

DETERMINATION OF MELLIN MOMENTS OF THE PION LCDA USING THE HOPE METHOD



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- ▶ Motivation: The pion electromagnetic form factor
- ▶ Pion light cone distribution amplitude (LCDA)
- ▶ Lattice determination of second Mellin moment
- ▶ Progress towards lattice determination of fourth Mellin moment
- ▶ Conclusion

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{q}(i\not{D} - m)q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

- ▶ Simple to write!

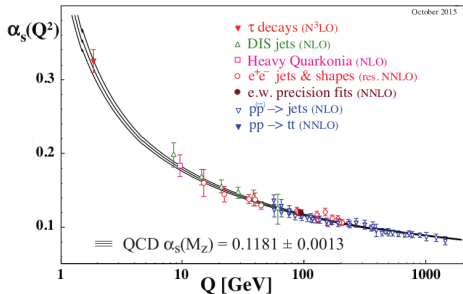


Figure 1: PDG, 2015

THE CENTRAL GOAL OF HADRONIC PHYSICS

How do we reconcile the observed spectrum and structure of hadrons with QCD?

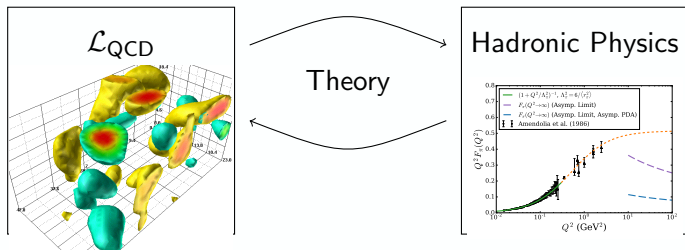



Figure 2: Image of gauge field configuration taken from J. Charvetto. See arXiv:1903.08308

THE PION AS A TESTBED

- ▶ Pion complex composite object.
- ▶ Quarks charged under $U(1)$.
- ▶ Electron clean probe of quark dynamics.
- ▶ Lorentz decomposition for spin-0:

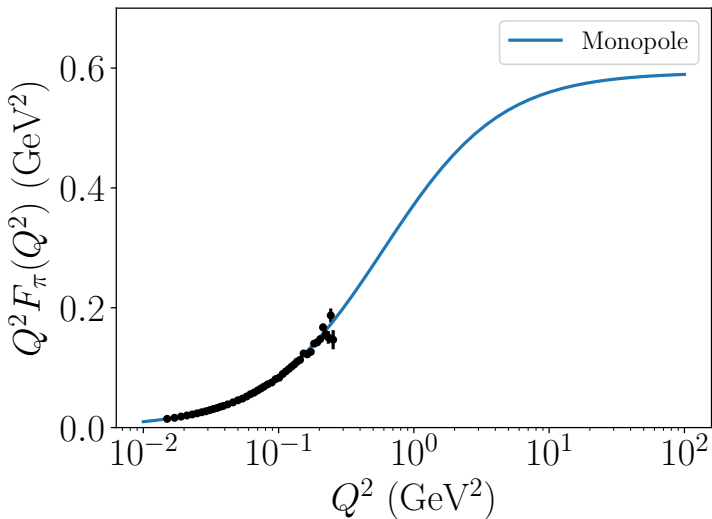


The diagram shows a vertex where a photon (represented by a wavy line) couples to a pion. The photon line has two external legs with arrows pointing away from the vertex. The pion is represented by a shaded circle with diagonal lines, and its external legs are shown as dashed lines.

$$= L_\mu \langle \pi(p_2) | J^\mu(q) | \pi(p_1) \rangle = F_\pi(q^2) L \cdot (p_1 + p_2)$$

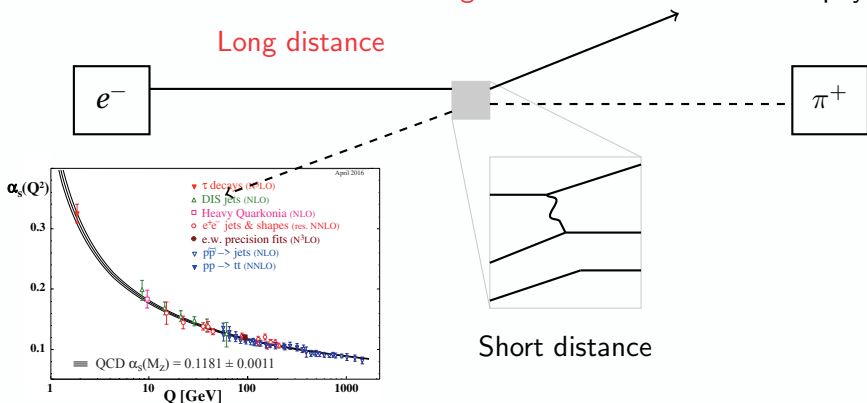
- ▶ VMD (space-like):

$$F_\pi(Q^2) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle}{6} Q^2} \approx \frac{m_\rho^2}{Q^2 + m_\rho^2}$$



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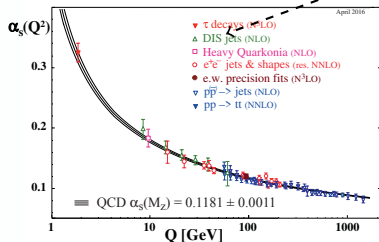
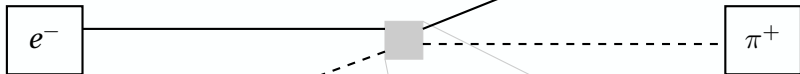


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FACTORIZATION FOR $F_\pi(Q^2)$: 1979

- ▶ $\phi_M(x, \mu^2)$: Light Cone Distribution Amplitude (LCDA): Probability amplitude
- ▶ Factorization theorem:

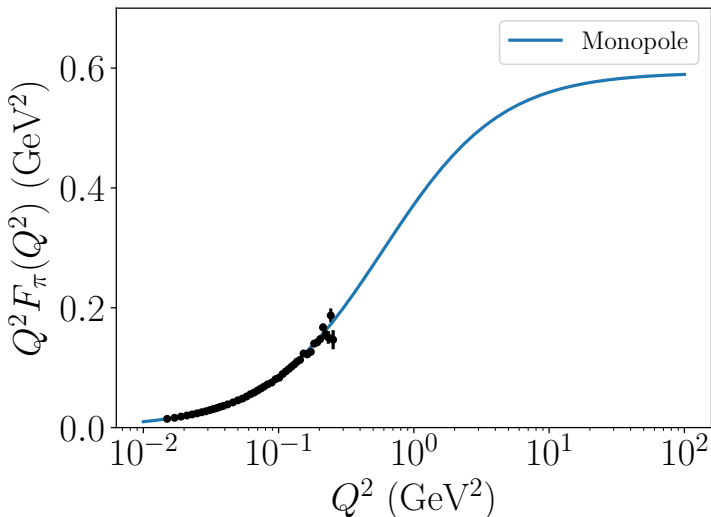
$$F_\pi(Q^2) \underset{\text{large } Q^2}{=} \int_0^1 dx dy \phi_{\overline{M}}(y, Q^2) T_H(x, y, Q^2) \phi_M(x, Q^2)$$

$$\underset{\text{large } Q^2}{=} \int_0^1 dx dy \left(\text{quark loop} \times \left[\text{gluon exchange} + \text{ghost exchange} \right] \times \text{quark loop} \right)$$

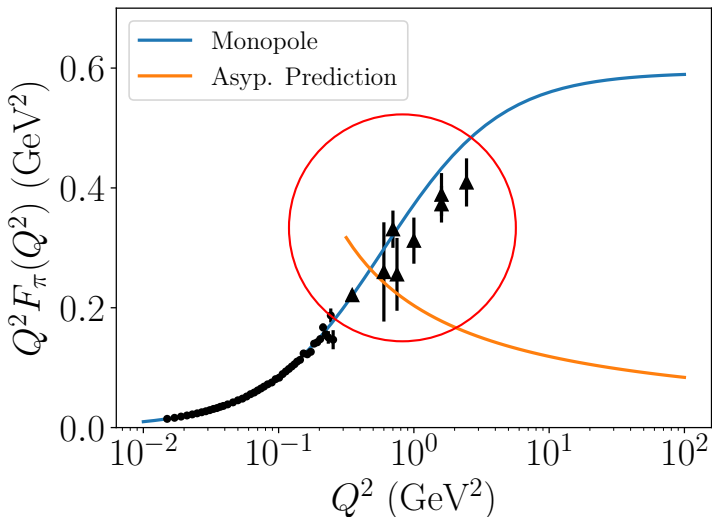
$$\underset{\text{large } Q^2}{=} \frac{16\pi \alpha_S(Q^2)}{Q^2} f_\pi^2 \omega_\phi^2(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{16\pi \alpha_S(Q^2)}{Q^2} f_\pi^2$$

$$\omega_\phi(Q^2) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\phi(x, Q^2)}{x}$$

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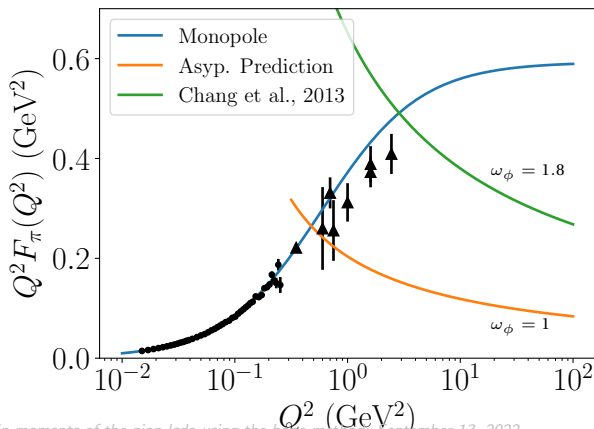


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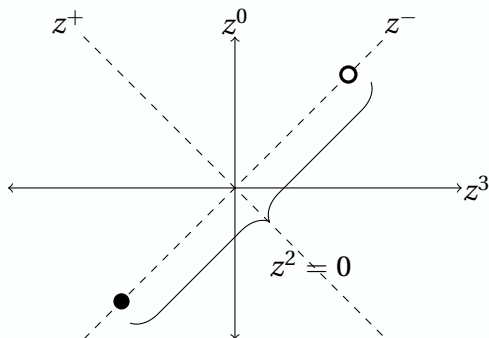


WHAT IS $\phi_\pi(\mathbf{x}, \mu^2 \sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2)$?

CALCULATING THE PION LCDA

- ▶ Only *ab-initio* method to calculate non-perturbative QCD: Lattice QCD.
- ▶ Problem: LCDA defined as

$$\langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}(z_-) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 W[z_-, -z_-] \psi(-z_-) | \pi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = ip_\mu f_\pi \int_{-1}^1 d\xi e^{i\xi p^+ \cdot z_-} \phi_\pi(\xi, \mu^2)$$

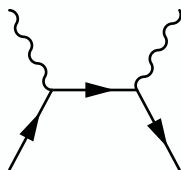
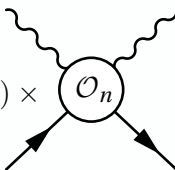


- ▶ Calculate Mellin moments directly:

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 d\xi \xi^n \phi_\pi(\xi, \mu^2)$$

- ▶ G. S. Bali et al., JHEP 2019.
 - ▶ V. M. Braun, et al., PRD 2015.
- ▶ Utilize Factorization Theorem
 - ▶ X. Ji, PRL 2013.
 - ▶ A. V. Radyushkin, PRD 2017.
 - ▶ Ma, Y.-Q., Qiu, J.-W. PRD, 2018.
- ▶ Match hadronic matrix element to OPE
 - ▶ V. Braun and D. Müller, EPJC 2008.
 - ▶ W. Detmold and C. J. D. Lin, PRD 2006.
 - ▶ Chambers et al, PRL 2017

OPERATOR PRODUCT EXPANSION


$$= \sum_n C_W^{(n)}(Q^2, \mu^2) \times \text{Diagram} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q)$$


The diagram on the left shows a pion Compton amplitude with two incoming photons (wavy lines) and two outgoing quarks (solid lines with arrows). The diagram on the right shows a twist-2 operator \mathcal{O}_n represented as a circle with two incoming quarks and two outgoing photons.



- ▶ $C_W^{(n)}(Q^2, \mu^2)$ Wilson Coefficients
- ▶ Twist-2 operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{2,n}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}(\mu) = \psi \gamma^{\{\mu_1} (iD^{\mu_2}) \dots (iD^{\mu_n}) \} \psi - \text{tr}$$

- ▶ Matrix elements related to moments

$$\langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_{2,n}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}(\mu) | \pi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = f_\pi \langle \xi^{n-1} \rangle p^{\mu_1} \dots p^{\mu_n}$$

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- ▶ Consider matrix element

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- ▶ Perform operator product expansion:

$$Q^2 = -q^2 \quad \text{large scale}$$

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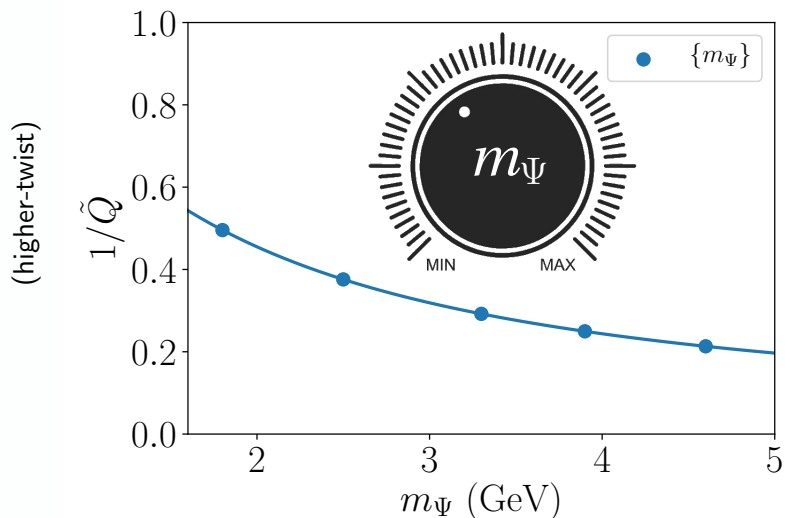
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ADVANTAGE OF HEAVY QUARK OPE



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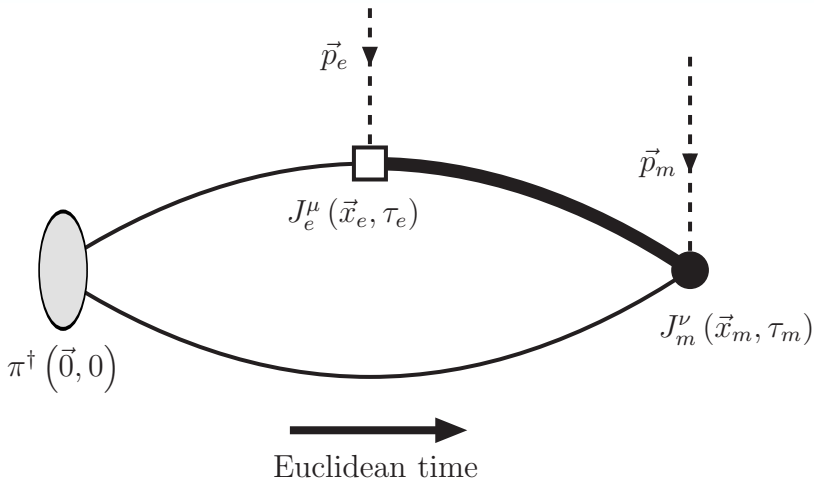
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CALCULATING $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$

CALCULATING THE LCDA ON THE LATTICE

$$C_3^{\mu\nu}(\tau_e, \mathbf{p}_e, \tau_m, \mathbf{p}_m) = \int d^3x_e d^3x_m e^{i\mathbf{p}_e \cdot \mathbf{x}_e + i\mathbf{p}_m \cdot \mathbf{x}_m} \langle \Omega | T \{ J_\Psi^\mu(\mathbf{x}_e) J_\Psi^\nu(\mathbf{x}_m) \mathcal{O}_\pi^\dagger(\mathbf{0}) \} | \Omega \rangle$$



CALCULATING THE LCDA ON THE LATTICE

- ▶ Large Euclidean time

$$C_3^{\mu\nu}(\tau_e, \tau_m; \mathbf{p}_e, \mathbf{p}_m) \sim R^{\mu\nu}(\tau; \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \frac{Z_\pi(\mathbf{p})}{2E_\pi(\mathbf{p})} e^{-E_\pi(\mathbf{p})(\tau_e + \tau_m)/2},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R^{\mu\nu}(\tau; \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) &= \int d^3z e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{z}} \langle \Omega | T \{ J^\mu(z/2) J^\nu(-z/2) \} | \pi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{dq_4}{2\pi} V^{\mu\nu}(p, q) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ identify

$$p_E = (iE_\pi(\mathbf{p}_e + \mathbf{p}_m), \mathbf{p}_e + \mathbf{p}_m), \quad q_E = (q_4, (\mathbf{p}_e - \mathbf{p}_m)/2)$$

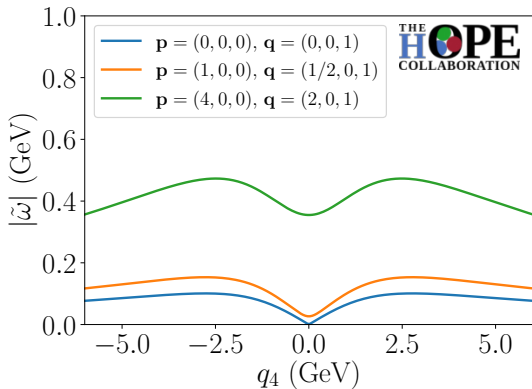
OPTIMIZING KINEMATICS

- ▶ OPE proportional to

$$V^{\mu\nu}(p, q) \approx K[1 + \langle \xi^2 \rangle \tilde{\omega}^2]$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{2p \cdot q}{\tilde{Q}^2} = \frac{1}{\tilde{x}}$$

- ▶ Evaluate HOPE for $|\tilde{\omega}| < 1$.
- ▶ $\mathbf{p} = (1, 0, 0)$

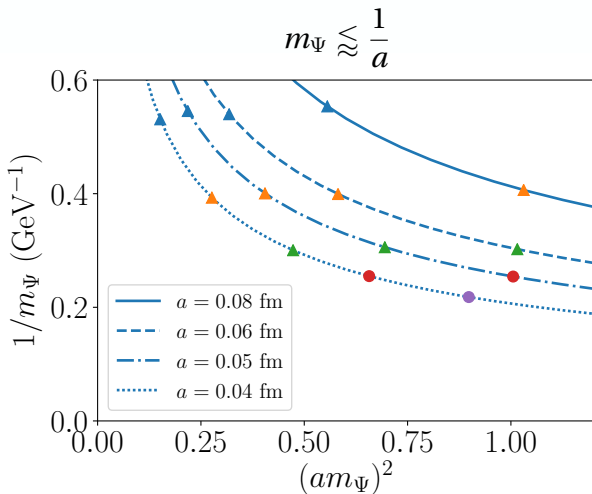


ENSEMBLES USED

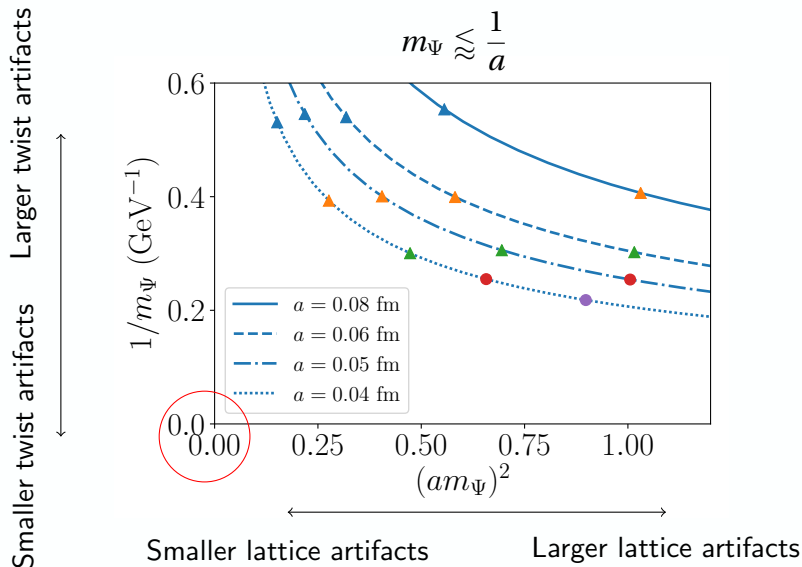
$L^3 \times T$	a (fm)	N_{cfg}	N_{src}	N_{Ψ}
$24^3 \times 48$	0.0813	650	12	2
$32^3 \times 64$	0.0600	450	10	3
$40^3 \times 80$	0.0502	250	6	4
$48^3 \times 96$	0.0407	341	10	5

- ▶ Quenched approximation with $m_{\pi} = 550$ MeV
- ▶ Wilson-clover fermions with non-perturbatively tuned c_{SW}
- ▶ With clover term, results fully $O(a)$ improved
 - ▶ Axial current renormalizes multiplicatively: $A^{\mu} \rightarrow A^{\mu} Z_A (1 + \tilde{b}_A a \tilde{m}_q)$
 - ▶ This only affects overall normalization (not $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$)

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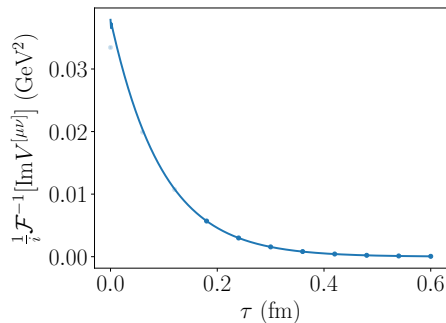
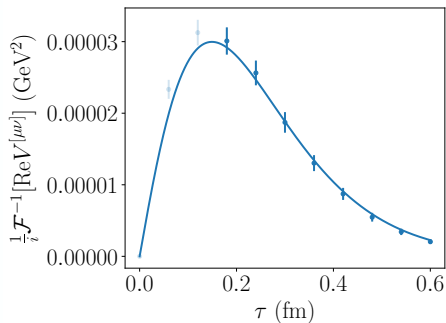


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EXTRACTION OF PARAMETERS AT $a = 0.06$ fm

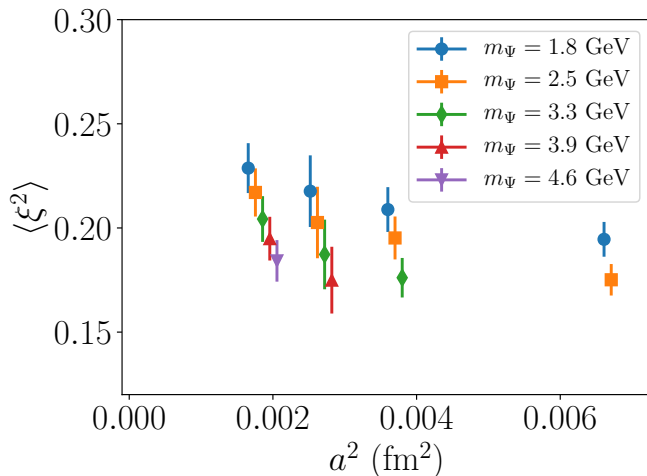
$$R^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \int \frac{dq_4}{(2\pi)} e^{iq_4\tau} V^{[\mu\nu]}(p, q)$$



- ▶ $\mathbf{p} = (1, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{q} = (-1, 0, -2)$
- ▶ Extract parameters: f_π , m_Ψ , $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$

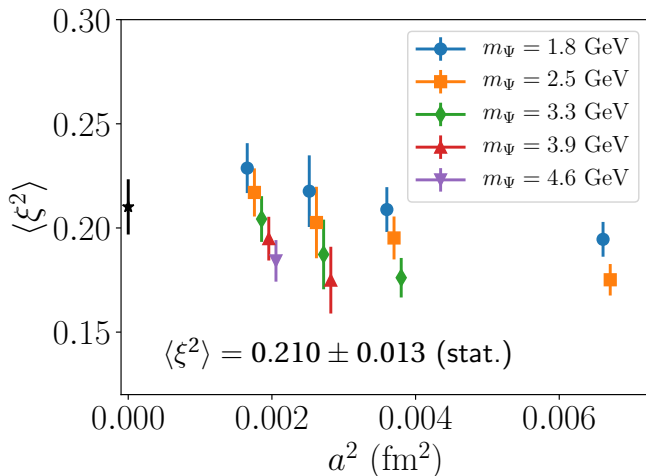
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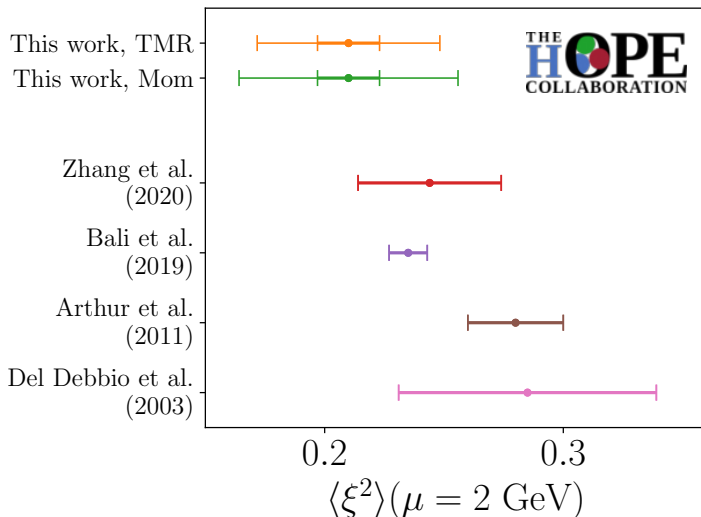
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COMBINED UNCERTAINTY

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \xi^2 \rangle &= 0.210 \pm 0.013 \text{ (statistical)} \\ &\quad \pm \mathbf{0.016} \text{ (continuum)} \\ &\quad \pm \mathbf{0.025} \text{ (higher twist)} \\ &\quad \pm 0.002 \text{ (excited states)} \\ &\quad \pm 0.0002 \text{ (finite volume)} \\ &\quad \pm 0.014 \text{ (unphysically heavy pion)} \\ &\quad \pm 0.002 \text{ (fit range)} \\ &\quad \pm 0.008 \text{ (running coupling)} \\ \hline \langle \xi^2 \rangle &= 0.210 \pm 0.036 \text{ (total, exc. quenching)}\end{aligned}$$

COMPARISON TO LITERATURE



CALCULATING $\langle \xi^4 \rangle$

$$V_{\text{LQCD}}^{\mu\nu}(p, q; a) = \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle \Omega | T \{ J_{\Psi}^{\mu}(z/2) J_{\Psi}^{\nu}(-z/2) \} | \pi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

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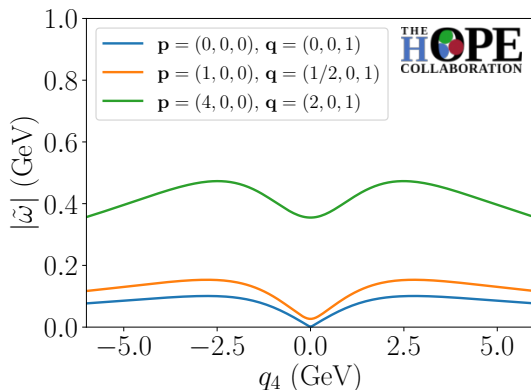
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- Choose $\mathbf{p} = (2, 0, 0) \times 2\pi/L$



LATTICE DETAILS

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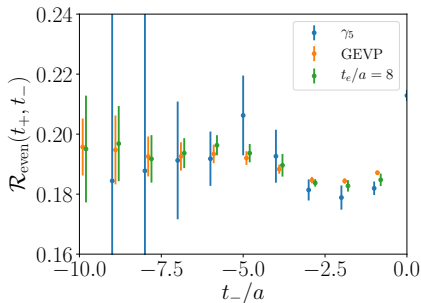
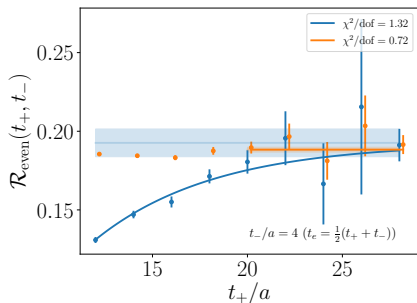
- ▶ Momentum smearing (Bali et al)
- ▶ Variational analysis:

$$\mathcal{O}_\pi(x) = c_1 \mathcal{O}_1(x) + c_2 \mathcal{O}_2(x), \quad \mathcal{O}_1(x) = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi, \quad \mathcal{O}_2(x) = \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 \gamma_5 \psi$$

$$C_{3,\text{GEVP}}^{\mu\nu}(t_e, t_m; \mathbf{p}_e, \mathbf{p}_m) = c_1 C_{3,\gamma_5}^{\mu\nu}(t_e, t_m; \mathbf{p}_e, \mathbf{p}_m) \\ + c_2 C_{3,\gamma_4\gamma_5}^{\mu\nu}(t_e, t_m; \mathbf{p}_e, \mathbf{p}_m)$$

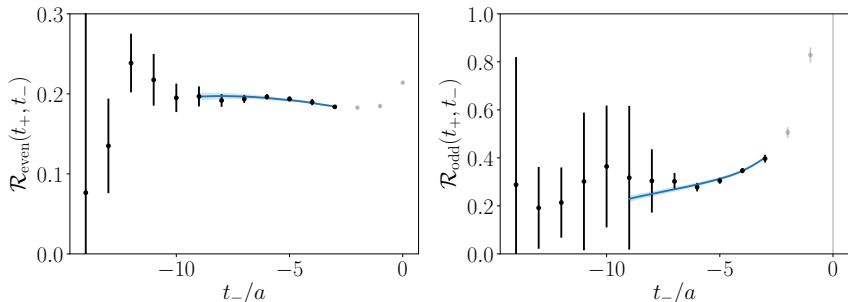
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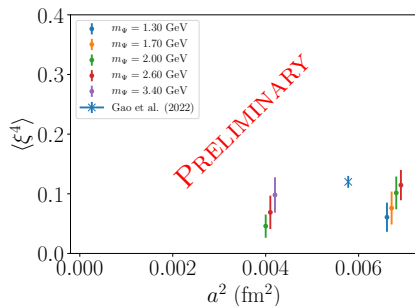
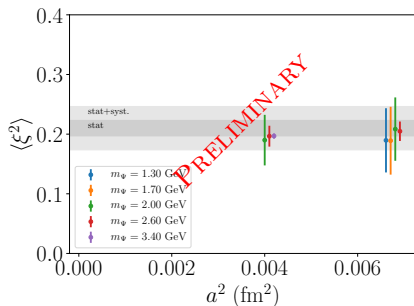
EXAMPLE AT FIXED LATTICE SPACING

$$\mathcal{R}(t_-, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, m_\psi, \langle \xi^2 \rangle, \langle \xi^2 \rangle; a) = \mathcal{R}_{\text{HOPE}}(t_-, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, m_\psi, \langle \xi^2 \rangle, \langle \xi^2 \rangle) + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$



$$L/a = 24, m_\Psi = 2.0 \text{ GeV}, \langle \xi^2 \rangle = 0.17 \pm 0.04, \langle \xi^4 \rangle = 0.07 \pm 0.02$$

STATUS OF CALCULATION



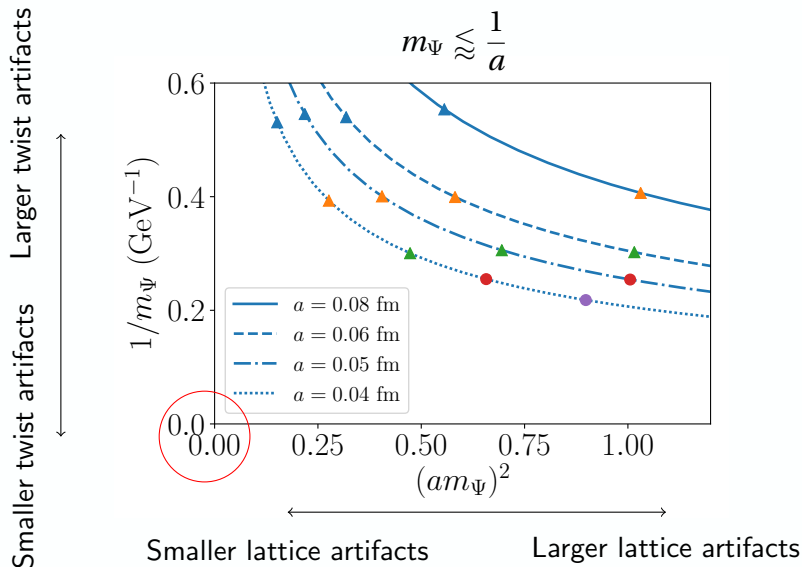
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FURTHER WORK & CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ First numerical determination of LCDA using HOPE.
 - ▶ $\langle \xi^2 \rangle = 0.210 \pm 0.036$ in good agreement with other groups.
- ▶ Introduced ratio method: no renormalization.
 - ▶ $\langle \xi^4 \rangle$: 2 lattice spacings, 3 heavy quark masses; still taking data. Result seems in reasonable agreement with Gao (2022).

BACKUP SLIDES

HIGHER-TWIST/LATTICE ARTIFACTS TRADEOFF



ASYMPTOTIC PREDICTION

- ▶ In asymptotically free theory, quark counting argument predicts

$$F_{\pi}(Q^2) \sim Q^{-2}, \quad F_K(Q^2) \sim Q^{-2}$$

DEEP ELASTIC PROCESSES OF
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This is an English translation of my 1977 Russian preprint. It contains the first explicit definition of the pion distribution amplitude (DA), the expression for the pion form factor asymptotics in terms of the pion DA, and formulates the pQCD parton picture for hard exclusive processes.

Abstract of the original paper:

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Exclusive processes in perturbative quantum chromodynamics

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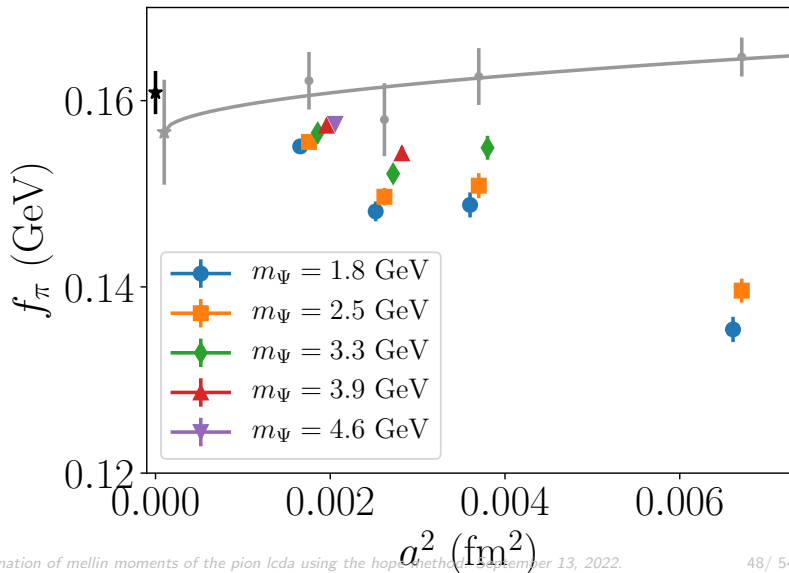
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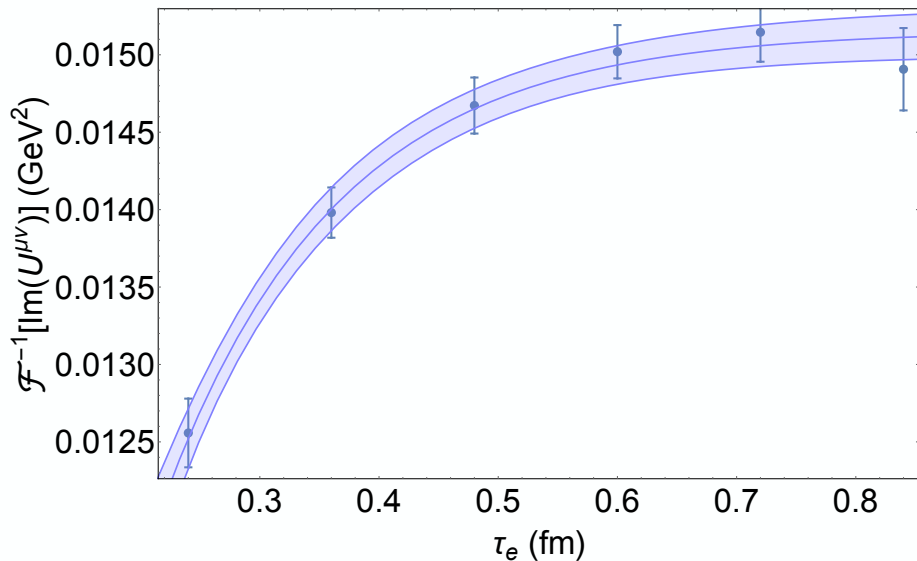
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We present a systematic analysis in perturbative quantum chromodynamics (QCD) of large-momentum-transfer exclusive processes. Predictions are given for the scaling behavior, angular dependence, helicity structure, and normalization of elastic and inelastic form factors and large-angle exclusive scattering amplitudes for hadrons and photons. We prove that these reactions are dominated by quark and gluon subprocesses at short distances, and thus that the dimensional-counting rules for the power-law falloff of these amplitudes with momentum transfer are rigorous predictions of QCD, modulo calculable logarithmic corrections from the behavior of the hadronic wave functions at short distances. These anomalous-dimension corrections are determined by evolution equations for process-independent meson and baryon "distribution amplitudes" $\phi(x, Q)$ which control the valence-quark distributions in high-momentum-transfer exclusive reactions. The analysis can be carried out systematically in powers of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$, the QCD running coupling constant. Although the calculations are most conveniently carried out using light-cone perturbation theory and the light-cone gauge, we also present a gauge-independent analysis and relate the distribution amplitude to a gauge-invariant Bethe-Salpeter amplitude.

f_π DETERMINATION



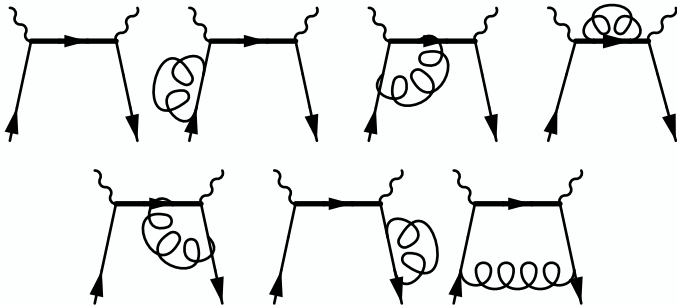
EXCITED STATES



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- ▶ Heavy quark: have to recalculate these coefficients.

$$T_q^{\mu\nu}(p, q) = \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle 0 | T \{ J^\mu(z/2) J^\nu(-z/2) \} | u(p_1, \uparrow); \bar{d}(p_2, \downarrow) \rangle$$



HOPE: ORDER- α_S IMPROVED

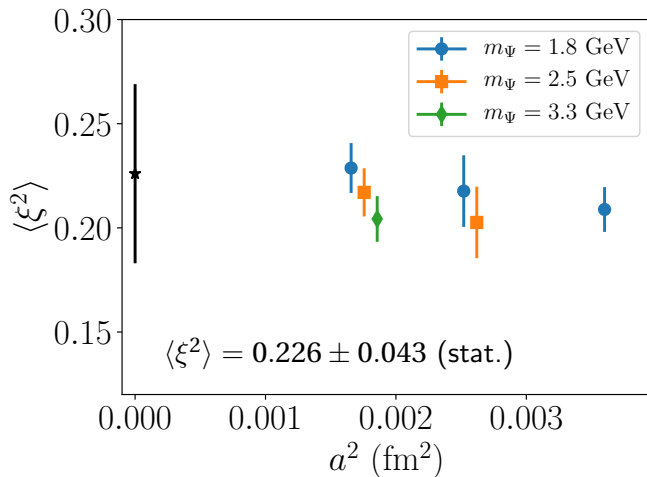
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- ▶ where $\tau = Q^2/\tilde{Q}^2$, $\zeta = \sqrt{p^2 q^2}/\tilde{Q}^2$, $\eta = p \cdot q/\sqrt{p^2 q^2}$

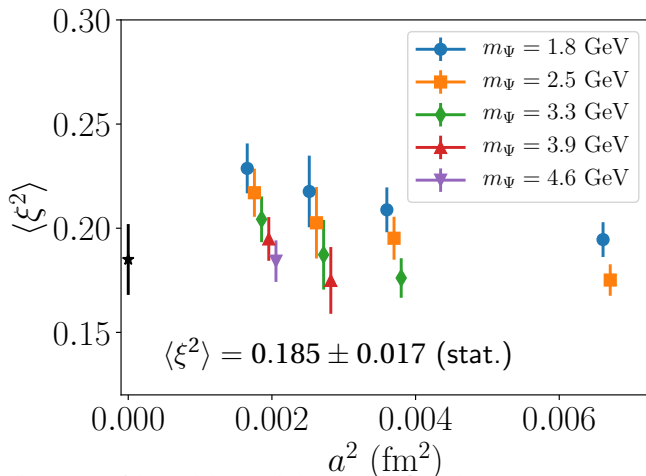
UNCERTAINTY IN CONTINUUM EXTRAPOLATION

- ▶ Original fit restricted am_Ψ to < 1.05
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