

Form Factor, TMDs, and PFDs of the Pion in the Light-Front Quark Model

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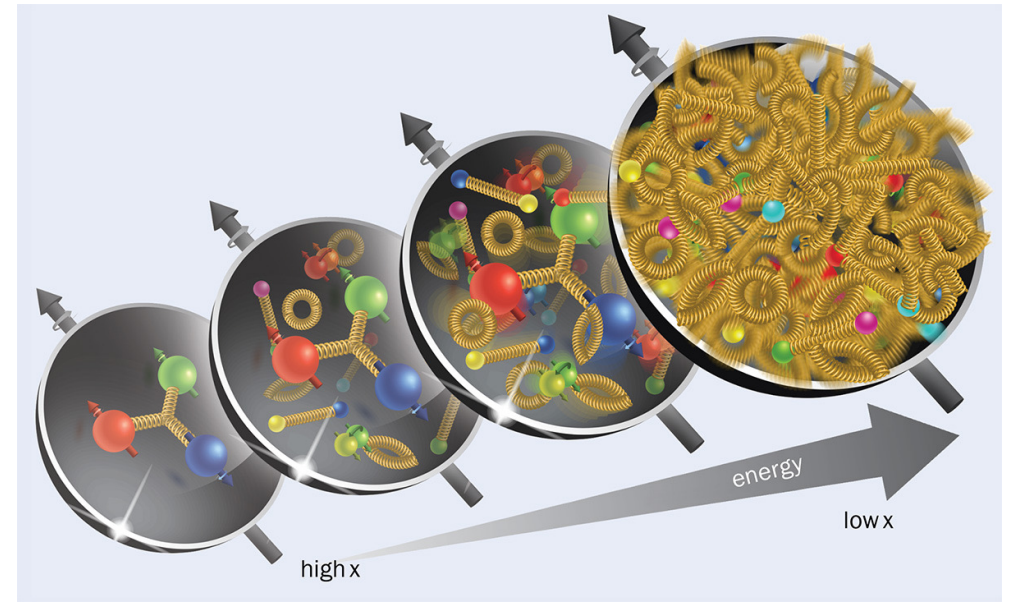
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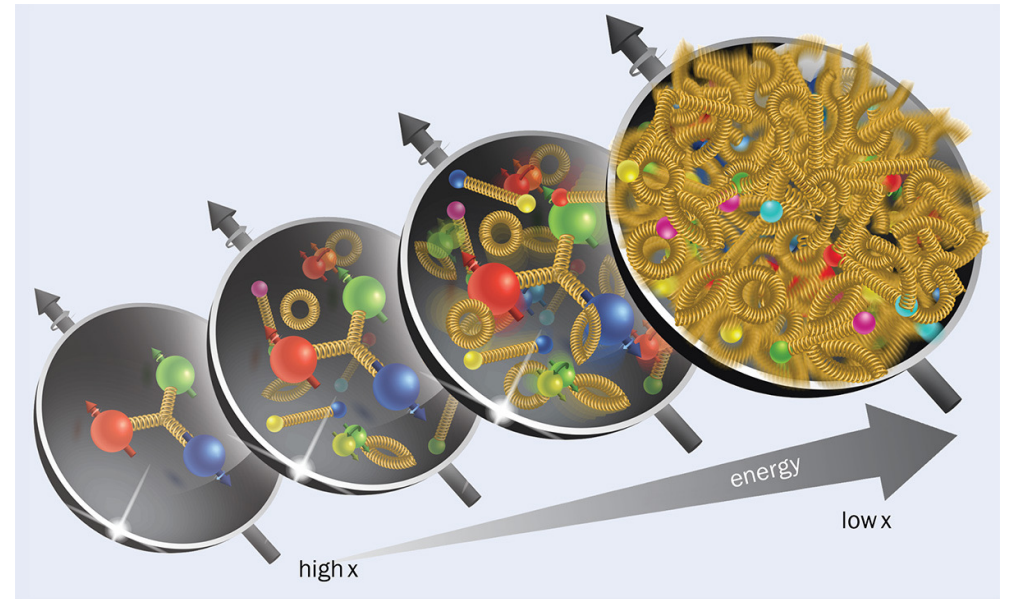


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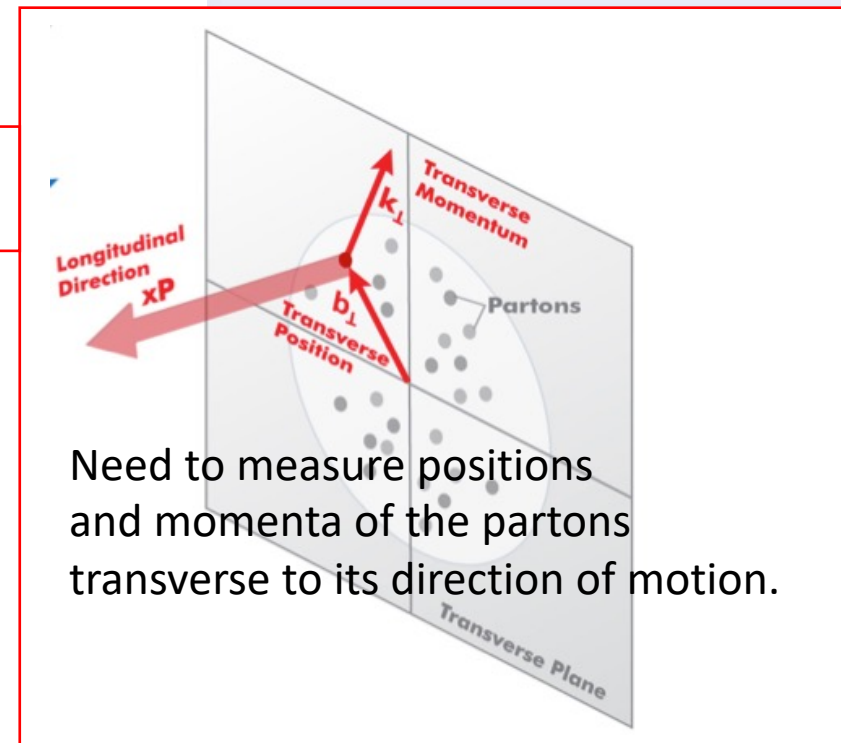
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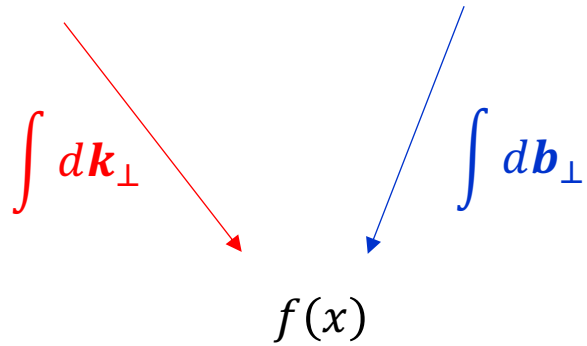
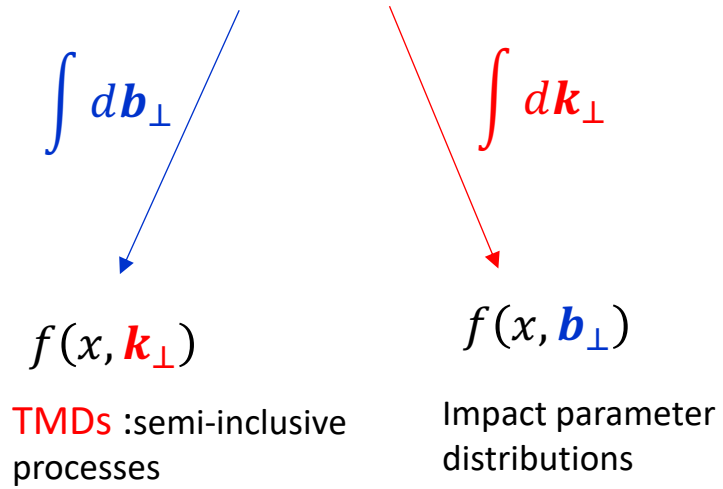
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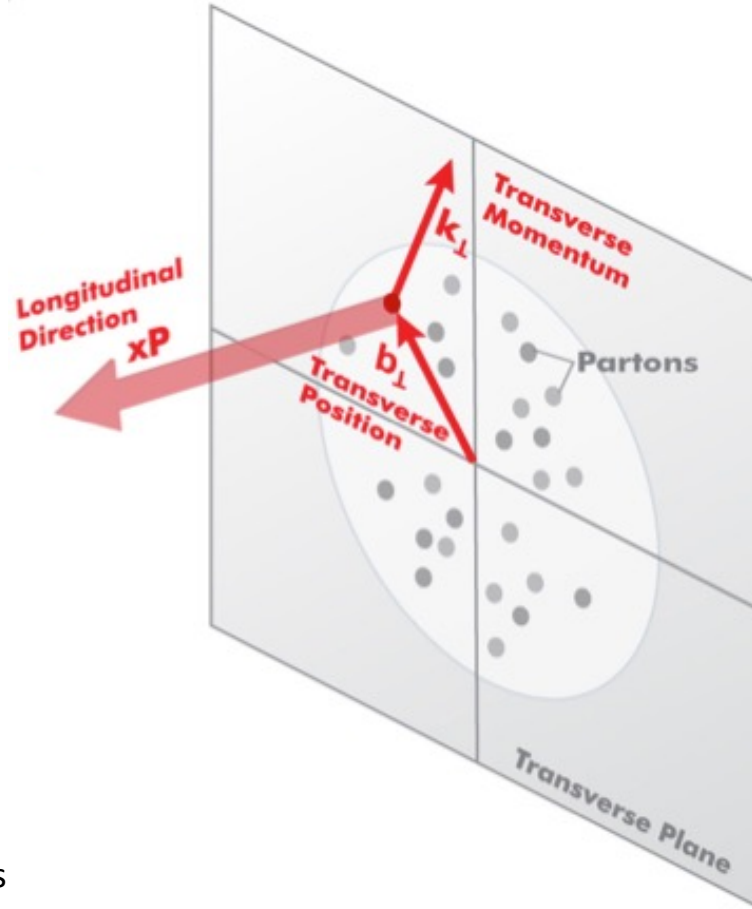


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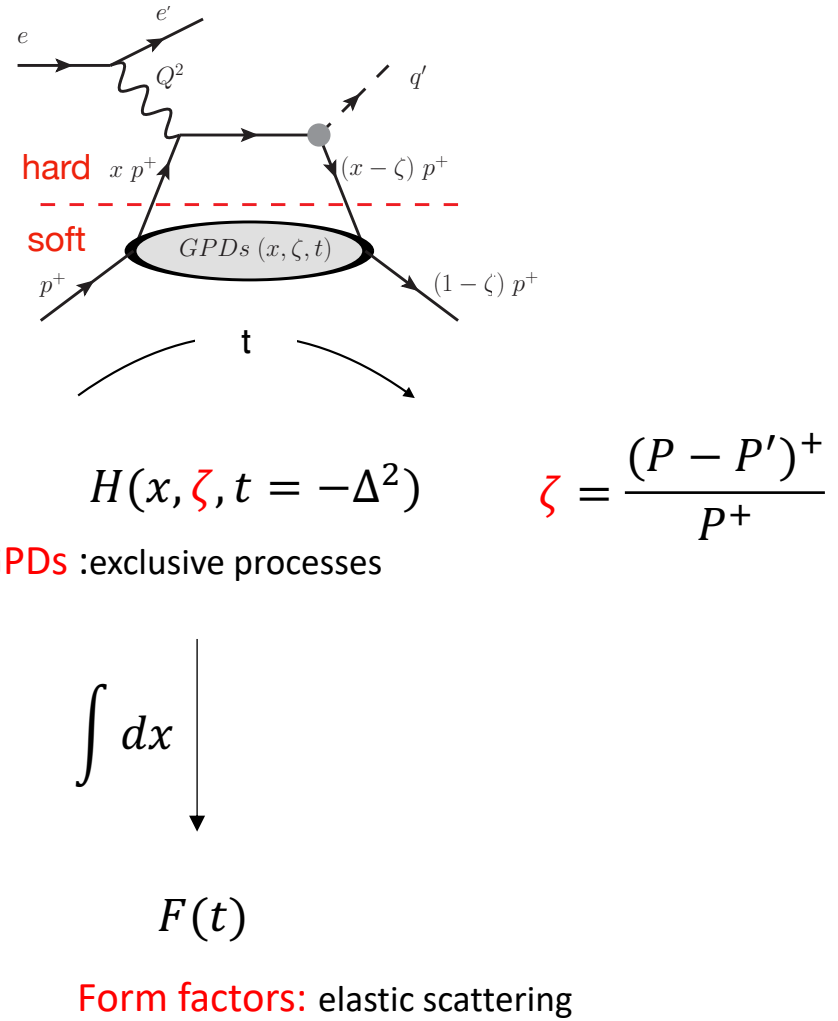
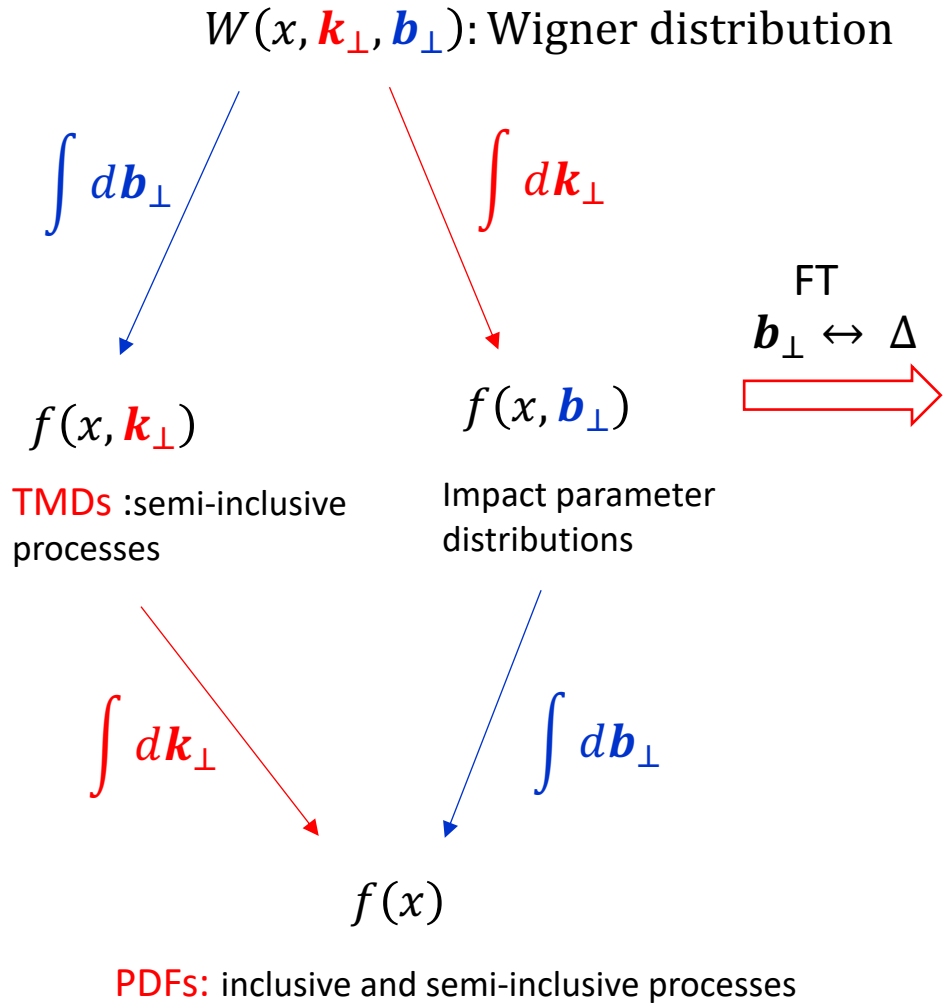
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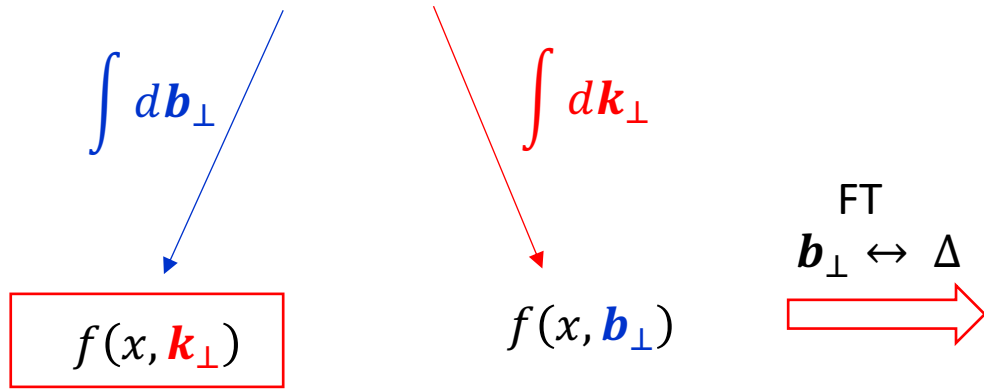


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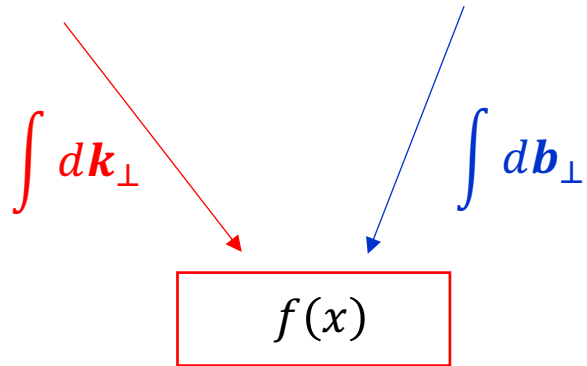
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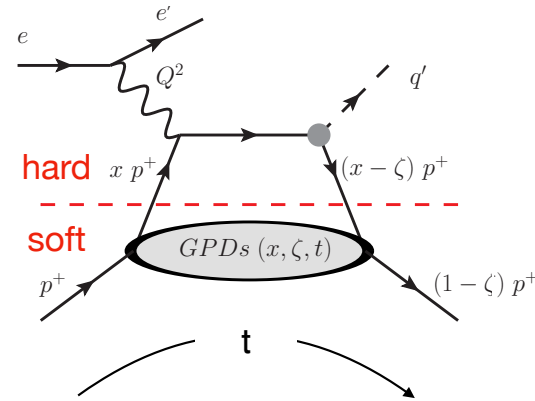
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Impact parameter distributions



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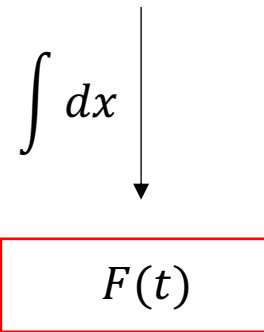
(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) : Light front (LF) variables ...



$$H(x, \zeta, t = -\Delta^2)$$

$$\zeta = \frac{(P - P')^+}{P^+}$$

GPDs: exclusive processes

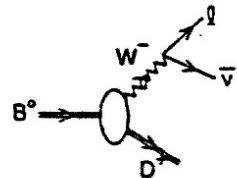
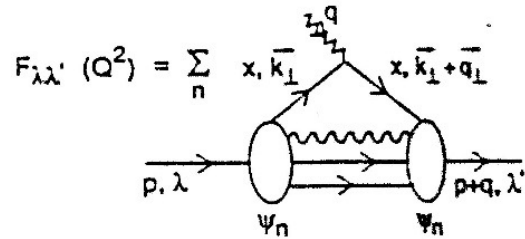


Form factors: elastic scattering

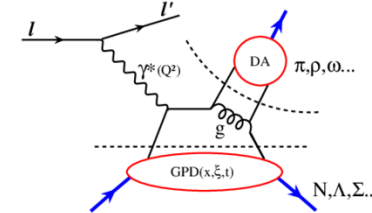
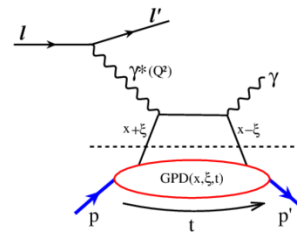
1. Motivation

- Light-Front Dynamics(LFD) has been quite successful in describing various hadron properties such as Decay constants, DAs, PDFs, Form Factors, GPDs and TMDs etc.

Electromagnetic & Weak decay Process



DVCS & DVMP



- We have **developed a new self-consistent covariant LFQM** for decay constants, DAs, and weak form factors(e.g. $B \rightarrow Dll$) of mesons:

PRD 89, 033011(14); PRD91, 014018(15); PRD95, 056002(17) by HMC and C.-R. Ji

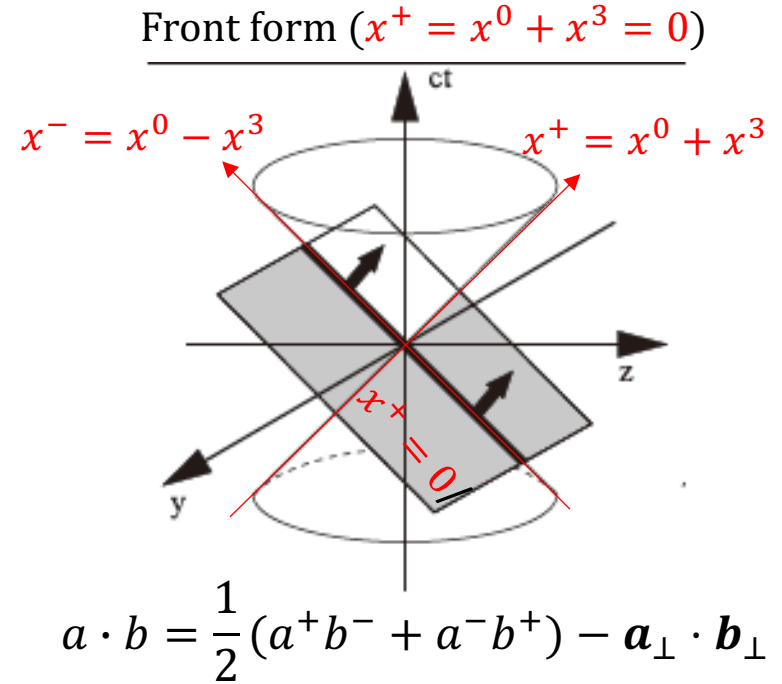
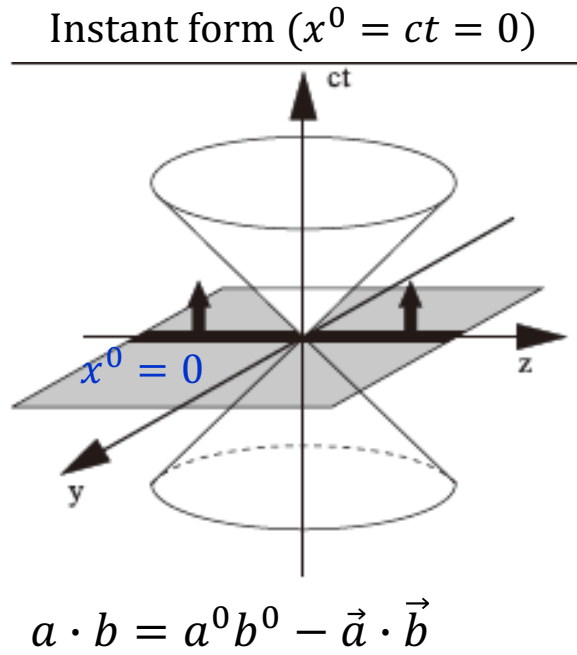
PRD 103, 073004(21); Adv. High Energy Phys., 4277321(21) by HMC

PRD 107, 053003(23); PRD108, 013006(23) by A. J. Arifi, HMC and C.-R. Ji

In this work, we apply our new developed LFQM to compute Form Factor, TMDs, and PDFs of Pion!

2. Why Light-Front?

Light-Front Dynamics (LFD) (by Dirac in 1949)



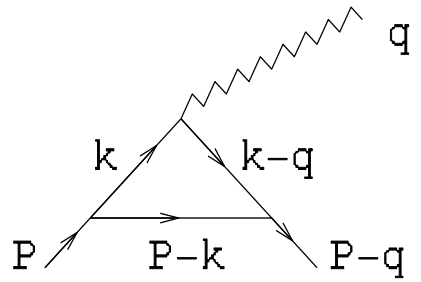
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|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Hamiltonian | P^0 | $P^- = P^0 - P^3$ |
| Momentum | $\mathbf{P}_\perp = (P^1, P^2)$ P^3 | \mathbf{P}_\perp $P^+ = P^0 + P^3$ |
| Energy-Momentum Dispersion Relation | $P^0 = \sqrt{M^2 + \vec{P}^2}$ | $P^- = \frac{M^2 + \mathbf{P}_\perp^2}{P^+}$ |

Irrational

vs.

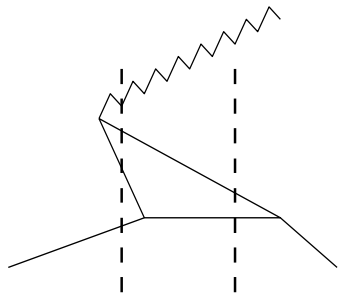
Rational

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Equal- t vs **Equal Light-front τ** formulations

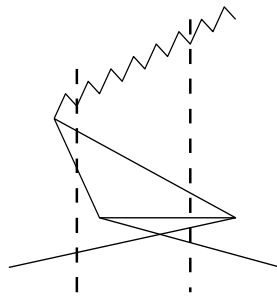


Equal t (Instant form)

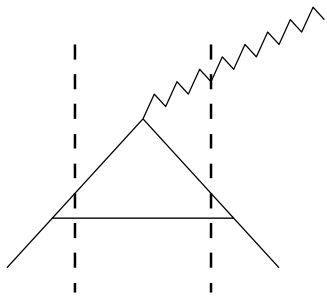
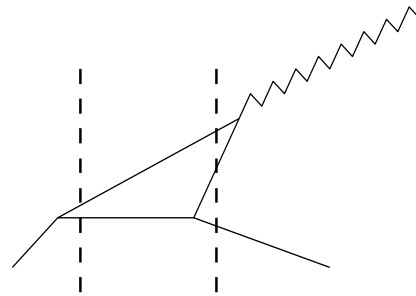
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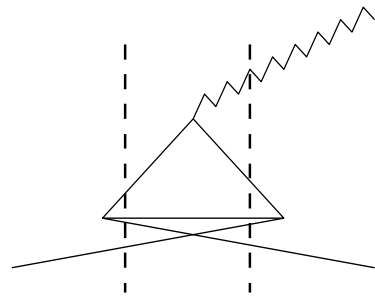
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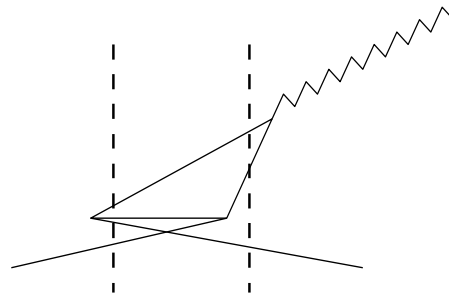
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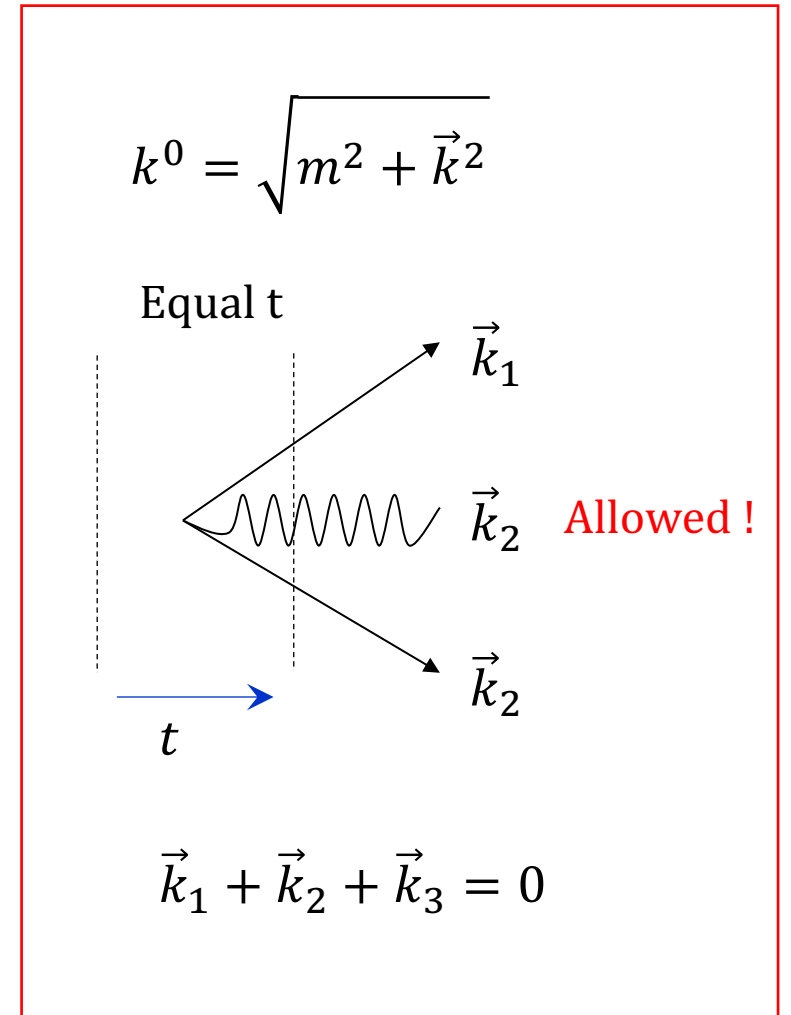
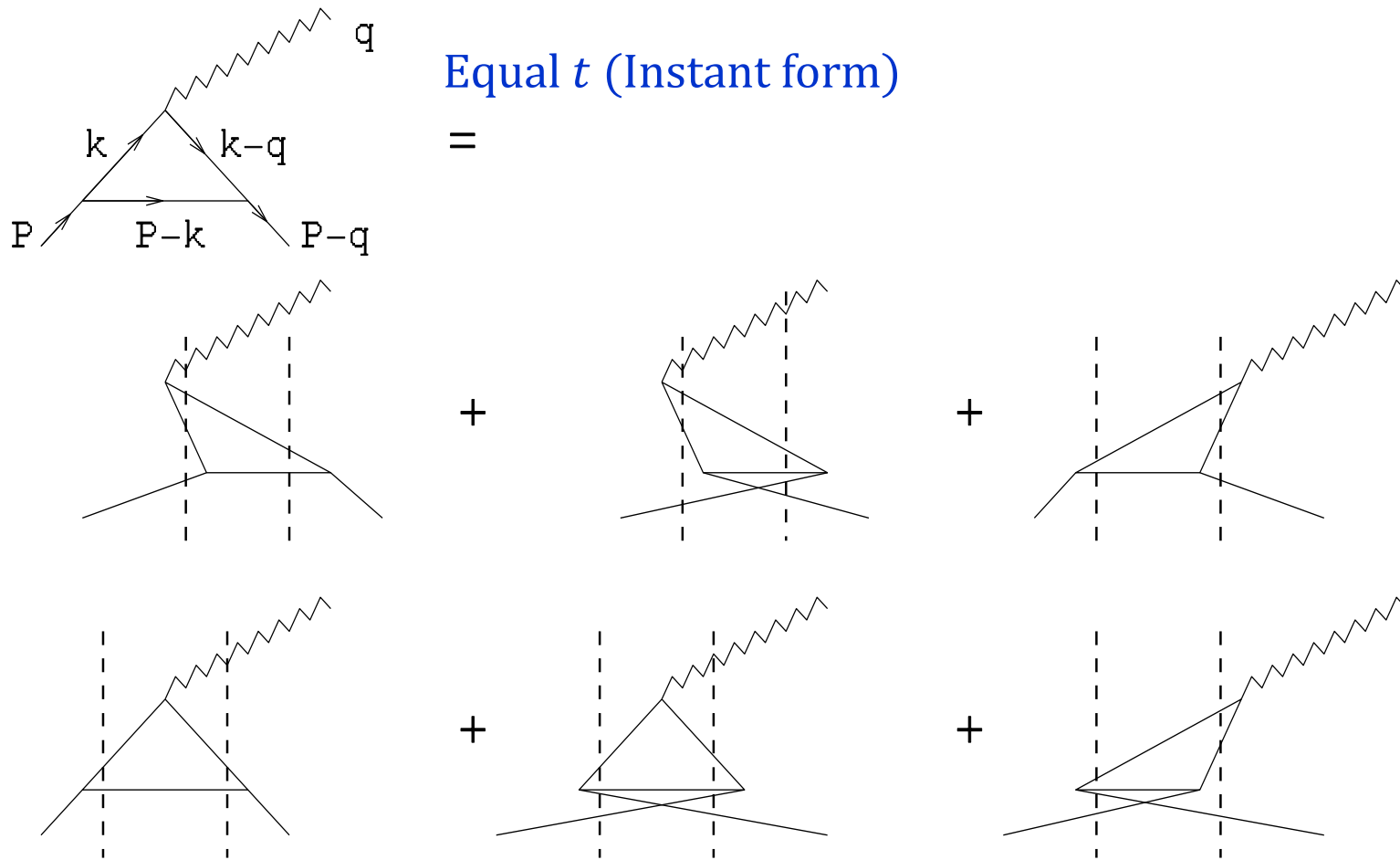
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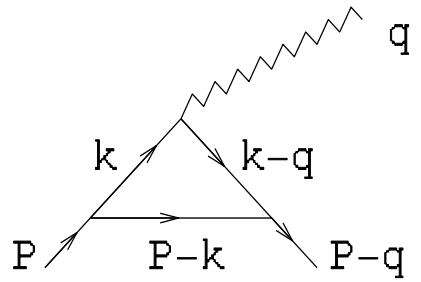
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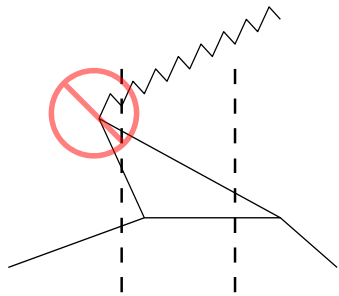


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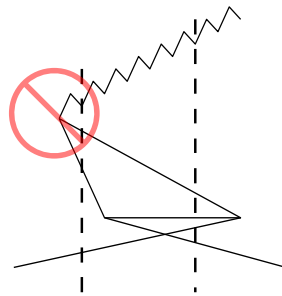


Equal τ (Front form)

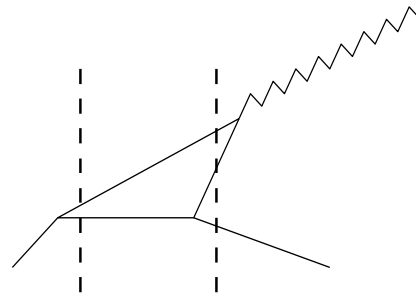
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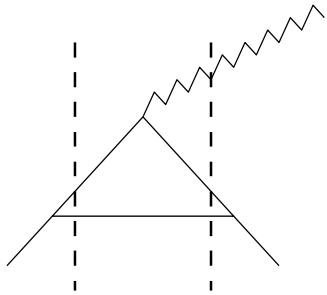
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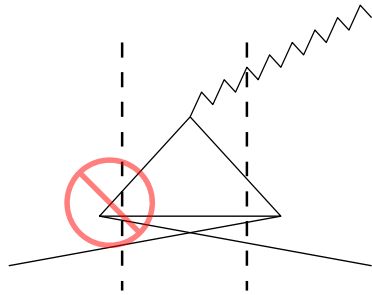
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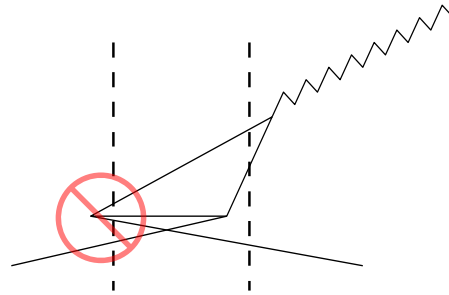
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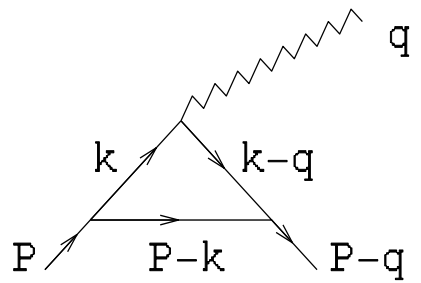
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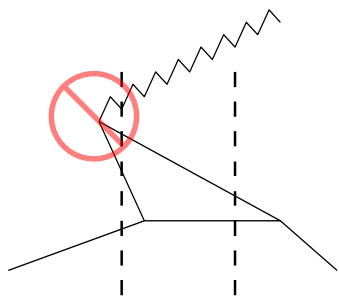


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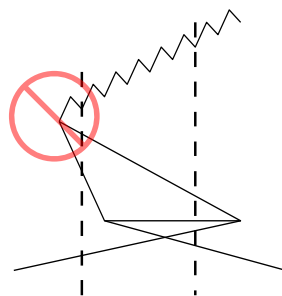


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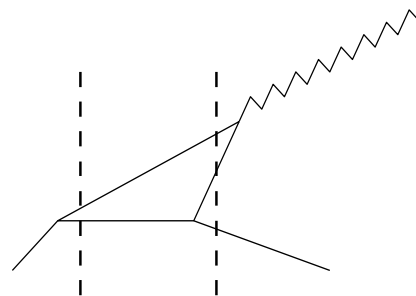
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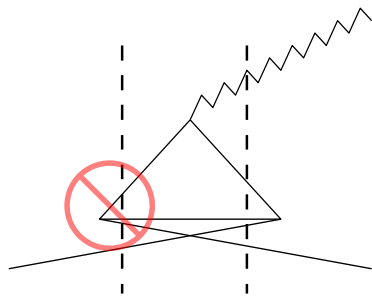
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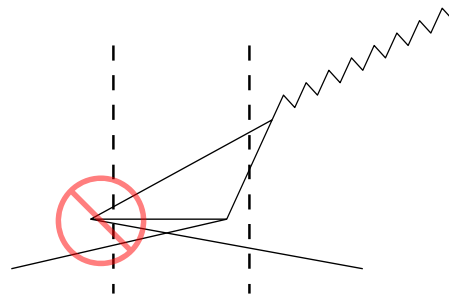
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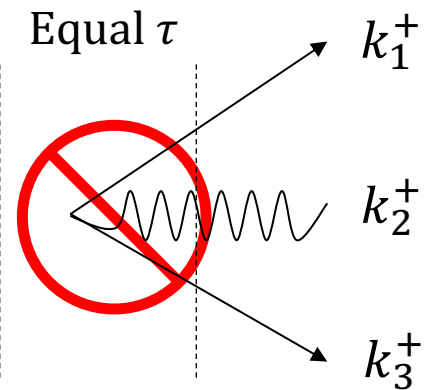
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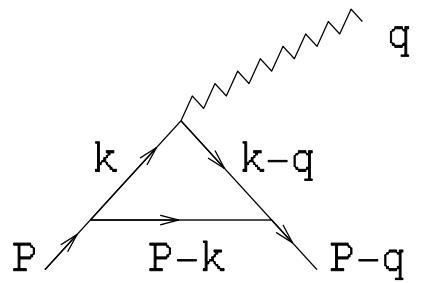
$$k^- = \frac{m^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{k^+}$$



$$\tau = t + z/c$$

$$k_1^+ + k_2^+ + k_3^+ = 0$$

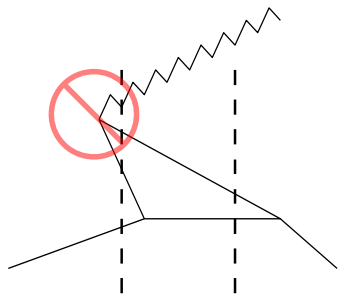
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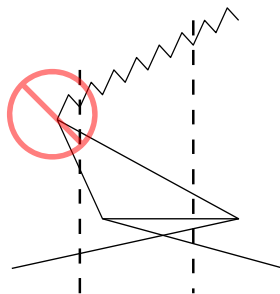
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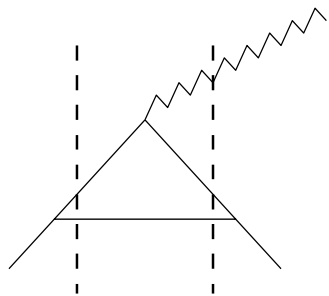
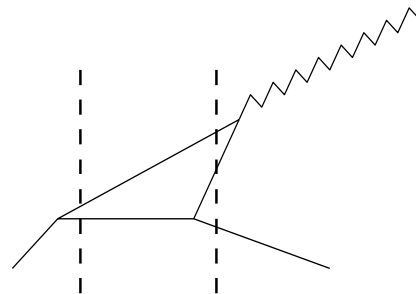
LF nonvalence
(higher Fock state)



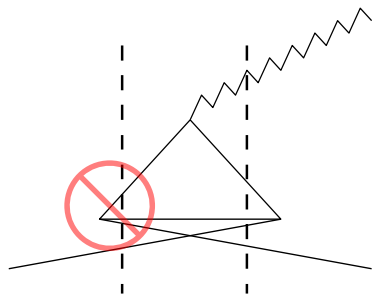
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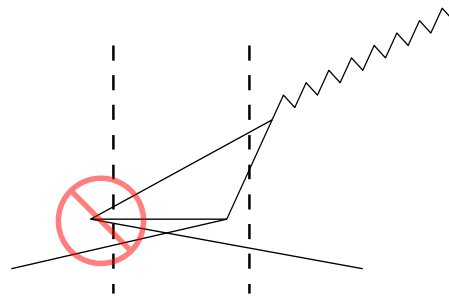
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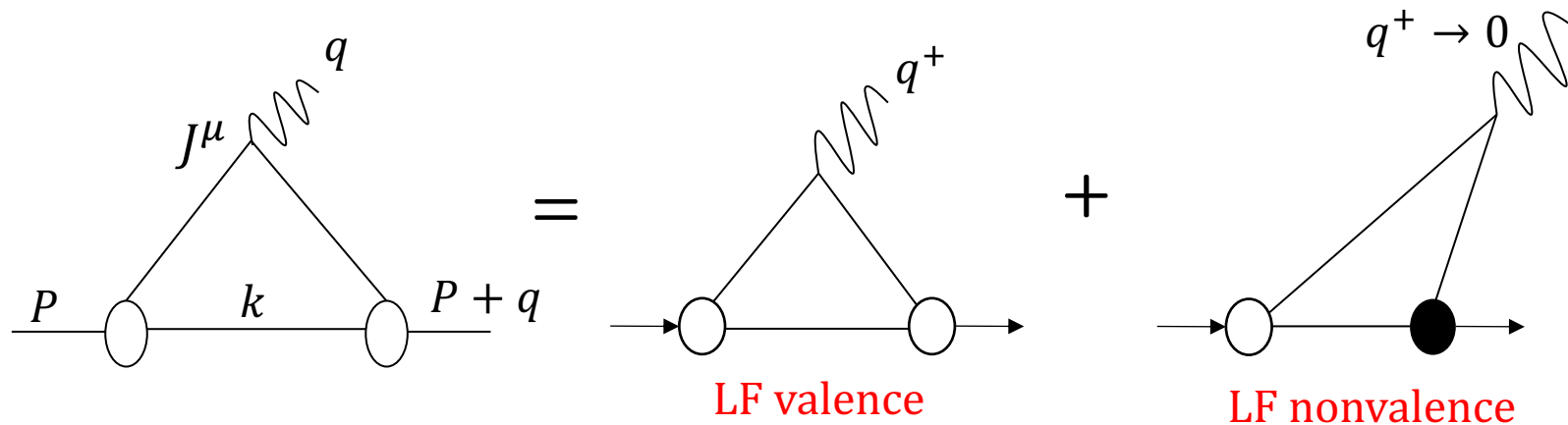


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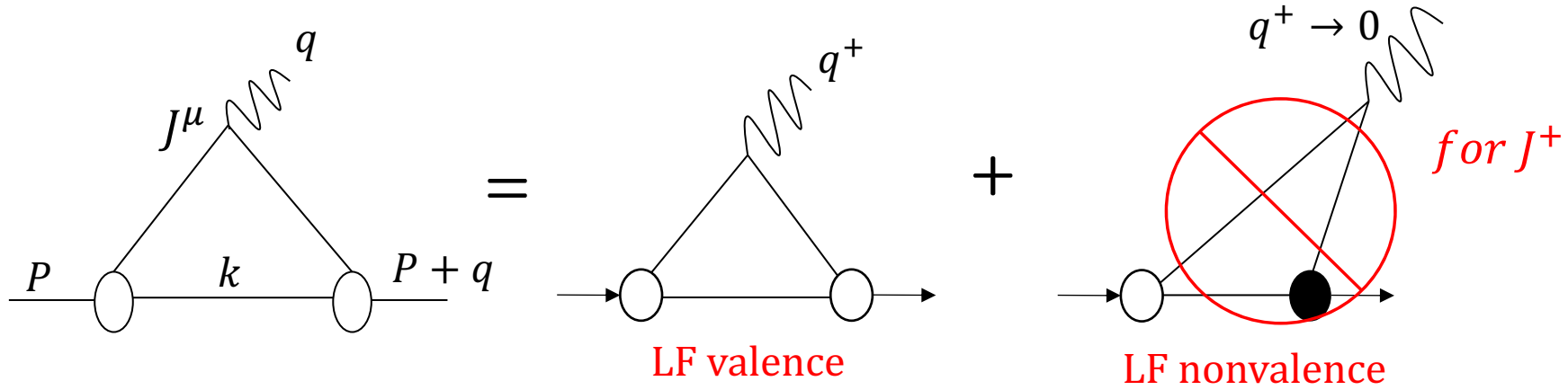


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3. Form Factors on the Light-Front

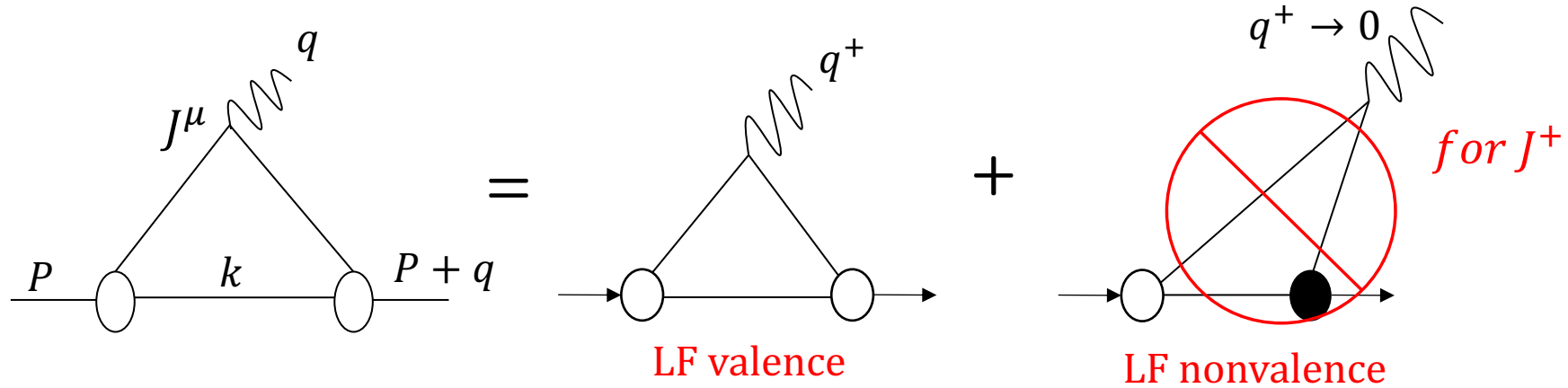


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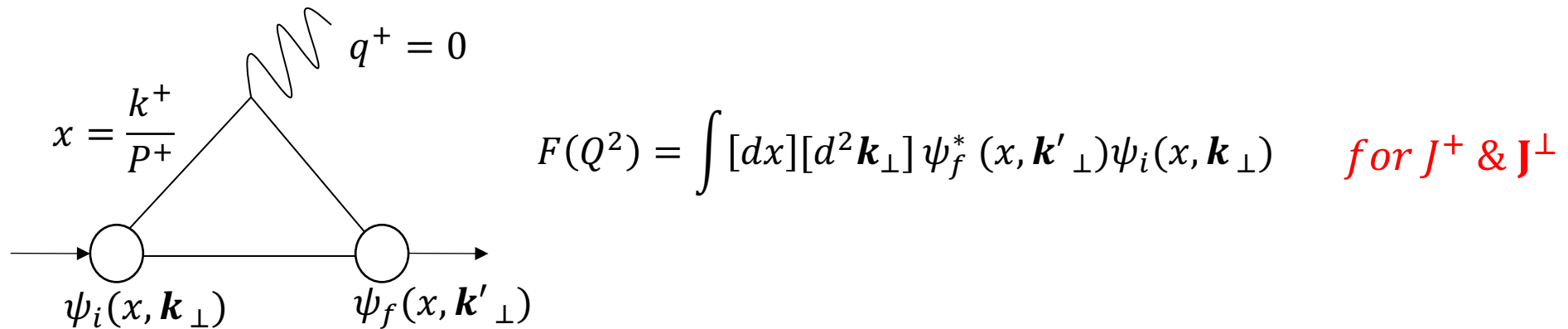
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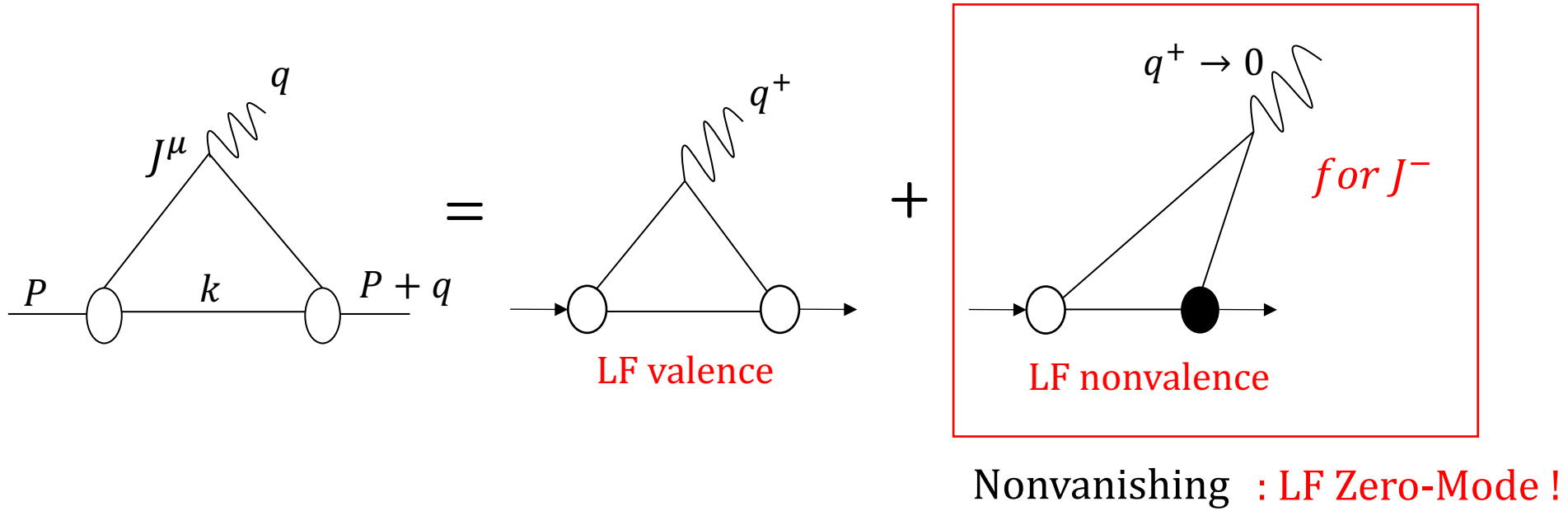


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(e.g.) E&M form factors of pseudoscalar and vector mesons

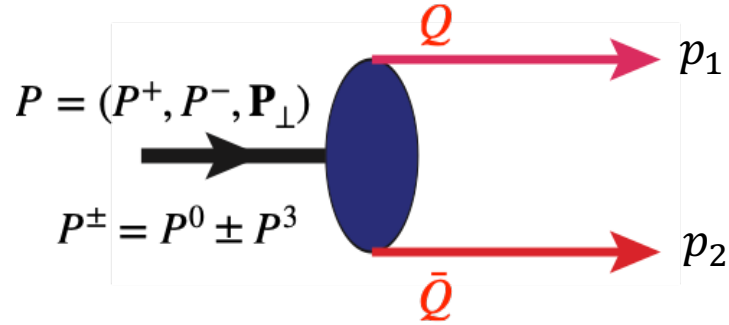


3. Form Factors on the Light-Front



☞ One has to take into account of the zero mode in using J^- current!

Light-Front Quark Model(LFQM)



$$P^- = p_Q^- + p_{\bar{Q}}^-, \text{ i.e. } M^2 \rightarrow M_0^2 = \frac{m_Q^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{Q}}^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{1-x}$$

Meson state: Noninteracting "on-mass" shell Q & \bar{Q} representation
consistent with [Bakamjian-Thomas\(BT\) construction!](#)

The interaction is added to the mass operator

$$M_{Q\bar{Q}} = \langle \Psi | H_{Q\bar{Q}} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$H_{Q\bar{Q}} = \sqrt{m_Q^2 + \vec{k}^2} + \sqrt{m_{\bar{Q}}^2 + \vec{k}^2} + V_{Q\bar{Q}} \quad V_{Q\bar{Q}} = a + br - \frac{4\kappa}{3r} + \frac{2\vec{S}_Q \cdot \vec{S}_{\bar{Q}}}{3m_Q m_{\bar{Q}}} \nabla^2 V_{\text{Coul}}$$

Refs.) PRD59, 074015(99); PLB460, 461(99) by HMC and CRJ; PRC92, 055203(2015) by HMC, CRJ, Z. Li, and H. Ryu

PRD106, 014009(2022) by A. J. Arifi, HMC, and CRJ

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

General structure for $P(P) \rightarrow P(P')$ transition:

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For elastic process ($M = M'$),
only gauge invariant form factor $F(q^2)$ survives!

$$\langle P' | \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q | P \rangle = \not{\epsilon}^\mu F_P(q^2) \quad \not{\epsilon} \cdot q = 0$$

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In $q^+ = 0$ frame,

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

New Effective Method

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Then we get $F_\pi^{(+)}(Q^2) = F_\pi^{(\perp)}(Q^2) = F_\pi^{(-)}(Q^2)$

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

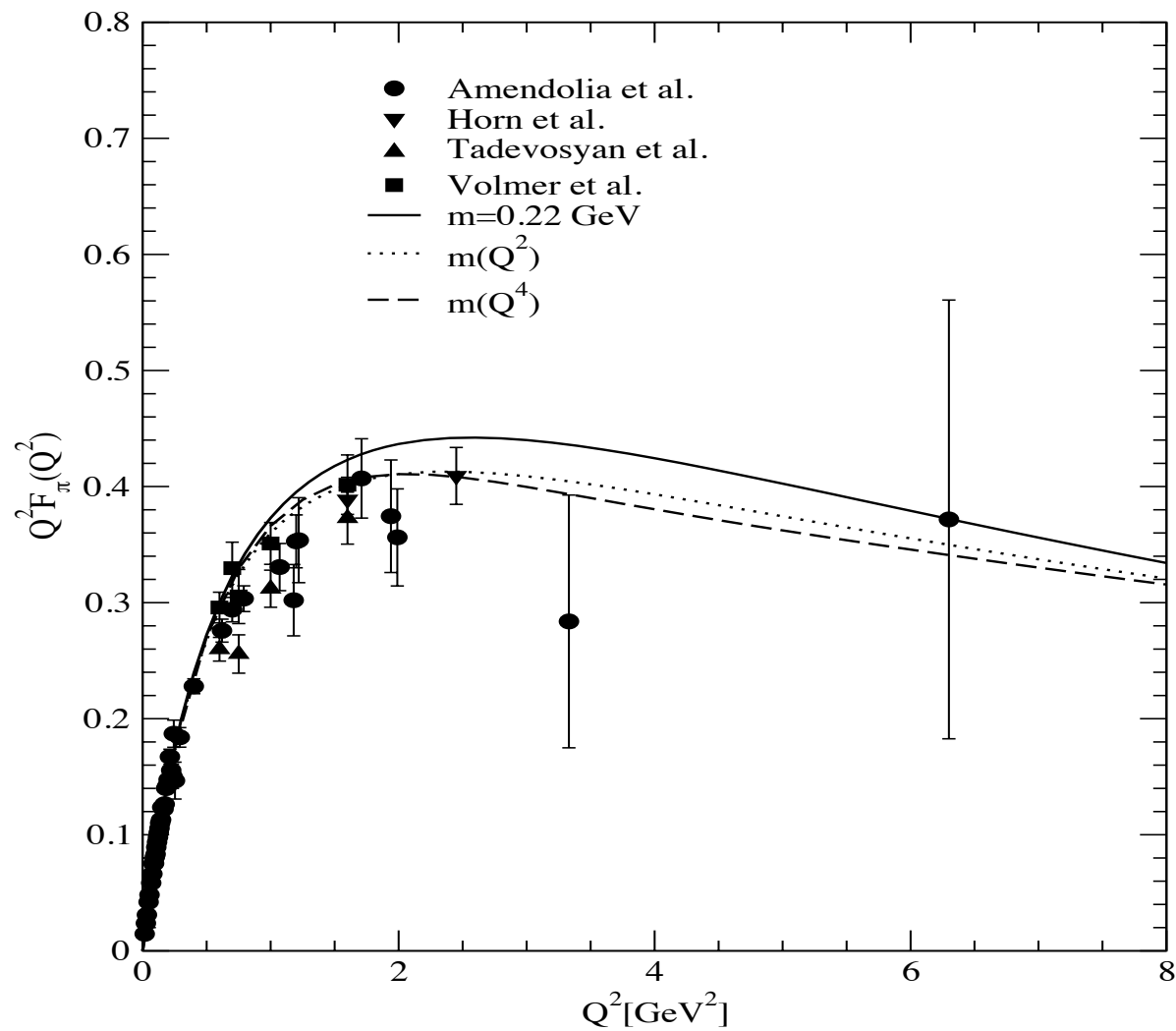
TABLE II: The operators $O_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$ and their helicity contributions to the pion form factor in the standard LFQM.

| $F_{\pi}^{(\mu)}$ | $O_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$ | $\mathcal{H}_{(\uparrow\rightarrow\uparrow)+(\downarrow\rightarrow\downarrow)}^{(\mu)}$ | $\mathcal{H}_{(\uparrow\rightarrow\downarrow)+(\downarrow\rightarrow\uparrow)}^{(\mu)}$ |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| $F_{\pi}^{(+)}$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} + m^2$ | 0 |
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"The first proof of the pion form factor's independence from current components in the LFQM!"



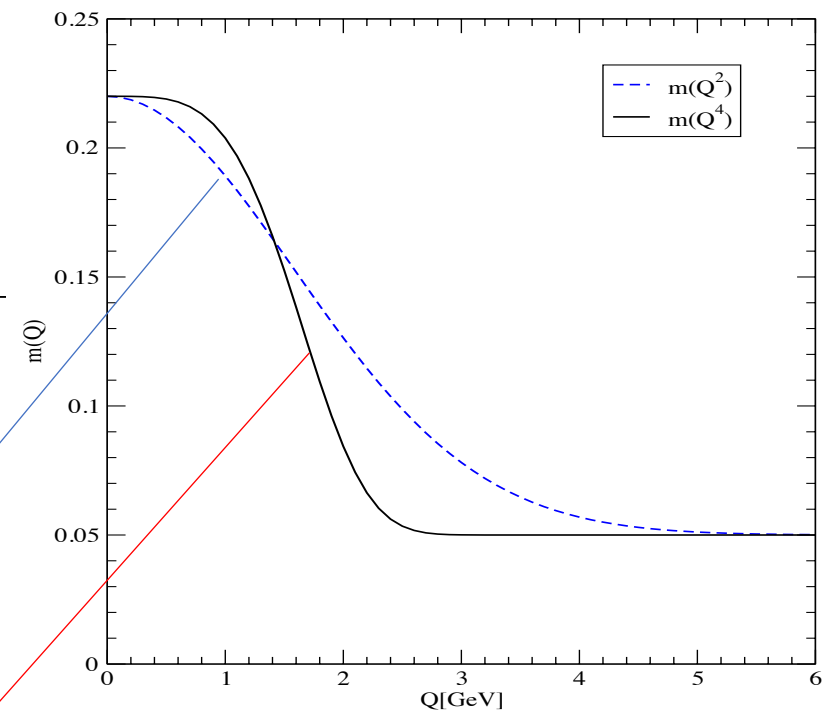
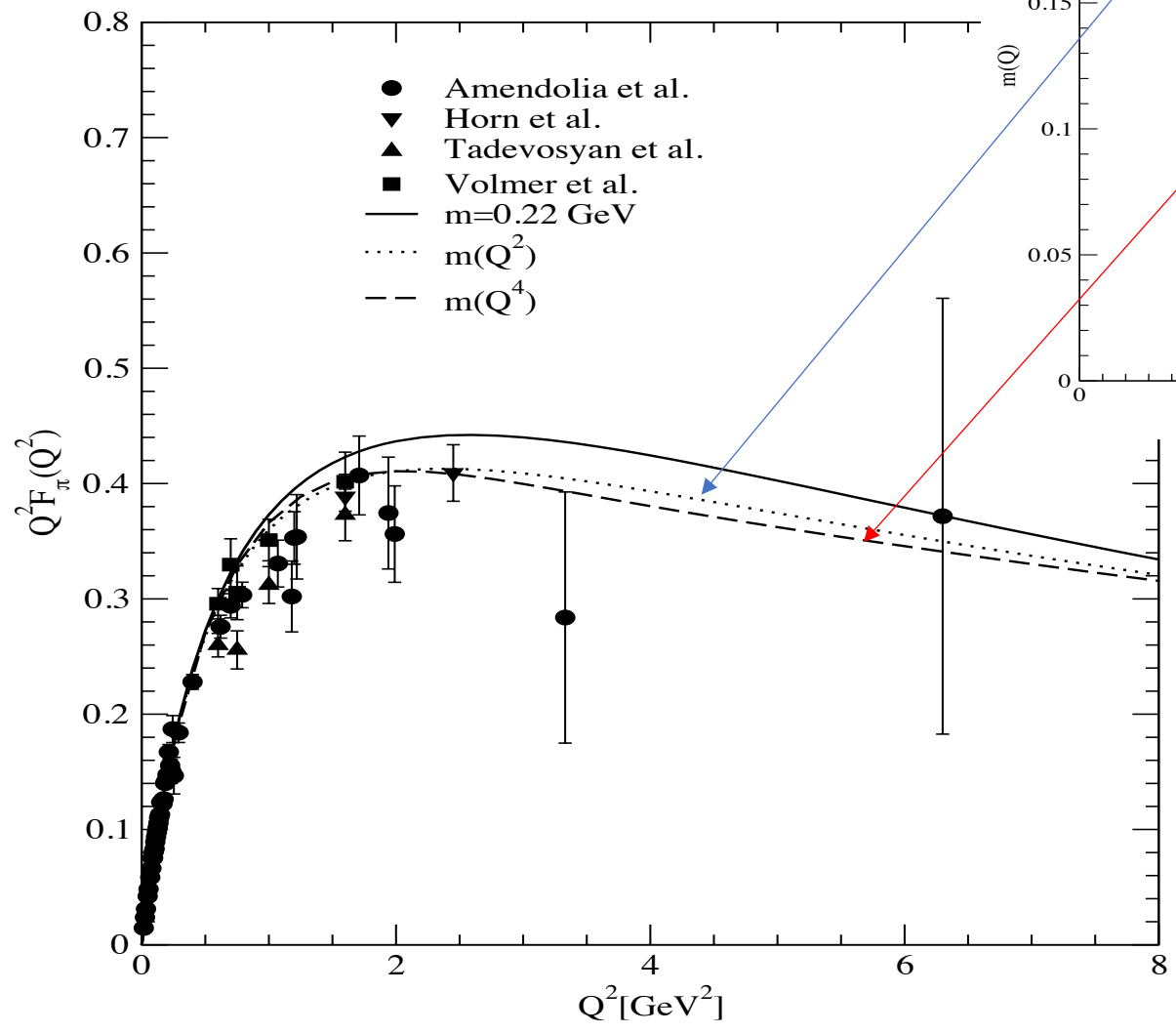
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(Exp.=131 MeV)

$$r_{\pi}^{LFQM} = 0.654 \text{ fm}$$

(Exp.=0.659(4)fm)

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Quark mass evolution effects on the form factor

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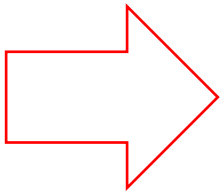
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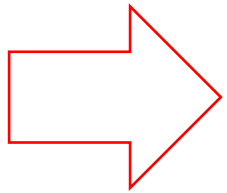
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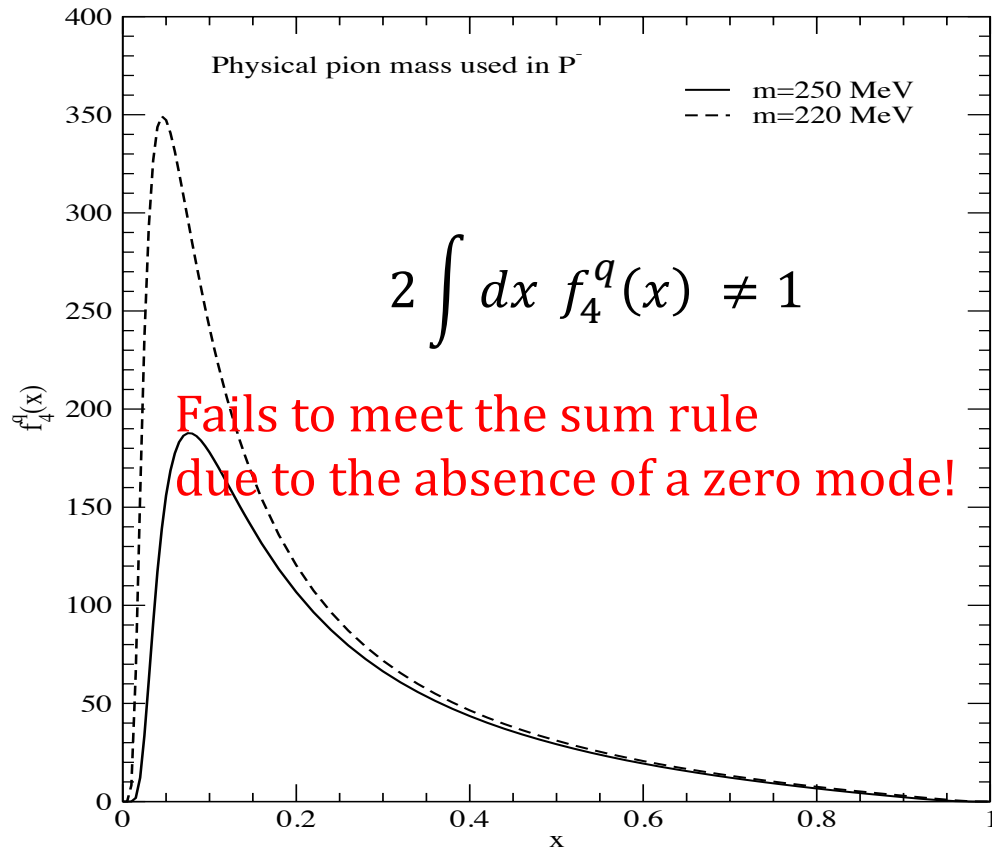
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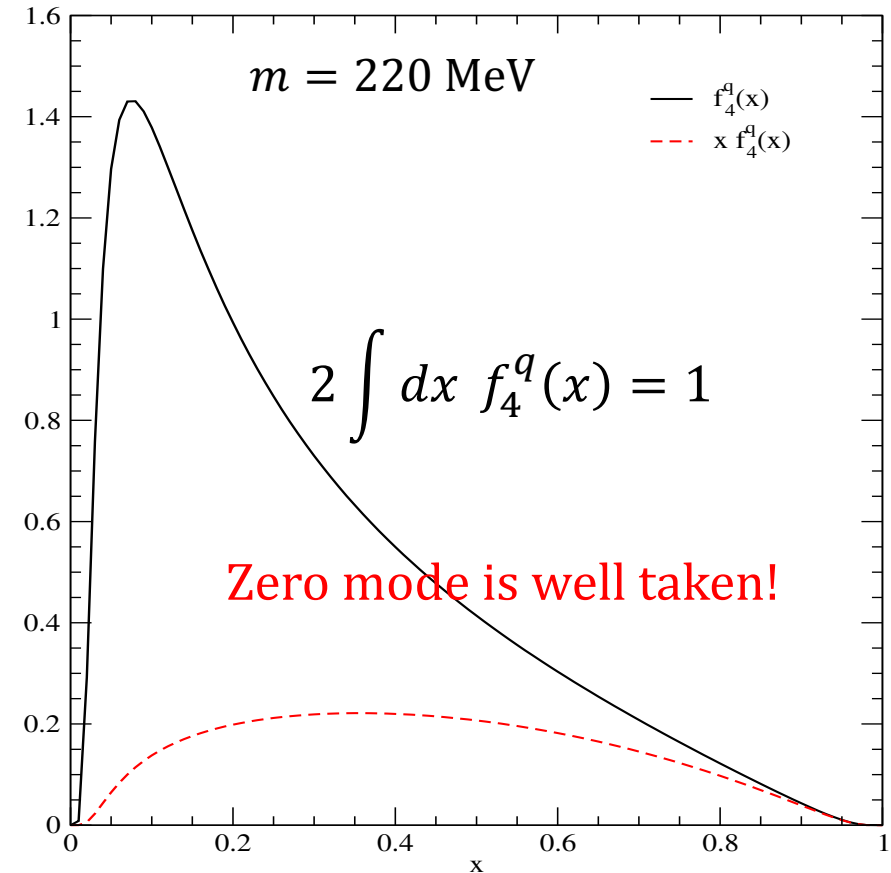
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LF Zero-Mode for twist-4 PDF and its Resolution



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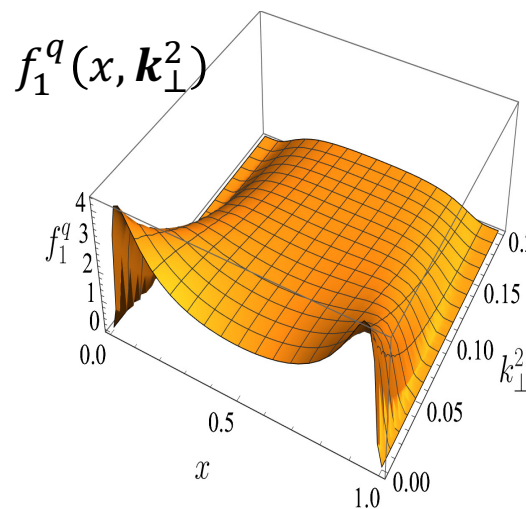
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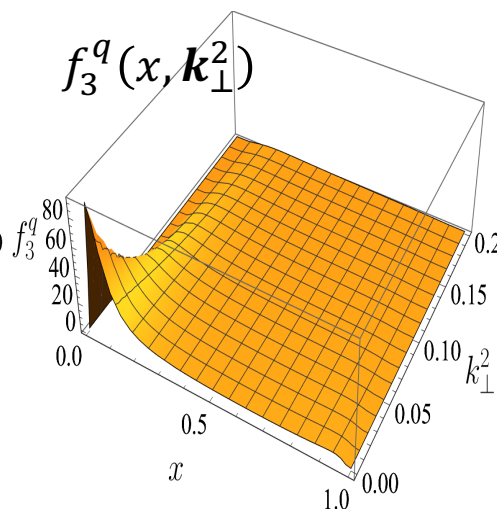
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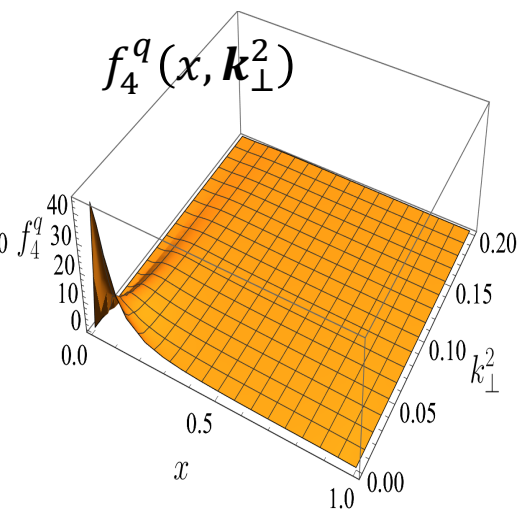
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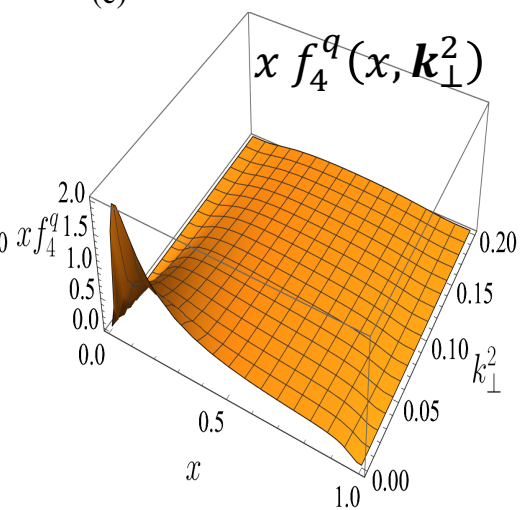
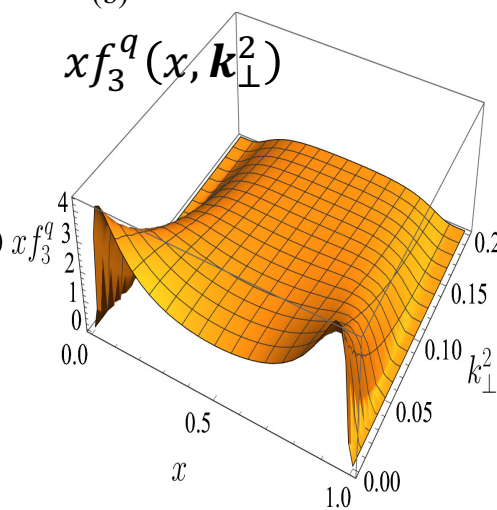
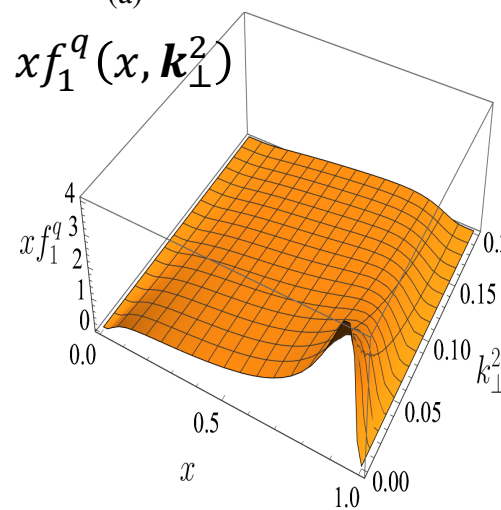
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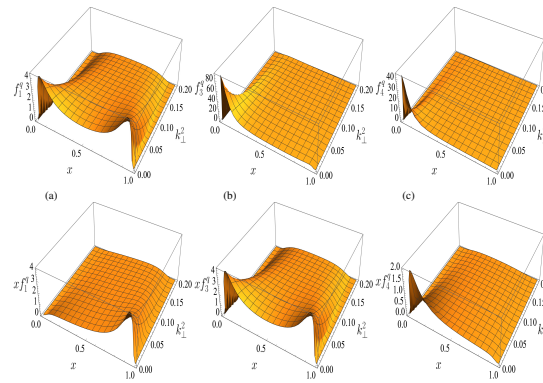
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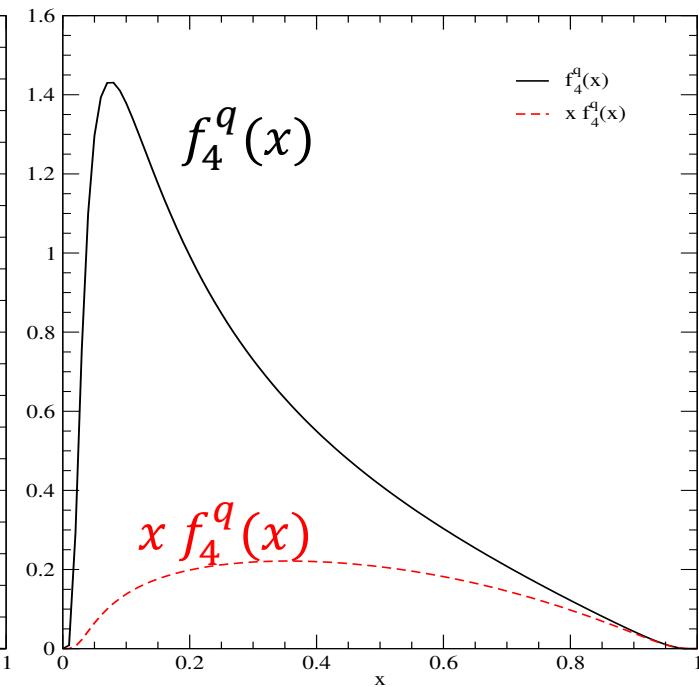
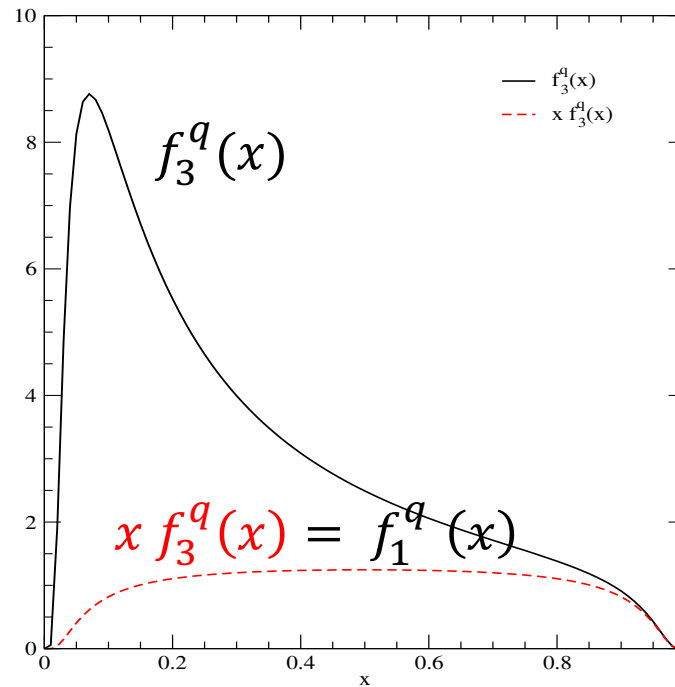
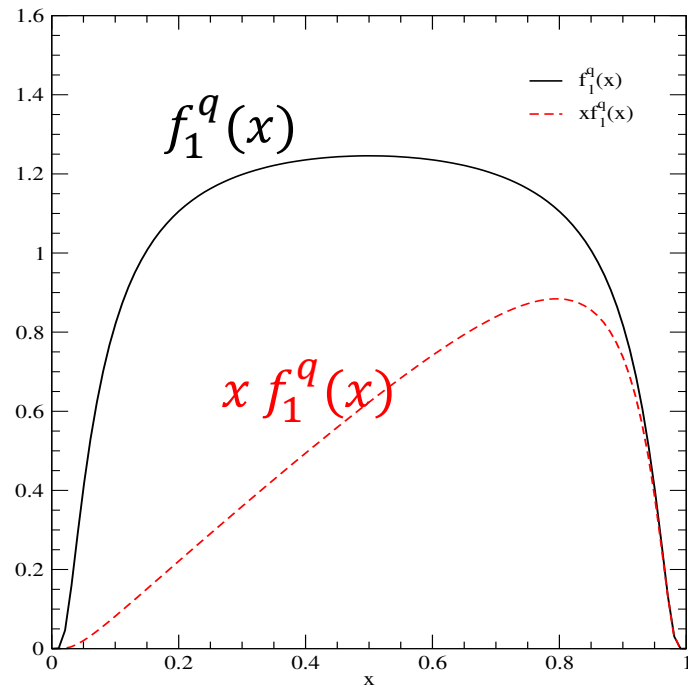
$$x f_3^q(x, k_\perp^2) = f_1^q(x, k_\perp^2)$$

Unpolarized PDFs for Pion

Preliminary



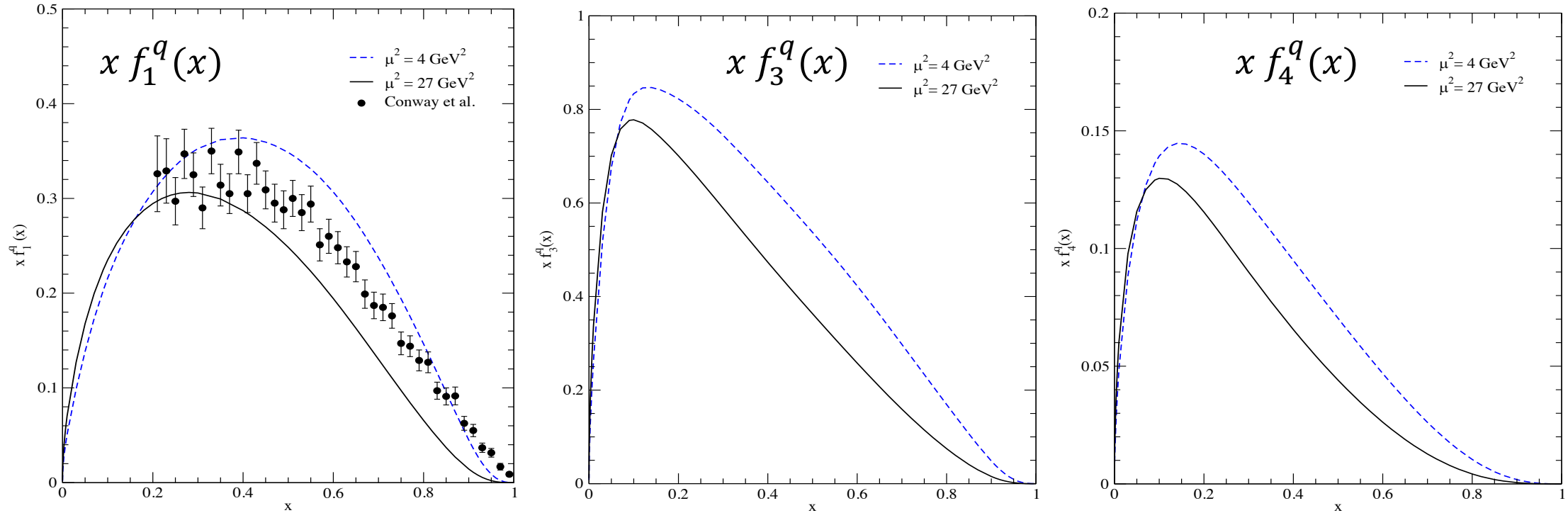
$\int d^2 k_{\perp}$ at the initial scale $\mu_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}$



4. QCD Evolution of Pion PDFs

Preliminary

Evolved from $\mu_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ to $\mu^2 = 4$ and 27 GeV^2



We use the **Higher Order Perturbative Parton Evolution toolkit (HOPPET)** to solve the NNLO DGLAP equation.

$$\text{Mellin moments: } \langle x^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx x^n f(x)$$

Twist-2 PDF

| $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ | $\langle x \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^2 \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^3 \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^4 \rangle_{t2}^u$ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| This work | 0.236 | 0.101 | 0.055 | 0.033 |
| [64] | 0.2541(26) | 0.094(12) | 0.057(4) | 0.015(12) |
| [65] | 0.2075(106) | 0.163(33) | – | – |
| [39] | 0.24(2) | 0.098(10) | 0.049(7) | – |
| [40] | 0.24(2) | 0.094(13) | 0.047(8) | – |

Twist-3 PDF

| | $\langle x \rangle_{t3}^u$ | $\langle x^2 \rangle_{t3}^u$ | $\langle x^3 \rangle_{t3}^u$ | $\langle x^4 \rangle_{t3}^u$ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 0.471 | 0.164 | 0.079 | 0.045 |
| $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 0.365 | 0.111 | 0.049 | 0.026 |

Twist-2 PDF

| $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$ | $\langle x \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^2 \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^3 \rangle_{t2}^u$ | $\langle x^4 \rangle_{t2}^u$ |
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| This work | 0.182 | 0.069 | 0.034 | 0.019 |
| [66] | 0.18(3) | 0.064(10) | 0.030(5) | – |
| [40] | 0.20(2) | 0.074(10) | 0.035(6) | – |
| [48] | 0.184 | 0.068 | 0.033 | 0.018 |
| [53] | 0.217(11) | 0.087(5) | 0.045(3) | – |

Twist-4 PDF

| | $\langle x \rangle_{t4}^u$ | $\langle x^2 \rangle_{t4}^u$ | $\langle x^3 \rangle_{t4}^u$ | $\langle x^4 \rangle_{t4}^u$ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 0.069 | 0.021 | 0.009 | 0.005 |
| $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$ | 0.053 | 0.014 | 0.006 | 0.003 |

5. Conclusions

We developed a new method for the covariant analysis of LFQM

Our LFQM: Noninteracting Q & \bar{Q} representation consistent with the Bakamjian-Thomas(BT) construction!

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

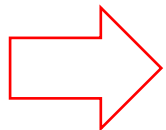
$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma^\mu q | P \rangle = \mathfrak{F} \wp^\mu \quad \mathfrak{F}: \text{physical observables } (\mathfrak{F} = f_P, F \dots)$$

$$\wp^\mu: \text{Lorentz factors } (\wp = P^\mu \dots)$$



$$\mathfrak{F} = \langle 0 | \bar{q} \frac{\Gamma^\mu}{\wp^\mu} q | P \rangle = \iint dx d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp \dots \left(\frac{\Gamma^\mu}{\wp^\mu} \right) \dots$$

Constrained by BT construction!



We obtain physical observables independent of μ , paving the way for the development of the self-consistency in the LFQM.