

# *QCD meets Inverse Problem*

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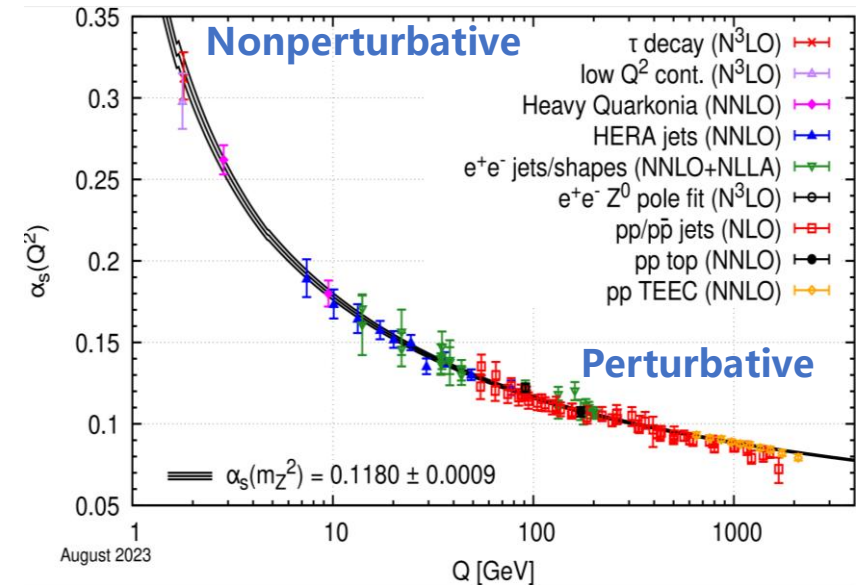
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# Introduction

- QCD: nonperturbative at low energy scale
- Nonperturbative problem limits us:
  - Understand Quark confinement
  - Indirectly search for new physics
- Nonperturbative method:
  - First principle Lattice QCD: requires huge computing resources
  - QCDSR, Dyson-Schwinger equation ...: Model dependence
- New nonperturbative method: Inverse problem approach
  - Combined with the methods to explore the nonperturbative QCD

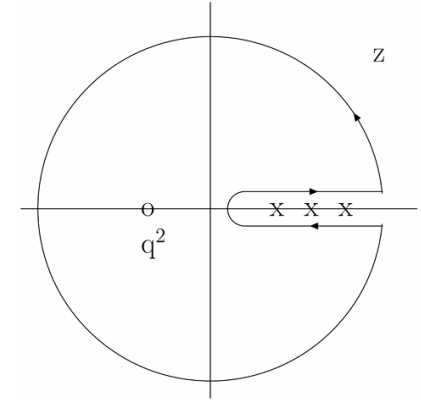


# Introduction: Inverse problem approach

- Proposed by profs. Li and Yu. etl.
- Based on the analyticity in QFT: **dispersion relation an inverse problem**

$$\boxed{I_n(q^2) - I_n(\sigma_0)} = \frac{(q^2 - \sigma_0)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\boxed{\text{Im} I_n(s)}}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)} ds$$

$$Kf = g, \quad K^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$$



- Ill-posedness: solution has existence, uniqueness, **but instability** A.S.Xiong, T.Wei, F.S.Yu, arXiv:2211.13753

- Tikhonov Regularization:

$$f_\alpha = \left( K^\dagger K + \alpha I \right)^{-1} K^\dagger g,$$

- The regularization constant  $\alpha$ : **determined by L-curve method**
- **No artificial assumptions and parameters.**
- **Regularization solution converge to true solution with the input error approaches zero.**

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# Inverse problem approach for pion decay constant

- Correlation function:

$$\Pi_{(n)}(z, q) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ O_n(x) O_0^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle = (z \cdot q)^{n+2} I_n(q^2),$$

$$\langle 0 | O_n(x) \equiv \bar{d}(x) \not{z} \gamma_5 (i z \cdot \overleftrightarrow{D})^n u(x) | \pi(q) \rangle \equiv i(z \cdot q)^{n+1} f_\pi \langle \xi^n \rangle,$$

- Dispersion relation:

$$\boxed{\overset{\text{Calculable}}{I_n(q^2) - I_n(\sigma_0)}} = \frac{(q^2 - \sigma_0)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\overset{\text{To be solved}}{\boxed{\text{Im} I_n(s)}} ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)},$$

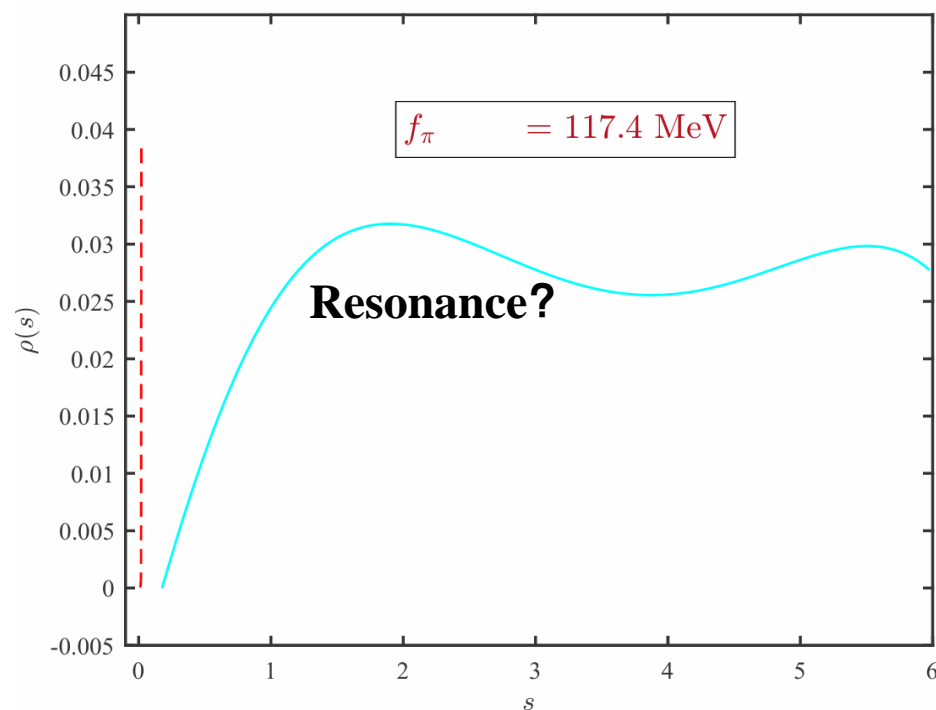
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} I_0(s) \equiv f_\pi^2 \delta(s - m_\pi^2) + \rho^0(s) \theta(\Lambda - s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} I_0^{(pert)}(s) \theta(s - \Lambda),$$

- Decay constant and continuum spectrum can be calculated simultaneously.

# Inverse problem approach for pion decay constant

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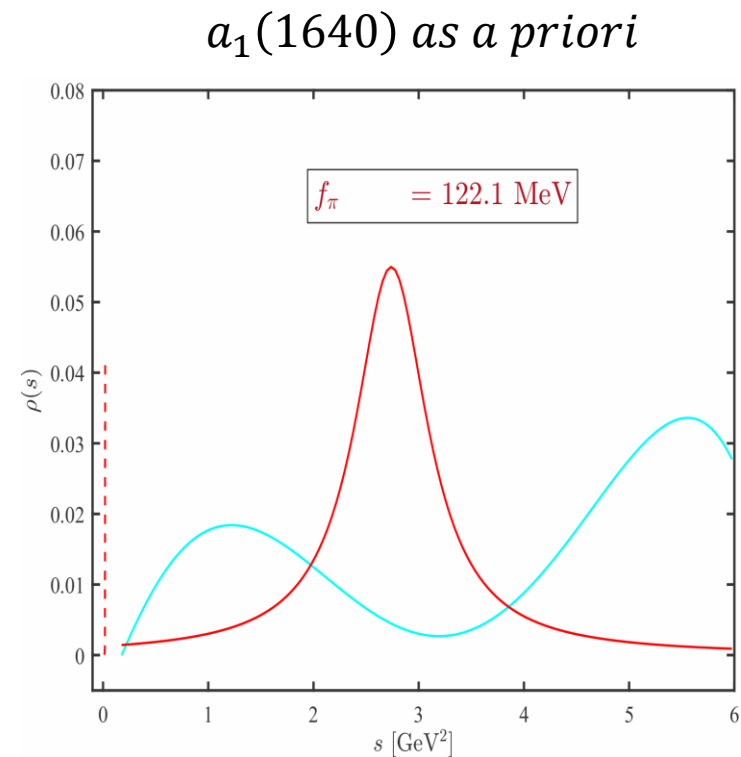
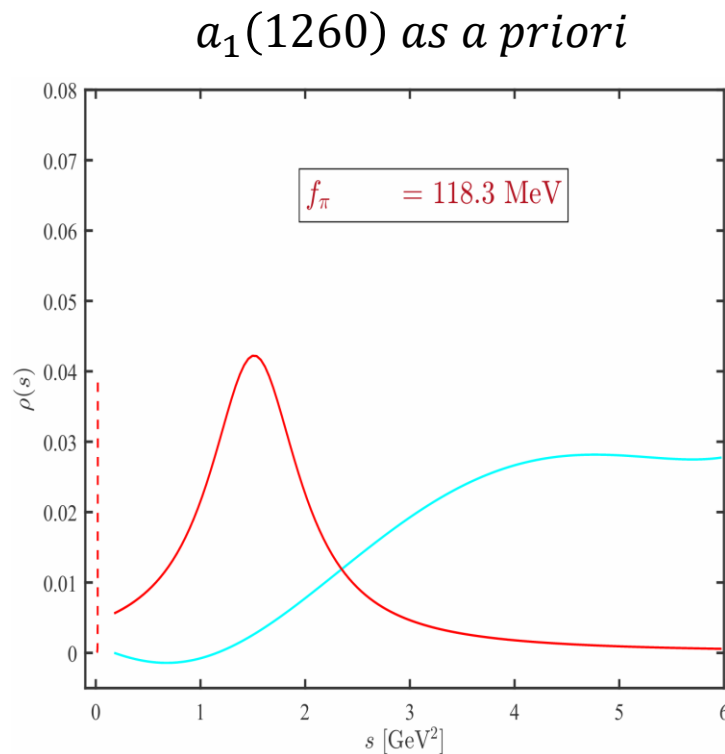
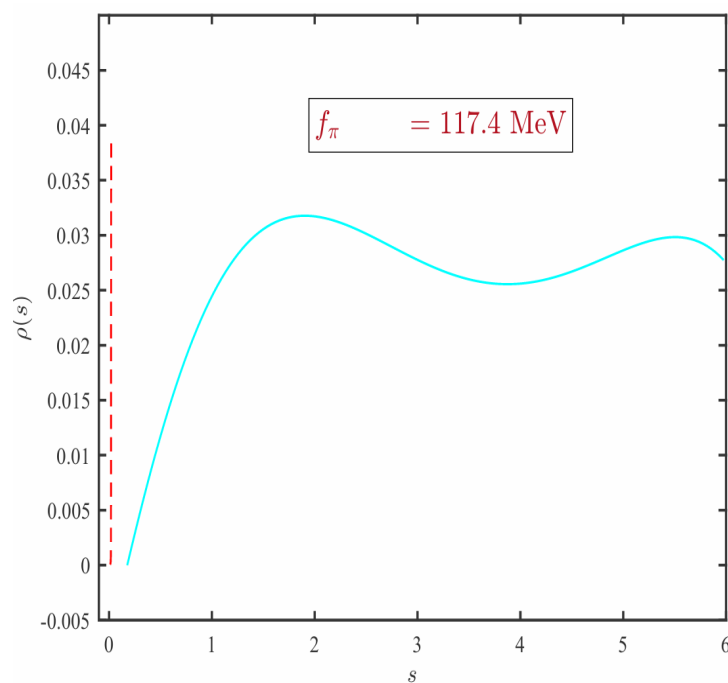
- The pion state and spectrum **are solved**



- The non-trivial structure of solutions will tell that there must be some resonances at 1-2 GeV.
- Form PDG, there are  $a_1(1260)$  and  $a_1(1640)$ .

# Inverse problem approach for pion decay constant

- **Resonances emergences**

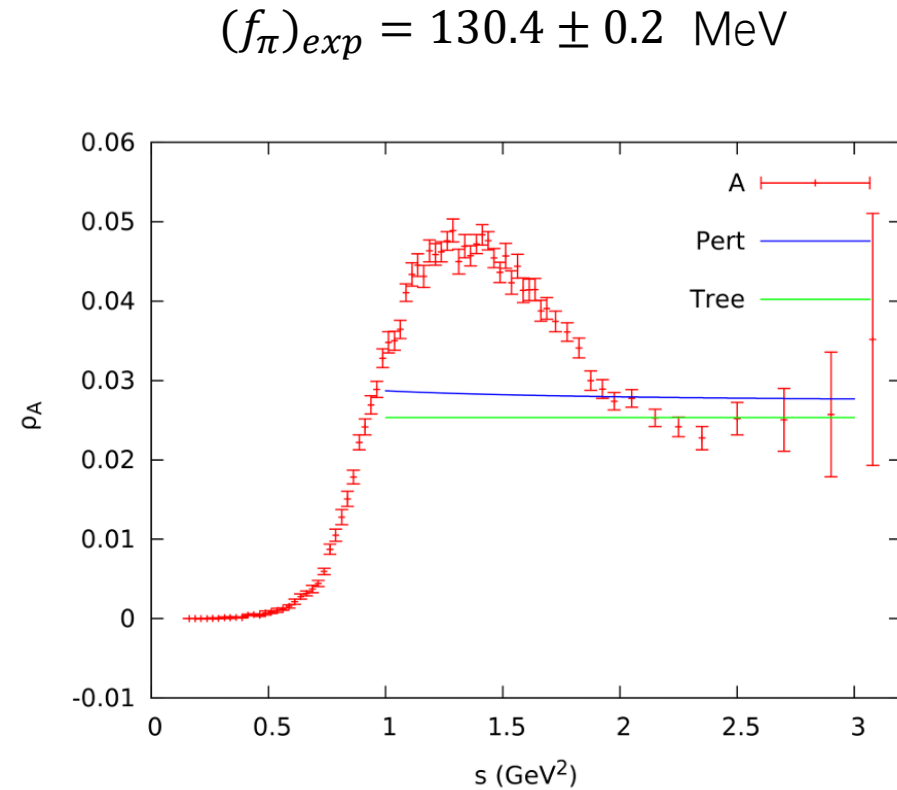
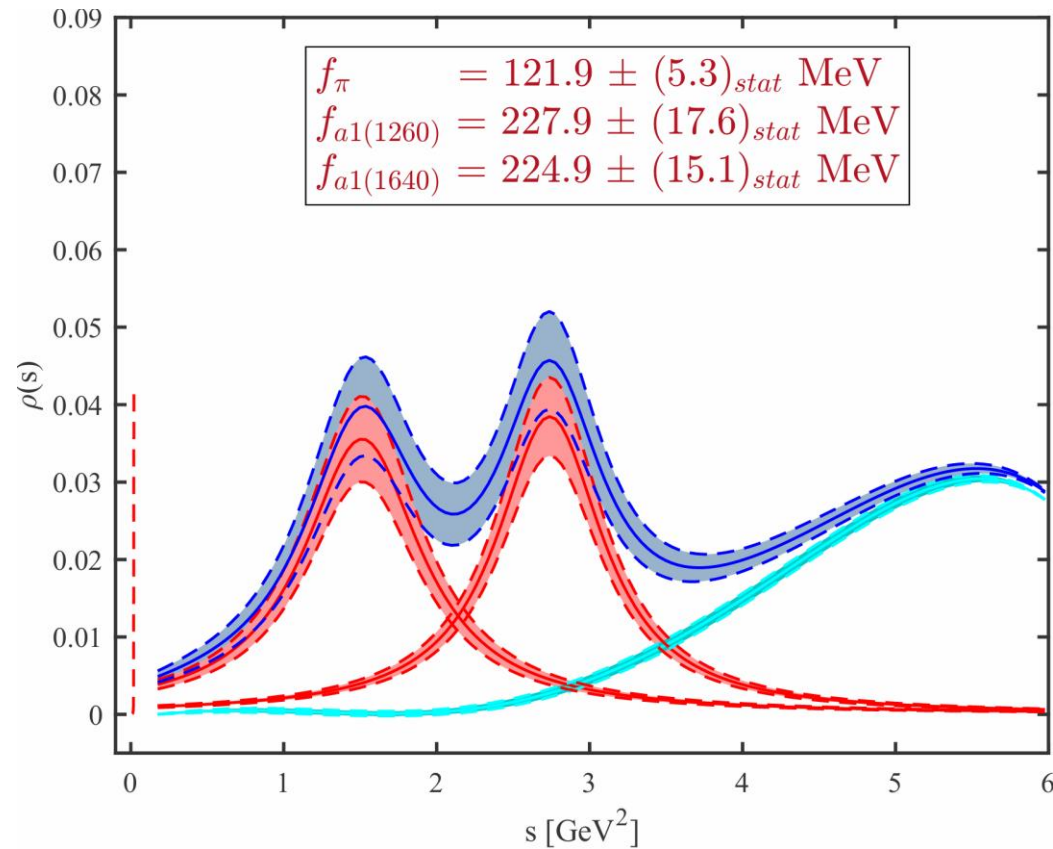


- The non-trivial structure of solutions will tell that there must be some resonances.
- **Our method is powerful.**



# Inverse problem approach for pion decay constant

- Decay constants of excited states can be extracted well.



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[arXiv:hep-ex/0506072](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0506072)

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- The result for decay constant and spectrum are consistent with experiment!

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# Inverse problem approach for LCDA

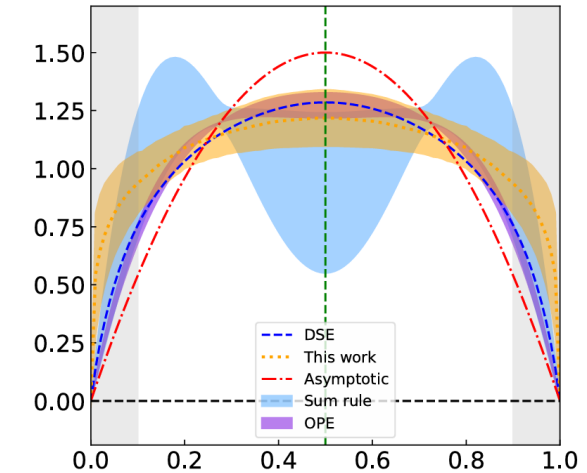
- LCDA describes the inner structure of hadron, which is important nonperturbative input for factorization method
- For pion LCDA:
  - The results given by different methods **very greatly vary**.
  - The endpoint region is difficult for Lattice.
- LCDA is trivial in inverse problem approach.

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$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^n \phi(x)$$

- As long as known moments  $\xi^n$  is large, we can capture enough information about LCDA.



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$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_\pi$	$\langle \xi^4 \rangle_\pi$	$\langle \xi^6 \rangle_\pi$	$\langle \xi^8 \rangle_\pi$	$\langle \xi^{10} \rangle_\pi$	$\langle \xi^{12} \rangle_\pi$
0.289	0.055	0.093	0.060	0.035	0.057
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# Inverse problem approach for LCDA: Moment problem

- Moment problem:  $\xi^n \rightarrow \phi_\pi(x)$

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^n \phi(x)$$

- **Moment problem encountered in physics:**
  - QCDSR for LCDA, Dyson-Schwinger for LCDA (PDF) .....  
[arXiv:2102.03989v2](#) [arXiv:2403.01937 \[hep-ph\]](#), [2308.14871 \[hep-ph\]](#)
- **Moment problem in mathematic:** *an inverse problem*
  - **Ill-posedness:** solution has existence, uniqueness, *but instability*
  - Standard scheme: *Tikhonov regularization*
  - Regulation constant  $\alpha$ : selected by *mathematical method*

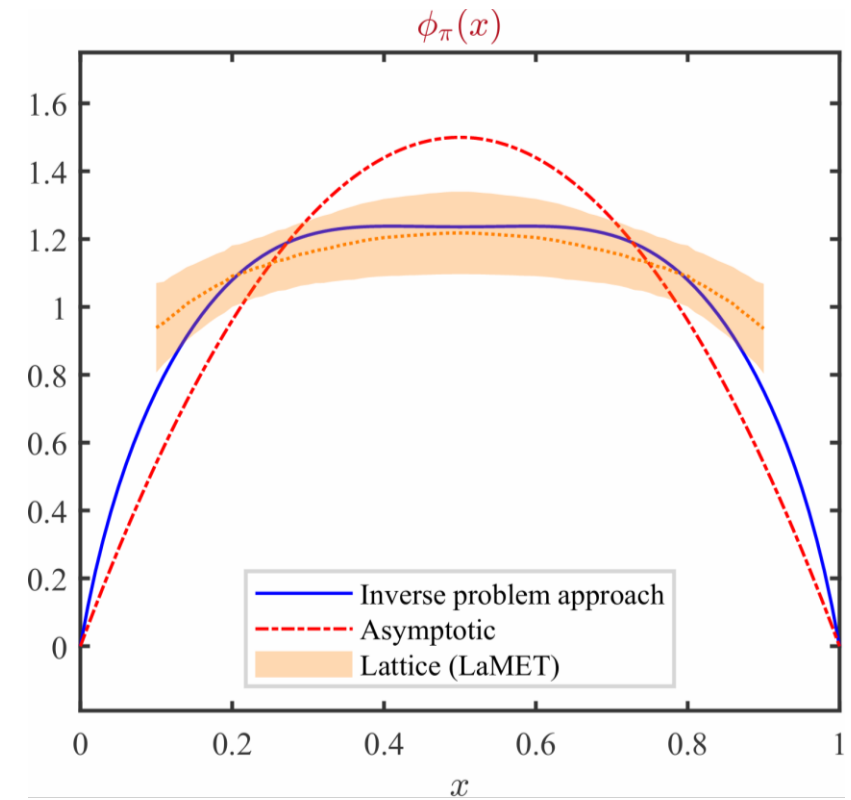
$$\phi = (K^\dagger K + \alpha I)^{-1} K^\dagger \langle \xi^n \rangle$$

# Inverse problem approach for LCDA: Moment problem

- Real pion LCDA can be reconstructed.
  - Whole complete form is obtained.
  - Broader than the asymptotic and relatively flat in the central region.
  - The central region is consistent with Lattice.
  - Smooth in the endpoint: Can be complementary to Lattice.

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^n \phi(x)$$

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Difficult for the endpoint region in Lattice

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- Pion LCDA can be expressed by gegenbauer polynomial.

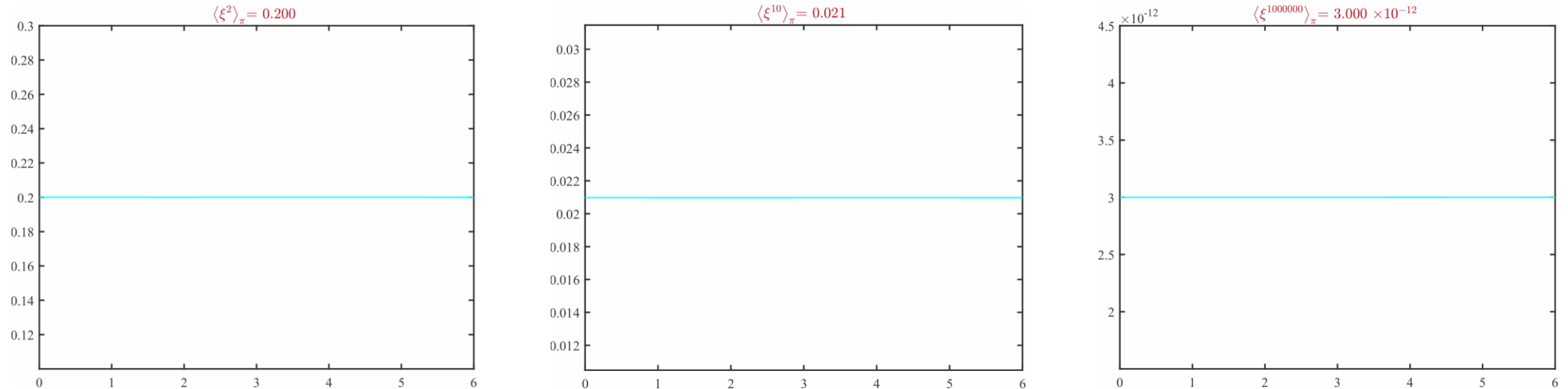
$$\varphi_P(x, \mu) = 6x(1-x) \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^P(\mu) C_n^{(3/2)}(2x-1) \right], \quad a_n = \frac{4(2n+3)}{6(n+1)(n+2)} \int_0^1 dx \phi_\pi(x) C_n^{3/2}(2x-1).$$

Methods	$a_2^\pi(2\text{GeV})$	$a_4^\pi(2\text{GeV})$	
Our result	0.123	0.010	
Lattice QCD (OPE) [76]	$0.116^{+0.019}_{-0.020}$	—	JHEP (2019) [RQCD]
Lattice QCD (OPE) [77]	$0.136 \pm 0.021$	—	PRD (2015) [V. M. Braun...]
Lattice QCD (OPE) [78]	$0.233 \pm 0.065$	—	PRD (2011) [R. Arthur ...]
Lattice QCD (LaMET) [75]	$0.258 \pm 0.087$	$0.122 \pm 0.055$	PRL <b>129</b> , 132001
Inverse Matrix Method [70]	$0.1775^{+0.0036}_{-0.0040}$	$0.0957^{+0.0011}_{-0.0012}$	arXiv:2205.06746
QCD sum rules [65]	$0.157 \pm 0.029$	$0.032 \pm 0.007$	arXiv:2102.03989v2
QCD sum rules [79]	$0.057^{+0.024}_{-0.019}$	$-0.013^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$	arXiv:1405.0959 [hep-ph]
QCD sum rules [80]	$0.149^{+0.052}_{-0.043}$	$-0.096^{+0.063}_{-0.058}$	arXiv:hep-ph/0103119

- Our result is consistent with Lattice QCD calculated by OPE.

# Inverse problem approach for asymptotic LCDA: Moments

- Asymptotic LCDA's moments: be reproduced perfectly,  $n \rightarrow \infty$



- It is due to the input is exact completely.

$$\boxed{I_n(q^2) - I_n(\sigma_0)} = \frac{(q^2 - \sigma_0)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\boxed{\text{Im} I_n(s)} ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)},$$

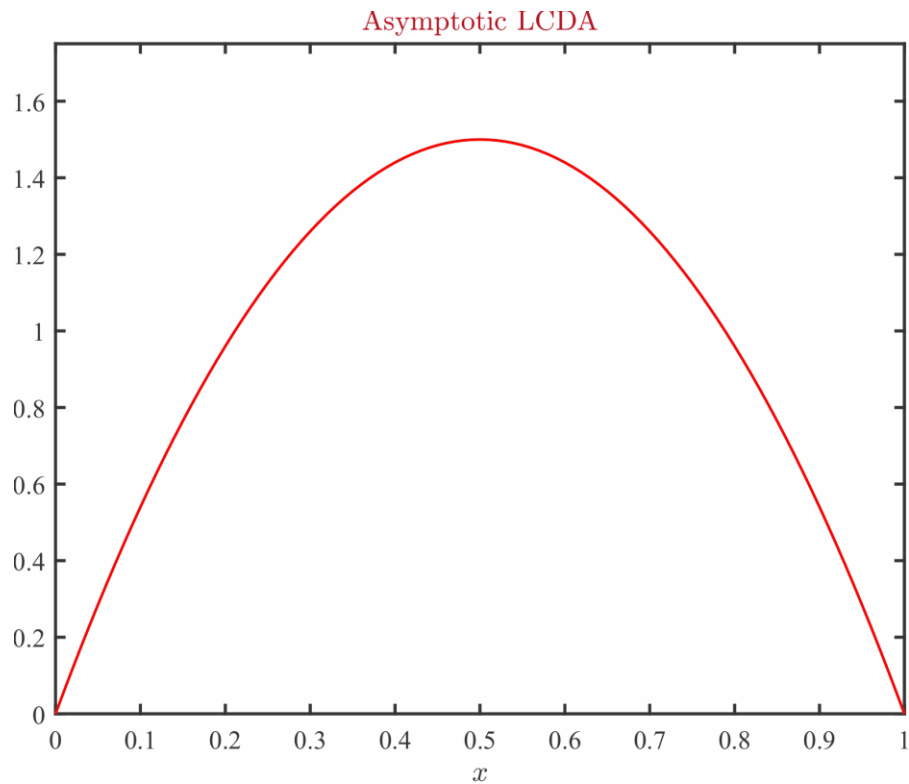
$$I_n(q^2) = -\frac{3 \ln(-q^2/\mu^2)}{4\pi^2(n+1)(n+3)},$$

- Solution converge to true solution as long as the input error approaches zero.**
- Inverse problem approach can be improved systematically by considering higher precision in OPE calculation.

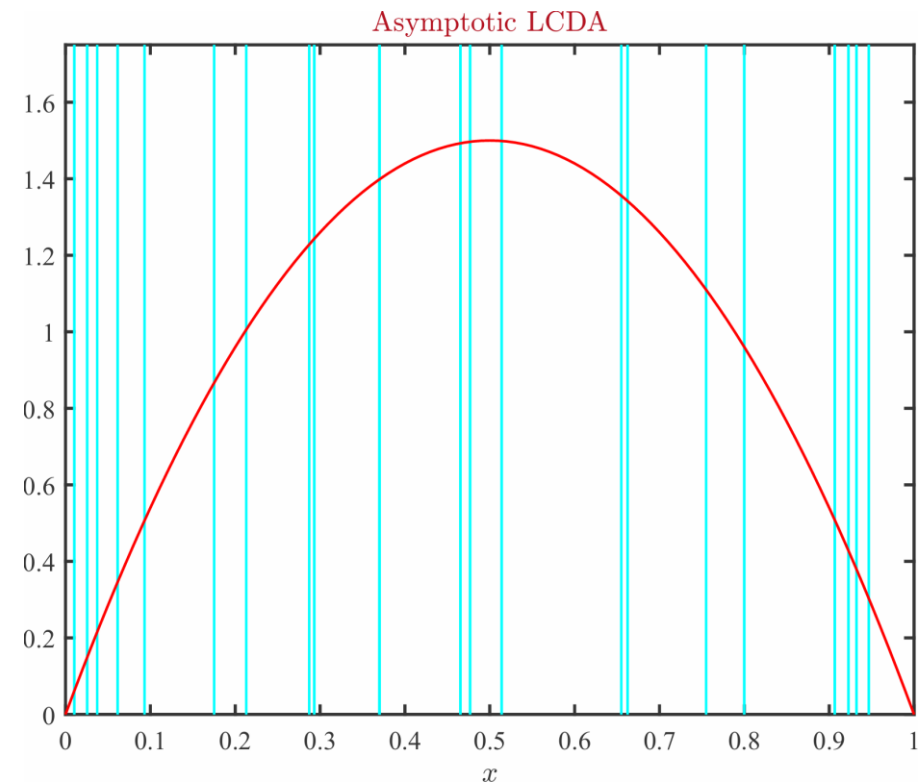
# Inverse problem approach for asymptotic LCDA: Moment problem

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx (2x - 1)^n \phi(x)$$

- Asymptotic LCDA can be reproduced perfectly, indicates our approach is self-consistency



Inverse problem approach



Direct brute-force solving



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# Conclusion

- First, we solved the complete spectral function of the pion system using a rigorous inverse problem approach.
  - The spectral function consistent with the experiments.
  - The errors therein can be systematically estimated.
- We consider the ‘moments problem’ as an inverse problem, then the pion LCDA can be obtained well.
- Asymptotic LCDA and its moments are reproduced very well.
  - Indicates that the inverse problem approach can be systematically improved by enhancing the accuracy of the input.
- Inverse problem provides a new perspective to explore nonperturbative QCD.

*Thank you for your attention!*

**Back up**

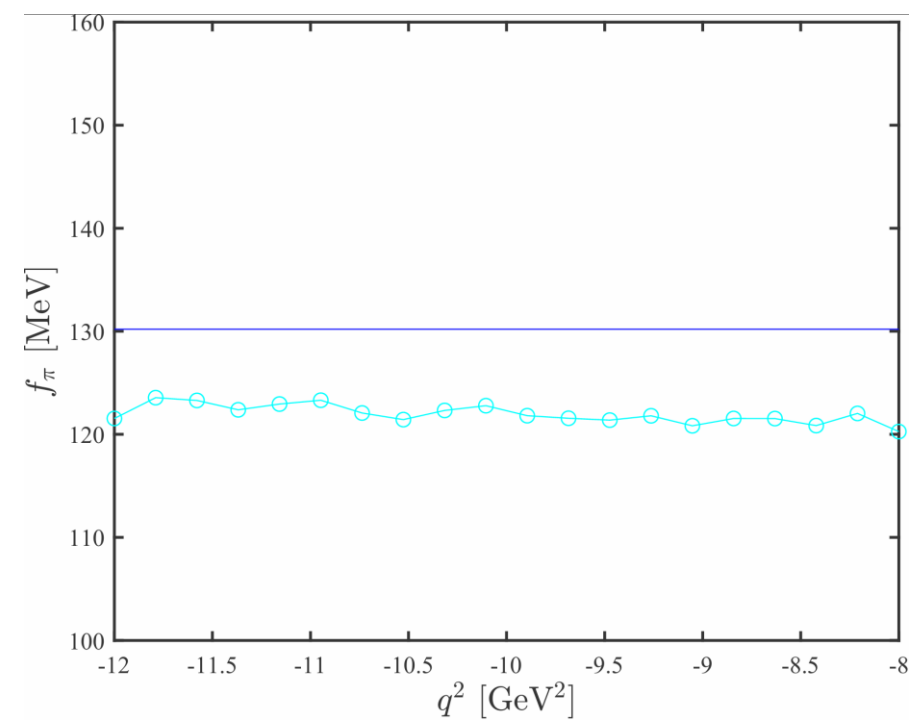
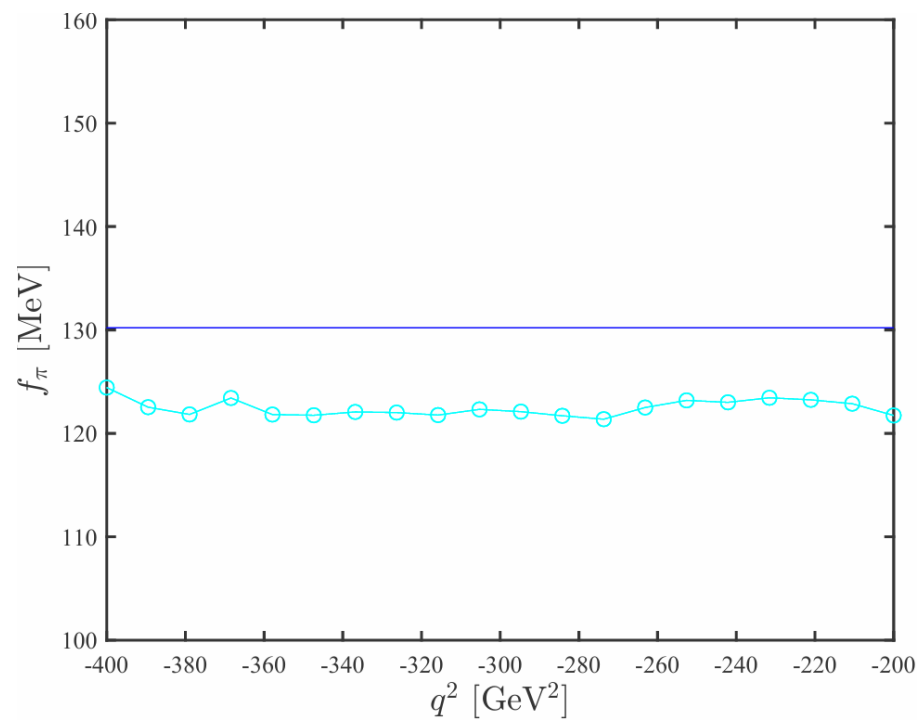
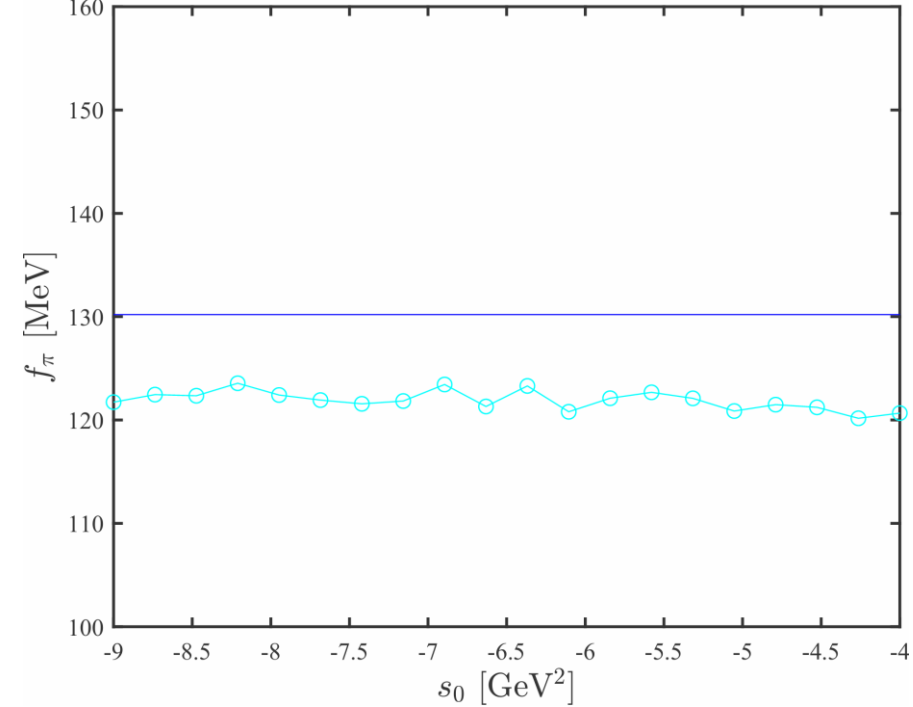
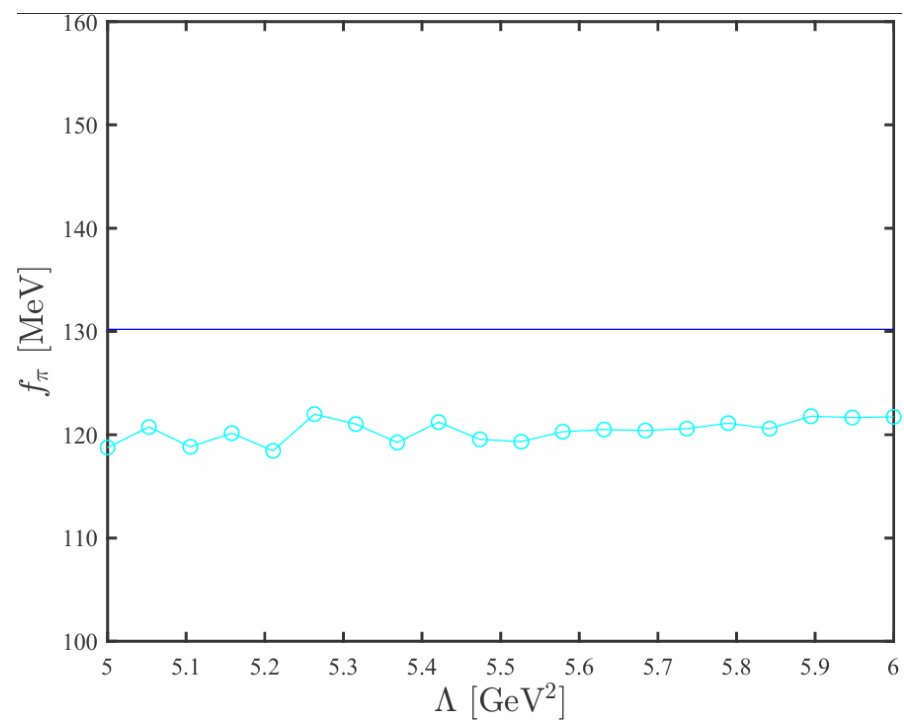
## OPE calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{n0}^{cond}(q^2) = & \frac{m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} \\
 & + \frac{8n+1}{9} \frac{m_u \langle g_s \bar{u} \sigma T G u \rangle + m_d \langle g_s \bar{d} \sigma T G d \rangle}{(q^2)^3} + \frac{n\theta(n-2)}{24\pi^2} \frac{\langle g_s^3 f G^3 \rangle}{(q^2)^3} \\
 & - \frac{4(2n+1)}{81} \frac{\langle g_s \bar{u}u \rangle^2 + \langle g_s \bar{d}d \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3} - \frac{[C_n + P_n]}{243\pi^2} \frac{\sum_{\psi=u,d,s} \langle g_s^2 \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{13.13}$$

where  $C, P_n$  are respectively,

$$C_n = 3(17n + 35) + \theta(n-2) \left\{ \frac{49n^2 + 100n + 56}{n} - 25(2n+1) \left[ \psi\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \ln 4 \right] \right\},$$

$$P_n = [2(51n + 25) - 2n\theta(n-2)] \ln \left( \frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right),$$



## 2. ill-posedness of the inverse problem

- Most of inverse problems are ill-posed

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 5 \\ 1.9999x_1 + 3.0001x_2 = 5 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = 1$$

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$$Ax = y,$$

$$x = A^{-1}y$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1.9999 & 3.0001 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |A| = 0.0005, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{A^*}{|A|} = \begin{pmatrix} 6000.2 & -6000 \\ -3999.8 & 4000 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A^{-1}$  enhances the errors

# Leading Twist LCDA of Meson $\phi(x)$ : *can be expanded by Gegenbauer polynomial*

$$Q \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \phi(x, Q) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} \left\{ \int_0^1 dy \frac{V(x, y)}{y(1-y)} \phi(y, Q) - 2\phi(x, Q) \right\} \quad (90)$$

where the evolution potential is

$$V(x, y) = 4C_F \left\{ x(1-y) \theta(y-x) \left( \delta_{-h, \bar{h}} + \frac{\Delta}{y-x} \right) + \left( \begin{matrix} x \leftrightarrow 1-x \\ y \leftrightarrow 1-y \end{matrix} \right) \right\} = V(y, x). \quad (91)$$

Operator  $\Delta$  in the potential is defined by

$$\Delta \frac{\phi(y, Q)}{y(1-y)} \equiv \frac{\phi(y, Q)}{y(1-y)} - \frac{\phi(x, Q)}{x(1-x)}. \quad (92)$$



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#8 The evolution potential  $V(x, y)$  can be treated as an integral operator. Being symmetric it has real eigenvalues  $\tilde{\gamma}_n$  and eigensolutions  $\phi_n(y)$  that satisfy  $\int dy V(x, y) w(y) \phi_n(y) = \tilde{\gamma}_n \phi_n(x)$  where integration weight  $w(y) \equiv 1/(y(1-y))$ . The eigensolutions must be orthogonal with respect to weight  $w(x)$ , from which it immediately follows that  $\phi_n(x) \propto x(1-x) C_n^{3/2}(2x-1)$  where  $C_n^{3/2}$  is a Gegenbauer polynomial. It is a straightforward exercise to now extract analytic expressions for the eigenvalues. Given the eigenvalues a general solution of the evolution equation can be written down as an expansion on the complete set of eigensolutions, as we do here.

$$\phi(x, Q) = x(1-x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n C_n^{3/2}(2x-1) \left( \log \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2} \right)^{-\gamma_n/2\beta_0} \quad (93)$$

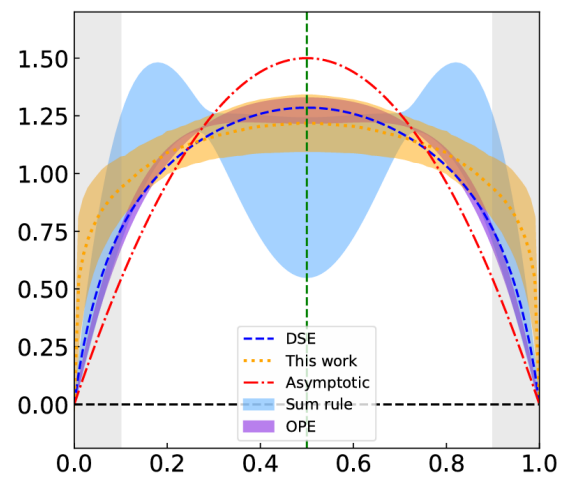
where<sup>#9</sup>

$$\gamma_n = 2C_F \left\{ 1 + 4 \sum_{k=2}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{2\delta_{-h, \bar{h}}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right\} \geq 0. \quad (94)$$

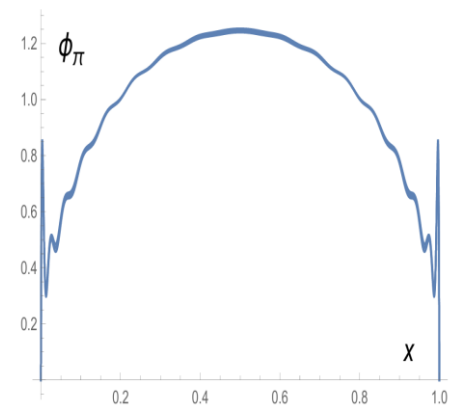
- *The expansion is generic and is valid for all leading twist quark antiquark meson distribution amplitudes, albeit with different coefficients and anomalous dimensions.*    The Uses of conformal symmetry in QCD.  
[Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys., 51:311–398, 2003.]
- *The Gegenbauer polynomials also naturally in this context, as a consequence of the residual conformal symmetry of QCD at short distances.*

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