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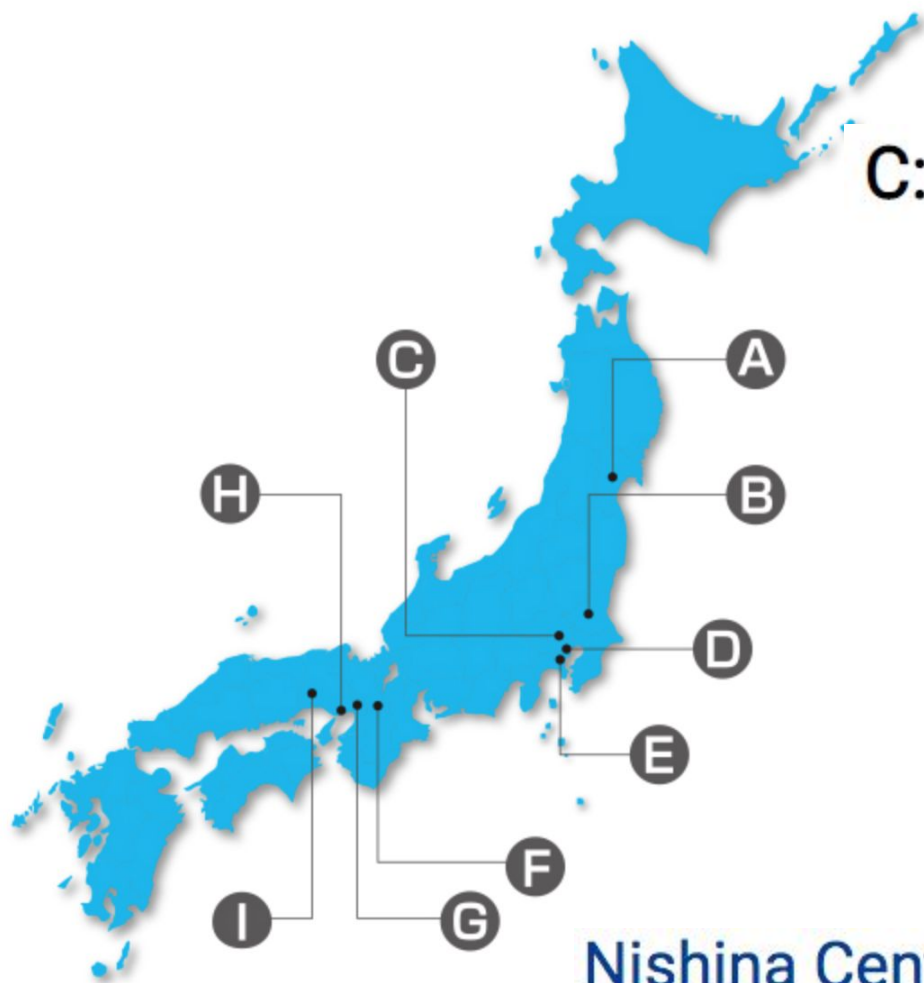
## “Link between QCD and the Light-Front Quark Model”

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North Carolina State University

Group Meeting, September 20, 2024

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Here is the link for today's seminar at 10:00 Japan time

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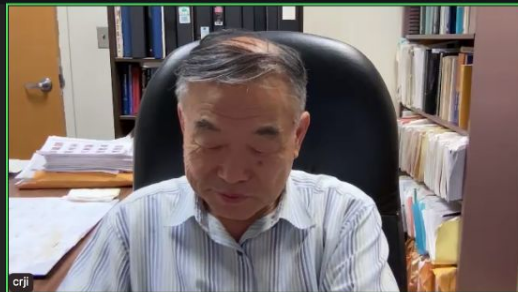
Title: **Link between QCD and the Light-Front Quark Model**

Abstract:

I will present a mass gap solution of the 1+1D QCD in the large  $N_c$  limit known as the 'tHooft model to discuss a link between QCD and the Light-Front Quark Model (LFQM).

I will illuminate the interpolation between the instant form dynamics and the light-front dynamics and discuss its utility in the computation of the parton distribution function (PDF). I will then illustrate the Bakamjian-Thomas construction of the LFQM exemplifying the recent resolution of the light-front zero-mode issue raised about a decade ago regarding the pion transverse momentum distributions (TMDs) beyond the leading twist.

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Today

Messages addressed to "Meeting Group Chat" will also appear in the meeting group chat in Team Chat

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Sorry, I leave now. I am attending another workshop.

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I have to leave now. Thank you again for the nice talk.

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# Link between QCD and the Light-Front Quark Model

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**THEORY SEMINAR**



**September 12, 2024**

# Outline

- **Motivation**
- **'t Hooft model as a toy QCD**
- **Quark mass gap solution**
- **Quark-Antiquark bound state equation**
- **Link to the Light-Front Quark Model**
- **BT Construction for Self-Consistent LFQM**
- **Example of LF zero-mode issues:**
  - Pion TMDs beyond leading twist**
- **Resolution in LFQM**
- **Conclusions and Outlook**



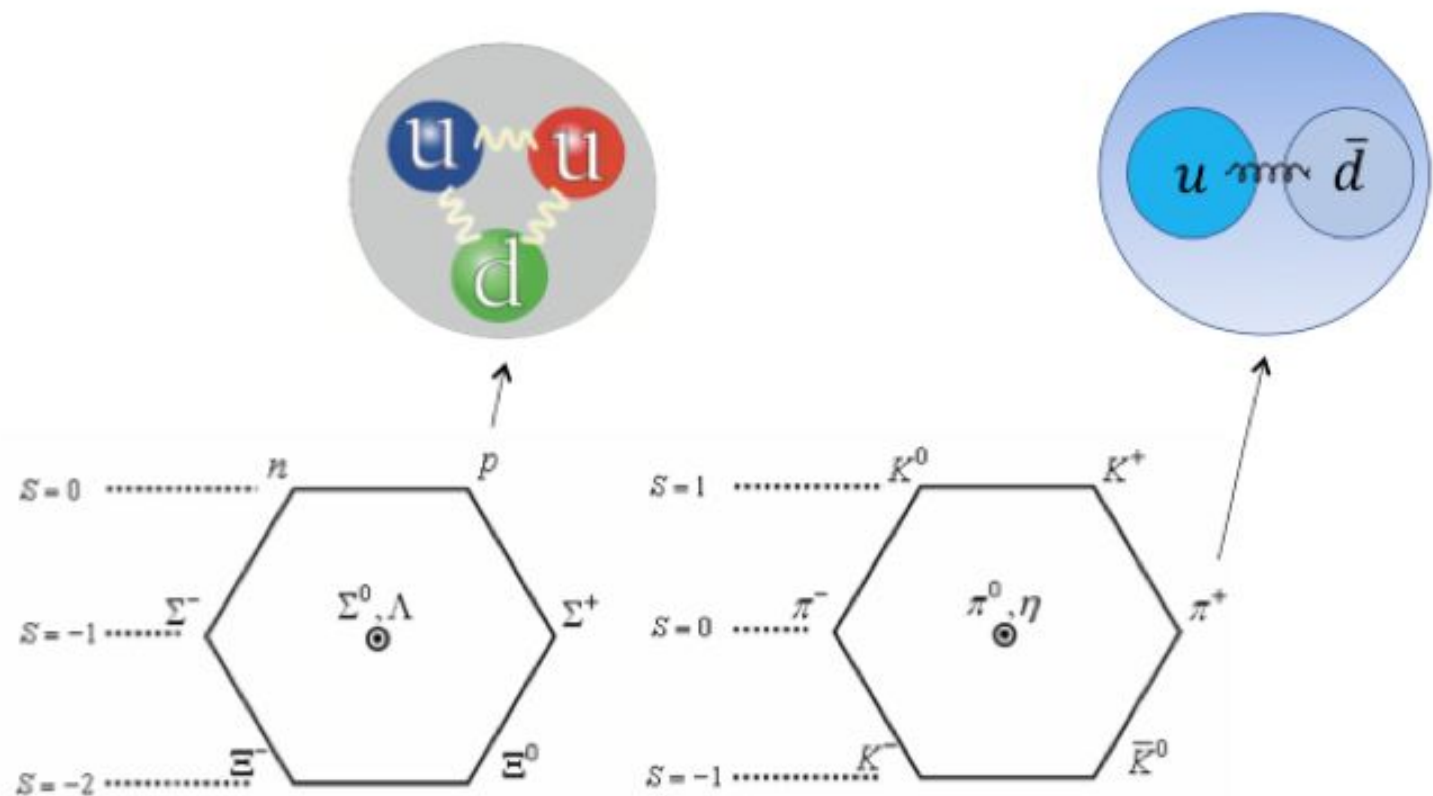
Atomic Model is well understood in QED.

$$Z\alpha < 1 \rightarrow Z < 1/\alpha \approx 137$$

Link between Atomic Model and QED is robust.

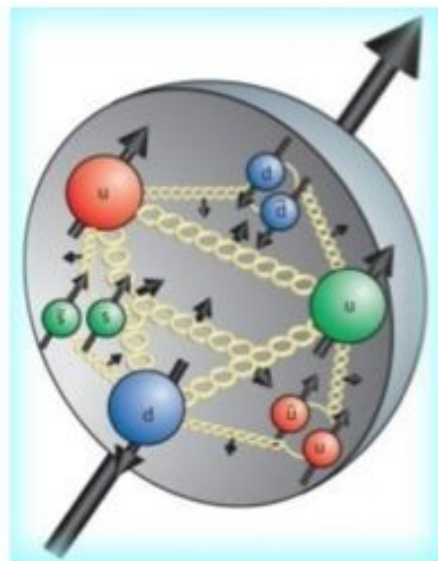
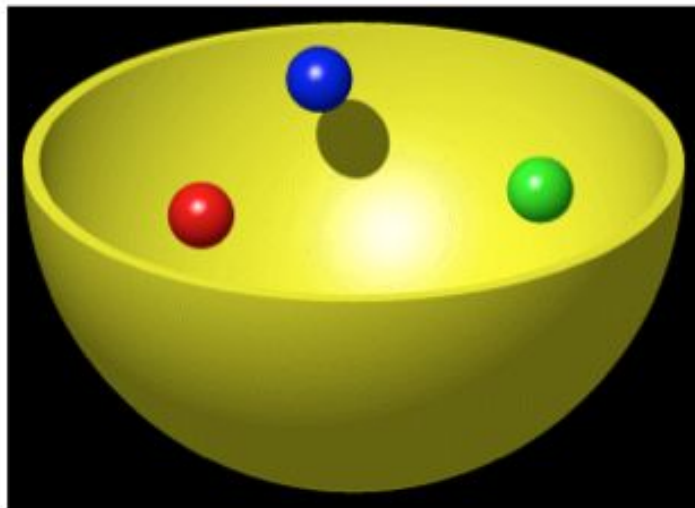
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Actinide Series~			90 Th 232.0	91 Pa (231)	92 U (238)	93 Np (237)	94 Pu (242)	95 Am (243)	96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (249)	99 Es (254)	100 Fm (253)	101 Md (256)	102 No (254)	103 Lr (257)			

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

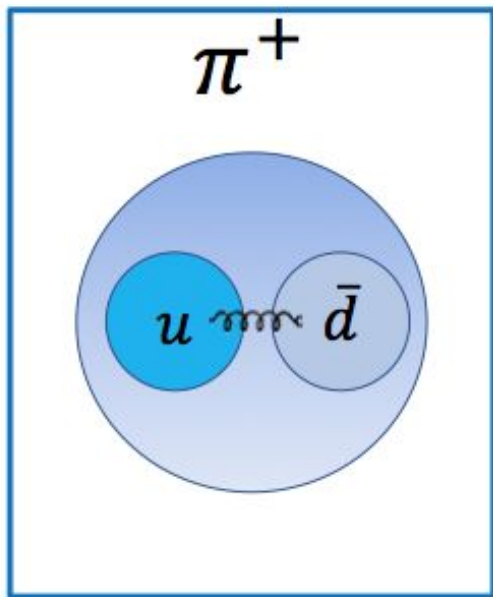


$$M_p = 938.272046 \pm 0.000021 \text{ MeV}$$

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



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



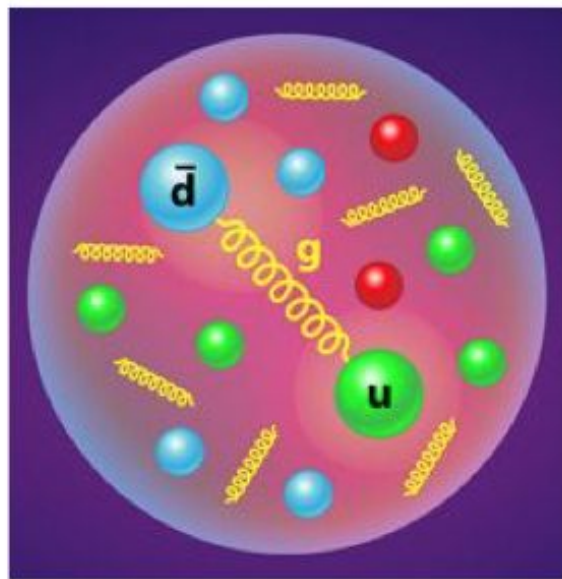
### Constituent Quark Model

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

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

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

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

## 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  $m$

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

# Dirac's Proposition for Relativistic Dynamics

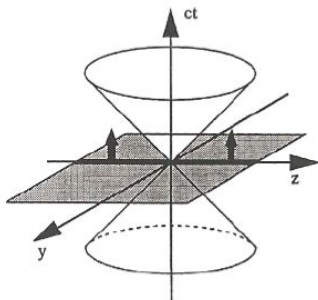


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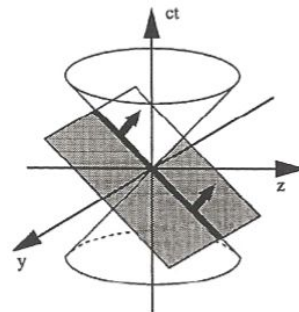
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Equal  $\tau$

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



The instant form

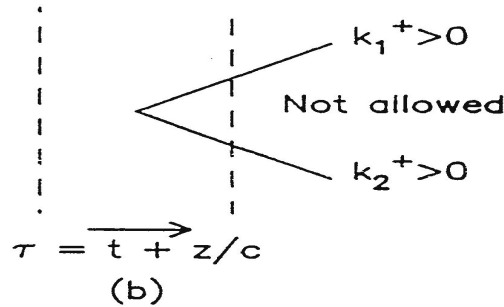
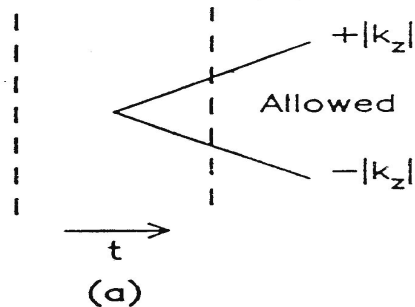


The front form

## 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

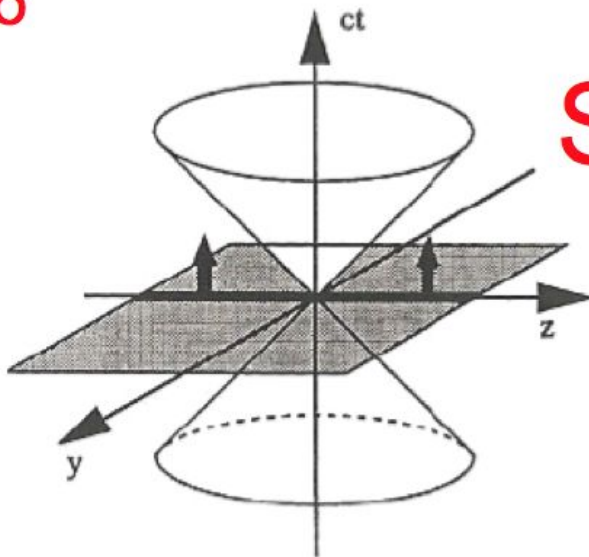
Instant Form Dynamics

# LFD

Light-Front Dynamics

# How many generators leave the time surface invariant?

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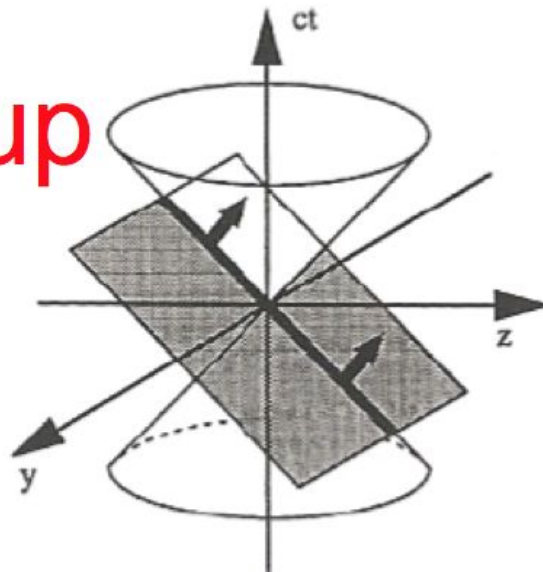


**IFD**

Instant Form Dynamics

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**Stability Group**



**LFD**

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Light-Front Dynamics

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- Y.Frishman, et al., PRD15(75) - Interpol Gauges IFD&LFD
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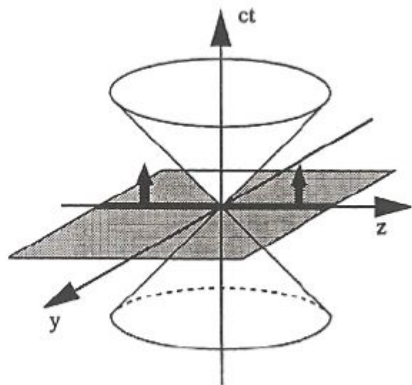
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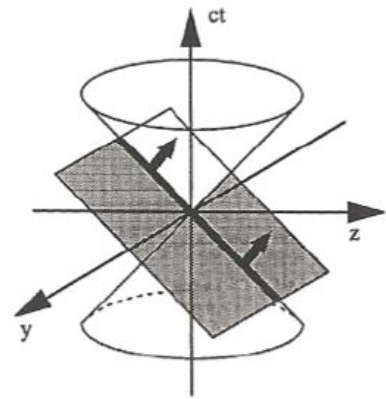
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## Yes, they can!



The instant form



The front form

Traditional approach  
evolved from NR dynamics

Close contact with  
Euclidean space

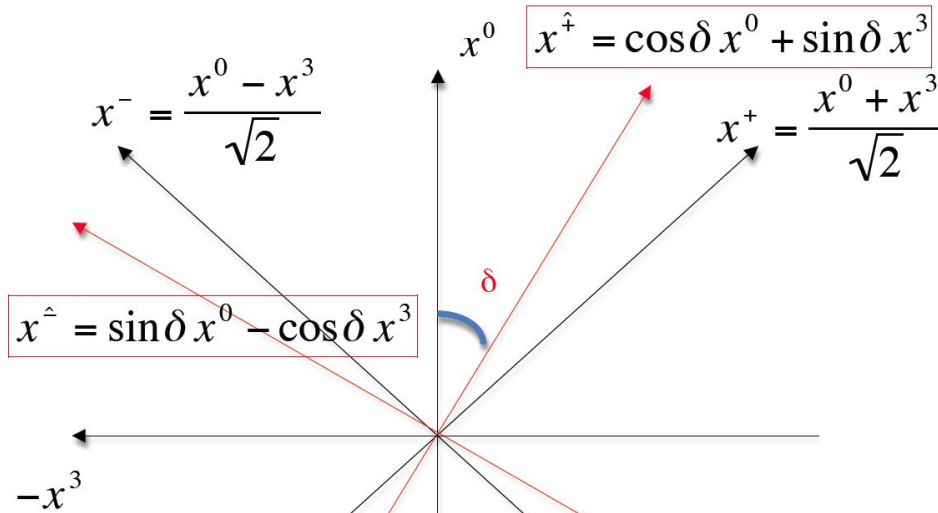
T-dept QFT, LQCD, IMF, etc.

Innovative approach  
for relativistic dynamics

Strictly in Minkowski space

DIS, PDFs, DVCS, GPDs, etc.

# Interpolation between IFD and LFD



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

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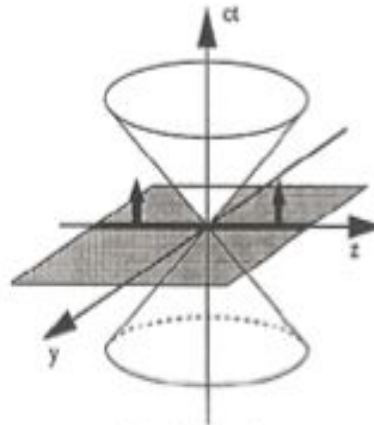
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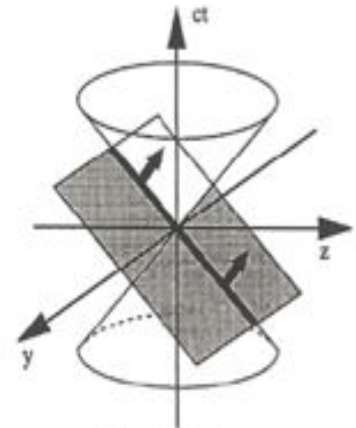
# Relativistic Quantum Invariance

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## Interpolation between IFD and LFD



The instant form



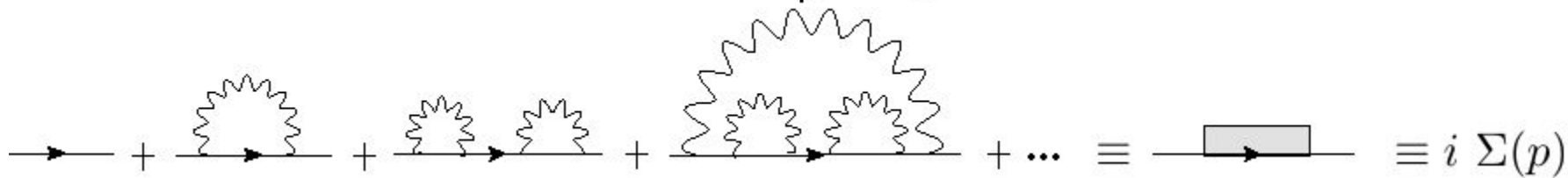
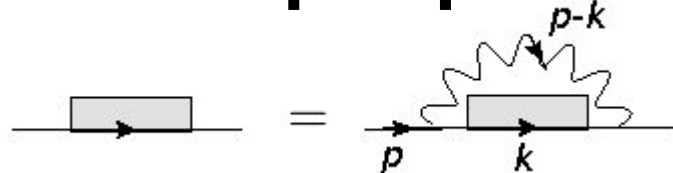
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# Interpolating Axial Gauge

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

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

## Mass Gap Equation



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

# 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

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

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

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

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

$$\beta = p_z / E$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b^i(p'_\perp) \\ d^{+i}(p'_\perp) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\zeta(p'_\perp) & -\sin\zeta(p'_\perp) \\ \sin\zeta(p'_\perp) & \cos\zeta(p'_\perp) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b^i_f(p'_\perp) \\ d^{+i}_f(p'_\perp) \end{pmatrix}$$

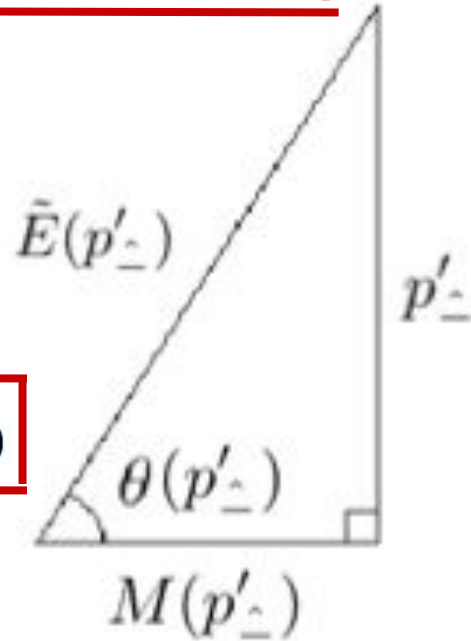
$$= \sin\theta_f$$

$$= \tanh\eta$$

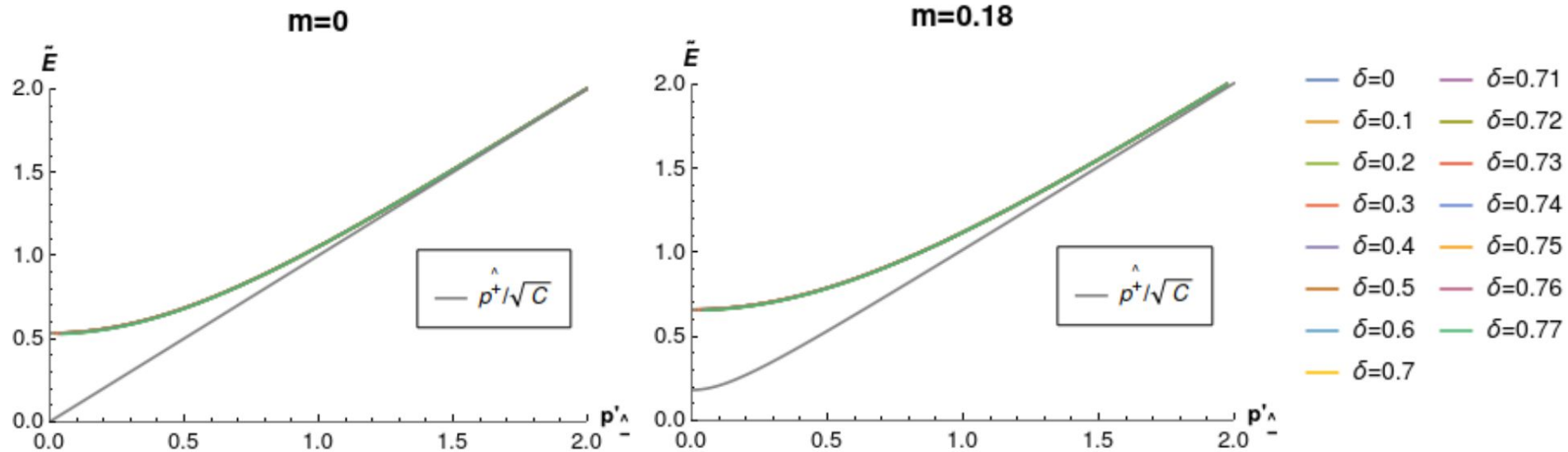
$$b^i_f |0\rangle = 0, d^i_f |0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad b^i |\Omega\rangle = 0, d^i |\Omega\rangle = 0$$

Interpolation

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



# Mass Gap Solutions



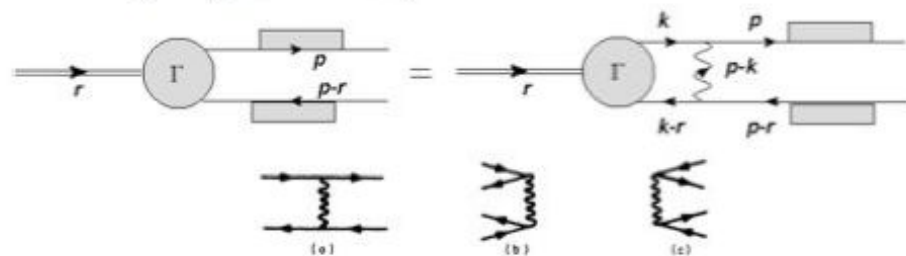
$$\tilde{E}(0) = \frac{F(0)E(0)}{\sqrt{C}} = M(0)$$

$m$	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

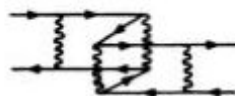
$$m \lesssim 0.56$$

# BOUND-STATE EQUATION

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



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

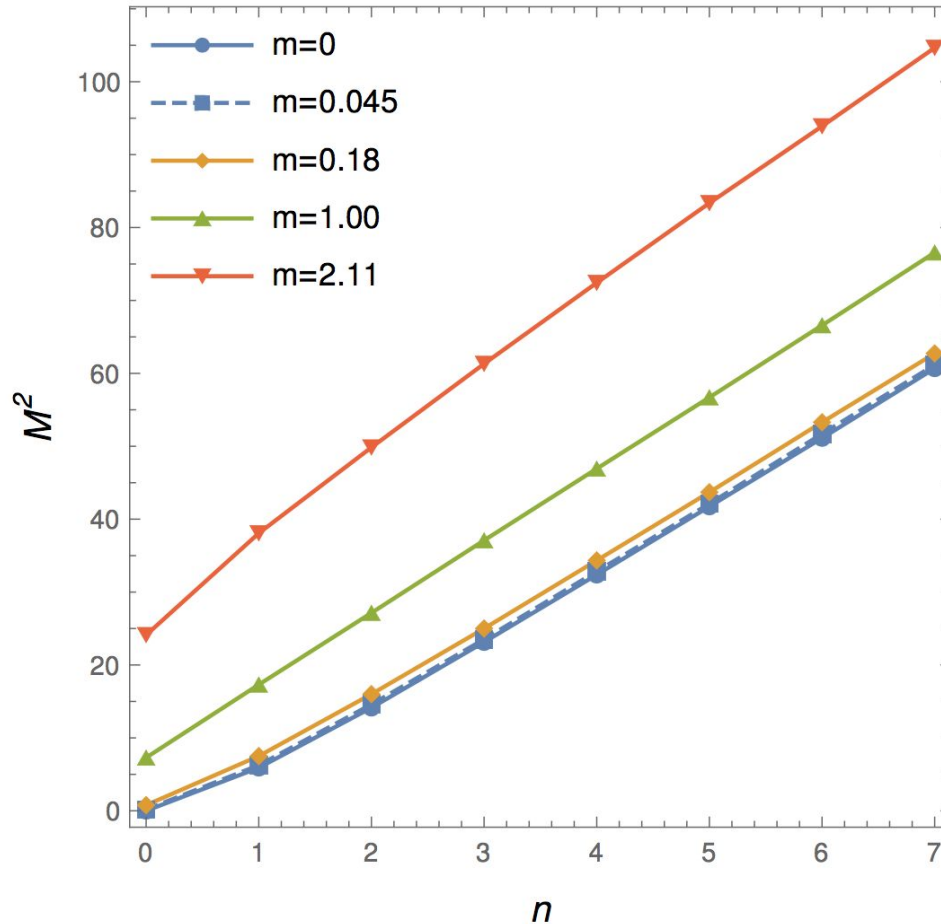


**LFD**

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



# Meson Spectroscopy

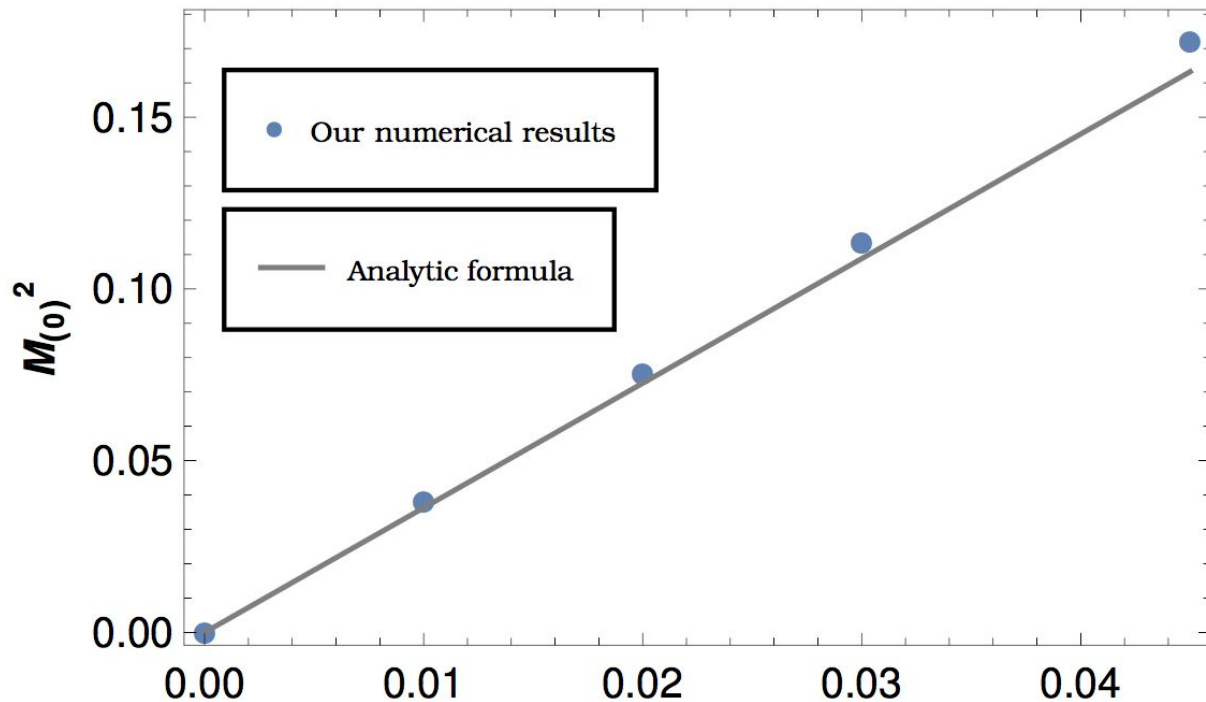


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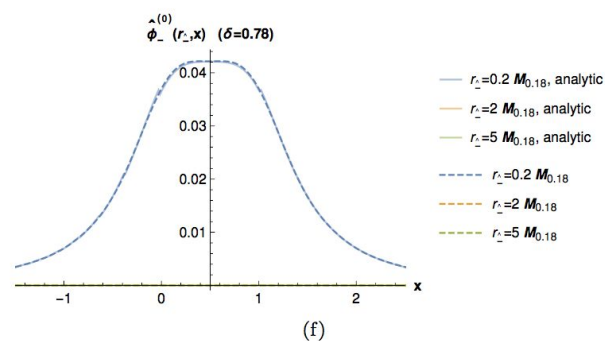
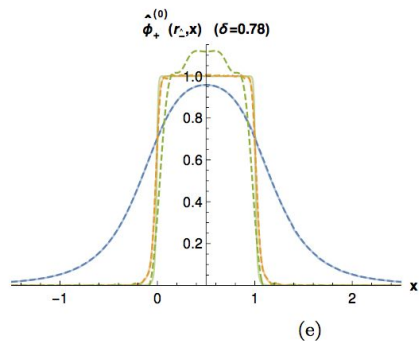
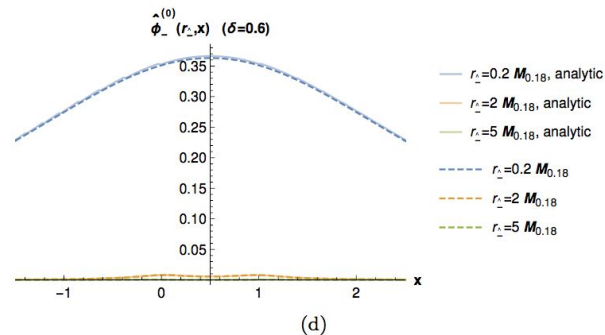
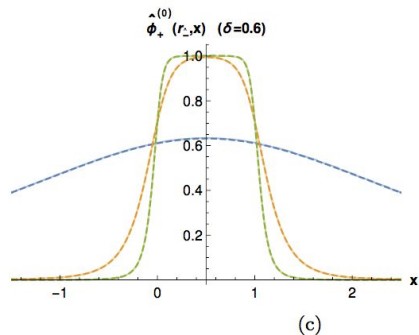
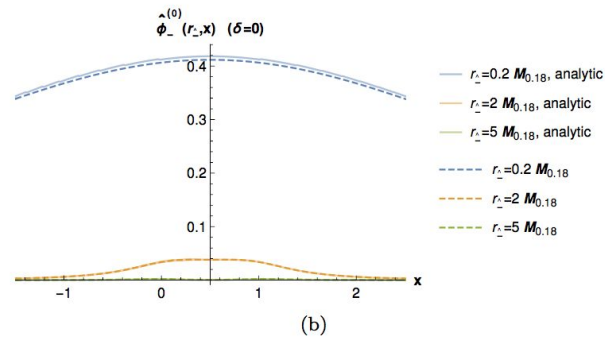
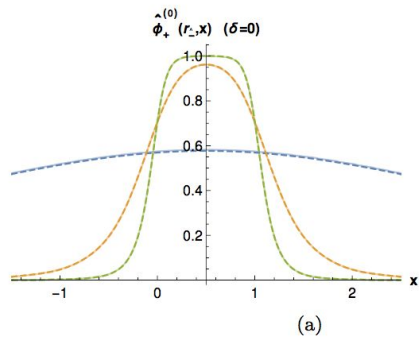
# Gell-Mann - Oaks - Renner Relation



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

# 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)

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

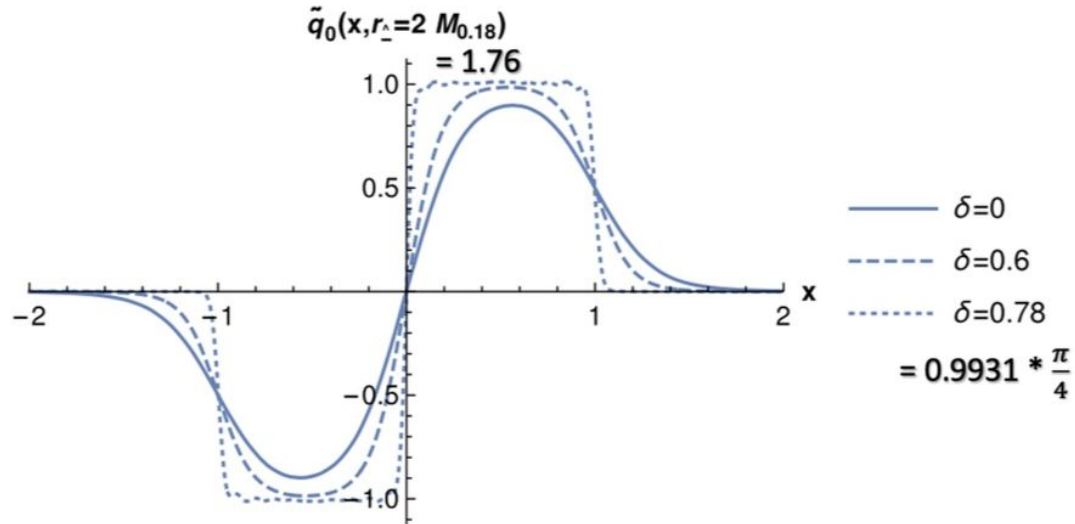
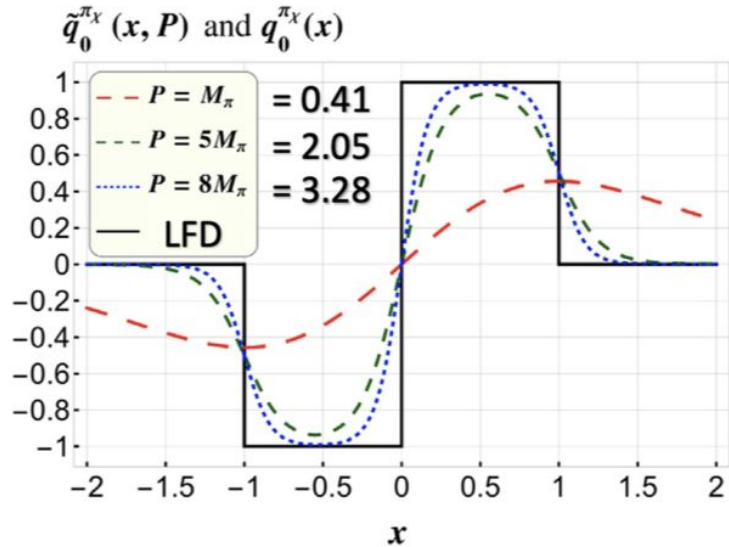
$$\mathcal{W}[\xi^-, 0] = \mathcal{P} \left[ \exp \left( -ig_s \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-) \right) \right] \mathbf{A^+=0 Gauge in LFD}$$

## 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

# Bakamjian-Thomas Construction

B.Bakamjian and L.H.Thomas, Phys.Rev.92,1300(1953)

B.Keister and W.Polyzou, Adv.Nucl.Phys.20,225(1991)

$$[P^i, K^j] = i\delta_{ij}H$$

$$\{H, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{K}\} \Rightarrow \{M, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{j}_c, \mathbf{X}_c\} \Rightarrow \{M_0, \mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{j}_{c0}, \mathbf{X}_{c0}\} \Rightarrow \{M, \mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{j}_{c0}, \mathbf{X}_{c0}\}$$

$$H = \sqrt{M^2 + \mathbf{P}^2};$$

$$\mathbf{K} = -\frac{1}{2}\{H, \mathbf{X}_c\}_+ - \frac{\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{j}_c}{H + M};$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{X}_c \times \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{j}_c.$$

$$P_0^\mu := P_1^\mu \otimes I_2 + I_1 \otimes P_2^\mu;$$

$$\mathbf{K}_0 := \mathbf{K}_1 \otimes I_2 + I_1 \otimes \mathbf{K}_2;$$

$$\mathbf{J}_0 := \mathbf{J}_1 \otimes I_2 + I_1 \otimes \mathbf{J}_2.$$

$$M := M_0 + V$$

$$[V, \{\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{j}_{c0}, \mathbf{X}_{c0}\}] = 0$$

## Bakamjian-Thomas Construction in LFD

$$\{P^-, P^+, \mathbf{P}_\perp, \mathbf{E}_\perp, K^3, \mathbf{J}_\perp, J^3\} \Rightarrow \{M, P^+, \mathbf{P}_\perp, \mathbf{E}_\perp, K^3, \mathbf{j}_f\}$$

$$M^2 = P^+ P^- - \mathbf{P}_\perp^2; j_f^3 = \frac{1}{P^+} [P^+ J^3 - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot (\mathbf{P}_\perp \times \mathbf{E}_\perp)];$$
$$\mathbf{j}_{f\perp} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (P^+ - P^-) (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{E}_\perp) + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{P}_\perp K^3 + P^+ \mathbf{J}_\perp - \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp}{P^+} [P^+ J^3 - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot (\mathbf{P}_\perp \times \mathbf{E}_\perp)] \right]$$

$$\{M_0, P_0^+, \mathbf{P}_{\perp 0}, \mathbf{E}_{\perp 0}, K_0^3, \mathbf{j}_{f0}\} \Leftrightarrow \{M, P^+, \mathbf{P}_\perp, \mathbf{E}_\perp, K^3, \mathbf{j}_f\}$$

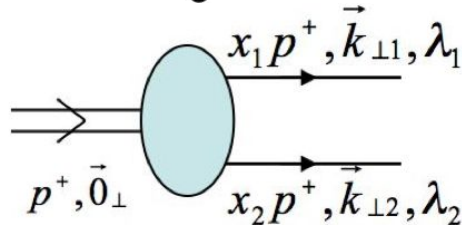
$$M := M_0 + V$$

$$[\mathbf{E}_\perp, V]_- = [K^3, V]_- = [\mathbf{j}_{f0}, V]_- = [\mathbf{P}_\perp, V]_- = [P^+, V]_- = 0$$

# Light-Front Quark Model(LFQM)

$$|Meson\rangle = \psi_{q\bar{q}} |q\bar{q}\rangle + \psi_{qqg} |qqg\rangle + \dots$$

$$\approx \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}} |Q\bar{Q}\rangle,$$



$$P^- = p_Q^- + p_{\bar{Q}}^-$$

$$M_0^2 = \frac{m_Q^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{Q}}^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{1-x}$$

where

$$|Q\rangle = \psi_q^Q |q\rangle + \psi_{qg}^Q |qg\rangle + \dots$$

$$|\bar{Q}\rangle = \psi_{\bar{q}}^{\bar{Q}} |\bar{q}\rangle + \psi_{\bar{q}g}^{\bar{Q}} |\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

Noninteracting "on-mass" shell  $Q$  &  $\bar{Q}$  representation

$$\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) = \Phi(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}) \chi(x_i, \vec{k}_{\perp i}, \lambda_i)$$

Radial

Spin-Orbit

**The interaction** between  $Q\bar{Q}$

includes Coulomb, Confinement,  
Spin-Spin, Spin-Orbit interactions.

$$M := M_0 + V_{Q\bar{Q}}$$

**Interaction independent**  
**Melosh transformation**

$$J^{PC} = 0^{++}(f_0, a_0, \dots)$$

$$0^{-+}(\pi, K, \eta, \eta', \dots)$$

$$1^{-}(\rho, K^*, \omega, \phi, \dots)$$

PRD59, 074015(99); PLB460, 461(99) by HMC and CRJ;

PRC92. 055203(2015) by HMC. CRI. Z. Li. and H. Rvu

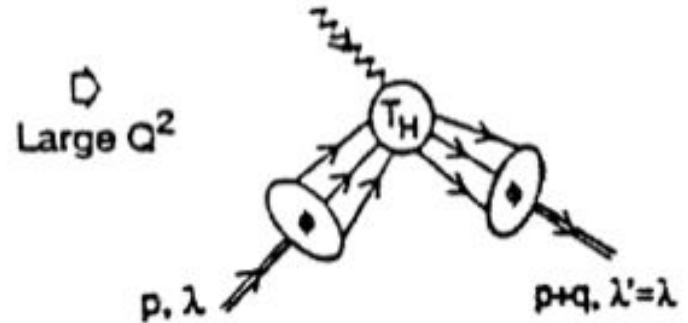
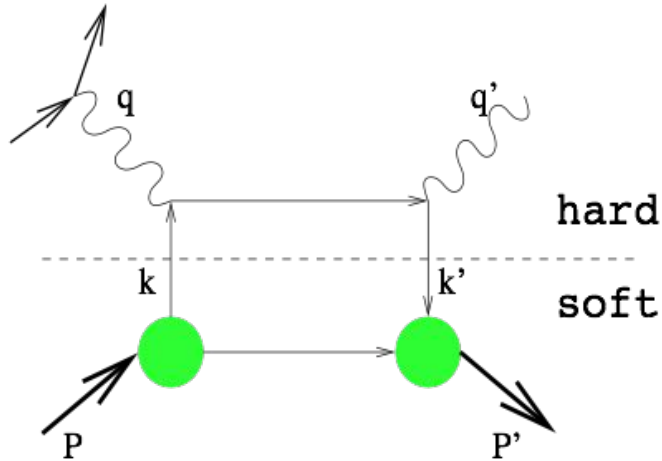
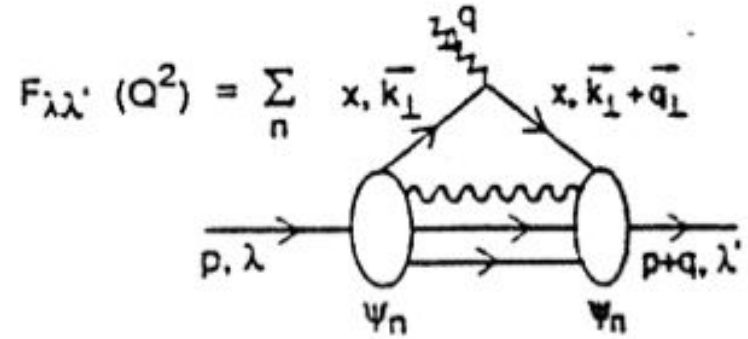
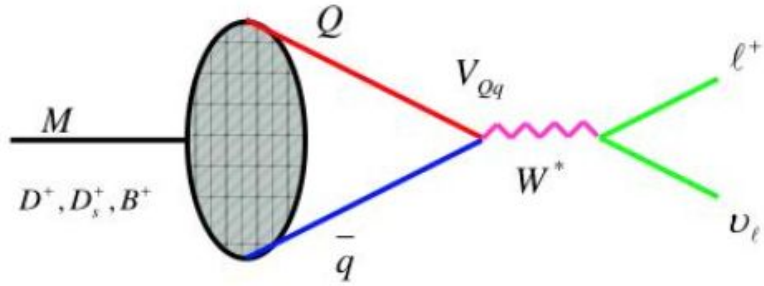
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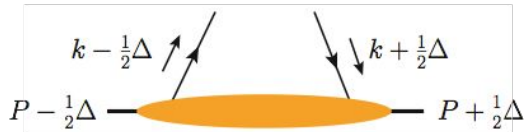
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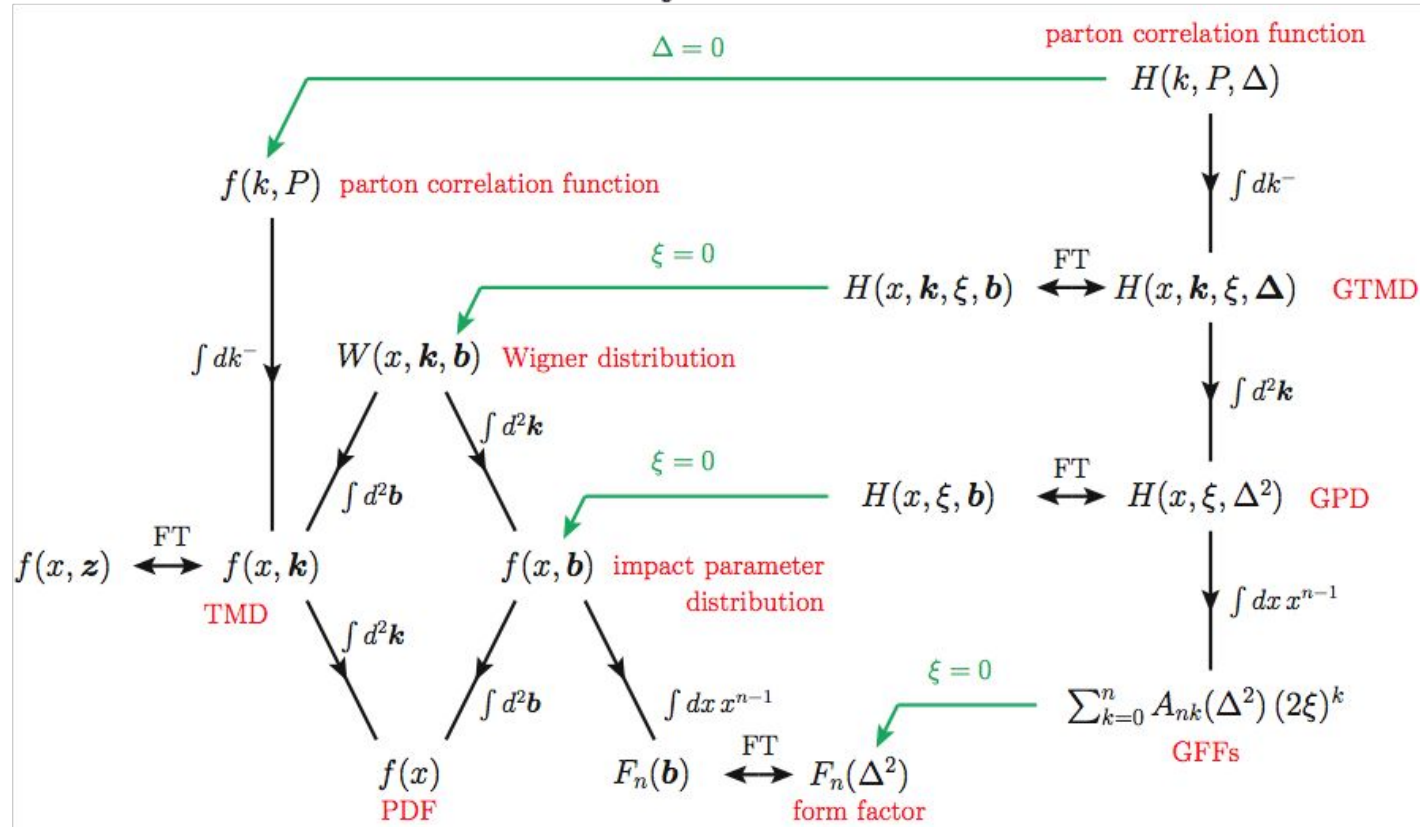


# Two-point, Three-point and Four-point functions





$$H(k, P, \Delta) = (2\pi)^{-4} \int d^4 z e^{izk} \left\langle p \left( P + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \right) \left| \bar{q} \left( -\frac{1}{2} z \right) \Gamma q \left( \frac{1}{2} z \right) \right| p \left( P - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \right) \right\rangle$$



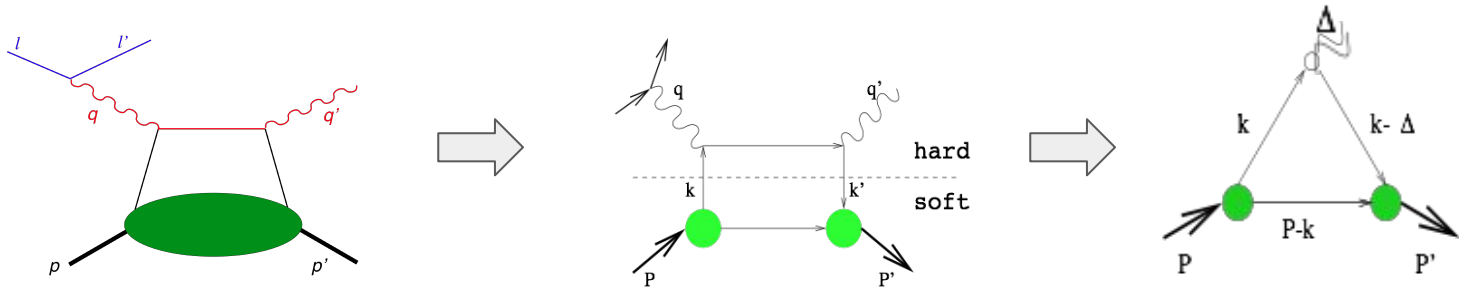
$$\int \frac{[dz]}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ \psi(z) | P \rangle |_{z^+=0} = f_1^q(x, p_T),$$

$$\int \frac{[dz]}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma_T^j \psi(z) | P \rangle |_{z^+=0} = \frac{p_T^j}{P^+} f_3^q(x, p_T),$$

$$\int \frac{[dz]}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^- \psi(z) | P \rangle |_{z^+=0} = \left( \frac{m_\pi}{P^+} \right)^2 f_4^q(x, p_T),$$

where  $[dz] = dz^- d^2 z_T$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{dz^- d^2 z_T}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \mathbb{1} \psi(z) | P \rangle |_{z^+=0} \\ &= \frac{m_\pi}{P^+} e^q(x, p_T), \end{aligned}$$



$$\langle P|J^+|P\rangle = 2P^+ \int dx \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} |\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)|^2$$

$$f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} |\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)|^2 \quad \int dx \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \int dx f_1^q(x) = 1$$

$$\langle P|J^\perp|P\rangle = \int dx \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} |\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)|^2 \left( -\frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{x} \right)$$

$$2\mathbf{k}_\perp f_3^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} |\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)|^2 \left( -\frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{x} \right) \quad x f_3^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = -f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)$$

$$f(x) = \int d^2p_T f(x, p_T) \quad 2 \int dx f_4^q(x) = \int dx f_1^q(x) = 1$$



# Transverse pion structure beyond leading twist in constituent models

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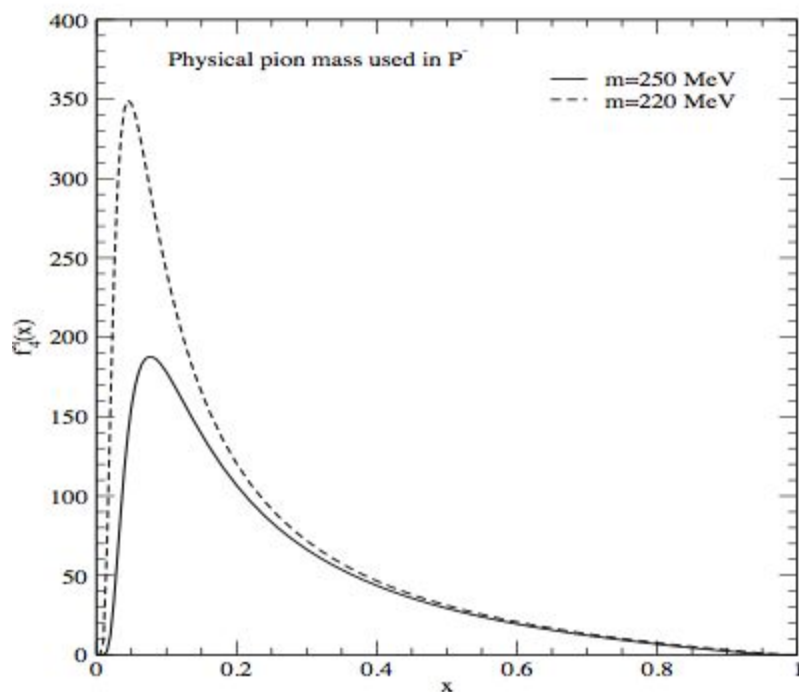
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**“In particular, relations involving the twist-4 unpolarized TMD  $f_4^q$  are not satisfied for the pion, confirming the results obtained in the nucleon case. A fully consistent description of  $f_4^q(x)$  in light-front formalism requires the inclusion of zero modes or higher Fock states which go beyond the scope of the LFCM. Due to the academic character of the twist-4 function  $f_4^q$  this is of no relevance for practical applications.”**



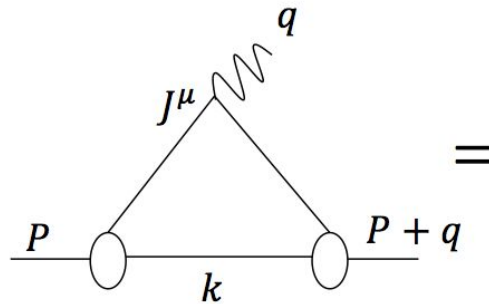
$$\int dx f_4^q(x) = 48.58 \text{ for } m = 0.25 \text{ GeV},$$

$$= 66.45 \text{ for } m = 0.22 \text{ GeV},$$

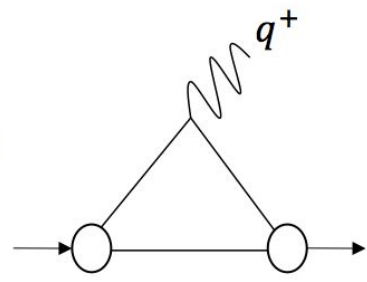
which are notably different from the expected value of  $1/2$ . The authors of [4, 5] attributed this discrepancy to inadequate estimation of the zero-mode contribution to the  $J^-$  current in the computation of  $f_4^q(x)$ .

- [4] C. Lorcé, B. Pasquini, and P. Schweitzer, Unpolarized transverse momentum dependent parton distribution functions beyond leading twist in quark models, *JHEP* **01**, 103 (2015).
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# LF Zero-Mode Issue



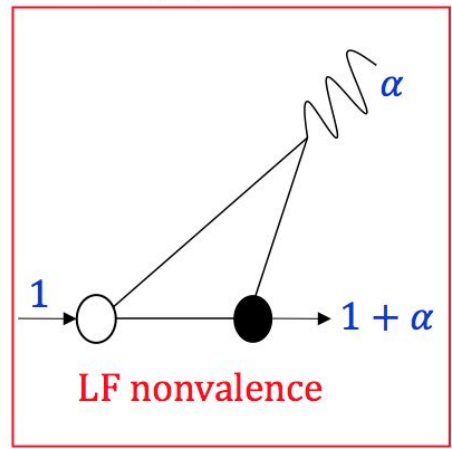
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LF valence

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \int_{\alpha}^1 dx(\dots)$$

+



LF nonvalence

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\alpha} dx(\dots)$$

if  $J^-$  current is used

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\alpha} dx(\dots) \neq 0 \quad : \text{LF Zero-Mode!}$$

One has to take into account of the zero mode when use  $J^-$  current!

# New Development of including the LF Zero-Mode in the LFQM

$$\langle P' | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q | P \rangle = \not{\varrho}^\mu F_P(q^2), \quad \not{\varrho}^\mu = (P + P')^\mu - q^\mu \frac{(M^2 - M'^2)}{q^2}$$

In  $q^+ = 0$  frame,

$$\langle P' | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q | P \rangle = \int_0^1 dp_1^+ \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_\perp) \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \sum_{\lambda'_s} \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\dagger \left[ \frac{\bar{u}_{\lambda_2}(p_2)}{\sqrt{x_2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{u_{\lambda_1}(p_1)}{\sqrt{x_1}} \right] \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda}},$$

Apply  $P^- = p_{\bar{q}} + p_q$  (i.e.  $M^2 \rightarrow M_0^2$ )

$$F_P^{(\mu)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dp_1^+ \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_\perp) \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \frac{1}{\not{\varrho}^\mu} \sum_{\lambda'_s} \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\dagger \left[ \frac{\bar{u}_{\lambda_2}(p_2)}{\sqrt{x_2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{u_{\lambda_1}(p_1)}{\sqrt{x_1}} \right] \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda}},$$



# Electromagnetic Form Factor

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{em}}^\mu \equiv \mathcal{P}^\mu F_{\text{em}}(q^2) = \left[ (P + P')^\mu - q^\mu \frac{(M^2 - M'^2)}{q^2} \right] F_{\text{em}}(q^2)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{em}}^\mu = \int_0^1 dp_1^+ \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_\perp) \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \sum_{\lambda' s} h_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\mu$$

$$h_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\mu \equiv \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\dagger \left[ \frac{\bar{u}_{\lambda_2}(p_2)}{\sqrt{p_2^+}} \gamma^\mu \frac{u_{\lambda_1}(p_1)}{\sqrt{p_1^+}} \right] \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda}}$$

$$F_\pi^{(\mu)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dp_1^+ \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_\perp) \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \sum_{\lambda' s} h_{\lambda_1 \bar{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}}^\mu / \mathcal{P}^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{P}^\mu \equiv (P + P')^\mu - q^\mu (M_0^2 - M_0'^2) / q^2$$

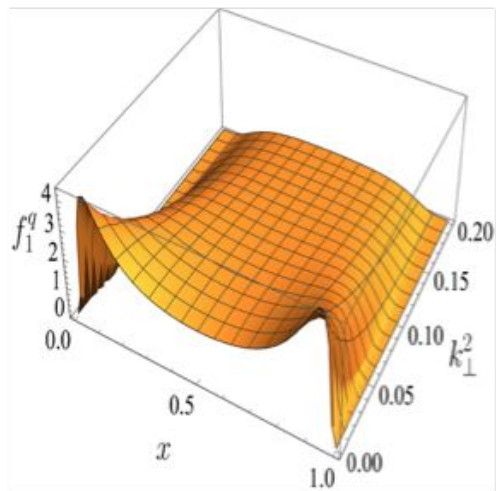
# Electromagnetic Form Factor

$$F_{\pi}^{(\mu)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \frac{\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp})}{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2} \sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{k}'_{\perp}{}^2}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$$

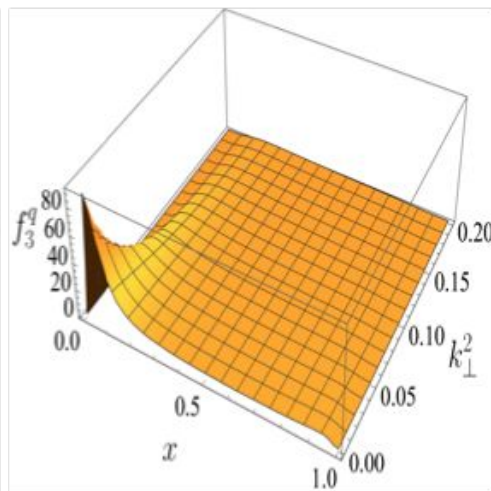
$F_{\pi}^{(\mu)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$	$\mathcal{H}_{(\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow) + (\downarrow \rightarrow \downarrow)}^{(\mu)}$	$\mathcal{H}_{(\uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow) + (\downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow)}^{(\mu)}$
$F_{\pi}^{(+)}$	$\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$	$\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$	0
$F_{\pi}^{(\perp)}$	$\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$	$\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$	0
$F_{\pi}^{(-)}$	$\frac{2(1-x)\mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 M_0^2 (\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2 + \mathbf{q}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp})}{x[2M_0'^2 \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^4 + (M_0^2 - M_0'^2)^2]}$	$\frac{2\mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 \{(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2)(\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\perp} + m^2) + (1-x)(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \times \mathbf{q}_{\perp})^2\}}{x^2[2M_0'^2 \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^4 + (M_0^2 - M_0'^2)^2]}$	$\frac{2\mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 \{(1-x)m^2 \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2\}}{x^2[2M_0'^2 \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2 + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^4 + (M_0^2 - M_0'^2)^2]}$

$$F_{\pi}^{(+)} = F_{\pi}^{(\perp)} = F_{\pi}^{(-)}$$

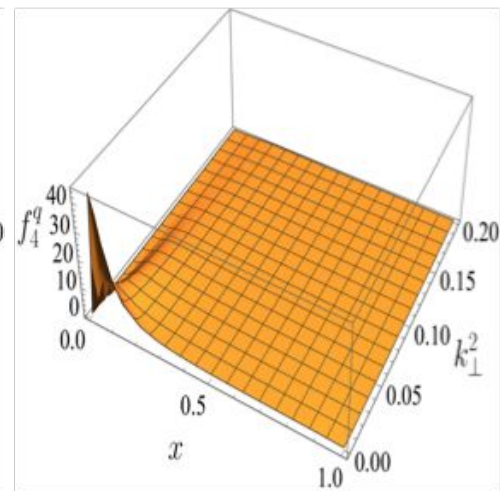
See the link between the covariant field theory and the LFQM in HMC and CRJ, PRD110, 014006(2024).



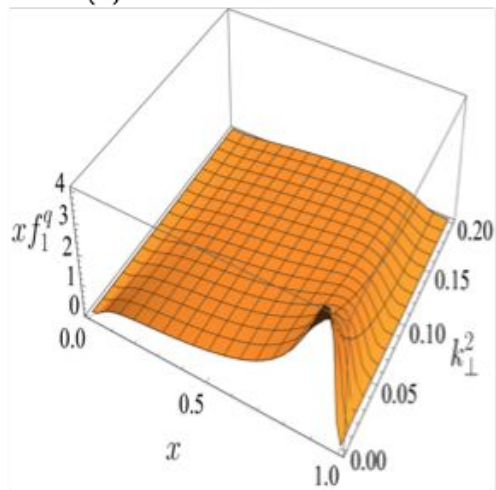
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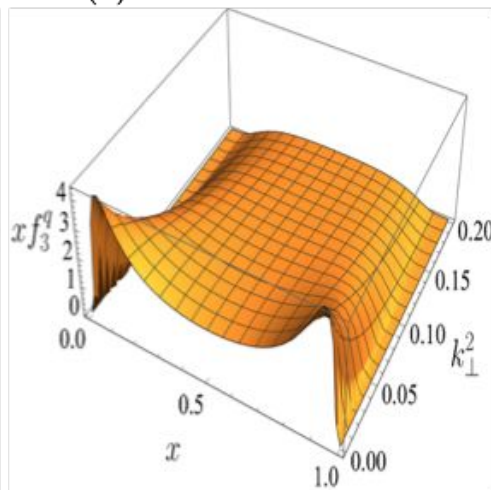
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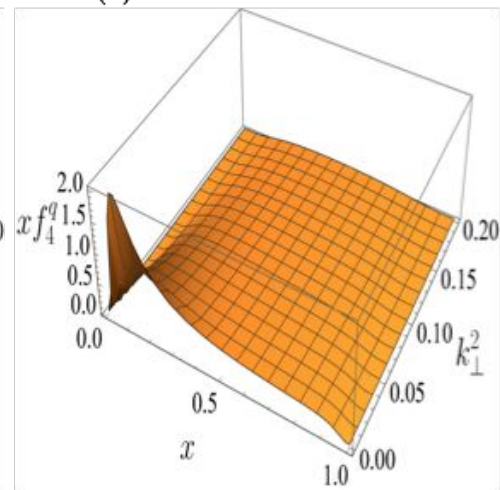
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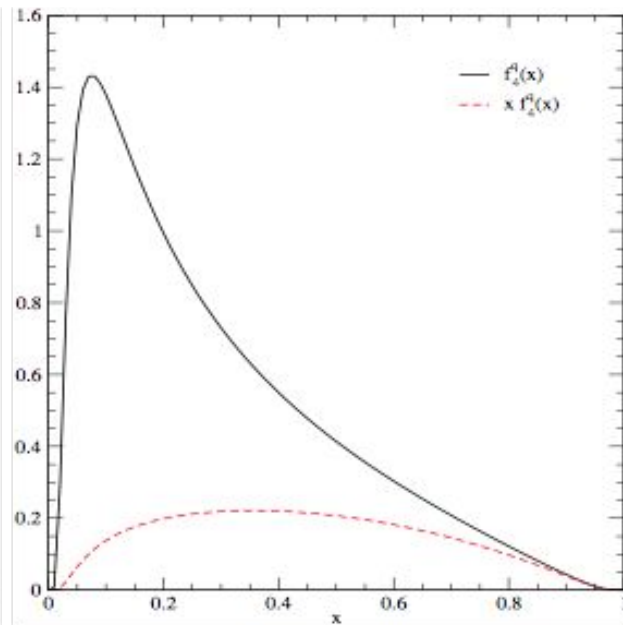
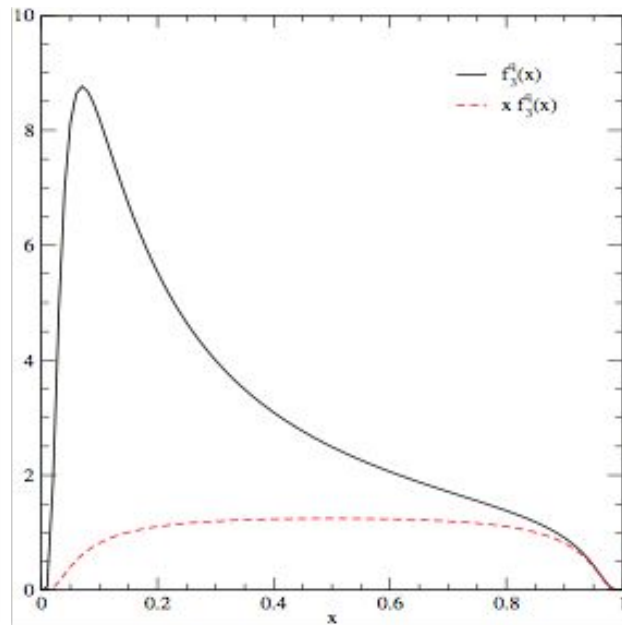
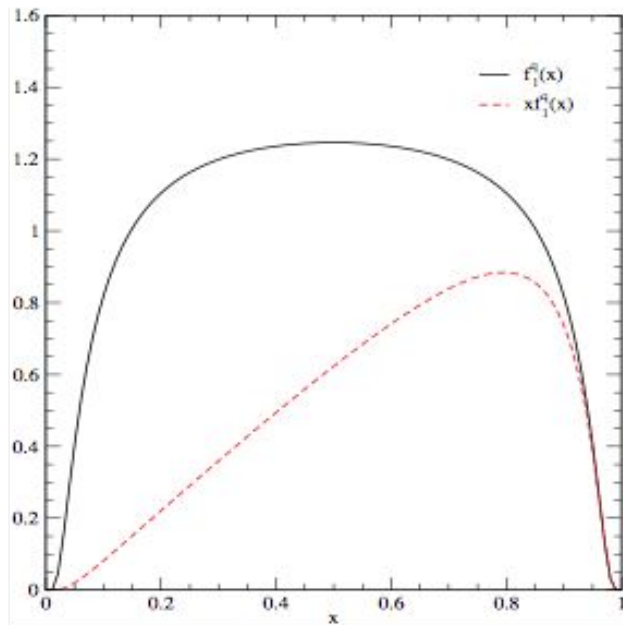
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$$2 \int dx f_4^q(x) = \int dx f_1^q(x) = 1$$

$$x f_3^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = -f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)$$

Modulo the sign of  $f_3^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)$

## Conclusions and Outlook

- Link between QCD and LFQM may be feasible as exemplified by the mass gap solution in the 't Hooft model interpolation between IFD and LFD.
- LF ZMs appear essential in understanding the constituent mass in LFQM.
- The issue of LF ZMs in LFQM computation of the pion twist 4 TMD is resolved by the consistency with the BT construction of the LFQM.
- Self-consistent LFQM assures the Component and Frame Independence of the physical observables.
- Meson structure studies of LFQM provide useful tools to study the nucleon structures via the convolution with the splitting functions computed by the chiral effective theory.

Back-up

# 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

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



# Why Light-Front?

- Distinguished Vacuum Property
  - Maximum Number of Kinematic Operators
  - Distinguished Conformal Symmetry
- (Work in progress @ NCSU group meetings)**
- Length Contraction and Time Dilation are tied with the Spacetime Conformal Symmetry most naturally in LFD.**

## Extended Wick Rotation

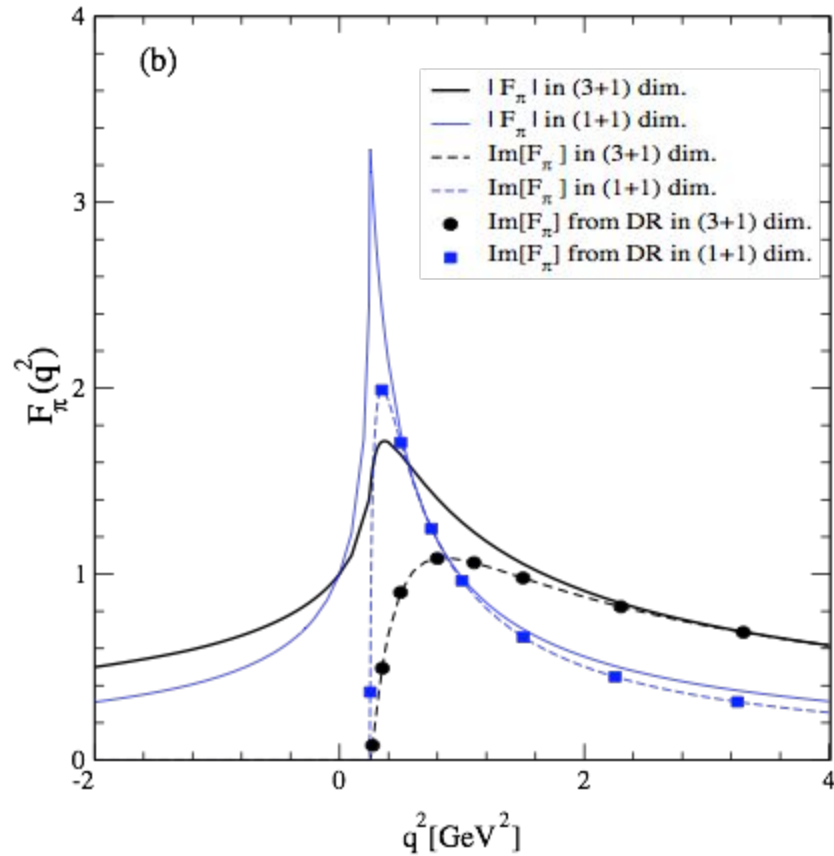
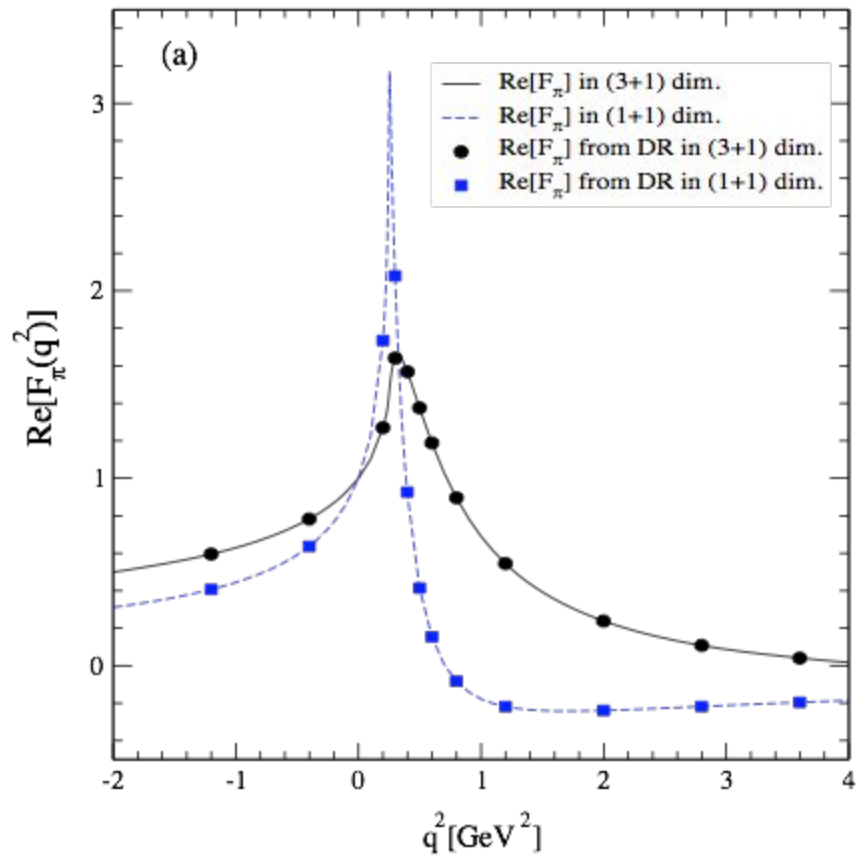
$$p^0 \rightarrow \tilde{P}^0 = ip^0 \quad (\delta = 0)$$

*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*

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



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