

# Extension of LCSR for the pion TFF to low momenta via RG summation of radiative corrections

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- 1 Intro: Experimental and Theoretical motivations to modify fixed order pQCD (FOPT) calculation of transition FF for  $\gamma\gamma^*(Q^2) \rightarrow \pi^0$  at low  $Q^2$ .
- 2 Dispersive form for pion TFF + RG generates a “New” perturbation theory - Fractional APT.
- 3 Intro/Review to APT  $\Rightarrow$  Generalized “Fractional” **APT**= **FAPT**, coupling behavior.
- 4 Light cone sum rules with **FAPT**:  
Determination of twist-2 DA and twist-4,6  
new prediction for the pion-photon TFF down to  $0.35 \text{ GeV}^2$
- 5 Pion DA and  $\mu$ -pair pion induced Drell-Yan production
- 6 Conclusions

## Experimental status of pion transition FF

Why it is interesting for QCD?

The measurements of TFF is the clean experiment with a single pion in final state that possesses the best accuracy (BESIII) among others exclusive hard reactions ( $q_2^2 \sim 0$ ).

**BESIII (2019)**  $Q^2 : 0.3 - 3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$

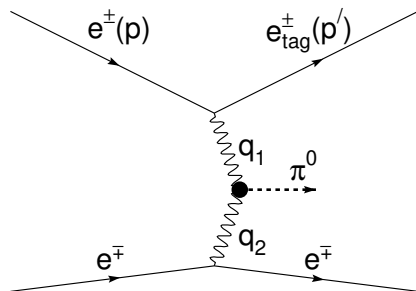
Promising very precise data  
(preliminary, [arXiv:1810.00654](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.00654))

**CELLO (1991)**  $Q^2 : 0.7 - 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

**CLEO (1998)**  $Q^2 : 1.6 - 8.0 \text{ GeV}^2$   
agrees with collinear QCD

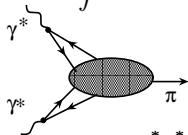
**BaBar (2009)**  $Q^2 : 4 - 40 \text{ GeV}^2$   
TFF has growing tendency with  $Q^2$   
creating the “BaBar puzzle”, [\[MS2009\]](#)

**Belle (2012)**  $Q^2 : 4 - 40 \text{ GeV}^2$   
returns to collinear QCD



# Factorization $\gamma^*(q_1)\gamma^*(q_2) \rightarrow \pi^0(P)$ in pQCD

$$\int d^4x e^{-iq_1 \cdot z} \langle \pi^0(P) | T \{ j_\mu(z) j_\nu(0) \} | 0 \rangle = i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \cdot F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}(Q^2, q^2),$$

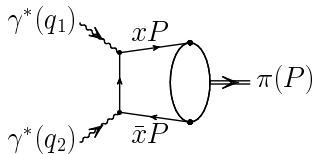


where  $-q_1^2 = Q^2 > 0$ ,  $-q_2^2 = q^2 \geq 0$

$$F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}(Q^2, q^2) = T(Q^2, q^2, \mu_F^2; \mathbf{x}) \otimes \varphi_\pi(\mathbf{x}; \mu_F^2) + O\left(\frac{1}{Q^4}\right),$$

Collinear factorization at  $Q^2, q^2 \gg (\text{a hadron scale})^2$ , for the leading twist,  $\mu_F^2$  – boundary between large scale  $Q^2$  and hadronic  $m_p^2$ . At the parton level

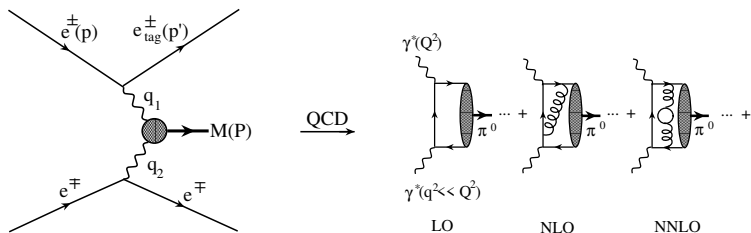
$$F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}(Q^2, q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} f_\pi \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{Q^2 x + q^2 \bar{x}} \varphi_\pi(\mathbf{x})$$



- + radiative corrections ( $\alpha_s, \beta_0 \alpha_s^2$ ) (-20 %)
- + twist-4
- + twist-6

The **radiative corrections** and its sum will be the Main subject of our consideration.

# Theoretical status of the pion TFF: hard and hadronic parts



Our Theoretical advances in both parts of **QCD factorization**:

- high order NNLO<sub>β</sub> contribution  $O(\alpha_s^2 \beta_0)$  [Melic et al. 2003, MS2009] to the hard part;
- distribution amplitude [BMS2001] of twist-2 for pion part, obtained in NLC QCD SR;
- contributions of twist-4 and corrections a'la twist-6 [Agaev et al, 2012] .

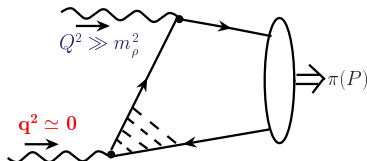
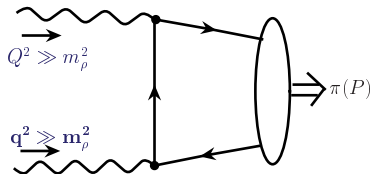
3 steps to LCSR for TFF:

Perturbative & twist expansion;  
Dispersive representation in  $q^2$ ;  
LCSR with duality interval  $s_0$  for  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ .

# $\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \pi$ : Light-Cone Sum Rules consideration at $q^2 \sim 0$

LCSR effectively accounts for long-distance effects of real photon using quark-hadron duality in vector channel and dispersion relation in  $q^2$  [Khodjamirian EJPC(1999)],

$$F_{\gamma\gamma^*\pi}(Q^2, q^2 \rightarrow 0) = \int_{s_0}^{\infty} \rho^{\text{PT}}(Q^2, s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_0^{s_0} \rho^{\text{PT}}(Q^2, s) e^{(m_\rho^2 - s)/M^2} \frac{ds}{m_\rho^2},$$



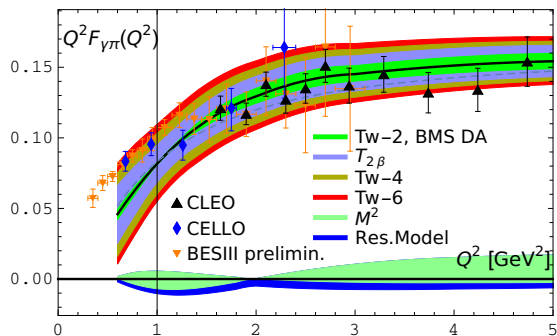
FOPT/twist contributions are given in form of convolution with pion DAs:

$$\rho^{\text{PT}} \sim \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left[ T_{\text{LO}}^{(2)} + a_s T_{\text{NLO}}^{(2)} + a_s^2 T_{\text{NNLO}\beta_0}^{(2)} + \dots \right] \otimes \varphi_\pi^{\text{tw}2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left[ T^{(4)} \right] \otimes \varphi_\pi^{\text{tw}4} + \dots$$

# Pion TFF in LCSR in QCD FOPT vs exp. data

Challenge for low energy discription

Total rad. corrections  $-18\%$  at  $3 \text{ GeV}^2$ .



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Source	Uncertainty (%) at $3 \text{ GeV}^2$
Unknown NNLO term $\mathcal{T}_c^{(2)}$	$\mp 5$
Range of Tw-2 BMS DAs	$-3.4 \div 4.1$
Tw-4 $\delta^2 = [0.152 - 0.228] \text{ GeV}^2$	$\pm 3.0$
Tw-6 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 = (0.24 \pm 0.01)^6 \text{ GeV}^6$	$-2.4 \div 3.0$
Total	$-13.6 \div 14.9$

## Motivation, method of solution, phenomenological goals

- Description of the low BESIII momentum domain is inaccessible in FOPT QCD. The new perturbation theory is required.
  - ▶ Sensitivity to the values of higher twists parameters.
- We rearrange the QCD perturbation theory following to RG and dispersion relation.
  - ▶ The **new PT** appears naturally as a generalization of **FAPT**.
  - ▶ The domain of applicability is extended down to  $\Lambda_{QCD}^2$  and below.
- Extracting the hadronic parameters of twists 2, 4, 6 from BESIII data.
  - ▶ Reconciling with the current results of lattice simulation and other estimations.

FAPT – Fractional Analytic Perturbation Theory



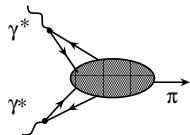
## 3 steps to LCSR for FF within FOPT:

- 1) Perturbative & twist expansion;
- 2) Dispersive representation in  $q^2$ ;
- 3) LCSR with duality interval  $s_0$  for  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ .

## 4 steps to LCSR for FF with RG summation:

- 1) Perturbative & twist expansion;
- 2) **(New!) RG summation of perturbative term;**
- 3) Dispersive representation in  $q^2 \rightarrow$  **FAPT;**  
**Limitation on FAPT coupling from asymptotic behavior.**  
**Additional image of coupling in FAPT**
- 4) LCSR with duality interval  $s_0$  for  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ .

We apply this scheme for pion TFF  $\gamma(q^2 \simeq 0)\gamma^*(Q^2) \rightarrow \pi^0$



## 2nd step: RG improvement for pion TFF

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\text{FOPT}}^{(\text{tw}=2)}(Q^2, q^2) &= N_T \left( T_{\text{LO}} + a_s T_{\text{NLO}} + a_s^2 T_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots \right) \otimes \varphi_\pi^{(2)}, \\
 T_{\text{LO}} &= a_s^0(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \equiv 1 / \left( q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y \right) \\
 a_s T_{\text{NLO}} &= a_s^1(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \otimes \left[ \mathcal{T}^{(1)} + \underline{L V_0} \right] (y, x), \quad L \equiv \ln \left[ (q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y) / \mu_F^2 \right], \\
 a_s^2 T_{\text{NNLO}} &= a_s^2(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \otimes \left[ \mathcal{T}^{(2)} - \underline{L \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \beta_0} + \underline{L \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \otimes V_0} - \underline{\frac{L^2}{2} \beta_0 V_0} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \underline{\frac{L^2}{2} V_0 \otimes V_0} + \underline{L V_1} \right] (y, x),
 \end{aligned}$$

The "underlined" terms of RG-evolution can be resummed to

$a_s(\mu_F^2) \rightarrow \bar{a}_s(y) \equiv \bar{a}_s(q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y)$  and ERBL-factor [Ayala et al. PRD98 2018, 096017]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^{(\text{tw}=2)}(Q^2, q^2) &= N_T T_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[ 1 + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{T}^{(1)}(y, x) + \bar{a}_s^2(y) \mathcal{T}^{(2)}(y, x) + \dots \right] \otimes_x \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \exp \left[ - \int_{a_s(\mu_F^2)}^{\bar{a}_s(y)} d\alpha \frac{V(\alpha; x, z)}{\beta(\alpha)} \right] \right\} \otimes_z \varphi_\pi^{(2)}(z, \mu_F^2),
 \end{aligned}$$

To restore FOPT expression one could use LO approximations:

$$\frac{V(\alpha; x, z)}{\beta(\alpha)} \rightarrow \frac{V_0}{\beta_0 \alpha}, \quad \bar{a}_s(y) = \frac{a_s(\mu^2)}{1 + a_s(\mu^2) \beta_0 L} \rightarrow a_s(\mu^2) - L \beta_0 a_s^2(\mu^2).$$

## 2nd step: RG improvement for pion TFF in one loop.

Collecting all of the "underlined" terms of RG-evolution into  $\bar{a}_s(y)$  and ERBL-factor [Ayala et al. PRD98 2018, 096017]

$$F^{(\text{tw}=2)}(Q^2, q^2) = N_T T_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[ 1 + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{T}^{(1)}(y, x) + \bar{a}_s^2(y) \mathcal{T}^{(2)}(y, x) + \dots \right] \otimes_x \exp \left[ - \int_{a_s}^{\bar{a}_s(y)} d\alpha \frac{V(\alpha; x, z)}{\beta(\alpha)} \right] \right\} \otimes_z \varphi_\pi^{(2)}(z, \mu^2),$$

$$\varphi_\pi^{(2)}(x, \mu^2) = \psi_0(x) + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} b_n(\mu^2) \psi_n(x) - \text{Gegenbauer basis}$$

$$F^{(\text{tw}=2)}(Q^2, q^2) = F_0^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, q^2) + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} b_n(\mu^2) F_n^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, q^2)$$

One loop resummed result ( $\nu_n = \gamma_n/2\beta_0$ ):

$$F_n^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, q^2) = N_T T_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[ 1 + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{T}^{(1)}(y, x) \right] \left( \frac{\bar{a}_s(y)}{a_s(\mu^2)} \right)^{\nu_n} \right\} \otimes_x \psi_n(x)$$

- For  $q^2 = 0, y \ll 1$ , the coupling  $\bar{a}_s(y) \equiv \bar{a}_s(q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y)$  is inapplicable within factorization.

Resummed formula fall out from the PT applicability domain.

### 3rd step: Dispersive form of TFF leads to FAPT, twist-2 term

$$\left[ F(Q^2, q^2) \right]_{\text{an}} = \int_{m^2}^{\infty} \frac{\rho_F(Q^2, \sigma)}{\sigma + q^2 - i\epsilon} d\sigma, \quad \rho_F(Q^2, \sigma) = \frac{\text{Im}}{\pi} \left[ F(Q^2, -\sigma) \right].$$

For  $m^2 = 0$ , the dispersion relation of RG improved TFF expressed in terms of FAPT couplings  $\mathcal{A}_\nu, \mathfrak{A}_\nu$ , ( $\nu_n = \gamma_n/2\beta_0$ ):

$$n = 0; \mathbf{F}_0^{\text{FAPT}}(Q^2, q^2) = N_T T_0(Q^2, q^2; y) \otimes_y \left\{ \mathbf{1} + \mathbb{A}_1(y) \mathcal{T}^{(1)}(y, x) \right\} \otimes_x \psi_0(x)$$

$$n \neq 0; \mathbf{F}_n^{\text{FAPT}}(Q^2, q^2) = \frac{N_T}{a_s^{\nu_n}(\mu^2)} T_0(Q^2, q^2; y) \otimes_y \left\{ \mathbb{A}_{\nu_n}(y) \mathbf{1} + \mathbb{A}_{1+\nu_n}(y) \mathcal{T}^{(1)}(y, x) \right\} \otimes_x \psi_n(x)$$

$\{\mathbb{A}_\nu\}$  – nonpower series, where

$$\mathbb{A}_\nu(y) = \mathcal{A}_\nu(q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y) - \mathfrak{A}_\nu(0)$$

- The same expression as for RG-case,  $\mathbb{A}_\nu(y) \Leftrightarrow \bar{a}_s^\nu(y)$
- For correspondence with PT asymptotics we need to put condition on FAPT coupling:

$$\mathcal{A}_\nu(0) = \mathfrak{A}_\nu(0) = 0 \text{ for } 0 < \nu \leq 1$$

## Dispersive “Källén–Lehmann” representation

Different coupling images in Euclidean,  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , and Minkowsk.,  $\mathcal{A}_n$ , regions  $\bar{\alpha}_s^n \rightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_n, \mathcal{A}_n\}$   
[Shirkov&Solovtsov1997-07] - nonpower series

$$\mathcal{A}_n[L] = \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_n(\sigma)}{\sigma + \mathbf{Q}^2 - i\epsilon} d\sigma, \quad \rho_n(\sigma) = \frac{\text{Im}}{\pi} [\bar{a}_s^n(-\sigma)] \beta_0$$

For 1 loop run,  $L = \ln(\mathbf{Q}^2/\Lambda^2)$ ,  $L_s = \ln(\mathbf{s}/\Lambda^2)$ :

$$\rho_1(\sigma) \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L_\sigma^2 + \pi^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1[L] = \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma + \mathbf{Q}^2} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L} - \frac{1}{e^L - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1[L_s] = \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{L_s}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + L_s^2}}$$

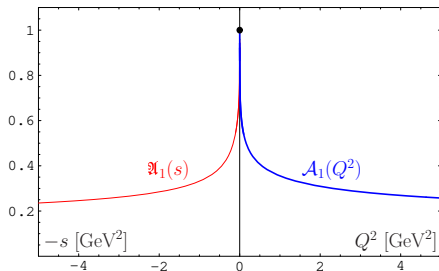
Inequality :

$$a_s^n[L] > (\mathcal{A}_n[L], \mathcal{A}_n[L]) \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} a_s^n[L]$$

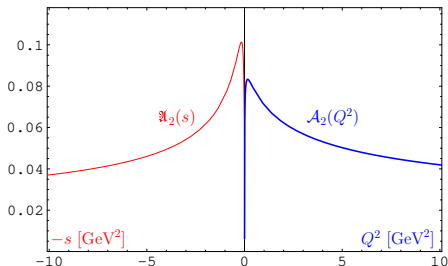
Generalization of  $(\mathcal{A}_n, \mathcal{A}_n)$  :  $\mathcal{I}_n$  [Ayala et al. PRD98 2018, 096017] :

$$\mathcal{I}_n(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Q}^2) = \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_n(\sigma)}{\sigma + \mathbf{Q}^2} d\sigma .$$

Coupling images:  $\mathfrak{A}_1(s)$  &  $\mathcal{A}_1(Q^2)$

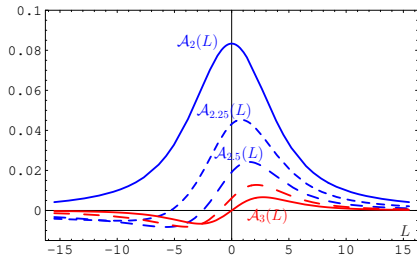


Square-images:  $\mathfrak{A}_2(s)$  &  $\mathcal{A}_2(Q^2)$

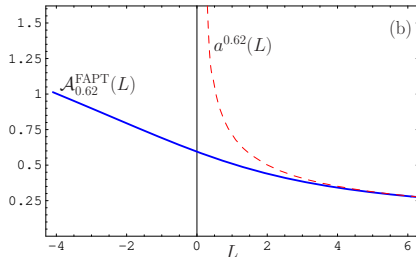


$$\mathcal{A}_\nu[L] = \frac{1}{L^\nu} - \frac{\text{Li}_{1-\nu}(e^{-L})}{\Gamma(\nu)}$$

Fractional  $\nu \in [2, 3]$ :

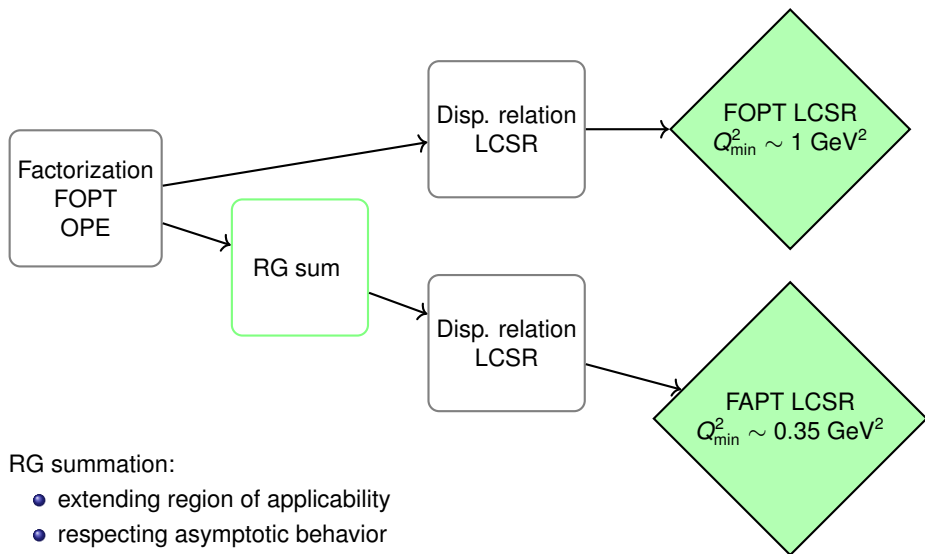


Comparison with  $\bar{a}_s^\nu[L]$ :



where  $\nu = 0.62 = \gamma_2/2\beta_0$

$$\bar{a}_s^{1+\nu}[L] \gg \mathcal{A}_{1+\nu}[L] \gg \mathcal{A}_{2+\nu}[L] \text{ at } L \sim 1$$



RG summation:

- extending region of applicability
- respecting asymptotic behavior
- model independent
- parameter free



$$\gamma(q^2 \simeq 0)\gamma^*(Q^2) \rightarrow \pi^0$$

**Light Cone Sum Rules with FAPT,**

**New prediction for the pion TFF**

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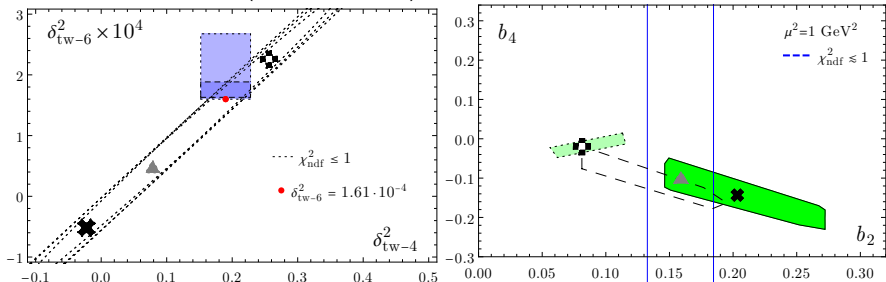
# The processing of the experimental data on $TFF_{LCSR}$ up to $3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ (1)

From BESIII, CELLO, Cleo data in window  $0.35 \leq Q^2 \leq 3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ , we extract and reconcile the hadronic characteristics presented in TFF: twist-2 DA, the scales of twist-4,6 [PRD103 (2021) 096003].

$$F_{LCSR}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) = F_{LCSR;0}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \sum_{n=2,4} b_n(\mu^2) F_{LCSR;n}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \delta_{tw-4}^2(\mu^2) F_{tw-4}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \delta_{tw-6}^2 F_{tw-6}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2)$$

First, we consider three models of twist-2 DA given by  $b_2, b_4$ :

- DA from QCD SR with NLC ✗ [BMS2001]
- platykurtic DA ✚ [Stefanis PLB738, 2014]
- ▲:  $b_2$  from lattice (vert. blue lines) [Bali et al. JHEP08,(2019)],  $b_4$  from BMS domain

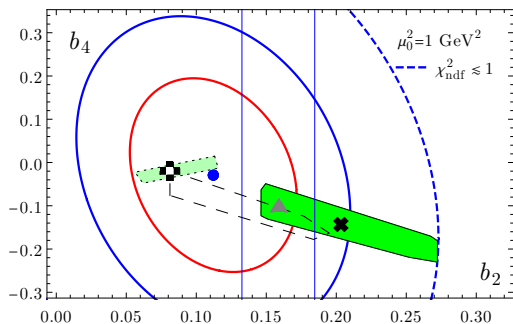


- Twist-4 from [Bakulev et al. PRD67,2003]  $\delta_{tw-4}^2(\mu_0^2) = 0.19(4) \text{ GeV}^2 \sim \langle \bar{q} D^2 q \rangle / \langle \bar{q} q \rangle$
- Twist-6 is extracted from data  $\delta_{tw-6}^2(\mu_0^2) = 1.61(26) \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^6 \sim \alpha_S \langle \bar{q} q \rangle^2$

# The processing of the experimental data on $TFF_{LCSR}$ up to $3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ (2)

Second, we fit twist-2 DA given by  $b_2, b_4$ : using obtained twist-4,-6 parameters:

- Twist-4 from [Bakulev et al. PRD67,2003]  $\delta_{tw-4}^2(\mu_0^2) = 0.19(4) \text{ GeV}^2 \sim \langle \bar{q} D^2 q \rangle / \langle \bar{q} q \rangle$
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- best fit DA  $\chi_{ndf}^2 = 0.38$
- red line -  $1\sigma$ -region
- blue solid line -  $2\sigma$ -region
- blue dashed line -  $\chi_{ndf}^2 \leq 1$ -region
- ✗ NLC QCD SR [BMS2001]  $\in 2\sigma$ -region
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- $b_4$  from BMS domain

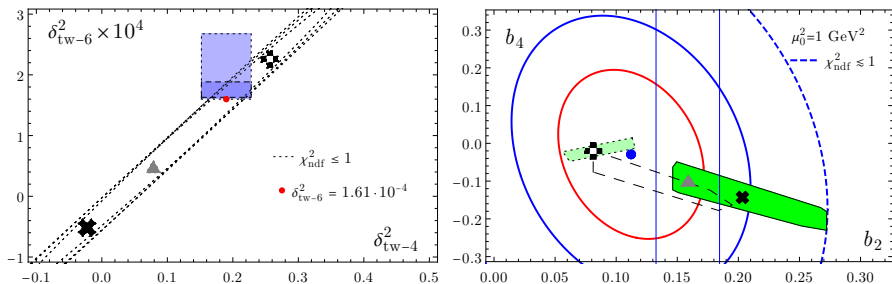
- Pion DA model from BMS domain marked as ▲ is within  $1\sigma$ -region and is suggested for postdictions of pion TFF.
- Low sensitivity of TFF to pion DA at low momenta
- Considered models are in a good agreement with data

# The processing of the experimental data on $TFF_{LCSR}$ up to $3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ (3)

Processing BESIII, CELLO, Cleo data in window  $0.35 \leq Q^2 \leq 3.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

We extract twist-2 DA, the scales of twist-4,6. [PRD103 (2021) 096003]

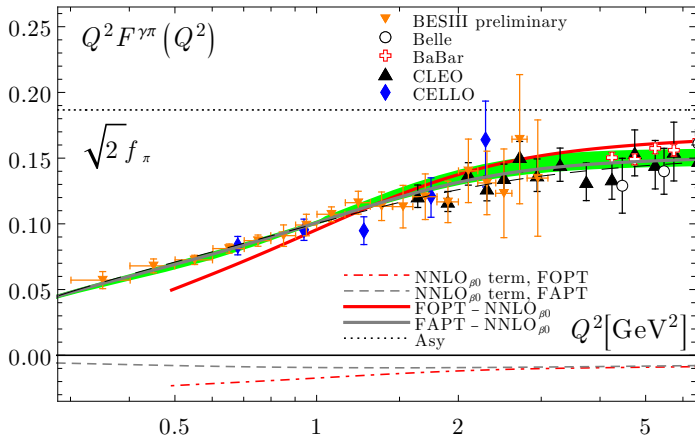
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- Twist-4  $\delta_{tw-4}^2(\mu_0^2)$  from QCD SR [Bakulev et al. PRD67,2003]
- Twist-6 is extracted from data and found to be in good agreement with estimations [here, Cheng et al., PRD102,2020] based on Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation
- twist-2 DA chosen in intersection of BMS domain  $\cap$  lattice result is in  $1\sigma$ -region:  $(b_2(\mu_0^2) = 0.159, b_4(\mu_0^2) = -0.098)$  ▲

# Predictions of $TFF_{LCSR}$ in FAPT vs the experimental data

$$F_{LCSR}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) = F_{LCSR;0}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \sum_{n=2,4} b_n(\mu^2) F_{LCSR;n}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \delta_{tw-4}^2(\mu^2) F_{tw-4}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \delta_{tw-6}^2 F_{tw-6}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2)$$



Gray line & green strip around - FAPT predictions to  $Q^2 F_{LCSR}^{\gamma\pi}$ ,  $\chi_{ndf}^2 = 0.57$

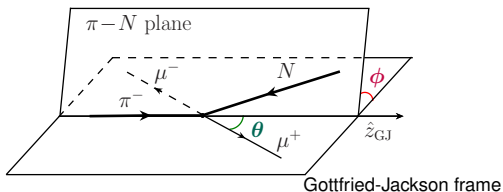
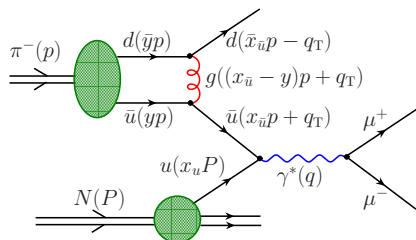
**Red line** - FOPT prediction at  $N^2LO$  to  $Q^2 F_{LCSR}^{\gamma\pi}$  - fall down

The fitted parameter is the scale of twist-6  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2$  with the certain pattern of pion DA from BMS bunch and QCD SR based estimation for twist-4 parameter.

# Pion induced Drell-Yan process $\pi^- + N \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$

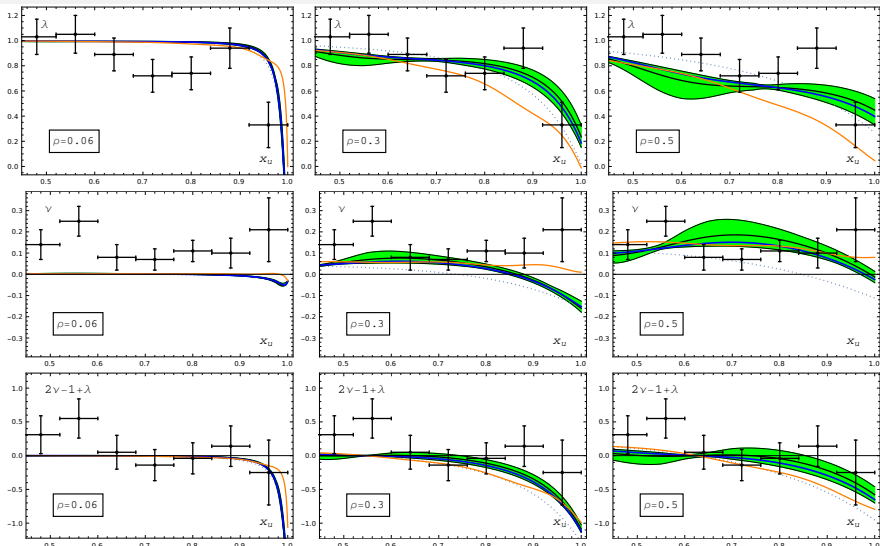
Angular distribution of  $\mu^+$  in the pair rest frame [Brandenburg et. al. PRL73(1994)]

$$\frac{d^5\sigma}{dQ^2 dQ_T^2 dx_L d\cos\theta d\phi} \propto N(\tilde{x}, \rho) \left( 1 + \lambda \cos^2\theta + \mu \sin 2\theta \cos\phi + \frac{\nu}{2} \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi \right),$$



Detailed analysis of E615@Fermilab data [Bakulev et. al. PRD76(2007)]

# Pion induced Drell-Yan process, E615@Fermilab



Blue line - [here], orange - DSE-DB DA [Chang et al., PRL 2013], Data from [Conway et al., PRD39 (1989)]

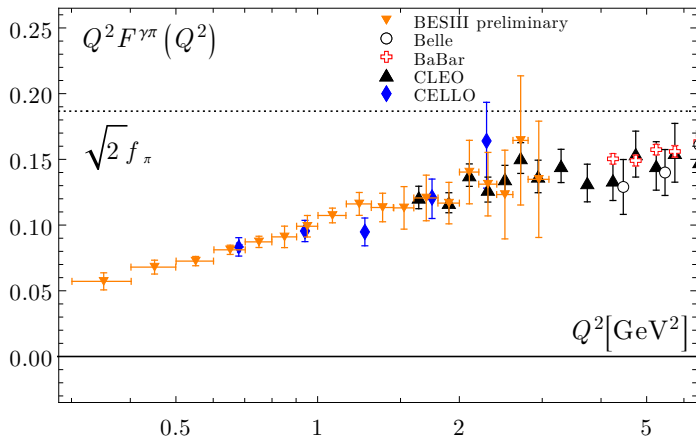
We look forward to new AMBER and COMPASS data that can provide detailed information on pion DA.

- 1 LCSRs and **RG summation** applied for radiative corrections of transition FF yield improvement of  $Q^2$  behavior and extension of the domain QCD applicability well below 1 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- 2 This composition of **RG sum** and LCSRs naturally leads to a generalization of Fractional APT that improves perturbative corrections to amplitudes.
- 3 The first time processing of low energy experimental data [ $0.35 \leq Q^2 \leq 3.1$ ] GeV<sup>2</sup> is performed.  
We have reconciled all twist-2, -4, -6 hadronic characteristics and the lattice result.



# Experimental status of pion transition FF at $q_2^2 \sim 0$

Experimental Data on  $F_{\gamma\gamma^*\pi}$ : BESIII (2019), CELLO, CLEO, BaBar



Uncertainties of BESIII preliminary data are compatible to BaBar data errorbars. Unfortunately, its low energy tail is unreachable for standard QCD.

## Theoretical status of pion TFF in QCD FOPT

Hard process at  $-Q^2, -q^2 \gg m_\rho^2 \Rightarrow$  collinear factorization

$$F_{\text{FOPT}}^{(\text{tw}=2)}(Q^2, q^2) = N_T (T_{\text{LO}} + a_s T_{\text{NLO}} + a_s^2 T_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots) \otimes \varphi_\pi^{(2)}$$

$$T_{\text{LO}} = a_s^0(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \equiv 1 / (q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y)$$

$$a_s T_{\text{NLO}} = a_s^1(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \otimes [\mathcal{T}^{(1)} + \underline{L V_0}] (y, x),$$

$$a_s^2 T_{\text{NNLO}} = a_s^2(\mu_F^2) T_0(y) \otimes \left[ \mathcal{T}^{(2)} - \underline{L \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \beta_0} + \underline{L \mathcal{T}^{(1)}} \otimes V_0 - \underline{\frac{L^2}{2} \beta_0 V_0} + \underline{\frac{L^2}{2} V_0 \otimes V_0} + \underline{\underline{L V_1}} \right] (y, x),$$

where  $L = \ln [(q^2 \bar{y} + Q^2 y) / \mu_F^2]$ .

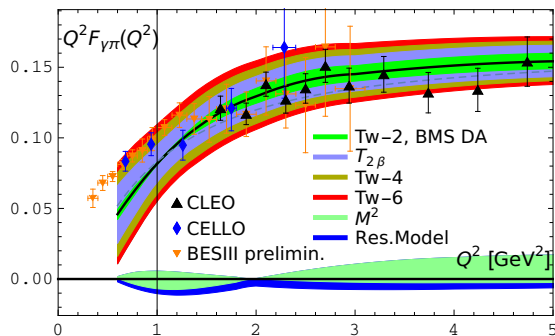
Plain terms  $\mathcal{T}^{(1)}, \mathcal{T}^{(2)}$  ( $\mathcal{T}_\beta^{(2)}$ ) - corrections to parton subprocess;

Underlined terms due to  $\bar{a}_s(y)$  and ERBL,  $V_0$  - kernel; underlined term - two loops ERBL,  $V_1$  - kernel.

# Pion TFF in LCSR in QCD FOPT vs exp. data

Challenge for low energy discription

Total rad. corrections  $-18\%$  at  $3 \text{ GeV}^2$ .



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Source	Uncertainty (%) at $3 \text{ GeV}^2$
Unknown NNLO term $\mathcal{T}_c^{(2)}$	$\mp 5$
Range of Tw-2 BMS DAs	$-3.4 \div 4.1$
Tw-4 $\delta^2 = [0.152 - 0.228] \text{ GeV}^2$	$\pm 3.0$
Tw-6 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 = (0.24 \pm 0.01)^6 \text{ GeV}^6$	$-2.4 \div 3.0$
Total	$-13.6 \div 14.9$