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... Future*

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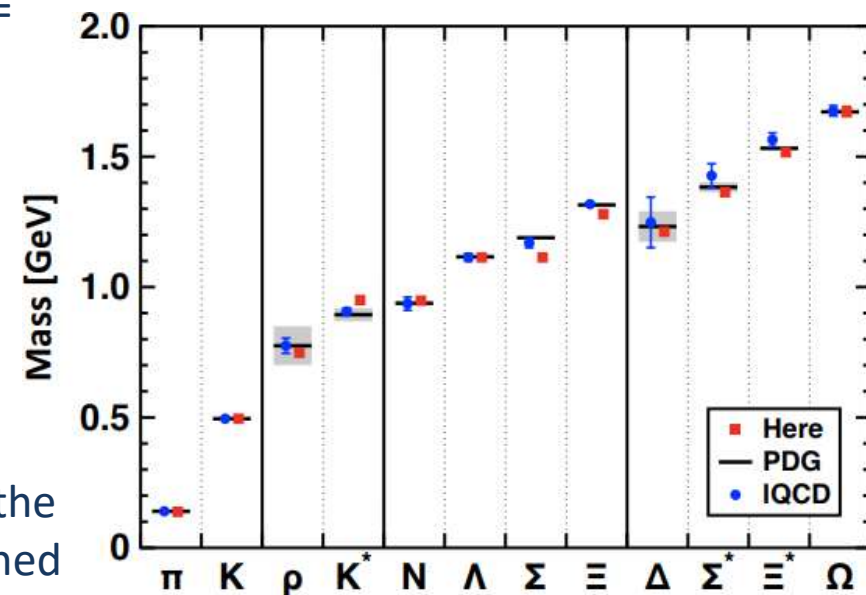
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- ✓ Symmetry-preserving truncation of the strong-interaction bound-state equations = gap- and Faddeev-equations
 - ✓ No diquark approximation
 - ✓ Calculate spectrum of
 - ✓ ground-state $J=1/2^+$, $3/2^+$ ($qq'q''$)-baryons, $q, q', q'' \in \{u, d, s, c, b\}$,
 - ✓ their first positive-parity excitations
 - ✓ parity partners.
 - ✓ Using two parameters (RL), description of the known spectrum of 39 such states is obtained
 - ✓ with a mean-absolute-relative-difference between calculation and experiment of 3.6(2.7)%.
 - ✓ The framework is subsequently used to predict the masses of 90 states not yet seen empirically.



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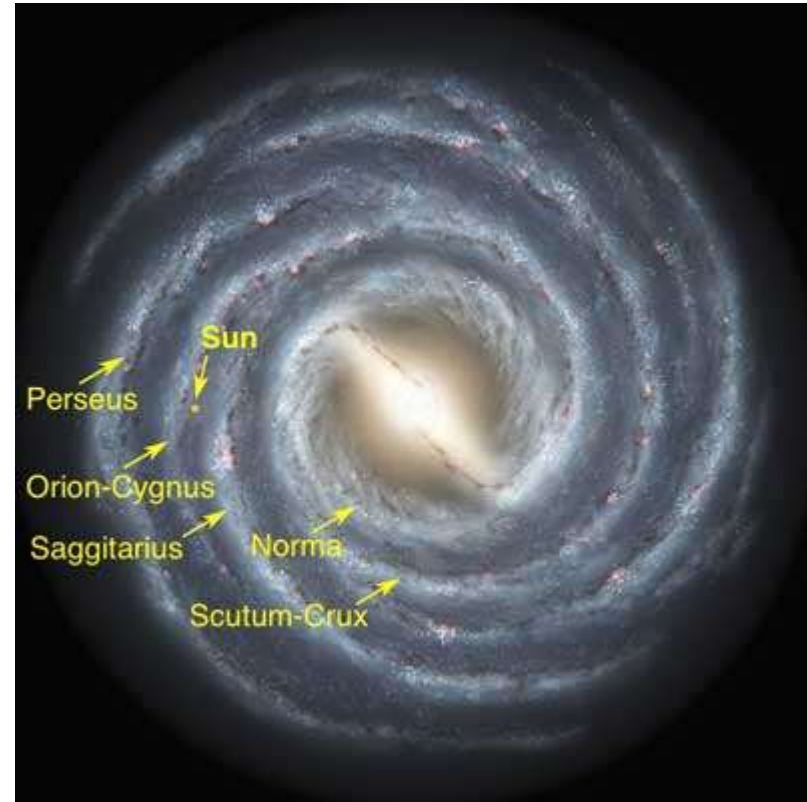
Why are we here?

- Suppose quantum field theories are the correct paradigm for understanding Nature
- We find ourselves in a Universe where time and space give us Four Dimensions ($D = 4$)
- $D = 4$ is a critical point
 - Quantum Field Theories with $D \neq 4$ possess an explicit mass-dimension
 - Couplings are mass-dimensioned, setting scale for all quantities
 - $D > 4$... uncontrollable ultraviolet divergences
 - $D < 4$... super-convergent, but hierarchy problem with dynamical effects $< 10\%$ of explicit scale
- Standard Model is built from scale-invariant classical field theories (Ignoring Higgs couplings)
 - Such theories are renormalizable
 - Procedure introduces a mass scale
 - The size of the mass-scale is not determined by the theory
- What determines the natural mass-scale for visible matter?
- We know it is $m_{\text{Nature}} \approx m_p \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$
 - How much tolerance exists? ... We can exist so long as $m_{\text{Nature}} = 1 \pm ? \text{ GeV}$

Emergent Phenomena in the Standard Model

Existence of our Universe depends critically on the following empirical facts:

- Proton is massive
 - *i.e.* the mass-scale for strong interactions is vastly different to that of electromagnetism
- Proton is absolutely stable
 - Despite being a composite object constituted from three valence quarks
- Pion is unnaturally light (not massless, but lepton-like mass)
 - Despite being a strongly interacting composite object built from a valence-quark and valence antiquark



Emergence: low-level rules producing high-level phenomena, with enormous apparent complexity

Strong Interactions in the Standard Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i (i(\gamma^\mu D_\mu)_{ij} - m \delta_{ij}) \psi_j - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

- Only apparent scale in chromodynamics is mass of the quark field
- Quark mass is said to be generated by Higgs boson.
- In connection with everyday matter, that mass is 1/250th of the natural (empirical) scale for strong interactions, *viz.* more-than two orders-of-magnitude smaller
- Plainly, the Higgs-generated mass is very far removed from the natural scale for strongly-interacting matter
- *Nuclear physics mass-scale* – 1 GeV – is an *emergent feature of the Standard Model*
 - No amount of staring at L_{QCD} can reveal that scale
- Contrast with quantum electrodynamics, *e.g.* spectrum of hydrogen levels measured in units of m_e , which appears in L_{QED}

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Whence Mass?

- Classical chromodynamics ... non-Abelian local gauge theory
- Remove the current mass ... there's no energy scale left
- *No dynamics in a scale-invariant theory*; only kinematics ... the theory looks the same at all length-scales ... there can be no clumps of anything ... *hence bound-states are impossible*.
- *Our Universe can't exist*
- *Higgs boson doesn't solve this problem* ...
 - normal matter is constituted from light-quarks
 - the mass of protons and neutrons, the kernels of all visible matter, are 100-times larger than anything the Higgs can produce
- *Where did it all begin?*
... becomes ... Where did it all come from?

$T_{\mu\mu} = \frac{1}{4}\beta(\alpha(\zeta))G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$ Trace Anomaly

- Classically, in a **scale invariant theory**
the *energy-momentum tensor must be traceless*: $T_{\mu\mu} \equiv 0$
- Regularisation and renormalisation of (ultraviolet) divergences in Quantum Chromodynamics introduces a mass-scale
... *dimensional transmutation*: mass-dimensionless quantities become dependent on a mass-scale, ζ

➤ $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(\zeta)$ in QCD's (massless) Lagrangian density, $\mathcal{L}(m=0)$

Trace anomaly

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu = \delta\mathcal{L}/\delta\sigma = \alpha\beta(\alpha) d\mathcal{L}/d\alpha = \beta(\alpha) \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a = T_{\rho\rho} =: \Theta_0$$

QCD β function

Quantisation of renormalisable four-dimensional theory forces nonzero value for trace of energy-momentum tensor



Where is the mass?

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Trace Anomaly

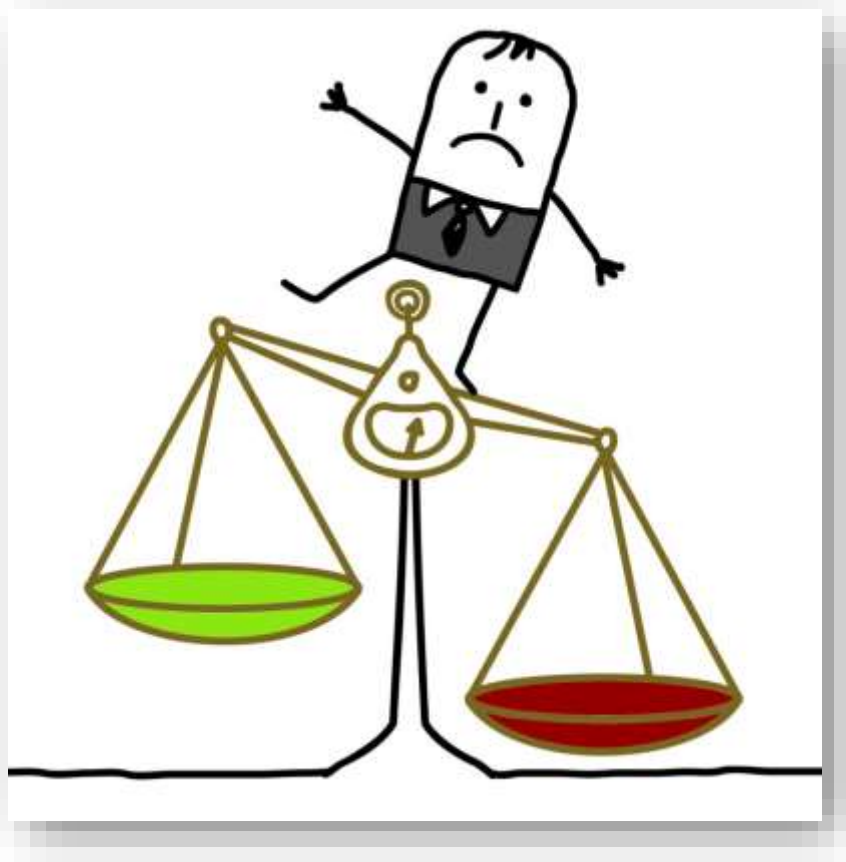
- Knowing that a trace anomaly exists does not deliver a great deal ... Indicates only that a mass-scale must exist
- Can one compute and/or understand the magnitude of that scale?
- One can certainly *measure* the magnitude ... consider proton:

$$\langle p(P) | T_{\mu\nu} | p(P) \rangle = -P_\mu P_\nu$$

$$\langle p(P) | T_{\mu\mu} | p(P) \rangle = -P^2 = m_p^2$$

$$= \langle p(P) | \Theta_0 | p(P) \rangle$$

- In the chiral limit the entirety of the proton's mass is produced by the trace anomaly, Θ_0
 - ... In QCD, Θ_0 measures the strength of gluon self-interactions
 - ... so, from one perspective, m_p is (somehow) completely generated by glue.



On the other hand ...

$$T_{\mu\mu} = \frac{1}{4}\beta(\alpha(\zeta))G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

Trace Anomaly

- In the chiral limit

$$\langle \pi(q) | T_{\mu\nu} | \pi(q) \rangle = -q_\mu q_\nu \Rightarrow \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

- **Does this mean** that the scale anomaly vanishes trivially in the pion state, *i.e.* **gluons contribute nothing to the pion mass?**
- Difficult way to obtain “zero”!
- Easier to imagine that “zero” owes to cancellations between different operator contributions to the expectation value of Θ_0 .
- Of course, such precise cancellation should not be an accident.
It could only arise naturally because
of some symmetry and/or symmetry-breaking pattern.

Whence “1” and yet “0” ?

$$\langle p(P) | \Theta_0 | p(P) \rangle = m_p^2, \quad \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

➤ *No statement of the question*

“How does the mass of the proton arise?”

is complete without the additional clause

*“How does the pion remain **massless**?”*

- Natural visible-matter mass-scale must emerge simultaneously with apparent preservation of scale invariance in related systems
- Expectation value of Θ_0 in pion is always zero, irrespective of the size of the natural mass-scale for strong interactions = m_p

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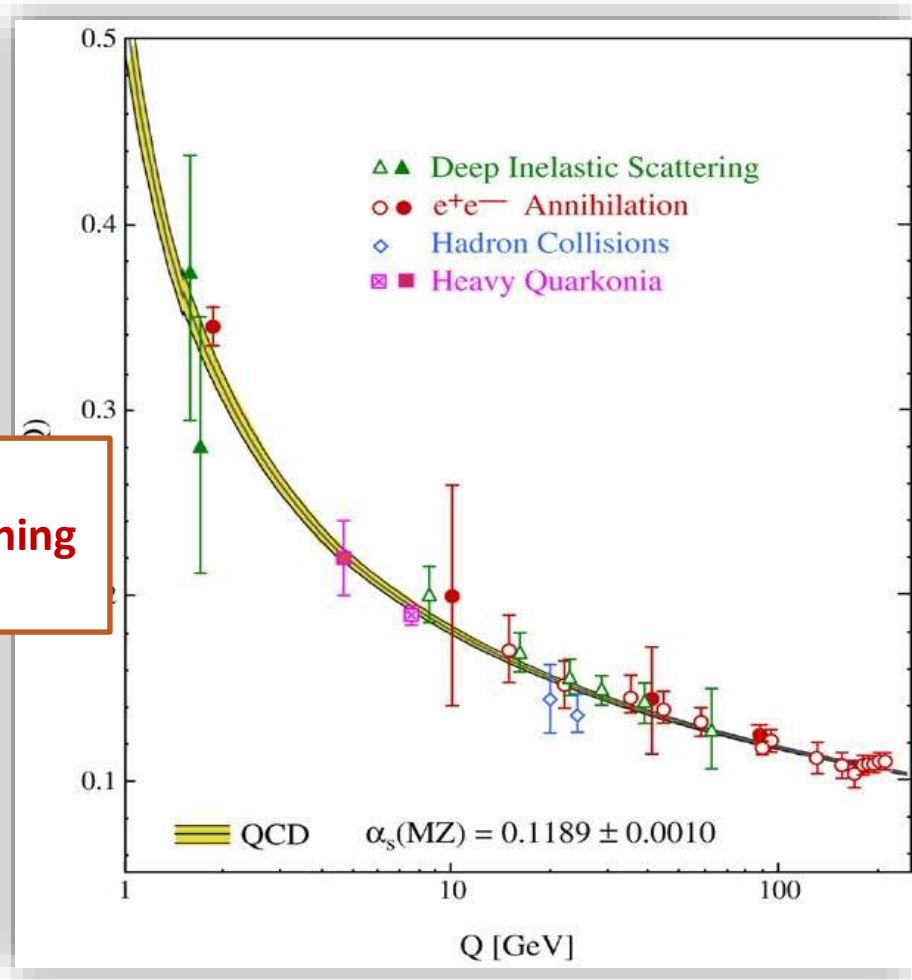
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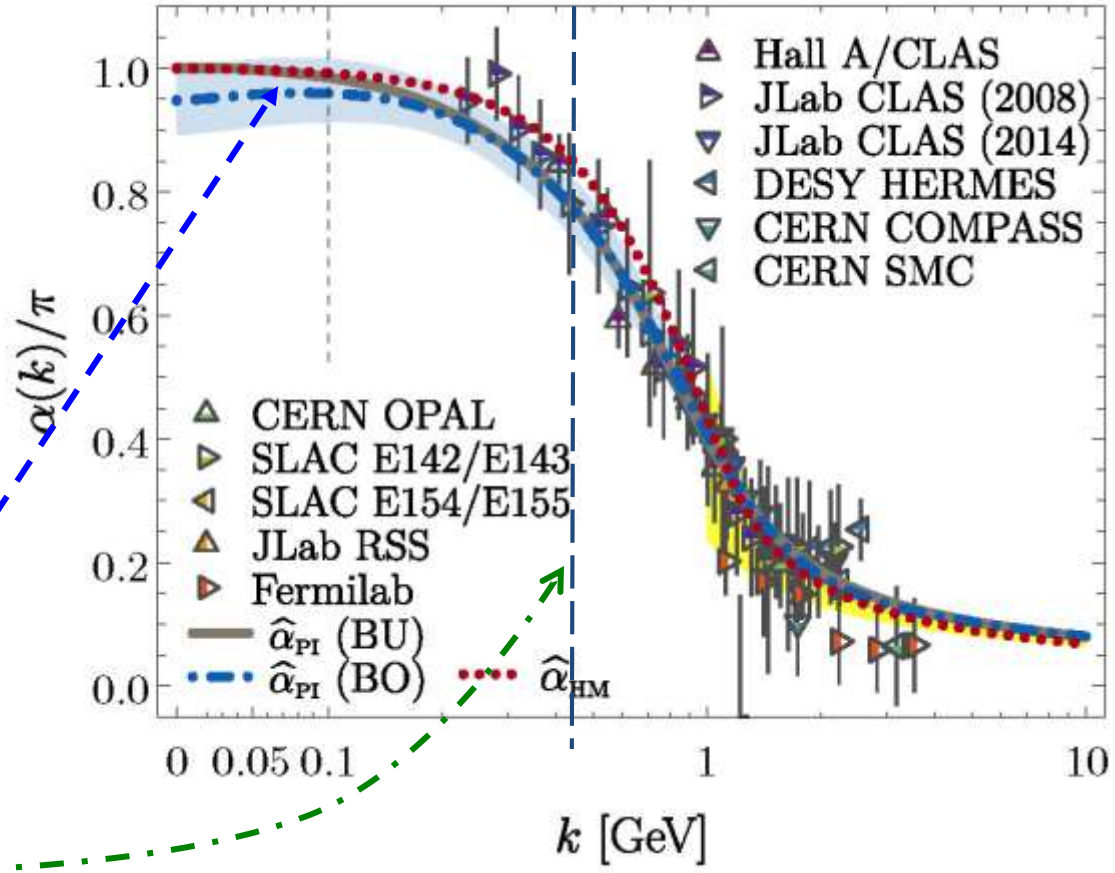
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QCD's Running Coupling

Process-independent effective-charge in QCD

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- Modern continuum & lattice methods for analysing gauge sector enable “Gell-Mann – Low” running charge to be defined in QCD
- Combined continuum and lattice analysis of QCD’s gauge sector yields a parameter-free prediction
- N.B. Qualitative change in $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}(k)$ at $k \approx \frac{1}{2} m_p$



QCD Effective Charge

- Parameter-free prediction:
 - Curve completely determined by results obtained for gluon & ghost two-point functions using continuum and lattice-regularised QCD.
- Near precise agreement between process-independent

$$\hat{\alpha}_{PI} \text{ and } \alpha_{g1}$$

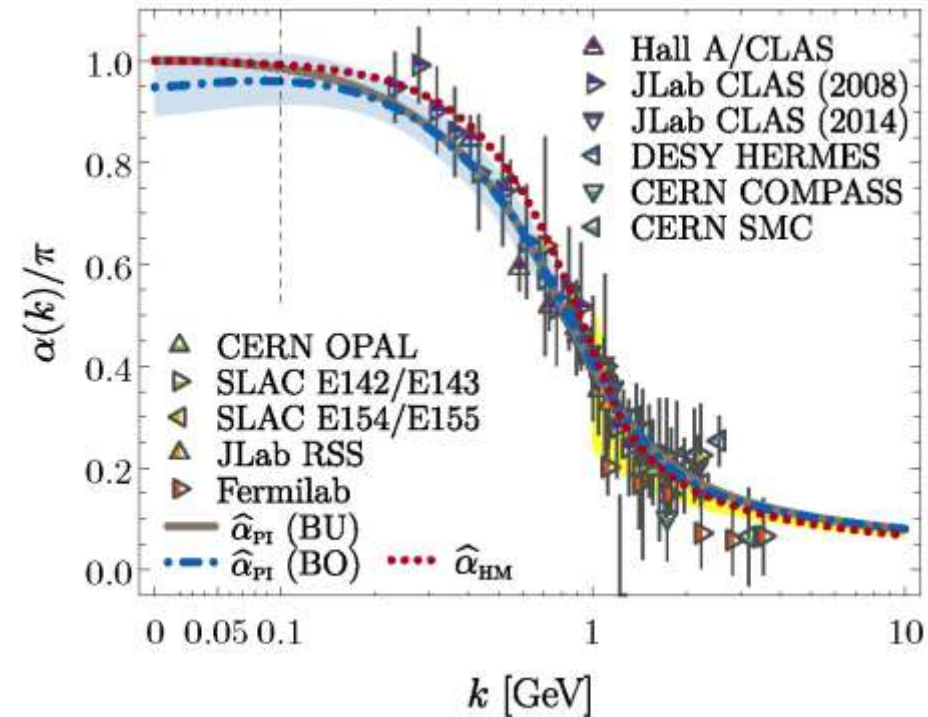
$$\& \hat{\alpha}_{PI} \approx \alpha_{HM}$$

- Perturbative domain:

$$\alpha_{g1}(k^2) = \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2)(1 + 1.14 \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2) + \dots),$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{PI}(k^2) = \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2)(1 + 1.09 \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2) + \dots),$$

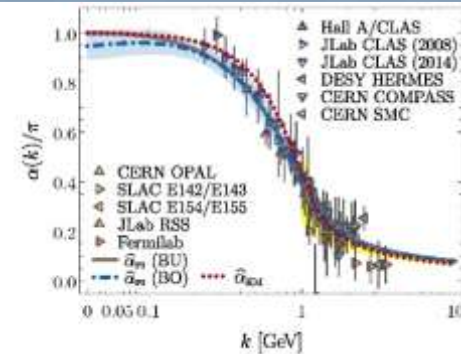
difference = $(1/20) \alpha_{\overline{MS}}^2$



Data = process dependent effective charge [Grunberg:1982fw]:
 α_{g1} , defined via Bjorken Sum Rule

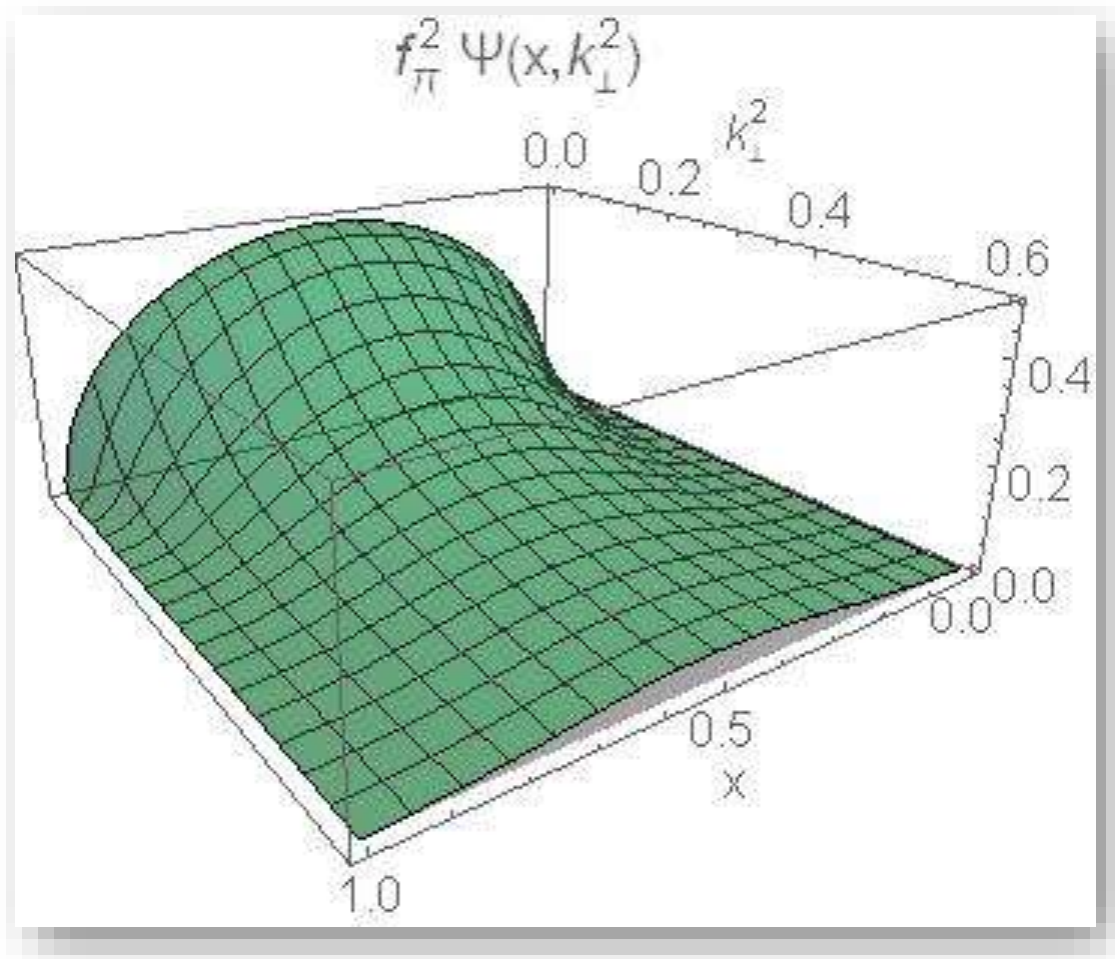
QCD Effective Charge

- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ is a new type of effective charge
 - direct analogue of the Gell-Mann–Low effective coupling in QED, *i.e.* completely determined by the gauge-boson two-point function.
- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ is
 - process-independent
 - known to unify a vast array of observables
- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ possesses an infrared-stable fixed-point
 - Nonperturbative analysis demonstrating absence of a Landau pole in QCD
- QCD is IR finite, owing to dynamical generation of gluon mass-scale, which also serves to eliminate the Gribov ambiguity
- Asymptotic freedom \Rightarrow QCD is well-defined at UV momenta
- **QCD is therefore unique amongst known 4D quantum field theories**
 - **Potentially, defined & internally consistent at all momenta**





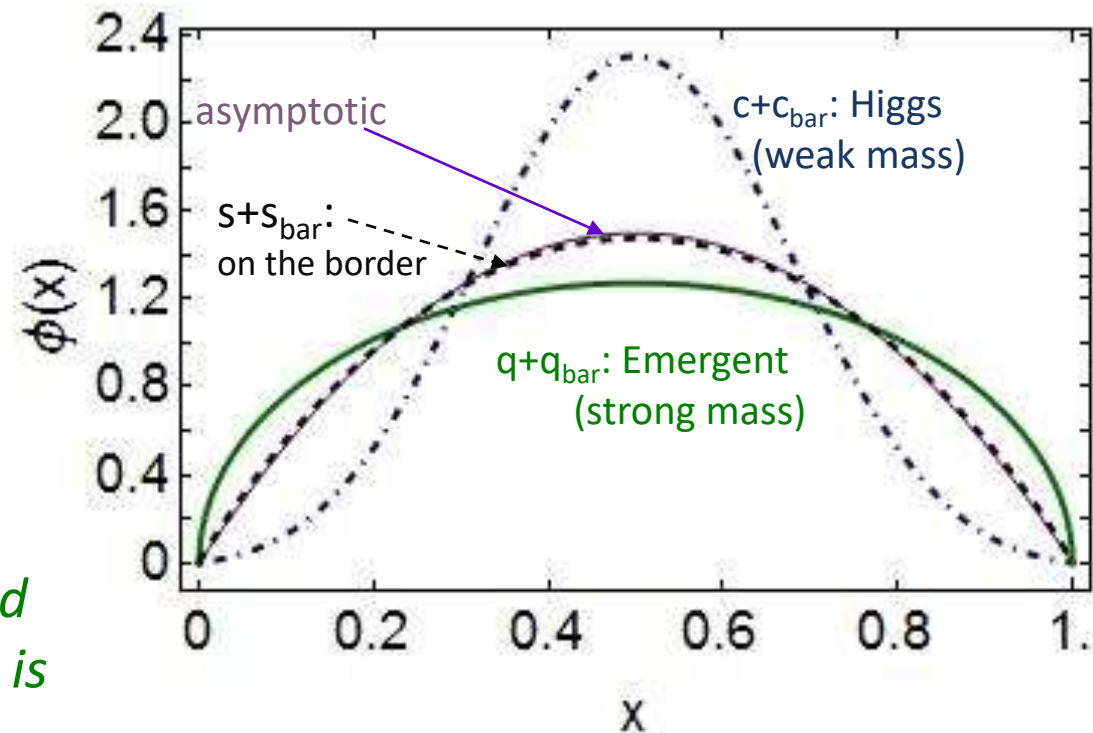
Observing Mass

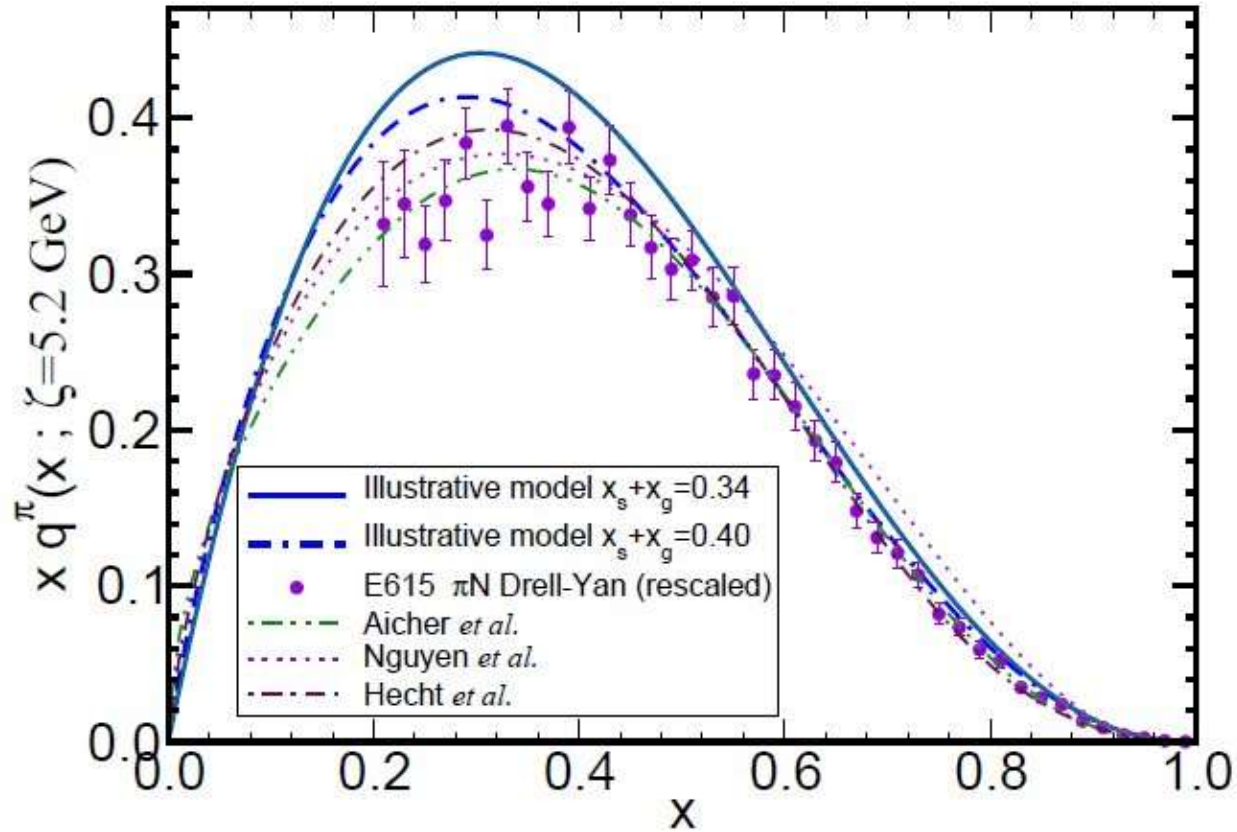


Meson Wave Functions

Emergent Mass vs. Higgs Mechanism

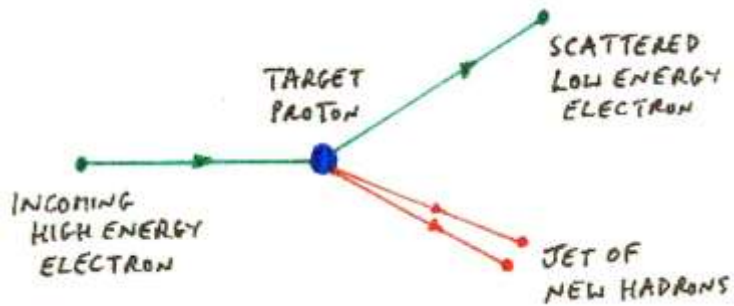
- When does Higgs mechanism begin to influence mass generation?
- limit $m_{\text{quark}} \rightarrow \infty$
 $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \delta(x-1/2)$
- limit $m_{\text{quark}} \rightarrow 0$
 $\varphi(x) \sim (8/\pi) [x(1-x)]^{1/2}$
- Transition boundary lies just above m_{strange}
- *Comparison between distributions of light-quarks and those involving strange-quarks is good place to seek signals for strong-mass generation*





π & K Valence-quark Distribution Functions

Deep inelastic scattering



- Quark discovery experiment at SLAC (1966-1978, Nobel Prize in 1990)
- Completely different to elastic scattering
 - *Blow the target to pieces instead of keeping only those events where it remains intact.*
- Cross-section is interpreted as a measurement of the momentum-fraction probability distribution for quarks and gluons within the target hadron: $q(x), g(x)$



Probability that a quark/gluon within the target will carry a fraction x of the bound-state's light-front momentum

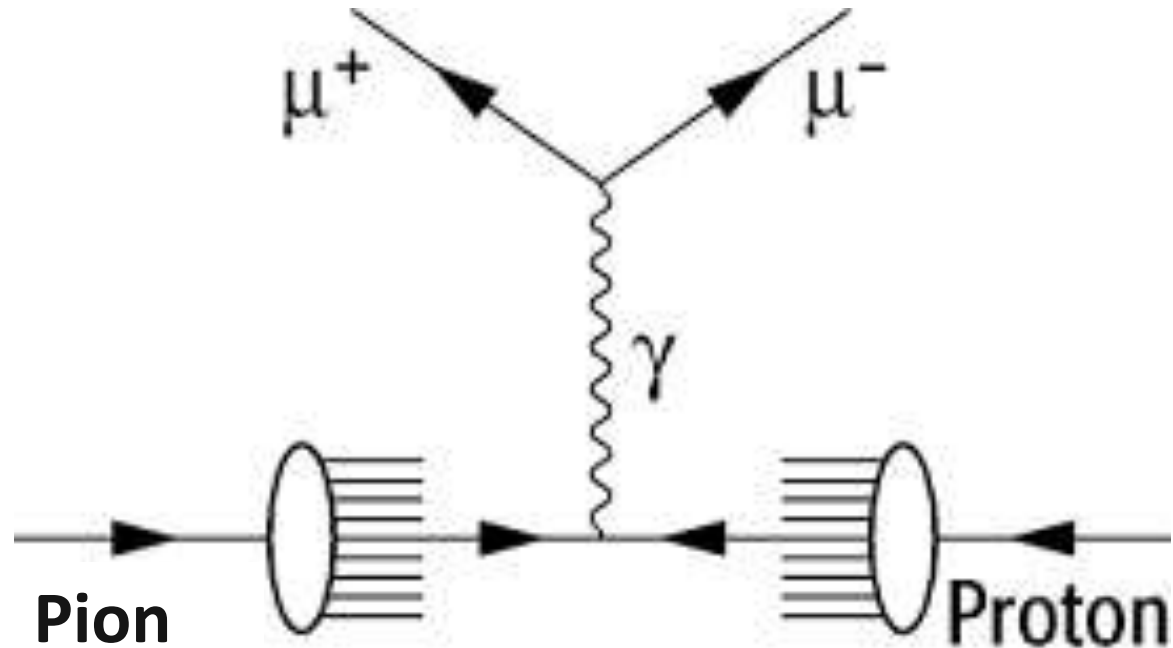
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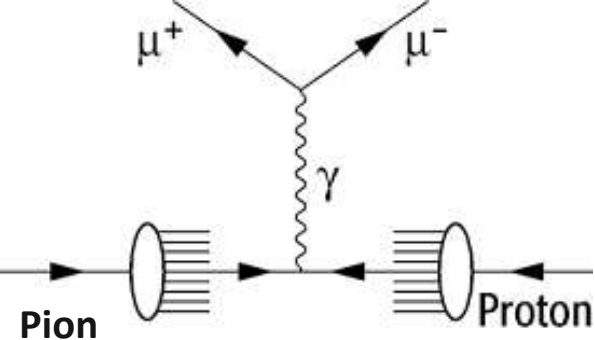
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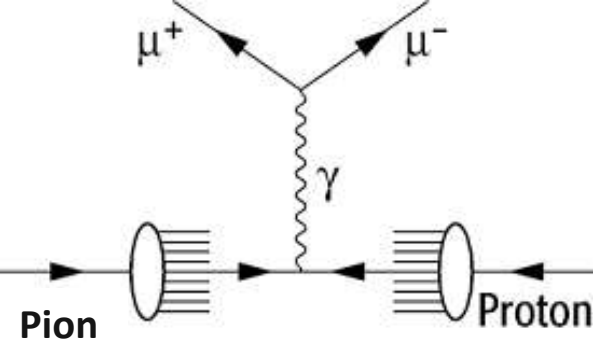
- Consider a theory in which quarks scatter via a vector-boson exchange interaction whose $k^2 \gg m_G^2$ behaviour is $(1/k^2)^\beta$,
- Then at a resolving scale Q_0

$$u_\pi(x; Q_0) \sim (1-x)^{2\beta}$$

namely, the large- x behaviour of the quark distribution function is a direct measure of the momentum-dependence of the underlying interaction.

- In QCD, $\beta=1$ and hence QCD: $Q > Q_0 \Rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2+\gamma, \gamma > 0$

$${}^{QCD} u_\pi(x; Q_0) \sim (1-x)^2$$



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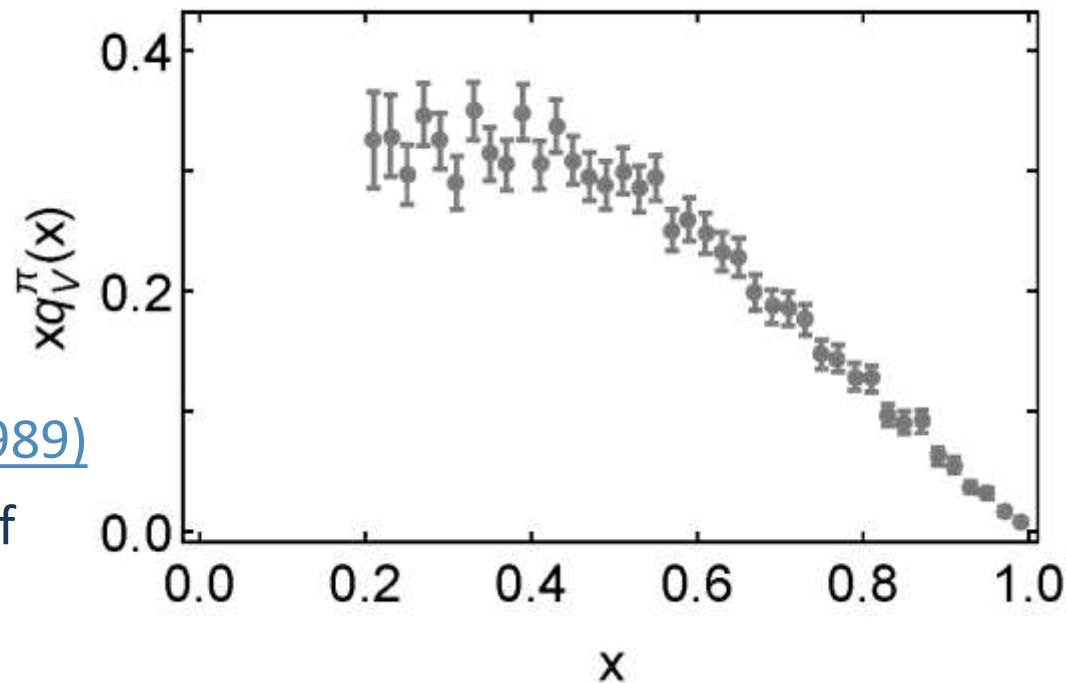
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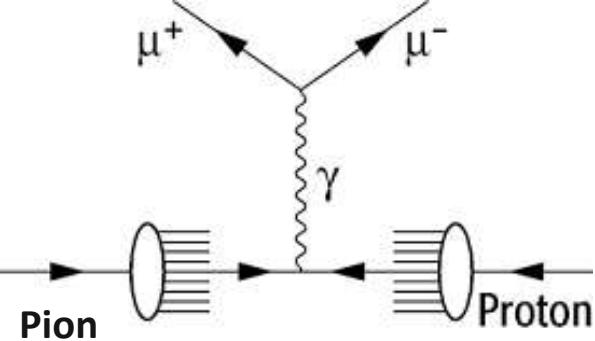
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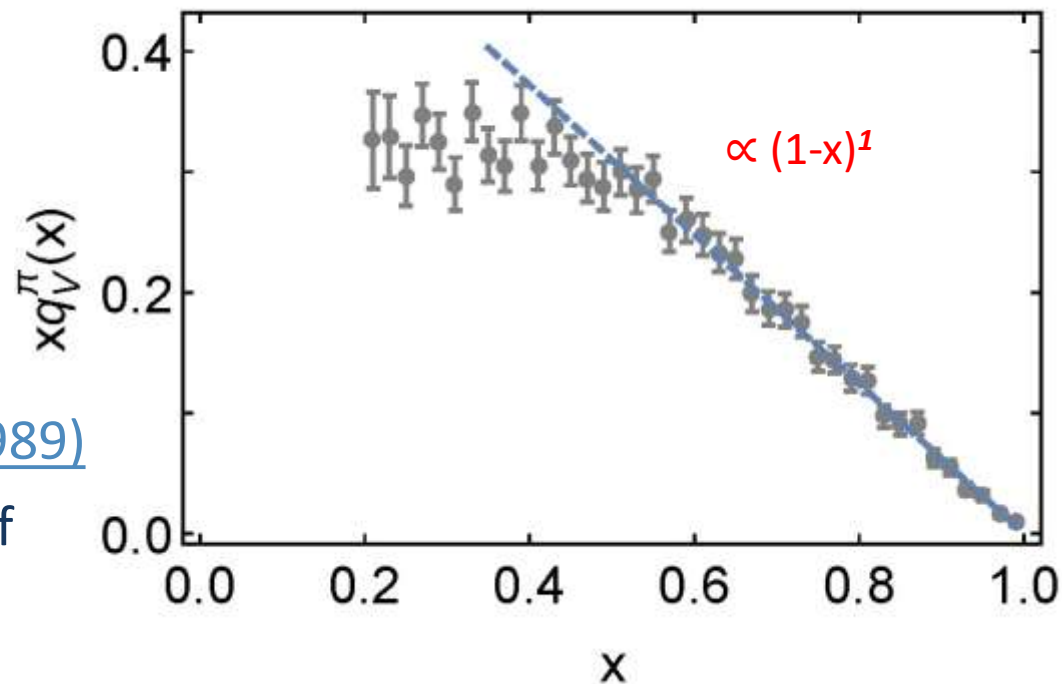
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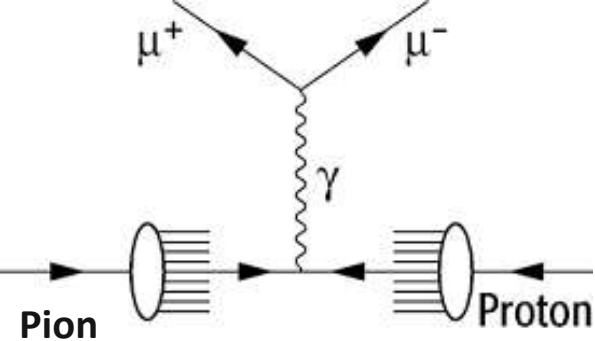
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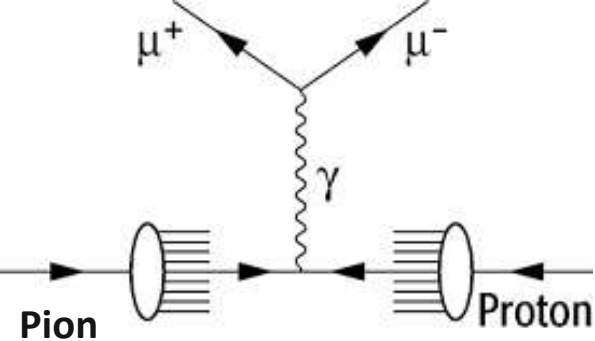
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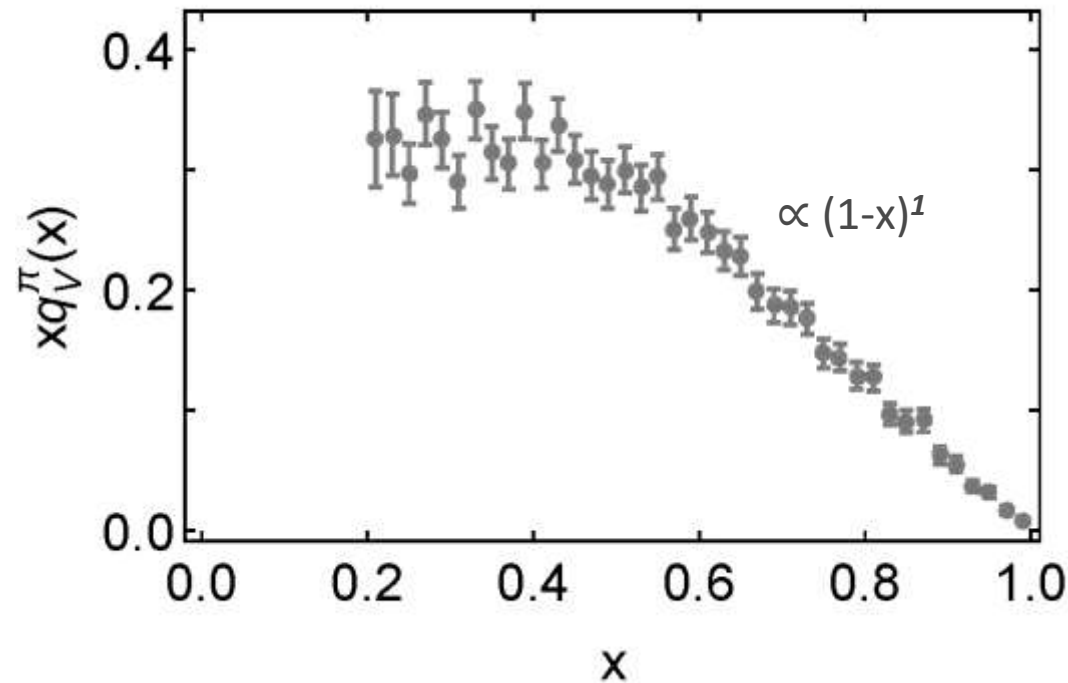
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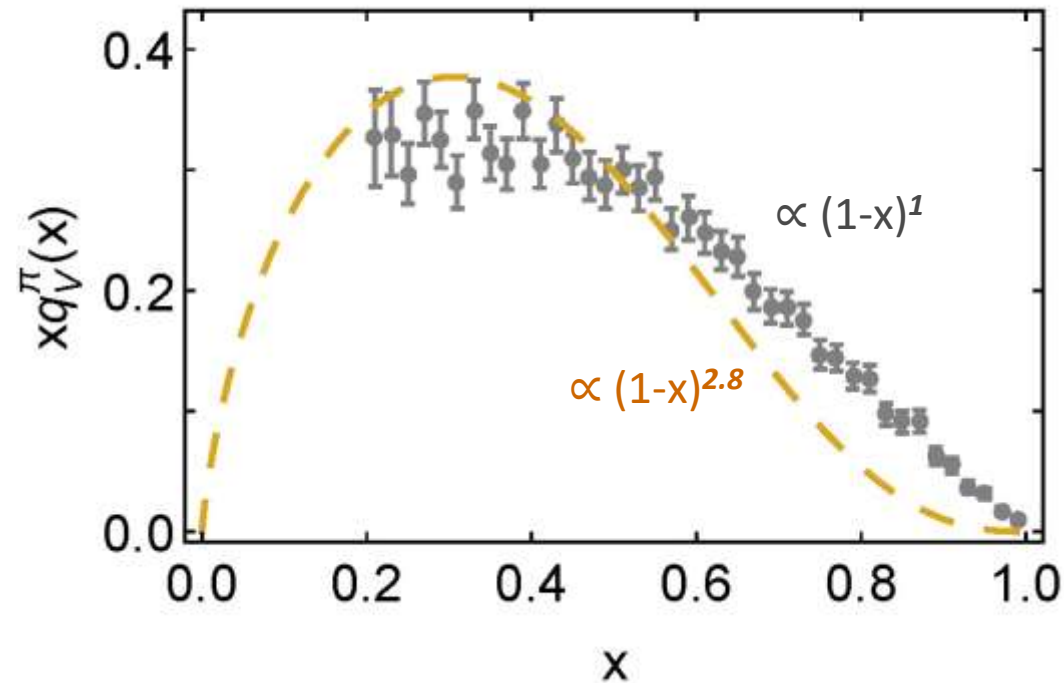
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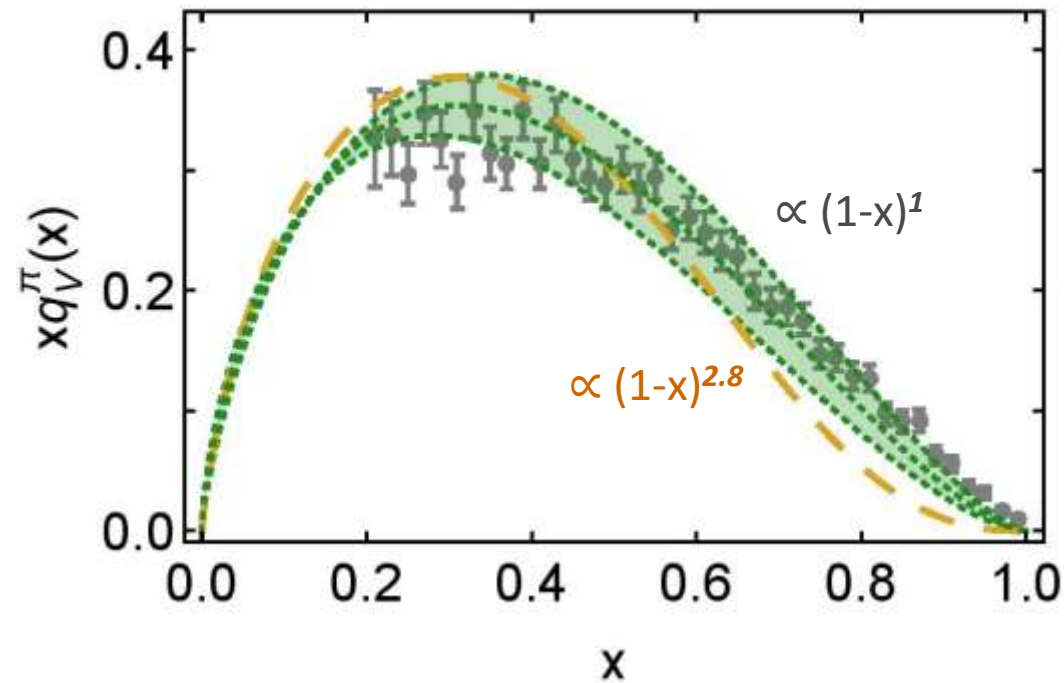
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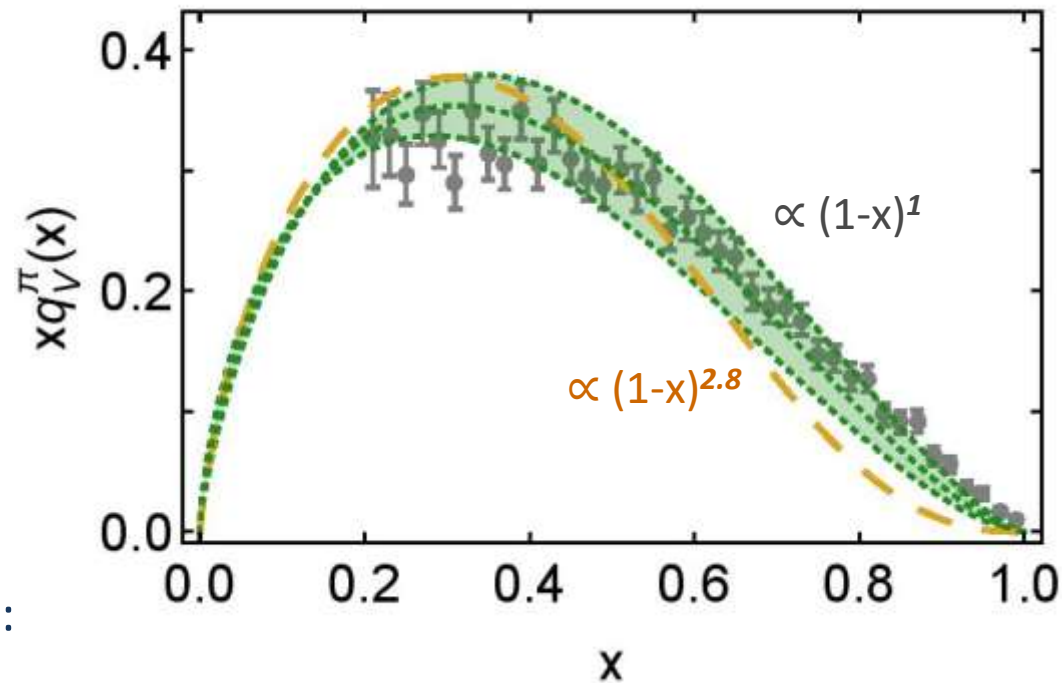
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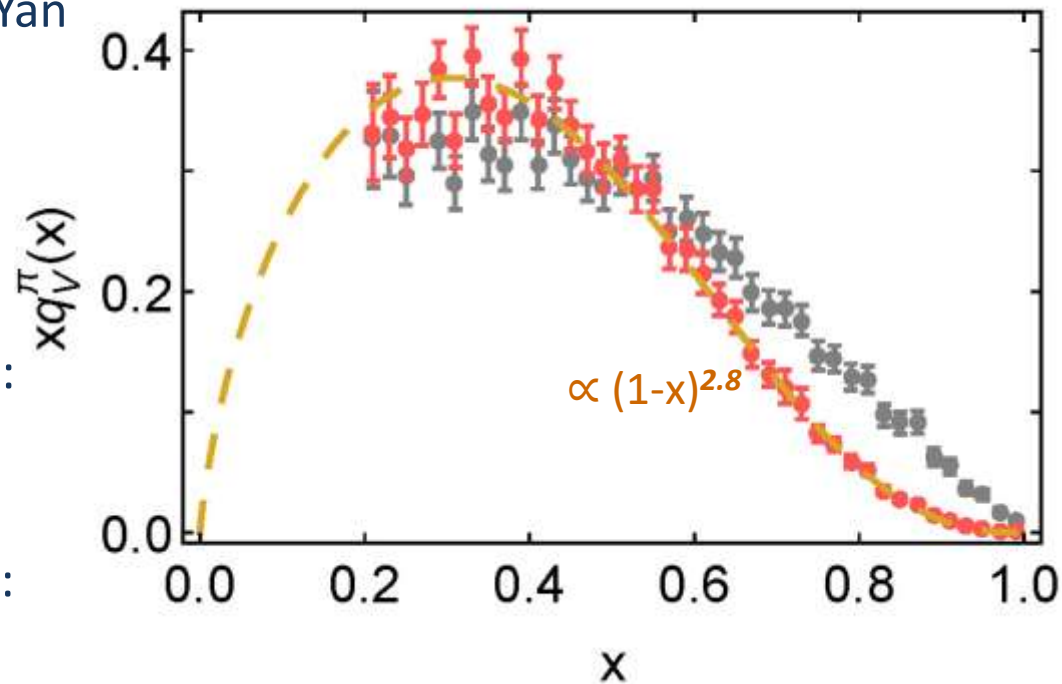
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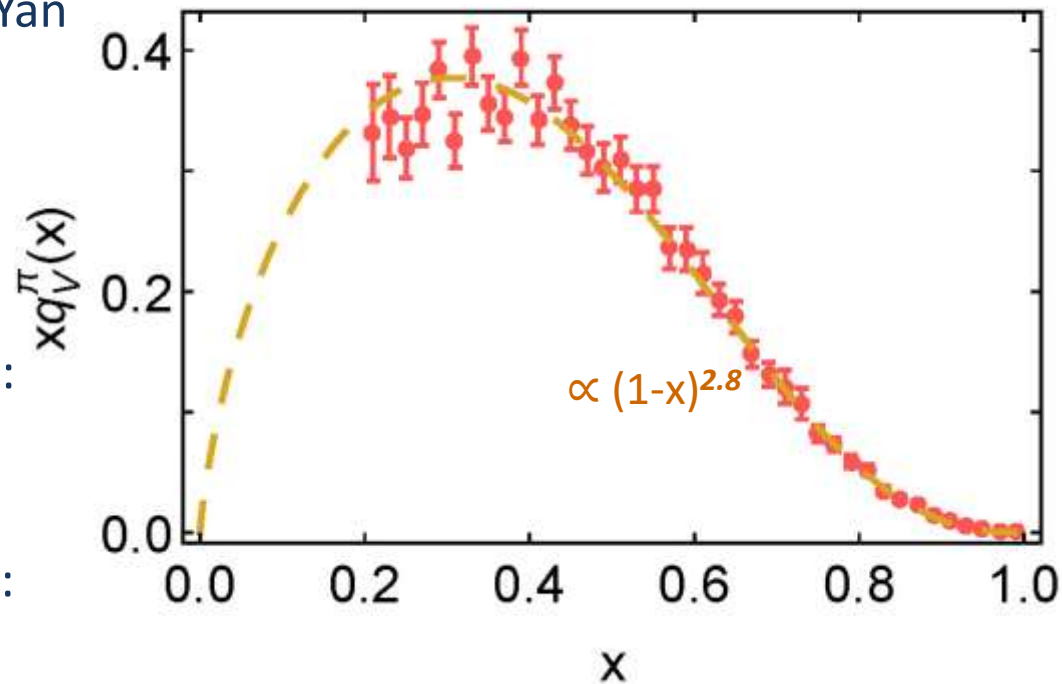
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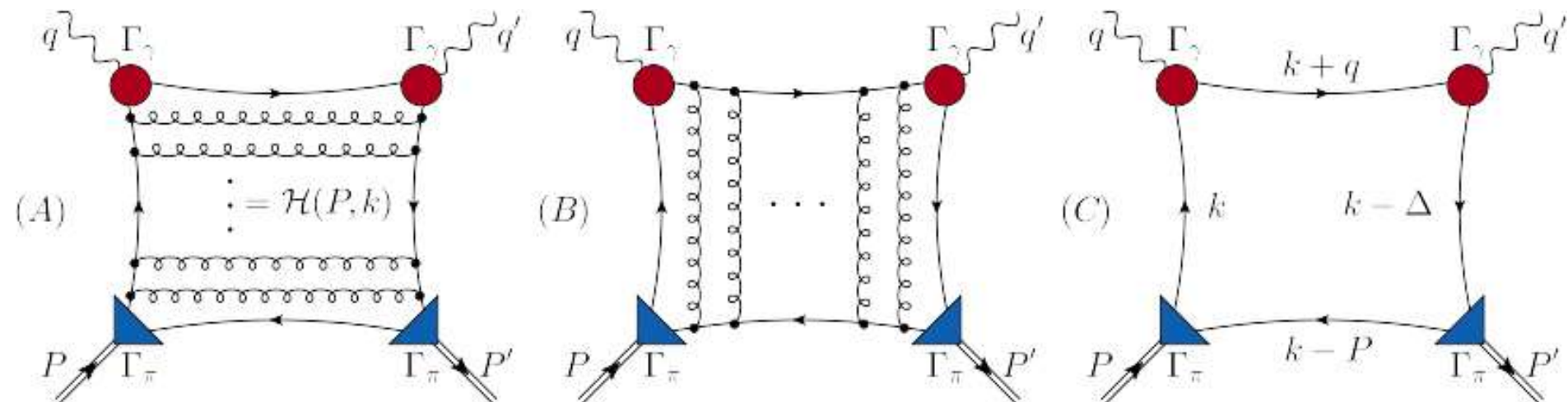


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Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Structure

Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions

- Optical theorem

⇒ pion structure function is given by imaginary part of the virtual-photon – pion forward Compton scattering amplitude:

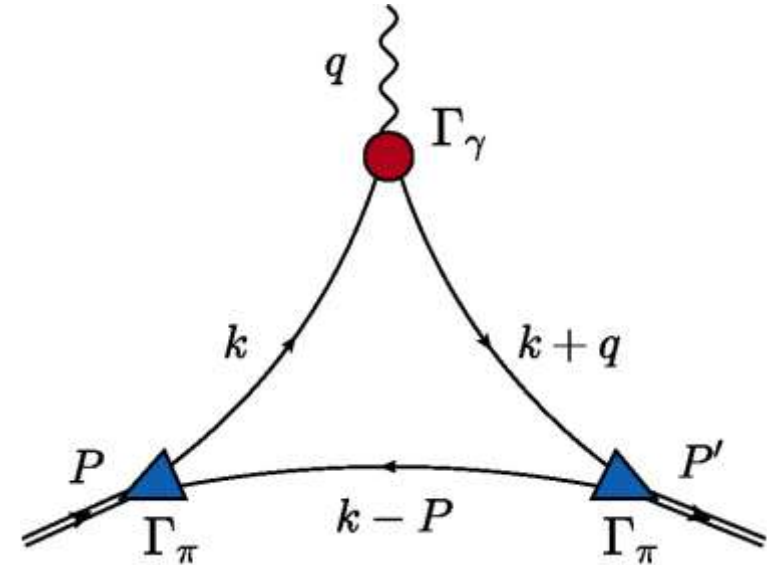
$$\gamma^*(q) + \pi(P) \rightarrow \gamma^*(q) + \pi(P)$$

“Four-point” function

- Any nonperturbative analysis will compute the structure function at an hadronic scale, ζ_H
- Using Rainbow-Ladder Truncation, what collection of diagrams is necessary and sufficient to preserve all Ward-Green-Takahashi identities?

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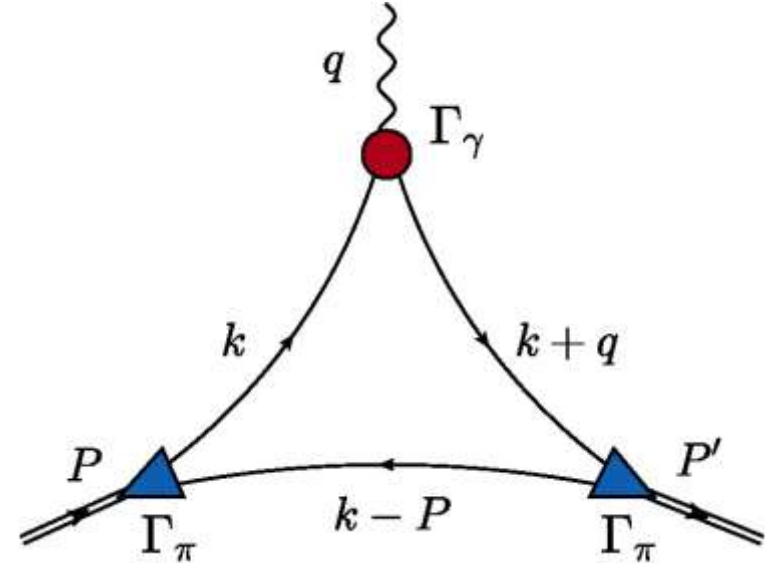
- Simpler case = pion form factor = “Three-point” function
 - line (a) = momentum k
 - line (b) = $k+q$
 - line (c) = $k-P$
- Suppose one were to add a gluon emitted from (a) and reabsorbed by (a)
 - over-counting because the contribution is already included in the rainbow truncation computation of S
- Suppose next one were to add a gluon emitted from (a) and reabsorbed by (c)
 - over-counting because the contribution is already included in RL-truncation of Γ_π



No Corrections in RL truncation

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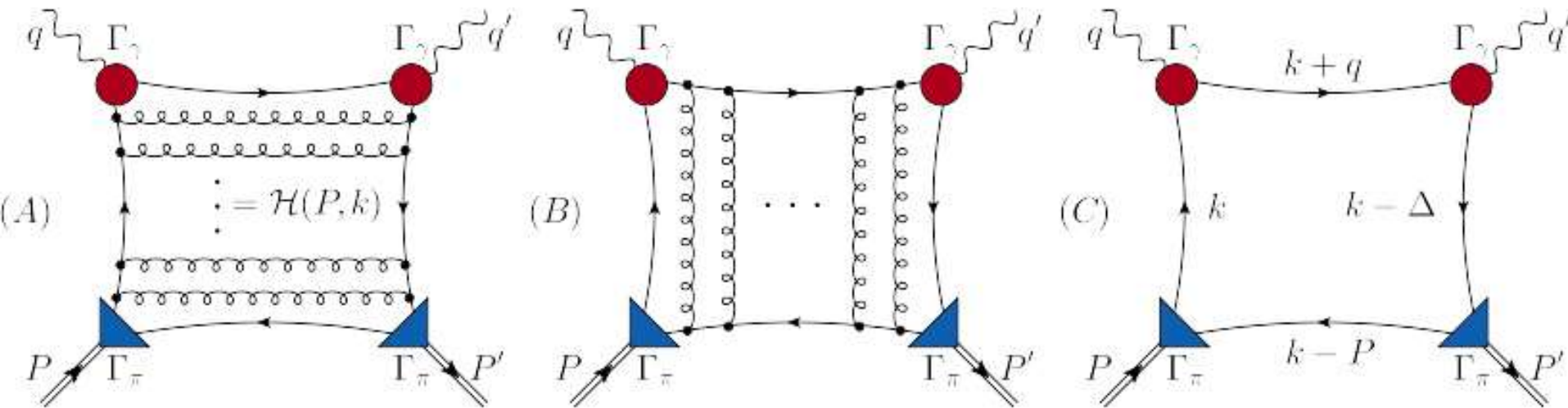
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- Suppose finally one were to add a gluon emitted from (a) and reabsorbed by (b)
 - over-counting because the contribution is already included in RL-truncation of Γ_γ
- Indeed, no matter which line or lines one chooses to emit and reabsorb a single gluon, the contribution generated is already included in either S , Γ_π , Γ_γ



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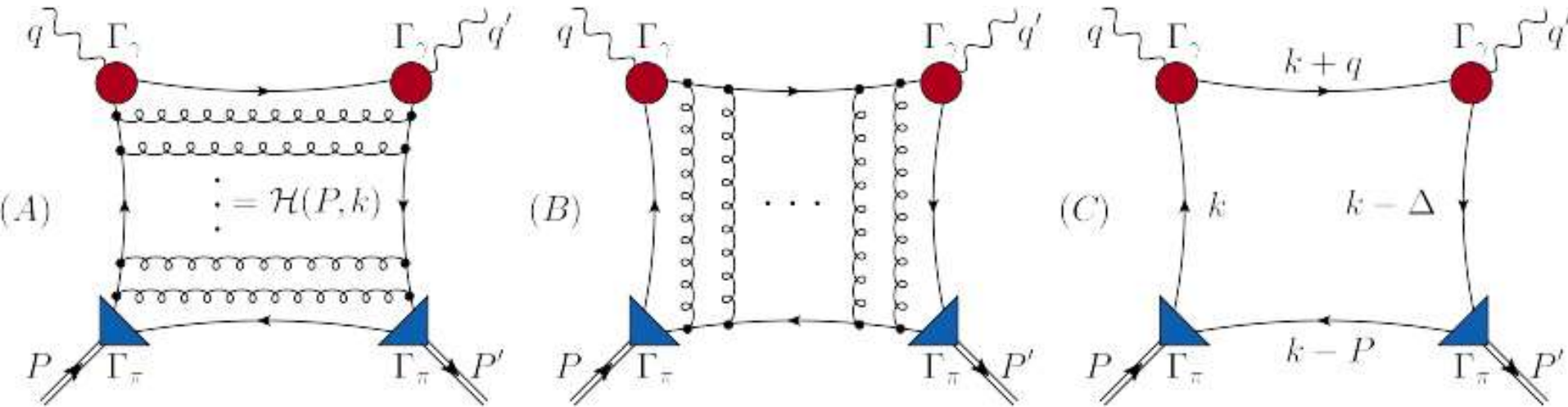
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- Using Rainbow-Ladder Truncation, what collection of diagrams is necessary and sufficient to preserve all Ward-Green-Takahashi identities?



- $\gamma^*(q) + \pi(P) \rightarrow \gamma^*(q) + \pi(P) = (A) + (B) - (C)$

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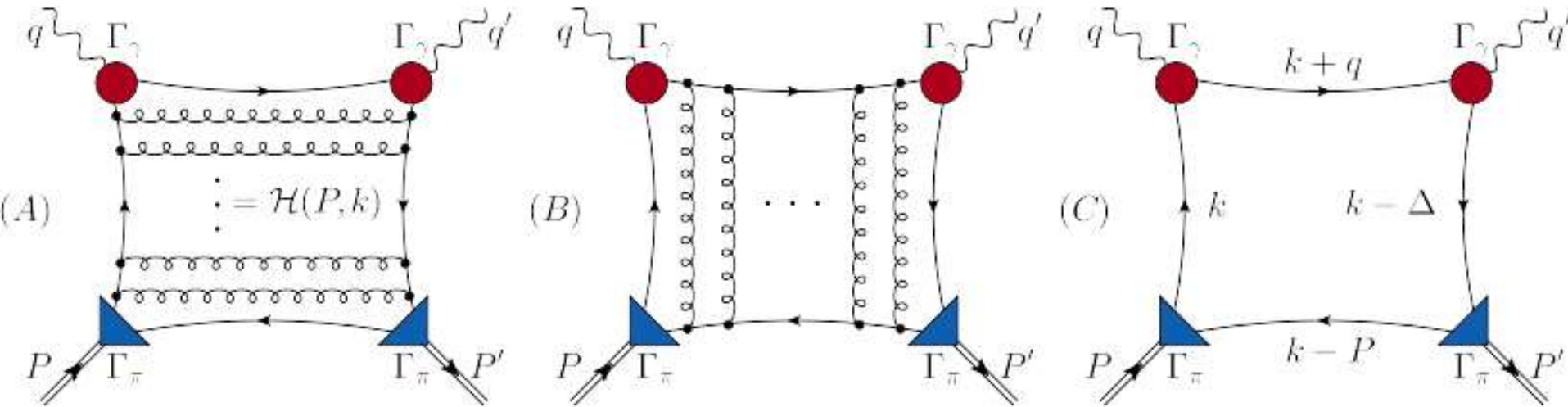


- In the forward and Bjorken limits, (C) is textbook *handbag* contribution to $\gamma^*(q) + \pi(P) \rightarrow \gamma^*(q) + \pi(P)$
- Often been used alone to estimate $q^\pi(x; \zeta_H)$
- If Γ_π is assumed to be momentum-independent (consistent treatment of contact interaction) & Poincaré-invariant regularisation is employed, then (C) yields result that preserves both the baryon-number and momentum sum-rules

$$\int_0^1 dx q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = 1,$$

$$\int_0^1 dx x q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

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- However, if regularisation introduces a mass-scale and/or the quark-antiquark interaction is momentum-dependent, then the result obtained from (C) violates one or both of the sum rules
- Therefore, (C) alone is a poor approximation when realistic interactions are used.

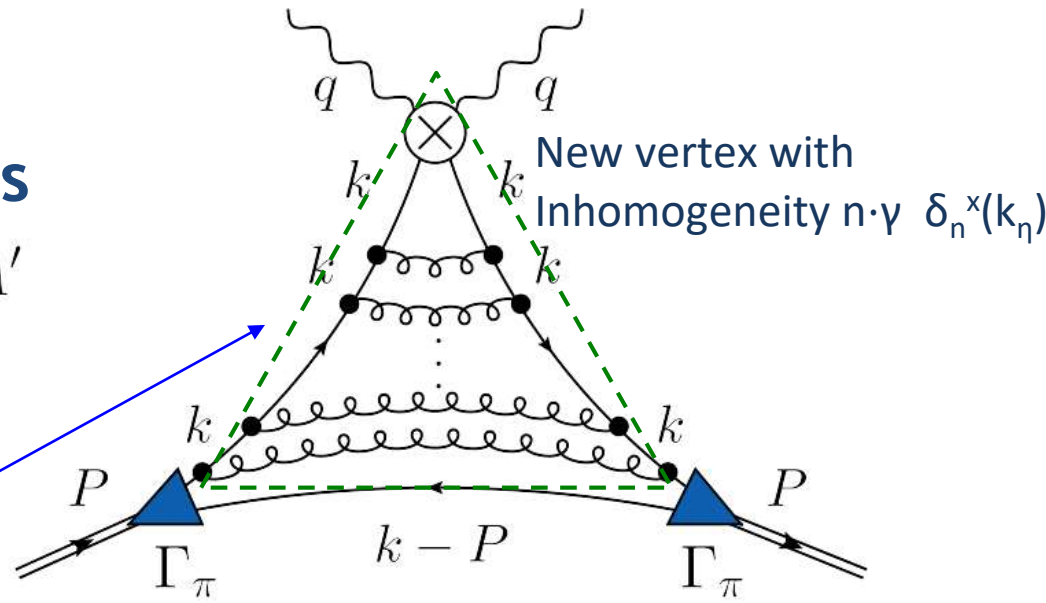
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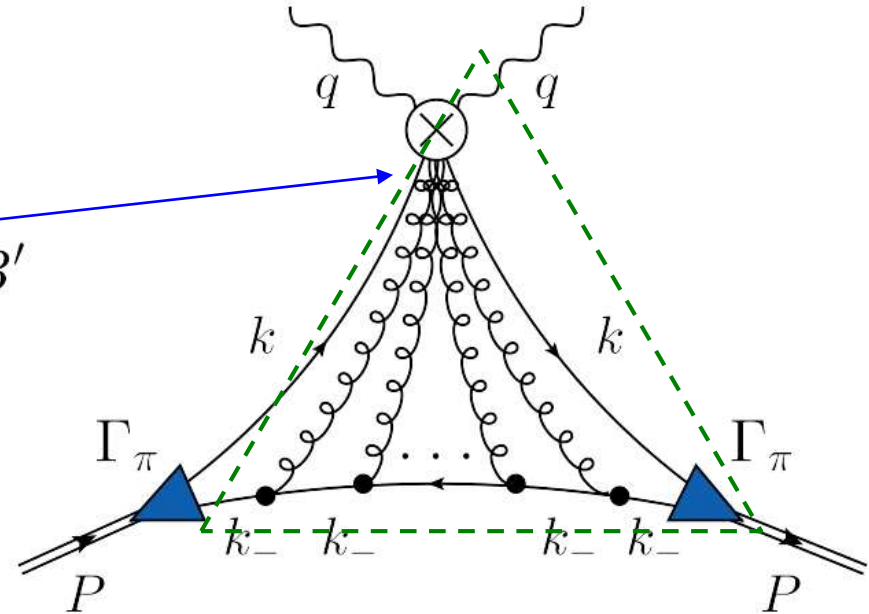
- $\gamma^*(q) + \pi(P) \rightarrow \gamma^*(q) + \pi(P)$
= (A) + (B) - (C)
- Bjorken limit for DIS
(A) + (B) - (C) \rightarrow (A') + (B')

A'



$$q_A^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = N_c \text{tr} \int_{dk} i\Gamma_\pi(k_\eta, -P) \\ \times S(k_\eta) i\Gamma^n(k; x; \zeta_H) S(k_\eta) i\Gamma_\pi(k_{\bar{\eta}}, P) S(k_{\bar{\eta}})$$

B'



$$q_{BC}^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = N_c \text{tr} \int_{dk} \Gamma_\pi^n(k_\eta, -P; \zeta_H) \\ \times S(k_\eta) \Gamma_\pi(k_{\bar{\eta}}, P) S(k_{\bar{\eta}})$$

Pierced pion Bethe-Salpeter amplitude
computed by summing infinitely many
insertions of $[\delta_n^x(k_\eta) n \cdot \partial S(k_\eta)]$

$$q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = q_A^\pi(x; \zeta_H) + q_{BC}^\pi(x; \zeta_H)$$

Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions


➤ Ward identity approximation

$$i\Gamma^n(k; x; \zeta_H) = \delta_n^x(k_\eta) n \cdot \partial_{k_\eta} S^{-1}(k_\eta),$$
$$\Gamma_\pi^n(k_\eta, -P; \zeta_H) = n \cdot \partial_{k_\eta} \Gamma_\pi(k_\eta, -P; \zeta_H),$$

in which case

$$q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = N_c \text{tr} \int_{dk} \delta_n^x(k_\eta)$$
$$\times n \cdot \partial_{k_\eta} [\Gamma_\pi(k_\eta, -P) S(k_\eta)] \Gamma_\pi(k_{\bar{\eta}}, P) S(k_{\bar{\eta}})$$

➤ $q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) = q^\pi(1-x; \zeta_H)$


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Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions

- Symmetry-preserving RL-truncation computation of $q^\pi(x ; \zeta_H)$
- Question = What is ζ_H ?
- In first applications of DSE approach to hadron observables [Frank:1995uk, Maris:1997tm] (and many that have followed):
 - renormalisation scale was chosen deep in the spacelike region:
 $\zeta = \zeta_{19} := 19 \text{ GeV}$
 - primarily to ensure simplicity in nonperturbative renormalisation procedure
- This choice entails that the dressed quasiparticles obtained as solutions to the DSEs remain intact and thus serve as the dominant degrees-of-freedom for all observables.
 - adequate for infrared quantities, such as hadron masses
 - flexibility of model parameters and the bridge with QCD enable valid predictions to be made.

Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions

- However, renormalisation scale $\zeta = \zeta_{19}$ generates errors in form factors and parton distributions
 - Form factors ... correct power-law behaviour is obtained, but the scaling violations deriving from anomalous operator dimensions are wrong (see, *e.g.* [Maris:1998hc])
 - Parton distributions .. natural connection between renormalisation scale and reference scale for evolution equations is lost
 - again because parton loops are suppressed when renormalising a RL truncation study at deep spacelike momenta so computed anomalous dimensions are wrong.

Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions

- Solution to these problems = renormalise DSEs at hadronic scale, where dressed quasiparticles are the correct degrees-of-freedom.
 - Recognises that a given meson's Poincaré covariant wave function and correlated vertices, too, must evolve with ζ
[Lepage:1979zb, Efremov:1979qk, Lepage:1980fj]
- Such evolution enables dressed-quark and -antiquark degrees-of-freedom, in terms of which the wave function is expressed at a given scale $\zeta^2 = Q^2$ to *undress* ...
 - split into less well-dressed partons via emission of gluons and sea quarks in the manner prescribed by QCD dynamics.
- These effects are automatically incorporated in bound-state problems when complete quark-antiquark scattering kernel is used
 - aspects are lost when kernel is truncated, *e.g.* RL truncation.
- Therefore renormalise DSEs at hadronic scale $\zeta = \zeta_H$

Hadronic Scale = ζ_H

- A natural value for the hadronic scale, ζ_H , must now be determined.
- Recall QCD's process-independent effective charge
- This running-coupling saturates in the infrared:

$$\alpha_{PI}(k^2=0) \approx \pi$$

owing to dynamical generation of gluon mass-scale

- These features and a smooth connection with are expressed in the following algebraic expression

$$\alpha_{PI}(k^2) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln[(m_\alpha^2 + k^2)/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2]}$$

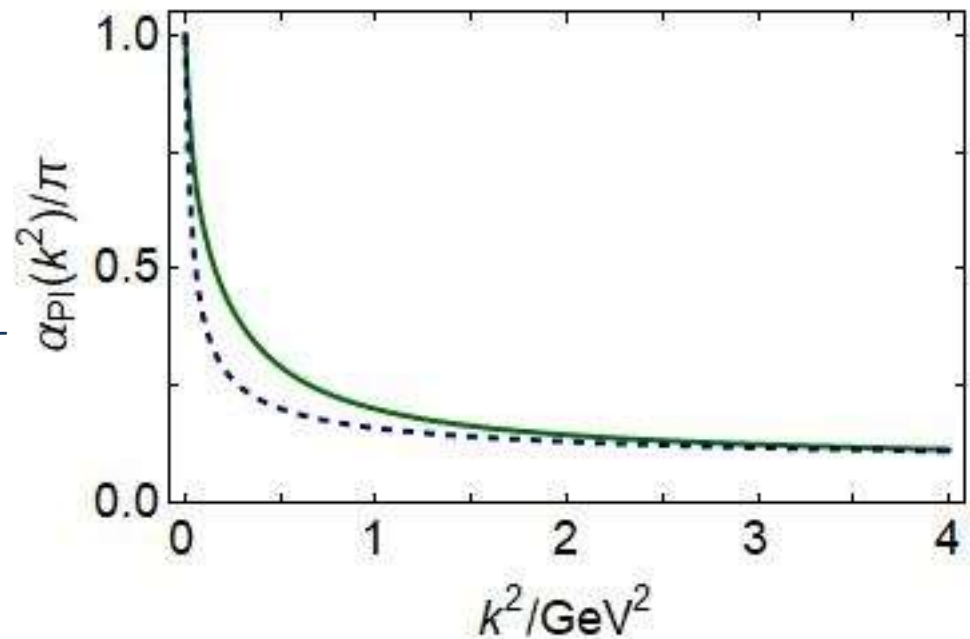
$$\beta_0 = 11 - (2/3) n_f$$

$$m_\alpha = 0.3 \text{ GeV} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

PI Effective Charge

- ✓ Solid Green = original
- ✓ Dashed Blue = simplified expression
- ✓ No practical difference
- ✓ $m_\alpha = 0.3 \text{ GeV} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 - ✓ Very natural value for IR mass-scale
- ✓ Evidently, m_α = essentially nonperturbative scale whose existence ensures that modes with $k^2 \leq m_\alpha^2$ are screened from interactions.
- ✓ m_α therefore serves to define the natural boundary between soft and hard physics

$$\alpha_{\text{PI}}(k^2) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln[(m_\alpha^2 + k^2)/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2]}$$



Identify $\zeta_H = m_\alpha$

Calculating $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$

- Reconstruct $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$ from Mellin moments

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^m \rangle_{\zeta_H}^\pi &= \int_0^1 dx x^m q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) \\ &= \frac{N_c}{n \cdot P} \text{tr} \int_{dk} \left[\frac{n \cdot k_\eta}{n \cdot P} \right]^m \Gamma_\pi(k_{\bar{\eta}}, P) S(k_{\bar{\eta}}) \\ &\quad \times n \cdot \partial_{k_\eta} [\Gamma_\pi(k_\eta, -P) S(k_\eta)] \end{aligned}$$

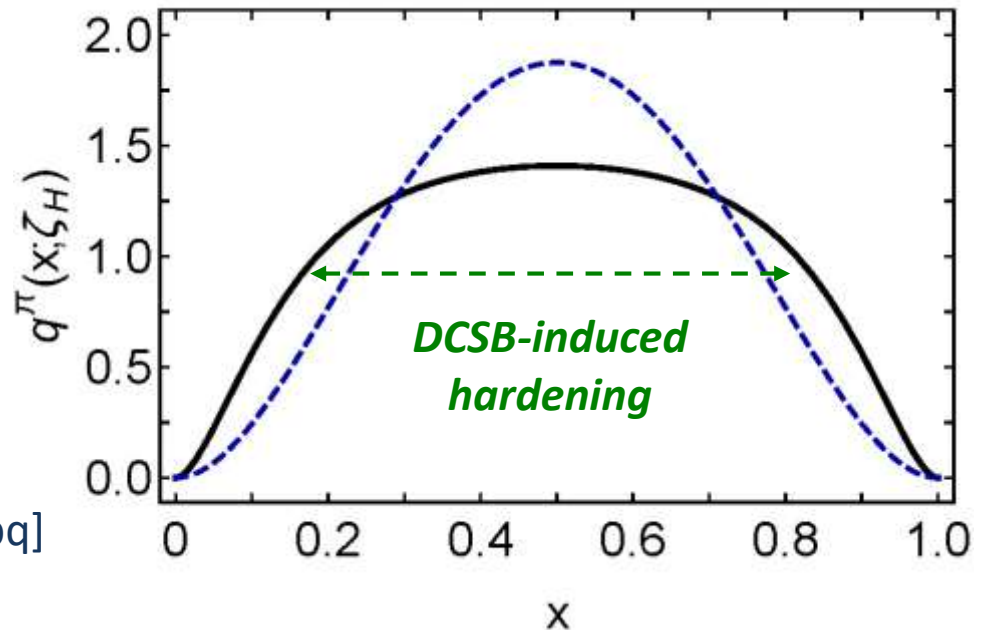
- Every moment is finite.
- However, direct calculation using numerically determined inputs for S & Γ_π is difficult in practice owing to an amplification of oscillations produced by the $[n \cdot k_\eta]^m$ factor
- Working hard, can compute $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$
- Subsequently employ methods from complex analysis to construct two analytic approximations ($m=0\dots3$ & $m=0\dots5$) that enable estimates of additional moments $m = 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$
- Reconstruct $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$ from this information on first 11 moments

$$\begin{aligned} q^\pi(x; \zeta_H) &= 213.32 x^2 (1-x)^2 \\ &\quad \times [1 - 2.9342 \sqrt{x(1-x)} + 2.2911 x(1-x)] \end{aligned}$$

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- Dashed Blue = scale-free parton-model-like result $30 x^2 (1-x)^2$
- Solid Black = DSE prediction
- ✓ DSE distribution computed with realistic inputs is a broad concave function.
- ✓ Similar effect observed in the pion's leading-twist valence-quark distribution amplitude [Chang:2013pq] & those of other mesons
- ✓ Cause is identical: $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$ is hardened owing to DCSB = a realisation of the mechanism responsible for the emergence of mass in the Standard Model
- ✓ DCSB is expressed in momentum-dependence of all QCD Schwinger functions.
- ✓ Therefore manifest in pointwise behaviour of wave functions, elastic and transition form factors, *etc.*; and as now seen, also in parton distributions.
- ✓ Expected, given the connection between light-front wave functions and parton distributions



Evolution of $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$

- $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H)$ computed at $\zeta_H = m_\alpha$... but ...
 - existing IQCD calculations of low-order moments and phenomenological fits to pion parton distributions are typically quoted at $\zeta_2 = 2$ GeV
 - and the scale relevant to the E615 data is $\zeta_5 = 5.2$ GeV
- Therefore employ leading-order QCD evolution
 - $q^\pi(x, \zeta_H) \rightarrow q^\pi(x, \zeta_2) \rightarrow q^\pi(x, \zeta_5)$
using the process-independent running coupling
- Notably, given that $\zeta_H = m_\alpha$ is fixed by our analysis, all results are predictions
- $\alpha_{PI}(\zeta_H)/(2\pi) = 0.20$ & $[\alpha_{PI}(\zeta_H)/(2\pi)]^2 = 0.04$
... so LO evolution should serve as a good approximation
- Results reported with $\zeta_H \rightarrow (1 \pm 0.1) \zeta_H$

$$q^\pi(x, \zeta_H) \rightarrow q^\pi(x, \zeta_2)$$

- ✓ Nonsinglet evolution for valence-quark

$$\langle 2x \rangle_q^\pi = 0.48(3)$$

- ✓ Dashed black curve = [Hecht:2000xa]
- ✓ Valence-quarks carry only $\frac{1}{2}$ pion's light-front momentum
- ✓ Pion is solely bound-state of dressed-quark and dressed-antiquark at ζ_H
- ✓ Glue and sea distributions are zero at ζ_H
- ✓ g & S distributions are generated by singlet evolution on $\zeta > \zeta_H$

$$\langle x \rangle_g^\pi = 0.41(2), \quad \langle x \rangle_{\text{sea}}^\pi = 0.11(2)$$

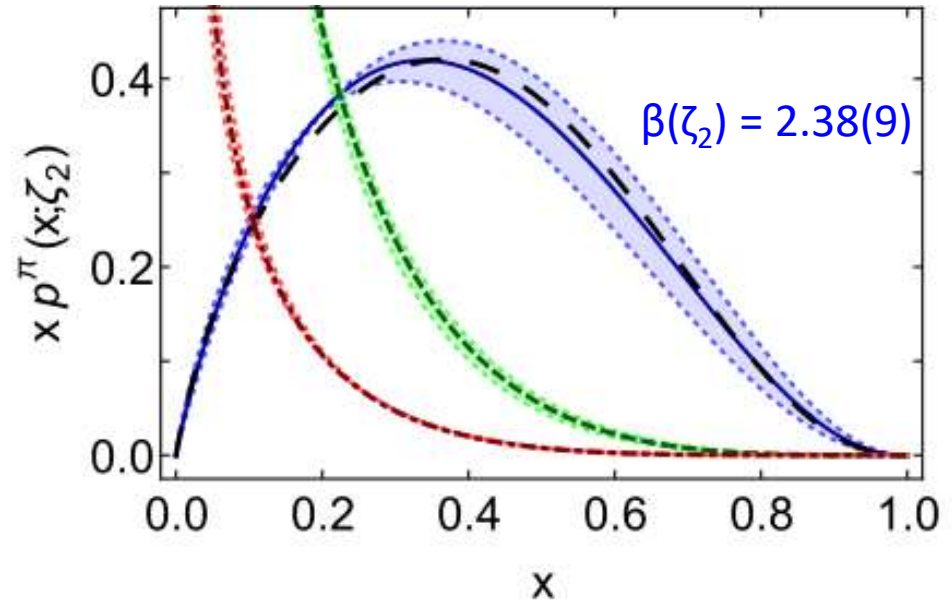


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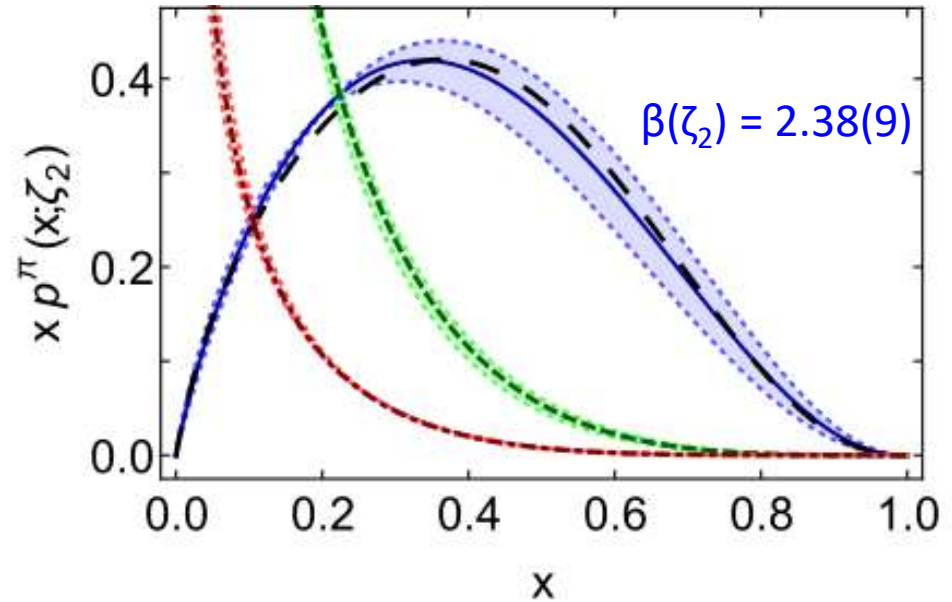
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$$\langle 2x \rangle_q^\pi = 0.48(3)$$

- ✓ Dashed black curve = [Hecht:2000xa]
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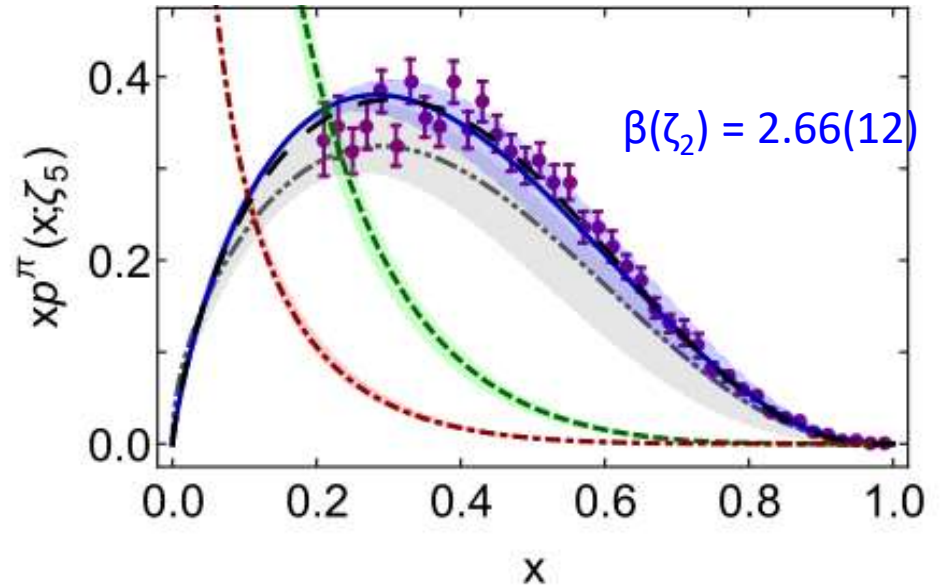
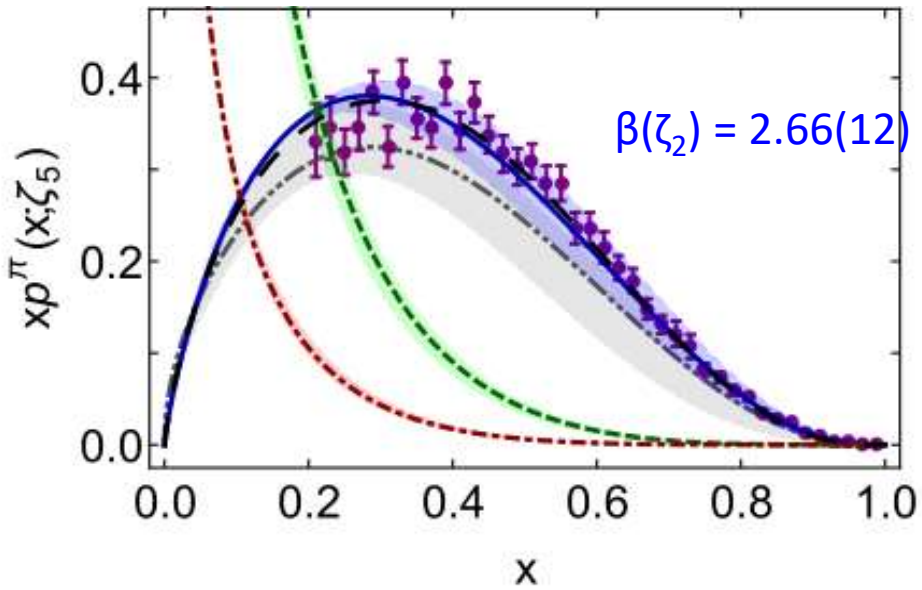


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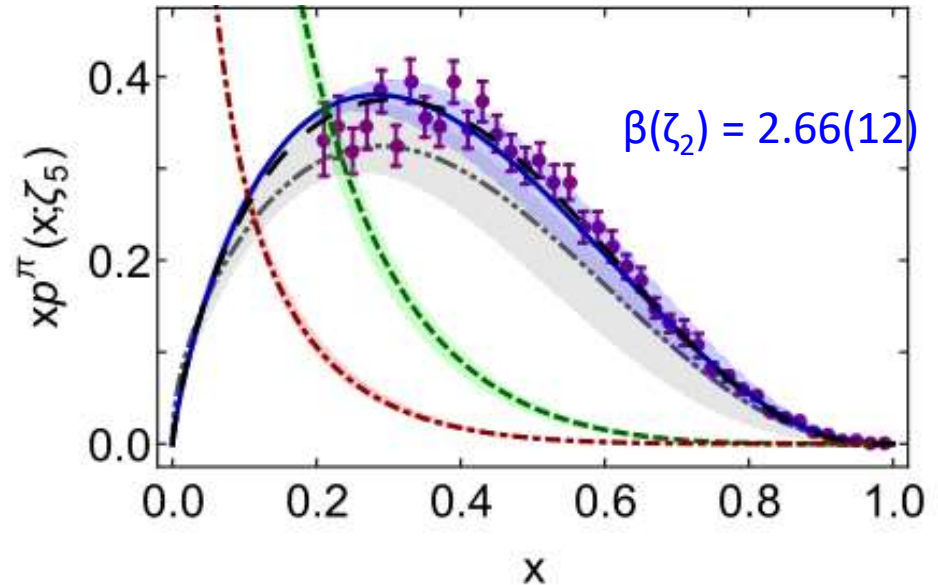
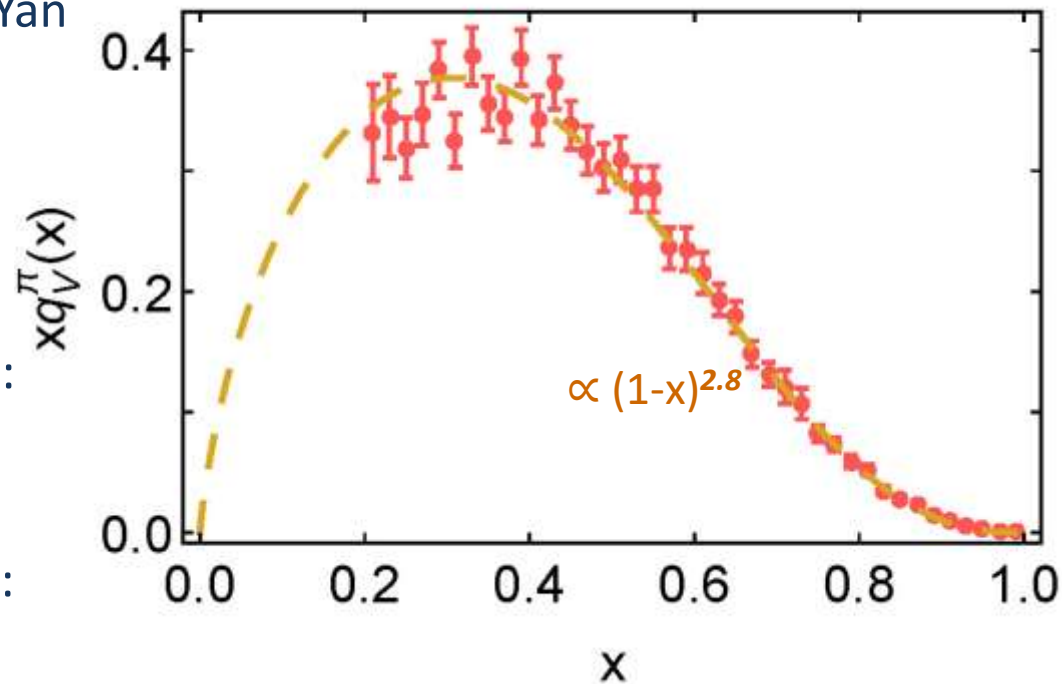


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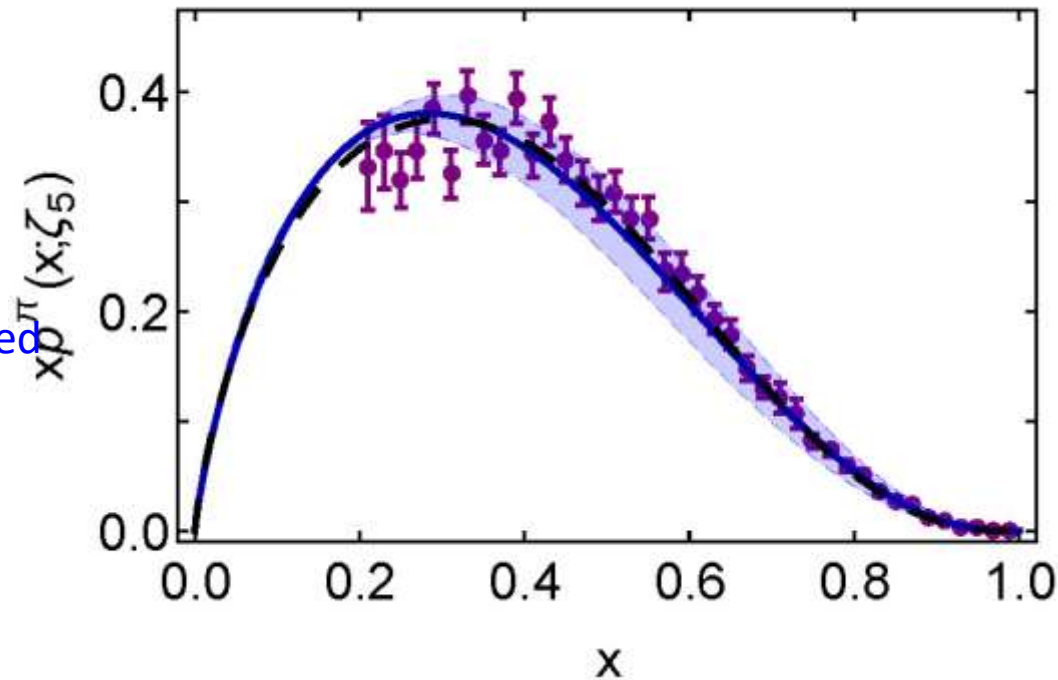
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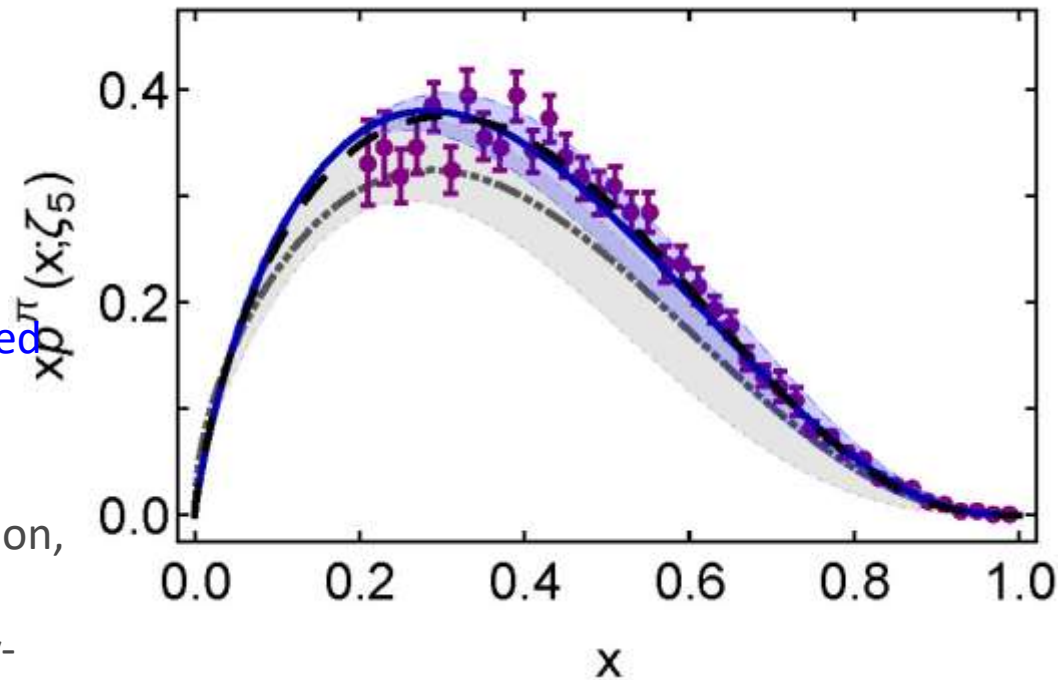
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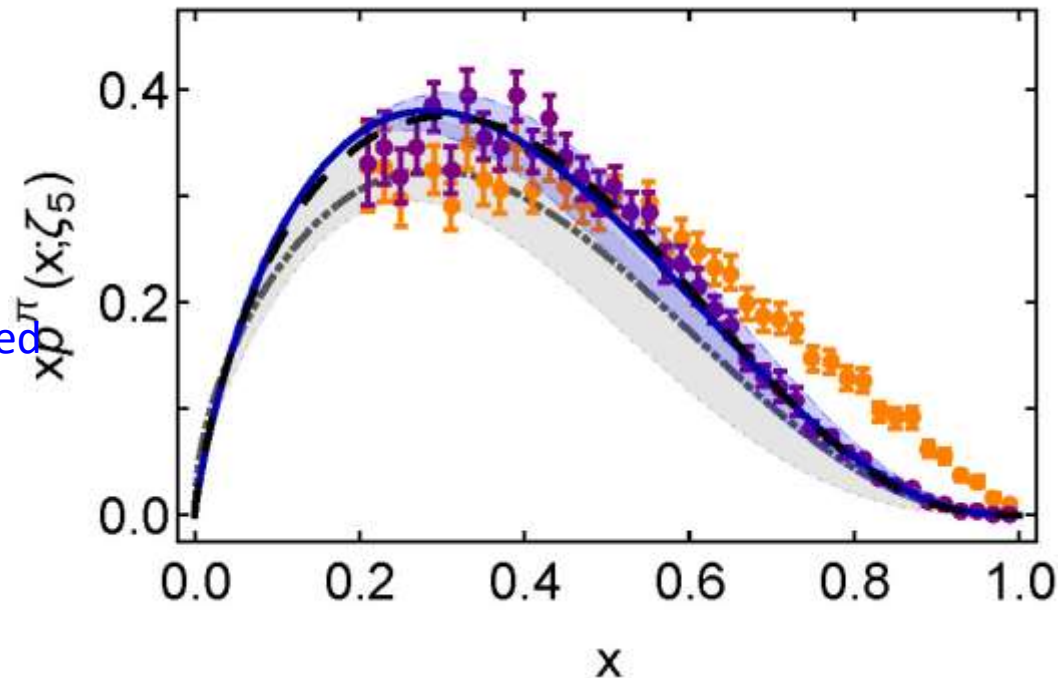
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💣 Modellers still insist on ignoring QCD & its symmetries

💣 Phenomenologists question analysis of Aicher *et al.*



Symmetry, Symmetry Breaking, & Pion Parton Distributions

- Complete, symmetry-preserving analysis using precisely same approach as that which predicted the pion elastic and transition form factors
 - Unified treatment of all pion properties within one framework that possesses a traceable connection to QCD.
- Unambiguous definition of hadronic scale, ζ , through connection between one-loop running at high momenta and α_{p_1} saturation at low momenta
 - eliminates uncertainty and phenomenological fitting procedures so that results are truly predictions
- Introducing SPM for moments
 - new numerical technique producing reliable estimate of twice as many moments as every before obtained
- Exposing DCSB effect on PDF
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- Illustration of equivalent predictions from continuum and lattice QCD
- Realistic predictions for glue and sea content of pion
 - results match phenomenological analyses and our they are predictions for the **pointwise behavior.**

π & K PDFs

- Urgent need for Newer Data
 - Persistent controversy regarding the Bjorken- $x \simeq 1$ behaviour of the pion's valence-quark PDF
 - Single modest-quality measurement of $u^K(x)/u^\pi(x)$ (1980) cannot be considered definitive.
- Approved experiment, using tagged DIS at JLab 12, should contribute to a resolution of pion question
- Similar technique might also serve for the kaon ... experiment approved
- Future:
 - New mesonic Drell-Yan measurements at modern facilities (COMPASS at LHC) could yield valuable information on π and K PDFs
 - Discussed extensively in “Letter of Intent: A New QCD facility at the M2 beam line of the CERN SPS (COMPASS++/AMBER)”
[<http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1808.00848>]
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 - **EIC would be capable of providing access to π and K PDFs through measurements of forward nucleon structure functions.**

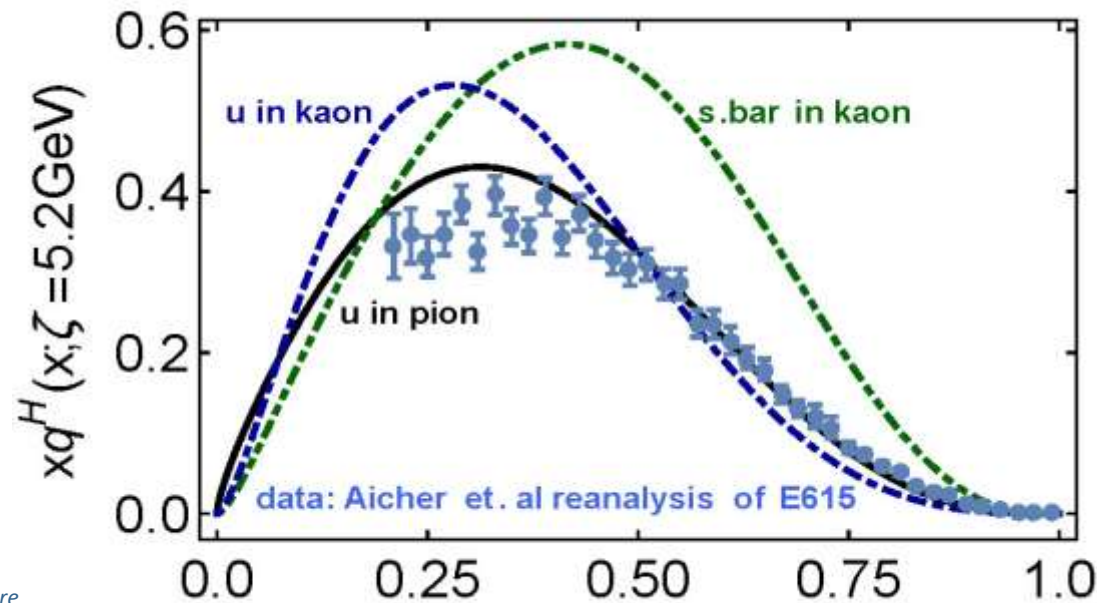
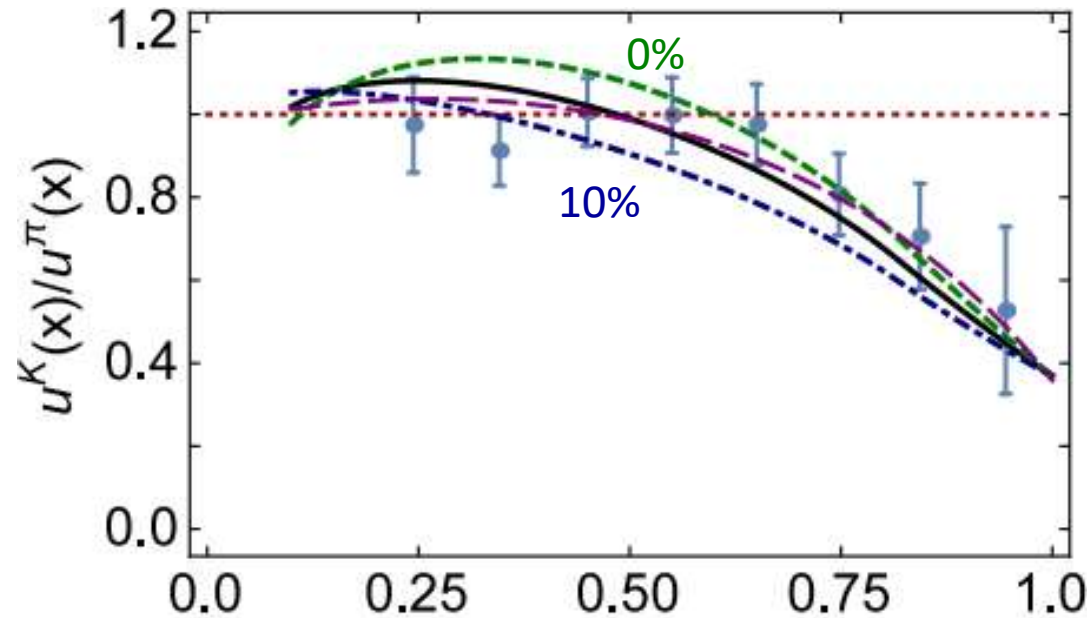
Kaon's gluon content

- $\langle x \rangle_g^K(\zeta_H) = 0.05 \pm 0.05$
 \Rightarrow Valence quarks carry 95% of kaon's momentum at ζ_H
- DGLAP-evolved to ζ_2

q	$\langle x \rangle_q^K$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_q^K$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_q^K$
u	0.28	0.11	0.048
\bar{s}	0.36	0.17	0.092

Valence-quarks carry $\frac{2}{3}$ of kaon's light-front momentum

Cf. Only $\frac{1}{2}$ for the pion



π & K PDFs

- Marked differences between π & K gluon content
 - ζ_H :
 - Whilst $\frac{1}{3} \sim \frac{1}{5}$ of pion's light-front momentum carried by glue
 - *Only* $\frac{1}{20}$ of the kaon's light-front momentum lies with glue
 - $\zeta_2^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Glue carries $\frac{1}{2}$ of pion's momentum and $\frac{1}{3}$ of kaon's momentum
 - Evident in differences between large- x behaviour of valence-quark distributions in these two mesons
- Signal of Nambu-Goldstone boson character of π
 - Nearly complete cancellation between one-particle dressing and binding attraction in this almost-massless pseudoscalar system

$$2 \text{ Mass}_Q + U_g \approx 0$$



π & K PDFs

- Existing textbook description of Goldstone's theorem via pointlike modes is *outdated* and *simplistic*

π & K PDFs

- The appearance of Nambu-Goldstone modes in the Standard Model is far more interesting
 - Nambu-Goldstone modes are nonpointlike!
 - Intimately connected with origin of mass!
 - Possibly/Probably(?) inseparable from expression of confinement!
- Difference between gluon content of π & K is measurable ... using well-designed EIC
- Write a definitive new chapter in future textbooks on the Standard Model



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The Next QCD Frontier**



Epilogue

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The only one we've ever produced
∴ crucial to understand all its consequences
- Reveal the content of strong-QCD

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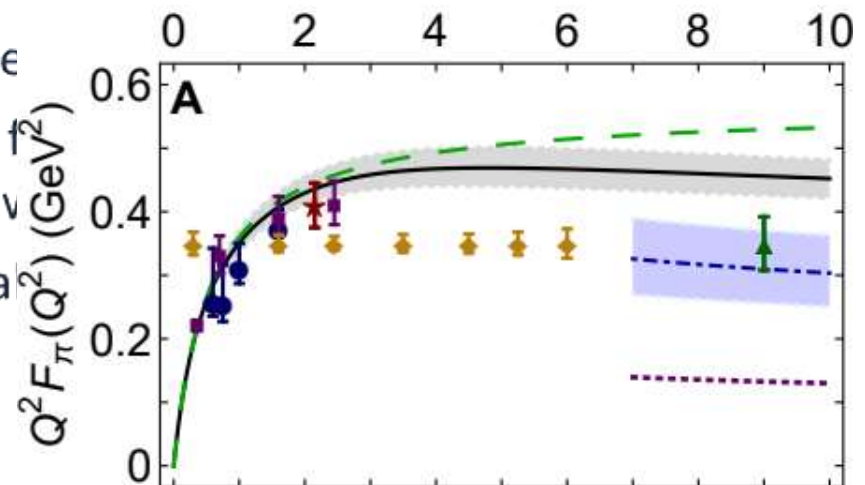
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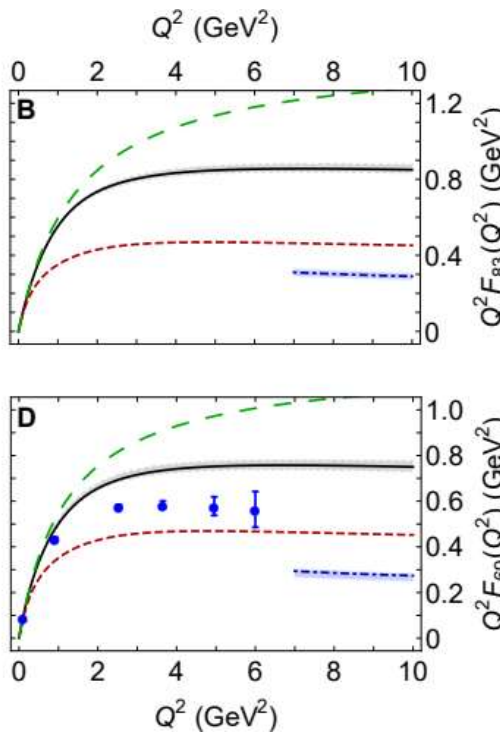
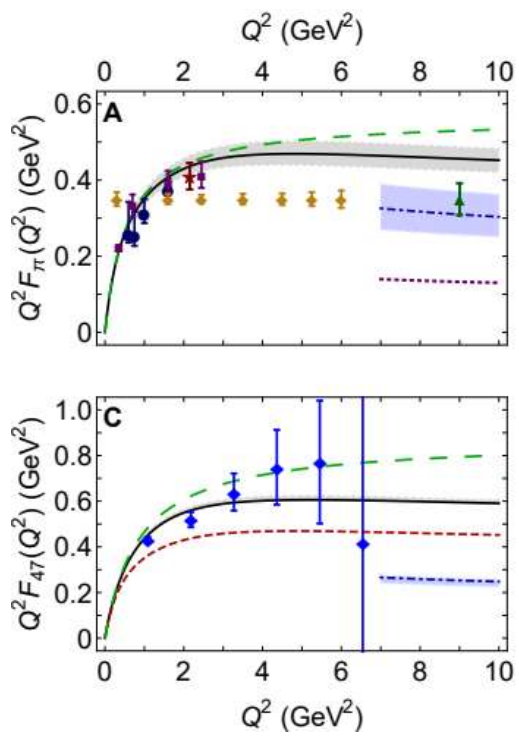
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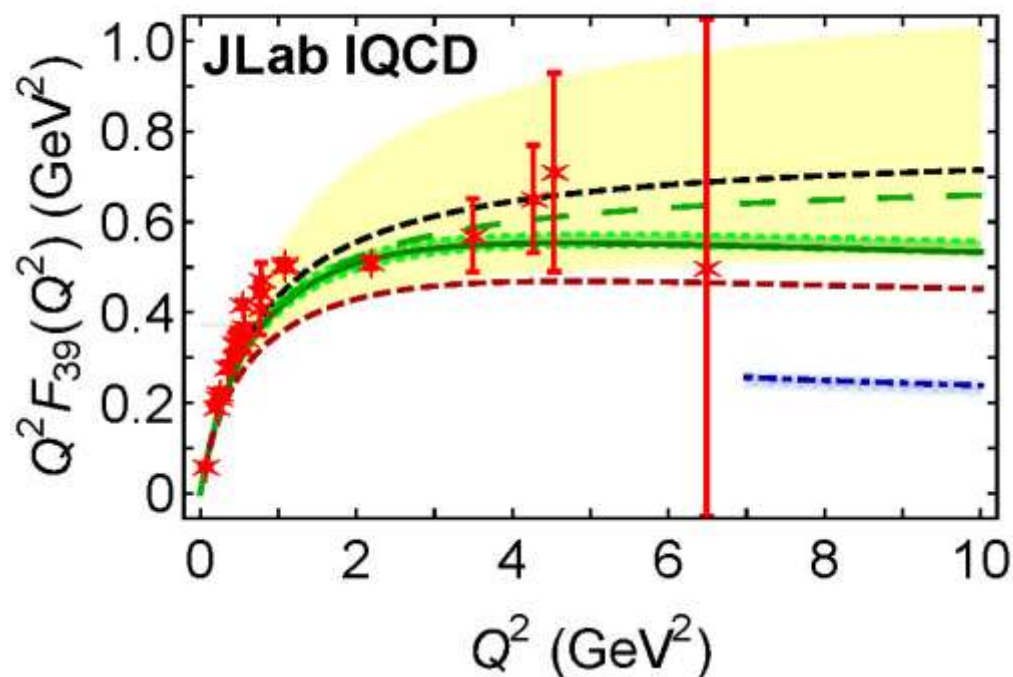
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