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Total Gluon Helicity from Lattice

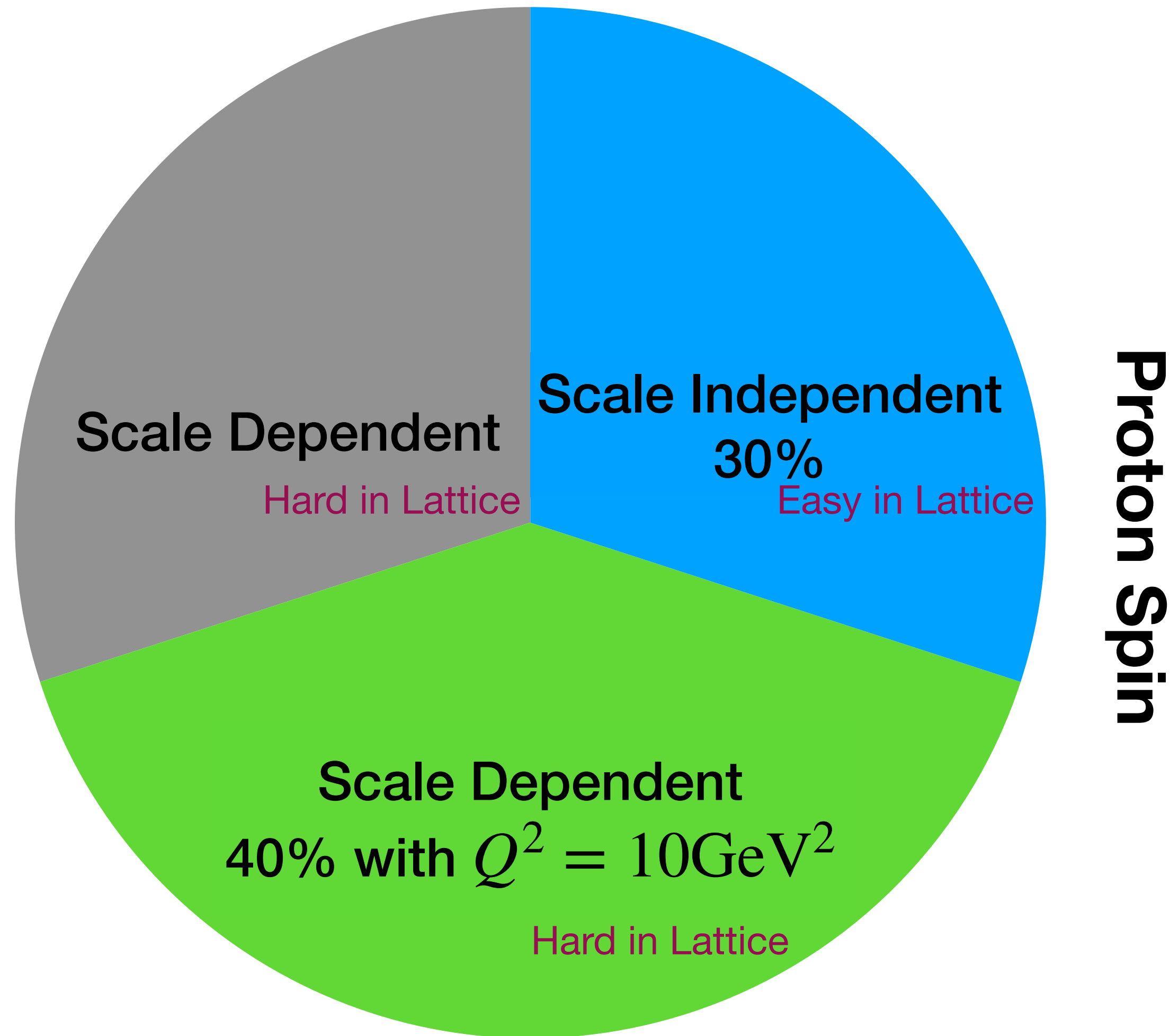
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Introduction on proton spin



Quark helicity in lattice QCD

$$\Delta q = \langle \text{PS} | \bar{q} \gamma_5 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{S} q | \text{PS} \rangle$$

$$\int d^3x (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q)(x) = 2m_f \int d^3x \vec{x} P(x) - 2i \int d^3x \vec{x} q(x)$$

$$\Delta u = 0.835(15), \quad \Delta d = -0.435(15),$$

$$\Delta s = -0.095(15), \quad \Delta c \simeq 0.00$$

$$\Delta \Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \sum \Delta q = 0.155(25)$$

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Lattice interpretation of gluon helicity

Gluon helicity in lattice QCD

$$\Delta G = \int dx \Delta g(x) = \int dx \frac{i}{2xP^+} \int \frac{d\varepsilon^-}{2\pi} e^{-ix\varepsilon^-P^+} \langle \text{PS} | F_a^{+\mu}(\varepsilon^-) \mathcal{L}_{ab}(\varepsilon^-, 0) \tilde{F}_{b,\mu}^+(0) | \text{PS} \rangle$$

Integrating PDF

$$\Delta G^{\overline{\text{MS}}10\text{GeV}^2} = \int_{0.05}^1 dx g(x) = 0.2$$

Daniel de Florian, et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 113(1):012001, 2014.

ΔG is difficult to calculate in LQCD because light-cone gauge (L.G.) $\nrightarrow$ Euclidean space!

LaMET suggests that Coulomb gauge fixing (C.G.) condition become to L.G. when nucleon to IMF, then $\Delta G \propto \langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A} \rangle_{\text{C.G.}} = S_G|_{\text{IMF}}$ with matching for their difference in UV behavior.

Xiangdong Ji et al. [10.1103/PhysRevLett.111.112002](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevLett.111.112002)

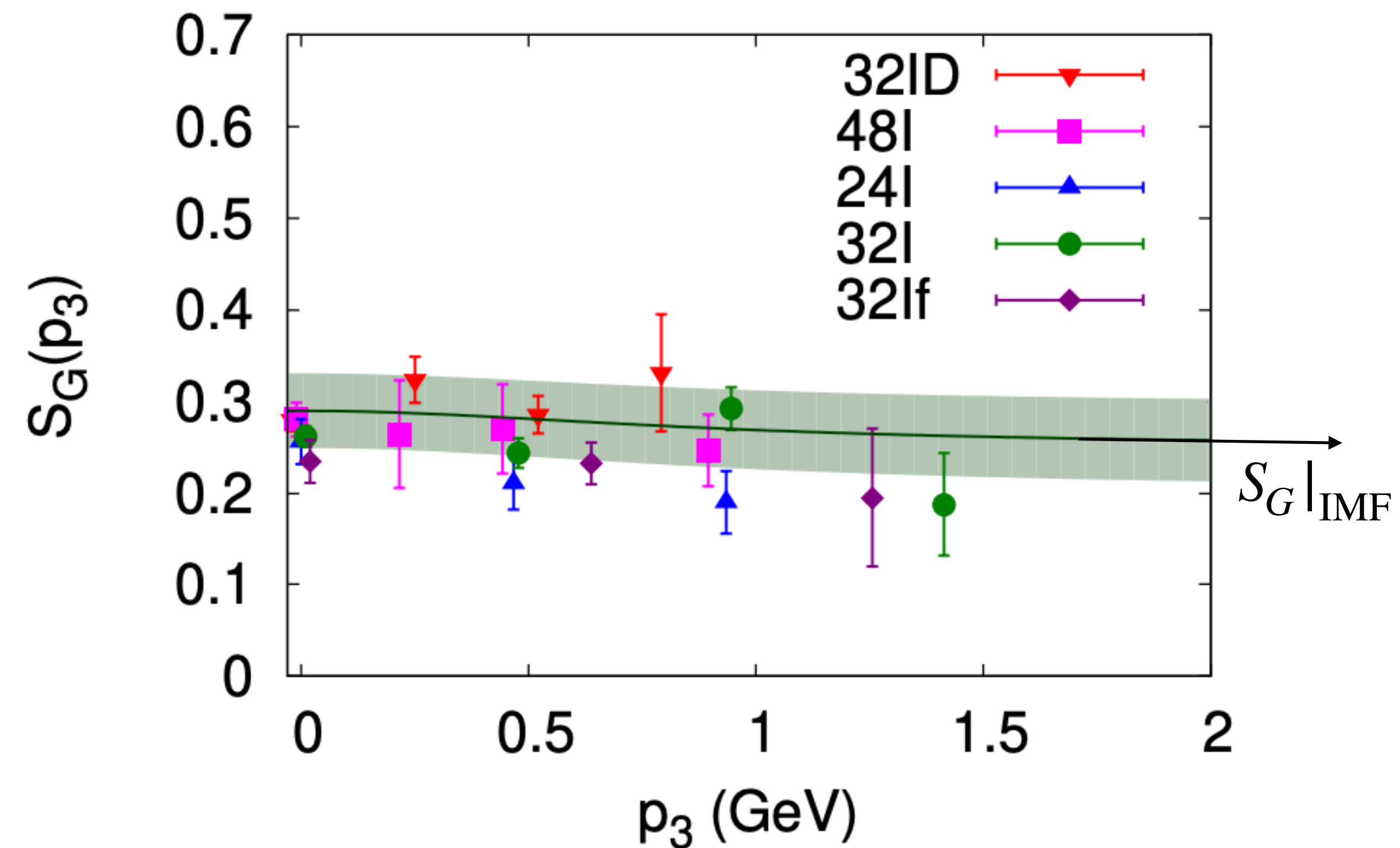
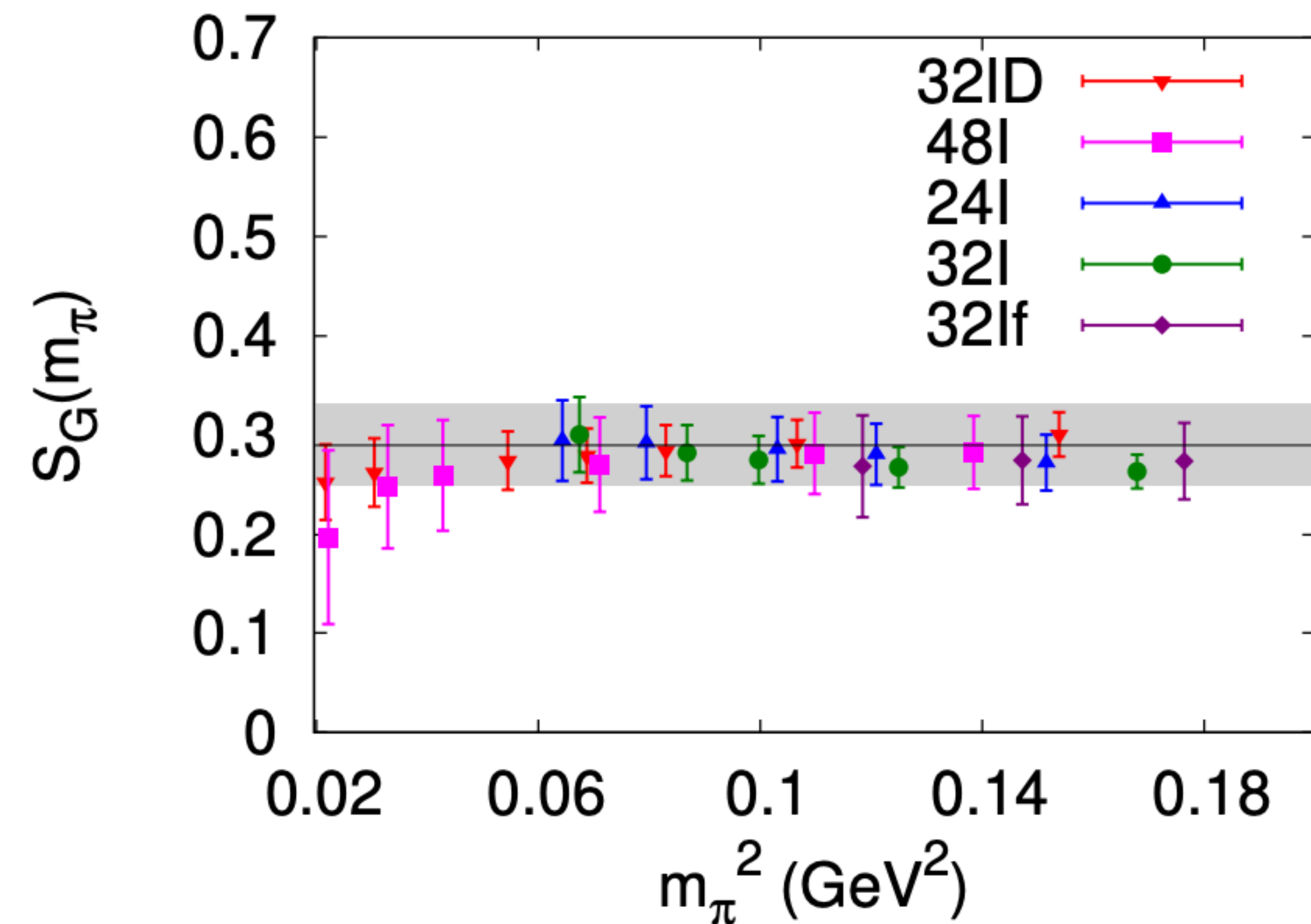
Lattice interpretation of gluon helicity

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APS Highlights

Gluon helicity in lattice QCD

Yi-Bo Yang et al. [10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.102001](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.102001)

$$\Delta G \propto \langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A} \rangle_{\text{C.G.}} = S_G|_{\text{IMF}} = 0.251(47)(16)$$



quark mass and momentum dependence of the gluon spin

Lattice interpretation of gluon helicity

Potential problems with ΔG extraction using $\langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A} \rangle_{\text{C.G.}}$.

1. Renormalization matching using lattice perturbation theory;
2. Poor convergence of matching from gluon spin to gluon helicity (UV cutoff $\alpha_s(\pi/a)$).

Gluon helicity ΔG from topological current

We propose a scheme that relates ΔG to **local topological current** $K_{\text{C.G.}}^\mu$. This scheme solves all of these problems and doesn't require perturbative matching.

$$\text{Topological Current } K^\mu(x) = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{Tr}[A_\nu F_{\rho\sigma} - 2ig_s A_\nu A_\rho A_\sigma / 3](x)$$

$$\text{Target Three-PT } \langle \text{PS}_{\text{Proj.Z}} | K^{t/z} | \text{PS}_{\text{Proj.Z}} \rangle_{\text{C.G.}} \propto S^{t/z} \Delta G + \text{h.t.}$$

Lattice Setup

Zhi-Cheng Hu et al. [10.1103/PhysRevD.109.054507](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.109.054507)

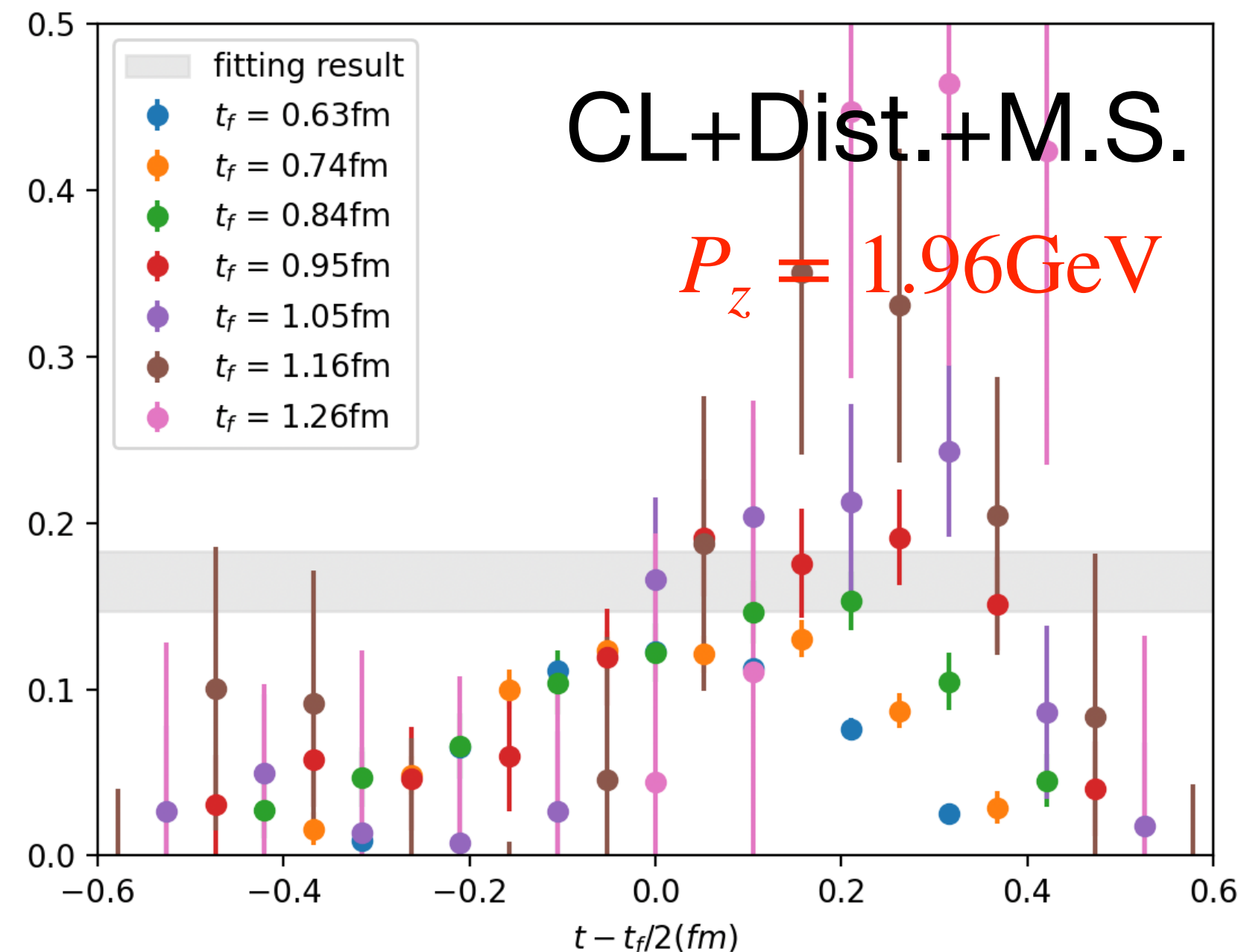
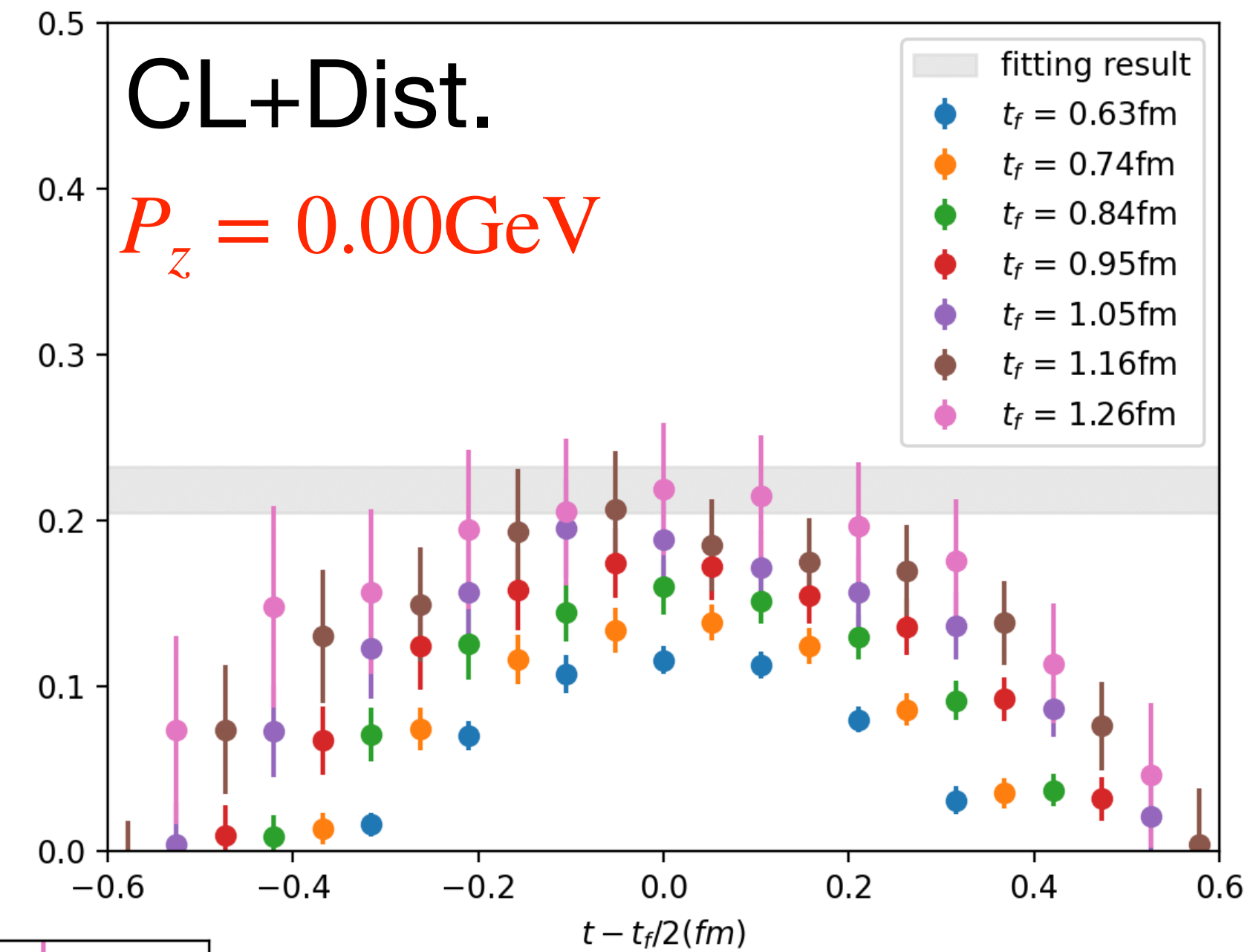
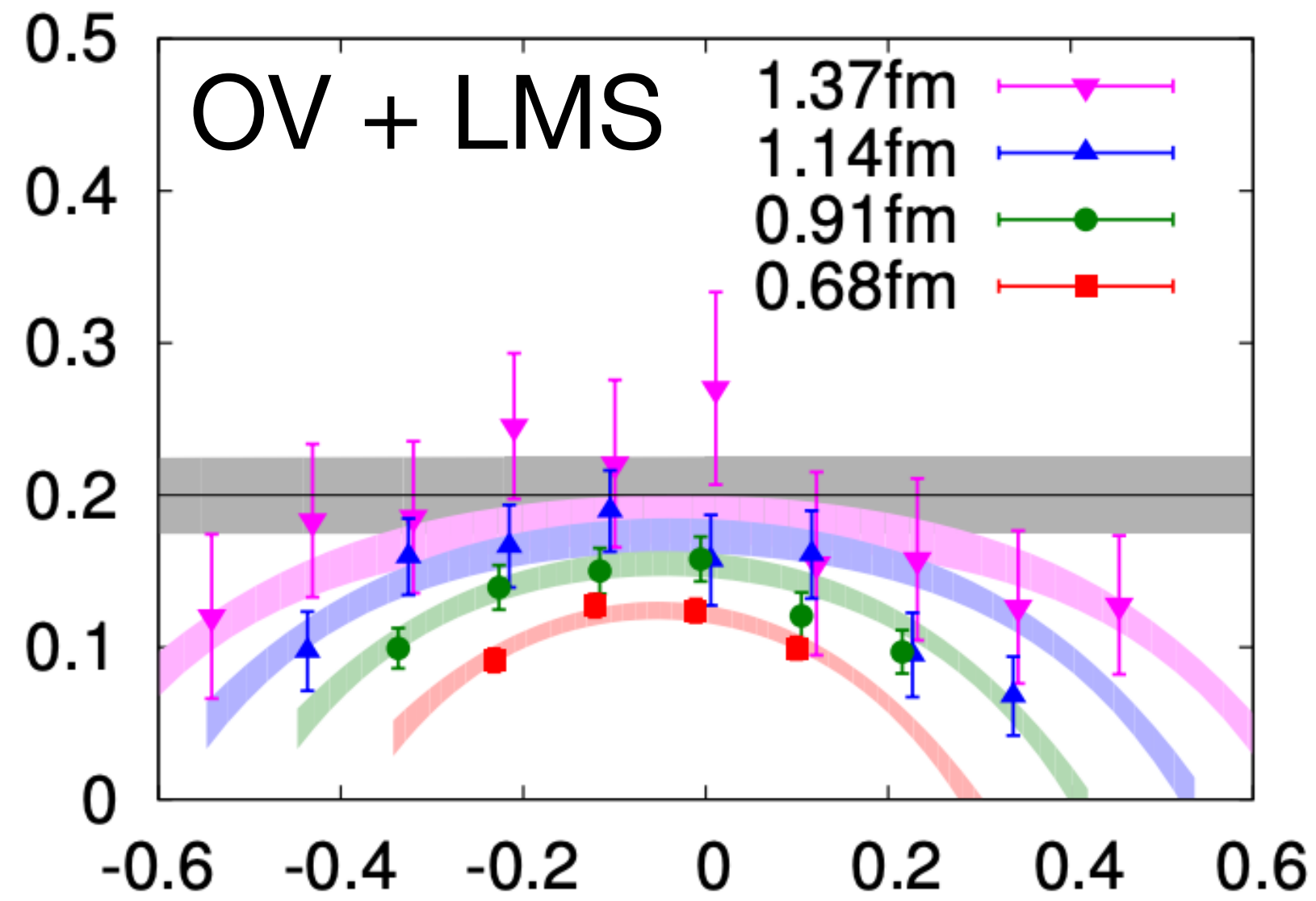
 CLQCD	Sea Type	$N_L^3 \times N_T$	Lattice Spacing(fm)	$m_\pi^{(s)}$ (MeV)	Valence Type	Ncfg	Nsource
B.M.E.: Bare Matrix Element C24P29 (B.M.E.)	Clover (2+1) + TITLS	$24^3 \times 72$	0.1052	292.3(1.0)	Clover	880	72 (Distillation +M.S.)
C48P23 (Renorm.)		$48^3 \times 96$		224.1(1.2)		380	Volume (CDER)

CDER.: Cluster Decomposition Error Reduction

Ensemble used for renormalization has same UV properties as ensemble used for bare matrix element calculations.

$\langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A} \rangle^{\text{Bare.}}$ with optimization smear methods

Yi-Bo Yang et al. [10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.102001](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.102001)



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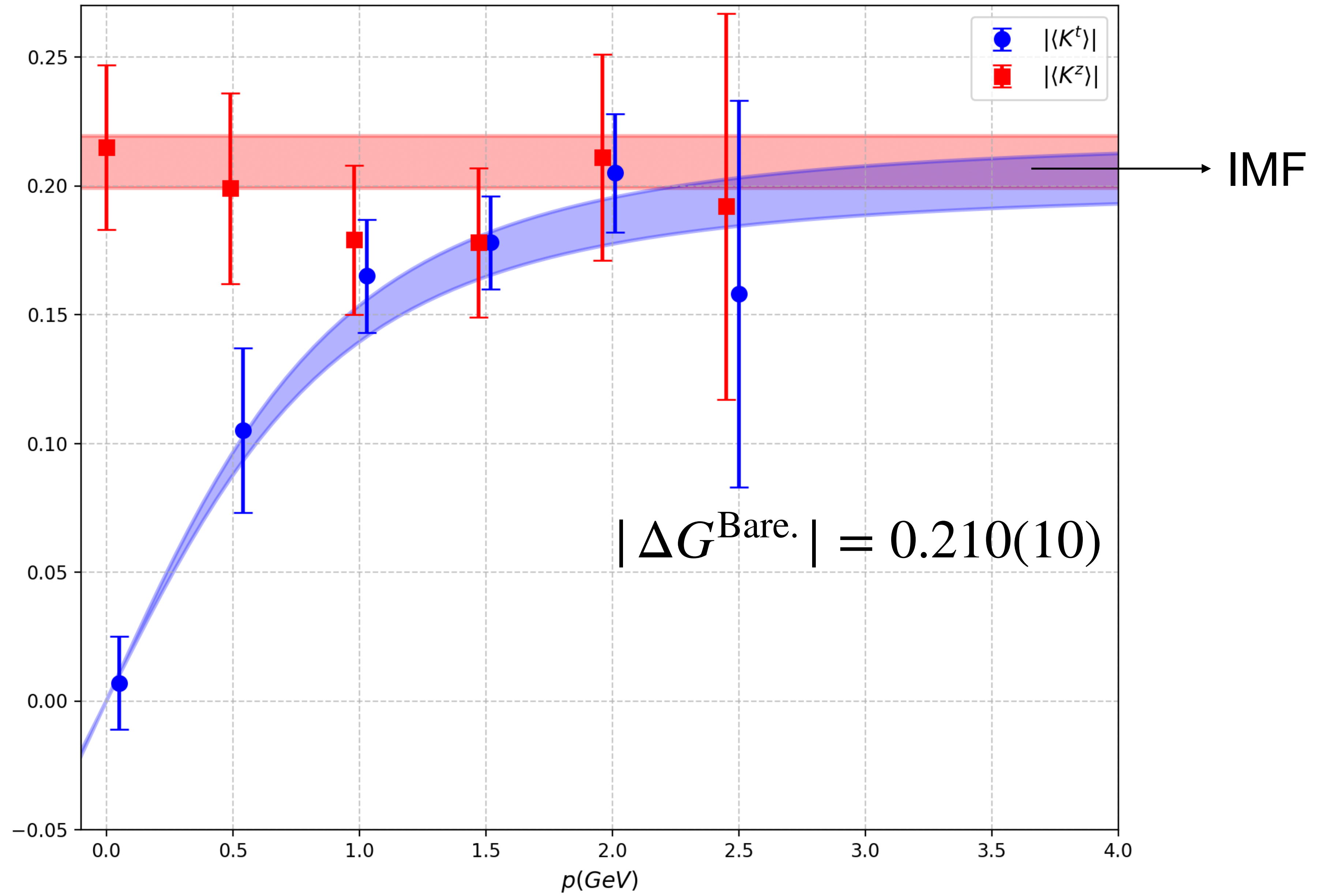
$$\frac{C_3(t_f, t)}{C_2(t_f)} = \langle \vec{E} \times \vec{A} \rangle^{\text{Bare.}} + A_1 e^{-\Delta E(t_f - t)} + A_2 e^{-\Delta E t}$$

Dist. for small p_z , Dist. + M.S. for large p_z .

Appropriate smearing scheme can improve SNR of bare matrix elements.

Relationship between B.M.E. $\langle K^{t/z} \rangle^{\text{Bare.}}$

5HYP+Coulomb gauge fixing



Renormalization of topological current K^μ

RI/MOM is non-perturbative renormalization scheme on LQCD.

RI/MOM on lattice Zhuo-Yi Pang et al. [10.1007/JHEP07\(2024\)222](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1007/JHEP07(2024)222)

$$\langle PS | \underbrace{\{K^\rho, J^\rho\}}_{\text{Coupled}} | PS \rangle^{\text{tree.}} = Z_{\{1,2\}1}^{\text{RI}} \langle PS | K^\rho | PS \rangle^{\text{lat.}} + Z_{\{1,2\}2}^{\text{RI}} \langle PS | J^\rho | PS \rangle^{\text{lat.}}$$

$|PS\rangle$: Parton state (Gluon or Quark) with momentum and polarization; $J^\rho = \bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma^\rho q$: Axial-vector current operator

$$\mathcal{O}^{X.,g} \equiv \langle g | \mathcal{O} | g \rangle^X. \quad \mathcal{O}^{X.,q} \equiv \langle q | \mathcal{O} | q \rangle^X. \quad J^{\text{lat.,}g} \rightarrow 0, \text{ also } K^{\text{tree.,}q} = J^{\text{tree.,}g} = 0$$

then

$$Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} = \frac{K^{\text{tree.,}g}}{K^{\text{lat.,}g}}, \quad Z_{12}^{\text{RI}} = -\frac{K^{\text{lat.,}q}}{J^{\text{lat.,}q}} Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) \times Z_{11}^{\text{RI}}$$

$$Z_{21}^{\text{RI}} = 0, \quad Z_{22}^{\text{RI}} = \frac{J^{\text{tree.,}q}}{J^{\text{lat.,}q}} = Z_A^{\text{RI}} \longleftarrow \text{Zhi-Cheng Hu et al. } \underline{10.1103/PhysRevD.109.054507}$$

$Z_A^{\text{RI}} = 0.857$ under C48P23

$$\Delta G^{\text{RI}} = Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} \left(\Delta G^B - \frac{K^{\text{lat.,}q}}{J^{\text{lat.,}q}} \Delta \Sigma^B \right), \quad \Delta \Sigma^{\text{RI}} = Z_A^{\text{RI}} \Delta \Sigma^B$$

Renormalization of topological current K^μ

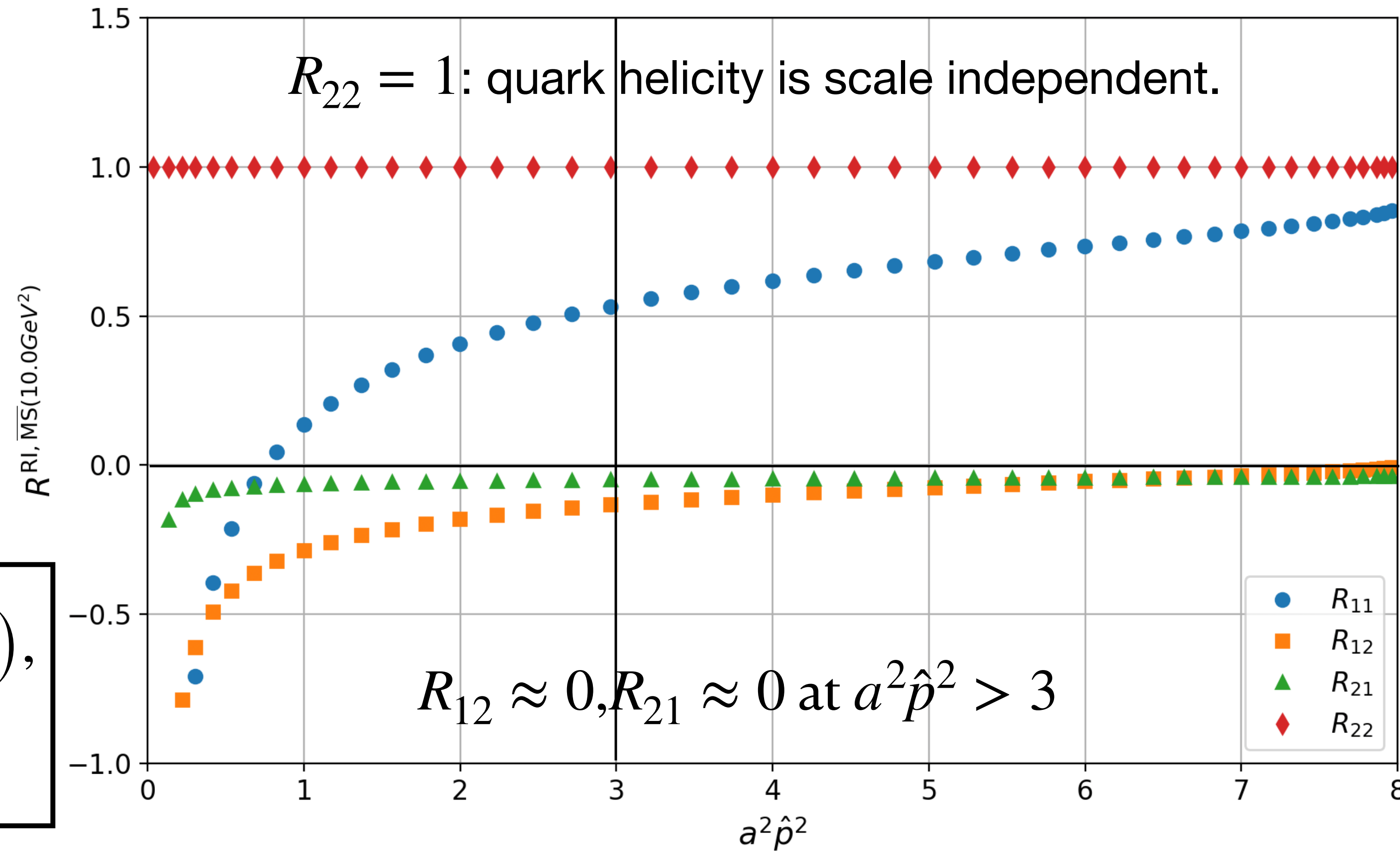
RI/MOM to $\overline{\text{MS}}$

Zhuo-Yi Pang et al. [10.1007/JHEP07\(2024\)222](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1007/JHEP07(2024)222)

$$\Delta G^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = R_{11} \Delta G^{\text{RI}} + R_{12} \Delta \Sigma^{\text{RI}},$$

$$\Delta \Sigma^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = R_{21} \Delta G^{\text{RI}} + R_{22} \Delta \Sigma^{\text{RI}}$$

By selecting RI/MOM high scale, coupling matching coefficient R_{12}, R_{21} is made much smaller than diagonal matching coefficient.



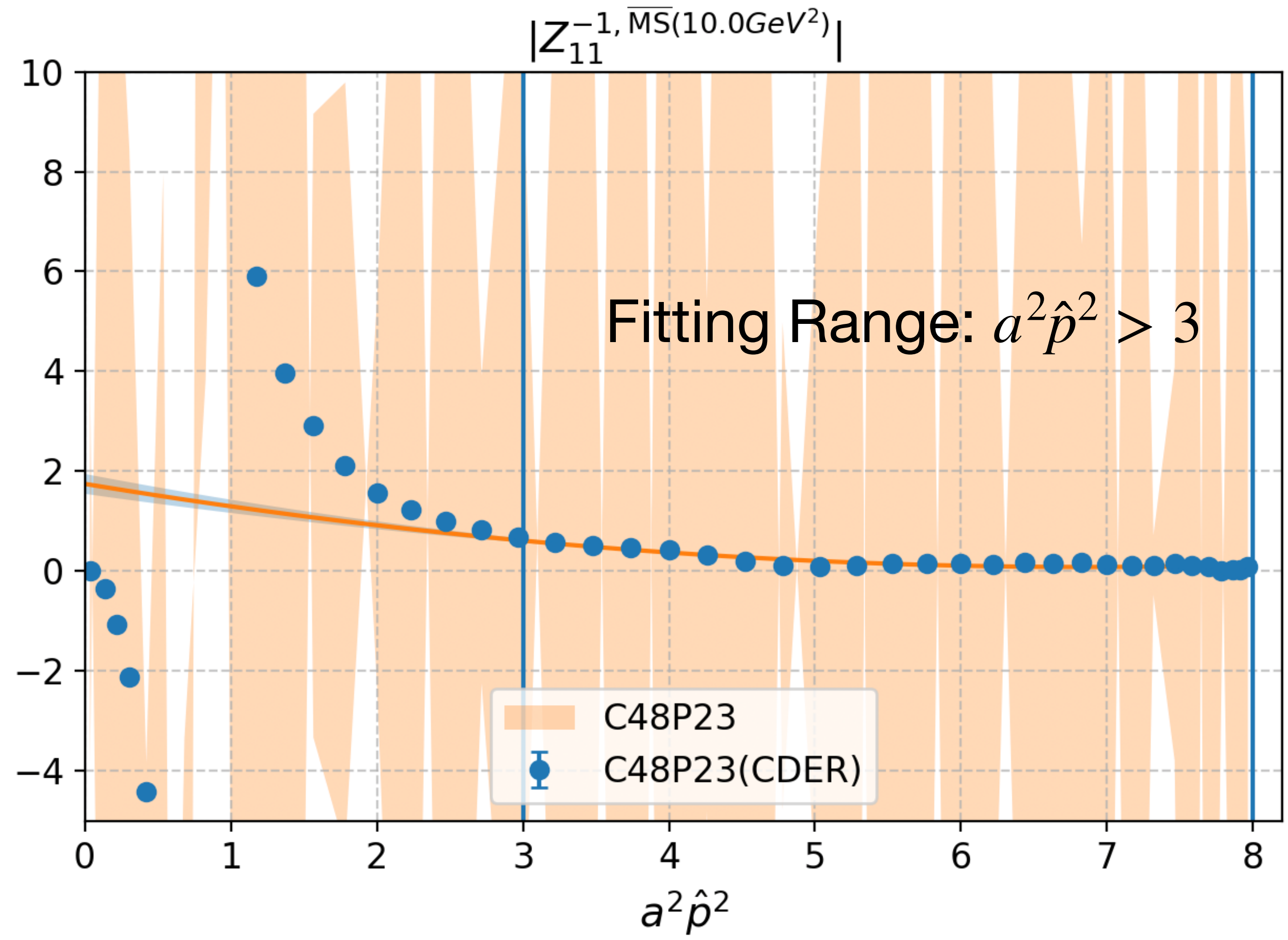
$$\Delta G^{\overline{\text{MS}}}_{(a^2 \hat{p}^2)_{\text{RI}} > 3} = R_{11} Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} \left(\Delta G^B - \frac{K^{\text{lat.,q}}}{J^{\text{lat.,q}}} \Delta \Sigma^B \right),$$

$$\Delta \Sigma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}_{(a^2 \hat{p}^2)_{\text{RI}} > 3} = R_{22} Z_A^{\text{RI}} \Delta \Sigma^B = Z_A^{\text{RI}} \Delta \Sigma^B$$

Preliminary results of $\Delta G^{\overline{\text{MS}}, 10\text{GeV}^2}$

$Z_{11}^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \equiv R_{11} Z_{11}^{\text{RI}}$ contributed by pure gluons is difficult to see signal, so we use **CDER** scheme to enhance signal-to-noise ratio.

Yi-Bo Yang et al. [10.1103/PhysRevD.98.074506](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.98.074506)



Improvement in signal-to-noise ratio using **CDER** method is very significant.

$$|Z_{11}^{\overline{\text{MS}}, 10\text{GeV}^2}| \equiv |R_{11}^{10\text{GeV}^2} Z_{11}^{\text{RI}}| = 0.575(66)$$

$$\Delta G^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = Z_{11}^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \left(\Delta G^B - \frac{K^{\text{lat.,q}}}{J^{\text{lat.,q}}} \Delta \Sigma^B \right)$$

$$\Delta G_{a=0.105\text{fm}}^{\overline{\text{MS}}, 10\text{GeV}^2} = 0.120(15) + \mathcal{O}(0.1\alpha_s)$$

negative



Summary

1. **Distillation + Momentum smear** (for B.M.E.) and **CDER** (for Renorm.) scheme.
2. After non-perturbative matching, $\Delta G_{a=0.105\text{fm}}^{\overline{\text{MS}}, 10\text{GeV}^2} \sim 0.15$, which accounts for 30 % of proton spin, which is latest result from scheme designed entirely for LQCD.

Outlook

1. Need to supplement calculation of $K^{\text{lat.,q}}/J^{\text{lat.,q}}$.
2. Continuous extrapolation of gluon helicity need to obtain confident results.
3. More rigorous systematic error analysis is needed.



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Backup

Derivation on RI/MOM helicity renormalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle PS | \{K^\rho, J^\rho\} | PS \rangle^{\text{tree.}} &= Z_{\{1,2\}1}^{\text{RI}} \langle PS | K^\rho | PS \rangle^{\text{lat.}} + Z_{\{1,2\}2}^{\text{RI}} \langle PS | J^\rho | PS \rangle^{\text{lat.}} \\
 S_q(p) &= \sum_x e^{-ip \cdot x} \langle \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(0) \rangle \\
 \langle q \mathcal{O} q \rangle &= \sum_{x,y} e^{-i(p_1 \cdot x - p_2 \cdot y)} \langle \psi(x) \mathcal{O}(0) \bar{\psi}(y) \rangle \\
 j^{\text{lat.,g}} \rightarrow 0, \text{ also } K^{\text{tree.,q}} = 0 &\quad \text{then } Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} = \frac{K^{\text{tree.,g}}}{K^{\text{lat.,g}}}, \quad Z_{12}^{\text{RI}} = \frac{K^{\text{tree.,q}}}{j^{\text{lat.,q}}} - \frac{K^{\text{lat.,q}} K^{\text{tree.,g}}}{j^{\text{lat.,q}} K^{\text{lat.,g}}} = -\frac{K^{\text{lat.,q}}}{j^{\text{lat.,q}}} Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} \propto \alpha_s Z_{11}^{\text{RI}} \\
 j^{\text{lat.,g}} \rightarrow 0, \text{ also } J^{\text{tree.,g}} = 0 &\quad \text{then } Z_{21}^{\text{RI}} = 0, \quad Z_{22}^{\text{RI}} = \frac{J^{\text{tree.,q}}}{j^{\text{lat.,q}}} \\
 K^{-1, \text{lat.,g}} &= \frac{Z_g}{\text{Tr}[S_g^{-1} \langle g K g \rangle^{\text{lat.}} S_g^{-1}]} \text{ where } Z_g = (S_g p^2)^{-1} \quad \text{then } K^{\text{lat.,g}} = \frac{p^2 \langle g K g \rangle^{\text{lat.}}}{\langle S_g \rangle} = \frac{p^2 \text{Im} \{ \langle A_\mu K^\rho A_\nu \rangle^{\text{lat.}} \}}{\langle S_g \rangle} \\
 \mathcal{O}^{-1, \text{lat.,q}} &= \frac{Z_q}{\frac{1}{12} \text{Tr}[S_q^{-1} \langle q \mathcal{O} q \rangle^{\text{lat.}} S_q^{-1}]} \text{ where } Z_q = S_q^{-1} p \quad \text{then } \frac{K^{\text{lat.,q}}}{j^{\text{lat.,q}}} = \frac{\text{Tr}[S_q^{-1} \langle q K q \rangle^{\text{lat.}} S_q^{-1}]}{\text{Tr}[S_q^{-1} \langle q J q \rangle^{\text{lat.}} S_q^{-1}]} \quad \begin{aligned} K^{\text{tree.,g}} &= ip^\sigma \\ J^{\text{tree.,q}} &= \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \delta \end{aligned}
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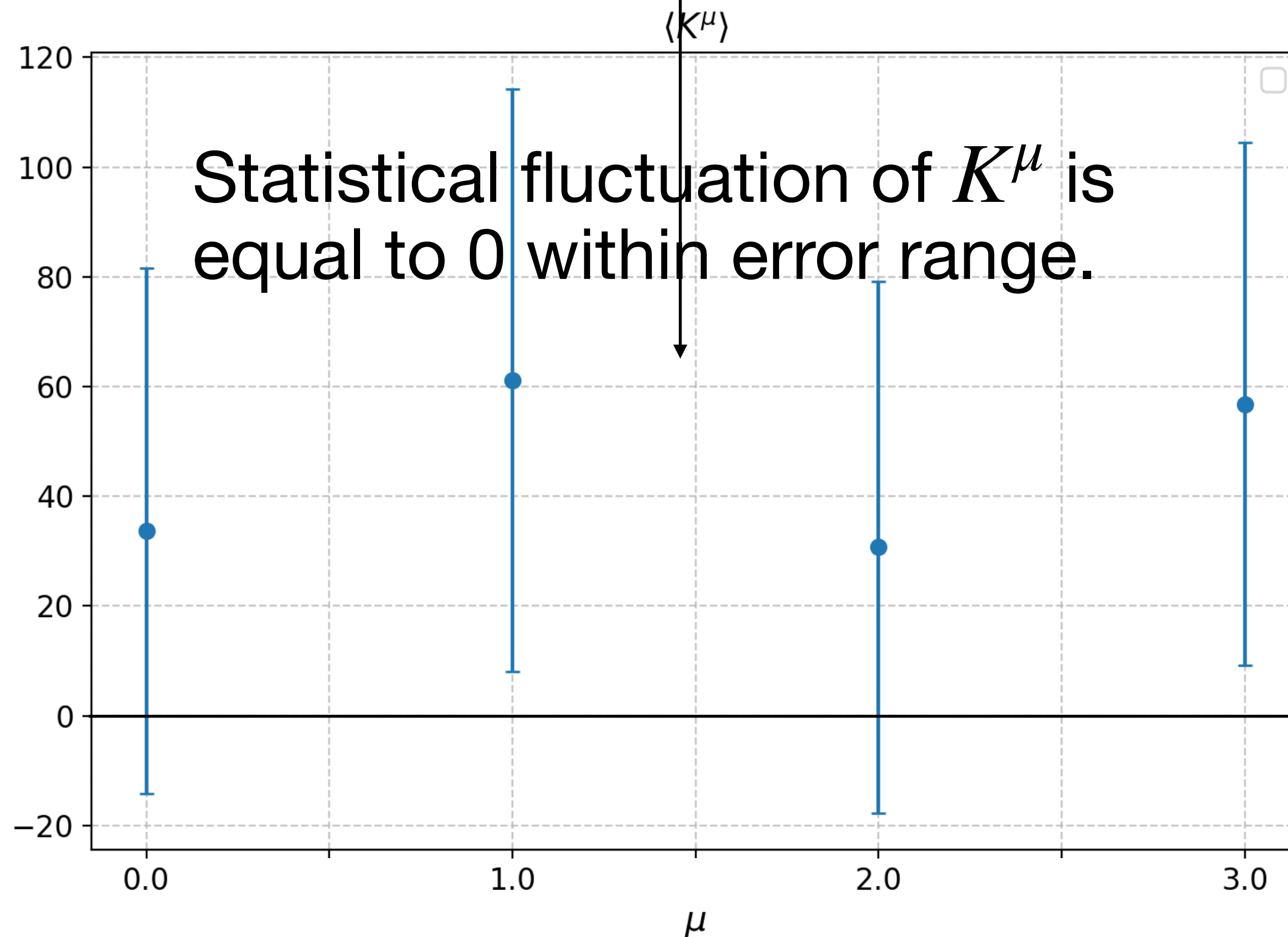
$\langle A_y K_x A_t \rangle _{p=1010}, \langle A_z K_x A_t \rangle _{p=1100}, \langle A_x K_y A_t \rangle _{p=0110}, \langle A_z K_y A_t \rangle _{p=1100}, \langle A_x K_z A_t \rangle _{p=0110}, \langle A_y K_z A_t \rangle _{p=1010}$ $\langle A_x K_t A_y \rangle _{p=0011}, \langle A_x K_t A_z \rangle _{p=0101}, \langle A_y K_t A_z \rangle _{p=1001}, \langle A_y K_x A_z \rangle _{p=1001}, \langle A_x K_y A_z \rangle _{p=0101}, \langle A_x K_z A_y \rangle _{p=0011}$
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All of these 12 Three-PT calculate Z_{11}^{RI} , reduce error to $1/\sqrt{12}$ of each configuration.

Notes on Z_{11} Statistical Fluctuations

$$Z_{11}^{-1, \text{RI}}(\mu_R^2) = \frac{p^2 \langle \text{Im} \{ K^\rho \text{Tr}[A_\mu(p) A_\nu(-p)] \} \rangle}{\epsilon^{\rho\mu\sigma\nu} p_\sigma \langle S_g \rangle} \Big|_{p^2=\mu_R^2, \mu \neq \nu \neq \rho \neq \sigma, p_\mu=p_\nu=0, p_\rho \neq 0}$$

$$= \frac{p^2 \langle \text{Im} \{ (K^\rho - \langle K^\rho \rangle) (\text{Tr}[A_\mu(p) A_\nu(-p)] - \langle \text{Tr}[A_\mu(p) A_\nu(-p)] \rangle) \} \rangle}{\epsilon^{\rho\mu\sigma\nu} p_\sigma \langle S_g \rangle} \Big|_{p^2=\mu_R^2, \mu \neq \nu \neq \rho \neq \sigma, p_\mu=p_\nu=0, p_\rho \neq 0}$$



$$S_{\mu\nu}^b(p^2) = \frac{2}{(N_c^2 - 1)V} \text{Tr}[A_\mu(p) A_\nu(-p)]$$

Transverse off-diagonal mode
 $\text{Tr}[A_\mu(p) A_\nu(-p)]$, so the vacuum expectation value is originally 0.

Cluster Decomposition Error Reduction

Consider 3PT $\{\text{Tr}[AA]\mathcal{O}\}(p)$

$$\text{Cut operator } \mathcal{O}_{\text{cut}}^{R_{sO}}(x) = \int_{|r| < R_{sO}} d^4 r \mathcal{O}(x + r)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(p) = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{O}(x)), \quad f(p, R_{sO}) = \mathcal{F}(f(x, R_{sO})) = \mathcal{F}(\theta(R_{sO} - |x|))$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{O} * f) = \mathcal{O}(p) \cdot f(p, R_{sO}), \quad \mathcal{O}_{\text{cut}}(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{O} * f) = \int_{||r|| < R_{sO}} \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Cut gauge potential $A(x)$ for 3PT

$$B(x) = A(x) \mathcal{O}_{\text{cut}}(x) \quad B(-p) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(B(x)) \times V, \quad A(p) = \mathcal{F}(A(x))$$

$$g(x, R_{sA}) = \theta(R_{sA} - |x|) \quad \{\text{Tr}[AA]\mathcal{O}\}_{\text{cut}}(p) = \mathcal{F} \left\{ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(A(p) \cdot B(-p)) \cdot g(x, R_{sA}) \right\}$$