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Exploring the heavy meson distribution amplitudes from lattice QCD

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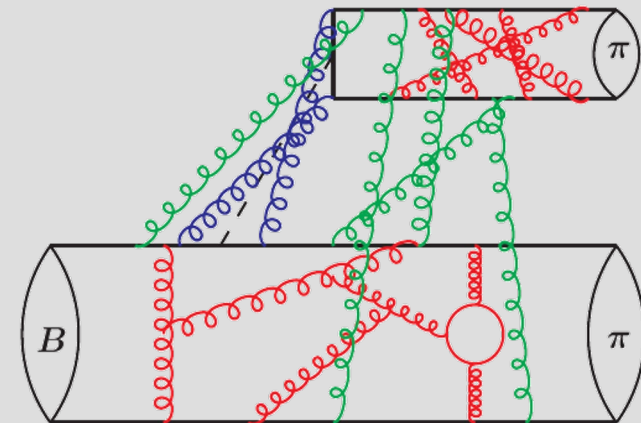
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➤ Factorization: categories by different characteristic scales

$$\langle \pi(p') \pi(q) | Q_i | \bar{B}(p) \rangle = f^{B \rightarrow \pi}(q^2) \int_0^1 dx T_i^I(x) \phi_\pi(x) + \int_0^1 d\xi dx dy T_i^{II}(\xi, x, y) \phi_B(\xi) \phi_\pi(x) \phi_\pi(y)$$

Form factor =
Hard kernel + LCDAs

Hard kernel (Perturbative) Meson LCDAs (Nonperturbative)



Light Meson LCDAs: Research Progresses

➤ Light meson LCDAs have been extensively pursued: (1970s - now)

- **Asymptotic LCDAs**

*Chernyak, Zhitnitsky, 1977; Lepage, Brodsky, 1979;
Efremov, Radyushkin, 1980*

- **Dyson-Schwinger Equation**

*Chang, Cloet, Cobos-Martinez, Roberts, Schmidt, 2013;
Gao, Chang, Liu, Roberts, Schmidt, 2014;
Roberts, Richards, Chang, 2021*

- **Sum rules**

*Chernyak, Zhitnitsky, 1982; Braun, Filyanov, 1989;
Ball, Braun, Koike, Tanaka, 1998; Ball, Braun, 1998;
Khodjamirian, Mannel, Melcher, 2004; Ball, Lenz, 2007*

- **Global Fits**

*Stefanis, 2020; Cheng, Khodjamirian, Rusov, 2020;
Hua, Li, Lu, Wang, Xing, 2021*

- **Models**

*Arriola, Broniowski, 2002, 2006;
Zhong, Zhu, Fu, Wu, Huang, 2021;*

- **Lattice with OPE**

*Martinelli, Sachrajda, 1987; Braun, Bruns, et al., 2016;
RQCD collaboration, 2019, 2020*

- **Lattice with current-current correlation**

Bali, Braun, Gläfle, Gökeler, Gruber, 2017, 2018;

- **Lattice with LaMET**

*Zhang, Chen, Ji, Jin, Lin, 2017; LP3 Collaboration, 2019;
Zhang, Honkala, Lin, Chen, 2020; Lin, Chen, Fan, Zhang², 2021;
LPC Collaboration, 2021, 2022; Holligan, Ji, Lin, Su, Zhang, 2023;
Baker, Bollweg, et al, 2024; Cloet, Gao, et al, 2024*

- **Quantum Computing**

QuNu Collaboration, 2023, 2024

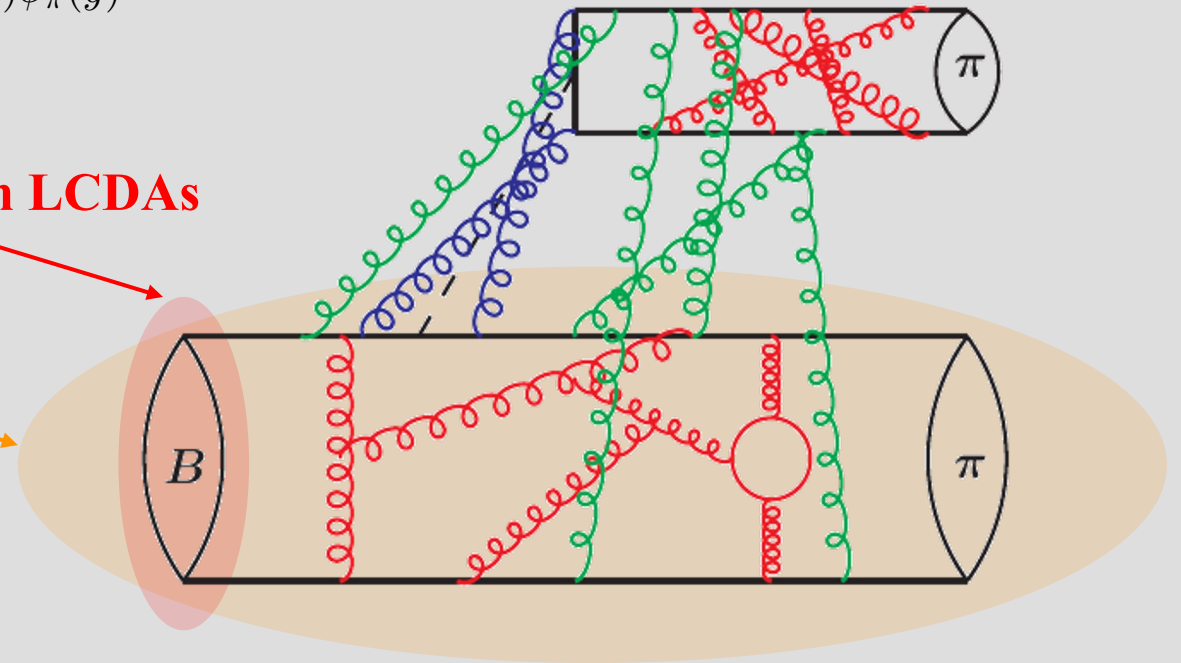
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$$V_{B \rightarrow K^*}(q^2 = 0) = 0.359^{+0.032}_{-0.032} \Big|_{\lambda_B}^{+0.019} \Big|_{\sigma_1}^{-0.019} \Big|_{\mu}^{-0.001} \Big|_{M^2}^{+0.010} \Big|_{s_0}^{-0.004} \Big|_{\phi_B^\pm(\omega)}^{+0.016} \Big|_{\phi_B^\pm(\omega)}^{+0.038} \Big|_{\phi_B^\pm(\omega)}^{-0.027}$$
$$f_{B \rightarrow \pi}^+(0) = 0.122 \times \left[1 \pm 0.07 \Big|_{S_0^\pi} \pm 0.11 \Big|_{\Lambda_q} \pm 0.02 \Big|_{\lambda_E^2/\lambda_H^2}^{+0.05} \Big|_{M^2} \pm 0.05 \Big|_{2\lambda_E^2 + \lambda_H^2} \right. \\ \left. \pm 0.04 \Big|_{\mu}^{+0.06} \Big|_{\mu}^{-0.010} \Big|_{\mu}^{+1.36} \Big|_{\lambda_B}^{+0.25} \Big|_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}^{-0.43} \right]$$

[Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, 2020; Cui, Huang, Shen, Wang, 2023]

λ_B and σ_1 denotes the first inverse and log-inverse moment, and ϕ_B^\pm denotes other uncertainties from different parameterizations of the B meson LCDA.

Heavy Meson LCDAs: Research Progresses and Challenges

- **The HQET matrix element of heavy meson** *[Grozin, Neubert, 1997; Beneke, Feldmann, 2000]*

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}_\beta(\xi) [\xi, 0] h_{v\alpha}(0) | \bar{B}(v) \rangle = -\frac{i\tilde{f}_B m_B}{8} \left\{ \underbrace{\left[\tilde{\phi}_B^+(t, \mu) v_+ \gamma_- \right]}_{\text{Leading twist}} + \underbrace{\left[\tilde{\phi}_B^-(t, \mu) v_- \gamma_+ \right]}_{\text{Sub-leading twist}} \right\}_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_5$$

- **Evolution of φ_B^+ and φ_B^- :** *[Lange, Neubert, 2003; Bell, Feldmann, 2008]*

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} \varphi_B^+(\omega, \mu) = -\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega' \gamma_+^{(1)}(\omega, \omega', \mu) \varphi_B^+(\omega', \mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} \varphi_B^-(\omega, \mu) = -\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega' \gamma_-^{(1)}(\omega, \omega', \mu) \varphi_B^-(\omega', \mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

with

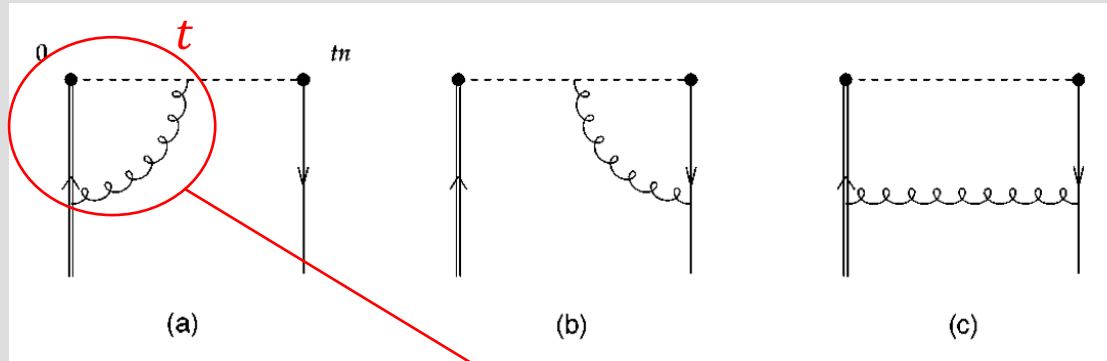
$$\gamma_+^{(1)}(\omega, \omega', \mu) = \left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu}{\omega} - 2 \right) \delta(\omega - \omega') - \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} \omega \left[\frac{\theta(\omega' - \omega)}{\omega'(\omega' - \omega)} + \frac{\theta(\omega - \omega')}{\omega(\omega - \omega')} \right]_+,$$

$$\gamma_-^{(1)}(\omega, \omega'; \mu) = \gamma_+^{(1)}(\omega, \omega'; \mu) - \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(1)} \frac{\theta(\omega' - \omega)}{\omega'}.$$

- Solution of evolution equations: *[Bell, Feldmann, Wang and Yip, 2013; Braun, Manashov, 2014]*
- RG equations of $\varphi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$ at two-loops: *[Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2019; Liu, Neubert, 2020]*
- RG equations of the higher-twist B-meson distribution amplitudes: *[Braun, Ji, Manashov, 2017]*
- NNLO QCD correction to relevant hadronic B-meson decays: *[Bell, Beneke, Huber, Li, 2020]*

Heavy Meson LCDAs: Research Progresses and Challenges

➤ Difficulties in calculating the moments of heavy meson LCDA:



Diverge at $t \rightarrow 0$!

$$O_+^{\text{ren}}(t, \mu) = O_+^{\text{bare}}(t) + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left\{ \left(\frac{4}{\hat{\epsilon}^2} + \frac{4}{\hat{\epsilon}} \ln(it\mu) \right) O_+^{\text{bare}}(t) - \frac{4}{\hat{\epsilon}} \int_0^1 du \frac{u}{1-u} [O_+^{\text{bare}}(ut) - O_+^{\text{bare}}(t)] \right\}$$

[Braun, Ivanov, Korchemsky, 2004]

- Diverge at $t \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow$ **No local limit**
- Non-negative moments $\int dk k^n \varphi_+(k)$ for $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ are **not related to OPE**, and actually they **diverge**
- Cannot obtain φ_B from lattice QCD through their moments.

Heavy Meson LCDAs: Research Progresses and Challenges

- A theoretical attempt to extract the heavy meson LCDAs in the framework of LaMET:

$$\tilde{\varphi}_B^+(\xi, \mu) \propto \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\tau}{2\pi} e^{in_z \cdot v \xi \tau} \langle 0 | \boxed{(\bar{q} W_c) (\tau n_z) \eta_z \gamma_5 (W_c^\dagger h_v) (0)} | \bar{B}(v) \rangle \Rightarrow \varphi_B^+(\omega, \mu)$$

Connecting the between equal-time HQET correlator and light-cone one.

- Leading twist matching @ 1-loop: [Wang², Xu, Zhao, 2020; Xu, Zhang, 2022]
- Sub-leading twist matching: [Hu, Wang, Xu, Zhao, 2024]
- Inverse moment and log moments: [Xu, Zhang, Zhao, 2022; Hu, Xu, Zhao, 2024]
- Ioffe-time distributions: [Zhao, Radyushkin, 2021]

🤔 Difficult to realize the boosted HQET field (time-like Wilson link) on lattice QCD.

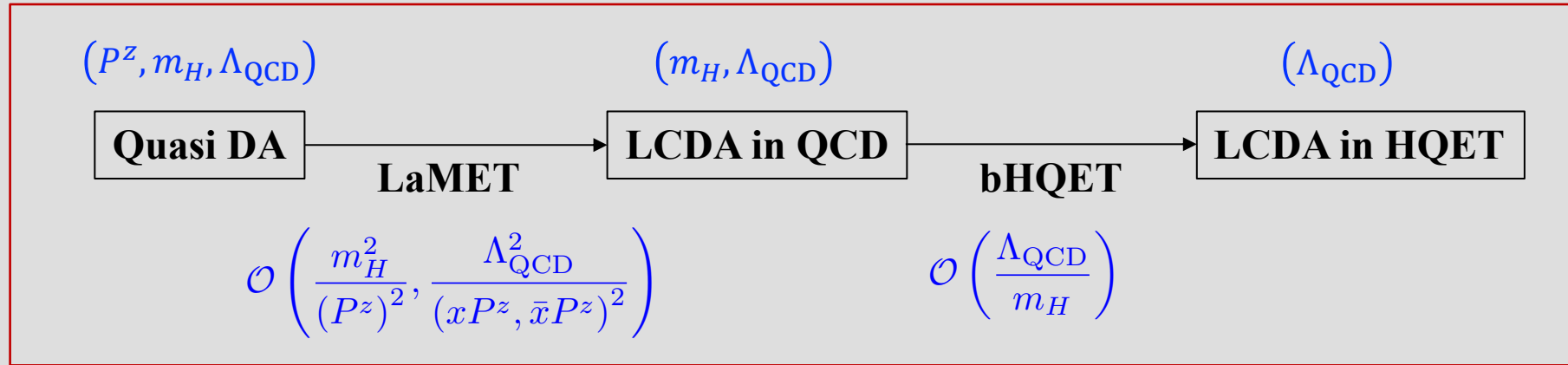
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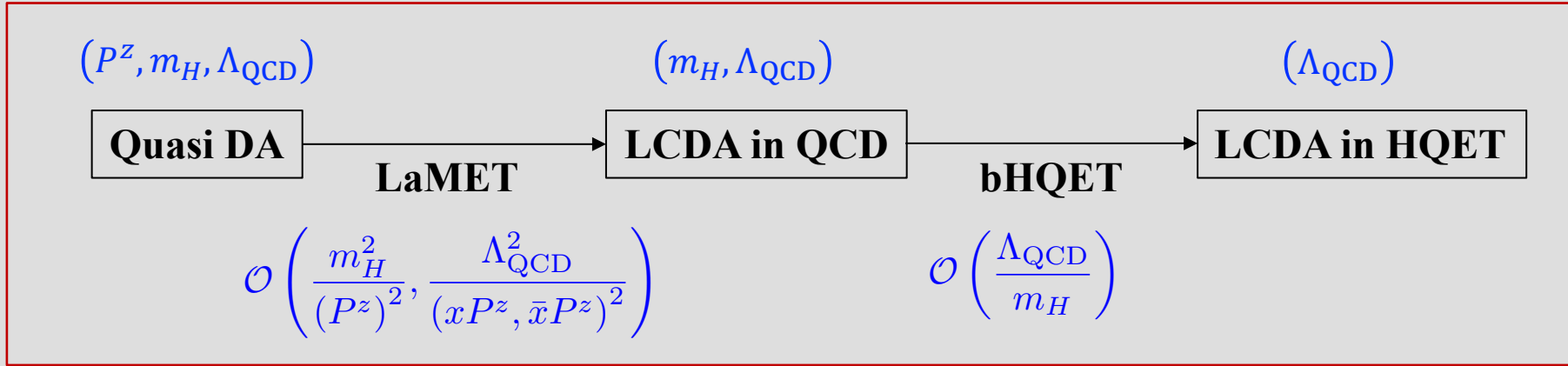


- A multi-scale processes:

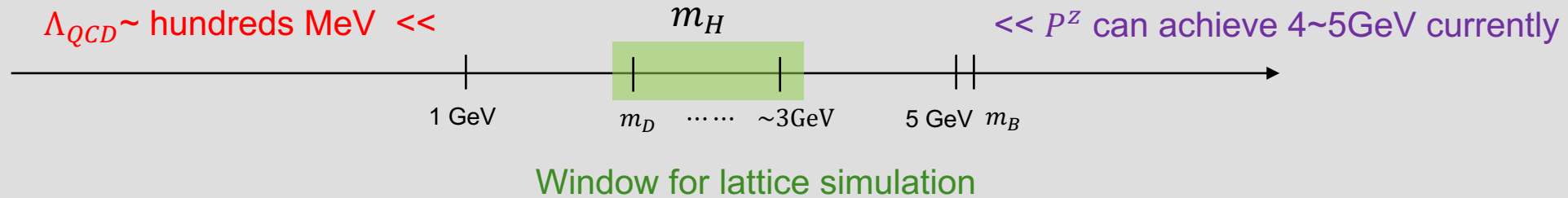
1. LaMET requires $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, m_H \ll P^z$ and finally integrate out P^z ;
2. bHQET requires $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H$ and integrate out m_H ;

\Rightarrow **Hierarchy** $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H \ll P^z$.

Two-step factorization to access heavy meson LCDA



⇒ **Hierarchy $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H \ll P^z$** : A big challenge for lattice simulation



At this stage, the heavy meson could be D , but by no means be the B meson!

Matching I: from quasi DAs to LCDAs in QCD

- Quasi DA $\tilde{\phi}(x, P^z)$, include the scales $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H \ll P^z$

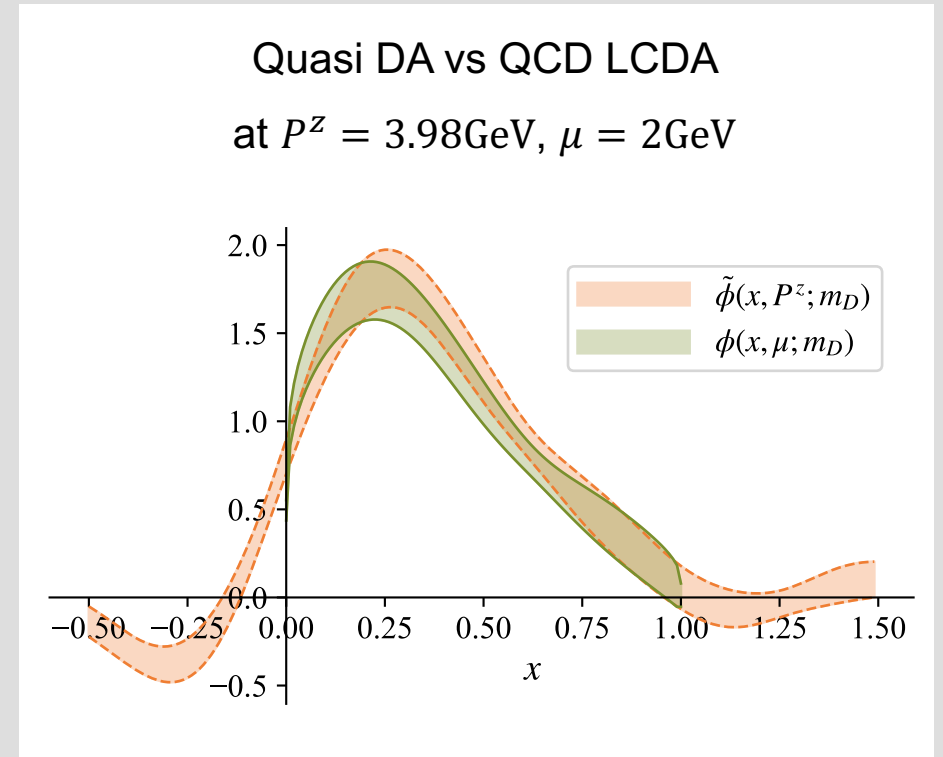
$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P^z) = \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^z z} \tilde{M}(z, P^z)$$

- Matching formula in LaMET:

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P^z) = \int_0^1 C\left(x, y, \frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) \phi(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_H^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP^z, \bar{x}P^z)^2}\right)$$

*Liu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, 2019;
Han, Hua, Ji, Lu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, 2024*

This matching integrate out P^z , obtain the LCDAs in QCD.

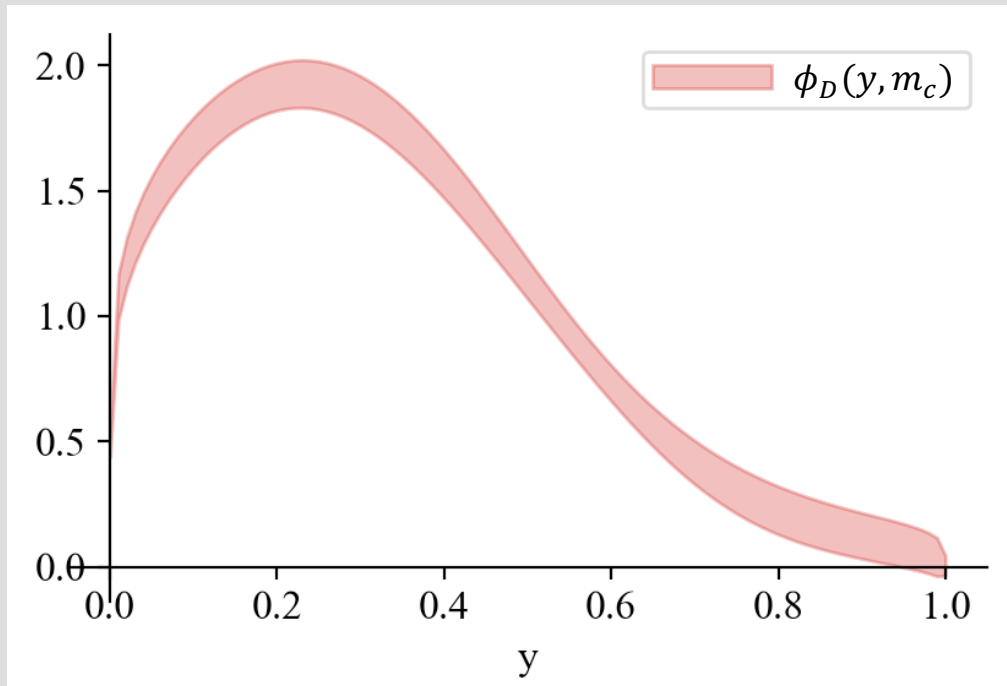


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$$\begin{aligned} \phi(y, \mu) = & \frac{1}{if_H} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\tau}{2\pi} e^{iyP_H\tau n_+} \\ & \times \langle 0 | \bar{q}(\tau n_+) \not{n}_+ \gamma_5 W_c(\tau n_+, 0) Q(0) | H(P_H) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

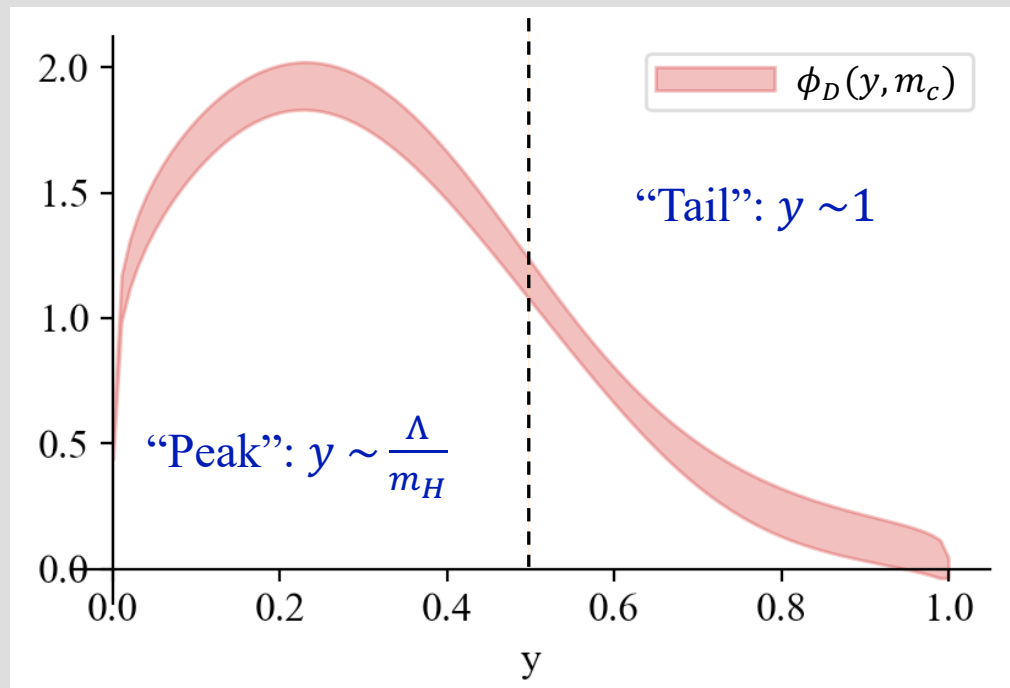
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- For the scale $\mu \lesssim m_Q$,
 - ⇒ Light quark carries small momentum fraction $y \sim \Lambda/m_H$
 - ⇒ peak region, related to the HQET LCDA;
 - [Ishaq, Jia, Xiong, Yang, 2020; Beneke, Finauri, Vos, Wei, 2023]
 - ⇒ $y \sim O(1)$ region be suppressed in LCDA:

SCET renormalized matrix element in this region contain only **hard-collinear** physics, and starts at the **one-loop level**.

Matching II: connecting LCDAs in QCD and HQET

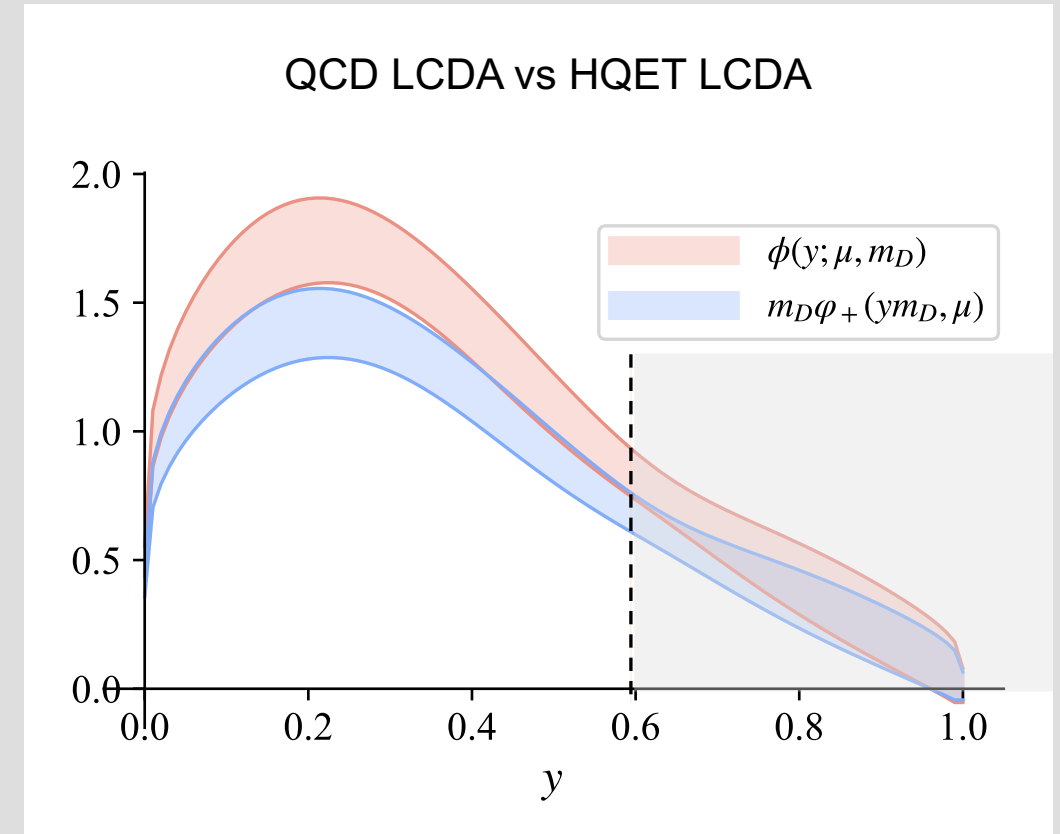
- Leading twist heavy meson LCDA in HQET

$$\varphi^+(\omega, \mu) = \frac{1}{i\tilde{f}_H(\mu)m_H} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\eta}{2\pi} e^{i\omega n_+ \cdot v\eta} \times \langle 0 | \bar{q}(\eta n_+) / n_+ \gamma_5 W_c(\eta n_+, 0) h_v(0) | H(v) \rangle$$

connected with the QCD LCDA through a multiplicative factorization in the peak region:

[Beneke, Finauri, Vos, Wei, 2023]

$$\phi(y, \mu; m_H) = \frac{\tilde{f}_H}{f_H} J_{\text{peak}} m_H \varphi^+(\omega, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_H}\right)$$



Tails of HQET LCDA

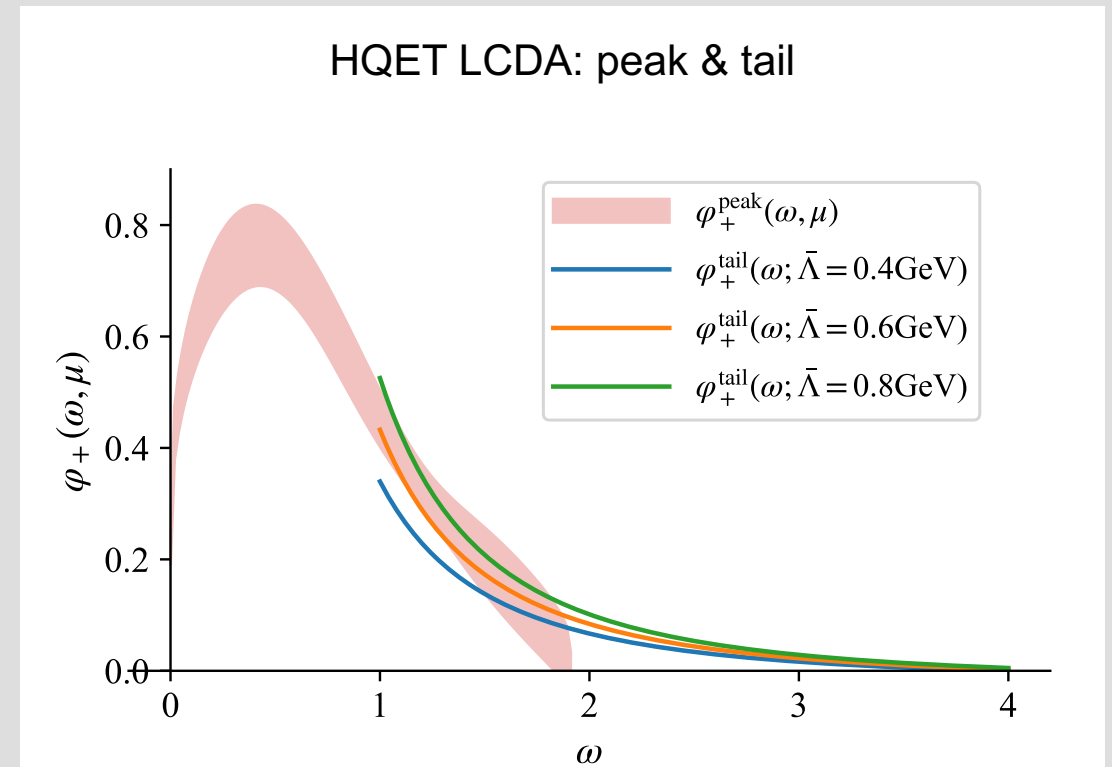
- The tail region of HQET LCDA is perturbative: [\[Lee, Neubert, 2005\]](#)

$$\varphi_{\text{tail}}^+(\omega, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi\omega} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - \ln \frac{\omega}{\mu} \right) + \frac{4\bar{\Lambda}}{3\omega} \left(2 - \ln \frac{\omega}{\mu} \right) \right]$$

where $\bar{\Lambda} \equiv m_H - m_Q^{\text{pole}}$ reflect the power correction, and usually be chosen as 400~600MeV.

- We use the difference between the lines to estimate the power correction.

The final results of HQET LCDA will merge the peak (from LQCD) and tail region (from 1-loop calculation).



Comparison with phenomenological models

➤ Several commonly used models:

[Wang, Shen, 2015; Beneke, Braun, Ji, Wei, 2018; Gao, Huber, Ji, Wang², 2022]

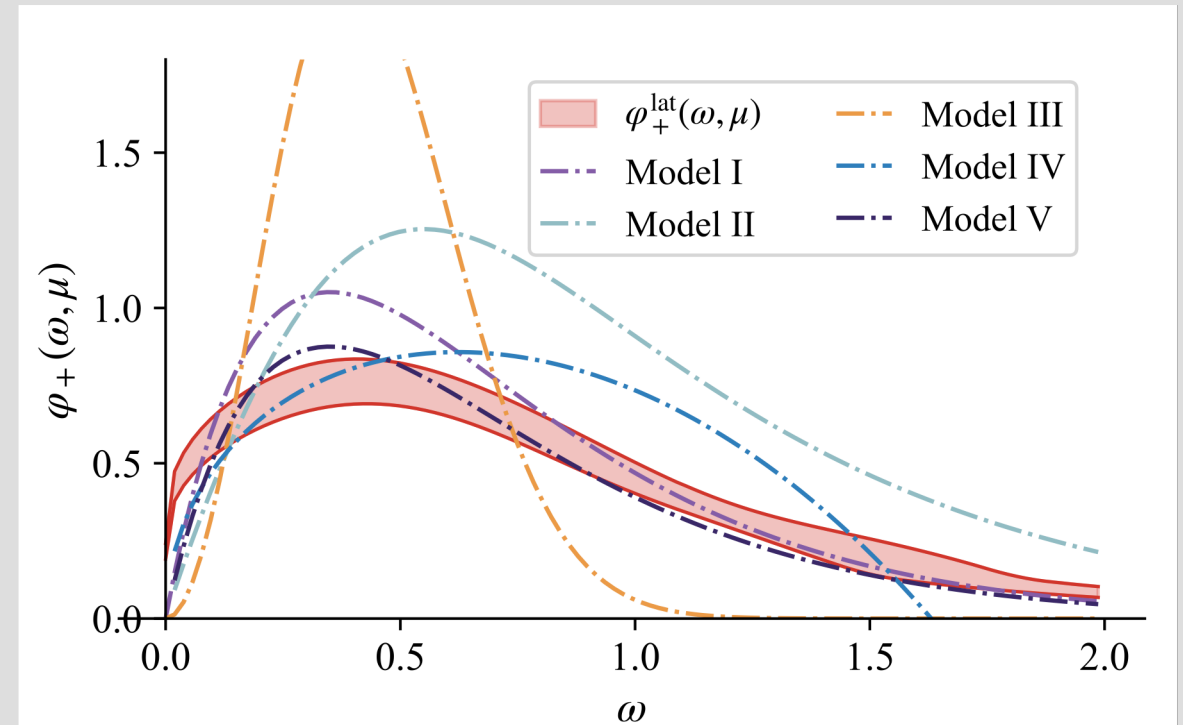
$$\varphi_{\text{I}}^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_0},$$

$$\varphi_{\text{II}}^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \frac{4}{\pi\omega_0} \frac{k}{k^2 + 1} \left[\frac{1}{k^2 + 1} - \frac{2(\sigma_B^{(1)} - 1)}{\pi^2} \ln k \right],$$

$$\varphi_{\text{III}}^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \frac{2\omega^2}{\omega_0\omega_1^2} e^{-(\omega/\omega_1)^2},$$

$$\varphi_{\text{IV}}^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0\omega_2} \frac{\omega_2 - \omega}{\sqrt{\omega(2\omega_2 - \omega)}} \theta(\omega_2 - \omega),$$

$$\varphi_{\text{V}}^+(\omega, \mu_0) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\omega}{\omega_0^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_0} U(\beta - \alpha, 3 - \alpha, \omega/\omega_0),$$



Summary and outlook

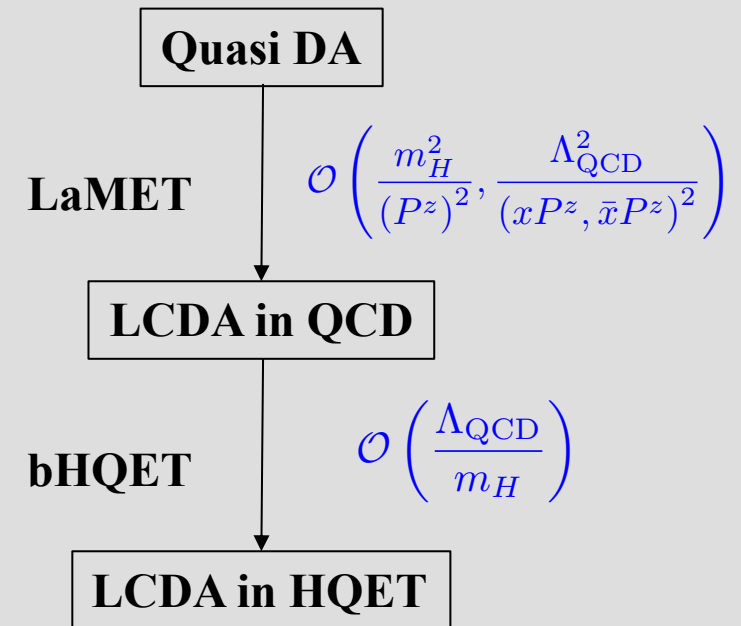
- ✓ Lattice QCD + LaMET provides a powerful tool for exploring the light-like correlations, as LCDAs, PDFs, TMDWFs, TMDPDFs,
- ✓ Heavy meson LCDAs: a first **lattice-implementable scheme**, which can continually be improved.

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Summary and outlook

More importantly, improving the reliability of our results for the next stage:

- The most urgent is to properly control the power corrections within two step factorization:
 - Larger P^Z to increase the window for lattice calculations;
 - Consider high power terms within matching.
- More systematic lattice QCD calculations:
 - Nonperturbative renormalization, continuum and physical mass extrapolation, operator mixing effects,
 - More reliable method to merge the peak and tail regions
- Realize the HQET quasi DA on lattice QCD directly?



Thanks

Backup slides

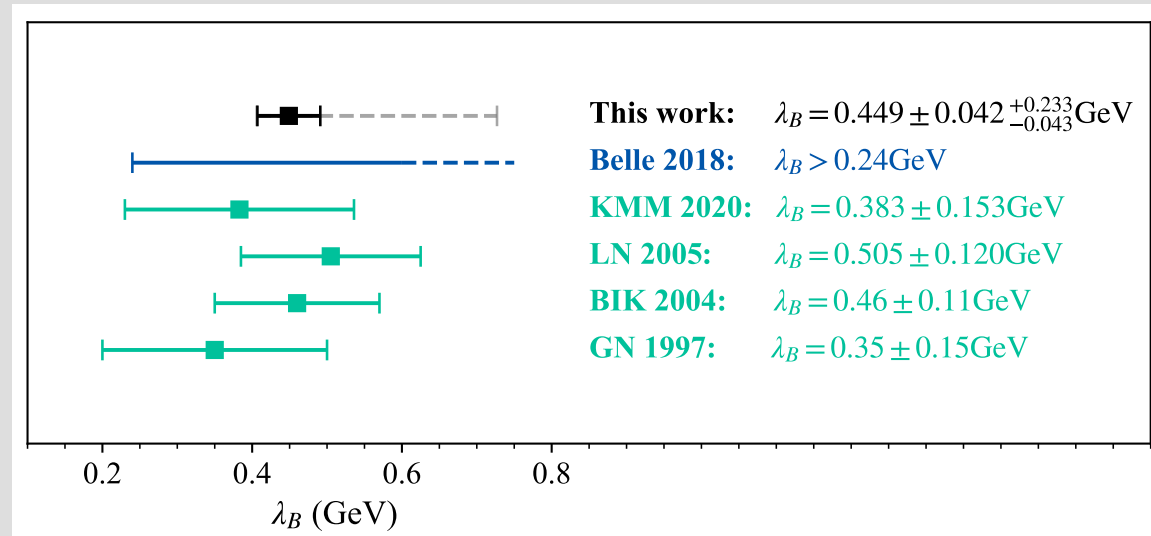
First inverse moment

➤ The first inverse moment

$$\lambda_B^{-1}(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\varphi^+(\omega, \mu)}{\omega}$$

Models	I	II	III	IV	V
Parameters	$\omega_0 = 0.433(23)\text{GeV}$	$\omega_0 = 0.682(45)\text{GeV}$	—	$\omega_0 = 0.427(21)\text{GeV}$	$\omega_0 = 0.449(42)\text{GeV}$
		$\sigma_B^{(1)} = 2.78(48)$			
fit range	$\omega \in [0.2, 1.4]\text{GeV}$	$\omega \in [0.2, 1.4]\text{GeV}$		$\omega \in [0.4, 0.8]\text{GeV}$	$\omega \in [0.2, 1.4]\text{GeV}$
$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f}$	1.4	1.2		2.1	1.0

- The current numerical results are unable to accomplish the integration over full- ω range;
- We determine the λ_B^{-1} by fitting the parameterization forms of different model.



*PRD98,112016(2018),
 JHEP10,043(2020),
 PRD72,094028(2005),
 PRD69,034014(2004),
 PRD55,272(1997)*