

# Interpolation of the 't Hooft model between Instant and Light-Front Dynamics

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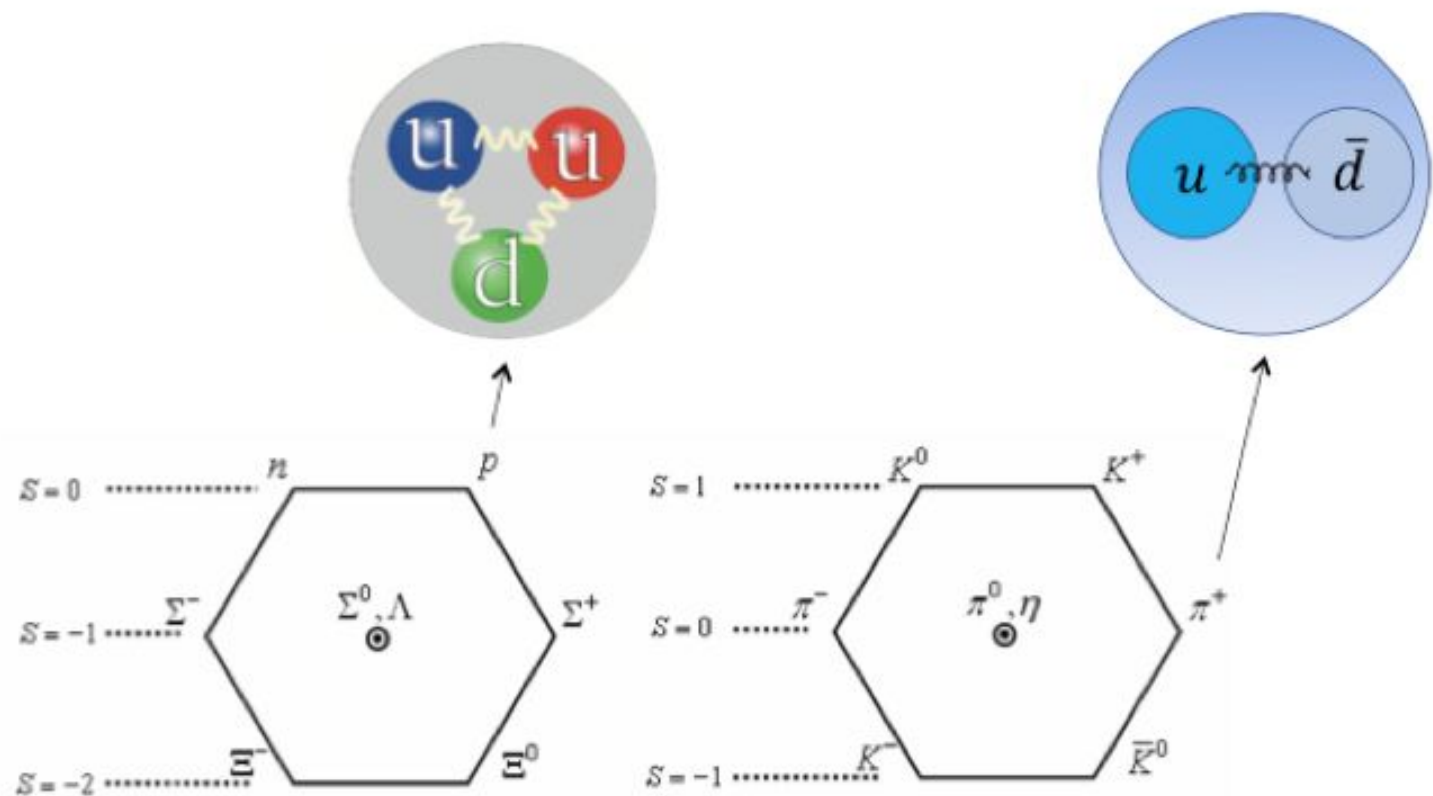
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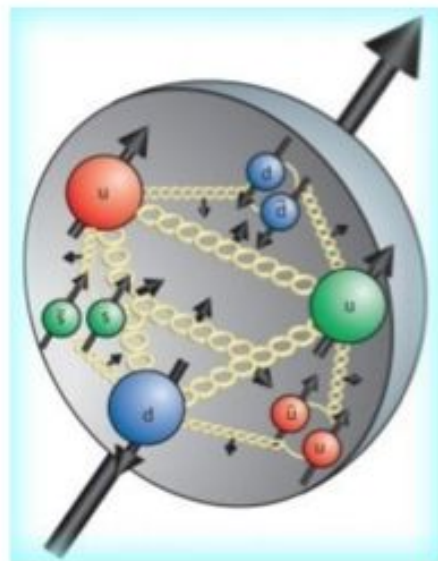
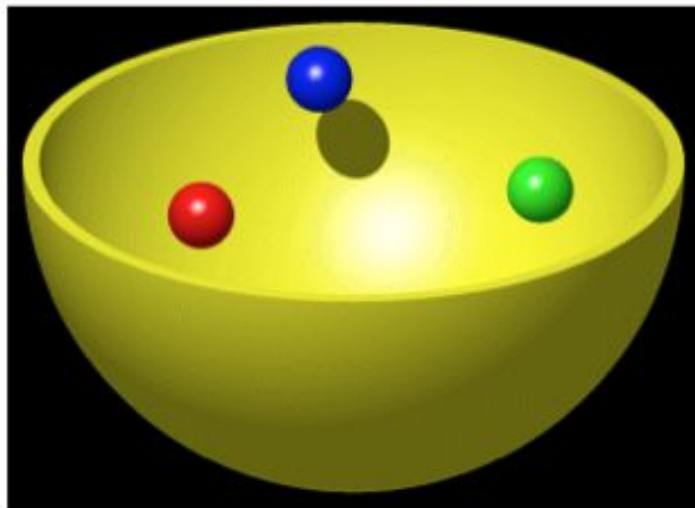
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# How do we understand the Quark Model in Quantum Chromodynamics?

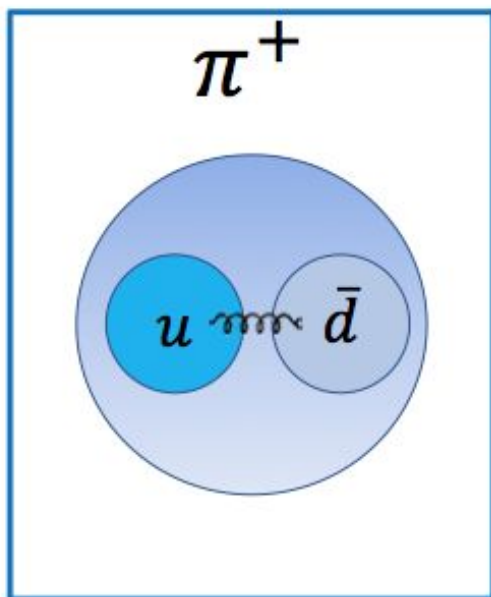


$$M_p = 938.272046 \pm 0.000021 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_n = 939.565379 \pm 0.000021 \text{ MeV}$$



$$m_u = 2.3_{-0.5}^{+0.7} \text{ MeV} \quad ; \quad m_d = 4.8_{-0.3}^{+0.7} \text{ MeV}$$



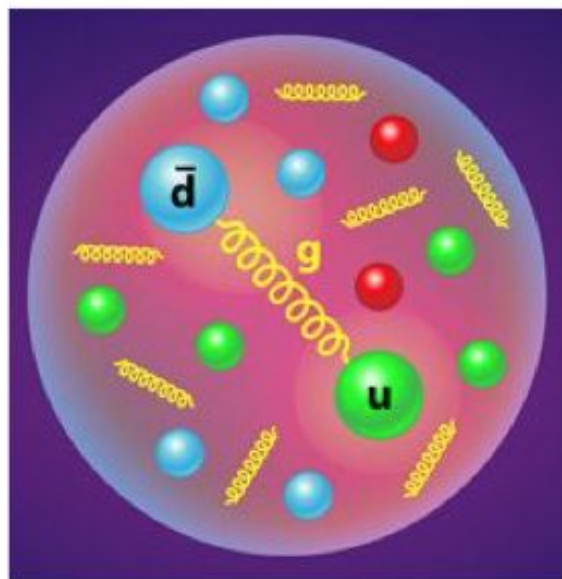
### Constituent Quark Model

$$M = m_1 + m_2 + A \frac{\vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

$$m_u = m_d = 310 \text{ MeV} / c^2$$

$$A = \left( \frac{2m_u}{\hbar} \right)^2 160 \text{ MeV} / c^2$$

vs.



### Quantum Chromodynamics

Isospin symmetry

Chiral symmetry

$SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L$

Spontaneous symmetry breakdown

Goldstone Bosons

$$F_\pi^2 M_\pi^2 = -(m_u + m_d) \langle 0 | \bar{u}u | 0 \rangle$$

Effective field theory

# Why Light-Front?

- Distinguished Vacuum Property
  - Maximum Number of Kinematic Operators
  - Distinguished Conformal Symmetry
- (Work in progress @ NCSU group meetings)

# Dirac's Proposition for Relativistic Dynamics



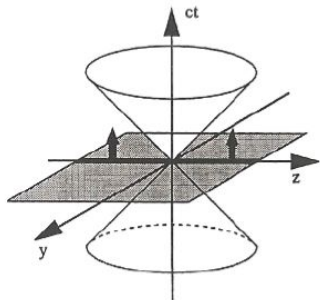
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Equal  $t$

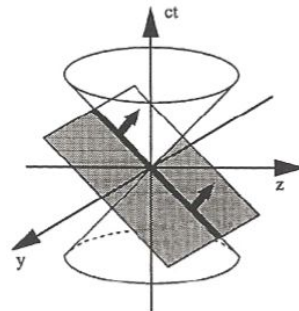
Equal  $\tau$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^0 &\leftrightarrow p^- = p^0 - p^3 \\
 (p^1, p^2) &\leftrightarrow \vec{p}_\perp \\
 p^3 &\leftrightarrow p^+ = p^0 + p^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$k_1^- - k_2^- = 0$$



The instant form

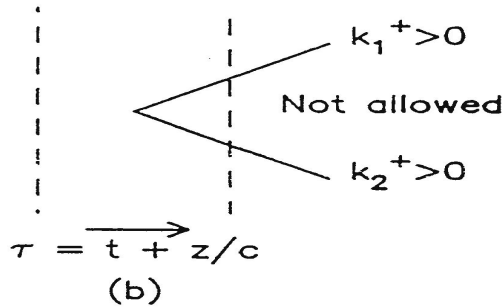
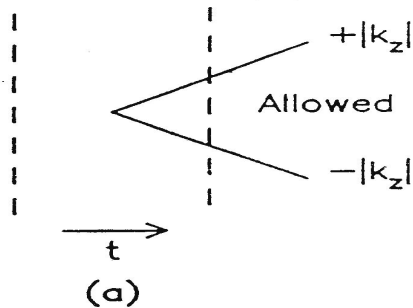


The front form

## Energy-Momentum Dispersion Relations

$$p^0 = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$$

$$p^- = \frac{\vec{p}_\perp^2 + m^2}{p^+}$$



Except zero-modes

$$k_1^+ = k_2^+ = 0$$

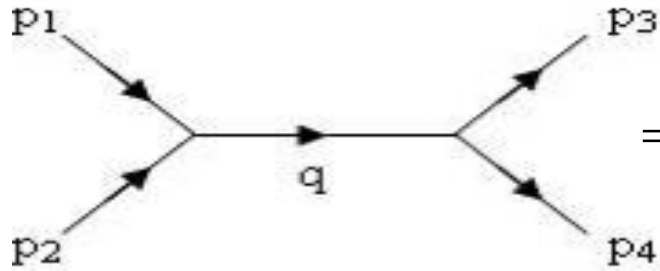
# IFD

Instant Form Dynamics

# LFD

Light-Front Dynamics

" $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ "



$$= \frac{1}{q^2 - m^2} = \frac{1}{s - m^2}$$

$$q^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \neq m^2$$

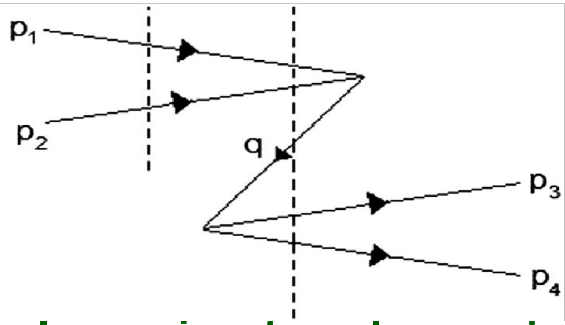
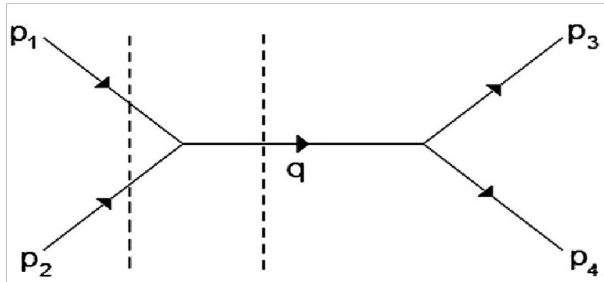
**Four-momentum conservation but off-mass-shell**

**Feynman Diagram: Invariant under all 10 Poincaré generators**

$t \rightarrow$  (time evolution; time ordered process in QFT; Energy is not conserved within  $\Delta t$ )

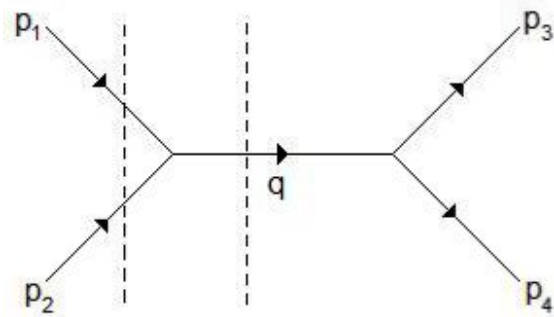
$$(\Delta E)(\Delta t) \sim \hbar$$

**Three-momentum conservation but on-mass-shell**



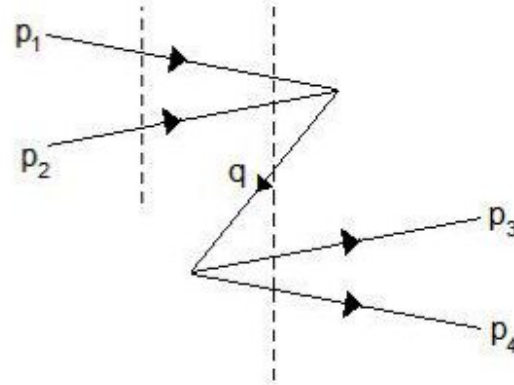
**Individual Time-Ordered Diagrams: Invariant only under translation and rotation (6 kinematic generators)**





(a)

$$\Sigma_{\text{IFD}}^a = \frac{1}{2q^0} \left( \frac{1}{p_1^0 + p_2^0 - q^0} \right)$$



(b)

$$\Sigma_{\text{IFD}}^b = -\frac{1}{2q^0} \left( \frac{1}{p_1^0 + p_2^0 + q^0} \right)$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{IFD}}^a + \Sigma_{\text{IFD}}^b = \frac{1}{2q^0} \left( \frac{1}{p_1^0 + p_2^0 - q^0} - \frac{1}{p_1^0 + p_2^0 + q^0} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(p_1^0 + p_2^0)^2 - (q^0)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\{(p_1^0 + p_2^0)^2 - (\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2)^2\} - \{(q^0)^2 - \vec{q}^2\}}$$

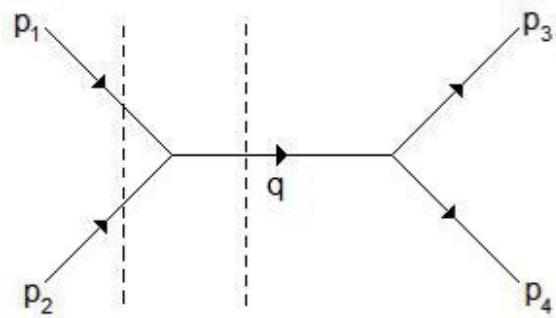
$$= \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 - q^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s - m^2}$$

**: Three-momentum conservation**

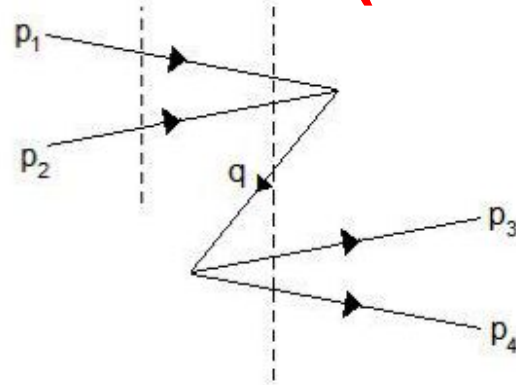
**:  $q^2 = m^2$  ; on -mass-shell**

# Infinite Momentum Frame (IMF) Approach



(a)

$$\frac{1}{E_1 + E_2 - Eq}$$



(b)

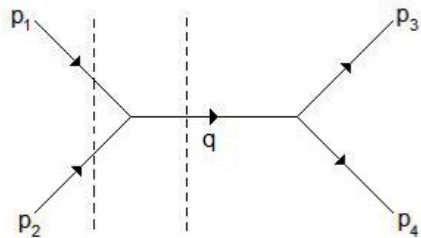
$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{Eq + E_3 + E_4} \\ & = -\frac{1}{Eq + E_1 + E_2} \\ & \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

S.Weinberg, PR158,1638(1967)  
 “Dynamics at Infinite Momentum”

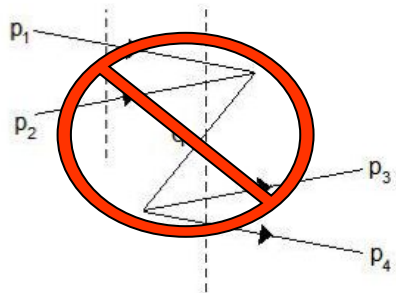
**Note that this is still in the instant form (IFD).**

# However, in LFD, (b) drops for any reference frame (not just for IMF)

$\tau (= t+z/c) \rightarrow$



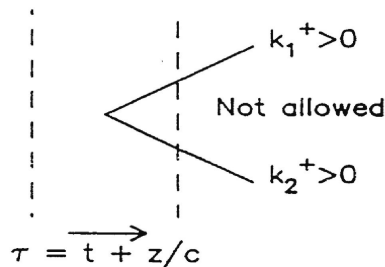
(a)



(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{LFD}^a + \Sigma_{LFD}^b &= \frac{1}{q^+} \left( \frac{1}{p_1^- + p_2^- - q^-} + 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{q^+ \left( \frac{(p_1 + p_2)^2 + (\vec{p}_{1\perp} + \vec{p}_{2\perp})^2 - m^2 + \vec{q}_\perp^2}{(p_1 + p_2)^+} - \frac{m^2 + \vec{q}_\perp^2}{q^+} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 - m^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{s - m^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$p^- = \frac{\vec{p}_\perp^2 + m^2}{p^+}$$



# Conformal Symmetry in IFD

1D

	$P_0$	$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$D$
$P_0$	0	$2iD$	$iP_0$
$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$-2iD$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_0$
$D$	$-iP_0$	$i\mathfrak{K}_0$	0

$$P_0 = i\partial_t$$

$$D = it\partial_t$$

$$\mathfrak{K}_0 = it^2\partial_t$$

2D

	$P_0$	$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$D$	$-P_3$	$\mathfrak{K}_3$	$K^3$
$P_0$	0	$2iD$	$iP_0$	0	$2iK^3$	$-iP_3$
$\mathfrak{K}_0$	$-2iD$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_0$	$-2iK^3$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_3$
$D$	$-iP_0$	$i\mathfrak{K}_0$	0	$iP_3$	$i\mathfrak{K}_3$	0
$-P_3$	0	$2iK^3$	$-iP_3$	0	$2iD$	$iP_0$
$\mathfrak{K}_3$	$-2iK^3$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_3$	$-2iD$	0	$-i\mathfrak{K}_0$
$K^3$	$iP_3$	$i\mathfrak{K}_3$	0	$-iP_0$	$i\mathfrak{K}_0$	0

Work in progress with Hariprashad Ravikumar et.al.@NCSU group meetings

# Conformal Symmetry in LFD

**1D**

	$P_+$	$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$D_+$
$P_+$	0	$2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	$\sqrt{2}iP_+$
$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$-2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	0	$-\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$
$D_+$	$-\sqrt{2}iP_+$	$\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$	0

**2D**

	$P_+$	$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$D_+$	$P_-$	$\mathfrak{K}_-$	$D_-$
$P_+$	0	$2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	$\sqrt{2}iP_+$	0	0	0
$\mathfrak{K}_+$	$-2\sqrt{2}iD_+$	0	$-\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$	0	0	0
$D_+$	$-\sqrt{2}iP_+$	$\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_+$	0	0	0	0
$P_-$	0	0	0	0	$2\sqrt{2}iD_-$	$\sqrt{2}iP_-$
$\mathfrak{K}_-$	0	0	0	$-2\sqrt{2}iD_-$	0	$-\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_-$
$D_-$	0	0	0	$-\sqrt{2}iP_-$	$\sqrt{2}i\mathfrak{K}_-$	0

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{P_0 \pm P_3}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \mathfrak{K}_{\pm} = \frac{\mathfrak{K}_0 \mp \mathfrak{K}_3}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad D_{\pm} = \frac{D_0 \mp K^3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

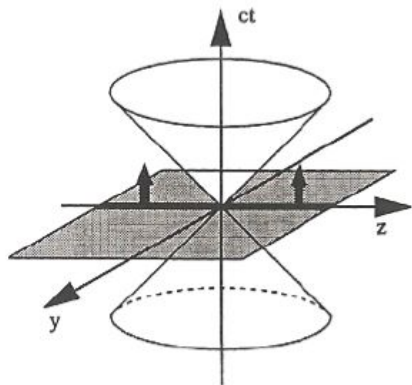
# Can IFD and LFD be linked?



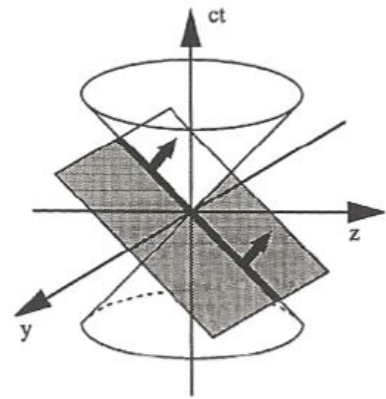
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## Yes, they can!



The instant form



The front form

Traditional approach  
evolved from NR dynamics

Close contact with  
Euclidean space

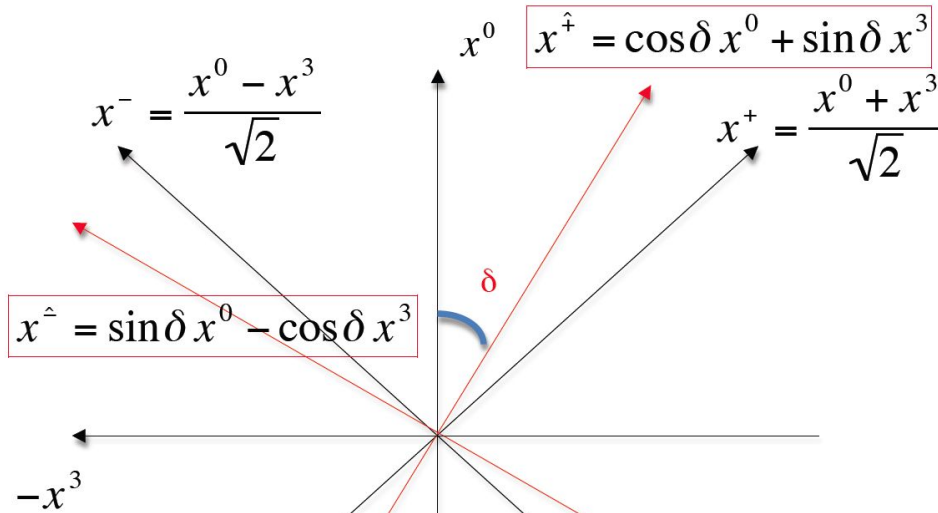
T-dept QFT, LQCD, IMF, etc.

Innovative approach  
for relativistic dynamics

Strictly in Minkowski space

DIS, PDFs, DVCS, GPDs, etc.

# Interpolation between IFD and LFD



$$(IFD) \quad 0 \leq \delta \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (LFD)$$
$$1 \geq C \equiv \cos(2\delta) \geq 0$$

**K. Hornbostel, PRD45, 3781 (1992) – RQFT**

**C.Ji and S.Rey, PRD53,5815(1996) – Chiral Anomaly**

**C.Ji and C. Mitchell, PRD64,085013 (2001) – Poincare Algebra**

**C.Ji and A. Suzuki, PRD87,065015 (2013) – Scattering Amps**

**C.Ji, Z. Li and A. Suzuki, PRD91, 065020 (2015) – EM Gauges**

**Z.Li, M. An and C.Ji, PRD92, 105014 (2015) – Spinors**

**C.Ji, Z.Li, B.Ma and A.Suzuki, PRD98, 036017(2018) – QED**

**B.Ma and C.Ji, arXiv:2105.09388v1[hep-ph], PRD104, 036004(2021) – QCD<sub>1+1</sub>**

## Large $N_c$ QCD in 1+1 dim. ('tHooft Model)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}}^a F^{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}a} + \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\hat{\mu}} D_{\hat{\mu}} - m)\psi$$

$$D_{\hat{\mu}} = \partial_{\hat{\mu}} - igA_{\hat{\mu}}^a t_a$$

$$F_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}}^a = \partial_{\hat{\mu}} A_{\hat{\nu}}^a - \partial_{\hat{\nu}} A_{\hat{\mu}}^a + gf^{abc} A_{\hat{\mu}}^b A_{\hat{\nu}}^c$$

'tHooft Coupling  $\lambda = \frac{g^2 (N_c - 1/N_c)}{4\pi}$  and mass  $m$

$$g \rightarrow 0, N_c \rightarrow \infty; \lambda \rightarrow \text{finite}$$



# Short List of LFD vs. IFD References

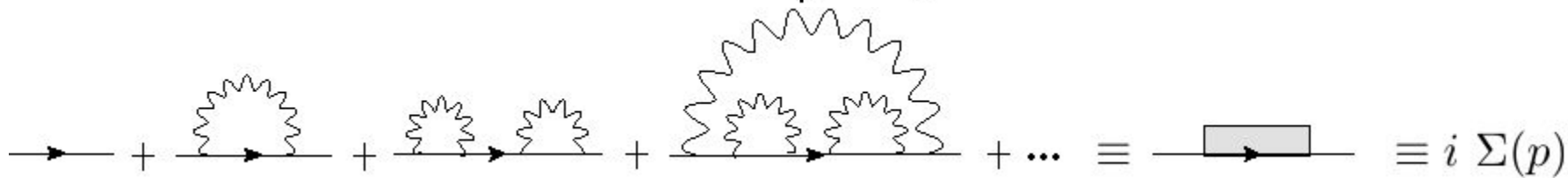
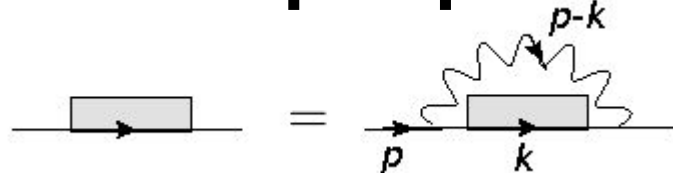
- G.'tHooft, NPB75,461(74) - LFD
- Y.Frishman, et al., PRD15(75) - Interpol Gauges IFD&LFD
- I.Bars&M.Green, PRD17,537(78) - IFD(formulation)
- A.Zhitnitsky, PLB165,405(85) - LFD(chiral sym breaking)
- M.Li, et al., JPG13, 915(87) - IFD(rest frame)
- K.Hornbostel, Ph.D. Dissertation(88) - LFD(DLCQ)
- M.Burkardt, PRD53,933(96) - LFD(vacuum condensates)
- Y.Kalashnikov&A.Nefed'ev,Phys.-Usp.45,346('02) - IFD(rev)
- Y. Jia, et al., JHEP11, 151('17) - IFD(moving frame)
- Y. Jia, et al., PRD98, 054011('18) - IFD(quasi-PDFs)
- B.Ma&C.Ji, PRD104,036004('21) - [Link IFD&LFD](#)

# Interpolating Axial Gauge

$$A_{\hat{z}}^a = 0$$

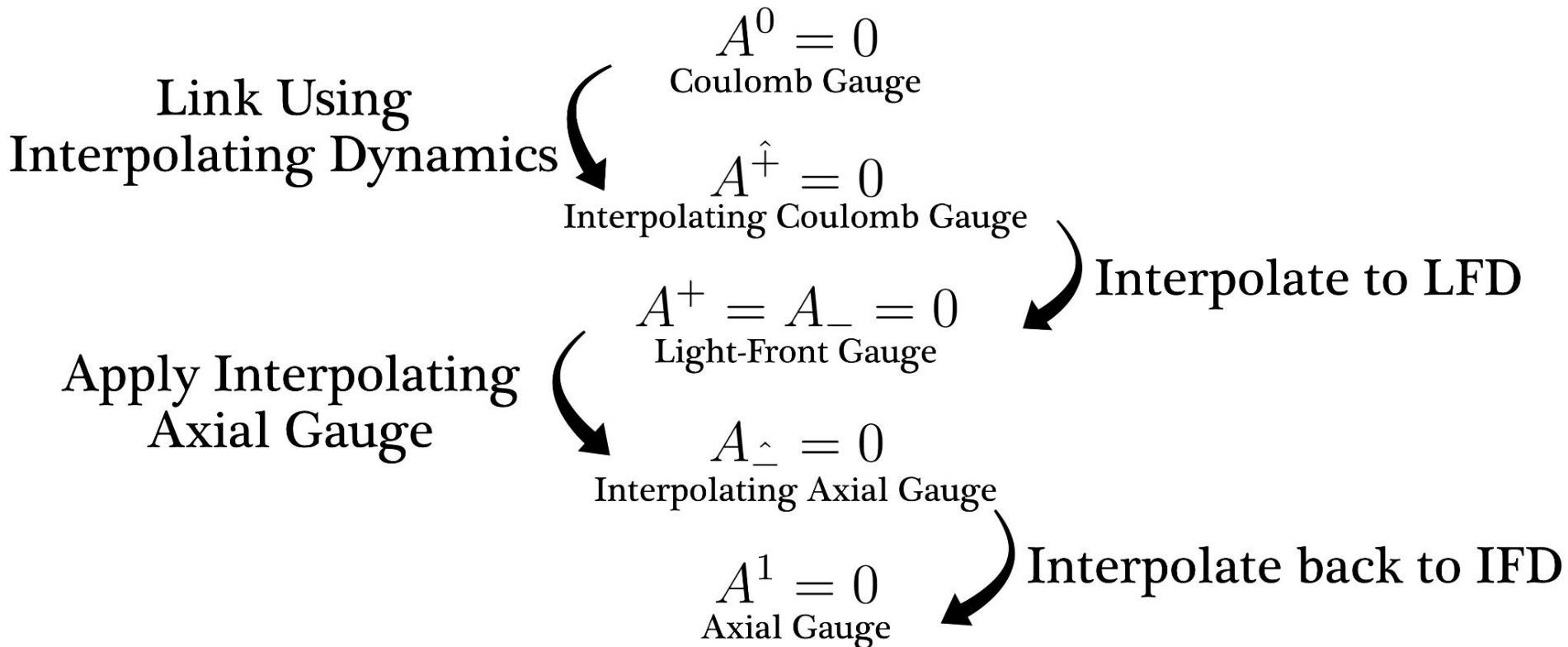
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\hat{z}} A_{\hat{+}}^a \right)^2 + \bar{\psi} \left( i\gamma^{\hat{+}} D_{\hat{+}} + i\gamma^{\hat{z}} \partial_{\hat{z}} - m \right) \psi$$

## Mass Gap Equation



$$\Sigma(p_{\hat{z}}) = i \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_{\hat{z}} dk_{\hat{+}}}{(p_{\hat{z}} - k_{\hat{z}})^2} \gamma^{\hat{+}} \frac{1}{\not{k} - m - \Sigma(k_{\hat{z}}) + i\epsilon} \gamma^{\hat{+}}$$

# Coulomb Gauge vs. Axial Gauge



# Fermion Propagator

Free Propagator

$$S_f(p) = \frac{1}{\not{p} - m + i\epsilon}$$



Interacting Propagator

$$S(p) = \frac{1}{\not{p} - m - \Sigma(p) + i\epsilon}$$
$$= \frac{F(p)}{\not{p} - M(p) + i\epsilon}$$

$$\Sigma(p) = \Sigma_s(p) + \Sigma_v(p)\not{p}$$

$$F(p) = (1 - \Sigma_v(p))^{-1} \quad \text{“Wave function renormalization factor”}$$

$$M(p) = \frac{m + \Sigma_s(p)}{1 - \Sigma_v(p)} \quad \text{“Renormalized fermion mass function”}$$

# Energy-Momentum Dispersion Relation

Free particle

Interacting particle

$$E = \sqrt{p_z^2 + m^2}$$

$$\frac{F(p'_\pm)E(p'_\pm)}{\sqrt{C}} = \sqrt{p'^2 + M(p'_\pm)^2} \equiv \tilde{E}(p'_\pm)$$

$$\theta_f = \tan^{-1}(p_z / m)$$

$$\theta(p'_\pm) = \theta_f(p'_\pm) + 2\zeta(p'_\pm)$$

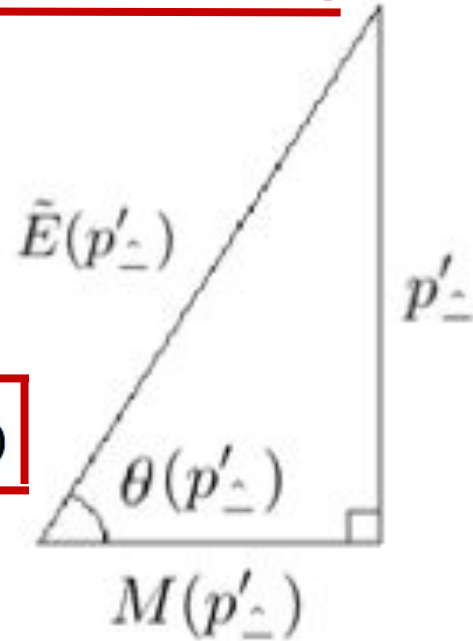
$$\beta = p_z / E$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b^i(p'_\pm) \\ d^{+i}(p'_\pm) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \zeta(p'_\pm) & -\sin \zeta(p'_\pm) \\ \sin \zeta(p'_\pm) & \cos \zeta(p'_\pm) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_f^i(p'_\pm) \\ d_f^{+i}(p'_\pm) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sin \theta_f$$

$$= \tanh \eta$$

$$b_f^i |0\rangle = 0, d_f^i |0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad b^i |\Omega\rangle = 0, d^i |\Omega\rangle = 0$$



**Interpolation**

$$(E, p_z) \Rightarrow (p^\dagger / \sqrt{C}, p_\pm / \sqrt{C} \equiv p'_\pm)$$

# Mass Gap Equation in Scaled Variables

$$\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}} = \frac{\bar{p}_{\hat{\_}}}{\sqrt{\mathbb{C}}}, \quad \bar{E}' = \frac{\bar{E}}{\sqrt{\mathbb{C}}}, \quad \bar{p}_{\hat{\_}} = \frac{p_{\hat{\_}}}{\sqrt{2\lambda}}, \quad \bar{E} = \frac{E}{\sqrt{2\lambda}}, \quad \bar{m} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{2\lambda}}$$

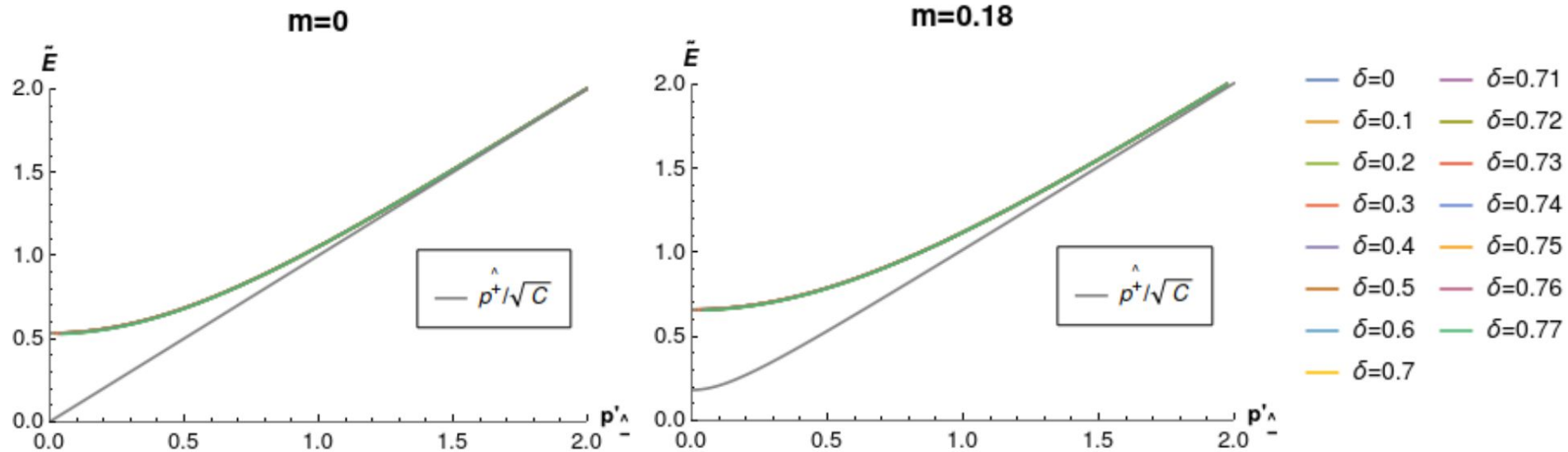
$$\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}} \cos \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) - \bar{m} \sin \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d\bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}}}{(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}} - \bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}})^2} \sin \left( \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) - \theta(\bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}}) \right)$$

$$\bar{E}'(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) = \bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}} \sin \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) + \bar{m} \cos \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) + \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d\bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}}}{(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}} - \bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}})^2} \cos \left( \theta(\bar{p}'_{\hat{\_}}) - \theta(\bar{k}'_{\hat{\_}}) \right)$$

$$\frac{p_{\hat{\_}}}{\mathbb{C}} \cos \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) - \frac{m}{\sqrt{\mathbb{C}}} \sin \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \int \frac{dk_{\hat{\_}}}{(p_{\hat{\_}} - k_{\hat{\_}})^2} \sin \left( \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) - \theta(k_{\hat{\_}}) \right)$$

$$E(p_{\hat{\_}}) = p_{\hat{\_}} \sin \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) + \sqrt{\mathbb{C}} m \cos \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) + \frac{\mathbb{C}\lambda}{2} \int \frac{dk_{\hat{\_}}}{(p_{\hat{\_}} - k_{\hat{\_}})^2} \cos \left( \theta(p_{\hat{\_}}) - \theta(k_{\hat{\_}}) \right)$$

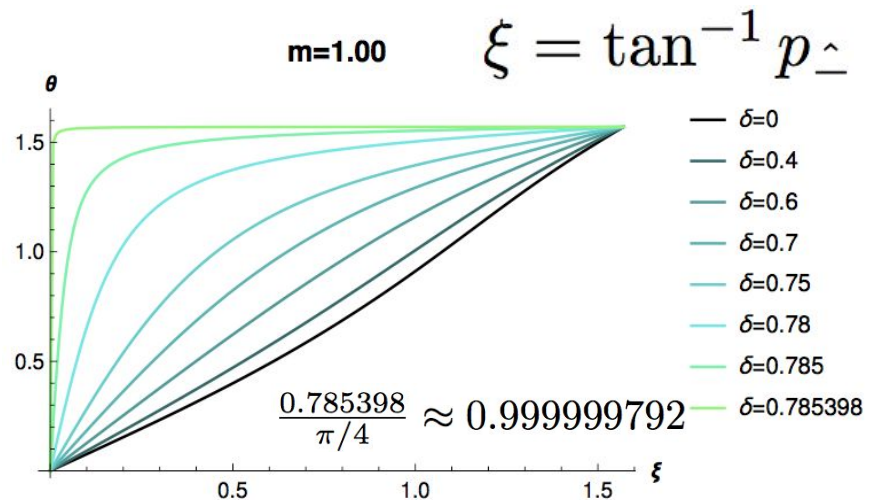
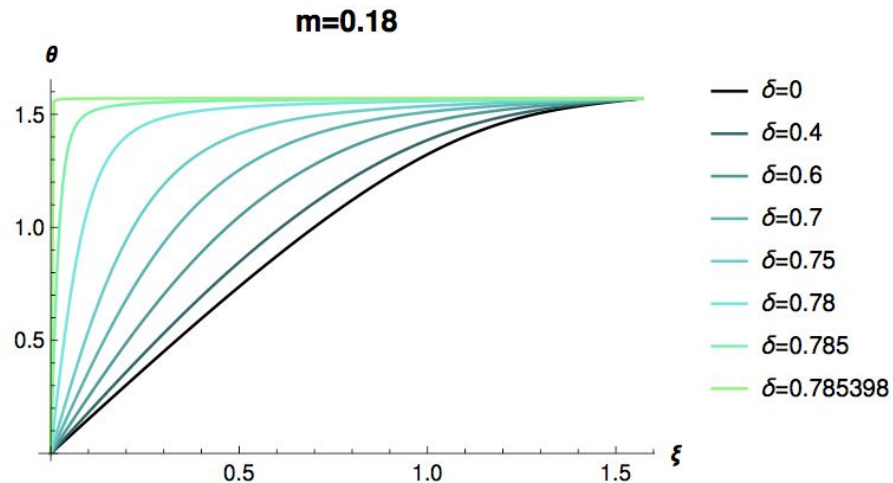
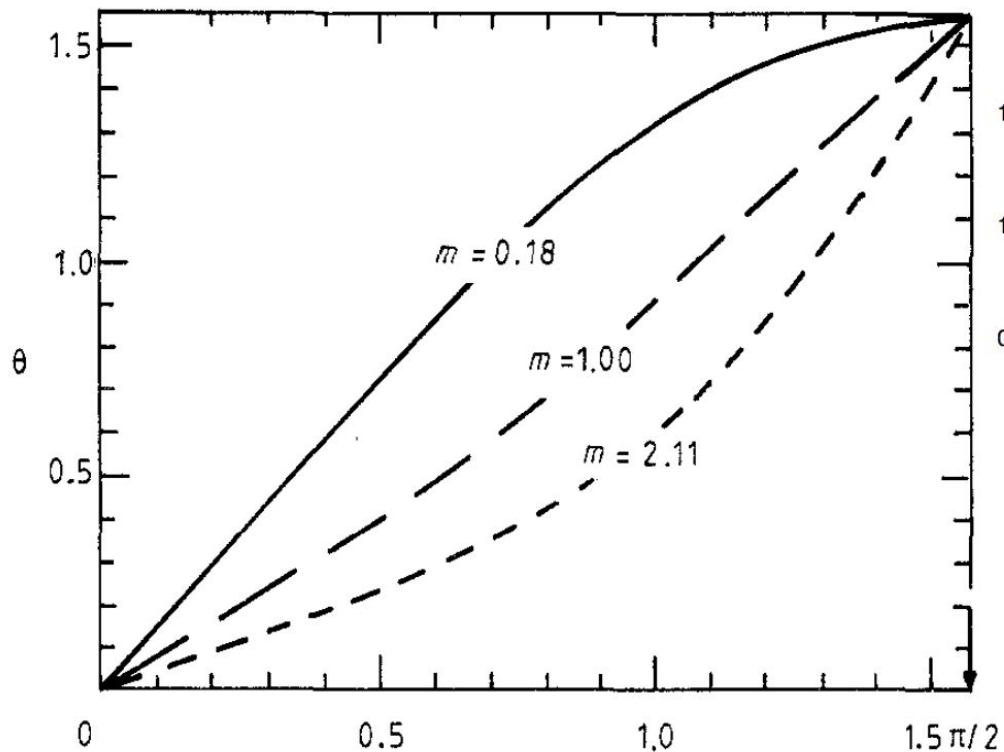
# Mass Gap Solutions



$$\tilde{E}(0) = \frac{F(0)E(0)}{\sqrt{C}} = M(0)$$

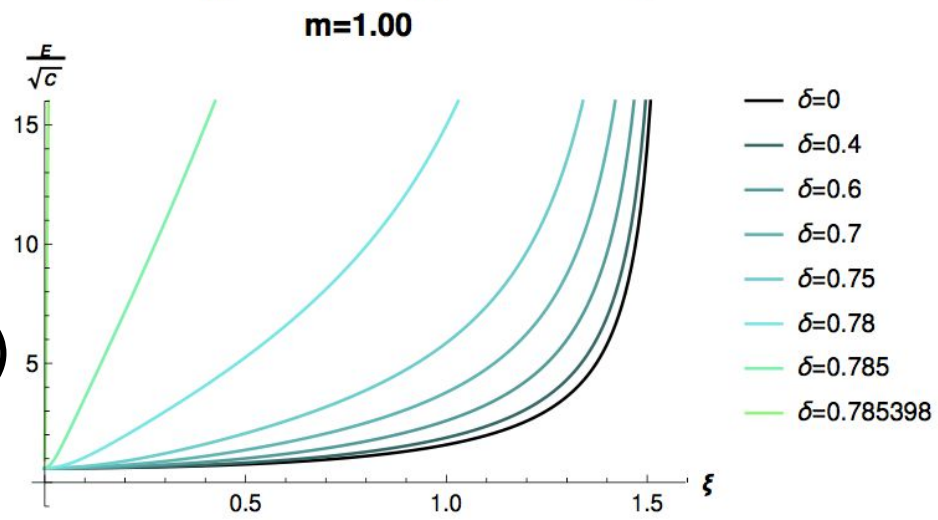
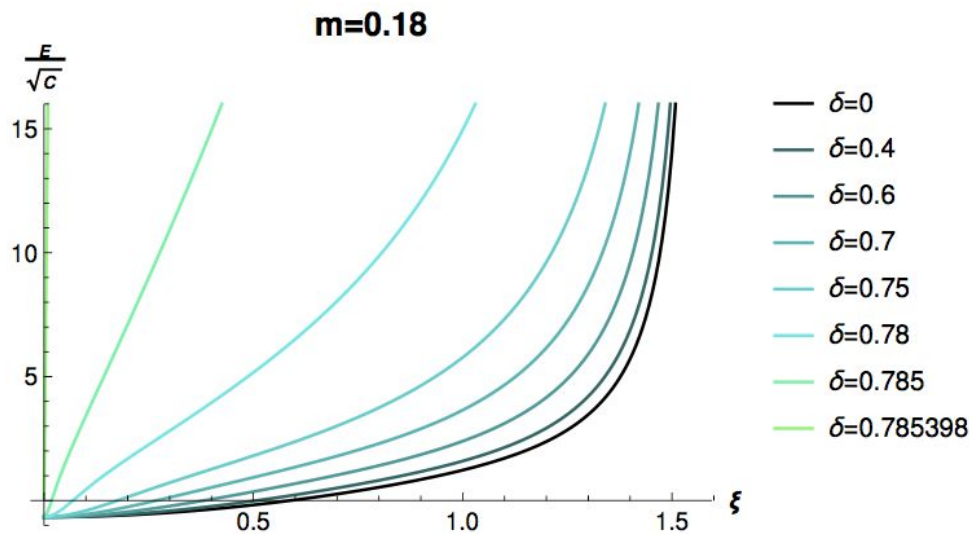
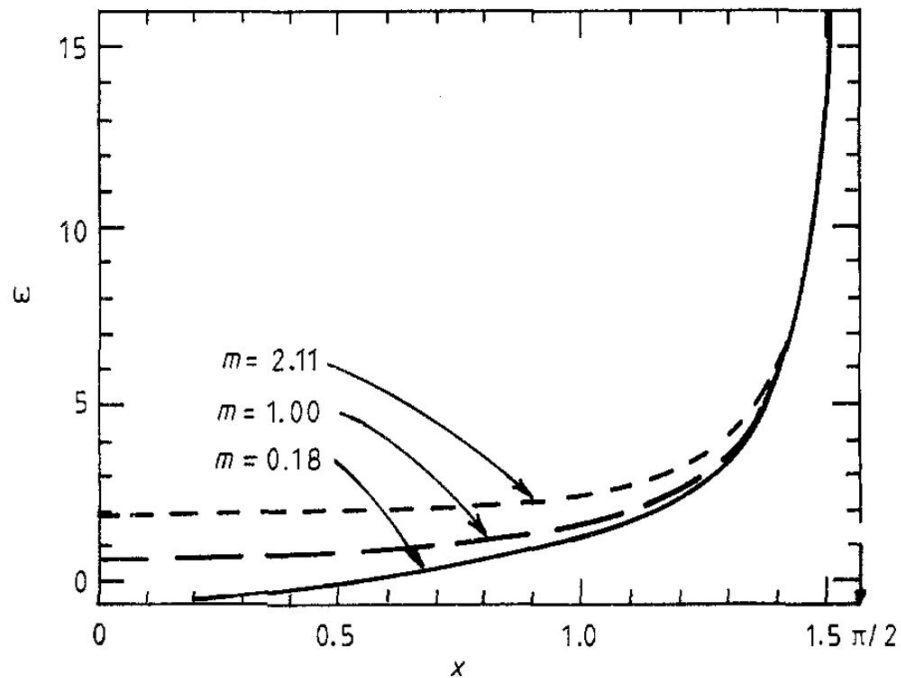
$m$	0	0.045	0.18	0.749	1.00	2.11	4.23
$M(0)$	0.532778	0.563644	0.659112	1.10105	1.31167	2.30969	4.34358
$F(0)$	-0.495173	-0.584175	-0.987673	4.11079	2.17976	1.22134	1.05526

$$m \lesssim 0.56$$



- M.Li, et al., JPG13, 915(87)  
- IFD(rest frame)

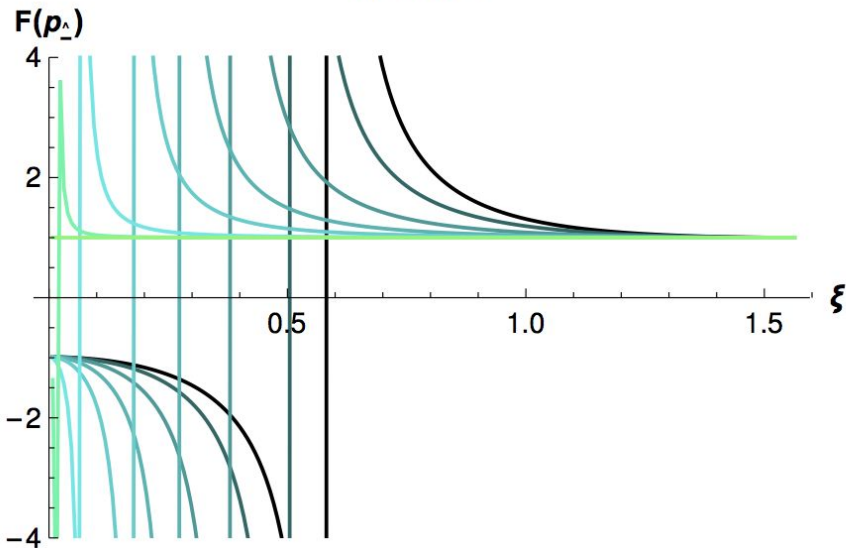




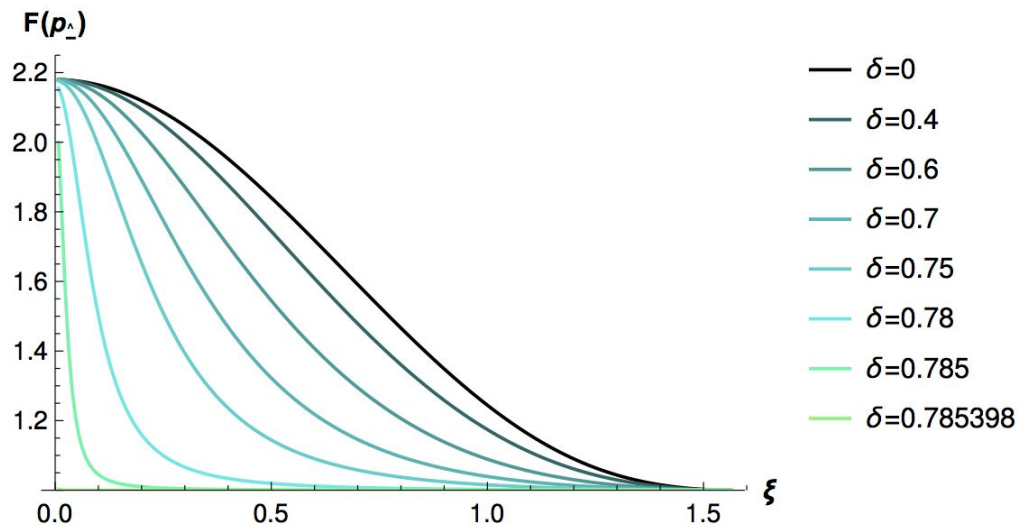
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# Wave Function Renormalization Factors

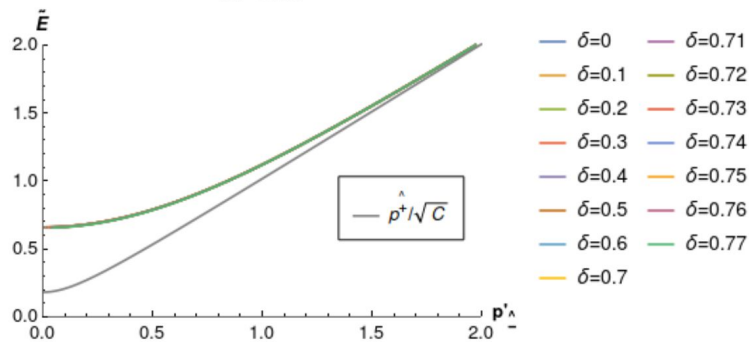
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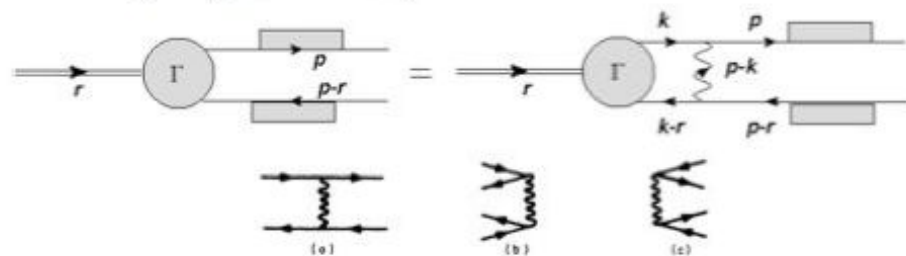
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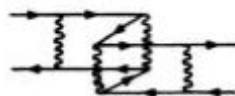
$$\frac{F(p'_{\Delta})E(p'_{\Delta})}{\sqrt{C}} = \sqrt{p'^2_{\Delta} + M(p'_{\Delta})^2} \equiv \tilde{E}(p'_{\Delta})$$

# BOUND-STATE EQUATION

$$\Gamma(r, p) = \frac{i\lambda}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_{\perp} dk_{\parallel}}{(p_{\perp} - k_{\perp})^2} S(p) \gamma^{\dagger} \Gamma(r, k) \gamma^{\dagger} S(p - r)$$



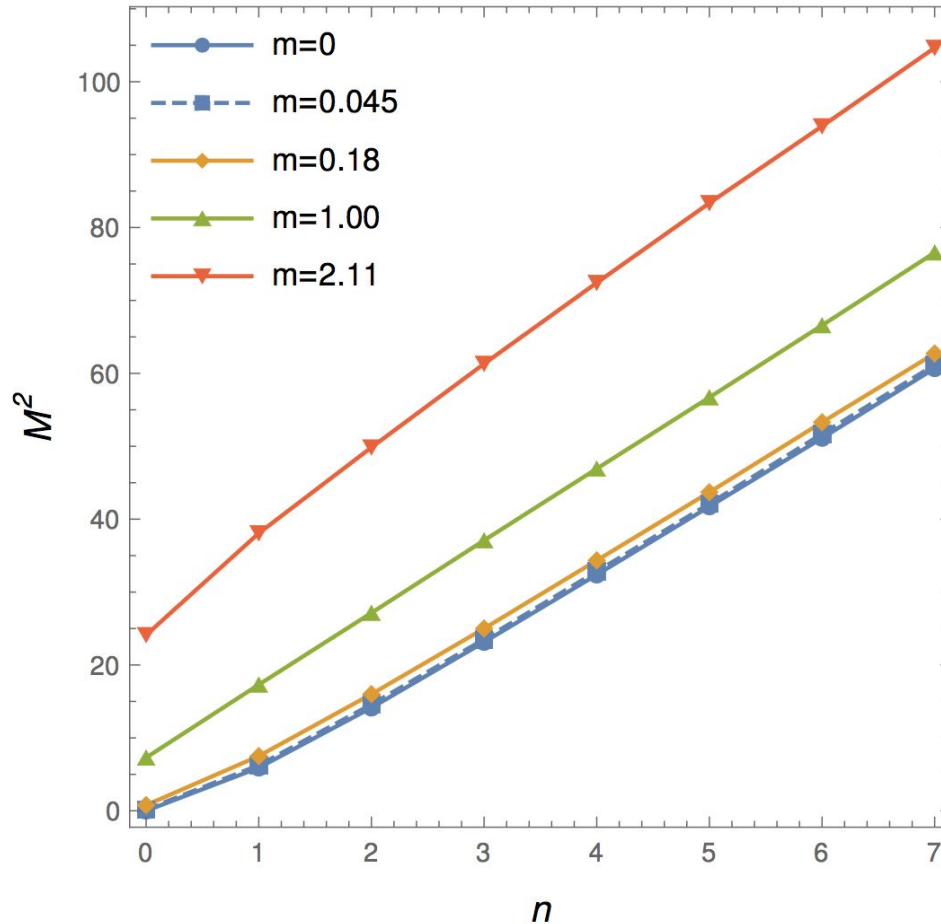
$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ -r_{\parallel} + \frac{-S p_{\perp} + E(p_{\perp})}{C} + \frac{S(p_{\perp} - r_{\perp}) + E(p_{\perp} - r_{\perp})}{C} \right] \hat{\phi}_{+}(r_{\perp}, p_{\perp}) \\ &= \lambda \int \frac{dk_{\perp}}{(p_{\perp} - k_{\perp})^2} \left[ C(p_{\perp}, k_{\perp}, r_{\perp}) \hat{\phi}_{+}(r_{\perp}, k_{\perp}) - S(p_{\perp}, k_{\perp}, r_{\perp}) \hat{\phi}_{-}(r_{\perp}, k_{\perp}) \right], \\ & \left[ r_{\parallel} + \frac{-S(p_{\perp} - r_{\perp}) + E(p_{\perp} - r_{\perp})}{C} + \frac{S p_{\perp} + E(p_{\perp})}{C} \right] \hat{\phi}_{-}(r_{\perp}, p_{\perp}) \\ &= \lambda \int \frac{dk_{\perp}}{(p_{\perp} - k_{\perp})^2} \left[ C(p_{\perp}, k_{\perp}, r_{\perp}) \hat{\phi}_{-}(r_{\perp}, k_{\perp}) - S(p_{\perp}, k_{\perp}, r_{\perp}) \hat{\phi}_{+}(r_{\perp}, k_{\perp}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$



**LFD**

$$\left[ \mathcal{M}^2 - \frac{m^2 - 2\lambda}{x} - \frac{m^2 - 2\lambda}{1-x} \right] \phi(x) = -2\lambda \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{(x-y)^2} \phi(y)$$

# Meson Spectroscopy

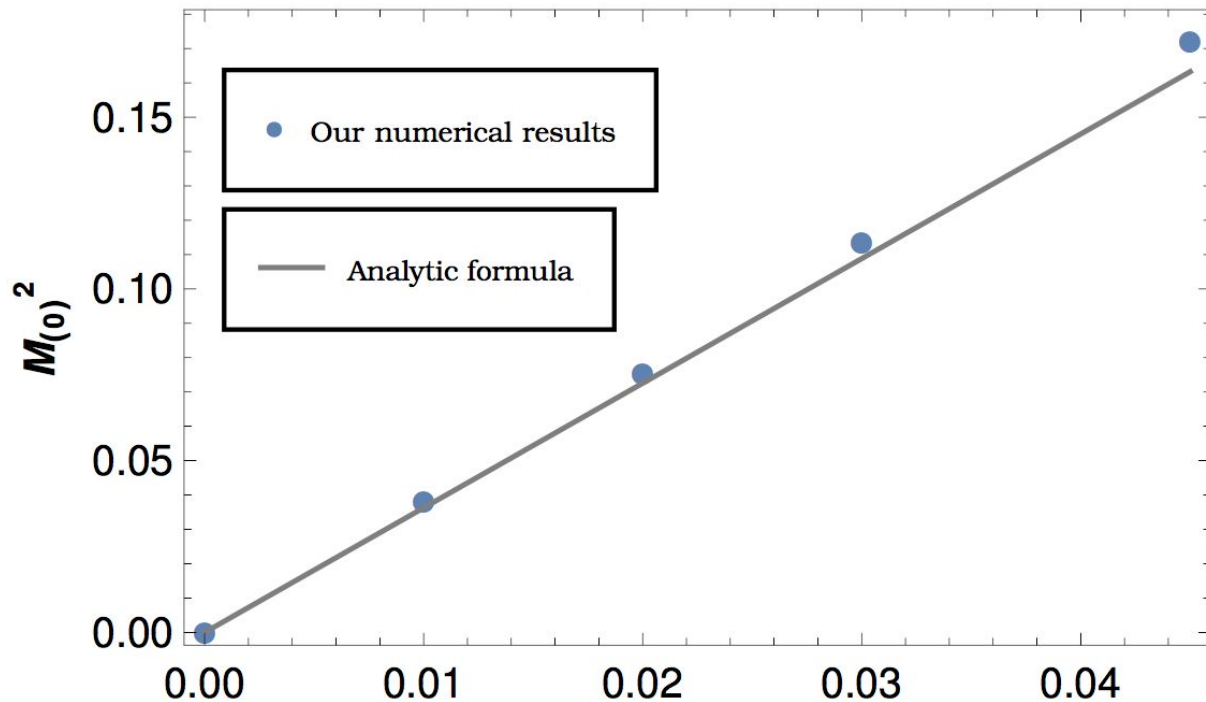


- G. 'tHooft, NPB75, 461(74) - LFD

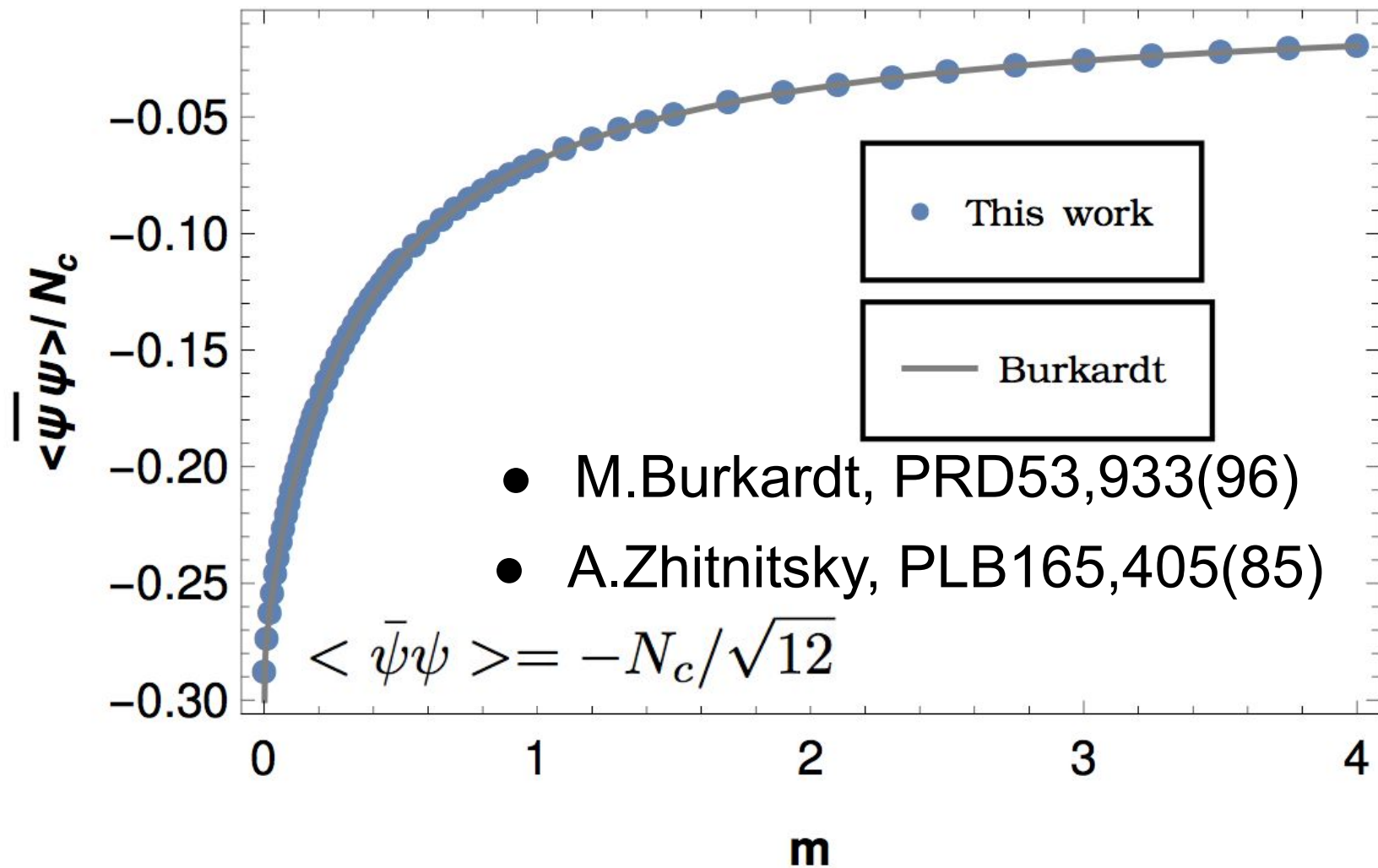
- M. Li, et al., JPG13, 915(87) - IFD (rest frame)

- Y. Jia, et al., JHEP11, 151('17) - IFD (moving frame)

# Gell-Mann - Oaks - Renner Relation

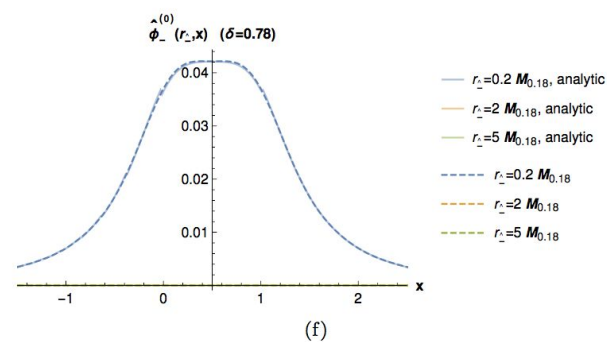
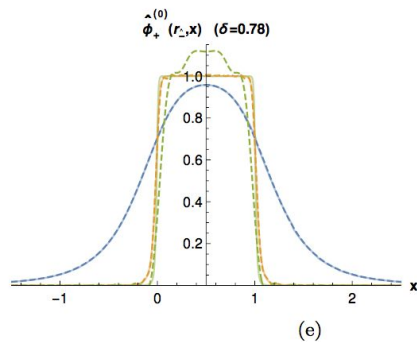
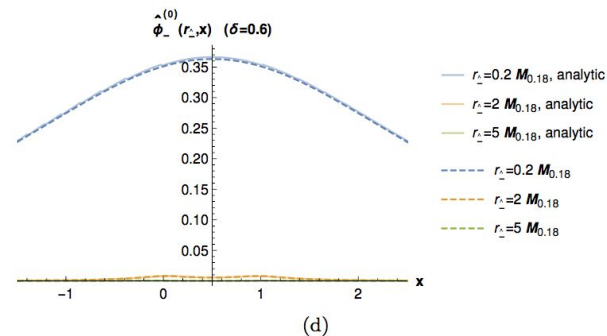
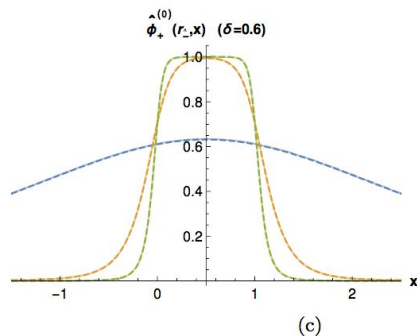
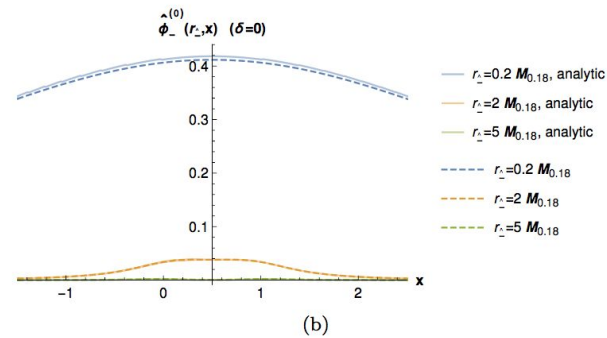
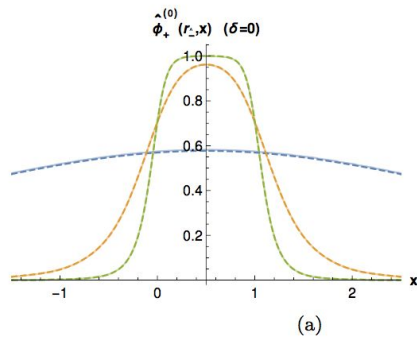


$$\mathcal{M}_\pi^2 = -\frac{4m \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle}{f_\pi^2} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2 m^2 \lambda}{3}} \quad m \quad f_\pi = \sqrt{N_c/\pi}$$



# Meson Ground-state Wave-function for $m=0$ case

$$\hat{\phi}_{\pm}^{(0)}(r_{\pm}, p_{\pm}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta(r_{\pm} - p_{\pm}) - \theta(p_{\pm})}{2} \pm \sin \frac{\theta(r_{\pm} - p_{\pm}) + \theta(p_{\pm})}{2} \right)$$



# Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

$$q_n(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \\ \times \langle P_n^-, P^+ | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \mathcal{W}[\xi^-, 0] \psi(0) | P_n^-, P^+ \rangle_C,$$

$$\mathcal{W}[\xi^-, 0] = \mathcal{P} \left[ \exp \left( -ig_s \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-) \right) \right] \mathbf{A^+=0 Gauge in LFD}$$

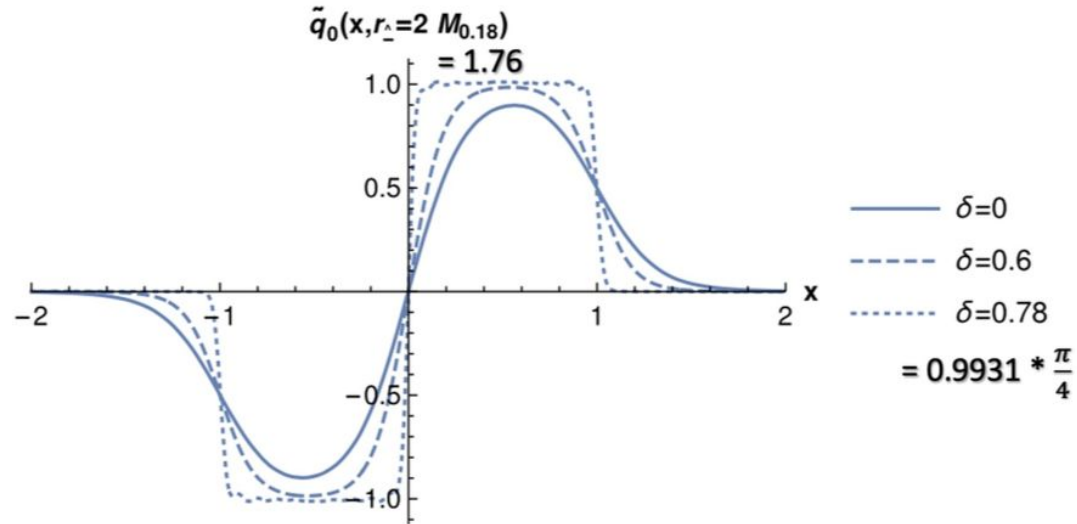
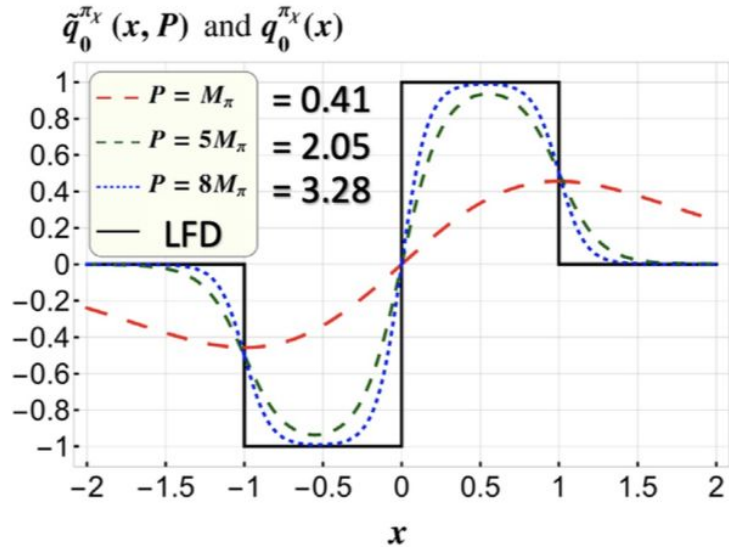
## Quasi-PDFs

$$\tilde{q}_{(n)}(\hat{r}_\perp, x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx^\hat{-}}{4\pi} e^{ix^\hat{-} r_\perp} \\ \times \langle r_{(n)}^\hat{+}, r_\perp | \bar{\psi}(x^\hat{-}) \gamma_\perp \mathcal{W}[x^\hat{-}, 0] \psi(0) | r_{(n)}^\hat{+}, r_\perp \rangle_C,$$

$$\mathcal{W}[x^\hat{-}, 0] = \mathcal{P} \left[ \exp \left( -ig \int_0^{x^\hat{-}} dx'^\hat{-} A_\perp(x'^\hat{-}) \right) \right] \mathbf{Interpolating dynamics}$$



Y. Jia, et al., PRD98, 054011('18)  
- IFD (quasi-PDFs)



B.Ma&C.Ji, PRD104, 036004('21)  
- Interpolating Dynamics

## Extended Wick Rotation

$$p^0 \rightarrow \tilde{P}^0 = ip^0 \quad (\delta = 0)$$

*For*  $0 < \delta < \pi/4$ ,

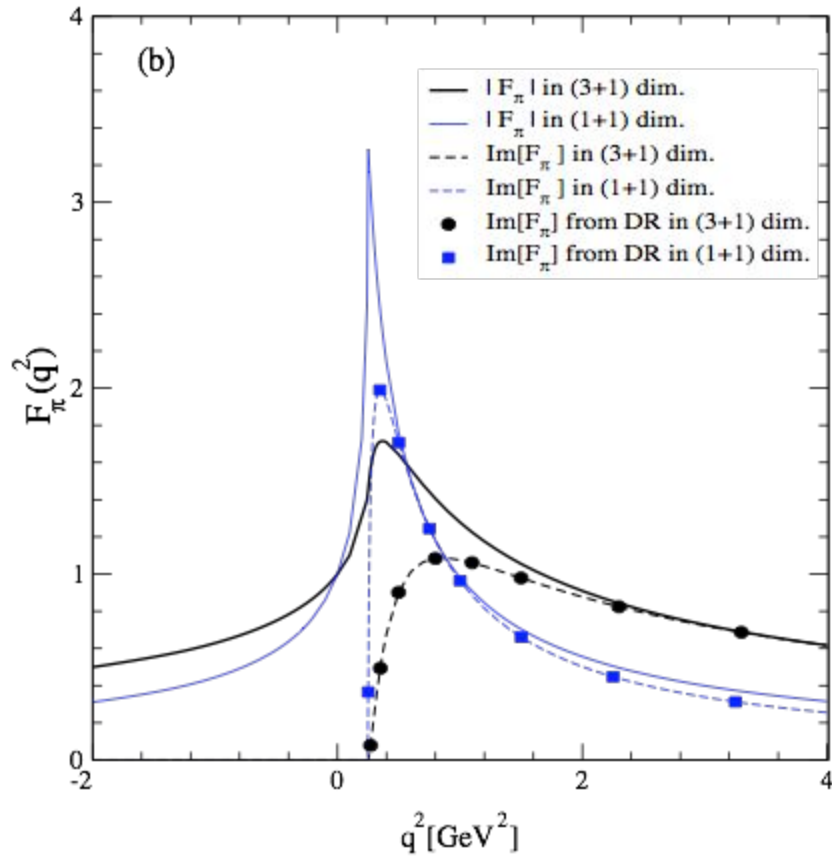
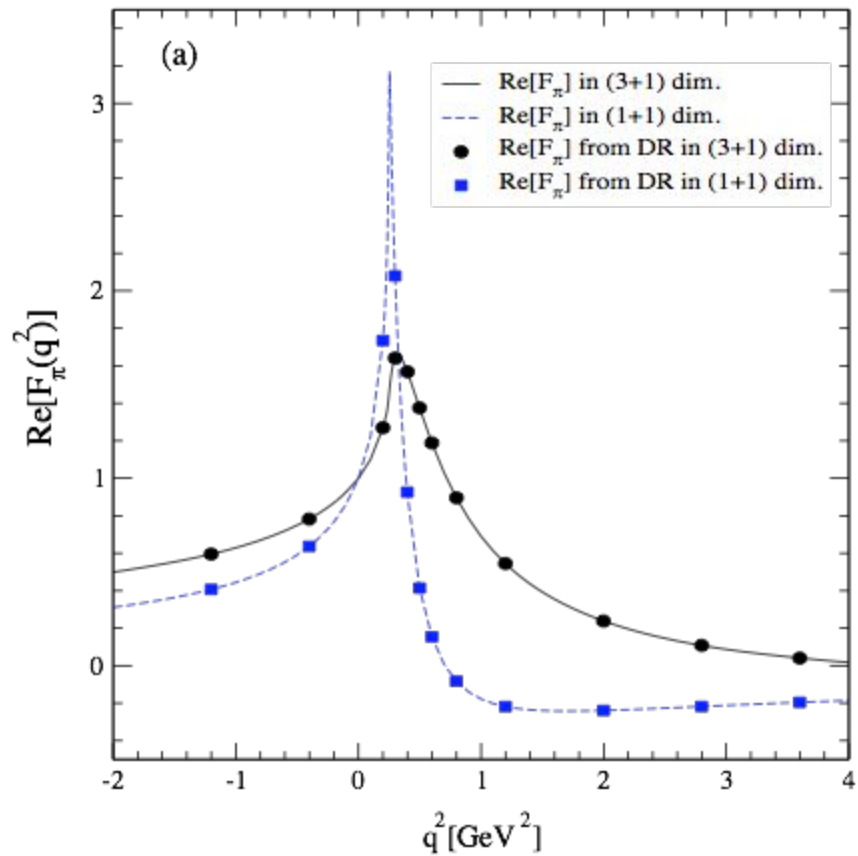
$$p^{\hat{\dagger}} / \sqrt{C} \rightarrow \tilde{P}^{\hat{\dagger}} / \sqrt{C} = ip^{\hat{\dagger}} / \sqrt{C} .$$

*Correspondence to Euclidean Space*

$$p_{\hat{\_}}'^2 = p_{\hat{\_}}^2 / C \leftrightarrow -\tilde{P}^2$$

# Conclusions and Outlook

- Interpolating 't Hooft model between IFD and LFD hints a plausible link between QCD and LFQM.
- Mass gap in 1+1D LFD is entirely provided by LF ZMs.
- Interpolation between IFD and LFD reveals the nature of LF ZMs and clarifies the prevailing notion of equivalence between the IMF approach and the LFD.
- Chiral condensate, GOR and Regge trajectories identical between IFD and LFD indicate the persistence of nontrivial vacuum even in LFD.
- LF vacuum is nontrivial due to LF ZMs.
- Interpolating quasi-PDFs offers a versatile tool to remedy the issue of LaMET approach in lattice QCD.
- Interpolating gauges (Coulomb vs. Axial), conformal algebra, 3+1D extension and mass gap timelike region deserve further investigation.



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