

Probing Meson Structure via Lattice QCD: EMFF at high Q^2 and GPD

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QCD factorization for hard exclusive processes

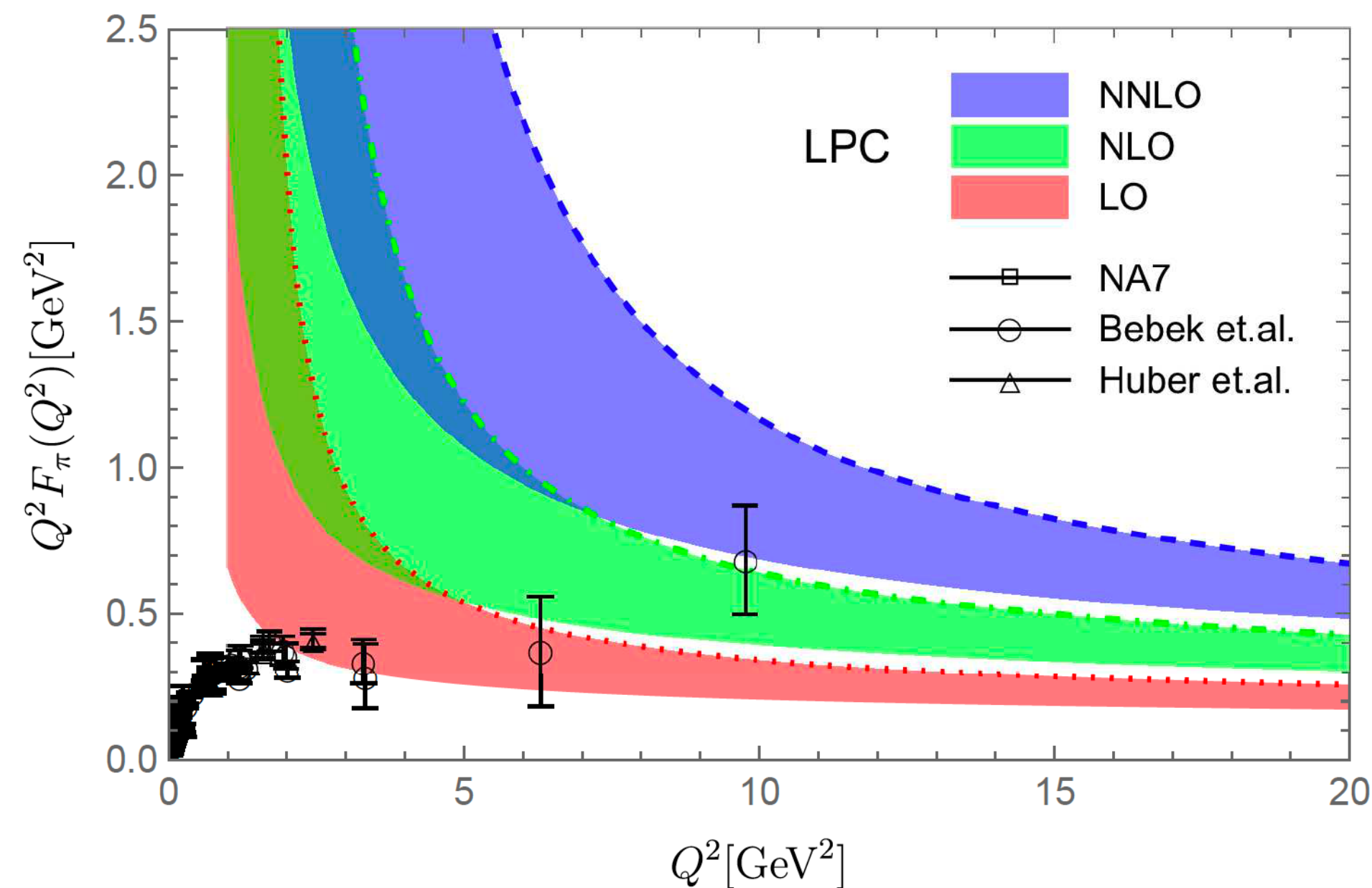
At leading twist, the collinear factorization of EM form factors

Farrar & Jackson, PRL 79'

Lepage & Brodsky, PRD 80'

Efremov & Radyushkin, PLB 80'

$$F_M(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx dy \underbrace{\phi_M^*(y, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{DA: Non-perturbative physics}} \underbrace{T_H(x, y, Q^2, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{Hard-process kernel obtained in pQCD}} \underbrace{\phi_M(x, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{DA: Non-perturbative physics}}$$



• NA7: $Q^2 \lesssim 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$, elastic scattering of pion from atomic electron
NPB 277 (1986)168

• Huber et al. (Jlab F_π collaboration): $Q^2 \lesssim 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

PRC 78 (2008) 045203

• Bebek et al. (Cornell): $Q^2 \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$, large statistical and systematic uncertainties
PRD 17 (1978) 1693

• Jlab, EicC & EIC, Q^2 up to $\sim 30 \text{ GeV}^2$

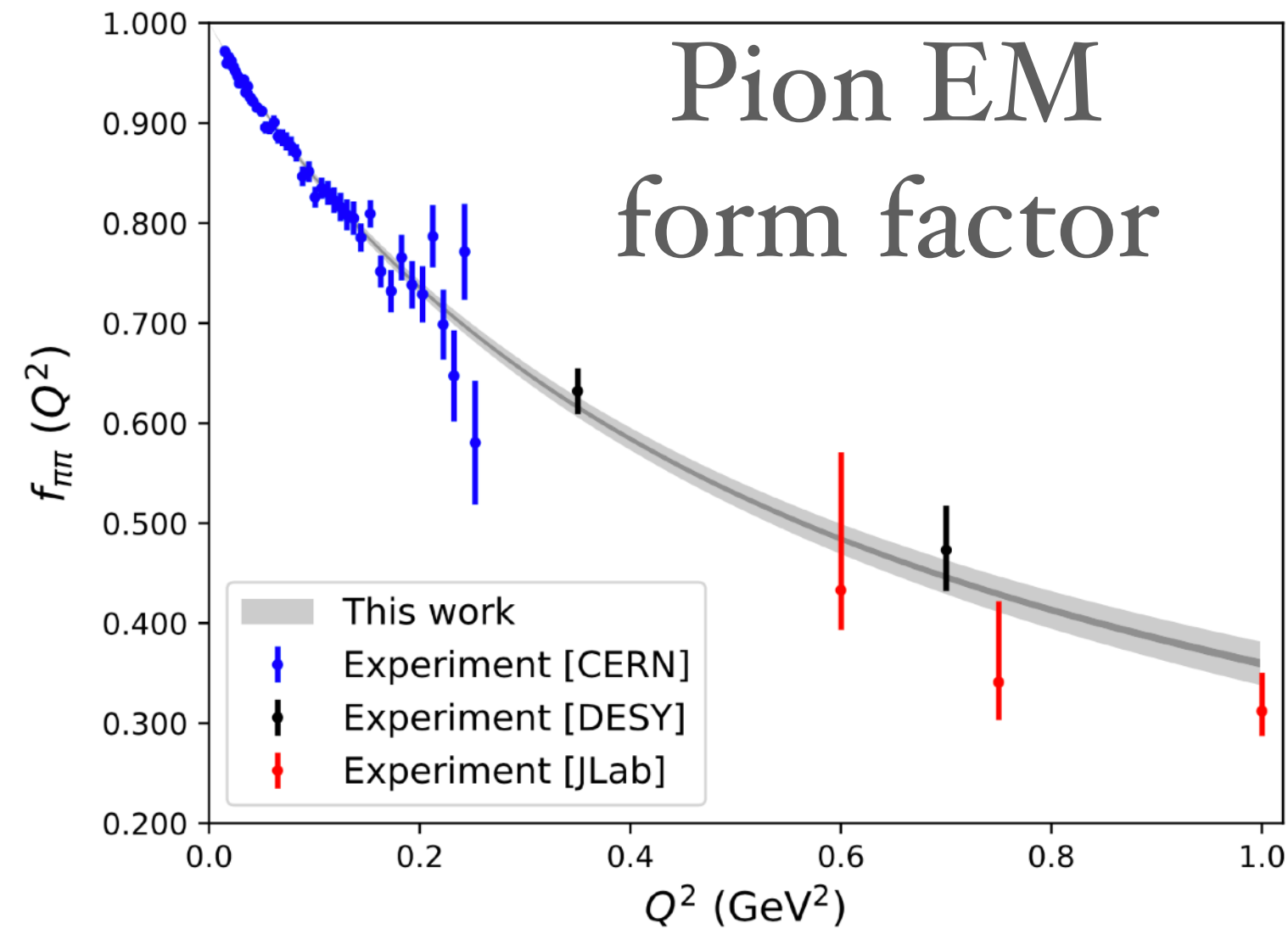
white papers

arXiv:2102.09222, 2103.05419

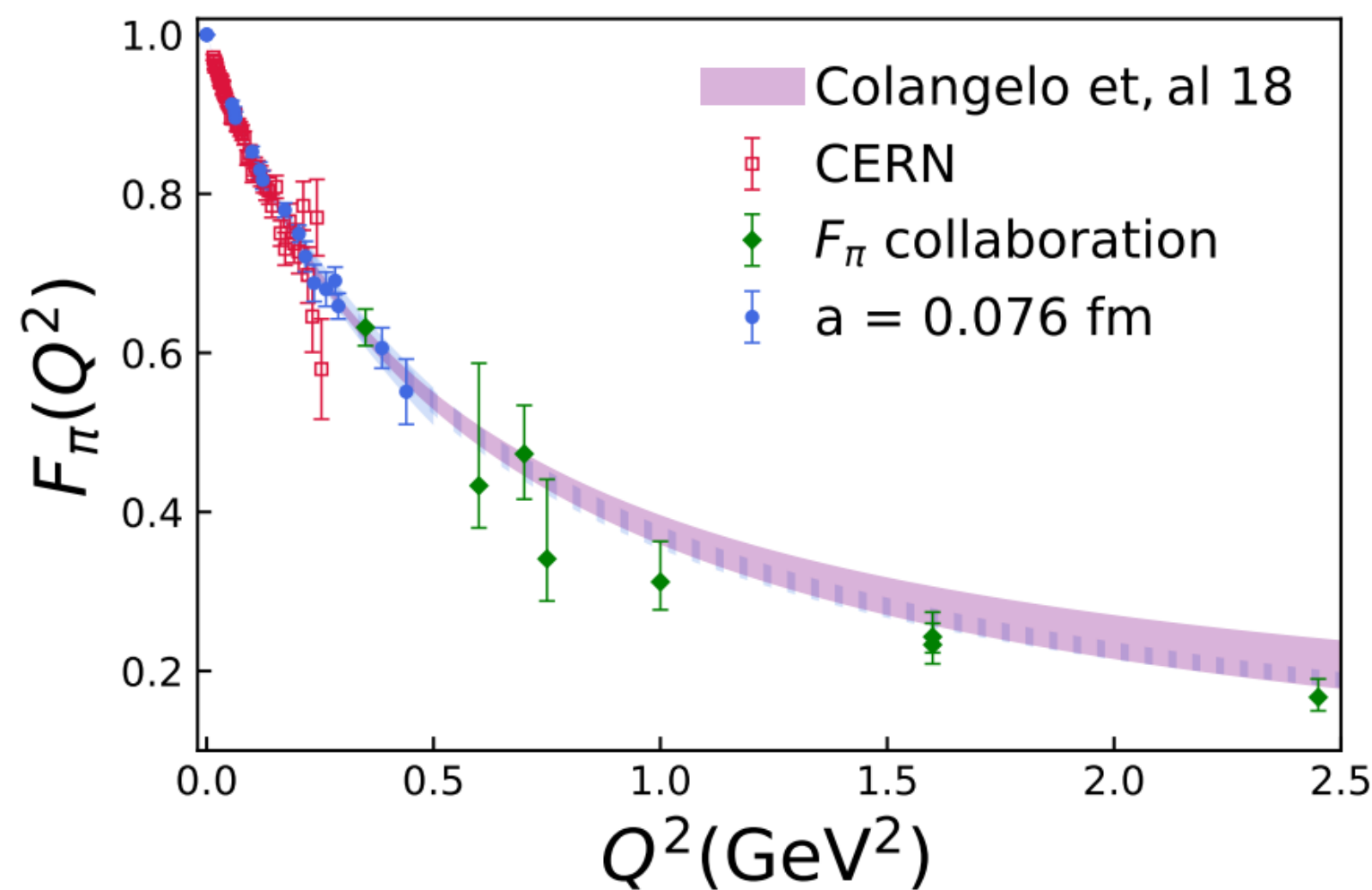
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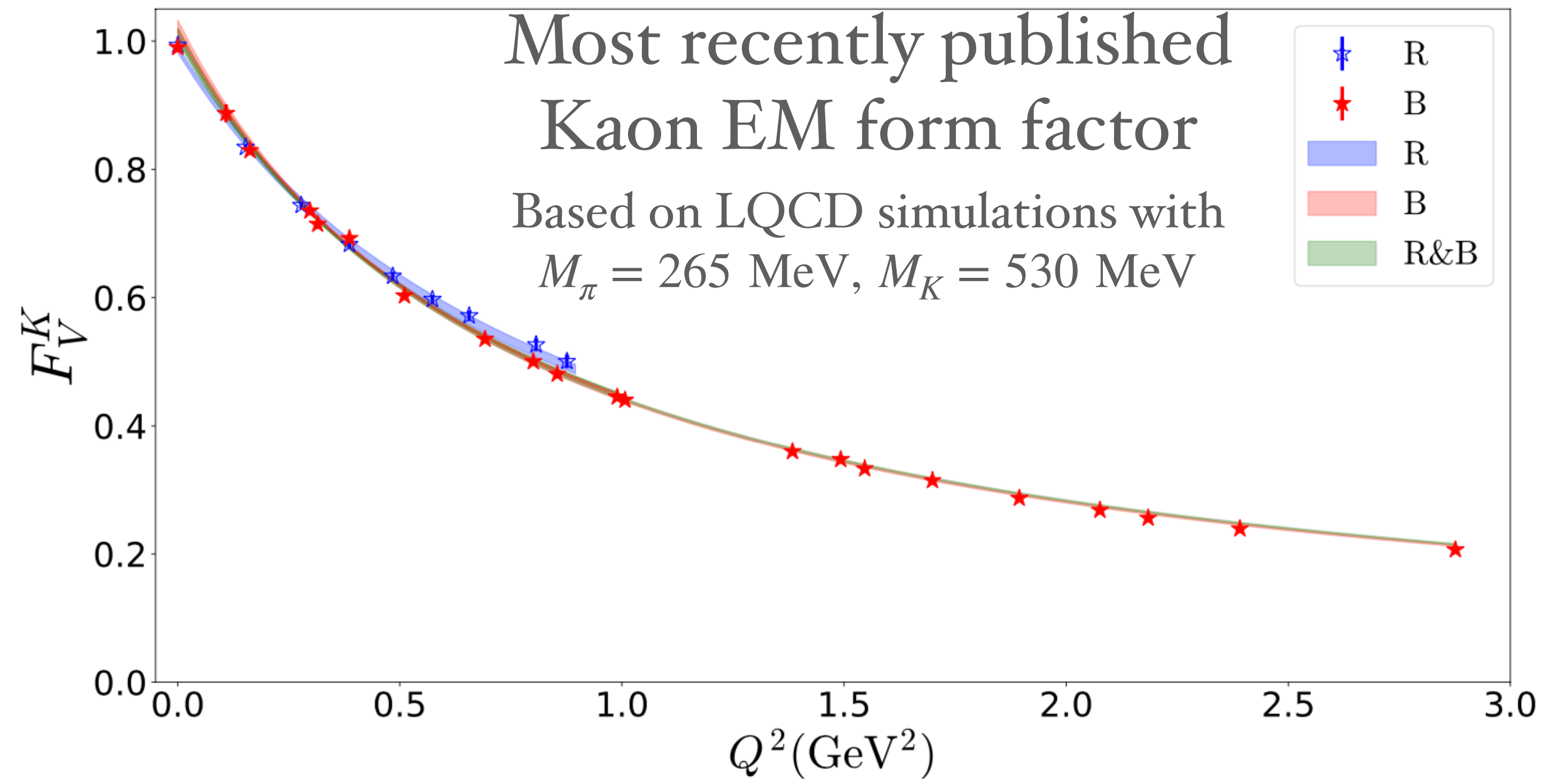
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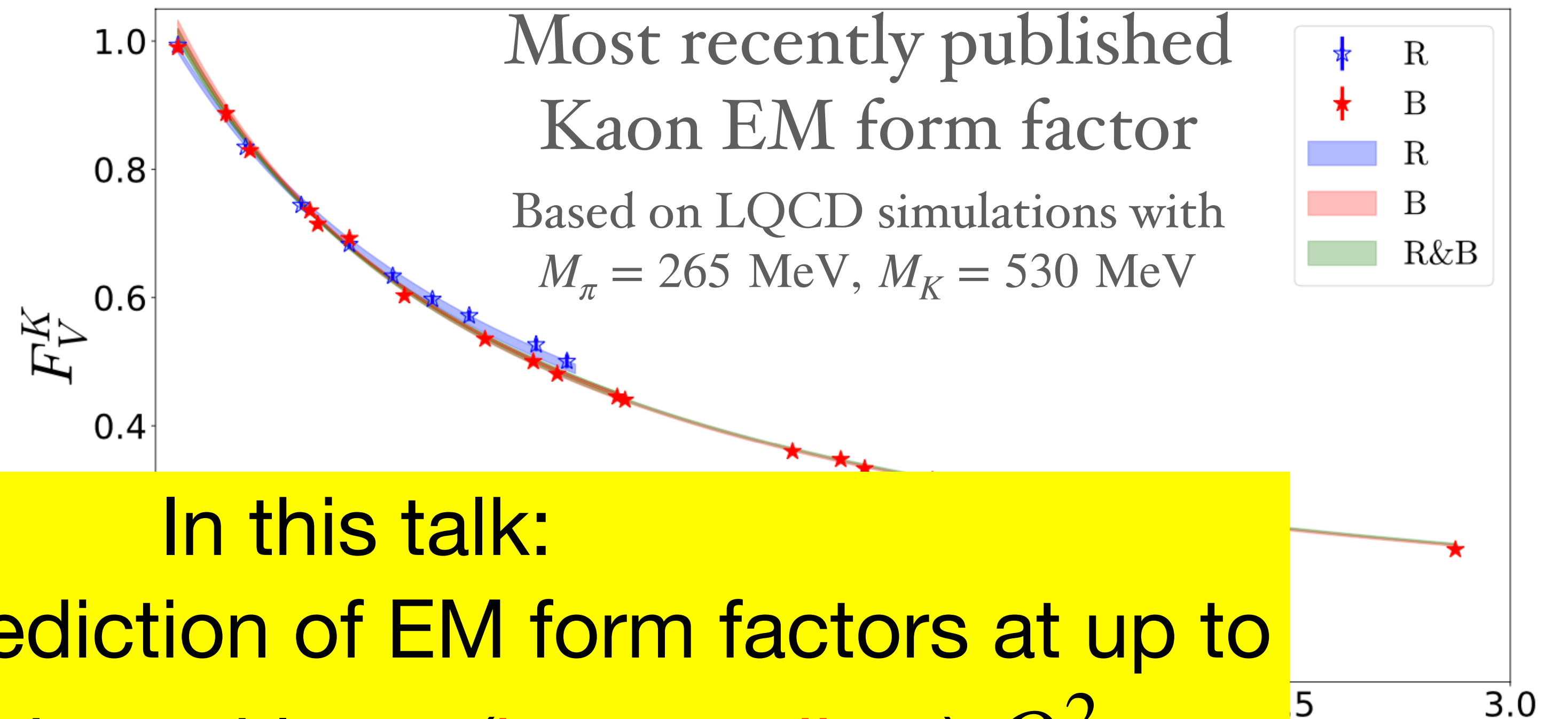
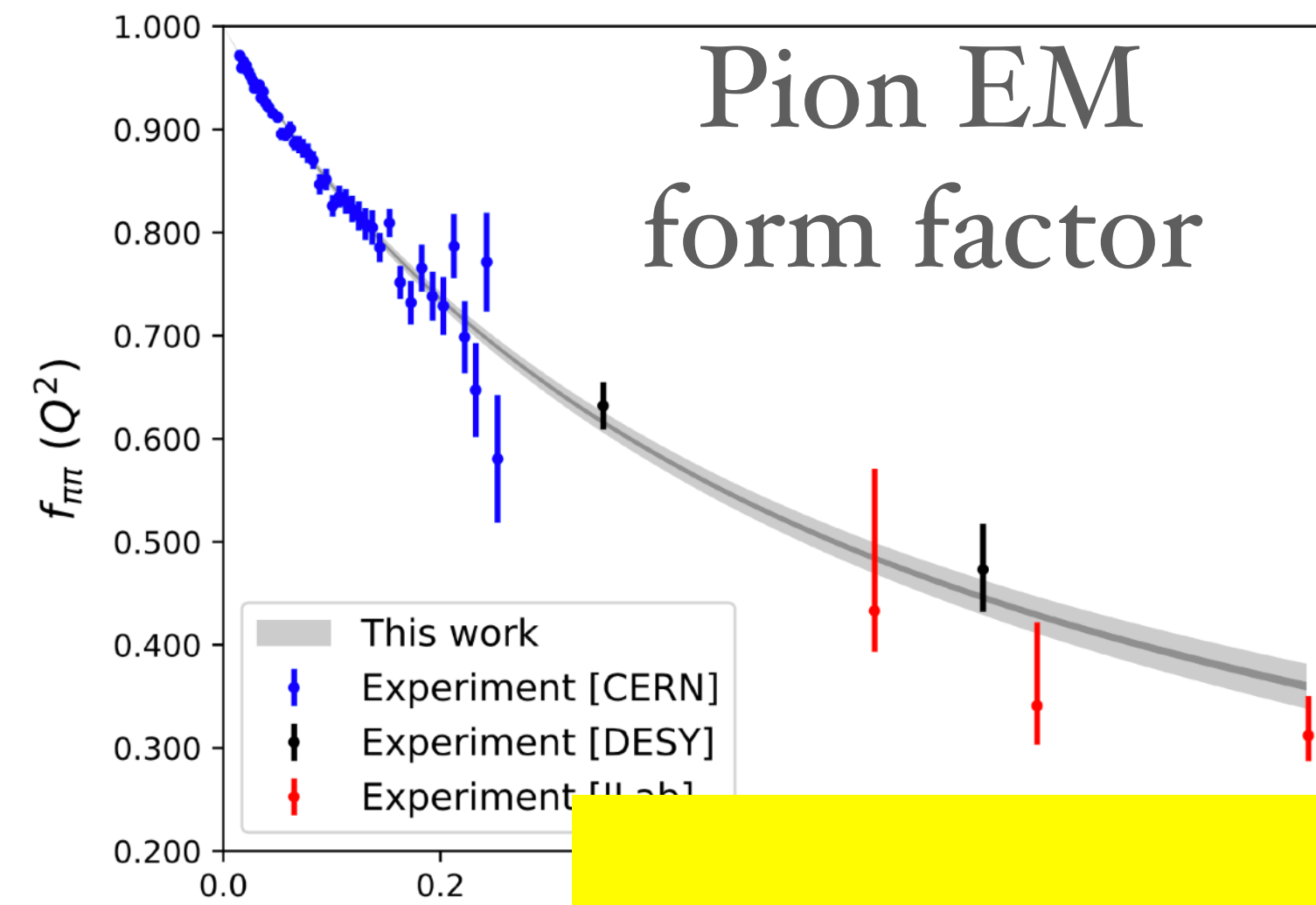


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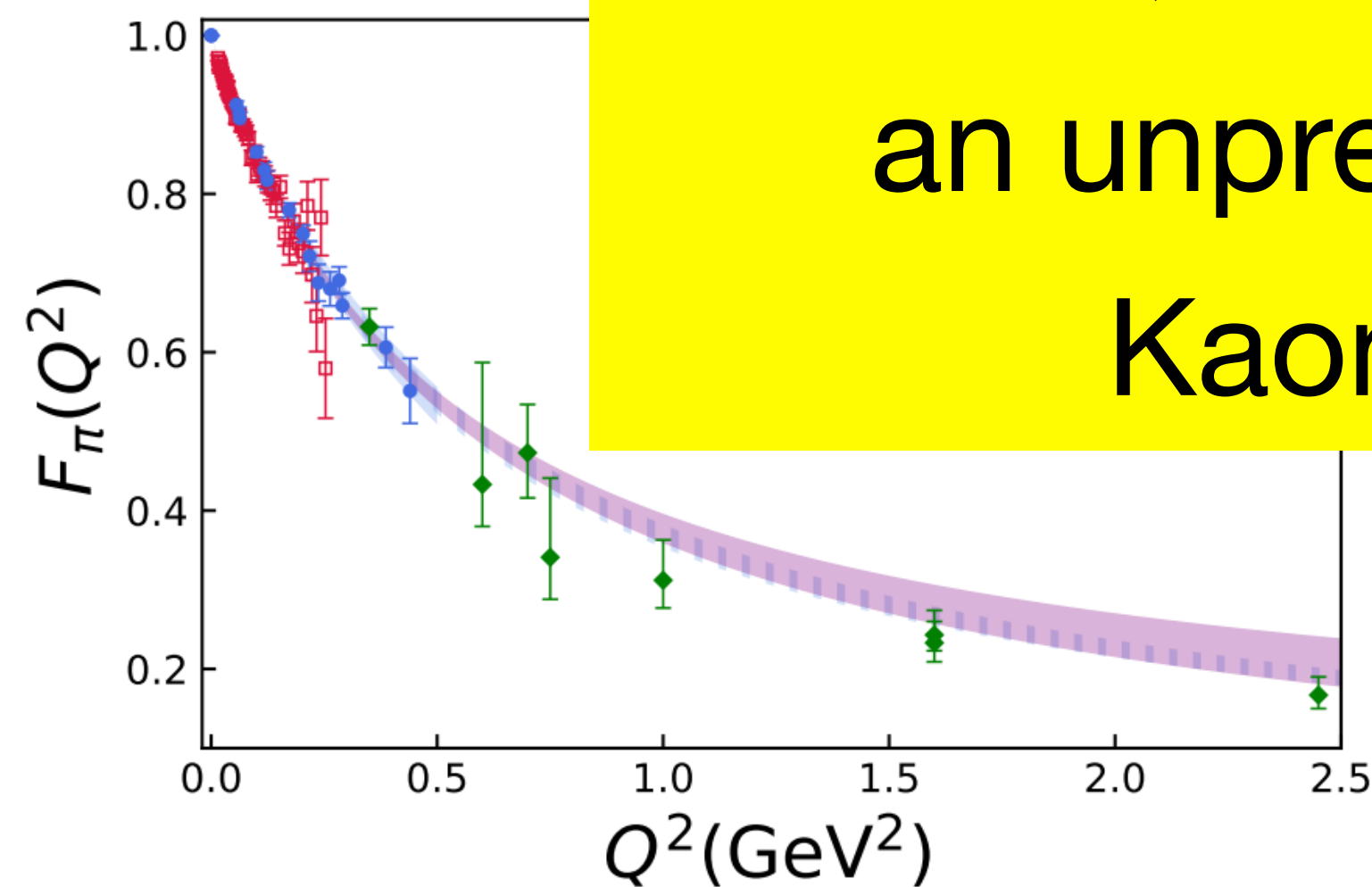
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In this talk:

Lattice QCD prediction of EM form factors at up to an unprecedented large (intermediate) Q^2 :

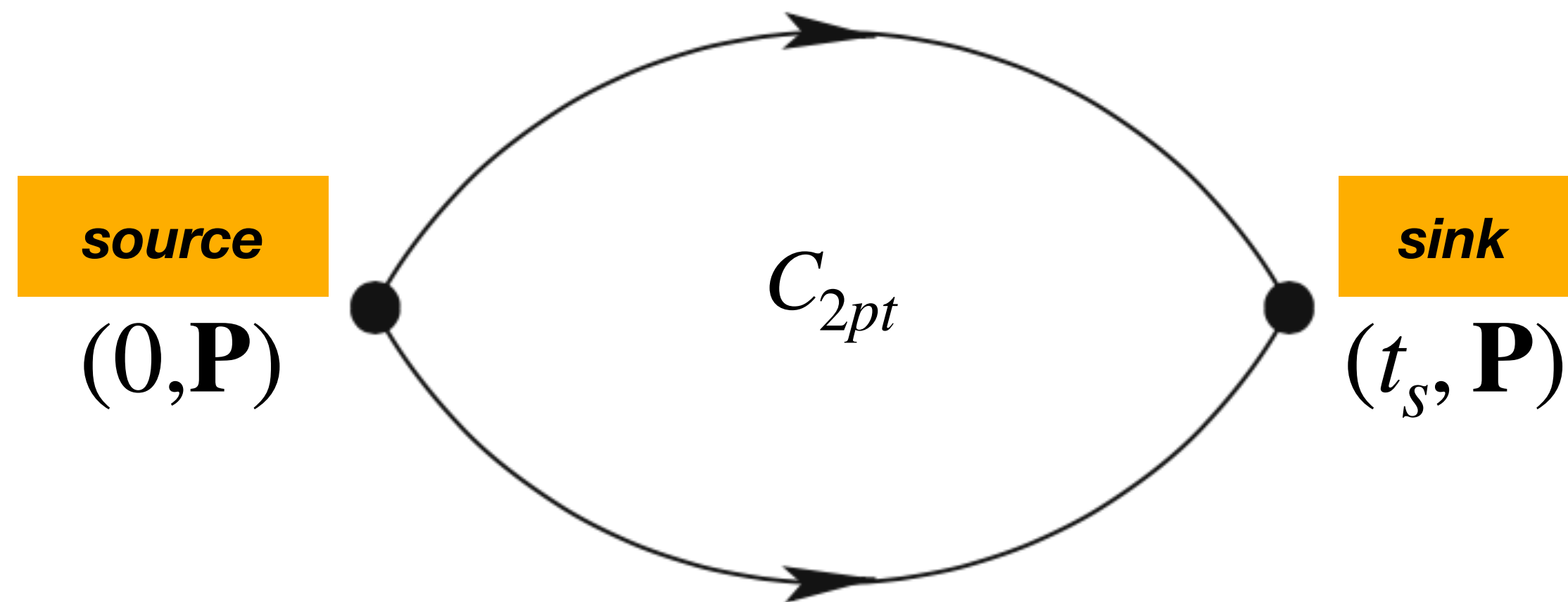
Kaon $\sim 28 \text{ GeV}^2$, Pion $\sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

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Kaon at nonzero momentum

- Two point kaon correlation function



$$C_{2pt}(\mathbf{P}, t_s) = \langle [K(\mathbf{P}, t_s)][K(\mathbf{P}, 0)]^\dagger \rangle$$

$$K(\mathbf{P}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \bar{s}(\mathbf{x}, t) \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{x}, t) e^{-i\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2\pi}{N_\sigma} \mathbf{n} \text{ } a^{-1}$$

- Determine energy of states from the energy decomposition:

$$C_{2pt}(\mathbf{P}, t_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\text{state}}-1} |\langle \Omega | K_S | n; \mathbf{P} \rangle|^2 (e^{-E_n t_s} + e^{-E_n (aL_t - t_s)})$$

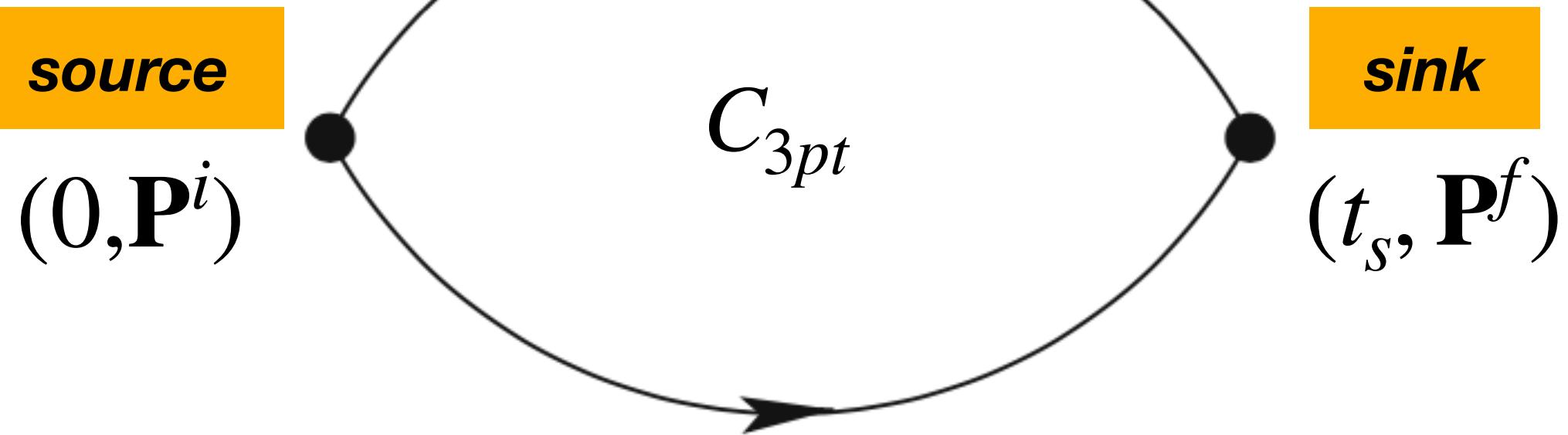
Three point correlation function

$$O_\Gamma = \left(\frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s \right)$$

$$C_{3\text{pt}}(\mathbf{P}^f, \mathbf{P}^i, \tau, t_s) = \langle [K_{Sf}(\mathbf{P}^f, t_s)] O_\Gamma(\mathbf{q}, \tau) [K_{Si}(\mathbf{P}^i, 0)]^\dagger \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{P}^i = \mathbf{P}^f - \mathbf{q}$$

$$Q^2 = -(\mathbf{P}^i - \mathbf{P}^f)^2$$



$$C_{3\text{pt}}(\mathbf{P}^f, \mathbf{P}^i; \tau, t_s) = \sum_{m,n} \langle \Omega | K_{Sf} | m; \mathbf{P}^f \rangle \langle m; \mathbf{P}^f | O_\Gamma | n; \mathbf{P}^i \rangle \langle n; \mathbf{P}^i | K_{Si}^\dagger | \Omega \rangle \times e^{-(t_s-\tau)E_m^f} e^{-\tau E_n^i}$$

EM form factor:

Bare matrix element of kaon ground state $F^B(Q^2) = \langle 0; \mathbf{P}^f | O_\Gamma | 0; \mathbf{P}^i \rangle$

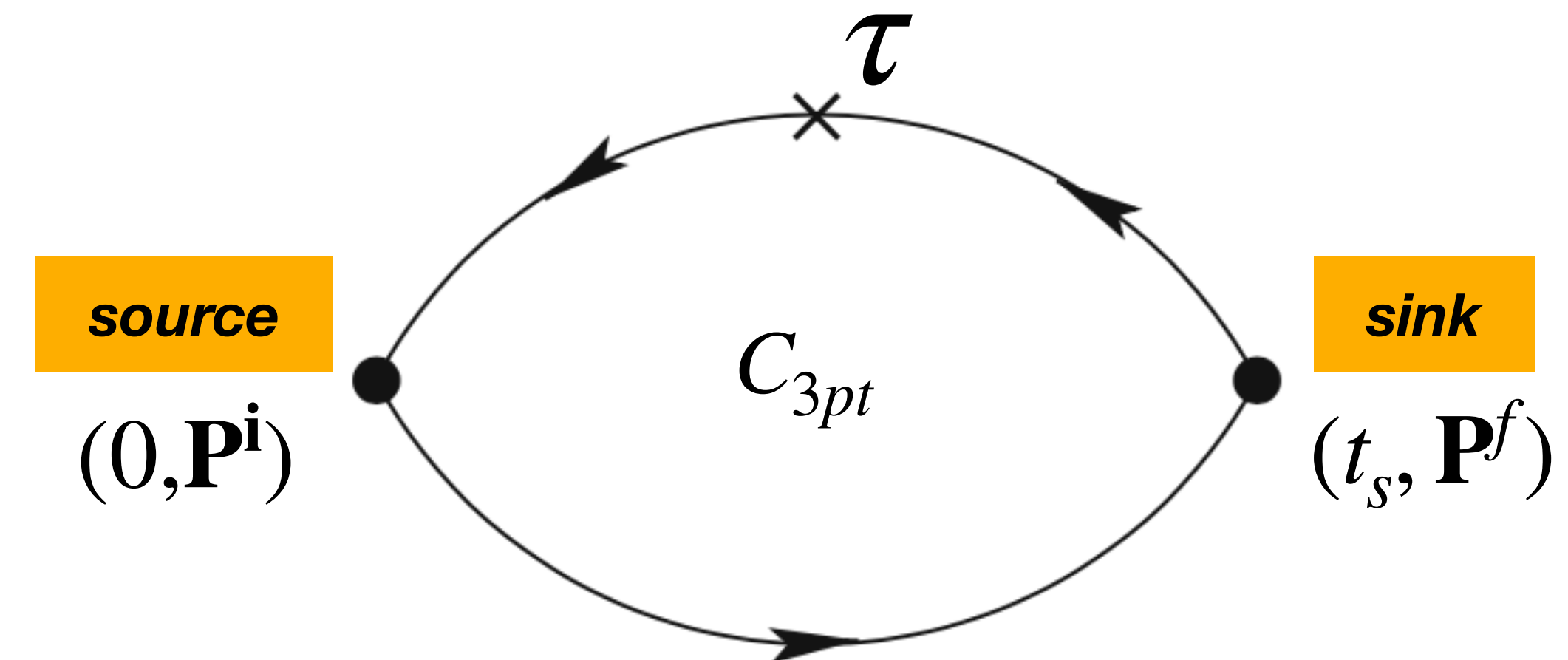
Extraction of bare form factor

📌 Construct the ratio between 3 and 2-pt corr.:

$$R^{fi}(\mathbf{P}^f, \mathbf{P}^i; \tau, t_s) \equiv \frac{2\sqrt{E_0^f E_0^i}}{E_0^f + E_0^i} \frac{C_{3pt}(\mathbf{P}^f, \mathbf{P}^i; \tau, t_s)}{C_{2pt}(t_s, \mathbf{P}^f)} \times \left[\frac{C_{2pt}(t_s - \tau, \mathbf{P}^i) C_{2pt}(\tau, \mathbf{P}^f) C_{2pt}(t_s, \mathbf{P}^f)}{C_{2pt}(t_s - \tau, \mathbf{P}^f) C_{2pt}(\tau, \mathbf{P}^i) C_{2pt}(t_s, \mathbf{P}^i)} \right]^{1/2}$$

📌 Bare form factor:

$$F^B(Q^2) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty, t_s \rightarrow \infty} R^{fi}(\mathbf{P}^f, \mathbf{P}^i, \tau, t_s)$$



📌 Form factor: $F(Q^2) = F^B \times Z_V$

Lattice setup

📌 $N_f=2+1$ QCD on $64^3 \times 64$ lattices with $a=0.076$ & 0.04 fm ([HotQCD] configurations)

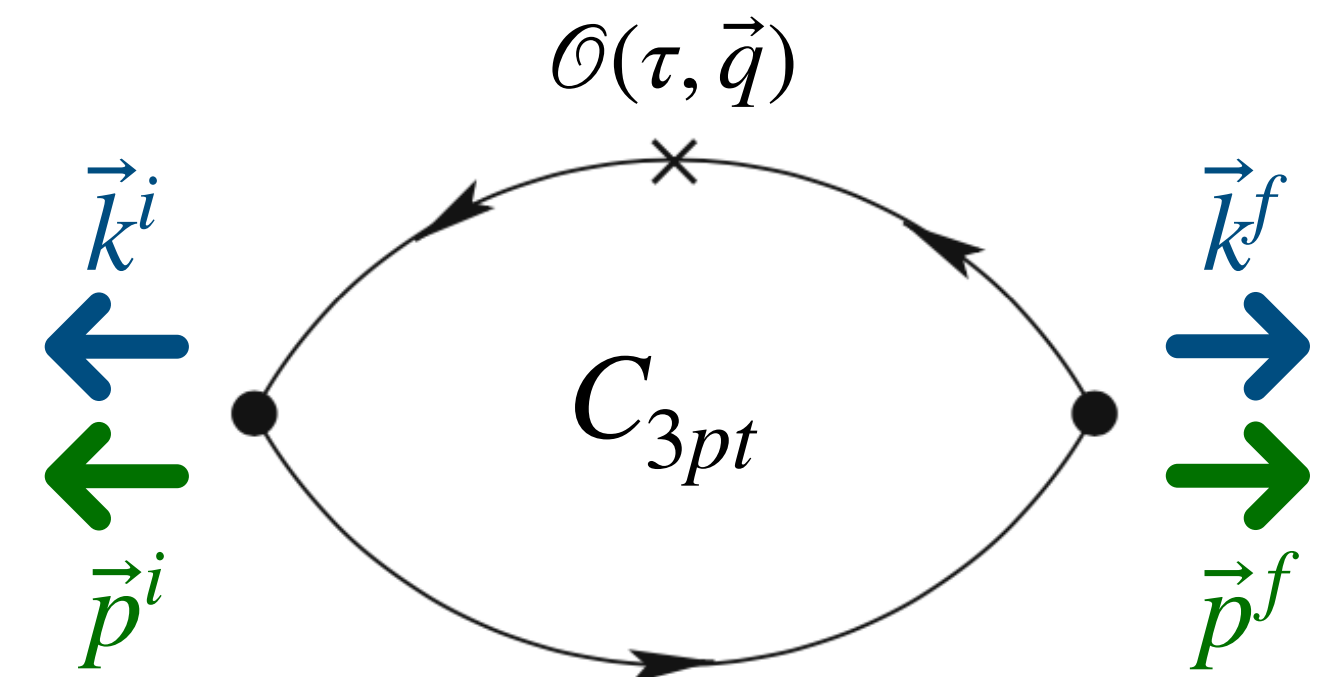
Sea quark: Highly Improved Staggered Quark (HISQ) action

Valence quark: Wilson-Clover action

📌 At the physical point: $M_{\pi^+} = 140$ MeV, $M_{K^+} = 497$ MeV

📌 Boost smearing with the corresponding signs of the quark momenta at source & sink

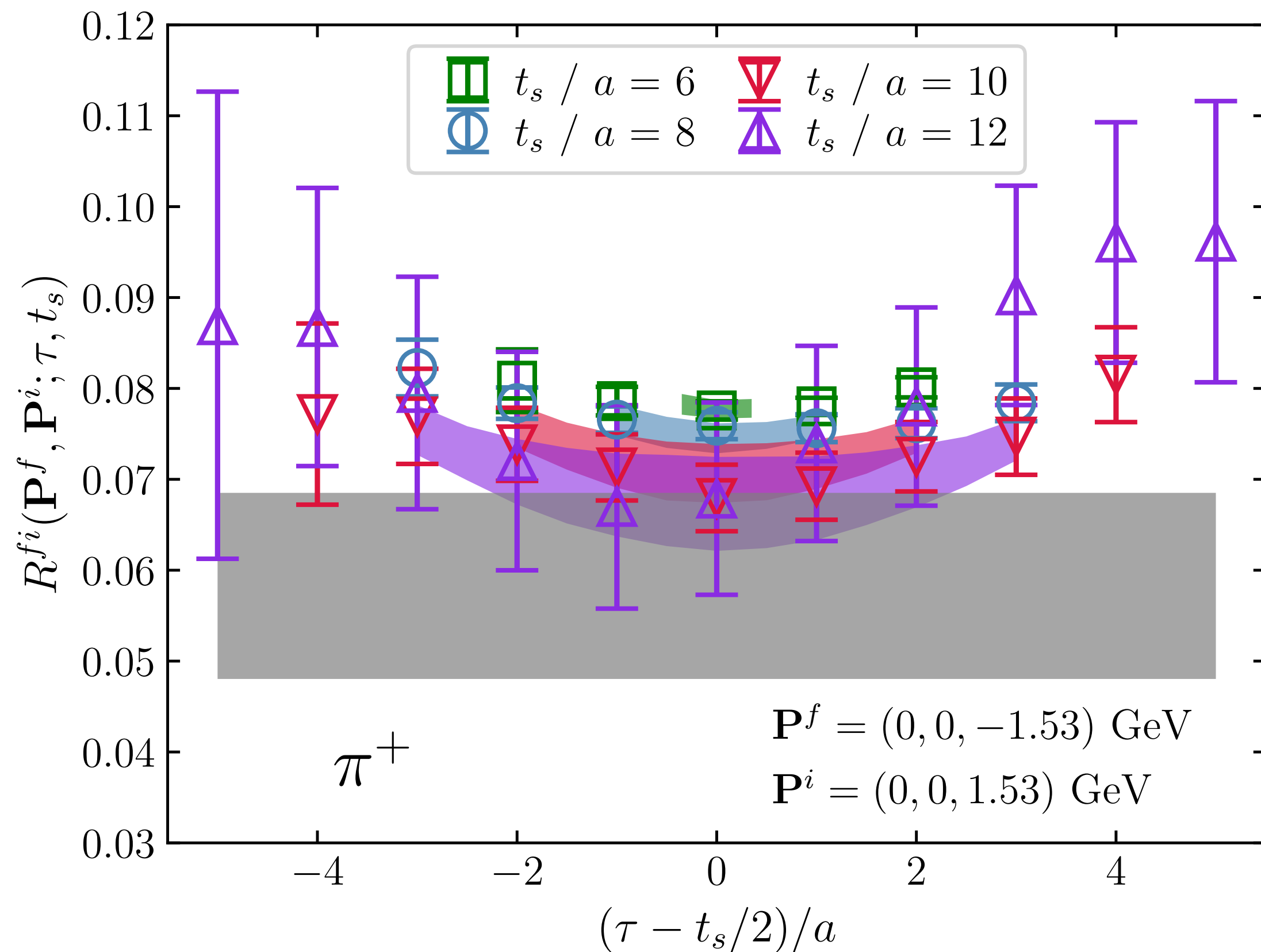
- Pion: up to 10 GeV^2 with $a = 0.076$ fm
- Kaon: up to 28 GeV^2 with $a = 0.076$ & 0.04 fm



Extraction of the form factor

$$N_{state} = 2: R^{fi}(\tau, t_s) = \left(\underbrace{\mathcal{O}_{00}}_{F^B} + \frac{A_1}{A_0} \mathcal{O}_{11} e^{-t_s \Delta E} + \sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A_0}} \mathcal{O}_{01} e^{-\tau \Delta E} + \sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A_0}} \mathcal{O}_{10} e^{-(t_s - \tau) \Delta E} \right) / \left(1 + \frac{A_1}{A_0} e^{-t_s \Delta E} \right), \Delta E = E_1 - E_0$$

$\pi^+, Q^2 = 9.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

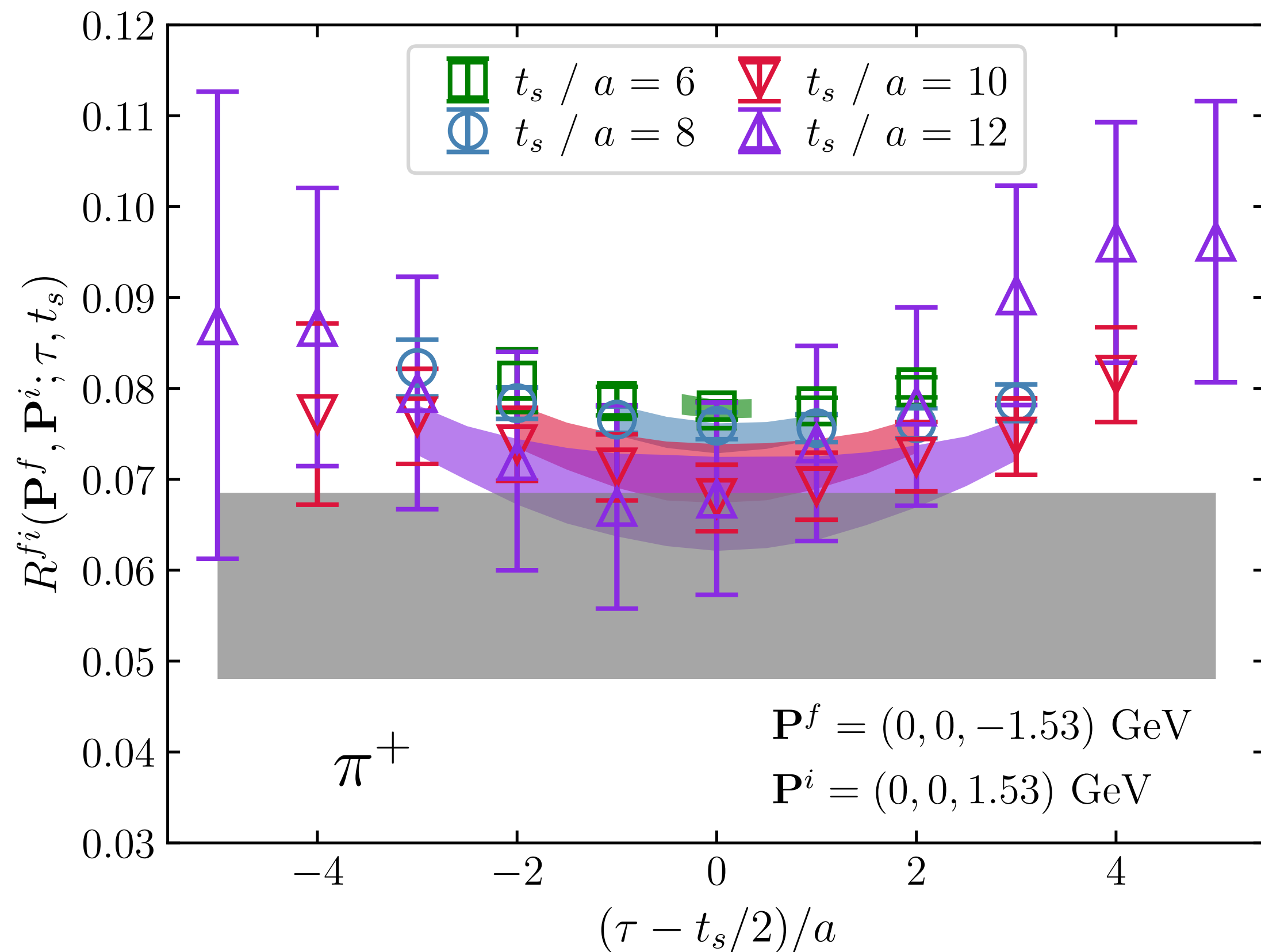


- Use the values of energy E_n and amplitude A_n extracted from C_{2pt}
- Perform a 4-parameter fit to the ratio R^{fi} to extract F^B

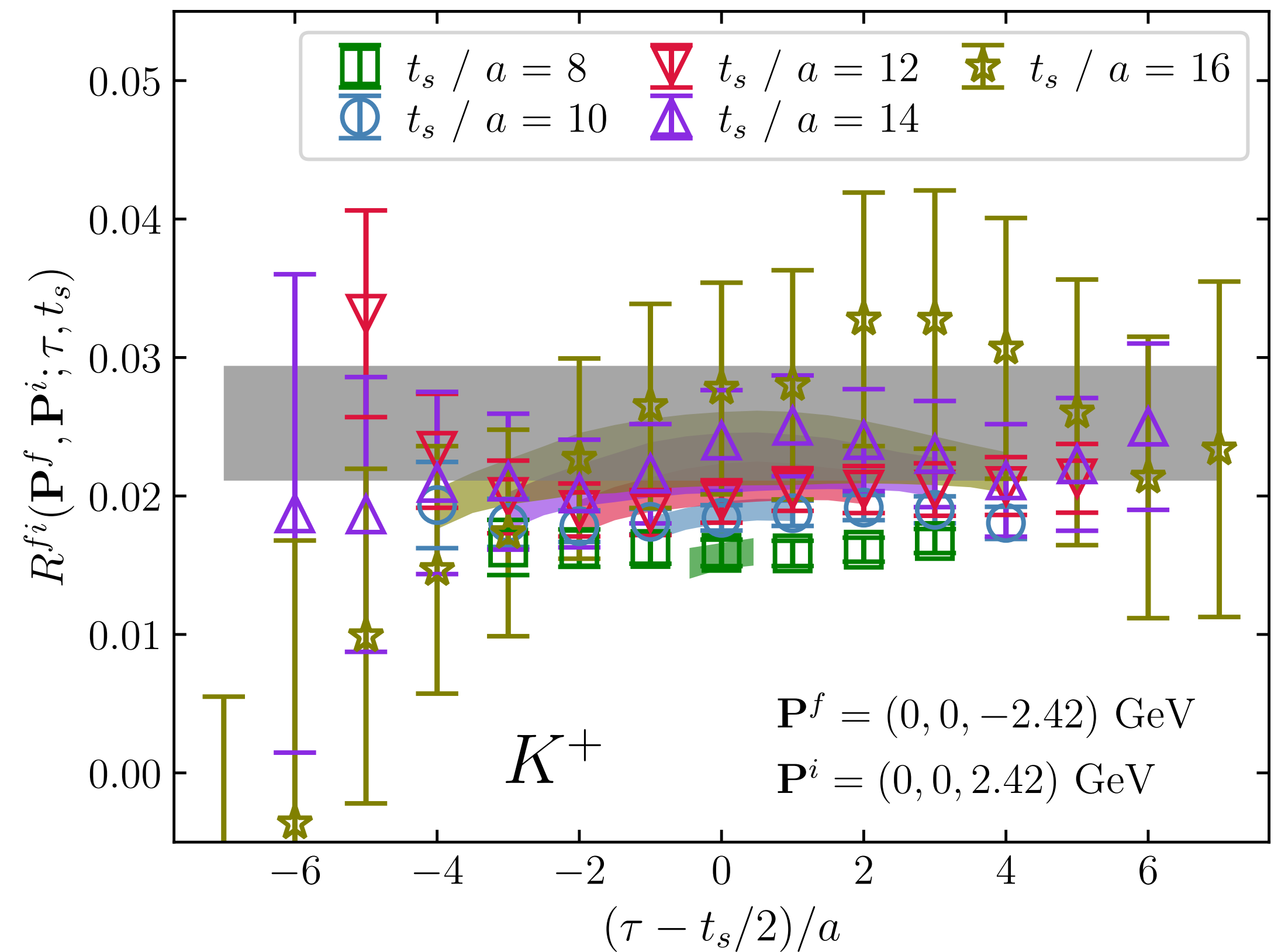
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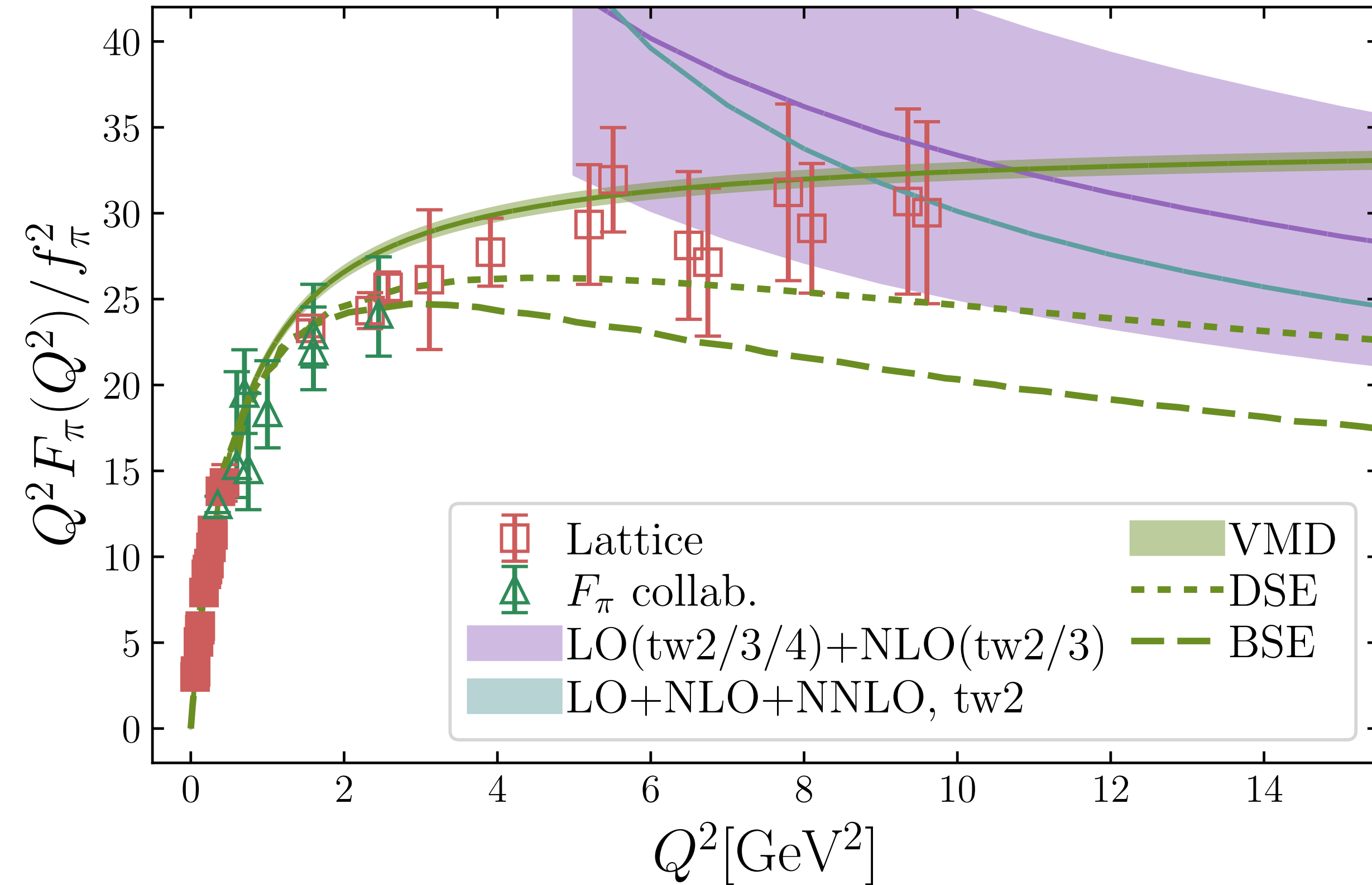
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$K^+, Q^2 = 23.4 \text{ GeV}^2$



Pion form factor up to $Q^2 \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$



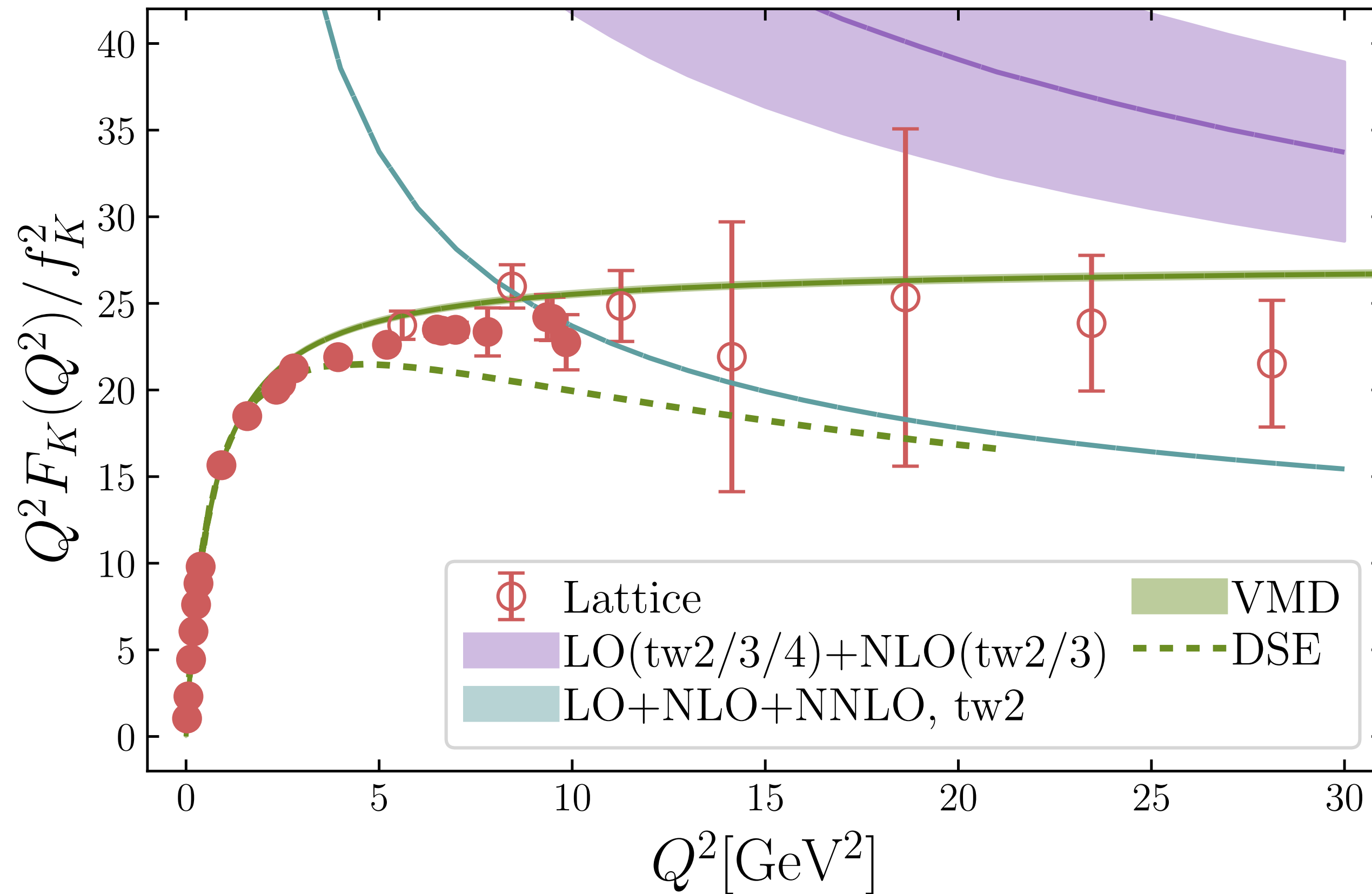
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- Purple band: k_T factorization, Cheng et al., PRD 19', EPJC23'
- DSE (Dyson-Schwinger Eq.): Gao et al., PRD 96(2017)034024
- BSE (Bethe-Salpeter Eq.): Ydrefors et al., PLB 820 (2021)136494
- VMD (Vector Meson Dominance): $F_\pi(Q^2) = 1/(1 + Q^2/M^2)$

Gao et al., 2102.06047

LO asymptotic result: $Q^2 F_{\pi^+}(Q^2) / f_\pi^2 \simeq 8.6$

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Kaon form factor up to $Q^2 \sim 28 \text{ GeV}^2$



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- VMD: $F_{K^+}(Q^2) = \sum_{v=\rho,\phi,\omega} c_v / (1 + Q^2/m_v^2)$

fit in low $Q^2 \lesssim 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$, resulting $\langle r_K^2 \rangle = 0.360(2) \text{ fm}^2$

Consistent with $\langle r_K^2 \rangle = 0.359(3) \text{ fm}^2$ Stamen et al., EPJC 82(2022)432

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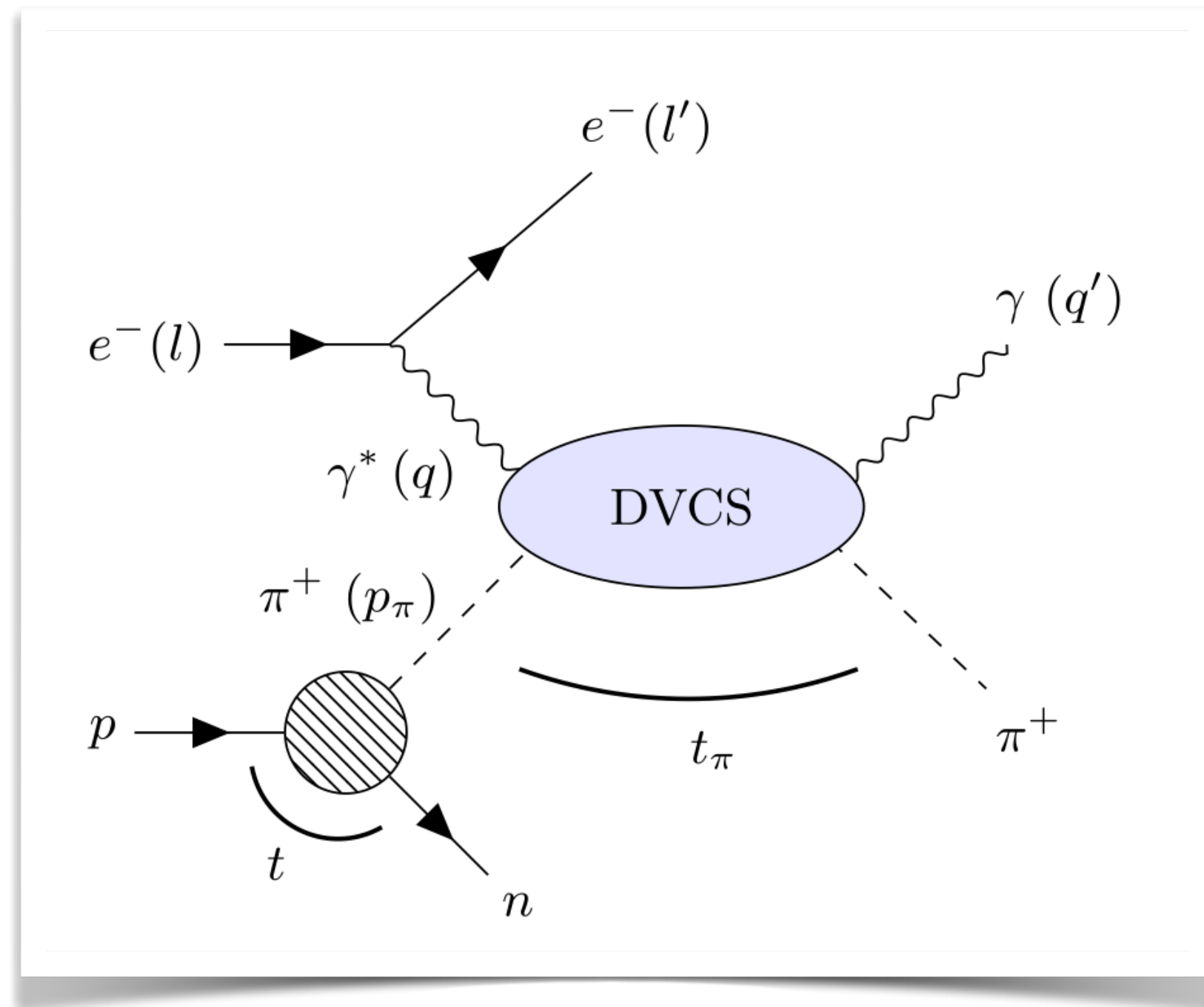
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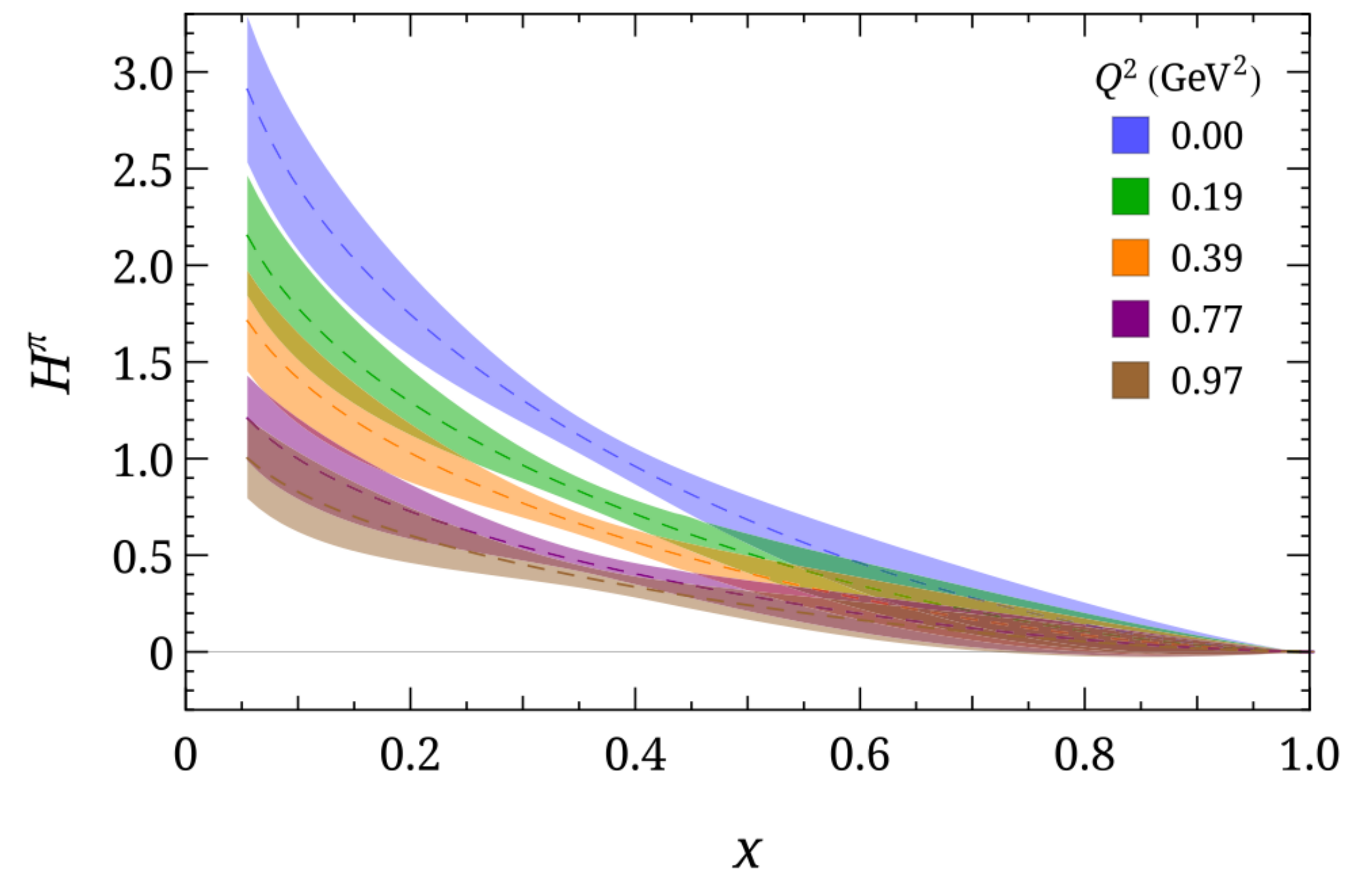
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Chávez et al., PRL 128 (2022) 20, 202501

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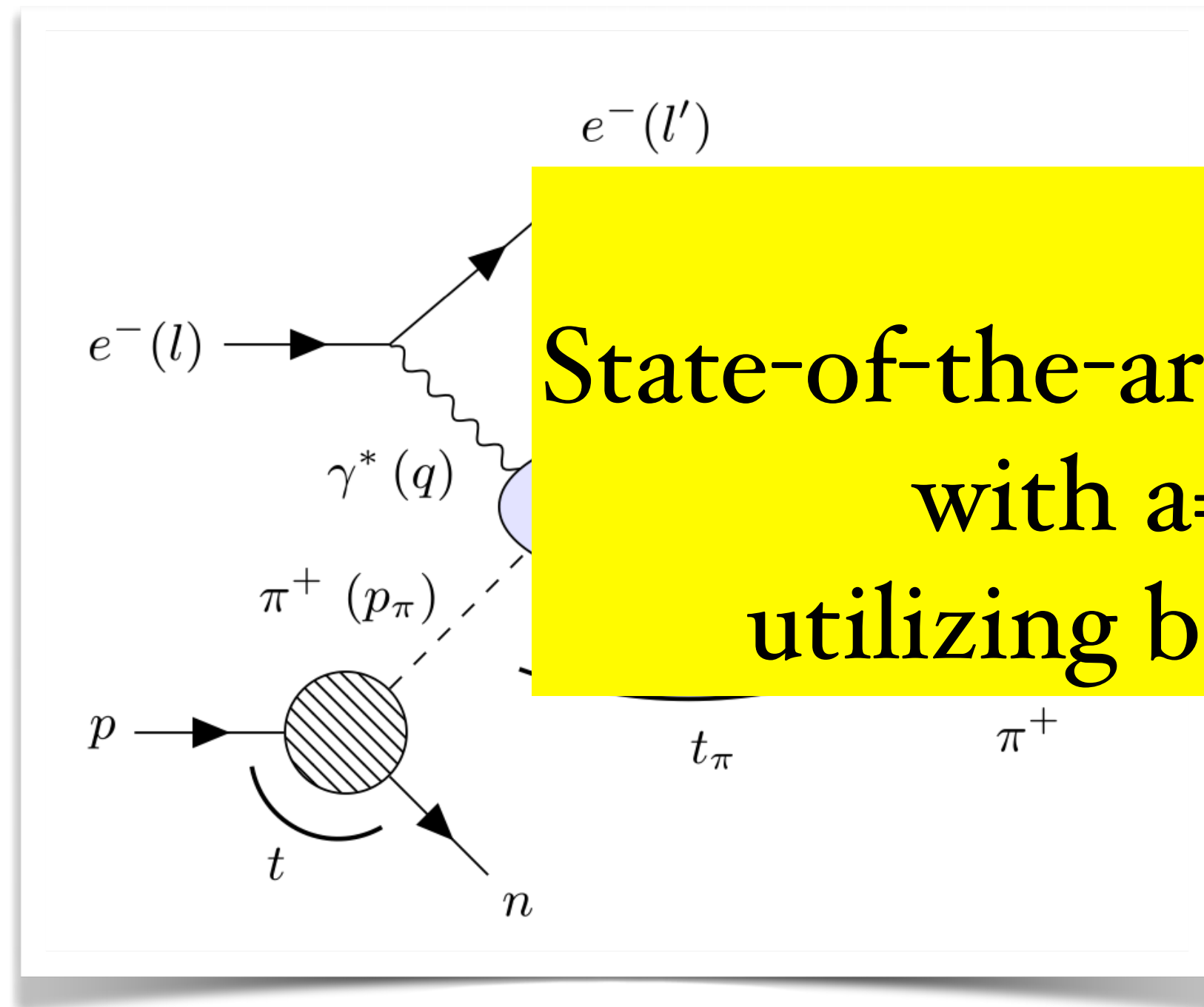


Limited LQCD results on Pion GPD
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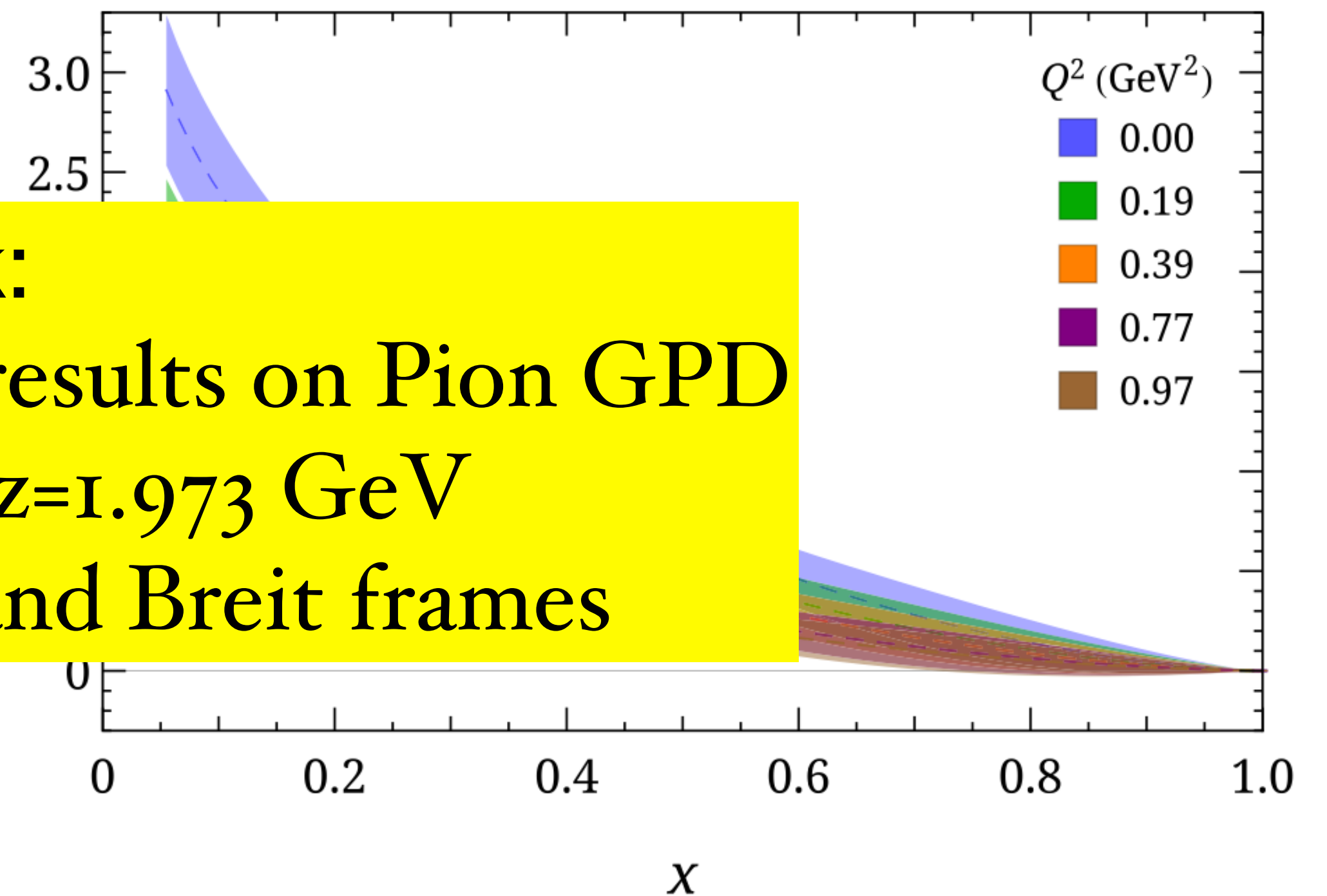
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In this talk:
State-of-the-art lattice QCD results on Pion GPD
with $a=0.04 \text{ fm}$ and $P_z=1.973 \text{ GeV}$
utilizing both non-Breit and Breit frames



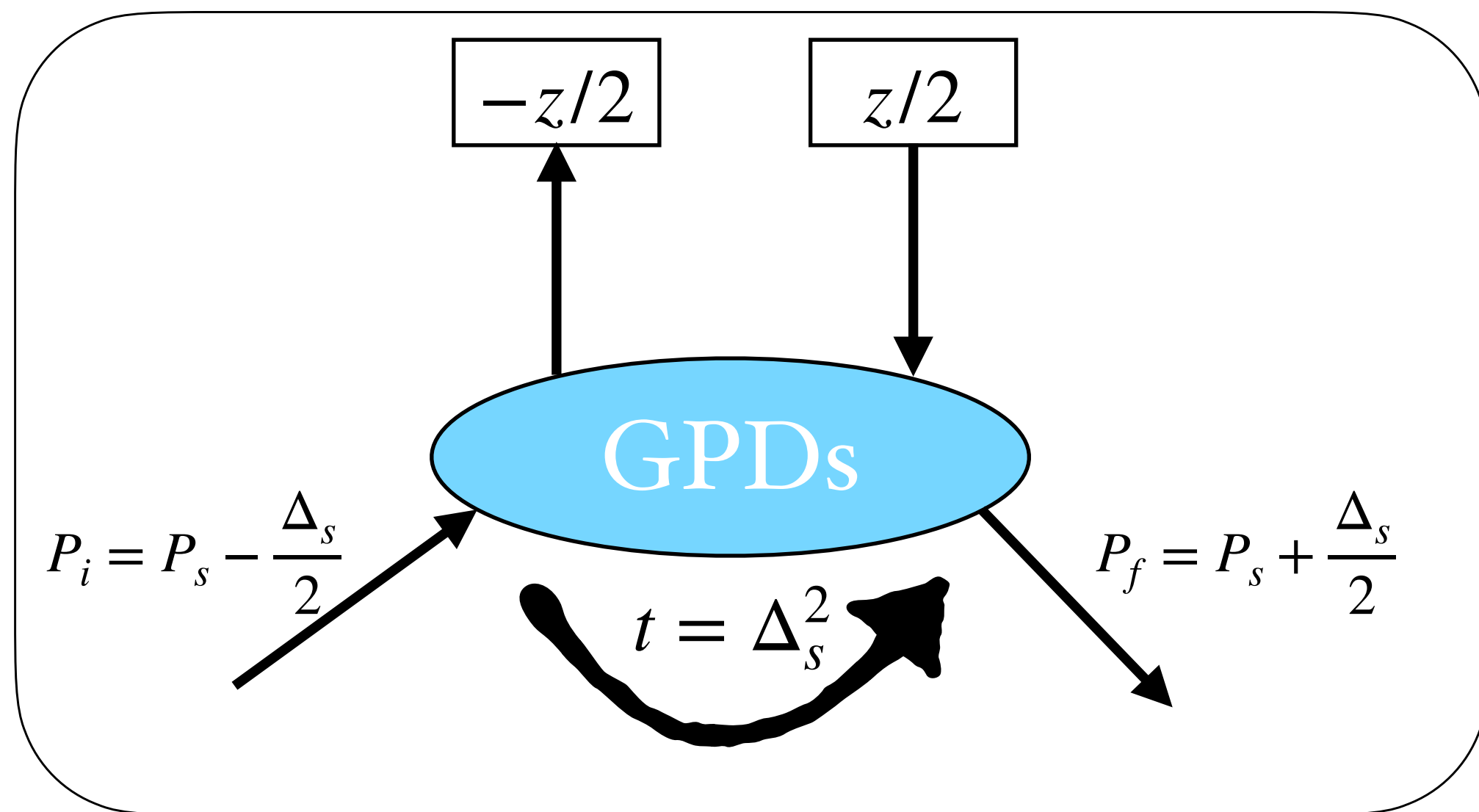
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Pion Generalized Parton Distributions

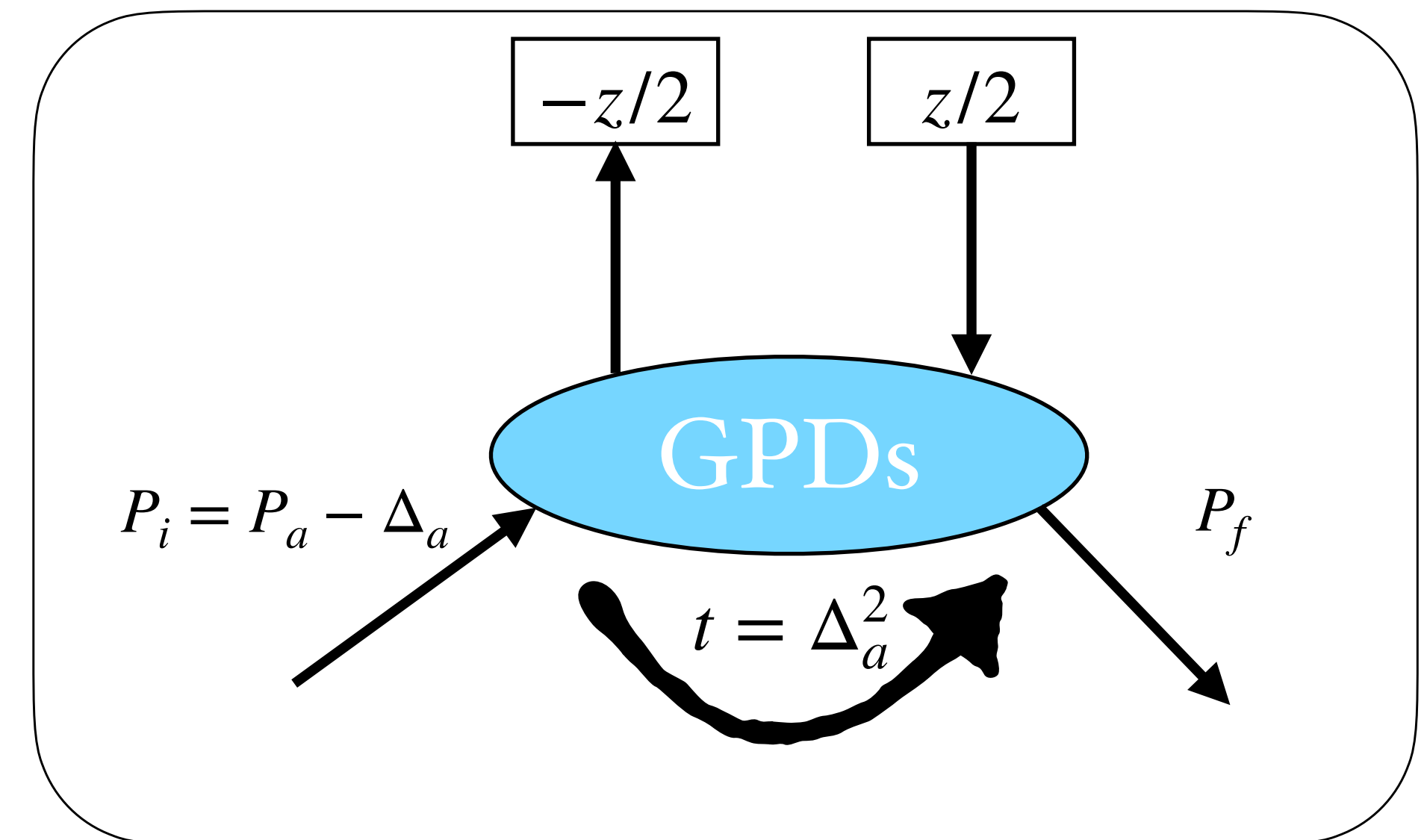
$$M^\mu(z, \bar{P}, \Delta) = \langle \pi(P_f) | O^{\gamma_\mu}(z) | \pi(P_i) \rangle \quad O^{\gamma_\mu}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\bar{u}(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^\mu \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}} u(\frac{z}{2}) - \bar{d}(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^\mu \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}} d(\frac{z}{2}) \right]$$

In Lattice QCD, each P_f requires a separate computation



Symmetric frame

Traditional way: vary P_f to obtain different momentum transfer



Asymmetric frame

Novel way: fix P_f , vary t

Frame independent approach

Bhattacharya et al., PRD 106 (2022) 114512

$$M^\mu(z, \bar{P}, \Delta) = \langle \pi(P_f) | O^{\gamma_\mu}(z) | \pi(P_i) \rangle \quad O^{\gamma_\mu}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\bar{u}(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^\mu \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}} u(\frac{z}{2}) - \bar{d}(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^\mu \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}} d(\frac{z}{2}) \right]$$

Express the matrix element in terms of Lorentz-invariant A_i

$$M^\mu(z, \bar{P}, \Delta) = \bar{P}^\mu A_1 + m_\pi^2 z^\mu A_2 + \Delta^\mu A_3 \quad \bar{P}^\mu = (p_f^\mu + p_i^\mu)/2, \Delta^\mu = p_f^\mu - p_i^\mu$$

M can be extracted from the ratio of 2-pt and 3-pt correlation functions of pions

Frame independent GPD H can be expressed as

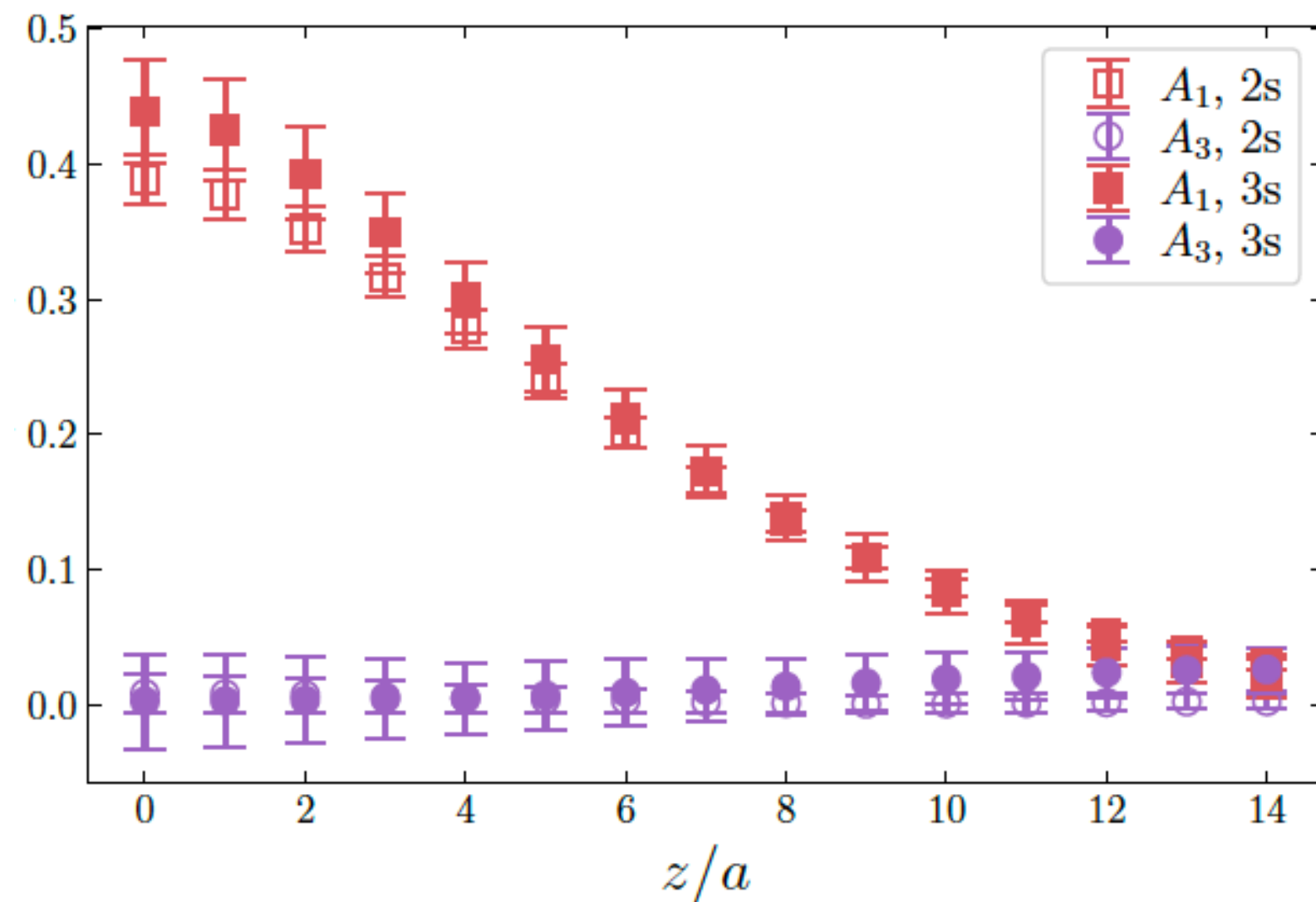
$$H(P, z, \Delta) = A_1 + \frac{z \cdot Q}{z \cdot P} A_3 \quad \text{with} \quad A_3(-z \cdot Q) = -A_3(z \cdot Q) \longrightarrow A_3(z \cdot Q = 0) = 0$$

$$A_1(\text{Sym}) \sim A_1(\text{Asym})$$

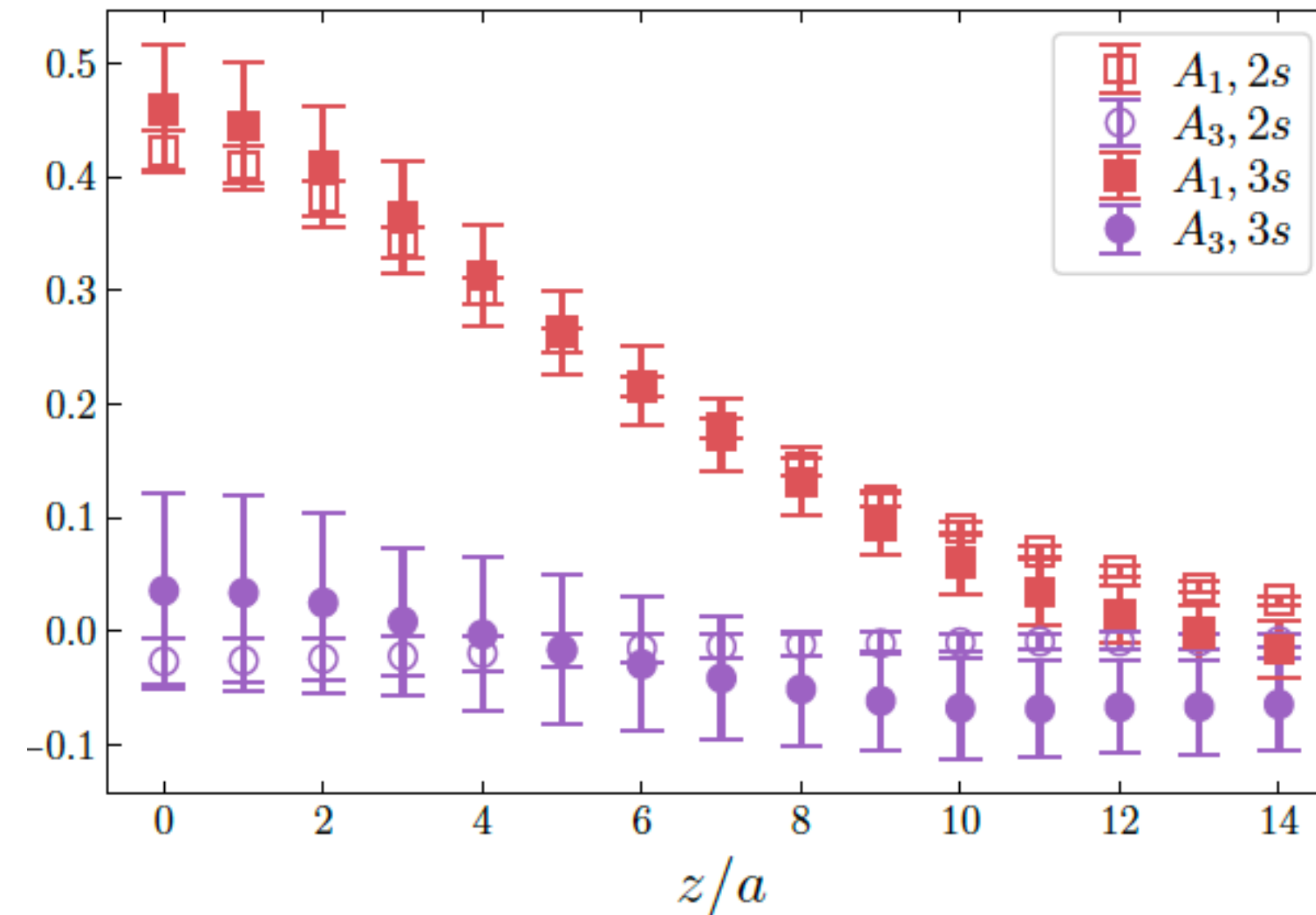
A_i in Breit and non-Breit frames

$P_z = 0.968 \text{ GeV}$

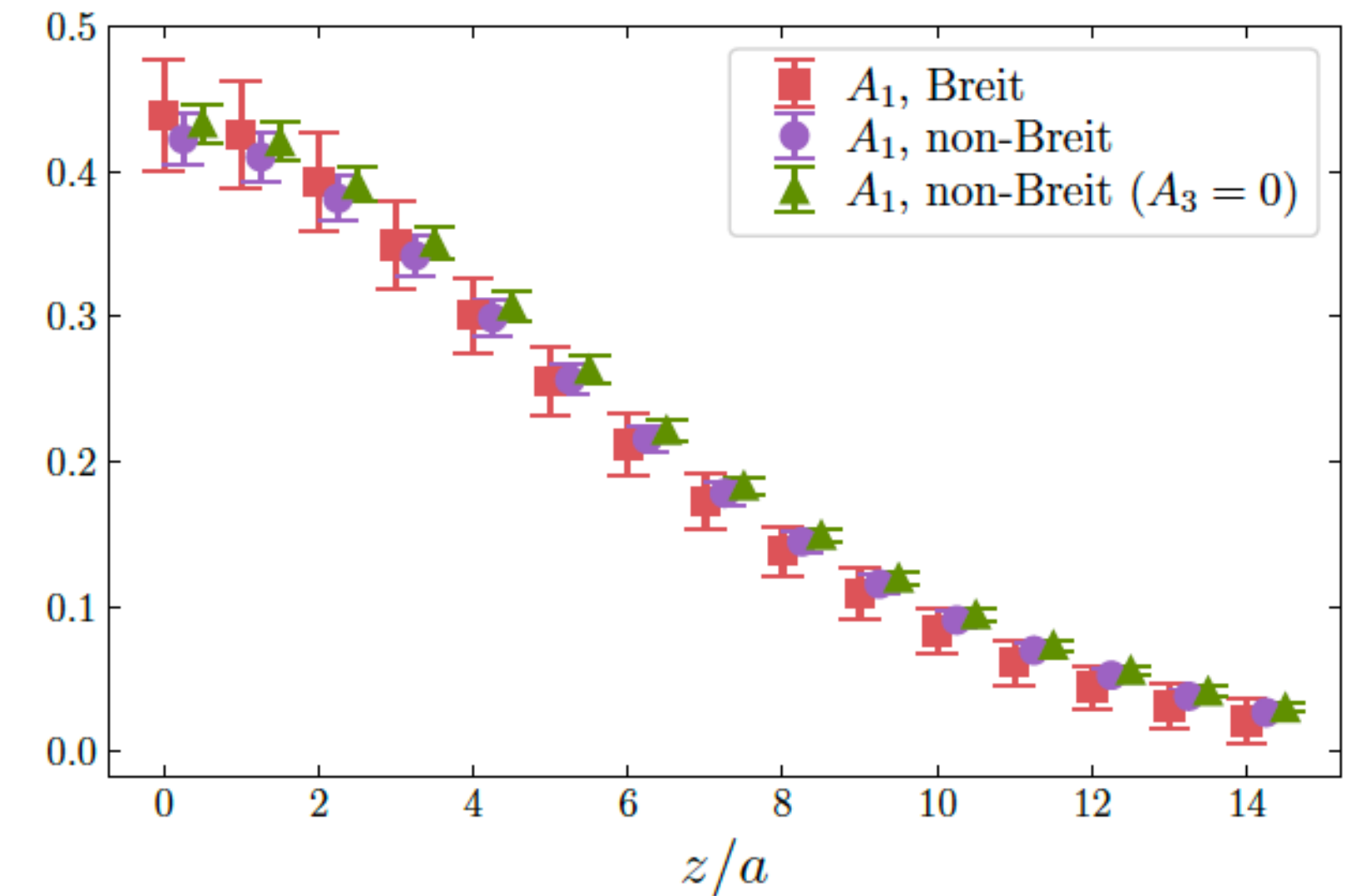
A_1 & A_3 in the Breit frame



A_1 & A_3 in the non-Breit frame



A_1 in both frames

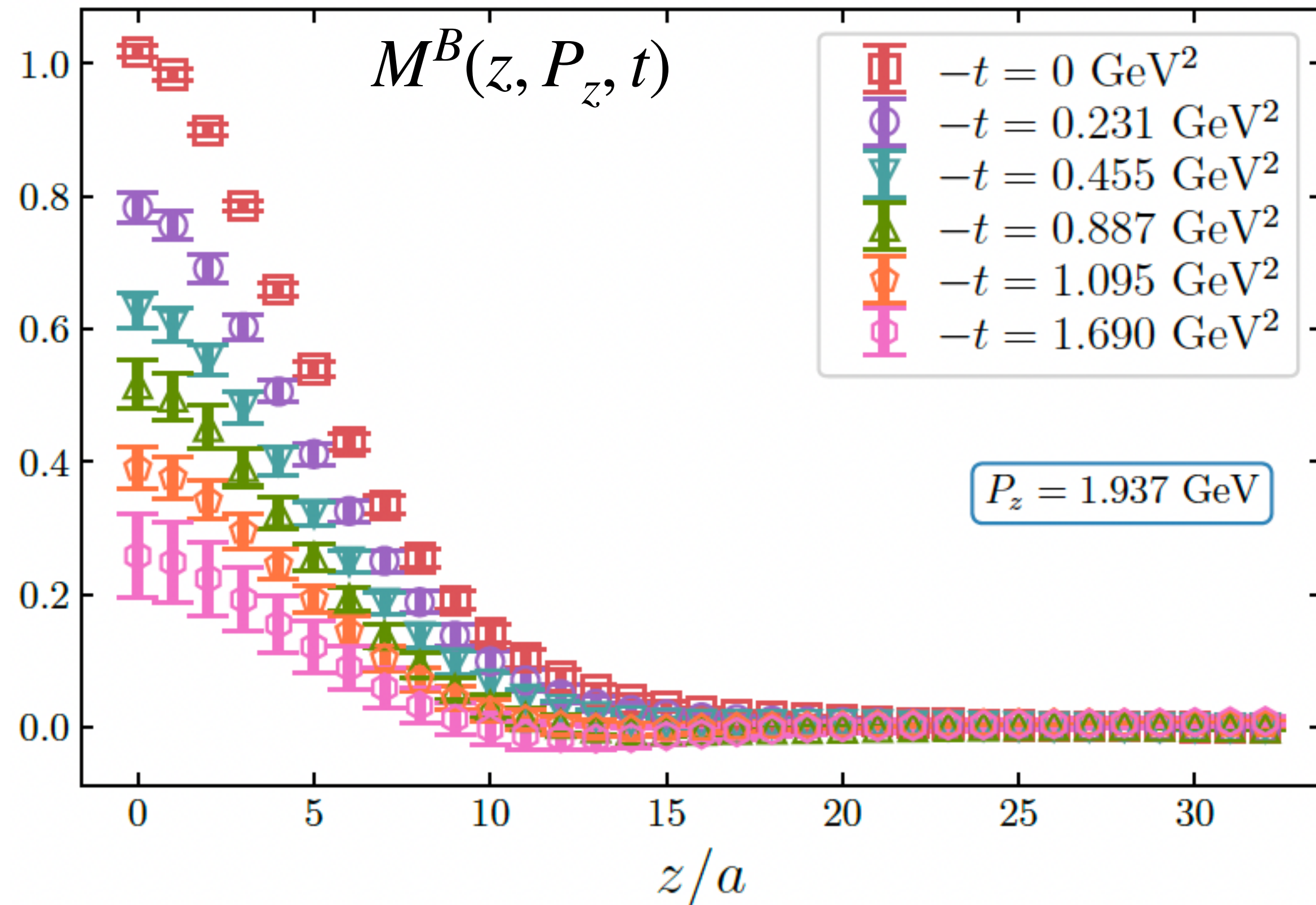


 In both frames: $A_3 \approx 0$; $A_1(\text{Breit}) \approx A_1(\text{non-Breit})$



Feasible to extract A_1 from non-Breit frame

Recipe to obtain light-cone GPD



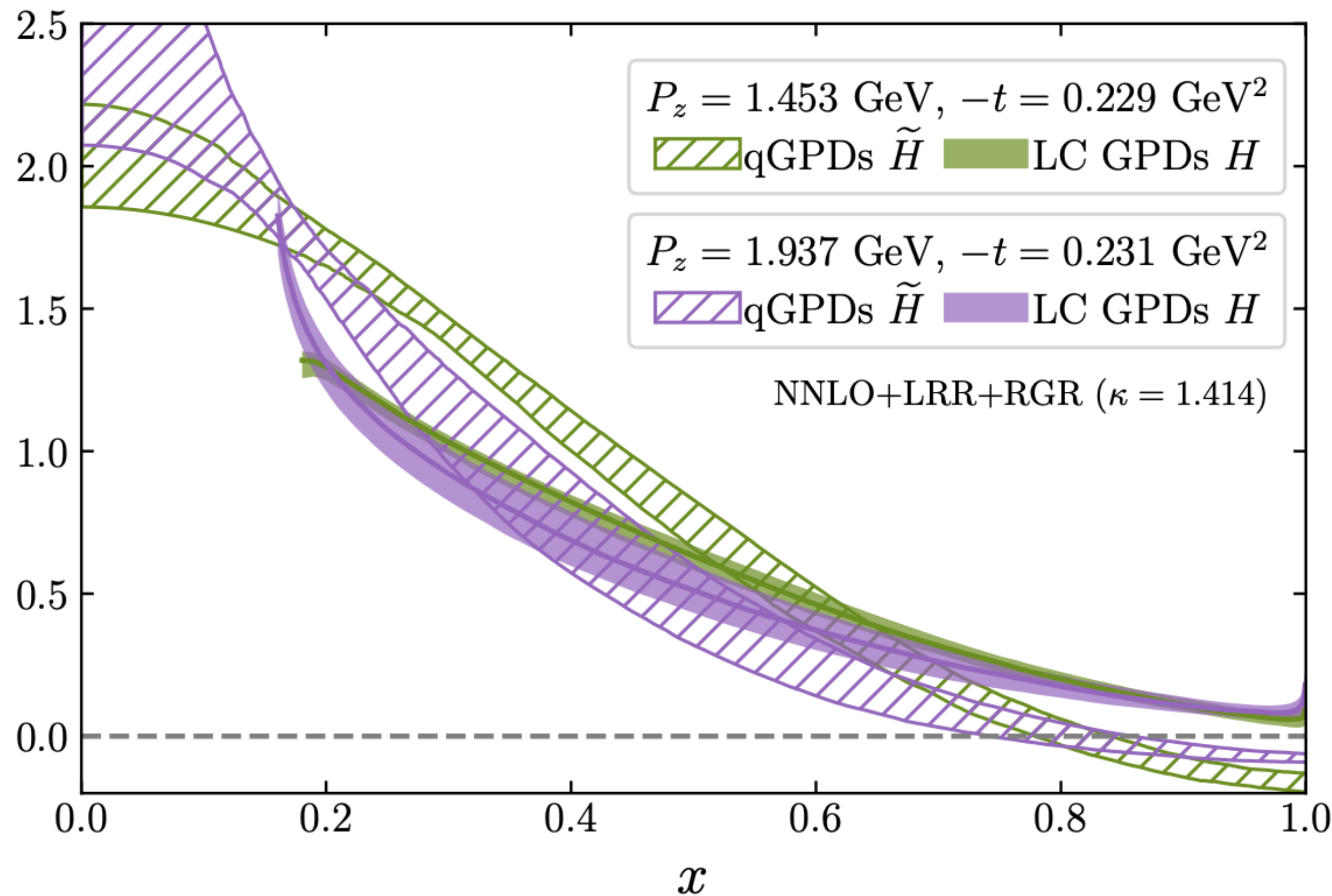
I: Renormalization of $M^B \longrightarrow M^R$

II: $M^R \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier transform}} \text{quasi-GPD}$

III: quasi-GPD $\xrightarrow{\text{LaMET}} \text{Light cone GPD}$

III: Light-cone GPD H from quasi-GPD $\tilde{H}$

$$H(x, \mu, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{|k|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{|y|} \mathcal{C}_{\text{evo}}^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{k}, \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right) \times \mathcal{C}^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{y}, \frac{\mu_0}{yP_z}, |y|\lambda_s \right) \tilde{H}(y, P_z, t, z_s, \mu_0)$$

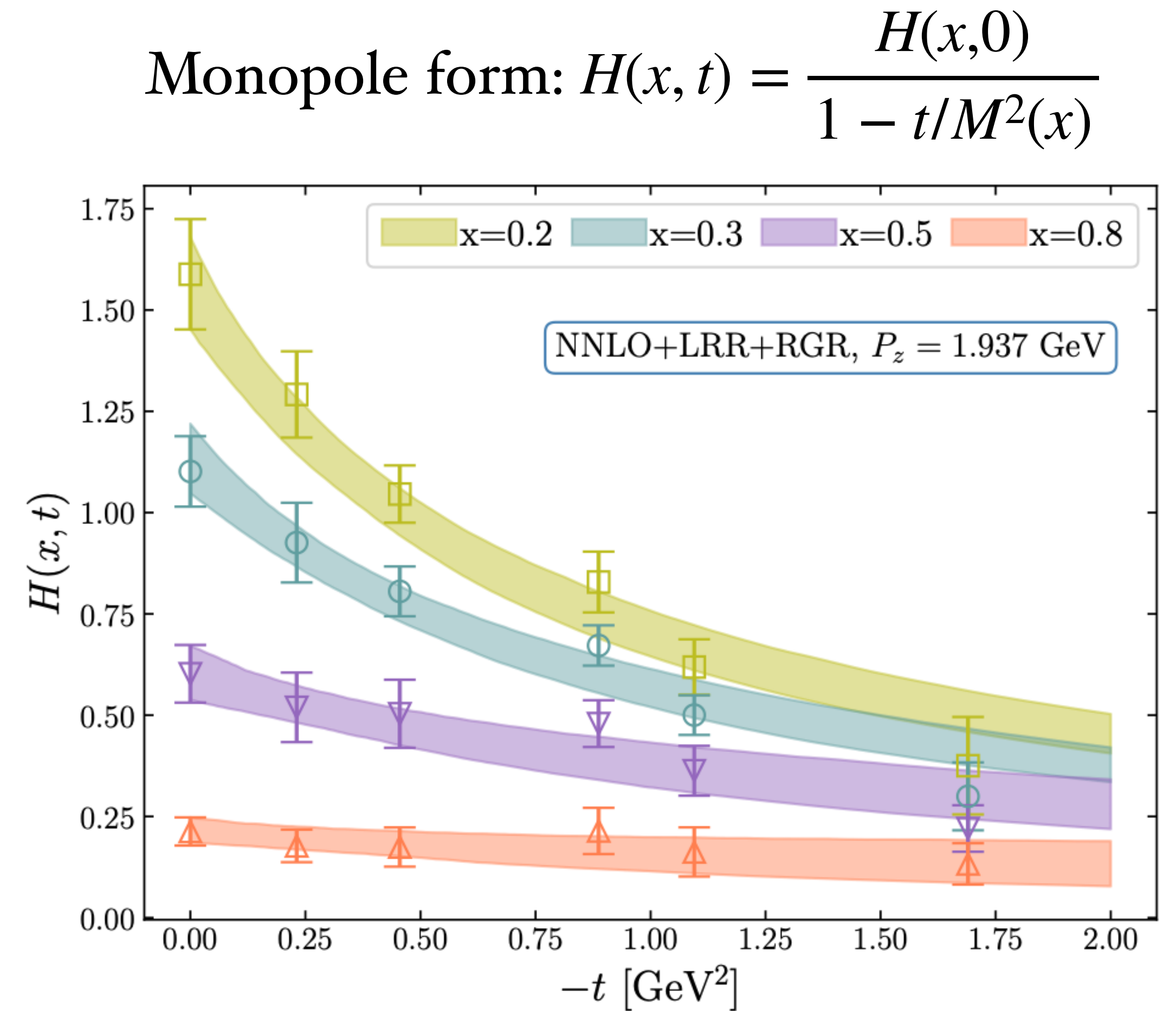
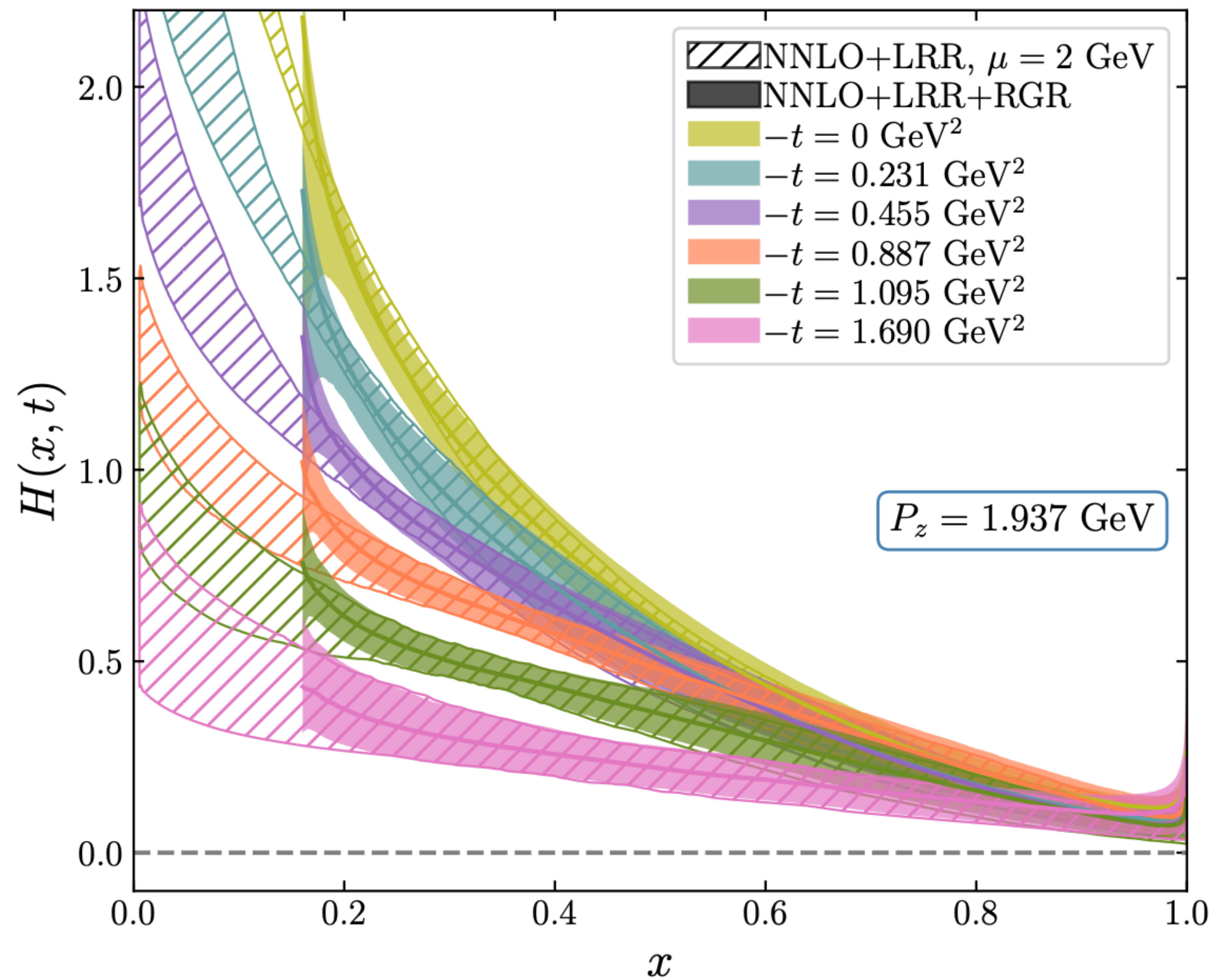


Perturbative matching

Significant at small and large x

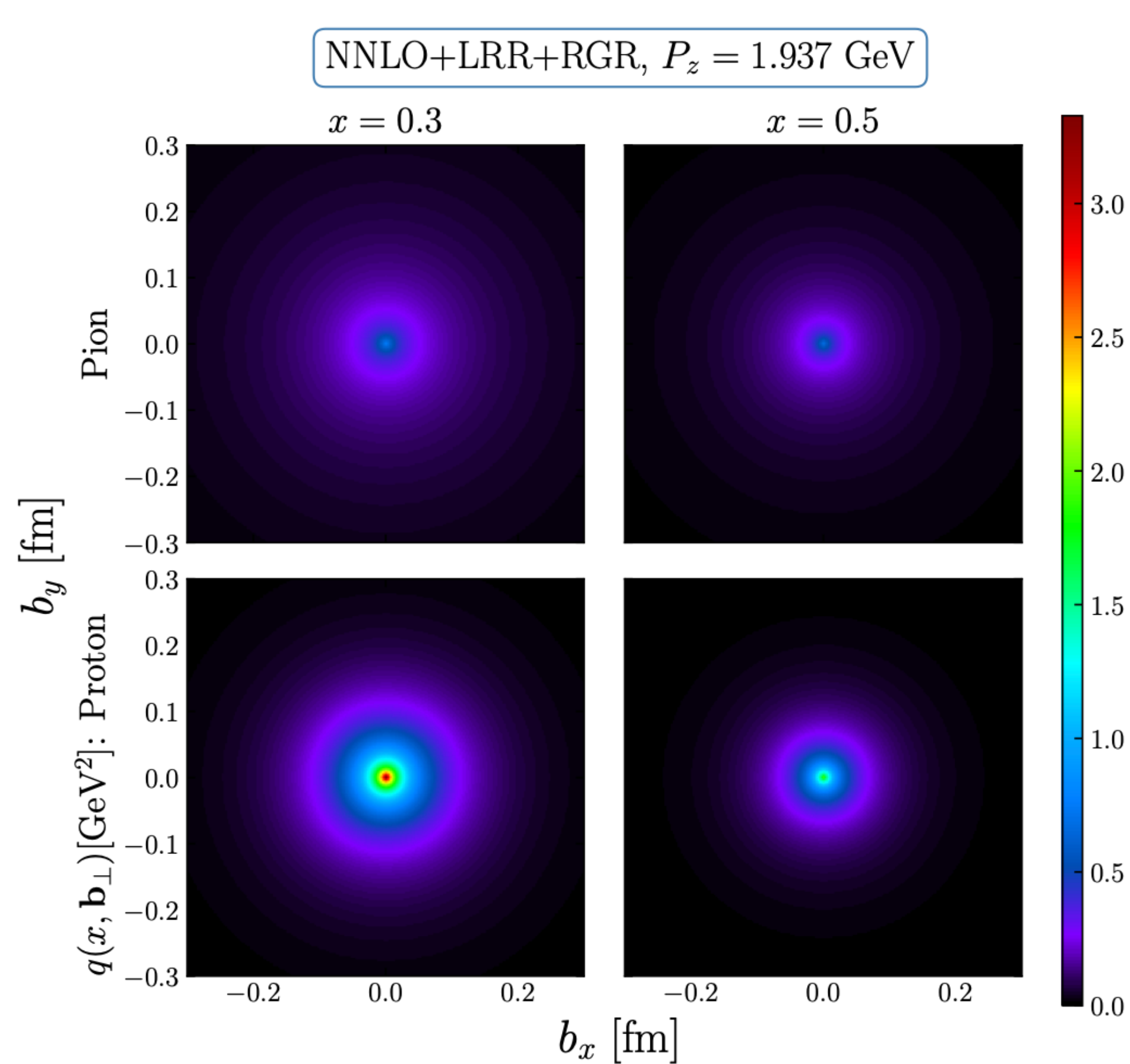
Reduction of P_z dependence

Pion light-cone GPDs

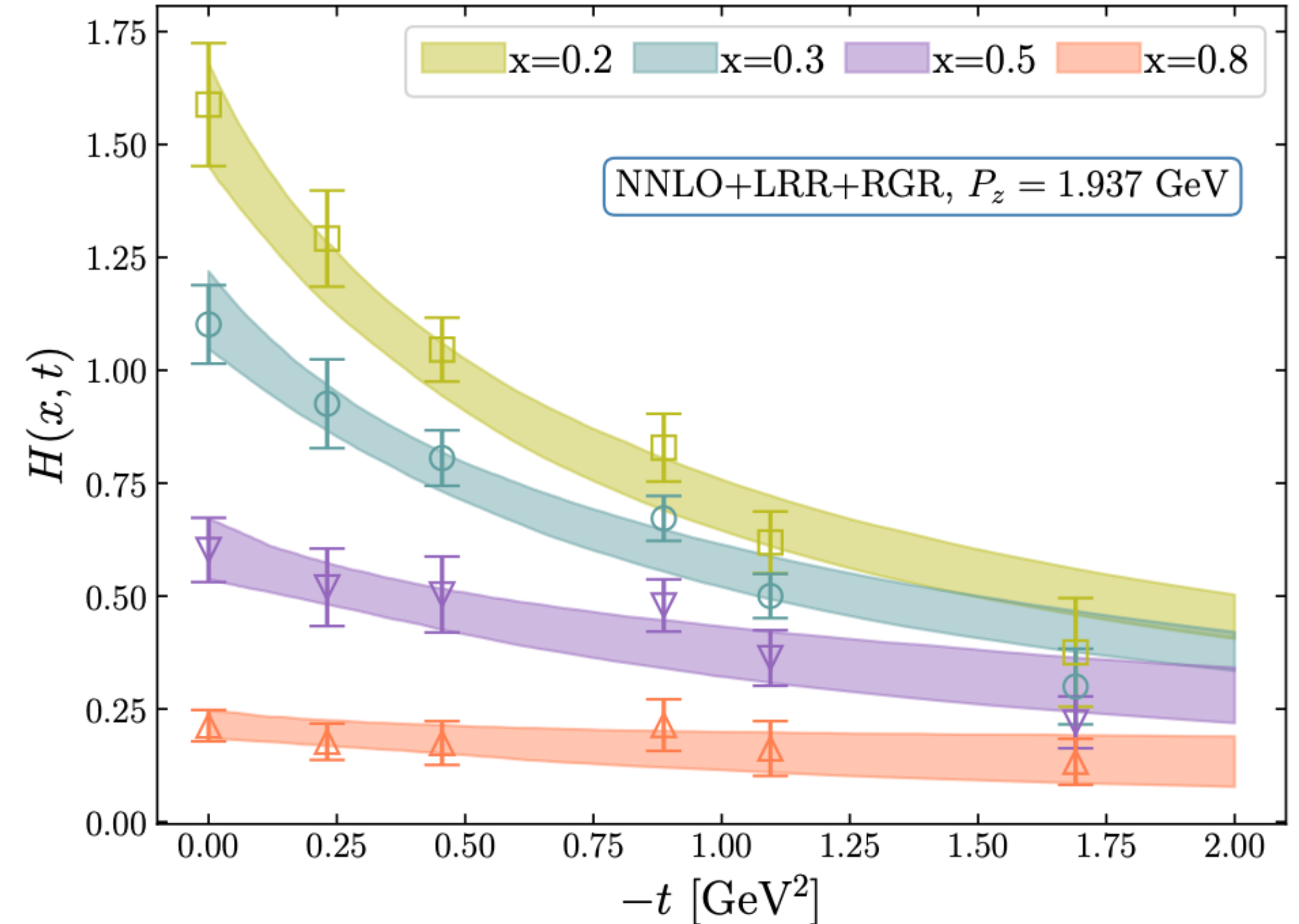


Impact-parameter-space Parton Distributions (IPD)

$$q(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} H(x, \Delta_\perp^2) e^{i\mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \Delta_\perp}$$



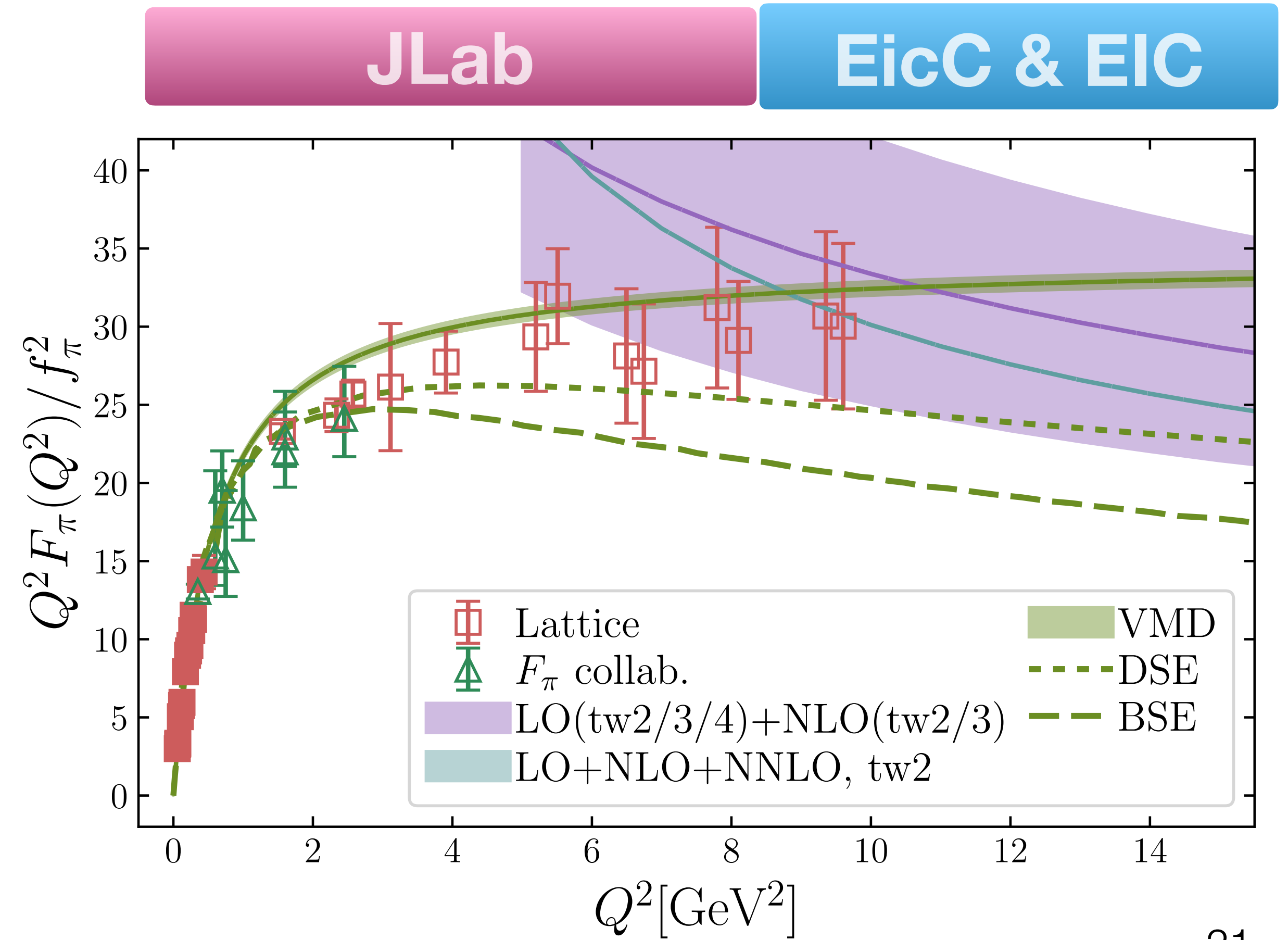
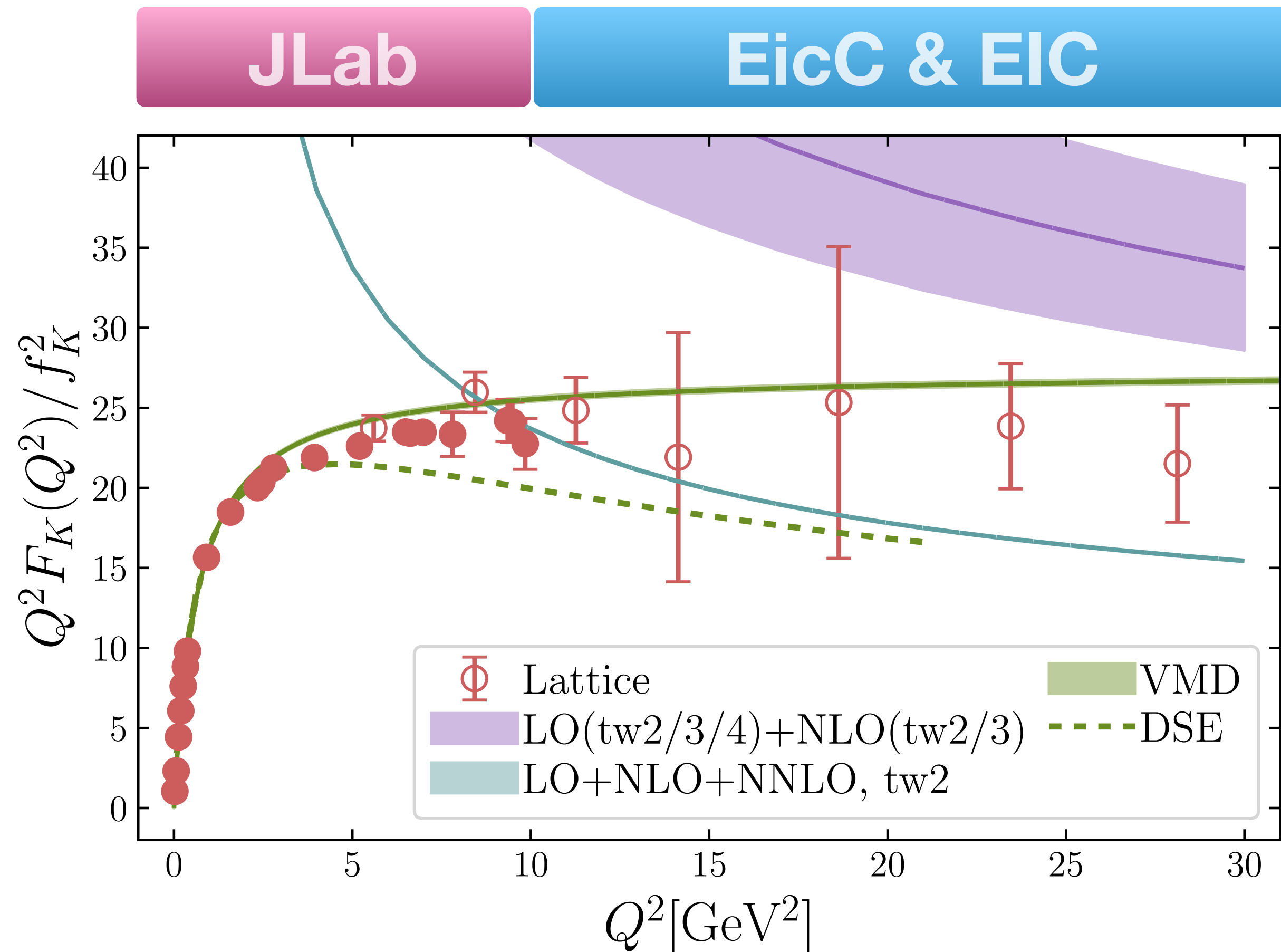
Monopole form: $H(x, t) = \frac{H(x, 0)}{1 - t/M^2(x)}$



Data of proton from Cichy et al., arXiv:2304.14970

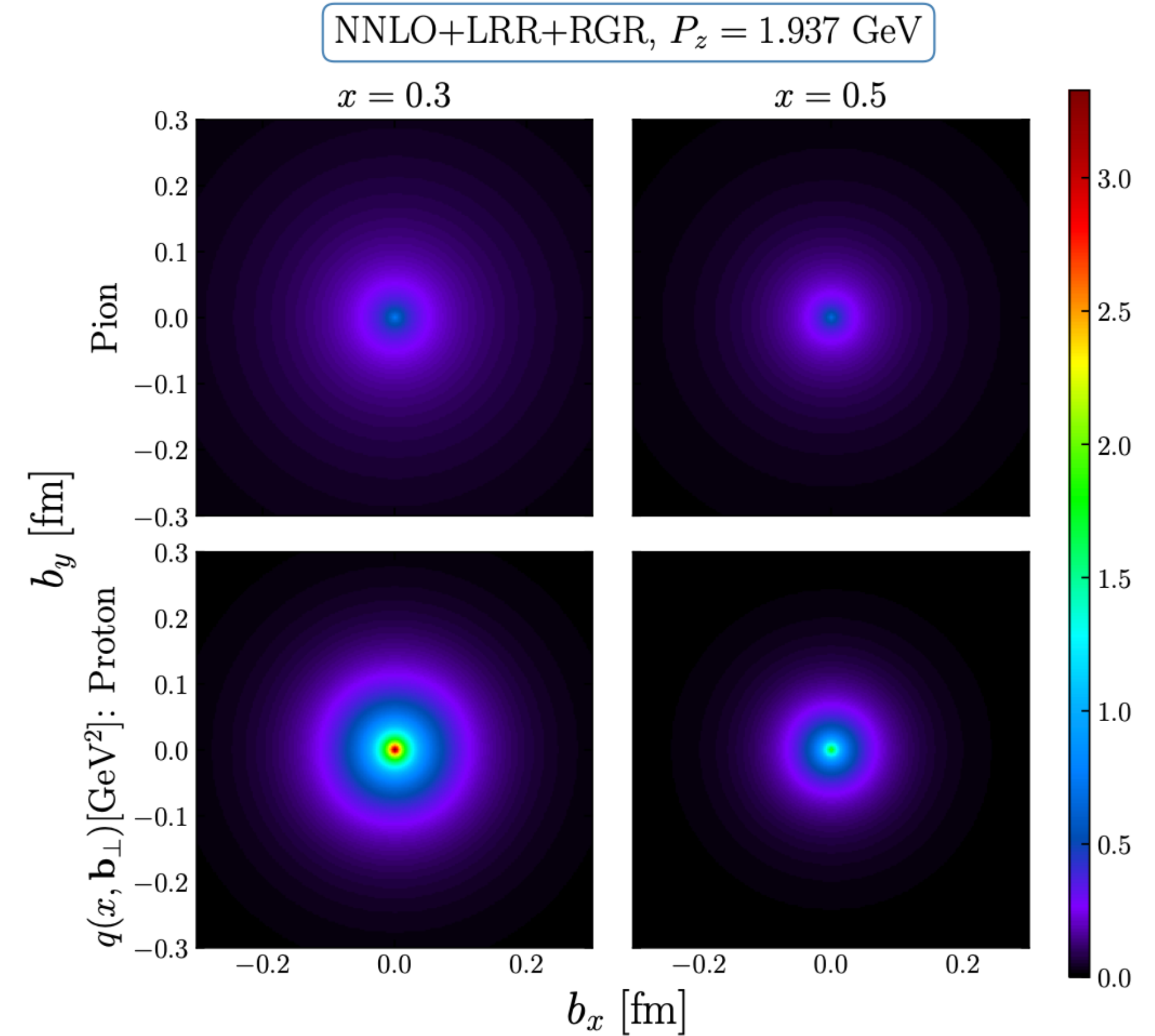
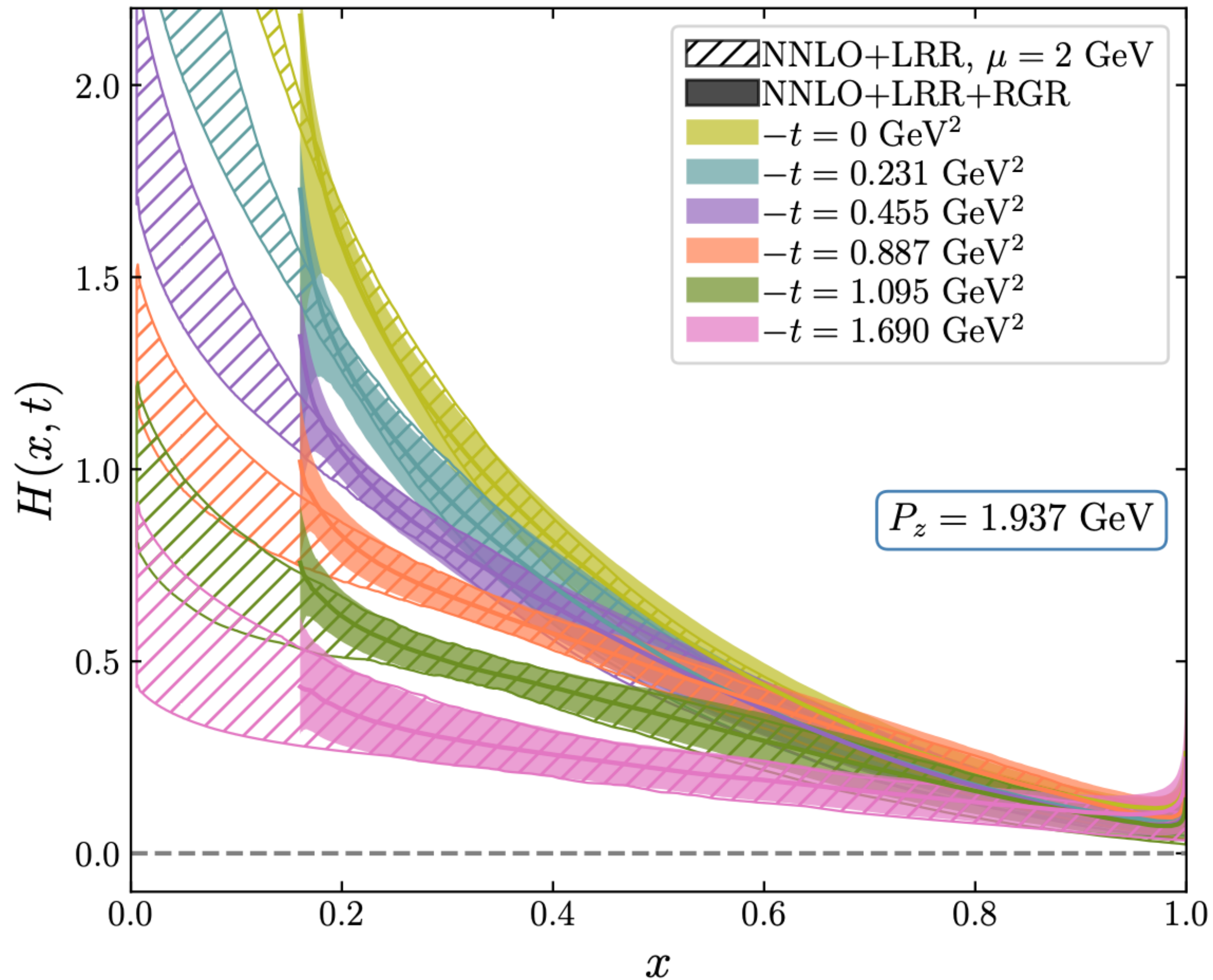
Summary

- ✓ A first LQCD prediction of Kaon and Pion electromagnetic form factors with Q^2 up to ~ 28 and 10 GeV^2 , respectively



Summary

- ☑ State-of-the-art lattice QCD computations of the Pion GPD in the non-Breit frame



Backup

I: Renormalization: Hybrid scheme

linear divergence

$$M^{\text{B}}(z, a) = Z(a) e^{-\delta m(a)|z|} e^{-\bar{m}_0|z|} M^{\text{R}}(z, a)$$

*z-independent
logarithmic
divergence*

address the scheme dependence of δm &
to match the lattice scheme to the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

📌 Hybrid scheme: short and long distances

Ji et al., NPB 964 (2021) 115311

$$M^{\text{R}}(z, z_s; P_z, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{M^{\text{B}}(z, P_z, t)}{M^{\text{B}}(z, 0, 0)}, & |z| \leq |z_s|; \\ \frac{M^{\text{B}}(z, P_z, t)}{M^{\text{B}}(z_s, 0, 0)} e^{(\delta m + \bar{m}_0)|z - z_s|}, & |z| > |z_s|. \end{cases}$$

• $a\delta m = 0.1508(12)$ for $a = 0.04\text{fm}$

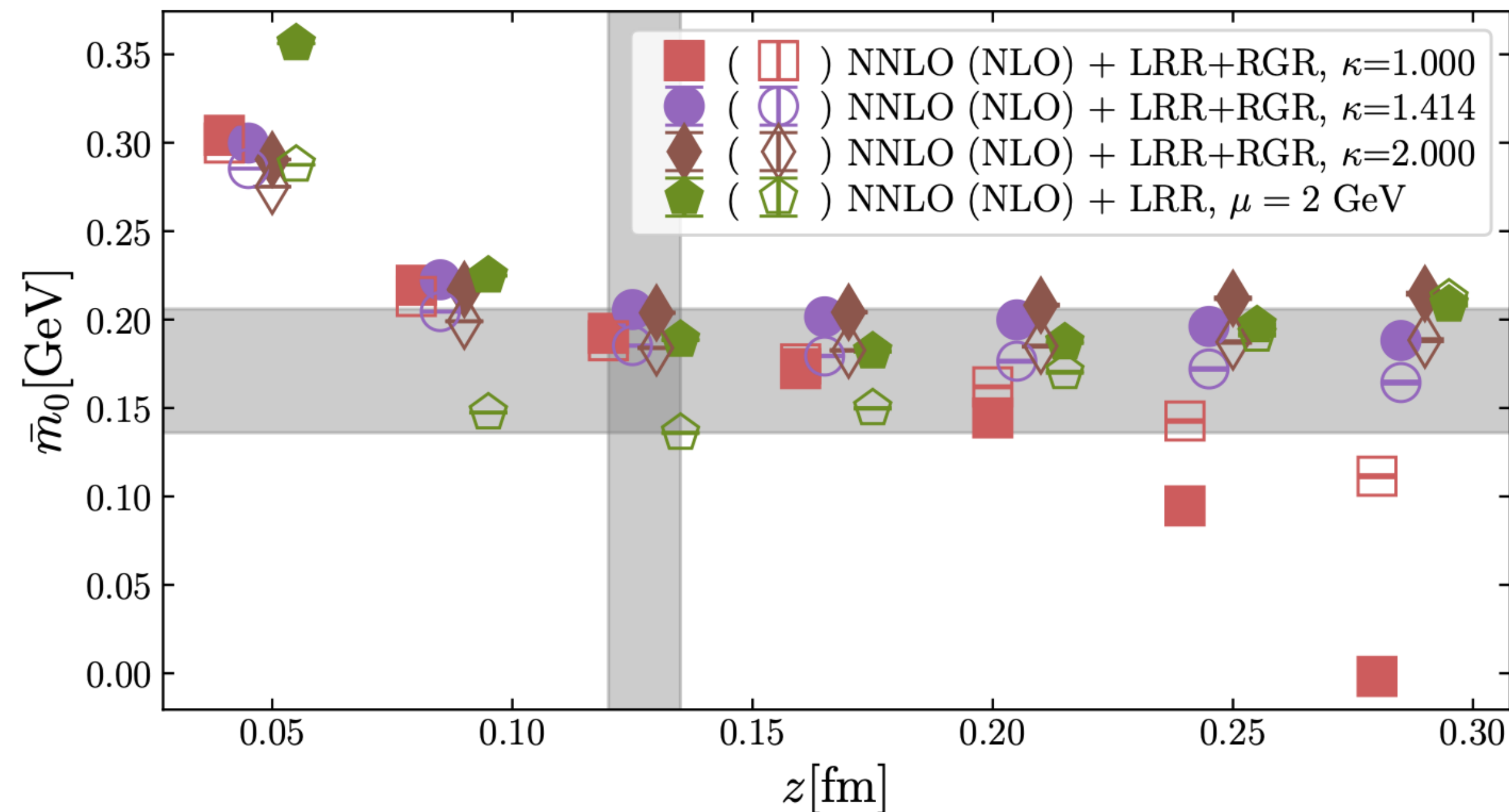
Gao et al., PRL 128 (2022) 142003

Determination of $\bar{m}_0$

Lattice results at Pz=t=0

$\overline{\text{MS}}$ OPE expression

$$e^{(\delta m + \bar{m}_0)\delta z} \frac{M^{\text{B}}(z + \delta z)}{M^{\text{B}}(z)} = \frac{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu_0(z + \delta z)), \mu_0^2(z + \delta z)^2)}{C_0(\alpha_s(\mu_0(z)), \mu_0^2 z^2)} \times \exp \left[\int_{\alpha_s(\mu_0(z + \delta z))}^{\alpha_s(\mu_0(z))} \frac{d\alpha_s(\mu')}{\beta[\alpha_s(\mu')]} \gamma_0[\alpha_s(\mu')] \right]$$



• Wilson coefficient: C_0

NNLO or NLO

+ Leading Renormalon Resummation (LRR)

• Renormalization Group Resummation (RGR)

NNLL

• $\mu_0 = 2 \kappa e^{-\gamma_E} / |z|$

• γ_0 : the anomalous dimension of the quark bilinear operator, up to 3 loops

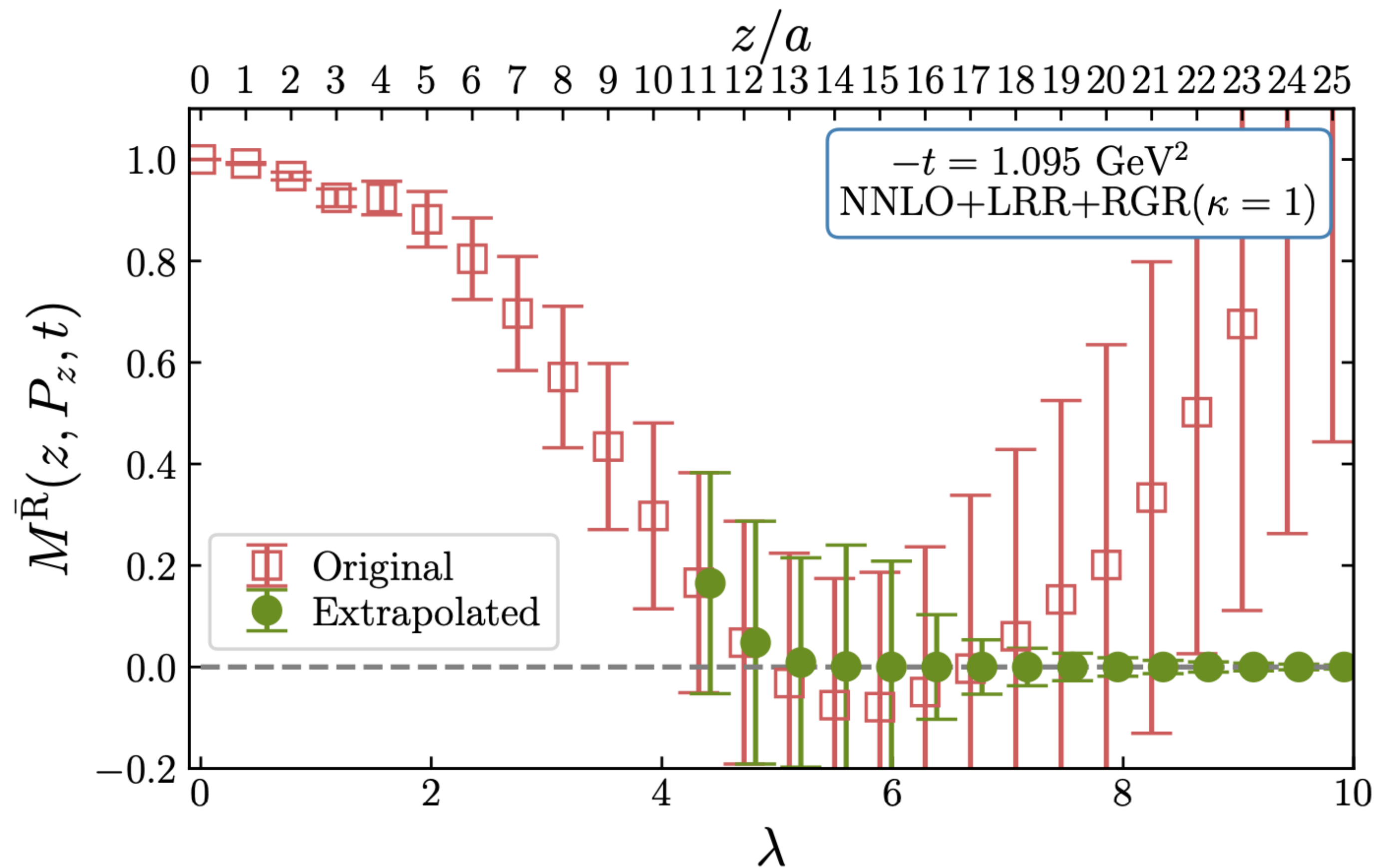
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Gao et al., PRD 103(2021)094504

Braun et al., JHEP 07(2004)161

II: quasi-GPD $\tilde{H}$ from the $M^{\bar{R}}$

$$\tilde{H}(x, P_z, t) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{ix\lambda} \tilde{H}_{\text{LI}}(zP_z, t, z^2) = F(P_z, t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{\pi} e^{ix\lambda} M^{\bar{R}}(z, P_z, t)$$



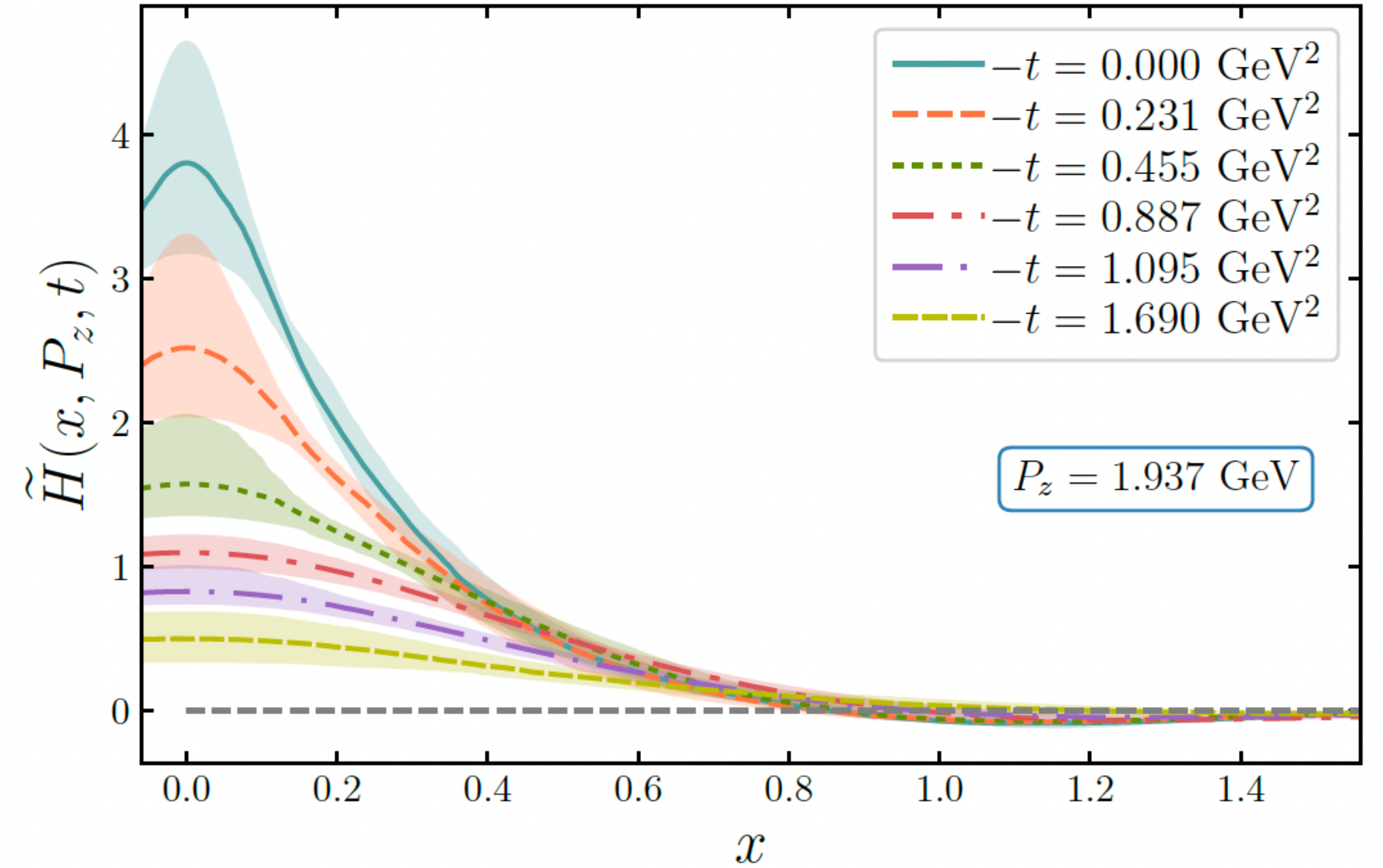
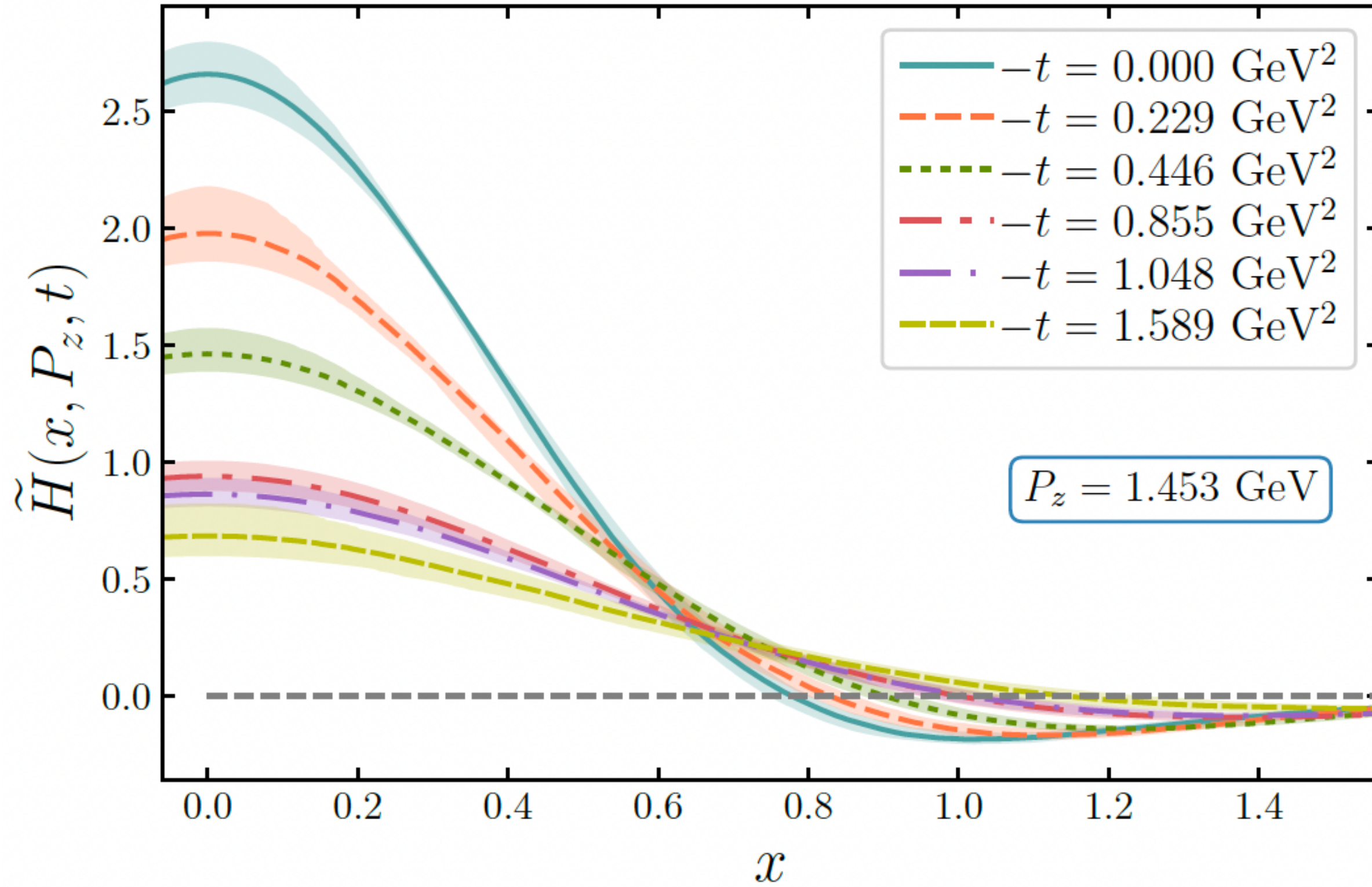
Unphysical oscillation in large λ

Extrapolation

$$M^{\bar{R}} = A \frac{e^{-mz}}{(zP_z)^d}$$

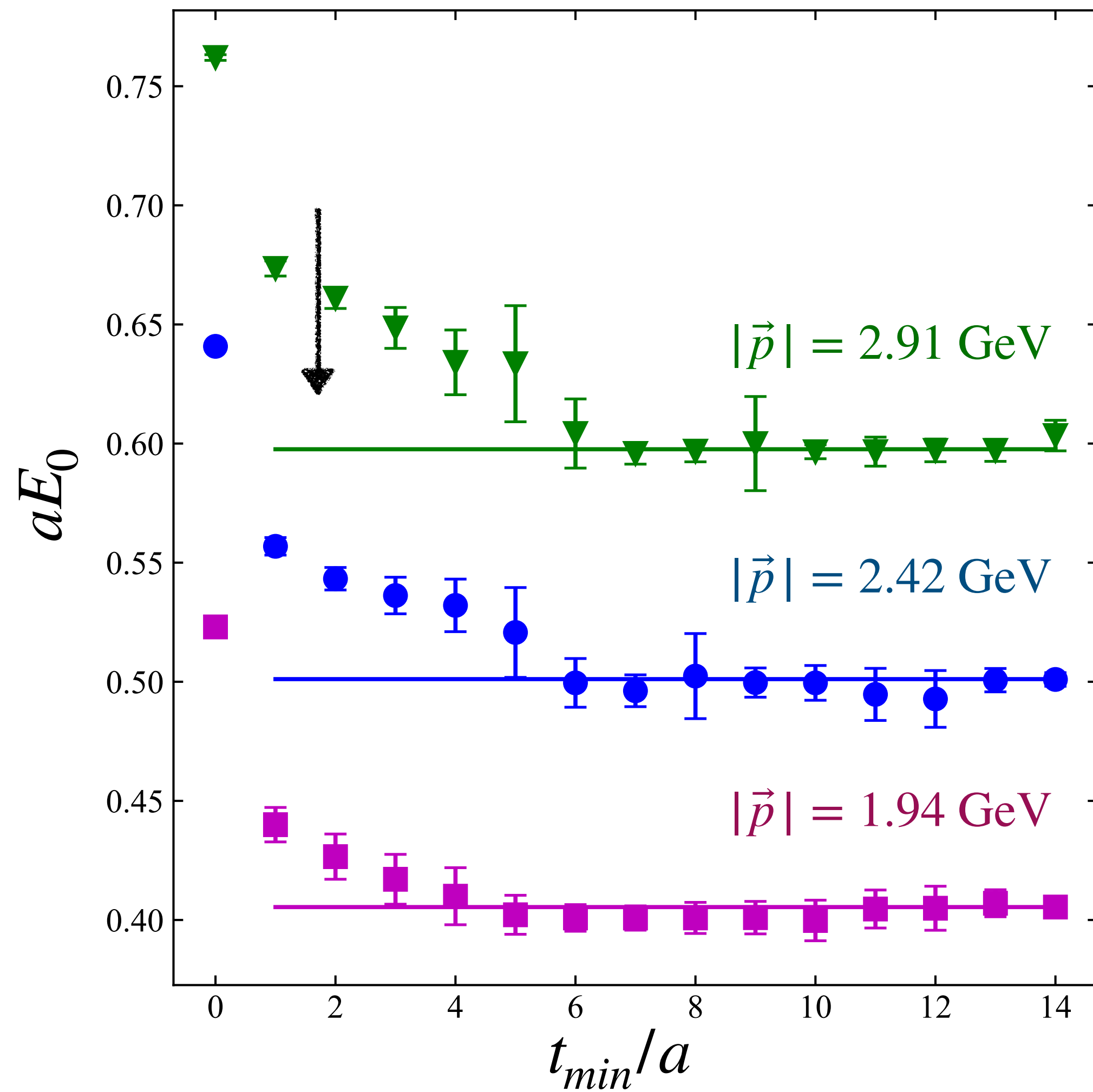
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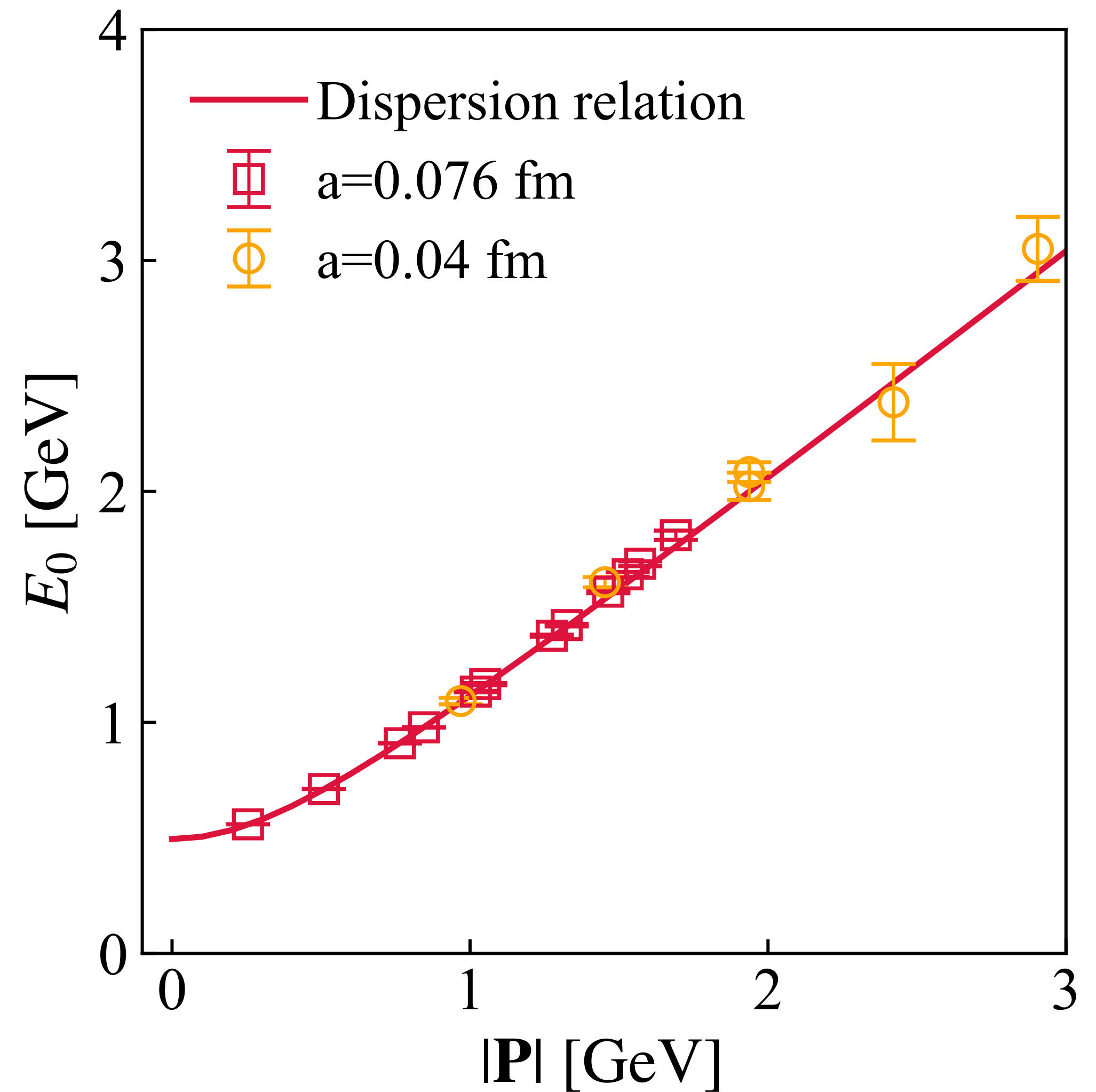


Kaon at large momentum

Dispersion relation $E_0(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{m_{K^+}^2 + \vec{p}^2}$

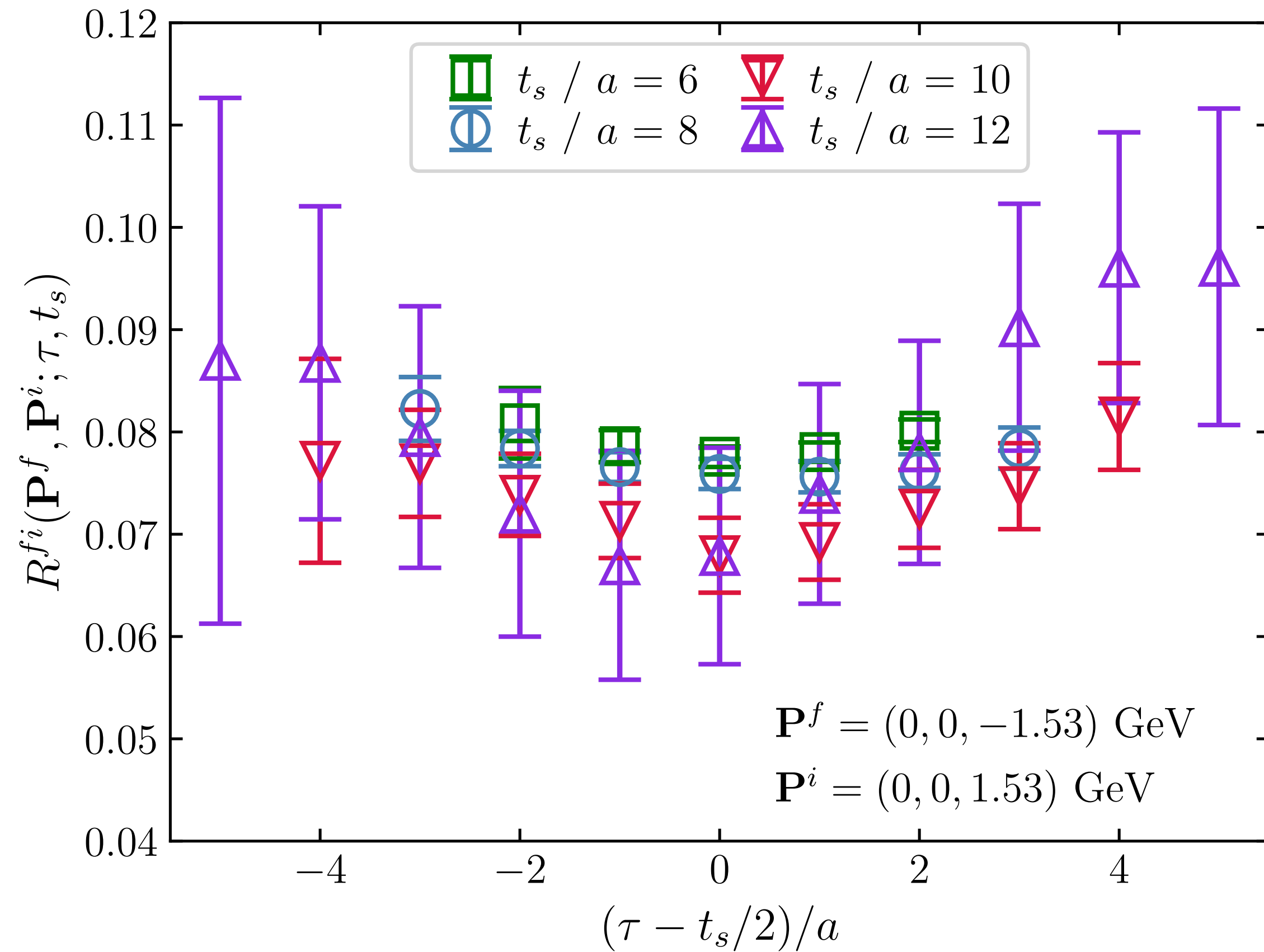


P up to ~3GeV

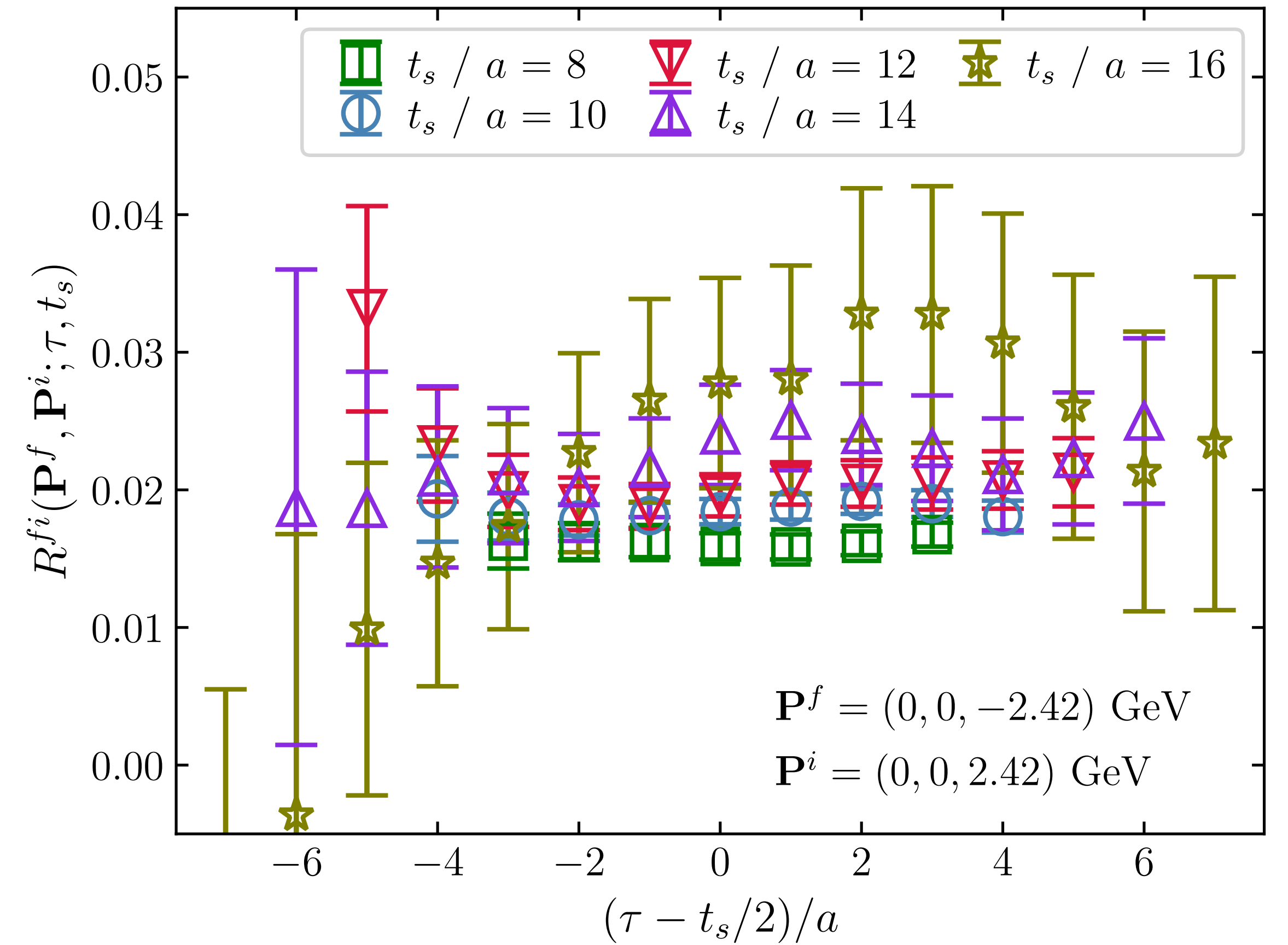


Lattice data of $R^{fi} \sim C_{3pt}/C_{2pt}$

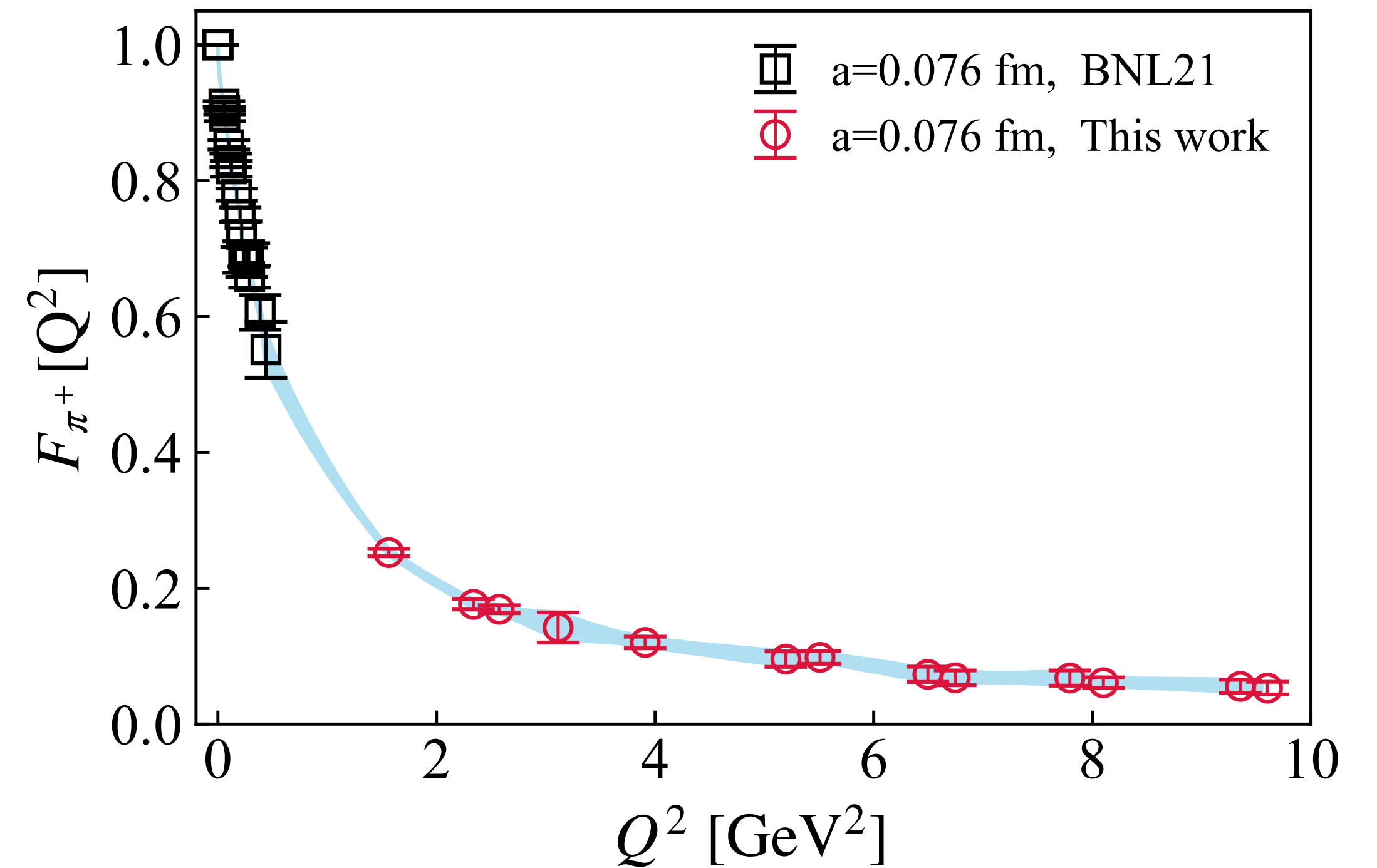
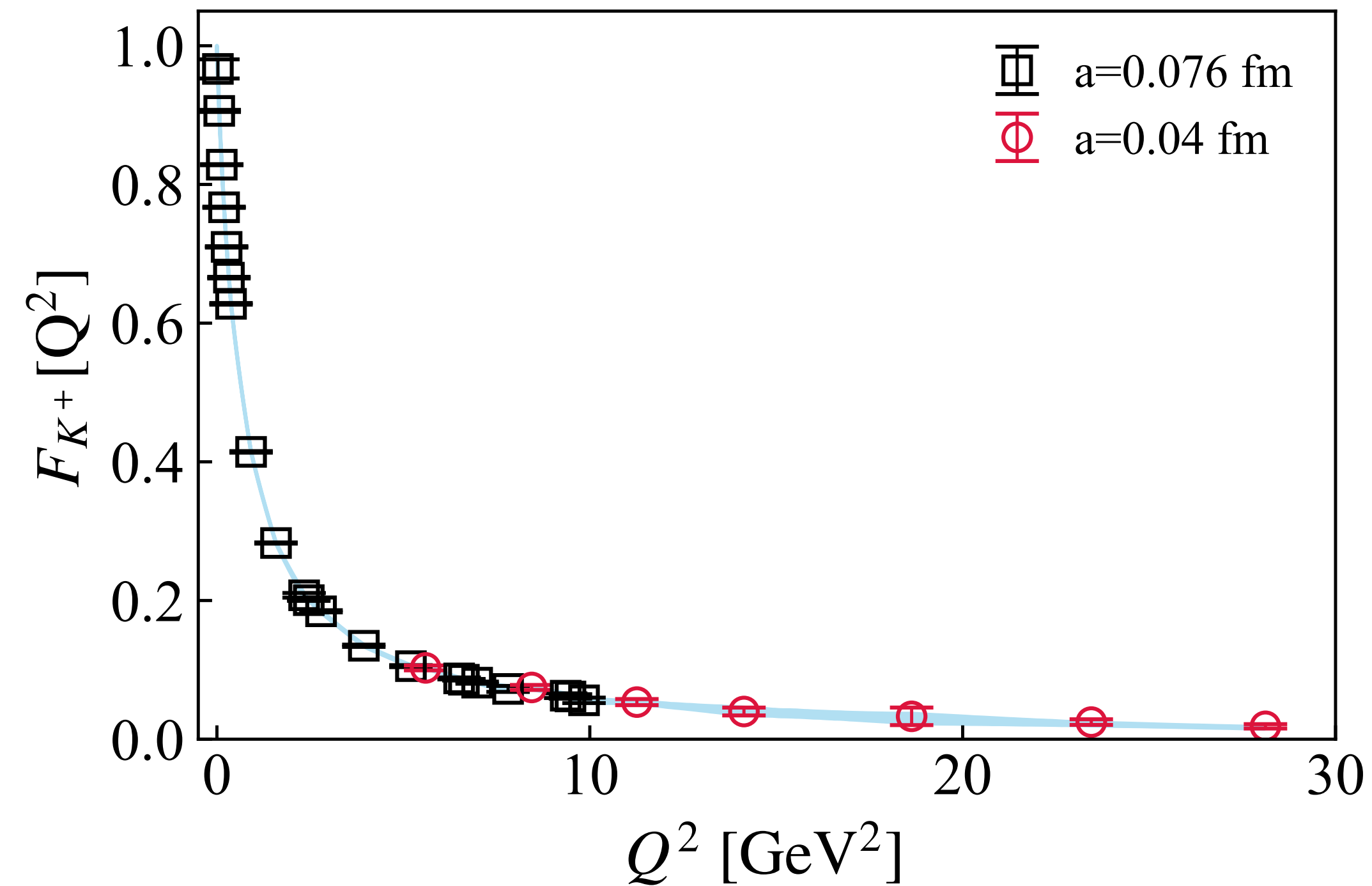
π^+ , $Q^2 = 9.4 \text{ GeV}^2$



K^+ , $Q^2 = 23.4 \text{ GeV}^2$



Renormalized Pion and Kaon form factors



$$F_M(Q^2 \rightarrow \infty) = 8\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)f_M^2/Q^2$$

$$Q^2 F_M(Q^2)/f_M^2 = 8\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)$$

Lattice QCD setup for GPD

📌 $N_f=2+1$ QCD on $64^3 \times 64$ lattices with $a=0.04$ fm ([HotQCD] configurations)

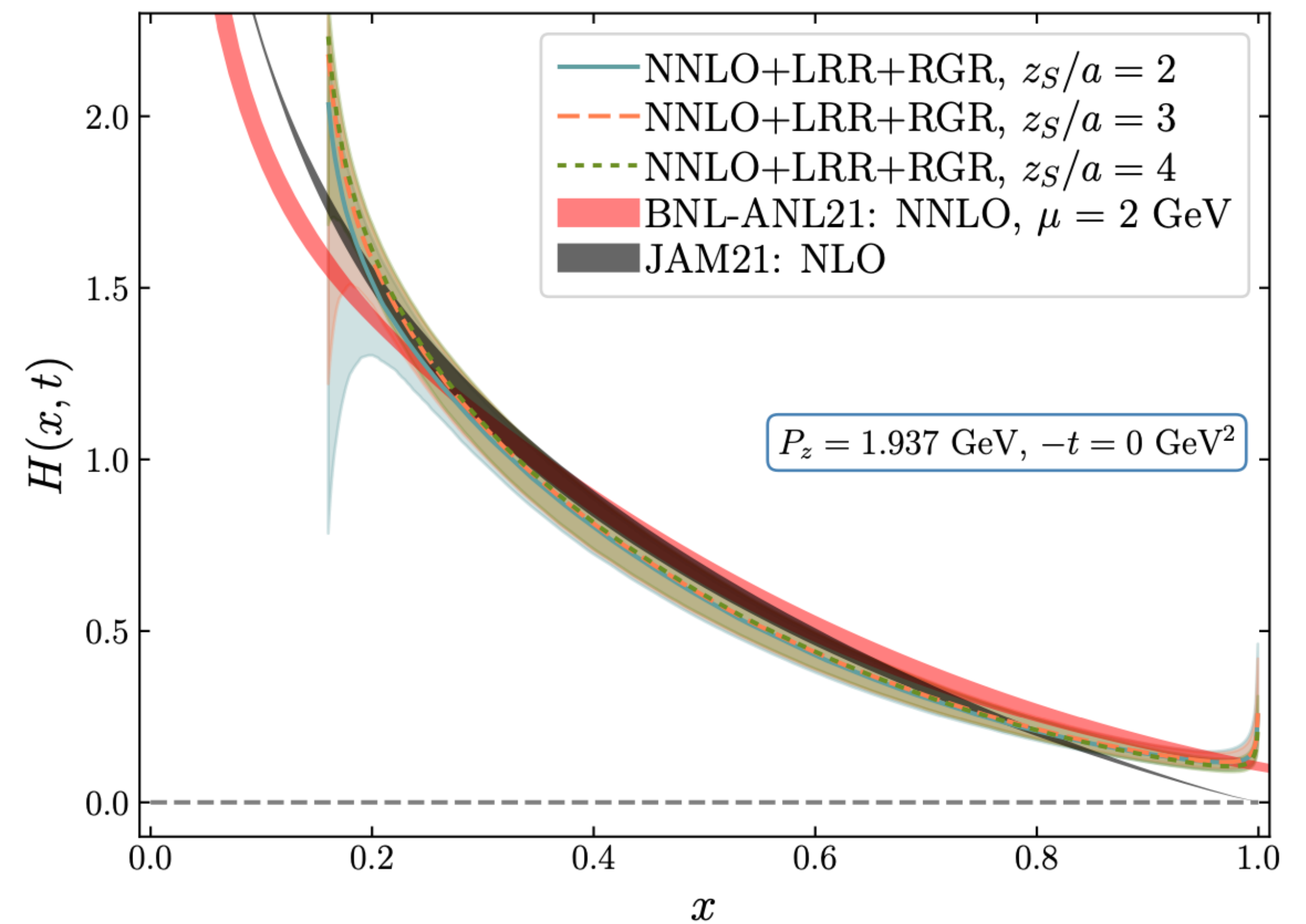
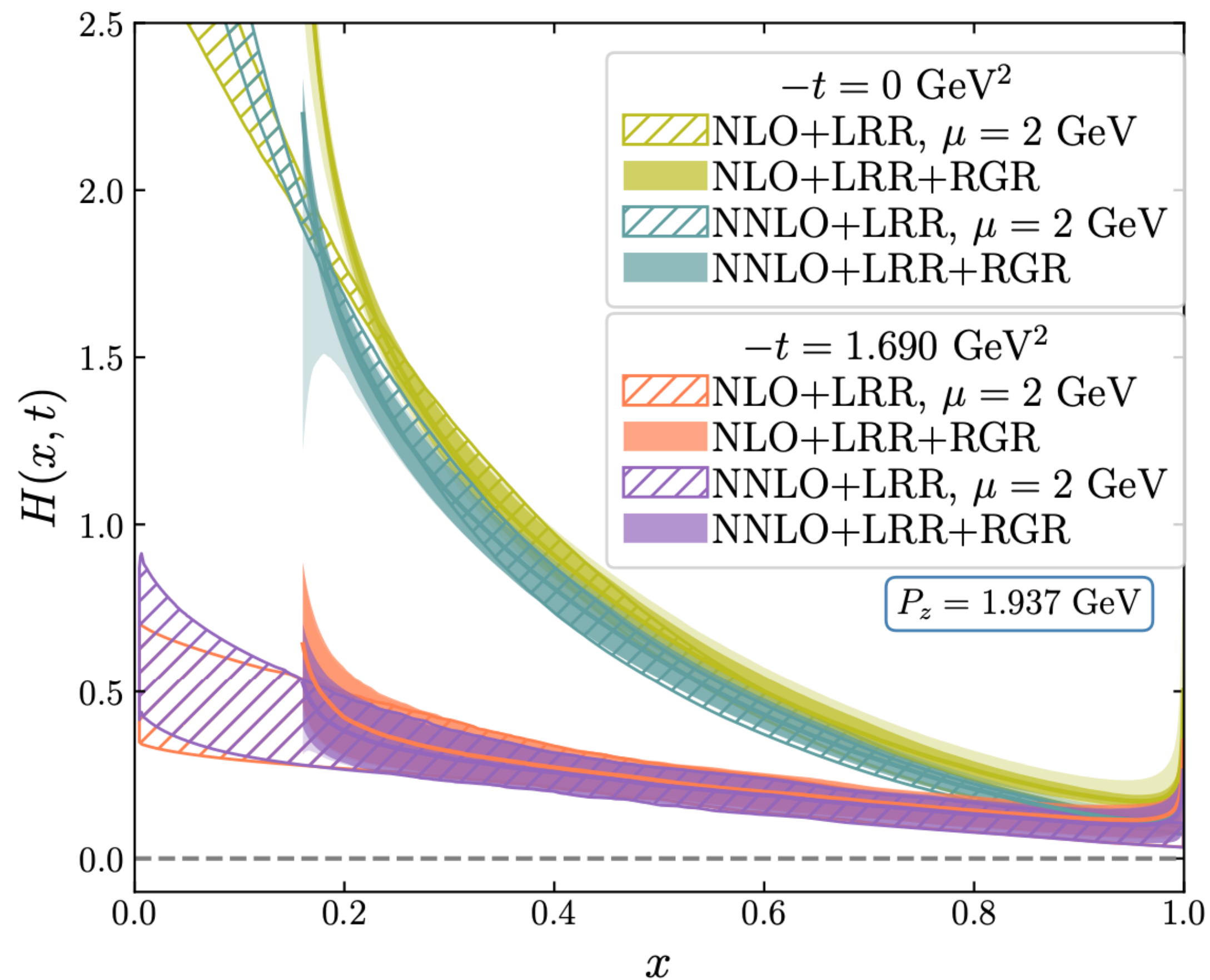
Sea quark: Highly Improved Staggered Quark (HISQ) action

Valence quark: Wilson-Clover action

📌 Sea quark pion mass: 160 MeV, valence pion mass 300 MeV

Frame	t_s/a	$\mathbf{n}^f = (n_x^f, n_y^f, n_z^f)$	m_z	$P_z[\text{GeV}]$	$\mathbf{n}^\Delta = (n_x^\Delta , n_y^\Delta , n_z^\Delta)$	$-t[\text{GeV}^2]$	#cfgs	(#ex, #sl)
Breit	9,12,15,18	(1, 0, 2)	2	0.968	(2, 0, 0)	0.938	115	(1, 32)
non-Breit	9,12,15,18	(0,0,0)	0	0	(0,0,0)	0	314	(3, 96)
	9,12,15,18	(0,0,2)	2	0.968	(1,2,0)	0.952	314	(4, 128)
	9,12,15	(0,0,3)	2	1.453	$[(0,0,0), (1,0,0)$ $(1,1,0), (2,0,0)$	$[0, 0.229, 0.446,$ $0.855, 1.048, 1.589]$	314	(4, 128)
	9,12,15	(0,0,4)	3	1.937	$(2,1,0), (2,2,0)]$	$[0, 0.231, 0.455,$ $0.887, 1.095, 1.690]$	564	(4, 128)

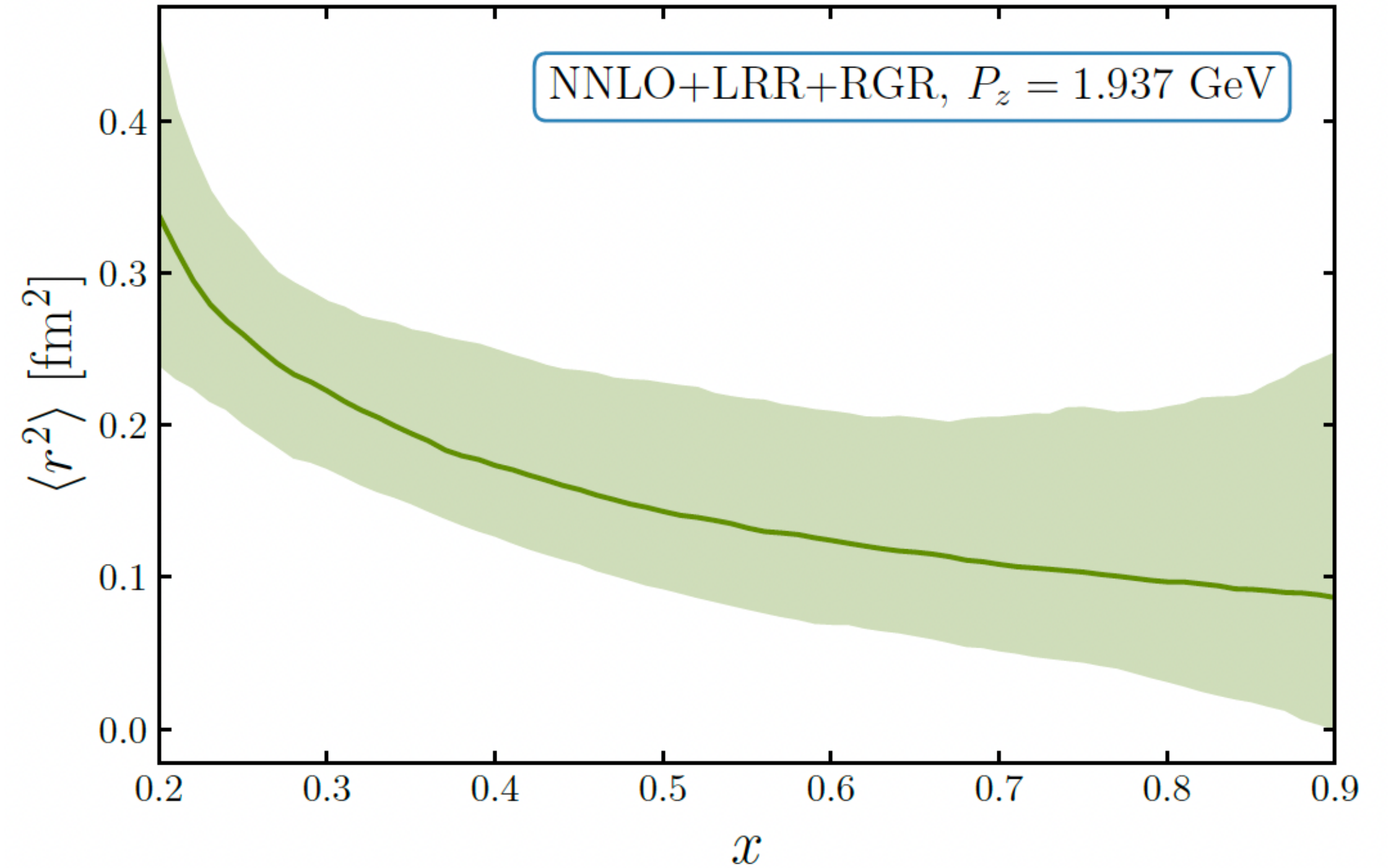
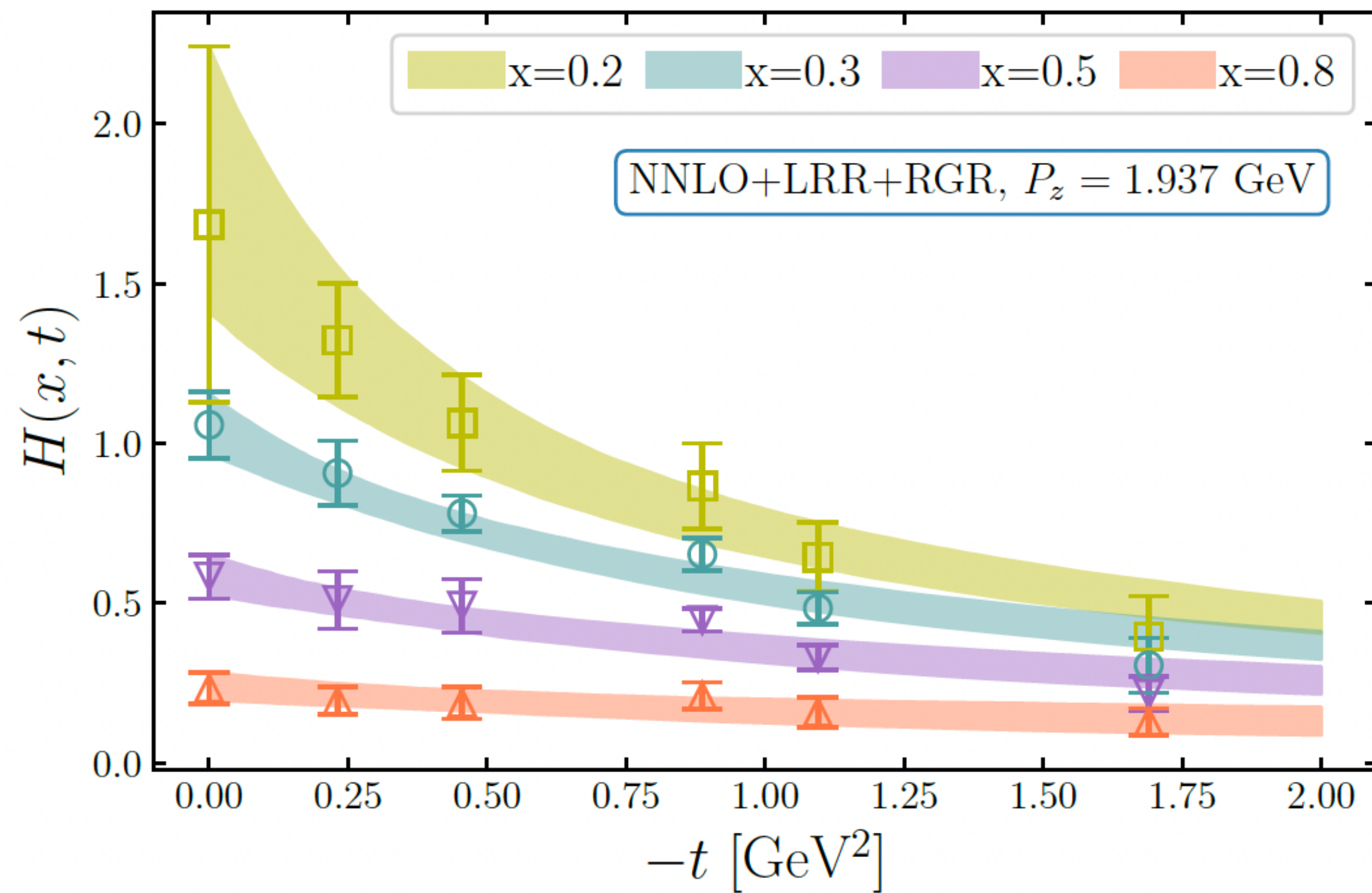
Dependences on the perturbative matching and renormalization scales



Parameterization of pion GPDs

Monopole form: $H(x, t) = \frac{H(x, 0)}{1 - t/M^2(x)}$

$$\langle r^2(x) \rangle = 6/M^2(x)$$



$x=0.2$, comparable to pion charge radius obtained from the Pion EMFF, $\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle = 0.313(27)\text{fm}^2$

Pion/kaon EM form factors

Small Q^2 limit: hadronic picture

📌 **Vector Meson Dominance** -> Charge radius

$$r_{eff}^2(Q^2) = \frac{6(1/F_\pi(Q^2) - 1)}{Q^2}.$$

$$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle = 0.42(2) \text{ fm}^2, \langle r_\pi^2 \rangle_{PDG} = 0.434(5) \text{ fm}^2$$

Large Q^2 limit: partonic picture

$$Q^2 F_M(Q^2) \approx 16\pi \alpha_s(Q^2) f_M^2 \omega_M^2(Q^2), \quad \omega_M^2(Q^2) = e_{\bar{q}} \omega_{\bar{q}}^2(Q^2) + e_u \omega_u^2(Q^2)$$

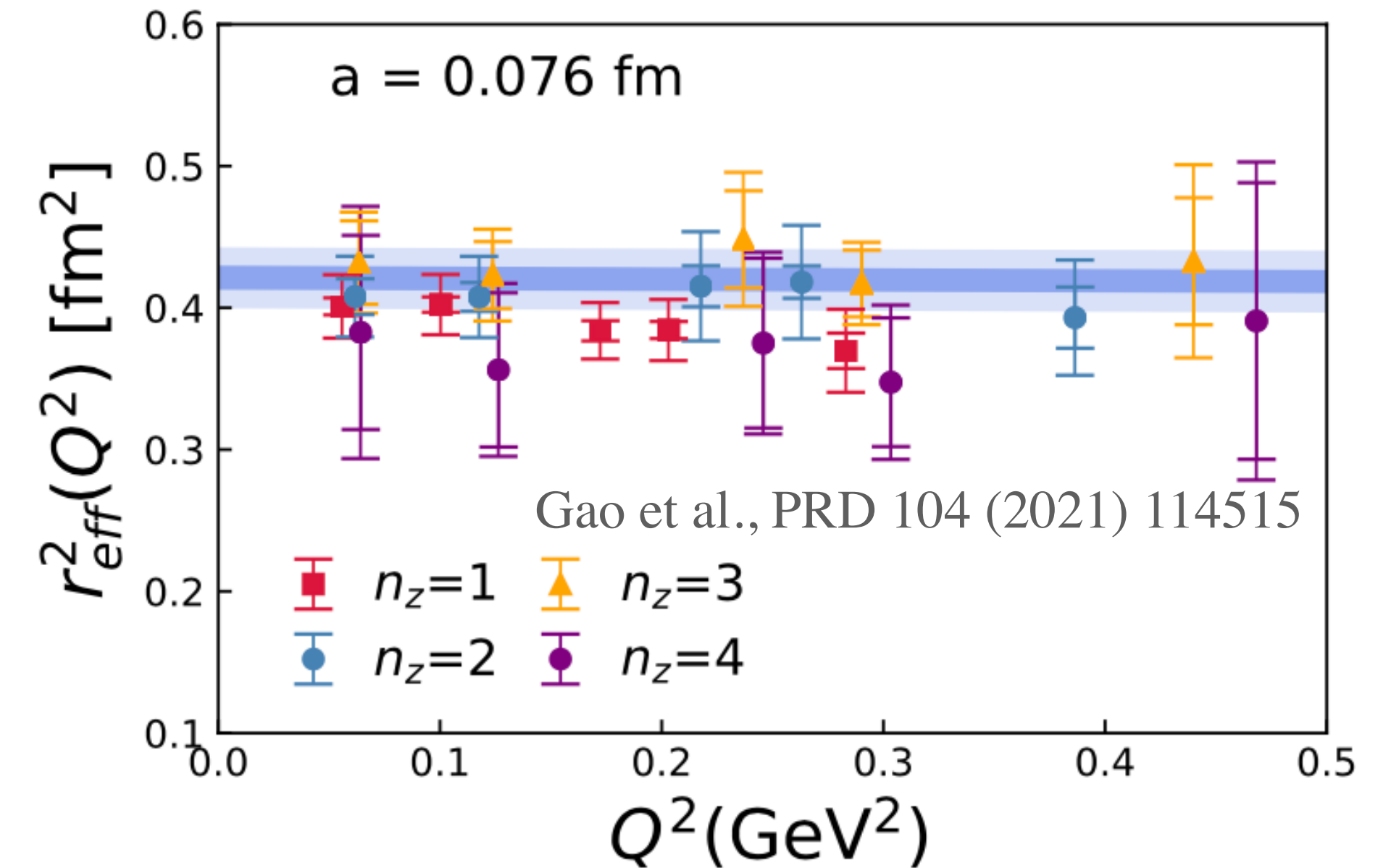
Lepage & Brodsky, 79', 80'
Efremov & Radyushkin 80'

$$\omega_f = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 dx q_f(x) \phi_M(x, Q^2)$$

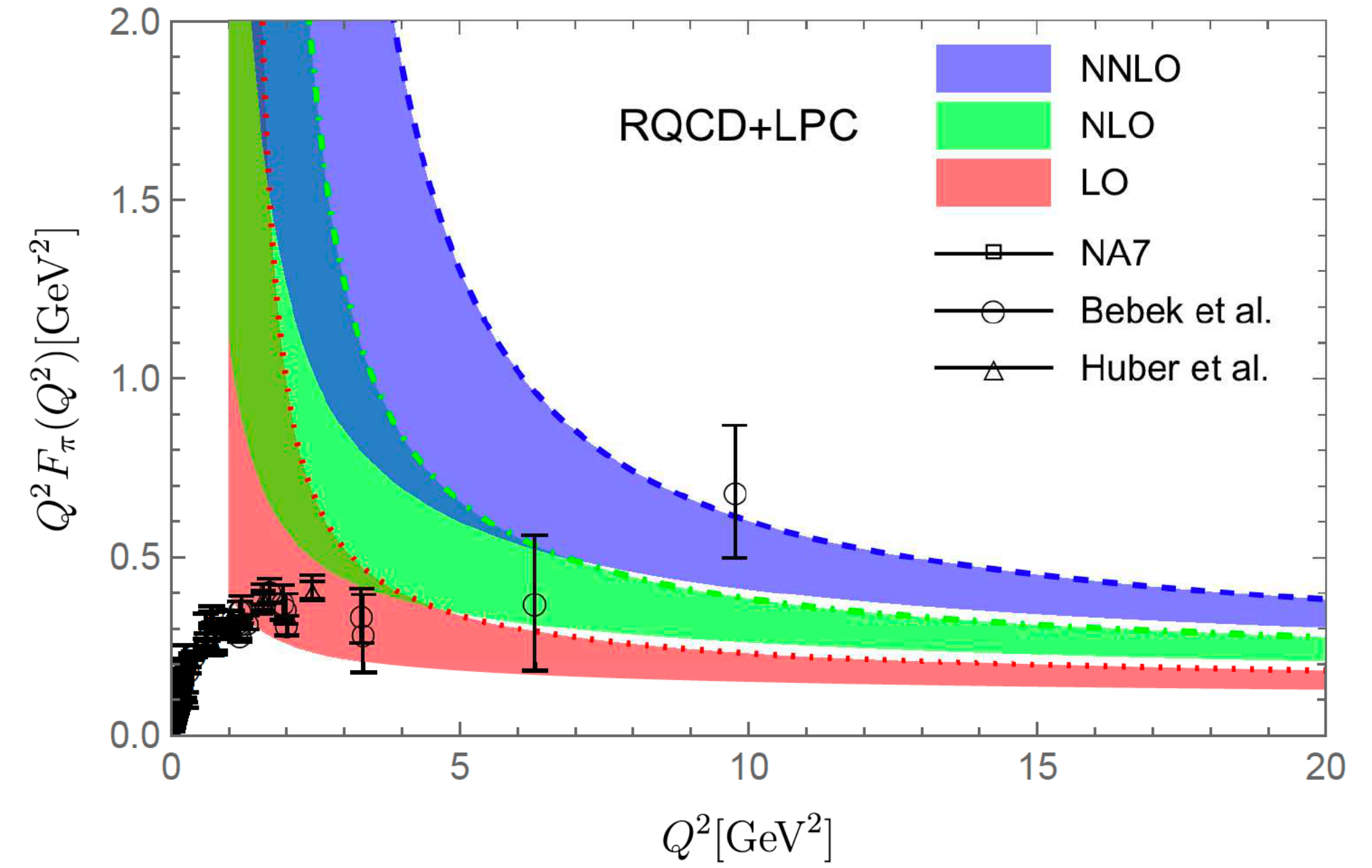
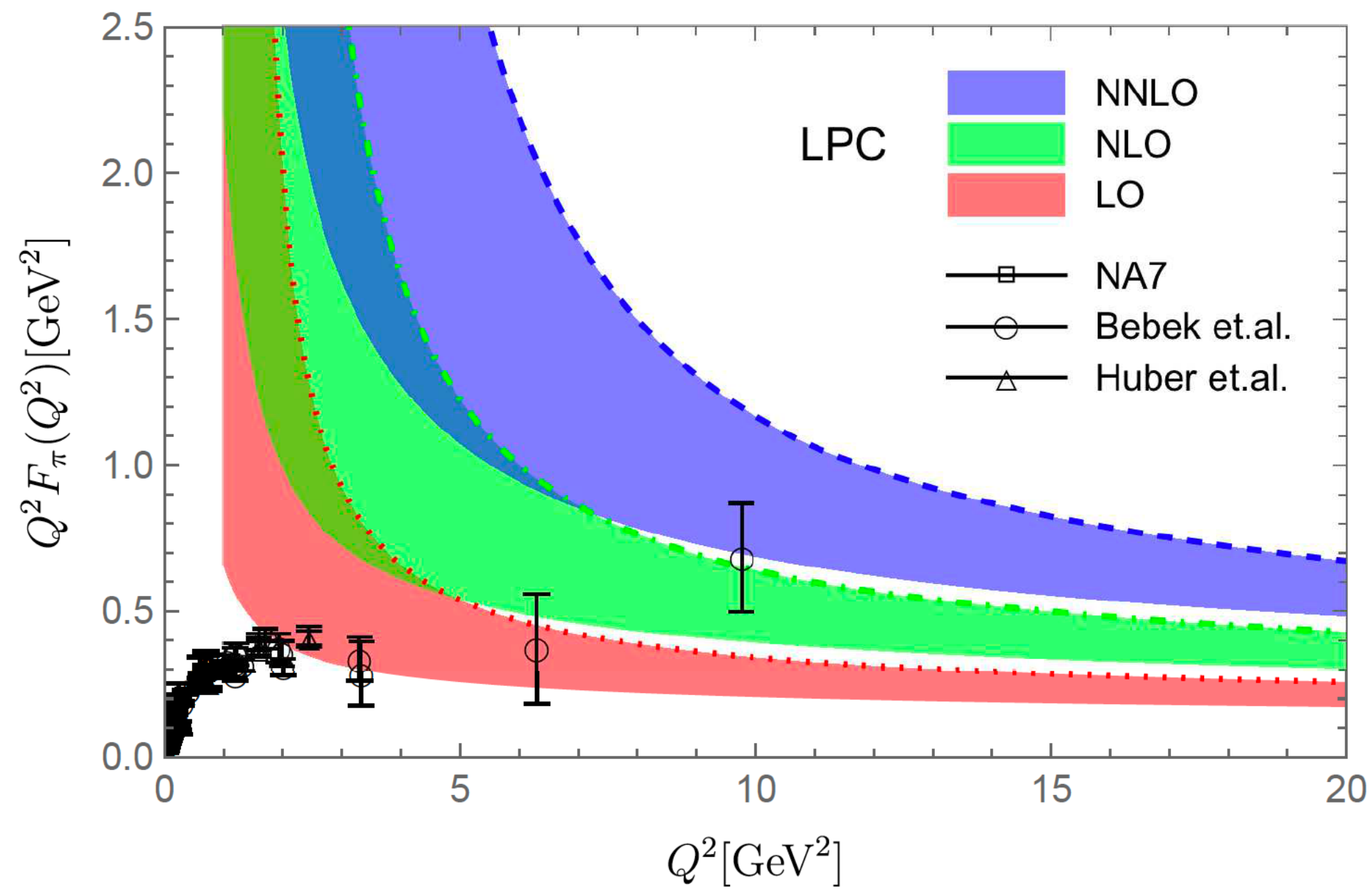
leading-twist parton distribution amplitude (DA)

📌 Asymptotic DA: $\phi_M(x, Q^2 \rightarrow \infty) = 6x(1-x)$

📌 DA from LQCD: pion & kaon etc. J. Hua et al. [LPC], Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022) 13
Gao et al., PRD 106 (2022) 074505, G. Bali et al., JHEP 08 (2019) 065, ...



Impact of Gegenbauer moments from DAs



Chen, Chen, Feng & Jia, arXiv:2312.17228

RQCD: $a_2(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.116^{+0.019}_{-0.020}$

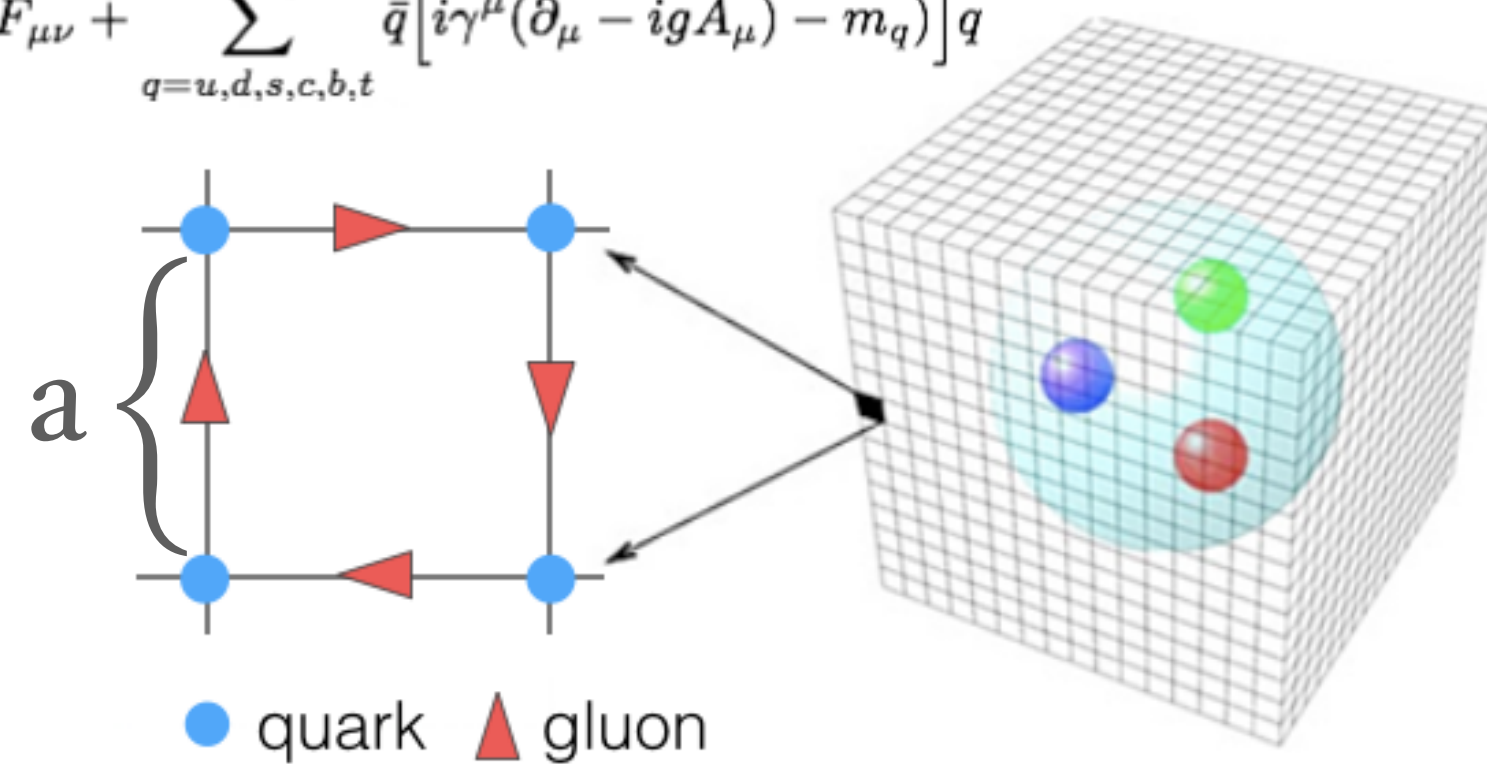
LPC: $a_2(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.258 \pm 0.087$, $a_4(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.122 \pm 0.056$, $a_6(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.068 \pm 0.038$.

In this work, pion: $a_2 = 0.196(32)$, $a_4 = 0.085(26)$, $a_6 = 0.056(15)$

Lattice QCD

QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{q} \left[i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - igA_\mu) - m_q \right] q$$



📌 Lattice simulations of QCD give first principle results

📌 But need to have control of

❖ Thermodynamic limit

$$V = 2 \sim 4 \text{ fm}$$

“Goal”

$$V \rightarrow \infty$$

❖ Continuum limit

$$a = 0.1 \sim 0.04 \text{ fm}$$

$$a \rightarrow 0$$

❖ Chiral extrapolation

$$M_\pi \sim 500 \rightarrow 200 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV} \\ \text{(Physical Point)}$$

❖ Statistical errors

$$N_{conf} \sim \mathcal{O}(1000)$$

$$N_{conf} \rightarrow \infty$$

📌 Fast computers and algorithms are essential



EM form factor of Kaon: $\langle K(P_1) | J_\mu | K(P_2) \rangle = (P_1 + P_2)_\mu F_K(Q^2)$