



# Four-quark scatterings and quasi-PDA for pion from fRG

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fQCD collaboration:

Braun, Chen, Fu, Gao, Geissel, Huang, Lu, Ihssen, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Sattler, Schallmo, Stoll, Tan, Töpfel, Turnwald, Wessely, Wen, Wink, Yin, Zheng, Zorbach

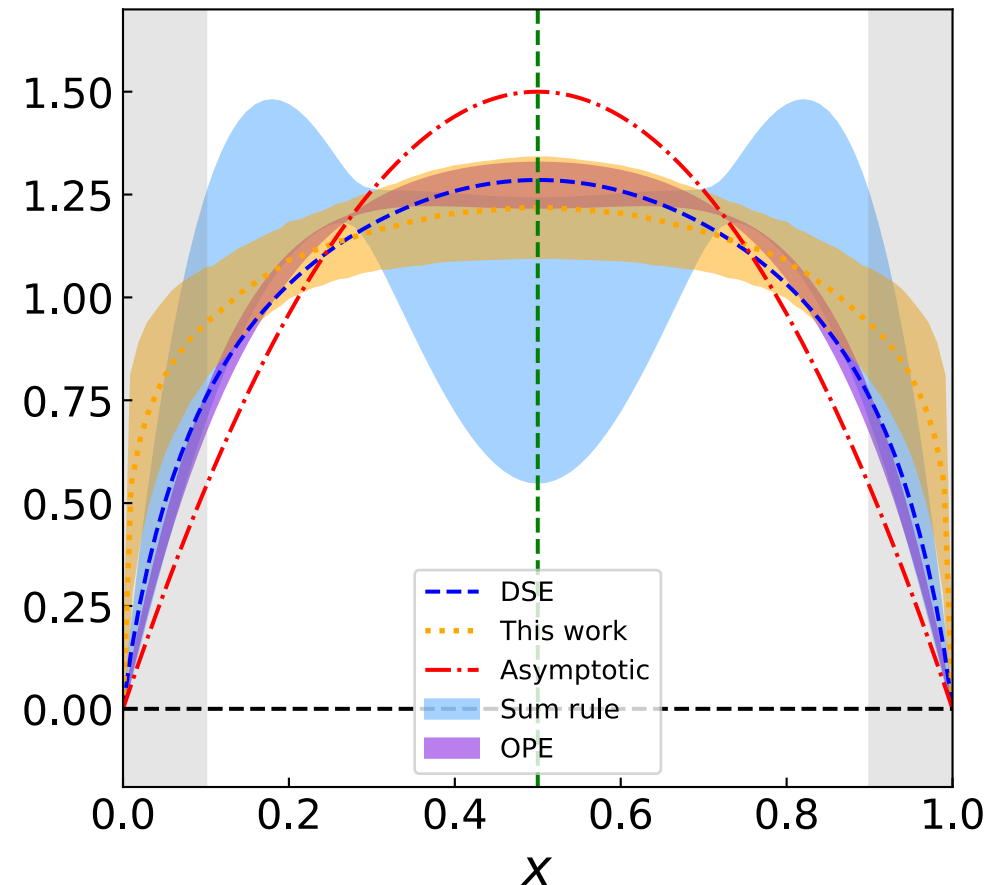
# Basic questions in nuclear physics

## Mass generation



Image from BNL website

## Distribution amplitudes for pion



Lattice: J. Hua *et al.* (LPC), *PRL* 129 (2022) 132001;  
DSE: C. Roberts *et al.*, *PPNP* 120 (2021) 103883;  
Sum rules: P. Ball *et al.*, *JHEP* 08 (2007) 090;  
OPE: G. Bali *et al.* (RQCD), *JHEP* 08 (2019) 065; 11 (2020) 37.

- How can we understand mass generation and hadron structure from first-principles QCD?

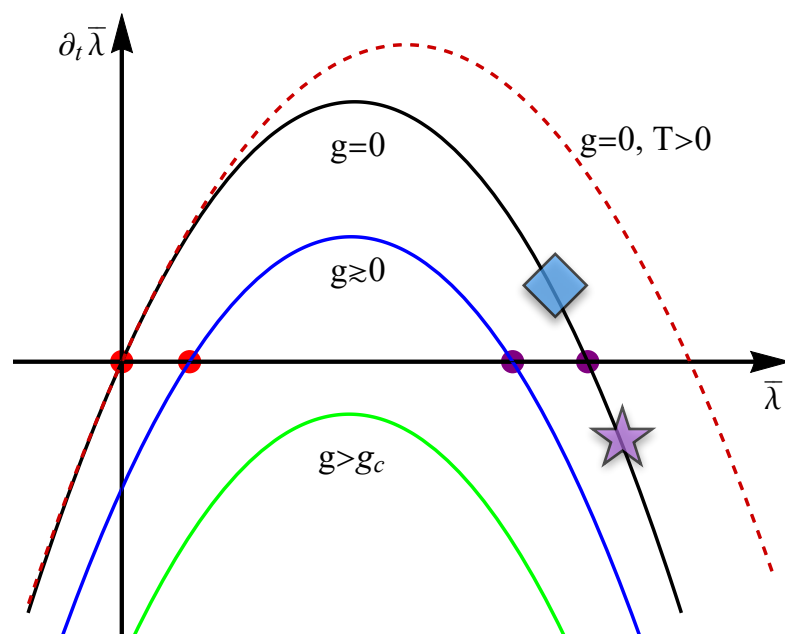
# Outline

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- \* Introduction
- \* Four-quark scatterings in LEFT and QCD
- \* Pion quasi-parton distribution amplitudes
- \* Summary and outlook

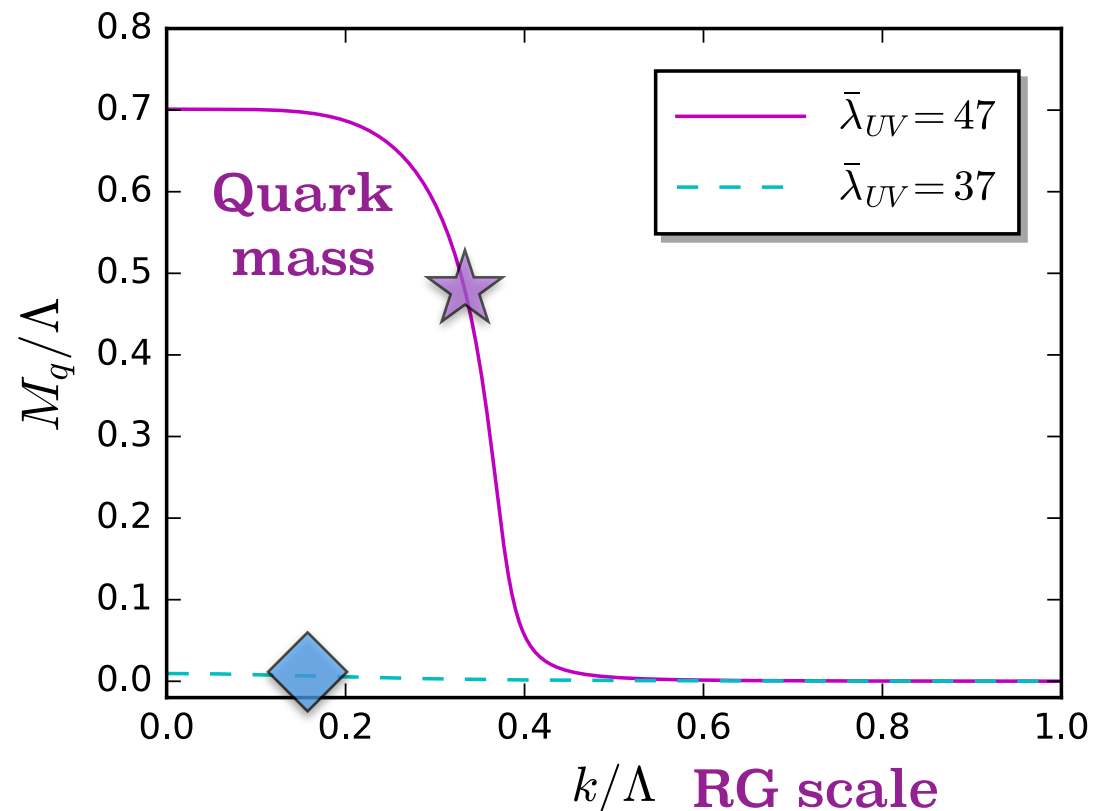
# Chiral symmetry breaking in RG

- $\beta$  function of 4-quark coupling:



Braun, Gies, *JHEP* 06 (2006) 024.

$$\partial_t \bar{\lambda} = (d-2)\bar{\lambda} - a\bar{\lambda}^2 - b\bar{\lambda}g^2 - cg^4,$$



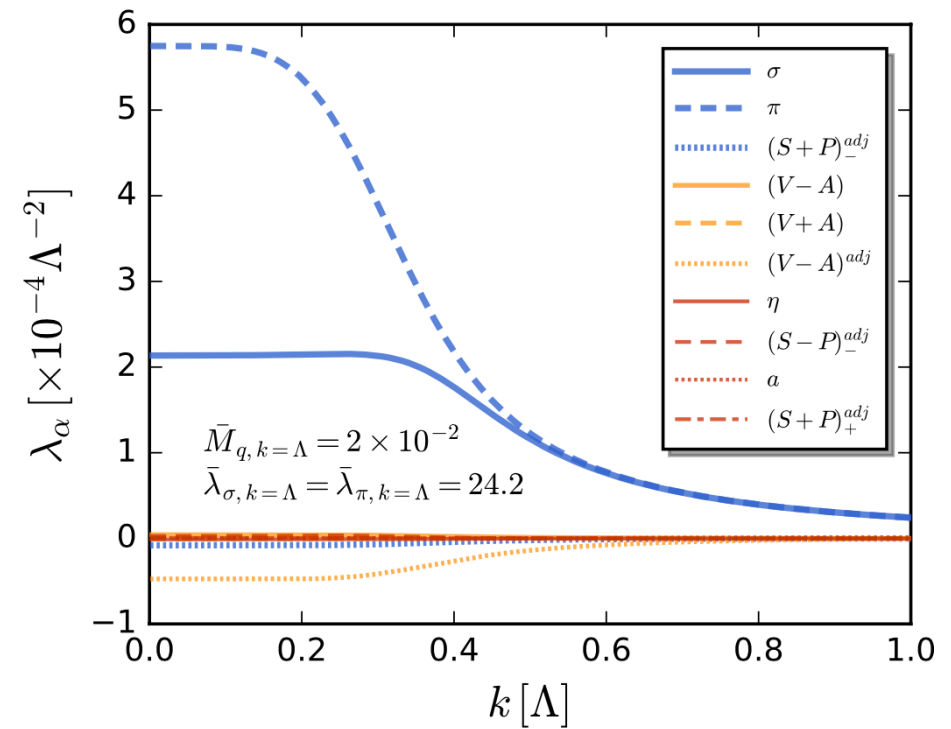
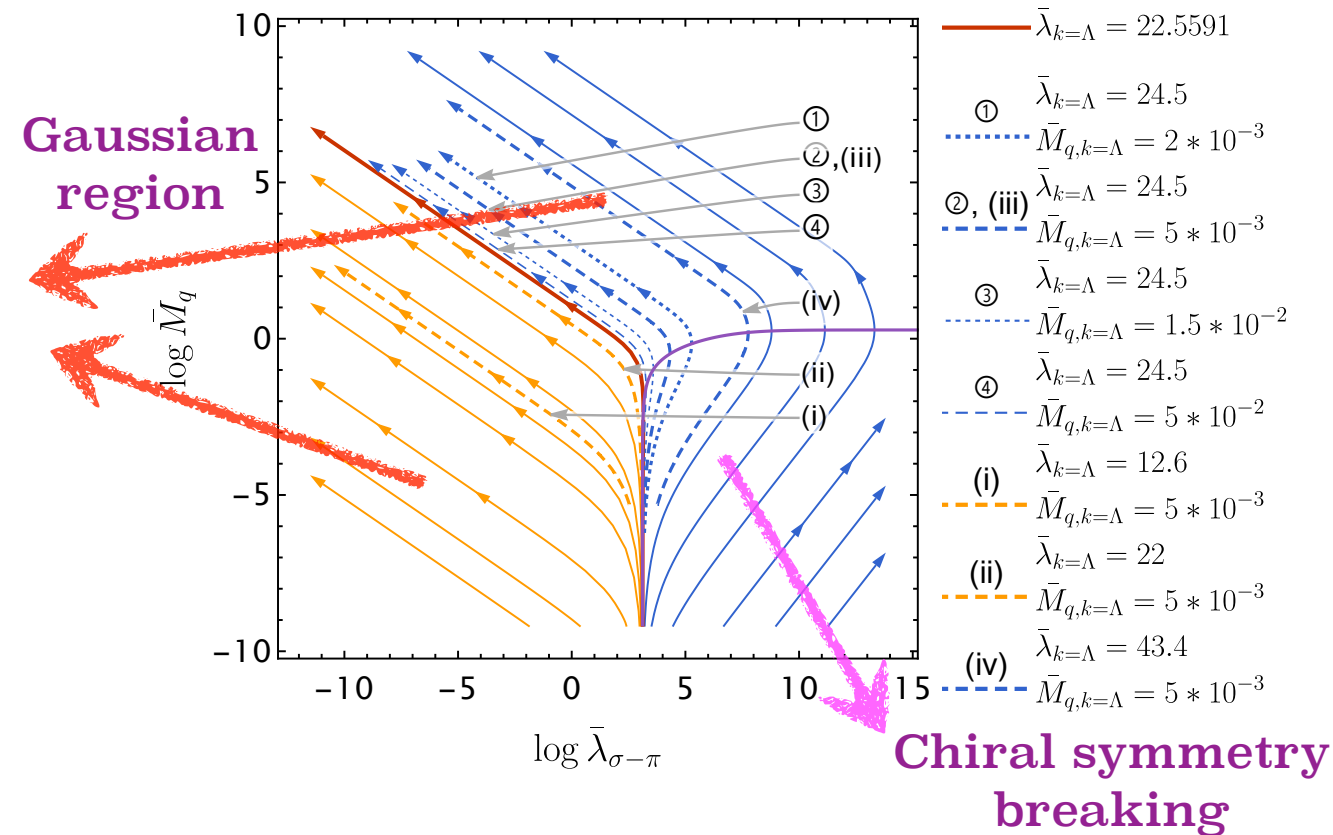
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$$\partial_t \text{ (cross diagram)} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{box diagram} + \text{triangle diagram} + \text{self-energy diagram} \right)$$

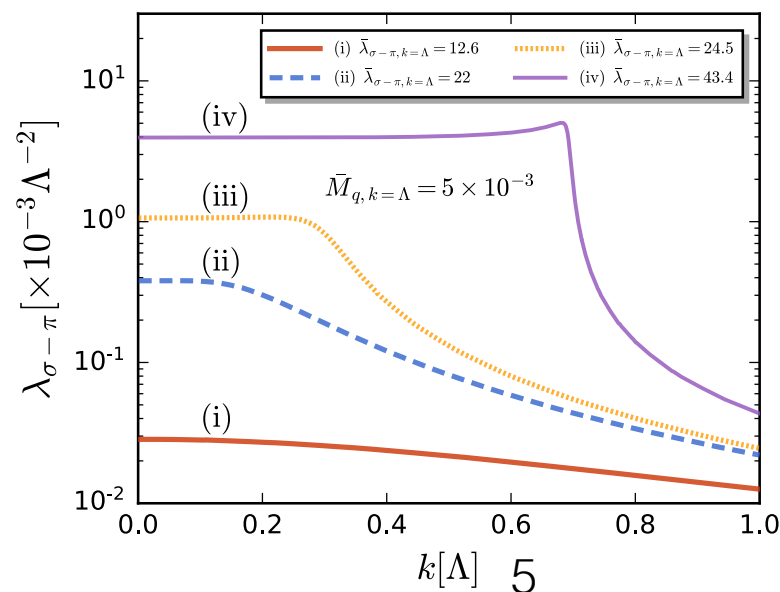
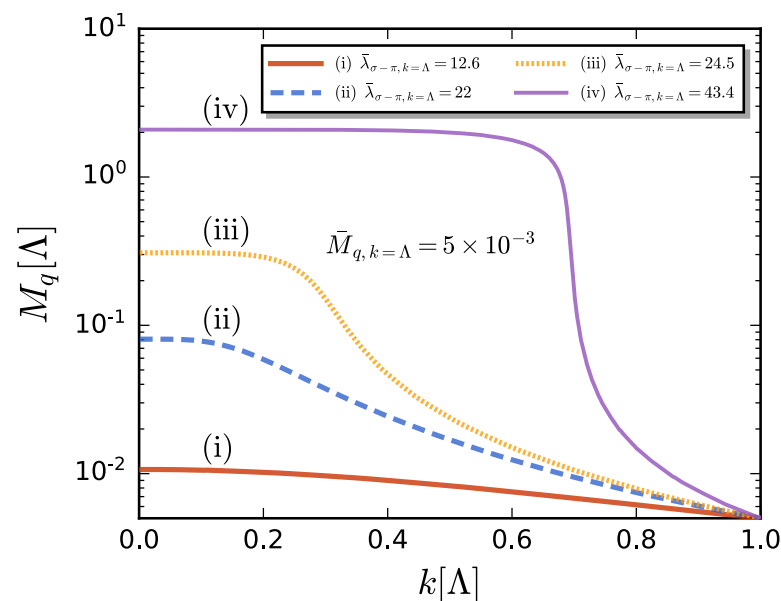
# Mass generation in RG

- flow in the plane of the mass and coupling:

- couplings of different channels vs RG scale:



- quark mass and couplings vs RG scale:



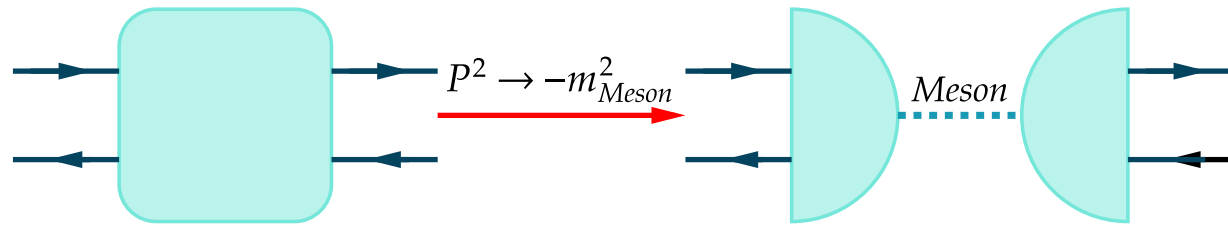
$$\partial_t \leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{loop diagram} + \text{tadpole diagram} \right)$$

- Understanding quark mass production from the viewpoint of **phase transition**.
- Analogue of **gap equation** in terms of RG flow.

WF, Huang, Pawłowski, Tan, *SciPost Phys.* 14 (2023) 069, arXiv:2209.13120

# Bound states in RG

- Bound states encoded in  $n$ -point correlation functions:



- Flow equation of 4-quark interaction:

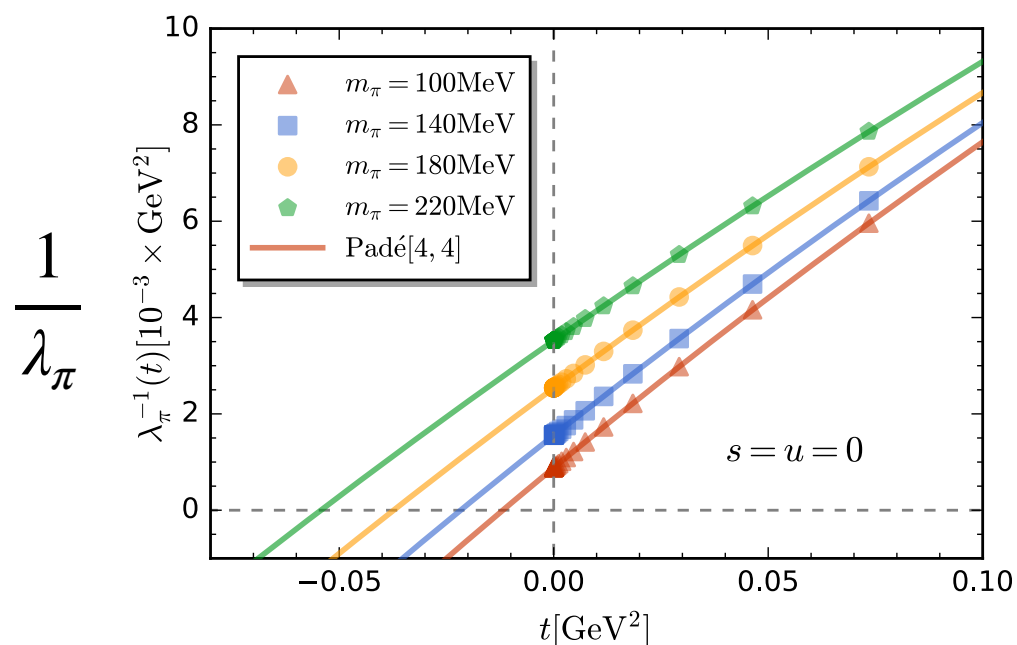
$$\partial_t \text{ (4-quark vertex) } = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{meson exchange} + \text{gluon exchange} + \text{ghost exchange} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \lambda_{\pi,k}(P^2) = C_k(P^2) \lambda_{\pi,k}^2(P^2) + A_k(P^2),$$

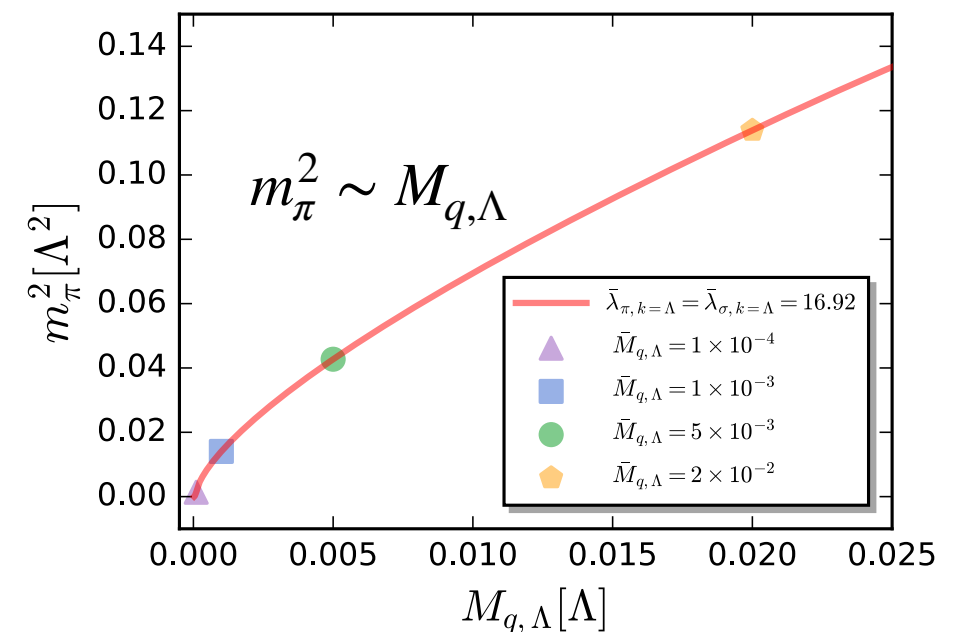


$$\lambda_{\pi,k=0}(P^2) = \frac{\lambda_{\pi,k=\Lambda}}{1 - \lambda_{\pi,k=\Lambda} \int_{\Lambda}^0 C_k(P^2) \frac{dk}{k}},$$

Note: playing the same role as the **Bethe-Salpeter equation**.



Gell-Mann--Oakes--Renner relation



# Four-quark vertices

- 4-quark effective action:

$$\Gamma_{4q,k} = - \int \frac{d^4 p_1}{(2\pi)^4} \dots \frac{d^4 p_4}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4) \\ \times \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \mathcal{T}_{ijlm}^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p}) \bar{q}_i(p_1) q_j(p_2) \bar{q}_l(p_3) q_m(p_4),$$

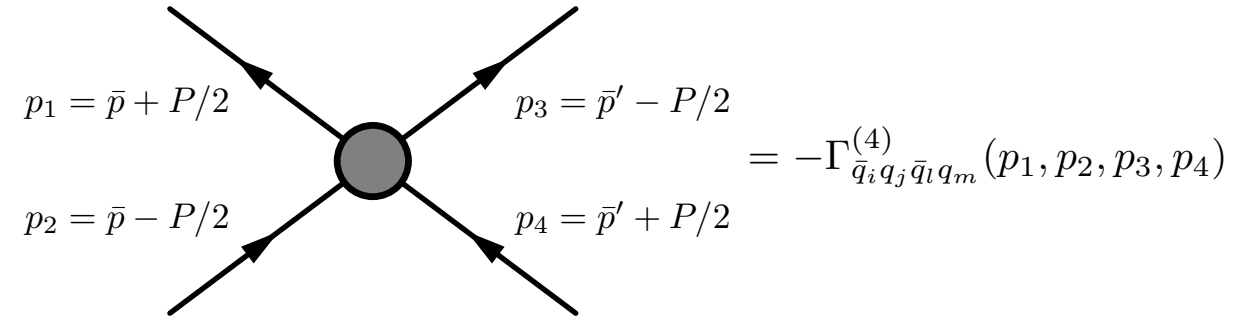
With  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{p})$  is comprised of 512 tensors. [Eichmann, PRD 84 \(2011\) 014014](#)

A basis of the lowest momentum-independent order includes ten elements

$$\alpha \in \left\{ \sigma, \pi, a, \eta, (V \pm A), (V - A)^{\text{adj}}, \right. \\ \left. (S \pm P)^{\text{adj}}_-, (S + P)^{\text{adj}}_+ \right\},$$

- 4-quark vertex:

$$\Gamma_{\bar{q}_i q_j \bar{q}_l q_m}^{(4)}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{\delta^4 \Gamma_k[q, \bar{q}]}{\delta \bar{q}_i(p_1) \delta q_j(p_2) \delta \bar{q}_l(p_3) \delta q_m(p_4)} \\ = -4 (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4) \\ \times \sum_{\alpha} \left[ \lambda_{\alpha}^+(\mathbf{p}) \mathcal{T}_{ijlm}^{(\alpha^-)} + \lambda_{\alpha}^-(\mathbf{p}) \mathcal{T}_{ijlm}^{(\alpha^+)} \right]$$



where we have used 4-quark dressings and tensor structures with definite symmetries, viz.,

$$\lambda_{\alpha}^{\pm}(\mathbf{p}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lambda_{\alpha}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \pm \lambda_{\alpha}(p_3, p_2, p_1, p_4) \right],$$

and

$$\mathcal{T}_{ijlm}^{(\alpha^{\pm})} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{T}_{ijlm}^{(\alpha)} \pm \mathcal{T}_{ljim}^{(\alpha)})$$

with the symmetry relations

$$\lambda_{\alpha}^+(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \lambda_{\alpha}^+(p_3, p_2, p_1, p_4) \\ = \lambda_{\alpha}^+(p_1, p_4, p_3, p_2) = \lambda_{\alpha}^+(p_3, p_4, p_1, p_2), \\ \lambda_{\alpha}^-(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = -\lambda_{\alpha}^-(p_3, p_2, p_1, p_4) \\ = -\lambda_{\alpha}^-(p_1, p_4, p_3, p_2) = \lambda_{\alpha}^-(p_3, p_4, p_1, p_2)$$

and similar relations for the tensors.

# s, t, u-channel truncation

- $s, t, u$ -channel approximation for 4-quark vertices:

$$\lambda_{\alpha}^{\pm}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \lambda_{\alpha}^{\pm}(s, t, u) + \Delta\lambda_{\alpha}^{\pm}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \\ \approx \lambda_{\alpha}^{\pm}(s, t, u)$$

with

$$t = (p_1 - p_2)^2 = P^2, \\ u = (p_1 - p_4)^2 = (\bar{p} - \bar{p}')^2, \\ s = (p_1 + p_3)^2 = (\bar{p} + \bar{p}')^2$$

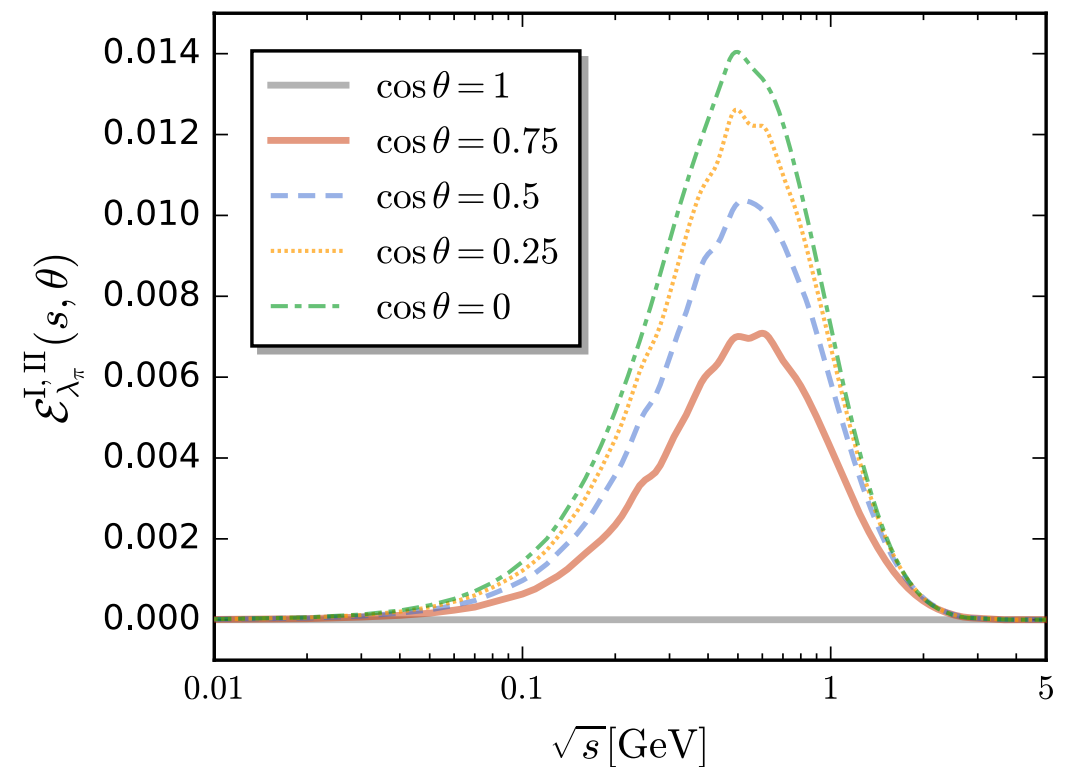
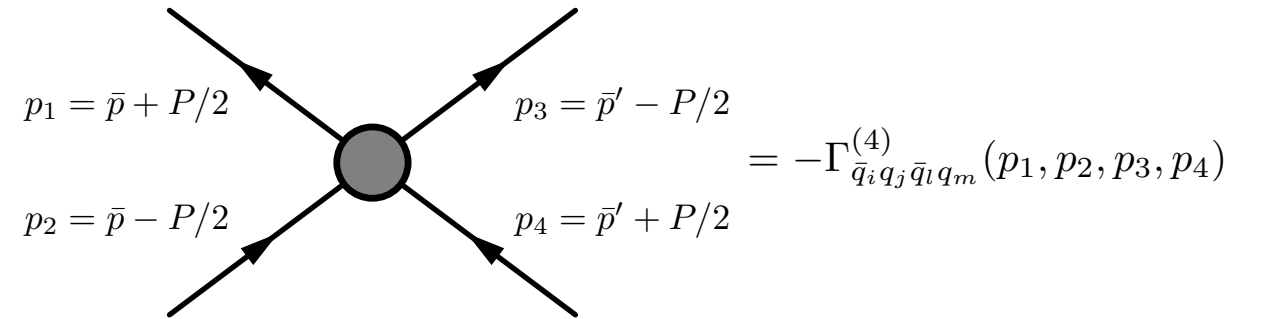
- We choose a subspace of the full momentum of 4-quark vertices as follows

$$P_{\mu} = \sqrt{P^2} (1, 0, 0, 0), \\ \bar{p}_{\mu} = \sqrt{p^2} (1, 0, 0, 0), \\ \bar{p}'_{\mu} = \sqrt{p^2} (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0, 0)$$

one is led to

$$t = P^2, \quad u = 2p^2(1 - \cos \theta), \quad s = 2p^2(1 + \cos \theta)$$

Here,  $\{\sqrt{P^2}, \sqrt{p^2}, \cos \theta\}$  is in one-by-one correspondence with respect to  $\{t, u, s\}$

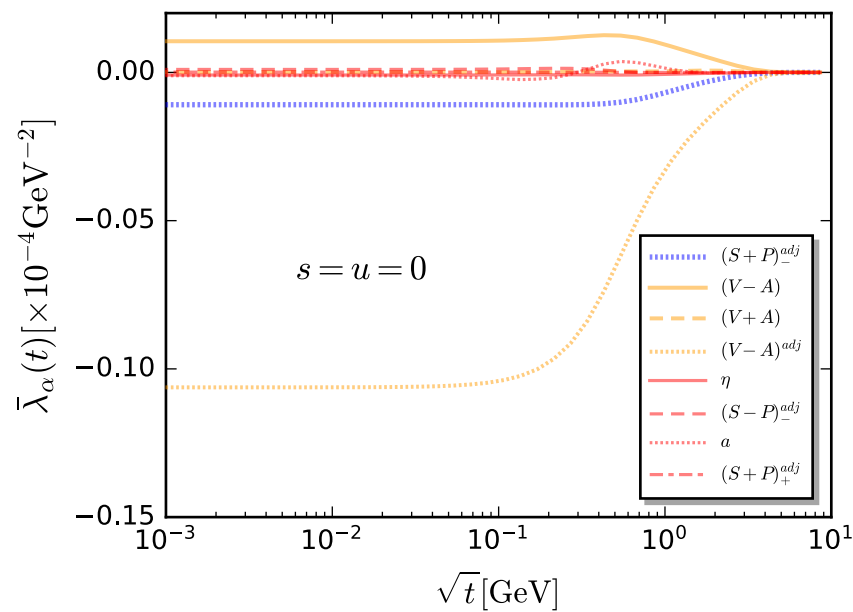
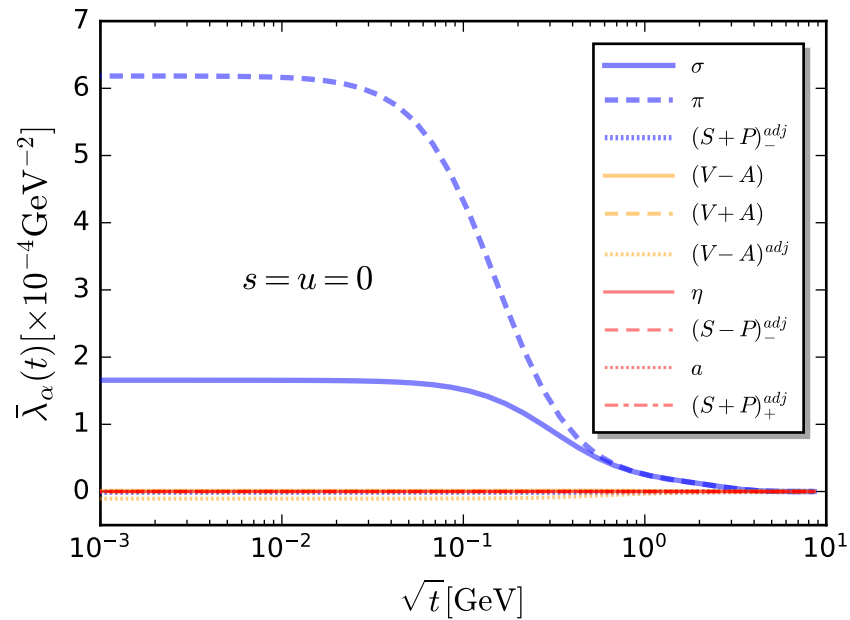


WF, Huang, Pawłowski, Tan, arXiv:2401.07638

**The error for the truncation is smaller than 1.5%**

# Four-quark dressings

## Dressings of different tensors:



### Symmetry relations

$$\lambda_\alpha^+(s, t, u) = \lambda_\alpha^+(s, u, t),$$

$$\lambda_\alpha^-(s, t, u) = -\lambda_\alpha^-(s, u, t)$$

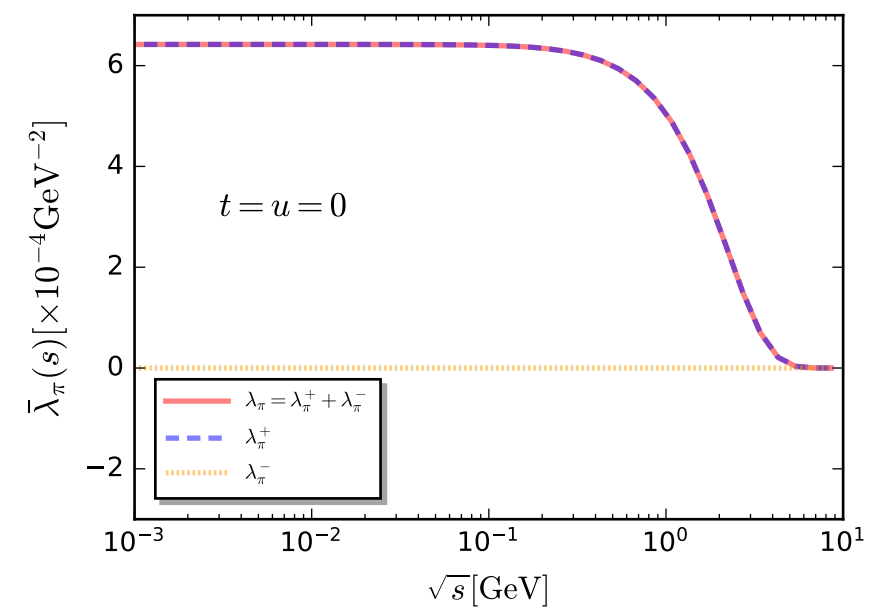
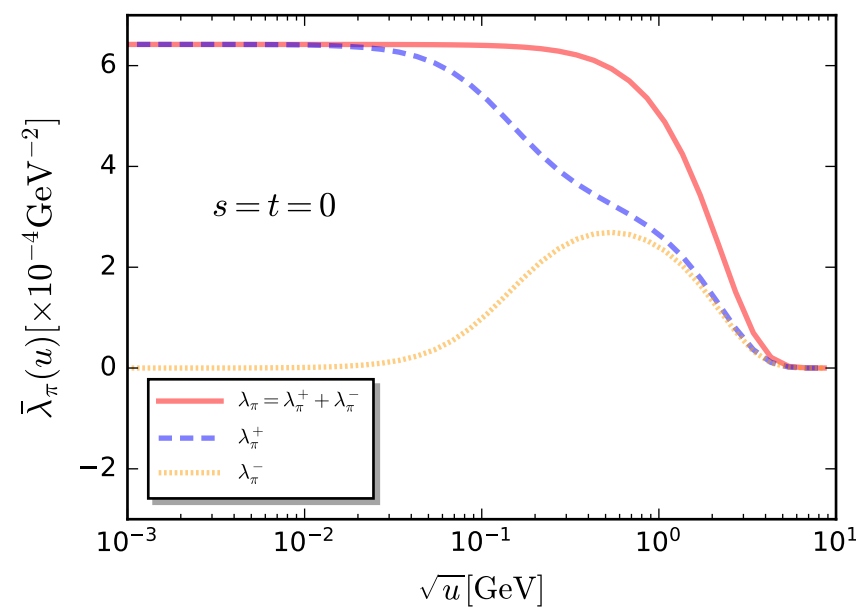
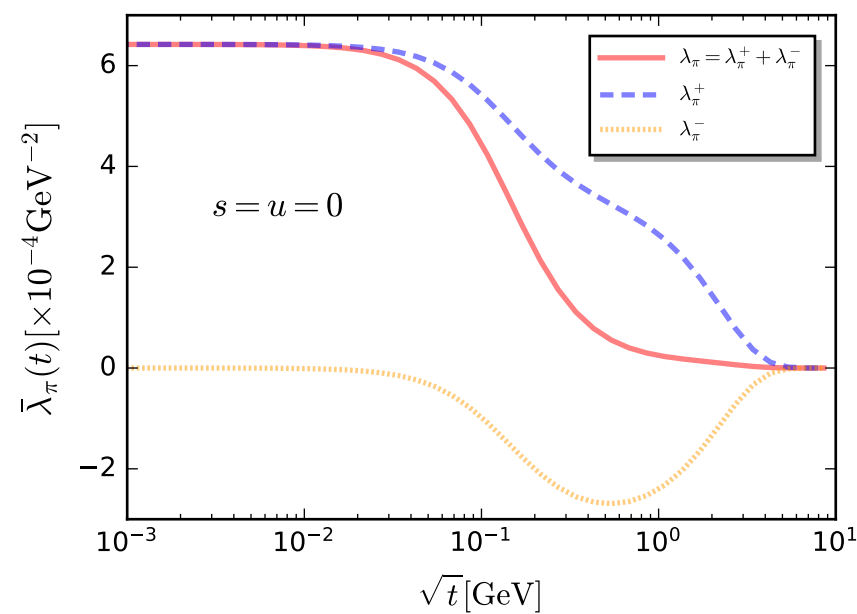
then

$$\lambda_\alpha^+(0, p^2, 0) = \lambda_\alpha^+(0, 0, p^2),$$

$$\lambda_\alpha^-(0, p^2, 0) = -\lambda_\alpha^-(0, 0, p^2)$$

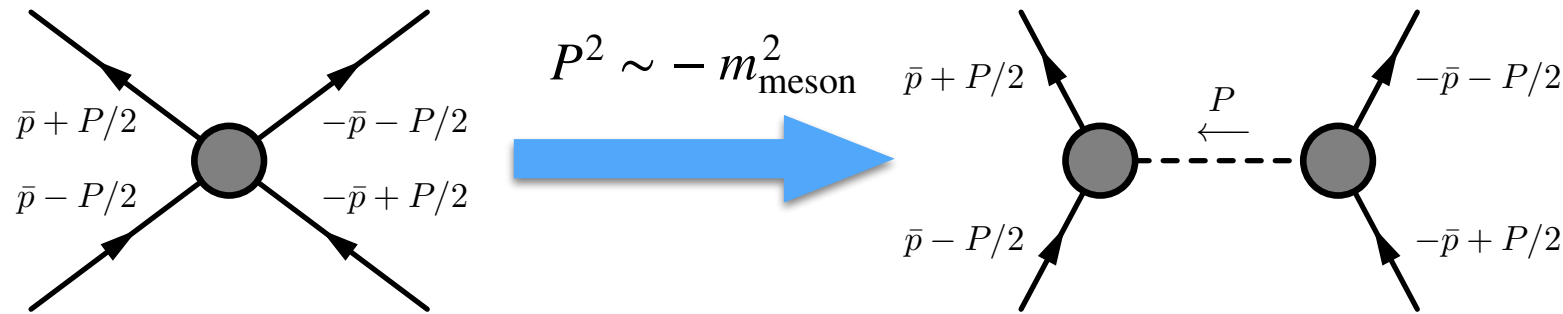
## Pion channel:

WF, Huang, Pawlowski, Tan, arXiv:2401.07638



# Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

- Bethe-Salpeter amplitude can be extracted from the 4-quark vertex in the proximity of on-shell momentum of bound states:



The 4-quark vertex near the on-shell momentum

$$\lambda_\pi(P^2, p, \cos \theta) \sim \frac{h_\pi^2(p, \cos \theta)}{P^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

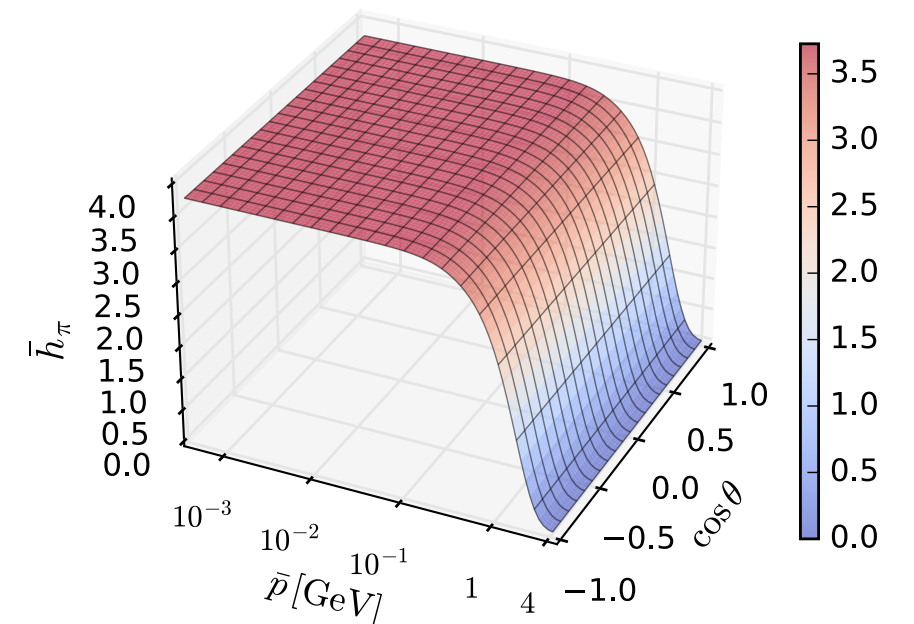
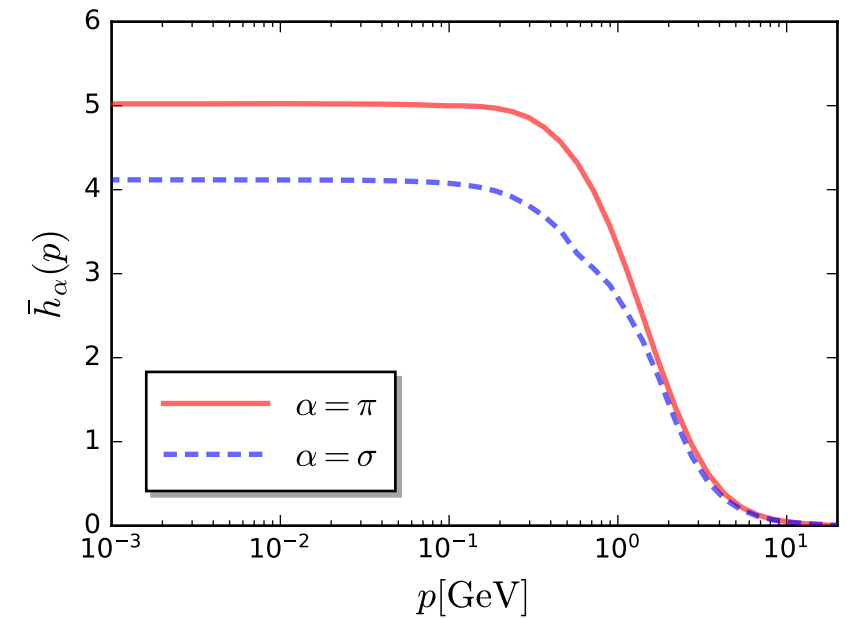
with the BS amplitude

$$h_\pi(p, \cos \theta) = \lim_{P^2 \rightarrow -m_\pi^2} \left[ \lambda_\pi(P^2, p, \cos \theta) (P^2 + m_\pi^2) \right]^{1/2}$$

and

$$P_\mu = \sqrt{P^2} (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\bar{p}_\mu = -\bar{p}'_\mu = \sqrt{p^2} (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0, 0)$$



# Pion decay constant

The pion weak decay constant is defined as

$$\langle 0 | J_{5\mu}^a(x) | \pi^b \rangle = i P_\mu f_\pi \delta^{ab}$$

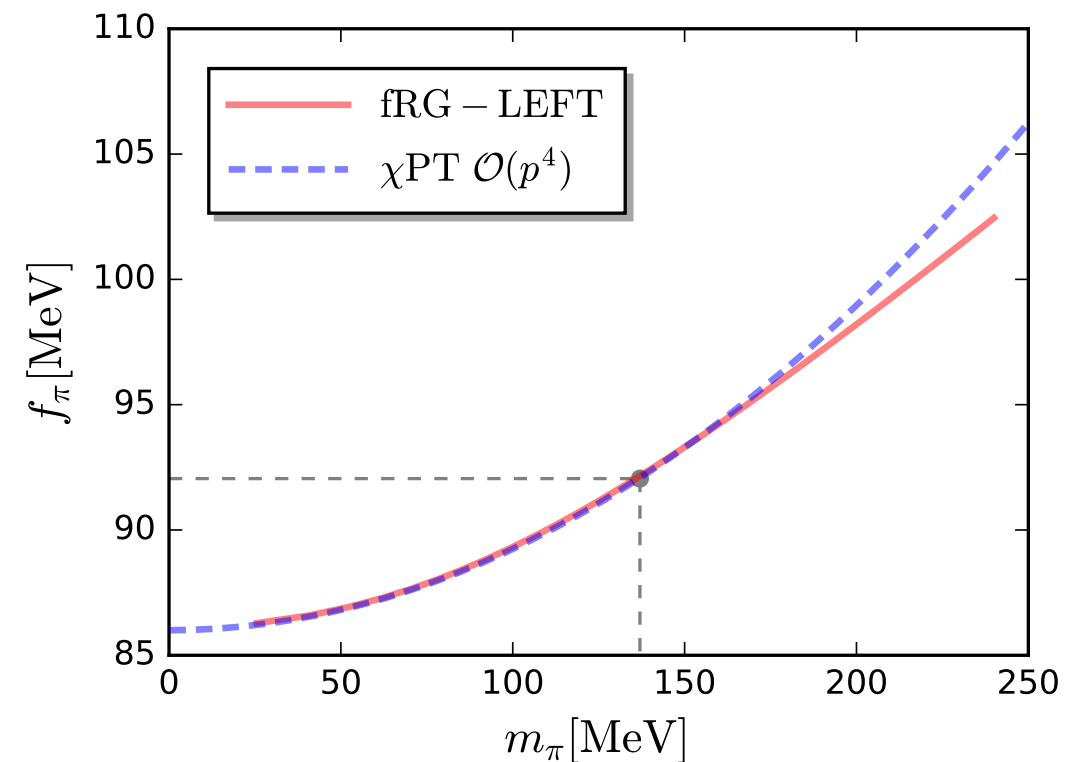
where the left hand side reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle 0 | J_{5\mu}^a(x) | \pi^b \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 T^a \bar{G}_q(q+P) \bar{h}_\pi(q) \gamma_5 T^b \bar{G}_q(q) \right], \end{aligned}$$

then

$$f_\pi = 2N_c \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\bar{h}_\pi(q) M_q(q)}{[q^2 + M_q^2(q)]^2}$$

up to leading order in powers of  $P^2 = -m_\pi^2$



fRG: WF, Huang, Pawłowski, Tan, arXiv:2401.07638

chiPT: Gasser and Leutwyler, *Annals Phys.* 158 (1984) 142

# QCD within fRG

Glue sector:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \text{ (gluon self-energy) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{ (triangle) } + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (bubble) } - \text{ (ghost loop) } - \text{ (gluon loop) } \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{ (ghost self-energy) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (gluon loop) } \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{ (3-gluon vertex) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (triangle) } - \text{ (triangle) } - \text{ (triangle) } + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (box) } \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{ (4-gluon vertex) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (triangle) } + \text{ (triangle) } \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matter sector:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \text{ (quark self-energy) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (triangle) } + \text{ (triangle) } - \text{ (gluon loop) } \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{ (ghost self-energy) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (gluon loop) } - \text{ (gluon loop) } \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{ (quark-quark vertex) } &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{ (triangle) } - \text{ (triangle) } + \text{ (triangle) } \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# QCD with dynamical hadronization

Introducing a RG scale dependent composite field:

$$\hat{\phi}_k(\hat{\phi}), \text{ with } \hat{\phi} = (\hat{A}, \hat{c}, \hat{\bar{c}}, \hat{q}, \hat{\bar{q}}),$$

$$\langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle = \dot{A}_k \bar{q} \tau q + \dot{B}_k \phi + \dot{C}_k \hat{e}_\sigma,$$

Gies, Wetterich, *PRD* 65 (2002) 065001; 69 (2004) 025001;  
Pawlowski, *AP* 322 (2007) 2831;  
Flörchinger, Wetterich, *PLB* 680 (2009) 371

Wetterich equation is modified as

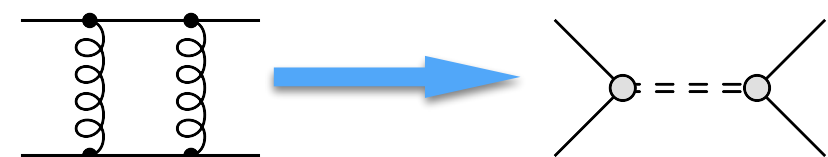
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] = & \frac{1}{2} \text{STr}(G_k[\Phi] \partial_t R_k) + \text{Tr} \left( G_{\phi\Phi_a}[\Phi] \frac{\delta \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle}{\delta \Phi_a} R_\phi \right) \\ & - \int \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_{k,i} \rangle \left( \frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\Phi]}{\delta \phi_i} + c_\sigma \delta_{i\sigma} \right), \end{aligned}$$

Mitter, Pawlowski, Strodthoff, *PRD* 91 (2015) 054035, arXiv:1411.7978; Braun, Fister, Pawlowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 94 (2016) 034016, arXiv:1412.1045; Cyrol, Mitter, Pawlowski, Strodthoff, *PRD* 97 (2018) 054006, arXiv:1706.06326; WF, Pawlowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020) 054032

Flow equation:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{orange loop} - \text{dotted loop} - \text{solid loop} + \frac{1}{2} \text{blue double loop} \right)$$

four-quark  
interaction encoded  
in Yukawa coupling:

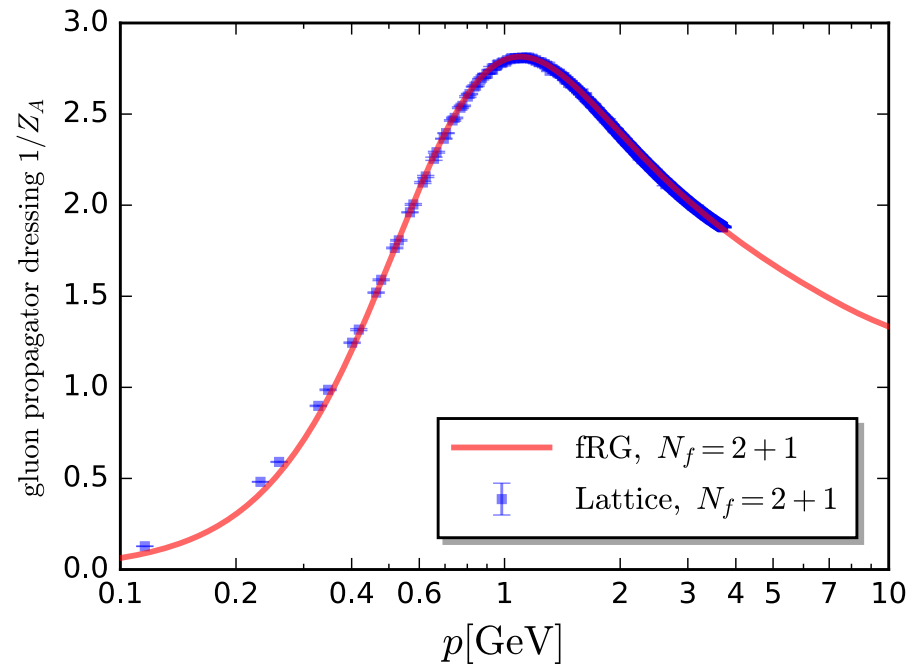


See also recent work:

Ihssen, Pawlowski, Sattler, Wink, arXiv:2408.08413

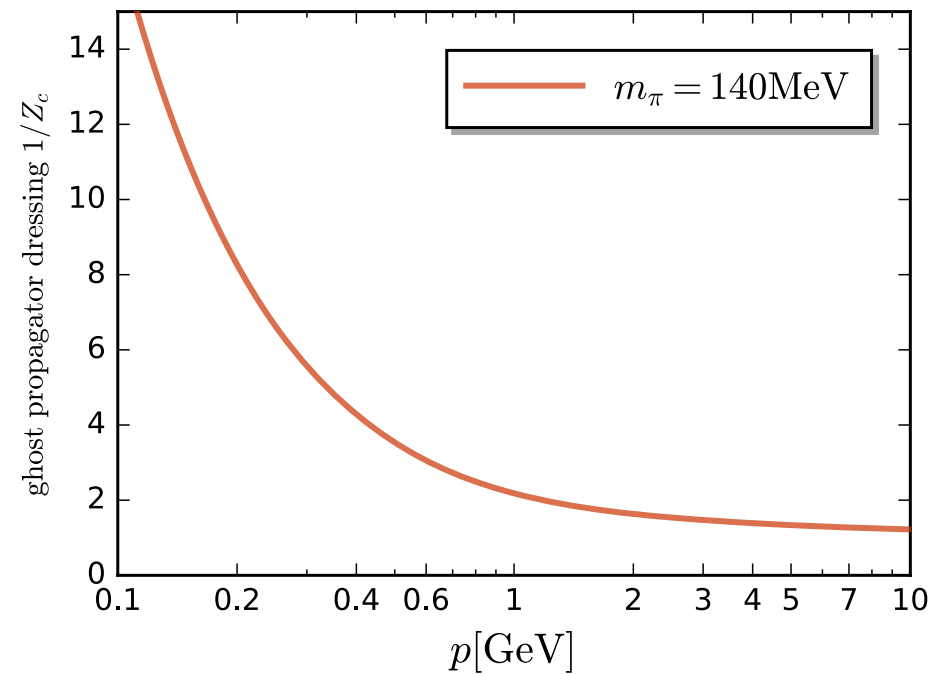
# QCD within fRG in vacuum

## Gluon dressing:



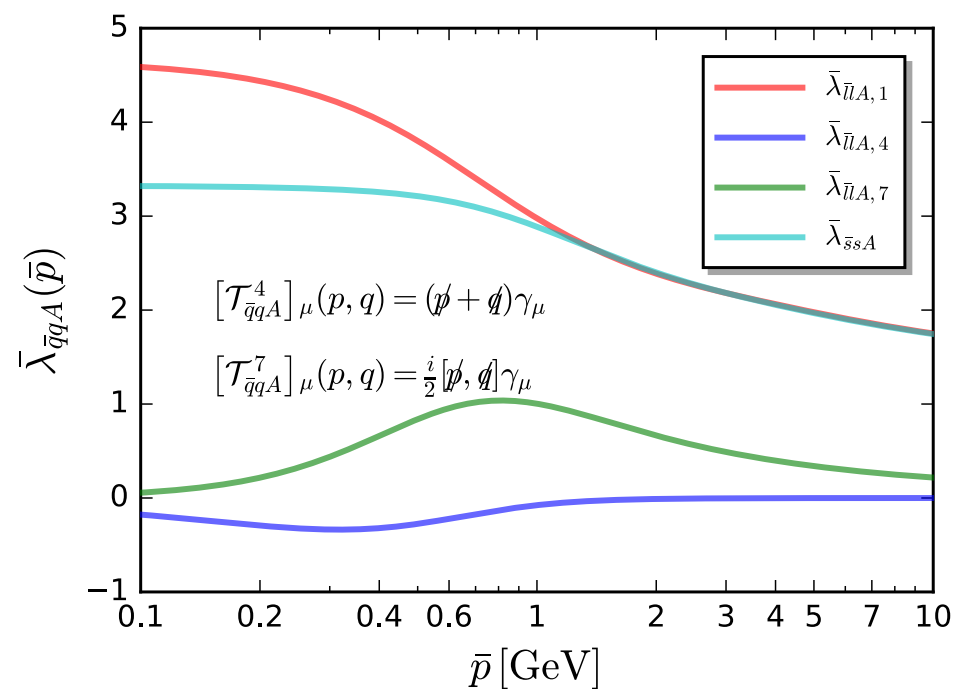
Lattice: Boucaud *et al.*, *PRD* 98 (2018) 114515

## Ghost dressing:

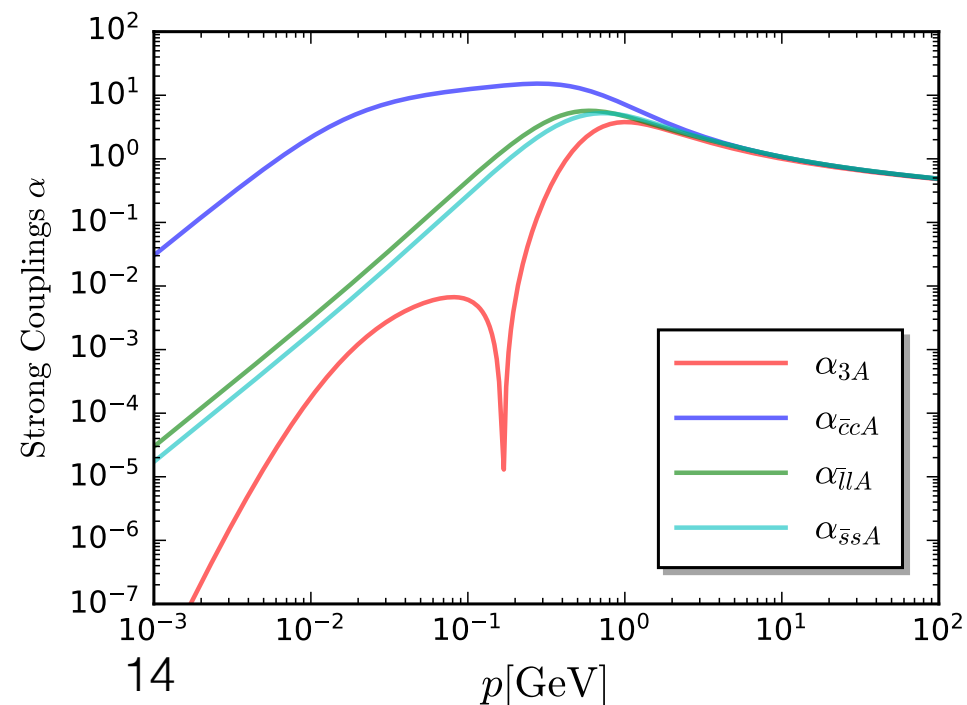


fRG: WF, Huang,  
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## Quark-gluon vertex:

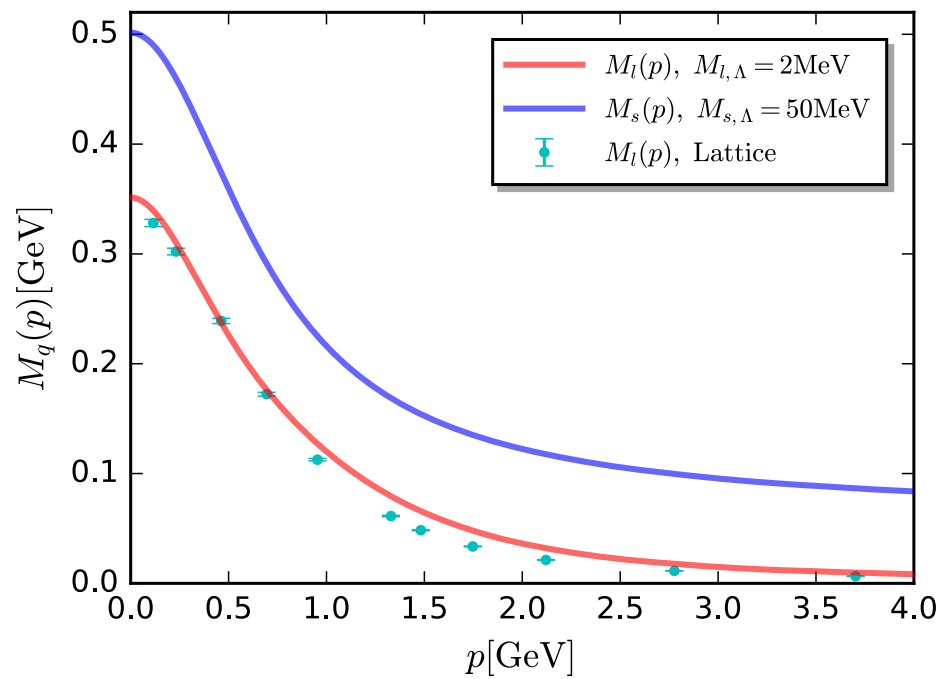


## Strong couplings:



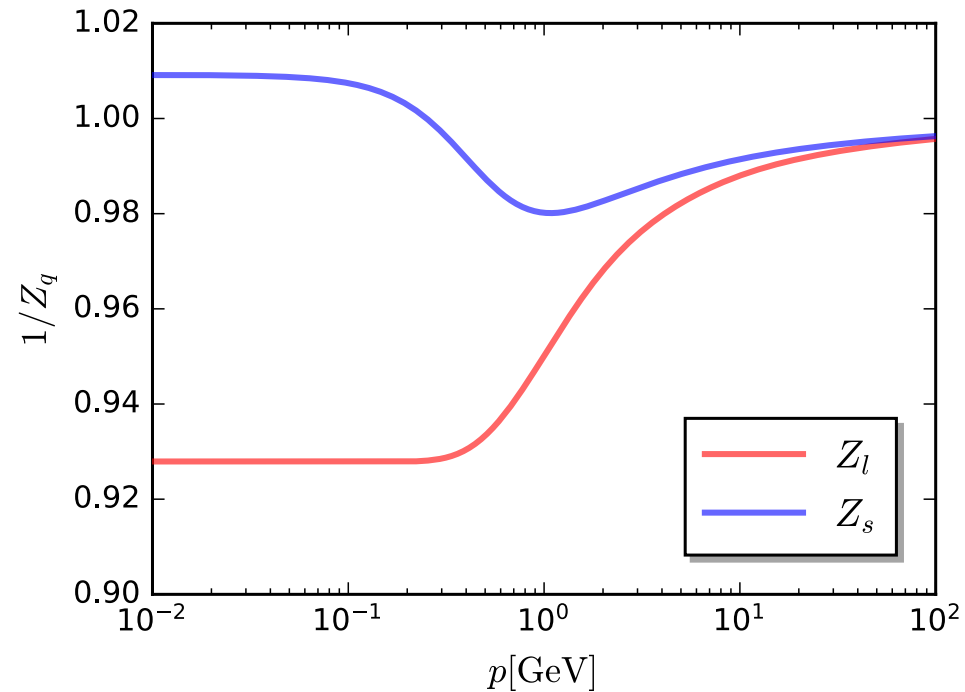
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## Quark mass:

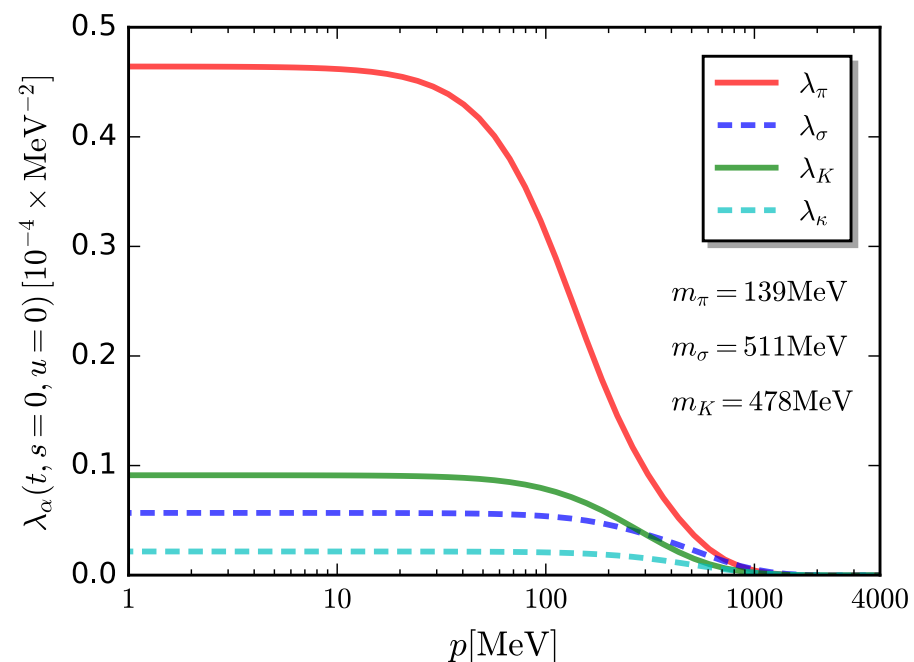


Lattice: Chang *et al.*, *PRD* 104 (2021) 094509

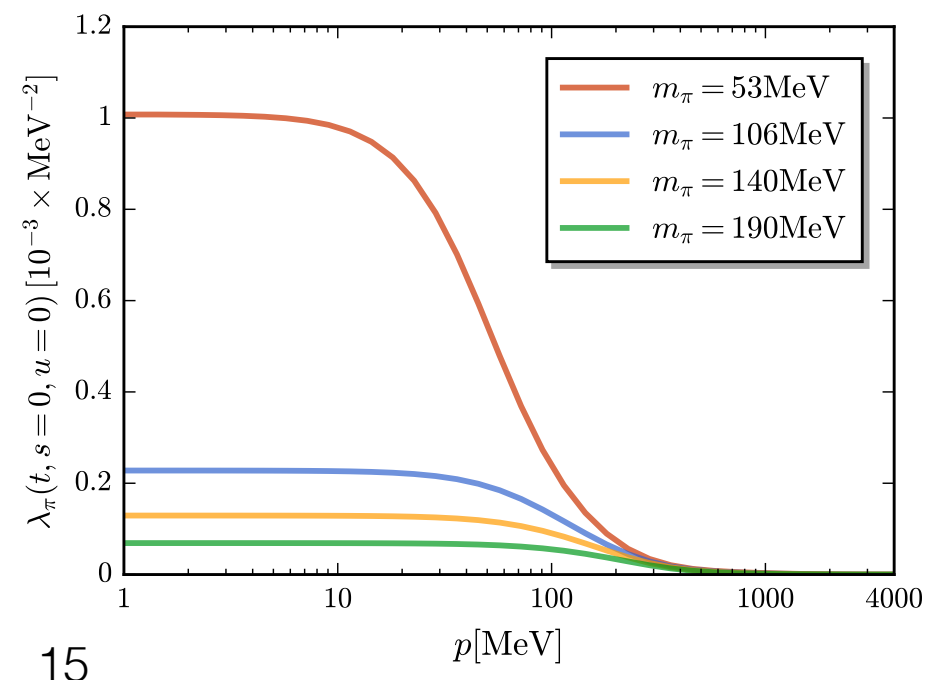
## Quark wave function:



## Four-quark vertex:



## Four-quark vertex (pion channel):



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# Quasi-PDA of pion

- **Bethe-Salpeter amplitude** (unamputated):

$$\chi_\pi(k; P) = G_q(k_+) \Gamma(k; P) G_q(k_-)$$

with

$$\Gamma(k; P) = i\gamma_5 h_\pi(k; P)$$

and  $P = (iE_\pi, P_z, 0, 0)$ ,  $E_\pi = \sqrt{P_z^2 + m_\pi^2}$  and  $k_\pm = k \pm P/2$

- **Quasi parton distribution amplitude** (qPDA) reads

$$\phi_\pi(x, P_z) = \frac{1}{f_\pi} \text{Tr}_{\text{CD}} \left[ \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \delta(\tilde{n} \cdot k_+ - x \tilde{n} \cdot P) \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot \tilde{n} \chi_\pi(k; P) \right]$$

with  $\tilde{n} = (0, 1, 0, 0)$ . Integrating  $k_3$  firstly by using the delta function, one is led to

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\pi(x, P_z) = & \frac{1}{f_\pi} \frac{4N_c}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^2 k_\perp dk_0 h_\pi(k; P) P_z [x M_q(k_-^2) + (1-x) M_q(k_+^2)] \\ & \times \frac{1}{Z_q(k_+^2) Z_q(k_-^2)} \frac{1}{k_+^2 + M_q^2(k_+^2)} \frac{1}{k_-^2 + M_q^2(k_-^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$k_\mu = \left( k_0, (x - 1/2)P_z, k_\perp \right),$$

$$k_{+\mu} = \left( k_0 + iE_\pi/2, xP_z, k_\perp \right),$$

$$k_{-\mu} = \left( k_0 - iE_\pi/2, (x - 1)P_z, k_\perp \right)$$

# Contour of $k_0$ integral

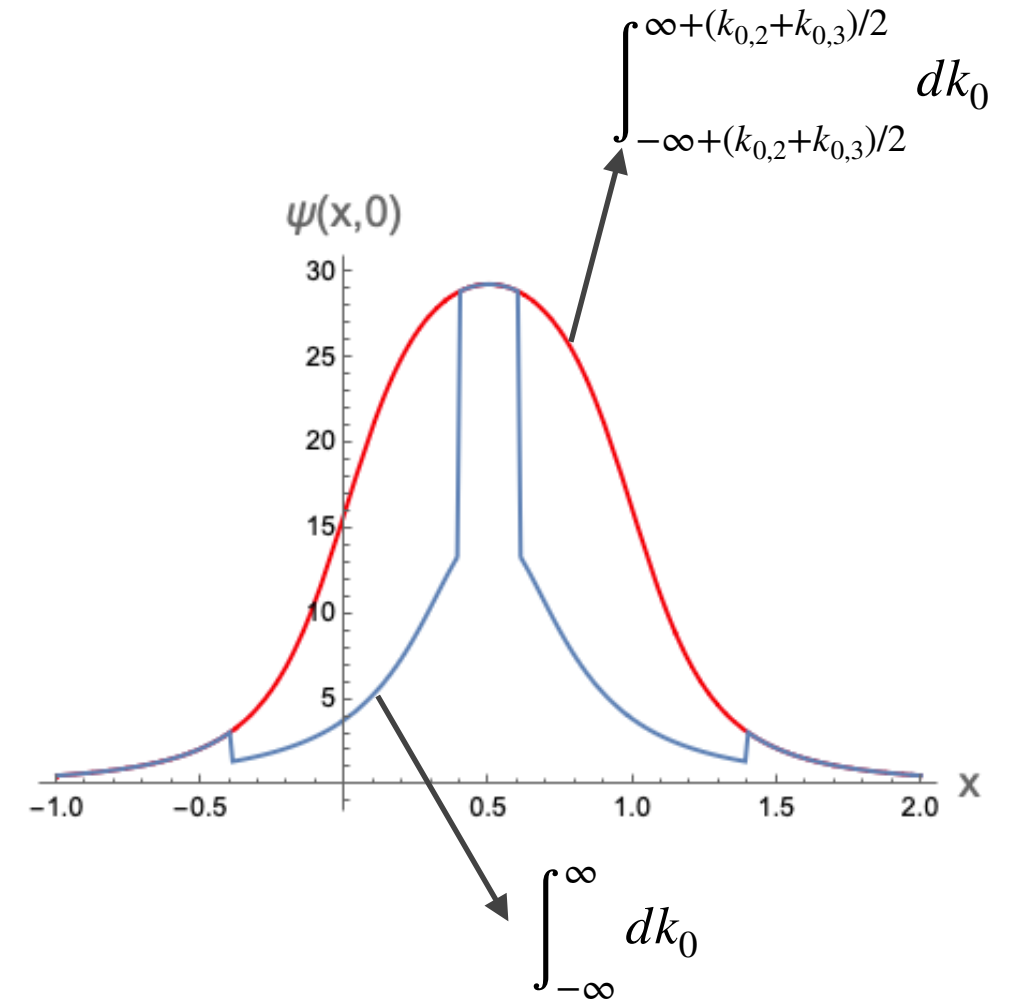
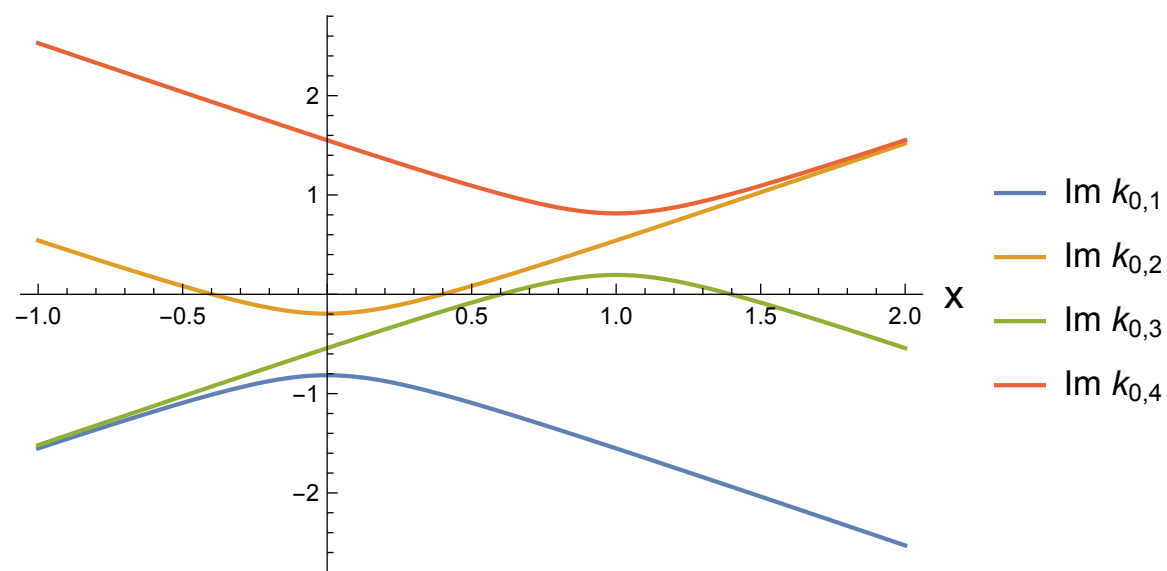
- Poles of two quark propagators:

$$k_{0,1} = i \left[ -\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + (xP_z)^2 + M_q^2(k_+^2)} - \sqrt{P_z^2 + m_{\pi}^2/2} \right],$$

$$k_{0,2} = i \left[ \sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + (xP_z)^2 + M_q^2(k_+^2)} - \sqrt{P_z^2 + m_{\pi}^2/2} \right],$$

$$k_{0,3} = i \left[ -\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + (x-1)^2 P_z^2 + M_q^2(k_-^2)} + \sqrt{P_z^2 + m_{\pi}^2/2} \right],$$

$$k_{0,4} = i \left[ \sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + (x-1)^2 P_z^2 + M_q^2(k_-^2)} + \sqrt{P_z^2 + m_{\pi}^2/2} \right]$$



With the increase of  $P_z$ ,  $k_{0,2}$  or  $k_{0,3}$  cross the  $x$  axis, one has to shift the integral of  $k_0$  towards finite imaginary part, such that one can pick up the desired pair of poles, e.g.,  $k_{0,1}$  and  $k_{0,3}$  or  $k_{0,2}$  and  $k_{0,4}$

# Analytic continuation

- We use Taylor expansion to continue  $h_\pi, M_q, Z_q$  in the complex plane of  $k_0$ :

$$h_\pi(k^2, P^2, \cos \theta) = h_\pi(\bar{k}^2, P^2, \cos \theta) + \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial k^2} h_\pi \right|_{k^2=\bar{k}^2} k_0^2 + \dots$$

and

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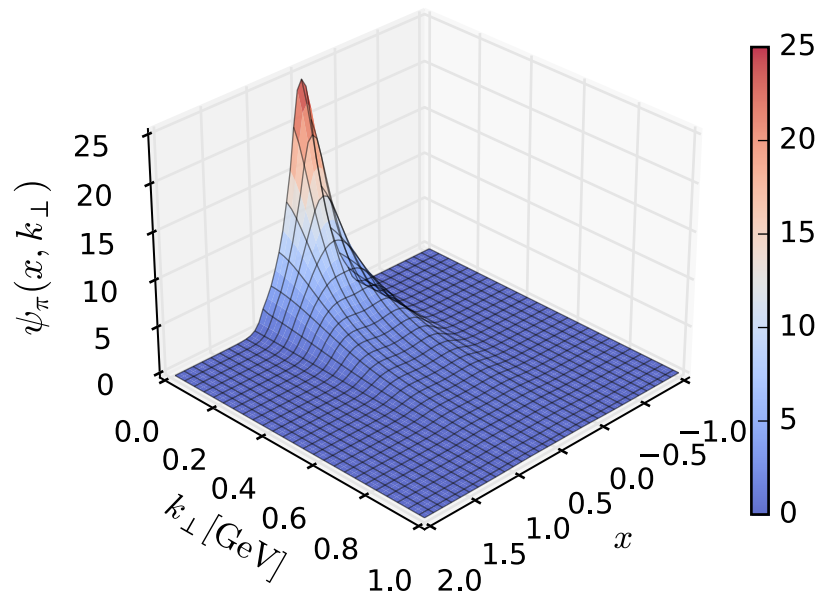
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Pion wave function amplitudes:



Chang, WF, Huang, Pawlowski, Zhang, in preparation

# Quasi-PDA and PDA

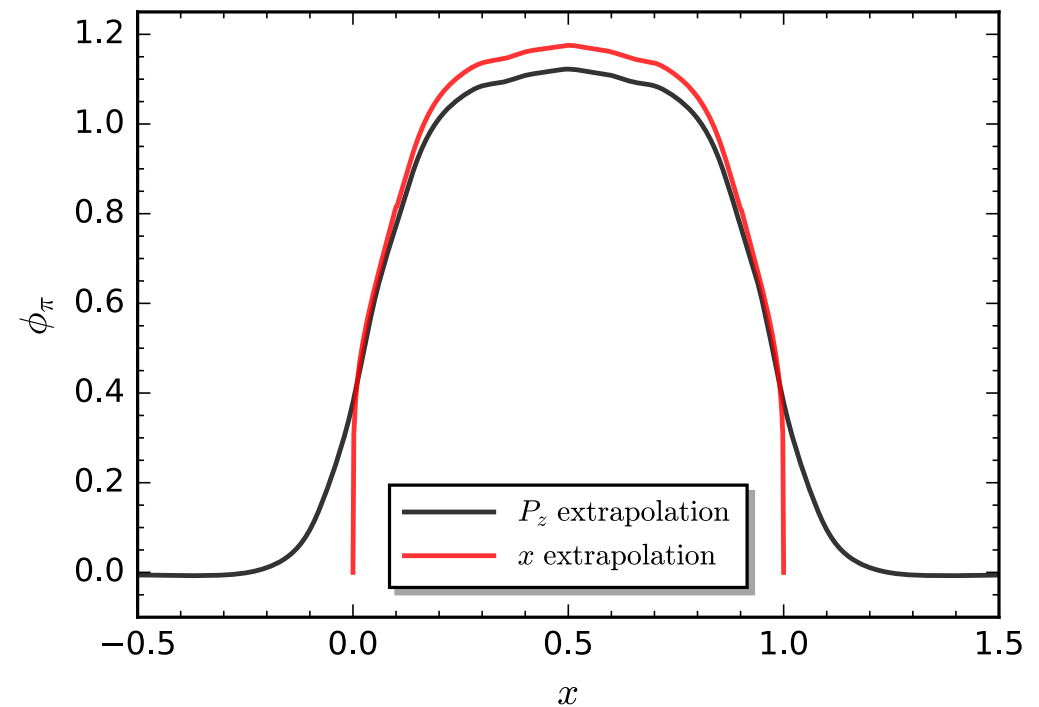
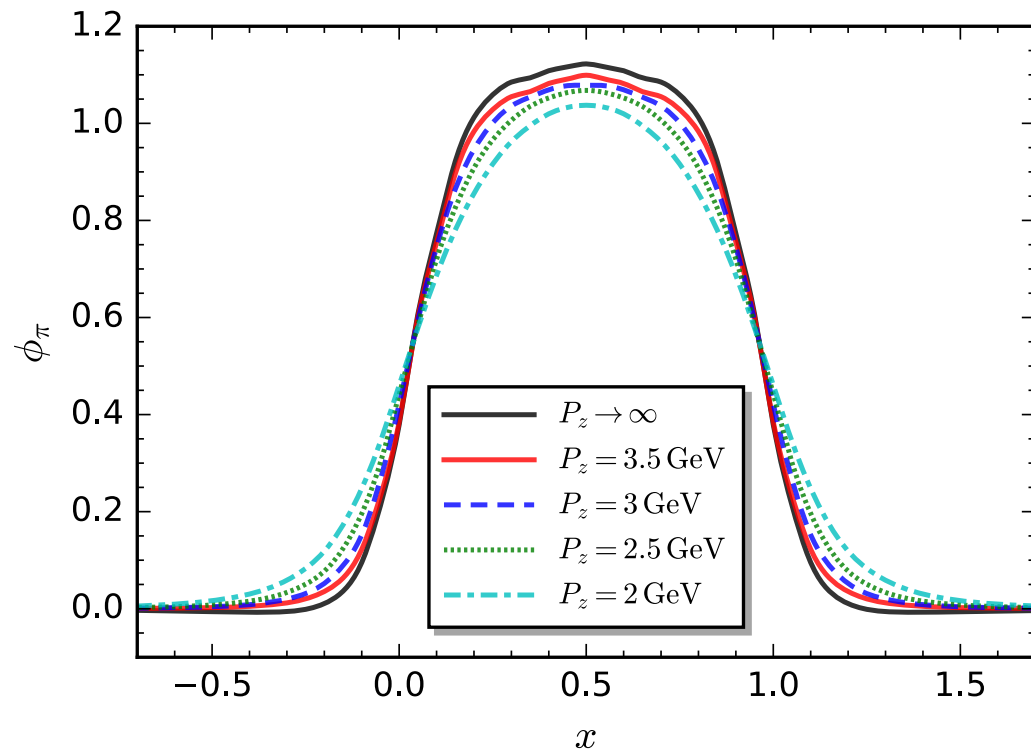
- Quasi-PDA at finite  $P_z$  can be used to extrapolate the PDA with  $P_z \rightarrow \infty$  based on LaMET Ji, *PRL* 110 (2013) 262002

$$\phi_\pi(x, P_z) = \phi_\pi(x, P_z \rightarrow \infty) + \frac{c_2(x)}{P_z^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{P_z^4}\right)$$

- But, in the endpoint region, say  $0 < x < 0.1$  and  $0.9 < x < 1$ , LaMET cannot be reliably used, we adopt a phenomenological extrapolation  $cx^a(1-x)^a$  J. Hua *et al.* (LPC), *PRL* 129 (2022) 132001

## Quasi-PDA:

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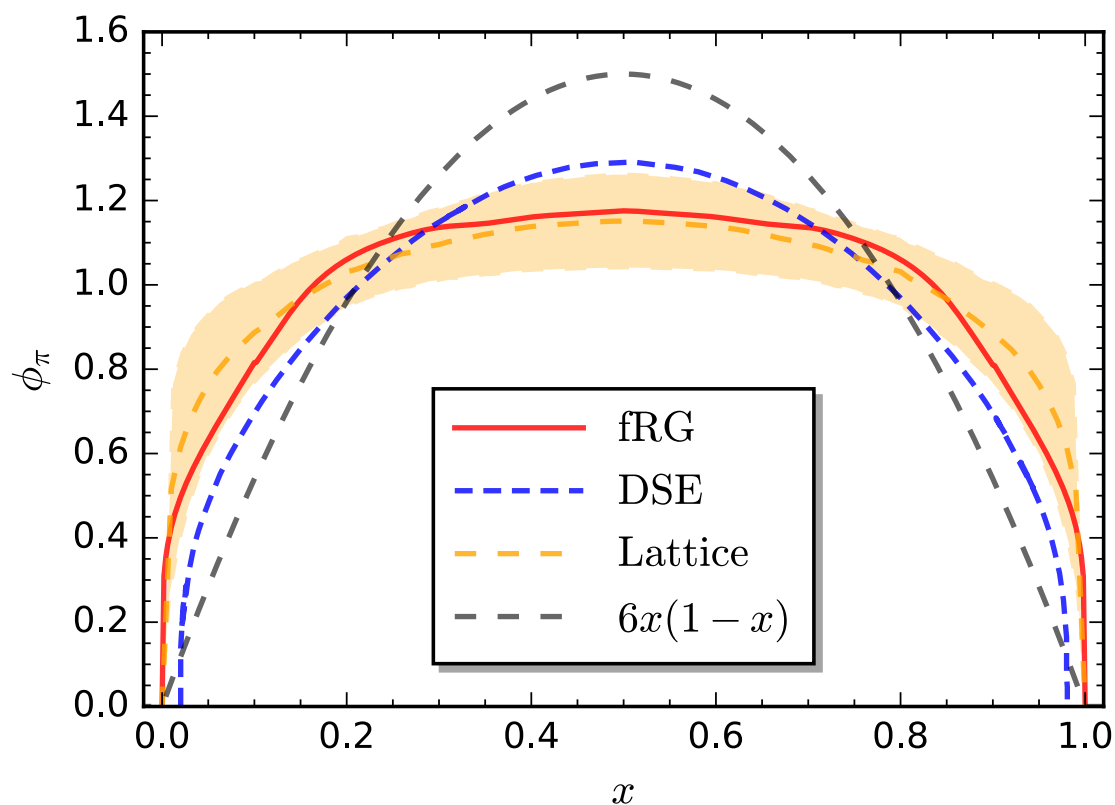


# PDA and its moments

- Moments of pion PDA

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle \equiv \int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^n \phi_\pi(x)$$

Pion PDA:



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Moments:

| Method                      | $\xi_\pi^2$                | $\xi_\pi^4$ | $\xi_\pi^6$ |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| fRG (This Work)             | 0.271                      | 0.142       | 0.092       |
| Lattice LaMET (LPC)         | 0.300(41)                  | -           | -           |
| DSE                         | 0.251                      | 0.128       | -           |
| Lattice OPE (RQCD)          | $0.234^{+6}_{-6}(4)(4)(2)$ | -           | -           |
| Lattice OPE (RBC and UKQCD) | 0.28(1)(2)                 | -           | -           |
| Sum Rule                    | 0.271(13)                  | 0.138(10)   | 0.087(6)    |

Lattice LaMET: J. Hua *et al.* (LPC), *PRL* 129 (2022) 132001.

DSE: C. Roberts *et al.*, *PPNP* 120 (2021) 103883; Chang *et al.*, *PRL* 110 (2013) 132001.

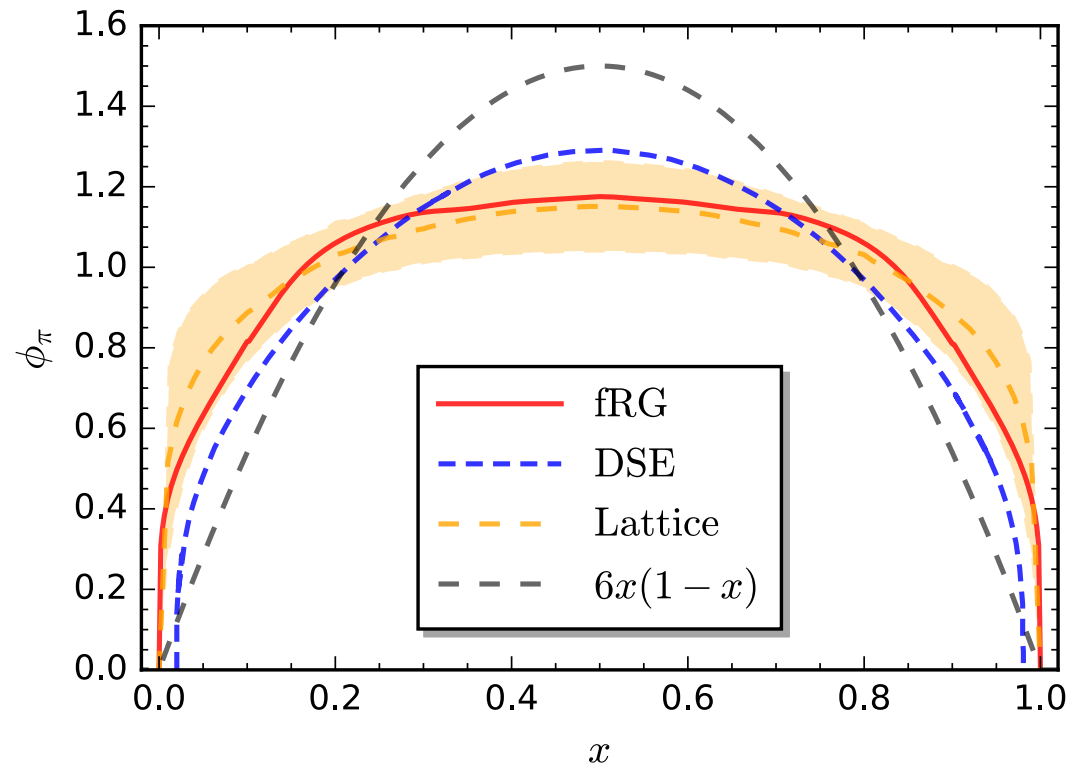
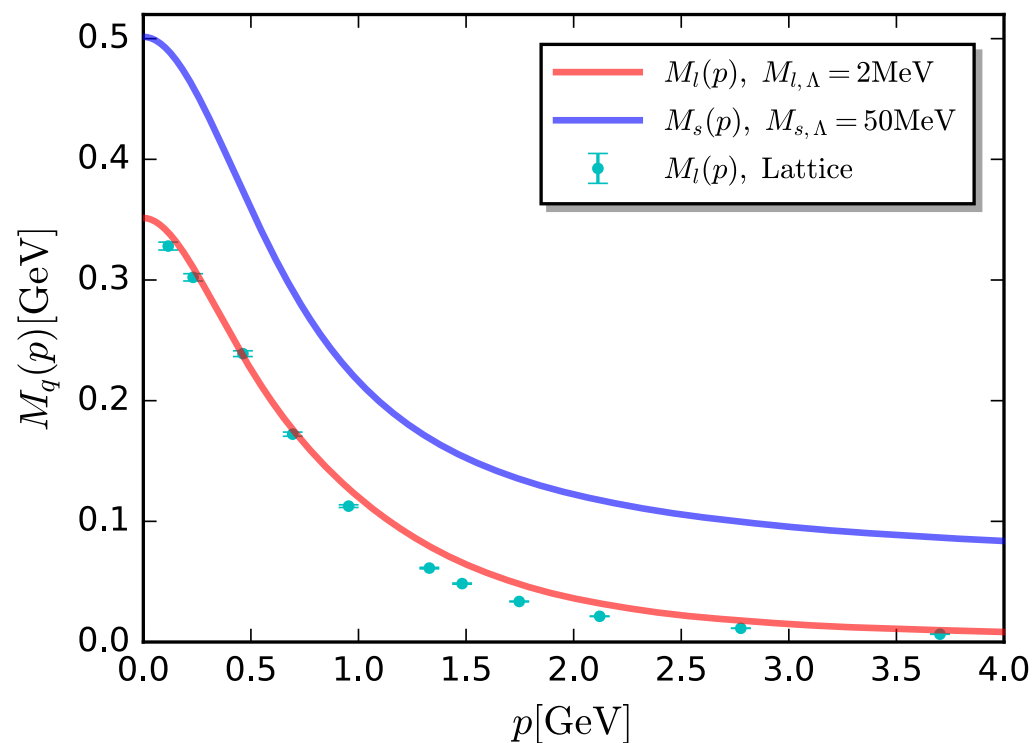
Lattice OPE: G. Bali *et al.* (RQCD), *JHEP* 08 (2019) 065; 11 (2020) 37.

Lattice OPE: R. Arthur *et al.* (RBC and UKQCD), *PRD* 83 (2011) 074505.

Sum rules: P. Ball *et al.*, *JHEP* 08 (2007) 090; T. Zhong *et al.*, *PRD* 104 (2021) 016021

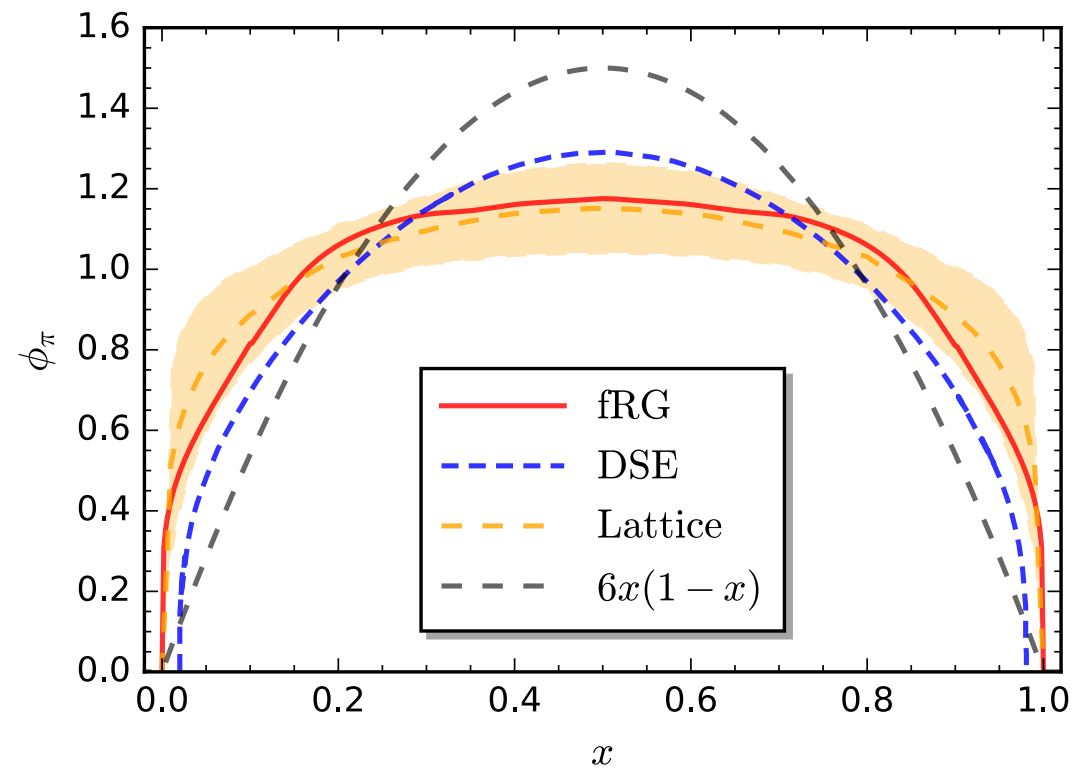
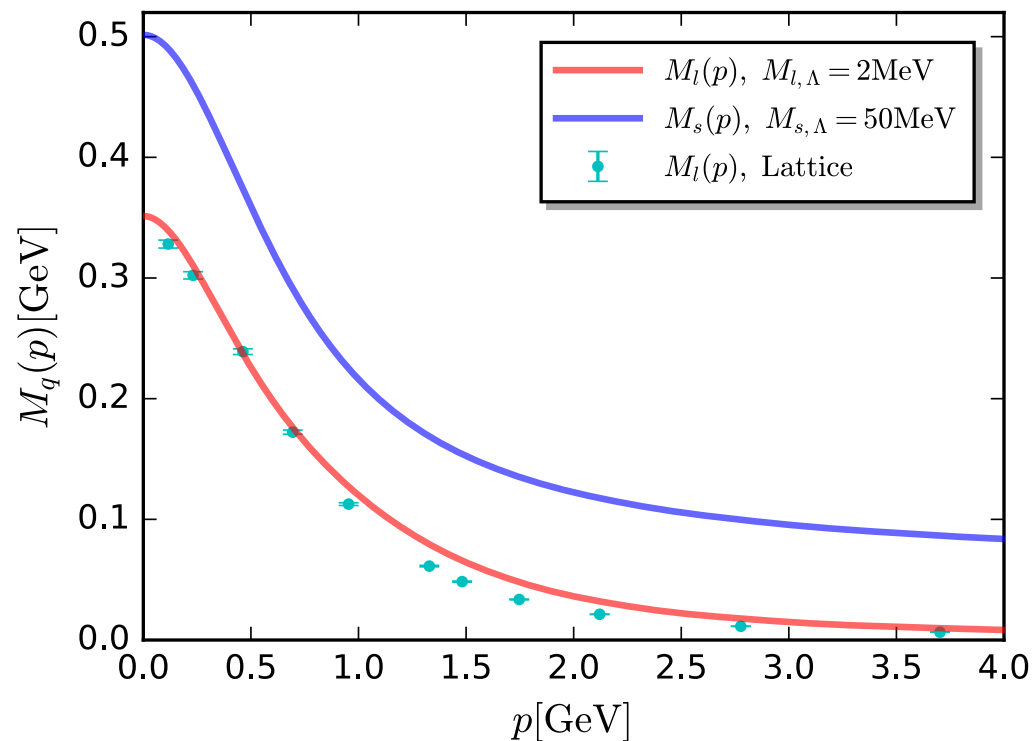
Asymptotic:  $6x(1-x)$

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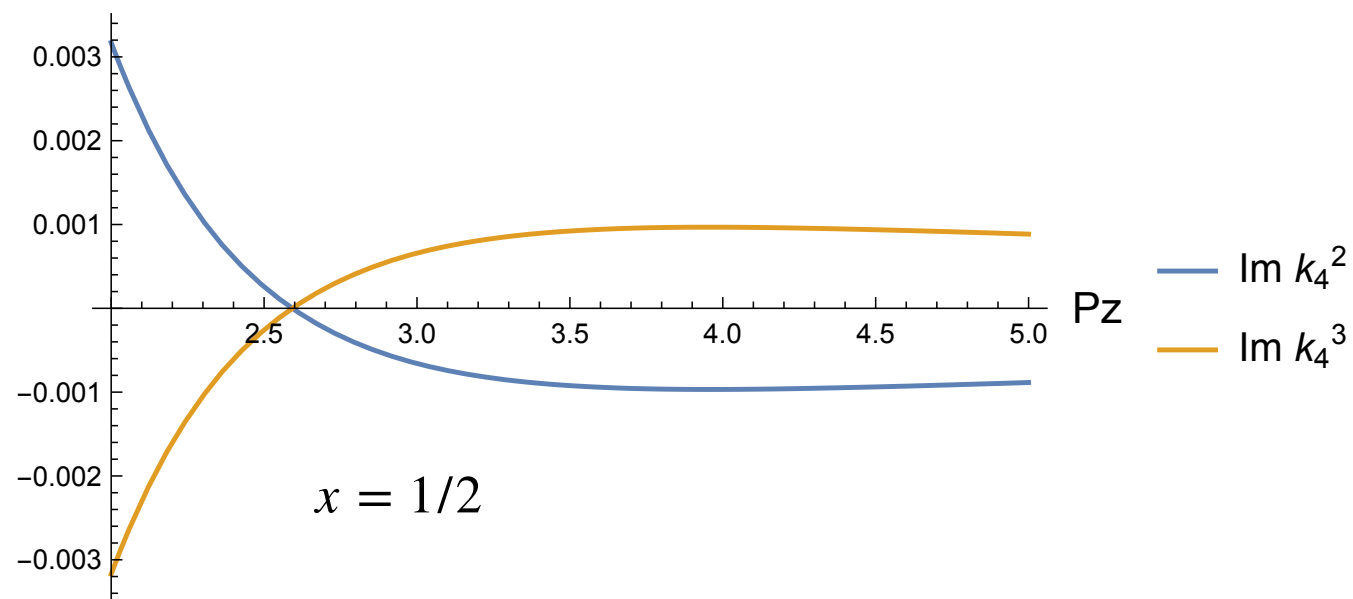
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**Thank you very much for your attentions!**

# Backup

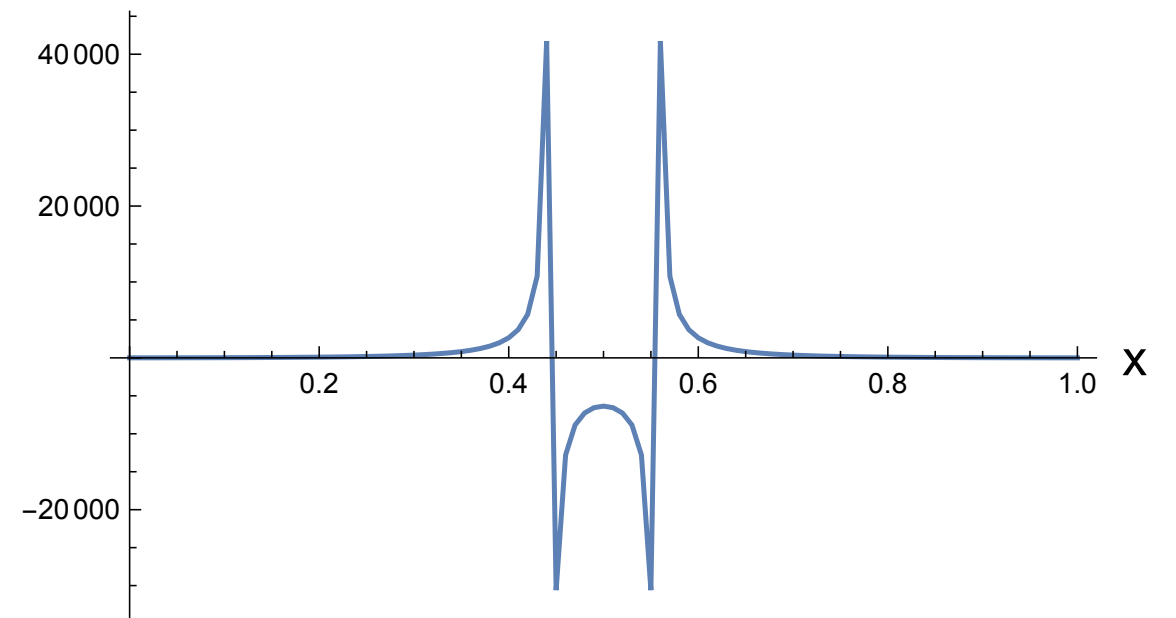
# Larger $P_z$ ?

Pole crossing:



Poles of  $k_{0,2}$  and  $k_{0,3}$  interchange their positions, when  $P_z \gtrsim 3.5$  GeV

Wave function:



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