

Structure of the nucleon and its resonances

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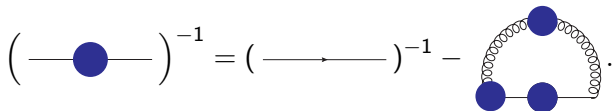
Truncating the DSEs yields a non-perturbative approximation of QCD Schwinger functions.

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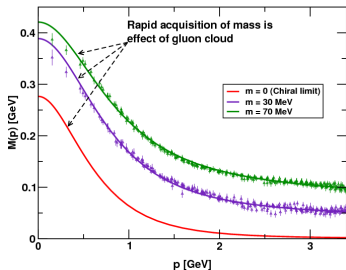
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The diagram shows the gap equation for the quark propagator. On the left, a solid line with a blue circular vertex is enclosed in large parentheses with a superscript -1. This is equal to a solid line with an arrow pointing right, also enclosed in large parentheses with a superscript -1, minus a diagram consisting of a solid line with three blue circular vertices connected by a loop of wavy lines.

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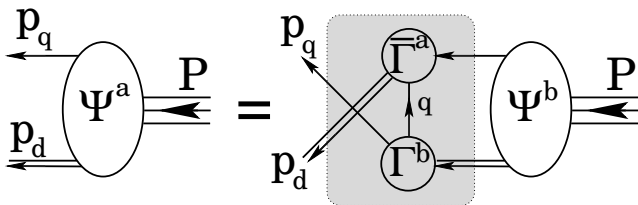
- It has successfully described the quark mass behaviour:



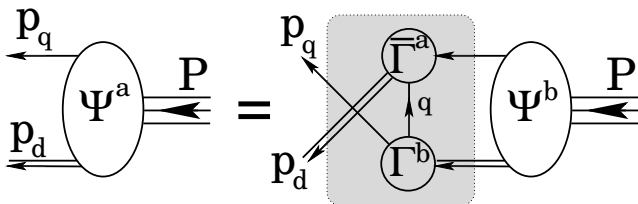
- ▶ $S(q)^{-1} = i\cancel{q}A(q^2) + B(q^2)$
- ▶ Non-perturbative description of the quark mass
- ▶ Dynamical mass generation
- ▶ Figure from Bashir *et al.* (2012)

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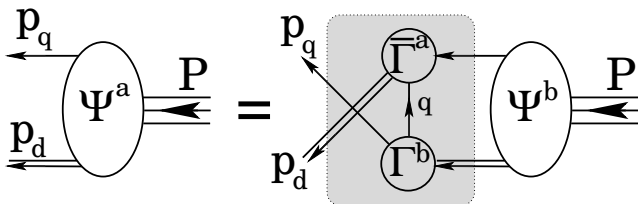


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- Can we understand the nucleon structure in terms of quark-diquarks correlations?

Chapter 2:
Baryon Distribution Amplitudes

CM, J. Segovia, L. Chang, C.D. Roberts,
arXiv:1711.09101

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S. Brodsky and G. Lepage, PRD 22, (1980)

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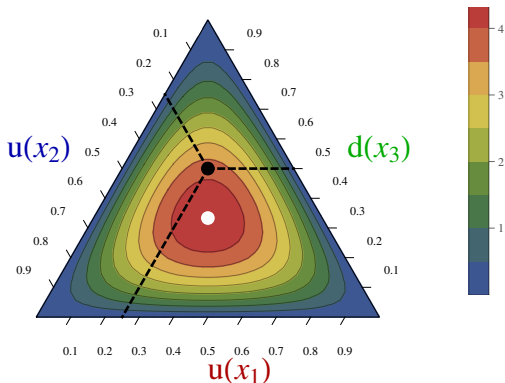
- Isospin symmetry:

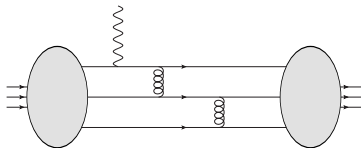
$$2T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \varphi(x_1, x_3, x_2) + \varphi(x_2, x_3, x_1)$$

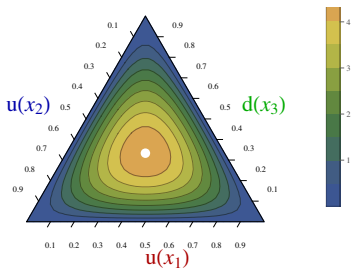
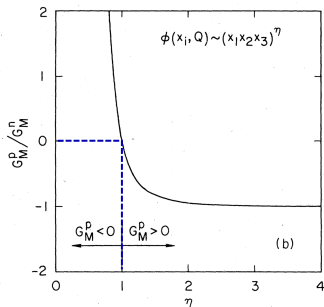
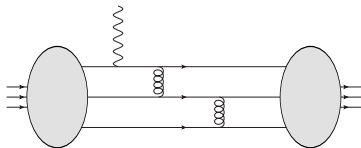
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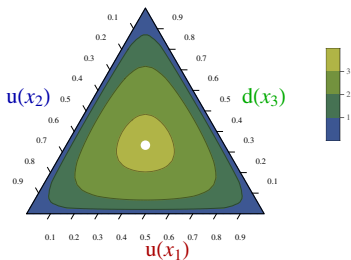
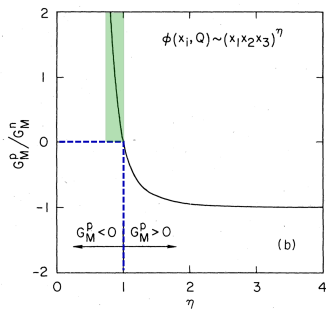
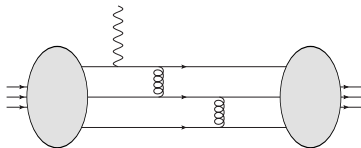
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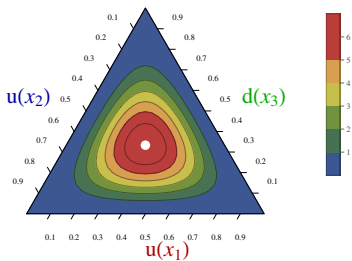
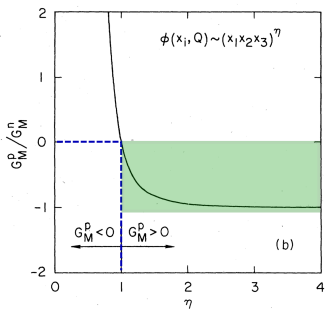
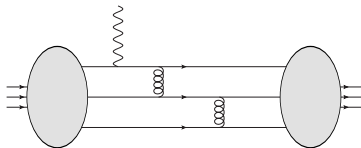


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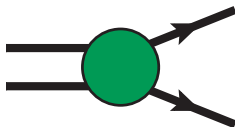


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- QCD Sum Rules
 - ▶ V. Chernyak and I. Zhitnitsky, Nucl. Phys. B 246 (1984)
- Relativistic quark model
 - ▶ Z. Dziembowski, PRD 37 (1988)
- Scalar diquark clustering
 - ▶ Z. Dziembowski and J. Franklin, PRD 42 (1990)
- Phenomenological fit
 - ▶ J. Bolz and P. Kroll, Z. Phys. A 356 (1996)
- Lightcone quark model
 - ▶ B. Pasquini *et al.*, PRD 80 (2009)
- Lightcone sum rules
 - ▶ I. Anikin *et al.*, PRD 88 (2013)
- Lattice Mellin moment computation
 - ▶ G. Bali *et al.*, JHEP 2016 02

- Algebraic parametrisation inspired by the results obtained from DSEs and Faddeev equations.
- It is based on Nakanishi representation, which is completely general.
- This is an exploratory work: we want to know what we can or cannot do.
- We also assume the dynamical diquark correlations, both scalar and AV, and compare in the end with Lattice QCD one.



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We use a “simpler” version of the latter as follow:

$$\tilde{\Gamma}(q, P) = \mathcal{N} \int_{-1}^1 dz \frac{\rho_n(z)}{(\Lambda^2 + (q - \frac{1-z}{2}P)^2)^n}$$

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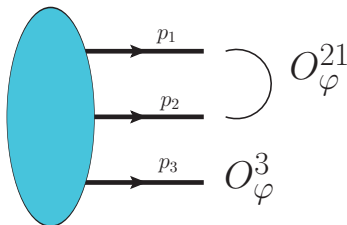
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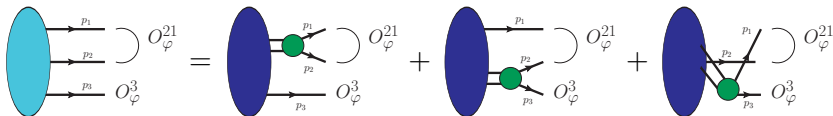


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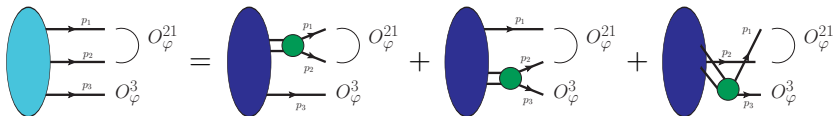


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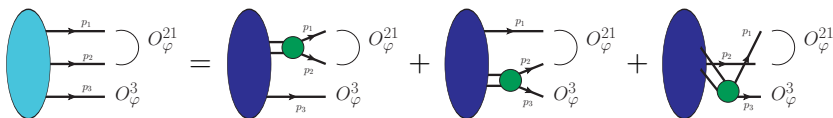
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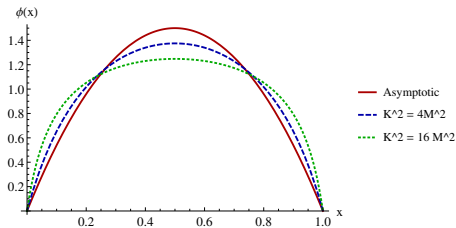
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 - Nakanishi based quark-diquark amplitude (dark blue ellipses)

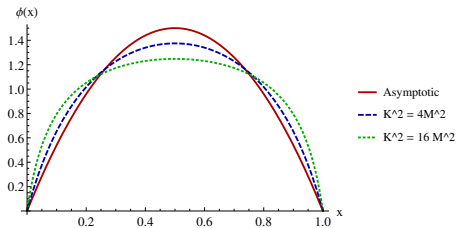
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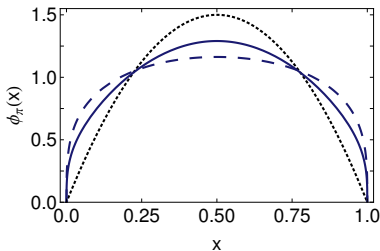


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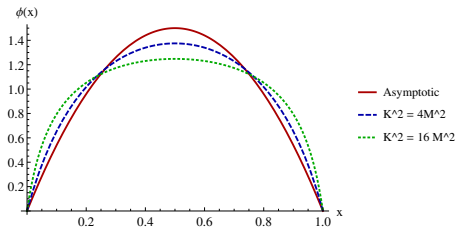
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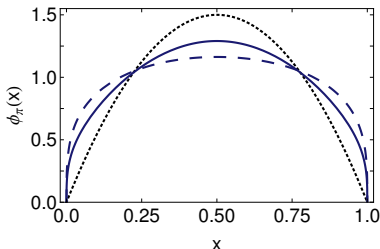
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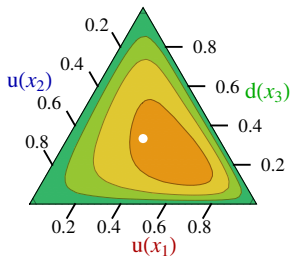


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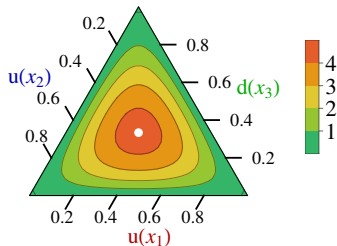


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- This results provide a broad and concave meson DA parametrisation
- The endpoint behaviour remains linear



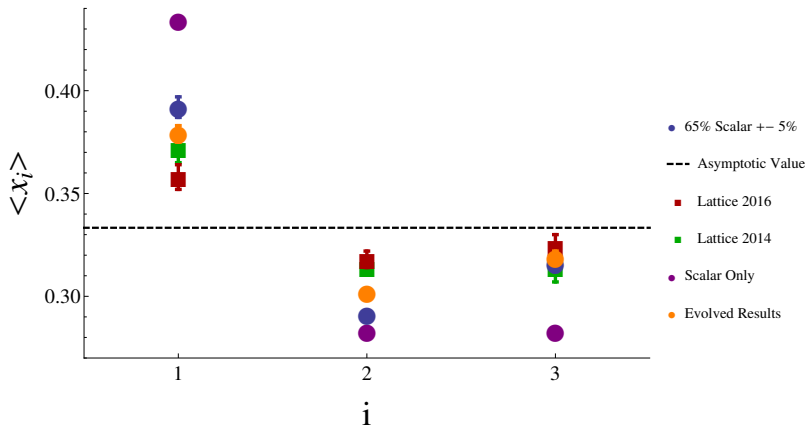
Nucleon DA



Asymptotic DA

- Results evolved from 0.51 to 2 GeV with both scalar and AV diquark
- Nucleon DA is skewed compared to the asymptotic one
- It is also broader than the asymptotic results
- These properties are consequences of our quark-diquark picture

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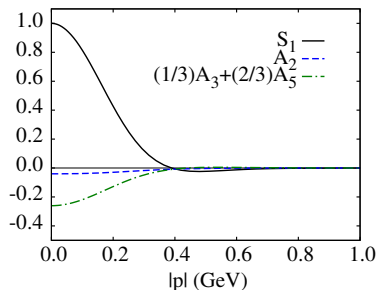
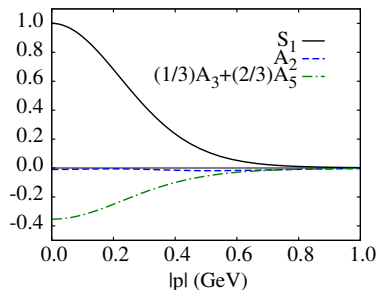
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Chapter 3:
Diquarks and the Roper resonance

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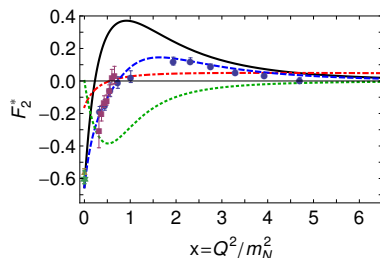
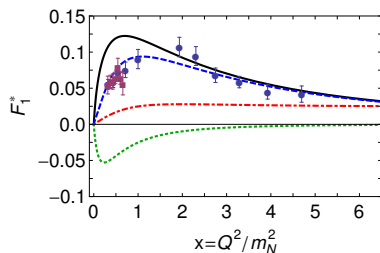
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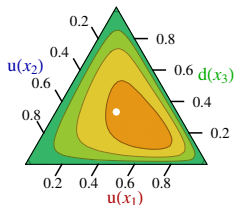
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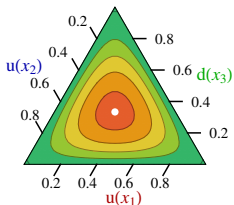
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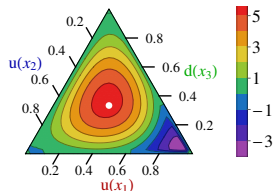
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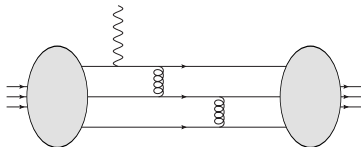
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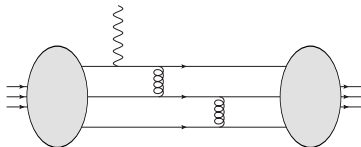
Roper DA

- Results evolved from 0.51 to 2 GeV with both scalar and AV diquark
- Contrary to the nucleon PDA, the Roper PDA is **not** positive definite
- The picture is consistent with our idea of QM radially excited states
- There is a curve of zero, *i.e.* of “forbidden momenta”.

Chapter 4: Form Factors



$$F_1(Q^2) = \mathcal{N} \int [dx_i][dy_i] [\varphi(x_i, \zeta_x^2) H_\varphi(x_i, y_i, Q^2, \zeta_x^2, \zeta_y^2) \varphi(y_i, \zeta_y^2) + T(x_i, \zeta_x^2) H_T(x_i, y_i, Q^2, \zeta_x^2, \zeta_y^2) T(y_i, \zeta_y^2)]$$



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- LO Kernel well known since more than 30 years...
- ...but different groups have argued different choices for the treatment of scales:
 - ▶ for the DA : $\varphi(Q^2), \varphi((\min(x_i) \times Q)^2) \dots$,
 - ▶ for the strong coupling constant :
 $\alpha_S(Q^2), \alpha_S(< x_i >^2 Q^2), \alpha_S^{\text{reg}}(g(x_i, y_j) Q^2)$
- Use of perturbative coupling vs. effective coupling?

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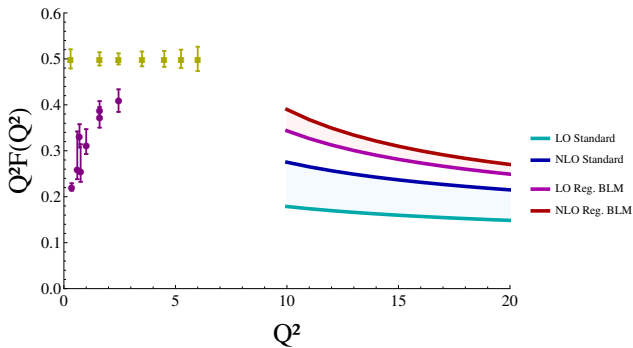
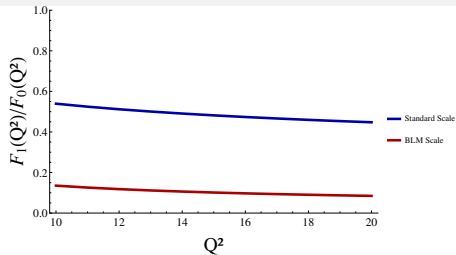
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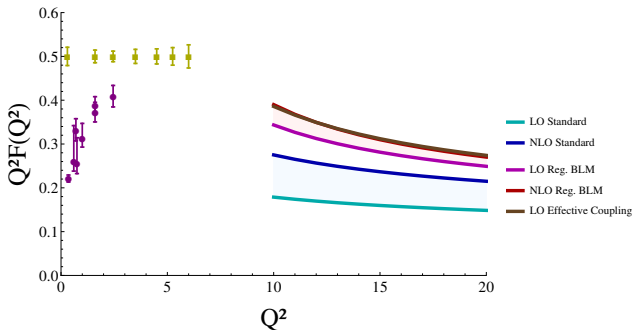
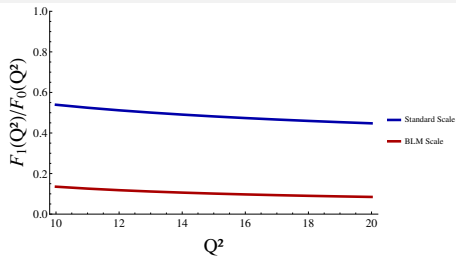
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- What is the effect on our meson like DA?

$$\varphi_\pi(x, \zeta^2 = 4\text{GeV}^2) = \mathcal{N} \left(1 - \frac{\ln[1 + \alpha x(1-x)]}{\alpha x(1-x)} \right)$$

α is tuned on LQCD Mellin Moments





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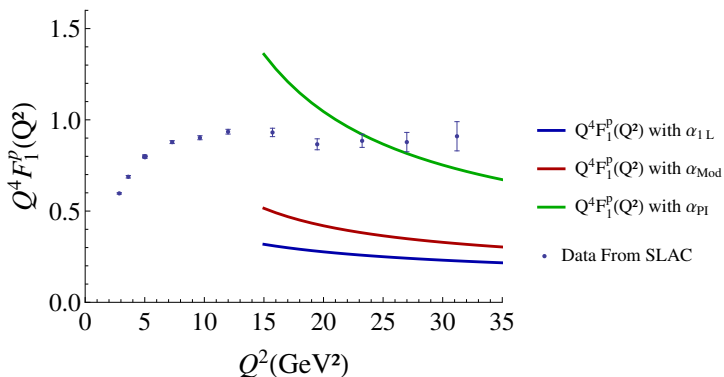
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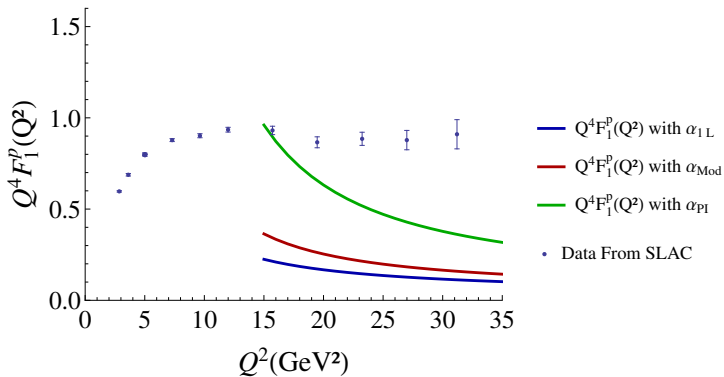
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CZ scale setting with frozen PDA at 1GeV^2 

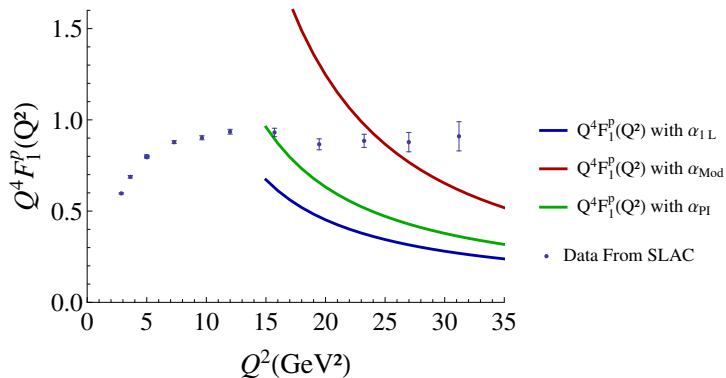
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CZ scale setting + evolution



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- The data remain flat while the perturbative running show a logarithmic decreasing.
- More work are required to conclude on the validity of the perturbative approach:
 - ▶ Theory side : we need NLO corrections
 - ▶ Experimental side : more precise data to spot a logarithmic decreasing

Conclusion

Baryon PDA

- **DSE compatible** framework for Baryon PDAs.
- Simple Nakanishi representation works **well** for the nucleon PDA.
- **First** calculation of the Roper PDA has been performed
- **Extend** the results to more realistic models (running quark masses...).

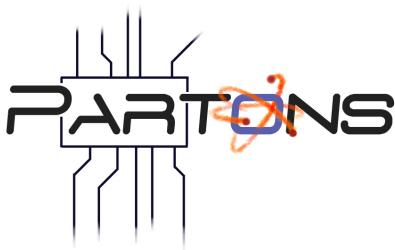
Form Factors

- Calculation of **Leading Order** Form Factors is done
- There is a systematic discrepancy with available data.
 - ▶ NLO Corrections?
 - ▶ Scale Setting?
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Thank you for your attention

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Chapter 6:



B. Berthou *et al.*, accepted in EPJC

Experimental
data and
phenomenology

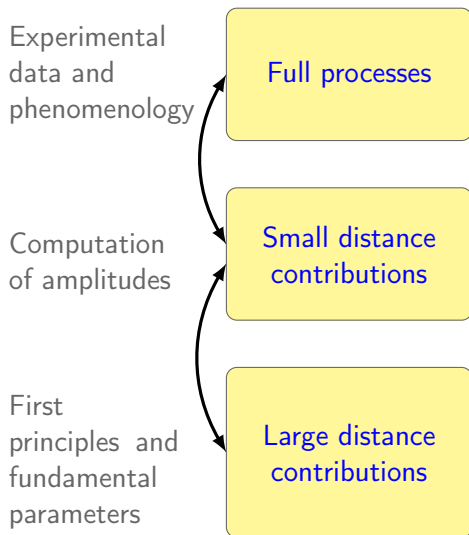
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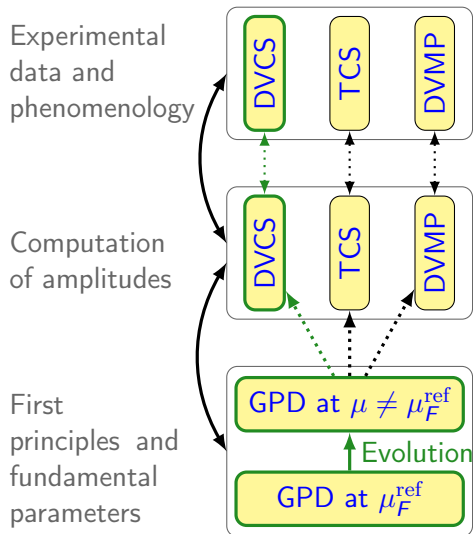
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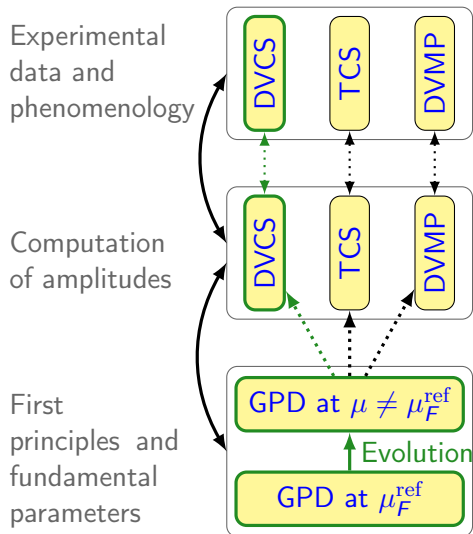
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- TCS code exists at NLO but needs to be implemented in PARTONS
- DVMP requires more work due to meson PDAs



Main Page

What is PARTONS?

PARTONS is a C++ software framework dedicated to the phenomenology of Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs). GPDs provide a comprehensive description of the partonic structure of the nucleon and contain a wealth of new information. In particular, GPDs provide a description of the nucleon as an extended object, referred to as 3-dimensional nucleon tomography, and give an access to the orbital angular momentum of quarks.

PARTONS provides a necessary bridge between models of GPDs and experimental data measured in various exclusive channels, like Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) and Hard Exclusive Meson Production (HEMP). The experimental programme devoted to study GPDs has been carrying out by several experiments, like HERMES at DESY (closed), COMPASS at CERN, Hall-A and CLAS at JLab. GPD subject will be also a key component of the physics case for the expected Electron Ion Collider (EIC).

PARTONS is useful to theorists to develop new models, phenomenologists to interpret existing measurements and to experimentalists to design new experiments. A detailed description of the project can be found [here](#).



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Get PARTONS

Here you can learn how to get your own version of PARTONS. We offer two ways.

You can use our provided virtual machine with an out-of-the-box PARTONS runtime and development environment. This is the easiest way to start your experience with PARTONS.

Using PARTONS with our provided Virtual Machine

You can also build PARTONS by your own on either GNU/Linux or Mac OS X. This is useful if you want to have PARTONS on your computer without using the virtualization technology or if you want to use PARTONS on computing farms.

Using PARTONS on GNU/Linux

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Configure PARTONS

If you are using our [virtual machine](#), you will find all configuration files set up and ready to be used. However, if you want to tune the configuration or if you have installed PARTONS by your own, this tutorial will be helpful for