# Joint resummation for pion wave function and pion transition form factor

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#### What is pion wave function?

• TMD wave function in  $k_T$  factorization (Collins, 2003):

$$\Phi(x, k_T, \zeta^2, \mu_f) = \int \frac{dy^+}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 y_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-ixP^- y^+ + i\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{y}_T} \\ \times \langle 0 | \bar{q}(y) W_y(u)^\dagger I_{u;y,0} W_0(u) \psi_+ \gamma_5 q(0) | \pi(P) \rangle$$

- Light-cone divergence regularized by the rapidity parameter  $\zeta^2 = 4(n_- \cdot u)^2/u^2$ .
- ▶ Transverse gauge link  $I_{u;y,0}$  to ensure a strict gauge invariance. Does not contribute in covariant gauge, but contributes in light-cone gauge (Belitsky, Ji and Yuan, 2003).
- Light-cone distribution amplitude in collinear factorization:

$$\langle 0|\bar{q}(0)|0,y]\not \neq q(y)|\pi^+(p)\rangle \stackrel{y^2=0}{=} if_{\pi}p \cdot y \int_0^1 dx e^{-ixp \cdot y} \phi_{\pi}(x,\mu) \cdot y \int_0^1 dx e^{-ixp \cdot y} \phi_{\pi$$

• ER-BL evolution implies expansion in Gegenbauer-polynomials:

$$\phi_{\pi}(x,\mu) = 6x(1-x)\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}\right]^{\gamma_n^{(0)}/2\beta_0} a_n(\mu_0) C_n^{3/2}(2x-1).$$

## Why pion wave function?

- Key nonperturbative quantity in  $k_T$  factorization for many exclusive processes.
- NLO  $k_T$  factorization for the  $\gamma^* \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma$  form factor (Nandi and Li, 2007): [For a different scheme, see Brodsky and Lepage (1981), and Musatov and Radyushkin (1997)]

$$F(Q^2) = \Phi \otimes H \otimes S \otimes J$$

- Soft contribution suppressed by the Sudakov mechanism (Botts and Sterman, 1989; Li and Sterman, 1992).
- Transverse momentum dependence becomes important at the end-points.
- Threshold resummation can suppress the end-point contribution further.



• NLO  $k_T$  factorization for the pion e.m. form factor (Li, Shen, YMW and Zou, 2011) and the  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$  form factors (Li, Shen and YMW 2012).

#### Structure of Pion wavefunction at NLO

• Quark-Wilson-line vertex diagrams (Nandi and Li, 2007):



$$\begin{split} \Phi^{(1)}_{d} \otimes H^{(0)} &= \quad \frac{\alpha_{\rm s} C_F}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \ln \frac{4\pi \mu_{\rm f}^2}{k_T^2 e^{\gamma_E}} - \ln^2 \frac{\zeta^2}{k_T^2} + \ln \frac{\zeta^2}{k_T^2} + \ldots \right] H^{(0)}, \\ \Phi^{(1)}_{e} \otimes H^{(0)} &= \quad \frac{\alpha_{\rm s} C_F}{4\pi} \left[ \ln^2 \frac{x \zeta^2}{k_T^2} + \ldots \right] H^{(0)}. \end{split}$$

- The double rapidity logarithm  $\ln^2 \zeta^2$  in the *B* meson case is absent here.
- Mixed logarithm  $\ln x \ln(\zeta^2/k_T^2)$  in the sum  $(\Phi_d^{(1)} + \Phi_e^{(1)}) \otimes H^{(0)}$ .
- Unification of rapidity,  $k_T$  and threshold resummation: joint resummation (Li, 1998; Laenen, Sterman, Vogelsang, 2000, 2001).

#### Construction of evolution equation

• Rapidity derivative (Collins, Soper, 1981; Li, 1998):

$$\zeta^2 \frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \Phi = -\frac{u^2}{n_- \cdot u} \frac{n_-^{\alpha}}{2} \frac{d}{du^{\alpha}} \Phi.$$

Advantage: *u* dependence appears only through the Wilson line interactions.

• Rapidity derivative of the Feynman rule associated with the Wilson line:

$$\zeta^2 \frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \frac{u^{\beta}}{u \cdot l + i\varepsilon} = \frac{\hat{u}^{\beta}}{2u \cdot l},$$
$$\hat{u}^{\beta} = \frac{u^2}{n_- \cdot u} \left( \frac{n_- \cdot l}{u \cdot l} u^{\beta} - n_-^{\beta} \right).$$

• The rapidity evolution equation:

$$\zeta^2 \frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \Phi(x, k_T, \zeta^2, \mu_f) = \Gamma(x, k_T, \zeta^2) \otimes \Phi(x, k_T, \zeta^2, \mu_f).$$

The vertex û<sup>β</sup> contracted to the vertex in Φ.
 Suppression of collinear dynamics associated with the Wilson link.
 Soft and hard gluon radiations are dominant in the kernel Γ(x, k<sub>T</sub>, ζ<sup>2</sup>).

### Soft function

• Soft gluon radiations:



• The reducible diagram:

$$K_1 = -\frac{ig^2 C_F}{2} \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\hat{u} \cdot n_-}{(u \cdot l + i\varepsilon)(l^2 + i\varepsilon)(n_- \cdot l + i\varepsilon)} = -\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \gamma_E + \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2}{\lambda^2}\right).$$

IR divergence regularized by the gluon mass  $\lambda$ .

• The irreducible diagram:

$$K_2 \otimes \Phi = \frac{ig^2 C_F}{2} \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\hat{u} \cdot n_-}{(u \cdot l + i\varepsilon)(l^2 + i\varepsilon)(n_- \cdot l + i\varepsilon)} \times \Phi(x - l^-/P^-, |\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{l}_T|, \zeta^2, \mu_f).$$

Fourier and Mellin transformations of  $K_2 \otimes \Phi$ :

$$\tilde{K}_2 = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[ K_0(\lambda b) - K_0\left(\frac{\zeta P^- b}{N}\right) \right] + O\left(1/\zeta^2\right).$$

• Unrenormalized soft function in the large N limit:

$$\tilde{K}^{(b)} = K_1 + \tilde{K}_2 = -\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \gamma_E + \ln \frac{4\pi\mu^2 N^2}{\zeta^2 P^{-2}} \right) \,.$$

Cancelation of IR divergence!

## Hard function

• Hard gluon radiations:



Subtraction to avoid the double counting of soft contribution.

• Analytical expressions:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} G_1 & = & -\frac{ig^2C_F}{2}\int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(\bar{x}l^\prime+l)\,\tilde{\mu}}{(u\cdot l+i\varepsilon)(l^2+i\varepsilon)[(\bar{x}P+l)^2+i\varepsilon]}\,, \\ G_2 & = & K_1\,. \end{array}$$

• Unrenormalized hard function:

$$G^{(b)} = G_1 - G_2 = rac{lpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left[ rac{1}{arepsilon} - \gamma_E + \ln rac{4\pi\mu^2}{\zeta^2 (\bar{x}P^-)^2} - 4 
ight].$$

Infrared finite due to the cancelation of soft divergence!

Factorization scale dependence cancels between soft and hard functions.

 *μ* independence of the mixed logarithm to be resummed.

### RG improved evolution kernel

• Renormalized soft and hard functions:

$$ilde{K}^{(r)}(\mu) = -rac{lpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \ln rac{\mu N}{\zeta P^-}, \qquad G^{(r)}(\mu) = rac{lpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left( \ln rac{\mu}{\zeta P^-} - 2 
ight).$$

• RGE of soft and hard functions:

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$$\mu rac{d ilde{K}^{(r)}}{d\mu} = -rac{lpha_s(\mu) \, C_F}{2\pi} \,, \qquad \mu rac{dG^{(r)}}{d\mu} = rac{lpha_s(\mu) \, C_F}{2\pi} \,.$$

• RG improvement:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\chi}^{(r)}(\mu) + G^{(r)}(\mu) &= ilde{K}^{(r)}(\mu_0) + G^{(r)}(\mu_1) - \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu_1} rac{d ilde{\mu}}{ ilde{\mu}} \, rac{lpha_s( ilde{\mu}) \, C_F}{2\pi} \, , \ \mu_0 &:= \mu_0(\zeta) = rac{\zeta P^-}{N} \, , \qquad \mu_1 := \mu_1(\zeta) = e^2 \, \zeta \, P^- \, . \end{split}$$

Chosen to diminish the initial conditions  $\tilde{K}^{(r)}(\mu_0)$  and  $G^{(r)}(\mu_1)$ .

• Gluon radiations from the spectator quark also contribute. Only contribute to the kernel  $\Gamma$  at NLL level.  $\Rightarrow$  Do not generate the mixed logarithm  $\ln x \ln(\zeta^2 P^{-2}/k_T^2)$ .

#### Solution in Mellin and impact-parameter spaces

• Evolution equation in N and b spaces:

$$\begin{split} \zeta^2 \frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \tilde{\Phi}(N,b,\zeta^2,\mu_f) &= \tilde{\Gamma}(N,b,\zeta^2) \ \tilde{\Phi}(N,b,\zeta^2,\mu_f) \,. \\ \tilde{\Gamma}(N,b,\zeta^2) &= \tilde{K}^{(r)}(\mu) + G^{(r)}(\mu) = -\int_{\mu_0(\zeta)}^{\mu_1(\zeta)} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \ \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) \, C_F}{2\pi} \end{split}$$

• Solution:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\Phi}(N,b,\zeta^2,\mu_f) &= \exp\left\{-\int_{\zeta_0^2}^{\zeta^2} \frac{d\tilde{\zeta}^2}{\tilde{\zeta}^2} \left[\int_{\mu_0(\tilde{\zeta})}^{\mu_1(\tilde{\zeta})} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) C_F}{2\pi}\right]\right\} \\ &\times \tilde{\Phi}(N,b,\zeta_0^2,\mu_f) \,. \end{split}$$

• RGE for  $\mu_f$  evolution:

$$\mu_f \frac{d}{d\mu_f} \tilde{\Phi}(N, b, \zeta^2, \mu_f) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_f) C_F}{\pi} \tilde{\Phi}(N, b, \zeta^2, \mu_f).$$

• Combined evolution:

$$\begin{split} \Phi(N,b,\zeta^2,\mu_f) &= \exp\bigg\{-\int_{\zeta_0^2}^{\zeta^2} \frac{d\tilde{\zeta}^2}{\tilde{\zeta}^2} \left[\int_{\mu_0(\tilde{\zeta})}^{\mu_1(\tilde{\zeta})} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) C_F}{2\pi}\right] \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} \int_{\mu_i}^{\mu_f} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) C_F}{\pi}\bigg\} \quad \Phi(N,b,\zeta_0^2,\mu_i) \end{split}$$

#### Evolution of the hard kernel

• Rapidity evolution:

$$\zeta^2 \frac{d}{d\zeta^2} \tilde{H}(N,b,\zeta^2,Q^2,\mu_f) = -\tilde{\Gamma}(N,b,\zeta^2) \tilde{H}(N,b,\zeta^2,Q^2,\mu_f) + \tilde{\Gamma}(N,b,\zeta^2,Q^2,\mu_f) + \tilde{\Gamma}(N,b,\zeta^2,Q^2,\mu_f)$$

• Factorization scale evolution:

$$\mu_f \frac{d}{d\mu_f} \tilde{H}(N, b, \zeta^2, Q^2, \mu_f) = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_f) C_F}{\pi} \tilde{H}(N, b, \zeta^2, Q^2, \mu_f).$$

Combined evolution:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{H}(N,b,\zeta^{2},Q^{2},\mu_{f}) &= \exp \left\{ \int_{\zeta^{2}}^{\zeta^{2}_{1}} \frac{d\tilde{\zeta}^{2}}{\tilde{\zeta}^{2}} \left[ \int_{\mu_{0}(\tilde{\zeta})}^{\mu_{1}(\tilde{\zeta})} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_{s}(\tilde{\mu}) C_{F}}{2\pi} \right] \\ &- \frac{3}{2} \int_{t}^{\mu_{f}} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_{s}(\tilde{\mu}) C_{F}}{\pi} \right\} \tilde{H}(N,b,\zeta^{2}_{1},Q^{2},t). \end{split}$$

Depends on the final rapidity parameter  $\zeta_1$  and the characteristic hard scale *t*.

• Choices of boundary conditions:

$$\zeta_0^2 = \left(\frac{aN^{1/4}}{P^-b}\right)^2, \qquad \zeta_1^2 = \tilde{a}N^{1/2}.$$

Eliminate the logarithmic enhancements in  $\tilde{\Phi}(N, b, \zeta_0^2, \mu_i)$  and  $\tilde{H}(N, b, \zeta_1^2, Q^2, t)$ .

### Joint resummation improved $k_T$ factorization

• Factorization formula of  $\gamma^* \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma$  form factor:

$$\begin{split} F(Q^2) &= \exp\left\{-\int_{\zeta_0^2}^{\zeta_1^2} \frac{d\tilde{\zeta}^2}{\tilde{\zeta}^2} \left[\int_{\mu_0(\tilde{\zeta})}^{\mu_1(\tilde{\zeta})} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) C_F}{2\pi}\right] + \frac{3}{2} \int_{\mu_i}^t \frac{d\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}} \frac{\alpha_s(\tilde{\mu}) C_F}{\pi}\right\} \\ &\tilde{\Phi}(N, b, \zeta_0^2, \mu_i) \otimes \tilde{H}(N, b, \zeta_1^2, Q^2, t), \\ &\equiv \tilde{\Phi}(N, b, \zeta_1^2, t) \otimes \tilde{H}(N, b, \zeta_1^2, Q^2, t). \end{split}$$

- Have confirmed that the expansion of the exponential factor reproduces the mixed logarithm and the single logarithm  $\ln(1/N)$  in the NLO pion transition form factor.
- A complete treatment of the logarithmic enhancement for an arbitrary rapidity parameter in the pion transition form factor. The conventional  $k_T$  factorization formula with the Sudakov and threshold resummations is not factorization-scheme independent.

#### Resummation improved wave functions

• Inverse Mellin transformation:

$$\overline{\Phi}(x,b,\zeta_1^2,t) = \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} (1-x)^{-N} \tilde{\Phi}(N,b,\zeta_1^2,t).$$

No Fourier transformation for the comparison of Sudakov resummation.

• Factorized model for the initial condition:

$$\Phi(x, k_T, \zeta_0^2, \mu_i) = \phi(x, \zeta_0^2, \mu_i) \,\Sigma(k_T^2) \,, \qquad \Sigma(k_T^2) = 4\pi\beta^2 \exp(-\beta^2 k_T^2) \,.$$

Translated into the Mellin and impact-parameter spaces. See Radyushkin's talk for more discussion.

• Three different models of  $\phi(x, \zeta_0^2, \mu_i)$ :

$$\begin{split} \phi^{\mathrm{I}}(x,\zeta_{0}^{2},\mu_{i}) &= 6x(1-x) \Rightarrow \frac{6}{(N+1)(N+2)}, \\ \phi^{\mathrm{II}}(x,\zeta_{0}^{2},\mu_{i}) &= 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N}, \\ \phi^{\mathrm{III}}(x,\zeta_{0}^{2},\mu_{i}) &= 6x(1-x)\left[1+a_{2}C_{2}^{3/2}(2x-1)\right] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{6}{(N+1)(N+2)}\left[1+6a_{2}\frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{(N+3)(N+4)}\right] \end{split}$$

• Can include the higher-order Gegenbauer moments, but (Agaev et al, 2011; Kroll, 2011.)

The contributions from higher moments suppressed by the soft corrections.

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# Joint Resummation improved wave functions

- Inverse Mellin transformation with both frozen and running  $\alpha_s$ .
- Analytical parametrization of  $\alpha_s$  (Solovtsov and Shirkov, 1999):

$$\alpha_s(\mu) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\ln(\mu^2/\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2)} - \frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2}{\mu^2 - \Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2} \right].$$

• Resummation effect in pion wave function  $\overline{\Phi}(x, b, \zeta_1^2, \mu_i)$ :



solid: initial condition  $\phi^{I}(x, \zeta_{0}^{2}, \mu_{i})$ ;

(blue) dashed: 
$$b = \frac{2\tilde{a}}{aP^{-}}$$
 for a frozen  $\alpha_s = 0.3$  (running  $\alpha_s$ );

(blue) dotted:  $b = \frac{4\tilde{a}}{aP^{-}}$  for a frozen  $\alpha_s = 0.3$  (running  $\alpha_s$ ).

Stronger suppression of the small *x* region compared to the moderate *x* region.

• The suppression strengthens with the transverse separation *b* at a given *x*.

### Comparison of Joint and Sudakov resummations



• Joint vs Sudakov resummation:

Left: Sudakov resummation, solid, dashed, and dotted curves for  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ , 10 GeV<sup>2</sup>, and 40 GeV<sup>2</sup> at x = 0.2. Right: The same for the joint resummation.

- Large *b* region suppressed in both cases, but stronger with the joint resummation.
- Different phenomenological consequences with the two resummation techniques.

# $\gamma^* \pi^0 \to \gamma$ form factor

• Transition matrix element:

$$\langle \gamma(P',\varepsilon) | j^{em}_{\mu}(q) | \pi^0(P) \rangle = i g^2_{em} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{*\nu} P^{\alpha} P'^{\beta} F(Q^2) \,.$$

• Different approaches to compute the pion form factor:

- Direct approaches: Collinear  $(k_T)$  factorization formulae.
- Indirect approaches: (Light-cone) QCD Sum rules.



Scaling violation?

Shape of pion wave function?

The onset of QCD factorization?

#### Some popular explanations:

• Non-vanishing pion wave function at the end points (Radyushkin, 2009; Polyakov, 2009).

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi_{\pi}(x)}{xQ^2} \left[ 1 - \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{xQ^2}{2\bar{x}\sigma}\right)}_{\uparrow\uparrow} \right].$$

from  $k_T$  dependence of pion wave function

• Large soft (Feynman) corrections at moderate  $Q^2$  (Agaev, Braun, Offen, Porkert, 2011).



The "hard" and "soft" contributions to the  $\pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma$  form factor for model I (solid curves) and model III (dashdotted curves). The experimental data are from BaBar (full circles) and CLEO (open triangles).

• Threshold resummation generates power-like  $[x(1-x)]^{c(Q^2)}$  distribution (Li and Mishima 2009).  $c(Q^2)$  is around 1 for low  $Q^2$ , but small for high  $Q^2$ .

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## Factorization formula of pion form factor

•  $k_T$  factorization with the conventional resummation (Nandi and Li, 2007):

$$\begin{split} F(Q^2) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}f_{\pi}}{3} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty b \, db \; \overline{\Phi}(x,b,t) \; e^{-S(x,b,Q,t)} \; S_t(x,Q) \\ &\times K_0(\sqrt{x}Q \, b) \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(t)C_F}{4\pi} \left( 3\ln \frac{t^2 b}{2\sqrt{x}Q} + \gamma_E + 2\ln x + 3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \right] \, . \end{split}$$

The rapidity parameter fixed as  $\zeta^2 = 2$ .

•  $k_T$  factorization with the joint resummation:

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}f_{\pi}}{3} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^\infty b \, db \,\overline{\Phi}(x,b,\zeta_1^2,t) K_0(\sqrt{x}Qb) \\ \times \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s(t)C_F}{4\pi} \left(3\ln\frac{t^2b}{2\sqrt{x}Q} + \ln 2 + 2\right)\right].$$

- Choices of the factorization scale *t*:
  - $t^2 = \sqrt{xQ/b}$  to eliminate the remaining logarithm.
  - Typical scale of the hard scattering  $t = \max(\sqrt{xQ}, 1/b)$  [default choice].
  - Two scenarios do not generate practical difference in our formalism.
     The joint resummation has suppressed the contribution from the nonperturbative region effectively.

# Confronting the data I

• Results with the asymptotic pion wave function:



The experimental data from CLEO (dots), BaBar (triangles), and Belle (squares).

The dashed and dotted (dotdashed and solid) curves from LO and NLO predictions with the conventional resummations (joint resummation).

• The predicted  $Q^2 F(Q^2)$  with the conventional resummations saturates as  $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Can accommodate the Belle data except the first two bins.

Fail to describe the BaBar data.

• The joint-resummation effect decreases the predictions in the conventional approach. Due to the stronger suppression at small *x* from joint resummation.

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# Confronting the data II

• Results with the flat pion wave function:



The experimental data from CLEO (dots), BaBar (triangles), and Belle (squares).

The dashed and dotted (dotdashed and solid) curves from LO and NLO predictions with the conventional resummations (joint resummation).

• The form factor  $Q^2 F(Q^2)$  grows steadily with  $Q^2$  in both resummation formalisms. Tree-level  $k_T$  factorization formula  $\Rightarrow Q^2 F(Q^2) \sim \ln(Q^2/k_T^2)$ .

• The NLO curves from the conventional resummations and from the joint resummation turn out to be similar.

# Confronting the data III



• Results with the non-asymptotic pion wave function:

- Pion wave function with a small  $a_2$  can describe the data better.
- The Chernyak-Zhitnitsky model or the Bakulev-Mikhailov-Stefanis model, which involve a large *a*<sub>2</sub>, overshoot the data in our formalism.

#### Conclusion and outlook

- Constructed an evolution equation to resum the mixed logarithm  $\ln x \ln(\zeta^2/k_T^2)$ .
- The moderate *x* and small *b* regions more highlighted with joint resummation.
- The predictions for the pion transition form factor confronted with the data. A small  $a_2$  favored in joint-resummation improved  $k_T$  factorization.
- More efforts are in demand on theory side:
  - Better control on the pion wave function.
  - Include the soft contribution in  $k_T$  factorization.
- Have checked that our joint-resummation formalism can be extend to  $k_T$  factorization of pion e.m. form factor.
  - The same ζ<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> diminishes the large logarithms in the amplitudes of effective diagrams at NLO.
  - Can find  $\zeta_1^2$  and  $\zeta_2^2$  to eliminate the large logarithms in the hard kernel.