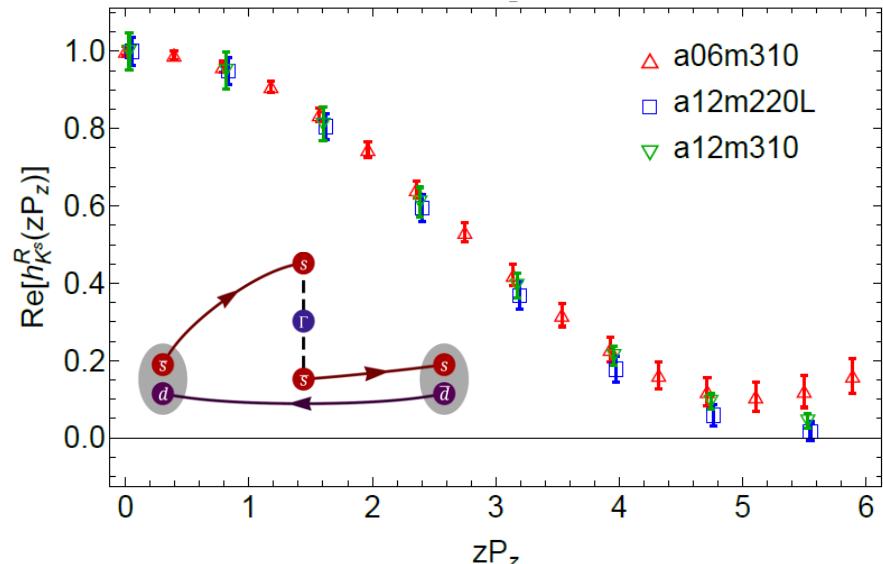
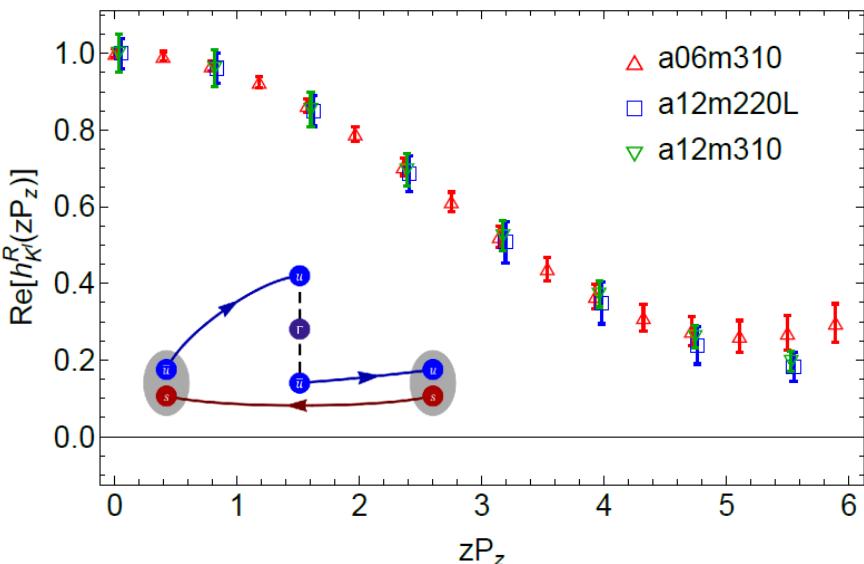


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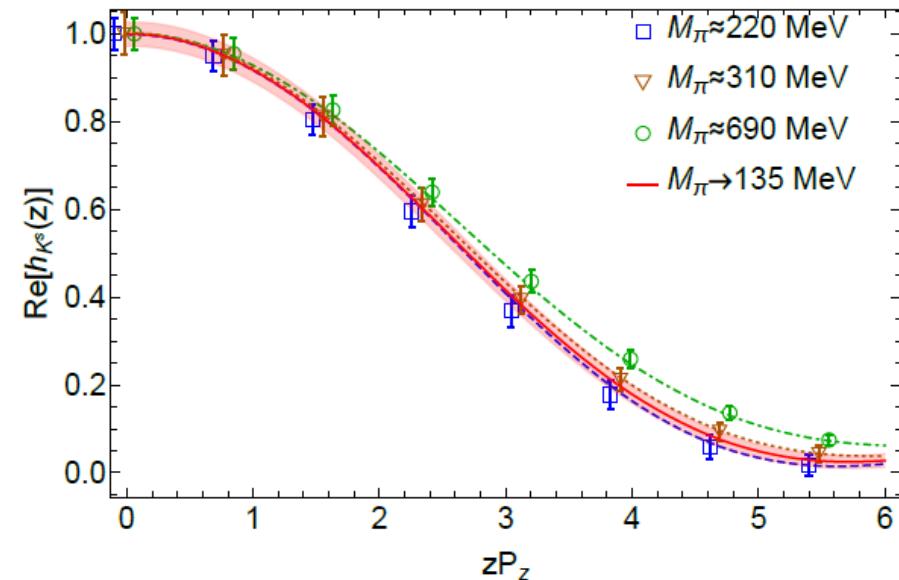
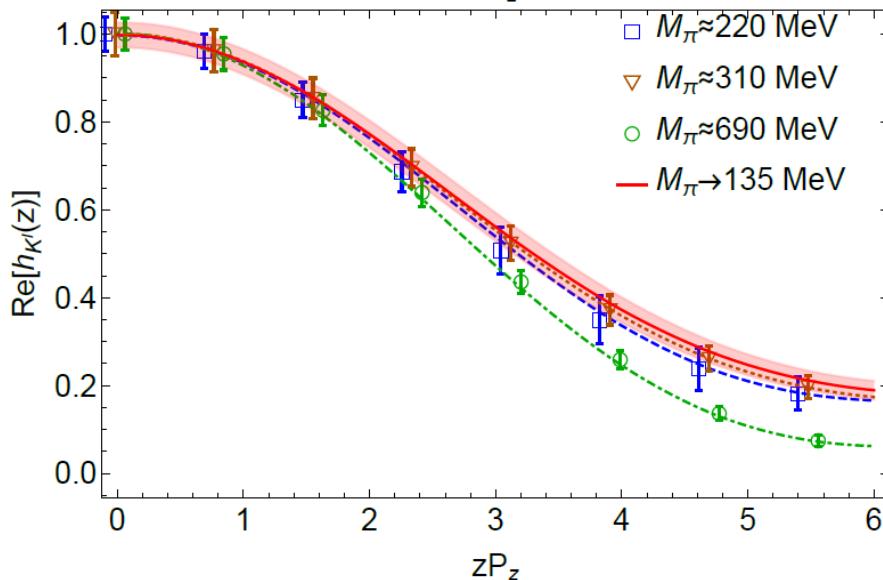
## § Mild dependence on the lattice spacing and pion masses

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❖ Extrapolate to physical limit (shown as pink band)



## § Combine with matching to yield MS results

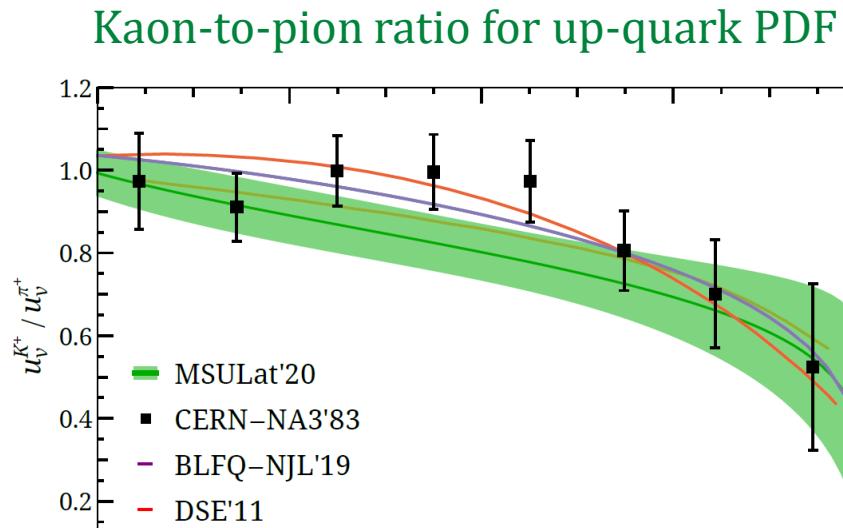
(plot by Rui Zhang)



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## § LaMET steps 2 & 3: Extracting the lightcone distribution from the physical-limit lattice matrix elements

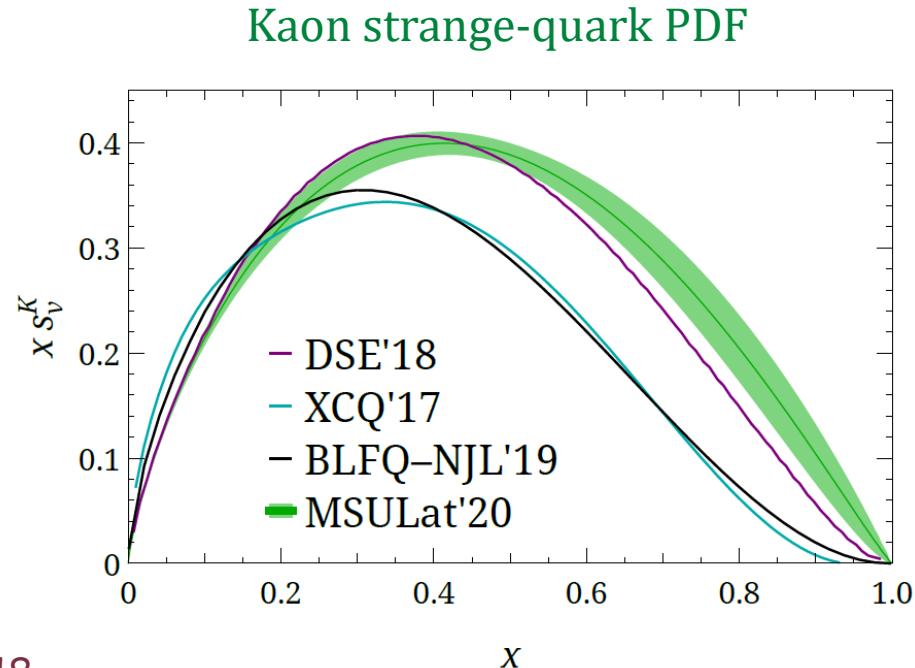
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XCQ'17: A. Watanabe et al, PRD97, 074015 (2018)

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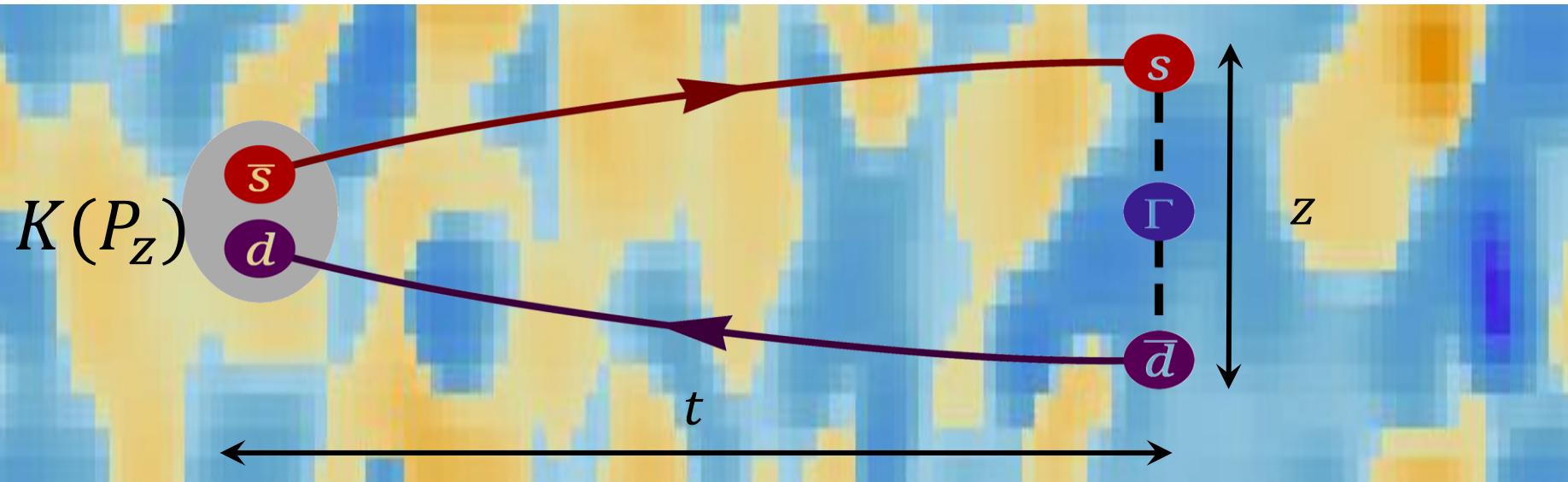
## § The first continuum-limit study of $x$ -dependent meson DA on the lattice

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❖  $a \in \{0.06, 0.09, 0.12\} \text{ fm}$

❖  $M_\pi^{\min} L = 4.5$

$$C_M^{\text{DA}}(z, P, t) = \left\langle 0 \left| \int d^3y e^{i \vec{P} \cdot \vec{y}} \bar{\psi}_1(\vec{y}, t) \gamma_z \gamma_5 U(\vec{y}, \vec{y} + z \hat{z}) \psi_2(\vec{y} + z \hat{z}, t) \bar{\psi}_2(0,0) \gamma_5 \psi_1(0,0) \right| 0 \right\rangle$$

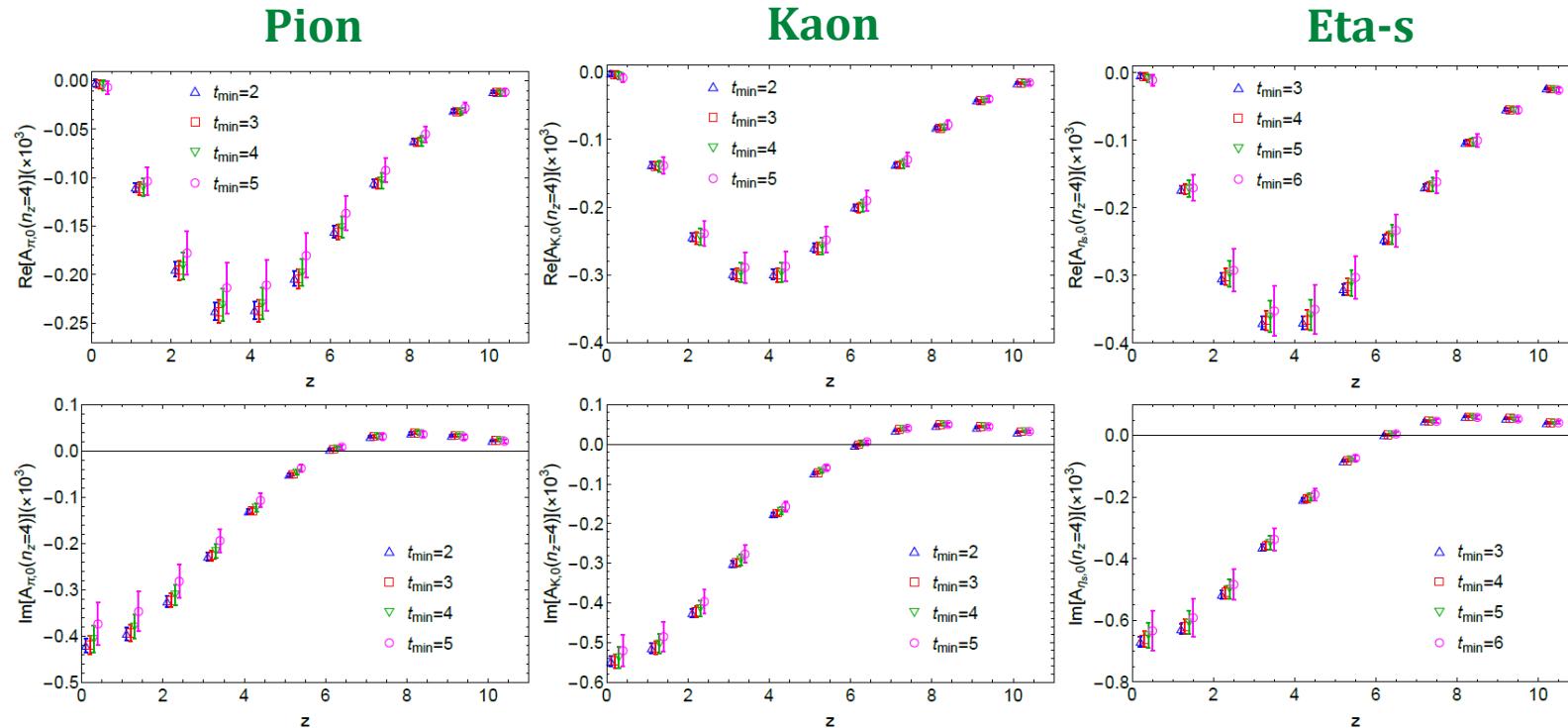


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Systematics: stability in extracting matrix elements

≈  $a = 0.06$  fm, 310-MeV ensemble example

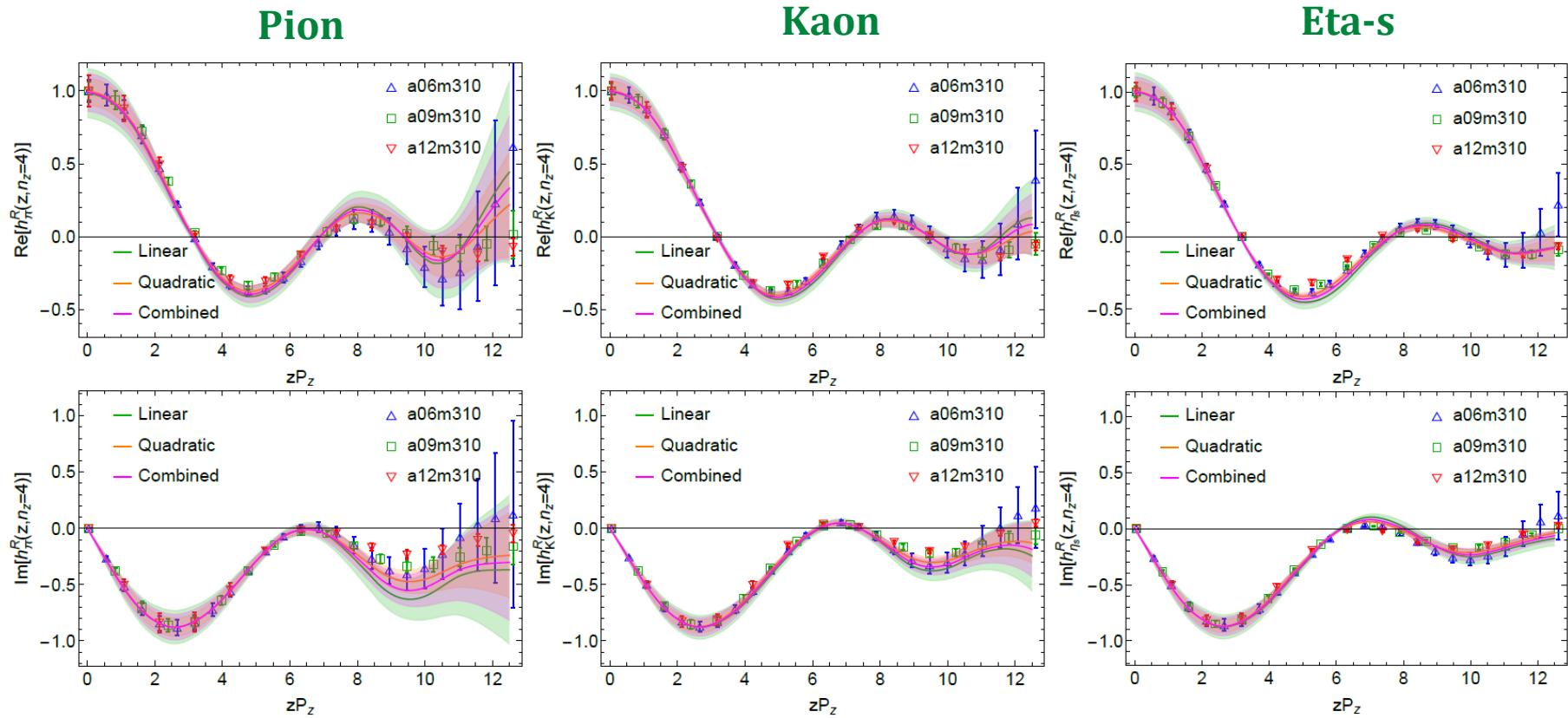


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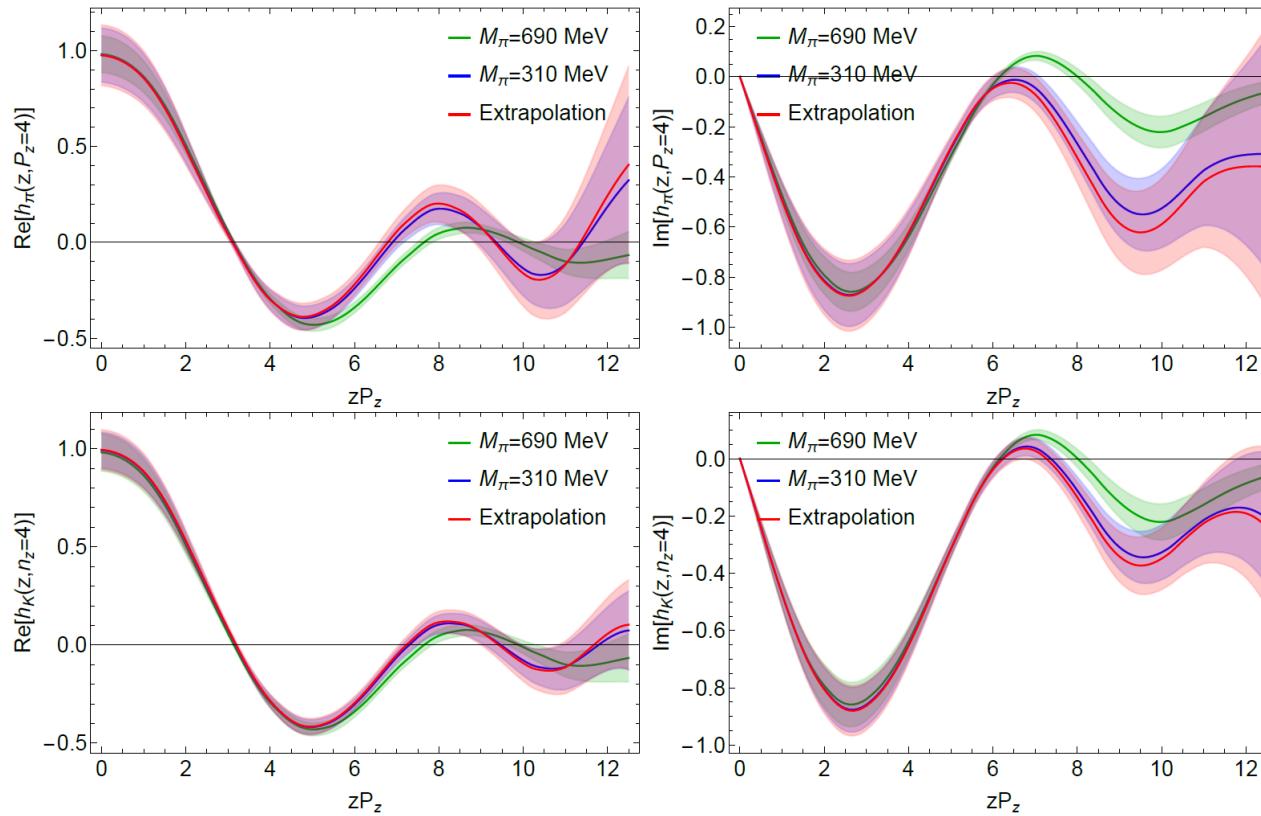
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Pion



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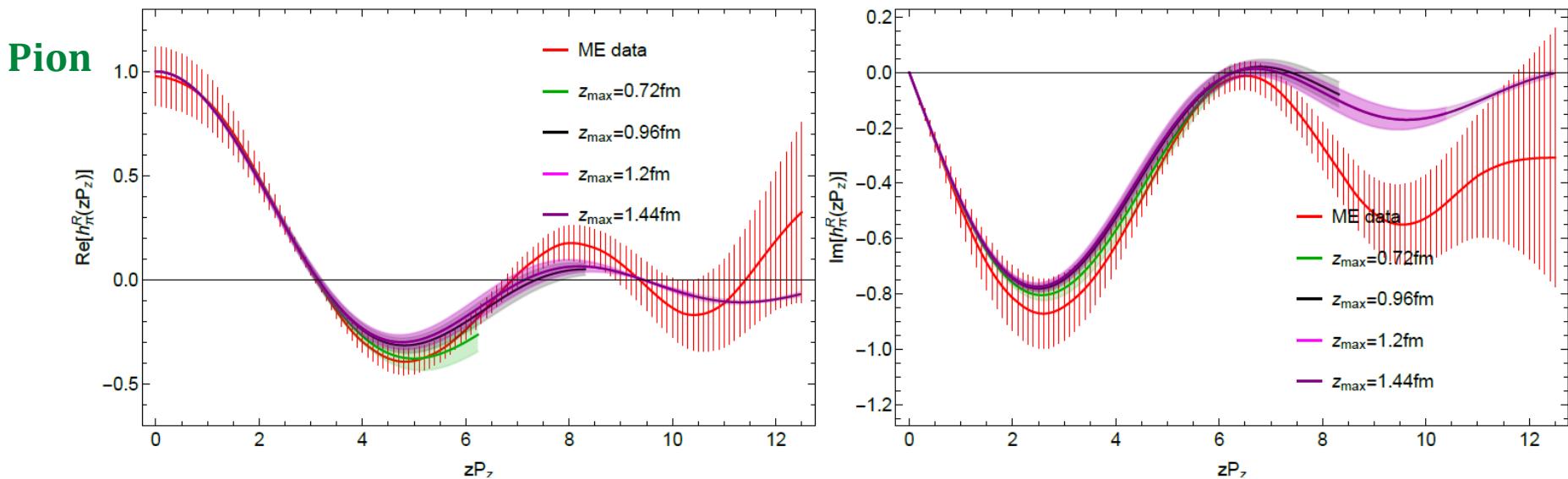
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## § Extract the DA distribution from the physical-continuum matrix elements

R. Zhang et al. (MSULat), 2005.13955

$$h(z, \mu^R, p_z^R, P_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{i(1-x)zP_z} \int_0^1 dy C\left(x, y, \left(\frac{\mu^R}{p_z^R}\right)^2, \frac{P_z}{\mu^R}, \frac{P_z}{p_z^R}\right) f_{m,n}(y)$$
$$f_{m,n}(x) = \frac{1}{B(m+1, n+1)} x^m (1-x)^n$$
$$B(m+1, n+1) = \int_0^1 dx x^m (1-x)^n$$

❖ 1<sup>st</sup> method: fit to the functional form



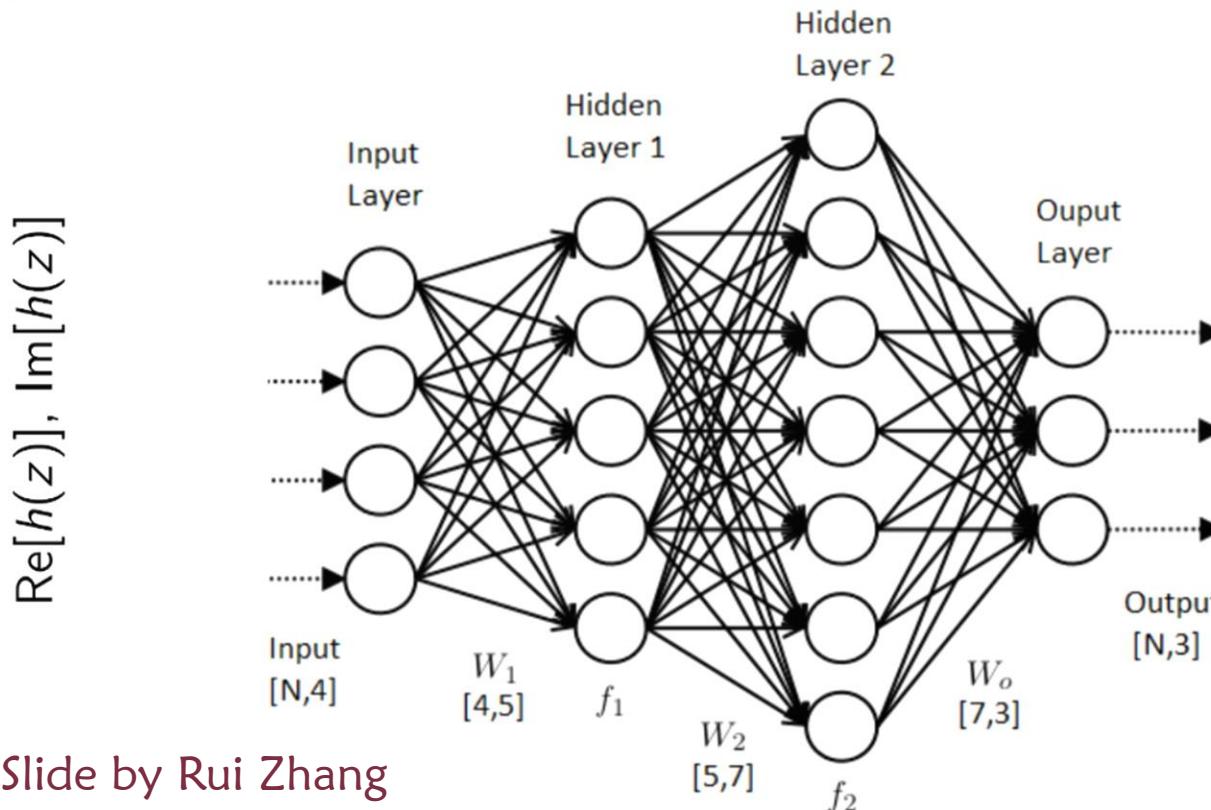
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## § E Machine Learning - A Promising Solution?

$h(z,$

$\phi$   
Pion

Machine learning models are effective in extracting complicated dependence of the output data on input data.



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$\phi(x)$



# Pion and Kaon DA

## Machine Learning - preliminary attempts

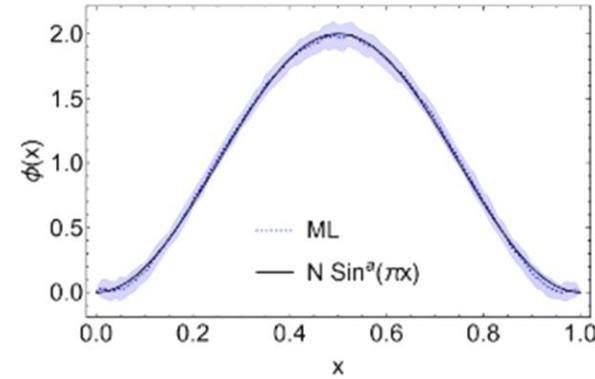
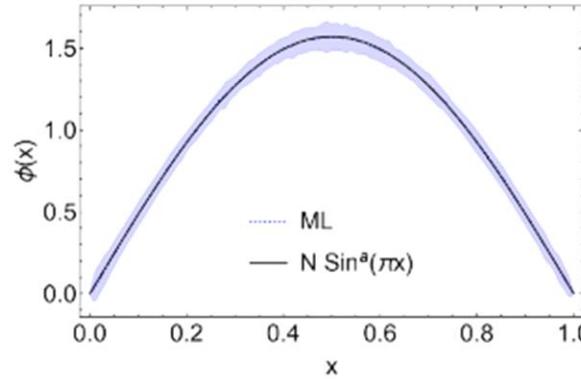
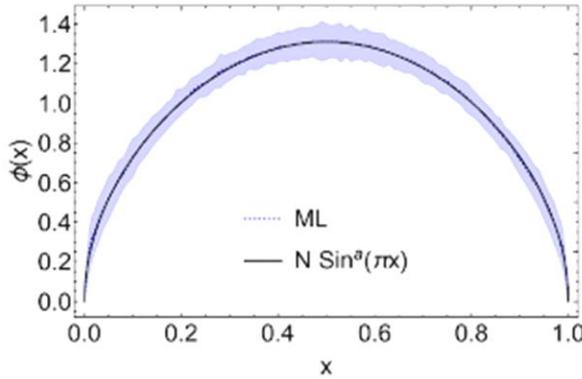
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Training: 10,000 Pseudo-data from functional form

$x^a(1-x)^b/B[a+1, b+1]$  with  $a, b > 0$ . With random relative noise added.

Extrapolation test: Generate  $h(z)$  from  $f(x) = N \sin^a(\pi x)$  with  $a = 0.5, 1, 2$ . Add 1000 random noise  $\sigma(z) = 0.1e^{0.1z} h(z)$  to  $h(z)$ .

Estimate mean and error of the prediction on 1000 samples.



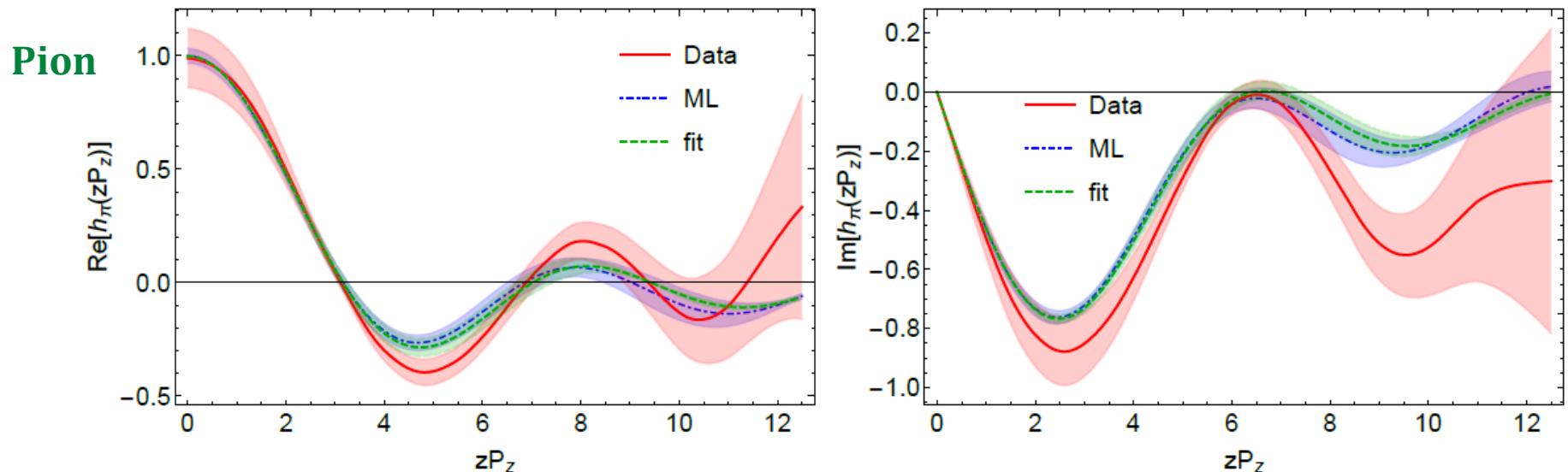
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❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> method: use machine learning to determine  $f$



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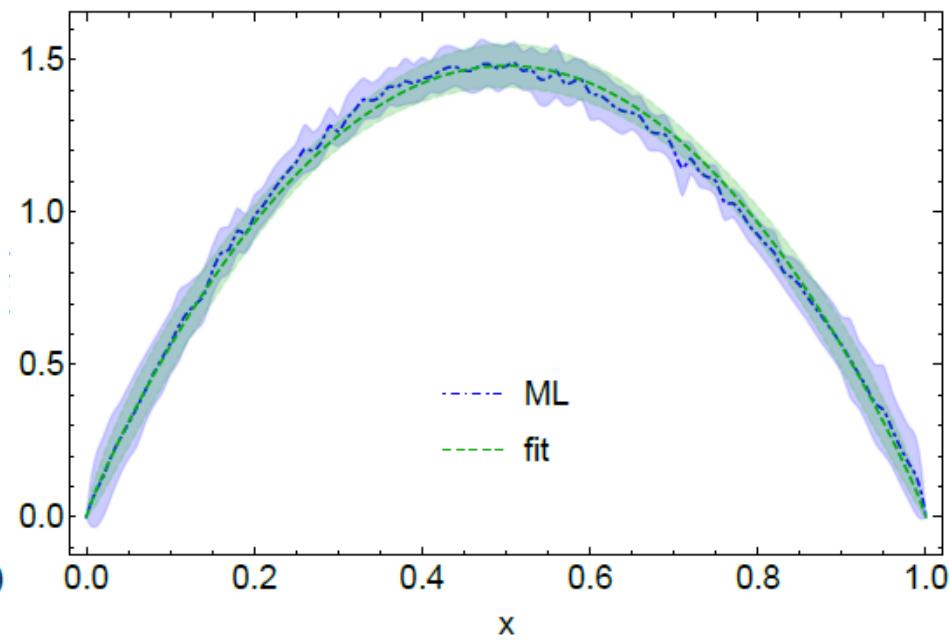
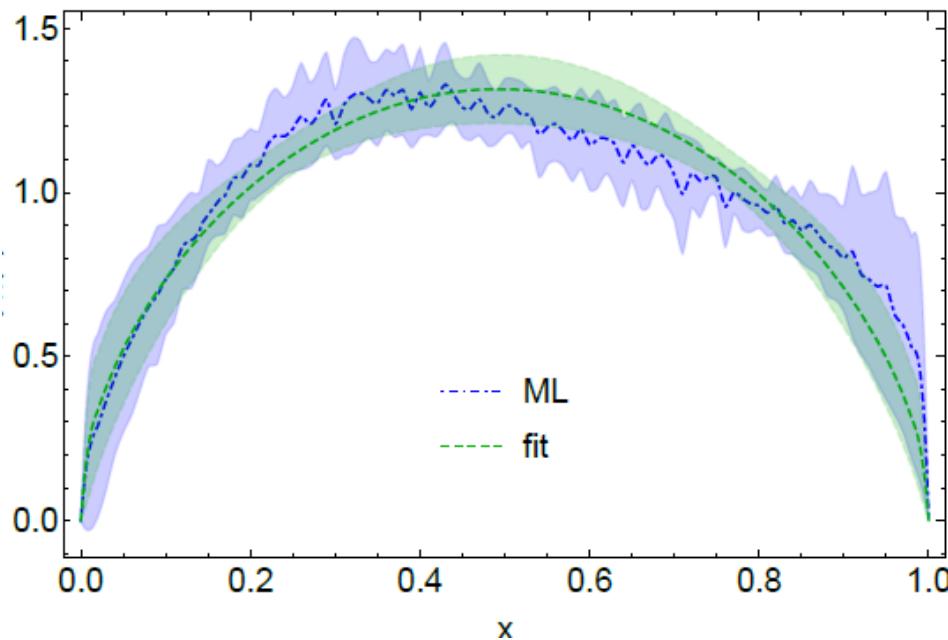
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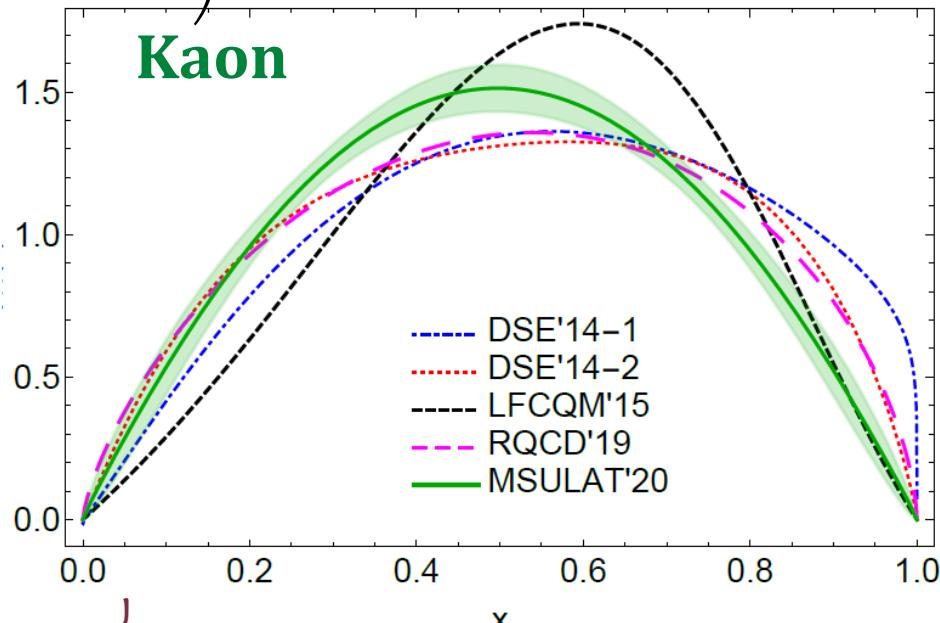
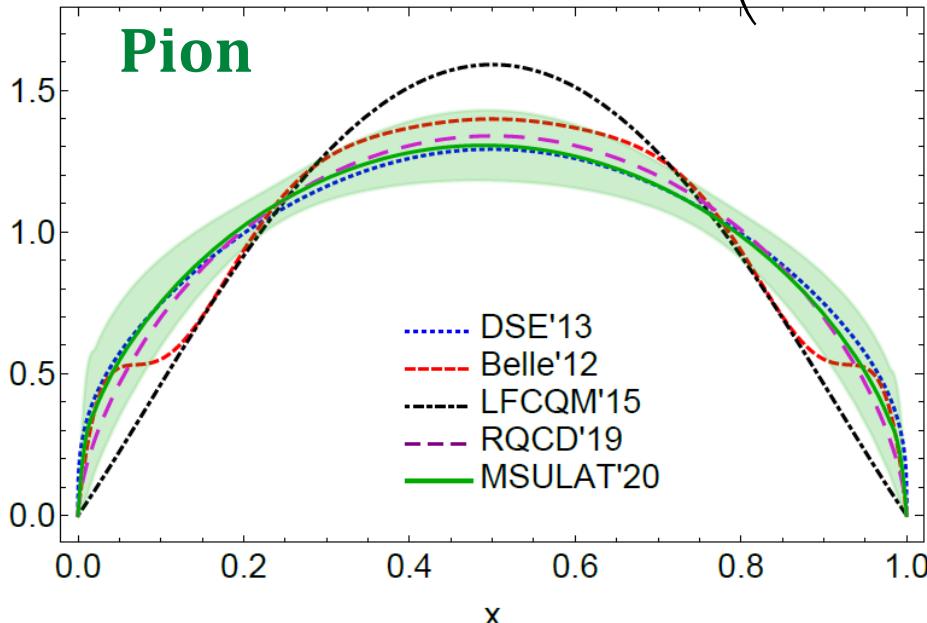


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# *Summary & Outlook*

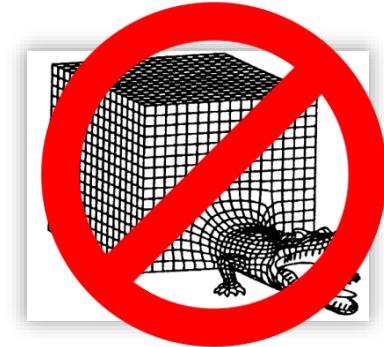
Exciting time for studying meson structure on the lattice

## § Overcoming longstanding obstacle to full $x$ -distribution

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

## § Progress made in pion and kaon structure

- ❖ First look at kaon PDF, and pion GPD
- ❖ Continuum-limit pion and kaon DAs



## § Future improvement

- ❖ Lighter (or physical) pion-mass and larger momentum
- ❖ Explore more ways to reduce the parameter-dependence of distribution functions



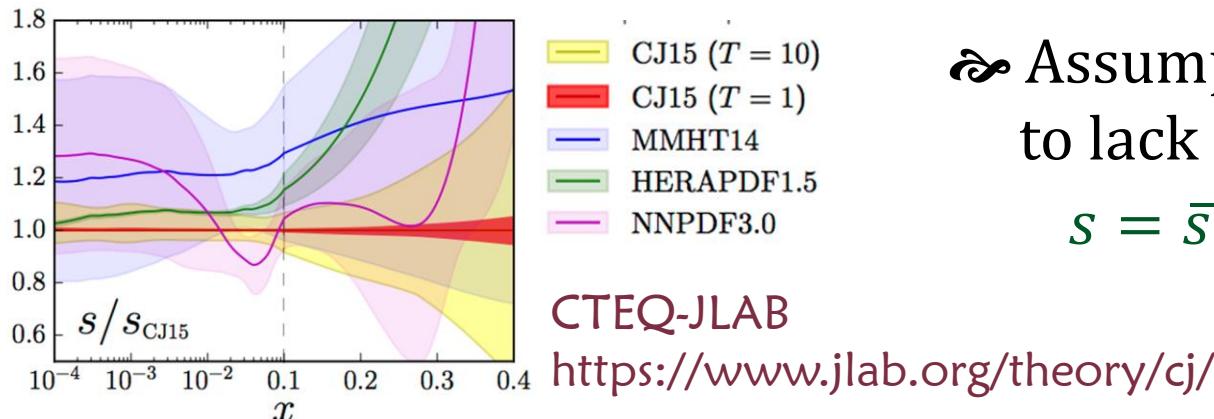
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# *Backup Slides*



# First Lattice Strange PDF

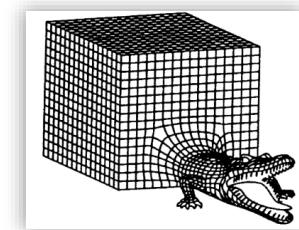
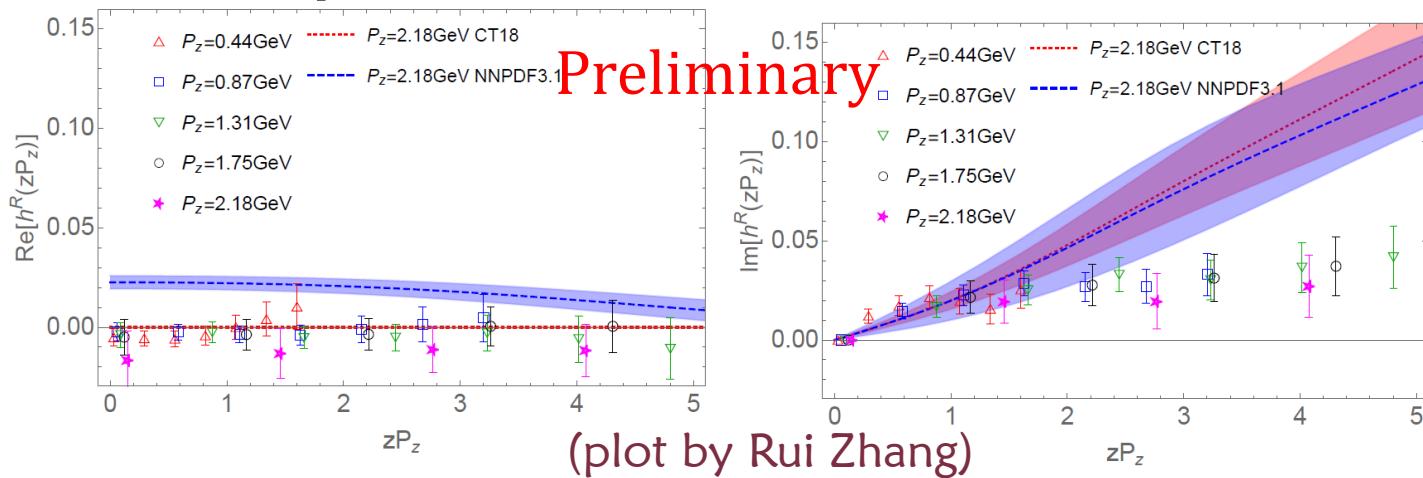
## § Large uncertainties in global PDFs



❖ Assumptions imposed due to lack of precision data  
 $s = \bar{s} = \kappa(\bar{u} + \bar{d})$

## § Results by MSULat/quasi-PDF method

❖ Preliminary calculation: clover on 2+1+1 HISQ,  $M_\pi \approx 310$  MeV

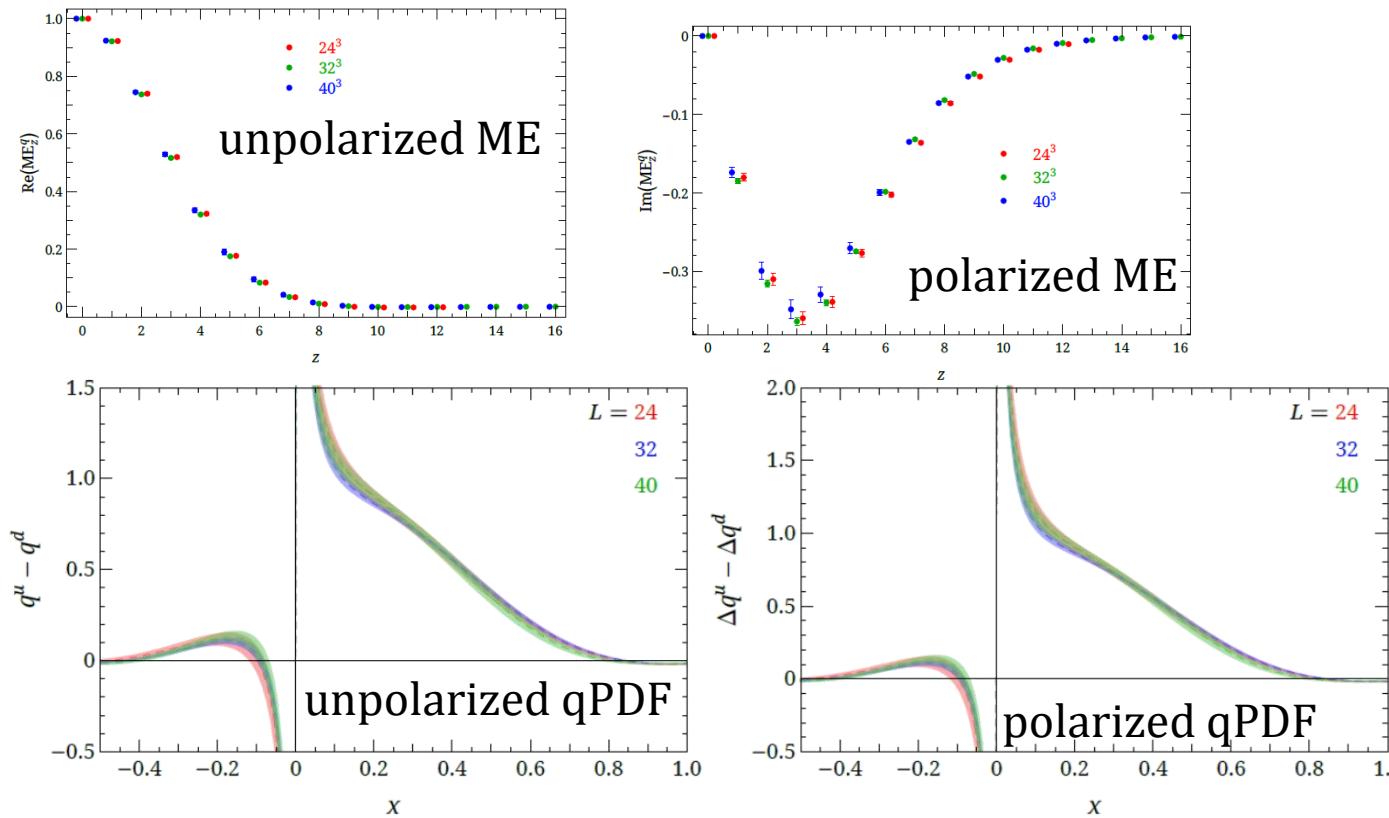


# Systematics Study

## § First finite-volume study in quasi-PDFs

- ❖ Clover on 2+1+1 HISQ,  $M_\pi \approx 220$  MeV,  $a \approx 0.12$  fm
- ❖  $M_\pi L \approx 3.3, 4.4, 5.5$ ,  $P_z \approx 1.3$  GeV

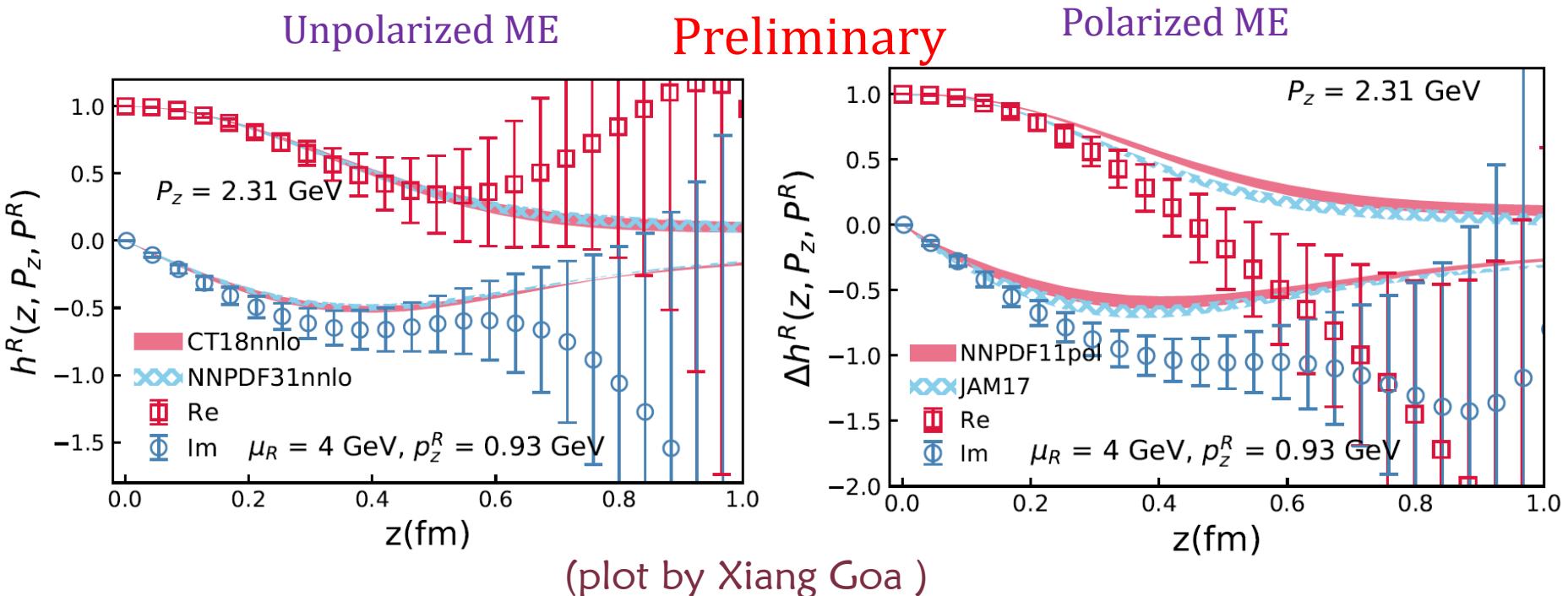
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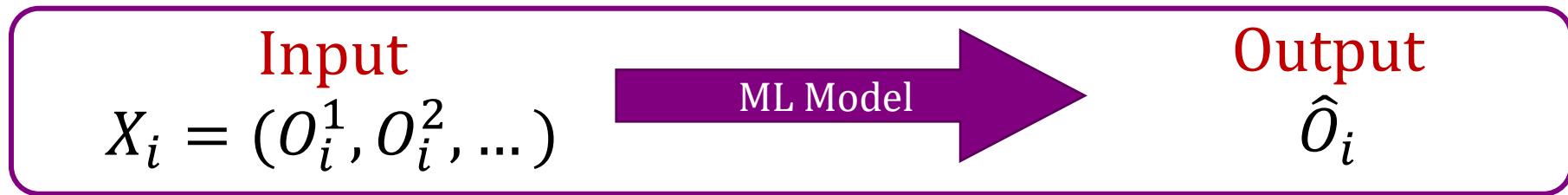
# Superfine Lattice Spacing

## § Approaching continuum limit

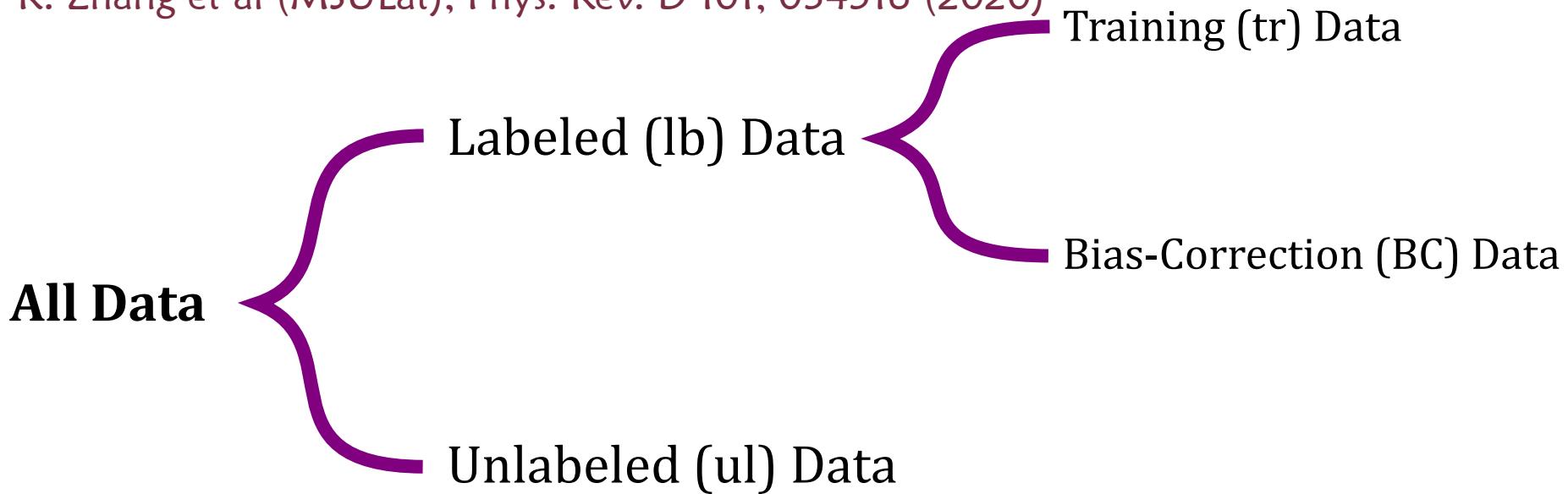
- Important for all  $x$ -dependent methods  
Large momentum required to reach  $x < 0.1$  reliably  
 $(aP_z)^n$  systematics should be small
- First work done with superfine lattice spacing,  $a \approx 0.042$  fm



# Machine-Learning Prediction



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Prediction with bias correction [Yoon et al., PRD 2018](#):

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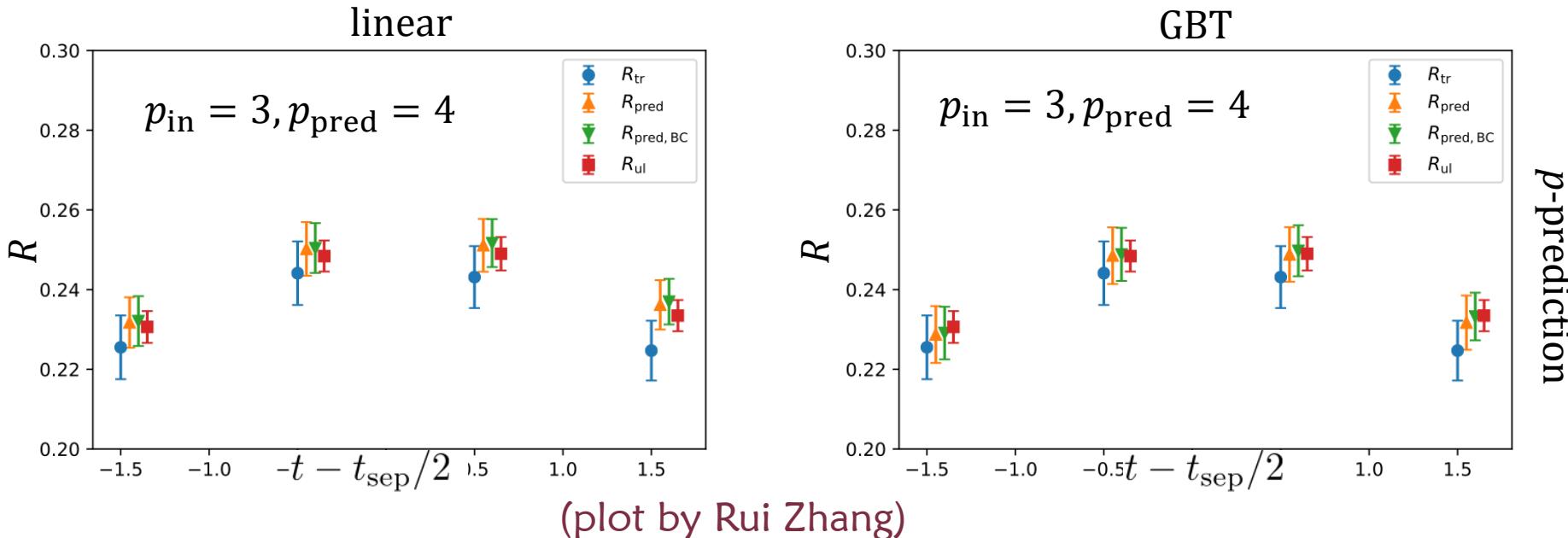
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## § Multiple quasi-PDF data sets studied (meson DA, gluon/kaon PDFs)

❖ Example kaon PDF at 220-MeV ensemble



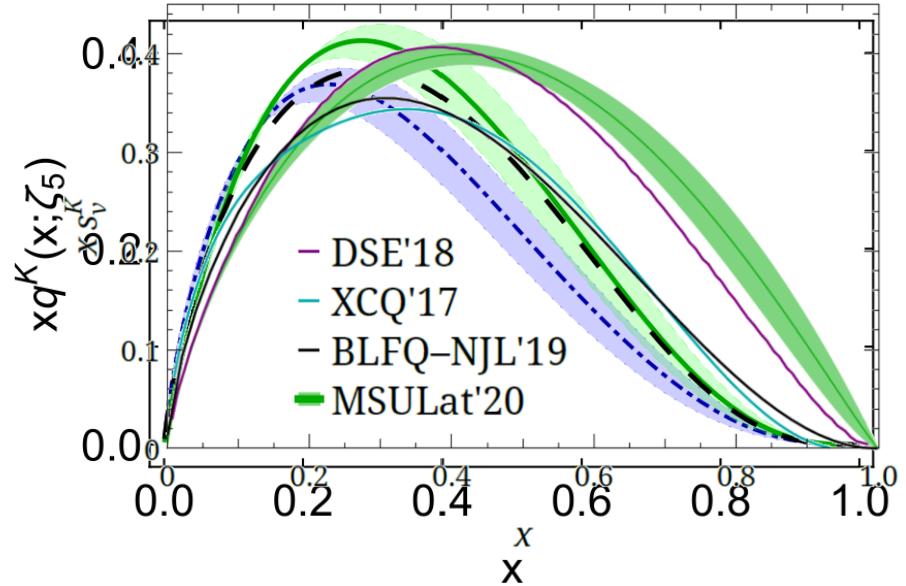
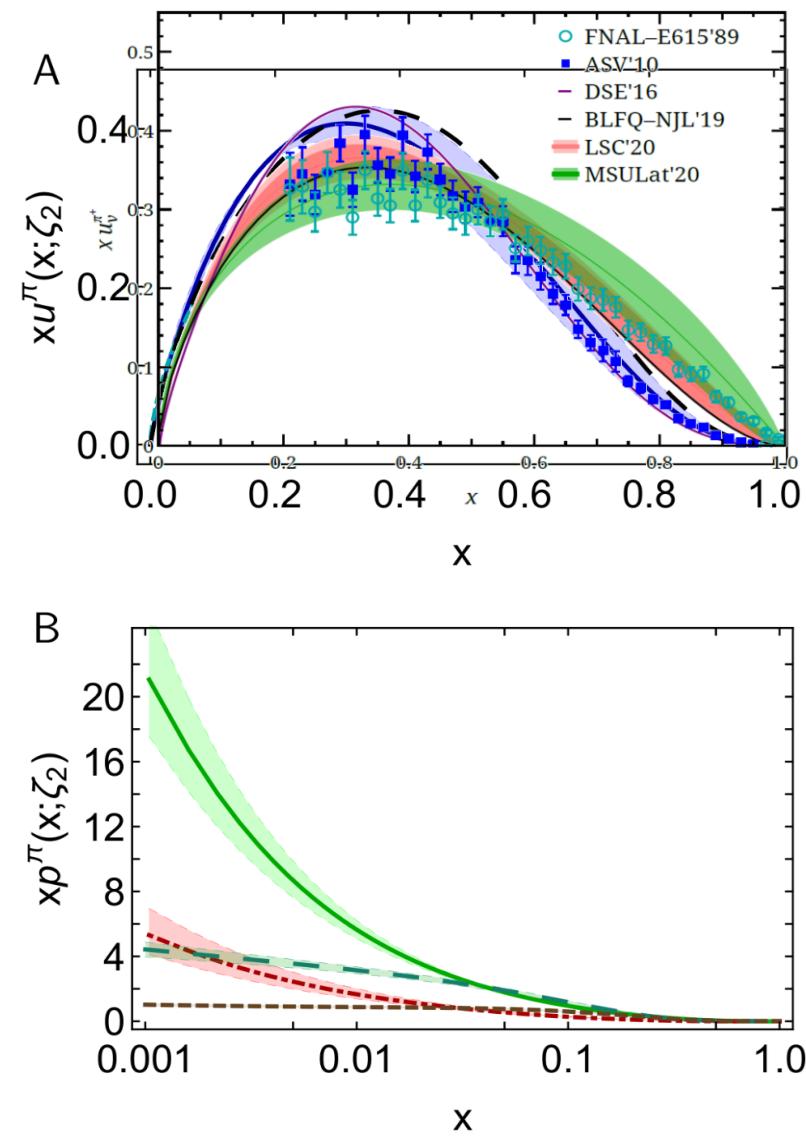


FIG. 13. Solid green curve – kaon’s valence  $\bar{s}$ -quark distribution defined at  $\zeta_H$  by Eq. (45) and Table III–middle, evolved  $\zeta_H \rightarrow \zeta_5$  using the procedure explained in Sec. IV A, including the splitting function modification in Eq. (58a) with  $\sigma_{ss} = 1$ . Dot-dashed blue curve – kaon’s valence  $u$ -quark distribution, unchanged from Fig. 11. Dashed black curve – central  $\bar{s}$ -quark distribution from Fig. 11, *i.e.* obtained with mass-independent evolution. (The bands bracketing the central DFs reflect the uncertainty in the  $k^2 = 0$  value of the PI charge, Fig. 1.)

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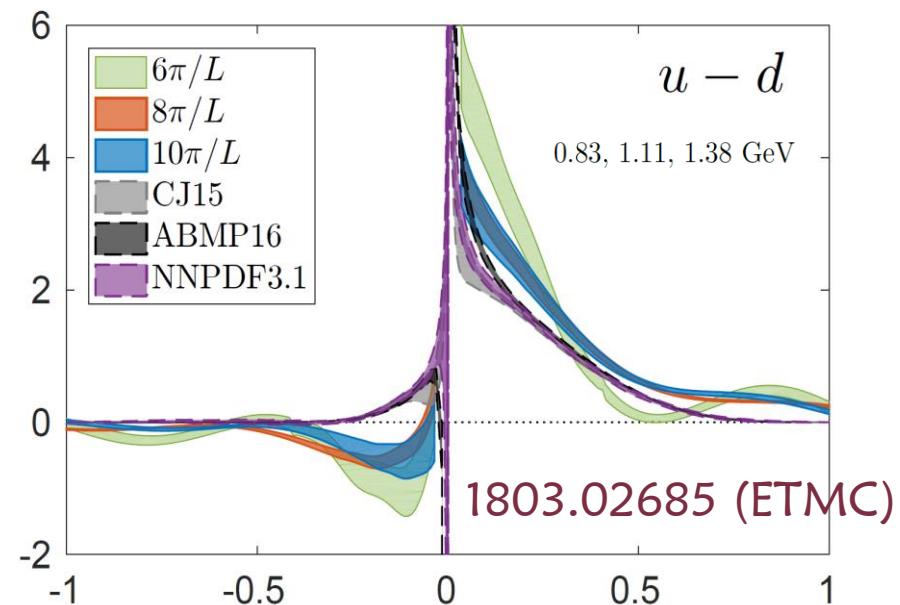
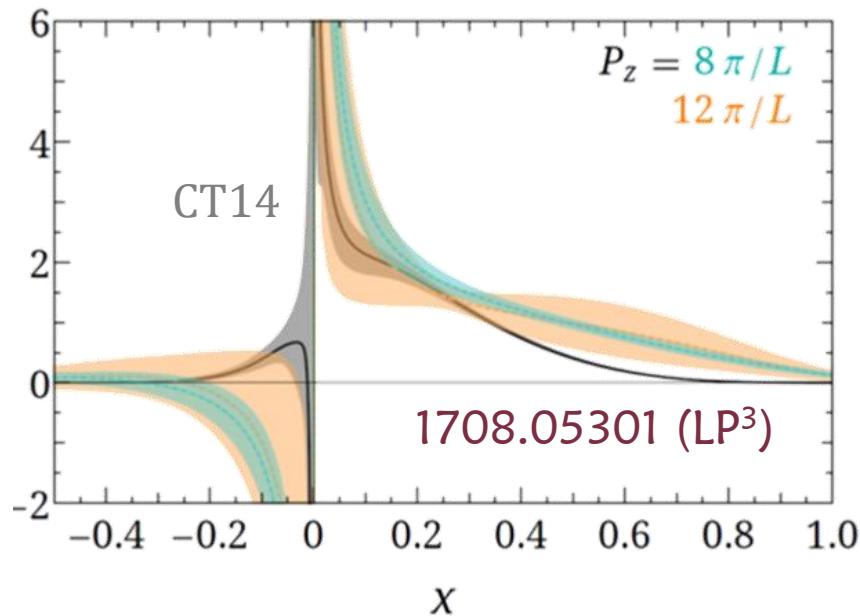
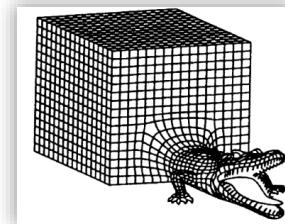
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References	Sea quarks	Valence quarks	$\langle\xi^2\rangle_\pi$	$\langle\xi^2\rangle_K$	Renormalization	a (fm)	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$M_\pi L$
MSULat'20 (this work)	2+1+1f HISQ	clover	0.244(30)	0.198(16)	RI-MOM	0.06–0.012	310–690	4.4–10
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RQCD'17 [105]	2+1f clover	clover	0.2077(43)	N/A	RI'-SMOM	0.086	222–420	3.9–5.8
RQCD'15 [104]	2f clover	clover	0.236(4)(4)	N/A	RI'-SMOM	0.06–0.08	150–260	3.4–4.8
RBC/UKQCD'10 [103]	2+1f DWF	DWF	0.28(1)(2)	0.26(1)(2)	RI'/MOM	0.11	330–670	4.5–9.2
QCDSF'07 [102]	2f clover	clover	0.260(39)	0.260(6)	RI/MOM	0.06–0.085	580–1170	4.6–9.6

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- ❖ Boost momenta  $P_z \leq 1.4$  GeV
- ❖ Study of systematics still needed

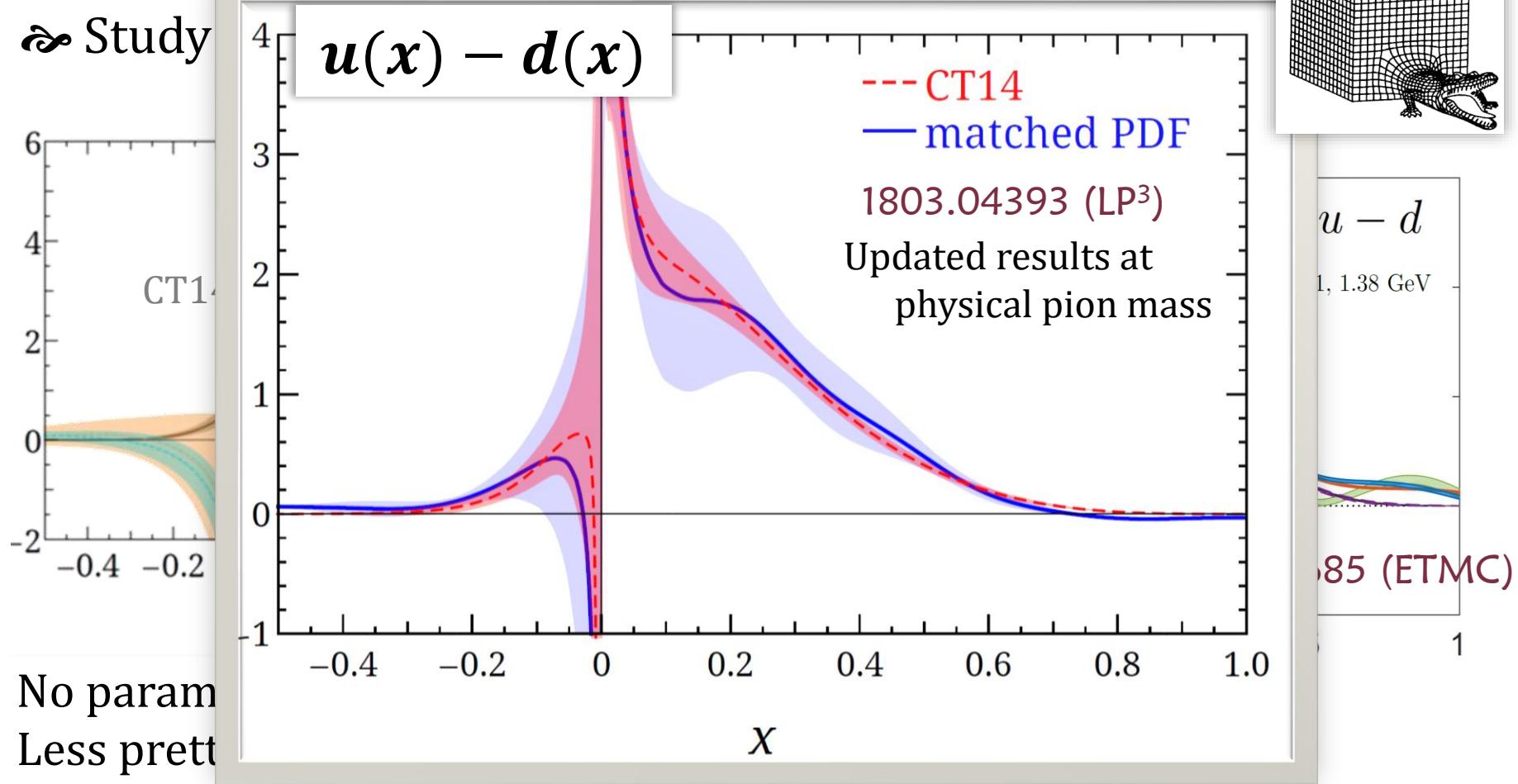


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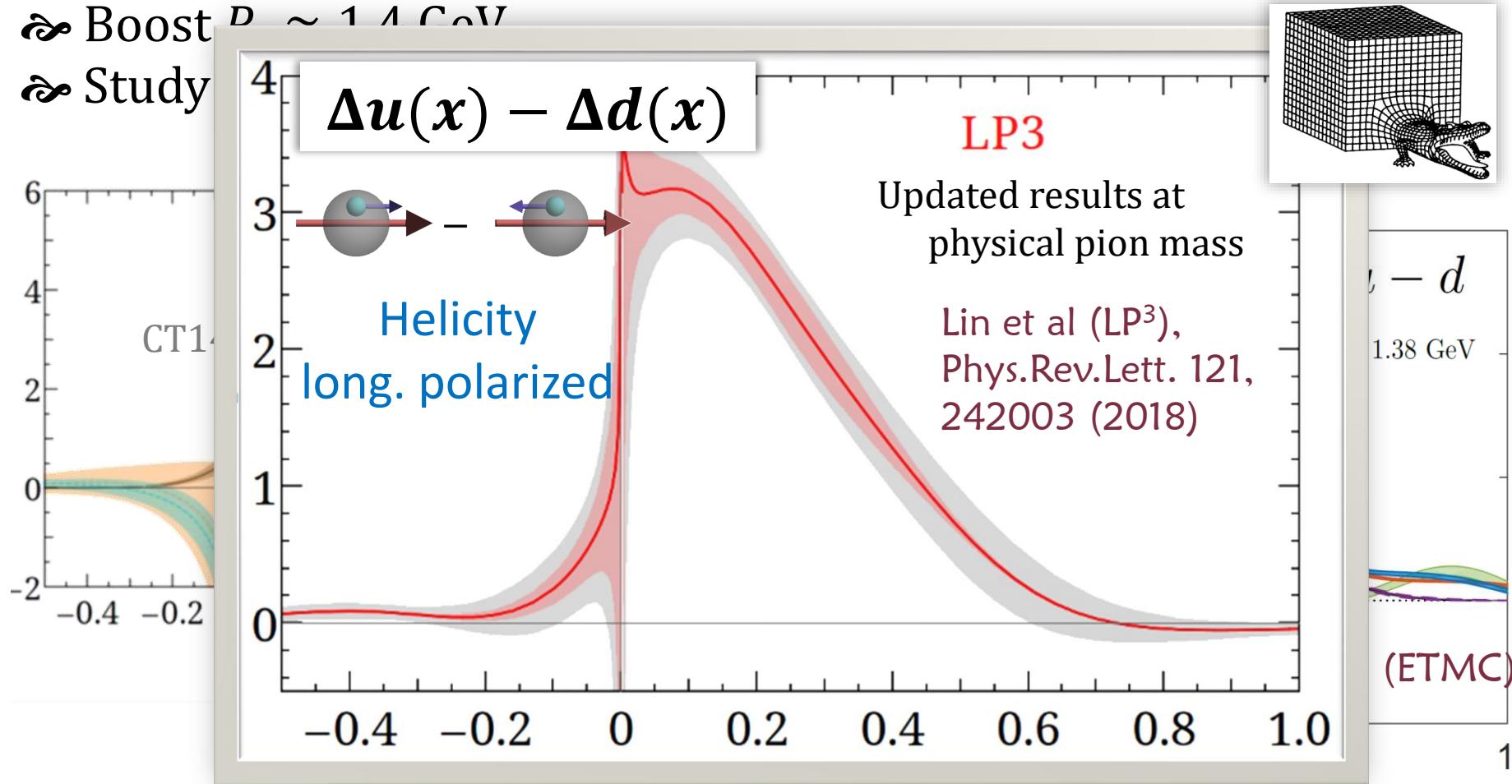


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