

π and K Structure: Revealing the Dynamics of Mass Generation

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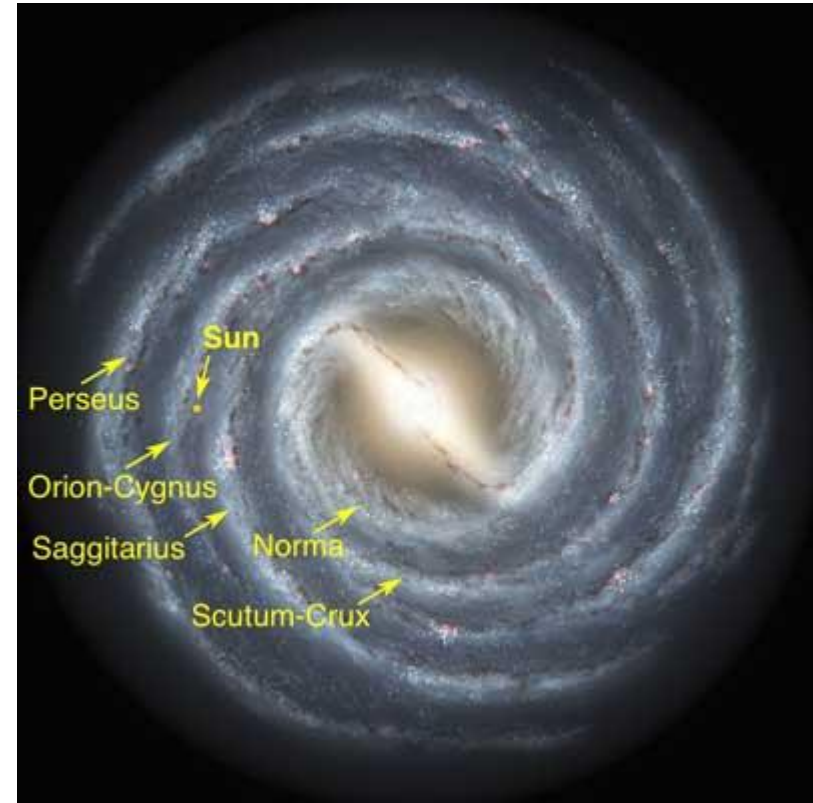
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Emergent Phenomena in the Standard Model

Existence of the Universe as we know it depends critically on following empirical facts:

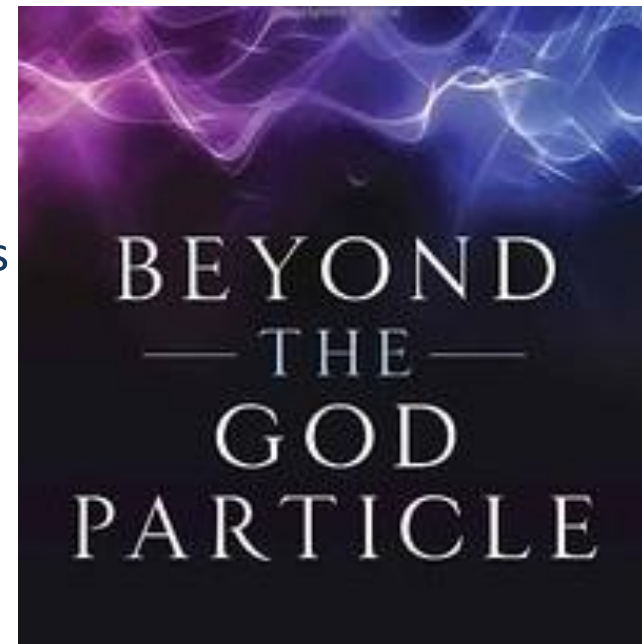
- Proton is massive, *i.e.* the mass-scale for strong interactions is vastly different to that of electromagnetism
- Proton is absolutely stable, despite being a composite object constituted from three valence quarks
- Pion is unnaturally light (but not massless), despite being a strongly interacting composite object built from a valence-quark and valence antiquark



Emergence: low-level rules producing high-level phenomena, with enormous apparent complexity

Overture

- LHC has NOT found the “God Particle”
because the Higgs boson is NOT the origin of mass
 - Higgs-boson only produces a little bit of mass
 - Higgs-generated mass-scales explain neither the proton’s mass nor the pion’s (*near-*)masslessness
 - Hence LHC has, as yet, taught us very little about
 - Origin Nature Structureof the nuclei whose existence support the Cosmos
- Strong interaction sector of the Standard Model, *i.e.* QCD, is the key to understanding the origin, existence and properties of (almost) all known matter
- Answers are in sight
 - Theoretical tools are reaching point where sound QCD predictions can be made
 - New facilities – in operation or being planned – can validate those predictions





What & where is mass?

Strong Interactions in the Standard Model of Particle Physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i (i(\gamma^\mu D_\mu)_{ij} - m \delta_{ij}) \psi_j - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

- Only apparent scale in chromodynamics is mass of the quark field
- In connection with everyday matter, that mass is 1/250th of the natural (empirical) scale for strong interactions,
viz. more-than two orders-of-magnitude smaller
- Quark mass is said to be generated by Higgs boson.
- Plainly, however, that mass is very far removed from the natural scale for strongly-interacting matter
- *Nuclear physics mass-scale* – 1 GeV – is an *emergent feature of the Standard Model*
 - No amount of staring at \mathcal{L}_{QCD} can reveal that scale
- Contrast with quantum electrodynamics, *e.g.* spectrum of hydrogen levels measured in units of m_e , which appears in \mathcal{L}_{QED}

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Whence Mass?

- Classical chromodynamics ... non-Abelian local gauge theory
- Remove the current mass ... there's no energy scale left
- *No dynamics in a scale-invariant theory*; only kinematics ... the theory looks the same at all length-scales ... there can be no clumps of anything ... *hence bound-states are impossible*.
- *Our Universe can't exist*
- *Higgs boson doesn't solve this problem* ... normal matter is constituted from light-quarks & the mass of protons and neutrons, the kernels of all visible matter, are 100-times larger than anything the Higgs can produce
- *Where did it all begin?*
... becomes ... Where did it all come from?

Whence Mass?

- Poincaré invariance entails that the Energy-Momentum Tensor is divergence-free, *i.e.* it defines a conserved current:

$$\partial_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$T_{\mu\nu}$ can *always*
be made symmetric

- Noether current associated with a global scale transformation:

$$x \rightarrow e^{-\sigma} x$$

is the dilation current: $D_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} x_\nu$

- In a scale invariant theory, the dilation current is conserved

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu D_\mu &= 0 = [\partial_\mu T_{\mu\nu}] x_\nu + T_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\mu\nu} \\ &= T_{\mu\mu},\end{aligned}$$

- Consequently, in a **scale invariant theory**

the **energy-momentum tensor must be traceless: $T_{\mu\mu} \equiv 0$**

Trace Anomaly

- Classical chromodynamics is meaningless ... must be quantised
- Regularisation and renormalisation of (ultraviolet) divergences introduces a mass-scale
 ... *dimensional transmutation*: mass-dimensionless quantities become dependent on a mass-scale, ζ
- $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(\zeta)$ in QCD's (massless) Lagrangian density, $L(m=0)$ QCD β function

Under a scale transformation $\zeta \rightarrow e^\sigma \zeta$, then $\alpha \rightarrow \sigma \alpha \beta(\alpha)$

$$L \rightarrow \sigma \alpha \beta(\alpha) dL/d\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu D_\mu = \delta L / \delta \sigma = \alpha \beta(\alpha) dL/d\alpha = \boxed{\beta(\alpha) \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} = T_{\rho\rho} =: \Theta_0}$$

Trace
anomaly

- Straightforward, nonperturbative derivation, without need for diagrammatic analysis ...

*quantisation of renormalisable four-dimensional theory
 forces nonzero value for trace of energy-momentum tensor*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i (i(\gamma^\mu D_\mu)_{ij} - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}) \psi_j$$

Whence?

- Classical chromodynamics ... non-Abelian local gauge theory
- Local gauge invariance; but there is no confinement without a mass-scale
 - Three quarks can still be colour-singlet
 - Colour rotations will keep them colour singlets
 - But they need have no proximity to one another
... proximity is meaningless in a scale-invariant theory
- Whence mass ... equivalent to whence a mass-scale ...
equivalent to whence a confinement scale
- *Understanding the origin of mass in QCD is quite likely inseparable from the task of understanding confinement.*
Existence alone of a scale anomaly answers neither question



Where is the mass?



$$T_{\mu\mu} = \frac{1}{4}\beta(\alpha(\zeta))G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

Trace Anomaly

- Knowing that a trace anomaly exists does not deliver a great deal ... indicates only that a mass-scale exists
- Can one compute and/or understand the magnitude of that scale?
- One can certainly *measure* the magnitude ... consider proton:

$$\langle p(P) | T_{\mu\nu} | p(P) \rangle = -P_\mu P_\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p(P) | T_{\mu\mu} | p(P) \rangle &= -P^2 = m_p^2 \\ &= \langle p(P) | \Theta_0 | p(P) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- In the chiral limit the entirety of the proton's mass is produced by the trace anomaly, Θ_0
 - ... In QCD, Θ_0 measures the strength of gluon self-interactions
 - ... so, from one perspective, m_p is completely generated by glue.



On the other hand ...

$$T_{\mu\mu} = \frac{1}{4}\beta(\alpha(\zeta))G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

Trace Anomaly

- In the chiral limit

$$\langle \pi(q) | T_{\mu\nu} | \pi(q) \rangle = -q_\mu q_\nu \Rightarrow \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

- Does this mean that the scale anomaly vanishes trivially in the pion state, *i.e.* gluons contribute nothing to the pion mass?
- That is a difficult way to obtain “zero”
- Easier, perhaps, to imagine that “zero” owes to cancellations between different operator-component contributions to the expectation value of Θ_0 .
- Of course, such precise cancellation should not be an accident.
It could only arise naturally because of some symmetry and/or symmetry-breaking pattern.

Whence “1” and yet “0” ?

$$\langle p(P) | \Theta_0 | p(P) \rangle = m_p^2, \quad \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

➤ *No statement of the question*

“Whence the proton's mass?”

is complete without the additional clause

*“Whence the **absence** of a pion mass?”*

- Natural nuclear-physics mass-scale must emerge simultaneously with apparent preservation of scale invariance in related systems
- Expectation value of Θ_0 in pion is always zero, irrespective of the size of the natural mass-scale for strong interactions = m_p

A New Era for hadro-particle physics



Model independent statement:

There is quark orbital angular momentum in the pion

Probable corollary: What is true in the pion, is true in the proton

A New Era

- QCD is the first place that we fully experience the collisions and collisions between relativity and quantum mechanics.
- In attempting to match QCD with Nature, we confront the innumerable complexities of nonperturbative, nonlinear dynamics in relativistic quantum field theory, *e.g.*
 - the loss of particle number conservation,
 - the frame and scale dependence of the explanations and interpretations of observable processes,
 - and the evolving character of the relevant degrees-of-freedom.
- Origin and distribution of mass, momentum, spin within hadrons, *e.g.* where is the proton's spin and how is the pion spinless?
 - Don't forget the latter!
 - How do all the spin-1/2 quarks and spin-1 gluons combine to make a massless, $J=0$ composite mode?

Overarching Science Challenges for the coming decade

- What is origin of mass in our Universe?
- What is the nature of confinement in real (dynamical-quarks) QCD?
- How are they connected?
- How can any
 - answers,
 - conjectures
 - and/or conclusionsbe empirically verified?

***Physics is an
Empirical Science***

A high-energy
electron on
collision course with ...



... a quark, confined
in the proton.

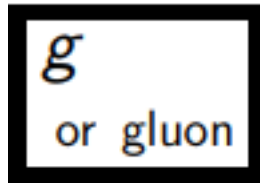


Quantum Chromodynamics

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Particle Data Group

Citation: C. Patrignani et al. (Particle Data Group), Chin. Phys. C, **40**, 100001 (2016) and 2017 update



$$I(J^P) = 0(1^-)$$

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Mass $m = 0$.

Theoretical value. A mass as large as a few MeV may not be precluded, see YNDURAIN 95.

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$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(q) = \text{wavy line}^{-1} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{2} \text{diagram (a)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram (b)} + \text{diagram (c)} + \frac{1}{6} \text{diagram (d)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram (e)} \right]}_{\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)}$$

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q) = P_{\mu\nu}(q)\Pi(q)$$

$$P_{\mu\nu}(q) = g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu / q^2$$

Gluon Gap Equation

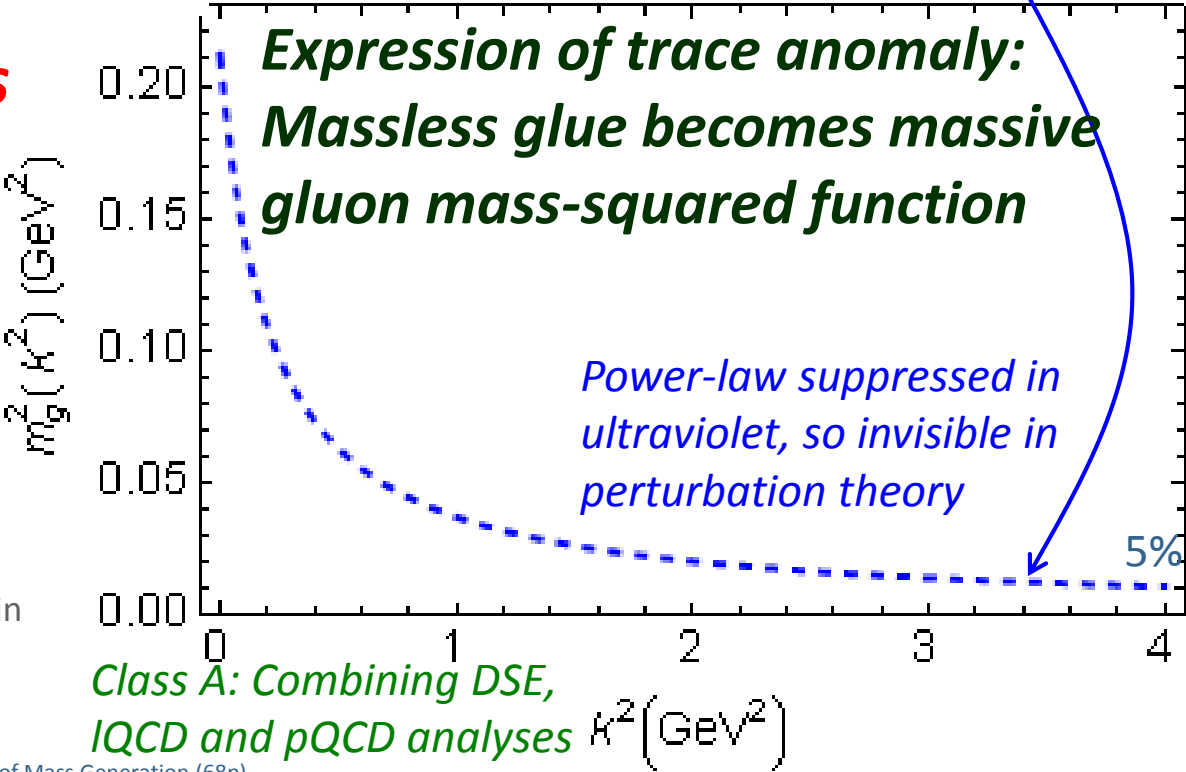
In QCD: Gluons become massive!

➤ Running gluon mass

$$d(k^2) = \frac{\alpha(\zeta)}{k^2 + m_g^2(k^2; \zeta)}$$
$$\alpha_s(0) = 2.77 \approx 0.9\pi, \quad m_g^2(0) = (0.46 \text{ GeV})^2$$

➤ Gluons are **cannibals** – a particle species whose members become massive by eating each other!

$$m_g^2(k^2) \approx \frac{\mu_g^4}{\mu_g^2 + k^2}$$



Interaction model for the gap equation, S.-x.Qin et al., [arXiv:1108.0603 \[nucl-th\]](#), [Phys. Rev. C 84 \(2011\) 042202\(R\) \[5 pages\]](#)

Class A: Combining DSE, IQCD and pQCD analyses of QCD's gauge sector



Massive Gauge Bosons!



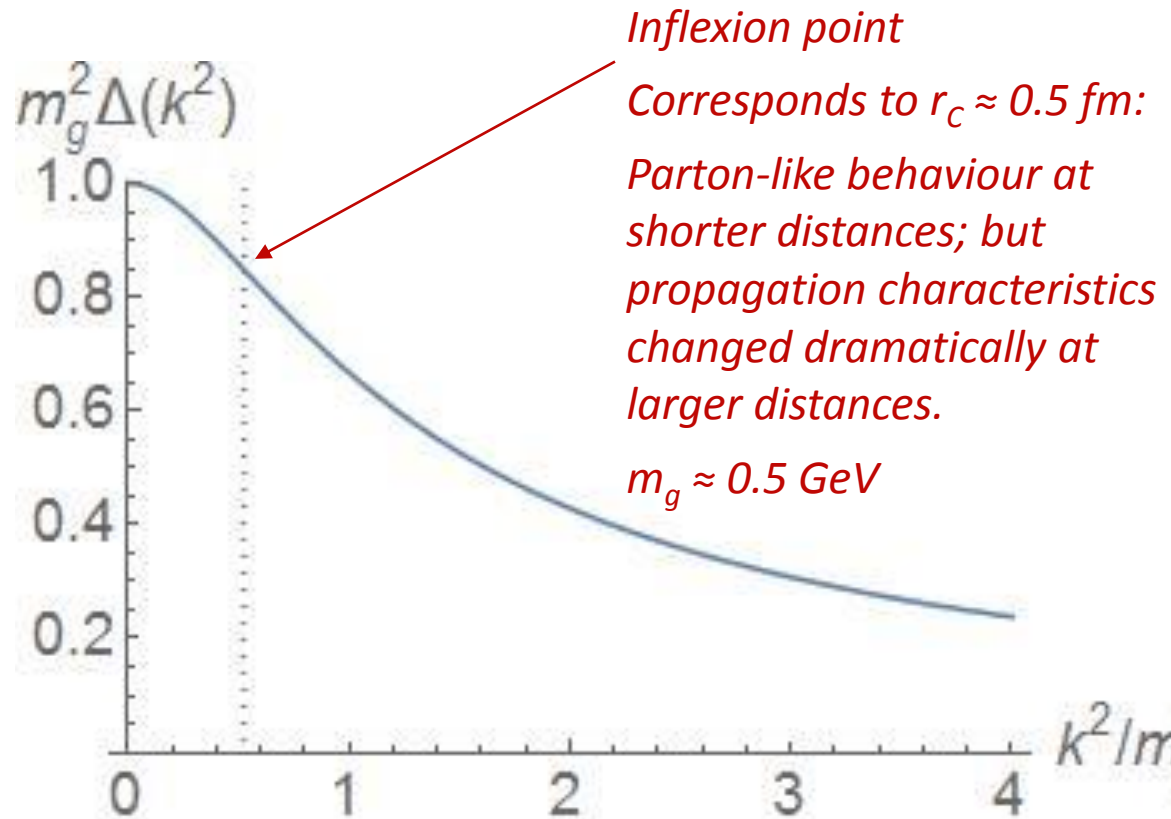
- Gauge boson cannibalism
 - ... a new physics frontier ... within the Standard Model
- Asymptotic freedom means
 - ... ultraviolet behaviour of QCD is controllable
- Dynamically generated masses for gluons and quarks means that **QCD dynamically generates** its own **infrared cutoffs**
 - Gluons and quarks with
 - wavelength $\lambda > 2/\text{mass} \approx 1 \text{ fm}$
 - decouple from the dynamics ... **Confinement?!**
- How does that affect observables?
 - It will have an impact in any continuum study
 - Possibly (probably?) plays a role in gluon saturation ...
In fact, could be a harbinger of gluon saturation?

**Electron Ion Collider:
The Next QCD Frontier**

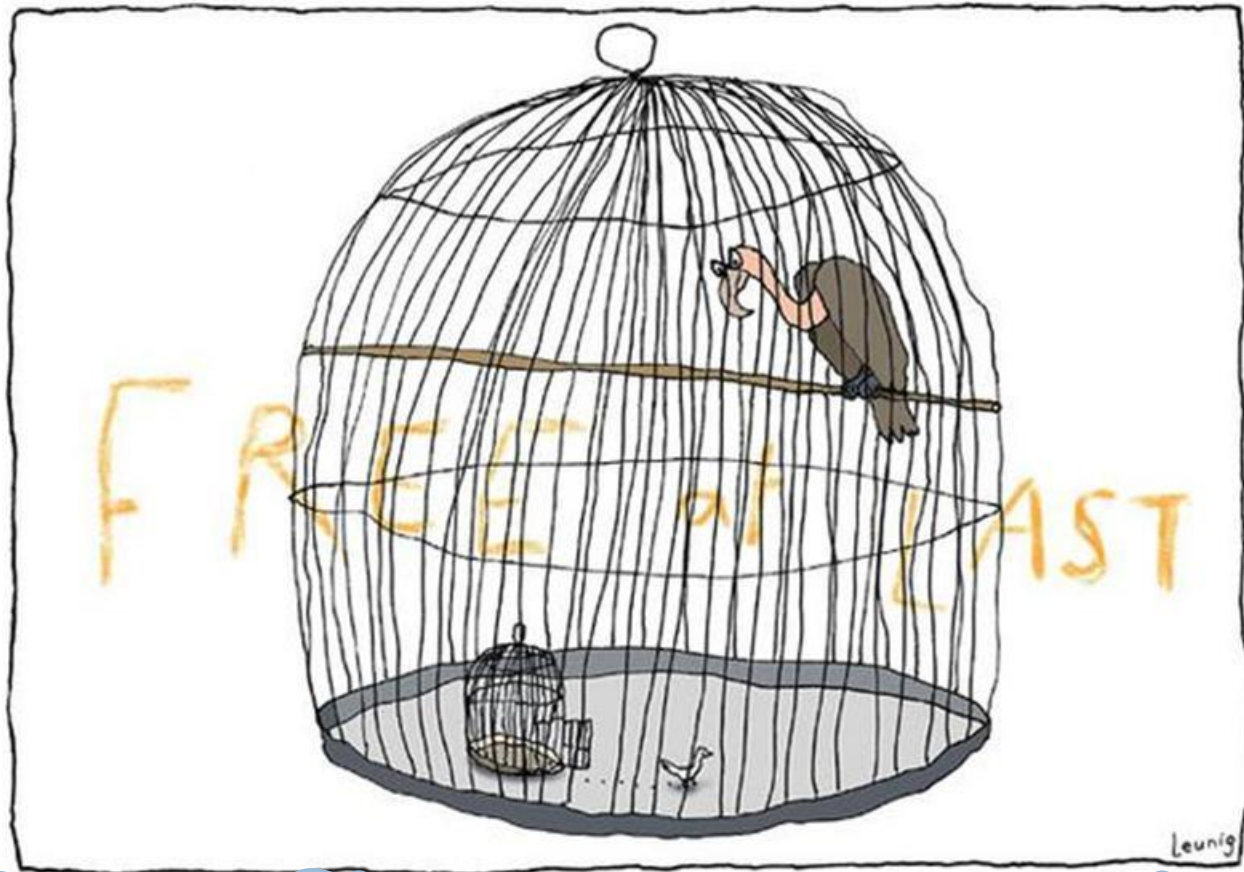
Confined particle

$$\Delta(k^2) = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho(s)}{s + k^2}$$

Sum of “probabilities”



- All QCD solutions for gluon & quark propagators exhibit an inflection point in k^2 ... consequence of the running-mass function
- ⇒ Spectral function is NOT positive
- ⇒ Such states have negative norm (negative probability)
- ⇒ Negative norm states are not observable
- ⇒ This object is confined!

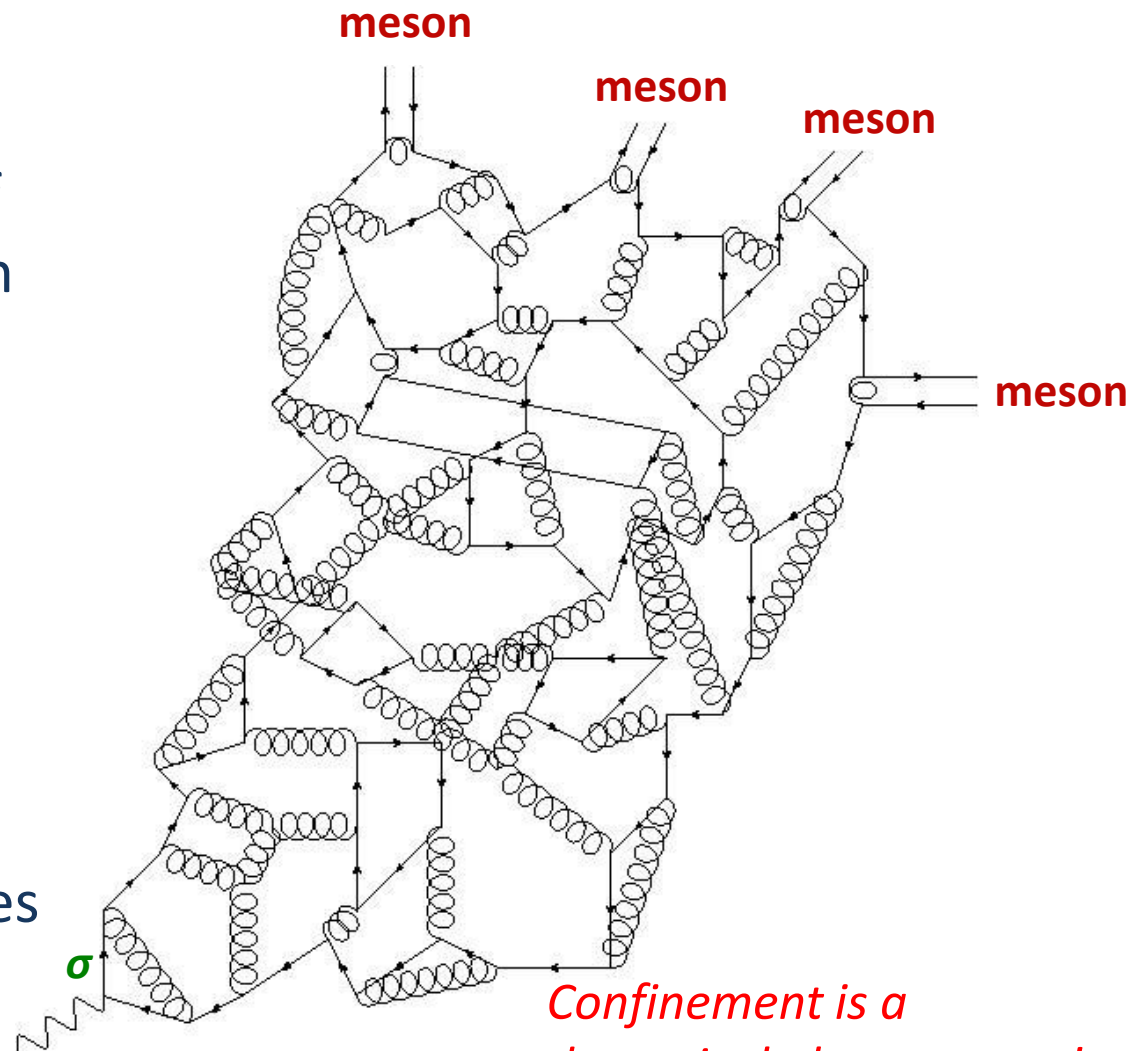


Confinement is dynamical

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Quark Fragmentation

- A quark begins to propagate
- But after each “step” of length σ , on average, an interaction occurs, so that the quark *loses* its identity, sharing it with other partons
- Finally, a cloud of partons is produced, which coalesces into colour-singlet final states



Confinement is a dynamical phenomenon!

Quark Fragmentation

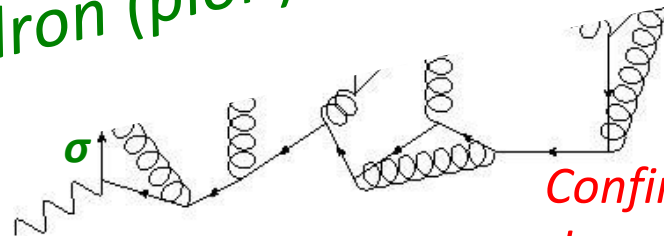
- A quark begins to propagate
- But after each “step” of length σ , on average, it interacts with the medium. Confinement in hadron physics is largely a dynamical phenomenon, intimately connected with the fragmentation effect.
- Final state partons are not free. It is unlikely to be comprehended without simultaneously understanding dynamical chiral symmetry breaking, which is the origin of a near-zero mass hadron (pion).

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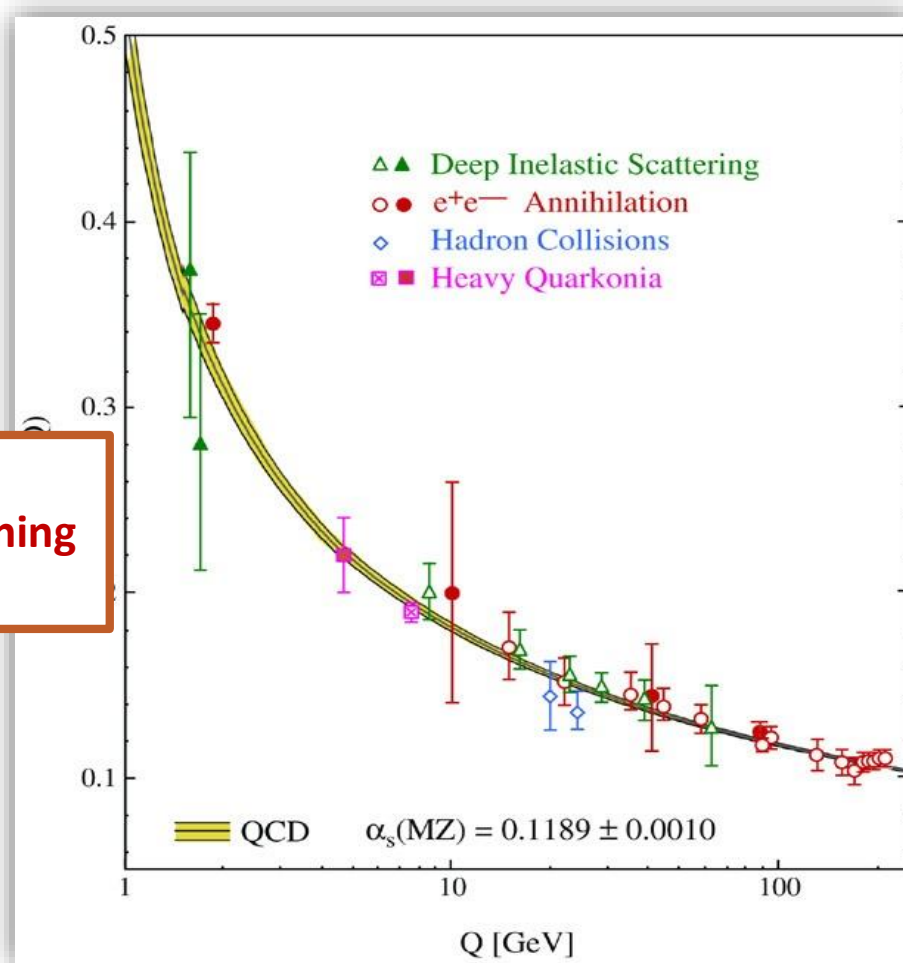
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Confinement is a dynamical phenomenon!

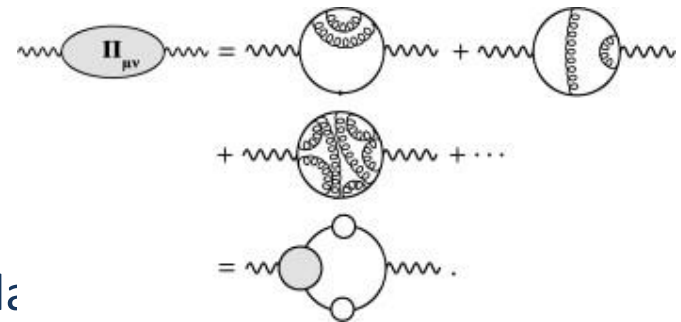
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QCD's Running Coupling

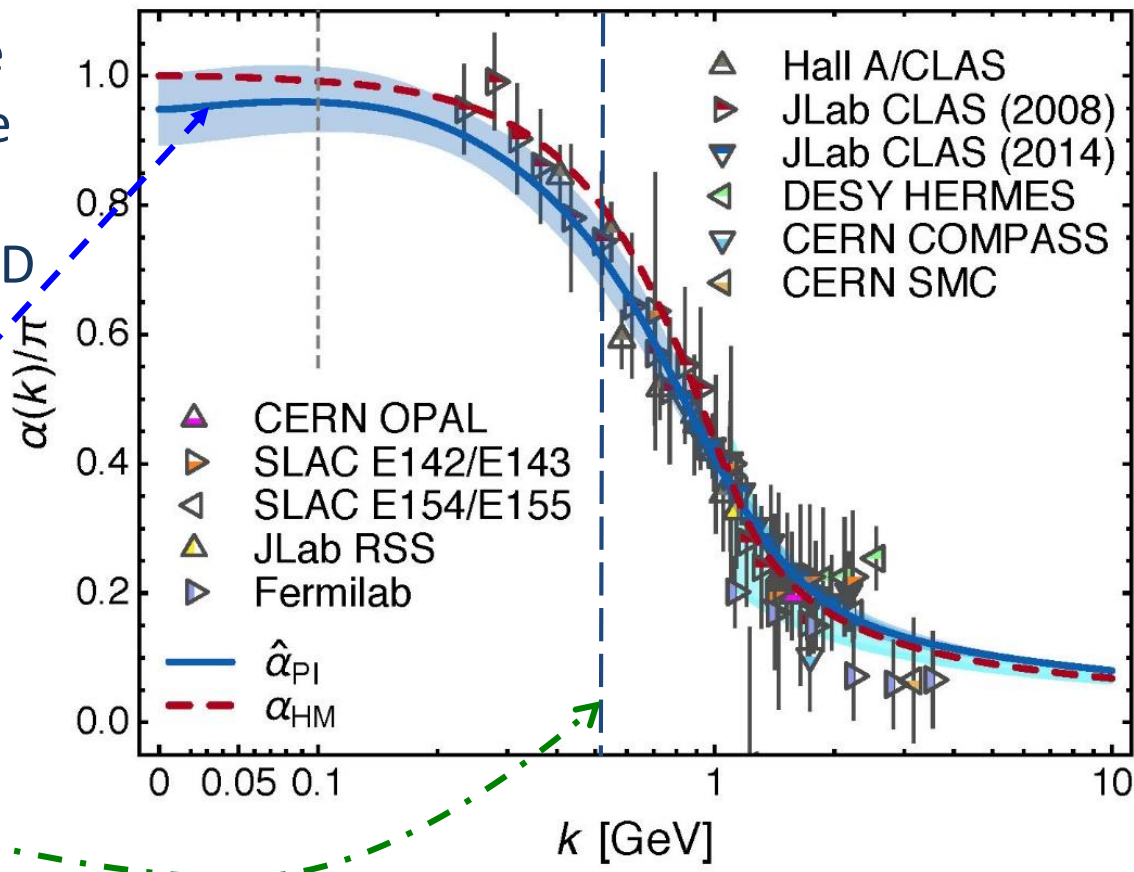
QED Running Coupling

- Quantum gauge field theories in four spacetime dimensions,
 - Lagrangian couplings and masses come to depend on a mass scale
 - Can normally be related to the energy or momentum at which a given process occurs.
- QED, owing to the Ward identity:
 - a single running coupling
 - measures strength of the photon-charged-fermion vertex
 - can be obtained by summing the virtual processes that dress the bare photon, viz. by computing the photon vacuum polarization
- QED's running coupling is known to great accuracy and the running has been observed directly.



Process-independent effective-charge in QCD

- Modern continuum & lattice methods for analysing gauge sector enable analogous quantity to be defined in QCD
- Combined continuum and lattice analysis of QCD's gauge sector yields a parameter-free prediction
- N.B. Qualitative change in $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}(k)$ at $k \approx \frac{1}{2} m_p$

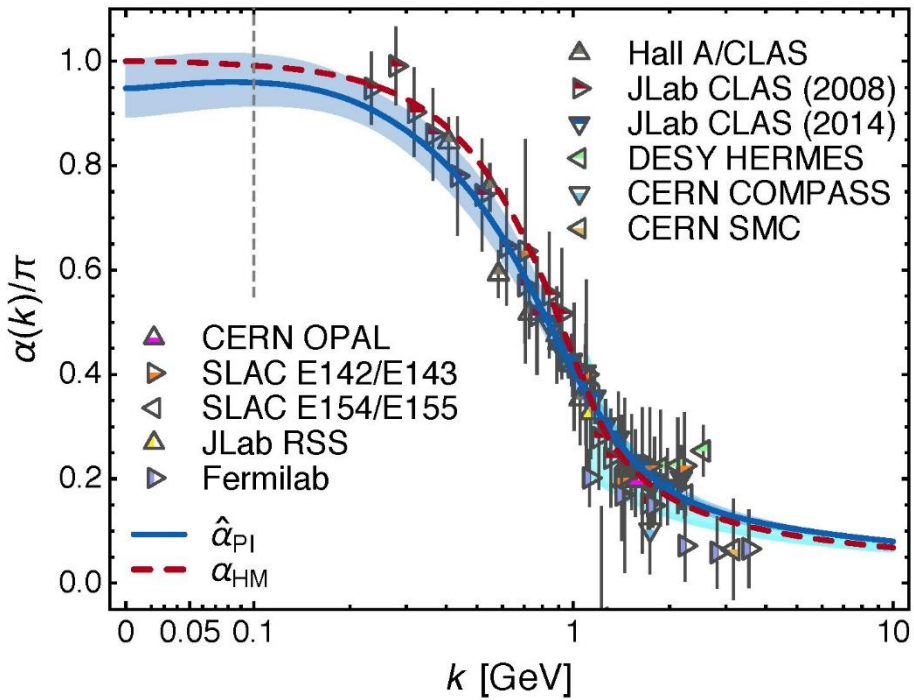


- Near precise agreement between process-independent $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ and α_{g1} and $\hat{\alpha}_{PI} \approx \alpha_{HM}$
- Perturbative domain:

$$\alpha_{g1}(k^2) = \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2)(1 + 1.14 \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2) + \dots),$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{PI}(k^2) = \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2)(1 + 1.09 \alpha_{\overline{MS}}(k^2) + \dots),$$
 difference = $(1/20) \alpha_{\overline{MS}}^2$
- Parameter-free prediction:
 - curve completely determined by results obtained for gluon & ghost two-point functions using continuum and lattice-regularised QCD.

QCD Effective Charge



Data: process dependent effective charge: α_{g1}
 defined via Bjorken Sum Rule

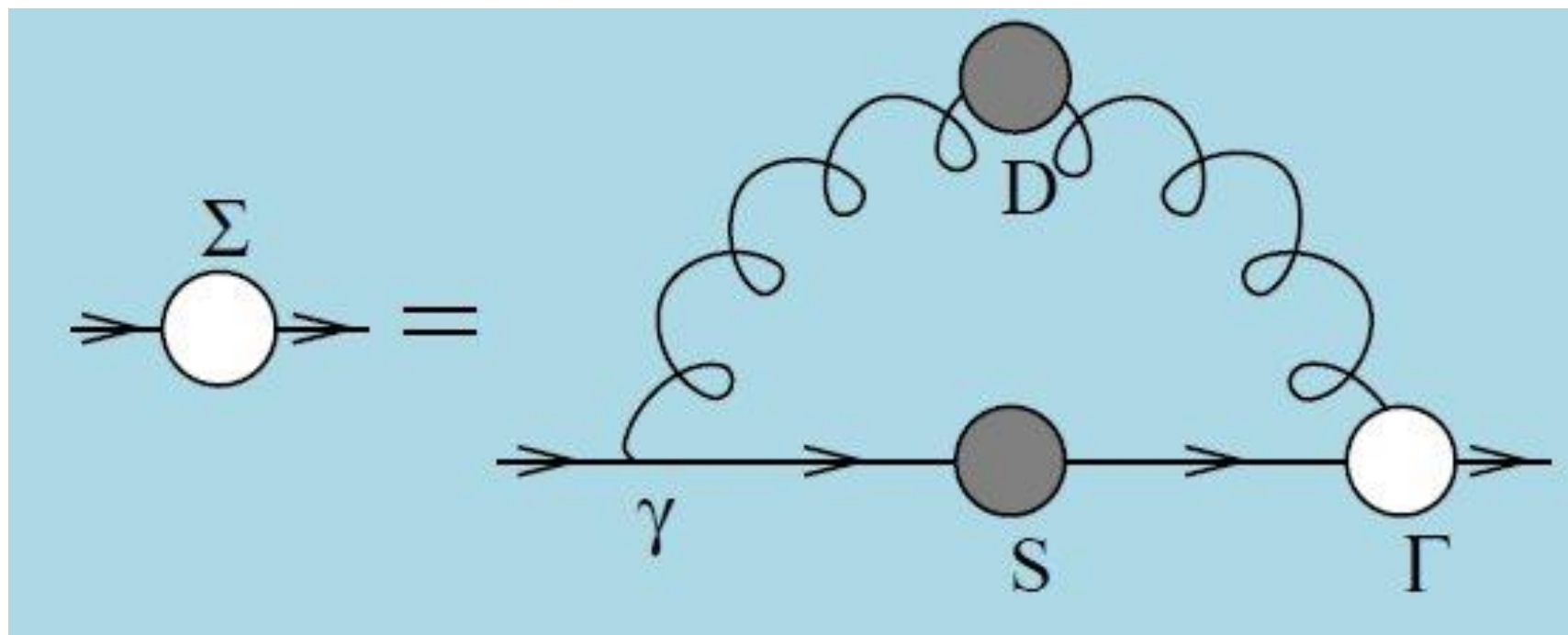
QCD Effective Charge

- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ is a new type of effective charge
 - direct analogue of the Gell-Mann–Low effective coupling in QED, *i.e.* completely determined by the gauge-boson two-point function.
- Prediction for $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ is parameter-free
 - Draws best from continuum & lattice results for QCD's gauge sector
- Prediction for $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ smoothly unifies the nonperturbative and perturbative domains of the strong-interaction theory.
- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ is
 - process-independent
 - appears in every one of QCD's dynamical equations of motion
 - known to unify a vast array of observables
- $\hat{\alpha}_{PI}$ possesses an infrared-stable fixed-point
 - Nonperturbative analysis demonstrating absence of a Landau pole in QCD
- QCD is IR finite, owing to dynamical generation of gluon mass-scale

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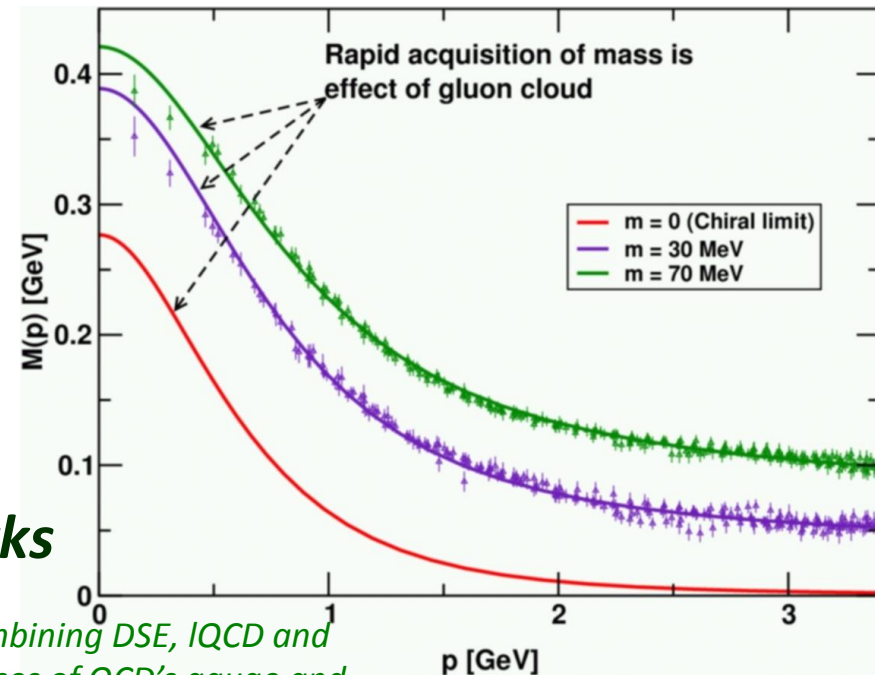


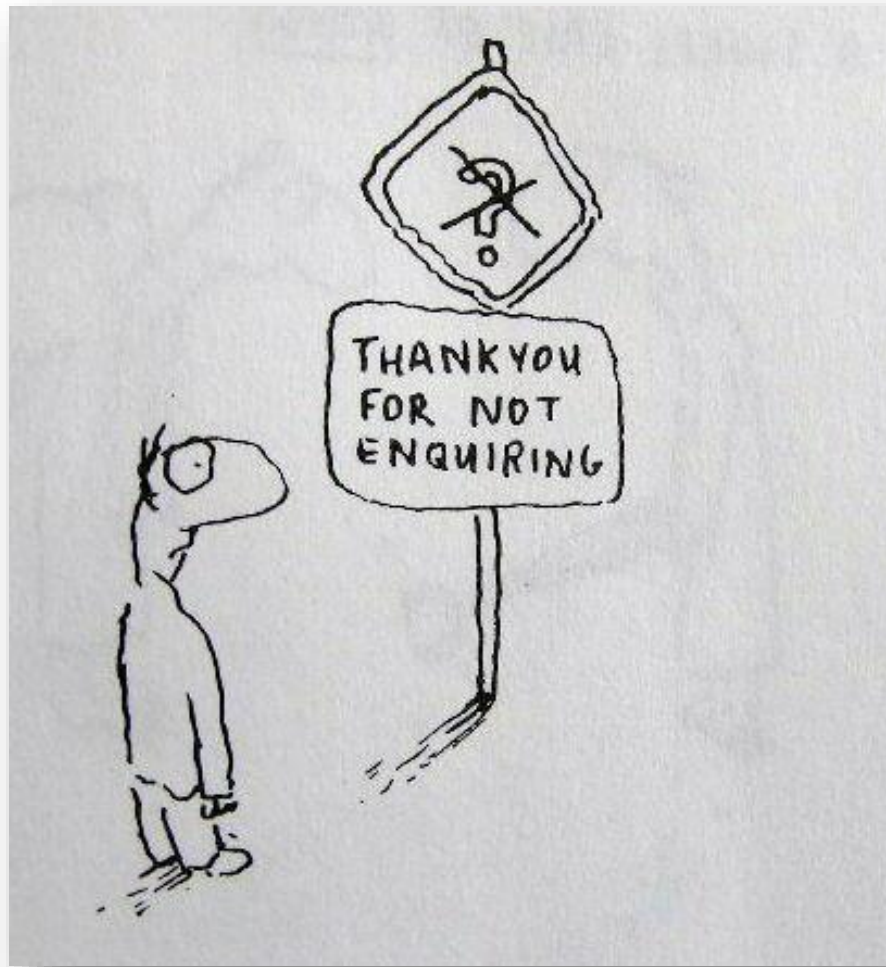
$$S(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{i\gamma \cdot p + M(p^2)}$$



Quark Gap Equation

- Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking (DCSB) is a critical emergent phenomenon in QCD
- Expressed in hadron wave functions not in vacuum condensates
- Contemporary theory indicates that DCSB is responsible for more than 98% of the visible mass in the Universe; namely, given that classical massless-QCD is a conformally invariant theory, then DCSB is the origin of *mass from nothing*.
- **Dynamical**, not spontaneous
 - Add nothing to **QCD**,
No Higgs field, nothing!
 Effect achieved purely through quark+gluon dynamics.
 - ✓ **Trace anomaly: massless quarks become massive**





Enigma of Mass

Pion's Goldberger -Treiman relation

- Pion's Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

Solution of the Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$\Gamma_{\pi^j}(k; P) = \tau^{\pi^j} \gamma_5 \left[iE_{\pi}(k; P) + \gamma \cdot P F_{\pi}(k; P) \right. \\ \left. + \gamma \cdot k k \cdot P G_{\pi}(k; P) + \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_{\mu} P_{\nu} H_{\pi}(k; P) \right]$$

- Dressed-quark propagator $S(p) = \frac{1}{i\gamma \cdot p A(p^2) + B(p^2)}$

- Axial-vector Ward-Takahashi identity entails

$$f_{\pi} E_{\pi}(k; P = 0) = B(k^2)$$

Owing to DCSB
& Exact in
Chiral QCD

**Miracle: two body problem solved,
almost completely, once solution of
one body problem is known**

*Rudimentary version of this relation is
apparent in Nambu's Nobel Prize work*

**Model independent
Gauge independent
Scheme independent**

$$f_{\pi} E_{\pi}(p^2) = B(p^2)$$

The most fundamental
expression of Goldstone's
Theorem and DCSB

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$$f_{\pi} E_{\pi}(p^2) \Leftrightarrow B(p^2)$$

Pion exists if, and only if,
mass is dynamically
generated

$$f_{\pi} E_{\pi}(p^2) = B(p^2)$$

This algebraic identity is why QCD's pion is massless in the chiral limit

Enigma of mass



- The quark level Goldberger-Treiman relation shows that DCSB has a very deep and far reaching impact on physics within the strong interaction sector of the Standard Model; viz.,
Goldstone's theorem is fundamentally an expression of equivalence between the one-body problem and the two-body problem in the pseudoscalar channel.
- This emphasises that Goldstone's theorem has a pointwise expression in QCD
- Hence, pion properties are an almost direct measure of the dressed-quark mass function.
- Thus, enigmatically, the properties of the *massless* pion are the cleanest expression of the mechanism that is responsible for almost all the visible mass in the universe.



$$\langle p(P) | \Theta_0 | p(P) \rangle = m_p^2, \quad \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

Whence “0” ?

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Whence “0” ?

The answer is algebraic

Pion masslessness

- Obtain a coupled set of gap- and Bethe-Salpeter equations
 - Bethe-Salpeter Kernel:
 - valence-quarks with a momentum-dependent running mass produced by self-interacting gluons, which have given themselves a running mass
 - Interactions of arbitrary but enumerable complexity involving these “basis vectors”
 - Chiral limit:
 - Algebraic proof
 - at any & each finite order in symmetry-preserving construction of kernels for
 - » the gap (quark dressing)
 - » and Bethe-Salpeter (bound-state) equations,
 - there is a precise cancellation between
 - » mass-generating effect of dressing the valence-quarks
 - » and attraction introduced by the scattering events
 - Cancellation guarantees that
 - simple system, which began massless,
 - becomes a complex system, with
 - » a nontrivial bound-state wave function
 - » attached to a pole in the scattering matrix, which remains at $P^2=0$...
 - Interacting, bound system remains massless!

Pion masslessness

- Obtain a coupled set of gap- and Bethe-Salpeter equations

Quantum field theory statement:

In the pseudoscalar channel, the dynamically generated mass of the two fermions is precisely cancelled by the attractive interactions between them – iff –

$$f_{\pi} E_{\pi}(p^2) = B(p^2)$$

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Massless Pion

➤ Chiral limit

$$\langle \pi(q) | T_{\mu\nu} | \pi(q) \rangle = -q_\mu q_\nu \Rightarrow \langle \pi(q) | \Theta_0 | \pi(q) \rangle = 0$$

➤ “Zero” owes to cancellations between different operator-component contributions to the expectation value of Θ_0 .

➤ The cancellations are precise

Arising naturally because chiral symmetry – the apparent masslessness of the QCD action – is broken by strong dynamics in a very particular manner.

➤ In the chiral limit, the pion is massless irrespective of the magnitude of any other hadron’s mass

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 - simple system, which began massless,
 - becomes a complex system, with
 - » a nontrivial bound-state wave function
 - » attached to a pole in the scattering matrix, which remains at $P^2=0$...
 - *i.e.*, interacting, bound system remains massless



Observing Mass

Confinement \Leftrightarrow DCSB

- Signals for these (equivalent?) emergent phenomena are ubiquitous
- Manifestations do not always appear the same in different systems
- Studying a diverse array of systems and/or observables therefore exposes different aspects of the underlying mechanisms
- Examples ... *All the basic subjects of hadro-particle physics*
 - Spectrum of hadrons (level ordering, existence of exotics ...)
 - Hadron (meson & baryon) elastic and transition form factors
 - Distribution amplitudes and functions, in all their guises
 - Origin of the nucleon-nucleon interaction and emergence of nuclei
- Complete understanding of QCD – the toughest, most interesting part of the Standard Model – will only be found in a unified description of all these phenomena

Pion's valence-quark Distribution Amplitude

- Methods have been developed that enable direct computation of the pion's light-front wave function
- $\varphi_\pi(x)$ = twist-two parton distribution amplitude = projection of the pion's Poincaré-covariant wave-function onto the light-front

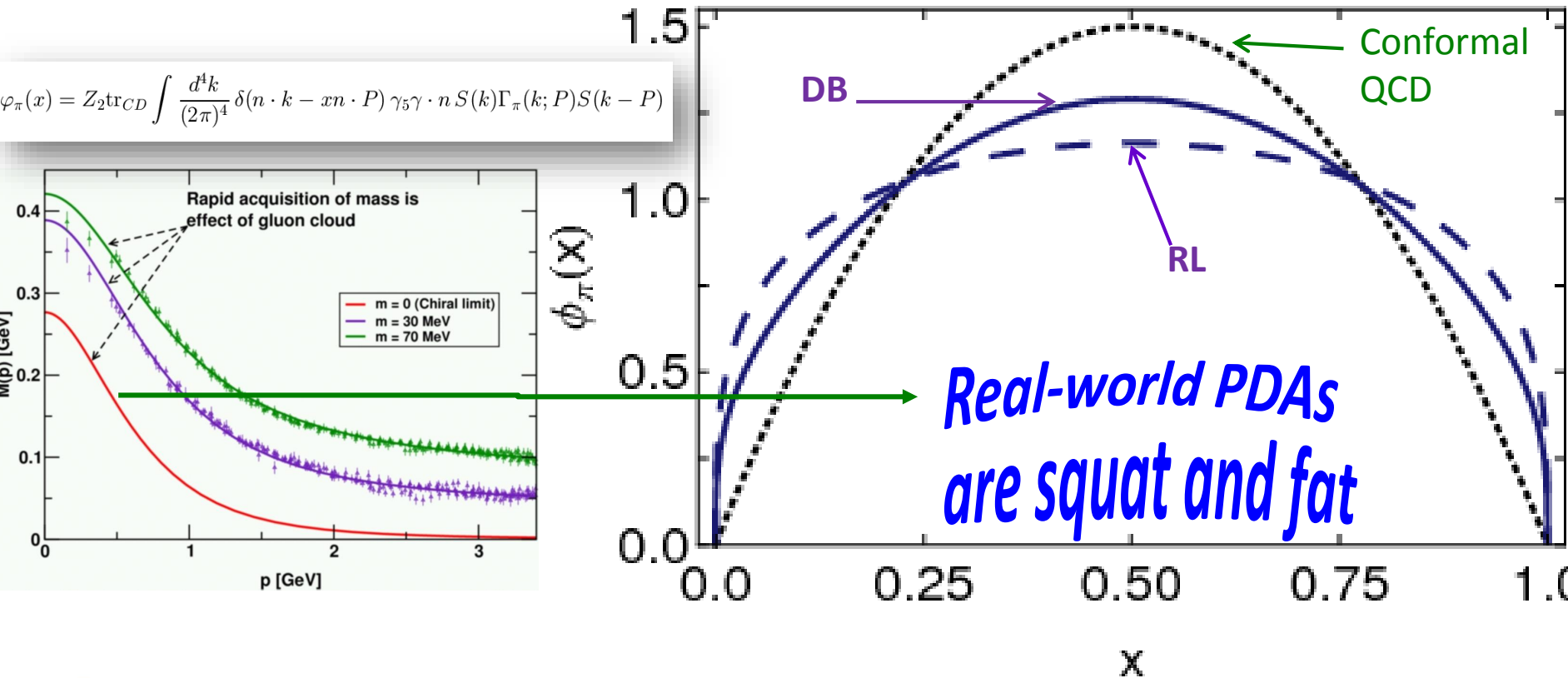
$$\varphi_\pi(x) = Z_2 \text{tr}_{CD} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \delta(n \cdot k - x n \cdot P) \gamma_5 \gamma \cdot n S(k) \Gamma_\pi(k; P) S(k - P)$$

- Results have been obtained with the DCSB-improved DSE kernel, which unifies matter & gauge sectors

$$\varphi_\pi(x) \propto x^\alpha (1-x)^\alpha, \text{ with } \alpha \approx 0.5$$

Pion's valence-quark Distribution Amplitude

➤ Continuum-QCD prediction:
marked broadening of $\varphi_\pi(x)$, which owes to DCSB



Pion's electromagnetic form factor

➤ PDA Broadening has enormous impact on understanding $F_\pi(Q^2)$

A: Internally-consistent
DSE prediction

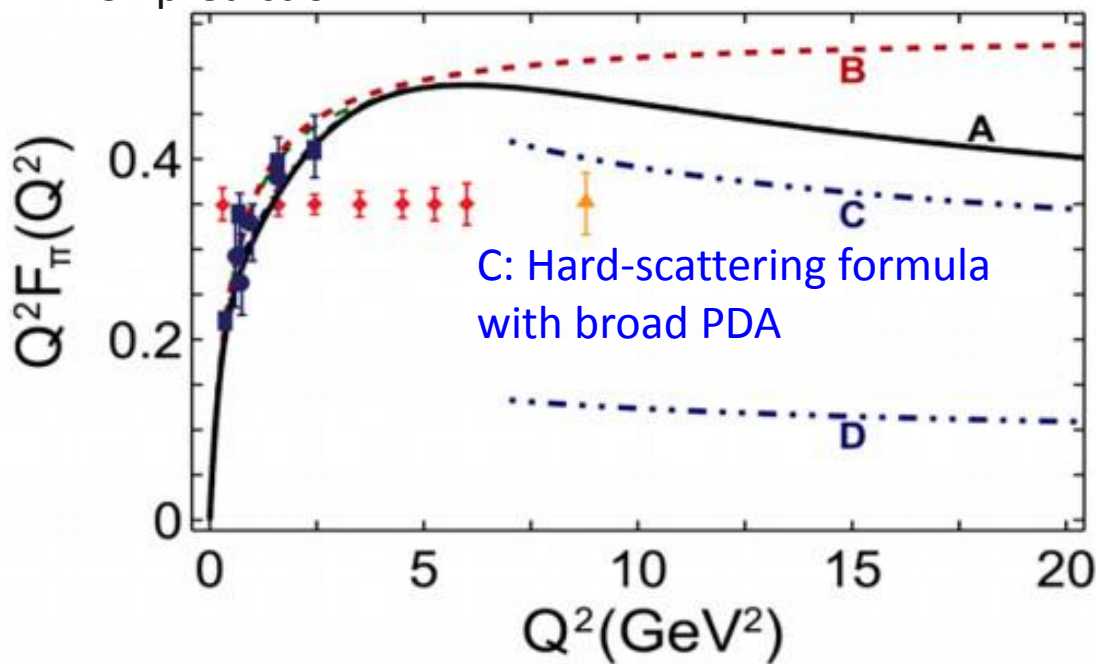


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Pion's electromagnetic form factor

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- Appears that JLab12 is within reach of first verification of a QCD hard-scattering formula

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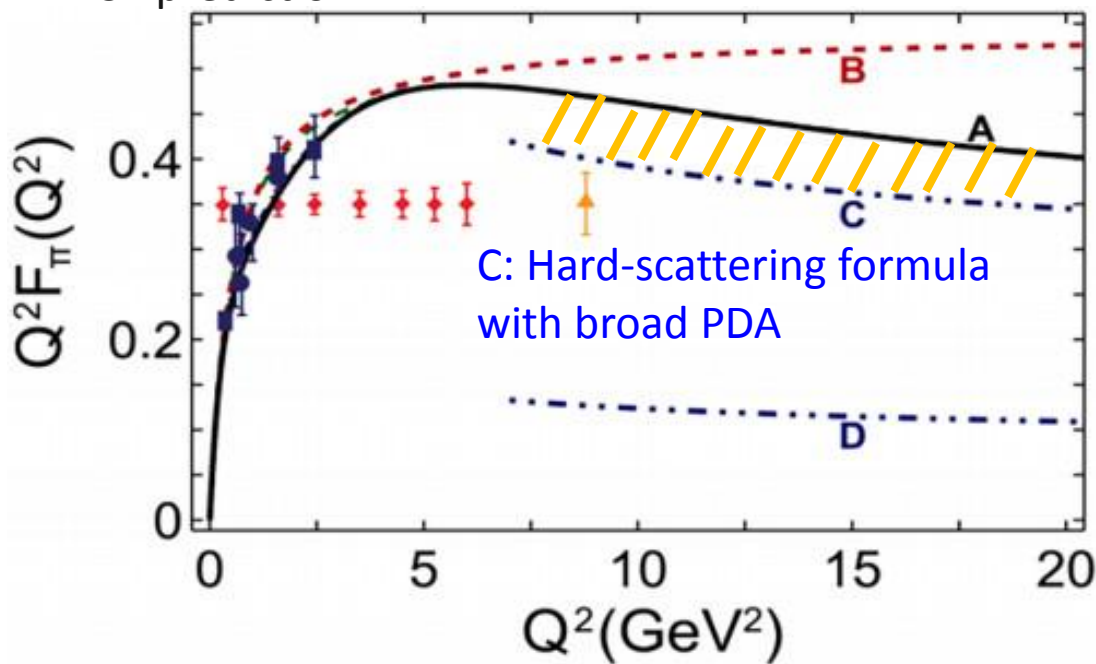
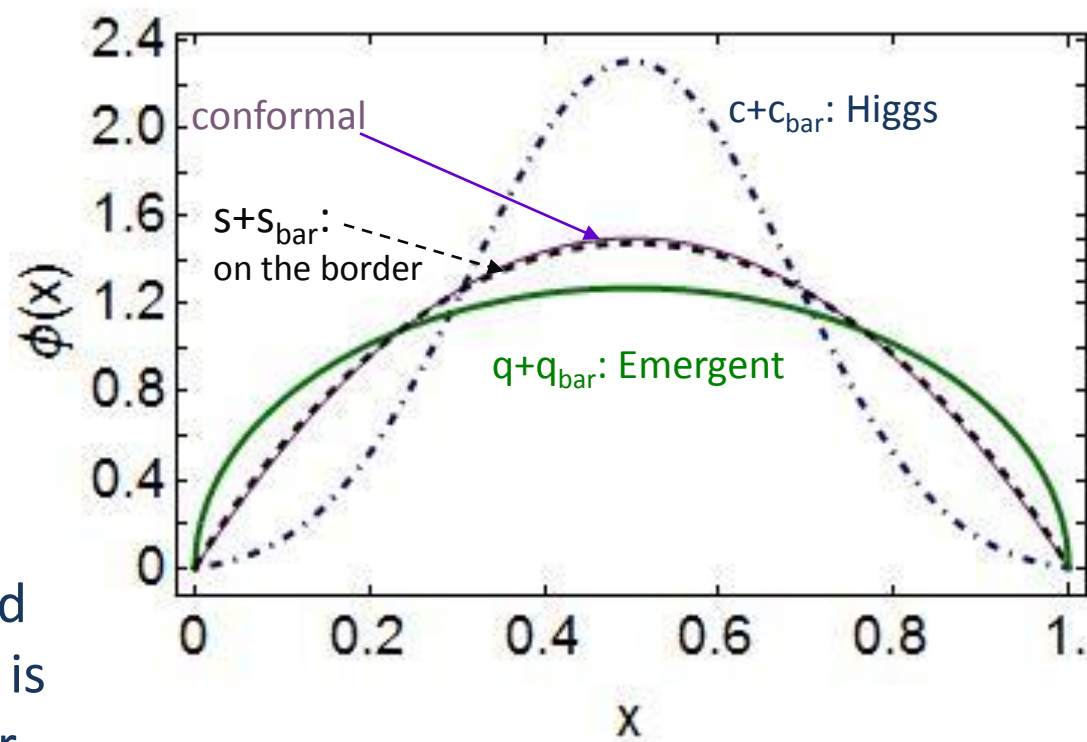


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Emergent Mass vs. Higgs Mechanism

- When does Higgs mechanism begin to influence mass generation?
- limit $m_{\text{quark}} \rightarrow \infty$
 $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \delta(x-\frac{1}{2})$
- limit $m_{\text{quark}} \rightarrow 0$
 $\varphi(x) \sim (8/\pi) [x(1-x)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- Transition boundary lies just above m_{strange}
- Comparison between distributions of light-quarks and those involving strange-quarks is obvious place to find signals for strong-mass generation

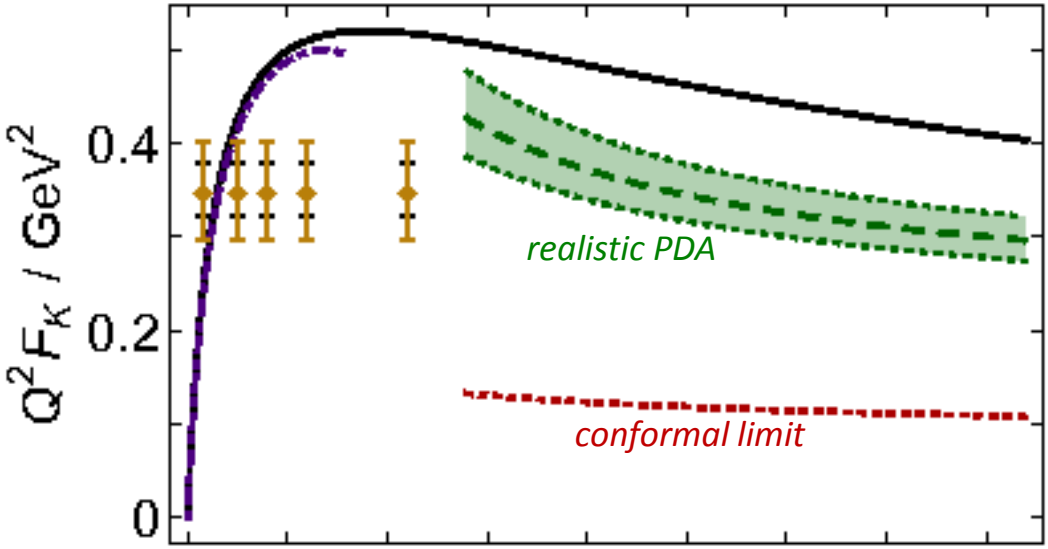


Kaon electromagnetic form factor

- Dashed purple curve = DSE (Maris-Tandy 2000) prediction
- Solid black curve = modern DSE prediction
- Hard-scattering formula
 - Long-dashed green curve, with error band marking uncertainty in dilation of the PDA
- Skewing is not the issue: 12%-15%, DSE- and lattice-QCD agree
- It's extent of the broadening that generates the uncertainty
- JLab 12 can reach to the point at which VMD fails ... as for the pion, can potentially validate general hard scattering formula
- Two successful comparisons of experiment and theory couldn't be an accident!

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Kaon form factor - flavour separation

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➤ Current conservation

$$F_{\text{uss}}(0) = F_{\text{uus}}(0)$$

➤ Under evolution:

$$\varphi_K \rightarrow 6 \times (1-x) \Rightarrow \omega_{\bar{s}} \rightarrow \omega_u \Rightarrow \text{Ratio} \rightarrow 1$$

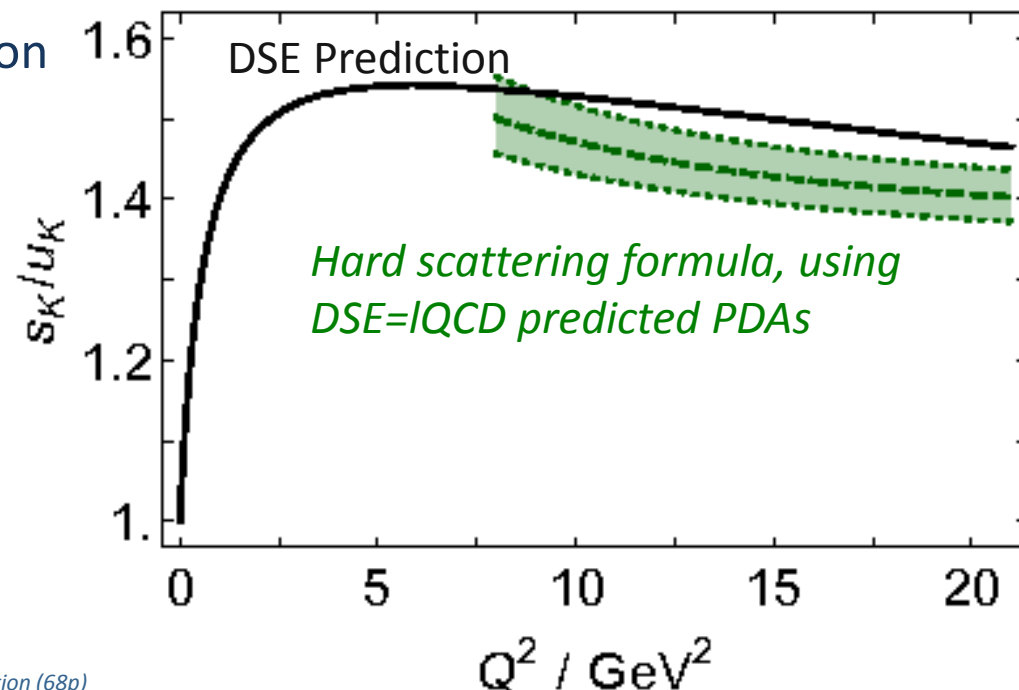
➤ Agreement between direct calculation and hard-scattering formula, using consistent PDA

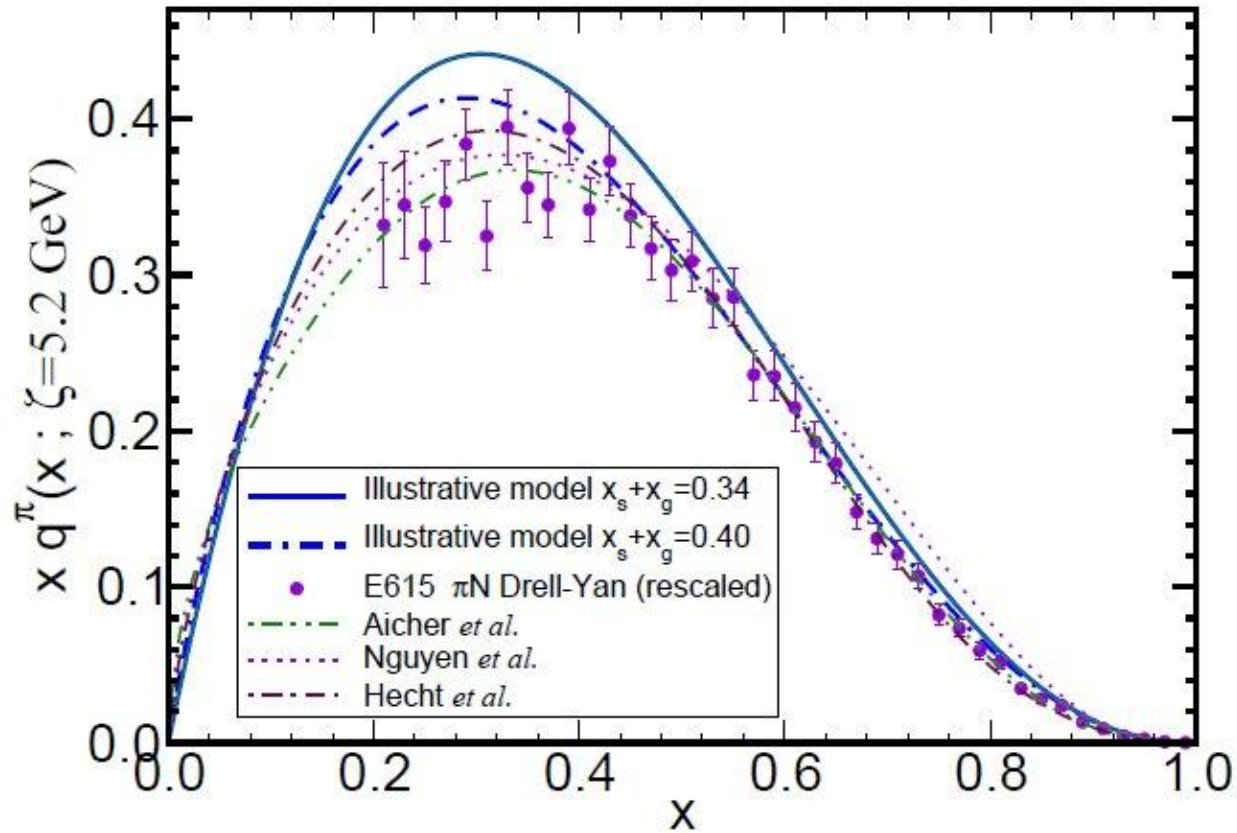
➤ Ratio never exceeds 1.5 and logarithmic approach to unity

➤ Typical signal of DCSB-dominance in flavour-symmetry breaking:

- $M_s(0) \sim 1.25 M_u(0)$
- but this scale difference becomes irrelevant under evolution

$$[\bar{s} \gamma s u_{\text{spectator}} / \bar{u} \gamma u s_{\text{spectator}}]^2 \leq 1.5$$





π & K Valence-quark Distribution Functions

Craig Roberts. π and K Structure: Revealing the Dynamics of Mass Generation (68p)

π & K PDFs

- Experimental data on π & K PDFs obtained in mesonic Drell-Yan scattering from nucleons in heavy nuclei; but it's old: 1980-1989
- Newer data would be welcome:
 - persistent doubts about the Bjorken- $x \simeq 1$ behaviour of the pion's valence-quark PDF
 - single modest-quality measurement of $u^K(x)/u^\pi(x)$ cannot be considered definitive.
- Approved experiment, using tagged DIS at JLab 12, should contribute to a resolution of pion question; and a similar technique might also serve for the kaon.
- Future:
 - new mesonic Drell-Yan measurements at modern facilities could yield valuable information on π and K PDFs,
 - as could two-jet experiments at the large hadron collider;
 - **EIC would be capable of providing access to π and K PDFs through measurements of forward nucleon structure functions.**
- Gribov-Lipatov reciprocity (crossing symmetry) entails connection between PDFs and fragmentation functions on $z \simeq 1$ ($z \geq 0.75$)

$$D_{H/q}(z) \approx z q^H(z)$$

Reliable information on meson fragmentation functions is critical if the worldwide programme aimed at determining TMDs is to be successful

Valence-quark PDFs within mesons

- Compute PDFs from imaginary part of virtual-photon – pion forward Compton scattering amplitude:

$$\gamma \pi \rightarrow \gamma \pi$$

- Handbag diagram is insufficient. Doesn't even preserve global symmetries. Exists a class of leading-twist corrections that remedies this defect \Rightarrow

$$u_V^\pi(x) = N_c \text{tr} \int_{dk} \delta_n^x(k_\eta^\pi) \text{Projection onto light-front}$$

Partial derivative wrt
relative momentum $\times \partial_{k_\eta^\pi} \left[\Gamma_\pi(k_\eta^\pi, -P_\pi) S(k_\eta^\pi) \right] \Gamma_\pi(k_\eta^\pi, P_\pi) S(k_\eta^\pi),$

Similar expressions for $u_V^K(x), s_V^K(x)$

Measurable quantities
Directly related to
dynamically generated quark masses
& bound-state wave functions

Valence-quark PDFs within mesons

- Formulae guarantee that valence-quark PDFs satisfy, independent of any and all structural details:

$$\langle x \rangle_u^0 = \int_0^1 dx \, x \, u_V^0(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 dx \, x [u_V^K(x) + \bar{s}_V^K(x)] = 1$$

- Algebraic proof that at an hadronic scale $\zeta \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}$

$$q_V^M(x \simeq 1) \propto (1-x)^{2n}$$

in any theory with $(1/k^2)^n$ vector-boson exchange interaction

Realistic distributions

➤ Pion distribution at ζ_H

- DSE prediction, following from analysis of leptonic decay: π contains 5% sea
- Assume GRV analysis of πN Drell-Yan is reliable, then 30% of π momentum carried by glue

Adopting standard PDF parametrisations, this additional information is sufficient to completely fix realistic $u_\pi(x; \zeta_H) = \text{valence} + \text{sea} + \text{glue}$

➤ Kaon distribution at ζ_H

- Owing to heavier mass of intermediate states that can introduce sea-quarks, safe to assume sea-quark content of kaon is effectively zero
- Treat momentum fraction carried by glue as a parameter to be used in understanding $u^K(x)/u^\pi(x)$

... owing to heavier mass of s-quark,

expect $\langle x \rangle_g^K < \langle x \rangle_g^\pi$;

... but how much less?

Pion:

DSE comparison with IQCD moments

- All IQCD studies agree with each other, within errors

[66]: Brommel et al. (2007)

[67]: Best *et al.* (1997)

[68]: Detmold *et al.* (2003)

- DSE and IQCD agree, within errors; and DSE at level of 4% with IQCD-average

- *On light-front, just 52% of the pion's momentum is carried by valence-quarks at $\zeta_2 = 2\text{GeV}$, down from 65% at $\zeta_H = 0.51\text{GeV}$*

moments. Such results are available for $u^\pi(x)$, *e.g.* a contemporary simulation [66], using two dynamical fermion flavours, $m_\pi \gtrsim 0.34\text{ GeV}$ and nonperturbative renormalisation at $\zeta_2 = 2\text{ GeV}$, produces the first row here:

	$\langle x \rangle_u^\pi$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_u^\pi$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_u^\pi$	
[66]	0.27(1)	0.13(1)	0.074(10)	(37)
[67]	0.28(8)	0.11(3)	0.048(20)	
[68]	0.24(2)	0.09(3)	0.053(15)	
average	0.26(8)	0.11(4)	0.058(27)	
herein	0.26	0.11	0.052	

The results in Ref. [66] agree with those obtained in earlier estimates based on simulations of quenched IQCD [67, 68] and are consistent with the values obtained from our computed distribution, which are reported in the last row of Eq. (37).

Pion PDF

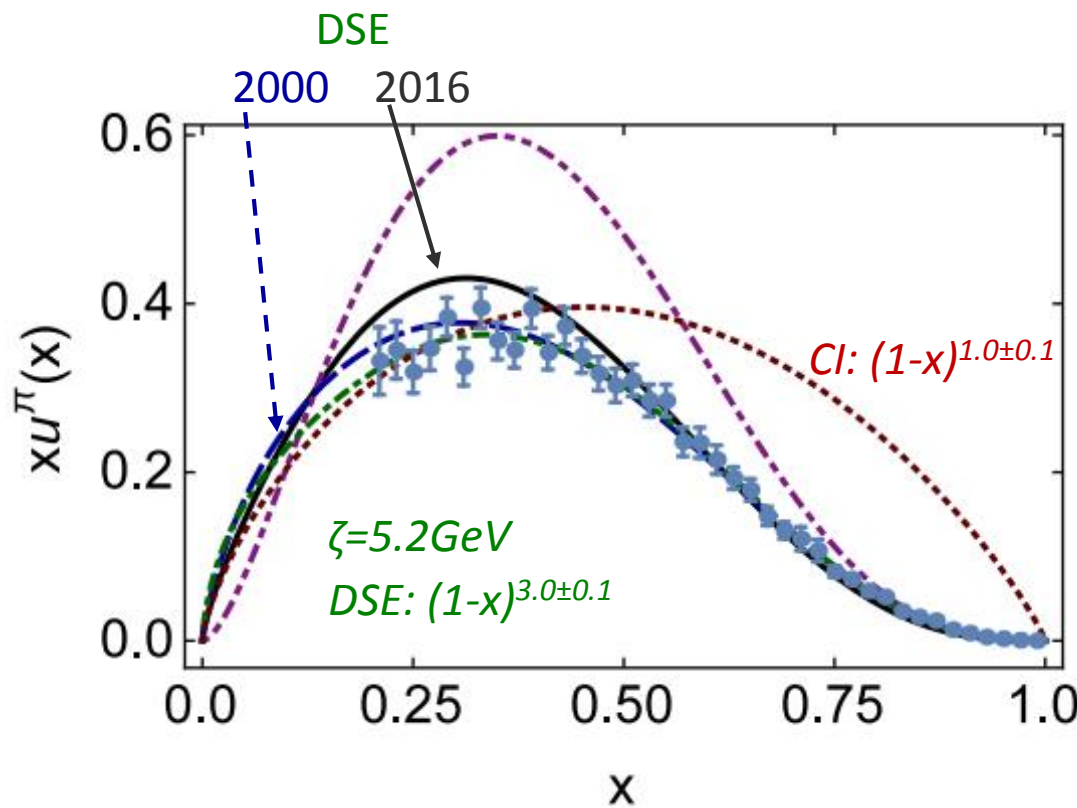


FIG. 3. $xu^\pi(x; \zeta_{5.2})$. Solid (black) curve, our prediction, expressed in Eqs. (32), (33); dot-dot-dashed (purple) curve, result obtained when sea-quark and gluon contributions are neglected at ζ_H , *i.e.* using $u_V^\pi(x)$ from Eqs. (14), (17); dashed (blue) curve first DSE prediction [38]; and data, Ref. [4], rescaled according to the reanalysis described in Ref. [40], from which the dot-dashed (green) curve is drawn. The dotted (red) curve is the result obtained using a Poincaré-covariant regularisation of a contact interaction, Eq. (36).

- Purple dot-dot-dash = prediction at ζ_H
- Data = modern reappraisal of E615: NLO analysis plus soft-gluon resummation (ASV)
- Solid black curve, prediction evolved to $\zeta=5.2\text{GeV}$, the scale associated with the experiments
- Blue dashed curve = first DSE prediction, in 2000 ($\zeta=5.2\text{GeV}$)
- Dotted red curve = result obtained with momentum-independent gluon exchange (contact interaction, $\zeta=5.2\text{GeV}$)

Kaon's gluon content

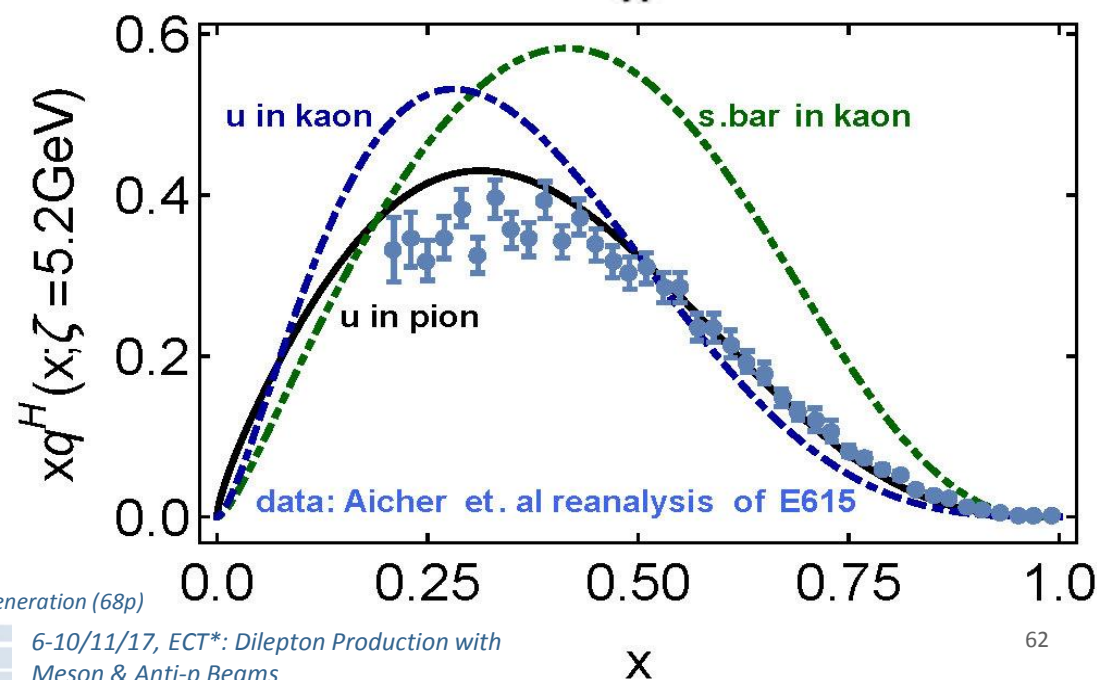
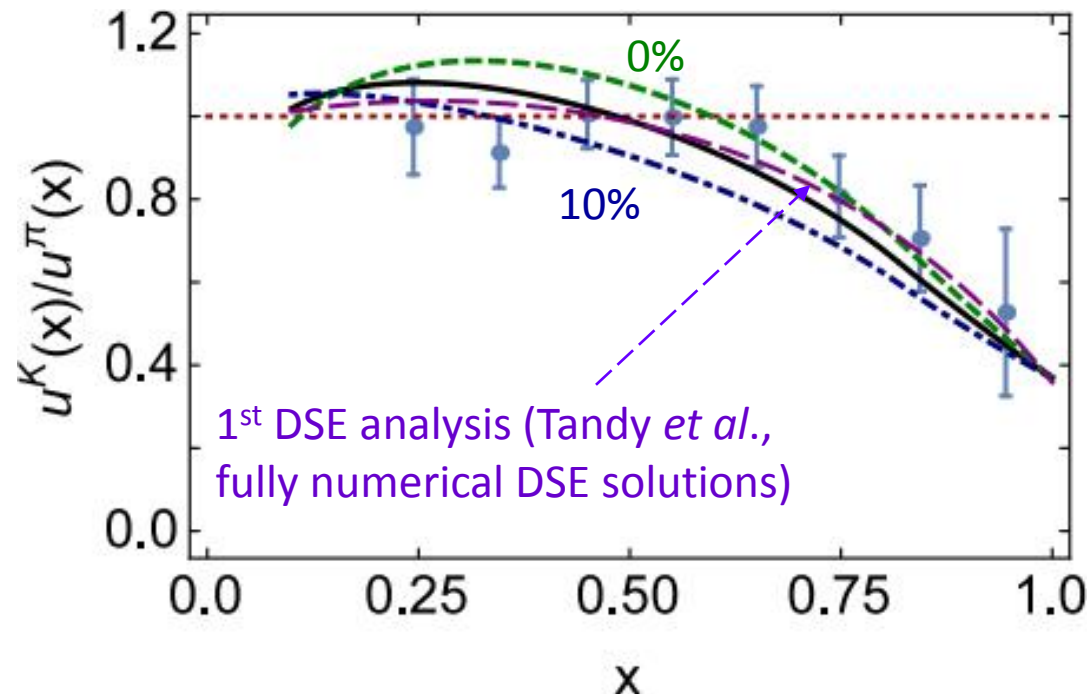
- $\langle x \rangle_g^K(\zeta_H) = 0.05 \pm 0.05$
 \Rightarrow Valence quarks carry 95% of kaon's momentum at ζ_H

- Evolved to ζ_2

q	$\langle x \rangle_q^K$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_q^K$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_q^K$
u	0.28	0.11	0.048
\bar{s}	0.36	0.17	0.092

Valence-quarks carry $\frac{2}{3}$ of kaon's light-front momentum

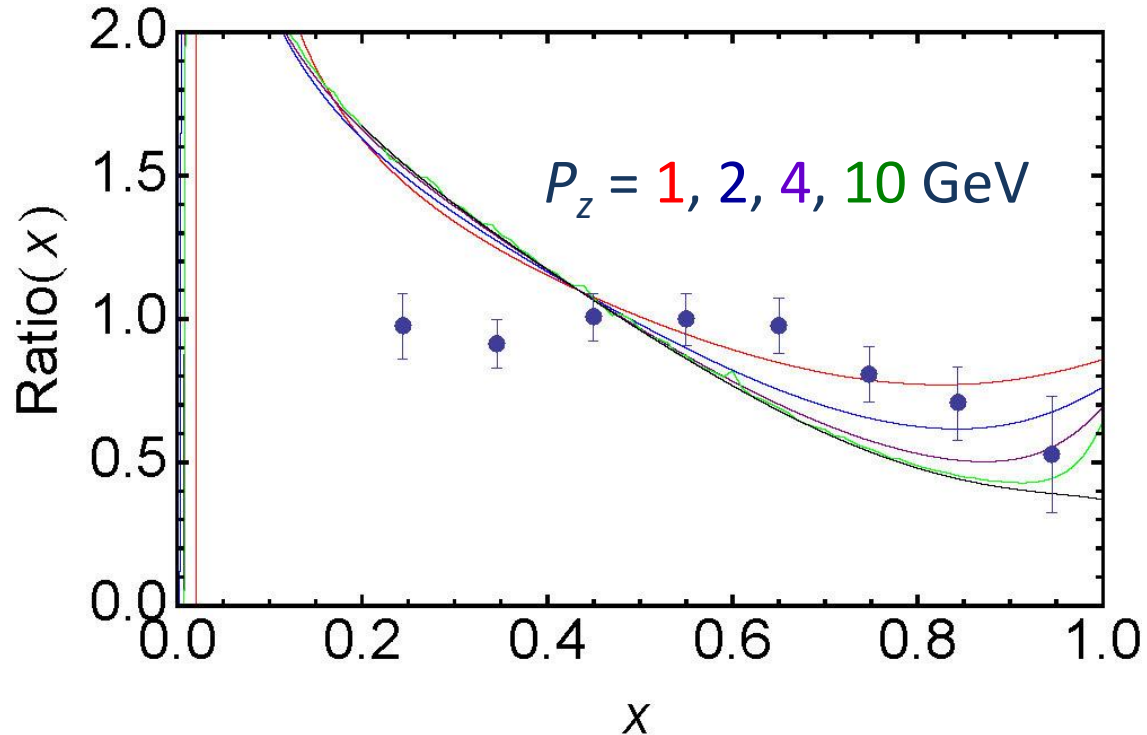
Only $\frac{1}{2}$ for the pion



Aside: quasi-PDF

- Continuum computation of valence-quark π & K quasi-PDFs
- Individually, accuracy increases with increasing P_z
- Ratio, however, is *fairly* accurate, within empirical errors, for

$$P_z > 2 \text{ GeV}$$



π & K PDFs

- Marked differences between π & K gluon content
 - ζ_H :
 - Whilst $\frac{1}{3}$ of pion's light-front momentum carried by glue
 - *Only $\frac{1}{20}$ of the kaon's light-front momentum lies with glue*
 - $\zeta_2^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Glue carries $\frac{1}{2}$ of pion's momentum and $\frac{2}{3}$ of kaon's momentum
 - Evident in differences between large- x behaviour of valence-quark distributions in these two mesons
- Signal of Nambu-Goldstone boson character of π
 - Nearly complete cancellation between one-particle dressing and binding attraction in this almost massless pseudoscalar system
$$2 M + U \approx 0$$



π & K PDFs

- Existing textbook description of Goldstone's theorem via pointlike modes is *outdated* and *simplistic*

π & K PDFs

- The appearance of Nambu-Goldstone modes in the Standard Model is far more interesting
 - Nambu-Goldstone modes are nonpointlike!
 - Intimately connected with origin of mass!
 - Quite probably inseparable from expression of confinement!
- Difference between gluon content of π & K is measurable ... using well-designed EIC
- Write a definitive new chapter in future textbooks on the Standard Model

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- Challenge: Explain and Understand the Origin of the vast bulk of Visible Mass
- Current Paradigm: Quantum Chromodynamics
- QCD is plausibly a mathematically well-defined quantum field theory,
The only one we've ever produced
 - Consequently, it is a worthwhile paradigm for developing Beyond-SM theories
- Challenge is to reveal the content of QCD
- Parton distributions are measurable, but for QCD validation
 - Unsound model computations and rough sketches are inadequate
 - *Need precise QCD-connected predictions of their pointwise behavior*
 - *Need empirical validation of QCD-connected predictions*
- Comparison – light-quark vs. s-quark observables/distributions
 - Potentially hold cleanest signals for the origin of vast bulk of visible mass
 - Reveal the *glue* that binds us all