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Exploring the light-cone wave functions with Dyson-Schwinger Equations (in Euclidian space).

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Light-Cone Wave Functions

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

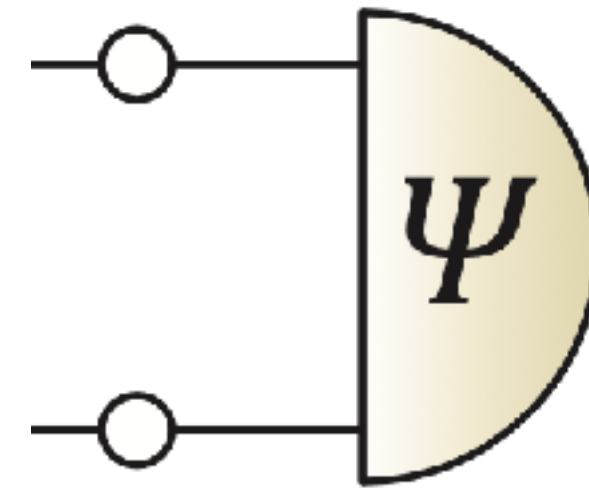
Light-Cone Wave Function

- Light-Cone wave functions in LF QCD are like Schrodinger wave functions in nonrelativistic quantum mechanics.
- Light-Cone wave functions = **light-front wave functions (LFWFs)**.

From Bethe-Salpeter WFs to light-front WFs

- Bethe-Salpeter wave function is the transition amplitude of a hadron state into quark and antiquark legs in **ordinary space-time coordinate**.

$$\langle 0 | \psi_\alpha(x) \bar{\psi}_\beta(y) | h \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier Transform}} \langle b_\alpha^+ d_\beta^+ | h \rangle$$



- Light front wave function is the transition amplitude of a hadron state into certain Fock components in the **light-front coordinate**.

$$|h\rangle = \phi_1 |b_\alpha^+ d_\beta^+\rangle + \phi_2 |b_\alpha^+ d_\beta^+ a_g^+\rangle + \dots$$

$$\phi_1 = \langle b_\alpha^+ d_\beta^+ | h \rangle$$

- The LF wave functions can be obtained by projecting the BS wave functions onto the light-front, i.e., changing from $(\xi^0, \xi^3) \rightarrow (\xi^+ = 1/\sqrt{2}(\xi^0 + \xi^3), \xi^- = 1/\sqrt{2}(\xi^0 - \xi^3))$, and set $\xi^+ = 0$ (required by LFWFs)

From Bethe-Salpeter WFs to light-front WFs

- "...t Hooft did not use the light-cone formalism and which nowadays might be called standard. Instead, he started from covariant equations... The light-cone Schrodinger equation was then obtained by **projecting the Bethe-Salpeter equation onto hyper-surfaces of equal light-cone time.**" (T. Heinzl arXiv:hep-th/0008096)

$$\int \frac{dk^-}{2\pi} \Psi_{\text{BS}}(k; p) = \frac{u^{(1)}(x_1, k_\perp)}{\sqrt{x_1}} \frac{u^{(2)}(x_2, -k_\perp)}{\sqrt{x_2}} \psi(x_\perp, k_\perp) \quad (\text{G. Lepage and S. Brodsky, PRD 1980})$$

$$\psi(x, \mathbf{p}; s_1, s_2) = \frac{1}{2P^+} \int \frac{dp^-}{2\pi} \bar{u}(xP^+, \mathbf{p}; s_1) \gamma^+ \Phi(p) \gamma^+ v((1-x)P^+, -\mathbf{p}; s_2). \quad (\text{H. Liu and D. Soper, PRD1993})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \bar{d}_+(0) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 u_+(\xi^-, \xi_\perp) | \pi^+(P) \rangle &= i\sqrt{6} P^+ \psi_0(\xi^-, \xi_\perp), \\ \langle 0 | \bar{d}_+(0) \sigma^{+i} \gamma_5 u_+(\xi^-, \xi_\perp) | \pi^+(P) \rangle &= -i\sqrt{6} P^+ \partial^i \psi_1(\xi^-, \xi_\perp). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{M. Burkardt, X. Ji, F. Yuan, PLB 2002})$$

All equivalent!

Projection Formula

Covariant Bethe-Salpeter wave function

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

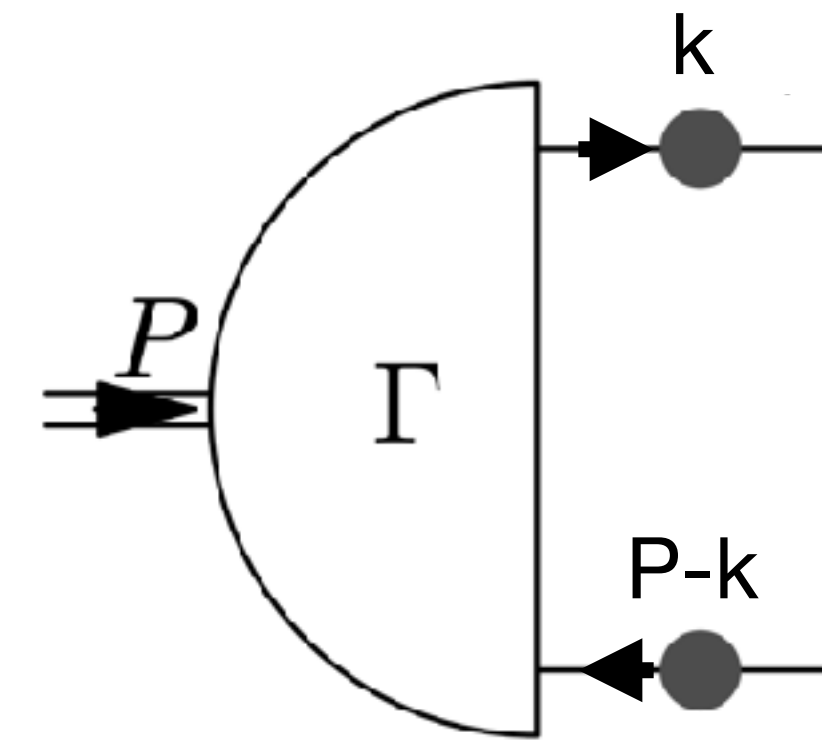
LFWF

spin configurations

set $k^+ = xP^+$

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

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



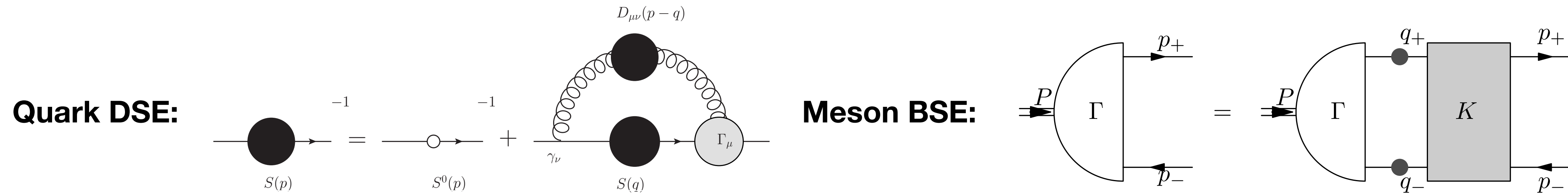
- $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs from various kinds of hadrons/particles can be extracted.
- $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs with all possible quark spin configurations can be extracted.
- $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs can be cleanly extracted from many Fock-states embedded.

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

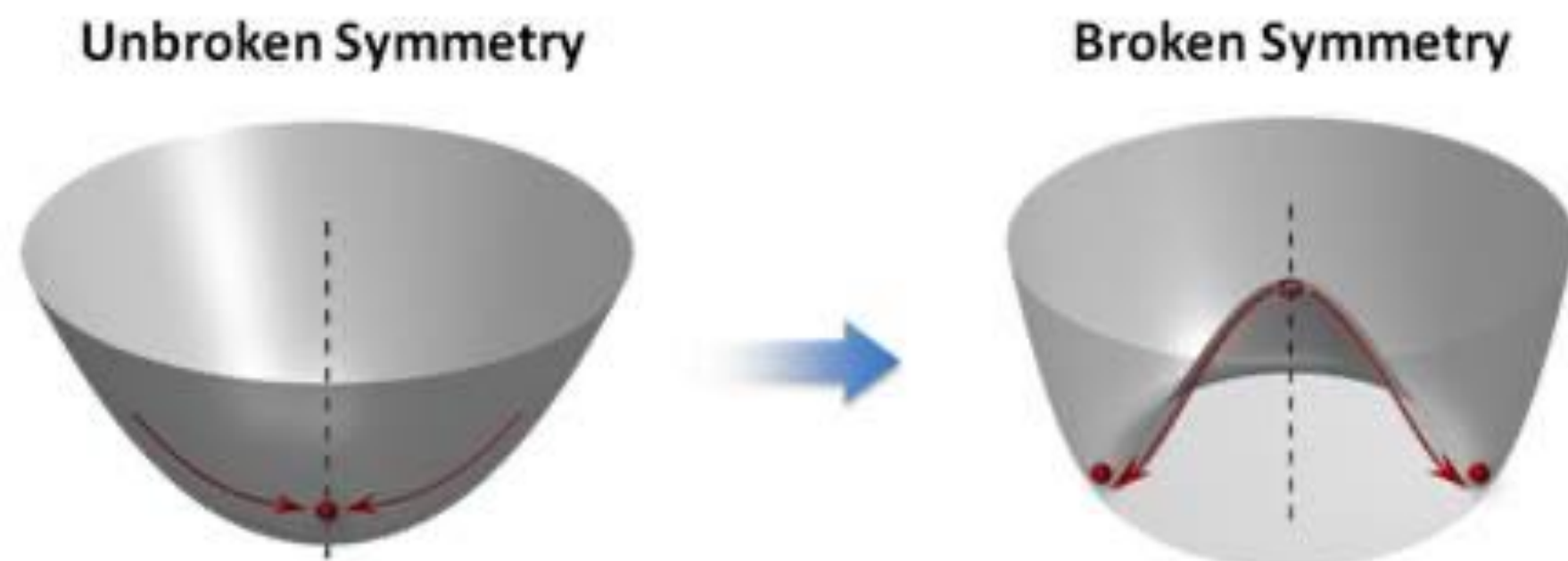
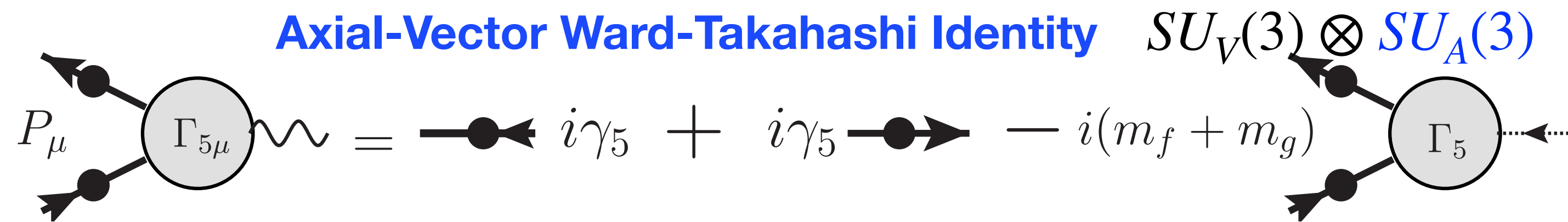
- For Euclidean BS wave function, the formula holds at Mellin moments level.

Bethe-Salpeter Wave Function From DSE

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



- The BS wave function has to **respect QCD's chiral symmetry** and **manifests its dynamical breaking**



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

The Bethe-Salpeter wave function is tightly constrained by chiral symmetry.

Light and Heavy Pseudoscalar Mesons

HF=Higher Fock states

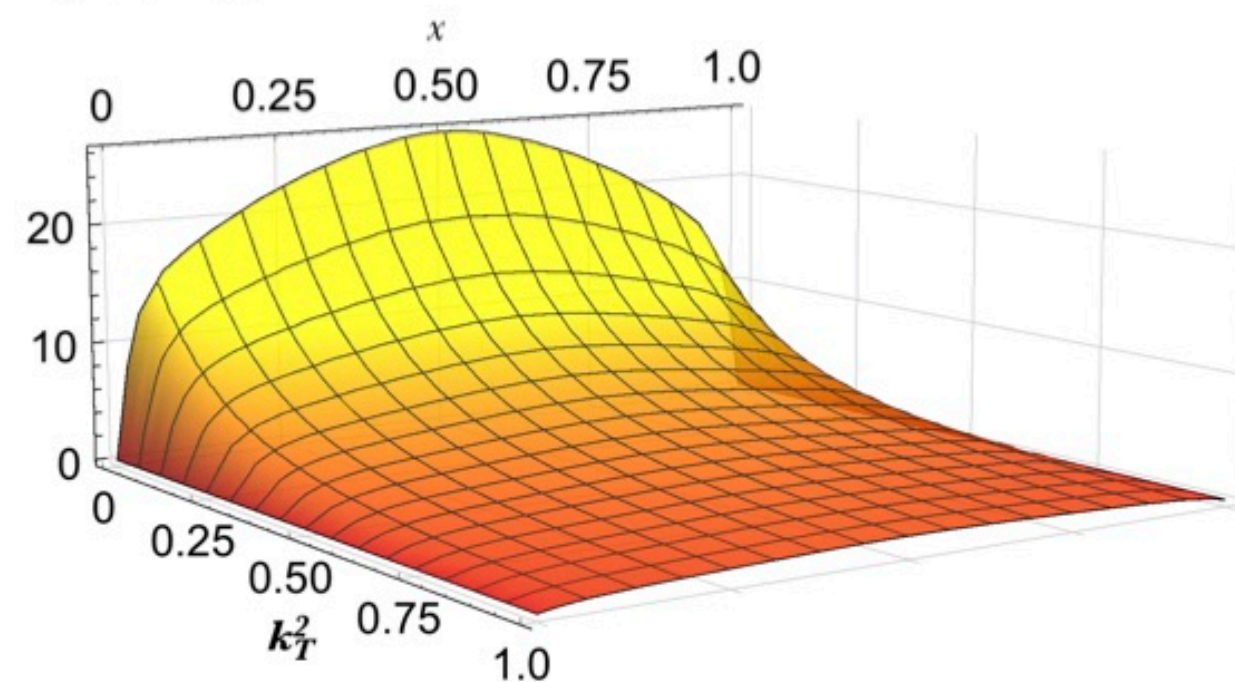
$$\Lambda = \lambda + \lambda' + L_z$$

s-wave $|L_z| = 0$

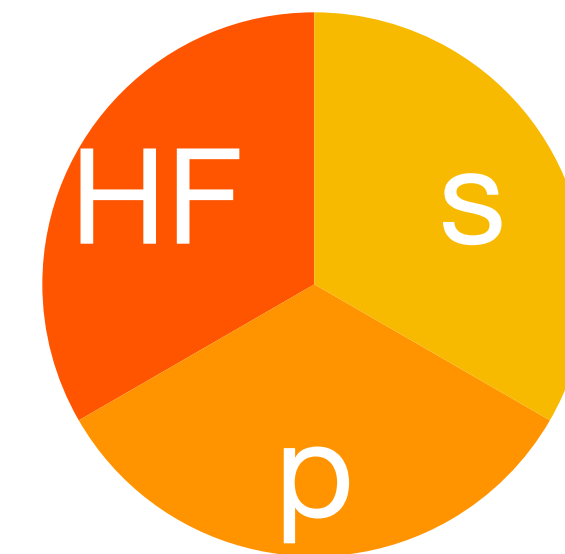
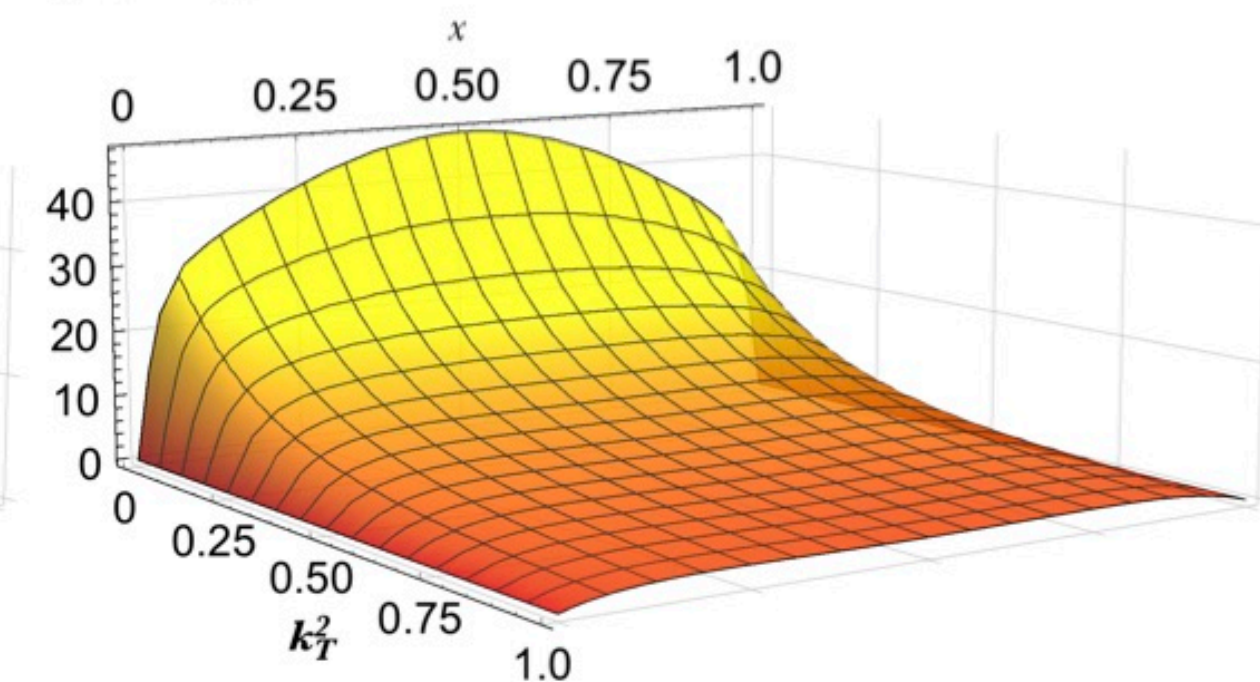
p-wave $|L_z| = 1$

π

$\psi_0(x, k_T^2)$



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

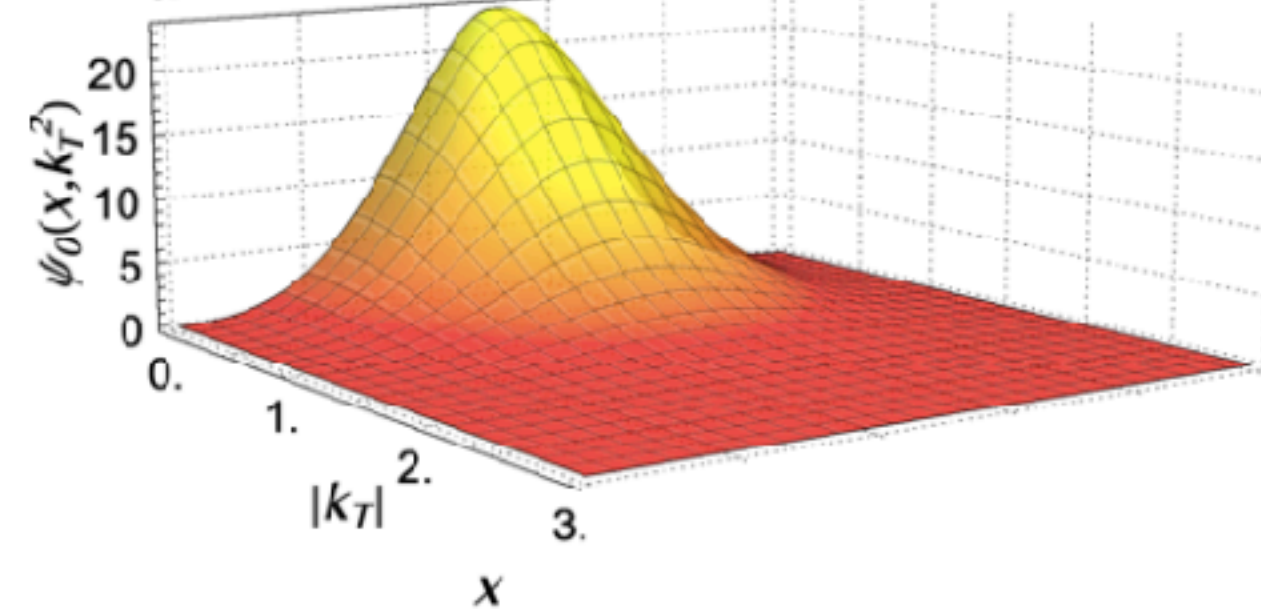


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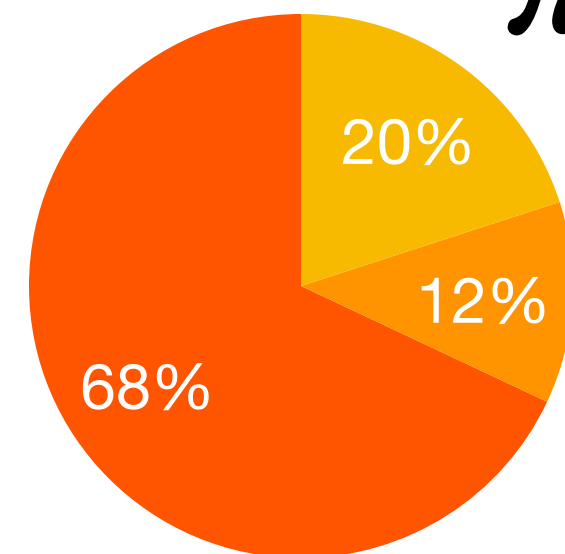
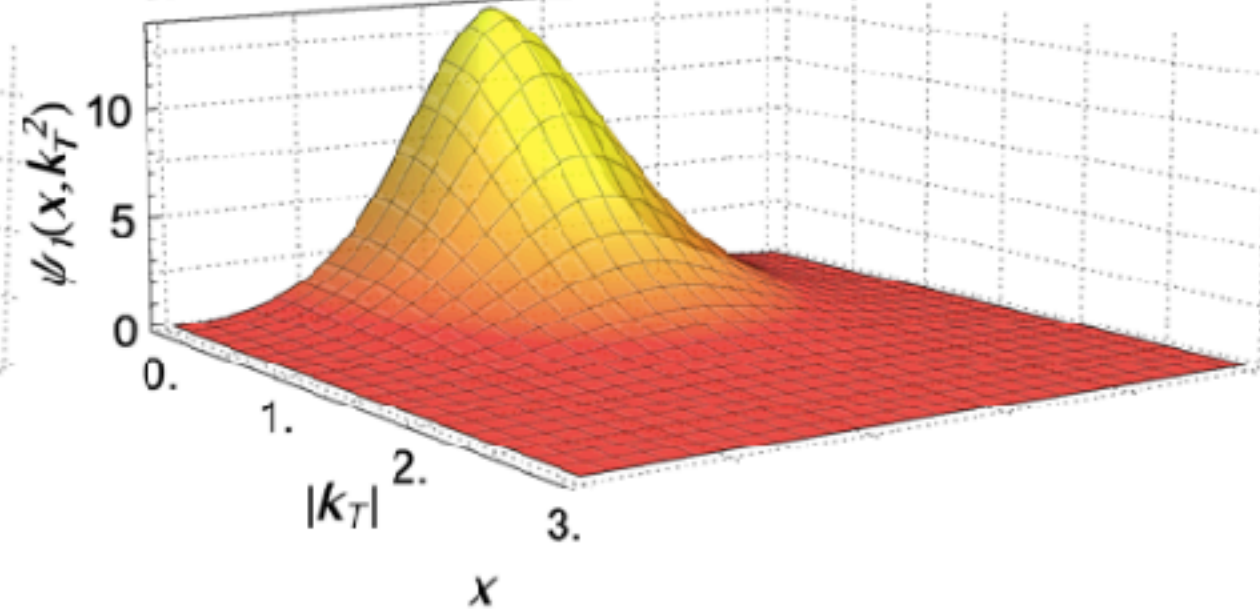
- Like Schrodinger wave functions, LFWFs are **probability amplitudes**.

η_c

$\psi_0(x, k_T^2)$



$\psi_1(x, k_T^2)$

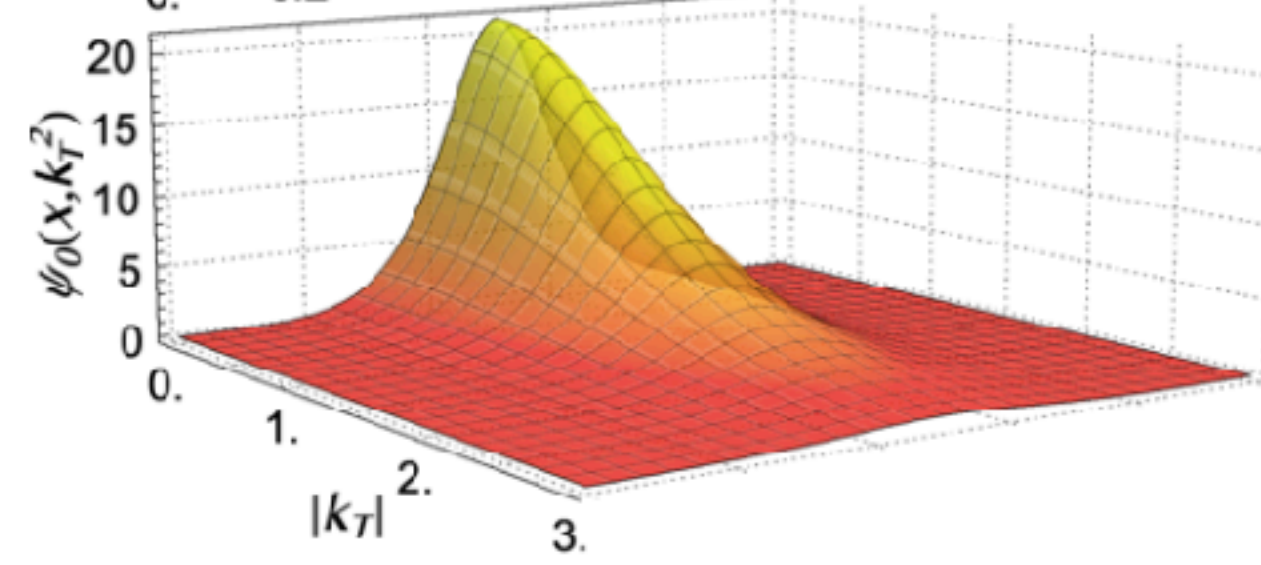


η_c

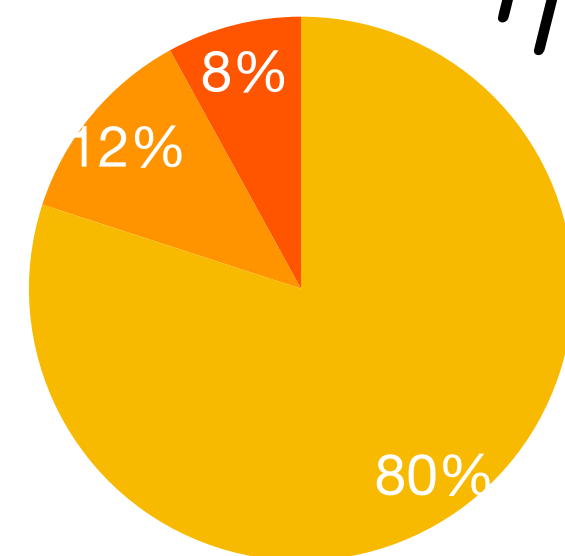
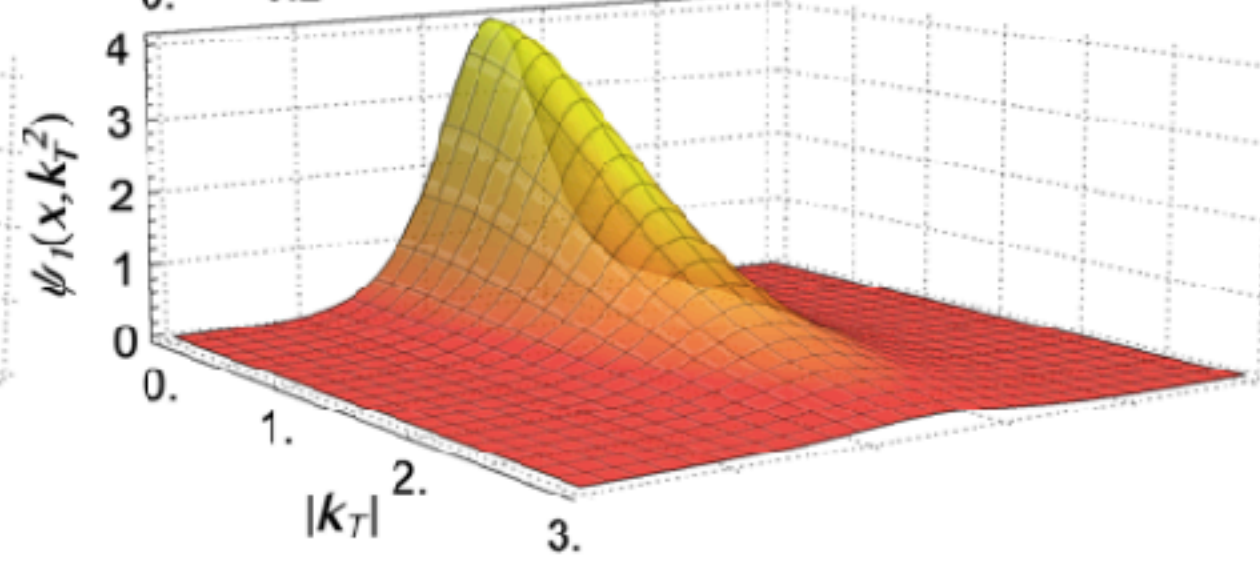
- p-wave components exists** due to relativity.

η_b

$\psi_0(x, k_T^2)$



$\psi_1(x, k_T^2)$

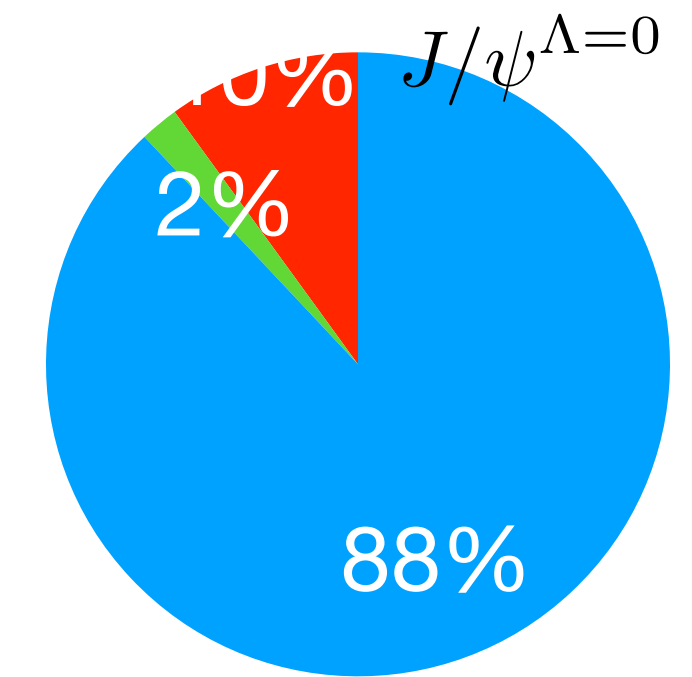
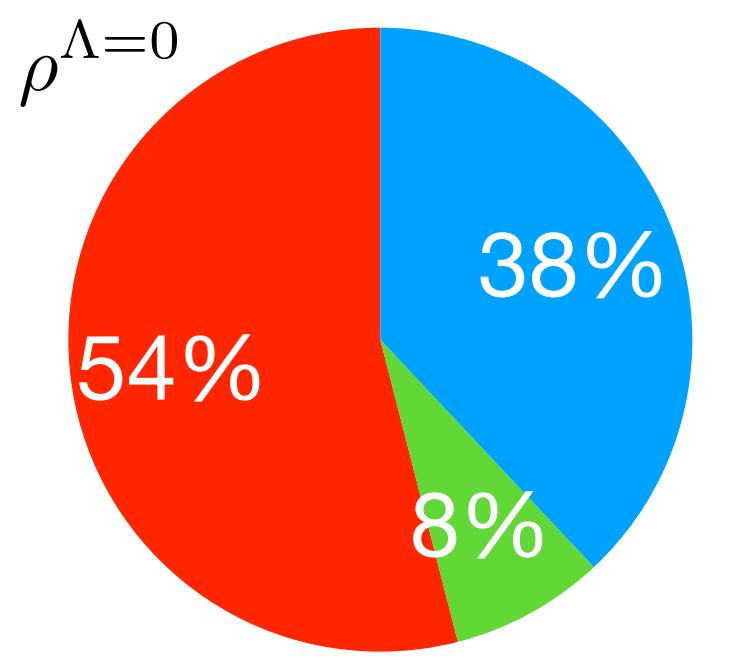
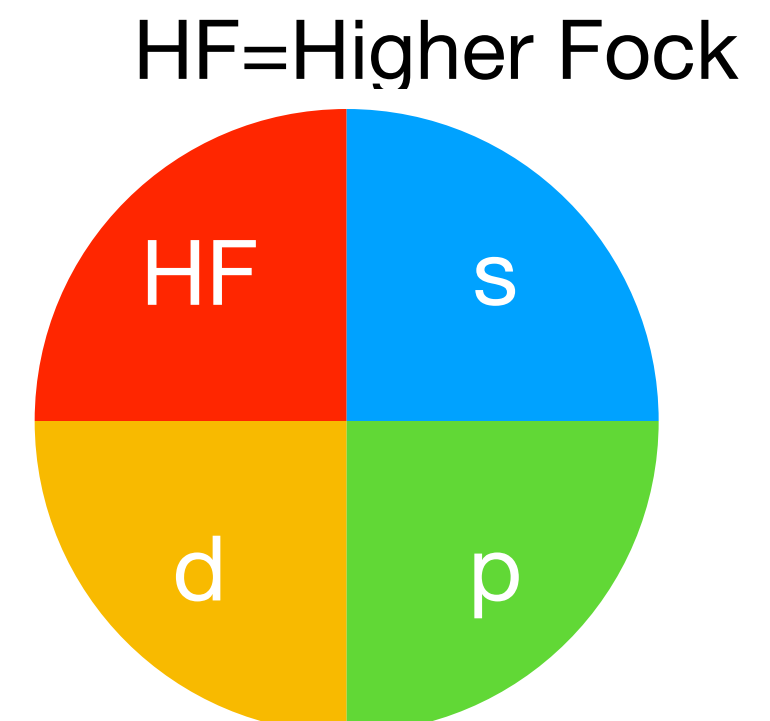
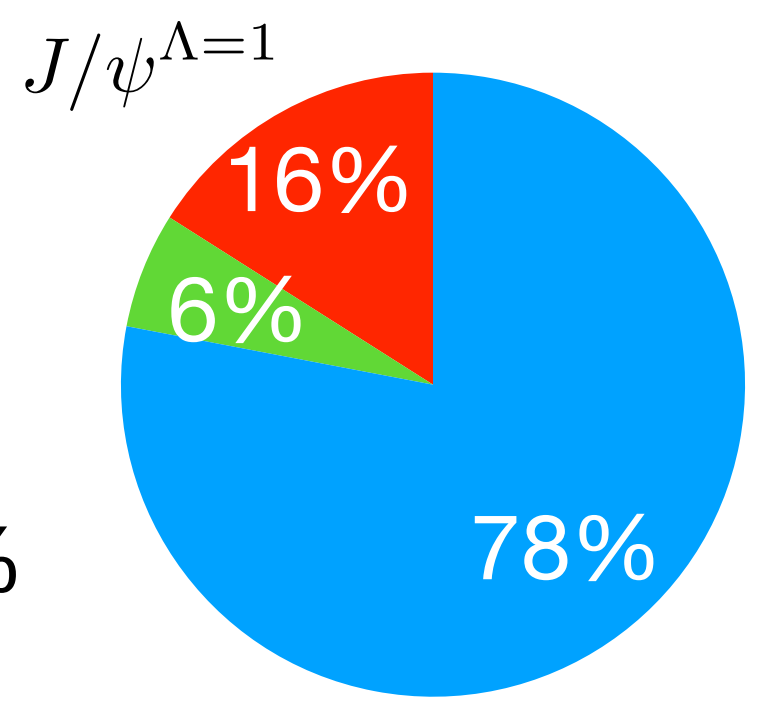
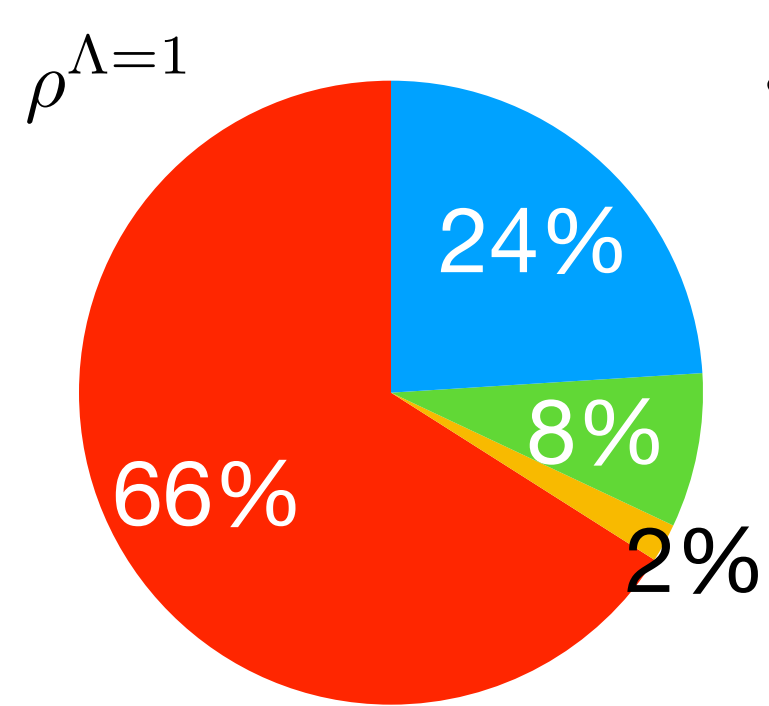
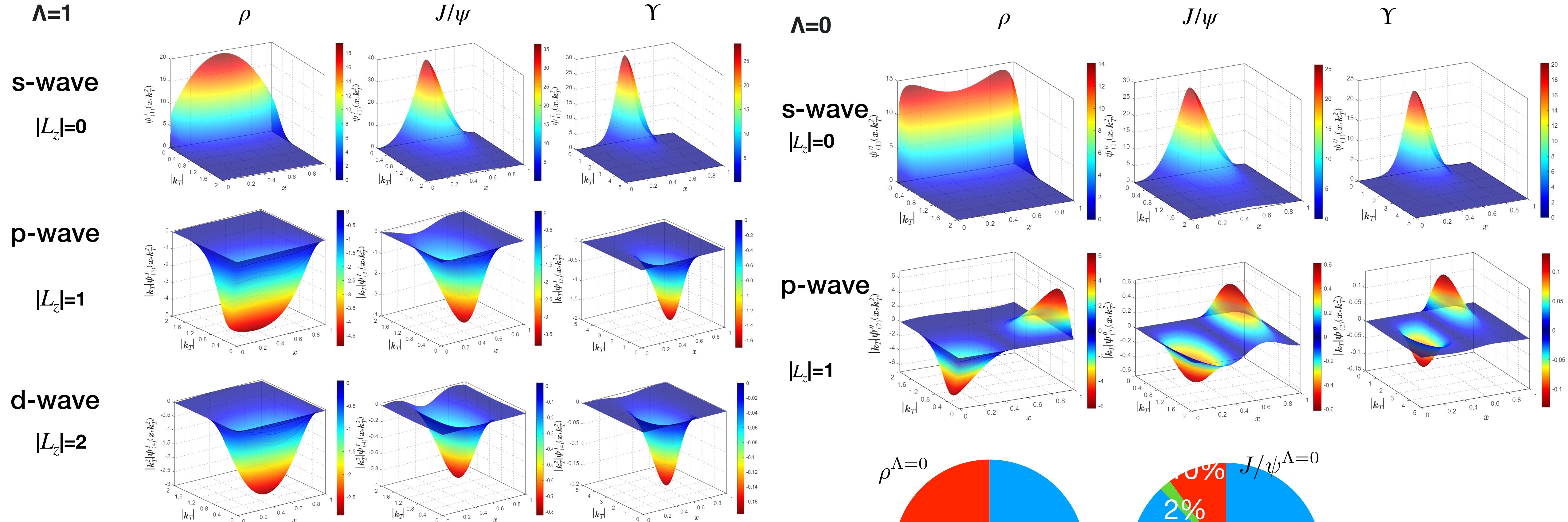


η_b

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

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Light and Heavy Vector Mesons



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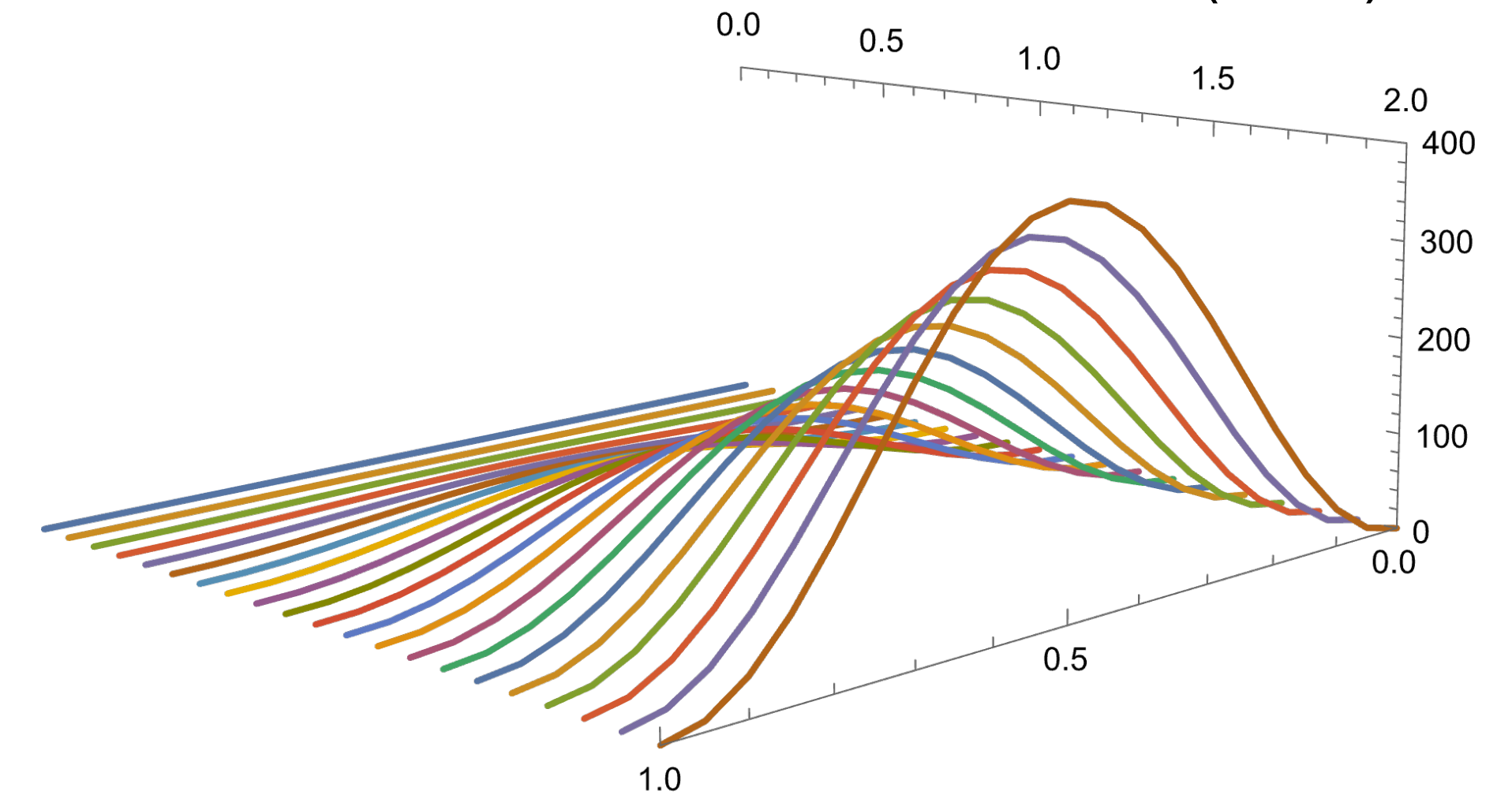
Calculation techniques (Numerical)

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D, B and B_c Mesons

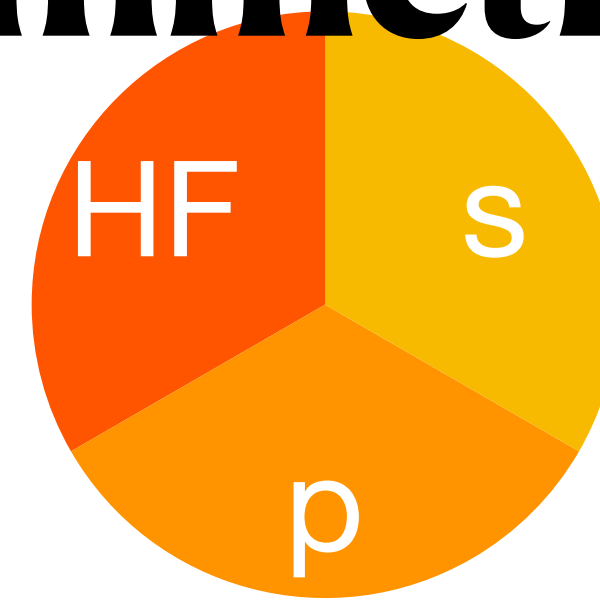
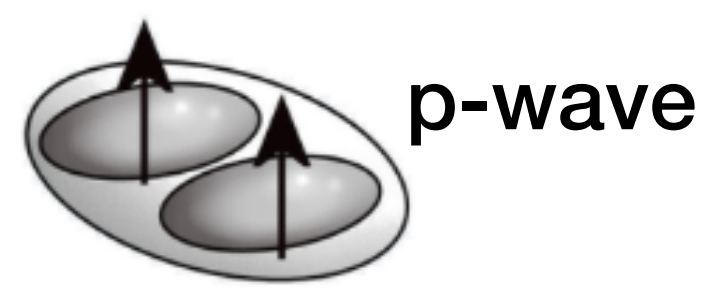
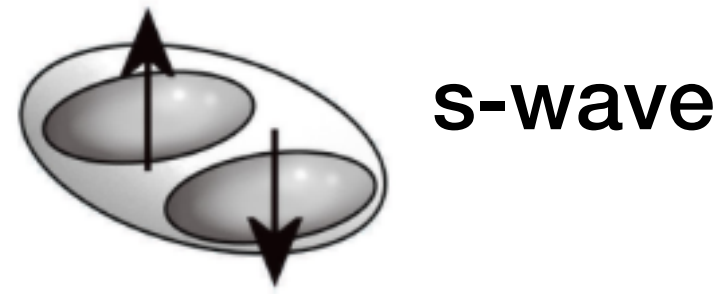
BS wave function: Yin-Zhen Xu, *JHEP* 07 (2024)

$$\langle x^m \rangle_{\vec{k}_T} = \int dx x^m \phi_i(x, \vec{k}_T) = \int dk_{\parallel}^2 \left(\frac{k^+}{P^+} \right)^m \dots$$

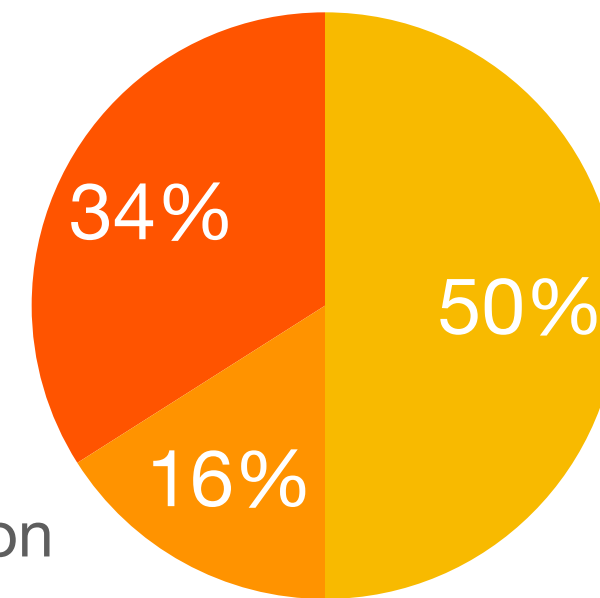
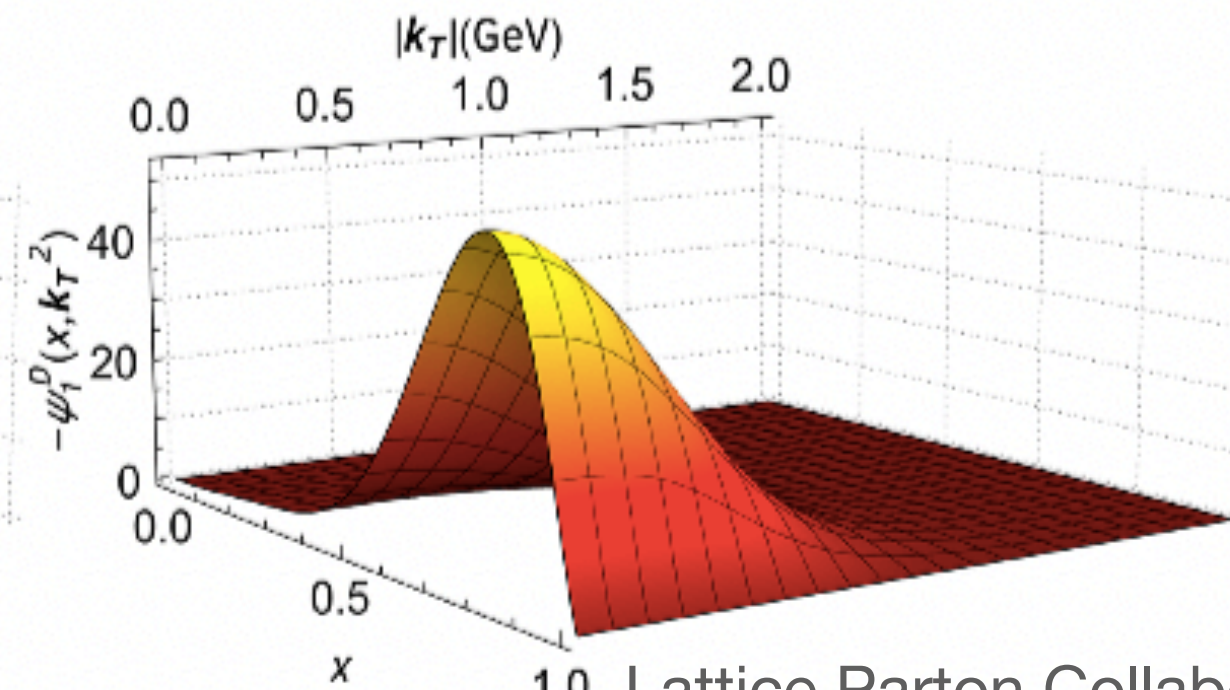
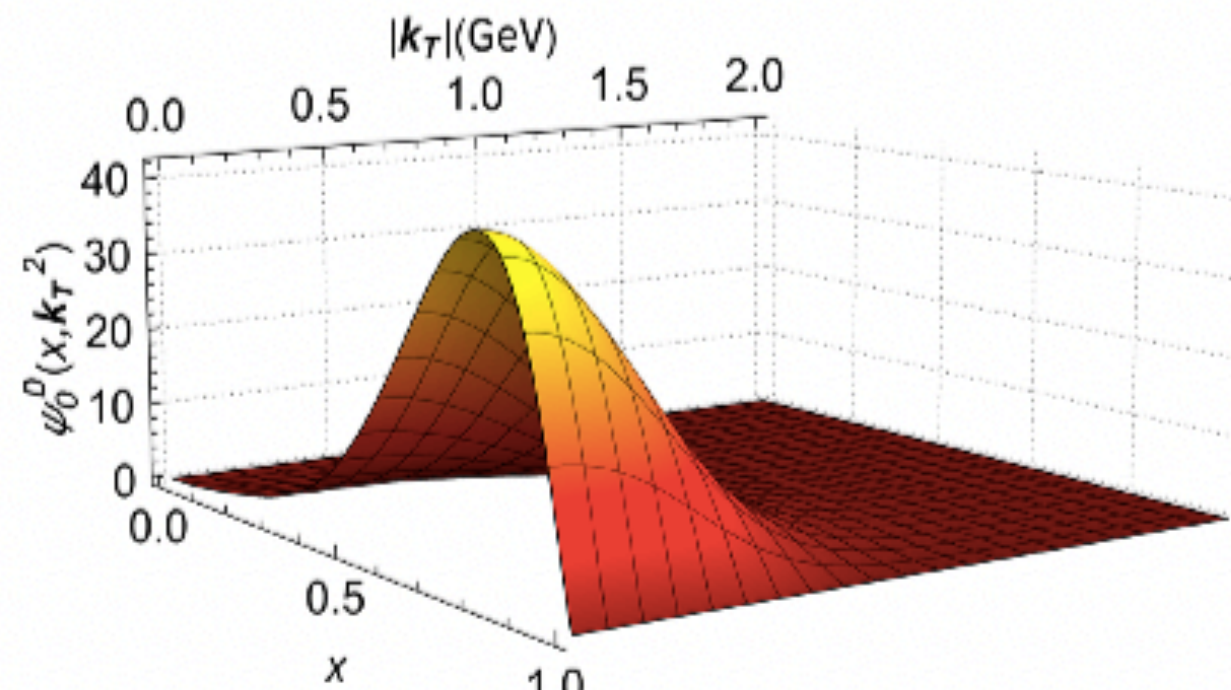


- Compute the Mellin moments of LFWFs at every discretized \vec{k}_T
- For every \vec{k}_T , use $x^\alpha(1-x)^\beta(c_0 + c_1 + c_2x^2)$ to fit the Mellin moments.
- Interpolate the LFWFs at every \vec{k}_T to get the final WFs.

LFWFs of 0^- heavy flavor asymmetric Meson

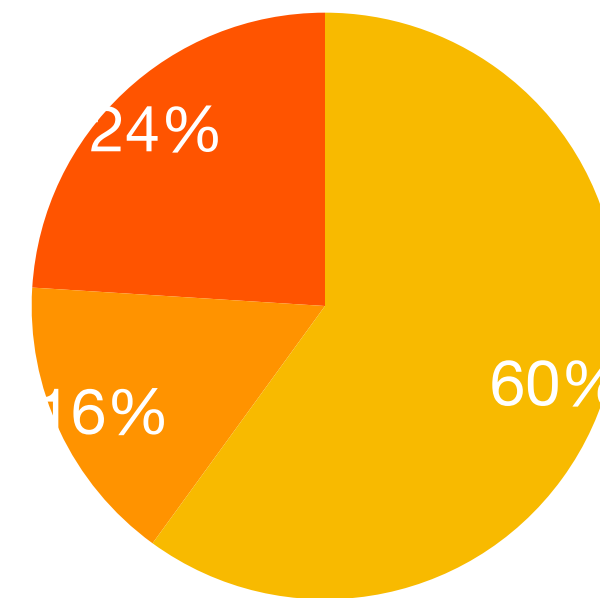
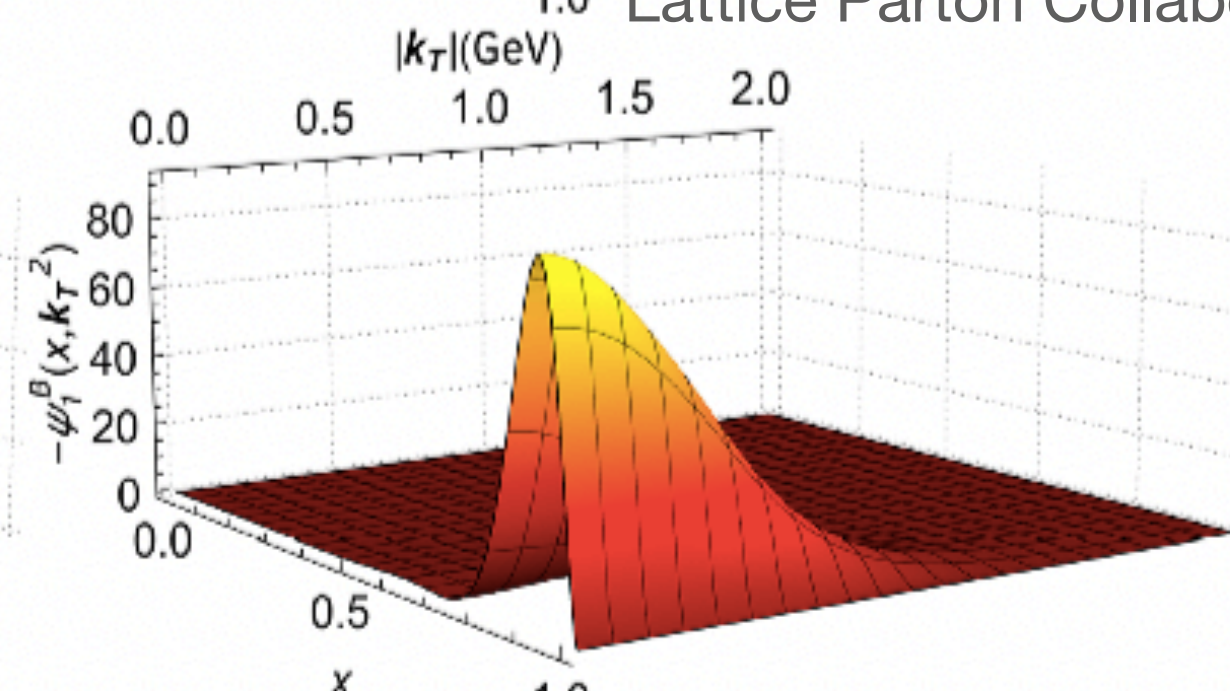
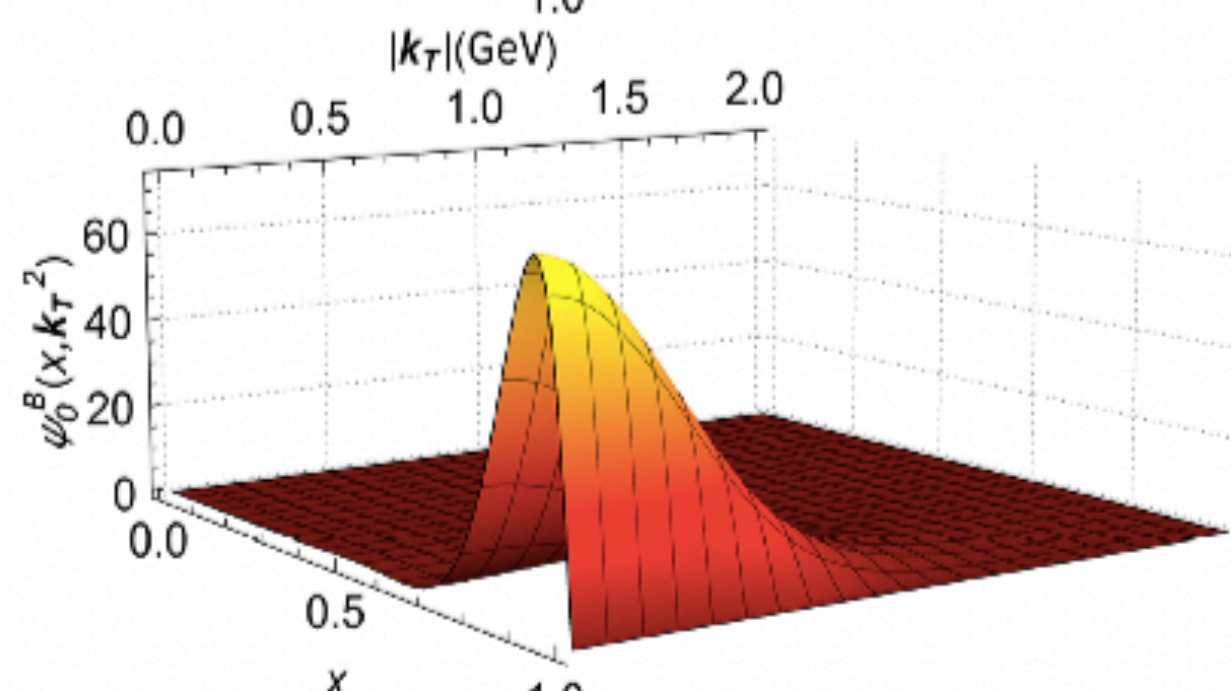


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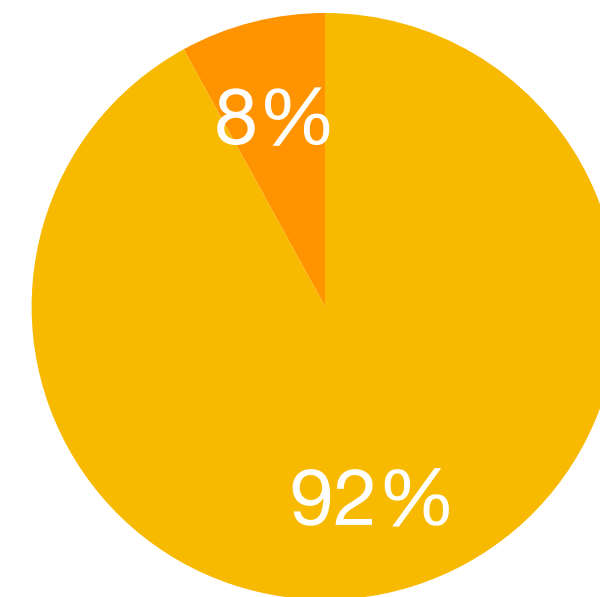
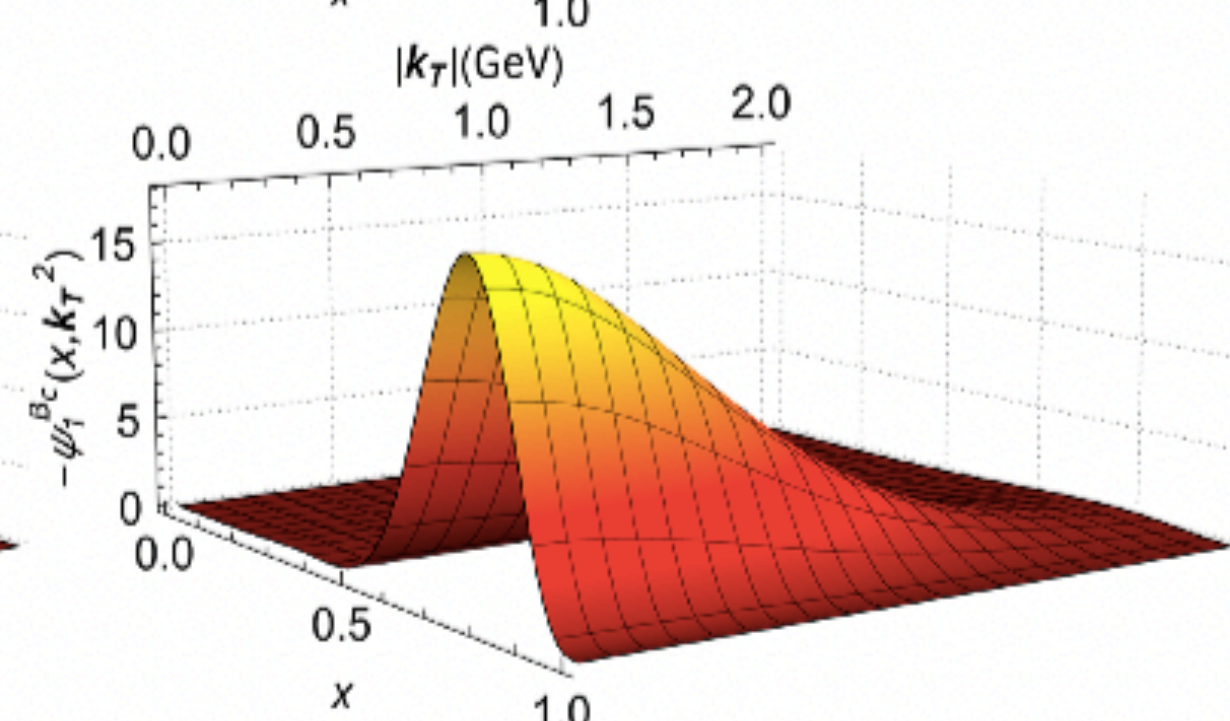
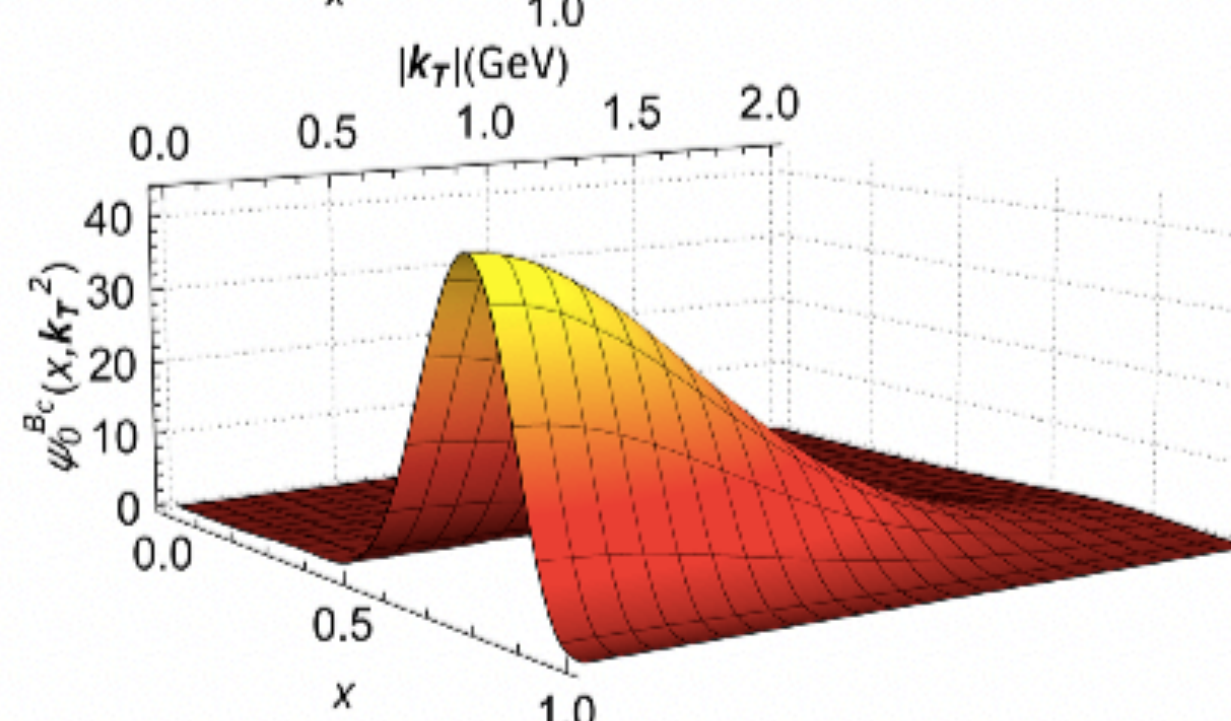


- Narrow x -distribution
- Narrow k_T -distribution
- Exhibiting a **duality** embodying characteristics from both light mesons and heavy quarkonium.

B



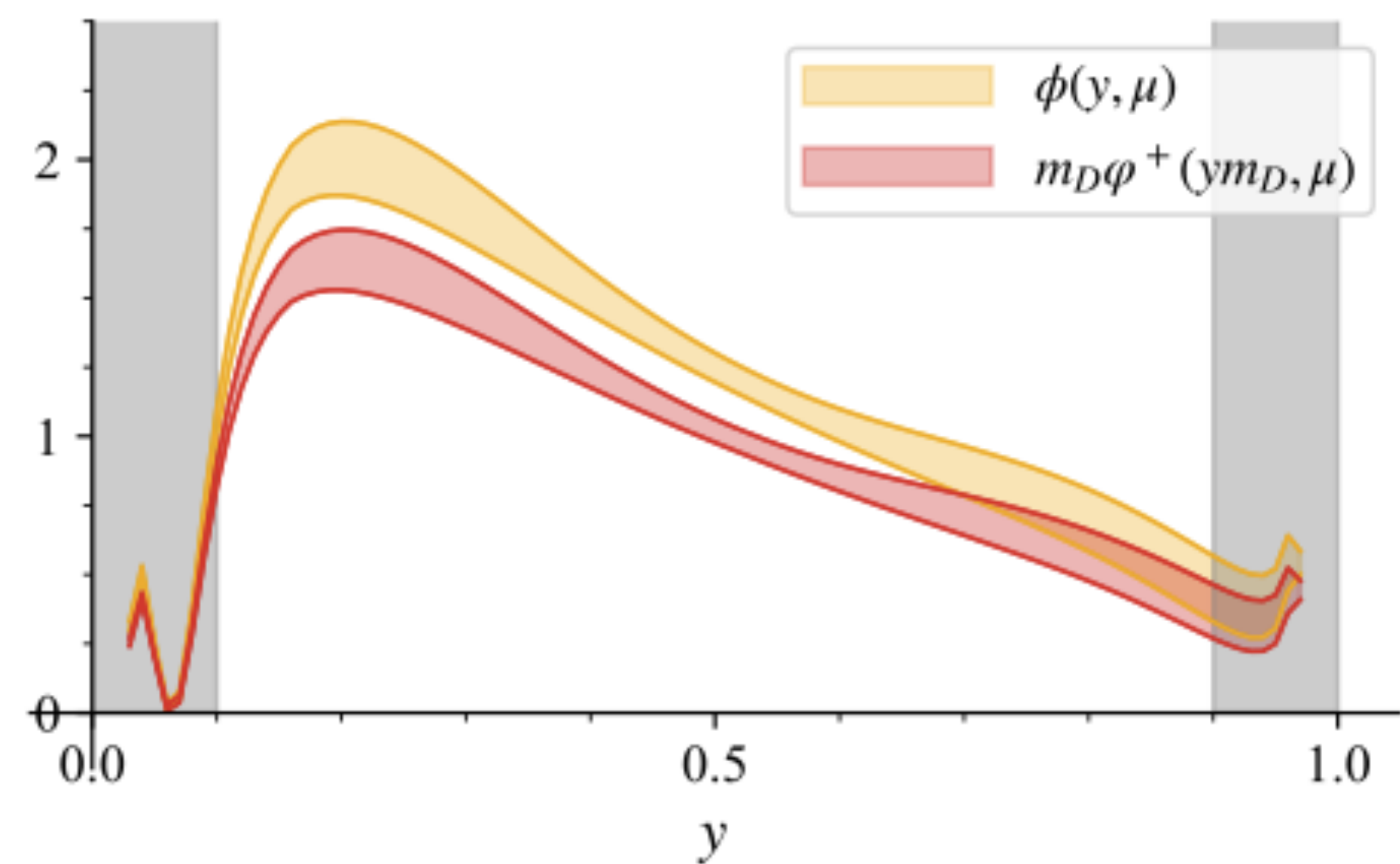
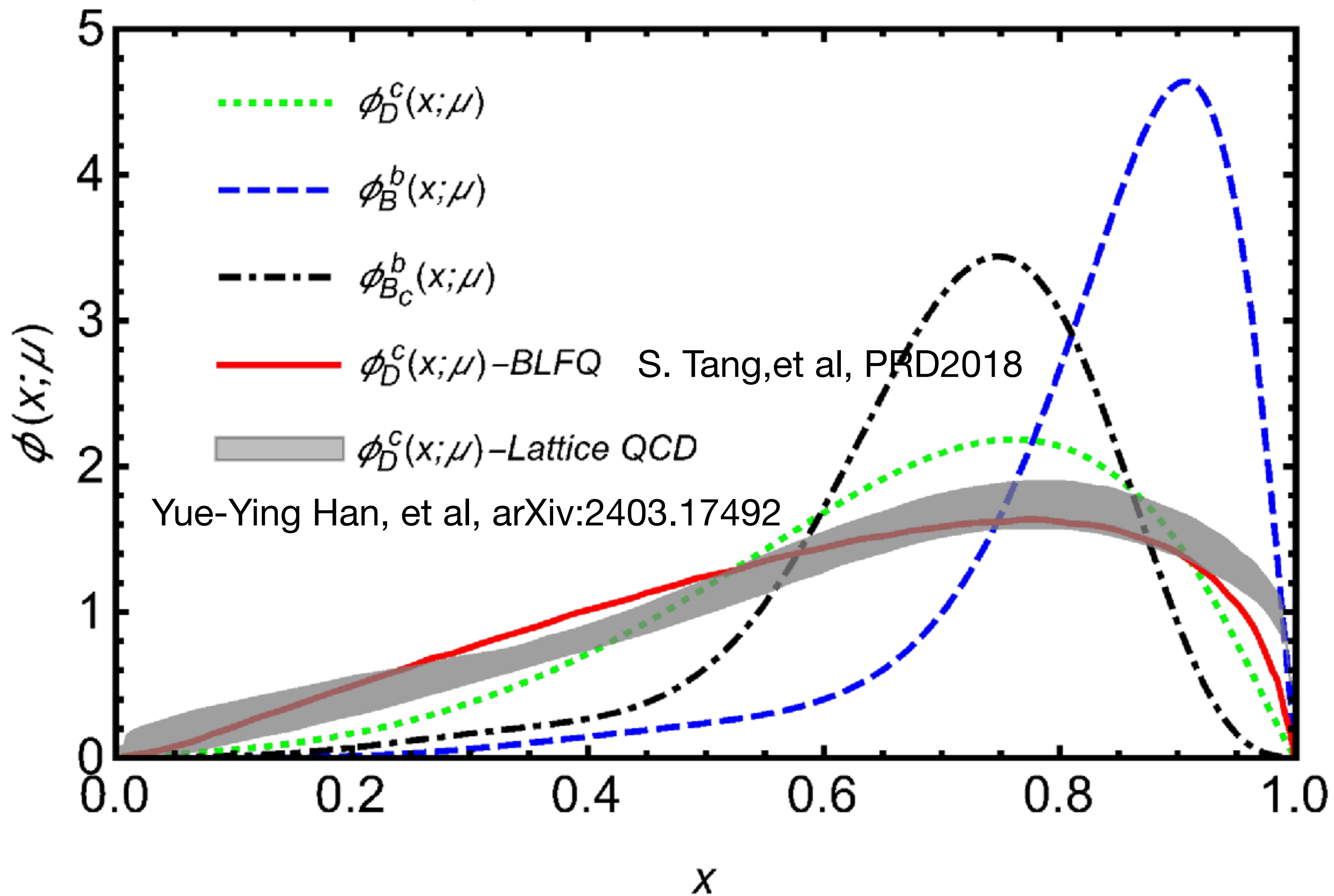
B_c



CS, P Liu, Y Du and W Jia,
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Parton Distribution Amplitude

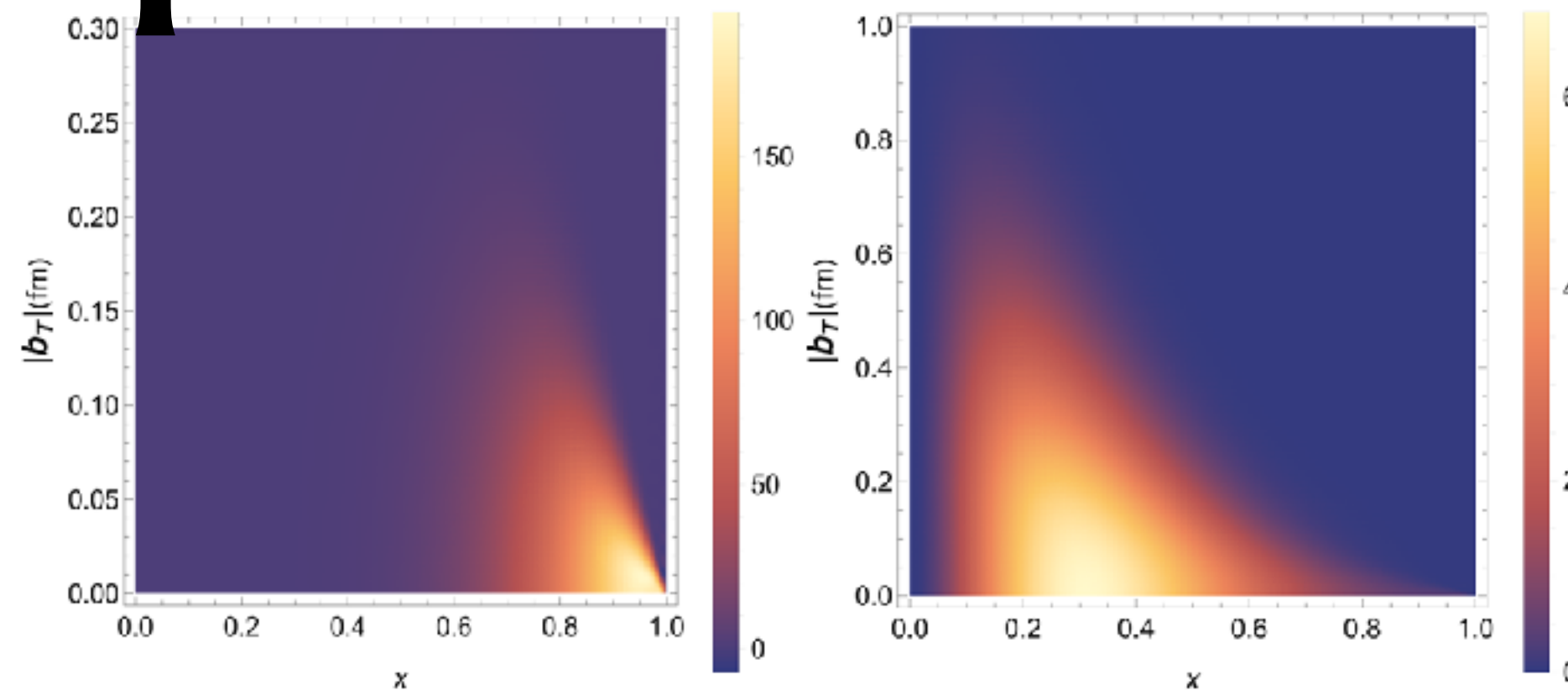
$$\phi(x, Q^2) = \int^{Q^2} dk_T^2 \psi_0(x, k_T^2)$$



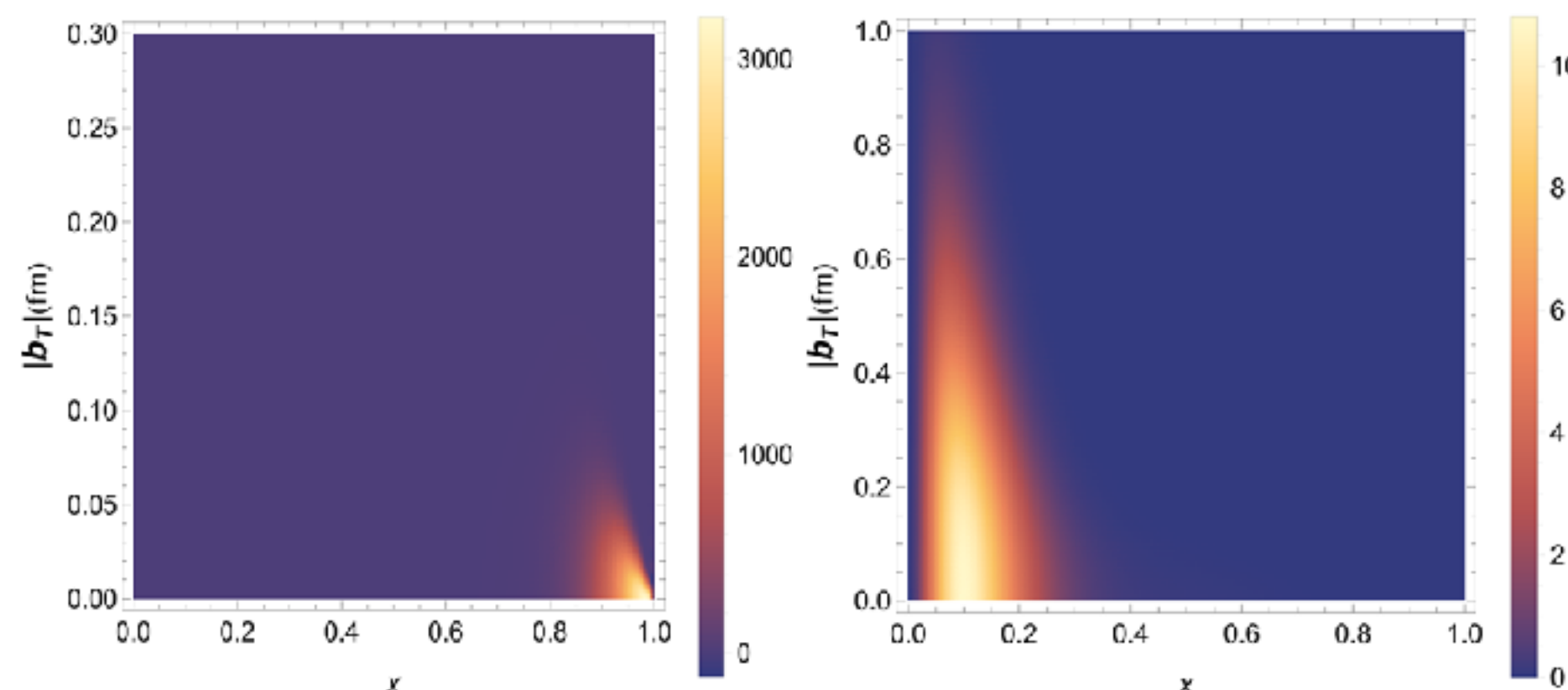
Lattice Parton Collaboration :arXiv:2410.18654

Impact Parameter Dependent GPD

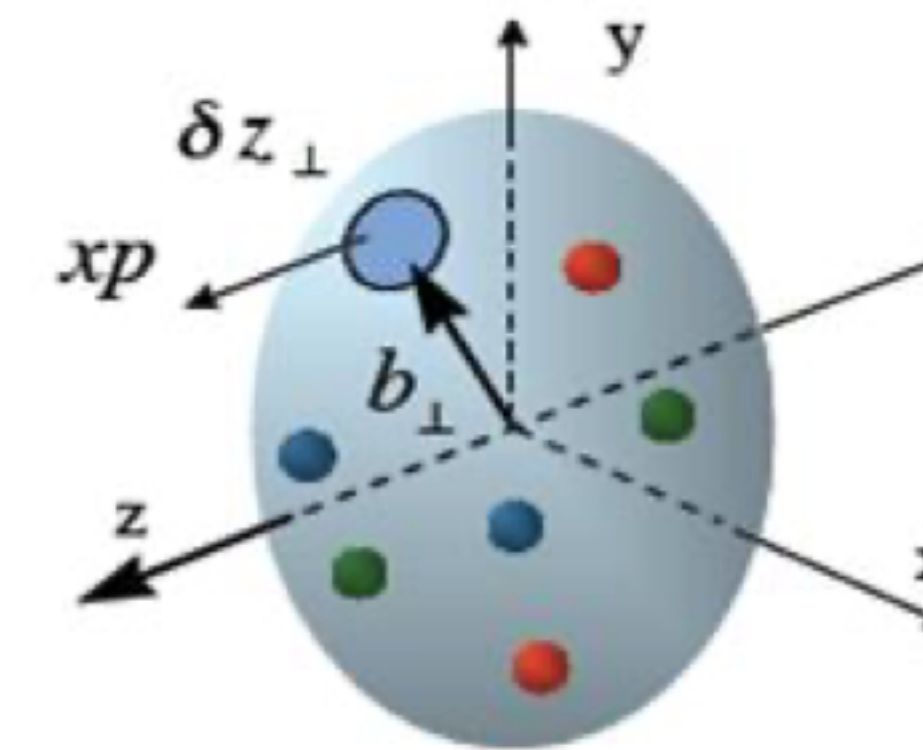
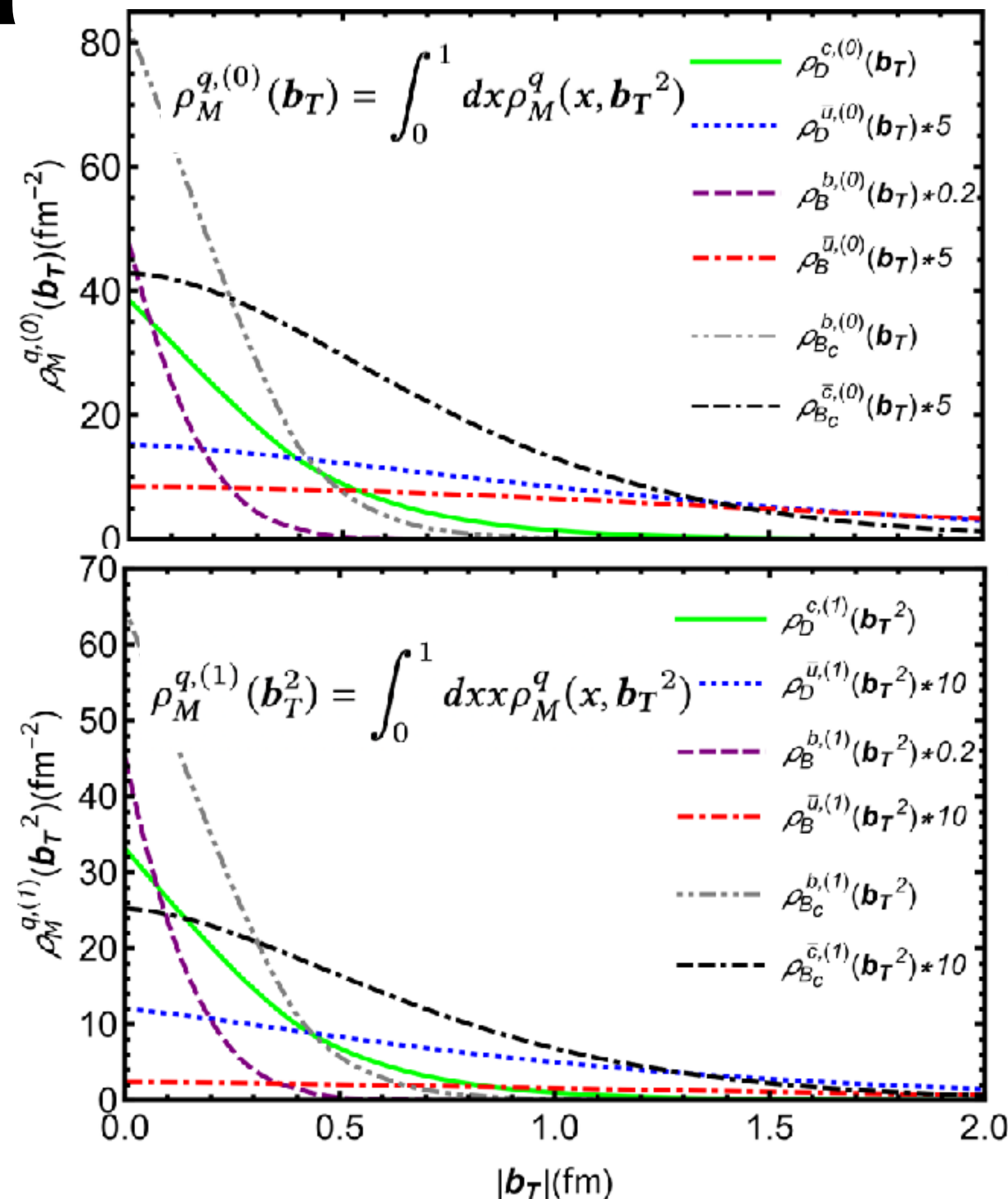
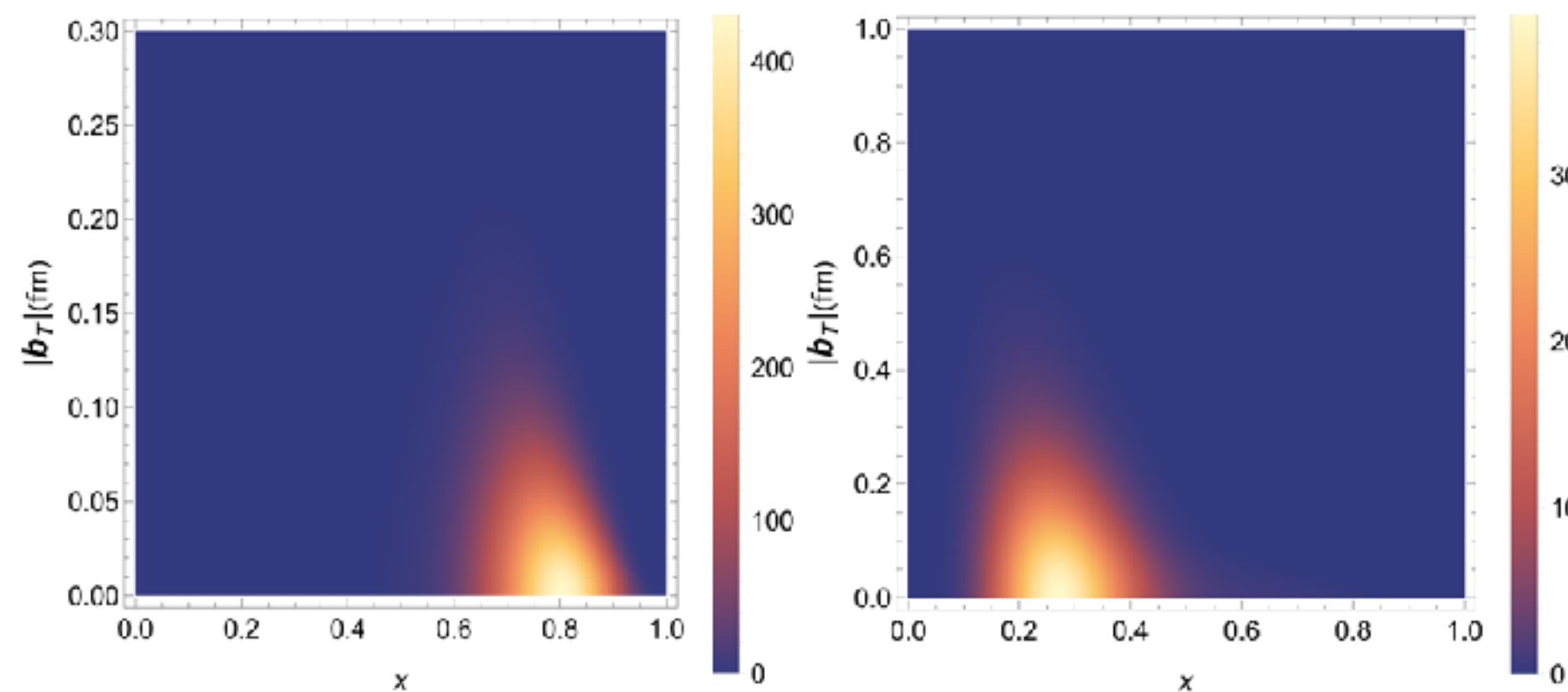
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B



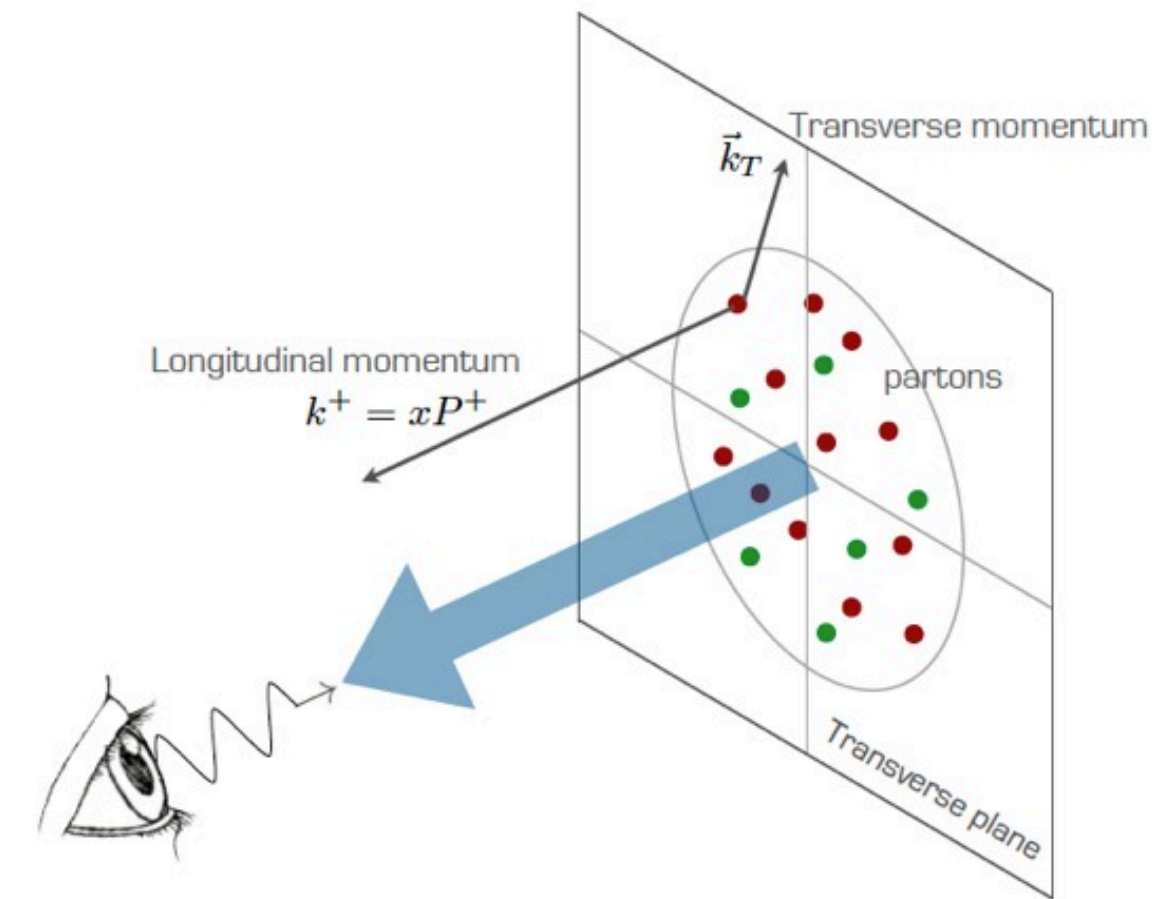
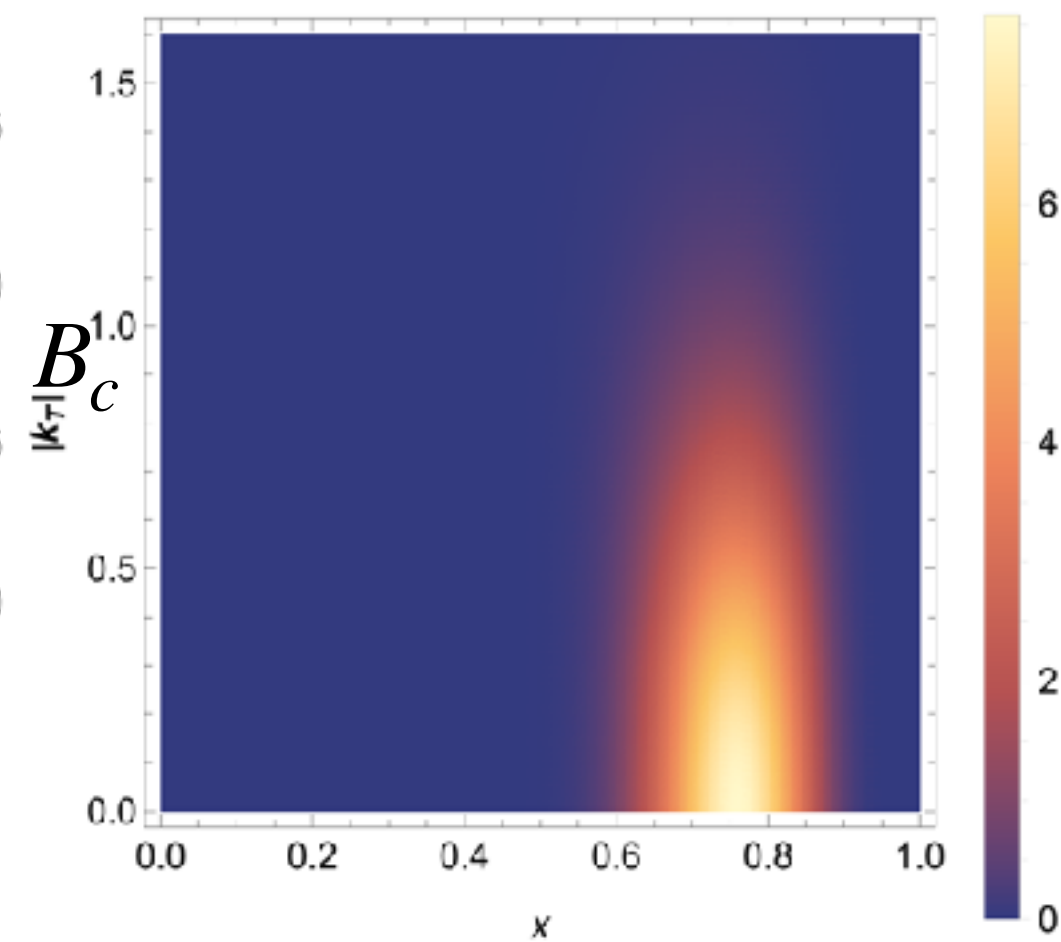
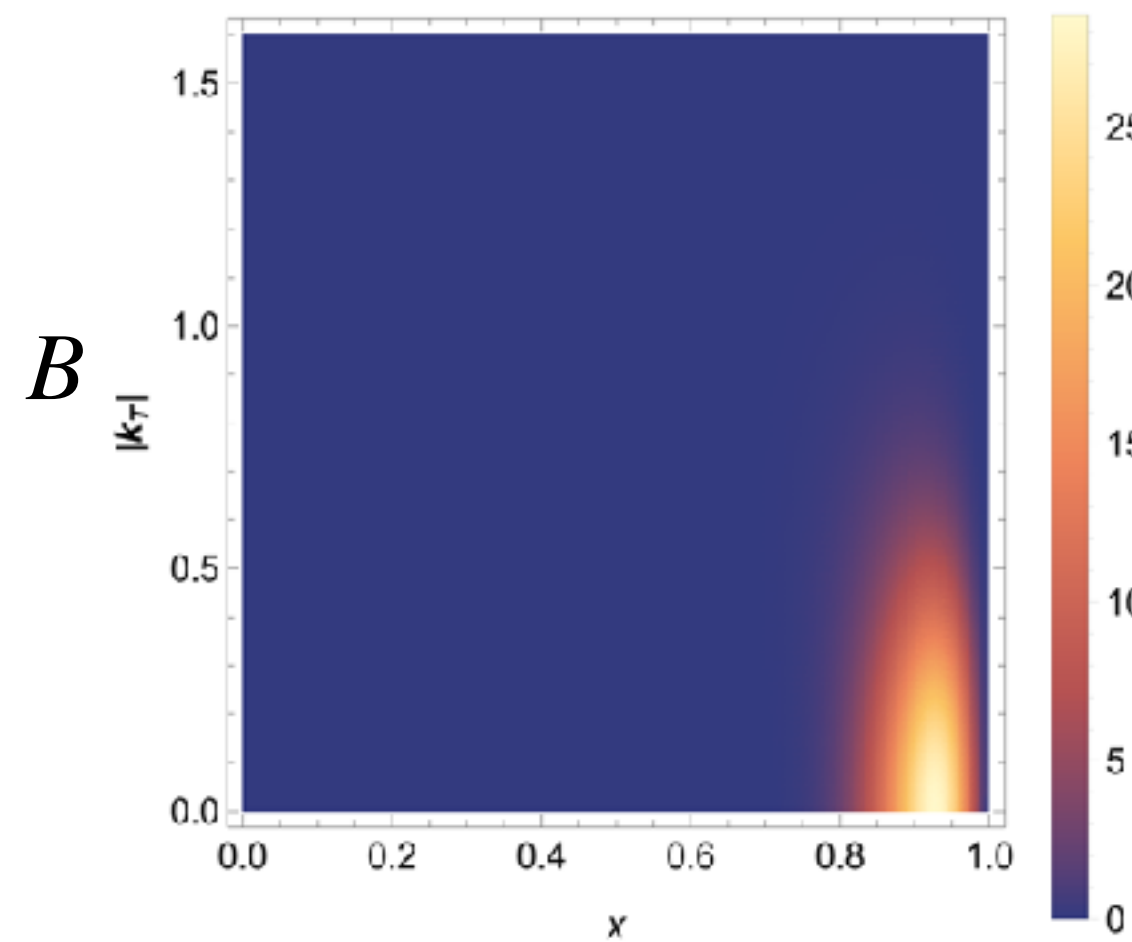
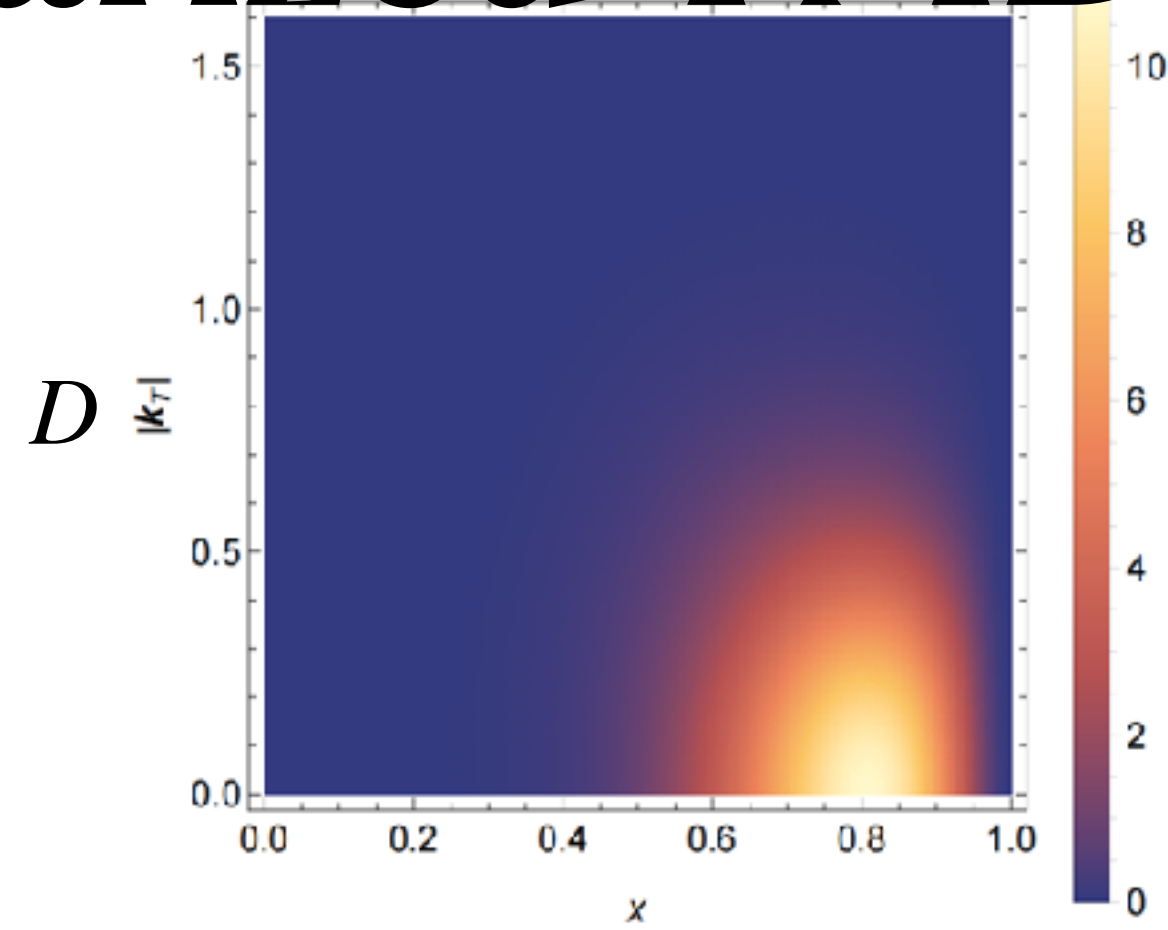
B_c



$$\rho(x, |\vec{b}_T|)$$

- 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



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

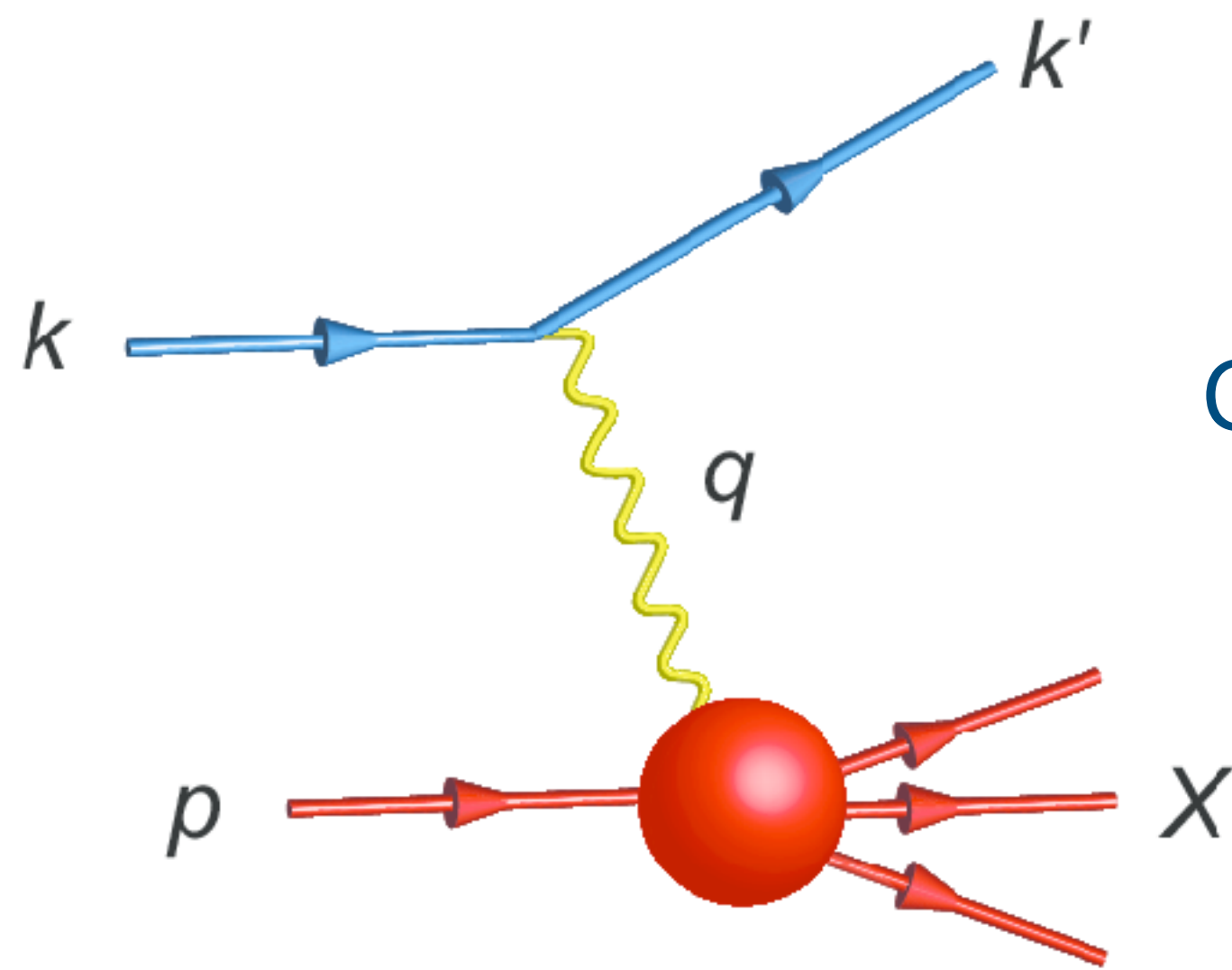
• $\langle |\vec{k}_T| \rangle = \int dx d^2 \vec{k}_T f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_T^2) |\vec{k}_T|$ for D, B and B_c mesons are 0.43, 0.42 and 0.65 GeV, as compared to 0.39, 0.65, 1.0 GeV for π , η_c and η_b .

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

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Color Dipole Model and small-x DIS

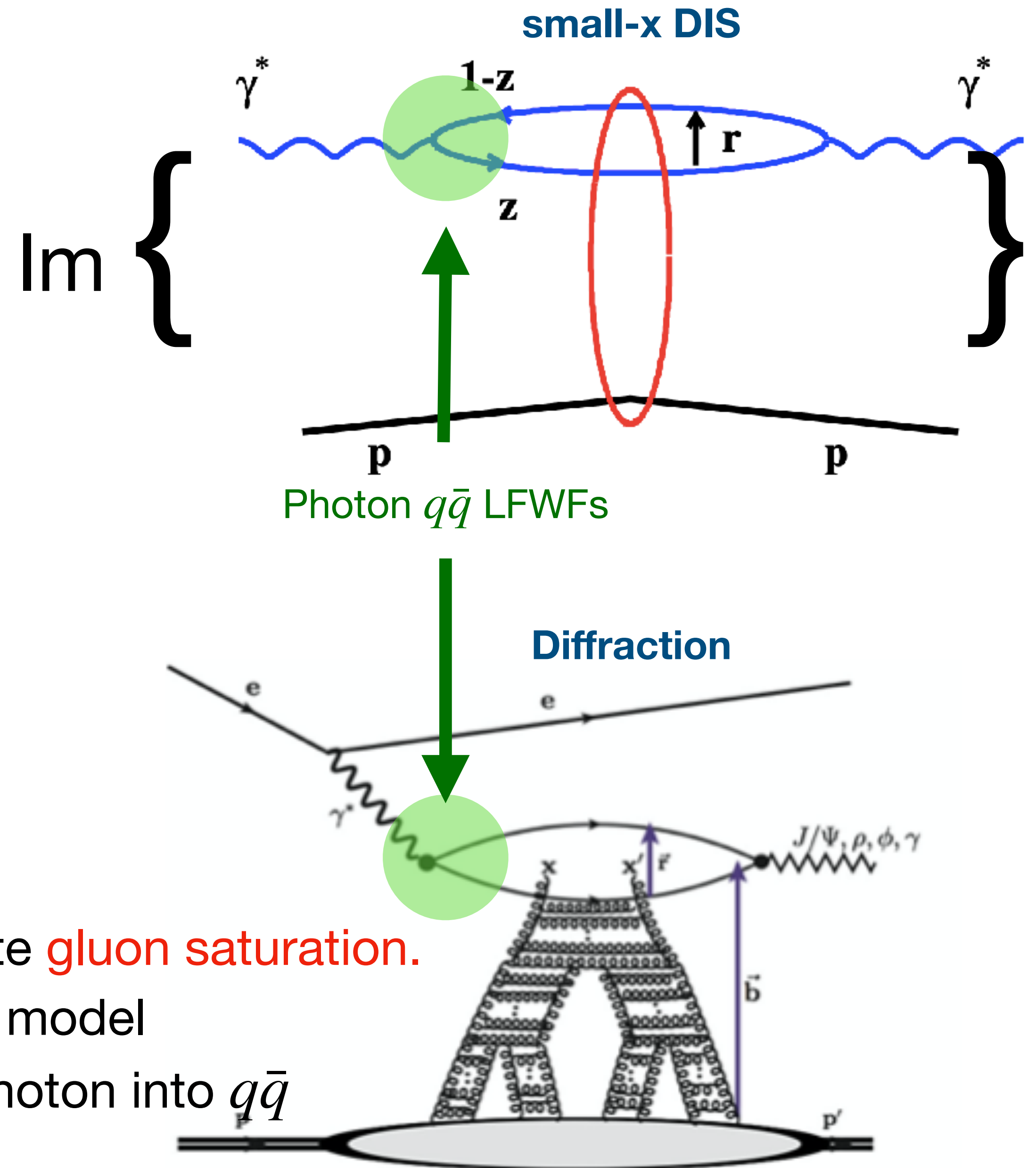


Color Dipole Model (small-x)



Kowalski_PRD2006

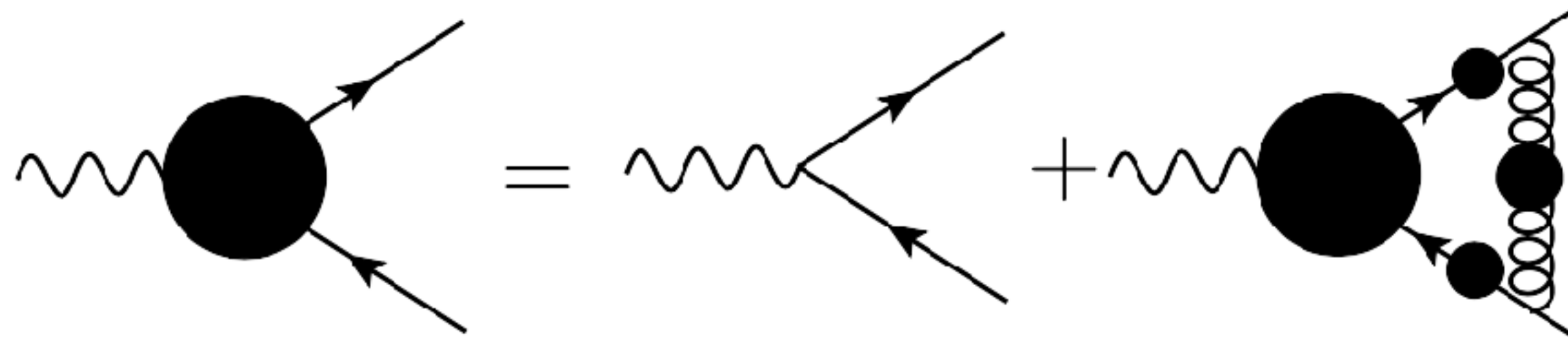
- Color dipole model is an important approach to investigate **gluon saturation**.
- Photon $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs are **indispensable input** of color dipole model
- Photon $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs describe the **transition amplitude** of photon into $q\bar{q}$



QCD in quasi-real photon

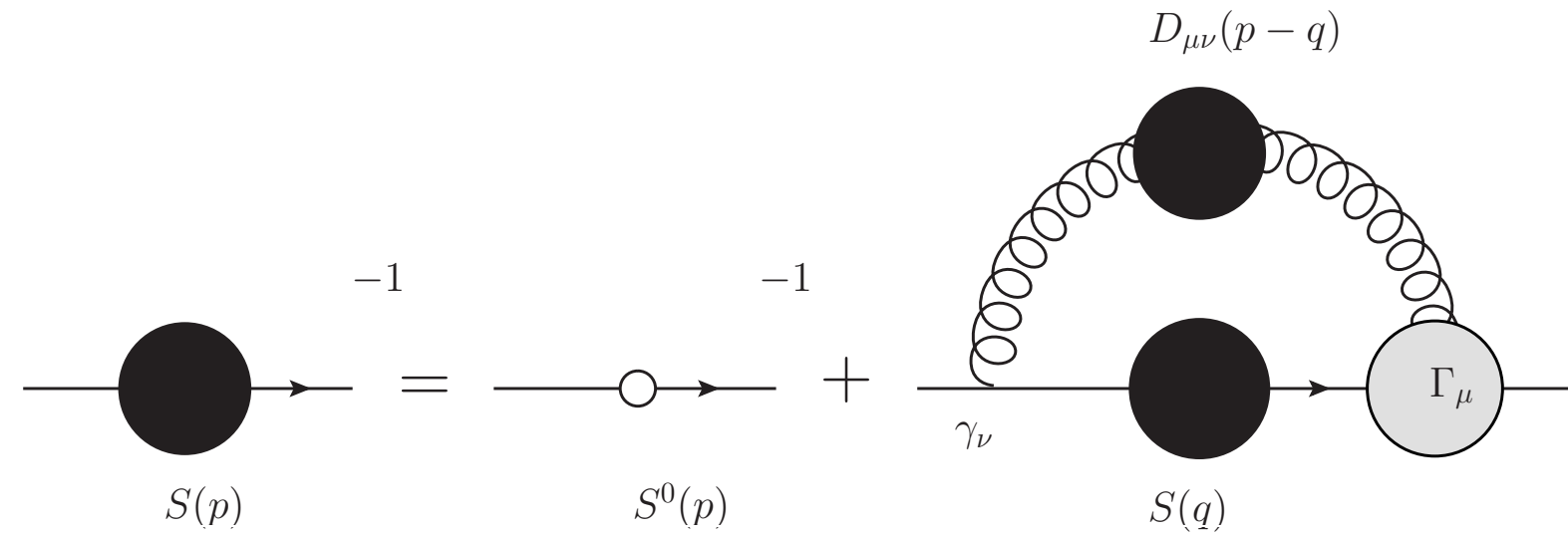
$$|\gamma_{\text{phys}}^*\rangle = |\gamma_{\text{bare}}^*\rangle + |e^+e^-\rangle_{\gamma^*} + \sum_{f=u,d,s,\dots} |q_f\bar{q}_f\rangle_{\gamma^*} + \dots$$

- At **high virtuality**, photon LFWFs can be calculated perturbatively.
- For **low virtuality** photon, such as quasi-real photon, there are significant **nonperturbative QCD effects**. (For instance, VMD)



QCD effect matters for quasi-real photons!

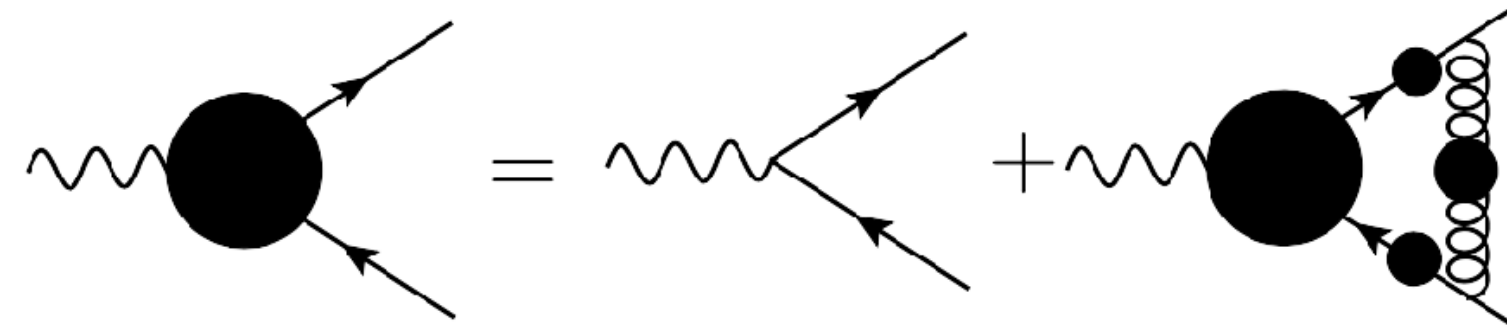
Photon Bethe-Salpter Wave Function



Contact Interaction Model:

$$g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(k-q) = \delta_{\mu\nu} \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{IR}}}{m_G^2}$$

$$S_f^{-1}(k) = i\gamma \cdot k + m_f + \frac{4}{3} \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{IR}}}{m_G^2} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \gamma_\mu S_f(q) \gamma_\mu,$$



$$\Gamma_\mu^{\gamma^*,(f)}(k; Q) = \gamma_\mu - \frac{4}{3} \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{IR}}}{m_G^2} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \times \gamma_\alpha S_f(q) \Gamma_\mu^{\gamma^*,(f)}(q; Q) S_f(q-Q) \gamma_\alpha,$$

$$S_f(p)^{-1} = i\gamma \cdot p + M_f,$$

$$\Gamma_\mu^{\gamma^*,(f)}(Q) = \gamma_\mu^T P_T^{(f)}(Q^2) + \gamma_\mu^L P_L^{(f)}(Q^2)$$

Calculation techniques (Analytical)

$$\Phi_{\lambda,\lambda'}^{\Lambda,(f)}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \int \frac{dk^- dk^+}{2\pi} \delta(xQ^+ - k^+) \text{Tr} \left\{ \Gamma_{\lambda,\lambda'} \gamma^+ S_f(k) [e_f e \Gamma^{\gamma^*,(f)}(k; Q) \cdot \epsilon_\Lambda(Q)] S_f(k - Q) \right\}$$

$$\langle x \rangle^m \equiv \int_0^1 dx x^m \Phi_{+,-}^0(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$$

$$= -\frac{e_f e P_T(Q^2)}{2\sqrt{3}} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\parallel}{2\pi} \left(\frac{k^+}{Q^+} \right)^m \frac{1}{|Q^+|} \text{Tr} \left[(I + \gamma^5) \gamma^+ S(k) [\Gamma^{\gamma^*}(k; Q) \cdot \epsilon_0(Q)] S(k - Q) \right]$$

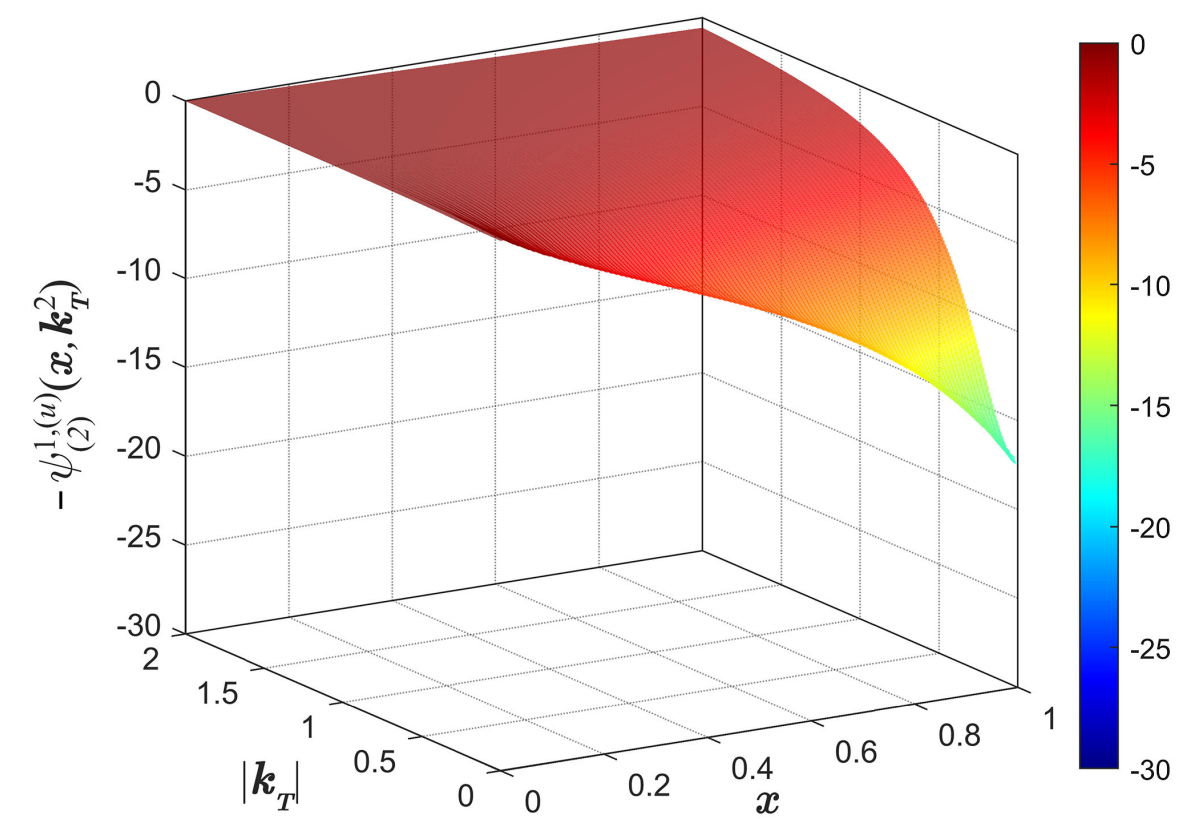
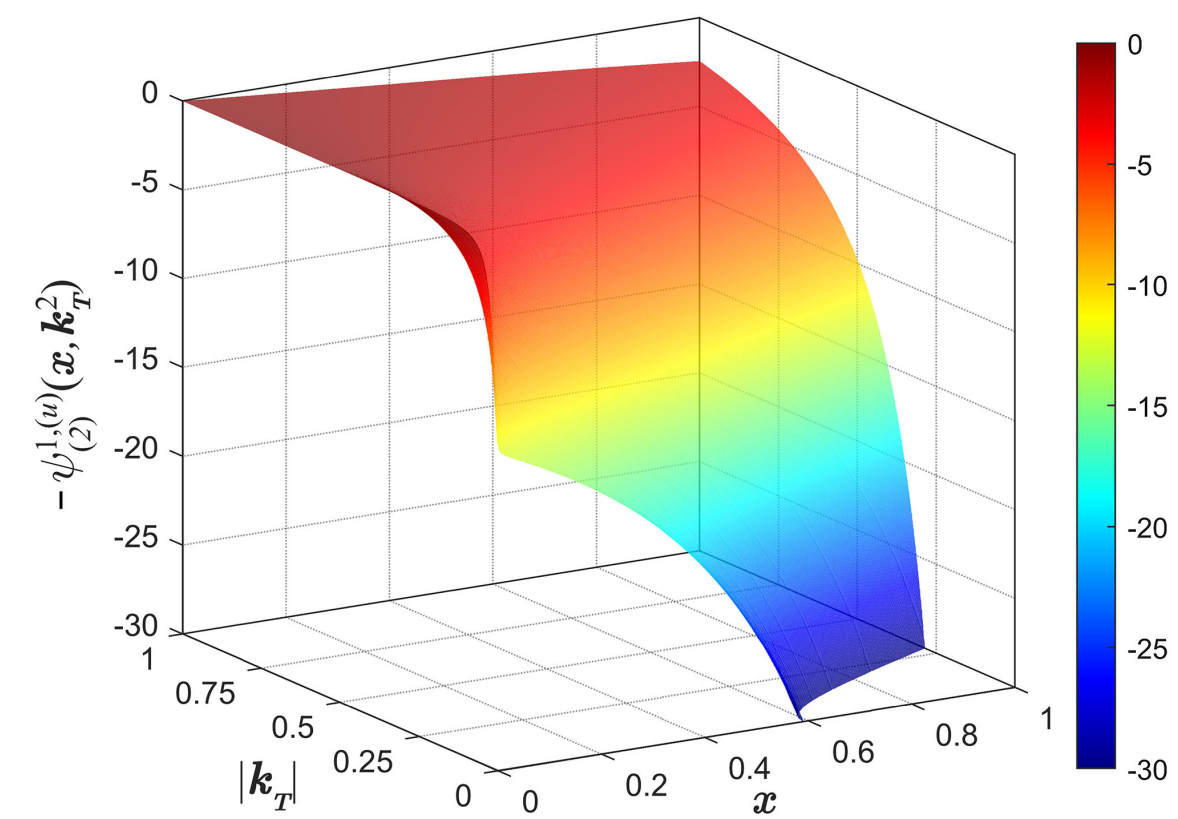
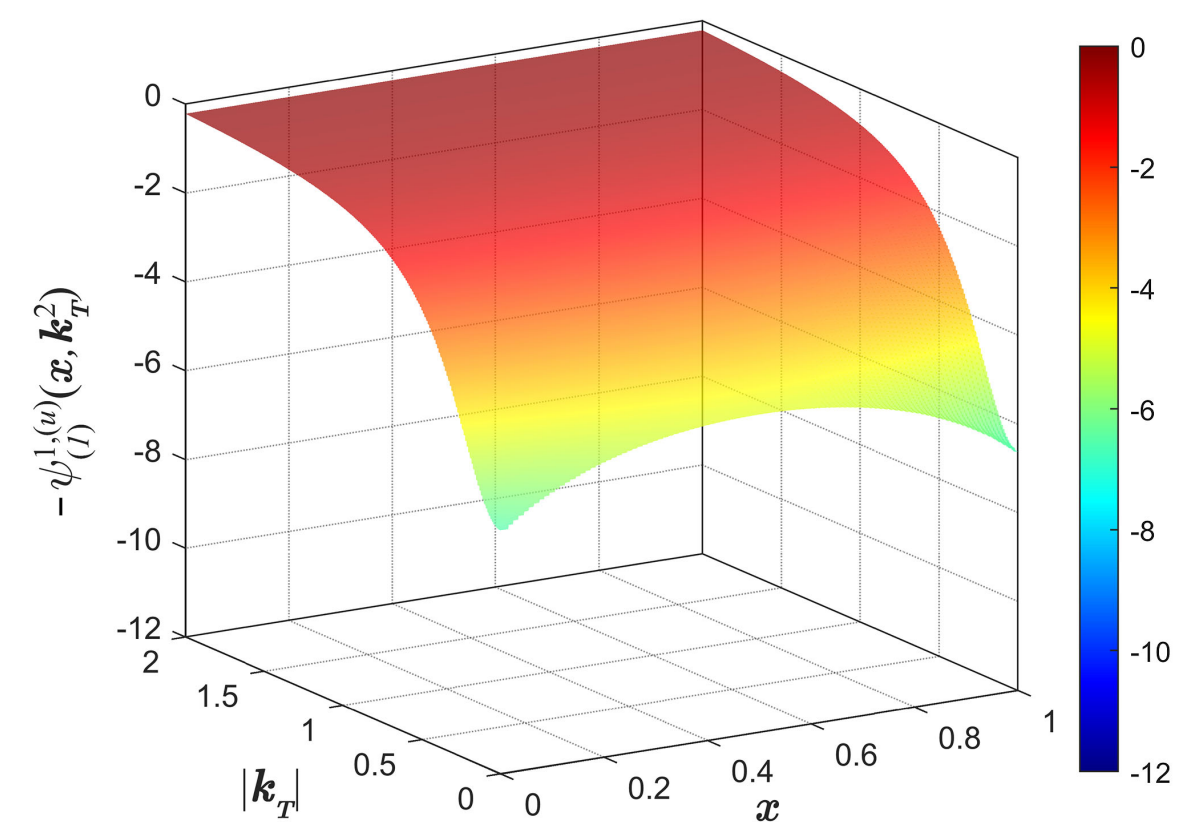
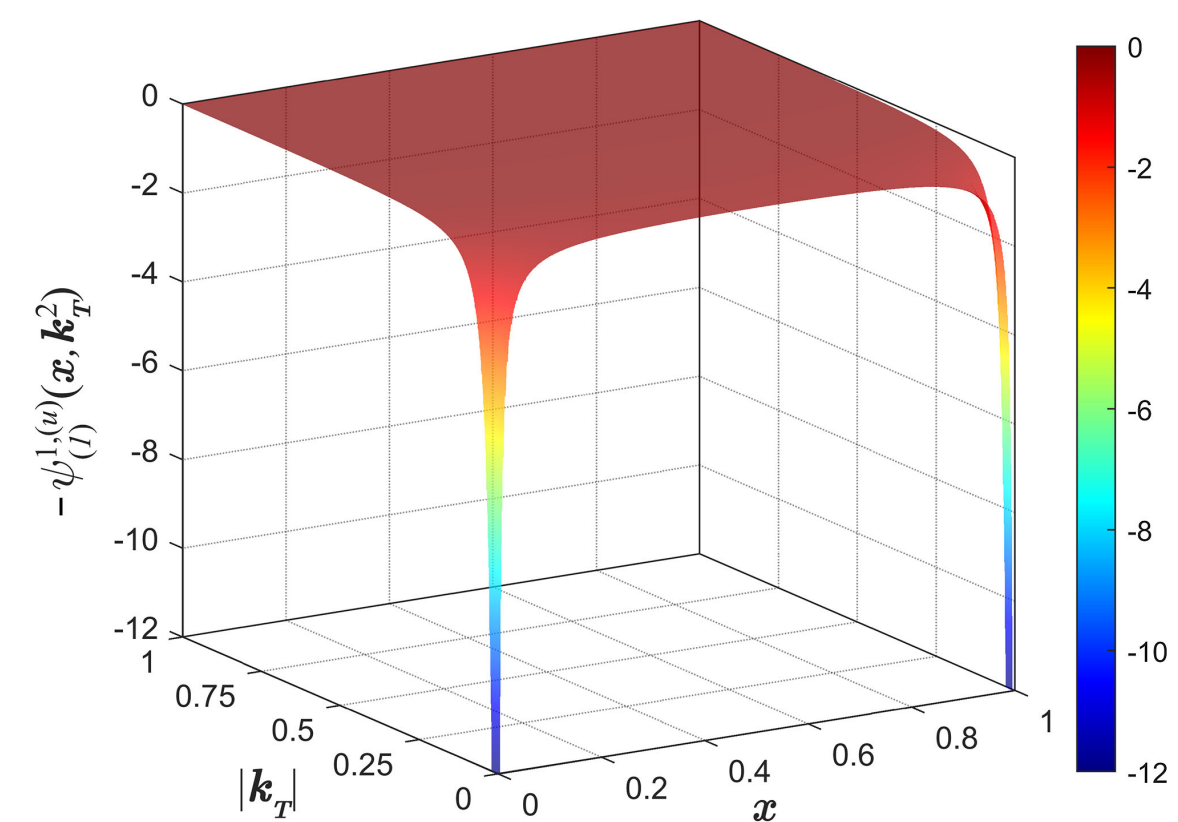
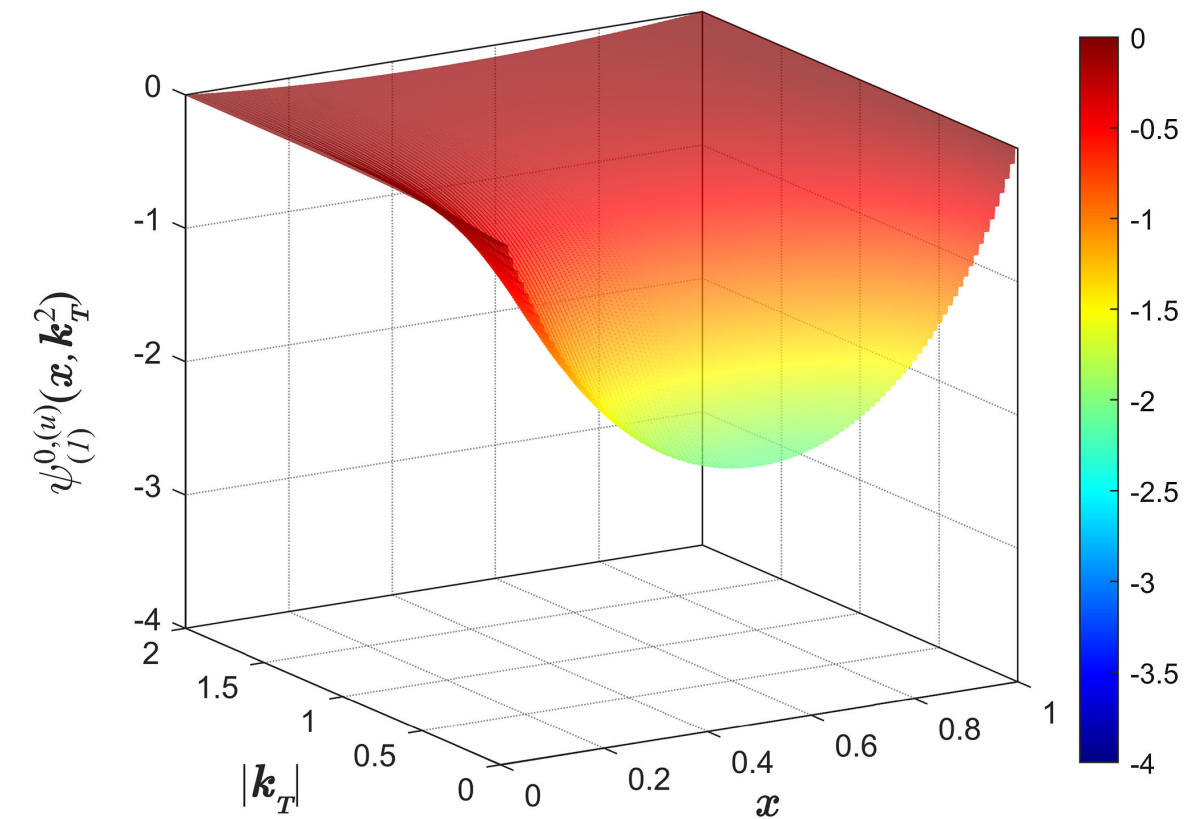
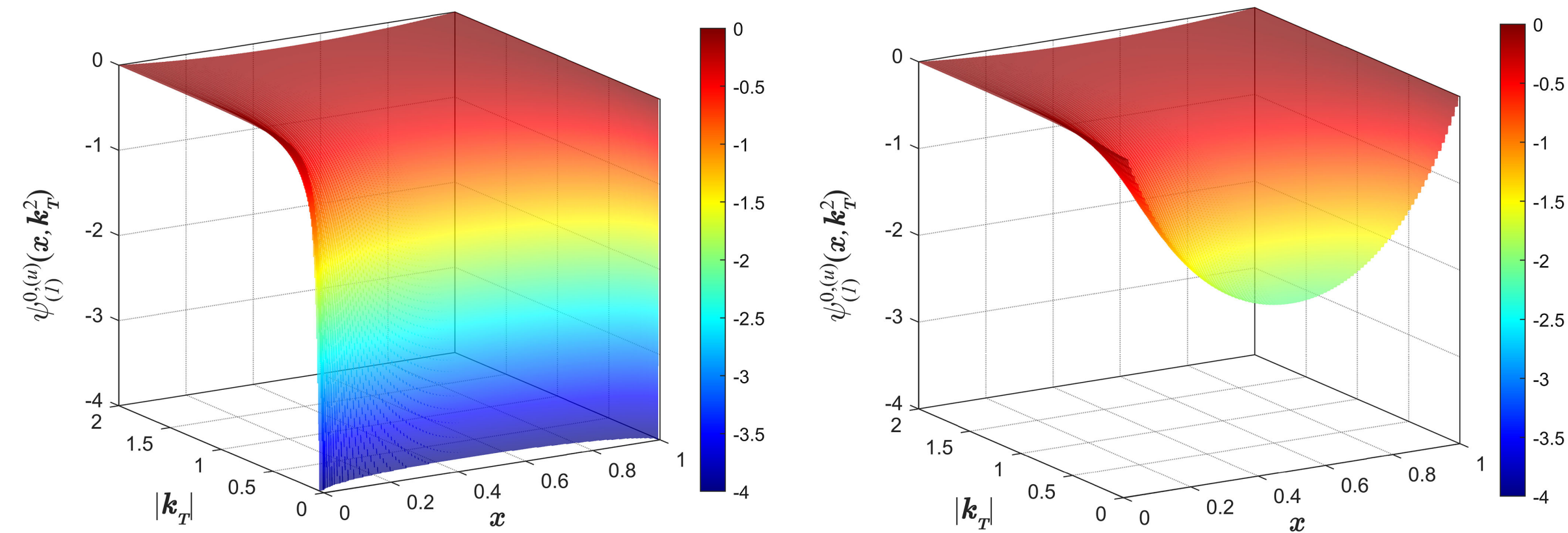
$$= -\frac{e_f e P_T(Q^2)}{2\sqrt{3} |Q \cdot n|} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\parallel}{2\pi} \left(\frac{k_\parallel \cdot n}{Q \cdot n} \right)^m \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{N}(-ik + M) \epsilon_0(-ik + iQ + M)]}{(k^2 + M^2)(k^2 - 2k \cdot Q + Q^2 + M^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{N_c} e_f e P_T(Q^2)}{Q} \int_0^1 du' u'^m \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\parallel}{2\pi} \frac{k_\perp^2 + M^2 - u'(1 - u')Q^2}{[k_\parallel^2 + Q^2 u'(1 - u') + M^2 + k_\perp^2]^2}$$

$$= \int_0^1 du' u'^m \frac{\sqrt{N_c} e_f e P_T(Q^2)}{Q} \left(1 - \frac{2u'(1 - u')Q^2}{Q^2 u'(1 - u') + M^2 + k_\perp^2} \right).$$

- For analytical BS WFs, the LF WFs can be determined **unambiguously**.

Photon LFWFs



- $Q^2 \approx - (0.5\text{GeV})^2$
- **Big difference** between the perturbative (left) and nonperturbative (right) result.
- **Limited to low virtuality** due to the simplified contact interaction model.
- Experiment support?

Photon LFWF & small-x DIS

- Color Dipole Model study of small-x DIS $\sigma \sim |\phi_{\gamma^*}^{q\bar{q}}|^2 \otimes \sigma_{q\bar{q},N}$
- We propose modified photon LFWFs incorporating nonperturbative effects.

$$|\Psi_{T,L}^{(f)}(r, z; Q^2)|^2 = F_{\text{part}}(Q^2) |\Psi_{T,L}^{(f),\text{np}}(r, z; Q^2)|^2 + [1 - F_{\text{part}}(Q^2)] |\Psi_{T,L}^{(f),\text{p}}(r, z; Q^2)|^2$$

$$F_{\text{part}}(Q^2) = \frac{Q_0^{2n}}{(Q^2 + Q_0^2)^n}$$

- We re-fit HERA DIS reduced cross section $\sigma_r(x, y, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2)$

LFWFs [Eqs. (30-35,49)]	Q^2/GeV^2	γ_s	N_0	x_0	λ	Q_0^2	n	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f}$
Pert.	[0.85, 50]	0.6290	0.4199	2.395×10^{-4}	0.1962	-	-	265.8/223 = 1.192
Pert.	[0.25, 50]	0.3869	0.7556	7.047×10^{-7}	0.1052	-	-	678.4/282 = 2.406
Pert.+Nonpert.	[0.25, 50]	0.6177	0.4596	1.326×10^{-4}	0.1875	1.052	3.970	337.9/280 = 1.207

$\sigma_{q\bar{q},N}$ model

F_{part} model

- Conclusion: including nonperturbative QCD effect in photon LFWFs can accommodate small-x DIS data at lower Q^2

Summary

- The $q\bar{q}$ light-cone wave functions are explored with Euclidean DSEs studies.
- Heavy flavor asymmetric mesons exhibit novel parton picture.
- Nonperturbative QCD affects photon LFWFs and small-x DIS.

Outlook

- More mesons $q\bar{q}$ LFWFs to be explored and tested in exclusive productions.
- Refine the photon LFWFs with realistic DSE, bridging the gap between low and high Q^2 .
- Refine the color dipole model study and its search for gluon saturation phenomenon.

Thank you!