

Pseudoscalar pole contributions to HLbL at the physical point

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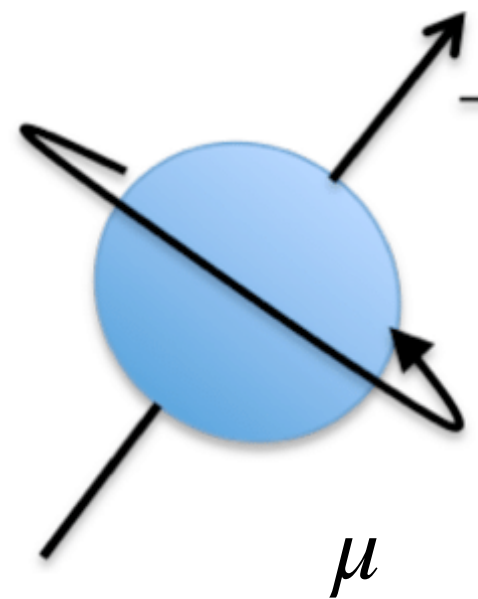
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Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon

Precision physics, sensitive to BSM effects.

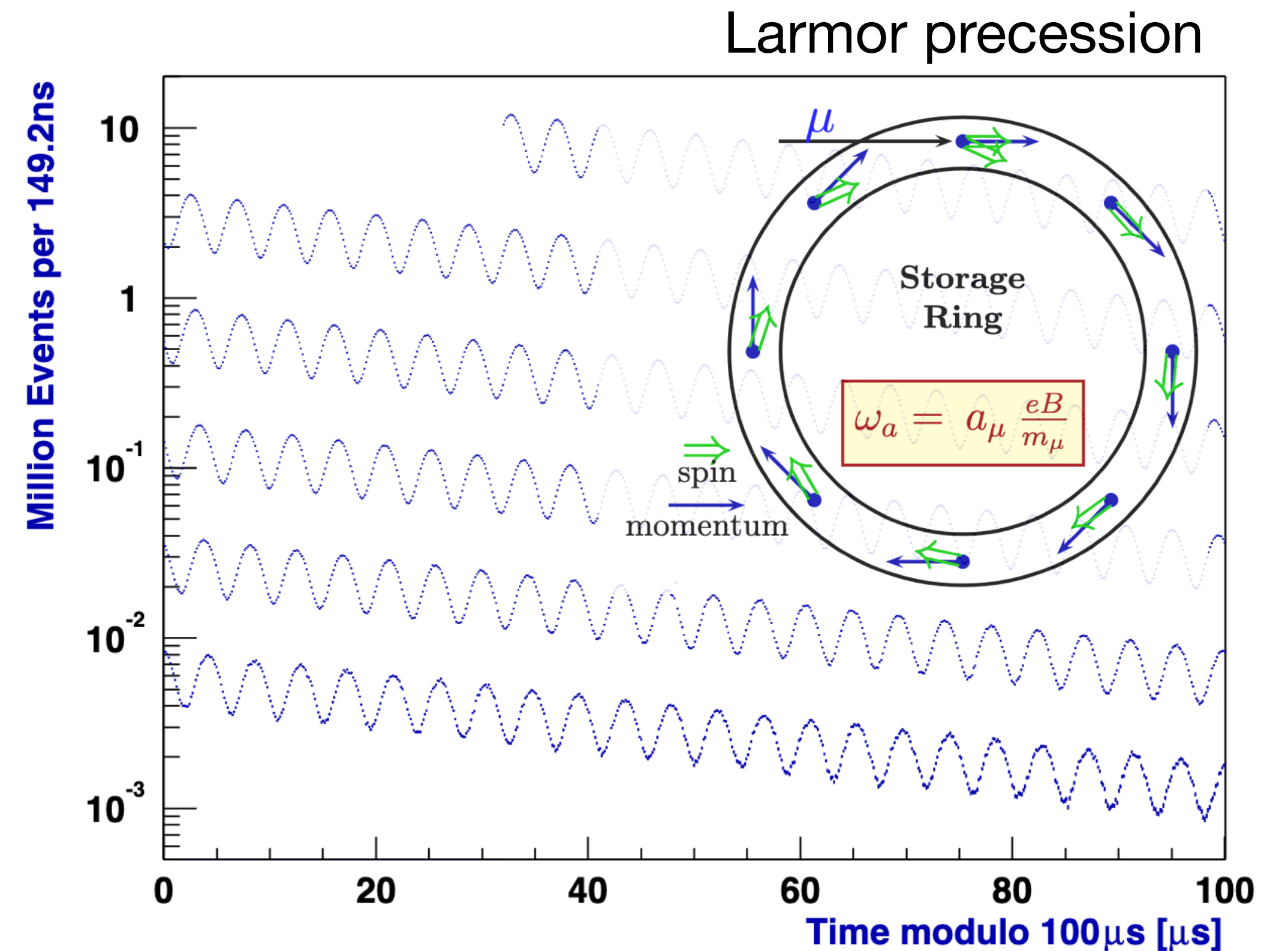


$$a_\mu = \frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}$$

- Leading order QED
Schwinger term in 1948...

$$a_\ell = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$$

- Heavier flavors more sensitive to new physics effects
- Tau too short-lived, muon is the next-best option



Tensions in a_μ

Combined 4.2 σ tension

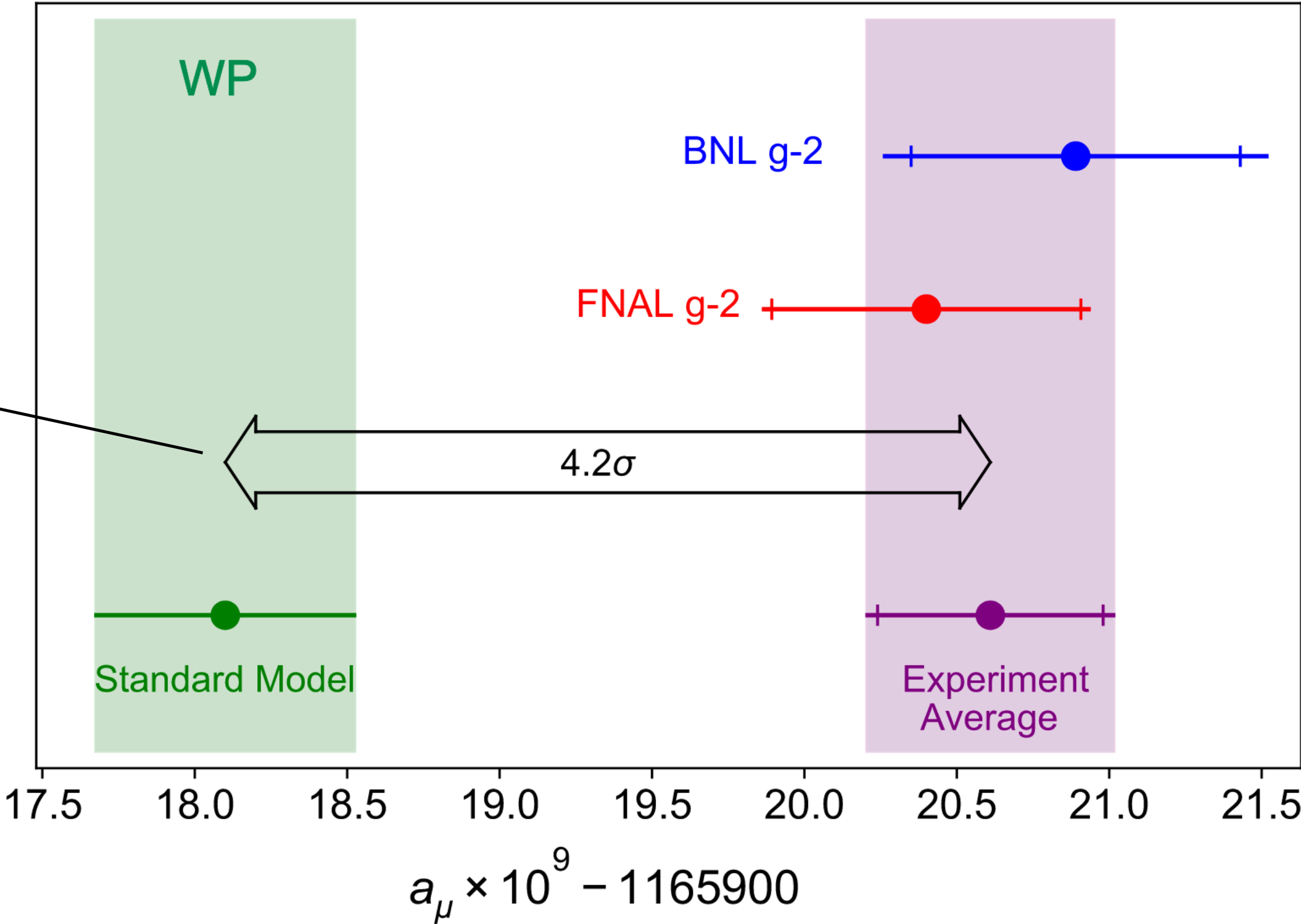
$$\Delta a_\mu = 279(76) \times 10^{-11}$$

Expt: BNL E821 + Fermilab E989

- Current err $\sim 60 \times 10^{-11}$
- Expected err $\sim 15 \times 10^{-11}$

Theory: Perturbative + pheno + latt

- HVP err $\sim 40 \times 10^{-11}$
 - HLbL err $\sim 20 \times 10^{-11}$
- At the order of E989 projected err



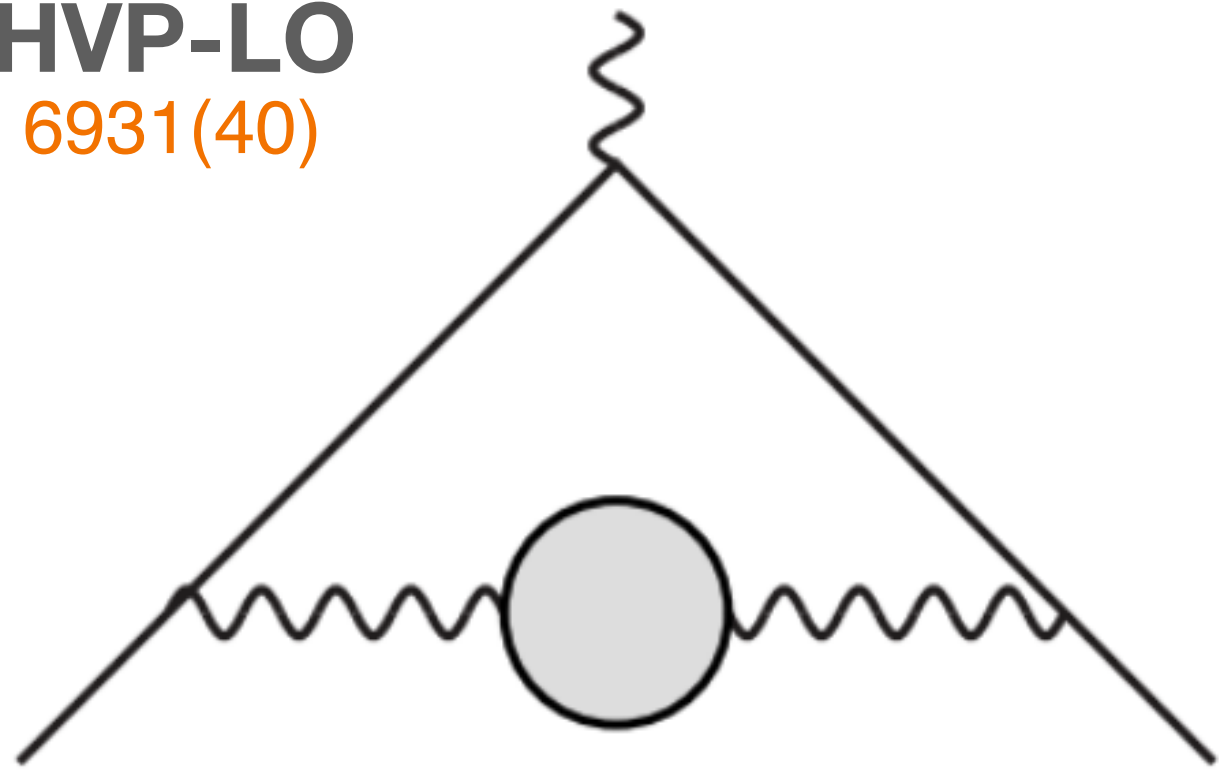
Contribution	Value $\times 10^{11}$
Experiment (E821)	116 592 089(63)
...	...
QED	116 584 718.931(104)
Electroweak	153.6(1.0)
HVP (e^+e^- , LO + NLO + NNLO)	6845(40)
HLbL (phenomenology + lattice + NLO)	92(18)
Total SM Value	116 591 810(43)
Difference: $\Delta a_\mu := a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}}$	279(76)

Hadronic contributions to a_μ

All a_μ values $\times 10^{-11}$

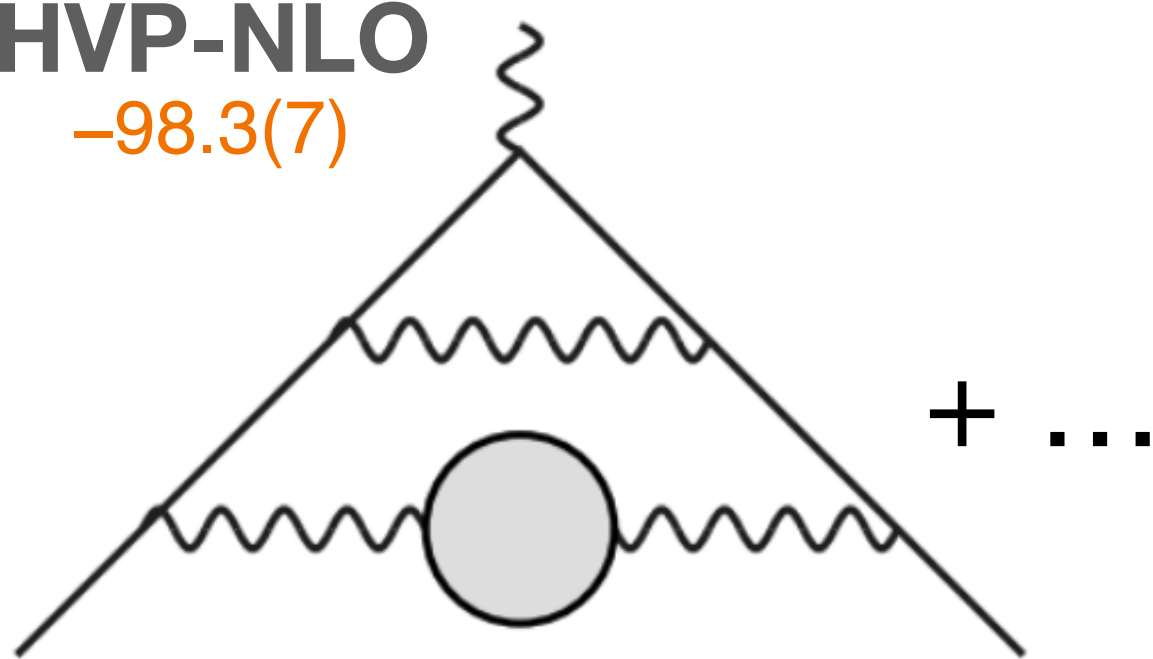
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HVP-LO
6931(40)

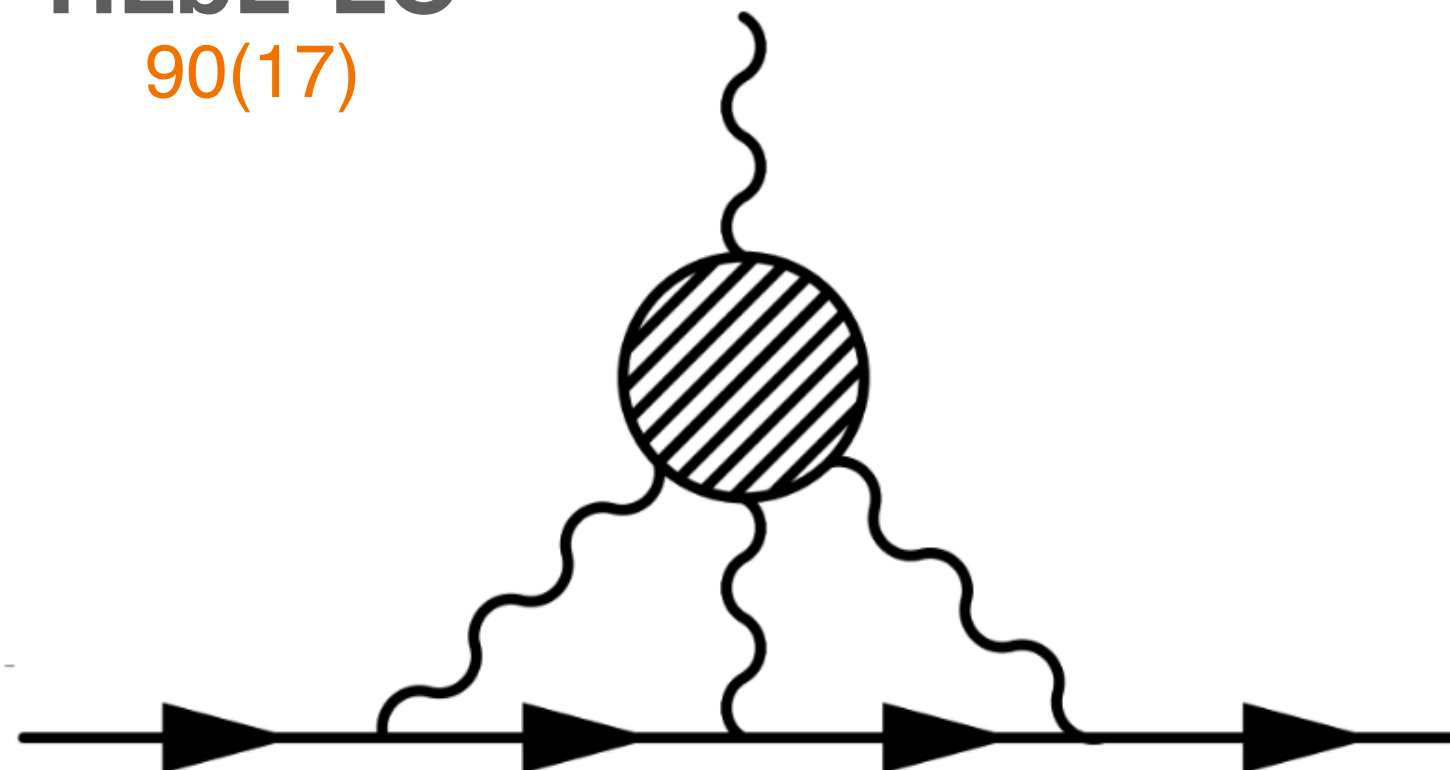


$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$

HVP-NLO
-98.3(7)

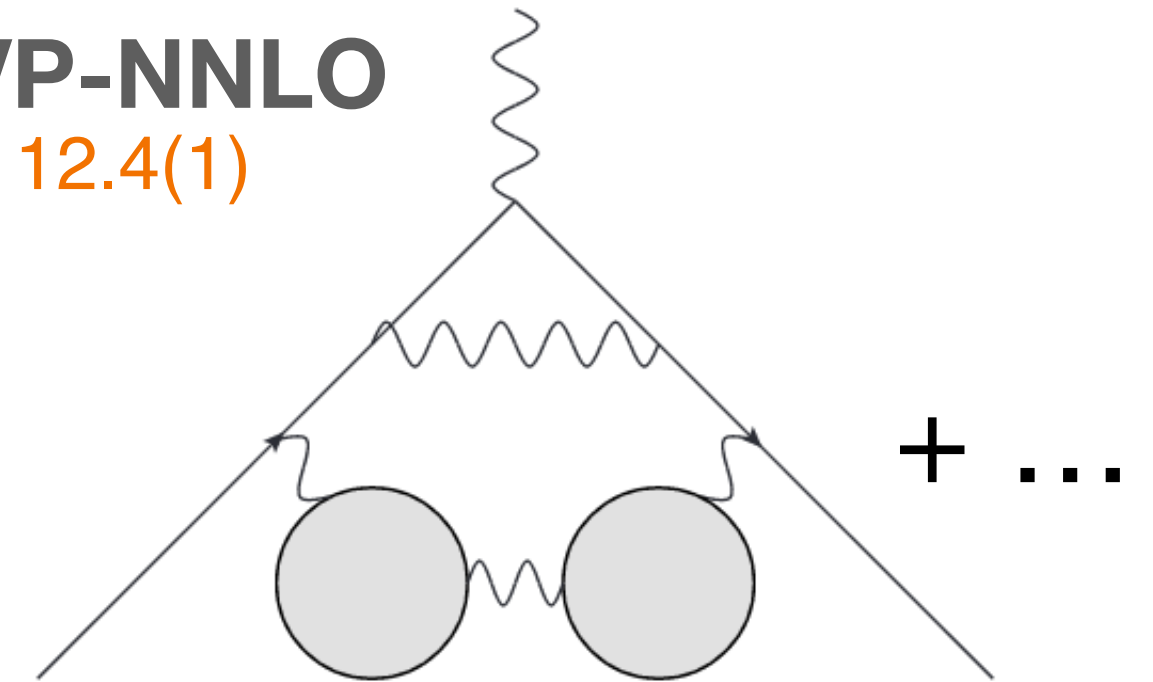


HLbL-LO
90(17)

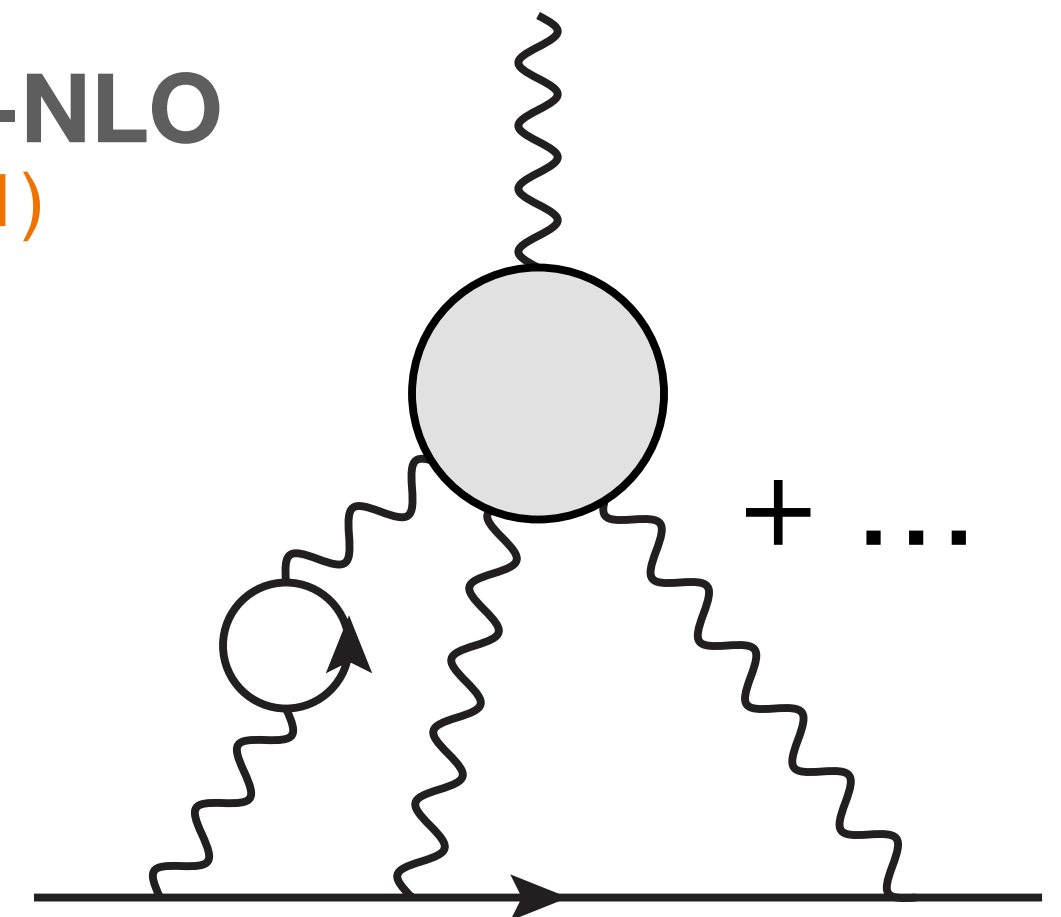


$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$

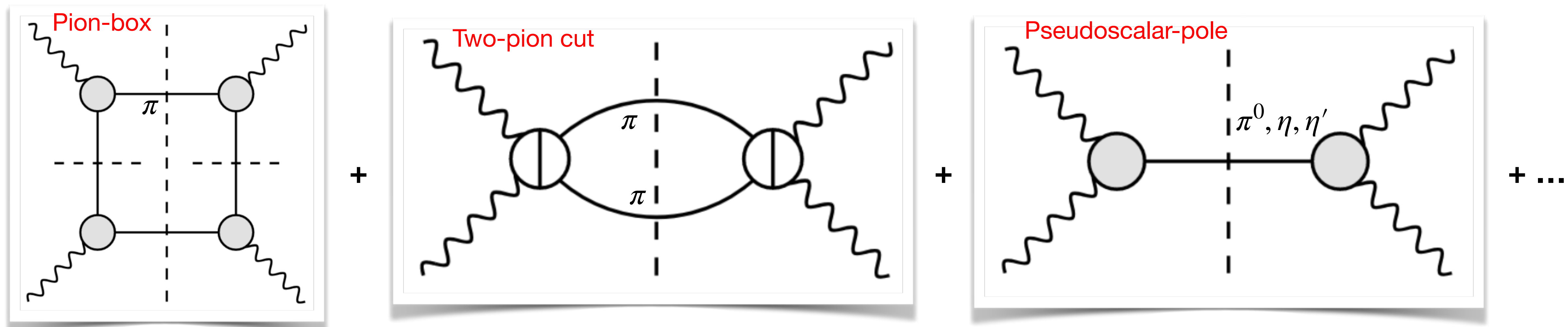
HVP-NNLO
12.4(1)



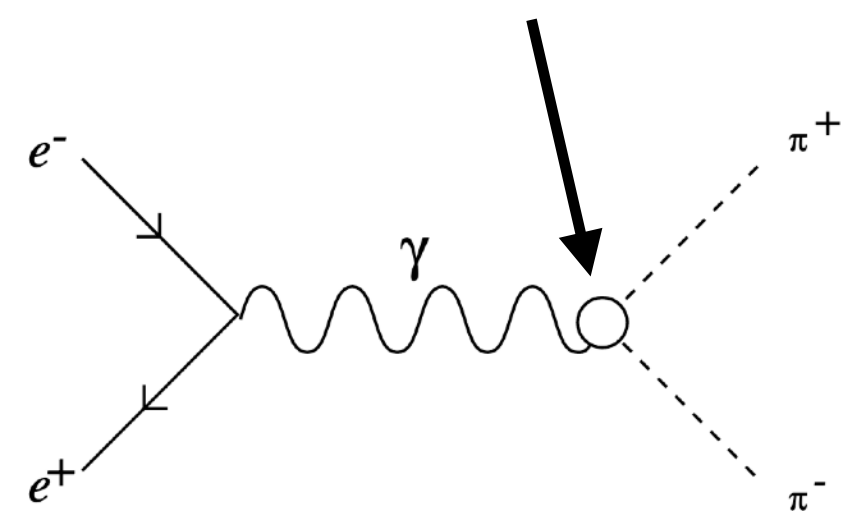
HLbL-NLO
2(1)



HLbL decomposition



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well-determined
experimentally ✓



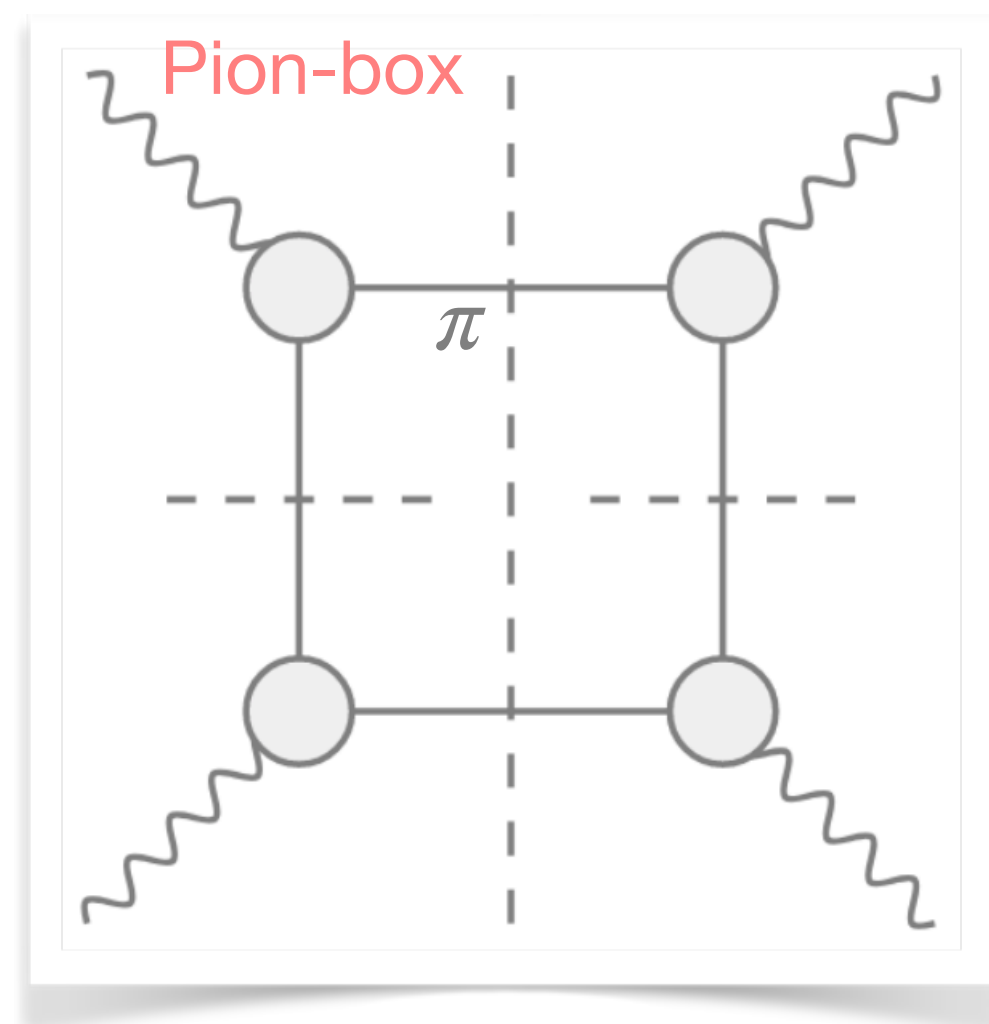
Partial waves for
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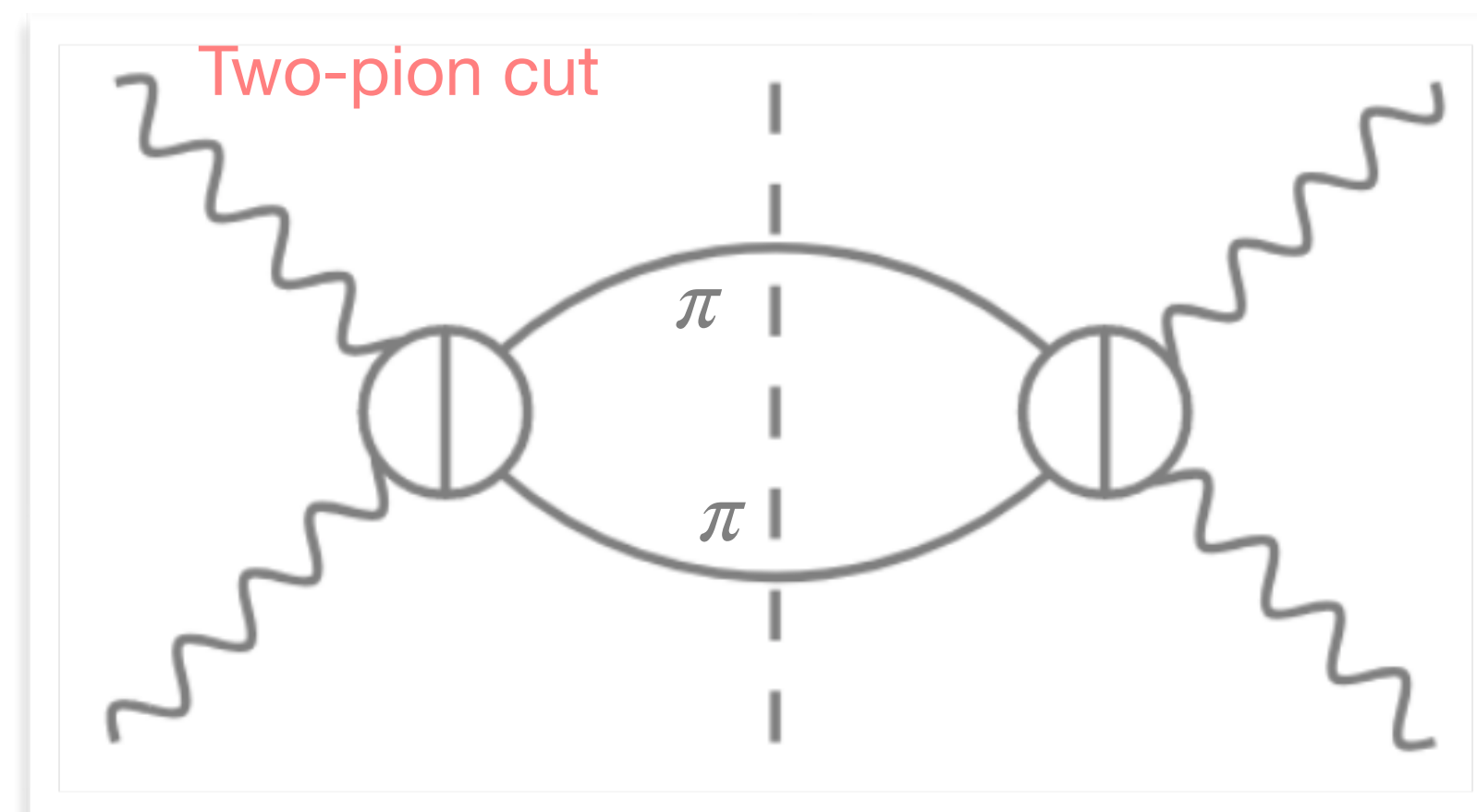
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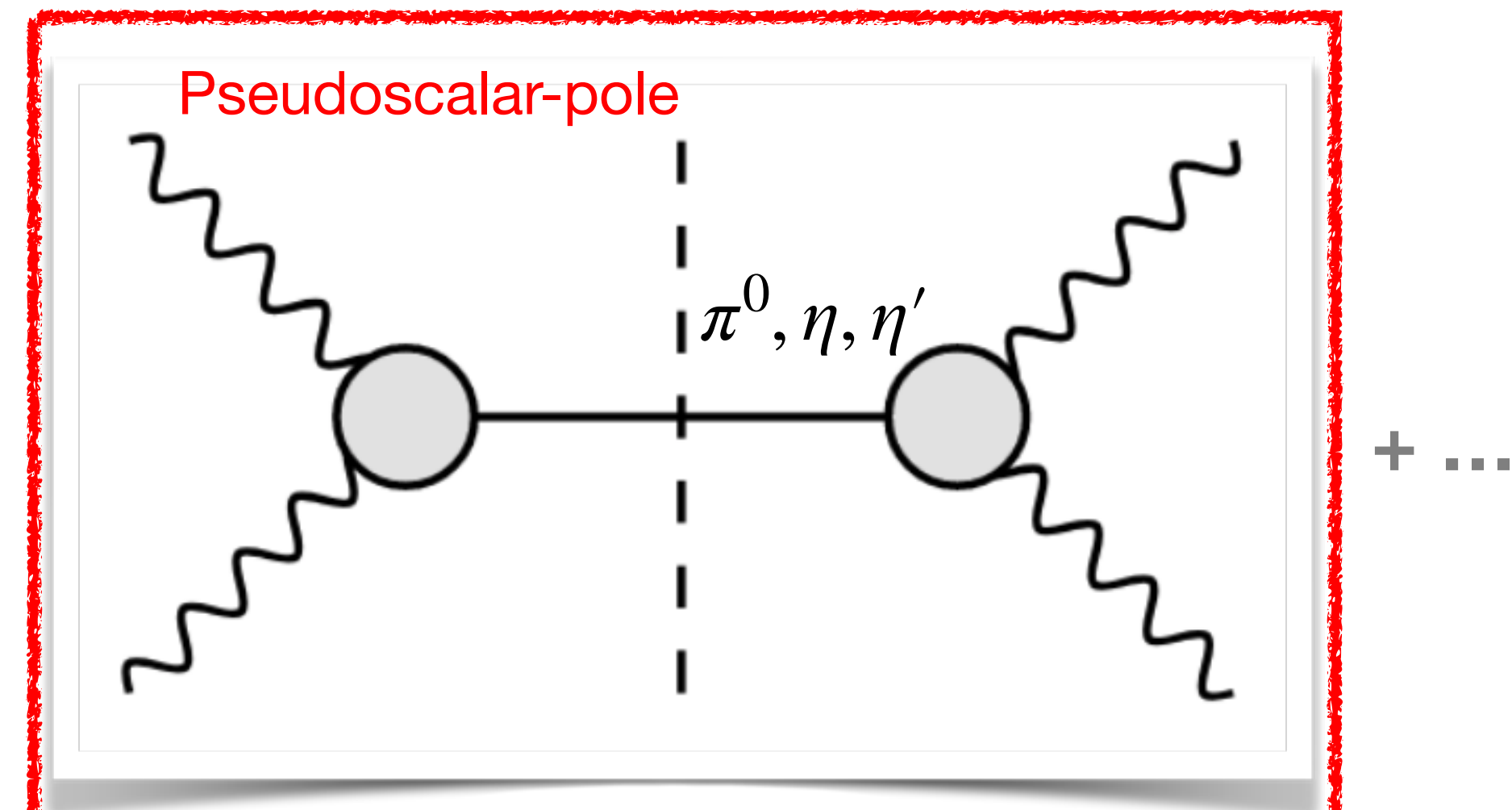
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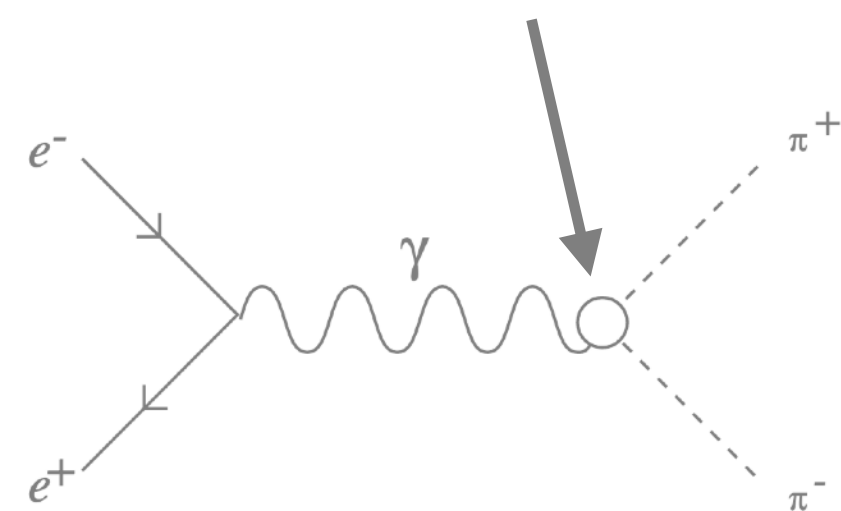


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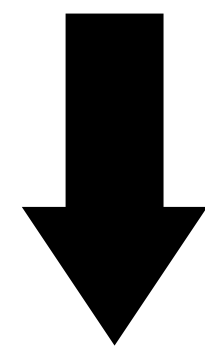
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Pole contributions to HLbL

Muon g-2 contribution $a_\mu^{P\text{-pole}}$

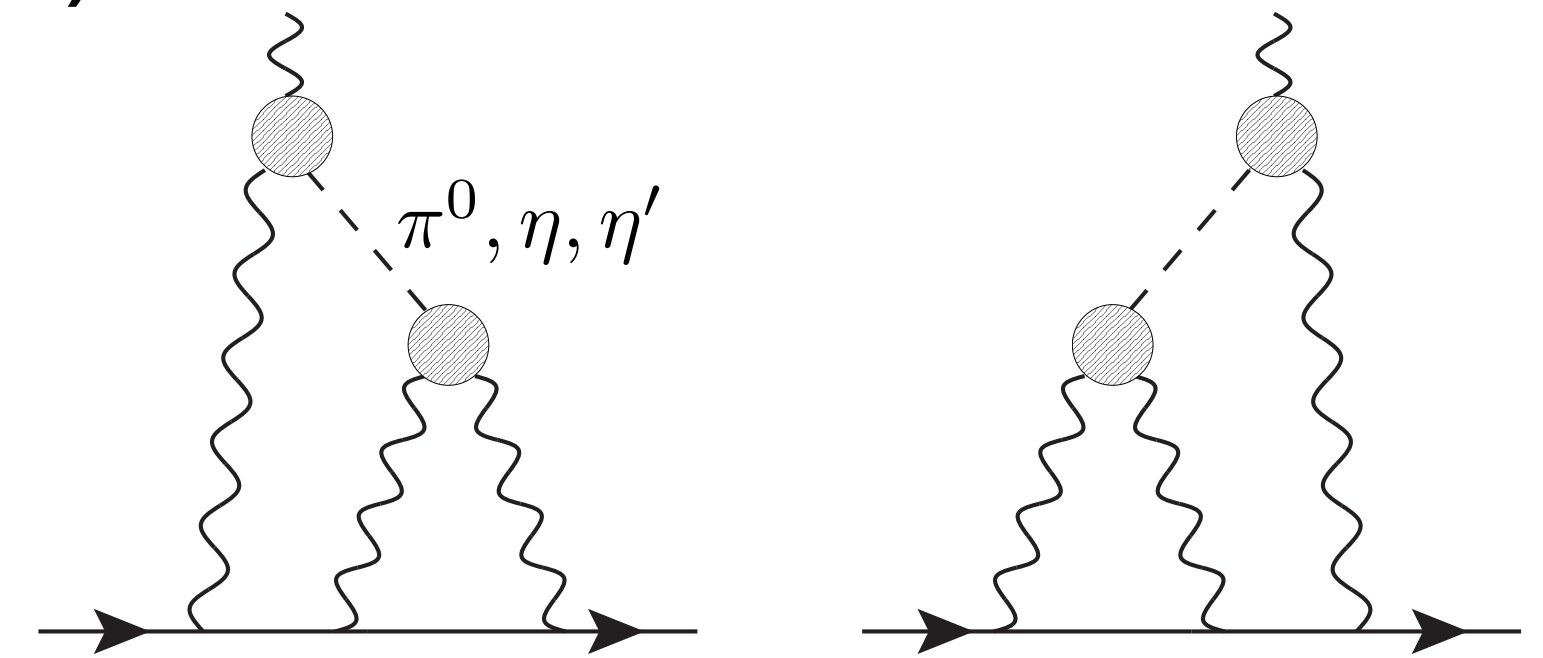
$$a_\mu^{P\text{-pole},(1)} = \int_0^\infty dQ_1 \int_0^\infty dQ_2 \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \, w_1(Q_1, Q_2, \cos\theta) \\ \times F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q_1^2, -(Q_1 + Q_2)^2) F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q_2^2, 0)$$

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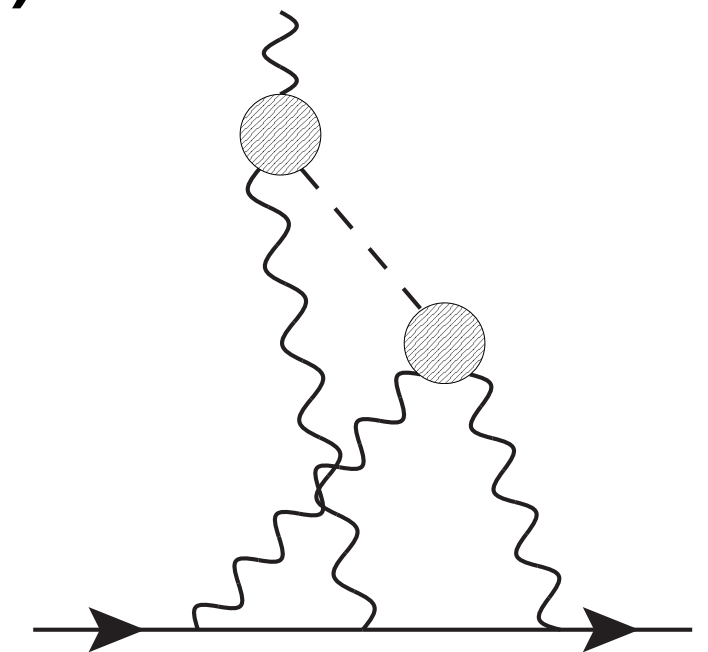


$$a_\mu^{P\text{-pole}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 \left[a_\mu^{P\text{-pole},(1)} + a_\mu^{P\text{-pole},(2)} \right]$$

(1)



(2)

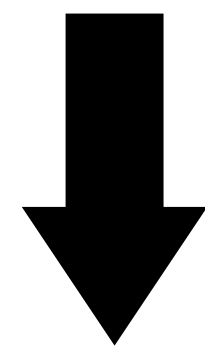


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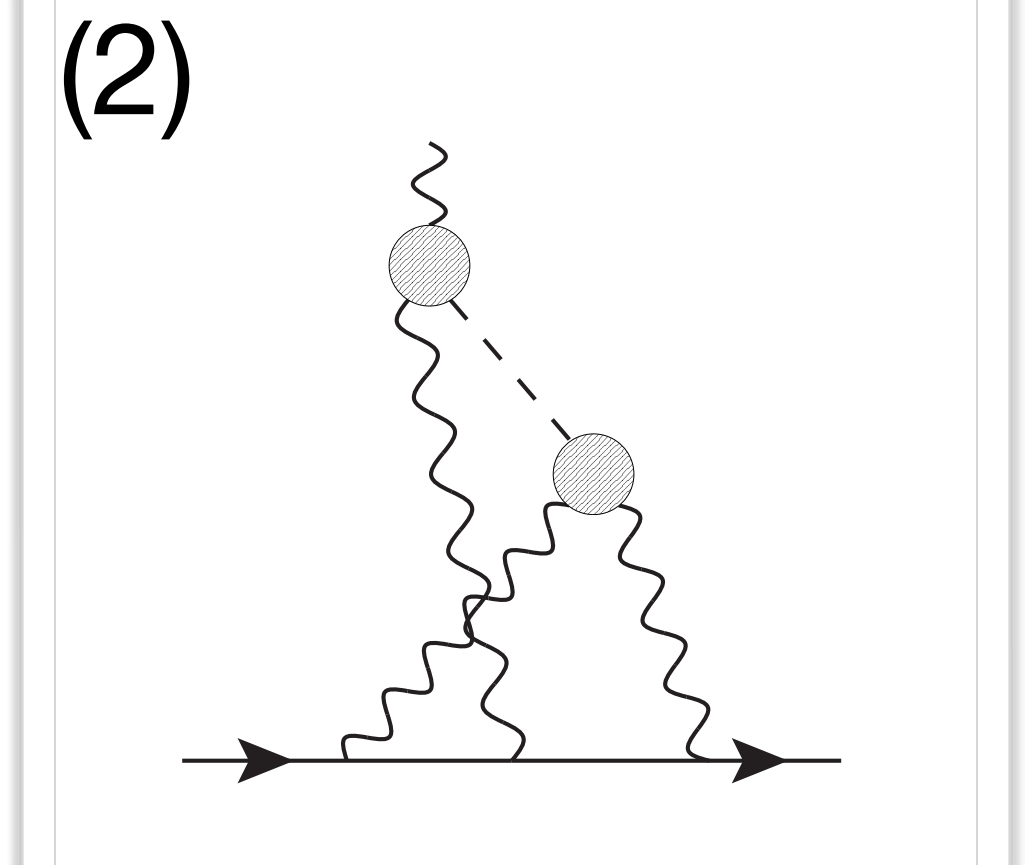
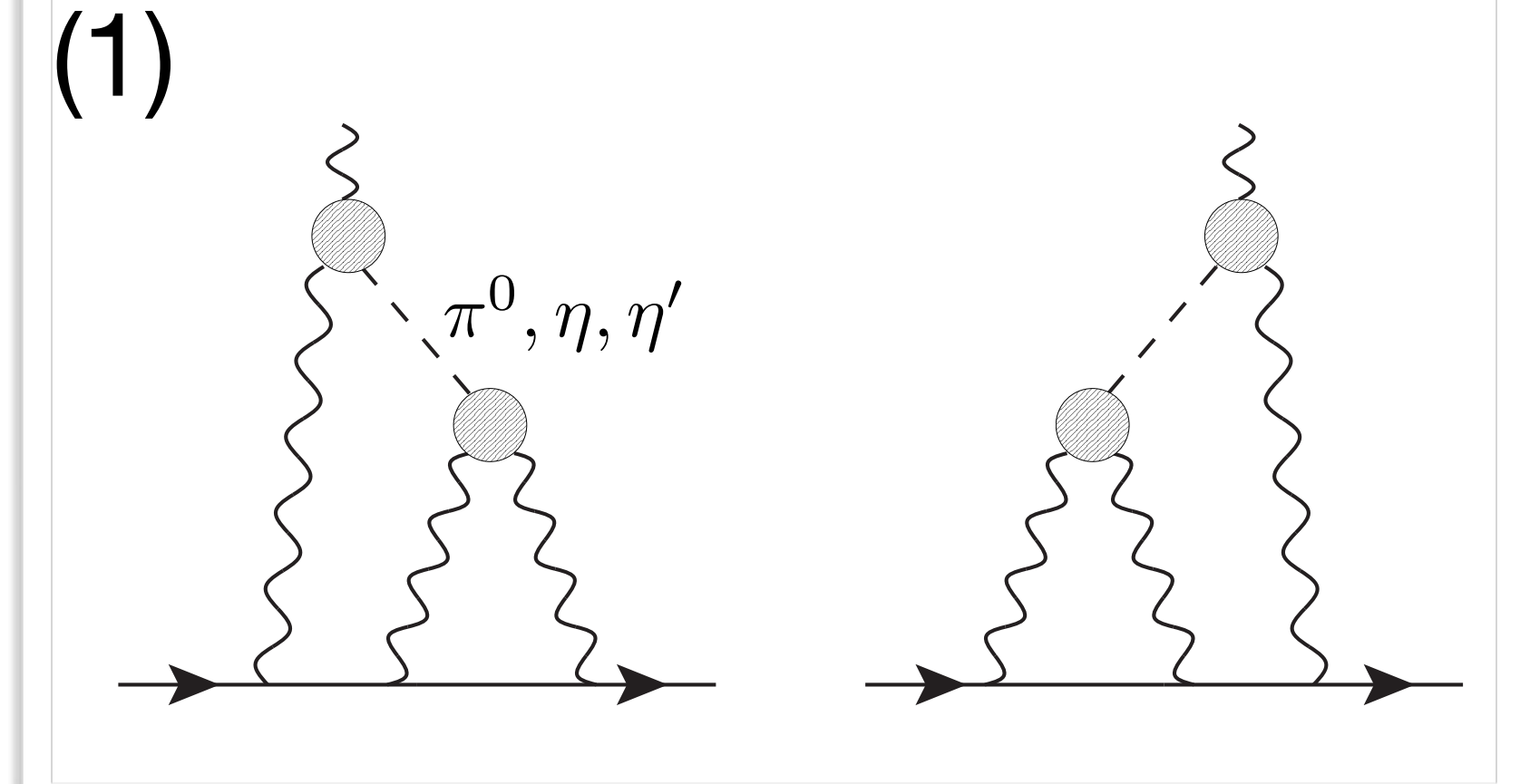
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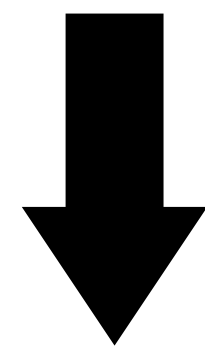
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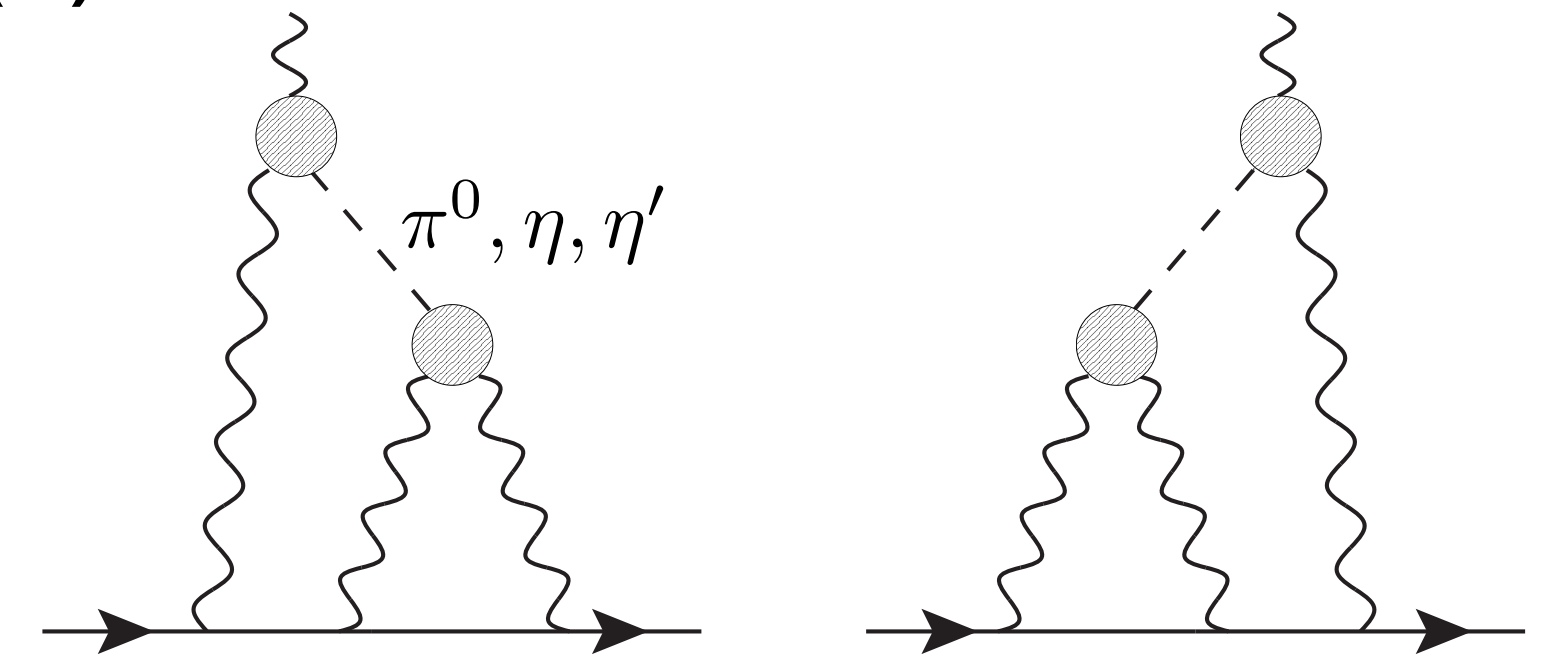
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TFFs with DV x SV,
spacelike structure

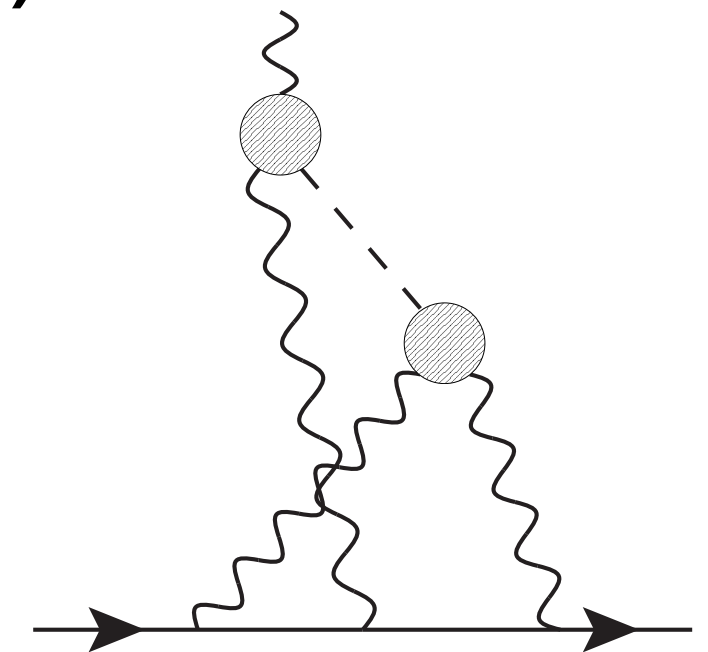


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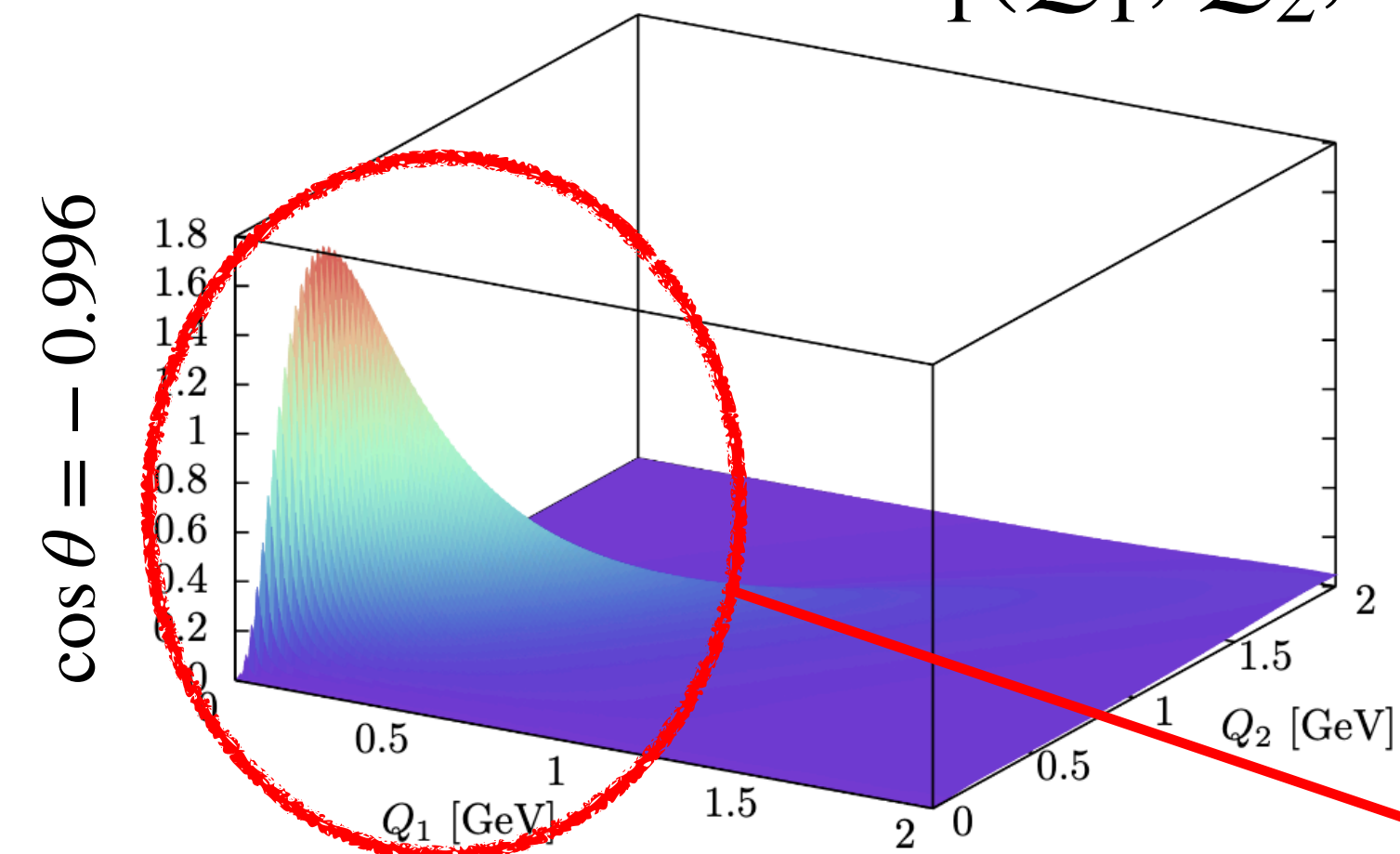


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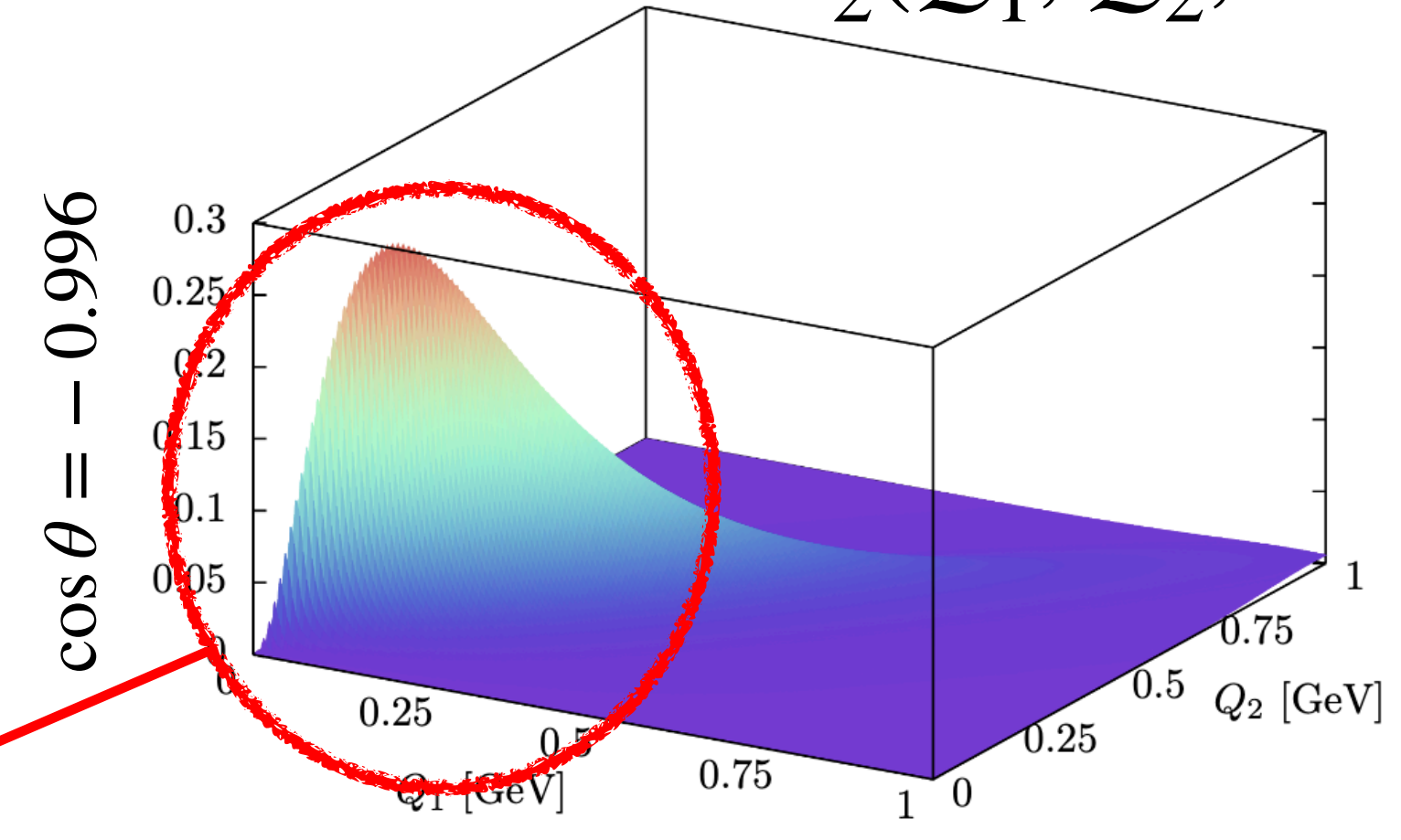


Weight functions for π^0

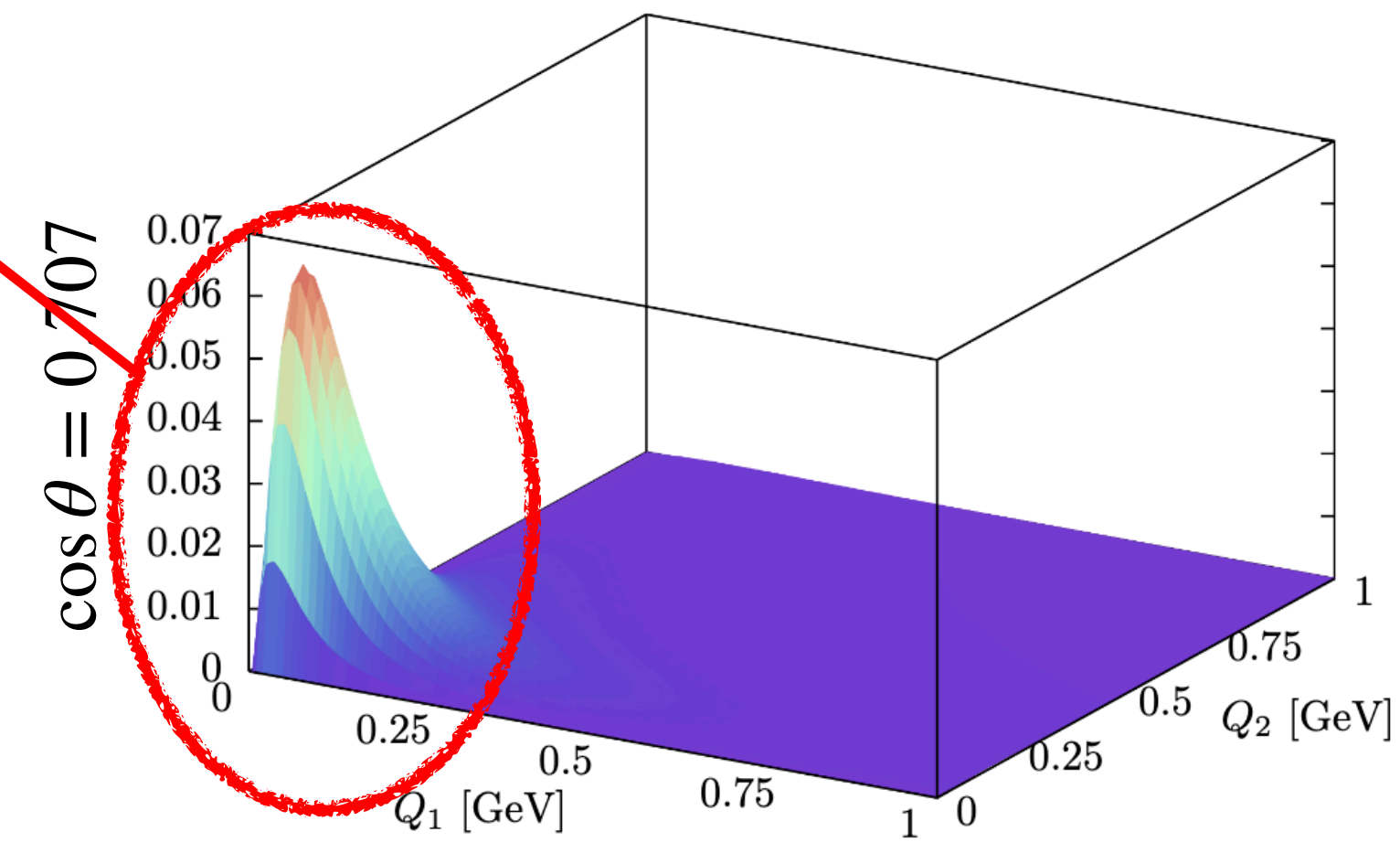
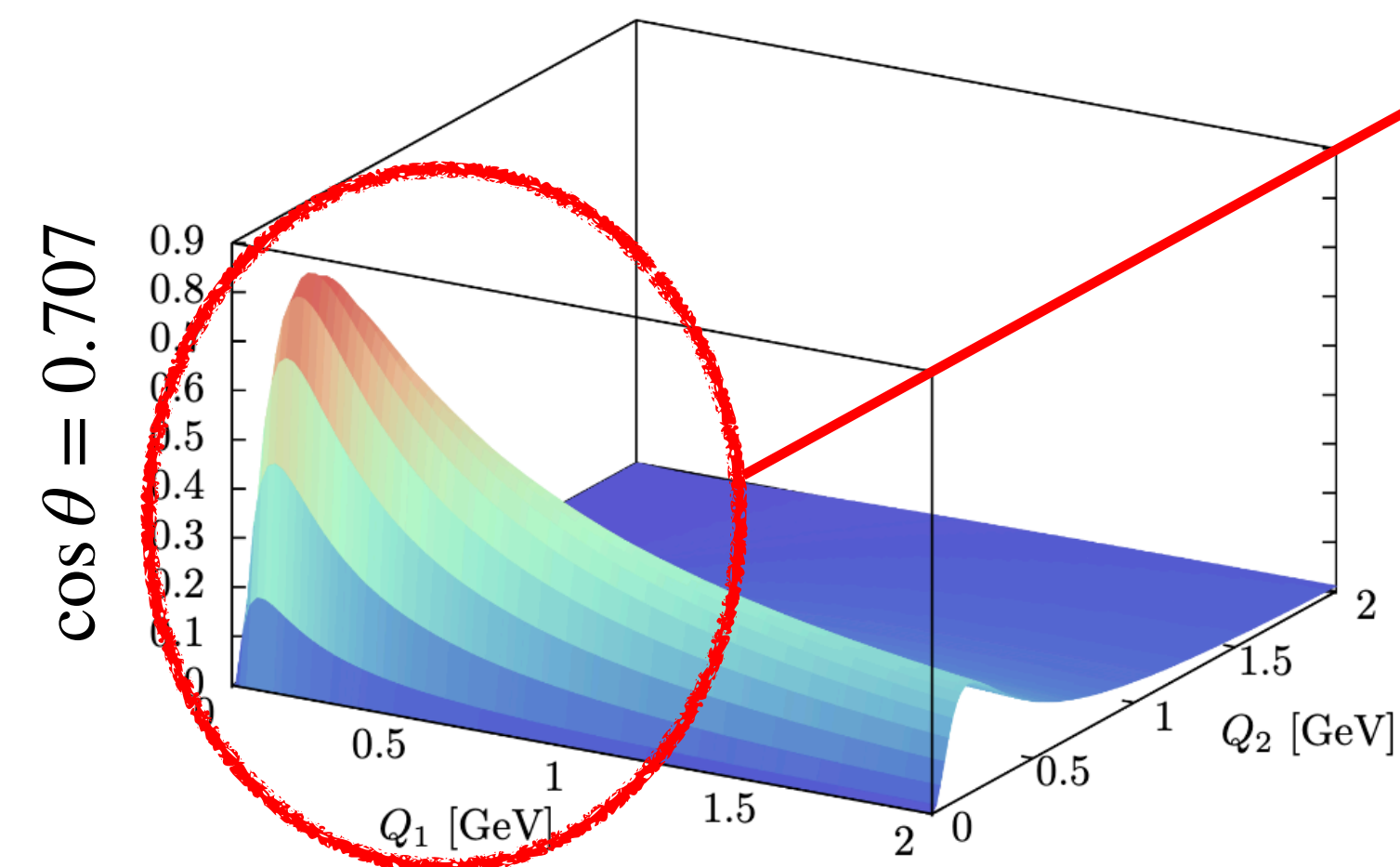
$w_1(Q_1, Q_2, \cos \theta)$



$w_2(Q_1, Q_2, \cos \theta)$

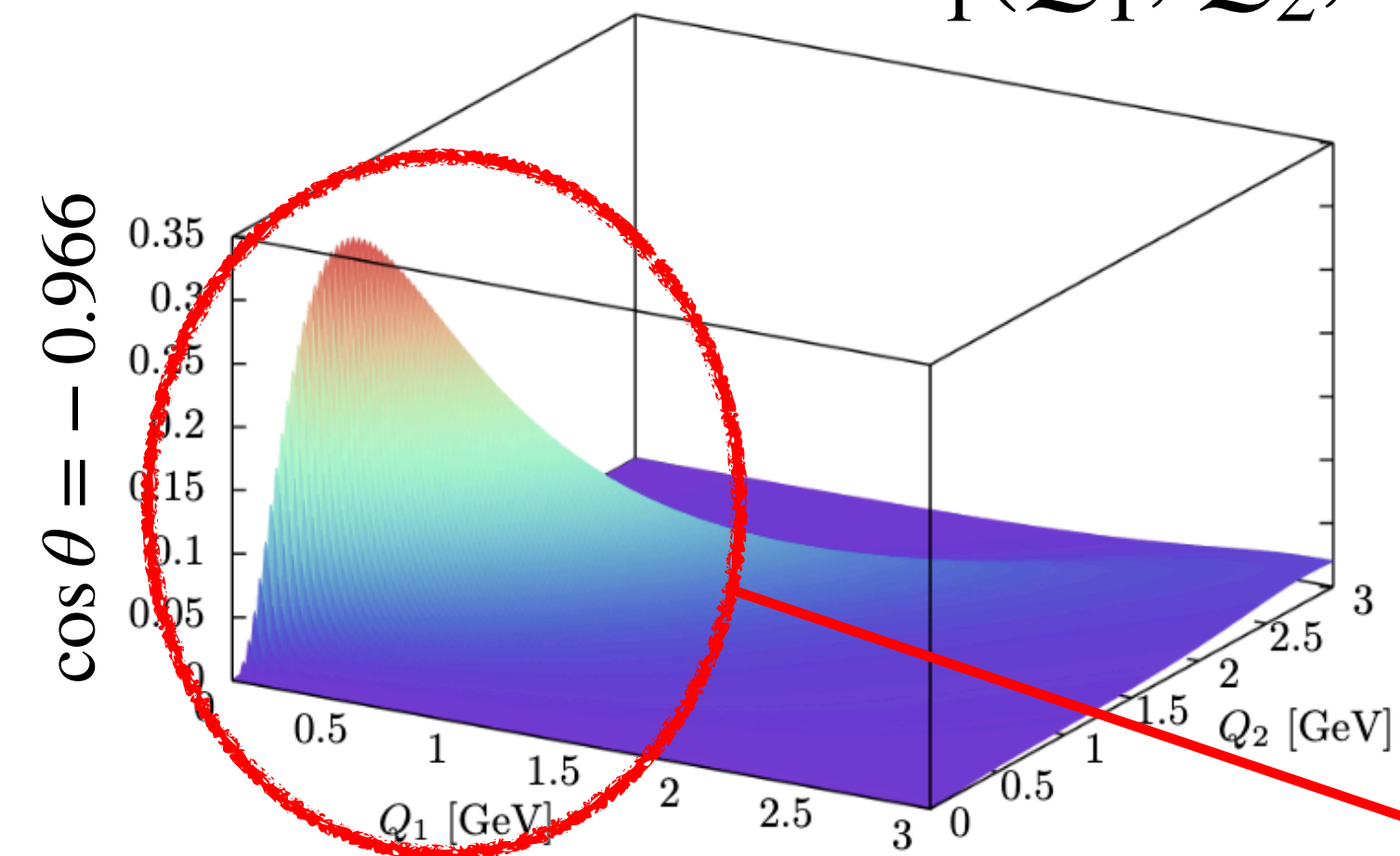


Peaked at
low Q_1^2, Q_2^2

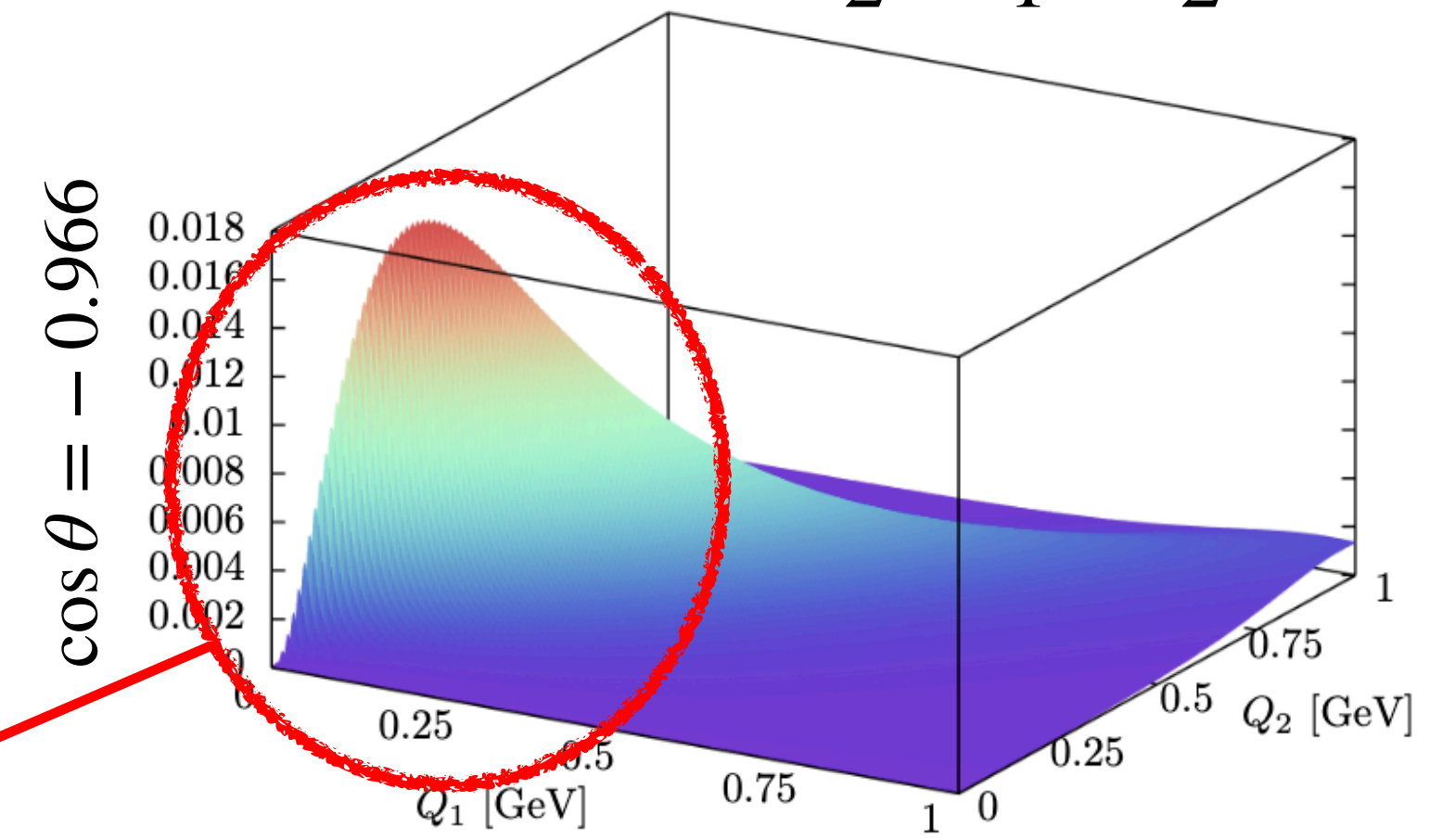


Weight functions for η

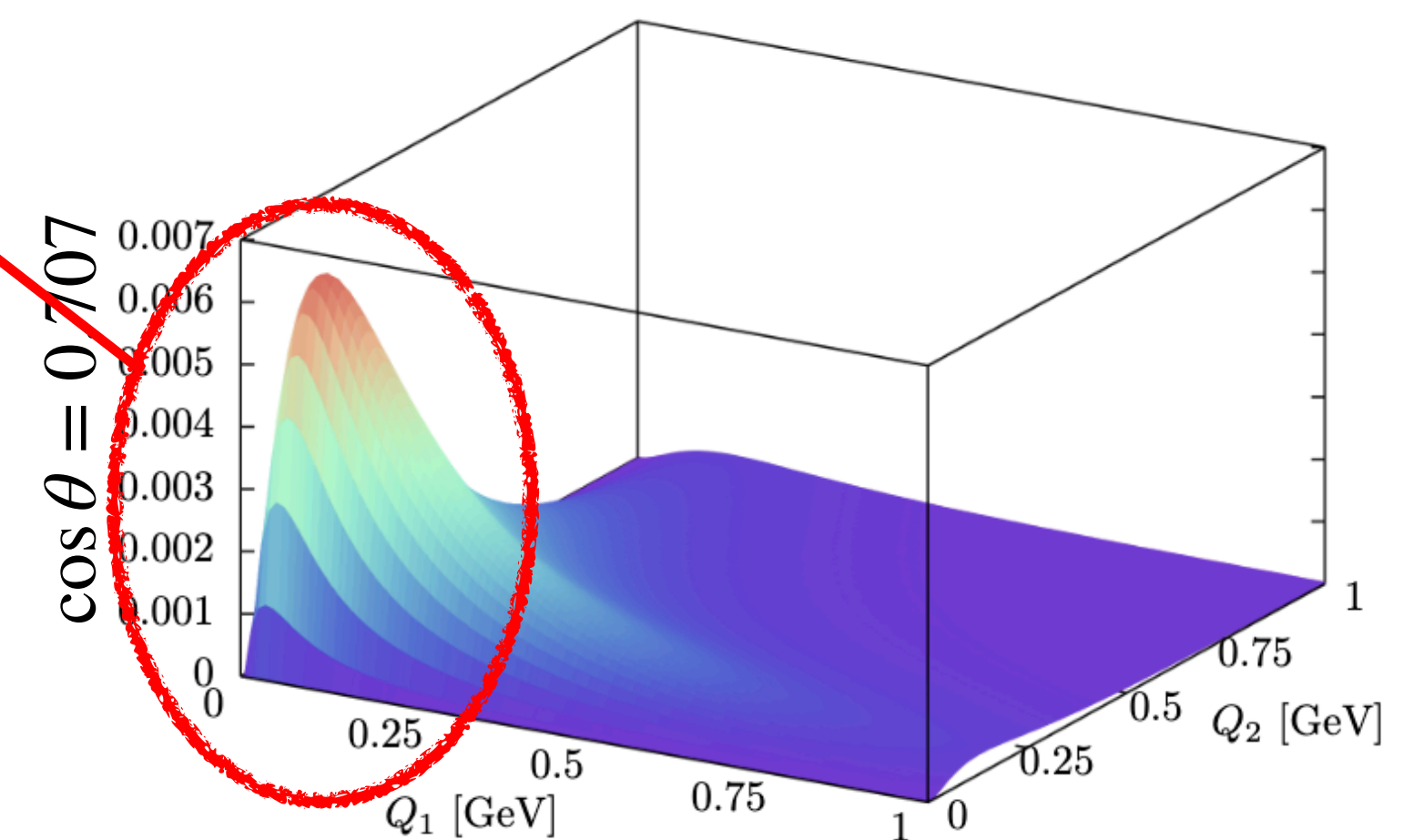
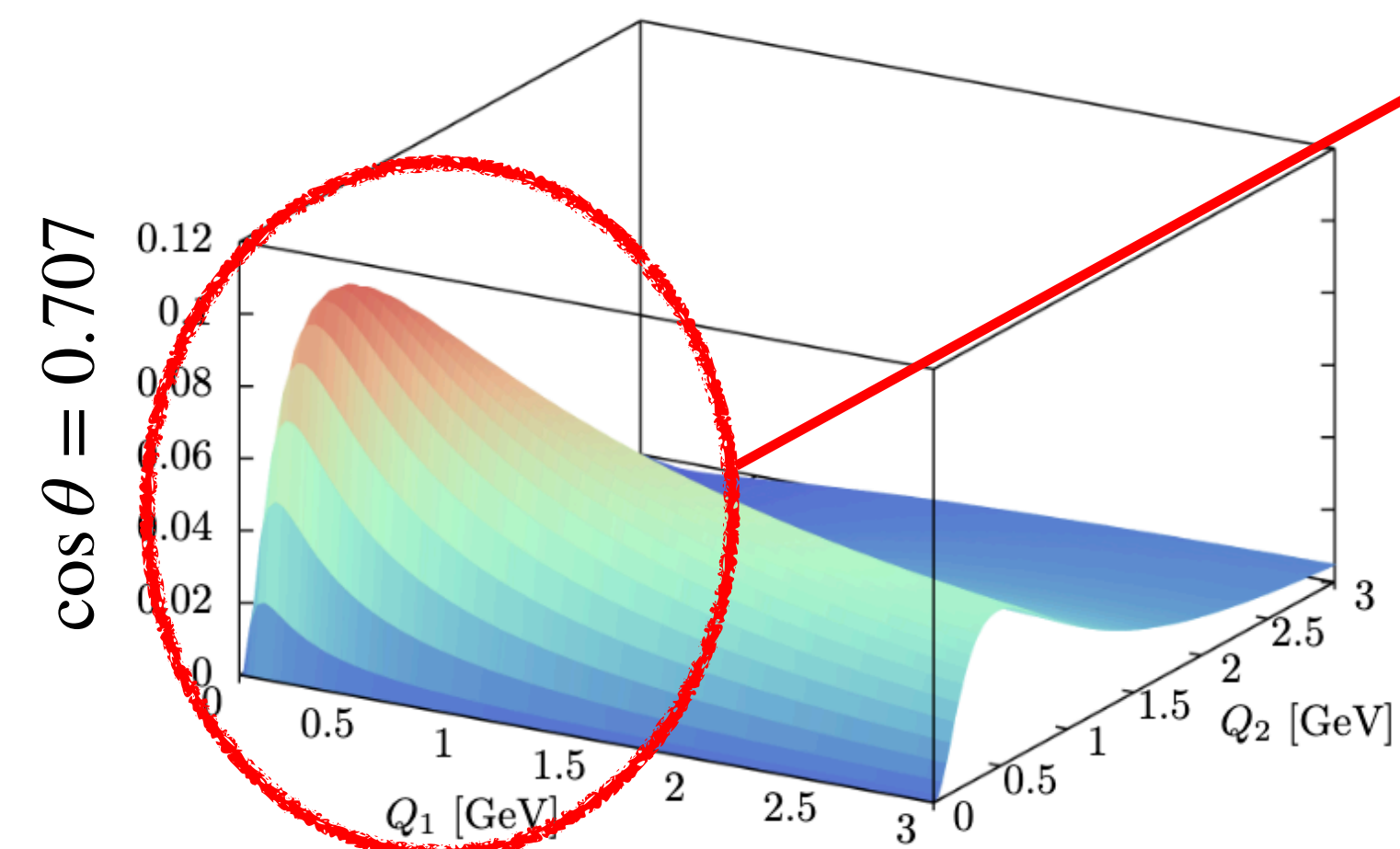
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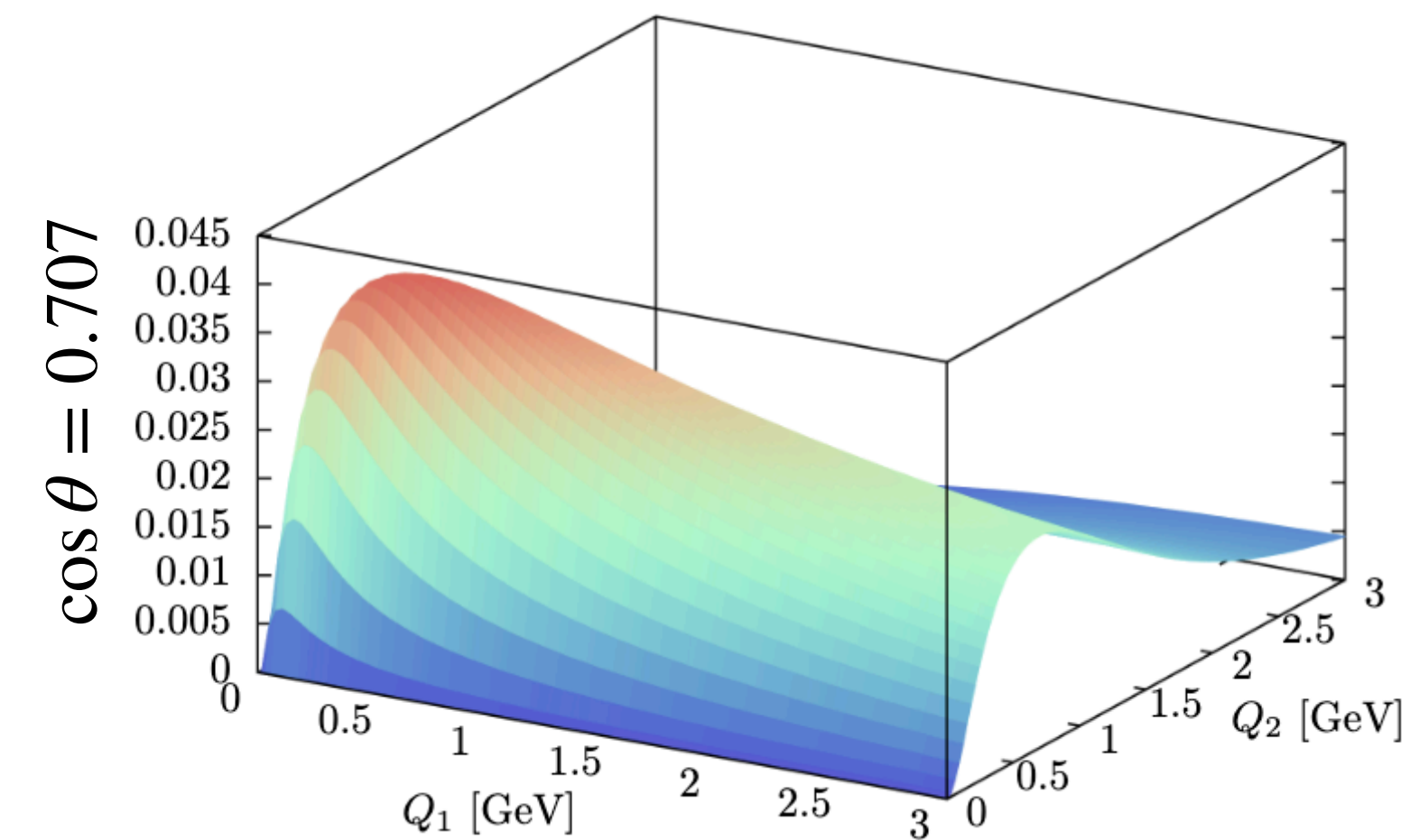
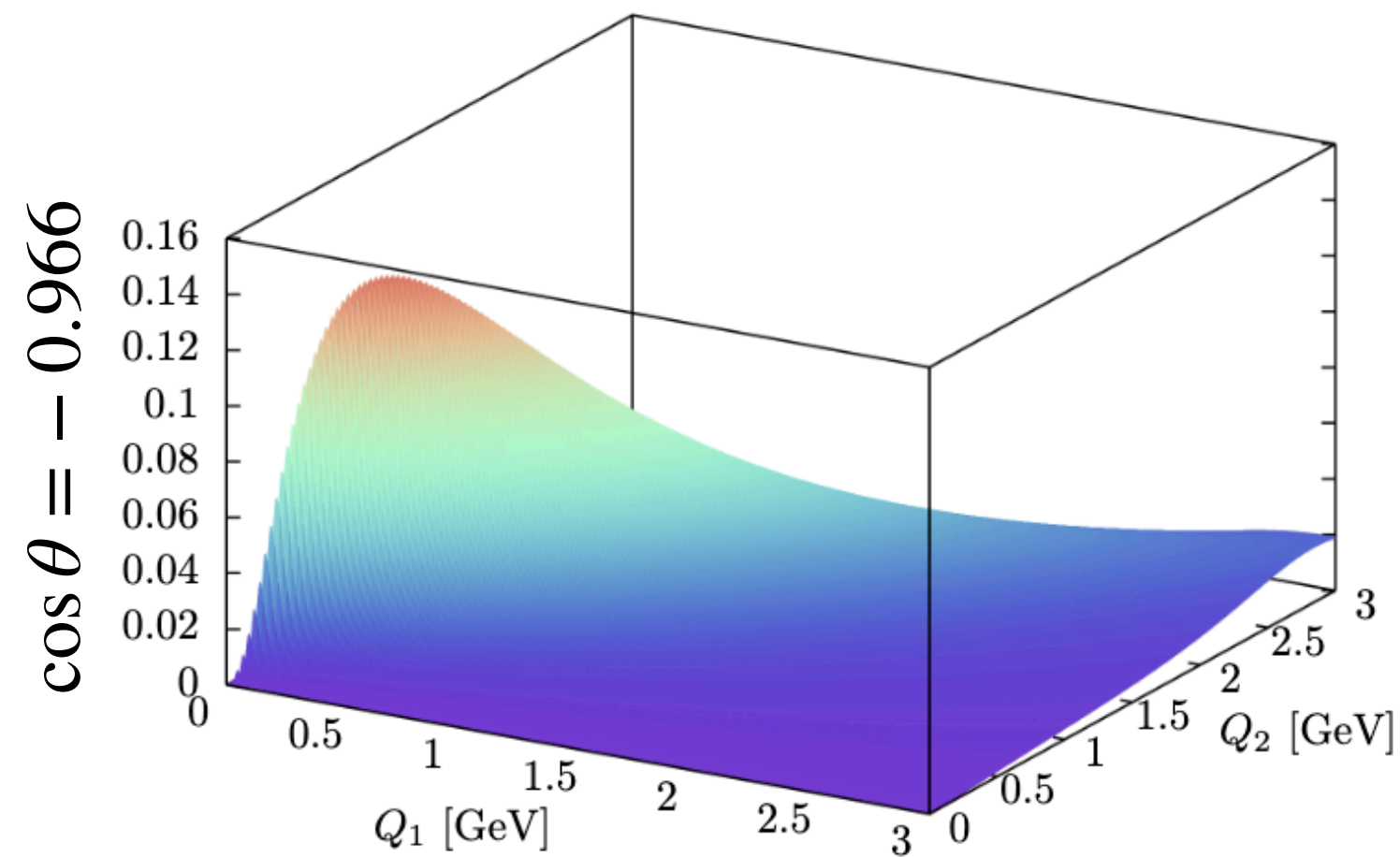


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Weight functions for η'

$$w_1(Q_1, Q_2, \cos \theta)$$



Peaked at low Q_1^2, Q_2^2 , but
somewhat broader spread

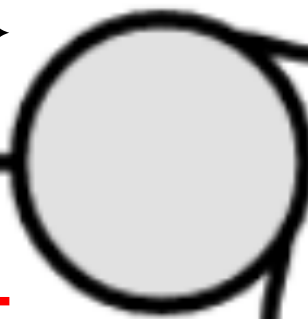
Relevant momenta and relative contribs

Integral
saturates
around here

Λ [GeV]	π^0 [LMD+V]	π^0 [VMD]	η [VMD]	η' [VMD]
0.25	14.4 (22.9%)	14.4 (25.2%)	1.8 (12.1%)	1.0 (7.9%)
0.5	36.8 (58.5%)	36.6 (64.2%)	6.9 (47.5%)	4.5 (36.1%)
0.75	48.5 (77.1%)	47.7 (83.8%)	10.7 (73.4%)	7.8 (62.5%)
1.0	54.1 (86.0%)	52.6 (92.3%)	12.6 (86.6%)	9.9 (79.1%)
1.5	58.8 (93.4%)	55.8 (97.8%)	14.0 (96.1%)	11.7 (93.1%)
2.0	60.5 (96.2%)	56.5 (99.2%)	14.3 (98.6%)	12.2 (97.4%)
5.0	62.5 (99.4%)	56.9 (99.9%)	14.5 (100%)	12.5 (99.9%)
20.0	62.9 (100%)	57.0 (100%)	14.5 (100%)	12.5 (100%)

$a_\mu^{P\text{-pole}}$ (models) integrating up to $Q_1, Q_2 \leq \Lambda$

Pseudoscalar TFFs



A Feynman diagram representing the decay of a pseudoscalar meson P into two photons. A horizontal line with an arrow pointing right enters a grey circular vertex from the left. From this vertex, two wavy lines representing photons emerge: one goes up and to the right, the other goes down and to the right. Red arrows on these wavy lines point away from the vertex, indicating outgoing particles.

$$P \in \{\pi^0, \eta, \eta'\} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad = F_{P\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

$p = (\sqrt{m_P^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}, \mathbf{p})$
 $q_1 = (\omega_1, \mathbf{q}_1)$
 $q_2 = (\omega_2, \mathbf{q}_2)$

Singly-virtual, spacelike: $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma} = F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q^2, 0)$

Doubly-virtual, spacelike: $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*} = F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q_1^2, -Q_2^2)$

TFF kinematics

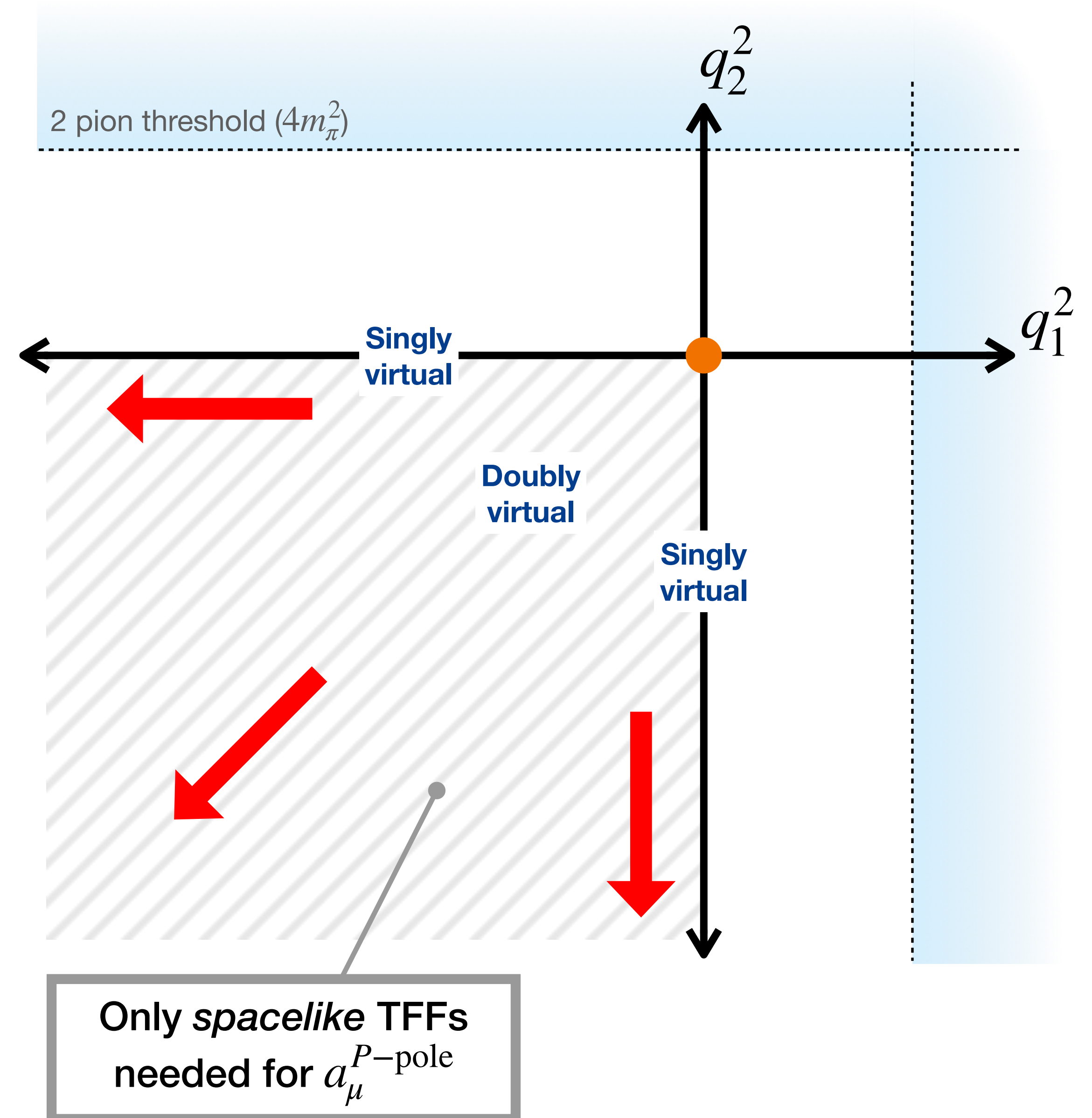
Related to decay to 2γ

$$\Gamma(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi\alpha^2 M_P^3}{4} \right) |F_{P\gamma\gamma}(0,0)|^2$$

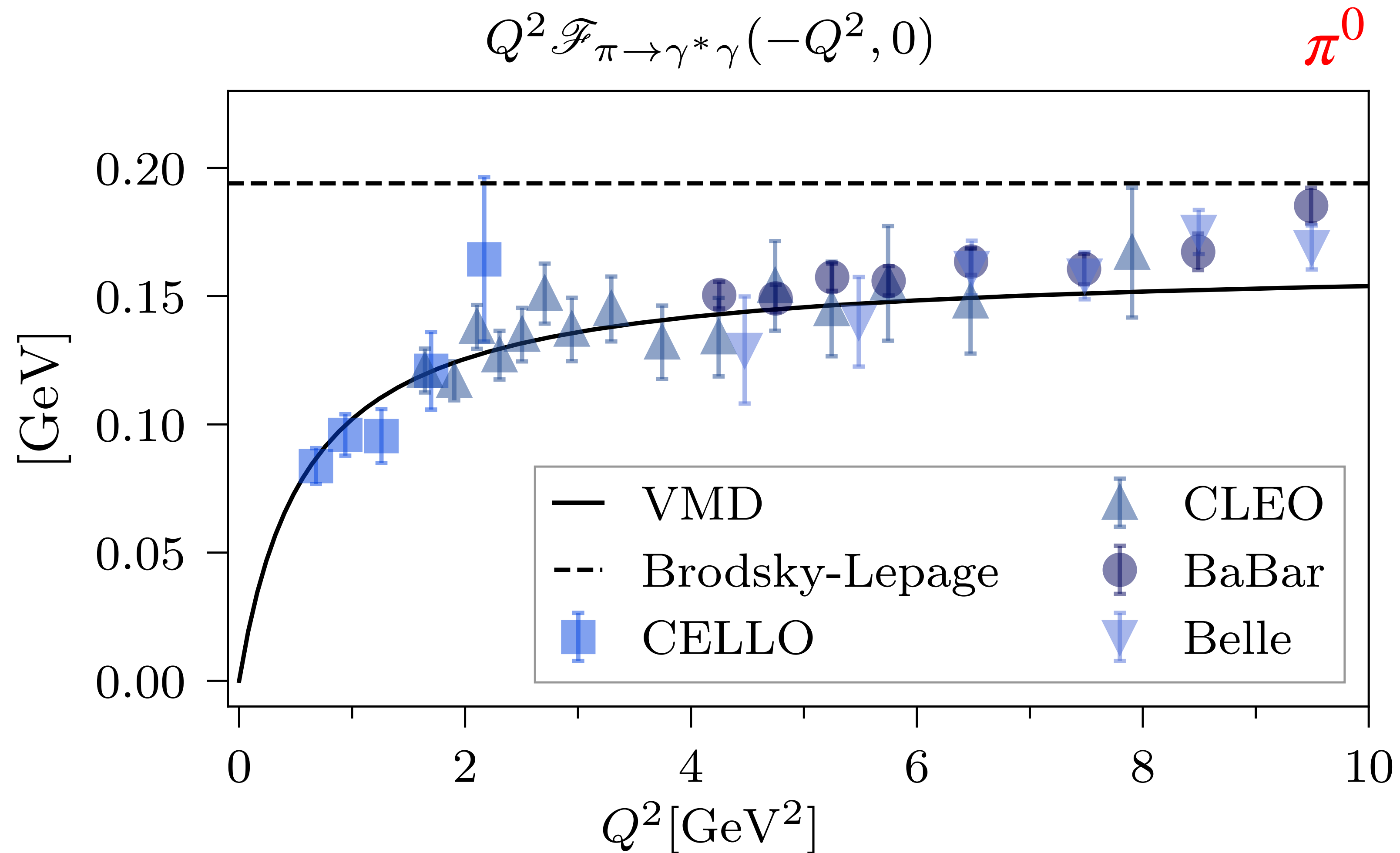
Large- Q^2 limits from pQCD

$$F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q^2, 0) \rightarrow \frac{2F_P}{Q^2} \text{ (Brodsky-Lepage)}$$

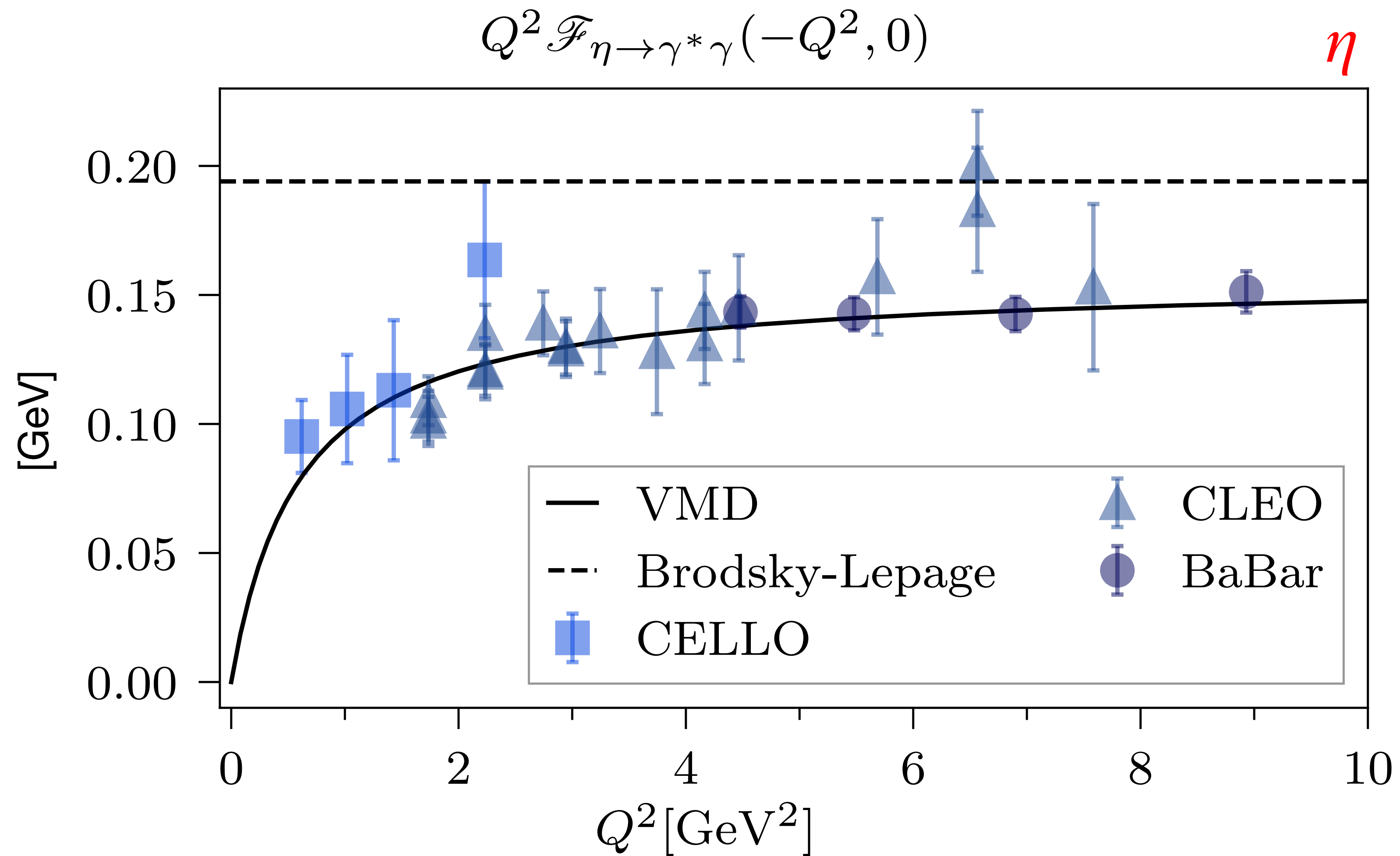
$$F_{P\gamma\gamma}(-Q^2, -Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{2F_P}{3Q^2} \text{ (OPE)}$$



TFF data: singly virtual π^0



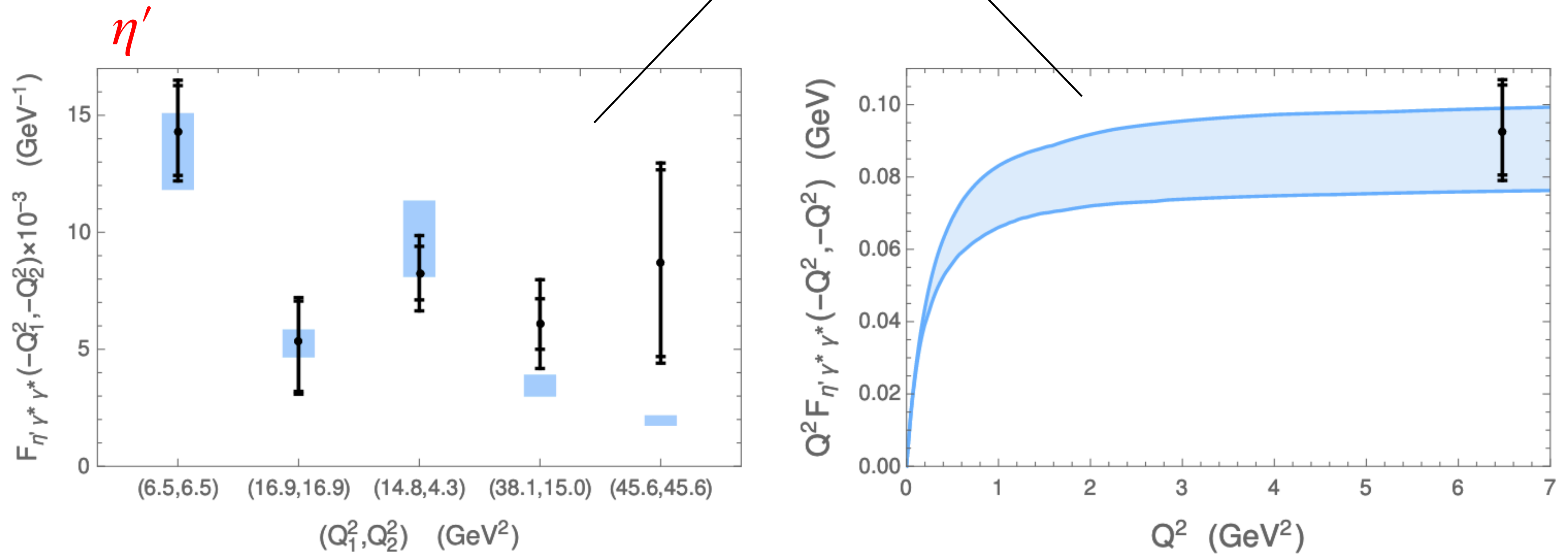
TFF data: singly virtual η



Note: Singly virtual for η' is very similar.

TFF data: doubly virtual

Based on ~50 events at BaBar !



[J. P. Lees+ (BABAR), PRD 98, 112002 (2018)]

Figure from [g-2 WP, Phys. Rep. 887 (2020)]

Lattice can fill in the gaps

Experimentally, $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma}$ is easy, $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*}$ is hard (small cross sections).

On the lattice, $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma}$ is hard, $F_{P \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*}$ is easier (coming up).

**From the lattice, we can provide
complementary results.**

Related approaches

Other PS-pole lattice calculations

- Alternate discretization
- Chiral extrapolation

[Gérardin+ PoS(LATTICE2021)592, 2112.08101]

[Gérardin+ Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016) 7]

[Gérardin+ Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 3]

[Gérardin+ 2211.04159]

Direct HLbL lattice calculations

- Precision currently lower than data-driven results

[Blum+ Phys.Rev.Lett. 118, 022005 (2017)]

[Chao+ Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 7]

[Blum+ Phys.Rev.Lett. 124, 132002 (2020)]

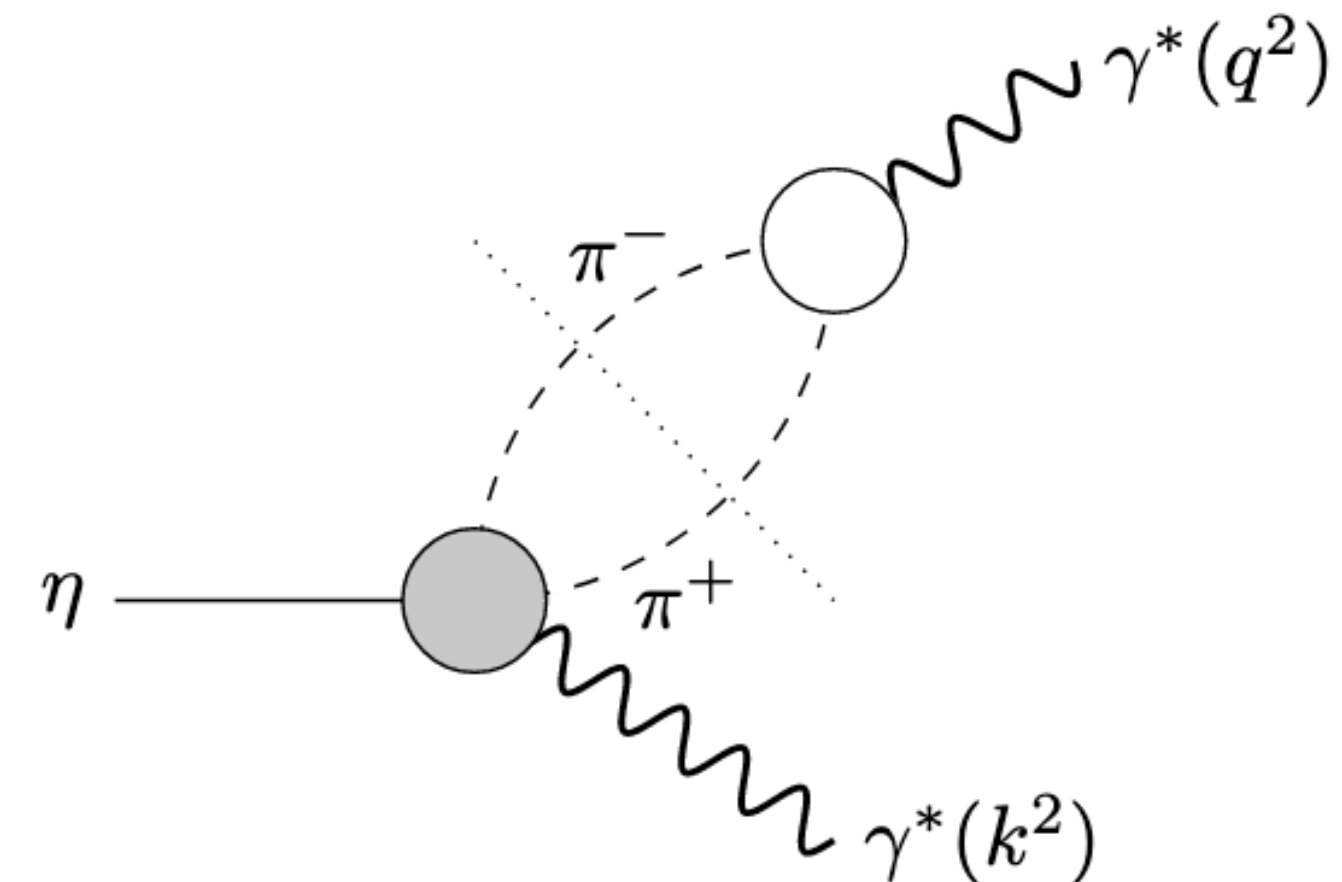
[Asmussen+ 1801.04238]

Dispersive η, η' -pole

[Holz+ Eur. Phys. J. C 81,1002 (2021)]

[Holz+ Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 434 (2022)]

- Low-energy contris accessible in IV channel ($q^2 \lesssim 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$)



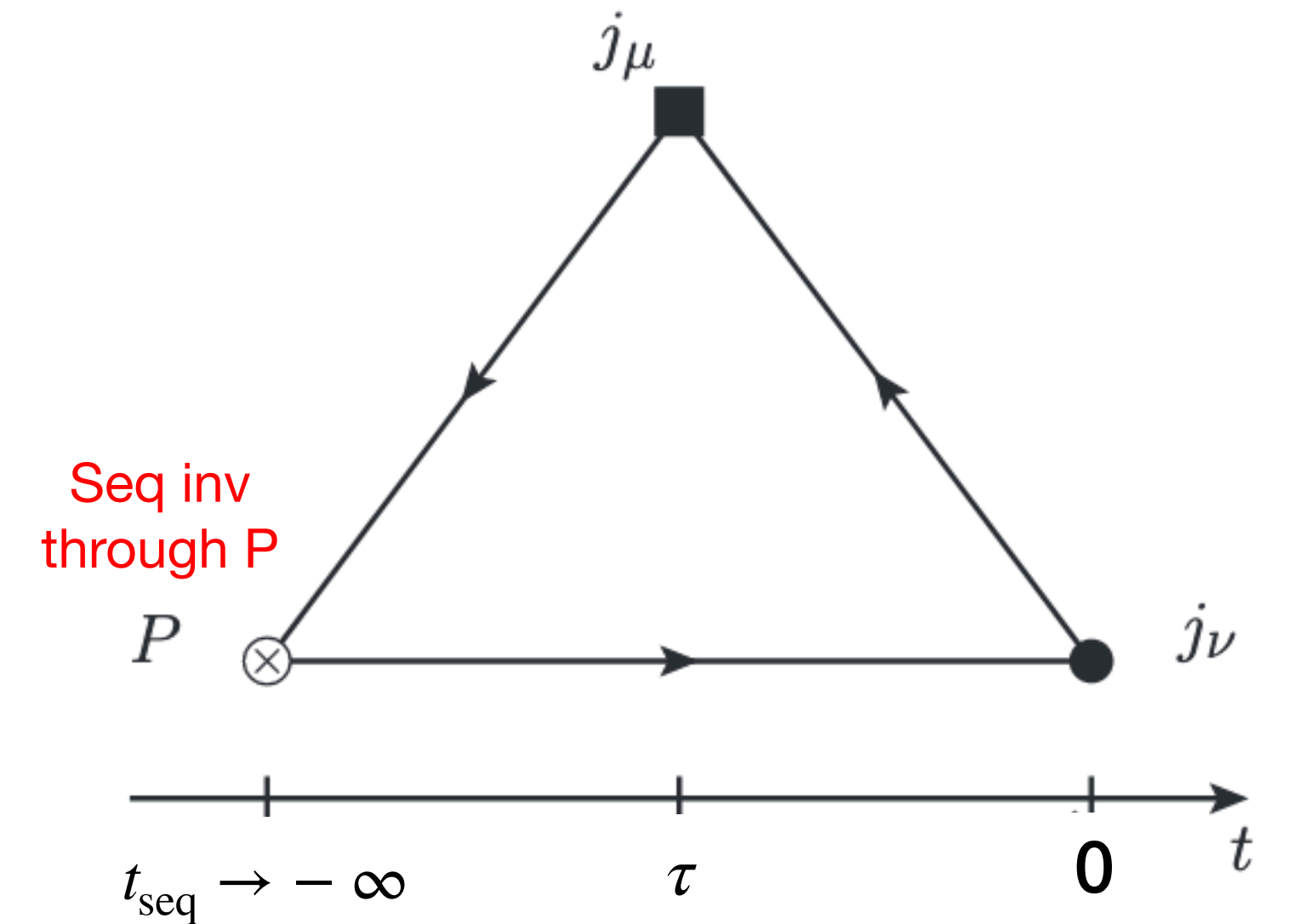
Computing the TFFs

Lattice calculation of $F_{P\gamma\gamma}$

1. Euclidean time current-current matrix element

$$\tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}(\tau) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} \left\langle 0 \left| j_{\mu}(\tau; \mathbf{x}) j_{\nu}(0; \mathbf{0}) \right| P(\mathbf{p}) \right\rangle$$

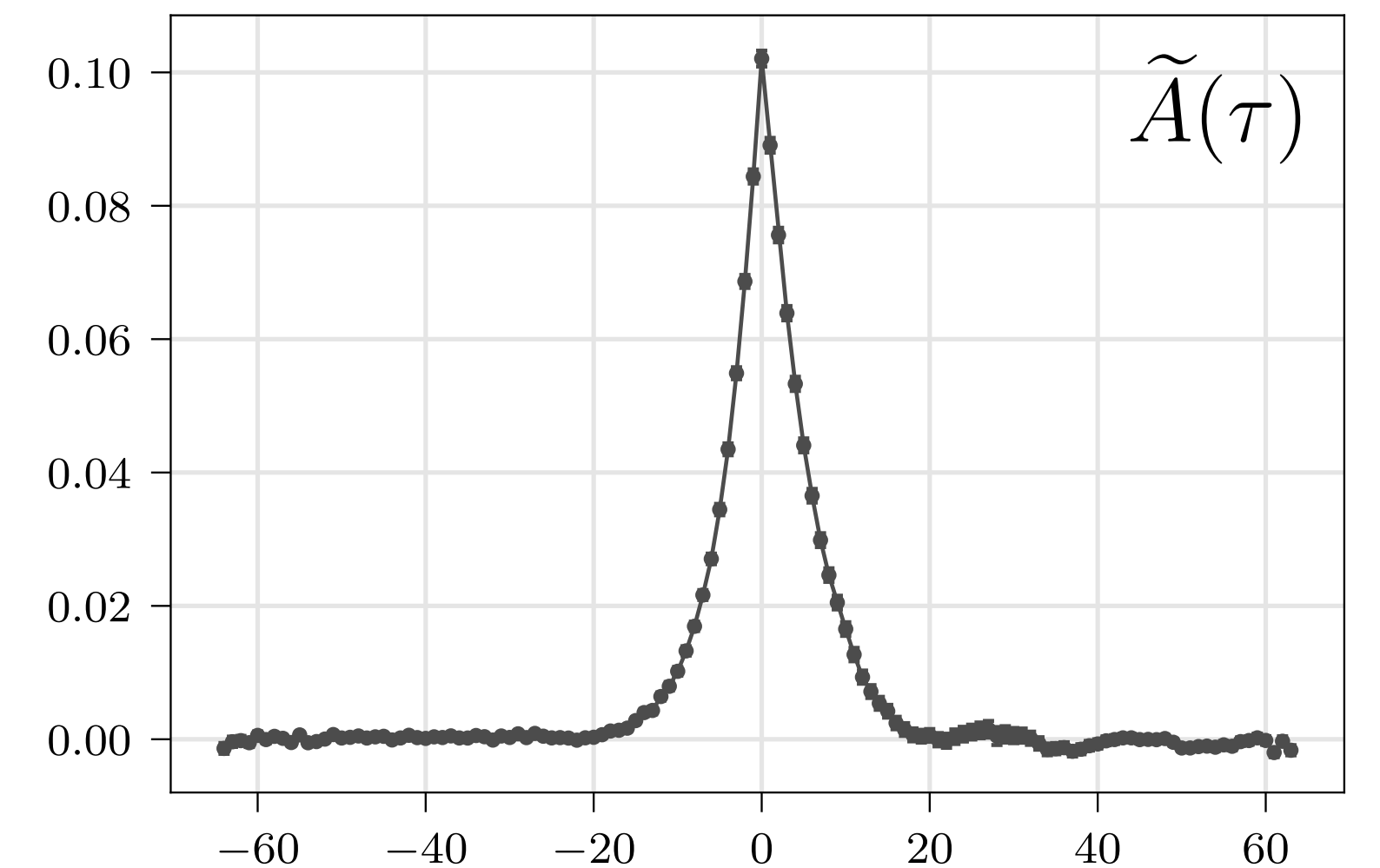
Note: renormalized currents
using precisely known Z_A, Z_V



2. Laplace transform

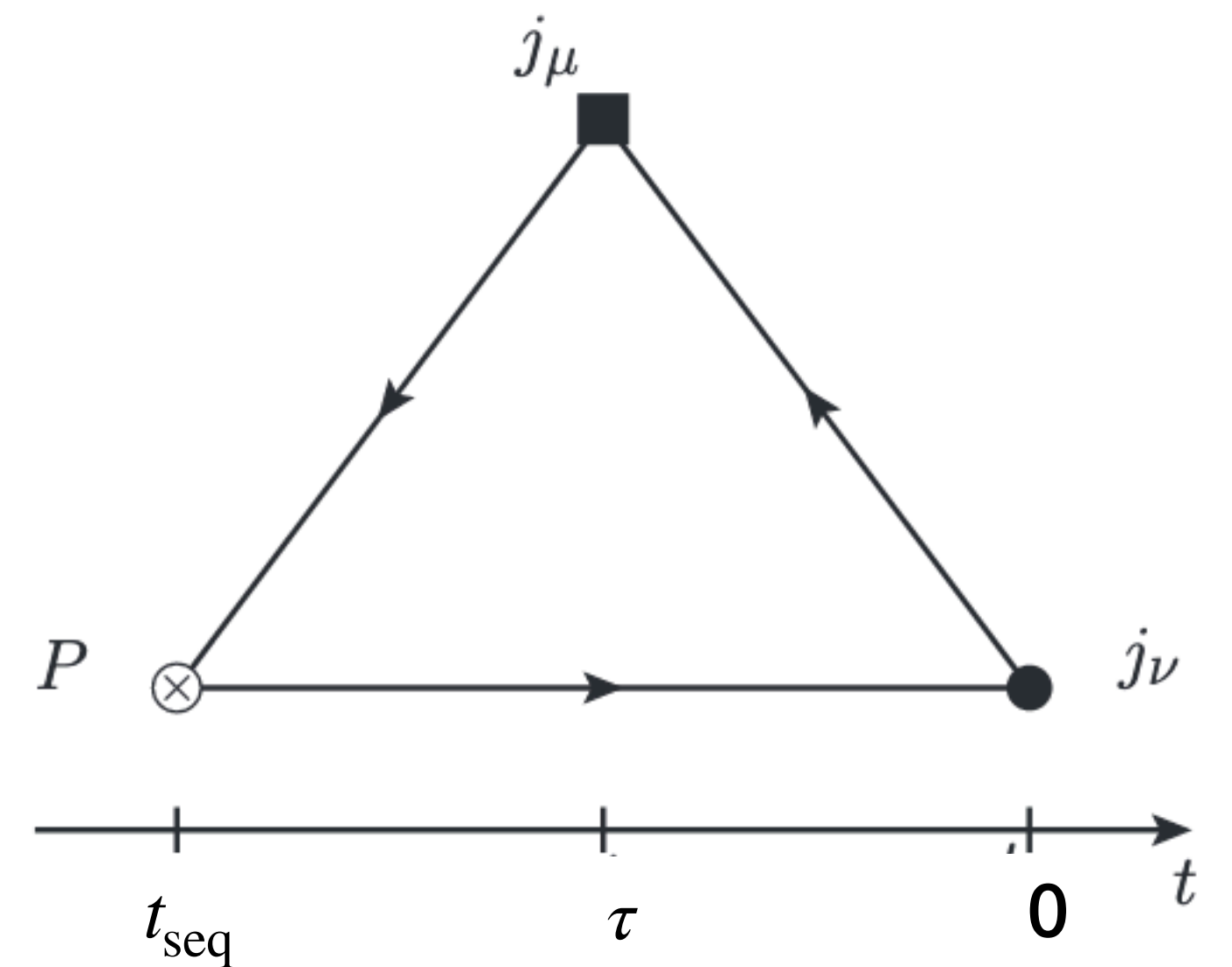
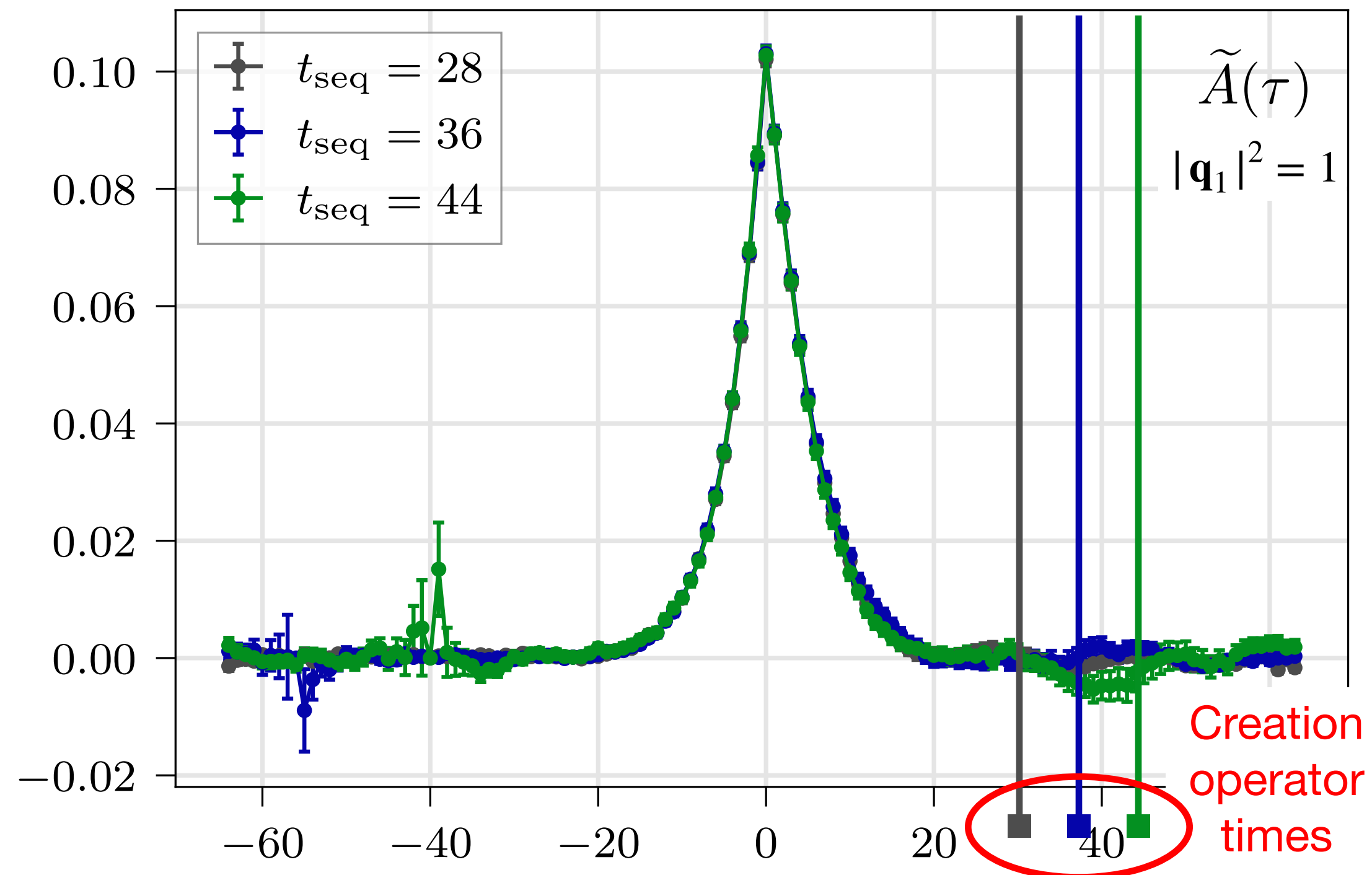
$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma} F_{P\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = -i^{n_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{\omega_1 \tau} \tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}(\tau)$$

where $\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}_1$ by momentum conservation



Matrix element from 3-pt function

$$\tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}(\tau) = \lim_{t_{\text{seq}} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2E_P}{Z_P} e^{E_P t_{\text{seq}}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} e^{-i\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \left\langle j_\mu(\tau, \mathbf{x}) j_\nu(0, \mathbf{0}) P^\dagger(-t_{\text{seq}}, \mathbf{y}) \right\rangle$$



Interpolating operators

For π^0 ordinary local interpolator is sufficient:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\pi^0} = i\bar{\psi}\lambda^3\gamma_5\psi$$

For η, η' , mixing in principle requires diagonalizing between

$$\mathcal{O}_{\eta^8} = i\bar{\psi}\lambda^8\gamma_5\psi \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{O}_{\eta^0} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$$

to separate η' from the correlator ground state (the η)

- Analysis for η proceeds with $\mathcal{O}_{\eta^8}$
- Noise reduction & GEVP required for future exploration of η'

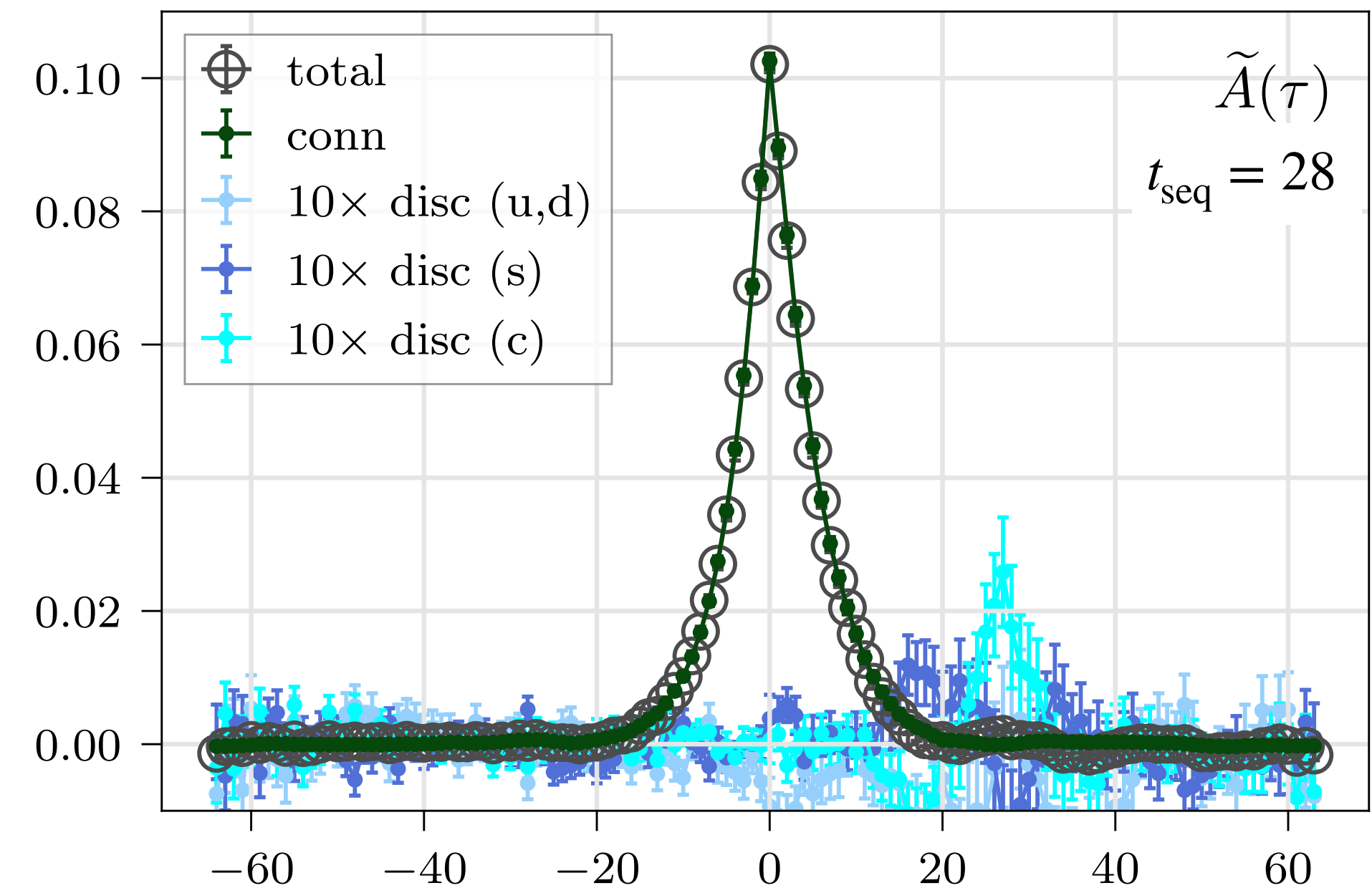
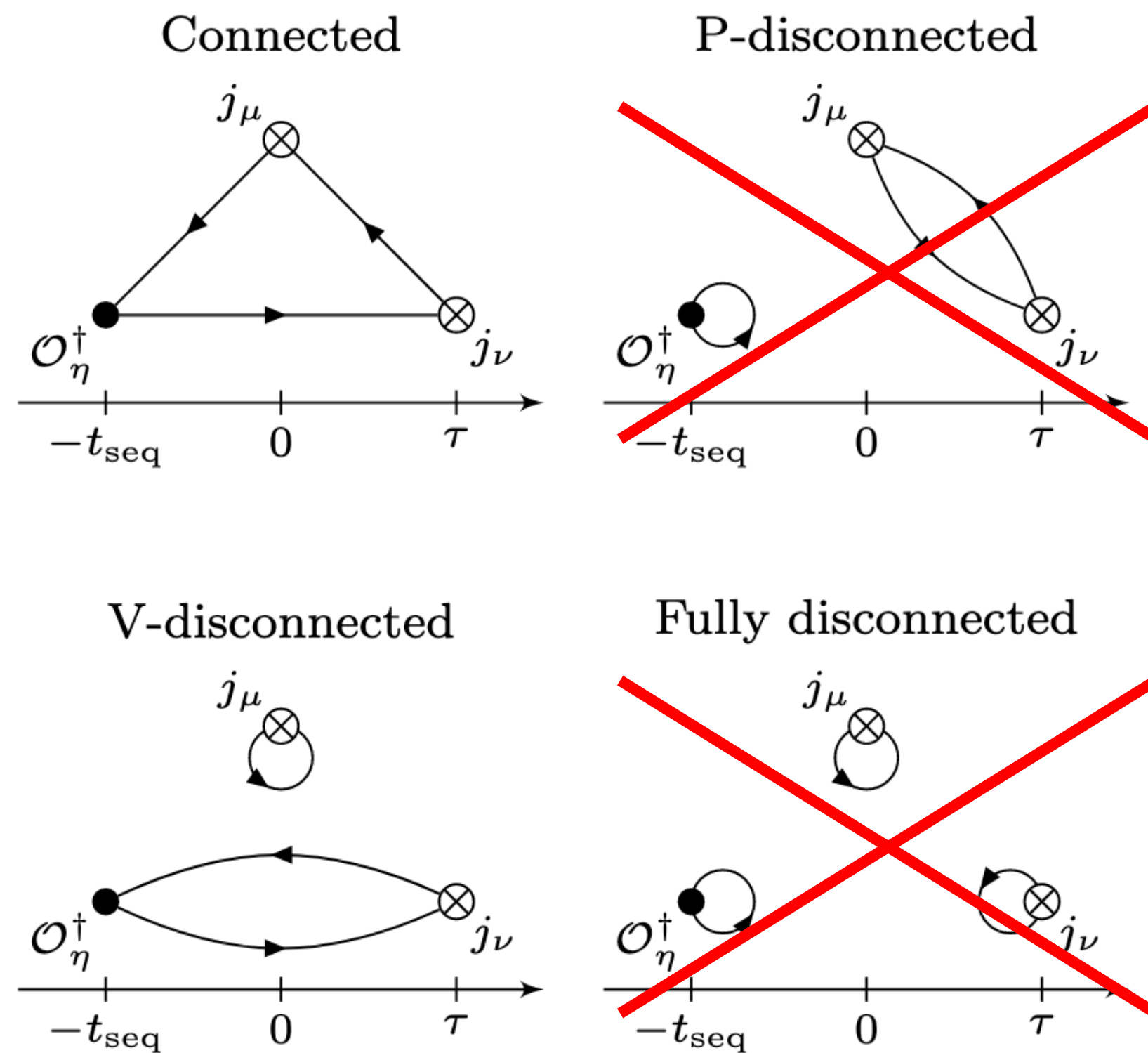
Note: λ^i are $SU(3)_f$
generators (Gellmann basis)

$$\lambda^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\lambda^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Wick contractions: π^0 isospin rotation

Isospin symmetry* allows removing P-disconnected diagrams:

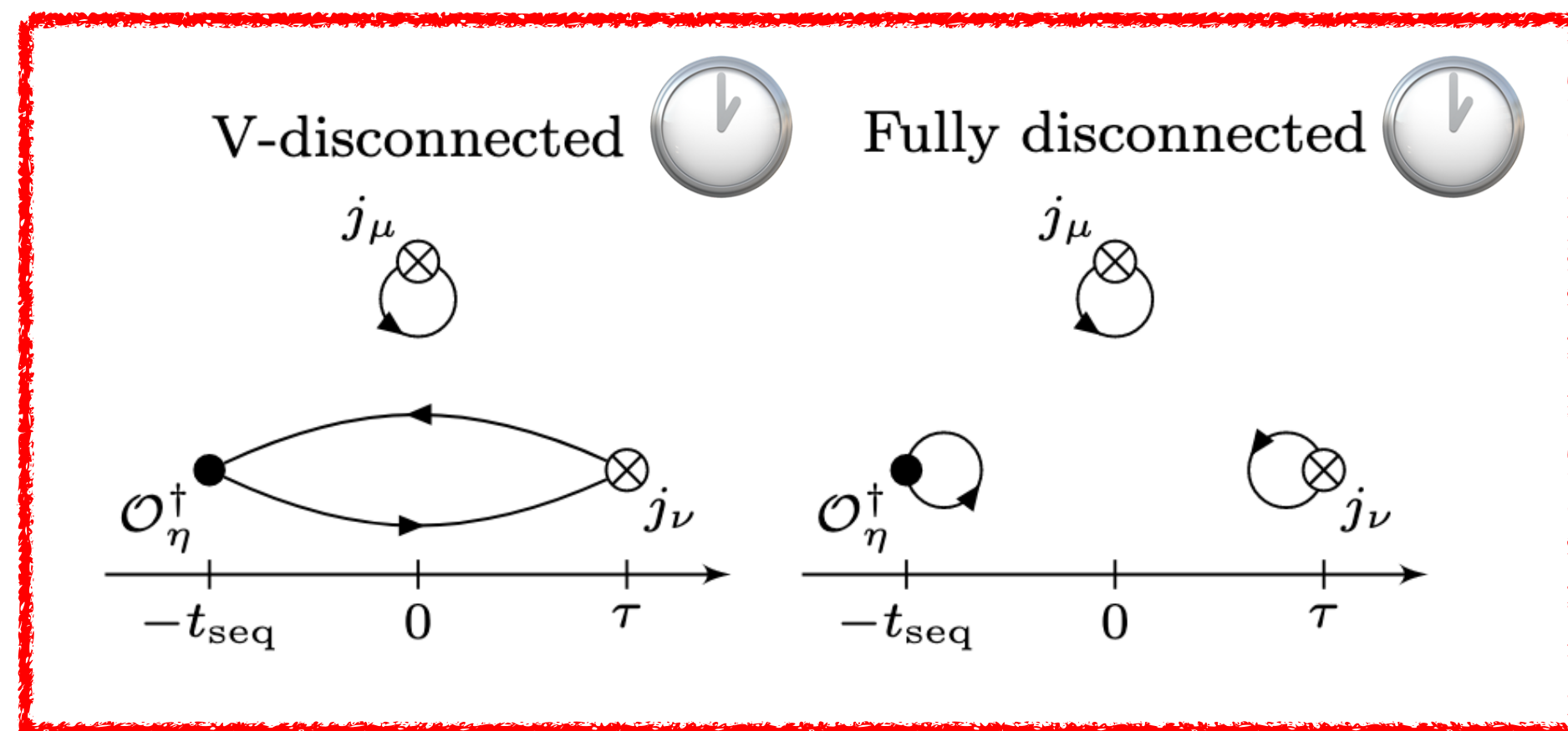
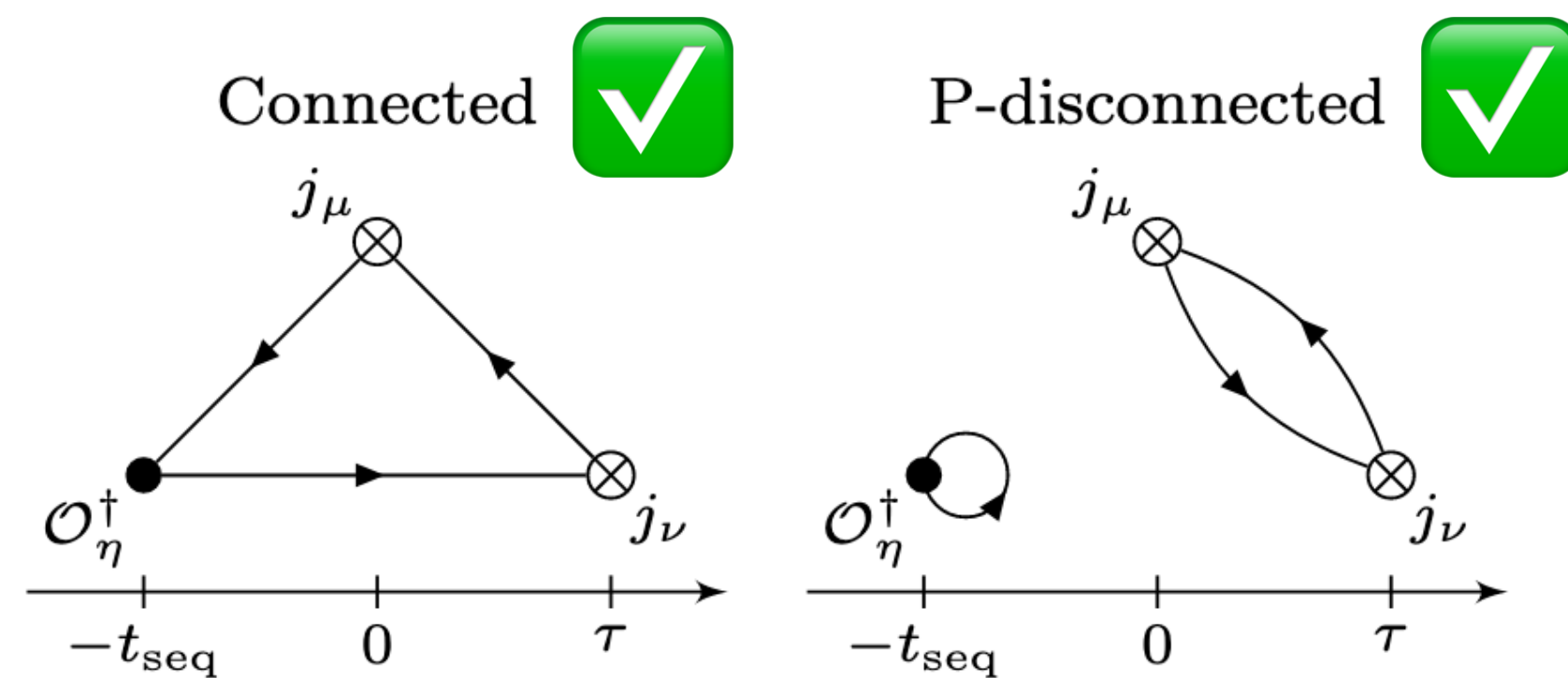
Remaining V-disconnected diagrams are included, but numerically small:



* $O(a^2)$ isospin breaking with twisted mass is part of continuum extrapolation

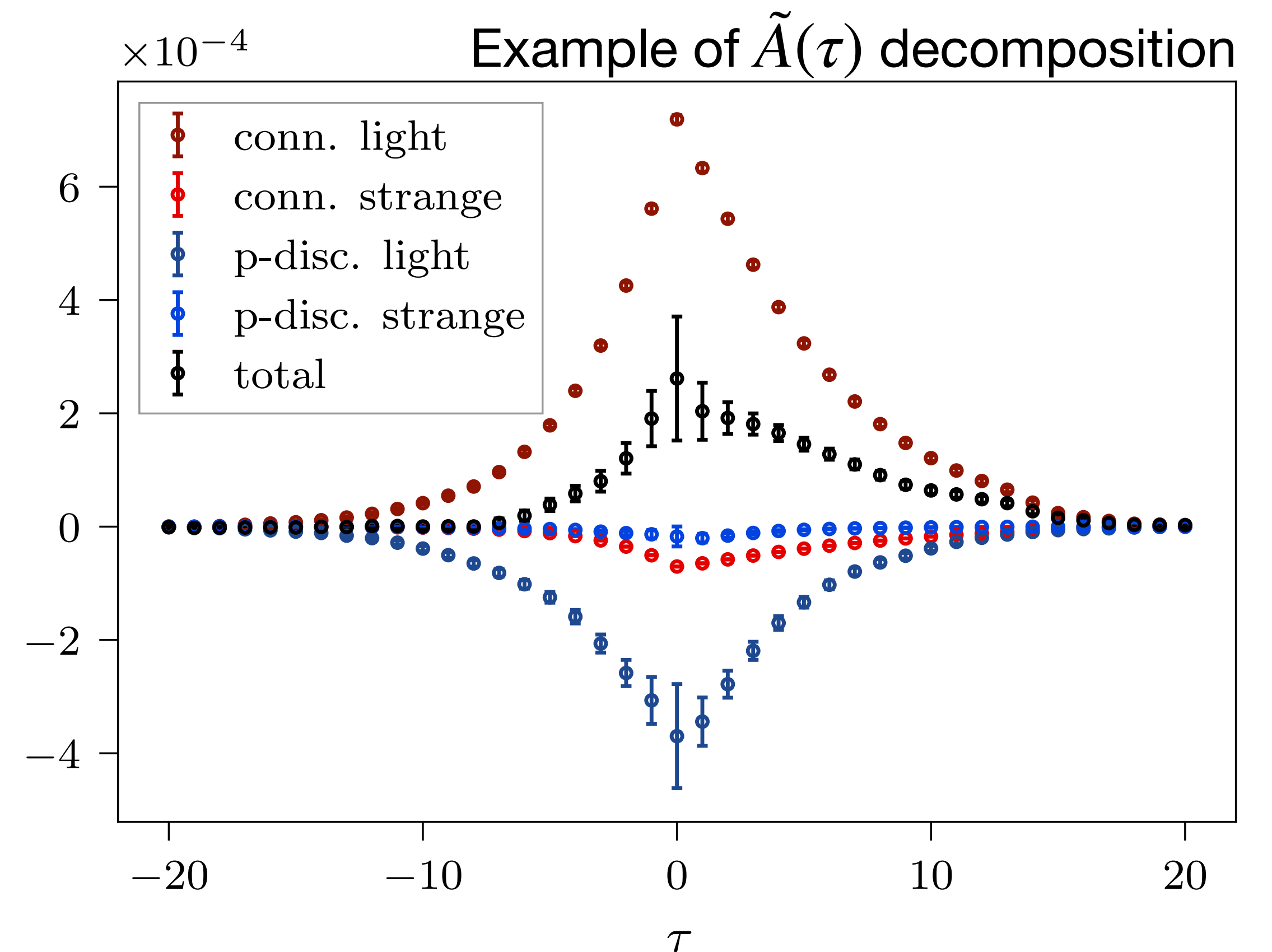
Wick contractions: η diagrams

All diagrams required even in isospin limit.



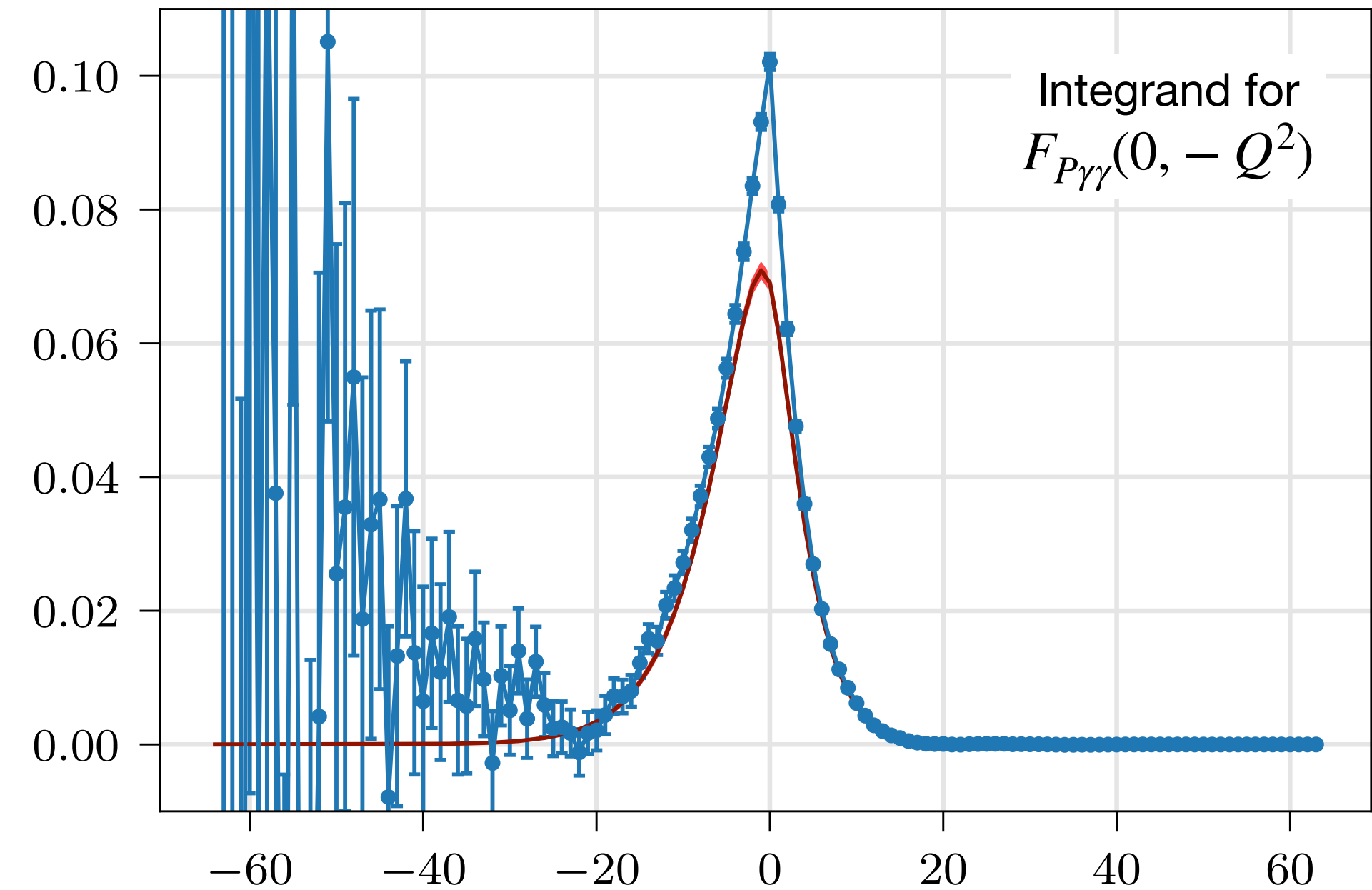
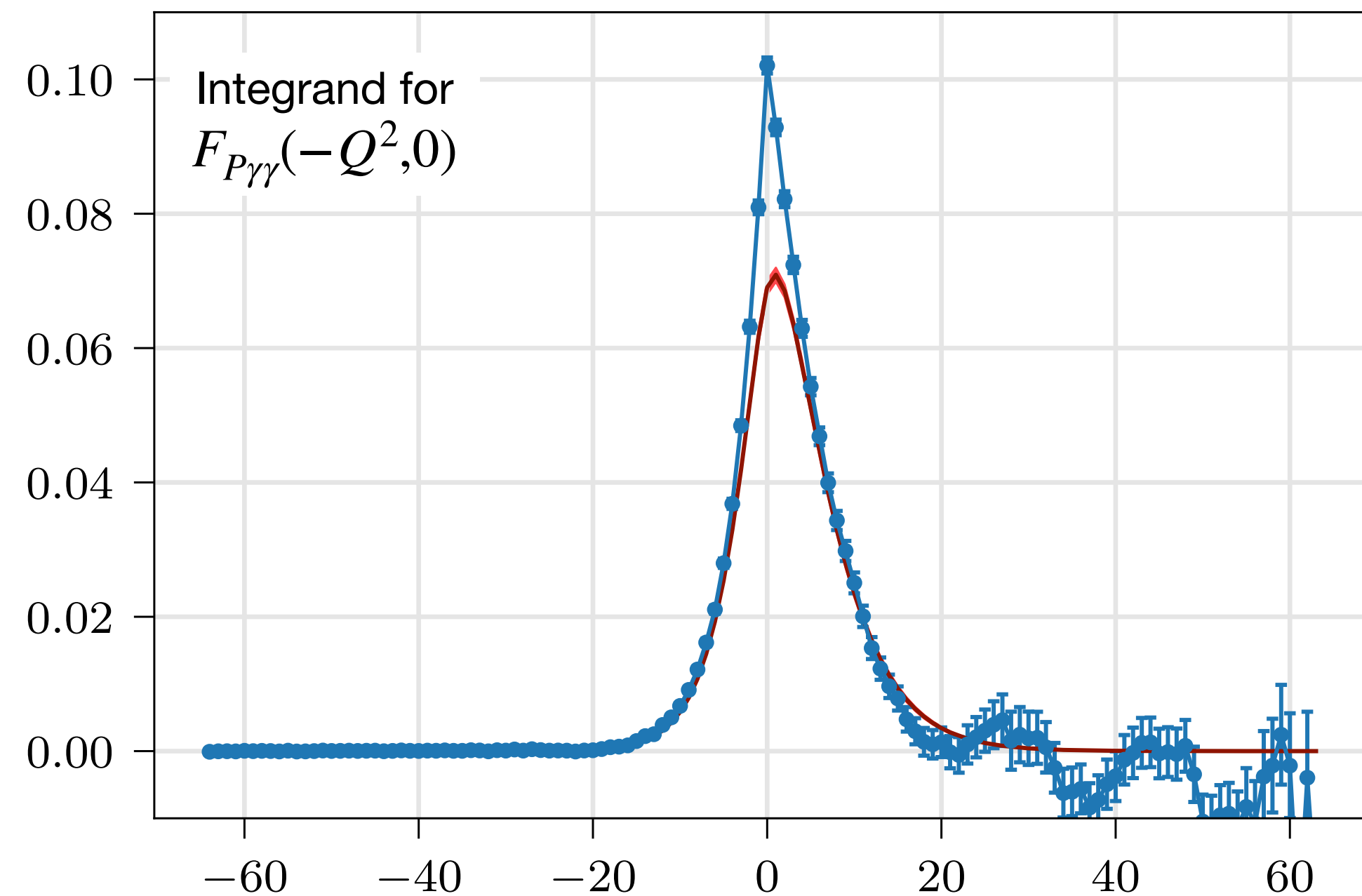
Excluded at the present stage of analysis,
but expected to be subleading.

[Gérardin+ 2211.04159]



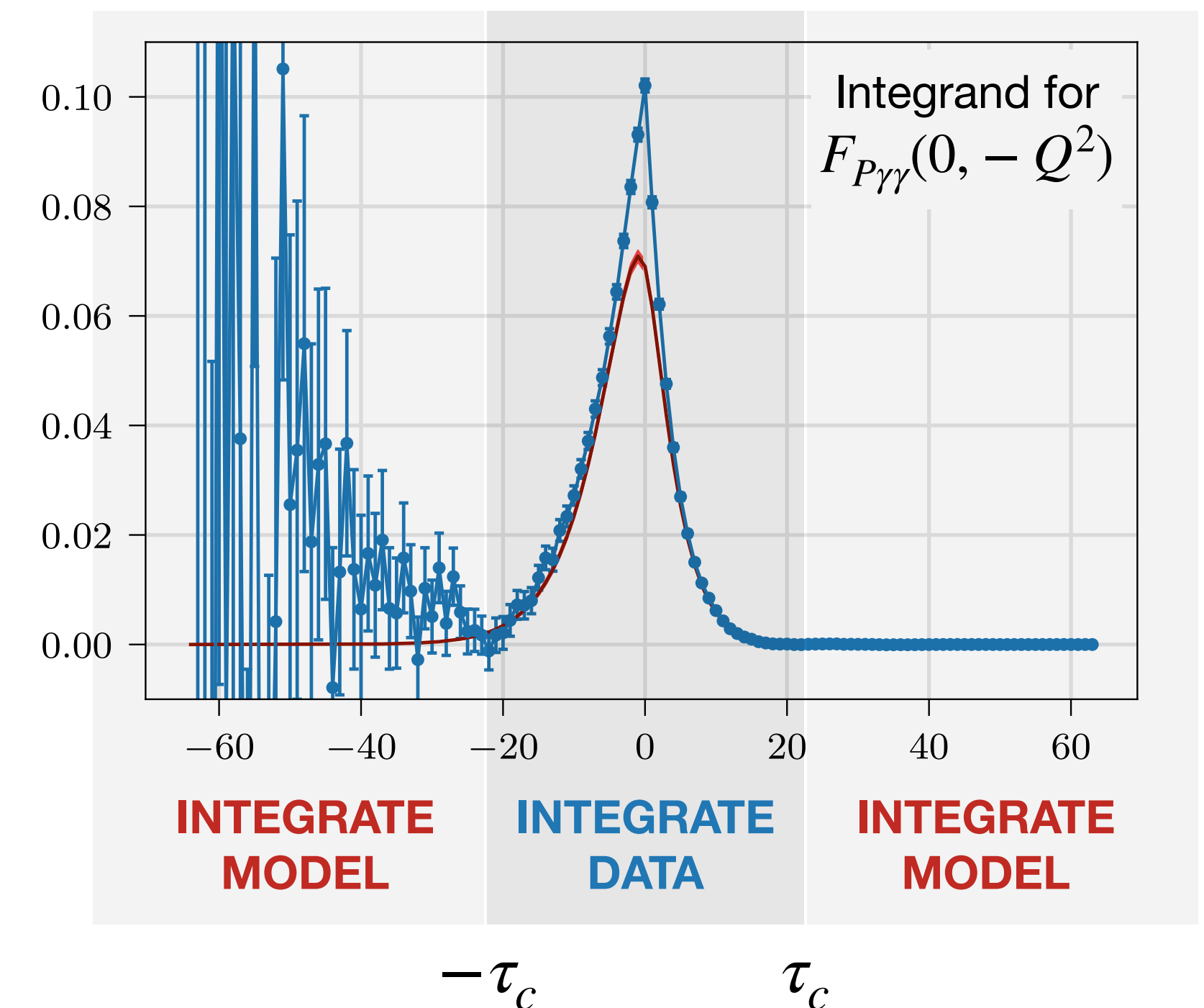
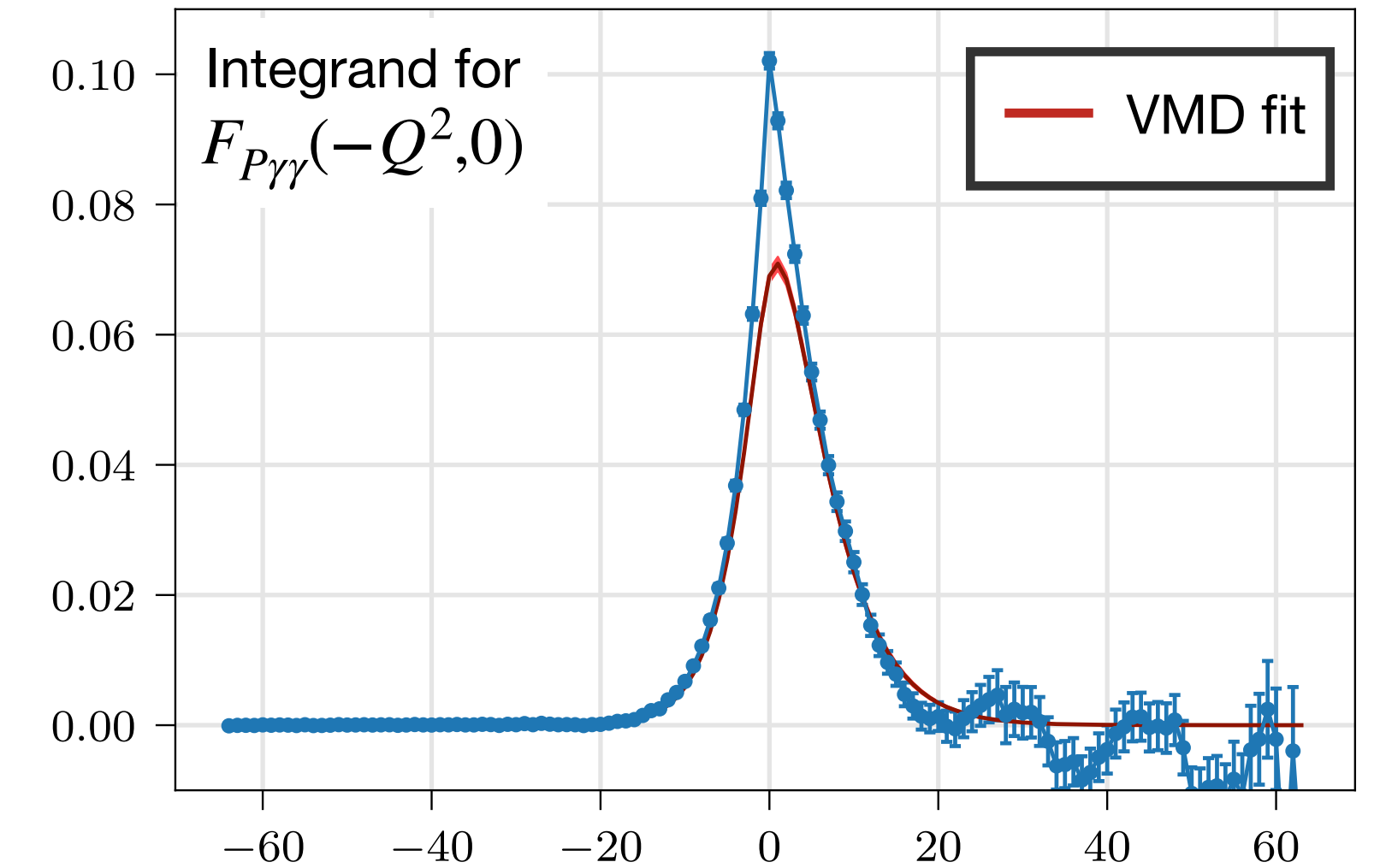
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- To handle this...
 - Fit Vector Meson Dominance (VMD) or Lowest Meson Dominance (LMD) models to the tails
 - Integrate **data** in peak ($|\tau| < \tau_c$)
Integrate **model** in tails ($|\tau| > \tau_c$)

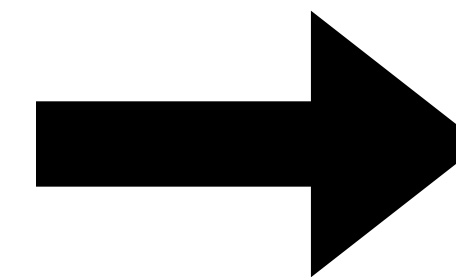


VMD & LMD

$$F_{P\gamma\gamma}^{\text{LMD}}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{\alpha M_V^4 + \beta(q_1^2 + q_2^2)}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)(q_2^2 - M_V^2)}$$

and

$$F_{P\gamma\gamma}^{\text{VMD}}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = F_{P\gamma\gamma}^{\text{LMD}}(q_1^2, q_2^2) |_{\beta=0}$$



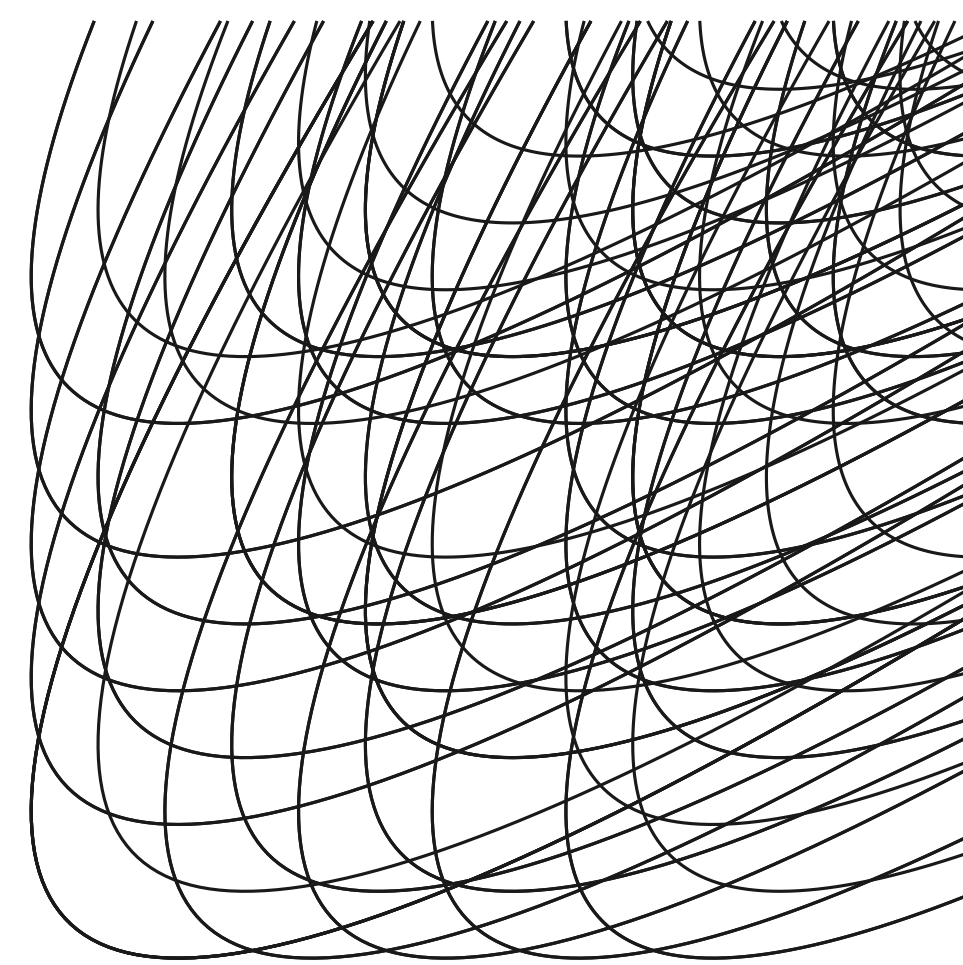
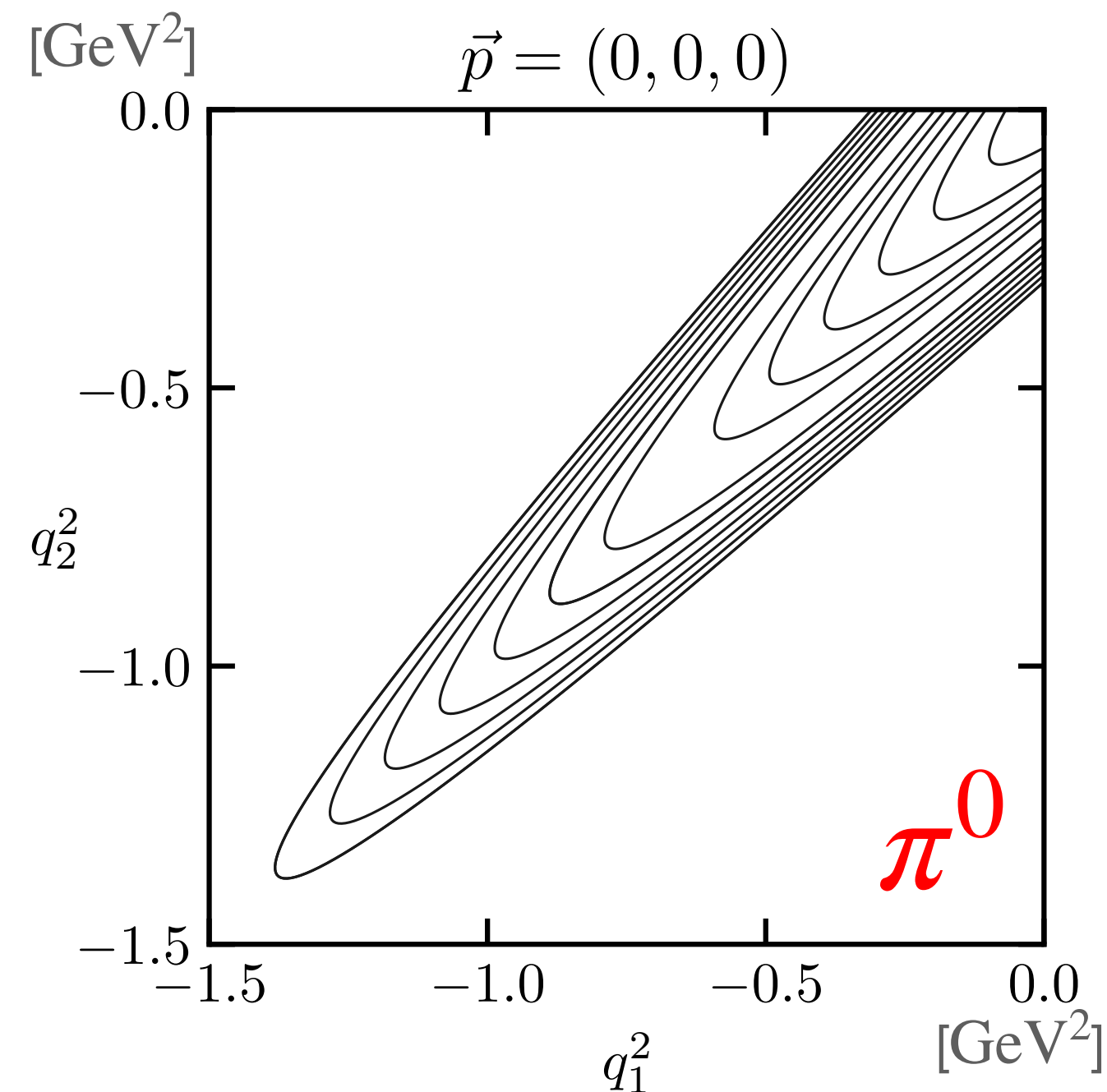
$\tilde{A}^{\text{LMD}}(\tau)$ and $\tilde{A}^{\text{VMD}}(\tau)$ by
inverse Laplace transform

According to VMD, $M_V = M_\rho$,
but left as a free fit parameter
in this work

Extrapolating in (q_1^2, q_2^2) plane

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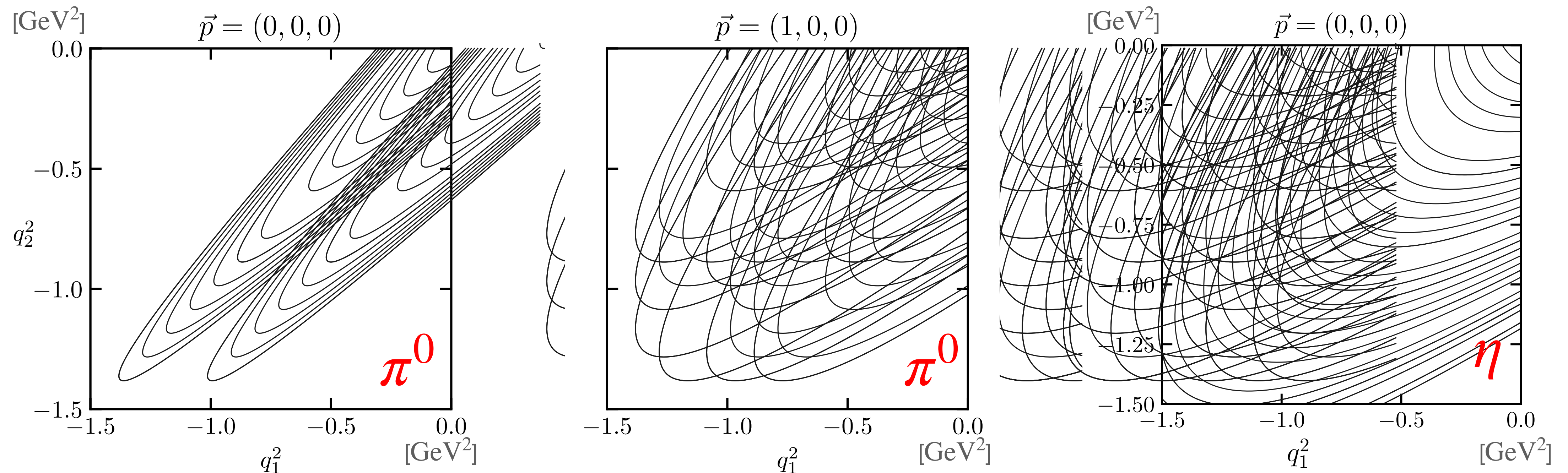
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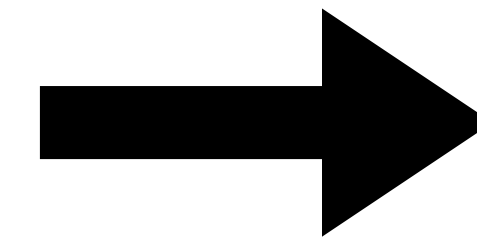
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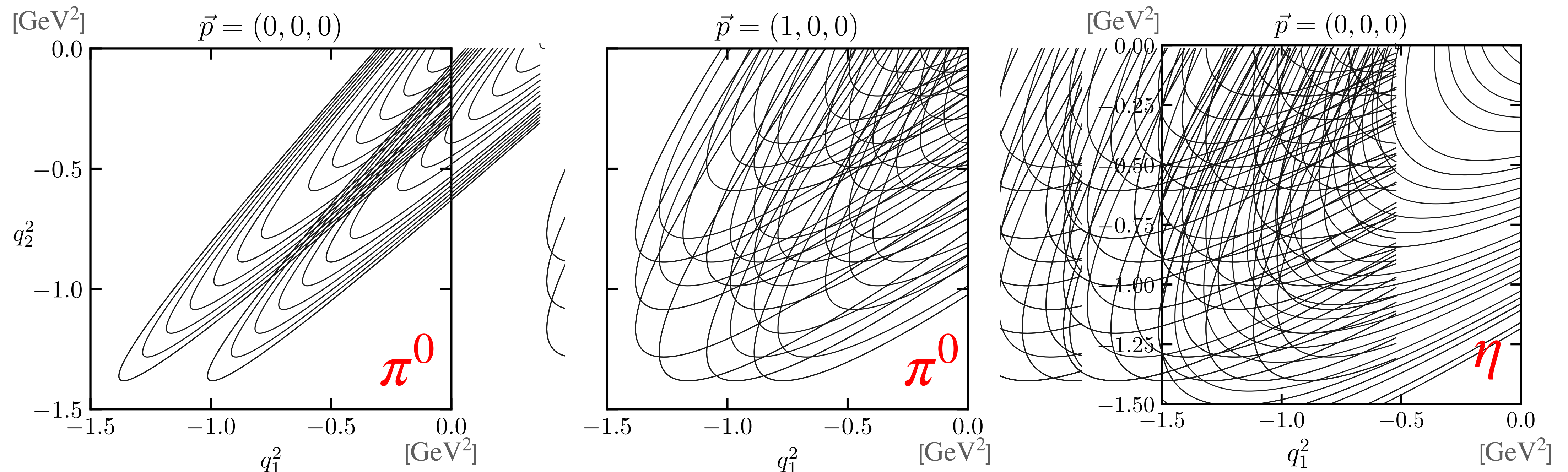
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z -expansion for full (q_1^2, q_2^2) dependence



Results

Lattice details

Action: $N_f = 2+1+1$ twisted clover, Iwasaki gauge action, *physical point*

Pion analysis:

- Three lattice spacings ✓
- Continuum extrapolation ✓
(preliminary)

ensemble	$L^3 \cdot T / a^4$	m_π [MeV]	a [fm]	$a \cdot L_x$ [fm]	$m_\pi \cdot L_x$
cB072.64	$64^3 \cdot 128$	140.2	0.080	5.09	3.62
cC060.80	$80^3 \cdot 160$	136.7	0.068	5.46	3.78
cD054.96	$96^3 \cdot 192$	140.8	0.057	5.46	3.90

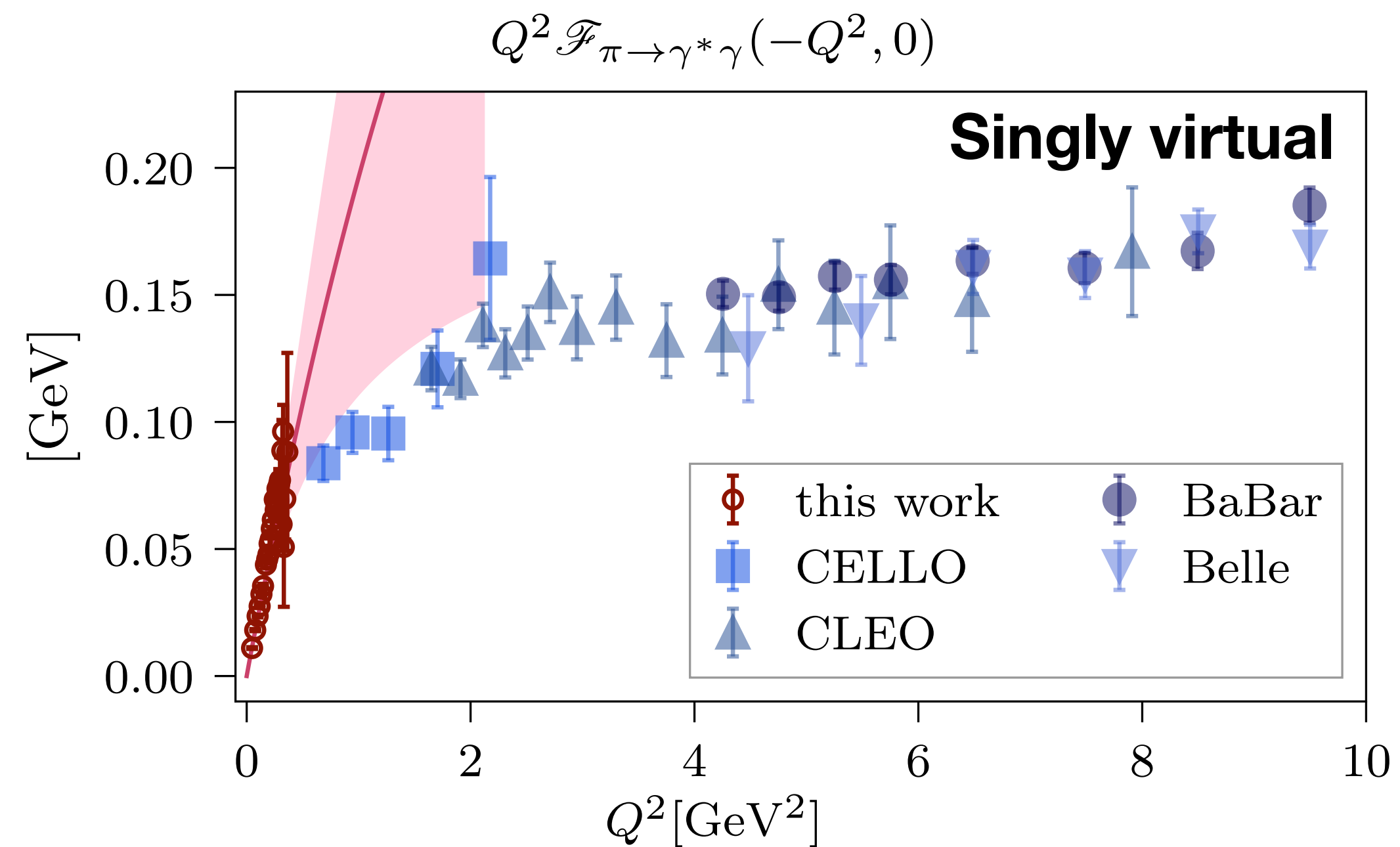
Eta analysis:

- One lattice spacing (cB072.64, 0.08fm) ✓
- Runs for cC, cD in next allocation cycle 🕒

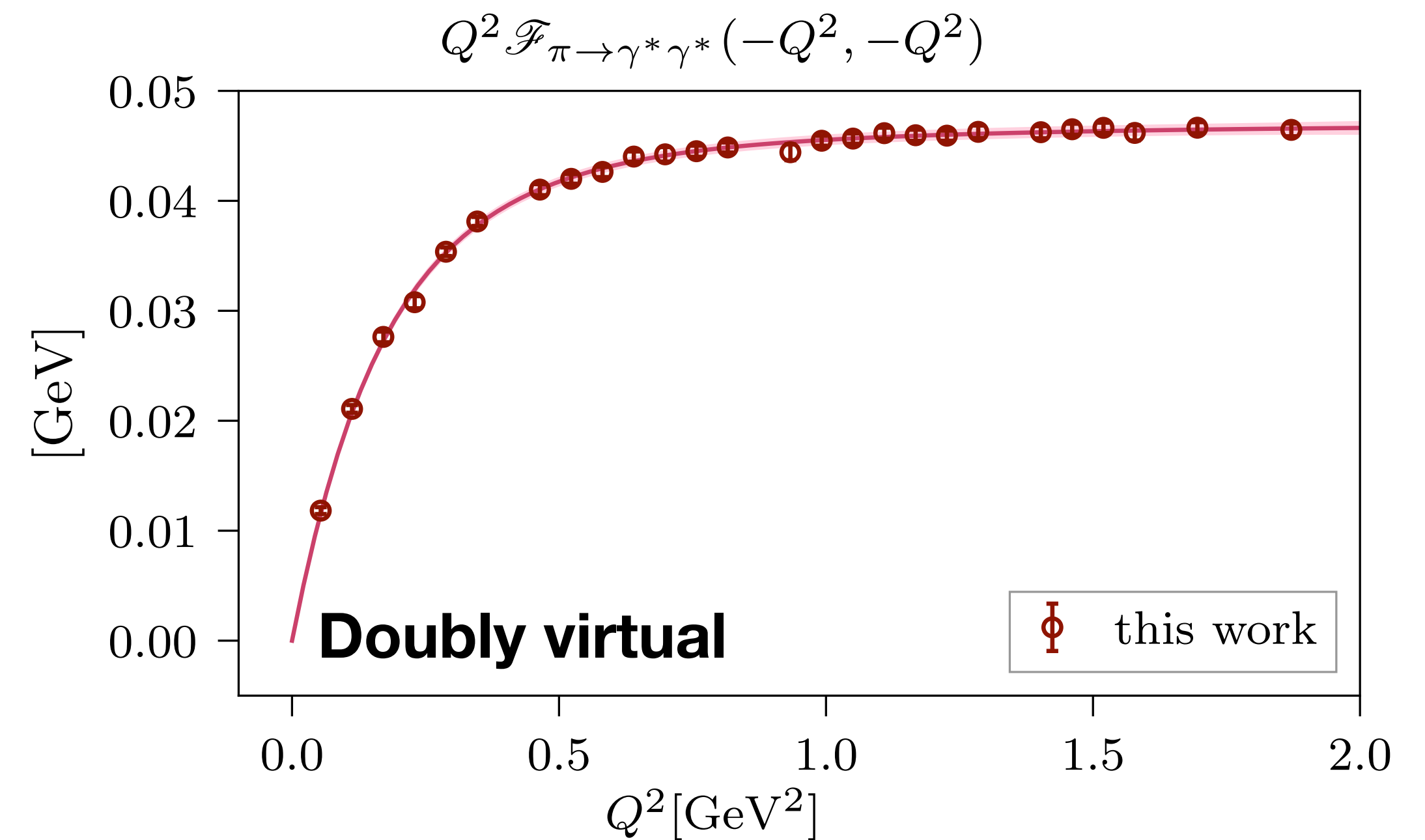
Eta' analysis:

- Found to be too noisy so far ⚠

π^0 TFF results



Shown for one choice of ensemble and analysis procedure.



Doubly virtual much more precise than singly virtual due to kinematics.

Muon g-2: π^0 pole

1. z -expansion fits to FF data per choice of tail model, tail fit window, tail cut τ_c

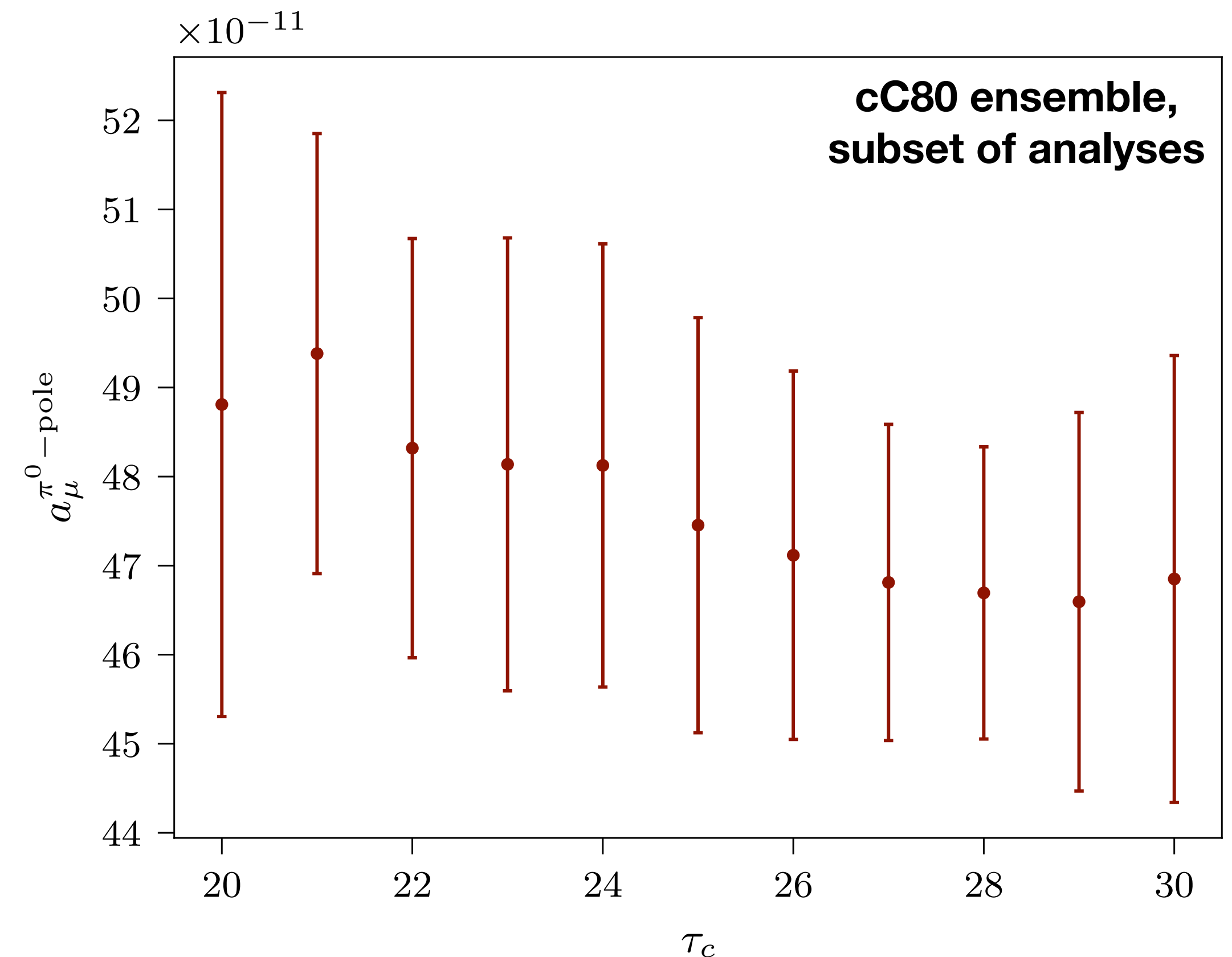
2. Integrated $a_\mu^{\pi^0\text{-pole}}$ per FF 

3. Systematic error accounting:

- AIC weighted model averaging

[Borsanyi+ Science 347, 1452 (2015)]

- Stability against other analysis choices (z -exp fit ranges, t_{seq})



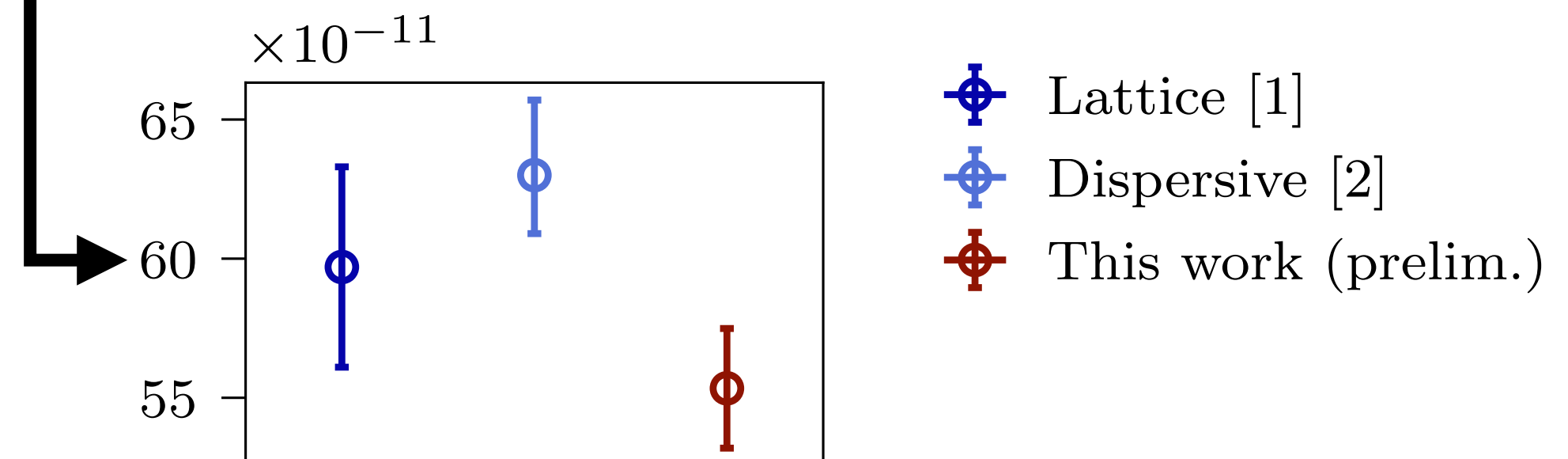
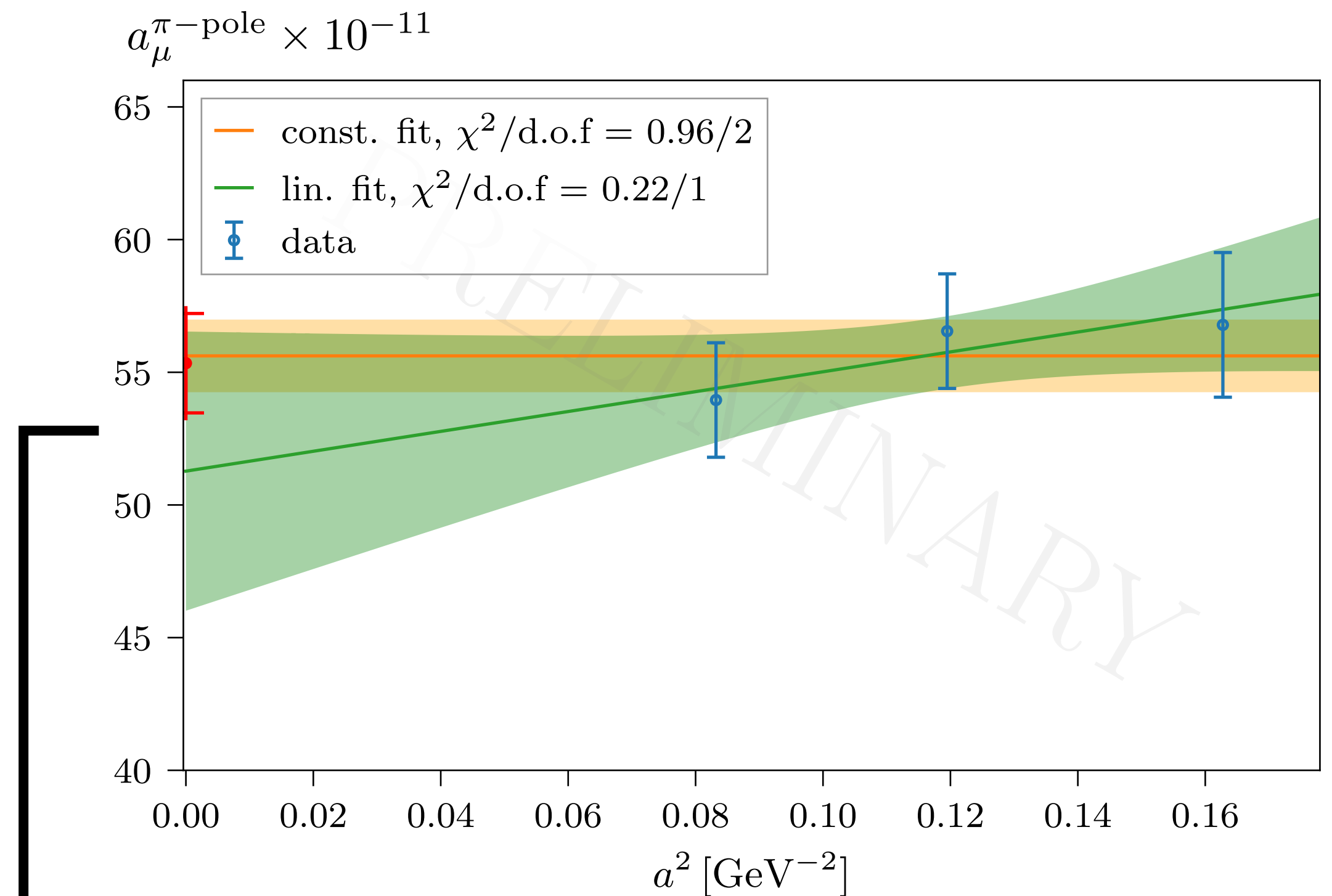
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Preliminary continuum limit:

$$a_{\mu}^{\pi^0\text{-pole}} = 55.3(1.9)_{\text{ctm}}(1.0)_{\text{ctm-syst}} \times 10^{-11}$$

Constant vs linear in a^2 fits.

- Constant: underestimated error
- Linear: overfitting
- Preliminary result: weighted average, variation between fits as syst. err
[Alexandrou+ (ETMC) 2104.13408]
- Likely too aggressive, will be refined



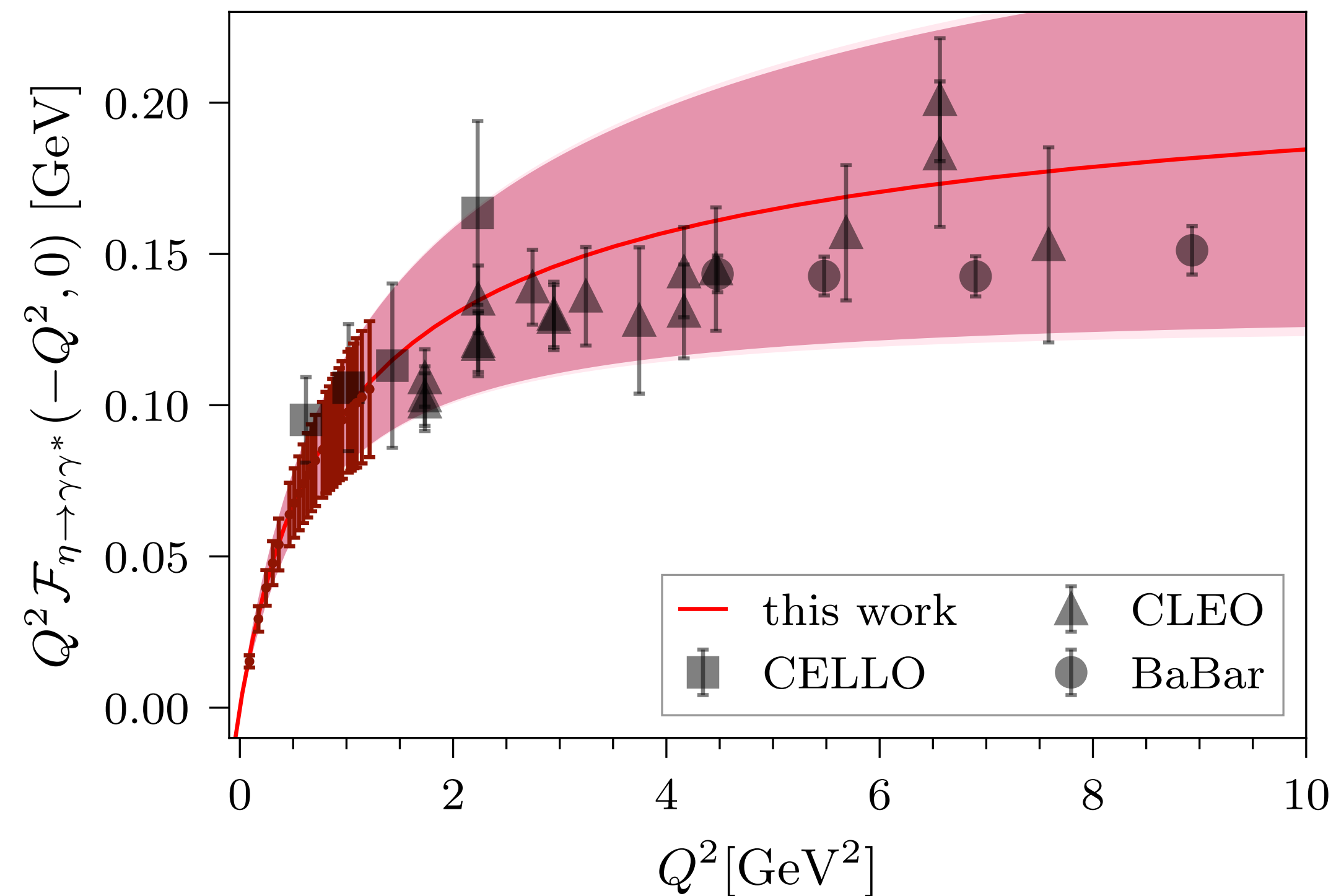
[1] Gérardin+ PRD 100 (2019) 3

[2] g-2 WP, Phys. Rep. 887 (2020)

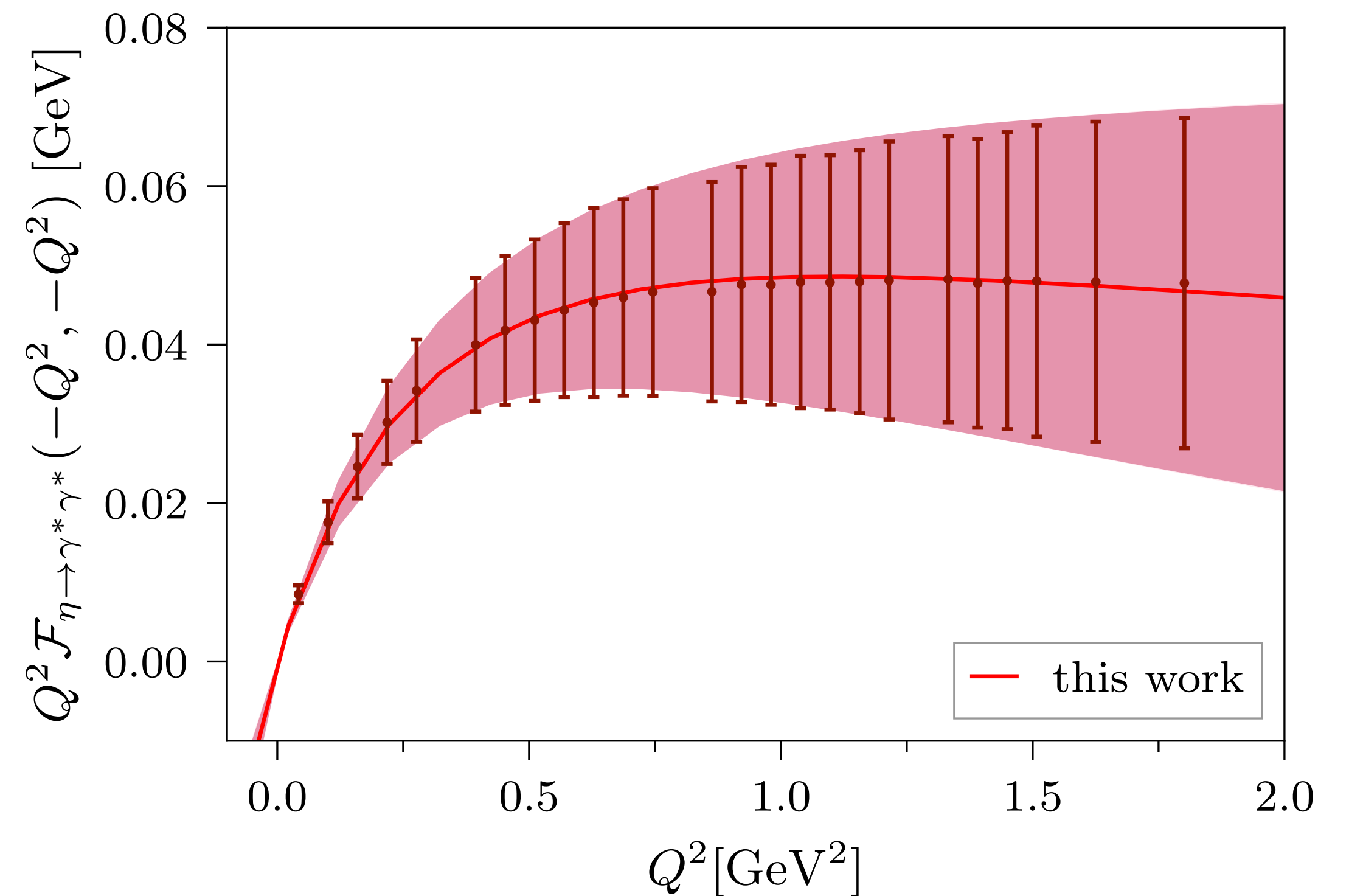
η TFF results

Statistical errors (dark band) dominate systematic errors (light outer band).

Singly virtual



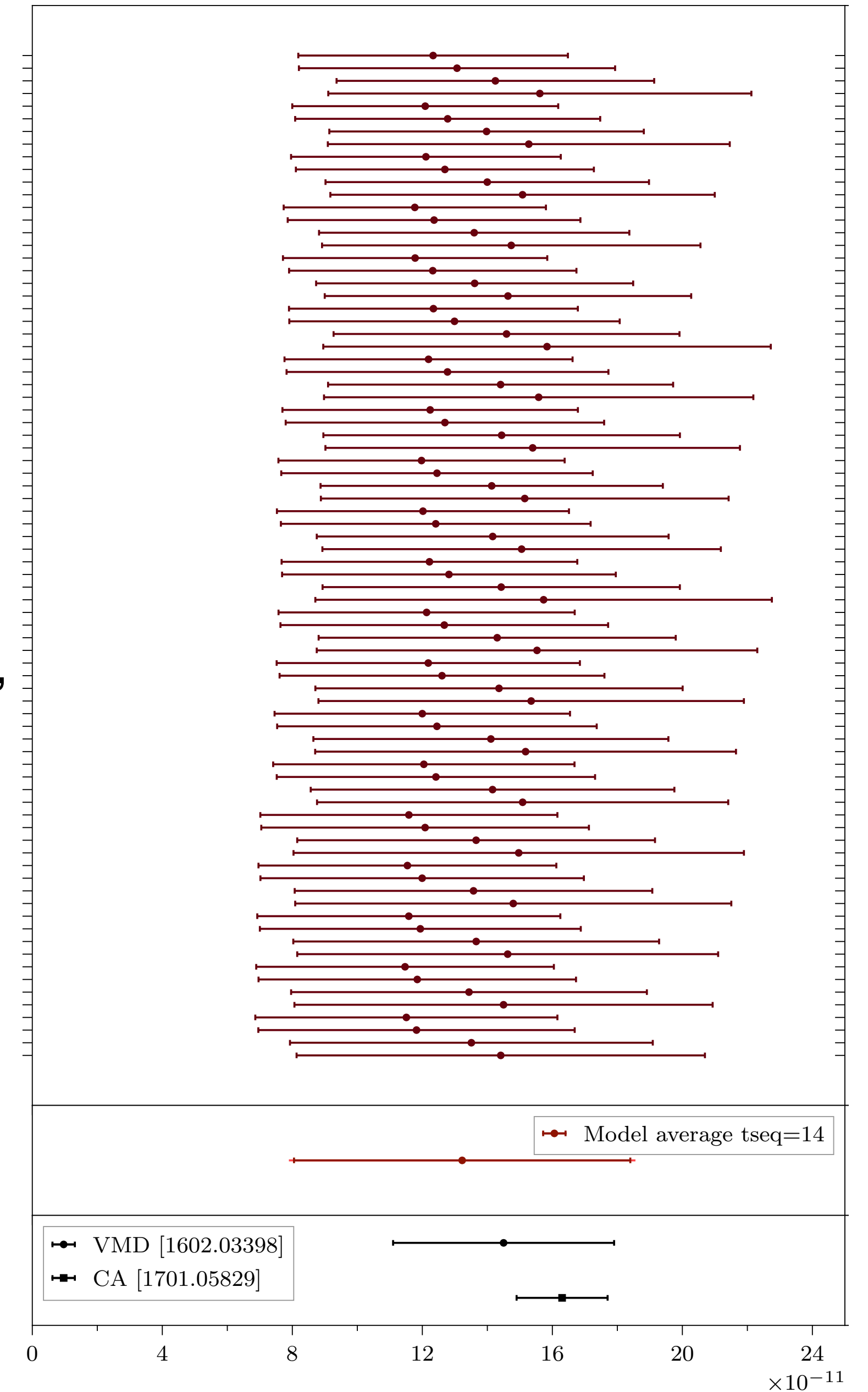
Doubly virtual



Muon g-2: η pole (0.08 fm)

- Same model averaging procedure as for the pion
- Results found to be quite stable
- Statistical error also dominates g-2

Various fit
windows,
integration cuts,
 z -exp orders

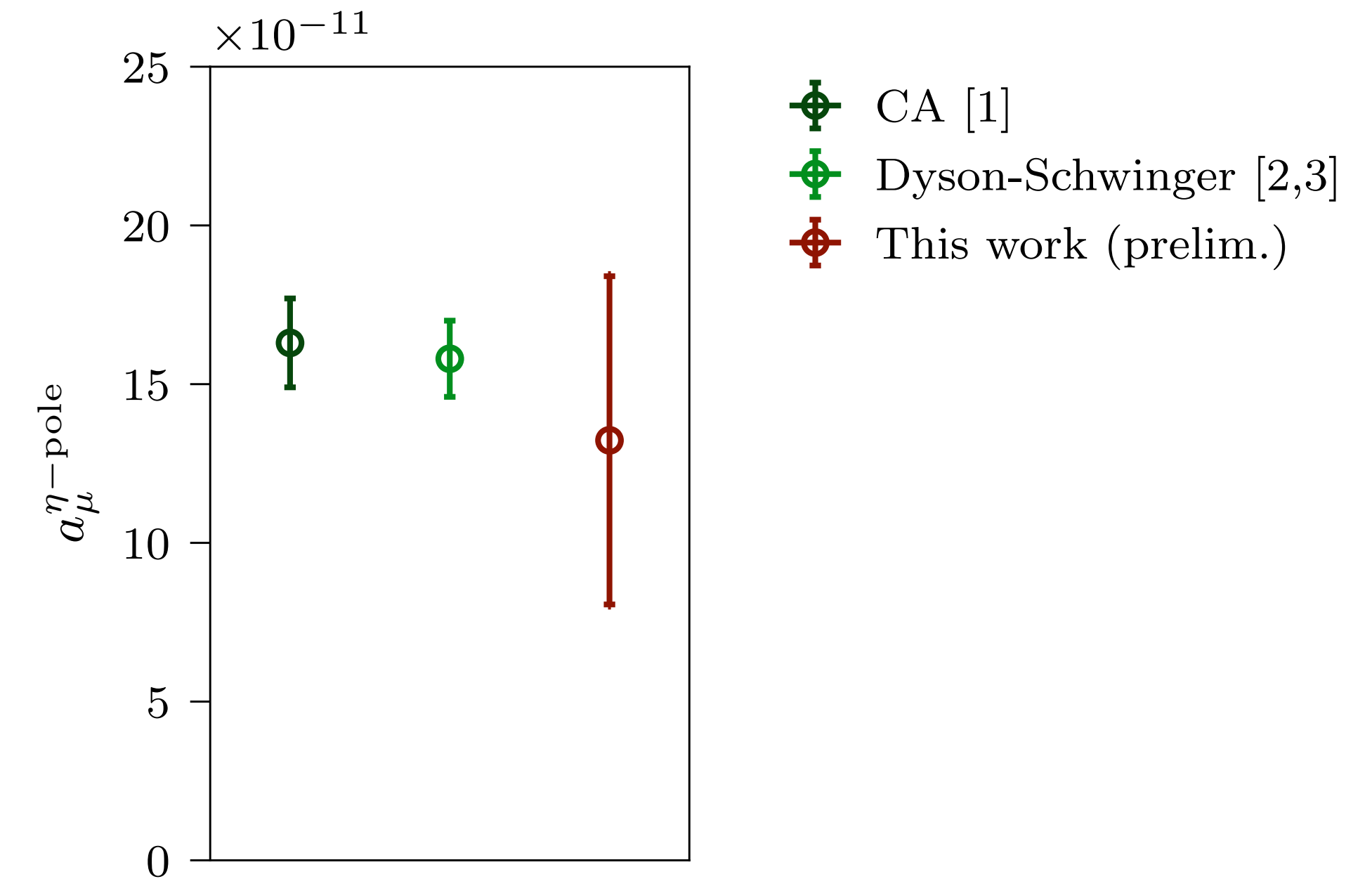


Muon g-2: η pole (0.08 fm)

Preliminary 0.08fm (cB ens.):

$$a_{\mu,0.08\text{fm}}^{\eta\text{-pole}} = 13.2(5.2)_{\text{stat}}(1.3)_{\text{syst}} \times 10^{-11}$$

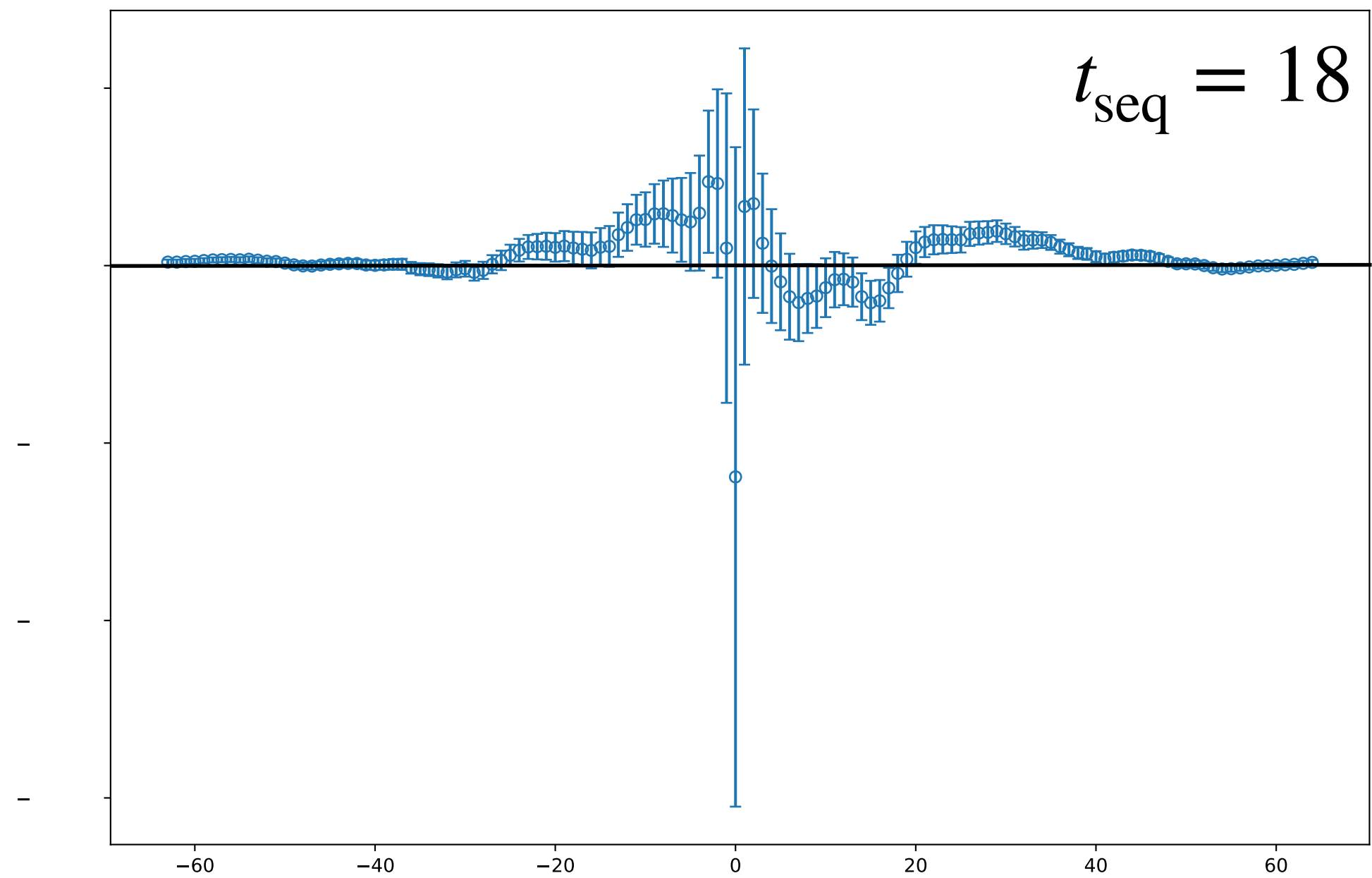
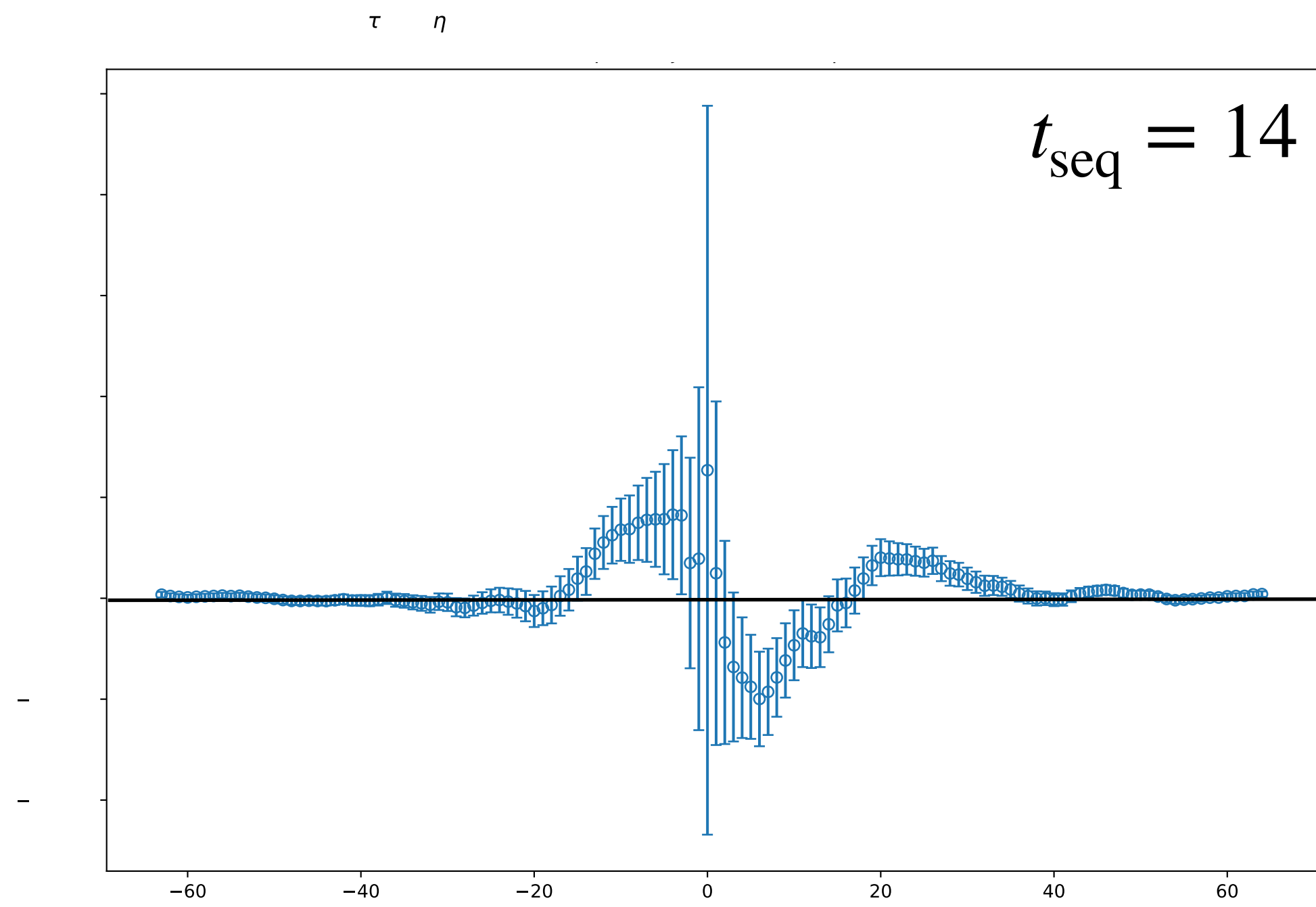
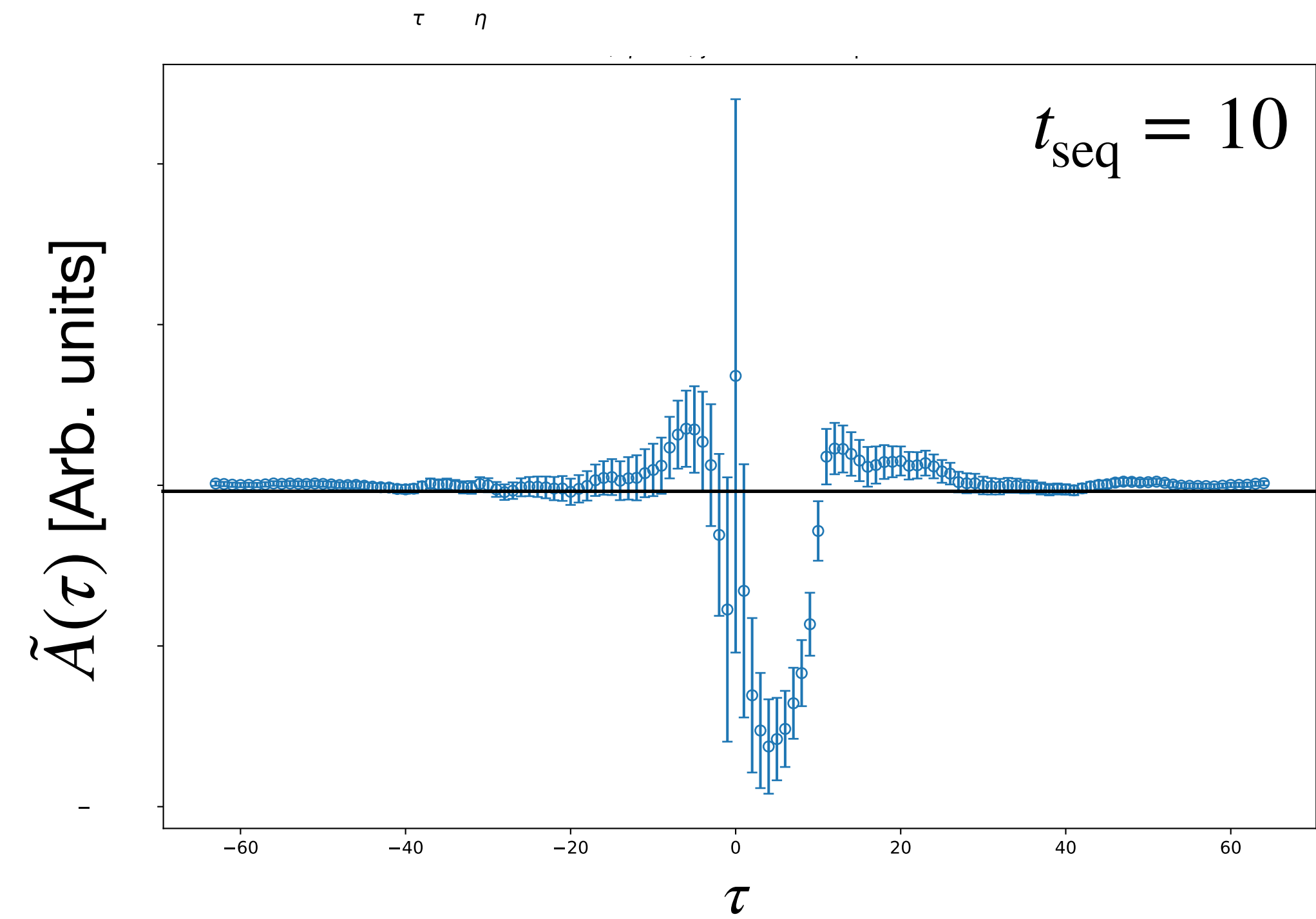
- Largest $t_{\text{seq}} = 14$ used (conservative choice)
- Results consistent with previous work



- [1] Masjuan, Sanchez-Puertas PRD95 (2017) 054026.
[2] Eichmann+ PLB797 (2019) 134855.
[3] Khépani+ PRD101 (2020) 074021.

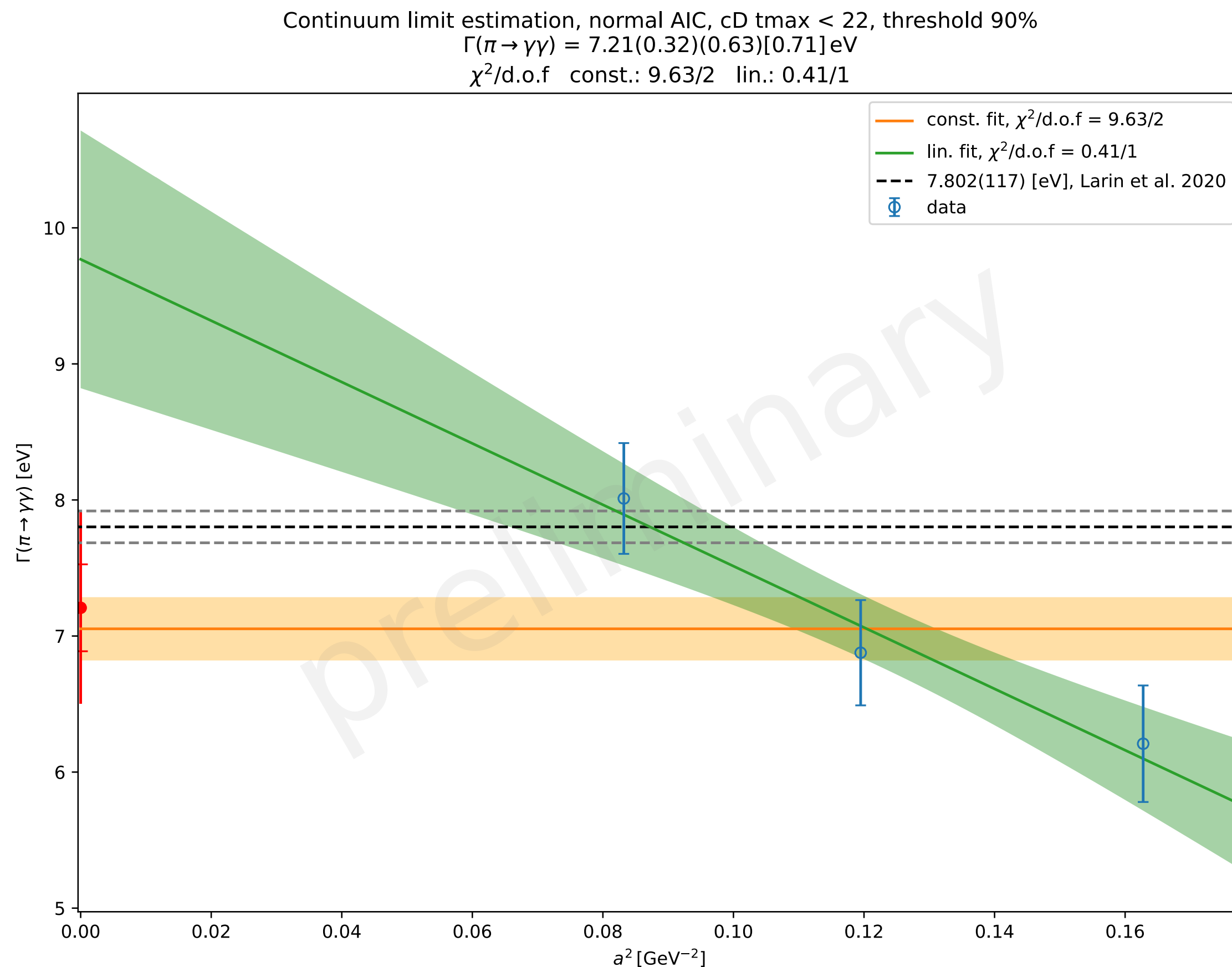
Currently η' too noisy

Preliminary measurements of $\tilde{A}(\tau)$ on coarsest ensemble:

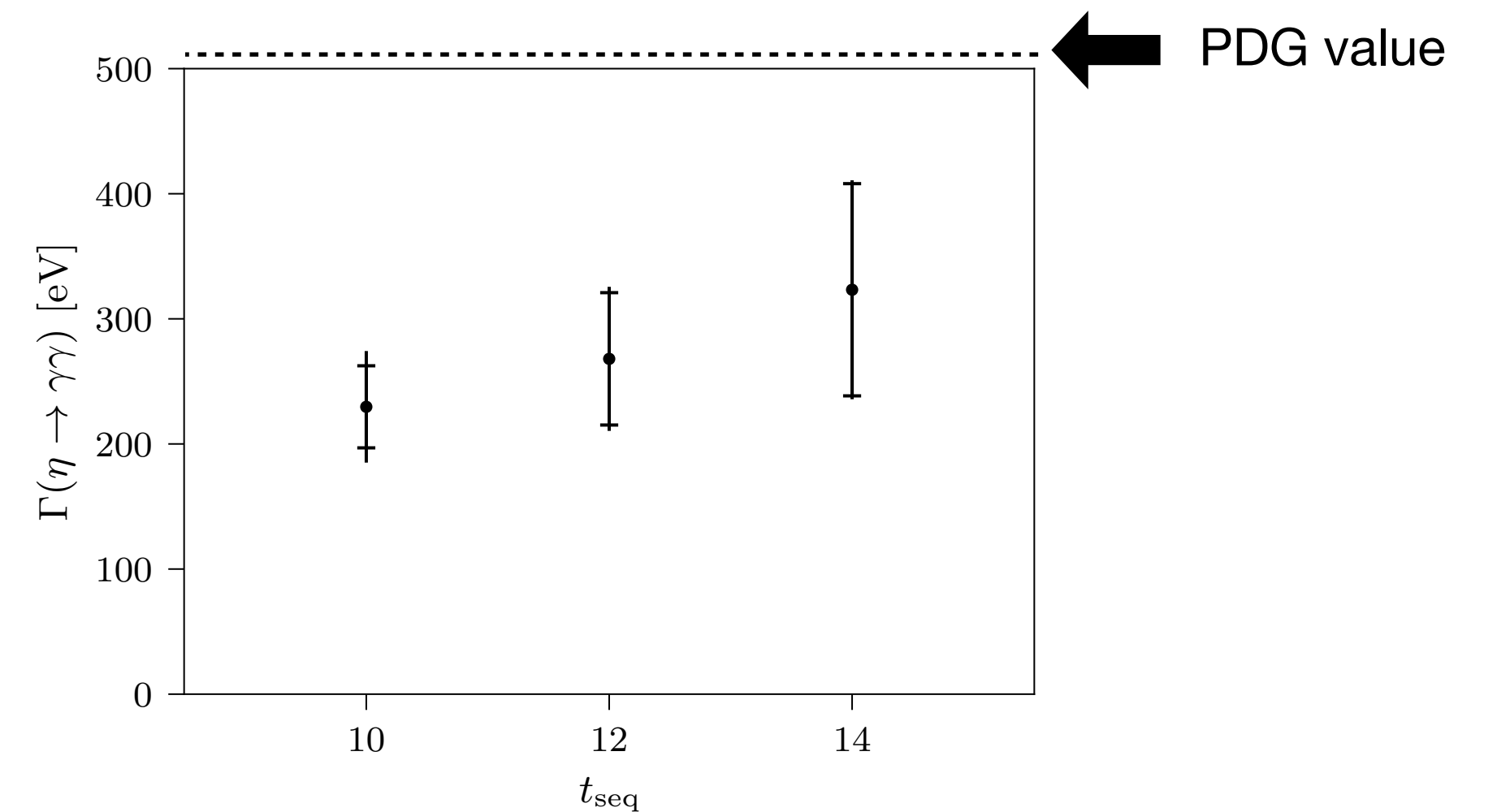


Other observables: $\Gamma(P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

π^0 results (incl. continuum limit):



η results (cB 0.08fm ens. only):



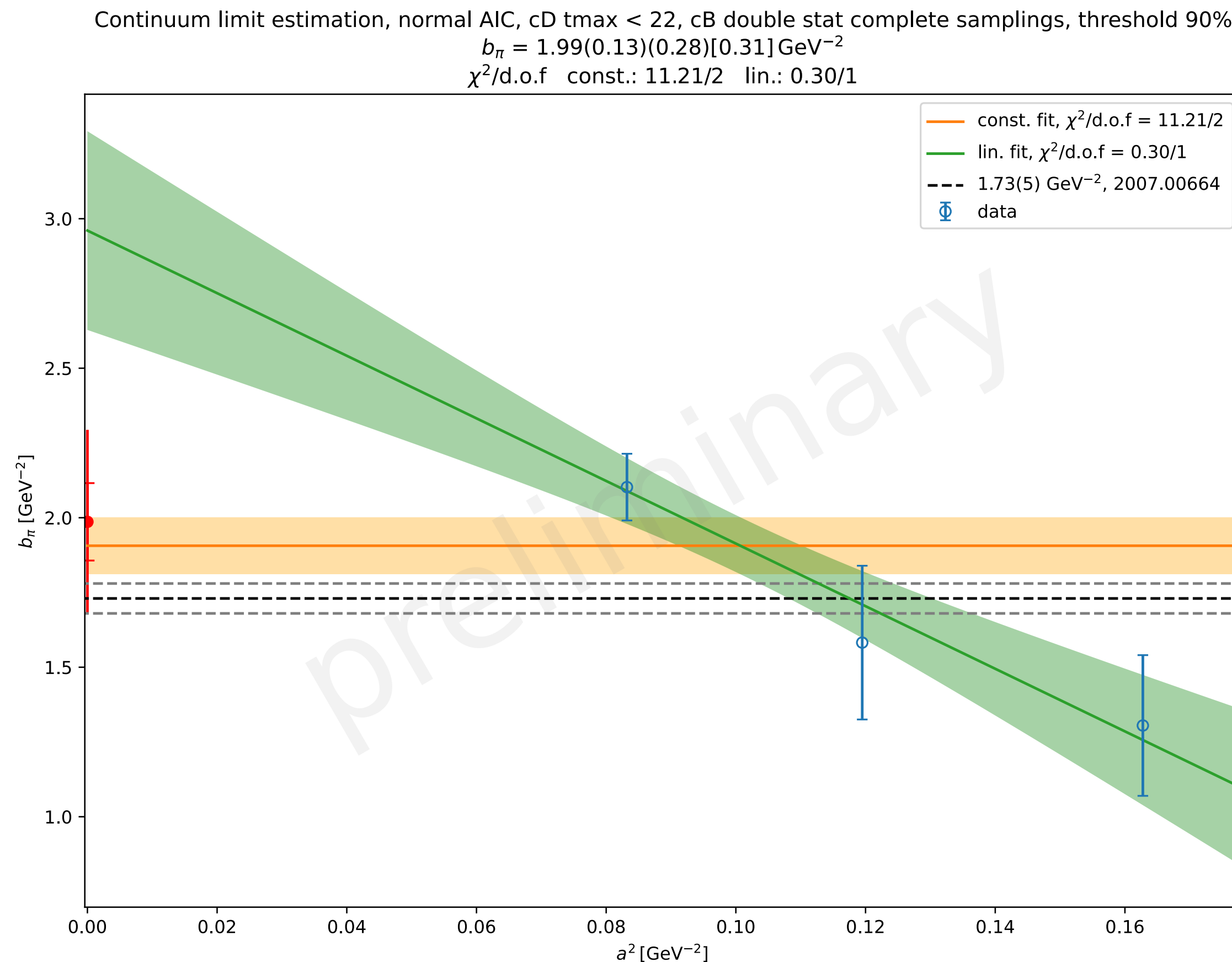
$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)^{0.08\text{fm}} = 323.2(84.8)_{\text{stat}}(21.5)_{\text{syst}} \text{ eV}$$

vs.

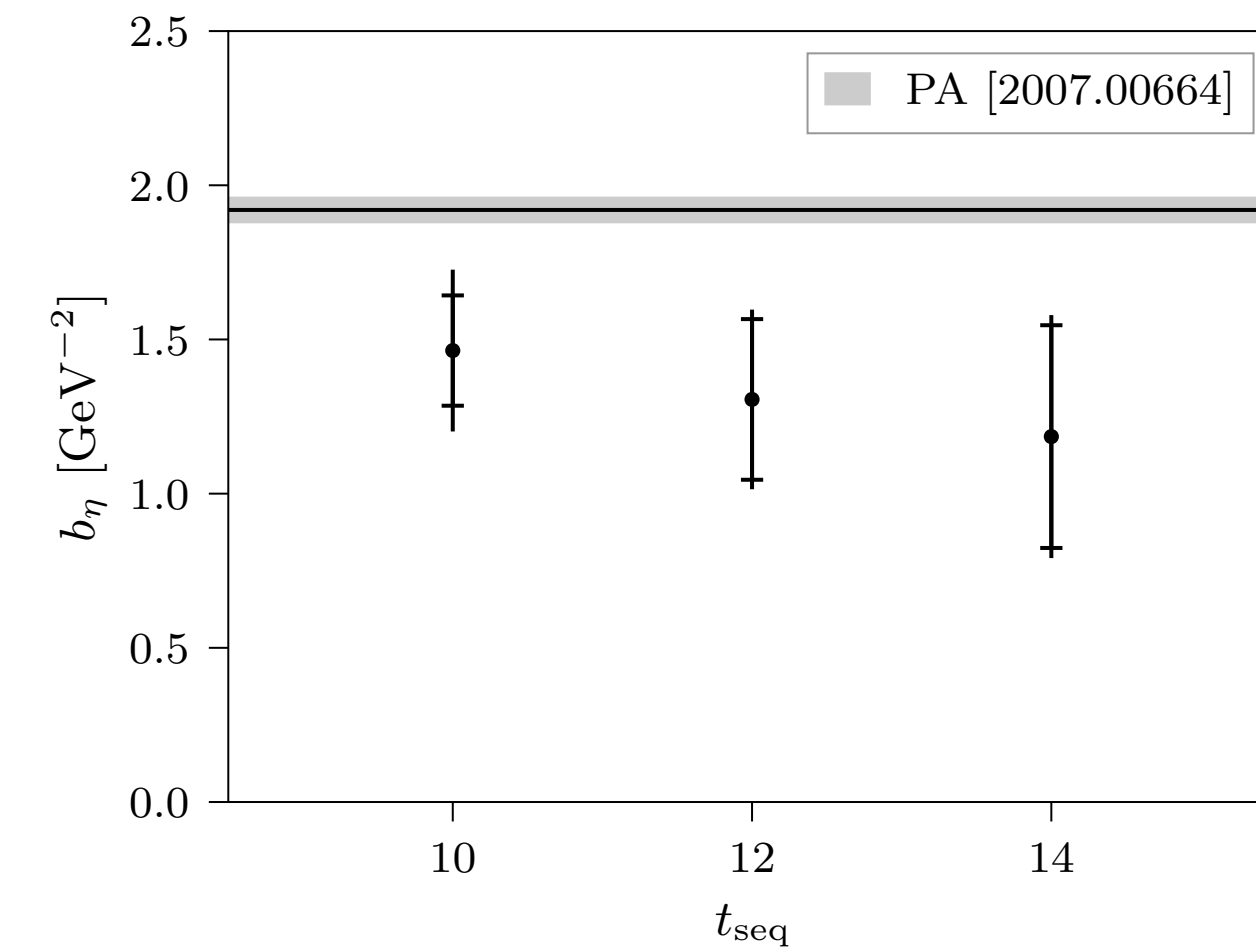
$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 516(18) \text{ eV [PDG]}$$

Other observables: $b_P = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{F}(0,0)} \frac{d}{dQ^2} \mathcal{F}_{P\gamma^*\gamma}(0, -Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$

π^0 results (incl. continuum limit):



η results (cB 0.08fm ens. only):



$$b_\eta^{0.08\text{fm}} = 1.185(0.361)_{\text{stat}}(0.157)_{\text{syst}} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

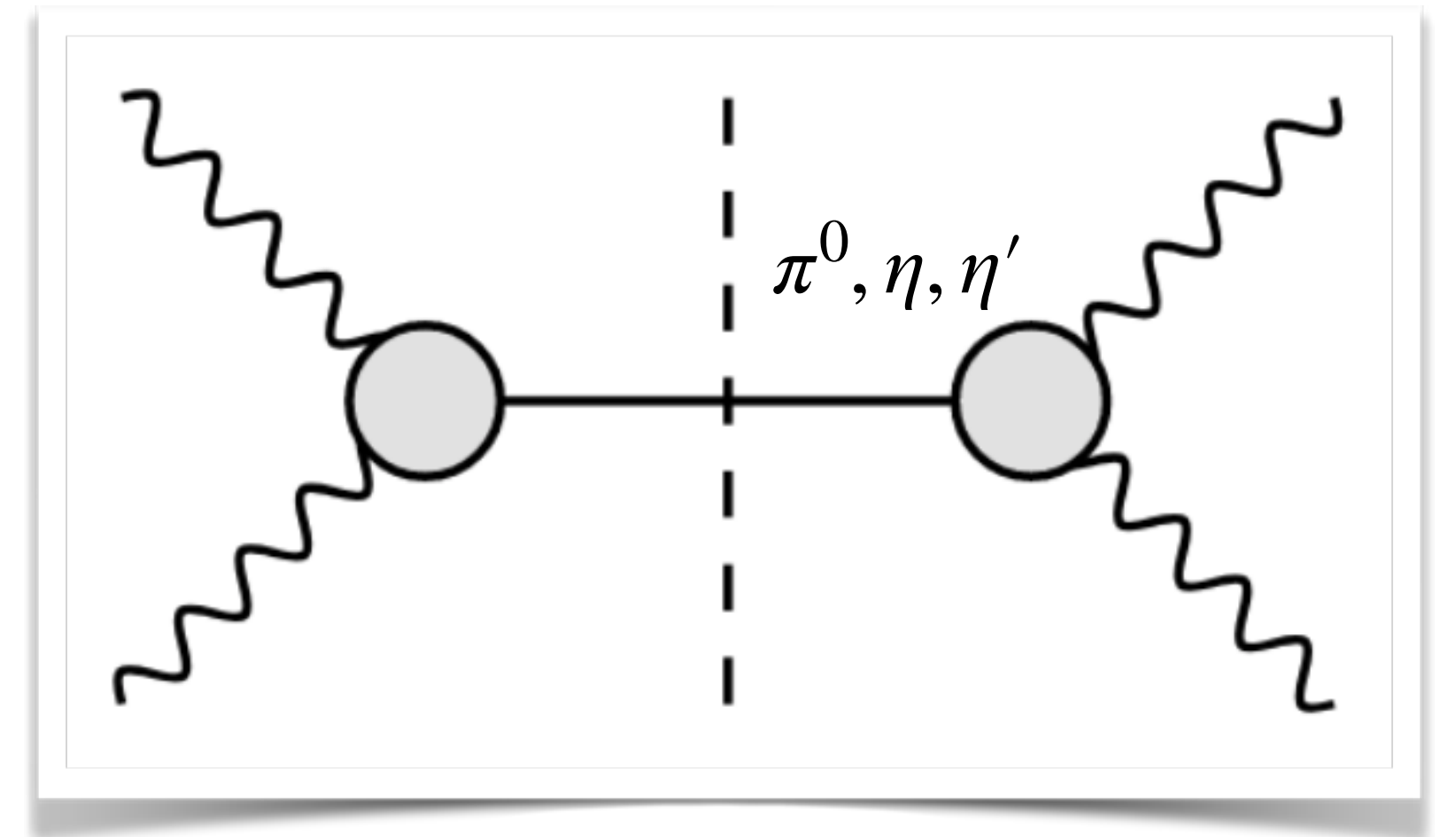
VS.

$$b_\eta = 1.92(0.04) \text{ GeV}^{-2} [1]$$

[1] Gan+ Phys. Rept. 945 (2022), 2007.00664

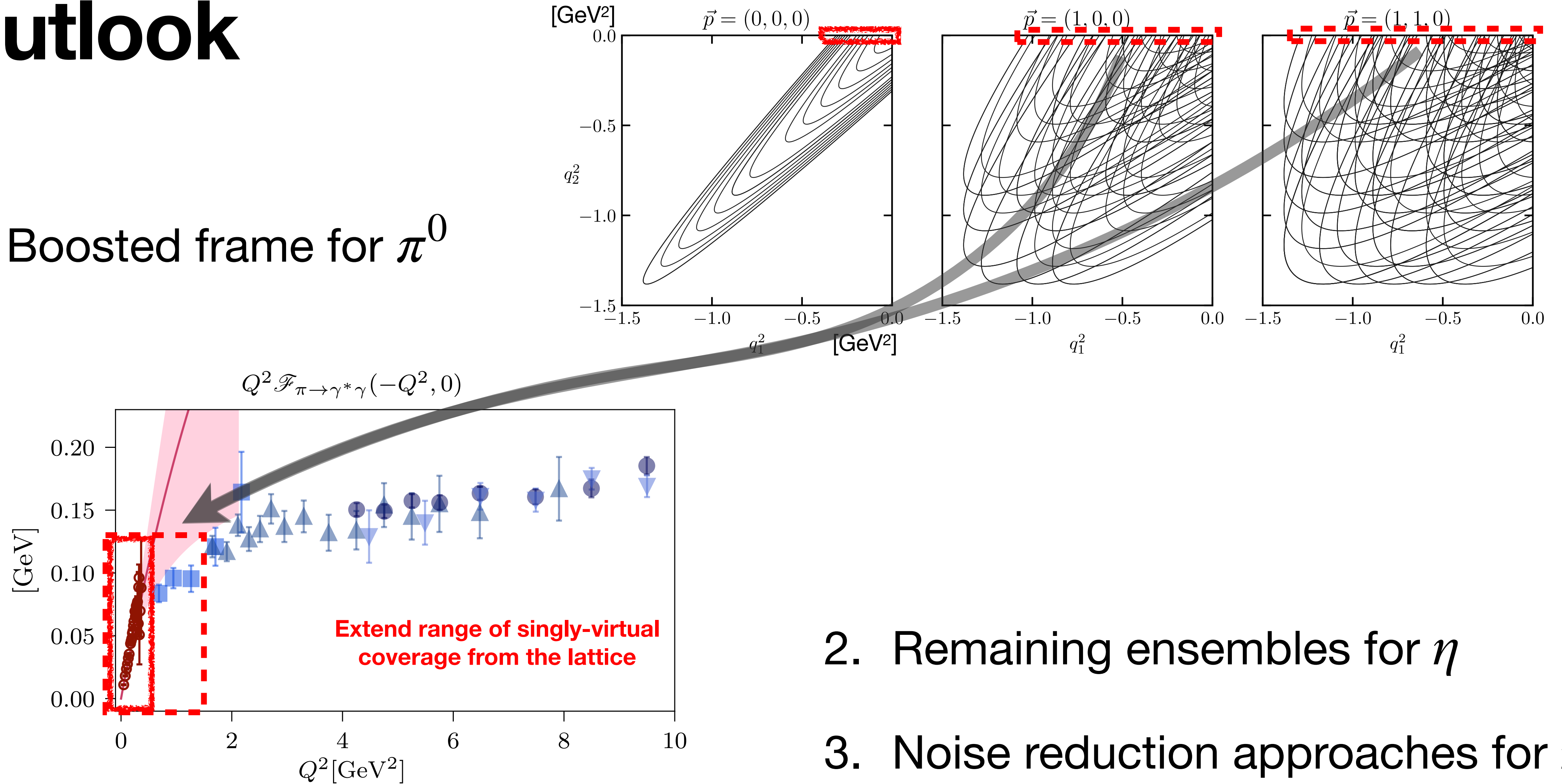
Summary

1. Unambiguous decomposition of terms of HLbL
 - Pseudoscalar-pole contribution significant uncertainty
2. Form factors are the key input
 - π^0 dispersively from expt data, η, η' not yet
 - Lattice especially important for **doubly virtual**
3. Comparable determination of $a_\mu^{\pi^0\text{-pole}}$ at physical point
4. Progress towards η TFF and $a_\mu^{\eta\text{-pole}}$
 - Continuum limit required



Outlook

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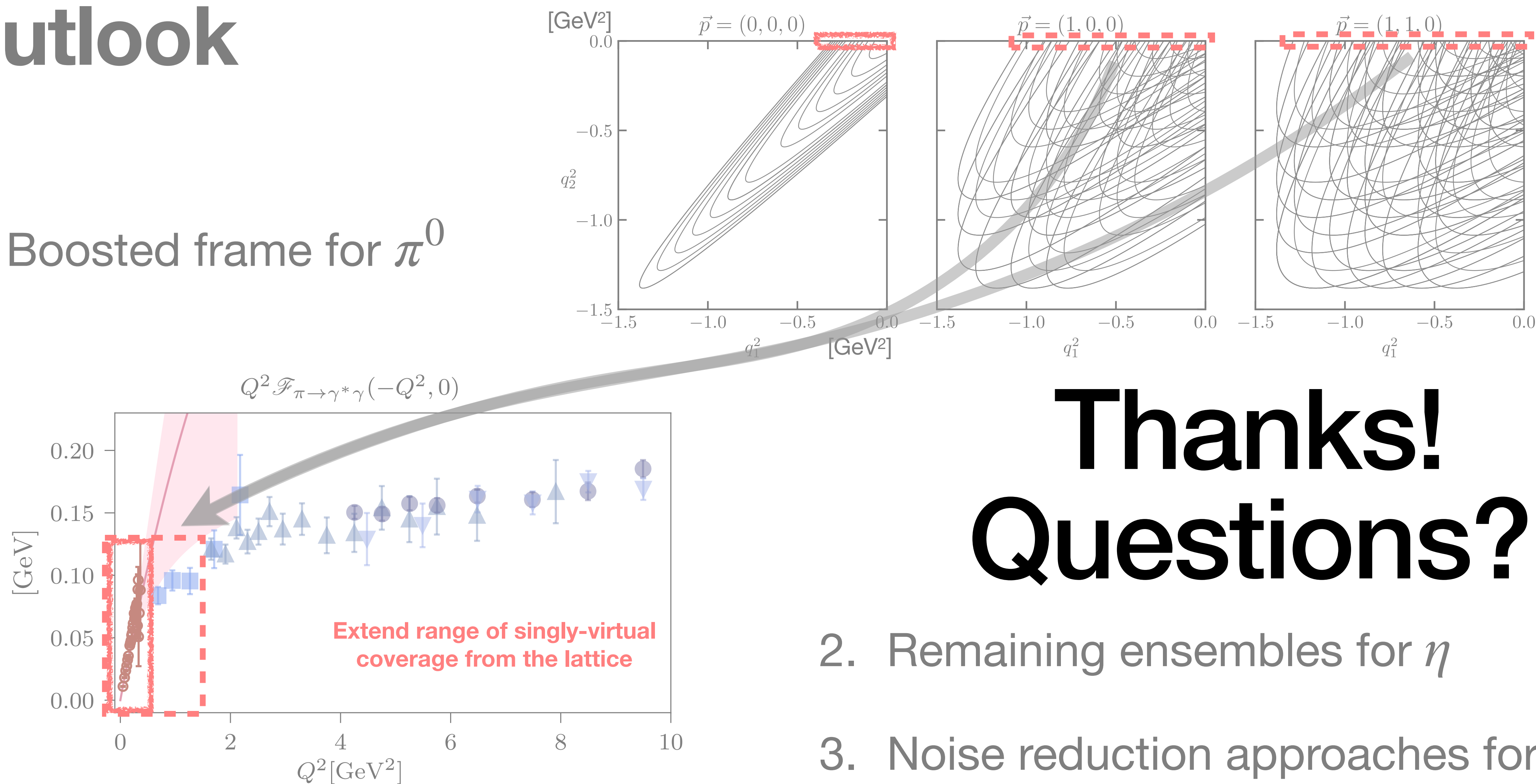
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Thanks! Questions?

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Backup slides

z -expansion

Conformal transformation:

$$z_k = \frac{\sqrt{t_c - Q_k^2} - \sqrt{t_c - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_c + Q_k^2} + \sqrt{t_c - t_0}}$$

$k \in \{1,2\}$

$t_c = 4m_\pi^2$ given by 2π threshold

t_0 chosen to minimize $|z_k|$ over range of interest

Polynomial fit to cutoff order $N \in \{1,2\}$ used in this work.

Multiplicative factor to match B-L and OPE asymptotics:

$$P(Q_1^2, Q_2^2) = 1 + \frac{Q_1^2 + Q_2^2}{M_V^2}$$

Other terms in HLbL decomposition

Contribution	Ref. [6]	
π^0, η, η' -poles	93.8(4.0)	— Addressed by this work
π, K -loops/boxes	−16.4(2)	
S -wave $\pi\pi$ rescattering	−8(1)	
subtotal	69.4(4.1)	
scalars	− 1(3)	
tensors		
axial vectors	6(6)	— AV form factors accessible on the lattice... future work?
u, d, s -loops / short-distance	15(10)	
c -loop	3(1)	Theoretical ambiguities actively being addressed by data-driven community
total	92(19)	

Renormalization factors Z_V and Z_A

Determined extremely precisely using a hadronic method based on the lattice Ward identities in [\[Alexandrou+ 2206.15084\]](#).

ensemble	Z_V	Z_A
cB211.072.64	0.706378 (16)	0.74284 (23)
cB211.072.96	0.706402 (15)	0.74274 (20)
cC211.060.80	0.725405 (13)	0.75841 (16)
cD211.054.96	0.744105 (11)	0.77394 (10)

AIC averaging

- Average analysis results, weighted e.g. with reduced χ^2 or Akaike Information Criterion (AIC).
- Procedure with modified AIC from [\[Sz. Borsanyi et al., Nature, 593\(7857\) 51–55, \(2021\) and refs. therein\]](#) can be used to estimate the systematic errors.

$$\text{AIC} \sim \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\chi^2 + 2n_{\text{par}} - n_{\text{data}}) \right]$$

- Normalize weights, i.e. $\sum_i w_i = 1$.
- Build cumulative distribution function (CDF)

$$P(y; \lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^y dy' \sum_i w_i N(y'; m_i, \sigma_i \sqrt{\lambda}).$$

- Median of CDF defines central value, total error given by 16% and 84% percentiles, i.e.

$$\sigma_{\text{total}}^2 \equiv \left[\frac{1}{2} (y_{84} - y_{16}) \right]^2 \equiv \sigma_{\text{stat}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{sys}}^2,$$

with $P(y_{16}; 1) = 0.16$ and $P(y_{84}; 1) = 0.84$.

- Rescaling each σ_i^2 by λ increases σ_{stat}^2 by the same factor, i.e.

$$\lambda \sigma_{\text{stat}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{sys}}^2 \equiv \left[\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{y}_{84} - \tilde{y}_{16}) \right]^2 \equiv \tilde{\sigma}_{\text{total}}^2,$$

with $P(\tilde{y}_{16}; \lambda) = 0.16$ and $P(\tilde{y}_{84}; \lambda) = 0.84$.

- Maximal effective sample size can be estimated by the magnitude of the correlation matrix R ,

$$|R| = \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{a^* R a} : a \in \mathbb{R}^n, \sum a_i = 1 \right\},$$

with $R_{ij} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j) / \sigma_{X_i} \sigma_{X_j} \in [-1, 1]$, $R_{ii} = 1$.