

# Helicity quasi-parton distributions in a large $N_c$ nucleon

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# Introduction

# Parton distribution functions (PDFs)

How partons (quarks and gluons) are distributed inside a hadron

Probability density on the light-cone

Factorizations & universality

Non-perturbative QCD matrix elements

## Theoretical understanding of PDFs

Effective models at low energy (low renormalization scale)

- providing initial conditions of the QCD evolution

- to understand the detailed mechanism

- Chiral quark-soliton model

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## Theoretical understanding of PDFs

Lattice QCD

- fundamental difficulties being Euclidean: no direct computation is possible
- Mostly studied using the Mellin moments of the PDFs

# Quasi parton distribution function

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$$q(x, \mu, P^z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^z z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^z \exp \left[ -ig \int_0^z dz' A^z(z') \right] \psi(z) | P \rangle + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{M_N^2}{(P^z)^2}\right)$$

## Large Momentum Effective Theory

Spacelike separation  $\rightarrow$  can be calculated on Lattice!

No unique definition  $\rightarrow \Gamma = \gamma^3$  or  $\Gamma = \gamma^0$

Approaches to PDFs in the limit  $P^z \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $v \rightarrow 1$ .

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$$q(x, \mu_R, P^z) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} \underbrace{C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu_R}{\mu}, \frac{\mu}{p^z}\right)}_{\text{Perturbative matching coefficients}} q(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{M_N^2}{(P^z)^2}\right)$$

Extensively studied for the Lattice computations

Market results  $P_z \sim 2\text{-}3 \text{ GeV}$

Enough accuracy and uncertainty for actual application?

**Reliable model computations on quasi-PDFs?**

Plenary talk by C. Alexandrou on 14:20 Thus 21/10

# (Quasi-)PDFs in the chiral quark-soliton model

A successful description of the PDFs at low renormalization scale

[D. Diakonov, V. Y. Petrov, P. V. Pobylitsa, M. Polyakov, and C. Weiss, Nuclear Physics B 480, 341 (1996)]

**Nucleon matrix element in Euclidean separation**

**Lorentz boost  $\rightarrow$  PDFs  $\sim$  quasi-PDF**

Properties of qPDFs for quarks and antiquarks in the nucleon:

***Sum-rules, positivity, evolution in  $P_z$***

Gravitational form factors are related to the momentum sum-rule:

**$\bar{c}^q$  is accessible only through the quasi-PDF**

# In this talk,

Description of the chiral quark-soliton model

quasi-PDFs within the chiral quark-soliton model

Properties: **quasi sum-rules** as their Mellin moments

Numerical results for the unpolarized and **longitudinally polarized** quasi-quark distributions

Comparison of the Dirac structure defining the quasi-PDFs

The polarized antiquark asymmetry



# Method

# Chiral quark-soliton model

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\pi^a d\psi^\dagger d\psi \exp \int d^4x \psi^\dagger(x) (i\not{\partial} + iMU\gamma_5) \psi(x)$$

$$U^{\gamma_5}(x) = U(x) \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} + U^\dagger(x) \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \quad U(x) = \exp \left[ \frac{i}{F_\pi} \pi^a(x) \tau^a \right]$$

From QCD to the low energy effective theory via the instantons

Parameters:  $\bar{\rho} \sim 1/3$  fm &  $\bar{R} \sim 1$  fm

Intrinsic renormalisation scale  $\Lambda \sim 1/\bar{\rho} \approx 600$  MeV

Dynamically generated quark mass  $M = 350$  MeV

Interplays the quark-model and (topological) soliton picture of the baryons

Fully field theoretic: successively describes a wide class of baryon properties

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# Properties of quasi-PDFs in the large $N_c$

# Quark distribution functions: large components

In the large  $N_c$  limit,

Isosinglet unpolarised	$u(x) + d(x)$	$\sim N_c^2 \rho(N_c x)$
Isovector polarised	$\Delta u(x) - \Delta d(x)$	

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quasi-PDFs acquire overall factor of  $v$

-> the  $N_c$  ordering is preserved and dominant  
if  $v$  not too small

# Quasi-PDFs in the $\chi$ QSM

Quasi- quark and antiquark number densities

$$D_f(x, v) = \frac{1}{2E_N} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \delta\left(x - \frac{k^3}{P_N}\right) \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle N_v | \bar{\psi}_f\left(-\frac{\mathbf{x}}{2}, t\right) \Gamma \psi_f\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{2}, t\right) | N_v \rangle$$

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**Isoscalar unpolarized**  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$\sum_f q_f(x, v) = N_c M_N v \sum_{n, \text{occ}} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \delta(k^3 + vE_n - vM_N x) \left[ \Phi_n^\dagger(\vec{k}) (1 + v\gamma^0\gamma^3) \gamma_0 \Gamma \Phi_n(\vec{k}) \right]$$

**Isovector polarized (helicity)**

$$\Delta u(x, v) - \Delta d(x, v) = -\frac{1}{3} (2T^3) \frac{N_c M_N v}{2\pi} \sum_{n, \text{occ}} \int \frac{d^2k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \delta(k^3 + vE_n - vM_N x) \left[ \Phi_n^\dagger(\vec{k}) (1 + v\gamma^0\gamma^3) \gamma_0 \Gamma \tau^3 \gamma^5 \Phi_n(\vec{k}) \right]$$

# Sum-rules

Baryon number

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx q(x, v) = \begin{cases} N_c B, & \Gamma = \gamma^0 \\ v N_c B, & \Gamma = \gamma^3 \end{cases}$$

Momentum

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Interpretation for QCD quark symmetry currents

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U(1): charge density ( $\gamma^0$ ) vs flux ( $\gamma^3$ )

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Momentum sum-rule is satisfied only by quarks

Energy-momentum tensor: momentum flux ( $T^{30} \sim \partial_3 \gamma^0$ ) vs pressure ( $T^{33} \sim \partial_3 \gamma^3$ )

$$\text{In general, } M_2^q(\Gamma = \gamma^3) = v \left( A^q(0) - \frac{1-v^2}{v^2} \bar{c}^q(0) \right)$$

[Maxim Polyakov and HDS, JHEP 09 (2018) 156]



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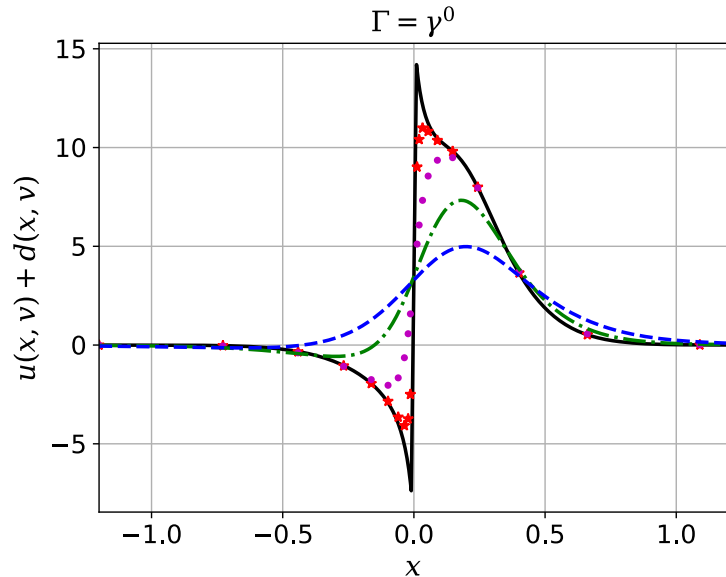
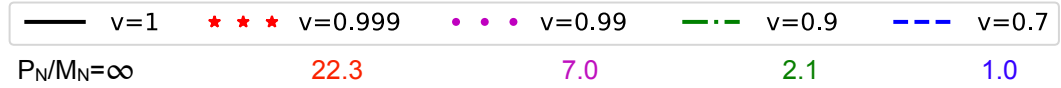
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Axial current:  $\gamma^3 \sim S^3 g_A^{(3)}$  vs  $\gamma^0 \sim \vec{S} \cdot \vec{v} g_A^{(3)}$

# Numerical results

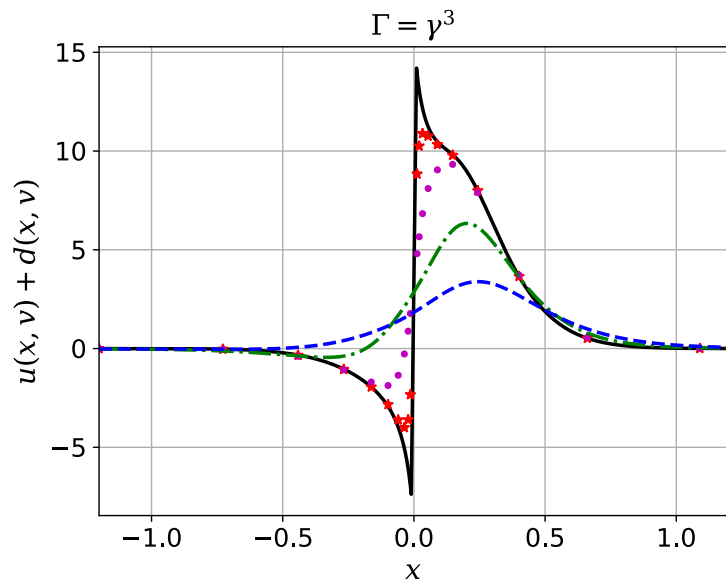
# Isoscalar unpolarized



$$\bar{q}(x) = -q(-x)$$

Strong  $v$  dependence at small  $x$ : due to smearing of the quark and antiquark parts

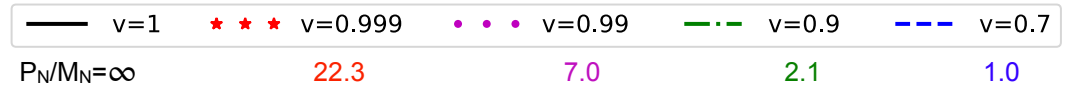
Antiquark part (negative  $x$ ) breaks the positivity



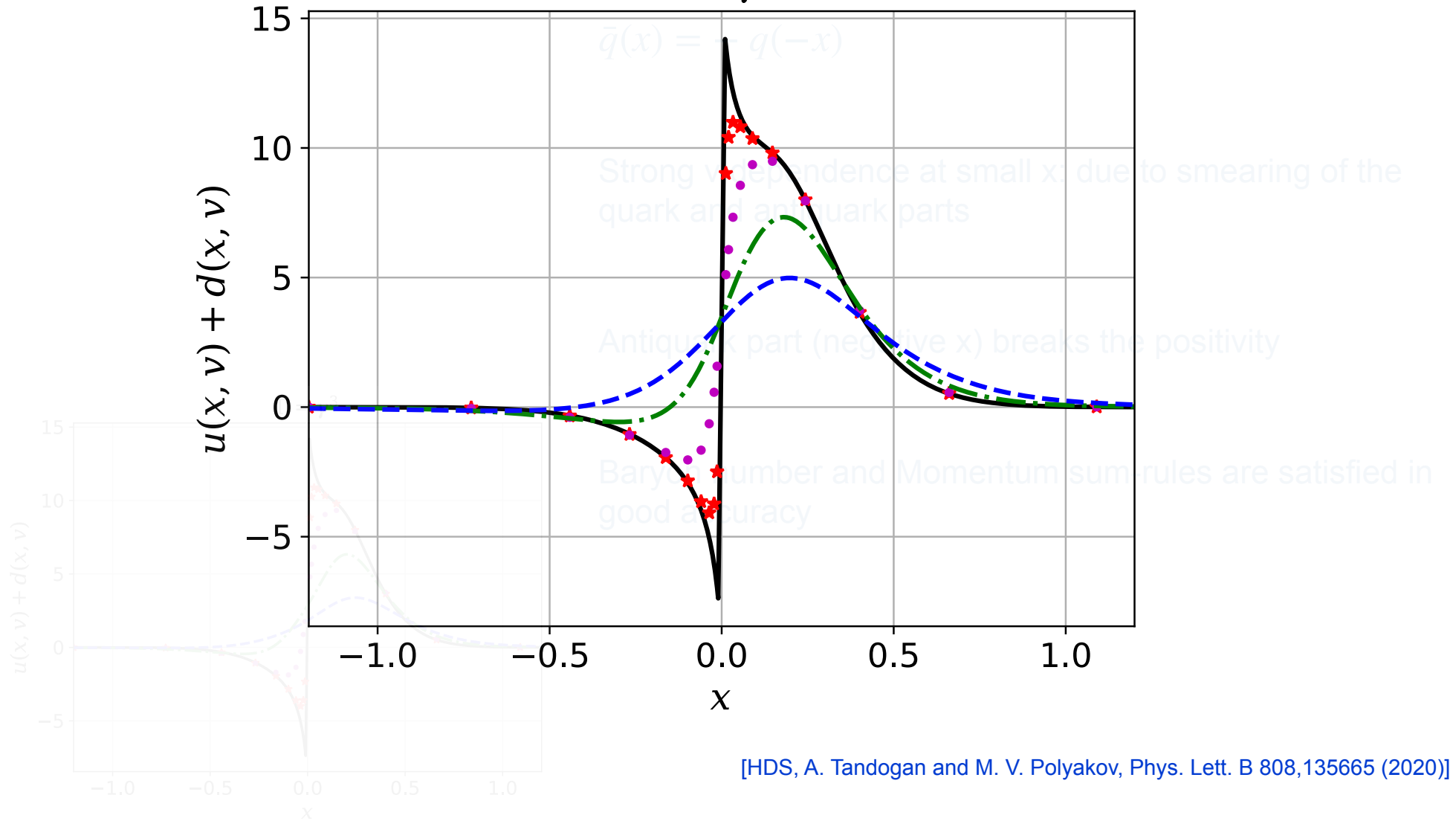
Baryon number and Momentum sum-rules are satisfied in good accuracy

[HDS, A. Tandogan and M. V. Polyakov, Phys. Lett. B 808,135665 (2020)]

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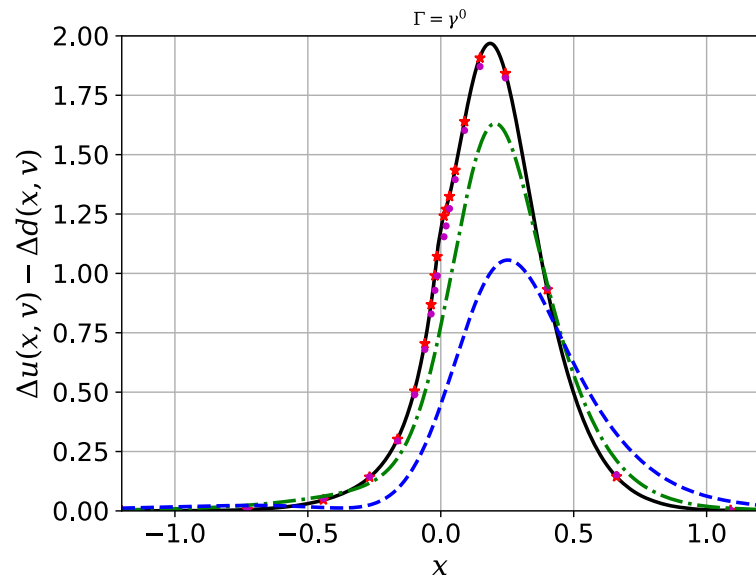
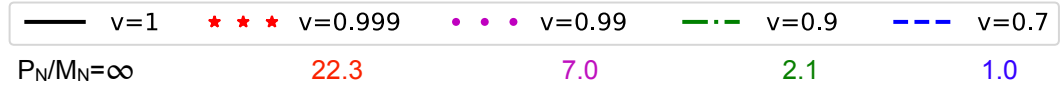


$$\Gamma = \gamma^0$$



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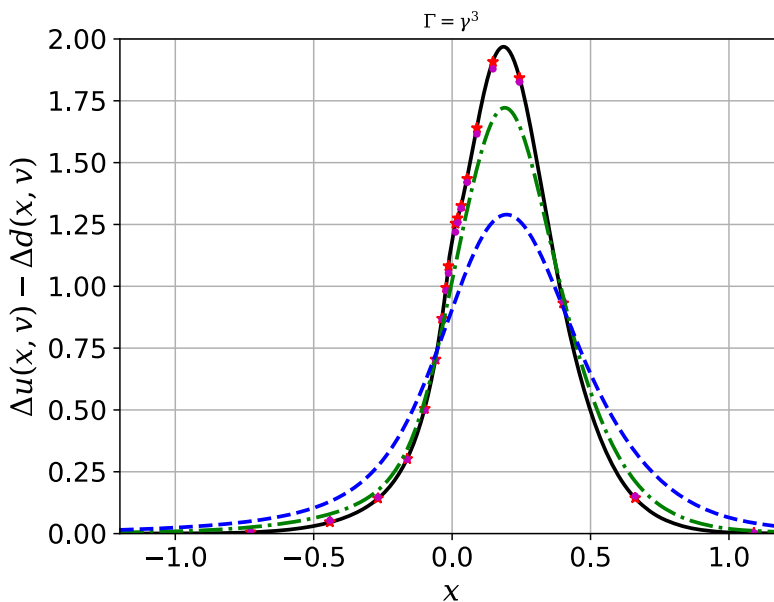
# Isvector polarized



$$\Delta \bar{q}(x) = \Delta q(-x)$$

At  $v=0.9$  ( $P \sim 2$  GeV), qPDF  $\sim$  PDF

Sum-rules are satisfied in good accuracy

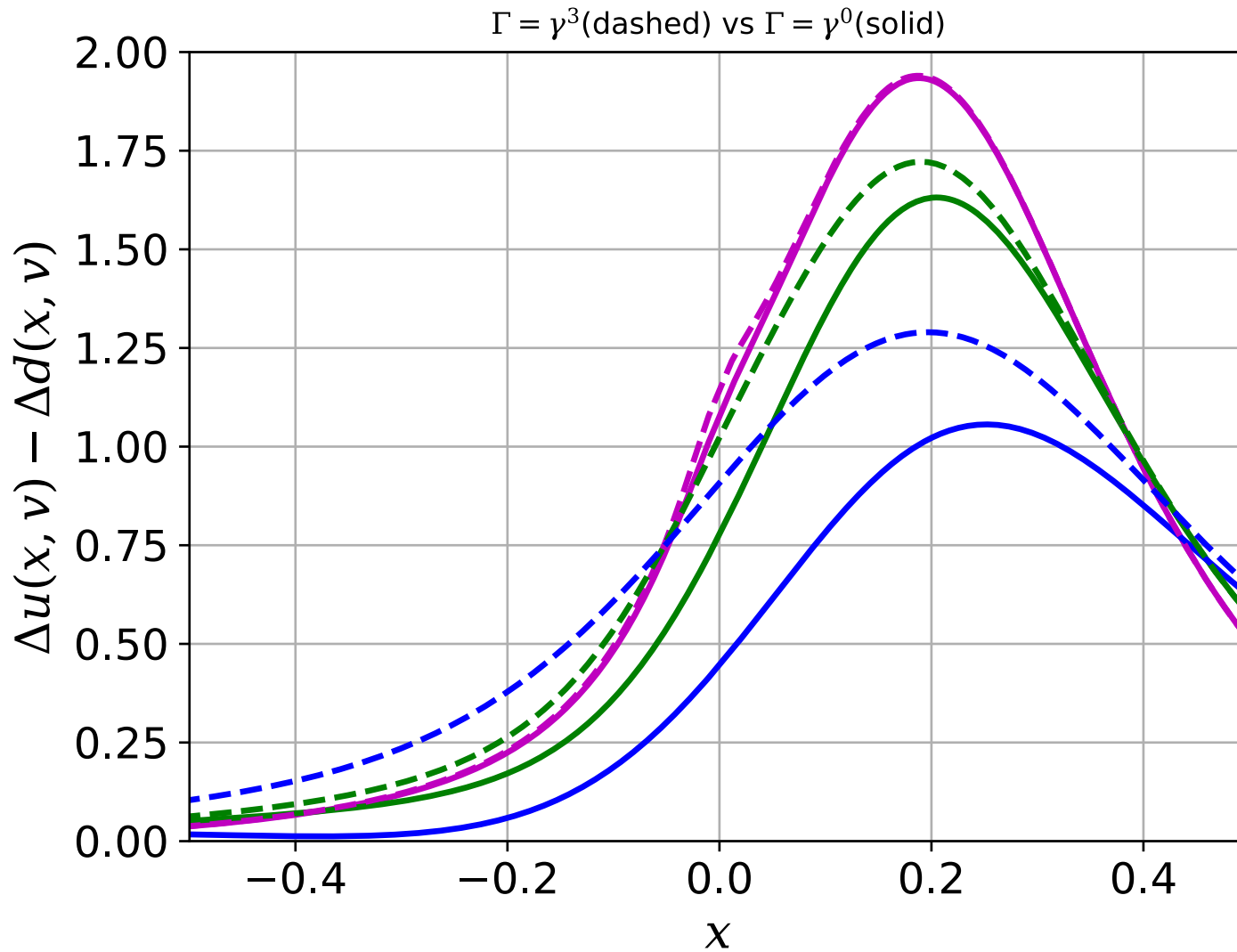


$\Gamma = \gamma^3$  qPDF converges faster to the lightcone PDF

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\Delta u(x, v) - \Delta d(x, v)) = \begin{cases} v g_A^{(3)}, & \Gamma = \gamma^0 \\ g_A^{(3)}. & \Gamma = \gamma^3 \end{cases}$$

[HDS, manuscript in preparation]

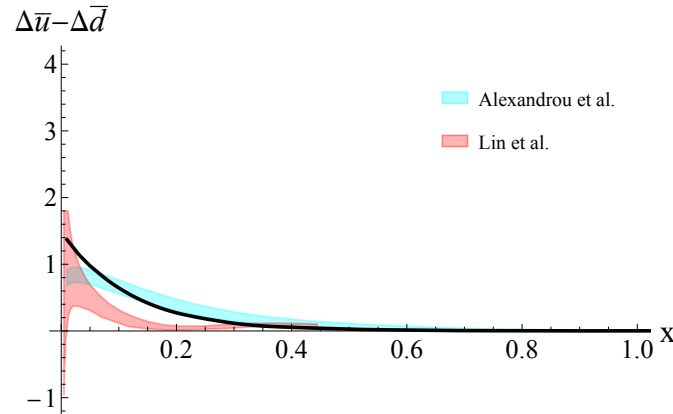
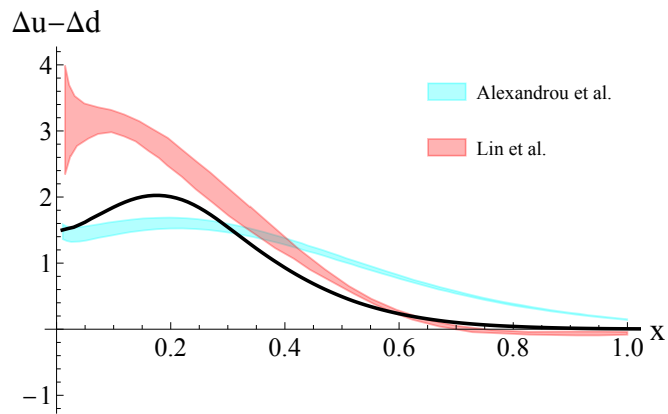
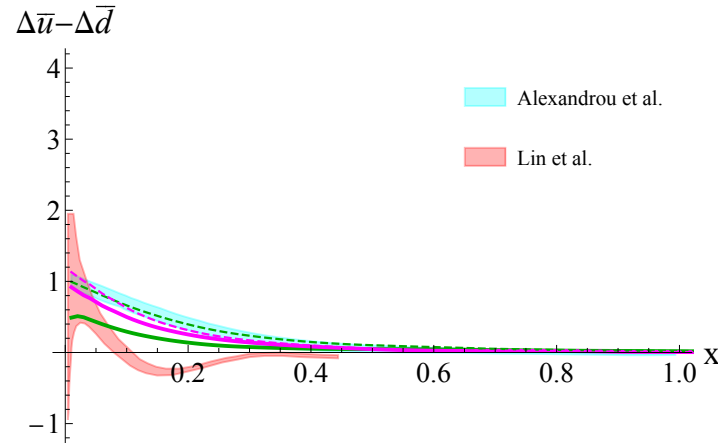
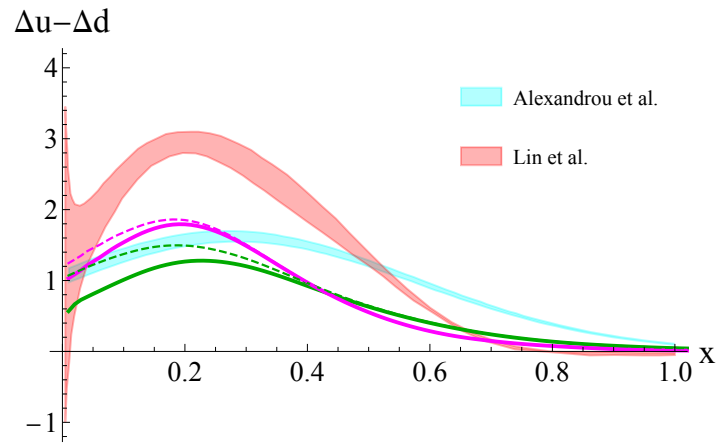
# Isovector polarized



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# vs. Lattice results

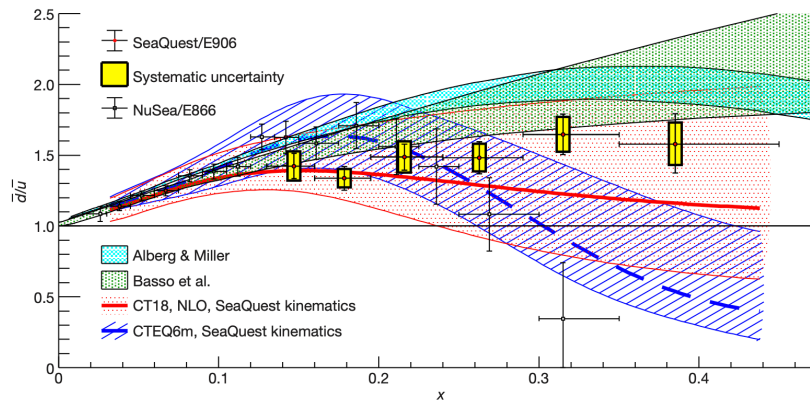
—  $v = 1$  —  $[v = 0.93, \Gamma = \gamma^0]$  - - -  $[v = 0.93, \Gamma = \gamma^3]$  —  $[v = 0.77, \Gamma = \gamma^0]$  - - -  $[v = 0.77, \Gamma = \gamma^3]$   
 $P_N/M_N = \infty$  3.0 GeV 1.4 GeV



$(m_\pi, P_z, \mu) = (0.37, 1.4, 2.0)$  [Alexandrou et al. Phys. Rev. D, vol. 96, no. 1, p. 014513, 2017 ],  
(0.135, 3.0, 3.0) [Lin et al. Phys. Rev. Lett., vol. 121, no. 24, p. 242003, 2018 ]

[HDS, manuscript in preparation]

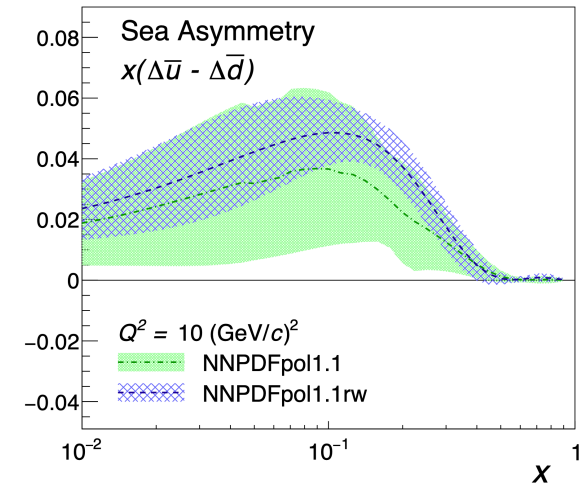
# Antiquark asymmetries in the nucleon



**Fig. 2 | Ratios  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$ .** Ratios  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$  in the proton (red filled circles) with their statistical (vertical bars) and systematic (yellow boxes) uncertainties extracted from the present data based on NLO calculations of the Drell-Yan cross-sections. Also shown are the results obtained by the NuSea experiment (open black squares) with statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature<sup>4</sup>. The cyan band shows the predictions of the meson-baryon model

of Alberg & Miller<sup>25</sup> and the green band shows the predictions of the statistical parton distributions of Basso et al.<sup>21</sup>. The red solid (blue dashed) curves show the ratios  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$  calculated with CT18<sup>29</sup> (CTEQ6<sup>35</sup>) parton distributions at the scales of the SeaQuest results. The horizontal bars on the data points indicate the width of the bins.

[SeaQuest, Nature 590 (2021) 7847, 561-565]

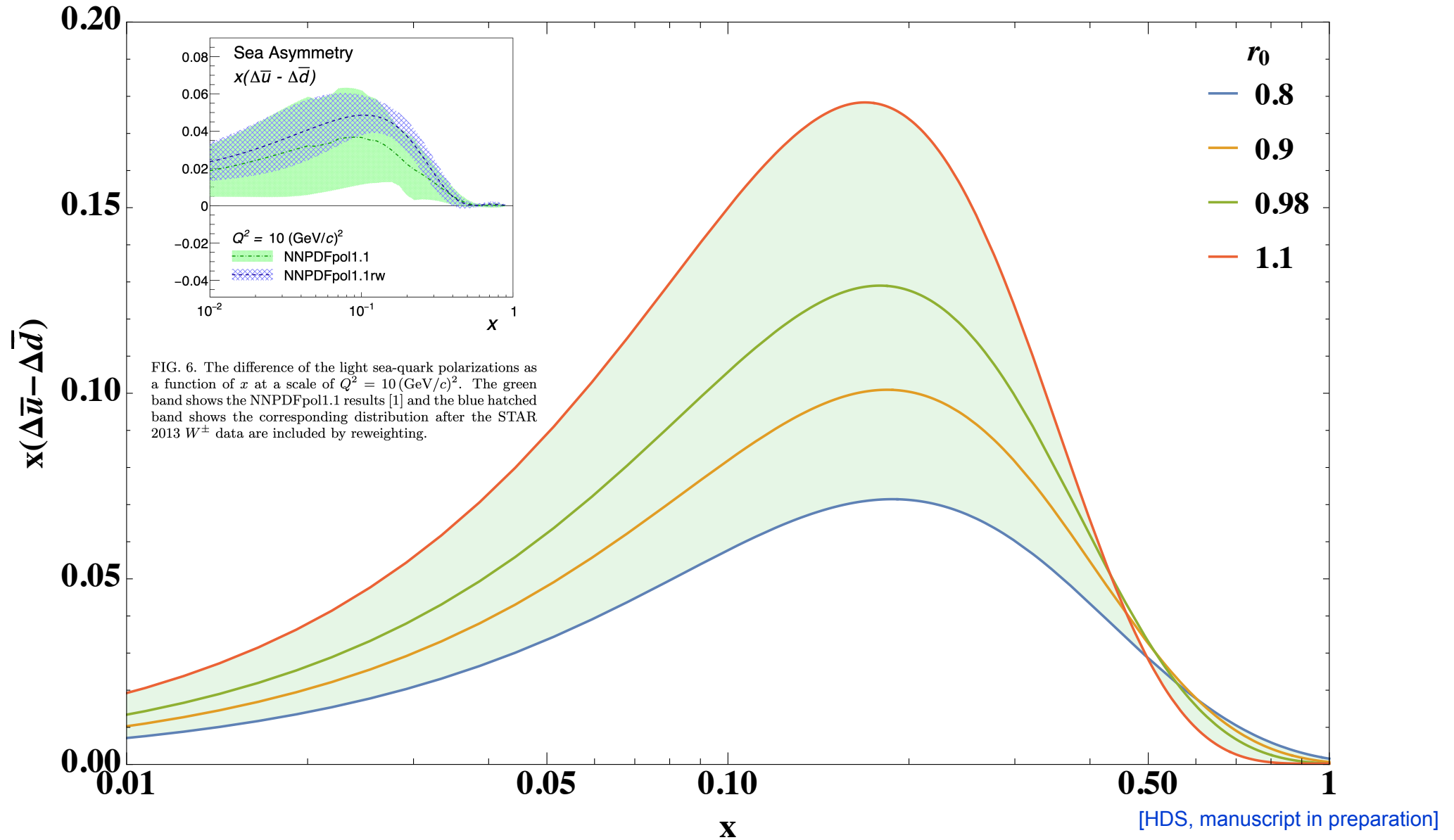


**FIG. 6.** The difference of the light sea-quark polarizations as a function of  $x$  at a scale of  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ . The green band shows the NNPdfpol1.1 results [1] and the blue hatched band shows the corresponding distribution after the STAR 2013  $W^\pm$  data are included by reweighting.

[STAR collaboration, Phys.Rev.D 99 (2019) 5, 051102]



# Antiquark flavor asymmetry: model case



# Closing remarks

# Summary

$\chi$ QSM is a working framework for understanding the (quasi-)PDFs

Generalized sum-rules:  $\bar{c}^q$ , 'better'  $\Gamma$  for the convergence to the PDFs,

Good convergence of the isovector polarized

vs. poor  $P_z \rightarrow \infty$  convergence for the isoscalar unpolarized quasi-PDF

Antiquark flavor asymmetry is predicted in the model calc.

# Perspectives

Transversity PDF and other small components in the large  $N_c$

Nontrivial large  $x$  behavior of quasi-PDFs near the end-point

gluon PDFs

*Nucleon Quasi-DAs (in collaboration with J.-Y Kim, for light-cone DAs see [2110.05889](#))*

*Thank you very much!*