

# Recent results for the 2nd moments of distribution amplitudes from RQCD (difficulties and prospects)

Sara Collins  
University of Regensburg

**RQCD** (G. Bali, V. Braun, P. Bruns, B. Gläßle, M. Göckeler, M. Gruber, F. Hutzler, B. Lang, B. Musch, P. Perez-Rubio, R. Rödl, A. Schäfer, R. Schiel, J. Simeth, W. Söldner, A. Sternbeck, P. Wein, J. Zhang) + **J. Gracey**.

PDFLattice 2017, 22-24 March, Oxford, UK.

# Outline

- ★ Introduction and Motivation.
- ★ Moments of meson DAs: Pion and rho.
- ★ Moments of baryon DAs: Nucleon and octet.
- ★ Status and difficulties.
- ★ Perspectives: Direct determination of pion DA.

# Meson and baryon distribution amplitudes

**Intuitive picture of a hadron in the infinite momentum frame:** superposition of Fock states with different numbers of quarks and gluons

$$|B\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqq\bar{q}q\rangle + \dots, |M\rangle = |\bar{q}q\rangle + |\bar{q}qg\rangle + |\bar{q}q\bar{q}q\rangle + \dots$$

Within **Fock state decomposition**: (light cone) distribution amplitudes (DAs)  
→ Hadron wave functions at small transverse distances of the constituents

→ describe the distribution of longitudinal momentum.

In hard exclusive processes higher Fock states are power-suppressed → **at high momentum transfer the valence contribution plays the most important role.**

DAs complementary to parton distribution functions (PDFs)

**PDFs**: single-particle probabilities  
(or densities).

“Directly” extracted from fits to DIS and SIDIS data.

**DAs**: amplitudes (or wavefunctions).

Appear always in convolutions in expressions for hard exclusive processes.

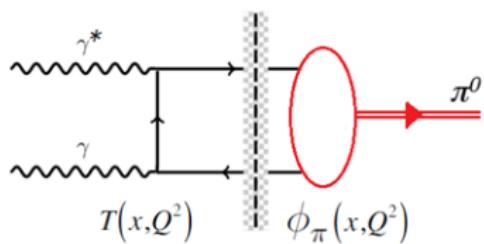
Difficult to extract from experiment without contamination from other hadronic uncertainties.

# Meson and baryon distribution amplitudes

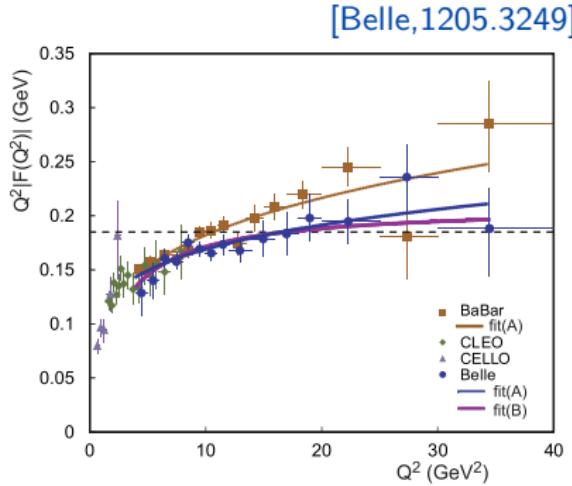
**DAs:** nonperturbative input for the theoretical description of hard exclusive processes.

**Collinear factorisation at large  $Q^2$ .**

Pion:  $\gamma\gamma^* \rightarrow \pi$  form factor



$$F_{\pi\gamma}(Q^2) = \frac{2f_\pi}{3} \int_0^1 dx \underbrace{T_{\gamma\pi}^H(x, \mu, Q^2)}_{\text{hard}} \underbrace{\phi_\pi(x, \mu)}_{\text{soft}}$$



# Pion distribution amplitudes

**DA's:** non-local matrix elements involving light-like quark separation,

$$\langle 0 | \bar{d}(-z) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 [-z, z] u(z) | \pi^+ \rangle = i f_\pi p_\mu \int_0^1 d\xi e^{-i\xi p \cdot z} \phi_\pi(\xi, \mu),$$

$f_\pi$  is the pion decay constant,  $z$  is a light-like vector,  $\xi = x - (1 - x) = 2x - 1$  and  $[-z, z]$  is a Wilson line connecting the  $u$  and  $\bar{d}$  fields.

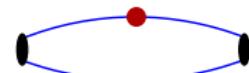
**Moments of DA's: are related to matrix elements of leading twist local operators.**

$$\langle \xi^n \rangle = \int d\xi \xi^n \phi(\xi, \mu), \quad \langle \xi^0 \rangle = 1, \quad \langle \xi^2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 0 | \bar{d} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{(\mu} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu)} \gamma_\rho \gamma_5 u | \pi(p) \rangle \dots$$

Extracted from:



c.f. for moments of pdf's



Gegenbauer expansion:

$$\phi(\xi, \mu) = \phi(2x - 1, \mu) = 6x(1 - x) \left( 1 + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots} a_n^\pi(\mu) C_n^{3/2}(2x - 1) \right)$$

[Collinear conformal symmetry,  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $C_n^{3/2}(\xi)$  analogous to  $Y^{lm}(\theta, \phi)$  in  $O(3)$ .]

$\langle \xi^n \rangle$  and  $a_n^\pi$  related by simple algebraic expressions.

# Meson and baryon distribution amplitudes

**DAs are universal:** involved in many processes

## Pseudoscalar mesons:

Pion form factor to 6 GeV<sup>2</sup> (**JLab Hall C**)

Weak exclusive  $B$  and  $\Lambda_b$  decays (**LHCb**).

## Vector mesons:

Deeply-virtual exclusive  $\rho$ -meson production ( $eN \rightarrow eN\rho$ ) (**JLab, EIC**).

Weak exclusive  $B/B_s \rightarrow V\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $V\ell\nu_\ell$ ,  $V\pi$  decays (**LHCb**),  
e.g.  $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$ .

## Baryons:

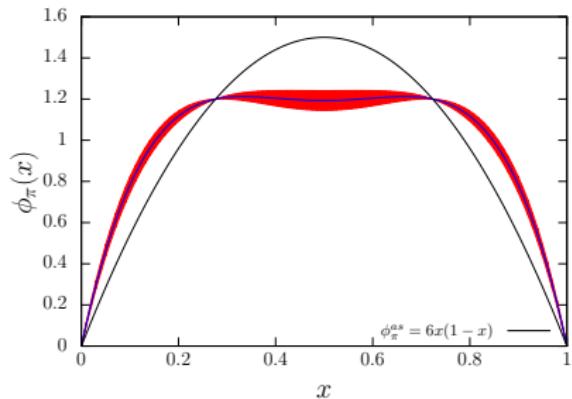
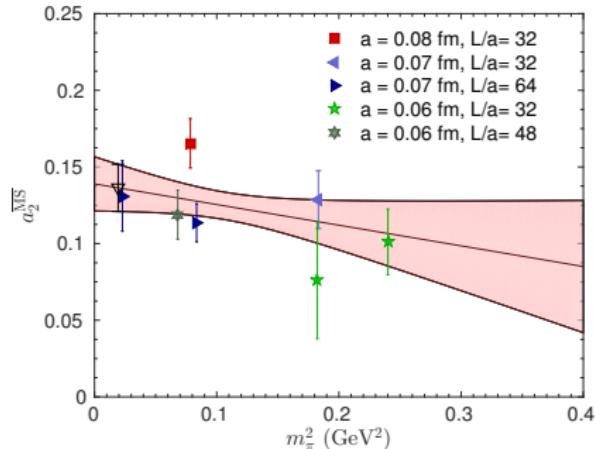
Electric and magnetic nucleon form factor  $Q^2 \sim 14$  GeV<sup>2</sup> (**JLab, FAIR**)

Electric neutron form factor  $Q^2 \sim 8$  GeV<sup>2</sup> (**JLab, FAIR**)

Electroproduction of nucleon resonances at large  $Q^2 \sim 14$  GeV<sup>2</sup> (**JLab**)

Pion DAs:  $a_2^\pi$ ,  $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$  from  $\langle 0 | \bar{d} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{(\mu} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu)} \gamma_\rho \gamma_5 u | \pi(p) \rangle$

**RQCD**: [Braun,1503.03656],  $N_f = 2$ ,  $m_\pi = 150 - 490$  MeV,  $Lm_\pi = 3.4 - 6.7$ .



$$\phi_\pi(x) = 6x(1-x) \left[ 1 + a_2^\pi(\mu) C_2^{3/2} (2x-1) \right], \quad \xi = 2x-1$$

**RQCD**

**RBC/UKQCD** [Arthur,1011.5906]

**QCDSF/UKQCD** [Braun,hep-lat/0606012]

$$a_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.136(15)(15),$$

$$a_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.233(30)(60)$$

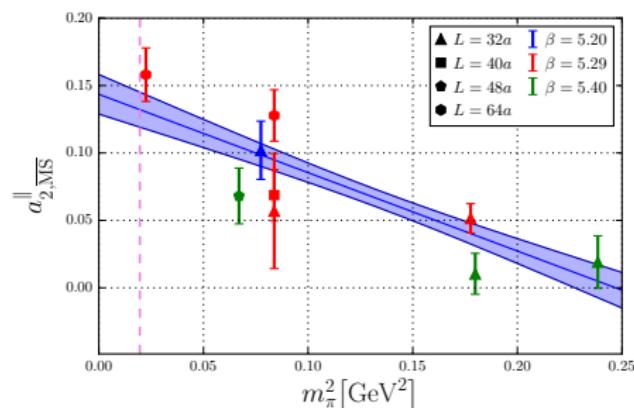
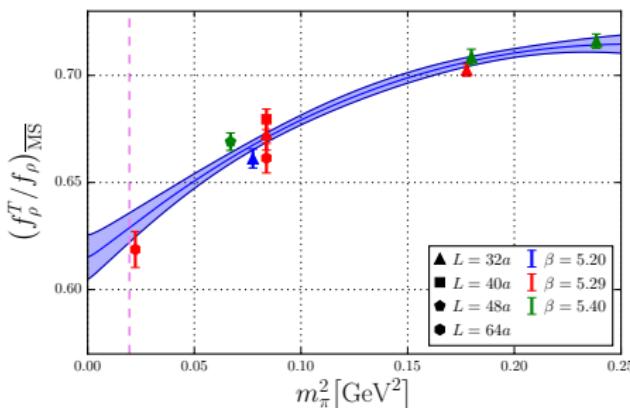
$$a_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.211(114)$$

Rho DAs:  $a_2$ ,  $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$  from  $\langle 0 | \bar{d} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{(\mu} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu)} \gamma_\rho | \rho(p) \rangle$  etc

$$\langle 0 | \bar{d}(z) n \cdot \gamma [-z, z] u(z) | \rho^+(p, \lambda) \rangle = m_\rho f_\rho (e^{(\lambda)} \cdot n) \int_0^1 d\xi e^{-i\xi p \cdot z} \phi_\rho^\parallel(\xi, \mu)$$

$$e_{\perp, \mu}^{(\lambda')} n_\nu \langle 0 | \bar{d}(-z) \sigma^{\mu\nu} [-z, z] u(z) | \rho^+(p, \lambda) \rangle = i f_\rho^T (e_\perp^{(\lambda')} \cdot e_\perp^{(\lambda)}) (p \cdot n) \int_0^1 d\xi e^{-i\xi p \cdot z} \phi_\rho^\perp(\xi, \mu),$$

**RQCD:** [Braun,1612.02955],  $N_f = 2$ ,  $m_\pi = 150 - 490$  MeV,  $Lm_\pi = 3.4 - 6.7$ .



**RQCD**  $f_\rho^T/f_\rho = 0.629(8)$ ,  $a_2^{\parallel, \overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.132(27)$ ,  $a_2^{\perp, \overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.101(22)$

**RBC/UKQCD** [Arthur,1011.5906]  $a_2^{\parallel, \overline{\text{MS}}}(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.20(6)$

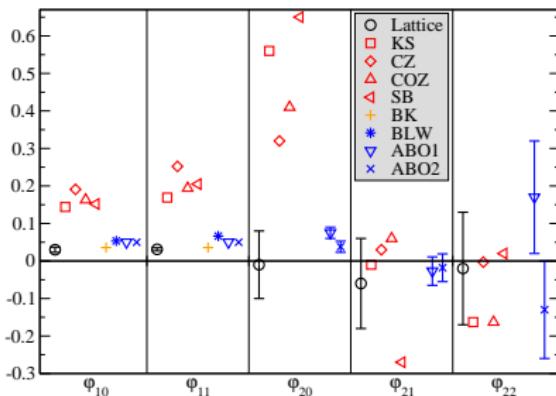
Also  $f_\rho^T/f_\rho = 0.72(3)$  [Becirevic,hep-lat/0301020],  $0.742(14)$  [Braun,hep-lat/0306006],  $0.687(27)$  [Allton,hep-lat/0509196],

# Nucleon

**RQCD:** [Braun,1403.4189],  $N_f = 2$ ,  $m_\pi = 150 - 490$  MeV,  $Lm_\pi = 3.4 - 6.7$ .

Leading twist distribution amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_N(x_i, \mu) = & 120x_1x_2x_3 \left\{ 1 + \phi_{11}(\mu)7(x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3) + \phi_{10}(\mu)21(x_1 - x_3) \right. \\ & + \phi_{20}(\mu) \frac{63}{10} [3(x_1 - x_3)^2 - 3x_2(x_1 + x_3) + 2x_2^2] + \phi_{21}(\mu) \frac{63}{2} (x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3)(x_1 - x_3) \\ & \left. + \phi_{22}(\mu) \frac{9}{5} [x_1^2 + 9x_2(x_1 + x_3) - 12x_1x_3 - 6x_2^2 + x_3^2] + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$



“Momentum fractions” in the proton:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_1 \rangle &= 0.372(7), \\ \langle x_2 \rangle &= 0.314(3), \\ \langle x_3 \rangle &= 0.314(7). \end{aligned}$$

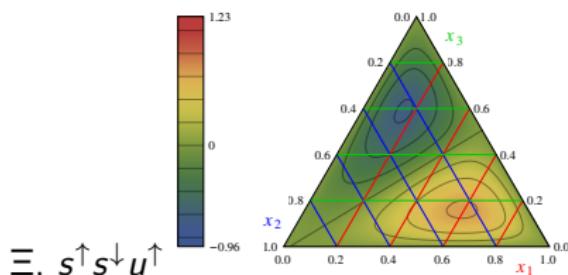
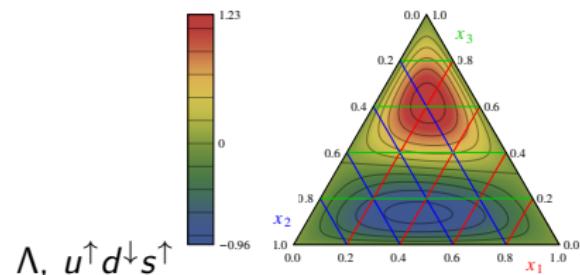
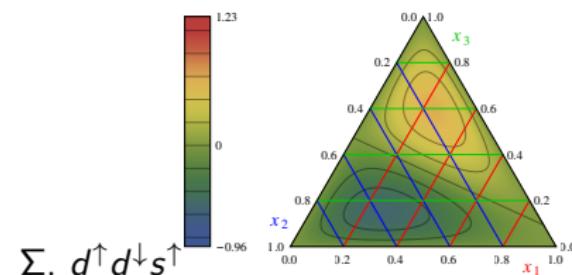
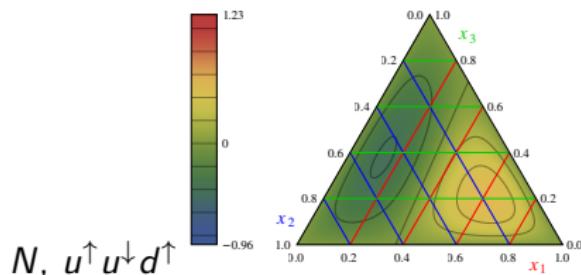
$$q_1^\uparrow (q_2^\downarrow q_3^\uparrow).$$

Earlier work: [QCDSF,0804.1877], [QCDSF,0811.2712].

# Baryon octet

RQCD: [Bali,1512.02050],  $N_f = 2 + 1$ ,  $a = 0.086 \text{ fm}$ ,  $m_\pi = 220 - 420 \text{ MeV}$ .

Barycentric plots ( $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$ ) showing deviation from asymptotic shape  
 $\phi^{as} \equiv 120x_1x_2x_3$ .



$N, \Sigma, \Xi$ :  $q_1$  favoured over  $q_2$ , strange quarks carry more momentum.  
 $\Lambda$ : maximum of distribution shifted to strange quark.

# Status and difficulties

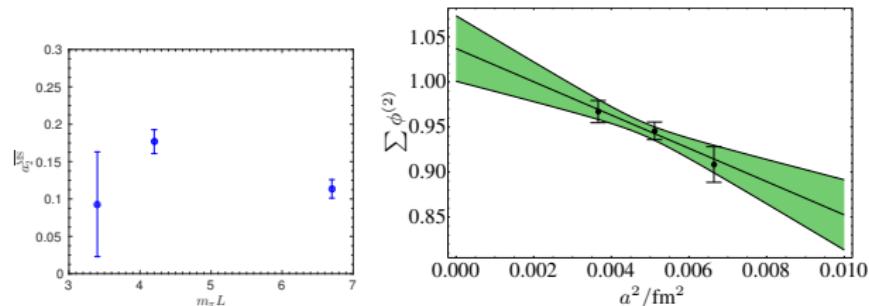
Steady progress in computing the 1st and 2nd moments of hadron DAs.

**Statistics vs systematics:** finite volume ( $Lm_\pi \gtrsim 4$ ), unphysical quark mass ( $m_\pi \sim 135 - 150$  MeV), discretisation effects (4a's), (non-perturbative) renormalisation ...

(Left) pion,  $a = 0.07$  fm,  
 $m_\pi = 290$  MeV.

[Braun,1503.03656]

(Right) nucleon, constraint:  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$ ,  
 $m_\pi = 280 - 290$  MeV.  
[Braun,1403.4189]



Future work includes:  $K$ ,  $K^*$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$ , ...

Resonances need to be treated with a finite volume analysis.

## Difficulty in calculating higher moments

- ▶ Statistics: higher  $n$  require matrix elements of operators with more derivatives. Signal/noise is low, at present  $n = 1, 2$  calculated.
- ▶ Renormalisation: mixing of operators under renormalisation due to reduced symmetry on the lattice (rotational sym.  $\rightarrow$  hypercubic). Worse for higher  $n$ .  
 $O_i(\mu) = Z_{ij}(\mu, a)O_j(a), \quad Z_{\overline{MS}} = Z_{\overline{MS}, MOM}^P Z_{MOM}^{NP}$

# Direct determination of distribution amplitudes

Large-momentum effective field theory (LatMet)[\[Ji,1305.1539\]](#): compute quasi correlation[\[Zhang,1702.00008\]](#),

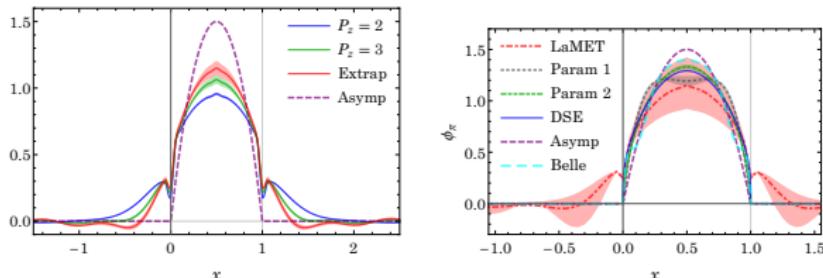
$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P_z) = \frac{i}{f_\pi} \int \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{-i(x-1)P_z z} \langle \pi(P) | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^z \gamma_5 \Gamma(0, z) \psi(z) | 0 \rangle,$$

with quark fields separated along the spatial  $z$  direction.

Can be matched to pion DA[\[Ji,1506.00248\]](#):

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, \Lambda, P_z) = \int_0^1 dy Z_\phi(x, y, \Lambda, \mu, P_z) \phi(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{P_z^2}, \frac{m_\pi^2}{P_z^2}\right),$$

with  $\Lambda = \pi/a$ .  $m_\pi = 310$  MeV,  $a = 0.12$  fm,  $L m_\pi = 4.5$ .



**High momenta required:** signal/noise deteriorates, discretisation effects ( $\mathcal{O}(ap)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(a^2 p^2)$ ).

# Distribution amplitudes from a position space method

[Braun and Mueller,0709.1348]+[Aglietti,hep-ph/9806277]:

Example: pion, lattice “data”  $M(\vec{y} \cdot \vec{p}, |\vec{y}|^2, \mu)$ ,

$$M^{\overline{MS}}(\vec{y} \cdot \vec{p}, |\vec{y}|^2, \mu) = \langle \pi^0(p) | \bar{q}(y/2) \Gamma_1 q(y/2) \bar{q}(-y/2) \Gamma_2 q(-y/2) | 0 \rangle$$

For  $2/|\vec{y}|$  perturbative and  $\gg m_\pi$ ,

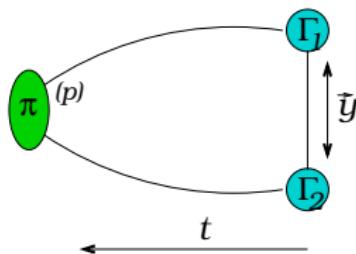
$$M^{\overline{MS}}(\vec{y} \cdot \vec{p}, \vec{y}^2, \mu) = Z\left(\frac{2}{|\vec{y}|}, \mu\right) \int_0^1 dx e^{i(2x-1)p \cdot y/2} T_H(x, \mu_F, \frac{2}{|\vec{y}|}) \phi_\pi(x, \mu_F)$$

To leading order

and leading twist:

$$M = \frac{y \cdot p}{\pi^2 y^4} f_\pi \int_0^1 dx e^{i(2x-1)p \cdot y/2} \phi_\pi(x, \mu) = \frac{y \cdot p}{\pi^2 y^4} \mathcal{F}(p \cdot y)$$

With  $\Gamma_1 = S = \mathbb{1}$ ,  $\Gamma_2 = P = \gamma_5$ ,  $\mu_F = \mu = 2$  GeV.

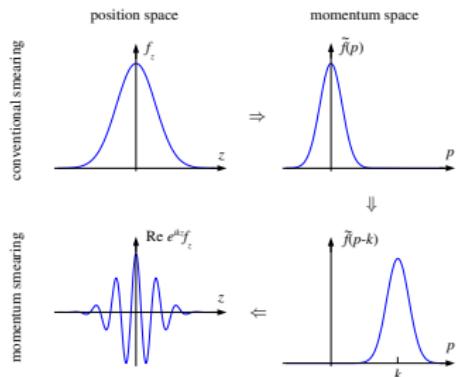


$$\mathcal{F}(p \cdot y, t) \propto Z_S Z_P \frac{\pi^2 y^4}{y \cdot p} \frac{\mathbf{C}_{\pi SP}^{(p)}(t) e^{E_\pi t/2}}{\sqrt{2 E_\pi C_\pi^{(p)}(t)}}$$

Pion two-point function:  $C_\pi^{(p)}(t)$

**Local operator renorm. factors**

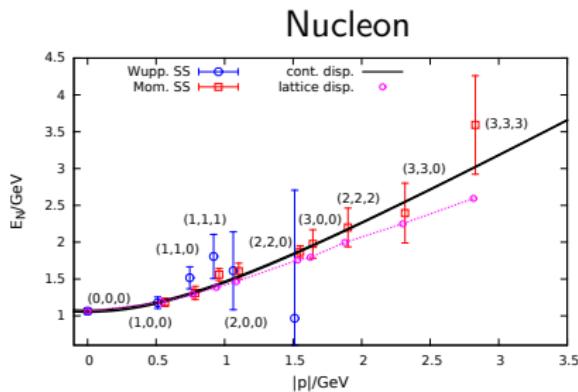
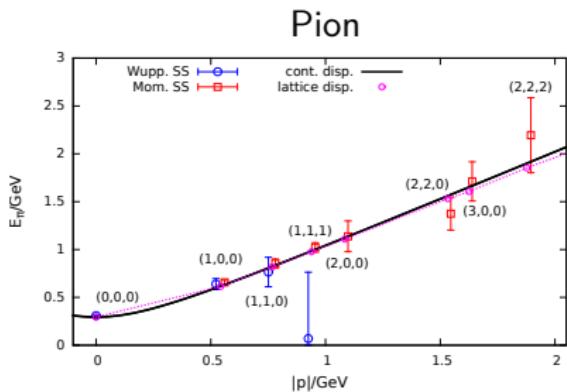
# Achieving a good signal at high momenta



**RQCD [Bali,1602.05525]:**

Quark smearing that maintains small statistical errors and good overlaps with ground state wavefunctions.

Test case:  $N_f = 2$ ,  $m_\pi = 295$  MeV,  $a = 0.07$  fm. Momenta up to 2.8 GeV achieved.



# Pion distribution amplitude from a position space method

**RQCD**: G. Bali, V. Braun, M. Göckeler, B. Lang, B. Musch, A. Schäfer, P. Wein, J. Zhang.

Test case:  $N_f = 2$ ,  $m_\pi = 295$  MeV,  $a = 0.07$  fm.

$\vec{p} = (2, 0, 0)2\pi/L$ , different  $\vec{x}$  (fixed  $|\vec{x}|^2$ ) give range  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}$

Keep  $2/|\vec{x}|$  large, need large  $\vec{p}$  for sensitivity to parameterisation of  $\phi_\pi$ .

