

# Determining heavy meson LCDAs from lattice QCD

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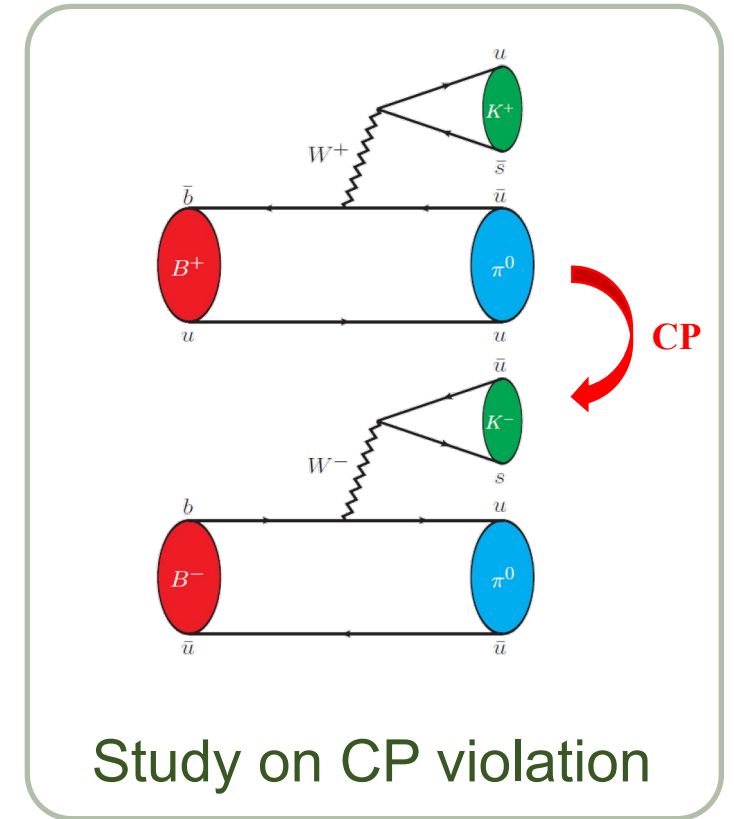
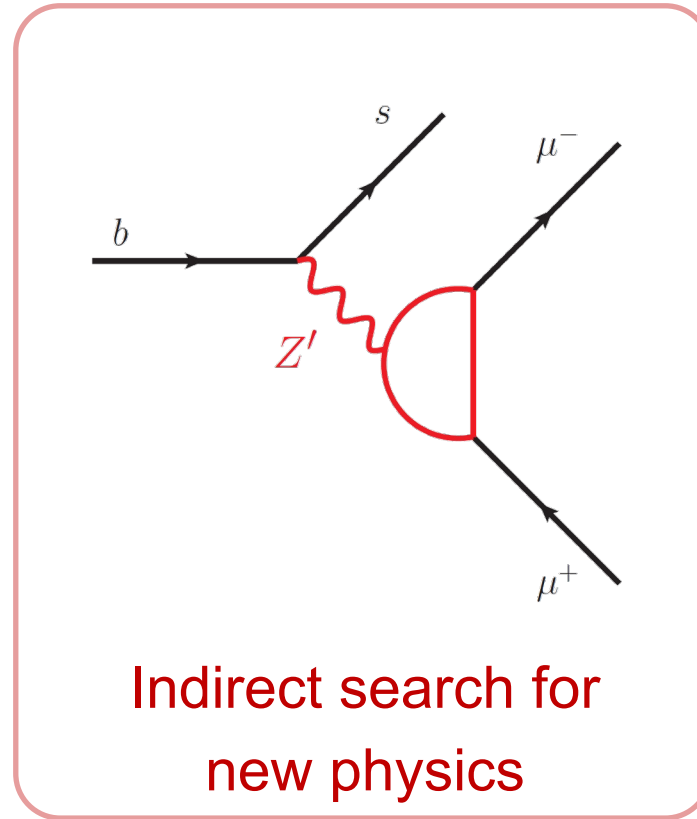
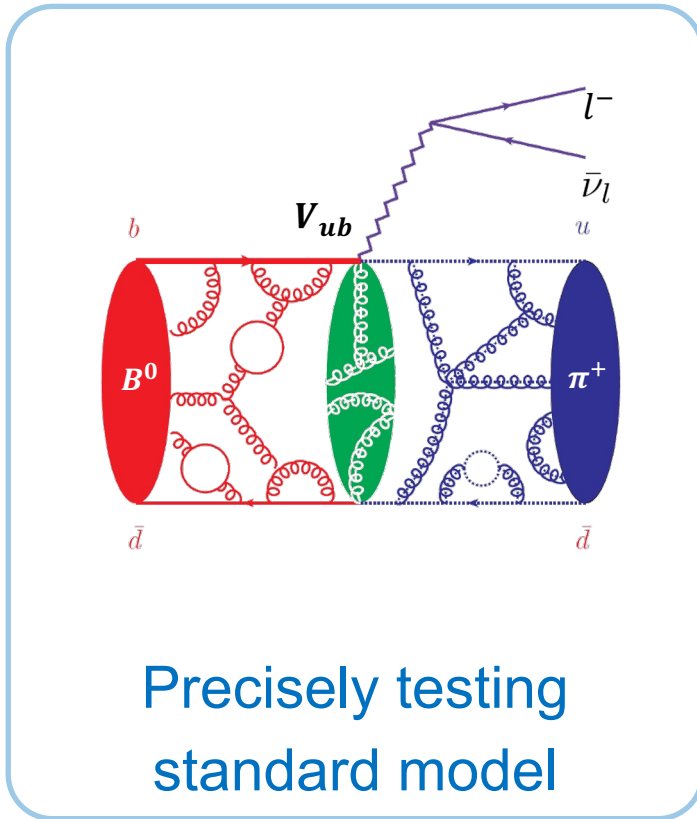
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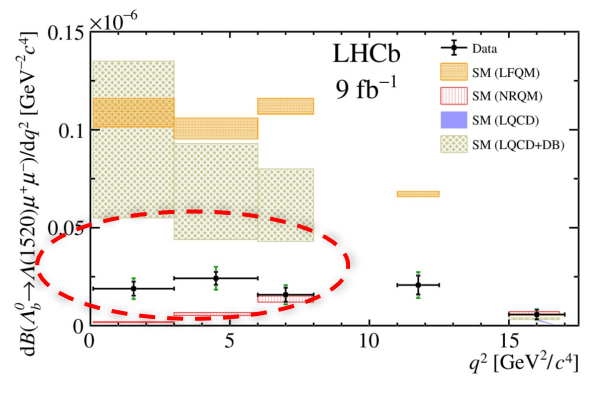
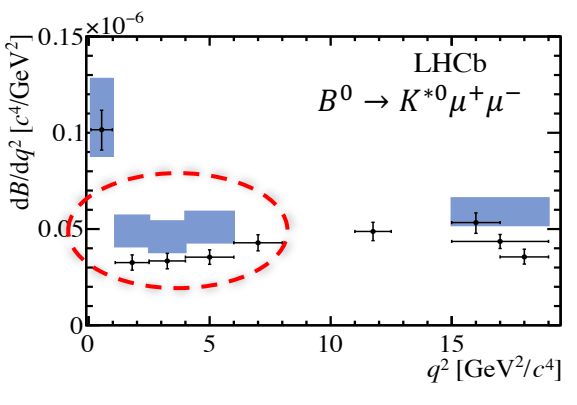
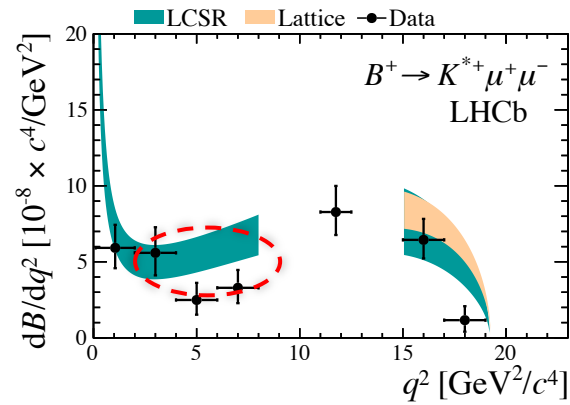
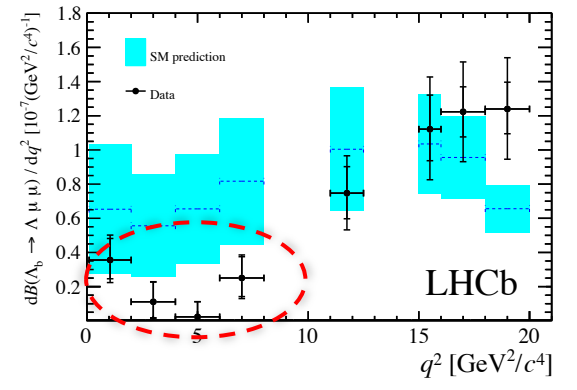
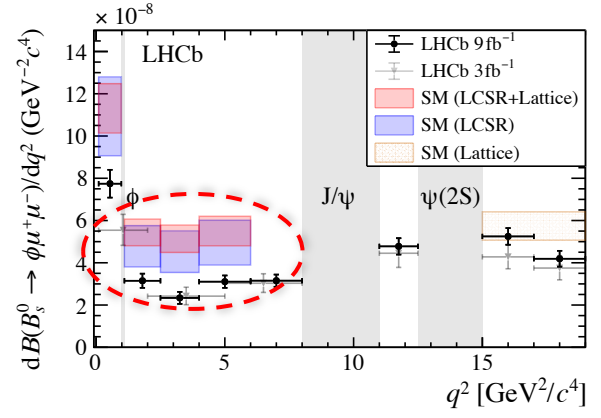
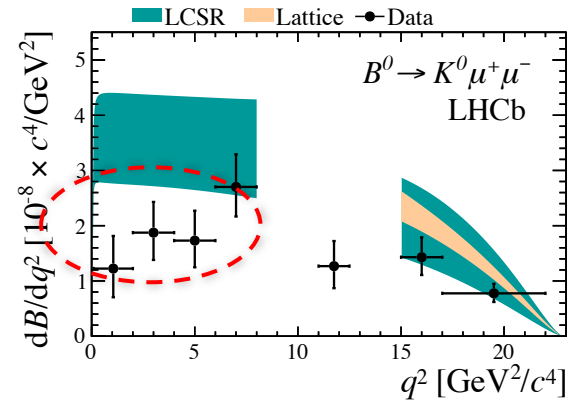
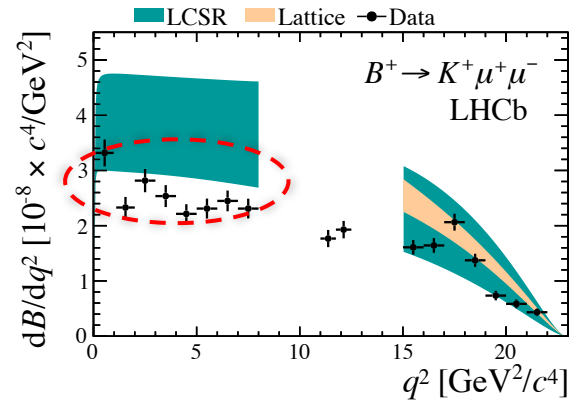
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Heavy flavor physics is one of the frontier topics in particle physics:



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Current experimental results show **deviations** from theoretical prediction...



High precision calculations play a crucial role in the search for new physics!

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Uncertainties originating from  $B$  meson LCDAs **dominate** the primary errors in theoretical calculation.

- For example:  $B \rightarrow \pi, K^*$  form factors from LCSRs:

Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, PRD 101 (2020) 074035

Cui, Huang, Shen, Wang, JHEP 03 (2023) 140

$$\mathcal{V}_{B \rightarrow K^*}(0) = 0.359 \begin{matrix} +0.141 \\ -0.085 \end{matrix} \Big|_{\lambda_B} \begin{matrix} +0.019 \\ -0.019 \end{matrix} \Big|_{\sigma_1} \begin{matrix} +0.001 \\ -0.062 \end{matrix} \Big|_{\mu} \begin{matrix} +0.010 \\ -0.004 \end{matrix} \Big|_{M^2} \begin{matrix} +0.016 \\ -0.017 \end{matrix} \Big|_{s_0} \begin{matrix} +0.153 \\ -0.079 \end{matrix} \Big|_{\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)},$$

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$\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_n$ : the **first inverse** and **inverse-log moments**,

$\varphi_B^\pm$ : uncertainties from **different parameterizations** of the  $B$  meson LCDA.

Without reliable  $B$  LCDA, it is impossible to discuss precision calculation!

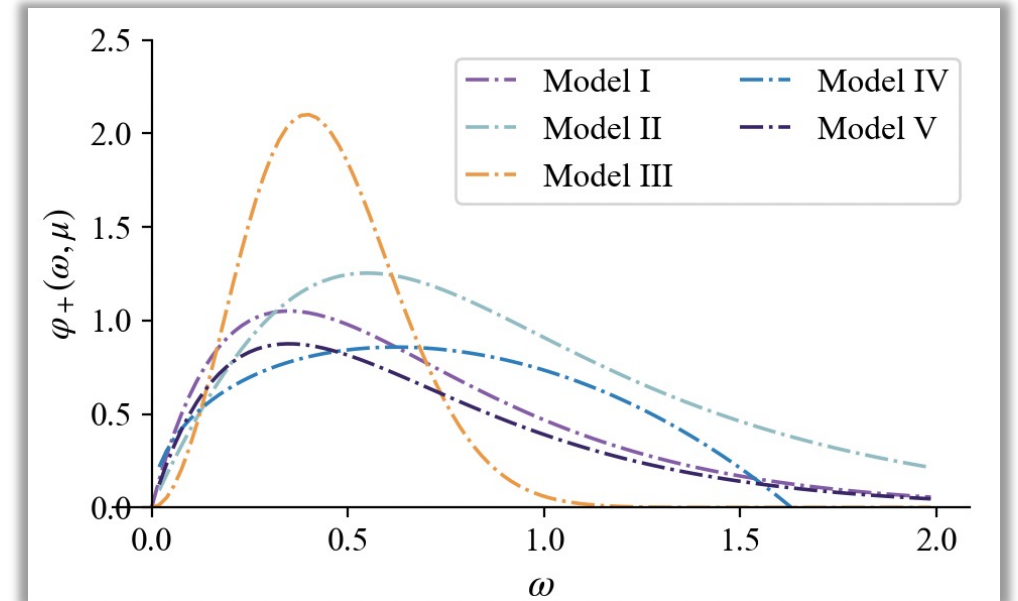
# Model dependence of $B$ meson LCDA

- $B$  meson LCDA is only available through **model parametrizations**, lacking first-principle prediction.
- Predictions from different models vary **significantly**.
- This model dependence contribute to the **largest** theoretical uncertainties in  $B \rightarrow K^*$  form factor:

Grozin, Neubert, PRD 55, 272 (1997)

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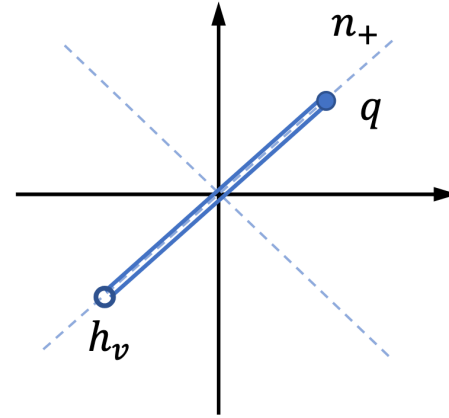
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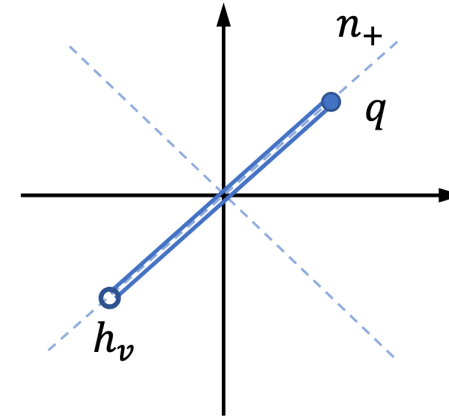
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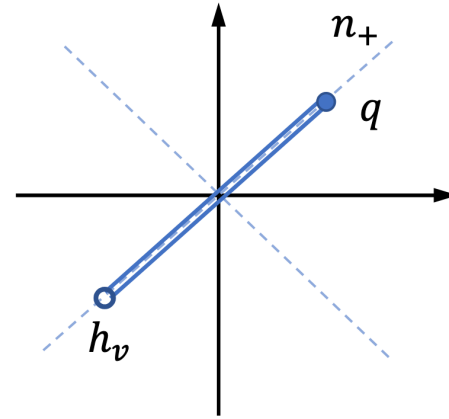
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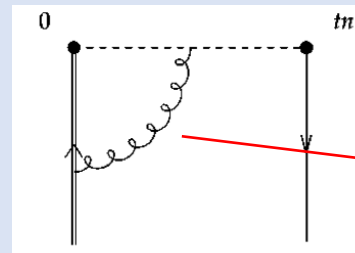


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## Challenge 2: $h_v$ + light-like Wilson line



$$O_v^{\text{ren}}(t, \mu) = \frac{4}{\hat{\epsilon}} \ln(it\mu) O_v^{\text{bare}}(t) + \dots$$

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- Cusp divergence: No local limit!
- Cannot obtain  $\varphi_B$  through its moments.

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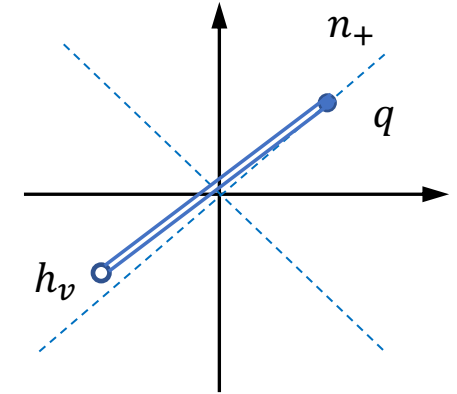
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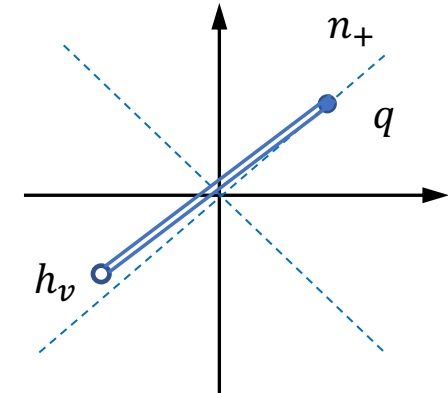
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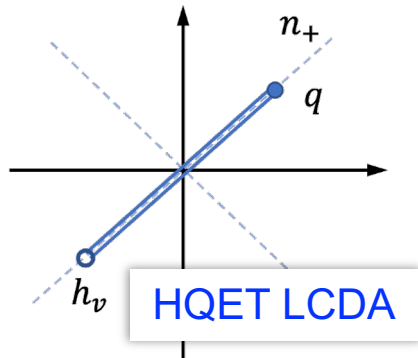
## ➤ We propose a new lattice-feasible approach: **A two-step factorization method**

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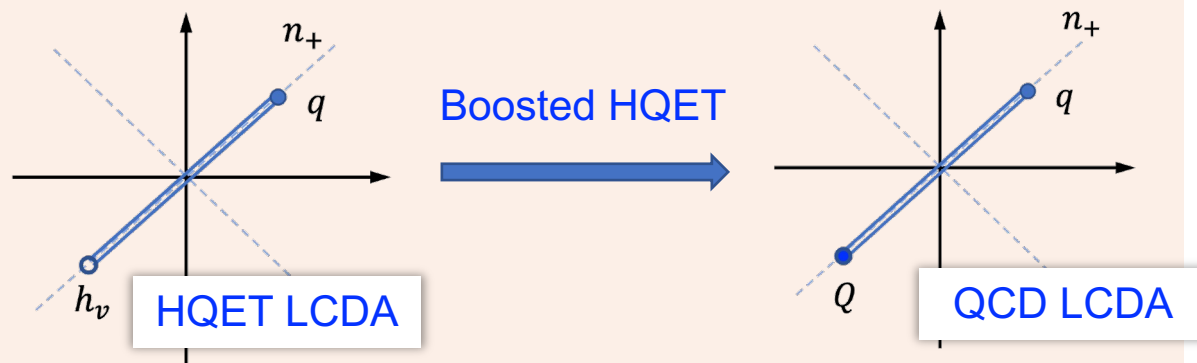


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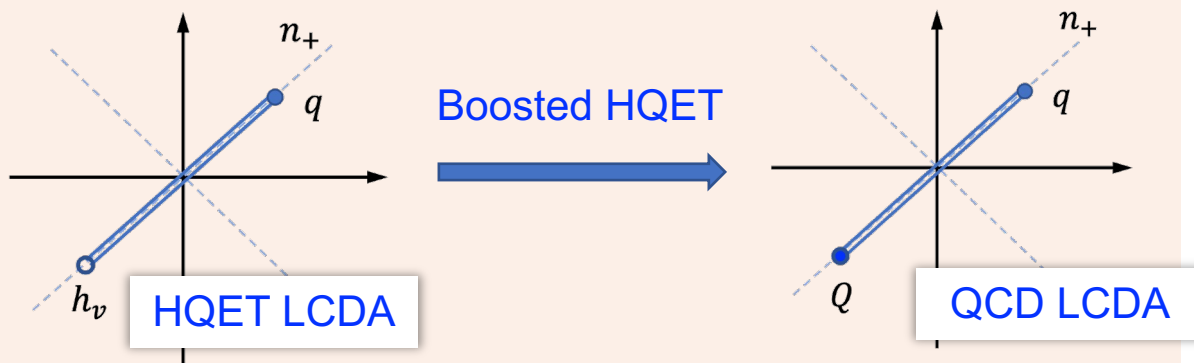
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The evolution of  $m_Q$  between different finite values is governed by a heavy quark mass renormalization group:

Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, 2411.07101

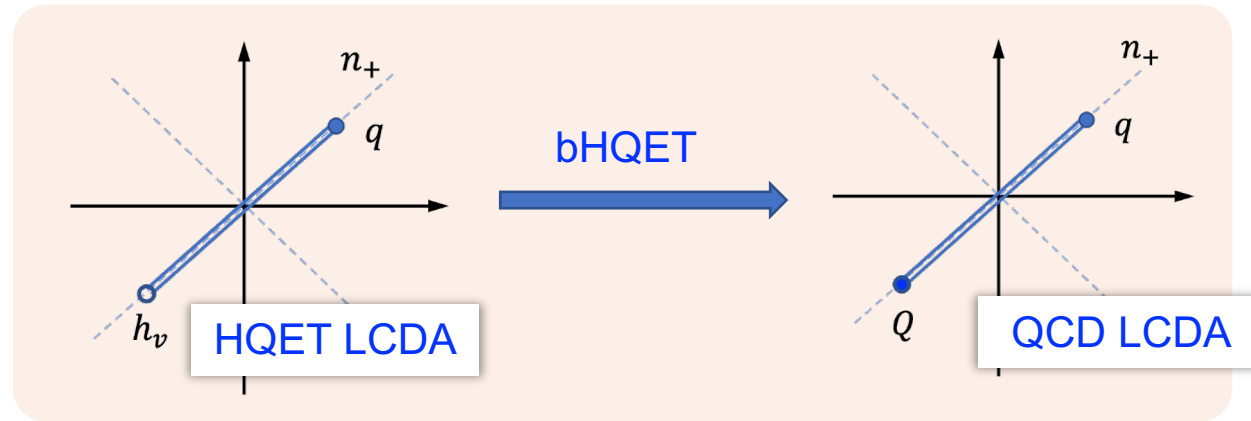
$$m_Q \frac{\partial}{\partial m_Q} \phi(u, m_Q; \mu) - u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \phi(u, m_Q; \mu) - (1 + \gamma(m_Q, \mu)) \phi(u, m_Q; \mu) = 0$$

its solution

$$\phi(u, m_Q; \mu) \approx \exp \left[ \frac{2C_F}{\beta_0} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m_Q)}{\alpha_s(m_{Q_0})} - \frac{4\pi C_F}{\beta_0^2} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_s(m_{Q_0})} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(m_{Q_0})} e - \frac{1}{\alpha_s(m_Q)} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(m_Q)} e \right) \right] \frac{m_Q}{m_{Q_0}} \phi_0 \left( u \frac{m_Q}{m_{Q_0}} \right).$$

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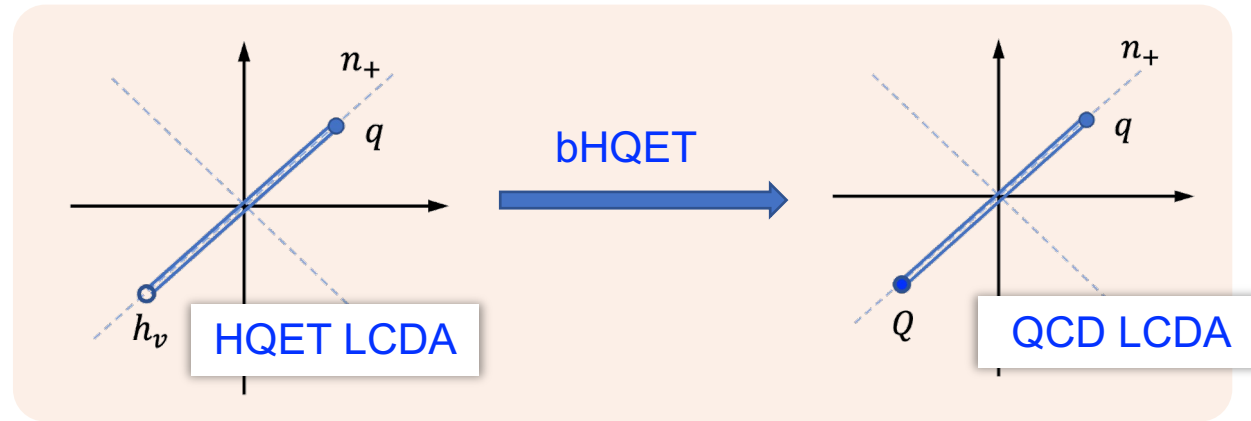
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🤔 The following question is, how the QCD LCDA can be implemented on the lattice?

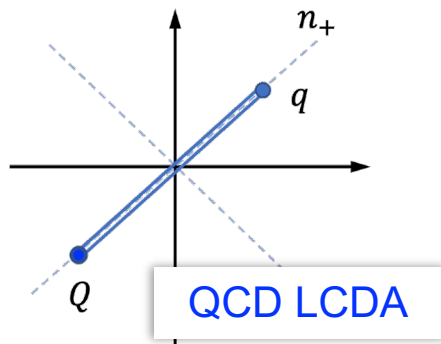


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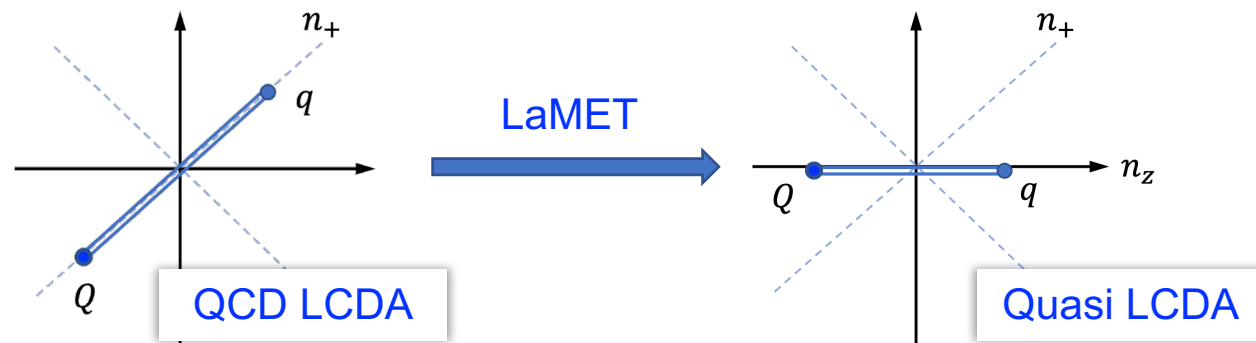


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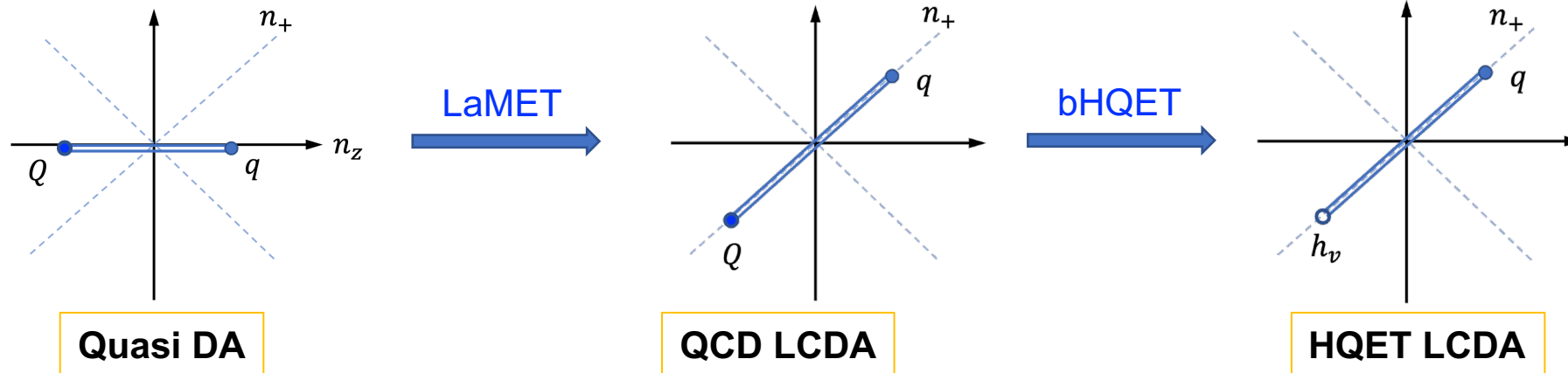
Quasi DA:

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Equal-time correlation matrix element,  
lattice QCD calculable.

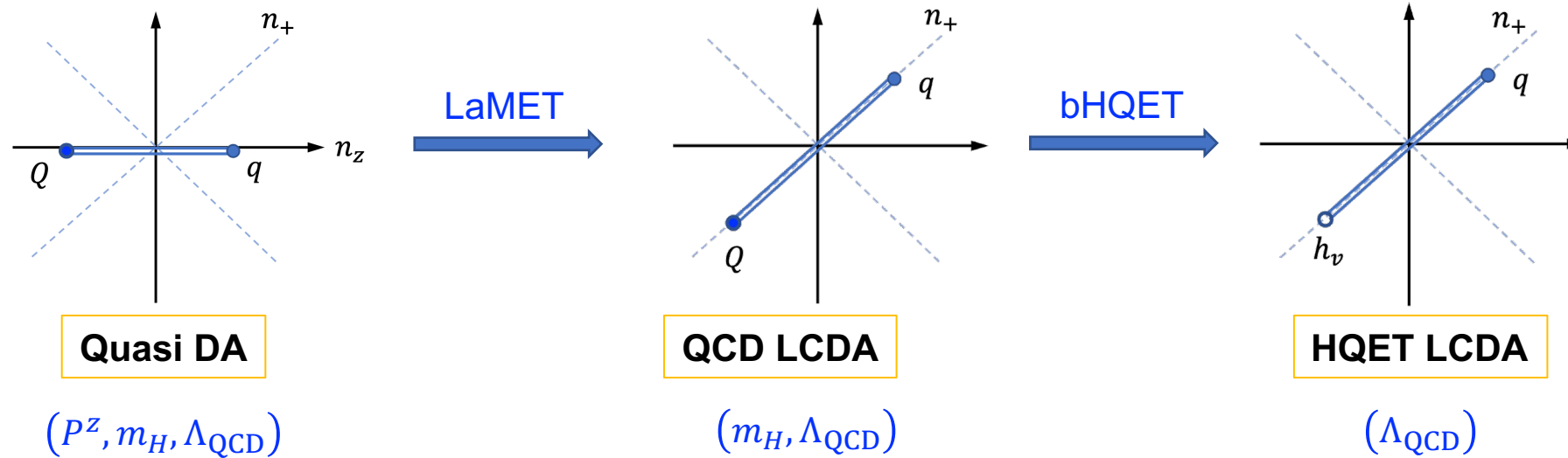
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- LaMET:  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, m_H \ll P^z$  and integrate out  $P^z$
- bHQET:  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H$  and integrate out  $m_H$

⇒ Introduce a hierarchy  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_H \ll P^z$

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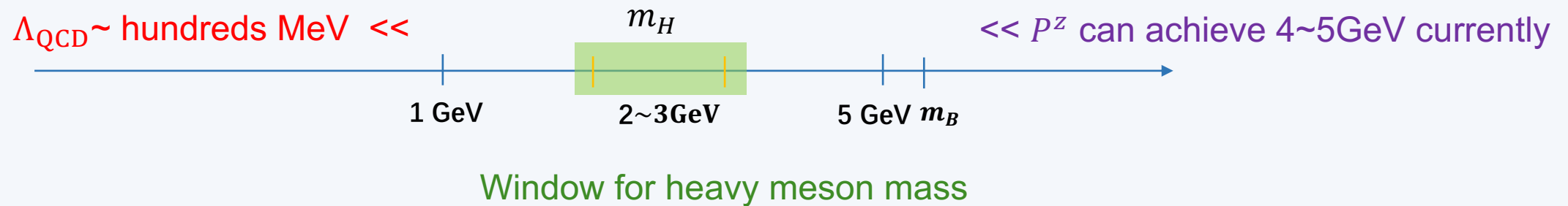
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- $D$  meson can be realized on the lattice;
- Heavy quark flavor symmetry ensures that the HQET LCDA is independent of heavy quark mass;
- $m_H$  ( $m_D$  or  $m_B$ ) only contributes to the power corrections.

# Lattice QCD verification

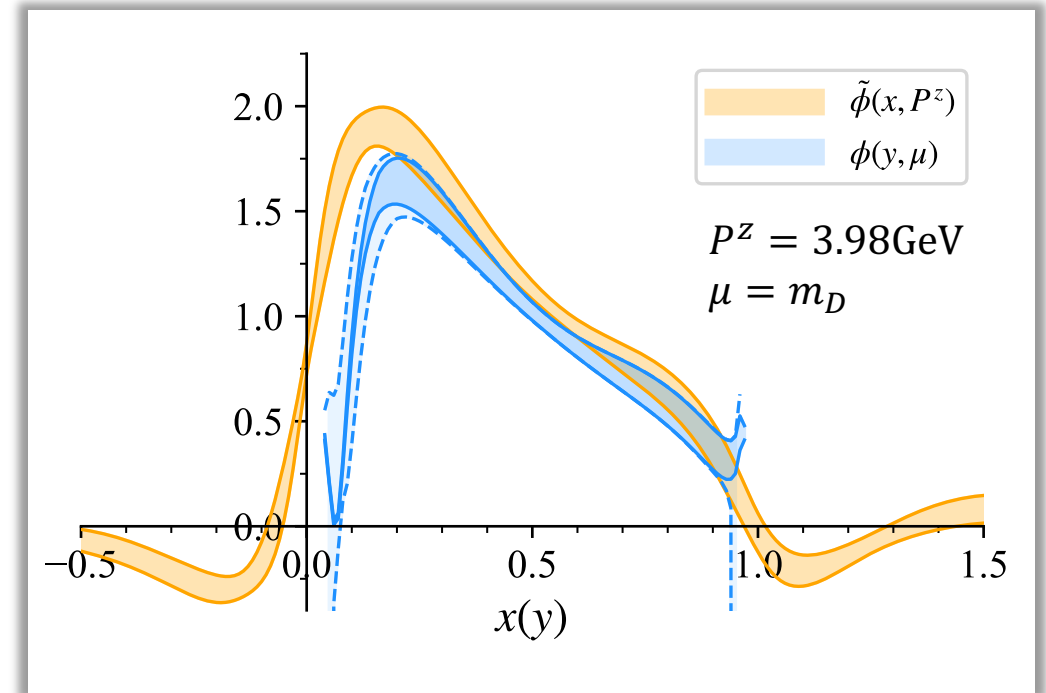
- A numerical simulation on the **finest** CLQCD ensemble ( $a = 0.05187$  fm);

CLQCD Collaboration, PRD 109, 054507 (2024)

- Simulate the  $D$  meson **quasi DA** with  $m_D \simeq 1.92\text{GeV}$ , up to  $P^z \simeq 3.98\text{GeV}$ ;

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

- The state-of-the-art techniques in self renormalization scheme and physics-inspired long-range extrapolation are adopted.



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Matching formula in LaMET:

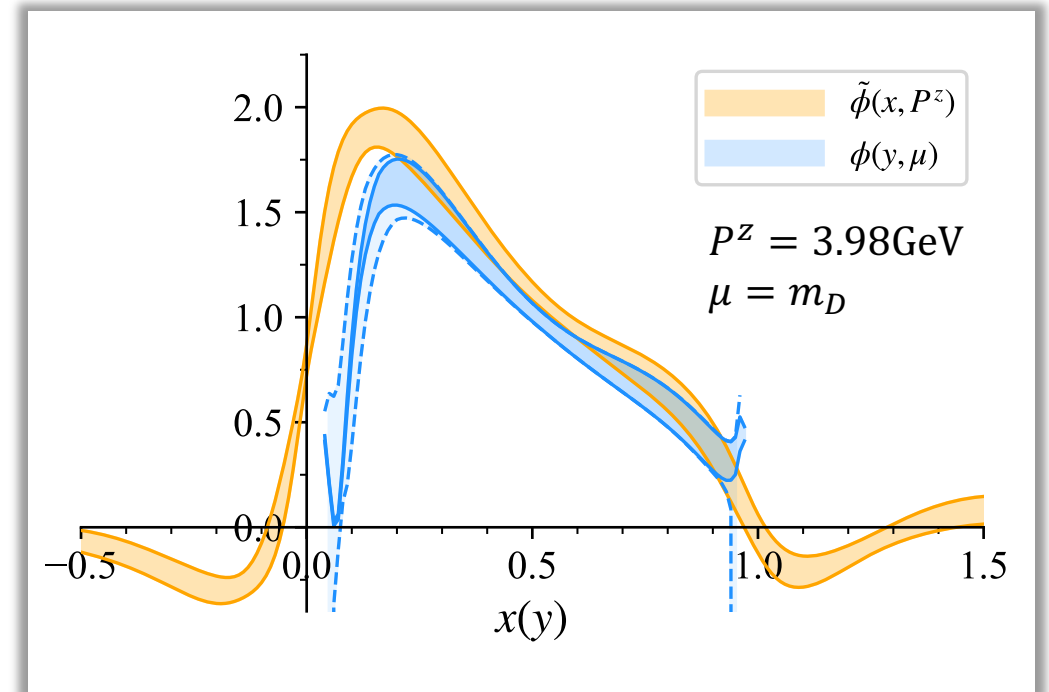
$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P^z) = \int_0^1 C\left(x, y, \frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) \phi(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_H^2}{(P^z)^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(xP^z, \bar{x}P^z)^2}\right)$$

- Matching kernel at NLO in  $\alpha_s$

[Liu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, PRD 99, 094036 \(2019\)](#)

[Han, Hua, Ji, Lu, Wang, Xu, QAZ, Zhao, 2410.18654](#)

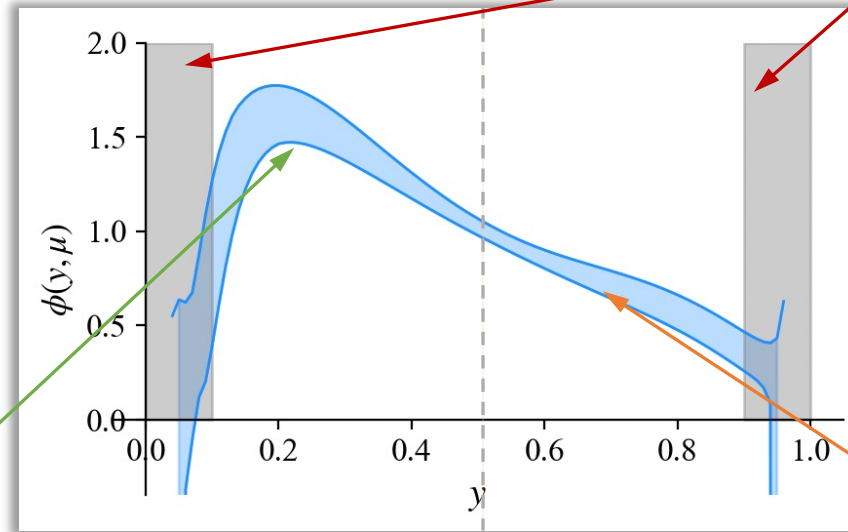
- RG resummation is adopted to associate the lattice scale  $2xP^z / 2(1-x)P^z$  and  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scale  $\mu = m_D$ .





# Lattice QCD verification

## QCD LCDA of $D$ meson



Peak region:  $y \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_H}$

- Light quark carries small momentum fraction;
- Related to the [HQET LCDA](#).

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End-point region:

- LaMET matching kernel suffer large power corrections.
- Lattice QCD predictions **fail**

Tail region:  $y \sim 1$

- Contain only hard-collinear physics, perturbative calculable;
- Suppressed in LCDA.

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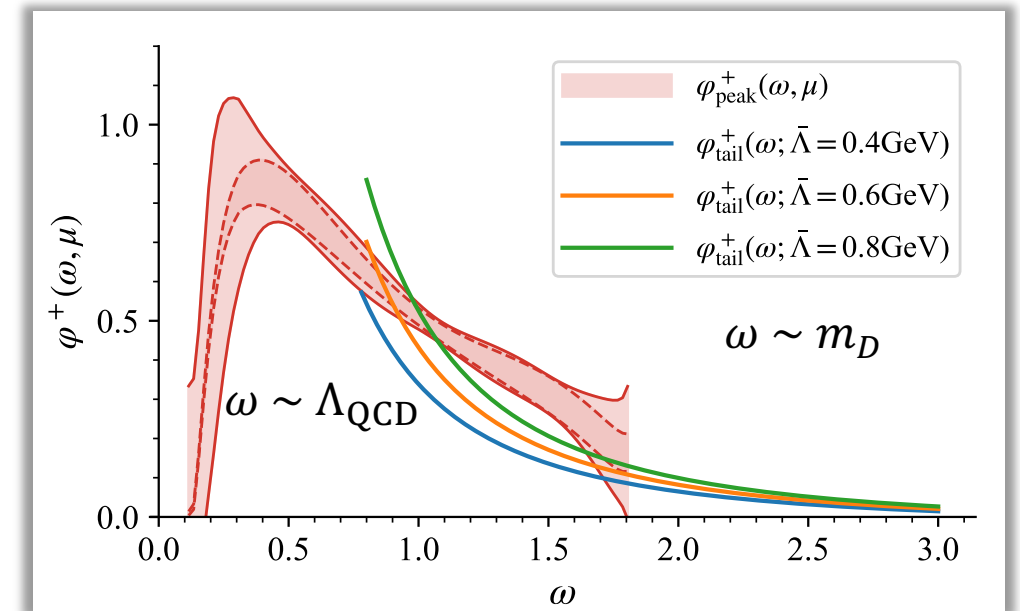
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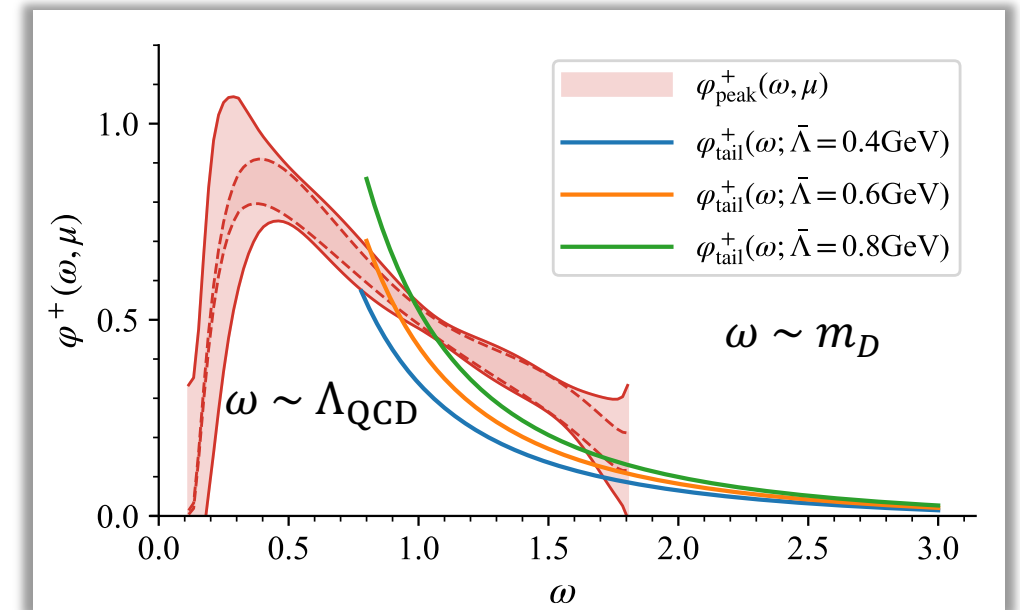
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## ➤ Tail region:

- Perturbative result at 1-loop order:

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

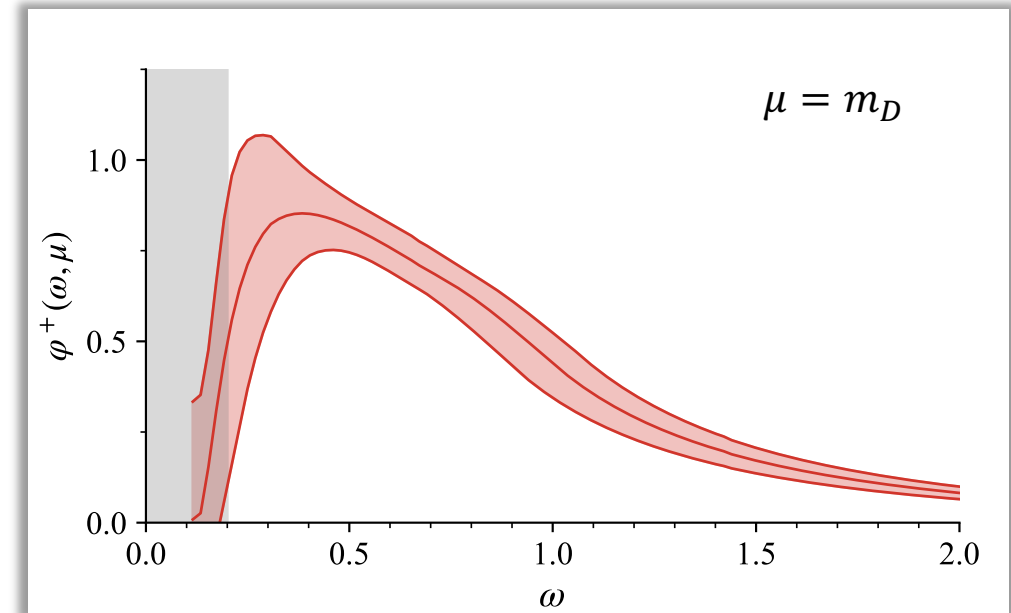
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Finally, we obtain the final result of HQET LCDA.

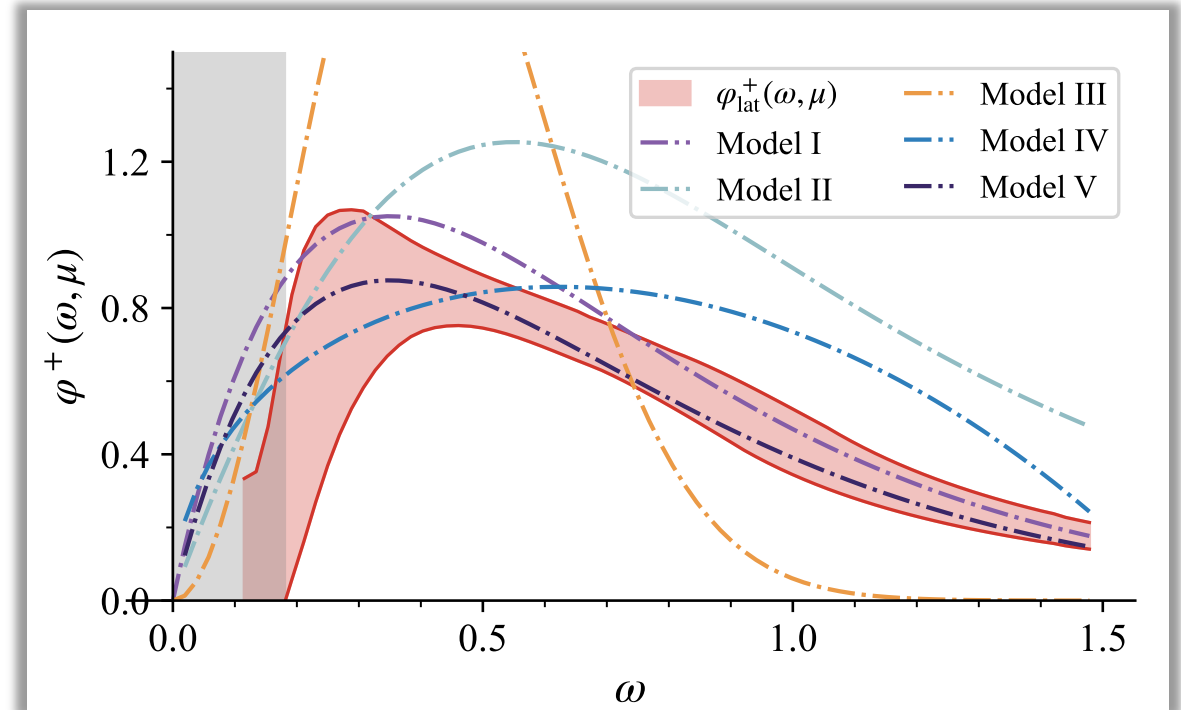
- A verification of the two-step factorization method, the numerical result is still **preliminary**.
- Considered the systematic errors in lattice analysis:
  - From extrapolation, scale uncertainty, .....
- Some key systematic errors are still **absent**:
  - Only one lattice spacing,
  - Power corrections within two matchings are still significant, .....



Although current result is preliminary, it still warrants some phenomenological discussions

# Discussions I: comparison with models

- The model dependence contributes the **largest systematic error** in the form factors.
- Our result is basically **consistent** with most of the model estimates, and will also provide a **first-principle constrains** on the existing models.
- For theoretical calculations, result from first-principles will help to **REMOVE** the primary uncertainties arising from the model parametrizations.



# Discussions II: Inverse and inverse-logarithmic moments

Significant uncertainties from  $\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_1$ :

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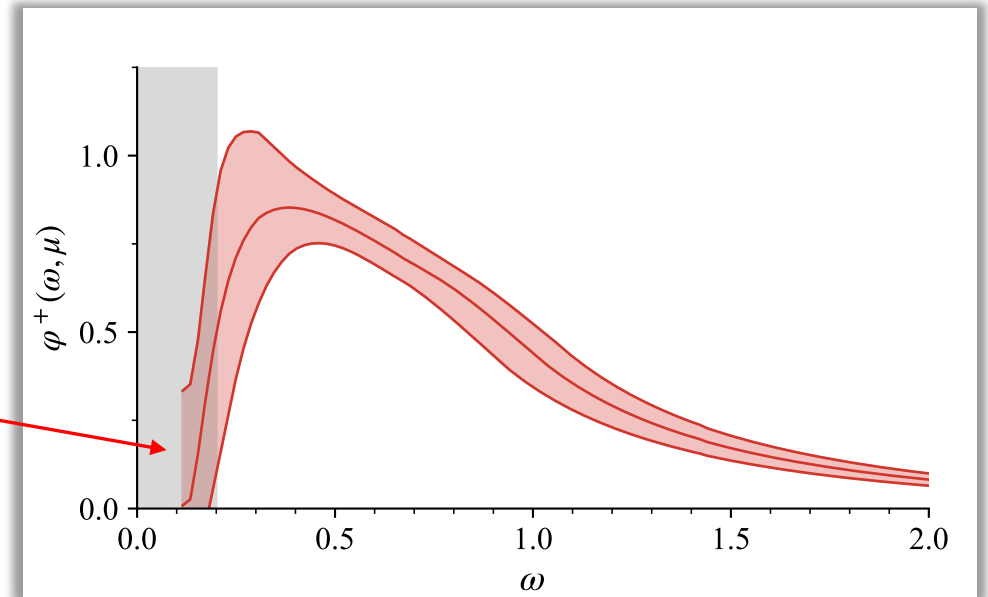
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Definition of Inverse and inverse-logarithmic moments:

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$$\sigma_B^{(n)}(\mu) = \lambda_B(\mu) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \ln\left(\frac{\mu}{\omega}\right)^{(n)} \varphi^+(\omega, \mu).$$

The power corrections at small  $\omega$  makes the integral non-computable.



# Discussions II: Inverse and inverse-logarithmic moments

A model-independent parametrization form:

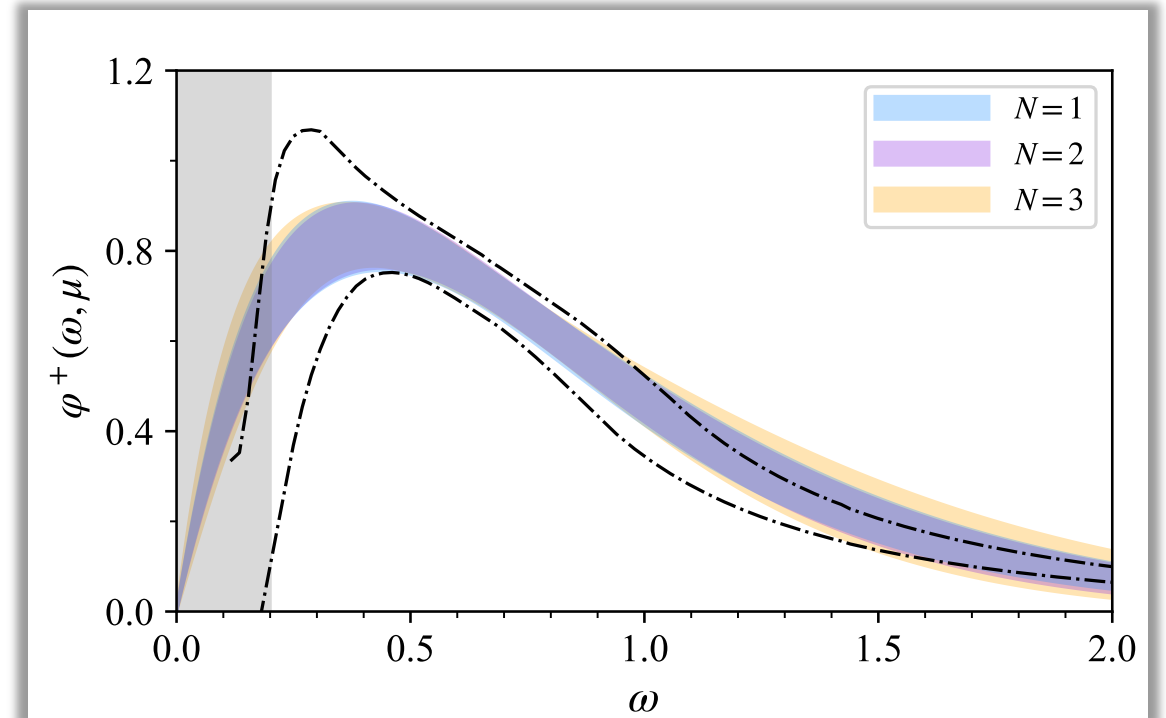
$$\begin{aligned}\varphi^+(\omega, \mu) &= \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \frac{\omega^n}{\omega_0^{n+1}} e^{-\omega/\omega_0} \\ &= \frac{c_1 \omega}{\omega_0^2} \left[ 1 + c'_2 \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} + c'_3 \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \right)^2 + \dots \right] e^{-\omega/\omega_0},\end{aligned}$$

Fit results up to the  $N$ -th order:

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Numerical results of  $\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_B^{(1)}$  at  $\mu = 1\text{GeV}$ :

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Experiment	<i>Belle 2018</i>	$> 0.24$	
Other theoretical approach	<i>Khodjamirian, Mandal, Mannel, 2020</i>	0.383(153)	
	<i>Gao, Lu, Shen, Wang, Wei, 2020</i>	$0.343^{+0.064}_{-0.079}$	
	<i>Lee, Neubert, 2005</i>	0.48(11)	1.6(2)
	<i>Braun, Ivanov, Korchemsky, 2004</i>	0.46(11)	1.4(4)
	<i>Grozin, Neubert, 1997</i>	0.35(15)	
	<i>Mandal, Nandi, Ray, 2024</i>	0.338(68)	

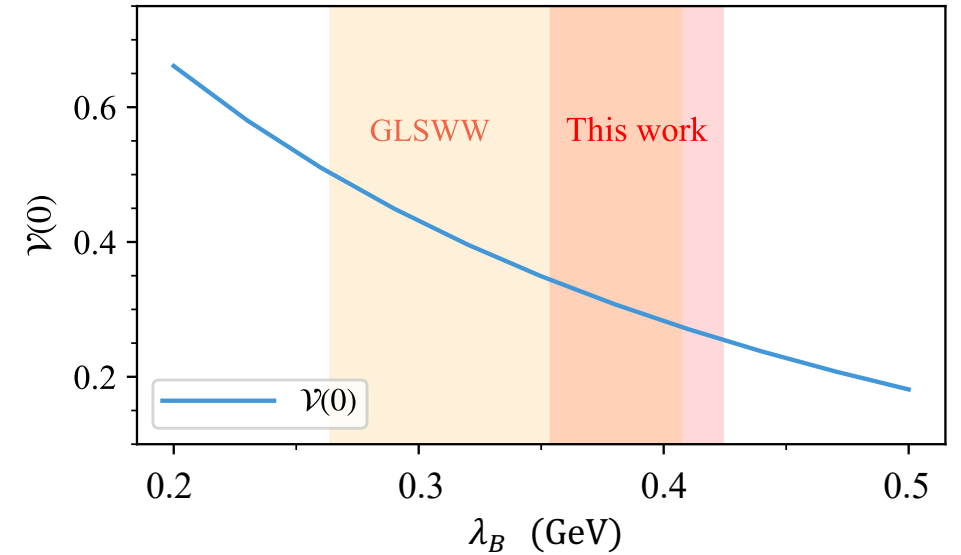


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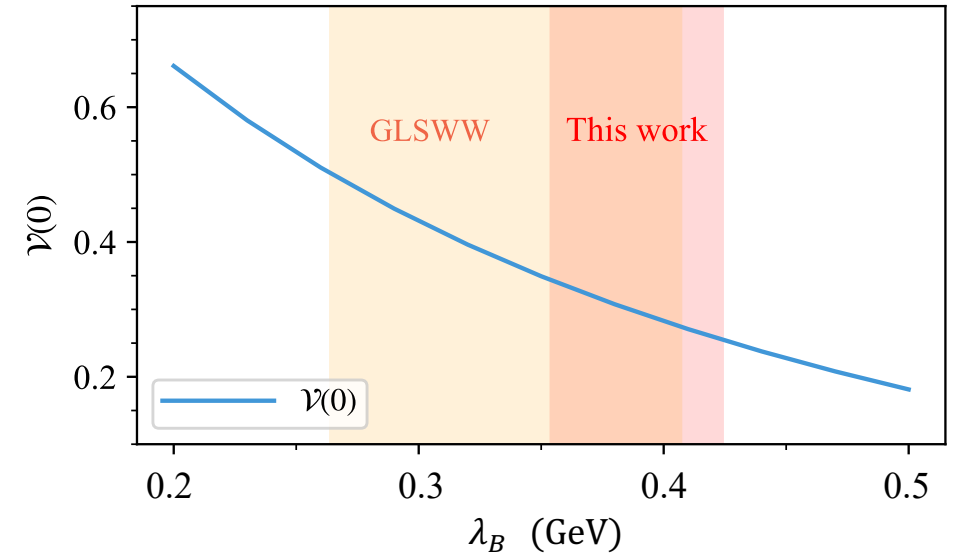


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We are looking forward to a more precise analysis of the form factors and accordingly physical observables.

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Our results can:

- **REDUCE** the errors from  $\lambda_B$  and  $\sigma_B^{(n)}$ ;
- **REMOVE** the errors from model dependence.

# Summary and Prospect

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- ✓ We present a first **lattice-implementable method** to extract the heavy meson LCDA, and implement it on a CLQCD ensemble.
- ✓ Although the results are **preliminary**, they can be **continually improved**.
- ✓ The phenomenological implications demonstrate that our results will significantly advance the theoretical studies towards the **frontier of high precision**.

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

- How to properly control the power corrections within two step factorization?
- More systematic lattice QCD calculations: more  $a$ , larger  $P^z$ , ...

*Thanks for your attention!*