

# *Dyson-Schwinger Equations: A Tool for Hadron Physics*

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- Simplest level: Generating Tool for Perturbation Theory
  - ..... Materially Reduces Model Dependence

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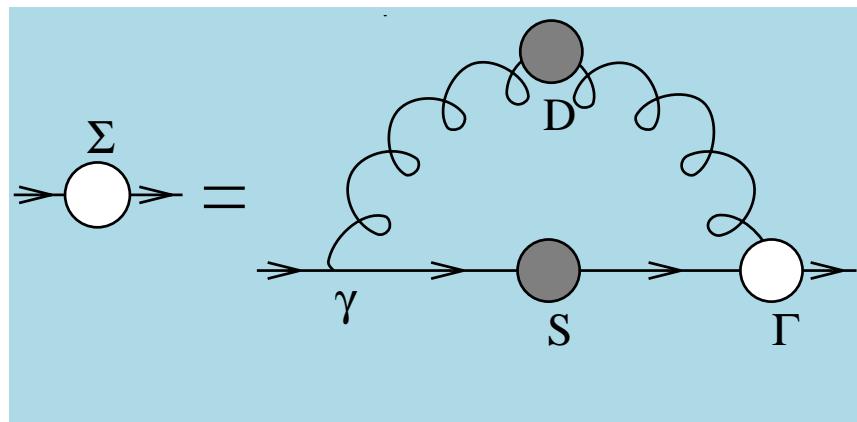
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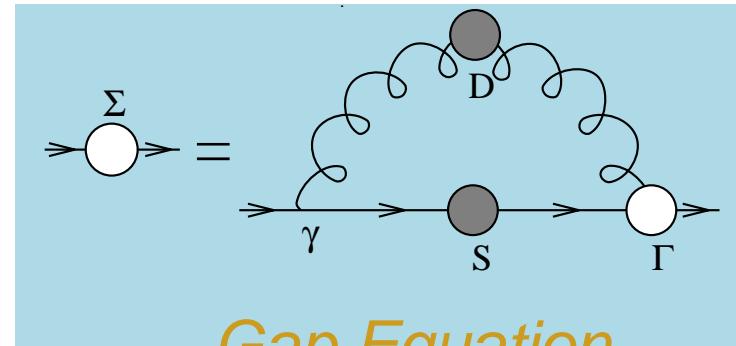
Describe this in  
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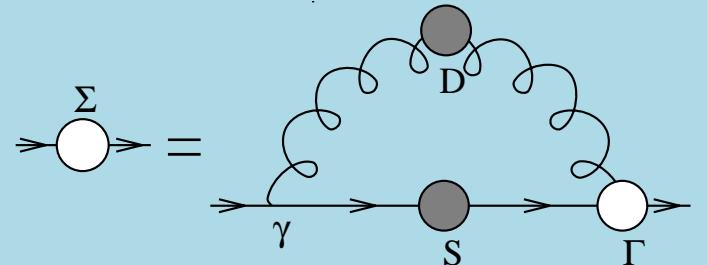
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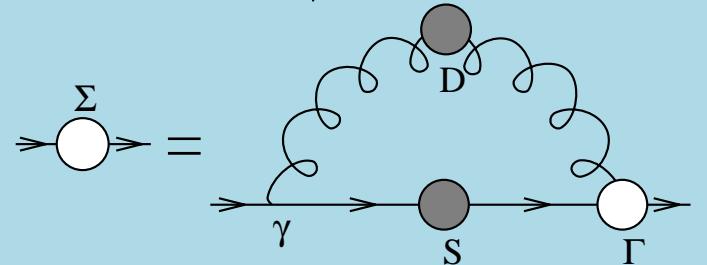
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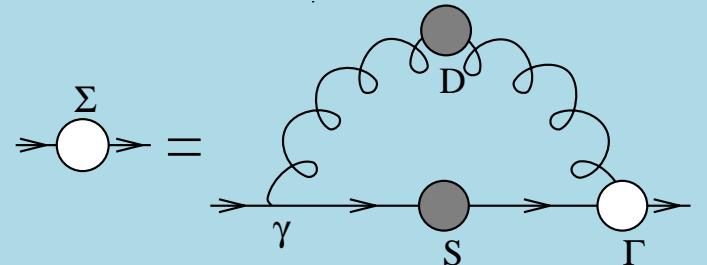
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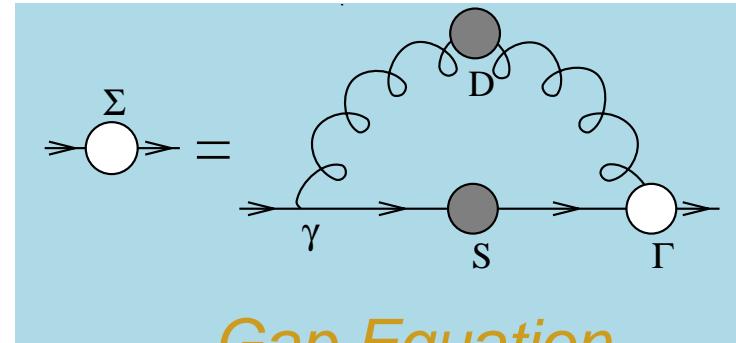
$$B(p^2) = m \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{p^2}{m^2} \right] + \dots \right) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow 0} 0$$

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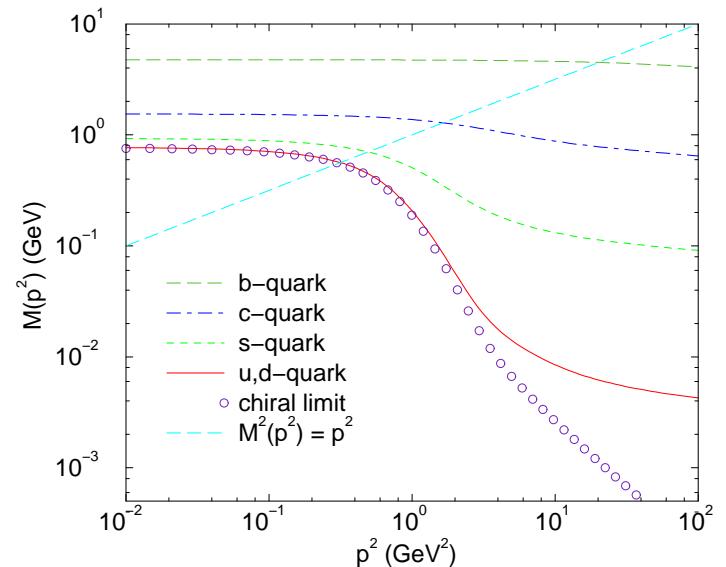


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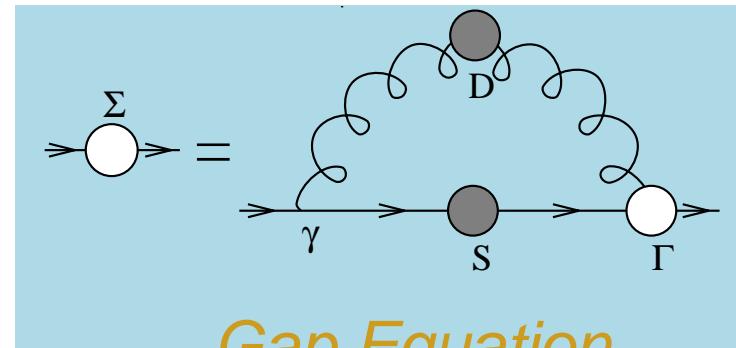
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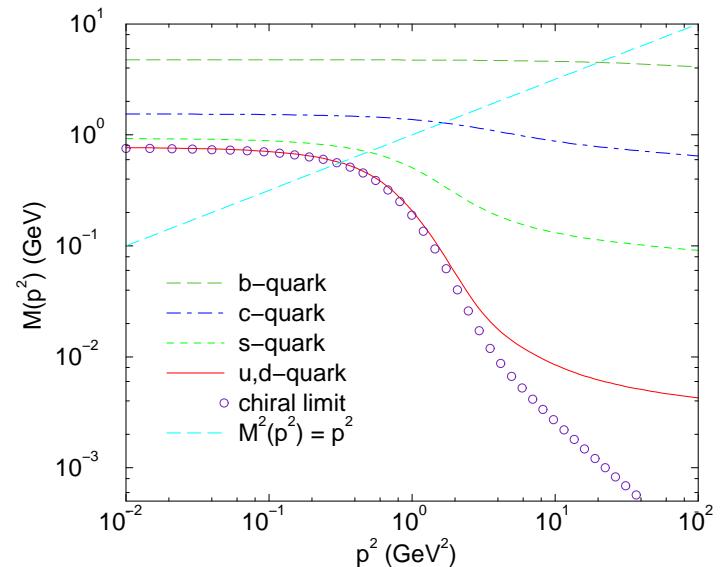


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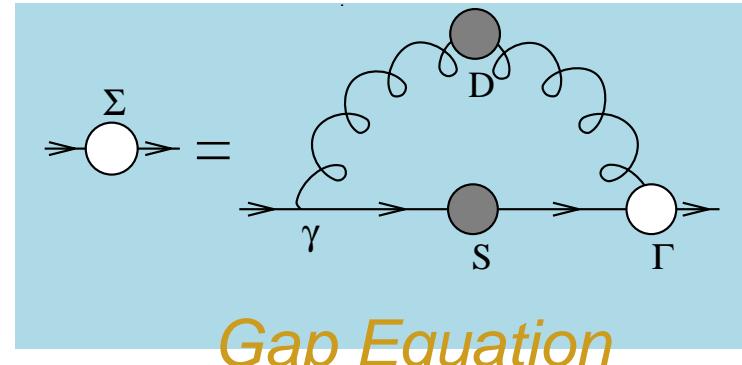


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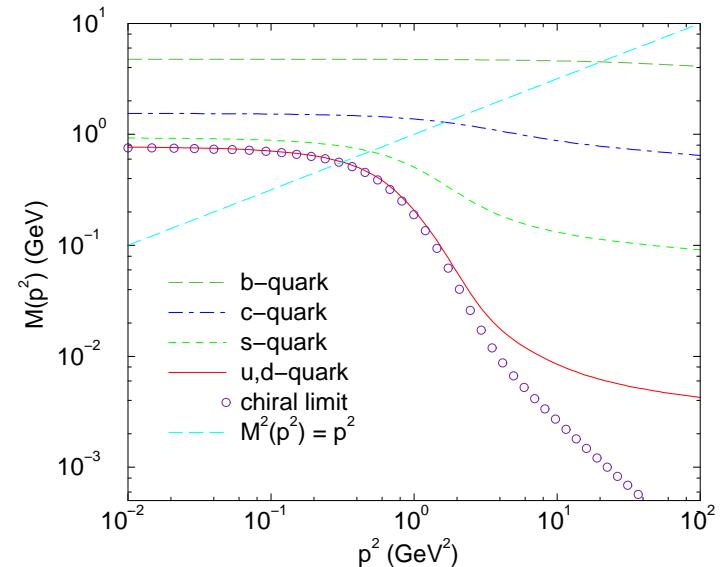
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| flavour                                   | $u/d$ | $s$ | $c$ | $b$ | $t$             |
|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| $\frac{M^E}{m_{\mu \sim 20 \text{ GeV}}}$ | 150   | 10  | 2.2 | 1.2 | $\rightarrow 1$ |



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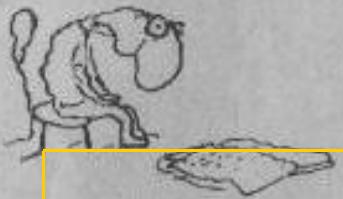
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Trace of the Chiral-limit dressed-quark propagator

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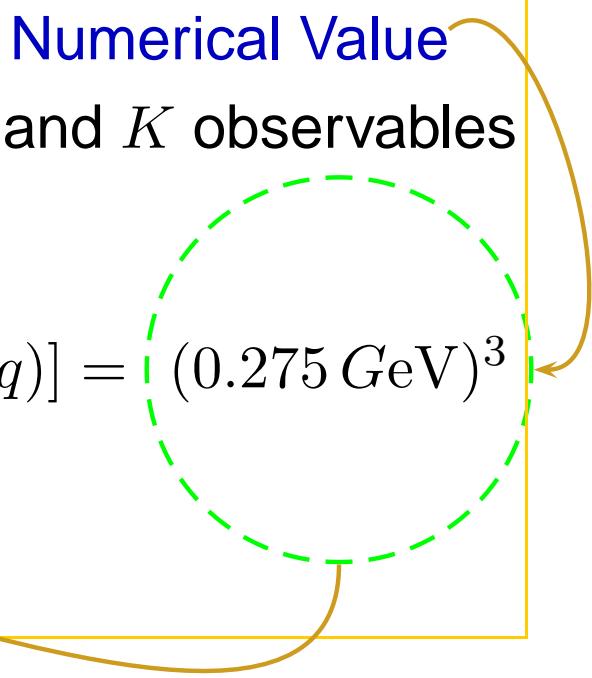
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Close packed spheres:

$$1.8 \text{ fm}^{-3} \Rightarrow V_{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} = 0.55 \text{ fm}^3 \Rightarrow r_{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} = 0.51 \text{ fm} = 0.77 r_\pi = 0.58 r_p$$

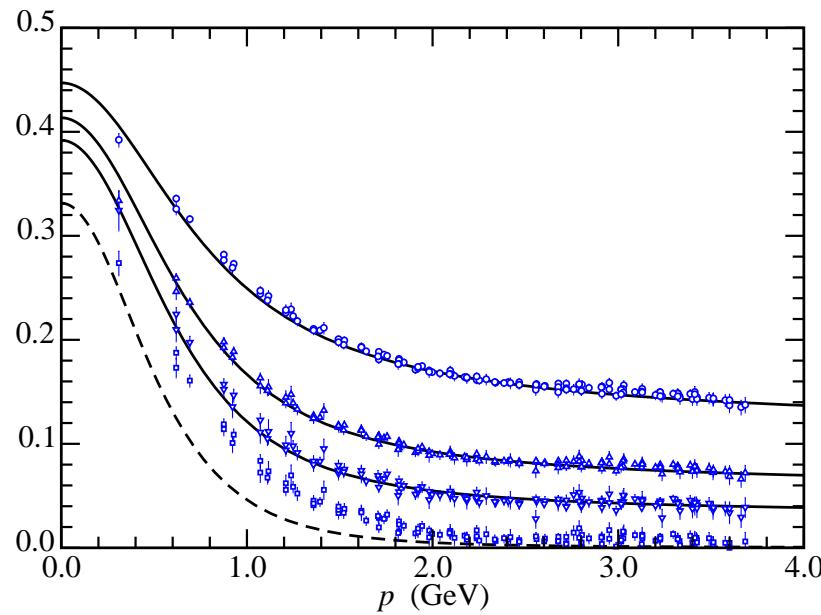
Fundamentally  
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Long-standing  
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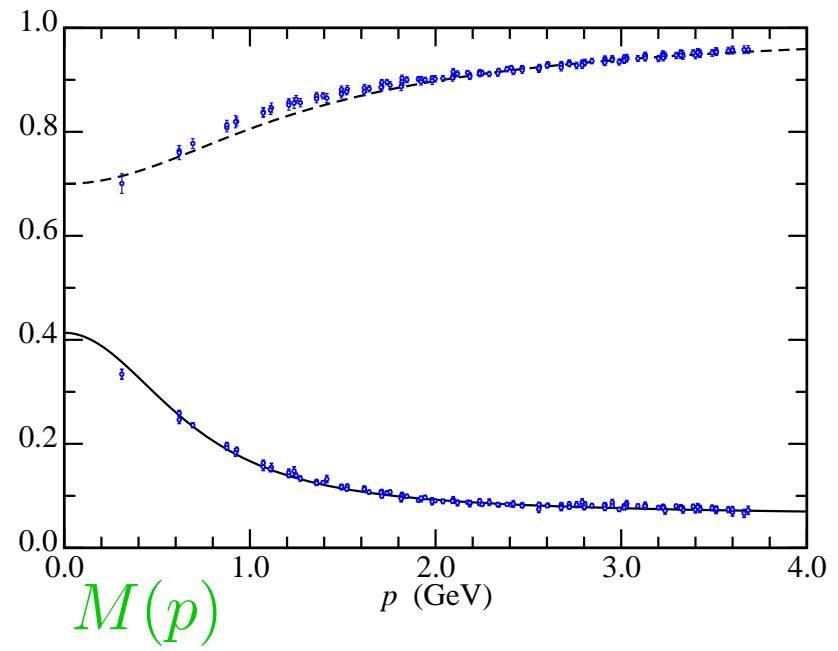


# *cf. Quenched lattice simulations*

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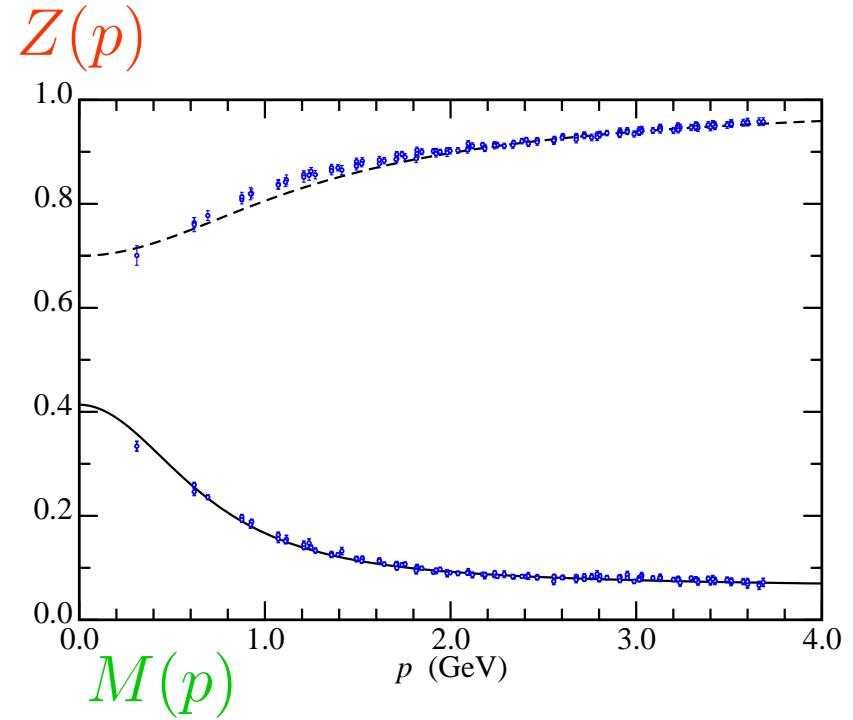
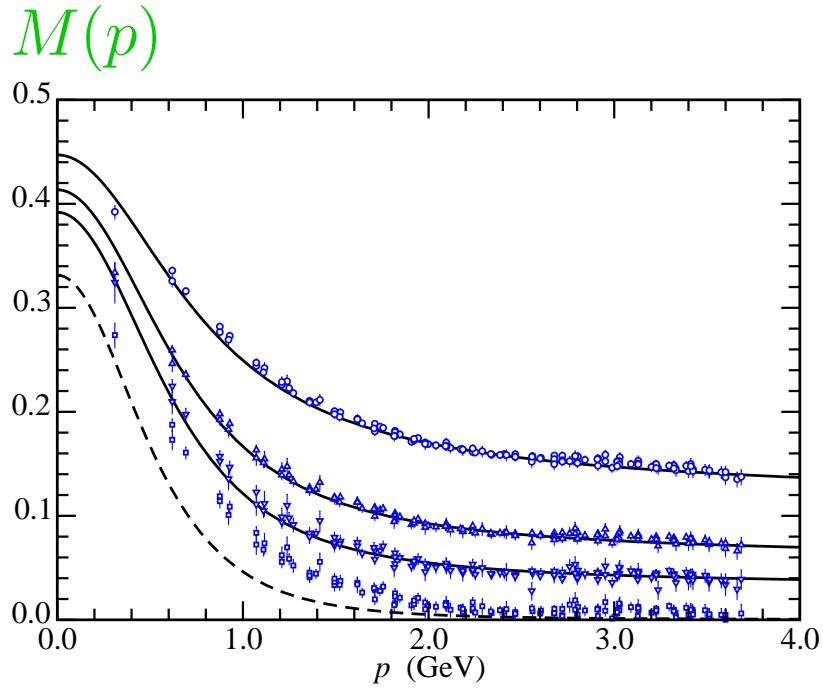
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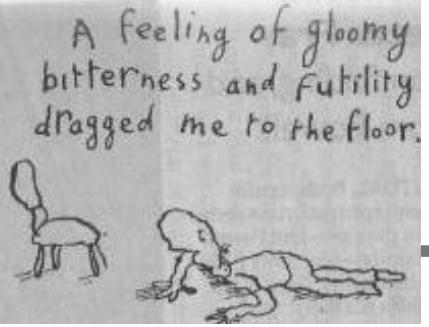
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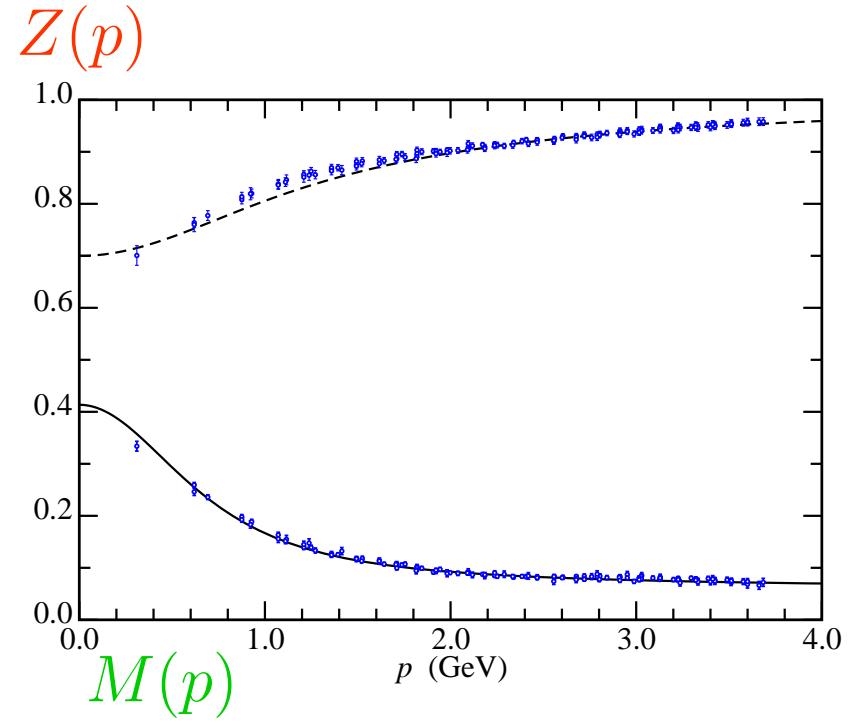
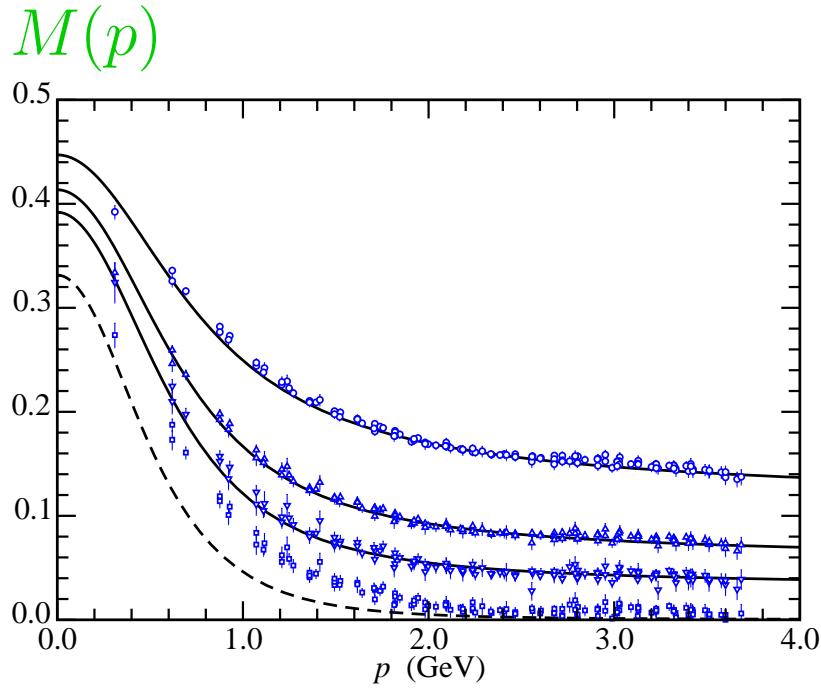
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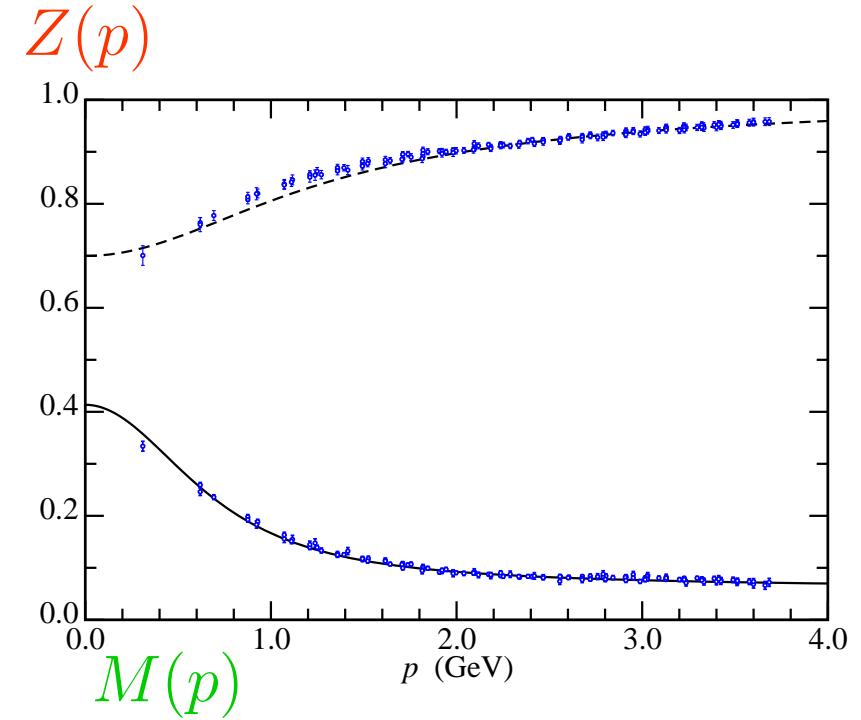
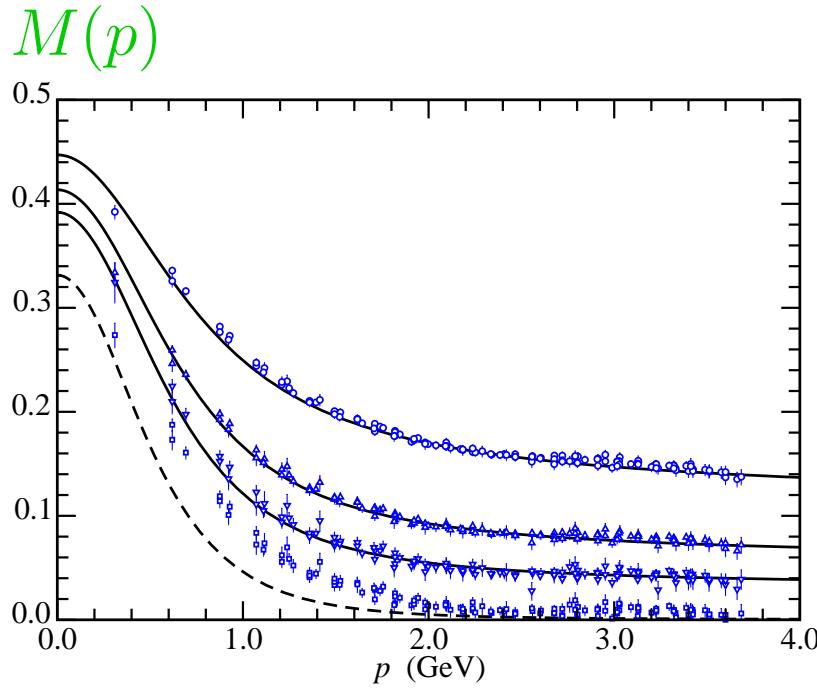


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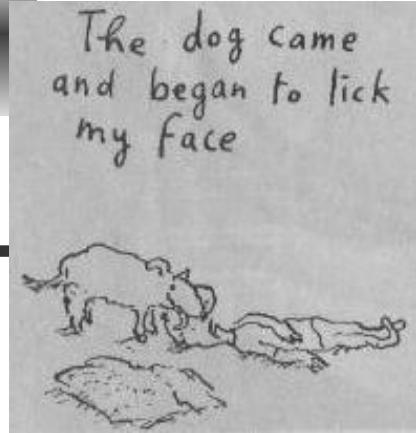
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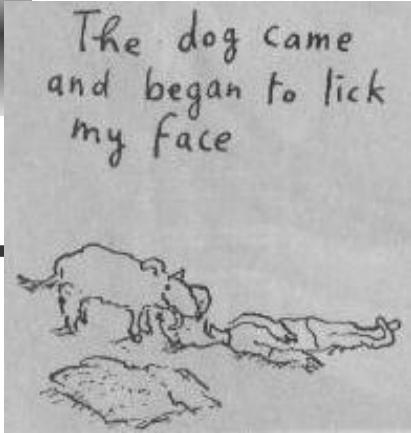
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- Established understanding of two point functions
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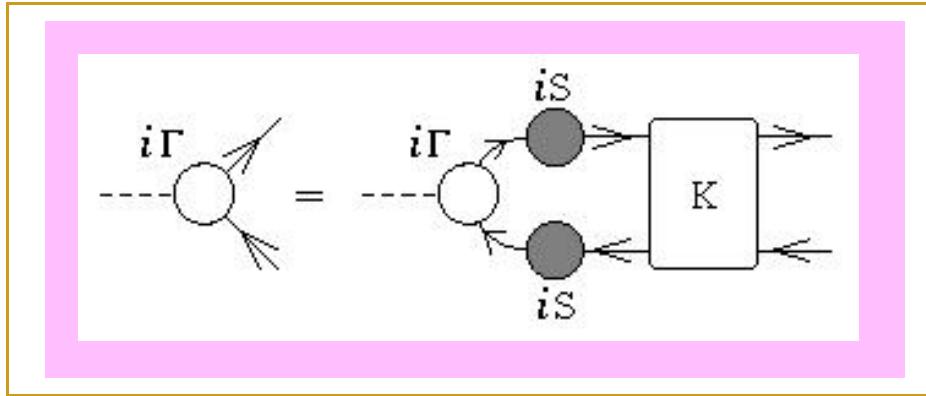
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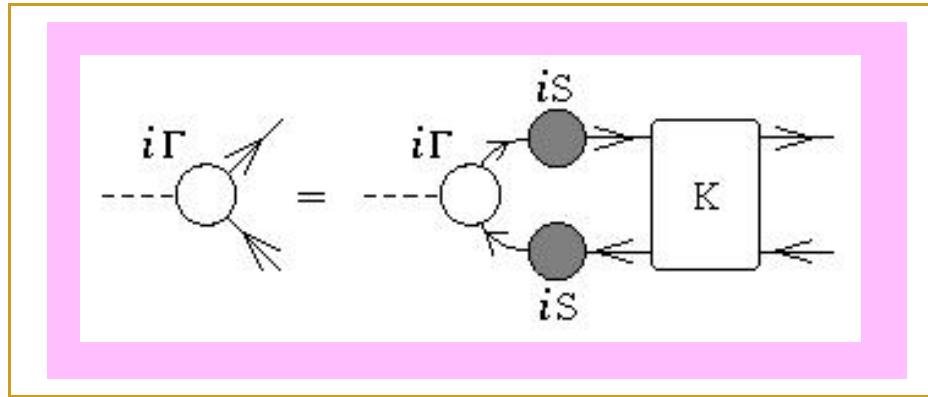
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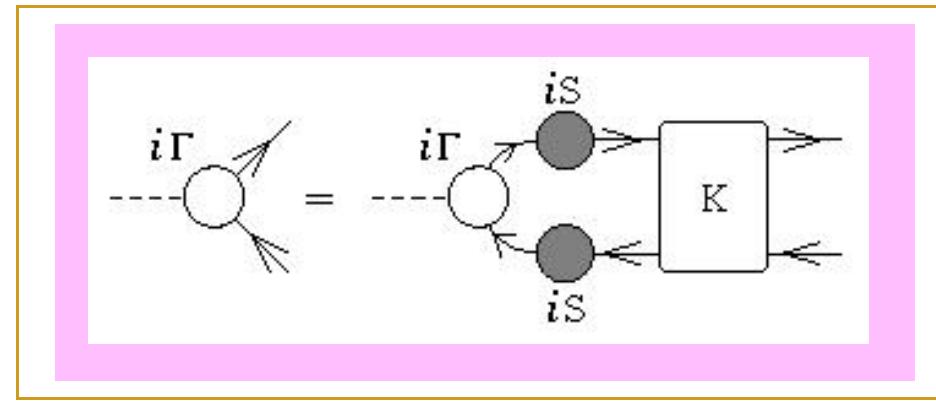
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After about five  
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hope started to  
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# *Bethe-Salpeter Kernel*

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- Axial-vector Ward-Takahashi identity

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## QFT Statement of Chiral Symmetry

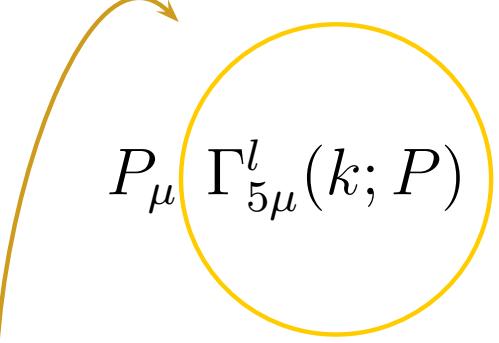
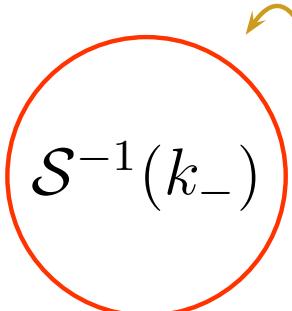
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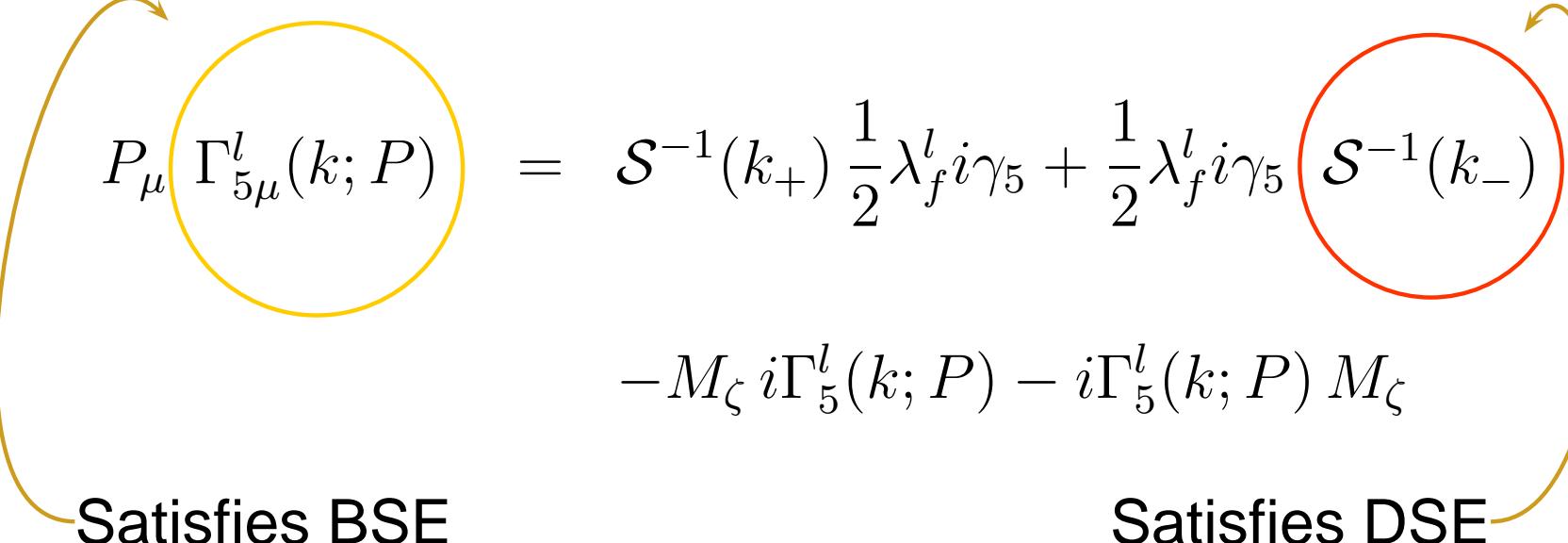


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- Relation **must** be preserved by truncation
- **Failure**  $\Rightarrow$  Violation of Goldstone's Theorem

# *Bad Idea*

Laying a  
snare for  
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# *Goldberger-Treiman for pion*

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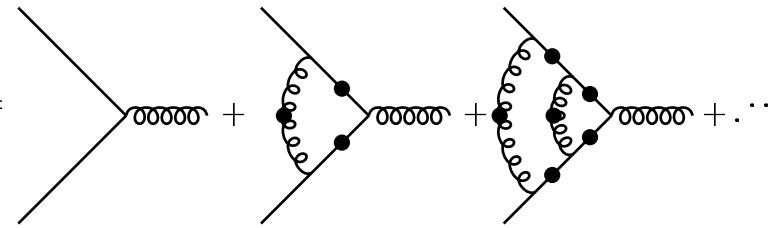
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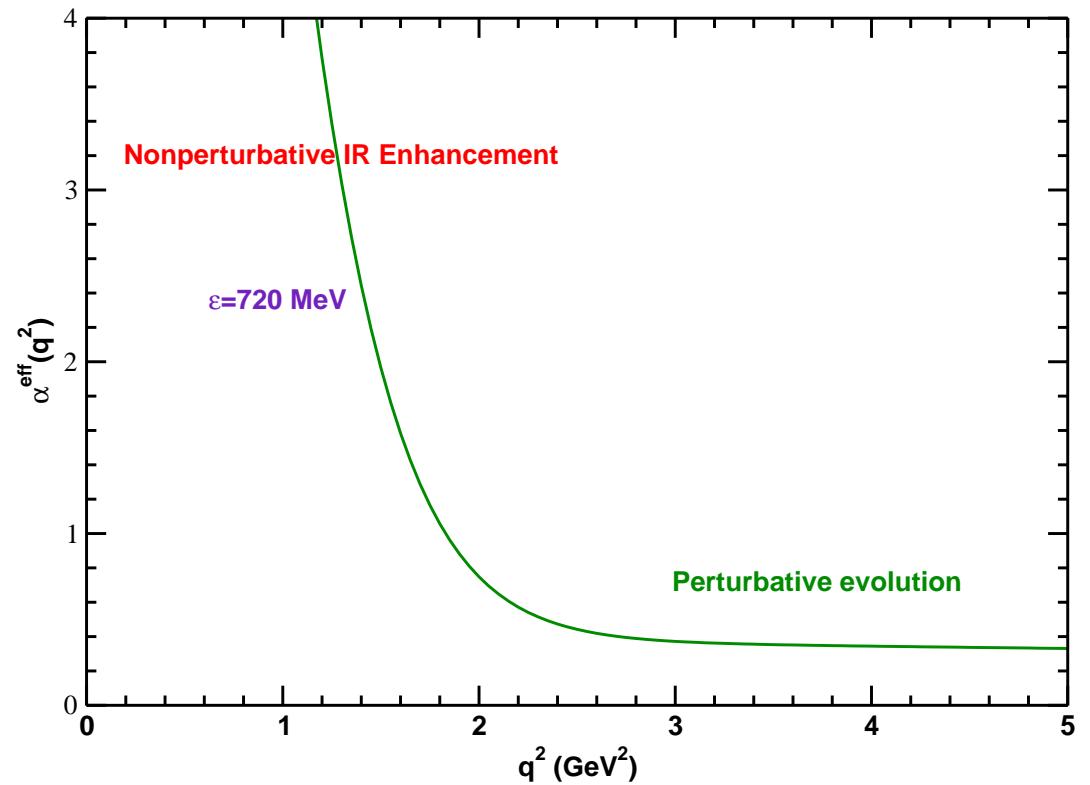
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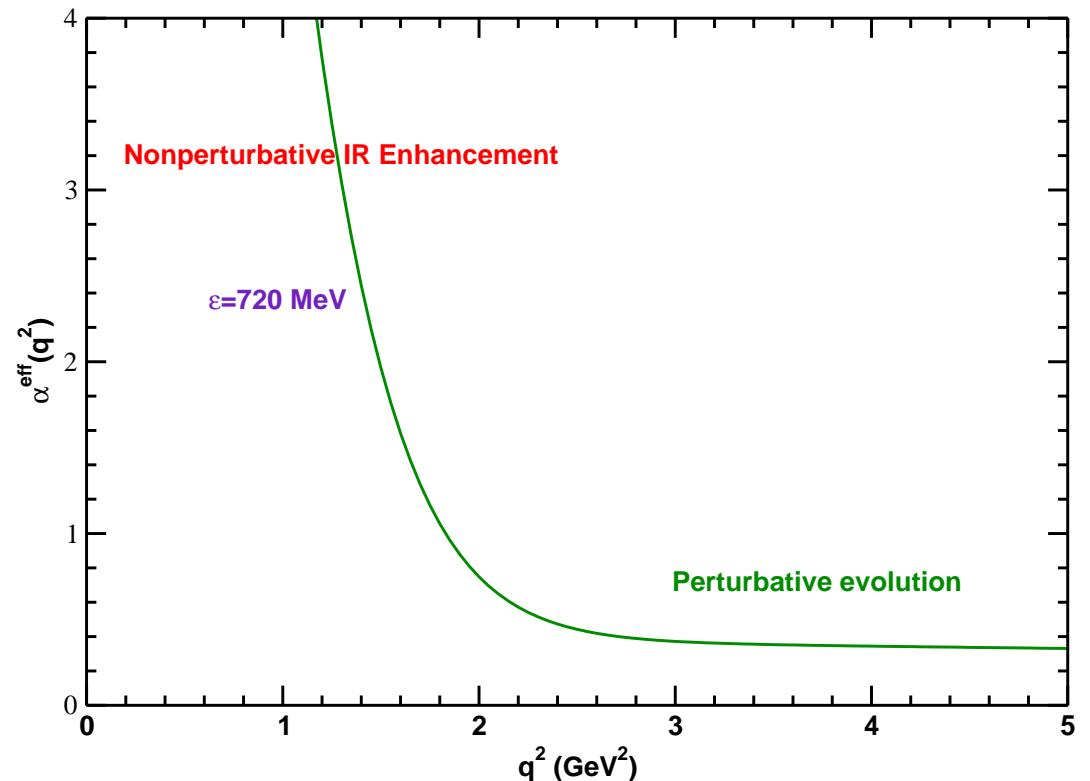
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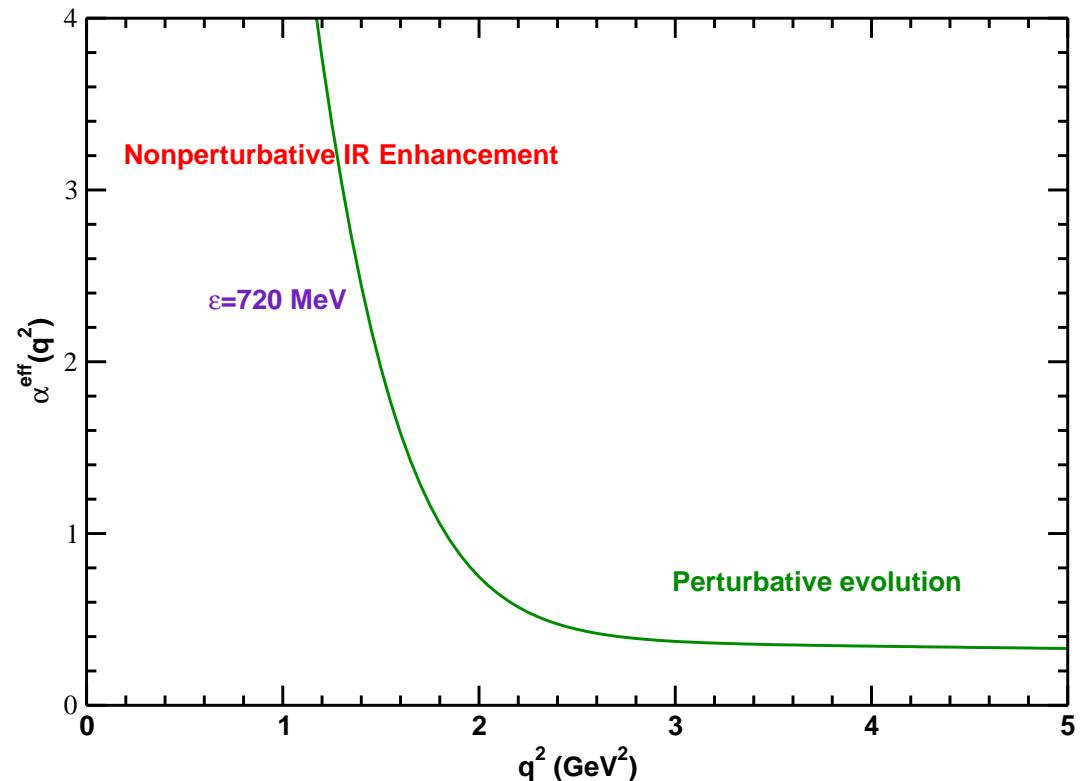


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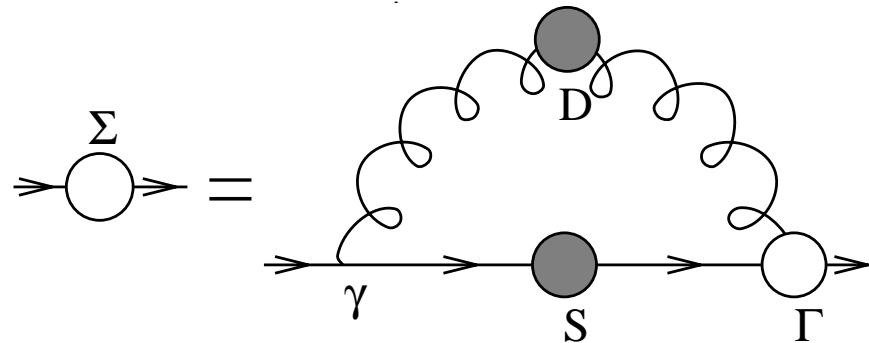
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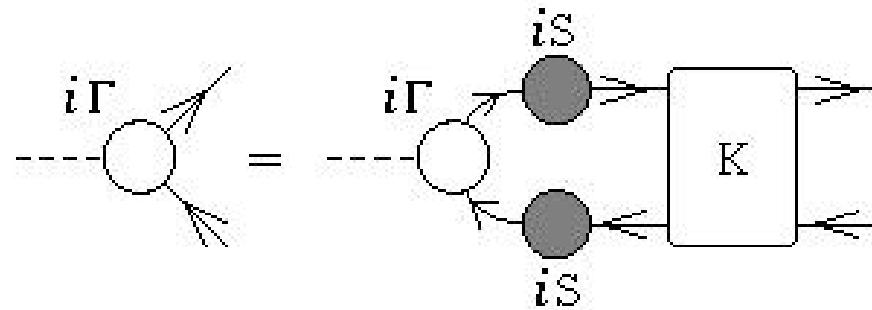
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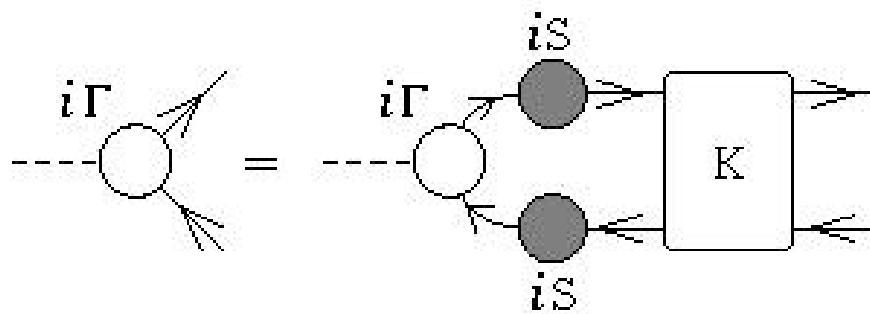
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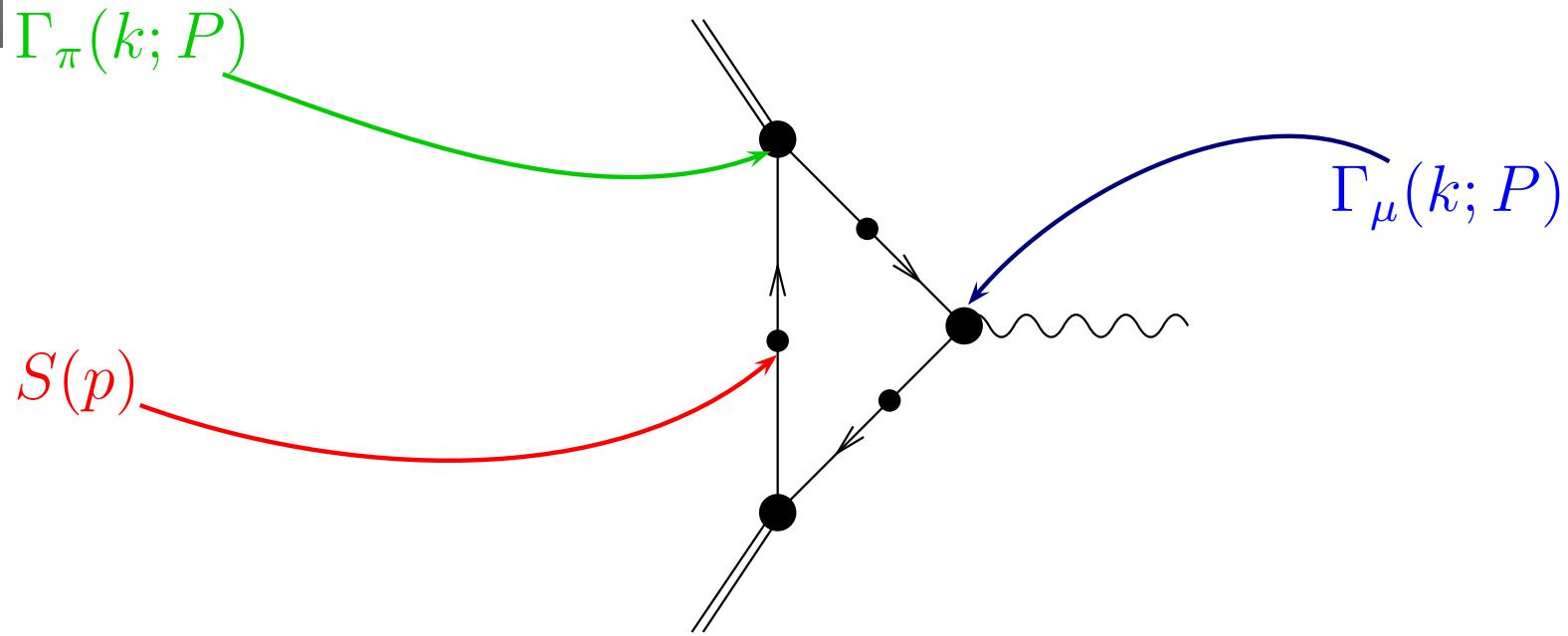
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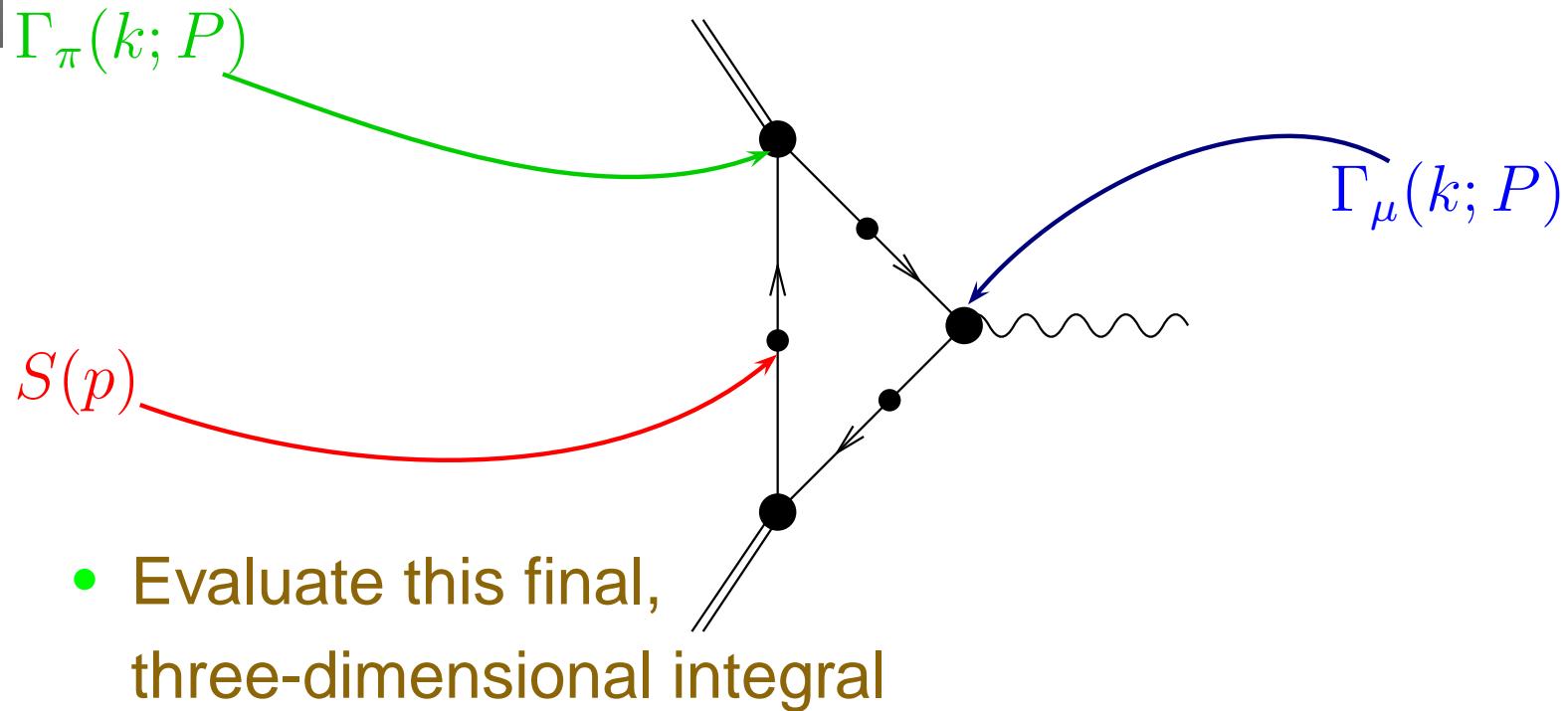
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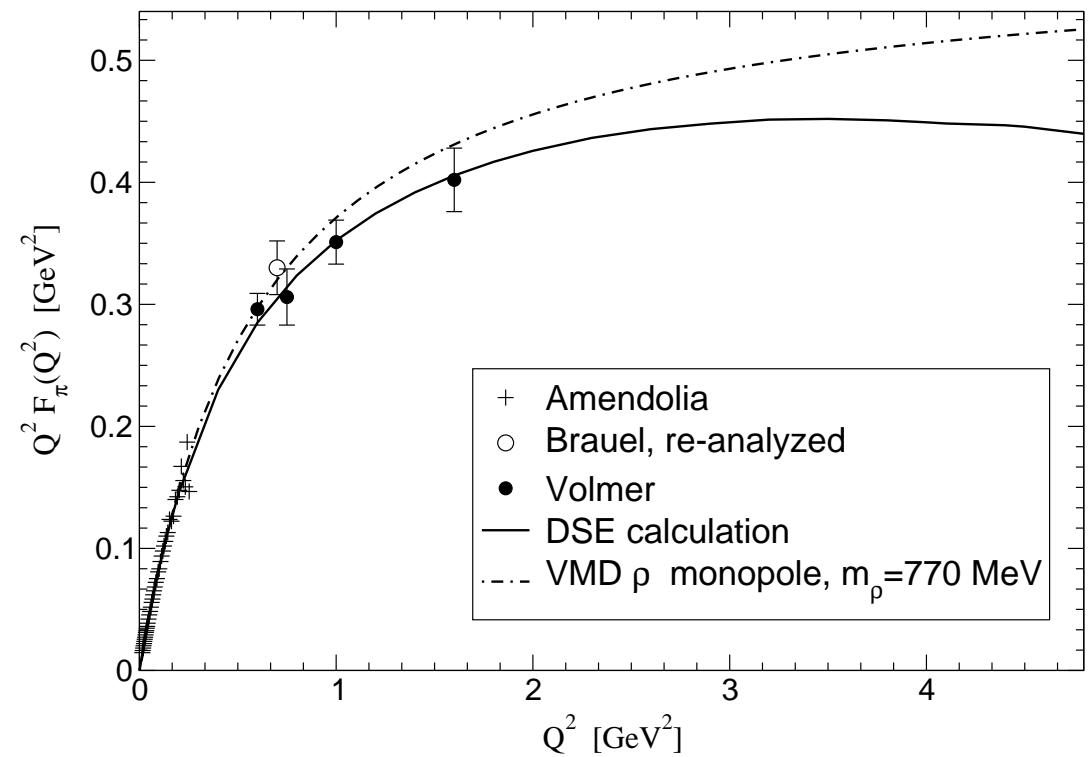
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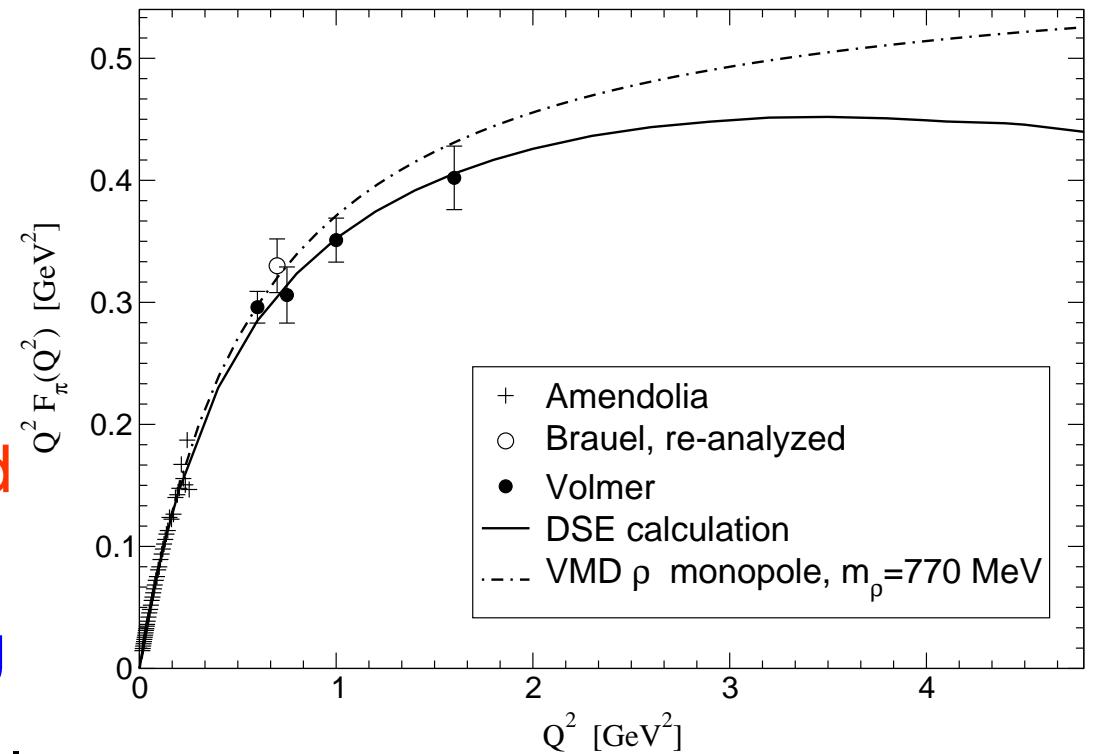


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Maris, et al., Phys. Rev. D 65, 076008

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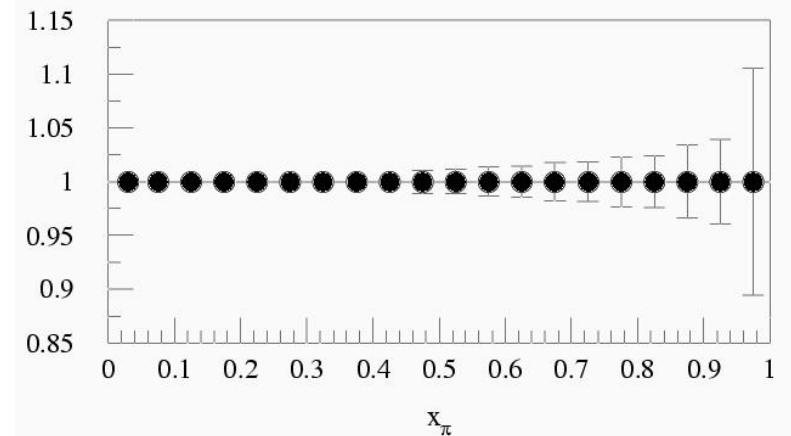
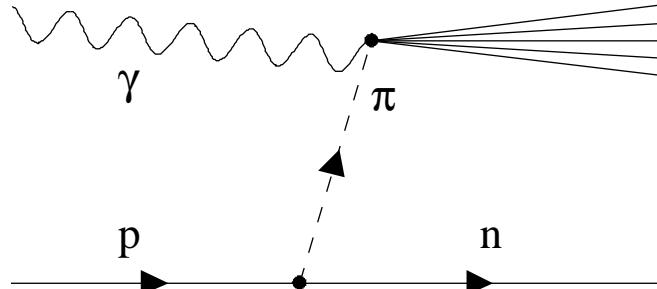
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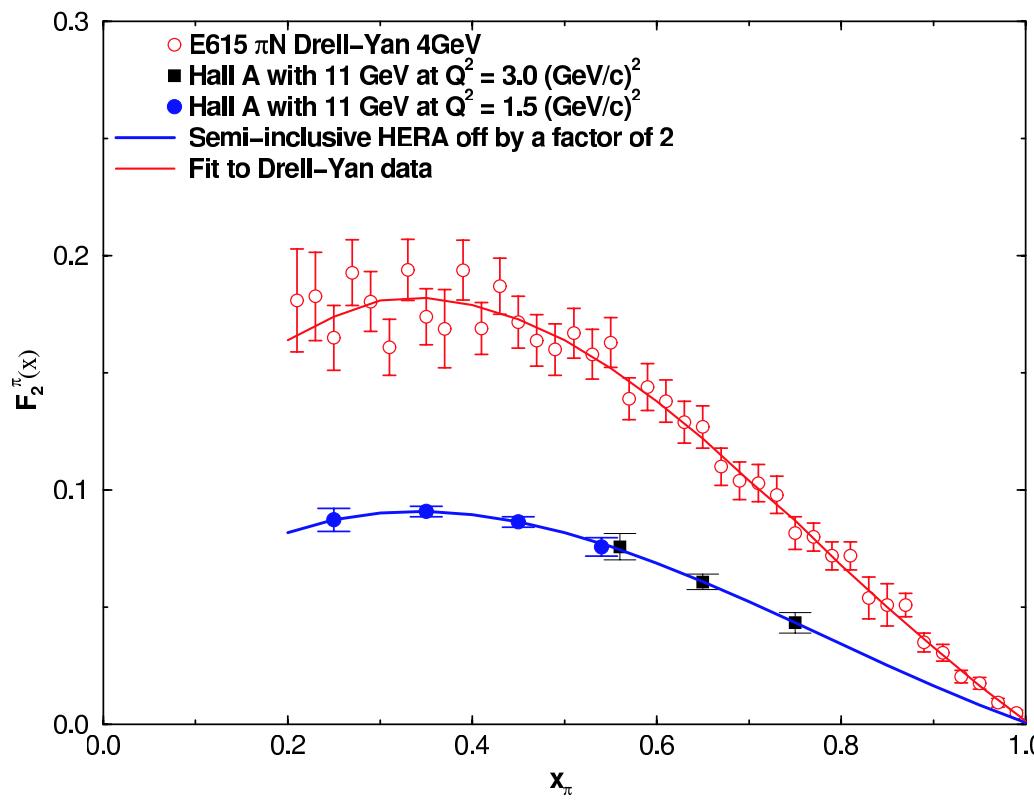
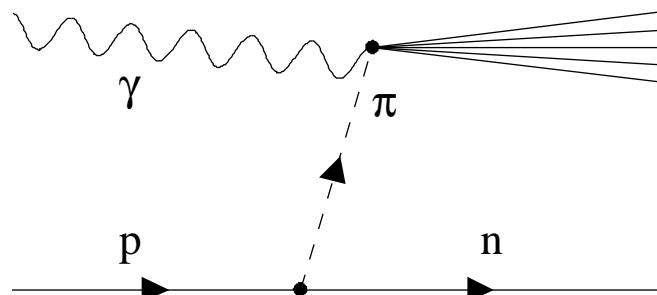
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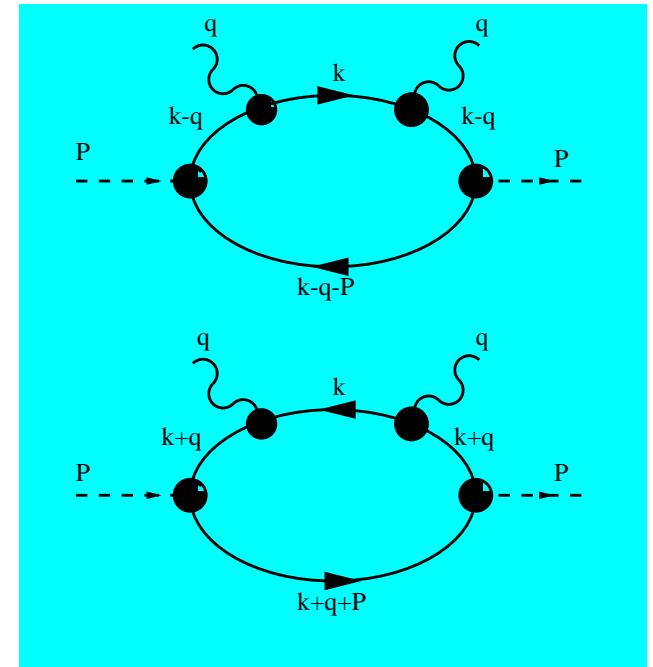
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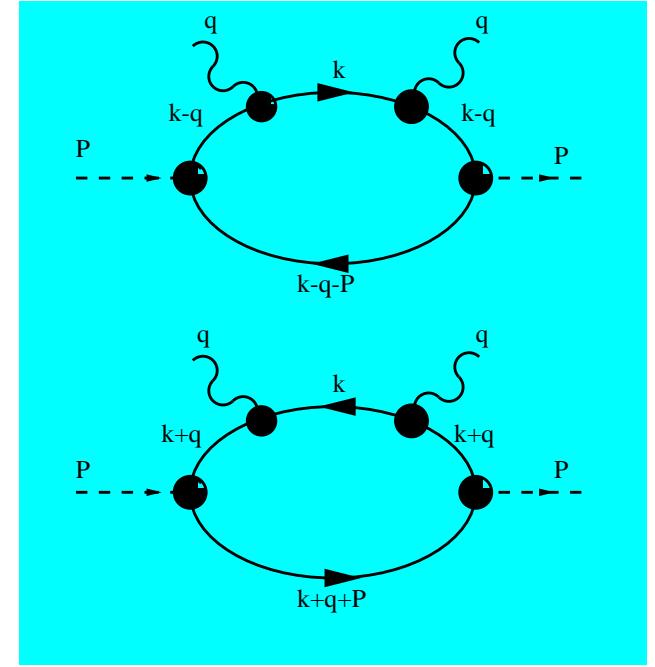


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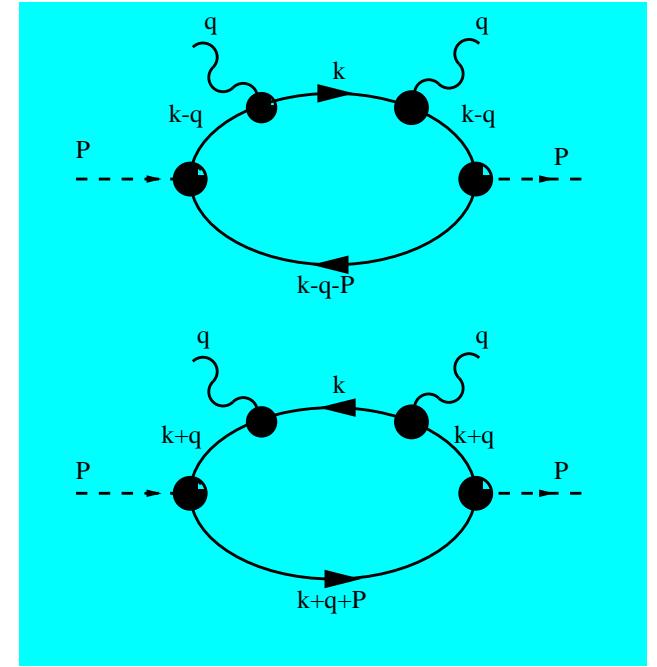
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Numerous algebraic simplifications

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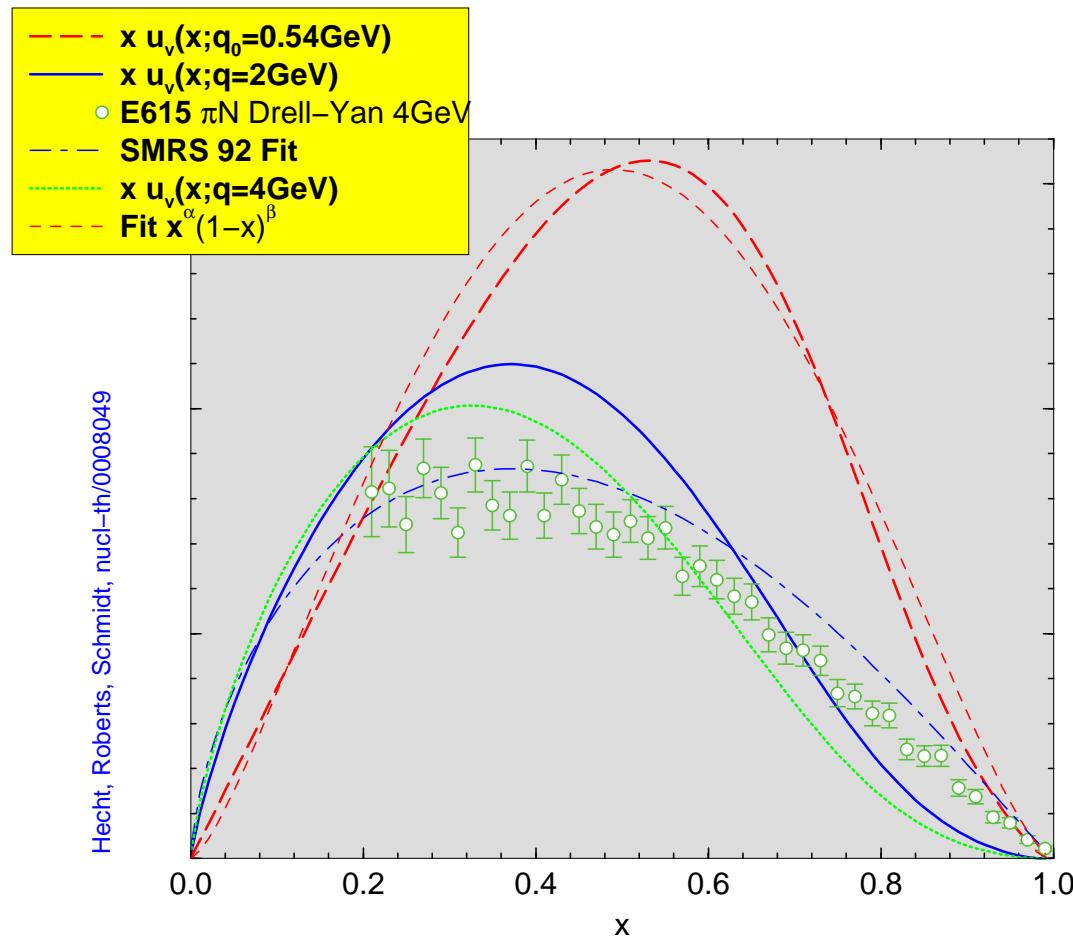
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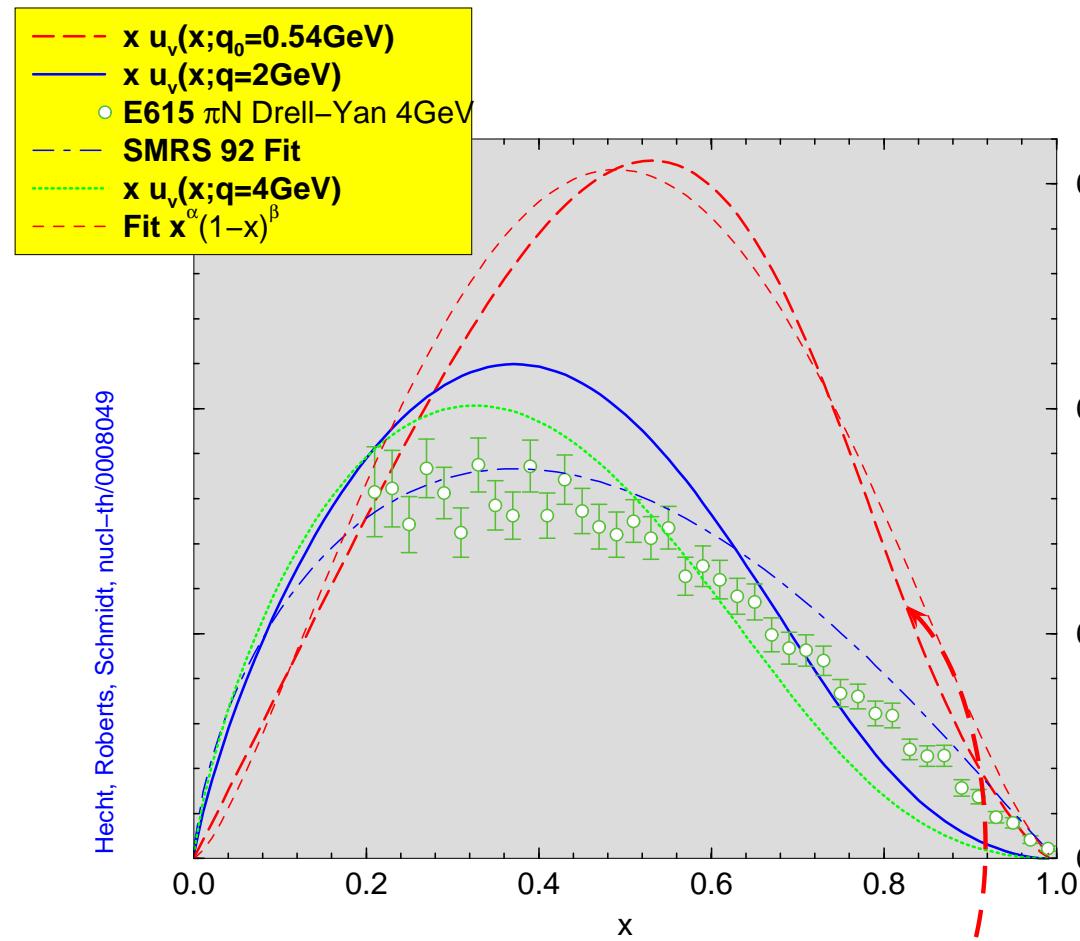
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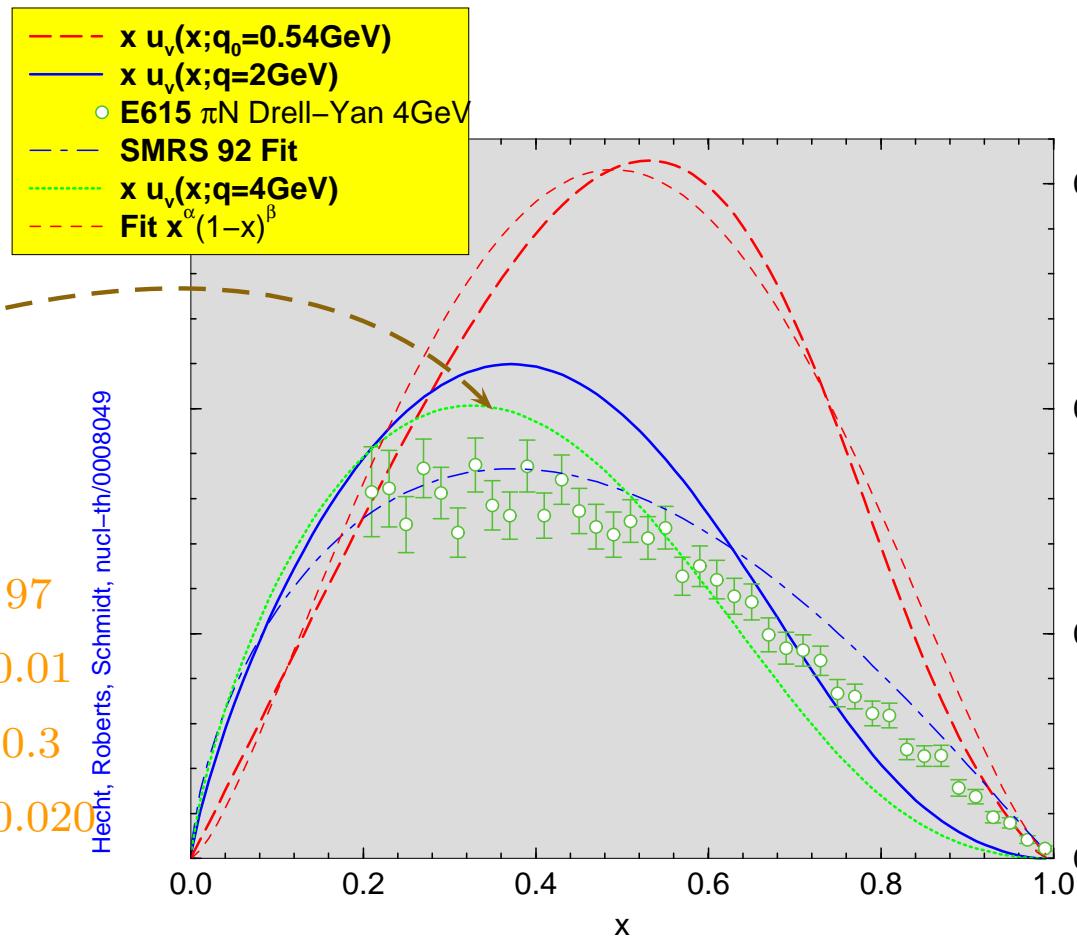
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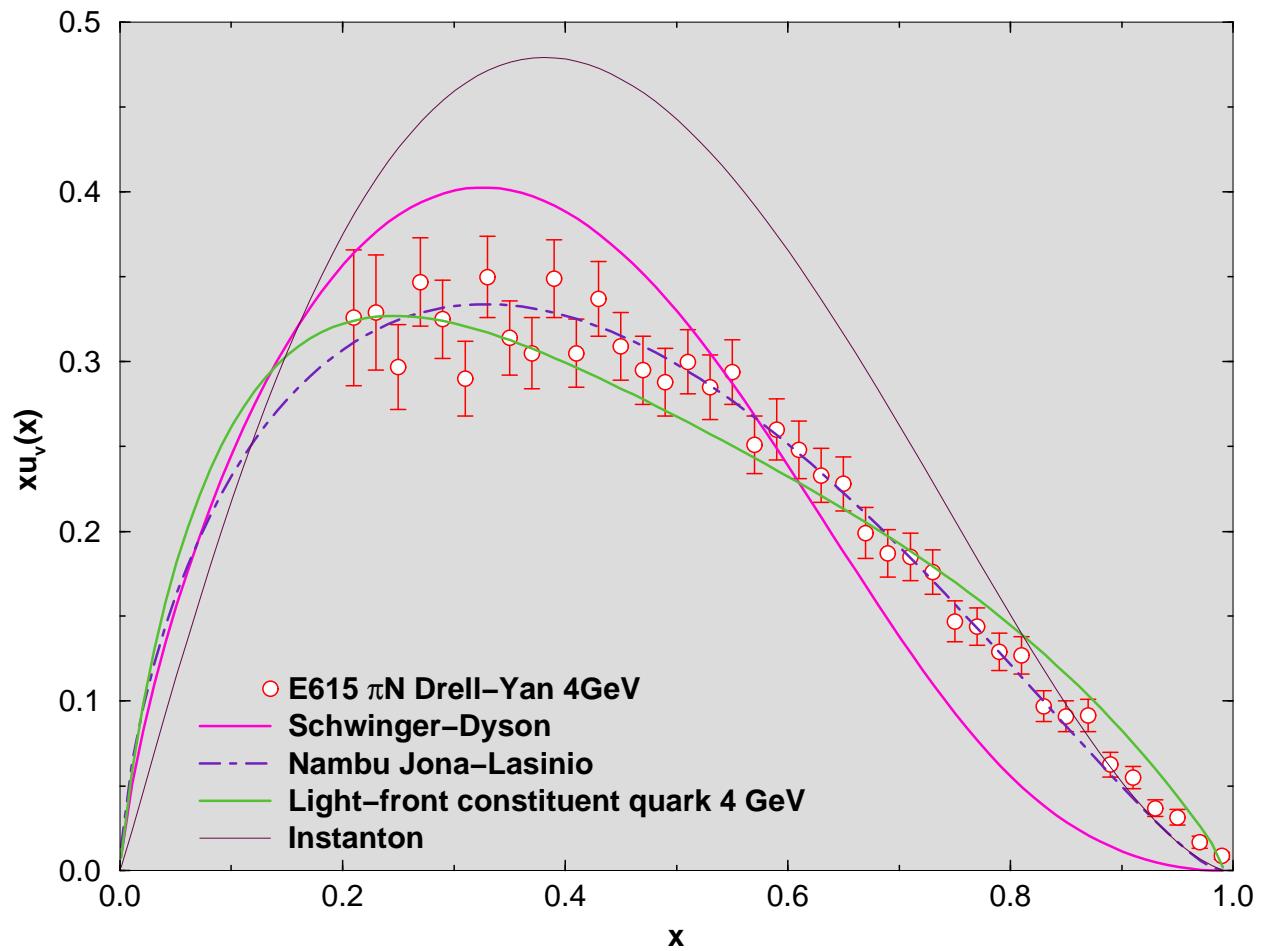
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| 2 GeV                   | Calc. | Fit, 92           | Latt., 97         |
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# *Extant theory vs. experiment*

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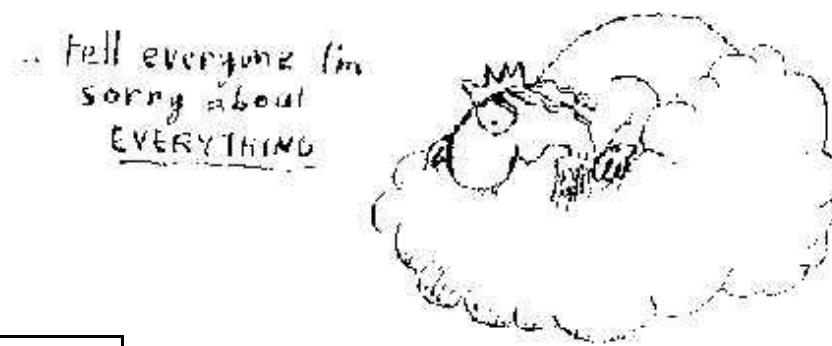
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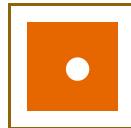
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