

Towards J/ψ production off nucleons

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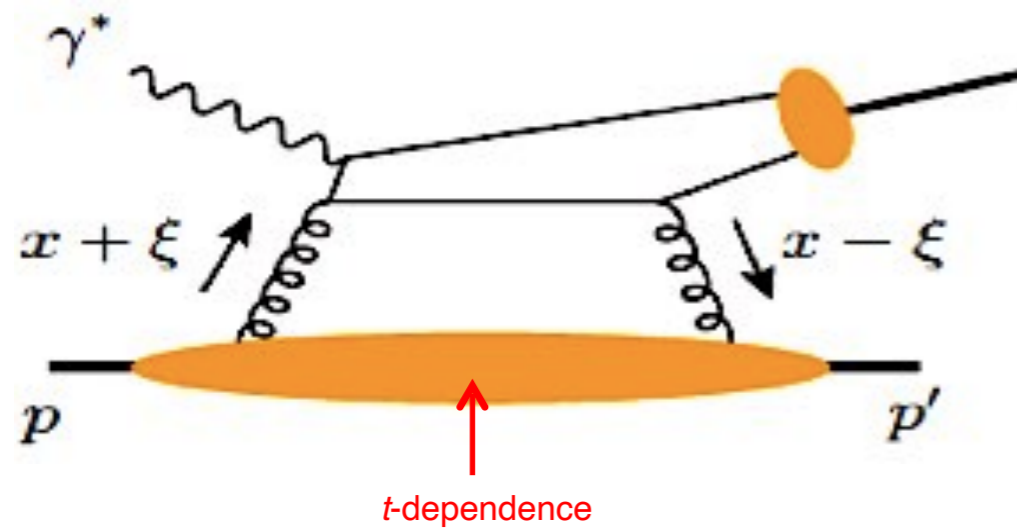
Spatial imaging of glue in a nucleon/nucleus

Exclusive electroproduction: hard-scattering mechanism $E_\gamma > 10$ GeV

J. C. Collins, L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, Phys.Rev.D 56 (1997)

S.J. Brodsky, E. Chudakov, P. Hoyer, J.M. Laget, Phys. Lett. B (2001).

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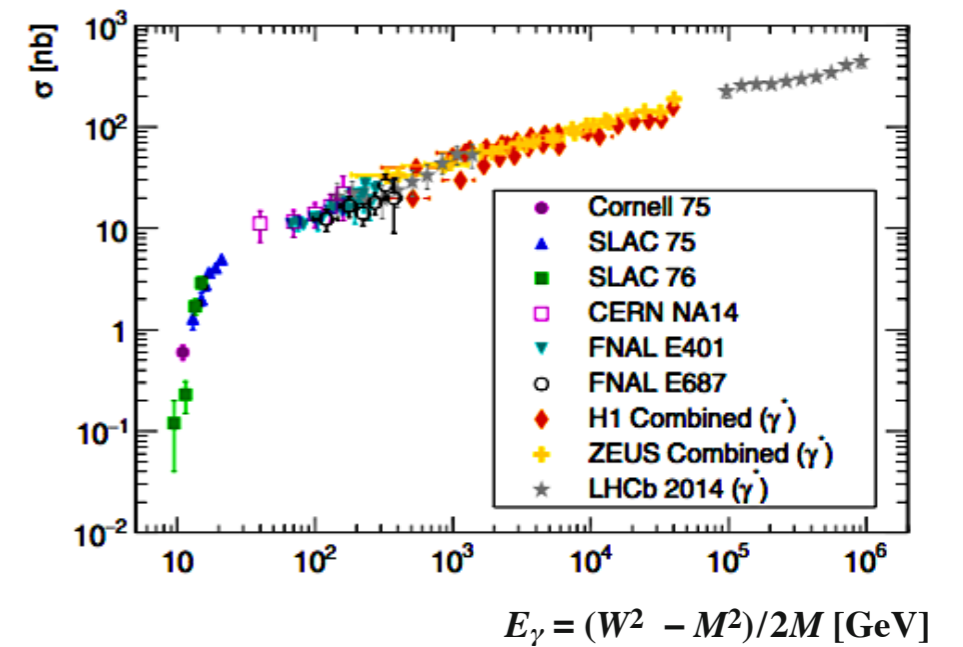
$J/\Psi, \eta_c, \dots$

$$Q^2 = -(p_e^i - p_e^f)^2$$

$$W = \sqrt{2v \cdot M_p + M_p^2 - Q^2}$$

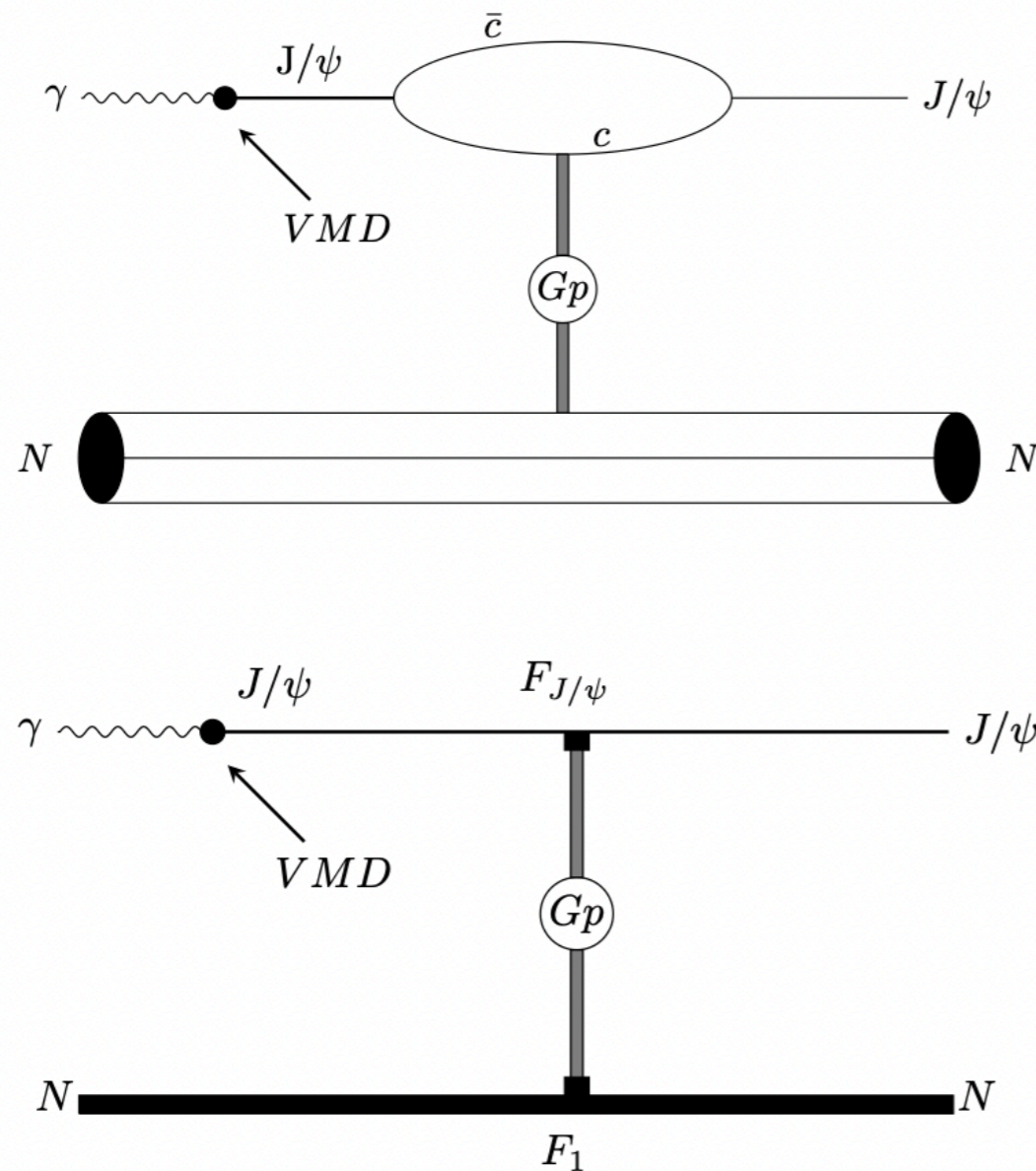
$$t = (p_p^i - p_p^f)^2 = (p_\gamma - p_{J/\psi})^2$$

$$\xi = (P' - P) \cdot n/2$$



- Exclusive *charmonium production*: narrow quarkonium exchanges gluons with the nucleon's light quarks.
- Cross section is proportional to the square of the gluon density in the hadron.
- At large virtualities $Q^2 \gg m_Q^2$, electroproduction of heavy mesons is expressed in terms of *meson distribution amplitudes* in the factorization theorem (Collins, Frankfurt & Strikman 1997).

Donnachie and Landshoff model : *VMD* assumption



$$t^{\text{Pom}} \sim \left[\frac{e}{f_V} F_V(t) \right] \times G_P(s,t) \times F_1(t)$$

Width of $V \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (*VMD*)

Pomeron propagator

*Model can not describe the
JLab data at $W < 7$ GeV*

Fig. 2 Pomeron-exchange model of Donnachie and Landshoff (*Pom – DL*). Upper: Pomeron-exchange between quarks in J/Ψ and nucleon, Lower: Pomeron-exchange amplitude Eq. (1) resulted from assuming the Pomeron-photon analogy and using the factorization approximation.

2g + 3g model by Brodsky, E. Chudakov, P. Hoyer, J. M. Laget (2001)

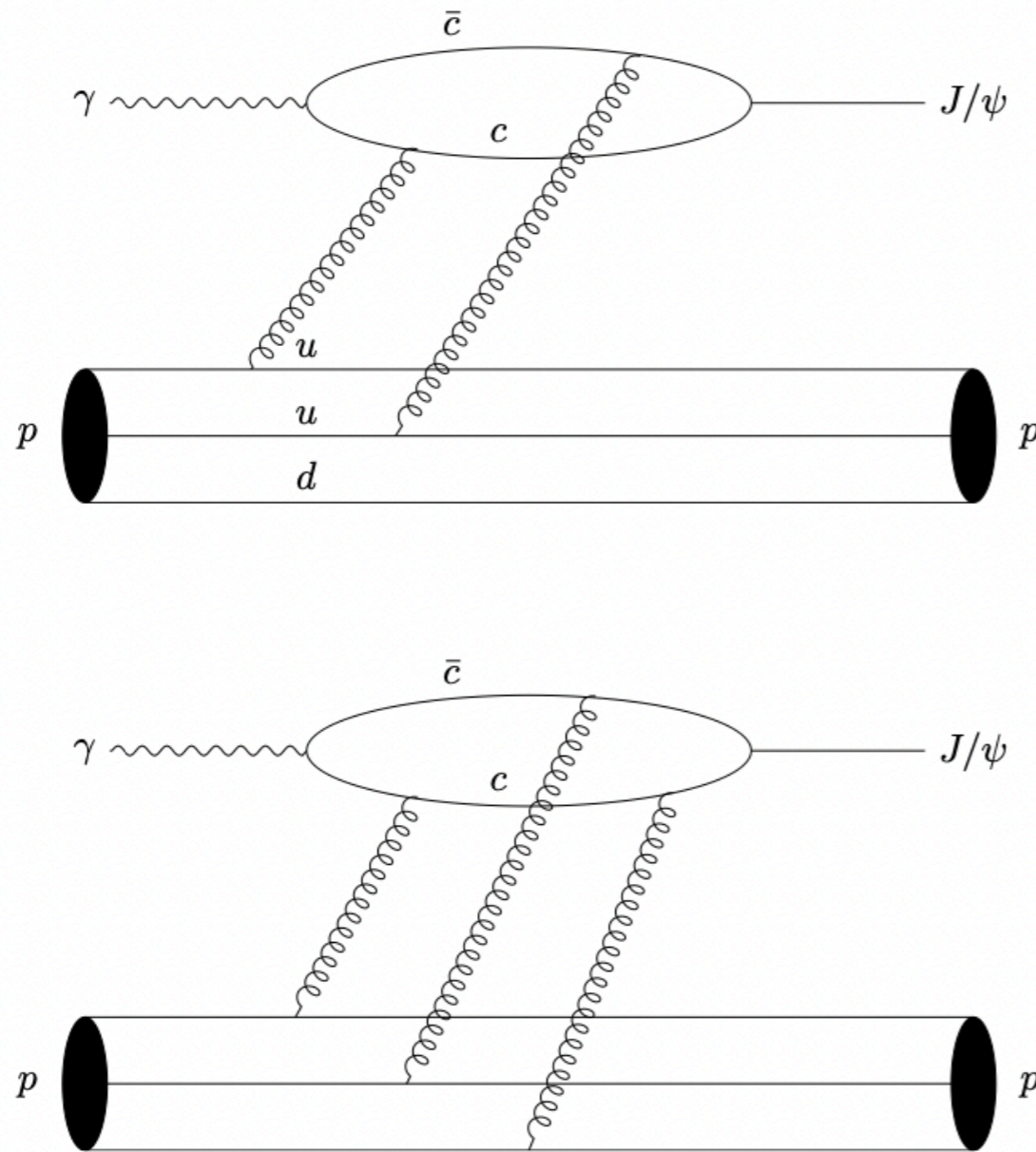


Fig. 5 The 2g + 3g model. Upper: two-gluon exchange, Lower: three-gluon exchange.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{2g}}{dt} = N_{2g} \frac{(1-x)^2}{R^2 M_{c\bar{c}}^2} F_{2g}^2(t) (s - m_p^2),$$

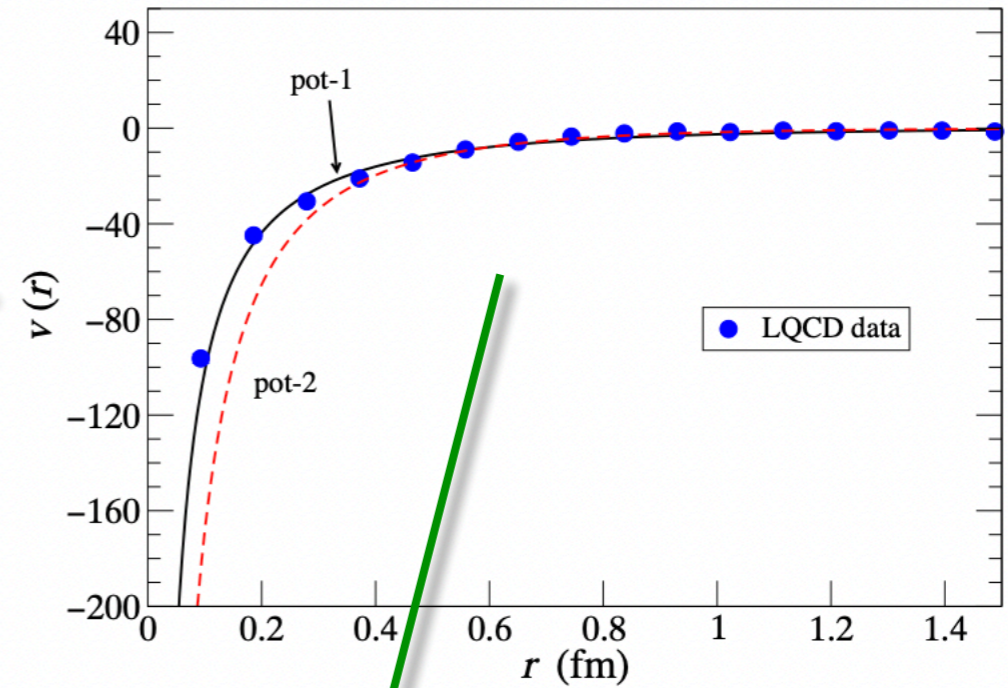
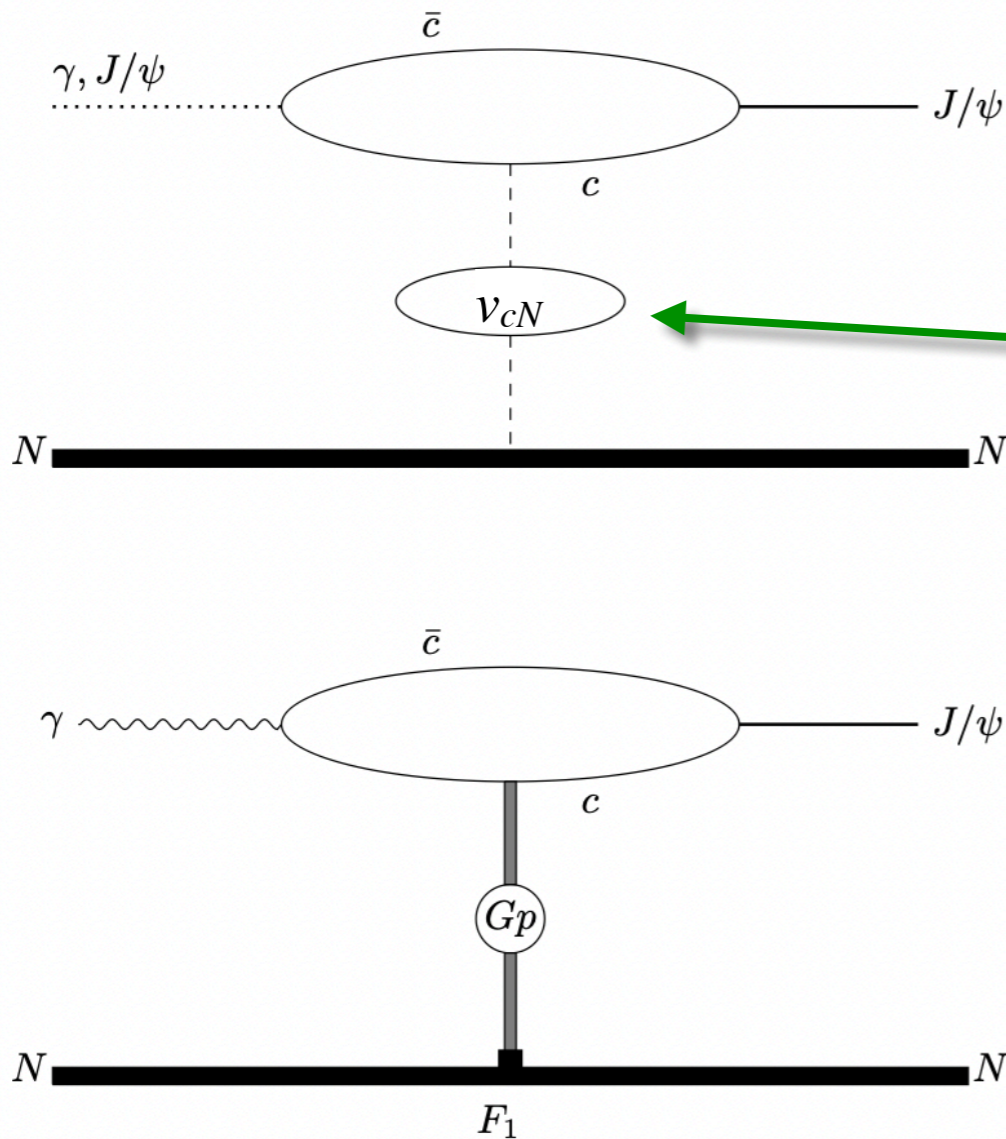
$$\frac{d\sigma_{3g}}{dt} = N_{3g} \frac{(1-x)^0}{R^4 M_{c\bar{c}}^4} F_{3g}^2(t) (s - m_p^2),$$

Requires form factors to describe how the scattered quarks combine with the spectator quarks to form a proton.

Fails to reproduce experimental data above $W \approx 20$ GeV.

Pomeron exchange + charm-nucleon potential, M. A. Pichowsky & T.-S. H. Lee

T. Kawanai, S. Sasaki, Charmonium-nucleon potential from lattice QCD, Phys. Rev. D 82, 091501 (2010)



$$v_{J/\psi N, J/\psi N}(r) = v_0 \frac{e^{-\alpha r}}{r}$$

$$t^{\text{Pom+pot}} = t^{\text{Pom}} + t^{\text{pot}}$$

Fig. 7 Models with $c\bar{c}$ -loop mechanisms. Upper: calculated from quark-nucleon potential (v_{cN}), Lower: calculated from Pomeron-exchange mechanism.

Lippmann-Schwinger equation for the J/ψ - N scattering amplitude:

$$t_{J/\psi N, J/\psi N} = v_{J/\psi N, J/\psi N} + v_{J/\psi N, J/\psi N} G_{J/\psi N}(W) t_{J/\psi N, J/\psi N}$$

How to improve on this model?

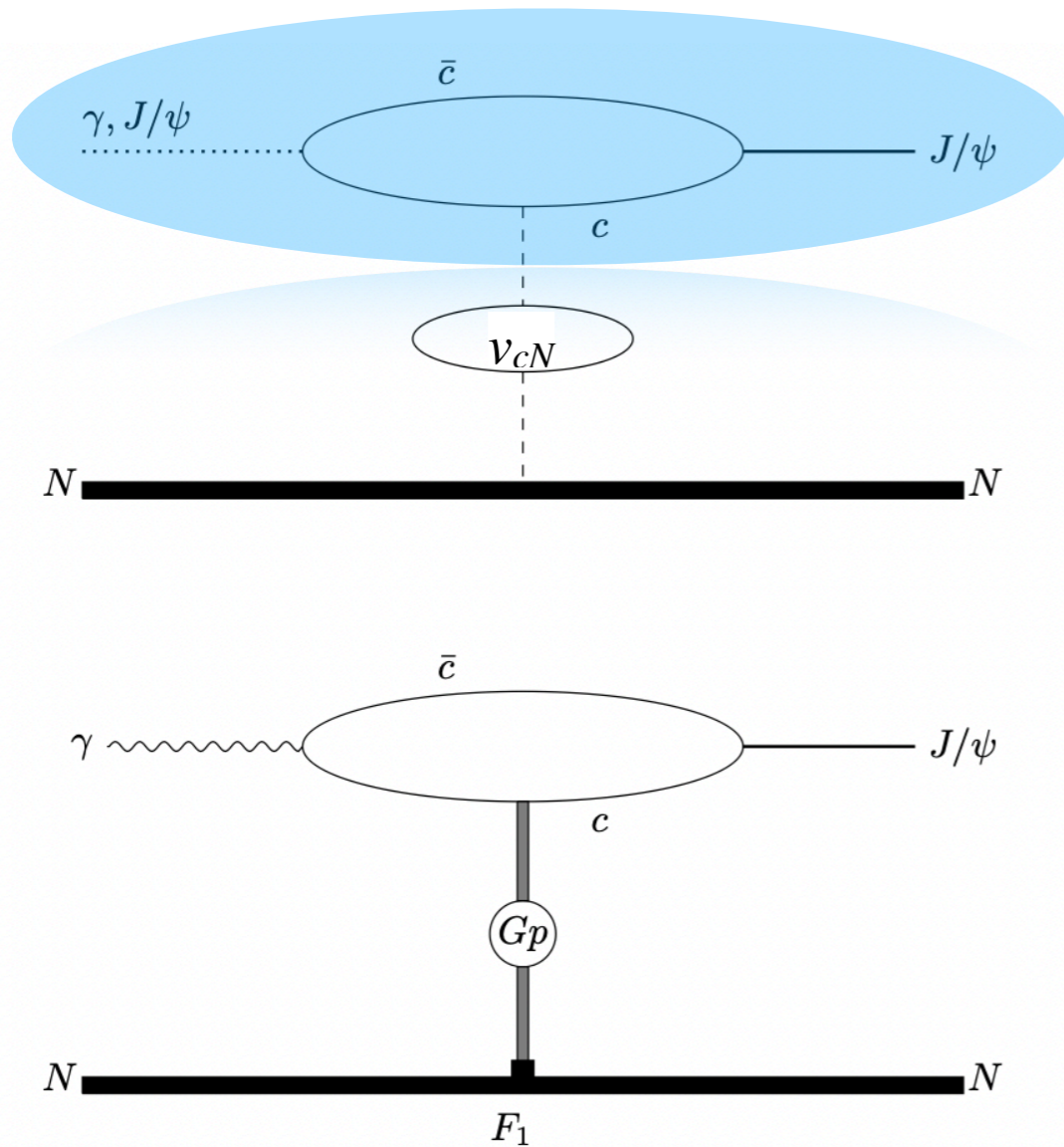


Fig. 7 Models with $c\bar{c}$ -loop mechanisms. Upper: calculated from quark-nucleon potential (v_{cN}), Lower: calculated from Pomeron-exchange mechanism.

- Nonperturbative quark-photon $\gamma \rightarrow \bar{c}c$ vertex that satisfies Ward identity. No VMD !!
- Realistic Bethe-Salpeter wave functions/ distribution amplitudes for heavy quarkonia.
- Quark propagators as numerical solutions of gap equation consistent with wave functions instead of constituent quark propagators.
- This implies the calculation of $\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi$ transition form factor that describes a Pomeron exchange with the nucleon.
- Employ nucleon GPD to describe data near threshold.

$$\langle P \lambda_V; p_2 m'_s | J_\mu | p_1, m_s \rangle = 2 t_{\mu\alpha\nu}(q, P) \epsilon_V^{\lambda\nu}(P) \times [G(s, t) 3\beta_u F_1(t)] \bar{u}_{m'_s}(p_2) \gamma_\alpha u_{m_s}(p_1)$$

$$t_{\mu\alpha\nu}(q, P) = \beta_c N_c e \text{tr} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} S_c(k_-) \gamma_\mu S_c(k_- + q) \gamma_\alpha S_c(k_+) V_\nu(k_+, k_-)$$

Let's focus on the $\bar{c}c \rightarrow J/\psi$ hadronization ...

Green functions in functional approaches to QCD

Dyson-Schwinger equation in QCD

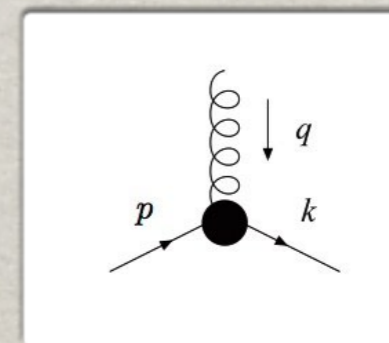
The propagator can be obtained from QCD's gap equation: the Dyson-Schwinger equation (DSE) for the dressed-fermion, which is coupled equations.

Running Quark Mass

$$S(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{i\gamma \cdot p + M(p^2)}$$

$$S^{-1}(p) = Z_2(i\gamma \cdot p + m^{\text{bm}}) + \Sigma(p) := i\gamma \cdot p A(p^2) + B(p^2)$$

$$\Sigma(p) = Z_1 \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_{\mu} S(q) \Gamma_{\nu}^a(q, p)$$

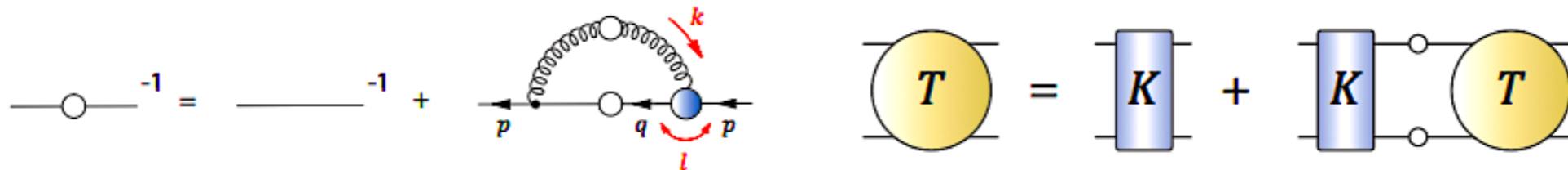


with the *running* mass function $M(p^2) = B(p^2)/A(p^2)$.

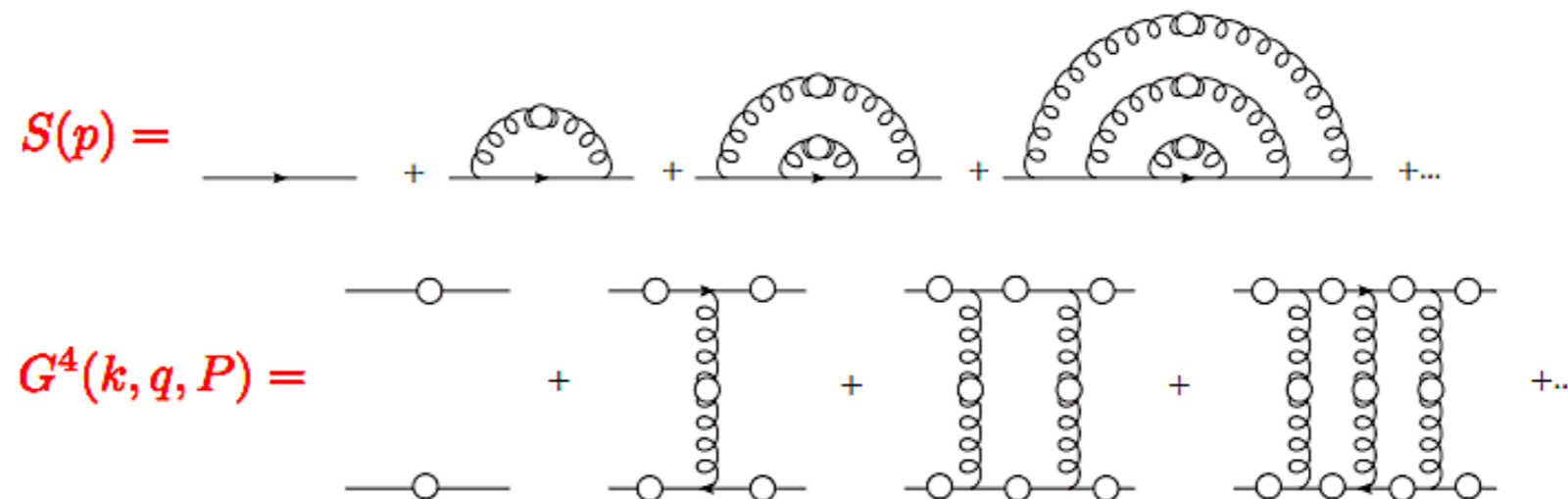
- $D_{\mu\nu}$: dressed-gluon propagator
- $\Gamma_{\nu}^a(q, p)$: dressed quark-gluon vertex
- Z_2 : quark wave function renormalization constant
- Z_1 : quark-gluon vertex renormalization constant

Each satisfies its own DSE

Bethe-Salpeter Equation for QCD Bound States



Rainbow-ladder truncation (leading symmetry-preserving approximation)



- Quark propagators are obtained by solving the gap equation (DSE) for space-like momenta.
- In solving the BSE in Euclidean space, the propagators are functions of $(k+P)^2$, $P = (0,0,0,iM)$.
- Extension to complex plane via Cauchy's integral theorem.

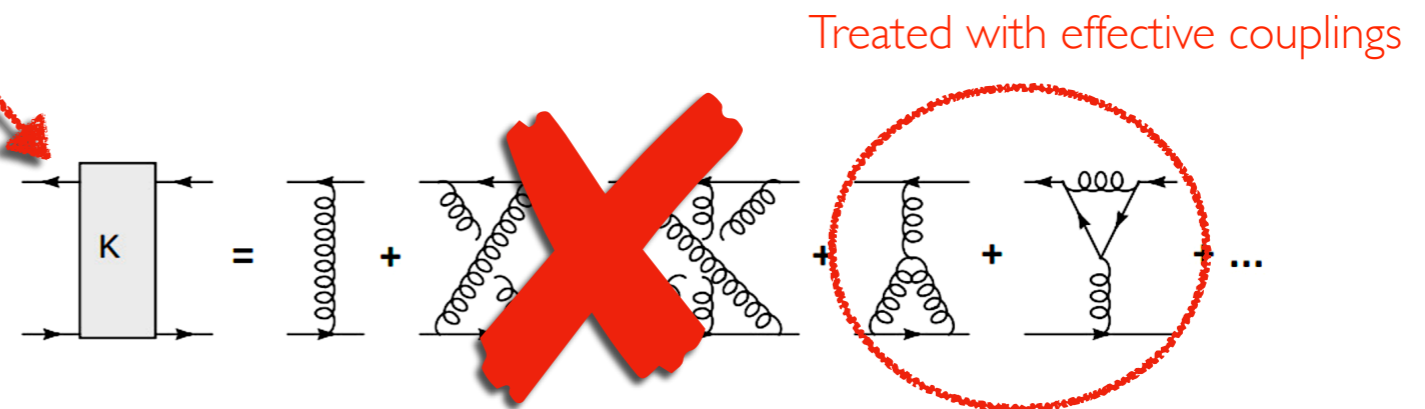
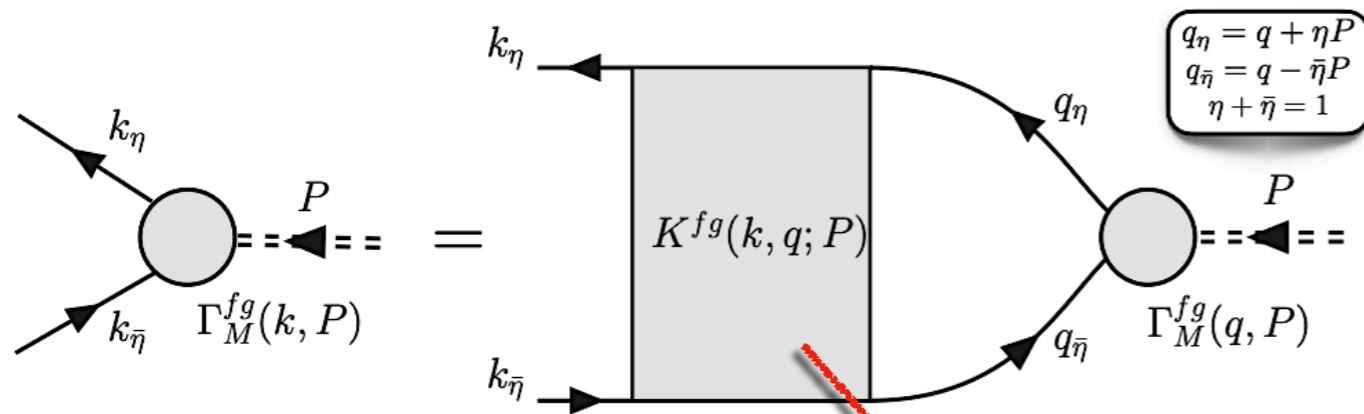
Bethe-Salpeter Equation for QCD Bound States

$$\Gamma_M^{fg}(k, P) = \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} K_{fg}(k, q; P) S_f(q_\eta) \Gamma_M^{fg}(q, P) S_g(q_{\bar{\eta}})$$

$K_{fg}(q, k; P)$ = Quark-antiquark scattering kernel

$S_f(q_\eta)$ = Dressed quark propagator

$\Gamma_M^{fg}(k, P)$ = Meson's Bethe-Salpeter Amplitude (BSA)



Bethe-Salpeter Amplitudes

- The general form of $\Gamma_M(k; P)$ is given by

$$\Gamma(k; P) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{T}^i(k, P) \mathcal{F}_i(k^2, z_k, P^2), \quad z_k = k \cdot P / |k| |P|,$$

- where $\mathcal{T}^i(k, P)$ are Dirac's covariants;
- $\mathcal{F}_i(k^2, z_k, P^2)$ are Lorentz invariant amplitudes;
- N denotes the number of covariants which are different for different meson's channel.
- For the case of pseudoscalar mesons we have $N = 4$ and for vector mesons one has $N = 8$

Pseudoscalar Mesons

- Pseudoscalar channel

$$\mathcal{T}_{ps}^1(k, P) = i\gamma_5$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{ps}^2(k, P) = \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot P$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{ps}^3(k, P) = \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot k (k \cdot P)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{ps}^4(k, P) = \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\mu P_\nu$$

- For the pseudoscalar mesons, we employ the tensor structures that are not orthogonal with respect to the dirac trace

$$\Gamma_{ps}(k, P) = \gamma_5 [iE_{ps}(k, P) + \gamma \cdot P F_{ps}(k, P) + \gamma \cdot k k \cdot P G_{ps}(k, P) + \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_\mu P_\nu H_{ps}(k, P)]$$

Beyond the Quark Model

non-relativistic $q\bar{q}$

S	L	J^{PC}
0	0	0^{-+}
1	0	1^{--}
0	1	1^{+-}

$$P : (-1)^{L+1}$$

relativistic $q\bar{q}$

$$\Gamma_{\pi}(P, p) = \gamma_5 [F_1(P, p) \quad \text{s-wave} \\ + F_2(P, p)i\not{P} \\ + F_3(P, p)pP\not{i}p \quad \text{p-wave} \\ + F_4(P, p)[\not{p}, \not{P}]]$$

~~$$P : (-1)^{L+1}$$~~

Vector Mesons

- Vector channel

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^1(k, P) = i\gamma_\mu^T$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^2(k, P) = i[3k_\mu^T (\gamma \cdot k^T) - \gamma_\mu^T (k^T)^2]$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^3(k, P) = i(k \cdot P) k_\mu^T \gamma \cdot P$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^4(k, P) = i[\gamma_\mu^T \gamma \cdot P (\gamma \cdot k^T) + k_\mu^T \gamma \cdot P]$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^5(k, P) = k_\mu^T$$

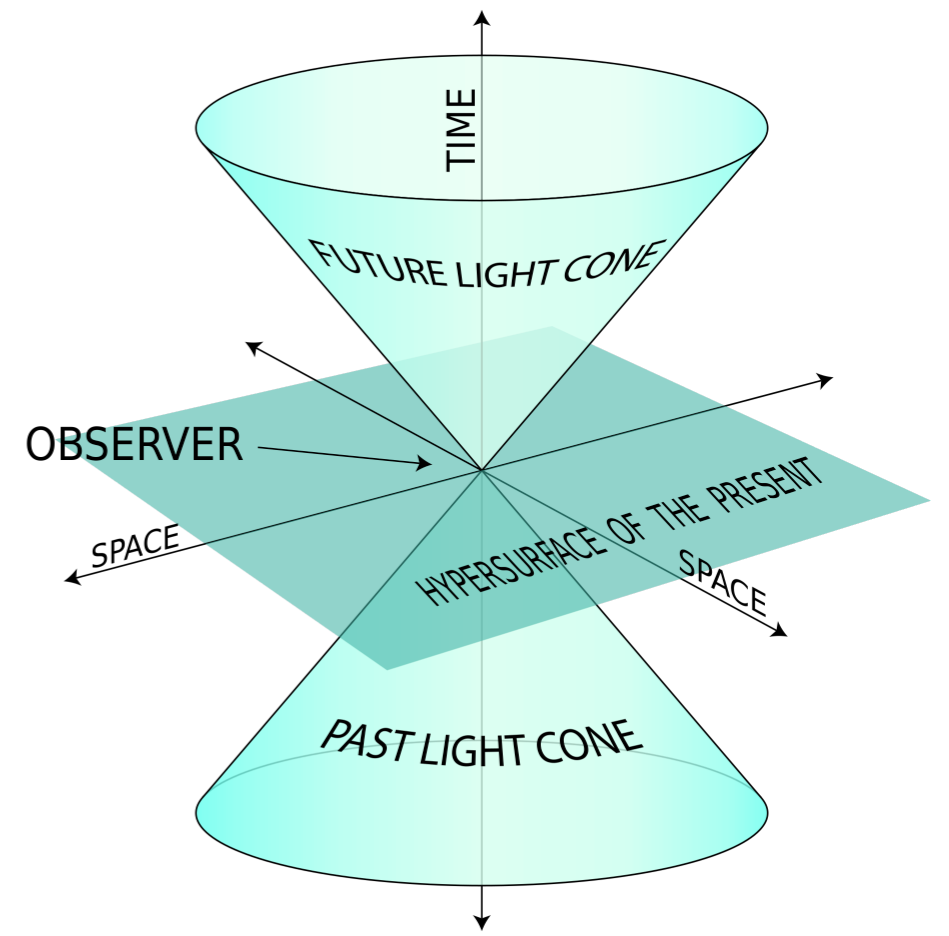
$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^6(k, P) = (k \cdot P) [\gamma_\mu^T (\gamma \cdot k^T) - (\gamma \cdot k^T) \gamma_\mu^T]$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^7(k, P) = \gamma_\mu^T \gamma \cdot P - \gamma \cdot P \gamma_\mu^T - 2\hat{k}_\mu^T (\gamma \cdot \hat{k}^T) \gamma \cdot P$$

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu^8(k, P) = \hat{k}_\mu^T (\gamma \cdot \hat{k}^T) \gamma \cdot P$$

The base is transverse to the meson's momentum (transverse polarization):

$$V_\nu^T = V_\nu - P_\nu (V \cdot P) / P^2 \text{ with } P \cdot V^T = 0$$



Meson Distribution Amplitudes on the Light Front

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

- Hadron light-cone distribution amplitudes (LCDAs) have been introduced four decades ago in the context of the QCD description of hard exclusive reactions.
- The LCDAs are scale-dependent nonperturbative functions that can be interpreted as quantum-mechanical amplitudes.
- $\phi_M(x, \mu)$ is a probability amplitude that describes the momentum distribution of a quark and anti-quark in the bound-state's valence Fock state.
- x is the light-front momentum fraction: $\frac{k^+}{P^+}$ and μ is the renormalization scale.

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

- We do not obtain the LCDA directly from the light-front wave functions:

$$f_M \phi_M(x, \mu) = \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{16\pi^2} \psi_M(x, k_\perp)$$

- Instead, we compute the Mellin moments:

$$\langle x^m \rangle = \int_0^1 dx x^m \phi_M(x, \mu) \quad \langle x^0 \rangle = \int_0^1 dx \phi_M(x, \mu) = 1$$

$$f_M \phi_M(x, \mu) = Z_2 \text{tr}_{\text{CD}} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \delta(n \cdot k - x n \cdot P) \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot n S(k) \Gamma_\pi(k; P) S(k - P)$$

$$f_M (n \cdot P)^{m+1} \int_0^1 dx x^m \phi_M(x, \mu) = Z_2 \text{tr}_{\text{CD}} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} (n \cdot k)^m \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot n \chi_\pi(k; P)$$

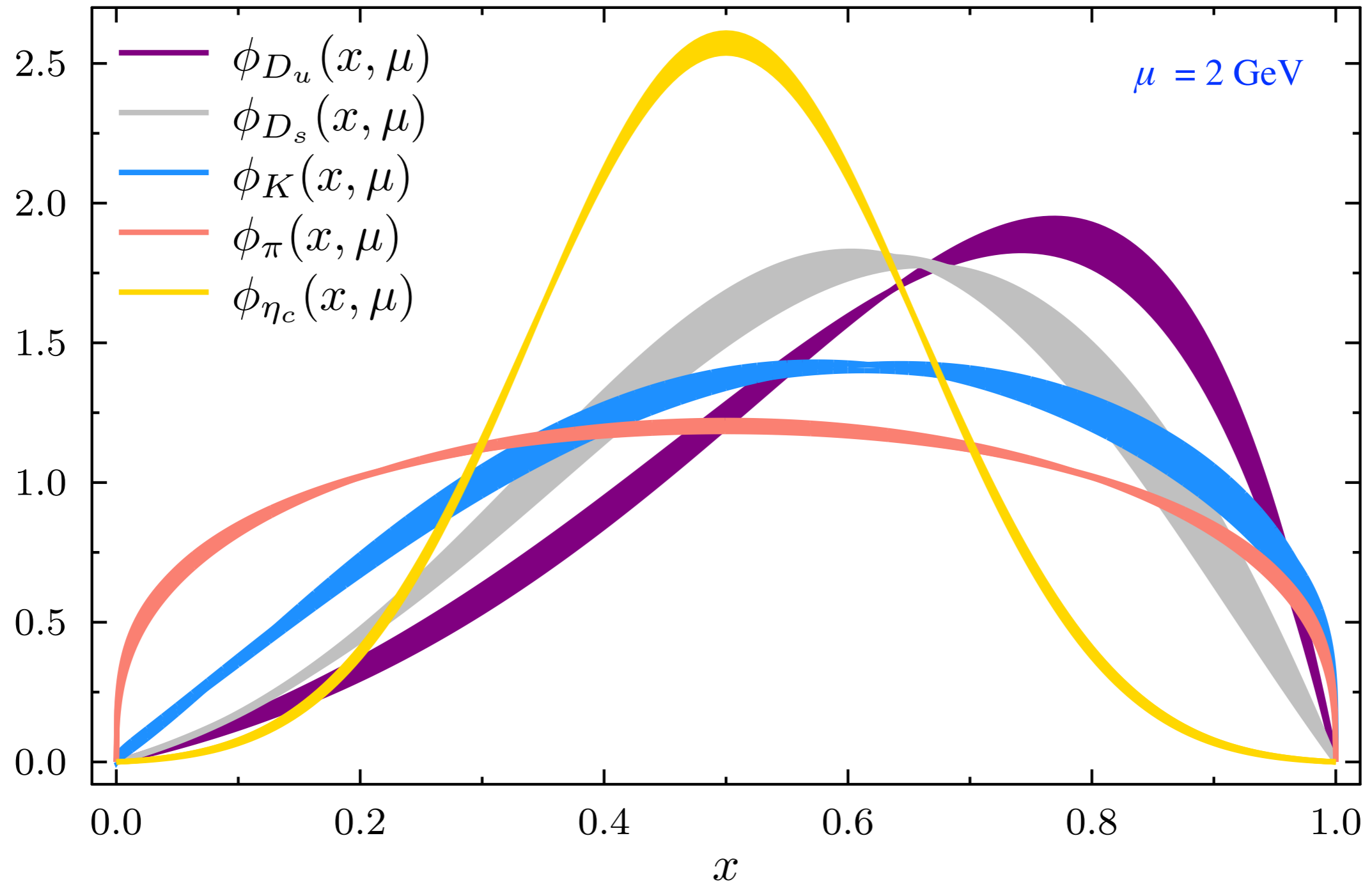
Bethe-Salpeter wave function

- Distribution amplitudes are reconstructed with a Gegenbauer-like expansion or other functional forms:

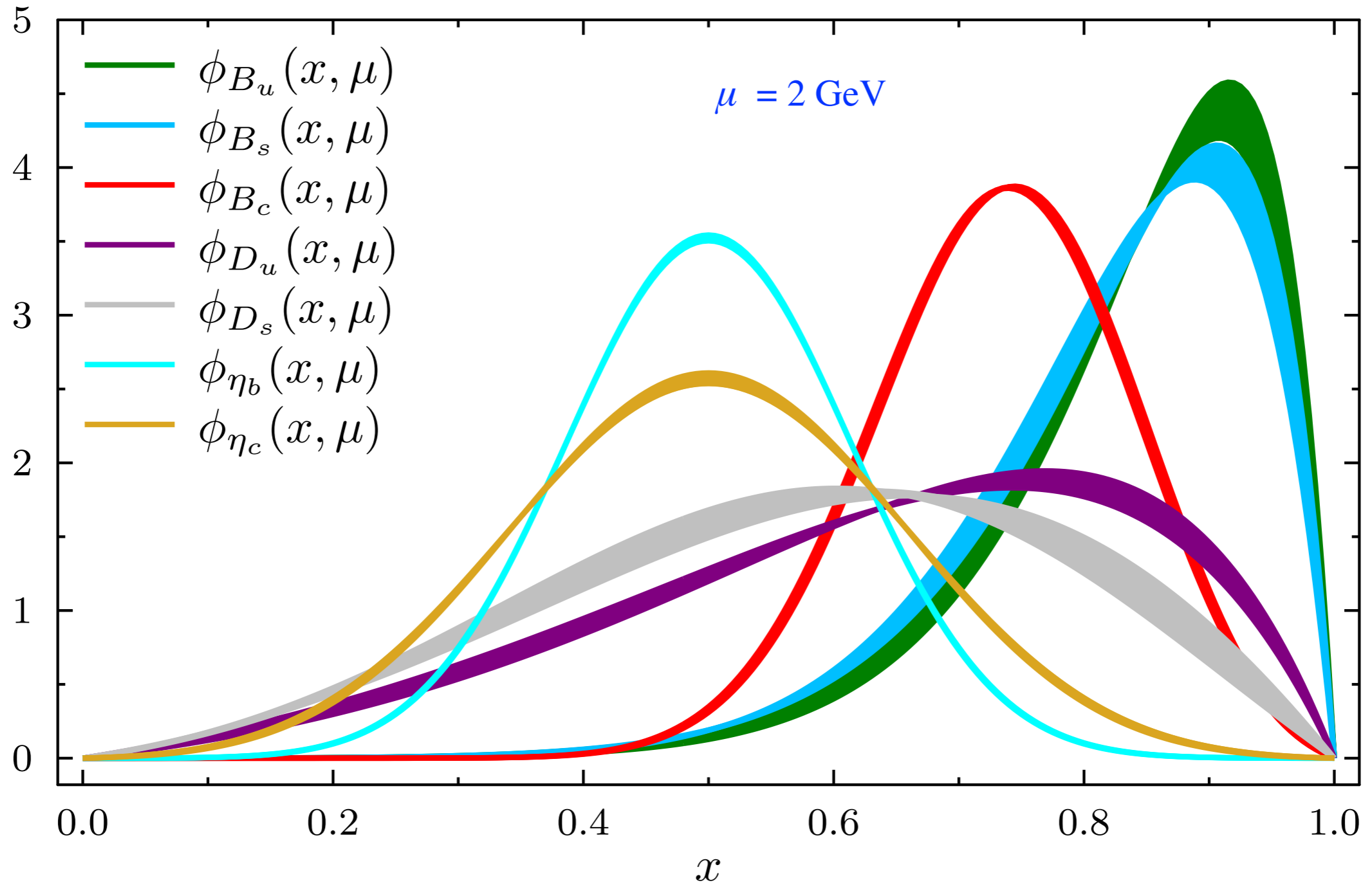
$$\phi_\pi^{\text{rec.}}(x, \mu) = \mathcal{N}(\alpha) [x\bar{x}]^{\alpha-1/2} [1 + a_2 C_2^\alpha(2x - 1)]$$

$$\phi_H^{\text{rec.}}(x, \mu) = \mathcal{N}(\alpha, \beta) 4x\bar{x} e^{4\alpha x\bar{x} + \beta(x-\bar{x})}$$

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

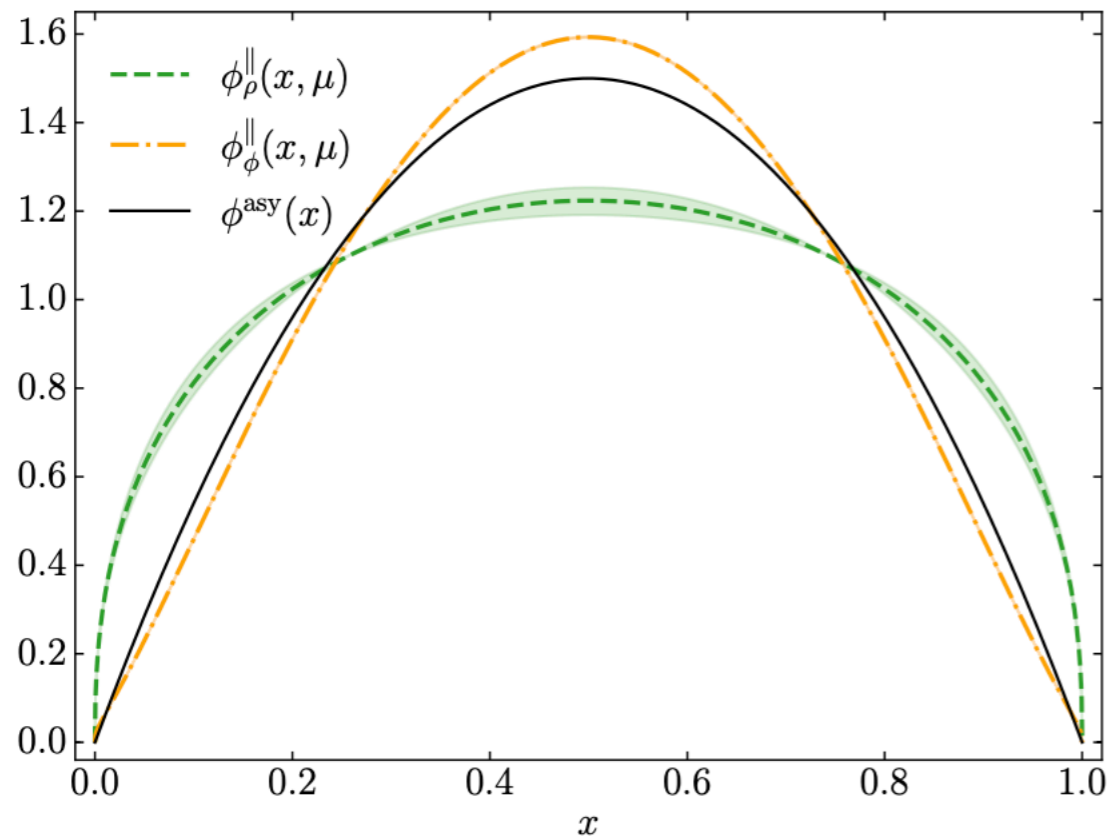


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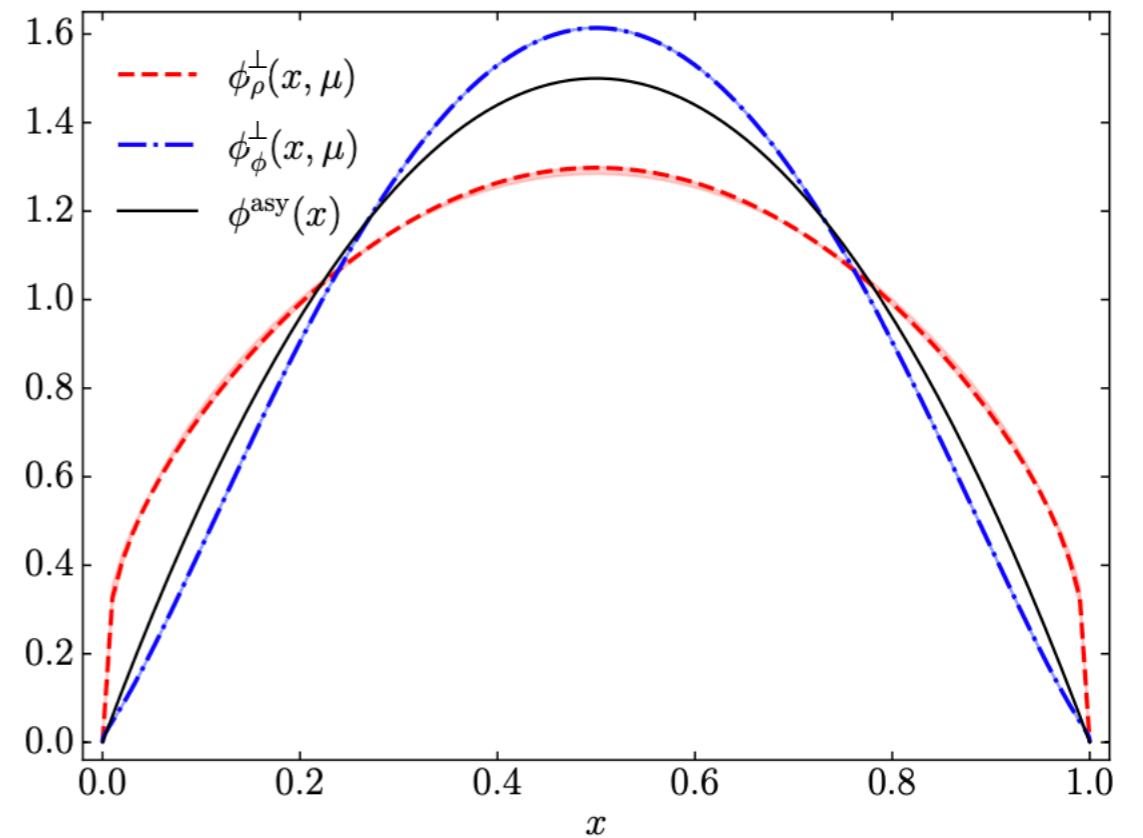


Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

ρ and ϕ mesons: longitudinal LCDA



ρ and ϕ mesons: transverse LCDA

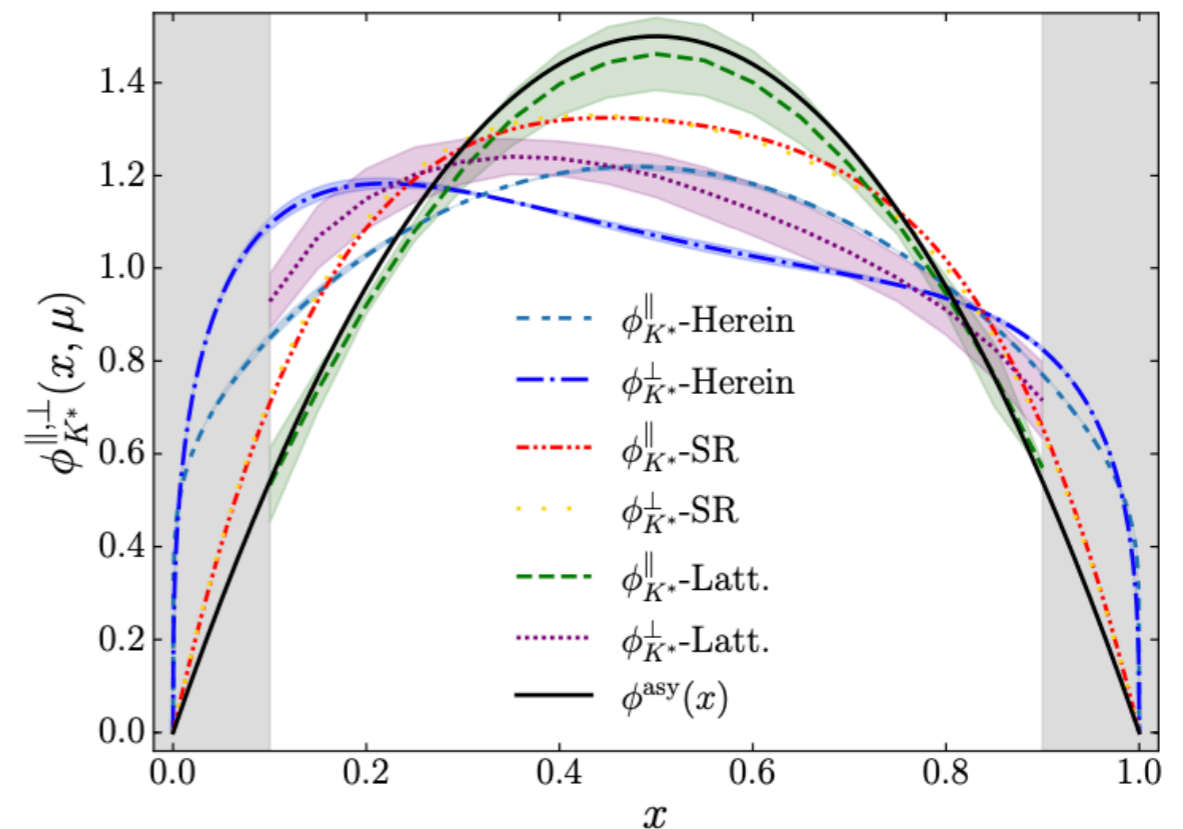
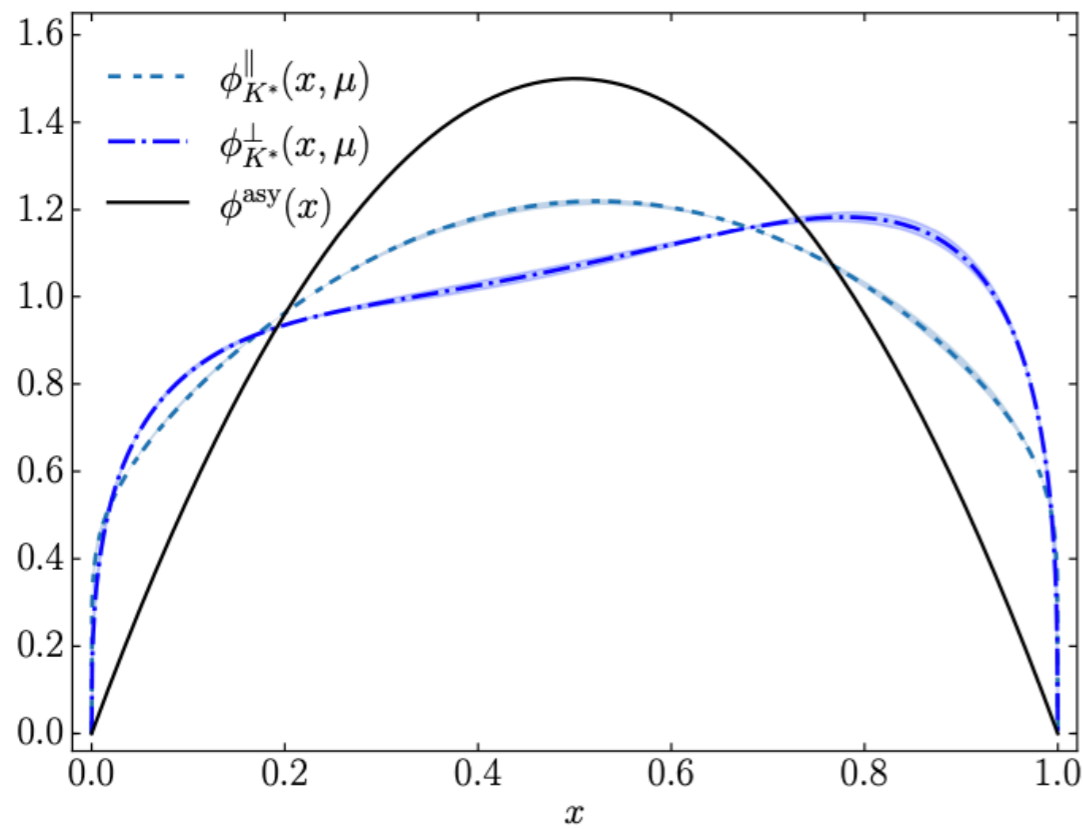


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We find: $\phi_\phi^\parallel(x, \mu) \approx \phi_\phi^\perp(x, \mu)$

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

K^* meson longitudinal and transverse LCDA



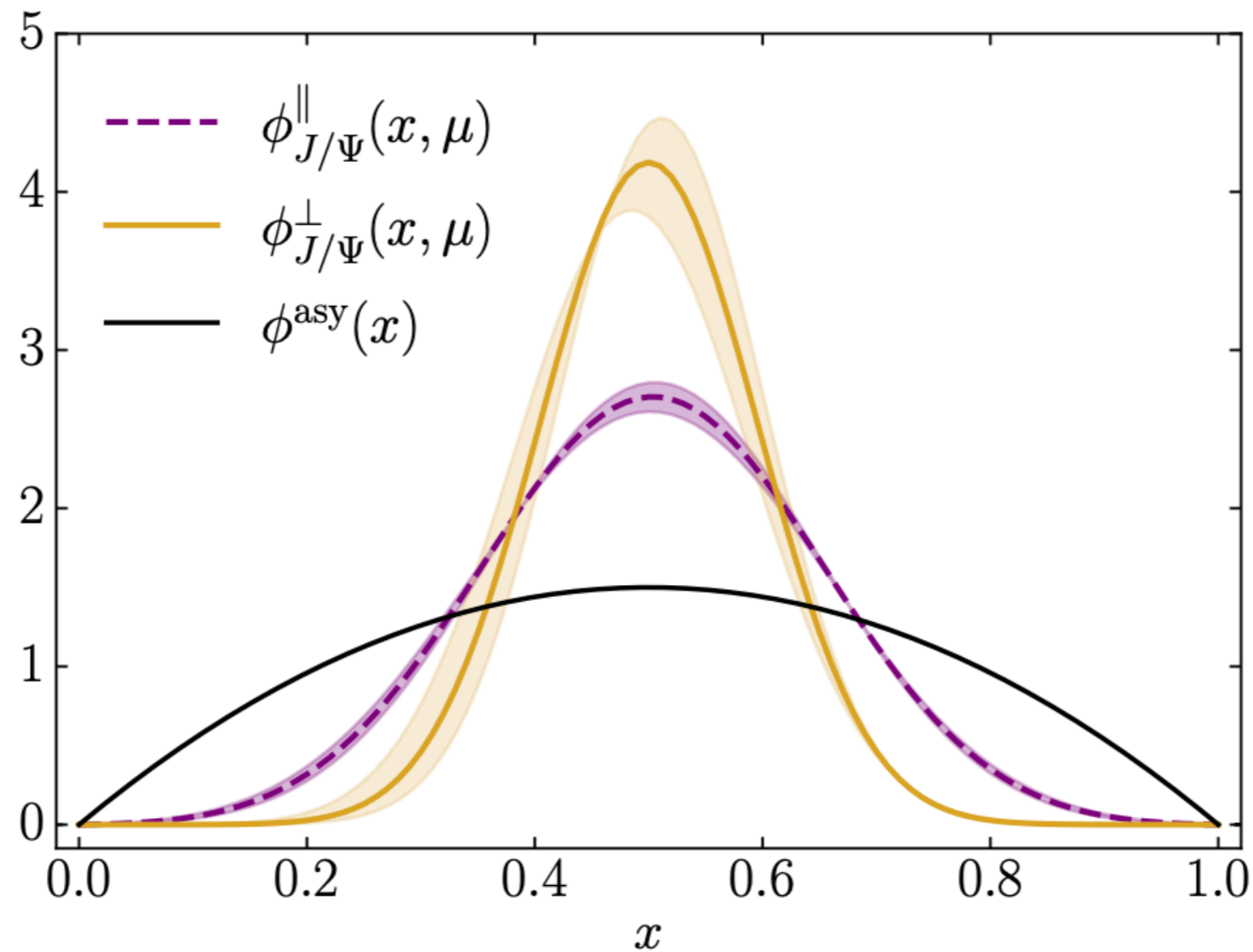
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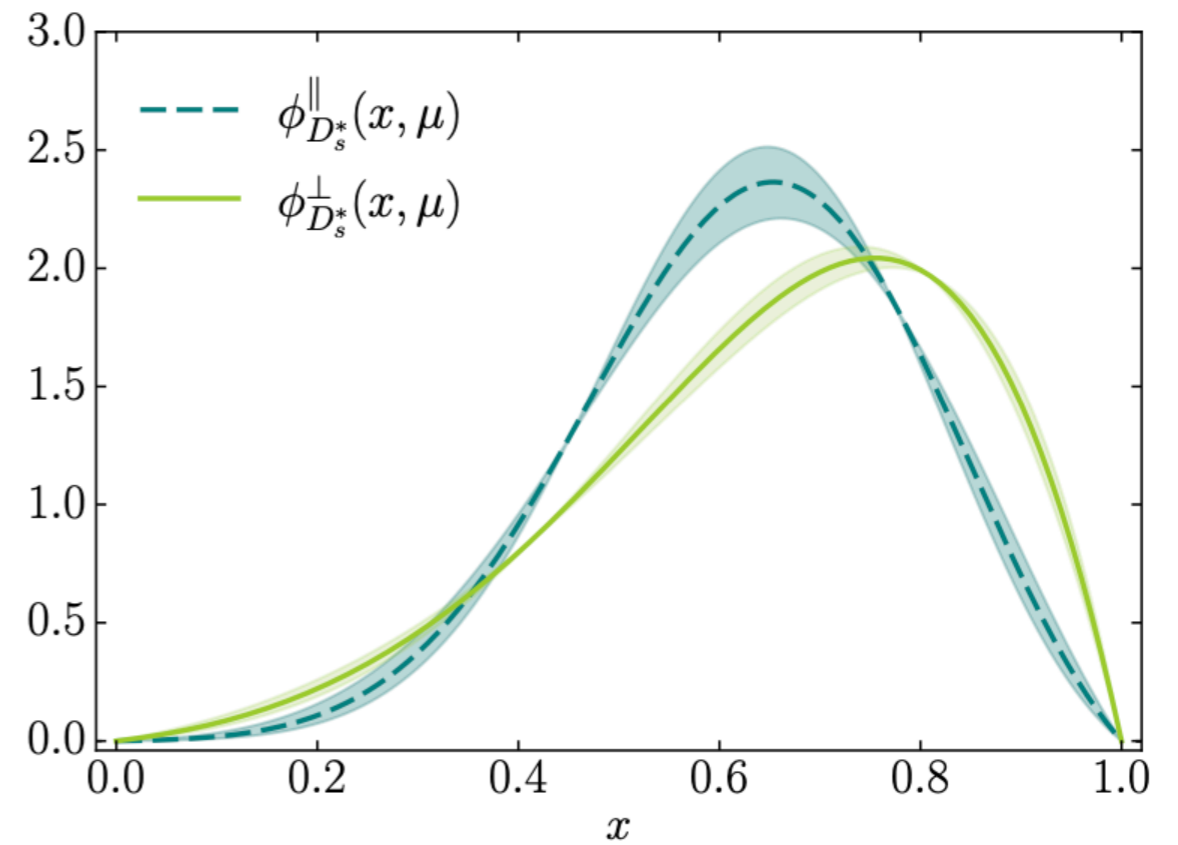
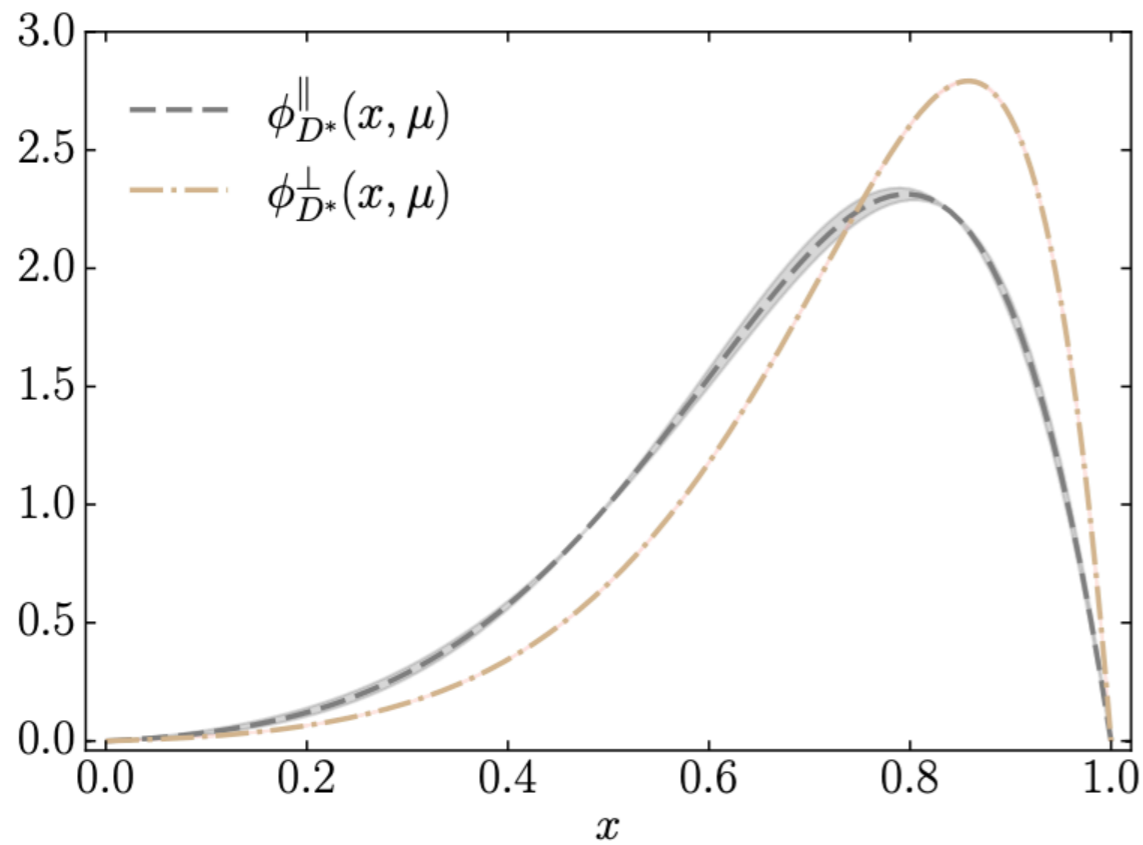
Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

J/ψ meson longitudinal and transverse LCDA

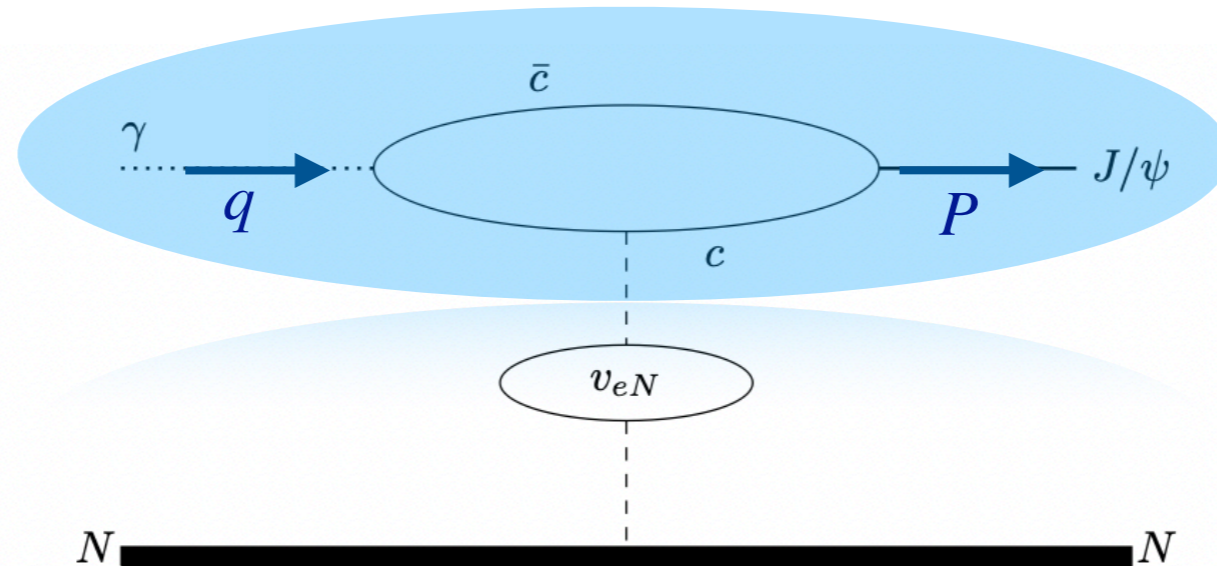


Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

D^* and D_s^* mesons longitudinal and transverse LCDA



Let's go back to the transition form factor

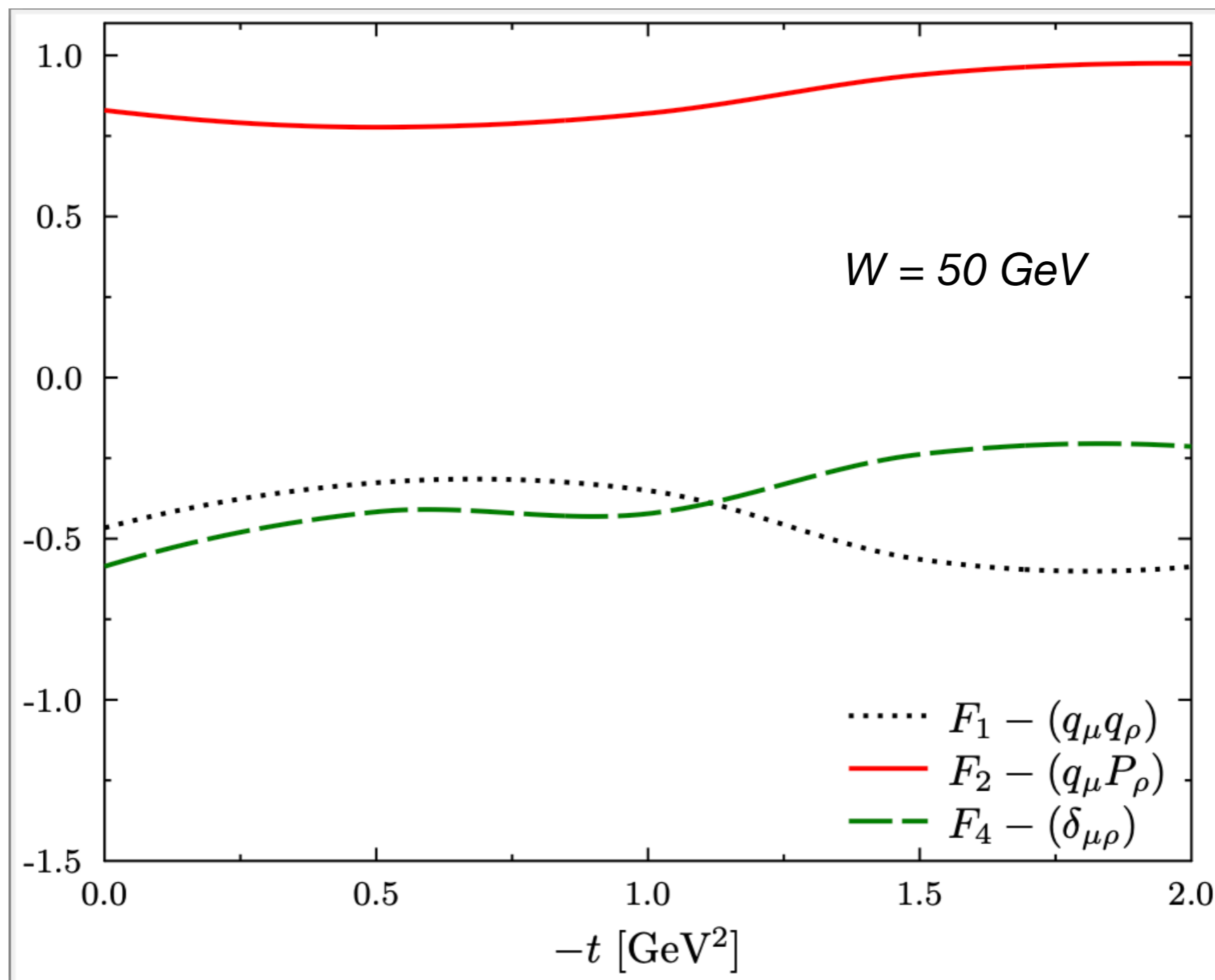


Assuming a scalar Pomeron (most likely better use a vector one), we can decompose the form factor/three-point Green function:

$$t_{\mu\nu}(q, P) = F_1(q, P)q_\mu q_\nu + F_2(q, P)q_\mu P_\nu + F_3(q, P)P_\mu P_\nu + F_4(q, P)\delta_{\mu\nu}$$

Beware, very preliminary !!!

Doesn't use full Bethe-Salpeter wave function of J/ψ



Conclusions & Progress

- Much progress was made from QCD based modeling toward nonperturbative numerical solutions of quark propagators and quark-antiquark bound states for flavored mesons satisfying chiral symmetry and Poincaré covariance.
- Good reproduction of charmonium and bottonium as well as D and B meson mass spectrum and their weak decay constants.
- Improvements in Bethe-Salpeter kernels beyond ladder truncation underway ...
⇒ needed for scalar and axialvector channels and their higher radially excited states, as well as better control of quark correlation functions on complex plane.
- **First predictions** for LCDAs of vector D and D_s mesons.
- Concluding the calculation of the J/ψ production cross sections with form factors
- For all LCDAs we can readily provide functional parametrized expression.

Backup Slides

Pseudoscalar Meson Spectrum

Mesons/Observables	m_M	$m_M^{\text{exp.}}$	ϵ_r^m [%]	f_M	$f_M^{\text{exp./lQCD}}$	ϵ_r^f [%]
$\pi(u\bar{d})$	0.136	0.140	2.90	$0.094_{-0.001}^{+0.001}$	0.092(1)	2.17
$K(s\bar{u})$	0.494	0.494	0.0	$0.110_{-0.001}^{+0.001}$	0.110(2)	0.0
$D_u(c\bar{u})$	$1.867_{-0.004}^{+0.008}$	1.870	0.11	$0.144_{-0.001}^{+0.001}$	0.150(0.5)	4.00
$D_s(c\bar{s})$	$2.015_{-0.018}^{+0.021}$	1.968	2.39	$0.179_{-0.003}^{+0.004}$	0.177(0.4)	1.13
$\eta_c(c\bar{c})$	$3.012_{-0.039}^{+0.003}$	2.984	0.94	$0.270_{-0.005}^{+0.002}$	0.279(17)	3.23
$\eta_b(b\bar{b})$	$9.392_{-0.004}^{+0.005}$	9.398	0.06	$0.491_{-0.009}^{+0.009}$	0.472(4)	4.03

Mesons/Observables	m_M	$m_M^{\text{exp.}}$	ϵ_r^m [%]	f_M	f_M^{lQCD}	ϵ_r^f [%]
$B_u(b\bar{u})$	$5.277_{-0.005}^{+0.008}$	5.279	0.04	$0.132_{-0.002}^{+0.004}$	0.134(1)	4.35
$B_s(b\bar{s})$	$5.383_{-0.039}^{+0.037}$	5.367	0.30	$0.128_{-0.003}^{+0.002}$	0.162(1)	20.50
$B_c(b\bar{c})$	$6.282_{-0.024}^{+0.020}$	6.274	0.13	$0.280_{-0.002}^{+0.005}$	0.302(2)	7.28
$\eta_b(b\bar{b})$	$9.383_{-0.004}^{+0.005}$	9.398	0.16	$0.520_{-0.009}^{+0.009}$	0.472(4)	10.17

Vector Meson Spectrum

Mesons/Properties	m_M	m_M^{exp}	$\epsilon_r^m \%$	f_M	$f_M^{\text{exp}/\text{IQCD}}$	$\epsilon_r^f \%$
$\rho(u\bar{d})$	0.730	0.775	5.810	0.145	0.153	5.229
$\phi(s\bar{s})$	1.070	1.019	5.197	0.187	0.168	11.309
$K^*(s\bar{u})$	0.942	0.896	5.134	0.177	0.159	11.321
$J/\Psi(c\bar{c})$	3.124	3.097	0.872	0.277	0.294	5.782
$\Upsilon(b\bar{b})$	9.411	9.460	0.518	0.594	0.505	17.624

Mesons/Properties	m_M	m_M^{exp}	$\epsilon_r^m \%$	f_M	$f_M^{\text{exp}/\text{IQCD}}$	$\epsilon_r^f \%$
$D_u^*(c\bar{u})$	2.021	2.009	0.597	0.165	0.158	4.430
$D_s^*(c\bar{s})$	2.169	2.112	2.699	0.205	0.190	7.895

Light-Cone Distribution Amplitudes

- As for the pseudoscalar mesons, one reconstructs the LCDA from Mellin moments:

$$\langle x^m \rangle_{\parallel} = \int_0^1 dx x^m \varphi_V^{\parallel}(x, \mu), \quad \langle x^m \rangle_{\perp} = \int_0^1 dx x^m \varphi_V^{\perp}(x, \mu),$$

- which are normalized as,

$$\langle x^0 \rangle_{\parallel} = \int_0^1 dx \varphi_V^{\parallel}(x, \mu) = 1, \quad \langle x^0 \rangle_{\perp} = \int_0^1 dx \varphi_V^{\perp}(x, \mu) = 1.$$

- and are given by:

$$\langle x^m \rangle_{\parallel} = \frac{m_V N_c \mathcal{Z}_2}{\sqrt{2} f_V} \text{Tr}_D \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(n \cdot k_{\eta})^m}{(n \cdot P)^{m+2}} \gamma \cdot n n_{\nu} \chi_{V\nu}^{fg}(k; P),$$

$$\langle x^m \rangle_{\perp} = -\frac{N_c \mathcal{Z}_T}{2\sqrt{2} f_V^{\perp}} \text{Tr}_D \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(n \cdot k_{\eta})^m}{(n \cdot P)^{m+1}} n_{\mu} \sigma_{\mu\rho} \mathcal{O}_{\rho\nu}^{\perp} \chi_{V\nu}^{fg}(k; P).$$

- Again, we can determine a large number of moments and fit a Gegenbauer expansion:

$$\varphi_V^{\parallel, \perp, \text{rec.}}(x, \mu) = \mathcal{N}(\alpha) [x\bar{x}]^{\alpha-1/2} \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n C_n^{\alpha}(2x-1) \right]$$