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# Gluon Helicity from Lattice QCD

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**Polarized Gluon Pseudodistributions at Short Distances**

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Gluon pseudo-distributions at short distances: Forward case

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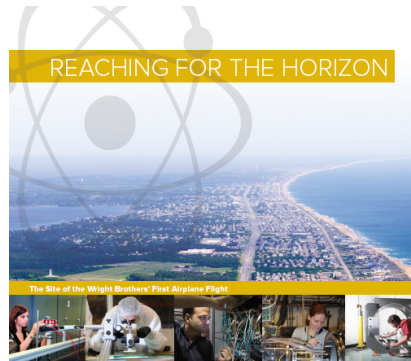
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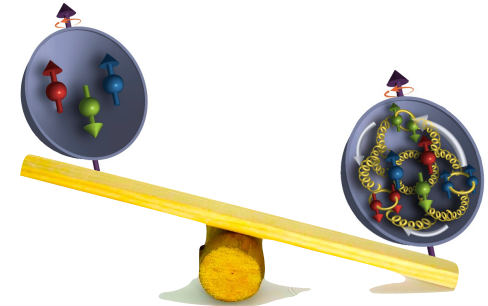
- Introduction
- PDFs on the Lattice - “need to know! - *see Monahan and Orginos*
- Unpolarized and helicity gluon PDFs
- Lattice QCD and Global Analysis
- Conclusions

# Introduction

*“Understanding the Glue That Binds Us All: The Next QCD Frontier in Nuclear Physics”*



The 2015  
LONG RANGE PLAN  
for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



*Ji's sum rule*

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma(\mu) + L_q(\mu) + J_g(\mu)$$

Lattice: *Moments of Generalized Form Factors*

*Jaffe-Manohar sum rule*

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma(\mu) + \Delta G(\mu) + L_{q+g}(\mu)$$



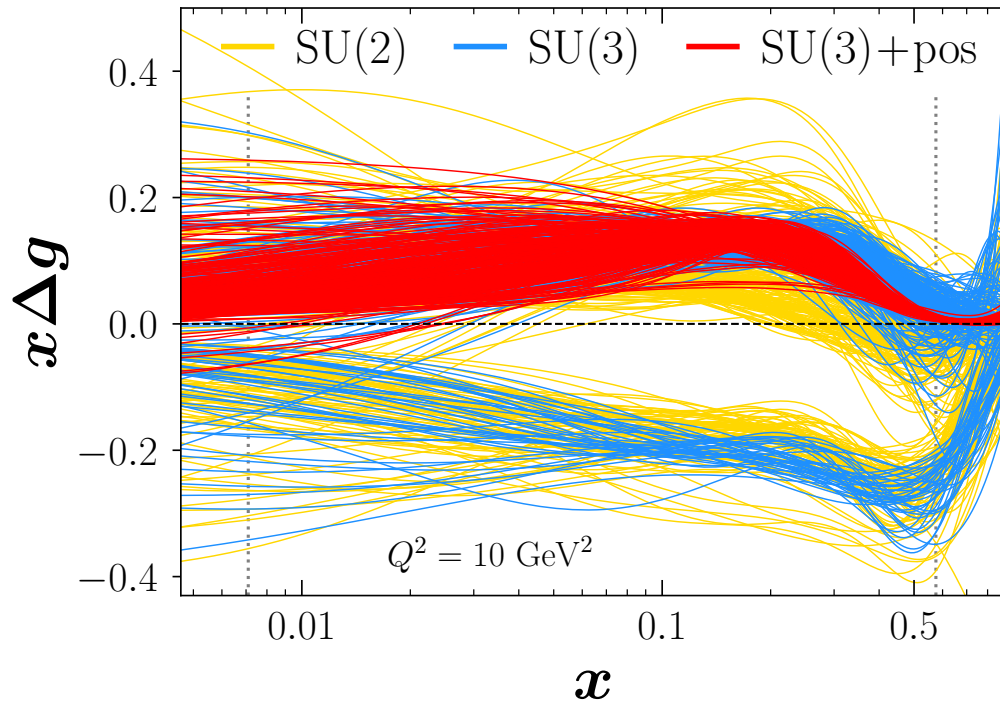
$$\Delta G(\mu) = \int_0^1 dx \Delta g(x, \mu)$$

# Gluon Helicity Distribution

- Crucial questions in global analysis - do we need to apply positivity constraint:

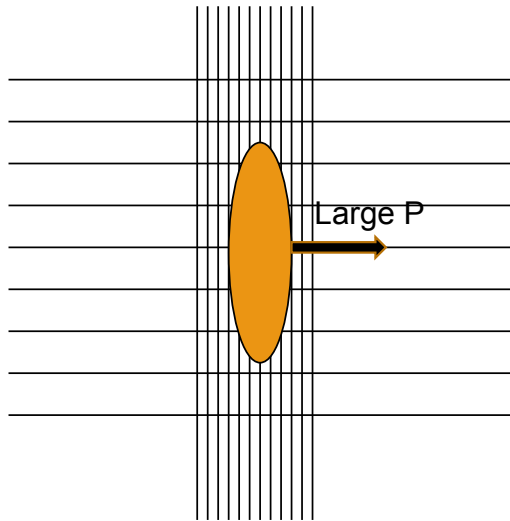
$$| \Delta g(x) | \leq g(x) \forall x$$

Relaxing constraint leads to new “replicas” in global analysis:

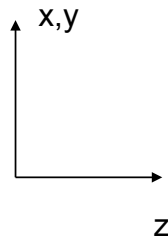


Zhou, Sato and Melnitchouk, Phys. Rev. D 105, 074022 (2022)

# PDFs from Euclidean Lattice



Large-Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET)



“Equal time” correlator

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

X. Ji, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 112002 (2013).

J. W. Qiu and Y. Q. Ma, arXiv:1404.686.

$$q(x, \mu^2, P^z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{izkz} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^z e^{-ig \int_0^z dz' A^z(z')} \psi(0) | P \rangle + \mathcal{O}((\Lambda^2/(P^z)^2), M^2/(P^z)^2)$$



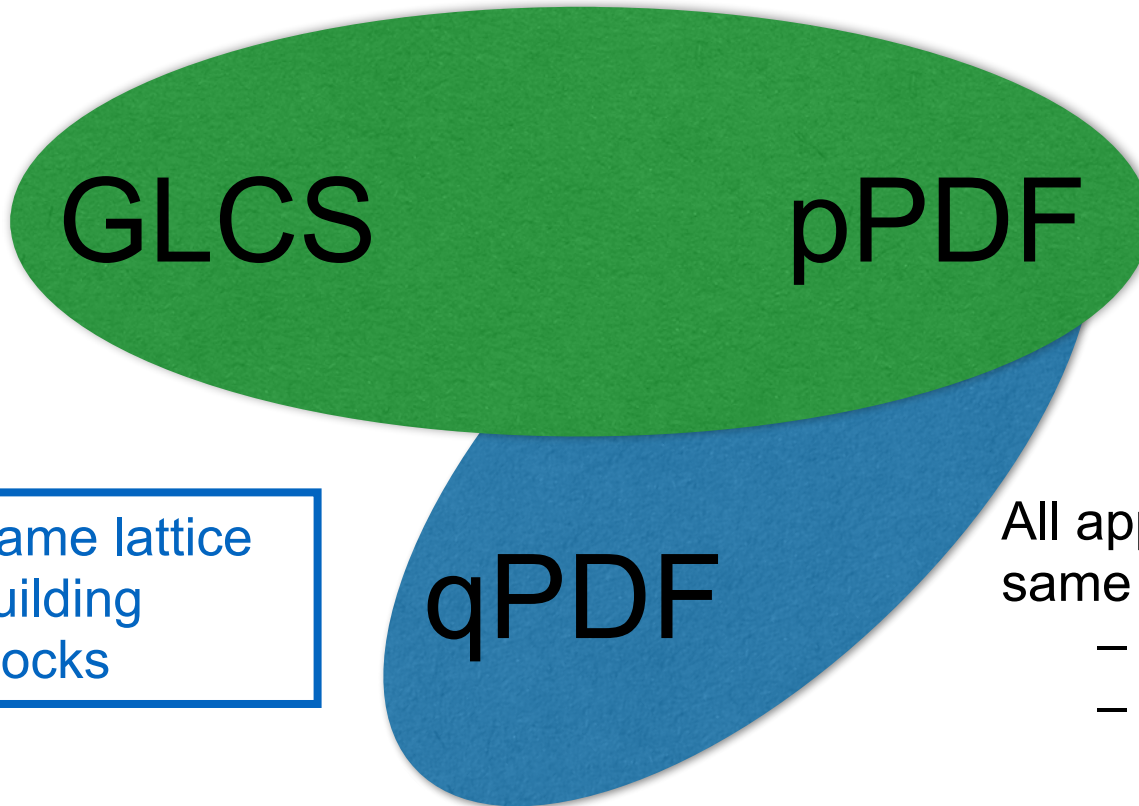
$$q(x, \mu^2, P^z) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} Z\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) q(y, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^2/(P^z)^2, M^2/(P^z)^2)$$

“quasi-PDF Approach”

# PDFs, GPDs and TMDs

Ma and Qiu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 022003

A.Radyushkin, Phys. Rev. D  
96, 034025 (2017)



*Light cone reduces to a point*

Characterized by *short-distance factorization*

All approaches should give same after:

- Finite volume
- Discretization
- Uncertainties
- *Infinite momentum*

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

X. Ji, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 112002 (2013).

J. W. Qiu and Y. Q. Ma, arXiv:1404.686.

# Pseudo-PDFs

To deal with UV divergences, introduce reduced distribution

$$\mathfrak{M} = \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(0, z^2)} \equiv \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(\nu, 0)} \right) / \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(0, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(0, 0)} \right)$$

$\nu = p \cdot z$  Ioffe time  
 $z^2$  - short-distance scale

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 du K(u, z^2 \mu^2, \alpha_s) Q(u\nu, \mu^2)$$



Computed on lattice

Perturbatively calculable

**Ioffe-time Distribution**

$$Q(\nu, \mu) = \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du \left[ \ln \left( z^2 \mu^2 \frac{e^{2\gamma_E + 1}}{4} \right) B(u) + L(u) \right] \mathfrak{M}(u\nu, z^2).$$

K. Orginos et al.,  
 PRD96 (2017),  
 094503

Match data at different  $z$

**Inverse problem**

$$Q(\nu) = \int_{-1}^1 dx q(x) e^{i\nu x}$$

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu e^{-i\nu x} Q(\nu)$$

**Need data for all  $\nu$ , or additional physics input**

**ITD ↔ PDF**



# Ioffe-Time Distribution to PDF

J.Karpie, K.Orginos, A.Radyushkin, S.Zafeiropoulos, Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017)

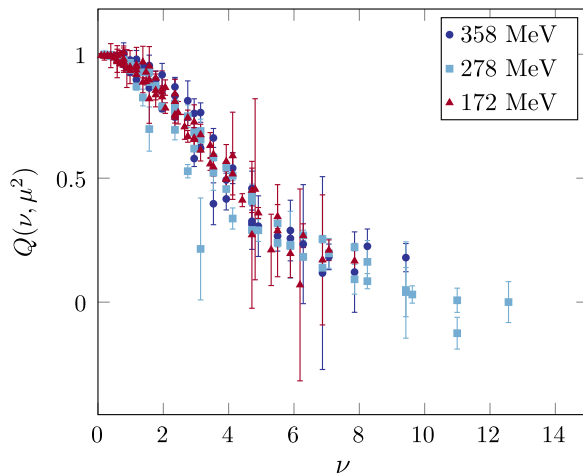
B.Joo *et al.*, HEP 12 (2019) 081, J.Karpie *et al.*, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 23, 232003

To extract PDF requires additional information - *use a phenomenologically motivated parametrization*

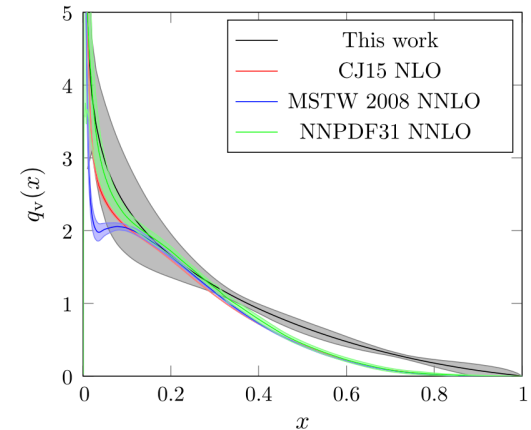
$$f(x) = x^a(1-x)^b P(x) \text{ MSTW, CJ}$$

ID	$a(\text{fm})$	$M_\pi(\text{MeV})$	$\beta$	$c_{\text{sw}}$	$am_l$	$am_s$	$L^3 \times T$	$N_{\text{cfg}}$
a094m360	0.094(1)	358(3)	6.3	1.20536588	-0.2350	-0.2050	$32^3 \times 64$	417
a094m280	0.094(1)	278(3)	6.3	1.20536588	-0.2390	-0.2050	$32^3 \times 64$	500
a091m170	0.091(1)	172(6)	6.3	1.20536588	-0.2416	-0.2050	$64^3 \times 128$	175

$$P(x) = \frac{1 + c\sqrt{x} + dx}{B(a + a, b + 1) + cB(a + 1.5, b + 1) + dB(a + 2, b + 1)}$$



B.Joo *et al.*, PRL 125 (2020) 23, 232003



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# Unpolarized Gluon PDF

# Gluon Contribution to unpolarized PDF

c.f. Z.Fan, H-W-Lin, arXiv:2104.06372, arXiv:2007.16113

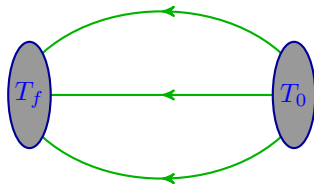
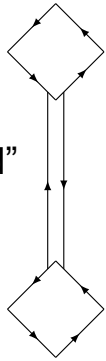
T.Khan *et al.* (Hadstruc), *Phys.Rev.D* 104 (2021) 9, 094516

$$M_{\mu\alpha;\lambda\beta}(z, p) \equiv \langle p | G_{\mu\alpha}(z) W[z, 0] G_{\lambda\beta}(0) | p \rangle$$



$$O_g(z) = G_{ji}(z) U(z, 0) G_{ij}(0) U(0, z) - G_{ti}(z) U(z, 0) G_{it}(0) U(0, z).$$

“disconnected”



Two-point functions as in isovector case

Reduced matrix element: 
$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(\nu, 0)|_{z=0}} \right) / \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(0, z^2)|_{p=0}}{\mathcal{M}(0, 0)|_{p=0, z=0}} \right)$$

Flavor-singlet quantities are subject to severe signal-to-noise problems compared with isovector measures:

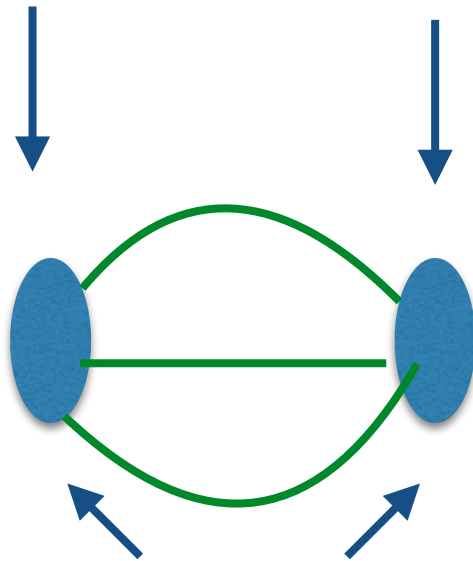
- Use distillation and many more measurements per configuration - *sampling of lattice*
- Use of summed Generalized Eigenvalue Problem (sGEVP) - *better control over excited state contributions*
- Use of *Gradient Flow* - *smoothing of short-distance fluctuations*

# Distillation and Hadron Structure

To control systematic uncertainties, need precise computations over a wide range of momentum.

- Use a low-mode projector to capture states of interest  
“distillation” M.Peardon *et al* (Hadspec), Phys.Rev.D 80 (2009) 054506
- Enables momentum projection at each temporal point.

## Momentum projection



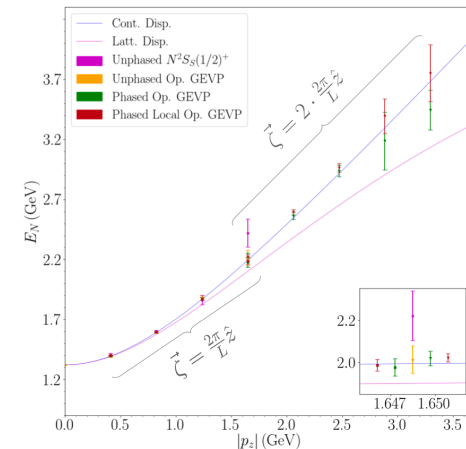
Variational basis



+ momentum smearing

G.Bali *et al*, Phys.Rev.D 93 (2016) 9, 094515

C.Egerer *et al* (Hadstruc), Phys. Rev. D 103, 034502 (2021)

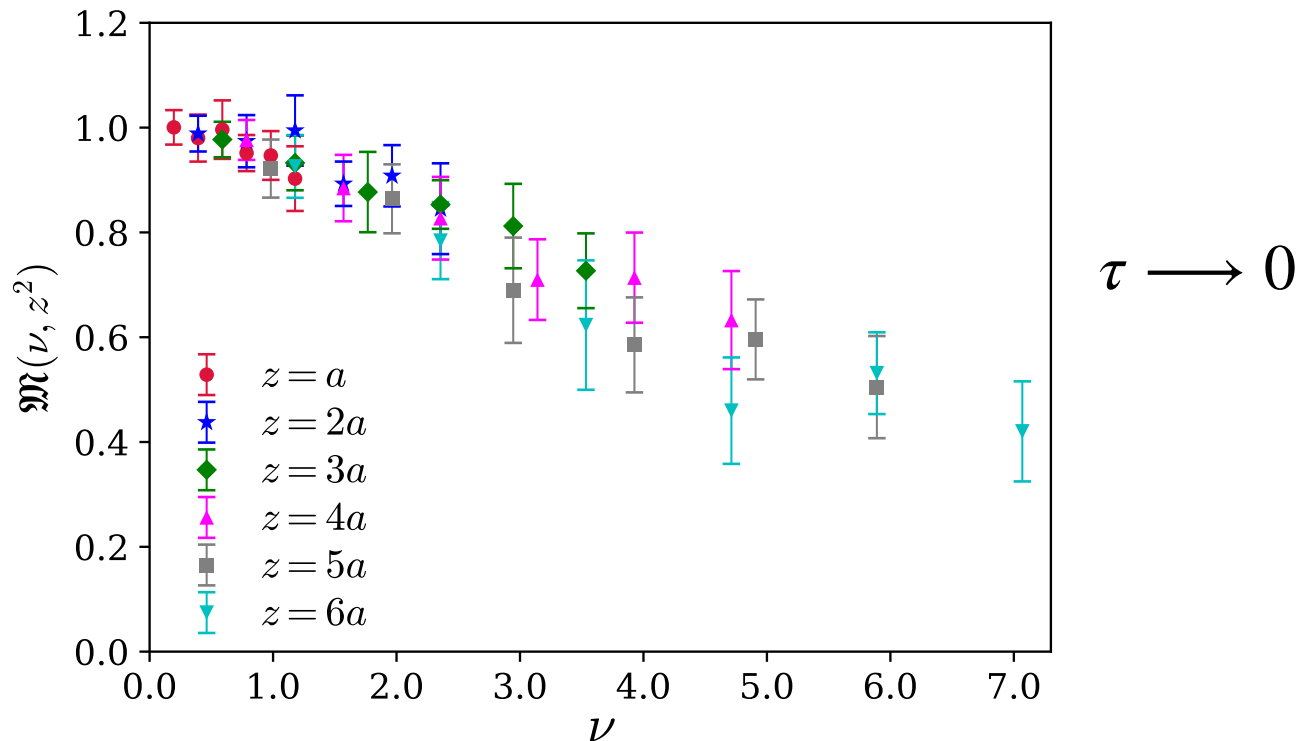


Spatial momentum	Interpolators
$\vec{p} = \vec{0}$	$N^2 S_S \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^2 S_M \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^4 D_M \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^2 P_A \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^4 P_M^* \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^2 P_M^* \frac{1}{2}^+$
$\vec{p} \neq \vec{0}$	$N^2 P_M \frac{1}{2}^-$ , $N^2 P_M \frac{3}{2}^-$ , $N^4 P_M \frac{1}{2}^-$ , $N^4 P_M \frac{3}{2}^-$ , $N^4 P_M \frac{5}{2}^-$ , $N^2 S_S \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^2 S_M \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^2 P_M^* \frac{1}{2}^+$ , $N^4 P_M^* \frac{1}{2}^+$

# loffe-time distributions

Use Gradient flow - to further reduce UV fluctuations

Insert flowed link variable  $\dot{V}_\mu(\tau, x) = -g_0^2 \{ \partial_{x,\mu} S(V_\mu(\tau, x)) V_\mu(\tau, x) \} V_\mu(\tau, x)$



# ITD to PDF

Matching: I.Balitsky,W.Morris,A.Radyushkin,Phys.Lett.B 808 (2020) 135621

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{\mathcal{I}_g(\nu, \mu^2)}{\mathcal{I}_g(0, \mu^2)} - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du \frac{\mathcal{I}_g(u\nu, \mu^2)}{\mathcal{I}_g(0, \mu^2)} \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{z^2 \mu^2 e^{2\gamma_E}}{4}\right) B_{gg}(u) + 4 \left[ \frac{u + \ln(\bar{u})}{\bar{u}} \right]_+ + \frac{2}{3} [1-u^3]_+ \right\}$$

*N.B* neglecting quark-gluon mixing

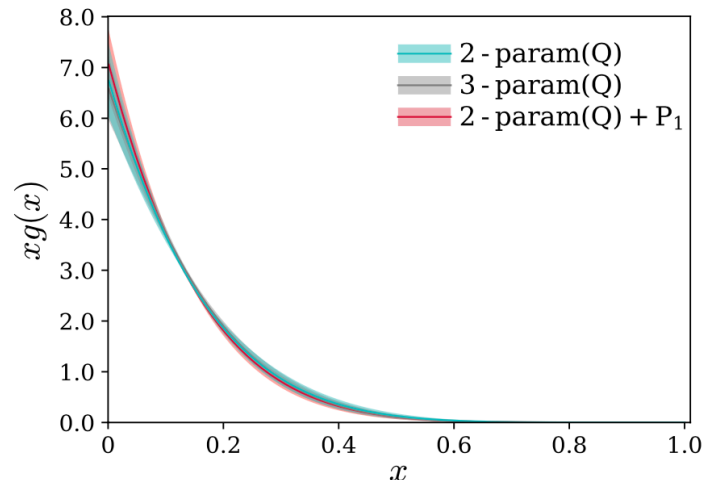
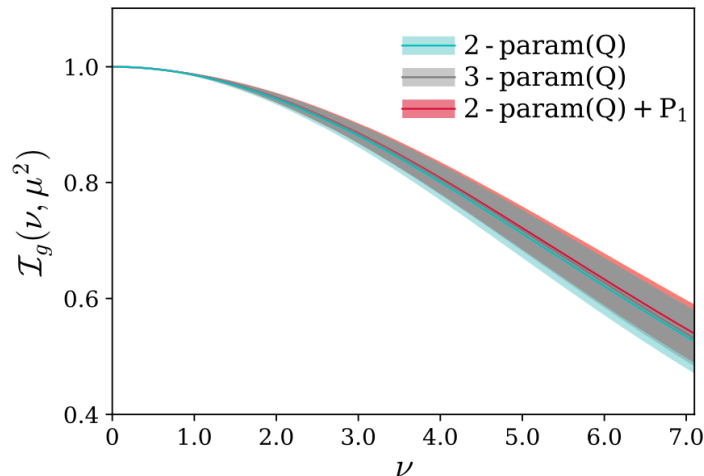
Implementation for obtaining the PDFs follows that of the isovector distribution

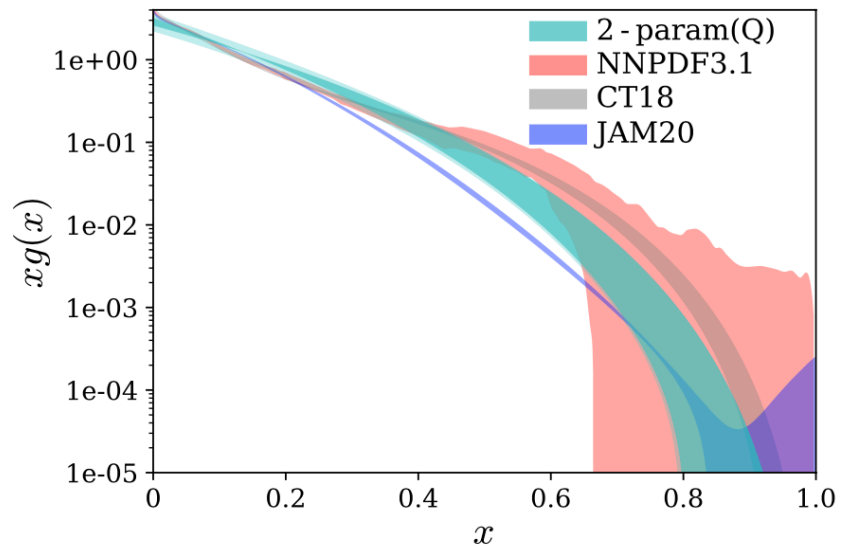
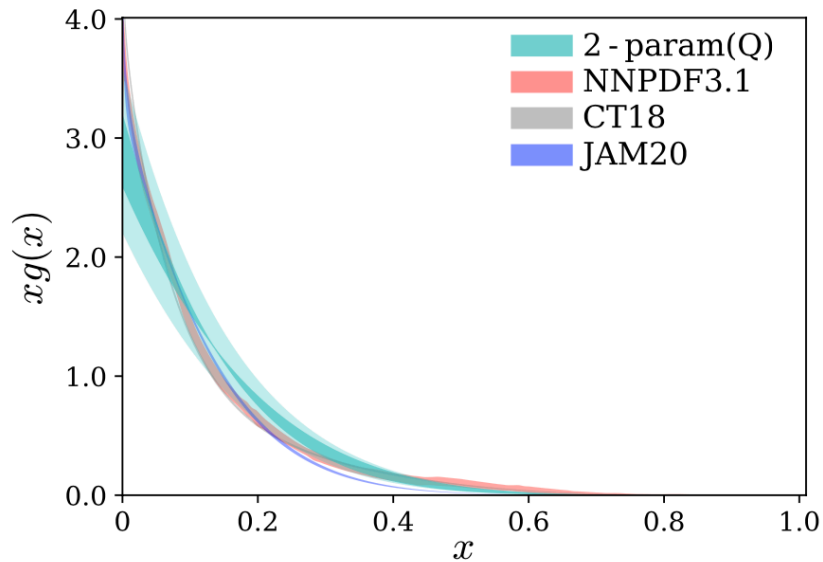
– *Expand in Jacobi Polynomials*

$$x^\alpha(1-x)^\beta$$

$$+ J_1^{\alpha,\beta}$$

$$+ a/|z|$$





Require normalization of  $xg(x)$   $\langle x \rangle_g^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.427(92)$

C.Alexandrou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 142002 (2017)

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# Helicity Gluon PDF



Matrix elements of spatially separated gluon fields

$$\tilde{m}_{\mu\alpha;\lambda\beta} = \langle p, s | G_{\mu\alpha}(x) W[z,0] \tilde{G}_{\alpha\beta}(0) | p, s \rangle$$

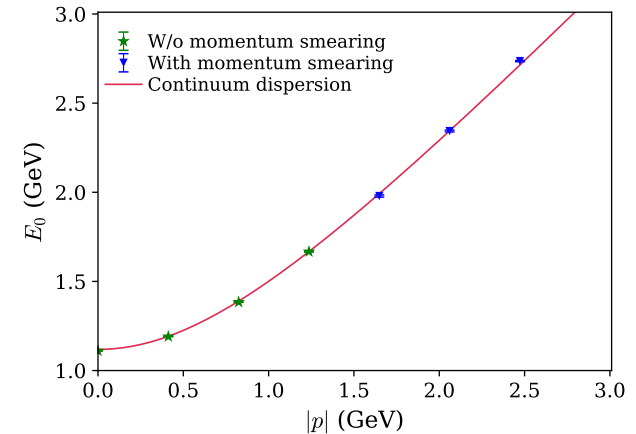
Combination corresponding to polarized gluon distribution

$$\tilde{M}_{\mu\alpha;\lambda\beta}(z, p, s) = \tilde{m}_{\mu\alpha;\lambda\beta}(z, p, s) - \tilde{m}_{\mu\alpha;\lambda\beta}(-z, p, s)$$

lattice-time distribution is related to gluon distribution through inverse problem

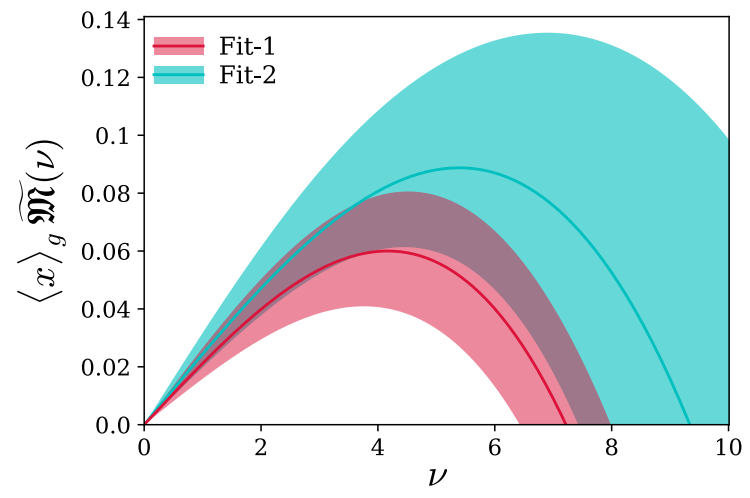
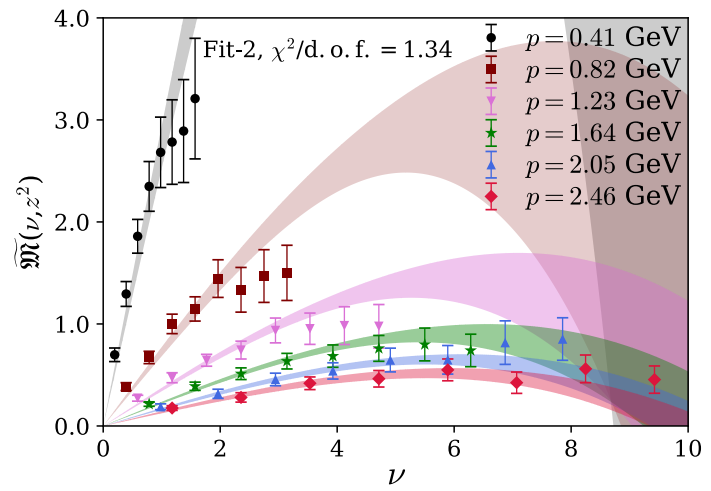
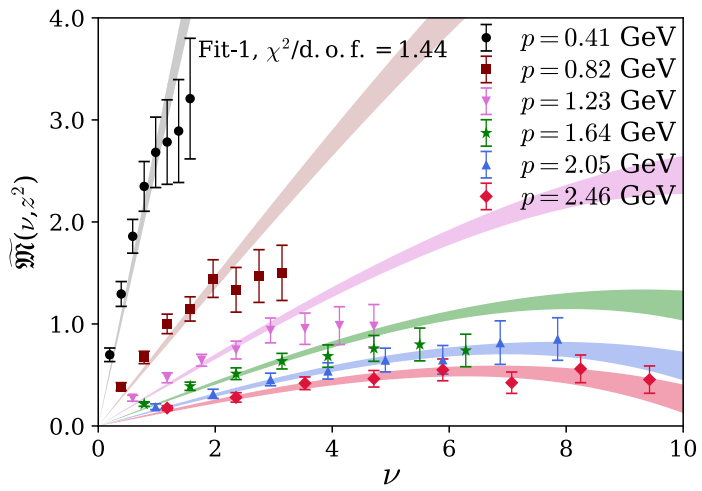
$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\nu) = \frac{i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 e^{-ix\nu} x \Delta g(x)$$

ID	$a$ (fm)	$m_\pi$ (MeV)	$L^3 \times N_t$	$N_{\text{cfg}}$	$N_{\text{src}}$
a094m358	0.094(1)	358(3)	$32^3 \times 64$	1901	64



$$\tilde{\mathfrak{M}}(\nu, z^2) = \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{sp}^{(+)}(\nu, z^2) - \nu \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}(\nu, z^2) \right] - \frac{m_p^2}{p_z^2} \nu \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}(\nu, z^2),$$

“Nuisance term”

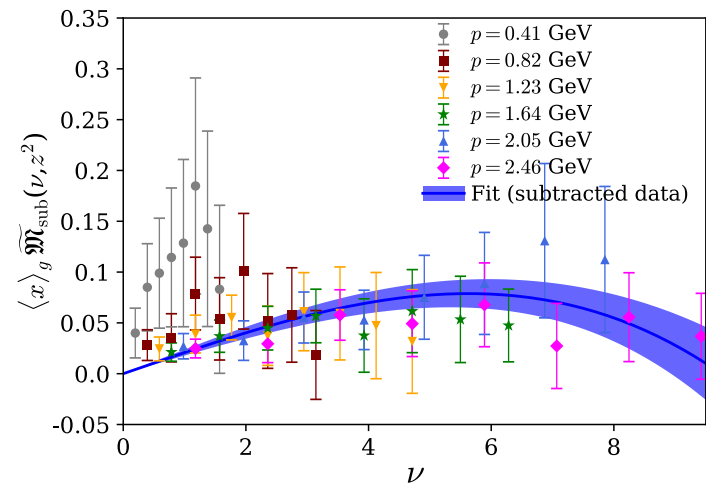
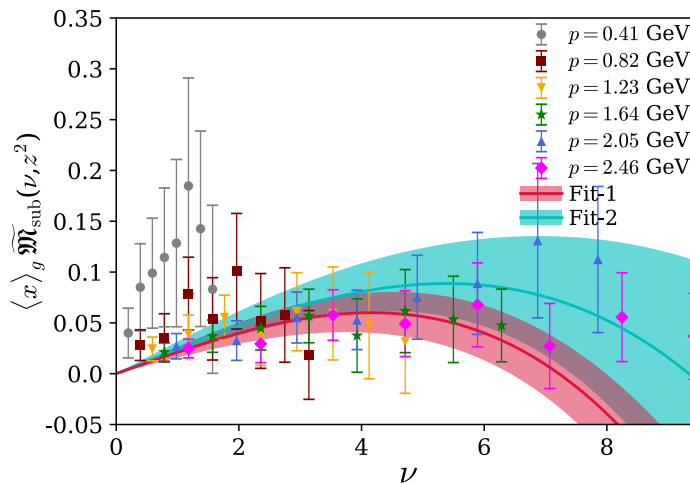


Simultaneous fit to all  $p$

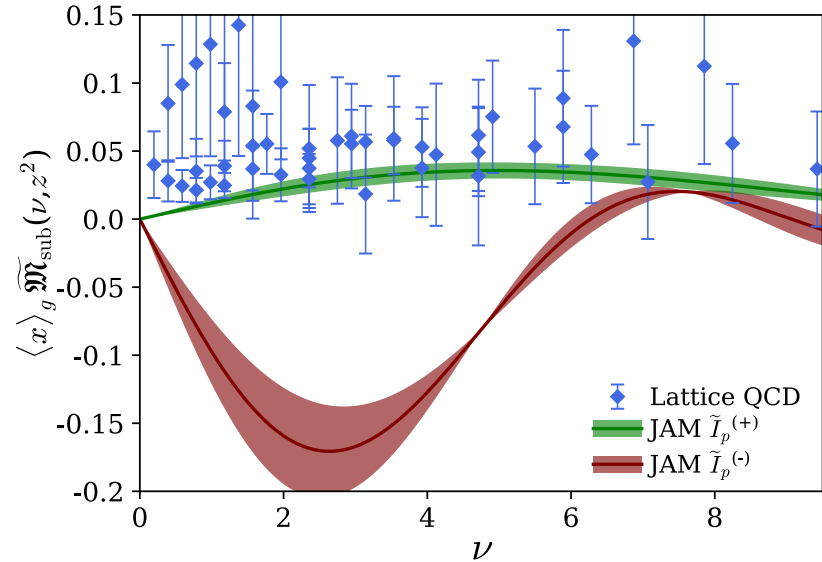
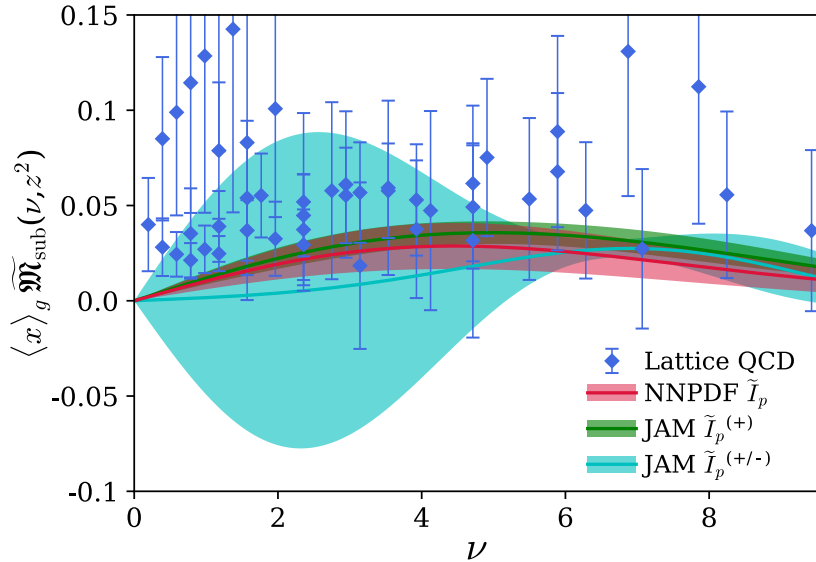
Rather than fitting to  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  directly define subtracted matrix element

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{sub}}(z, p_z) = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{sp}^{(+)}(\nu, z^2) - \nu \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}(\nu, z^2) - \nu \frac{m_p^2}{p_z^2} \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}(\nu, z^2) - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{pp}(\nu = 0, z^2) \right]$$

Still contains nuisance term - but smaller



## Recall ITD $\leftrightarrow$ PDF



C.Egerer *et al.* (*HadStruc*), Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 9, 094511

LQCD Calculation of gluon helicity distribution compared with global analyses

Caveat! Mixing with sea quarks not **yet** included

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Lattice QCD + Experiment: Greater than their parts

# Pion PDF

Pion PDF has high level of uncertainty - *no free-pion targets*

“Good Lattice Cross Sections”

Ma and Qiu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 022003

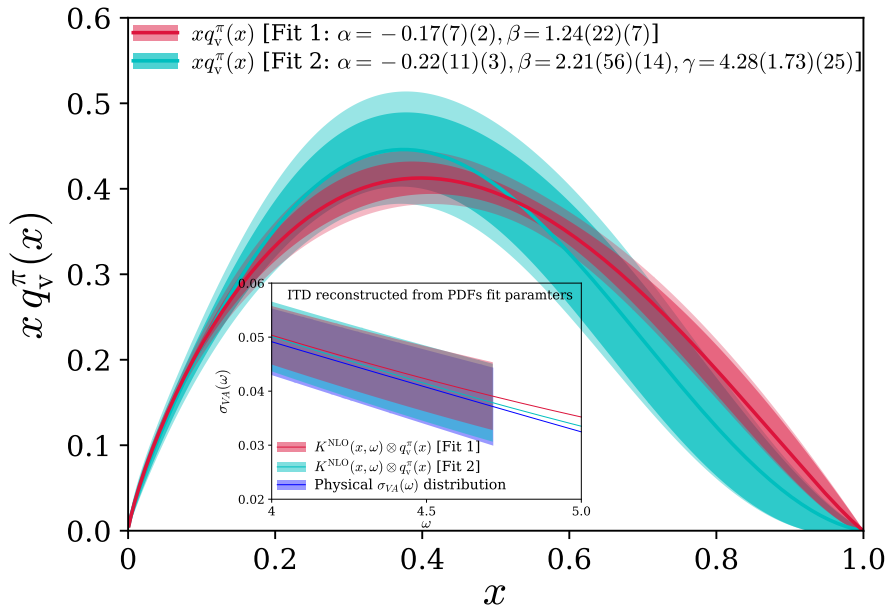
$$\mathcal{O}_S(\xi) = \xi^4 Z_S^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \psi_q](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_q \psi](0)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{V'}(\xi) = \xi^2 Z_{V'}^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \xi \cdot \gamma \psi_{q'}](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_{q'} \xi \cdot \gamma \psi](0)$$

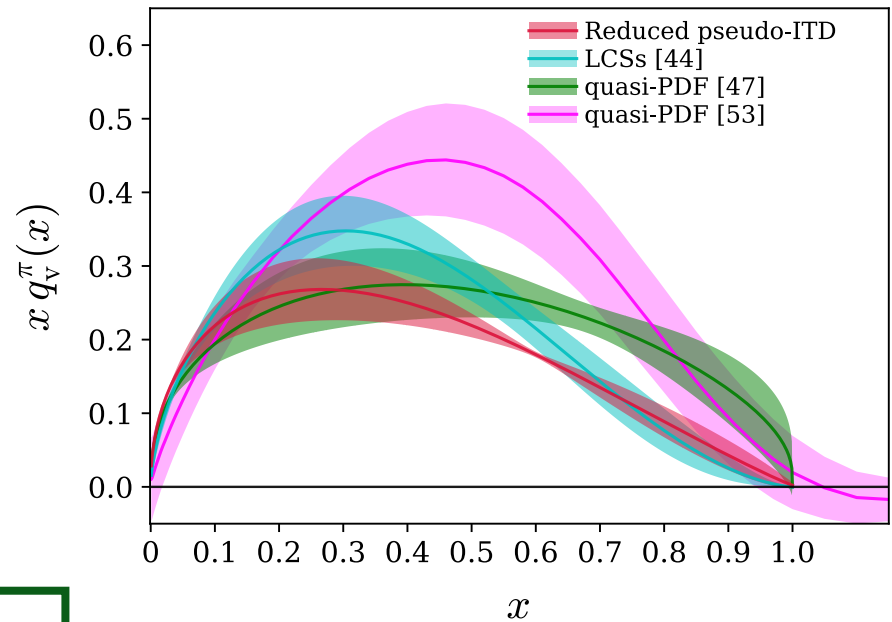
$$q_V^\pi(x) = \frac{x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta (1+\gamma x)}{B(\alpha+1, \beta+1) + \gamma B(\alpha+2, \beta+1)}$$

T.Izubuchi et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034516

J-H Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034505



Sufian et al., Phys. Rev. D102, 05408 (2020)



# Back to expt.....

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **105**, 114051 (2022)

## Complementarity of experimental and lattice QCD data on pion parton distributions

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Jian-Wei Qiu<sup>1,3</sup>, D. Richards<sup>1</sup>, N. Sato<sup>1</sup>, R. S. Sufian<sup>1,3</sup> and S. Zafeiropoulos<sup>4</sup>

(Jefferson Lab Angular Momentum (JAM) and HadStruc Collaborations)

Can we use LQCD + expt in global analysis: what is the impact?

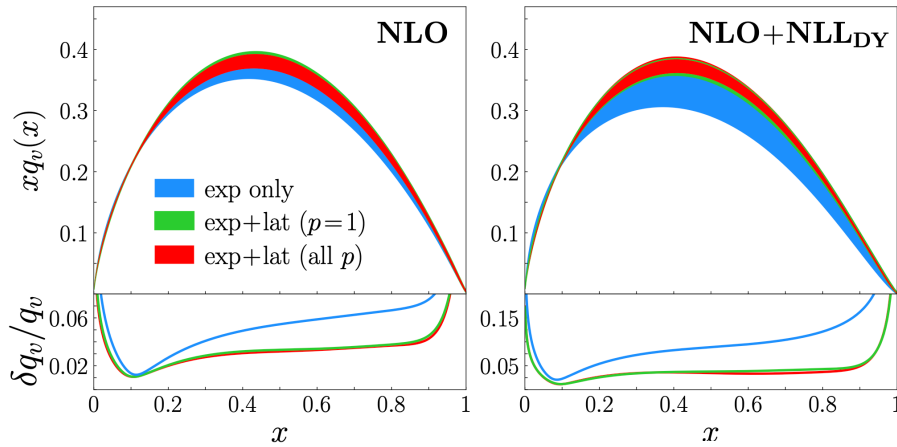
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F d\sqrt{\tau}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9Q^2 S} \sum_{ij} \int_{x_\pi^0}^1 dx_\pi \int_{x_A^0}^1 dx_A f_i^\pi(x_\pi, \mu) f_j^A(x_A, \mu) C_{ij}^{\text{DY}}(x_\pi, x_\pi^0, x_A, x_A^0, Q, \mu),$$

Measured Cross Section

PDF

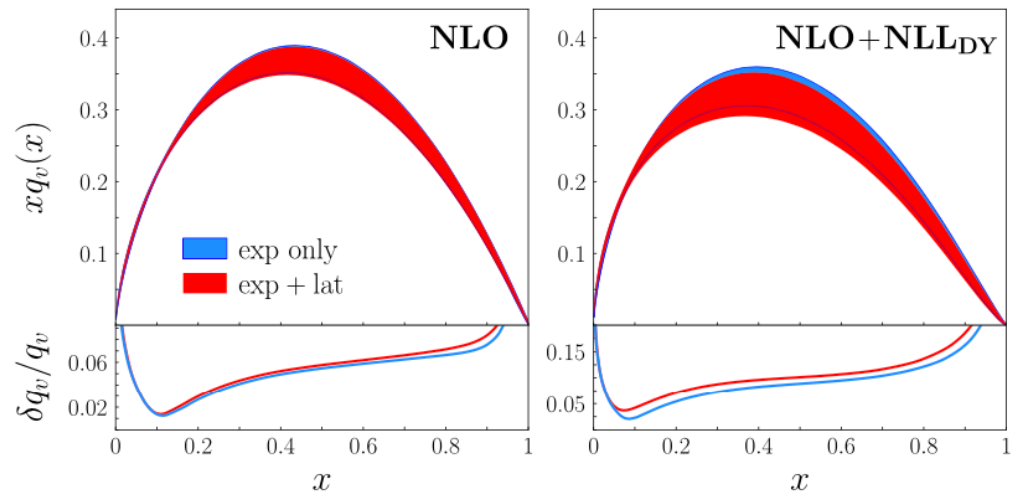
Hard Process

$$f(x, \mu_0^2) = \frac{N_f x^{\alpha_f} (1-x)^{\beta_f} (1+\gamma_f x^2)}{B(\alpha_f + 2, \beta_f + 1) + \gamma_f B(\alpha_f + 4, \beta_f + 1)}$$



*From pseudo-PDF data*

*From Good Lattice Cross Section data*





# Significance of $\Delta g$ -Sensitive Ioffe-Time Distributions in QCD

## Global Analysis

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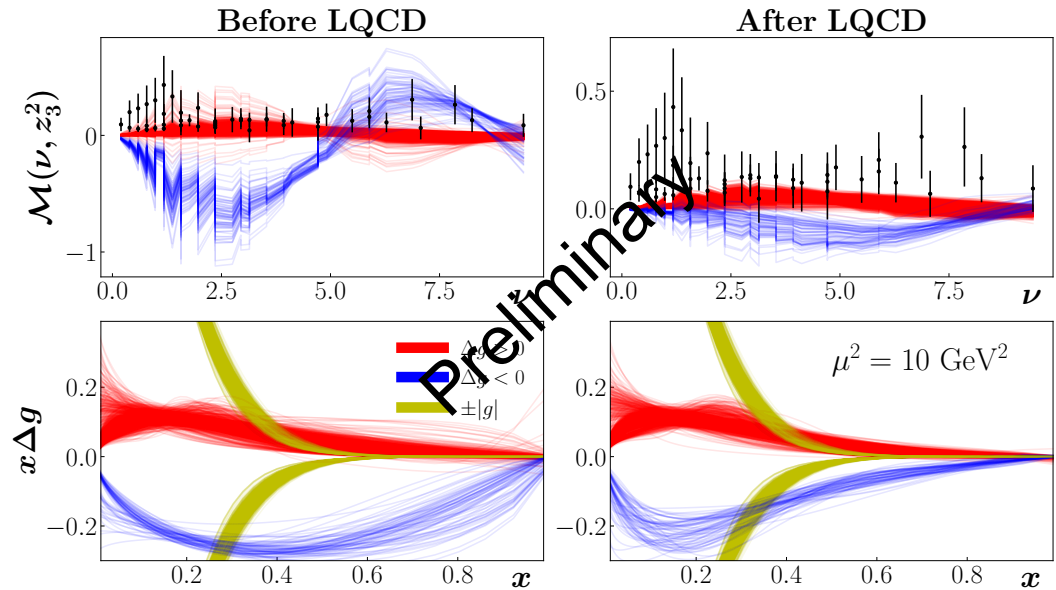
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JAM and HadStruc Collaborations

Work in progress



# Summary

- The gluon PDF is both a theoretical and computational challenge.
- Distillation + boosting enables both far increased reach in momentum, and improved sampling of lattice
  - *Essential in calculations of gluon contributions*
- *Inclusion of sea-quark/disconnected contributions - work in progress.*
- Lattice QCD + Expt - global analysis; *what calculations would have greatest impact?*