
On the CIPT-FOPT Discrepancy for Hadronic τ Decays

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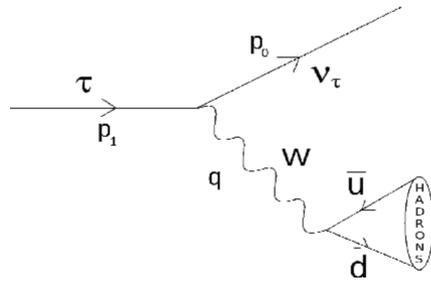
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Hadronic τ Spectral Function Moments

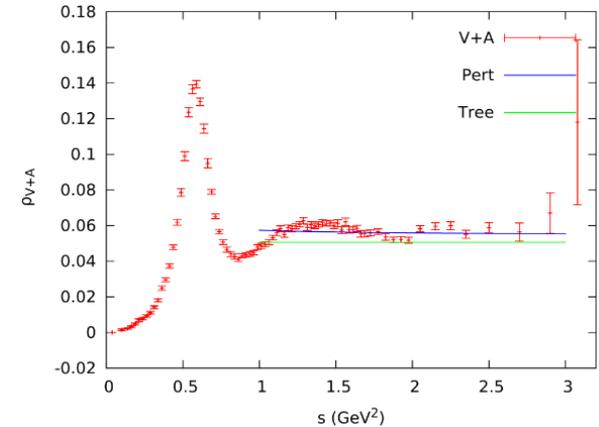
ALEPH: τ hadronic width

(HFLAV 2019)

$$R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma[\tau^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons } \nu_\tau(\gamma)]}{\Gamma[\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau(\gamma)]} = 3.6355 \pm 0.0081$$



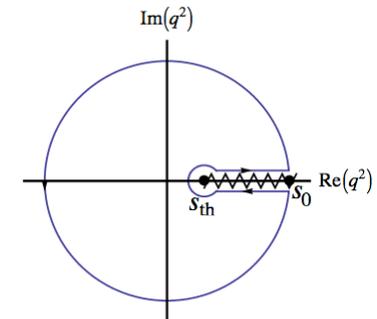
Inclusive hadronic mass spectrum



$$(p^\mu p^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} p^2) \Pi(p^2) \equiv i \int dx e^{ipx} \langle \Omega | T \{ j_{v/av,jk}^\mu(x) j_{v/av,jk}^\nu(0)^\dagger \} \Omega \rangle$$

Braaten, Narison, Pich, Le Diberder, ... 90's

$$A_{V/A}^\omega(s_0) \equiv \int_{s_{th}}^{s_0} \frac{ds}{s_0} \omega(s) \text{Im} \Pi_{V/A}(s) = \frac{i}{2} \oint_{|s|=s_0} \frac{ds}{s_0} \omega(s) \Pi_{V/A}(s)$$



Hadronic τ Spectral Function Moments

Theory: Operator product expansion

Adler function: $\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + D(s)\right) \equiv -s \frac{d\Pi(s)}{ds}$

Braaten, Narison, Pich, Le Diberder, ... 90's

$$A_{W_i}(s_0) = \frac{N_c}{2} |V_{ud}|^2 \left[\delta_{W_i}^{\text{tree}} + \delta_{W_i}^{(0)}(s_0) + \sum_{d \geq 2} \delta_{W_i}^{(d)}(s_0) + \delta_{W_i}^{\text{DV}}(s_0) \right]$$

$$W_i(x) = \sum_{n=0}^m a_n x^n$$

↑
↑
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pQCD
OPE
Duality violation

$$\hat{D}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-s)}{\pi} \right)^n \leftarrow \text{Perturbative}$$

Shifman, Vainshtein, Sacharow 1978

$$\hat{D}^{\text{OPE}}(s) = \frac{C(\alpha_s(-s))}{(-s)^2} \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle + \sum_{p=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(-s)^p} \left[C_0(\alpha_s(-s)) \langle \mathcal{O}_{2p, \gamma_1} \rangle + C_1(\alpha_s(-s)) \langle \mathcal{O}_{2p, \gamma_2} \rangle + \dots \right]$$

OPE non-pert. corrections

$$\delta_{W_i}^{(0)}(s_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|s|=s_0} \frac{ds}{s} W_i\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right) \hat{D}(s)$$

$$\delta_{W_i}^{(d)}(s_0) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|s|=s_0} \frac{ds}{s} W_i\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right) \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^d}{s^{d/2}}$$

FOPT-CIPT Discrepancy Problem

$$\hat{D}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-s)}{\pi}\right)^n,$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} \ln^{k-1}\left(\frac{-s}{s_0}\right)$$



Change of renormalization scale

$$c_{0,1} = c_{1,1} = 1, \quad c_{2,1} = 1.640$$

$$c_{3,1} = 6.371$$

4-loop: Gorishni et al., Surguladze et al. 1991

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6-loop estimate Beneke, Boito, Jamin; Caprini

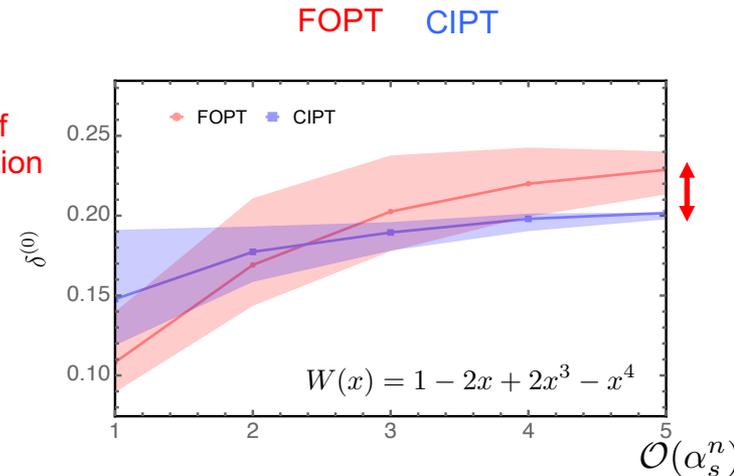
Contour-improved perturbation theory (CIPT):

$$\delta_{W_i}^{(0),\text{CIPT}}(s_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-x s_0)}{\pi}\right)^n$$

Fixed-order perturbation theory (FOPT):

$$x = \frac{s}{s_0}$$

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- CIPT resums powers of π with respect to FOPT
- CIPT leads in general to smaller moments than FOPT
- OPE and DV corrections assumed to be universal
- Strong coupling from CIPT larger than from FOPT
- CIPT disfavored from plausibility studies of Borel models for the Adler function

Beneke, Boito, Jamin 2008, 2012

- **Situation inconclusive until 2020**

FOPT-CIPT Discrepancy

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_{ij} - m \delta_{ij}) \psi_j - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}(s) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-s)}{\pi}\right)^n, \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} \ln^{k-1}\left(\frac{-s}{s_0}\right) \end{aligned}$$



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$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu^a - \partial_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu^a + gf^{abc} \mathcal{A}_\mu^b \mathcal{A}_\nu^c$$

$$(D_\mu)_{ij} = \partial_\mu \delta_{ij} - ig(T_a)_{ij} \mathcal{A}_\mu^a$$

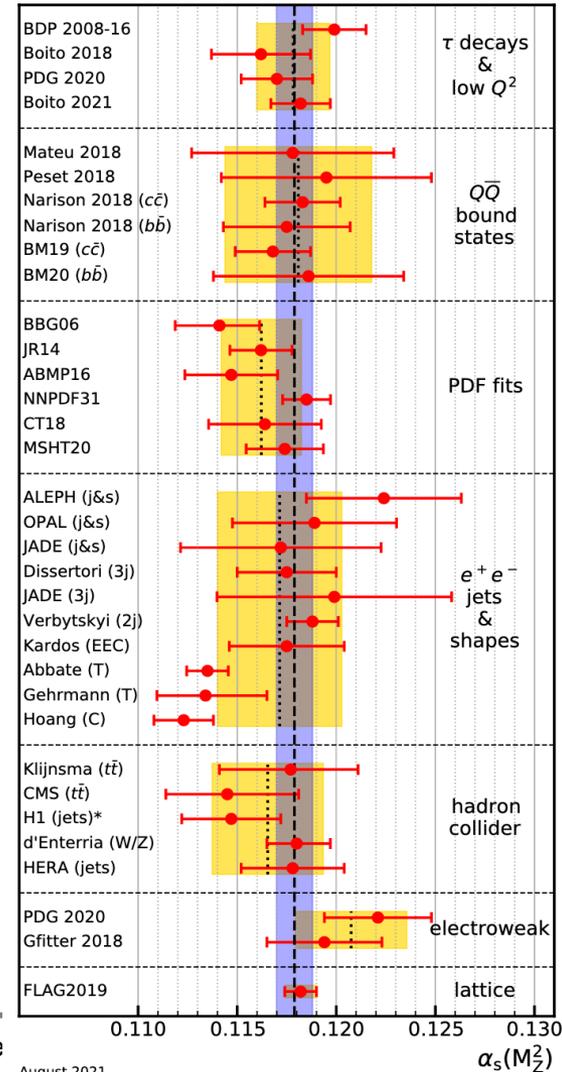
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Outline

- Introduction
- **Renormalon view:**
Asymptotic Separation Δ
 - **FOPT and CIPT expansions describe different quantities**
 - **CIPT inconsistent with the operator product expansion**
- **Mathematical view:**
 - **CIPT is a non-uniform asymptotic expansion**
- **Reconciling CIPT and FOPT:**
renormalon-free gluon condensate scheme
- Impact on determinations of $\alpha_s(m_\tau^2)$

Interesting Observations: Total Decay Rate

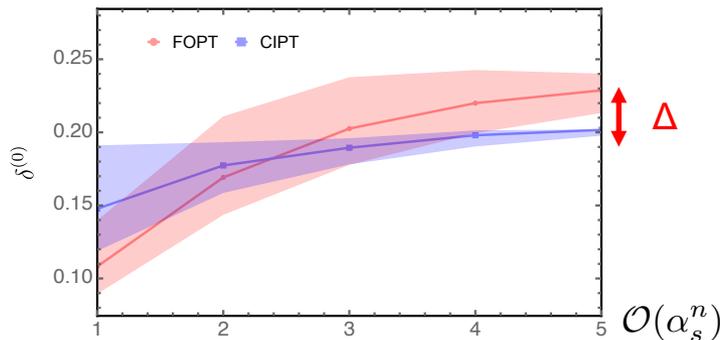
$$W_\tau(x) = 1 - 2x + 2x^3 - x^4$$

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→ Sensitivity to leading $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4)$ gluon condensate strongly suppressed

Δ

Moment's perturbation series:



- Discrepancy between CIPT and FOPT

scales as $\sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{s_0^2}$

- Accidental or indication of a quartic IR sensitivity?
- Contradiction to standard OPE
- How can there be $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4)$ sensitivity left ?

- CIPT is not an expansion in powers of α_s at a definite renormalization scale. It is impossible to switch between the CIPT and FOPT moment series terms through a change of scheme of the strong coupling and a reexpansion of the series due to the **contour integration !!**

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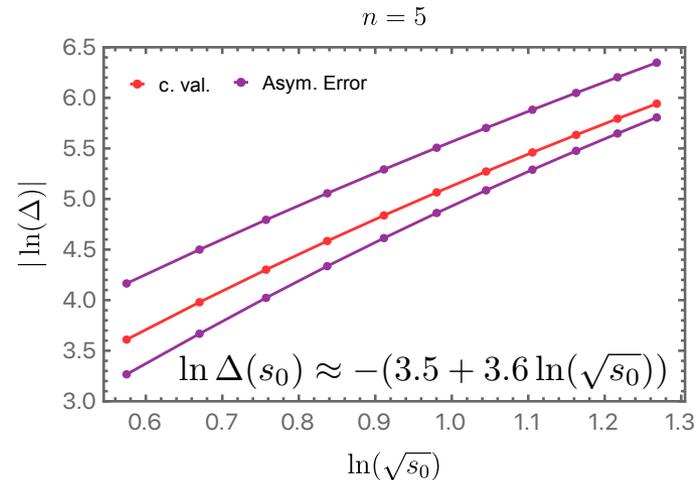
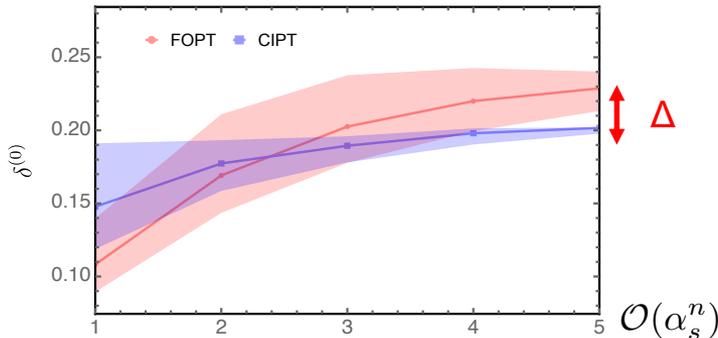
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Renormalon Calculus: Euclidean Adler Function

Perturbative series in QCD are not convergent, but asymptotic in expansion variable $\alpha_s(s_0)$.

$$\rightarrow \hat{D}(-s_0) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi} \right)^n$$

Borel calculus:

't Hooft; David; Müller; ... Beneke; ...

$$\hat{D}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi} \right)^n \implies B[\hat{D}](u) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_{n,1}}{\Gamma(n)} u^{n-1}$$

Borel sum:
$$\hat{D}_{\text{Borel}}(-s_0) = \text{PV} \int_0^{\infty} du B[\hat{D}](u) e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(s_0)}}$$

Association: IR renormalon poles/cuts \Leftrightarrow (standard) OPE Corrections

$$\hat{D}^{\text{OPE}}(s) = \frac{C(\alpha_s(-s))}{(-s)^2} \langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle + \sum_{p=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(-s)^p} \left[C_0(\alpha_s(-s)) \langle \mathcal{O}_{2p, \gamma_1} \rangle + C_1(\alpha_s(-s)) \langle \mathcal{O}_{2p, \gamma_2} \rangle + \dots \right]$$

Leading Gluon Condensate:

$$B(u) \sim \frac{1}{(2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}} + \dots \iff \frac{\langle \bar{G}^2 \rangle}{s^2}$$

FOPT vs. CIPT Borel Representation (large- β_0)

FOPT expansion: \rightarrow Expansion parameter: $\alpha_s(s_0)$

$$\hat{D}(s) = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi}\right)^n}_{\text{expansion variable}} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n k c_{n,k} \ln^{k-1}(-x)}_{\text{coefficient}}$$

Borel sum: $\text{PV} \int_0^{\infty} du \left[B[\hat{D}](u) e^{-u \ln(-x)} \right] e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(s_0)}}$

$$e^{-u \ln(-x)} e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(s_0)}} = e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(-s)}}$$

\rightarrow FOPT Borel representation = “true” Borel representation

$$\delta_{W_i, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0) = \text{PV} \int_0^{\infty} du \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) B[\hat{D}](u) e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(-x s_0)}}$$

FOPT vs. CIPT Borel Representation

CIPT expansion: → No obvious expansion parameter !

$$\delta_{W_i}^{(0),\text{CIPT}}(s_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-xs_0)}{\pi} \right)^n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\alpha_s(s_0)}{\pi} \right)^n}_{\text{expansion variable}} c_{n,1} \underbrace{\oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-xs_0)}{\alpha_s(s_0)} \right)^n}_{\text{coefficient}},$$

→ CIPT Borel representation: NEW !

Regner, Hoang arXiv:2008.00578

$$\delta_{W_i, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) = \int_0^\infty d\bar{u} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_x} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-xs_0)}{\alpha_s(s_0)} \right) B[\hat{D}] \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-xs_0)}{\alpha_s(s_0)} \bar{u} \right) e^{-\frac{4\pi\bar{u}}{\beta_0\alpha_s(s_0)}}$$

Contour needs to be deformed from $|x|=1$
due to the cut in $\alpha_s(-x s_0)$

„Asymptotic Separation“

$$\Delta_W(s_0) \equiv \delta_{W, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) - \delta_{W, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0)$$

$$\Delta_W(s_0) \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^d}{s_0^{d/2}} \quad \text{for } \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^d) \text{ IR renormalon contained in } \hat{D}$$

Character of the Asymptotic Separation

FOPT Borel representation

$$\delta_{W_i, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0) = \text{PV} \int_0^\infty du \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) B[\hat{D}](u) e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(-xs_0)}}$$

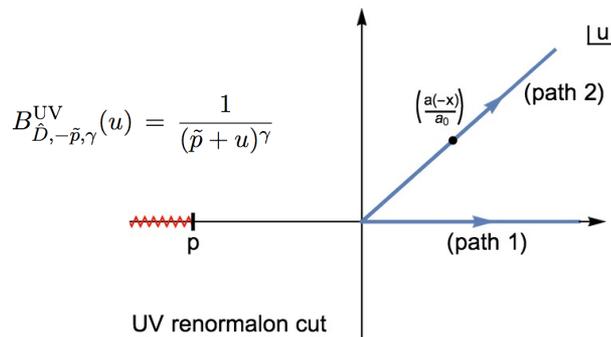
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- Related through complex-valued change of variables

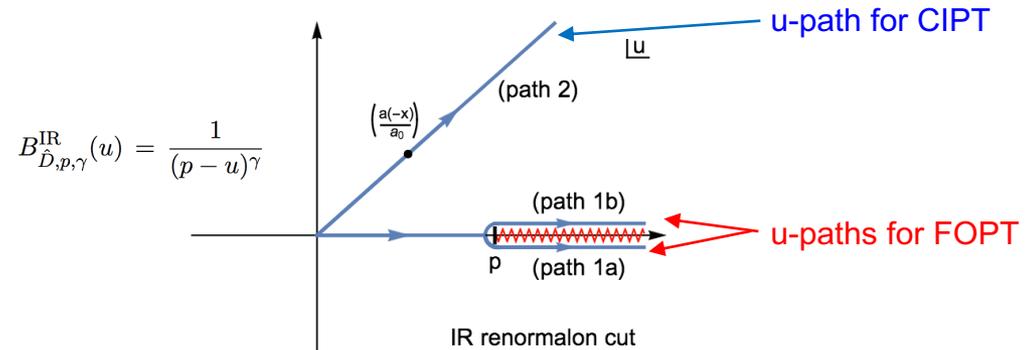
$$u = \frac{\alpha_s(-xs_0)}{\alpha_s(s_0)} \bar{u}$$

- Equivalent in perturbation theory (u-Taylor series)
- Agree at Euclidean point $x = -1$
- Difference in presence of IR renormalon cuts



UV renormalons:

FOPT and CIPT Borel representations equivalent because closing up paths 1 and 2 does not contain cuts



IR renormalons: finite difference !

FOPT and CIPT Borel representations inequivalent

- FOPT: PV prescription needs to be imposed
- CIPT: automatically well-defined by complex-valued α_s
- Difference because closing paths 1a/1b and 2 always contains cuts

CIPT Borel Sum Contour Integration

The contour integration for the CIPT Borel representation must be deformed away from $|x| = 1$.

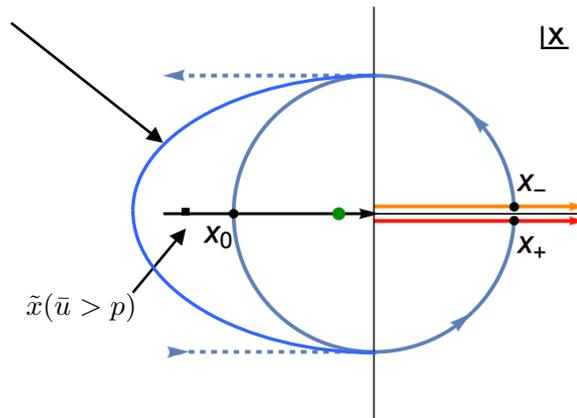
(Leaves FOPT Borel sum unchanged!)

Do the contour-integral first:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\{(-x)^m, p, \gamma\}, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) &= \int_0^\infty d\bar{u} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_x} \frac{dx}{x} (-x)^m \left(\frac{a(-x)}{a_0}\right) \frac{e^{-\frac{\bar{u}}{a_0}}}{\left(p - \frac{a(-x)}{a_0} \bar{u}\right)^\gamma} \\ &= \int_0^\infty d\bar{u} e^{-\frac{\bar{u}}{a_0}} \tilde{C}(p, \gamma, m, s_0; \bar{u}). \end{aligned}$$

pole in x-plane at
(large- β_0)

Contour must always cross real axis for $x < \tilde{x}(\bar{u})$



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}(\bar{u}) &= -e^{(\bar{u}-p)/pa_0} = -\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{s_0}\right)^{\frac{p-\bar{u}}{p}} \\ &< -1 \quad \text{for } \bar{u} > p \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{x}(0) = -\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{s_0}\right) \quad (\text{Landau pole})$$

$$\tilde{x}(\bar{u} \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow -\infty$$

Character of the Asymptotic Separation

Alternative view [for the large- β_0 approximation]

Golterman, Maltman, Peris arXiv:2305.10386

FOPT Borel representation

$$\delta_{(-x)^\ell, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0) = \text{PV} \int_0^\infty du \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} (-x)^\ell \frac{1}{(p-u)^\gamma} e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(-xs_0)}}$$

- α_s -dependent change of variables and contour deformation can be avoided due to the identities

$$e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(-xs_0)}} = (-x)^{-u} e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(s_0)}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} x^\ell (-x)^u = \frac{\sin(\pi u)}{u - \ell} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{i\pi u} - e^{-i\pi u}}{u - \ell}$$

valid in the large- β_0 approximation

CIPT Borel representation

$$\delta_{(-x)^\ell, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\int_0^{(1+i)\infty} du e^{i\pi u} - \int_0^{(1-i)\infty} du e^{-i\pi u} \right] e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(s_0)}}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(\ell + i\epsilon - u)(p + i\epsilon - u)^\gamma} + \frac{1}{(\ell - i\epsilon - u)(p - i\epsilon - u)^\gamma} \right]$$

– [residues at $u = \ell \pm i\epsilon$]

- Leads to the same result.

Brief Numerical Analysis

Single renormalon model:

$$B(u) \sim \frac{1}{(2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}} + \dots \iff \frac{\langle \bar{G}^2 \rangle}{s^2}$$

$$W(x) = 1$$

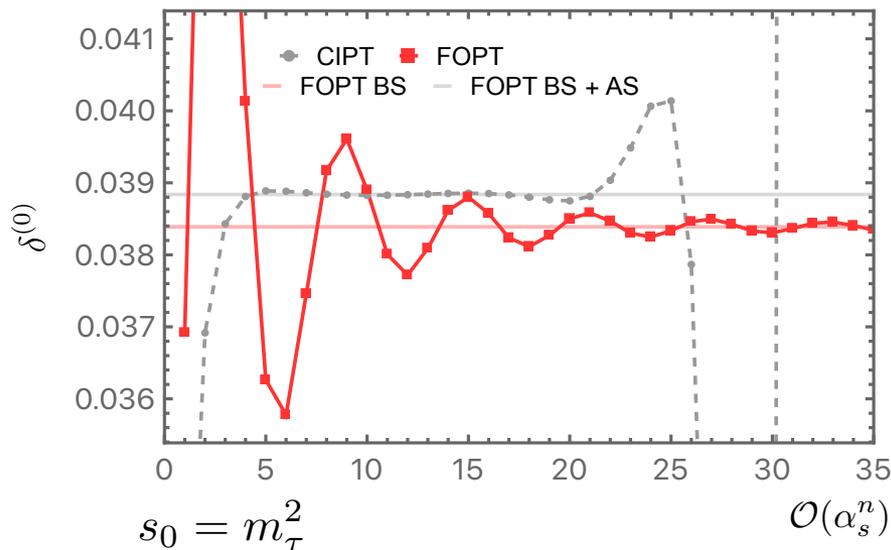
Pure $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4)$ renormalon in Adler function

→ Gluon condensate corrections vanishes

→ Per. series should be convergent

$$\delta_{W_i}^{(d)}(s_0) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|s|=s_0} \frac{ds}{s} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^m \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{s^2} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{s_0^2} \delta_{m2}$$

$$\bar{c}_{4,0}^{(1)} = 0, R = 0.8m_\tau, W(x) = 1$$



- CIPT series is **divergent** !
FOPT series convergent. } This fact was overlooked in the past
- CIPT not compatible with standard OPE !
CIPT Borel representation should not be considered as "true", but it correctly characterizes the CIPT expansion
- Excellent description of CIPT-FOPT discrepancy by asymptotic separation $\Delta_W(s_0)$
- Moments with small asymptotic separation can be identified.

Mathematical Perspective

Gracia, AHH, Mateu, arXiv:2305.10288

Can we identify the mathematical reason, why CIPT is inconsistent with the OPE?

→ Inconsistency means: CIPT series is divergent for cases where OPE demands convergence

CIPT:
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n H_{n,\ell}(a)$$

$$H_{n,\ell}(a) \equiv \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} (-x)^\ell a^n (-x s_0)$$

Series in non-trivial functions of a

FOPT:
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n a^n$$

$$a \equiv \frac{\beta_0 \alpha(s_0)}{4\pi}$$

Power series in a

Is CIPT a consistent asymptotic expansion?

→ Yes because the following relation holds:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{|H_{n+1,\ell}(a)|}{|H_{n,\ell}(a)|} = 0 \quad \text{for all } n$$

„The $\{ H_{n,\ell}(a) \}$ form an asymptotic sequence“

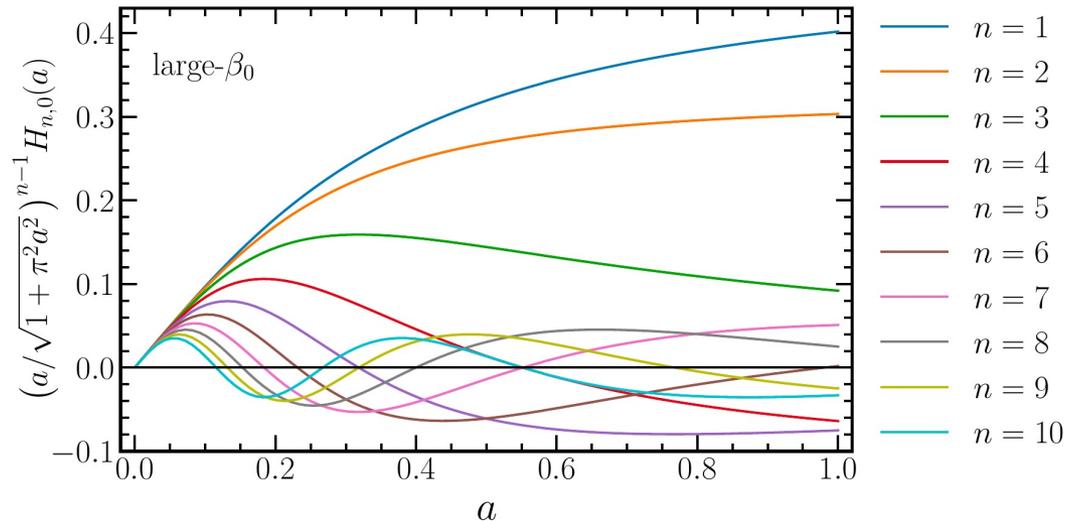
Ensures that coefficients c_n can be determined unambiguously.

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But the asymptotic sequence $\{ H_{n,l}(a) \}$ is non-uniform because the $H_{n,l}(a)$ has zeroes for real a

$$\frac{H_{n,0}(a)}{(a/\sqrt{1+a^2\pi^2})^{n-1}}$$

→ Zeros approach zero for large n



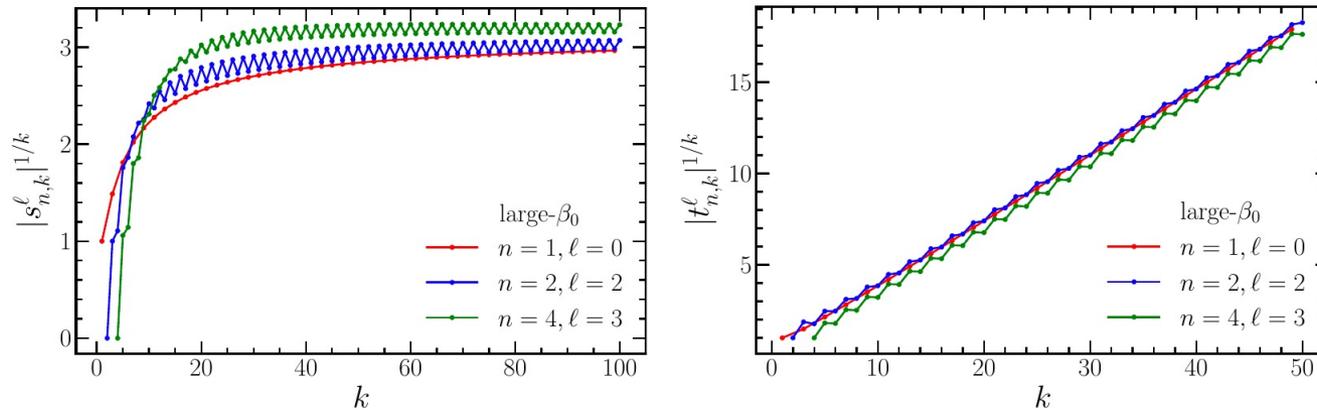
$$H_{n,\ell}(a) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{\ell} a^k$$

← Has finite radius of convergence

$$a^n = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} t_{n,k}^{\ell} H_{k,\ell}(a)$$

← Divergent for any a !

Mathematical Perspective



Theorem A.6 (Weierstrass' Double Series Theorem). *Consider an infinite set of functions $f_i(x)$ that are analytic for $|x| < r$, so that the power expansions $f_i(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k^{(i)} x^k$ exist and converge at least for $|x| < r$ for all i . Furthermore, consider a convergent series of these functions $F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$ that is uniformly convergent for $|x| \leq \rho$ for every $\rho < r$, so that the series converges in particular everywhere within the interval $|x| < r$ and defines the function $F(x)$ there. Then, the infinite sums $A_k = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_k^{(i)}$ are convergent and the infinite sum $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k x^k$ converges to $F(x)$ for $|x| < r$, so that $F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k^{(i)} x^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_k^{(i)}) x^k$ and is analytic for $|x| < r$.*

⇒ Any convergent CIPT series will be convergent in FOPT and sums to the same value

⇒ Any convergent FOPT series will be in general divergent in CIPT !

Mathematical Perspective

Models for expansion function

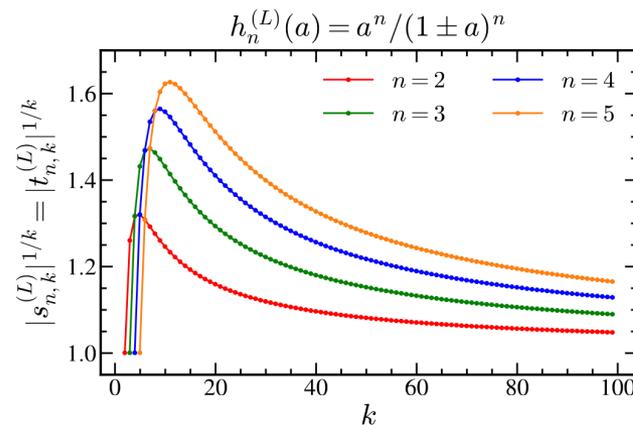
Change of renormalization scale:

$$h_n^{(L)}(a) = [a(\mu^2)]^n = \frac{a^n}{(1 + aL)^n} \quad L = \log(\mu^2/s_0)$$

zeros at $a = -1/L$

Expansion of a^n in terms of $h_n^{(L)}(a)$ has same convergence radius as expansion of $h_n^{(L)}(a)$ in powers of n .

Change of renormalization scale does not change the radius of convergence.



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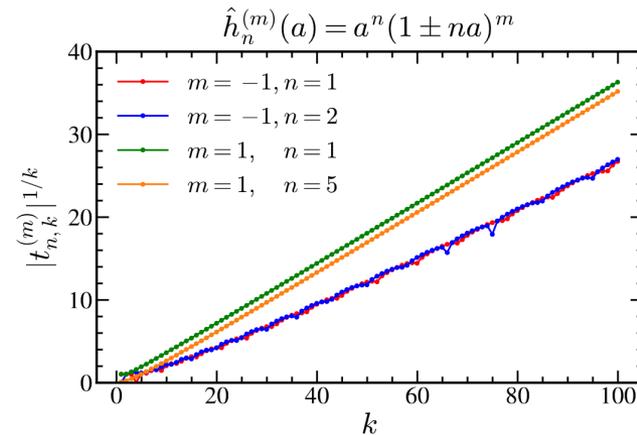
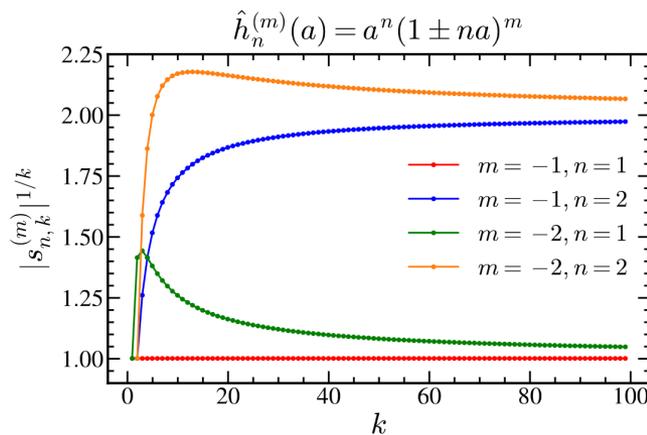
Models for expansion function

Model with decreasing zeros/singularity points:

$$\hat{h}_n^{(m)}(a) = a^n (1 - \xi n a)^m$$

$m=-1$: singularities at $a=1/\xi n$

$m=1$: zeros at $a=1/\xi n$



Expansion of a^n in terms of $h_n^{(m)}(a)$ is divergent for any a !

The zeros are one reason why CIPT has good apparent convergence at low orders, but they are likely also the reason why CIPT has the bad divergence property.

The fact that the Adler function contains IR renormalons ensures that the inconsistency of CIPT is unavoidable.

Renormalon-Free GC Scheme

Conclusion from the asymptotic separation:

AHH, Regner 2008.00578

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- CIPT and FOPT should become consistent for IR-subtracted perturbation theory
- Gluon condensate renormalon is mostly responsible for the asymptotic separation

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Idea: “short-distance” scheme for the gluon condensate

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Original $\overline{\text{MS}}$ GC contains pure $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4)$ renormalon (scale invariant)

$$\langle \bar{G}^2 \rangle^{\overline{\text{MS}},(n)} \equiv \underbrace{\langle G^2 \rangle(R^2)}_{\substack{\text{renormalon-free} \\ \text{R-dependent}}} - R^4 \sum_{\ell=1}^n \underbrace{N_g r_\ell^{(4,0)}}_{\substack{\text{renormalon norm} \\ \text{(approximately known)}}} \bar{a}^\ell(R^2),$$

Expand perturbatively with Adler function

IR factorization scale R

$$r_\ell^{(4,0)} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\ell+4\hat{b}_1} \frac{\Gamma(\ell+4\hat{b}_1)}{\Gamma(1+4\hat{b}_1)} \quad \bar{a}(R^2) = \frac{\beta_0 \bar{\alpha}_s(R^2)}{4\pi}$$

C-scheme (C=0)

Boito, Jamin, Miravittlas 2016

Renormalon-Free GC Scheme

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$$\langle G^2 \rangle(R^2) - \langle G^2 \rangle(R'^2) \quad \text{Renormalon-free (convergent series)}$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln R^2} \langle G^2 \rangle(R^2) = \frac{N_g}{2^{4\hat{b}_1}} \frac{R^4 \bar{a}(R^2)}{1 - 2\hat{b}_1 \bar{a}(R^2)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(R-evolution equation)} \\ \text{Convergent series!} \end{array}$$

We can define an R-independent „short-distance“ GC:

treated like a tree-level term
(Do not expand !)

$$\langle G^2 \rangle(R^2) \equiv \langle G^2 \rangle^{\text{RF}} + N_g \bar{c}_0(R^2).$$

→ R-invariance of scheme at infinite truncation order

$$\bar{c}_0(R^2) \equiv R^4 \text{PV} \int_0^\infty \frac{du e^{-\frac{u}{\bar{a}R}}}{(2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}} = -\frac{R^4 e^{-\frac{2}{\bar{a}(R^2)}}}{(\bar{a}(R^2))^{4\hat{b}_1}} \text{Re} \left[e^{4\pi\hat{b}_1 i} \Gamma\left(-4\hat{b}_1, -\frac{2}{\bar{a}(R^2)}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln R^2} \langle G^2 \rangle^{\text{RF}} = 0 \quad \text{Scale-invariant “short-distance“ scheme for the gluon condensate}$$

→ „true“ Borel sum value unchanged (i.e. N_g -independent) ! („minimal scheme“)

CIPT and FOPT: RF GC Scheme

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Single renormalon model:

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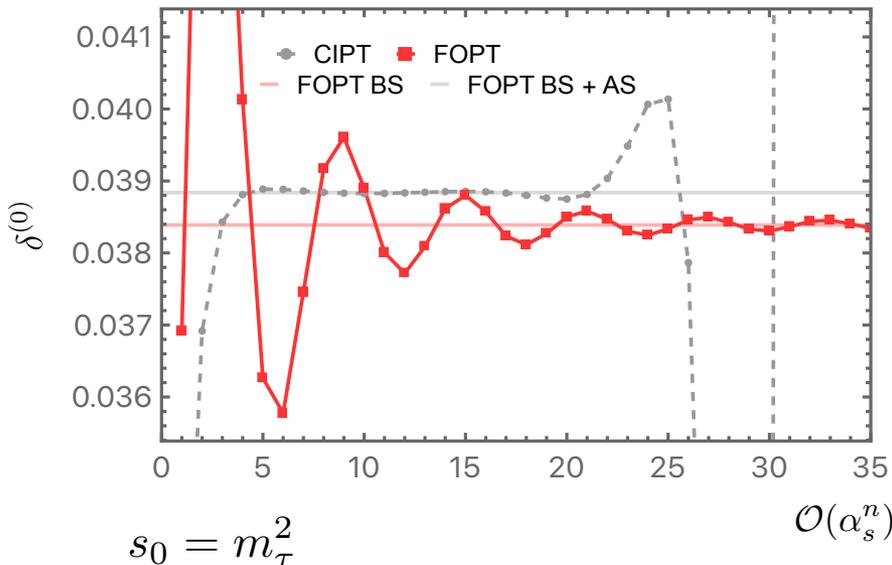
$$W(x) = 1 \quad N_g = \frac{3}{2\pi^2}$$

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→ Gluon condensate corrections vanishes !

→ Nevertheless dramatic impact of changing to the RF GC scheme

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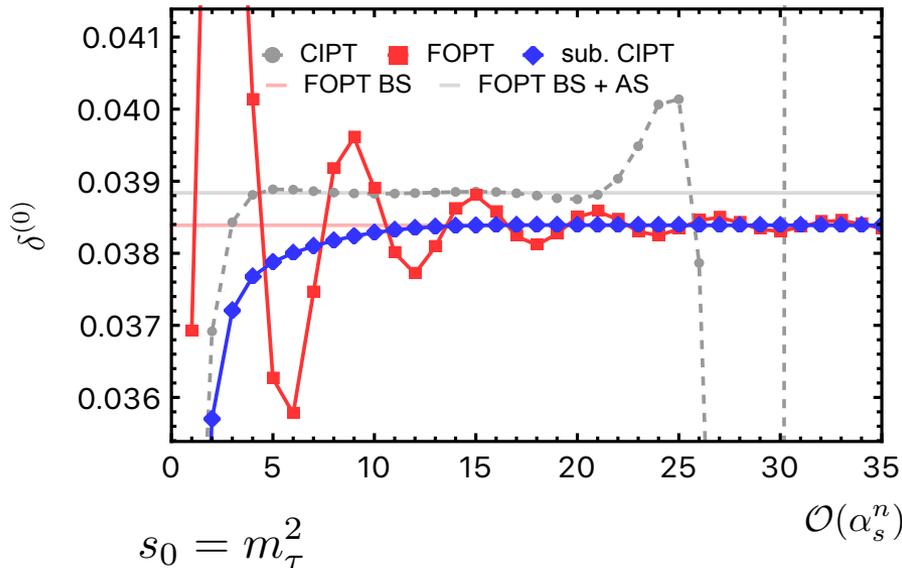
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Realistic Multi renormalon model:

GC, $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^6) + \text{UV renormalons}$ in Adler function

Beneke, Jamin 2008

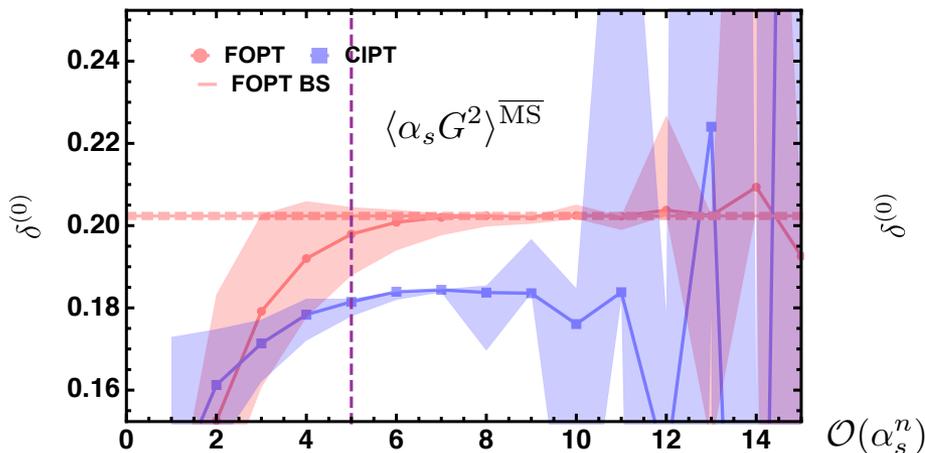
$$W(x) = 1 - 2x + 2x^3 - x^4$$

→ GC suppressed

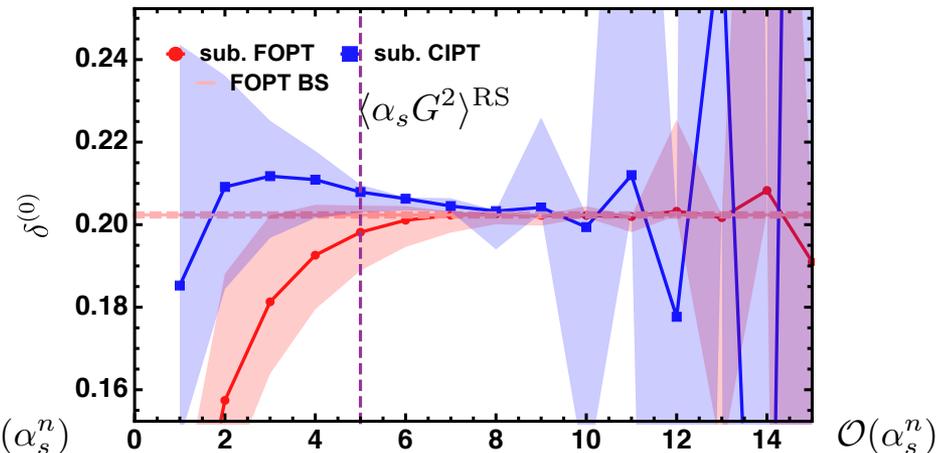
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New RF GC Scheme !

- Discrepancy between CIPT and FOPT removed
- CIPT becomes consistent with FOPT (which is only slightly modified)
- Higher precision for α_s determinations from hadronic tau decays achievable
- Additional uncertainty from uncertainties in N_g

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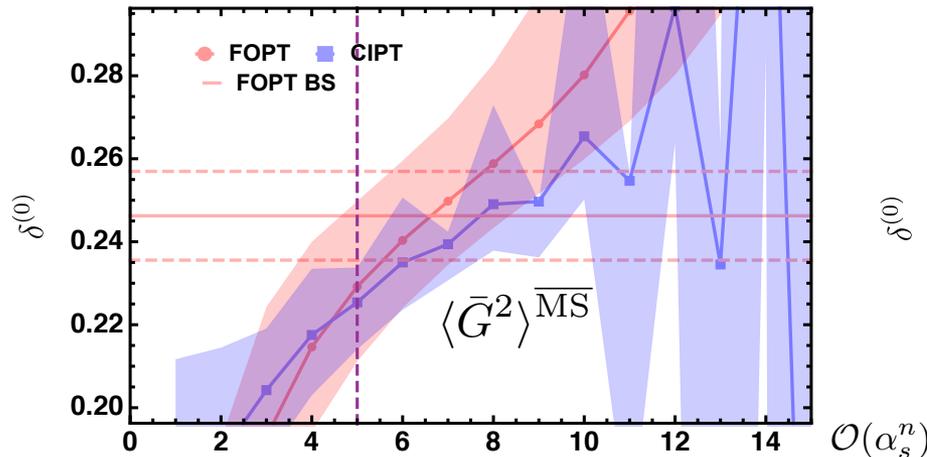
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$$W(x) = (1 - x)^3$$

→ GC enhanced

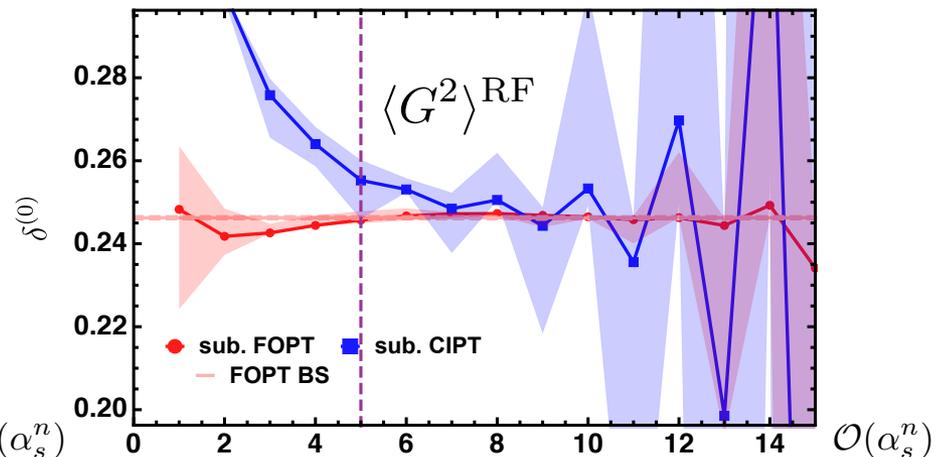
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New RF GC Scheme !

- FOPT and CIPT expansions both get improved substantially
- Spectral function moments with high sensitivity to the GC can now be used for high-precision determinations of the strong coupling and the GC

GC Renormalon Normalization

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GC Norm in the Adler function's Borel function:

$$B[\hat{D}(s)]_{GC}(u) = \frac{2\pi^2 N_g [1 - \frac{22}{81}\bar{a}(-s)]}{3 (2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}} \quad \bar{a}(\mu^2) \equiv \frac{\beta_0 \bar{\alpha}_s(\mu^2)}{4\pi} \quad \hat{b}_1 \equiv \frac{\beta_1}{2\beta_0^2}$$

Multi-renormalon model approach

Beneke, Jamin 2008

$$B[\hat{D}(s)]_{mr}(u) = b^{(0)} + b^{(1)}u + \frac{2\pi^2 N_g [1 - \frac{22}{81}\bar{a}(-s)]}{3 (2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}} + \frac{N_6}{(3-u)^{1+6\hat{b}_1}} + \frac{N_{-2}}{(1+u)^{2-2\hat{b}_1}}$$

$$c_{0,1} = c_{1,1} = 1, \quad c_{2,1} = 1.640$$

$$c_{3,1} = 6.371$$

$$c_{4,1} = 49.076$$

$$c_{5,1} = 280 \pm 140$$



$$N_g = 0.64 \pm 0.27$$

Conformal mapping approach

Lee 2012

$$w(u, p) = \frac{\sqrt{1+u} - \sqrt{1-\frac{u}{p}}}{\sqrt{1+u} + \sqrt{1-\frac{u}{p}}}$$

$$\tilde{B}(u) \equiv \frac{3(2-u)^{1+4\hat{b}_1}}{2\pi^2} B[\hat{D}(s)](u)$$

GC renormalon-free

$$u=2 \text{ closest to the origin in the } w \text{ plane} \quad N_g = \tilde{B}(w(2, p))$$

Use $c_{1,1}$ to $c_{5,1}$ and w -expansion



$$N_g = 0.71 \pm 0.26$$

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Optimal subtraction approach

New !

Use quantitative measure for improvements for GC suppressed and GC enhanced moments in the RF GC scheme

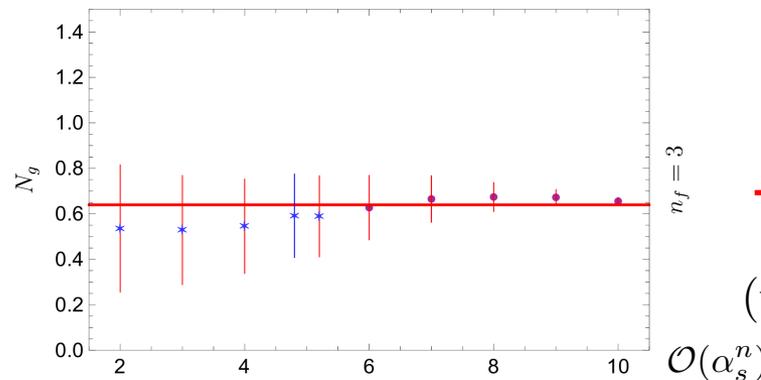
$$\chi_m^2(N_g) = \chi_{m,GCS}^2(N_g) + \chi_{m,GCE}^2(N_g)$$

Good convergence of 5 GC enhanced moments

Small discrepancy for 5 GC suppressed moments

QCD, $\xi = 2$, $\sqrt{s_0} = m_\tau$, $R^2 = \eta^2 s_0$

Can precisely determine N_g for the Beneke-Jamin model



$$\rightarrow N_g = 0.57 \pm 0.23$$

(take $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ result)

Strong Coupling Determinations

We repeat (in detail!) two state-of-the-art determination methods in the RF GC scheme:

Truncated OPE approach:

Pich, Rodriguez-Sanchez 2016

Duality Violation model approach:

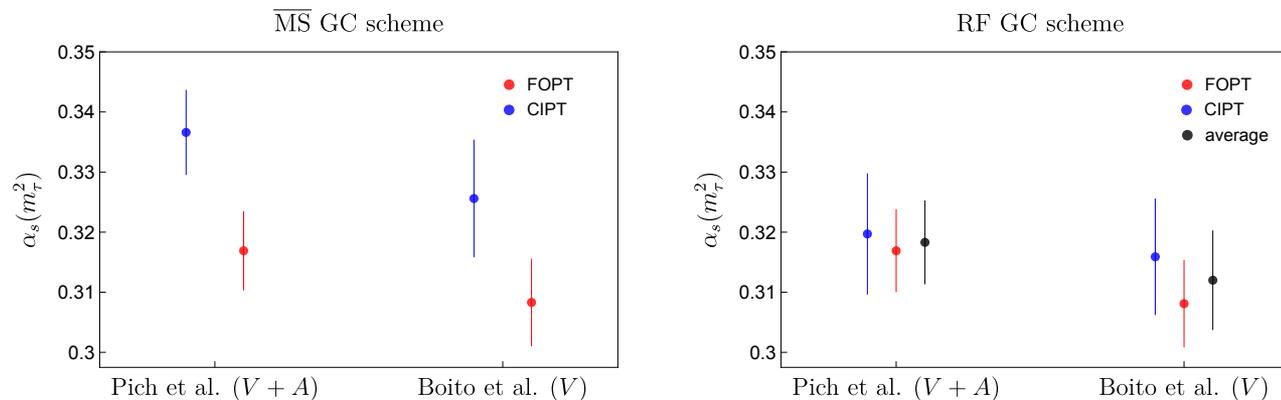
Boito, Golterman, Maltman, Peris, Rodriguez, Scharf 2021



Include uncertainties:

$$N_g = 0.57 \pm 0.23$$

$$0.7m_\tau \leq R \leq m_\tau$$



- FOPT-CIPT for GC suppressed moments remedied
- Taking average of FOPT and CIPT results now meaningful
- Spectral function moments with high sensitivity to the GC can now be used for high-precision determinations of the strong coupling and the GC
- Uncertainties due GC renormalon norm N_g and R variations very small !

Summary and Conclusions

- CIPT Borel representation different from FOPT Borel representation in the presence of IR renormalons. → **Asymptotic Separation**
 - **CIPT expansion NOT consistent with standard OPE approach**
- **Mathematica reason for CIPT inconsistency identified**
 - General mathematical criterion applicable for other non-standard expansions
 - Zeros in CIPT functions: reason for apparent good behavior AND OPE inconsistency
- Problems of CIPT resolved largely in renormalon-free RF gluon condensate (GC) scheme.
 - CIPT^{RF} “cured” and still useful
- We have devised such a GC scheme in the most minimalistic and transparent way. (Additional uncertainty from N_g (GC renormalon norm), and factorization scale R .)
- RF GC scheme: Disparity between CIPT and FOPT strongly suppressed
- RF GC scheme: Moments with high sensitivity to the GC can be used for high precision analyses
- Excellent prospects for new high-precision determinations of the strong coupling

CIPT Borel Sum Contour Integration

The contour integration for the CIPT Borel representation must be deformed away from $|x| = 1$.
(Leaves FOPT Borel sum unchanged!)

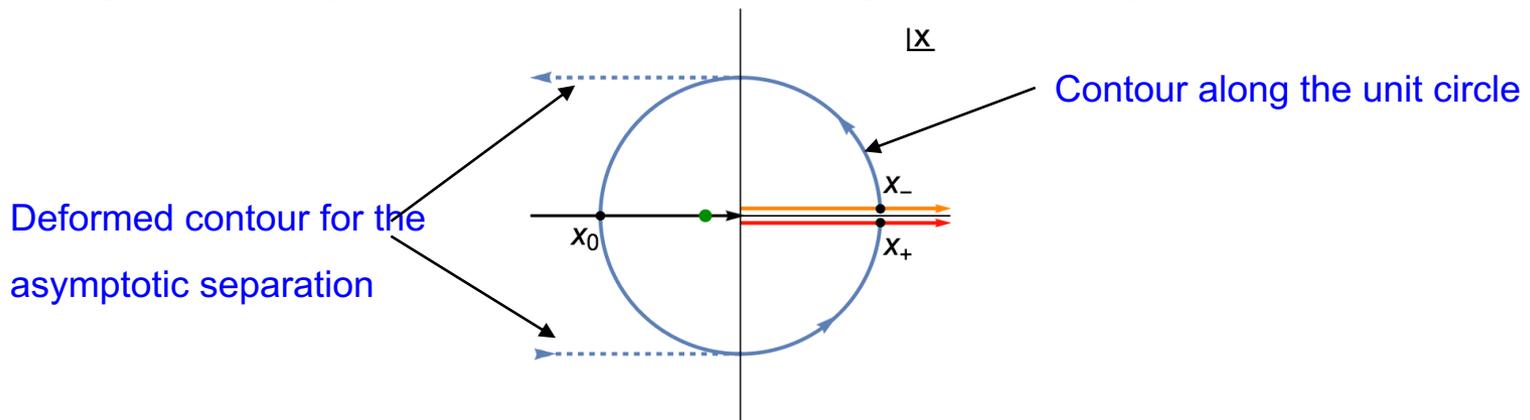
Do the Borel-u-integral first:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(m, p, \gamma, s_0) &\equiv \delta_{\{(-x)^m, p, \gamma\}, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) - \delta_{\{(-x)^m, p, \gamma\}, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\gamma)} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_x} \frac{dx}{x} (-x)^m \text{sig}[\text{Im}[a(-x)]] (a(-x))^{1-\gamma} e^{-\frac{p}{a(-x)}}. \end{aligned}$$

„Asymptotic Separation“

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 Cut along the negative real s-axis! Power-suppressed $\sim \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{s}\right)^p$

Remaining contour integration must be deformed (to negative real infinity in the x-plane)



Computation of the CIPT Borel Sum

An analytic continuation is mandatory to compute the CIPT Borel sum for $m > p$

$$W(x) \sim x^m$$

$$B(u) \sim \frac{1}{(p-u)^\gamma}$$

$$\Delta(m, p, \gamma, s_0) \equiv \delta_{\{(-x)^m, p, \gamma\}, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{CIPT}}(s_0) - \delta_{\{(-x)^m, p, \gamma\}, \text{Borel}}^{(0), \text{FOPT}}(s_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\gamma)} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_x} \frac{dx}{x} (-x)^m \text{sig}[\text{Im}[a(-x)]] (a(-x))^{1-\gamma} e^{-\frac{p}{a(-x)}}.$$

$$\sim x^{-p}$$

Properties of the asymptotic separation:

- Renormalization scheme invariant
- **Much larger than canonical FOPT Borel sum ambiguity estimate if the Borel function has a sizeable gluon condensate cut**
- Fully analytic results
- **Properties of CIPT Borel representation imply that OPE corrections for CIPT do not have the common standard form $C x \langle \text{condensate} \rangle / s^p$**