

# Form factors on the lattice

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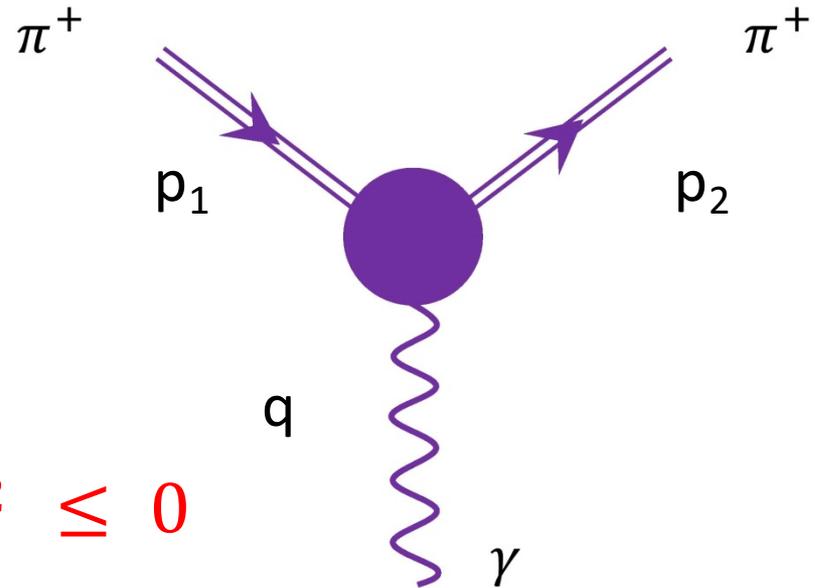
# Pion electromagnetic form factor

Simplest hadron

Space like “ $q$ ”:

$$q^2 = (p_2 - p_1)^2 \leq 0$$

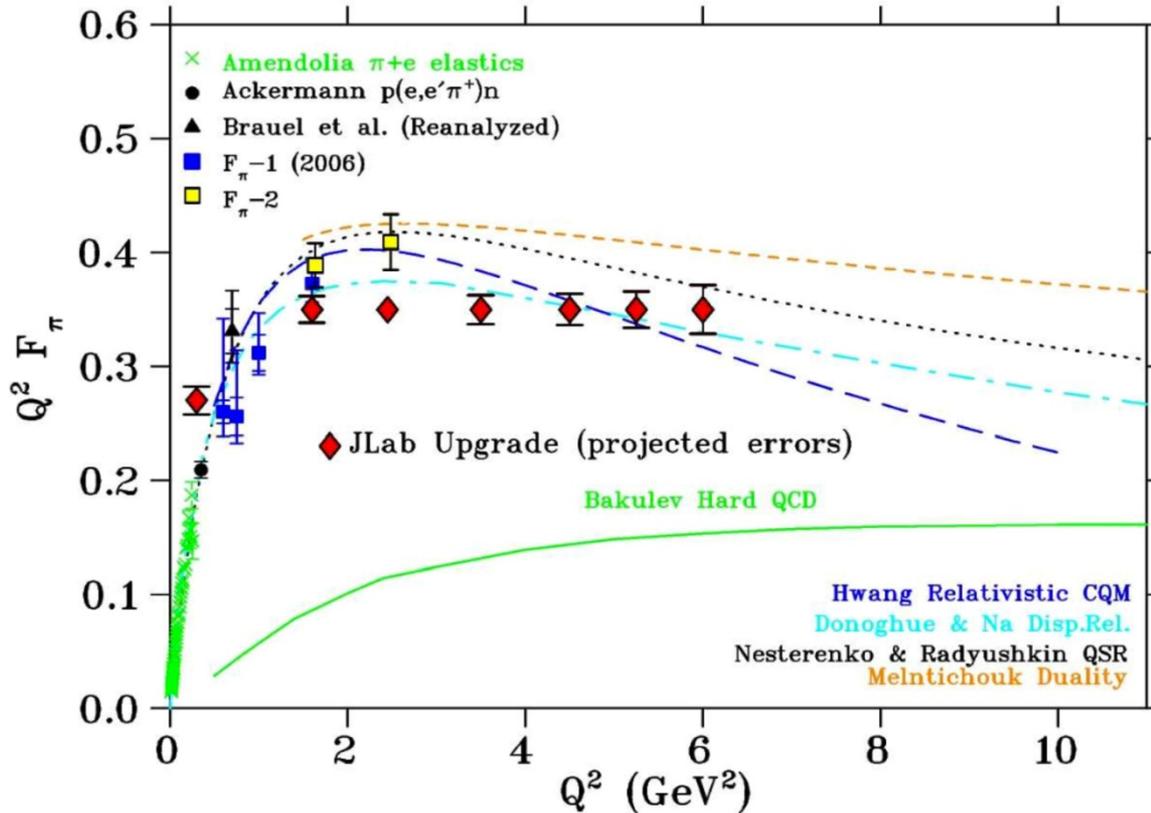
$$Q^2 = -q^2$$



$$\langle \pi^+(\vec{p}') | j^\mu | \pi^+(\vec{p}) \rangle = (p + p')^\mu F_\pi(Q^2)$$

(in units of ‘ $e$ ’)

# Interplay between hard and soft scales



[arXiv:1705.05849](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.05849)

G. Huber and D. Gaskell

Hard tail ( $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ )  
from pQCD:

$$F_\pi(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{16\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)f_\pi^2}{Q^2}$$

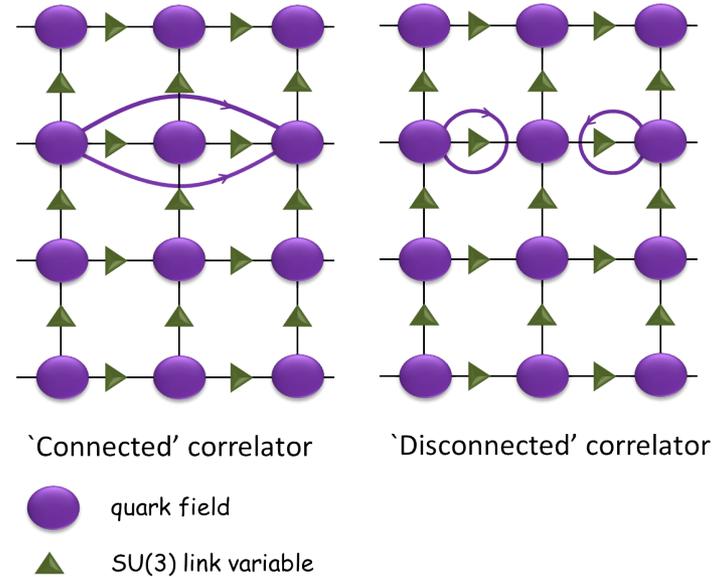
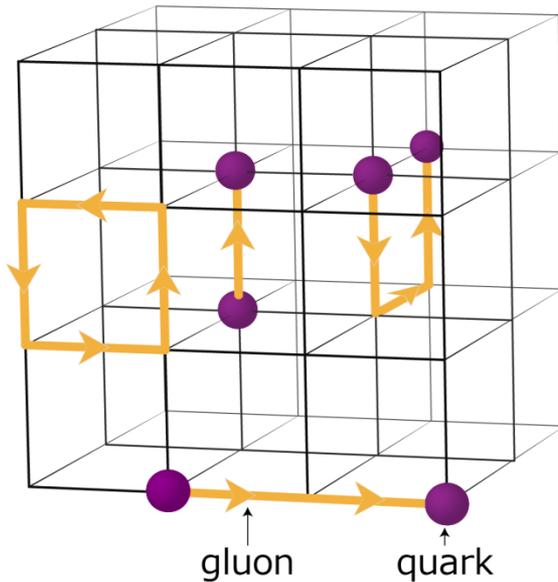
G. P. Lepage, S.J. Brodsky,  
Phys. Lett. 87B(1979)359

Soft part  
( $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ):  
vector meson  
dominance with  
 $F_\pi(0) = 1$ ,  
data fits well

Need better understanding of the **transition to the asymptotic region**

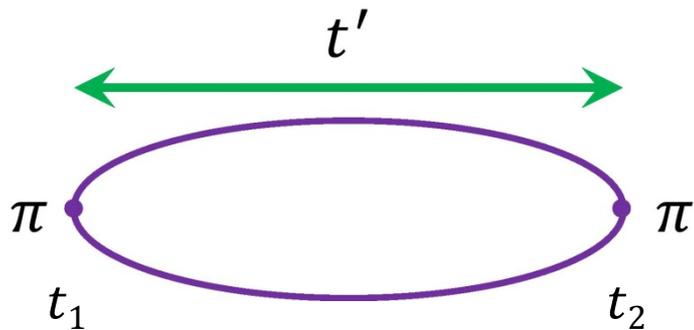
# Lattice recipe for meson correlators

- Expectation values of observables :  $\int DUD\psi D\bar{\psi} \exp(-\int L_{QCD} d^4x)$
- 4-D space-time lattice
- Gauge configurations : gluons + sea quarks



- Discretise :  $L_q \equiv \bar{\psi}(\gamma_\mu D^\mu + m)\psi \rightarrow \bar{\psi}(\gamma.\Delta + ma)\psi$
- Inversion of Dirac matrix : propagator
- 2-point, 3-point correlation functions : extract meson properties
- Corrections for lattice artifacts

# Two-point correlator construction: JLab way



$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$

- Basis of operators

$$\mathcal{O} \sim \bar{\psi} \Gamma \overleftrightarrow{D} \dots \overleftrightarrow{D} \psi$$

- Optimized operator for state  $|n\rangle$

$$\Omega_n^\dagger = \sum_i w_i^{(n)} \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger$$

in a variational sense by solving generalized eigenvalue problem-

$$C(t) v^{(n)} = \lambda_n(t) C(t_0) v^{(n)}$$

- Diagonalize the correlation matrix – eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n(t) = \exp[-E_n(t - t_0)]$$

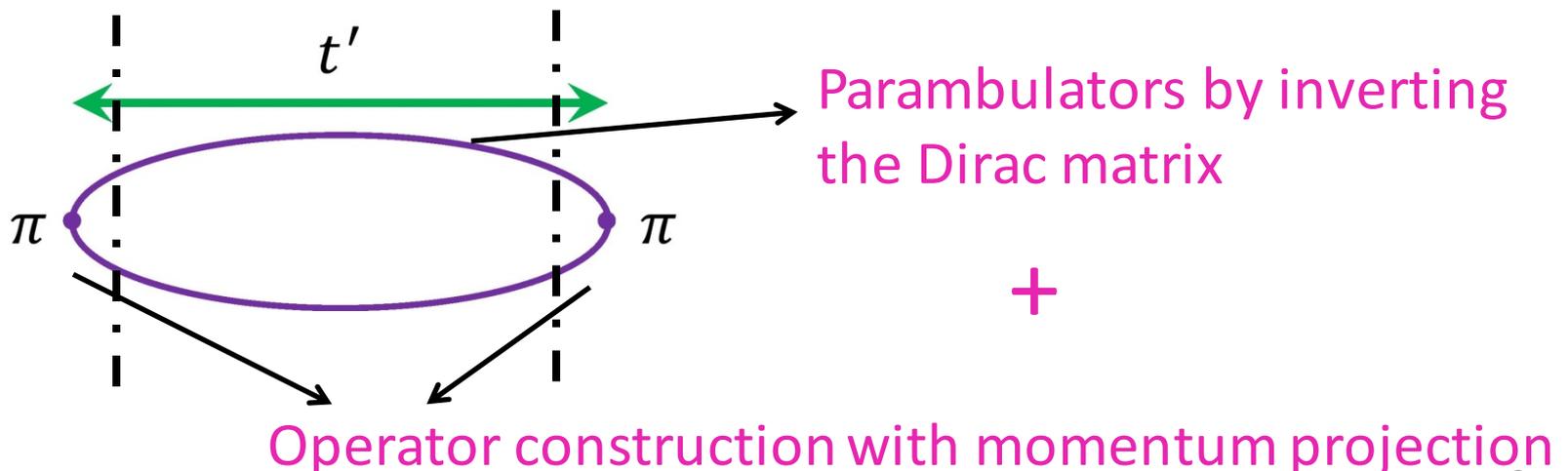
# Two-point correlator construction : JLab way

Correlator Construction: smearing of quark fields - 'distillation' with

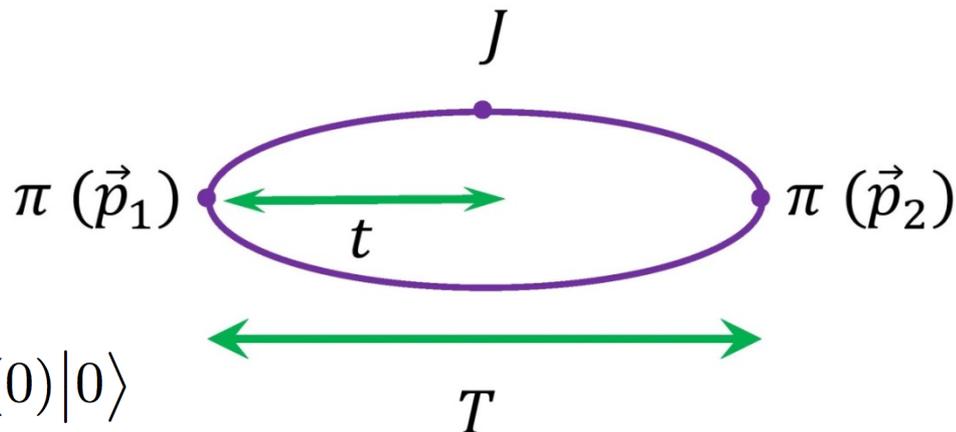
$$\square_{\vec{x}\vec{y}}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_D} \xi_{\vec{x}}^{(n)}(t) \xi_{\vec{y}}^{(n)\dagger}(t) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Low lying hadron states}$$

Meson creation operator :

$$\mathcal{O}^\dagger(\vec{p}) = \bar{\psi}_{\vec{x}} \square_{\vec{x}\vec{y}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{y}} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{\vec{y}\vec{z}} \square_{\vec{z}\vec{w}} \psi_{\vec{w}}$$



Need three-point correlator



$$C_{f\mu i}(\Delta t, t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_f(\Delta t) j_\mu(t) \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$

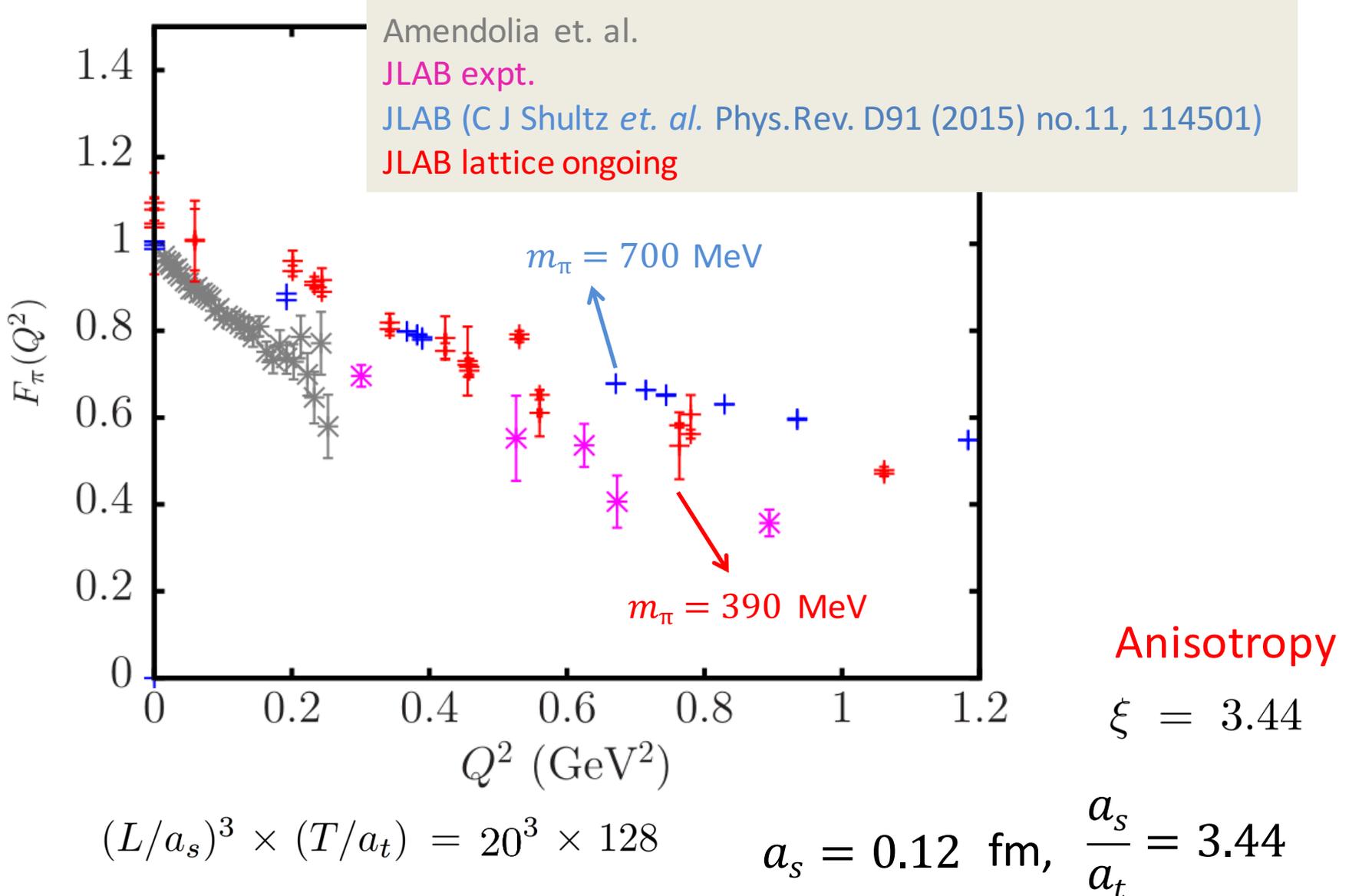


$$Z_V \langle \pi^+(p_2) | J_\mu^\pi(0) | \pi^+(p_1) \rangle = e(p_1 + p_2)^\mu F_\pi(q^2)$$

Clover discretised  
 fermion action

$Z_V$  calculated using  $F_\pi(q^2 = 0) = 1$

# Pion electromagnetic form factor: up to $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



# Towards higher $Q^2$

More difficult on lattice for higher momenta

Signal-to-noise ratio:

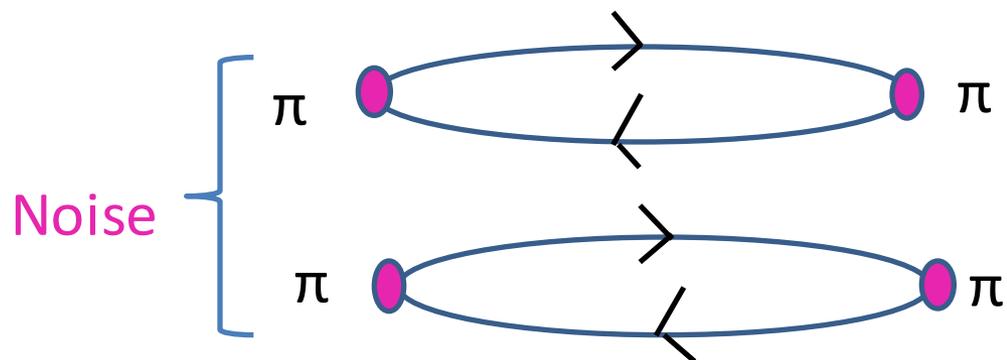
2-point correlators :

$$\exp[-(E_\pi(p) - 2m_\pi)t]$$

3-point correlators :

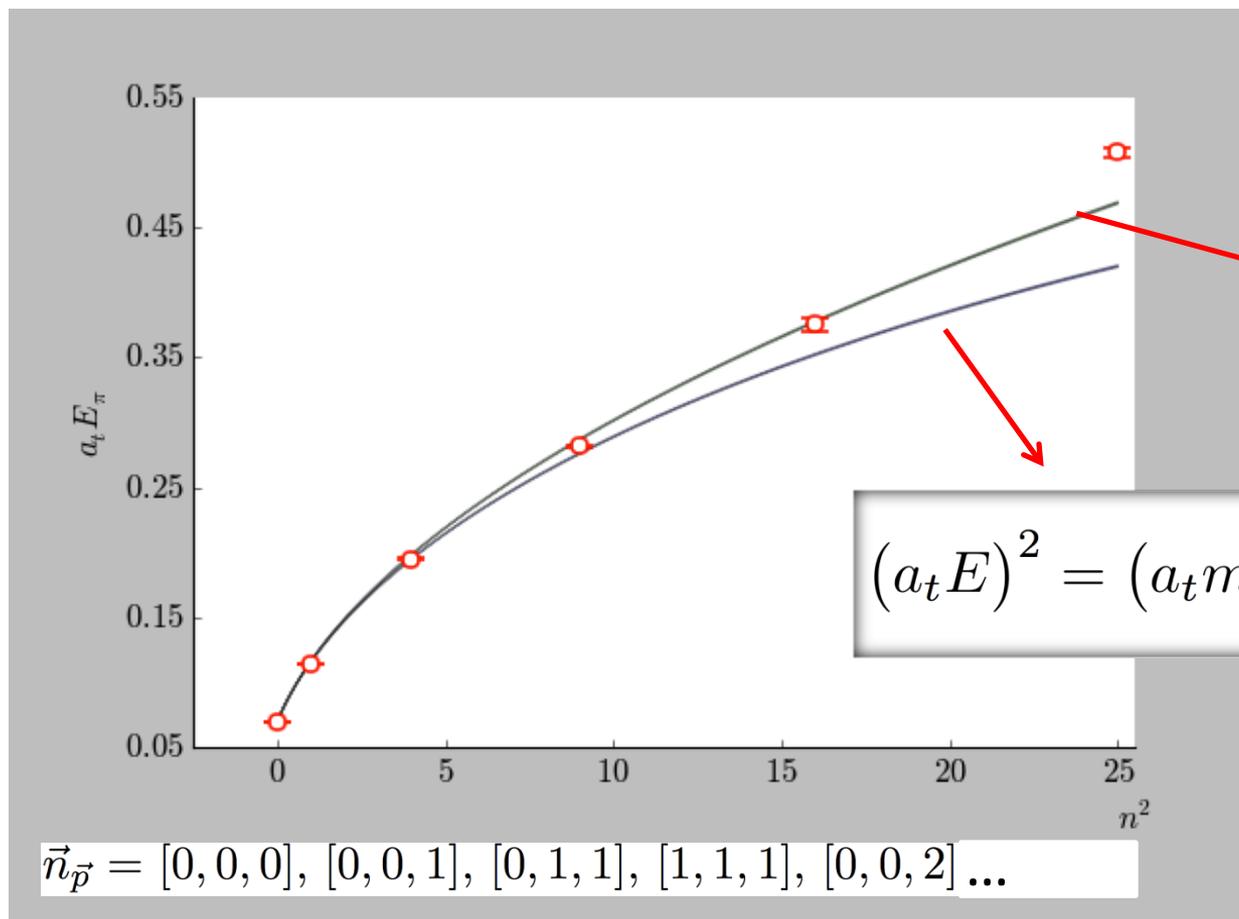
$$\exp[-(E_\pi(p_i) + E_\pi(p_f) - 2m_\pi)t/2]$$

in the middle of the plateau



Minimize energies  
for a given  $Q^2$   
to get better signal

# Towards higher $Q^2$



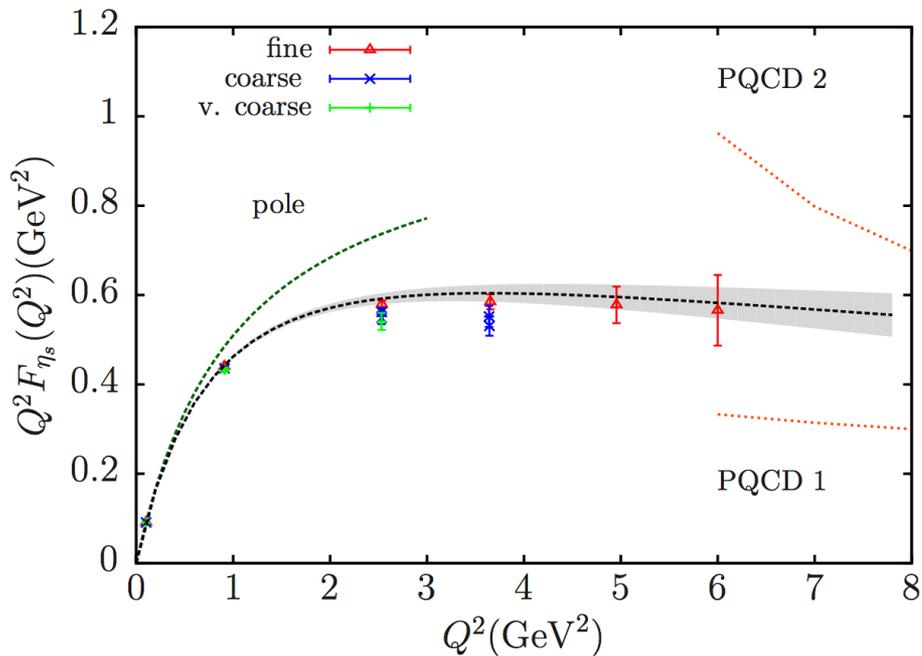
Dispersion relation:

$$E^2 = m^2 + p^2$$

$$(a_t E)^2 = (a_t m)^2 + \left( \frac{2\pi}{\xi(L/a_s)} \right)^2 |\vec{n}_{\vec{p}}|^2$$

Achieve maximum  $Q^2$  by using Breit frame :  $\vec{P}_f = -\vec{P}_i$

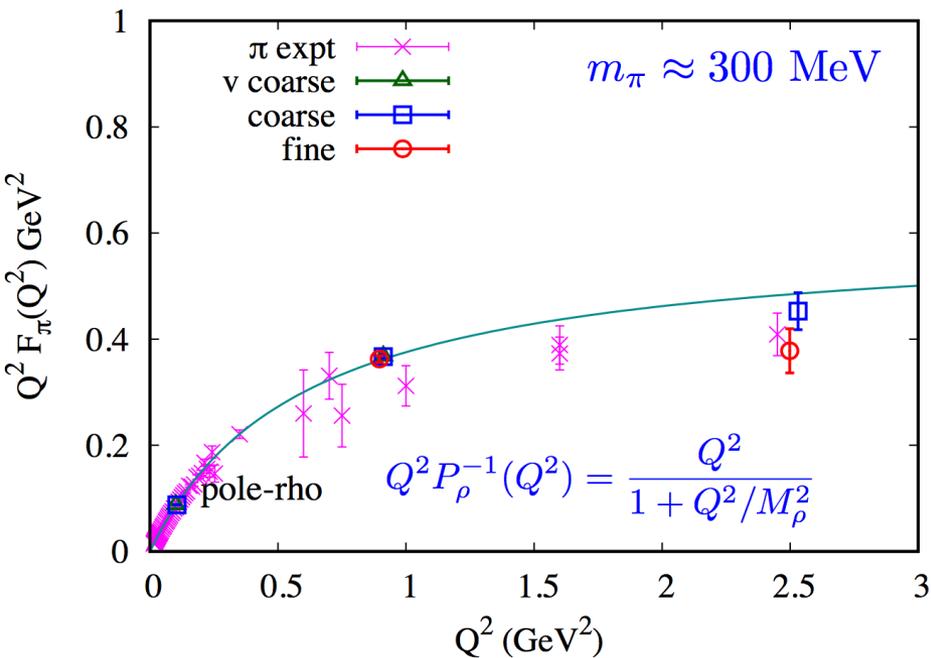
Work ongoing – reached up to 4.0 GeV<sup>2</sup> with 260 MeV pion



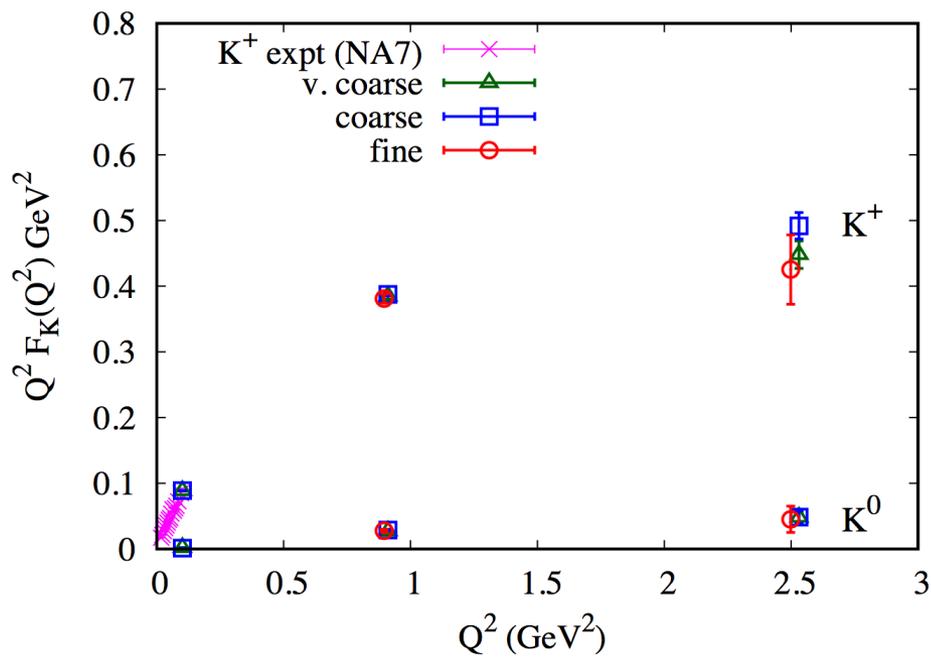
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_V^{(\pi)} = 0.403(18)(6) \text{ fm}^2$$

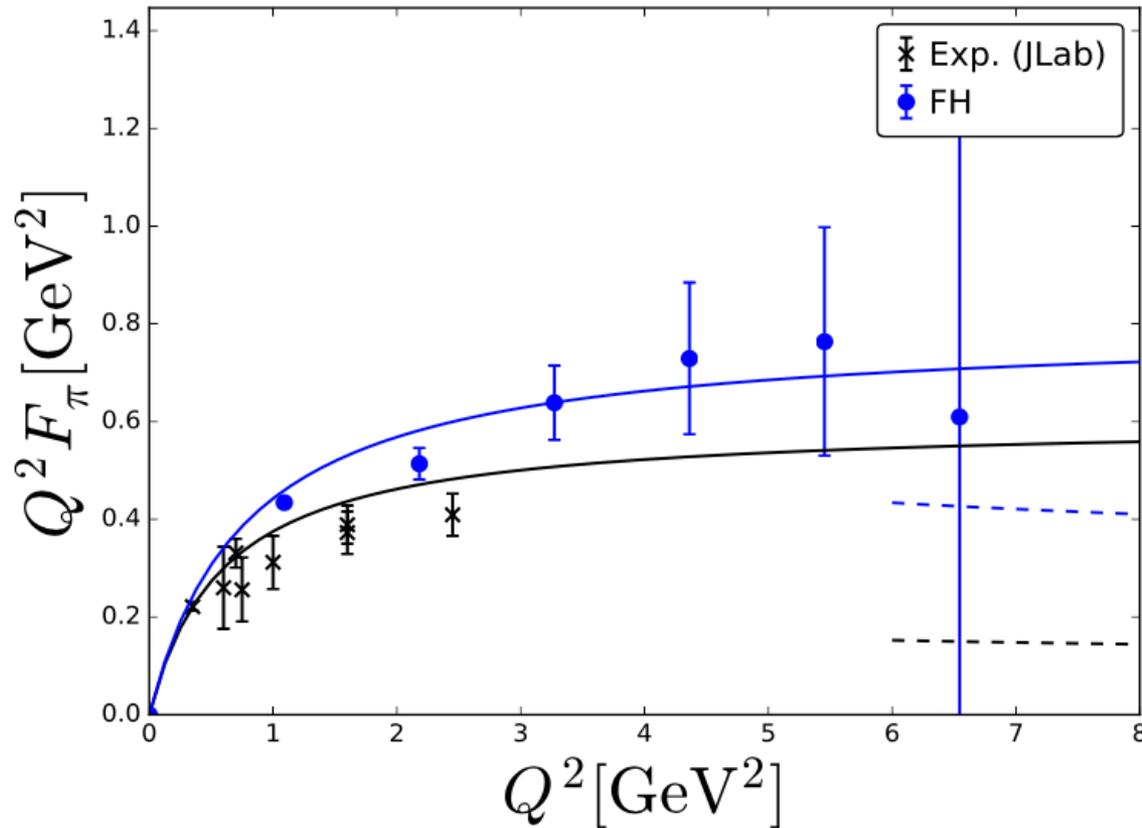
HPQCD- J. Koponen Lattice 2017

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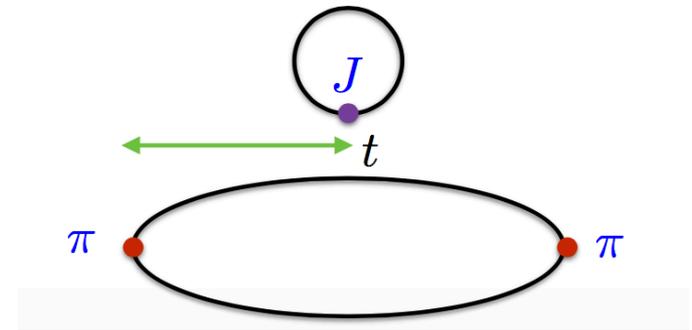
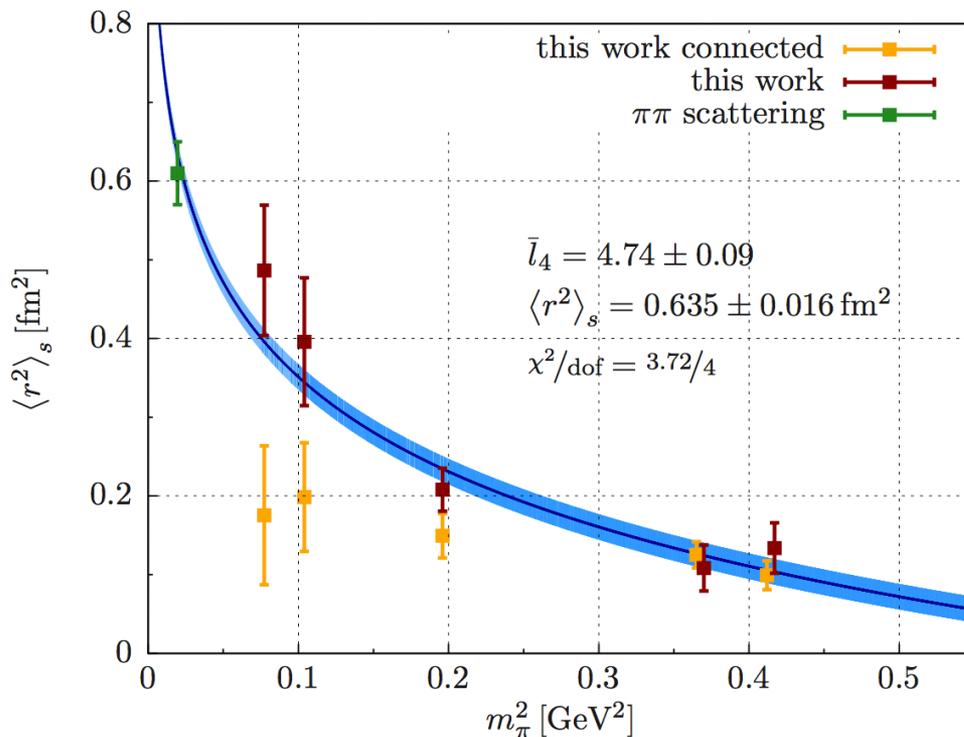
Pion mass =  
450 MeV

Using Feynman-Hellmann methods

# Pion scalar form factor

$$F_S^\pi(Q^2) \equiv \langle \pi^+(p_f) | m_d \bar{d}d + m_u \bar{u}u | \pi^+(p_i) \rangle, \quad Q^2 = -q^2 = -(p_f - p_i)^2$$

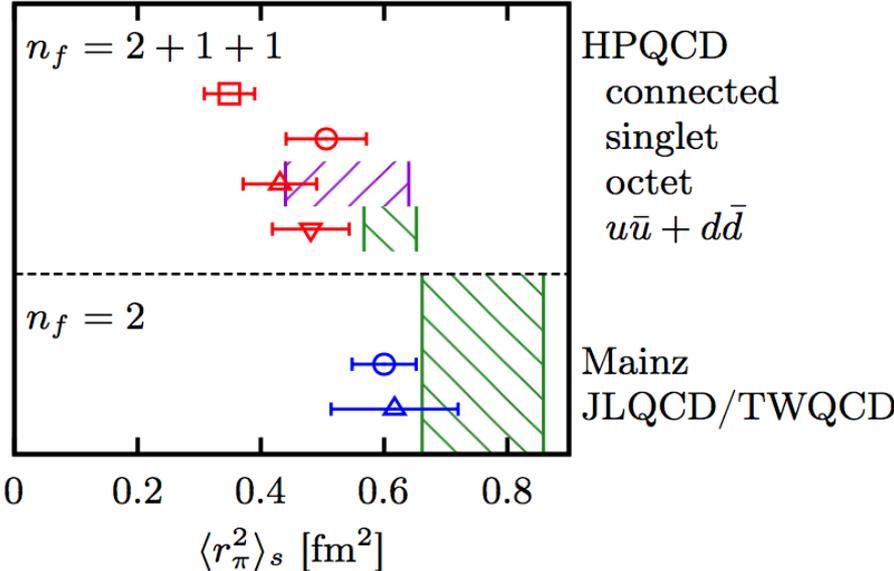
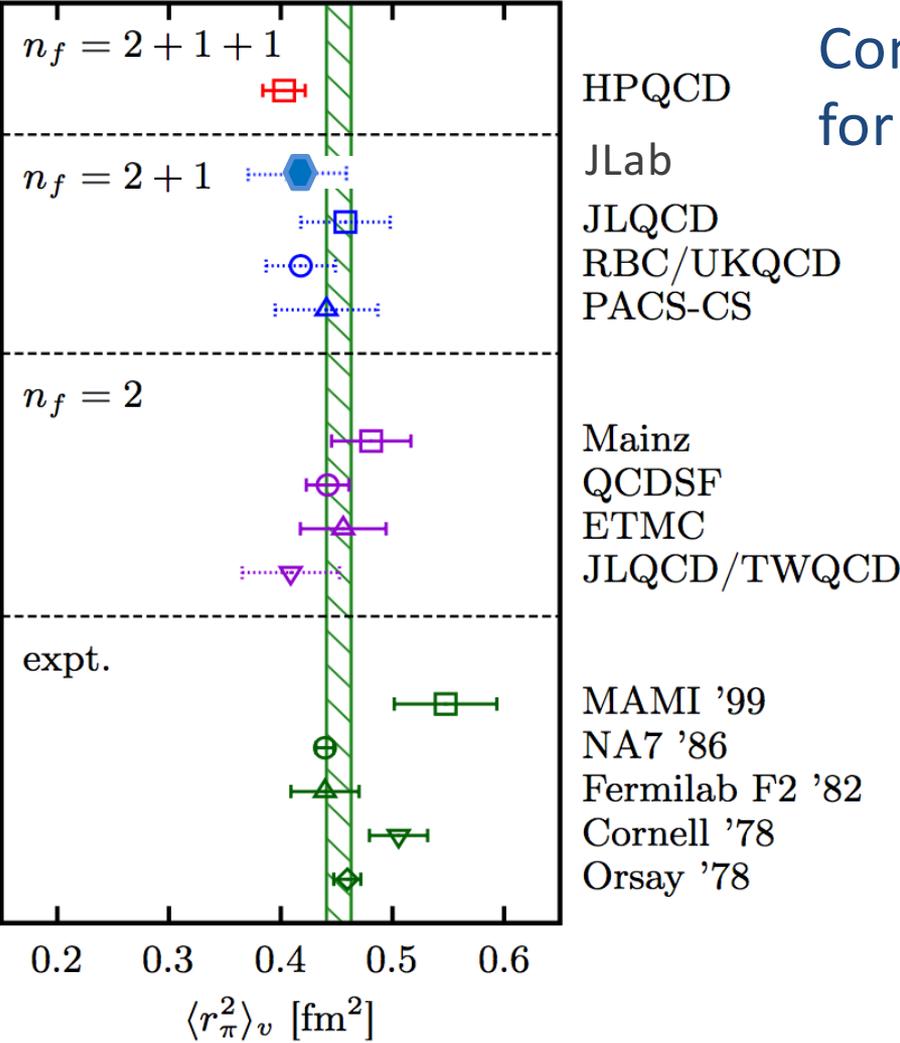
Scalar charge radius: 
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_S^\pi = -\frac{6}{F_S^\pi(0)} \left. \frac{\partial F_S^\pi(Q^2)}{\partial Q^2} \right|_{Q^2=0}$$



$$\langle r^2 \rangle_S^\pi = 0.635 \pm 0.016 \text{ fm}^2$$

V. Gulpers et. al.  
Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) no.9, 094503

# Comparison of different lattice results for pion vector and scalar charge radius



HPQCD, J. Koponen *et. al.*  
 Phys.Rev. D93, 054503

# Nucleon electromagnetic form factor

$$\langle N(p', s') | \bar{q}(0)\gamma_\mu q(0) | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[ \gamma_\mu F_{1q}(Q^2) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M_N} F_{2q}(Q^2) \right] u(p, s)$$

Dirac FF

Pauli FF

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(p' - p)^2$$

Sachs form factors -

$$G_{E_q} = F_{1q} - \frac{Q^2}{(2M)^2} F_{2q}$$
$$G_{M_q} = F_{1q} + F_{2q}$$

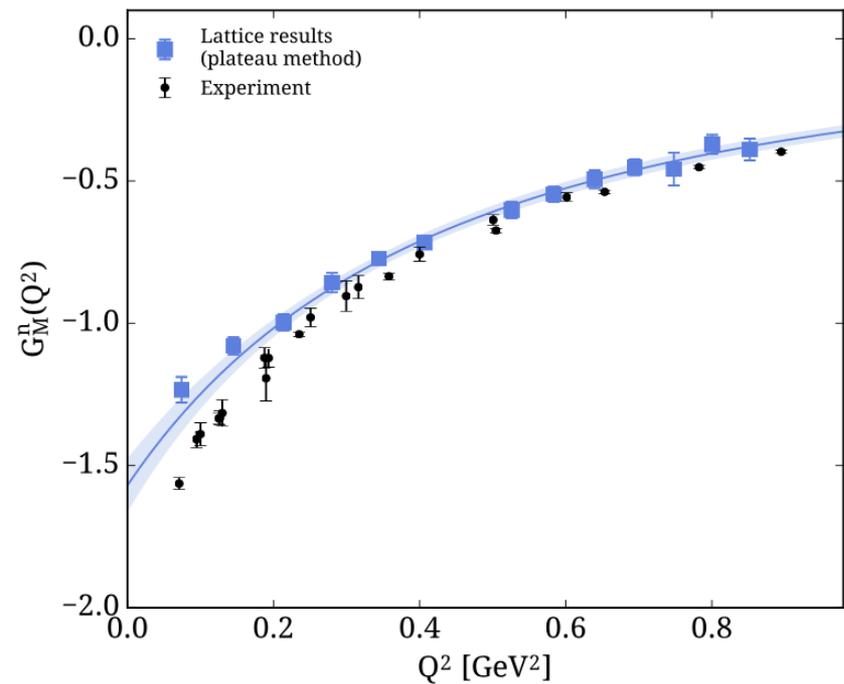
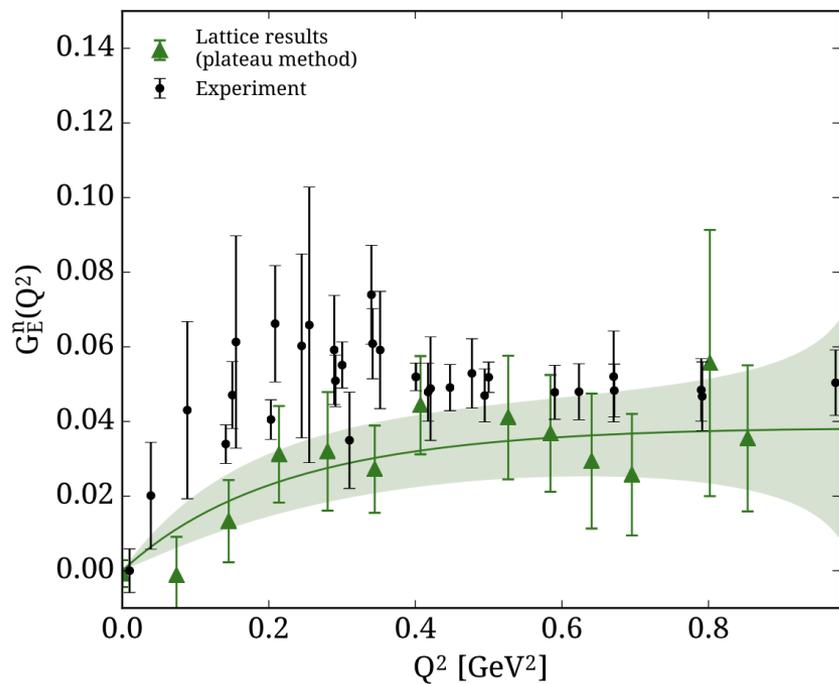
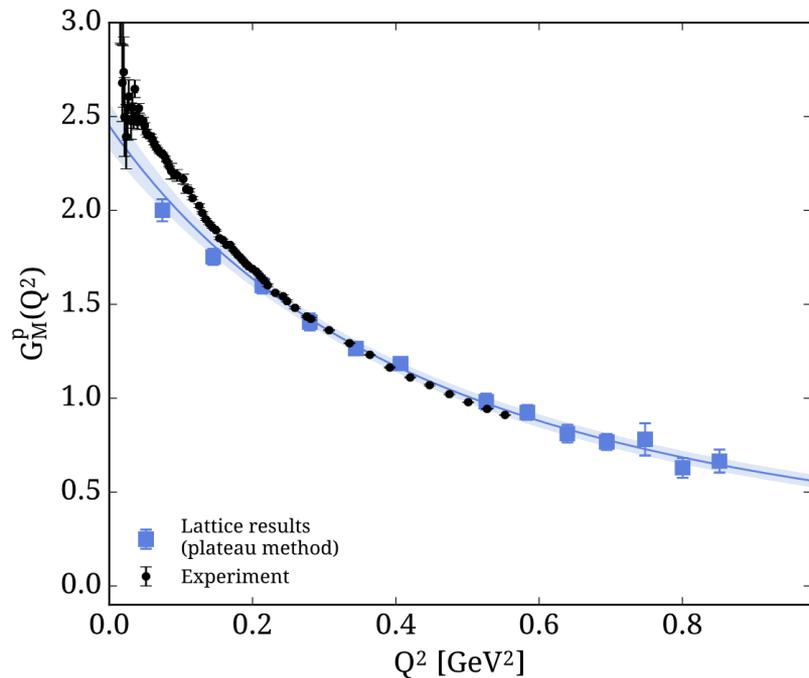
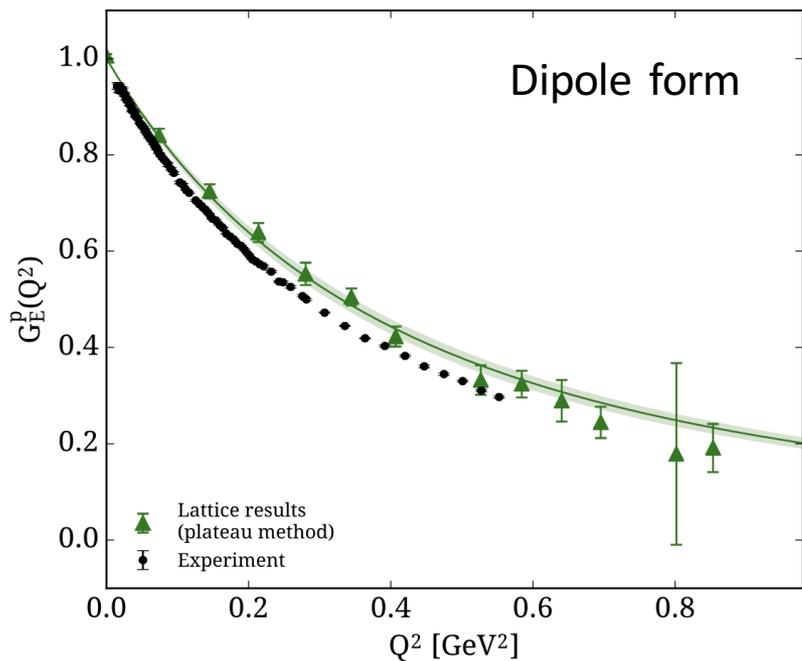
Calculated respectively from temporal and spatial component of currents

C Alexandrou *et al.* , PhysRevD.96.034503 (First lattice calculation with physical pion; disconnected contributions included)

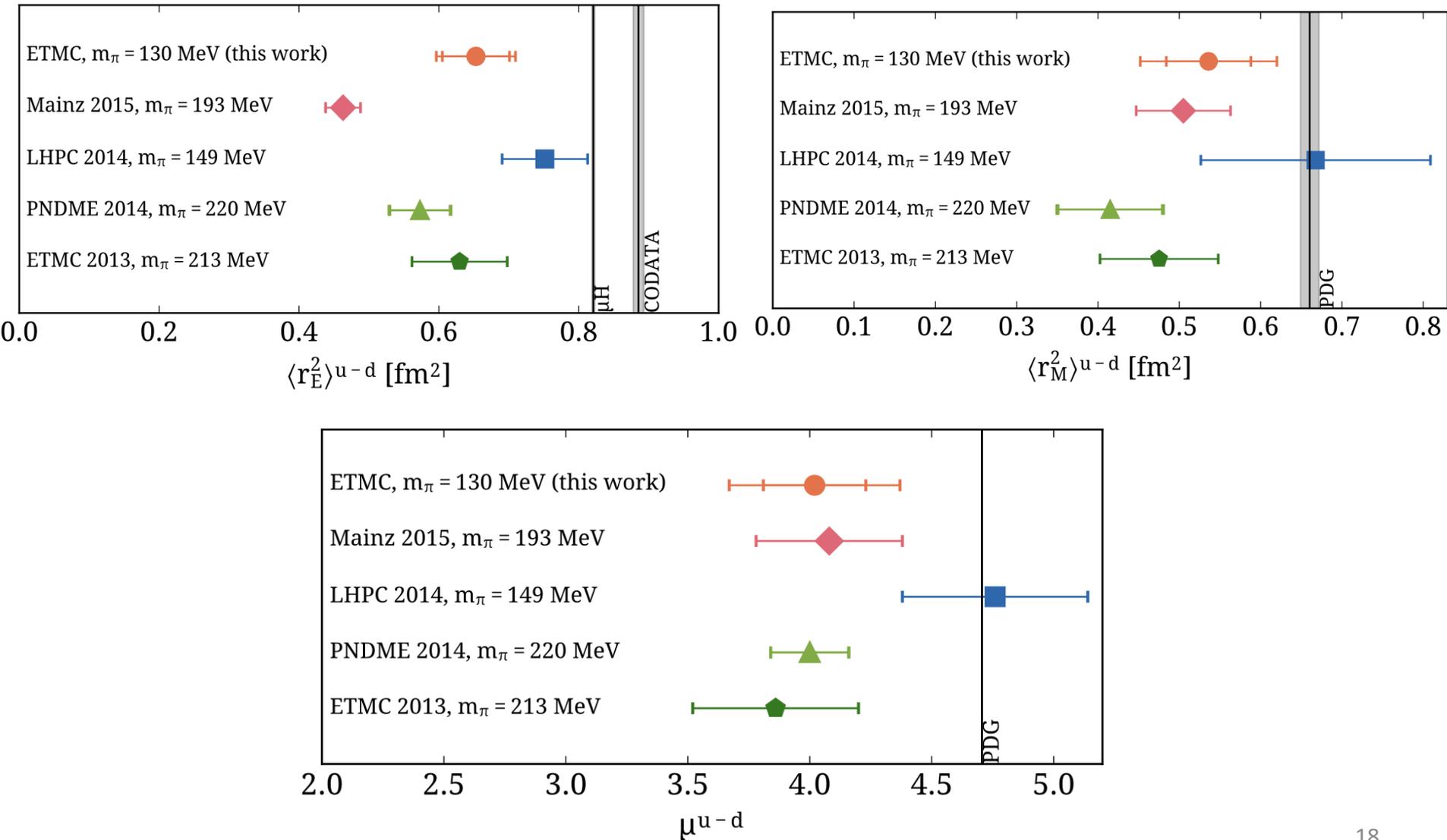
$$R_\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}; t_s; t_{\text{ins}}) = \frac{G_\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}; t_s; t_{\text{ins}})}{G(\vec{0}; t_s)} \times \left[ \frac{G(\vec{0}; t_s) G(\vec{q}; t_s - t_{\text{ins}}) G(\vec{0}; t_{\text{ins}})}{G(\vec{q}; t_s) G(\vec{0}; t_s - t_{\text{ins}}) G(\vec{q}; t_{\text{ins}})} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$G(\vec{p}; t) = c_0(\vec{p}) e^{-E(\vec{p})t} [1 + c_1(\vec{p}) e^{-\Delta E_1(\vec{p})t} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta E_2(\vec{p})t})]$$

$$G_\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}; t_s, t_{\text{ins}}) = a_{00}^\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}) e^{-m(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})} e^{-E(\vec{q})t_{\text{ins}}} \times \left[ 1 + a_{01}^\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}) e^{-\Delta E_1(\vec{q})t_{\text{ins}}} + a_{10}^\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}) e^{-\Delta m_1(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})} + a_{11}^\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}) e^{-\Delta m_1(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})} e^{-\Delta E_1(\vec{q})t_{\text{ins}}} + \dots \right]$$

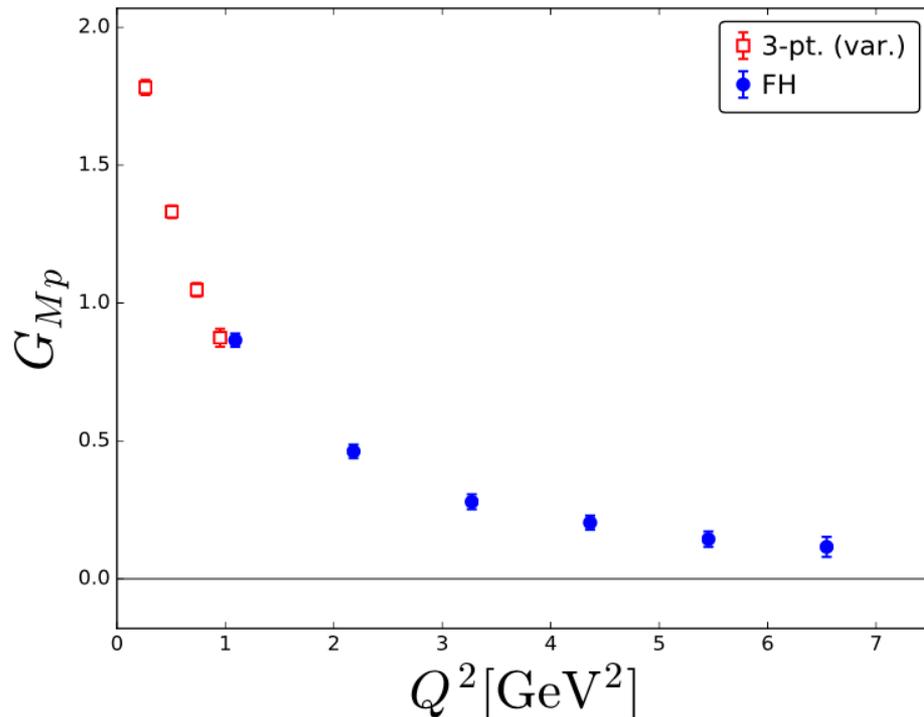
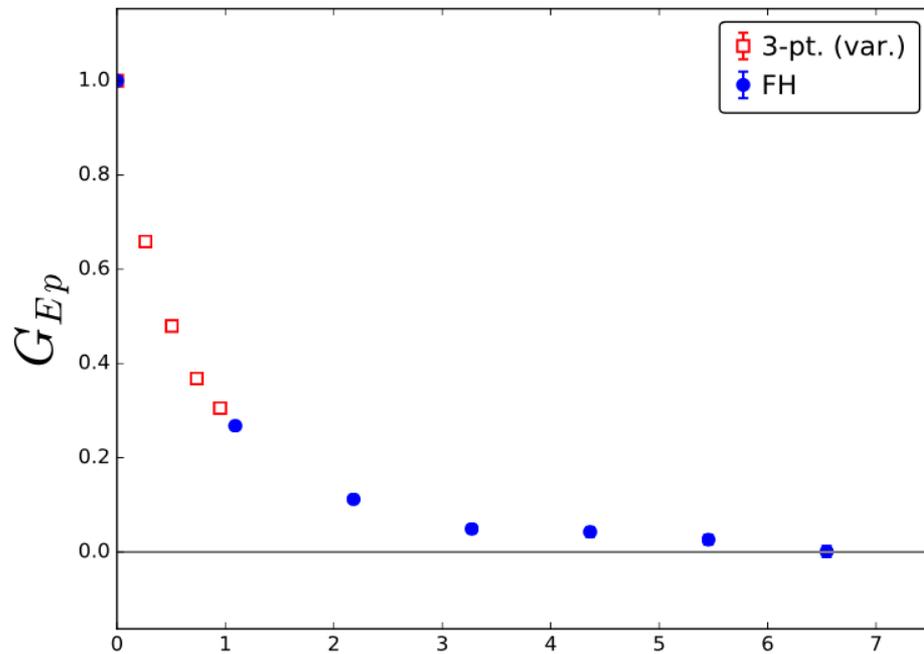


# Comparison among different lattice results for nucleon charge radii and magnetic moment



# Sachs form factors at high $Q^2$

A. J. Chambers *et. al.* QCDSF/UKQCD/CSSM Collaborations, arXiv:1702.01513



- Use of Feynman-Hellmann theorem
- At 490 MeV pion mass

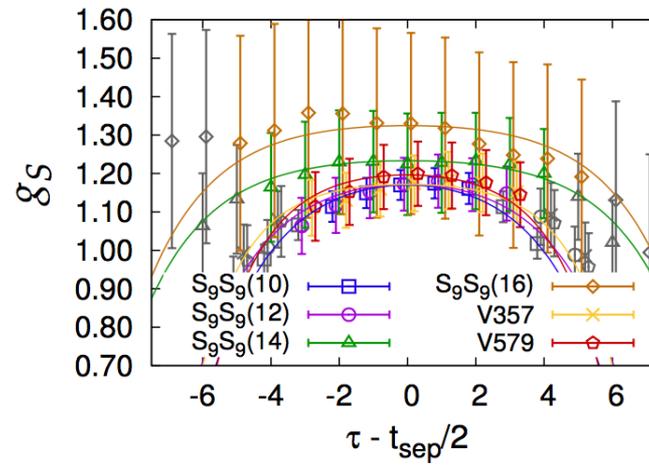
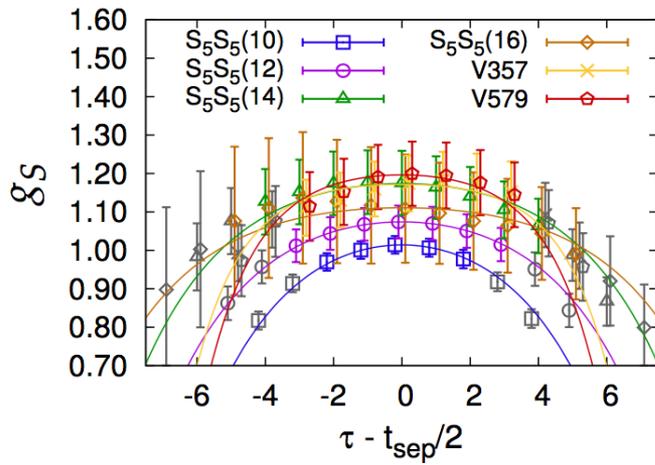
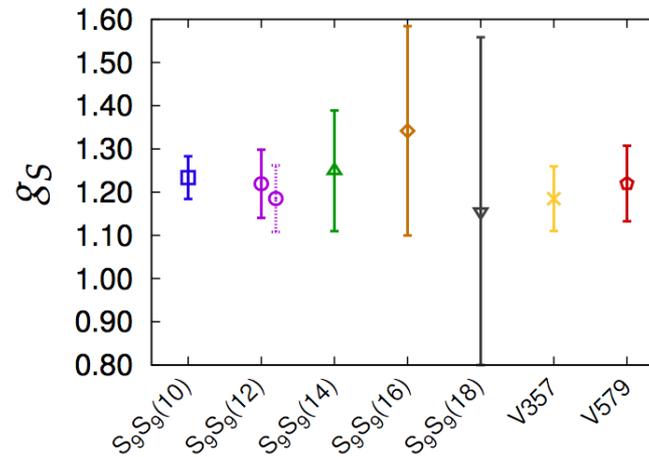
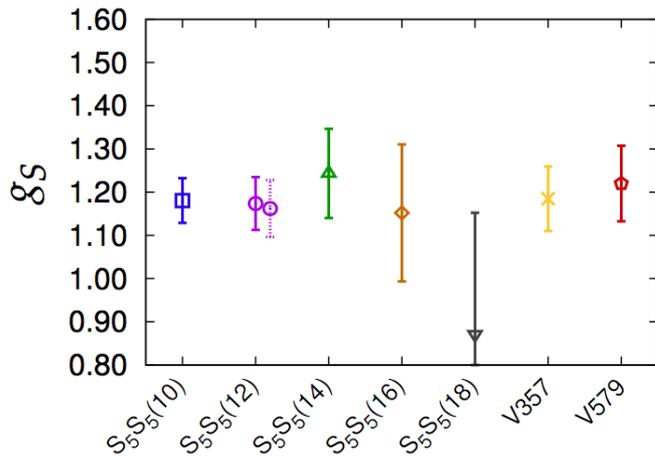
# Isvector charges of nucleon

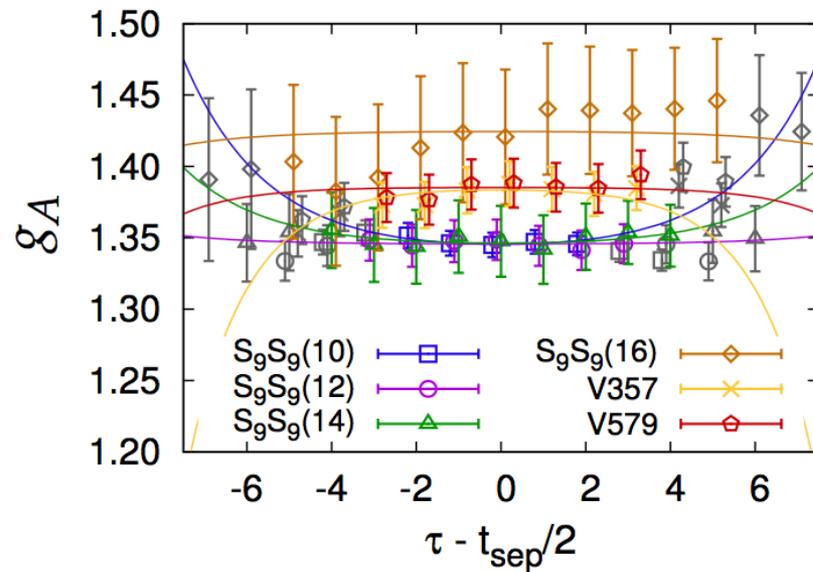
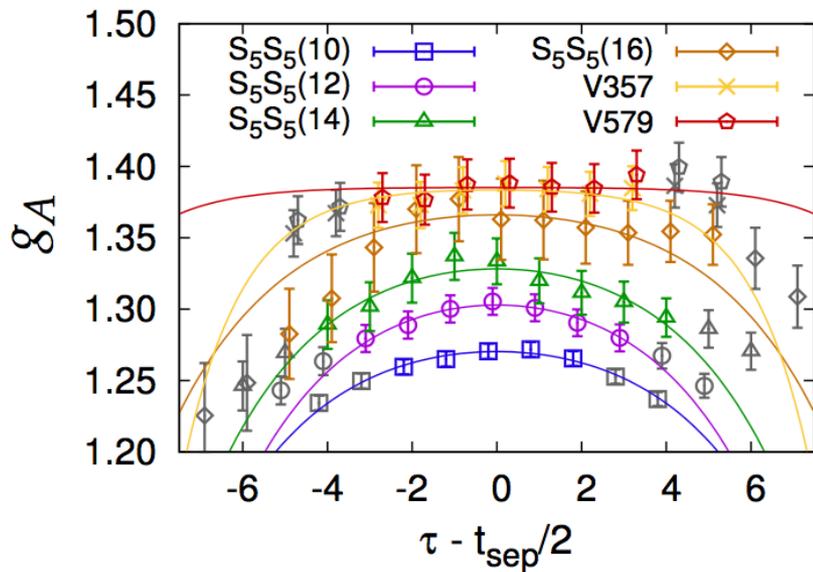
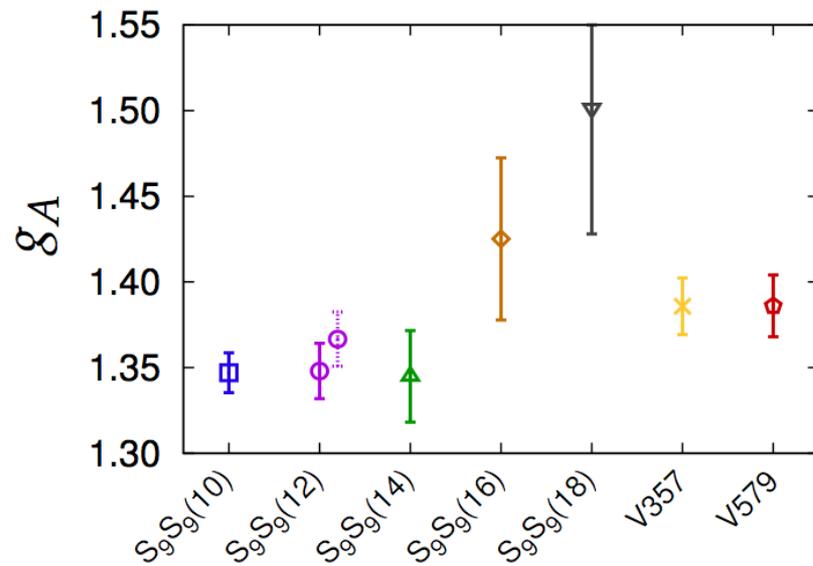
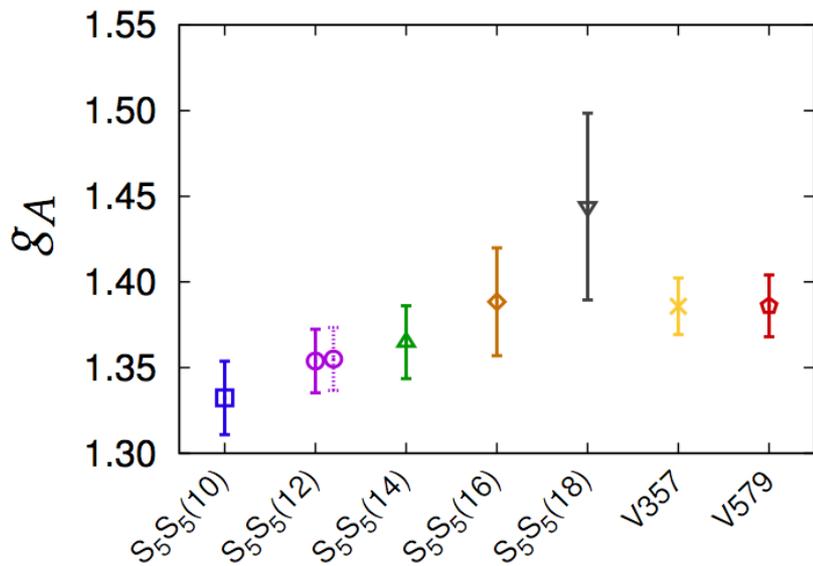
Boram Yoon *et. al.* Phys. Rev. D.93.114506 (Nucleon Matrix Elements (NME) Collaboration)  
 [JLab participation: David Richards, Kostas Orginos, Frank Winter]

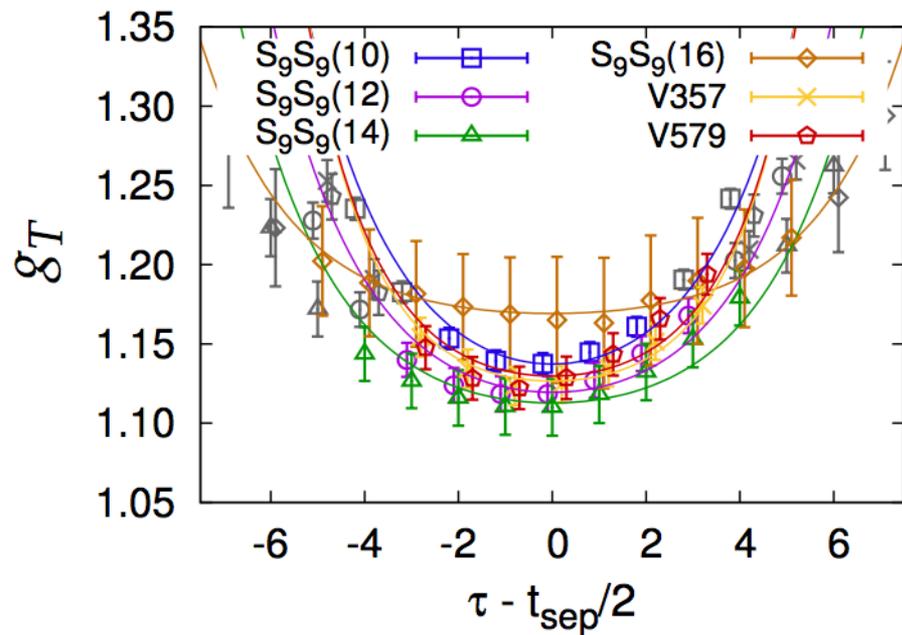
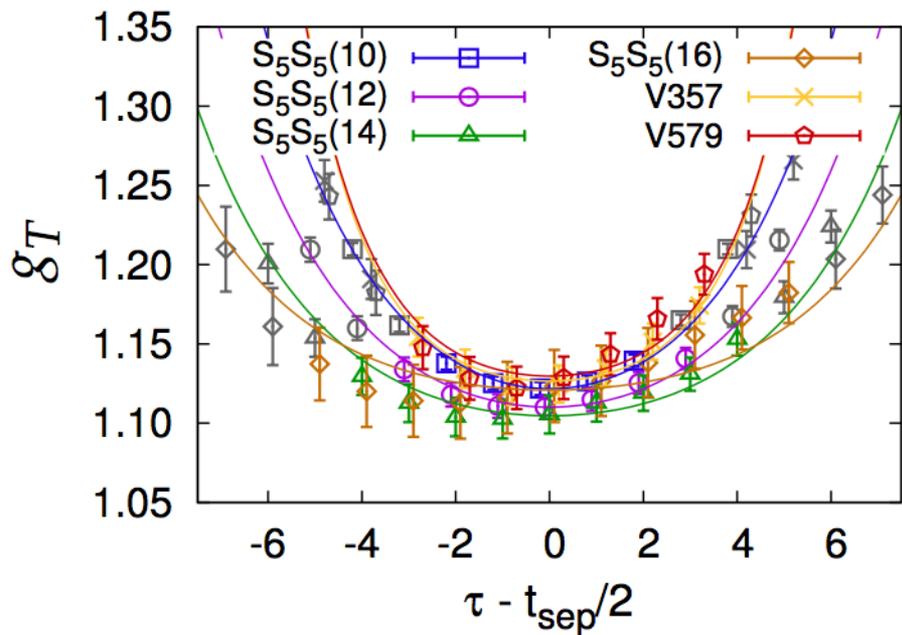
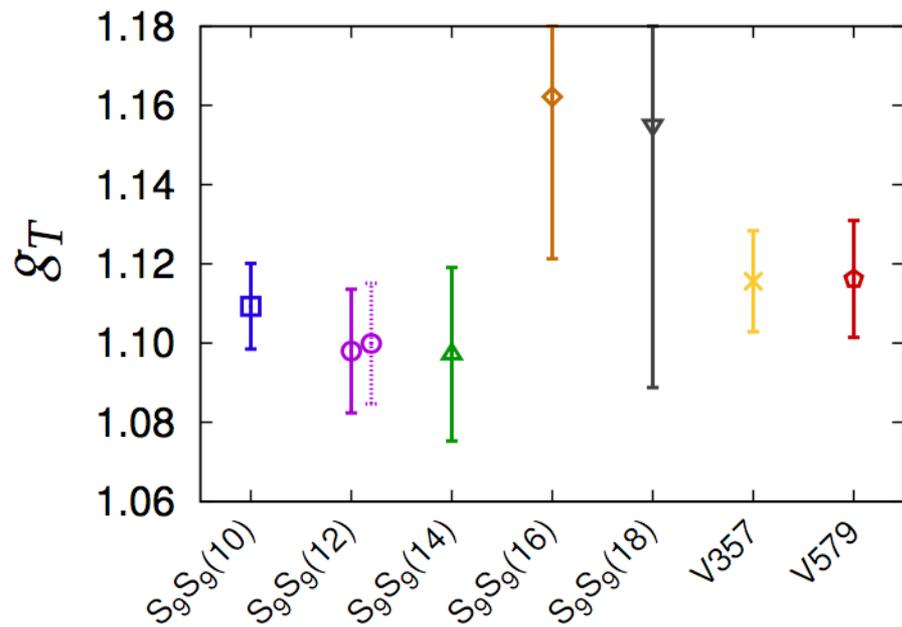
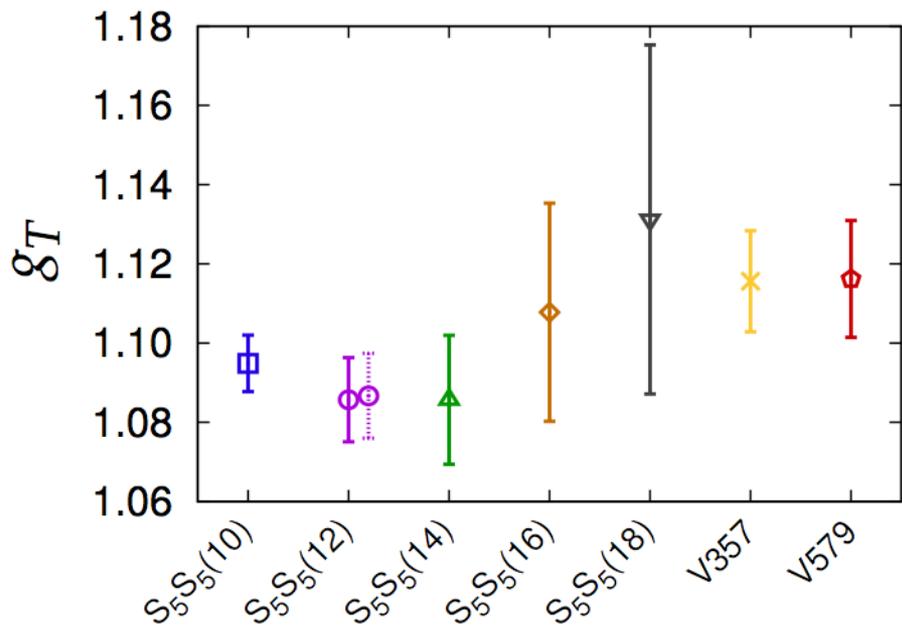
$$\langle N(p, s) | \mathcal{O}_\Gamma^q | N(p, s) \rangle = g_\Gamma^q \bar{u}_s(p) \Gamma u_s(p)$$

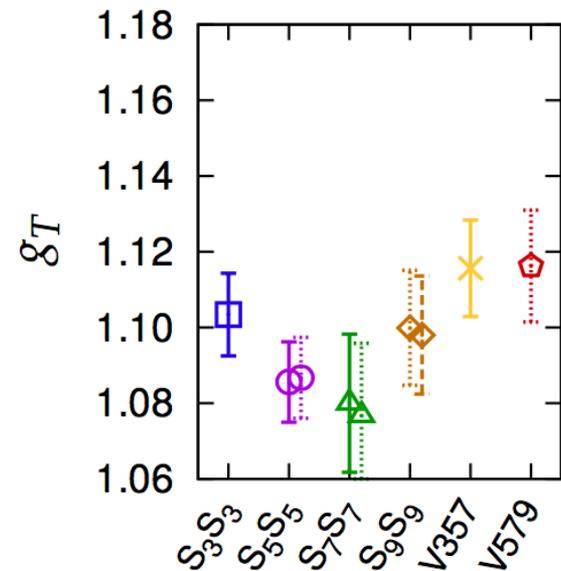
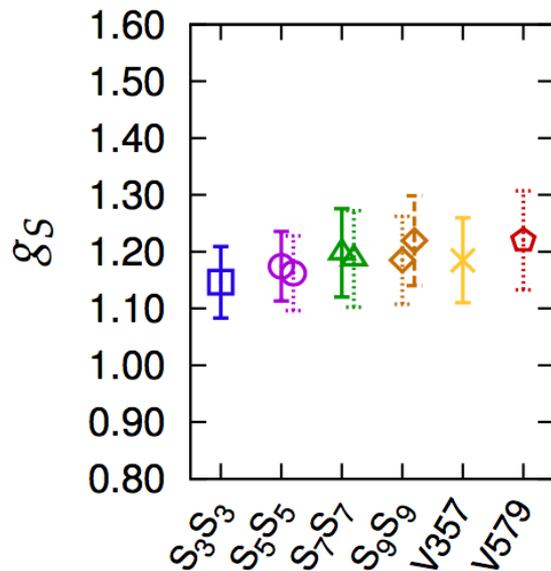
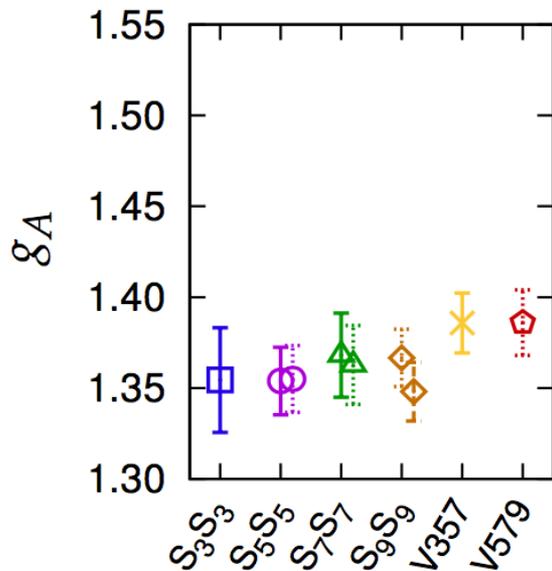
- Variational method
- AMA,
- RI-MOM

At pion mass =  
312 MeV









Consistent among different smearings,  
and 2-state fit and variational fit

## Another calculation of nucleon axial charge

Evan Berkowitz *et. al.*, arXiv:1704.01114

Using Feynman-Hellmann theorem:

$$\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial \lambda} = \langle n | H_\lambda | n \rangle$$

$$H = H_0 + \lambda H_\lambda$$

$$S_\lambda = \lambda \int d^4x j(x)$$

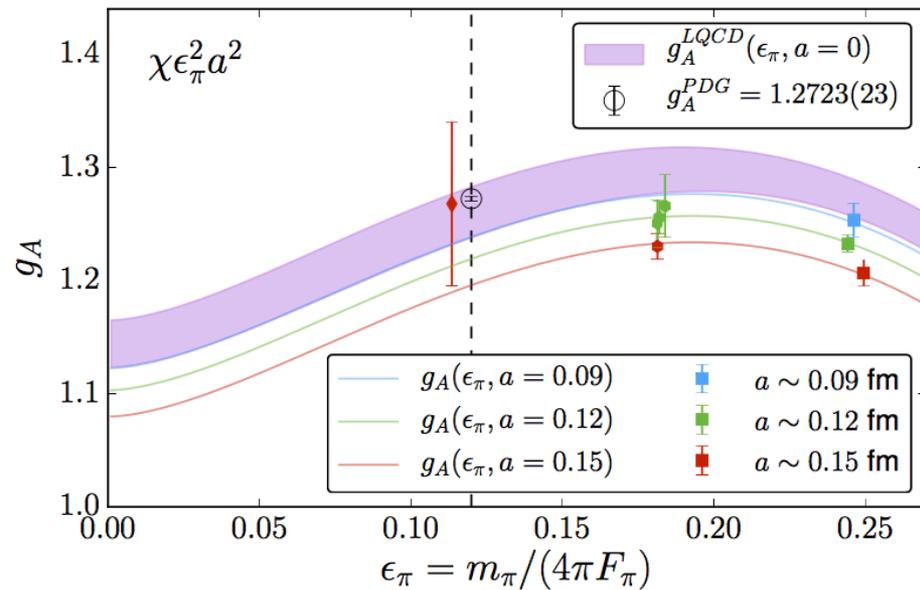
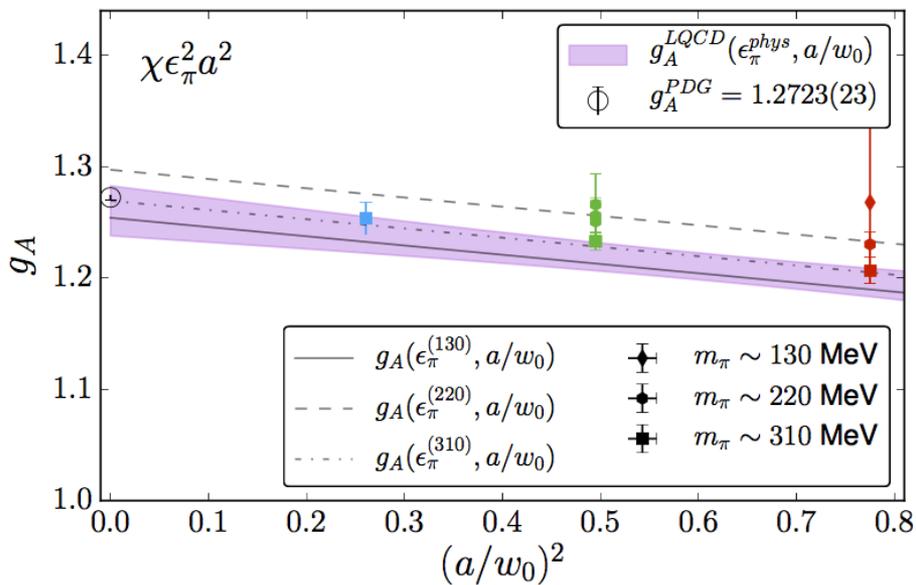
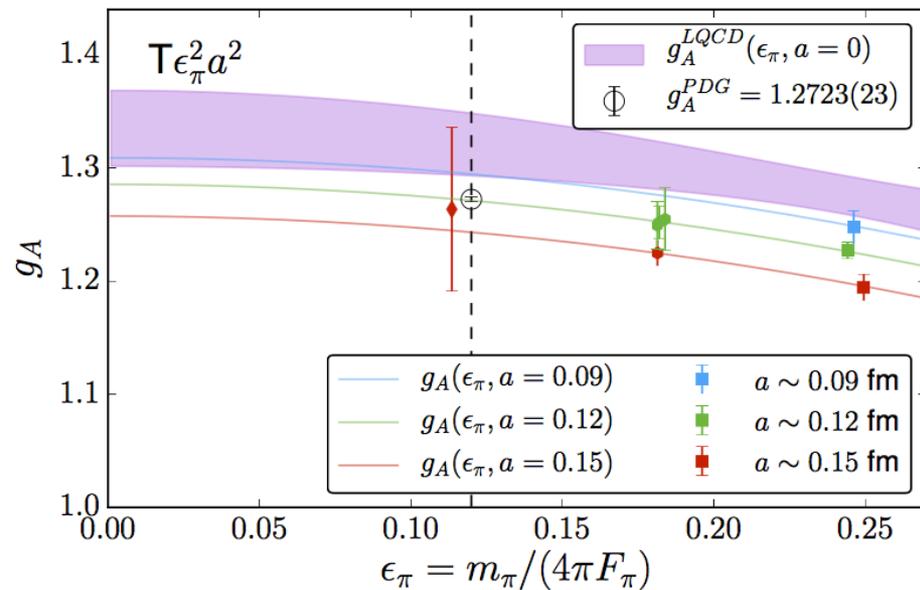
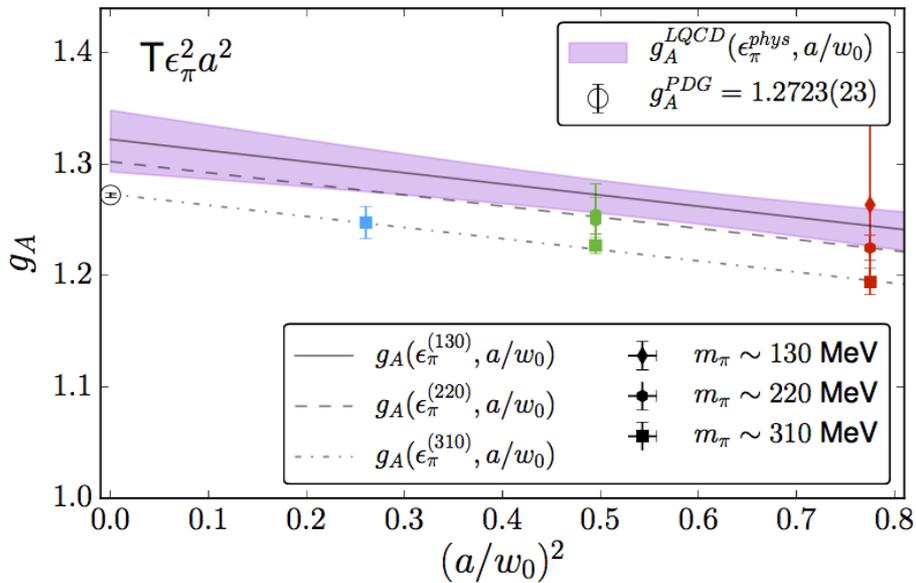
$$M_\lambda^{eff}(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} \ln \left( \frac{C_\lambda(t)}{C_\lambda(t + \tau)} \right)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial M^{eff}(t, \tau)}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{\tau} \left[ \left. \frac{\partial_\lambda C_\lambda(t)}{C_\lambda(t)} - \frac{\partial_\lambda C_\lambda(t + \tau)}{C_\lambda(t + \tau)} \right] \right|_{\lambda=0}$$

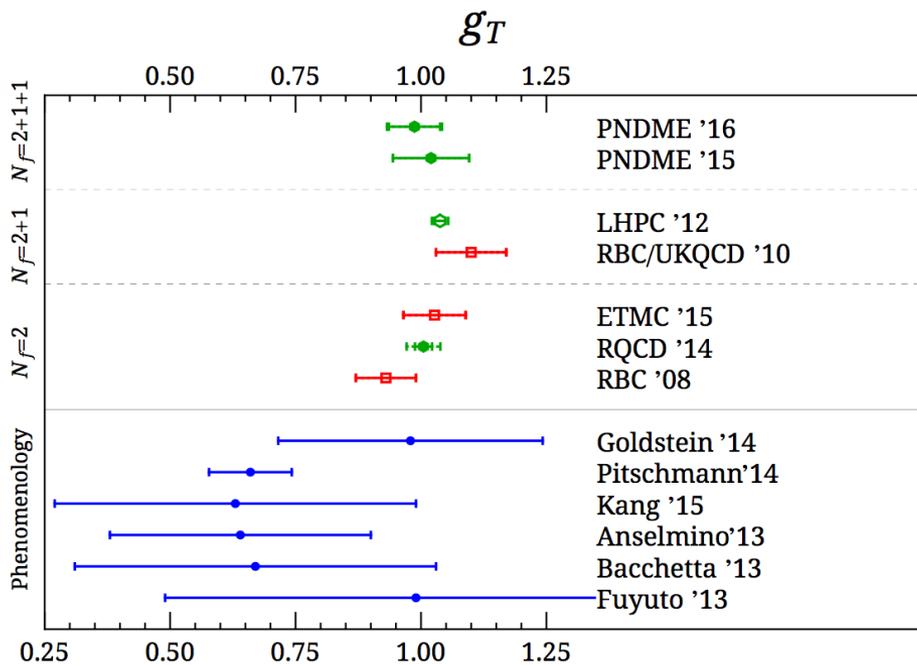
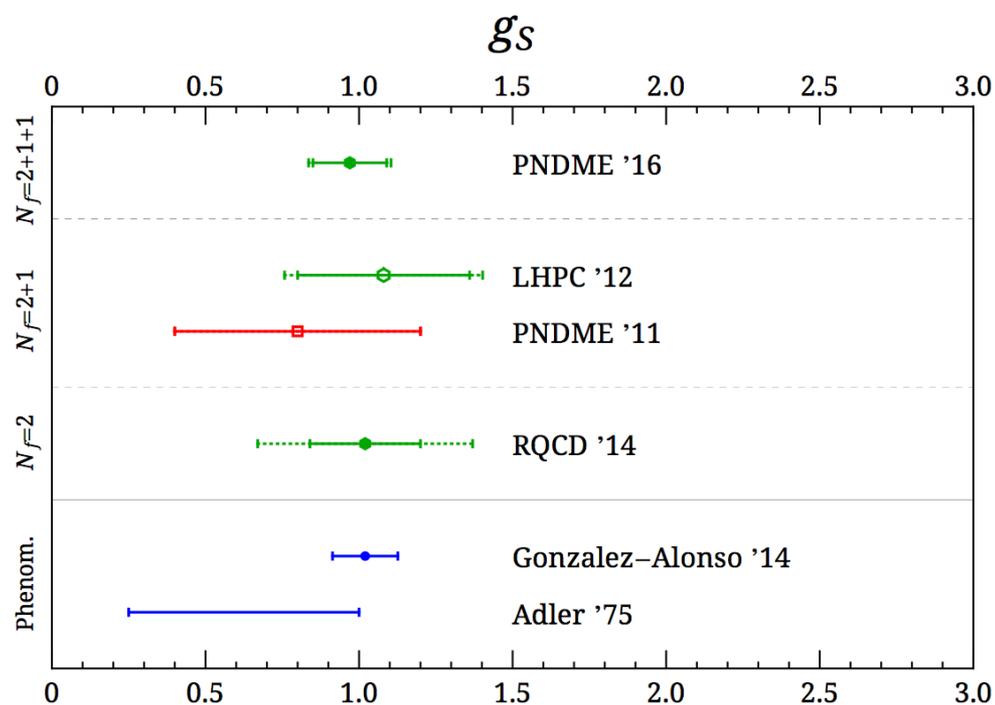
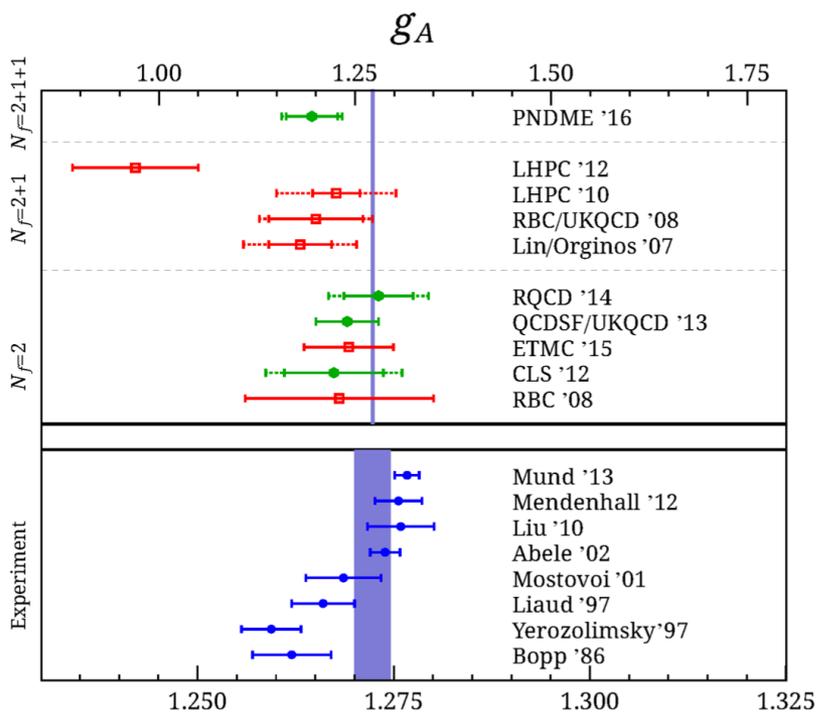
$$\begin{aligned} \left. -\frac{\partial C_\lambda(t)}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} &= -C(t) \int dt' \langle \Omega | J(t') | \Omega \rangle \\ &+ \int dt' \langle \Omega | T \{ N(t) J(t') N^\dagger(0) \} | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$C(t) = \sum_n z_n z_n^\dagger e^{-E_n t}$$

$$G_J(t) \equiv \frac{1}{\tau} \left[ \frac{N_J(t + \tau)}{C(t + \tau)} - \frac{N_J(t)}{C(t)} \right]$$



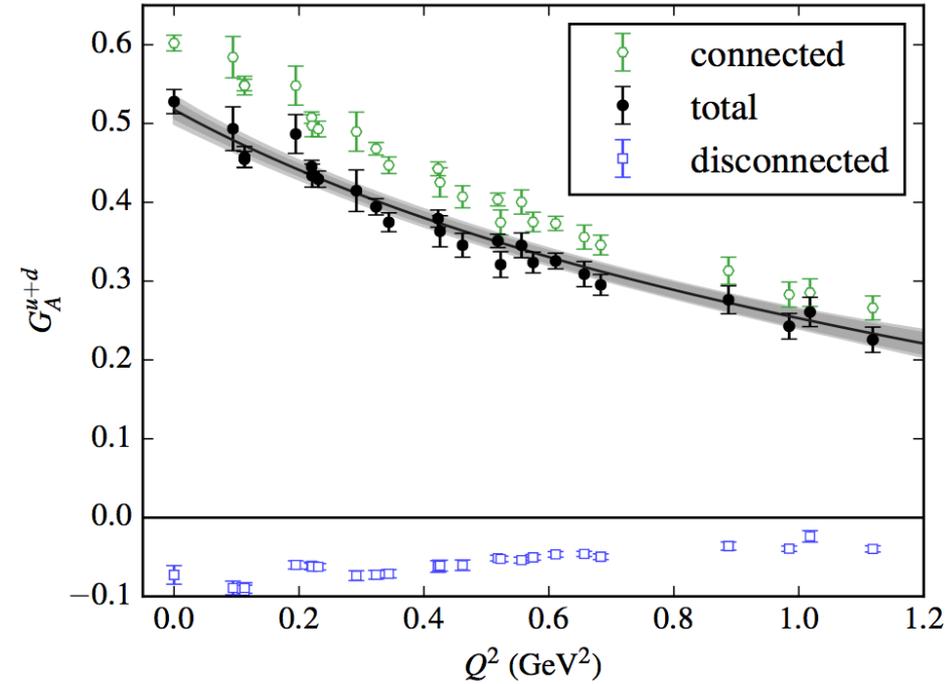
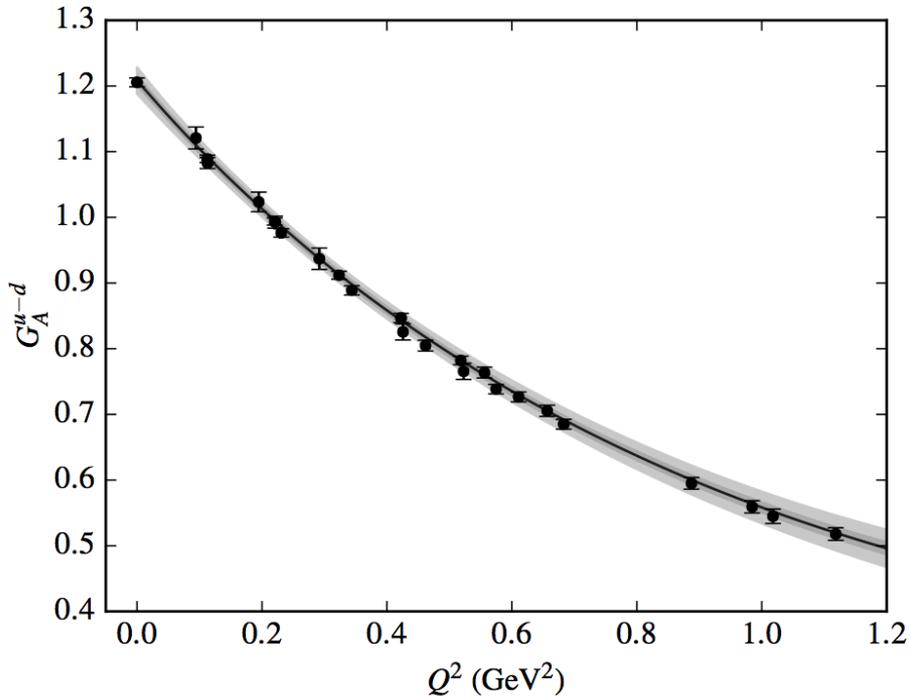
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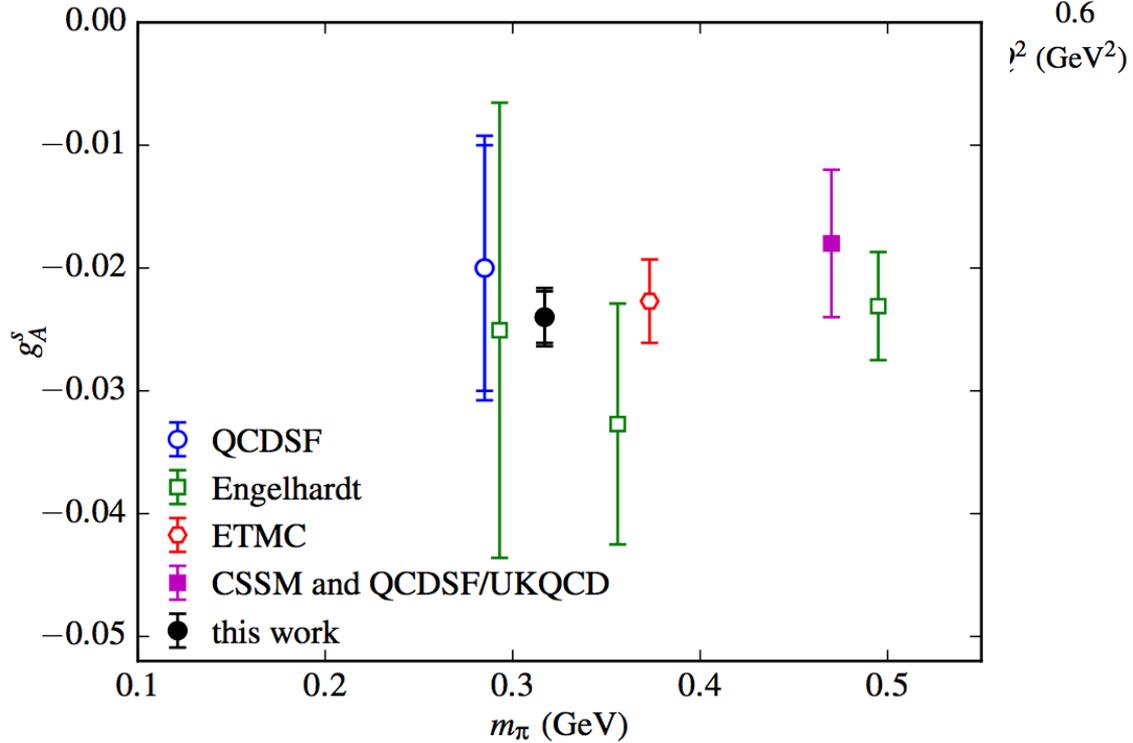
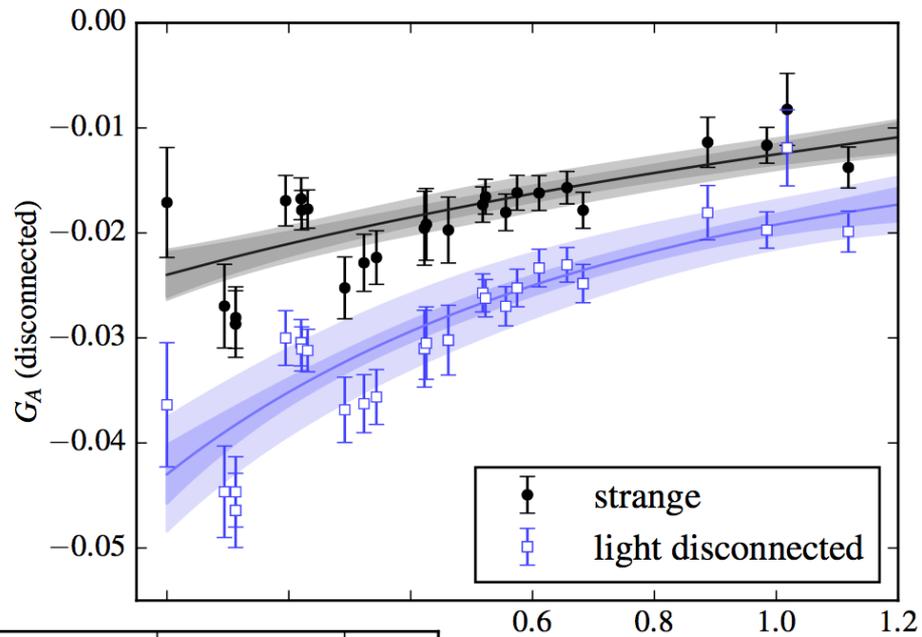
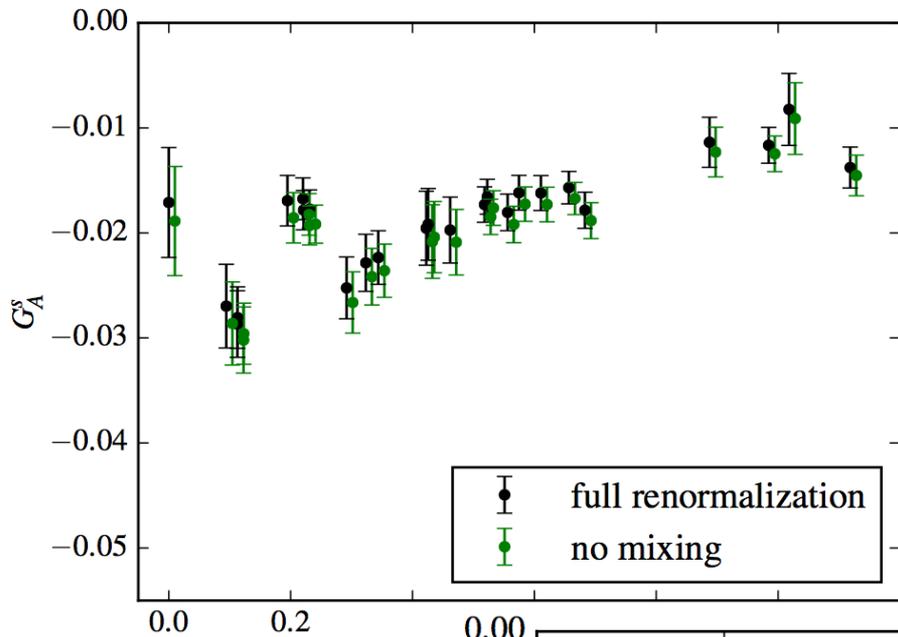


Tanmoy Bhattacharya *et. al*,  
 Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.5, 054508

# Up, down, and strange nucleon axial form factors

Jeremy Green *et. al.* *Phys. Rev. D* 95, 114502 (2017)

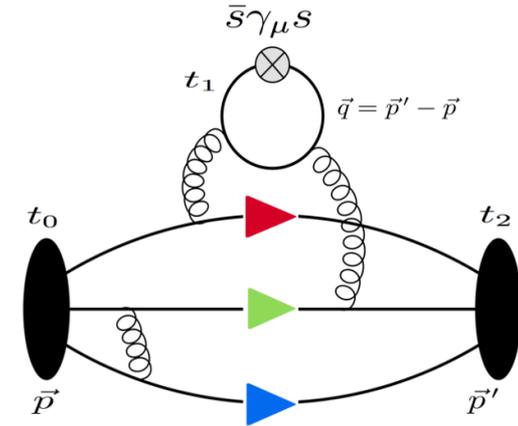
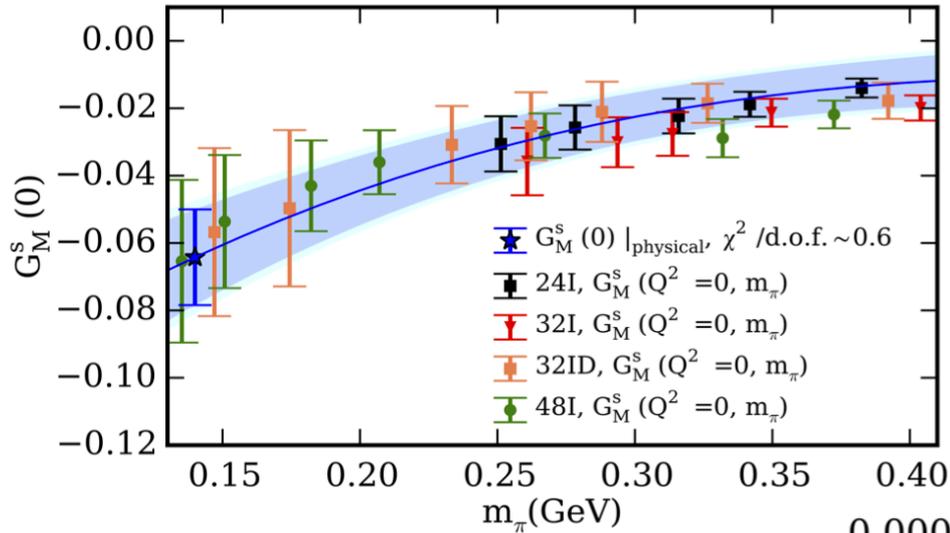




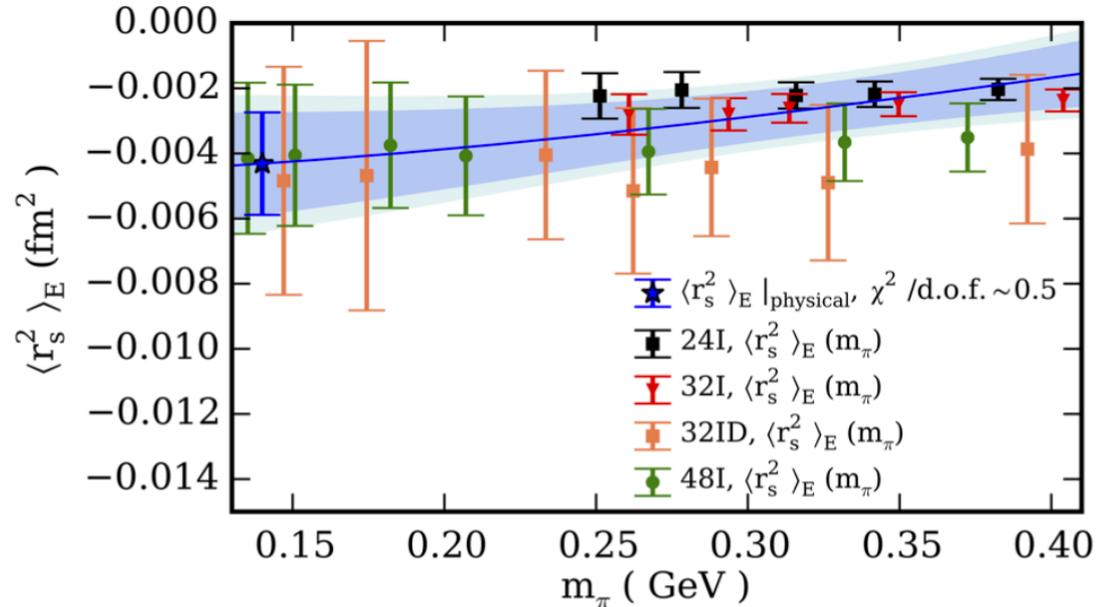
# Strange quark magnetic moment of the nucleon

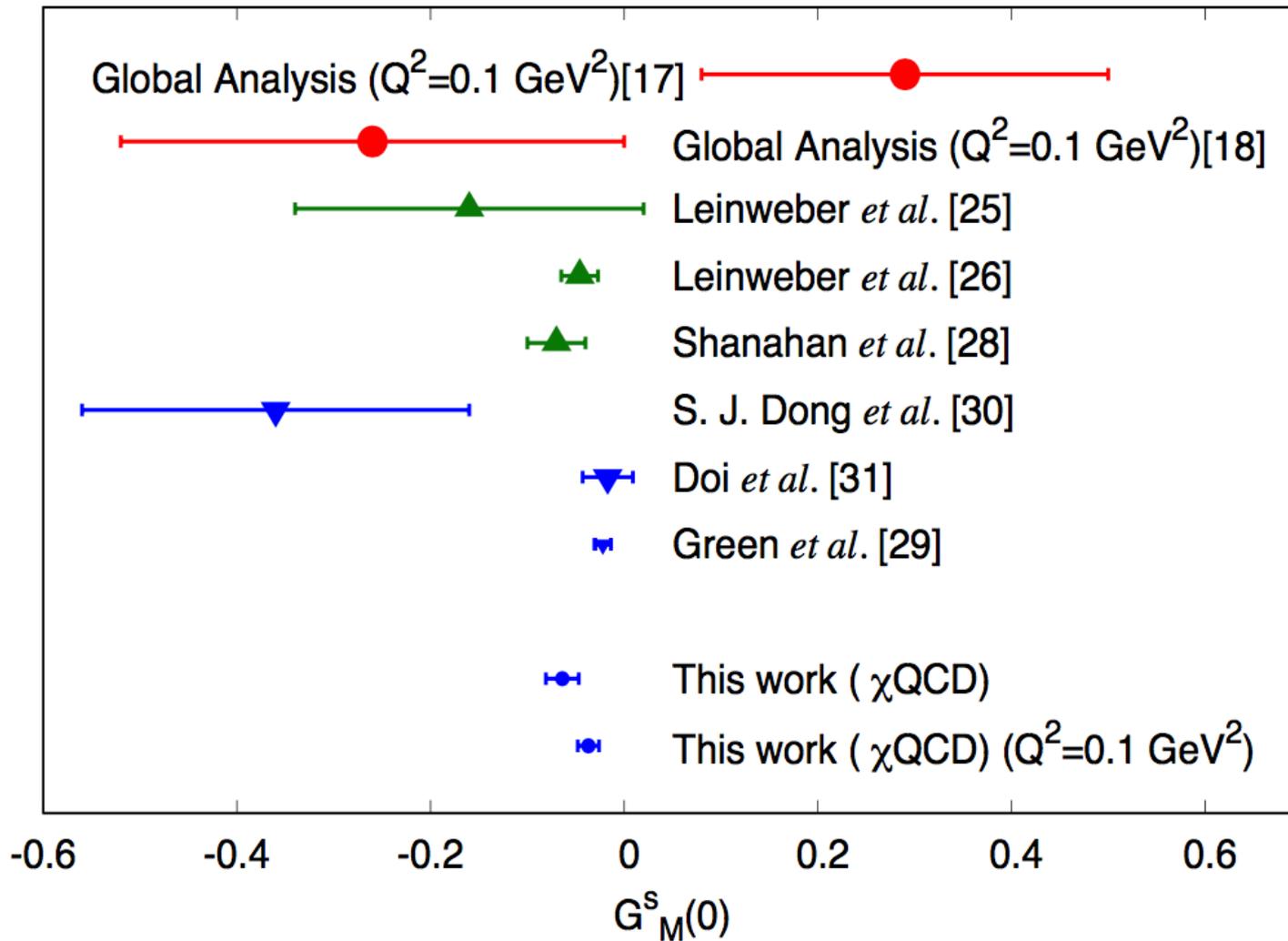
Raza Sufian, Phys. Rev. Lett.118.042001

(at physical pion mass with Domain-wall fermions)



- Ratio 3pt/2pt method
- Z-expansion





Strange quark magnetic moment

## More calculations:

- Nasreen Hasan *et. al.*, arXiv:1611.01383 – Nucleon Dirac and Pauli form factor
- S. Capitani *et. al.*, arXiv:1705.06186 - Iso-vector axial form factors of the nucleon in two-flavour lattice QCD
- C. Alexandrou *et. al.*, arXiv:1705.06186 - The nucleon axial form factors using lattice QCD simulations with a physical value of the pion mass
- Chris Bouchard *et. al.*, Phys. Rev. D96, 014504 - On the Feynman-Hellmann theorem in quantum field theory and the calculation of matrix elements
- Chris Bouchard *et. al.* –PoS(Lattice2016),160 - Matrix elements from moments of correlation functions

## Some more calculations -

J Liang *et. al.*, - Phys. Rev. D.96.034519 - Lattice Calculation of Nucleon Isovector Axial Charge with Improved Currents

Raza Sufian *et. al.*, arXiv:1705.05849 - Sea Quarks Contribution to the Nucleon Magnetic Moment and Charge Radius at the Physical Point

Tanmoy Bhattacharya *et. al.*, Phys. Rev. D.92.094511 - Isovector and Isoscalar Tensor Charges of the Nucleon from Lattice QCD

# Outlook

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## Immediate goals (JLab form factor program):

- Pion form factor at  $Q^2 \geq 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Extend to more ensembles with lighter pion masses , multiple volumes, multiple lattice spacing
- Take care of lattice artefacts
- Nucleon axial charge using distillation

## Next:

- Distribution amplitude,
- TMDs, GPDs ....