

# Impact of combining lattice QCD and experiment



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# Parton Structure

For various flavors and spin combinations

Wigner Distribution/  
Generalized Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (GTMD)

$$F(x, b_T, k_T)$$

$$\int d^2b_t$$

$$\int d^2k_t$$

Transverse Momentum  
Distribution (TMD)

$$f(x, k_T)$$

Generalized Parton  
Distribution (GPD)

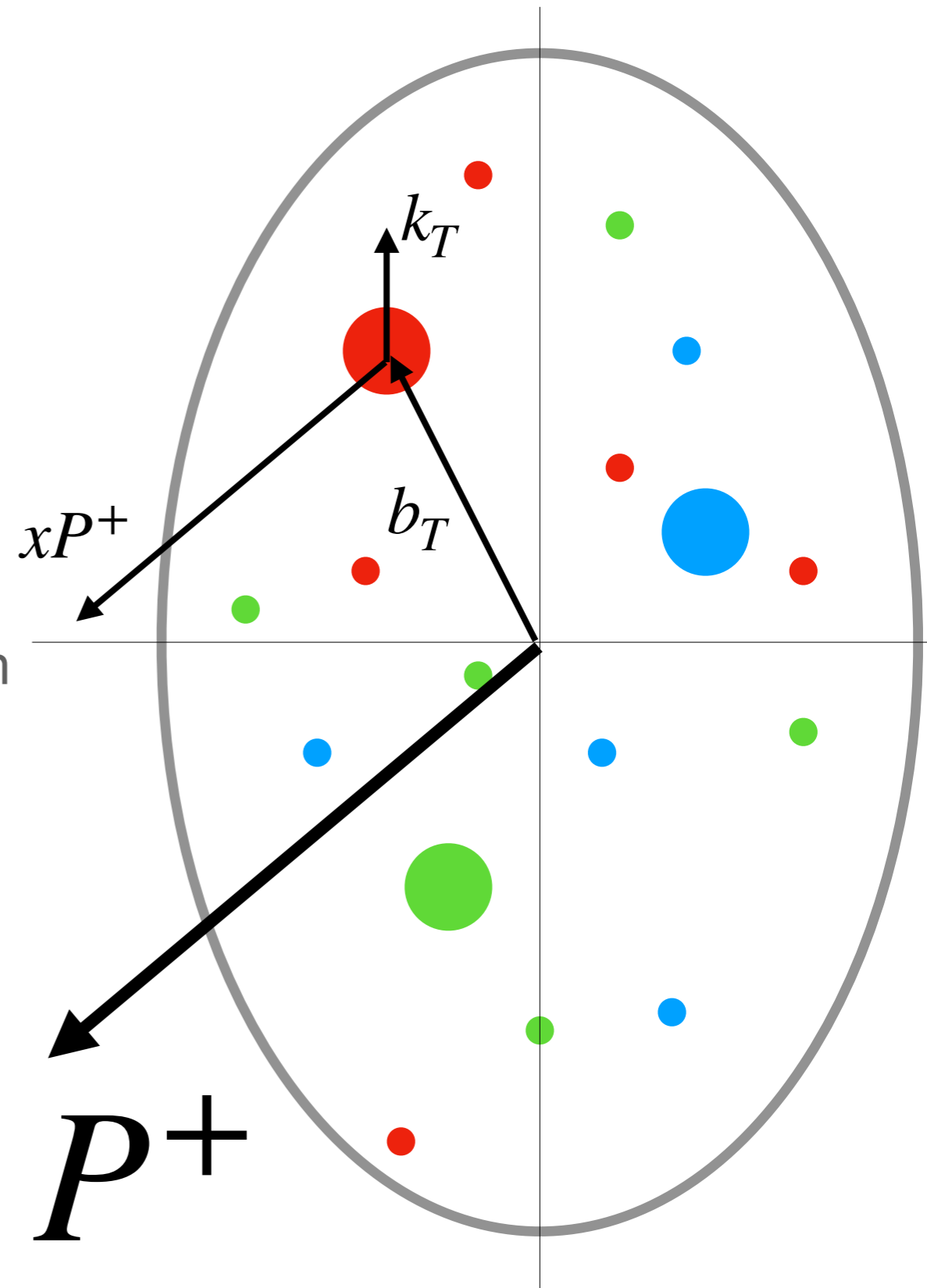
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Parton Distribution Function (PDF)

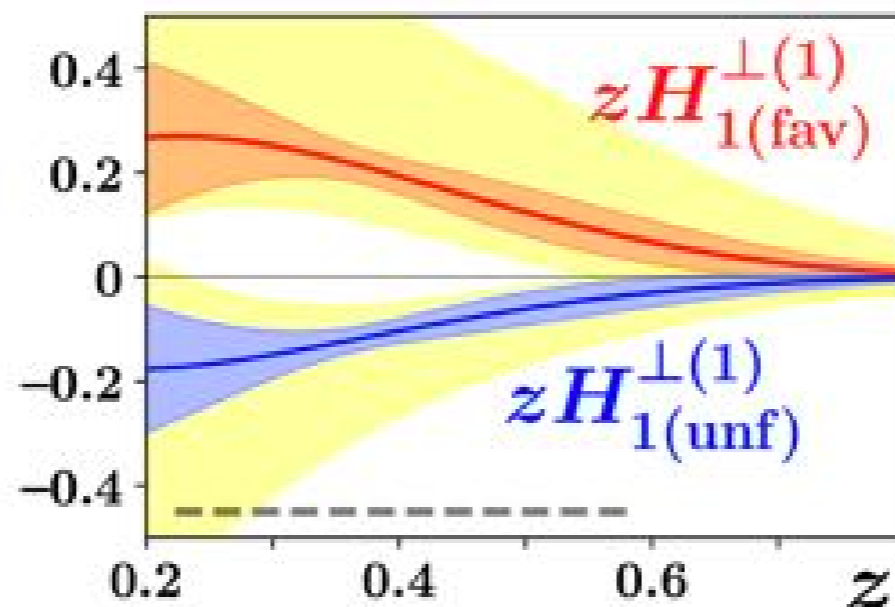
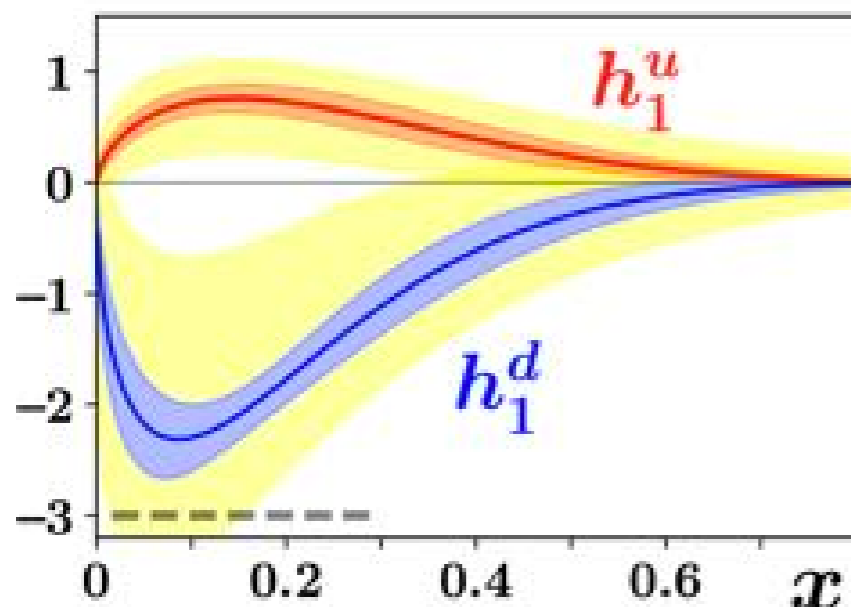
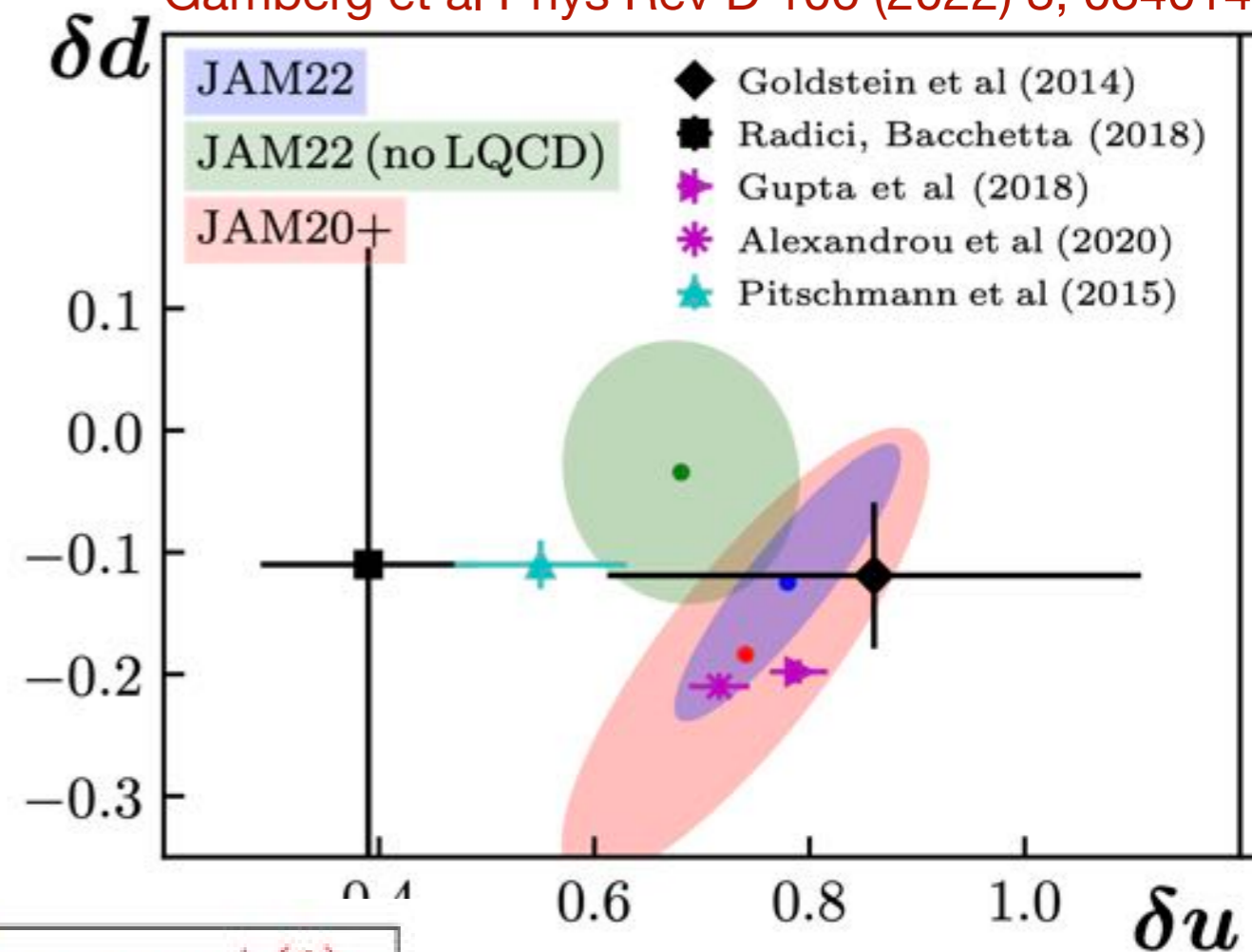
$$f(x)$$



# Lattice data can be powerful

- Lattice QCD can calculate matrix elements of many hadrons with numerical methods
- Lattice QCD have cost of theoretical and statistical errors
- Individual local matrix elements added to global analyses already have dramatic impact on final results
- Non local matrix elements can add even more

Gamberg et al Phys Rev D 106 (2022) 3, 034014



Lin et al PRL 120, 152502, (2018)

# Parton Distributions and the Lattice

- Parton Distributions are defined by operators with light-like separations

$$M(p, z) = \langle p | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^\alpha W(z; 0) \psi(0) | p \rangle$$

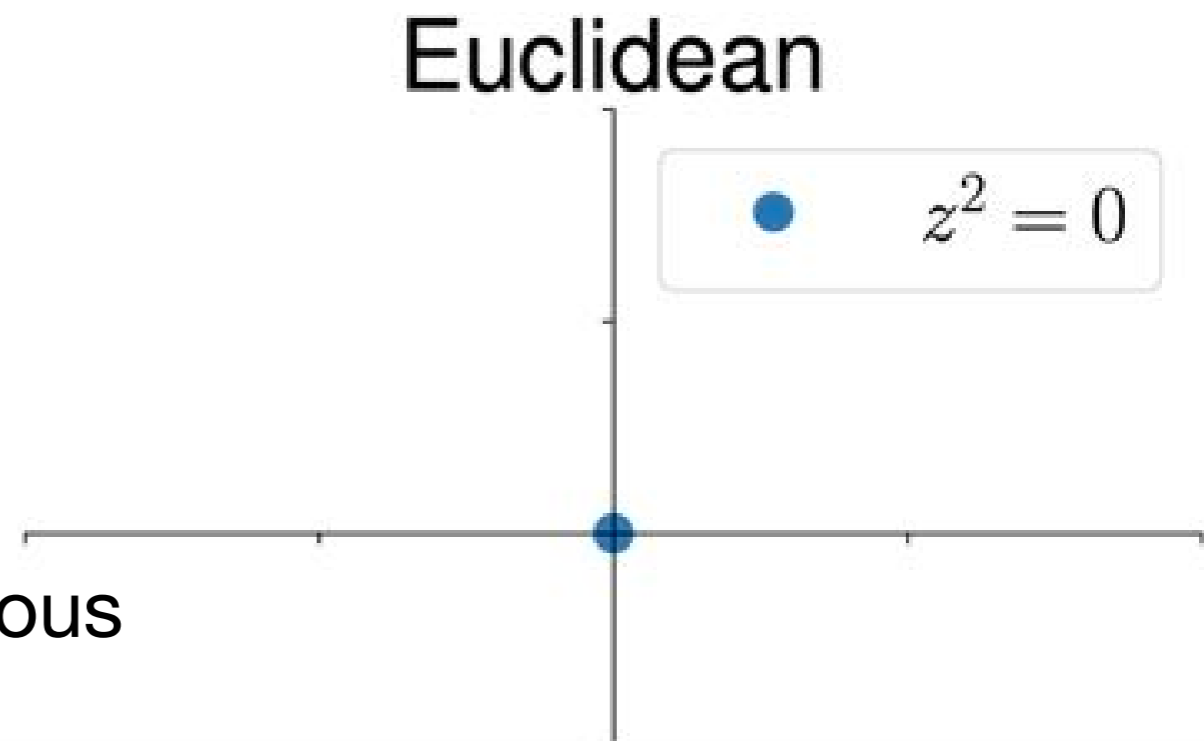
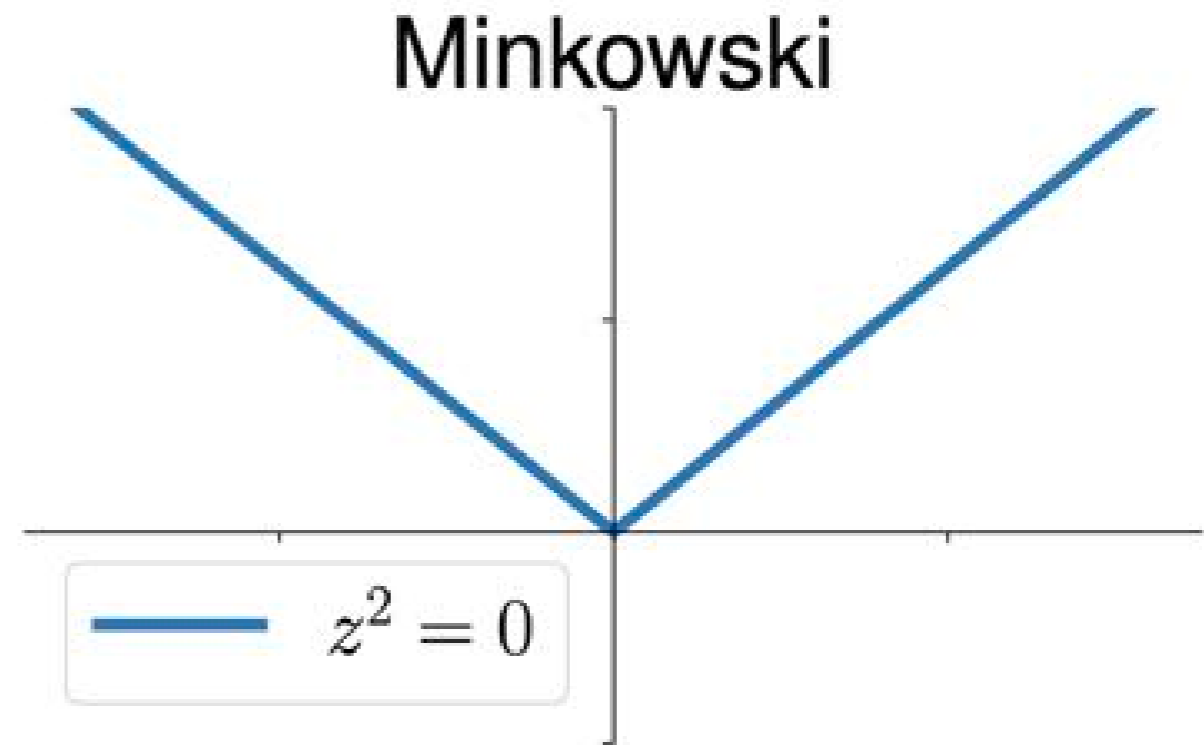
- Use space-like separations

*X. Ji Phys Rev Lett 110 (2013) 262002*

- Wilson line operators

$$z^2 \neq 0$$

- Fourier transformations of matrix elements give PDF in certain limits
- Factorizable matrix elements analogous to cross sections



# Wilson Line Matrix Elements

- In **quasi-PDF/LaMET** and **pseudo-PDF/Short distance**, separation and momentum swap roles

- **Matrix element** 
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$$\tilde{q}(y, p_z^2) = \int \frac{dx}{|x|} K\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{\mu^2}{(x p_z)^2}\right) q(x, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(x p_z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{((1-x)p_z)^2}\right)$$

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# If PDFs are universal, then....

*If the same universal PDFs are factorizable from lattice and experiment,  
and if power corrections can be controlled for both*

***Why not analyze both simultaneously?***

- Factorization of hadronic cross sections

- Factorization of Lattice observables

$$d\sigma_h = d\sigma_q \otimes f_{h/q} + P.C. \quad M_h = M_q \otimes f_{h/q} + P.C.$$

***Consider Lattice as a theoretical prior  
to the experimental Global Fit***

# The Comparison to DIS

- In **DIS** and **pseudo-PDF/Short distance** the two variables are analogous

## Factorization Scale:

$$Q^2 / z^2$$

- Describes scale in hard part
- Scale for factorization to PDF
- Scale in power expansion
- Keep away from  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- Technically only requires single value

***NEED!***

## Dynamical variable:

$$x_B / \nu$$

- Describes interesting partonic structure
- Variable for integration/inverse problems of  $x$
- Can take large or small value
- Want as many as are available
- Wider range improves the inverse problem if you really want  $x$ -space

***WANT!***

# Complementarity in Lattice and Experiment

## LATTICE

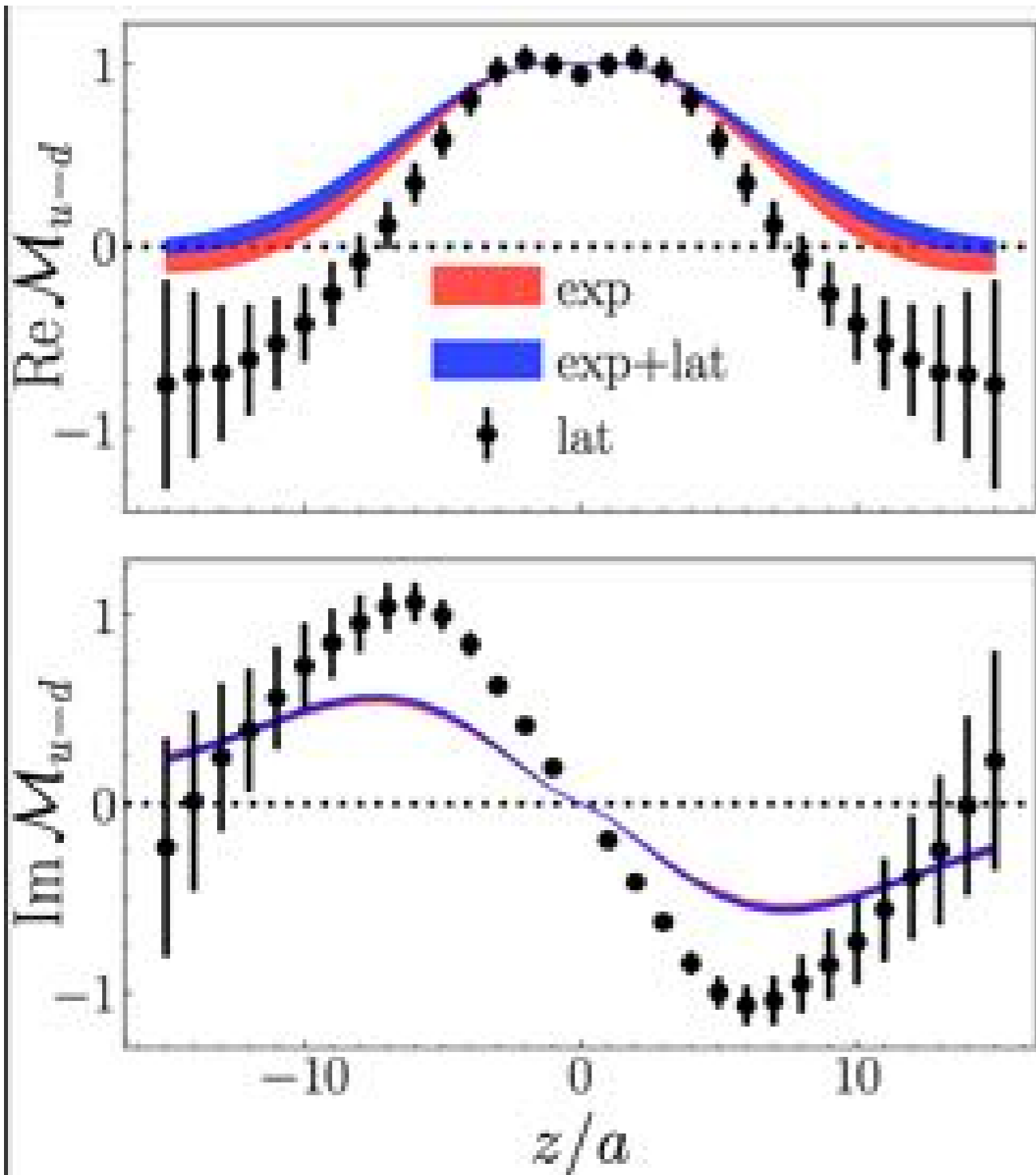
- Lattice limited to low  $\nu$ , sensitive to  $x > \sim 0.2$ , but high sensitivity to large  $x$
- Lattice matching relation is integral over all  $x$
- Low  $p_z$  data can reach high signal-to-noise compared to experiment
- Lattice can evaluate independently each spin, flavor, and even hadron

## EXPERIMENT

- Cross Sections limited to specific max but can reach very low  $x_B$
- Cross Section matching is integral from  $x_B$  to 1
  - Creates sensitively to hard kernel in large  $x$  region
- Wealth of decades of experimental data outweigh modern lattice

# First combined lattice PDF and experiment global analysis (unpol)

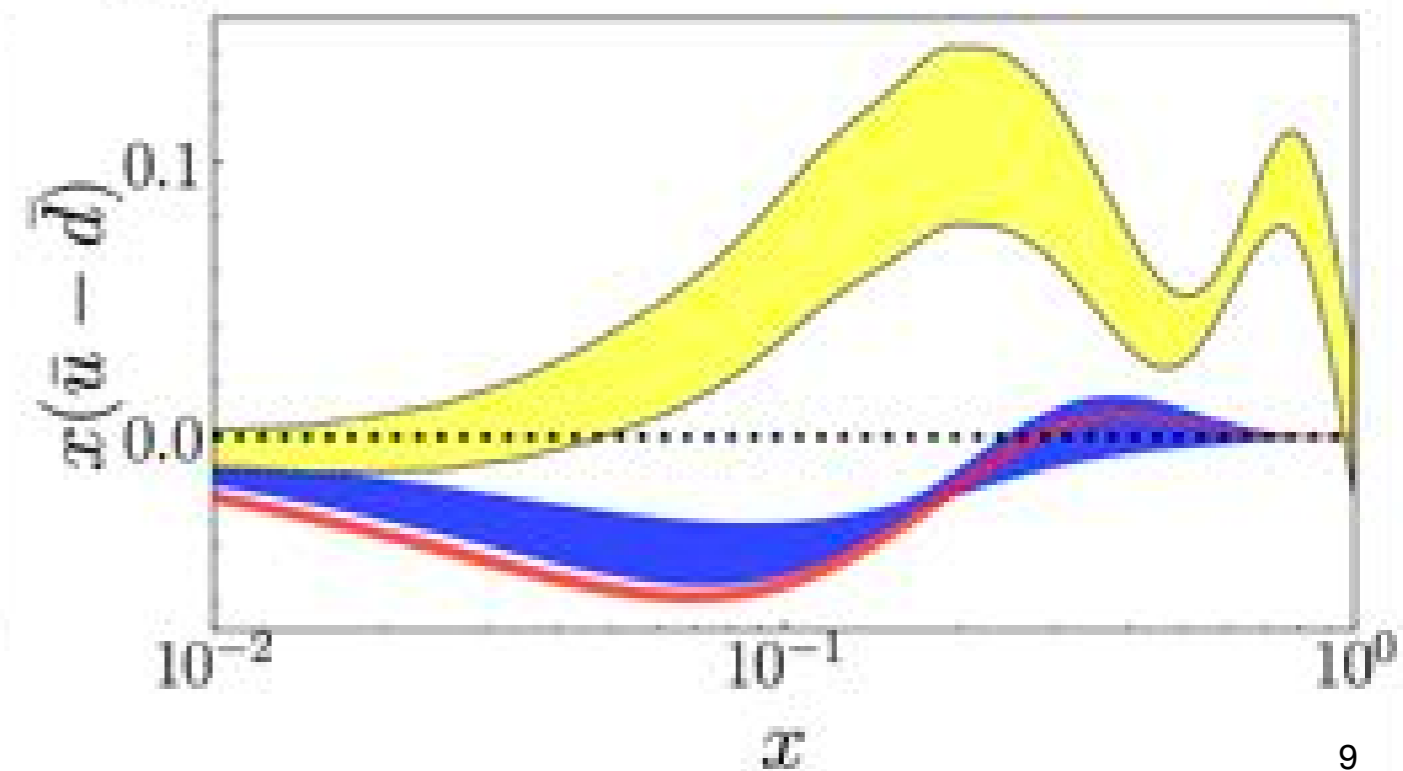
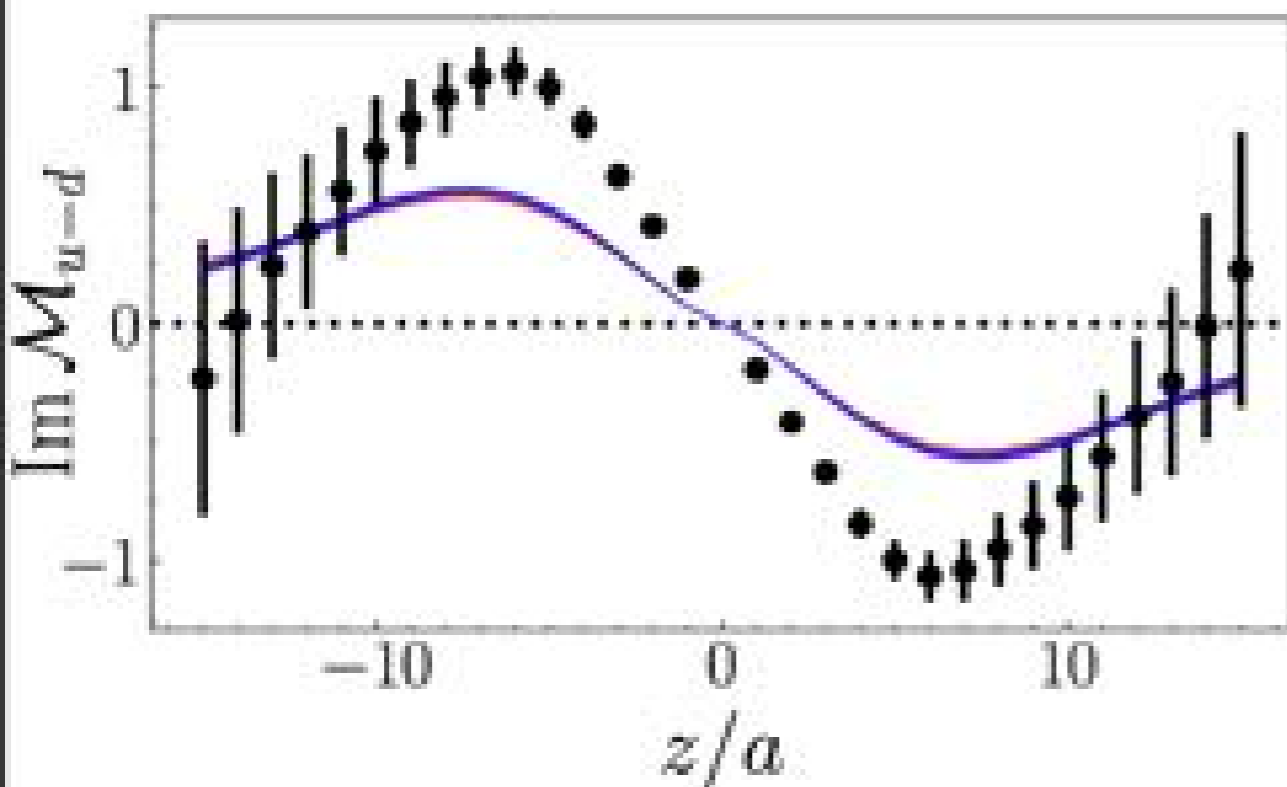
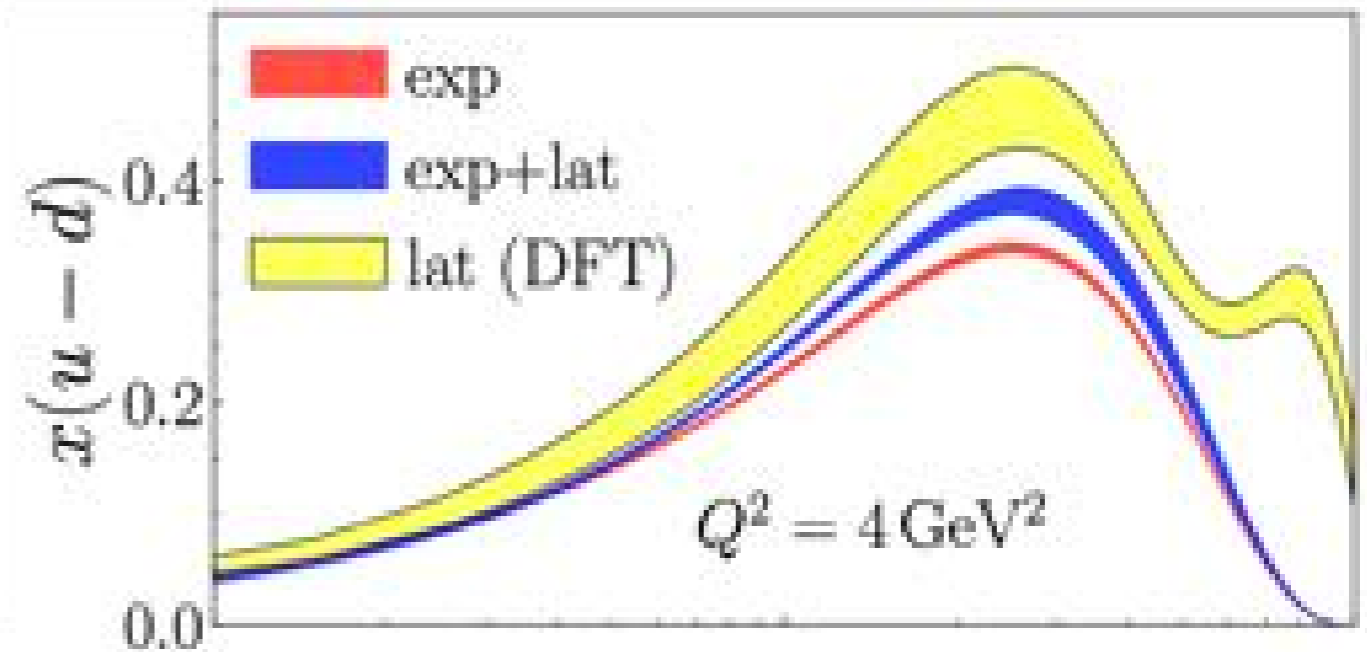
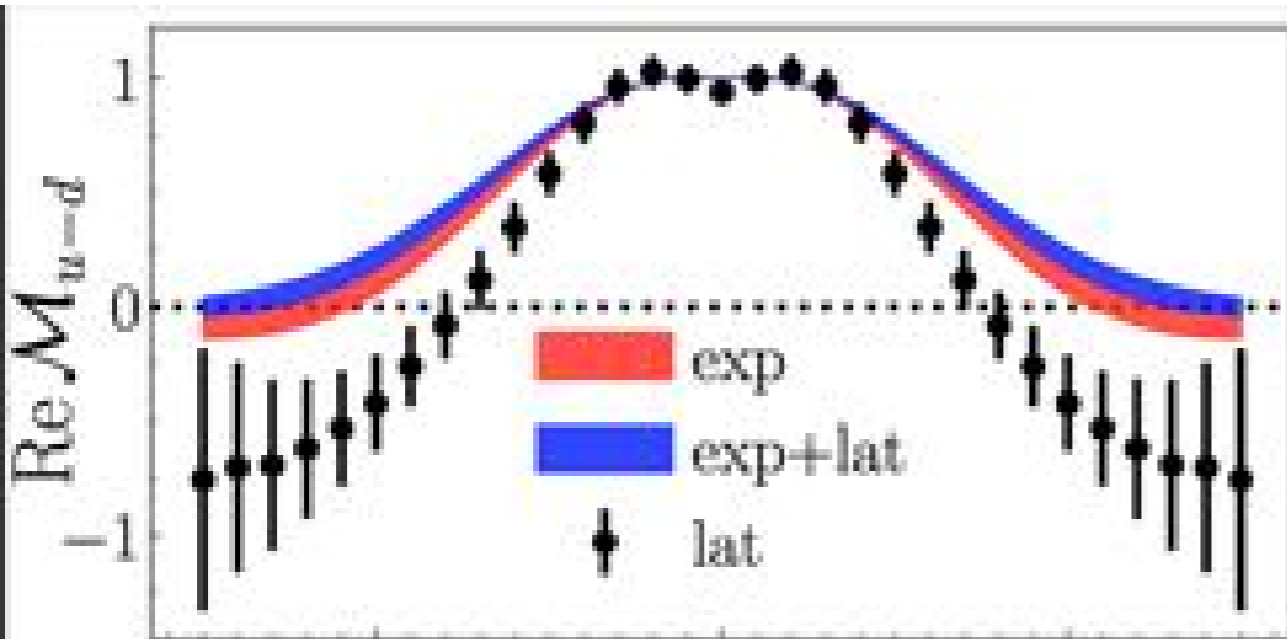
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- First study by ETMC and JAM collaborations
- Lattice data provide independent measurements of PDFs
- Can study discrepancies to understand systematic errors

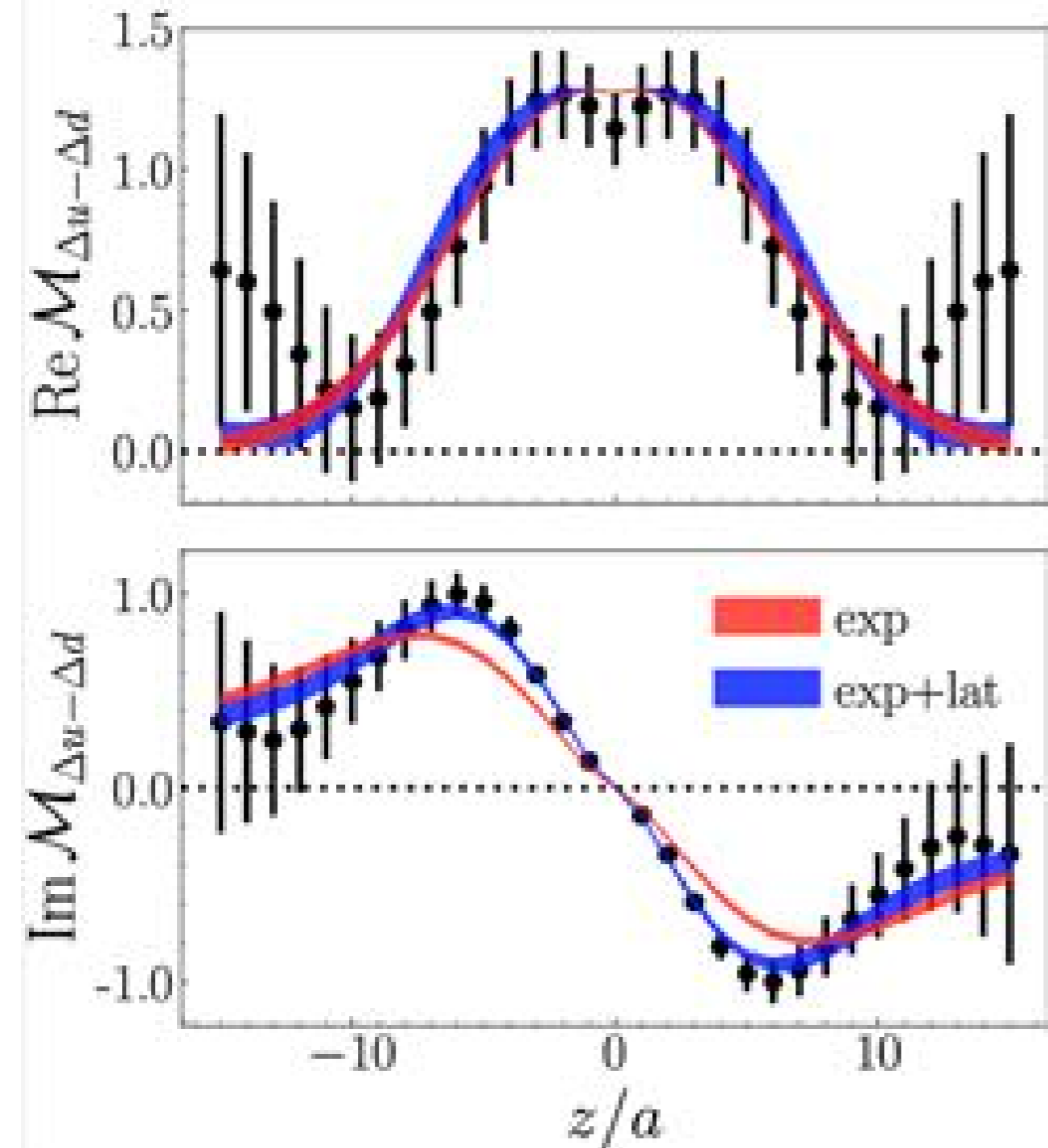
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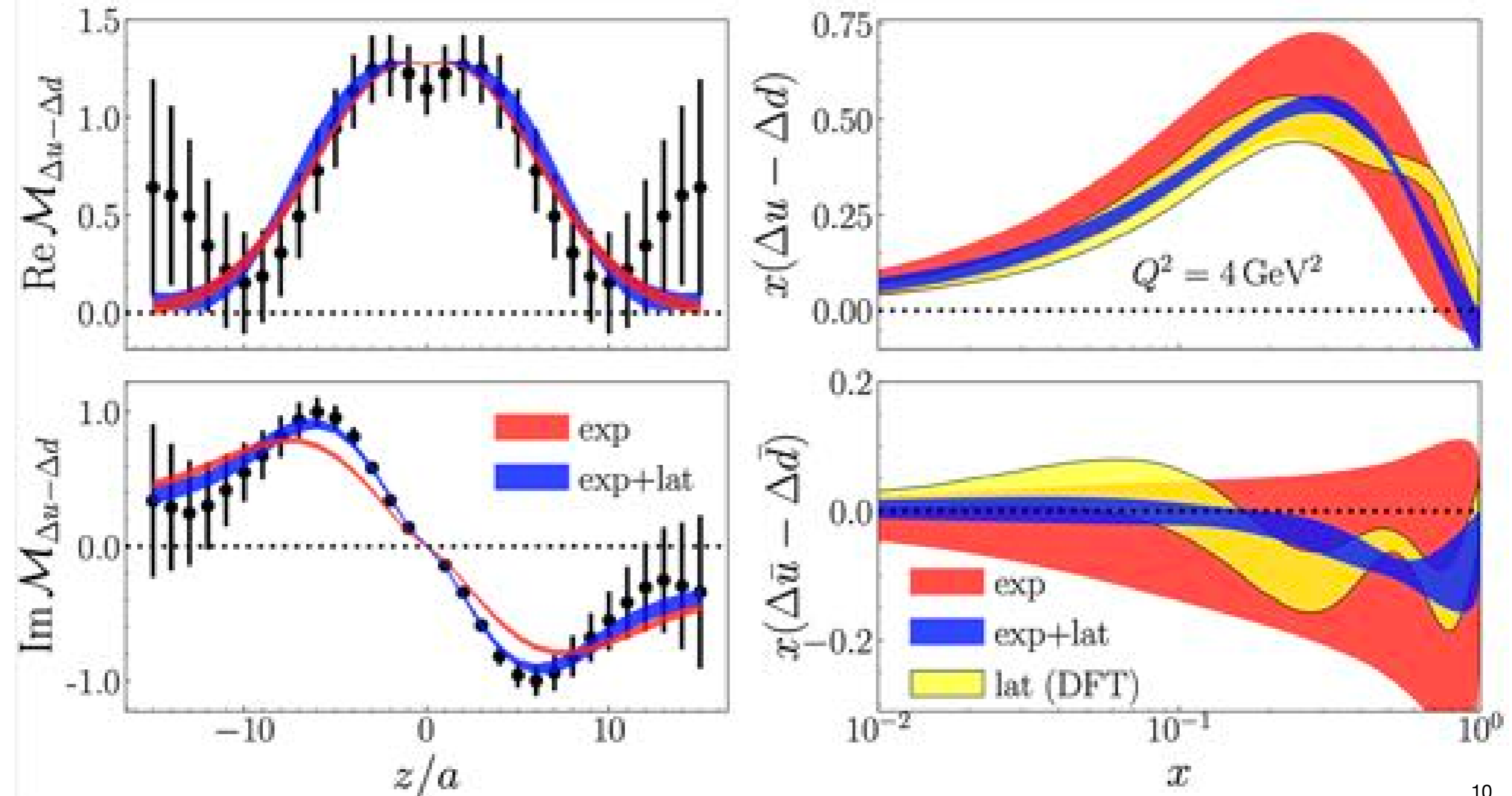
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- Lattice matrix elements can give direct independent information on different spins without major modifications
- Some datapoints can be more precise than experiment and give constraining power

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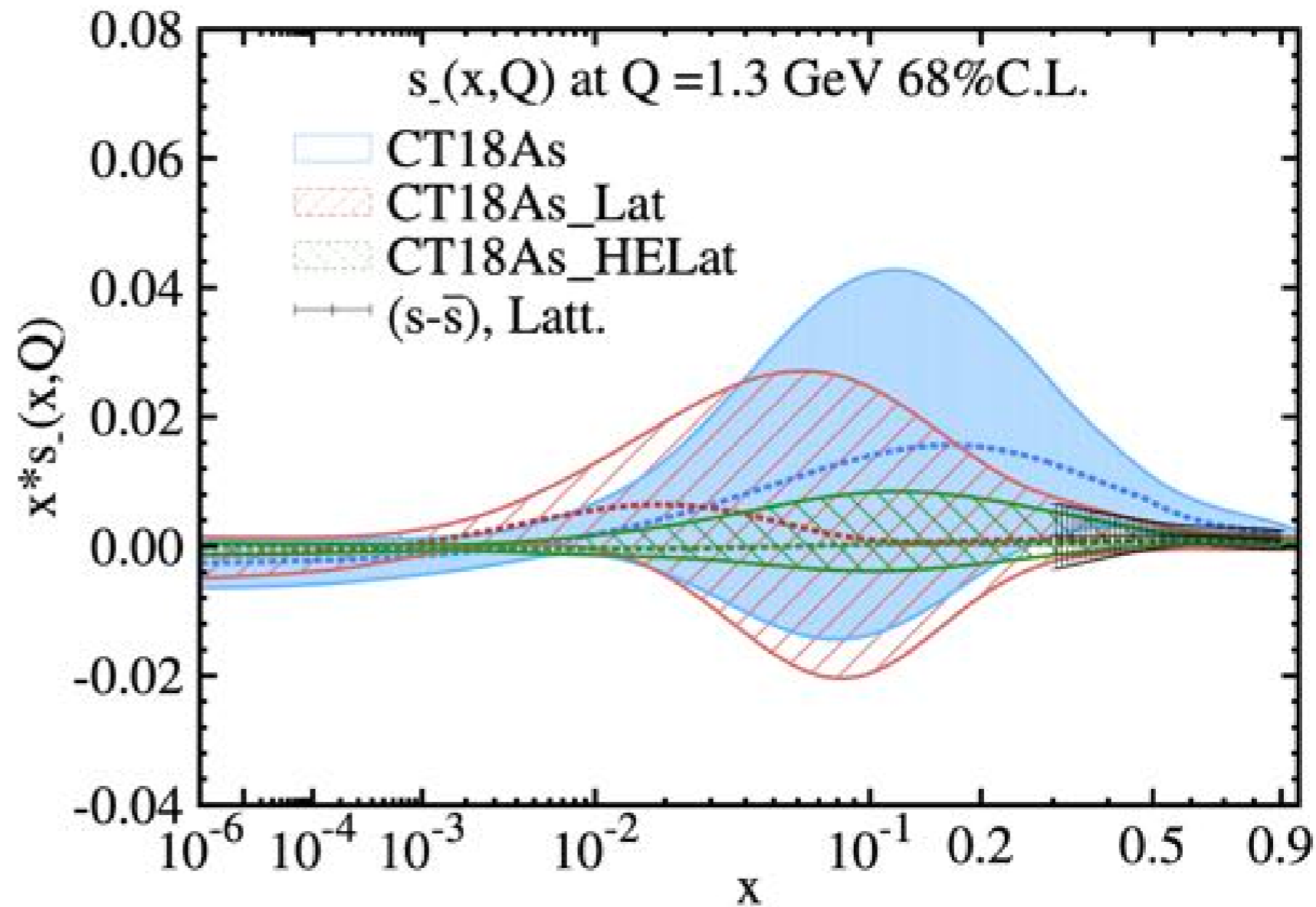




# Strange quark distributions

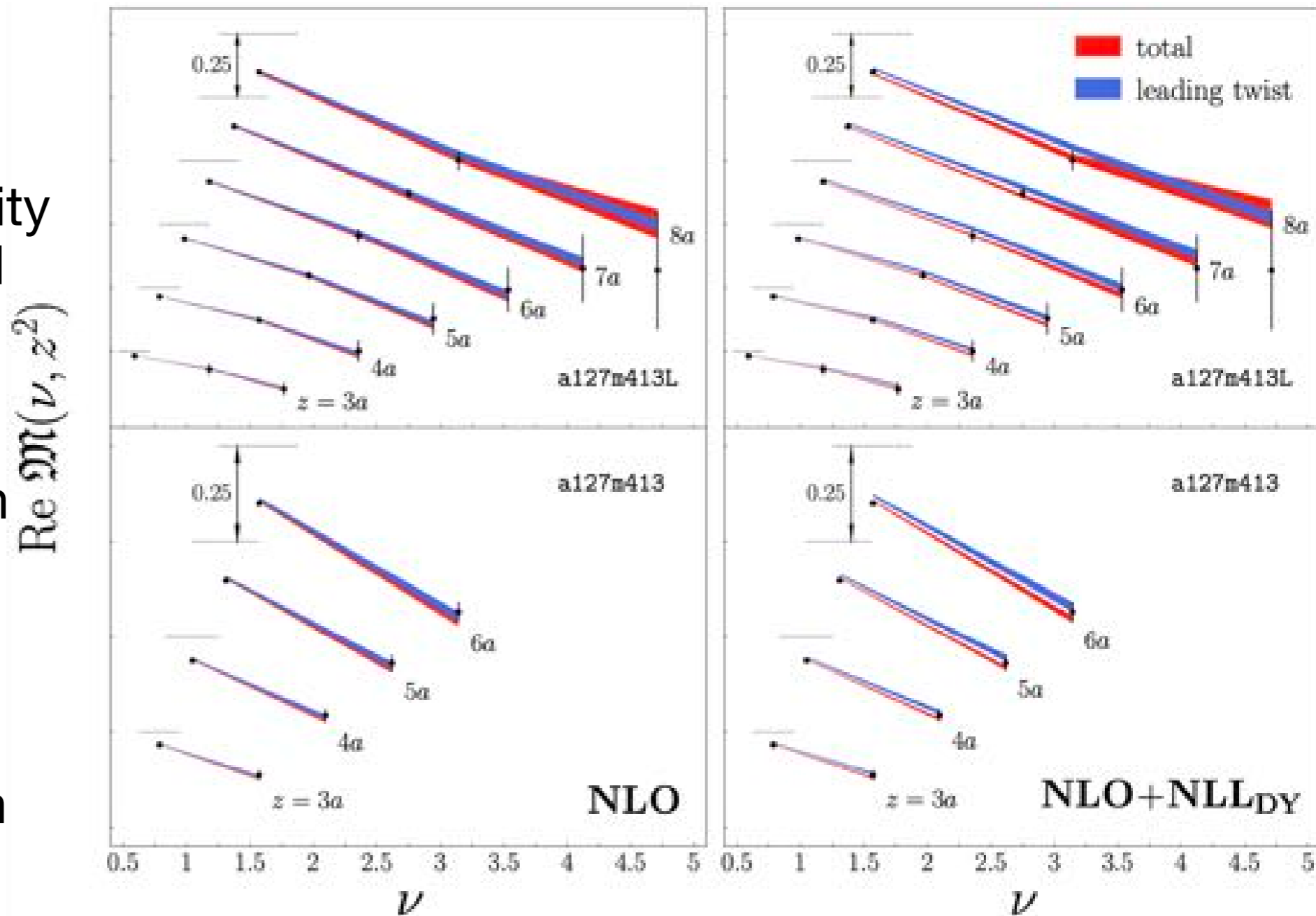
- Lattice can directly access individual quark flavors independently
- Flavor decomposed matrix elements have noisy “disconnected” contributions
- Studies of strange and charm PDFs have begun and give promising precision

Hou et al arXiv 2204.07944



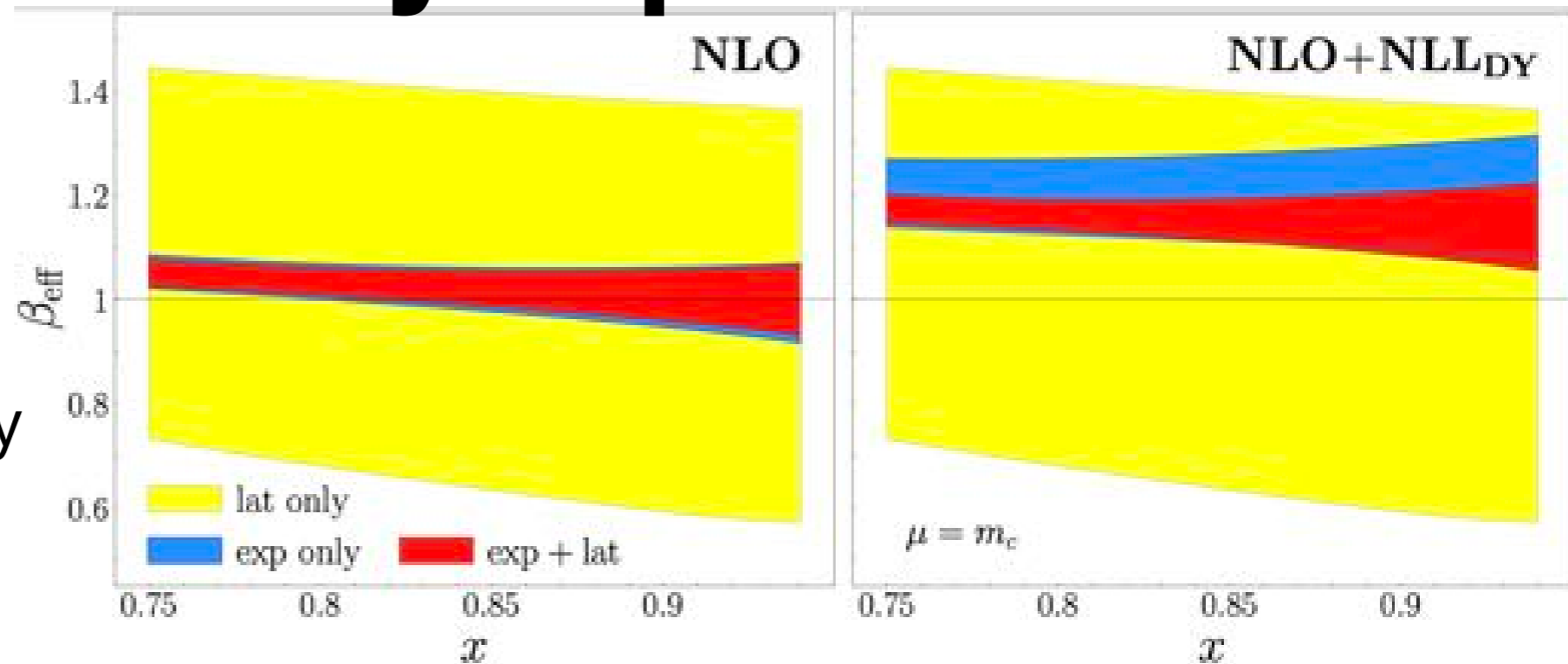
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- Lattice lacks sensitivity to threshold logs and can be used to test theoretical kernels
- Improves precision in large  $x$  where experimental data does not exist
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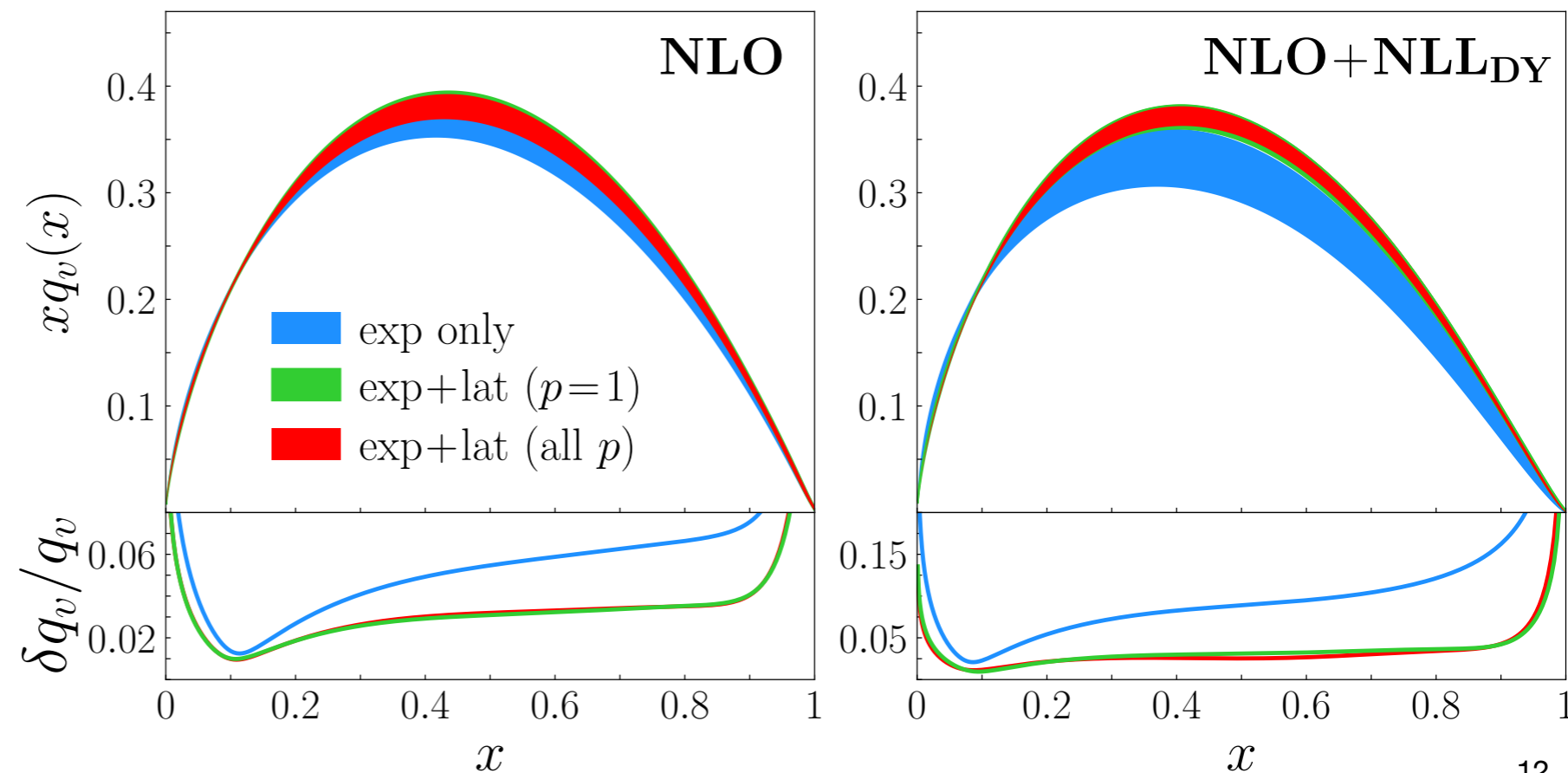


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P. Barry et al, *Phys. Rev. D* 105 (2022) 11, 114051



# Spinning gluons

R. Jaffe and A. Manohar, Nucl. Phys. B 337, 509 (1990)

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q + L_G + \Delta G$$

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x)$$

- Positivity constraints are invalid

$$|\Delta g| \leq g$$

J. Collins, T. Rogers, N. Sato,  
Phys Rev D 105 (2022) 7,076010

- Removal reveals new band of solutions

- With constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.39(9)$

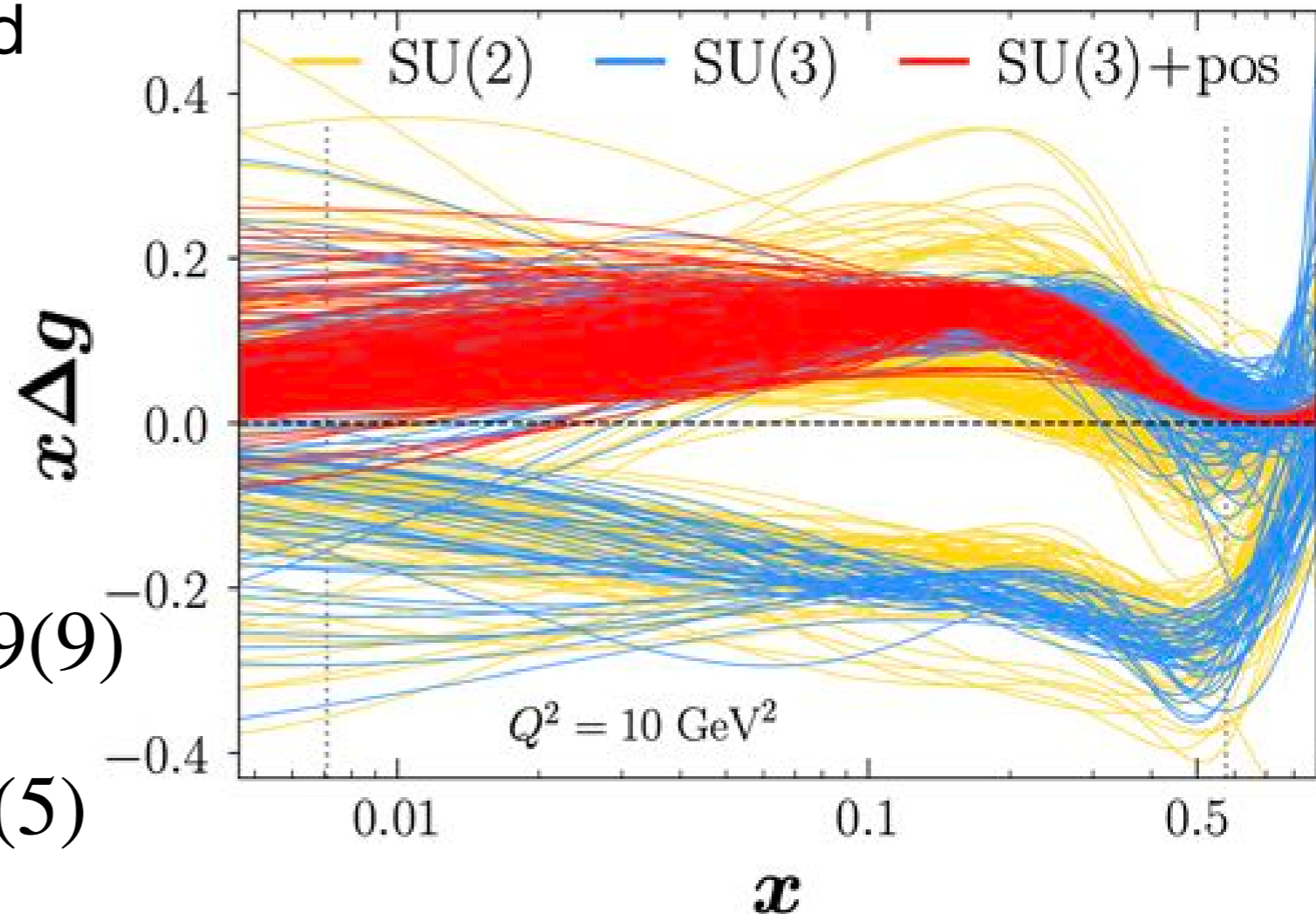
- Without constraint:  $\Delta G = 0.3(5)$

- Local Lattice:

$$\Delta G = 0.251(47)(16)$$

Y-B. Yang et al ( $\chi$ -QCD) Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 102001 (2017)

K-F. Liu arXiv: 2112.08416



Y. Zhou et al (JAM) Phys. Rev. D 105, 074022 (2022)

# Helicity Gluon matrix element

I. Balitsky, W. Morris, A. Radyushkin JHEP 02 (2022) 193  
C. Egerer et al (HadStruc) arXiv:2207.08733

- Helicity Gluon Matrix Element:

$$\widetilde{M}_{\mu\alpha;\nu\beta}(z, p, s) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\nu\beta\rho\sigma} M_{\mu\alpha;\rho\sigma} = \langle p, s | \text{Tr} [F^{\mu\alpha}(z) W(z; 0) \widetilde{F}^{\nu\beta}(0)] | p, s \rangle$$

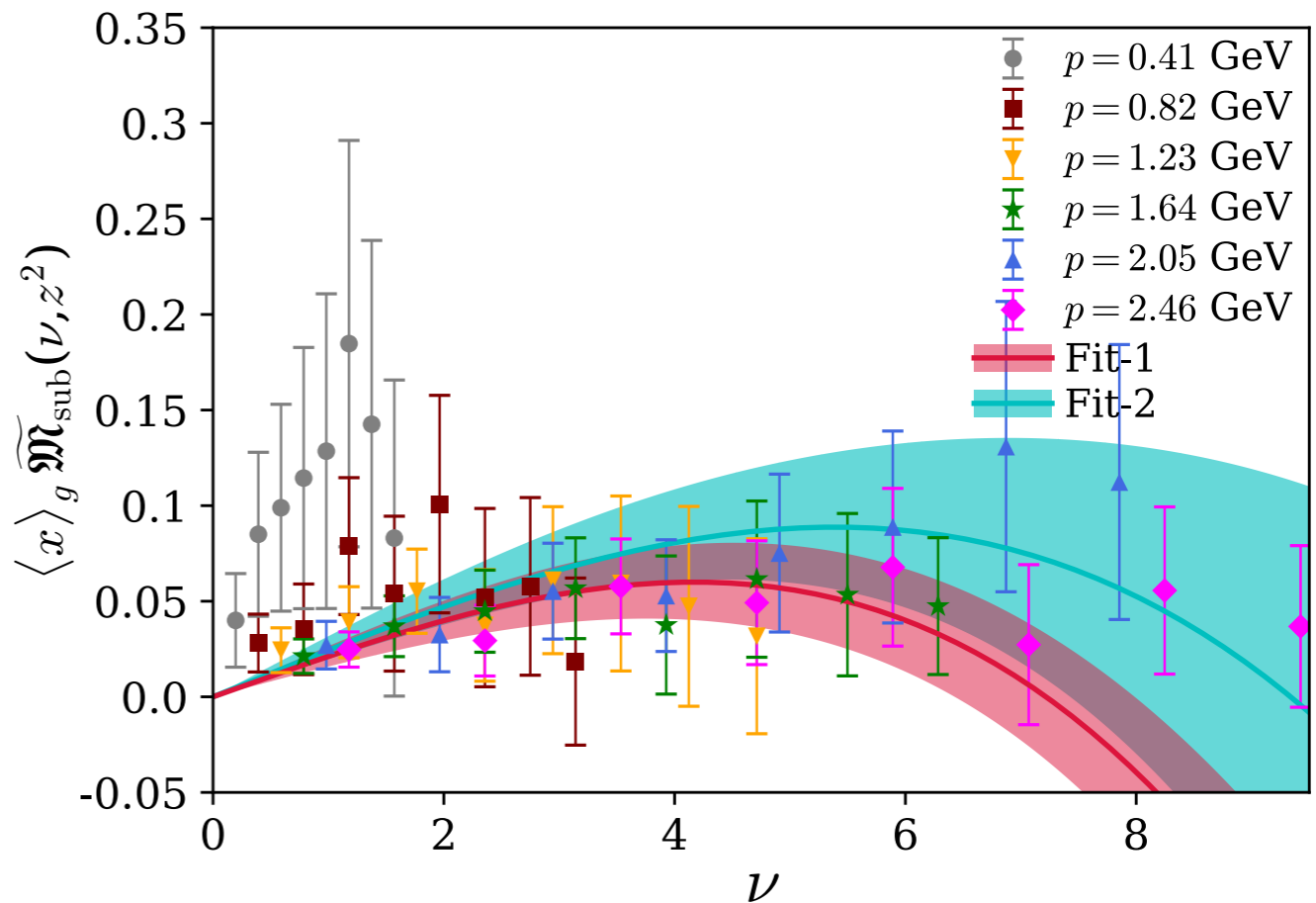
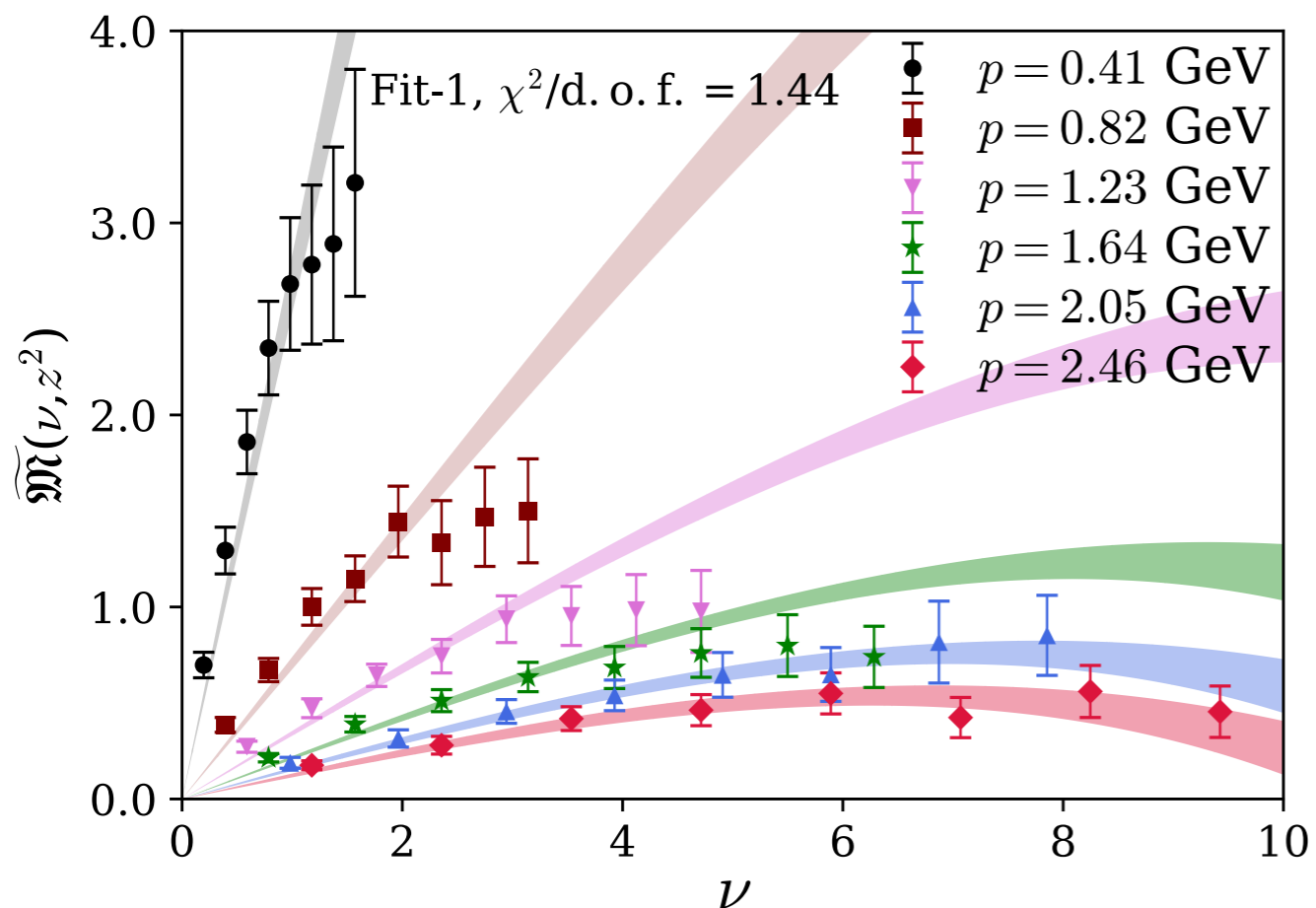
- Gluon matrix elements are typically far noisier than quarks
- Lorentz decomposition has >10 invariant terms.
- Useful Combination  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}(z, p) = [\widetilde{M}_{ti;it} + \widetilde{M}_{ij;ij}]$ 
  - Gives **two** amplitudes, one has no leading twist contribution
  - Undesired term dominates and must be removed

# Helicity Gluon Matrix Element

- Large contamination from  $\frac{m^2}{p_z^2} \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}$  will need to be removed

$$\widetilde{\mathfrak{M}}(z, p) = M_{\Delta g} - \frac{m^2}{p_z^2} \nu \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}$$

- Model both terms
- Subtract rest frame



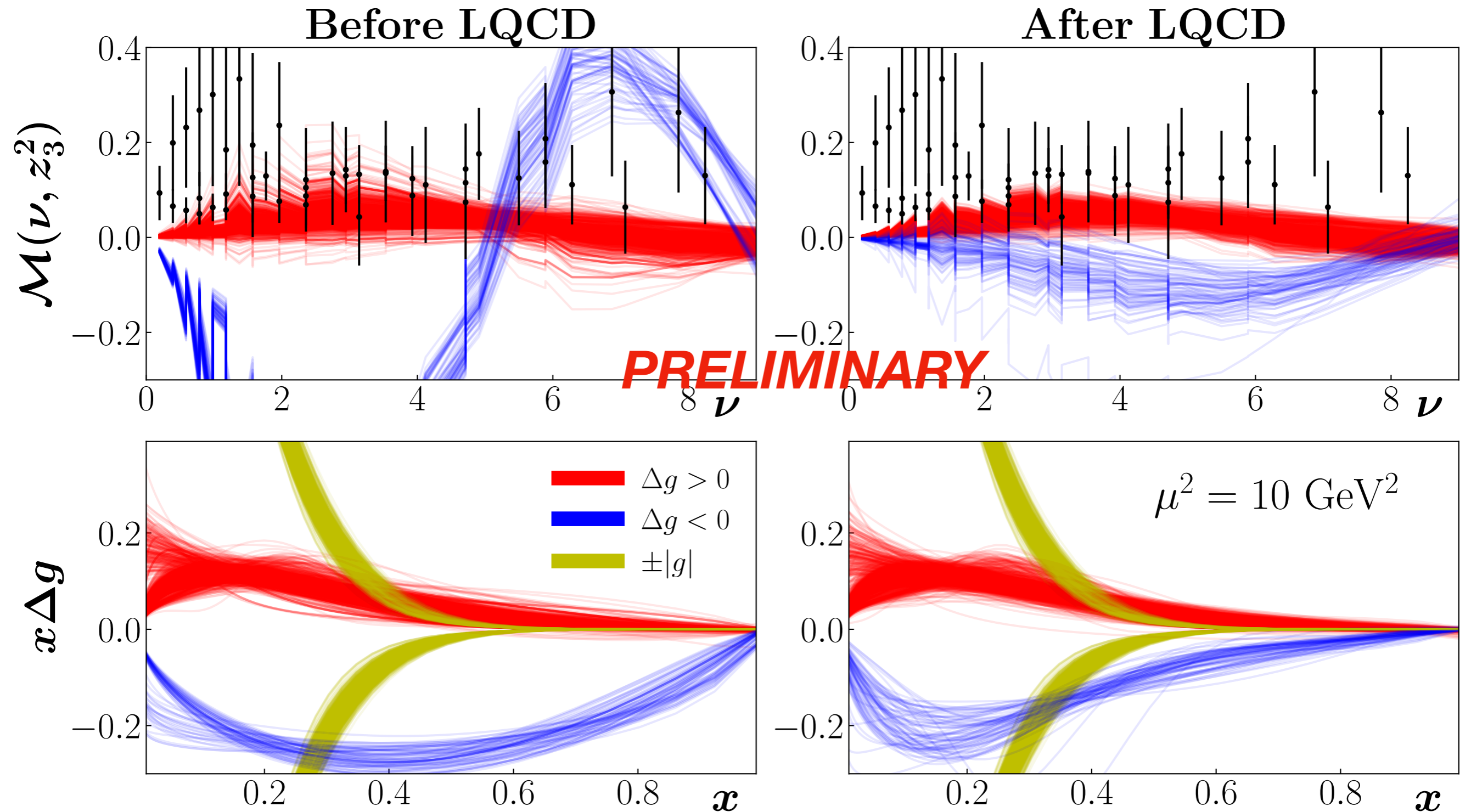
C. Egerer et al (HadStruc) arXiv: 2207.08733

- Model with Neural Network

T. Khan, T. Liu, R. Sufian arXiv:2211.15587



# Helicity Gluon PDF with LQCD





# Conclusions

- Many PDFs lack the amount of data and the precision which unpolarized quark PDFs obtain
- Lattice data is sensitive to higher  $x$  while experiment is sensitive to lower  $x$
- **Combined analysis give better results than either alone**
- Even imprecise lattice data can impact the gluon helicity of the nucleon
  - Though, negative  $\Delta g$  is compatible with modern lattice results
- Future work will need to study lattice systematic errors

**Thank you and the organizers!**