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# Sketching the Parton Images of Light and Heavy Mesons

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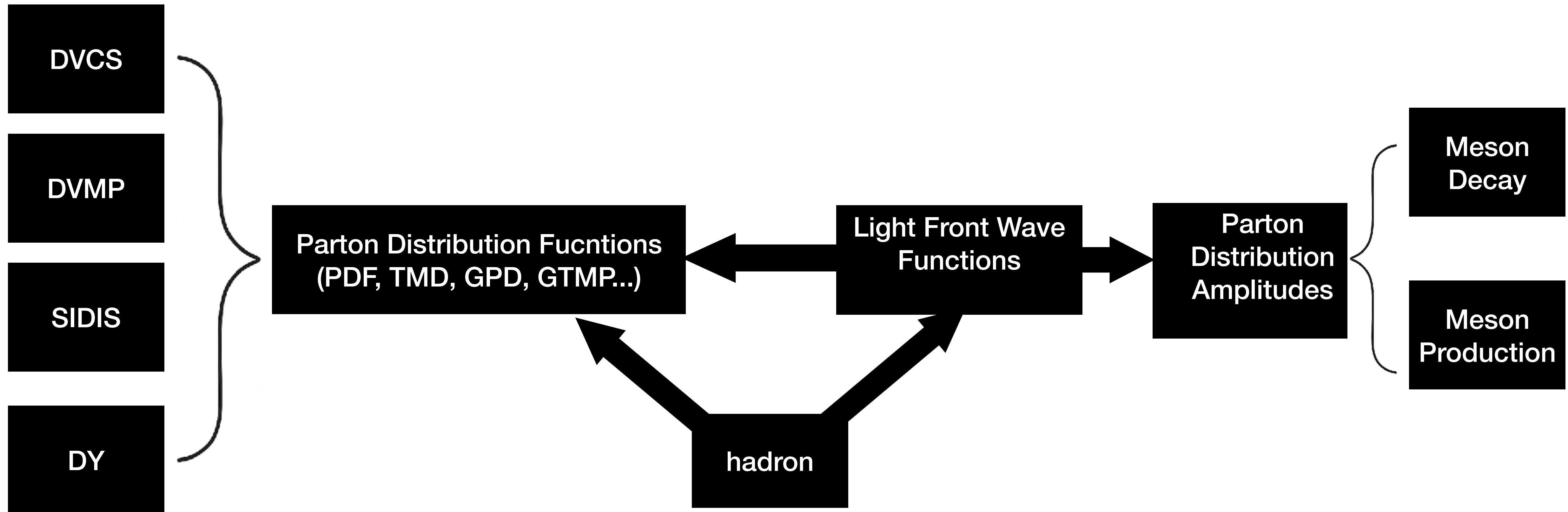
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# Parton image of hadrons





# Light-Front Wave Functions

$$|M\rangle = \phi_2 |q\bar{q}\rangle + \phi_3 |q\bar{q}g\rangle + \phi_4 |q\bar{q}gg\rangle + \dots$$

$$|M\rangle = \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{dx}{2\sqrt{x\bar{x}}} \frac{\delta_{ij}}{\sqrt{3}} \underbrace{\Phi_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}(x, \mathbf{k}_T)}_{q\bar{q}\text{-Light-Front Wave Function}} b_{f, \lambda_1, i}^\dagger(x, \mathbf{k}_T) d_{h, \lambda_2, j}^\dagger(\bar{x}, \bar{\mathbf{k}}_T) |0\rangle + \phi_3 |q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

$q\bar{q}$ -Light-Front Wave Function

- LFWFs are essentially **transition amplitudes** in the language of relativistic QFT.
- LFWFs encode **complete parton** information of hadrons.
- The convergence of Fock-state expansion **can be slow**, especially for light hadrons.
- The  $q\bar{q}$ -LFWFs provide **dominant contribution** in exclusive meson production/decay
- The  $q\bar{q}$ -LFWFs are useful in **sketching parton images** of mesons.
- LFWFs can be obtained by diagonalizing **light front Hamiltonian**, with **complexities from higher Fock-states**.

# A new formula to obtain $q\bar{q}$ -LFWFs

**Bethe-Salpeter wave function**

$$\phi_i(x, \vec{k}_T) \sim \int dk^- dk^+ \delta(xP^+ - k^+) \text{Tr}[\Gamma_i \chi(k, P)]$$

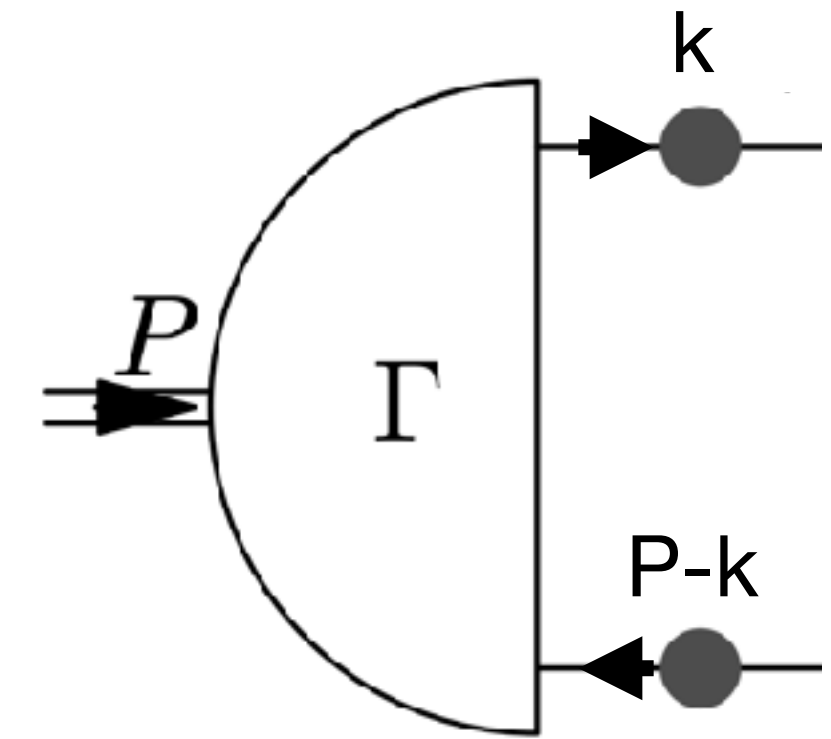
**LFWF**

**spin configurations**

**set**  $k^+ = xP^+$

**Setting light front time**  $\xi^+ = 0$

(C.S., Y. Xie, M Li, X. Chen, et al, PRD(L) 2021)



- LFWFs and BS WFs are both transition amplitudes, hence the connection can be built.
- $q\bar{q}$  LFWFs from **various kinds of hadrons/particles** can be extracted.
- $q\bar{q}$  LFWFs with **all possible quark spin configurations** can be extracted.
- **$q\bar{q}$  LFWFs** can be extracted from many Fock-states embedded.

$$|h\rangle = \phi_2 |q\bar{q}\rangle + \phi_3 |q\bar{q}g\rangle + \phi_4 |q\bar{q}gg\rangle \dots$$

# Bethe-Salpeter Wave Function From DSE

- The Bethe-Salpter wave function is solved by aligning quark gap equation and meson BS equation, incorporating **nonperturbative quark-gluon dynamics**.

**Quark DSE:**

**Meson BSE:**

Unbroken Symmetry

Broken Symmetry

- QCD's dynamical chiral symmetry breaking.

$$SU_V(3) \otimes \cancel{SU_A(3)}$$

- A broken symmetry  $\neq$  Absence of a symmetry.



- DCSB has consequences in BS wave functions. Truncate the DSEs wisely!

$$f_\pi E_\pi(k; 0) = B(k^2) \quad (\text{P. Maris, C.D. Roberts and P. C. Tandy, PLB1998})$$



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# Light and Heavy $0^-$ Mesons

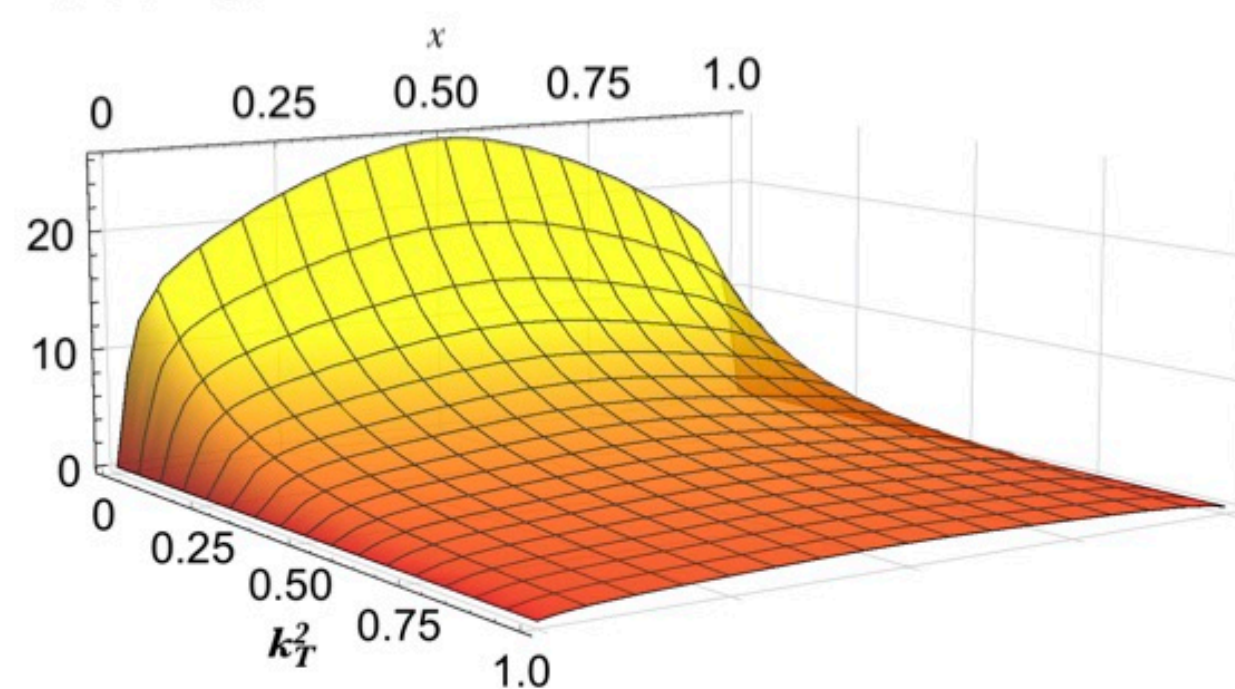
$$\Lambda = \lambda + \lambda' + L_z$$

s-wave  $|L_z| = 0$

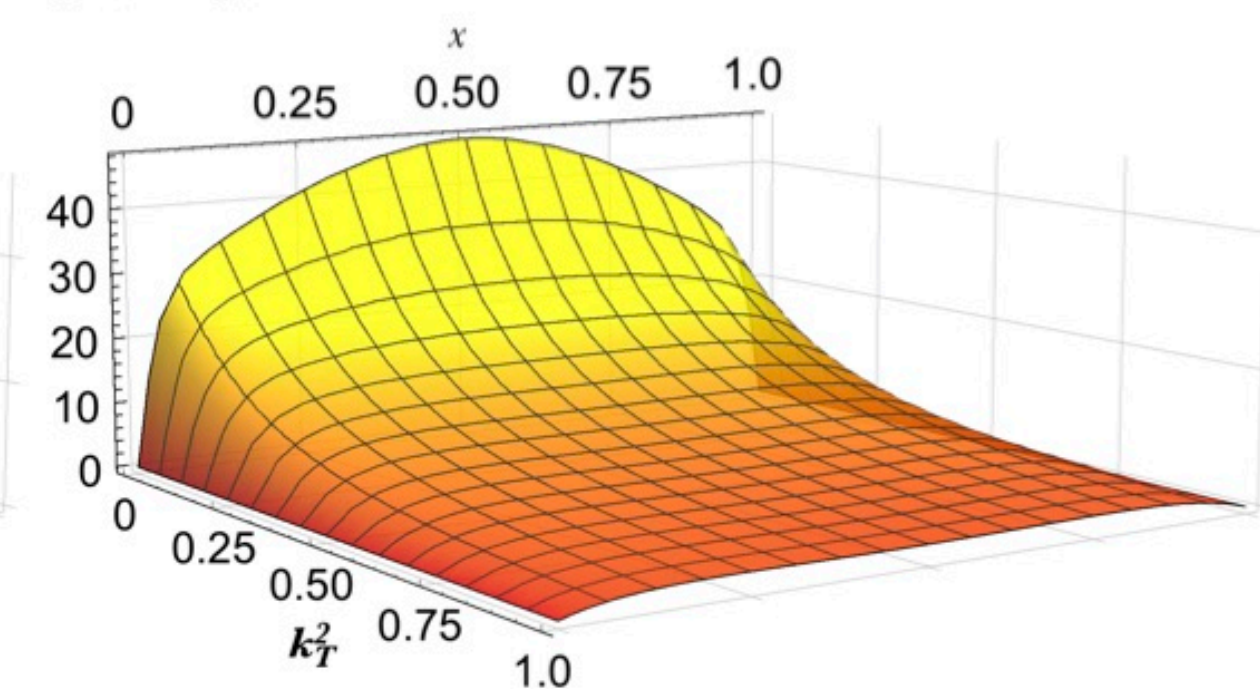
p-wave  $|L_z| = 1$

$\pi$

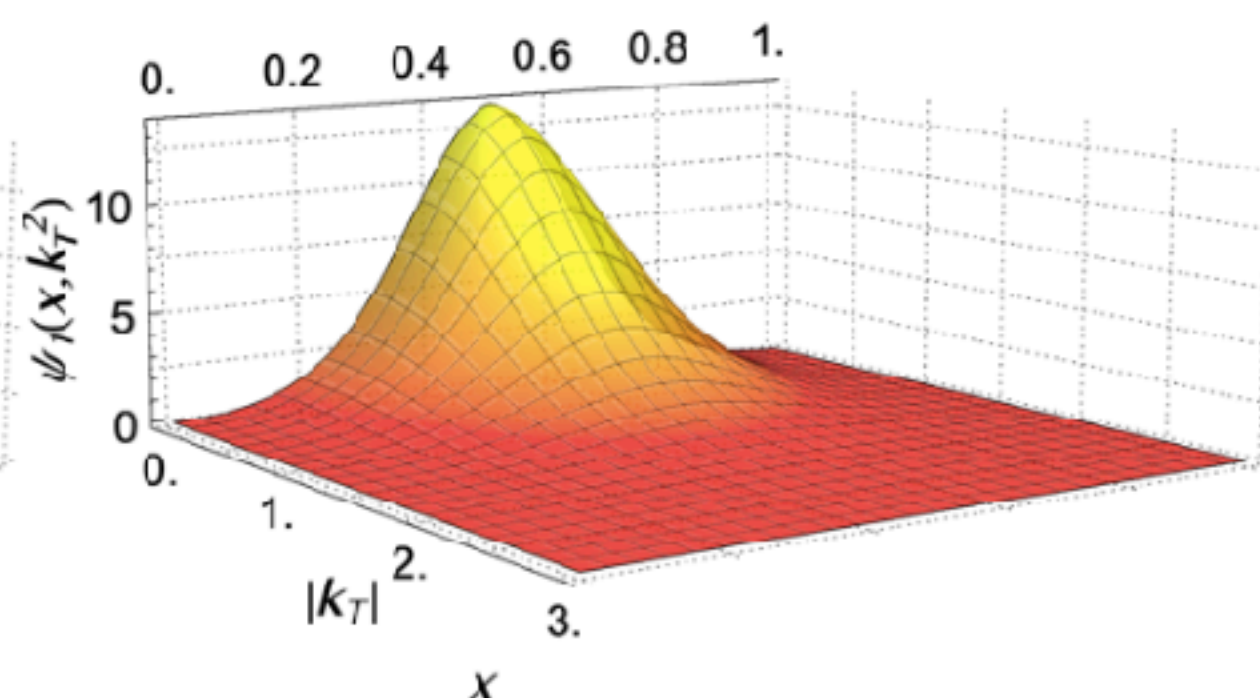
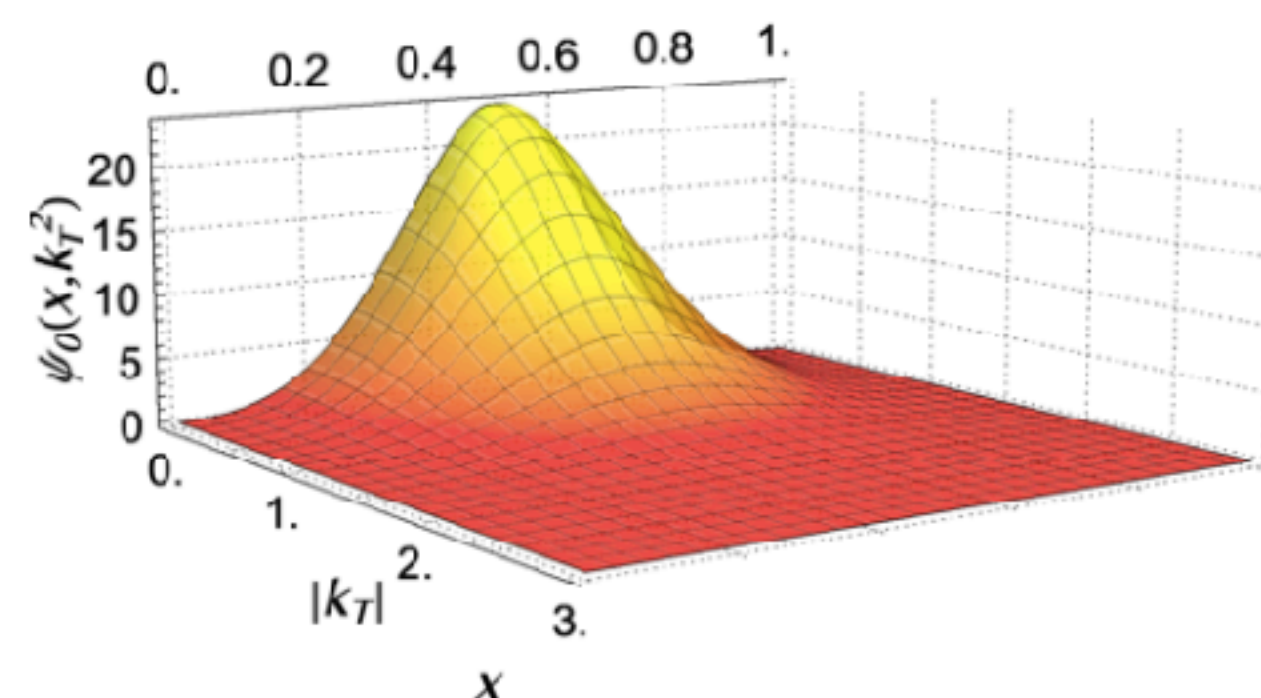
$\psi_0(x, k_T^2)$



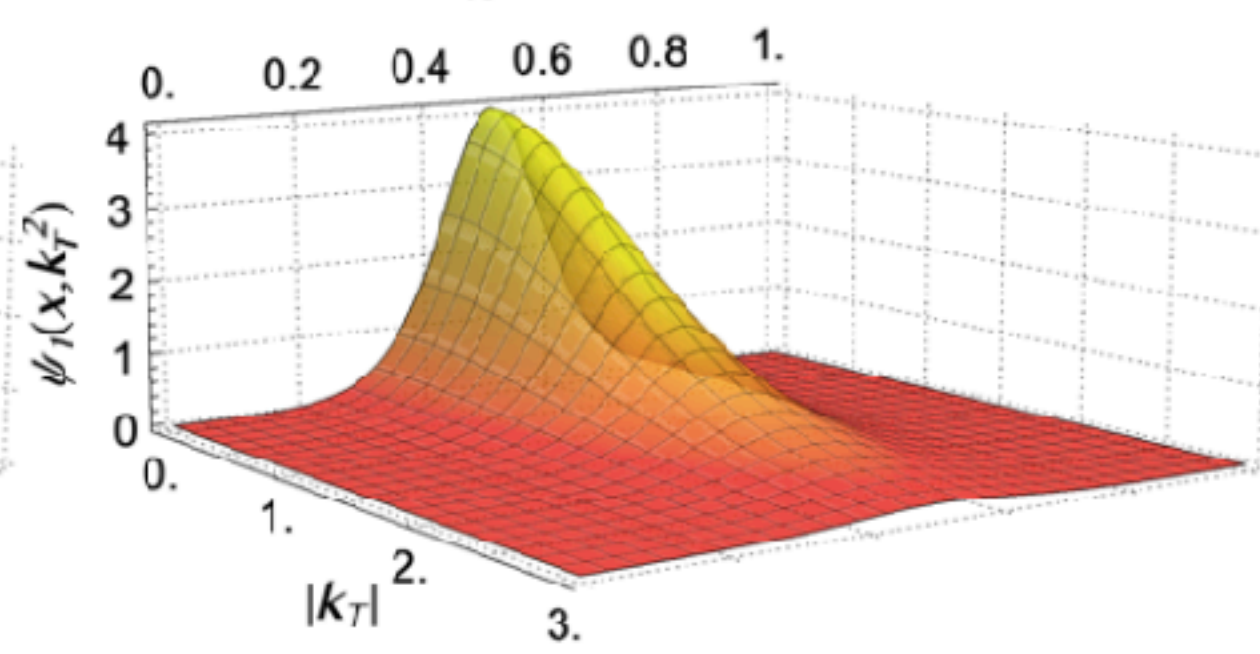
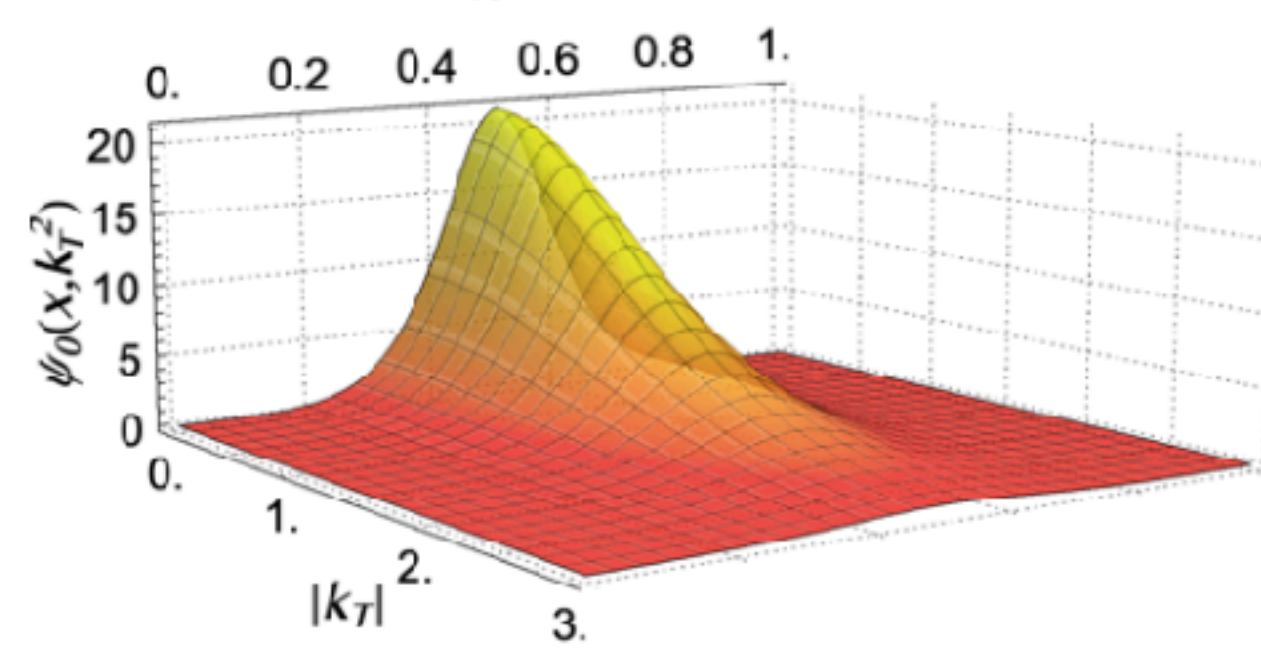
$-\psi_1(x, k_T^2)$



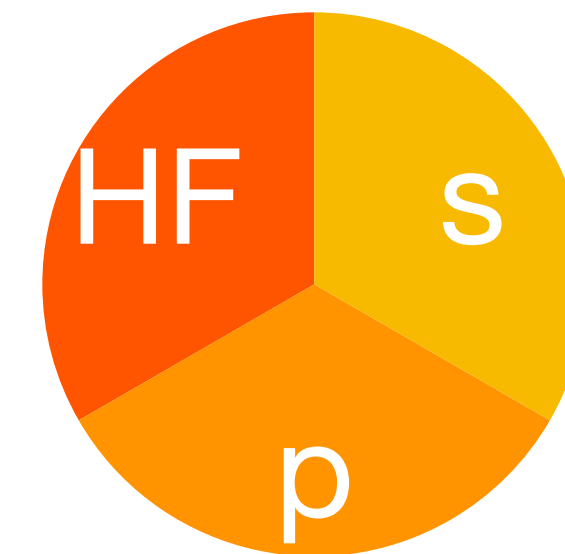
$\eta_c$



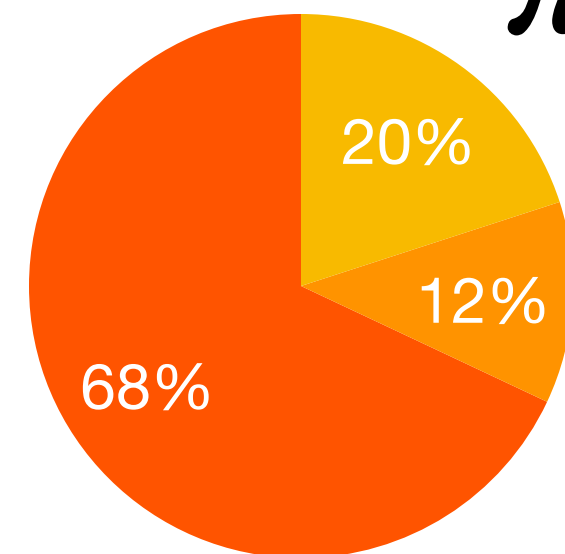
$\eta_b$



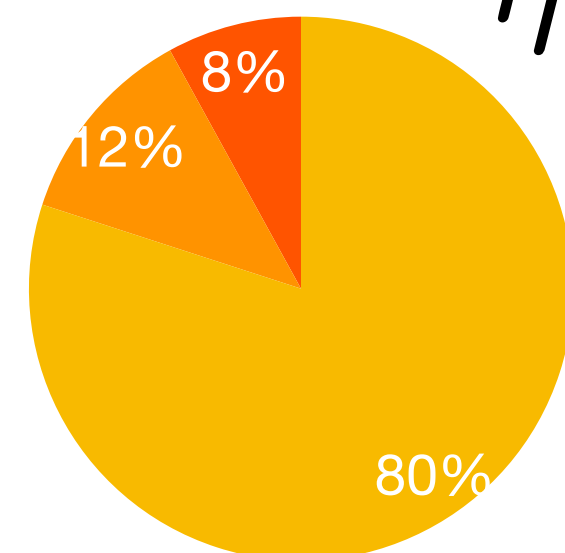
HF=Higher Fock states



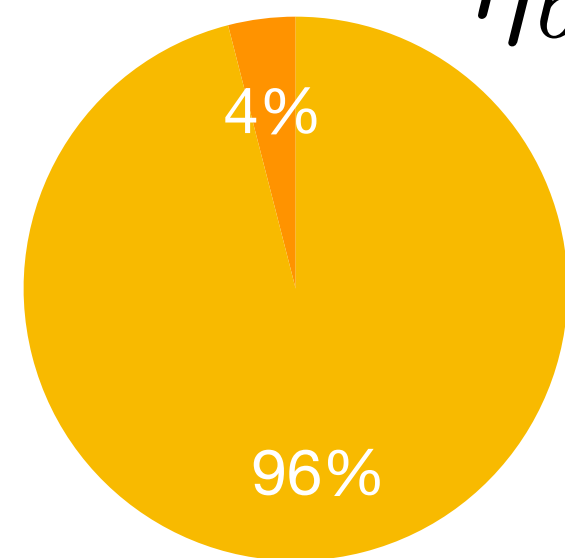
$\pi$



$\eta_c$



$\eta_b$



- $\Phi_{\lambda, \lambda'}^{\Lambda}(x, \vec{k}_T)$

- p-wave components exists due to relativity.

- A strong indication of considerable higher Fock-states in light mesons.

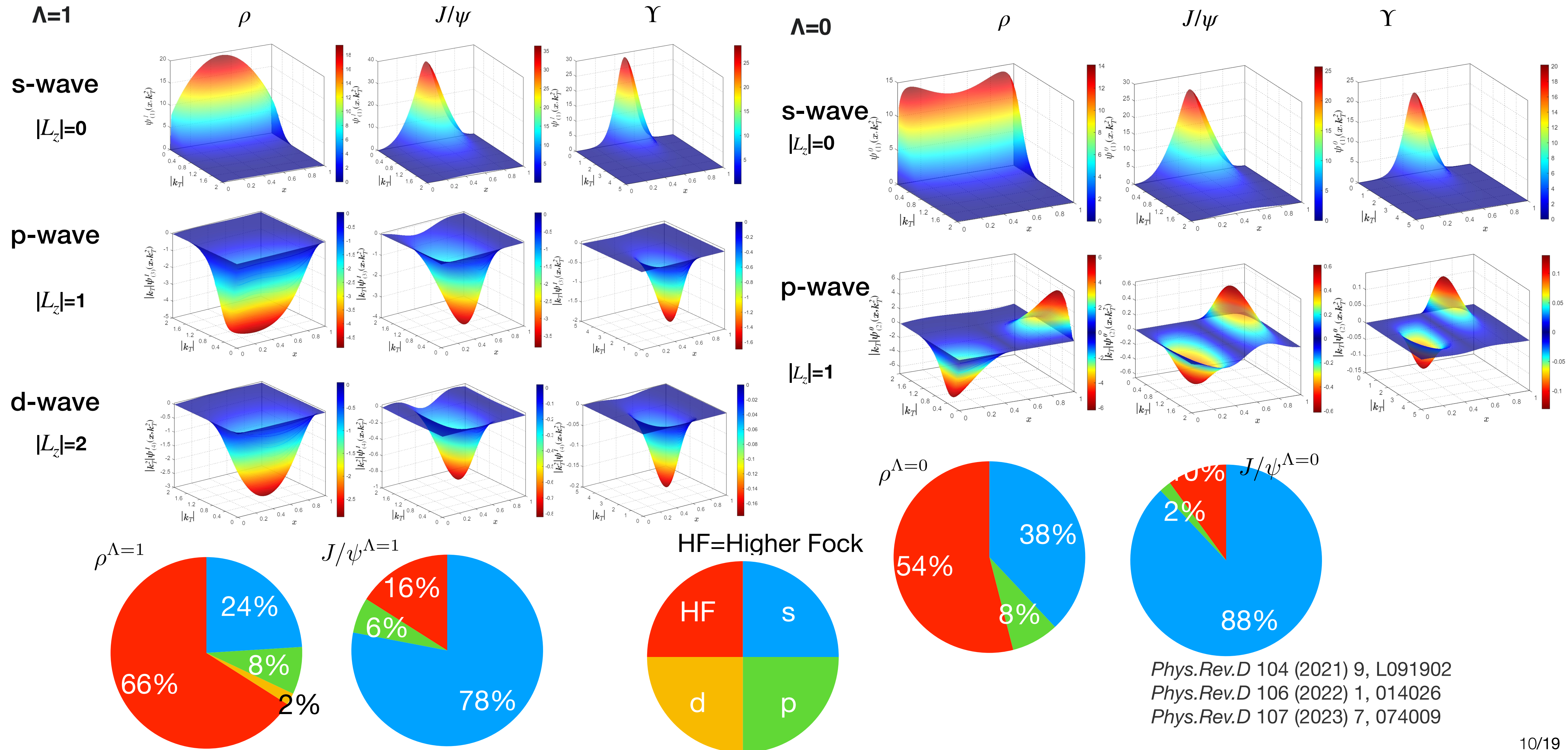
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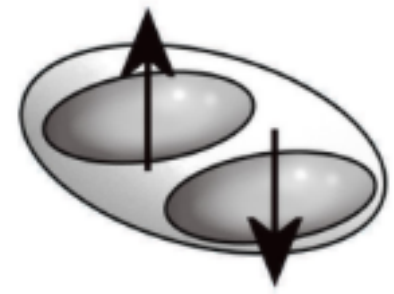


# Light and Heavy $1^+$ Mesons





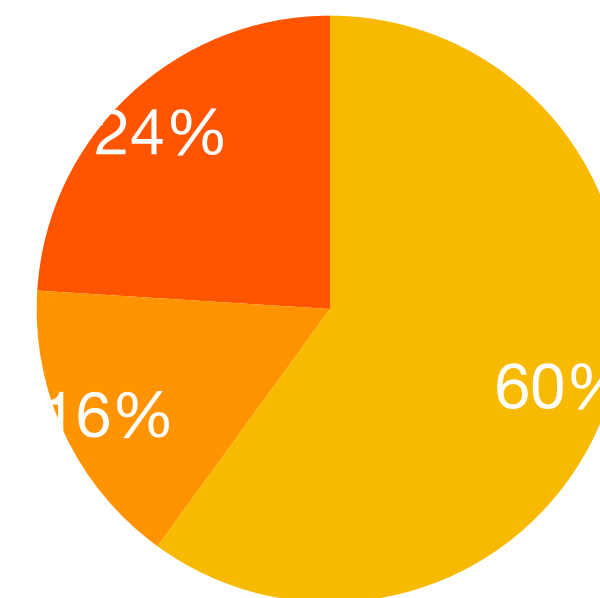
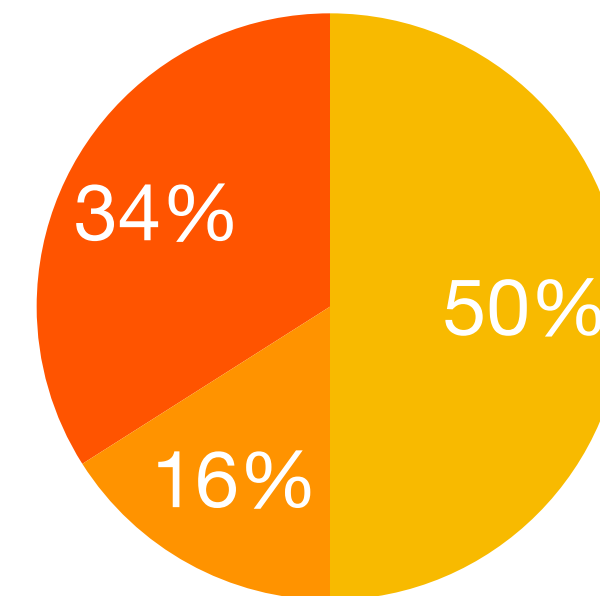
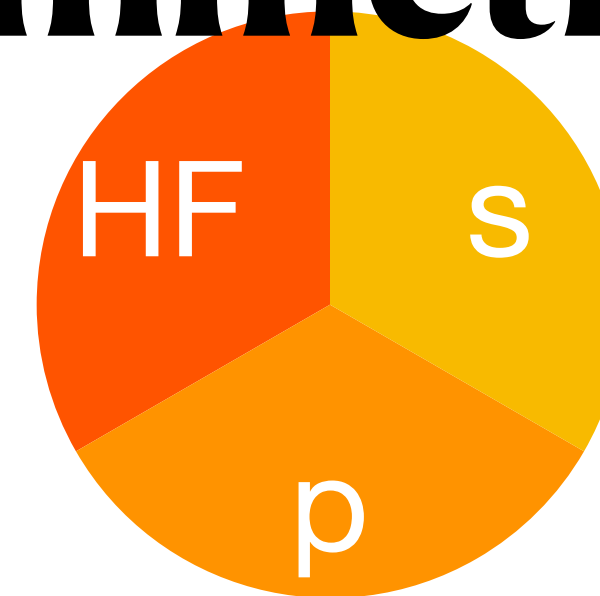
# LFWFs of $0^-$ heavy flavor asymmetric Meson



s-wave



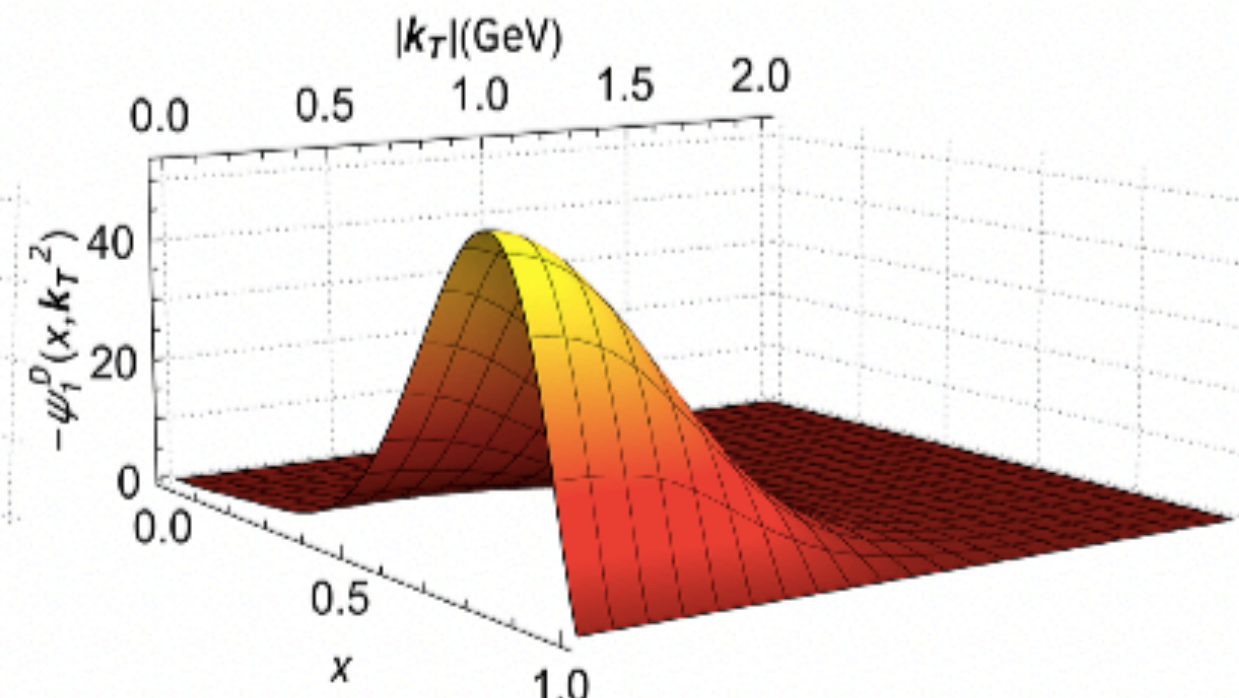
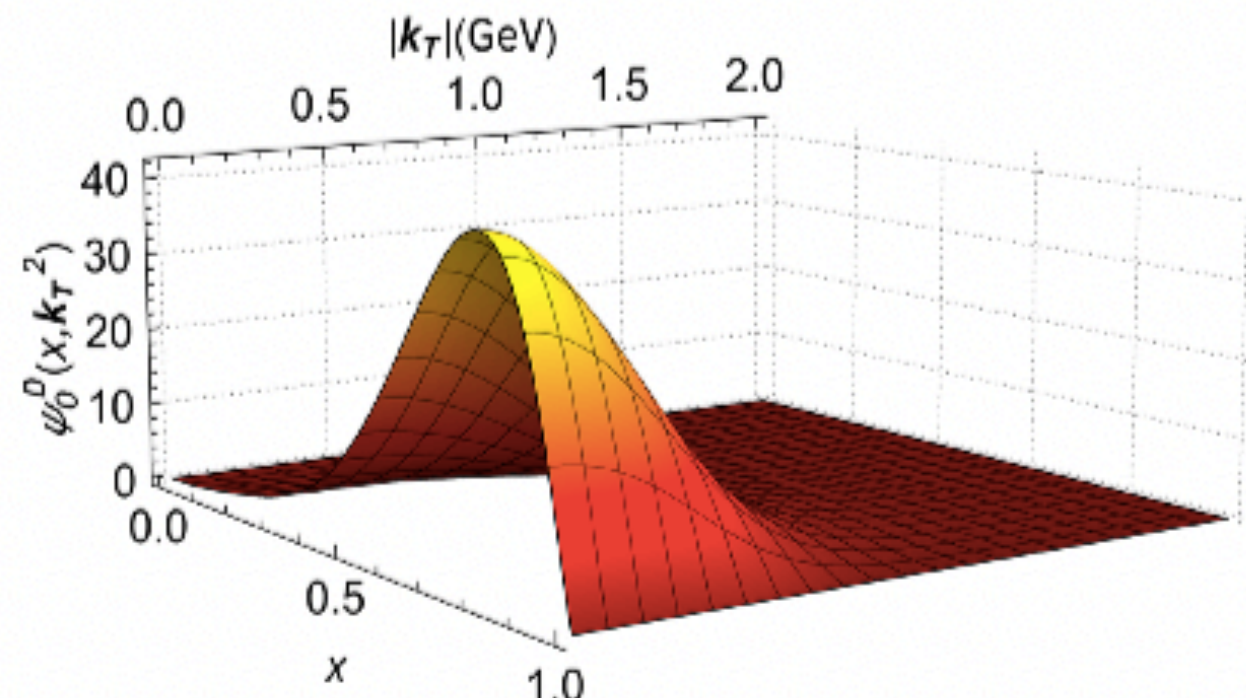
p-wave



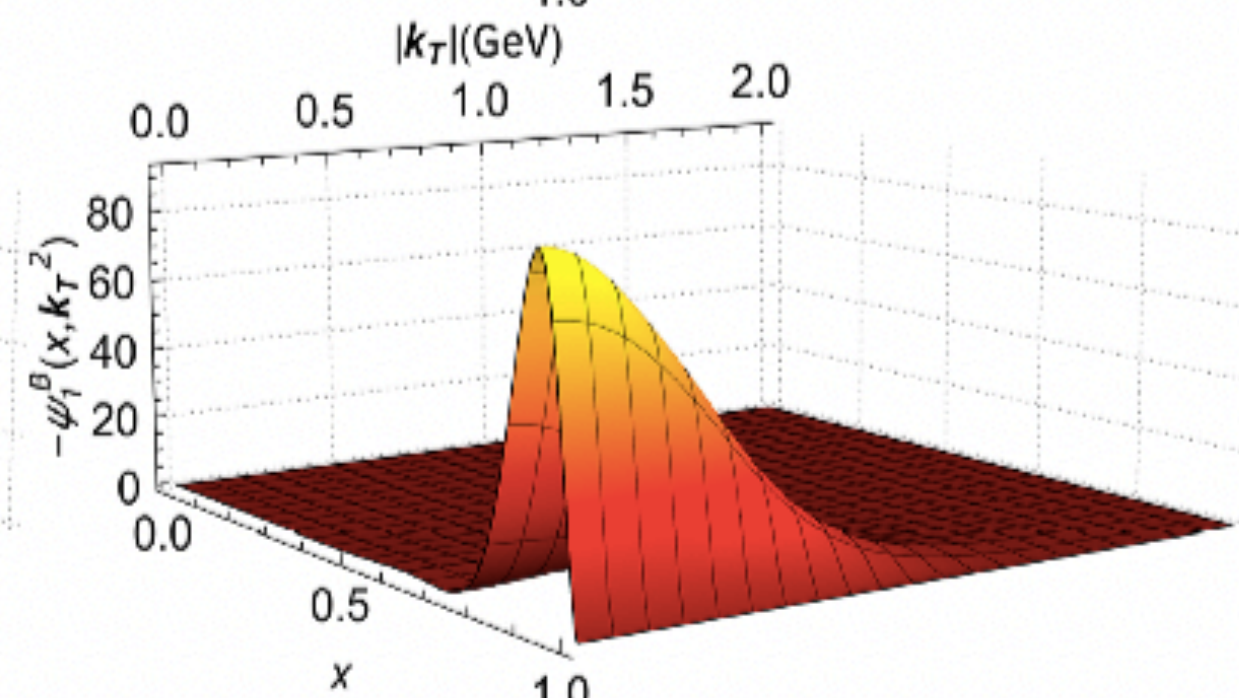
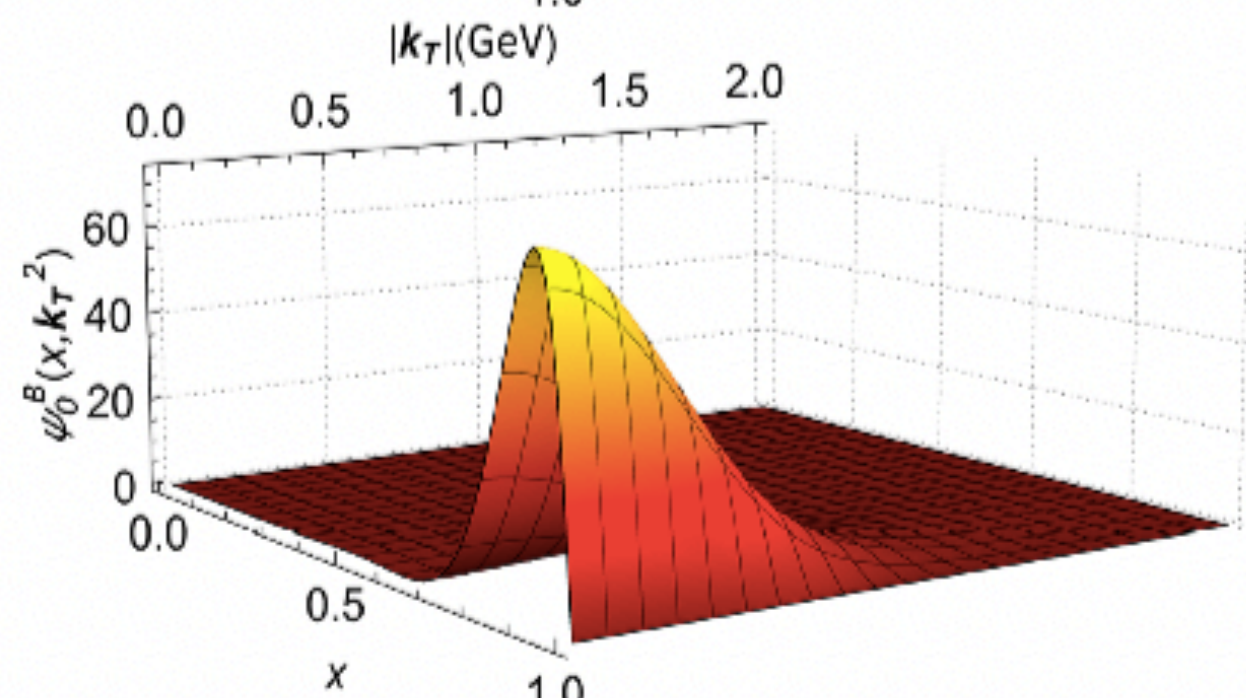
- Narrow x-distribution
- Narrow  $k_T$ -distribution
- Exhibiting a **duality** embodying characteristics from both light mesons and heavy quarkonium.

CS, P Liu, Y Du and W Jia,  
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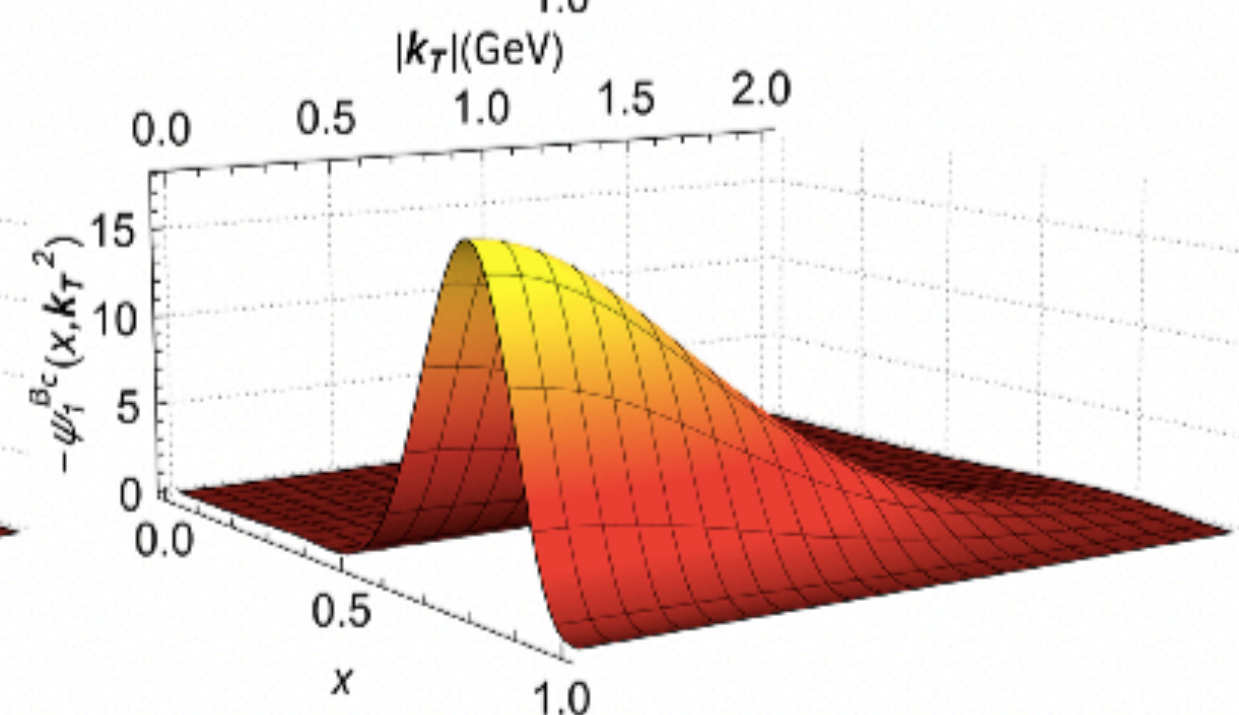
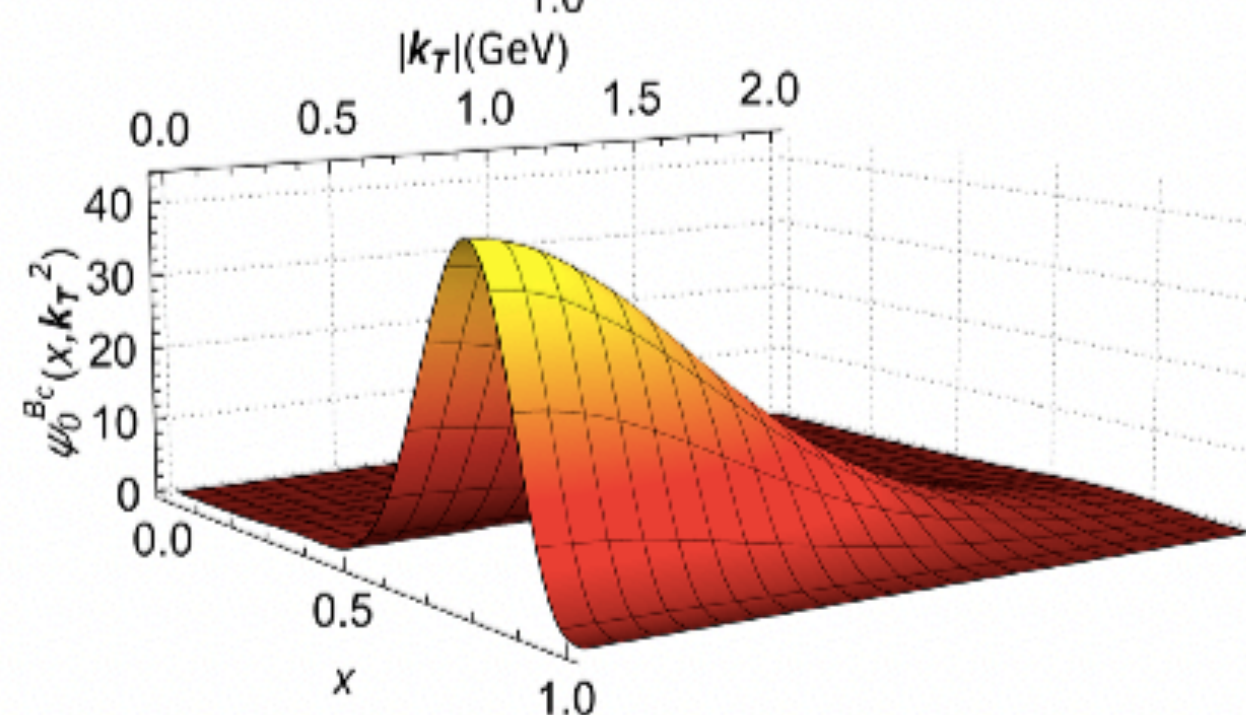
$D$



$B$



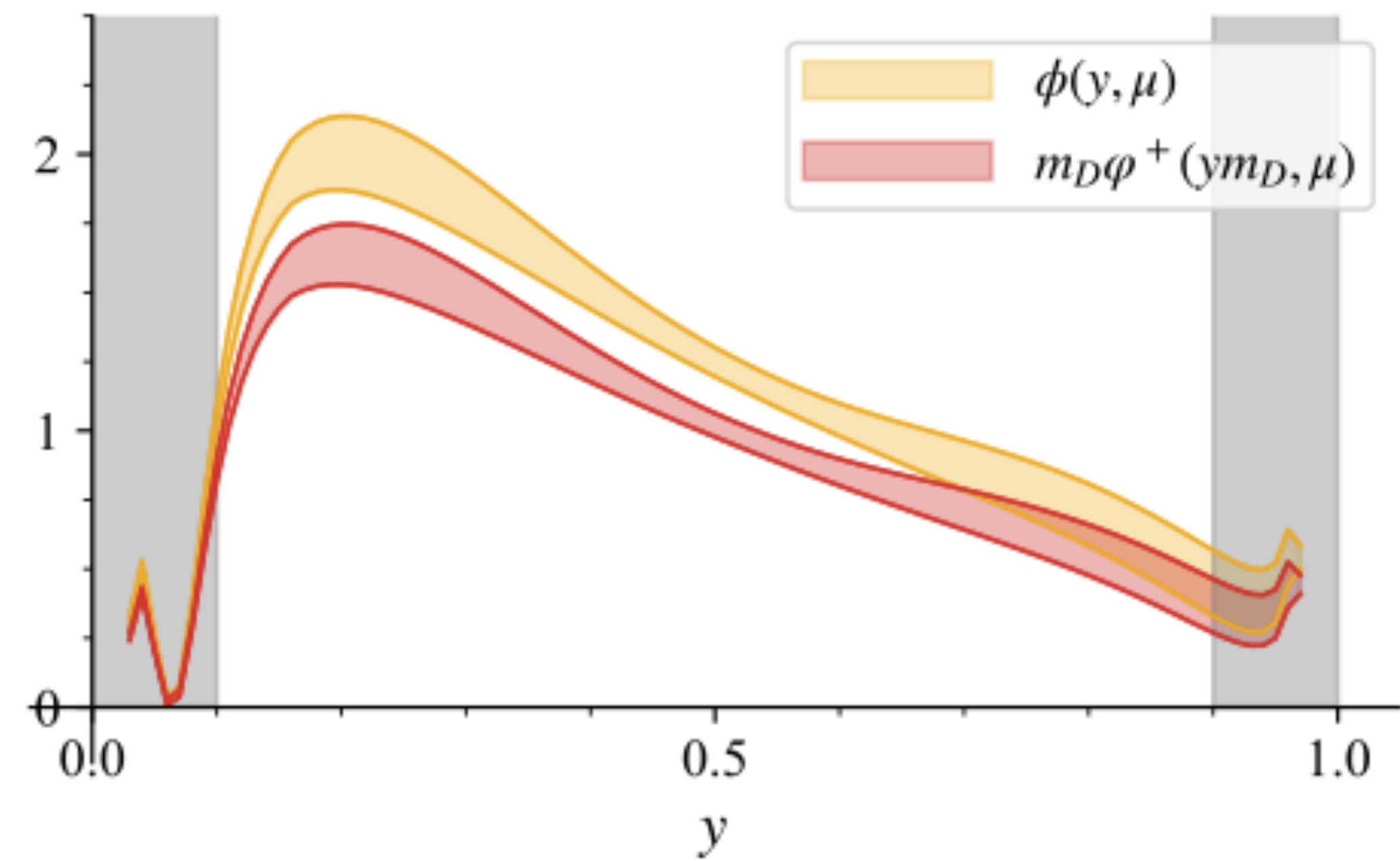
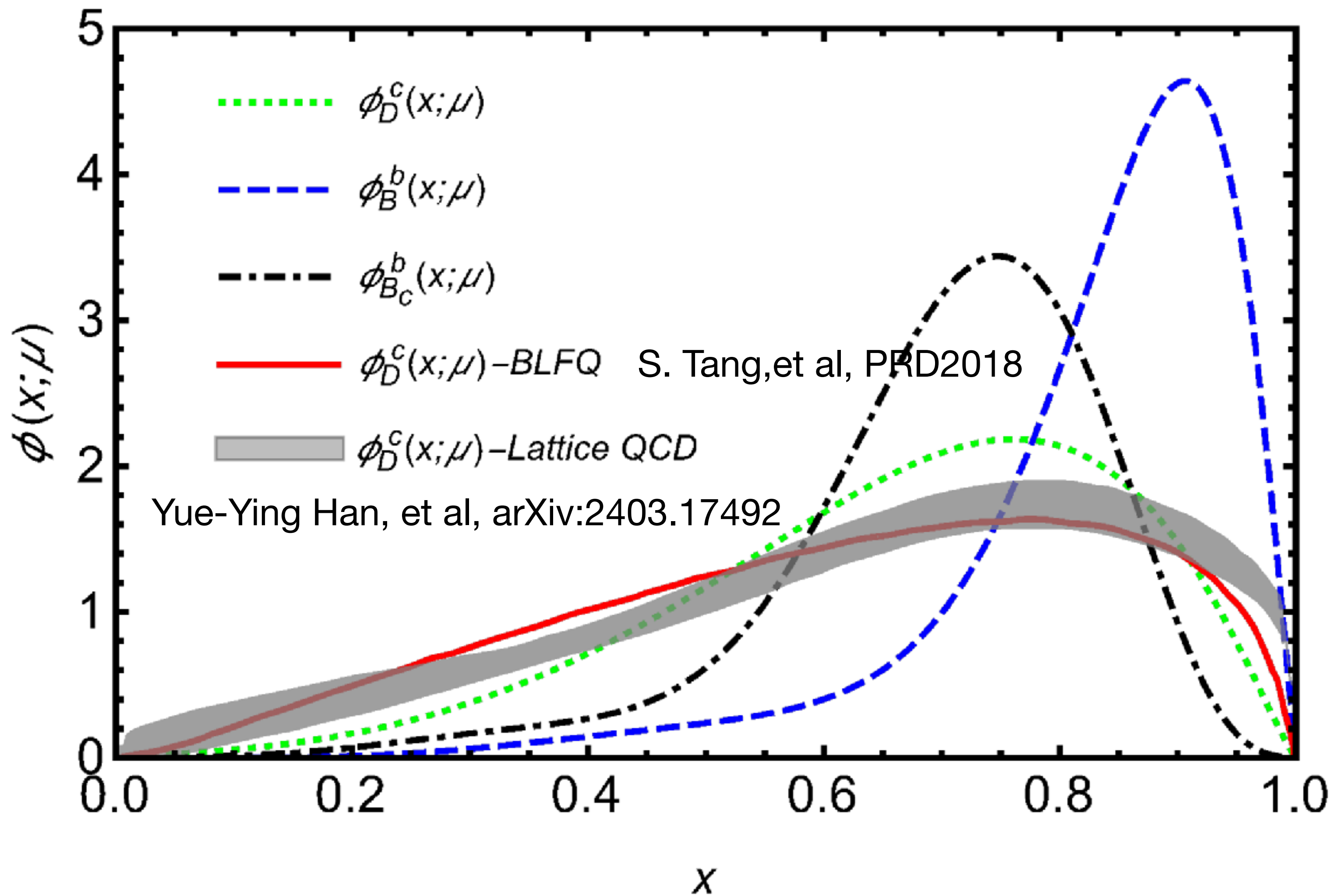
$B_c$





# Parton Distribution Amplitude

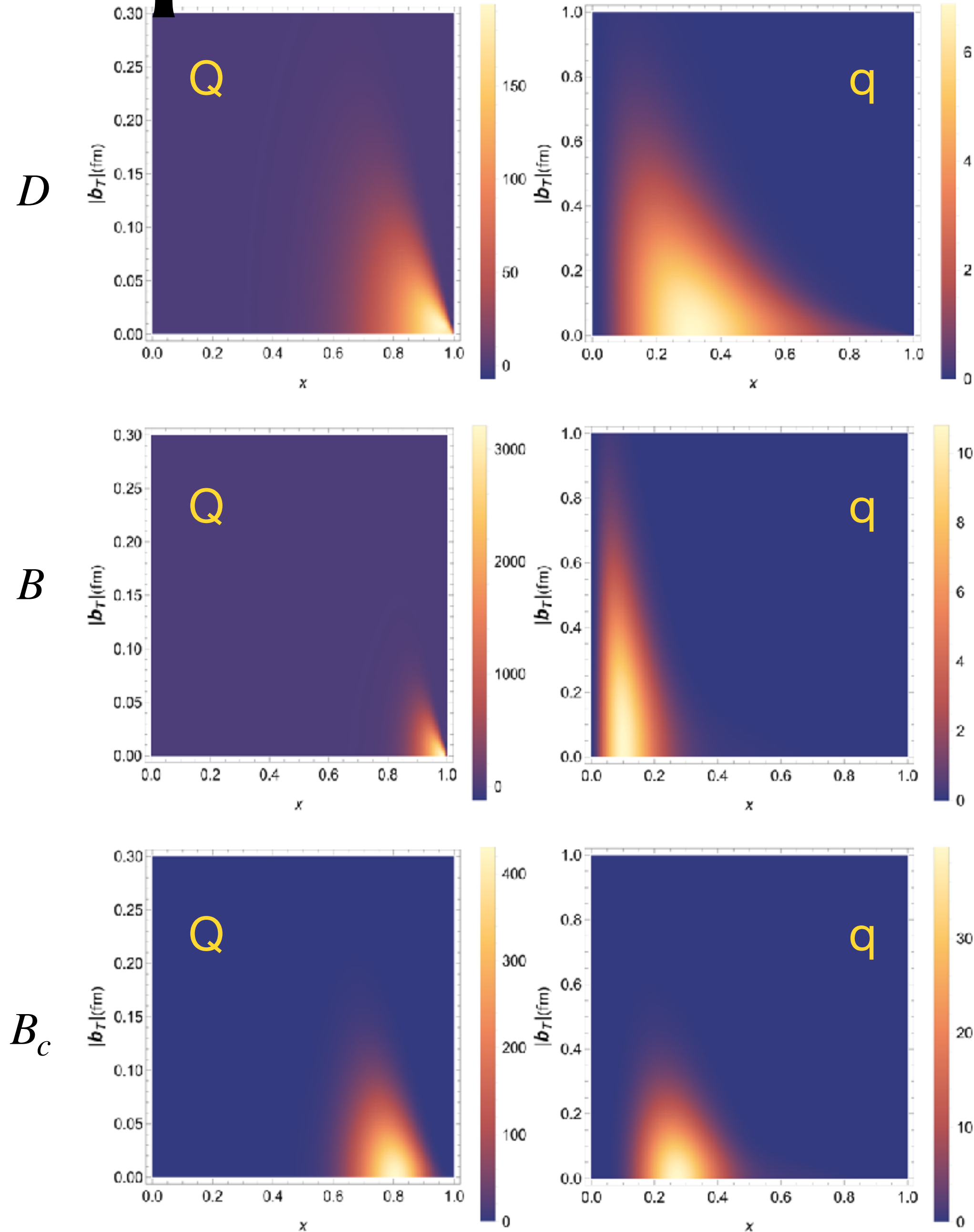
$$\phi(x, Q^2) = \int^{Q^2} dk_T^2 \psi_0(x, k_T^2)$$



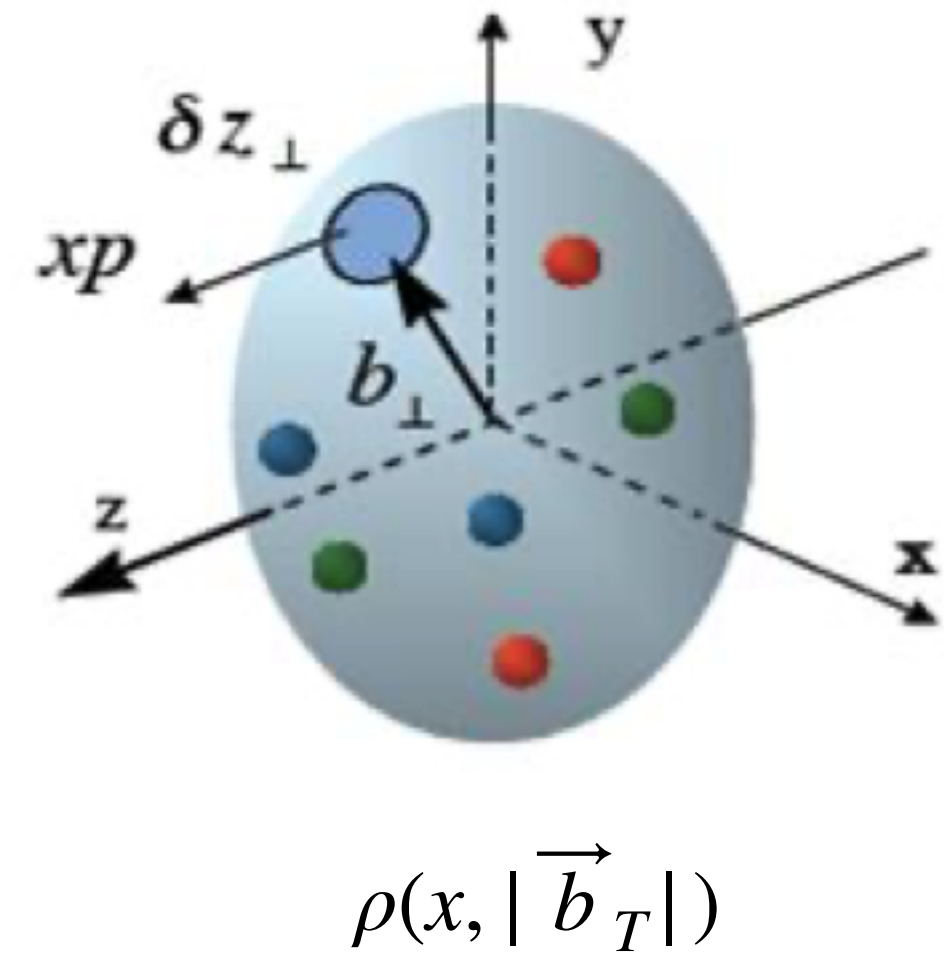
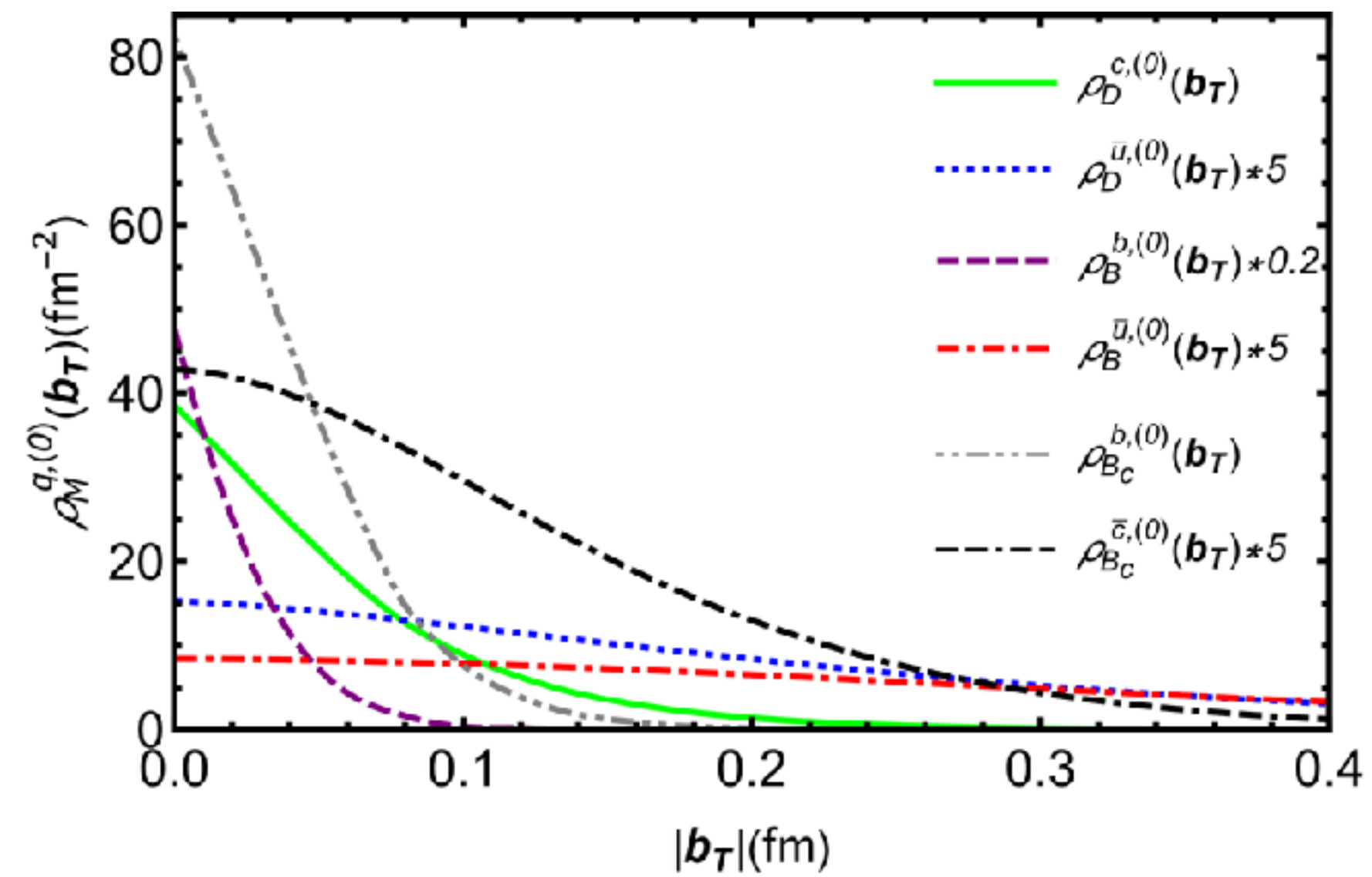
Lattice Parton Collaboration :arXiv:2410.18654



# Impact Parameter Dependent GPD

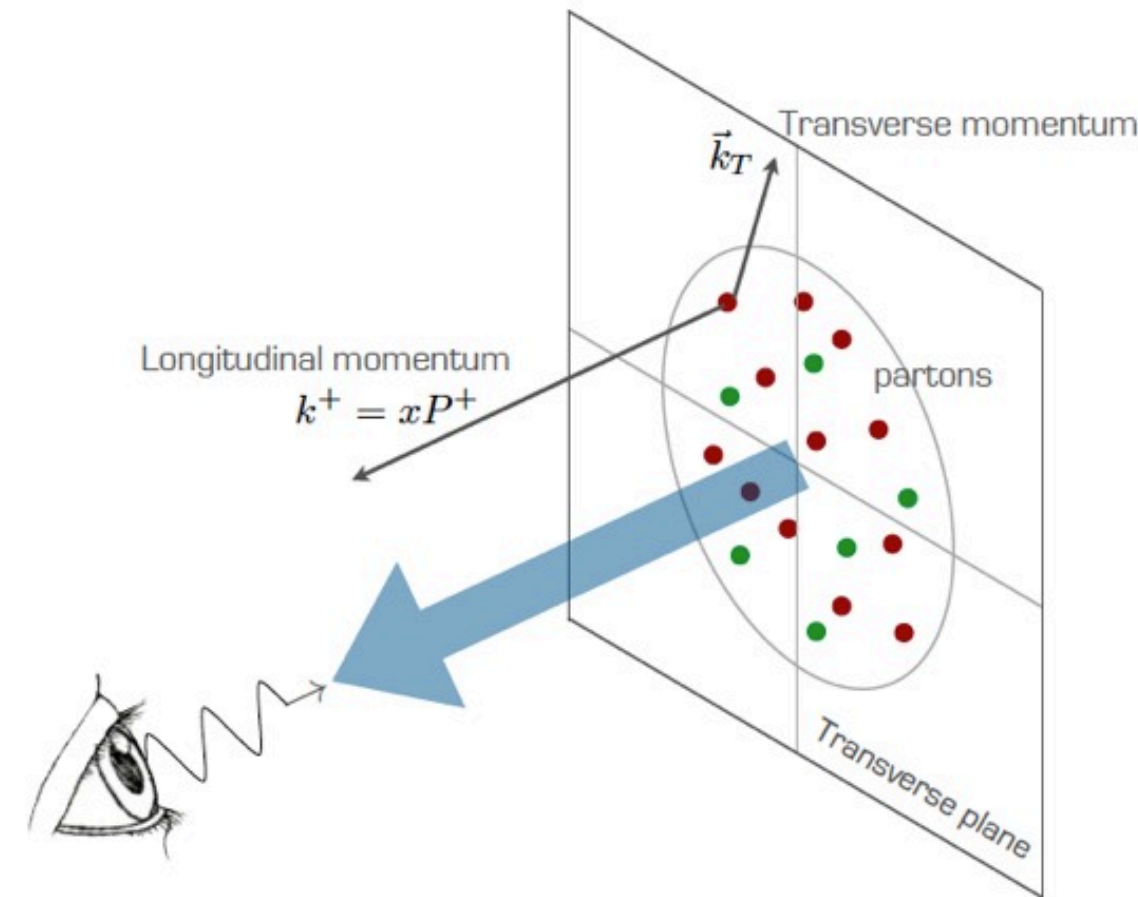


$$\rho_M^{q,(0)}(\mathbf{b}_T) = \int_0^1 dx \rho_M^q(x, \mathbf{b}_T^2)$$

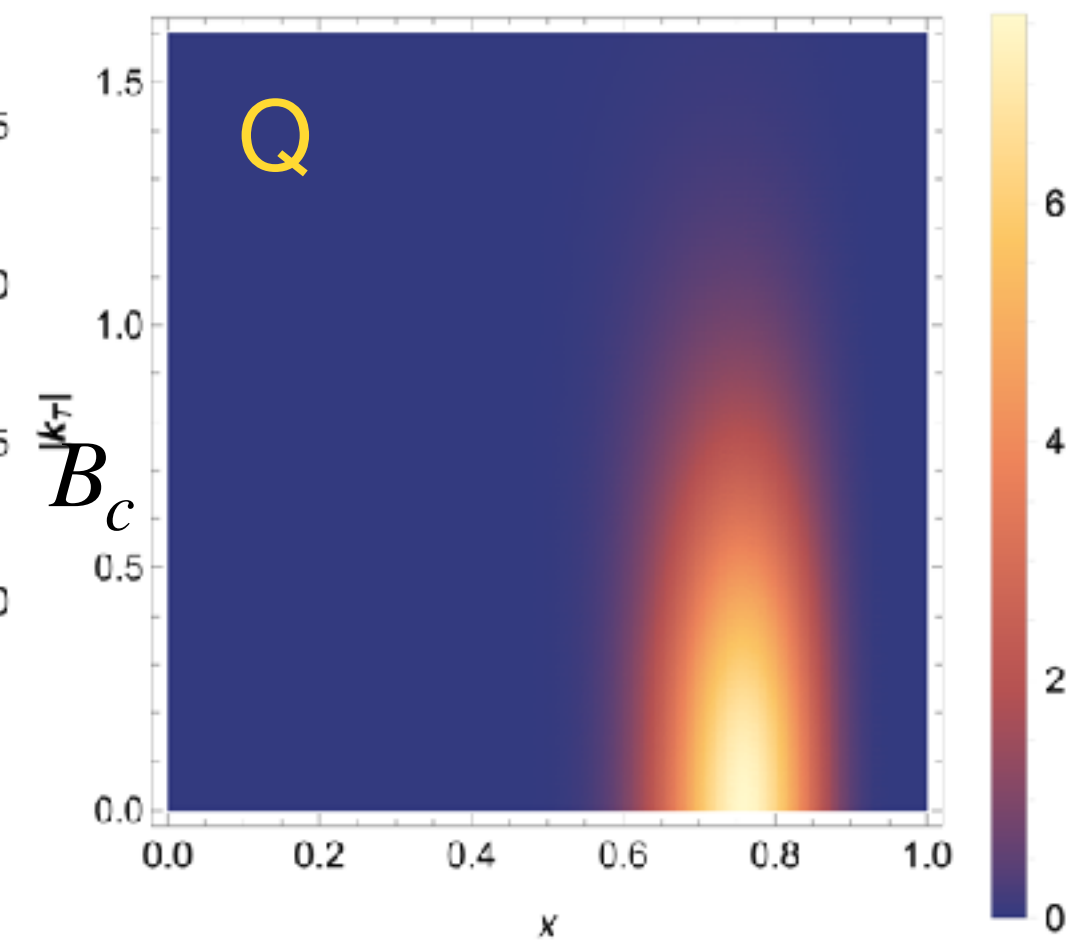
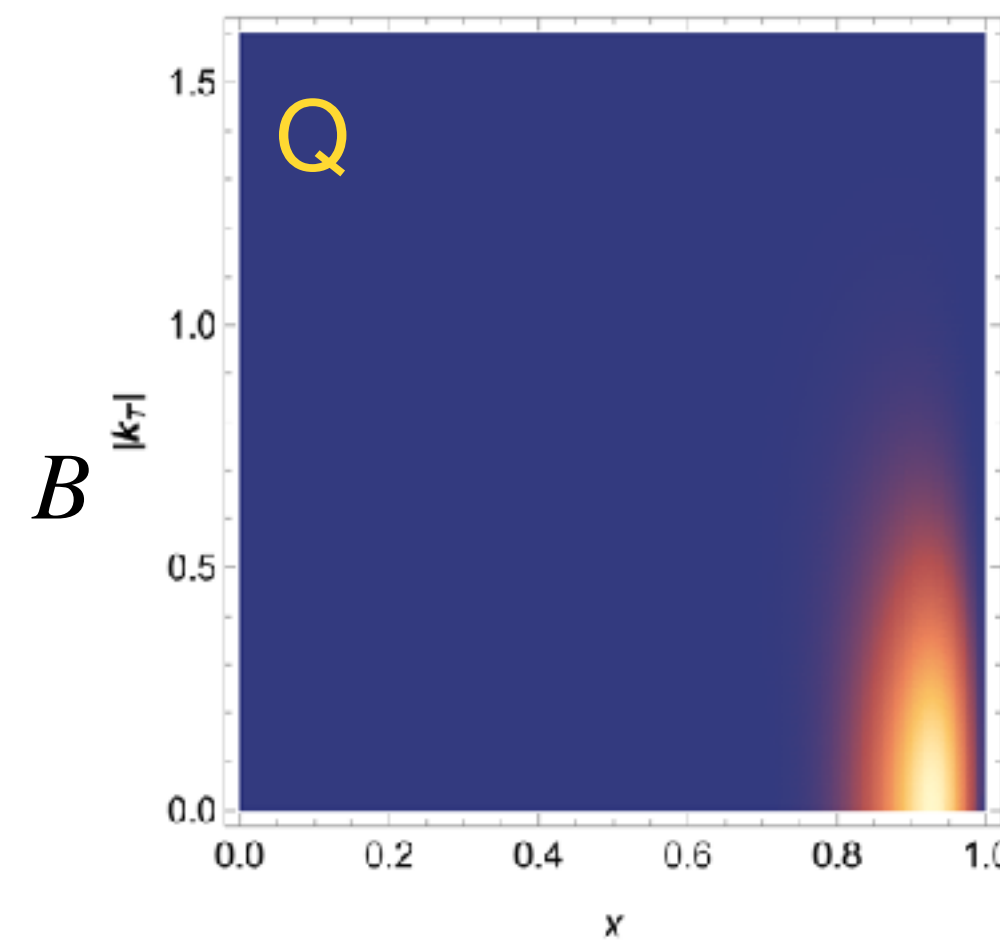
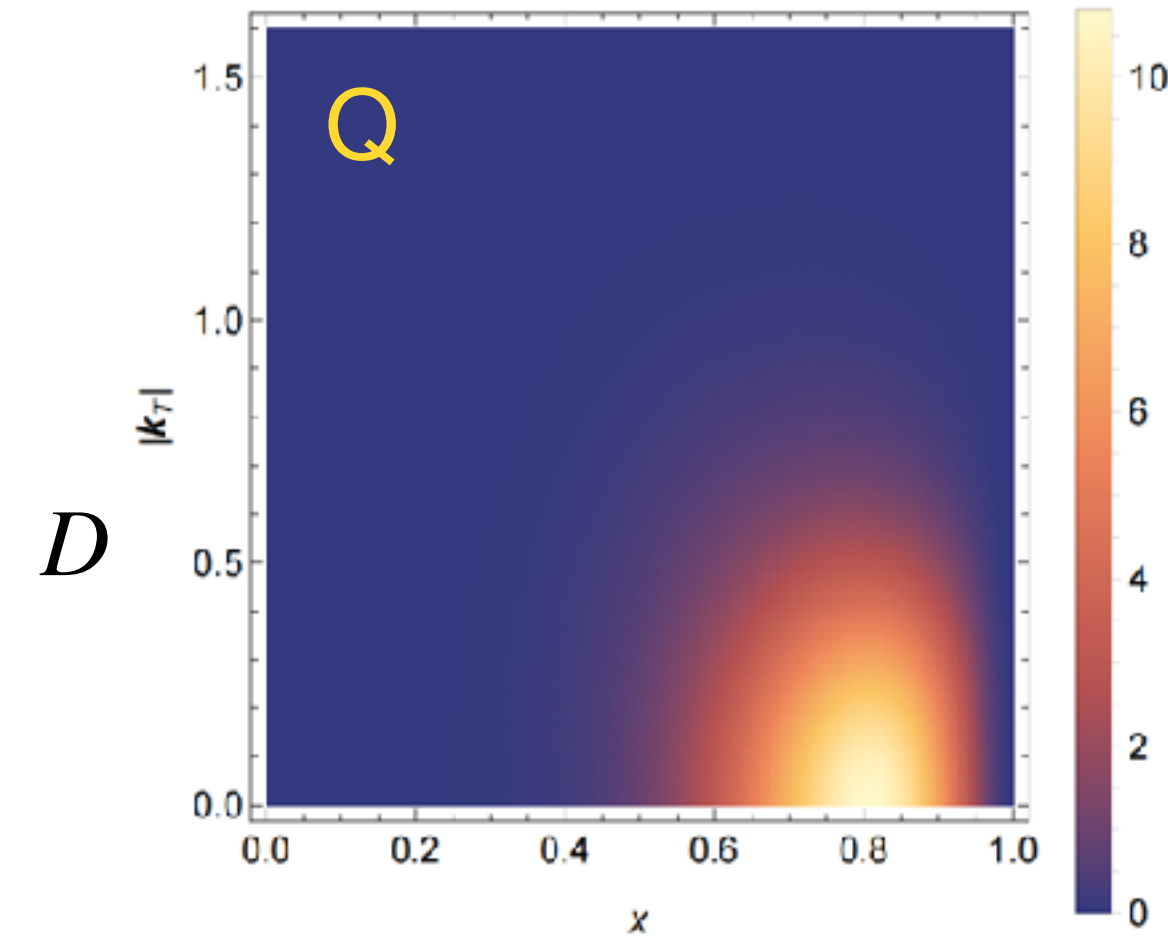


- Heavier quarks are spatially more centered, and carries most light-cone momentum.
- Lighter quarks are spread out, yet carries electric charge.
- In  $B(b\bar{u})$ , we find  $\langle r_{E,LC}^2 \rangle_B = (0.14 \text{ fm})^2 \ll \langle r_{c,LC}^2 \rangle_{B^-} = (0.38 \text{ fm})^2$

# Unpolarized TMD PDF



$$f_1(x, \vec{k}_T^2)$$



•  $\langle |\vec{k}_T| \rangle = \int dx d^2 \vec{k}_T f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_T^2) |\vec{k}_T|$  for D, B and  $B_c$  mesons are 0.43, 0.42 and 0.65 GeV, as compared to 0.39, 0.65, 1.0 GeV for  $\pi$ ,  $\eta_c$  and  $\eta_b$ .

• The mean transverse momentum inside  $Q\bar{q}$  is close to that in  $q\bar{q}$  !



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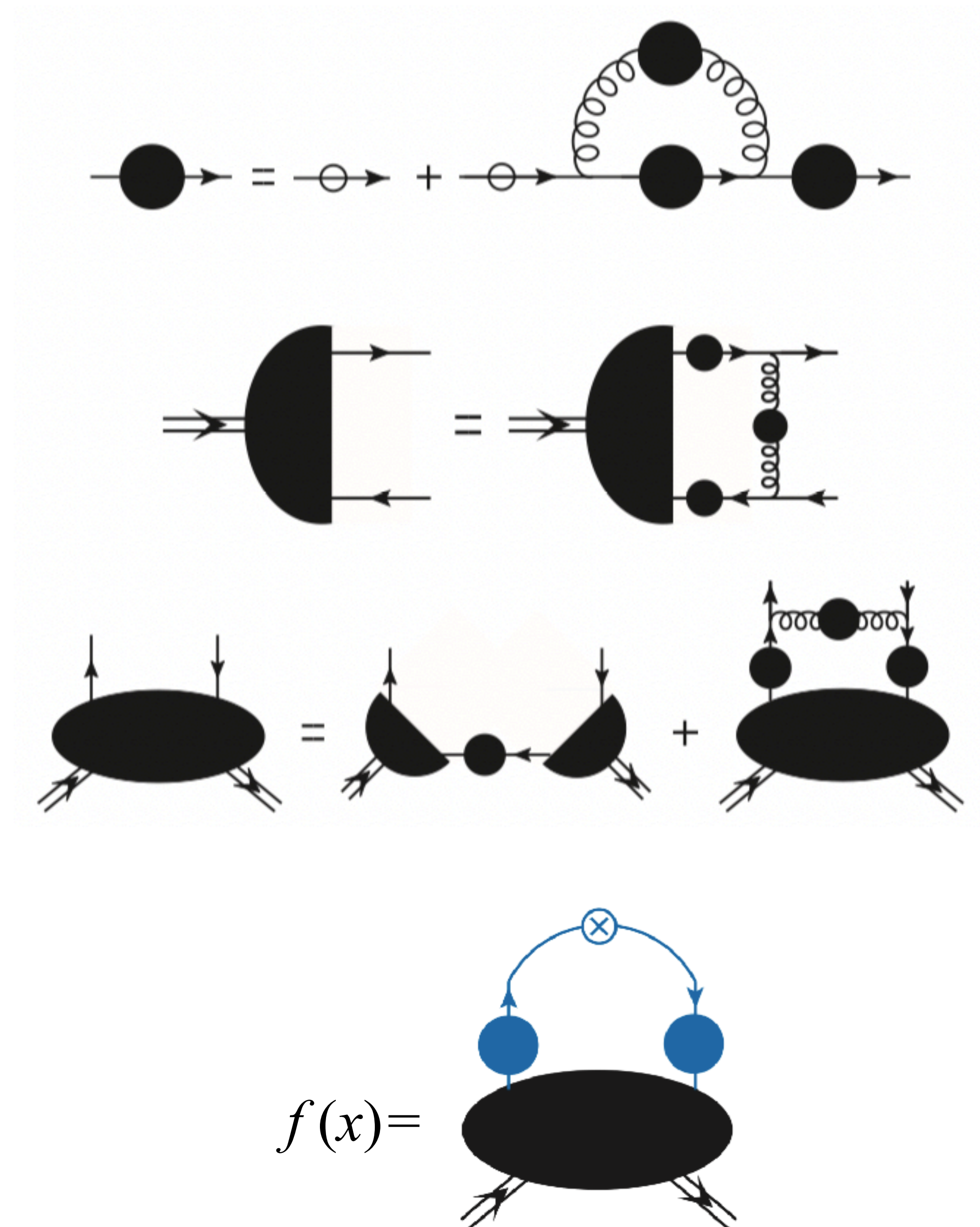
# Going Beyond $q\bar{q}$ Fock-state

$$f(x) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ \psi(\xi) | P \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+=0, \xi_\perp=0}$$

- A covariant calculation in ordinary space-time can "effectively" include infinitely many higher Fock-states, such as  $|q\bar{q}gg \dots\rangle$ .
- We develop the DSE for **quark-quark correlation matrix**, which is the **mother function** of various leading and subleading-twist PDFs.

$$\Phi_{ij}(k, P) = \int d^4\xi \, e^{ik \cdot \xi} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_j(0) \psi_i(\xi) | P \rangle.$$

- Poincare, chiral and gauge symmetries are preserved.

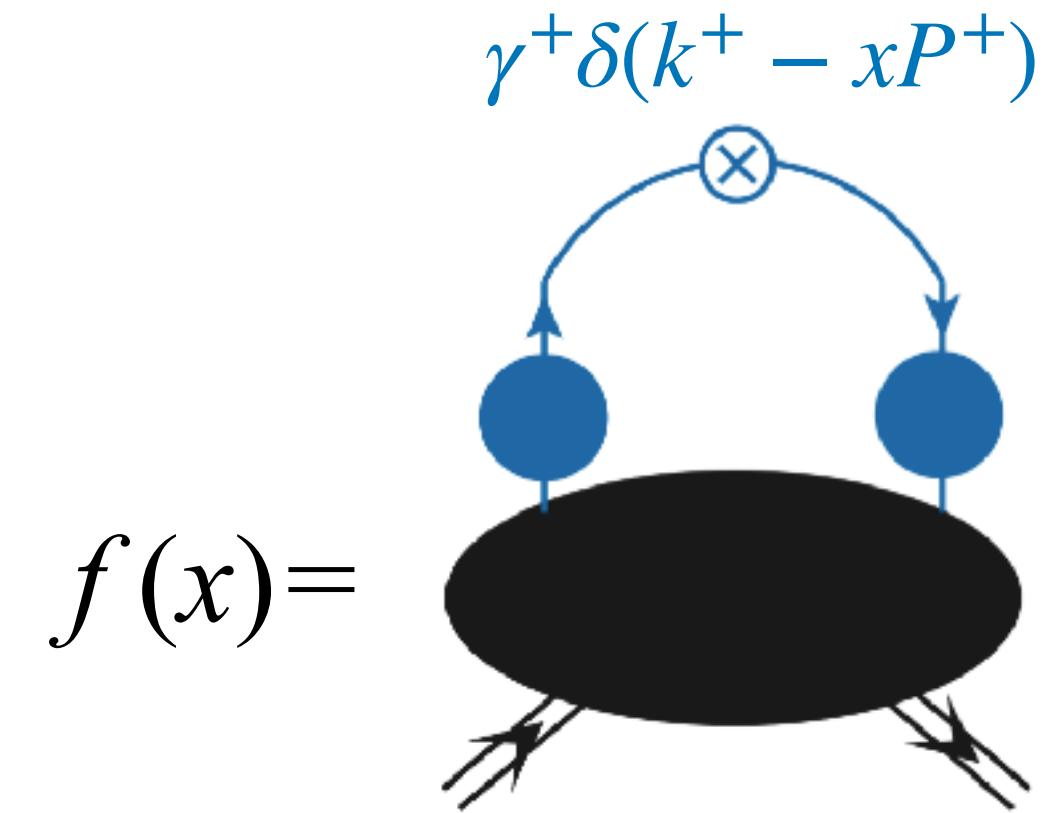


$$f(x) =$$

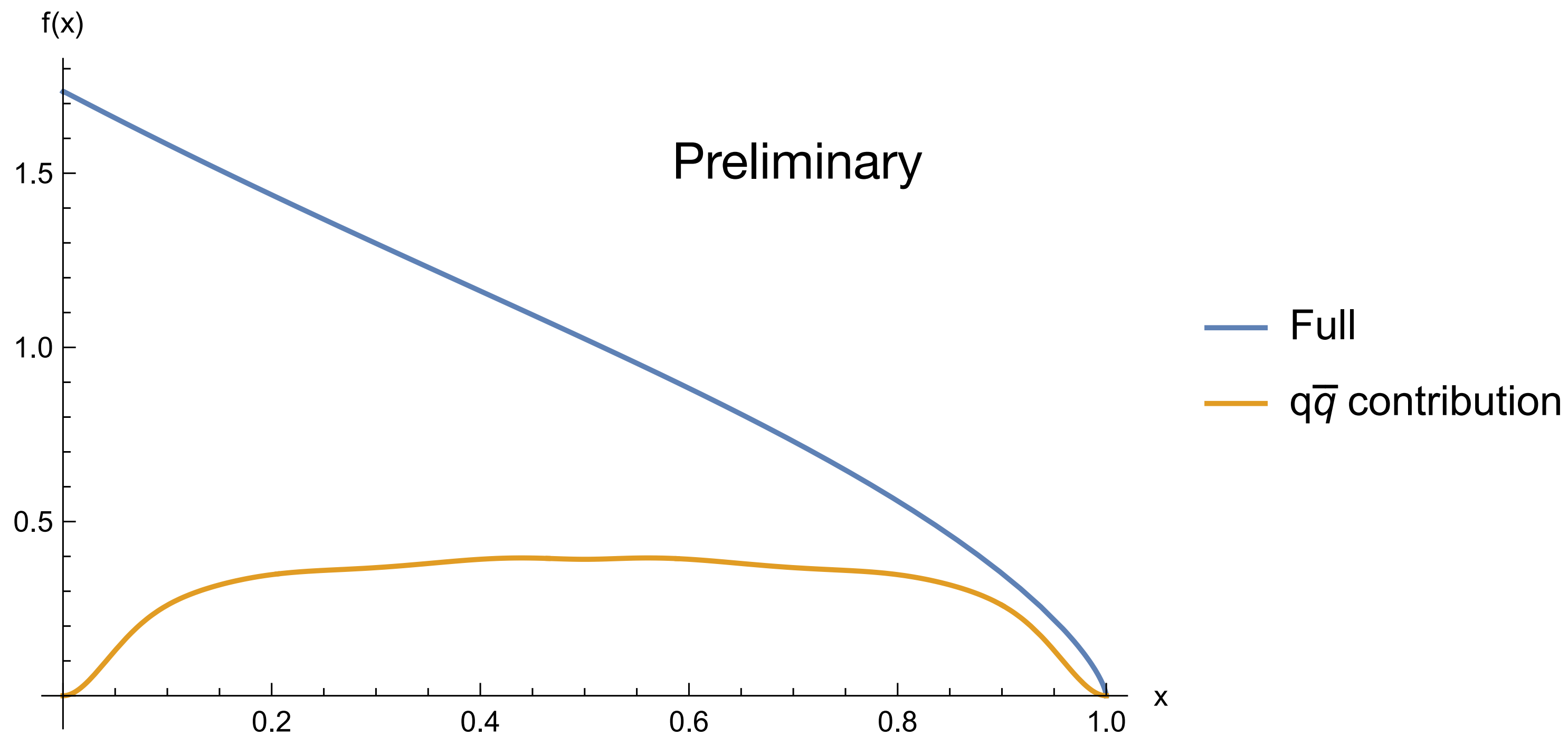


# Pion twist-2 PDF

$$f(x) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ \psi(\xi) | P \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+=0, \xi_\perp=0}$$



- $\langle x^0 \rangle \equiv \int dx x^0 f(x) = 1$ : quark number sum rule.
- $\langle x^1 \rangle < 0.5$ : gluon carries away some momentum.
- $q\bar{q}$  LFWF contribution dominate very large  $x$  region.
- Higher Fock-states provide large contribution in pion!



# Pion twist-3 PDF

$$e(x) = \frac{P^+}{M} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) I_4 \psi(\xi) | P \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+=0, \xi_\perp=0}$$

$$e(x) = \text{Diagram}$$

The diagram shows a black oval representing a pion. Two blue circles are attached to the top of the oval. A blue arc connects the two circles, with a cross symbol (⊗) in the center. Above the arc is the label  $I_4 \delta(k^+ - xP^+)$ . Two arrows enter the bottom of the oval, representing incoming quarks.

- General QCD EOM yields the decomposition

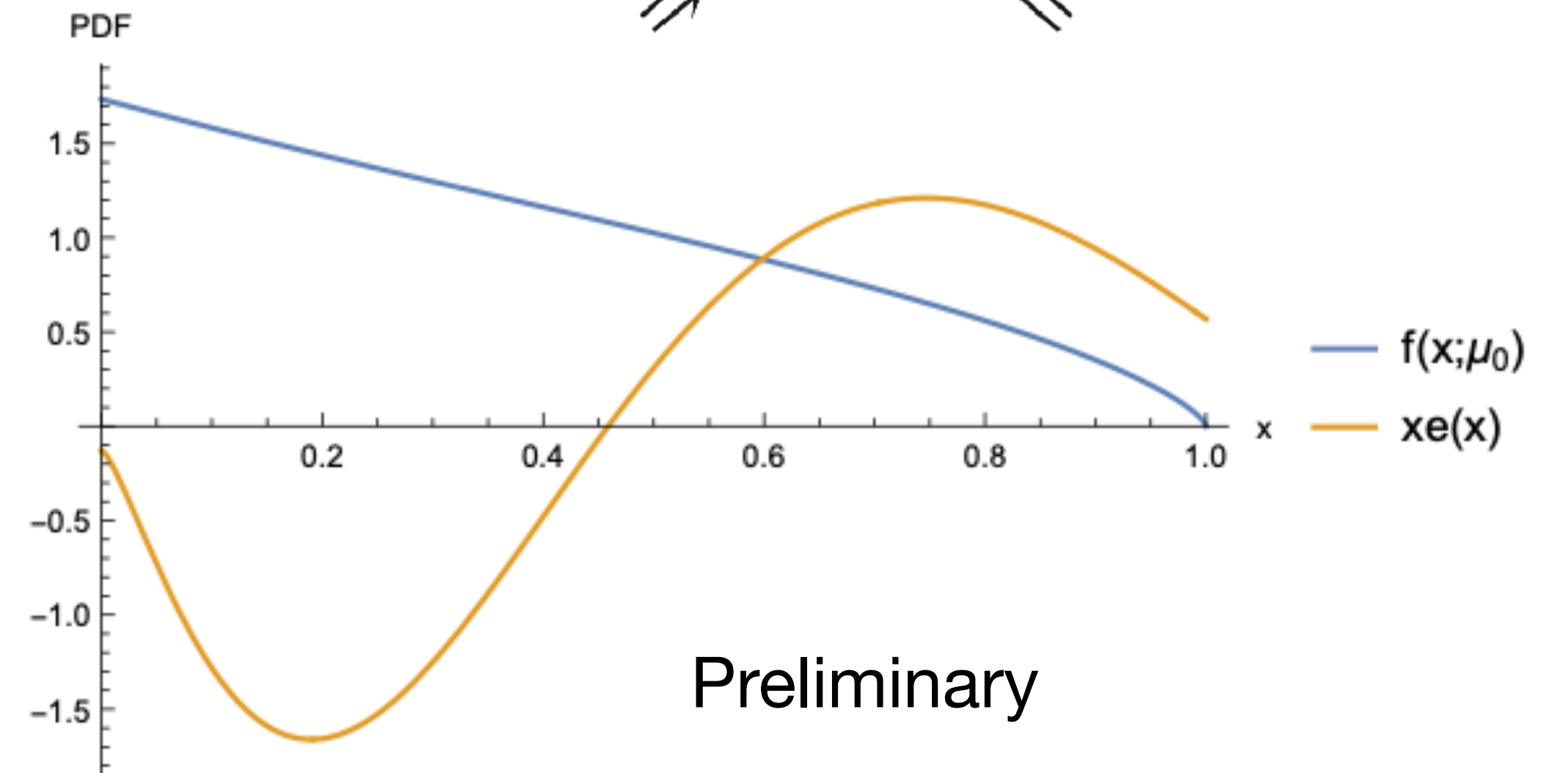
$$e^q(x) = \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{2m_q} \delta(x) + e_m^q(x) + e_{tw3}^q(x).$$

- Strong indication of  $\delta(x)$  is found in our nonperturbative computation!

- $e_{tw3}$  is the genuine twist-3 PDF encoding quark-gluon-quark multi-parton distribution.

$$\bar{\psi}_q(0) \sigma^{\alpha\beta} n_\beta [0, v\lambda n] g G_{\alpha\nu}(v\lambda n) n^\nu [v\lambda n, u\lambda n] \psi_q(u\lambda n)$$

- $e_{tw3}$  is comparable with twist-2  $f(x)$  !



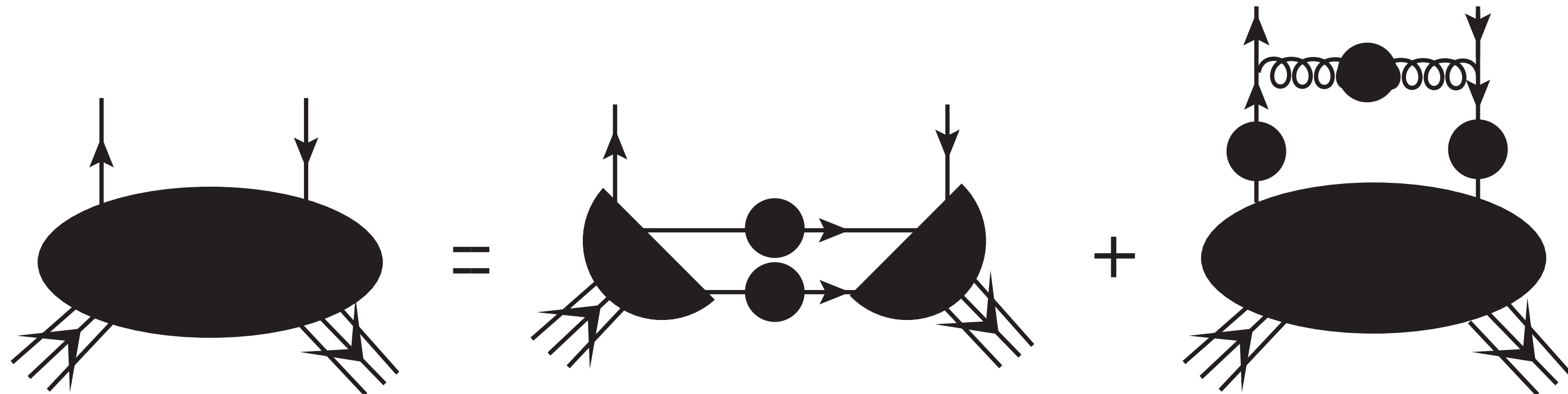


# Summary

- We proposed a new formula to extract all LF-LFWFs from various mesons.
- The LF-LFWFs are used to sketching the parton image of light and heavy mesons.
- Improvement upon sketching is ongoing, with gluons taken into account.

# Outlook

- More mesons  $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs (diffractive vector meson productions&gluon saturation).
- Nucleon.
- TMD PDFs.
- Gluon distribution.



**Thank you very much for your attention!**