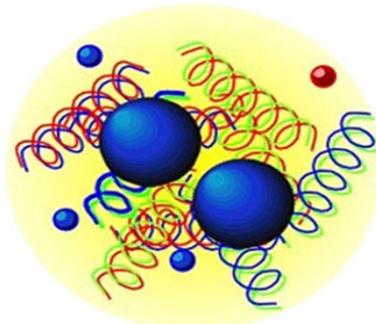


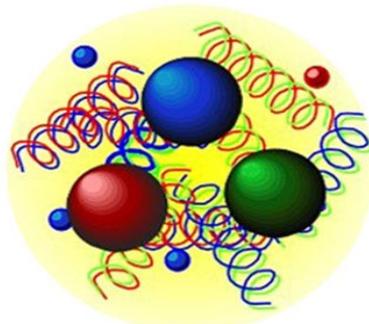
Dispersive analysis of glueball properties

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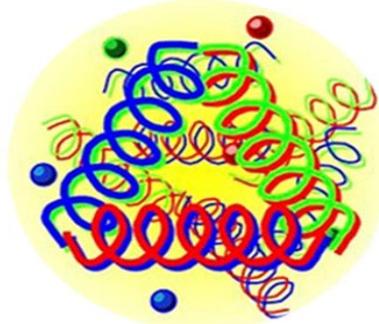
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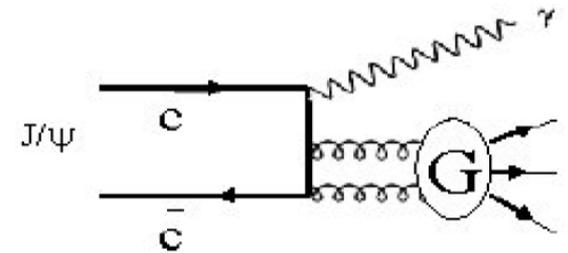
baryon



glueball?

Glueballs

- Quest for glueballs lasted for decades
- Quenched Lattice QCD (LQCD), sum rules (SR) gave scalar glueball mass 1.5-1.7 GeV (Chen et al. 06, Narison 98)
- Large $B(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma f_0(1710)) \approx 10^{-3}$ supports $f_0(1710)$ as a candidate
- Quenched LQCD, SR gave pseudoscalar glueball mass > 2 GeV (Morningstar, Peardon 99; Narison 98)
- No strong candidate with mass > 2 GeV from J/psi radiative decays; $X(2370) \sim 10E-5$, quantum nonnumber?



Motivation

- Conventional QCD sum rules: resonances assumed to exist and parametrized into spectral density

Shifman et al, 1979

$$\text{Im}\Pi(q^2) = \frac{\pi}{2} f_V^2 \delta(q^2 - m_V^2) + \pi \rho^h(q^2) \theta(q^2 - s_0^h)$$

spectral density decay constant vector mass

- fine for well-established states, but not for uncertain states like glueballs
- **New technique needed**
- Will analyze glueball properties in dispersive approach developed recently

Formalism

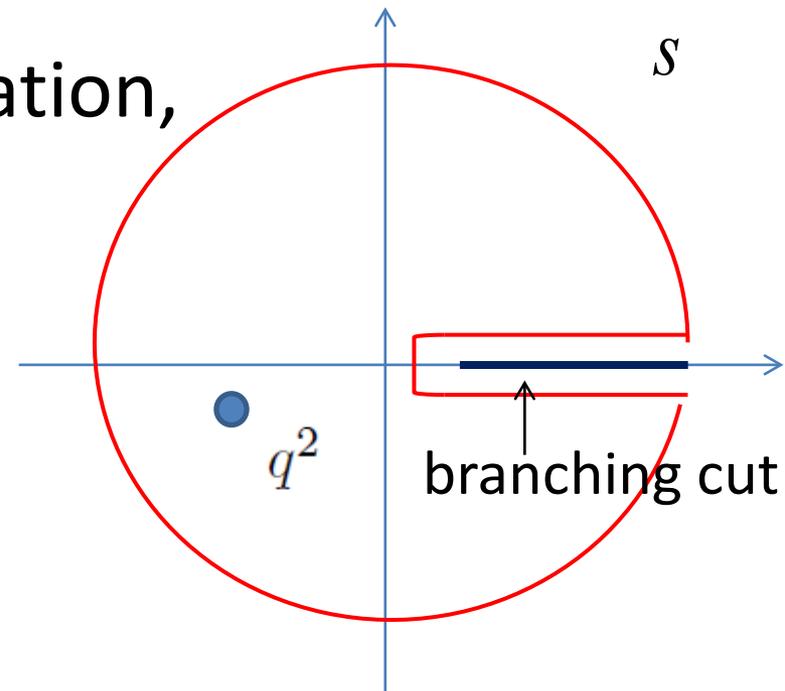
Contour integration

- Two-current correlator $J_\mu = (\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d)/\sqrt{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q^2) &= i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T [J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0)] | 0 \rangle \\ &= (q_\mu q_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} q^2) \Pi(q^2) \leftarrow \text{vacuum polarization function}\end{aligned}$$

- Identity from contour integration, because $\Pi(s)$ (photon self-energy) has no pole

$$\Pi(q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint ds \frac{\Pi(s)}{s - q^2}$$



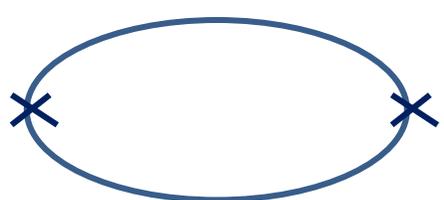
Quark side

- Work on correlator at large q^2 (deep Euclidean region)
- Operator product expansion reliable

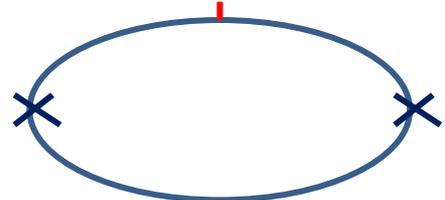
$$\Pi^{\text{OPE}}(q^2) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-q^2} + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + 2 \frac{\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{224\pi}{81} \frac{\kappa \alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3}$$

higher order
higher powers

perturbative piece
4-quark condensate



$\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-q^2} \equiv c \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-q^2}$



nontrivial vacuum

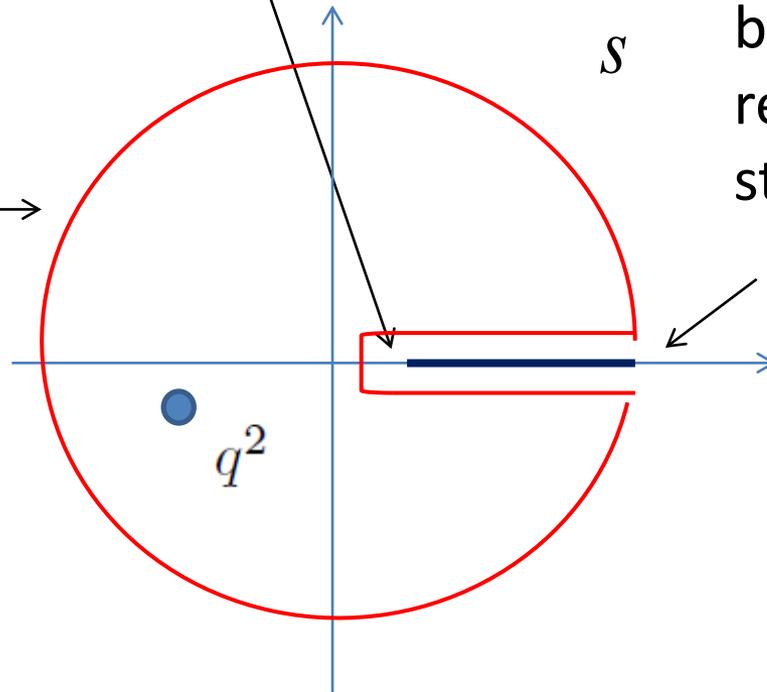
Hadron side

nonperturbative
spectral function

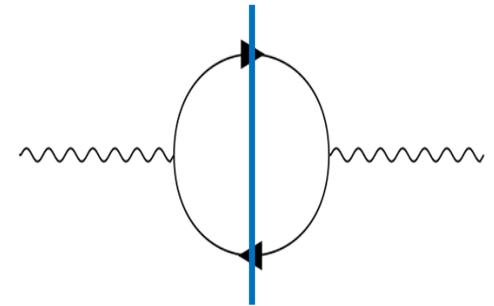
Contour integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint ds \frac{\Pi(s)}{s - q^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^R ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s - q^2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C ds \frac{\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s)}{s - q^2}$$

contribution
from large
circle C of
radius R will
be cancelled



branch cut caused by
real intermediate
states due to time-like
 $q^2 > 0$ (log term)



Dispersion relation

- Rewrite pert piece as contour integral

$$\Pi^{\text{OPE}}(q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint ds \frac{\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s)}{s - q^2} + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + 2 \frac{\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{224\pi}{81} \frac{\kappa \alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3}$$

due to analyticity of perturbation theory

- Equality of two sides gives dispersion relation
- Contributions from big circles cancel, and spectral functions from branch cuts remain

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^R ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s - q^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^R ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s)}{s - q^2} + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + 2 \frac{\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{224\pi}{81} \frac{\kappa \alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3}$$

Weakness of sum rules

- How to handle excited-state contribution?
- Rely on parametrization, **quark-hadron duality**

$$\text{Im}\Pi(q^2) = \pi f_V^2 \delta(q^2 - m_V^2) + \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(q^2) \theta(q^2 - s_0)$$

observables: decay constant, mass

continuum threshold

- Duality may fail
- Stability in unphysical **Borel mass**? ← equivalent to q
- Usually not; rely on **discretionary prescription**;
tune s_0 to make 70% (30%) perturbative
(nonperturbative) contribution

Idea

- Start with analyticity like sum rules
- OPE in Euclidean region calculable to high orders and powers with universal condensates
- Handle dispersion relation as inverse problem
- Solve for spectral density from inputs directly
- No presumption of resonances, no continuum threshold (free parameter), no duality
- Systematic framework; high predictive power
- Limitation: observables must be formulated as correlators (inapplicable to jet observables)

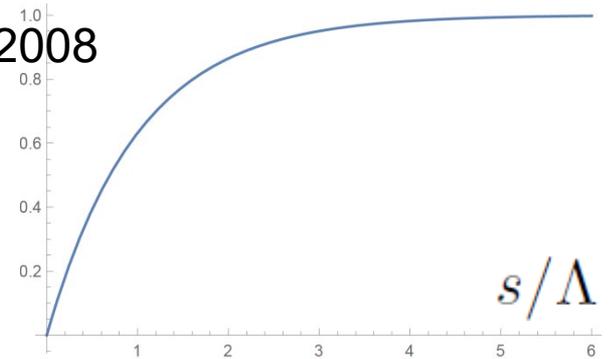
UV subtraction

- Subtracted spectral function arbitrary R switched into arbitrary scale

$$\Delta\rho(s, \Lambda) = \rho(s) - \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}(s) [1 - \exp(-s/\Lambda)]$$

- Maintain low-energy behavior $\rho(s) \sim s$ as $s \rightarrow 0$

Kwon et al 2008



- Bear resonance structure the same as $\rho(s)$

- Circle radius R can be pushed to infinity

$$\int_0^\infty ds \frac{\Delta\rho(s, \Lambda)}{s - q^2} = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{ce^{-s/\Lambda}}{s - q^2} + \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + 2 \frac{\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle}{(q^2)^2} + \frac{224\pi}{81} \frac{\kappa \alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}{(q^2)^3}$$

- No duality assumed at finite s

Solving integral equation

Fredholm integral equation

- Goal is to solve **ill-posed** integral equation

unknown spectral density
to be solved

$$\int_0^{\infty} dy \frac{\rho(y)}{x - y} = \omega(x) \leftarrow \text{OPE input}$$

1st kind of Fredholm integral equation

- How to solve it? Notoriously difficult
- Discretization does not work

Strategy

- Suppose $\rho(y)$ decreases quickly enough
- Expansion into powers of $1/x$ justified

$$\frac{1}{x-y} = \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{y^{m-1}}{x^m} \qquad \omega(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{b_n}{x^n}$$

- Suppose $\omega(x)$ can be expanded true for OPE

- Decompose

$$\rho(y) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n y^\alpha e^{-y} L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(y)$$

generalized
Laguerre
polynomials

- Orthogonality

depend on $\rho(y)$ at $y \rightarrow 0$.

$$\int_0^\infty \underline{y^\alpha e^{-y} L_m^{(\alpha)}(y) L_n^{(\alpha)}(y)} dy = \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{n!} \delta_{mn}$$

Solution

- Equating coefficients of $1/x^n$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \text{matrix} \end{array} M a = b \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{unknown} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{input} \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 M_{mn} = \int_0^\infty dy y^{m-1+\alpha} e^{-y} L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(y)$$

$$b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_N)$$

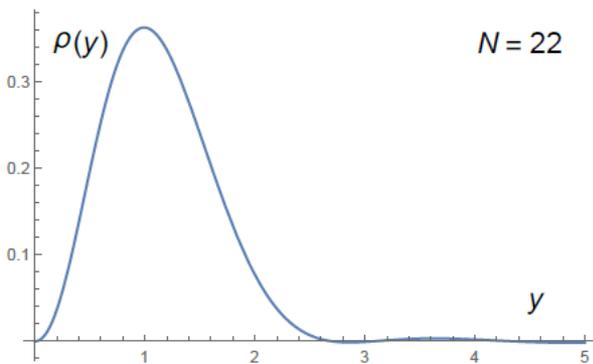
$$a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N)$$

- Solution $a = M^{-1}b$
- True solution can be approached by increasing N, but M^{-1} diverges with N
- Additional polynomial gives $1/x^{N+1}$ correction, beyond considered precision

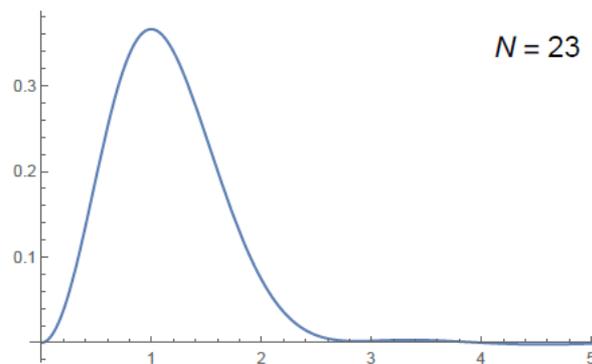
due to orthogonality

Test examples

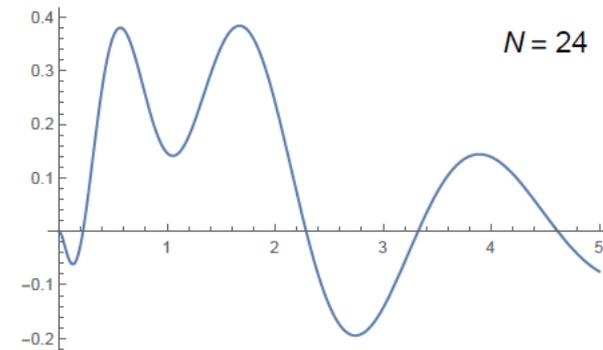
- Generate mock data from $\rho(y) = y^2 e^{-y^2}$
$$b_n = \int_0^\infty dy y^{n-1} y^2 e^{-y^2} \longleftarrow \int_0^\infty dy \frac{\rho(y)}{x-y} = \omega(x)$$
- Compute matrix M with $\alpha = 2$
- Solution stable for $N > 20$, becomes oscillatory as $N=24$ due to divergent M^{-1}



$$a_{22}/a_{21} \approx 1$$



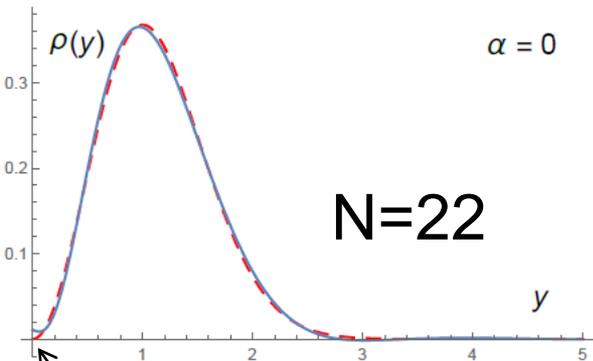
$$a_{23}/a_{22} \approx 2$$



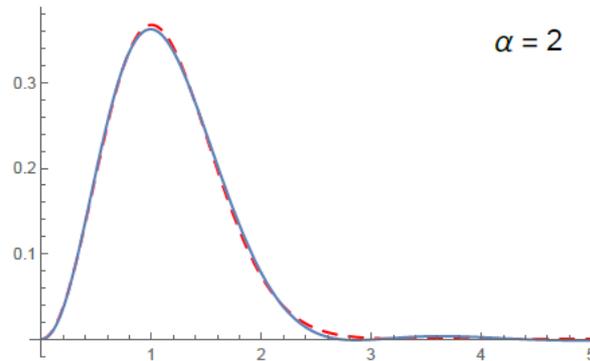
$$a_{24}/a_{23} \approx 58$$

Boundary conditions

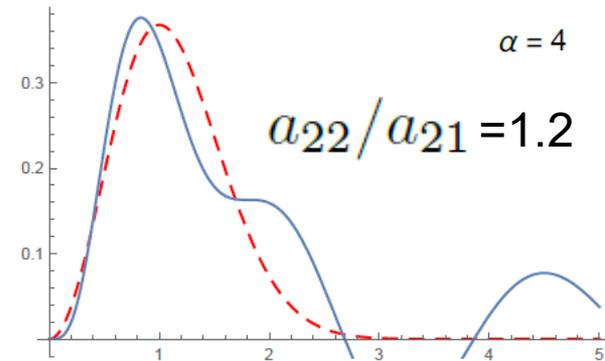
- Test choices of α (red: true solution)



deviation



almost perfect



completely different

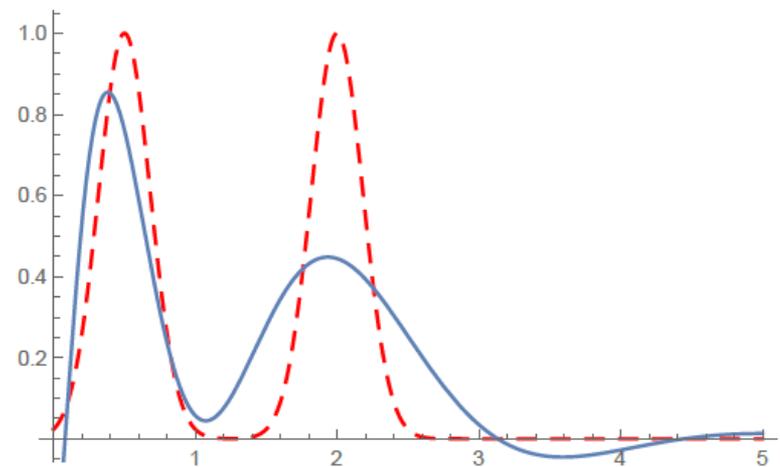
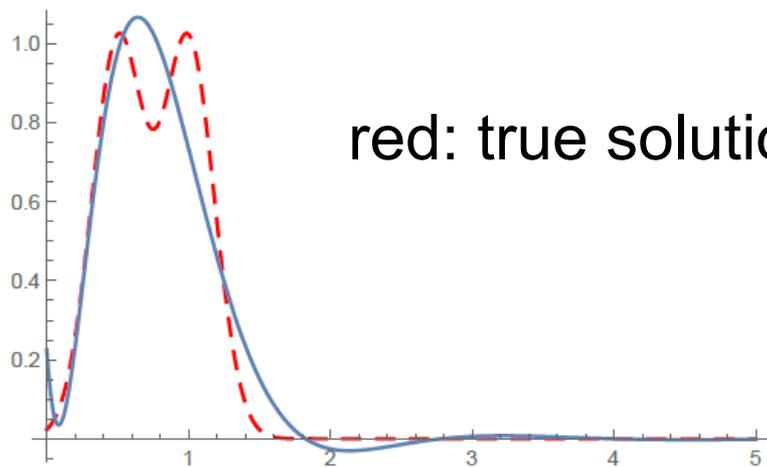
- Parameter α determined by boundary conditions of solution
- **Boundary conditions help getting correct solutions**

Resolution

- e^{-y} implies resolution power $\Delta y \sim 1$
- Test double peak functions

$$\rho_1(y) = e^{-20(y-0.5)^2} + e^{-20(y-1.0)^2} \quad \Delta y \sim 0.5$$

$$\rho_2(y) = e^{-20(y-0.5)^2} + e^{-20(y-2.0)^2} \quad \Delta y \sim 1.5$$



- Fine structure can't be resolved (ill-posed)

rho, glueball mass

Features of solution

- Dimensionless $\Delta\rho(s, \Lambda) \rightarrow \Delta\rho(s/\Lambda)$

- Variable changes $x = q^2/\Lambda$, $y = s/\Lambda$

$$\int_0^\infty dy \frac{\Delta\rho(y)}{x-y} = \int_0^\infty dy \frac{ce^{-y}}{x-y} - \frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\langle\alpha_s G^2\rangle}{x^2\Lambda^2} - 2 \frac{\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle}{x^2\Lambda^2} - \frac{224\pi}{81} \frac{\kappa\alpha_s \langle\bar{q}q\rangle^2}{x^3\Lambda^3}$$

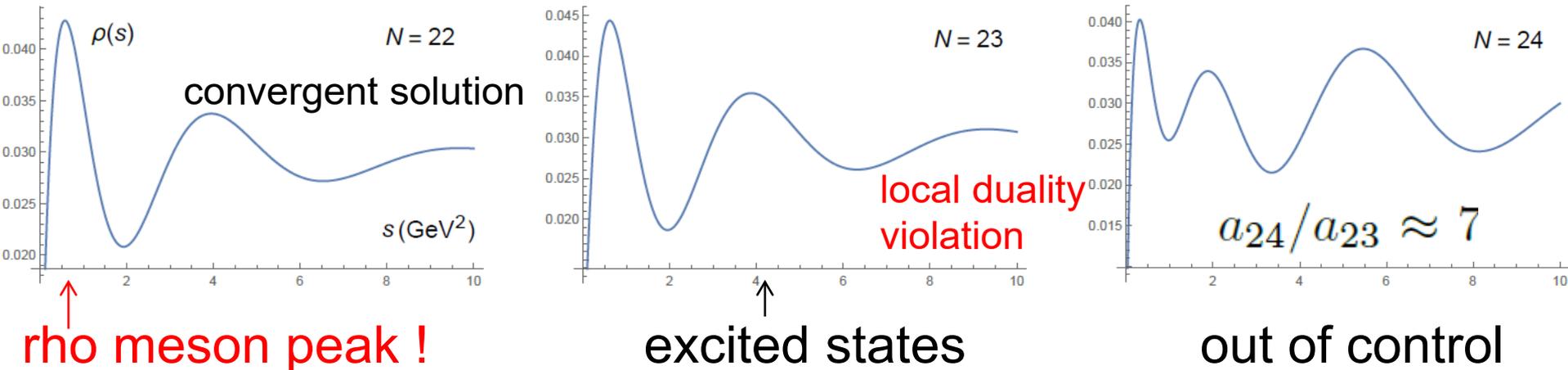
- Λ sets resolution power, $\sim O(1)$ GeV
- Physical solution is independent of Λ
- As it is large enough, condensate effects disappear, **scaling of solution appears**
- A solution $\Delta\rho(y)$ implies $\Delta\rho(s/\Lambda)$ is solution for any Λ , with which mass grows

rho meson spectral density

- Compute M with $\alpha = 1$
- OPE input known in the literature

$$\langle m_q \bar{q}q \rangle = 0.007 \times (-0.246)^3 \text{ GeV}^4, \quad \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle = 0.08 \text{ GeV}^4$$

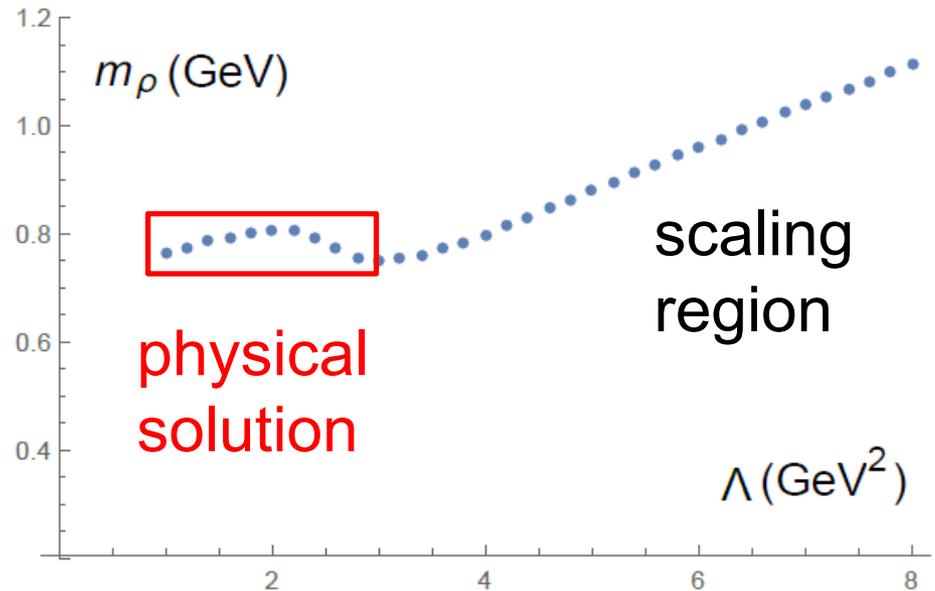
$$\alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 = 1.49 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^6, \quad \alpha_s = 0.5, \quad \kappa = 2,$$



- Positivity satisfied automatically

rho meson mass

- Vary Λ , find peak location
- Tiny error, stable solution



$$m_\rho = (0.78 \pm 0.03) \text{ GeV}$$

- Including RG effect, condensate variation

$$m_\rho = (0.78 \pm 0.07) \text{ GeV}$$

- Decay constant, area under peak w/o $\text{Im}\Pi^{\text{pert}}$

$$f_\rho^2 \approx \int_0^\infty ds \Delta\rho(s, \Lambda) \quad f_\rho \approx 0.20 \text{ GeV}$$

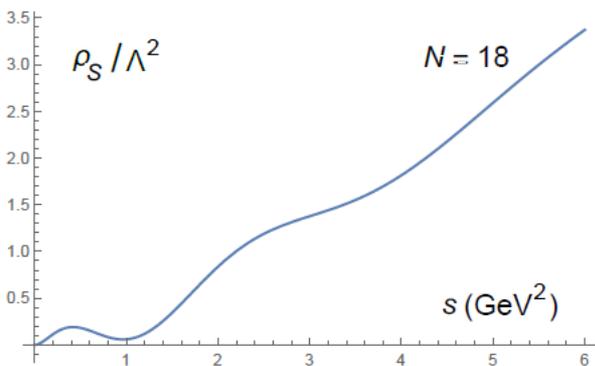
consistent
with PDG

Glueball correlators

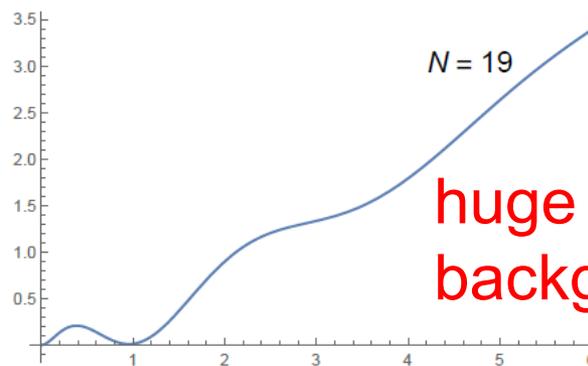
- Correlator $\Pi_G(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T O_G(x) O_G(0) | 0 \rangle$

$$O_S(x) = \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) G^{a\mu\nu}(x)$$

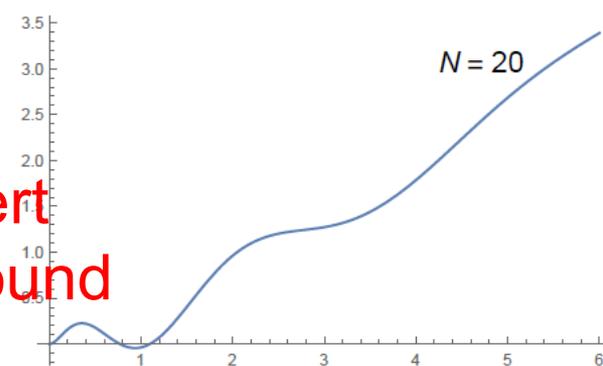
$$O_P(x) = \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}(x) \quad \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} \equiv i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^{\rho\sigma} / 2$$
- Input $\Pi_G^{\text{OPE}}(q^2) = \dots$ see 2109.04956
- Spectral density for scalar glueball



two peaks appear !



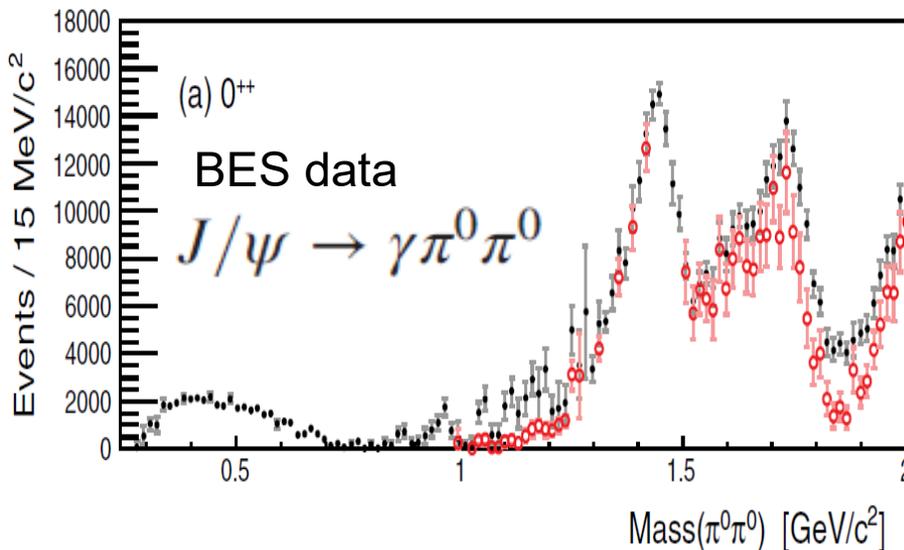
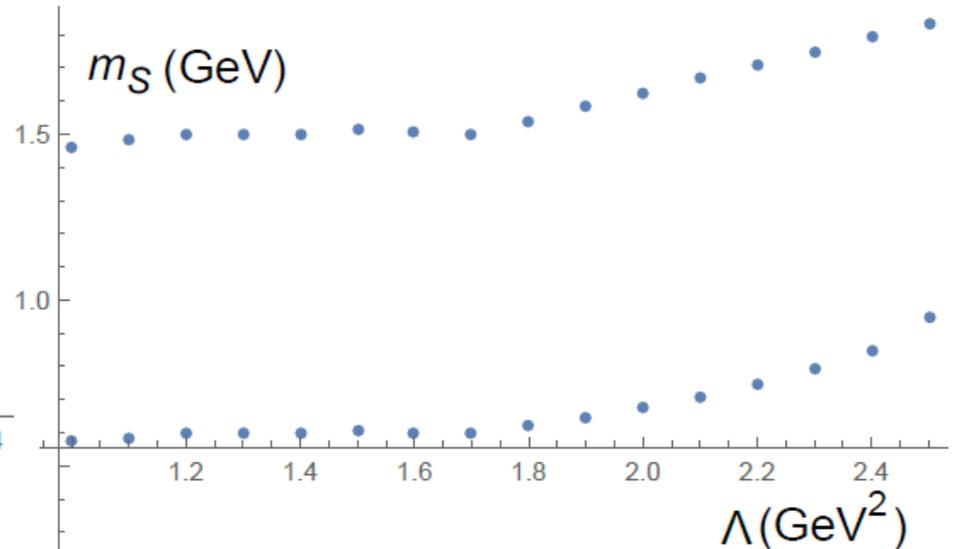
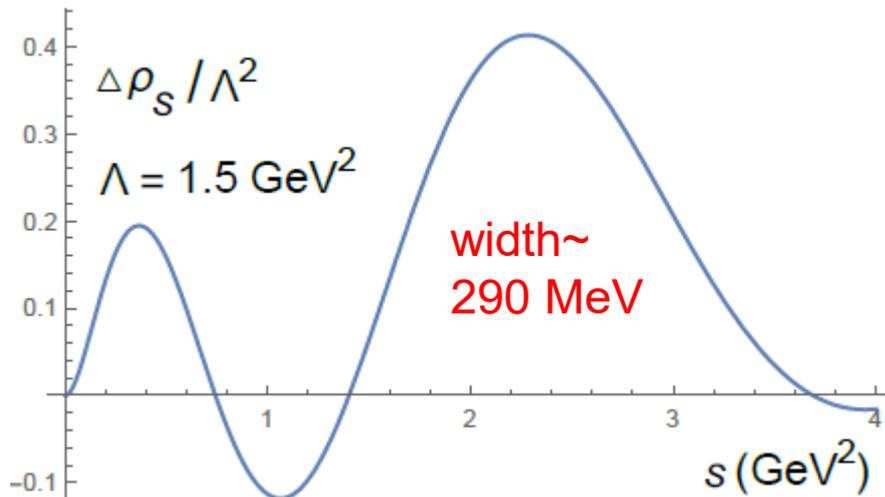
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background



divergent M^{-1}
positivity lost

Scalar glueball mass

- Subtracted spectral density and mass



$$m_{S_1} = (0.60 \pm 0.01) \text{ GeV} \rightarrow f_0(500)$$

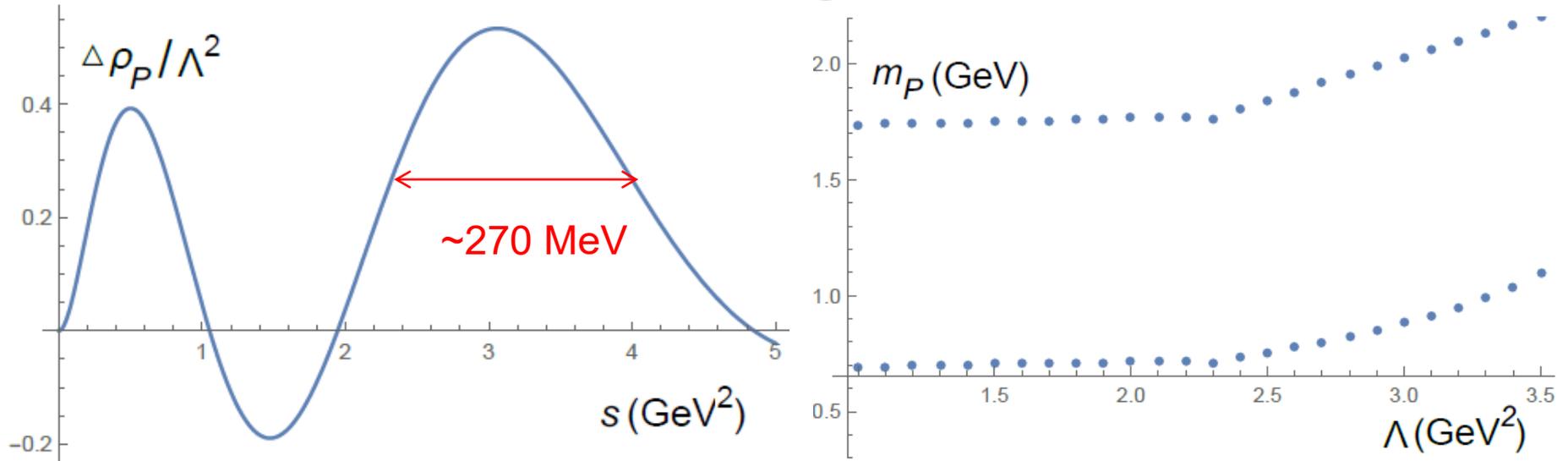
little gluonium in $f_0(980)$?

$$m_{S_2} = (1.50 \pm 0.01) \text{ GeV}$$

$$f_0(1370), f_0(1500) f_0(1710)$$

width \sim
112 MeV

Pseudoscalar glueball mass



$$m_{P_1} = (0.71 \pm 0.02) \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \eta, \eta' \quad m_{P_2} = (1.75 \pm 0.02) \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \eta(1760)$$

- $\eta(1760)$ proposed by Page, XQ Li in 1998 width \sim 240 MeV
- Quenched LQCD gave 2.6 GeV in 1999
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370)$ unknown parity, BR $\sim 10E(-5)$
- $X(1835)$ **but seen** in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\phi$, unlikely
BR $\sim 10E(-4)$

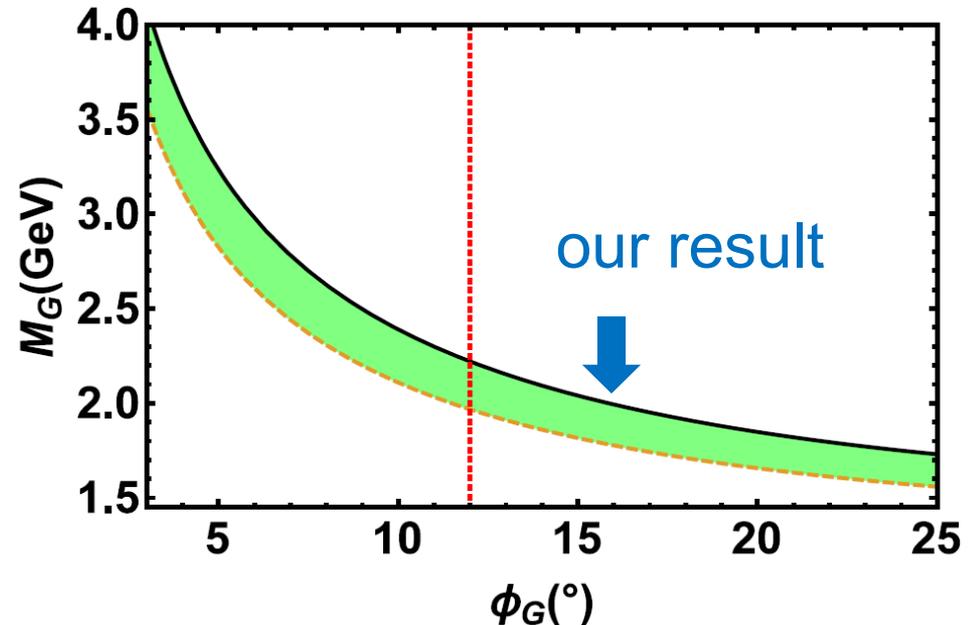
Comparison to earlier work

Tetramixing + anomalous Ward identity

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\eta\rangle \\ |\eta'\rangle \\ |G\rangle \\ |\eta_c\rangle \end{pmatrix} = U_{34}(\theta)U_{14}(\phi_G)U_{12}(\phi_Q) \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_8\rangle \\ |\eta_1\rangle \\ |g\rangle \\ |\eta_Q\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

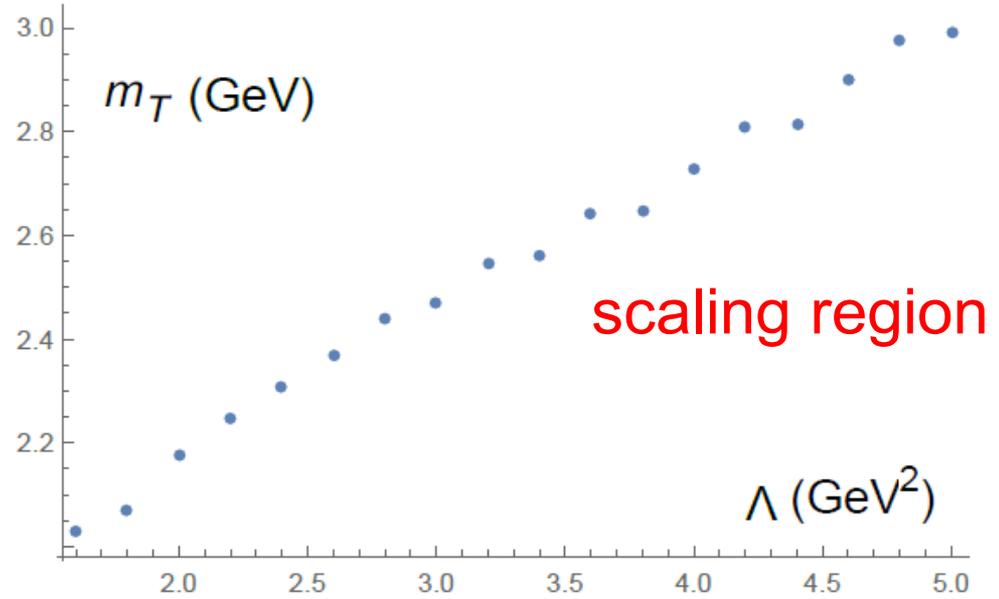
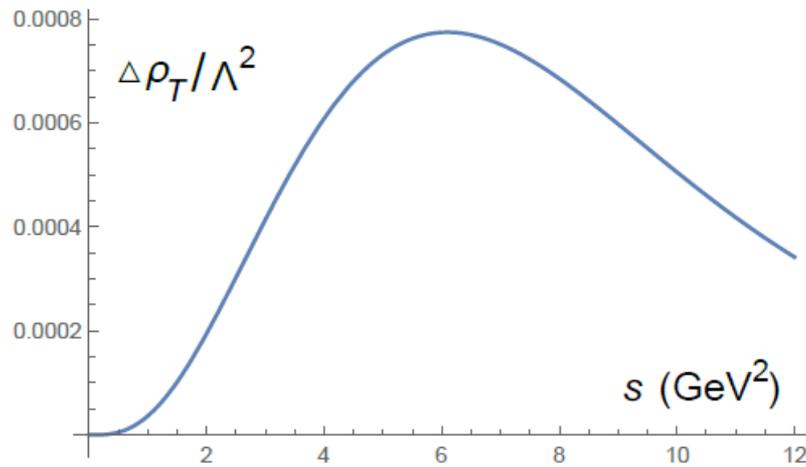
$$U_{14}(\phi_G) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi_G & \sin \phi_G & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \phi_G & \cos \phi_G & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

“not lower than 1.8 GeV”,
W. Qin, Q. Zhao, X. H. Zhong,
1712.02550



Tensor glueball mass

- **No solution!**



- Single condensate $\langle\alpha_s^2 G^4\rangle$ in OPE, insufficient nonpert information to establish resonance
- Narison found $m_T \approx 2.0$ GeV in 1998, but no stability as varying continuum threshold
instead, chose an inflection point

Correlator at zero momentum

- Once $\Delta\rho_G$ is obtained, can calculate

$$\chi_t = i \int d^4x \langle 0|Q(x)Q(0)|0\rangle$$

local operator,
UV divergence

- Can be made well-define in our formalism

$$\Pi_G(q^2) = \int_0^R \frac{ds}{s - q^2} \left\{ \underbrace{\Delta\rho_G(s, \Lambda)}_{\text{condensates}} + s^2 \left[A_0^{(G)} + 2A_1^{(G)} \ln \frac{s}{\mu^2} + A_2^{(G)} \left(3 \ln^2 \frac{s}{\mu^2} - \pi^2 \right) \right] \exp(-s/\Lambda) \right. \\ \left. + B_1^{(G)} \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle \exp(-s^2/\Lambda^2) \right\} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint ds \frac{\Pi_G^{\text{perp}}(s)}{s - q^2},$$

perturbative piece

UV contribution
from large circle R



$$\Pi_G(0) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \Pi_G(-\epsilon\Lambda)$$

known and finite!

Topological susceptibility

- Low-energy theorem

$$\beta_0 = 11N_c/3 - 2N_f/3$$

$$\Pi_S(q^2 = 0) = \frac{32\pi}{\beta_0} \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle,$$

gluon condensate
fixed by rho mass

$$\Pi_P(q^2 = 0) = (32\pi^2 \alpha_s)^2 \chi_t$$

this relation then fixes
triple-gluon condensate
(quite uncertain)

↑

triple-gluon condensate
used to predict χ_t

$$\langle gG^3 \rangle = 0.27 \text{ GeV}^2 \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle \quad \text{instanton}$$

$$\langle gG^3 \rangle = -1.5 \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle^{3/2}, \quad \text{lattice}$$

- Prediction $\chi_t^{1/4} = 75\text{-}78 \text{ MeV}$ almost

independent of Λ

$$\text{Lattice: } \chi_t^{1/4} = 66\text{-}120 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{chiral perturbation: } \chi_t^{1/4} \approx 75 \text{ MeV}$$

Summary

- Solve dispersion relation as inverse problem, no duality assumption, no pole parametrization, no discretionary prescription
- **Resonances appear naturally**, rho mass produced with acceptable OPE inputs
- **Same inputs** predict $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1500)$ $f_0(1710)$ and $\eta(1760)$ as glue-rich states
- $f_0(500)$ and η, η' have **small amount of gluonium**
- Current OPE inputs insufficient to establish tensor glueball