

# A novel approach to charm mixing

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# Introduction

● Charm quark mass:  $m_c \approx 1.3 - 1.7 \text{ GeV}$

-- **too heavy** to apply chiral perturbation theory (ChPT).

-- may be **too light** to apply the  $1/m_c$  expansion.

} theoretically **challenging**

● Difficulty in  $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$  mixing

-- Due to cancellation from the GIM mechanism, theoretical precision is uncontrollable.

● In flavor factory experiments, precise data are obtained for charmed mesons.

-- test of QCD / search for new physics

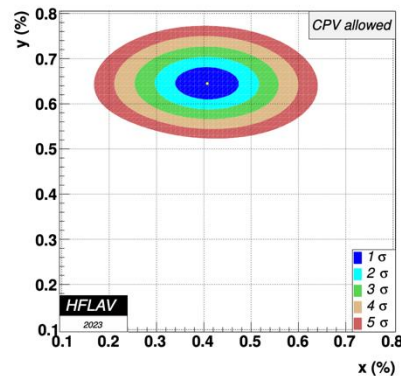
# $D^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{D}^0$ transition via time evolution

Schrödinger Eq.  $i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} D^0(t) \\ \bar{D}^0(t) \end{pmatrix} = H_{2 \times 2} \begin{pmatrix} D^0(t) \\ \bar{D}^0(t) \end{pmatrix}$  with  $H_{2 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{11} & M_{12} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{12} \\ M_{21} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{21} & M_{22} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

Mass eigenstates:  $|D_{1,2}\rangle = p|D^0\rangle \pm q|\bar{D}^0\rangle$  if  $q/p \neq \pm 1 \longrightarrow$  CP violation

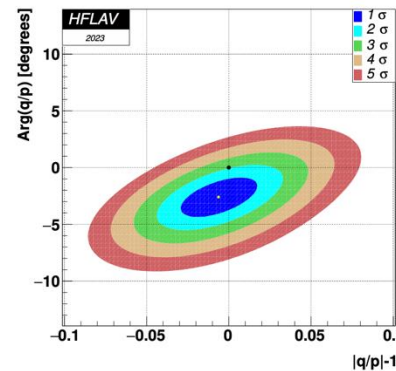
Observables  $\begin{cases} \Delta m = m_2 - m_1 & \text{(mass difference)} \\ \Delta\Gamma = \Gamma_2 - \Gamma_1 & \text{(width difference)} \end{cases}$  Dimensionless  $\begin{cases} x = \Delta m / \Gamma_D \\ y = \Delta\Gamma / 2\Gamma_D \end{cases}$

$x$  vs.  $y$



HFLAV:

$|q/p|-1$  vs.  $\text{Arg}(q/p)$



$\Gamma_D$ : total width of  $D^0$

$$\Gamma_D = \frac{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}{2}$$

# Methods for $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$ mixing

Exclusive

Hadronic level analysis

Hard to calculable  $\begin{cases} \Gamma[D \rightarrow \pi\pi] \\ \Gamma[D \rightarrow KK] \end{cases}$

→ Data are used

Previous works

Topological approach: Cheng and Chiang [2401.06316]

FAT approach: Jiang, Yu, Qin, Li and Lü [1705.07335]

Inclusive

Quark-level analysis

(no experimental input)

Operator product expansion (OPE)

→  $1/m_c$  &  $\alpha_s$  series

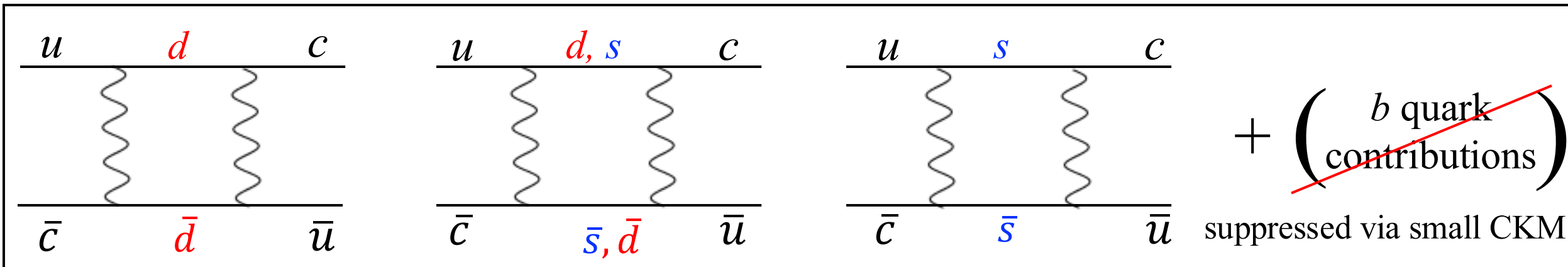
Previous works

OPE Golowich and Petrov [0506185]

Bobrowski, Lenz, Riedl and Rohrwild [0904.3971]

# Box diagrams

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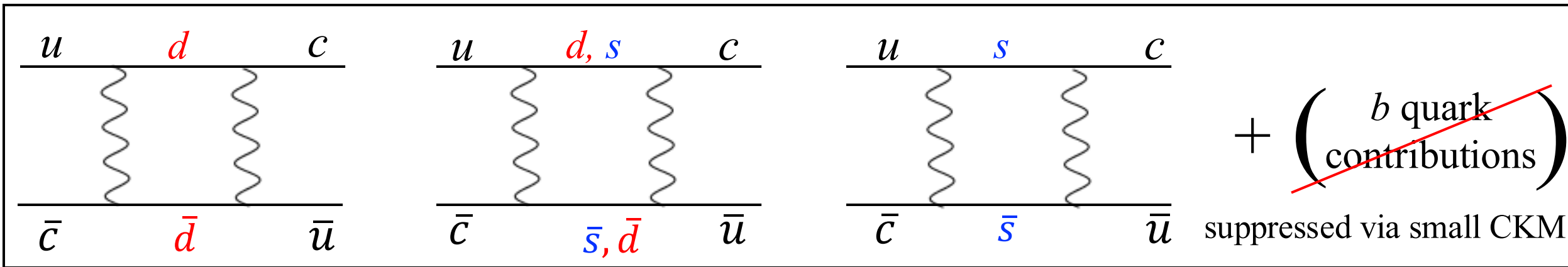
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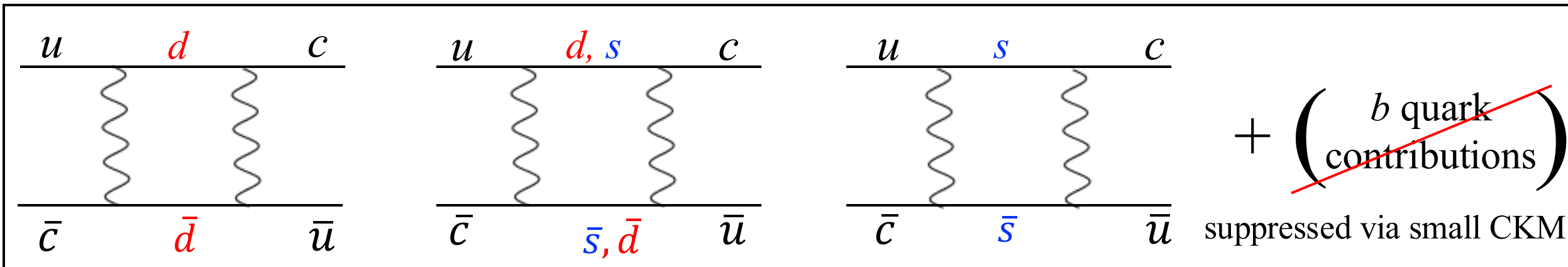
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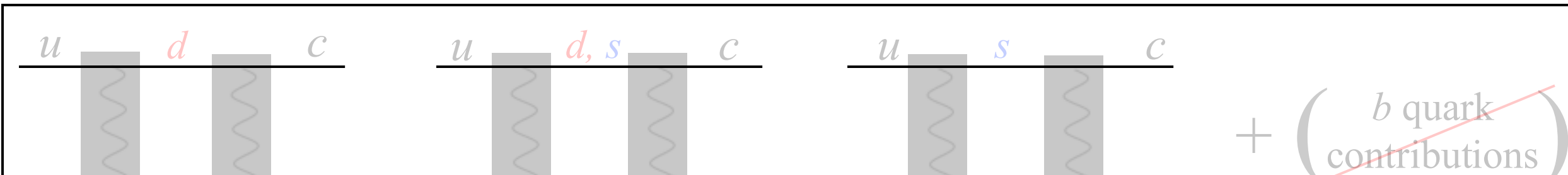
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for the theoretical side

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Theory @ NLO

$$\begin{cases} x = 6 \times 10^{-7} & \text{Golowich and Petrov} \\ y = 6 \times 10^{-7} & \text{[0506185]} \end{cases}$$

Experiment (HFLAV)

$$\begin{cases} x = (4.07 \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-3} \\ y = (6.45^{+0.24}_{-0.23}) \times 10^{-3} \end{cases}$$

(all CPV allowed)

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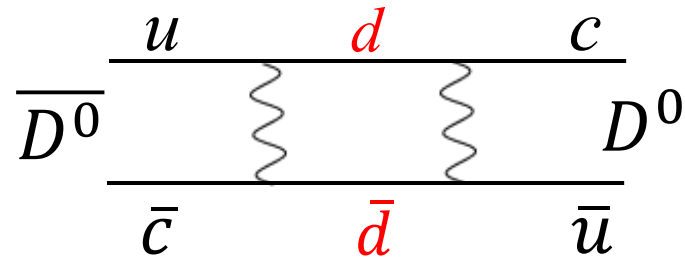
(box diagram case)  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  @  $m_c$  scale

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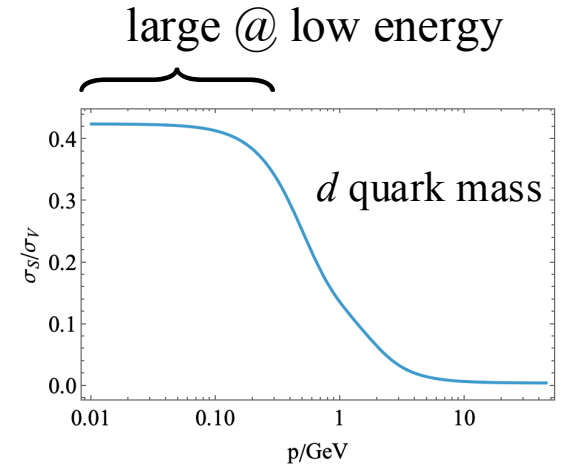


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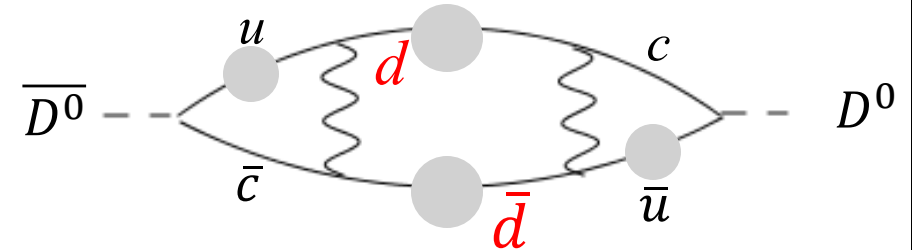
$$x \propto \left( \frac{m_s^2 - m_d^2}{m_c^2} \right)^2$$



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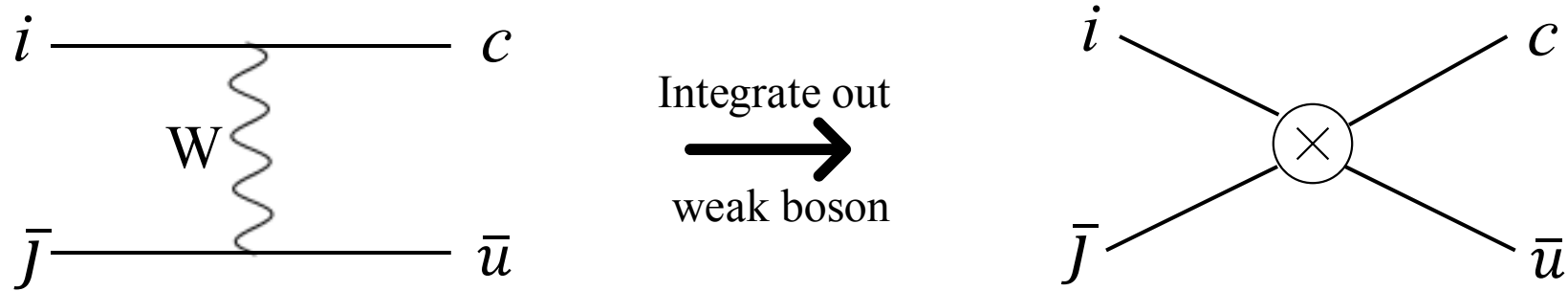


This work: Schwinger-Dyson approach



Dyson-Schwinger equation (DSE):  $\left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \right)^{-1} = \left( \text{---} \right)^{-1} + \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \bullet \text{---}$

$$x \propto \left[ \text{SU}(3) \text{ breaking that takes account of chiral symmetry breaking} \right]$$



### Effective Hamiltonian for $\Delta C = 1$ processes

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{H}^{ij} \quad \text{sum over } i, j = d, s$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{ij} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ci} V_{uj}^* (C_1 O_1^{ij} + C_2 O_2^{ij})$$

$$\begin{cases} O_1^{ij} = (\bar{c}^\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L i^\beta) (j^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L u^\alpha) \\ O_2^{ij} = (\bar{c}^\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L i^\alpha) (j^\beta \gamma_\mu P_L u^\beta) \end{cases}$$

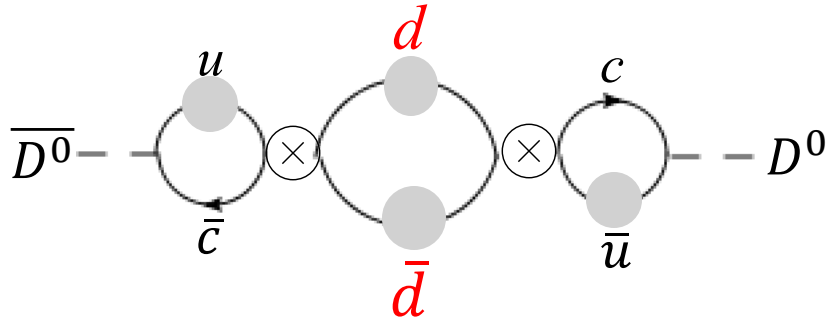
$$M_{12} = -\frac{i}{2!} \int d^4 z \frac{\langle \bar{D}^0 | T[\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(z) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(0)] | D^0 \rangle}{2M_D} \Big|_{\text{off-shell}}$$

DSE (**this work**) or OPE

$$|x| = \frac{2|M_{12}|}{\Gamma_D}$$

(in the CP conserving limit)

$$\begin{cases} C_1(m_c) = -0.35 \\ C_2(m_c) = 1.13 \end{cases}$$



$$M_{12} \propto \underbrace{\lambda_d^2}_{\text{CKM}} (S_d \otimes S_d)$$

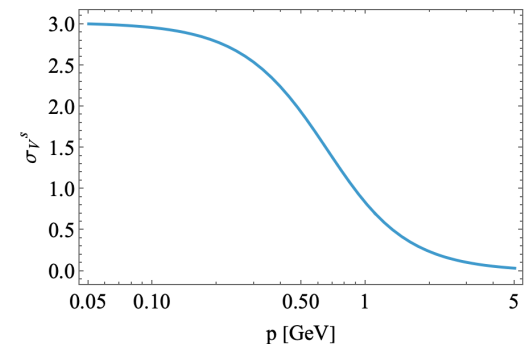
Quark propagator  $f=d, s$

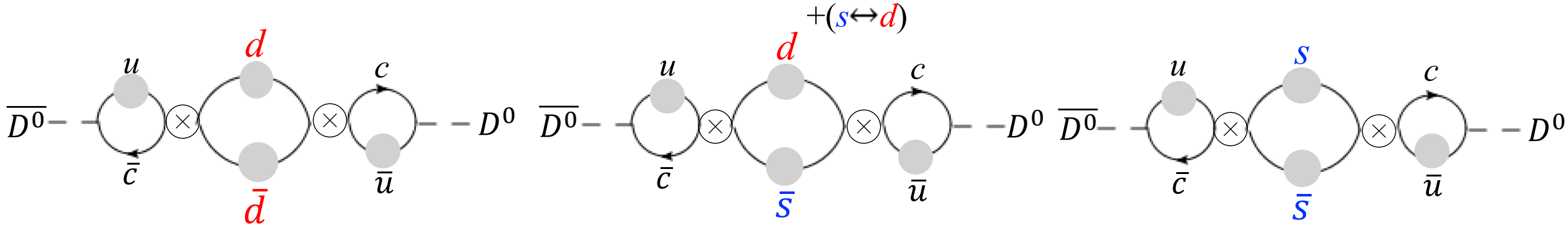
$$S_f(p) = -i\gamma \cdot p \sigma_V^f(p^2) + \sigma_S^f(p^2)$$

### Parametrizations of $\sigma_V^f, \sigma_S^f$

Ivanov, Kalinovsky, Maris and Roberts [9711023]

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$$M_{12} \propto \lambda_d^2 (S_d \otimes S_d) + 2\lambda_d \lambda_s (S_d \otimes S_s) + \lambda_s^2 (S_s \otimes S_s)$$

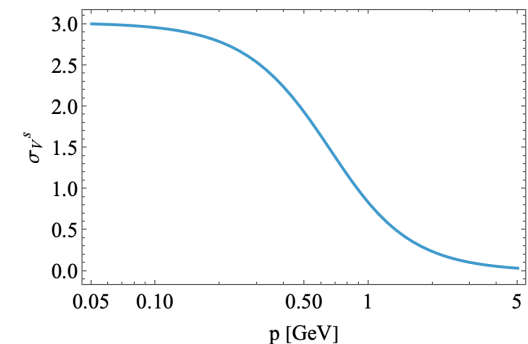
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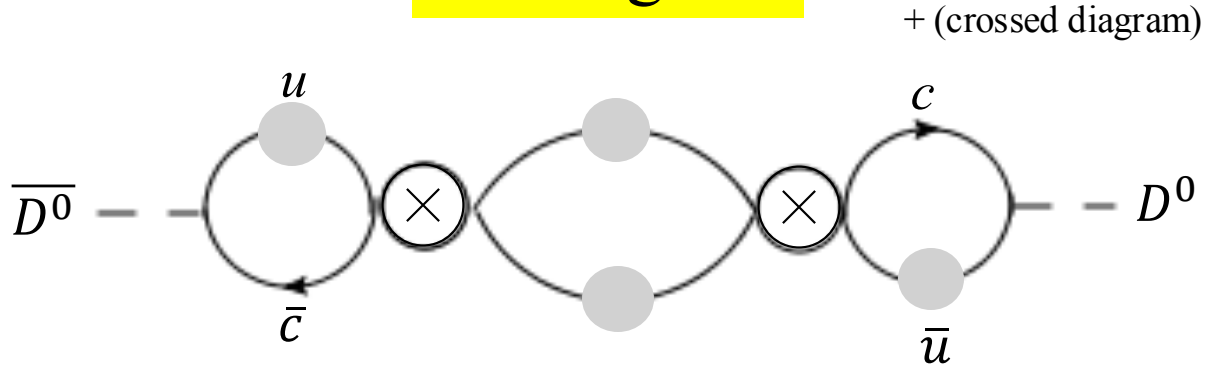
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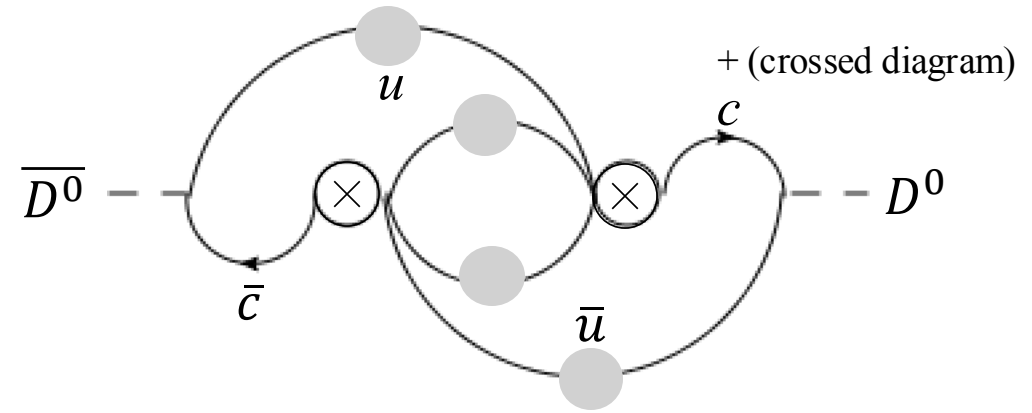


# 1st diagram



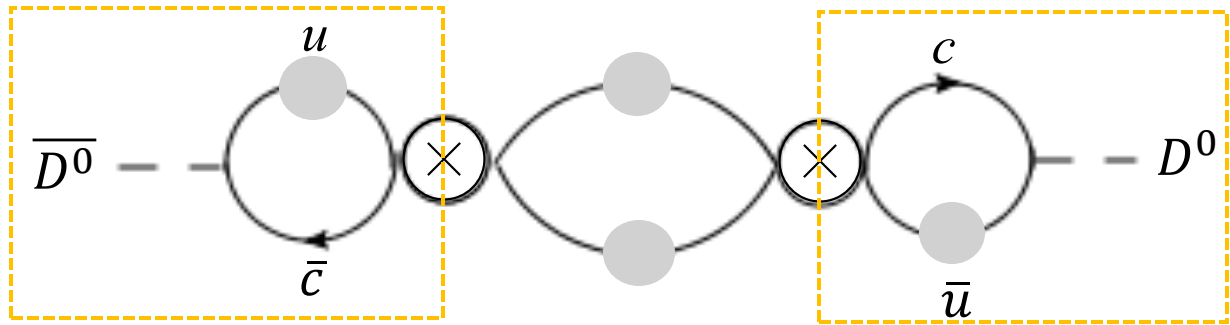
$$M_{12}^{(1st)} \propto \langle D^0 | [\bar{c}(x)u(x)]_{V-A} | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | [\bar{c}(0)u(0)]_{V-A} | \overline{D^0} \rangle$$

# 2nd diagram



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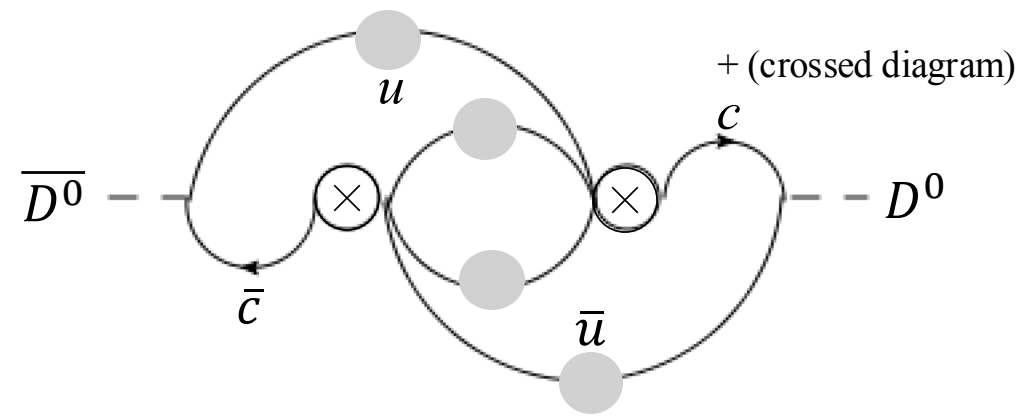
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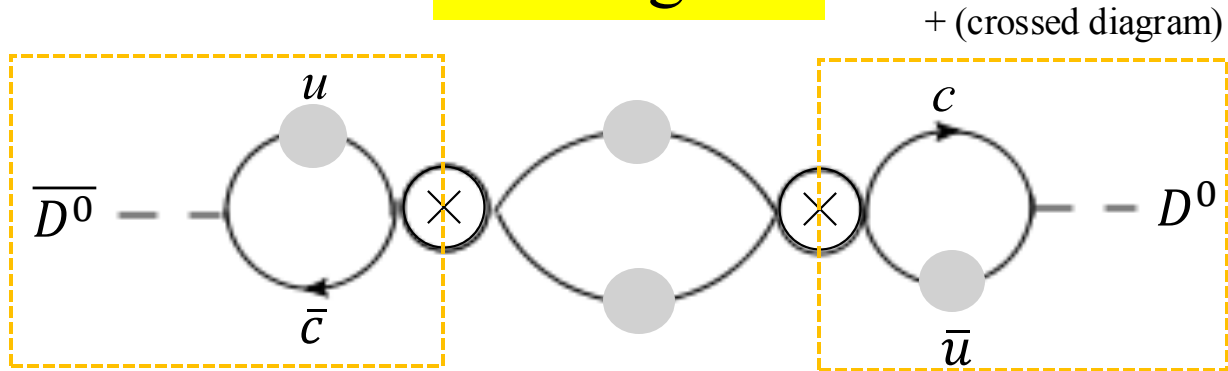
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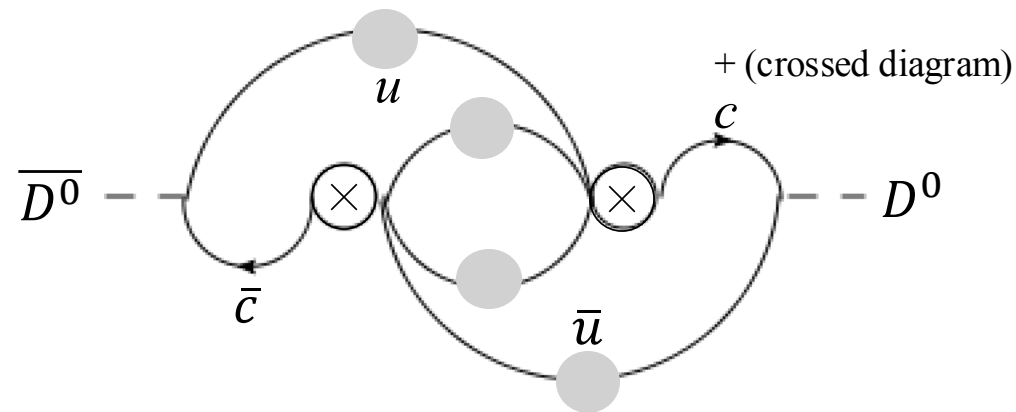


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# Numerical result

<b>This work</b> (preliminary)	$ x  = 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$	DSE
Golowich and Petrov [0506185]	$x = 6 \times 10^{-7}$	OPE
Melić, Dulibić and Petrov [2410.14382]	$x^{NLC} = 7.7 \times 10^{-6}$	Non-local condensate
HFLAV [2411.18639]	$x = (4.07 \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-3}$	Experiment

Separate results  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |x^{(1st)}| = 1 \times 10^{-6} \\ |x^{(2nd)}| = 1.67 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (dominant)} \end{array} \right.$



# Summary

- We studied  $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$  mixing in the Schwinger-Dyson approach.
- The order of magnitude for the mass difference is improved, compared with the OPE-based approaches.
- The preliminary result is based on the approximation,  $u(x) \rightarrow u(0)$ .  
Future direction: we aim to include the  $x$ -dependence and update the numerical result.

Backup slides

# Input values

$$S_f(p) = -ip \cdot \gamma \sigma_V^f(p^2) + \sigma_S^f(p^2)$$

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$$x = p^2/(2D); \bar{m}_f = m_f/\sqrt{2D};$$

$$\mathcal{F}(y) := \frac{1 - e^{-y}}{y}$$

	$\bar{m}_f$	$b_0^f$	$b_1^f$	$b_2^f$	$b_3^f$
$D = 0.160 \text{ GeV}^2$	$u : 0.00897$	$0.131$	$2.90$	$0.603$	$0.185$
	$s : 0.224$	$0.105$	<u><math>2.90</math></u>	$0.740$	<u><math>0.185</math></u>

# Accidental cancellation for $C_1, C_2$

$$\begin{cases} M_{12}^{(1st)} \propto f_D^2 \left( \frac{C_2^2}{N_c} + 2C_1C_2 + N_cC_1^2 \right) \\ M_{12}^{(2nd)} \propto 2f_D^2 \left( C_2^2 + \frac{2}{N_c}C_1C_2 + C_1^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \left( \frac{C_2^2}{N_c} + 2C_1C_2 + N_cC_1^2 \right) = 0.002 \\ 2 \left( C_2^2 + \frac{2}{N_c}C_1C_2 + C_1^2 \right) = 2.2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1(m_c) = -0.35 \\ C_2(m_c) = 1.13 \end{cases}$$