

# The distribution amplitude of the $\eta_c$ -meson at leading twist from Lattice QCD

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# Introduction

The factorization theorem helps us to compute complicated amplitudes,

$$\mathcal{A} = H \otimes S$$

Distribution amplitudes (DAs) are necessary in decays, annihilations, and DVMP

The main variables are

$$z^\alpha = (z^+, z^-, z^\perp) \quad z^2 = 0$$

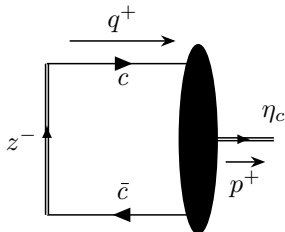
$$\nu \equiv pz = p^+ z^- \quad x = q^+ / p^+$$

We study the DA of the  $\eta_c$ -meson,

$$2\pi\phi(x) = \int dz^- e^{i(x-1/2)\nu} M^+(\nu)$$

where the Ioffe-time DA is (see yesterday's talk by Leonid)

$$M^+(\nu) = \langle \eta_c(p) | \bar{c}(-z/2) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 W(-z/2, z/2) c(z/2) | 0 \rangle \Big|_{z^+, z^\perp=0}$$



# Short distance factorization

## Move to Euclidean space

### Problem

We can only compute  $z_\alpha = (z_\perp, z_3, z_4) = (0, 0, 0)$

### Solution [6, 10, 13]

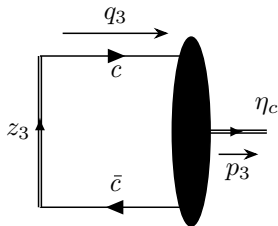
- Generalize  $M_\alpha(p, z)$  for  $z^2 > 0$  and take  $z^2 \rightarrow 0$

$$M_\alpha(p, z) = e^{-i\nu/2} \langle \eta_c(p) | \bar{c}(0) \gamma_\alpha \gamma_5 W(0, z) c(z) | 0 \rangle \Big|_{z_\perp=0, z_4=0}$$

- Isolate the leading twist

$$M_\alpha(p, z) = 2p_\alpha \mathcal{M} + z_\alpha \mathcal{M}'$$

- Set  $p_\alpha = (0, p_3, E)$ ,  $z_\alpha = (0, z_3, 0)$
- Choose  $\alpha = 4$  to isolate  $\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2)$



# Short distance factorization

Form the renormalized quantity [1, 9, 11]

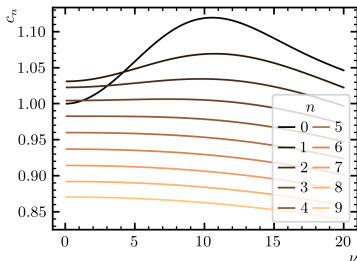
$$\frac{\mathcal{M}(p, z)\mathcal{M}(0, 0)}{\mathcal{M}(0, z)\mathcal{M}(p, 0)} = \tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) + z^2 \times \text{higher twist}$$

Match to the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  light-cone quantity at  $\mu = 3 \text{ GeV}$  [13]

$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dw C(w, \nu, z\mu) \int_0^1 dx \cos[w\nu(x - 1/2)] \phi(x, \mu)$$

The kernel  $C$  takes care of  $\log(z^2) \rightarrow 0$

$$c_n := \int_0^1 dw C(w, \nu, z\mu) w^n$$



# Parameterizing the DA

Expand the DA in a series of Gegenbauer polynomials [14]

$$\phi(x, \mu) = (1-x)^{\lambda-1/2} x^{\lambda-1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_{2n}^{(\lambda)} \tilde{G}_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(x), \quad \text{note } \lambda(\mu)$$

This expansion allows to rewrite the matching [13]

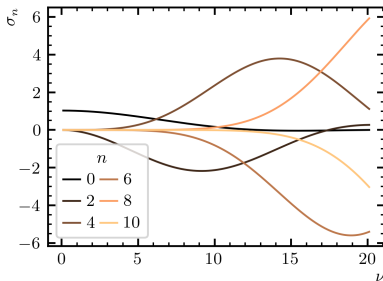
$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dw C(w, \nu, z\mu) \int_0^1 dx \cos(w\nu x - w\nu/2) \phi(x, \mu)$$

as

$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_{2n}^{(\lambda)} \sigma_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(\nu, z^2)$$

The DA is normalized

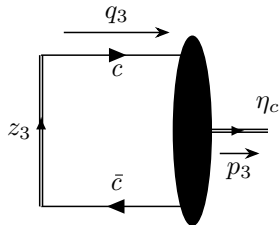
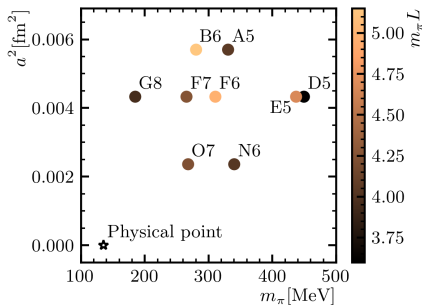
$$d_0^{(\lambda)} = \frac{4^\lambda}{B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)}$$



# The CLS lattice ensembles

## $N_f = 2$ Coordinated Lattice Simulations [5, 7]

- Wilson gauge action
- $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved Wilson quarks
- $\kappa_u = \kappa_d := \kappa_\ell$
- No electromagnetism
- No Symanzik program for  $M_\alpha(p, z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(a)$  lattice artifacts
- Between 1000 and 2000 measurements per ensemble



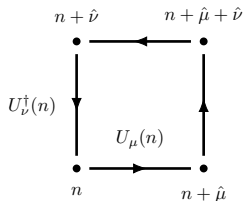
# The CLS lattice ensembles

Symanzik studied the corrections to the continuum limit [2, 3, 4]

$$A[U] \underset{a \rightarrow 0}{=} a^4 \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \left( L^{(0)}(n) + aL^{(1)}(n) + a^2L^{(2)}(n) \dots \right)$$

The Wilson gauge action is

$$A_G[U] = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Re tr} (1_{3 \times 3} - U_{\mu\nu}(n))$$



It recovers the Yang-Mills action,

$$A_G[U] \underset{a \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{\beta}{12} a^4 \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu, \nu} \text{tr} \left[ F_{\mu\nu}(n)^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

For the fermion action, we take its naive discretization and...

Remove extra poles (doublers) adding the Wilson term

Remove  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  lattice artifacts adding the clover term

# Building an interpolator for $\eta_c$

Consider pseudo-scalar bilinear operators

$$O_s(n) = \bar{c}(n)\gamma_5 \sum_m (\delta_{nm} + \kappa_G H(n, m))^S c(m)$$

Form an  $N \times N$  correlation matrix

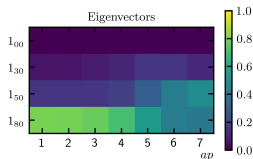
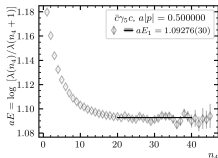
$$C_{ij}(n_4) = \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-n_4 E_k} \langle 0 | O_i | k \rangle \langle k | O_j^\dagger | 0 \rangle$$

Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize}_{\{V_\alpha\}} \quad \text{tr} \left( V^\dagger C(n_4) V \right) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad V^\dagger C(m_4) V = \rho \end{aligned}$$

The solution is the GEVP

$$C(n_4) V_\alpha = C(m_4) V_\alpha \lambda_\alpha(n_4, m_4)$$



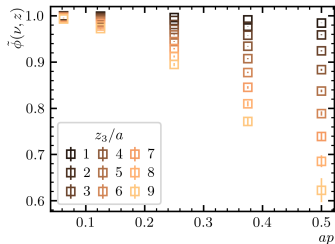
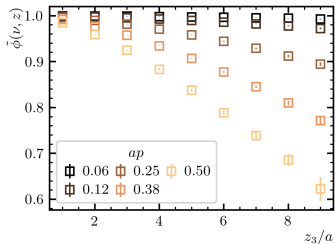
The optimal operator is

$$\langle \eta_c | = \sum_i \langle O_i | (V_1^\dagger)_i$$

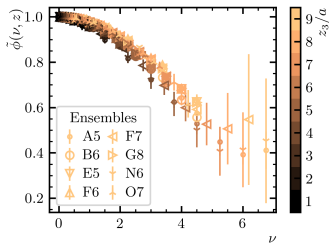


# The lattice data

## Ensemble G8



## Entire dataset



# Continuum extrapolation

Make all terms dimensionless with  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{(2)}$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\phi}_e(\nu, z^2) &= \tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) + z^2 C_1(\nu) + a B_1(\nu) + \frac{a}{|z|} A_1(\nu) \\ &\quad + \frac{a}{|z|} \left( (m_{\eta_c} - m_{\eta_c, \text{phy}}) D_1(\nu) + (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phy}}^2) E_1(\nu) \right)\end{aligned}$$

The main ingredients are the

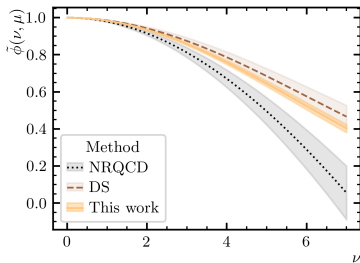
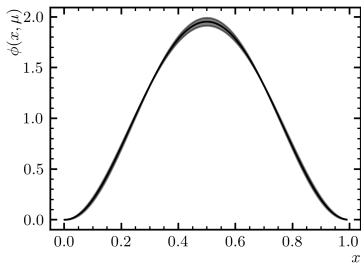
- continuum  $\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2)$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{4^\lambda \sigma_0^{(\lambda)}(\nu, z^2)}{B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)}$$

- higher-twist continuum  $C_1$
- z-dependent  $A_1$ , and global  $B_1$  lattice artifacts
- mass-dependent corrections  $D_1$  and  $E_1$

# Results on the light cone

We obtain  $\lambda = 2.73 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.06$



We compare to alternative determinations [8, 12]

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	This work	Dyson-Schwinger	NRQCD
$\langle \xi^2 \rangle$	0.134(6)	0.118(18)	0.171(23)
$\langle \xi^4 \rangle$	0.043(4)	0.036(9)	0.018 808(19)

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where  $\xi \equiv -1 + 2x$

We compute the  $\eta_c$  DA with  $N_f = 2$  CLS ensembles and obtain

$$\phi(x, \mu) = \frac{4^\lambda (1-x)^{\lambda-1/2} x^{\lambda-1/2}}{B(1/2, 1/2 + \lambda)}$$

defined at  $\mu = 3 \text{ GeV}$  and

$$\lambda = 2.73 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.06$$

In this analysis, we have seen that

- The comparison with Dyson-Schwinger is good
- Analysis choices yield sizable systematic uncertainties
- Finite-size effects are negligible

In the future, we will tackle

- Missing sea-quarks with  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$  ensembles

# Complete set of CLS ensembles

id	$\beta$	$a$ [fm]	$L/a$	$m_\pi$ [MeV]	$\kappa_\ell$	$\kappa_C$
A5	5.2	0.0755(9)(7)	32	331	0.13594	0.12531
B6			48	281	0.13597	0.12529
D5	5.3	0.0658(7)(7)	24	450	0.13625	0.12724
E5			32	437	0.13625	0.12724
F6			48	311	0.13635	0.12713
F7			48	265	0.13638	0.12713
G8			64	185	0.136417	0.12710
N6			5.5	0.0486(4)(5)	48	340
O7	64	268			0.13671	0.13022

**Objective:** Compute the matching integrals

$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z) = \int_0^1 dw C(w, \nu, z\mu) \int_0^1 dx \cos [w\nu (x - 1/2)] \phi(x, \mu)$$

**Definitions:** The DA matching kernel is [13]

$$C(w, \nu, z\mu) = \delta(w - 1) - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2} \right) B(w, \nu) + L(w, \nu) \right]$$

where the scale  $\mu_0$  contains the  $z^2$  dependence

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0^2} \equiv \frac{z^2 e^{2\gamma_E+1}}{4}$$

we take  $\mu = 3 \text{ GeV}$

# The matching kernel

The contribution  $B(w, \nu)$  is [13]

$$B(w, \nu) = \left[ \frac{2w}{1-w} \right]_+ \cos \left( \frac{(1-w)\nu}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{\nu} \sin \left( \frac{(1-w)\nu}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \delta(w-1)$$

And the contribution  $L(w, \nu)$  is [13]

$$L(w, \nu) = 4 \left[ \frac{\log(1-w)}{1-w} \right]_+ \cos \left( \frac{(1-w)\nu}{2} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{2}{\nu} \sin \left( \frac{(1-w)\nu}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \delta(w-1) \right)$$

Given two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  defined in a certain domain, **the plus prescription** is

$$\left[ \frac{f(x)}{1-x} \right]_+ g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1-x} (g(x) - g(1))$$

**Method:** Rewrite the relation between  $\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z)$  and  $\phi(x, \mu)$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\nu, z) = \int_0^1 dx K(x, \nu, z\mu)\phi(x, \mu)$$

write the kernel as a series of Gegenbauer polynomials

$$K(x, \nu, z\mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(\nu, z\mu)}{A_{2n}^{(\lambda)}} \tilde{G}_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(x)$$

and every coefficient in the series is given by

$$\sigma_n^{(\lambda)}(\nu, z\mu) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{\nu^2}{4}\right)^k \frac{c_{2k}(\nu, z\mu)}{\Gamma(2k+1)} I(n, k, \lambda)$$

See [14] for a similar analysis of PDFs



# The matching kernel

The  $\lambda$ -dependent function is the Mellin transform of the Gegenbauer polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} I(n, k, \lambda) &\equiv \int_{-1}^{+1} dg g^{2k} (1 - g^2)^{\lambda-1/2} G_n^{(\lambda)}(g) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{4^{\lambda+k} n!} \frac{\Gamma(1 + 2k)\Gamma(n + 2\lambda)}{\Gamma(\lambda)\Gamma(\lambda + \frac{n+2k+2}{2})\Gamma(1 + k - \frac{n}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

The  $n$ -th moment of the kernel is given by

$$\begin{aligned} c_n(\nu, z\mu) &= \int_0^1 dw C(w, \nu, z\mu) w^n \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2} \right) b_n(\nu) + I_n(\nu) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# The matching kernel

$$I(0, k, \lambda) = B\left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$I(2, k, \lambda) = 2\lambda k B\left(\lambda + \frac{3}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$I(4, k, \lambda) = \frac{2}{3}(\lambda + 1)\lambda k(k - 1)B\left(\lambda + \frac{5}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$I(6, k, \lambda) = \frac{4}{45}(2 + \lambda)(1 + \lambda)\lambda k(k - 1)(k - 2)B\left(\lambda + \frac{7}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$I(8, k, \lambda) = \frac{2}{315}(3 + \lambda)(2 + \lambda)(1 + \lambda)\lambda k(k - 1)(k - 2)(k - 3) \\ B\left(\lambda + \frac{9}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

The moments of  $B(w)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} b_n(\nu) = & - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{2}{j+2} {}_1F_2 \left( 1, \frac{j+3}{2}, \frac{j+4}{2}, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right) \\ & - \frac{\nu^2}{24} {}_2F_3 \left( 1, 1, 2, 2, 5/2, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} {}_1F_2 \left( 1, \frac{n+3}{2}, \frac{n+4}{2}, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right) \end{aligned}$$

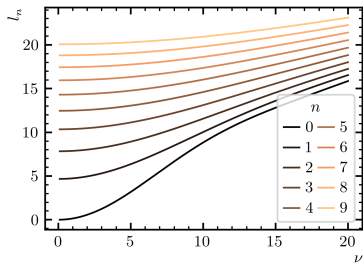
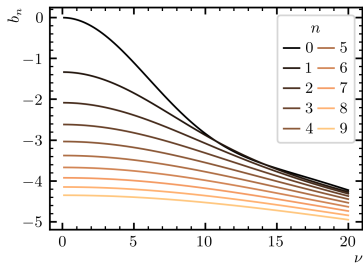
**Note** all hypergeometric functions  ${}_pF_q$  have  $p \leq q \leftrightarrow$  Converge for all  $\nu$  values [15]

The moments of  $L(w)$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned}l_n(\nu) = & 4 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{j+1} \frac{(-1)^j}{(j+1)^2} {}_2F_3 \left( \frac{j+1}{2}, \frac{j+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{j+3}{2}, \frac{j+3}{2}, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right) \\ & + \frac{\nu^2}{8} {}_3F_4 \left( 1, 1, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, 2, 2, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right) \\ & + 1 - \frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)} {}_1F_2 \left( 1, \frac{n+3}{2}, \frac{n+4}{2}, -\frac{\nu^2}{16} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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# The matching kernel



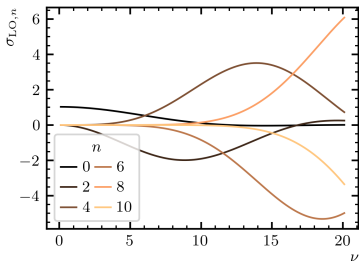
# Nuisance functions

The nuisance functions are parametrized just like  $\phi(x, \mu)$

$$A_r^{(\lambda)}(x) = (1-x)^{\lambda-1/2} x^{\lambda-1/2} \sum_{s=0}^{S_{a,r}} a_{r,2s}^{(\lambda)} \tilde{G}_{2s}^{(\lambda)}(x)$$

Fourier transform to  $\nu$  space,

$$A_r^{(\lambda)}(\nu) = \int_0^1 dx A_r^{(\lambda)}(x) \cos(x\nu - \nu/2) = \sum_{s=0}^{S_{A,r}} a_{r,2s}^{(\lambda)} \sigma_{\text{LO},2s}^{(\lambda)}(\nu)$$



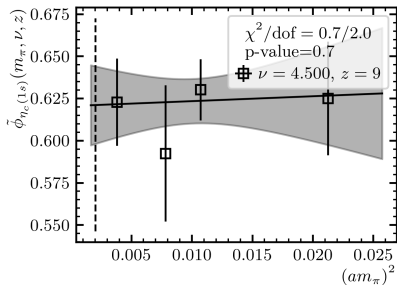
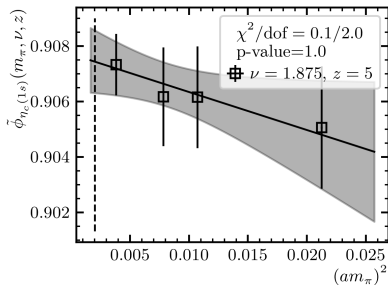
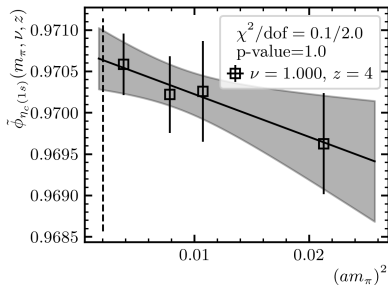
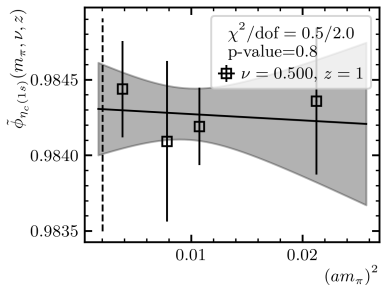
Nuisance effects vanish at  $\nu = 0$

$$a_{r,0}^{(\lambda)} = 0 \longleftrightarrow \tilde{\phi}(\nu = 0, z) = 1$$

Enough to consider  $S_{A_r} = 1$

$a_{1,2}, b_{1,2}, c_{1,2}, d_{1,2}, e_{1,2}$

# Pion mass dependence



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