

The Evolution of Parton Pseudo-Distributions

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Parton and Ioffe Time distributions

- Unpolarized Ioffe time distributions Ioffe time: $\nu = p \cdot z$

“Ioffe time distributions instead of parton momentum distributions in description of DIS”

V. Braun, P. Gornicki, L. Mankiewicz

Phys Rev D 51 (1995) 6036-6051

- $$I_q(\nu, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle p | \bar{\psi}_q(z^-) \gamma^+ W(z^-; 0) \psi_q(0) | p \rangle_{\mu^2}$$

$$z^2 = 0$$

- $$I_g(\nu, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{(2p^+)^2} \langle p | F_{+i}(z^-) W(z^-; 0) F_+^i(0) | p \rangle_{\mu^2}$$

$$i = x, y$$

- Parton Distribution Functions

- $$I_q(\nu, \mu^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{ix\nu} f_q(x, \mu^2)$$

- $$I_g(\nu, \mu^2) = \int_0^1 dx \cos(x\nu) x f_g(x, \mu^2)$$

Parton Distributions and the Lattice

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

- Use space-like separations

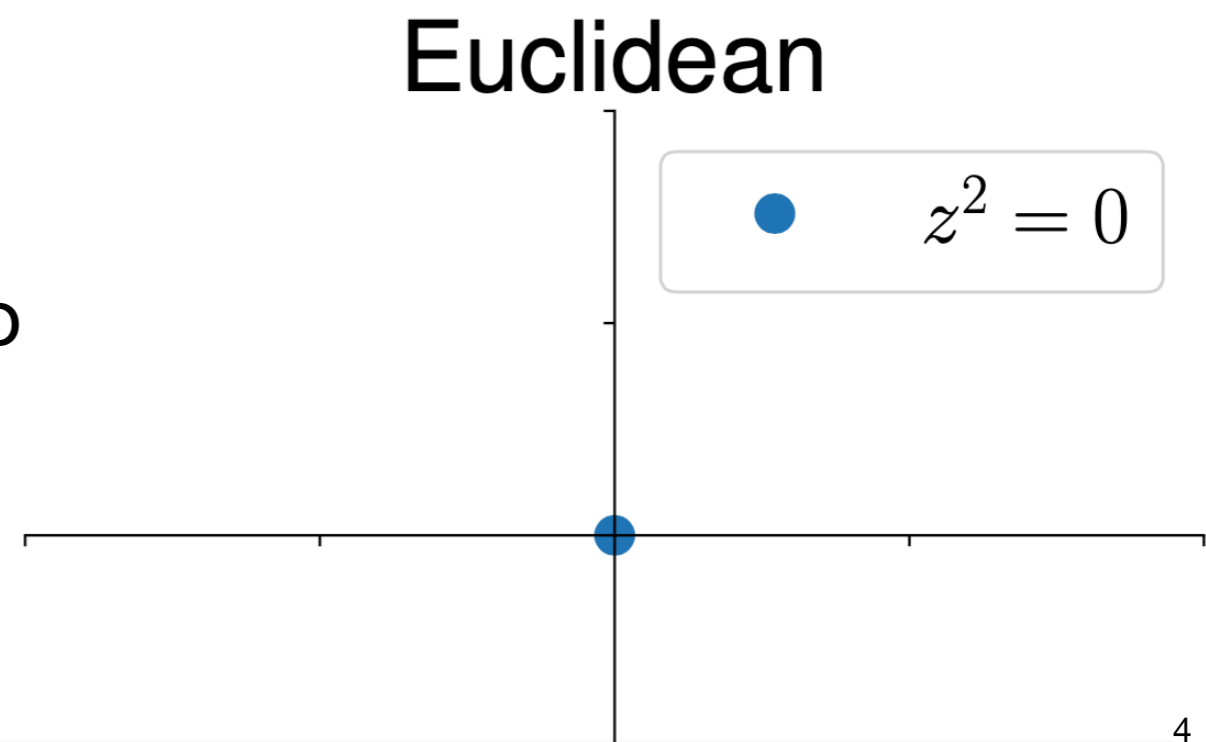
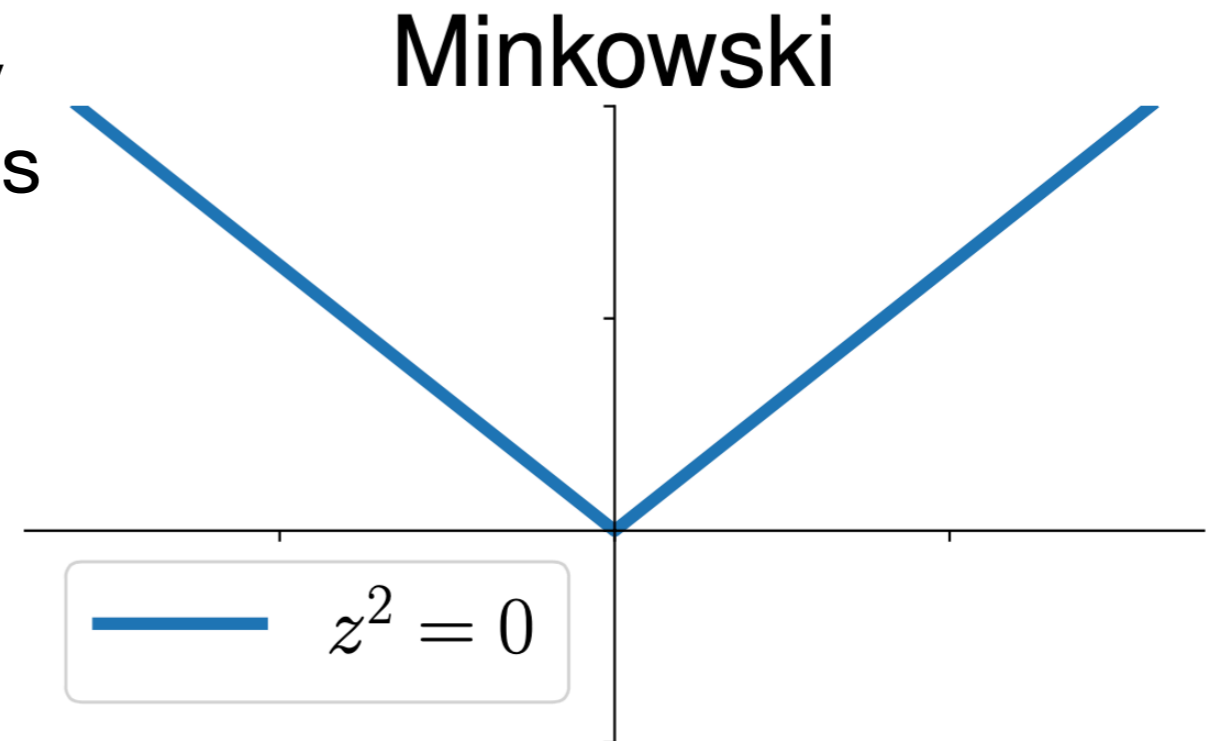
X. Ji Phys Rev Lett 110 (2013) 262002

- Wilson line operators

$$O_{\Gamma}^{\text{WL}}(z) = \bar{\psi}(z)\Gamma W(z; 0)\psi(0)$$

$$z^2 \neq 0$$

- Factorizations exist analogous to cross sections



Wilson Line Matrix Elements

- Matrix element $M^\alpha(p, z) = \langle p | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma^\alpha W(z; 0) \psi(0) | p \rangle \quad z^2 < 0$
 $= 2p^\alpha \mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) + 2z^\alpha \mathcal{N}(\nu, z^2)$

- Quasi-PDF: $\tilde{q}(y, p_z^2) = \frac{1}{2p_\alpha} \int dz e^{iyp_z z} M^\alpha(p_z, z) \quad \alpha = t \text{ and } z^t = 0$

- Large Momentum Effective Theory: [X. Ji Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 \(2013\) 262002](#)

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

- Pseudo-PDF: [A. Radyushkin Phys. Rev. D 96 \(2017\) 3, 034025](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) &= \int dx C(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q(x, \mu^2) + O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 z^2) \\ &= \int du C'(u, \mu^2 z^2) I_q(u\nu, \mu^2) + O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 z^2) \end{aligned}$$

The Role of Separation and Momentum

- In **Structure Functions**, **quasi-PDF**, and **pseudo-PDF**, variables have common roles

Scale:

$$Q^2 / x^2 p_z^2 / z^2$$

Dynamical variable:

$$x_B / z / p_z, \text{ or } \nu = p \cdot z$$

- Scale for factorization to PDF
- Scale in power expansion
- Keep away from Λ_{QCD}^2
- Technically only requires single value, use many to study systematics
- Variable describes non-perturbative dynamics
- Can take large or small value
- Want as many as are available
- Wider range improves the inverse problem

Renormalization

Primary z dependence of bare matrix element

- Wilson line divergence gives dominant power divergence
- Other terms contribute $O(10\%)$ of total

Diagram	z/a	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunset		0	0.97346(2)	2.32308(7)	3.7762(1)	5.2709(2)	6.7871(3)	8.3163(4)	9.8550(5)	11.3998(6)
Sail		0	0	0.54974(3)	0.98654(6)	1.2110(1)	1.3580(1)	1.4518(2)	1.5226(2)	1.5776(2)
Vertex		1.4339(6)	0.5959(6)	0.1216(6)	-0.0847(6)	-0.2047(6)	-0.2717(6)	-0.3307(6)	-0.3725(6)	-0.4115(7)
Total Γ_{LPT}		1.4339(6)	1.5694(6)	2.9944(6)	4.6780(6)	6.2772(6)	7.8734(6)	9.4374(6)	11.005(6)	12.5659(7)

TABLE IV. The integrals of 1-loop diagrams in lattice perturbation theory for various z/a .

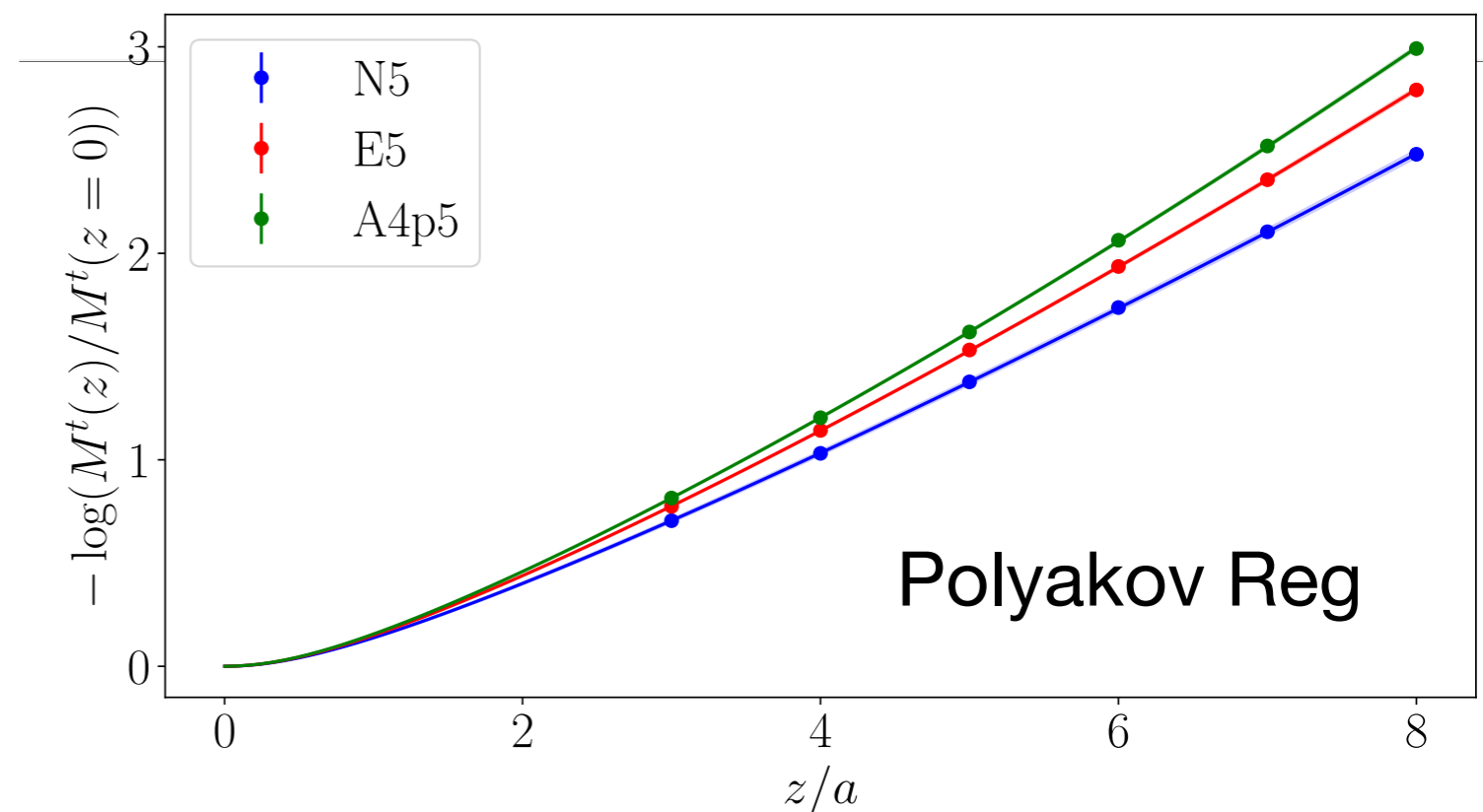
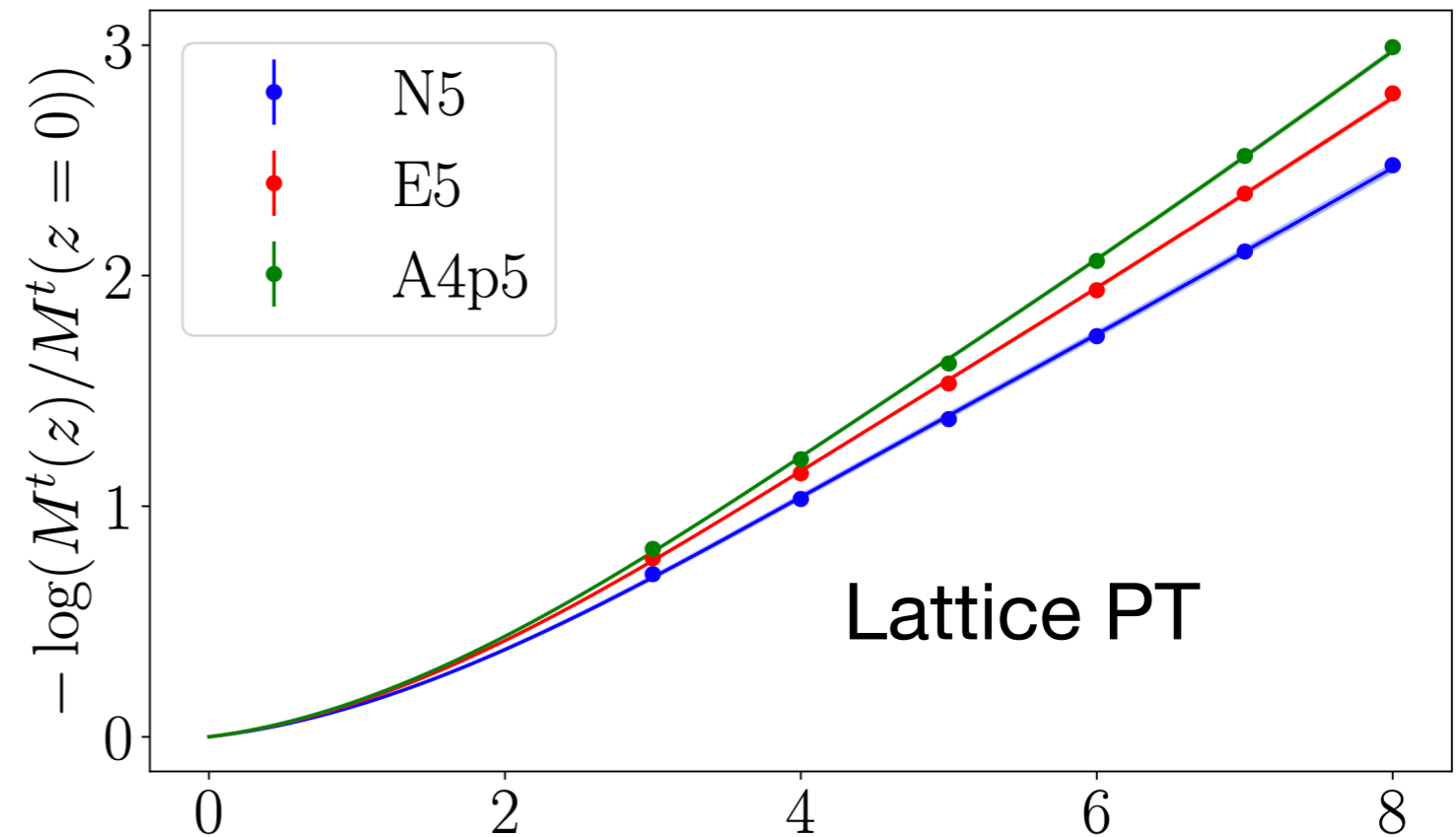
- Polyakov Scheme has spatial cutoff like lattice

$$\frac{1}{z^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{z^2 + a^2}$$

JK, C. Monahan, A. Radyushkin arXiv:2407.16577

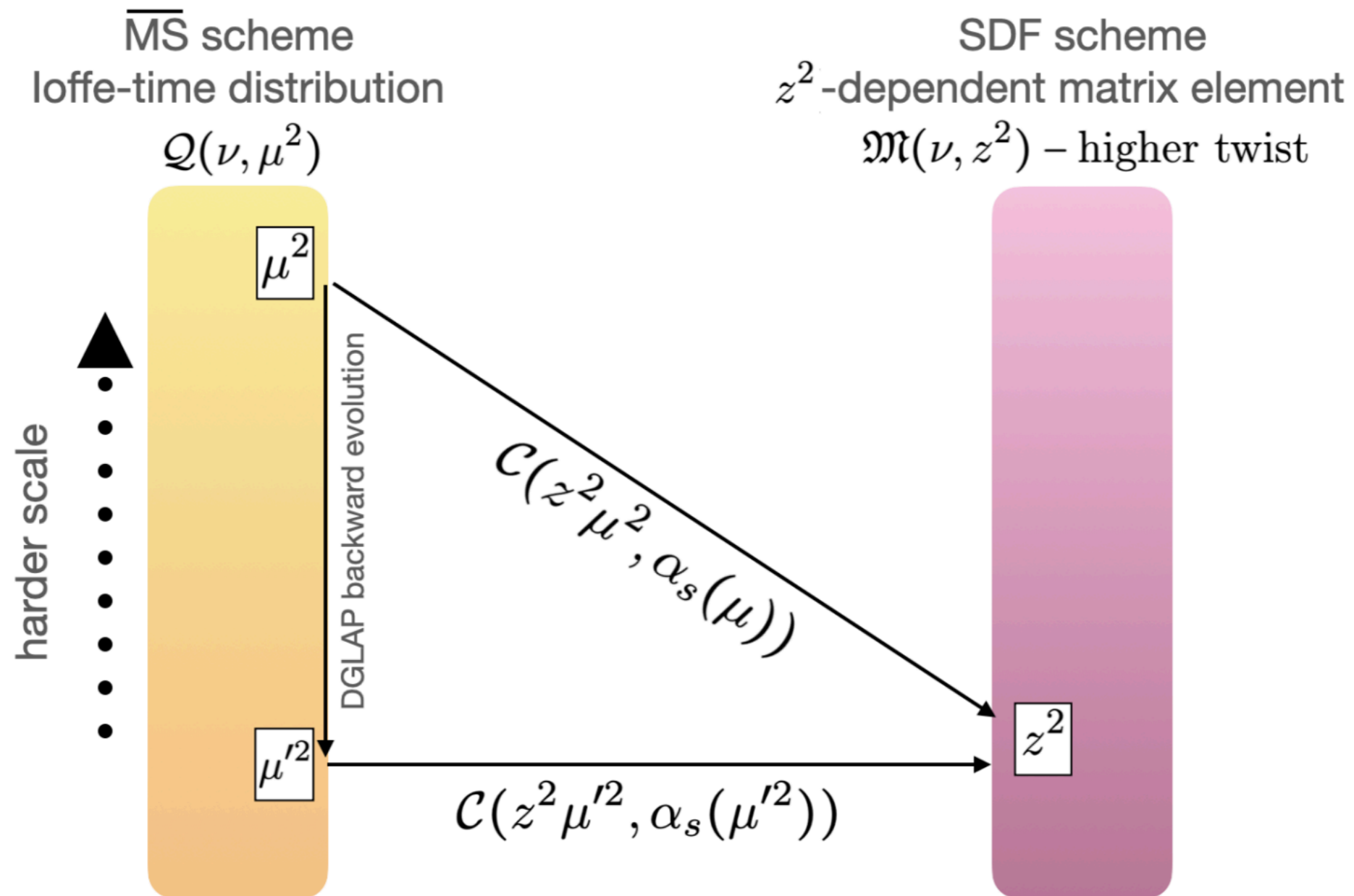
Rest Frame Matrix Element

- Studied 3 lattice spacings at sub-precision stat error
 $a \sim 0.045, 0.065, 0.075$ fm
- Agrees to 1-loop perturbation theory up to few percent
- Scale is $\mu \sim \frac{\pi}{a}$
- Inclusion of simplest finite size correction improves agreement
- Lowest $z/a \sim 1$ or 2 disagree more



Options in truncation for matching

Equivalent only if all contributions given



Matching in Moment Space

- Ioffe time, momentum fraction, and Mellin moment space are intimately related

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int du C(u, \mu^2 z^2) I(u\nu, \mu^2) = \int dx K(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q(x, \mu^2) = \sum_n \frac{(i\nu)^n}{n!} c_n(\mu^2 z^2) a_n(\mu^2)$$

- And the kernels are Mellin moments or Fourier transforms

$$c_n = \int du u^n C(u) \quad K(x\nu) = \int du C(u) e^{i u \nu x}$$

- How to evaluate $C(u)$, c_n , $K(x\nu)$?

$$\alpha_s(\mu) C_{NLO}(u, \mu^2)$$

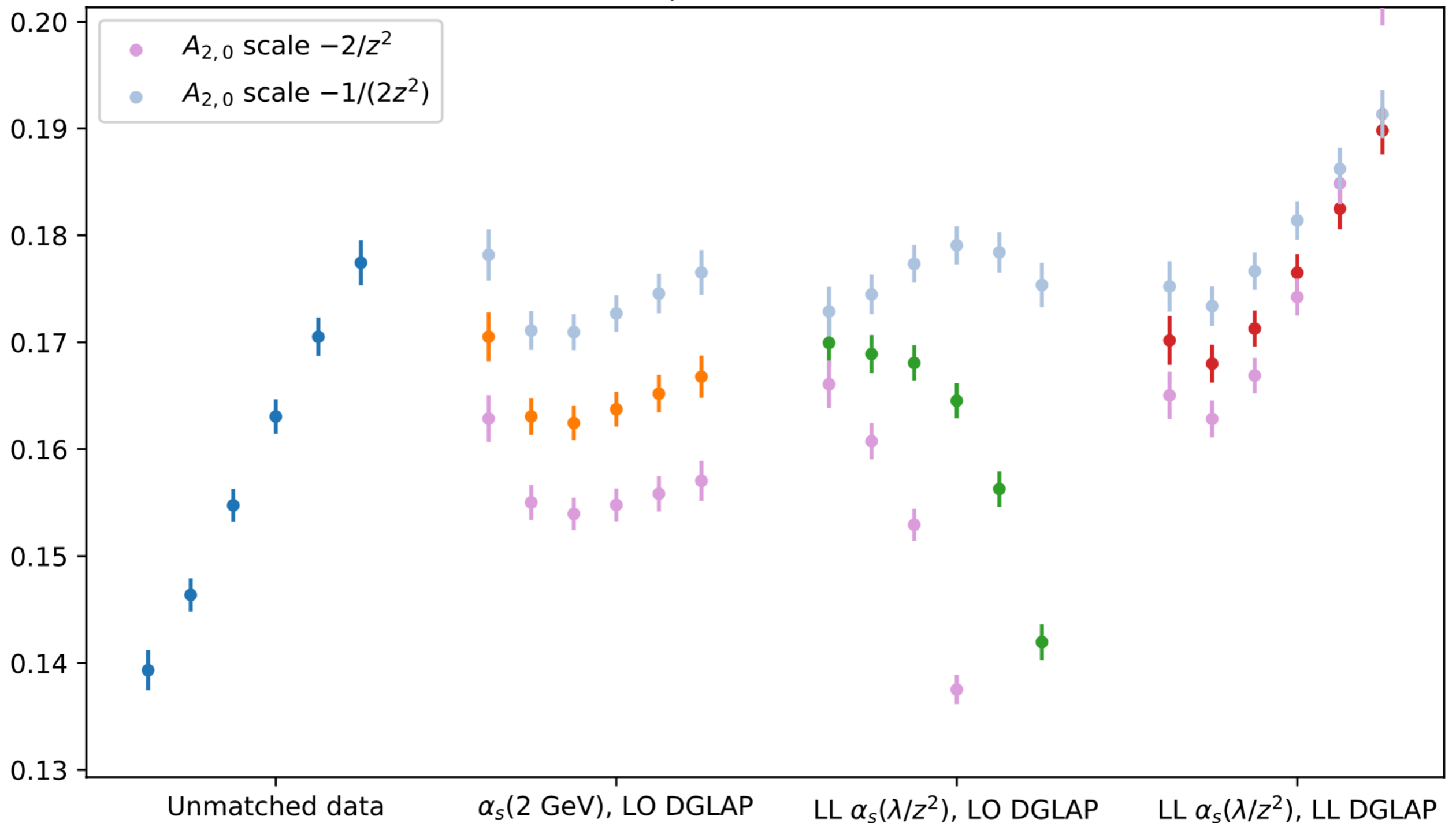
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$$\alpha_s(1/z^2) C_{LL}(u, 1/z^2)$$

Matching to MS-Bar scheme

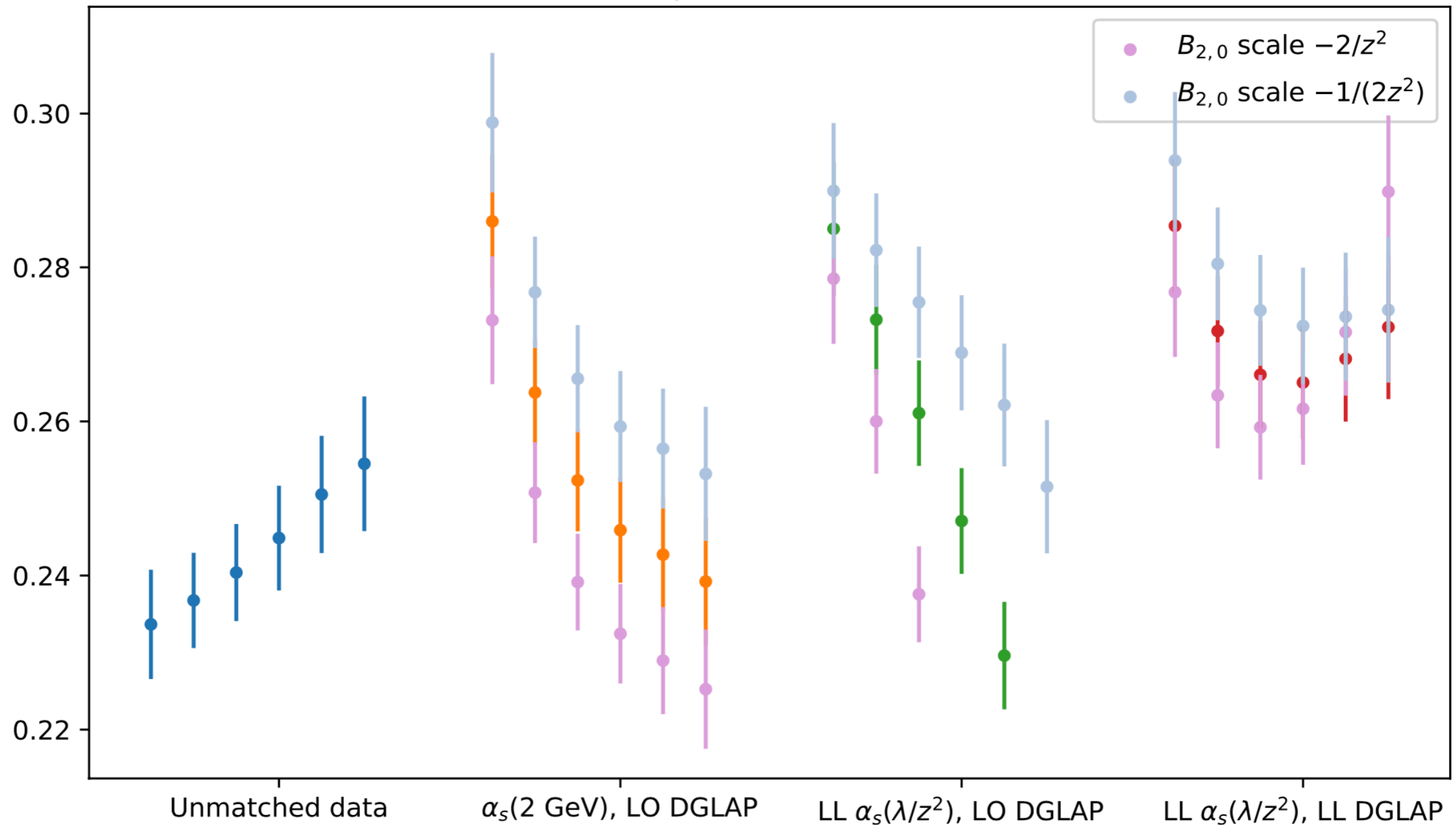
Very truncation dependent

$$\alpha_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.28 - \Lambda_{QCD}^{n_f=3} = 165.0 \text{ MeV} - t = -0.33 \text{ GeV}^2$$



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- Standard DGLAP evolution
 - Parton model: Splitting of partons into smaller x

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- MSbar Step Scaling function
 - Integrated or discretized version of evolution

$$q(x, \mu^2) = \int_x^1 dy \mathcal{E}(y, \mu^2, \mu_0^2) q\left(\frac{x}{y}, \mu_0^2\right)$$

PDF at high
scale $\mu \sim Q$

PDF at low input
scale $\mu_0 \sim m_c$

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$$\mathcal{E}(\mu^2, \mu_0^2) = C^{-1}(\mu^2 z^2) \otimes \Sigma(z^2, z_0^2) \otimes C(\mu_0^2 z_0^2)$$

- pseudo-PDF evolution

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 du C(u, \mu^2 z^2) I(u\nu, \mu^2) + O(z^2)$$

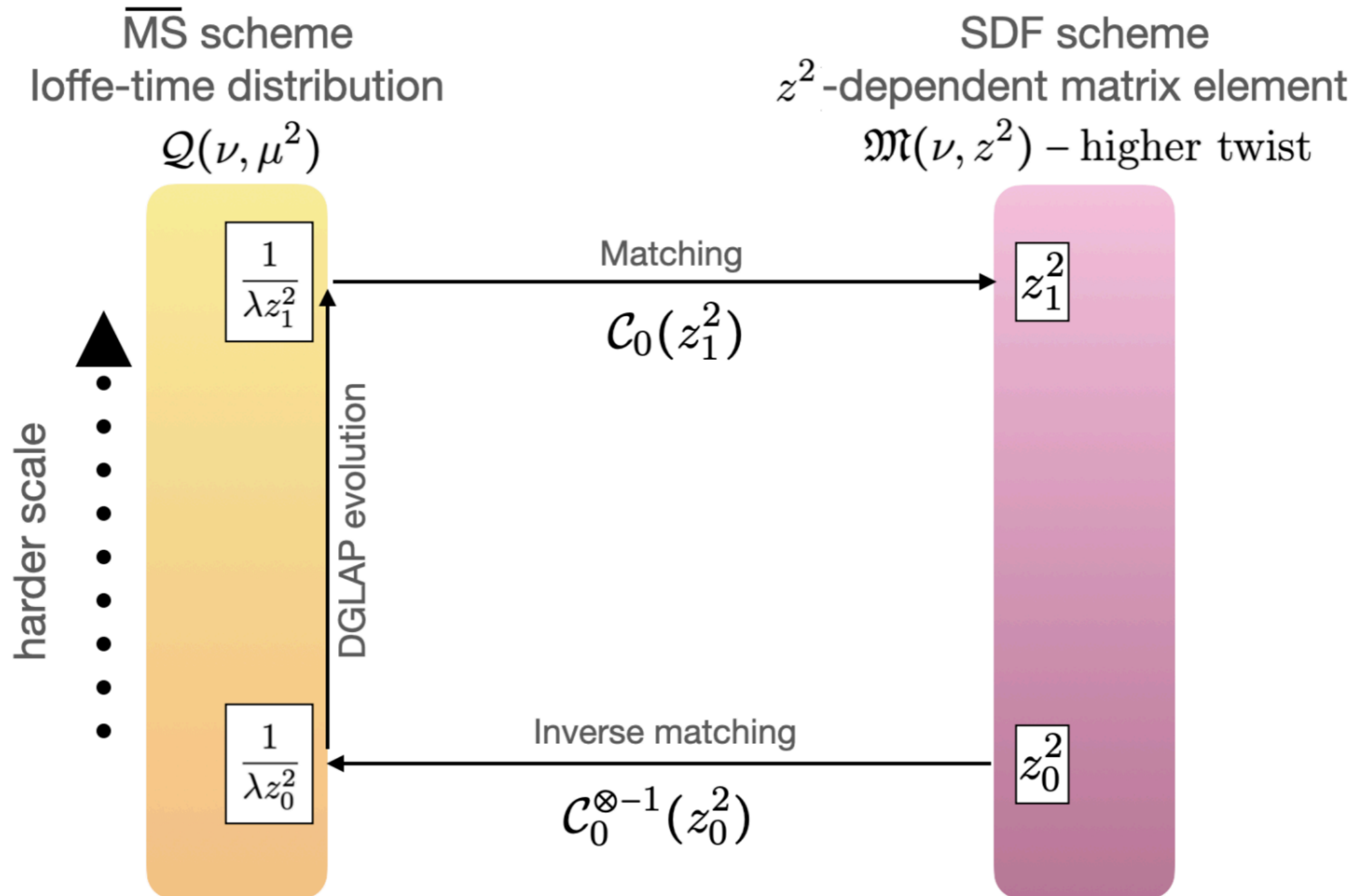
- Data does not know about MSbar scale

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = 0$$



$$z^2 \frac{d}{dz^2} \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \mathcal{P}(\alpha, z^2) \mathfrak{M}(\alpha\nu, z^2) + O(z^2)$$

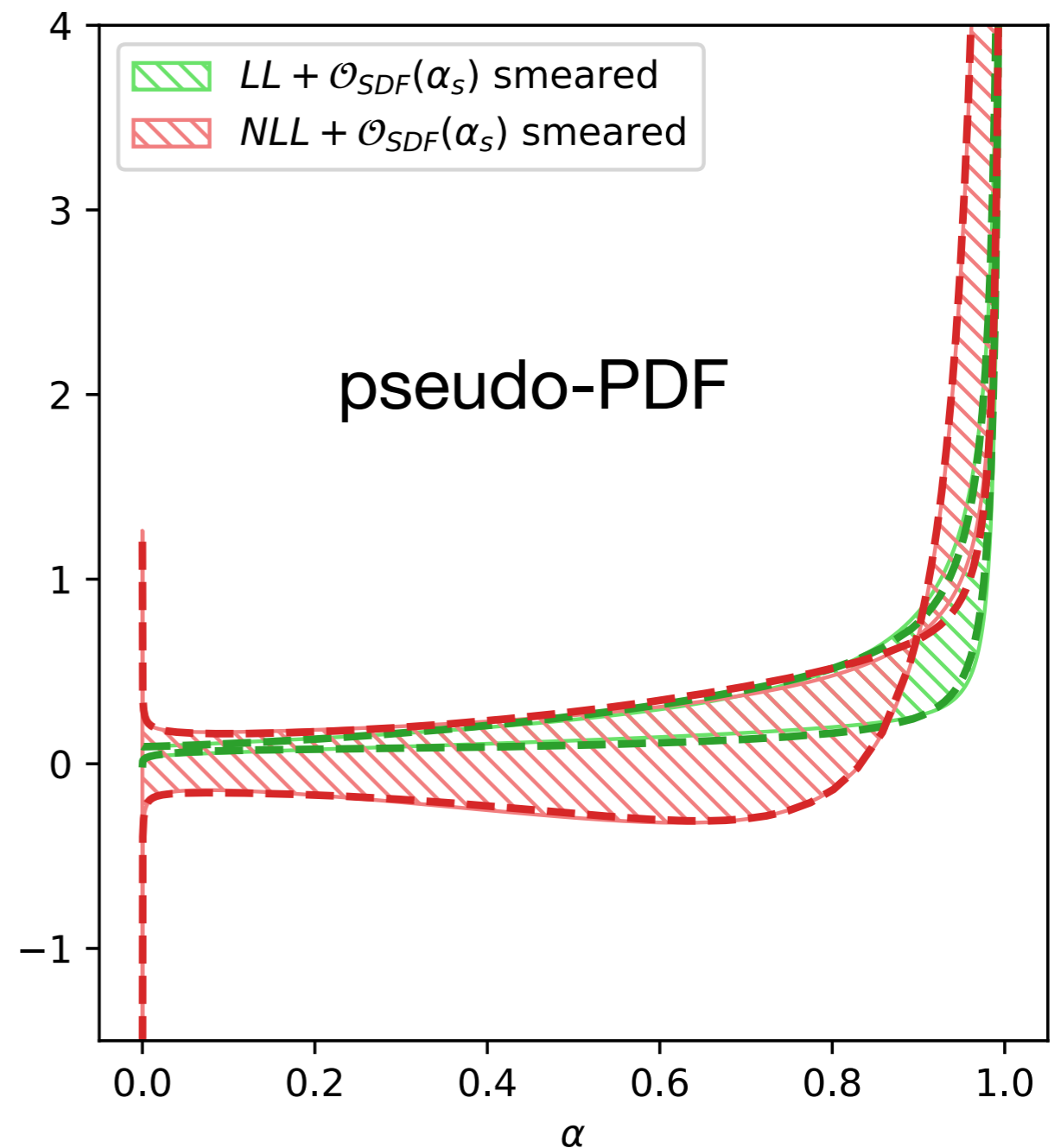
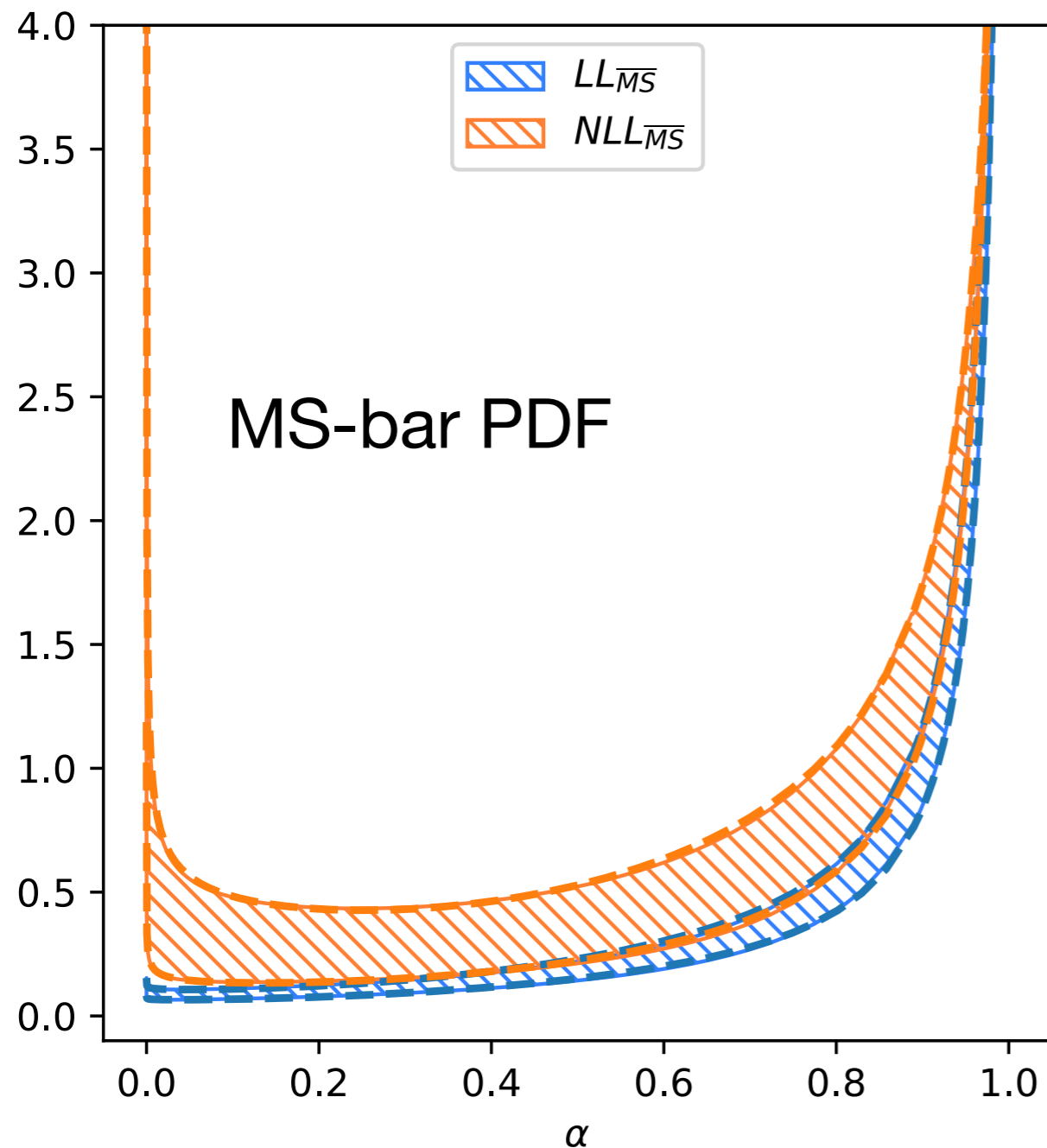
Flow of evolution



Evolution of parton distributions

H. Dutrieux, JK, C. Monahan, K. Orginos, S. Zafeiropoulos arXiv:2310.19926

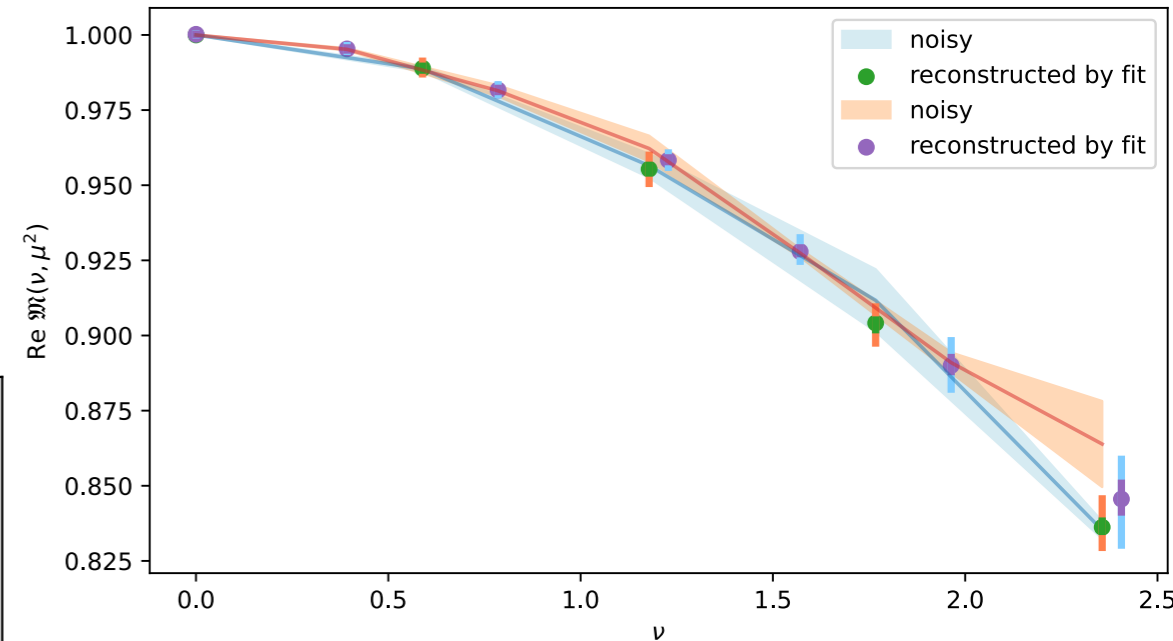
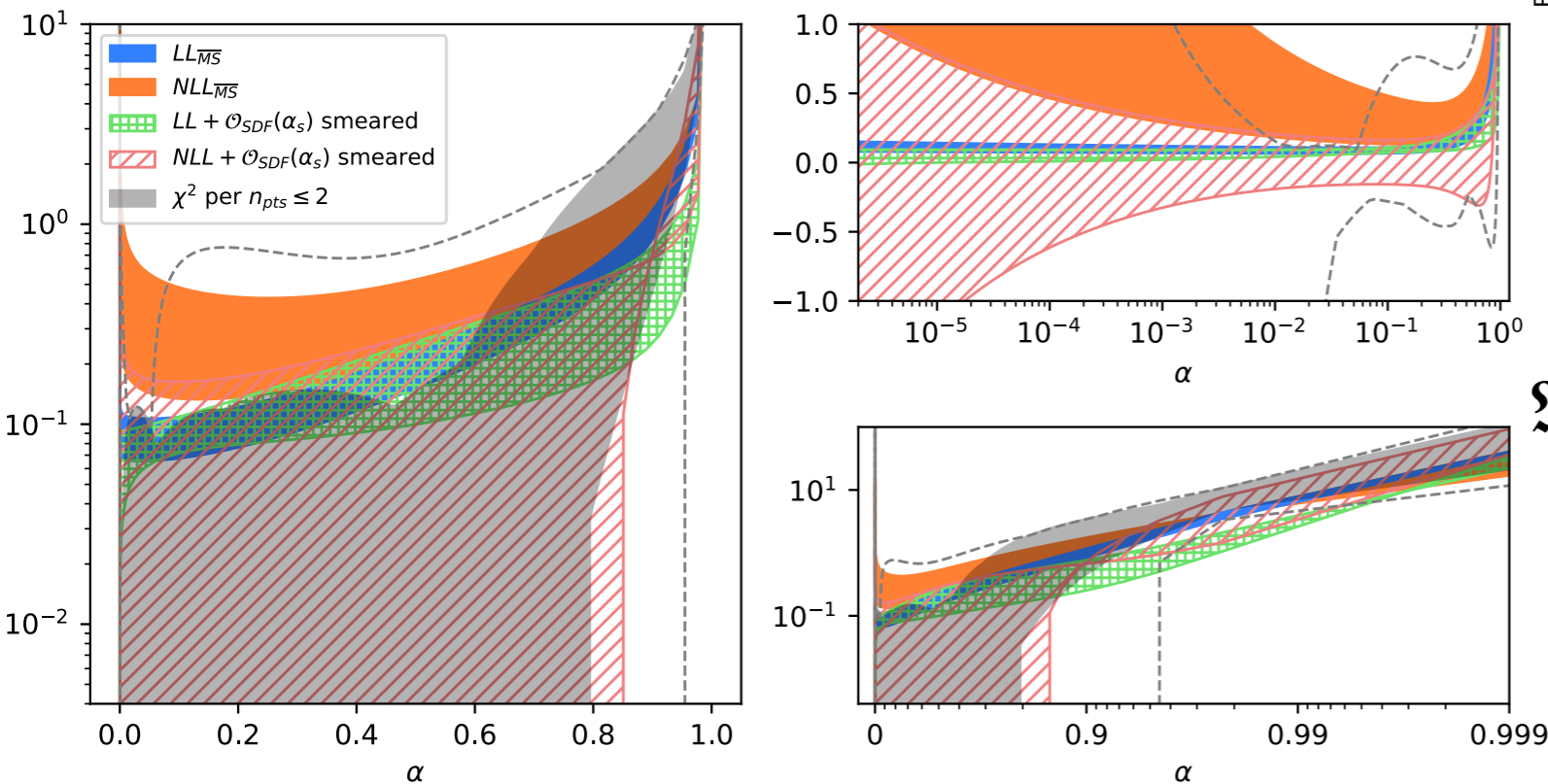
- Perturbative evolution from ~ 700 MeV (0.282 fm) to ~ 1 GeV (0.188 fm)
- Bands from varying scale by factor of 2 to estimate higher order effects



Step Scaling from the lattice

- Requires data in same range of ν and different z
- Model Function

$$\Sigma(\alpha) = A\alpha^{-\delta}(1 + r\alpha) + B(-\ln(\alpha))^{-\eta}\ln^2(1 - \alpha) + \sigma\alpha(1 - \alpha)$$



$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \Sigma(\alpha, z^2, z_0^2) \mathfrak{M}(\alpha\nu, z_0^2)$$

- Catch: Requires assumption of leading twist dominance and ranges of ν are limited
 - Need very fine lattices to study systematics
 - Test universality by studying pion, kaon, nucleon, quark (in fixed gauge)

Non-Parametric Bayesian inferences

- Take advantage of single dimension and limited range
- Approximate unknown by value on grid and interpolate for integrals
- Maximize the posterior distribution

$$P [q | \mathfrak{M}, I] \propto P [\mathfrak{M} | q, I] P [q | I]$$

- Add prior information to regulate the inverse problem

$$P [q | I] \propto \exp[-S(q)]$$

Y. Burnier and A. Rothkopf (2013) 1307.6106

Shannon-Jaynes entropy

$$S(q) = \alpha \int_0^1 dx \left(q(x) - m(x) - q(x) \log\left(\frac{q(x)}{m(x)}\right) \right)$$

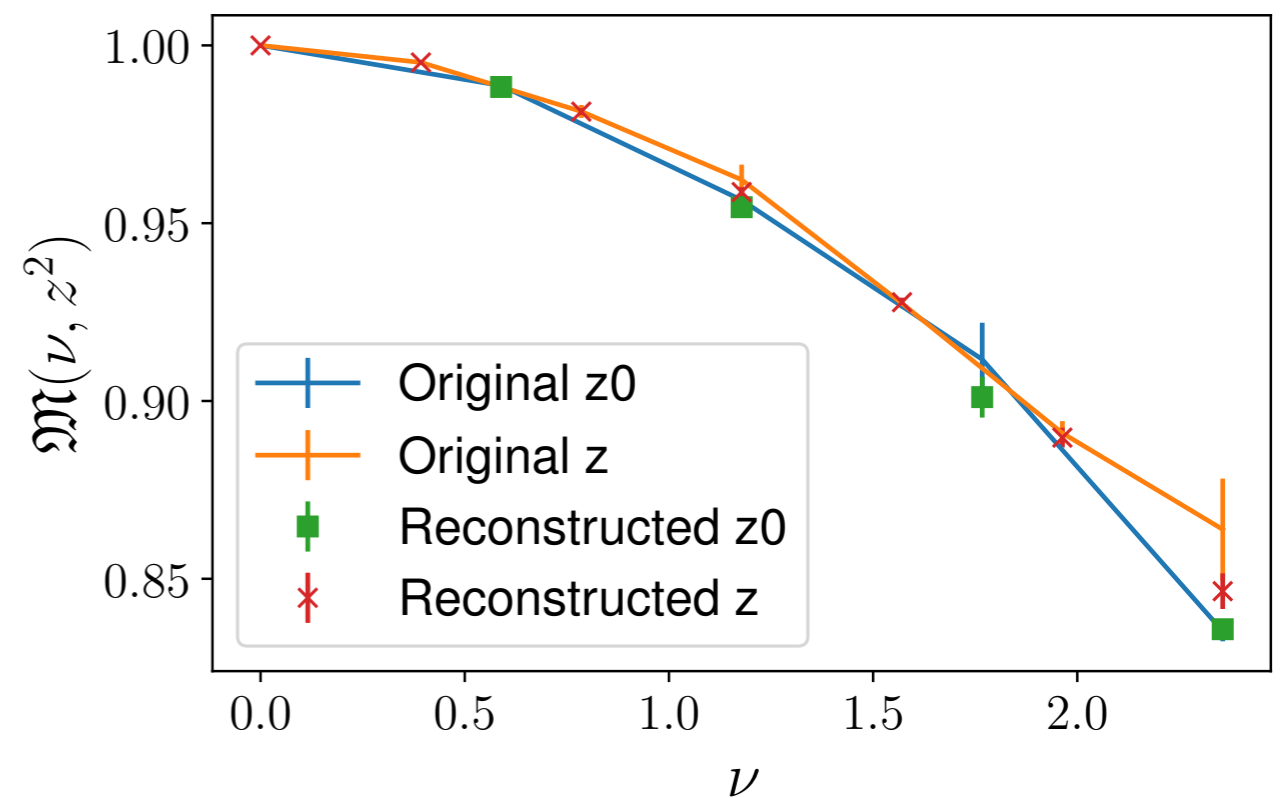
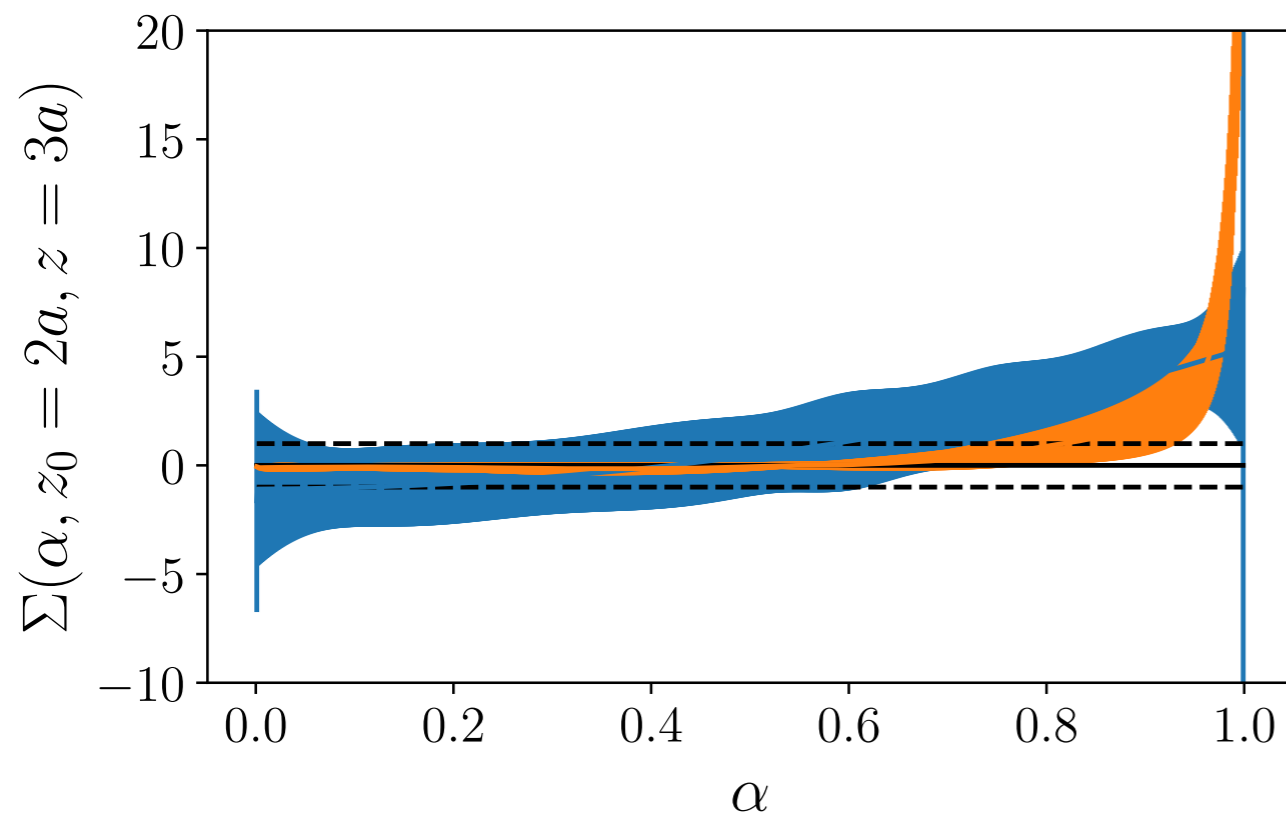
Burnier-Rothkopf

$$S(q) = \alpha \int_0^1 dx \left(1 - \frac{q(x)}{m(x)} + \log\left(\frac{q(x)}{m(x)}\right) \right)$$

Non-Parametric Bayesian inferences

- Use different priors to study model dependencies
- First prior with easily understood biases

- Quadratic Difference Ratio (QDR) $S(\Sigma) = u \int_0^1 d\alpha \frac{(\Sigma(\alpha) - h(\alpha))^2}{\sigma(\alpha)^2}$



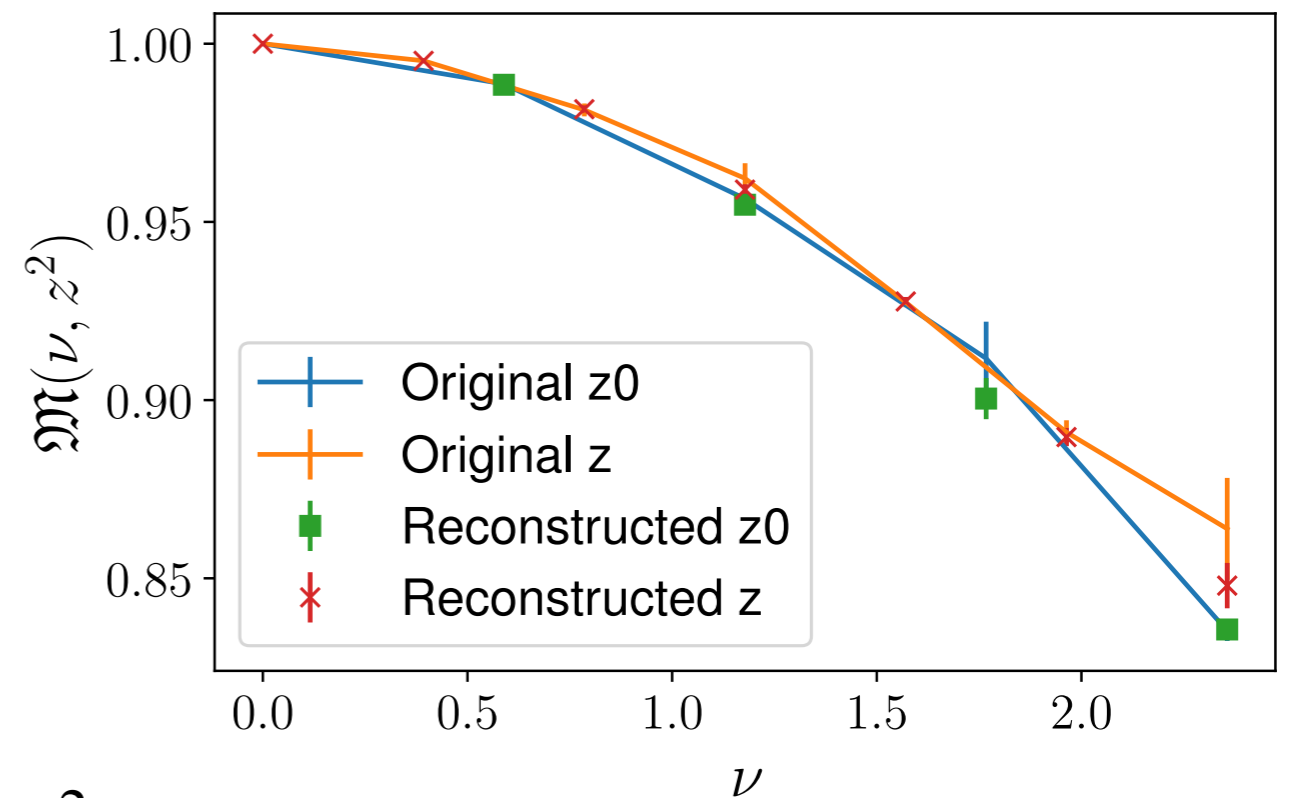
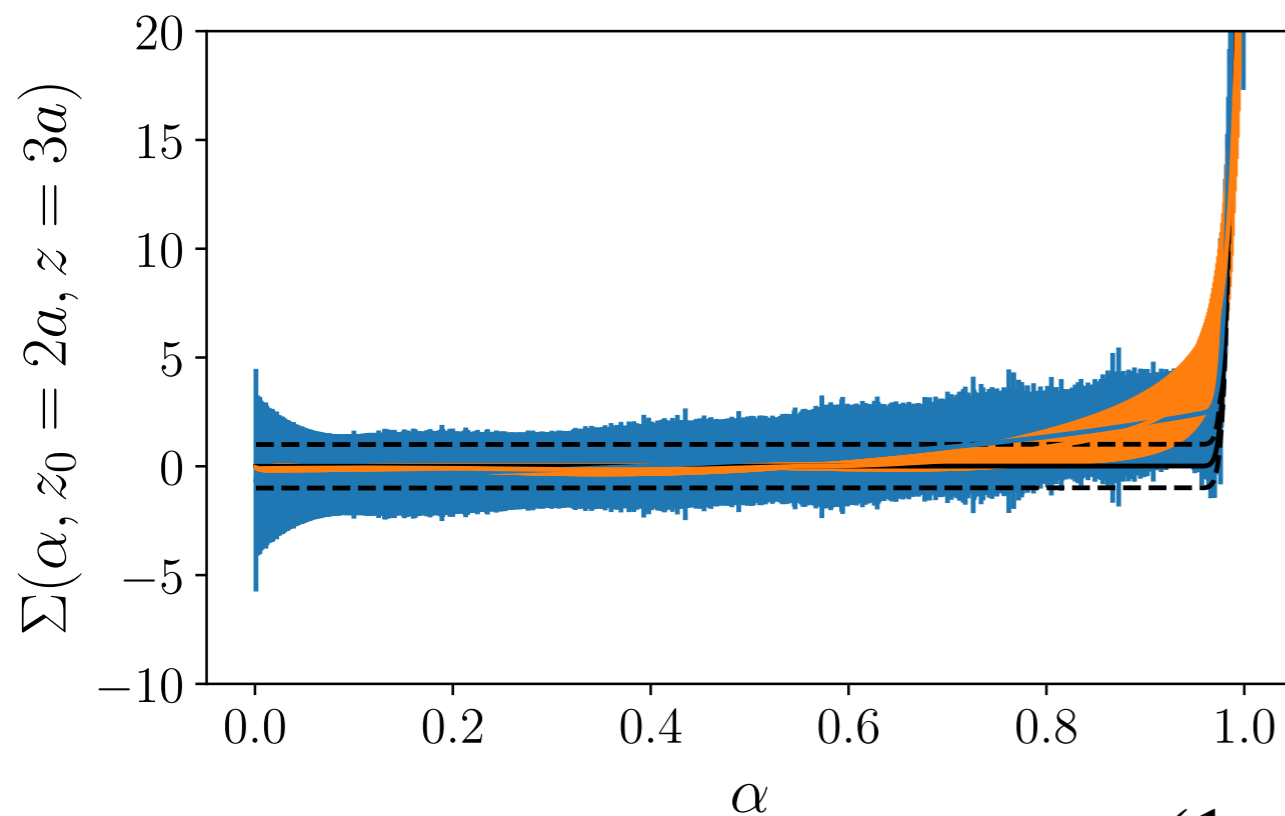
$$u = 1 \quad h(\alpha) = 0 \quad \sigma(\alpha) = 1$$

- Large errors from prior with no correlations at different α
Need for better choices

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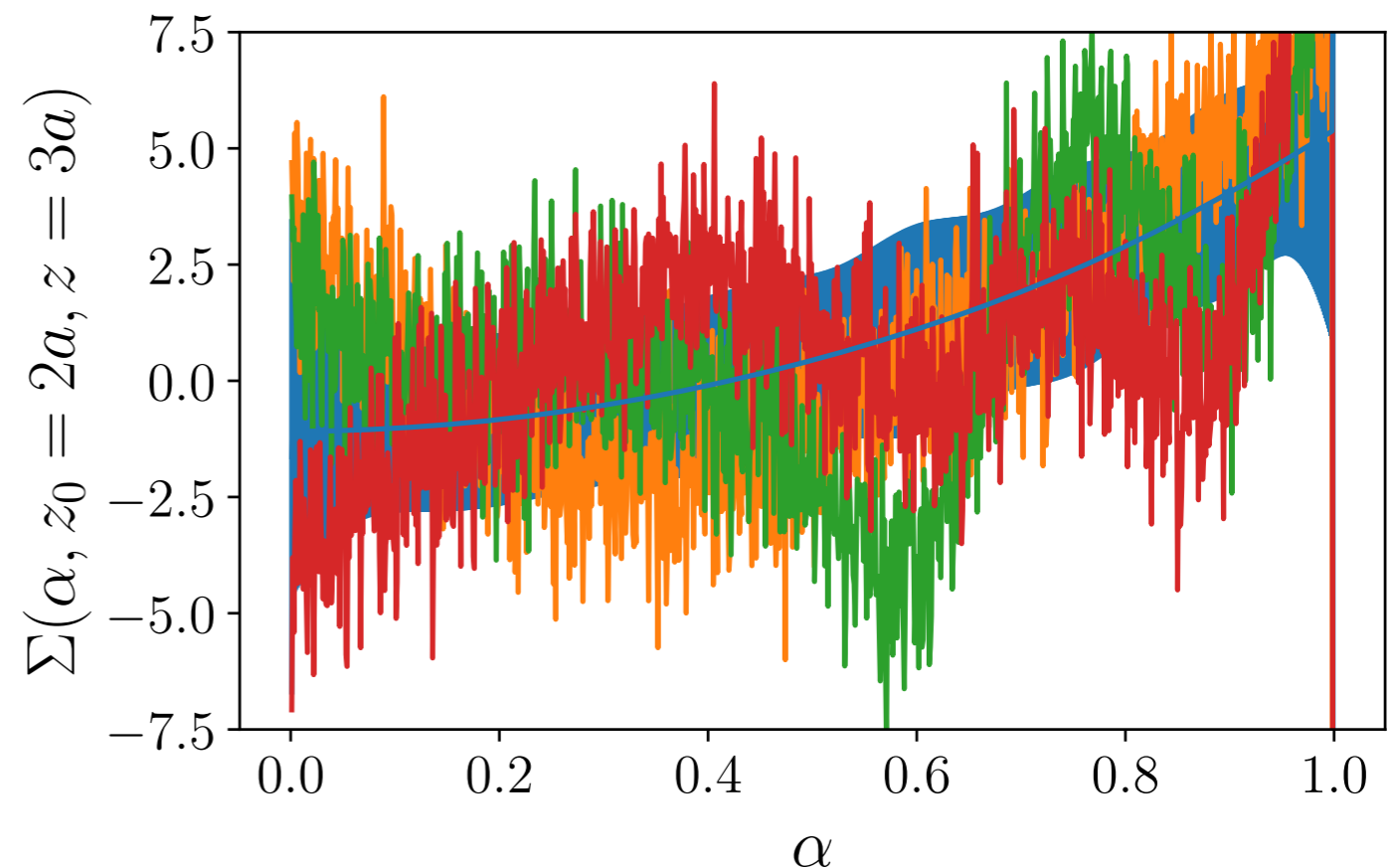
$$u = 1 \quad h(\alpha) = \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{w^2}\right) / (w\sqrt{2\pi}) \quad \sigma(\alpha) = 1$$

$$w = 0.01$$

“I’m sorry, Nature hates Wiggles”

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- Characteristic curves from fit
- QDR has no correlations between neighbors
- Need better priors!



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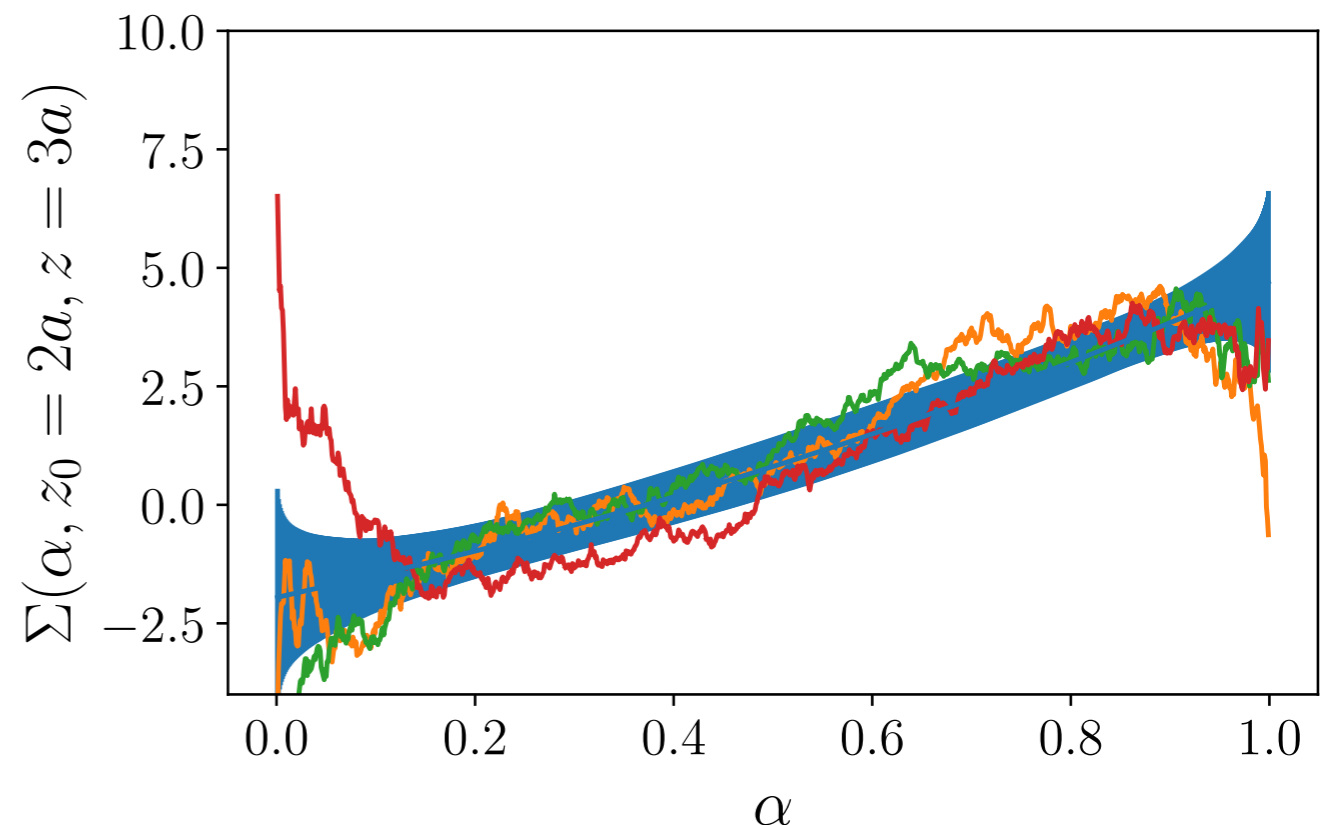
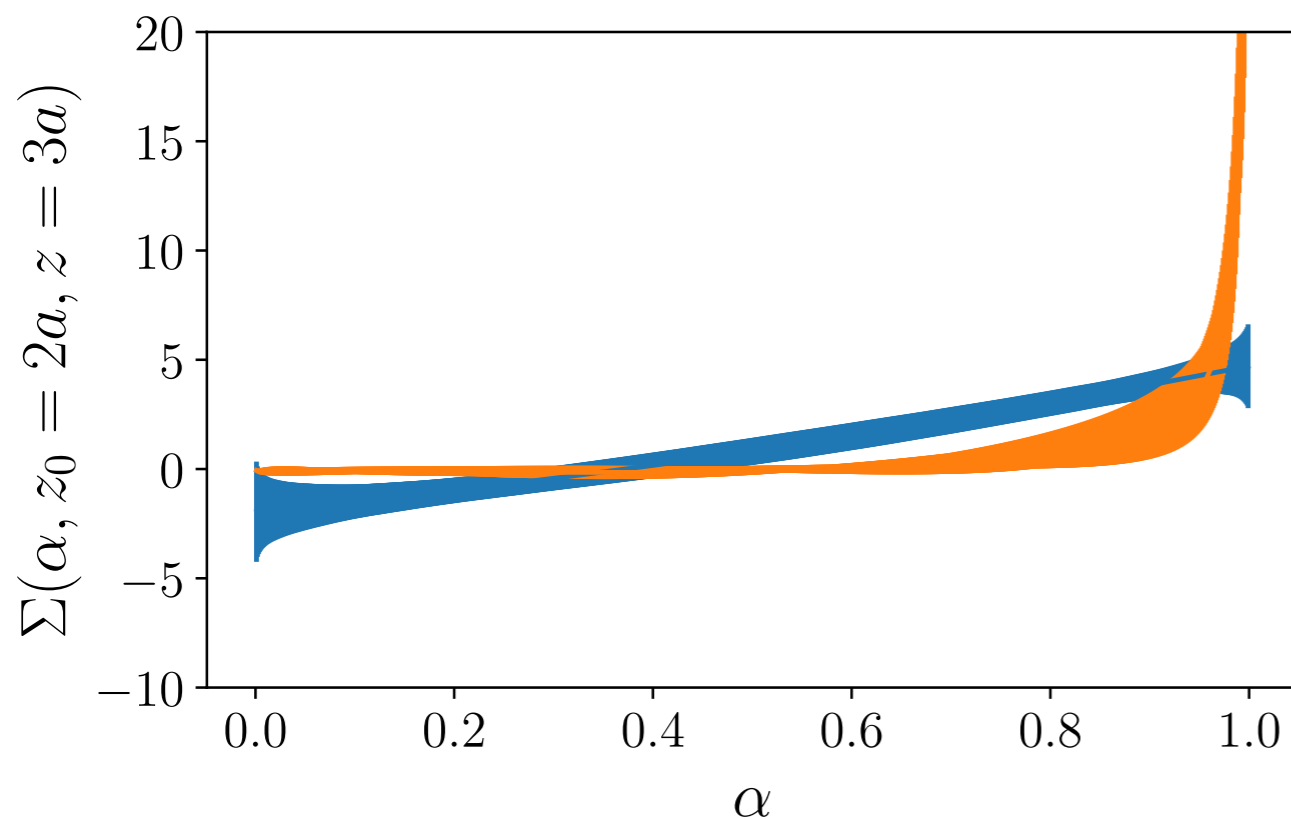
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- Use different priors to study model dependencies
- Can we remove the wiggles?

$$S(\Sigma) = u \int_0^1 d\alpha \alpha(1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \alpha} \right)^2$$

$u = 1$

- A smoothing prior
- Set u too large and it forces a flat result.
- Alternative to correlate α 's is to use Gaussian Processes



Conclusions

- Lattice matrix elements can be related to PDFs and their calculation have matured over the decade
- Scale dependence fundamental
- Non-perturbative PDF evolution can be determined from lattice data
- All lessons can be extended to TMDs and GPDs