

How the Analytic perturbation theory appears in QCD LCSRs approach and how it cures pion form factors at small transfers

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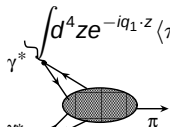
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Transition and EM form factors in collinear factorization

$\gamma^*(q_1) \gamma^*(q_2) \rightarrow \pi^0(P)$, Transition FF $F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}$:

$$\int d^4 z e^{-iq_1 \cdot z} \langle \pi^0(P) | T \{ j_\mu(z) j_\nu(0) \} | 0 \rangle = i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \cdot F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}(Q^2, q^2),$$


where $-q_1^2 = Q^2 > 0$, $-q_2^2 = q^2 \geq 0$

$$F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}(Q^2, q^2) = T^{(tw2)}(Q^2, q^2, \mu_F^2; x) \otimes \varphi_\pi(x; \mu_F^2) + \text{twist 4} + \text{twist 6}$$

[M&P&Stefanis PRD(2016)], [A&M&S PRD(2018), M&P&S PRD(2021), EPJ WC(2022)]

$\gamma^*(q) \pi^+(P) \rightarrow \pi^+(P+q)$, EM FF F_π :

$$\langle \pi^+(P+q) | j_\mu^{em} | \pi^+(P) \rangle = (2P+q)_\mu F_\pi(q^2)$$

$$\int d^4 z e^{-iq \cdot z} \langle \pi^+(P+q) | T \{ j_\mu(z) j_\nu(0) \} | \pi^+(P) \rangle = (2P+q)_\mu F_\pi(Q^2, s) + \dots$$

$$\text{where } -q^2 = Q^2 > 0, \quad s = -(P+q)^2 \geq 0$$

$$F_\pi(Q^2, s) = H^{(tw2)}(Q^2, s, \mu_F^2; x) \otimes \varphi_\pi(x; \mu_F^2) + \text{twist 4} + \text{twist 6}$$

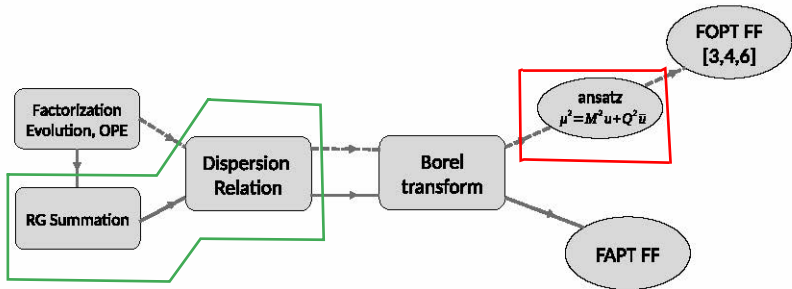
We focus on the **radiative corrections** to **H**, **(T)** and their **summation**.

OUTLINE

1. **Intro**: Electromagnetic (**EM**) and Transition (**T**) form factors (**FF**) in Light Cone Sum Rules (**LCSR**) approach
2. **RG summations** of the initial factorized **FF**s in **twist 2**.
3. **Dispersive form for pion FFs + RG** generates in **LCSR** a “New” perturbation theory - the known **fractional APT**. Behavior of **FAPT** coupling constants.
4. Twist 4 (6) in **Light cone SR** with **FAPT**
LCSR with **FAPT**, results of data processing:
5. Determination of **twist-2 pion DA** and scales of **twist-4,6** explanation for **pion-photon TFF down to 0.35 GeV^2**
6. Predictions for **pion EM FF down to 0.35 GeV^2** [**A&M&P2025**]
7. **Conclusions**

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Review: APT $\Rightarrow$ **Generalized “Fractional” APT = FAPT**, coupling behavior.



The general structure of pion form factors in fixed orders of pQCD

Hard process at $Q^2, s \gg m_\rho^2 \Rightarrow$ **collinear factorization**

$$(F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}) F_\pi(Q^2, s) = (H_{\text{LO}} + a_s(\mu_F^2) H_{\text{NLO}} + a_s^2(\mu_F^2) H_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots) \otimes \varphi_\pi H_{\text{NLO}} - [\text{Braun\&Khodjamirian\&Maul2000, Bijnens\&Khod.2002,...}],$$

But, we need another, **Detailed representation** for H_i :

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{LO}} &= a_s^0(\mu_F^2) H_0(y) \otimes \mathbf{1} \equiv x / (Q^2 \bar{x} + xs) \\ \boxed{a_s H_{\text{NLO}}} &= a_s^1(\mu_F^2) H_0(y) \otimes [\mathcal{H}^{(1)} + \underline{L} V_0](y, x), \\ a_s^2 H_{\text{NNLO}} &= a_s^2(\mu_F^2) H_0(y) \otimes \left[\mathcal{H}^{(2)} - \underline{L} \mathcal{H}^{(1)} \beta_0 + \underline{L} \mathcal{H}^{(1)} \otimes V_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\underline{L}^2}{2} \beta_0 V_0 + \frac{\underline{L}^2}{2} V_0 \otimes V_0 + \underline{\underline{L}} V_1 \right](y, x), \end{aligned}$$

$\underline{L} = L(y) = \ln [(Q^2 \bar{y} + sy)/\mu_F^2]$, this presentation for $F^{\gamma^* \gamma^* \pi}$ in [M&P&S 2016].

Plain terms $H_0(y)$, $\mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x)$, $\mathcal{H}^{(2)}(y, x)$ – corrections to parton subprocess;
Underlined terms contribute to **ERBL-factor**, V_0 - kernel or to $\underline{\bar{a}}_s(y)$;
underlined term – two loops **ERBL**, $\underline{\underline{V}}_1$ - kernel.

Pion form factors in pQCD with **RG improvement 1.**

Collecting all of the "underlined" terms of RG-evolution into

$a_s(\mu^2) \rightarrow \bar{a}_s(y) \equiv \bar{a}_s(s\bar{y} + Q^2 y)$ and **ERBL-factor** [AMS2018,TFF].

$$F_\pi(Q^2, s) = H_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[1 + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) + \dots \right] \otimes_x \exp \left[- \int_{a_s(\mu^2)}^{\bar{a}_s(y)} d\alpha \frac{V(\alpha; x, z)}{\beta(\alpha)} \right] \right\} \\ \otimes_z \varphi_\pi^{(2)}(z, \mu^2),$$

For **unit vectors** of Gegenbauer basis $\{\psi_n \equiv 6x(1-x)C_n^{3/2}(2x-1)\}$:

$$\varphi_\pi^{(2)}(x, \mu^2) = \psi_0(x) + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} b_n(\mu^2) \psi_n(x), \quad \mathbf{V}_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \otimes_z \psi_n(z) = -\gamma_n \psi_n(x).$$

$$F(Q^2, s) = F_0^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, s) + \sum_{n=2,4,\dots}^{\infty} b_n(\mu^2) F_n^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, s)$$

One loop resummed result in leading Logs, $\nu_n = \gamma_n/2\beta_0$

$$F_n^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, s) = H_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[\mathbb{1} + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) \right] \left(\frac{\bar{a}_s(y)}{a_s(\mu^2)} \right)^{\nu_n} \right\} \otimes_x \psi_n(x)$$

Finally, All the **Logs** = L^n are accumulated just in $\bar{a}_s^\nu(y)$

Pion form factors in pQCD with **RG improvement 2.**

Collecting all of the terms of RG-evolution into

$a_s(\mu^2) \rightarrow \bar{a}_s(y) \equiv \bar{a}_s(s\bar{y} + Q^2 y)$ and **ERBL-factor** [M&P&S2021-2,TFF]

$$F_n^{(\text{tw}2)}(Q^2, s) = H_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \left[1 + \bar{a}_s(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) + \bar{a}_s^2(y) \mathcal{H}^{(2)}(y, x) + \dots \right] \otimes_x \exp \left[- \int_{a_s(\mu^2)}^{\bar{a}_s(y)} d\alpha \frac{V(\alpha; x, z)}{\beta(\alpha)} \right] \right\} \otimes_z \psi_n(z),$$

One loop resummed result, $\nu_n = \gamma_n/2\beta_0$, gives the simplest expression:

$$F_n^{\text{RG}}(Q^2, s) = \frac{1}{a_s(\mu^2)^{\nu_n}} H_0(Q^2, s; y) \otimes_y \left\{ \bar{a}_s^{\nu_n}(y) \mathbb{1} + \bar{a}_s^{1+\nu_n}(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) \right\} \otimes_x \psi_n(x)$$

But, the $\bar{a}_s(y) \equiv \bar{a}_s(s\bar{y} + Q^2 y)$ **is inapplicable** within factorization,
Resum formula **fall out** from the PT applicability domain at $s = 0, y \ll 1$.

$$\gamma^*(q) \pi^0(P) \rightarrow \pi^0$$

Dispersive form for pion EM FF + RG

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a “New” perturbation theory –

known Fractional APT.

Properties of FAPT couplings.

Dispersive form of **LCSR** leads to fractional APT 1.

$$\left[F(Q^2, s)\right]_{\text{an}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_F(Q^2, \sigma)}{\sigma + s - i\epsilon} d\sigma, \quad \rho_F(Q^2, \sigma) = \frac{\text{Im}}{\pi} \left[F(Q^2, -\sigma)\right]$$

Naturally appear the known **FAPT** couplings $\mathcal{A}_\nu(Q^2)$ -Eucl., $\mathfrak{A}_\nu(s)$ -Minkowsk.
+ a generalized one – $\mathcal{I}_\nu(s, Q^2)$ [A&M&S2018],

$$\mathbf{a}_s^\nu(Q^2) \Rightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_\nu(Q^2), \mathfrak{A}_\nu(s)\} [\text{Bakulev\&M\&Stefanis2005-7}]$$

$$\rho_n(\sigma) = \frac{\text{Im}}{\pi} [\bar{\mathbf{a}}_s^n(-\sigma)] \beta_0, \text{ for 1 loop run, } \mathbf{L} = \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2), \mathbf{L}_s = \ln(s/\Lambda^2):$$

[Shirkov&Solovtsov1997(~ 600c)-2007]

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1(\sigma) &\stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L_\sigma^2 + \pi^2} \\ \mathcal{A}_1[\mathbf{L}] &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma + \mathbf{Q}^2} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L} - \frac{1}{e^L - 1} \\ \mathfrak{A}_1[\mathbf{L}_s] &= \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{L_s}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + L_s^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Generalization is } \mathcal{I}_n(s, Q^2) = \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_n(\sigma)}{\sigma + \mathbf{Q}^2} d\sigma$$

$$\text{Inequality: } \mathbf{a}_s^n[\mathbf{L}] > (\mathcal{A}_n[\mathbf{L}], \mathfrak{A}_n[\mathbf{L}]) \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{a}_s^n[\mathbf{L}]$$

Dispersive form of **LCSR** leads to fractional APT 2.

$n = 0, \nu(0)=0$; **important contribution of zero harmonics**

$$F_0^{\text{FAPT}}(Q^2, s) = H_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{A}_1(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) \right\} \otimes_x (\theta(x \geq x_0) \psi_0(x))$$

$n > 0, \nu(n) \neq 0$;

$$F_n^{\text{FAPT}}(Q^2, s) = \frac{1}{a_s^{\nu_n}(\mu^2)} H_0(y) \otimes_y \left\{ \mathbb{A}_{\nu_n}(y) \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{A}_{1+\nu_n}(y) \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(y, x) \right\} \otimes_x (\theta(x \geq x_0) \psi_n(x))$$

$\bar{a}_s^\nu(y) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{A}_\nu(y)$, the same expression as for **RG**-case.

$\{\mathbb{A}_\nu\}$ – nonpower series **instead of powers of $\bar{a}_s^\nu$** ,

$\mathbb{A}_\nu(y) = \mathcal{A}_\nu(Q(y)) - \mathcal{I}_\nu(s(y), Q(y)) + \mathfrak{A}_\nu(s(y)) - \mathcal{A}_\nu(0)$, here

$Q(y) = s\bar{y} + Q^2 y$; $s(y) = (Q^2 + s_0)(y - y_0) \geq 0$; $y_0 = x_0 = Q^2/(Q^2 + s_0)$

LCSR steps to fractional APT 3.

Why $\mathbb{A}_\nu(\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{A}_\nu(Q(\mathbf{y})) - \mathcal{I}_\nu(s(\mathbf{y}), Q(\mathbf{y})) + \mathfrak{A}_\nu(s(\mathbf{y})) - \mathcal{A}_\nu(0)$?

(a) Hadronic model inherent to **LCSR** uses **duality interval** $[0, s_0]$

$$\left[F(Q^2, s) \right]_{\text{an}} = \left[\int_0^\infty \rightarrow \int_0^{s_0} \right] \frac{\rho_F(Q^2, \sigma)}{\sigma + s - i\epsilon} d\sigma$$

At $s_0 \rightarrow \infty$ $\mathbb{A}_\nu(\mathbf{y}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\nu(Q(\mathbf{y})) - \mathcal{A}_\nu(0)$

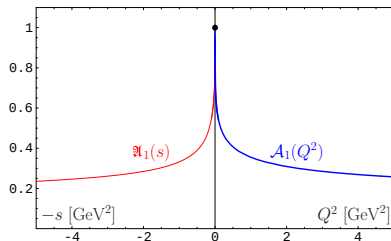
(b) What is $\mathcal{A}_\nu(0)$ here? Requires Physical constrains on **FAPT**, $\mathcal{A}_\nu(0) = 0$

(c) Borel transform $\mathbf{M}^2 \mathbf{B}_{(s \rightarrow M^2)} [F(Q^2, s)] = F_{\text{LCSR}}^\pi(Q^2, M^2 \simeq 1\text{GeV}^2)$

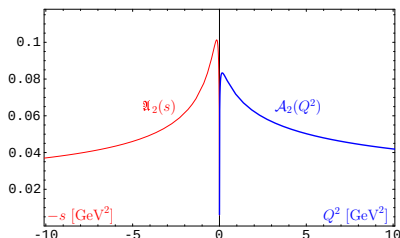
$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{LCSR}(n)}^\pi(Q^2, M^2) &= \frac{1}{a_s^{\nu_n}(\mu_0^2)} \left\{ \left[\mathfrak{A}_{\nu_n}(s(u)) + \int_0^{s(u)} \rho_{\nu_n}(s) \omega_1(s, u) ds \right] \otimes_u \mathbf{1} + \right. \\ &\quad \left[\mathfrak{A}_{(\nu_n+1)}(s(u)) + \int_0^{s(u)} \rho_{(\nu_n+1)}(s) \omega_1(s, u) ds \right] \otimes_u \mathcal{H}^{(1)}(u, v) \Big\} \\ &\quad \exp \left(-\frac{Q^2}{M^2} \frac{\bar{u}}{u} \right) \otimes_v (\theta(v \geq v_0) \psi_n(v)); \quad v_0 = Q^2 / (Q^2 + s_0). \end{aligned}$$

Physical constraints on **FAPT** charges.

Coupling images: $\mathfrak{A}_1(s)$ & $\mathcal{A}_1(Q^2)$



Square-images: $\mathfrak{A}_2(s)$ & $\mathcal{A}_2(Q^2)$



The behavior of **FAPT** charges in the vicinity of the origin

$Q^2 = 0$ is not appropriate at index $\nu \leq 1$. Therefore

$$\mathfrak{A}_1^{(k)}(0), \mathcal{A}_1^{(k)}(0)$$

should be taken equal to 0 at $k=0$ (Tw-2), 1 (Tw-4), ...

To hold the **correspondence with PT asymptotics**

we put “**calibrated FAPT**” conditions:

$$\mathcal{A}_\nu^{(k)}(0) = \mathfrak{A}_\nu^{(k)}(0) = 0 \text{ for } 0 < \nu \leq 1$$

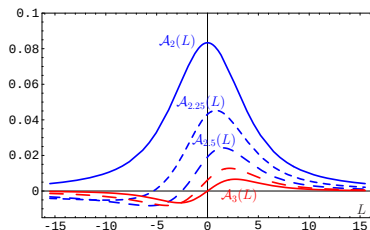
Variety of coupling models where suggested to fulfill this property

[Ayala et al, 2017-20]

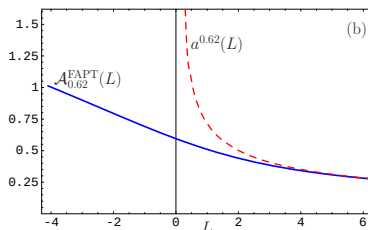
FAPT(Eucl): $\mathcal{A}_\nu[L]$ versus L

$$\mathcal{A}_\nu[L] = \frac{1}{L^\nu} - \frac{\text{Li}_{1-\nu}(e^{-L})}{\Gamma(\nu)}$$

Fractional $\nu \in [2, 3]$:



Comparison with $\bar{a}_s^\nu[L]$:



where $\nu = 0.62 = \gamma_2/2\beta_0$

$$\bar{a}_s^{1+\nu}[L] \gg \mathcal{A}_{1+\nu}[L] \gg \mathcal{A}_{2+\nu}[L] \text{ at } L \sim 1$$

Twist 4,6 in LCSRs

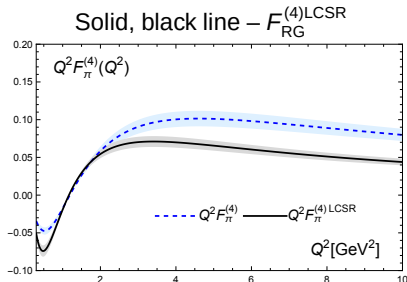
$$H_{(\text{tw}4)}(Q^2, s) = \frac{\delta_{\text{tw}4}^2(\mu_0^2)}{(\bar{y} Q^2 + y s)^2} \left[\frac{a_s(\mu^2)}{a_s(\mu_0^2)} \right]^{\nu_{t4}} \otimes (y \varphi_\pi^{(4)}(y)); \nu_{t4} = \gamma_{\text{tw}4} / \beta_0$$

Hypothesis:

μ^2 is formed by the same Logs $L = \ln [(\bar{y} Q^2 + y s) / \mu_0^2]$, so $\mu^2 = \bar{y} Q^2 + y s = Q(y)$

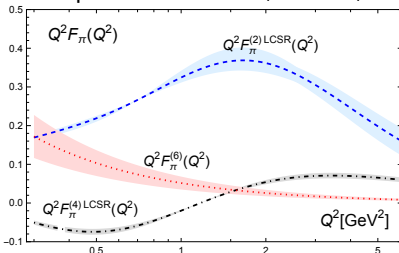
$$H_{(\text{tw}4)}^{\text{LCSR}}(Q^2, \sigma) = \frac{\delta_{\text{tw}4}^2(\mu_0^2)}{(\bar{y} Q^2 + y s)^2} \frac{\square(Q(y), s(y))}{a_s^{\nu_{t4}}(\mu_0^2)} \otimes (y \theta(y \geq y_0) \varphi_\pi^{(4)}(y))$$

$$\square(Q(y), s(y)) = \mathcal{A}_{\nu_{t4}}(Q(y)) - \mathcal{I}_{\nu_{t4}}(s(y), Q(y)) + \mathfrak{A}_{\nu_{t4}}(s(y)) + Q(y) \mathcal{I}'_{\nu_{t4}}(s(y), 0)$$



Dashed, blue – the standard $F^{(4)}$

Comparison of $F^{(2)\text{LCSR}}$, $F^{(4)\text{LCSR}}$, $F^{(6)}$



Light Cone Sum Rules with **FAPT**,

New prediction for the pion TFF

$$\gamma(q^2 \simeq 0) \gamma^*(Q^2) \rightarrow \pi^0$$

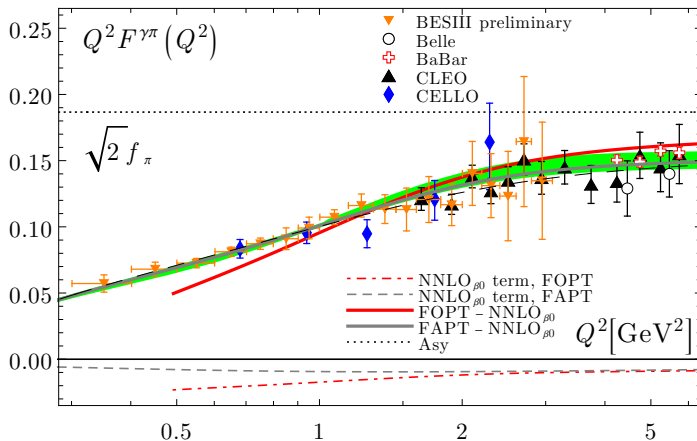
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Predictions of TFF_{LCSR} in FAPT vs the experimental data

$$F_{\text{LCSR}}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) = F_{\text{LCSR}(0)}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \sum_{n=2,4} b_n(\mu^2) F_{\text{LCSR}(n)}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \text{Tw-4,6}$$

(30% near lowest Q_{exp}^2)



Green line&green strip around - **FAPT predictions** for $Q^2 F_{\text{LCSR}}^{\gamma\pi}$, $\chi_{pdf}^2 = 0.57$

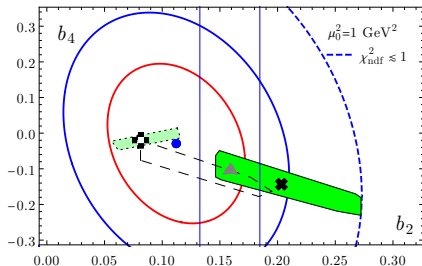
Red line - FOPT prediction at $N^2\text{LO}$ for $Q^2 F_{\text{LCSR}}^{\gamma\pi}$ - **fall down**

The **fitted parameters** are the scale of Tw-6 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2$ within its error bars
and the certain pattern of **pion DA from BMS bunch**.

The processing of the BESIII+ data on TFF_{LCSR} up to 3.1 GeV^2

We **extract and reconcile** the hadronic characteristics presented in **TFF** :
twist-2 DA, b_2, b_4 ; the scales of twist-4,6 – $\delta_{\text{tw-4}}^2, \delta_{\text{tw-6}}^2$.

$$F_{\text{LCSR}}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) = F_{\text{LCSR};0}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \sum_{n=2,4} b_n(\mu^2) F_{\text{LCSR}(n)}^{\gamma\pi}(Q^2) + \text{Tw-4,6}$$



- best fit DA $\chi_{\text{ndf}}^2 = 0.38$
- red ellipse - 1σ -region
- blue solid ellipse - 2σ -region
- blue dashed ell.- $\chi_{\text{ndf}}^2 \leq 1$ -region
- ✕ center of **BMS domain**[BMS2001]
- ◆ platykurtic [Stefanis PLB738,2014]

twist-2 DA $\in$ **BMS compromise**: $\blacktriangle (b_2(\mu_0^2) = 0.159, b_4(\mu_0^2) = -0.098)$
 b_2 lattice(ver. blue lines)[Bali et al.JHEP08,2019]

twist-4 : $\delta_{\text{tw-4}}^2(\mu_0^2) = 0.19 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$

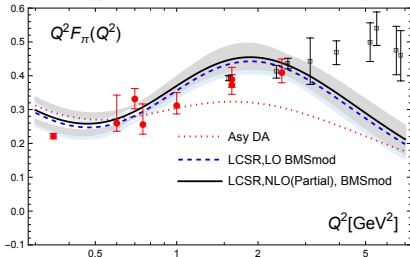
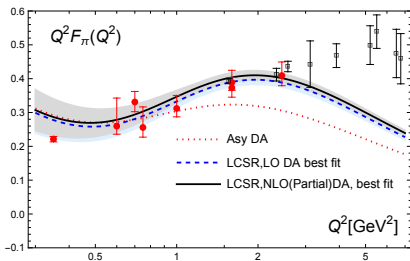
twist-6 : $\delta_{\text{tw-6}}^2(\mu_0^2) = 1.61 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^6$

Processing BESIII, CELLO, Cleo data in window $[0.35 \leq Q^2 \leq 3.1] \text{ GeV}^2$,
[M&P&S PRD103(2021)096003]

Predictions of $\text{EM FF}_{\text{LCSR}}$ in FAPT vs the experimental data

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The scales $\delta_{\text{Tw-4}}^2(\mu_0^2)$ for **Tw-4**, $\delta_{\text{Tw-6}}^2(\mu_0^2)$ for **Tw-6** as well as $b_{2,4}(\mu_0^2 = 1\text{GeV}^2)$ are taken from the previous analysis of pion **TFF**



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● JLab experiment data [2008] with bars

□ boxes with bars – lattice res [2024]

— dashed LO

— solid NLO

▲ DA ($b_2=0.159^{+0.025}_{-0.027}$, $b_4=-0.098^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$)

— **BMS modified bunch**

... Asy DA

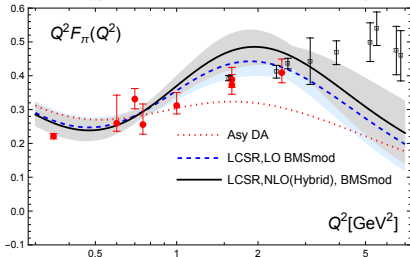
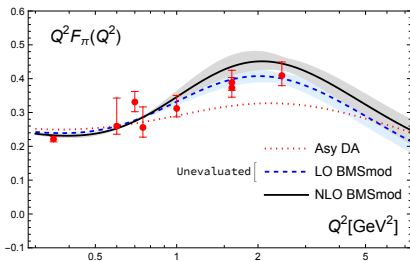
CONCLUSIONS

1. The composition of **RG sum** and **LCSRs** for pion Form Factors naturally leads to a generalization of **Fractional APT** that improves perturbative corrections to amplitudes.
2. The applicability of the **FAPT** to exclusive processes demands **new conditions** for the **FAPT** charges,
 $\mathcal{A}_\nu^{(k)}(0) = \mathfrak{A}_\nu^{(k)}(0) = 0, \forall \nu, k = 0, 1, \dots$, as a “feedback”
3. **LCSRs** augmented with **RG summation** of radiative corrections gives improved Q^2 -behavior of Transition and EM Form Factors and **extends** the domain of **QCD applicability below 1 GeV²**
4. Good description of pion **EM FF** in comparison with experimental data is obtained by using the nonperturbative inputs of the **Tw-2, Tw-4, Tw-6**, extracted in similar analysis of pion **Transition FF**

Predictions of **EM FF** in **FAPT**+ standard NLO vs the experimental data

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Fractional Analytic Perturbation Theory

FAPT couplings $\mathcal{A}_\nu, \mathfrak{A}_\nu$

Dispersive “Källén–Lehmann” representation

Different coupling images in **Euclidean**, $\mathcal{A}_n$, and **Minkowsk.**, $\mathfrak{A}_n$, regions $\overline{\alpha}_s^n \rightarrow \{\mathcal{A}_n, \mathfrak{A}_n\}$ [Shirkov&Solovtsov1997(534cit)-07]–nonpower series

$$\left[f(Q^2) \right]_{\text{an}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_f(\sigma)}{\sigma + Q^2 - i\epsilon} d\sigma, \quad \rho_n(\sigma) = \frac{\text{Im}}{\pi} [\overline{a}_s^n(-\sigma)] \beta_0$$

For 1 loop run, $L = \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$, $L_s = \ln(s/\Lambda^2)$:

$$\rho_1(\sigma) \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L_\sigma^2 + \pi^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1[L] = \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma + Q^2} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{L} - \frac{1}{e^L - 1}$$

$$\mathfrak{A}_1[L_s] = \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_1(\sigma)}{\sigma} d\sigma \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{L_s}{\sqrt{\pi^2 + L_s^2}}$$

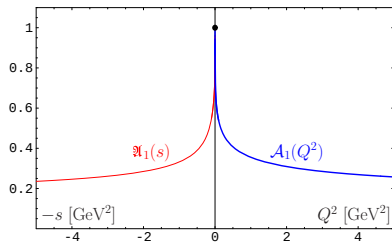
Inequality:

$$a_s^n[L] > (\mathcal{A}_n[L], \mathfrak{A}_n[L]) \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} a_s^n[L]$$

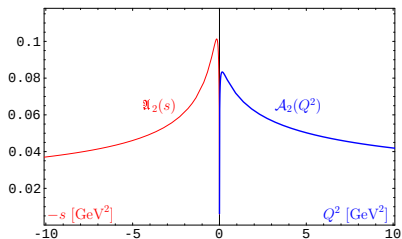
Generalization of $(\mathcal{A}_n, \mathfrak{A}_n)$: $\mathcal{I}_n$ [Ayala&MS&2018]

$$\mathcal{I}_n(s, Q^2) = \int_s^\infty \frac{\rho_n(\sigma)}{\sigma + Q^2} d\sigma$$

Coupling images: $\mathfrak{A}_1(s)$ & $\mathcal{A}_1(Q^2)$



Square-images: $\mathfrak{A}_2(s)$ & $\mathcal{A}_2(Q^2)$



Euclidean coupling :

$$\mathcal{A}_\nu[L] = \frac{1}{L^\nu} - \frac{e^{-L}\Phi(e^{-L}, 1-\nu, 1)}{\Gamma(\nu)} \equiv \frac{1}{L^\nu} - \frac{\text{Li}_{1-\nu}(e^{-L})}{\Gamma(\nu)}$$

Here $\Phi(z, \nu, 1)$ is **Lerch's** transcendental, Li_ν - PolyLog functions.

They are analytic functions in ν . Properties:

The charge $\mathcal{A}_\nu(Q^2)$ is **Bounded** for $\nu \geq 1$,

- ▶ $\mathcal{A}_0[L] = 1$;
- ▶ $\mathcal{A}_{-m}[L] = L^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$;
- ▶ $\mathcal{A}_m[L] = (-1)^m \mathcal{A}_m[-L]$ for $m \geq 2$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$;
- ▶ $\mathcal{A}_\nu[\pm\infty] = 0$ for $\nu > 1$;

$\mathcal{A}_\nu[-\infty] = (\infty)^{1-\nu}$ for $\nu < 1$ i.e.,

$\mathcal{A}_\nu(Q^2 \rightarrow 0)$ becomes Unbounded for $\nu < 1$