

Pseudoscalar mesons & Emergent Mass

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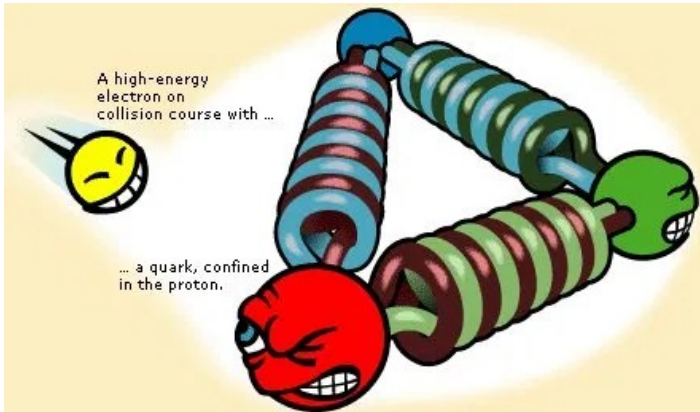
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QCD: Emergent Phenomena

- QCD is characterized by two **emergent** phenomena: **confinement** and dynamical generation of mass (**DGM**).



- ◆ Quarks and gluons not *isolated* in nature.
- ➔ Formation of colorless bound states: "**Hadrons**"
- ➔ **1-fm scale** size of hadrons?



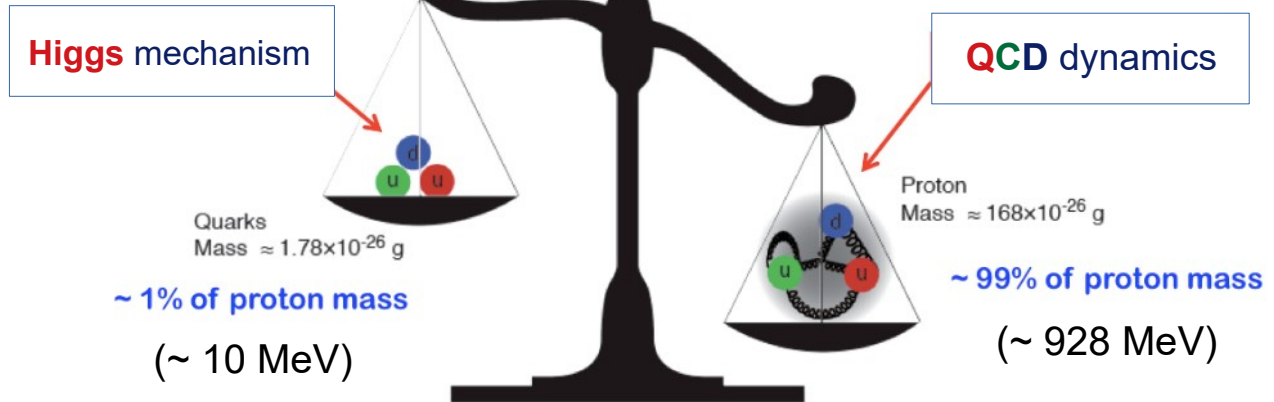
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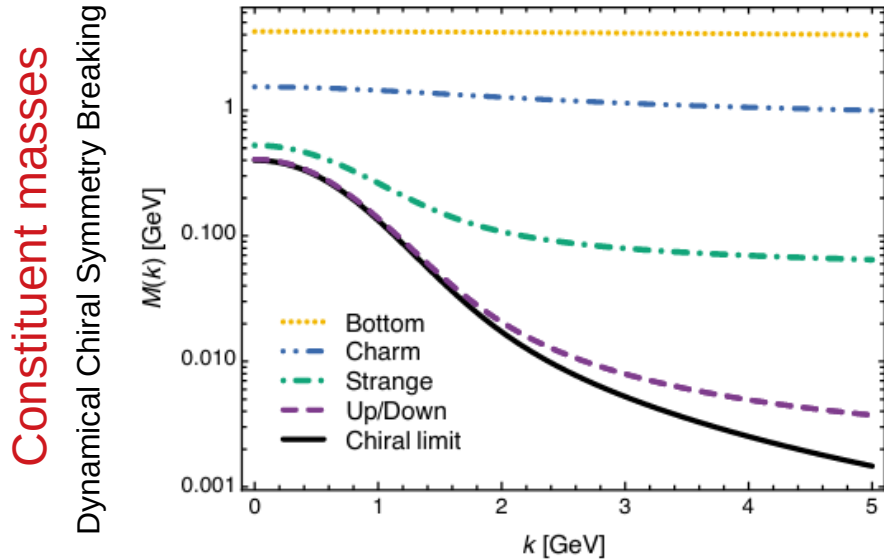
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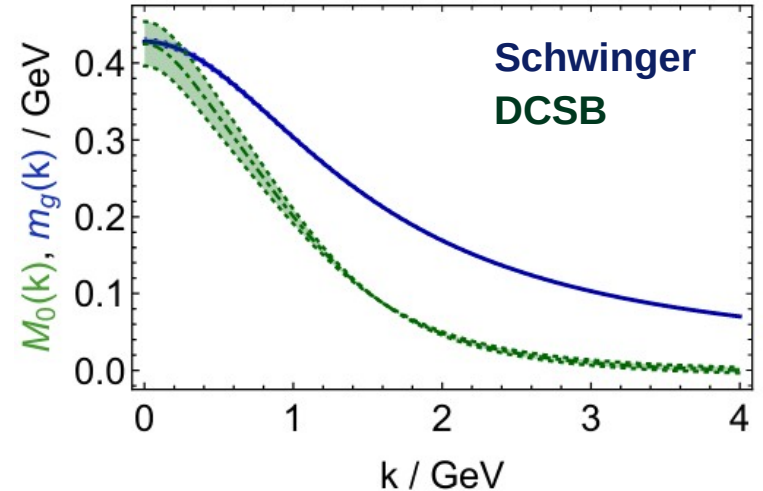


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$$S_f^{-1}(p) = Z_f^{-1}(p^2)(i\gamma \cdot p + \mathbf{M}_f(p^2))$$

“Higgs” masses

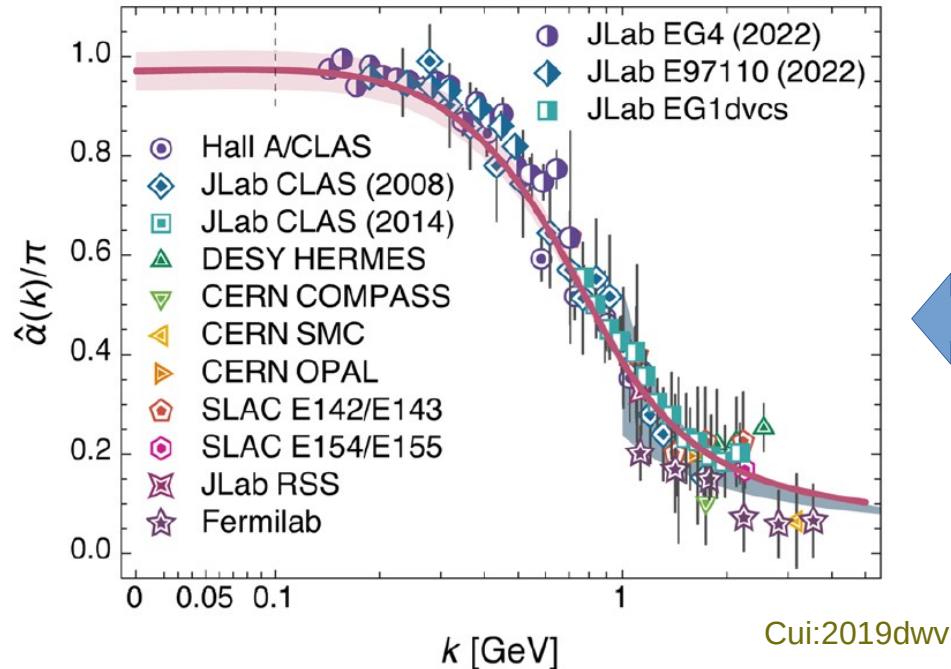


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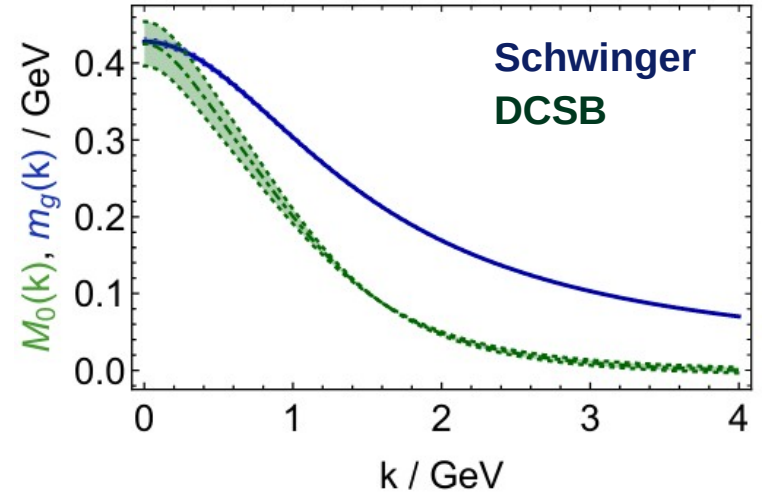


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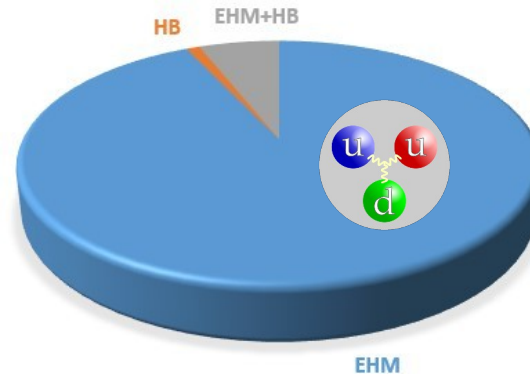
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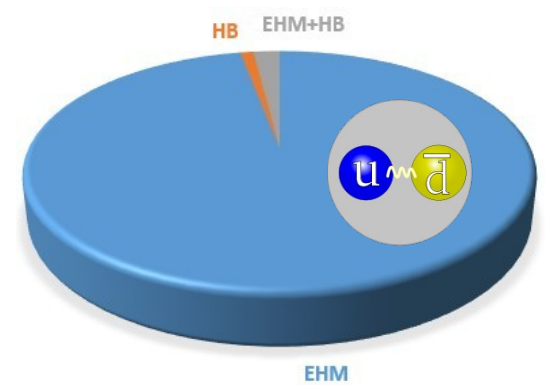
$$M_{u/d} \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$$

- What is the origin of **EHM**?
... its connection with e.g. **confinement** and **DCSB**?

- ➔ **Most** of the **mass** in the visible universe is contained within **nucleons**
- ➔ Which remain **pretty massive** whether there is Higgs mechanism or not...



Proton mass budget

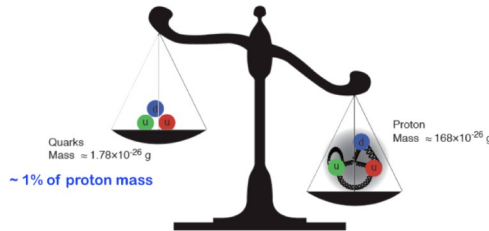


Rho meson mass budget

$$m_p = 0.938 \text{ GeV} \approx 2M_u + M_d$$

$$m_\rho = 0.775 \text{ GeV} \approx M_u + M_d$$

Proton and **rho** meson mass budgets are practically **identical**



Mass Budgets

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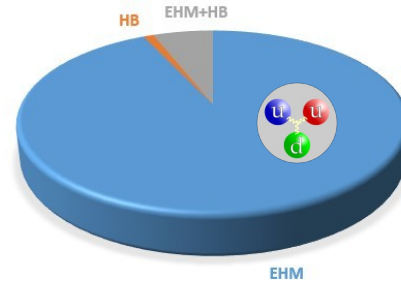
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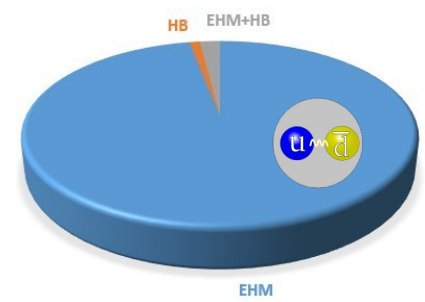
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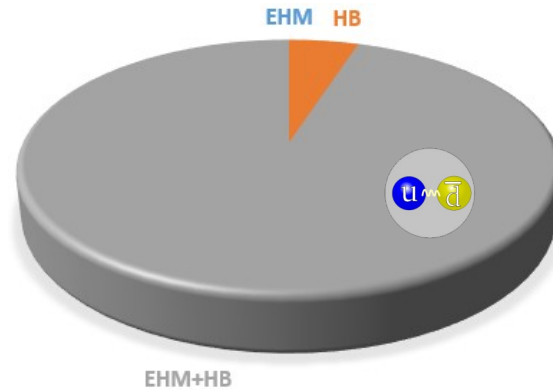
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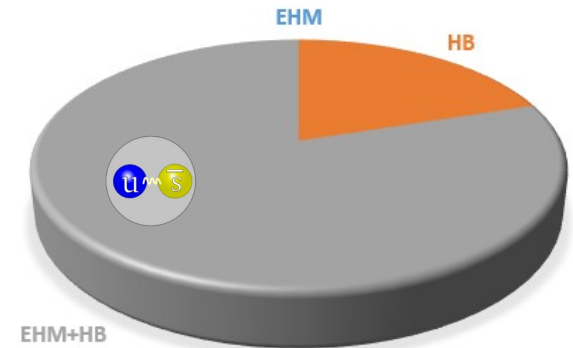
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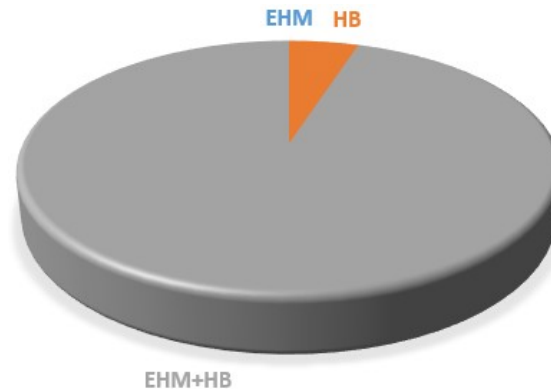
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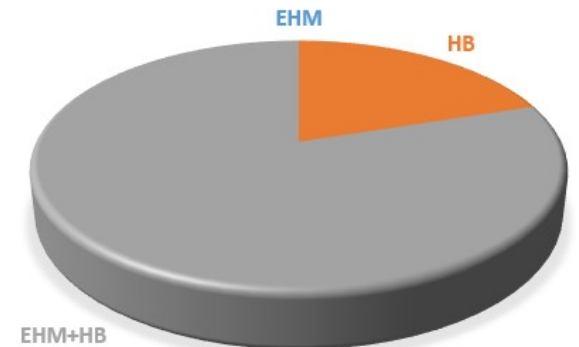
Pion and Kaon

→ Both quark-antiquark **bound-states** and **NG bosons**

→ Their mere **existence** is connected with **mass** generation in the **SM**



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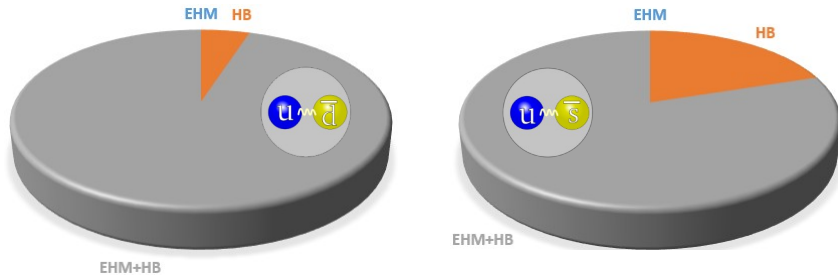
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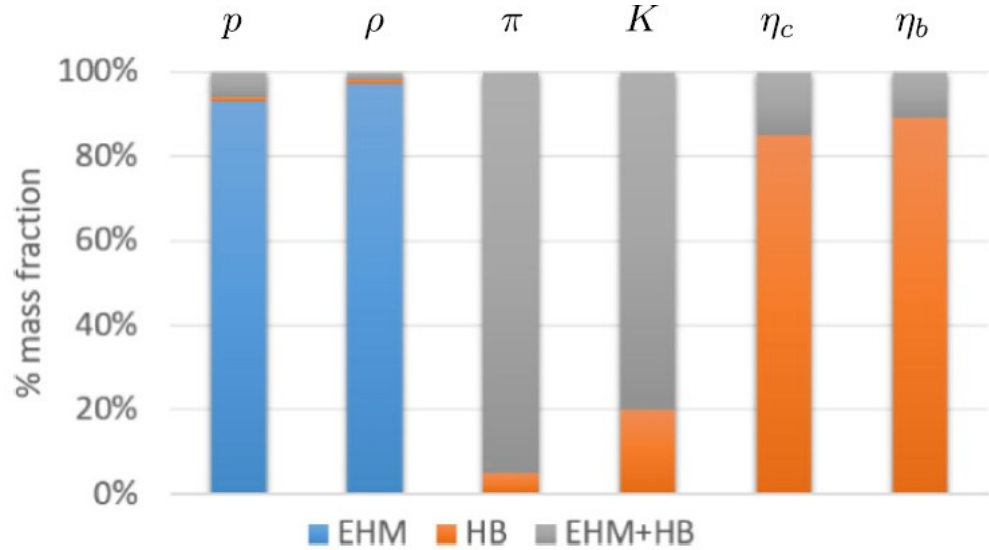
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➤ The scrutiny of **all** pseudoscalars sheds light on the role of **Mass Sources** on the hadron **structural properties**.

Valence-quark distribution amplitudes (**DAs**)

$$f_M \phi_M^q(x) = \text{tr} \int_{dk} \delta_n^x(k_M) \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot n \chi_M(k_-, P)$$

Light-front momentum fraction

Written in terms of **BSWF**

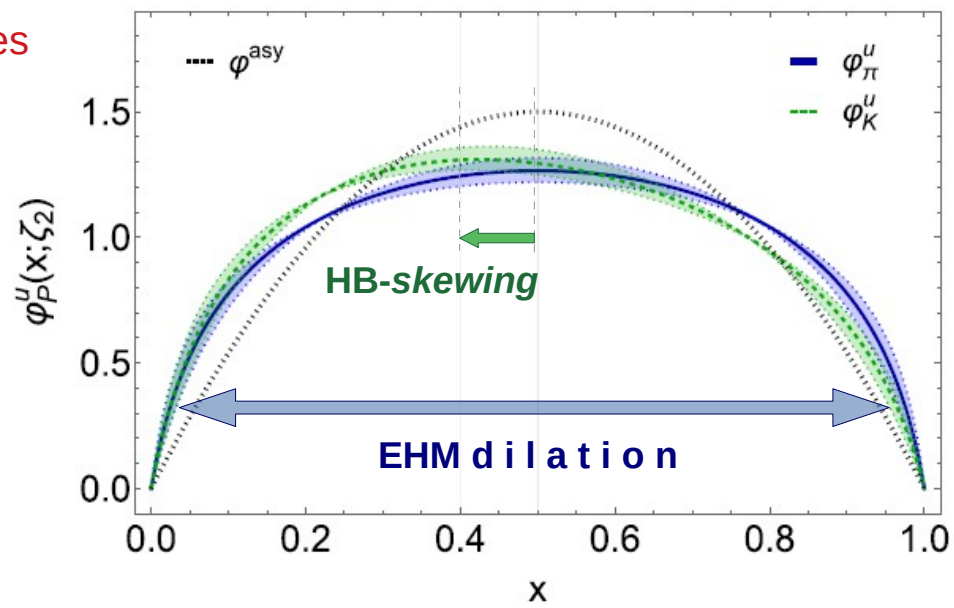
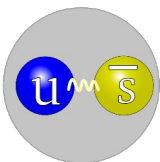
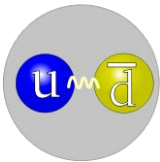
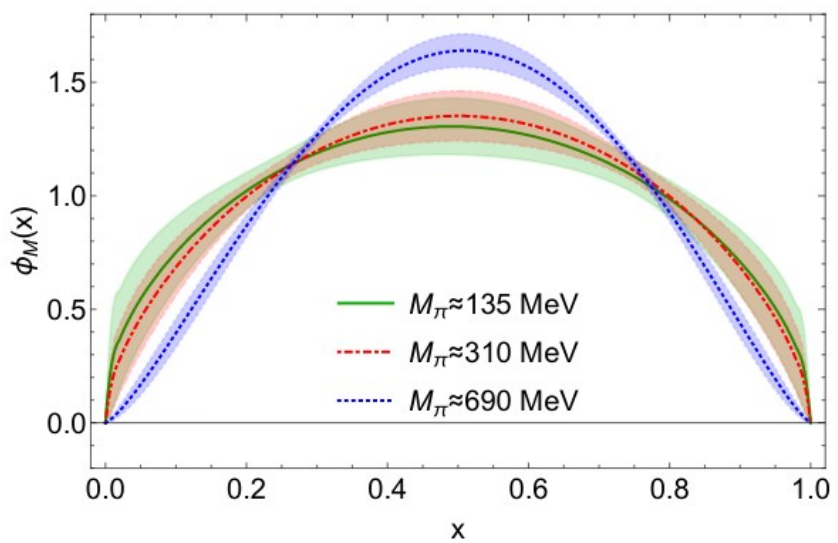
- **1-dimensional** projection of the **light-front wavefunction**.
- Clear **probe of EHM**, related with hard **exclusive processes**, etc.

π -K DAs

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- ✓ **Broad** and concave DAs. @ real-life scales
- ✓ **Mild** skewing in **Kaon**: strong & weak interplay.



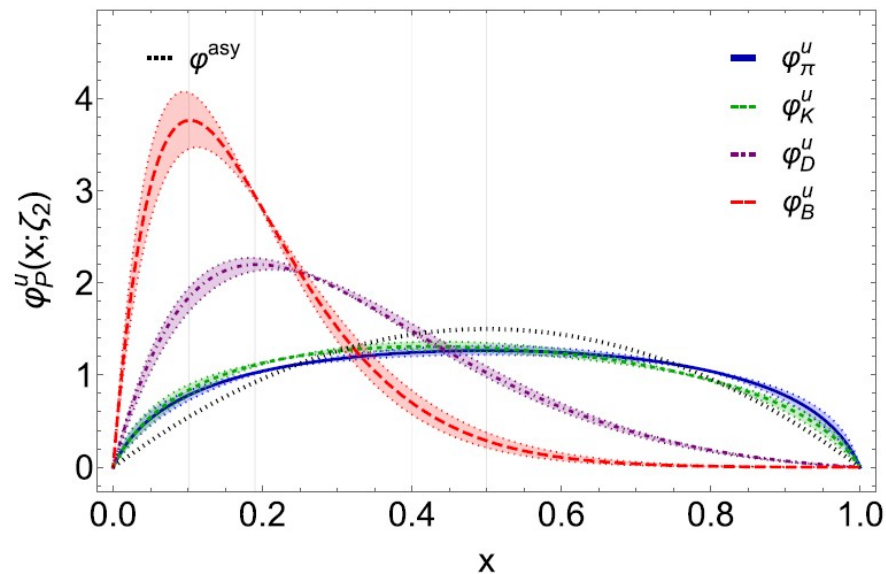
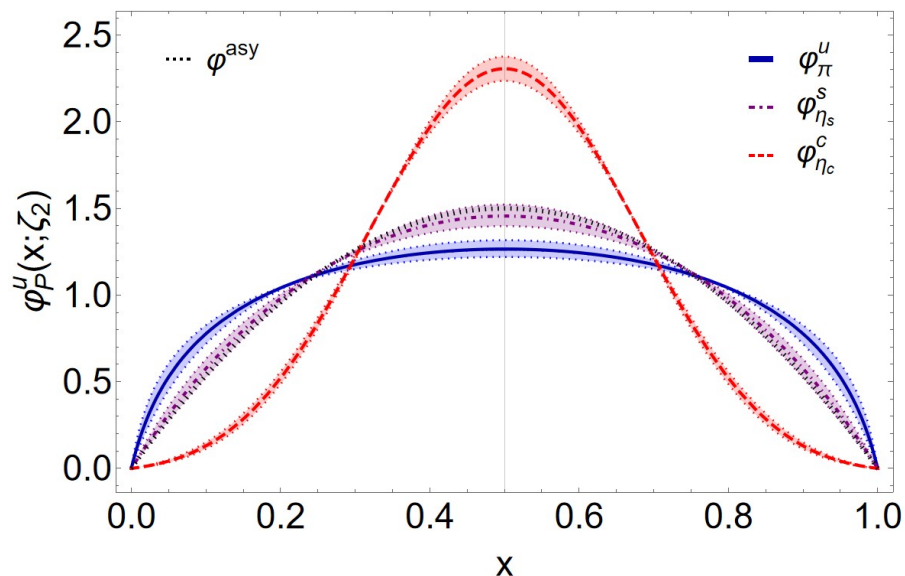
- ✓ Lattice QCD supports those findings:
[Zhang:2020gaj](#) [Bali:2019dqc](#) [Segovia:2013eca](#)



Pointwise form of the **PDA**!

'Heavy' mesons **DAs**

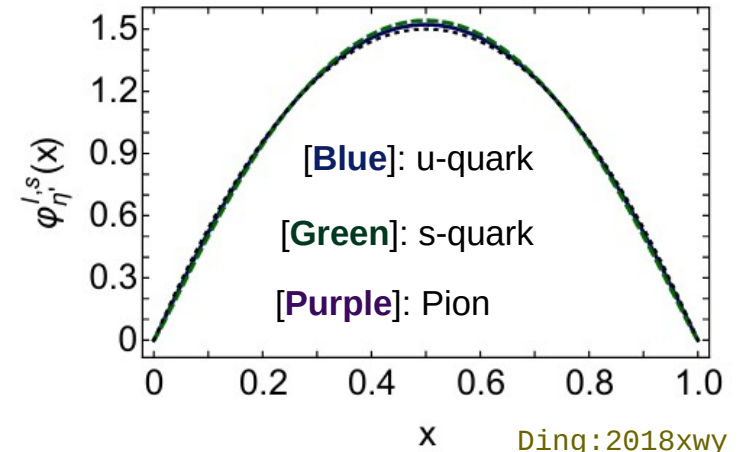
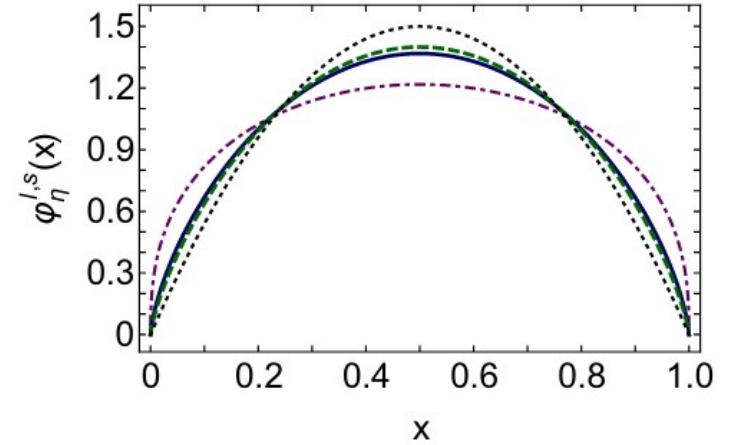
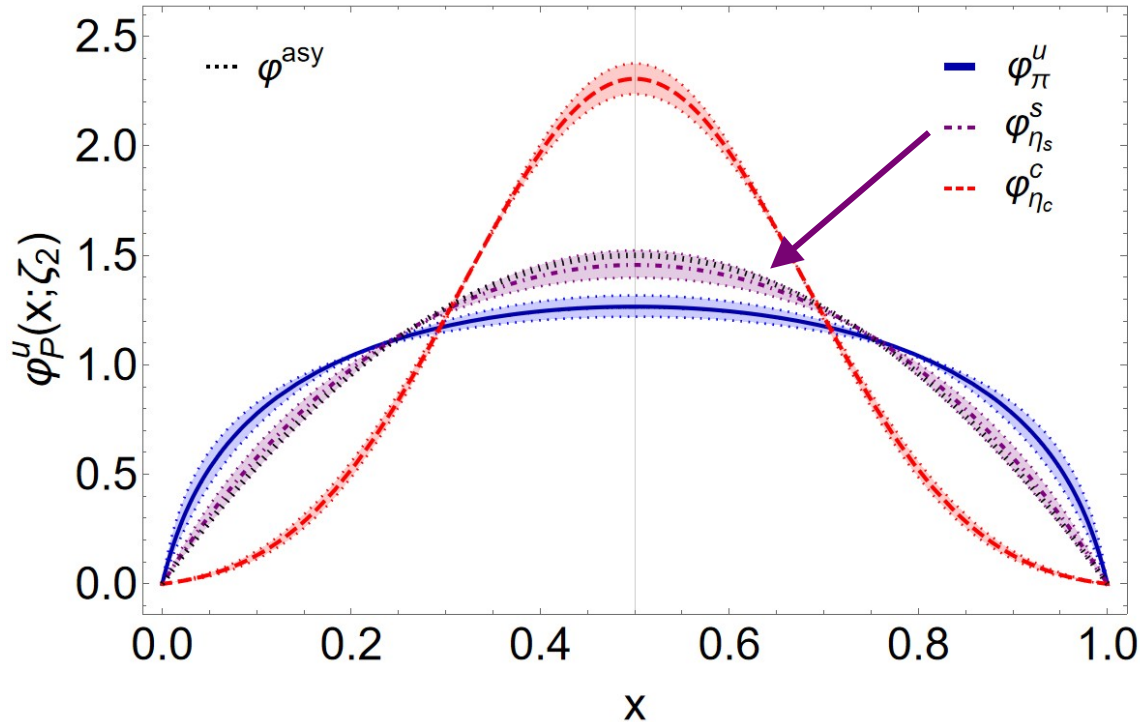
- ✓ In systems with heavy quarks, the **DAs** become **narrow**.



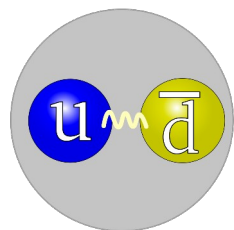
- ✓ Unlike the Kaon, heavy-light systems **DAs** are markedly **skewed**
 - The **peaks** located at: $x_{\text{max}}^{\pi, K, D, B} = 0.5, 0.4, 0.18, 0.1$

Drawing boundaries

- ✓ Systems with **ss-bar** components draw the line between **strong** and **weak** mass generation being dominant.



π -K DFs: hadronic scale



- Fully-dressed **valence quarks** (quasiparticles)

$(M_u = M_d)$ ζ_H : hadronic scale

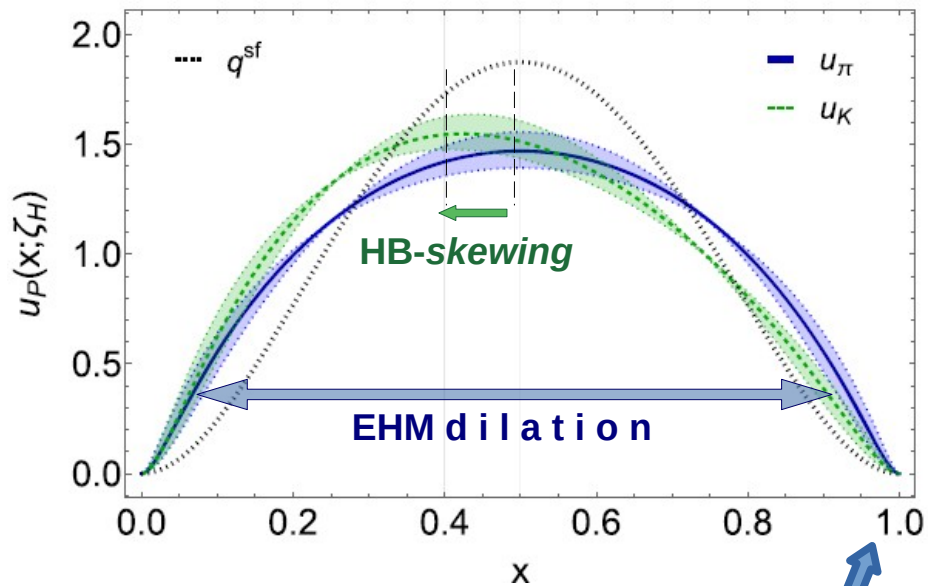
- At this scale, **all properties** of the hadron are contained within their valence quarks.

- ➔ Equally massive quarks symmetric distributions and equitable distribution of momentum fraction:

$$\langle x \rangle_{\pi}^u = 0.5, \quad u_{\pi}(x; \zeta_H) = u_{\pi}(1 - x; \zeta_H)$$

- The **kaon** distributions are only-shifted by a **few-percentage**.

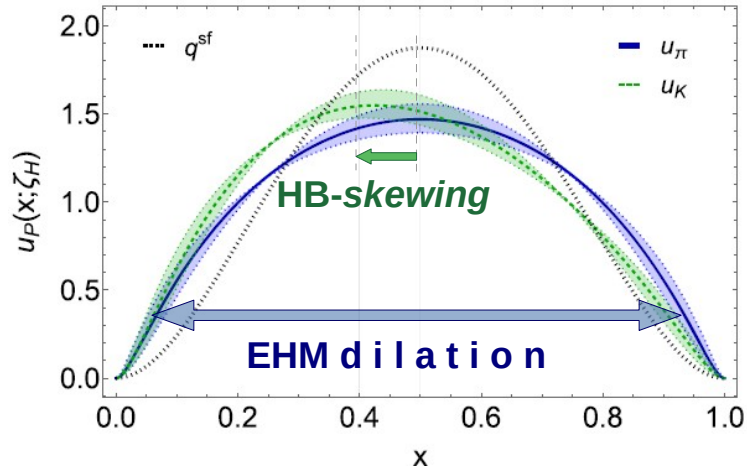
$$\langle x \rangle_K^u = 0.48, \quad \langle x \rangle_{\bar{K}}^{\bar{s}} = 0.52$$



Endpoint **behavior** is a reflection of the **underlying interaction**

$$1/(k^2)^\beta \rightarrow (1-x)^{2\beta}$$

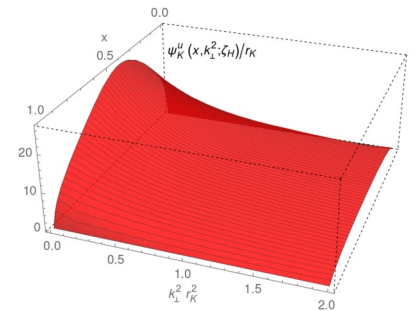
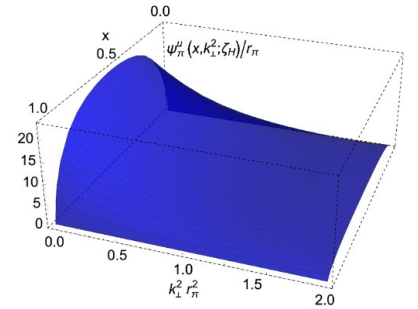
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- As the **DAs**, the π -K DFs are **dilated**.
- The **bridge** between **DA** and **DF** is the **light-front wavefunction**:

$$f_P \varphi_P^u(x, \zeta_H) = \int \frac{dk_\perp^2}{16\pi^3} \psi_P^u(x, k_\perp^2; \zeta_H)$$

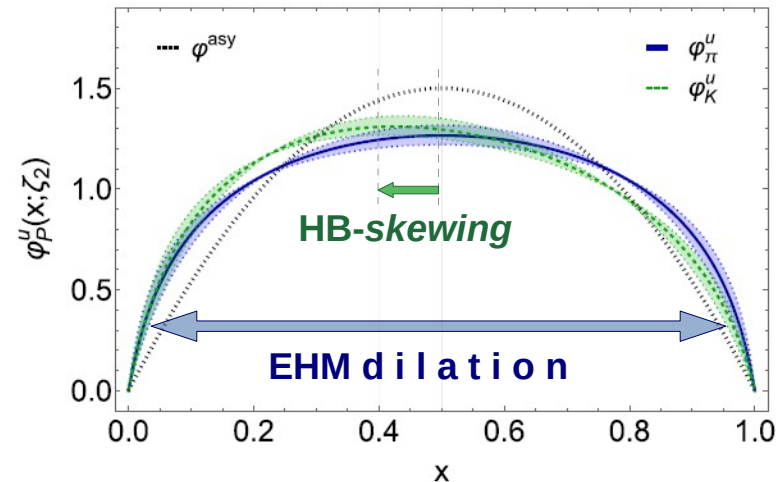
$$u^P(x; \zeta_H) = \int \frac{d^2k_\perp}{16\pi^3} |\psi_P^u(x, k_\perp^2; \zeta_H)|^2$$



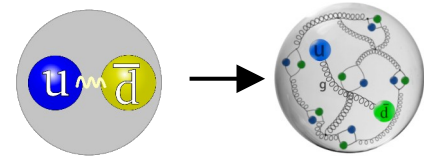
- Such connection suggests:

$$u^P(x; \zeta_H) \sim [\varphi_P^u(x; \zeta_H)]^2$$

- Which is a fair approximation for integrated quantities of **NG bosons**



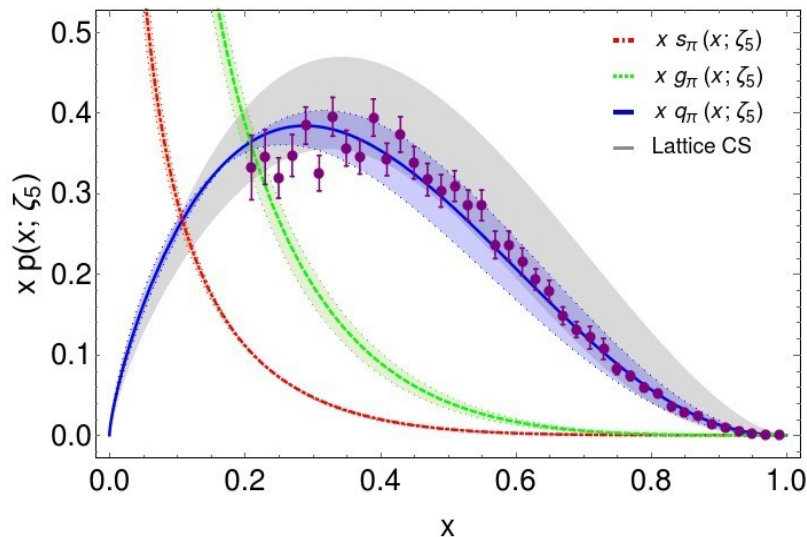
Pion DFs: Lattice & Experiment



- At **5.2 GeV**, the experimental scale, our predictions matches that from Aicher *et al.*

Aicher:2010cb

$$\langle x_{\text{gluon}} \rangle = 0.45(1), \quad \langle x_{\text{sea}} \rangle = 0.14(2)$$



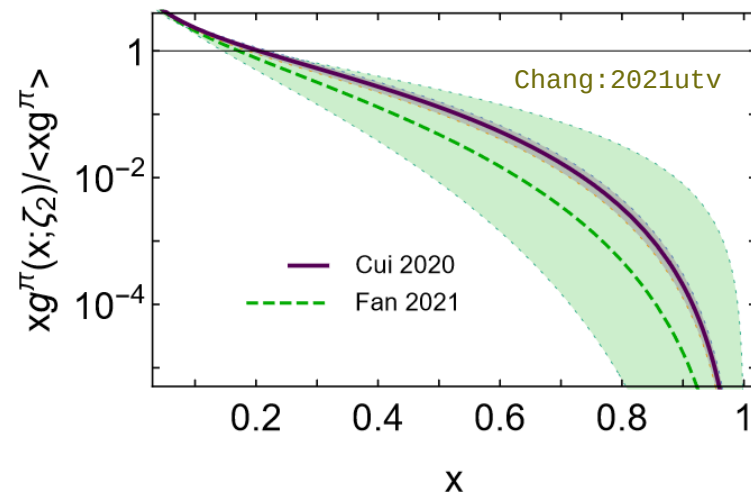
- An agreement with novel **lattice** “Cross Section” results is also obtained.

Sufian:2019bol

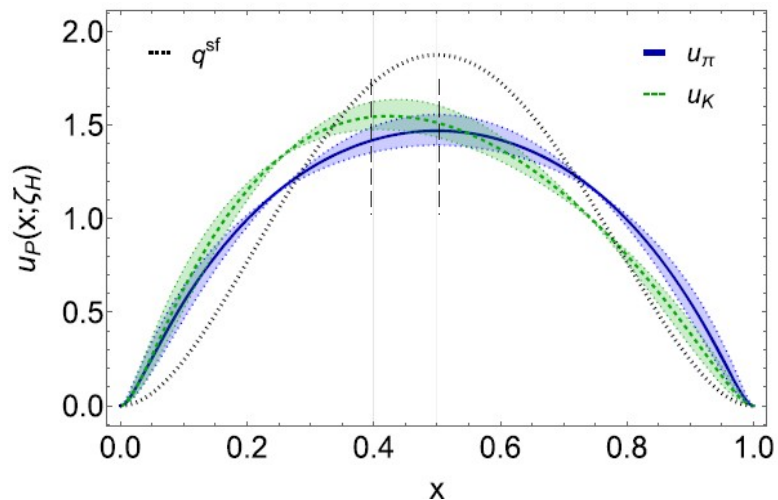
- At **2 GeV**, the **valence DF** shows agreement with lattice moments:

ζ_2	$\langle x \rangle_u^\pi$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_u^\pi$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_u^\pi$
Ref. [34]	0.24(2)	0.09(3)	0.053(15)
Ref. [35]	0.27(1)	0.13(1)	0.074(10)
Ref. [36]	0.21(1)	0.16(3)	
Herein	0.24(2)	0.098(10)	0.049(07)

- The **Gluon DF** profiles matches **lattice** expectations:



Kaon DFs: Lattice & Experiment

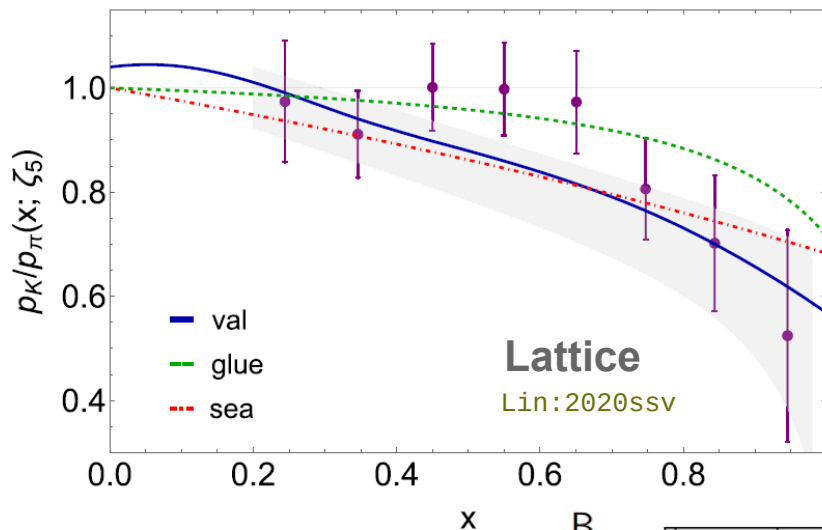


➤ At the hadronic scale ζ_H , one has:

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➤ **Above** $\zeta > \zeta_H$, there is slightly more valence content in K.

Massiveness of the s-quark is considered in the evolution equations.

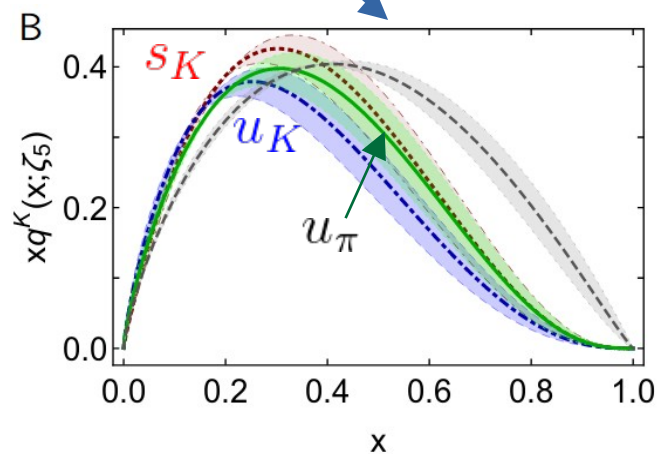


- Ratio is good but **too forgiving!**
- Besides, there are only **few data points**

$$\langle x \rangle_\pi^{\text{val}} = 0.41(4)$$

$$\langle x \rangle_K^{\text{val}} = 0.43(4)$$

$$\zeta = 5.2 \text{ GeV}$$



Pion vs Proton

- The (nearly) massless **pion DFs** differs vastly from the massive **proton**. For instance:
 - ✓ **Counting rules** entail large- x behaviors $(1-x)^2$ and $(1-x)^3$ for the **pion** and **proton**, respectively.

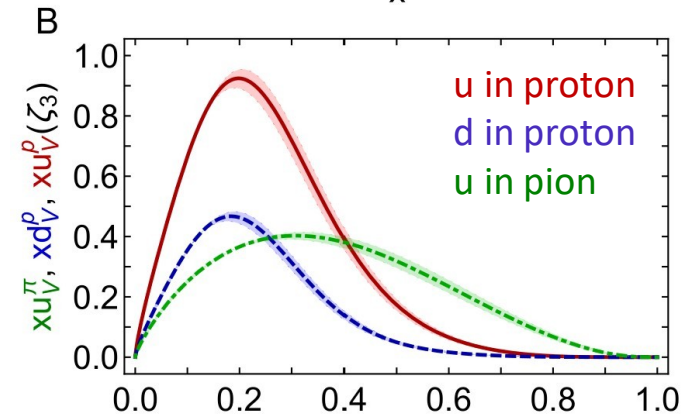
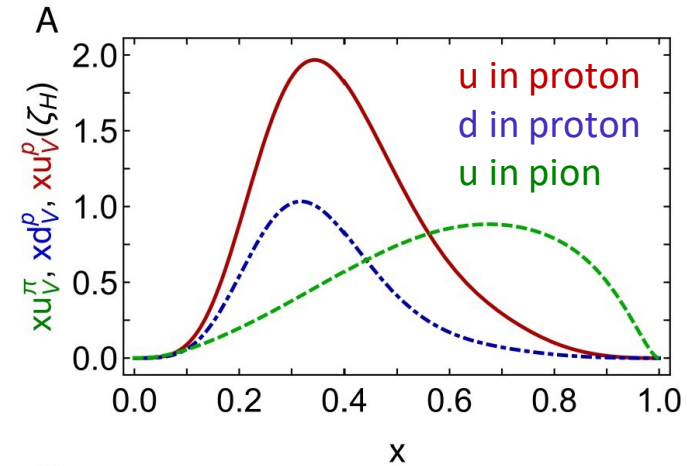
- ✓ The **momentum fractions** at ζ_H : $(M_u = M_d)$

$$\langle x \rangle_{u_p}^{\zeta_H} = 0.687, \quad \langle x \rangle_{d_p}^{\zeta_H} = 0.313, \quad \langle x \rangle_{u_\pi}^{\zeta_H} = 0.5$$

$\Rightarrow u_V(x) \neq 2d_V(x)$ EHM induced diquark correlations inside the proton:

➤ No equitable distribution of momentum!

- ✓ Differences are **preserved** after evolution. \longrightarrow

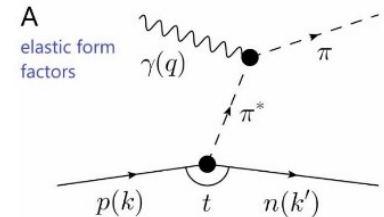
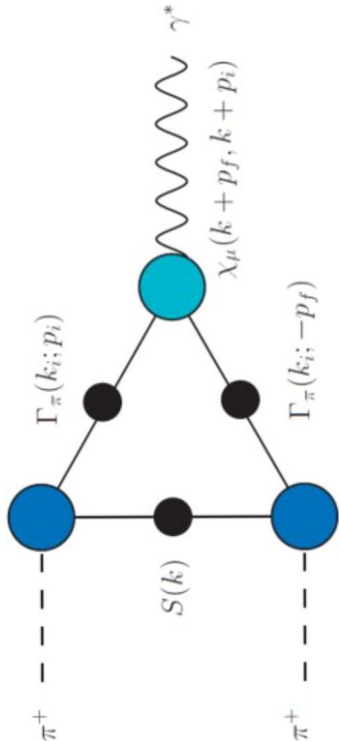


Electromagnetic Elastic Form Factors (EFFs)

$$K_\mu F_M(Q^2) = N_c \text{tr} \int_{dk} \chi_\mu(k+p_f, k+p_i) \Gamma_M(k_i; p_i) S(k) \gamma_M(k_f; -p_f)$$

All can be written in terms of **propagators** and **vertices**

- Gives information on **momentum/charge** distribution.
- **Pion EFF** highly relevant for contemporary physics.

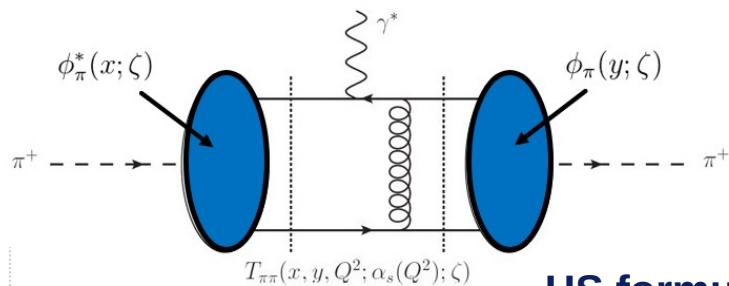


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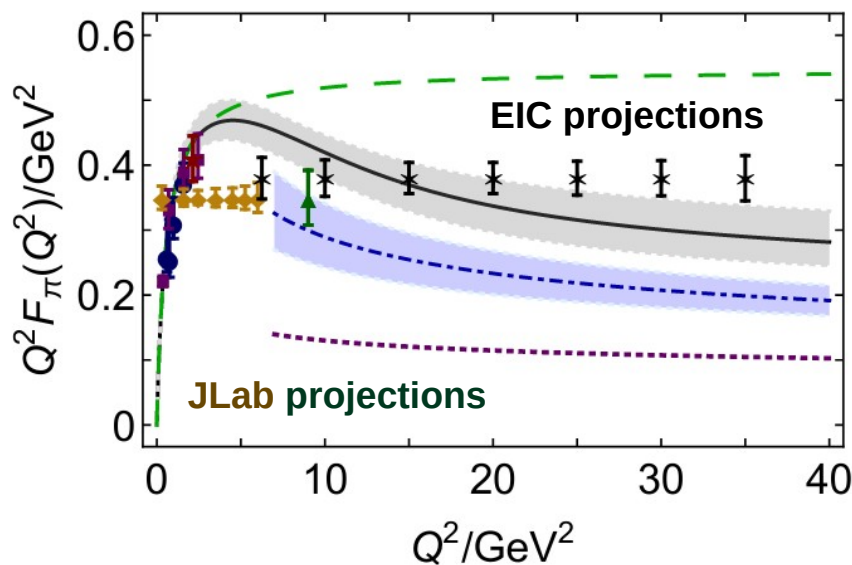
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Testing scaling violations...



Monopole fit

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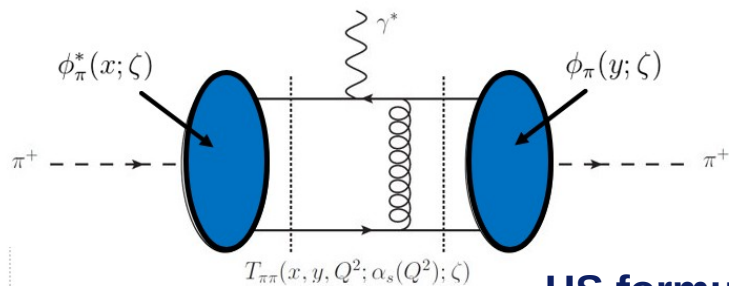
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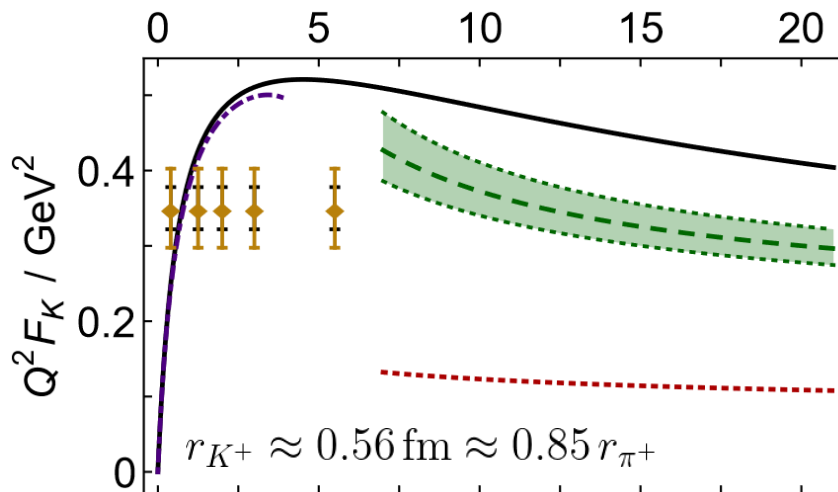


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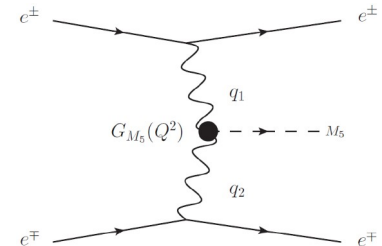
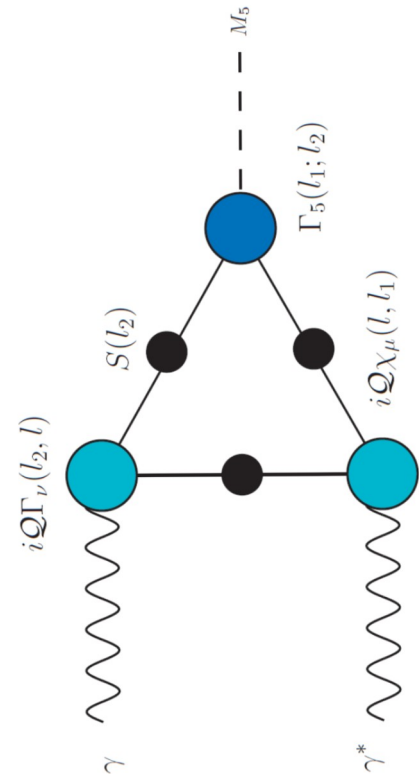
Two-photon Transition Form Factors (TFFs)

$$T_{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_{1\alpha} k_{2\beta} G_{M_5}(k_1^2, k_1 \cdot k_2, k_2^2),$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) = \text{tr} \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} i\mathcal{Q}\chi_\mu(l, l_1) \Gamma_{M_5}(l_1, l_2) S(l_2) i\mathcal{Q}\Gamma_\nu(l_2, l)$$

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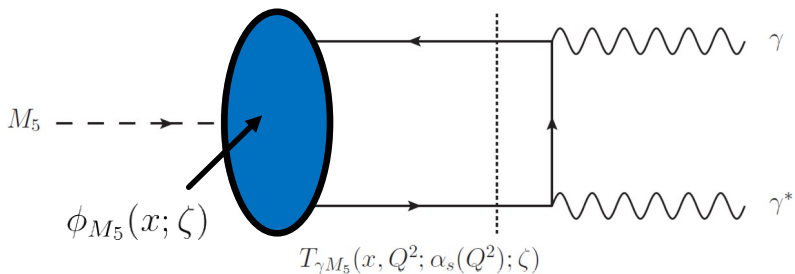


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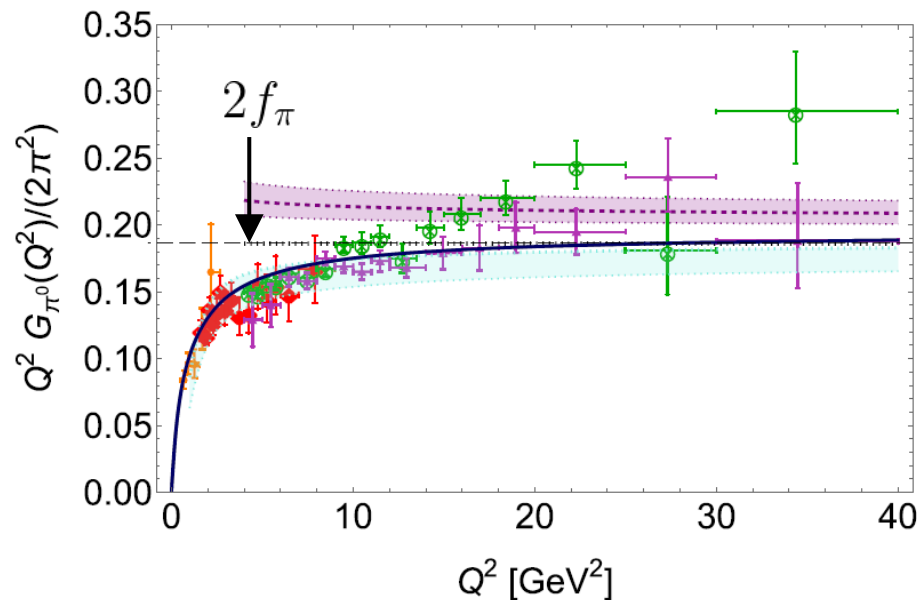
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- **Factorization** is a proof of the validity of **QCD itself**.



HS formula
CSM prediction
Asymptotic TFF

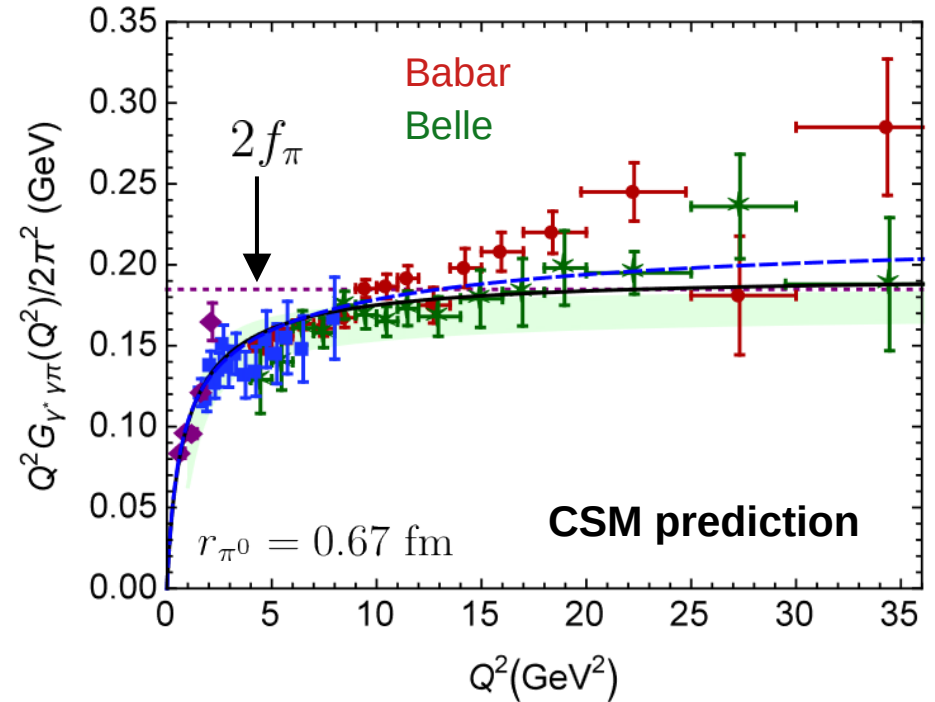
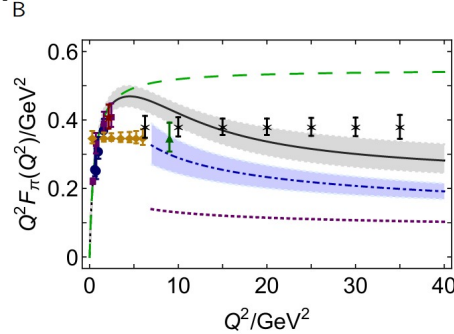
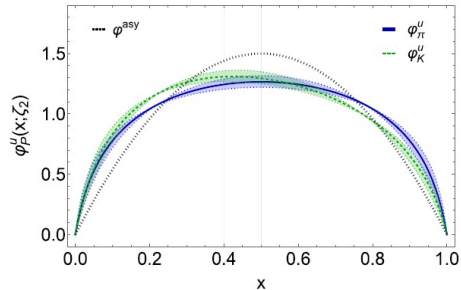
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$$w_\phi = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{x} \varphi_\pi(x) \leftarrow \text{PDA}$$

Two-photon TFFs

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- The **CSM prediction** satisfies the **Abelian anomaly**, $2f_\pi^0 G_{\pi^0}^0(Q^2=0) = 1$
... while faithfully recovering the **asymptotic limit**.
- A **dilated+concave DA**, at the hadronic scale, connects both pion **EFF** and **TFF**.



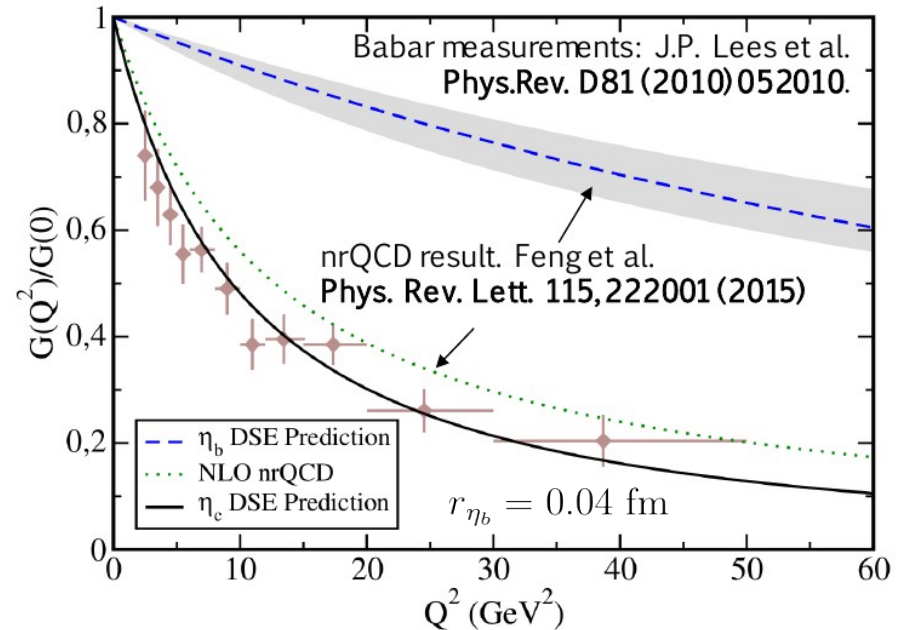
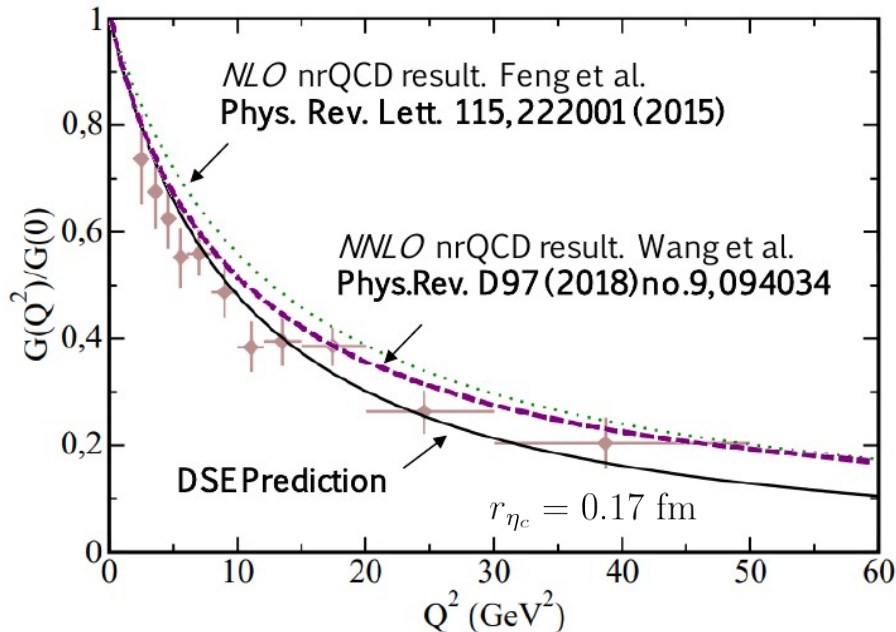
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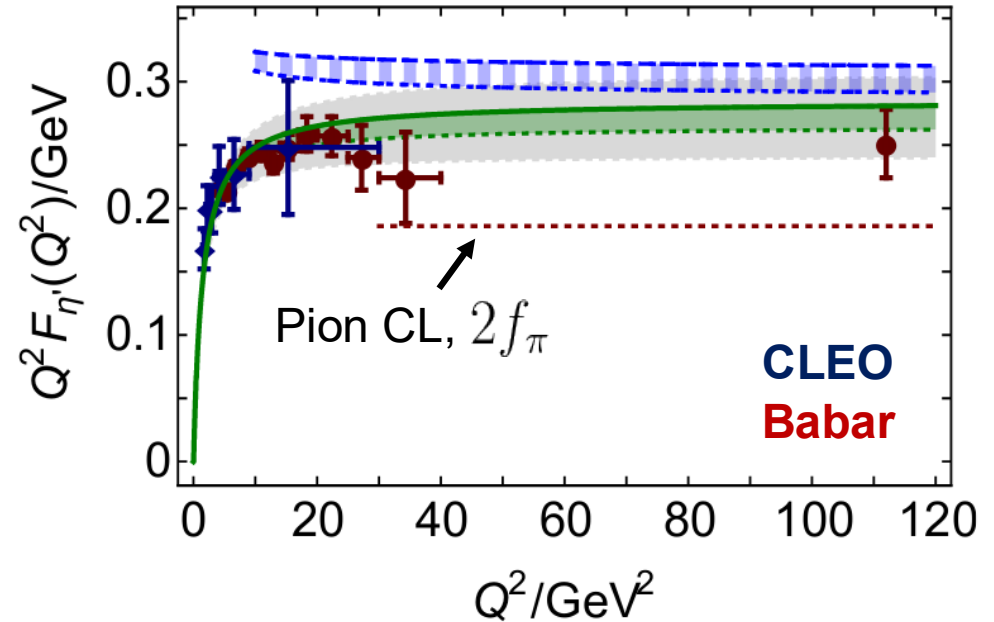
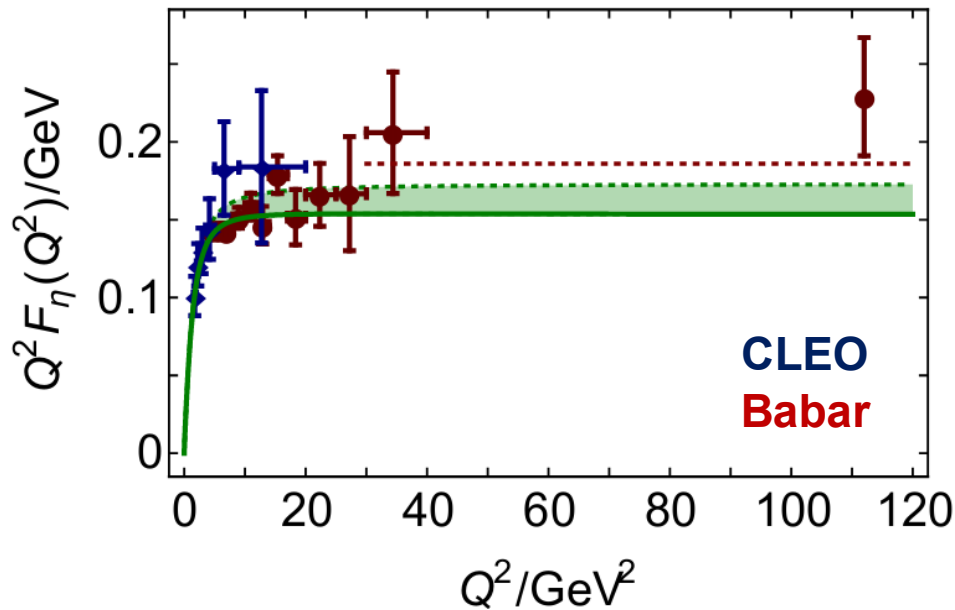
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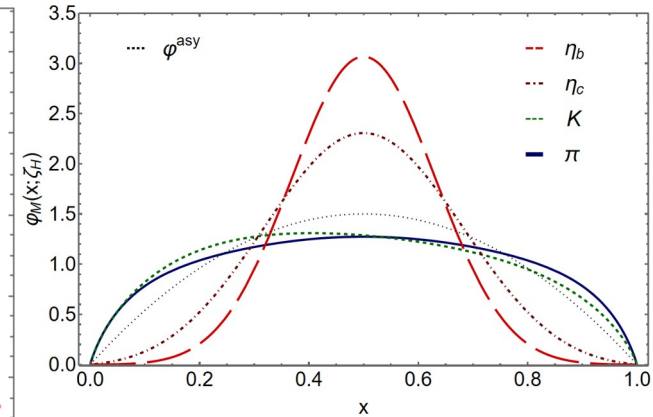
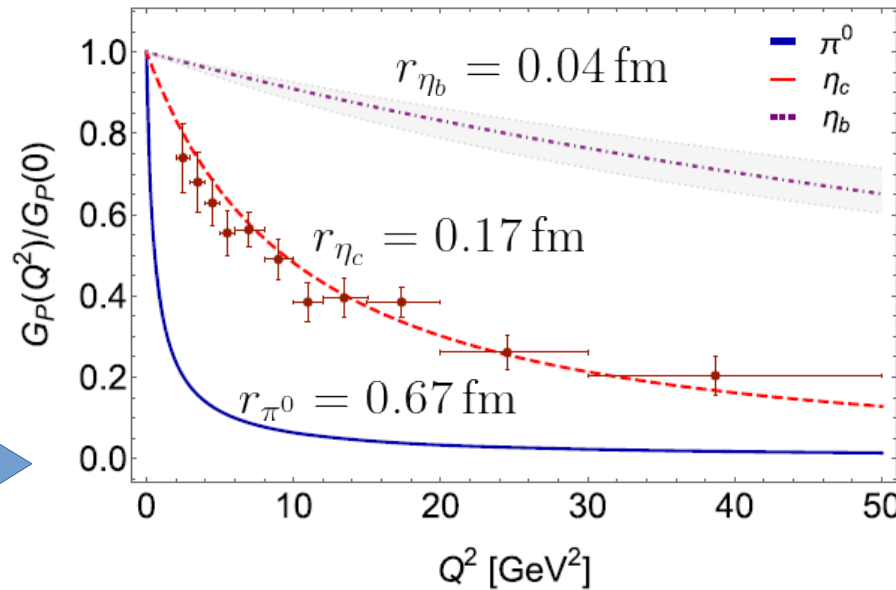
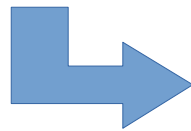
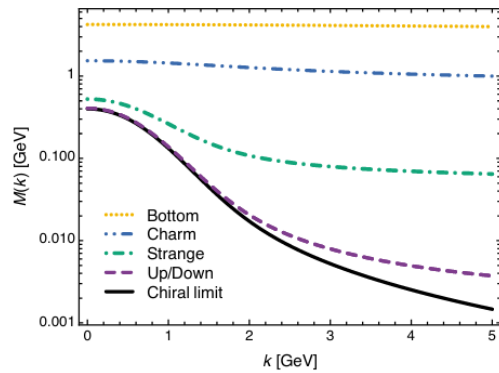
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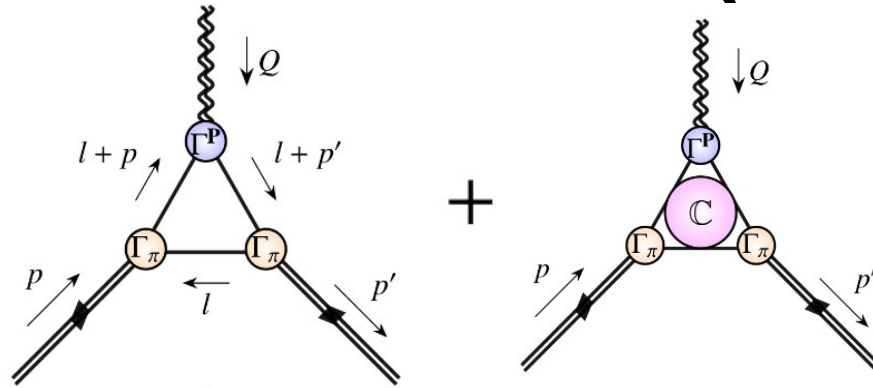
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- Clearly, the shape of **$M(\mathbf{k})$** echoes in **TFFs** and **DAs**.



Gravitational Form Factors (**GFFs**)



- Gives information on **mass/pressure** distribution.
- A first step towards **nucleon GFFs**

Gravitational form factors

- The expectation value of the energy-momentum tensor (**EMT**) in the **pion** defines the **gravitational form factors**:

$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}(P, Q) = 2P_\mu P_\nu \theta_2(Q^2) + \frac{1}{2} (Q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - Q_\mu Q_\nu) \theta_1(Q^2) + 2m_\pi^2 g_{\mu\nu} \bar{c}(Q^2)$$

- Where **symmetry principles** entail:

$$\theta_2^\pi(0) = 1$$

Momentum
conservation

$$\theta_1^\pi(0) \stackrel{m_\pi^2=0}{=} 1$$

Soft-pion
theorem

$$\bar{c}^\pi(Q^2) \equiv 0$$

EMT
conservation

(Other pseudoscalars are defined in analogy)

- The matrix element can be expressed in terms of **propagators** and **vertices**:

$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}(P, Q) = N_c \int_{dk} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma_\pi \left(k - \frac{Q}{4}, P - \frac{Q}{2} \right) S \left(k - \frac{P}{2} \right) \Gamma_\pi \left(k + \frac{Q}{4}, P + \frac{Q}{2} \right) + \text{beyond I.A.} \right. \\ \left. S \left(k + \frac{P}{2} + \frac{Q}{2} \right) \underbrace{\Gamma_{\mu\nu} \left(k + \frac{P}{2}, Q \right)} \right]$$

Quark-tensor vertex (QTV): Interaction with a **spin-2** probe

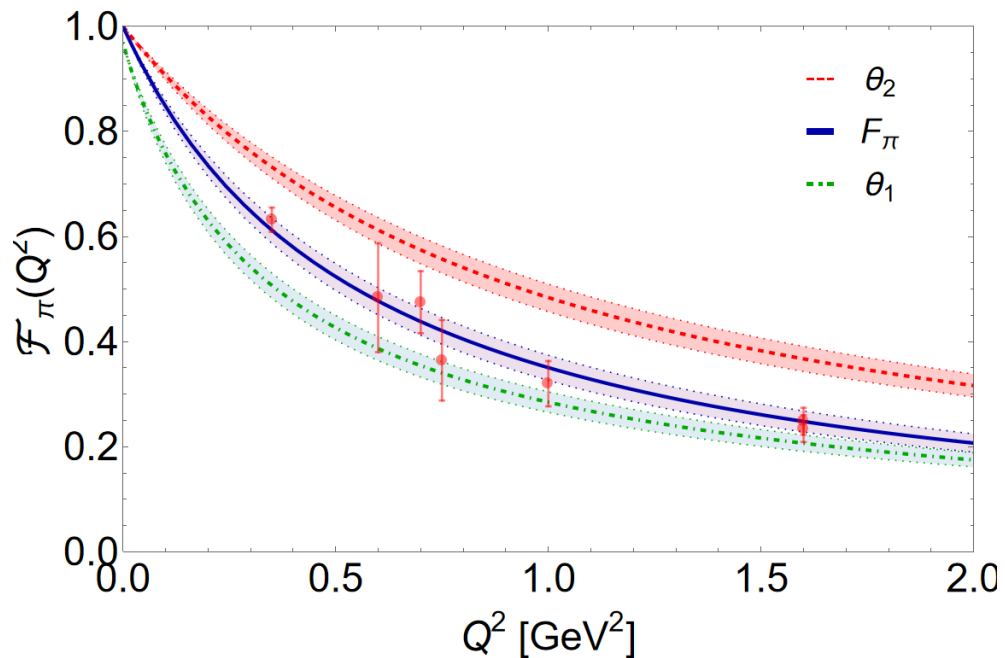
- Partially constrained by its **Ward-Green-Takahashi** identity:

$$iQ_\mu \Gamma^{\mu\nu}(P, Q) = P_i^\nu S^{-1}(P_f) - P_f^\nu S^{-1}(P_i)$$

- Those pieces escaping the **WGTI**, encode **scalar** and **tensor** meson poles.

π -K GFFs

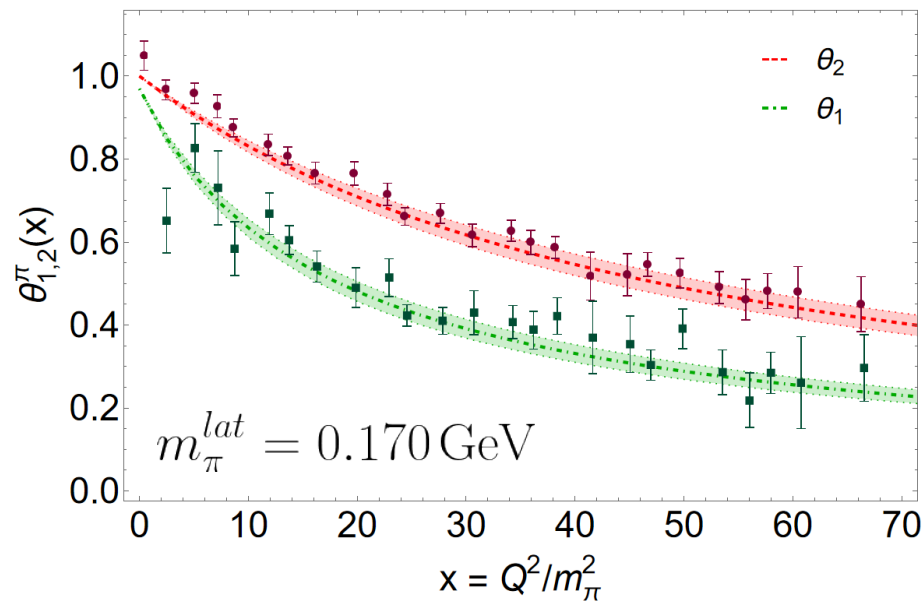
- It is found that: $r_{\theta_1}^\pi$ (pressure) $>$ r_F^π (charge) $>$ $r_{\theta_2}^\pi$ (mass)



$$r_{\theta_1}/r_F \approx r_F/r_{\theta_2} \approx 0.75$$

- Agreement with **Lattice QCD** is also obtained:

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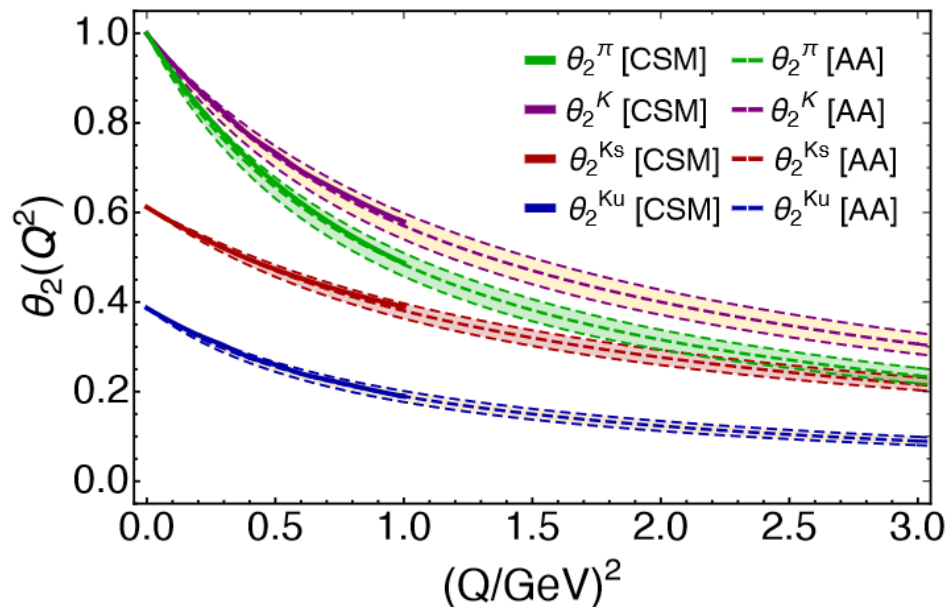
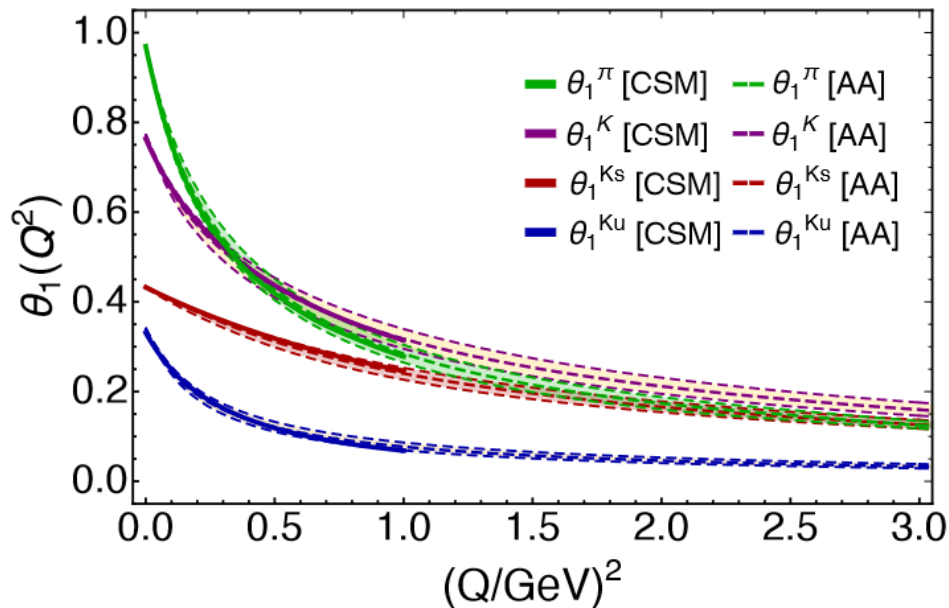


π -K GFFs

- The **Kaon**, albeit more **compressed**, exhibit similar patterns.

$$\bar{r}_K / \bar{r}_\pi = 0.85(6)$$

$$(\approx f_\pi / f_K \sim M_u / M_s)$$



- In addition to:

$$\theta_1^{\pi,K}(0) = 0.97, 0.77$$

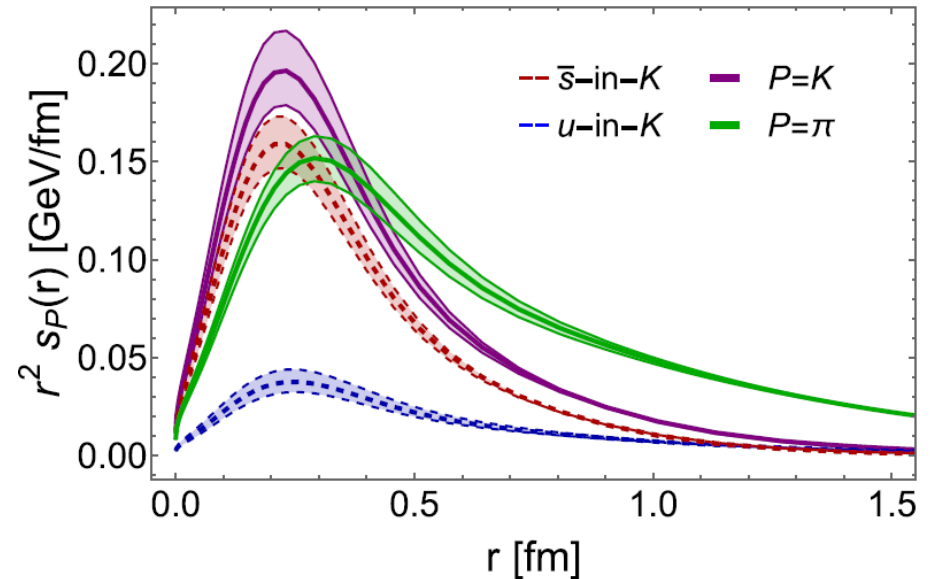
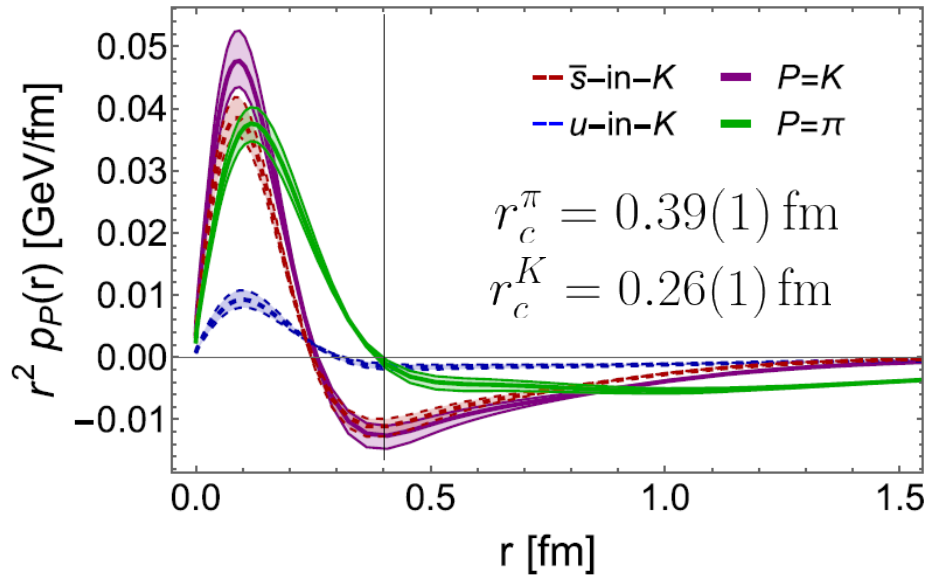
$$\left(\text{ChPT predicts: Polyakov:2018zvc} \right. \\ \left. \theta_1^{\pi,K}(0) = 0.97(1), 0.77(10) \right)$$

π -K: Pressure profiles

$$p_K^u(r) = \frac{1}{6\pi^2 r} \int_0^\infty d\Delta \frac{\Delta}{2E(\Delta)} \sin(\Delta r) [\Delta^2 \theta_1^{K_u}(\Delta^2)],$$

$$s_K^u(r) = \frac{3}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\infty d\Delta \frac{\Delta^2}{2E(\Delta)} j_2(\Delta r) [\Delta^2 \theta_1^{K_u}(\Delta^2)],$$

“Pressure” Quark attraction/repulsion
CONFINEMENT
 “Shear” Deformation QCD forces



Light-front wave functions (**LFWF**)



“One ring to rule them all”

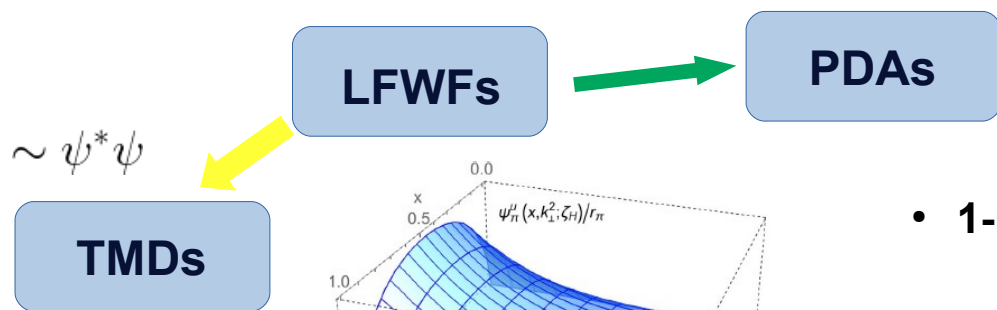
$$\psi_M^q(x, k_{\perp}^2) = \text{tr} \int_{dk_{\parallel}} \delta_n^x(k_M) \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot n \chi_M(k_{-}, P)$$

Bethe-Salpeter wave function

- **Intrinsic** of the hadron's nature.
- Yields a **variety** of **distributions**.

LFWFs: Connecting the dots

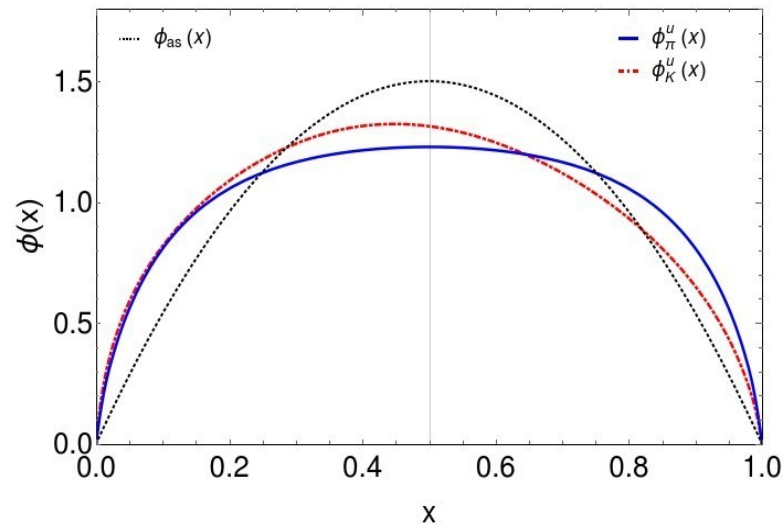
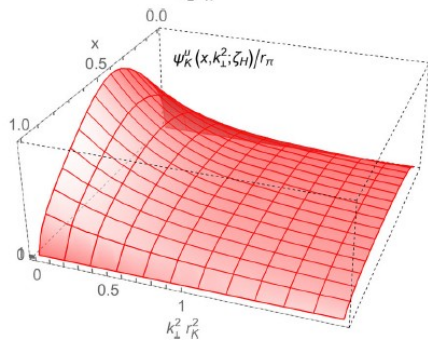
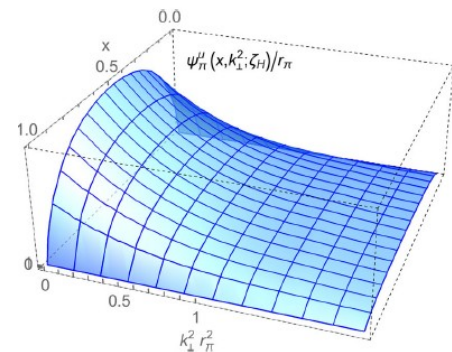
The idea: Connect *everything* through the **LFWF**.



$$f_P \varphi_P^u(x, \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) = \int \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{16\pi^3} \psi_P^u(x, k_{\perp}^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}})$$

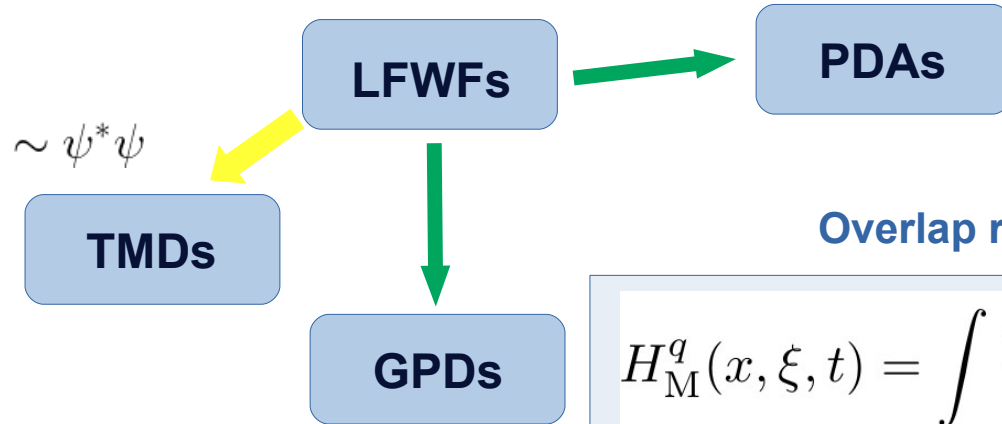
- 1-D projection of the hadron's **LFWF**.

— $\int dx$ — $\int dk_{\perp}$
— $t = 0, \xi = 0$



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Overlap representation:

$$H_M^q(x, \xi, t) = \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{16\pi^3} \psi_M^{q*}(x^-, (\mathbf{k}_\perp^-)^2) \psi_M^q(x^+, (\mathbf{k}_\perp^+)^2)$$

**Sufficient to sketch
charge, mass and
IPS distributions...**

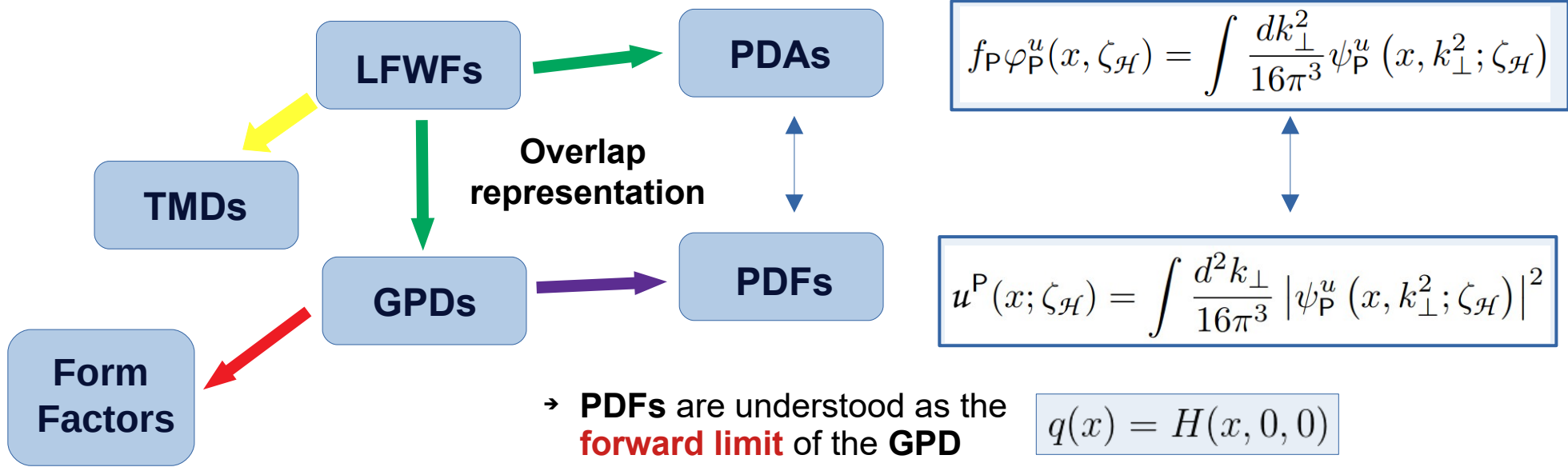
- ✓ **Valid** in the **DGLAP** region
- ✓ **Positivity** fulfilled
- ✓ Can be **extended** to the **ERBL** region

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— $\int dx$ — $\int dk_\perp$
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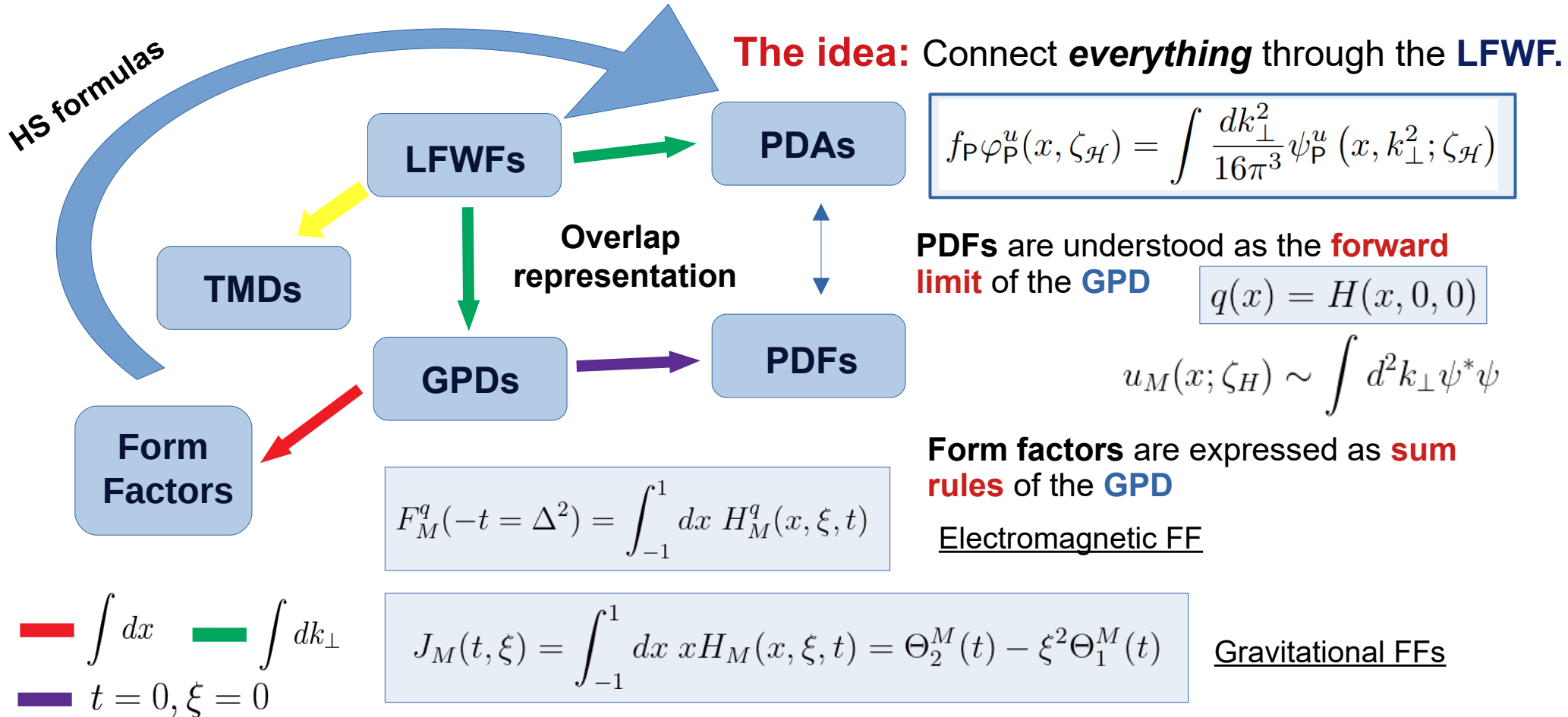
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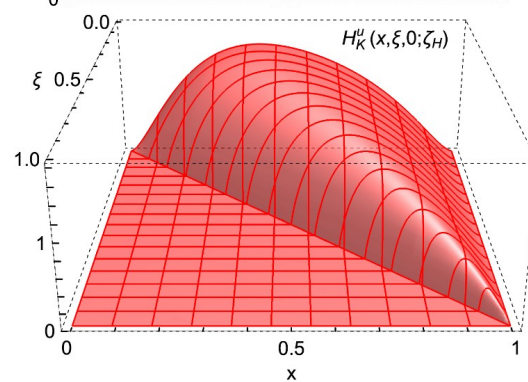
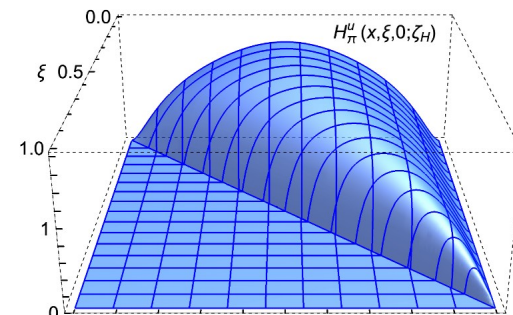
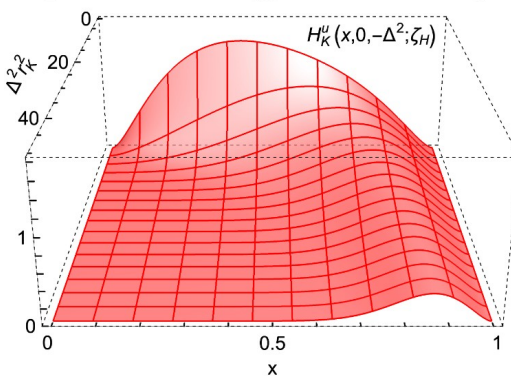
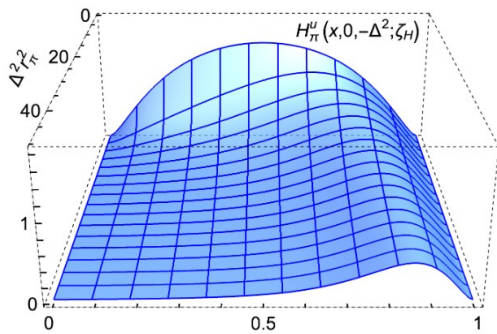
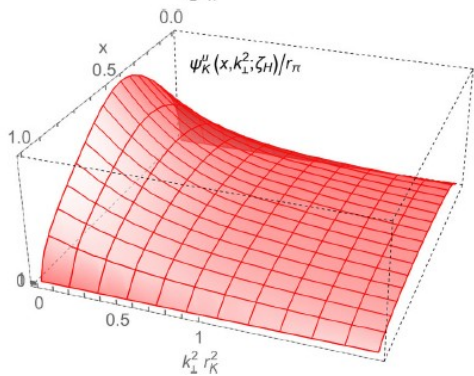
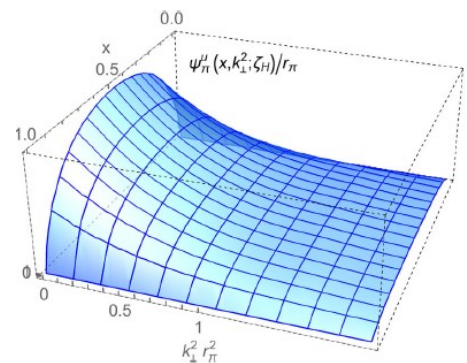
π -K: LFWFs & GPDs

LFWFs



GPDs

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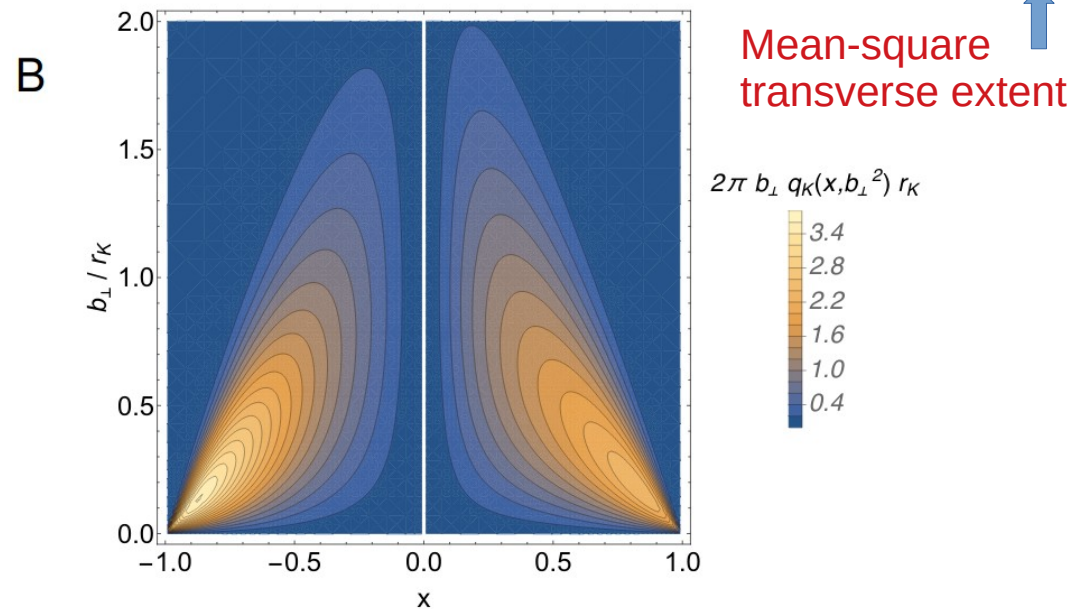
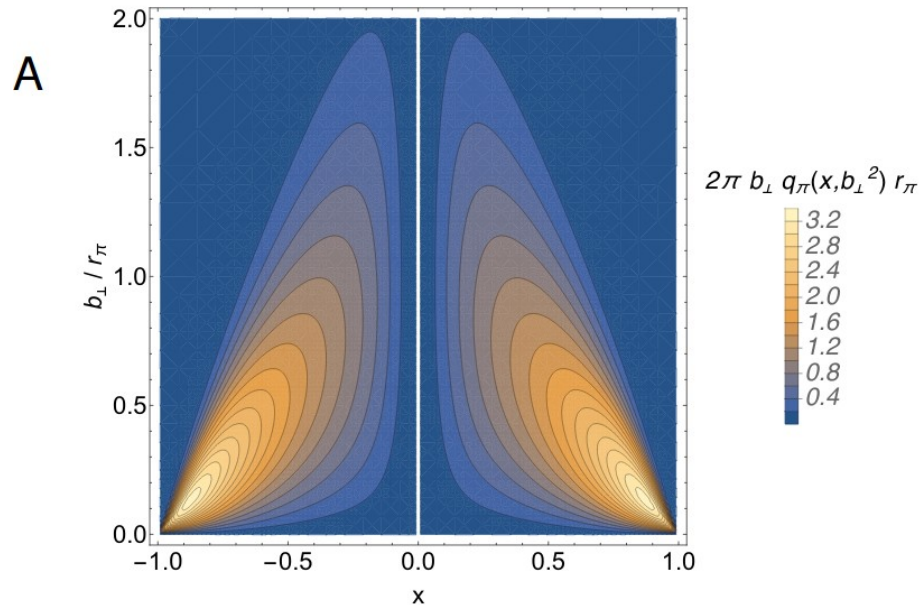
Impact parameter space GPDs

Algebraic derivation!

$$u^P(x, b_\perp^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi} \Delta J_0(b_\perp \Delta) H_P^u(x, 0, -\Delta^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}})$$

$$\langle b_\perp^2(\zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) \rangle_u^\pi = \frac{2}{3} r_\pi^2 = \langle b_\perp^2(\zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) \rangle_d^\pi, \approx [r_\pi^{\theta_2}]^2$$

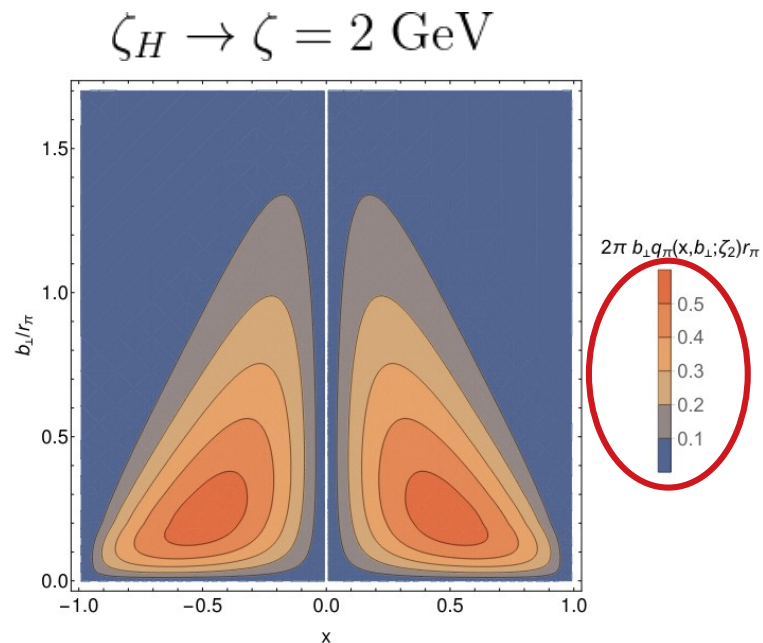
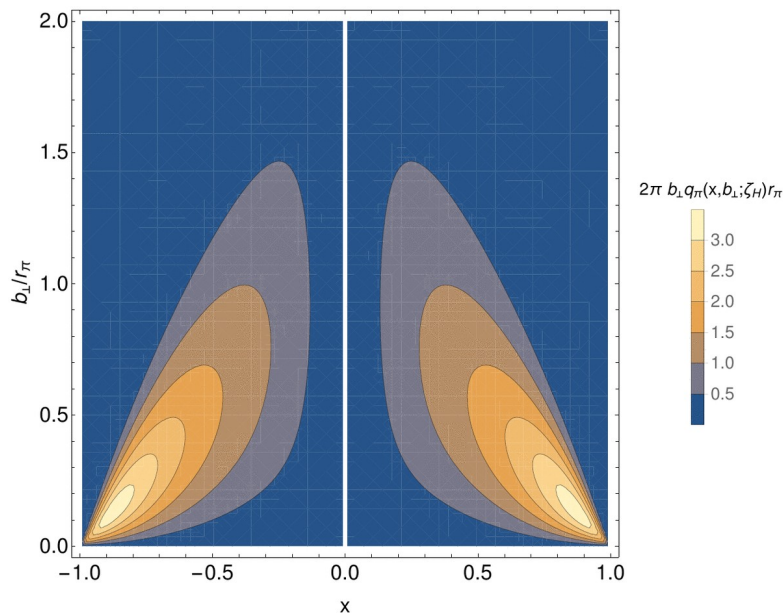
$$\langle b_\perp^2(\zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) \rangle_u^K = 0.71 r_K^2, \langle b_\perp^2(\zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) \rangle_s^K = 0.58 r_K^2.$$



- Likelihood of finding a valence-**quark** with **momentum fraction** x , at **position** b .

Evolved IPS-GPD: Pion Case

$$u^P(x, b_\perp^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi} \Delta J_0(b_\perp \Delta) H_P^u(x, 0, -\Delta^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}})$$



- **Likelihood** of finding a parton with LF momentum x at transverse position b

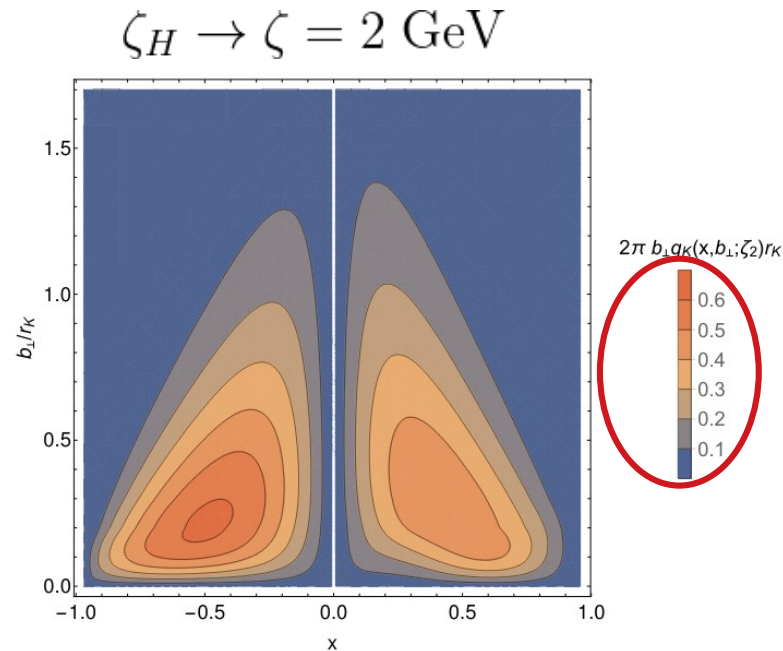
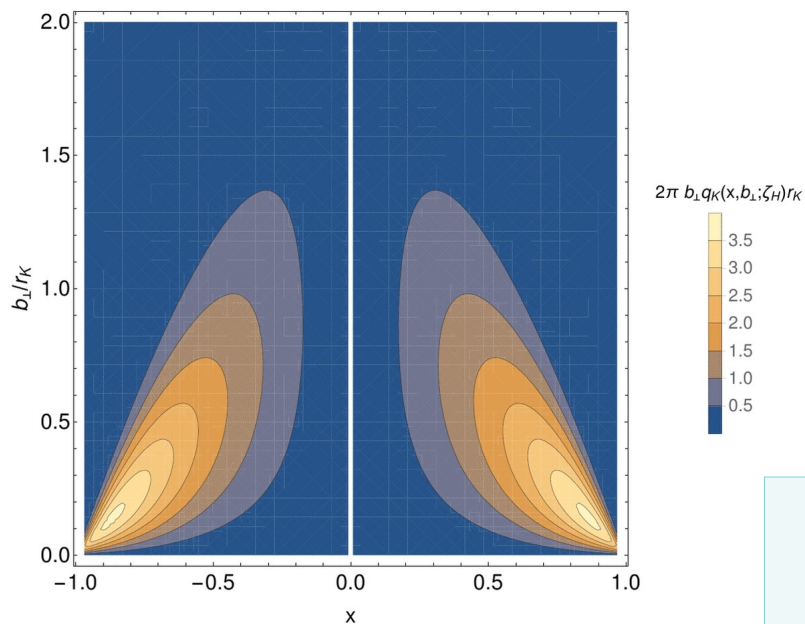
- Peaks **broaden** and **maximum drifts**:

$$\text{max} : 3.29 \rightarrow 0.55$$

$$(|x|, b) = (0.88, 0.13) \rightarrow (0.47, 0.23)$$

Evolved IPS-GPD: **Kaon Case**

$$u^P(x, b_\perp^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi} \Delta J_0(b_\perp \Delta) H_P^u(x, 0, -\Delta^2; \zeta_{\mathcal{H}})$$



- **Likelihood** of finding a parton with LF momentum x at transverse position \mathbf{b}

$$\max_{(s,u)} : (3.61, 2.38) \rightarrow (0.61, 0.49)$$

$$(x, b)_u = (0.84, 0.17) \rightarrow (0.41, 0.28)$$

$$(x, b)_s = (-0.87, 0.13) \rightarrow (-0.48, 0.22)$$

Distributions: Charge & Mass

$$\rho_P(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty d\Delta \Delta J_0(\Delta b) F_P(\Delta^2)$$

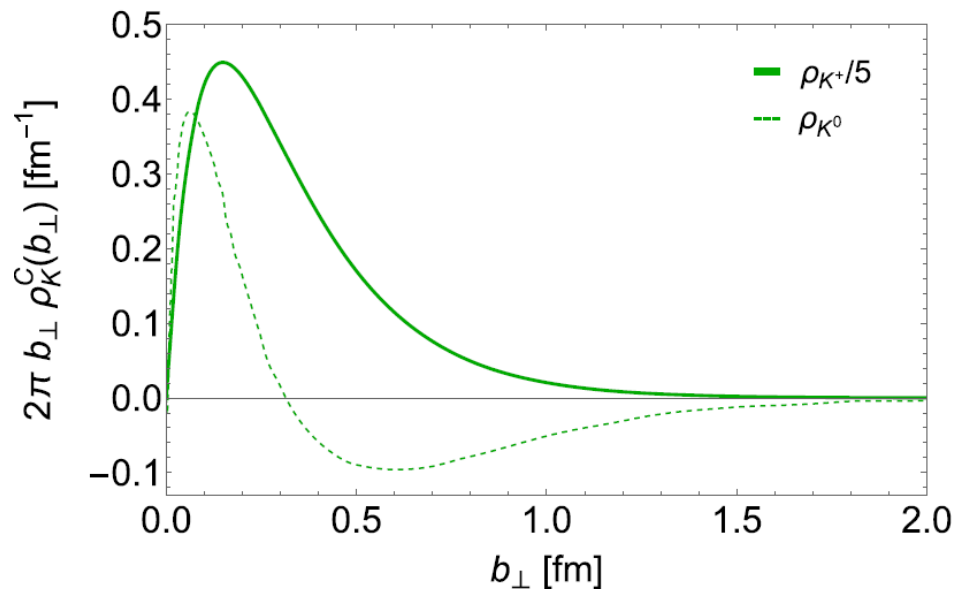
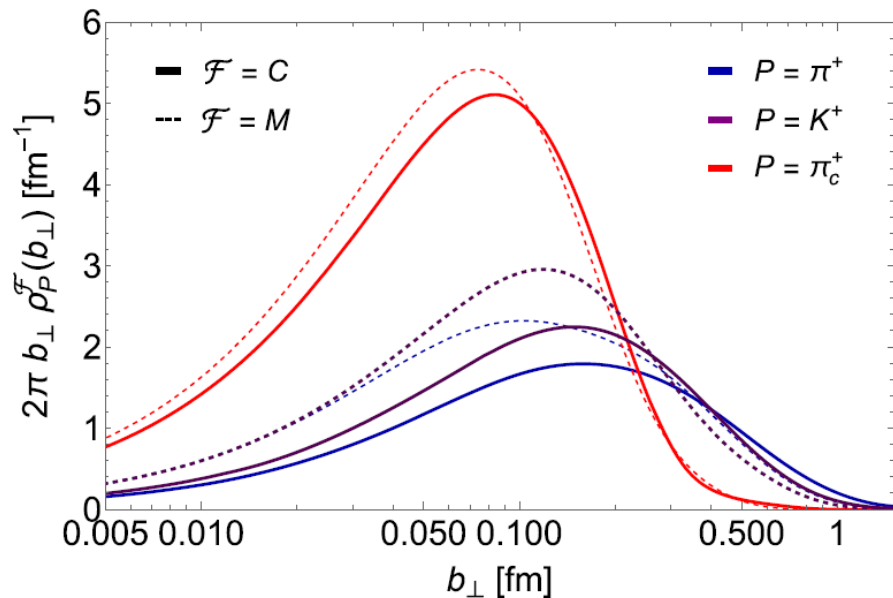
$$F_P^E(\Delta^2) \rightarrow \rho_P^E(b)$$

$$\theta_2^P(\Delta^2) \rightarrow \rho_P^M(b)$$

➤ **Intuitively**, we expect the meson to be localized at a **finite space**.

➤ **Charge** effect span over a **larger domain** than **mass** effects.

More **massive** hadron → More **compressed**



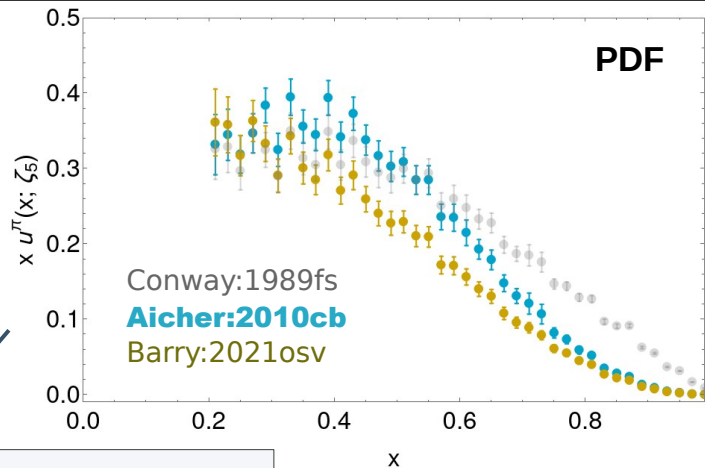
GPDs: Empirical determination

Pion GPD: Empirical determination

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$$u^\pi(x; \zeta_{e/l})$$

All orders evolution



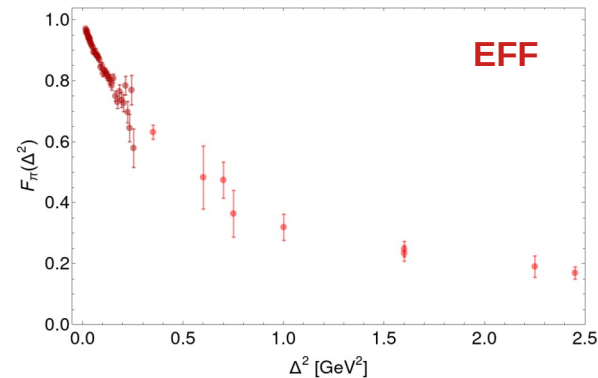
$$H_\pi^u(x, \xi, -\Delta^2; \zeta_H) = \theta(x_-) \sqrt{u^\pi(x_-; \zeta_H) u^\pi(x_+; \zeta_H)} \Phi^\pi(z^2; \zeta_H)$$

Factorized LFWF

$$H_\pi^u(x, \xi, -\Delta^2; \zeta_H) \sim \int_{k_\perp} \psi^* \psi$$

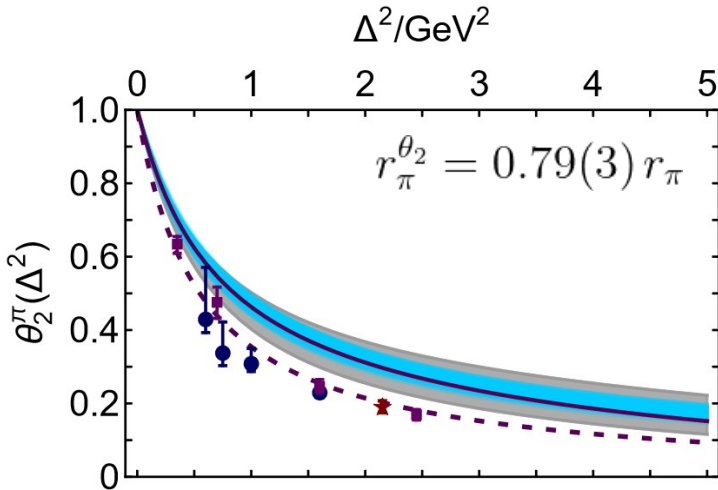
Sum rule

$$F_\pi(\Delta^2) = \int_0^1 dx H_\pi^u(x, 0, -\Delta^2)$$



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- The produced ensemble turns out to be in **agreement** with previous **CSM predictions**.



- Proving, once again, that θ_2 is harder than the EEF:

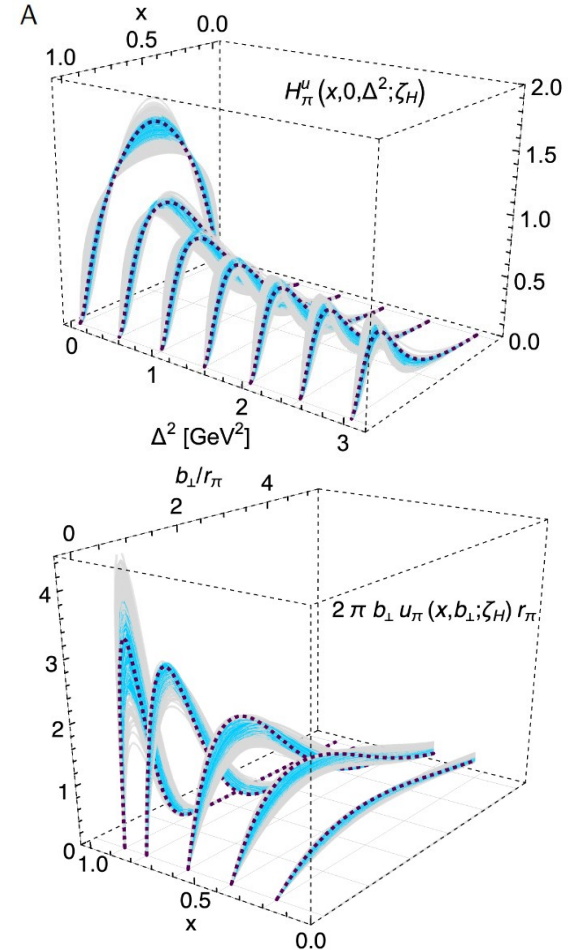
i.e. the **mass distribution** is **more compact** than the **charge** one.

The physical boundaries:

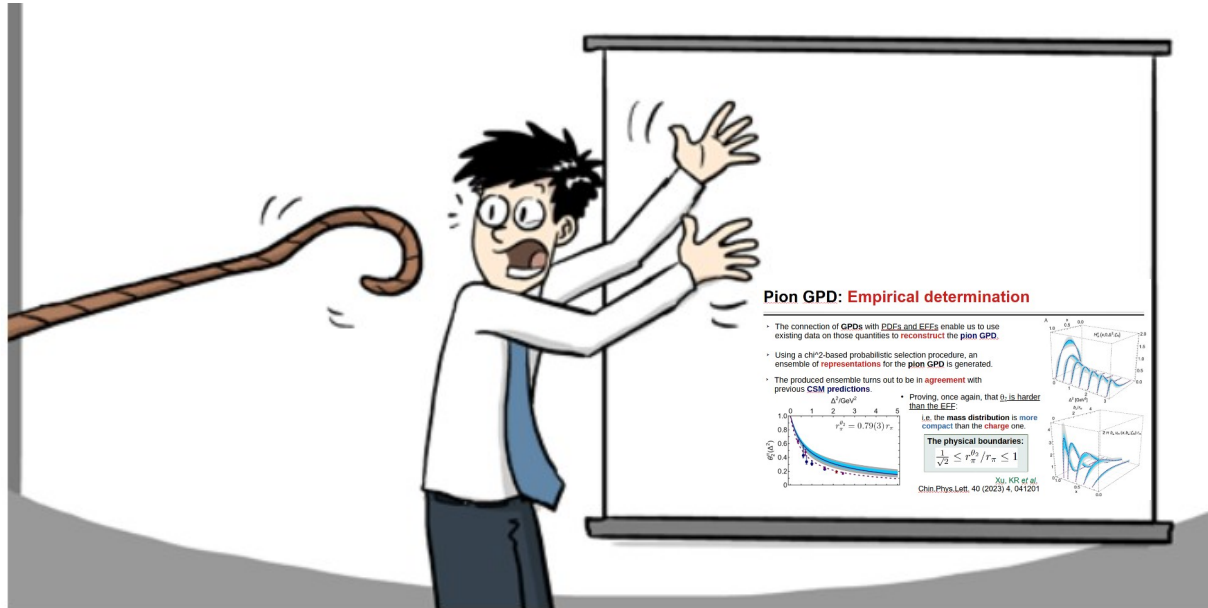
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq r_\pi^{\theta_2} / r_\pi \leq 1$$

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Final Highlights



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- The **emergent phenomena** in QCD produces unique outcomes:
 - The degrees-of-freedom are not directly accessible, we get to observe hadrons (**confinement**).
 - Through their own mechanisms, **dynamical mass generation** is present in both **matter** and **gauge** sectors of QCD; the later yielding a running **coupling** that saturates at infrared momenta.
- **Pseudoscalar** mesons are an ideal platform to inquire on these facets of QCD:
 - Their mere **existence and properties** are connected with the **mass generation** in the Standard Model and, potentially, **confinement**.
 - Modern facilities are **capable** to address the properties of **NG bosons** and it's connection with QCD's emergent phenomena.
- Theory has evolved to the point where **all sorts of** parton **distributions** within pseudoscalar mesons are **within reach**.
 - ➔ **Many of them connected via LFWF**

