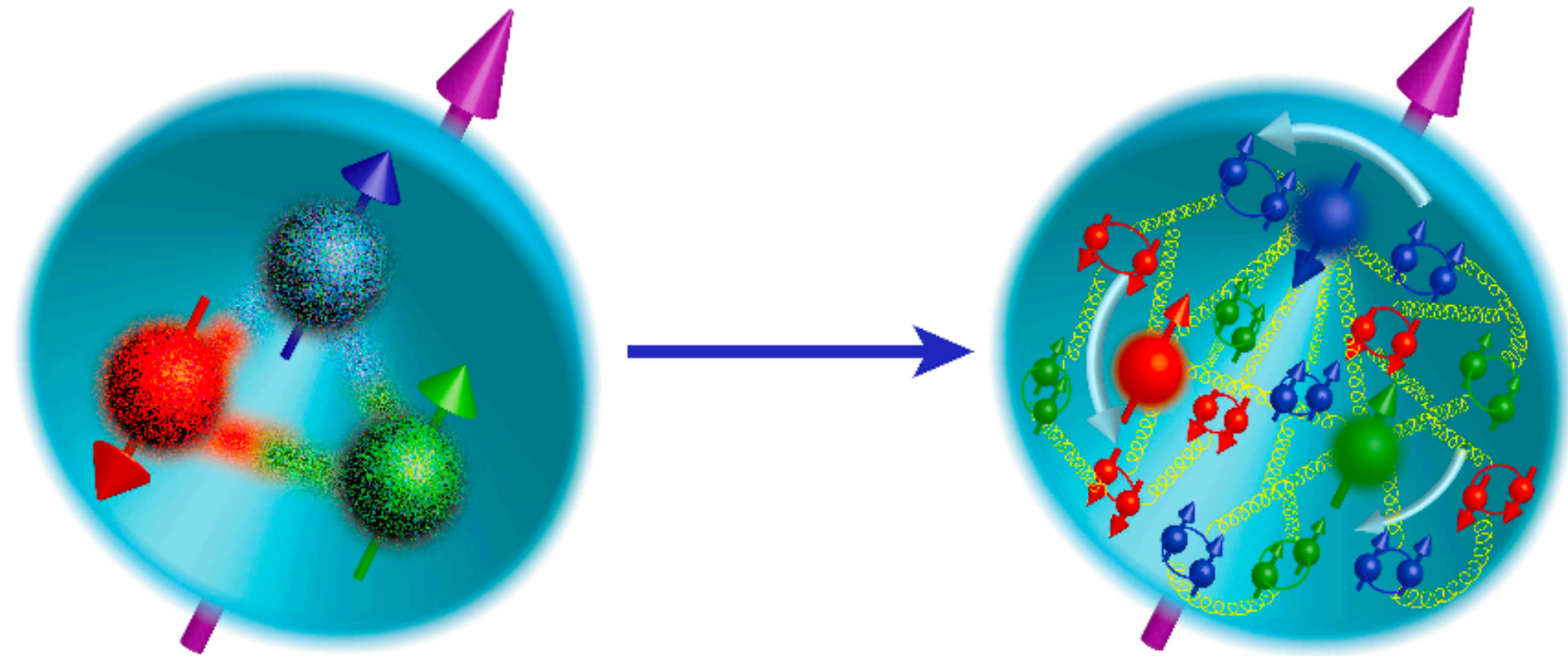


# Parton Distributions from Boosted Fields in the Coulomb Gauge

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## 2 The internal structure of nucleon



- Strong interactions of fast-moving quarks and gluons, described by QCD.

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Origin of mass & spin?

Quark & gluon distributions?

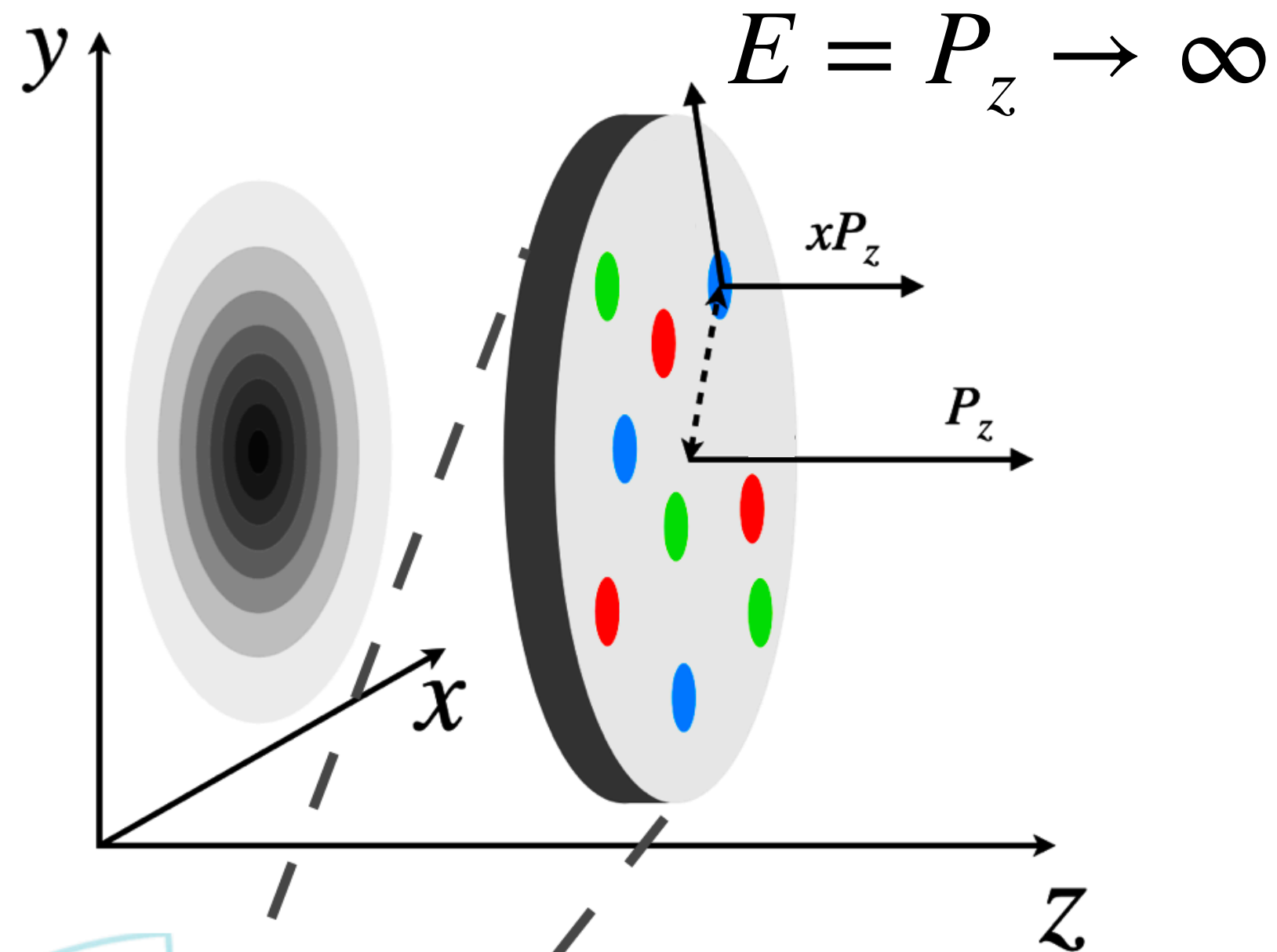
Three-dimensional imaging?

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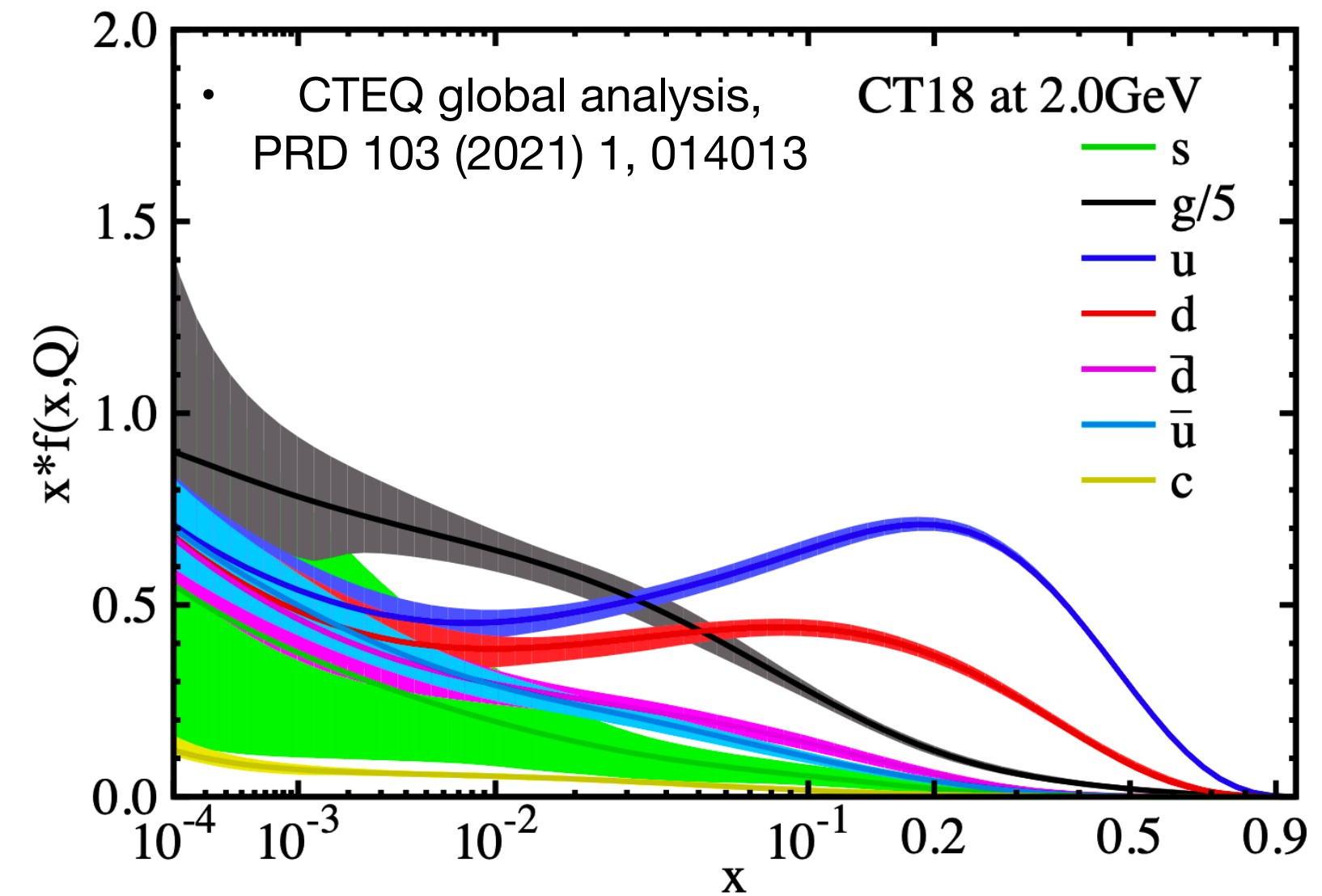


# 3 Nucleon in the eyes of the light — partonic snapshot

DIS



- The possibility to find a parton carrying momentum fraction  $x$ .



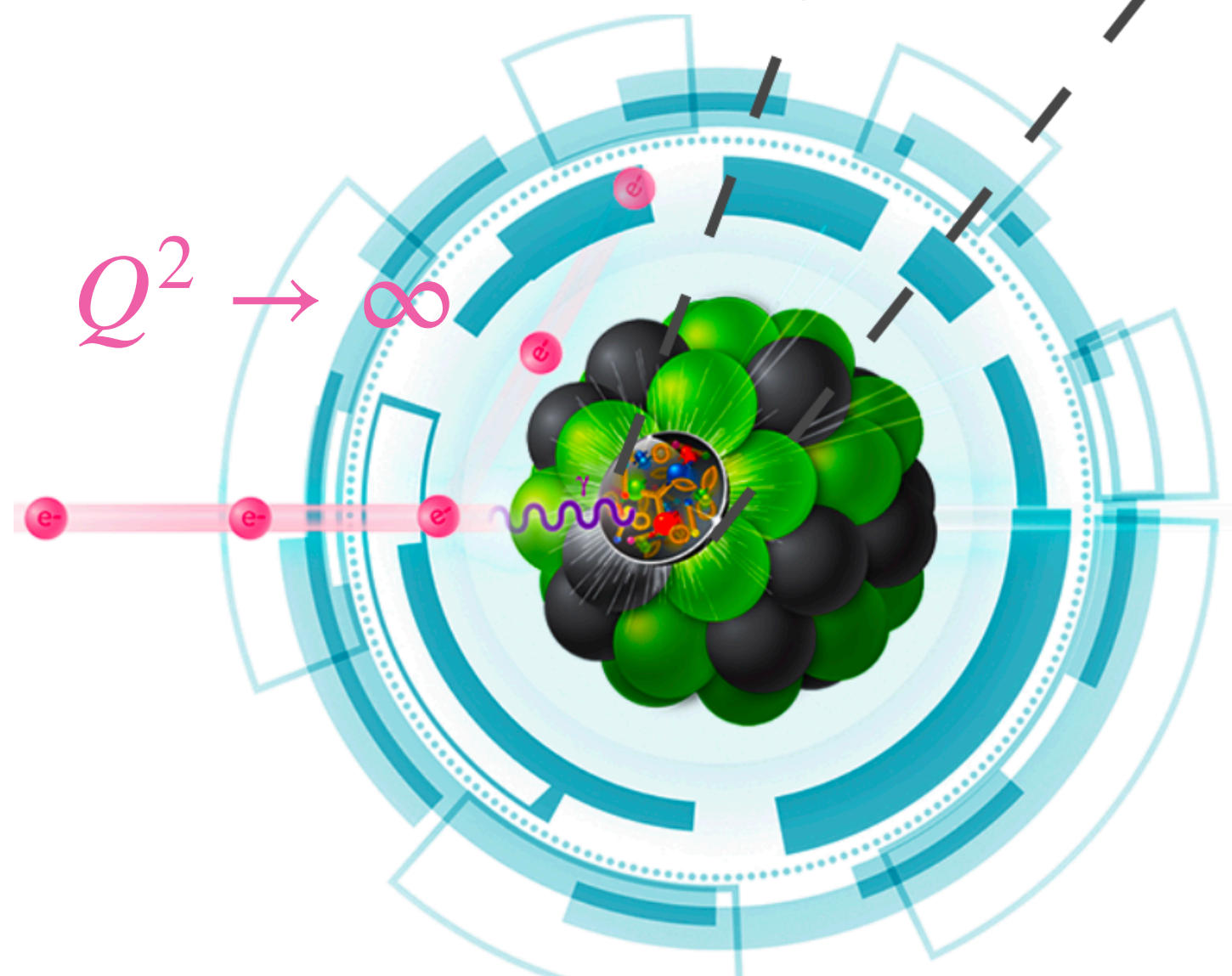
Non-perturbative parton distributions

$$\sigma = \sum_i f_i(x, Q^2) \otimes \sigma \{eq_i(xP) \rightarrow eq_i(xP + q)\}$$

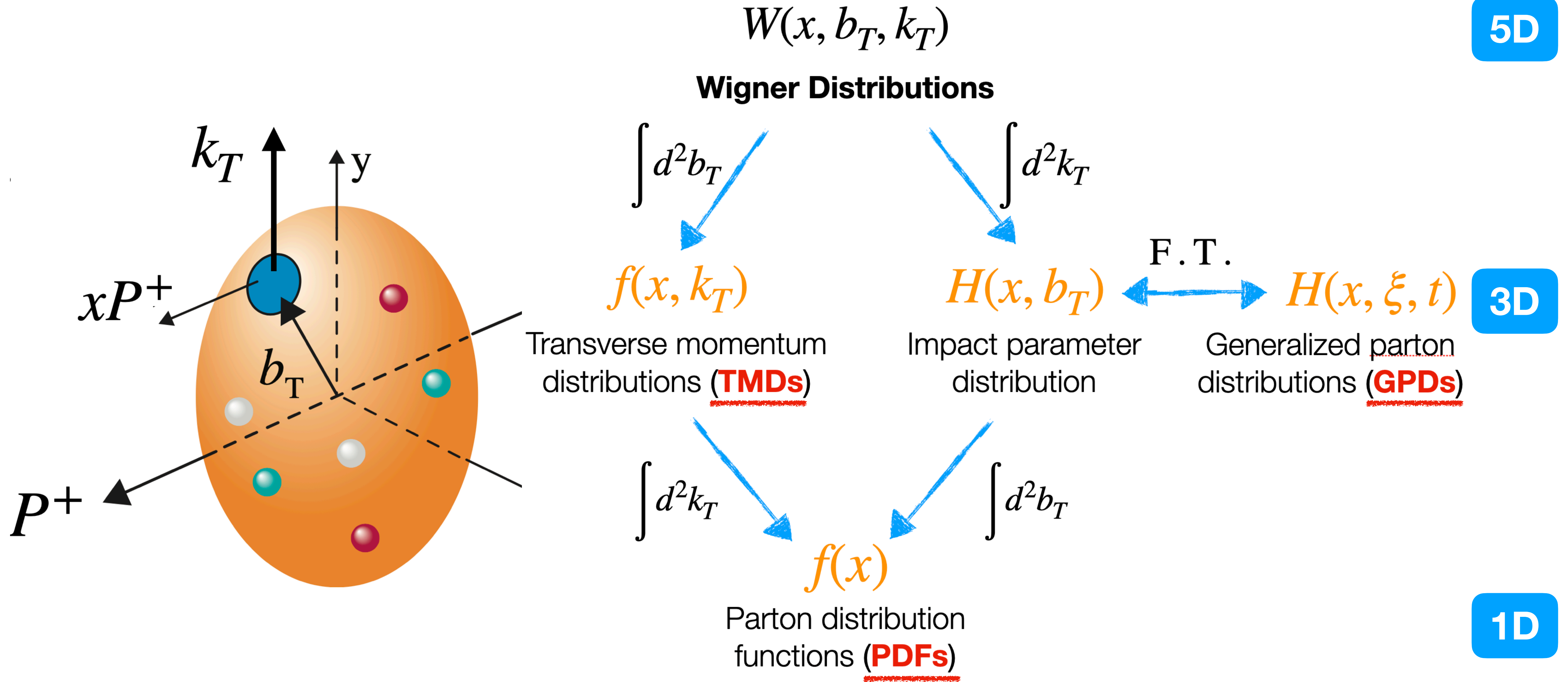
Cross-section

Perturbative hard process

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) \rightarrow 0$$



# 4 The multi-dimensional imaging of nucleon



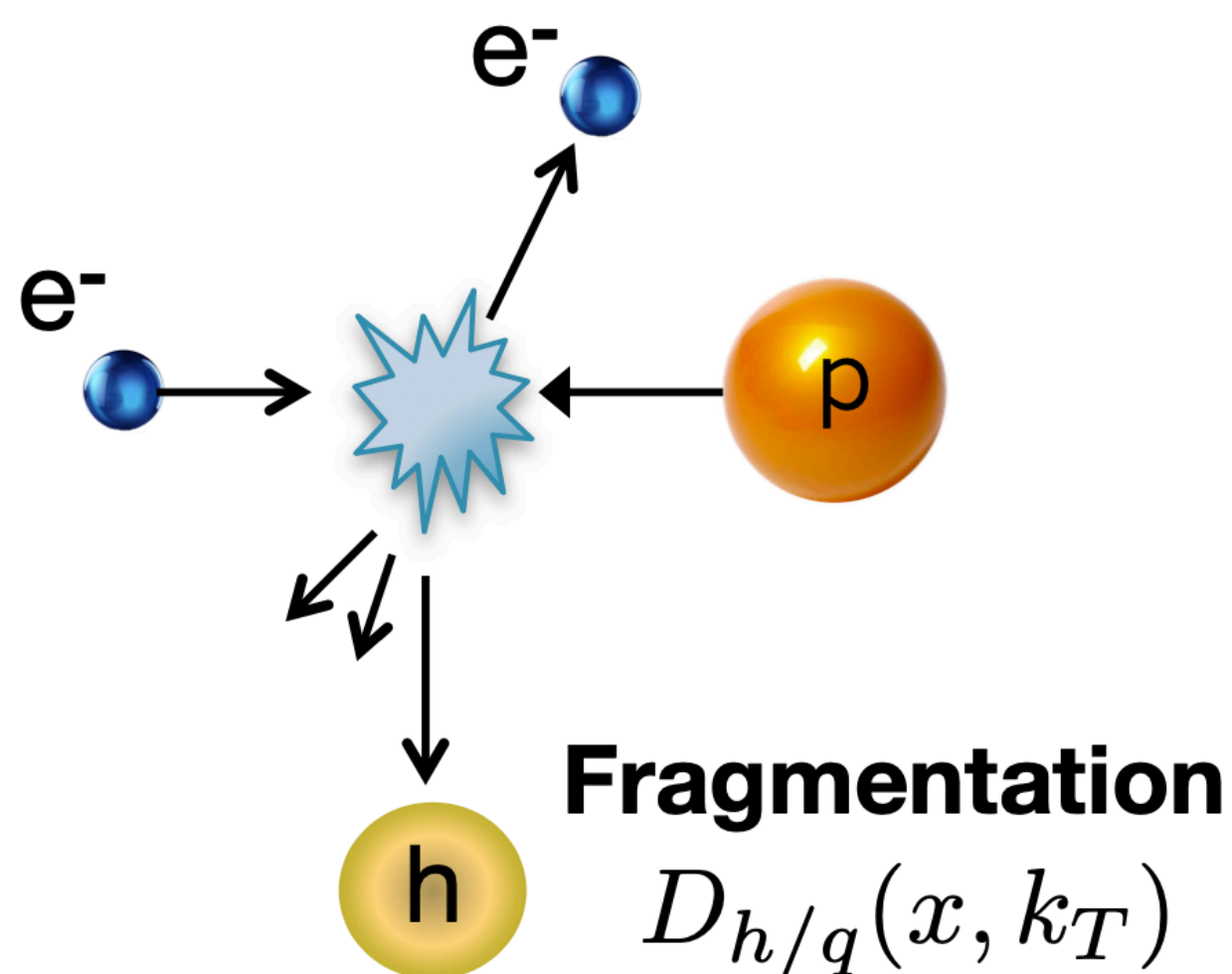


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# TMDs from global analyses of experimental data

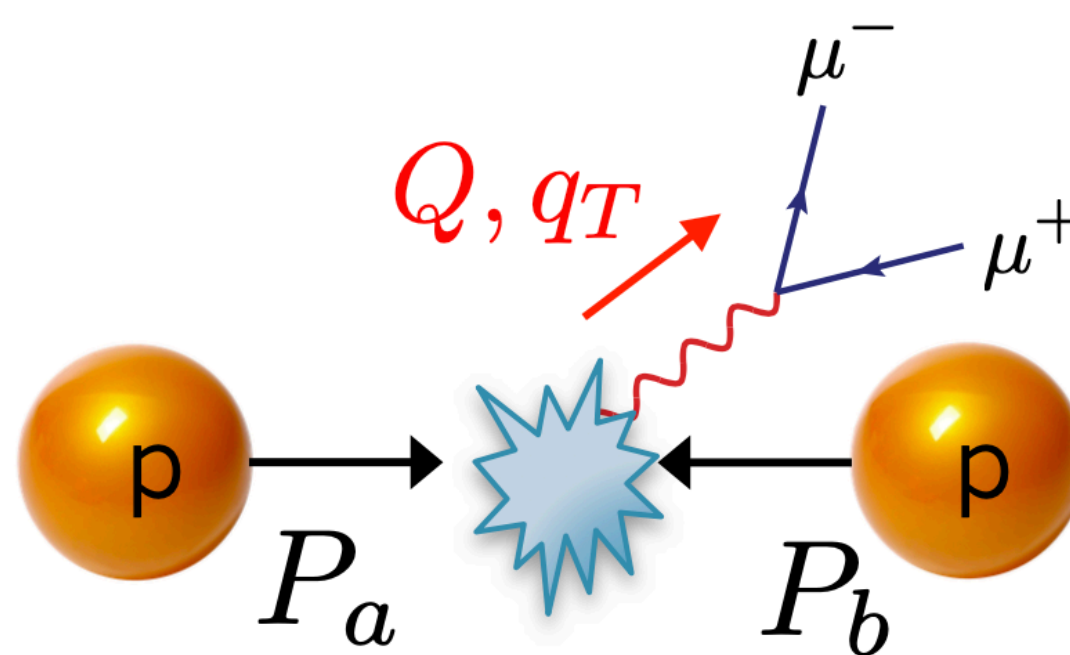
## Semi-Inclusive DIS

$$\sigma \sim f_{q/P}(x, k_T) D_{h/q}(x, k_T)$$



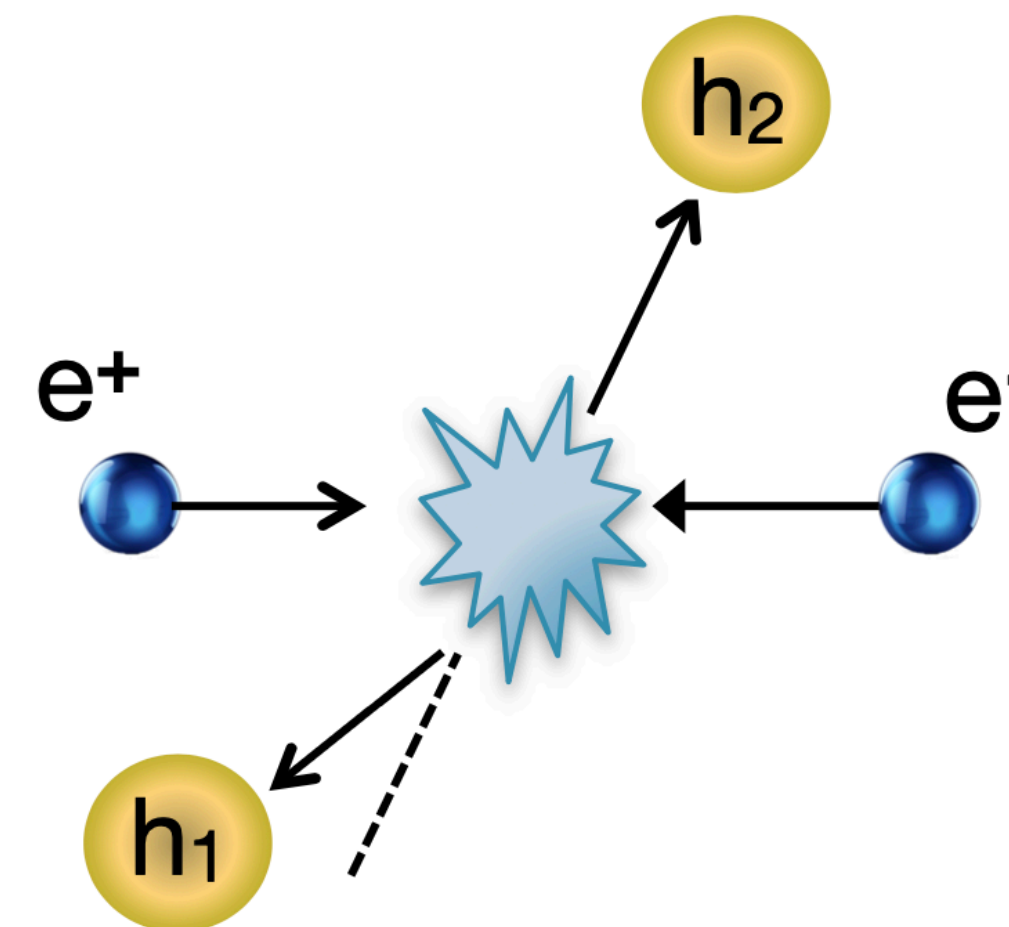
## Drell-Yan

$$\sigma \sim f_{q/P}(x, k_T) f_{q/P}(x, k_T)$$



## Dihadron in $e^+e^-$

$$\sigma \sim D_{h_1/q}(x, k_T) D_{h_2/q}(x, k_T)$$



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{DY}}}{dQ dY dq_T^2} = H(Q, \mu) \int d^2\vec{b}_T e^{i\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{b}_T} f_q(x_a, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a) f_q(x_b, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b) \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_T^2}{Q^2}\right)\right]$$

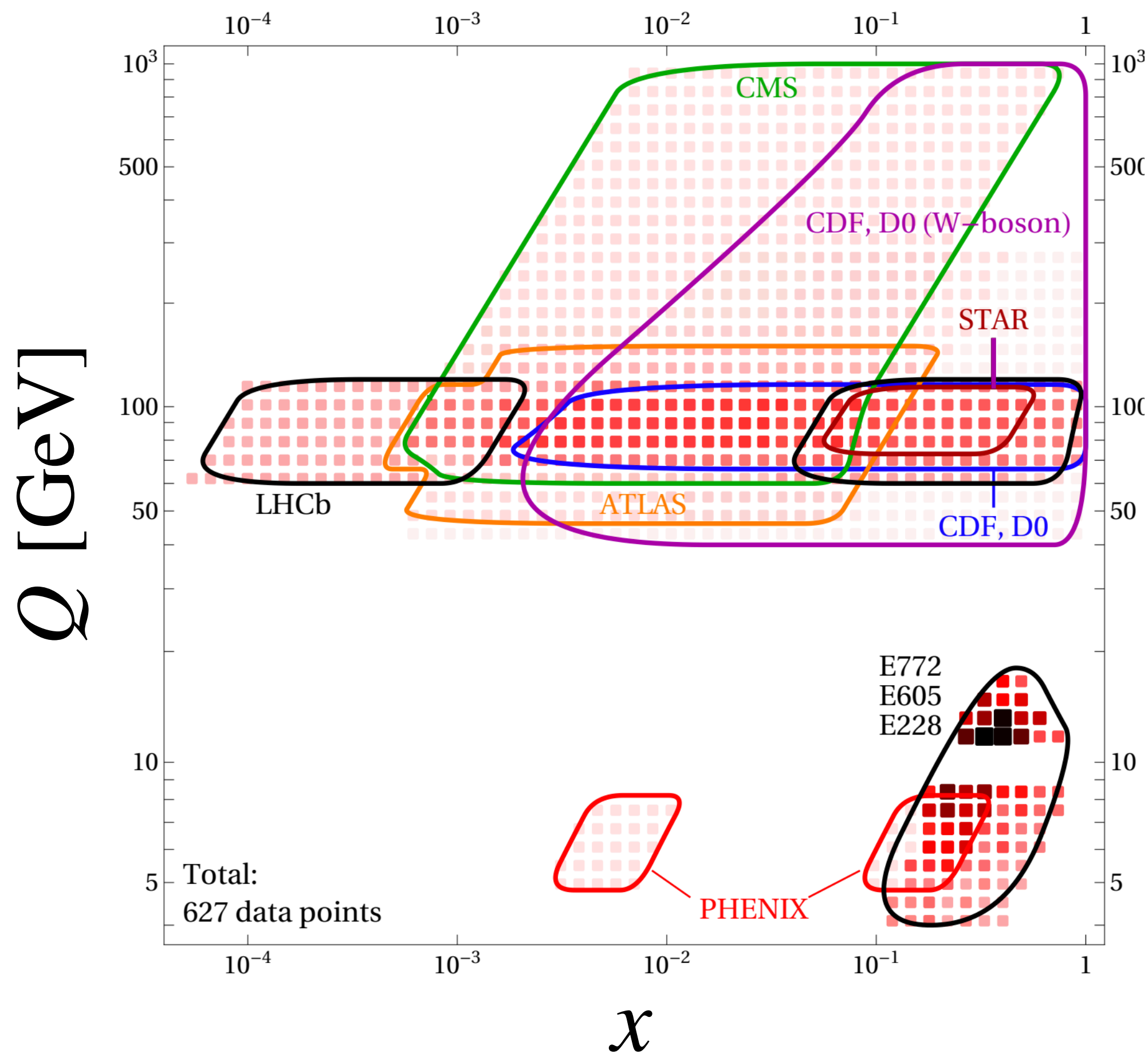
Perturbative hard  
kernels

Nonperturbative  
TMDs

$$q_T^2 \ll Q^2$$

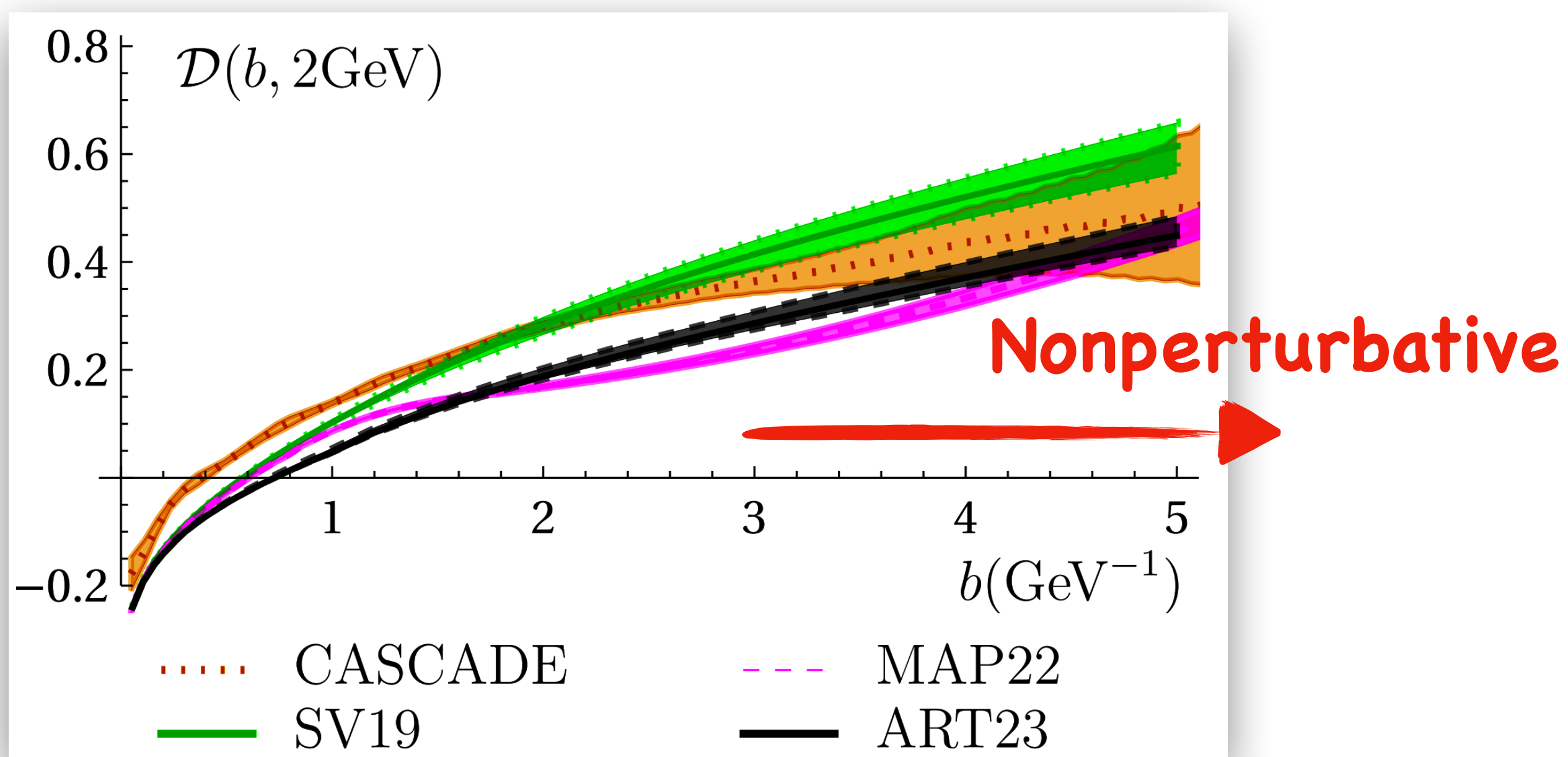
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- Relate TMDs at different energy scales



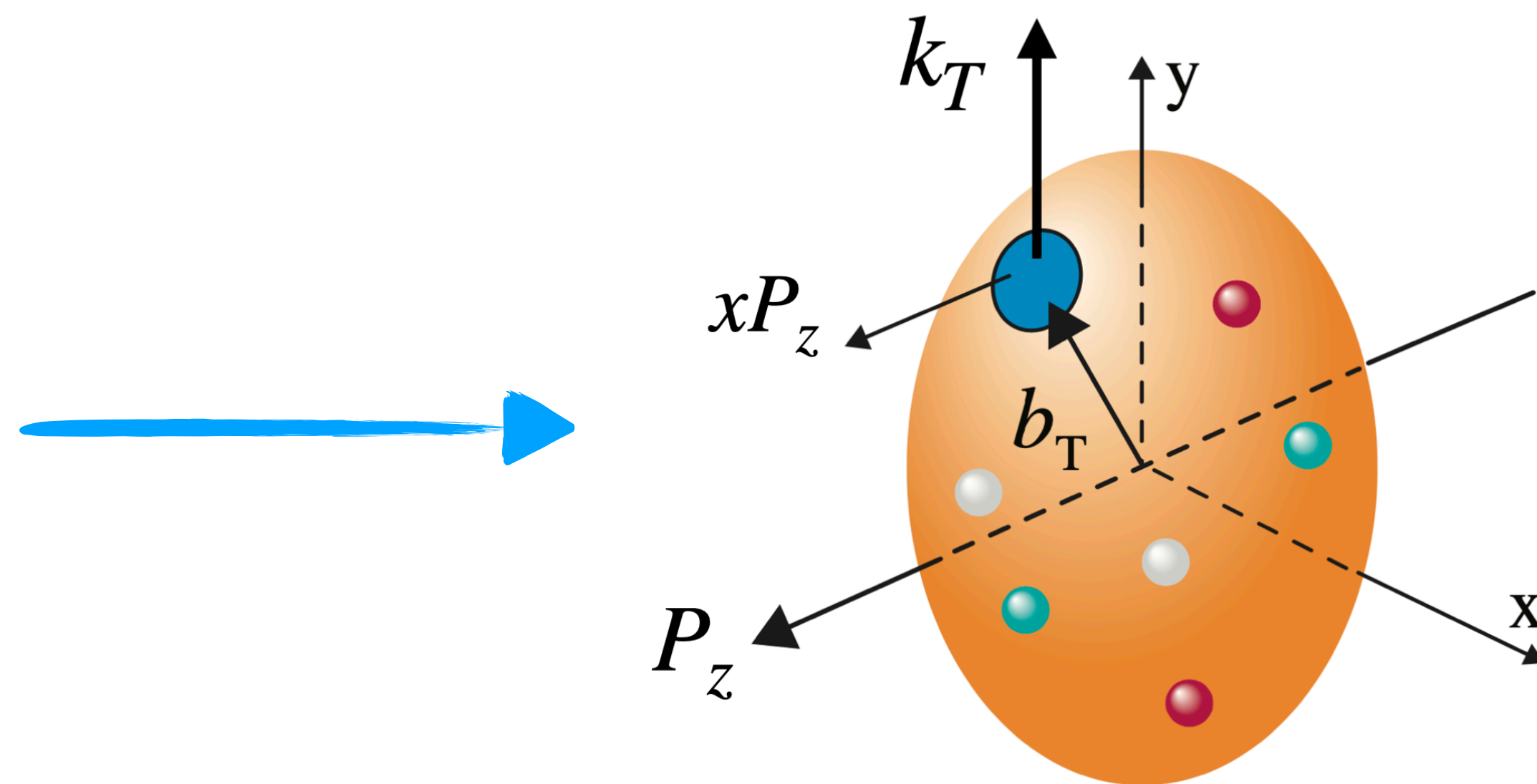
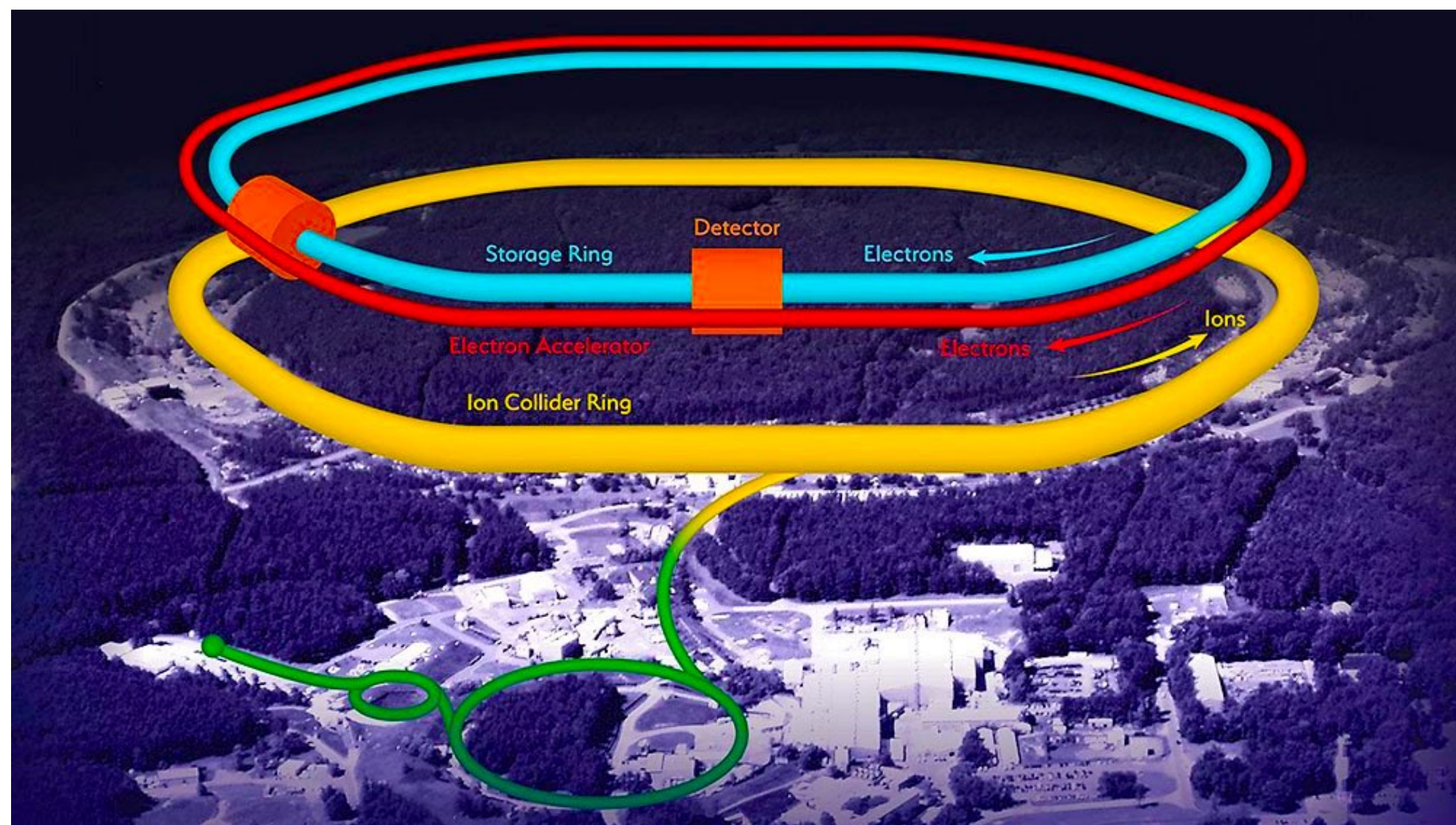
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln f_q(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \gamma_\mu^q(\mu, \zeta) \\ \mu \frac{d}{d\zeta} \ln f_q(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \gamma_\zeta^q(\mu, b_T) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Collins-Soper (rapidity evolution) kernel





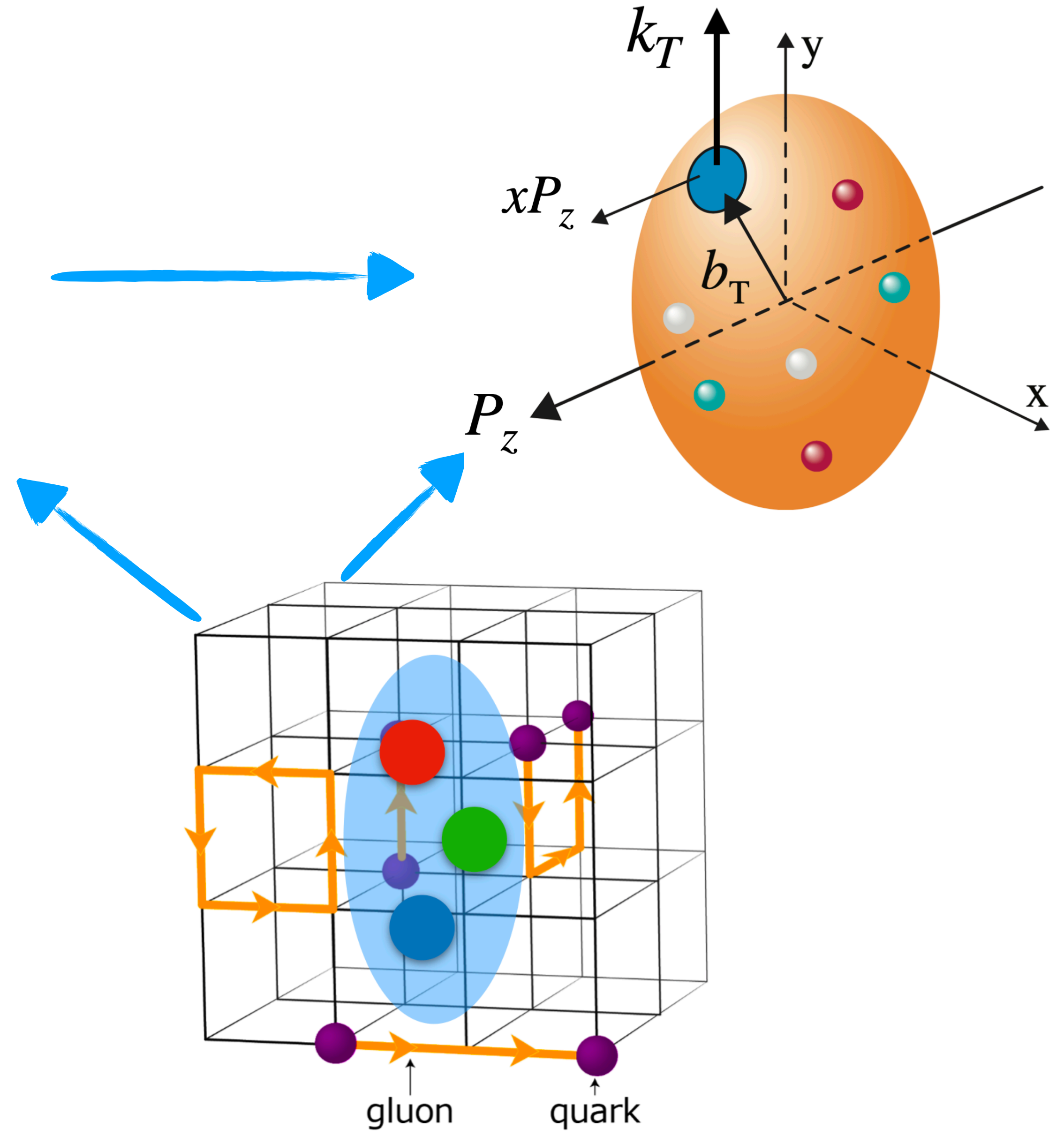
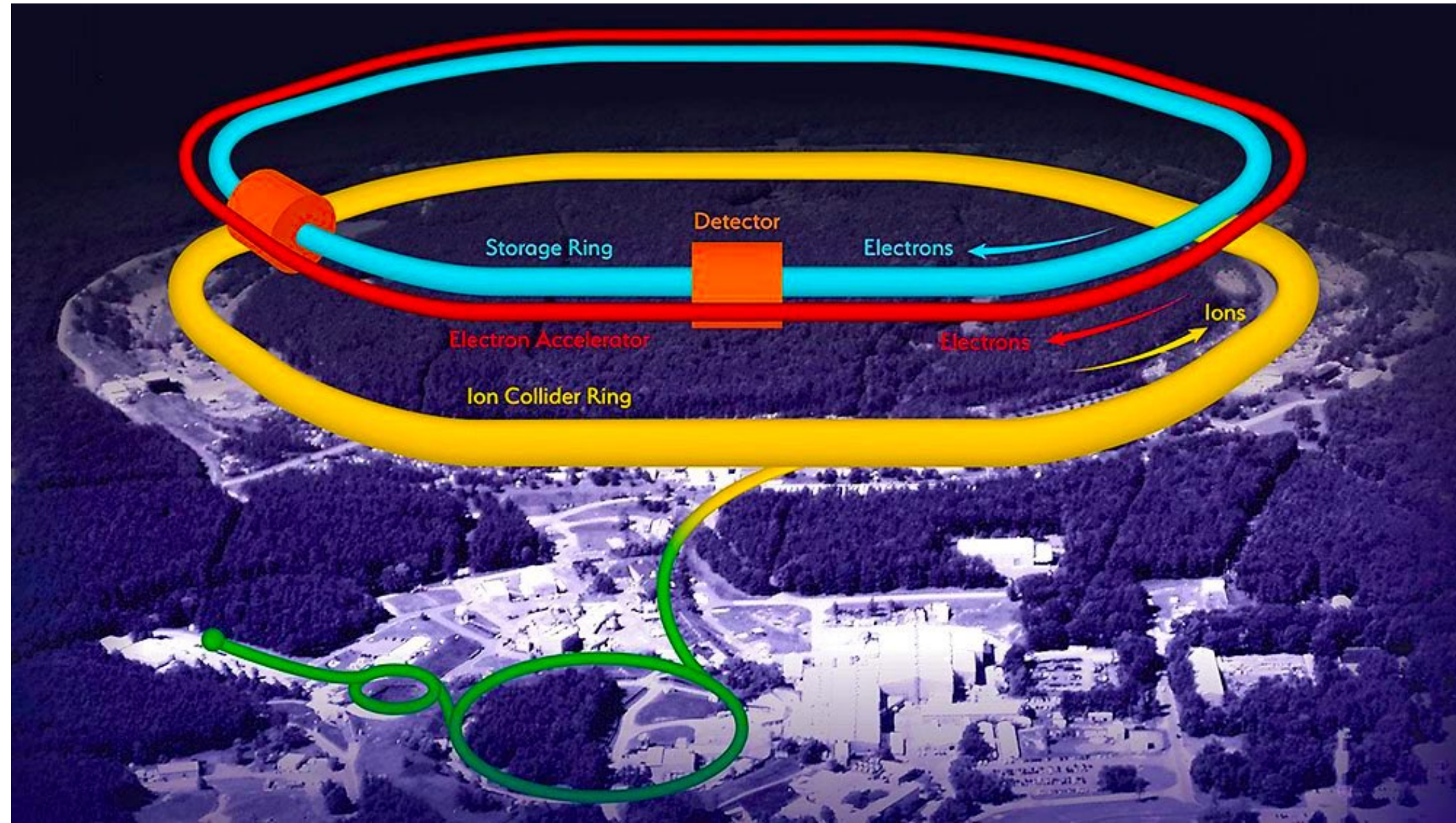
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- Global analysis of experimental data with parametrization of CS kernel,  $x$ -dependent PDFs, GPDs and TMDs ...



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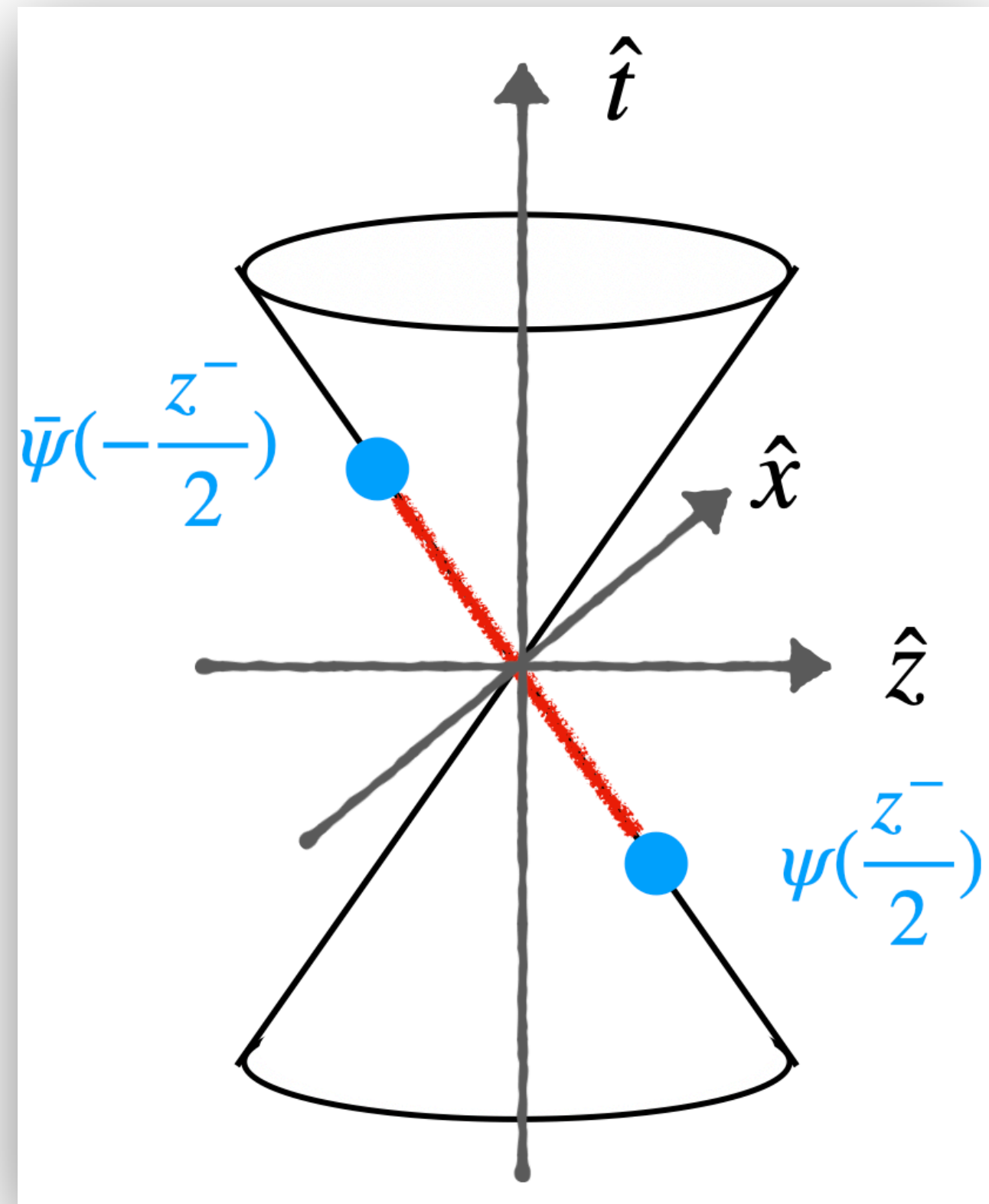
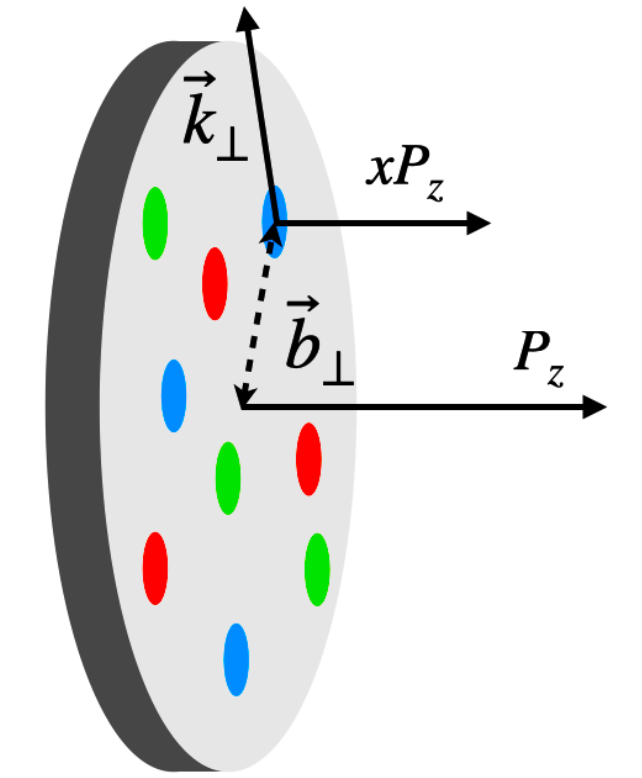


- Global analysis of experimental data with parametrization of CS kernel,  $x$ -dependent PDFs, GPDs and TMDs ...
- Lattice QCD could provide essential complementary constraints.



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# Parton distributions from lattice QCD simulation



$$f(x, \mu) = \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+z^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma \mathcal{W}(0, z^-) \psi(z^-) | P' \rangle$$



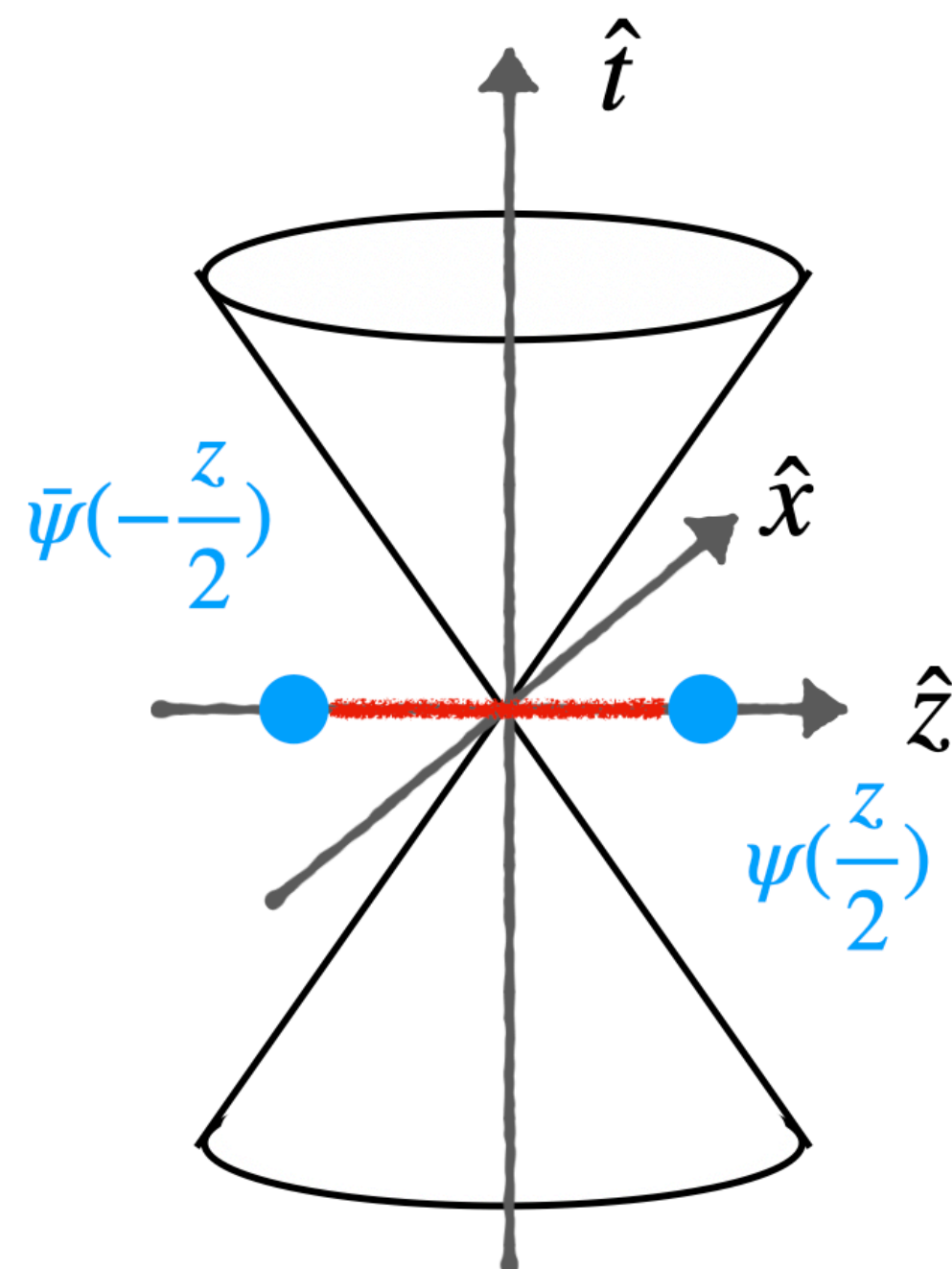
**Light-cone correlations: forbidden on Euclidean lattice**

# 10 Large momentum effective theory

The **quasi distribution** from equal-time correlators,

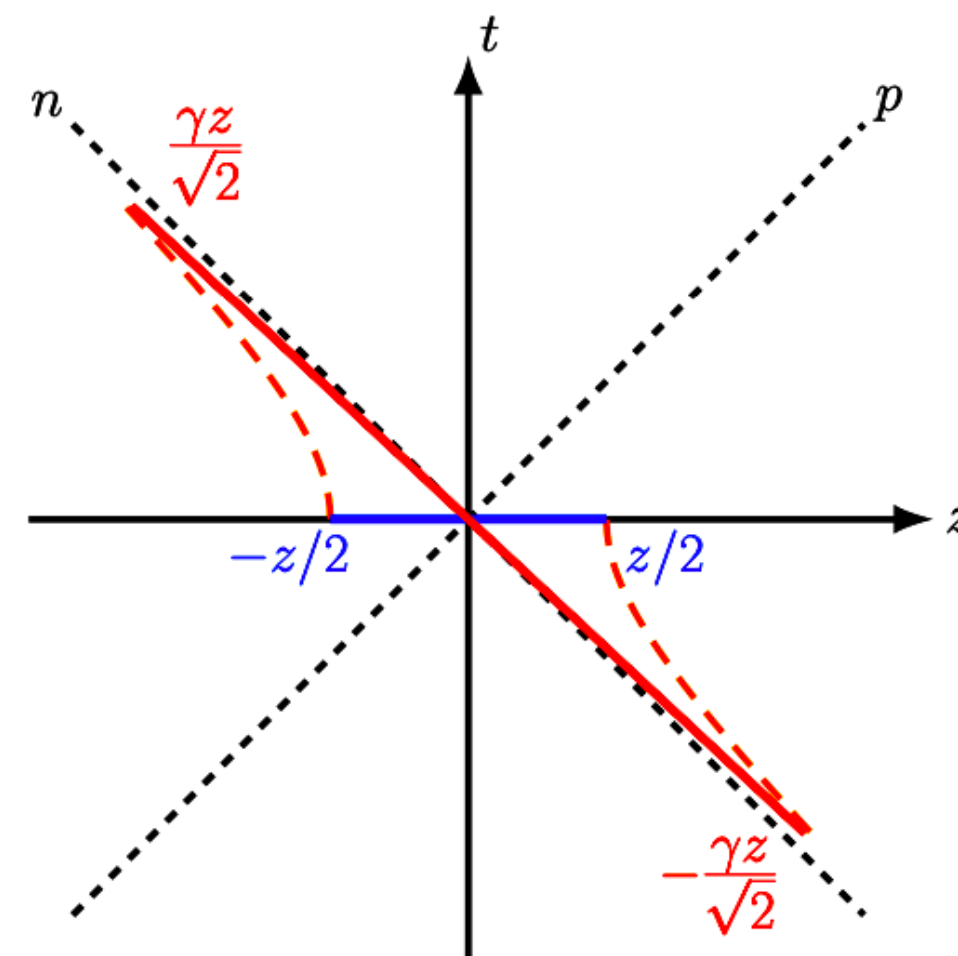
• X. Ji, PRL 110 (2013); SCPMA57 (2014);

$$\tilde{f}(x, P_z, \mu) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixP_z z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma \mathcal{W}(0, z) \psi(z) | P \rangle$$

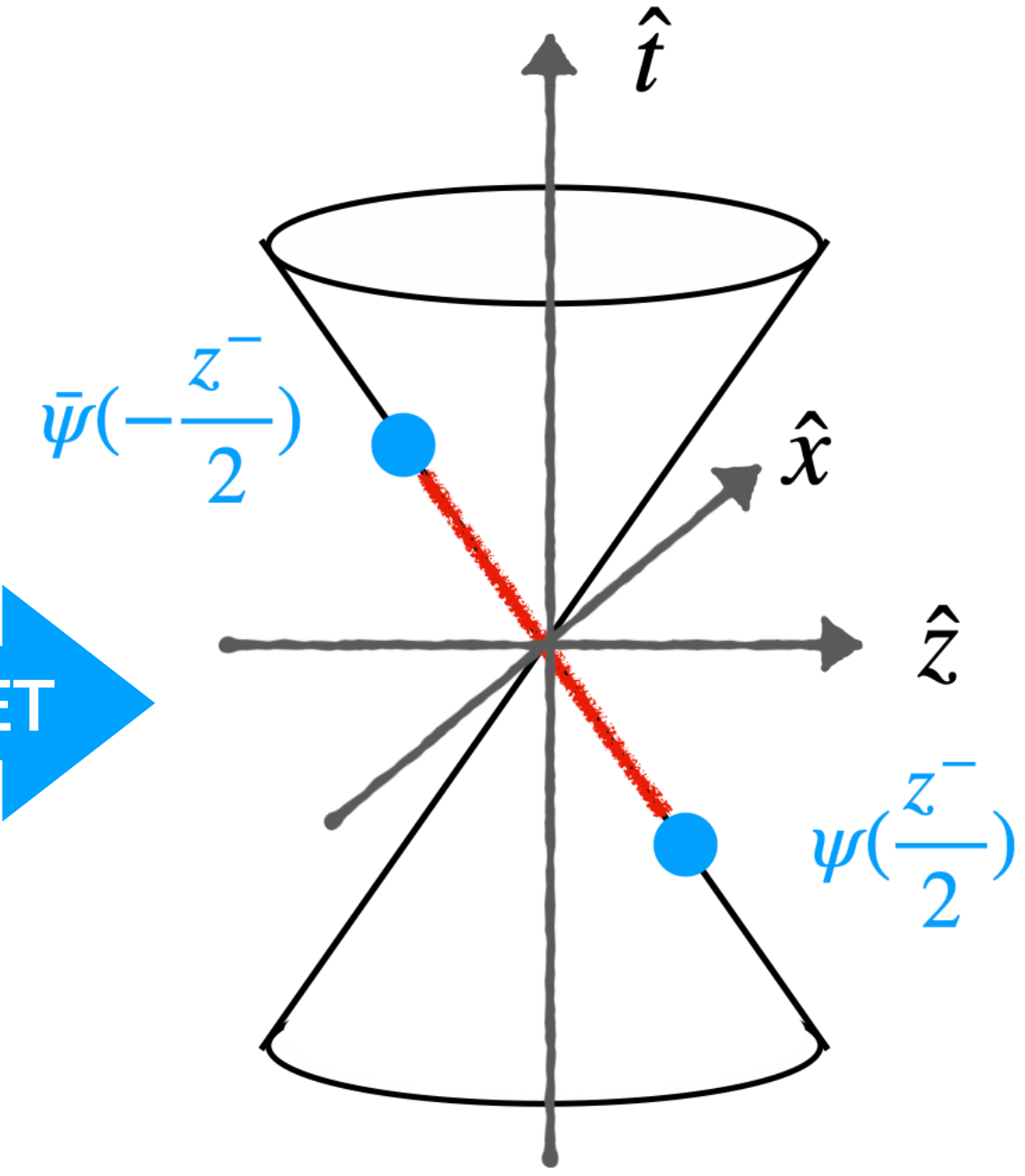


**Quasi PDF/GPD**

Related by Lorentz boost



LaMET



**Light-cone PDF/GPD**

$$\langle P \rightarrow \infty | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma \mathcal{W}(0, z) \psi(z) | P \rightarrow \infty \rangle$$

$$\langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma \mathcal{W}(0, z^-) \psi(z^-) | P \rangle$$



# 11 Large momentum effective theory

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- X. Xiong, X. Ji, et al, 90 PRD (2014);
- Y.-Q. Ma, et al, PRD98 (2018), PRL 120 (2018);
- T. Izubuchi, X. Ji, et al PRD98 (2018).
- X. Ji, Y. Zhao, et al, RMP 93 (2021).

Large  $P_z$  expansion of quasi distribution:

$$\tilde{f}(x, P_z, \mu) = \int \frac{dy}{|y|} C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{yP_z}\right) f(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{(1-x)^2 P_z^2}\right)$$

Quasi PDF

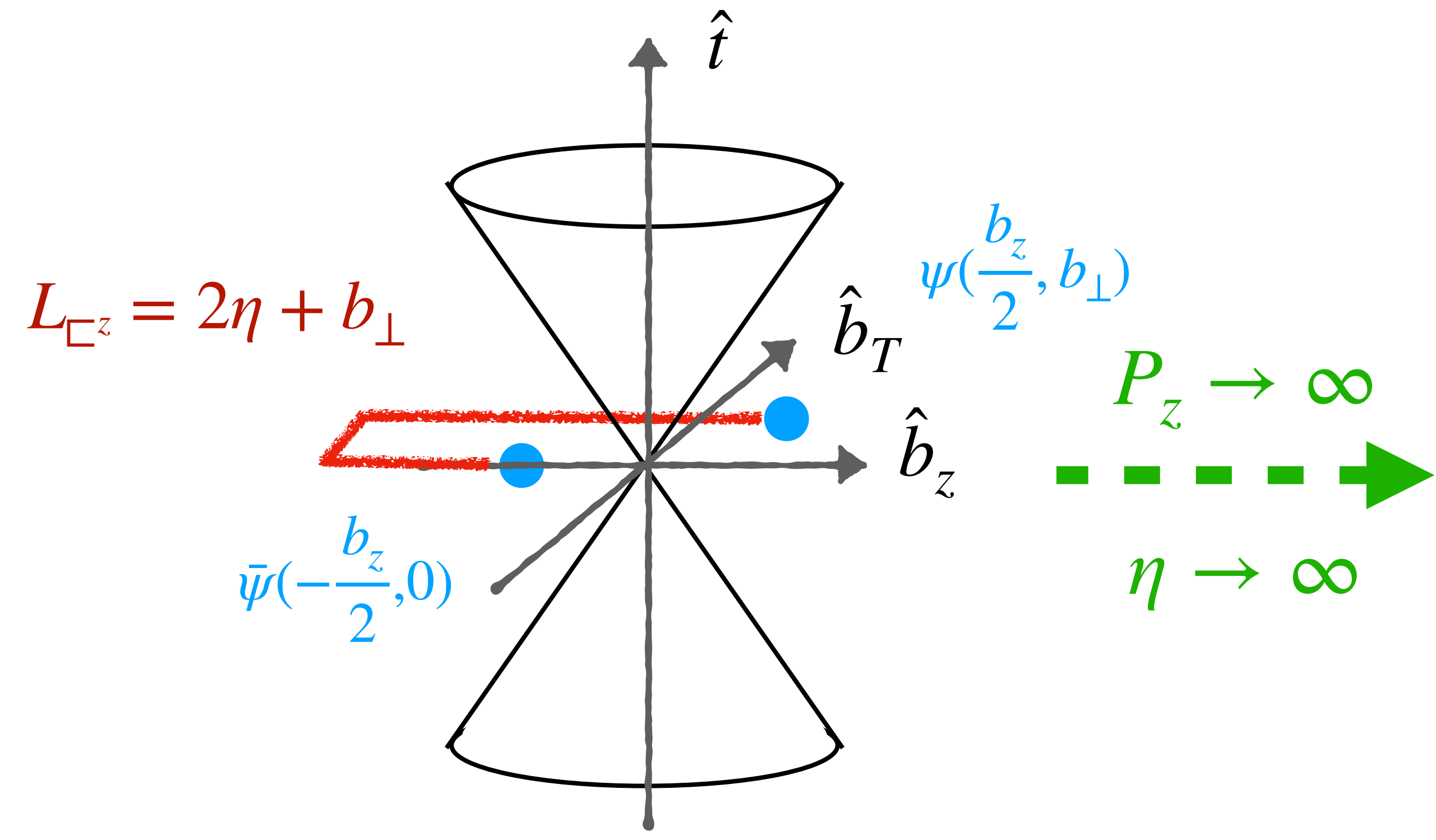
Light-cone PDF

Power corrections

- **Computable** from Lattice QCD with finite  $P_z < 1/a$ .
- Have **same IR** physics as light-cone PDFs.
- In large  $P_z$  limit, Quasi differ from light-cone distribution by  $\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0}$  v.s.  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \lim_{P \rightarrow \infty}$ , inducing a **perturbative matching**  $C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{yP_z}\right)$ .

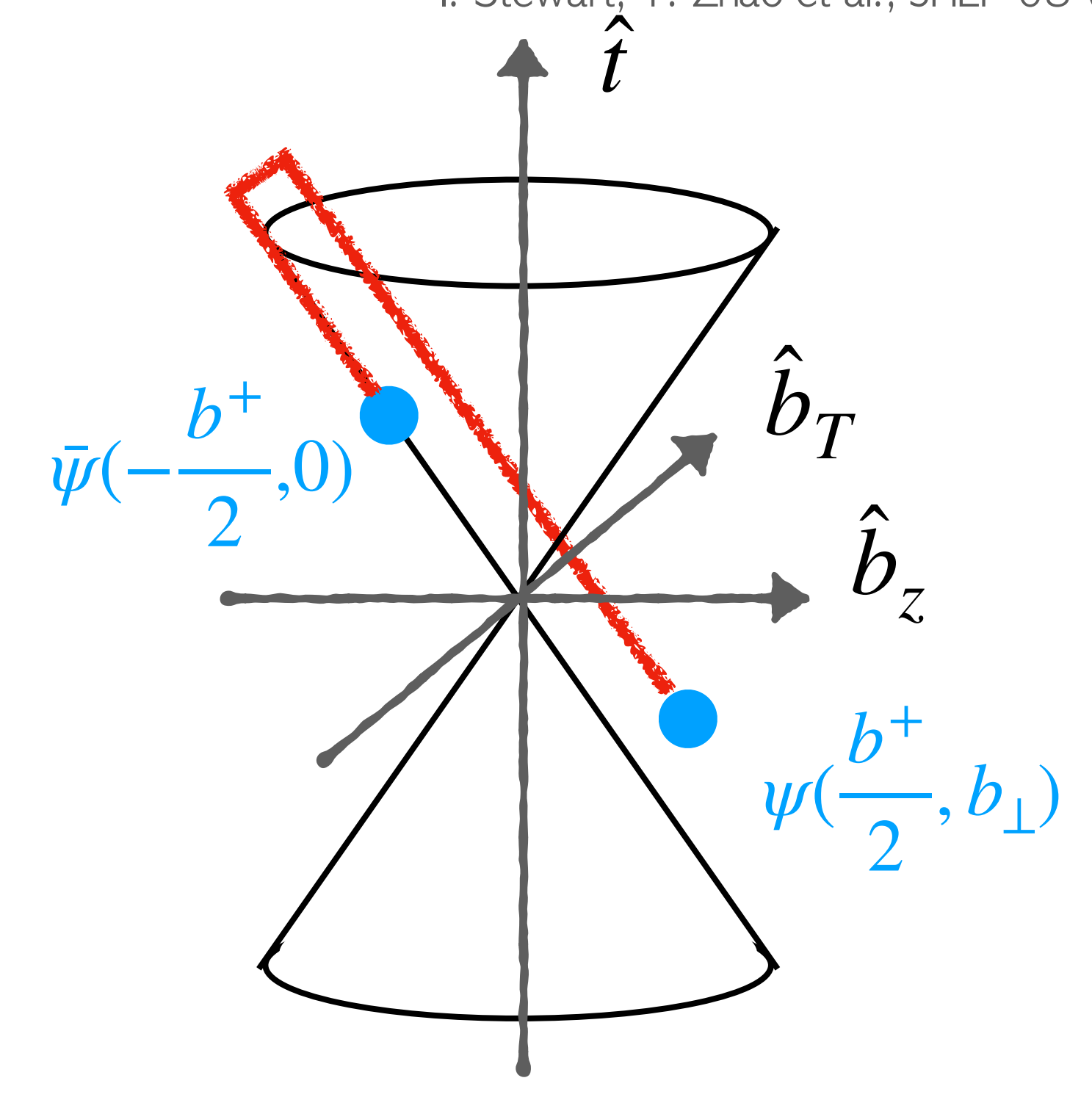
# TMDs from lattice QCD

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- A. Vladimirov, A. Schäfer Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020), 074517
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- X. Ji et al., Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 7, 074005
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**Quasi TMD Beam function**

$$\langle P | \bar{\psi}(\frac{b_z}{2}, b_{\perp}) \Gamma W_{\square^z} \psi(-\frac{b_z}{2}, 0) | P \rangle$$



**Light-cone TMD Beam function**

$$\langle P | \bar{\psi}(\frac{b^+}{2}, b_{\perp}) \Gamma W_{\square^+} \psi(-\frac{b^+}{2}, 0) | P \rangle$$

# TMDs from lattice QCD

Equal-time Quasi  
TMDs and soft factor  
from lattice QCD

Non-perturbative CS  
(rapidity evolution) Kernel  
and physical TMDs

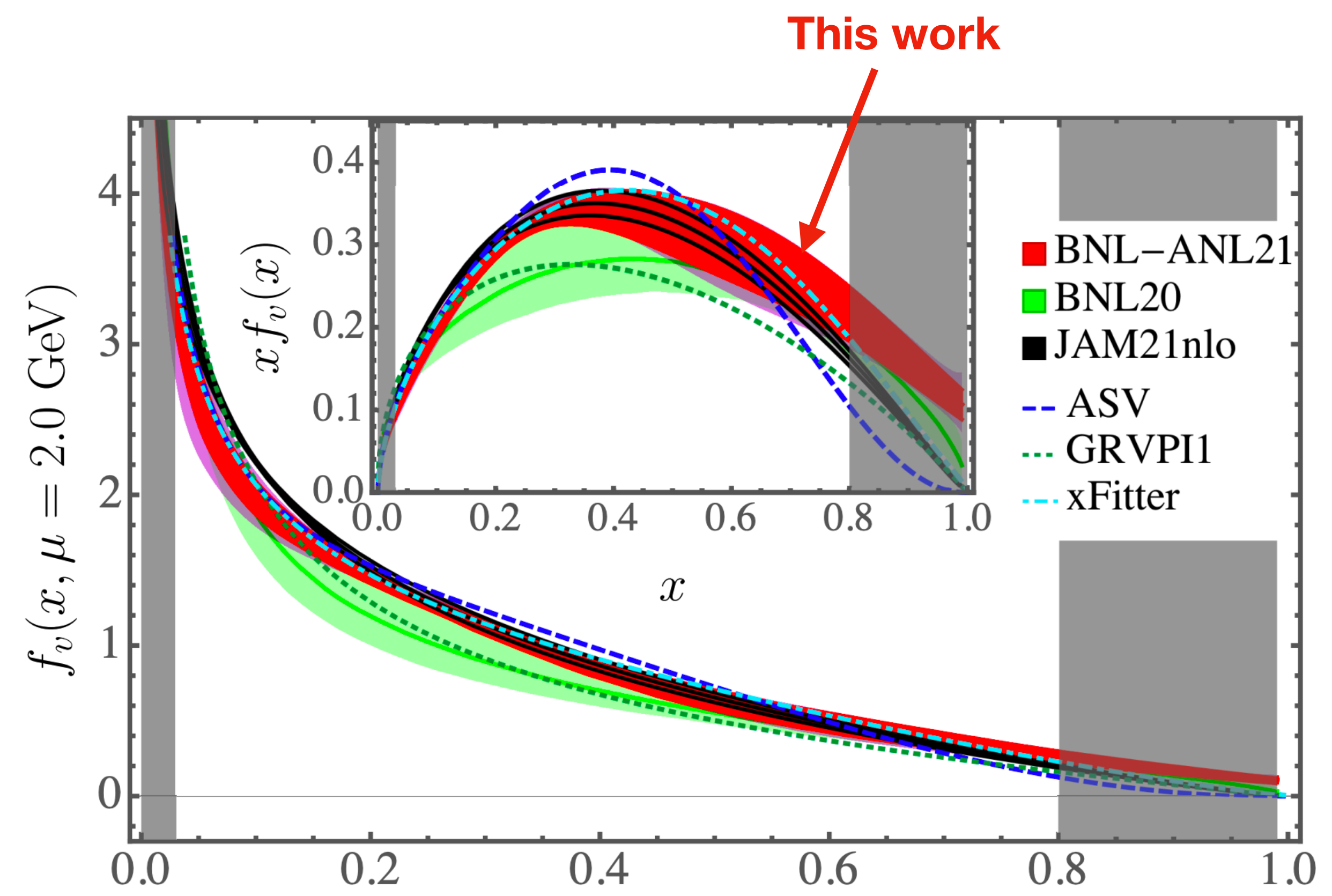
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Perturbative  
matching

Power  
corrections



# 14 Benchmarking: pion valence quark PDF

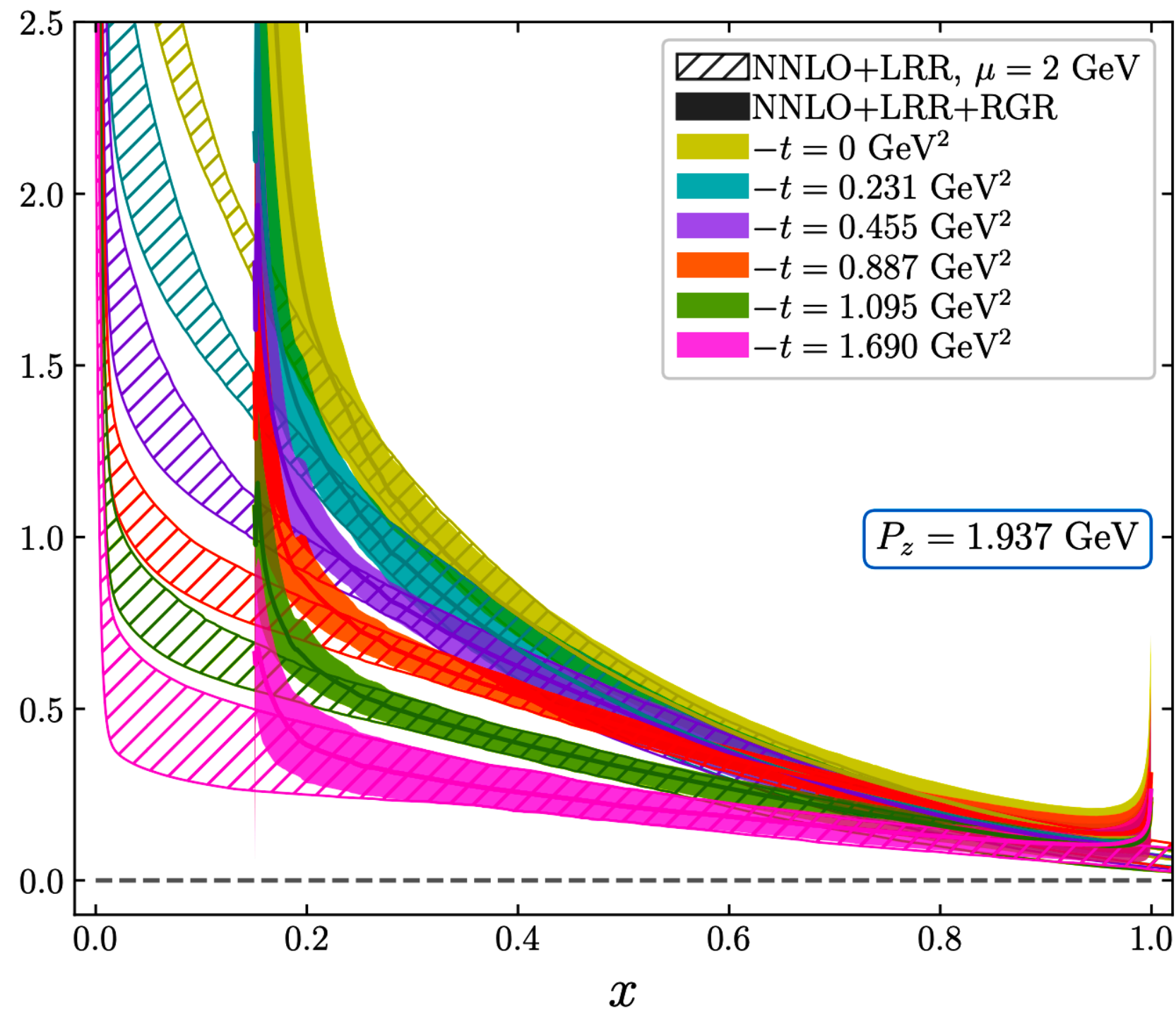


- First lattice calculation with:
  - NNLO matching.
  - Continuum limit.
- Independent QCD prediction agree with global analysis of experimental data.

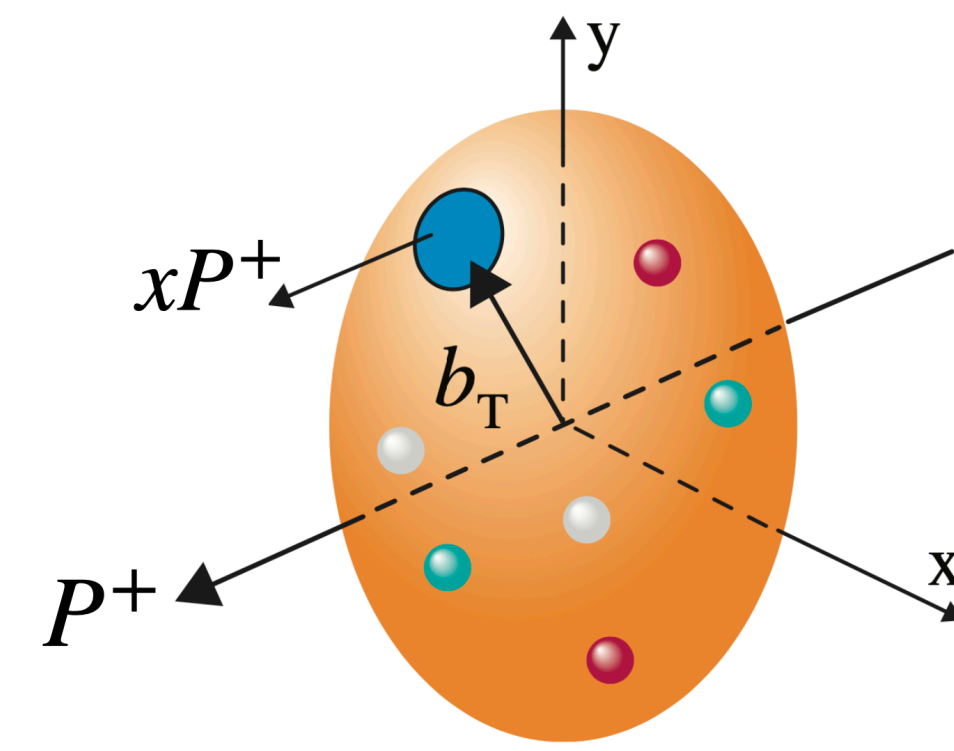
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# 15 Towards 3D GPDs: 3D imaging of pion

● Pion quark GPD  $H(x, \xi = 0, t)$



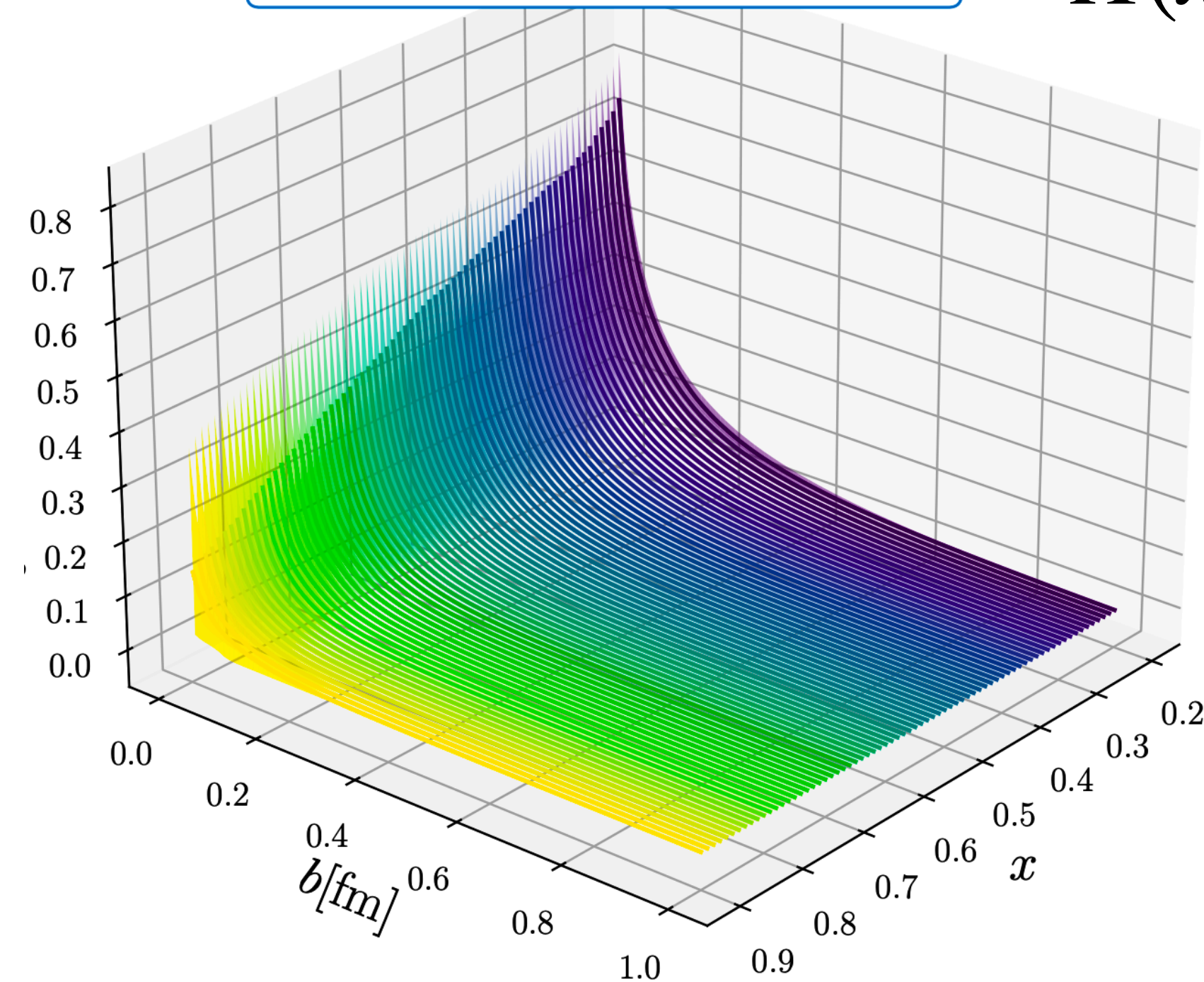
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● Impact-parameter distribution

NNLO+LRR+RGR,  $P_z = 1.937$  GeV

$H(x, b_T)$



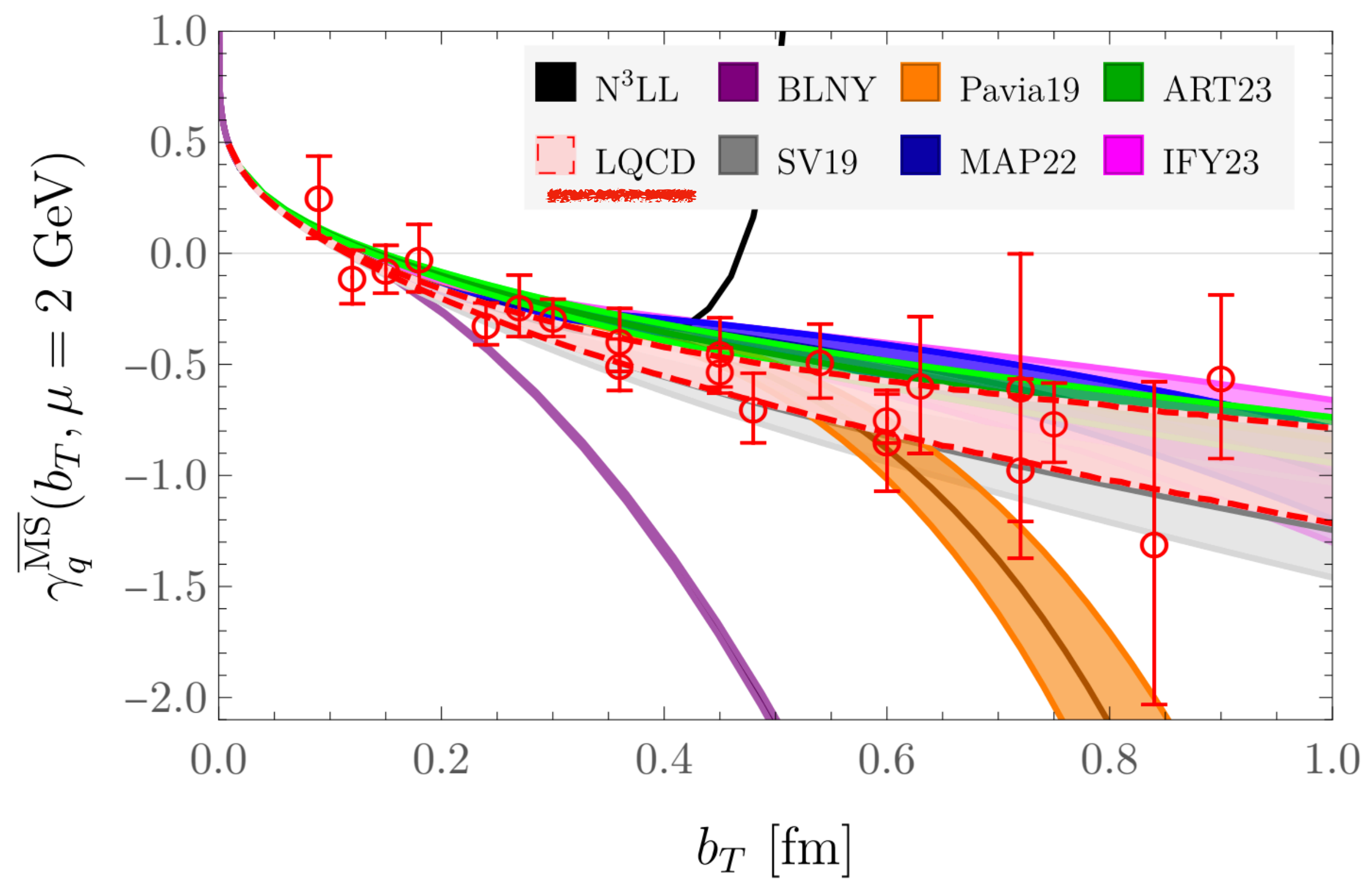
- First lattice calculation with:
  - Multiple momentum transfer  $t$ .
  - NNLO matching.
  - Leading renormalon subtraction (**LRR**) and renormalization group resummation (**RGR**).



# 16 Towards 3D TMDs: the Collins-Soper kernel

Quasi-TMDWF

## Collins-Soper kernel



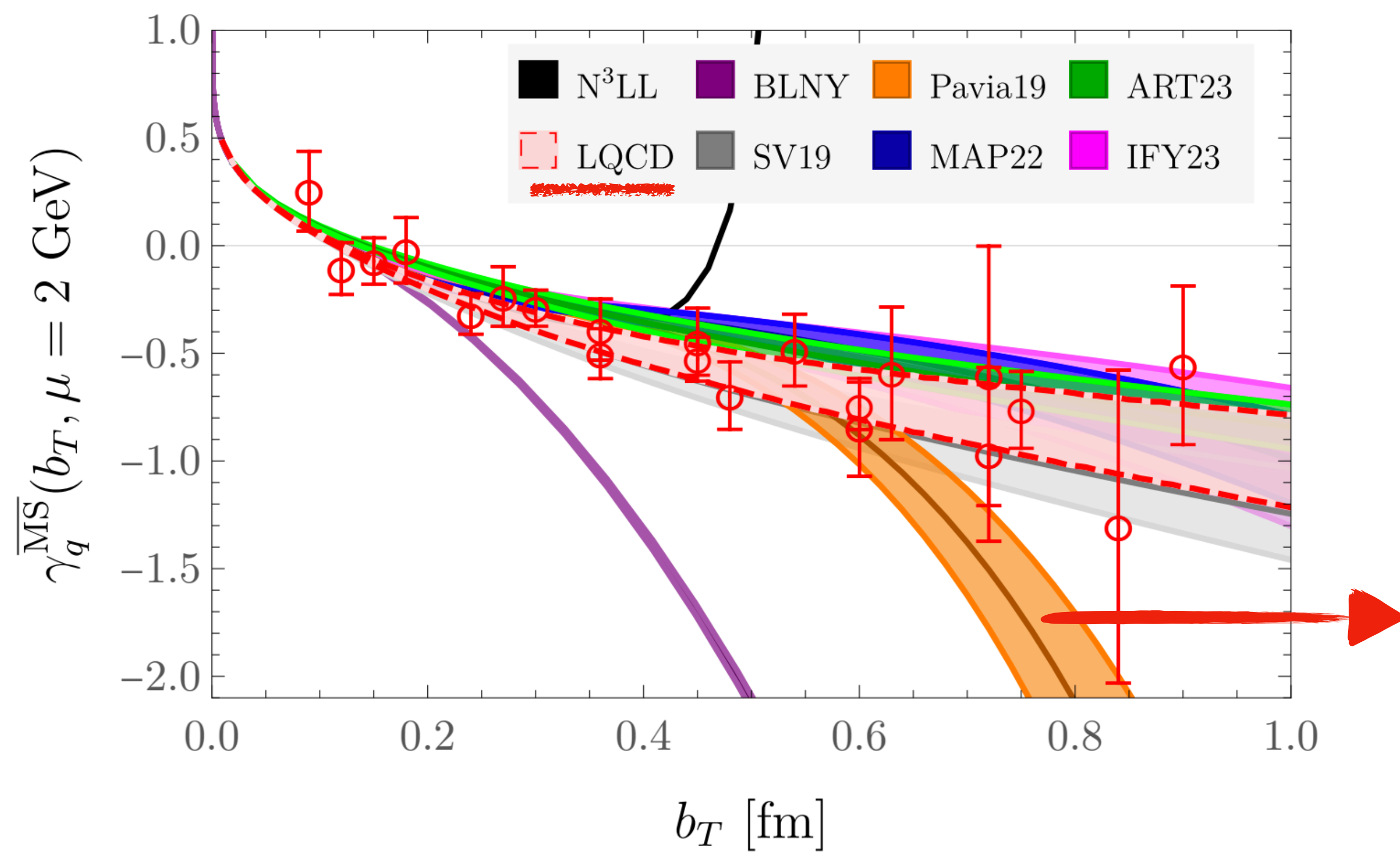
$$\gamma_\zeta(\mu, b_T) = \frac{d}{d \ln P_z} \ln \frac{\tilde{f}(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, P_z)}{C(\mu, xP_z)}$$

- Three different lattice spacing, physical pion mass.
- Controlled renormalization and Fourier transform.
- Next-to-next-to-leading logarithmic (NNLL) order.

Wilson clover fermion, physical quark masses,  
 $a = 0.09, 0.12, 0.15 \text{ fm}$

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## Collins-Soper kernel

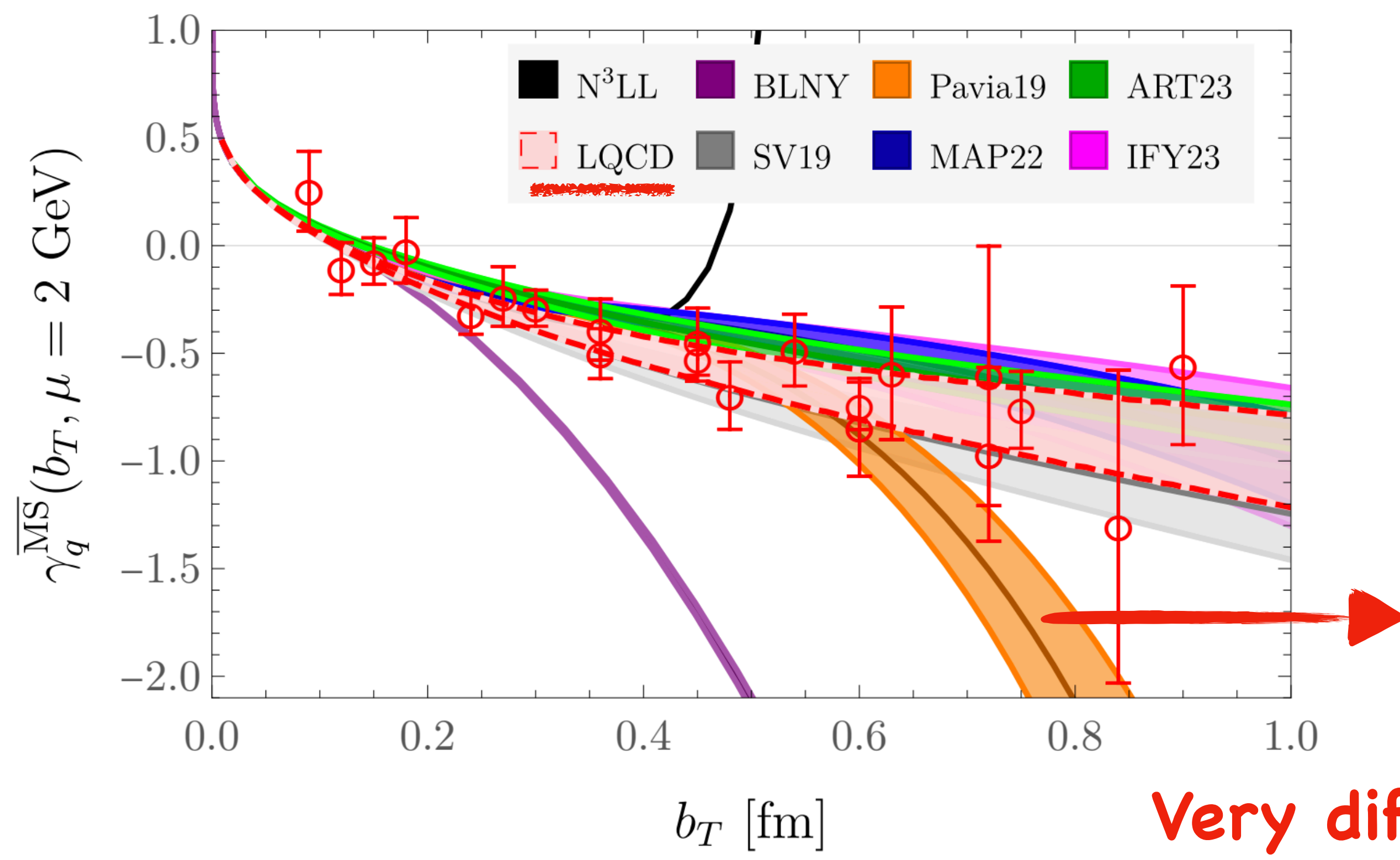


- **Experimental constrain** at deep non-perturbative region is **very limited**: lack of data, model dependence ...
- **Can lattice QCD push further?**



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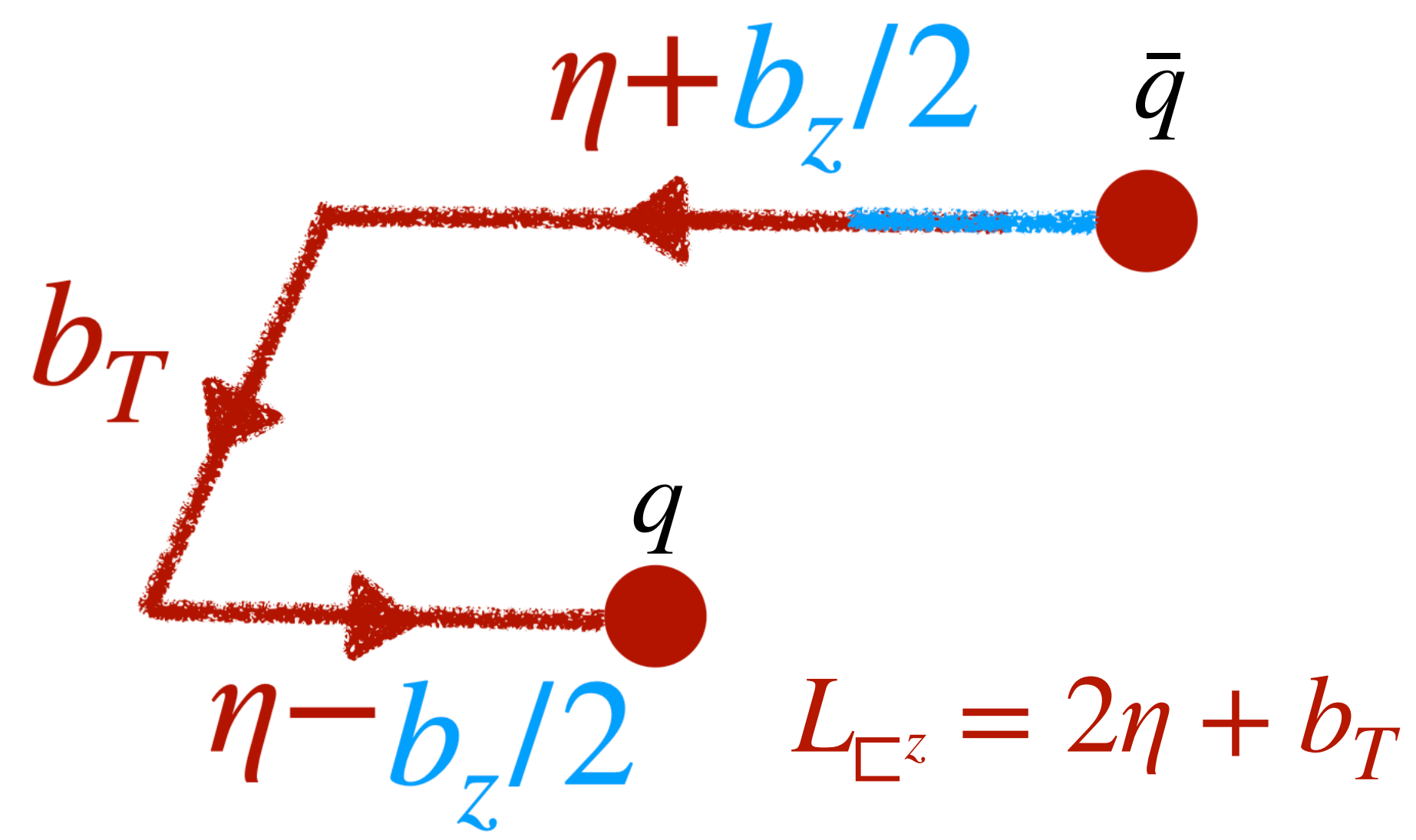
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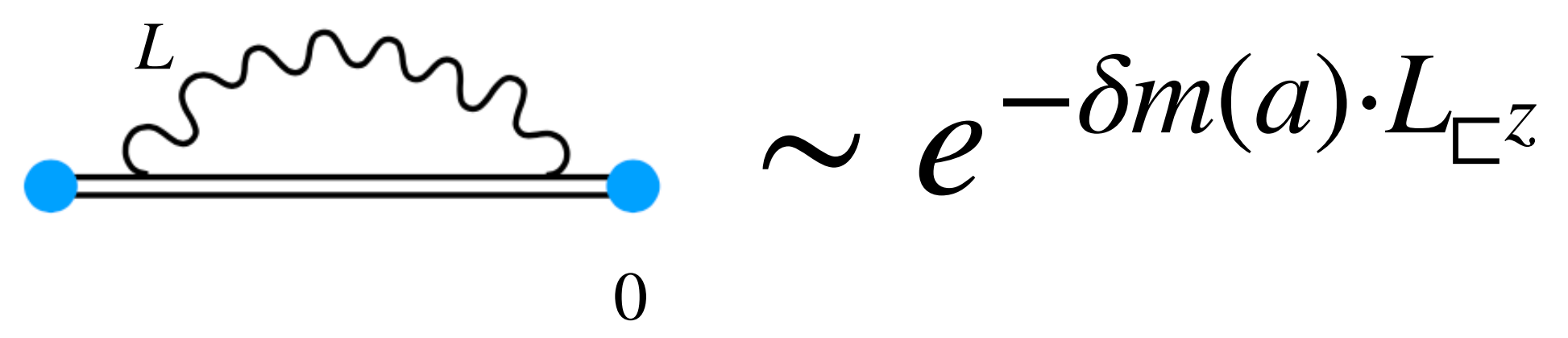
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**Very difficult: errors grow rapidly!**

# 19 Difficulties in the conventional quasi-TMDs

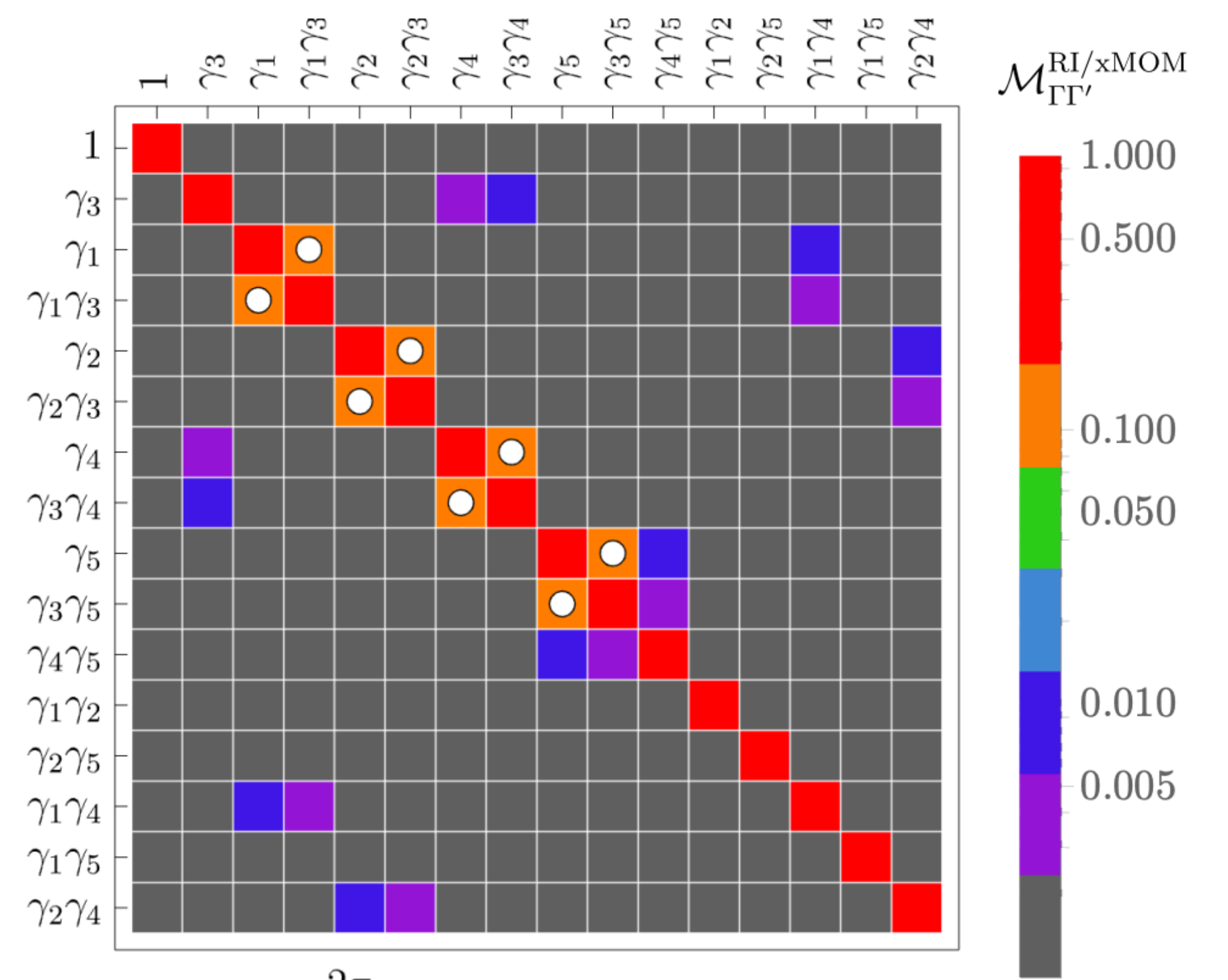


- Exponential decaying signal and complicated renormalization due to the Wilson line artifacts.



Linear divergence from Wilson line self energy

## Operator mixing



$p_R^\mu = \frac{2\pi}{L} \times (0, 0, 10, 0), \xi = 0.36 \text{ fm}$

$\langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}(\frac{b_z}{2}, b_\perp) \Gamma W_{\square z} \psi(-\frac{b_z}{2}, 0) | \pi^+, P_z \rangle$

- A. Avkhadiev, et al., PRD 108 (2023) 11, 114505
- M. Constantinou et al., PRD 99 (2019) 7, 074508



# The non-local operator in gauge theory

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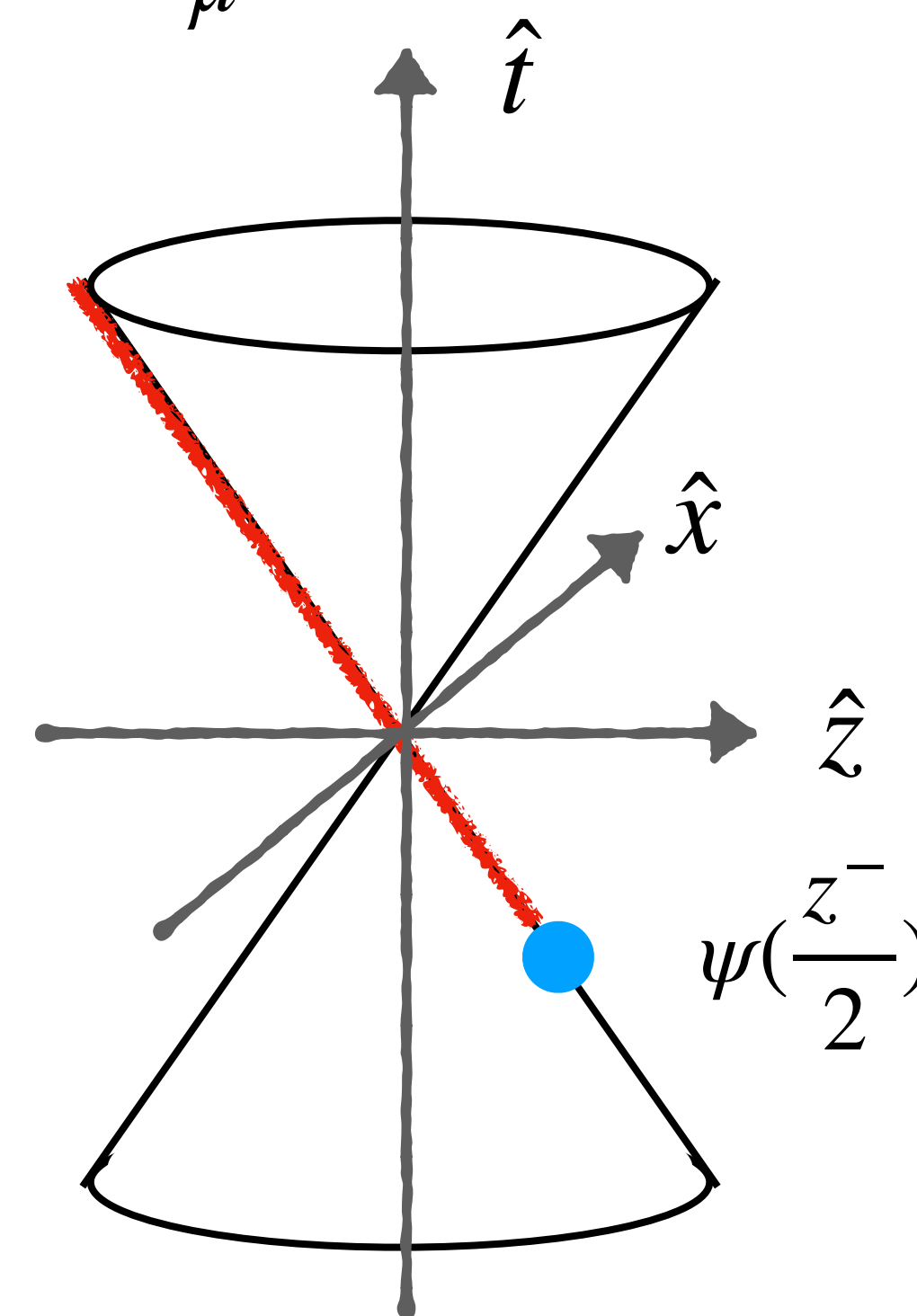
$$\bar{\psi}^*\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\psi^*\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$$

• P. A. M. Dirac, Can.J.Phys. 33 (1955) 650

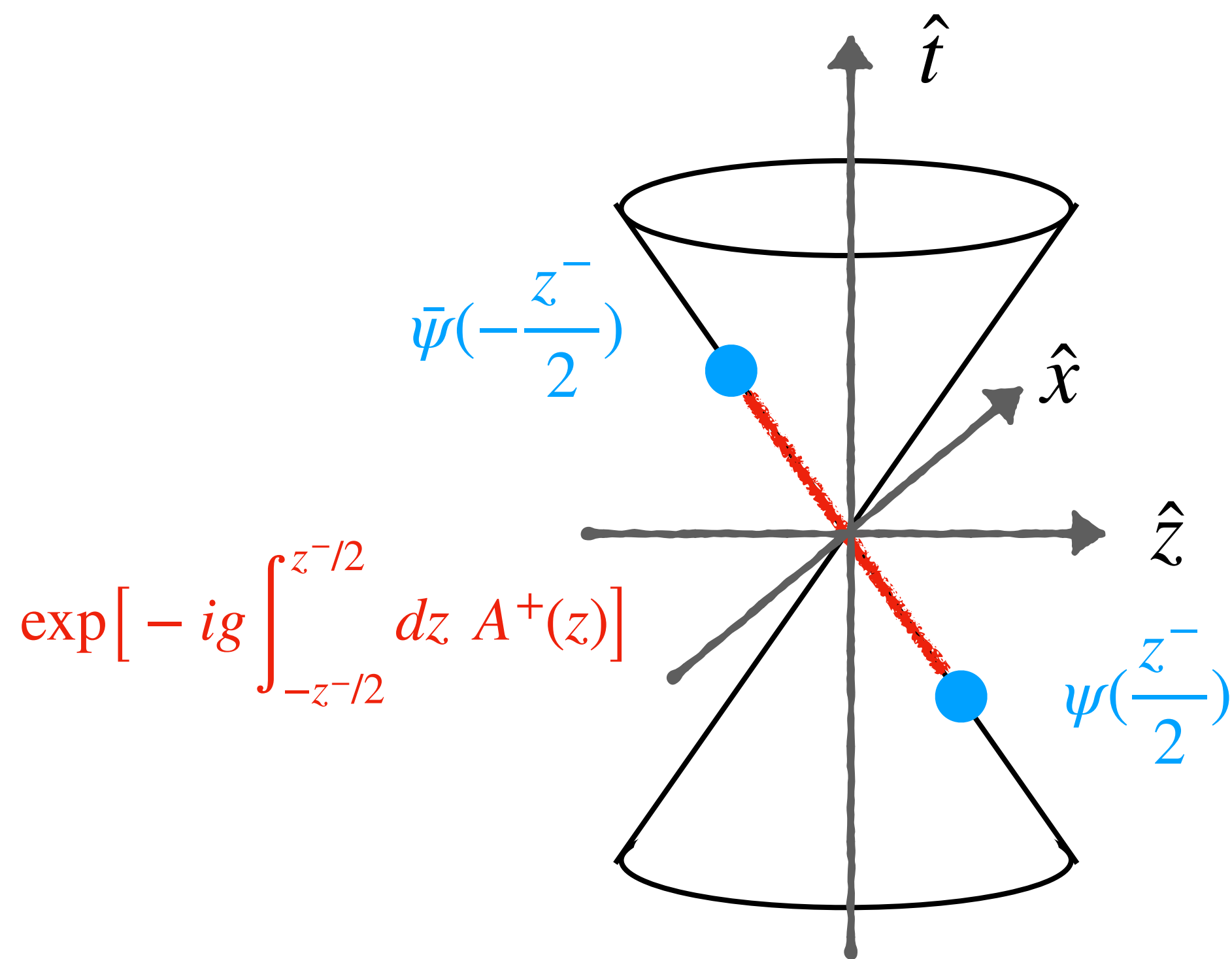
with  $\psi^*(z) = \psi(z)e^{iC(z)}$  and  $C(z)$  is a linear function of  $A_\mu$ .

- In DIS, the physical quark  $\psi(z)e^{iC(z)}$  represents a gauge-invariant object with a gauge link extended to infinity along the light-cone direction.

$$\psi^*(z) = \psi(z)e\left[-ig\int_{-z^-/2}^{\infty} dz A^+(z)\right]$$



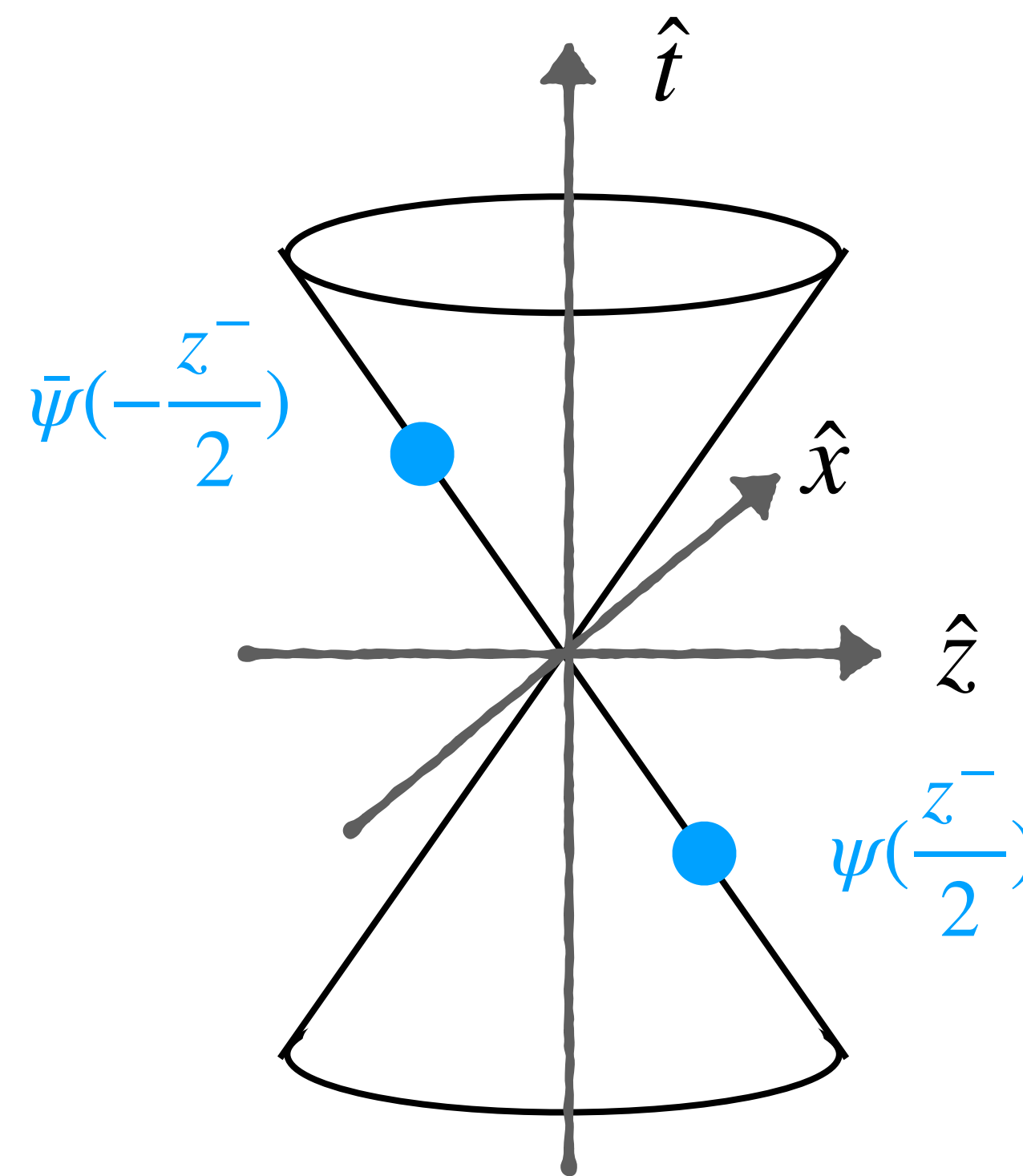
# 21 Parton distributions in the light-cone gauge



Light-cone PDF/GPD operator

$$\bar{\psi}\left(-\frac{z^-}{2}\right)\Gamma W\left(-\frac{z^-}{2}, \frac{z^-}{2}\right)\psi\left(\frac{z^-}{2}\right)$$

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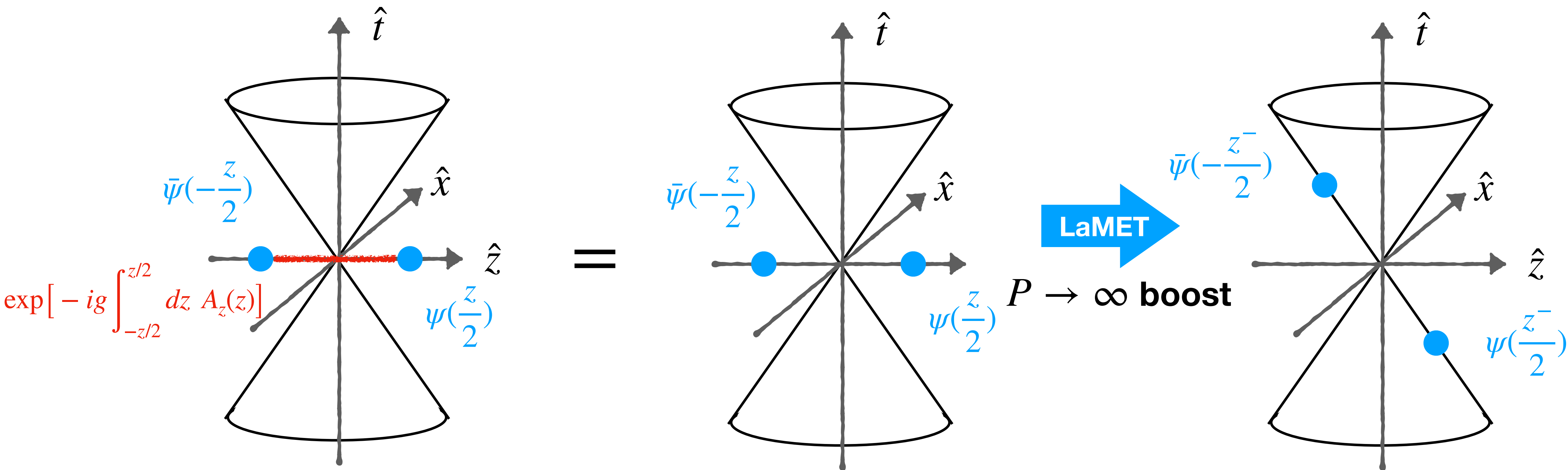


Light-cone PDF/GPD operator in **light-cone gauge**

$$\bar{\psi}\left(-\frac{z^-}{2}\right)\Gamma\psi\left(\frac{z^-}{2}\right)|_{A^+=0}$$



# Parton distributions from axial-gauge LaMET



Gauge invariant (GI)  
quasi-PDF/GPD

$$\bar{\psi}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma W\left(-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right)\psi\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$$

Quasi-PDF/GPD in  
axial gauge  $A_z = 0$

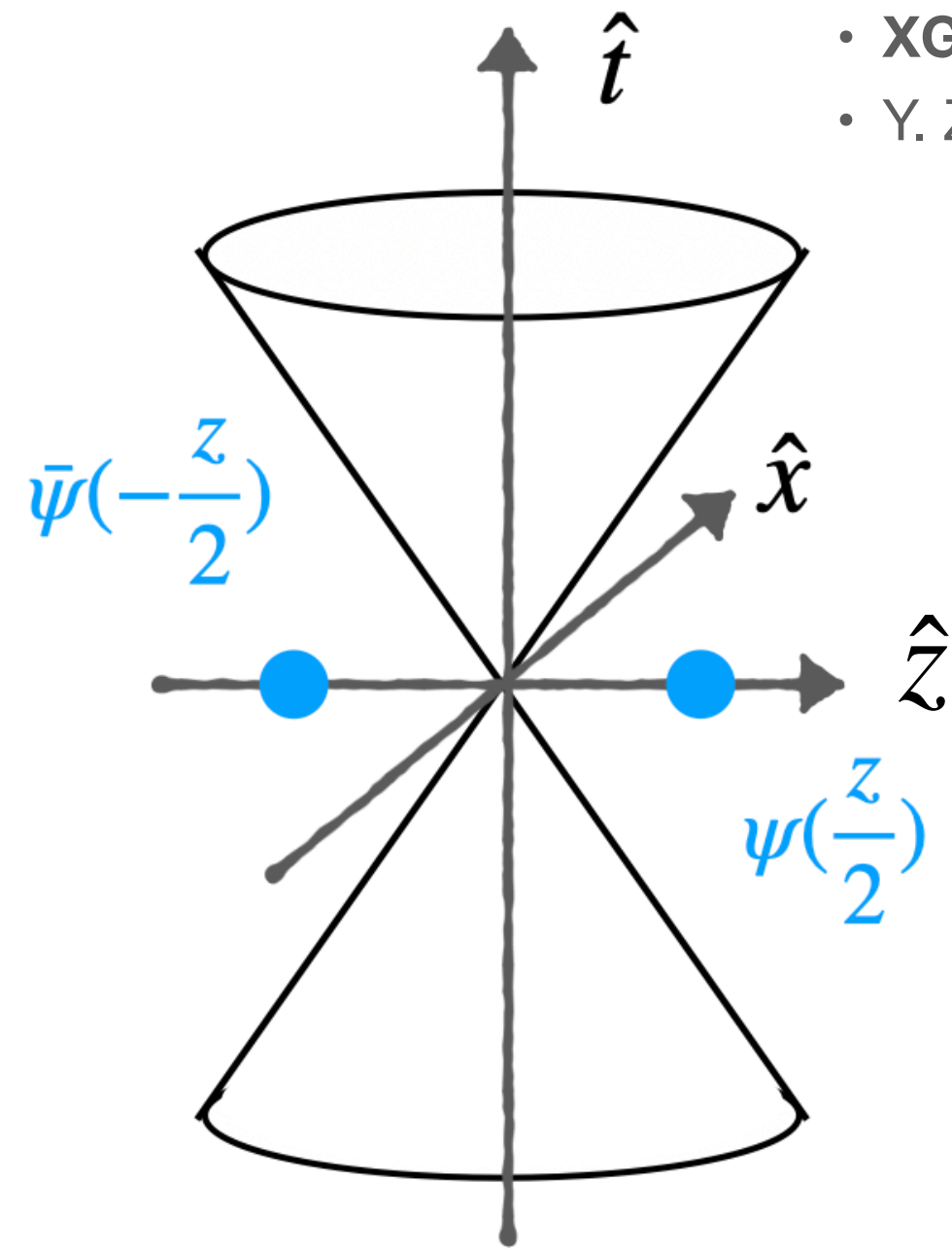
$$\bar{\psi}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\psi\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)\Big|_{A_z=0}$$

Light-cone PDF with

$$A^+ = 0$$

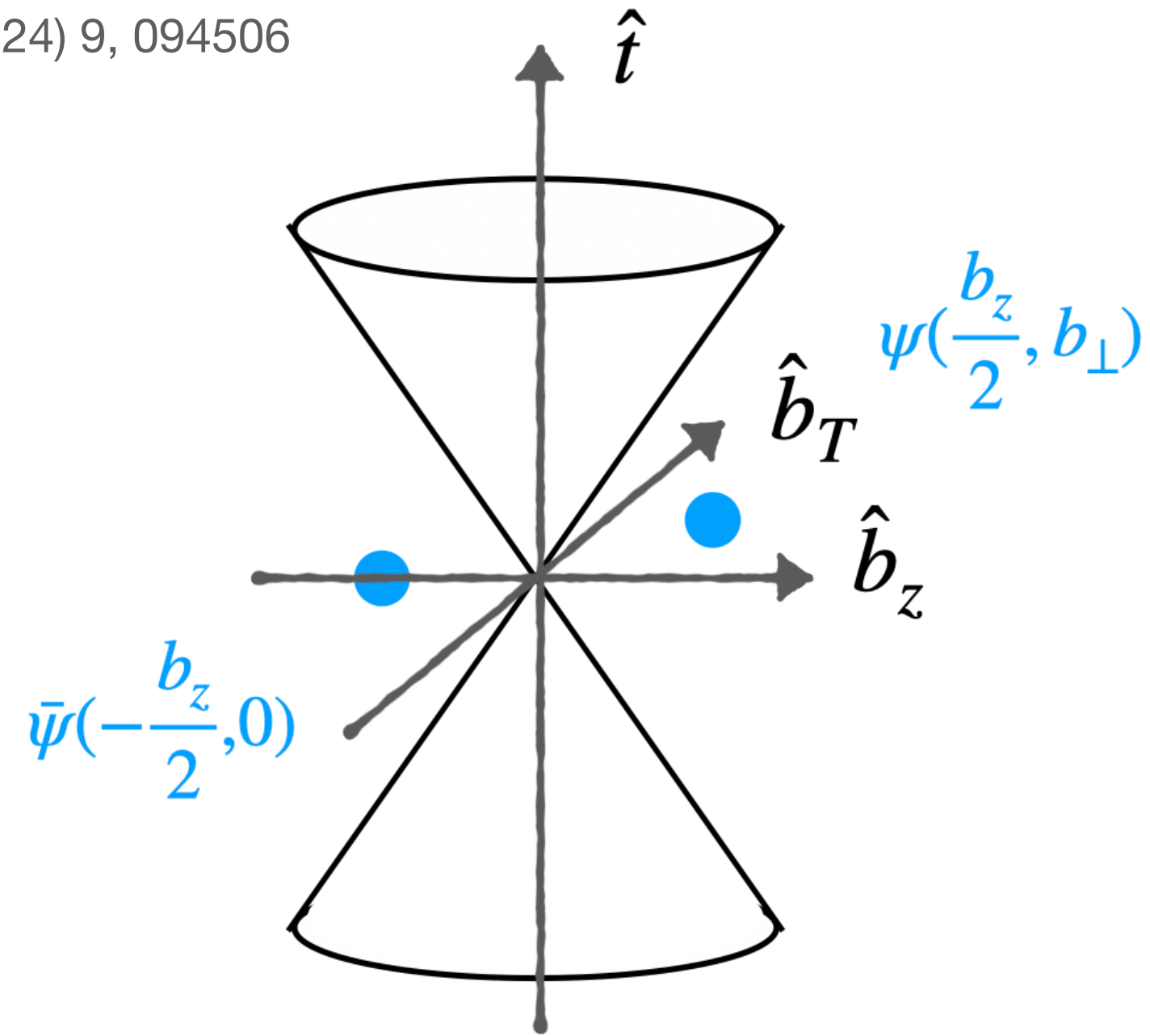
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# Universality in LaMET



Quasi PDF/GPD

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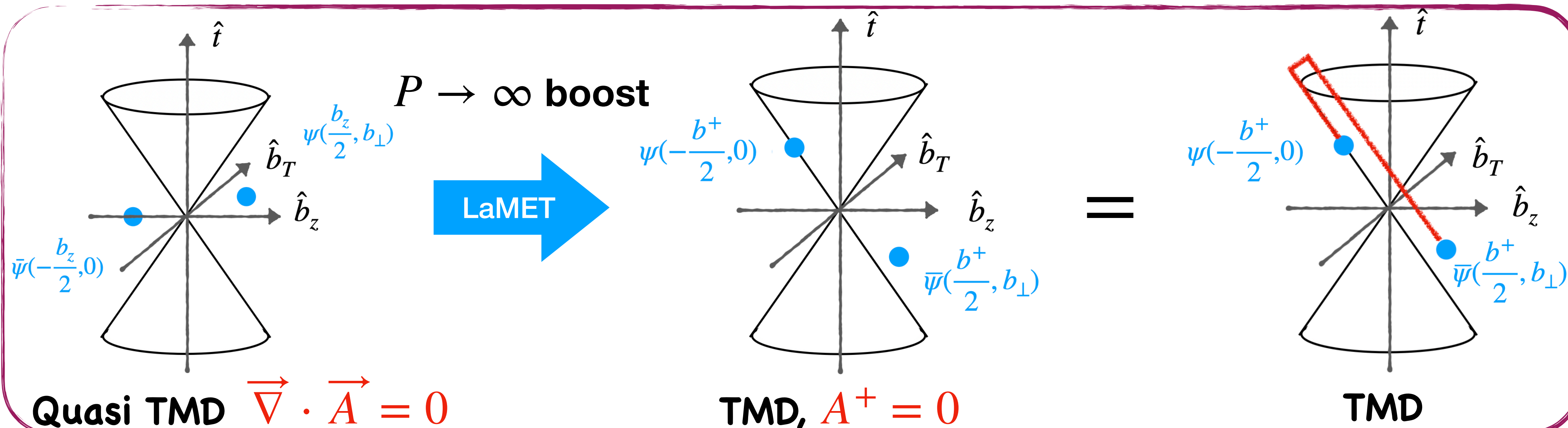
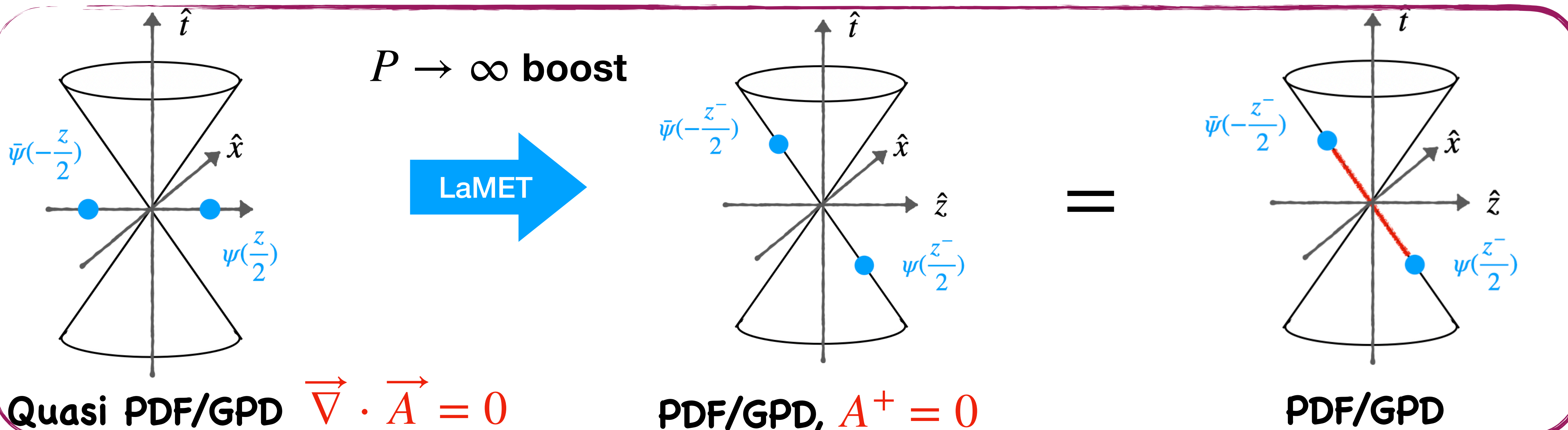


Quasi TMD

- Compute the quasi distributions in the **physical gauge condition**, e.g.,  $A_z = 0$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ , Coulomb gauge  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ .
- Boost the operator as well as the physical gauge condition to the light-cone  $A^+ = 0$  in the  $P \rightarrow \infty$  limit.



# CG quasi distribution without Wilson lines



## 25 CG quasi distribution without Wilson lines

- The quark field in the Coulomb gauge

$$\psi_C(z) = U_C(z)\psi(z)$$

satisfying,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ U_C \vec{A} U_C^{-1} + \frac{i}{g} U_C \vec{\nabla} U_C^{-1} \right] = 0$$

order by order in  $g$ , the solution:

$$U_C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ig)^n}{n!} \omega_n$$

$$\omega_1 = -\frac{1}{\nabla^2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A},$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{1}{\nabla^2} \left( \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\omega_1^\dagger \vec{\nabla} \omega_1) - [\vec{\nabla} \omega_1, \vec{A}] \right)$$

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►  $P \rightarrow \infty$  limit boost

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$$-\frac{1}{\nabla^2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik \cdot z} \frac{1}{k_z^2 + k_\perp^2} [k_z A_z(k) + k_\perp A_\perp(k)]$$

$$\approx i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik \cdot z} \frac{k^+}{(k^+)^2 + \epsilon^2} A^+(k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_{-\infty^-}^{z^-} + \int_{+\infty^-}^{z^-} \right] d\eta^- A^+ \equiv \frac{1}{\partial_{\text{P.V.}}^+} A^+(z)$$

Principle value prescription (P.V.) averaging over past and future.

**Path-ordered integral**

$$\frac{\omega_n}{n!} \rightarrow \left( \dots \left( \frac{1}{\partial_{\text{P.V.}}^+} \left( \left( \frac{1}{\partial_{\text{P.V.}}^+} A^+ \right) A^+ \right) A^+ \right) \dots A^+ \right)$$

$$U_C \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ -ig \int_{z^-}^{\mp \infty^-} dz A^+(z) \right] \equiv W(z^-, \mp \infty^-)$$

**Infinite light-cone Wilson link**



# CG quasi-TMDs without Wilson lines

$$\frac{\tilde{f}_C(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, P_z)}{\sqrt{S_C(\vec{b}_T, \mu)}} = C(\mu, xP_z) e^{\frac{1}{2}\gamma_\zeta(\mu, b_T) \ln \frac{(2xP_z)^2}{\zeta}} f(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{1}{(xP_z b_T)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP_z)^2}\right] \right\}$$

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- The same form of factorization formula as the conventional gauge invariant (GI) case: verified through SCET.
- **IR pole cancels** in the one-loop calculation, differ only by UV:

$$\tilde{f}_C^{(1)}(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, P_z, \epsilon_{\text{IR}}) - \tilde{f}_C^{(1)}(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \epsilon_{\text{IR}}) = -\frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{4P_z^2} + 3 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{4p_z^2} + 12 - \frac{7\pi^2}{12} \right]$$

- Both CG and GI quasi-TMDs fall into **the same universality class of LaMET** in large  $P_z$  limit but with differently: power correction and  $C(\mu, xP_z)$ .

# CG quasi-TMDs without Wilson lines

$$\frac{\tilde{f}_C(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, P_z)}{\sqrt{S_C(\vec{b}_T, \mu)}} = C(\mu, xP_z) e^{\frac{1}{2}\gamma_\zeta(\mu, b_T) \ln \frac{(2xP_z)^2}{\zeta}} f(x, \vec{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{1}{(xP_z b_T)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP_z)^2}\right] \right\}$$

• Y. Zhao, arXiv: 2311.01391

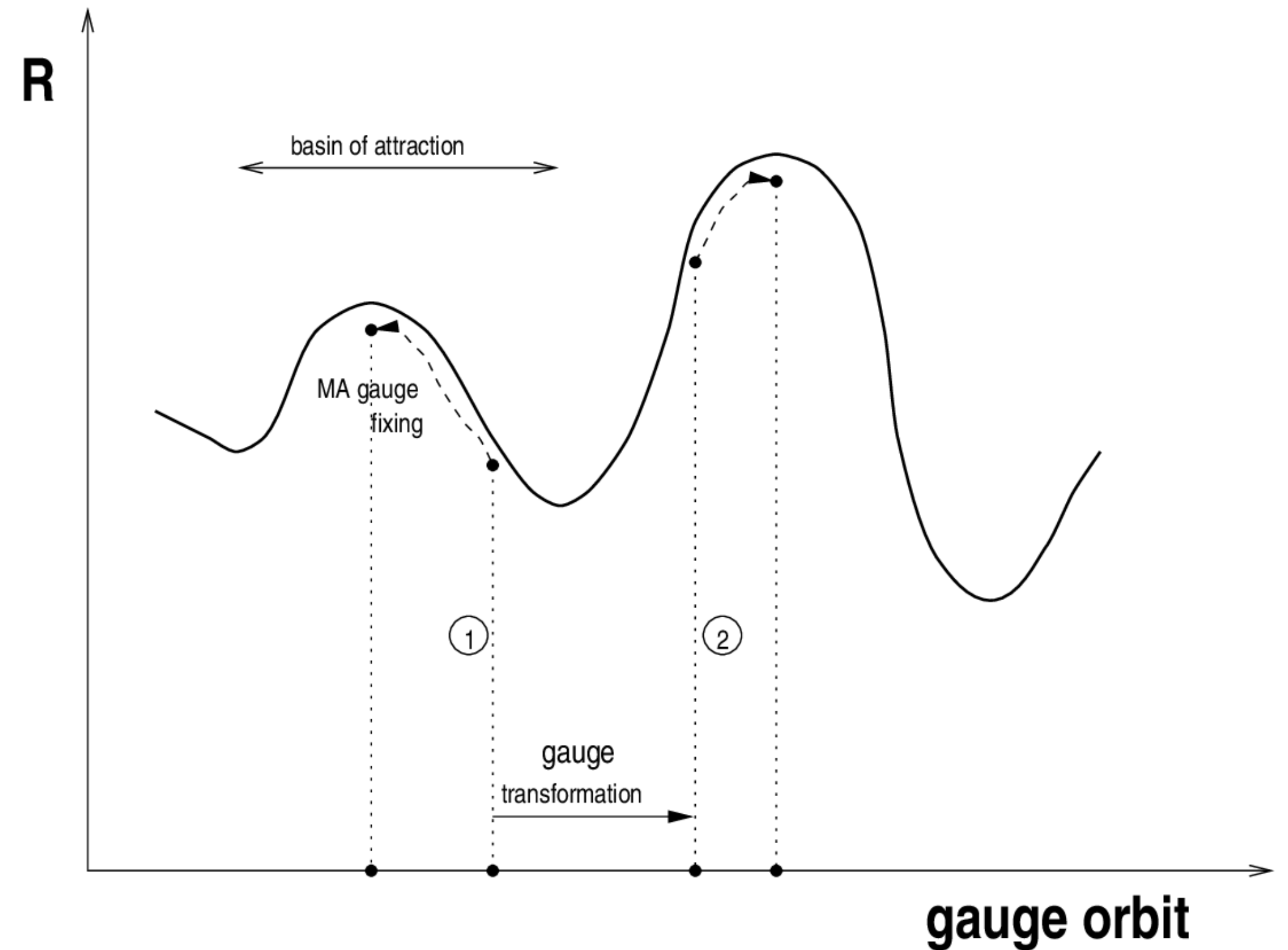
- Gribov copies in the non-perturbative Coulomb gauge fixing?
- Complexity from Wilson line disappear?
- Power corrections under control?

# Gauge fixing and Gribov copies

- The Coulomb gauge fixing was done through minimizing the functional,

$$F[U^\Omega] = \frac{1}{9V} \sum_{\vec{x}} \sum_{i=1,2,3} [-\text{Re Tr } U_i^\Omega(t, \vec{x})]$$

- There could be multiple solutions (local minima) for the non-perturbative fields, namely the Gribov copies.

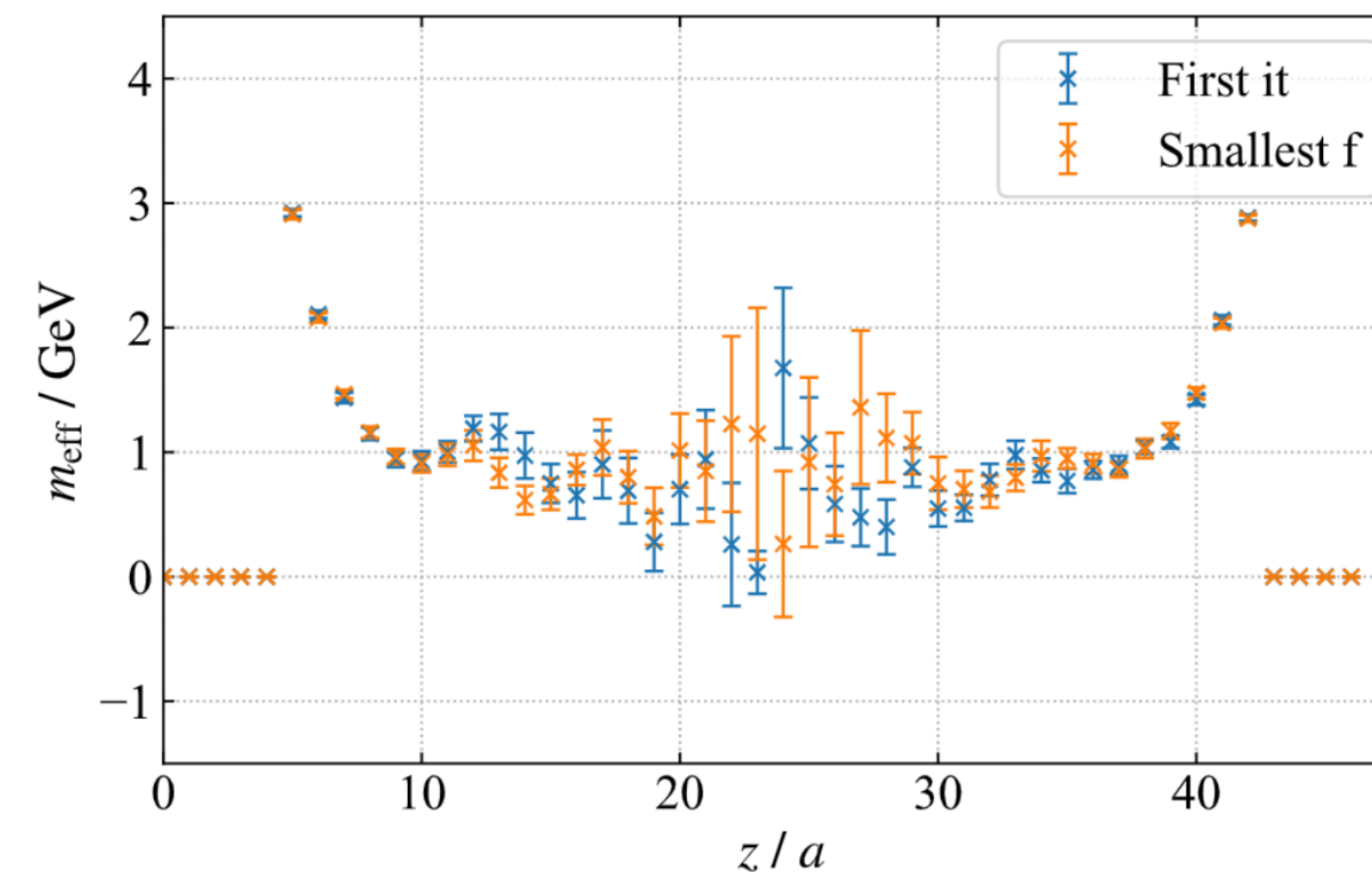




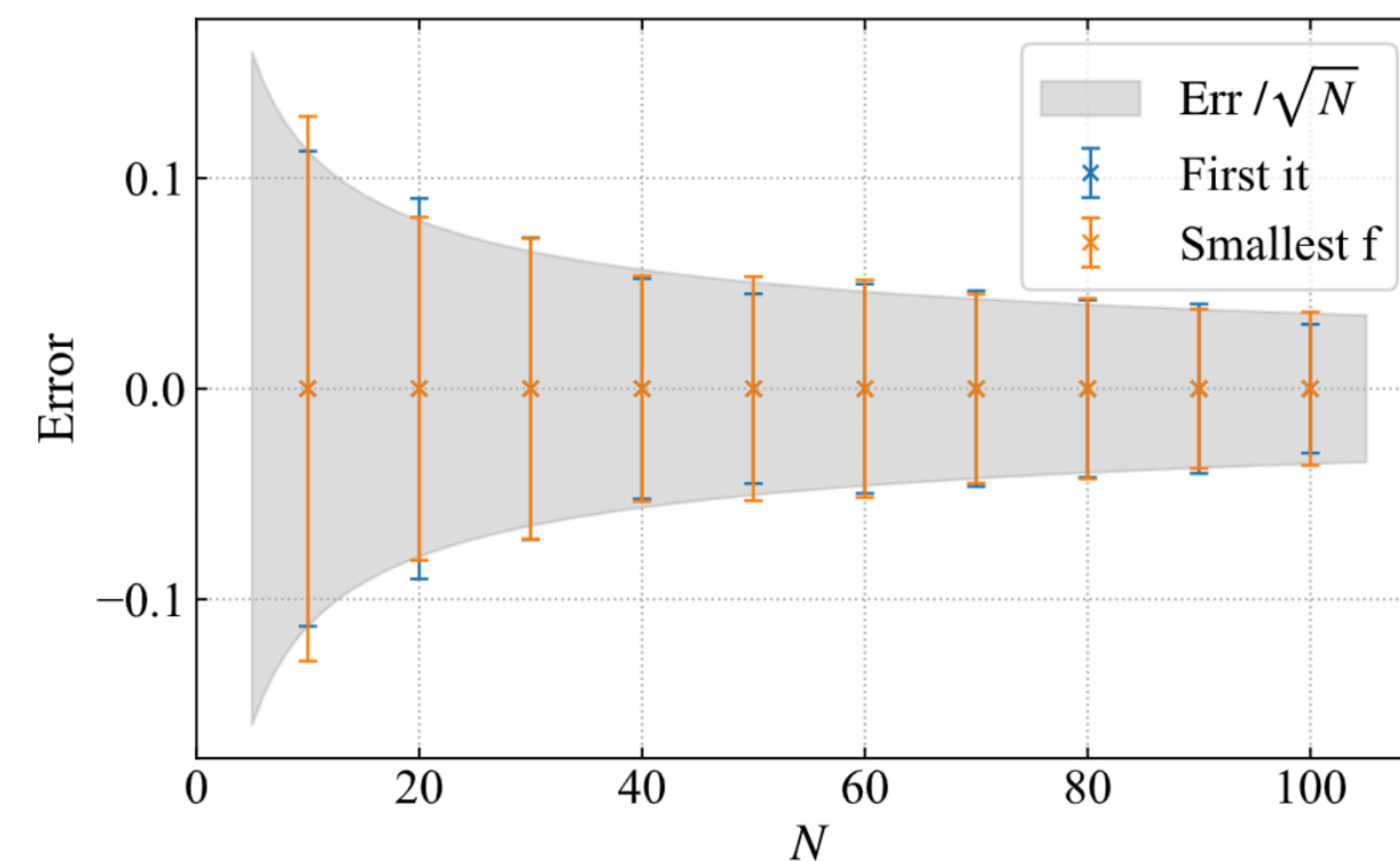
# Gauge fixing and Gribov copies

- The copies will behave like statistical noise if the algorithm randomly select the copies, which however won't reduce as the statistics increases.
- To see the significance of the Gribov copies, for each configuration we did gauge fixing multiple times after a random gauge transform.
  - “First it”: select the first daughter configuration.
  - “Smallest f”: select the configuration with the lowest functional value.

## Effective mass of quark propagator



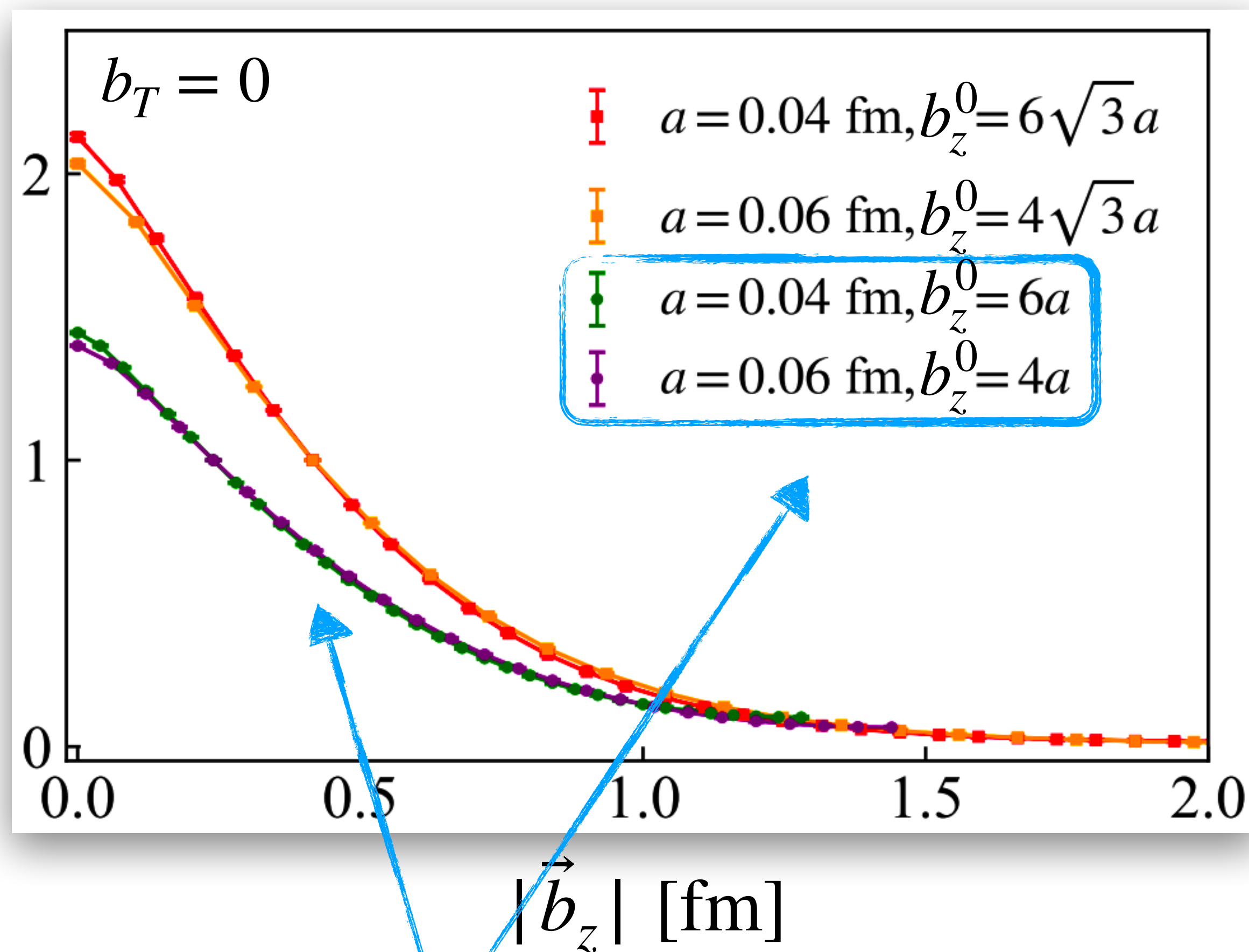
## Noise v.s. statistics for quasi-PDF



**The Gribov copies show no significance so far!**

# 31 Simplified renormalization

## Renormalized matrix elements



Two lattice spacings:  
excellent continuum limit!

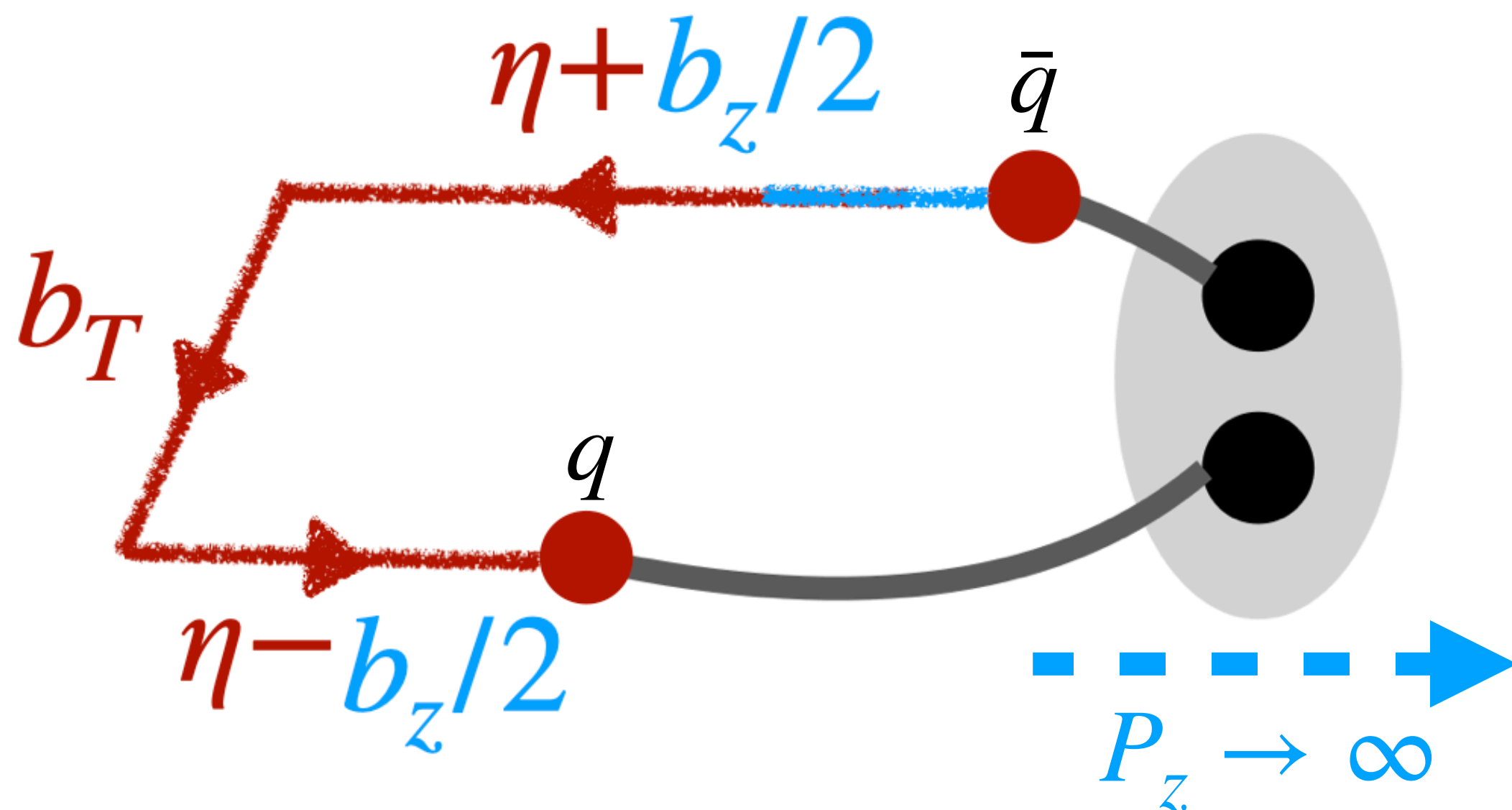
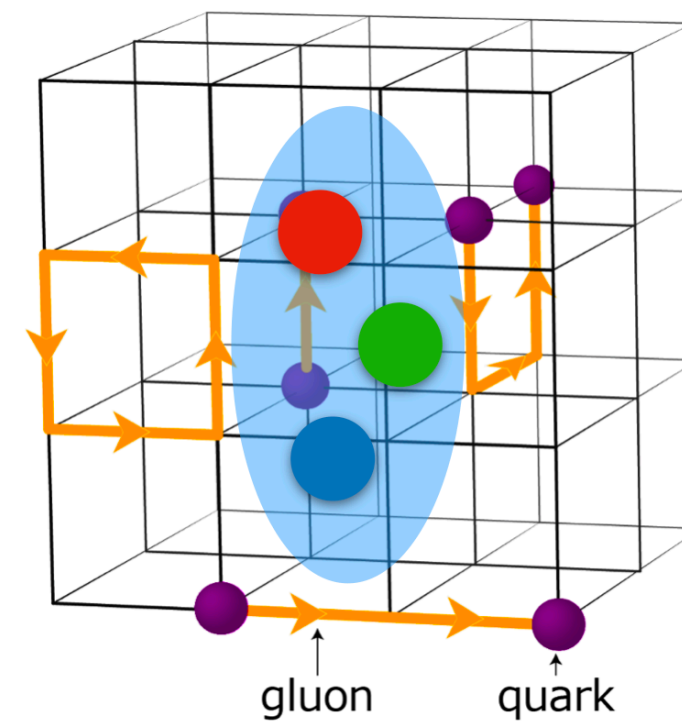
- No linear divergence: the renormalization is an **overall constant**.

$$[\bar{\psi}(-\frac{\vec{b}}{2})\Gamma\psi(\frac{\vec{b}}{2})]_B = Z_\psi(a)[\bar{\psi}(-\frac{\vec{b}}{2})\Gamma\psi(\frac{\vec{b}}{2})]_R$$

- Matrix elements with any separation  $\vec{b}$  can be used to remove the UV divergence.

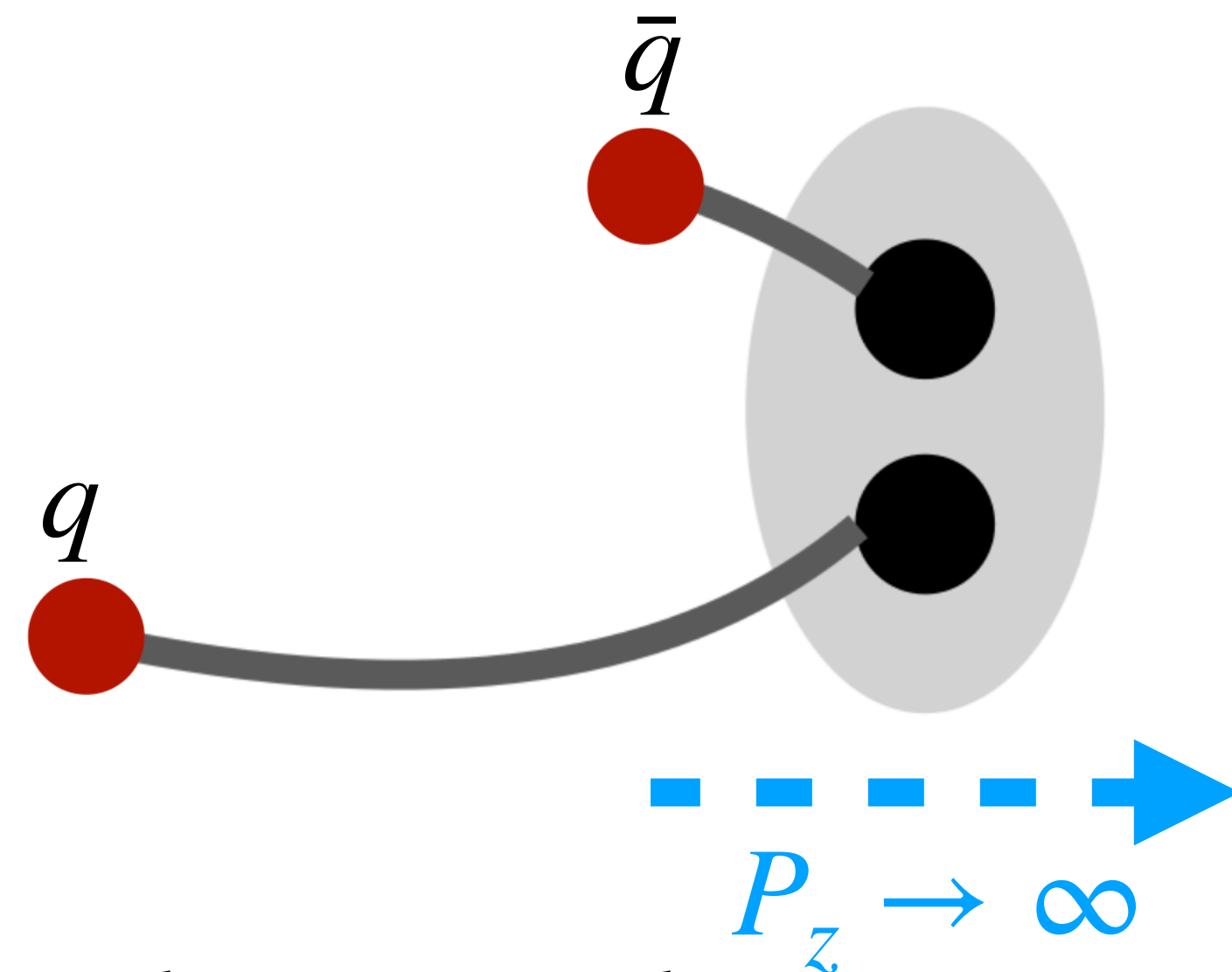
$$\frac{\tilde{h}^B(b_T, b_z, a)}{\tilde{h}^B(b_T^0, b_z^0, a)} = \frac{\tilde{h}^R(b_T, b_z, \mu)}{\tilde{h}^R(b_T^0, b_z^0, \mu)}$$

# The quasi-TMD wave function from lattice



$$\langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}(\frac{b_z}{2}, b_{\perp}) \Gamma W_{\square^z} \psi(-\frac{b_z}{2}, 0) | \pi^+, P_z \rangle$$

**Gauge-invariant (GI)**  
quasi-TMDWF



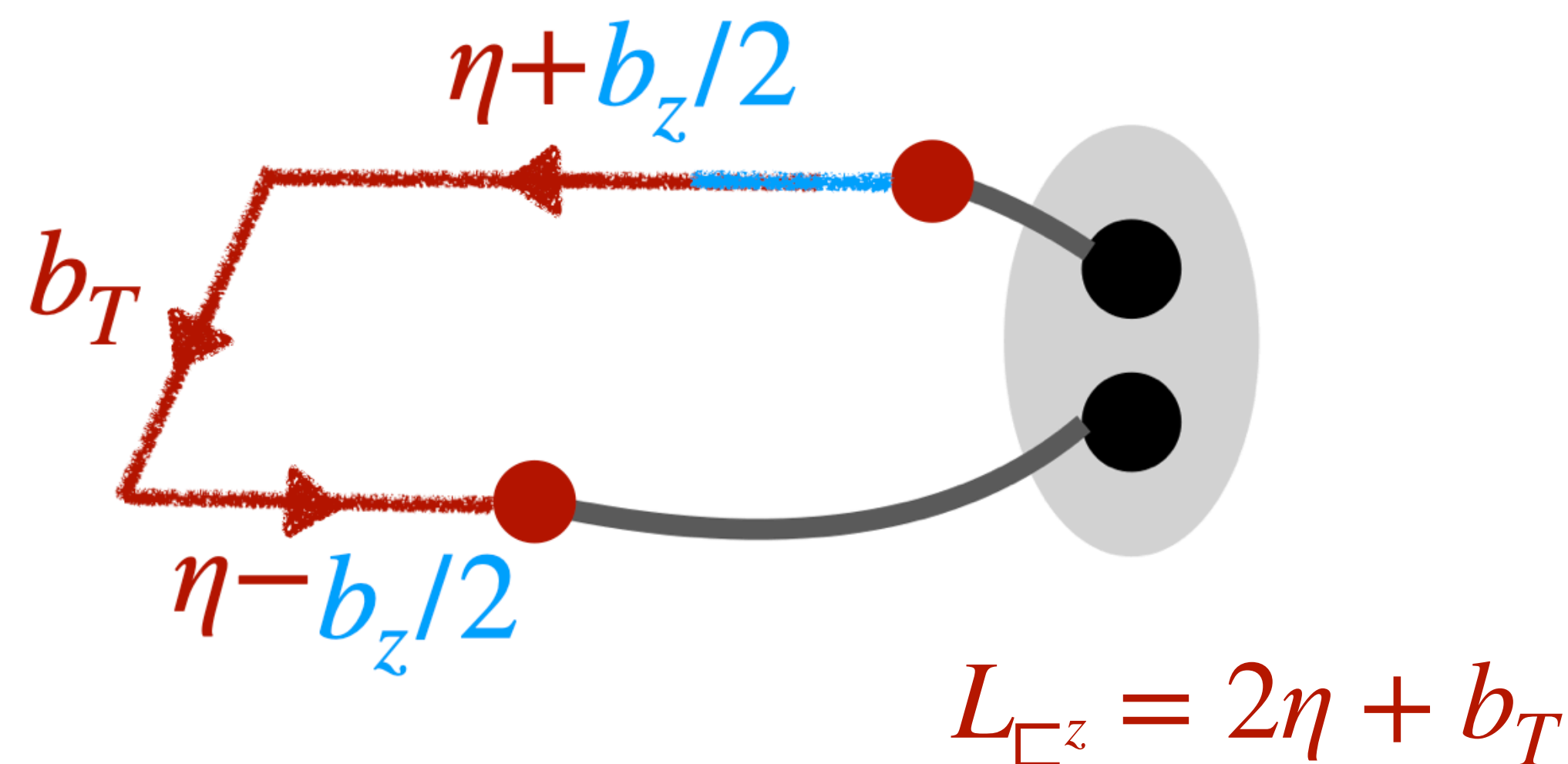
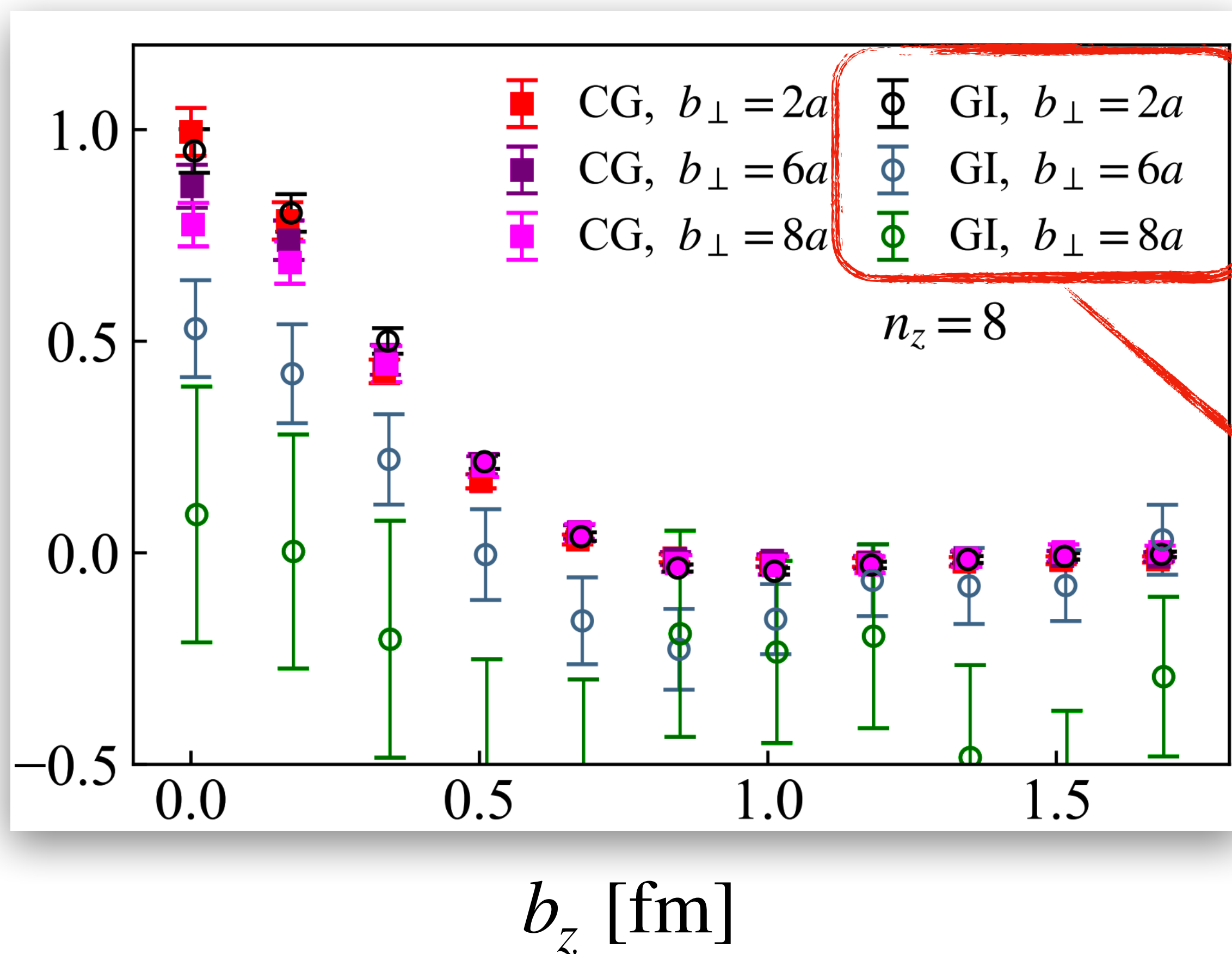
$$\langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}(\frac{b_z}{2}, b_{\perp}) \Gamma \psi(-\frac{b_z}{2}, 0) | \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 | \pi^+, P_z \rangle$$

**Coulomb gauge (CG)**  
quasi-TMDWF



# CG quasi-TMDs: enhanced long-range precision

## Renormalized matrix elements



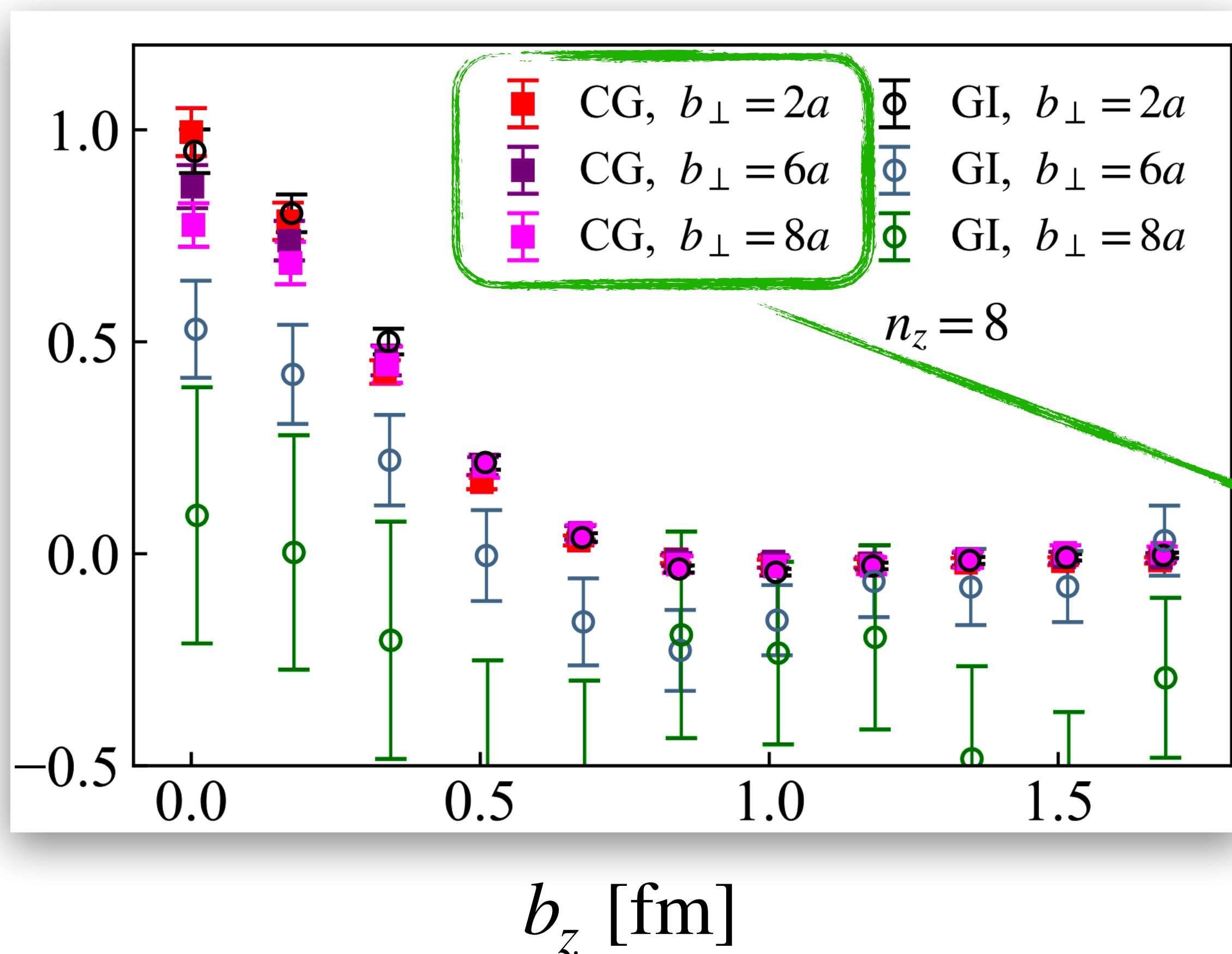
$b_T: 2a \rightarrow 6a \rightarrow 8a$

- GI shows rapid signal decay.

Domain wall fermion, physical quark masses  
 $64^3 \times 128$ ,  $a = 0.084$  fm

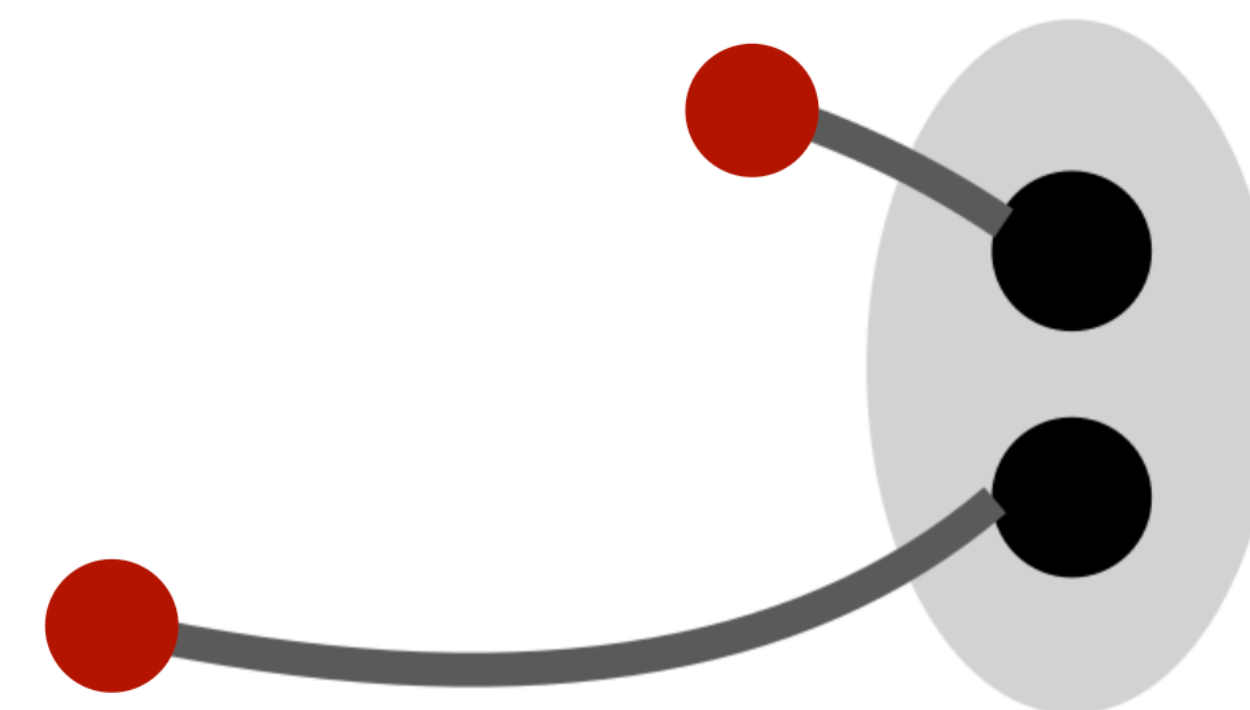
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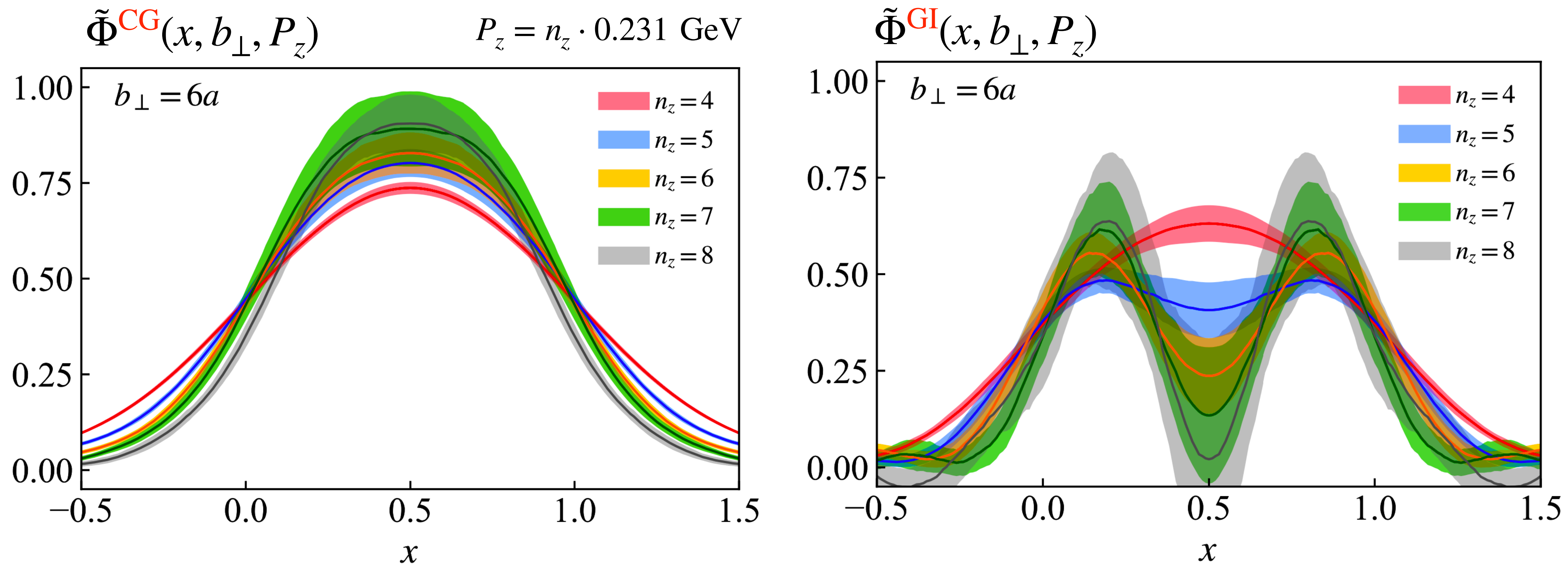
$b_T: 2a \rightarrow 6a \rightarrow 8a$

- CG shows much slower signal decay compared to the GI cases.



Domain wall fermion, physical quark masses  
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# Quasi-TMD wave functions after F.T.



- The CG quasi-TMD wave functions are more stable and show better signal.

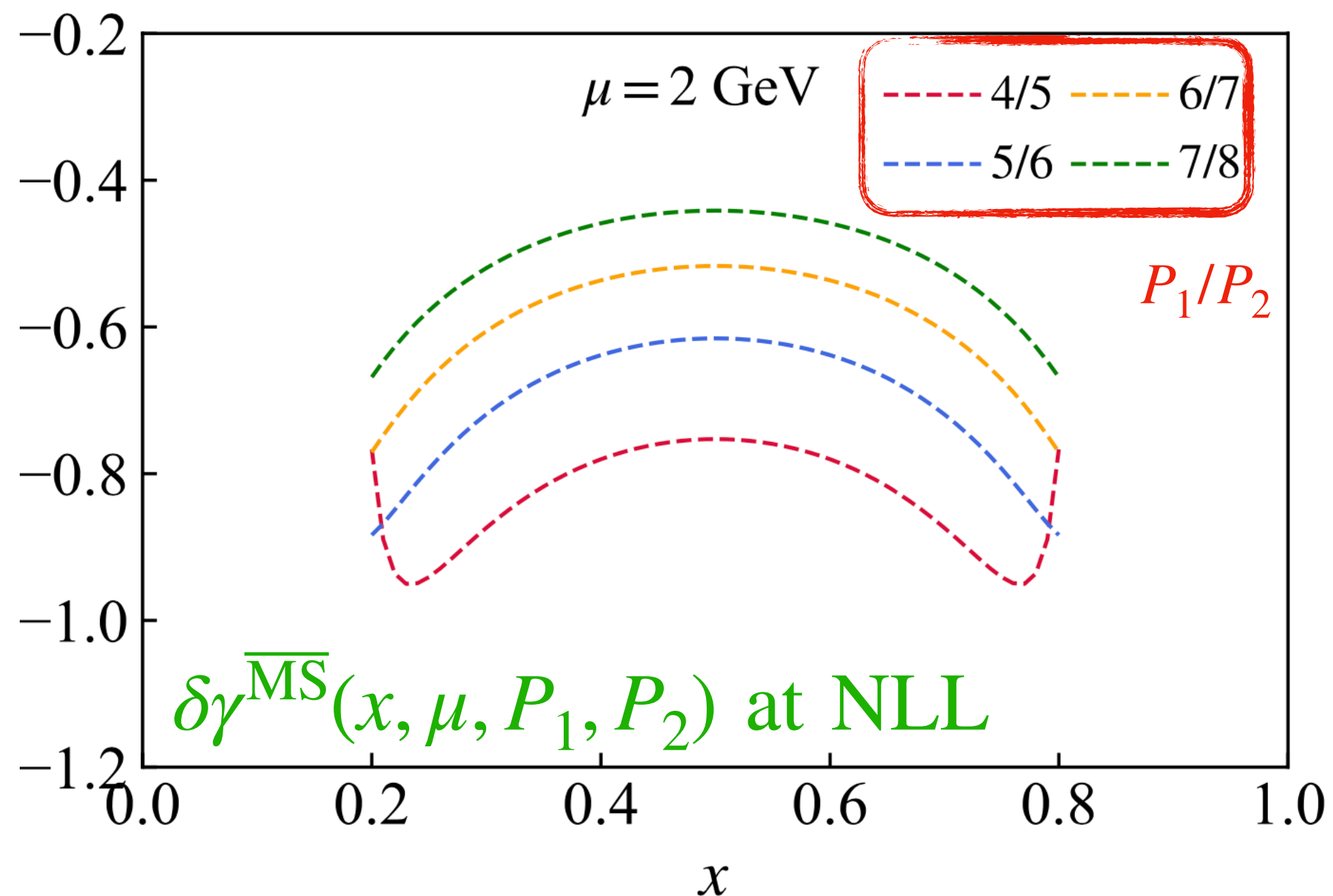


# The Collins-Soper kernel from CG quasi-TMDWF

Re-organize the factorization formula into:

$$\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_{\perp}, \mu) = \frac{1}{\ln(P_2/P_1)} \ln \left[ \frac{\tilde{\phi}(x, b_{\perp}, P_2, \mu)}{\tilde{\phi}(x, b_{\perp}, P_1, \mu)} \right] + \delta\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(x, \mu, P_1, P_2) + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP_z)^2}, \frac{1}{(b_{\perp}(xP_z))^2} \right)$$

Ratio of quasi-TMDWFs

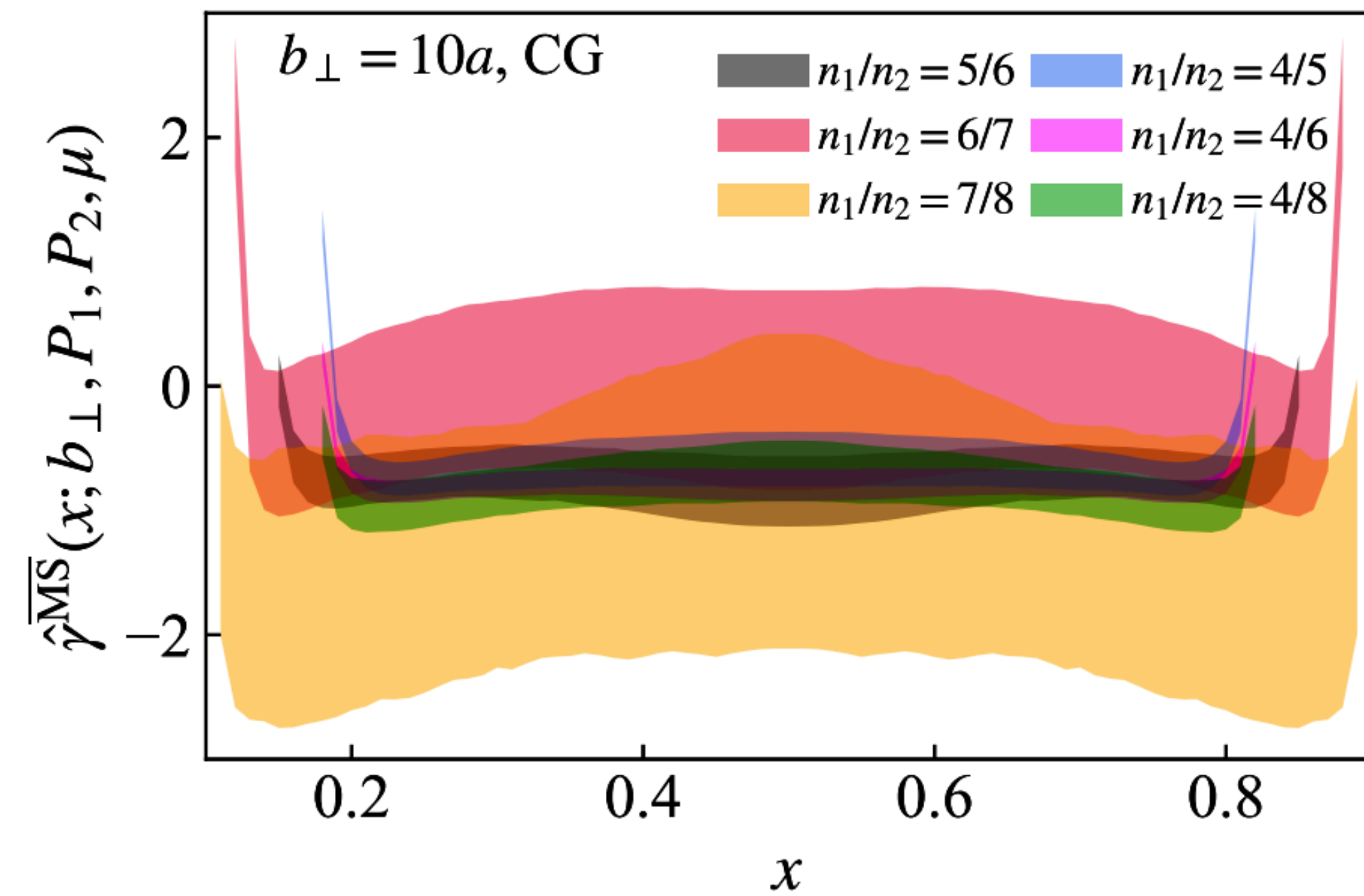
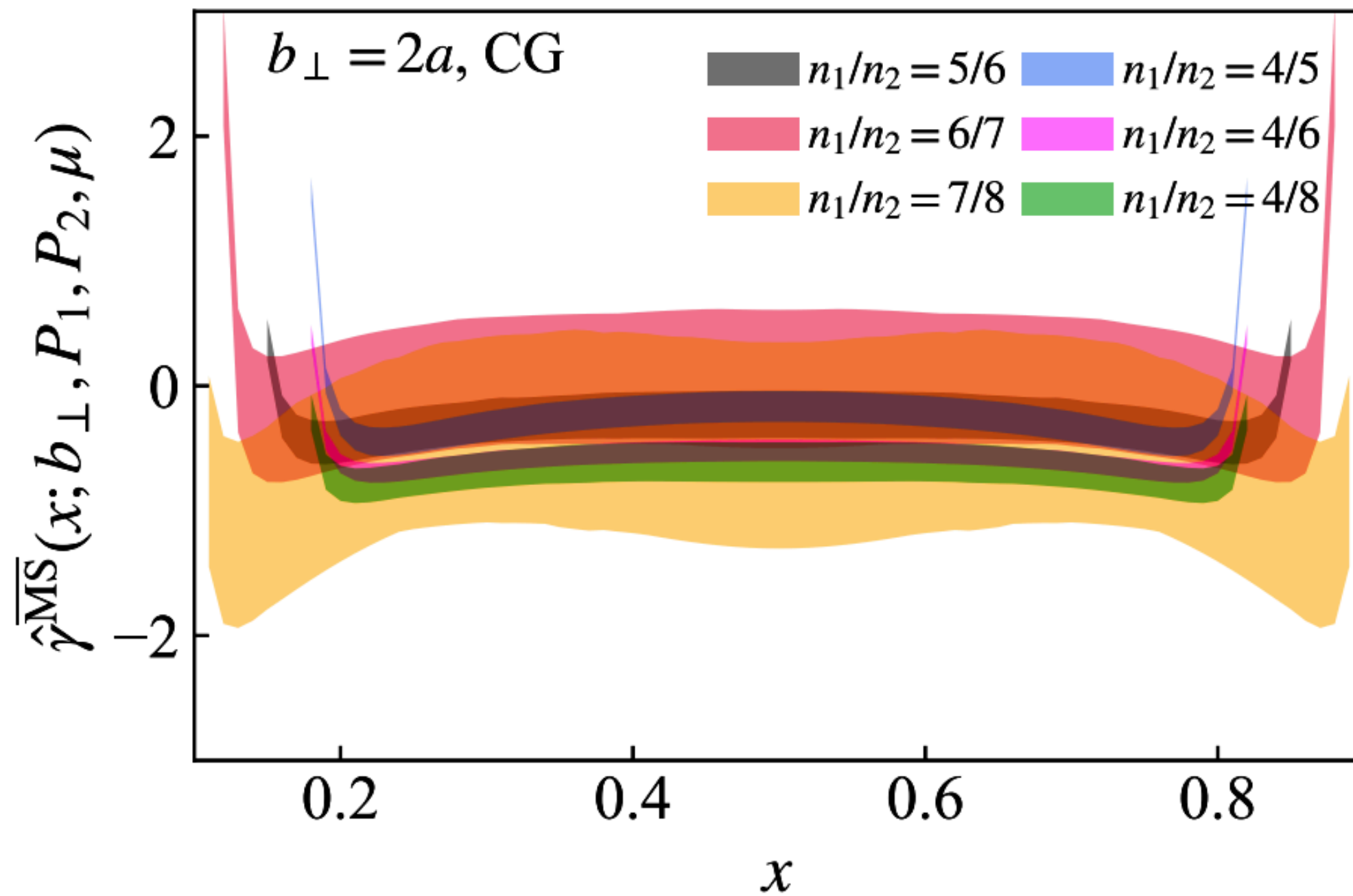


Perturbative correction

- The CS kernel  $\gamma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(b_{\perp}, \mu)$  is **independent (universal) of  $P_z$  and  $x$** .
- $P_z$  and  $x$  dependence from data should be compensated by the perturbative matching, **up to higher-order and power corrections**.

# The CS kernel from NLL matching

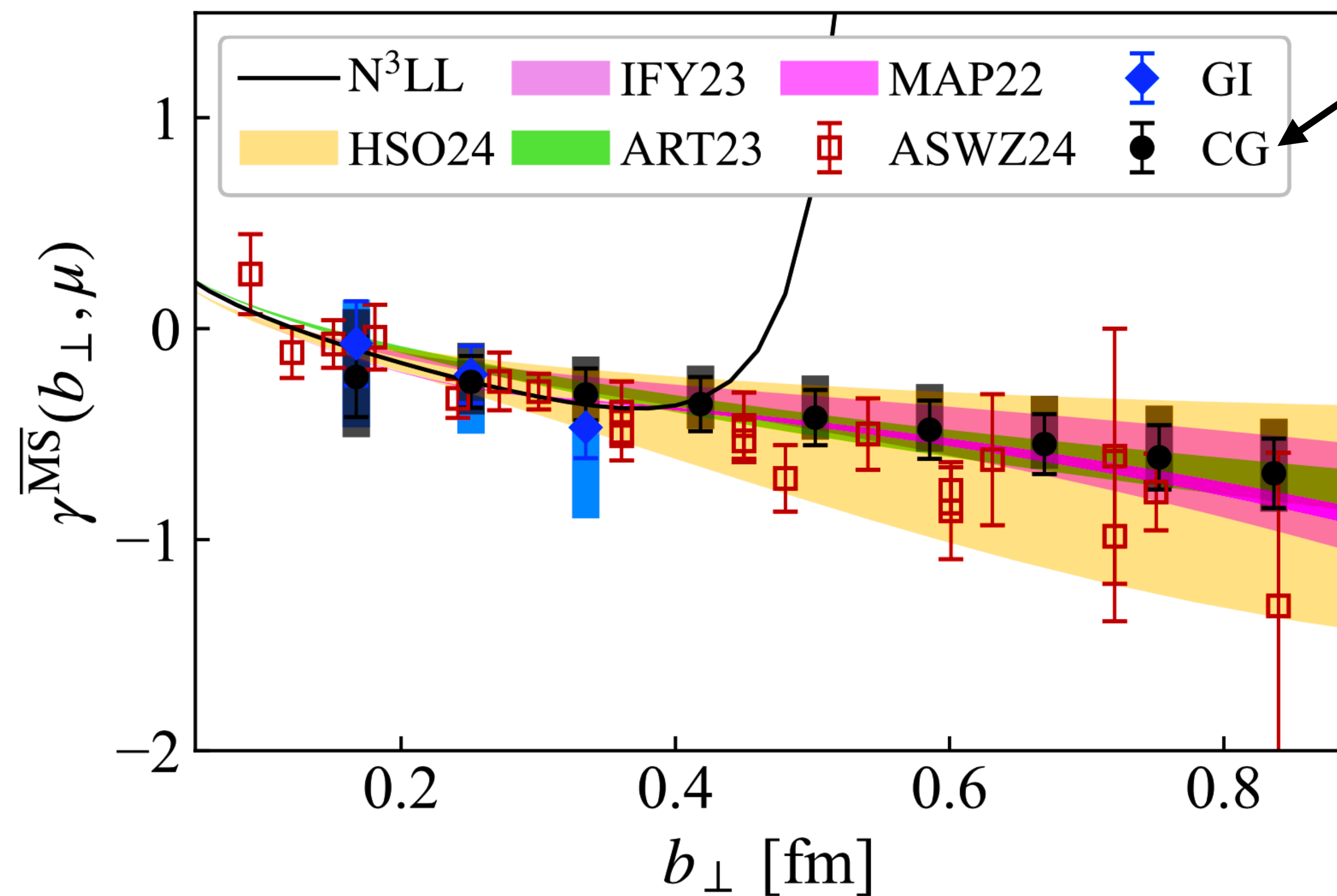
$$a = 0.084 \text{ fm}, \quad P_z = n_z \cdot 0.23 \text{ GeV}$$



- Small  $b_T \sim 0.1$  fm: visible  $P_z$  dependence.
- Sizable power corrections.

- Large  $b_T$ : no  $x$  and  $P_z$  dependence.
- Perturbative factorization work well!

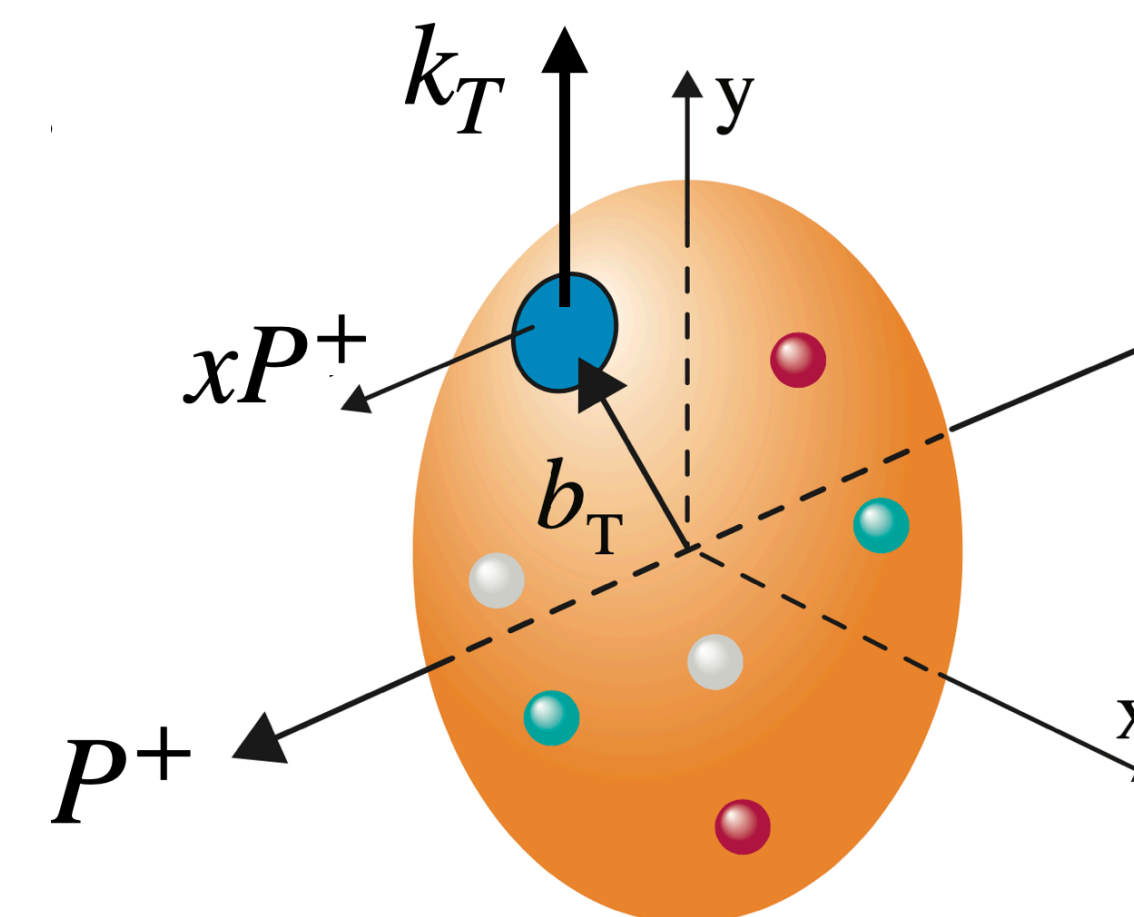
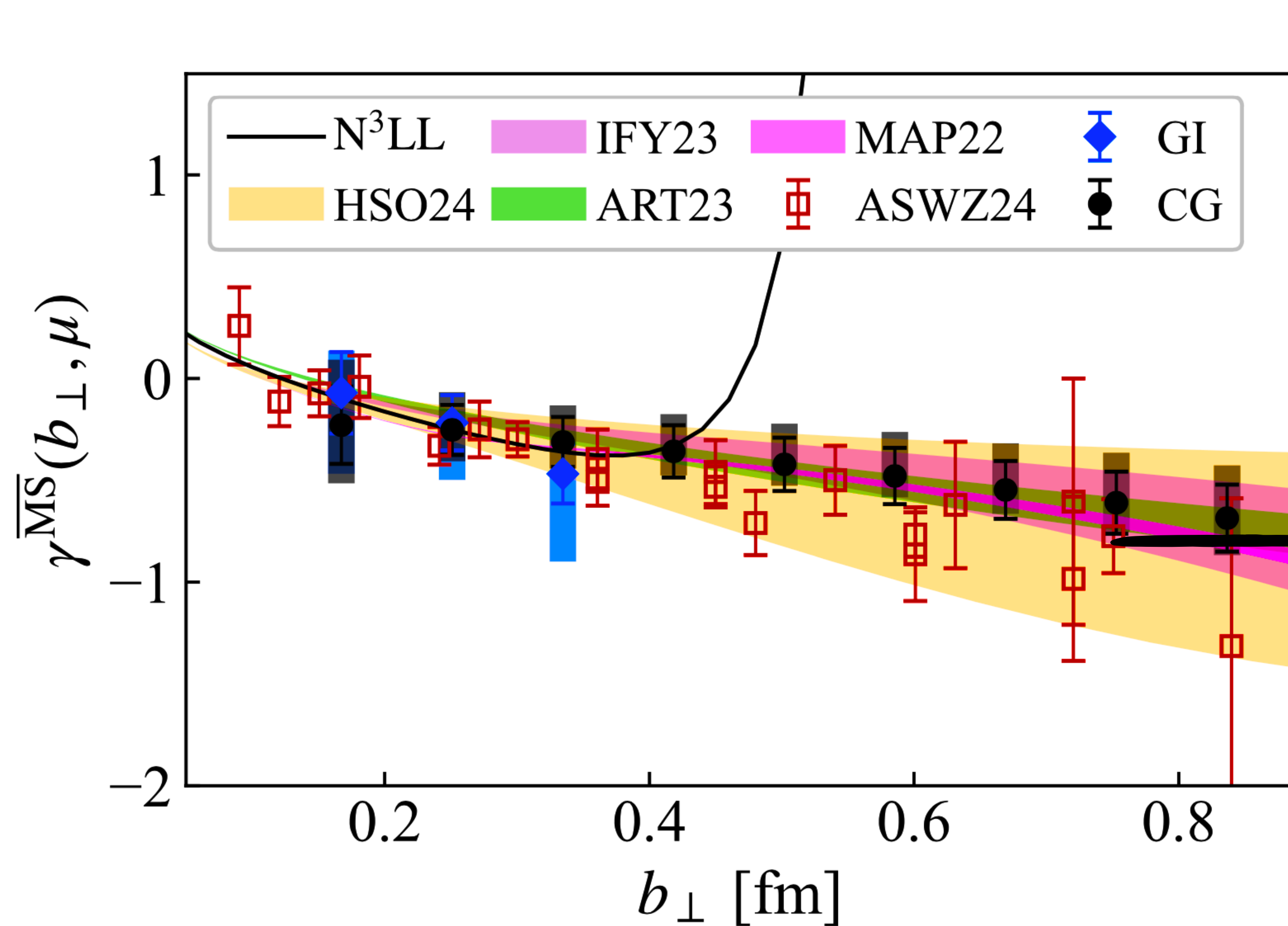
# Nonperturbative Collins-Soper kernel



- Our QCD prediction: consistent with recent global fits and lattice results from GI operators.



# Nonperturbative Collins-Soper kernel



- CG approach greatly improve the efficiency: broader use in the nonperturbative regime of TMDs!

# Summary

- The light-cone parton distributions can be extracted from boosted quasi distributions in the Coulomb gauge, falling into the same universality class of LaMET as the conventional gauge invariant case.
- We extracted the non-perturbative CS kernel from the Coulomb-gauge-fixed quasi-TMD wave functions, appearing to be consistent with recent parametrization of experimental data.
- The CG methods have the advantages of the simplified renormalization and enhanced long-range precision, so that could have broader use in the future particularly in the non-perturbative regime of TMD physics, including the gluons and the Wigner distributions.

**Thanks for your attention!**