

Inverse Problem Approach

— — A novel non-perturbative QCD method



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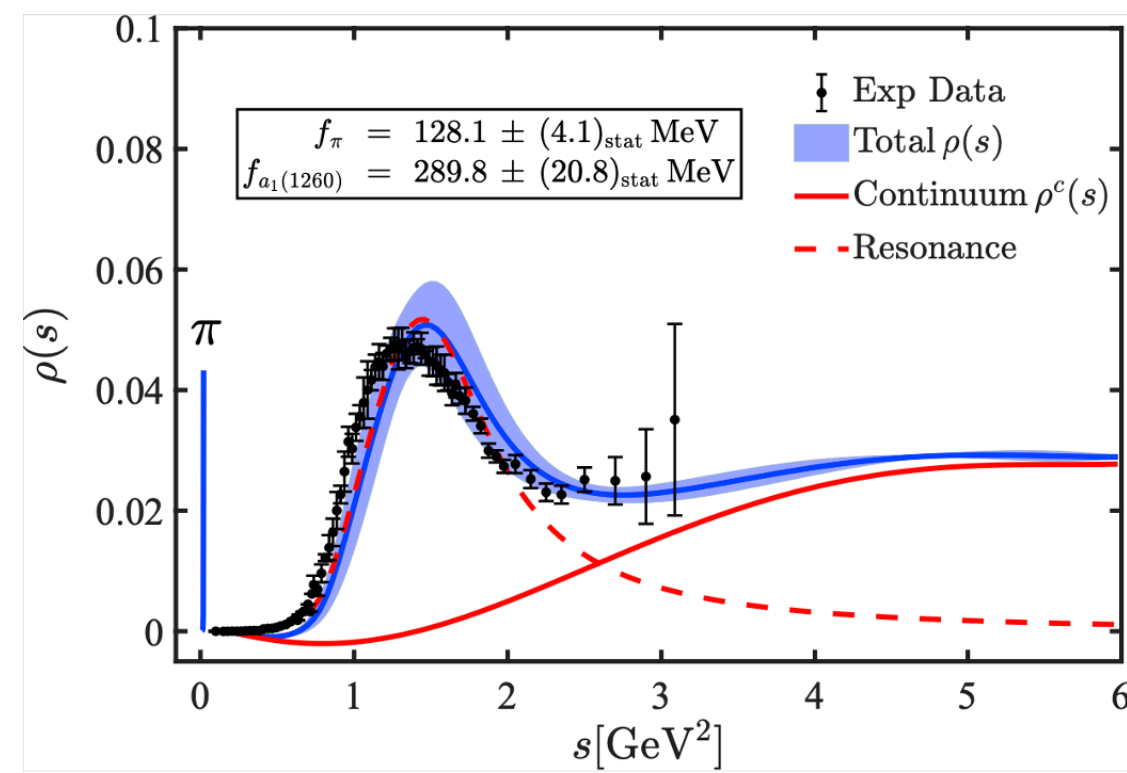
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前言

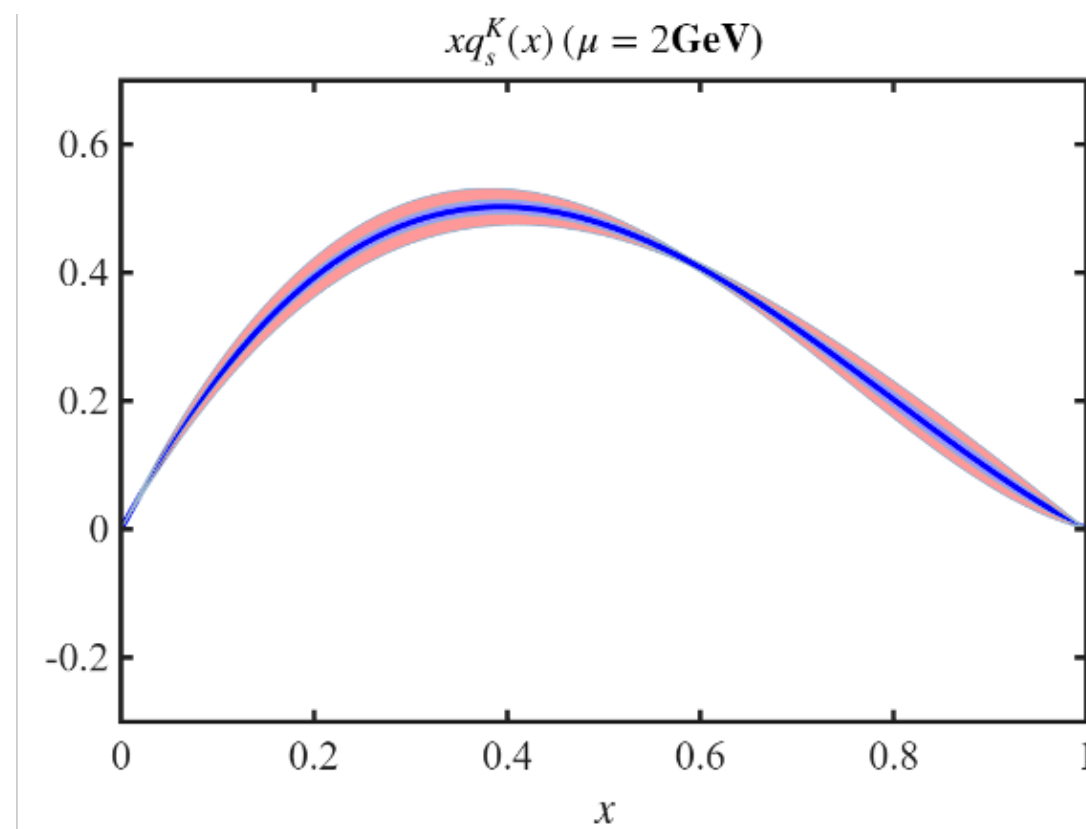
1. 感谢很多前辈、同仁多年来的关心和支持！
2. 方法仍在发展过程中，截至目前仍坚持严谨的数学框架；希望听取大家任何批判性的或建设性的意见，让它更完善；
3. 反问题方法解决病态问题，有点反直觉；但对粒子物理来说是个新思路，可以期待前景广阔。

Physical Applications

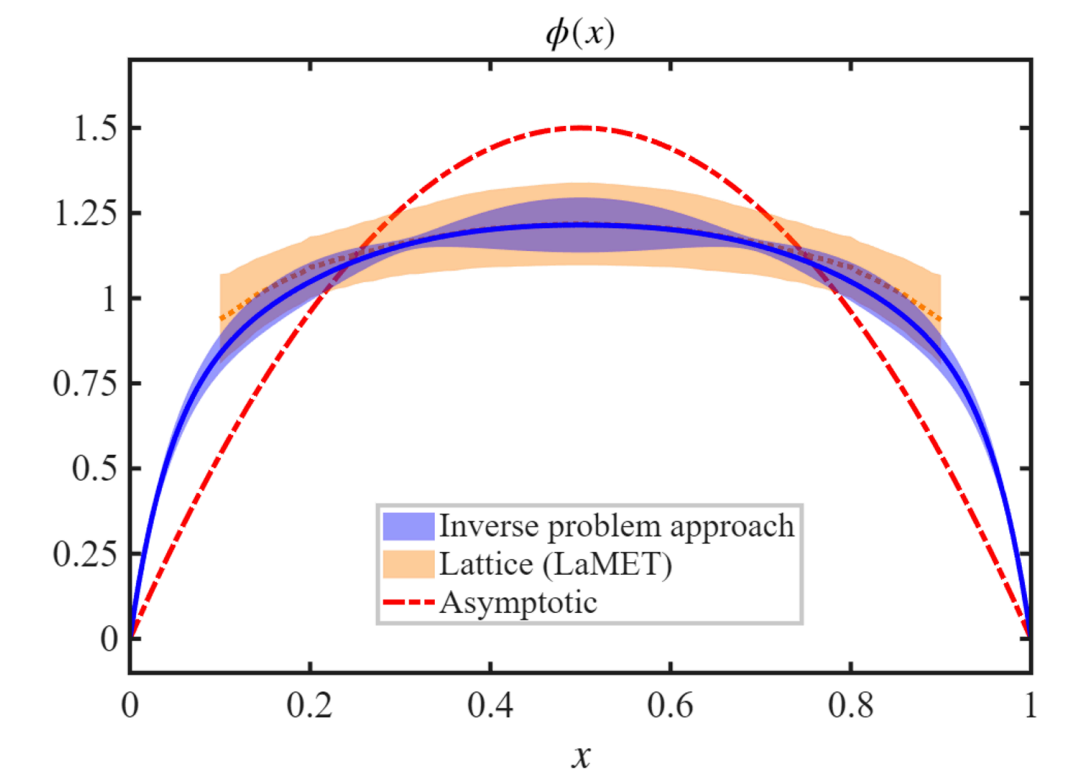
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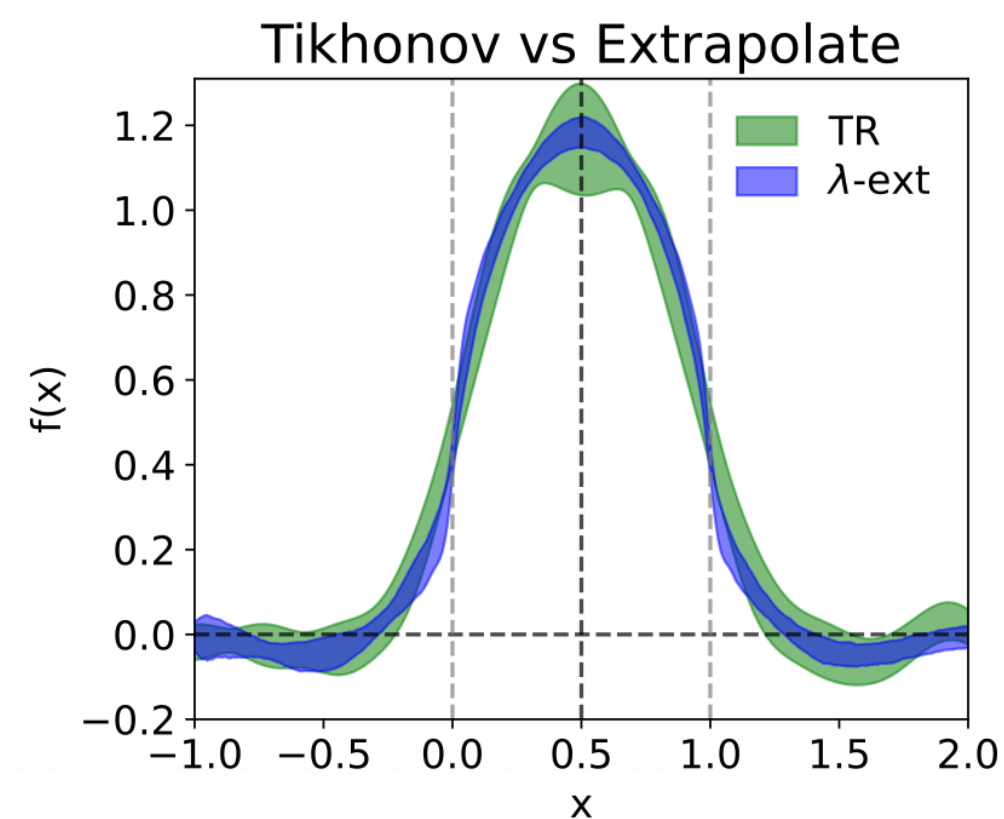
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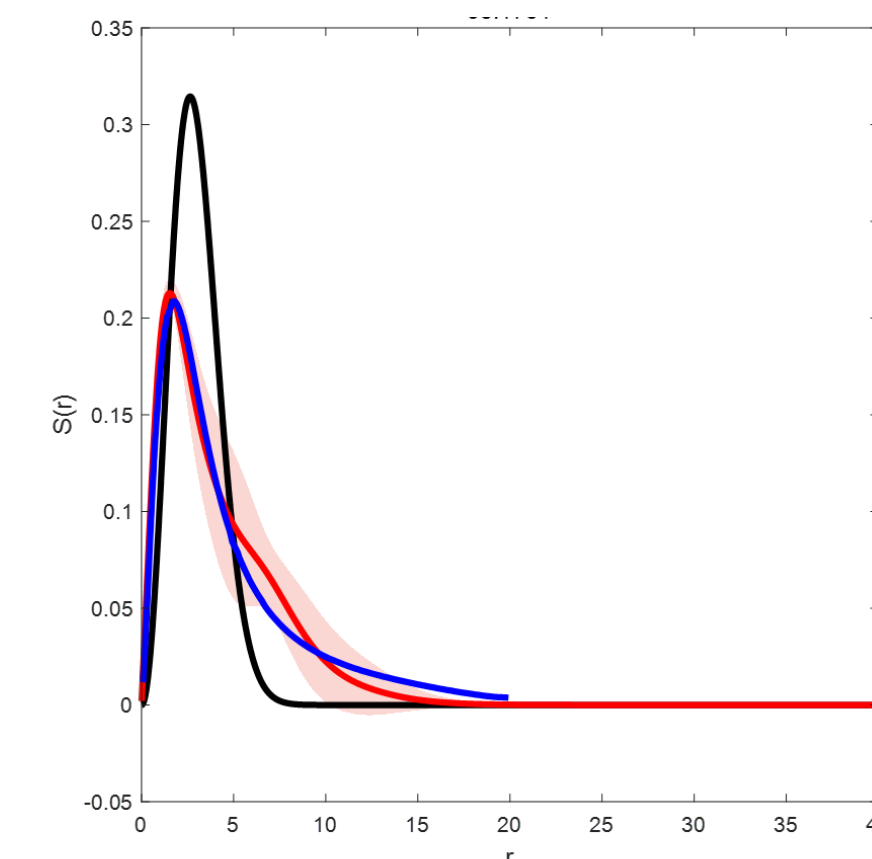
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4. Fourier transformation (LaMET)



5. Source function in femtoscopy



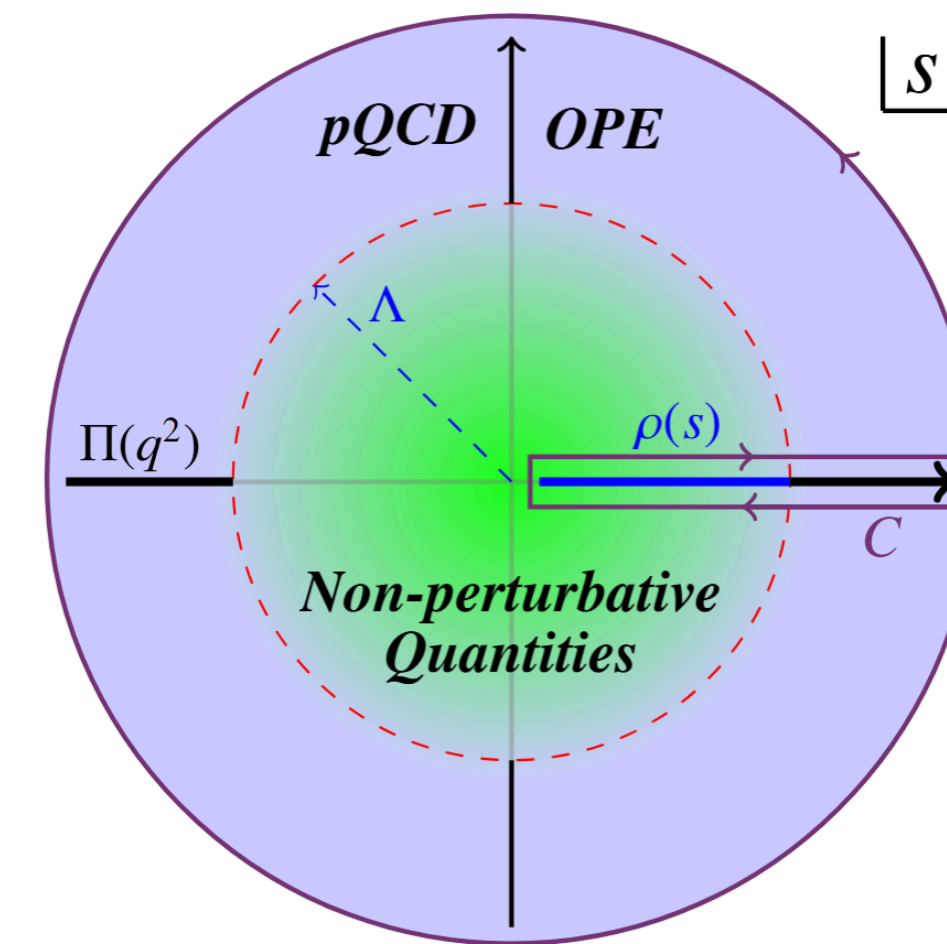
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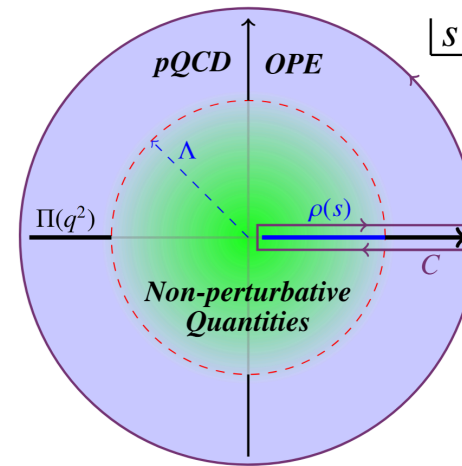
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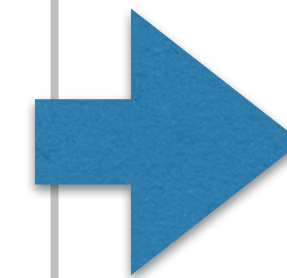
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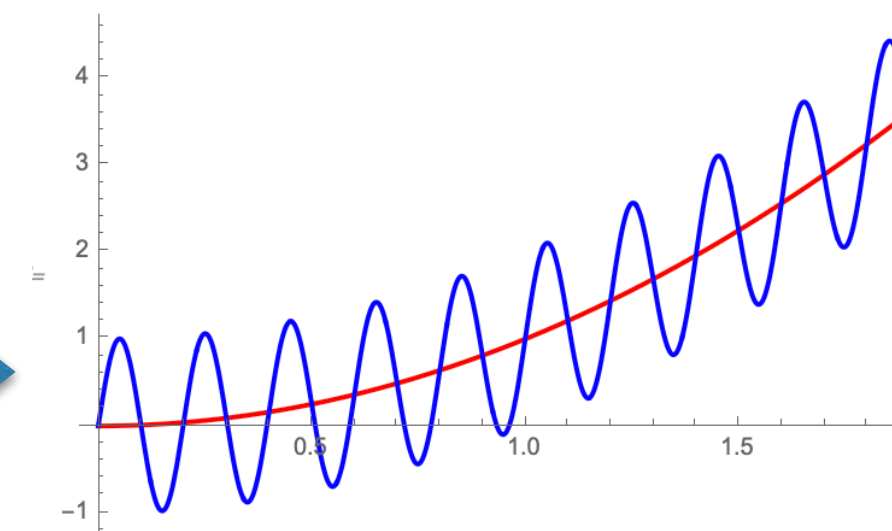
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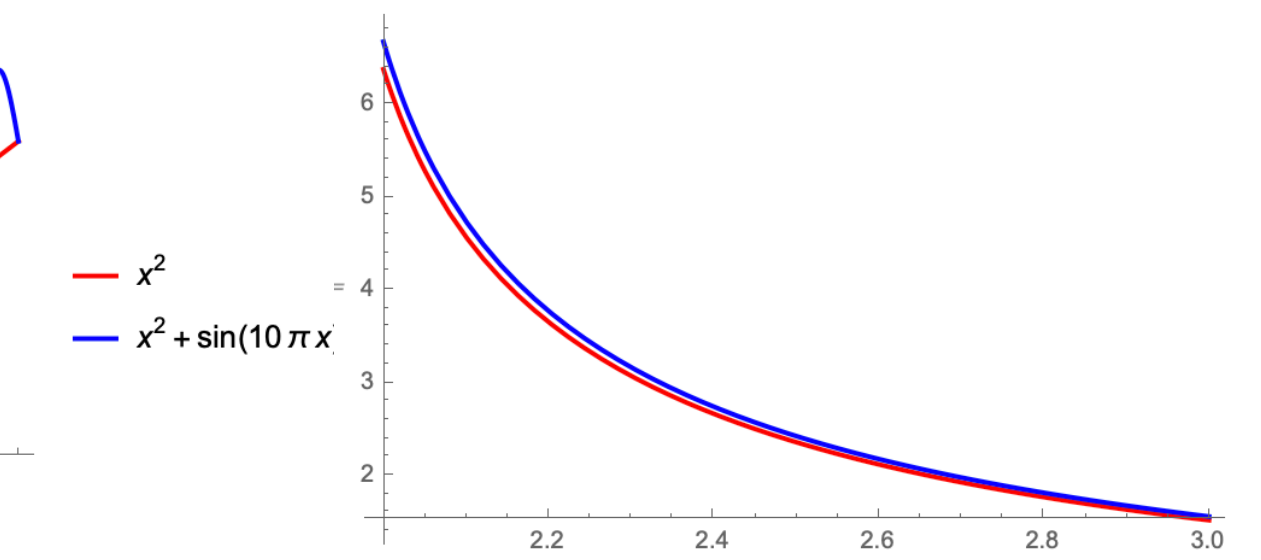


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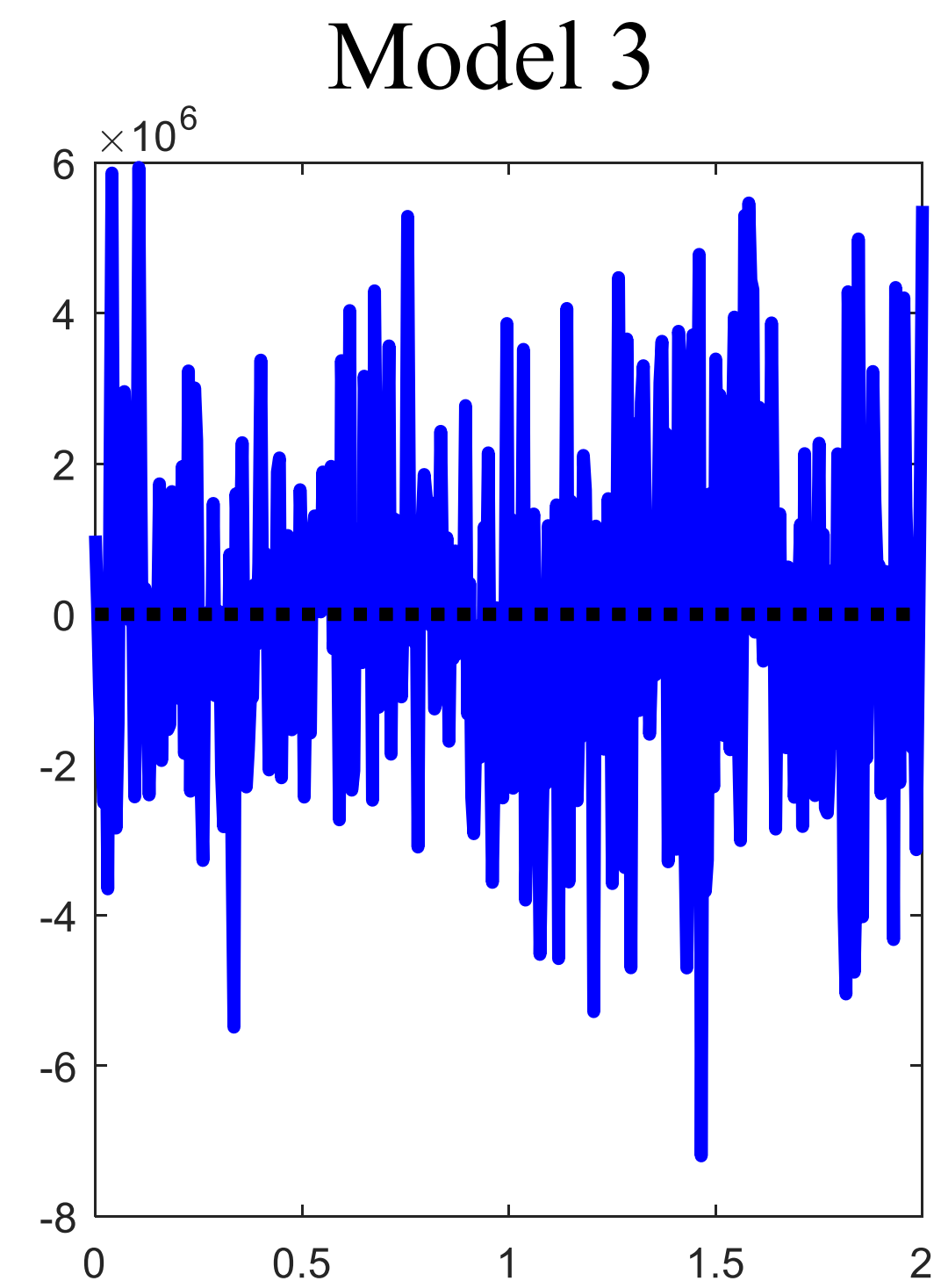
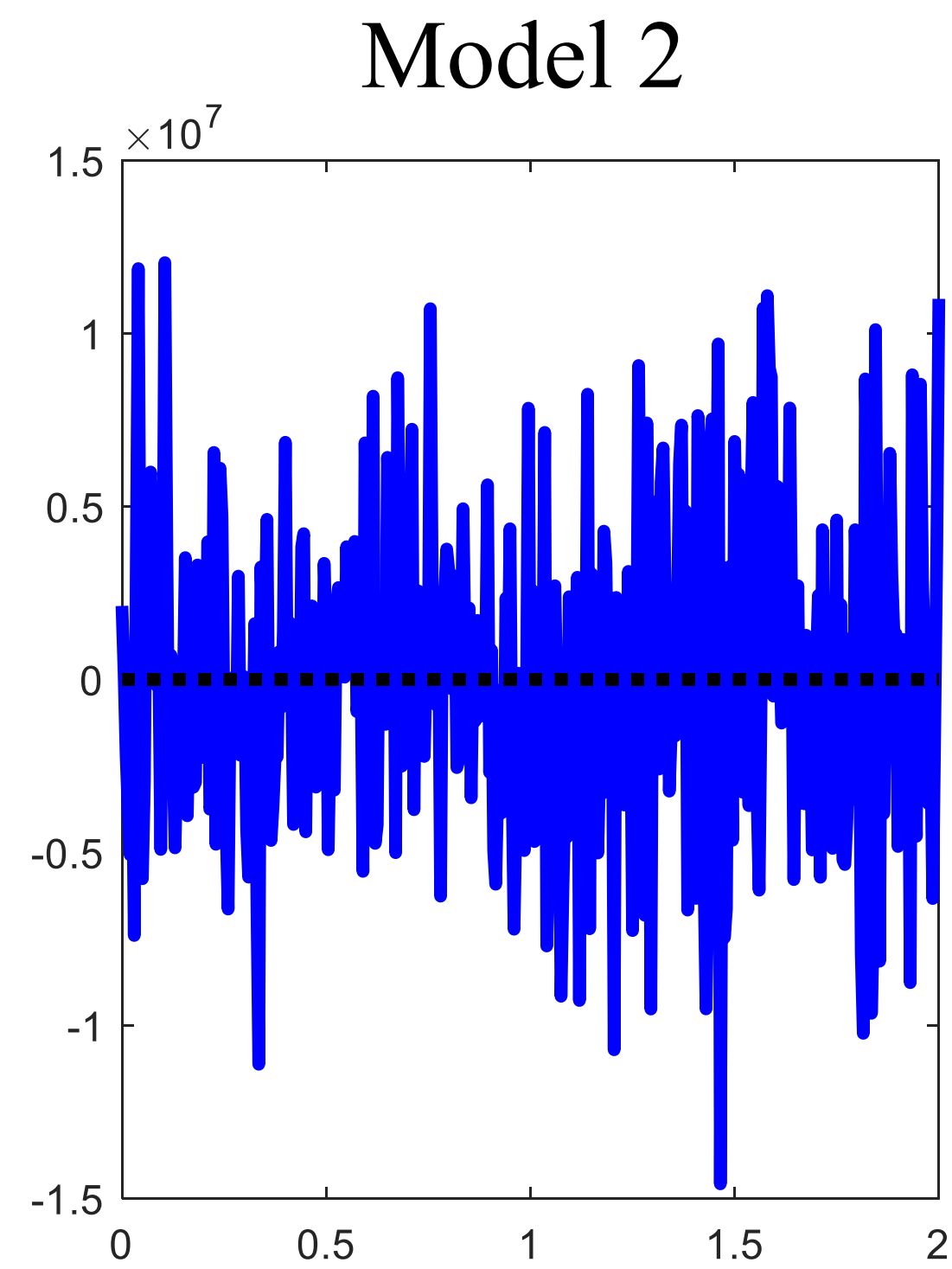
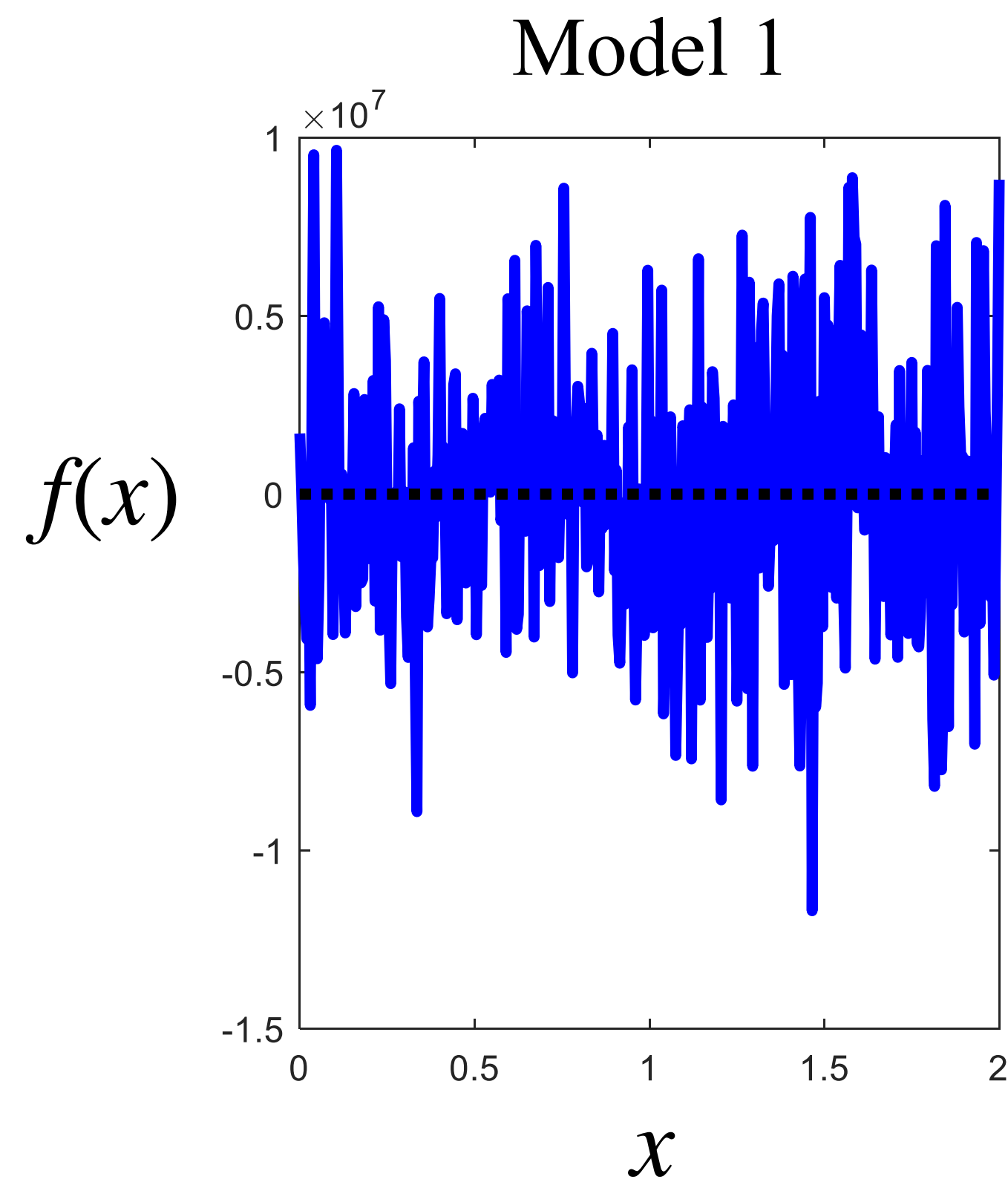


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d) Interpretability by SVD

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \mu_3 \geq \dots > 0$$

- Convergence by the leading terms

$$f_\alpha^\delta = \sum_i \frac{\mu_i}{\mu_i^2 + \alpha} (g^\delta, g_i) f_i$$

Ability to Uncertainty Analysis and Systematical Improvement of Precision

- Based on rigorous mathematics without artificial assumptions
- Be able to analyze statistical and systematic uncertainties and improve the precision

a) Uncertainty Analysis

$$\|f_\alpha^\delta - f\| \leq \delta \|R_\alpha\| + \|R_\alpha Kf - f\|$$

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statistical systematic
uncertainty uncertainty

b) Improvement of precision

1. Input errors
2. Priori information and regularization methods
3. Combination with experiments or lattice QCD

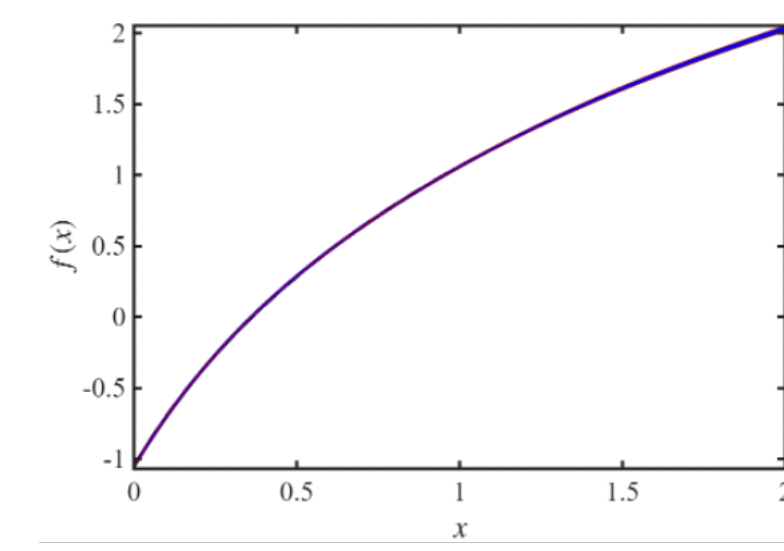
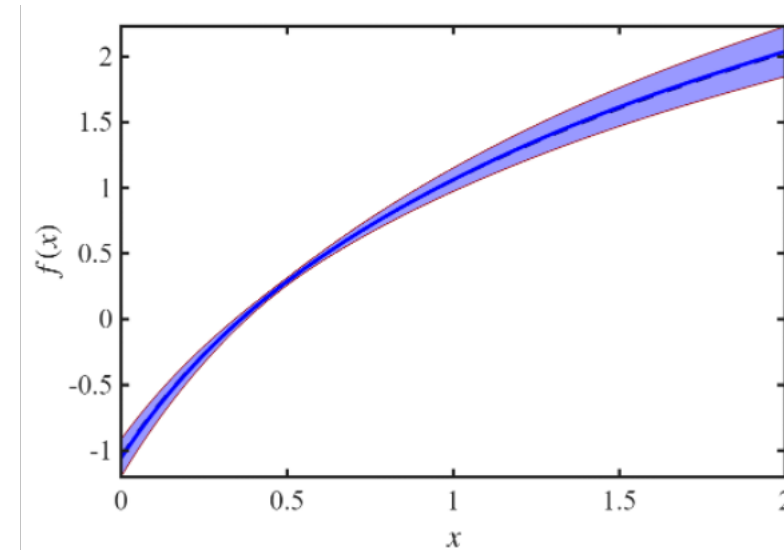
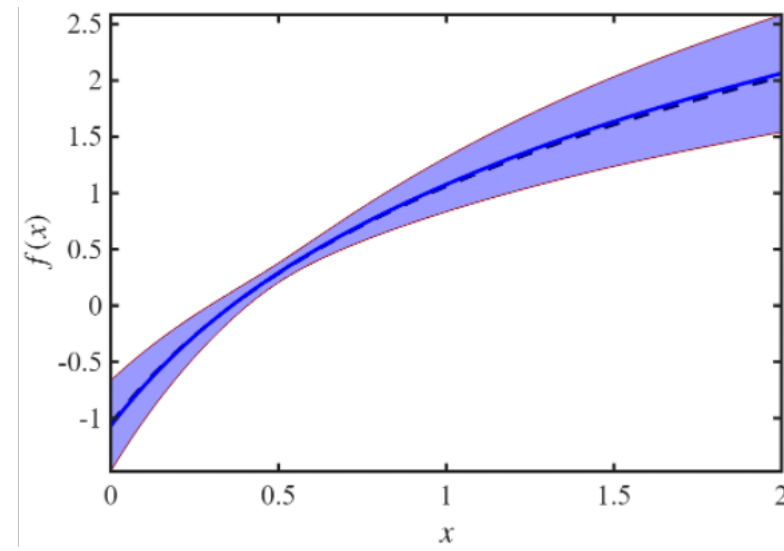
Systematically improve precision: Input Errors

$\delta = 30\%$

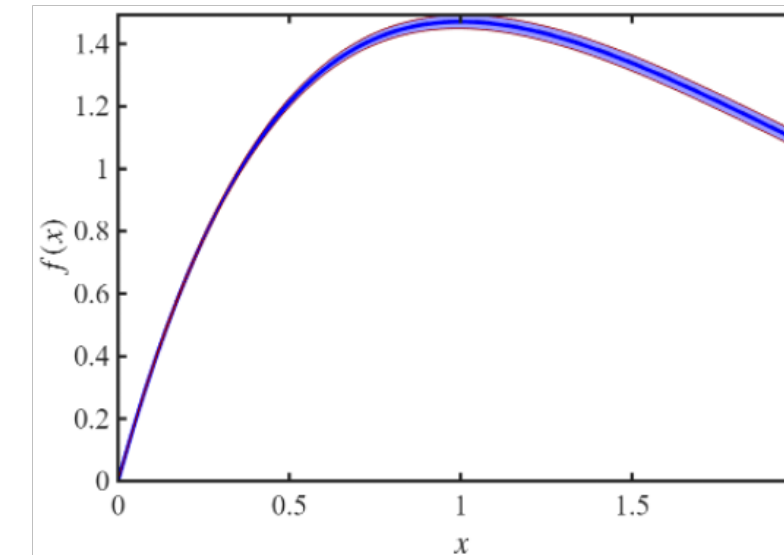
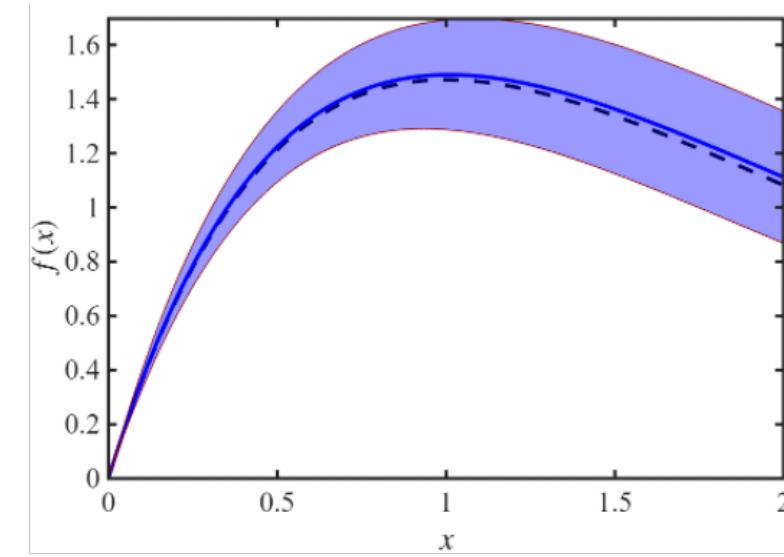
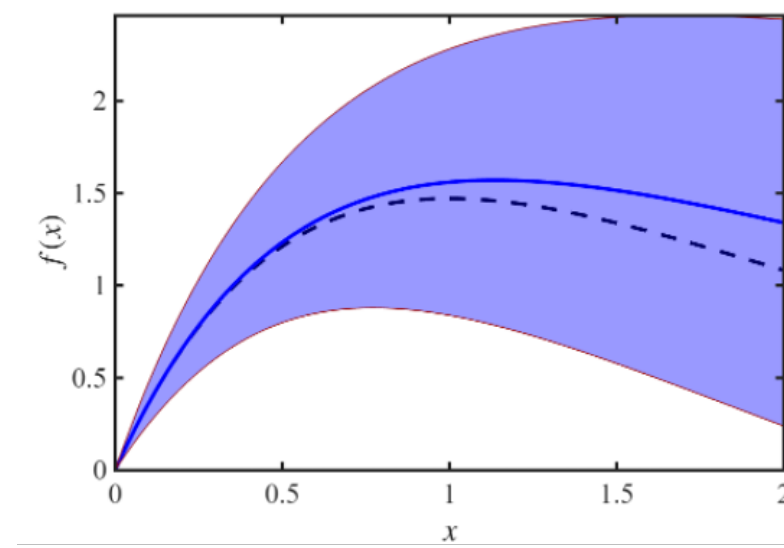
$\delta = 10\%$

$\delta = 1\%$

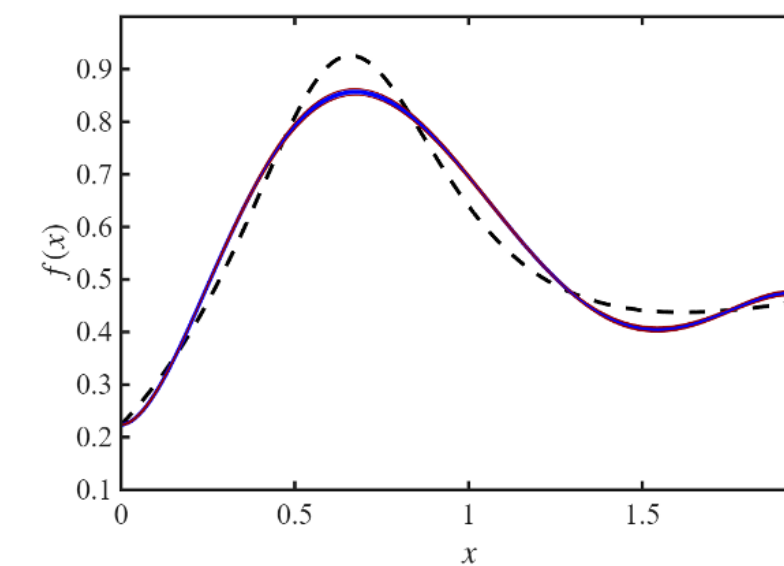
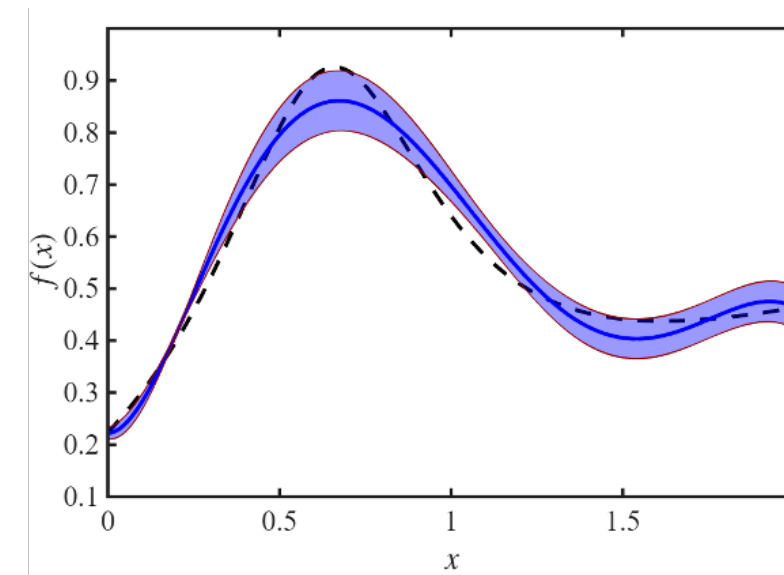
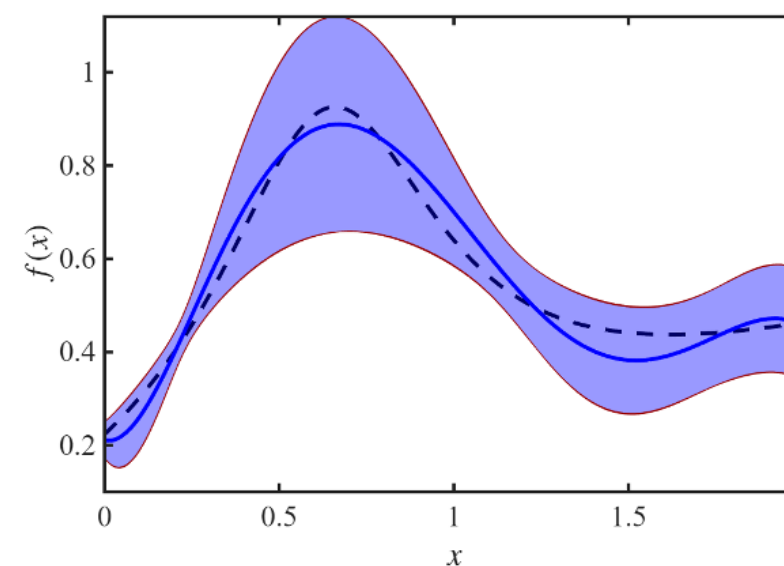
Model 1



Model 2



Model 3

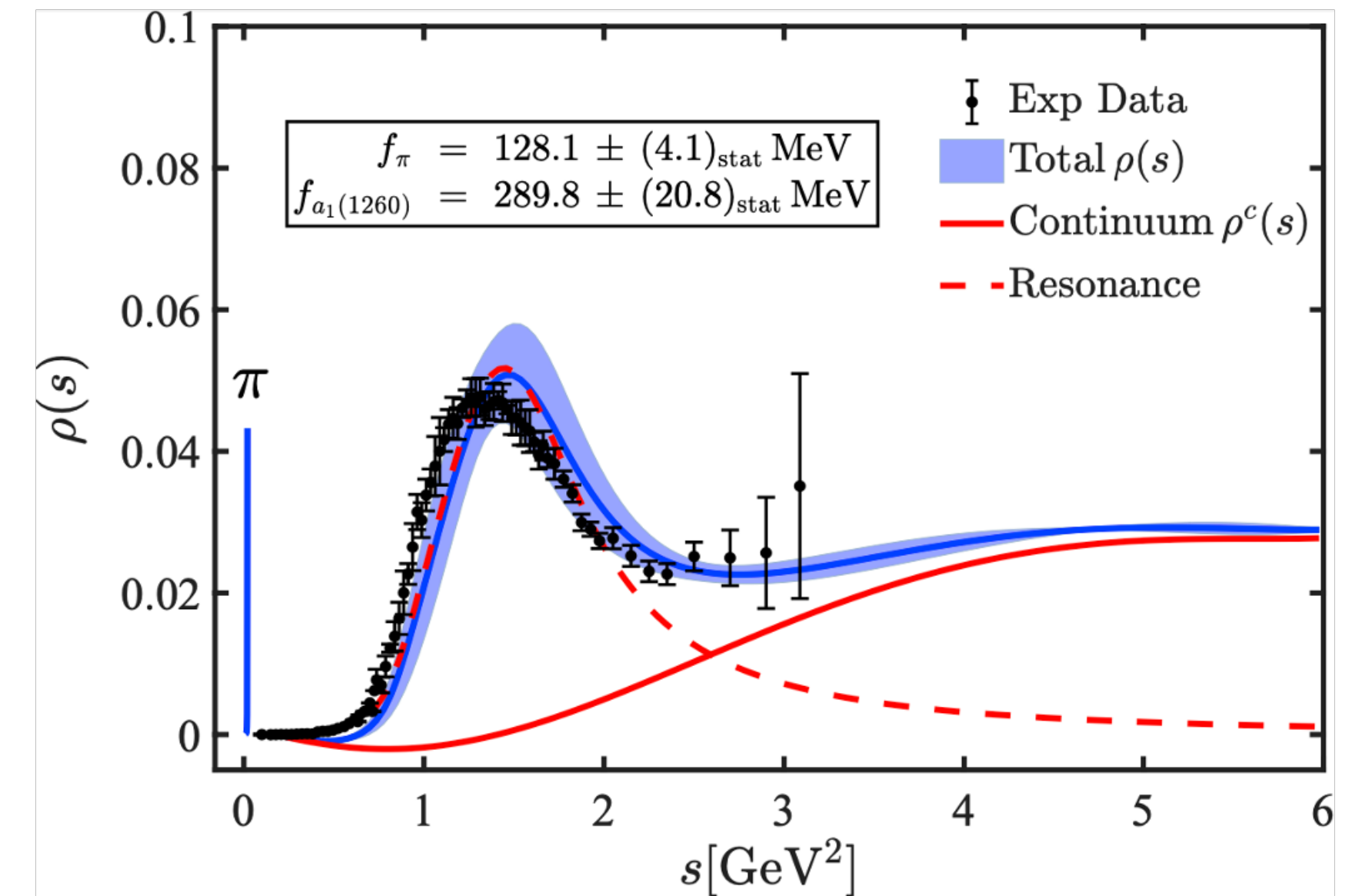


Physical Application: f_π and spectrum

$$\Pi_q(q^2) = \Pi_q(\sigma_0) + (q^2 - \sigma_0) \left[\int_0^\Lambda \frac{\rho(s) ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)} + \int_\Lambda^\infty \frac{\frac{1}{\pi} \mathbf{Im} \Pi_q^{\text{pert}}(s) ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)} \right]$$

$$\rho(s) = f_\pi^2 \delta(s - M_\pi^2) + f_{a_1(1260)}^2 \mathbb{B}\mathbb{W}(s, M_{a_1(1260)}, \Gamma_{a_1(1260)}) + \rho^c(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_q(q^2) = & -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right) \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} \\ & + \frac{m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{1}{9} \frac{m_u \langle g_s \bar{u} \sigma T G u \rangle + m_d \langle g_s \bar{d} \sigma T G d \rangle}{(q^2)^3} \\ & - \frac{4}{81} \frac{\langle g_s \bar{u}u \rangle^2 + \langle g_s \bar{d}d \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3} - \frac{[105 + 50 \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right)]}{243\pi^2} \frac{\sum_{\psi=u,d,s} \langle g_s^2 \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$



Solving Problem of Quark-Hadron Duality in Sum Rules

Quark-hadron duality: $\text{Im}\Pi(q^2) = \pi f_V^2 \delta(q^2 - m_V^2) + \pi \rho^h(q^2) \theta(q^2 - s_h)$

$$\rho^h(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s) \theta(s - s_0)$$

$$\int_{s_h}^{\infty} ds \frac{\rho^h(s)}{s - q^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s)}{s - q^2}$$

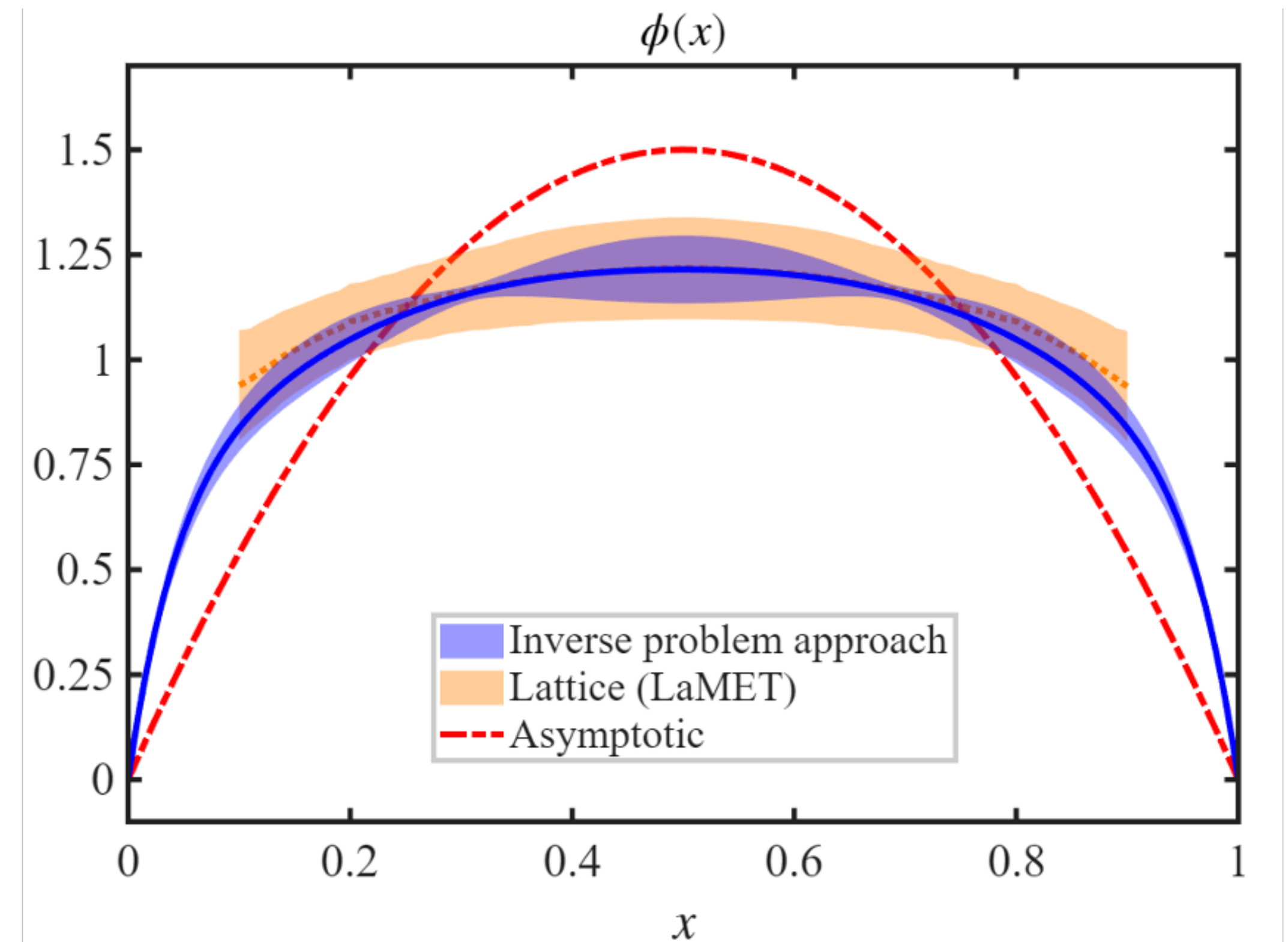
- Uncertainty sources: quark-hadron duality. Results are sensitive to s_0
- Inverse Problem : Excited states and continuum spectrum can be directly solved.
- Avoid the quark-hadron duality

Physical Application: Moment Problem

LCDAs by moments from Dispersion Relation

$$\int_0^1 (2u - 1)^n \varphi(u) du = \langle \xi^n \rangle, \quad \xi = 2u - 1$$

Moments	Value
$\langle \xi^2 \rangle$	0.264 ± 0.022
$\langle \xi^4 \rangle$	0.107 ± 0.020
$\langle \xi^6 \rangle$	0.100 ± 0.012
$\langle \xi^8 \rangle$	0.067 ± 0.016
$\langle \xi^{10} \rangle$	0.083 ± 0.009
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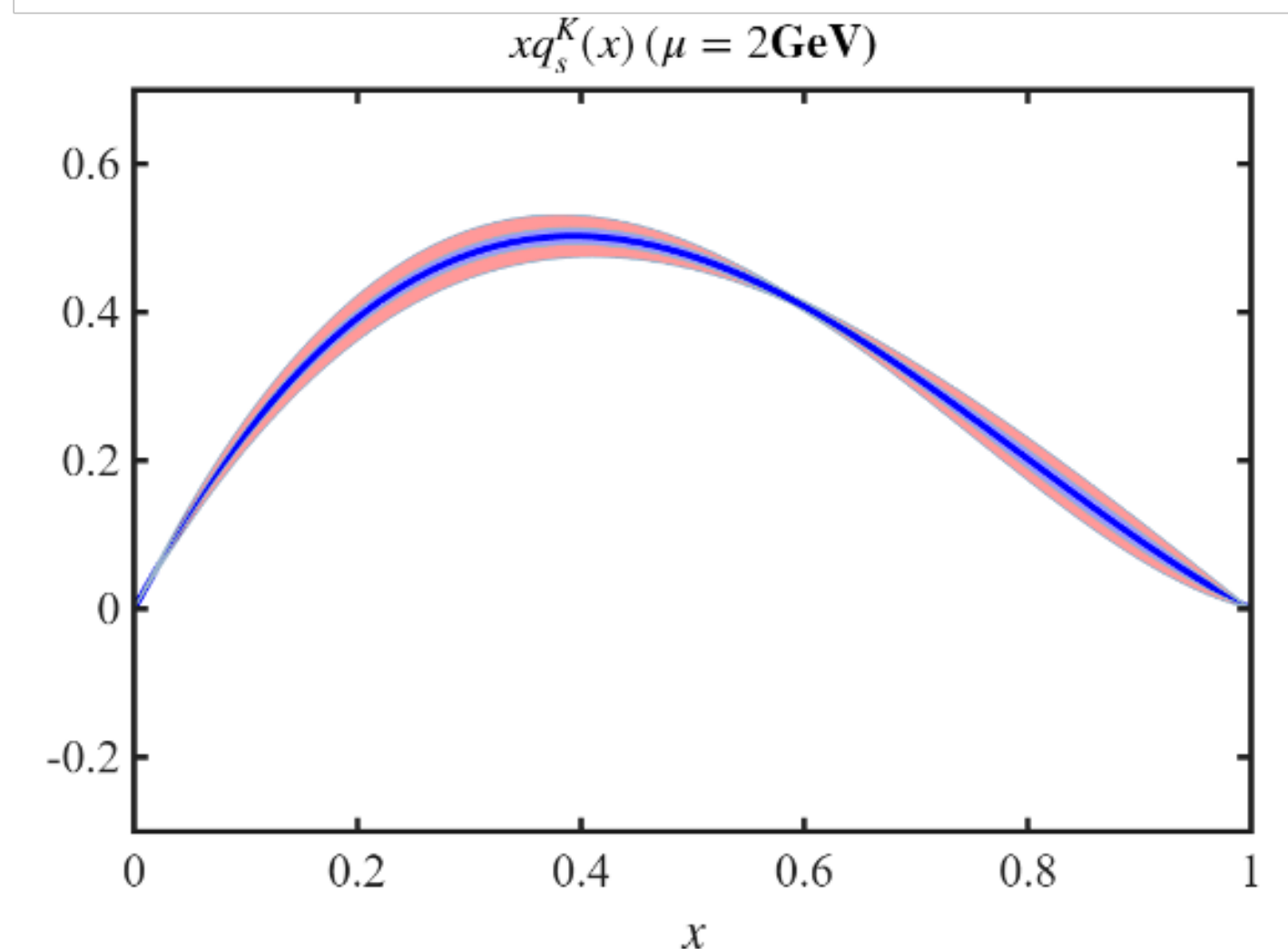
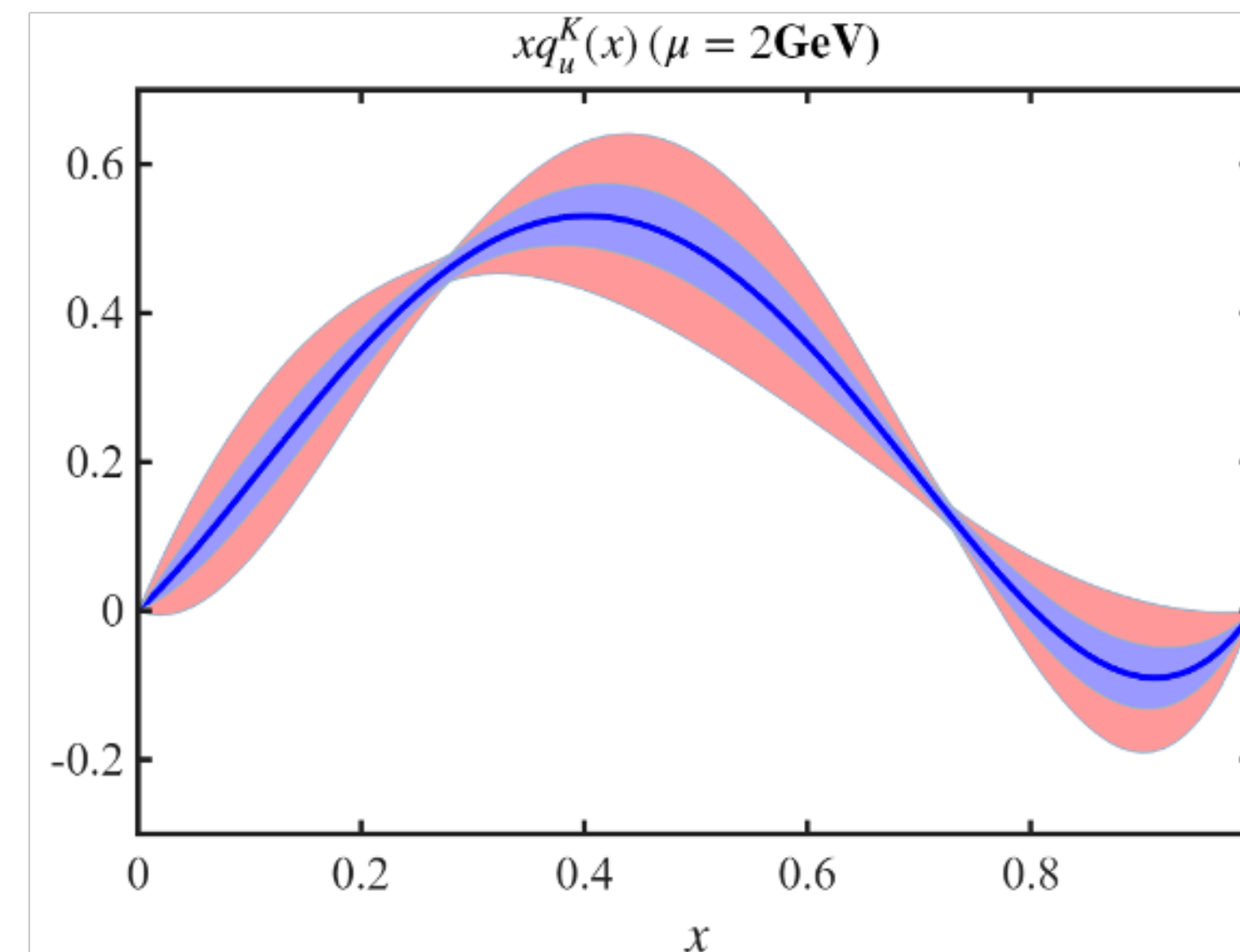
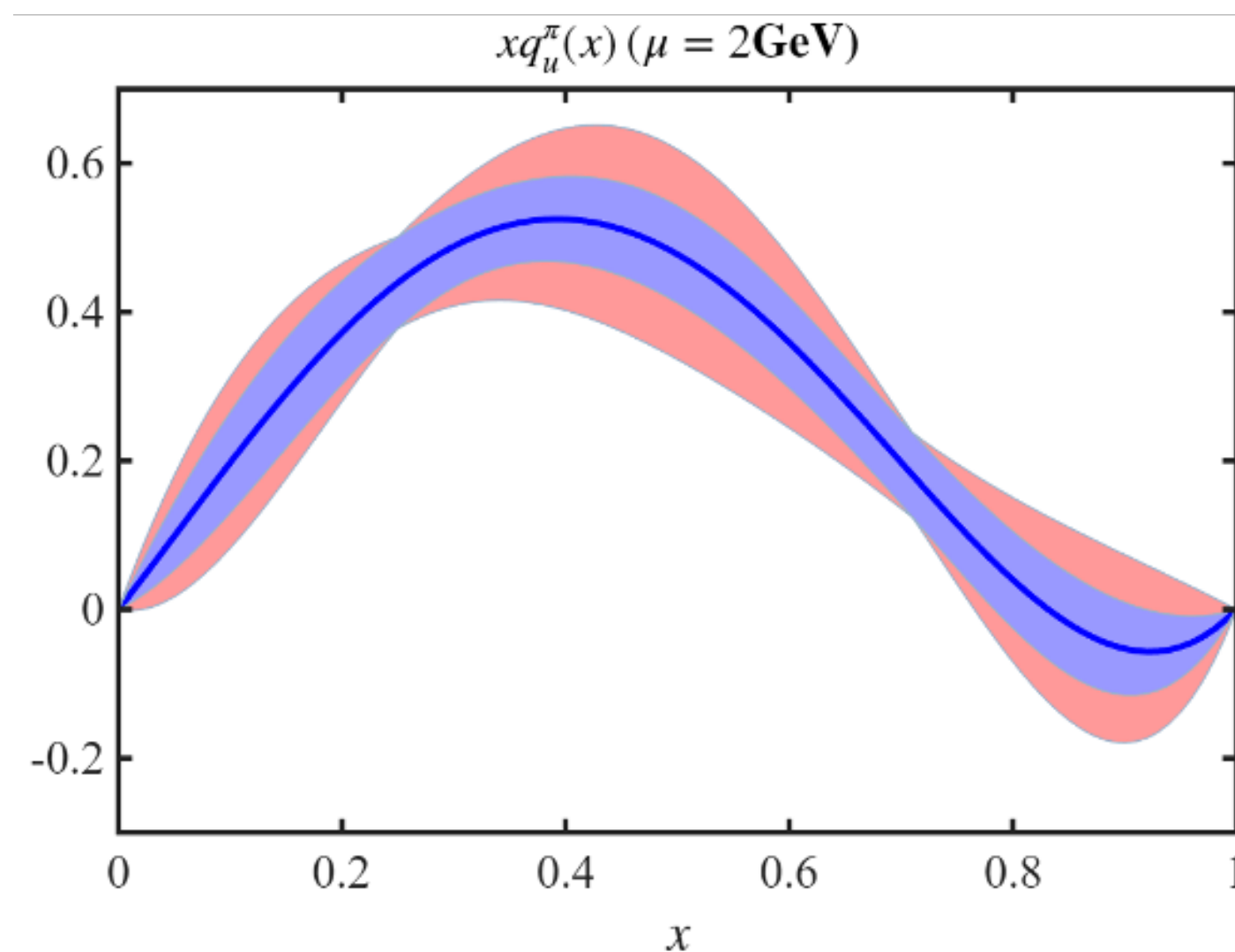
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PDFs by moments from Lattice QCD

$$\int_0^1 x^n \varphi(x) dx = \langle x^n \rangle$$

PDFs	$\langle x^1 \rangle$	$\langle x^2 \rangle$	$\langle x^3 \rangle$
$\pi^+(u^+)$	0.261(7)	0.110(14)	0.024(18)
$K^+(u^+)$	0.246(3)	0.096(3)	0.033(6)
$K^+(s^+)$	0.317(2)	0.139(2)	0.073(5)

Lattice QCD, PRD2021



Perspectives

- Firstly proposed to understand $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ mixing by inversely solving dispersion relation [H.n.Li, H.Umeeda, **FSY**, F.Xu, 2001.04079]
- **Physical applications, with expansion of polynomials and inverse matrix method, by H.n.Li during 2020 - now:**
 - **QCD related:** muon $g-2$, ρ meson spectrum, glueballs, distribution amplitudes, neutral meson mixings, baryon spectrum
 - **Determination of SM an NP:** neutrino mass, EW scale, 4th generation quarks
- Its **mathematical framework** now provided with Tikhonov regularization method [A.S.Xiong, T.Weil, **FSY**, 2211.13753].
 - More applications in physics are expected.

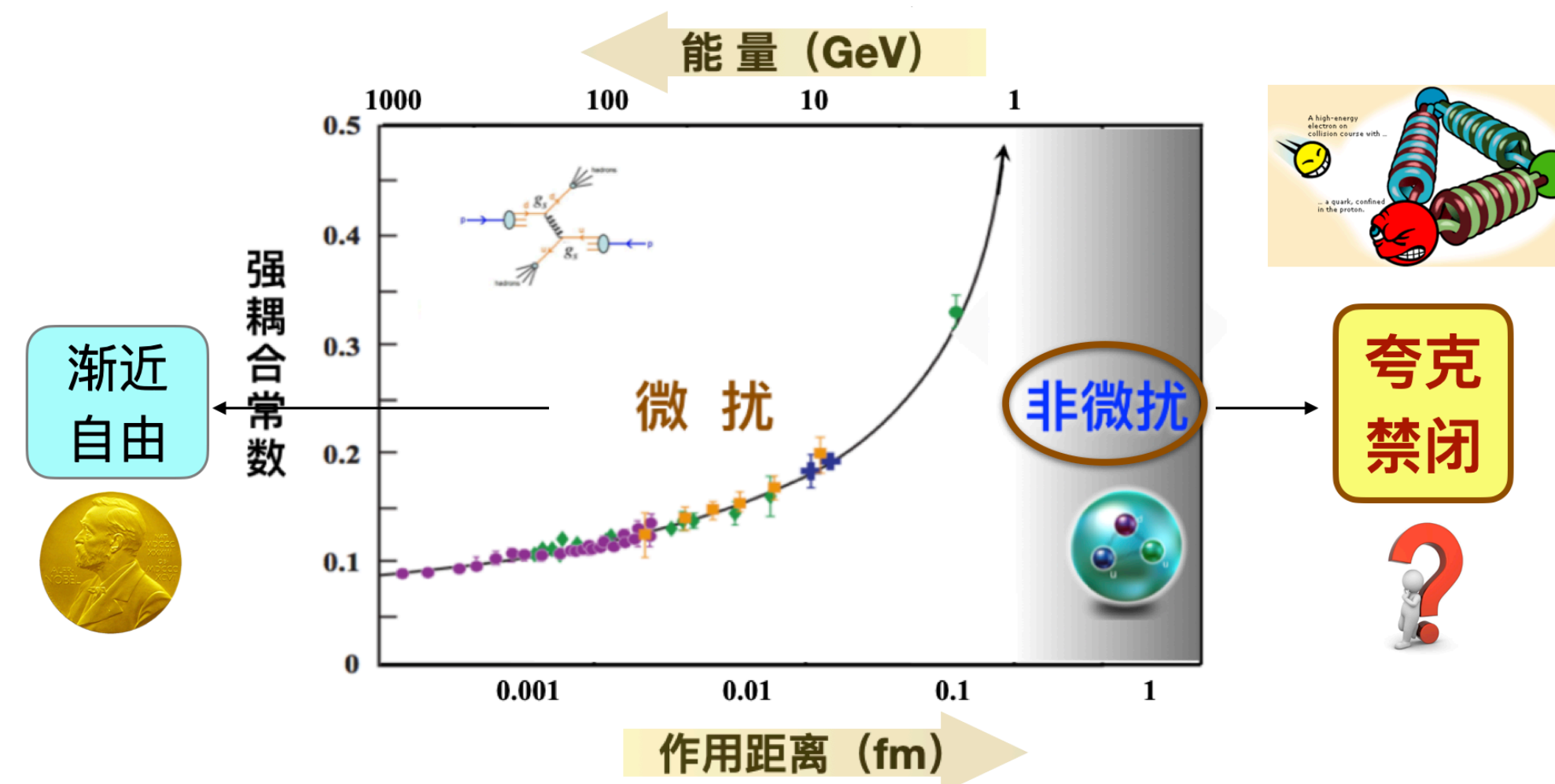
Summary

- We propose a novel method to calculate the non-perturbative quantities.
- With the **dispersion relation** of QFT, the non-perturbative quantities are obtained by solving the **inverse problem** with the perturbative calculations as inputs.
- The mathematical basis has been provided. The precision of the predictions can be systematically improved, without artificial assumptions.
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Thank you!

Backups

Problem of Non-Perturbation QCD



- **Particle physics:** color confinement
- **New physics:** muon $g-2$, $Br(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu)/Br(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu)$
- **Parton physics:** mass and spin of nucleon, PDF, GPD, TMD, LCDA
- **Hadron physics:** tetraquarks, pentaquark, glueballs
- **High energy nuclear physics:** QCD phase transition, critical point
- **Low energy nuclear physics:** nuclear force

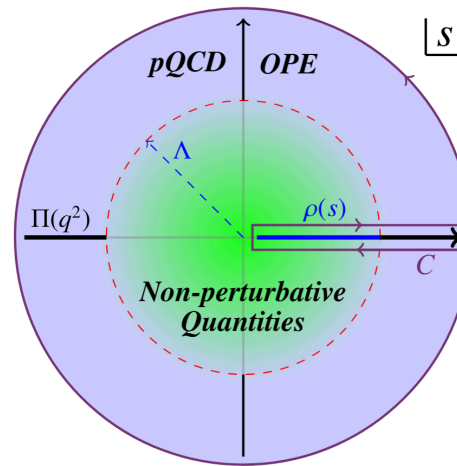
How can we predict non-perturbative quantities from QCD?

Lattice QCD, Dyson-Schwinger Equation, QCD sum rules,
Holographic QCD, quark models, and so on

Advantages and disadvantages ...

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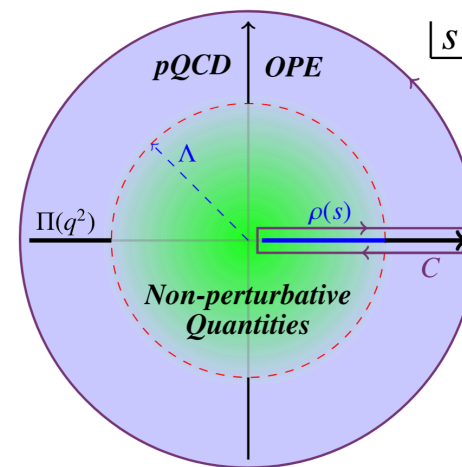


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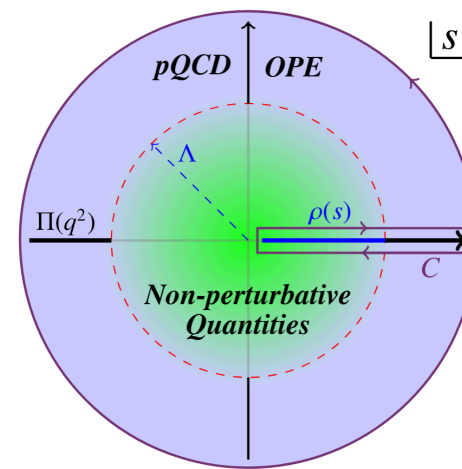
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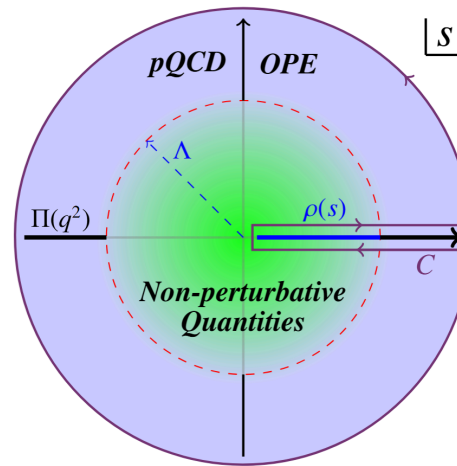
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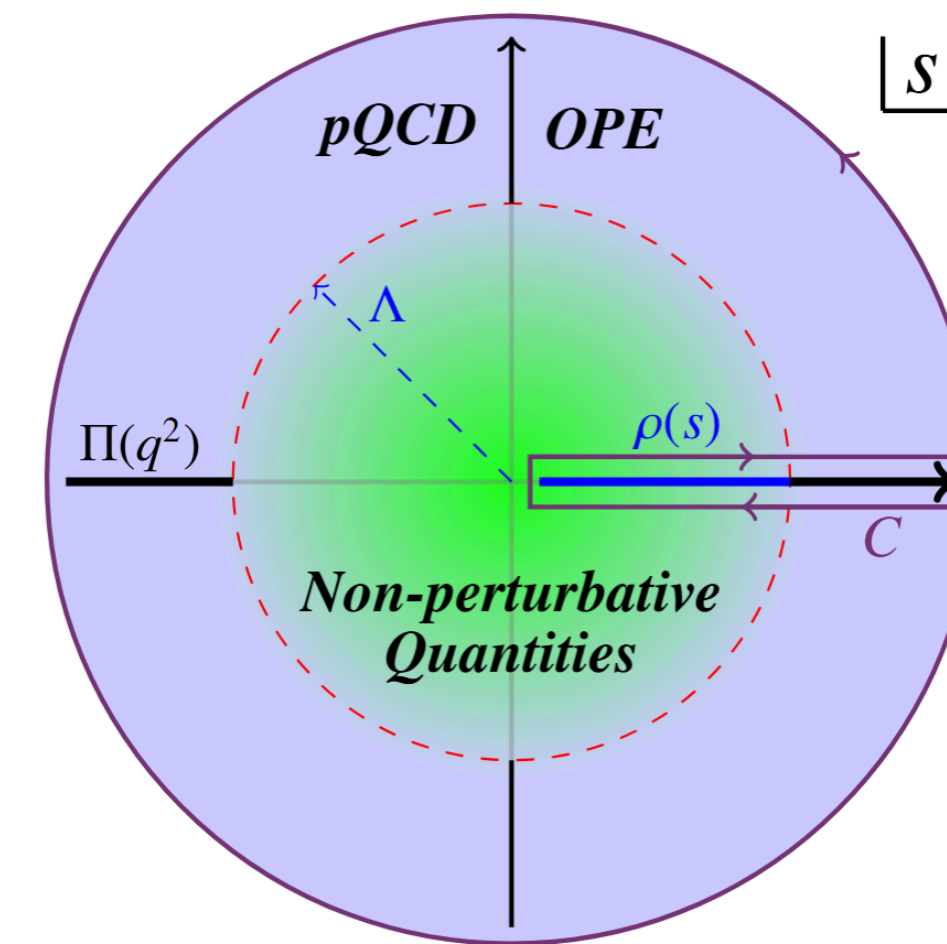
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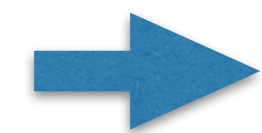
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Integral Equation and Operator Equation

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$$\int_{t_{\min}}^{\Lambda} \frac{f(x)}{x - y} dx = g(y),$$

with $y \in [q_{\text{low}}^2, q_{\text{up}}^2]$,

$\Lambda > t_{\min} \geq 0$ and $q_{\text{low}}^2 < q_{\text{up}}^2 \ll 0$.



$$Kf = g,$$

with $f \in F$, $g \in G$,

$K : F \rightarrow G$ is the linear integral operator,

$$F = L^2(t_{\min}, \Lambda)$$

$$G = L^2(q_{\text{low}}^2, q_{\text{up}}^2)$$

$$\|f\|_{L^2(a,b)} = \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

ill-posedness

The inverse problem of dispersion relation is **ill-posed**

See 2211.13753

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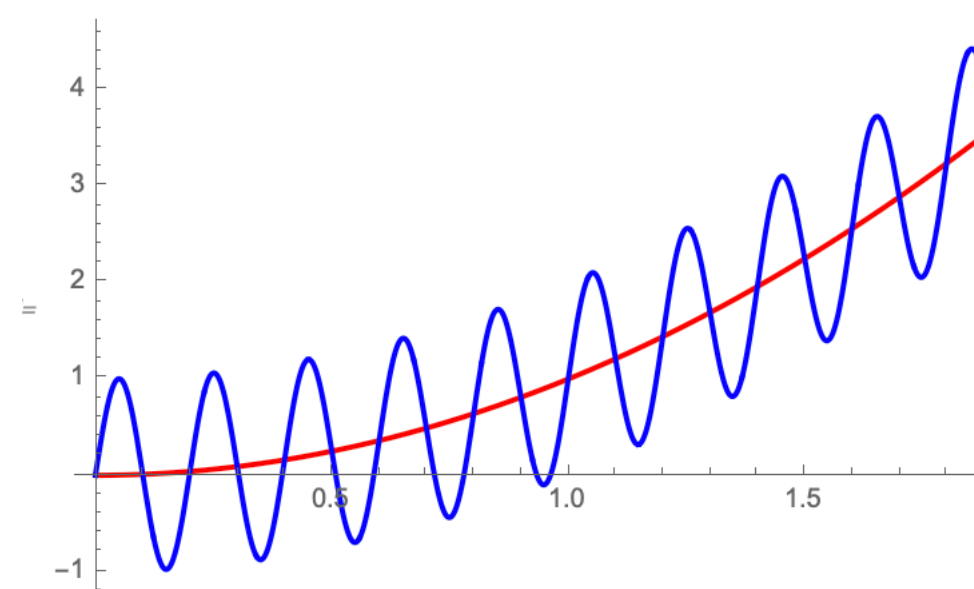
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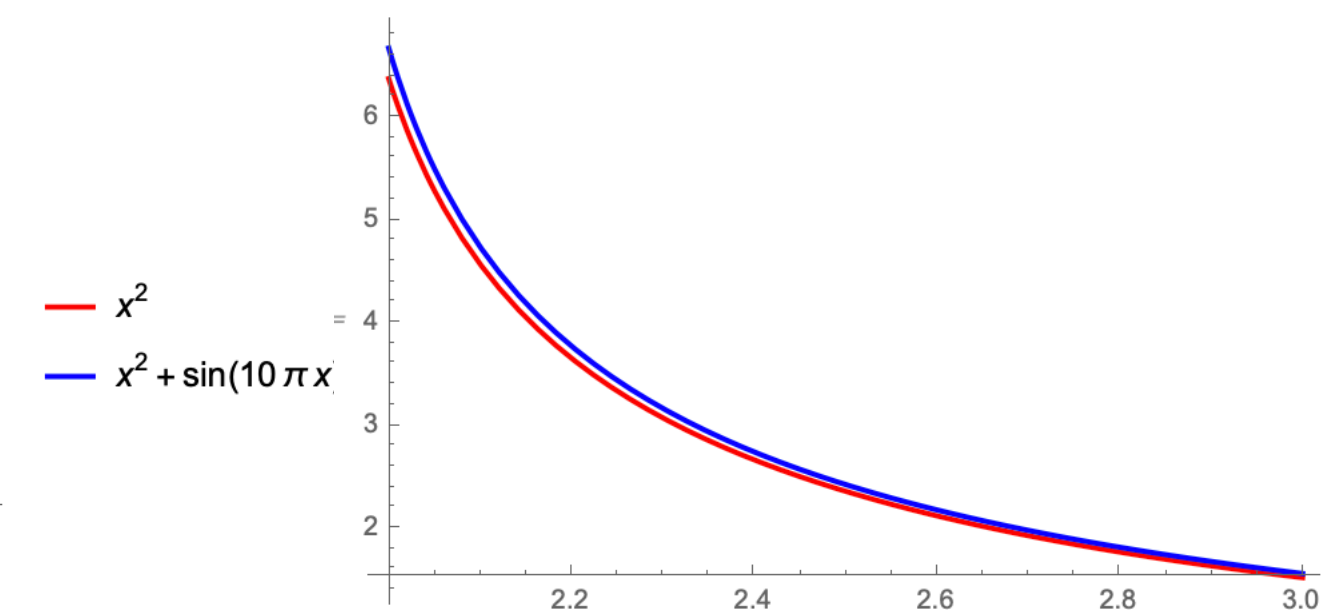
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$f(x)$

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Instability



uniqueness

Discrete problems do not even satisfy uniqueness

ill-posedness

- Discretization: $K_{ij}f_j = g_i$, $f_j = (K^{-1})_{ji}g_i$. The problem is that K^{-1} diverges
- K is a compact operator, which cannot have a bounded inverse in an infinite-dimensional space

In the formula of matrix, $K^{-1} = \frac{K^*}{\det(K)}$ with K^* the conjugate of K

$\det(K) \rightarrow 0$, since K is a continuous operator

discretization dimensions: $n = 10$, $\det(K) = 10^{-88}$; $n = 20$, $\det(K) = 10^{-244}$

- K^{-1} diverges \implies A small error of g^δ would induce infinitely large error of solution

ill-posedness

- 算子方程: $Kf = g$ $\int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{y-x} dx = g(y), y \in [c, d], c > b, a > 0$
- 离散成矩阵问题: $K_{ij}f_j = g_i, f_j = (K^{-1})_{ji}g_i$, 问题关键是 K^{-1} 发散

• 补充数学知识: K 是紧算子, 无穷维时紧算子不存在有界的逆

有界空间: $\|\phi\| \leq C, C > 0$. 有界算子: $\|A\phi\| \leq C\|\phi\|, C > 0$. 不发散的意思

$$L^2 \text{范数: } \|f\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx}$$

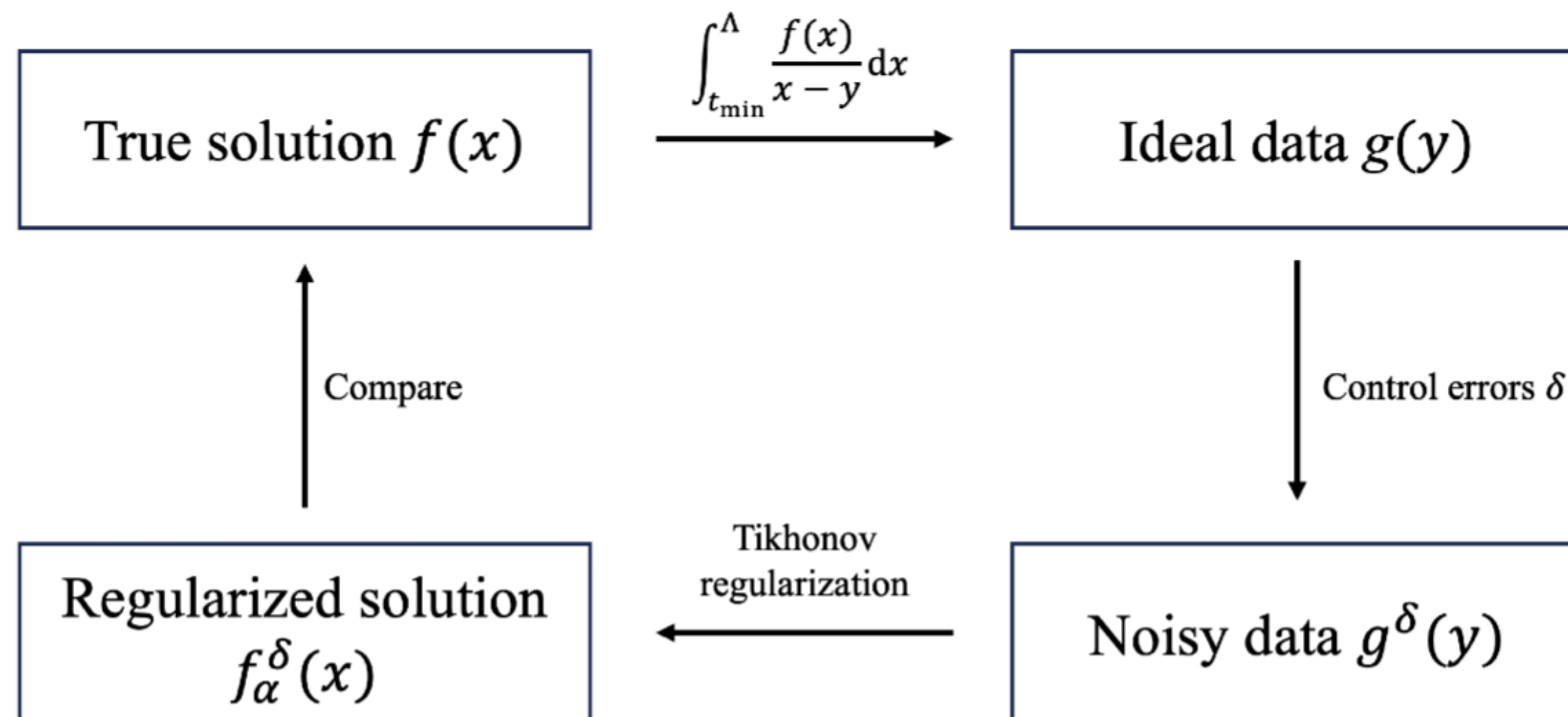
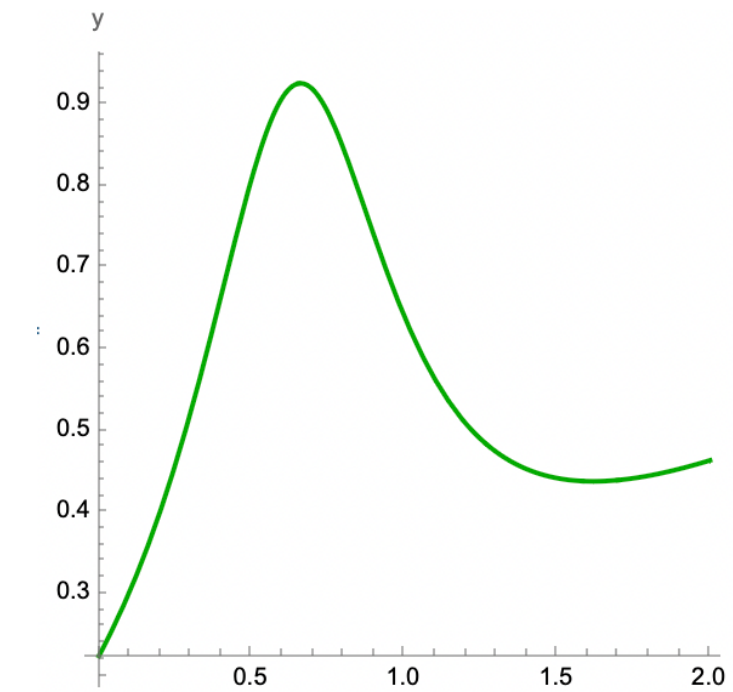
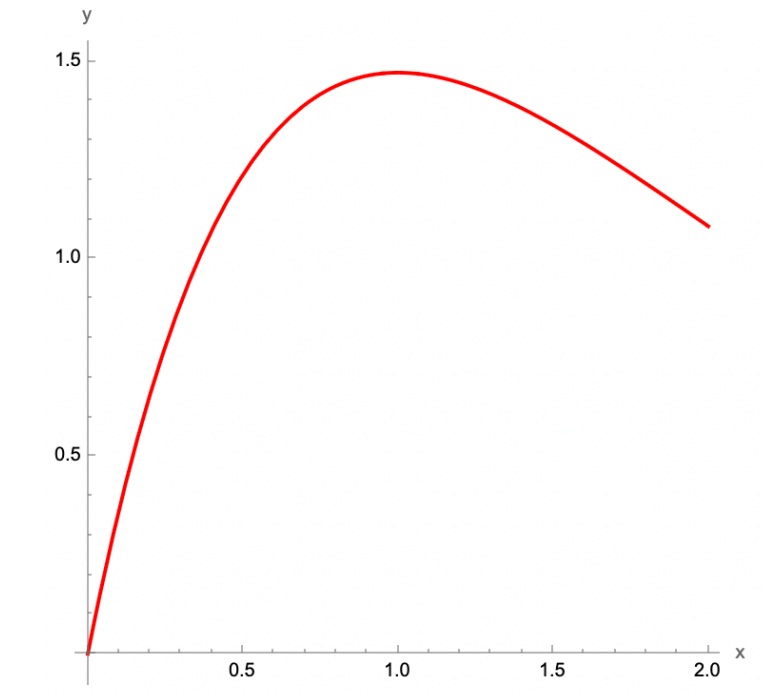
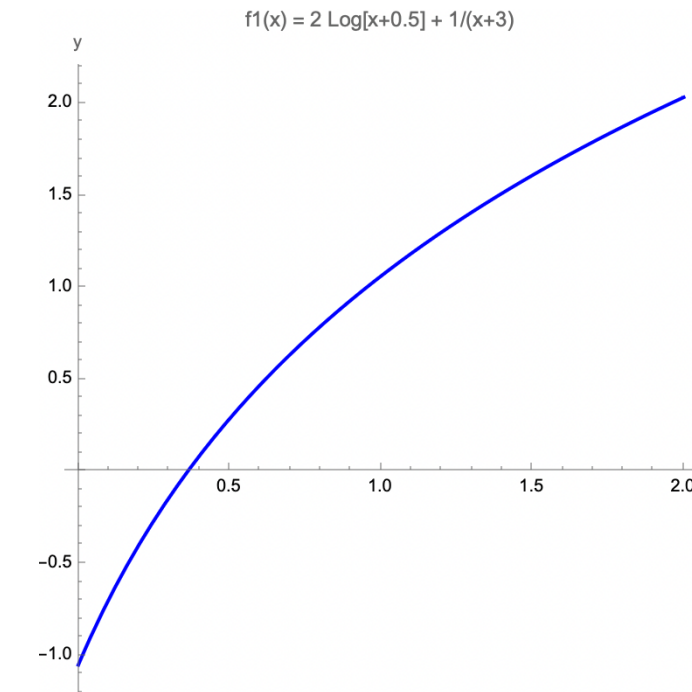
无限维空间中的紧集对应于有限维空间的有界闭集。

Toy Models

Model 1 (monotonic) : $f(x) = a_1 2 \log(x + 0.5) + \frac{a_2}{x + 3},$

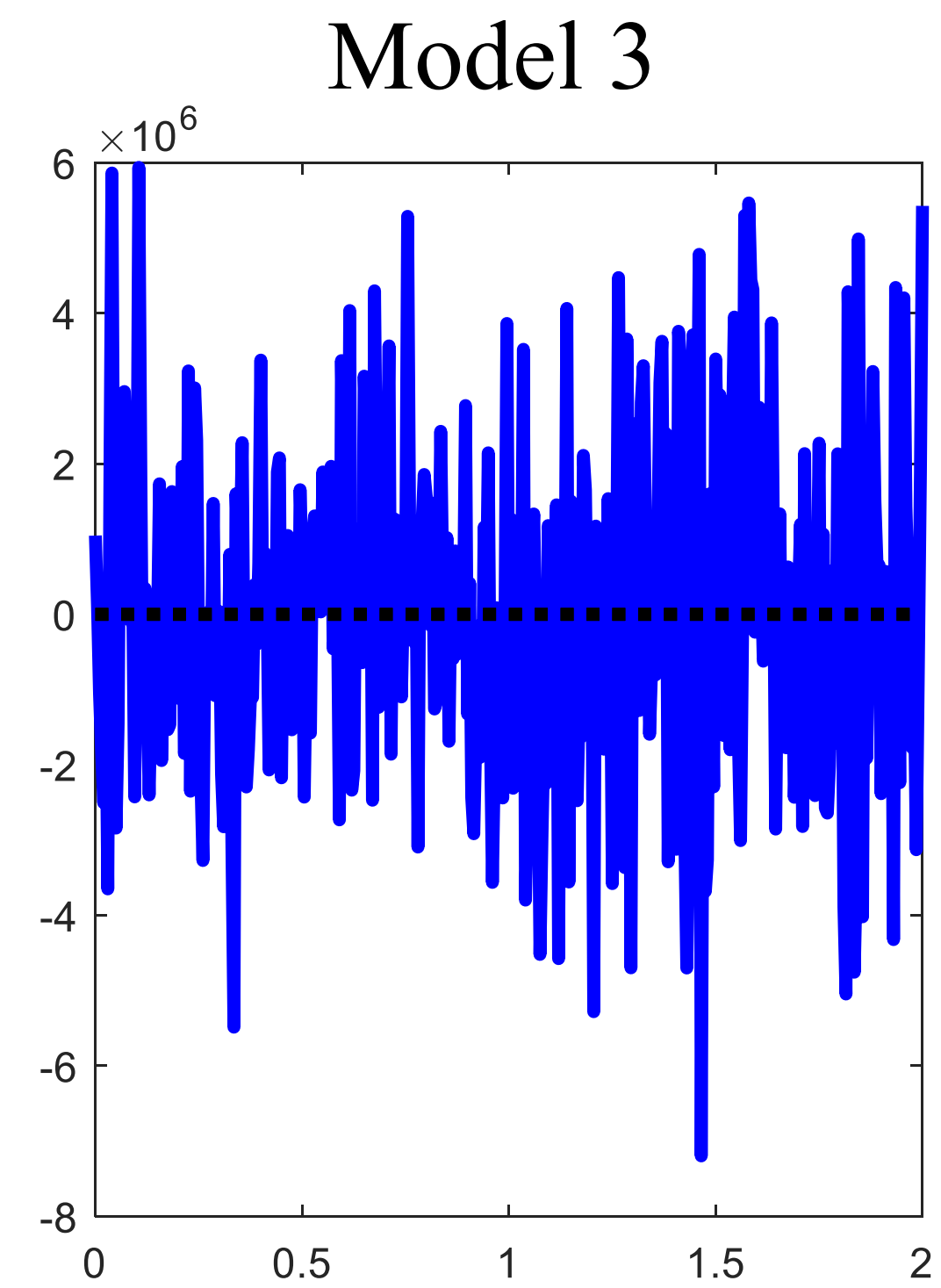
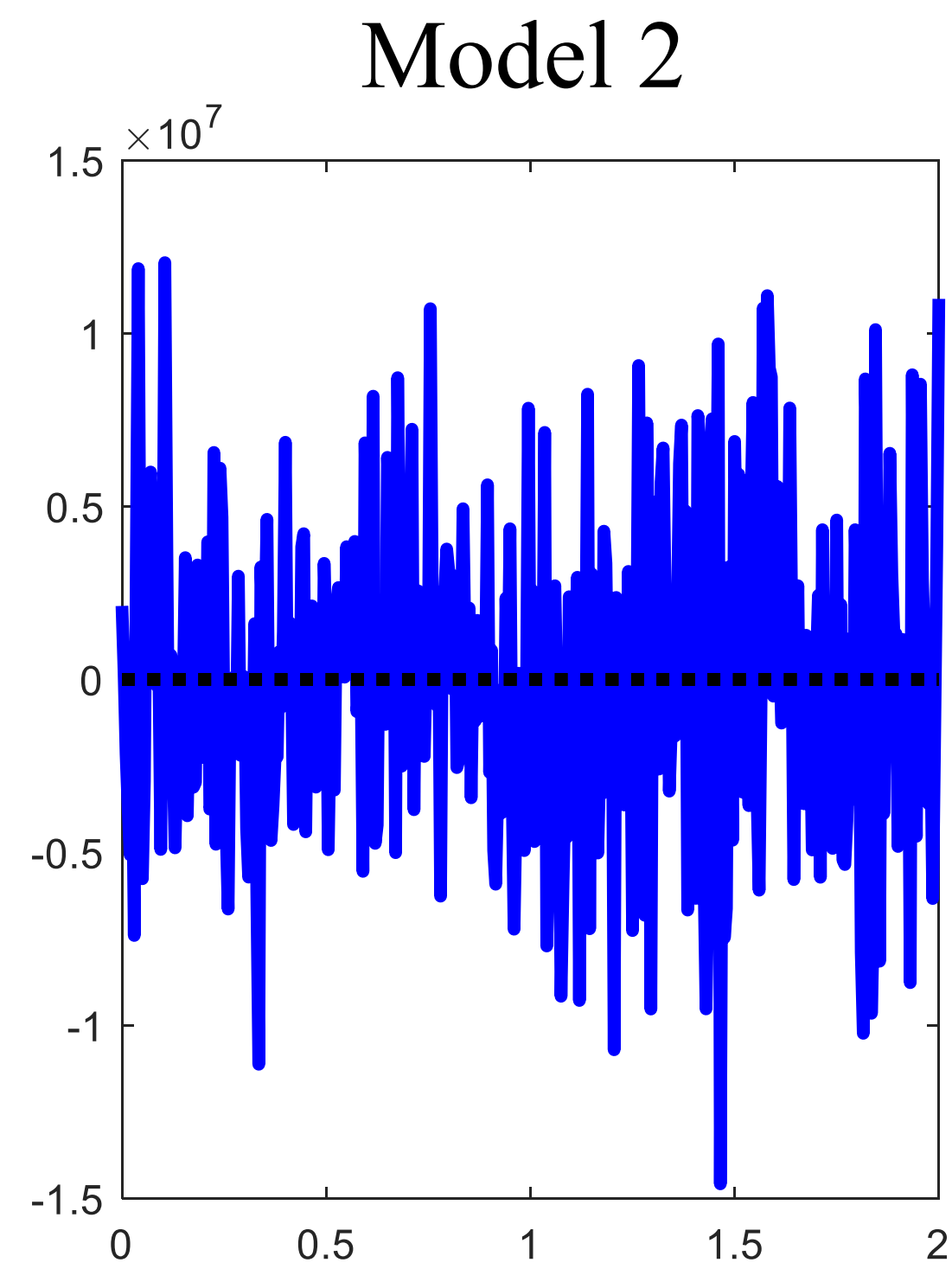
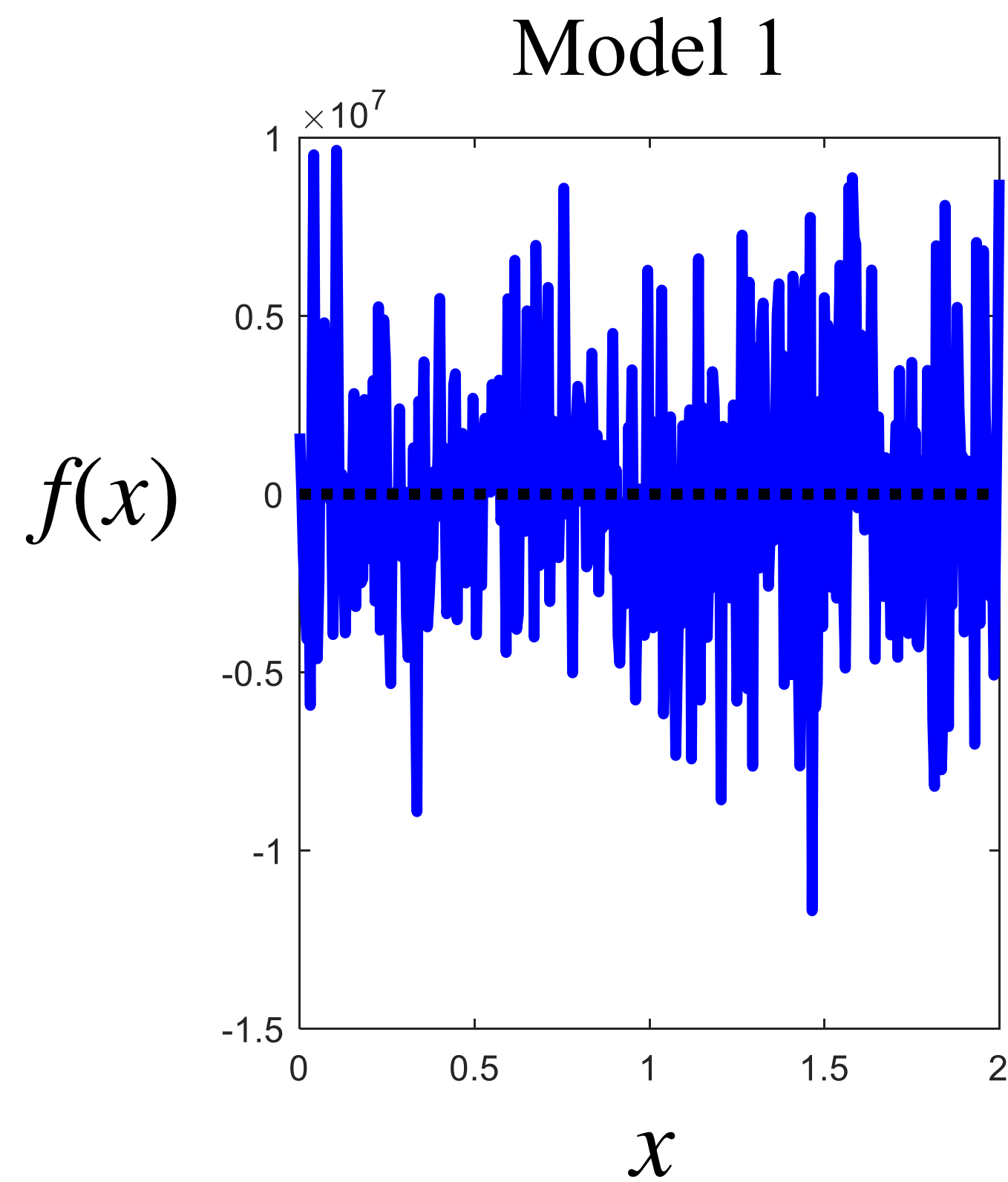
Model 2 (simple non-monotonic) : $f(x) = a_1 10 x e^{-a_2 2x},$

Model 3 (resonance) : $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{0.4 a_1}{(x - 0.64)^2 + (0.4 a_1)^2} + a_2 \frac{x}{5}.$



$$a_1 = 1 \pm \sigma, a_2 = 1 \pm \sigma$$

- No regularization \implies Unstable solution \implies Necessity of regularization



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d) Interpretability by SVD

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \mu_3 \geq \dots > 0$$

- Convergence by the leading terms

$$f_\alpha^\delta = \sum_i \frac{\mu_i}{\mu_i^2 + \alpha} (g^\delta, g_i) f_i$$

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$$R_\alpha : G \rightarrow F, \alpha > 0, \text{ such that } \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} R_\alpha Kf = f$$

- Condition 1: Boundedness. Not divergent, thus solvable.
- Condition 2: Convergence. As $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, $R_\alpha \rightarrow K^{-1}$, back to original problem

- $f_\alpha^\delta = R_\alpha g^\delta$ is an approximation of the solution of $Kf = g$

General Regularization Theory : Matrix Example

- 假如 A 是个半正定的方矩阵，它的一个简单近似是 $A + \alpha I$
- 当 $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ 时， $A + \alpha I \rightarrow A$ ，有收敛性
- A 不可逆 $\Leftrightarrow A$ 奇异 $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0$

行列式等于特征值的乘积， $\det(A) = \prod_i \lambda_i$

$\det(A) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ 存在 $\lambda_i \rightarrow 0$

- 对于特征方程 $Ax = \lambda x$

$(A + \alpha I)x = (\lambda + \alpha)x \Rightarrow (\lambda + \alpha)$ 是 $A + \alpha I$ 的特征值

$\det(A + \alpha I) = \prod_i (\lambda_i + \alpha) \neq 0, \quad \alpha > 0$

- 因此 $(A + \alpha I)^{-1}$ 是 A^{-1} 的有界、收敛的近似。

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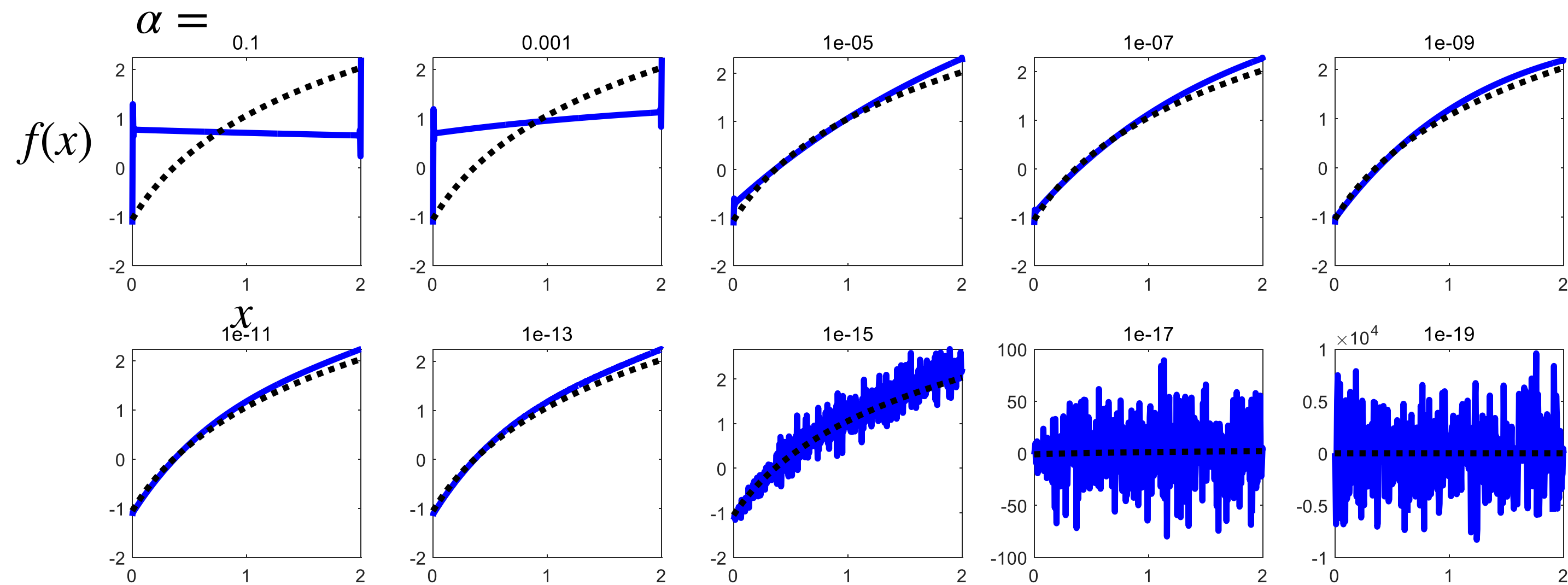
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$$\text{即 } f_\alpha^\delta = (K^*K + \alpha I)^{-1}K^*g^\delta$$

• 它是 K^{-1} 最简单的有界近似， $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ 时， $R_\alpha \rightarrow K^{-1}$ 。 R_α 有界、收敛，是正则化算子

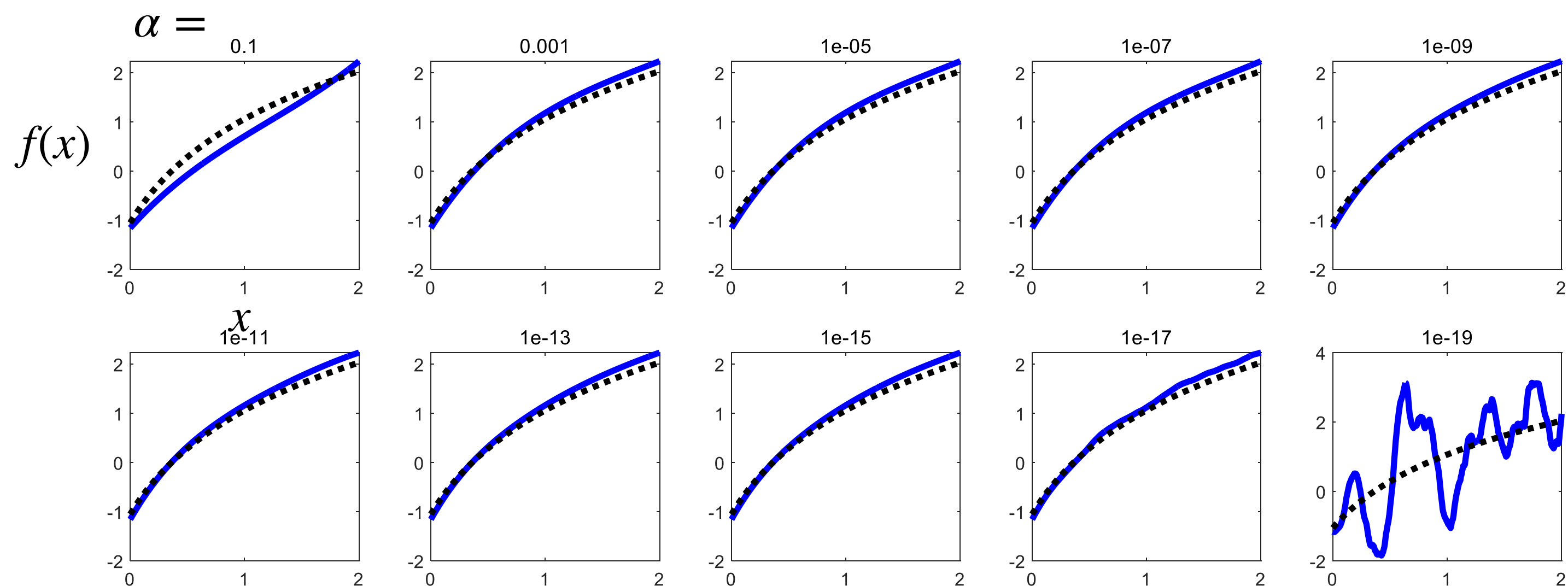
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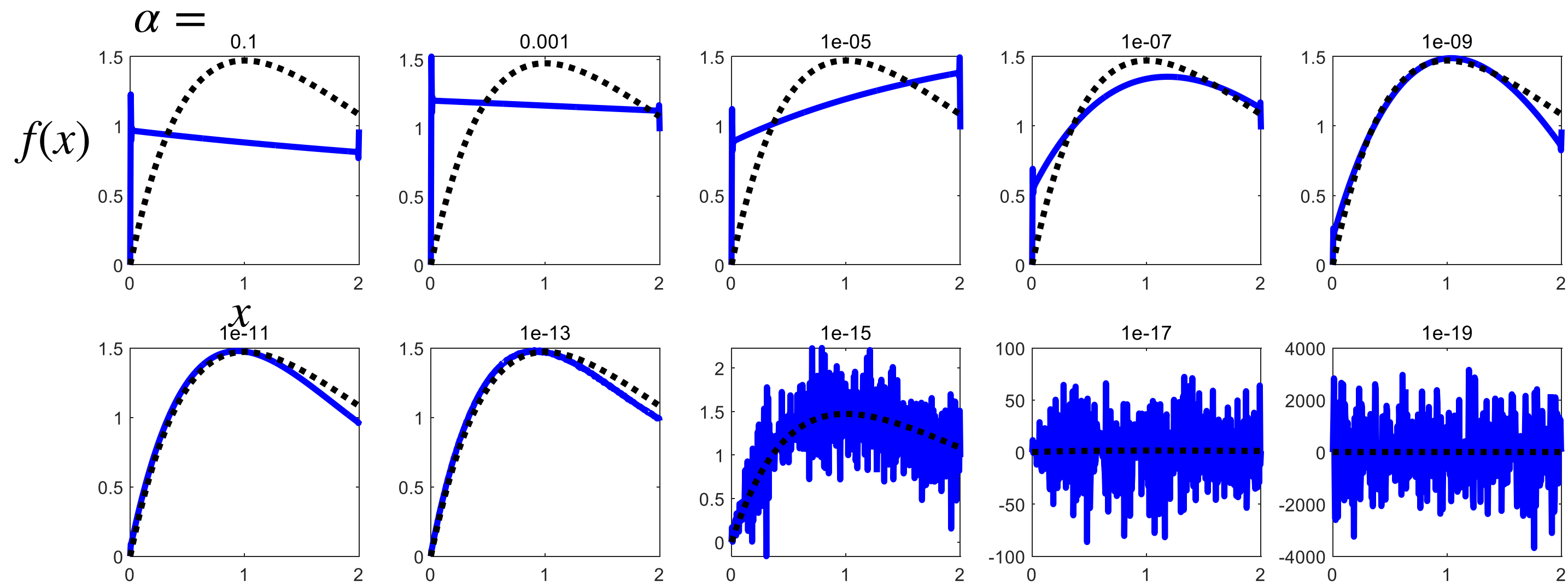


- Tikhonov regularization in H^1 space

$$\|f\|_{H^1(a,b)} = \left(\int_a^b (|f(x)|^2 + |f'(x)|^2) dx \right)^{1/2}$$

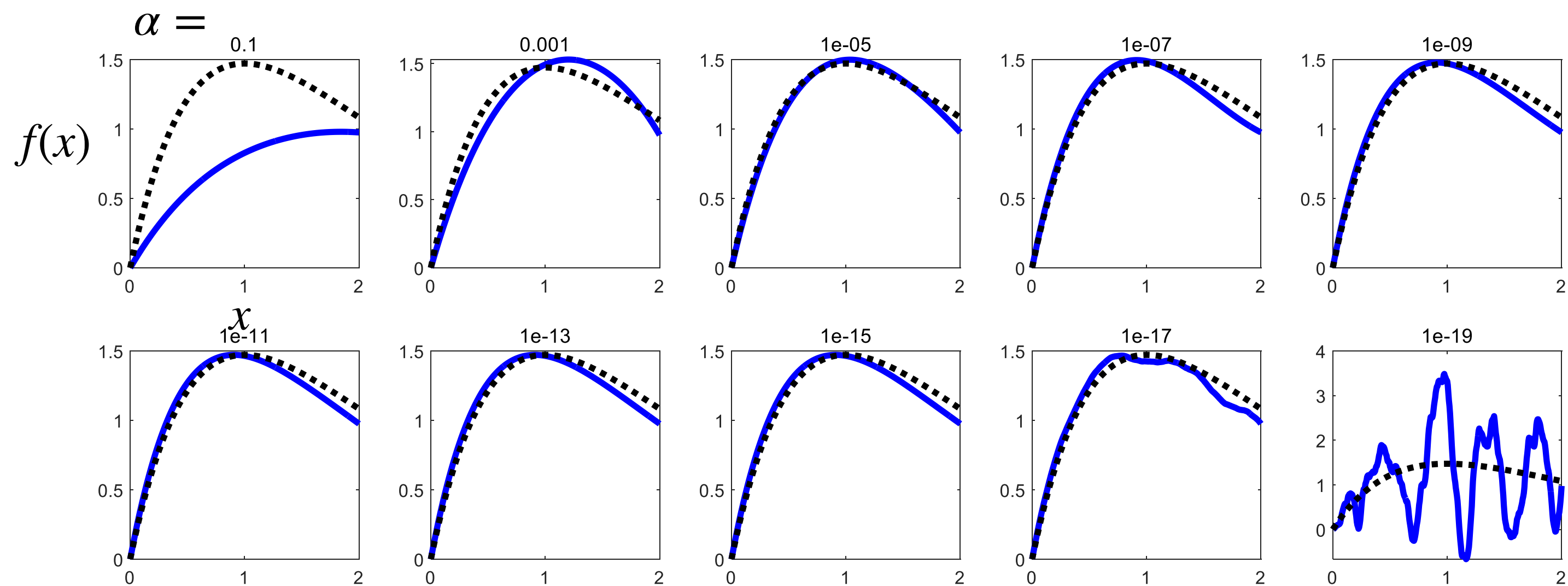
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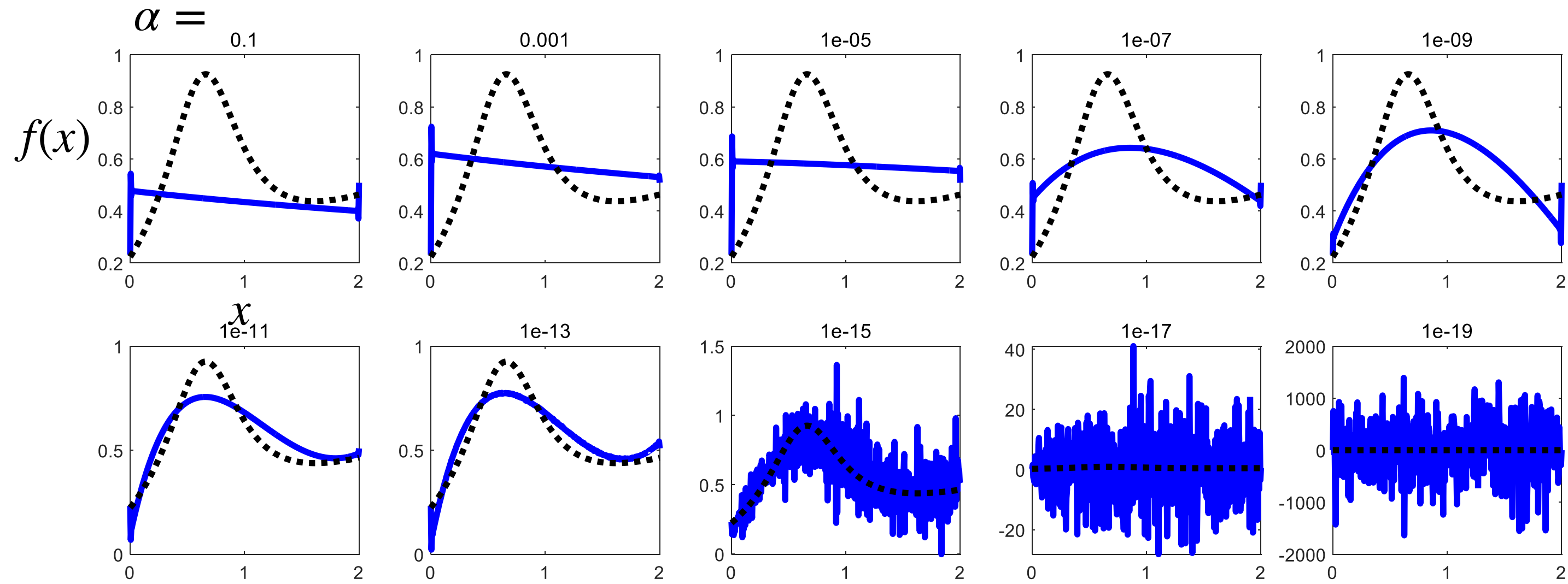
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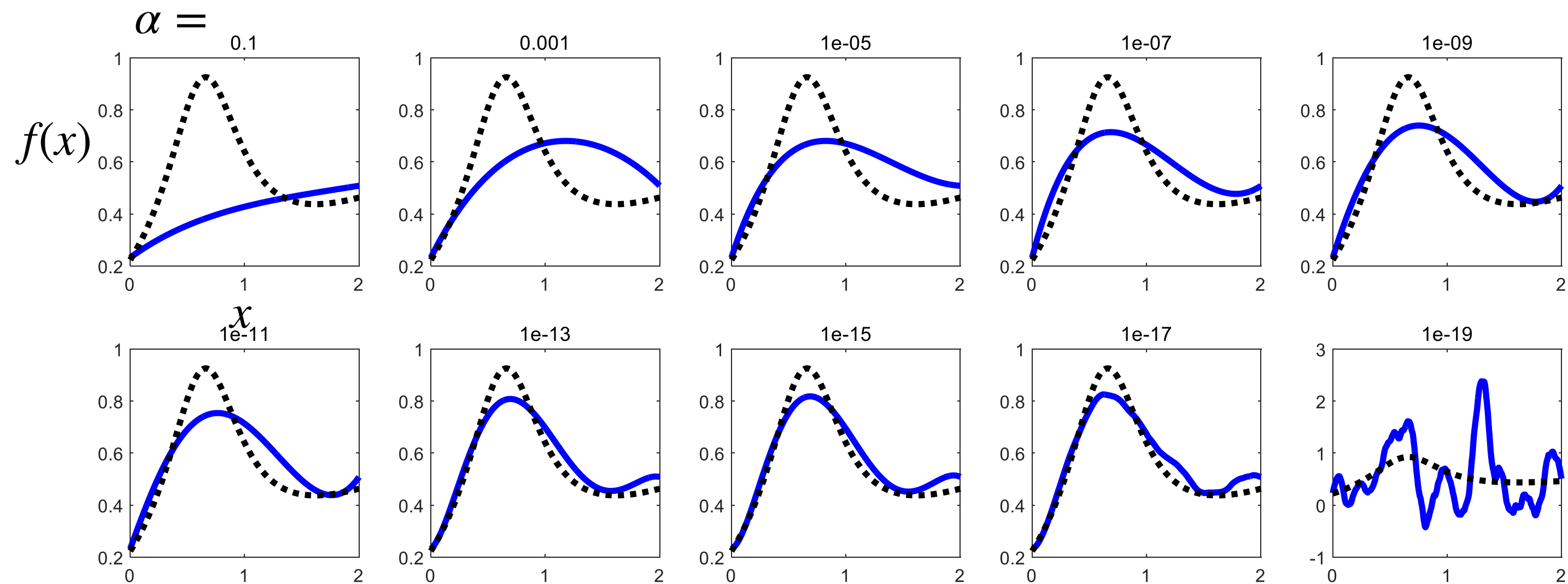
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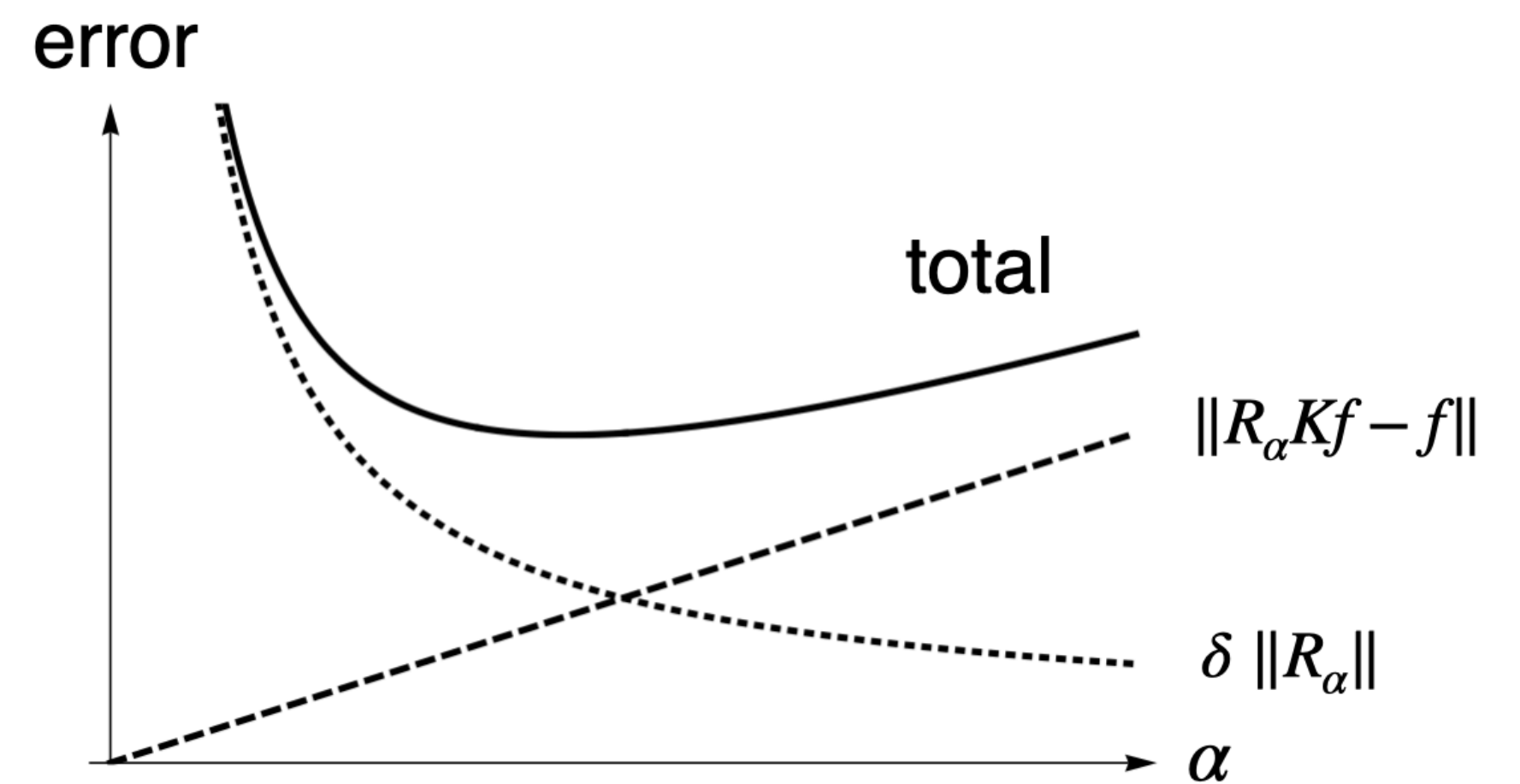
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- 解具有收敛性! $\delta \rightarrow 0$ 时能收敛到真解, 这是最重要的性质! 反问题方法可以系统性改进!

- 误差有上界, 说明误差是可控的!

- 注(1): α 不能太大也不能太小, α 的选取随 δ 变

- 注(2): 先验条件 $f = K^*Kz \in K^*K(F)$, $\|z\| \leq E$, 其实就是 $\|f\|$ 有界。

- ✓ $\|f\|$ 有界是物理要求的, 任何物理观测量都是有限的, 因此解的收敛性必然满足

- ✓ 即使在实际应用中不方便使用上界条件, 也不妨碍解的收敛性, 无论实际应用中用

- 什么 α 的选取方法, 解的收敛性都是必须保证的

Choice of Regularization Parameter

- 正则化方法最重要的两步：第一，构造正则化算子；第二，选取正则化参数。
- $\delta \rightarrow 0$ 时近似解收敛到真解，但实际无法满足 $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ，须在有限误差下选取 α 。
- 在物理上有个基本准则，物理结果不应依赖于参数的选取，即应该存在一个平台。

(1) 偏差原理：已知 $\|g^\delta - g\| \leq \delta$ ，取 $\|Kf_\alpha^\delta - g^\delta\| = \delta$ 时的 α

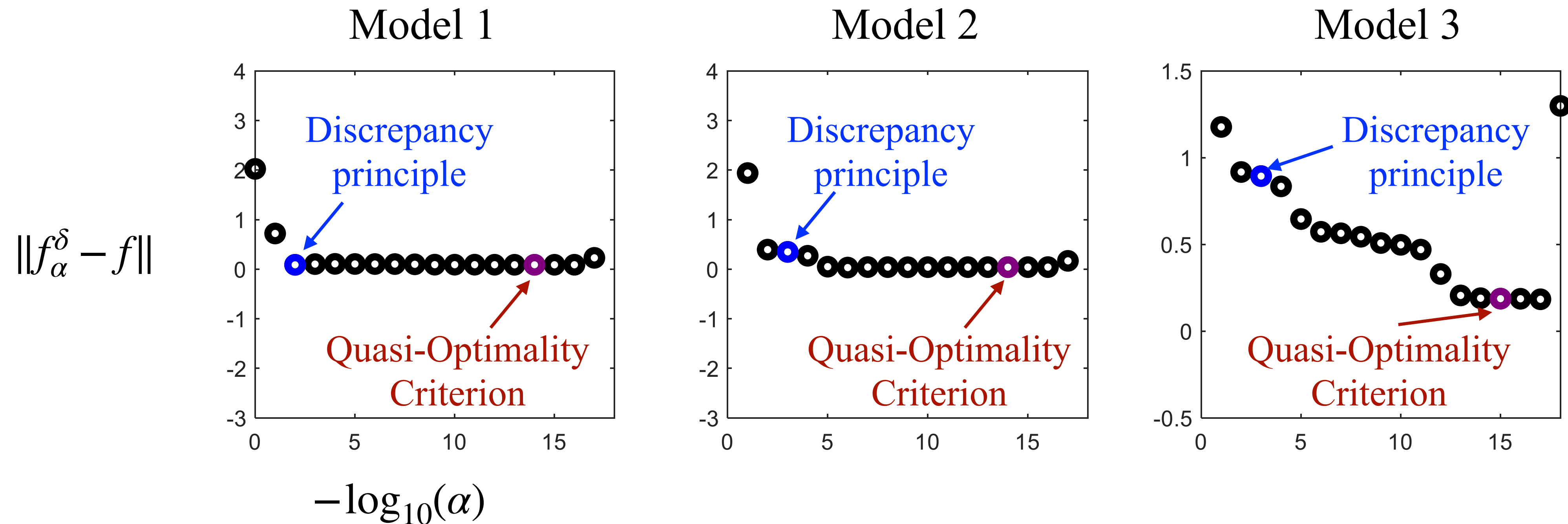
- $\|Kf - g^\delta\|$ 太小会过拟合，它稍大点 $\|f\|$ 更稳定。残差与噪声匹配，类似 $\chi^2/\text{dof} \sim 1$
- 偏差原理有严格的收敛性证明： $f^\delta \rightarrow f, \delta \rightarrow 0$

(2) 拟最优准则： $\alpha_{\text{opt}} = \arg \min_{\alpha > 0} \left\{ \left\| \alpha \frac{df_\alpha}{d\alpha} \right\| \right\}$. 找平台，以及选择相对小的 α

- 我们要求双保险：物理上对参数依赖的平台 + 数学方法。尽量提供 α 的鲁棒性

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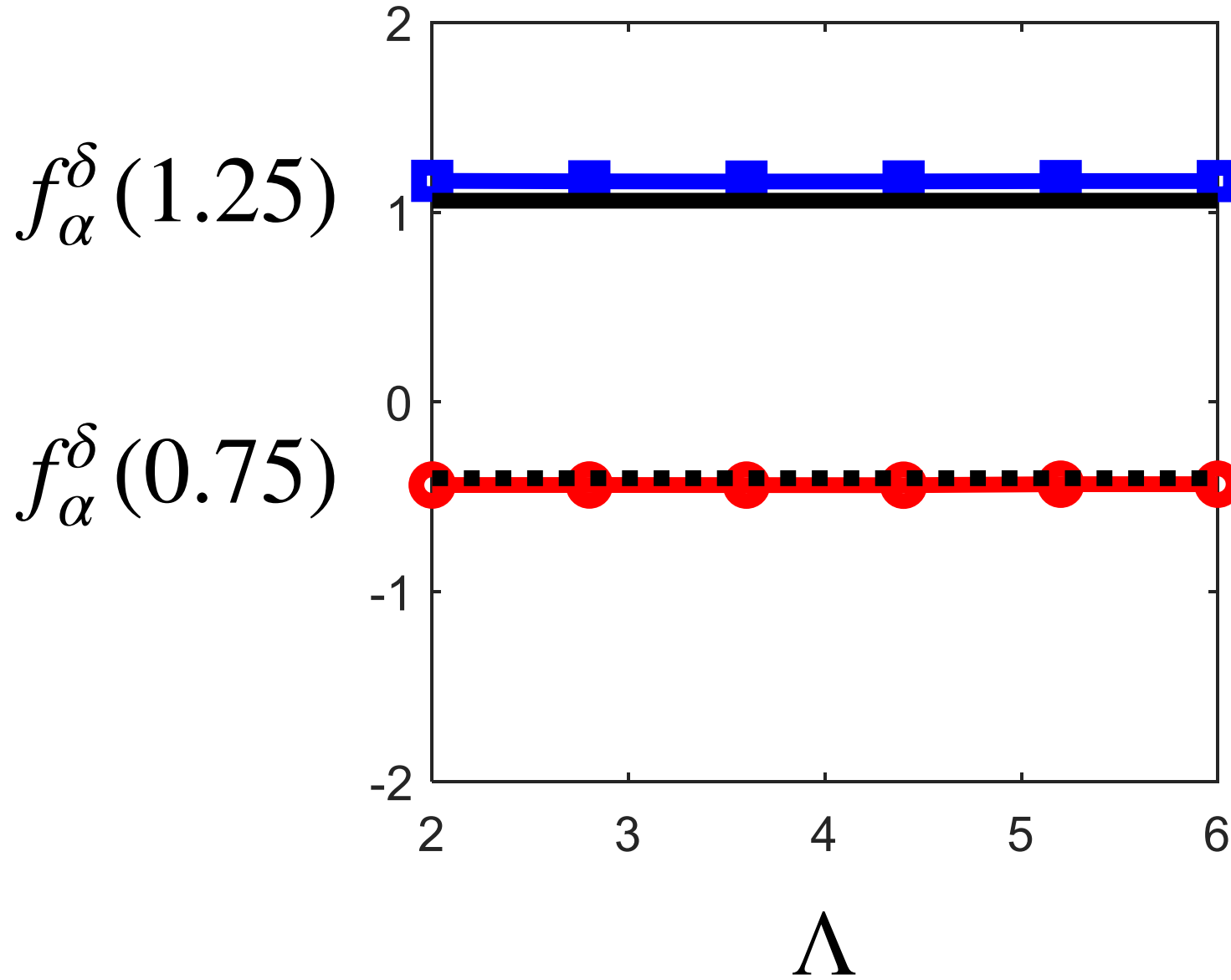
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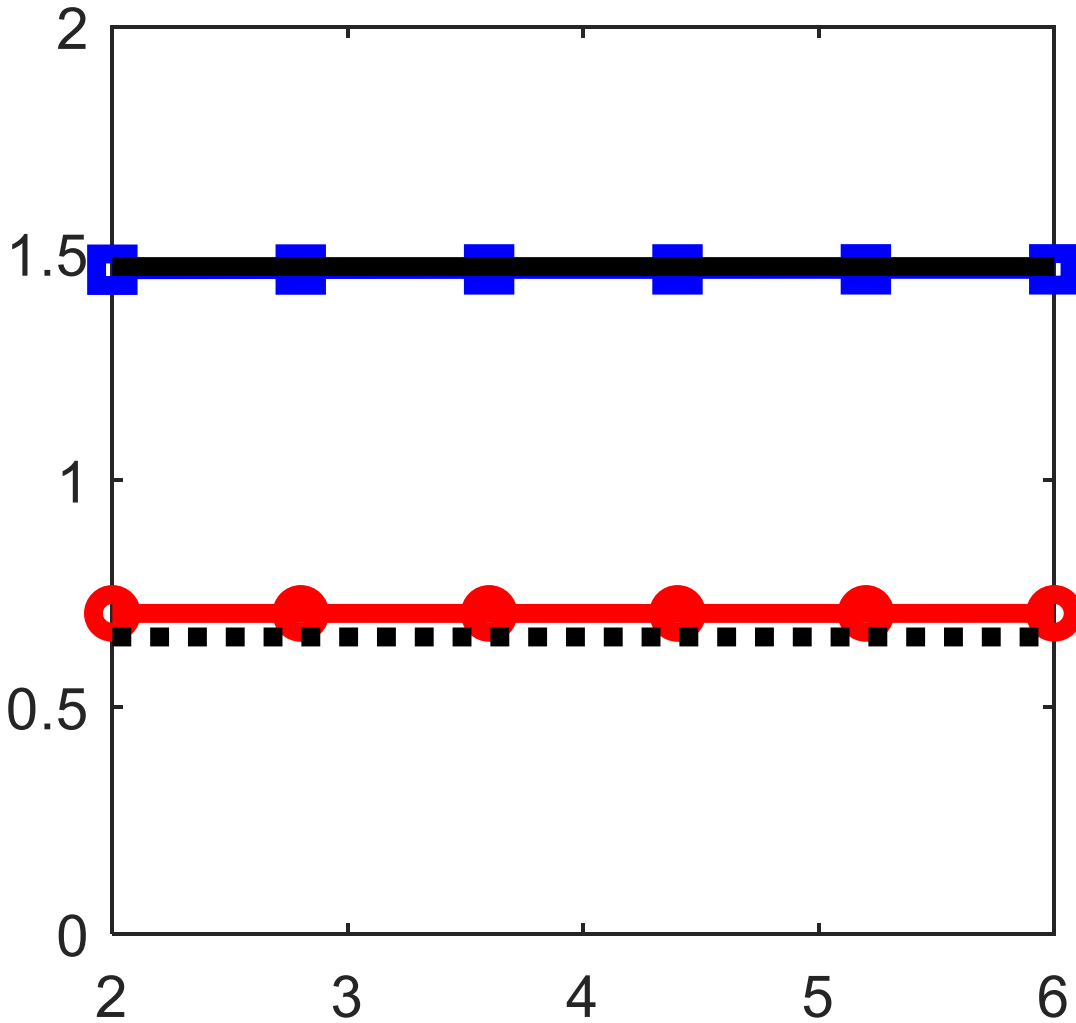
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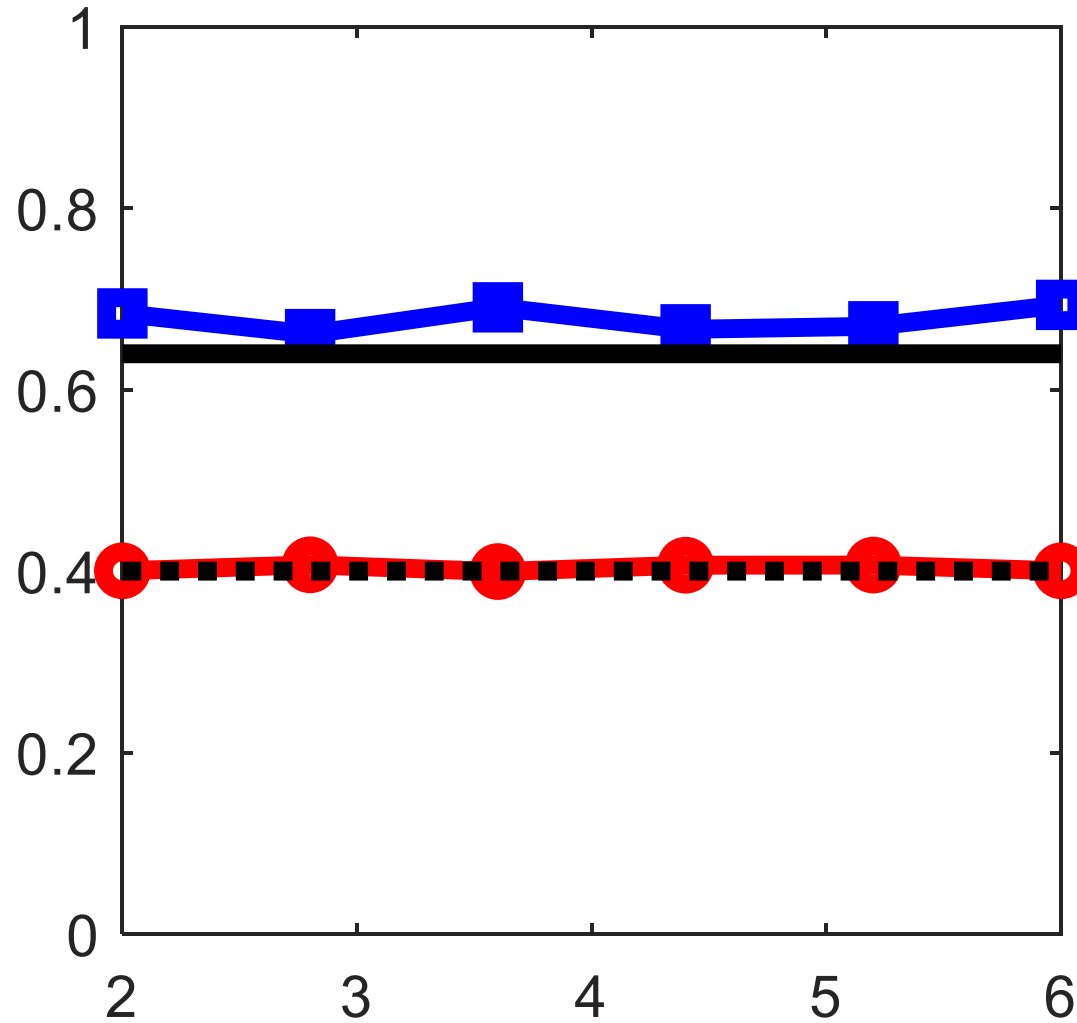
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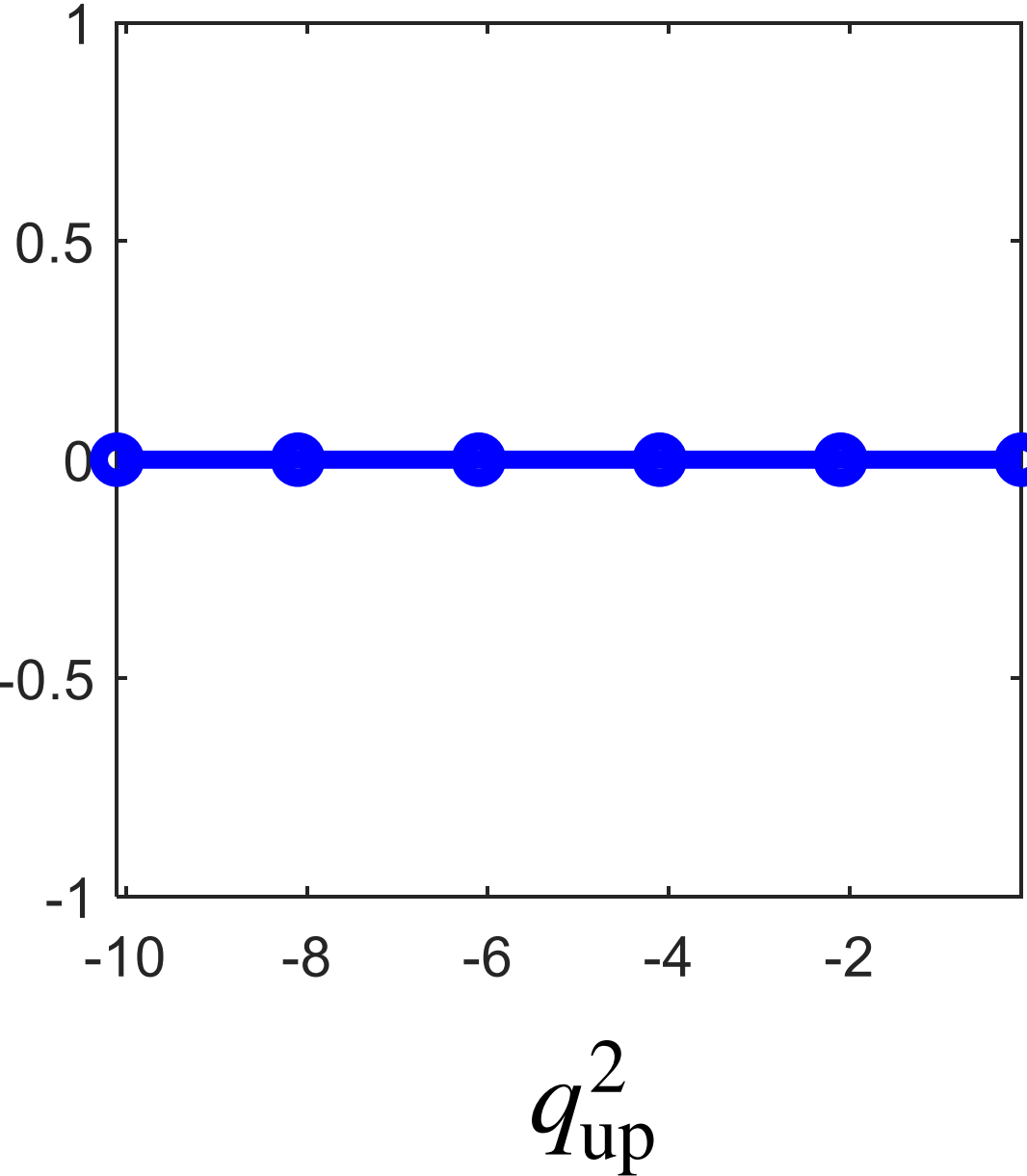
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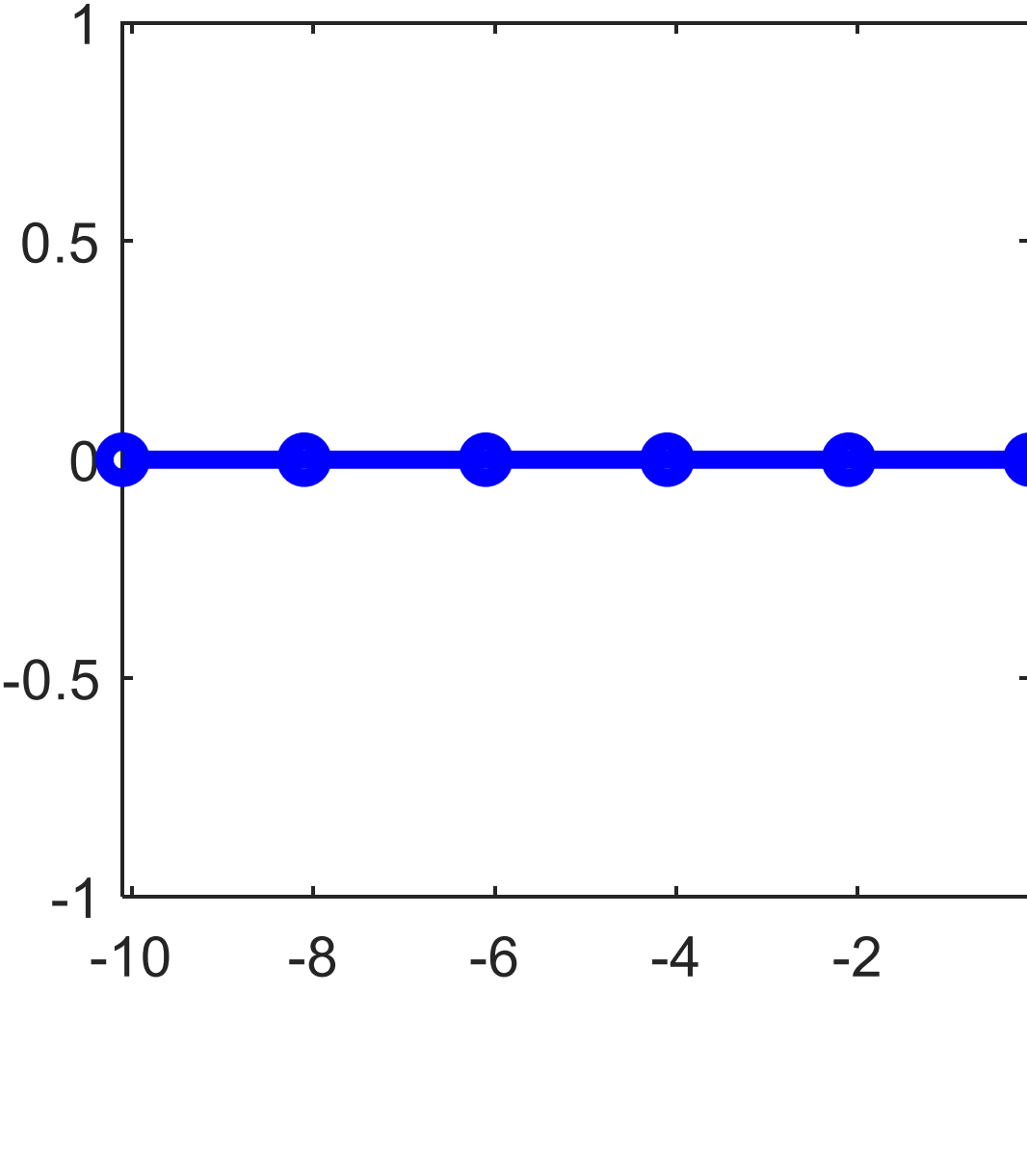
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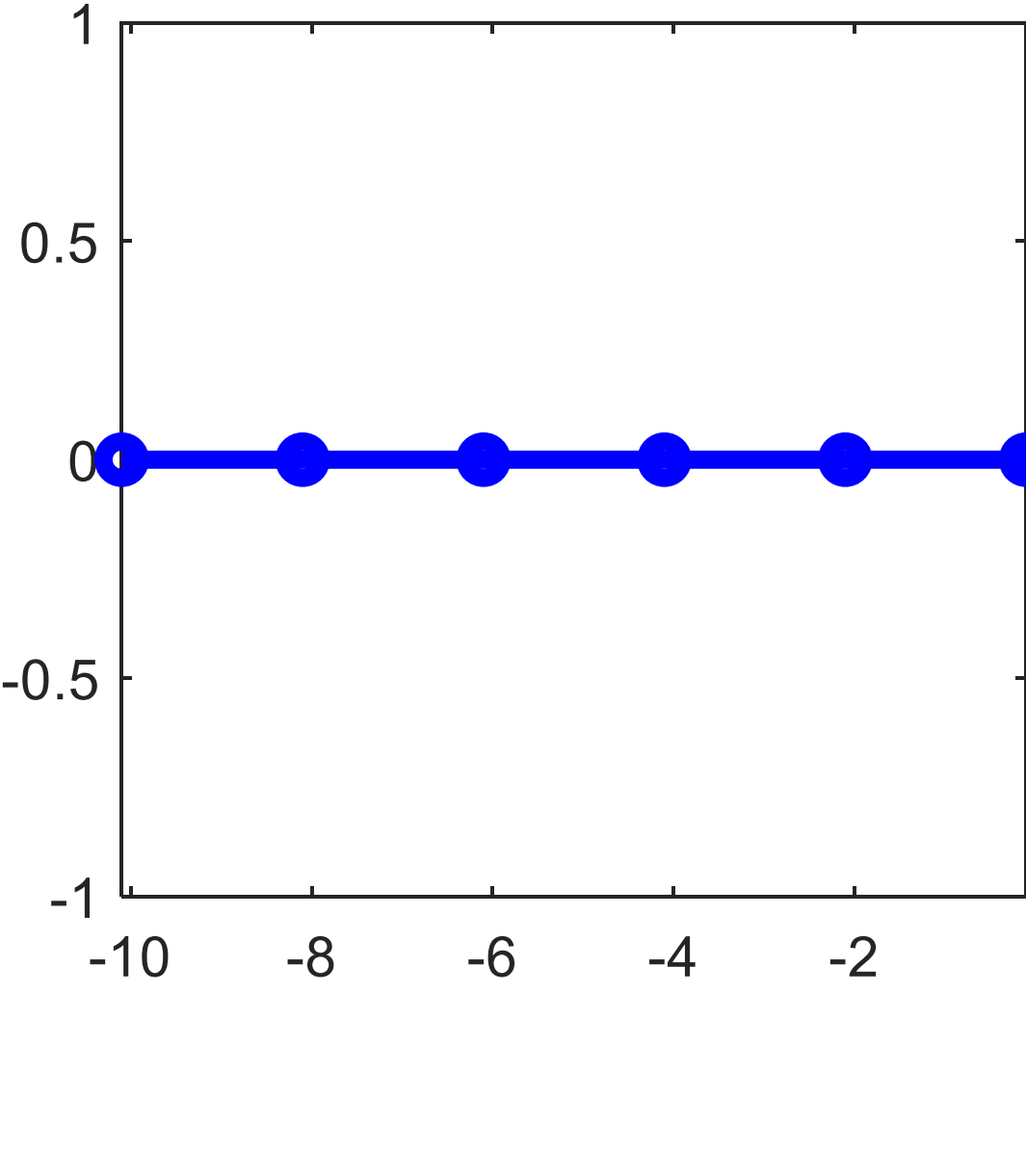
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Uncertainty Analysis and Ability to Systematically improve Precision

a) Uncertainty Analysis

$$\|f_\alpha^\delta - f\| \leq \delta \|R_\alpha\| + \|R_\alpha Kf - f\|$$

\downarrow \downarrow
statistical systematic
uncertainty uncertainty

b) Ability to systematically improve precision

1. Input errors
2. Prior information and regularization methods
3. Combination with experiments or lattice QCD

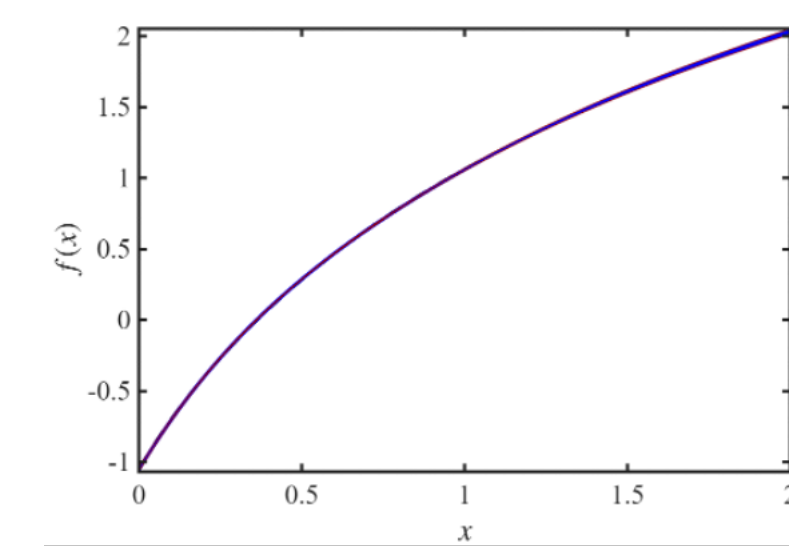
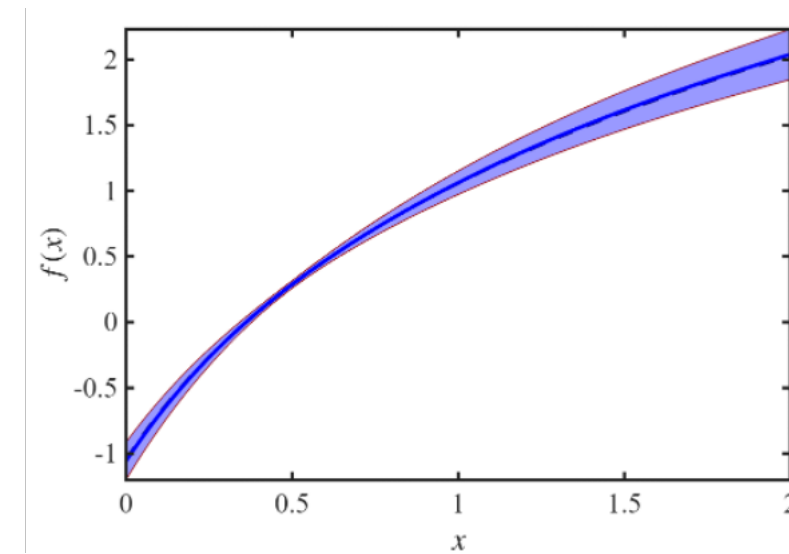
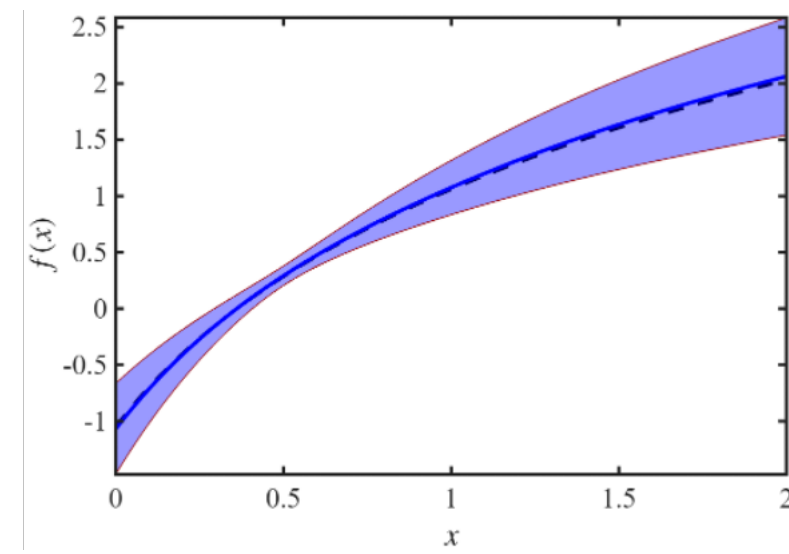
Systematically improve precision: Input Errors

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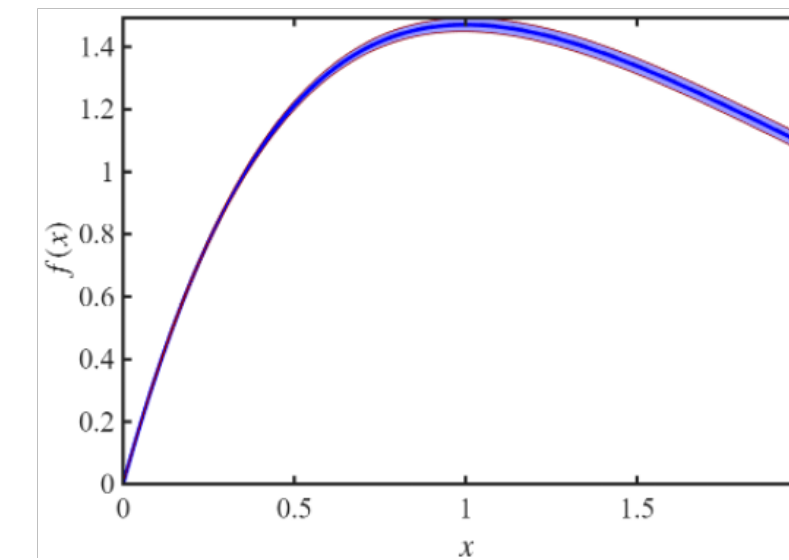
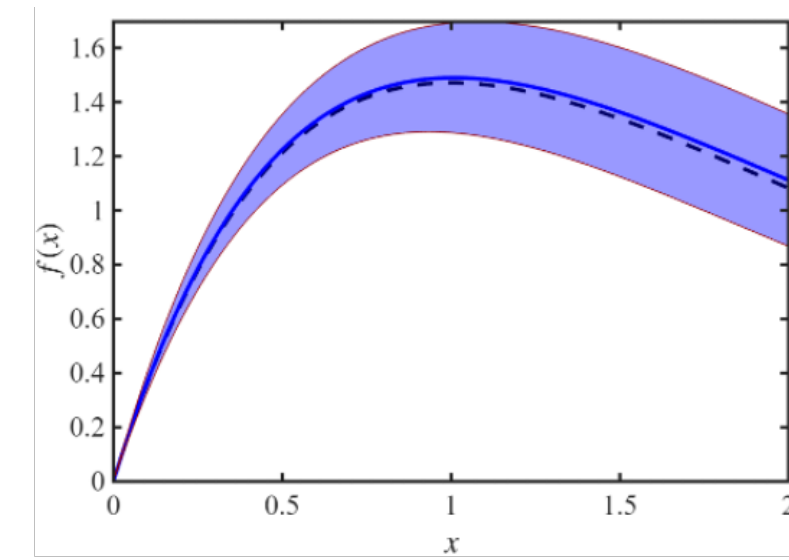
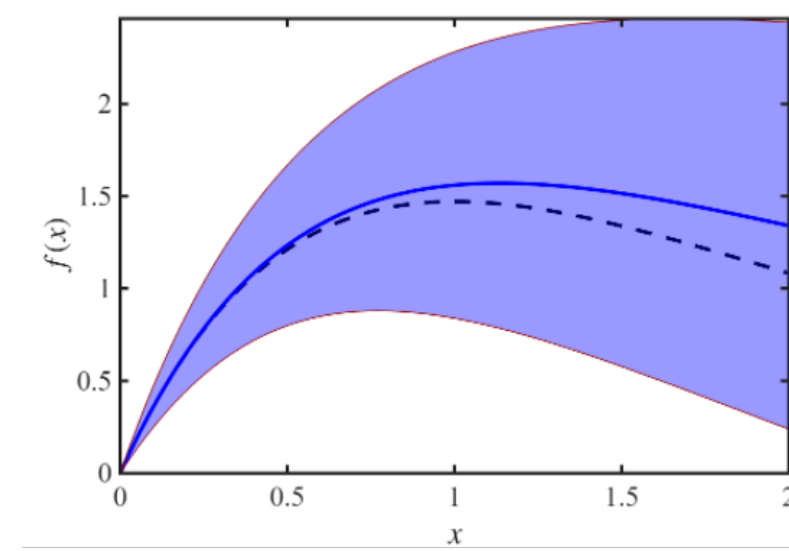
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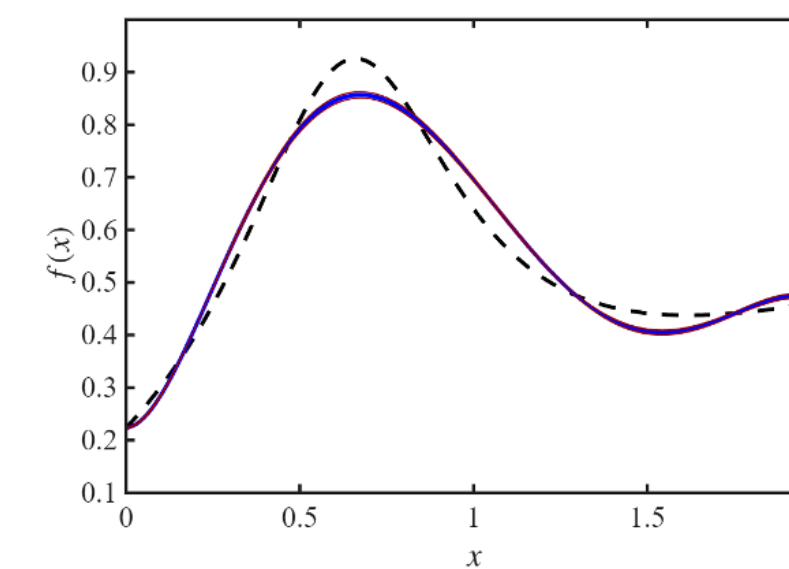
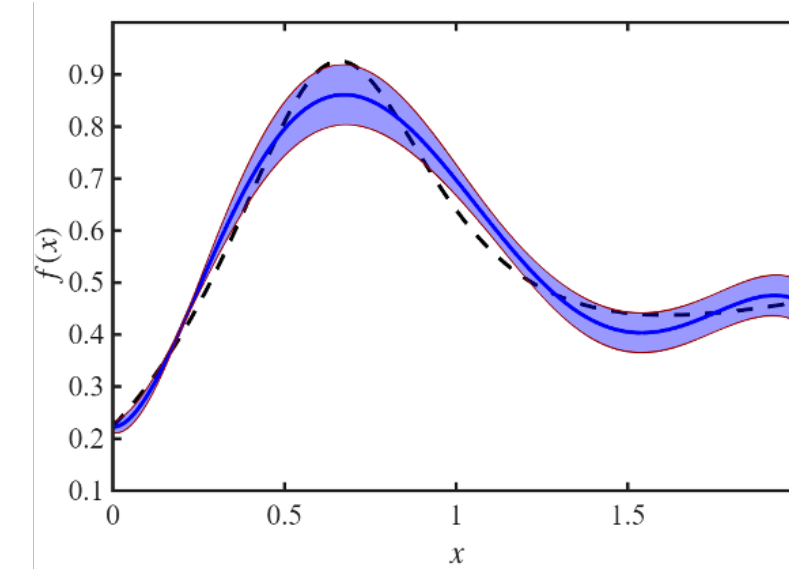
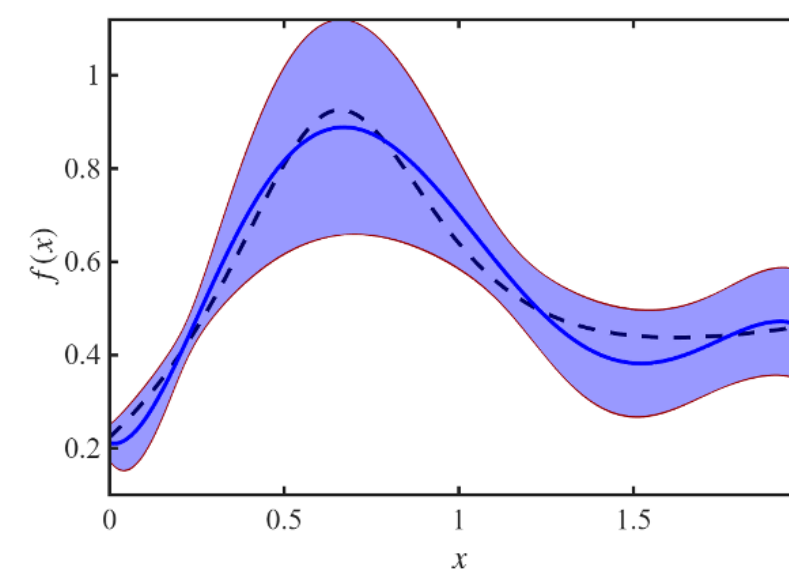
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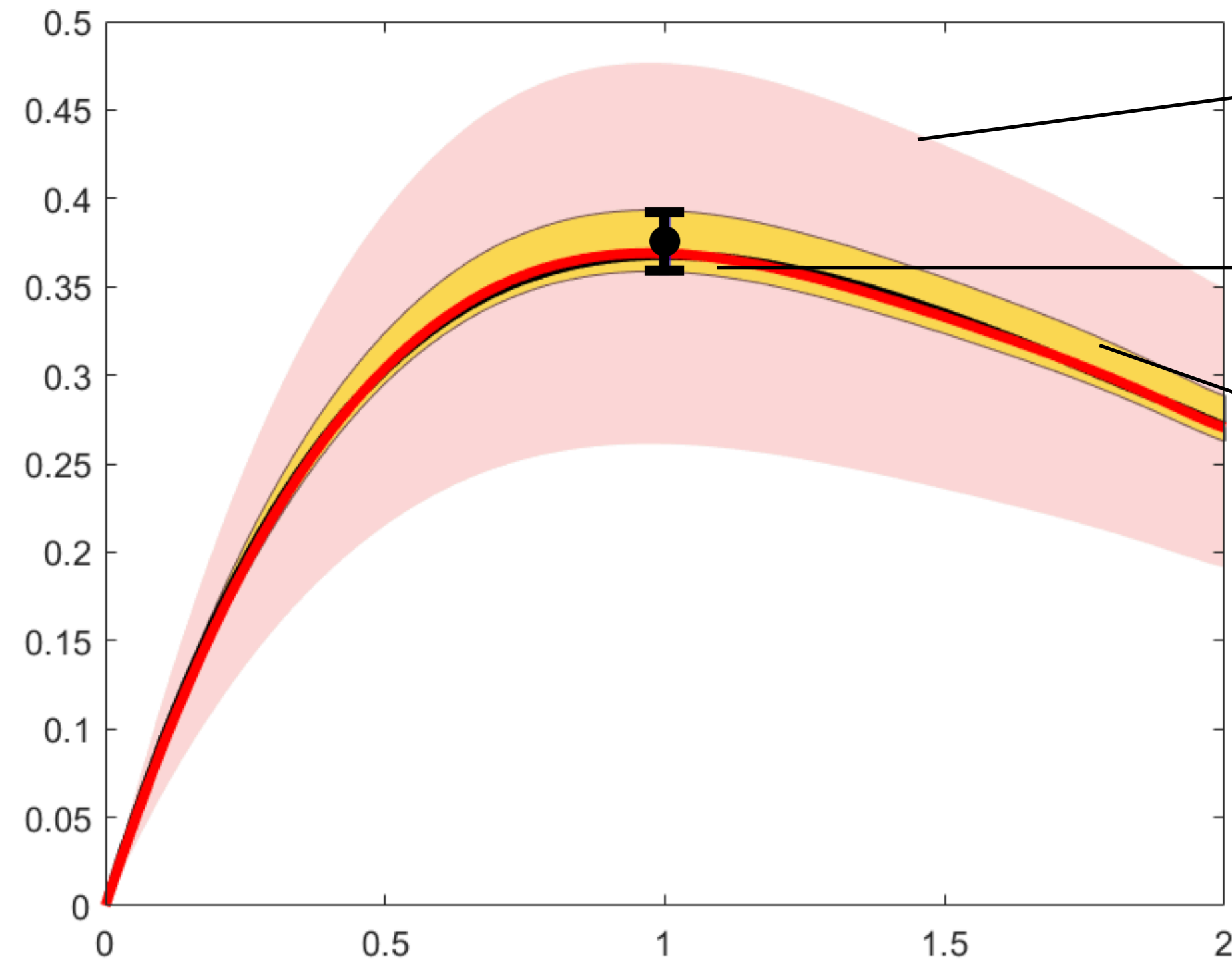
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Systematically improve precision: Constraints



Original uncertainty directly from inputs

Data from experiments or Lattice QCD

Improved uncertainty considering data

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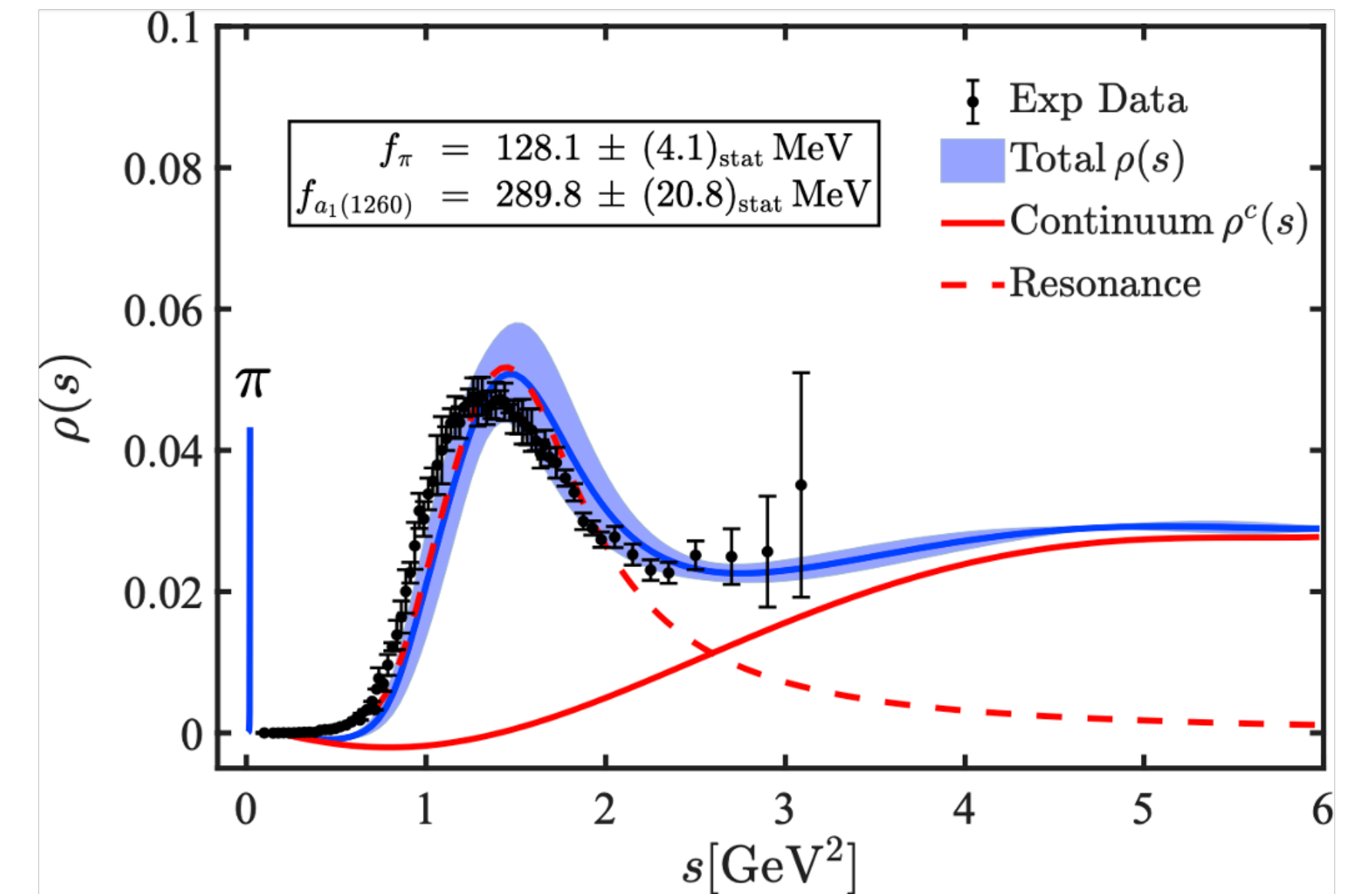
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Physical Application: f_π and spectrum

$$\Pi_q(q^2) = \Pi_q(\sigma_0) + (q^2 - \sigma_0) \left[\int_0^\Lambda \frac{\rho(s) ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)} + \int_\Lambda^\infty \frac{\frac{1}{\pi} \mathbf{Im} \Pi_q^{\text{pert}}(s) ds}{(s - \sigma_0)(s - q^2)} \right]$$

$$\rho(s) = f_\pi^2 \delta(s - M_\pi^2) + f_{a_1(1260)}^2 \mathbb{BW}(s, M_{a_1(1260)}, \Gamma_{a_1(1260)}) + \rho^c(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_q(q^2) = & -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right) \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} \\ & + \frac{m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{1}{9} \frac{m_u \langle g_s \bar{u} \sigma T G u \rangle + m_d \langle g_s \bar{d} \sigma T G d \rangle}{(q^2)^3} \\ & - \frac{4 \langle g_s \bar{u}u \rangle^2 + \langle g_s \bar{d}d \rangle^2}{81 (q^2)^3} - \frac{[105 + 50 \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right)] \sum_{\psi=u,d,s} \langle g_s^2 \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle^2}{243\pi^2 (q^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$



Solving Problem of Quark-Hadron Duality in Sum Rules

Quark-hadron duality: $\text{Im}\Pi(q^2) = \pi f_V^2 \delta(q^2 - m_V^2) + \pi \rho^h(q^2) \theta(q^2 - s_h)$

$$\rho^h(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s) \theta(s - s_0)$$

$$\int_{s_h}^{\infty} ds \frac{\rho^h(s)}{s - q^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s)}{s - q^2}$$

- Uncertainty sources: quark-hadron duality. Results are sensitive to s_0
- Inverse Problem : Excited states and continuum spectrum can be directly solved.
- Avoid the quark-hadron duality

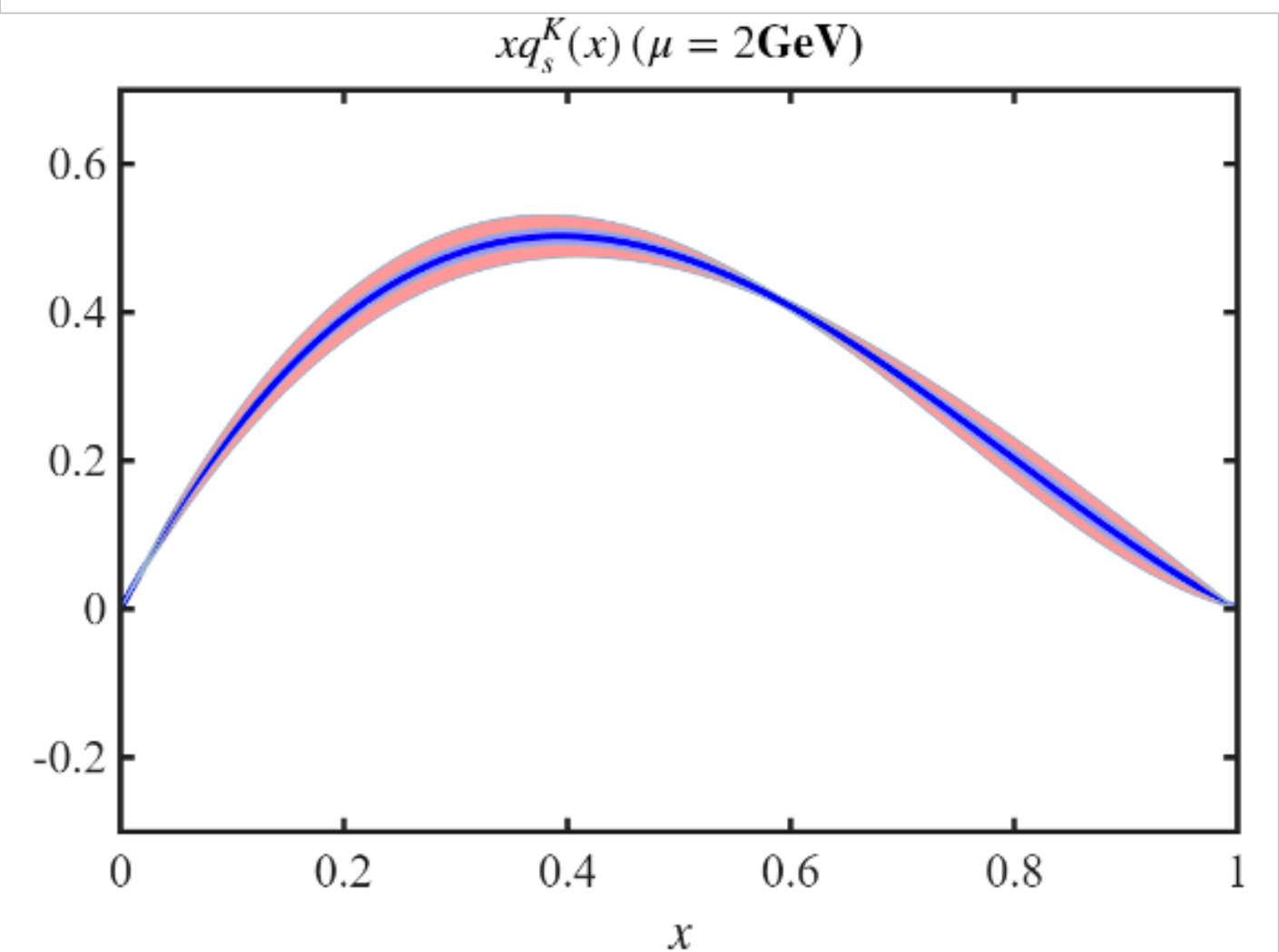
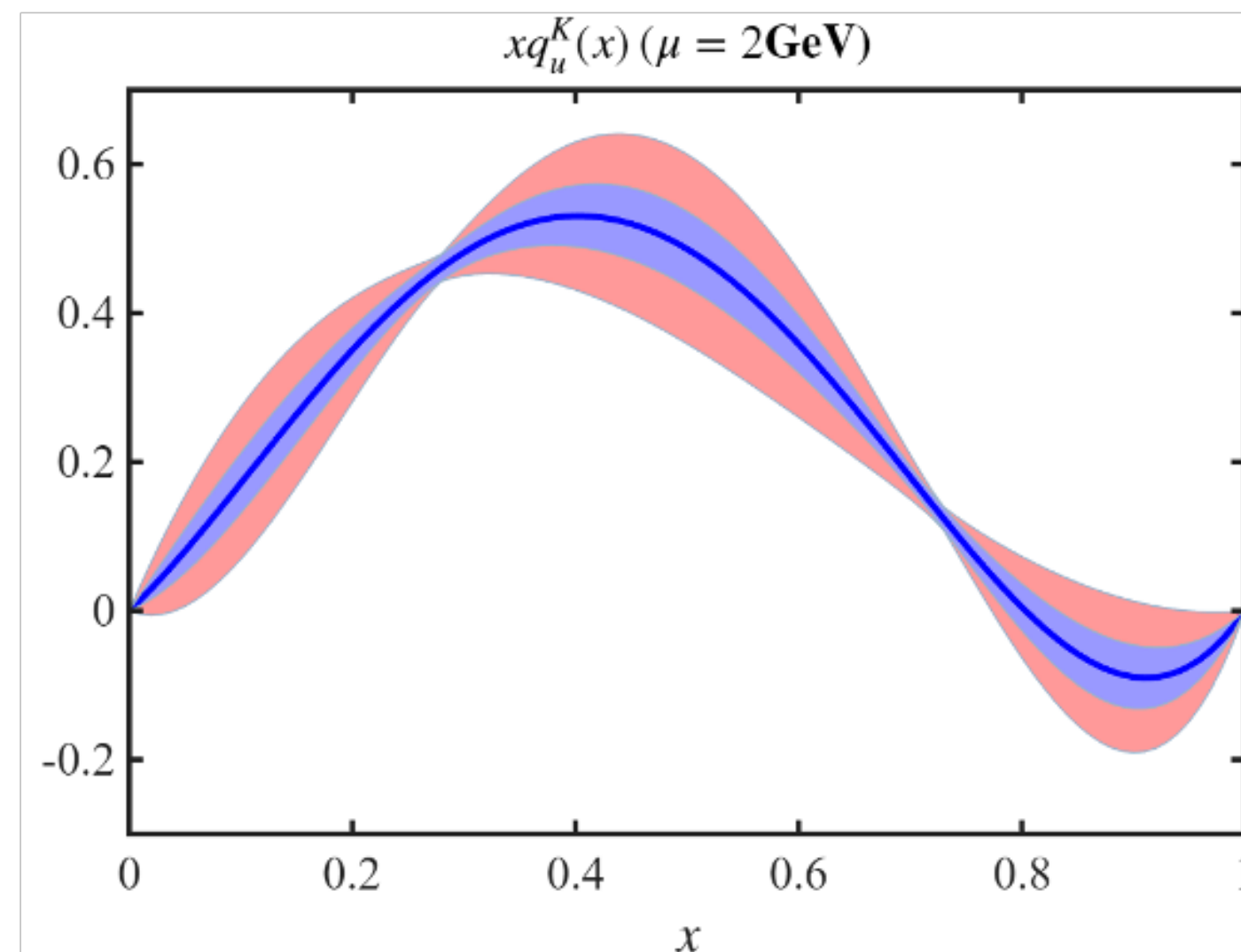
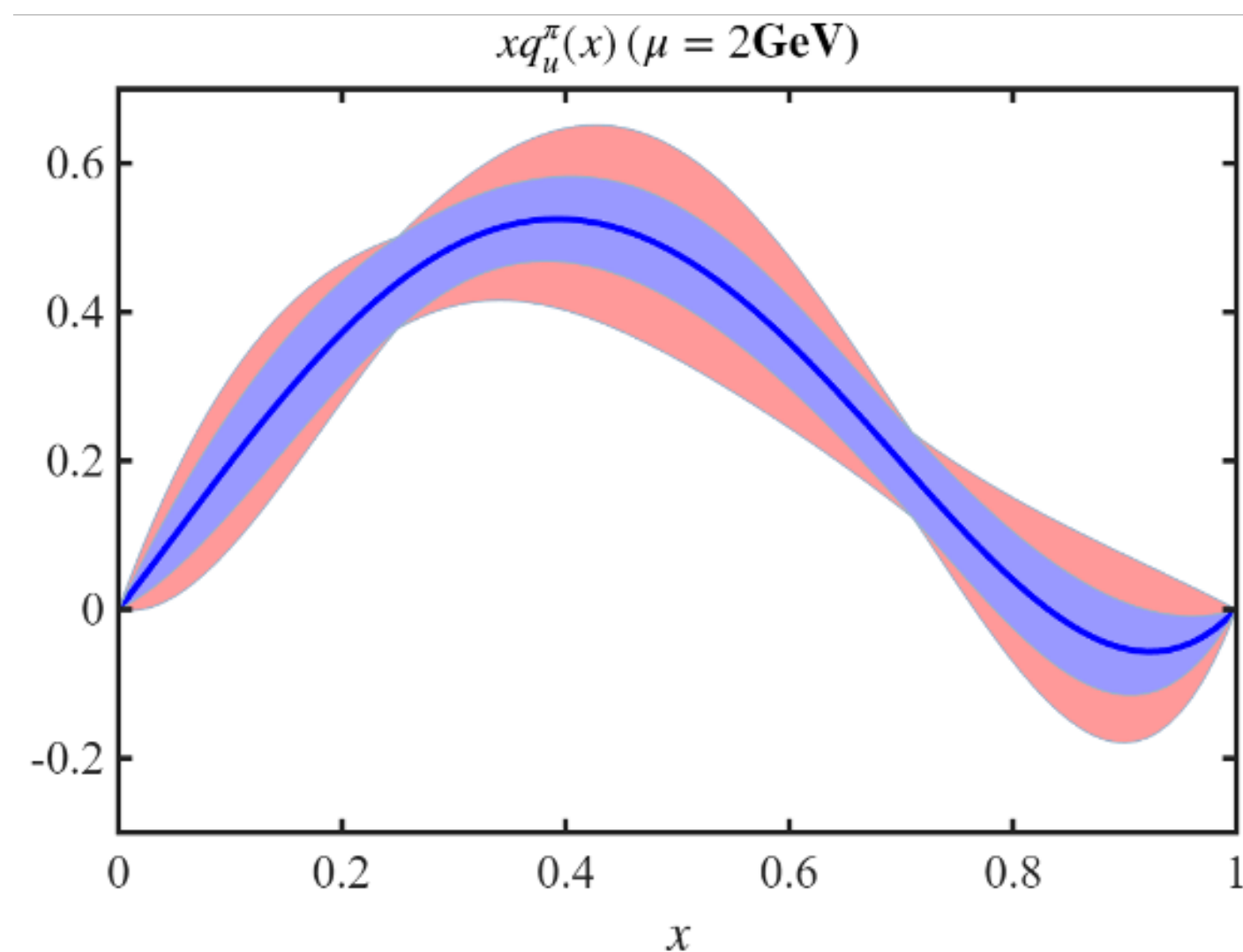
Physical Application: Moment Problem

PDFs by moments from Lattice QCD

$$\int_0^1 x^n \varphi(x) dx = \langle x^n \rangle$$

PDFs	$\langle x^1 \rangle$	$\langle x^2 \rangle$	$\langle x^3 \rangle$
$\pi^+(u^+)$	0.261(7)	0.110(14)	0.024(18)
$K^+(u^+)$	0.246(3)	0.096(3)	0.033(6)
$K^+(s^+)$	0.317(2)	0.139(2)	0.073(5)

Lattice QCD, PRD2021

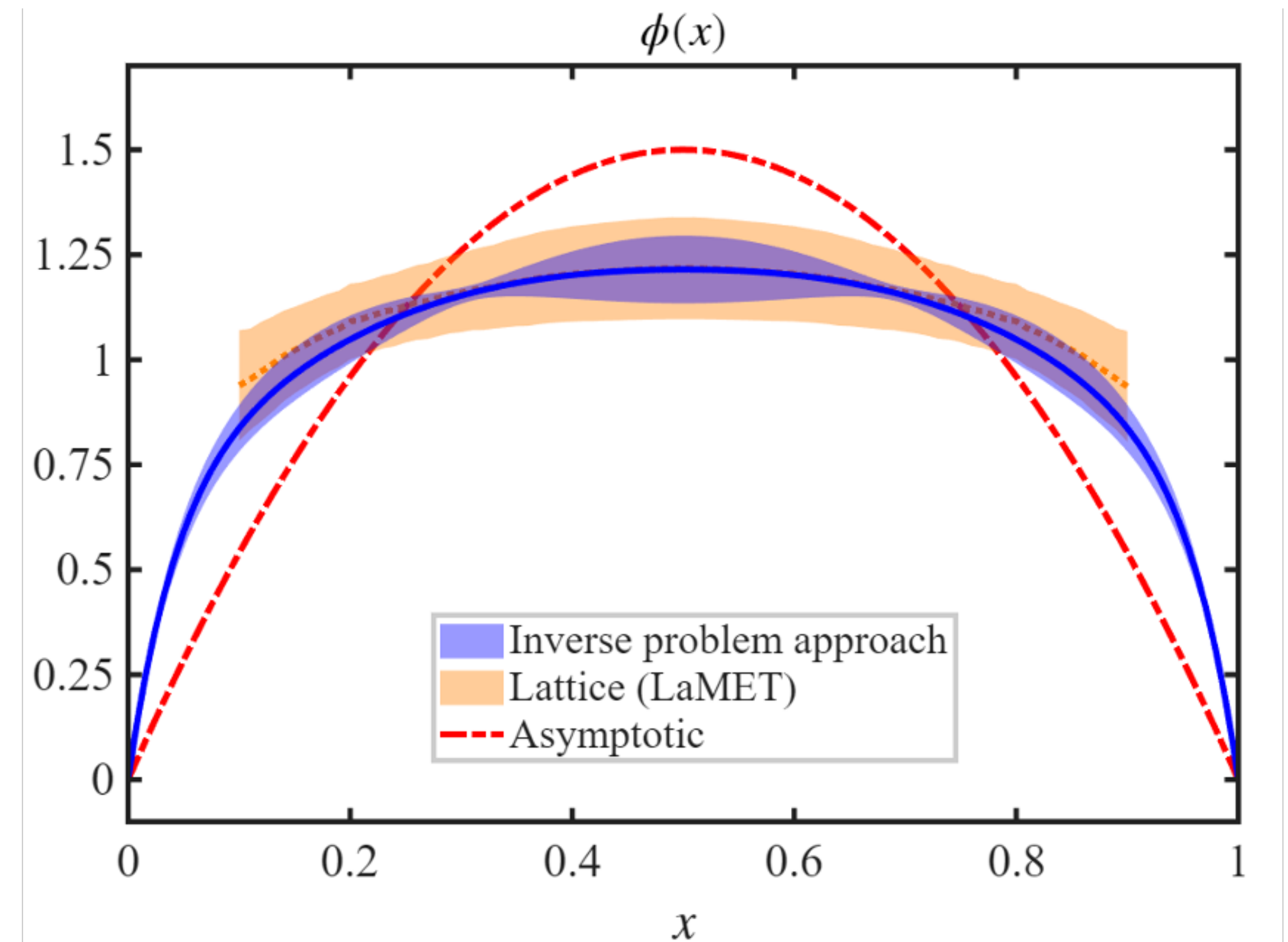


Physical Application: Moment Problem

LCDAs by moments from Dispersion Relation

$$\int_0^1 (2u - 1)^n \varphi(u) du = \langle \xi^n \rangle, \quad \xi = 2u - 1$$

Moments	Value
$\langle \xi^2 \rangle$	0.264 ± 0.022
$\langle \xi^4 \rangle$	0.107 ± 0.020
$\langle \xi^6 \rangle$	0.100 ± 0.012
$\langle \xi^8 \rangle$	0.067 ± 0.016
$\langle \xi^{10} \rangle$	0.083 ± 0.009
$\langle \xi^{12} \rangle$	0.064 ± 0.016



正则化方法得到的近似解为什么接近真解？

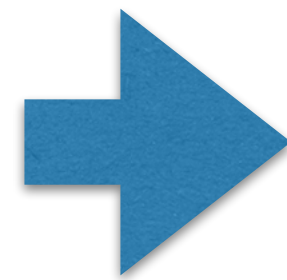
- 用奇异值分解可以解释，是因为抓住了主要贡献！
- 特征方程 $Ax = \lambda x$ ， λ 是特征值， x 是特征向量。自伴算子 $A^* = A$ 的所有特征值都是实数
- $K : X \rightarrow Y$ ， $K^* : Y \rightarrow X$ 。
- 自伴算子 $K^*K : X \rightarrow X$ 的特征值 λ_j 的平方根 $\mu_j = \sqrt{\lambda_j}$ 称为 K 的奇异值。
- 满足 $Kx_j = \mu_j y_j$ ， $K^*y_j = \mu_j x_j$ 的系统 (μ_j, x_j, y_j) 称为 K 的奇异系统。
- 以 $\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \mu_3 \geq \dots > 0$ 排序，这个排序很重要，抓住了主要贡献。

奇异值分解：
$$x = \sum_j (x, x_j) x_j, \quad y = Kx = \sum_j \mu_j (x, x_j) y_j$$

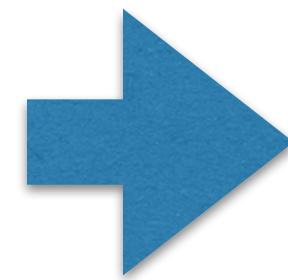
正则化方法得到的近似解为什么接近真解?

- Picard定理(1): 方程 $Kx = y$ 可解的充分必要条件是 $\sum_j \frac{1}{\mu_j^2} |(y, y_j)|^2 < \infty$
- 由 $y = \sum \mu_j (x, x_j) y_j$, 得 $\sum |(x, x_j)|^2 < \infty$
- 就是要求 (x, x_j) 收敛, $(x, x_j) \rightarrow 0, j \rightarrow \infty$

解的存在性



(x, x_j) 收敛



$x = \sum (x, x_j) x_j$ 在有限阶
就可得到接近真解的近似解

- 不需要 $\{x_j\}$ 的完备集! 即使解不唯一, 也有可能得到比较好的近似解。

正则化方法得到的近似解为什么接近真解？

- Picard定理(2): 方程 $Kx = y$ 可解时, 解 $x = \sum_j \frac{1}{\mu_j} (y, y_j) x_j$
- 解可以用奇异系统来表达。
- 它也直观反应了不适定性。 $\|\delta x\|/\|\delta y\| = 1/\mu_n$ 可任意大, 因为 $\mu_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$
- 构造正则化算子本质上就是找一种方法把算子 K 的小奇异值过滤掉

Tikhonov正则化下, $x_\alpha = \sum \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_j^2 + \alpha} (y, y_j) x_j$

前几项大奇异值 $\mu_j^2 \gg \alpha$, 抓住主要贡献; 对高阶项小奇异值 $\mu_j^2 \ll \alpha$, $x_\alpha \propto \mu_j/\alpha$ 可忽略

- 即使解不唯一, 只要输入 (y, y_j) 抓住主要贡献, 也可以得到接近真解的近似解!!!

正则化方法得到

- Picard定理(2): 方程 $Kx = y$ 可
- 解可以用奇异系统来表达。
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前几项大奇异值 $\mu_j^2 \gg \alpha$, 抓住

- 即使解不唯一, 只要输入 (y, y_j)

K矩阵奇异值的平方(离散步长0.01)

1.716942121
0.035495897
0.000472234
5.81415E-06
6.979E-08
8.27982E-10
9.75966E-12
1.1455E-13
2.03974E-15
1.41576E-15
1.29097E-15
8.80779E-16
8.63483E-16
5.58932E-16
4.86301E-16
3.25195E-16
3.13913E-16
2.33953E-16
2.2286E-16
2.14693E-16
1.75751E-16
1.63978E-16
1.61833E-16
1.48583E-16
1.4345E-16

怎么接近真解?

$(y, y_j) x_j$

原大, 因为 $\mu_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$

奇异值过滤掉

奇异值 $\mu_j^2 \ll \alpha, x_\alpha \propto \mu_j/\alpha$ 可忽略

得到接近真解的近似解!!!

正则化方法得到的近似解为什么接近真解？

- 唯一或不唯一通常是针对物理问题采用不同数学模型时的结果
 - 例如格点v.s.连续，有限矩v.s.无限矩
- α 参数选取的非平庸性，如同量子场论中正规化和重整化过程，重整化参数的确定需要重整化条件。

Numerical Method of Tikhonov Regularization

$$\varphi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_{i-1}}{h}, & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i], \\ -\frac{x-x_{i+1}}{h}, & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi_0(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{x-x_1}{h}, & x \in [x_0, x_1], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_{n-1}}{h}, & x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$X_n = \text{span}\{\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$$

$$f_{\alpha,n}^\delta(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \varphi_i(x)$$

$$f_\alpha^\delta = \arg \min_{f \in L^2(a,b)} J(f) = \arg \min_{f \in L^2(a,b)} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|Kf - g^\delta\|_{L^2(c,d)}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|f\|_{L^2(a,b)}^2 \right)$$

$$f_{\alpha,n}^\delta(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \varphi_i(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J(f_{\alpha,n}^\delta) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n c_i K\varphi_i - g^\delta \right\|_{L^2(c,d)}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \varphi_i \right\|_{L^2(a,b)}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=0}^n c_i c_j (K\varphi_i, K\varphi_j)_{L^2(c,d)} - \sum_{i=0}^n c_i (K\varphi_i, g^\delta)_{L^2(c,d)} + \frac{1}{2} (g^\delta, g^\delta)_{L^2(c,d)} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i,j=0}^n c_i c_j (\varphi_i, \varphi_j)_{L^2(a,b)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{ij} = (K\varphi_i, K\varphi_j)_{L^2(c,d)} \quad B_{ij} = (\varphi_i, \varphi_j)_{L^2(a,b)} \quad C = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n)^T$$

$$(A + \alpha B)C = D$$

$$D_i = (K\varphi_i, g^\delta)_{L^2(c,d)}$$

Theorem 4.3. If the noise δ and the regularization parameter α are fixed, we have $\|f_{\alpha,n}^\delta - f_\alpha^\delta\|_{L^2(a,b)} \rightarrow$

0, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

反问题方法应用举例

积分问题：已知积分结果，求被积函数 $\int_a^b K(x, y) f(x) dx = g(y)$

1. 色散积分（谱分析）（连续）：
$$\int_{t_{\min}}^{\Lambda} ds \frac{\text{Im } \Pi(s)}{s - q^2} = \pi \Pi(q^2) - \int_{\Lambda}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im } \Pi(s)}{s - q^2}$$

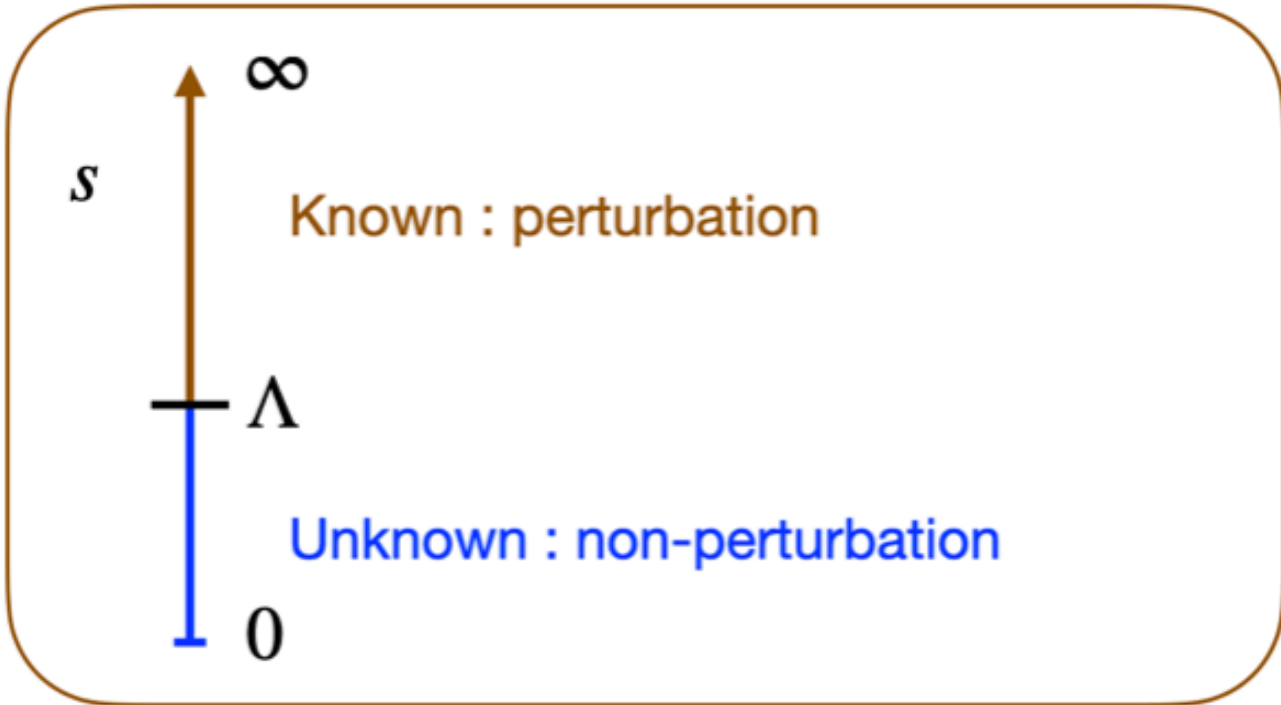
2. 矩（LCDA、PDF）（离散）：
$$\int_0^1 x^n \varphi(x) dx = \langle x^n \rangle \quad \int_0^1 (2u - 1)^n \varphi(u) du = \langle \xi^n \rangle, \quad \xi = 2u - 1$$

3. 傅立叶变换（LaMET）（离散）：
$$\int e^{-i\lambda x} f(x) dx = g(\lambda)$$

4. 动量关联函数（强子强子相互作用）（离散）：
$$\int d^3r S_{12}(r) |\Psi(r, k)|^2 = C(k)$$

Inverse problem approach

- 从量子场论的色散关系出发，通过已知的微扰计算反解未知的非微扰物理量
- 反问题：已知积分结果求被积函数
- 用正则化方法，得到近似稳定解，可以收敛于真解，精度可以系统性提高
- 基于严谨的数学理论和逻辑，不引入任何人为假设



$$\Pi(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle O(x)O(0) \rangle$$

Dispersion Relation:

$$\mathcal{R}e[\Pi(s)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathcal{I}m[\Pi(s')]}{s - s'} ds'$$

If $s > \Lambda$,

$$\mathcal{P} \int_0^\Lambda \frac{\mathcal{I}m[\Pi(s')]}{s - s'} ds' = \pi \mathcal{R}e[\Pi(s)] - \mathcal{P} \int_\Lambda^\infty \frac{\mathcal{I}m[\Pi(s')]}{s - s'} ds'$$

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To be solved
calculable

A.S.Xiong, T.Weil, F.S.Yu, arXiv:2211.13753

Minimization of Tikhonov Functional

- 定理：泛函 $J_\alpha(f) = \|Kf - g\|_G^2 + \alpha\|f\|_F^2$ 的极小元与方程 $K^*Kf_\alpha + \alpha f_\alpha = K^*g$ 的解等价

$$f_\alpha^\delta = \arg \min J_\alpha(f), \quad J_\alpha(f) = \|Kf - g^\delta\|_G^2 + \alpha\|f\|_F^2$$

- 证明等价性：设 f_α 是泛函的极小元，对任意 f 有 $J_\alpha(f) - J_\alpha(f_\alpha) \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} J_\alpha(f) - J_\alpha(f_\alpha) &= \|Kf - g\|^2 + \alpha\|f\|^2 - \|Kf_\alpha - g\|^2 - \alpha\|f_\alpha\|^2 \\ &= \|K(f - f_\alpha)\|^2 + \alpha\|f - f_\alpha\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(K^*Kf_\alpha + \alpha f_\alpha - K^*g, f - f_\alpha) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

由于 f 的任意性， $f - f_\alpha$ 可正可负，只能 $K^*Kf_\alpha + \alpha f_\alpha - K^*g = 0$

- 第一项 $\|Kf - g\|^2$ ：是最小二乘法的 χ^2 项，它的极小化就是 $Kf = g$ 的近似解。但它过小就会过拟合，结果 f 高度振荡，不适定了。它也叫残差项，代表原问题。
- 第二项 $\alpha\|f\|^2$ ：是控制 $\|f\|$ 不能太大，避免高度振荡，使解变稳定，得到正则化解。

Criteria of a good theoretical approach

- (1) Well defined in mathematics \longrightarrow Dispersion relation + proof of ill-posedness
- (2) Realization in numerical calculations \longrightarrow Regularization methods
- (3) Can be systematically improved \longrightarrow Errors converge to vanishing as $\delta \rightarrow 0$
- (4) Simple at the beginning \longrightarrow Tikhonov regularization