

Form factors in **semileptonic decay** **$D_s \rightarrow \phi l \nu$** from lattice QCD

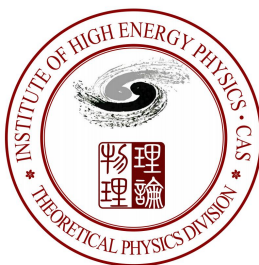
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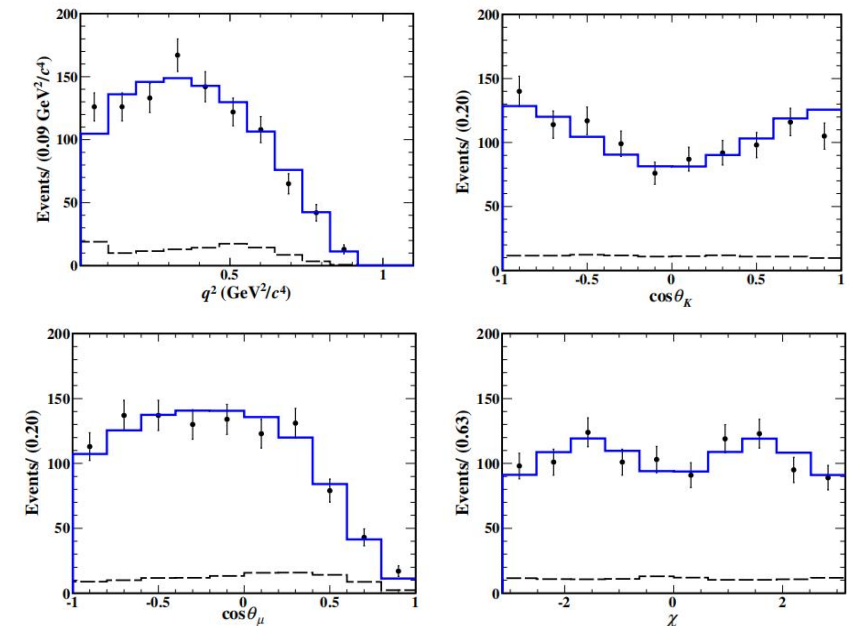
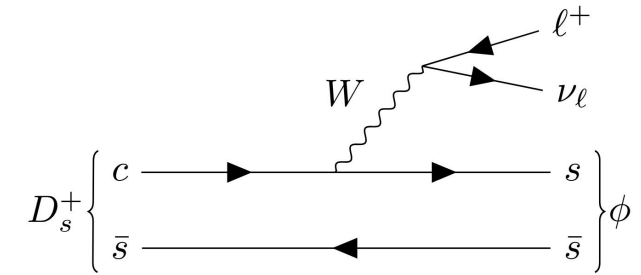


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Motivations

- Semi-leptonic decays offer an ideal place to deeply understand hadronic transitions in the **nonperturbative region** of QCD, and can help to explore the weak and strong interactions in **charm sector**
- **Vector meson decay** makes this transition notoriously difficult to model due to theoretical complexity
- Combining with the experimental data, the **CKM matrix element** can be extracted, and it helps to test **unitarity of CKM** matrix and search for new physics beyond SM
- Calculating branching fractions helps to test $\mu - e$ **lepton flavor universality**



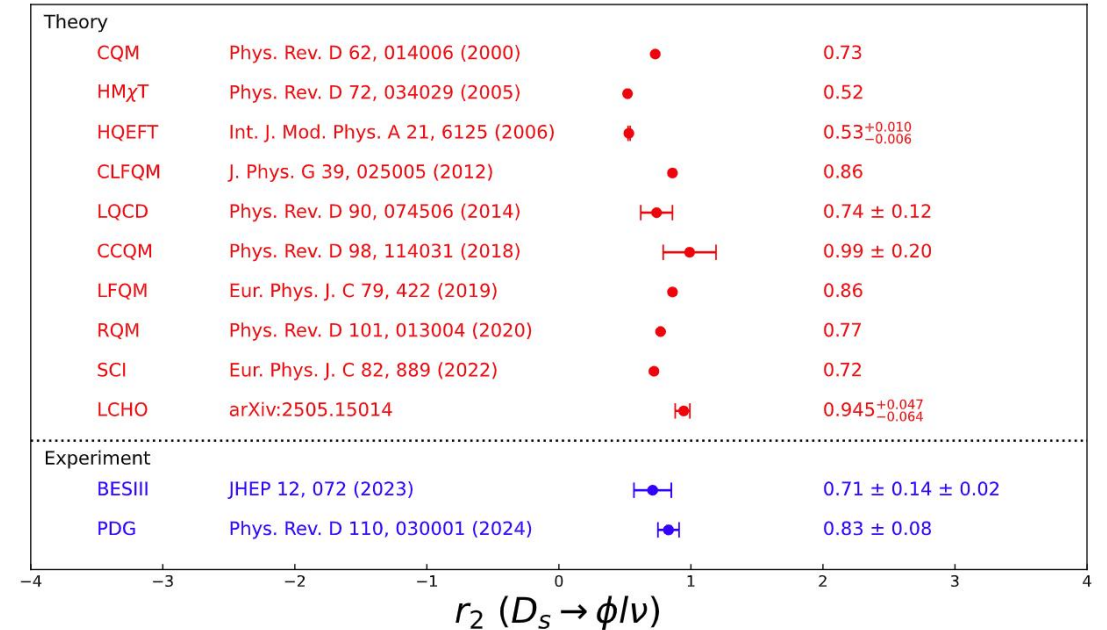
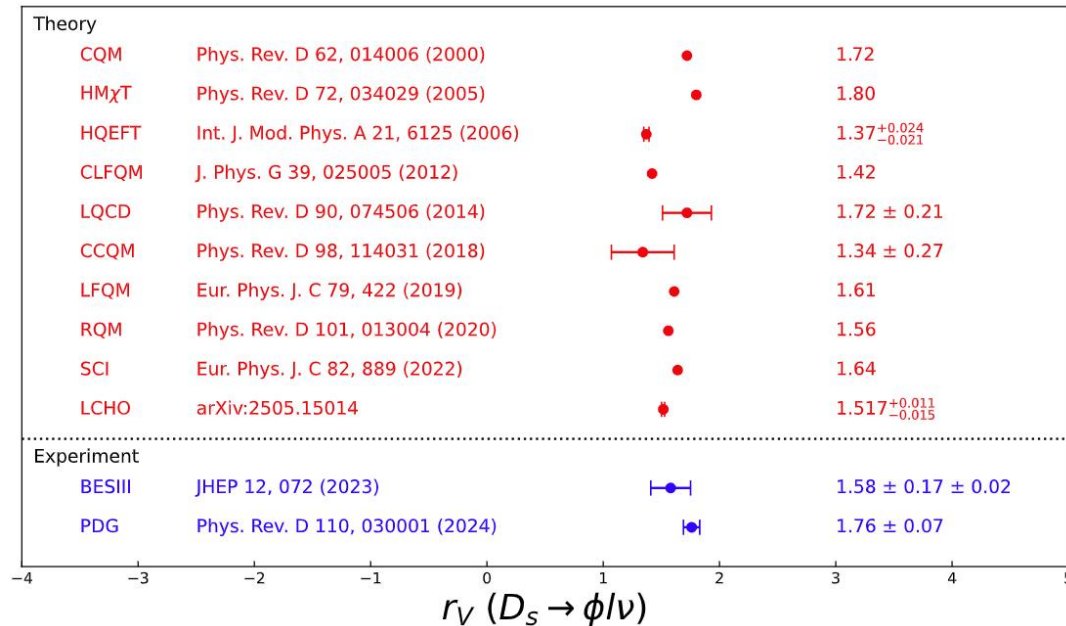
[BESIII, [JHEP 12, 072 \(2023\)](#)]

SM parameter

$$\frac{d\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow \phi \ell \nu)}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2 |\mathbf{p}_\phi| q^2}{96\pi^3 M_{D_s}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{q^2}\right)^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{m_\ell^2}{2q^2}\right) (|H_+|^2 + |H_-|^2 + |H_0|^2) + \frac{3m_\ell^2}{2q^2} |H_t|^2 \right]$$

Motivations

- Status of theoretical and experimental studies



A precise lattice calculation is important!

- Provide lattice QCD input to investigate the SU(3) symmetry (by combining with $D \rightarrow K^* l \nu$ calculation)

Introduction to lattice QCD

- Path integral in **discrete Euclidean** space

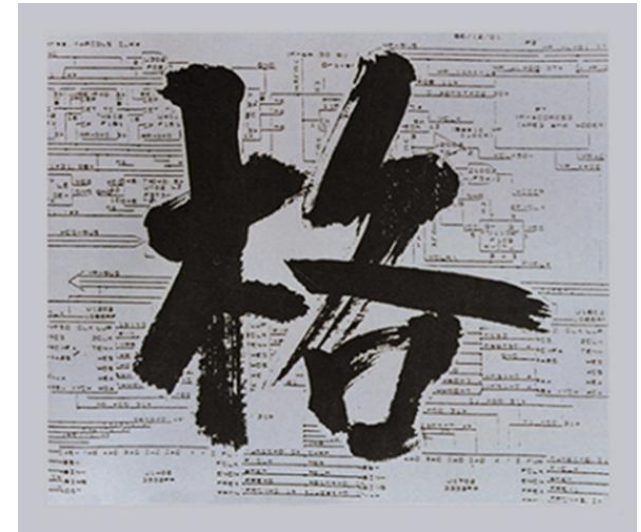
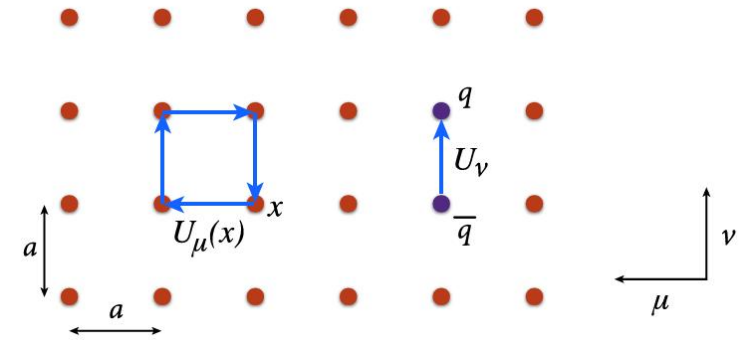
$$Z = \int [dU] \prod_f [dq_f][d\bar{q}_f] e^{-S_g[U] - \sum_f \bar{q}_f (D[U] + m_f) q_f}$$

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- Expectation values of gauge-invariant operators, also known as “**correlation functions**”

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(U, q, \bar{q}) \rangle = (1/Z) \int [dU] \prod_f [dq_f][d\bar{q}_f] \mathcal{O}(U, q, \bar{q}) e^{-S_g[U] - \sum_f \bar{q}_f (D[U] + m_f) q_f}$$

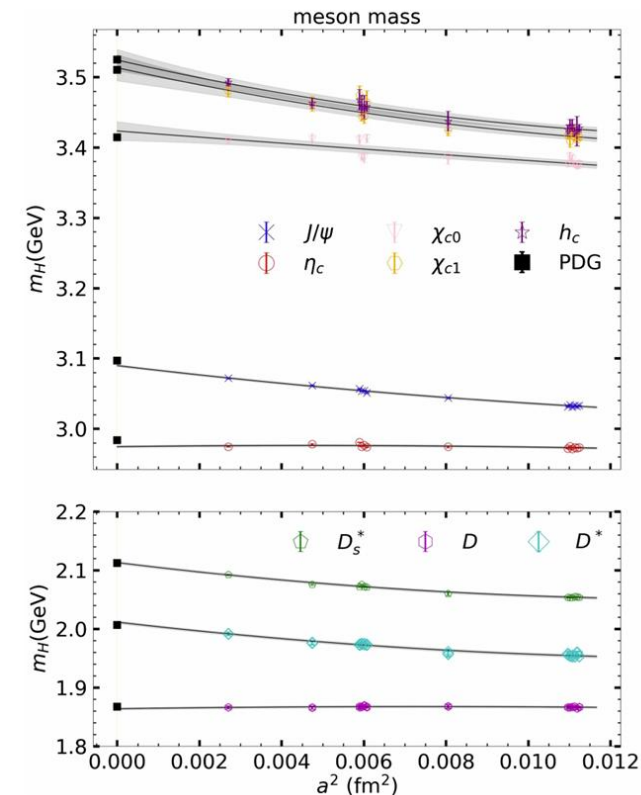
- **Monte-Carlo** method and data analysis



Lattice set up

- (2+1)-flavor **Wilson-clover** gauge ensembles [CLQCD, [PRD 111, 054504 \(2025\)](#)]
- Computer resources: **“SongShan” supercomputer** at Zhengzhou University

Ensemble	C24P29	C32P23	F32P30	F48P21	H48P32
a (fm)	0.10524(05)(62)	0.10524(05)(62)	0.07753(03)(45)	0.07753(03)(45)	0.05199(08)(31)
$\tilde{m}_s^b$	-0.2400	-0.2400	0.2050	0.2050	0.1700
$\tilde{m}_l^b$	-0.2770	-0.2790	0.2295	0.2320	0.1850
$\tilde{m}_c^b$	0.4159(07)	0.4190(07)	0.1974(05)	0.1997(04)	0.0551(07)
$L^3 \times T$	$24^3 \times 72$	$32^3 \times 64$	$32^3 \times 96$	$48^3 \times 96$	$48^3 \times 144$
$N_{\text{cfg}} \times N_{\text{src}}$	450×72	200×64	180×96	150×96	150×144
m_π (MeV)	292.3(1.0)	227.9(1.2)	300.4(1.2)	207.5(1.1)	316.6(1.0)
t	2 – 17	2 – 20	4 – 22	4 – 26	8 – 30
Z_V^s	0.85184(06)	0.85350(04)	0.86900(03)	0.86880(02)	0.88780(01)
Z_V^c	1.57353(18)	1.57644(12)	1.30566(07)	1.30673(04)	1.12882(11)
Z_A/Z_V	1.07244(70)	1.07375(40)	1.05549(54)	1.05434(88)	1.03802(28)



Method (correlation function formulism)

- 2-point correlation function (2pt),

$$C^{(2)}(\vec{p}, t) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{O}_h(\vec{x}, t) \mathcal{O}_h^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

- 3-point correlation function (3pt),

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t, t_s) &= \langle \mathcal{O}_{\phi_\nu}(t) J_\mu^W(0) \mathcal{O}_{D_s}^\dagger(-t_s) \rangle \\ &= \langle \bar{s}(t) \gamma_\nu s(t) \bar{s}(0) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c(0) \bar{c}(-t_s) \gamma_5 s(-t_s) \rangle \\ &= \langle \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \gamma_\nu S_{-s}^\dagger(t, -t_s) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu S_s(t, 0) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) S_c(0, -t_s)] \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Method (scalar function)

- The parameterization for $P \rightarrow V$ semileptonic matrix element

$$\langle \phi_\sigma(\vec{p}) | J_\mu^W(0) | D_s(p') \rangle = \frac{F_0(q^2)}{Mm} \epsilon_{\mu\sigma\alpha\beta} p'^\alpha p^\beta + F_1(q^2) \delta_{\mu\sigma} + \frac{F_2(q^2)}{Mm} p_\mu p'_\sigma + \frac{F_3(q^2)}{M^2} p'_\mu p'_\sigma$$

$$\langle \phi(\varepsilon, \vec{p}) | J_\mu^W(0) | D_s(p') \rangle = \varepsilon_\nu^* \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p'_\alpha p_\beta \frac{2V}{m+M} + (M+m) \varepsilon_\mu^* A_1 + \frac{\varepsilon^* \cdot q}{M+m} (p+p')_\mu A_2 - 2m \frac{\varepsilon^* \cdot q}{Q^2} q_\mu (A_0 - A_3)$$

- Correlation functions $\longrightarrow$ Scalar functions $\longrightarrow$ Form factors

$$\langle \phi_\sigma(\vec{p}) | J_\mu^W(0) | D_s(p') \rangle \quad \tilde{I}_j \quad V, A_0, A_1, A_2$$

- Relationship with the form factor

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{(m+M)}{2mM} F_0, \\ A_1 &= \frac{F_1}{M+m}, \\ A_2 &= \frac{M+m}{2mM^2} (MF_2 + mF_3), \\ A_0 - A_3 &= Q^2 \left(\frac{F_2}{4m^2M} - \frac{F_3}{4mM^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

A_3 is not an independent form factor

$$A_3(q^2) = \frac{M+m}{2m} A_1(q^2) - \frac{M-m}{2m} A_2(q^2)$$

A_0 is then

$$A_0(q^2) = \frac{F_1}{2m} + \frac{m^2 - M^2 + Q^2}{4m^2M} F_2 + \frac{m^2 - M^2 - Q^2}{4mM^2} F_3$$

$A_0(0) = A_3(0)$ is automatically perserved

Method (scalar function)

- A similar **scalar function** scheme has been used for high-precision calculation
 - $\Gamma(\eta_c \rightarrow 2\gamma) = 6.67(16)_{\text{stat}}(6)_{\text{syst}} \text{ keV}$ [Y. M et al, [Science Bulletin 68, 1880 \(2023\)](#)]
 - $\Gamma(D_s^* \rightarrow \gamma D_s) = 0.0549(54) \text{ keV}$ [Y. M et al, [PRD 109, 074511 \(2024\)](#)]
 - $\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow D e \nu_e) = 1.21(11) \times 10^{-11}$
 $\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow D \mu \nu_\mu) = 1.18(11) \times 10^{-11}$
 $\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s e \nu_e) = 1.90(8) \times 10^{-10}$
 $\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow D_s \mu \nu_\mu) = 1.84(8) \times 10^{-10}$ [Y. M et al, [PRD 110, 074510 \(2024\)](#)]
 - $\text{Br}(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta_c) = 2.49(11)_{\text{lat}}(5)_{\text{exp}} \%$ [Y. M et al, [PRD 111, 014508 \(2025\)](#)]

Results (2-point function fitting)

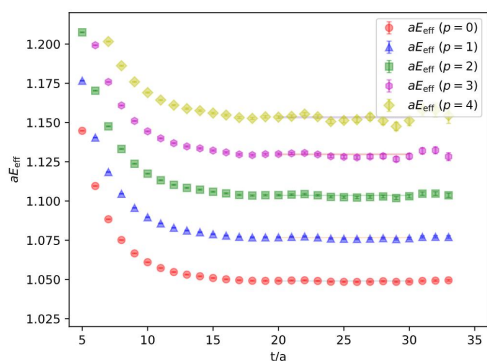
- Least χ^2 fitting considering covariance matrix between configurations and time

fit function for $\mathbf{D}_s$ is

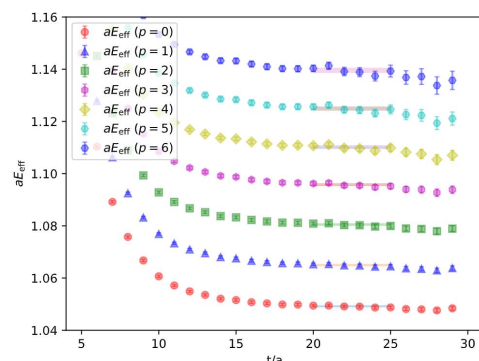
$$C^{(2)}(\vec{p}, t) = \frac{Z_h^2}{2E_h} (e^{-E_h t} + e^{-E_h(T-t)})$$

- There should be a plateau when meson ground states are dominant

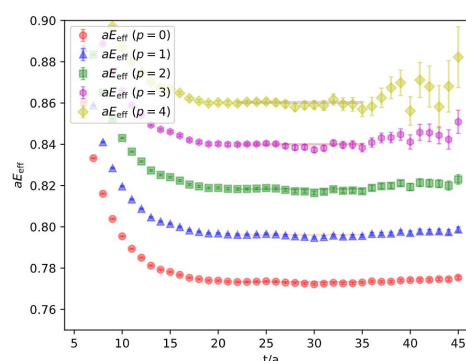
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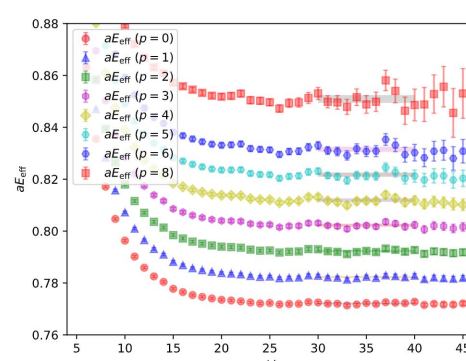
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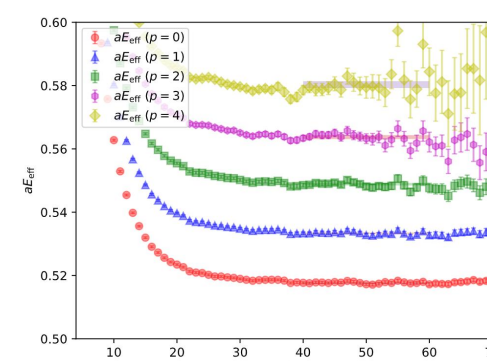
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H48P32



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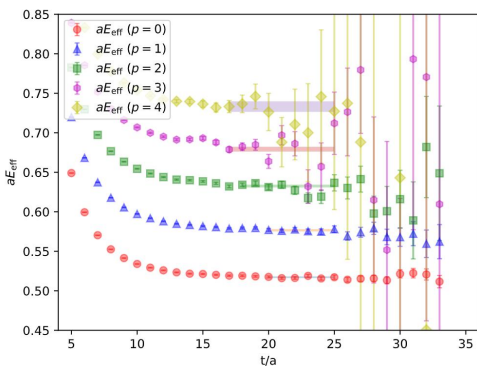
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fit function for ϕ is

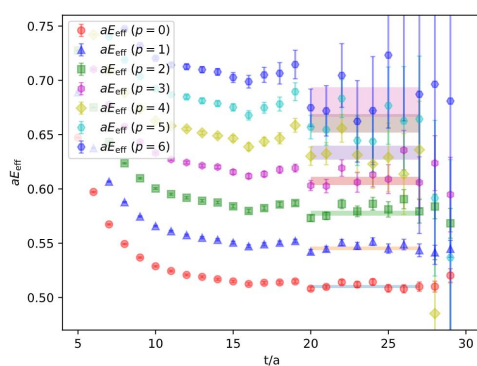
$$C^{(2)}(\vec{p}, t) = \left(-1 - \frac{|\vec{p}|^2}{3m_h^2} \right) \frac{Z_h^2}{2E_h} [e^{-E_h t} + e^{-E_h(T-t)}]$$

- There should be a plateau when meson **ground states are dominant**

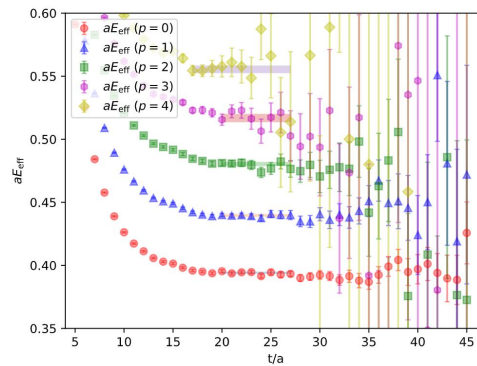
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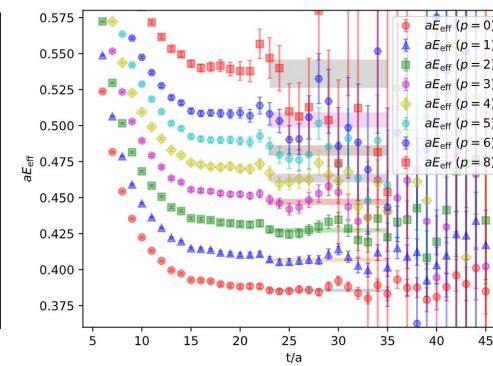
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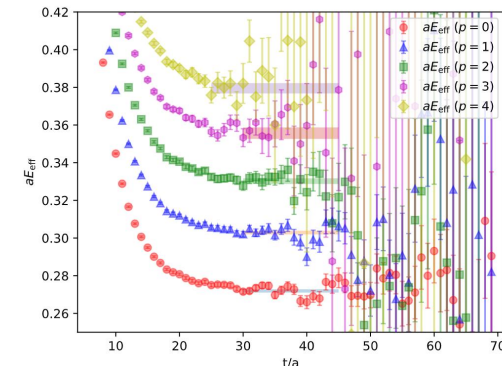
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Results (dispersion relation)

- We checked the **dispersion relation** of D_s meson at different momenta
- Use a **discrete dispersion relation** as the fitting function

$$4 \sinh^2 \frac{E_h}{2} = 4 \sinh^2 \frac{m_h}{2} + \mathcal{Z}_{\text{latt}}^h \cdot 4 \sum_i \sin^2 \frac{p_i}{2} \quad \mathcal{Z}_{\text{latt}} \text{ is } 1.0407(54), 1.0447(80), 1.0384(72), 1.032(10), 1.029(10)$$

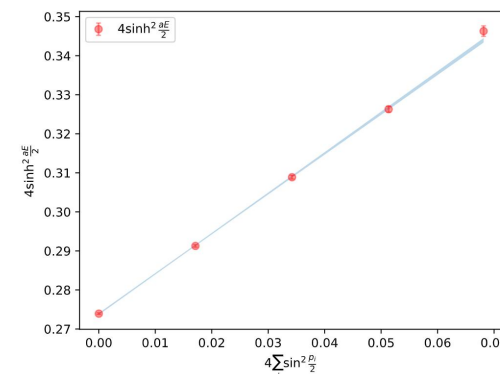
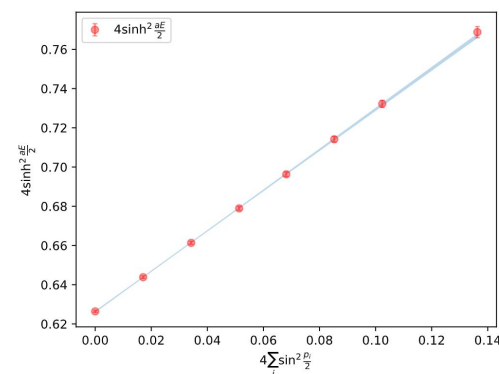
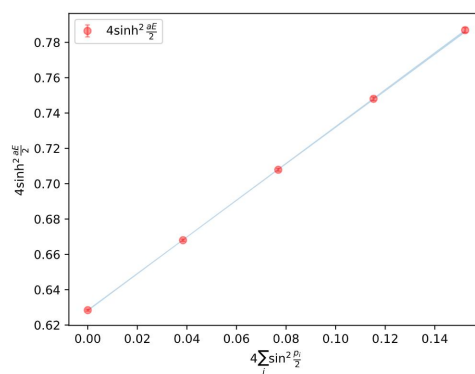
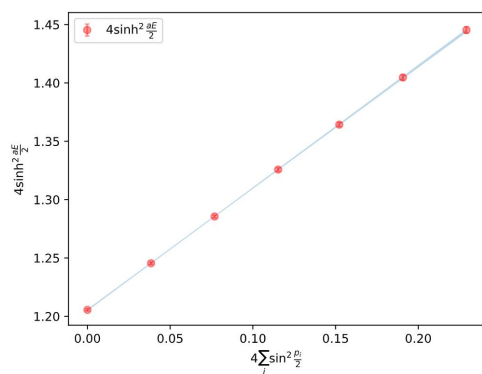
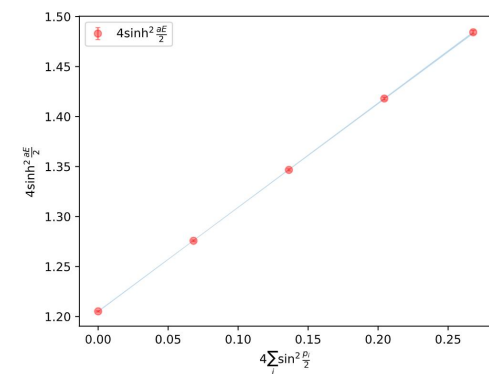
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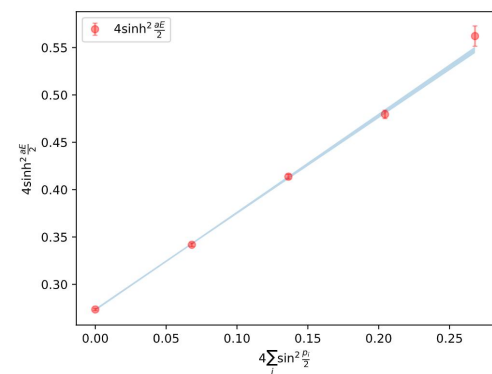


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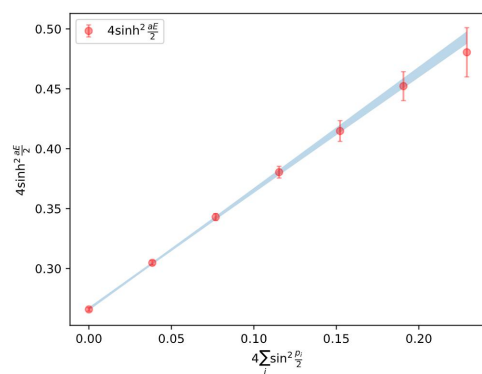
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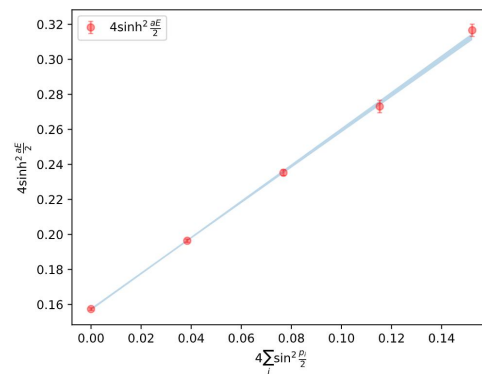
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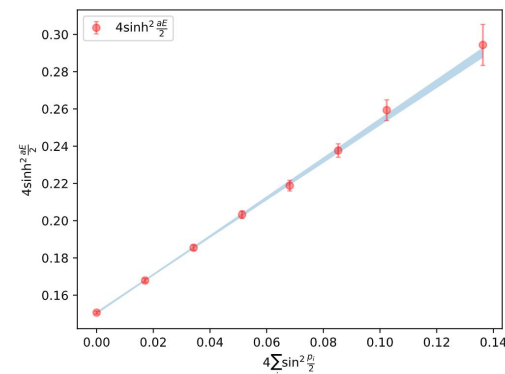
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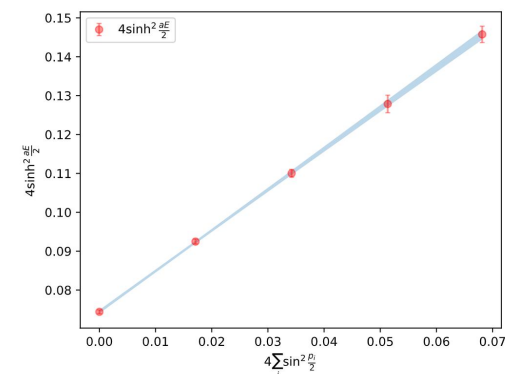
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Results (form factor)

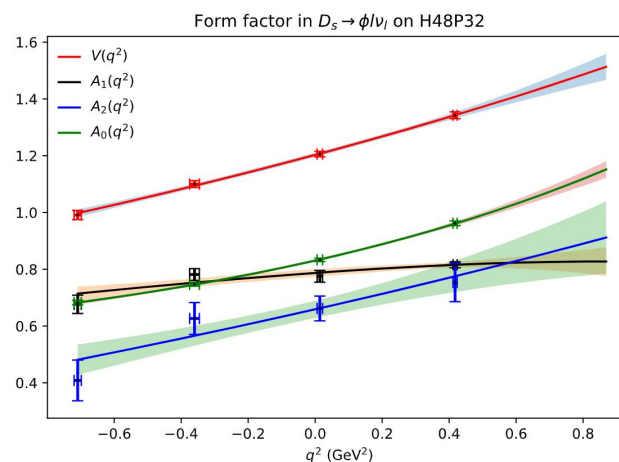
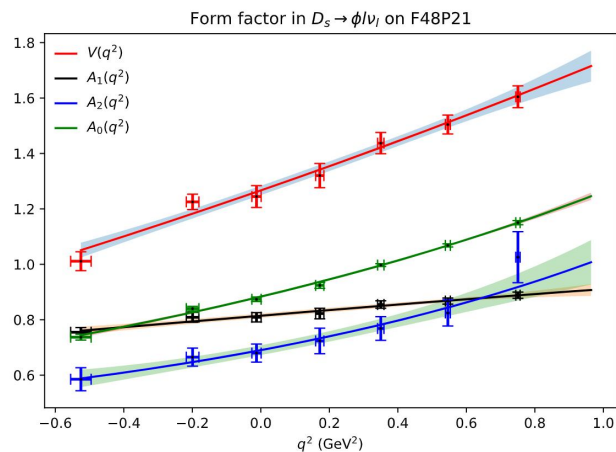
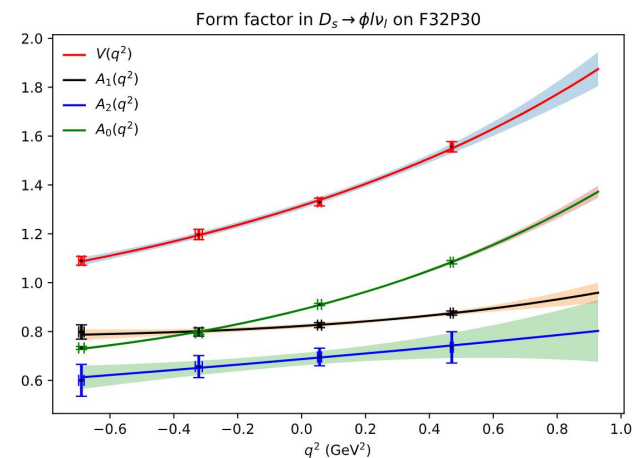
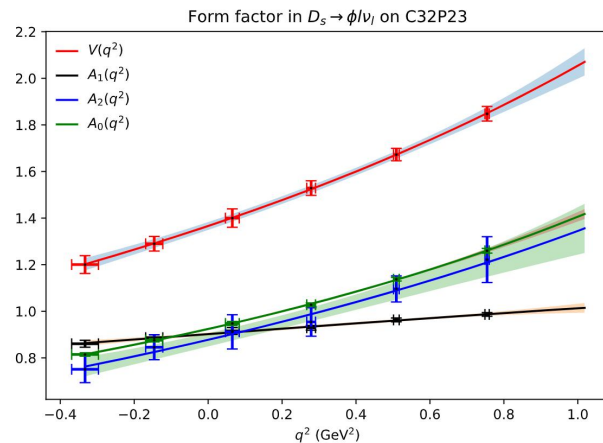
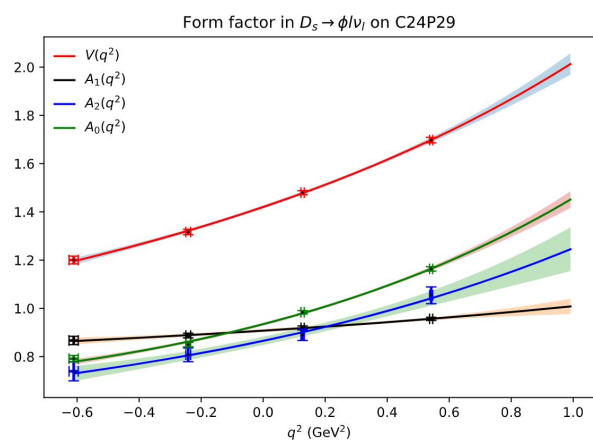
$$z(q^2, t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$

$$\text{where } t_+ = (m_{D_s} + m_\phi)^2, t_0 = 0$$

$$V = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{D_s^*}^2} (a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2)$$

$$A_{0,1,2} = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{D_{s1}}^2} (a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2)$$

- The results have been multiplied by the **renormalization constant**, data point errors from **jackknife analysis**



Results (global fit)

- Extrapolate results to the **physical pion mass** and **continuum limit** using **z-expansion**

$$z(q^2, t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$

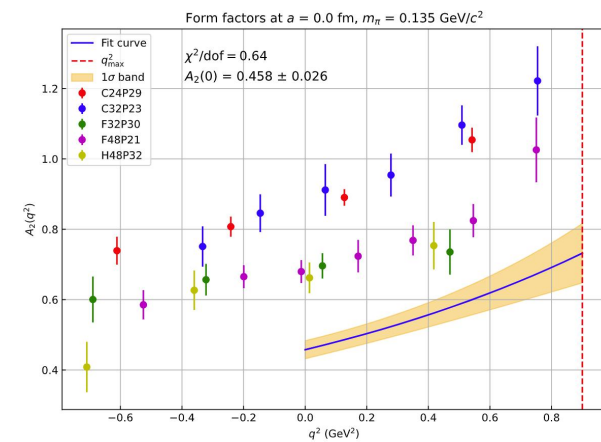
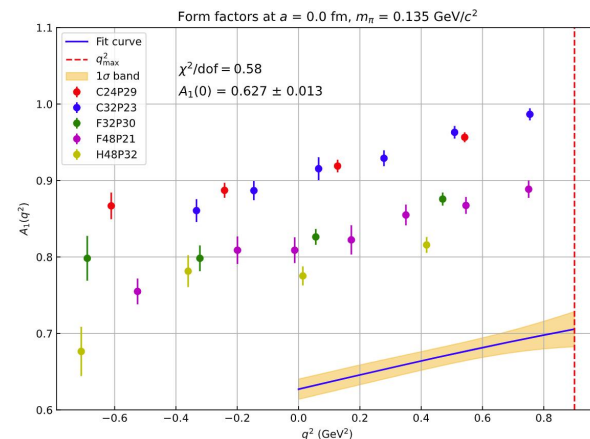
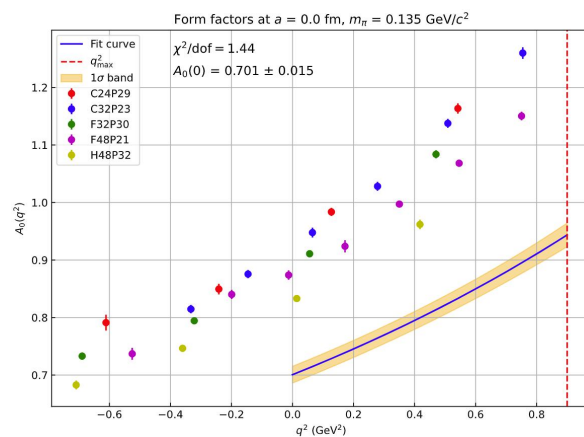
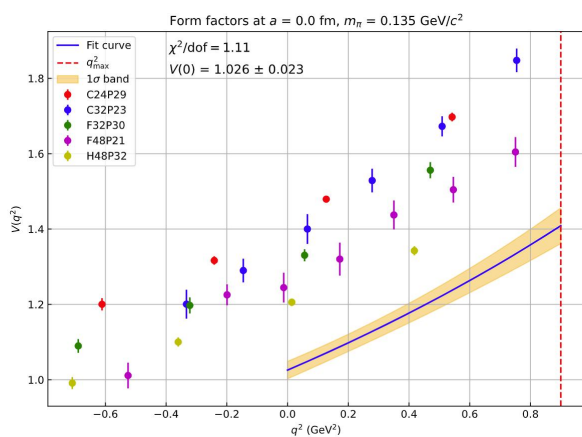
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$$V(q^2, a, m_\pi) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{D_s^*}^2} \sum_{i=0}^2 (c_i + d_i a^2) \left[1 + f_i (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phys}}^2) + g_i (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phys}}^2)^2 \right] z^i$$

$$A_{0,1,2}(q^2, a, m_\pi) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/m_{D_{s1}}^2} \sum_{i=0}^2 (c_i + d_i a^2) \left[1 + f_i (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phys}}^2) + g_i (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phys}}^2)^2 \right] z^i$$

$$m_{\pi, \text{phys}}^2 = 135.0 \text{ MeV}^2/c^2, m_{D_s^*}^2 = 2112.2 \text{ MeV}^2/c^2, m_{D_{s1}}^2 = 2459.5 \text{ MeV}^2/c^2$$

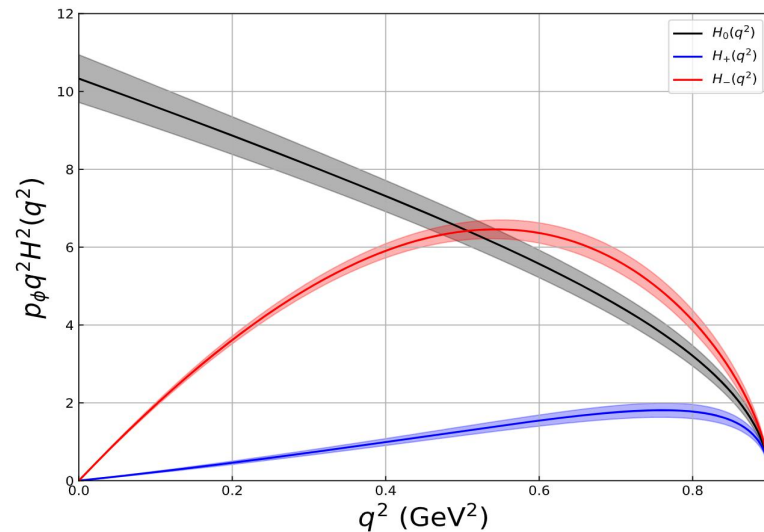
- $A_0(0) - A_3(0) = -0.005(27)$, **consistent with zero**



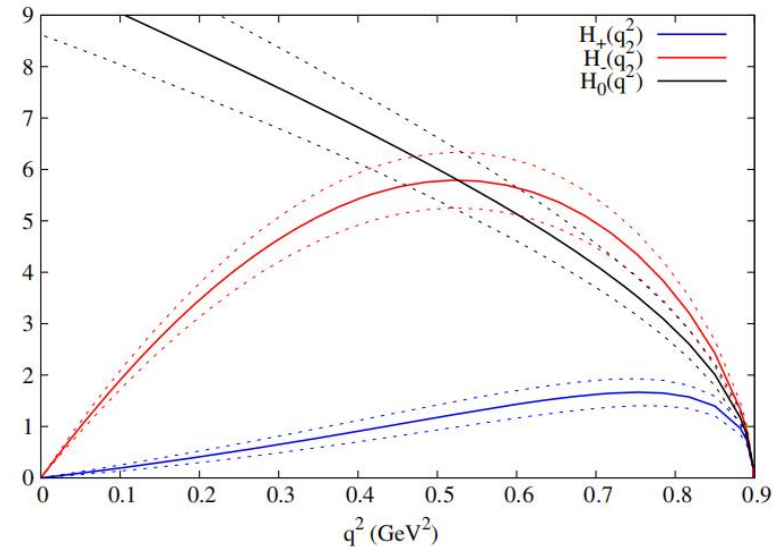
Results (H form factor)

$$H_{\pm}(q^2) = (M + m) A_1(q^2) \mp \frac{2Mp_{K^*}}{M + m} V(q^2),$$

$$H_0(q^2) = \frac{1}{2M\sqrt{q^2}} \times \left[(M^2 - m^2 - q^2)(M + m) A_1(q^2) - 4 \frac{M^2 p_{K^*}^2}{M + m} A_2(q^2) \right].$$



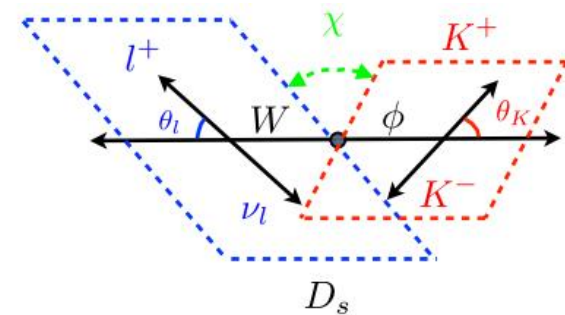
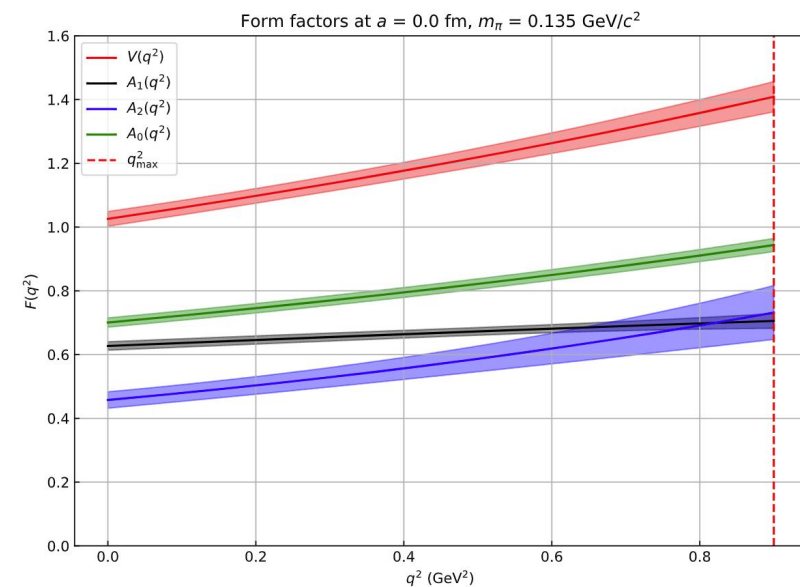
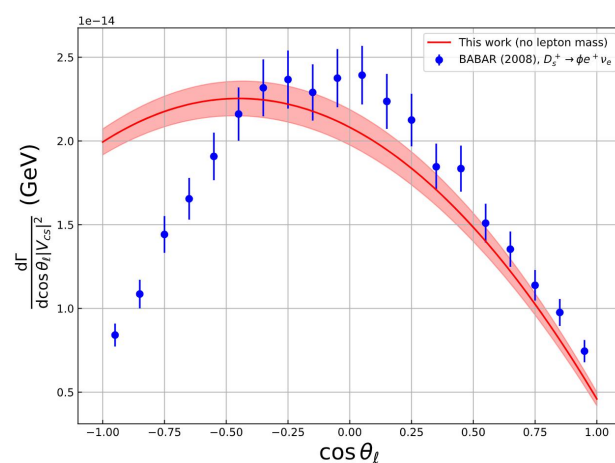
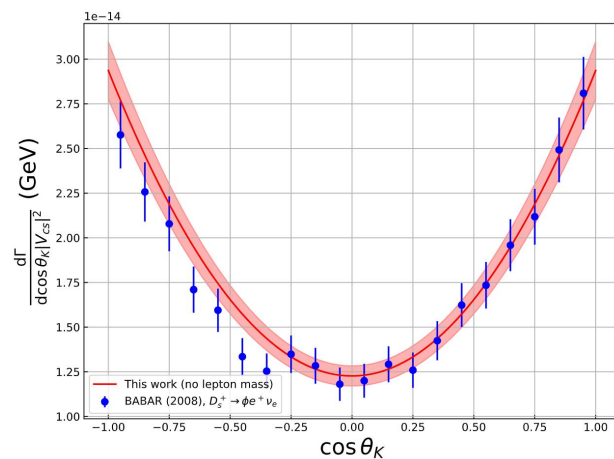
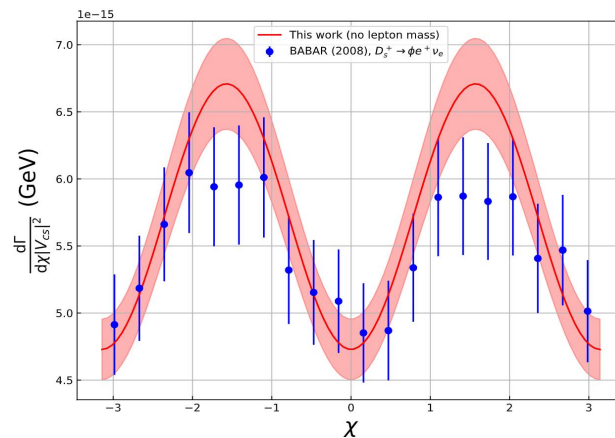
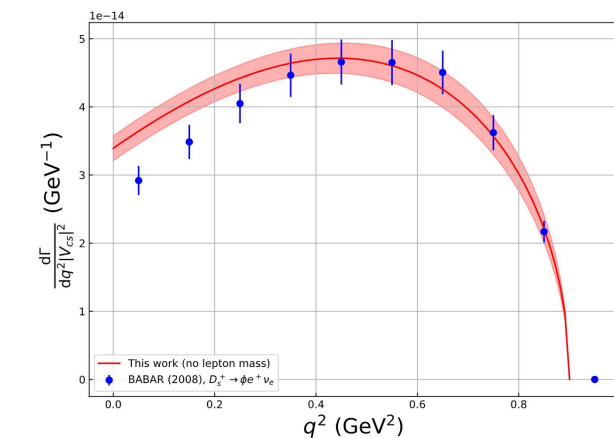
using **z-expansion**



[HPQCD, [PRD 90, 074506 \(2014\)](#)]

Results (differential decay width)

- Differential decay width using **z-expansion**, where the lepton mass is neglected
[[Rev. Mod. Phys 67, 893 \(1995\)](#)]



Results

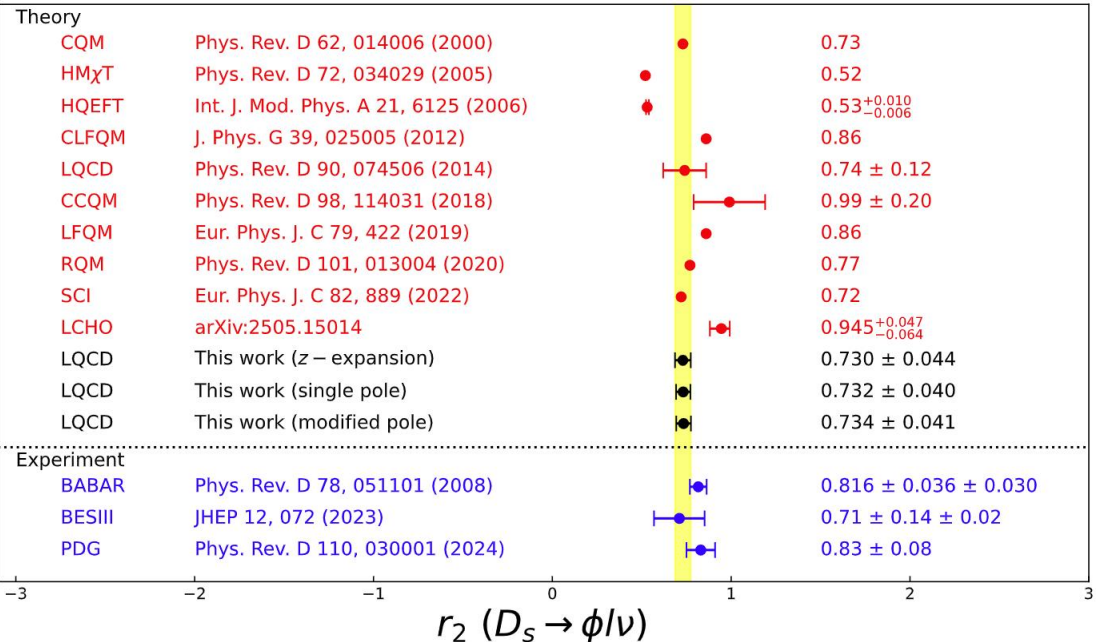
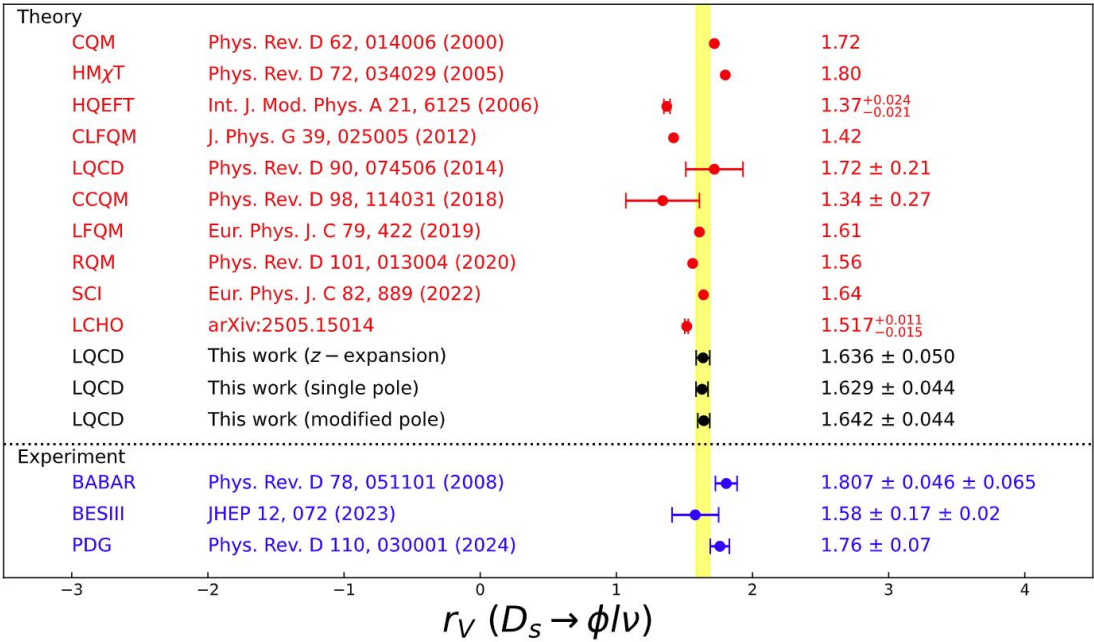
- Summary of preliminary results (form factor)

single pole

$$F(q^2, a, m_\pi) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2/h^2} (c + da^2) \left[1 + f(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phys}}^2) + g(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phys}}^2)^2 \right]$$

modified pole

$$F(q^2, a, m_\pi) = \frac{1}{(1 - q^2/m_{\text{pole}}^2)(1 - \alpha q^2/m_{\text{pole}}^2)} (c + da^2) \left[1 + f(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phys}}^2) + g(m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi,\text{phys}}^2)^2 \right]$$



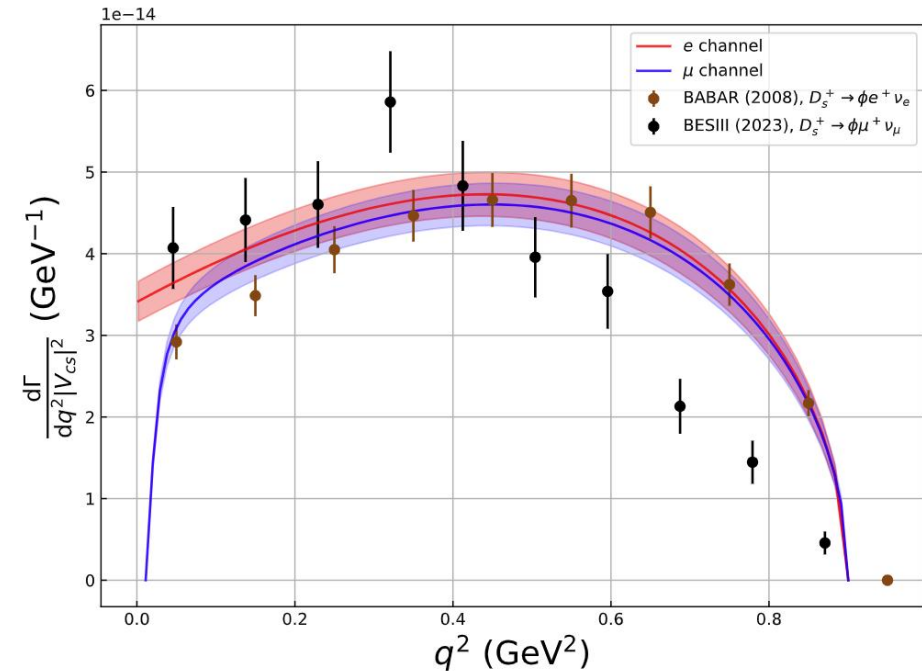
Results

- Summary of preliminary results (branching fraction)

PDG $|V_{cs}|$ as input

$$\frac{d\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow \phi \ell \nu)}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2 |\mathbf{p}_\phi| q^2}{96\pi^3 M_{D_s}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{q^2}\right)^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{m_\ell^2}{2q^2}\right) (|H_+|^2 + |H_-|^2 + |H_0|^2) + \frac{3m_\ell^2}{2q^2} |H_t|^2 \right]$$

$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow \phi \ell \nu) \times 10^{-2}$	e channel	μ channel	$\mathcal{R}_{\mu/e}$
z-expansion	2.61(15)	2.46(13)	0.9431(25)
single pole	2.56(10)	2.40(10)	0.9422(23)
modified pole	2.55(10)	2.41(10)	0.9428(24)
PDG	2.34(12)	2.24(11)	0.957(68)



Summary

- Dispersion relations of D_s meson and ϕ meson are calculated
- Form factors on five lattice sets with different q^2 are calculated
- Extrapolate form factors to the physical pion mass and continuum limit
- Differential decay width and branching fraction results are calculated
- Preliminary work on $D \rightarrow K^* l \nu$ form factors are ongoing

Thank you for your attention!