



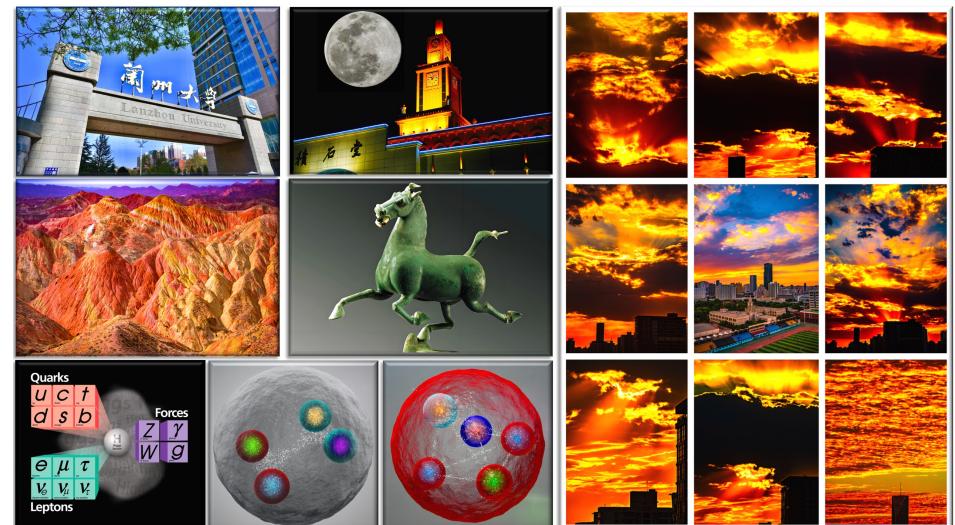
## Towards High-Precision Calculations in Heavy Flavor Physics

# Determining Heavy Meson LCDAs from Lattice QCD

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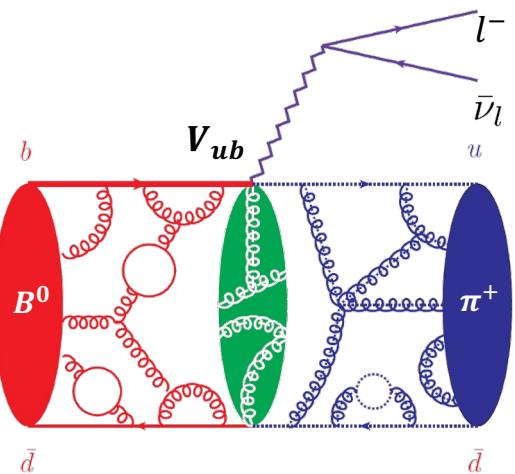
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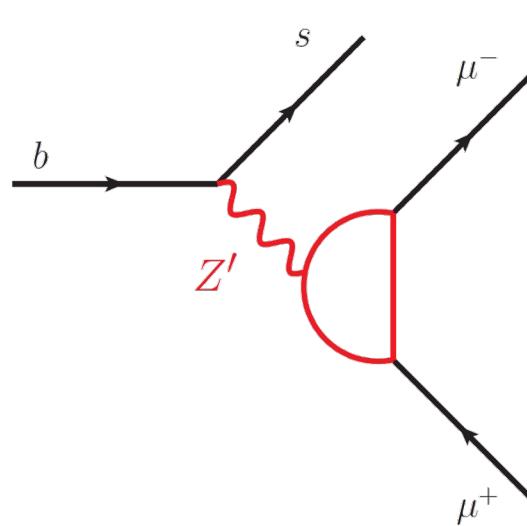
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# Motivation

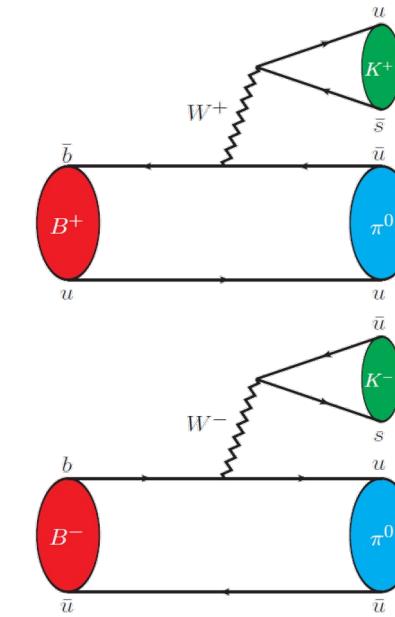
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Precisely testing  
standard model



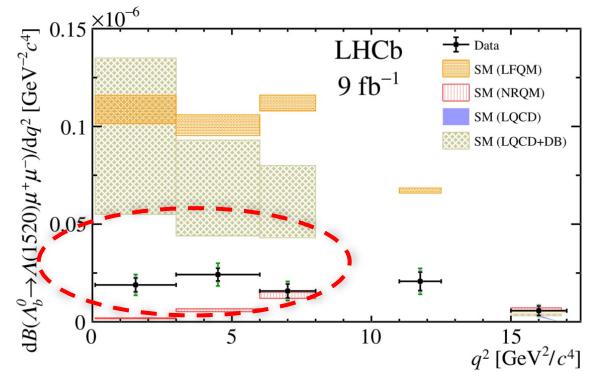
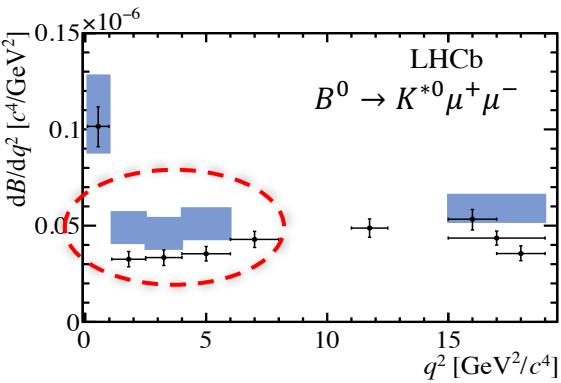
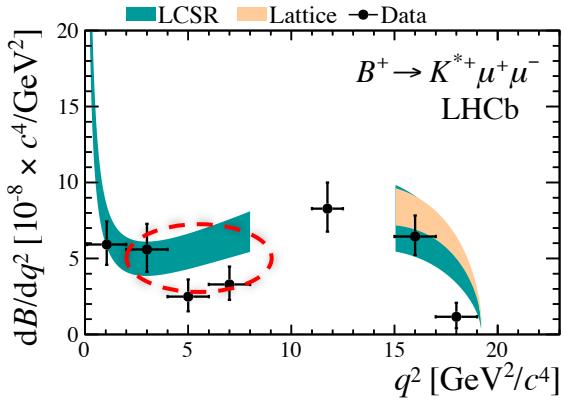
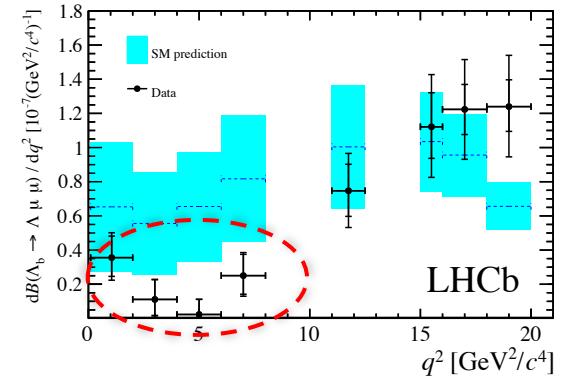
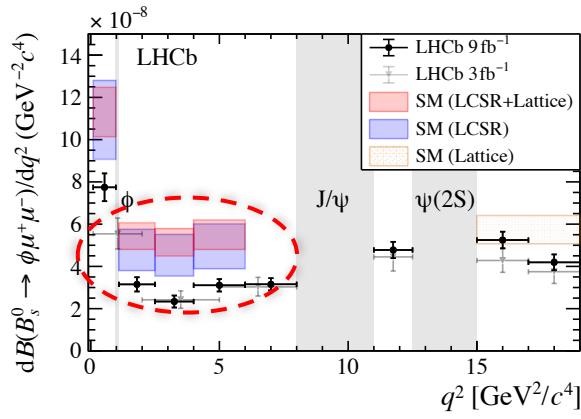
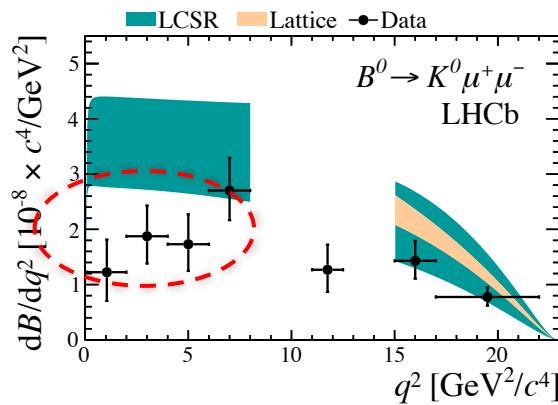
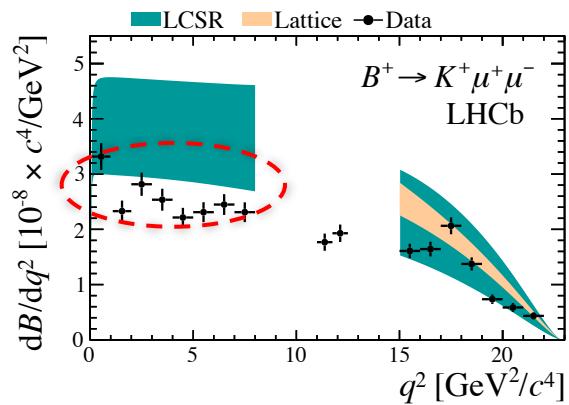
Indirect search for  
new physics



Study on CP violation

# Motivation

Current experimental results show **deviations** from theoretical prediction...



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- **Lattice with LaMET**  
LP3, 2019; LPC, 2021, 2022; .....

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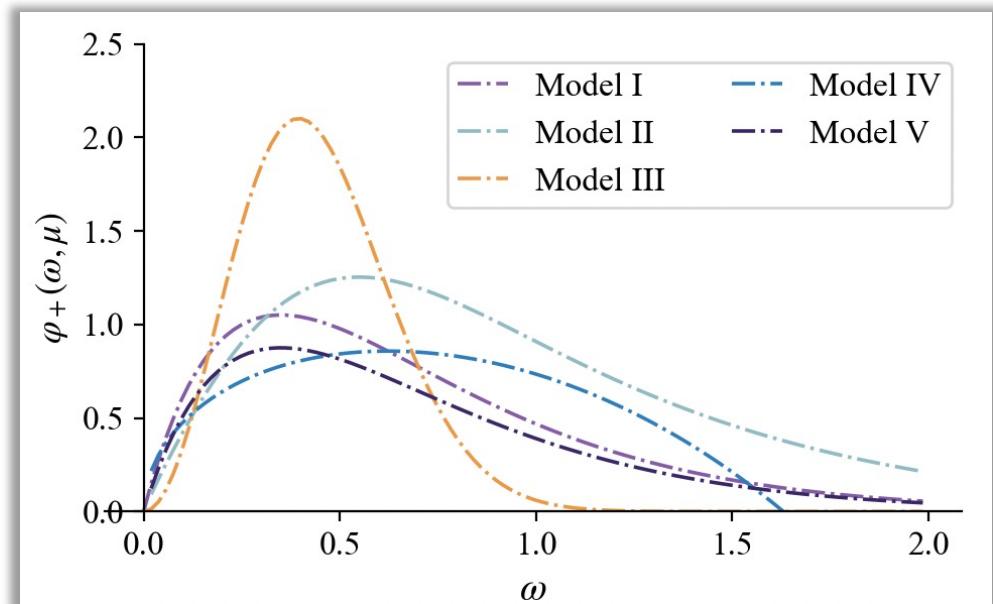
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Uncertainties from heavy meson LCDAs **dominate** the errors in theoretical calculation.

- For example:  $B \rightarrow \pi, K^*$  form factors from LCSR:

Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, PRD 101 (2020) 074035  
Cui, Huang, Shen, Wang, JHEP 03 (2023) 140

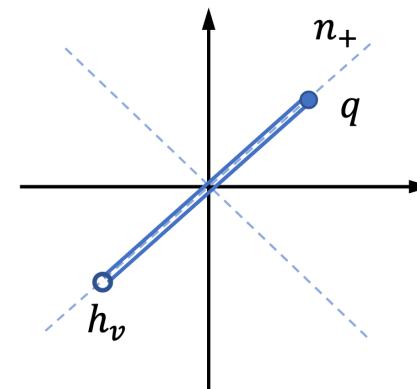
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Without reliable  $B$  LCDA, it is impossible to discuss precision calculation!

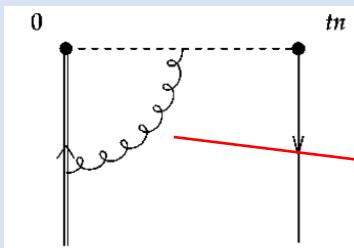
# Challenges in first principle calculation

The definition of leading twist heavy meson LCDA:

$$i\tilde{f}_H(\mu)m_H\varphi^+(\omega, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i\omega n_+ \cdot vt} \times \langle 0 | \bar{q}(tn_+) \not{\eta}_+ \gamma_5 W_c(tn_+, 0) h_v(0) | H(v) \rangle$$



## Challenge 1: Cusp divergence



$$O_v^{\text{ren}}(t, \mu) = \frac{4}{\hat{\epsilon}} \ln(it\mu) O_v^{\text{bare}}(t) + \dots$$

Braun, Ivanov, Korchemsky, PRD69, 034014 (2004)

- No local limit
- Lattice with OPE, QCD sum rules, ..., **FAILED**

## Challenge 2: StN Problem

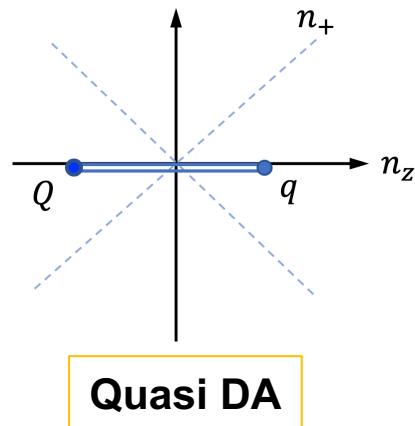
- Simulating the boosted  $h_v$  on the lattice will encounter significant signal-to-noise problem.

Mandula, Ogilvie, PRD 45, 2183-2187 (1992),  
NPB 34, 480-482 (1994)

- Lattice with LaMET, **FAILED**

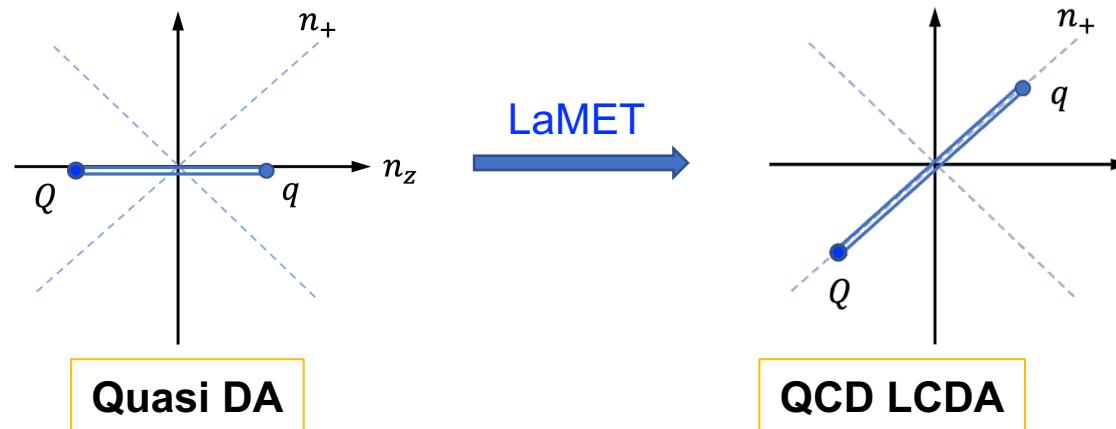
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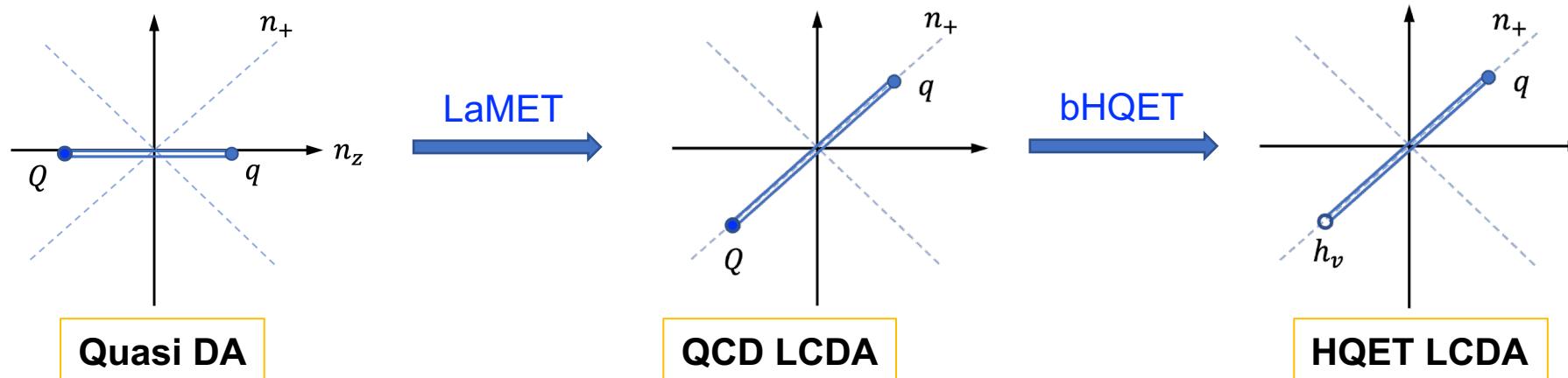
- Start from the **equal-time** correlators with **QCD fields**:
  - Equal-time correlations ensure that it is directly calculable from lattice QCD;
  - Without  $h_v$ , the issues of cusp divergence and StN problem are both resolved.

# Sequential effective theory to obtain heavy meson LCDAs



- Large-momentum effective theory (LaMET) provides a connection between equal-time correlators and light-cone observables.
  - Integrating out large-momentum scale, one can obtain the heavy meson LCDA in QCD.

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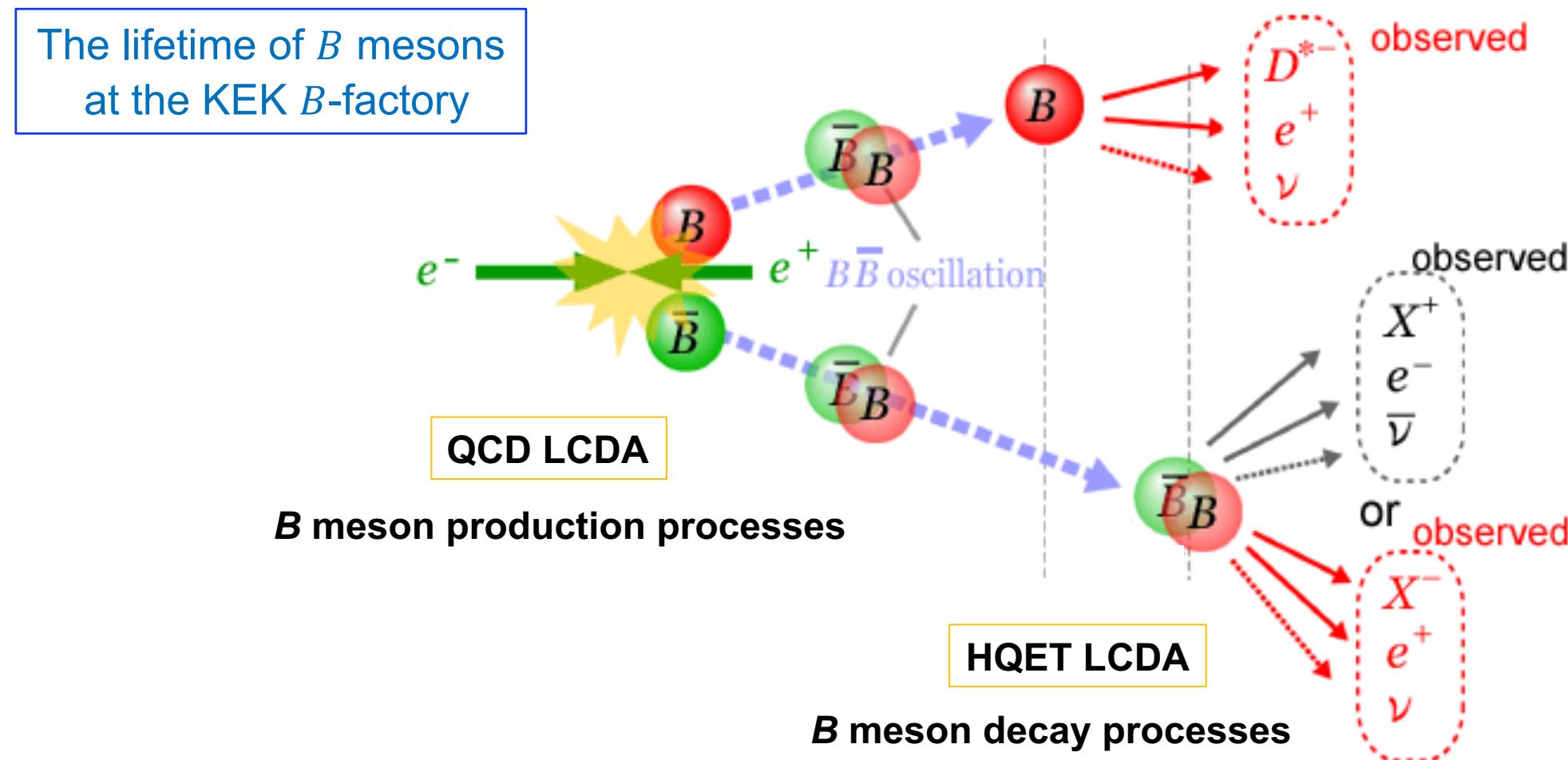


- In the **Isgur-Wise limit**, QCD LCDAs are related to the HQET LCDAs:
  - The boosted HQET provides the matching between them.

Ishaq, Jia, Xiong, Yang, PRL125(2020)132001; Beneke, Finauri, Vos, Wei, JHEP 09, 066 (2023)

# QCD and HQET LCDAs

- Both QCD and HQET LCDAs are key nonperturbative parameters in the study of heavy meson:



# Lattice QCD implementation of sequential effective theory

- ✓ A numerical simulation on the [finest](#) CLQCD ensemble ( $a = 0.05187$  fm);

[CLQCD Collaboration, PRD 109, 054507 \(2024\)](#)

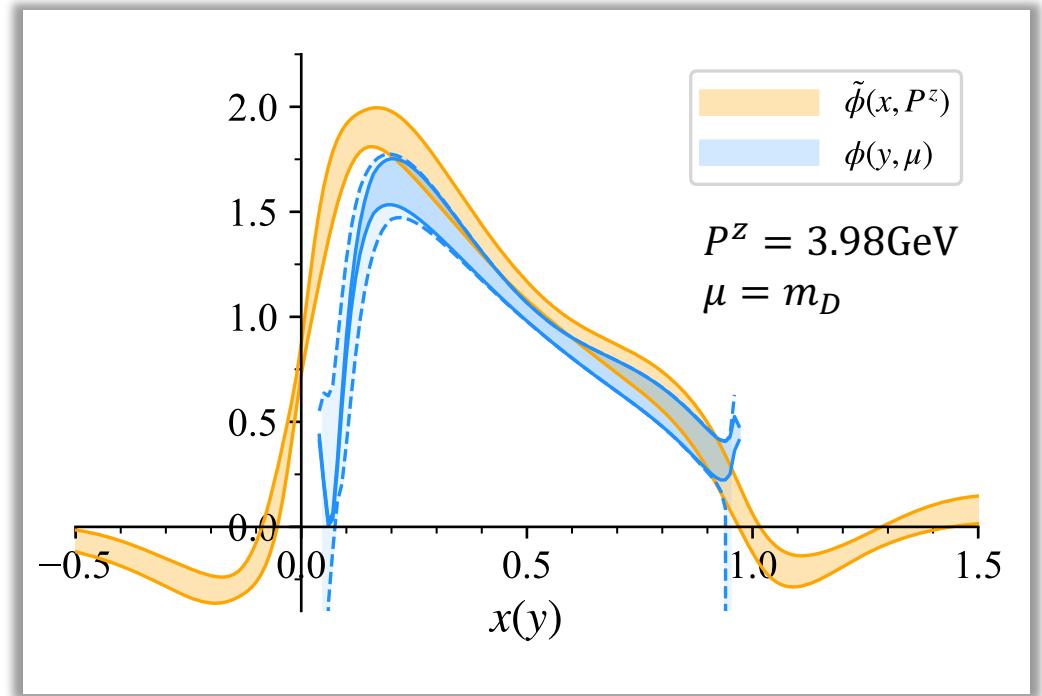
- ✓ Simulate the  $D$  meson [quasi DA](#) with  $m_D \simeq 1.92\text{GeV}$ , up to  $P^z \simeq 3.98\text{GeV}$ ;

- ✓ Then match to the [QCD LCDA](#).

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P^z) = \int_0^1 C \left( x, y, \frac{\mu}{P^z} \right) \phi(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{m_H^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(x P^z, \bar{x} P^z)^2} \right)$$

[Liu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, PRD 99, 094036 \(2019\)](#)

[Han, Hua, Ji, Lu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, 2410.18654](#)



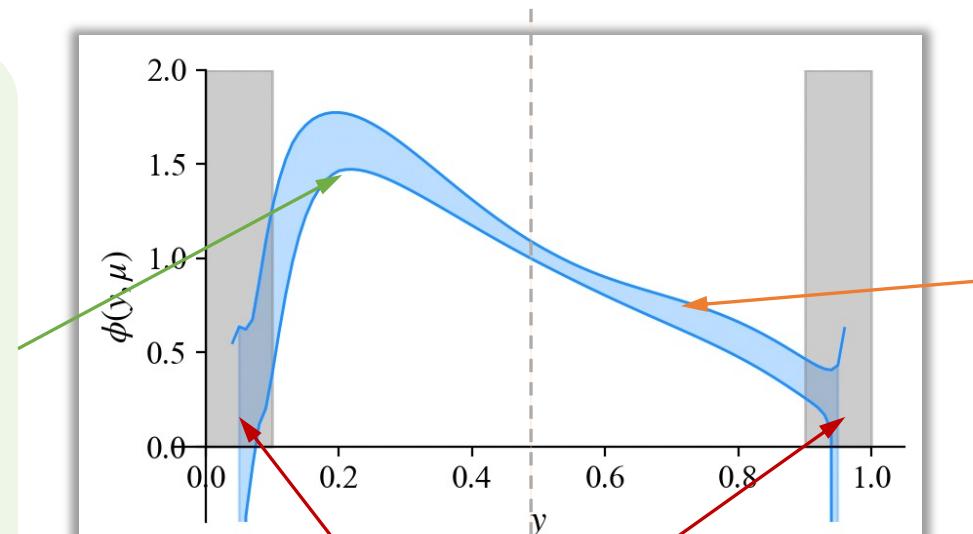
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## QCD LCDA of $D$ meson



### End-point region:

- LaMET matching kernel suffer large power corrections.
- Lattice QCD predictions **fail**

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- Tail region: perturbative result at 1-loop order

$$\varphi_{\text{tail}}^+(\omega, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi \omega} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \ln \frac{\omega}{\mu} \right) + \frac{4\bar{\Lambda}}{3\omega} \left( 2 - \ln \frac{\omega}{\mu} \right) \right]$$

Lee, Neubert, PRD 72, 094028 (2005)

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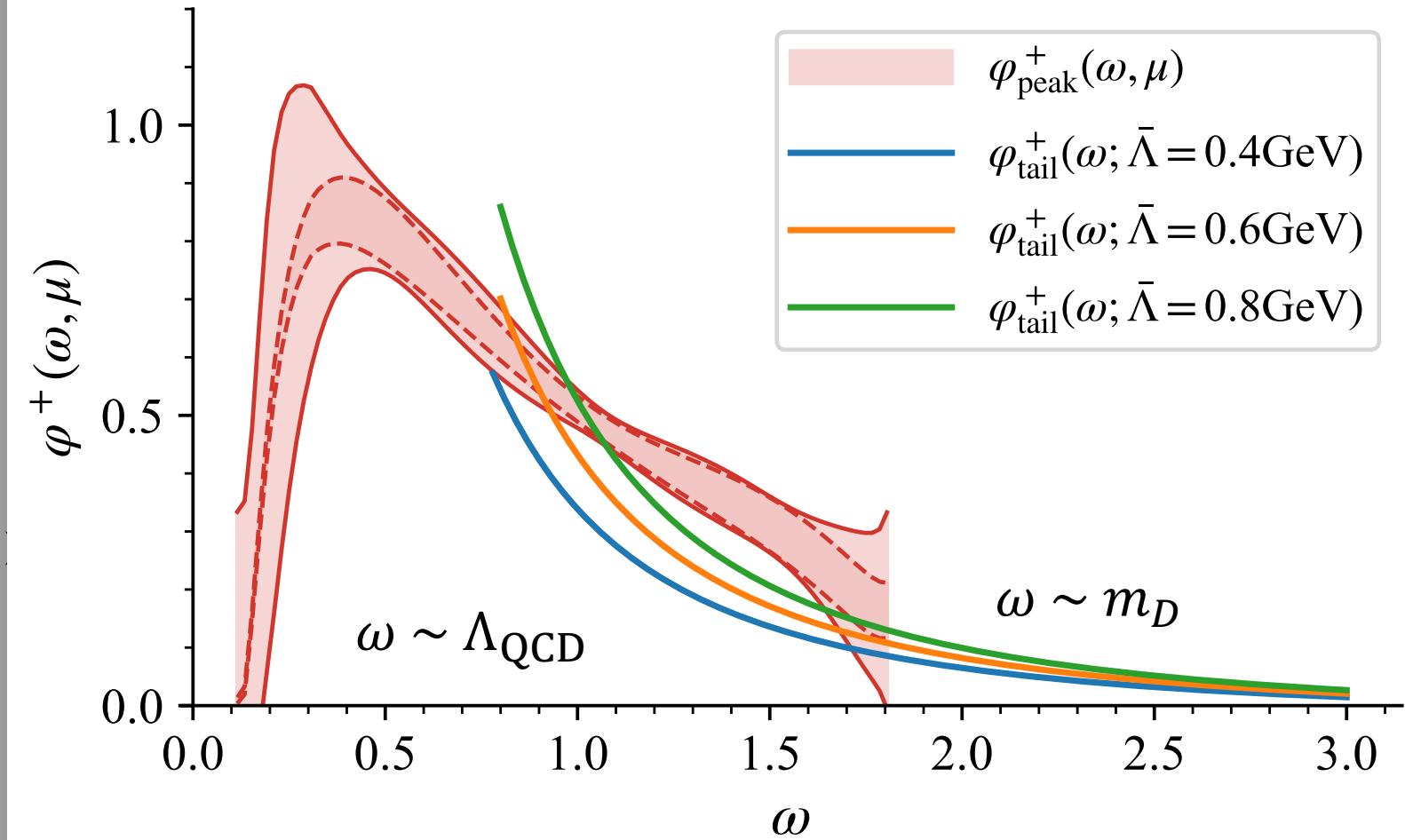
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Finally, we obtain the final result of HQET LCDA.

- A verification of the two-step factorization method,  
the numerical result is still **preliminary**.

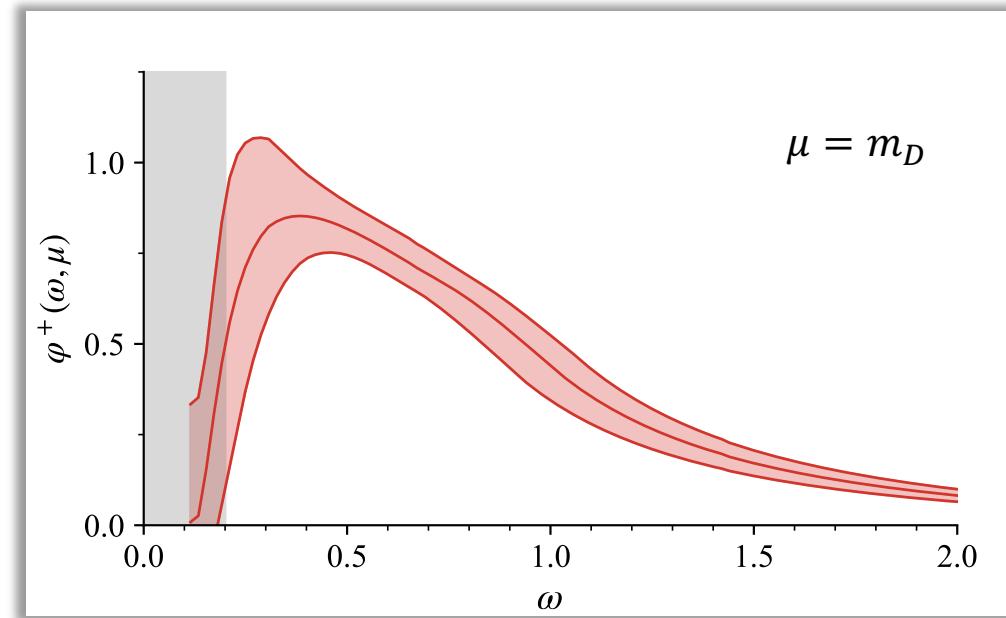
- Considered the systematic errors in lattice analysis:

From extrapolation, scale uncertainty, .....

- Some key systematic errors are still **absent**:

Only one lattice spacing,

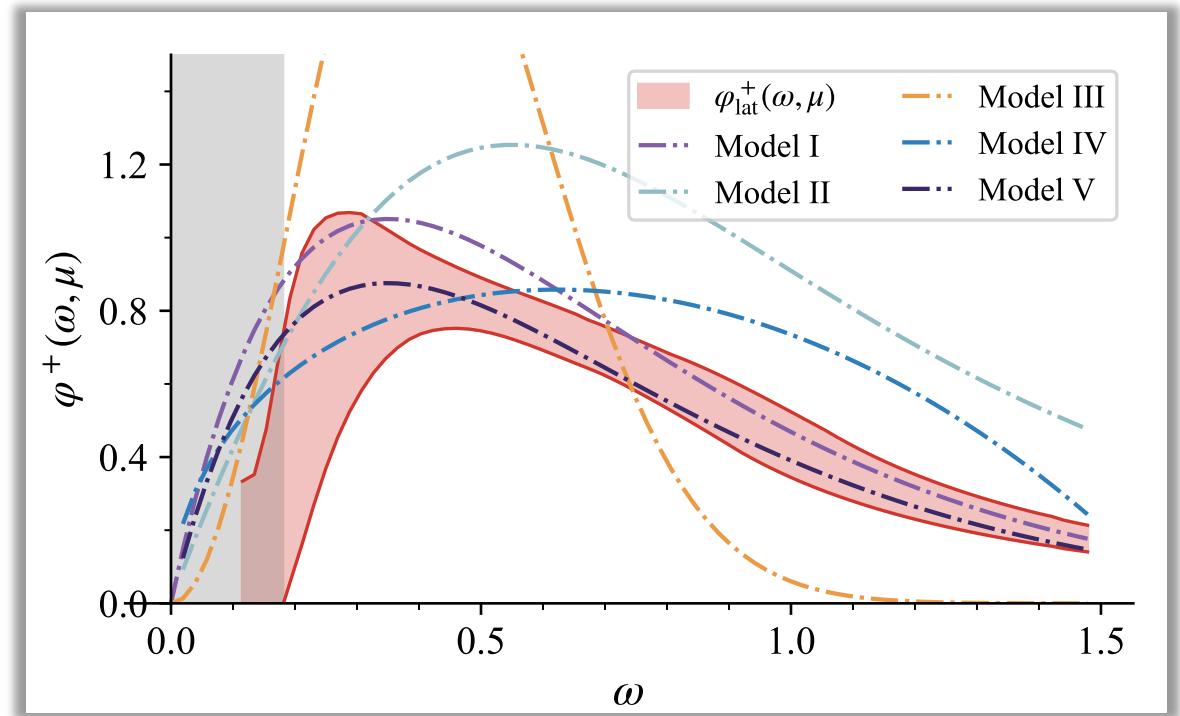
Power corrections within two matchings are still significant, .....



A more systematic study is underway...

# Discussion I: Comparison with Models

- Our result is basically **consistent** with most of the model estimates, and will also provide a **first-principle constrains** on the existing models.
- For theoretical calculations, result from first-principles will help to **REMOVE** the primary uncertainties arising from the model parametrizations.



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## Discussions II: Inverse moment and Model-independent Parameterizations

Significant uncertainties from  $\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_1$ :

Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, PRD 101 (2020) 074035

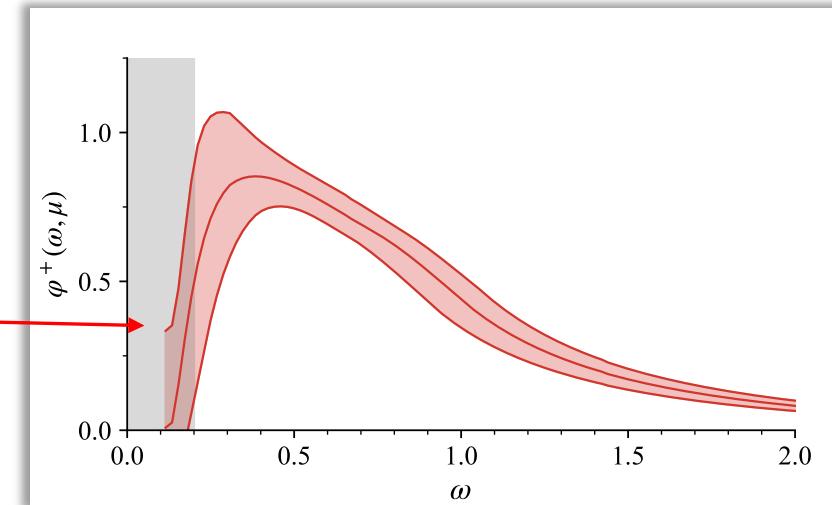
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Definition of Inverse and inverse-logarithmic moments:

$$\lambda_B^{-1}(\mu) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \varphi^+(\omega, \mu),$$

$$\sigma_B^{(n)}(\mu) = \lambda_B(\mu) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \ln \left( \frac{\mu}{\omega} \right)^{(n)} \varphi^+(\omega, \mu).$$

The power corrections at small  $\omega$  makes the integral non-computable.



- Model independent parameterization forms to reconstruct the **full distribution** of HQET LCDA

## Discussions II: Inverse moment and Model-independent Parameterizations

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Strategy I: expansion in small- $\omega$  region

$$\varphi^+(\omega, \mu) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \frac{\omega^n}{\omega_0^{n+1}} e^{-\omega/\omega_0},$$

Strategy II: expansion in generalized Laguerre polynomials

Feldmann, Lughausen, Dyk, JHEP10 (2020) 162

$$\varphi^+(\omega, \mu) = \frac{\omega e^{-\omega/\omega_0}}{\omega_0^2} \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{a_k(\mu)}{1+k} L_k^{(1)}(2\omega/\omega_0),$$

➤ Results @  $\mu = m_D$

Order of Expansion	$\lambda_B$ (GeV)	$\sigma_B^{(1)}$	$\sigma_B^{(2)}$	Pamameters
$N = 1$	0.424(41)	2.17(12)	6.36(51)	$\omega_0 = 0.388(46)$ , $c_1 = 0.916(81)$
Strategy I: $N = 2$	0.428(42)	2.16(10)	6.29(47)	$\omega_0 = 0.340(80)$ , $c_1 = 0.68(36)$ , $c_2 = 0.11(16)$
$N = 3$	0.418(67)	2.18(15)	6.33(80)	$\omega_0 = 0.32(15)$ , $c_1 = 0.63(44)$ , $c_2 = 0.08(23)$ , $c_3 = 0.02(11)$
$K = 0$	0.421(33)	2.17(8)	6.35(32)	$\omega_0 = 0.389(29)$ , $a_0 = 0.925(62)$
Strategy II: $K = 1$	0.424(35)	2.18(8)	6.36(32)	$\omega_0 = 0.446(95)$ , $a_0 = 1.05(19)$ , $a_1 = 0.15(26)$
$K = 2$	0.396(45)	2.12(12)	6.27(41)	$\omega_0 = 0.47(10)$ , $a_0 = 1.14(21)$ , $a_1 = 0.17(24)$ , $a_2 = 0.16(18)$

## Discussions II: Inverse moment and Model-independent Parameterizations

Numerical results of  $\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_B^{(1)}$  at  $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$ :

		$\lambda_B$ (GeV)	$\sigma_B^{(1)}$
Our results		0.376(63)	1.66(13)
Experiment	Belle 2018	$> 0.24$	
	Khodjamirian, Mandal, Mannel, 2020	0.383(153)	
	Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, 2020	$0.343^{+0.064}_{-0.079}$	
Other theoretical approach	Lee, Neubert, 2005	0.48(11)	1.6(2)
	Braun, Ivanov, Korchemsky, 2004	0.46(11)	1.4(4)
	Grozin, Neubert, 1997	0.35(15)	
	Mandal, Nandi, Ray, 2024	0.338(68)	

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	Current Status	Ongoing work
<b>Continuum limit</b>	None. Single lattice spacing @ $a = 0.05187\text{fm}$	<b>Present.</b> Multi lattice spacing @ $a = \{0.07750, 0.05187, 0.0375\}\text{fm}$
<b>Chiral limit</b>	Nonphysical masses @ $m_\pi \simeq 300\text{MeV}$ , $m_D \simeq 1.9\text{GeV}$	Nonphysical masses @ $m_\pi \simeq 300\text{MeV}$ , $m_D \simeq 1.9\text{GeV}$
<b>Infinite volume limit</b>	----	----
<b>Large momentum limit</b>	None. Only $P^z \simeq 4\text{GeV}$	<b>Present.</b> Multi $P^z$ to realize large momentum extrapolation.
<b>Nonperturbative renormalization</b>	Simplified hybrid renormalization scheme.	Self renormalization in the hybrid scheme.

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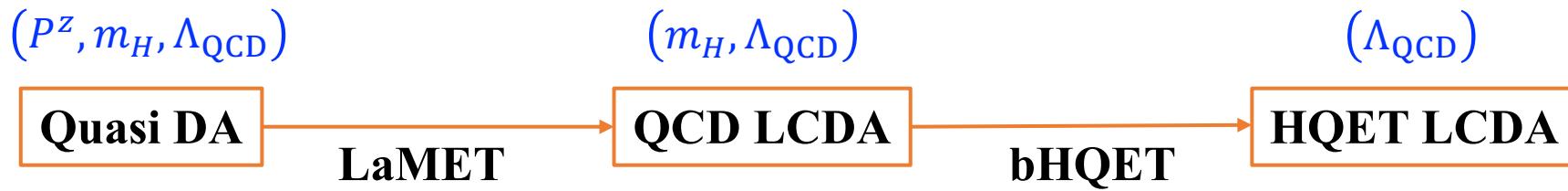
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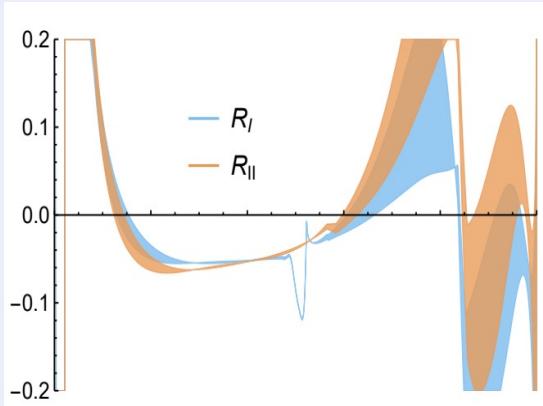
## Backup Slides

# Power corrections



In LaMET:  $\Lambda_{QCD}, m_H \ll P^z \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_H^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{(xP^z, \bar{x}P^z)^2}\right)$

Mass correction  $m_H^2/(P^z)^2$ :



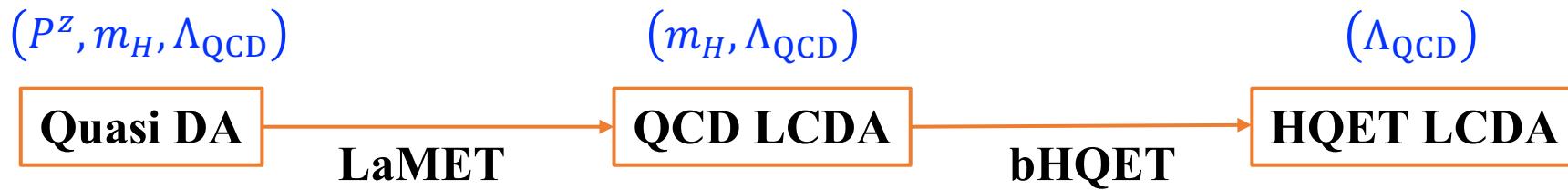
- Smaller than 20% in most region;
- Smaller than 10% in the region we perform bHQET matching.

Power correction  $\Lambda_{QCD}^2/(xP^z)^2$ :

- Significant at end-point region ( $x \rightarrow 0, 1$ ) of the QCD LCDA;
- Can be improved by considering the renormalon resummation, ...

Su, Holligan, Ji, Yao, Zhang, Zhang, NPB 991, 116201 (2023)

# Power corrections



$$\ln bHQET: \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_H}\right)$$

- A possible solution proposed in [Deng, Wang, Wei, Zeng, 2409.00632]
- HQET LCDA shows **degeneracy** in the Dirac structures due to heavy quark spin symmetry;
- This power correction can be estimated from pseudoscalar and vector meson HQET LCDA.