

In-Medium Pion Valence Distributions In a Light-Front Model

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Light-Front Motivations

- **Poisson bracket relations** are retained invariant (**Dirac (1949)**) also in Light-Front approach !! [dynamical variable transformations]
- Light-Front has advantages to Describe Hadronic Bound States
- Constituent Picture of the Hadronic System
- Light-Front Wave functions: Representation of Composite Systems in QFT
- Invariant Under Boosts
- Light-Front Vacuum is Trivial
- LF Lorentz Invariant Hamiltonian: $P^2 = P^+ P^- - \vec{P}_\perp^2$
- **In-Medium Extension !!!** First Trial: **Pion**
(Later: **Rho meson, Kaon, D-meson, Nucleon**, etc. etc.)

Light-Front Coordinates

$$\text{Four-Vector} \implies x^\mu = (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) \rightarrow (x^+, x^-, \vec{x}_\perp)$$

$$x^+ = t + z \quad x^+ = x^0 + x^3 \implies \text{Time}$$

$$x^- = t - z \quad x^- = x^0 - x^3 \implies \text{Position}$$

Metric Tensor and Scalar product

$$x \cdot y = x^\mu y_\mu = x^+ y_+ + x^- y_- + x^1 y_1 + x^2 y_2 = \frac{x^+ y^- + x^- y^+}{2} - \vec{x}_\perp \cdot \vec{y}_\perp$$

$$p^+ = p^0 + p^3, \quad p^- = p^0 - p^3, \quad \vec{p}_\perp = (p^1, p^2)$$

Dirac Matrix and Electromagnetic Current

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^+ &= \gamma^0 + \gamma^3 \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^+ &= J^0 + J^3 \\ \gamma^- &= \gamma^0 - \gamma^3 \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^- &= J^0 - J^3 \\ \gamma^\perp &= (\gamma^1, \gamma^2) \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^\perp &= (J^1, J^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$p^\mu x_\mu = \frac{p^+ x^- + p^- x^+}{2} - \vec{p}_\perp \vec{x}_\perp$$

$$x^+, x^-, \vec{x}_\perp \implies p^+, p^-, \vec{p}_\perp$$

$p^- \implies$ **Light-Front Energy**

$$p^2 = p^+ p^- - (\vec{p}_\perp)^2 \implies p^- = \frac{(\vec{p}_\perp)^2 + m^2}{p^+}$$

On-shell

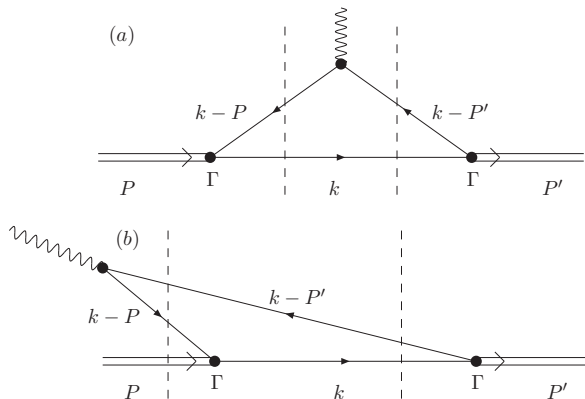
Bosons $\implies D(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$

Fermions $\implies S_F(p) = \frac{\not{p}_{on} + m}{p^+ (p^- - p_{on}^- + \frac{i\epsilon}{p^+})} + \frac{\gamma^+}{2p^+}, \quad p_{on}^- = \frac{(\vec{p}_\perp)^2 + m^2}{p^+} > 0$

Review Papers:

- **Phys. Rept. 301, (1998) 299-486, Brodsky, Pauli and Pinsky**
- **A. Harindranath, Pramana, Journal of Indian Academy of Sciences Physics Vol.55, Nos 1 & 2, (2000) 241.**
- **An Introduction to Light-Front Dynamics for Pedestrians**
Avaroth Harindranath

Light-Front book organizers: James Vary and Frank Wolz (1997)



(a) \Rightarrow **Valence Component of the Electromagnetic Current**

(b) \Rightarrow **Non-Valence Component of the Electromagnetic Current**

Ref.: de Melo and Frederico, PRC (1997) , de Melo, Naus, Frederico and Sauer, PRC(1999)

Effective Lagrangian to Vertex $\pi \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -i\frac{m}{f_\pi}\vec{\pi} \cdot \bar{q}\gamma^5\vec{\tau}q$$

- **Electromagnetic Current:** J_π^+

$$J^\mu = -i2e\frac{m^2}{f_\pi^2}N_c \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr}[S(k)\gamma^5 \\ \times S(k-P')\gamma^\mu S(k-P)\gamma^5\Lambda(k,P')\Lambda(k,P)]$$

$$S(p) = \frac{1}{\not{p} - m + i\epsilon}$$

- **Vertex Function**
- **Symmetric Vertex Function**

$$\Lambda(k, P) = \frac{N}{(k^2 - m_R^2 + i\epsilon)} + \frac{N}{((P - k)^2 - m_R^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

- Ref. **Nucl. Phys. A 707 (2002) 399-424**
- **Nonsymmetric Vertex Function**

$$\Lambda(k, P) = \frac{N}{((P - k)^2 - m_R^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

- J.P.B.C. de Melo, T. Frederico and H.L. Naus,
Phy.Rev. C59 (1999) 2278

- Frame

$$q^+ = -q^- = \sqrt{-q^2} \sin \alpha$$

$$q_x = \sqrt{-q^2} \cos \alpha, \quad q_y = 0$$

$$q^2 = q^+ q^- - (q_\perp)^2 .$$

- **Breit Frame** ($\alpha = 0$) $\implies q^+ \rightarrow 0, q^- = 0; \vec{q} \neq 0$
- $J_\pi^+ = J^0 + J^3 \implies$ **No Pair Term Contribution** (Only Valence!!)
- In this frame, and spin 0 case true, NOT spin 1 !!!**
- $J_\pi^- = J^0 - J^3 \implies$ **Pair Term Contribution**
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(Valence) Wave Function, Pion // Kaon

$$\Psi(x, k_{\perp}, p^+, \vec{p}_{\perp}) \propto \left[\frac{1}{(1-x)(m_{0-}^2 - \mathcal{M}^2(m_q^2, m_R^2))} + \frac{1}{x(m_{0-}^2 - \mathcal{M}^2(m_R^2, m_{\bar{q}}^2))} \right] \frac{1}{m_{0-}^2 - \mathcal{M}^2(m_q^2, m_{\bar{q}}^2)},$$

$$+ [q \leftrightarrow \bar{q}]$$

here:

$$\mathcal{M}^2(m_a^2, m_b^2) = \frac{k_{\perp}^2 + m_a^2}{x} + \frac{(p-k)_{\perp}^2 + m_b^2}{(1-x)} - p_{\perp}^2$$

- **Quark mass** \Rightarrow Free Mass Operator
- m_{0-} \iff Mass of the bound state

- **Motivation:** The present model works well (Symmetric Vertex)!

Observables: Decay constant and charge radius						
	f_{0^-} (MeV)	r_{0^-}	m_u (π^+)	m_d (π^+)	m_d (K^+)	m_s (K^+)
Pion	93.12	0.736	220	220		
	101.85	0.670	250	250		
Kaon	101.81	0.754			220	440
	113.74	0.687			250	440

$m_R = 600$ MeV, (all masses in MeV and radius in fm)
 Ex.(Pion): $f_\pi = 92.4 \pm 0.021$ MeV, $r_\pi = 0.672 \pm 0.08$ fm (PDG)
 Ex.(Kaon): $f_{k^+} = 110.38 \pm 0.1413$ MeV, $r_{k^+} = 0.560 \pm 0.031$ (PDG)

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QMC (Quark-Meson Coupling)* "plus" Light-Front

• **Hatree Mean Field Approximation:** $\Rightarrow p^\mu \longrightarrow p^\mu + V^\mu$

• **Vector**

$$p^\mu \pm \delta_0^\mu V_\omega^q = \begin{cases} +, & \text{quark} \\ -, & \text{antiquark} \end{cases}$$

• **Scalar:** V_s

$$\Rightarrow m_q \longrightarrow m_q^* + V_s \quad \text{here } V_s = m_q - V_\sigma^q$$

* **QMC** Ref.: K. Saito, K. Tsushima and A. W. Thomas, Progress Part. Nucl. Phys. 58, 1 (2007)

- Propagators of Quarks in Medium

$$S_F^*(p + V) = \frac{1}{\not{p} - \not{V} - m_q^* + i\epsilon}$$

- Vertex $q\pi\bar{q}$ in Medium

$$\Lambda^*(k + V, P) = \frac{C^*}{((k + V)^2 - m_R^2 + i\epsilon)} + \frac{C^*}{((P - k - V)^2 - m_R^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

- Effective Lagrangian in the Medium

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -ig^* \vec{\Phi} \cdot \bar{q} \gamma^5 \vec{\tau} q \Lambda^*$$

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Valence Light-front wave function in Medium (Symm. Nuclear Matter)

$$\Phi^*(k^+, \vec{k}_\perp; P^+, \vec{P}_\perp) = \frac{P^+}{m_\pi^{*2} - M_0^2} \left[\frac{N^*}{(1-x)(m_\pi^{*2} - \mathcal{M}^2(m_q^{*2}, m_R^2))} + \frac{N^*}{x(m_\pi^{*2} - \mathcal{M}^2(m_R^2, m_q^{*2}))} \right]$$

- $x = k^+/P^+$, with $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $m_\pi^* \simeq m_\pi$
- $\mathcal{M}^2(m_a^2, m_b^2) = \frac{k_\perp^2 + m_a^2}{x} + \frac{(P-k)_\perp^2 + m_b^2}{1-x} - P_\perp^2$
- Free Square Mass operator: $M_0^2 = \mathcal{M}^2(m_q^{*2}, m_q^{*2})$.

- Pion Electromagnetic Form Factor in the Breit, $q^+ = 0$:

$$F_{\pi}^{*(WF)}(q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^3(P'^+ + P^+)} \int \frac{d^2k_{\perp} dk^+ \theta(k^+) \theta(P^+ - k^+)}{k^+(P^+ - k^+)(P'^+ - k^+)} \Phi^*(k^+, \vec{k}_{\perp}; P'^+, \frac{\vec{q}_{\perp}}{2}) \\ \times \left(k_{\text{on}}^- P^+ P'^+ - \frac{1}{2} \vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} (P^+ - P'^+) - \frac{1}{4} k^+ q_{\perp}^2 \right) \\ \times \Phi^*(k^+, \vec{k}_{\perp}; P^+, -\frac{\vec{q}_{\perp}}{2})$$

- $C^* \Rightarrow F_{\pi}^*(0) = 1$

- **Transverse momentum probability density (π at rest)**

$$f^*(k_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^3 m_{\pi}^*} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{m_{\pi}^*} \frac{dk^+ M_0^{*2}}{k^+ (m_{\pi}^* - k^+)} |\Phi^*(k^+, \vec{k}_{\perp}; m_{\pi}^*, \vec{0})|^2,$$

- **Integration of $f^*(k_{\perp})$: Probability of the valence component in the pion**

$$\eta^* = \int_0^{\infty} dk_{\perp} k_{\perp} f^*(k_{\perp}).$$

- **Pion decay constant**

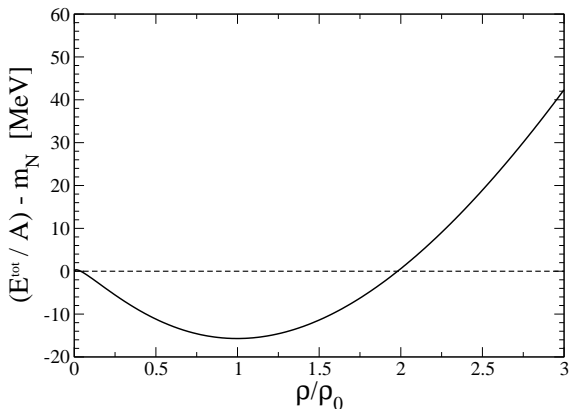
$$P_{\mu} \langle 0(\rho) | A_i^{\mu} | \pi_j^* \rangle = im_{\pi}^{*2} f_{\pi}^* \delta_{ij} \simeq im_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^* \delta_{ij}.$$

- Pion Fock States

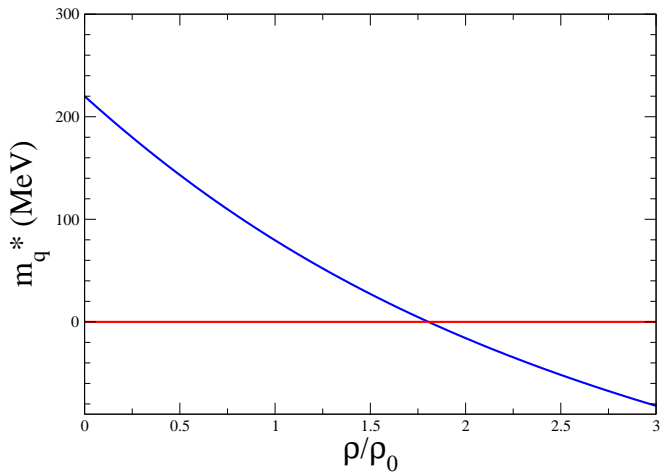
$$|\pi\rangle = \sqrt{\eta}|q\bar{q}\rangle + a|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + b|q\bar{q}g\rangle + \dots$$

$$|\pi\rangle^* = \sqrt{\eta^*}|q\bar{q}\rangle^* + c|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle^* + d|q\bar{q}g\rangle^* + \dots$$

Results: Quark Meson Coupling + Light-Front



- Symmetric Nuclear Matter - Binding Energy per Nucleon
- $m_q = (5, 220)$ MeV $\rightarrow K = (279.3, 320.9)$ MeV



- Effective mass of constituent quarks, up and down

Pion properties in medium. η^* is the probability of the valence component in the pion. ($\rho_0 = 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-3}$)

ρ/ρ_0	m_q^* [MeV]	f_π^* [MeV]	$\langle r_\pi^{*2} \rangle^{1/2}$ [fm]	η^*
0.00	220	93.1	0.73	0.782
0.25	179.9	80.6	0.84	0.812
0.50	143.2	68.0	1.00	0.843
0.75	109.8	55.1	1.26	0.878
1.00	79.5	40.2	1.96	0.930

- GMOR (Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner) Relation:

$$\begin{aligned} m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 &= -2m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle, \\ m_\pi^{*2} f_\pi^{*2} &= -2m_q^* \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^* \end{aligned}$$

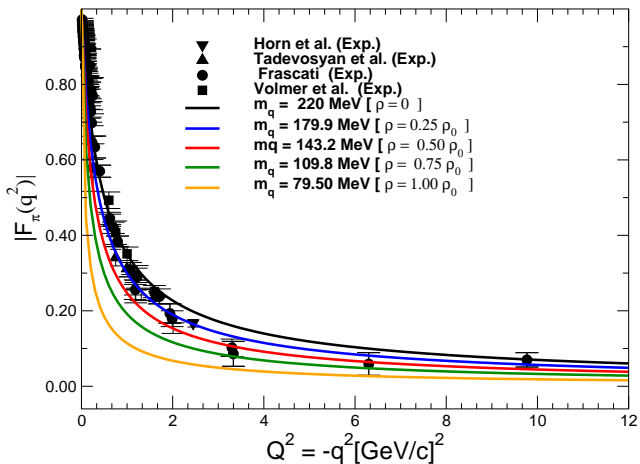
- Vacuum quarks condensate in the medium

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} = \frac{m_q m_\pi^{*2} f_\pi^{*2}}{m_q^* m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \simeq \frac{m_q f_\pi^{*2}}{m_q^* f_\pi^2}$$

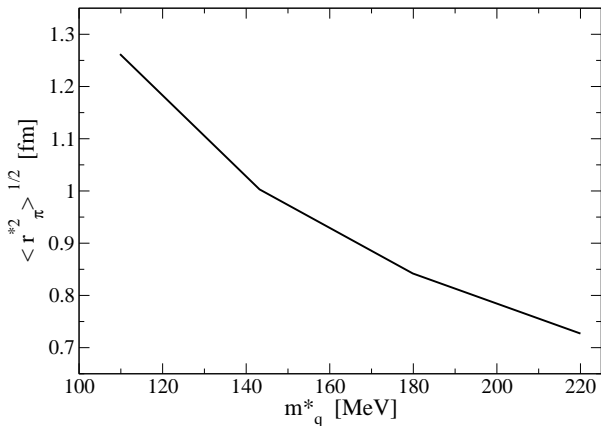
- $\rho_0 = 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-3} \implies \approx 0.52$ (This work)
- $\rho_0 = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3} \implies \approx 0.67 \pm 0.06$

Pionic Atom expt. extraction/analysis:

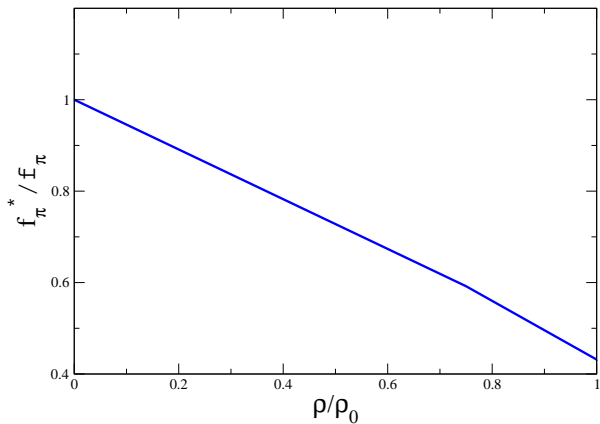
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- Exp. Data (in Vacuum!!)



- Pion Electromagnetic Radius



- Pion Decay Constant

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Distribution Amplitude (normalized with f_{ps} !!!)

Def.: DAs

$$\phi_{DA}(x) = \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(16\pi^3)} \Psi_{ps}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

$$\int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \Psi_{ps}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = \frac{f_{ps}}{2\sqrt{6}}$$

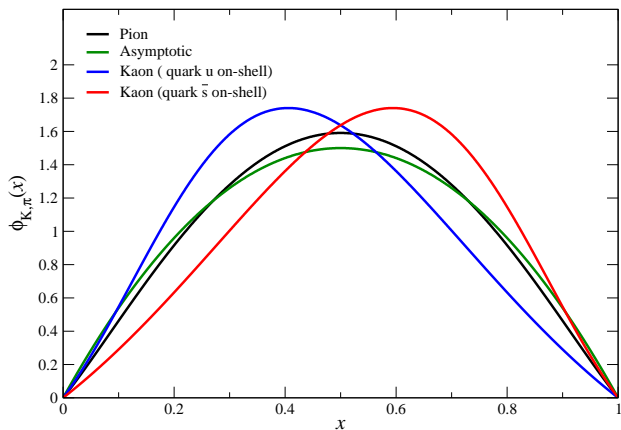
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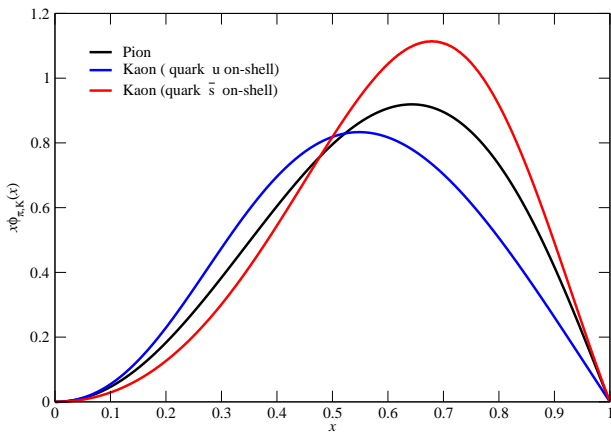
● Pion Asymptotic

$$\phi_{\pi}^{as}(x, \mu^2) \propto 6x(1-x)$$

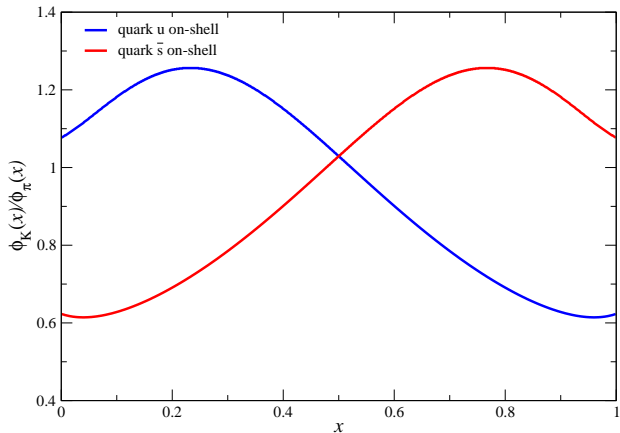
NDA's vacuum



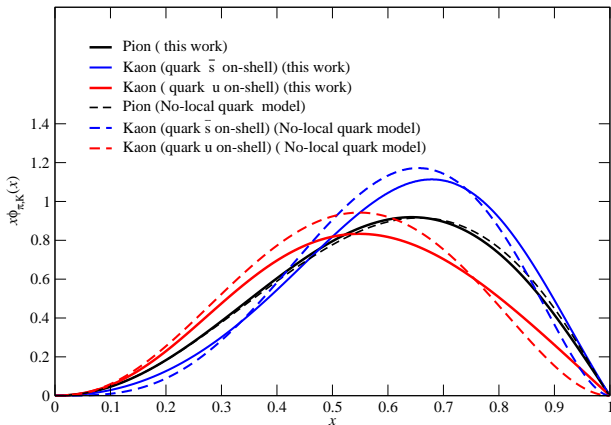
x times NDAs vacuum



Ratios: K/π NDAs vacuum



x times NDAs vacuum



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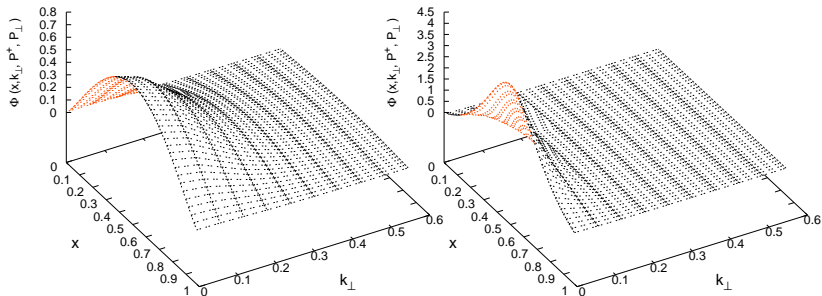
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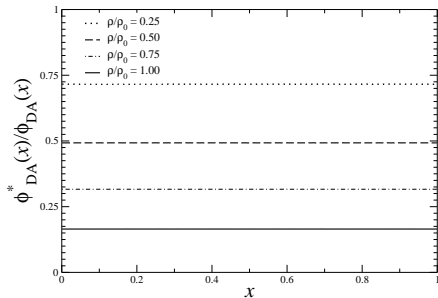
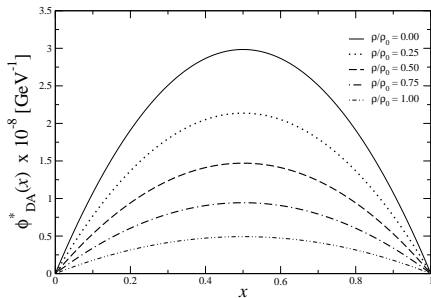
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Pion (Valence) W. Func.: Vacuum (left) ρ_0 (right)

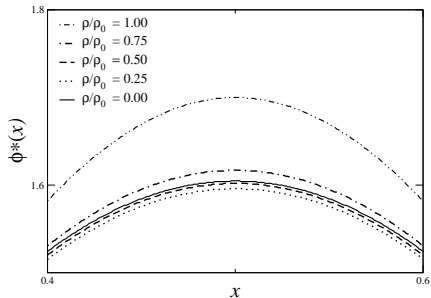
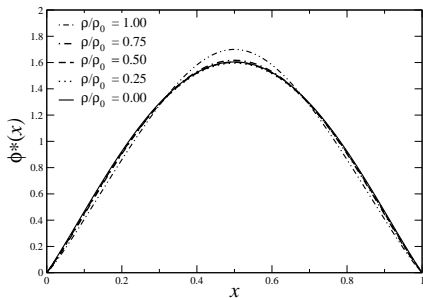
$f_{\pi}^*/2\sqrt{6}$ normalization



In-Medium DAs



In-Medium NDA



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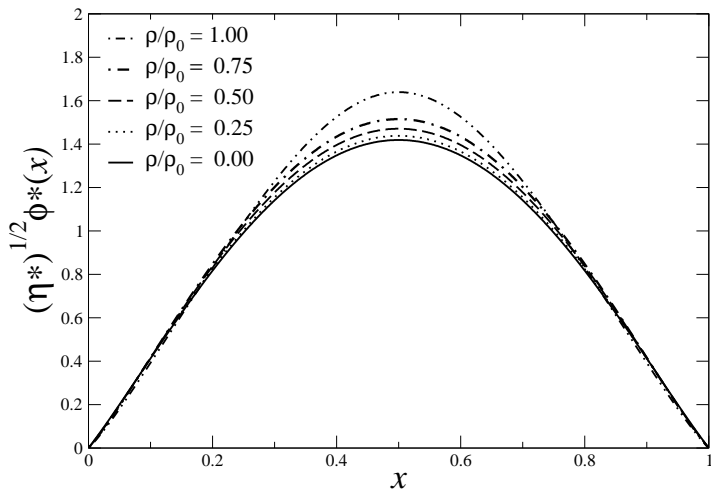
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In-Medium Effective NDAs



Prospects, Plans

- ⇒ ● kaon + another pseudo-scalar particles e.g., D meson
- ⇒ ● Vector particles, e.g., ρ meson [J.P.B.C. de Melo]
- ⇒ ● Nucleon, Hyperons in Light-Front
- ⇒ ● Also In Medium

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