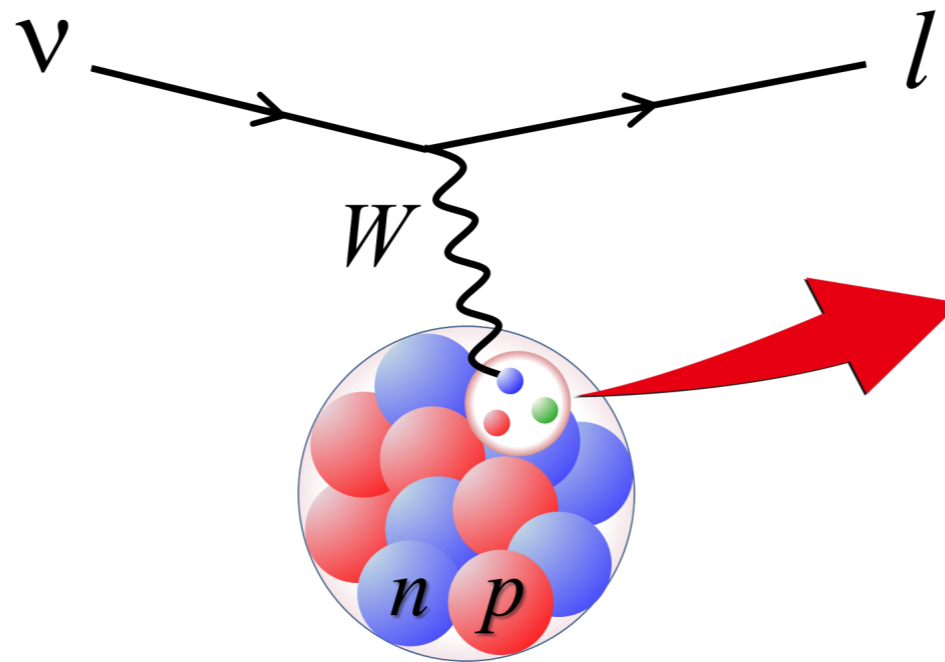


# Lattice QCD input for neutrino physics

and also

new results for scalar matrix elements in light nuclei



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# Long-baseline neutrino experiments

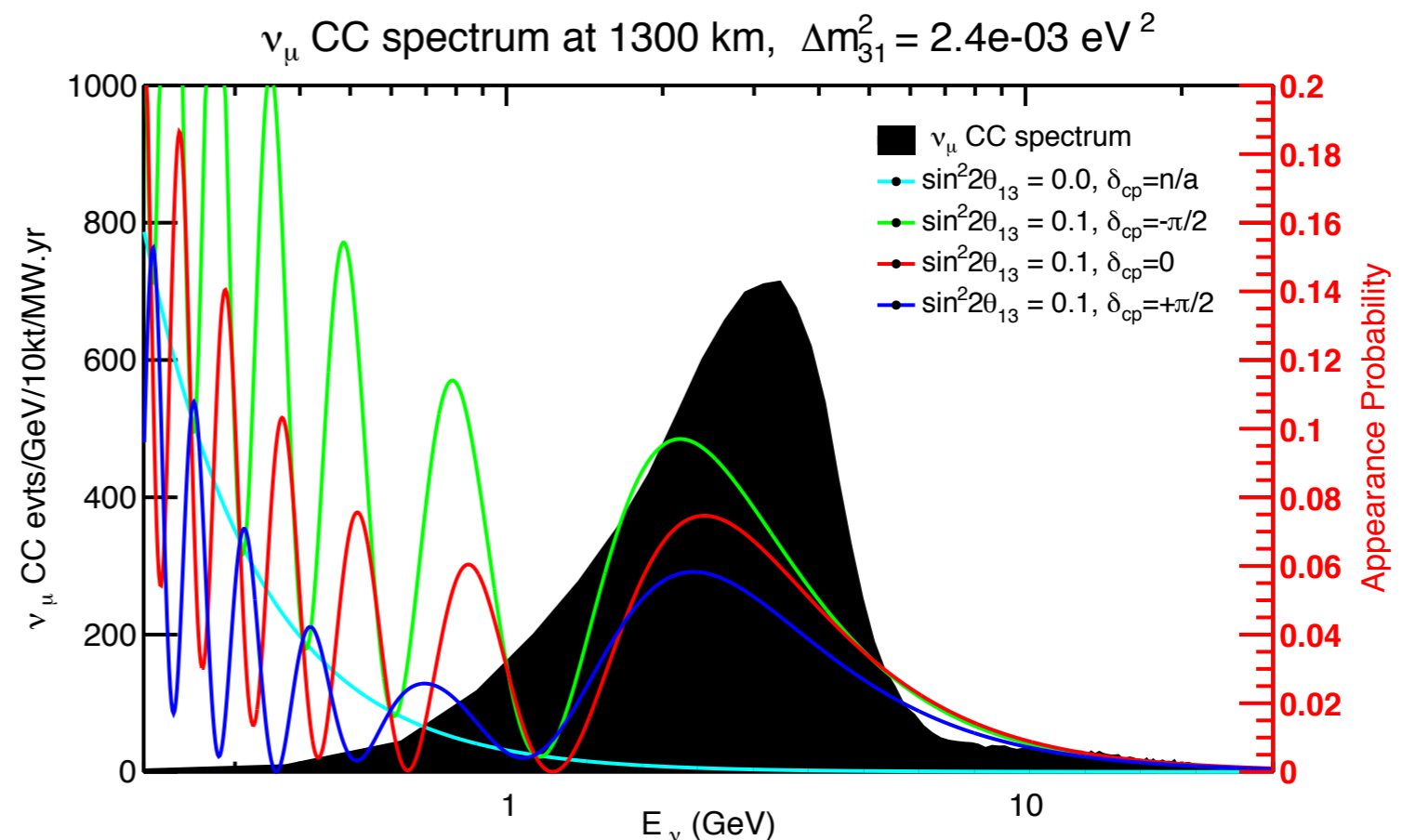
Neutrinos produced as secondary decay products of hadrons from primary reactions of protons with nuclei

➔ neutrino energy must be reconstructed event-by-event from the final state of the reaction

## DUNE

Need energy reconstruction to better than 100 MeV

Robust understanding of both nucleon and nuclear level amplitudes essential

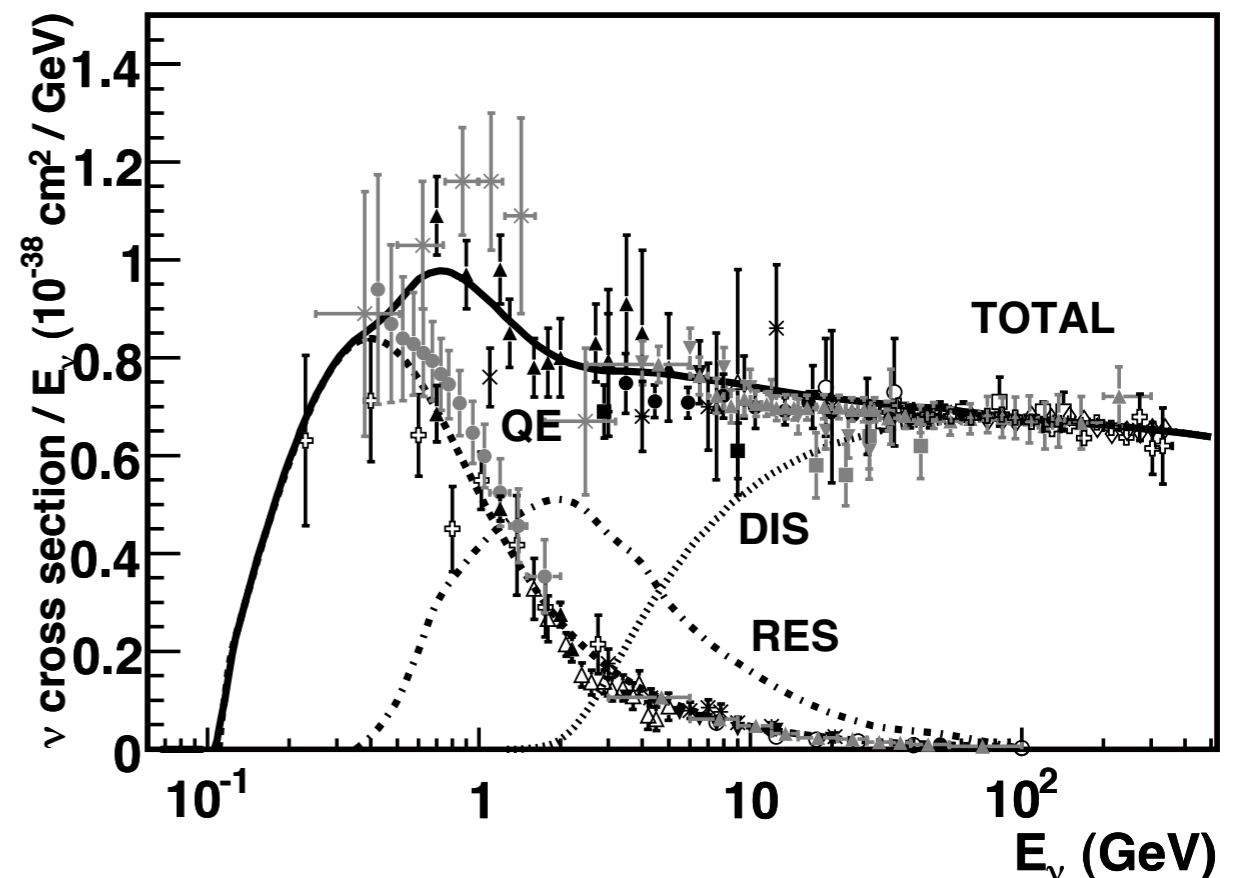


# Constraining $\nu$ -nucleus interactions

- For LBNEs neutrino energy distributions peak at 1-10 GeV
- Challenging region: several processes contribute
  - Quasielastic lepton scattering
  - Inelastic continuum / shallow-inelastic region
  - Resonances
- Lattice QCD can provide direct non-perturbative QCD predictions of nucleon and nuclear matrix elements

## Neutrino charged-current cross-section

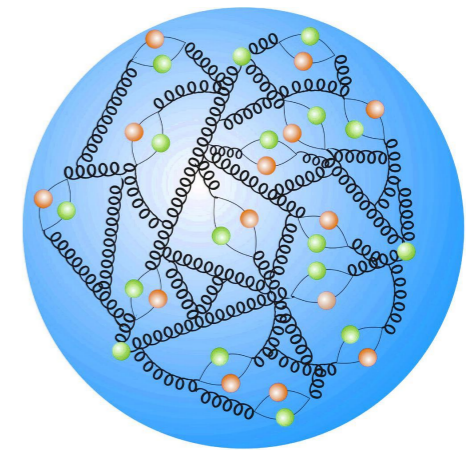
J.A. Formaggio, G.P. Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 84 (2012) 1307



# LQCD input for $\nu$ -nucleus interactions

1. Directly access QCD single-nucleon form factors without nuclear corrections

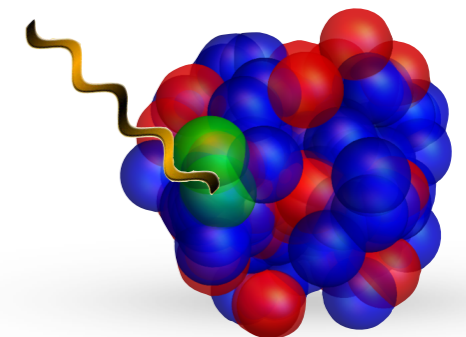
Reliable calculations with fully-controlled uncertainties



2. Calculate matrix elements in light nuclei from first principles

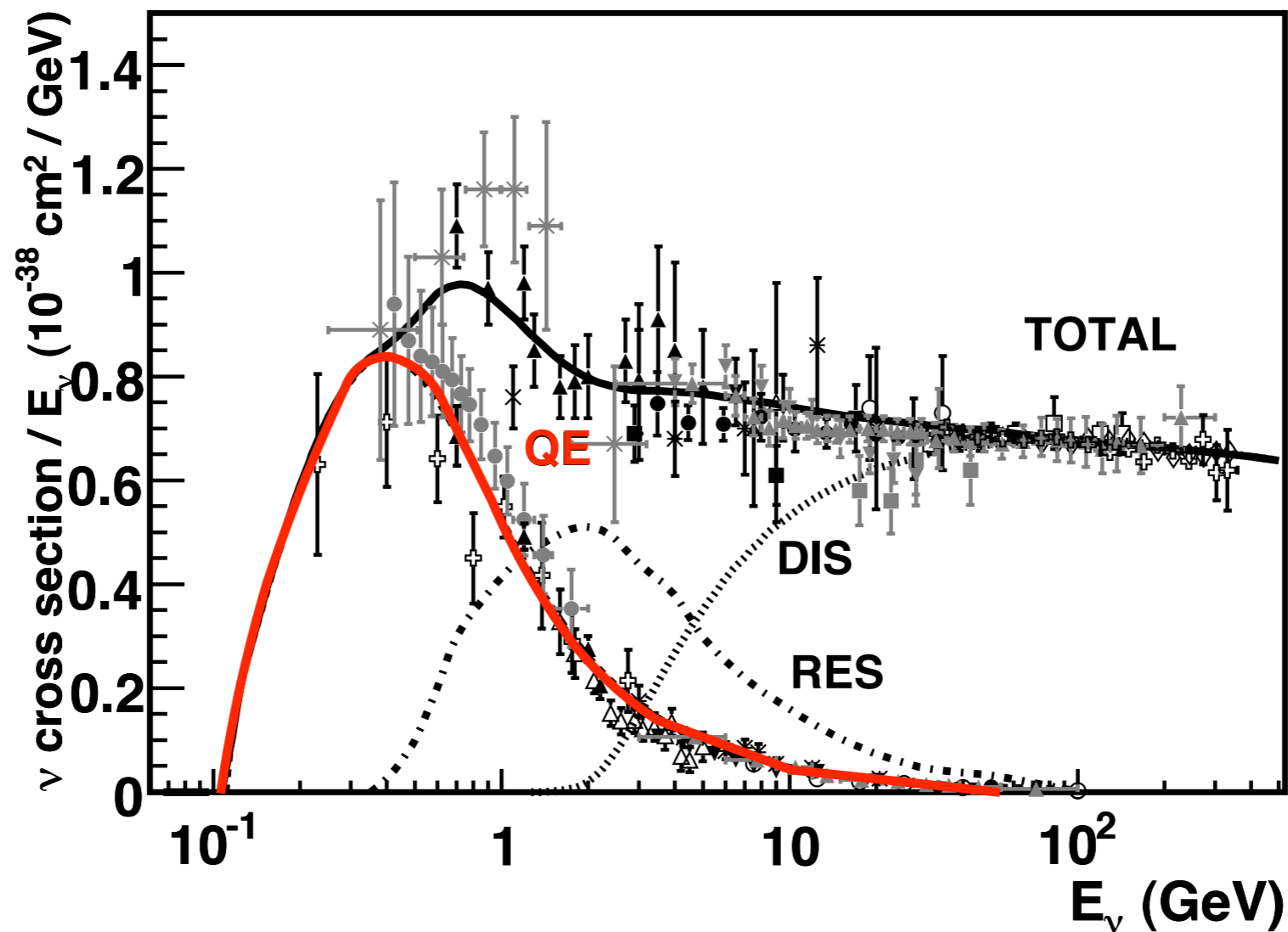
➔ EFT to reach heavy nuclear targets relevant to experiment

First calculations of axial charge of light nuclei



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# Quasi-elastic scattering

- Cross-section for quasi-elastic neutrino-nucleon scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{G_f^2 M^2 \cos^2 \theta_C}{8\pi E_\nu^2} \left[ A \mp \frac{(s-u)}{M^2} B + \frac{(s-u)^2}{M^4} C \right]$$

$$A = \frac{(m^2 + Q^2)}{M^2} \left[ (1+\tau)G_A^2 - (1-\tau)F_1^2 + \tau(1-\tau)F_2^2 + 4\tau F_1 F_2 - \frac{m^2}{4M^2} \left( (F_1 + F_2)^2 + (G_A + 2G_P)^2 - \left( \frac{Q^2}{M^2} + 4 \right) G_P^2 \right) \right]$$

$$B = \frac{Q^2}{M^2} G_A (F_1 + F_2)$$

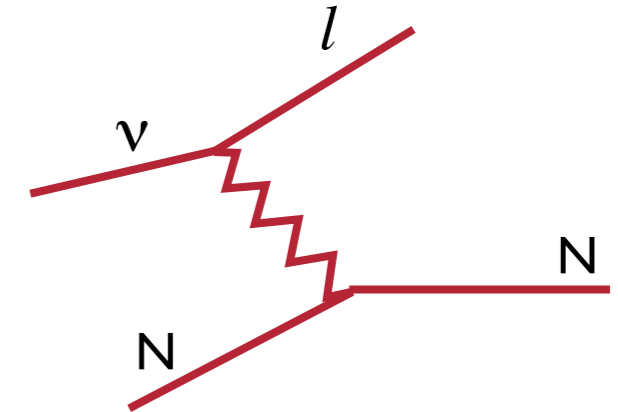
$$C = \frac{1}{4} (G_A^2 + F_1^2 + \tau F_2^2)$$

$G_A$

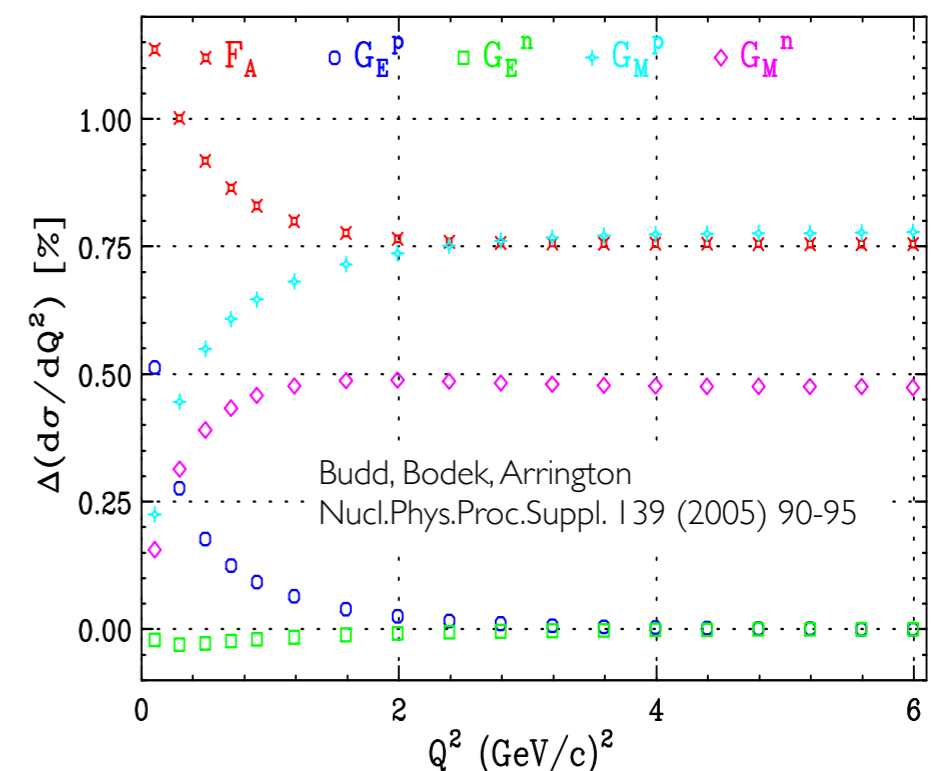
- dominant contribution
- largest uncertainty

$F_{1,2}$  Well-determined from electron scattering expts

$G_P$  can be related to  $G_A$  by pion pole dominance



QE,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\Delta(d\sigma/dQ^2)$  [%] for 1% Change in FF,  $M_A=1$



# Axial form factor

- Traditionally assumed to have dipole form

$$G_A(Q^2) = \frac{g_A}{(1 + Q^2 / M_A^2)^2}$$

- $g_A = 1.2671$  determined with high precision from nuclear beta decay
- axial mass  $M_A$  must be determined experimentally

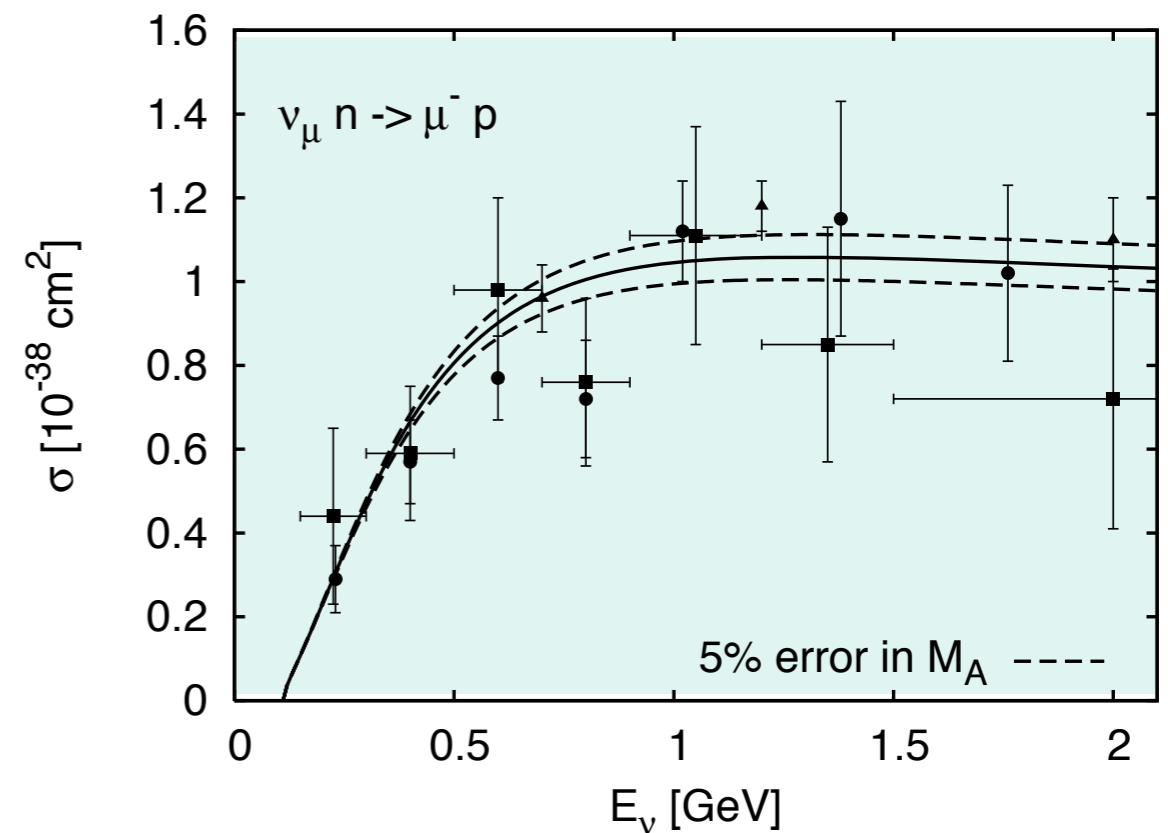
**BUT**

- Electromagnetic FFs show significant deviation from dipole parametrisation form

More general alternatives

- Model-indep z-expansion  
Hill & Paz (2010), Bhattacharya (2011)
- Direct LQCD results

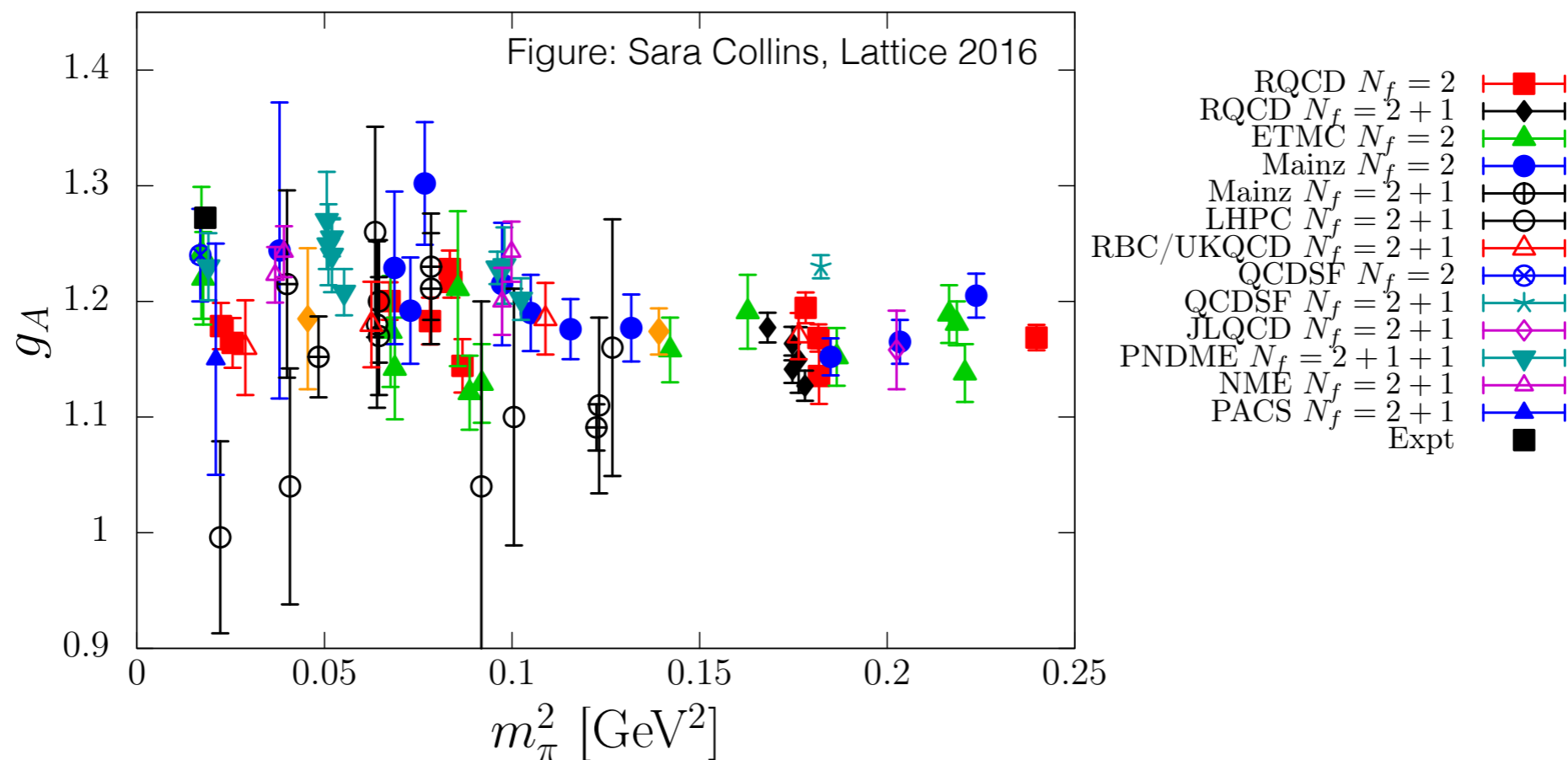
Total QE cross-section sensitive to the axial mass:



Mosel, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 66, 171 (2016)

# Nucleon Axial FFs from LQCD

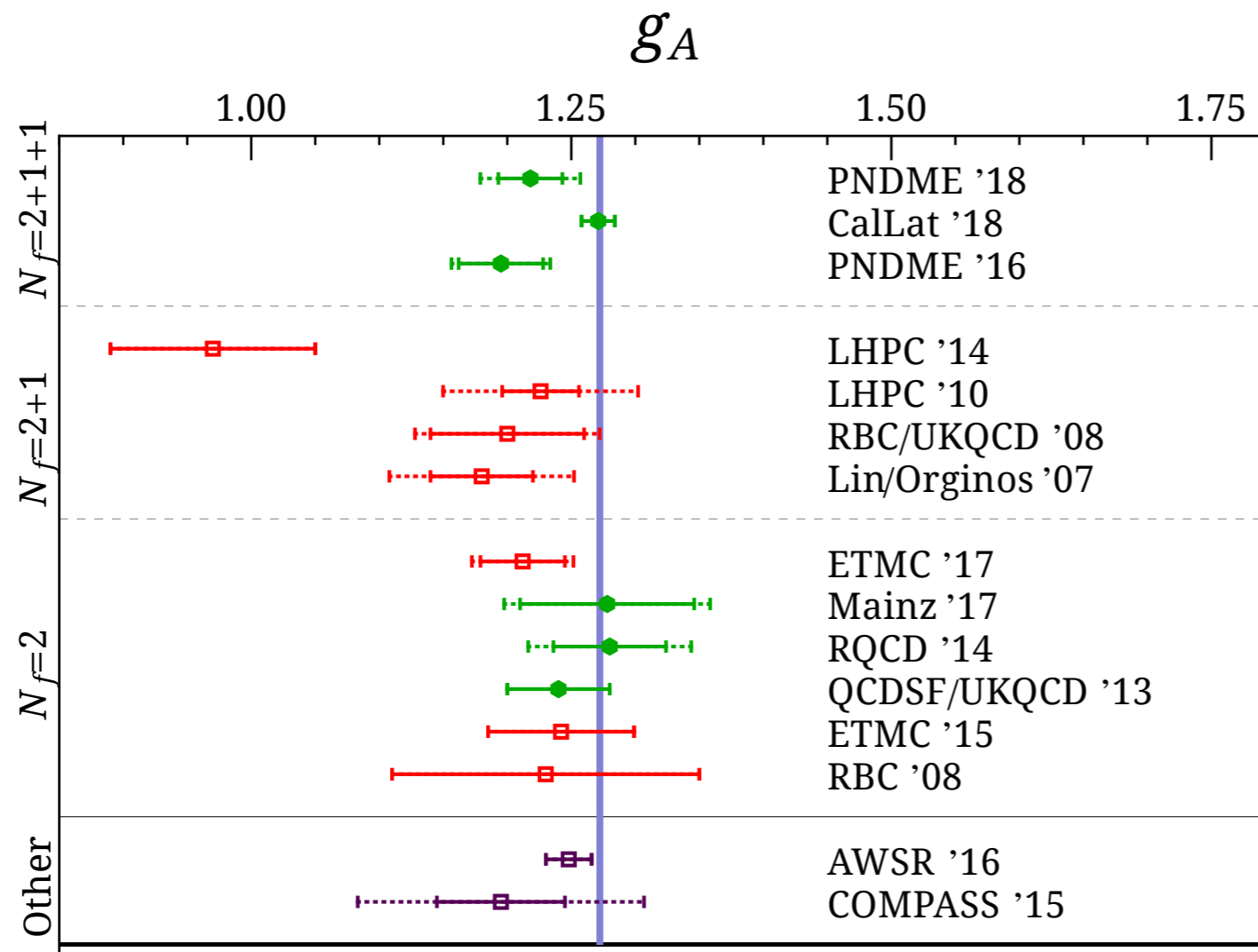
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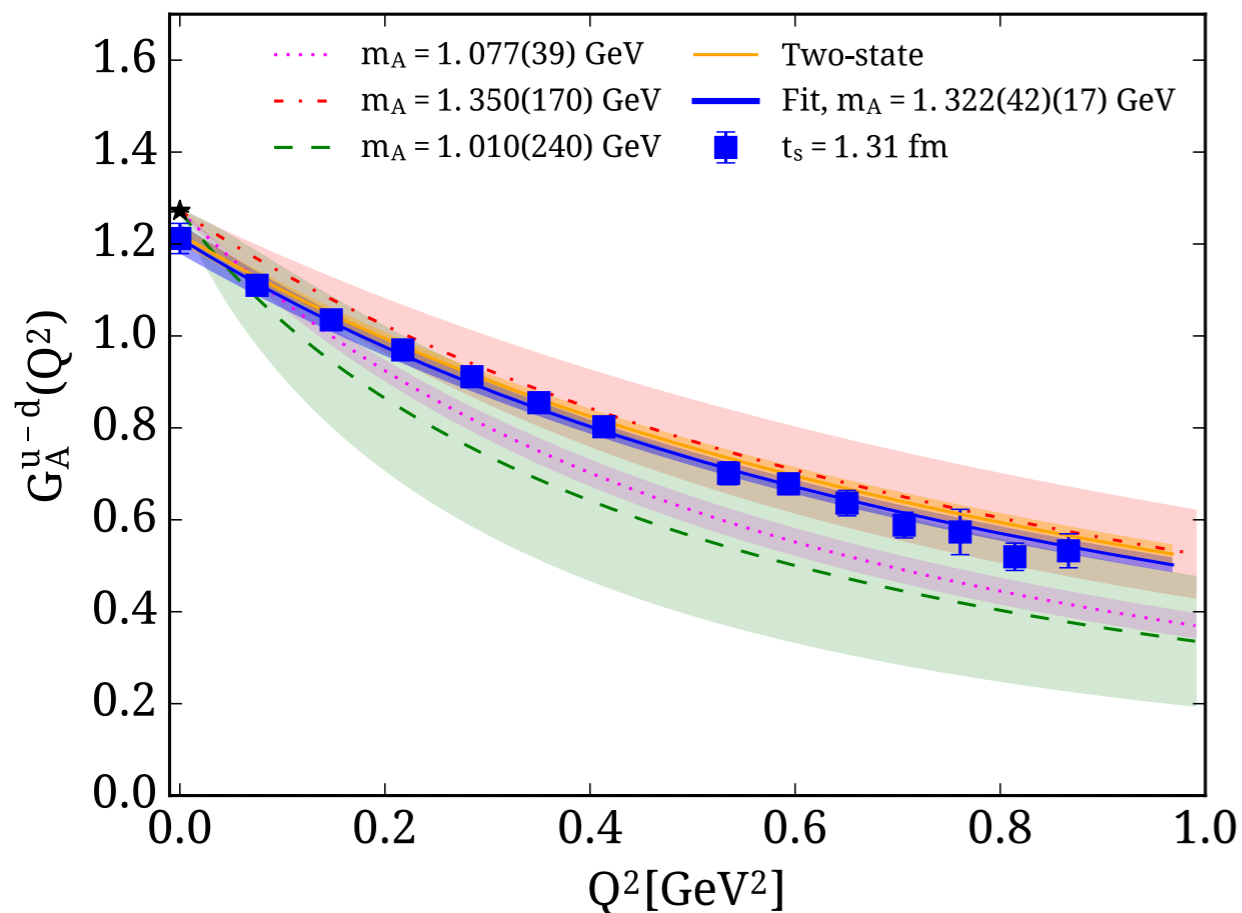
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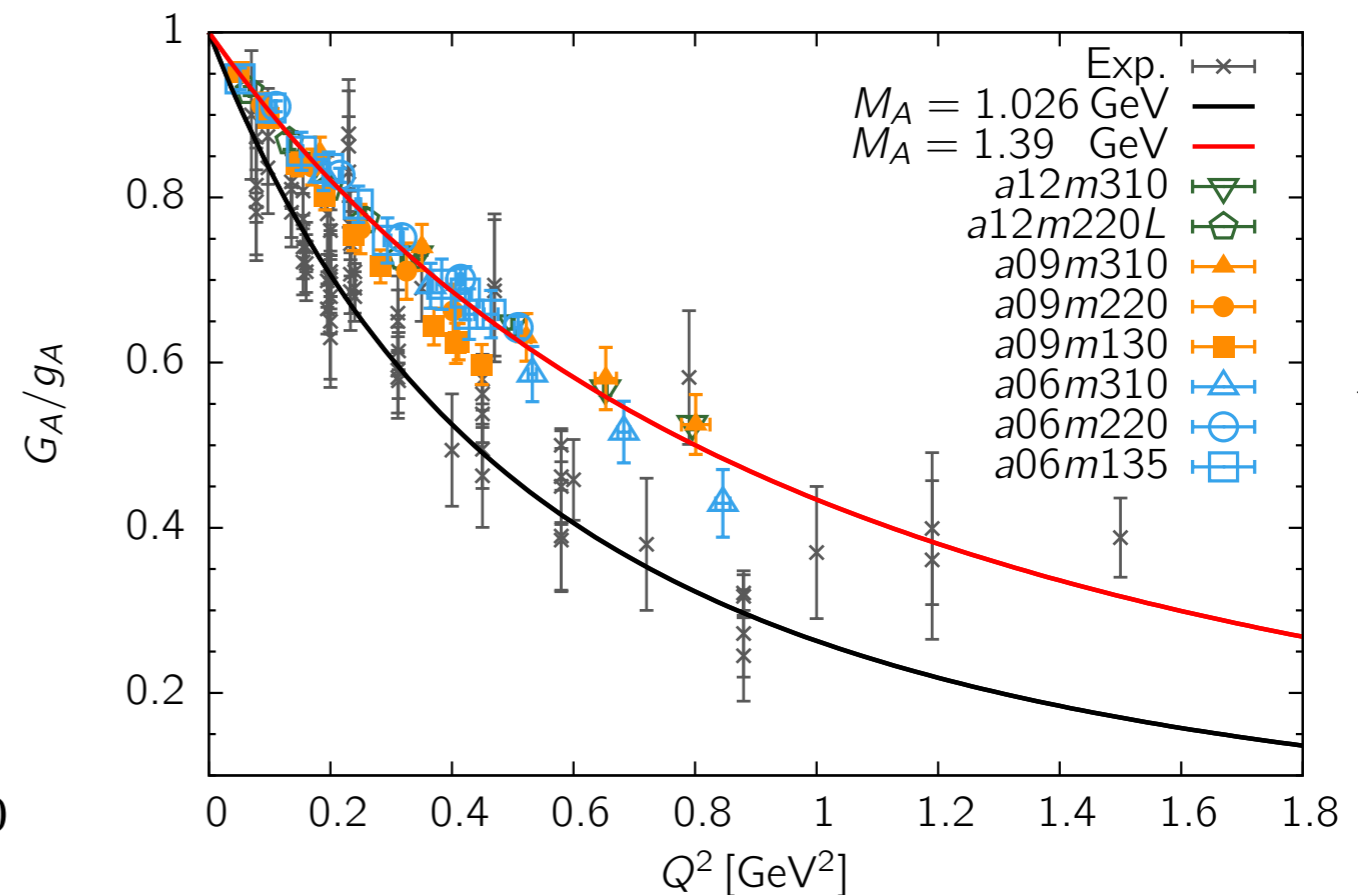
Summary figure from paper  
Huey-Wen discussed yesterday  
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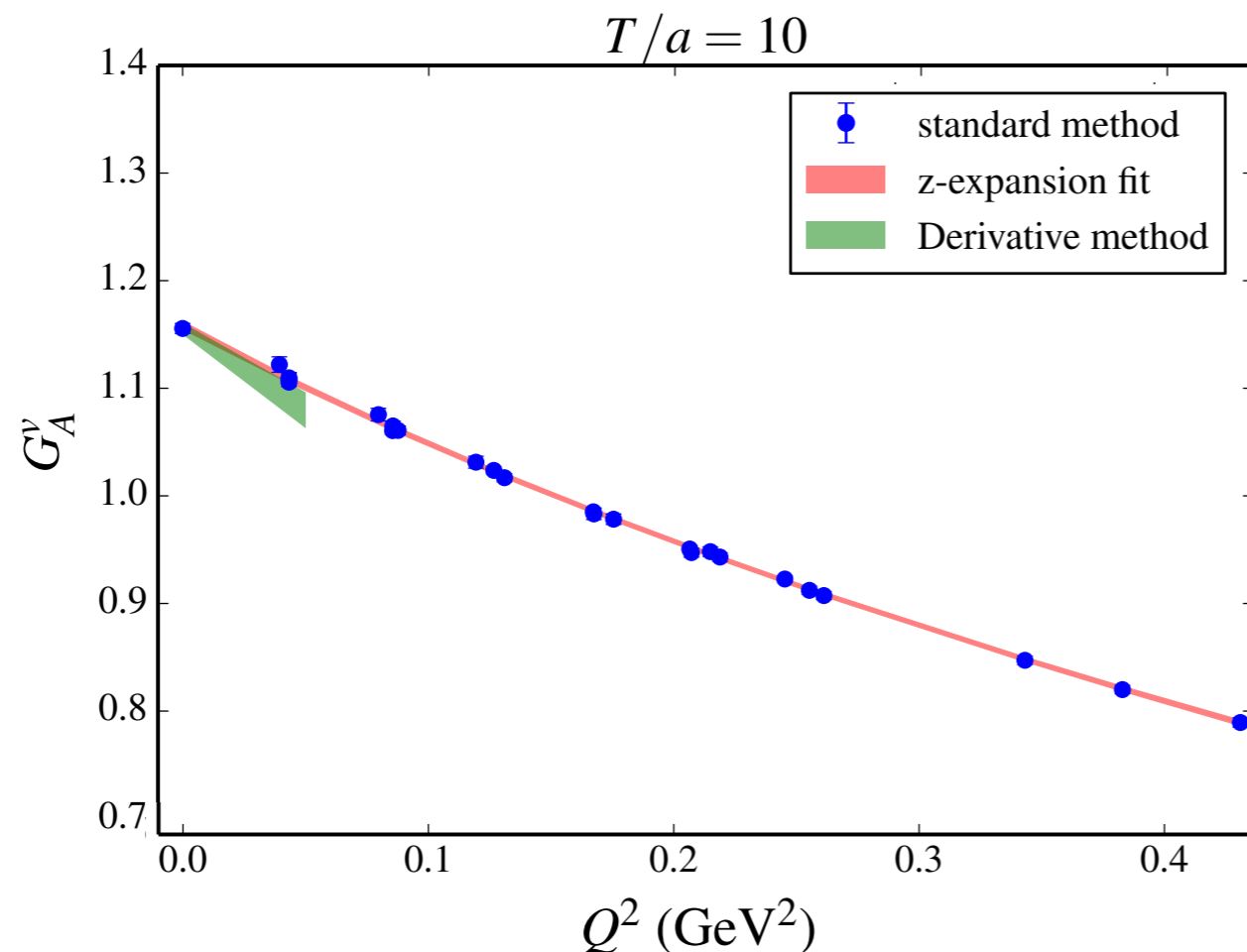
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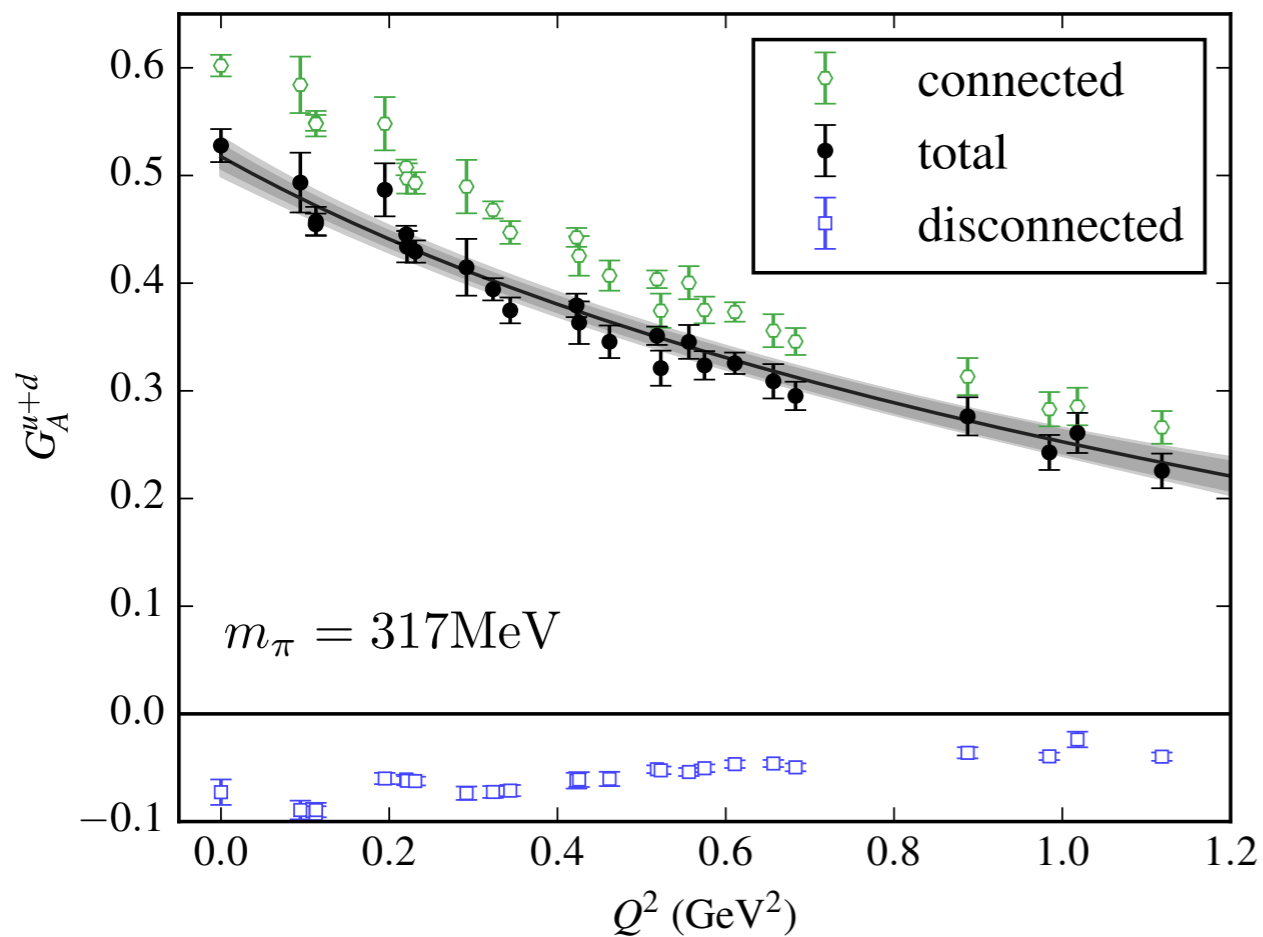


Direct calculation of slope (green band)  
Uncertainties larger, but model-independent

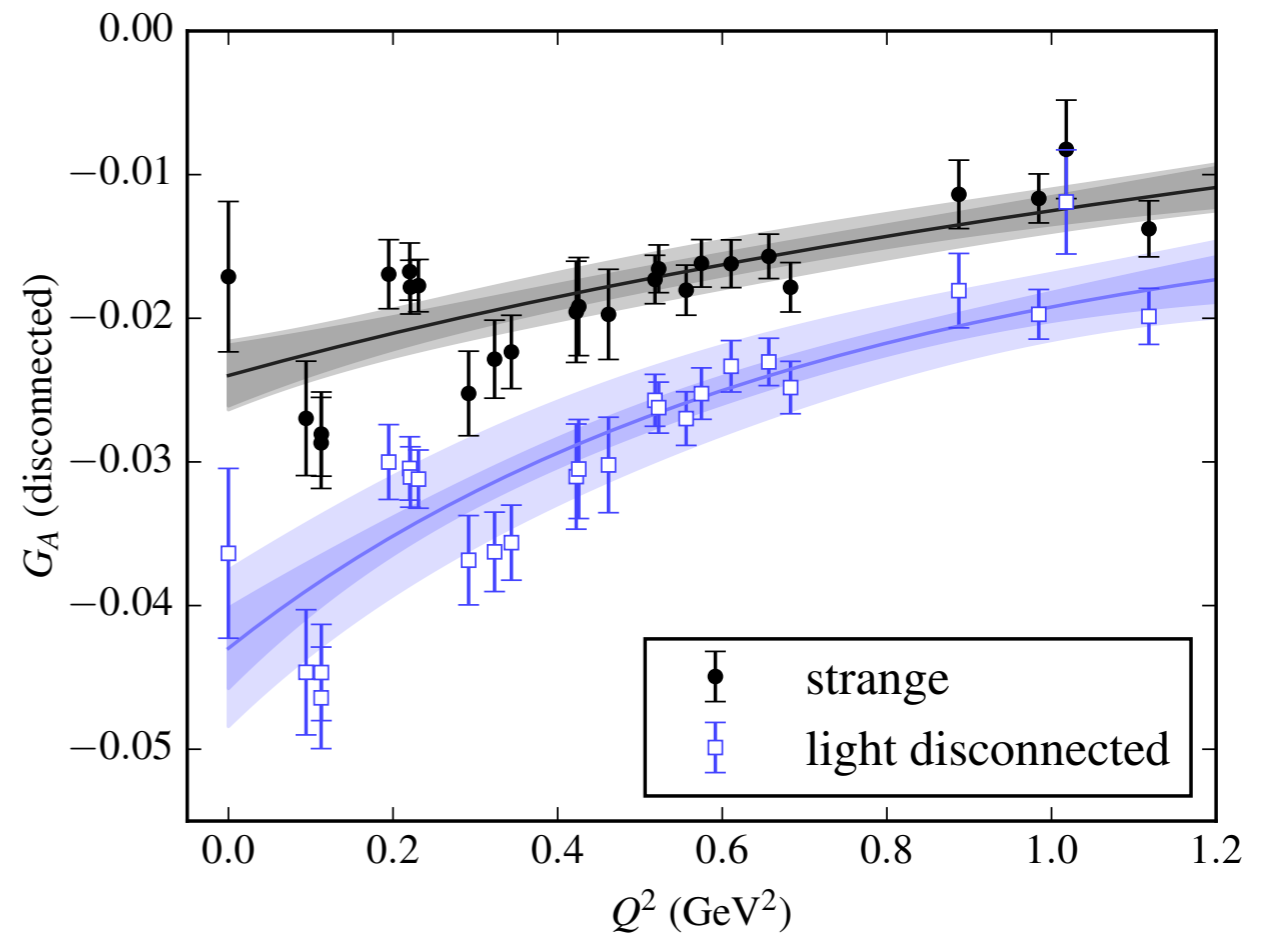
Hasan et al., arXiv:1711.11385,  
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# Nucleon Axial FFs from LQCD

- Strange quark contributions determined separately and can be isolated



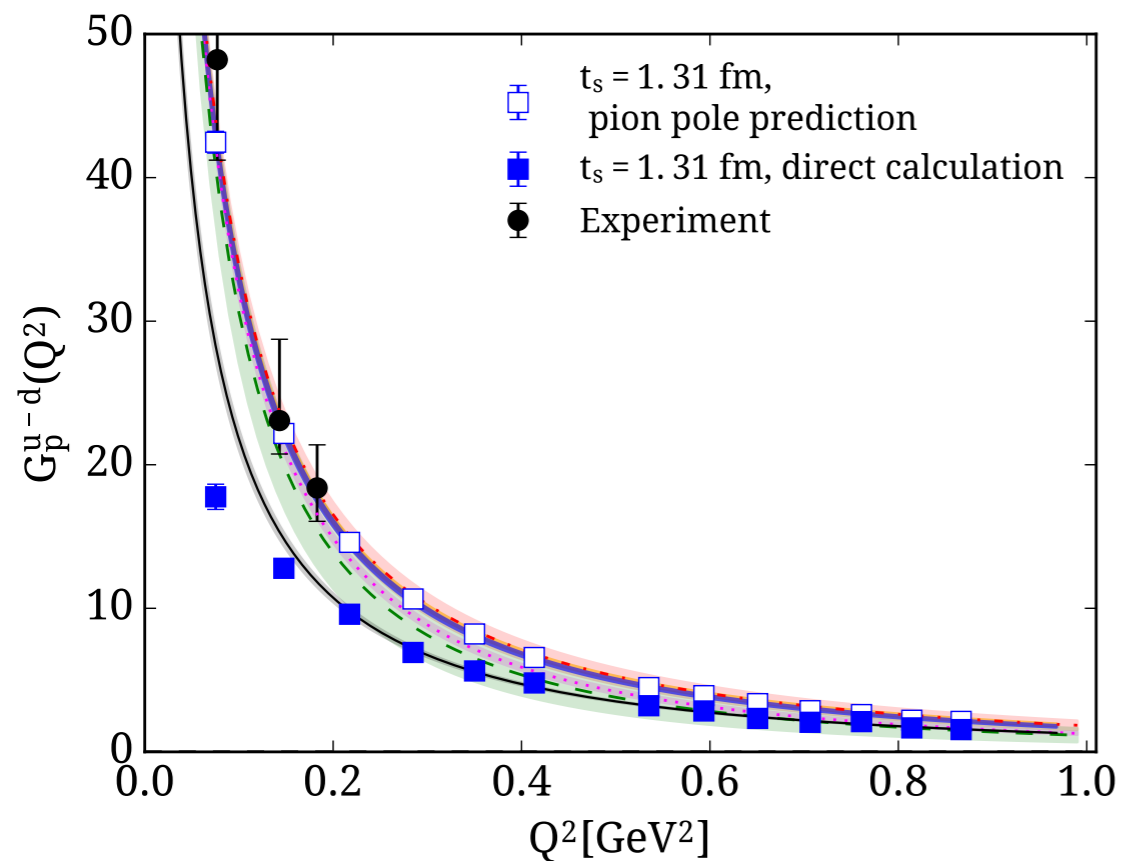
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Also physical-point strange quark axial charge: Gupta et al., EPJ Web Conf. 175 (2018) 06029, Form factors Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1705.03399, Phys.Rev. D96 (2017), 054507

# Nucleon pseudoscalar FF

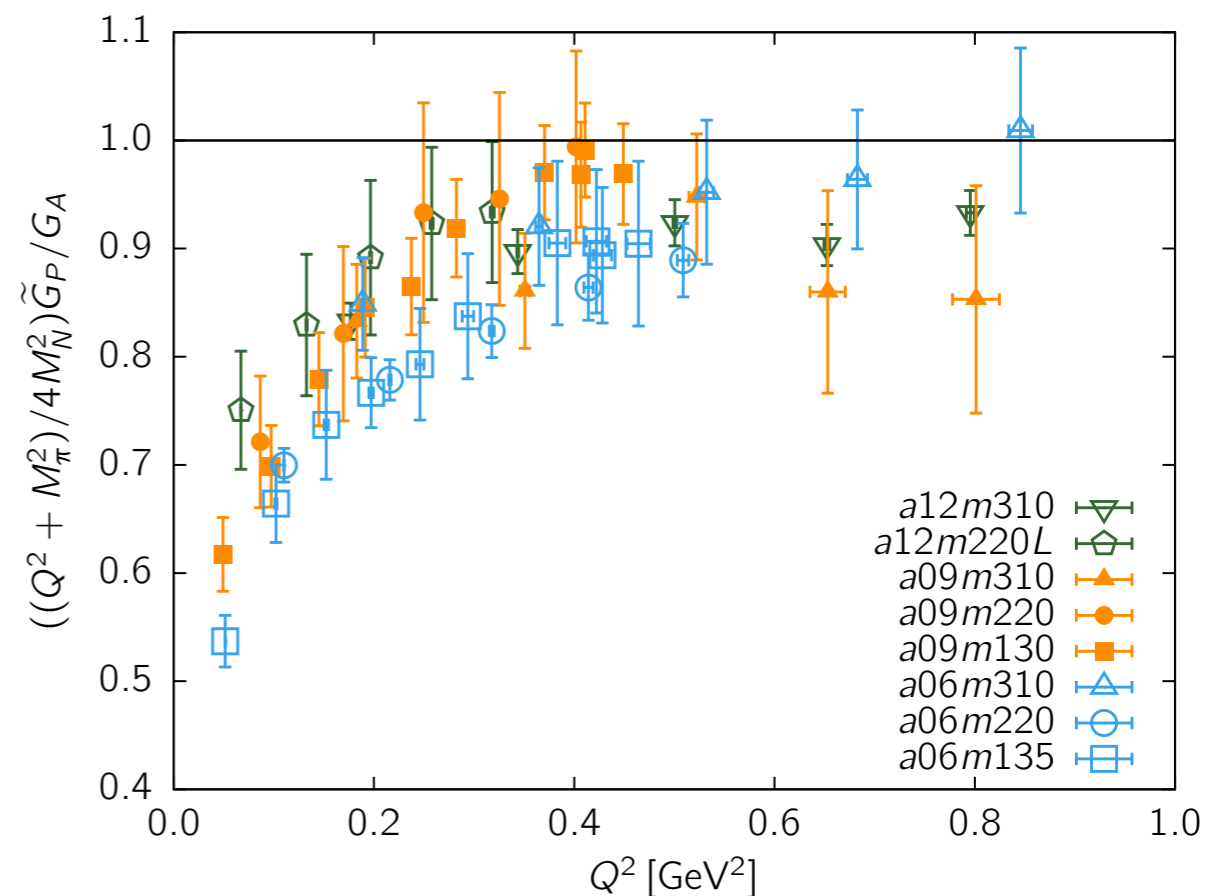
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Deviations from pion-pole dominance ansatz at low- $Q^2$

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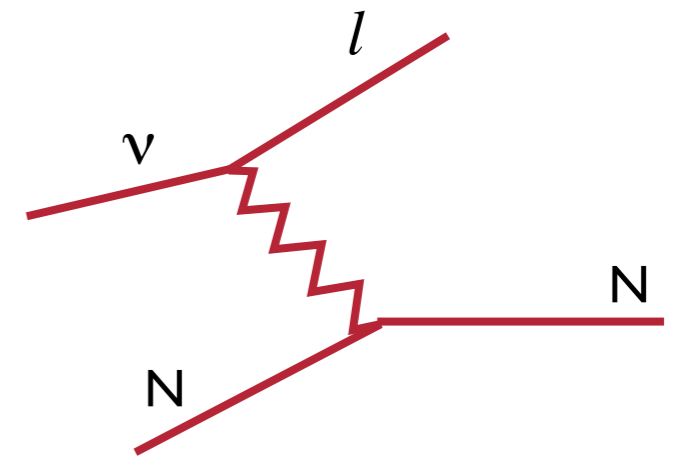


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# Quasi-elastic scattering

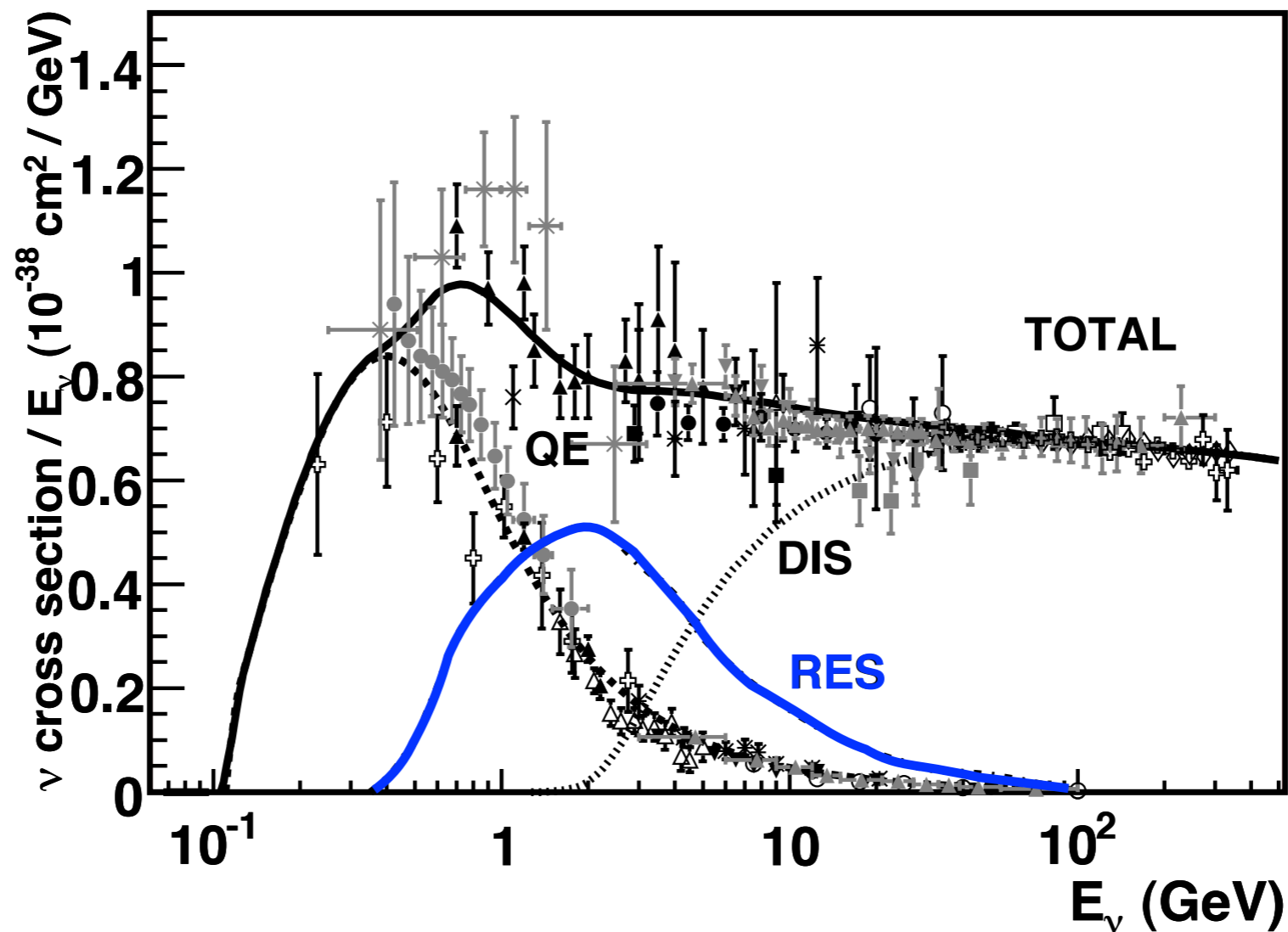
## LQCD input for the quasi-elastic scattering region:

- $Q^2$  dependence of nucleon axial form factor
  - fully-controlled uncertainties
  - competitive with experiment
  - z parameterisation removes assumption of dipole form
- Nucleon pseudo scalar form factor
  - fully-controlled uncertainties
  - competitive with experiment
  - deviations from pion-pole ansatz observed



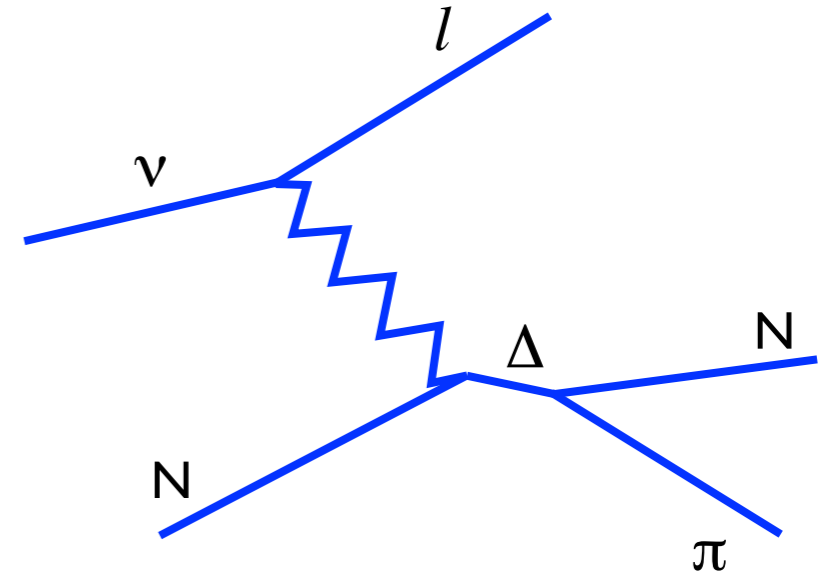
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Neutrino charged-current  
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# Resonance region

- Energies above  $\sim 200$  MeV, inelastic excitations from pion production
- Dominant contribution from  $\Delta$  resonance
- $N^*$ 's also important at high  $E_\nu$
- Very difficult to access experimentally  
Constrained only from PCAC
- QCD calculations possible
- Need to account for unstable nature of resonance: extract  $N \rightarrow N\pi$  transition FFs



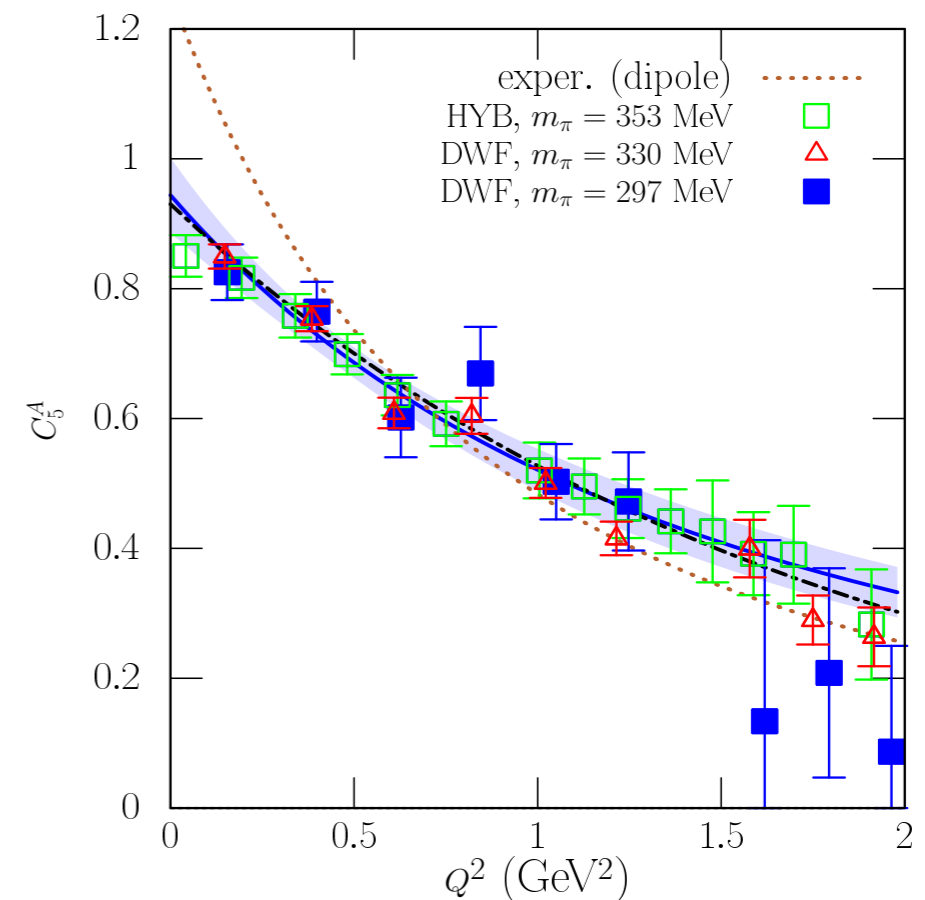
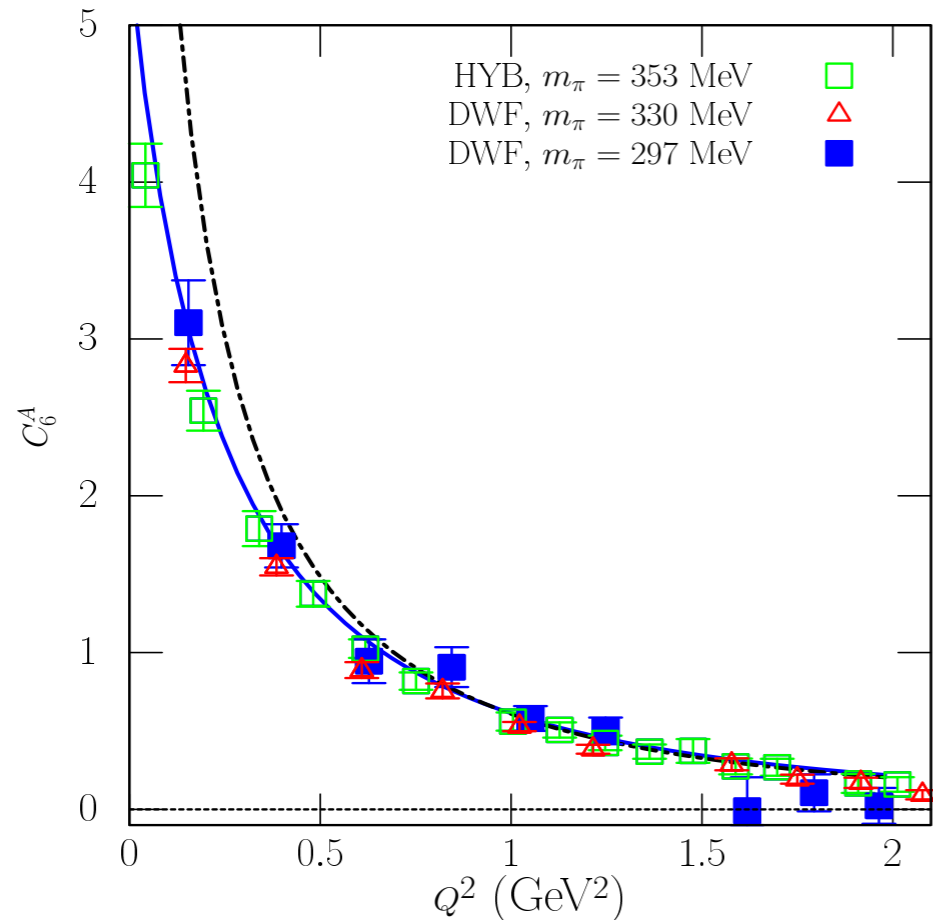


# Resonance region

Lattice QCD calculation of axial N  $\Delta$  transition form factor:

$$\langle \Delta(p', s') | A_\mu^3 | N(p, s) \rangle = i \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{m_\Delta m_N}{E_\Delta(\mathbf{p}') E_N(\mathbf{p})} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}_{\Delta^+}^\lambda(p', s') \left[ \left( \frac{C_3^A(q^2)}{m_N} \gamma^\nu + \frac{C_4^A(q^2)}{m_N^2} p'^\nu \right) (g_{\lambda\mu} g_{\rho\nu} - g_{\lambda\rho} g_{\mu\nu}) q^\rho + C_5^A(q^2) g_{\lambda\mu} + \frac{C_6^A(q^2)}{m_N^2} q_\lambda q_\mu \right] u_P(p, s)$$

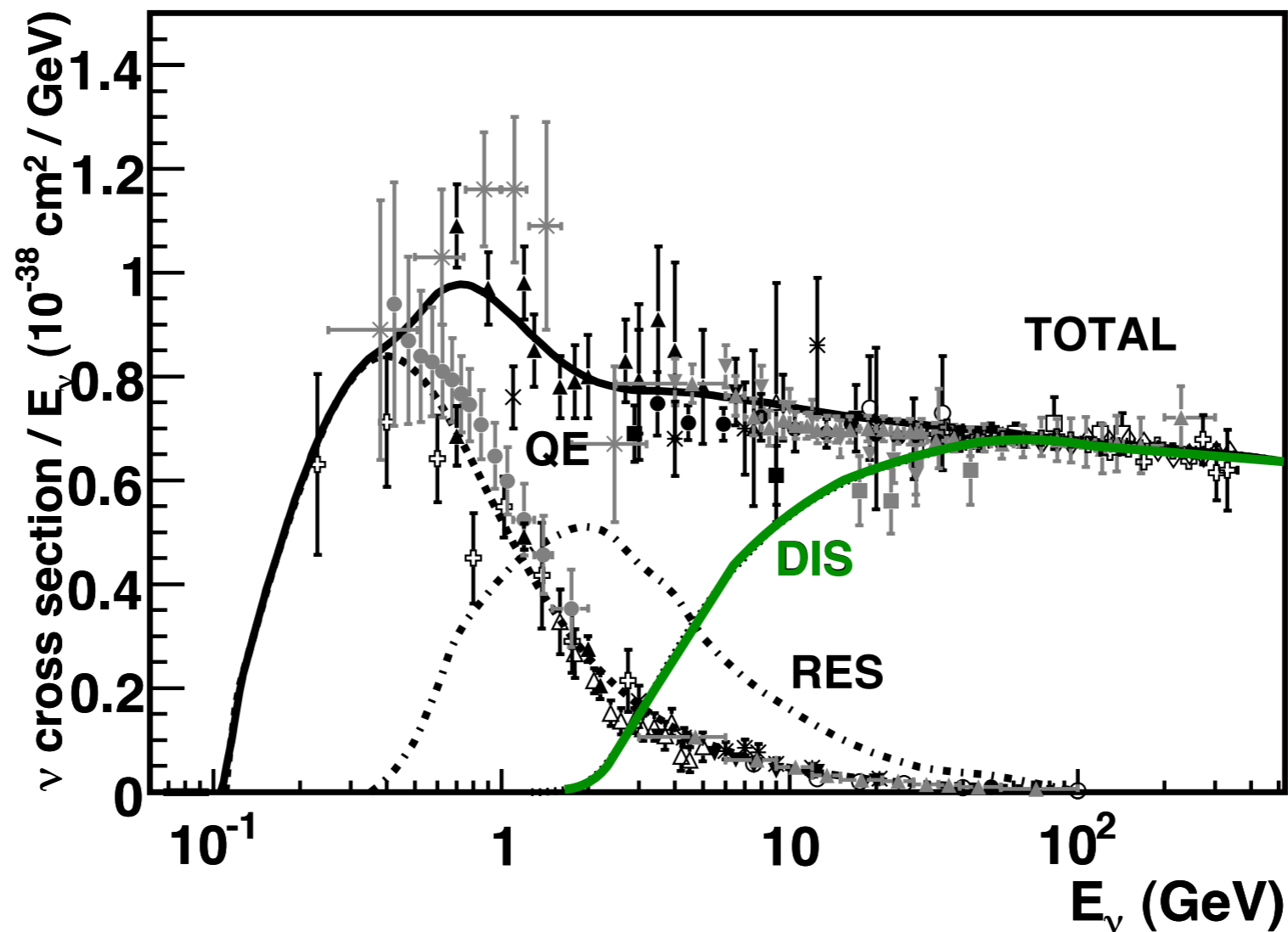
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**CAVEAT:** Complexities at physical point with unstable resonances, but formalism exists: Lellouch-Lüscher hep-lat/0003023

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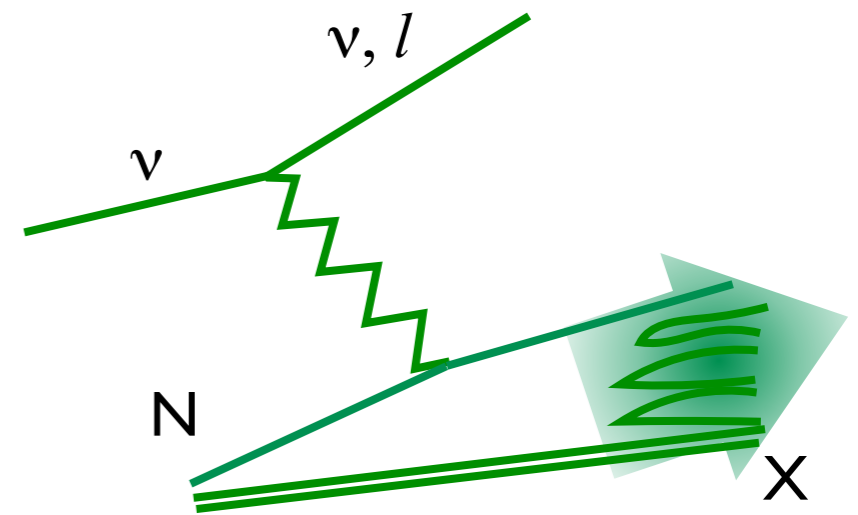


# Shallow inelastic region

- In inelastic regime, quark PDFs of the nucleon control scattering cross-section
- In shallow inelastic region, both resonances and DIS are important
- Multi-meson channels may become important
- Nuclear effects are different in  $\nu A$  vs.  $eA$  (MINER $\nu A$ )
- DIS structure functions accessible in lattice QCD
  - low moments of structure functions controlled

$$M_n = \int_{-1}^1 x^n f(x) dx, \quad n \lesssim 4$$

- x-dependence difficult but promising

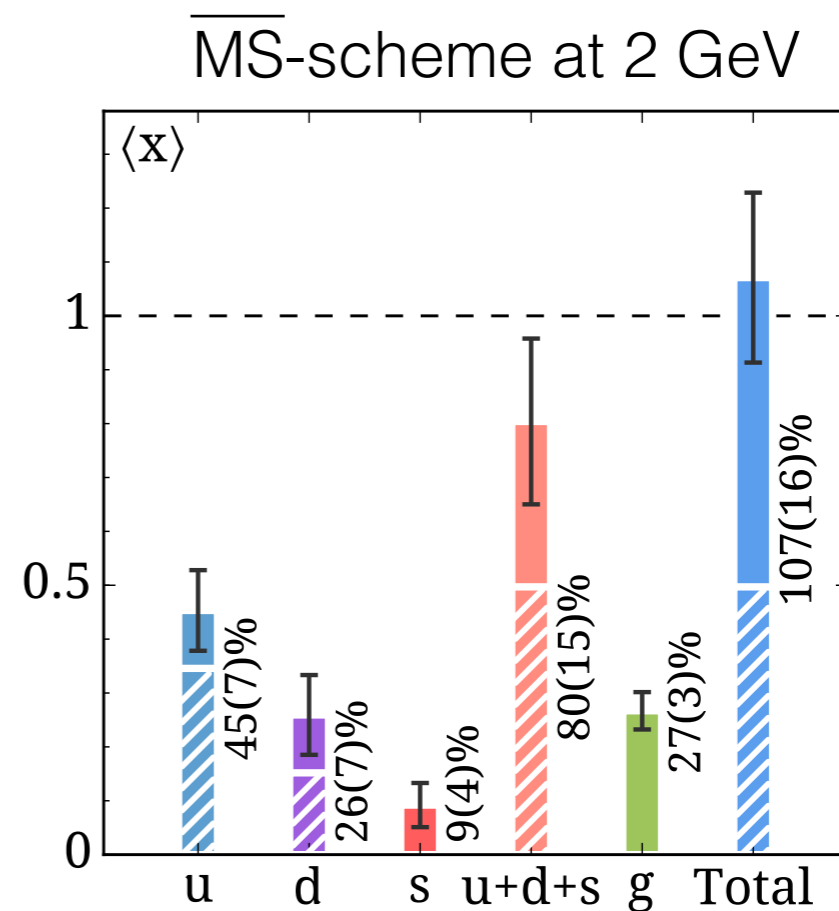


# Nucleon PDFs

- Lattice QCD typically calculates low moments of PDFs
- Can separate and isolate contributions from
  - Strangeness
  - Charge symmetry violation
  - Gluons

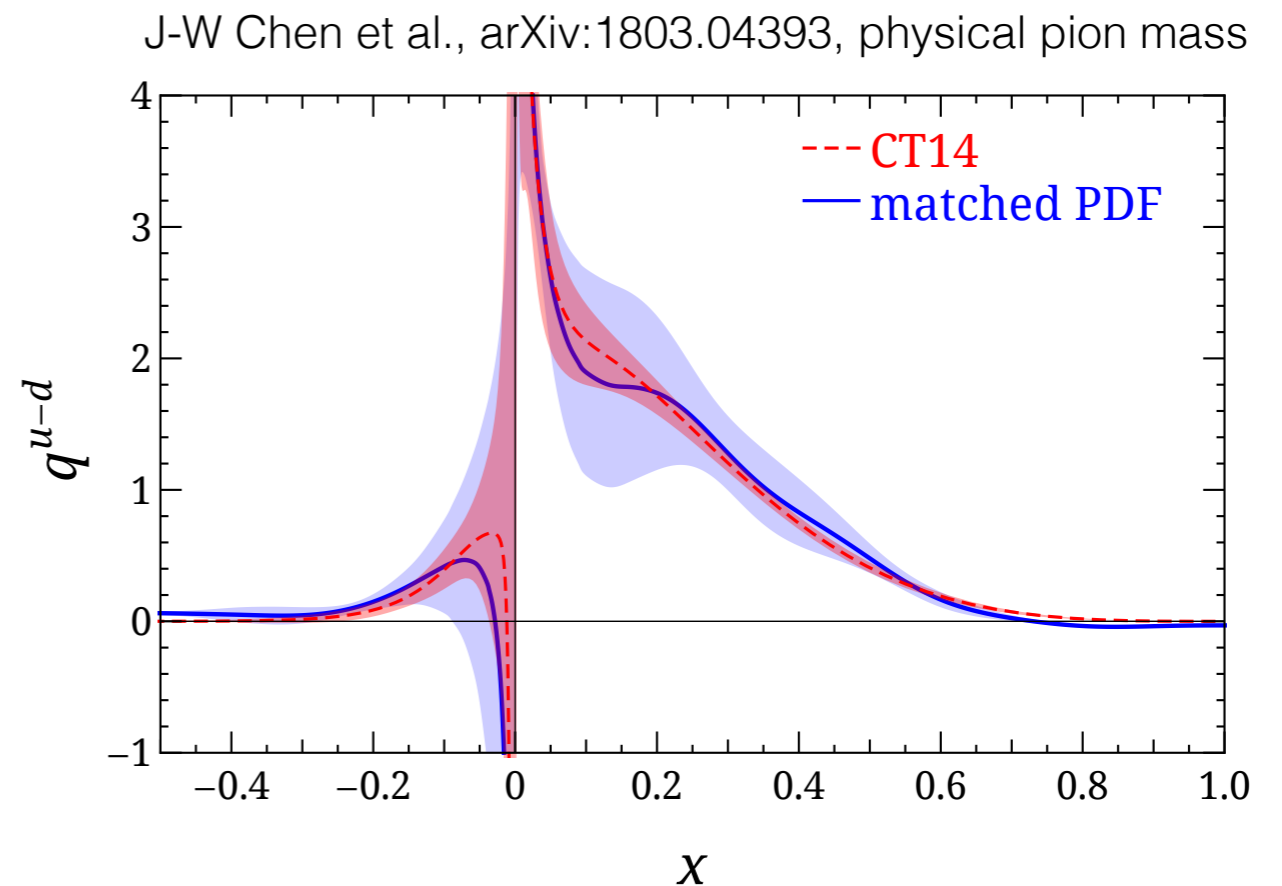
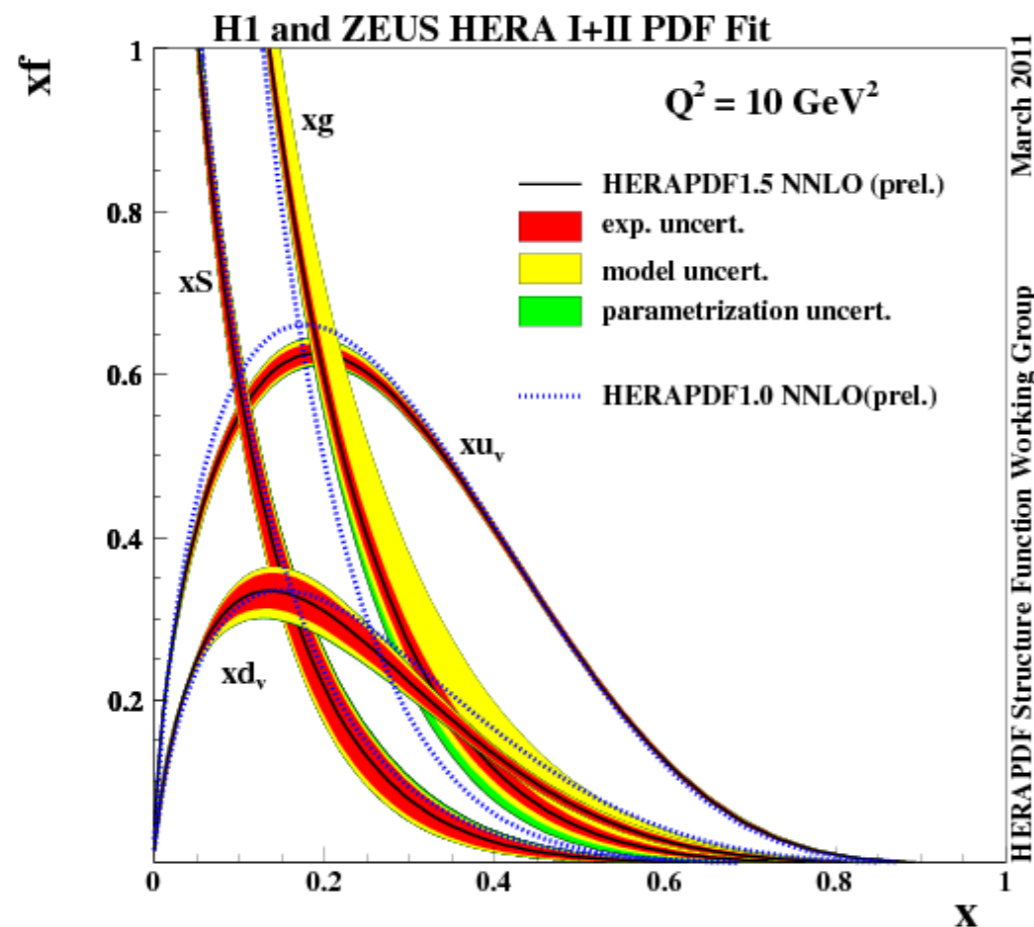
e.g., all terms of nucleon momentum decomposition calculated with controlled systematics

C. Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1706.02973



# Nucleon PDFs

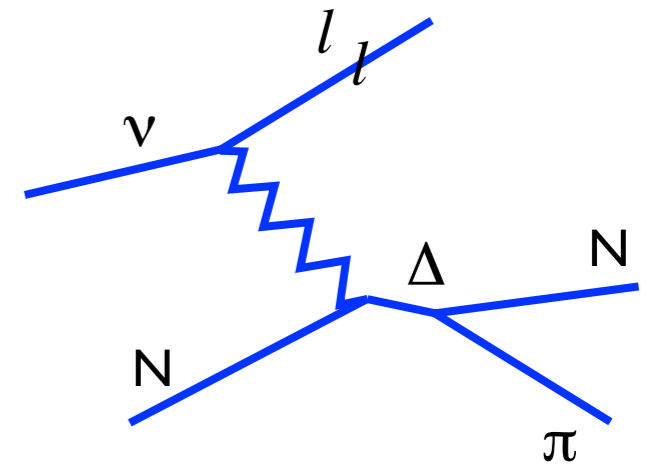
- First calculations of  $x$ -dependence of nucleon PDFs
- Rapid progress, but many systematics to be controlled
- Will not improve on experimental constraints in near future



# Resonance region

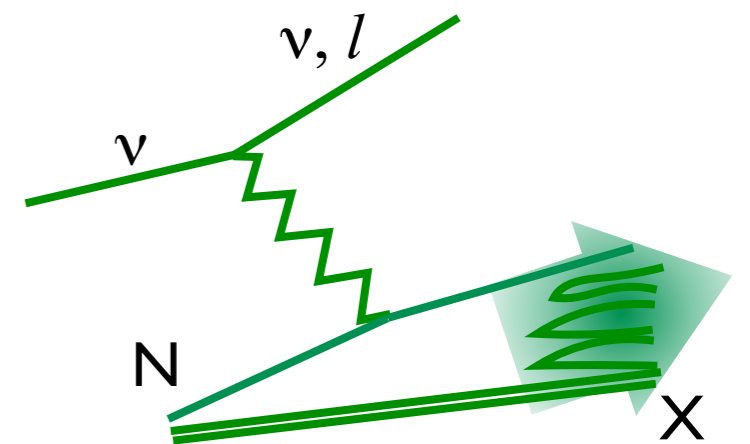
## LQCD input for the resonance region:

- First calculations of axial transition form factors
  - resonances difficult for lattice QCD
  - currently: uncontrolled systematic uncertainties, unphysical values of quark masses
  - formalism in place to move to physical case



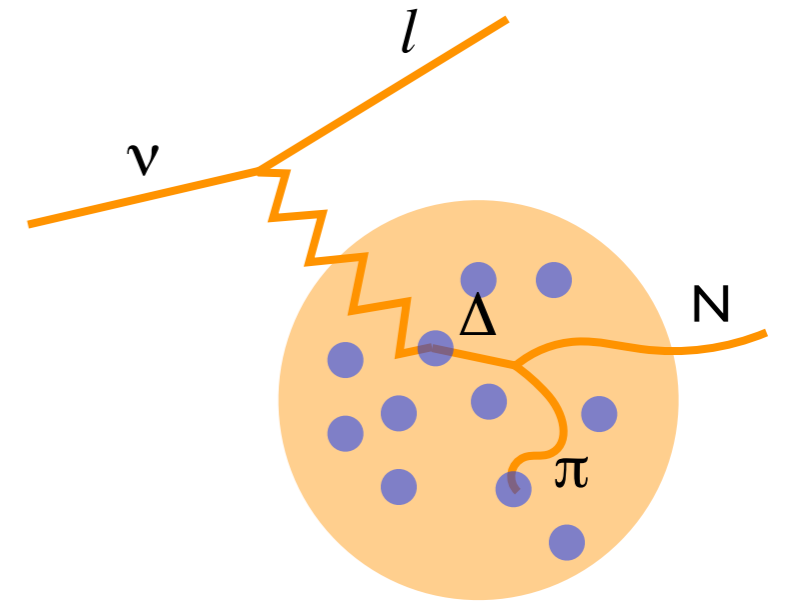
## LQCD input for the inelastic scattering region:

- Much recent progress, but challenging region for direct input to neutrino program



# Nuclear effects

- Targets are nuclei (C, Fe, Ar, Pb, H<sub>2</sub>O) so how relevant are nucleon FFs, PDFs?
  - EMC effect
  - Quenching of  $g_A$  in GT transitions
- Experimental investigations: MINER $\nu$ A



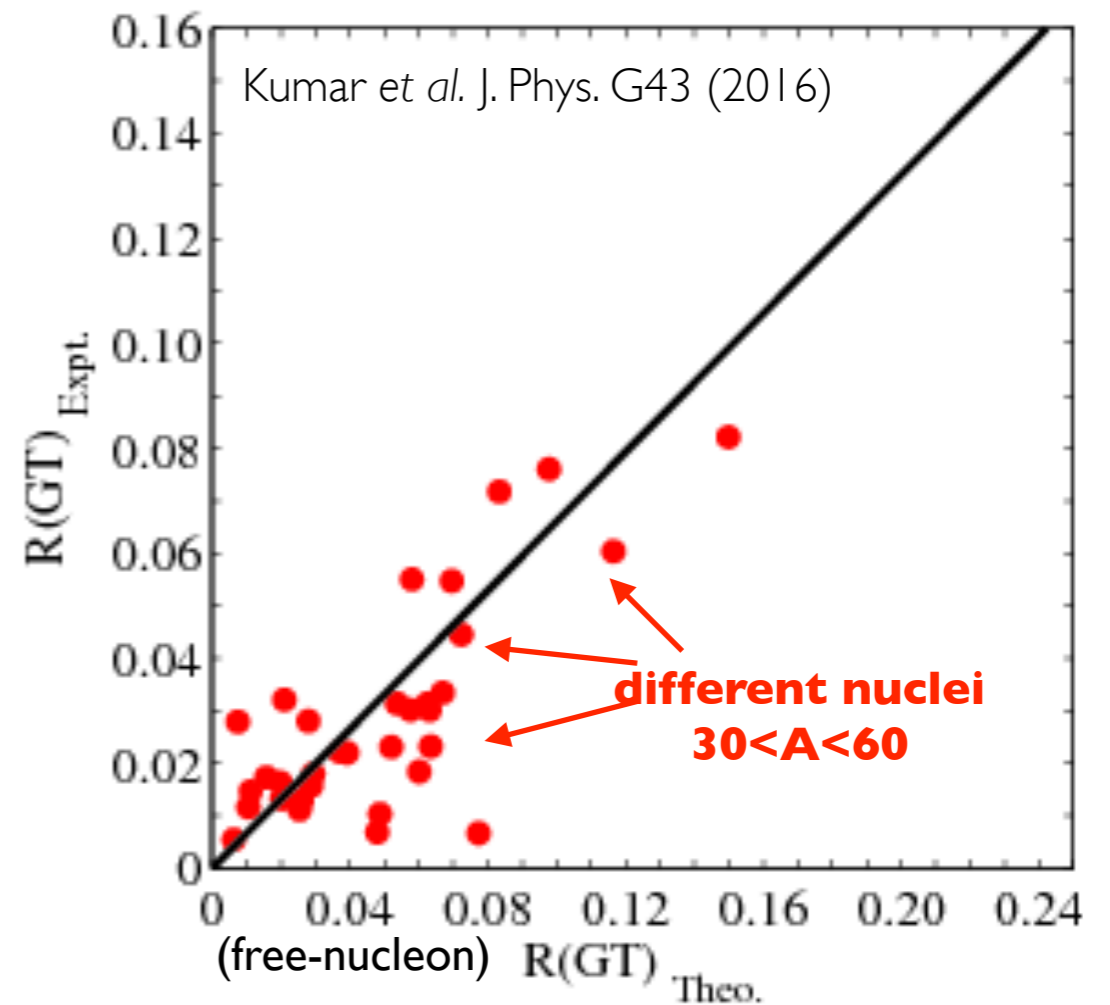
**Calculate matrix elements in light nuclei from first principles**

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# Nuclear effects

- Gamow-Teller transitions in nuclei are a stark example of problems
- Well-measured
- Best nuclear structure calculations are systematically off by 20–30%
  - Large range of nuclei ( $30 < A < 60$ ) where spectrum is well described
  - QRPA, shell-model, ...
  - Correct for it by “quenching” axial charge in nuclei ...

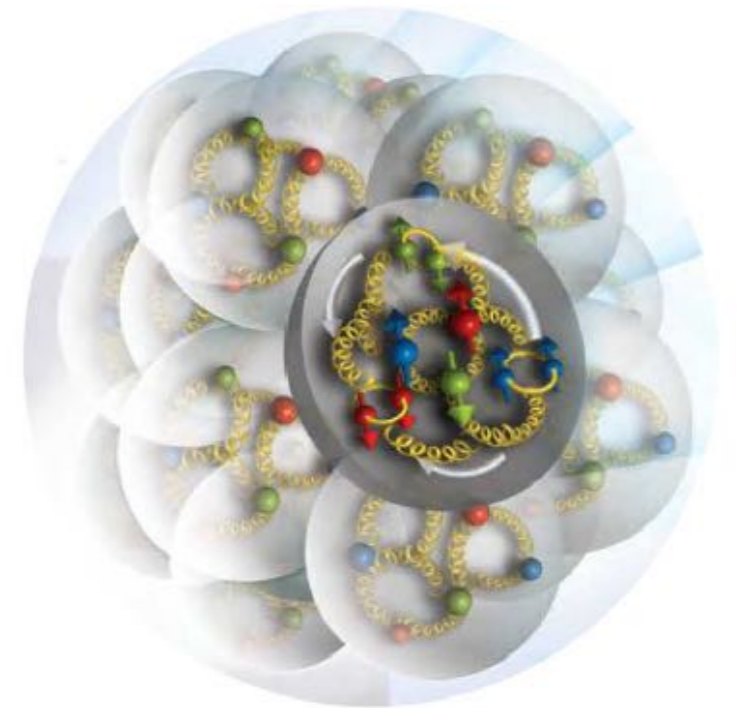




# Nuclear physics from LQCD

## Nuclei on the lattice

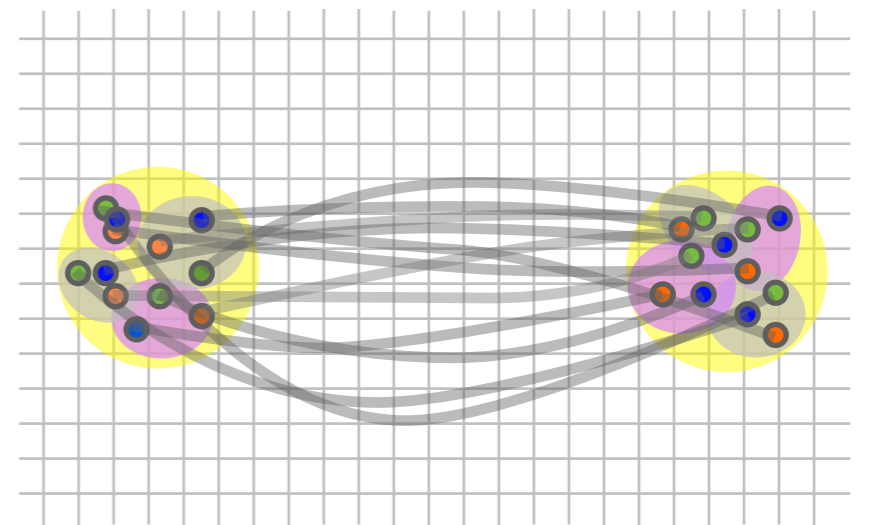
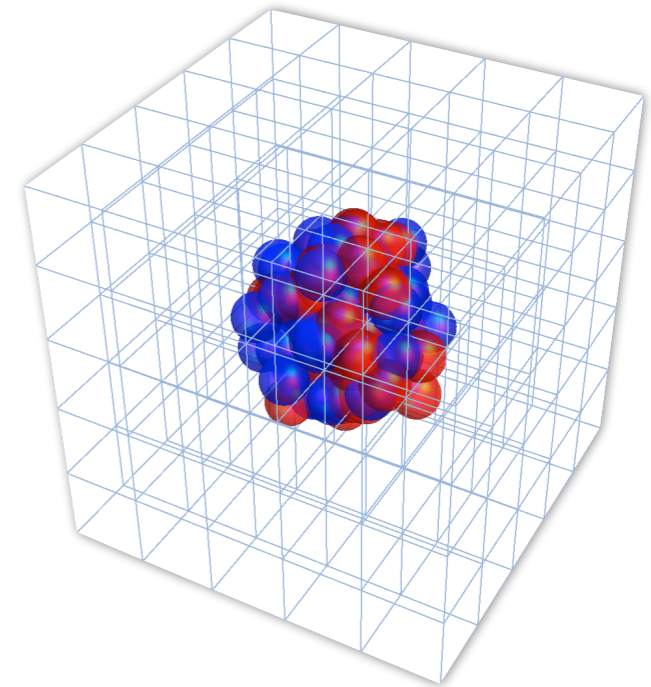
- Calculations of matrix elements of currents in light nuclei just beginning
- Deeply bound nuclei: use the same techniques as for single hadron matrix elements
- Near threshold states: need to be careful with volume effects



# Nuclear physics from LQCD

## Nuclei on the lattice

- Hard problem
  - Noise:  
Statistical uncertainty grows exponentially with number of nucleons
  - Complexity:  
Number of contractions grows factorially



# Unphysical nuclei

## NPLQCD collaboration

- Nuclei with  $A < 5$
- QCD with unphysical quark masses

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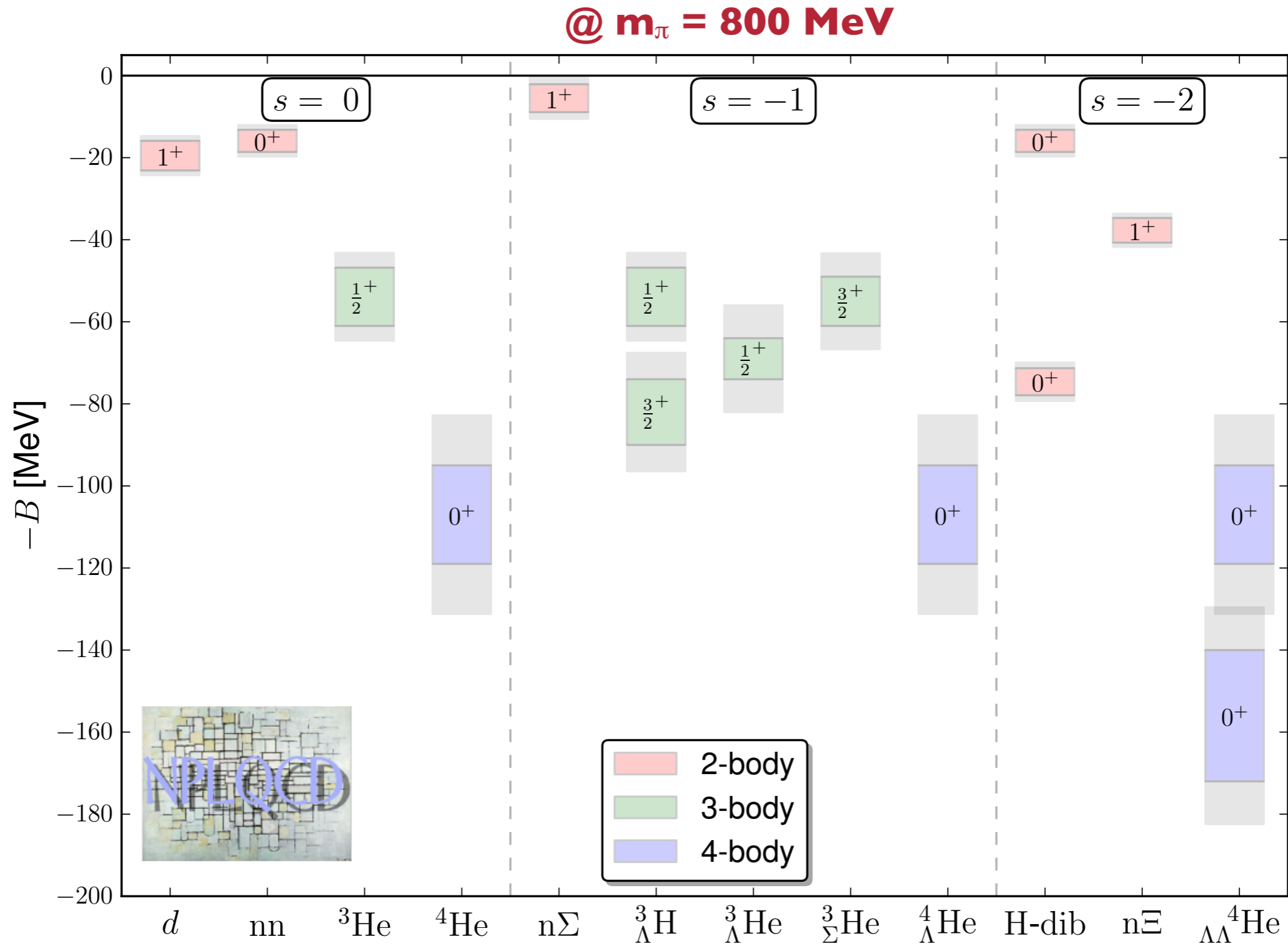
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# Spectrum of light nuclei



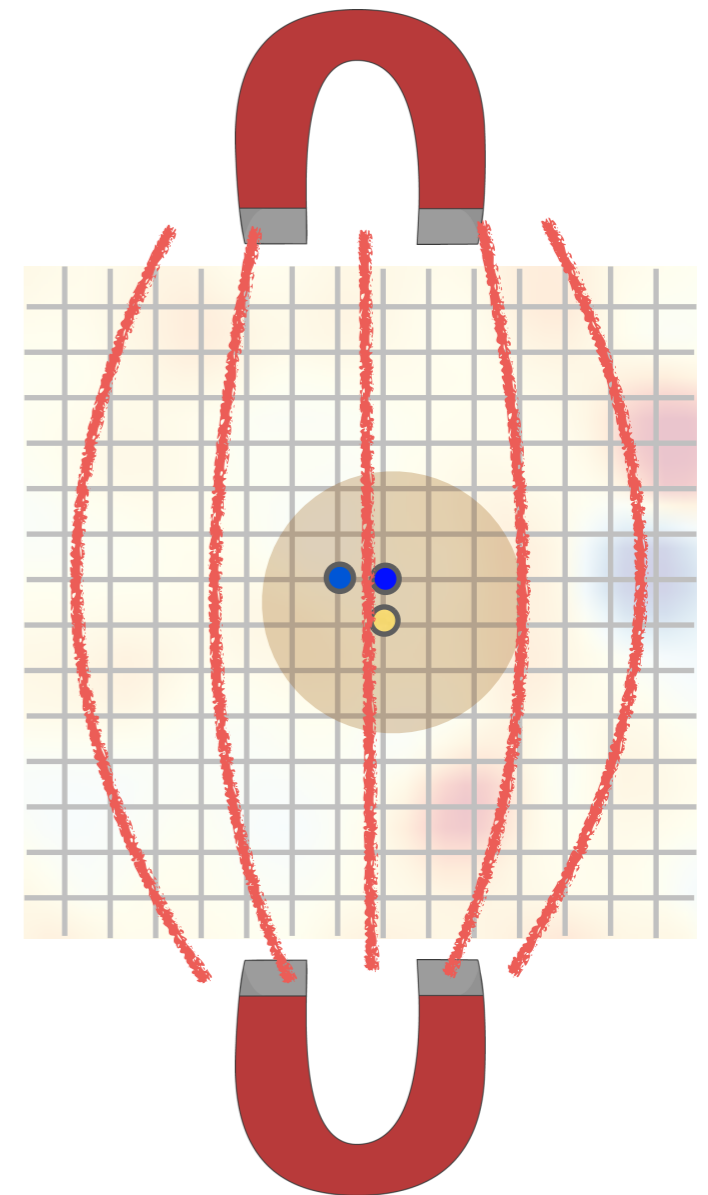
# Background field method

Hadron/nuclear energies are modified by presence of fixed/constant external fields

Example: fixed magnetic field

$$E(\vec{B}) = \sqrt{M^2 + \overbrace{(2n+1)|Qe\vec{B}|}^{\text{landau level}}} - \overbrace{\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}}^{\text{mag. mmt}} - \underbrace{2\pi\beta_{M0}|\vec{B}|^2}_{\text{mag. polarisability}}$$

- Calculations with multiple fields  
➔ extract coefficients of response  
e.g., magnetic moments, polarisabilities, ...
- Not restricted to simple EM fields  
Axial MEs: uniform axial background field



# Axial background field

**Example:** fixed magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  moments, polarisabilities

**Axial MEs:** fixed axial background field  $\rightarrow$  axial charges, other matrix elts.

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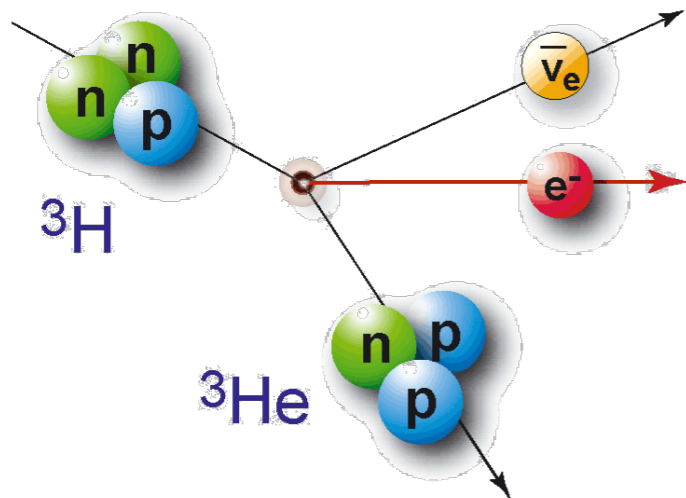
Linear response gives axial matrix element

Implicit sum over current insertion times

Second order piece: being used for calculations of double-beta decay

# Tritium $\beta$ -decay

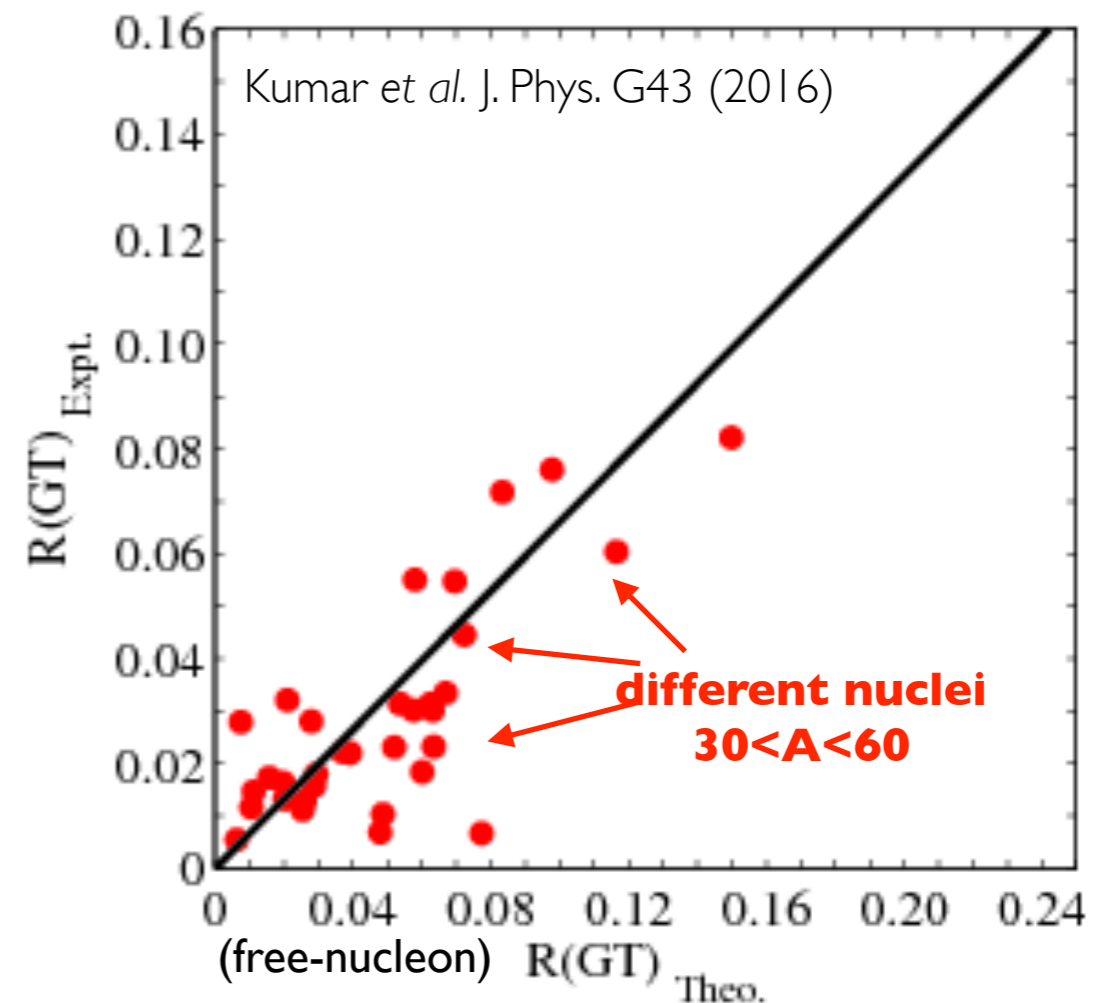
- Simplest semileptonic weak decay of a nuclear system



- Gamow-Teller (axial current) contribution to decays of nuclei not well-known from theory
- Understand multi-body contributions to  $\langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle \rightarrow$  better predictions for decay rates of larger nuclei

We calculate

$$g_A \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle = \langle {}^3\text{He} | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \gamma_5 \tau^- q | {}^3\text{H} \rangle$$





# Tritium $\beta$ -decay

$$\frac{(1 + \delta_R) f_V}{K/G_V^2} t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle^2 + f_A/f_V g_A^2 \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle^2}$$

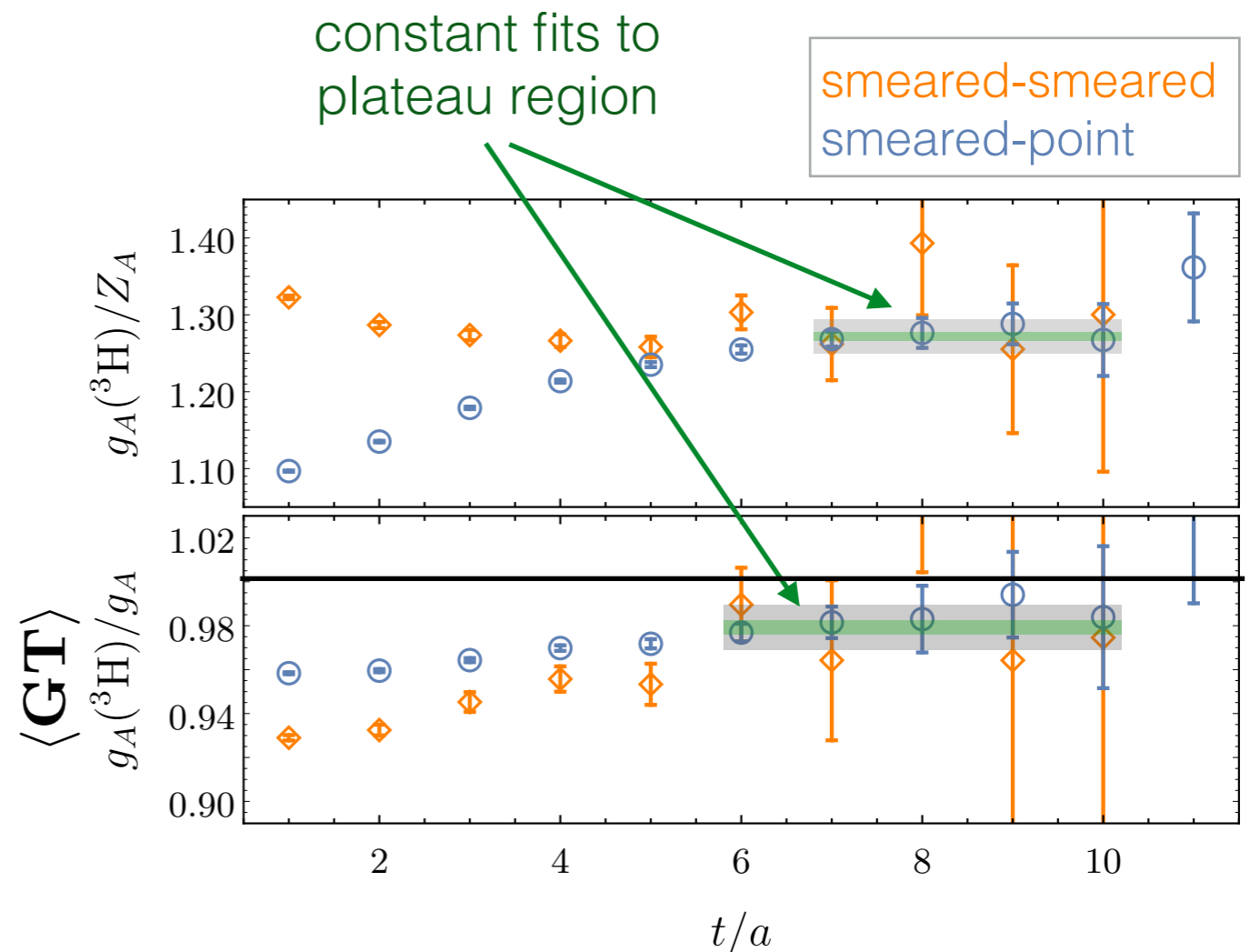
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Labels in the equation:  
 -  $(1 + \delta_R) f_V / (K/G_V^2)$ : known from theory or expt.  
 -  $t_{1/2}$ : half-life  
 -  $\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle^2$ : vector ME  
 -  $1$ : 1  
 -  $f_A/f_V g_A^2 \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle^2$ : axial ME

- Form ratios of compound correlators to cancel leading time-dependence:

$$\frac{\overline{R}_{3\text{H}}(t)}{\overline{R}_p(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_A(^3\text{H})}{g_A} = \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle$$

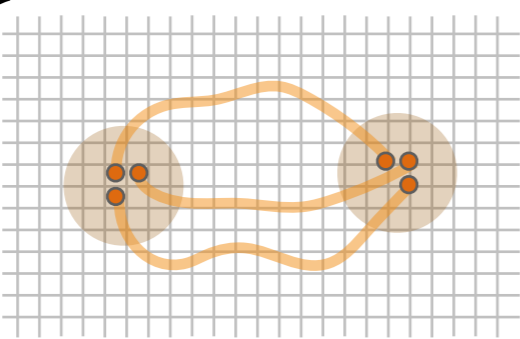
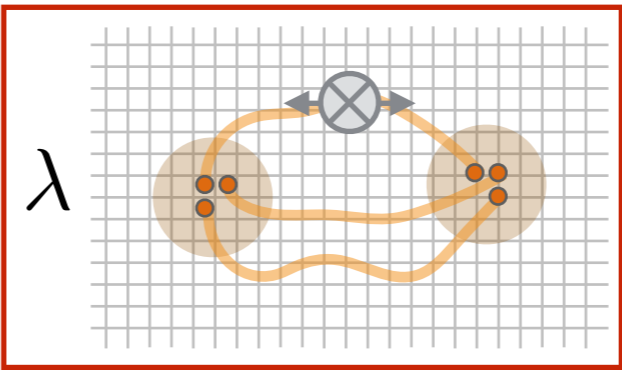
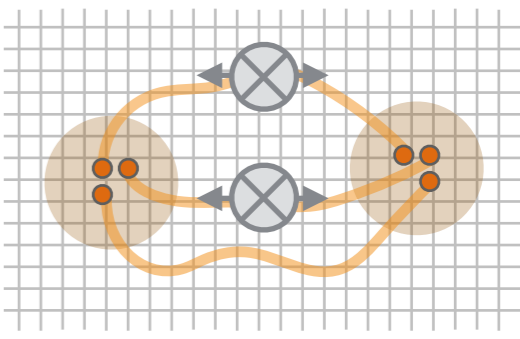
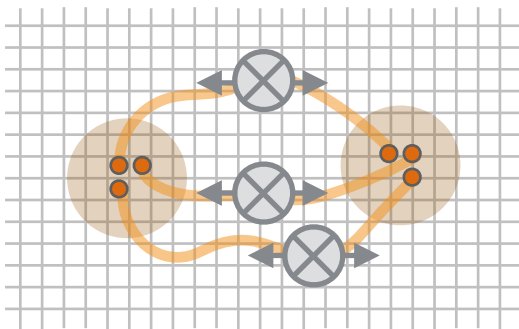
- “Quenching” of the axial charge emerges from LQCD calculation



# Higher-order insertions

- Can access terms with more current insertions from same calculations
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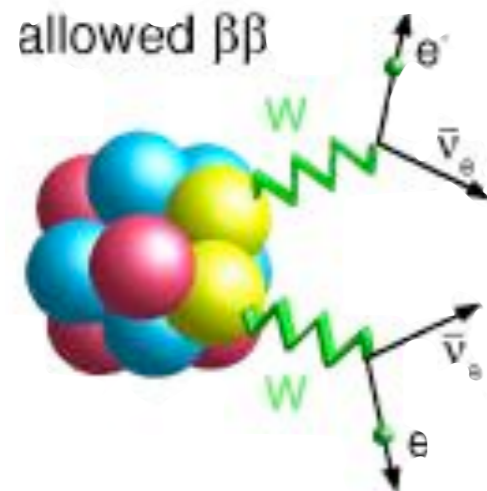
$$C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d}(t) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} + \lambda \text{ Diagram 2} + \lambda^2 \text{ Diagram 3} \\ + \lambda^3 \text{ Diagram 4} \end{array} \right)$$

Quadratic response from two insertions on different quark lines

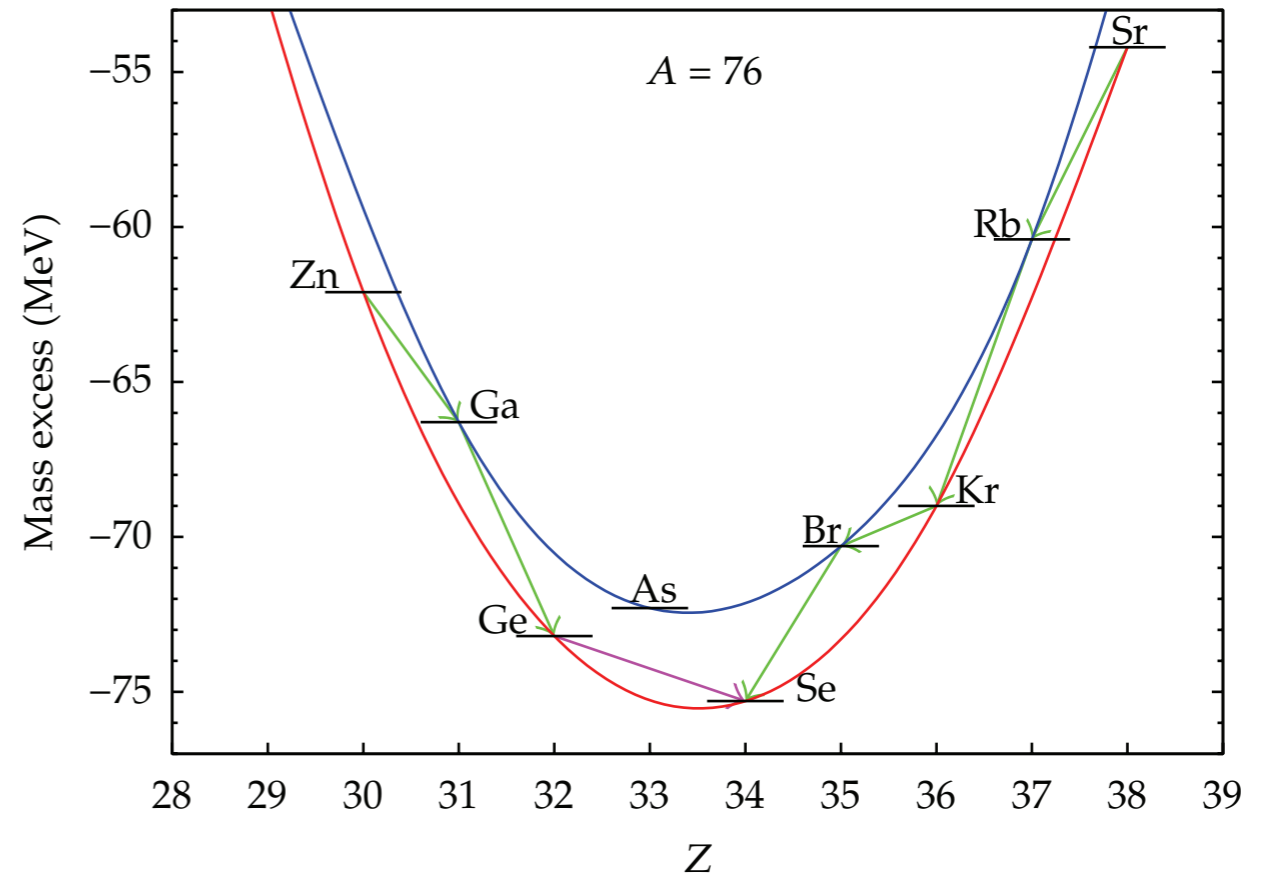

  
 Implicit sum over current insertion times

# Double $\beta$ -decay

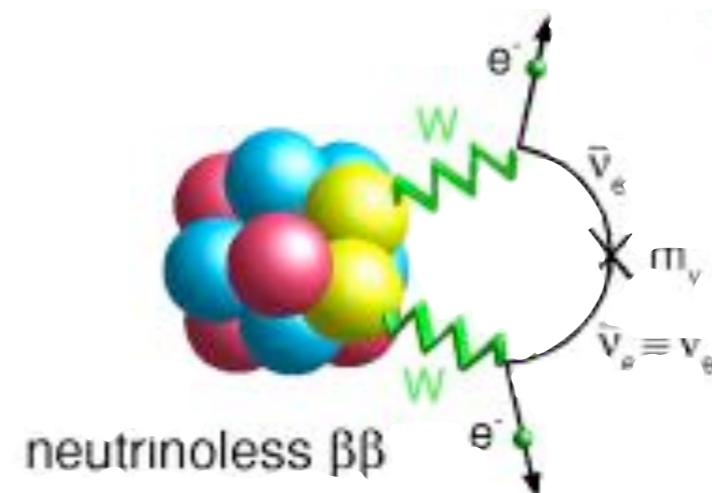
- Certain nuclei allow observable  $\beta\beta$  decay



$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta} \gtrsim 10^{19} \text{ y}$$



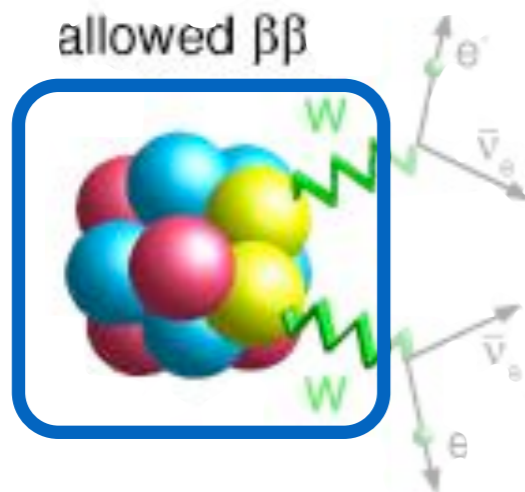
- If neutrinos are massive Majorana fermions  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay is possible



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta} > 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

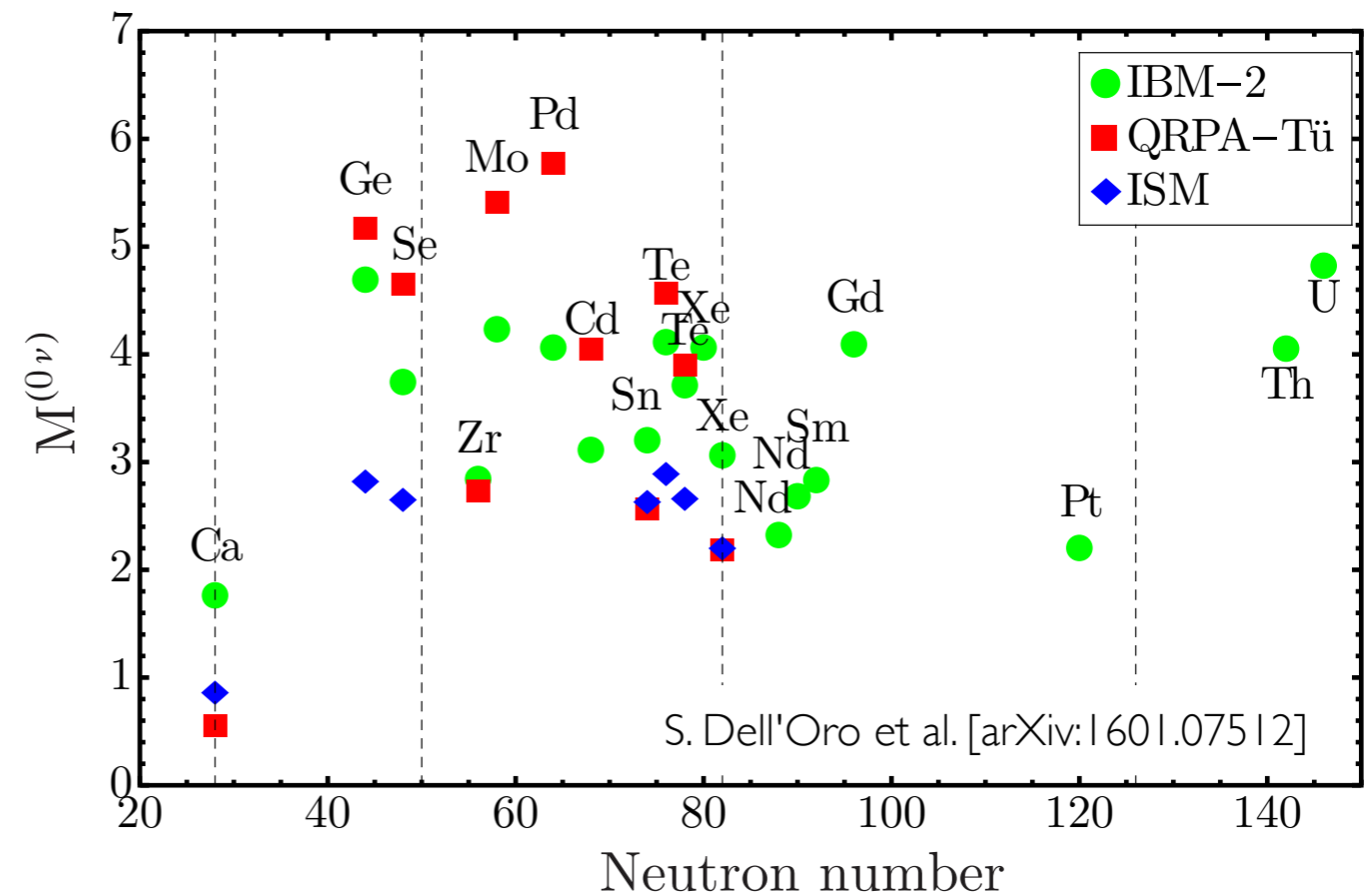
# Double $\beta$ -decay

Want to understand  $2\nu\beta\beta$  and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay from theory



Calculate two-current  
nuclear matrix elements  
→ dictate half-life

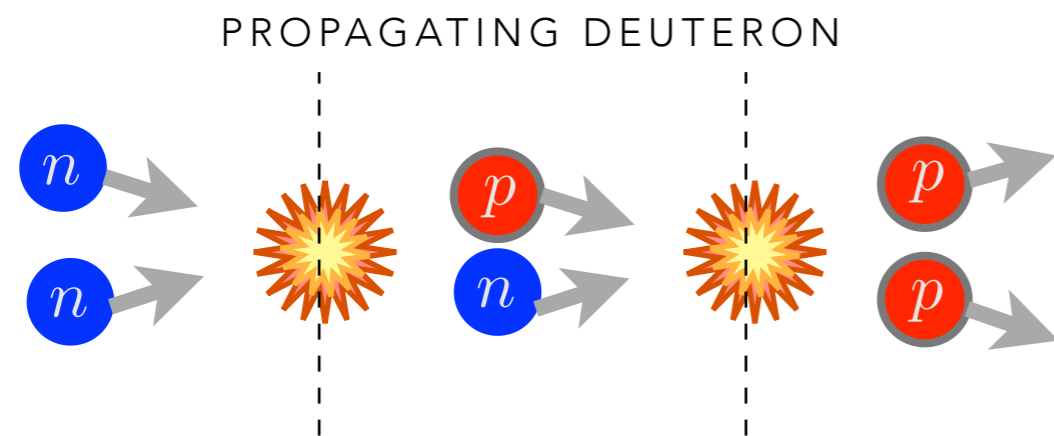
Model calculations have large uncertainties



# Second order weak interactions

NPLQCD PRL **119**, 062003 (2017), PRD **96**, 054505 (2017)

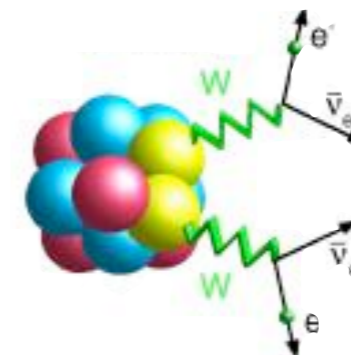
Lattice QCD: Calculate  $nn \rightarrow pp$  transition matrix element



LONG-DISTANCE PIECE  
Two single-beta decays



Two-body effect



# Second order weak interactions

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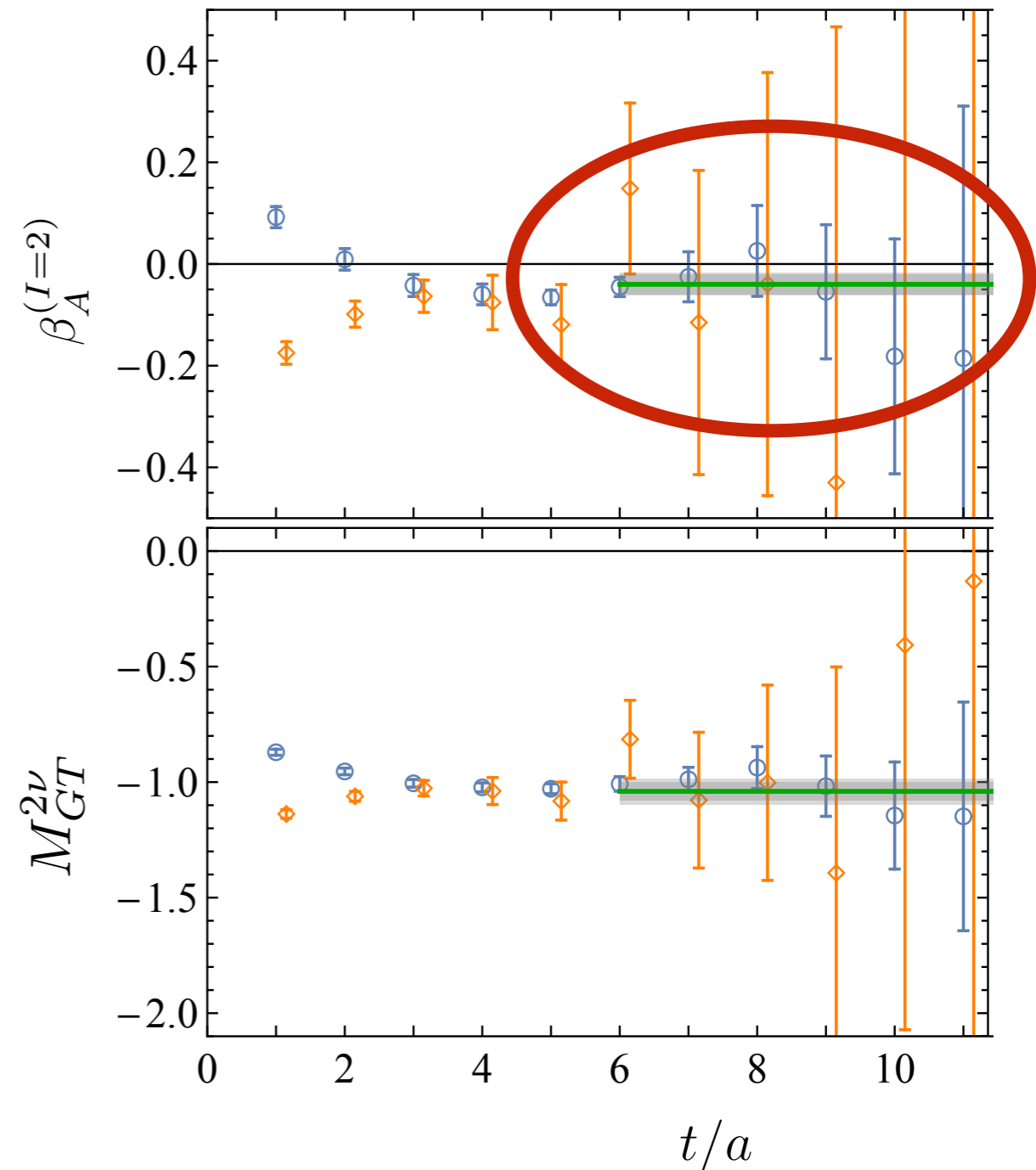
- Non-negligible deviation from long distance deuteron intermediate state contribution

$$M_{GT}^{2\nu} = -\frac{|M_{pp \rightarrow d}|^2}{E_{pp} - E_d} + \beta_A^{(I=2)}$$

Isotensor axial polarisability

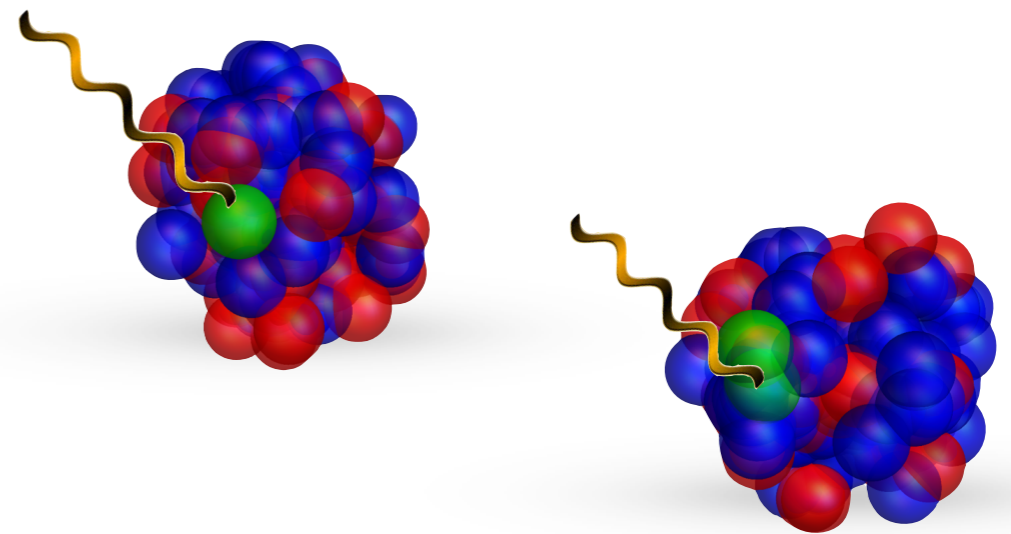
➔ Multi-body effects can't be neglected!

- TBD: connect to models / effective field theory for larger systems



# Larger nuclei

- What about larger (phenomenologically-relevant) nuclei?
- Nuclear effective field theory:
  - 1-body currents are dominant
  - 2-body currents are sub-leading *but non-negligible*
- Determine one body contributions from single nucleon
- Determine few-body contributions from  $A=2,3,4\dots$
- Match EFT and many body methods to LQCD to make predictions for larger nuclei



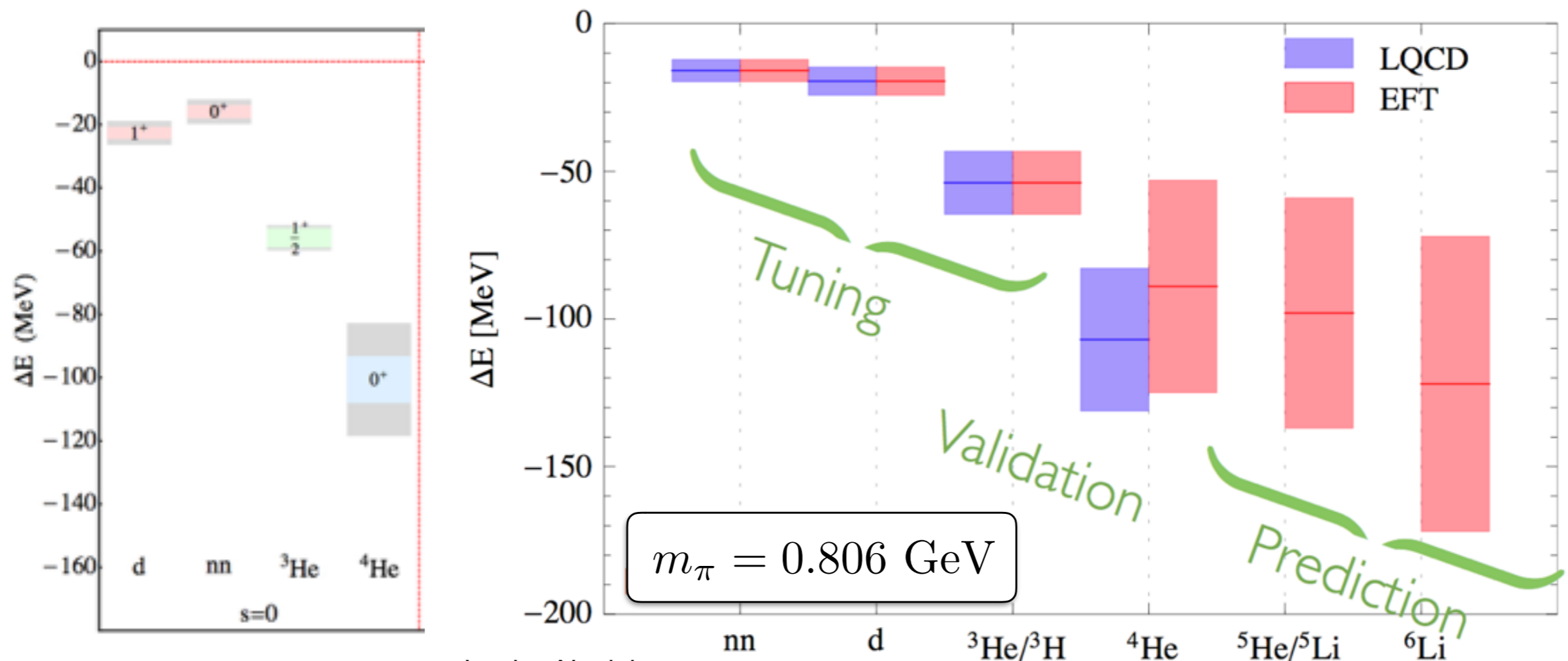


# Larger nuclei

e.g., Barnea et al., arXiv:1311.4966  
Effective field theory for lattice nuclei

Contessi et al., arXiv:1701.06516  
Ground-State Properties of  ${}^4\text{He}$  and  ${}^{16}\text{O}$  Extrapolated from Lattice QCD with Pionless EFT

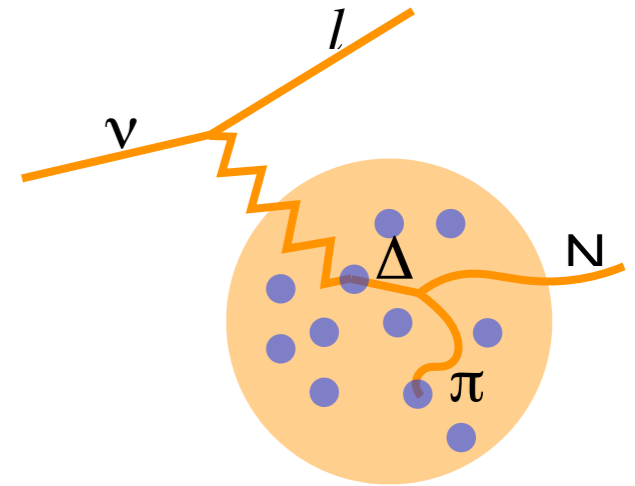
Bansal et al., arXiv:1712.10246  
Pion-less effective field theory for atomic nuclei and lattice nuclei



+Lorenzo Contessi's PhD thesis

# Summary - Part I

- Lattice efforts have potential to impact  $\nu$  energy determinations
- Precise determinations with controlled percent-level uncertainties within  $\sim 5$  years
  - Axial and pseudoscalar FFs determined with momenta less than a few GeV
  - BUT: large momentum FFs ( $\gtrsim 3$  GeV) more difficult. Novel ideas exist, need testing
- Early results with promising applications
  - Transition FFs  
Formalism exists but developments still necessary for higher states above  $N\pi\pi$  inelastic threshold
  - Application of EFT using 2-, 3- body matrix elements to constrain nuclear effects



# Dark matter

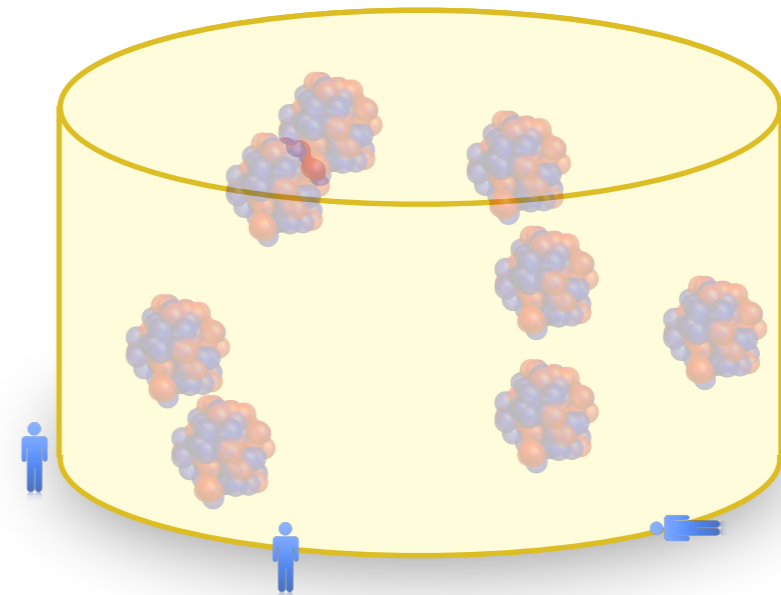
## How do we find dark matter?

- Dark (does not interact with light)
- Interacts through gravity

### WIMP

**Weakly-interacting  
massive particles**

## Direct detection Wait for DM to hit us



## Detection rate depends on

- Dark matter properties
- Probability for interaction with nucleus

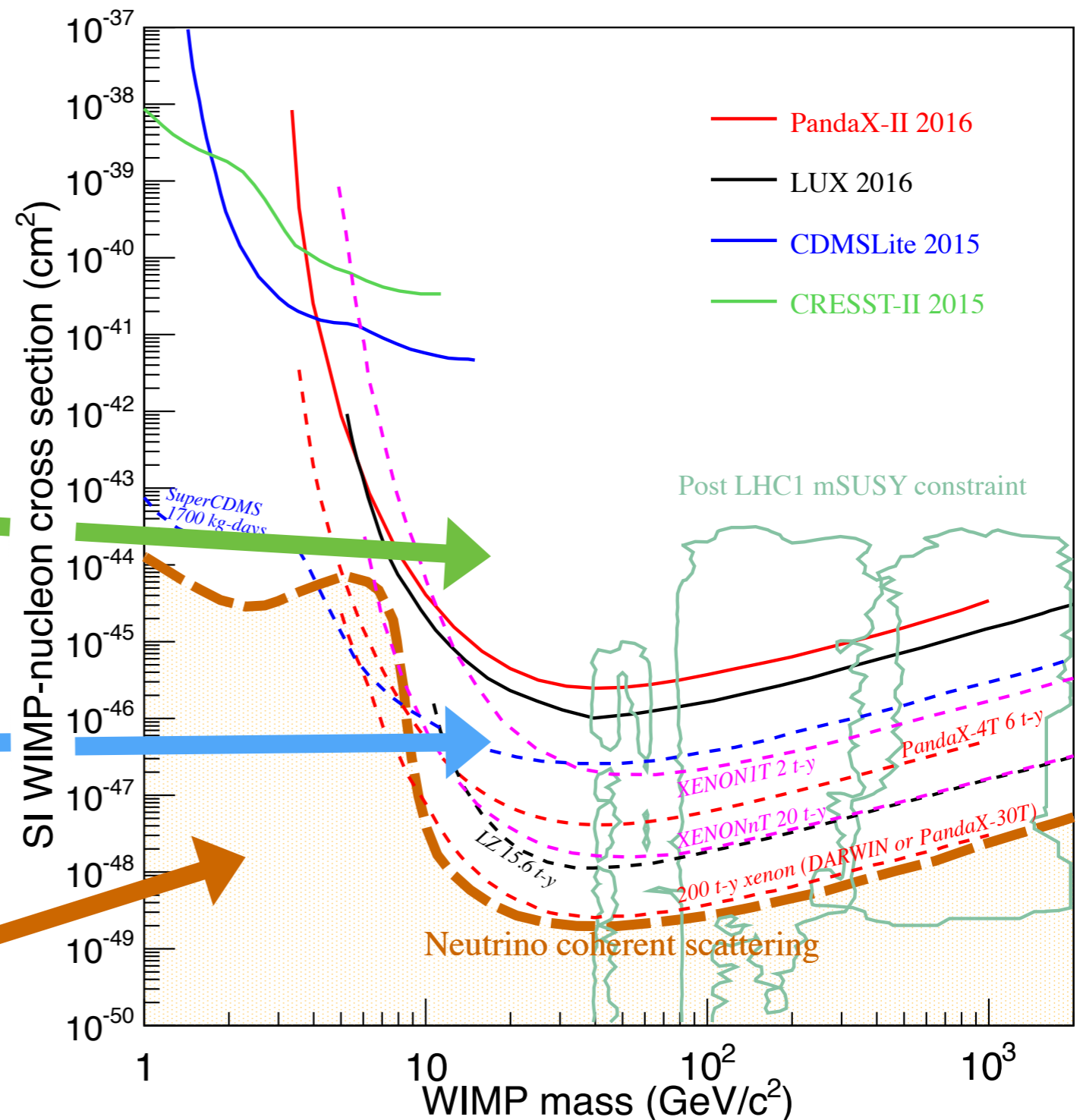
# Dark matter direct detection

Limits on WIMP-nucleon interaction from direct detection experiments

Ruled out above the solid lines

Projected limits from future experiments

Background



# Dark matter

Determine interaction cross-section  
(with nucleus) for a given dark matter model

- Born approximation – interacts with a single nucleon

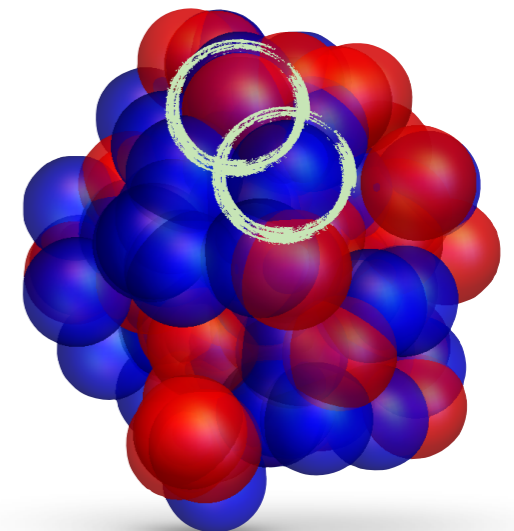
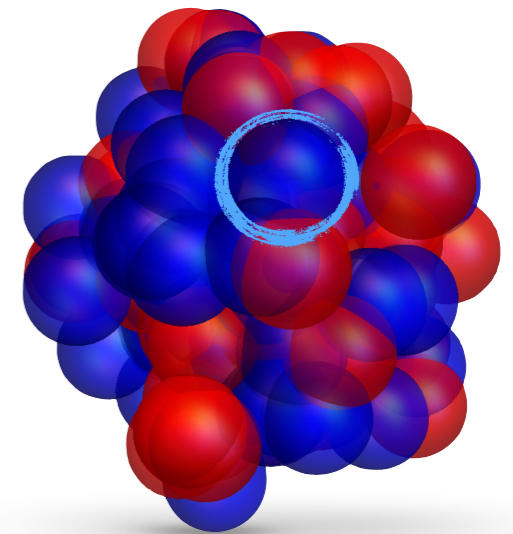
$$\sigma \sim |A \langle N | DM | N \rangle|^2$$

known from LQCD

- Interacts non-trivially with multiple nucleons

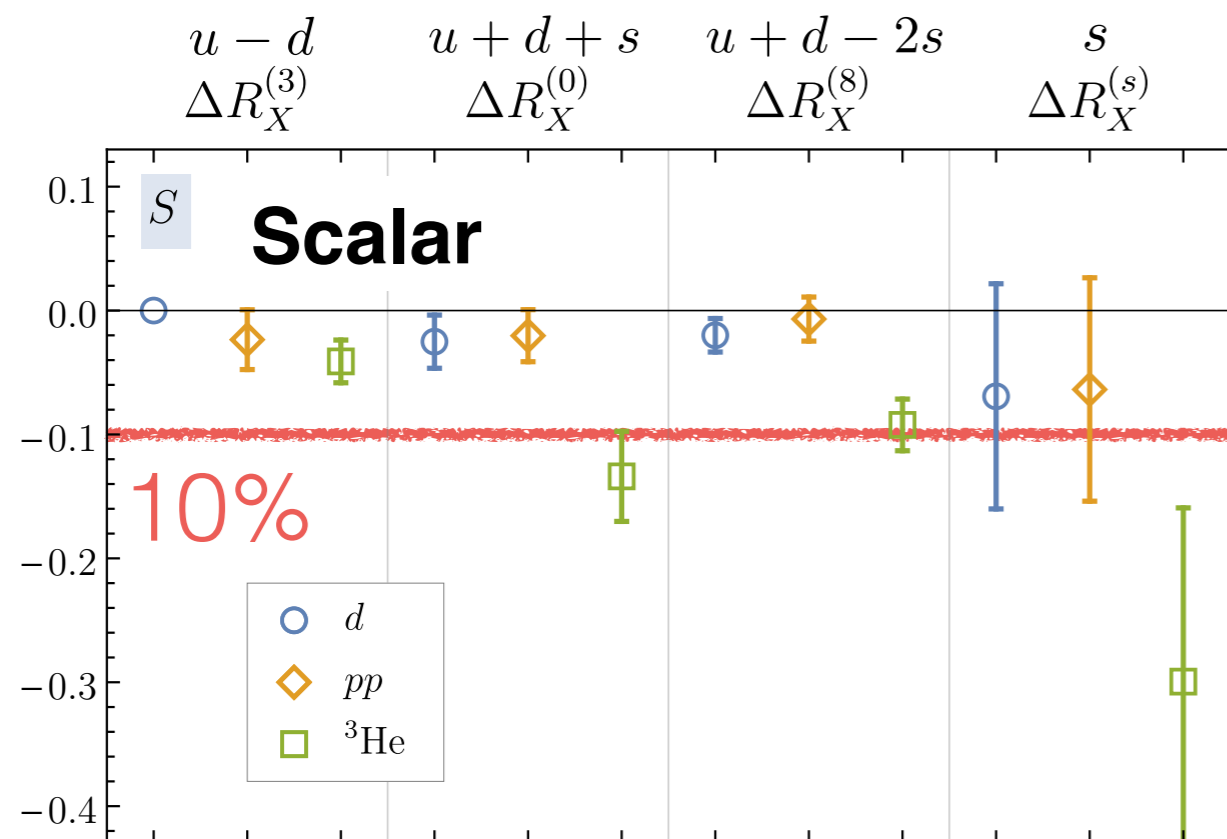
$$\sigma \sim |A \langle N | DM | N \rangle + \alpha \langle NN | DM | NN \rangle + \dots|^2$$

poorly known!



# Scalar matrix elements

- Spin-independent scattering of many WIMP candidates governed by scalar matrix elements
- Lattice QCD calculation with  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV shows 10% nuclear effects!  
(Naive expectation determined by baryon#, isospin, spin)
- Same calculation gives axial and tensor nuclear effects around  $\sim 1\%$



**ME**  

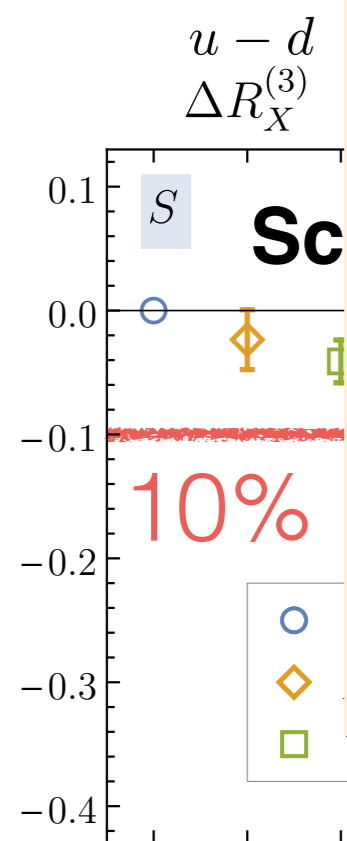

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**Nucleon ME** — **naive expectation**

“Multiply up”  
 nucleon expectation

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If similar features at physical pion mass, large multi-body effects can not be neglected in interpretation of dark matter direct detection experiments

naive expectation

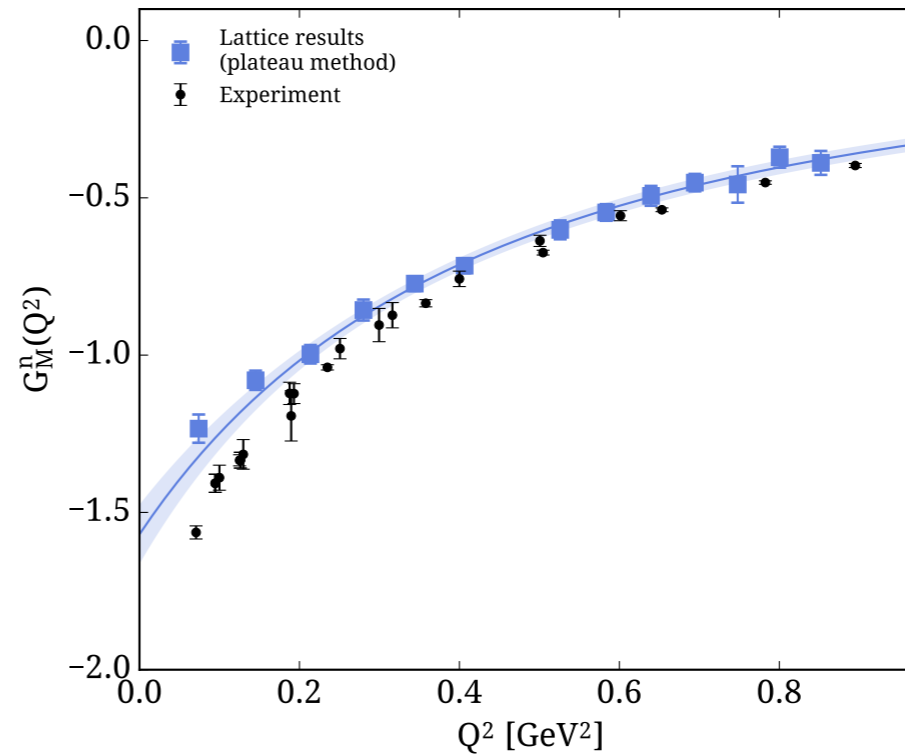
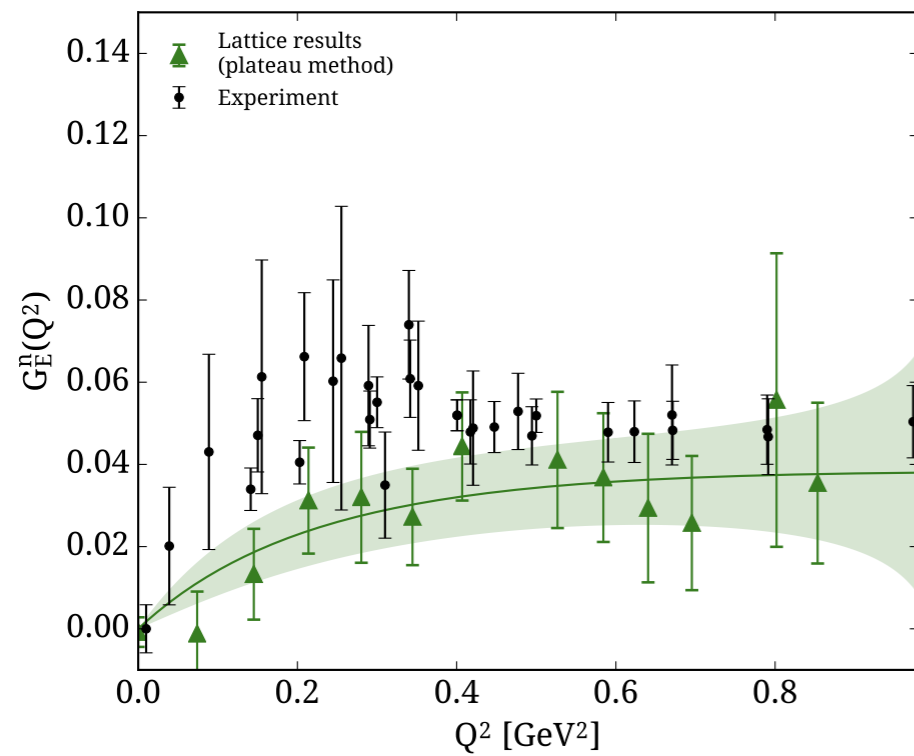
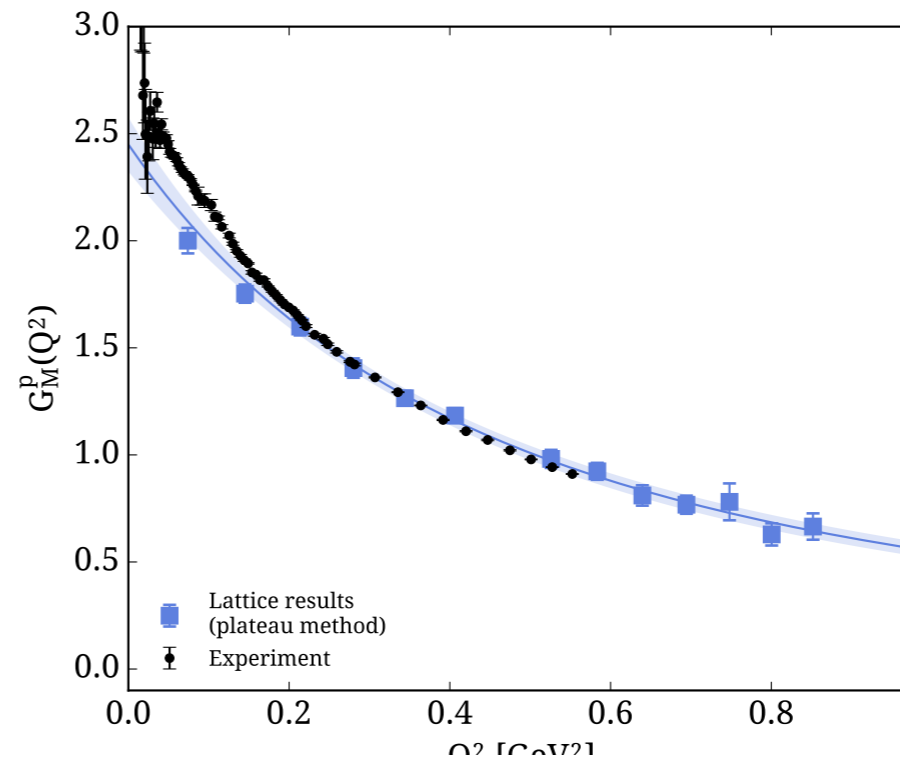
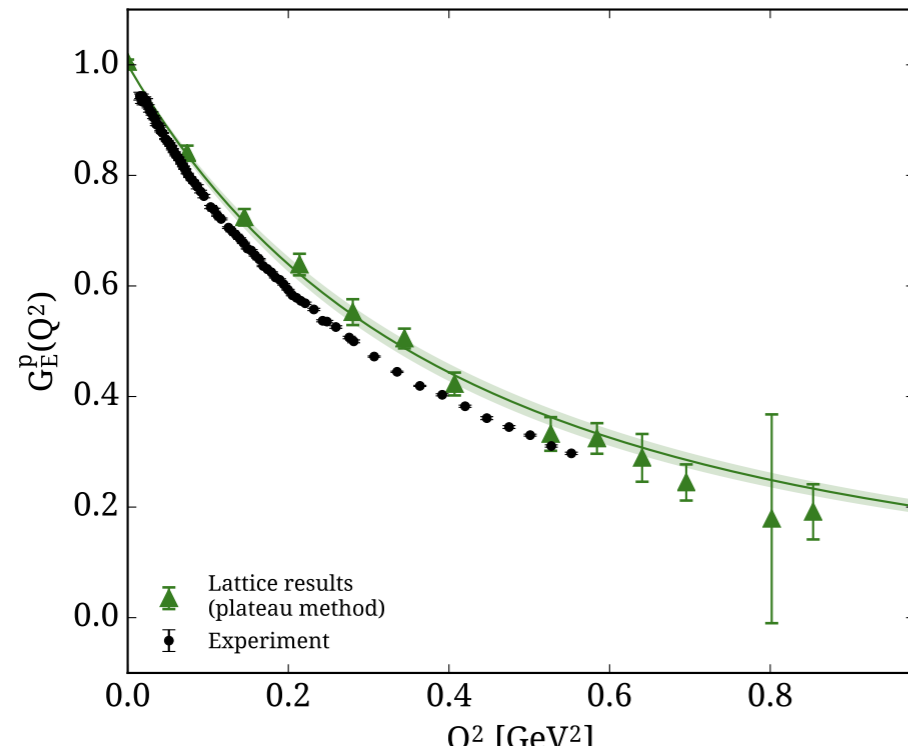
p''  
nucleon expectation



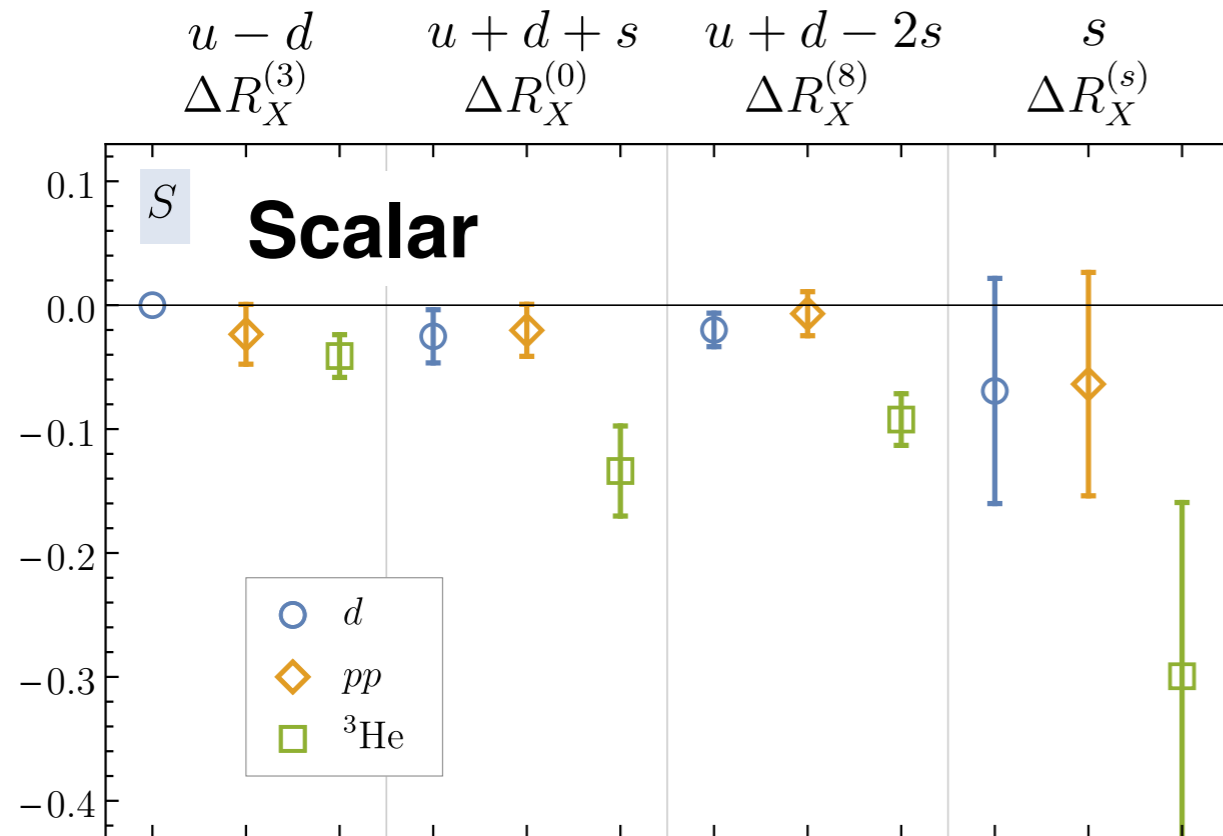


# Nucleon EMFFs

Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1706.00469

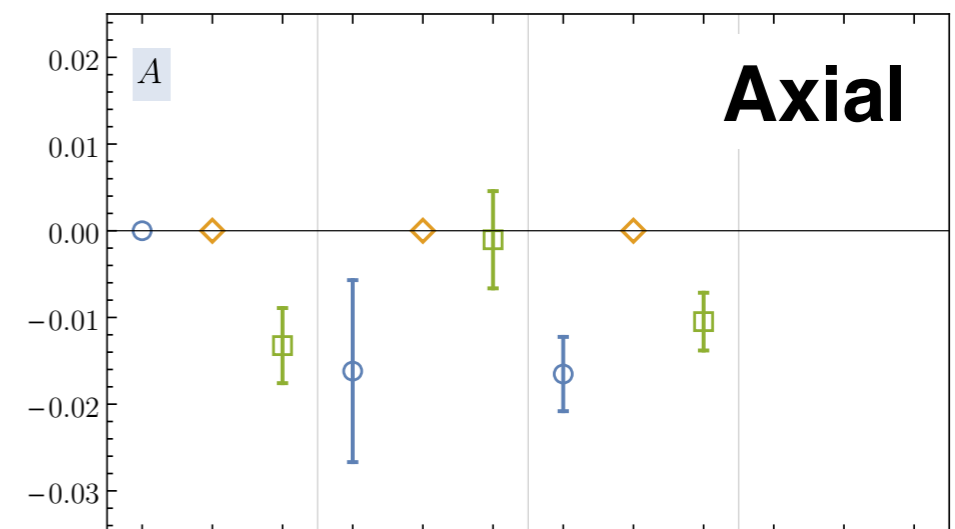
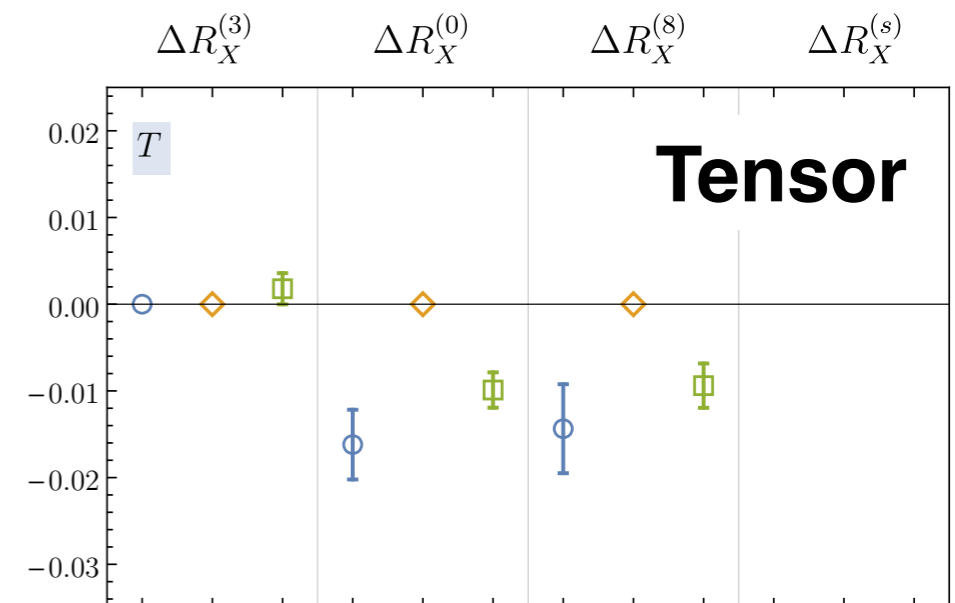


# Scalar & tensor nuclear MEs



- Naive expectation determined by baryon#, isospin, spin
- O(10%) nuclear effects in the scalar charges
- Nuclear modifications scale with magnitude of corresponding charge (i.e., baryon# for scalar, spin for tensor, axial)

**ME** — **naive expectation**  
**Nucleon ME** —



# Second order weak interactions

Differentiate terms by their distinct time-dependences in correlation function

Expand contributions to the correlation function

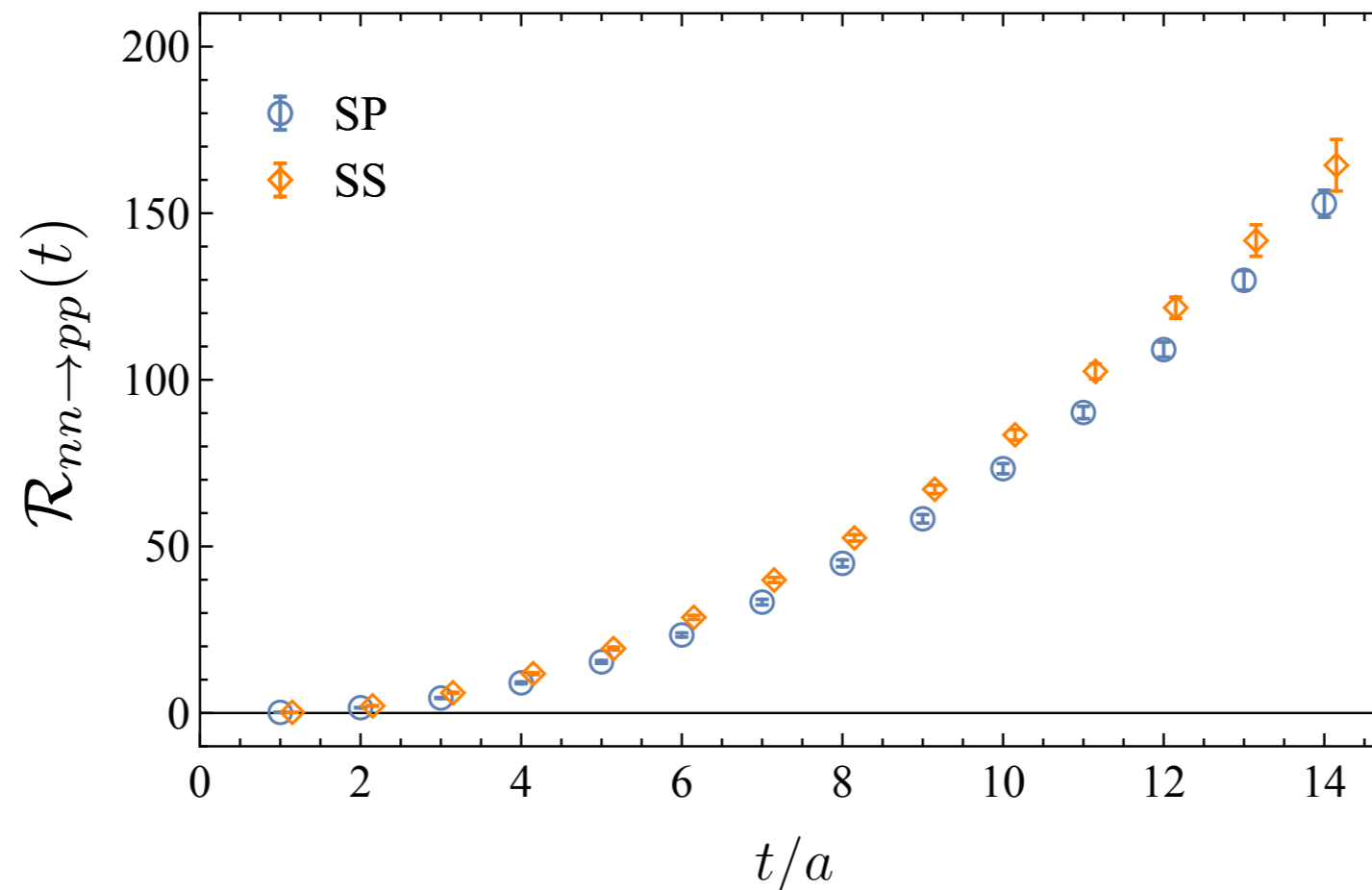
$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 C_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t) = & 2Z_{pp} Z_{nn}^\dagger e^{-E_{nn}t} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{\Delta t} - 1}{\Delta^2} - \frac{t}{\Delta} \right] \langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle \langle d | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle \right. \\
 & + \sum_{l' \neq d} \left[ \frac{t}{\delta_{l'}} - \frac{1}{\delta_{l'}^2} \right] \langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | l' \rangle \langle l' | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle \\
 & + \sum_{n \neq nn, pp} \left[ \frac{e^{\Delta t}}{\Delta(\Delta + \delta_n)} - \frac{1}{\Delta \delta_n} \right] \left( \frac{Z_n}{Z_{pp}} \langle n | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle \langle d | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle + \frac{Z_n^\dagger}{Z_{nn}^\dagger} \langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle \langle d | \tilde{J}_3^+ | n \rangle \right) \\
 & + \sum_{n \neq nn, pp} \sum_{l' \neq d} \frac{1}{\delta_{l'} \delta_n} \left( \frac{Z_n}{Z_{pp}} \langle n | \tilde{J}_3^+ | l' \rangle \langle l' | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle + \frac{Z_n^\dagger}{Z_{nn}^\dagger} \langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | l' \rangle \langle l' | \tilde{J}_3^+ | n \rangle \right) \\
 & \left. + \sum_{n, m \neq nn, pp} \frac{e^{\Delta t}}{(\Delta + \delta_n)(\Delta + \delta_m)} \frac{Z_n}{Z_{pp}} \frac{Z_m^\dagger}{Z_{nn}^\dagger} \langle n | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle \langle d | \tilde{J}_3^+ | m \rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta t}, e^{-\delta' t}) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{R}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t) = \frac{C_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t)}{2C_{0;0}^{(nn)}(t)} = & \left[ -t + \frac{e^{\Delta t} - 1}{\Delta} \right] \frac{\langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle \langle d | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle}{\Delta} + t \sum_{l' \neq d} \frac{\langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | l' \rangle \langle l' | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle}{\delta_{l'}} \\
 & + C + D e^{\Delta t} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta t}, e^{-\delta' t}) \\
 & \text{C, D irrelevant constants}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Second order weak interactions

## Challenging!

- Correlation function ratio clearly dominated by exponential
- BUT: Deuteron contribution well-determined by calculations with single axial current insertions



# Second order weak interactions

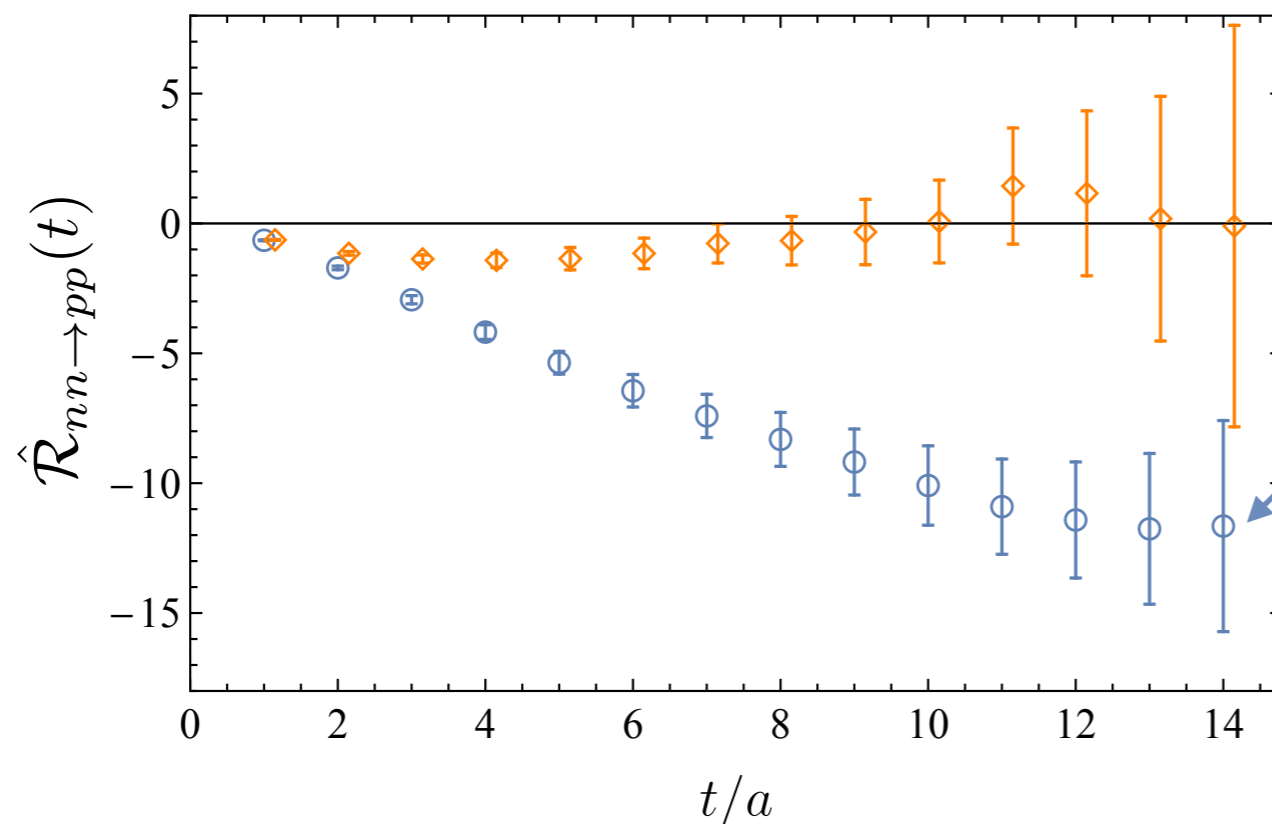
Subtract deuteron pole term determined from (correlated) single-insertion calculations i.e., bootstrap-level subtraction

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t) = \mathcal{R}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t) - \frac{|\langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | d \rangle|^2}{a\Delta} \left[ -\frac{t}{a} + \frac{e^{\Delta t} - 1}{a\Delta} \right]$$

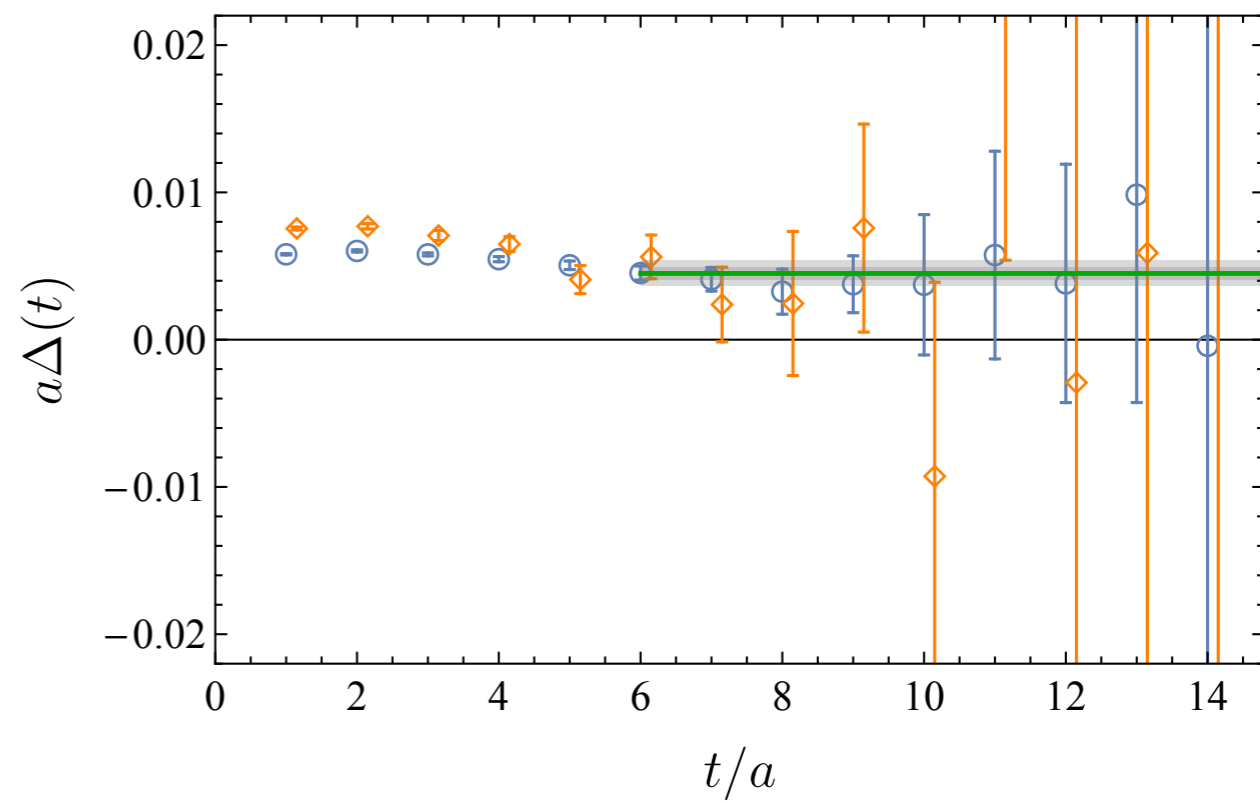
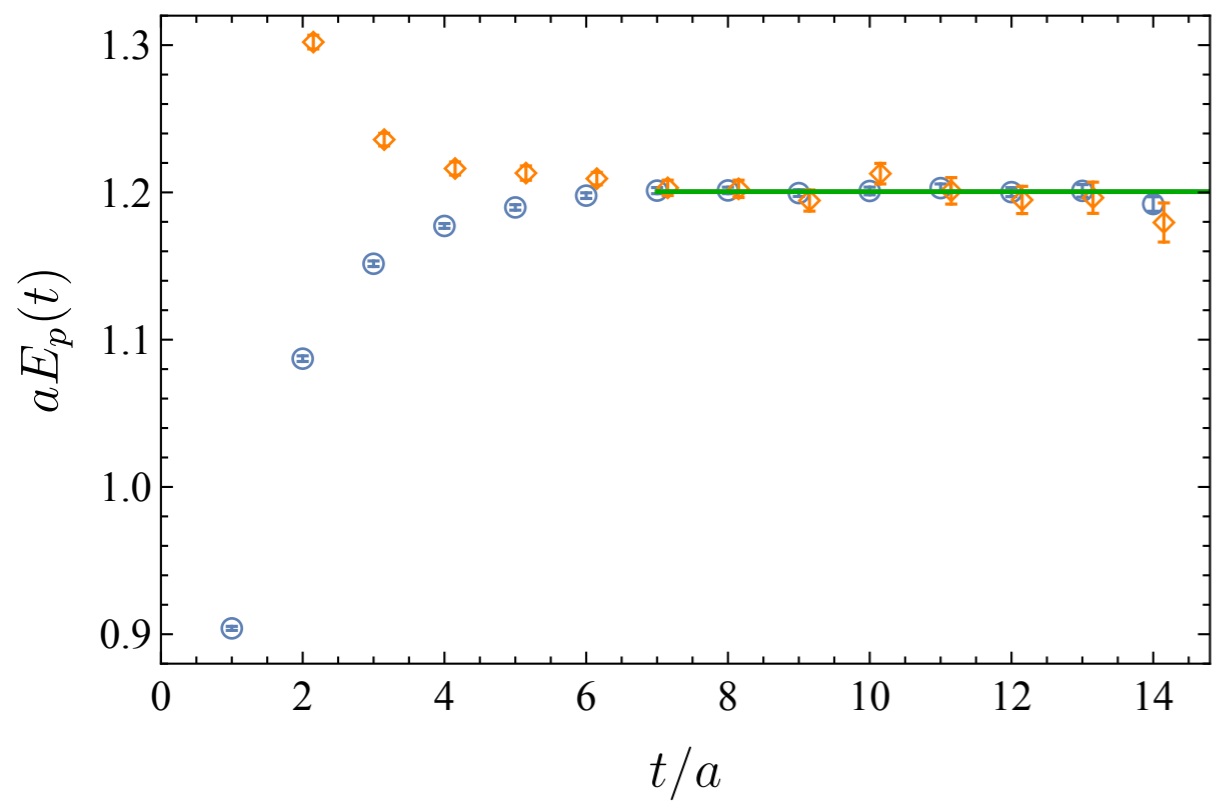
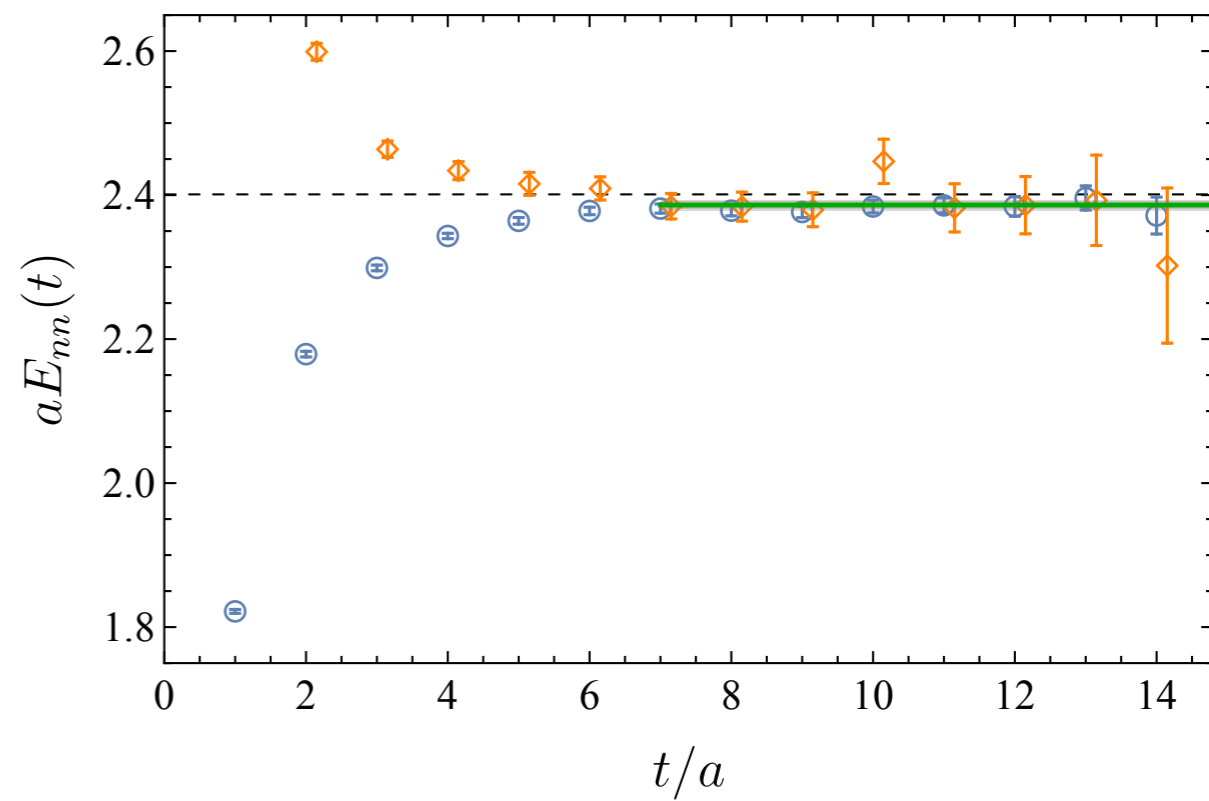
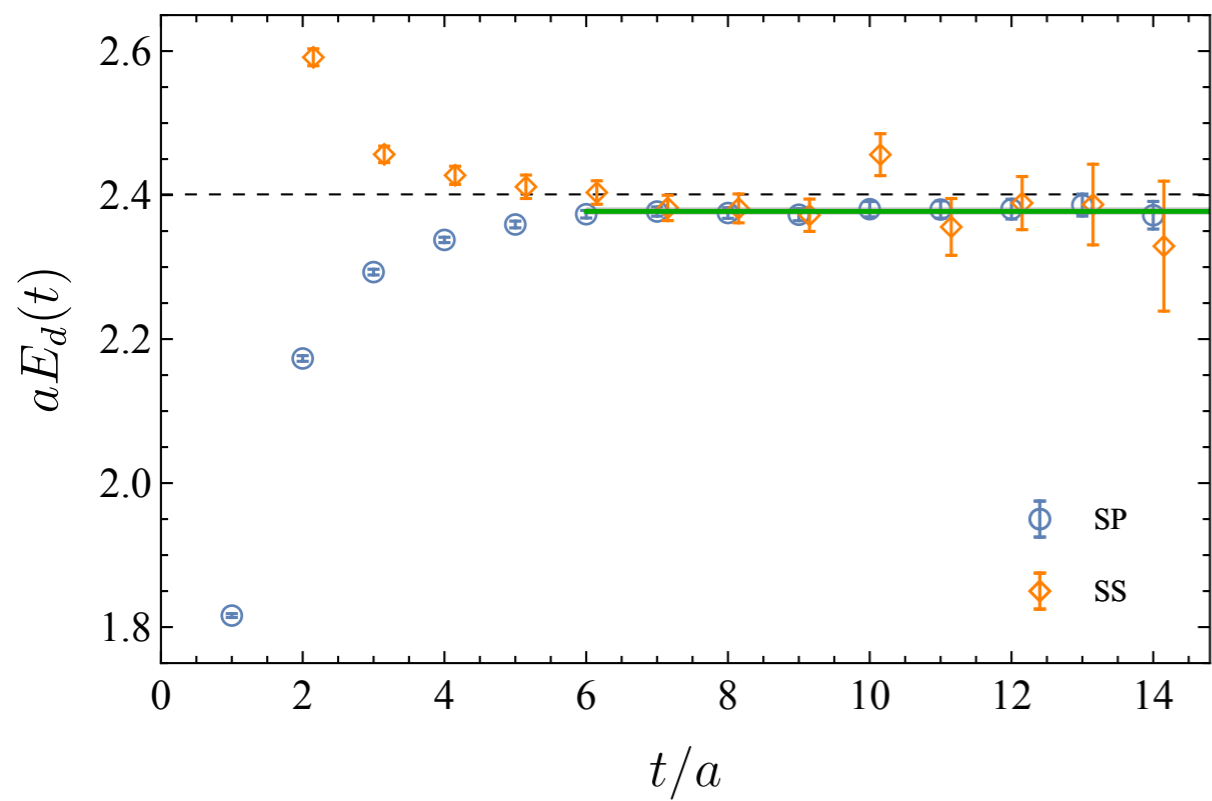
$$= \frac{t}{a} \sum_{l' \neq d} \frac{\langle pp | \tilde{J}_3^+ | l' \rangle \langle l' | \tilde{J}_3^+ | nn \rangle}{a\delta_{l'}} + c + d e^{\Delta t}.$$

c,d irrelevant constants

$\Delta = E_{nn} - E_d$   
determined from  
ratios of two-  
point functions



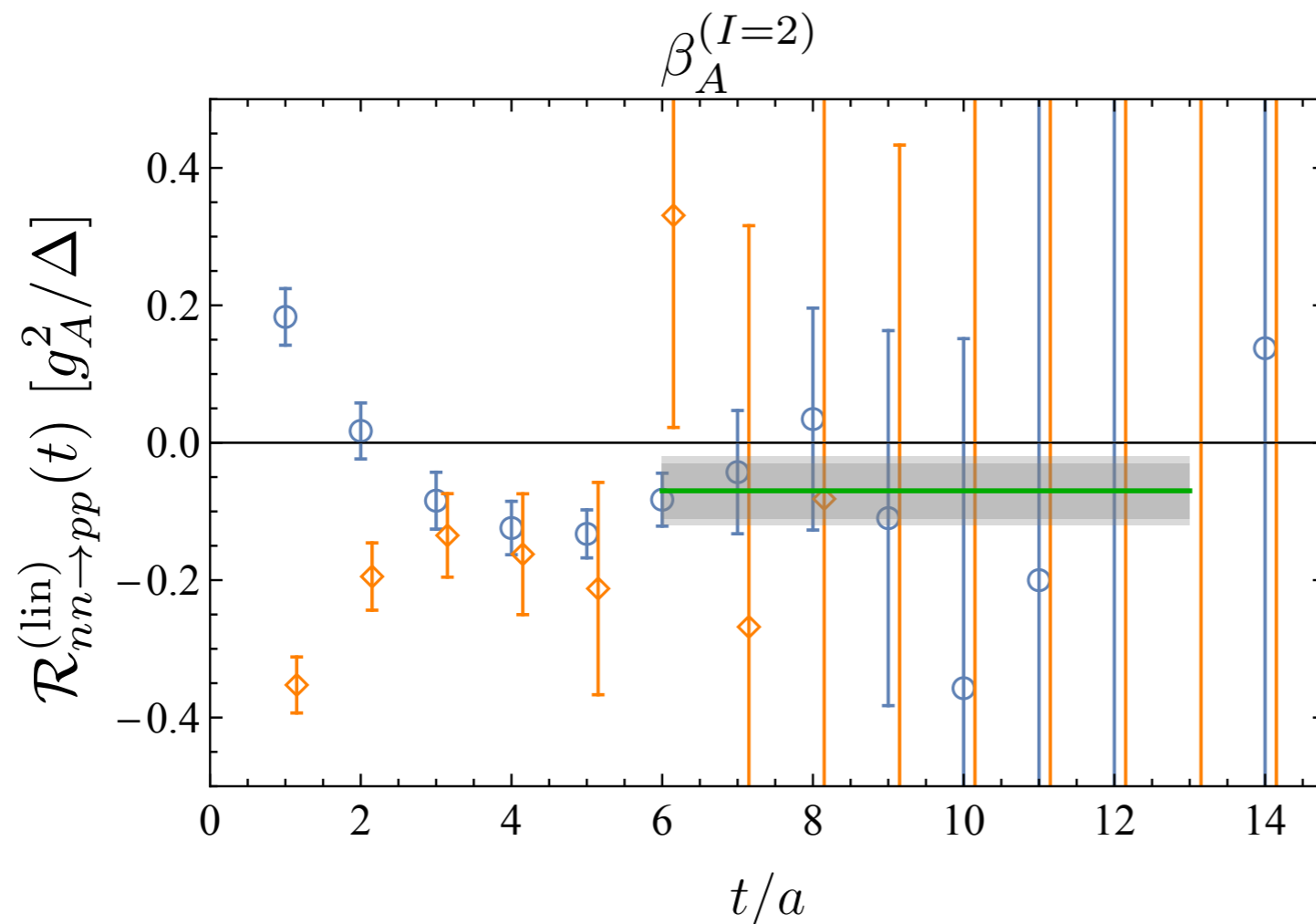
Linear in t:  
SP sink has a highly  
suppressed overlap onto  
the nn scattering states



# Second order weak interactions

Form ratios to extract **isotensor axial polarisability**

$$\mathcal{R}_{nn \rightarrow pp}^{(\text{lin})}(t) = \frac{(e^{a\Delta} + 1)\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t+a) - \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t+2a) - e^{a\Delta}\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{nn \rightarrow pp}(t)}{e^{a\Delta} - 1} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{aZ_A^2} \frac{\beta_A^{(2)}}{6}$$



Bootstrap-level combination with  
 $\Delta = E_{nn} - E_d$   
 determined from ratios of two-point functions

# Matrix element fitting

## Treatment of uncertainties: MEs at $m_\pi \sim 800\text{MeV}$

### ● Statistical

bootstrap/jackknife over configs.  
correlated ratios of correlation functions

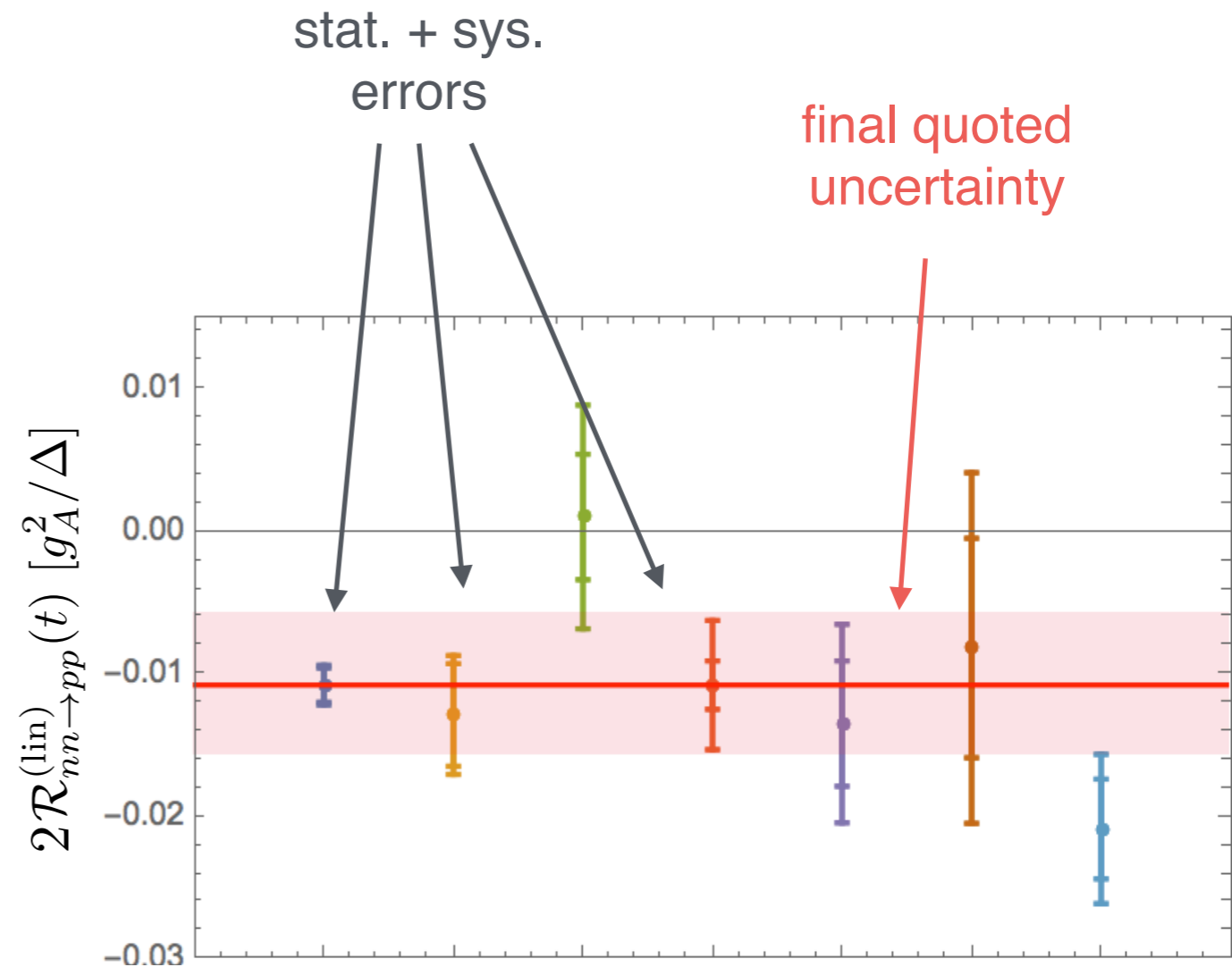
### ● Systematics in fit

Take every 'reasonable' fit with  $\chi^2/d.o.f \leq 1$

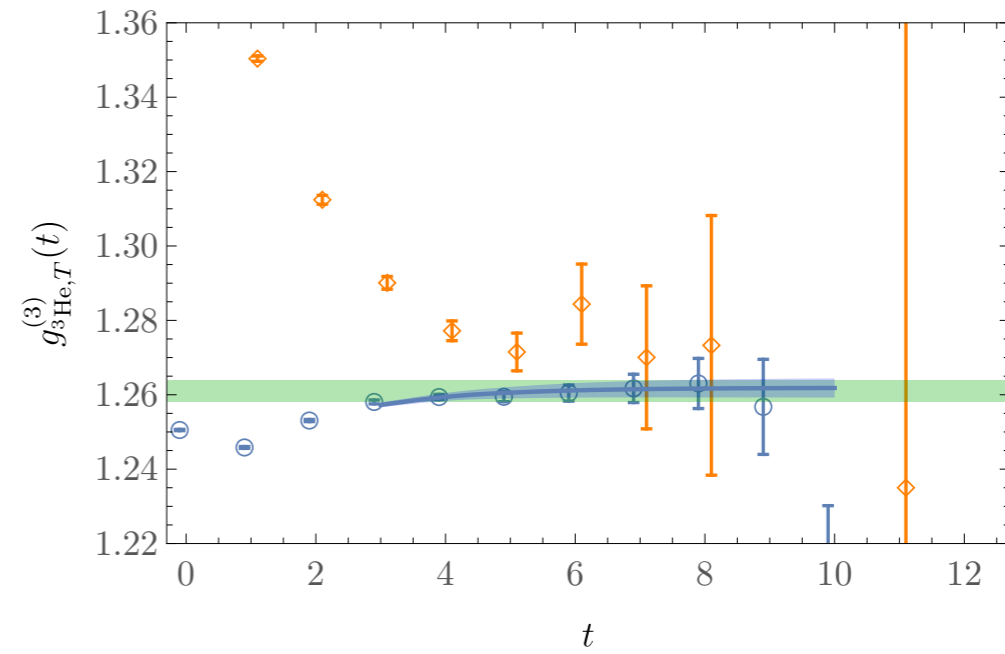
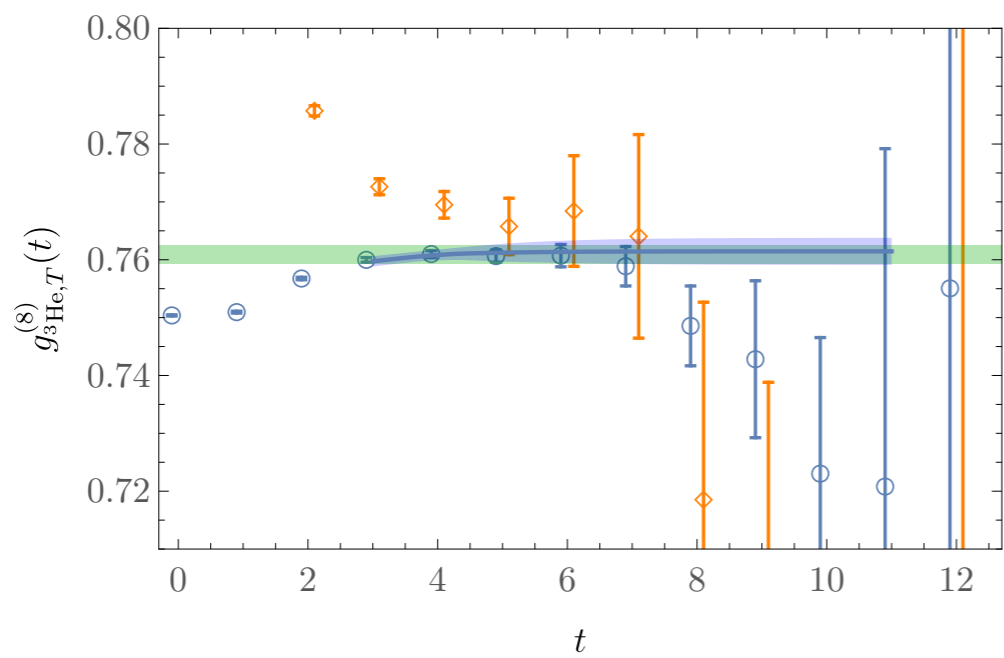
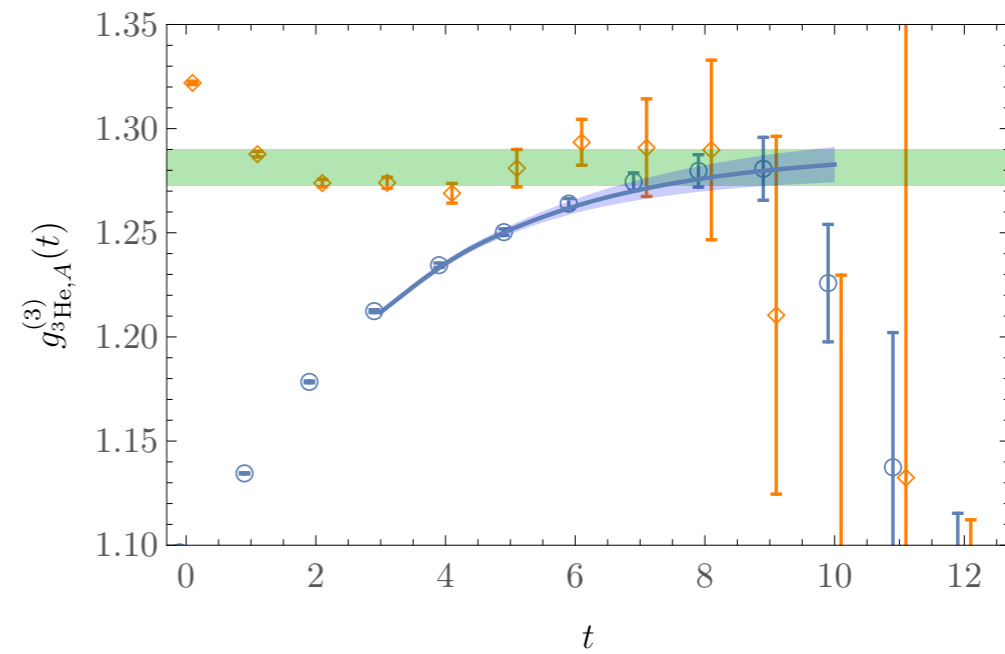
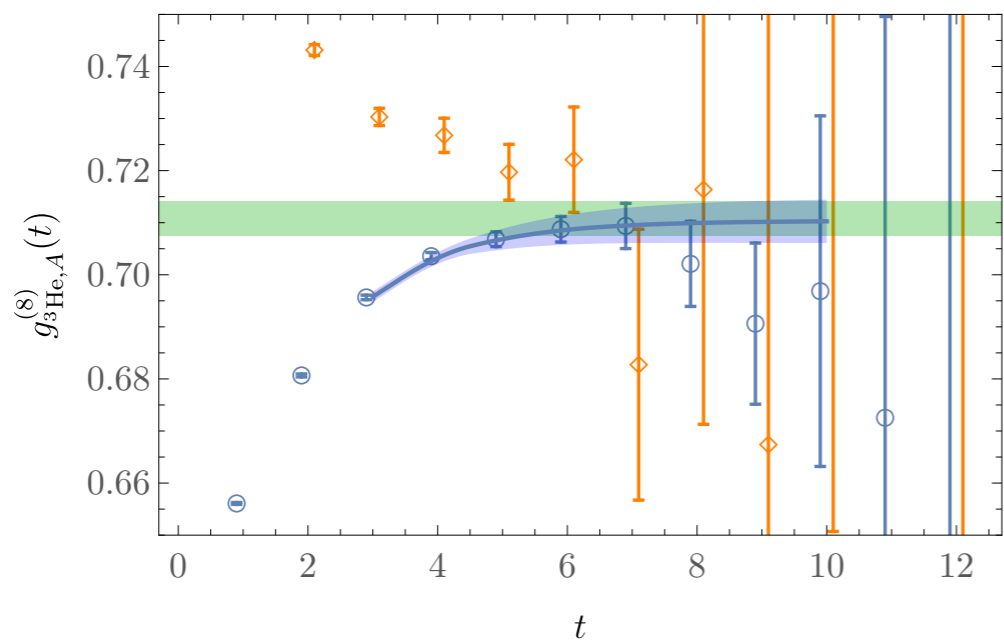
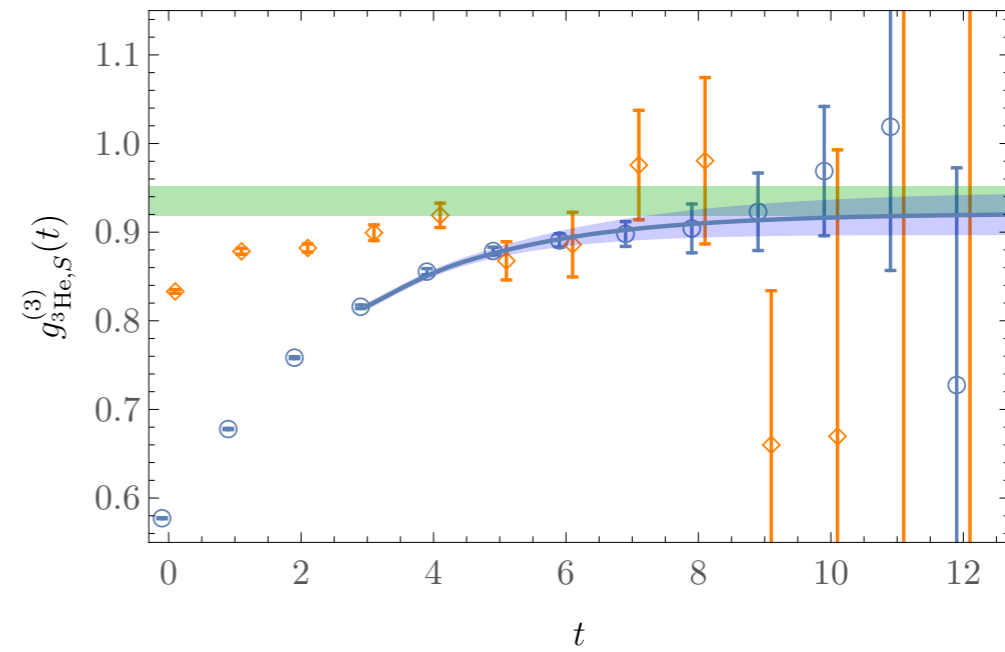
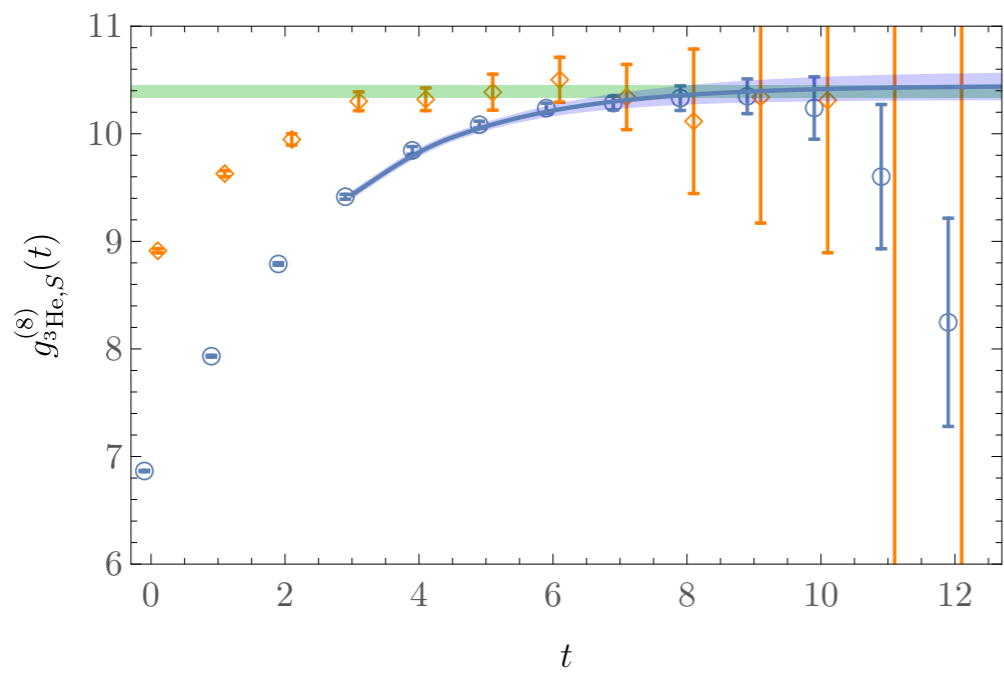
- Fit time begins after 2pt function is consistent with appropriate (1 or 2 state) form
- Minimum 5 timeslices
- Extending fits to later times gives consistent results
- Variation over all central values taken as systematic uncertainty on result

### ● Systematic in analysis method

Variation over range of analysis procedures, performed independently by different collaboration members, taken as additional systematic uncertainty

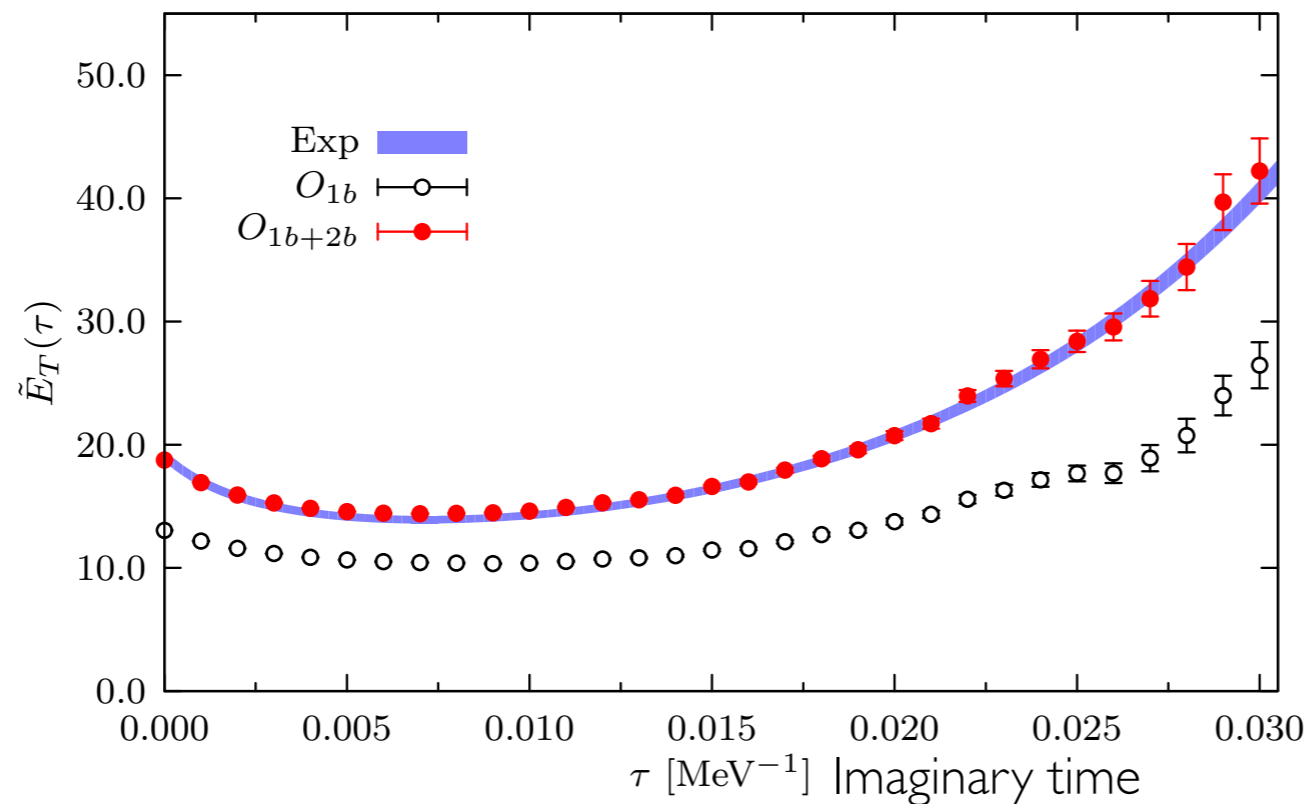






# Two-body effects

- EM transverse response function shows important two-body effects:  $^{12}\text{C}$  at  $q = 570 \text{ MeV}$



Lovato et al., Phys. Rev. C 91, 062501 (2015)

Ab-initio calculation  
Two- and three-body forces  
and external electroweak  
probes via one- and two-  
body currents

- Expect to be similarly important for axial