Insights into the pion dynamics in Minkowski space

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Summary

Overview

The *elective* space where QCD is investigated is the Euclidean one, not the physical space, since the indefinite metric of the Minkowski space generates many problems, which could be avoided by replacing the time t by it or the energy E by iE.

The complete equivalence of the quantum field theories played in the two spaces is rooted in the Osterwalder and Schrader theorems, stating necessary and sufficient conditions to be fulfilled by correlation functions in 4D Euclidean space (Schwinger functions) for univocally defining the Wightman correlation functions in Minkowski spacetime.

Shortly, the O-S theorems show under which conditions the Wick rotation is a well defined isomorphism relating quantum field theories in Euclidean space and in Minkowski one.

The primary tool for investigating QCD in Euclidean space is the lattice, but relevant advancements have been achieved with a continuum approach, also through a complexification of the Euclidean space.

The continuum approach is based on the combination of the Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE) for two and three-body systems (Faddeev-BSE), and the set of Dyson-Schwinger equations (DSEs).

This approach should be considered a phenomenological one, since a truncation of the infinite tower of DSEs has to be introduced, carefully preserving the symmetries of QCD, as well as a confining interaction suitable for numerical calculations has to be used. Results of the hadron spectra and dynamical observables have been favorably compared with available experimental results and lattice calculations.

Summarizing: most of the rigorous results in quantum field theory have been elaborated in the Euclidean space, as well as actual calculations, with unavoidable approximations, which are analyzed and taken under control.

BUT the physical observations are obtained in Minkowski space, and therefore, to improve our confidence in the approximations applied in the Euclidean space, it could be helpful to attempt to replicate in Minkowski space a program analog to the cQCD, already played in the Euclidean space: i.e. combining BSE and a truncated tower of DSEs.

 \Rightarrow The approach we are pursuing is based on in-depth analysis of the N-leg amplitudes carried out in the 60' by Noburo Nakanishi, within the Feynman-diagrams framework. One can get rid of the perturbation stigma by using unknown real weight functions, depending upon both compact and non compact variables, on place of distributions.

The Nakanishi-Integral-Representation way



Nakanishi proposal for a compact and elegant expression of the full *N*-leg amplitude, written by means of the Feynman parametrization $(\rightarrow \vec{\alpha}), f_N(s) = \sum_{\mathcal{G}} f_{\mathcal{G}}(s) \ (\mathcal{G} \equiv \text{infinite graphs contributing to } f_N):$

Introducing the identity

$$1 \doteq \prod_{h} \int_{0}^{1} dz_{h} \delta\left(z_{h} - \frac{\eta_{h}}{\beta}\right) \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma \, \delta\left(\gamma - \sum_{l} \frac{\alpha_{l} m_{l}^{2}}{\beta}\right)$$

with $\beta = \sum \eta_i(\vec{\alpha})$ and integrating by parts n - 2k - 1 times (*n* propagators and *k* integration loops; $\vec{\alpha} =$ Feynman parms)), a graph contribution is

$$f_{\mathcal{G}}(\tilde{s}) \propto \prod_{h} \int_{0}^{1} dz_{h} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma \frac{\delta(1 - \sum_{h} z_{h}) \ ilde{\phi}_{\mathcal{G}}(\vec{z}, \gamma)}{(\gamma - \sum_{h} z_{h} s_{h})}$$

 $\phi_{\mathcal{G}}(\vec{z},\gamma) \equiv$ proper combination of distributions (in the initial analysis), with $\vec{z} \equiv \{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_N\}$, compact real variables $\tilde{s} \equiv \{s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_N\} \Rightarrow N$ independent scalar products, from external momenta The dependence upon the details of the diagram, $\{n, k\}$, moves from the denominator \rightarrow the numerator!!

The SAME formal expression for the denominator of ANY diagram ${\mathcal G}$ appears

NIR - II

The full *N*-leg transition amplitude is the sum of infinite diagrams $\mathcal{G}(n, k)$ and it can be formally written as

$$f_{N}(\tilde{s}) = \sum_{\mathcal{G}} f_{\mathcal{G}}(\tilde{s}) \propto \prod_{h} \int_{0}^{1} dz_{h} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma \frac{\delta(1 - \sum_{h} z_{h}) \phi_{N}(\vec{z}, \gamma)}{(\gamma - \sum_{h} z_{h} s_{h})}$$

where

$$\phi_{\sf N}(ec{z},\gamma) = \sum_{\mathcal{G}} ilde{\phi}_{\mathcal{G}}(ec{z},\gamma)$$

is called a Nakanishi weight function and it is REAL (γ is non compact, while \vec{z} is compact).

Application: 3-leg transition amplitude \rightarrow vertex function for a scalar theory (N.B. for fermions \rightarrow spinor indexes) $\int_{-\infty}^{1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_3(z, \gamma)$



$$f_{3}(\tilde{s}) = \int_{0}^{1} dz \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma \frac{\phi_{3}(z,\gamma)}{\gamma - \frac{p^{2}}{4} - k^{2} - zk \cdot p - i\epsilon}$$

with
$$p = p_1 + p_2$$
 and $k = (p_1 - p_2)/2$

Valid at any order in perturbation-theory ! Natural choice as a general trial function for solving the Bethe-Salpeter Eq , BUT transition from a distribution $\phi_3(z, \gamma)$ to a function $g(z, \gamma)$ In spite of its apparent simplicity, to determine the Nakanishi weight functions, $g_i(z, \gamma)$, becomes highly non trivial, when the fermionic dof are taken into account in the BSE.

To anticipate: all the scalar functions entering the relevant vertex function describing a bound-system and dependent upon the four-momenta at disposal, are expressed through the Nakanishi Integral Representation.

In the Pion, our bed-test, we will have

$$\phi_i(k; P) = \int_{-1}^1 dz' \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \frac{g_i(\gamma', z'; \kappa^2)}{[k^2 + z'(P \cdot k) - \gamma' - \kappa^2 + i\epsilon]^3}$$

 $P \equiv \text{pion 4-momentum } (P^2 = M_{\pi}^2)$ $k \equiv \text{relative 4-momentum}$ $\kappa^2 \equiv m^2 - M_{\pi}^2/4$ and *m* is a fermionic effective mass (to be defined in what follows...)

N.B. The power of the denominator depends on the smoothness we need to implement. This freedom is already in the original Nakanishi analysis: the trade-off was between derivatives of the distributions in the numerator and the power in the denominator.

Pion as a quark-antiquark bound-system

The Bethe-Salpeter Equation for a 0^- system

$$\Phi(k; P) = S\left(k + \frac{P}{2}\right) \int \frac{d^4k'}{(2\pi)^4} S^{\mu\nu}(q) \Gamma_{\mu}(q) \Phi(k'; P) \widehat{\Gamma}_{\nu}(q) S\left(k - \frac{P}{2}\right)$$

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_{\nu}(q) = C \Gamma_{\nu}(q) C^{-1}$$

where we use (in the first step): i) bare propagators for quarks and gluons; ii) ladder approximation with massive gluons, iii) an extended quark-gluon vertex

$$S(P) = \frac{i}{P-m+i\epsilon} , \ S^{\mu\nu}(q) = -i\frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{q^2-\mu^2+i\epsilon} , \ \Gamma^{\mu} = ig\frac{\mu^2-\Lambda^2}{q^2-\Lambda^2+i\epsilon}\gamma^{\mu} ,$$

We set the value of the scale parameter (300 MeV) from the combined analysis of Lattice simulations, the Quark-Gap Equation and Slanov-Taylor identity. [Oliveira, WP, Frederico, de Melo EPJC 78(7), 553 (2018) & EPJC 79 (2019) 116 & EPJC 80 (2020) 484]

NIR for fermion-antifermion 0⁻ Bound State

BSA for a quark-antiquark 0⁻ bound state:



Dirac structures for a pseudoscalar system is given by

$$S_1(k;P) = \gamma_5, \ S_2(k;P) = \frac{P}{M}\gamma_5, \ S_3(k;P) = \frac{k \cdot P}{M^3} P \gamma_5 - \frac{k}{M}\gamma_5, \ S_4(k;P) = \frac{i}{M^2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_{\mu} k_{\nu} \gamma_5$$

Using the NIR for each scalar functions \Rightarrow System of coupled integral equations

$$\int_{-1}^{1} dz' \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma' \frac{g_i(\gamma',z')}{\left[k^2 + z'p \cdot k - \gamma' - \kappa^2 + i\epsilon\right]^3} = \sum_{j} \int_{-1}^{1} dz' \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma' \ \mathcal{K}_{ij}(k,p;\gamma',z') \ g_j(\gamma',z')$$

Projecting BSE onto the LF hyper-plane $x^+ = 0$ Light-Front variables: $x^{\mu} = (x^+, x^-, \vec{x}_{\perp})$ LF-time $x^+ = x^0 + x^3$ $x^- = x^0 - x^3$ $\vec{x}_{\perp} = (x^1, x^2)$

Within the LF framework, one introduces LF-projected amplitudes for each $\phi_i(k, P)$ through their integral on k^- (\Rightarrow s.t. $x^+ = 0$, with x^+ relative LF-time)). One gets

$$\psi_i(\gamma,\xi) = \int \frac{dk^-}{2\pi} \phi_i(k,p) = -\frac{i}{M} \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \frac{g_i(\gamma',z;\kappa^2)}{\left[\gamma + \gamma' + m^2 z^2 + (1-z^2)\kappa^2\right]^2}$$

By LF-projecting both sides of BSE (after applying the suitable traces on Dirac indexes) one gets a coupled integral-equation system.

The coupled integral-equation system (see also NIR+covariant LF, Carbonell and Karmanov JPA 2010) in ladder approximation, reads (cf. de Paula, et al, PRD **94**, 071901 (2016) & EPJC **77**, 764 (2017))

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d\gamma' g_{i}(\gamma', z; \kappa^{2})}{[\gamma + \gamma' + m^{2}z^{2} + (1 - z^{2})\kappa^{2}]^{2}} = iMg^{2} \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\gamma' \int_{-1}^{1} dz' \mathcal{L}_{ij}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g_{j}(\gamma', z'; \kappa^{2})$$

In ladder approximation, the Nakanishi Kernel, \mathcal{L}_{ij} , has an analytical expression and contains singular contributions that can be regularized 'a la Yan (Chang and Yan, Quantum field theories in the infinite momentum frame. II. PRD **7**, 1147 (1973)).

Numerical solutions are obtained by discretizing the system using a polynomial basis, given by the Cartesian product of Laguerre(γ) × Gegenbauer(z). One remains with a Generalized eigenvalue problem, where a non-symmetric matrix and a symmetric one are present

$$A \ \vec{c} = \lambda \ B \ \vec{c}$$

N.B. the eigenvector \vec{c} contains the coefficients of the expansion of the Nakanishi weight functions $g_i(z, \gamma; \kappa^2)$.

If one gets real solutions of the GEVP , then one can validate the NIR approach.

Pion em form factor in ladder approximation From E. Ydrefors et al., PLB 820 (2021) 136494.



Black solid curve: pion FF, obtained from the solution of the BSE in ladder approximation, with $m_q = 255$ MeV, $m_g = 637.5$ MeV and $\Lambda = 306$ MeV, that controls the extended quark-gluon vertex. With those values, inspired by LQCD calculations, the experimental value of the decay constant $f_{\pi}^{PDG} = 130.50(1)(3)(13)$ MeV is reproduced.

Dashed line: LF-valence contribution (LF-valence probability = 0.70, self-consistently obtained)

Right Panel: Dash-dotted line; asymptotic expression from Brodsky-Lepage PRD **22** (1980): $Q^2 F_{asy}(Q^2) = 8\pi \alpha_s(Q^2) f_{\pi}^2$.

Parton distribution function

W. de Paula et al., PRD 105, L071505 (2022).

From the charge-symmetric (anti-symmetric) expression for the leading-twist TMD $f_1^{S(AS)}(\gamma, \xi)$, one gets the PDF at the initial scale $u(\xi)$

$$f_1^{S(AS)}(\gamma,\xi)=rac{f_1^q(\gamma,\xi)\pm f_1^q(\gamma,1-\xi)}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(\xi)=\int_0^\infty d\gamma \ f_1^S(\gamma,\xi).$$



Solid line: full calculation of the BSE at the model scale (norm =1) Dashed line: The LF valence contribution (norm =0.7, once the Fock expansion for the pion state is assumed). At the initial scale, for $\xi \rightarrow 1$, the exponent of $(1 - \xi)^{\eta_0}$ is $\eta_0 = 1.4$. N.B JAM collaboration (PRL **121** (2018)) found a preferential exponent $\eta_{JAM} \sim 1$. What about LQCD prediction?

Parton distribution function II

Low order Mellin moments at scales Q = 2.0 GeV and Q = 5.2 GeV.

	BSE ₂	LQCD ₂	BSE ₅	LQCD ₅
$\langle x \rangle$	0.259	0.261 ± 0.007	0.221	0.229 ± 0.008
$\langle x^2 \rangle$	0.105	0.110 ± 0.014	0.082	0.087 ± 0.009
$\langle x^3 \rangle$	0.052	0.024 ± 0.018	0.039	0.042 ± 0.010
$\langle x^4 \rangle$	0.029		0.021	0.023 ± 0.009
$\langle x^5 \rangle$	0.018		0.012	0.014 ± 0.007
$\langle x^6 \rangle$	0.012		0.008	0.009 ± 0.005

LQCD, Q = 2.0 GeV: $\langle x \rangle$ - Alexandrou et al PRD 103, 014508 (2021) $\langle x^2 \rangle$ and $\langle x^3 \rangle$ - Alexandrou et al PRD 104, 054504 (2021)

LQCD, Q = 5.0 GeV: $\langle x \rangle$ - Alexandrou et al PRD 103, 014508 (2021)

N.B. following Cui et al EPJC 2020 80 1064, lowest order DGLAP equations used for evolution. One needs:

Hadronic scale and effective charge for dealing with DGLAP $Q_0 = 0.330 \pm 0.030 \text{ GeV}$

Within the error, we choose $Q_0 = 0.360$ GeV to fit the first Mellin moment.

Parton distribution function III

Comparison with the data at 5.2 GeV scale



Solid line: full calculation of the BSE evolved from the initial scale $Q_0 = 0.360 \text{ GeV}$ to Q = 5.2 GeVDashed line: The evolved LF valence contribution Full dots: experimental data from E615 Full squares: reanalyzed experimental data from Aicher et al PRL 105, 252003 (2010). evolved to Q = 5.2 GeV

Parton distribution function IV

Comparison with other theoretical calculations



Solid line: full calculation of the BSE evolved from the initial scale Q_0 = 0.360 GeV to Q = 5.2 GeV Dashed line: DSE calculation from Cui et al, Eur. Phys. J. A 58, 10 (2022) Dash-dotted line: DSE calculation with dressed guark-photon vertex from Bednar et al PRL 124, 042002 (2020) Dotted line: BLFQ collaboration, PLB 825, 136890 (2022) Gray area: LQCD results from C. Alexandrou et al (2021) Black and Orange vertical lines from JAM collaboration, private communication

For the evolved $\xi u(\xi)$, the exponent of $(1 - \xi)^{\eta_5}$ is $\eta_5 = 2.94$, when $\xi \to 1$,

LQCD: Alexandrou et al PRD 104, 054504 (2021) obtained 2.20 \pm 0.64

Cui et al EPJA 58, 10 (2022) obtained 2.81 ± 0.08

Pion Transverse Momentum-Dependent Distributions

One can define the T-even subleading quark uTMDs, starting from the decomposition of the pion correlator (Mulders and Tangerman, Nucl. Phys. B 461, 197 (1996).

twist -2 uTMD:

$$f_1^q(\gamma,\xi) = \frac{N_c}{4} \int d\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{k}}_\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^- d\mathbf{y}_\perp}{2(2\pi)^3} \; e^{i[\tilde{k}\cdot\tilde{y}]} \; \langle P|\bar{\psi}_q(-\frac{y}{2}) \; \hat{1} \; \psi_q(\frac{y}{2})|P\rangle \big|_{y^+=0}$$

twist-3 uTMD (in LC gauge, $A^+ = 0$):

$$\frac{M}{P^+} e^q(\gamma,\xi) = \frac{N_c}{4} \int d\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{k}}_\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^- d\mathbf{y}_\perp}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{i[\tilde{k}\cdot\tilde{y}]} \left\langle P|\bar{\psi}_q(-\frac{y}{2}) \gamma^+ \psi_q(\frac{y}{2})|P\rangle\right|_{y^+=0}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \frac{M}{P^+} f^{\perp q}(\gamma,\xi) &= \frac{N_c M}{4|\mathbf{k}_{\perp}|^2} \int d\phi_{\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{\perp}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^- d\mathbf{y}_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \ e^{i[\tilde{k}\cdot\tilde{y}]} \ \langle P|\bar{\psi}_q(-\frac{y}{2}) \ \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\perp} \ \psi_q(\frac{y}{2})|P\rangle \Big|_{y^+=0} \\ \text{with } \tilde{k}\cdot\tilde{y} &= \xi P^+ y^-/2 - \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{\perp}. \end{split}$$

The corresponding symmetric and antisymmetric collinear PDFs are:

$$e^{S(AS)}(\xi) = \int_0^\infty d\gamma \ e^{S(AS)}(\gamma,\xi) \ , \quad f^{\perp S(AS)}(\xi) = \int_0^\infty d\gamma \ f^{\perp S(AS)}(\gamma,\xi)$$

For the quark ones: $e^q(\xi) = e^S(\xi) + e^{AS}(\xi)$ and $f^{\perp q}(\xi) = f^{\perp S}(\xi) + f^{\perp AS}(\xi)$ Giovanni Salmè (INFN-Rome) Insights into the pion dynamics in Minkowski

Transverse Momentum-Dependent Distributions II



Solid line: quark twist-3 uTMD $e(\xi)$ Dashed line: Symmetric twist-3 uTMD $e^{S}(\xi)$ Dotted: Anti-symmetric twist-3 uTMD $e^{AS}(\xi)$



Solid line: quark twist-3 uTMD $f^{\perp}(\xi)$ Dashed line: Symmetric twist-3 uTMD $f^{\perp S}(\xi)$

Dotted: Anti-symmetric twist-3 uTMD $f^{\perp AS}(\xi)$

Transverse Momentum-Dependent Distributions II Comparison with a LF Constituent QM



Quark unpolarized collinear PDF, $\xi e^{q}(\xi)$. Solid line: full calculation.

Dashed line: $m/M u^q(\xi)$, as suggested by Lorcé et al, EPJC 76, 415 (2016, but with our PDF.

Double-dot-dashed line: the same as the dashed line, but using the valence approximation of $u^{q}(\xi)$ with norm = 1 and not 0.7.



Quark unpolarized collinear PDF, $\xi f^{q\perp}(\xi)$. Solid line: full calculation.

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Twist-3 uTMD $f^{\perp S}(\gamma, \xi)$

An iconic view of the pion from the light-cone

W. de Paula, et al, PRD 103, 014002 (2021) The probability distribution of the quarks

inside the pion, sitting on the the hyperplane $x^+ = 0$, tangent to the light-cone, is evaluated in the space given by the Cartesian product of the *loffe-time* and the plane spanned by the transverse coordinates \mathbf{b}_{\perp} .

Why? In addition to the usual the infinite-momentum frame one can study the deep-inelastic scattering processes in the target frame, adopting the configuration space, so that a more detailed investigation of the space-time structure of the hadrons can be performed. The *loffe-time* is useful for studying the relative importance of short and long light-like distances.



The covariant definition of the loffetime is $\tilde{z} = x \cdot P_{target}$, and it becomes $\tilde{z} = x^{-}P_{target}^{+}/2$ on the hyperplane $x^{+} = 0$

The pion on the light-cone

Density plot of $|\mathbf{b}_{\perp}|^2 |\psi(\tilde{z}, b_x, b_y)|^2$, with $\psi(\tilde{z}, b_x, b_y)$ obtained from our solutions of the ladder Bethe-Salpeter equation [W. de Paula et al PRD 103, (2021) 014002]



 $\tilde{z} \equiv \text{loffe-time}$ $\{b_x, b_y\} \equiv \text{transverse coordinates}$

What next?

After completing the investigation of the pion BSE with fixed-mass quark, i.e. a $q\bar{q}$ bound system, we are addressing the running-mass case, pointing to the other face of the medal....DCSB

Wave-function renorm. constant $Z(p^2) = 1$ and a running-mass, $\mathcal{M}(p_E^2) = m_0 - m^3/(p_E^2 - \lambda^2)$, with $m_0 = 0.008 \text{ GeV}$, m = 0.648 GeV and $\lambda = 0.9 \text{ GeV}$ adjusted to LQCD calculations by O. Oliveira, et al, PRD **99** (2019) 094506. First results in A. Castro et al, arXiv:2305.12536



The quark running-mass, $\mathcal{M}(p^2)$, as a function of the Euclidean momentum $p_E = \sqrt{-p^2}$, in units of the IR mass $\mathcal{M}(0) = 0.344 \text{ GeV}$. Solid line: our model. Dashed line: accurate fit of the LQCD calculations

Then, formal and numerical results of the fermion gap-equation in Minkowski space will be exploited, following, e.g., i) D. Duarte, et al PRD **105**, 114055 (2022), and ii) C. Mezrag and GS, EPJC **81** (2021) 34.

Fermion-scalar bound-system in the chiral limit

Aline Noronha et al, PRD 107, 096019 (2023)

The homogeneous BSE of a $(1/2)^+$ bound-system, with both fermionic and bosonic degrees of freedom (dubbed a mock nucleon), is studied in Minkowski space, in order to analyze the chiral limit in covariant gauges.

The chiral limit induces a scale invariance of the model and consequently generates a wealth of striking features:

- it reduces the number of nontrivial Nakanishi weight functions, from two to only one;
- the form of the surviving weight function has a factorized dependence on the two relevant variables, compact and non-compact;
- the coupling constant becomes an explicit function of the real exponent governing the power-law falloff of (the nontrivial Nakanishi weight function, and in turn) the LF valence wave function.

Summary

- The near future will offer an innovative view of the dynamics inside the hadrons, thanks to the experimental activity planned at the Electron-ion colliders, and plenty of measurements pointing to the 3D tomography of hadrons will become available.
- For the pion, many results, em form factor, PDF, TMDs, loffe-time× transverse plane distribution, have been obtained by using the ladder-approximation of the $q\bar{q}$ -BSE.
- The pion has an important role, given its dual nature: $q\bar{q}$ bound-system and Goldstone boson, i.e. the golden gate to address the DCSB and the emergent-mass phenomena. Our aim is to implement a framework analogous to the one already developed in Euclidean space.
- Minkowski space, phenomenological investigations, once the approach composed by BSE and gap-equations will be fully available, could offer fresh insights in hadron dynamics and possibly implement an interplay with well-established lattice and continuous QCD communities.

Thank you for the attention!!!

Back-up slides

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Coupling constant of the fermionboson system in the chiral limit vs. the power r ($g_i(\gamma, z) = \gamma^r f_{i,r}(z)$). Solid line: Feynman gauge ($\zeta = 1$). Dotted line: $\zeta = 0.5$ gauge. Dashed line: Landau gauge ($\zeta = 0$).

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The normalized LF amplitude $N_2(\gamma) = \psi_2(\gamma, \xi_0 = 0.5)/\psi_2(0, \xi_0 = 0.5)$ as a function of the transverse momentum square $\gamma = |\vec{k}_{\perp}|^2$ in the Feynman gauge, with $m_s/m_f = 2$ and binding energy ratio $B/\bar{m} = 0.1$ (i.e. $M/\bar{m} = 1.9$). Left panel: $\mu/\bar{m} = 0.15$ and $\alpha = 0.648$. Solid line: $N_2(\gamma)$. Dashed line: $N_2(\gamma) \times \gamma^{1.817}$. Right panel: $\mu/\bar{m} = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.898$. Solid line: $N_2(\gamma)$. Dashed line: $N_2(\gamma) \times \gamma^{1.718}$.