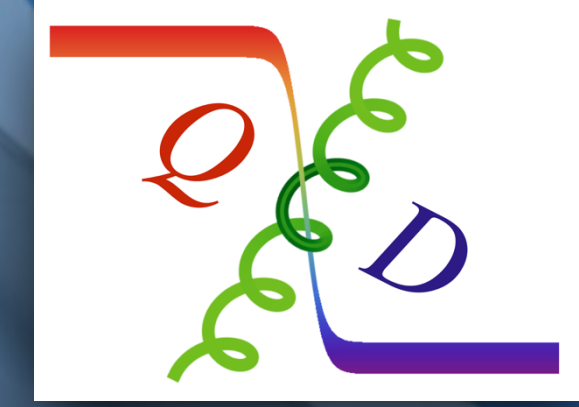




Strong CP-Violation and Nucleon EDM on the Lattice

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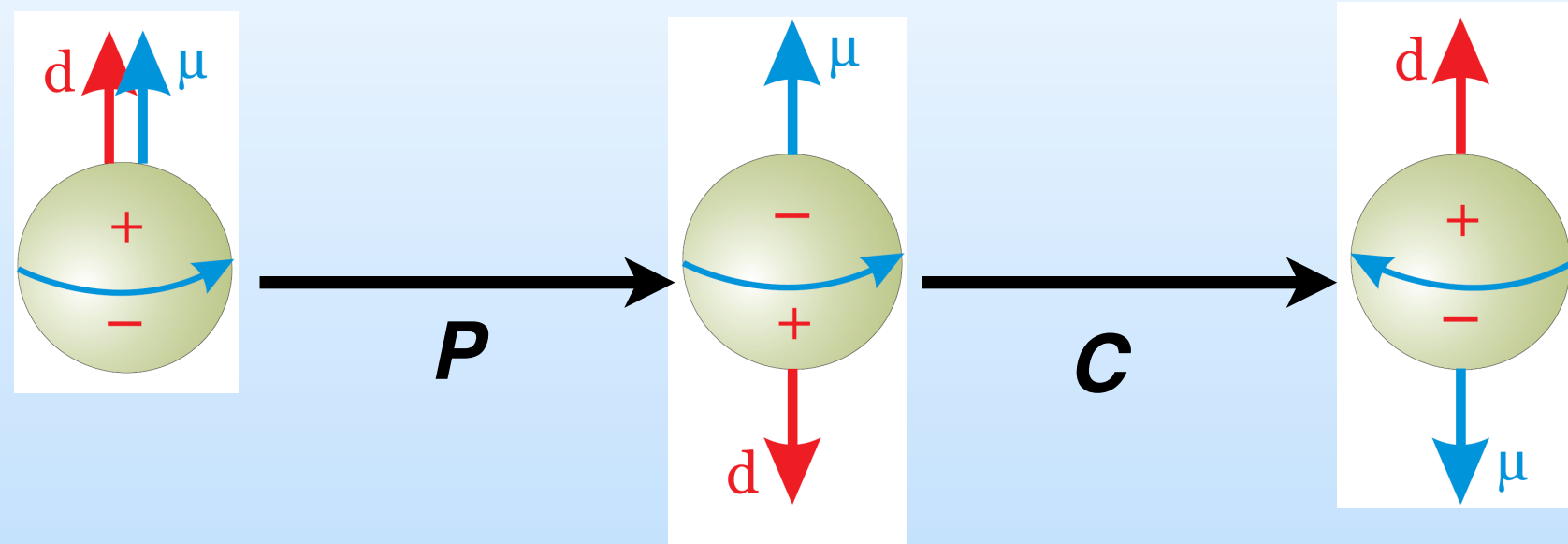
Nucleon EDM

... It is also important to look for electron or neutron electric dipole moments, which may give a new physical signal, and under the energy scales we have already observed...



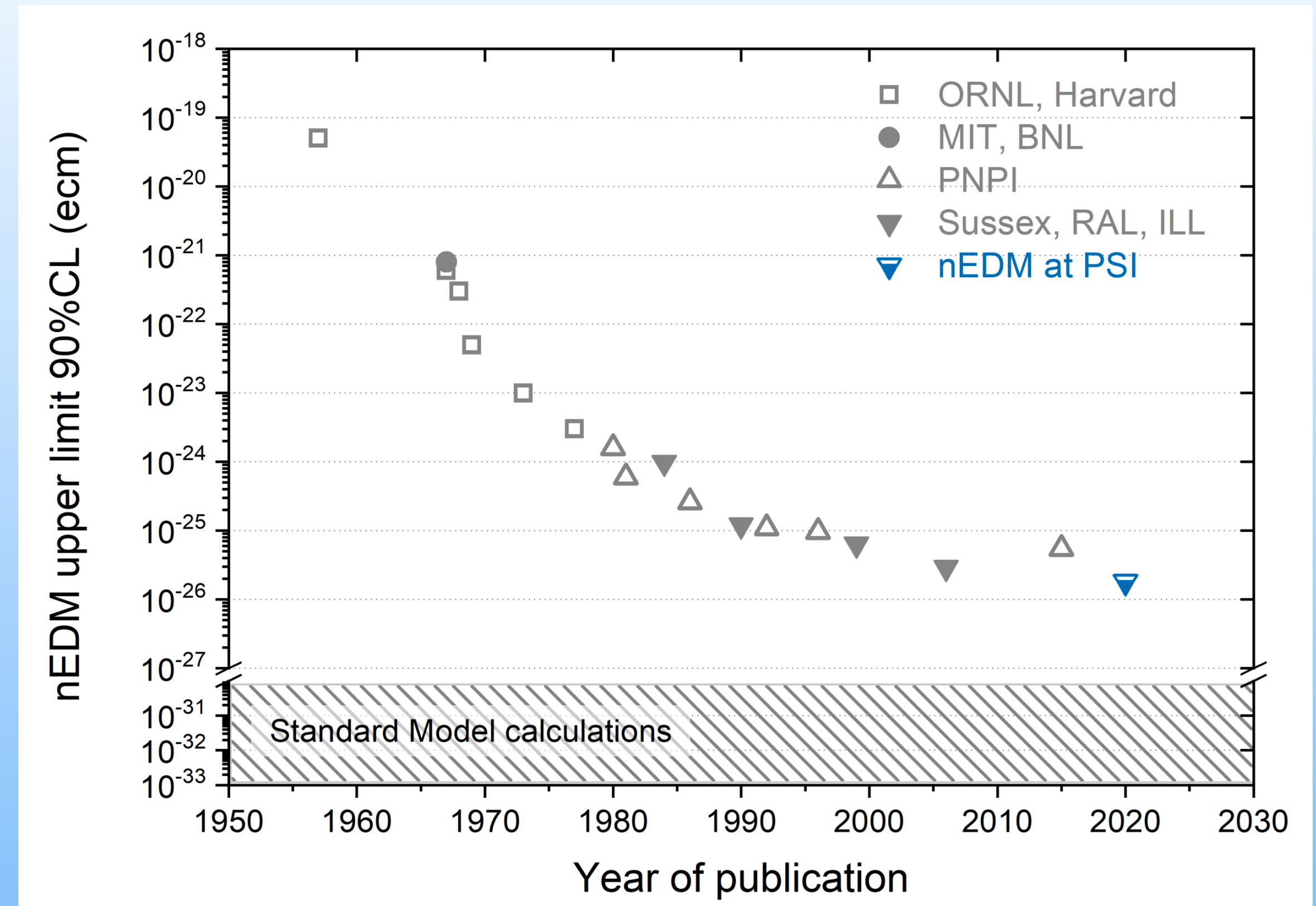
— *Edward Witten: Where is the New Physics Lurking? (cern courier)*

Nucleon EDM



- ◆ A non-zero intrinsic electric dipole moment (EDM) of a fundamental particle violates the CP (T) symmetry
- ◆ Nucleon EDM (NEDM) is a sensitive probe of BSM/
Strong CPV: the contribution to the nEDM from the weak CPV phase $\sim 10^{-31} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$, 10^{-5} of the current experimental limit: $0.0(1.1)(0.2) \times 10^{-26} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$

C. Abel et al., PRL 124:081803 (2020)



- ◆ Experiments are aiming at improving the limit down to $10^{-28} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$ in the next ~ 10 years (?)
- ◆ Still a long way to trek, room for the strong CPV and/or BSM physics

Strong CP-Violation

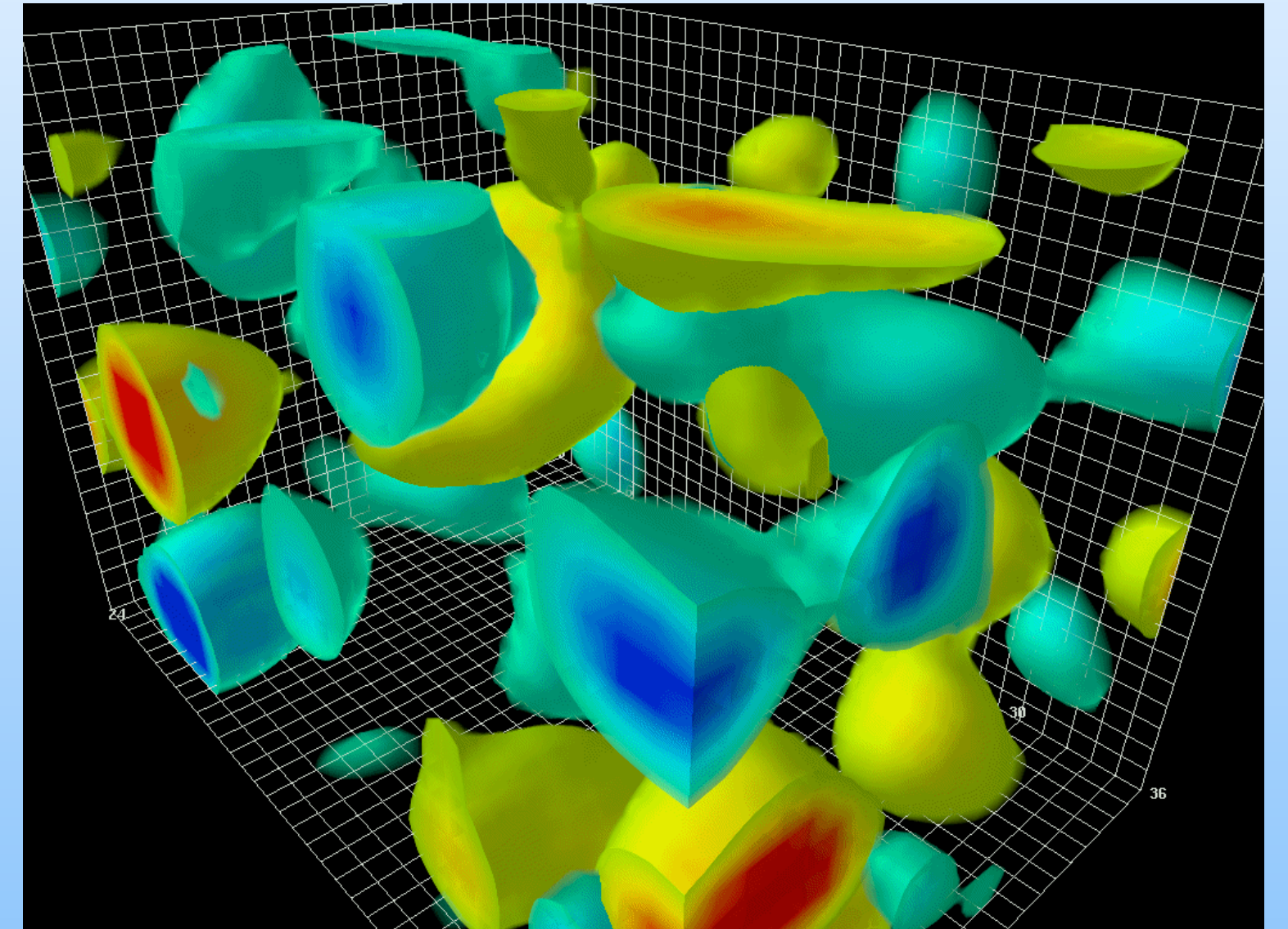
$$\mathcal{L}^E + \mathcal{L}_\theta^E = \bar{\psi} \left(\not{D}^E + m \right) \psi + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[F_{\mu\nu}^E F_{\mu\nu}^E \right] - i\bar{\theta} \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \text{Tr} \left[F_{\mu\nu}^E \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^E \right]$$

- ◆ Additional term (the θ -term) can be introduced into the QCD Lagrangian
- ◆ Related to the phase of quark mass matrix by chiral rotations
- ◆ Contributes as a total divergence (surface term) to the QCD action
 - not affecting the classical equations of motion
 - not participating in perturbative expansions
 - influencing the QCD vacuum structure, non-perturbative observable CP-violating effects
- ◆ No direct experimental evidence of strong CP violation: $\bar{\theta}$ is either extremely small or strictly zero
 - naturalness issue known as the "fine-tuning problem" or the strong CP problem

Topological Charges

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta^E = -i\bar{\theta} \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \text{Tr} \left[F_{\mu\nu}^E \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^E \right] \equiv -i\bar{\theta} q(x) \quad Q = \int d^4x q(x)$$

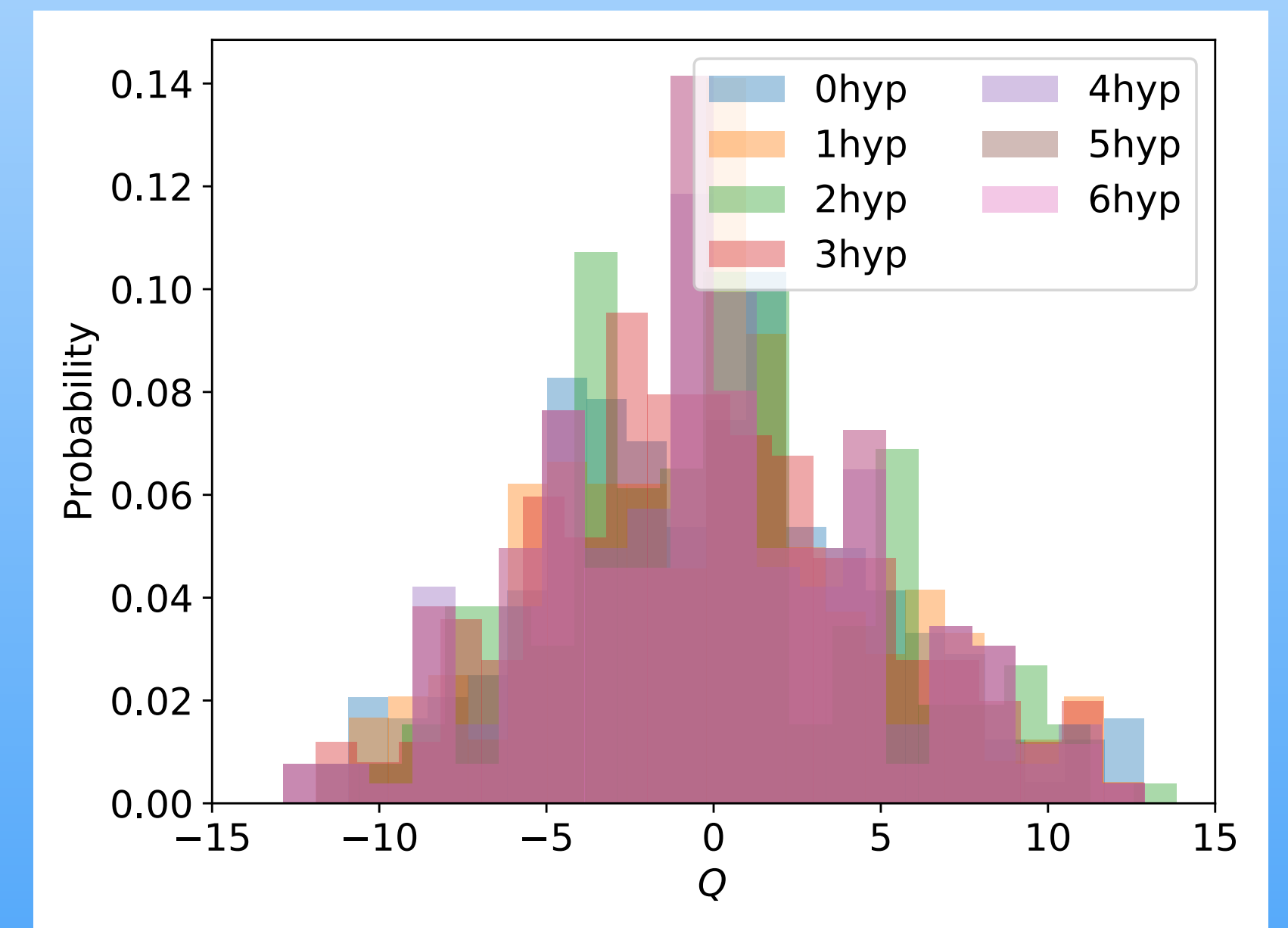
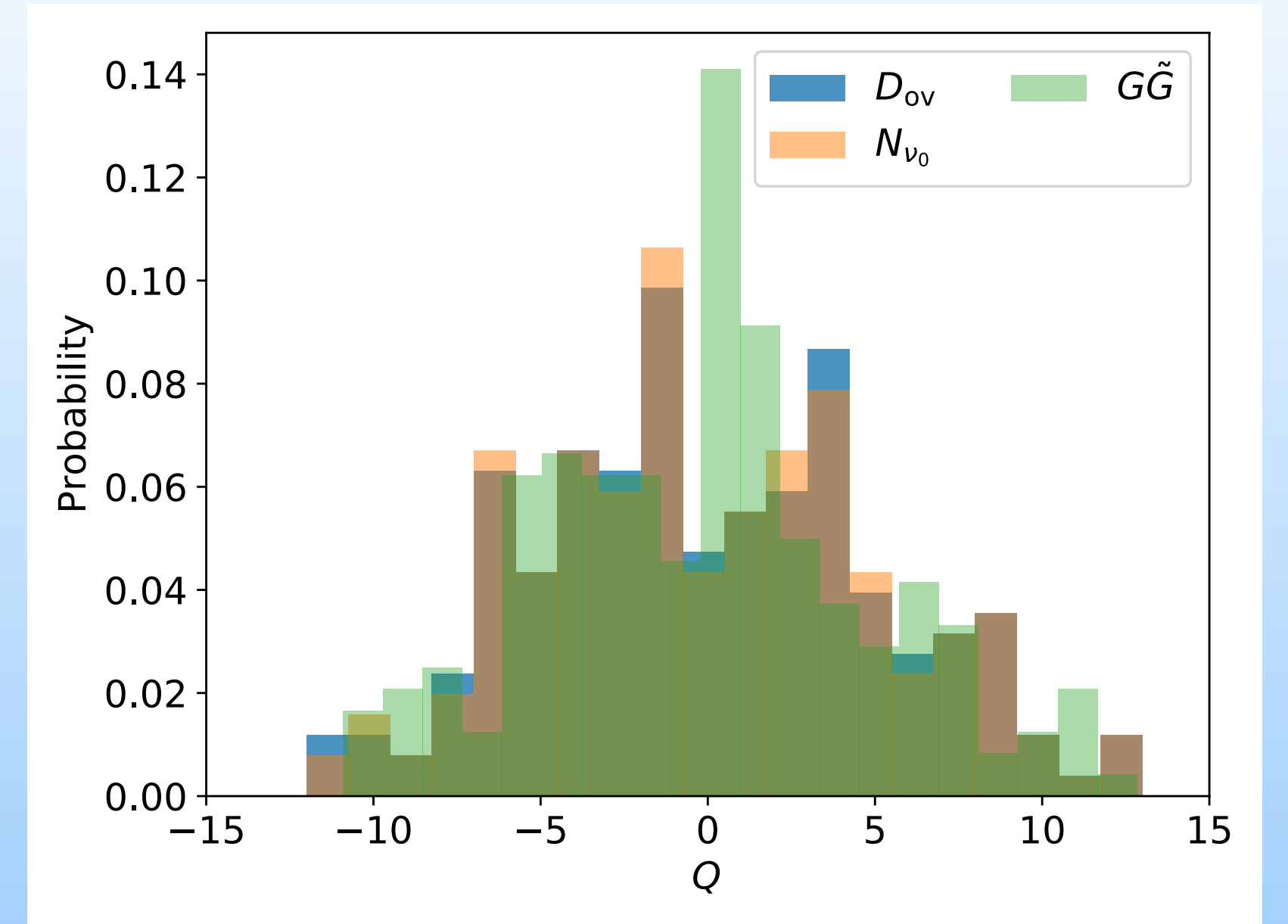
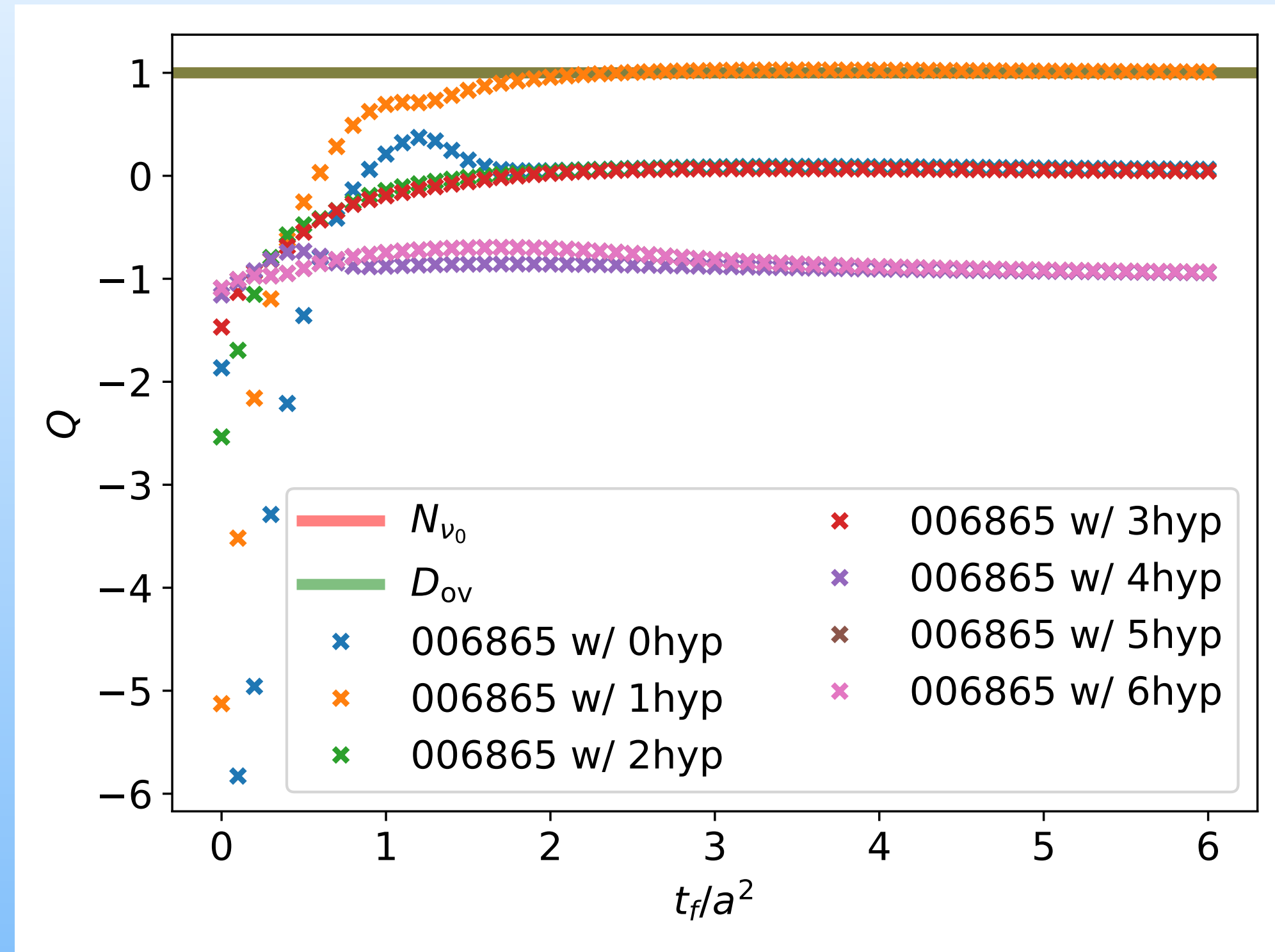
- ✦ Q is the topological charge of the gauge field
- ✦ Q should be integer



Leinweber/VisualQCD

$$Q = n_- - n_+ \quad q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\gamma_5 D] = - \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_5 \left(1 - \frac{D}{2} \right) \right]$$

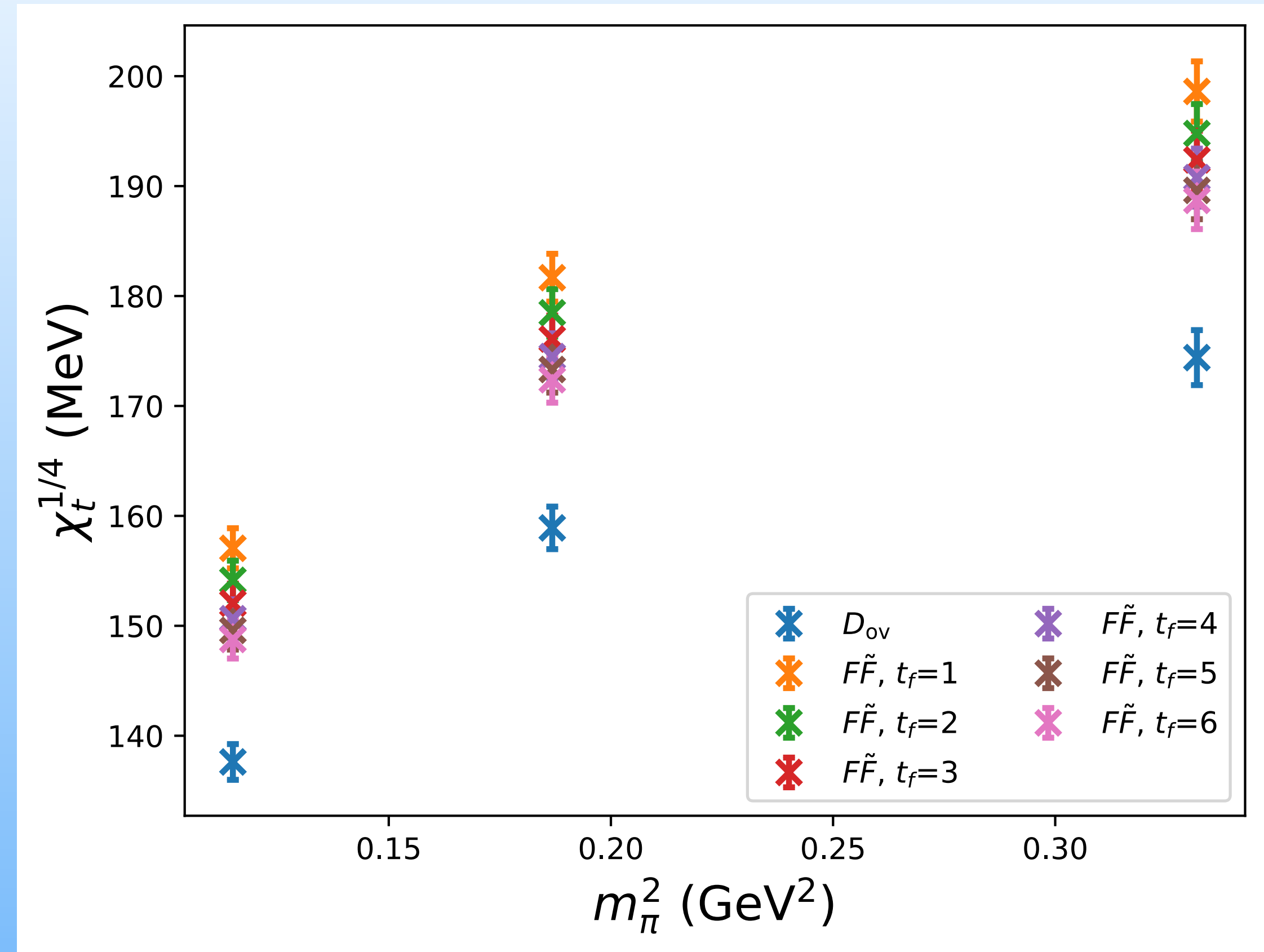
Topological Charges on the Lattice



- ◆ The topological charges of individual configurations with different definitions (smearings) can be different, while the distributions are similar

Topological Charges on the Lattice

$$\chi_t = \frac{1}{V} \langle Q^2 \rangle$$



- ◆ For physical observables such as the topological susceptibility, the D_{ov} definition has smaller discrete effects than the $G\tilde{G}$ definition with Wilson flow

Strong CP-Violation on the Lattice

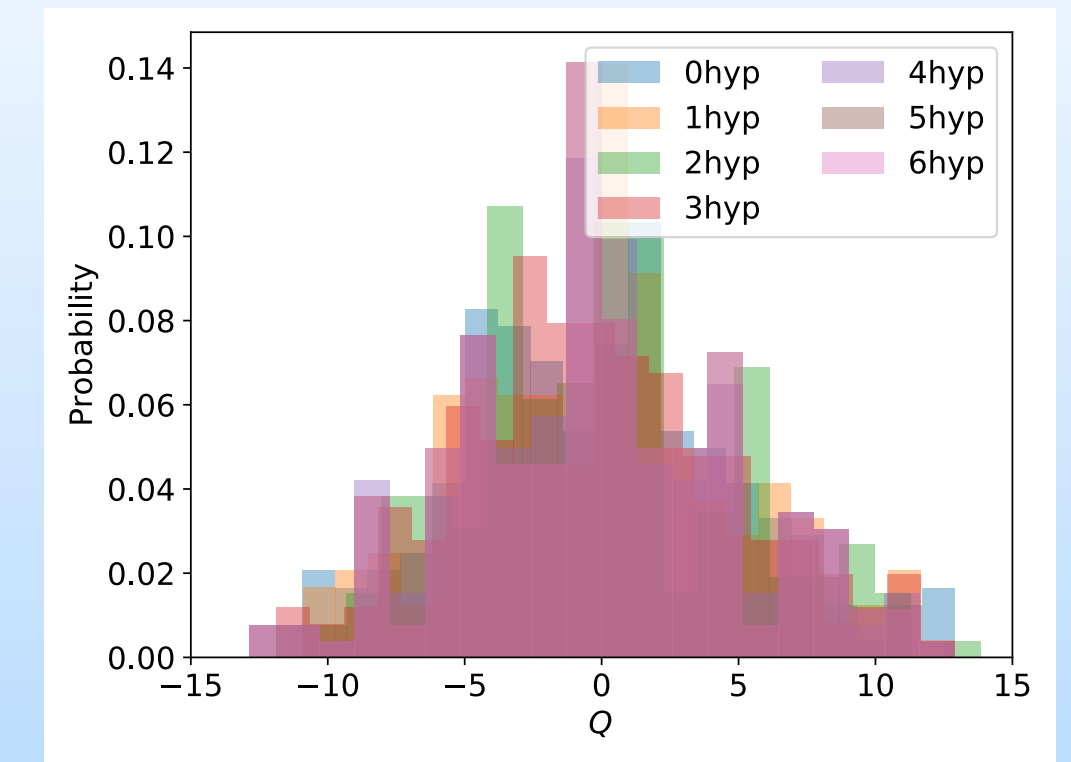
$$\langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}A_\mu O_1(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\mu) O_2(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\mu) \dots e^{i\mathcal{S}_{QCD}}$$

$$\langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] \rangle^E = \frac{1}{Z^E} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}A_\mu O_1(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\mu) O_2(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A_\mu) \dots e^{-\mathcal{S}_{QCD}^E}$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}\psi = \prod_x \int d\psi(x) \quad \int \mathcal{D}\psi = \prod_{n \in L} \int d\psi(n)$$

$$\langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] \rangle_\theta^E \sim \int \mathcal{D} \dots O_1 O_2 \dots e^{-\mathcal{S}_{QCD}^E + i\bar{\theta}Q} \sim \int \mathcal{D} \dots O_1 O_2 \dots (1 + i\bar{\theta}Q + \dots) e^{-\mathcal{S}_{QCD}^E}$$

$$\langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] \rangle_\theta^E \sim \langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] \rangle^E + i\bar{\theta} \langle T[\hat{O}_1 \hat{O}_2, \dots] Q \rangle^E$$



- ◆ Sign problem and the "signal-to-noise" problem are essentially the same one
- ◆ Operators or vacuum (action)? different points of views

Nucleon EDM from Lattice QCD

			m_π [MeV]	m_N [GeV]	F_2	α	$\tilde{F}_3$	F_3
<i>PRD93:074503 (2016)</i>	[10]	n	373	1.216(4)	$-1.50(16)^a$	$-0.217(18)$	$-0.555(74)$	$0.094(74)$
<i>PRD72:014504 (2005)</i>	[5]	n	530	1.334(8)	$-0.560(40)$	$-0.247(17)^b$	$-0.325(68)$	$-0.048(68)$
		p	530	1.334(8)	$0.399(37)$	$-0.247(17)^b$	$0.284(81)$	$0.087(81)$
<i>PRD73:054509 (2006)</i>	[6]	n	690	1.575(9)	$-1.715(46)$	$-0.070(20)$	$-1.39(1.52)$	$-1.15(1.52)$
		n	605	1.470(9)	$-1.698(68)$	$-0.160(20)$	$0.60(2.98)$	$1.14(2.98)$
<i>PRL115:062001 (2015)</i>	[8]	n	465	1.246(7)	$-1.491(22)^c$	$-0.079(27)^d$	$-0.375(48)$	$-0.130(76)^d$
		n	360	1.138(13)	$-1.473(37)^c$	$-0.092(14)^d$	$-0.248(29)$	$0.020(58)^d$

Watershed: *Abramczyk et al., PRD96:014501 (2017)* $F_3 = \tilde{F}_3 + 2\alpha^1 F_2$

		Neutron $\overline{\Theta}$ e · fm	Proton $\overline{\Theta}$ e · fm
<i>PRD103:054501 (2021)</i>	This Work	$d_n = -0.003(7)(20)$	$d_p = 0.024(10)(30)$
<i>PRC103:015202 (2021)</i>	This Work with $N\pi$	$d_n = -0.028(18)(54)$	$d_p = 0.068(25)(120)$
	ETMC [66]	$ d_n = 0.0009(24)$	—
	Dragos et al. [44]	$d_n = -0.00152(71)$	$d_p = 0.0011(10)$
<i>arXiv:1901.05455</i>	Syritsyn et al. [67]	$d_n \approx 0.001$	—

T. Bhattacharya et. al., PRD103:114507 (2021)

Detailed Formulas

$$u^\theta = e^{i\alpha^1\theta\gamma_5}u$$

$$\bar{u}^\theta = \bar{u}e^{i\alpha^1\theta\gamma_5}$$

$$u^\theta(p)\bar{u}^\theta(p) = \frac{-i\not{p} + me^{i2\alpha^1\gamma_5\theta}}{2m}$$

$$\langle N' | \gamma_\mu | N \rangle^\theta = \bar{u}^\theta(p') \left[\gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) - \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu \frac{F_2(q^2)}{2m} - \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu \gamma_5 \frac{F'_3(q^2)}{2m} \right] u^\theta(p)$$

$$u^\theta(p) \rightarrow u^\theta(\tilde{p}) = e^{i\alpha_1\theta\gamma_5}\gamma_4 u(p) = (1 + i\alpha_1\theta\gamma_5)\gamma_4 u$$

$$i\theta F_3 = 2i\alpha^1\theta F_2 + i\theta F'_3 = i\theta(2\alpha^1 F_2 + F'_3)$$

Detailed Formulas

$$d_{n/p} = \frac{F_{3,n/p}(q^2 \rightarrow 0)}{2m} \theta$$

$$\langle N' | \gamma_\mu | N \rangle^\theta = M_\mu^{(3)} + i\theta M_\mu^{(3)Q}$$

$$M^{(2)} = \langle N(p) | N(p) \rangle,$$

$$M_\mu^{(3)} = \langle N(p_f) | V_\mu | N(p_i) \rangle,$$

$$M^{(2)Q} = \langle N(p) | Q_t | N(p) \rangle,$$

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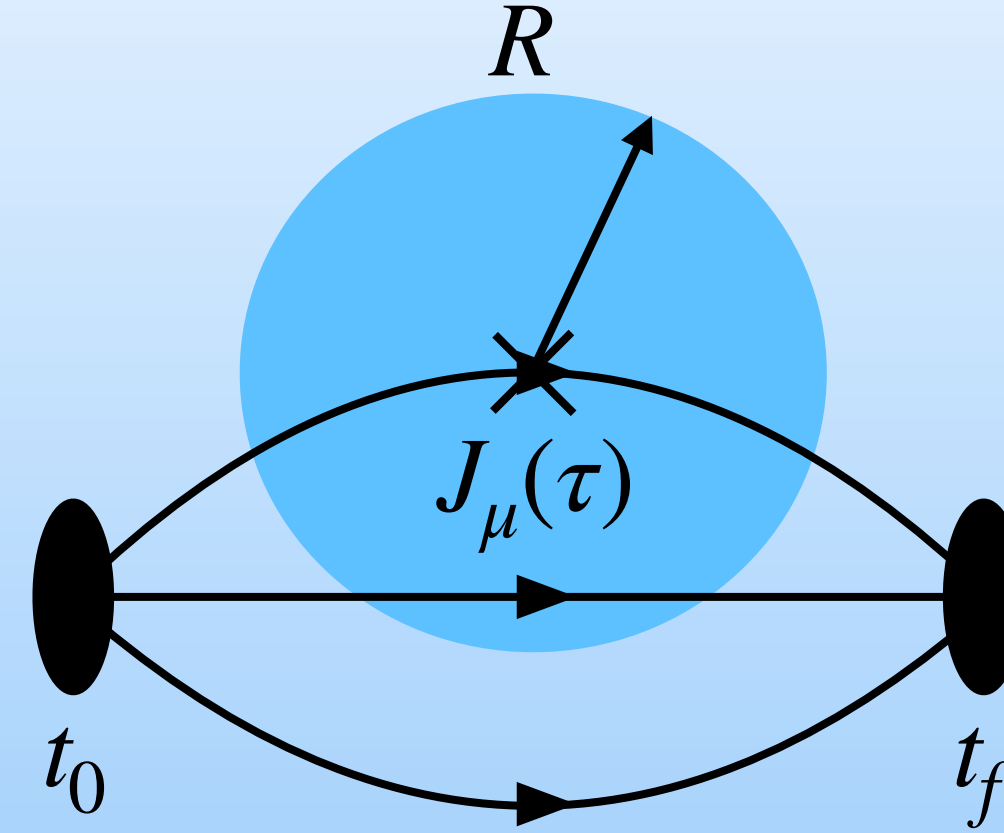
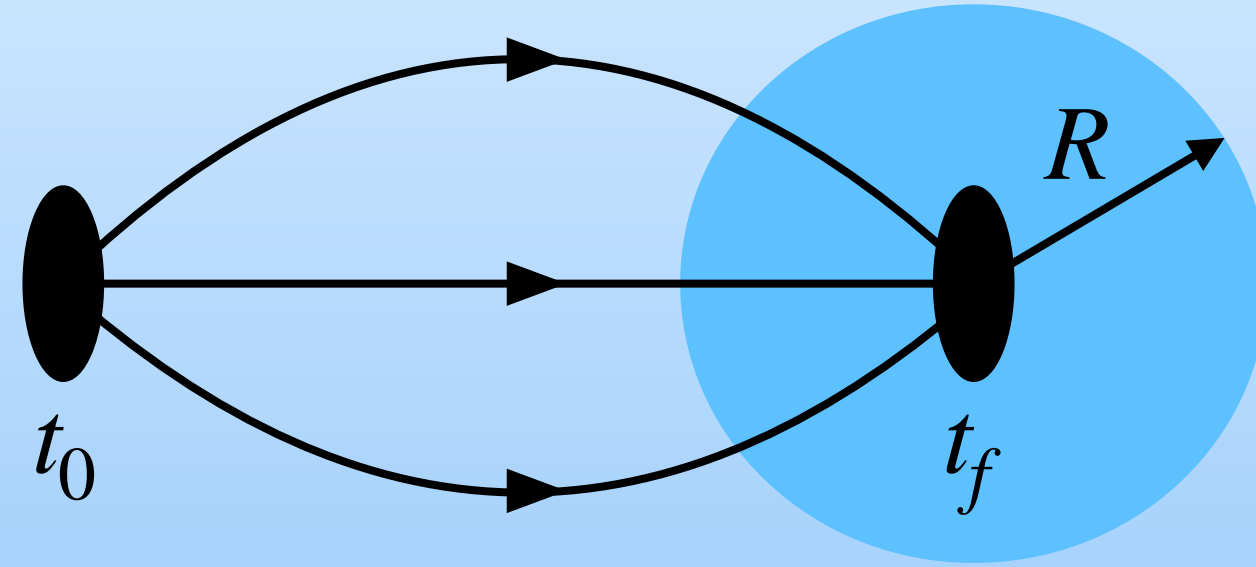
$$F_3(q^2) = \frac{2m}{E_f + m} \left\{ \frac{2E_f}{q_i} \frac{\text{Tr}[\Gamma_i M_4^{(3)Q}]}{\text{Tr}[\Gamma_e M^{(2)}]} - \alpha^1 G_E(q^2) \right\},$$

$$G_E(q^2) = \frac{2E_f}{E_f + m} \frac{\text{Tr}[\Gamma_e M_4^{(3)}]}{\text{Tr}[\Gamma_e M^{(2)}]}, \quad \alpha^1 = \frac{\text{Tr}[\gamma_5 M^{(2)Q}]}{2\text{Tr}[\Gamma_e M^{(2)}]},$$

$$\begin{aligned} G^{(2)Q}(t_f) &\sim \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle Q \chi(x) \bar{\chi}(t_0, \mathcal{E}) \rangle \\ &\sim M^{(2)Q} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta m t_f}) \end{aligned}$$

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◆ cluster decomposition error reduction (CDER)

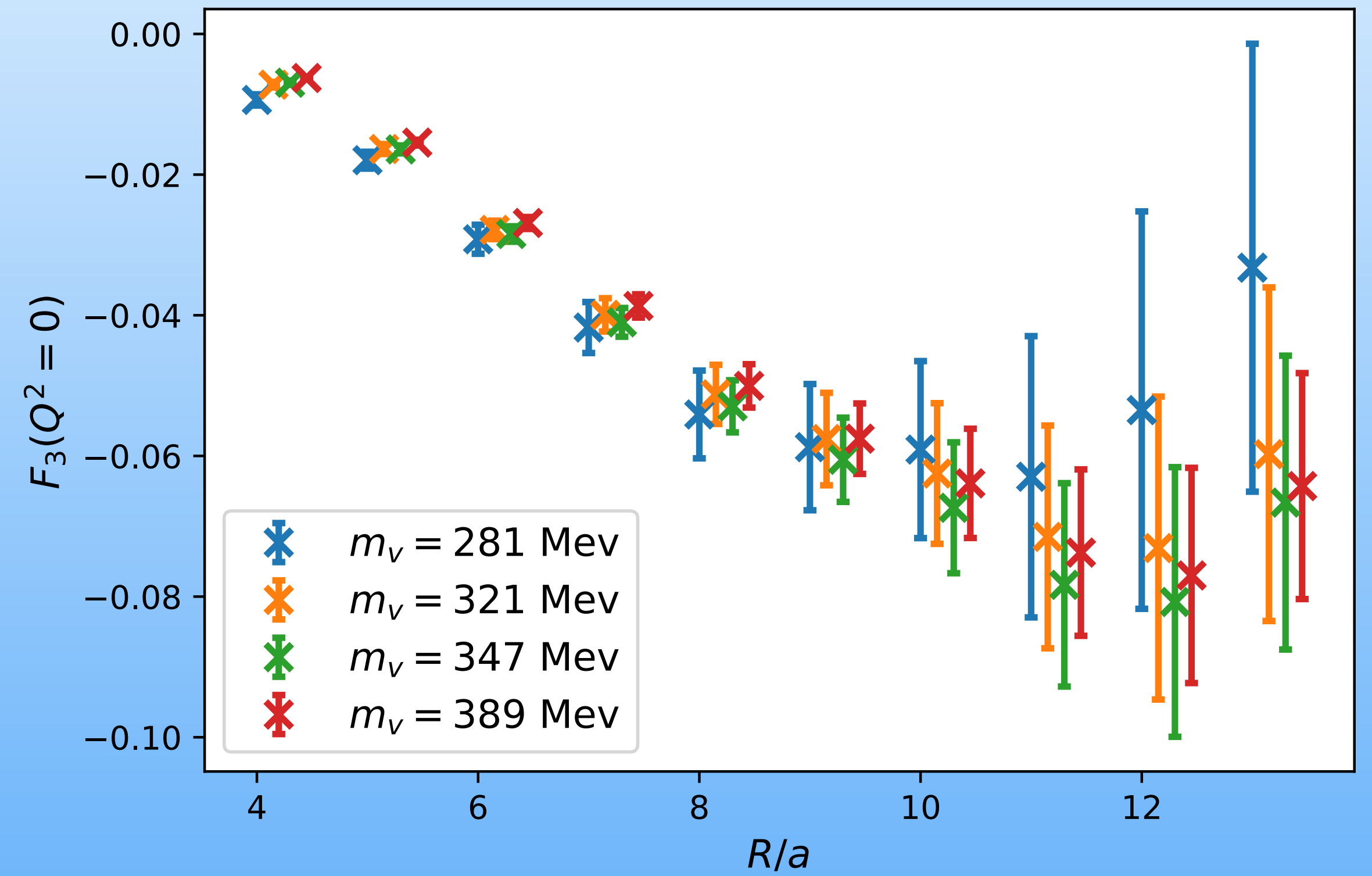
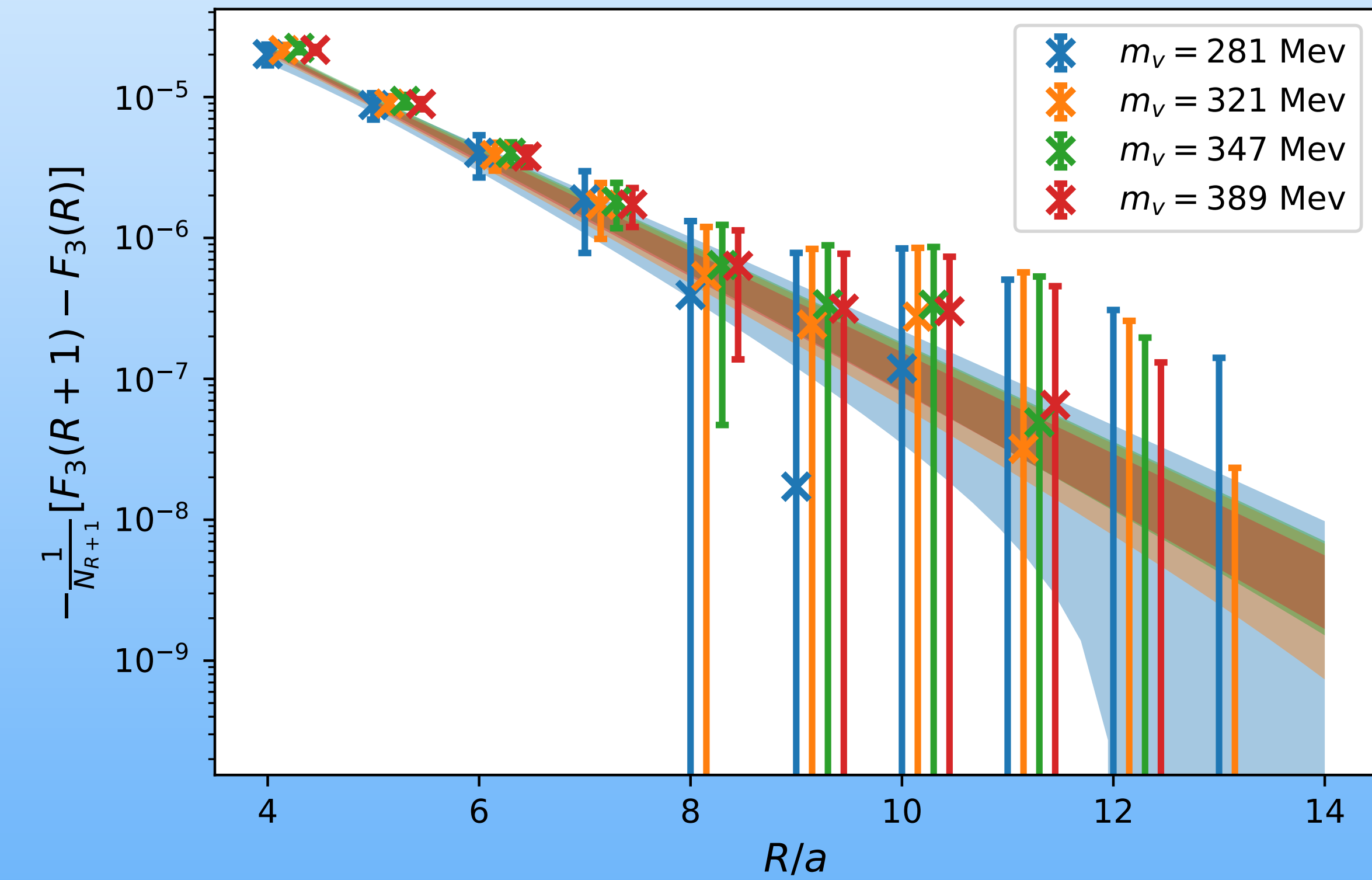


$$\begin{aligned}
 G^{(2)Q}(t_f) &\sim \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle Q \chi(x) \bar{\chi}(t_0, \mathcal{G}) \rangle \\
 &\sim \sum_{\vec{x}} \left\langle \sum_{|r| < R} q_t(x+r) \chi(x) \bar{\chi}(t_0, \mathcal{G}) \right\rangle \\
 &\sim M^{(2)Q} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta m t_f}, e^{-m_\eta R})
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(r) \sim \left\langle \chi(x) q_t(y+r) J_\mu(y) \bar{\chi}(t_0, \mathcal{G}) \right\rangle$$

$$f(R) \sim \left\langle \chi(x) \sum_{|r| < R} q_t(y+r) J_\mu(y) \bar{\chi}(t_0, \mathcal{G}) \right\rangle$$



Liang and et. al., PRD108 094512 (2023)

Chiral Fermions

$$\partial_\mu A_\mu^0 = \sum_{f=u,d,s} 2m_f P_f - 2iN_f q$$

For overlap fermions, the anomalous Ward identity (AWI) has been proven (with chiral axial vector current) and numerically checked at finite lattice spacings

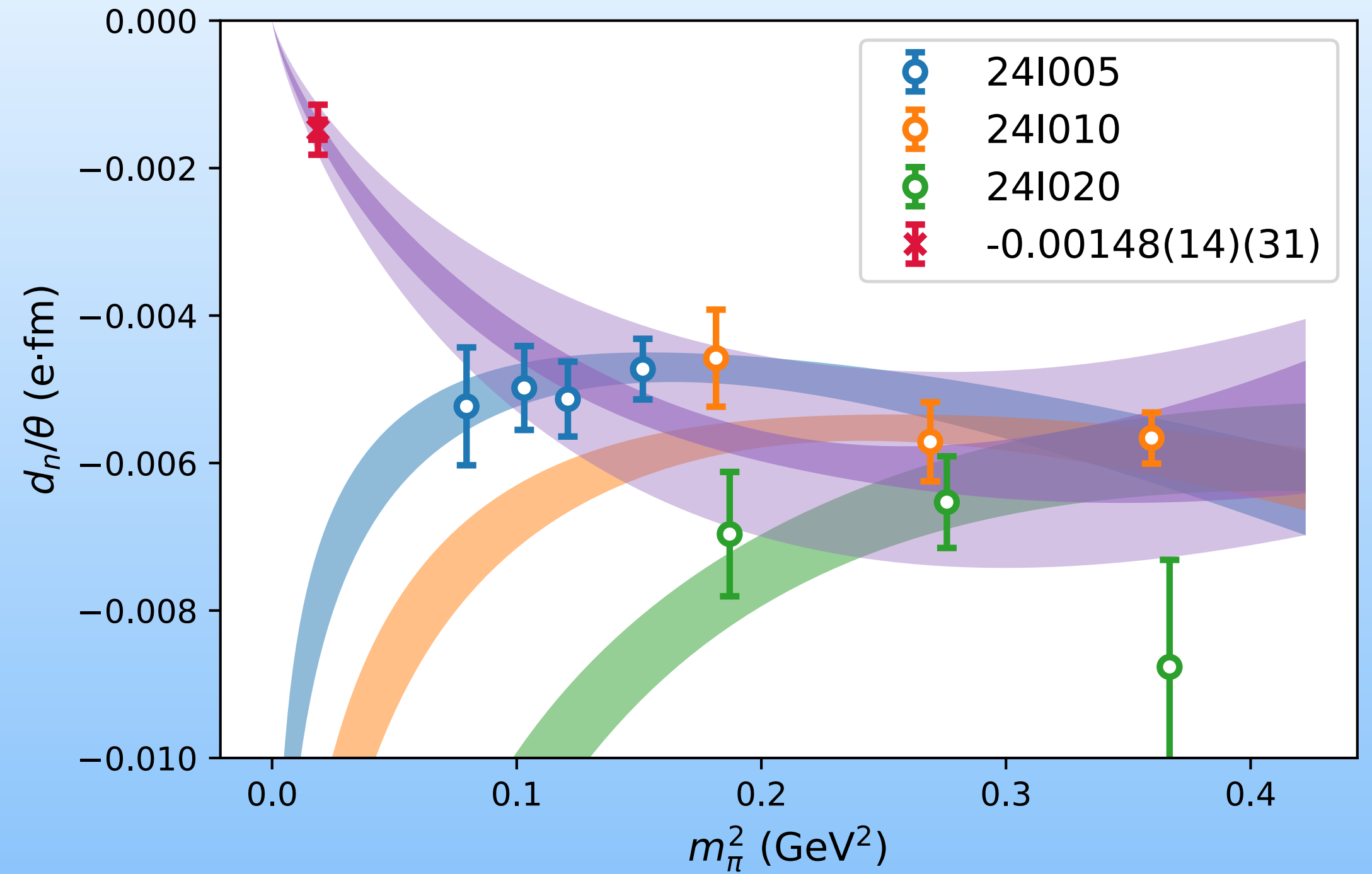
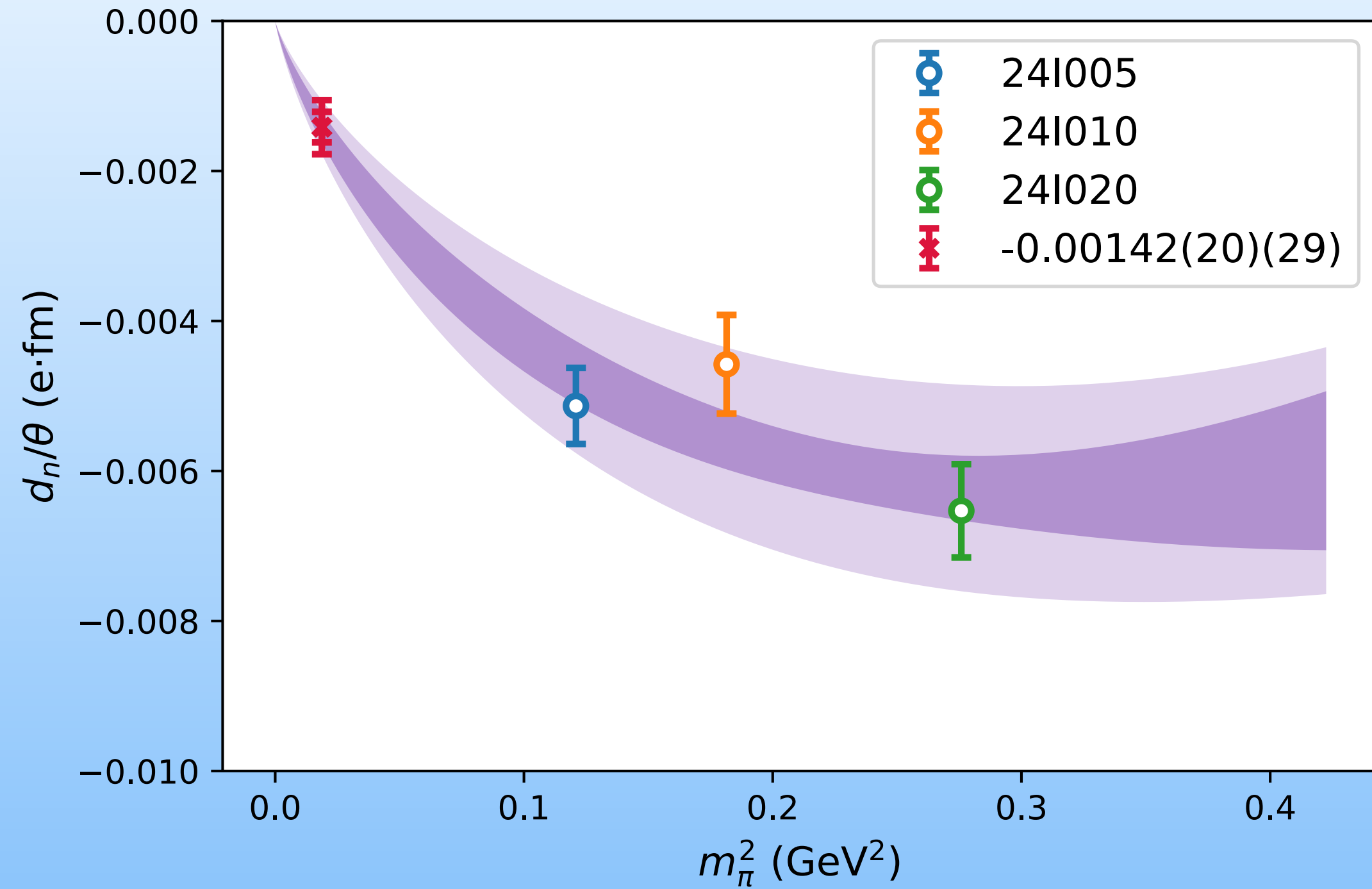
P. Hasenfratz, et. al., NPB643:280 (2002)

J. Liang *et. al., PRD98:074505 (2018)*

With the AWI respected, one has $d_n \rightarrow 0$ when $m_q \rightarrow 0$ even at finite lattice spacings, reliable chiral limit

D. Guadagnoli, et. al., JHEP 0304, 019 (2003)

Nucleon EDM from Lattice QCD

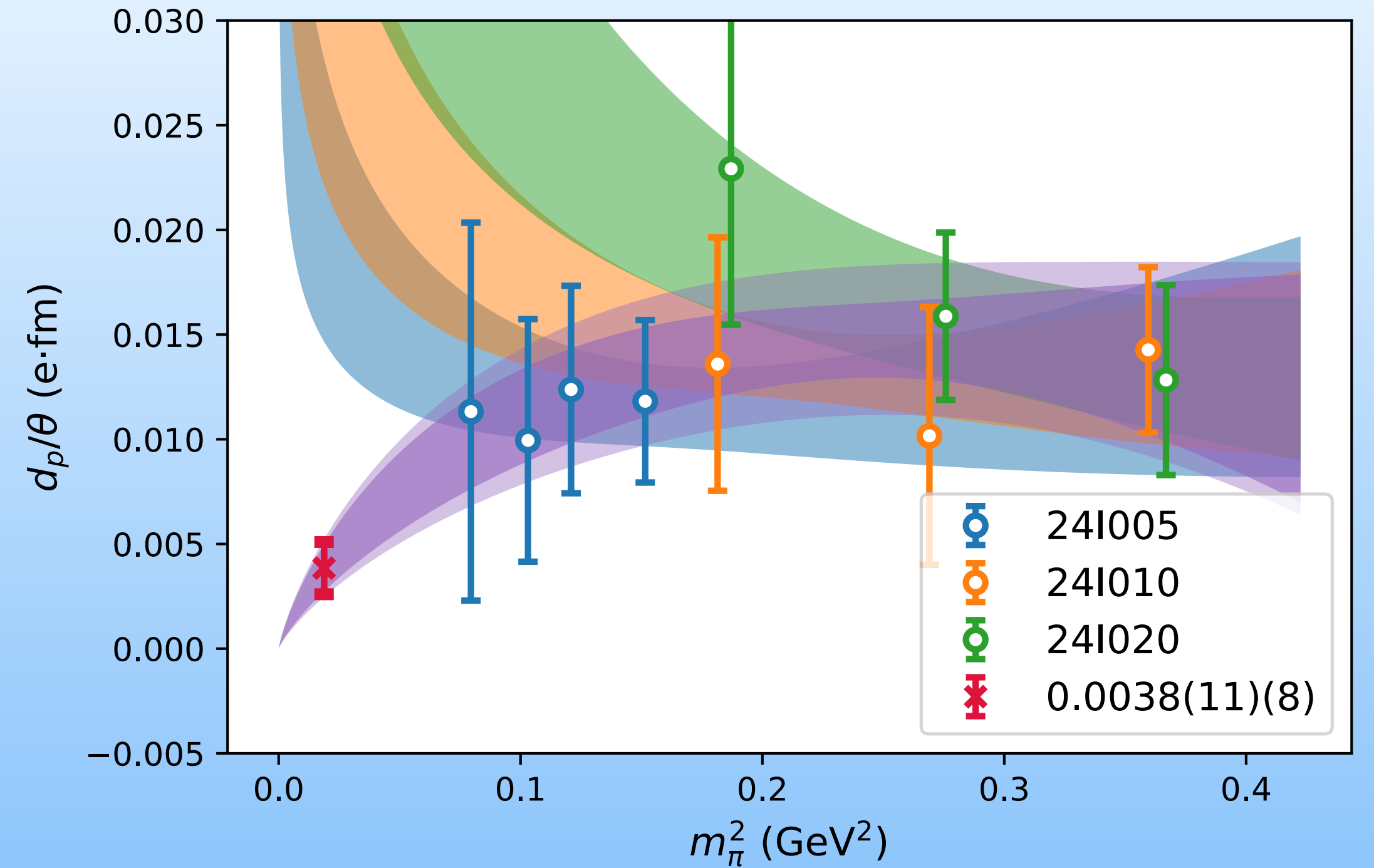
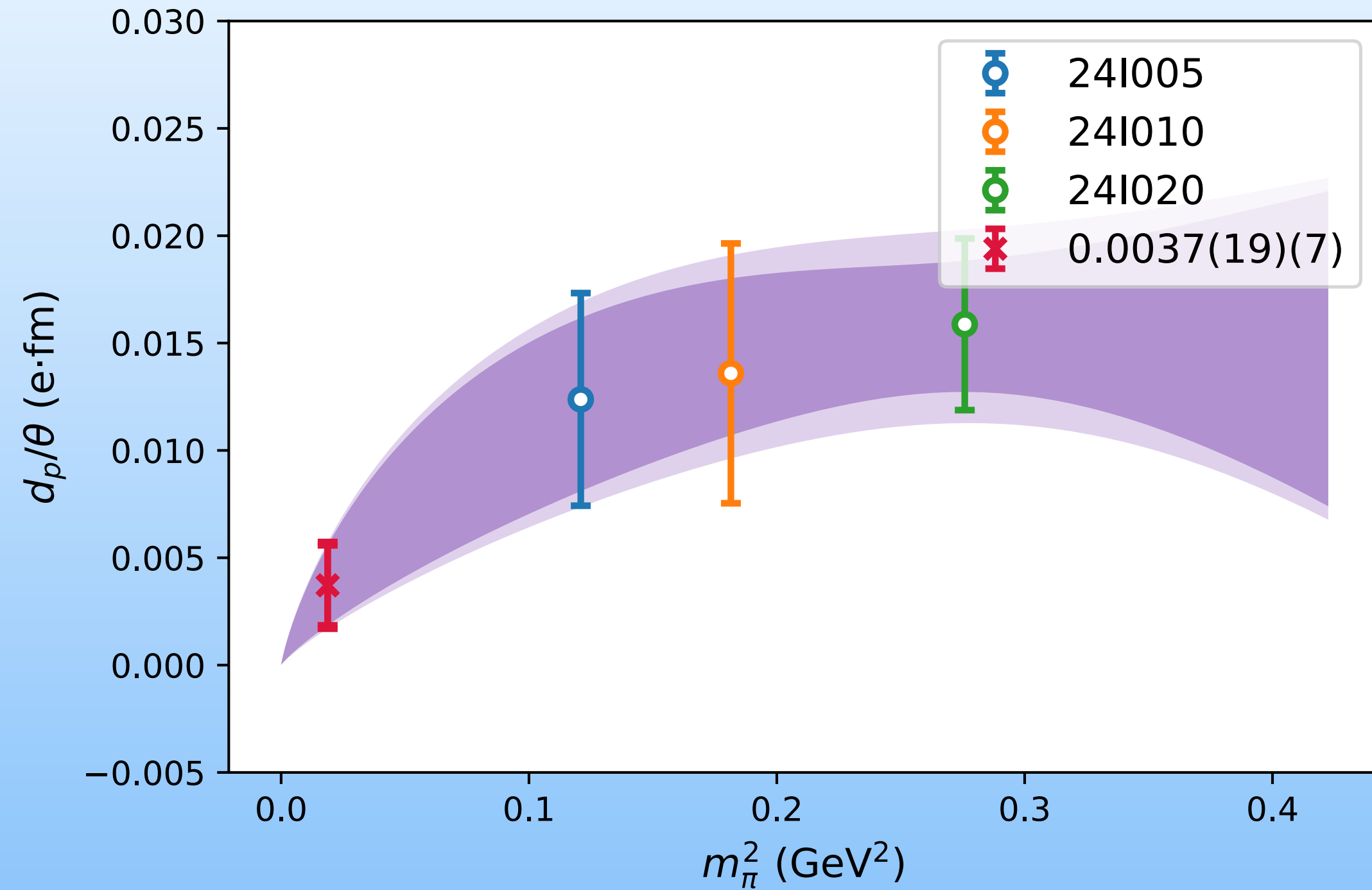


Liang and et. al., PRD108 094512 (2023)

$$d_n^{(PQ)} = \frac{e \bar{\theta} m_s}{4\pi^2 f^2} \left[F_\pi \log \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) + F_J \log \left(\frac{m_J^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] + \bar{\theta} \frac{e}{\Lambda_\chi^2} \left[\frac{m_s}{2} c(\mu) + \frac{d(m_s - m_v)}{2} + f q_{jl} \frac{(m_s - m_v)}{2} \right]$$

D.O'Connell and M. J. Savage, PLB633:319 (2006)

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CPV Pion-Nucleon Coupling

$$D_n = g_{\pi NN} \bar{g}_{\pi NN} \ln(M_N/m_\pi)/4\pi^2 M_N$$

Crewther, Di Vecchia, Veneziano, Witten, PLB 88:123 (1979)

$$d_0^\theta = \bar{d}_0^\theta - \frac{eg_A \bar{g}_0}{16\pi F_\pi} \frac{3m_\pi}{M_N},$$

$$d_1^\theta = \bar{d}_1^\theta(\mu) + \delta_1(\mu) + \frac{eg_A \bar{g}_0}{4\pi^2 F_\pi} \left[\ln \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_N^2} - \frac{5\pi m_\pi}{4m_N} \right]$$

A. Shindler, EPJA57: 128 (2021)

- ◆ In effective theories, nucleon EDM is determined by the CPV pion-nucleon coupling
- ◆ The CPV nucleon-nucleon interactions, mainly the one-pion-exchange contributions (CPV pion-nucleon vertices) according to the chiral power counting, often dominate nuclear and atomic EDMs compared to the EDMs of constituent nucleons
- ◆ No direct first-principles calculations

J. de Vries et al., PLB766:254 (2017)

J. de Vries et al., PRC92:045201 (2015)

CPV Pion-Nucleon Coupling

- ◆ To leading order the coupling is related to the octet baryon masses

$$\bar{g}_{\pi NN} = -\theta \frac{(M_{\Xi} - M_N)m_u m_d}{F_{\pi}(m_u + m_d)(2m_s - m_u - m_d)} \quad |\bar{g}_{\pi NN}| \approx 0.038 |\theta|$$

Crewther, Di Vecchia, Veneziano, Witten, PLB 88:123 (1979)

- ◆ A more recent work shows that this coupling can be achieved using the proton-neutron mass difference, which receives no SU(3)-flavor breaking corrections up to NNLO in chiral expansion

$$\bar{g}_0 = \delta m_N \frac{m_* \bar{\theta}}{\bar{m} \varepsilon} \quad m_* = \frac{m_u m_d m_s}{m_s(m_u + m_d) + m_u m_d} = \frac{\bar{m}(1 - \varepsilon^2)}{2 + \frac{\bar{m}}{m_s}(1 - \varepsilon^2)} \quad \frac{\bar{g}_0}{2F_{\pi}} = (15.5 \pm 2.0 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-3} \bar{\theta}$$

$$2\bar{m} = m_u + m_d \quad \varepsilon = (m_d - m_u)/(m_d + m_u)$$

J. de Vries et al., PRC92:045201 (2015)

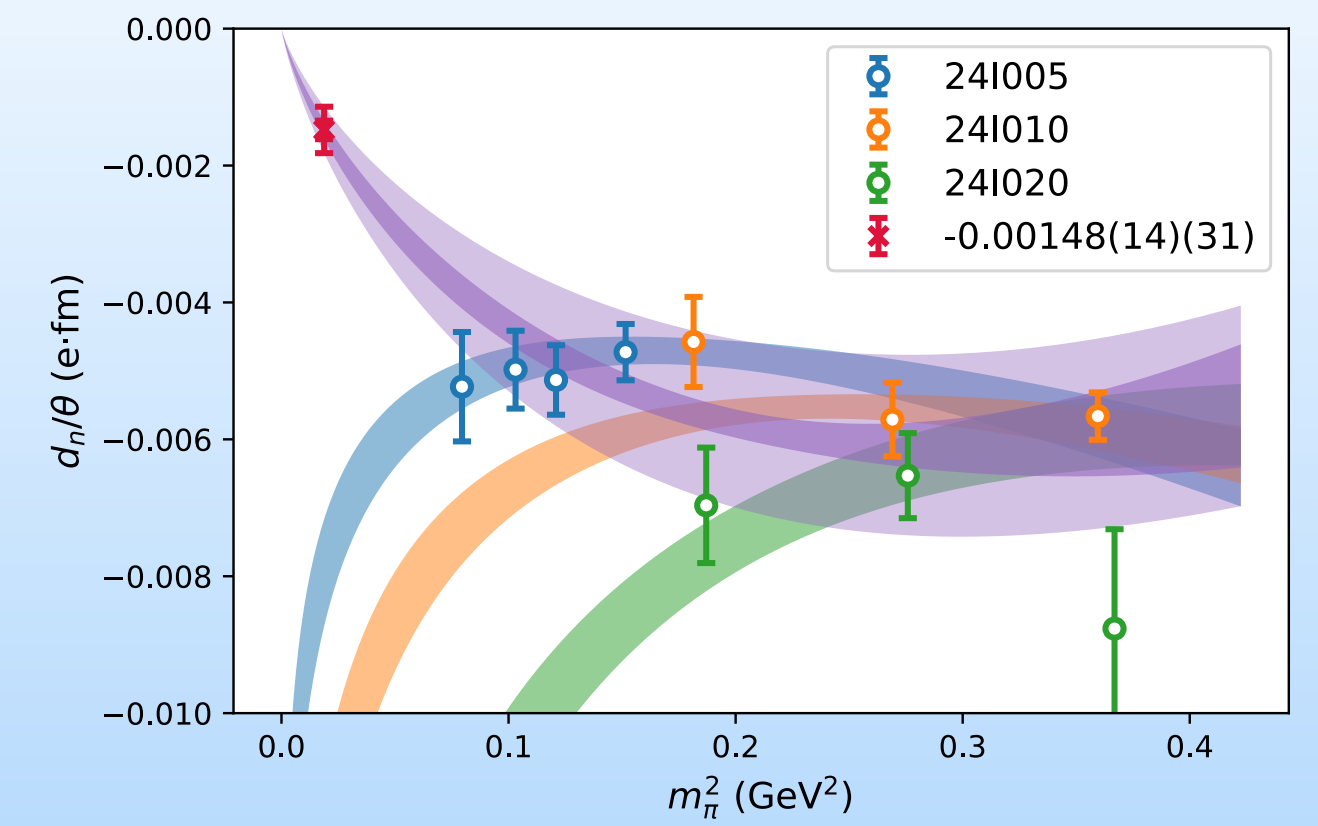
A Rough Check

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$$d_n \sim A \times m_{\text{sea}} \log \frac{m_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} + \dots \sim A' \times m_{\pi,\text{sea}}^2 \log \frac{m_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} + \dots$$

$$d_n \sim \frac{g_A \bar{g}_0}{4\pi^2 f} \log \frac{m_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} + \dots$$

$$\bar{g}_0(m_\pi \sim 0.140) = \sim 0.0061$$



Detailed Formulas of Direct Calculation

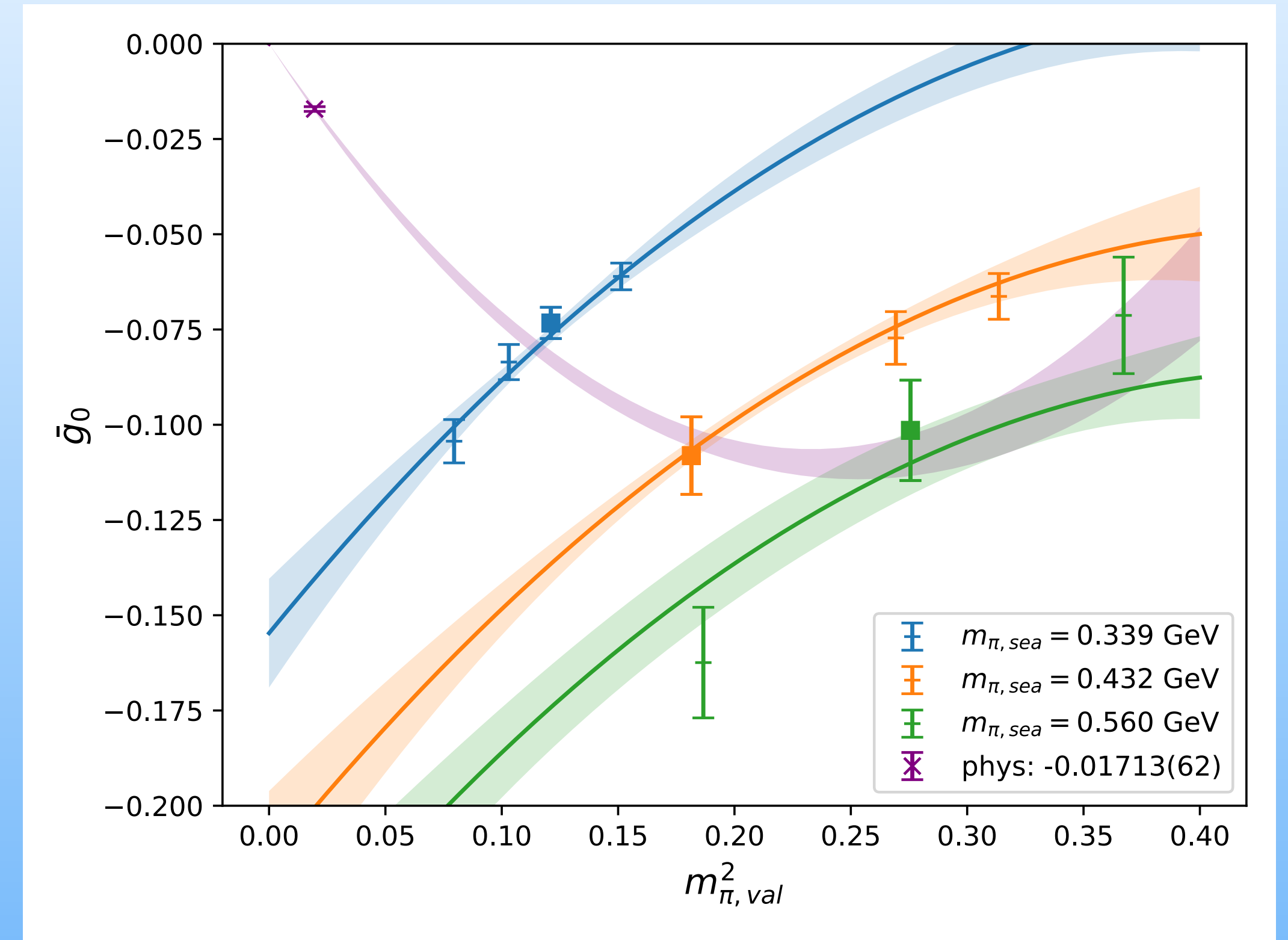
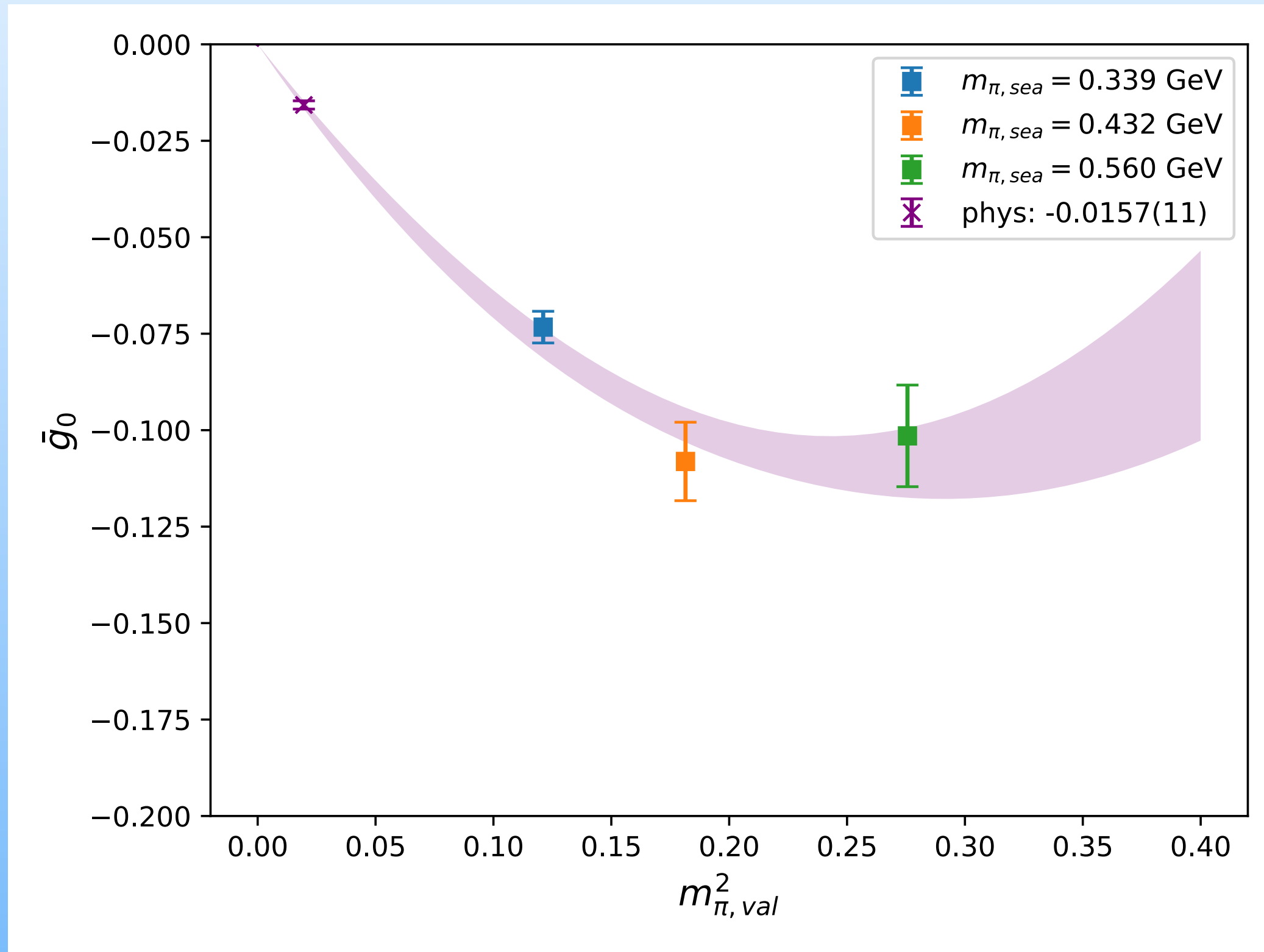
$$G^{(3)Q}(t_f, \tau) = \sum_{\vec{x}\vec{y}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{y}} \left\langle \chi(x) \ Q \ J_{\mu}(y) \ P(y) \ \bar{\chi}(0) \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_3(\Gamma_e, \gamma_5) &= \frac{\text{Tr} [\Gamma_e G^{(3)Q}(\gamma_5)]}{\text{Tr} [\Gamma_e G^{(2)}(\vec{p} = 0)]} \\ &= \frac{\text{Tr} \left[\frac{1+\gamma_4}{2} \left[\alpha^1 \gamma_5 G_p \gamma_5 \frac{1+\gamma_4}{2} + \frac{1+\gamma_4}{2} G_p \gamma_5 \alpha^1 \gamma_5 + \frac{1+\gamma_4}{2} \tilde{G}'_P \frac{1+\gamma_4}{2} \right] \right]}{2} \\ &= 2\alpha^1 G_p + \tilde{G}'_P \end{aligned}$$

$$2i\alpha_1\theta G_p + i\theta\tilde{G}'_P = i\theta (2\alpha_1 G_p + \tilde{G}'_P) \equiv i\theta\tilde{G}_P$$

$$m_q \tilde{G}_P = \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} \bar{g}_{\pi NN}$$

$\bar{g}_{\pi NN}$ from Direct Calculation (preliminary)



Liang and et. al., in preparation

Summary and Take-Home

- ◆ Strong CPV and nucleon EDM can be studied on the lattice with decent precision
- ◆ Many other related physical topics are also of great interest and can be studied as well

Thank you for your attention!