
Lattice QCD Determination of the x -dependence of PDFs at NNLO

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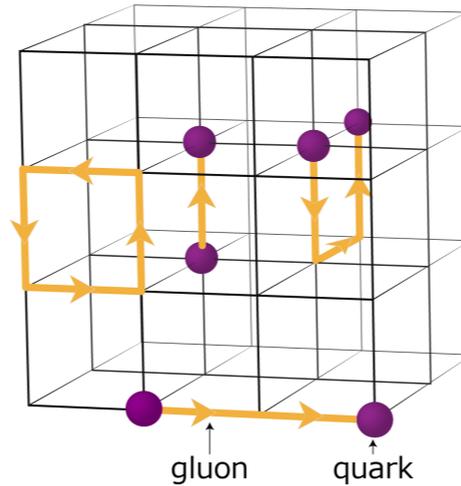
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Based on work with Xiang Gao, Andrew Hanlon, Swagato Mukherjee,
Peter Petreczky, Philipp Scior, Sergey Syritsyn, PRL 128 (2022), 142003.

3D Tomography of the Proton (Hadrons)

Lattice QCD

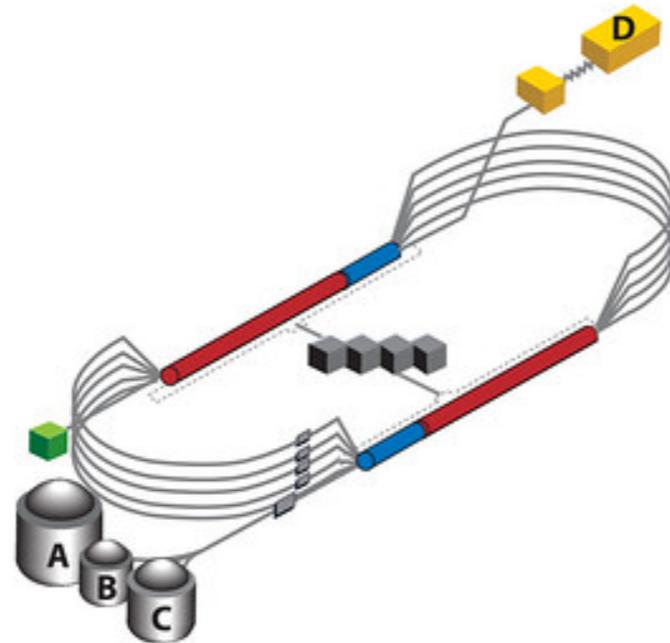


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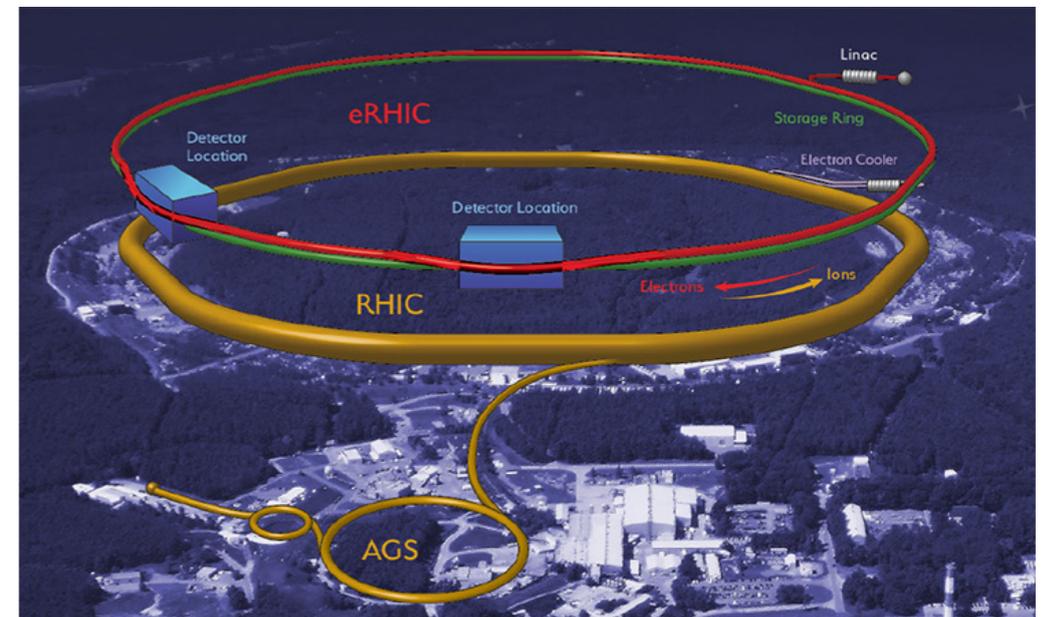


Precision is the key!

Hard Scattering



Jefferson Lab 12 GeV

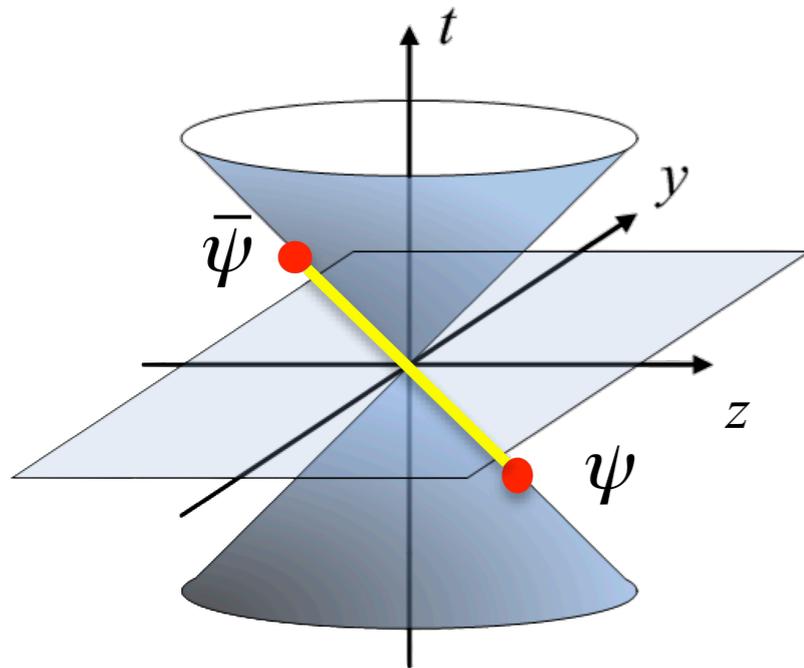


The Electron-Ion Collider

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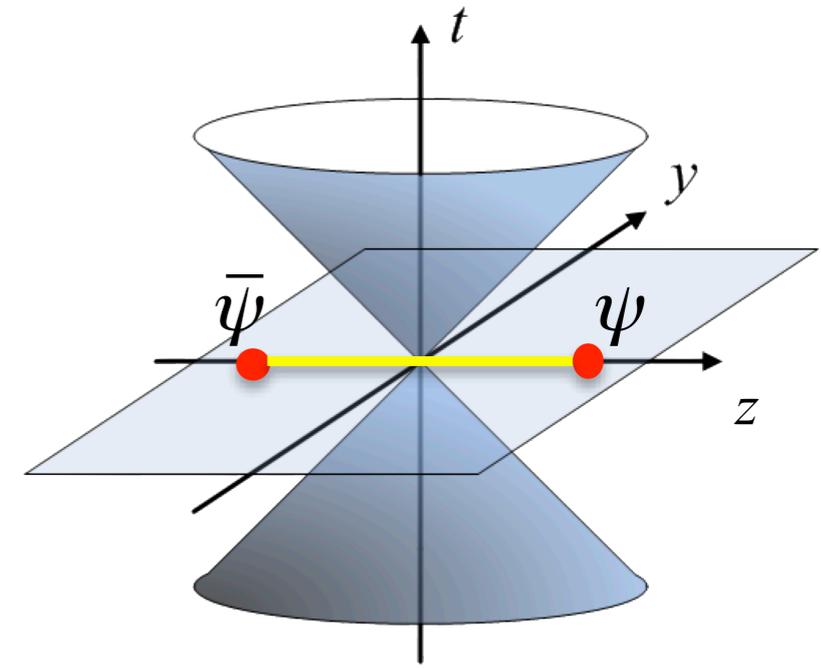
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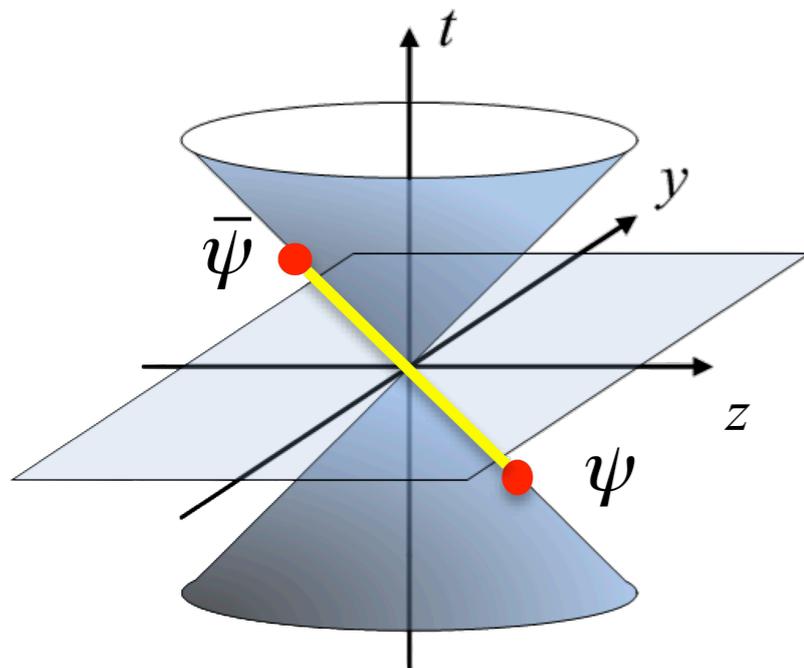
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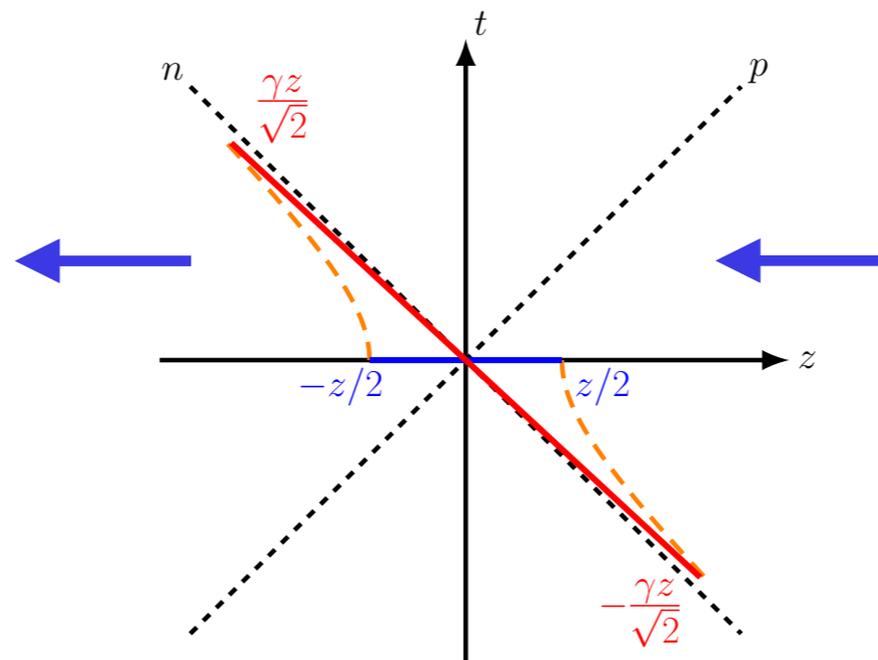


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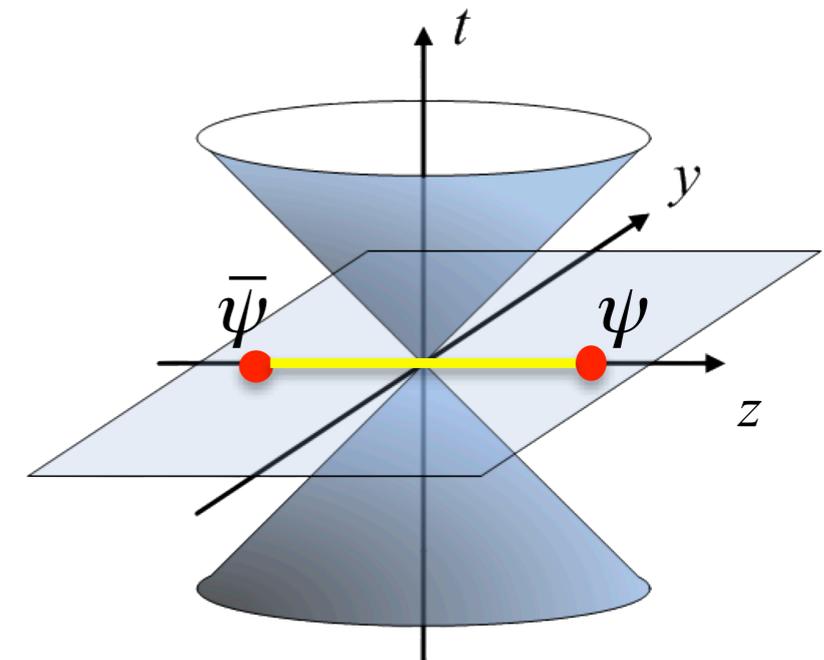
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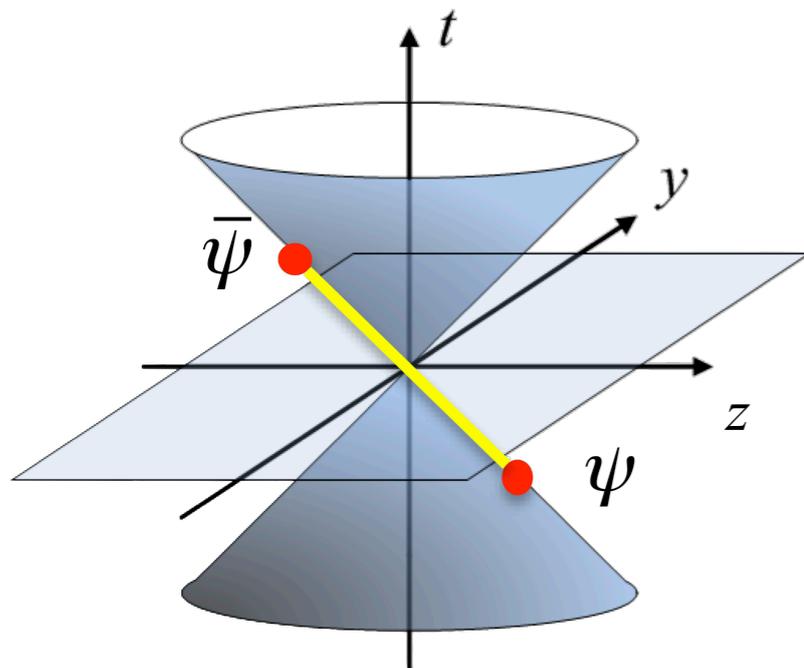
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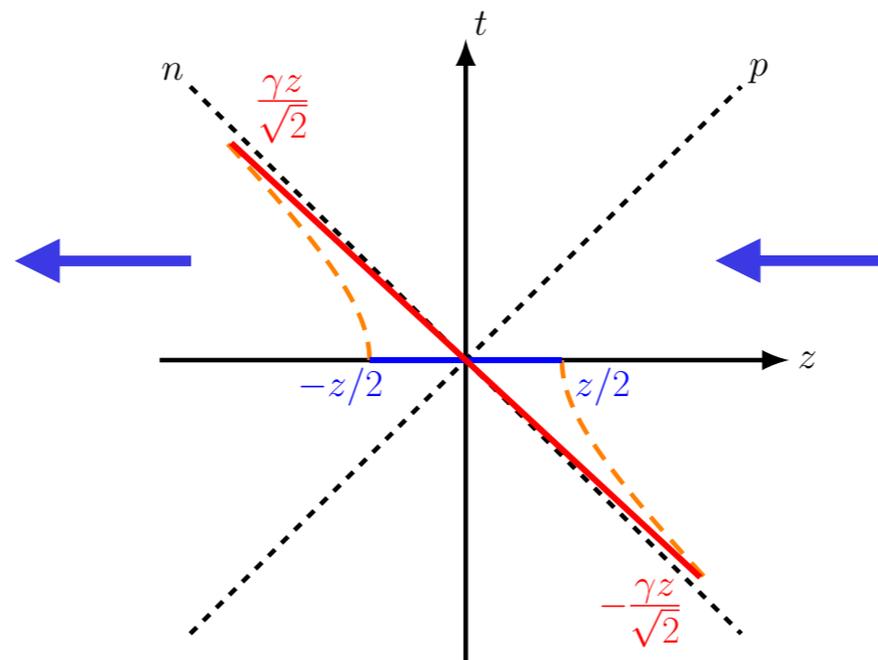


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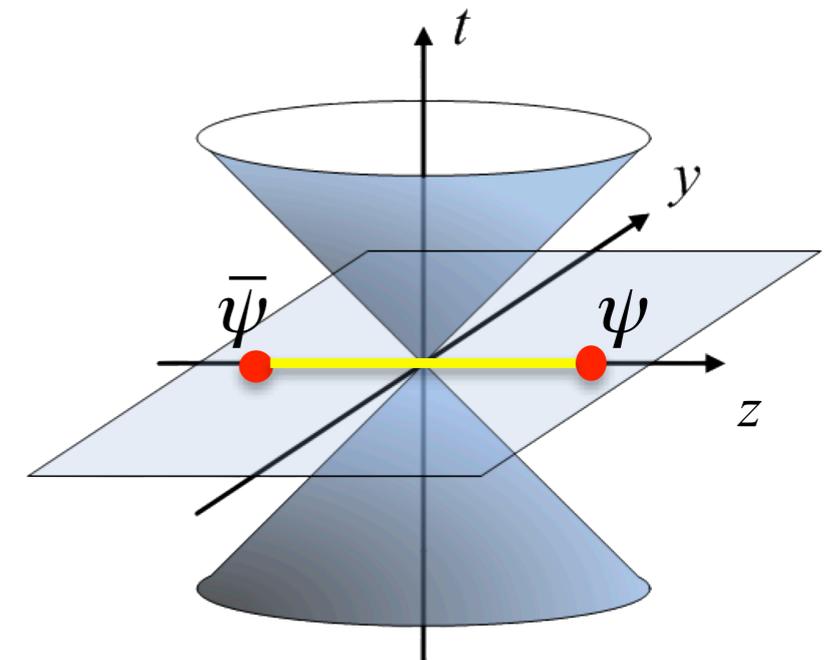


$$\lim_{P^z \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{f}(x, P^z) \stackrel{?}{=} f(x)$$



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- Quasi-PDF: $P^z \ll \Lambda$; Λ : the ultraviolet cutoff, $\sim 1/a$
- PDF: $P^z = \infty$, implying $P^z \gg \Lambda$.
 - The limits $P^z \ll \Lambda$ and $P^z \gg \Lambda$ are not usually exchangeable;
 - For $P^z \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, the infrared (nonperturbative) physics is not affected, which allows for an EFT matching.

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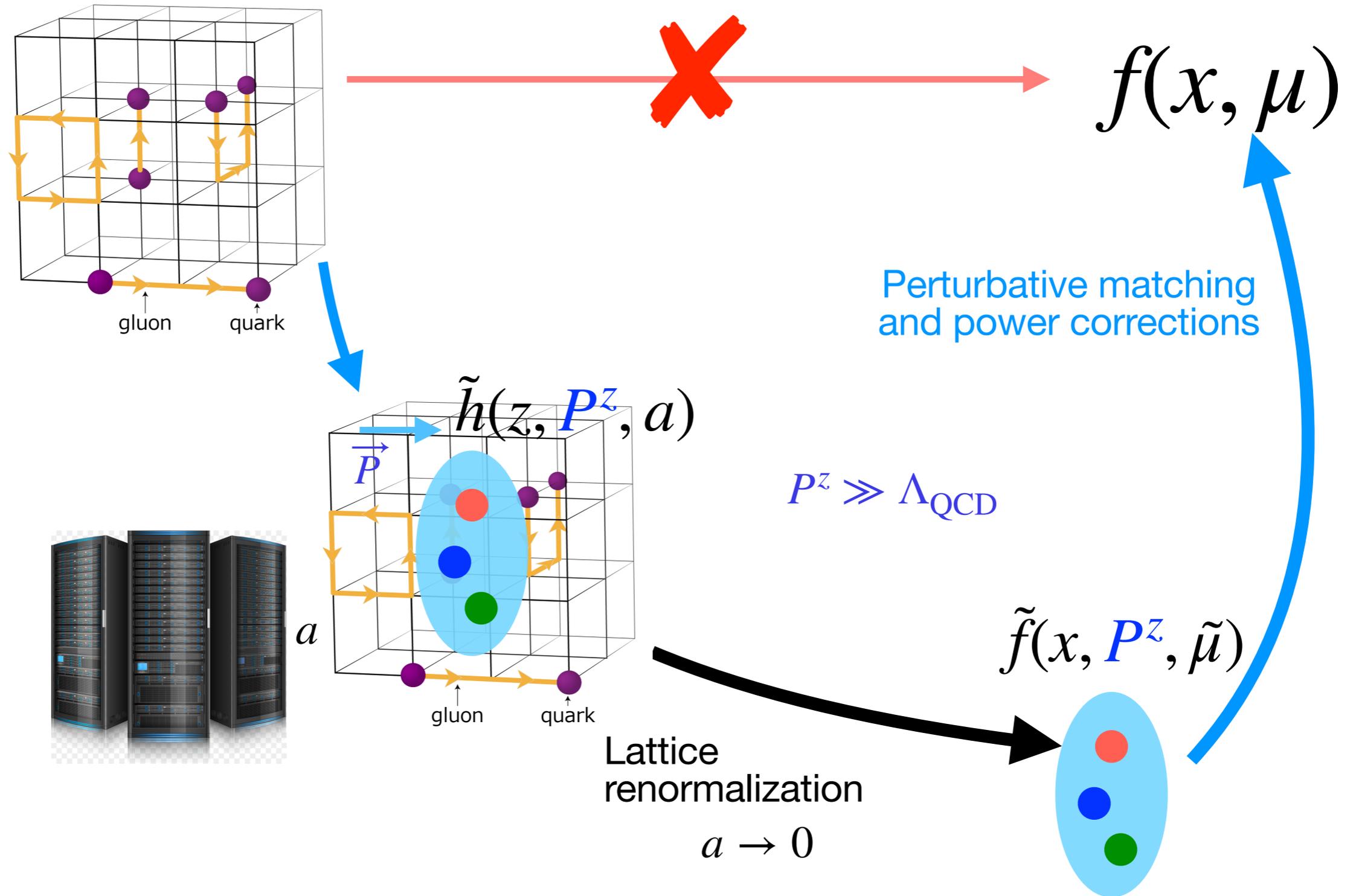
- Large-momentum expansion and perturbative matching:

$$f(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} \bar{C} \left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{yP^z}, \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\mu} \right) \tilde{f}(y, P^z, \tilde{\mu}) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP^z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{((1-x)P^z)^2} \right)$$

Systematics:

- Lattice: excited states, spacing $a \rightarrow 0$ (renormalization), physical m_π , lattice size $L \rightarrow \infty$, etc.;
- Perturbative matching: currently available at NNLO; resummation at small and large x . Only NLO has been used in calculations so far;
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- Power corrections, controllable within $[x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$ at a given finite P^z .

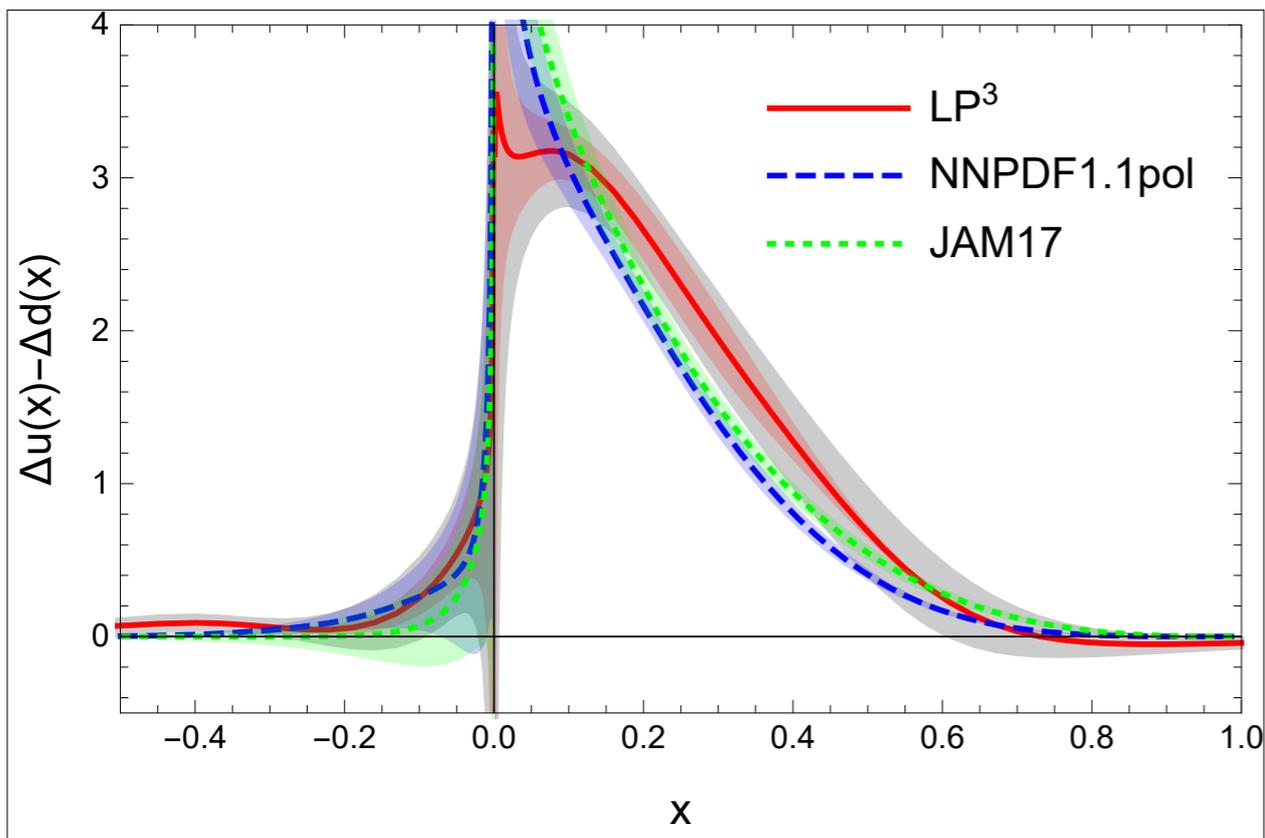
Systematic procedure in lattice calculation



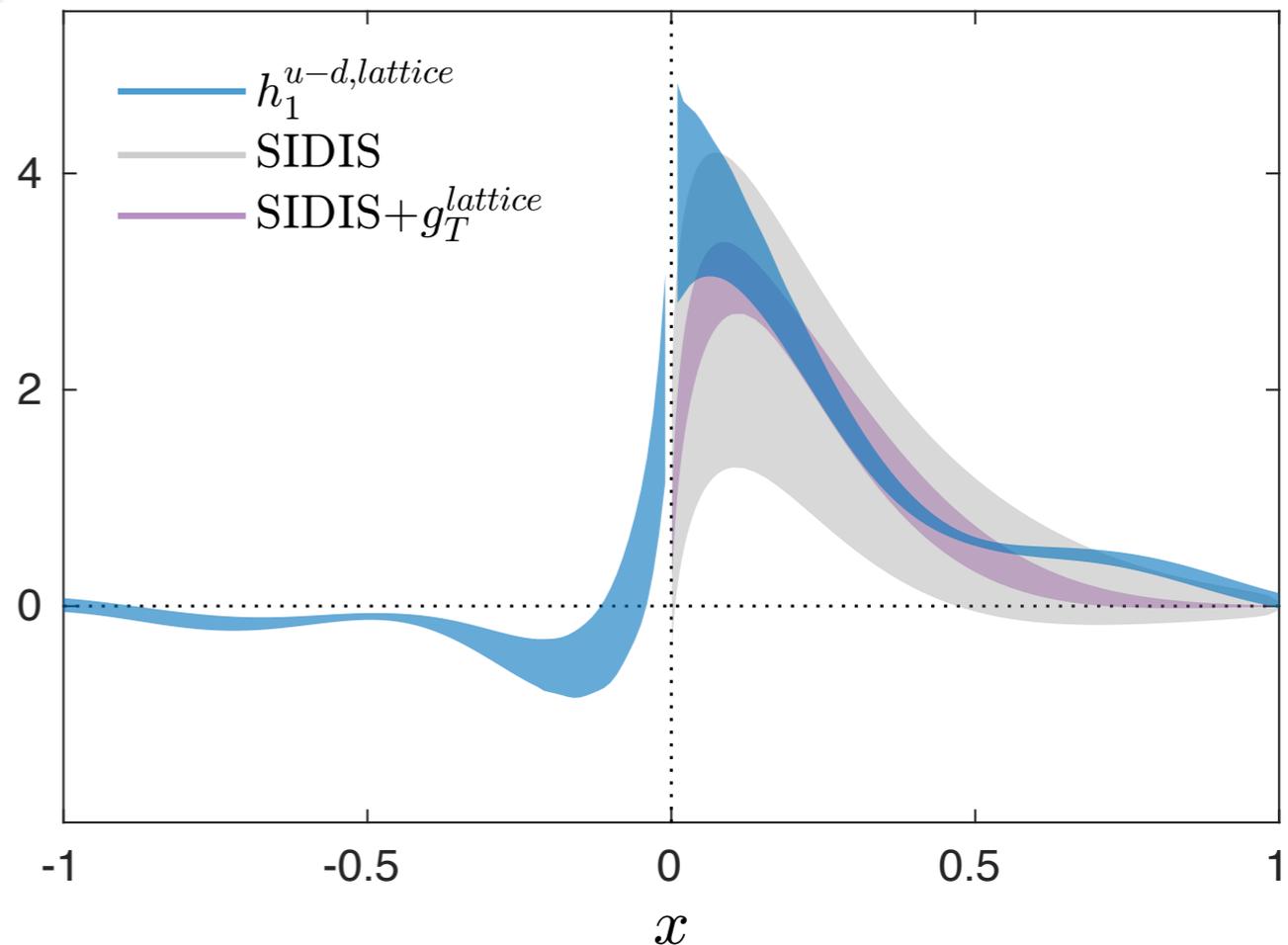
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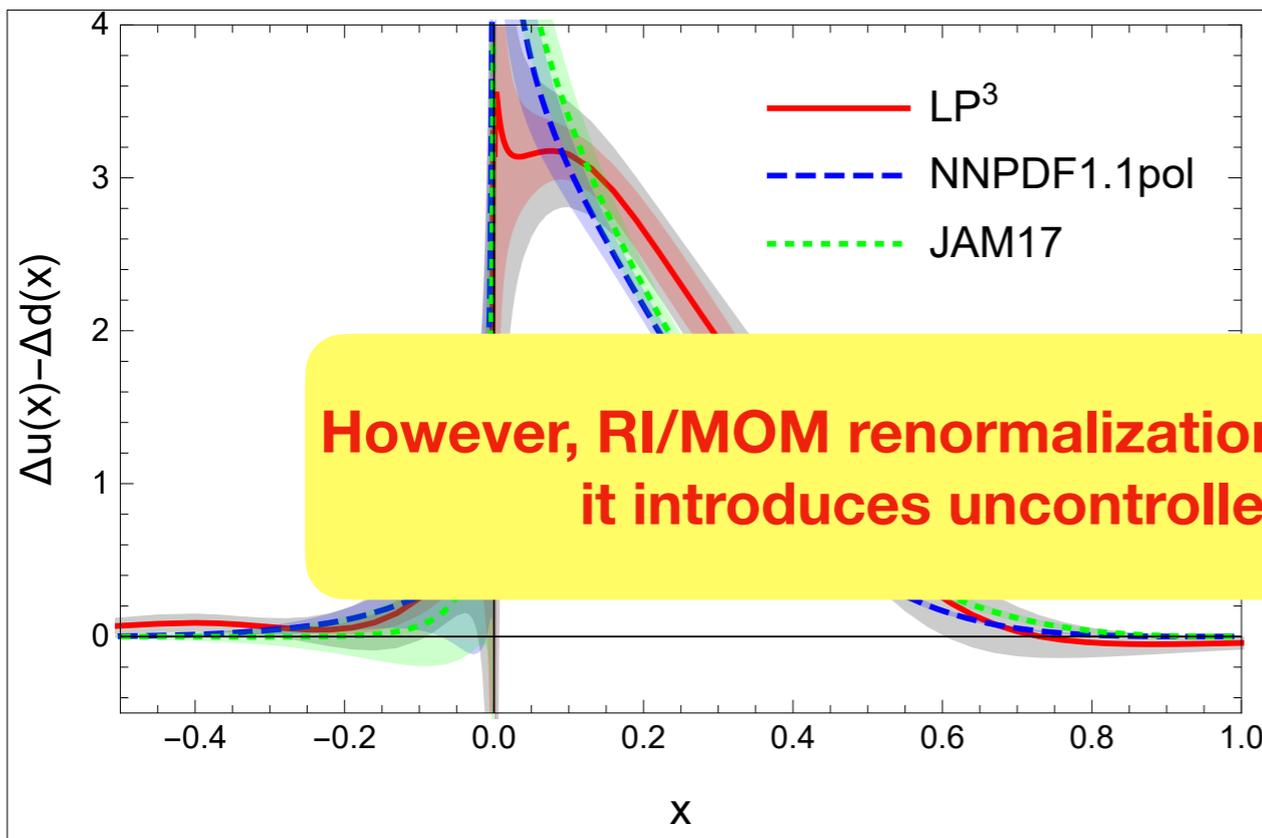
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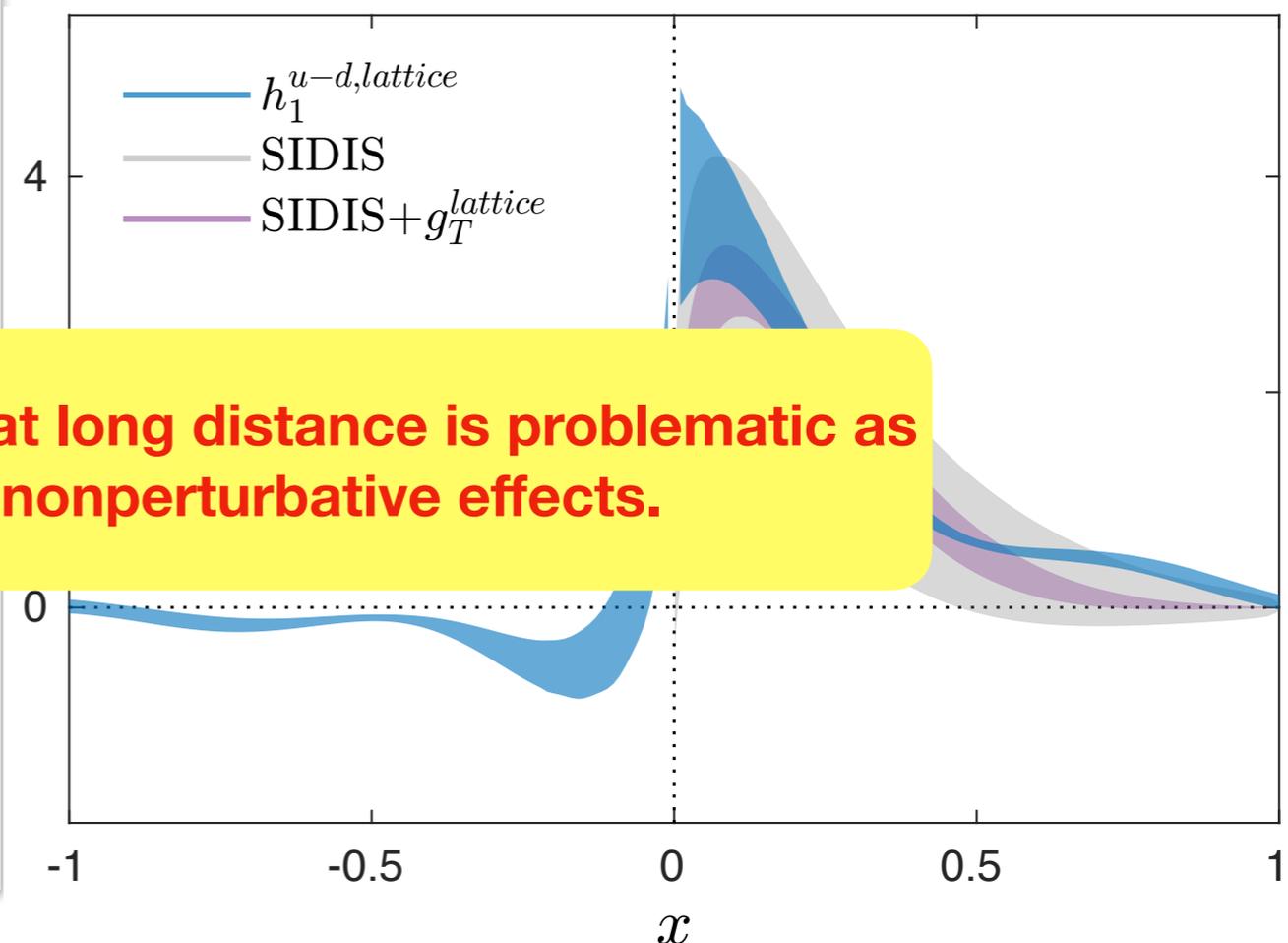
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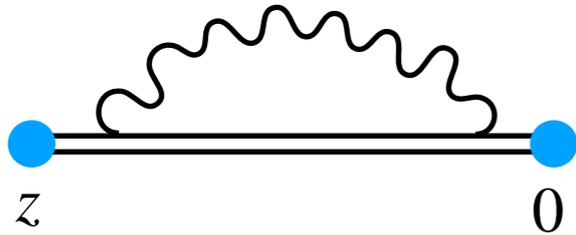
However, RI/MOM renormalization at long distance is problematic as it introduces uncontrolled nonperturbative effects.

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A Feynman diagram representing a fermion line from position z to position 0 . The line is a solid black line with two blue circular vertices at z and 0 . A wavy line (representing a gluon or photon) forms a loop on top of the fermion line, connecting the two vertices.

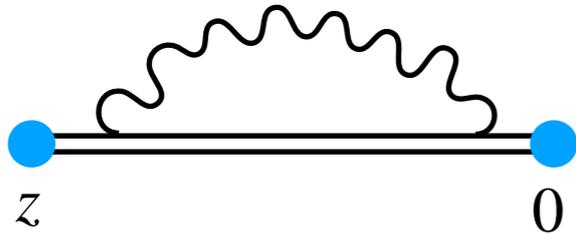
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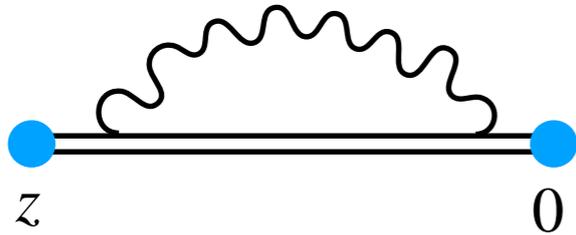
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- For $z \sim a$, ratio-type schemes cancel cutoff effects; 😊
- But for $z \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1}$, ratio-type schemes introduce uncontrolled nonperturbative effects. 😞

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$\tilde{h}(z, P^z)$

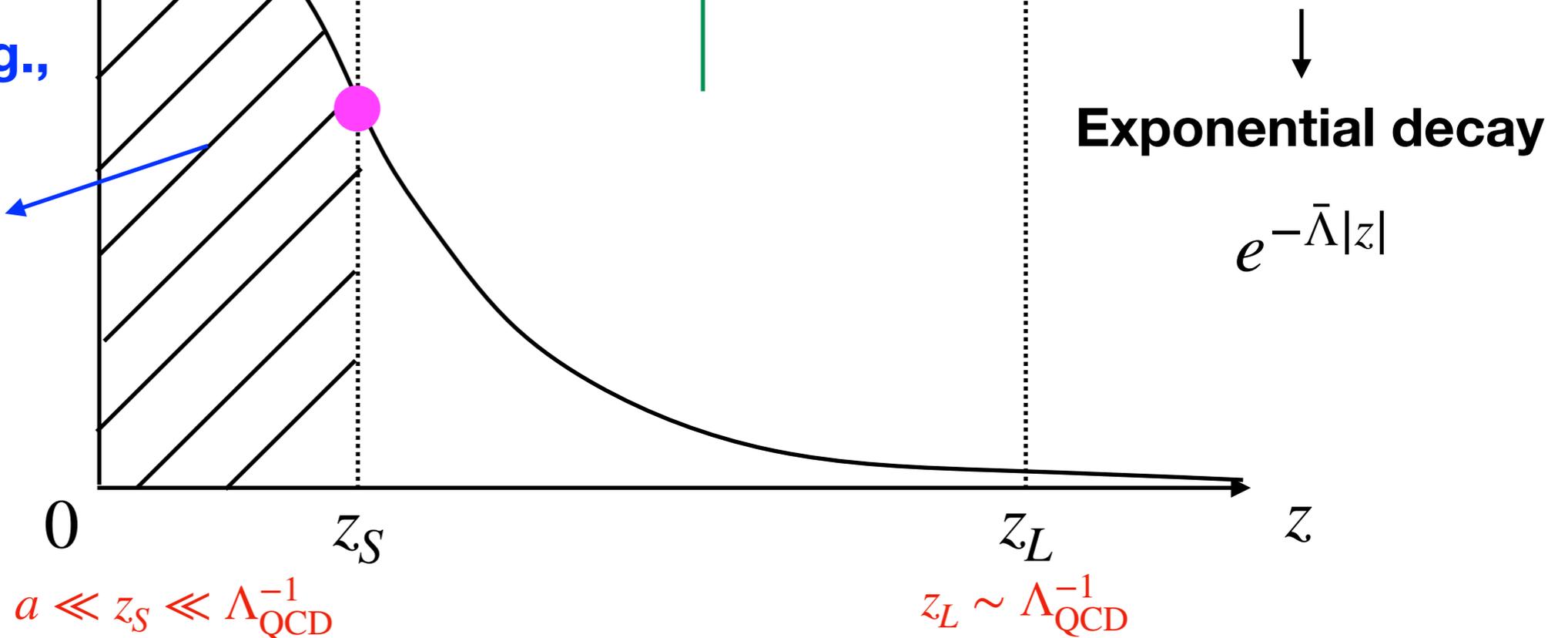
A “minimal” subtraction:

$$\tilde{h}_R(z, P^z, \mu_R) = e^{\delta m(a)(z-z_S)} \frac{\tilde{h}(z, P^z, a)}{\tilde{h}(z_S, 0, a)}$$

Ratio schemes, e.g.,

$$\frac{\tilde{h}(z, P^z, a)}{\tilde{h}(z, 0, a)}$$

Organos et al., PRD 96 (2017).



Lattice data for the pion valence PDF

- Wilson-clover fermion on 2+1 flavor HISQ configurations.

n_z	P_z (GeV)		ζ
	$a = 0.06$ fm	$a = 0.04$ fm	
0	0	0	0
1	0.43	0.48	0
2	0.86	0.97	1
3	1.29	1.45	2/3
4	1.72	1.93	3/4
5	2.15	2.42	3/5

$48^3 \times 64$ $64^3 \times 64$

$$m_\pi = 300 \text{ MeV}$$

- X. Gao, YZ, et al., PRD102 (2020).
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Why studying the pion?

- Pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson of QCD
- First excited state $\pi(1300)$ much higher than ground state $\pi(\sim 140)$, good for control of excited-state contamination

Hybrid scheme renormalization

- Wilson-line mass renormalization

Normalization scheme for the static quark-antiquark potential $V^{\text{lat}}(r, a)$:

$$V^{\text{lat}}(r, a) \Big|_{r=r_0} + 2\delta m(a) = 0.95/r_0$$
$$r_0 = 0.469 \text{ fm}$$

$$\langle \Omega | \boxed{}_R | \Omega \rangle \Big|_{T \rightarrow \infty} \propto \exp[-V(R)T]$$

$$a\delta m(a = 0.04 \text{ fm}) = 0.1508(12)$$

$$a\delta m(a = 0.06 \text{ fm}) = 0.1586(8)$$

Renormalon ambiguity:

$$\delta m(a) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_n c_n \alpha_s^n(1/a) + m_0^{\text{lat}}$$

$$m_0^{\text{lat}} \sim \frac{1}{a} (a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) + \text{scheme dependent constant}$$

A. Bazavov et al., TUMQCD, PRD98 (2018).

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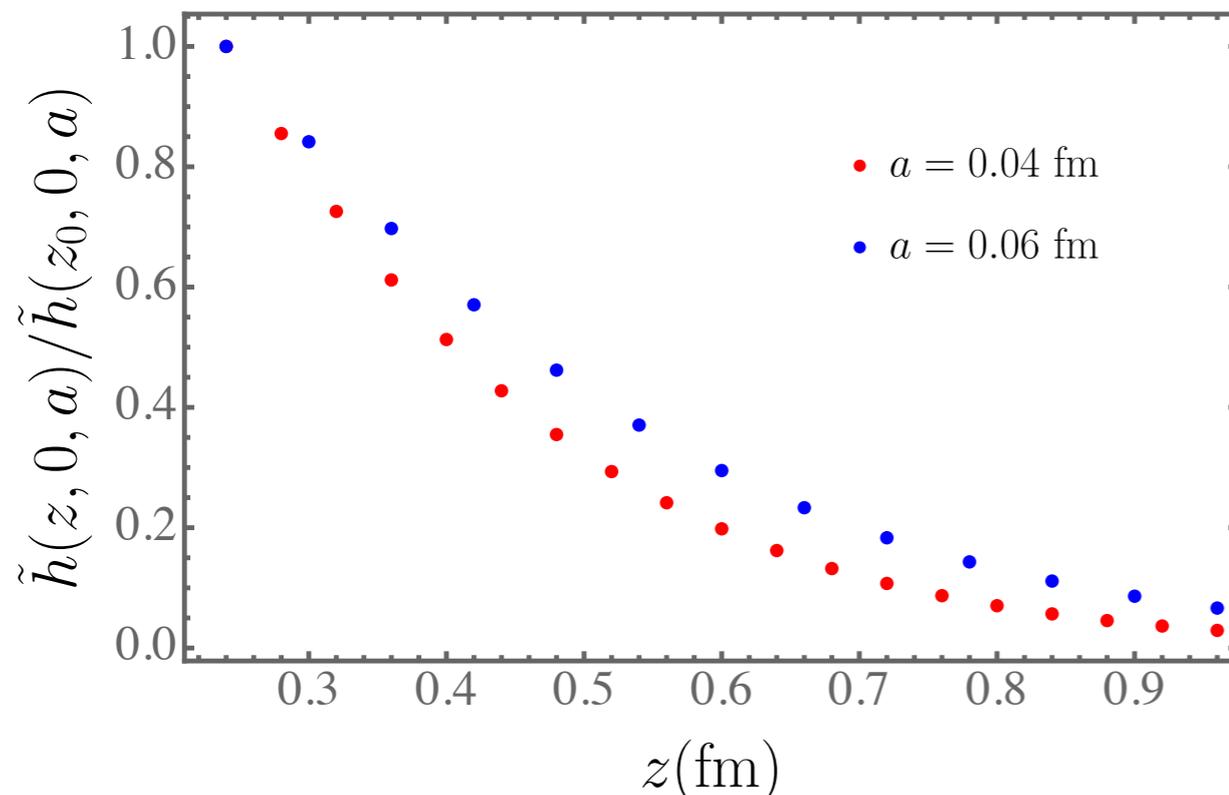
- Check of continuum limit

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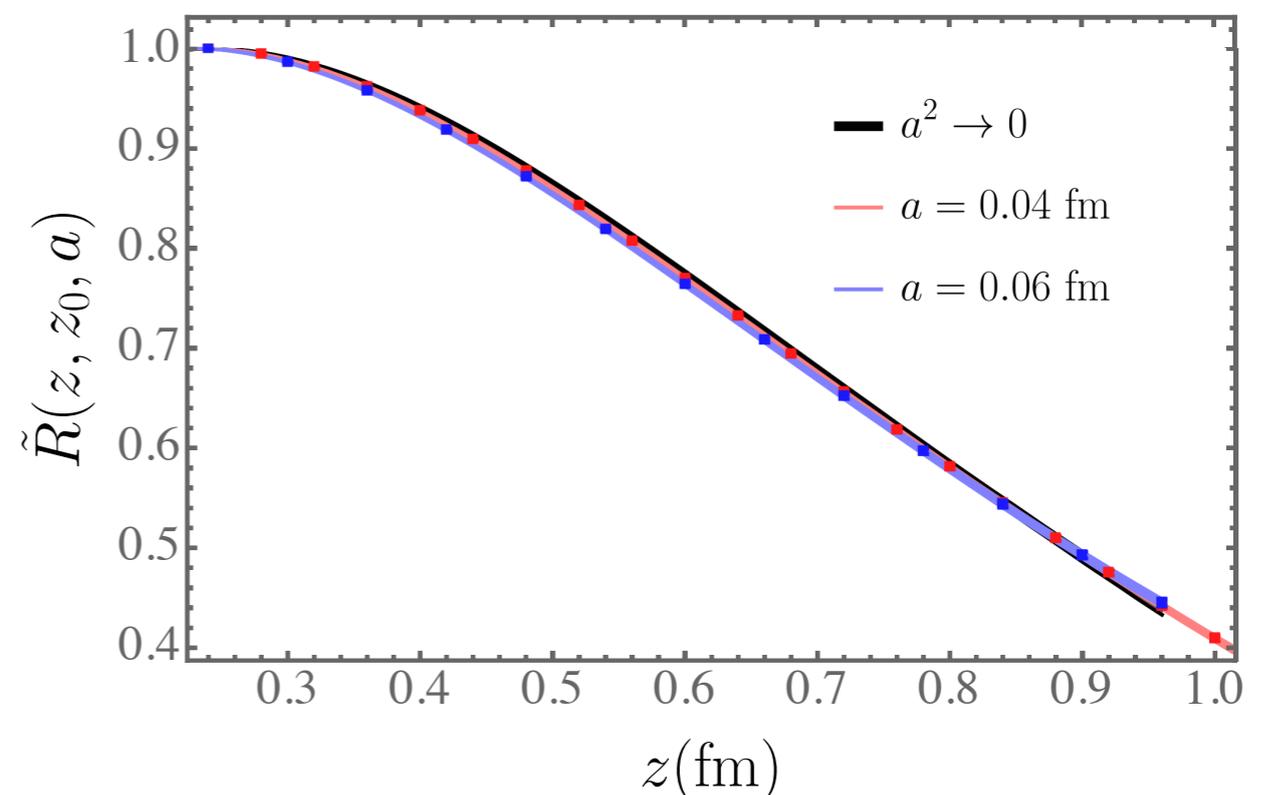
Renormalization-group invariant

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{\delta m(z-z_0)} \frac{\tilde{h}(z, a, P^z = 0)}{\tilde{h}(z_0, a, P^z = 0)} = \text{finite} \quad z, z_0 \gg a$$

Before mass subtraction



After mass subtraction



Sub-percent level agreement!

Matching the Wilson-line mass to MSbar

- OPE of MSbar matrix element

$$\tilde{h}^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z = 0, \mu) = e^{-m_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}|z|} \tilde{h}_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, 0, \mu)$$

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$m_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

**UV renormalon,
similar to HQET**

M. Beneke and V. Braun,
NPB 426 (1994).

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- Matching to the MSbar OPE ratio

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{\delta m(z-z_0)} \frac{\tilde{h}(z, a, P^z = 0)}{\tilde{h}(z_0, a, P^z = 0)} = e^{-\bar{m}_0(z-z_0)} \frac{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu), z^2\mu^2) + \Lambda z^2}{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu), z_0^2\mu^2) + \Lambda z_0^2}$$

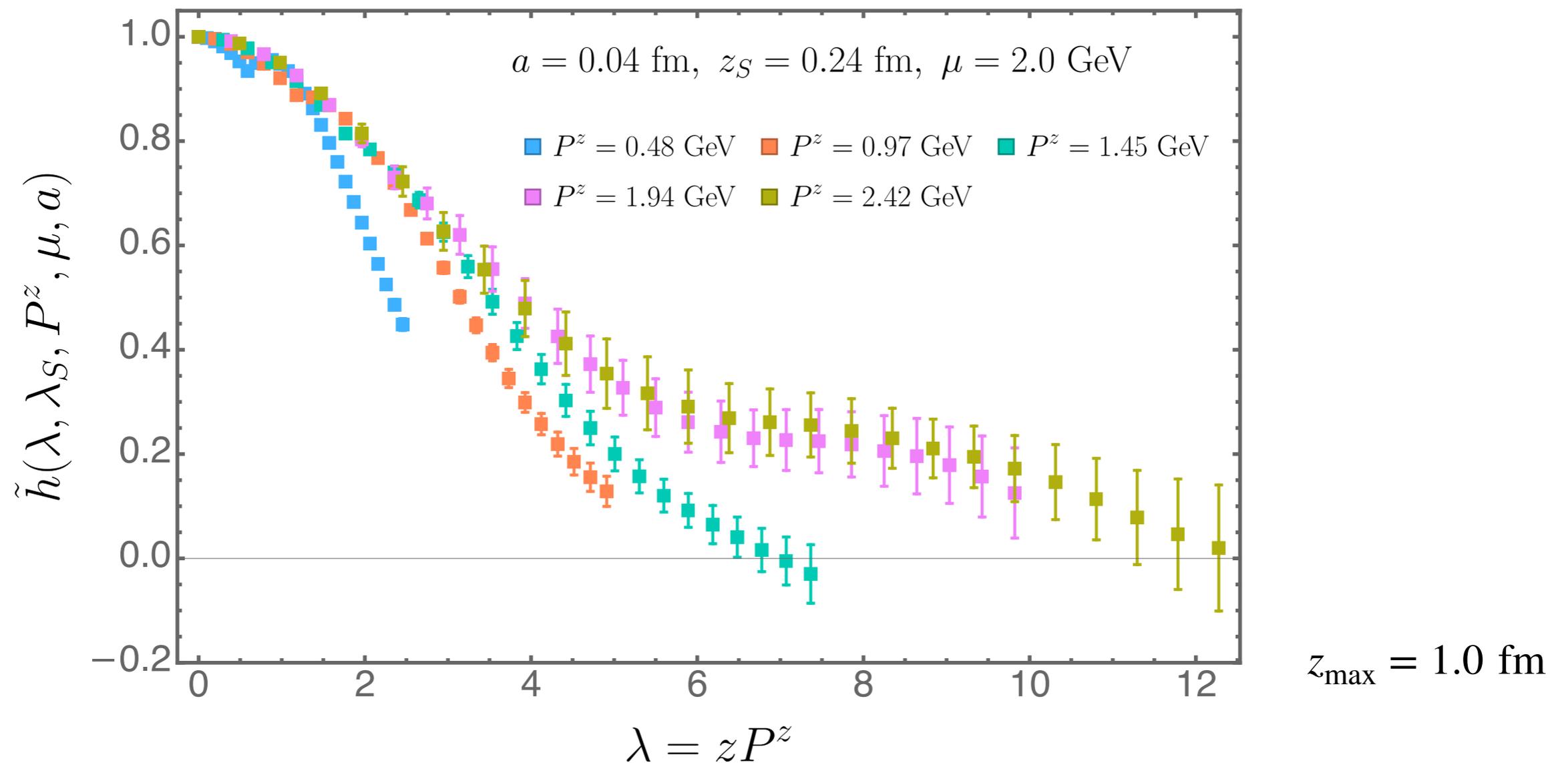
$$\bar{m}_0 = -m_0^{\text{lat}} + m_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$$

$$a \ll z, z_0 \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1}$$

For related methods, see

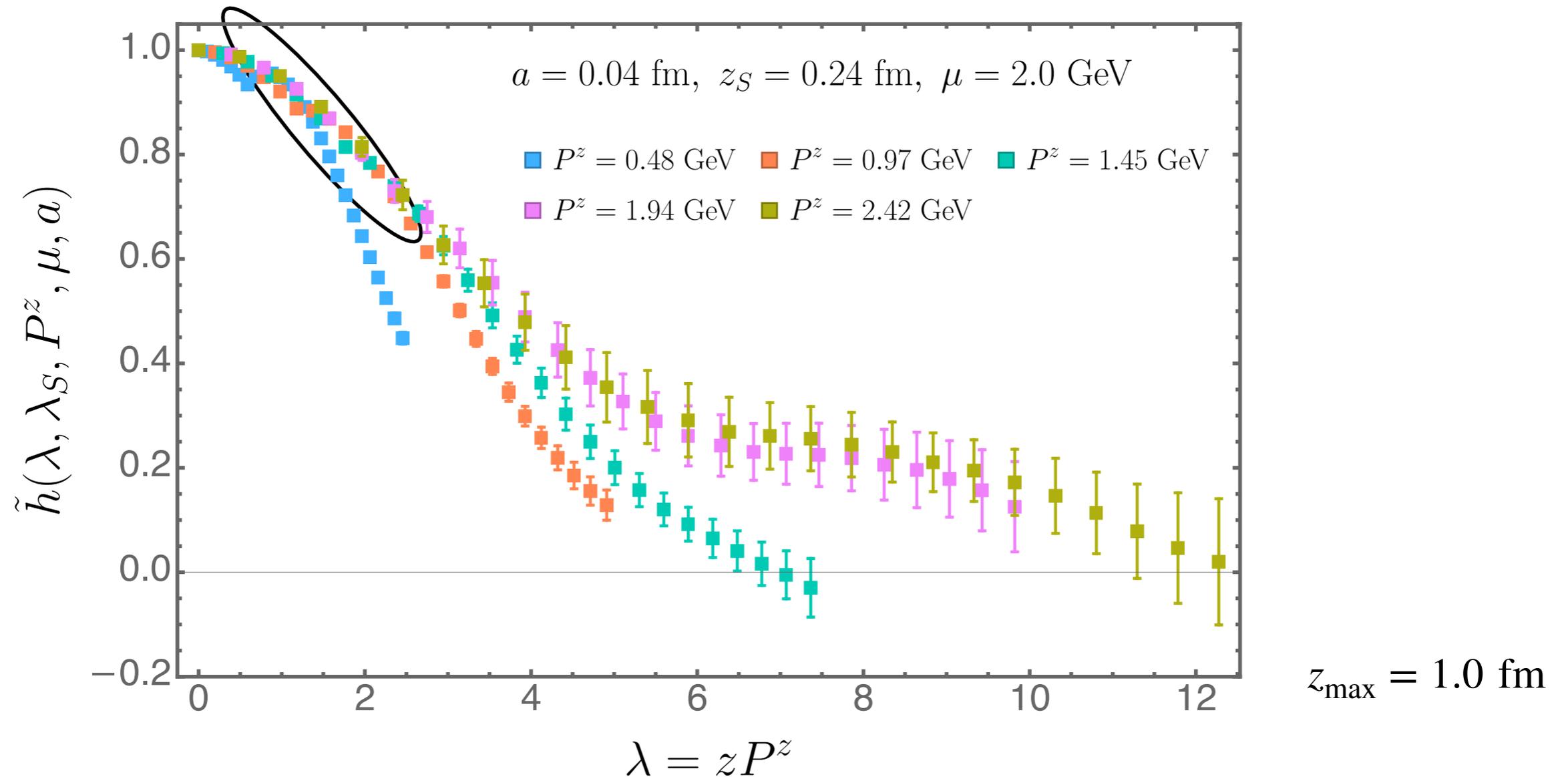
- J. Green, K. Jansen, and F. Steffans, PRD 101 (2020);
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Renormalized and matched matrix elements

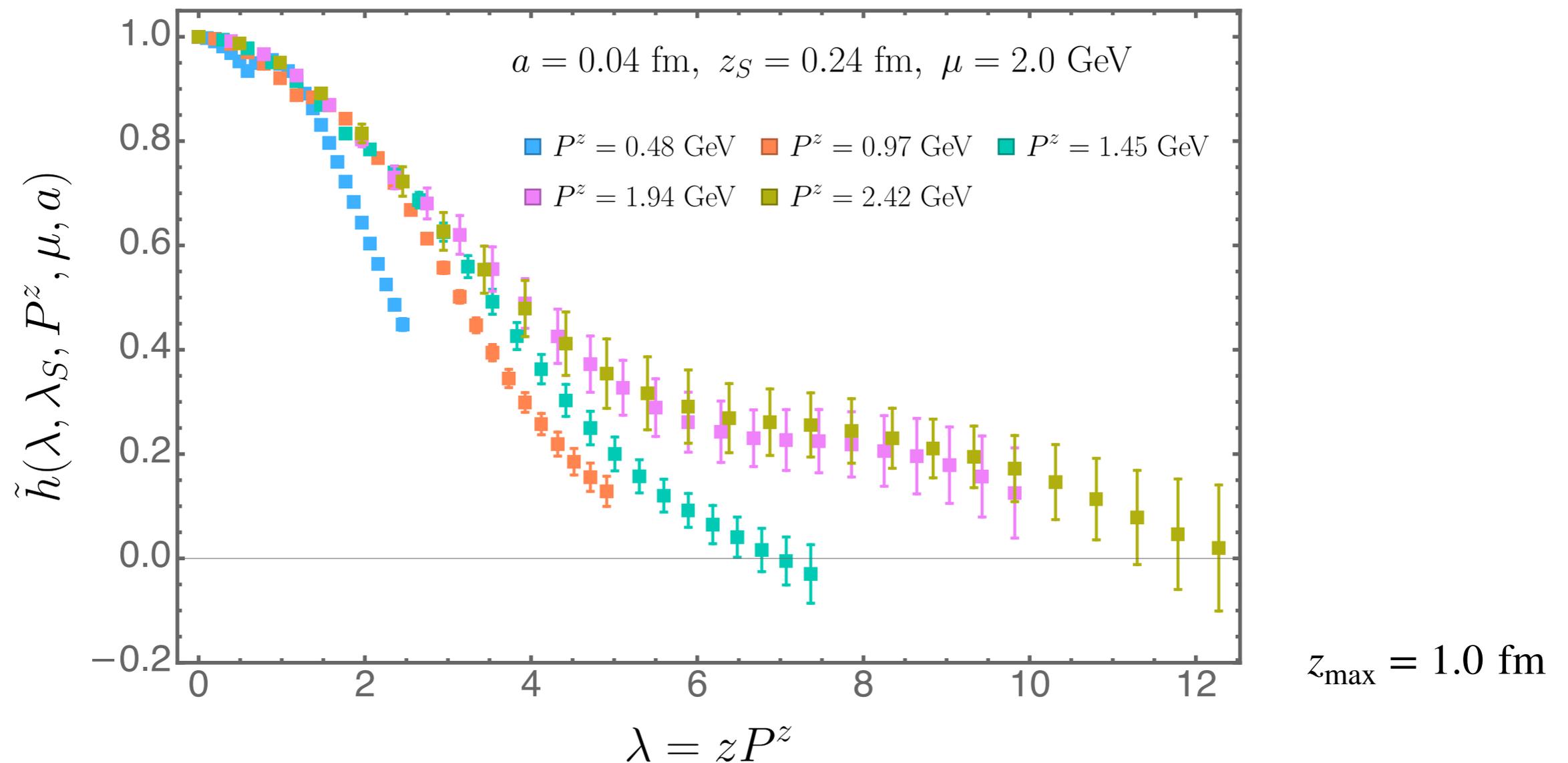


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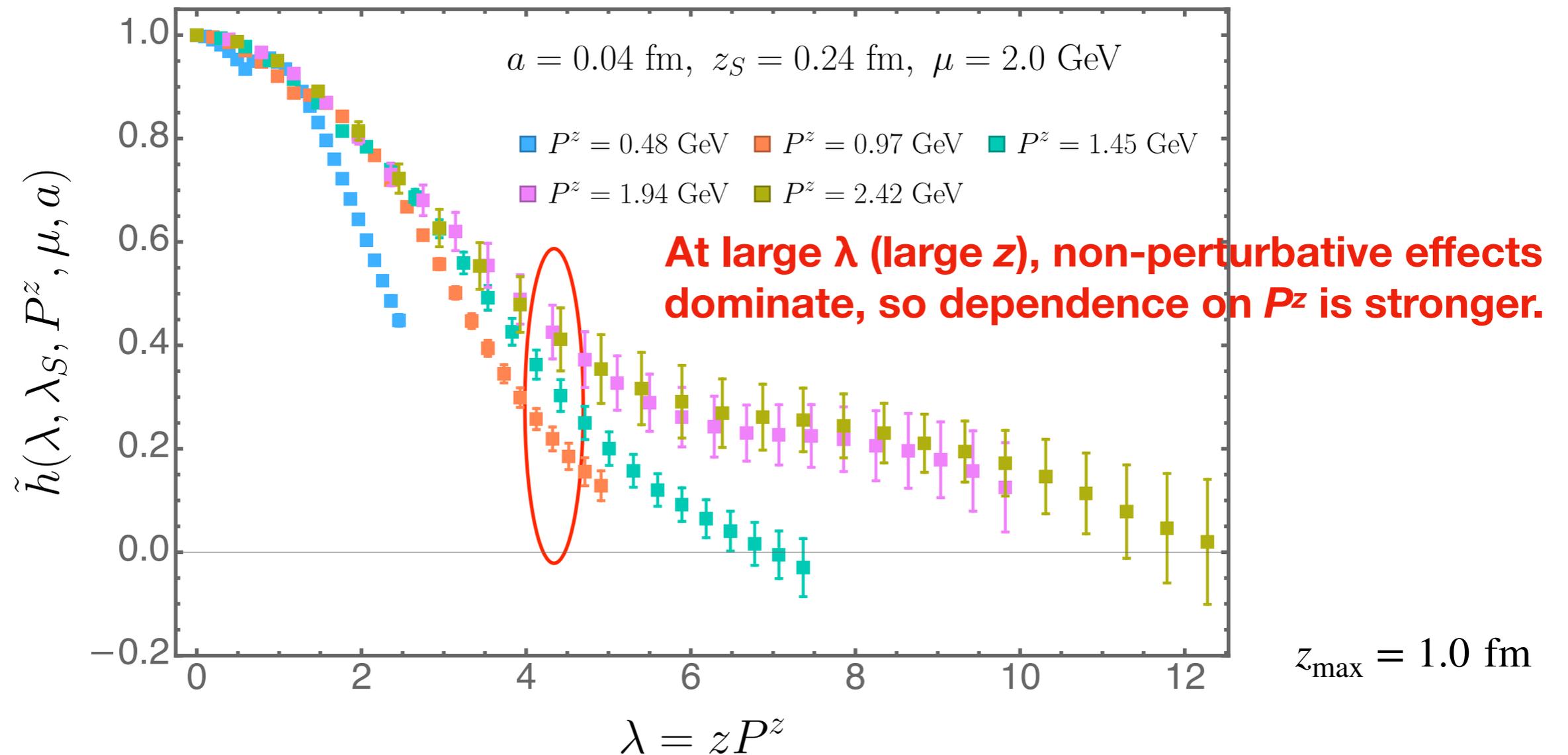
At small λ (small z), the perturbative region, the matrix elements have mild P^z dependence due to slow QCD evolution.



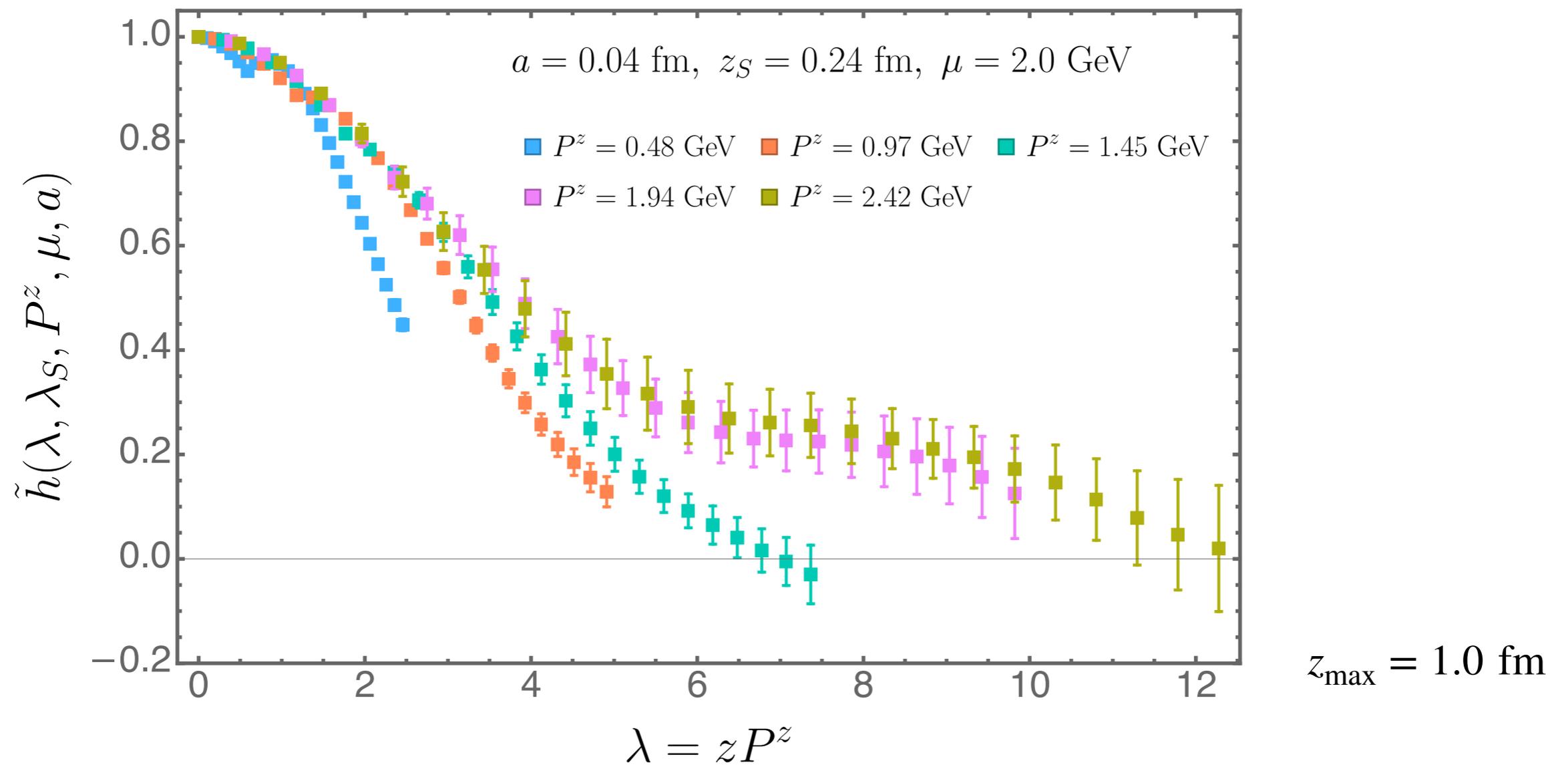
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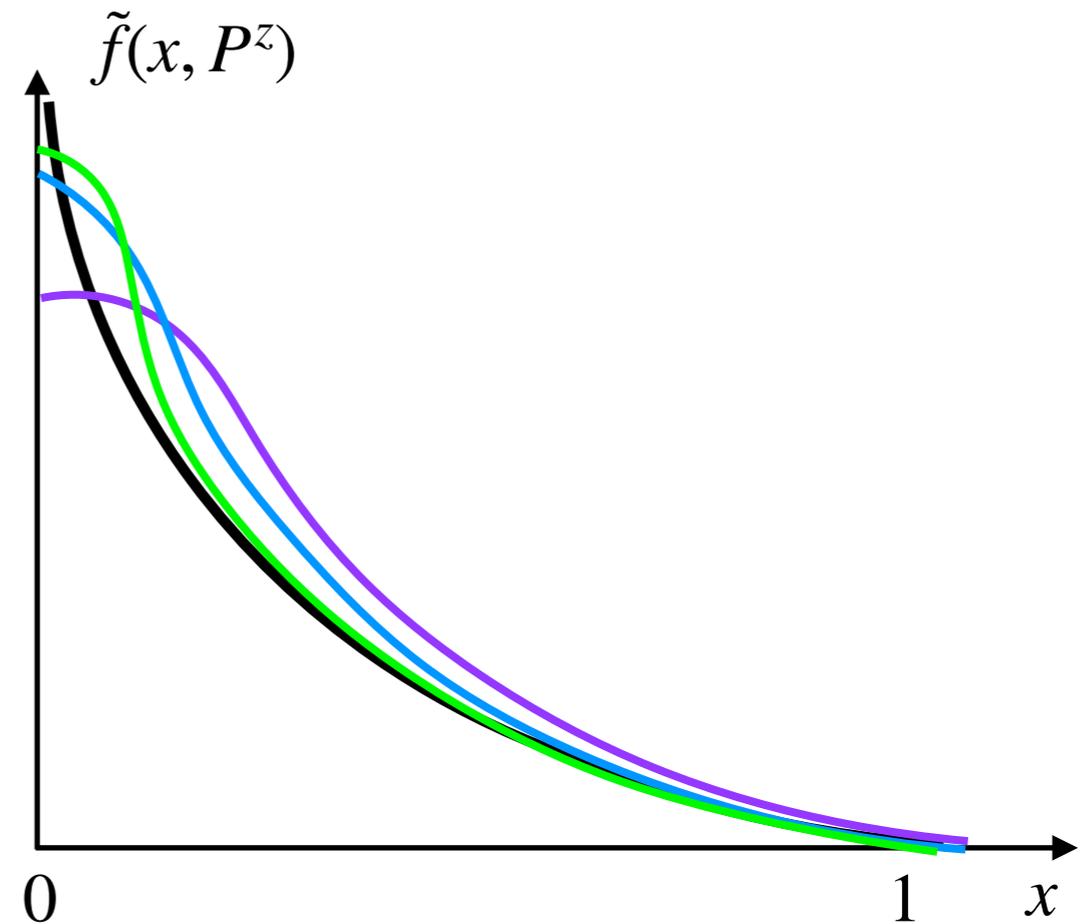
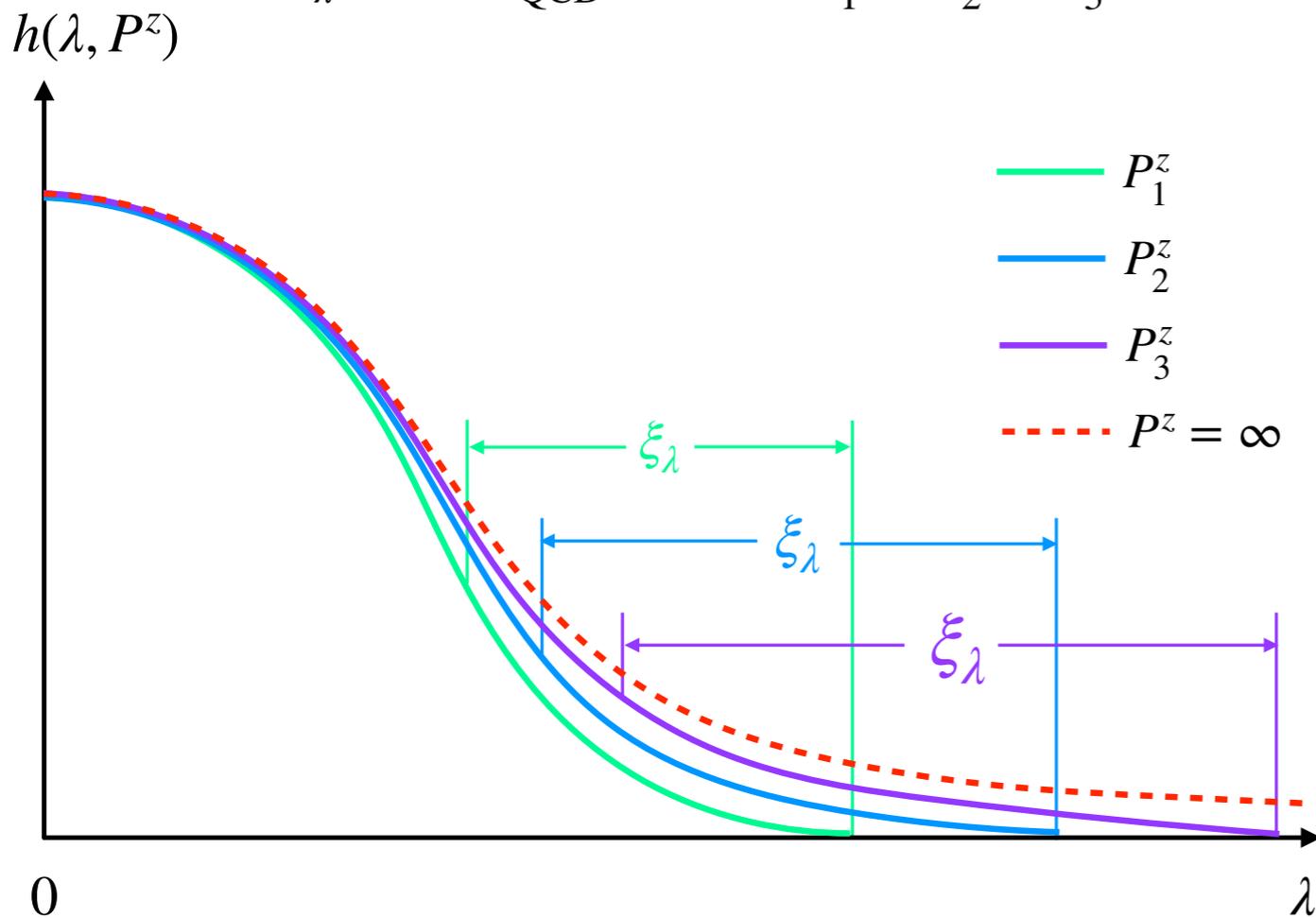
Asymptotic behavior at large z

$$\tilde{h}(\lambda = zP^z, P^z) \xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \propto g(p \cdot z) e^{-\frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{P^z} |\lambda|}$$

$$\xi_\lambda \sim P^z / \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \quad 0 < P_1^z < P_2^z < P_3^z$$

Correlation length $\xi_\lambda \equiv P^z / \bar{\Lambda}$

Fourier transform converges fast in z (or λ)



Physical extrapolation and Fourier transform (FT)

Extrapolation

- Removes unphysical oscillation;
- Moderate to large x regions are insensitive to the extrapolation form.

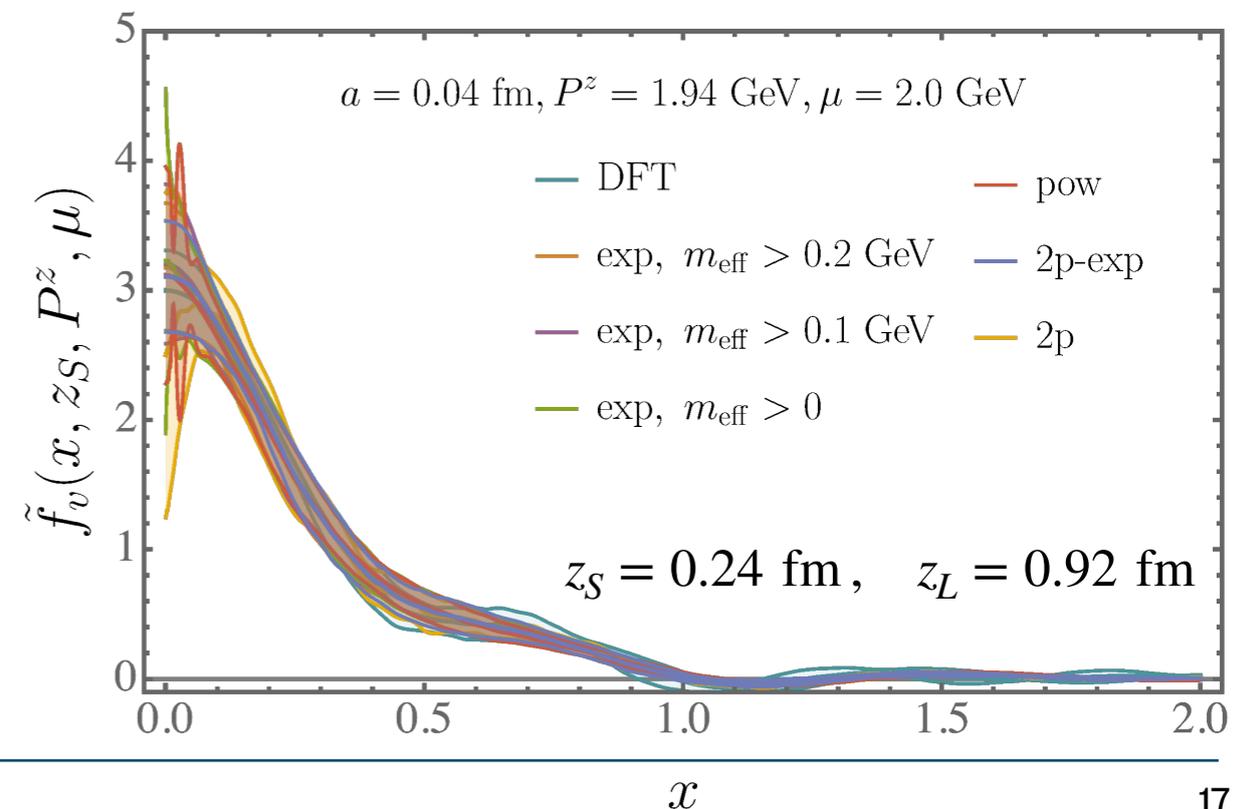
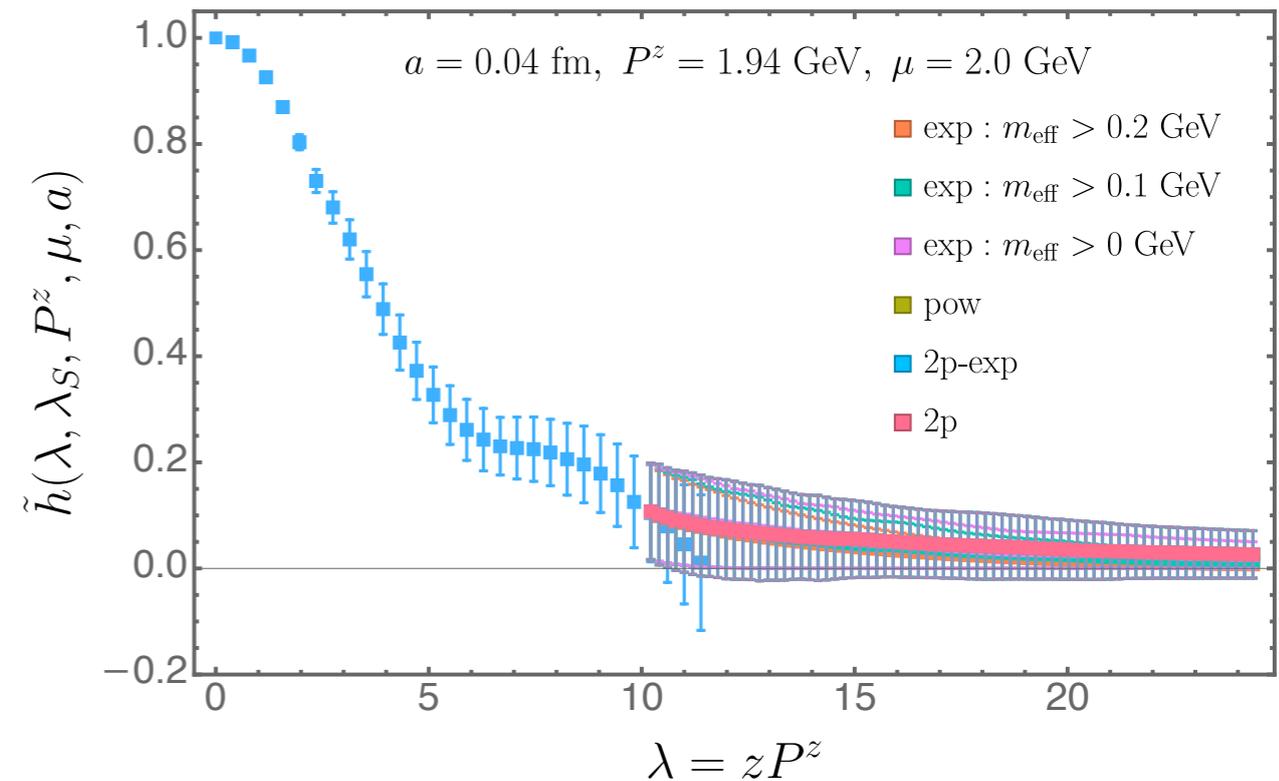
Extrapolation forms :

Discrete FT (DFT)

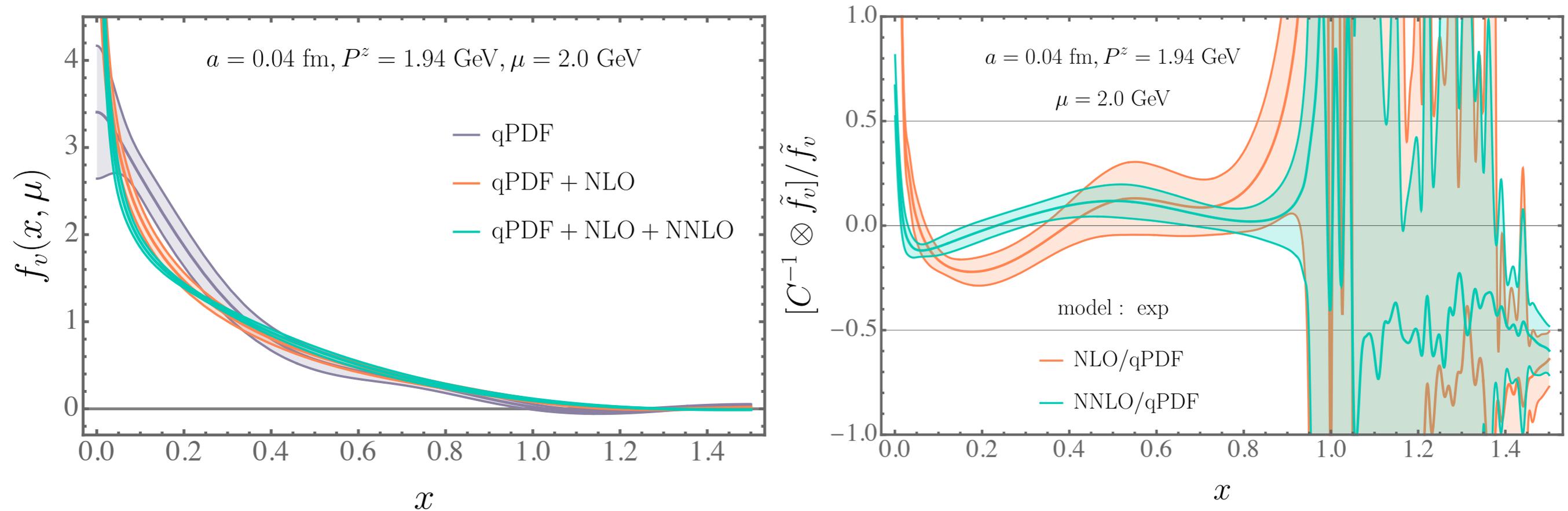
$$\text{exp : } \frac{Ae^{-m_{\text{eff}}|z|}}{\lambda^d} \quad \text{pow : } \frac{A}{\lambda^d}$$

$$\text{2p-exp : } A \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\Gamma(1+a)}{(-i|\lambda|)^{a+1}} + e^{i\lambda} \frac{\Gamma(1+b)}{(i|\lambda|)^{b+1}} \right] e^{-m_{\text{eff}}|z|}$$

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Perturbative matching at NNLO

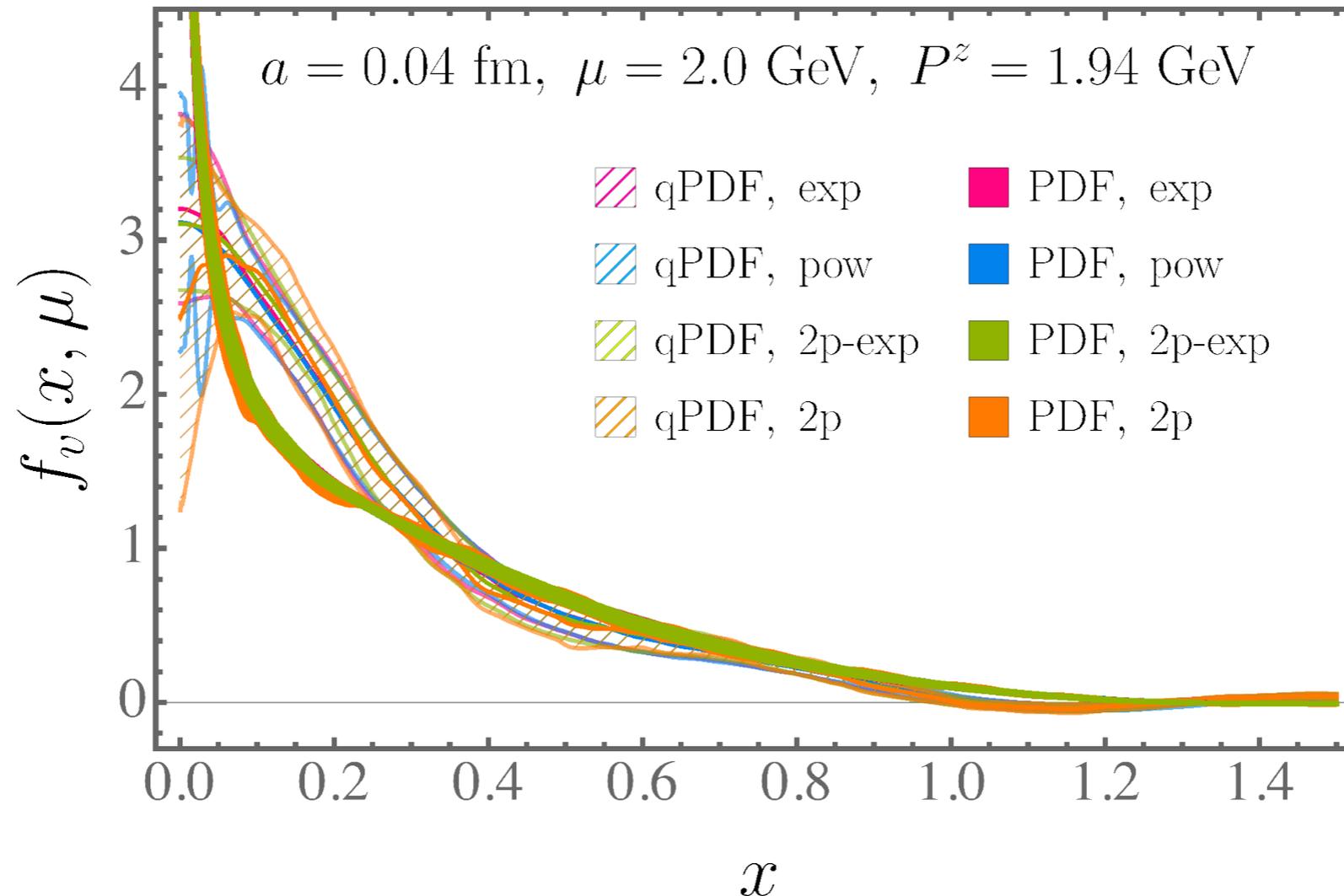


- Matching drives the quasi-PDF to smaller x ;
- Good convergence at moderate x ;
- Large corrections in end-point regions, need resummation;
- Surprisingly small corrections at x as small as 0.05.

$$\int_x^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{yP^z}\right) \tilde{f}(y, P^z, \mu) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \alpha_s \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} \left[P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{4x^2 P_z^2} \right]_+ \tilde{f}(y, P^z, \mu)$$

Perturbative matching at NNLO

Extrapolation-model dependence further reduced:



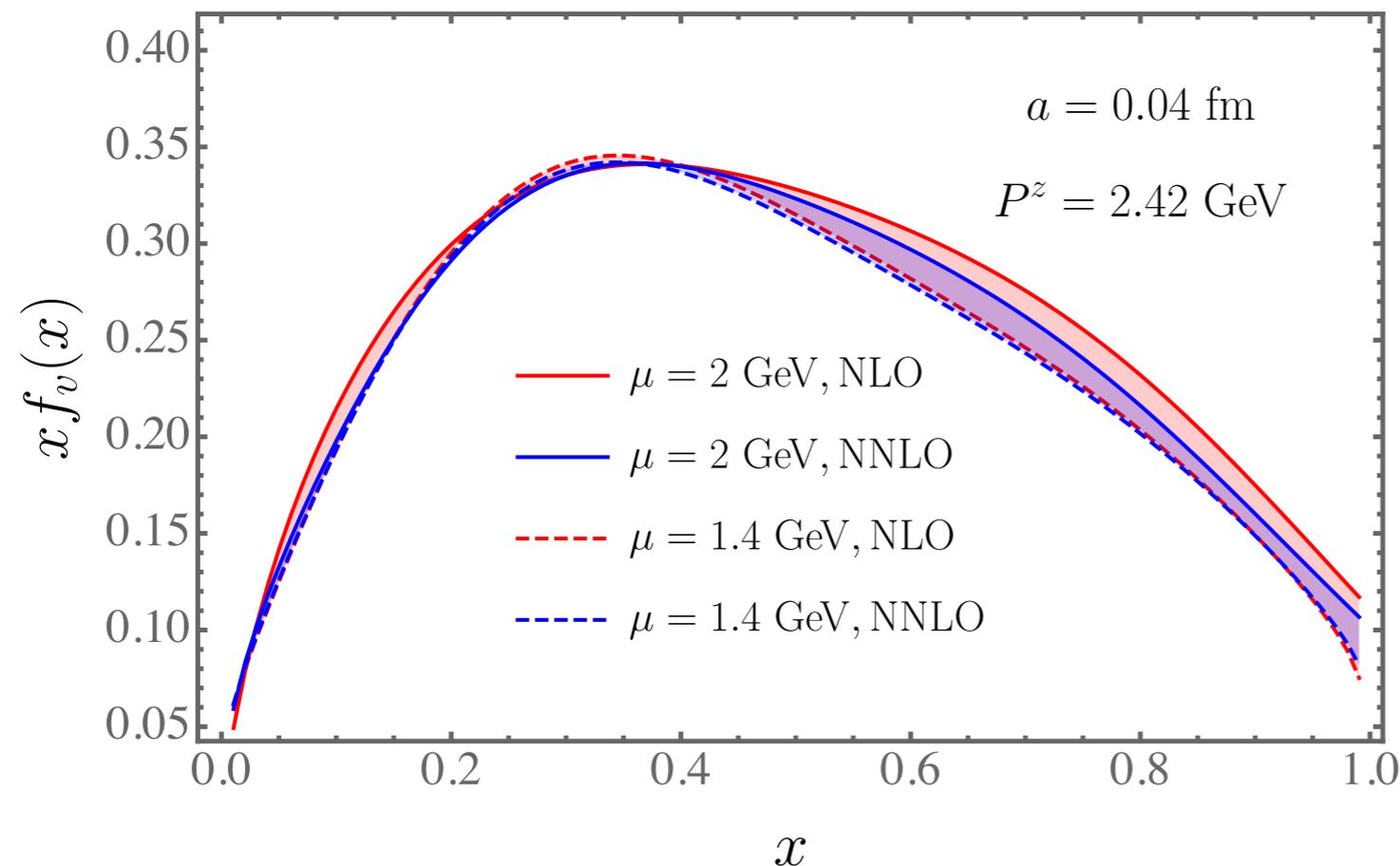
Agreement among different extrapolation models extends to smaller x region.

Perturbative matching at NNLO

Factorization scale variation uncertainty:

- Calculate the PDF at different $\mu = 1.4, 2.0$ GeV;
- Evolve the results to $\mu = 2.0$ GeV with NLO DGLAP kernel.

Scale uncertainty reduced at NNLO 😊

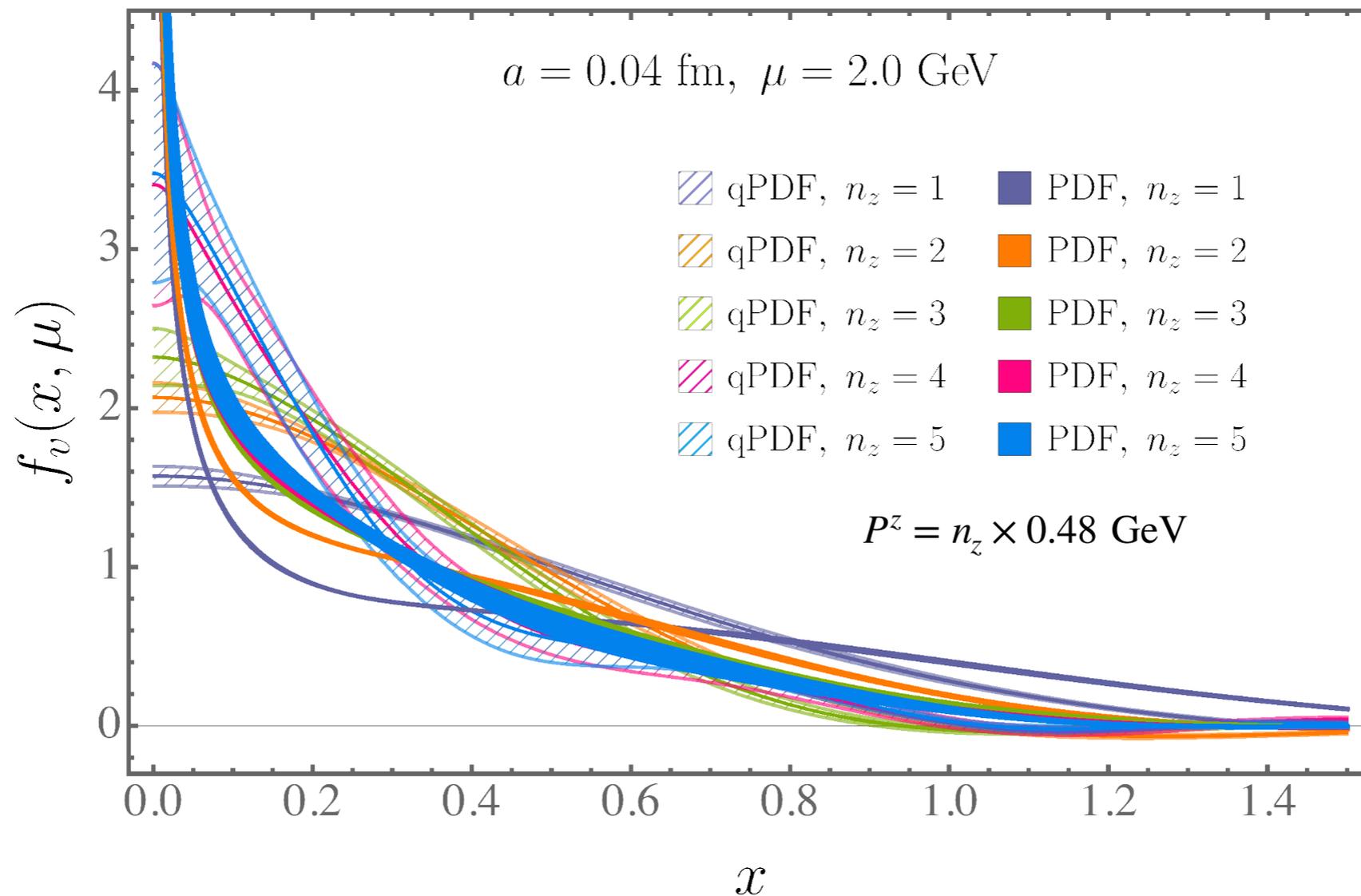


(Only the mean values are shown.)

- Improved perturbation theory uncertainty;
- Uncertainty from matching $\delta m(a)$ to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ under control.

Perturbative matching at NNLO

Momentum-dependence significantly reduced:

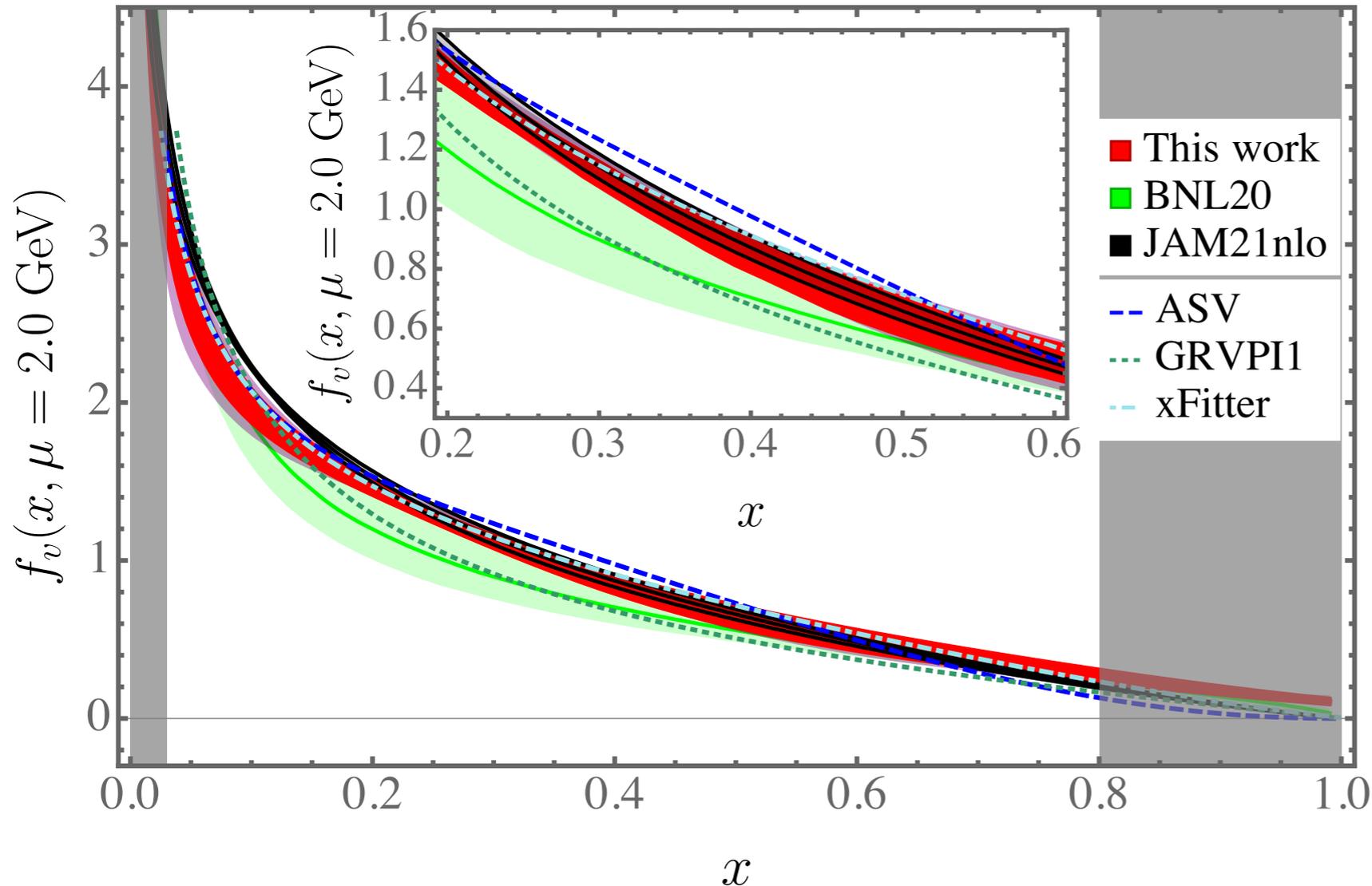


Convergence at $P^z > 1.45 \text{ GeV}$ (Lorentz boost factor ~ 5.0) and at moderate x .

Systematic uncertainties

- Statistical uncertainty: bootstrap resampling.
 - Scale variation: error band covers results from $\mu = 1.4, 2.0, 2.8$ GeV, which are all evolved to $\mu = 2.0$ GeV with NLO DGLAP kernel.
 - Truncation point z_L : extremely small.
 - Extrapolation model dependence: extremely small for the x of interest.
 - Higher-order perturbative corrections:
 - Requiring $N^3\text{LO}/\text{LO} \leq 5\%$ \Rightarrow $\text{NLO}/\text{LO} \leq 37\%$ and $\text{NNLO}/\text{LO} \leq 14\%$;
 - $0.03 \leq x \leq 0.88$.
 - Power corrections:
 - Use $P^z=2.42$ GeV result as final prediction;
 - Fit $P^z \geq 1.45$ GeV results with $f_\nu(x) + \alpha(x)/P_z^2$ at each x ;
 - $\left| \alpha(x)/[P_z^2 f_\nu(x)] \right| \leq 10\%$, $\Rightarrow 0.01 \leq x \leq 0.80$.
- $0.03 \leq x \leq 0.80$
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Final prediction



x	Statistical	Scale	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$	Power corrections	$\mathcal{O}(a^2 P_z^2)$
0.03	0.10	0.04	< 0.05	< 0.01	< 0.01
0.40	0.07	< 0.01	< 0.05	0.04	< 0.01
0.80	0.15	0.03	< 0.05	0.10	< 0.01

Global fits at NLO

- **JAM21nlo**, P. C. Barry, C.-R. Ji, N. Sato, and W. Melnitchouk, PRL 127 (2021);
- **xFitter**, I. Novikov et al., PRD 102 (2020);
- **ASV**, Aicher, A. Schafer, and W. Vogelsang, PRL 105 (2010);
- **GRVPI1**, M. Gluck, E. Reya, and A. Vogt, Z. Phys. C 53 (1992).

Short-distance factorization at NLO, with same lattice data:

BNL20, X. Gao, YZ, et al., PRD102 (2020).

The uncertainties are 5-20% for $0.03 < x < 0.80$, not including pion mass dependence and finite volume effects.

Comparison to short-distance factorization

Operator product expansion:

T. Izubuchi, X. Ji, L. Jin, I. Stewart, and YZ, PRD98 (2018)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{h}(\lambda, z^2\mu^2) &= \langle P | O_{\gamma^0}(z, \mu) | P \rangle / (2P^0) \\ \lambda = zP^z &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(z^2\mu^2) \frac{(-i\lambda)^n}{n!} a_n(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2),\end{aligned}$$

Can calculate the lowest moments within finite $\lambda_{\text{max}}=z_{\text{max}} p^z_{\text{max}}$.

z_{max} must be small (0.2–0.3 fm?)

Reduce Ioffe-time pseudo distribution:

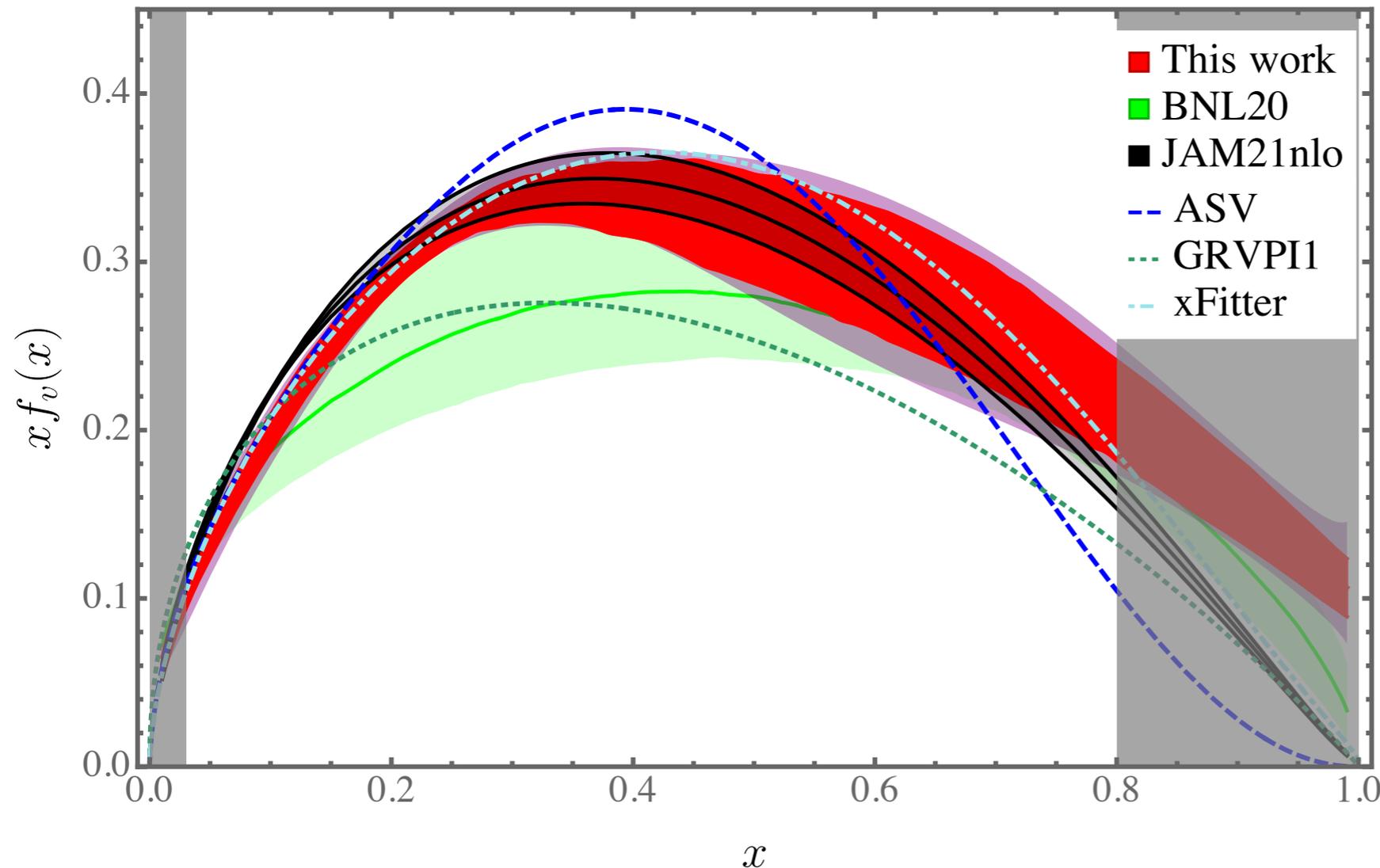
- A. Radyushkin, PRD 96 (2017);
- K. Orginos et al., PRD 96 (2017),

$$\tilde{h}(\lambda, z^2\mu^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \mathcal{C}(\alpha, z^2\mu^2) h(\alpha\lambda, \mu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2),$$

$$f(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{-ix\lambda} h(\lambda, \mu)$$

- Power-law decrease at large λ : needs very large λ for controlled FT;
- With not very large λ_{max} , needs assumptions, e.g., $f(x) \propto x^a(1-x)^b(1+c\sqrt{x}+\dots)$.

Comparison with short-distance factorization approach



Comparison to BNL20:

- Better agreement with xFitter (2020) and JAM21nlo (2021);
- Reduced uncertainties.

Short-distance factorization at NLO, with same lattice data:

BNL20, X. Gao, YZ, et al., PRD102 (2020).

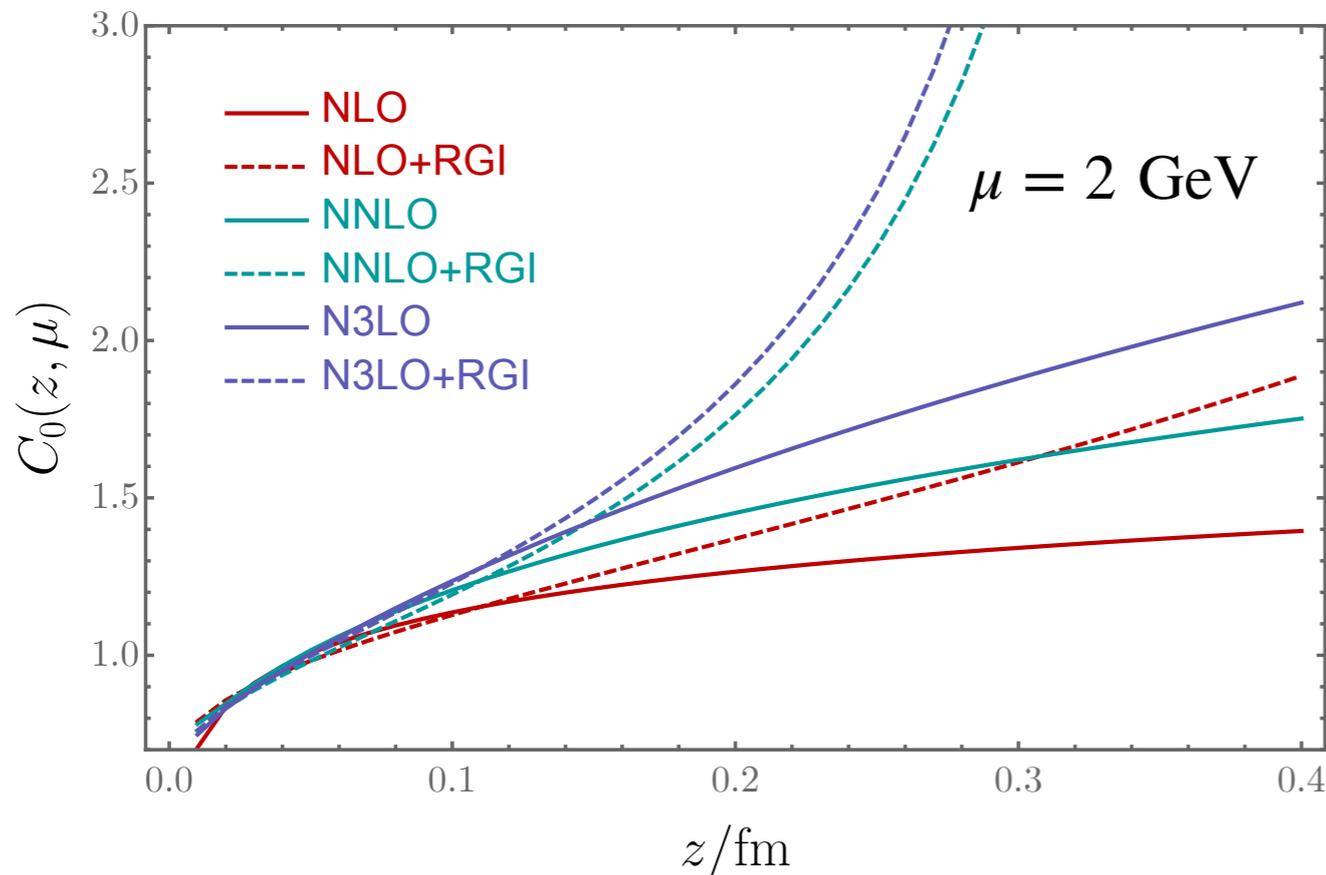
- With finite P^z and statistics, lattice QCD can only reliably predict $x \in [x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$;
- In short-distance factorization analysis, modeling the PDF correlates all $x \in [0, 1]$;
- There can be bias from the model choice.

Conclusions

- We have carried out a lattice calculation of the x -dependence of pion valence PDF with an adapted hybrid renormalization scheme;
- The Wilson-line mass correction can be well determined from lattice and matched to the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, with the uncertainty under control;
- NNLO matching shows good perturbative convergence and reduced scale-variation uncertainty;
- We demonstrate that **we can predict the x -dependence with controlled systematic uncertainties within $[x_{min}, x_{max}]$** ;
- Systematics to be analyzed: physical pion mass, lattice spacing dependence, finite volume effect, etc.
- Same renormalization method can also be used to calculate gluon PDFs, GPDs and TMDs.

Matching the Wilson-line mass to $\overline{\text{MS}}$

How small should z be?



$$z, z_0 \gg a$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} e^{\delta m(a)(z-z_0)} \frac{\tilde{h}(z, P^z = 0, a)}{\tilde{h}(z_0, P^z = 0, a)} = e^{-\bar{m}_0(\mu)(z-z_0)} \frac{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu), z^2 \mu^2) + \Lambda(\mu) z^2}{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu), z_0^2 \mu^2) + \Lambda(\mu) z_0^2}$$

Resummed coefficient:

$$C_0^{\text{RGI}}(\mu^2, z^2) = C_0(\alpha_s(2e^{-\gamma_E}/z), 1) \times \exp \left[\int_{2e^{-\gamma_E}/z}^{\mu} d\alpha_s(\mu') \frac{\gamma_{\mathcal{O}}(\alpha(\mu'))}{\beta(\alpha_s(\mu'))} \right]$$

- For $z \sim 0.2 \text{ fm}$, perturbation theory uncertainty is still under control;
- To suppress finite a effects, we choose

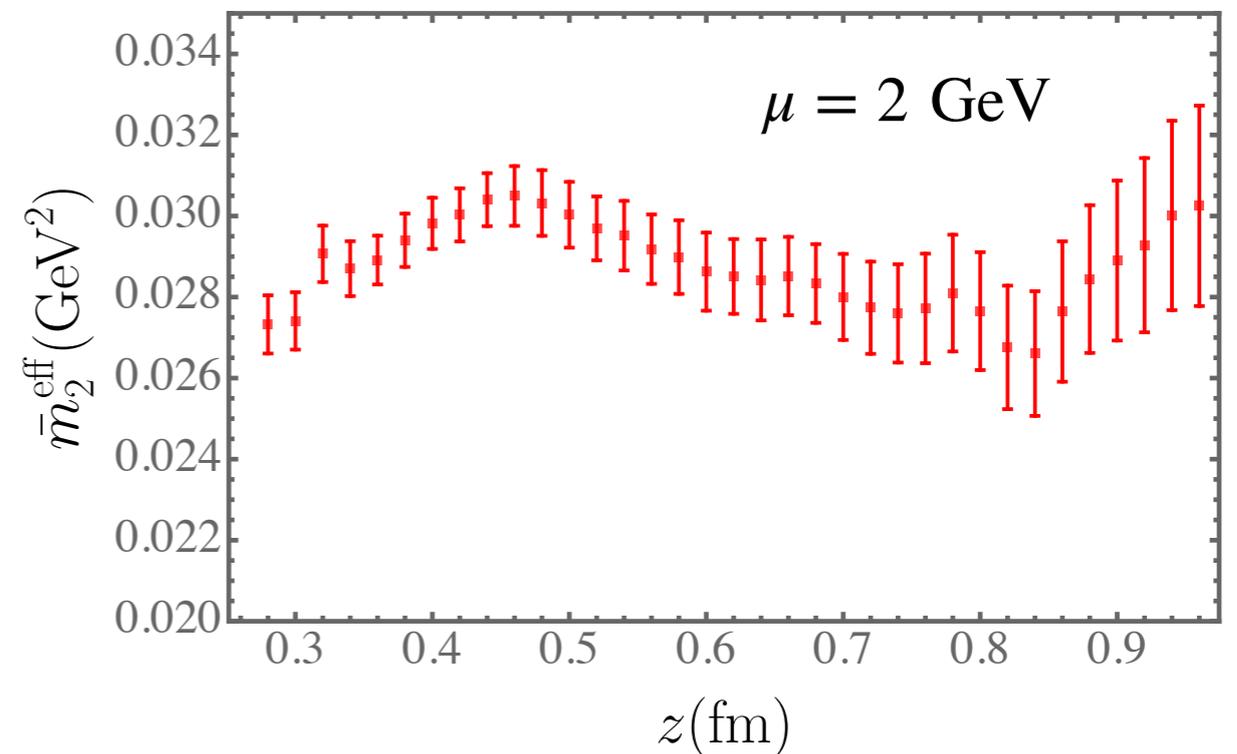
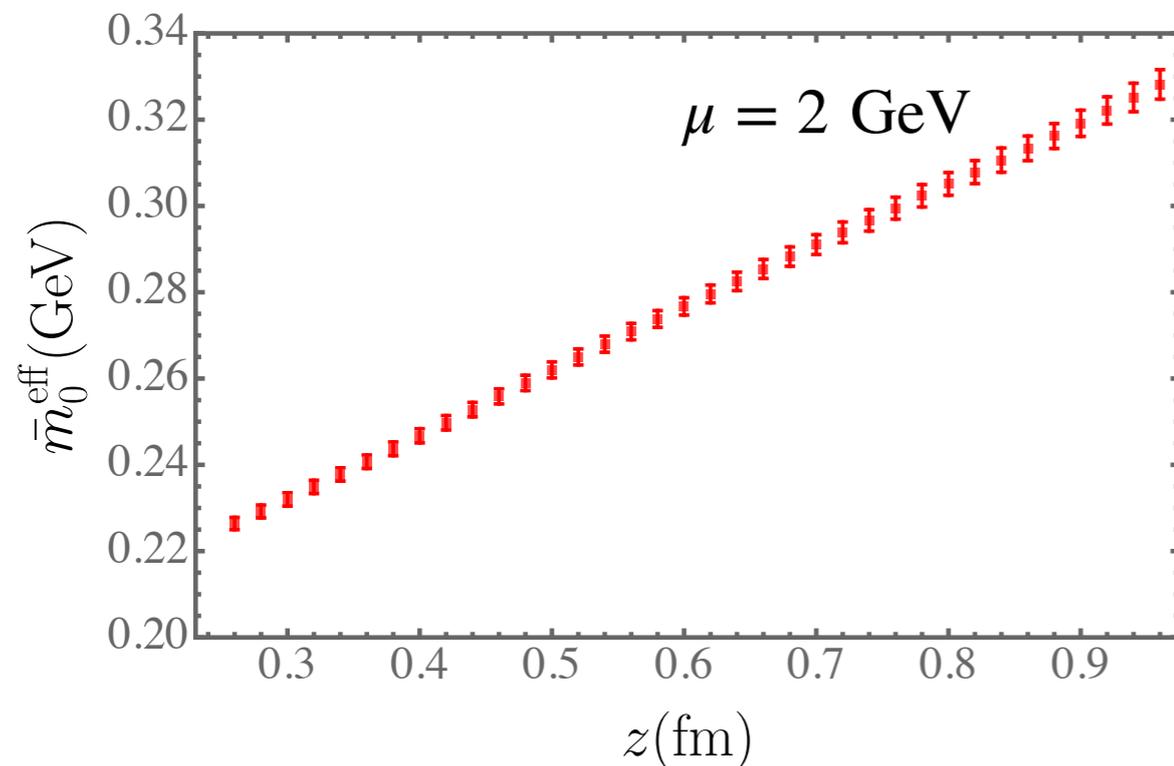
$$z_0 = 0.24 \text{ fm}, z_0 \leq z \leq 0.4 \text{ fm}$$
- and use NNLO C_0 ,
- and vary μ by a factor of 1/1.4 and 1.4 to estimate the uncertainty in this matching.

Matching the Wilson-line mass to MSbar

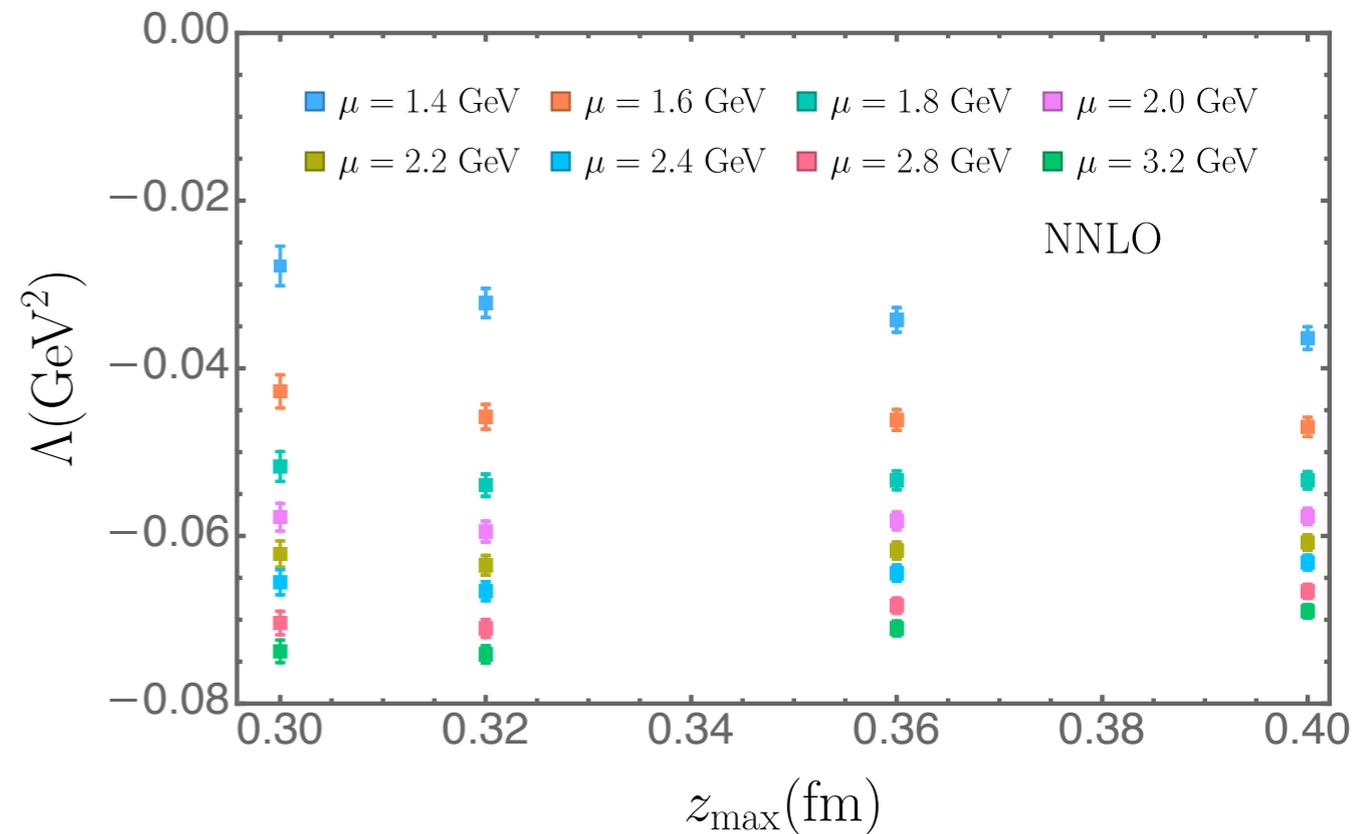
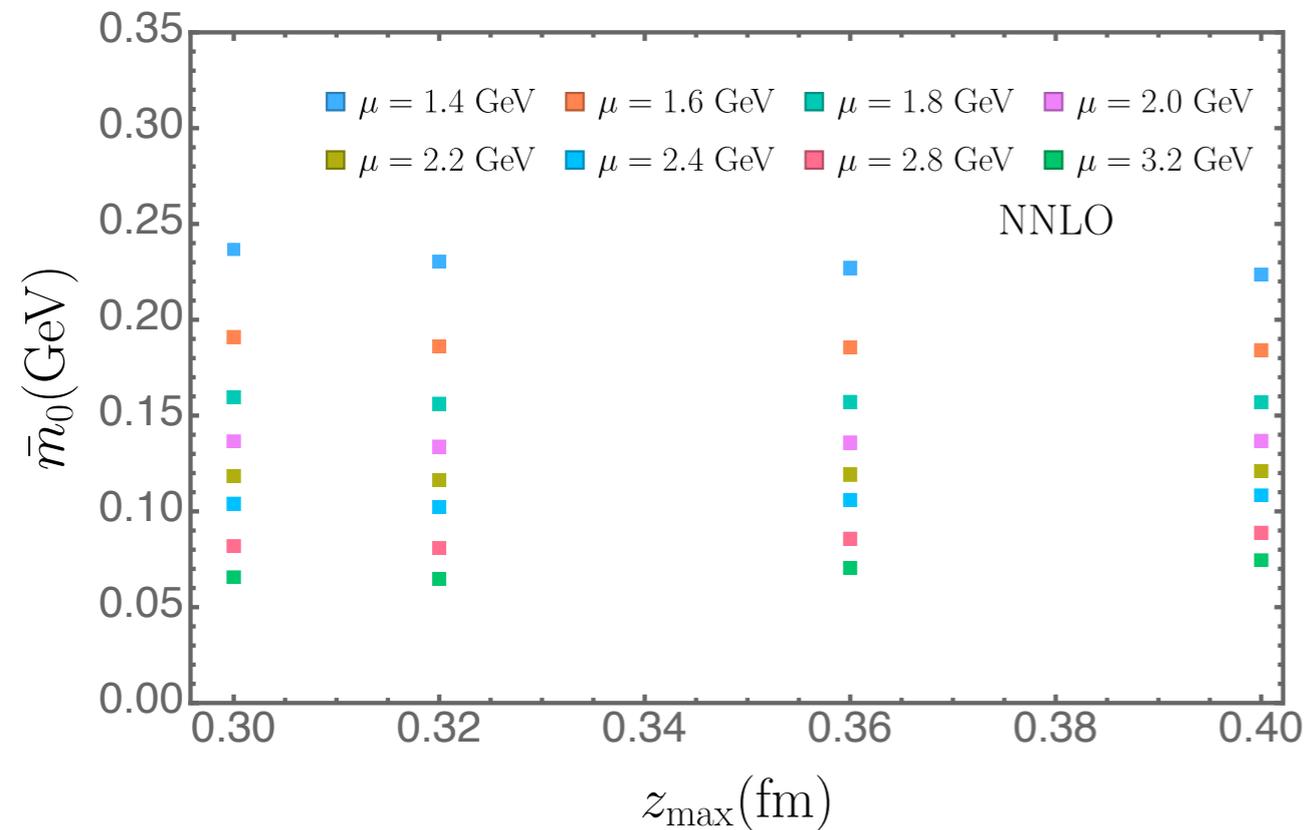
Define effective mass and its slope in z :

$$\bar{m}_0^{\text{eff}}(z) \equiv \left[-\ln \frac{\tilde{h}(z,0,a)}{\tilde{h}(z_0,0,a)} + \ln \frac{C_0^{\text{NNLO}}(z^2\mu^2)}{C_0^{\text{NNLO}}(z_0^2\mu^2)} \right] / (z - z_0)$$

$$\bar{m}_2^{\text{eff}}(z) = \frac{\bar{m}_0^{\text{eff}}(z) - \bar{m}_0^{\text{eff}}(z - a)}{a}$$



Matching the Wilson-line mass to $\overline{\text{MS}}$



- Both \bar{m}_0 and Λ are sensitive to μ because we used fixed-order C_0 at NNLO;
- We vary μ by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the corresponding uncertainties in the final result.

Matched hybrid-scheme matrix element

Continuum limit:

$$\tilde{h}(z, z_S, P^z, \mu) = \frac{\tilde{h}_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z, \mu)}{C_0(z^2\mu^2)} \theta(z_S - |z|) + \frac{\tilde{h}_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z, \mu)}{C_0(z_S^2\mu^2)} \theta(|z| - z_S)$$

$$\tilde{h}^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z, \mu) = e^{-m_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}|z|} \tilde{h}_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z, \mu)$$

- Perturbatively matchable to $\tilde{h}_0^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, P^z, \mu)$ as long as $z_S \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$!
- After Fourier transform, it preserves the perturbative matching in x -space.

Asymptotic behavior at large z

- Current-current correlator in a static hadron:

$$\langle \pi | j^0(z) j^0(0) | \pi \rangle = \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 p_n}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p_n}} \langle \pi | j^0(z) | n \rangle \langle n | j^0(0) | \pi \rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \propto e^{-M_0 |z|}$$

Burkardt, Grandy and Negele, Annals of Physics 238 (1995).

- Nonlocal quark bilinear \Rightarrow “heavy-to-light” current-current correlator, in a boosted hadron:

H. Dorn, Fortsch. Phys. 34 (1986).

$$\langle \pi(p) | \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma W[z, 0] \psi(0) | \pi(p) \rangle = \langle \pi(p) | \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma Q(z) \bar{Q}(0) \psi(0) | \pi(p) \rangle_Q$$

$$\xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \propto e^{-\bar{\Lambda} |z|} g(p \cdot z)$$

$$\bar{\Lambda} = m_H - m_Q \sim 0.4 - 0.6 \text{ GeV}$$

Beneke and Braun, Nucl. Phys. B 426(1994).

Physical extrapolation and Fourier transform (FT)

z_L dependence:

