

# Renormalon approach to Higher–Twist Distribution Amplitudes

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## plan

- conformal expansion: **why**, **why not**
- cancellation of ambiguities in the **OPE**
- example: quadratic UV divergence of twist–4 operators
- renormalon model: results
- **convergence** of the conformal expansion
- **endpoint behavior**

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# Conformal expansion

any conformal-expansion-based ansatz,

## advantages

- consistent with EOM at each truncation order  $J_{\max}$
- preserved by leading-order QCD evolution
- high conformal spins are suppressed by  $\propto J^{-\text{const} \times \ln \mu_F^2}$

## disadvantages

- practical only if converges fast
- convergence through evolution  $\propto J^{-\text{const} \times \ln \mu_F^2}$   
holds only at high  $\mu_F$

# Cancellation of ambiguities in the OPE

Consider a physical amplitude near the lightcone, depending on  $\Delta \equiv x_1 - x_2$  where  $|\Delta| \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .

Factorization: short-distance  $C^{(t)}$   $\otimes$  long-distance DA  $\phi^{(t)}$

$$G(u, \Delta^2) = \underbrace{C^{(2)} \otimes \phi^{(2)}}_{\text{twist 2}} + \underbrace{\Delta^2 \sum C^{(4)} \otimes \phi^{(4)}}_{\text{twist 4}} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^4)$$

Cancellation of  $\mu_F$  dependence:

- logarithmic: at each twist  $\Rightarrow$  evolution equations
- power: between different twists  $\Rightarrow$  renormalons:

$$\delta_{\text{UV}}(\text{twist 4}) = \Delta^2 \mu_F^2 D^{(4 \rightarrow 2)} \otimes \phi^{(2)} = -\delta_{\text{IR}}(\text{twist 2})$$

## Three-particle twist-4 DA and EOM relations

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \bar{d}(-z) [-z, \textcolor{red}{v}z] \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 g G_{\mu\rho}(\textcolor{red}{v}z) [\textcolor{red}{v}z, z] u(z) | \pi^+(p) \rangle &= \\ = f_\pi \int \mathcal{D}\alpha_i \, e^{-ipz(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \textcolor{red}{v})} &\left\{ \frac{p_\nu}{pz} (p_\mu z_\rho - p_\rho z_\mu) \Phi_{||}(\alpha_i) \right. \\ + \left[ p_\rho \left( g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{z_\mu p_\nu}{pz} \right) - p_\mu \left( g_{\rho\nu} - \frac{z_\rho p_\nu}{pz} \right) \right] \Phi_{\perp}(\alpha_i) \left. \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

EOM relations between two- and three-particle DA:

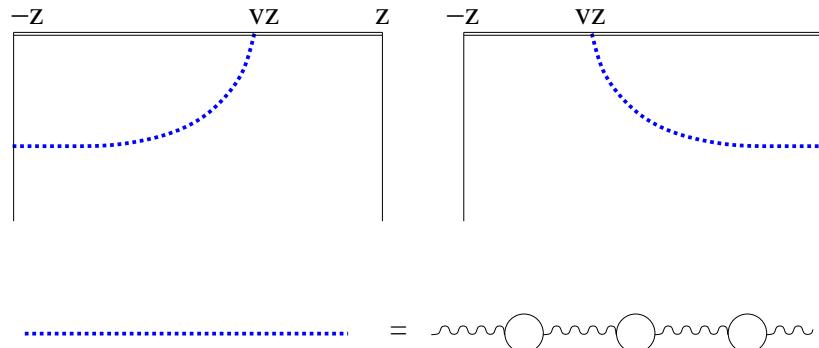
$$\phi_1^{(4)} + \phi_2^{(4)}(u) = \int_0^u d\alpha_1 \int_0^{1-u} d\alpha_2 \frac{\bar{u}\alpha_1 - u\alpha_2}{2\alpha_3^2} [2\Phi_{\perp} - \Phi_{||}] (\alpha_i),$$

where  $\alpha_3 = 1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2$ .

Braun & Filyanov ('90)

# Quadratic UV divergence of three-particle twist-4 operators

Consider a  $q\bar{q}g$  twist-4 operator on the lightcone ( $z^2 = 0$ ):



Andersen ('99)  
BGG ('04)

$$\langle q_2 | \bar{d}(-z) \Gamma g G_{\alpha\beta}(vz) u(z) | q_1 \rangle = e^{-i(q_1+q_2)z} (g_{\lambda\alpha} g_{\beta}^{\mu} - g_{\lambda\beta} g_{\alpha}^{\mu})$$

$$\times \frac{4\pi^2 C_F}{\beta_0} \int_0^\infty dw e^{\frac{5}{3}w} (-\Lambda^2)^w B_\mu^\lambda(w, q, z, v)$$

$$B_\mu^\lambda \equiv \bar{d}_{q_2} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\rho \Gamma u_{q_1} I^{\lambda\rho}(q_2, (1+v)z) - \bar{d}_{q_2} \Gamma \gamma_\rho \gamma_\mu u_{q_1} I^{\lambda\rho}(q_1, (1-v)z)$$

where  $I^{\lambda\rho}(q, z) \equiv \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{k^\lambda (q+k)^\rho}{(k^2)^{(1+w)} (q+k)^2} e^{-ikz}$

## Twist 4 → 2 operator-mixing relations

$B_\mu^\lambda(w, q, z, v)$  has a pole at  $w = 1$  owing to UV divergence:

$$I^{\lambda\rho}(q, z) \Big|_{w=1} = \frac{-i}{32\pi^2(1-w)} \int_0^1 da \, a \, e^{iqz(1-a)} \\ \times \left[ iq^\lambda z^\rho (1-a) - iq^\rho z^\lambda a + g^{\lambda\rho} + \frac{1}{2}a(1-a)q^2 z^\lambda z^\rho \right].$$

$$O_{\mu\rho}^\nu = \bar{d}(-z)\gamma^\nu\gamma_5 g G_{\mu\rho}(vz)u(z); \quad y^\pm = z \left( 1 - (1 \pm v)(1 - a) \right)$$

$$\delta_{\text{UV}} \{ z^\mu g_\nu^\rho O_{\mu\rho}^\nu \} = k\Lambda^2 \int_0^1 da (1-a) \left[ \bar{d}(-y^+) \not{z} \gamma_5 u(z) - \bar{d}(-z) \not{z} \gamma_5 u(y^-) \right]$$

$$\delta_{\text{UV}} \{ z^\mu z_\nu O_{\mu\rho}^\nu \} = -k\Lambda^2 z_\rho \int_0^1 da a \left[ \bar{d}(-y^+) \not{z} \gamma_5 u(z) - \bar{d}(-z) \not{z} \gamma_5 u(y^-) \right]$$

## Renormalon model: twist-4 DA in terms of twist-2 DA

Using the **twist  $4 \rightarrow 2$  operator mixing** with the definitions of **3-particle twist-4 DA** (l.h.s) and **twist-2 DA** (r.h.s):

$$\delta_{\text{UV}} \{ \Phi_{\perp}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \} = -\frac{1}{2} ik\Lambda^2 \left[ \frac{\phi_{\pi}(\alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_1} - \frac{\phi_{\pi}(\alpha_2)}{1 - \alpha_2} \right],$$

$$\delta_{\text{UV}} \{ \Phi_{\parallel}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \} = -ik\Lambda^2 \left[ \frac{\alpha_2 \phi_{\pi}(\alpha_1)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} - \frac{\alpha_1 \phi_{\pi}(\alpha_2)}{(1 - \alpha_2)^2} \right]$$

Upon fixing the overall normalization (one parameter!) using

$$\langle 0 | \bar{d} \gamma_{\nu} i g \tilde{G}_{\mu\rho} u | \pi^+(p) \rangle = \frac{\delta^2}{3} f_{\pi} [p_{\rho} g_{\mu\nu} - p_{\mu} g_{\rho\nu}]; \quad \delta^2 \Big|_{\text{QCD-SR}} \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2,$$

UV ren. ambiguities translate into a model:  $-ik\Lambda^2 \longrightarrow \delta^2/3$ .

## Renormalon model vs. conformal-expansion based model

3-particle twist-4 pion DA       $\alpha_{3(g)} = 1 - \alpha_{1(q)} - \alpha_{2(\bar{q})}$

Renormalon model assuming asymptotic leading-twist DA:

$$\Phi_{\perp}(\alpha_i) = \delta^2[\alpha_1 - \alpha_2],$$

$$\Phi_{\parallel}(\alpha_i) = 2\delta^2\alpha_1\alpha_2 \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_1} - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_2} \right]$$

First two orders in the conformal expansion ( $J = 3, 4$ ):

$$\Phi_{\perp}^{\text{BF}}(\alpha_i) = 10\delta^2(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)\alpha_3^2 [1 + 6\epsilon(1 - 2\alpha_3)],$$

$$\Phi_{\parallel}^{\text{BF}}(\alpha_i) = 120\epsilon\delta^2\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \quad \text{Braun \& Filyanov ('90)}$$

Qualitatively different for vanishing gluon momentum  $\alpha_3 \rightarrow 0$ .

## Renormalon model for two-particle twist-4 DA

Using the 3-particle twist-4 DA with the EOM relations:

$$\phi_1^{(4)}(u) = \frac{\delta^2}{6} \int_0^1 dv \phi_\pi(v) \left\{ \frac{1}{v^2} \left[ u + (v-u) \ln \left( 1 - \frac{u}{v} \right) \right] \theta(v > u) + \frac{1}{\bar{v}^2} \left[ \bar{u} + (u-v) \ln \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{u}}{\bar{v}} \right) \right] \theta(v < u) \right\},$$

$$\phi_2^{(4)}(u) = -\frac{\delta^2}{6} \int_0^1 dv \phi_\pi(v) \left\{ \left( \frac{u}{v} \right)^2 \theta(v > u) + \left( \frac{\bar{u}}{\bar{v}} \right)^2 \theta(v < u) \right\}$$

In physical amplitudes  $\delta_{\text{UV}}(\text{twist 4}) + \delta_{\text{IR}}(\text{twist 2}) = 0$ .

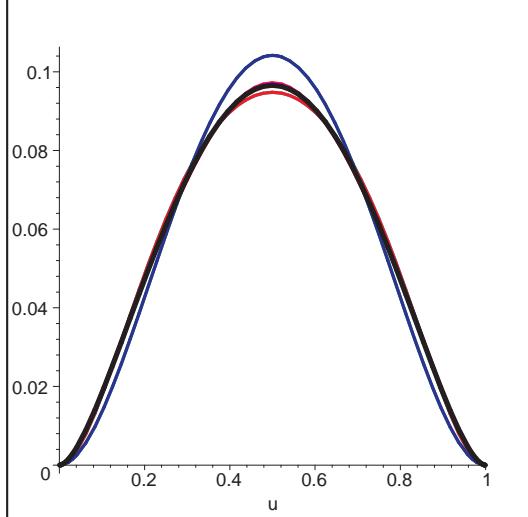
Indeed, the **same** expressions are obtained considering  
IR renormalons in **twist-2 coefficient functions**.

# Convergence of the conformal expansion for 2-particle twist-4 DA

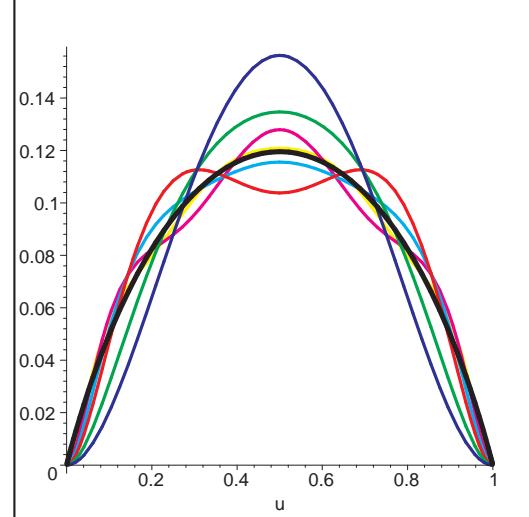
We can examine the **convergence** of the **conformal expansion** by expanding the renormalon model *in this basis*:

$$\phi_2^{(4)}(u) = -4\delta^2 u^2(1-u)^2 \sum_{J=3,5,7,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{2J-1}{J(J-1)^2(J-2)} P_{J-3}^{(2,2)}(2u-1)$$

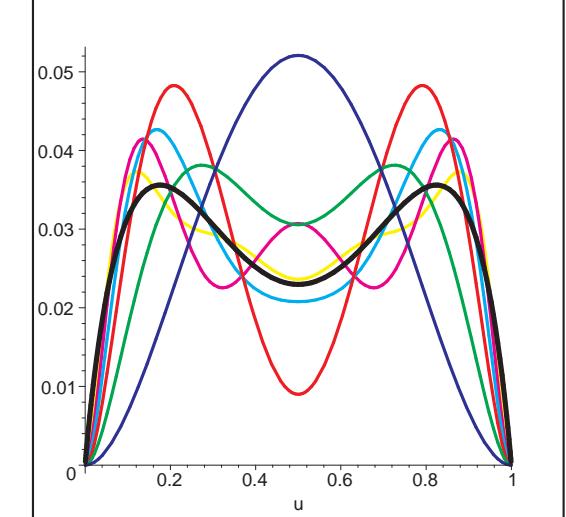
the good  $-\phi_2^{(4)}(u)$



the bad  $\phi_1^{(4)}(u)$



the ugly  $\phi_1^{(4)} + \phi_2^{(4)}$



## Endpoint behavior of 2-particle twist-4 DA

Renormalon model (assuming asymptotic leading-twist DA):

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1^{(4)}(u) &= \delta^2 \left\{ \bar{u} \left[ \ln(\bar{u}) - \text{Li}_2(\bar{u}) \right] + u \left[ \ln(u) - \text{Li}_2(u) \right] - u\bar{u} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right\} \\ &\simeq \delta^2 \left[ \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right) \textcolor{red}{u} + \mathcal{O}(u^2) \right].\end{aligned}$$

Its conformal expansion (at any truncation order):

$$\phi_1^{(4)}(u) = \delta^2 \left\{ \frac{5}{2} \left[ u^2 \bar{u}^2 \right]_{J=3} + \dots \right\} \simeq \delta^2 \mathcal{O}(u^2)$$

The expansion does not converge uniformly at the endpoints!

## Conclusions

- Renormalons: model for higher-twist DA in terms of the leading-twist DA.
  - consistent with all EOM relations!
  - single parameter(!) for the entire set of twist-4 DA
  - Already available for  $\pi$  and  $\rho$  (BGG) and for  $K$  (BBL).
- Convergence of the conformal expansion
  - 3-particle DA: no convergence for fixed  $\alpha_3$ .
  - 2-particle DA: converges away from endpoints, but qualitatively different — slower — endpoint behavior
  - High  $J$  contributions: renormalon model is an upper bound, since evolution  $\propto J^{-\text{const} \times \ln \mu_F^2}$