

Updates on

The parity-odd structure function of the nucleon from the Compton amplitude

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CSSM/QCDSEF/UKQCD Talks

- ~ Gerrit Schierholz @ Mon 14:15 [Vacuum structure and confinement]
 - “Absence of CP violation in the strong interaction”
- ~ Joshua Crawford @ Thur 10:20 [Structure of Hadrons and Nuclei]
 - “Transverse Force Distributions in the Proton from Lattice QCD”
- ~ Roger Horsley @ Fri 15:15 [Structure of Hadrons and Nuclei]
 - “Renormalisation Group Equations for 2+1 clover Fermions”

Motivation

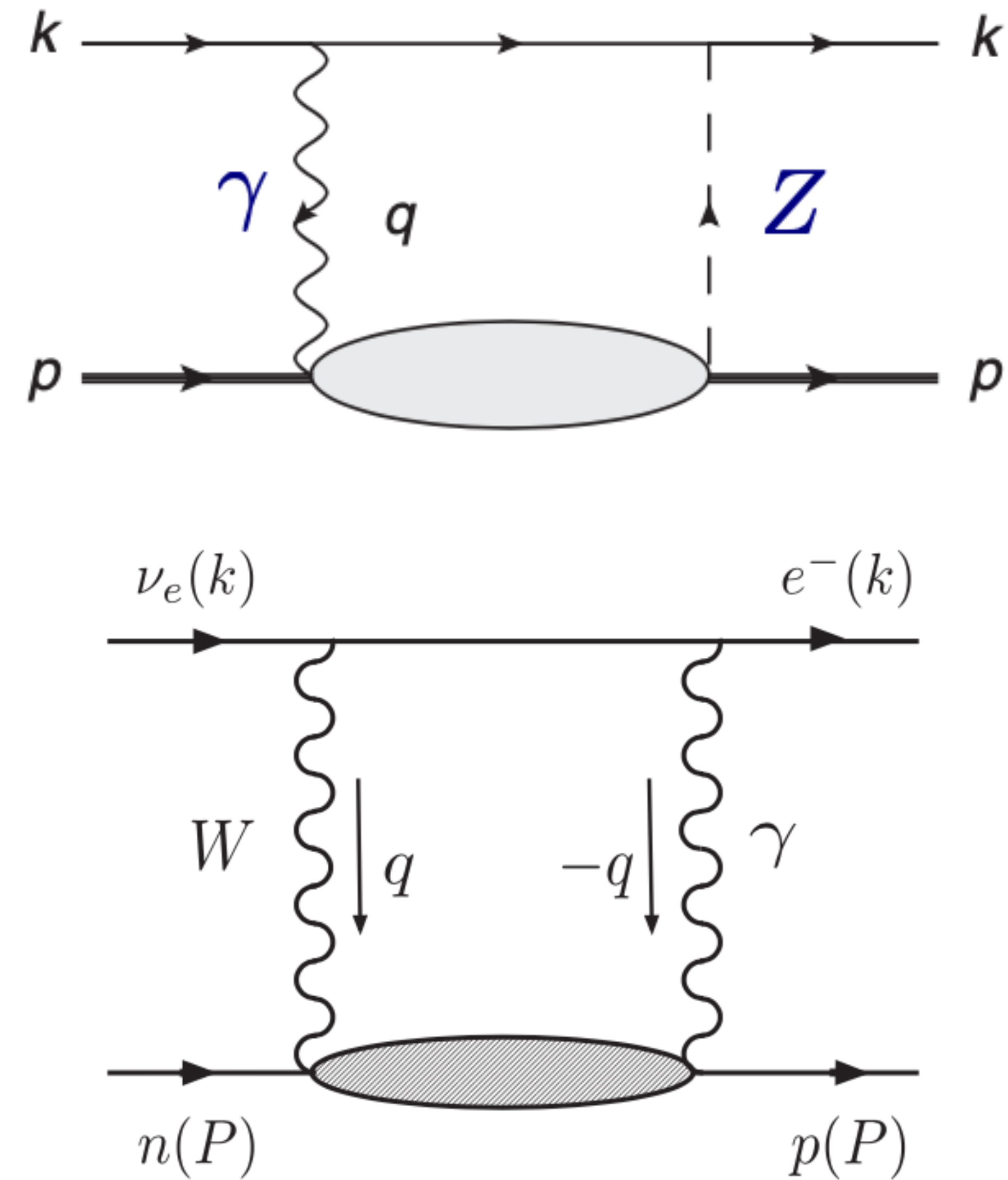
- Leading theoretical uncertainty in:

- Weak charge of the proton,

$$Q_W = (1 + \Delta_\rho + \Delta_e)(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W(0) + \Delta'_e) + \square_{AA}^{WW} + \square_{AA}^{ZZ} + \square_{VA}^{\gamma Z}$$

- CKM matrix element extracted from superallowed neutron β decays,

$$|V_{ud}|^2 = \frac{0.97148(20)}{1 + \Delta_R^V} \rightarrow 0.01691 + 2 \square_{VA}^{\gamma W}$$



Motivation

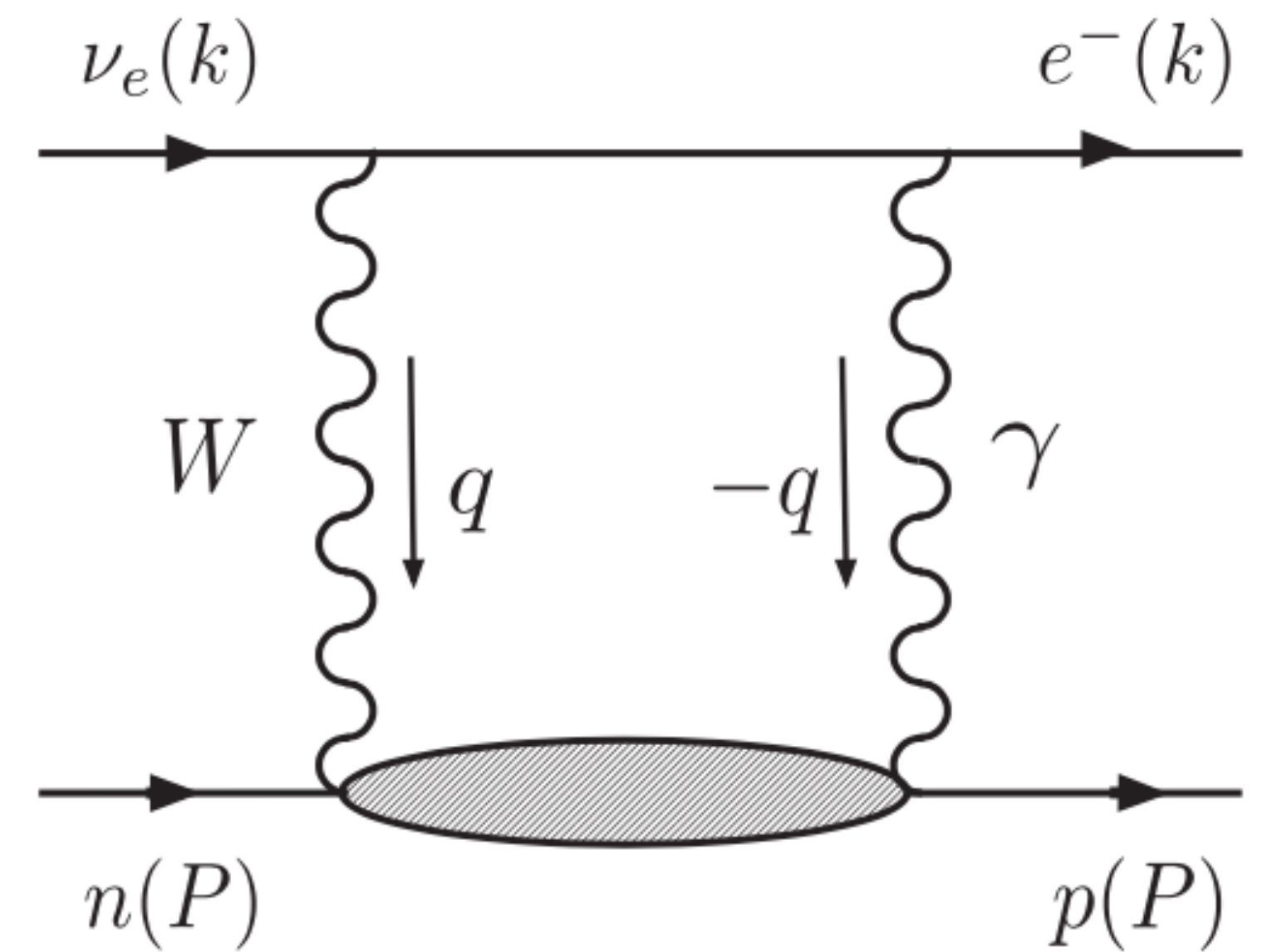
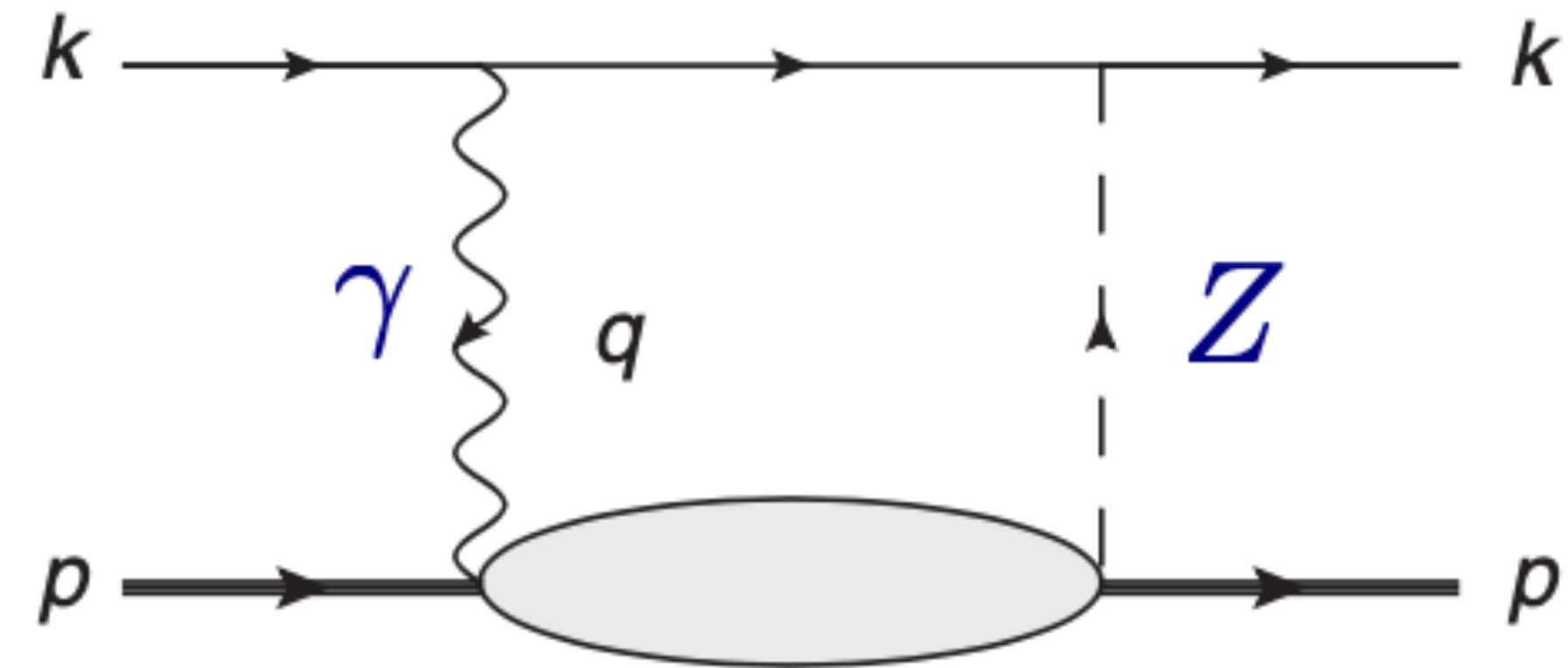
$$\square_A^{\gamma Z} = \nu_e \frac{3\alpha_{EM}}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{M_Z^2}{M_Z^2 + Q^2} \underbrace{\int_0^1 dx C_N(x, Q^2) F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2)}$$

First Nachtmann moment of F_3

$$\square_{VA}^{\gamma W} = \frac{3\alpha_{EM}}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2} \underbrace{\int_0^1 dx C_N(x, Q^2) F_3^{(0)}(x, Q^2)}$$

$$F_3^{(0)} = F_3^{\gamma Z, p} - F_3^{\gamma Z, n},$$

where $C_N(x, Q^2)$ is a known coefficient

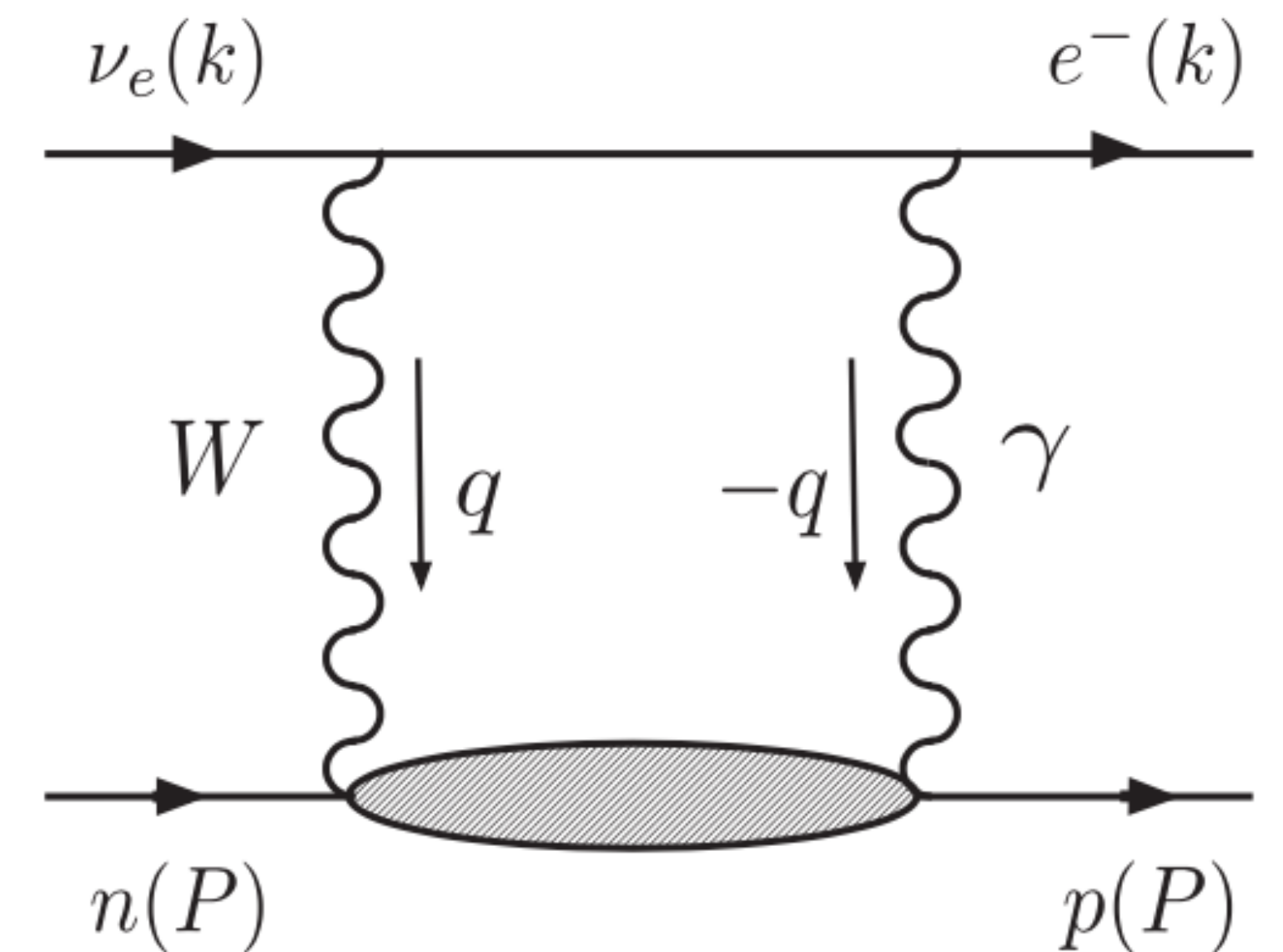
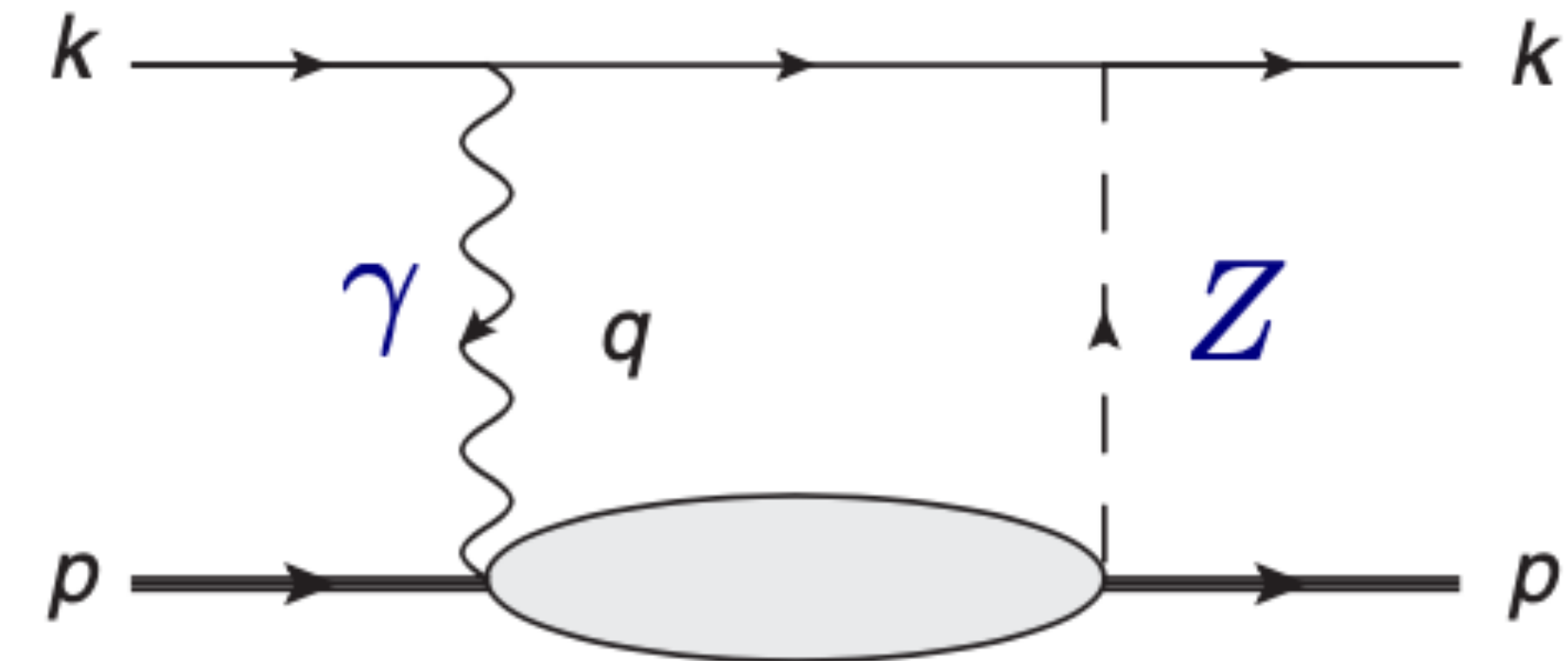


Motivation

- Box diagrams proportional to an integral over the whole Q^2 range

$$\square_A^{\gamma Z/W} \propto \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \mu_1^{(3)}(Q^2) (\dots)$$

- Low- Q^2 (non-perturbative) regime dominates the integral
- F_3 is experimentally poorly determined in low Q^2
- Lattice approach is ideal for a high-precision determination of $\mu_1^{(3)}(Q^2)$ Nachtmann moment

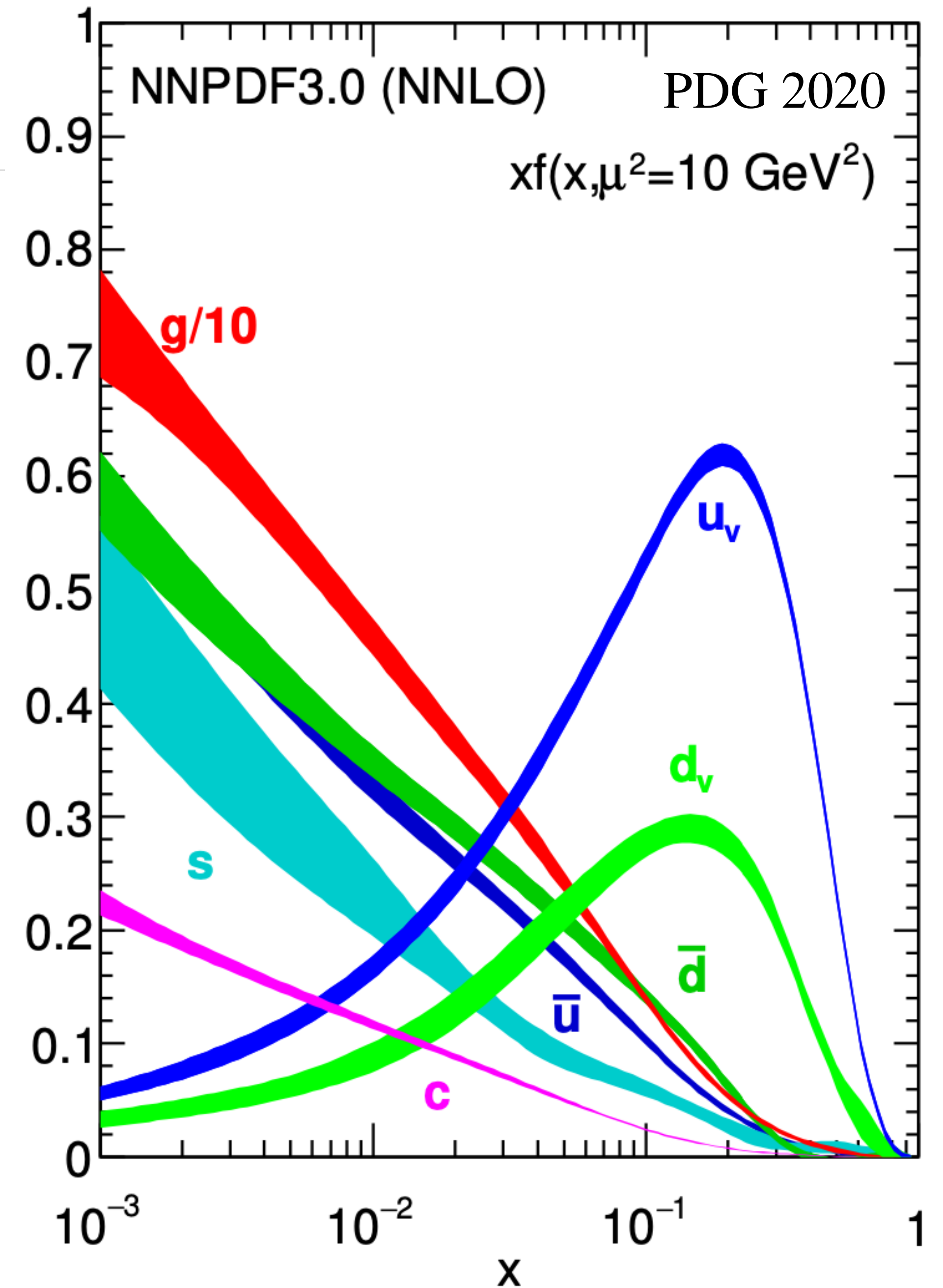


Motivation

- Nucleon structure (leading twist)
- Structure functions from first principles
- In the parton model

$$F_2 \propto (q + \bar{q})$$

$$F_3^{\gamma Z} \propto (q - \bar{q})$$



Motivation

- Scaling
- Q^2 cuts of global QCD analyses
- Power corrections / Higher twist effects

- Target mass corrections

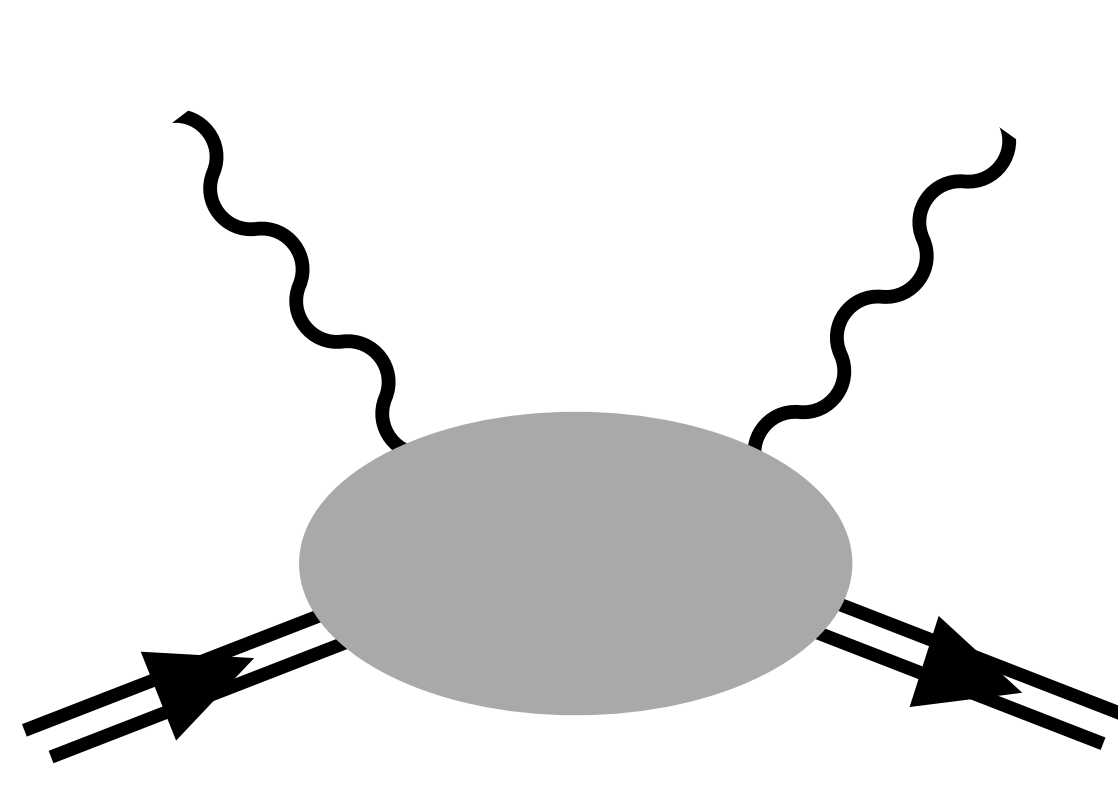
- Twist-4 contributions

- GLS sum rule:

$$S^{GLS} = \int_0^1 dx F_3^{(\nu p + \bar{\nu} p)}(x, Q^2) = 3 \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} + \dots \right] - \frac{\Delta^{HT}}{Q^2}$$

- $\Delta^{HT} \sim 0.15 - 0.5$ see [X.-D. Huang et al., NPB969 \(2021\) 115466 \[2101.10922\]](#)

Forward Compton Amplitude



The diagram on the left shows a grey oval representing a nucleon. Two parallel lines with arrows pointing right enter from the bottom, representing an incoming nucleon. Two wavy lines enter from the top, representing an incoming photon. Two parallel lines with arrows pointing right exit from the bottom, representing an outgoing nucleon. Two wavy lines exit from the top, representing an outgoing photon.

The diagram on the right shows a similar setup, but with a triangle loop of fermions (represented by arrows) connecting the two photon vertices. The fermion lines form a closed loop with arrows indicating a clockwise direction.

$$= \text{[Diagram with fermion loop]} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_N}{Q^2}, \frac{1}{Q^2}\right)$$

Parity
Violating

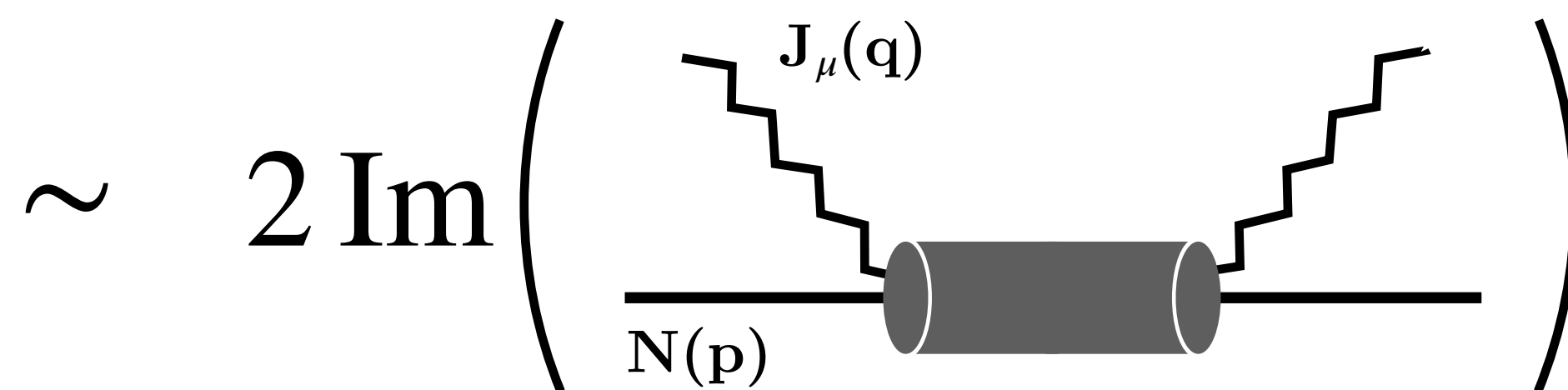
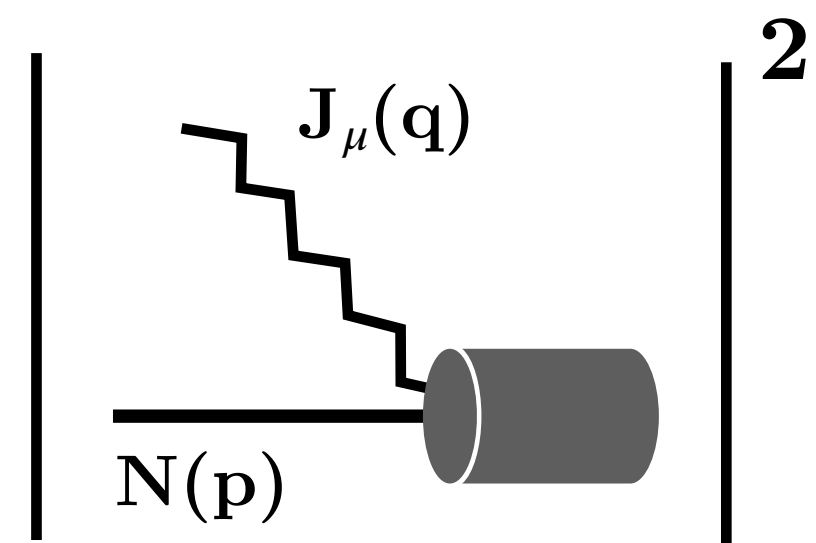
Forward Compton Amplitude

$$T_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = i \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \rho_{ss'} \langle p, s' | \mathcal{T} \{ J_\mu(z) J_\nu(0) \} | p, s \rangle, \text{ spin avg. } \rho_{ss'} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ss'}$$

$$= -g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_1(\omega, Q^2) + \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_2(\omega, Q^2) + i \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p_\alpha q_\beta}{2p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)$$

$$+ \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_4(\omega, Q^2) + \frac{p_{\{\mu} q_{\nu\}}}{p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_5(\omega, Q^2) + \frac{p_{[\mu} q_{\nu]}}{p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_6(\omega, Q^2)$$

allowed terms
because parity
is violated



$$\begin{cases} \omega = \frac{2p \cdot q}{Q^2} \\ \varepsilon^{0123} = 1 \end{cases}$$

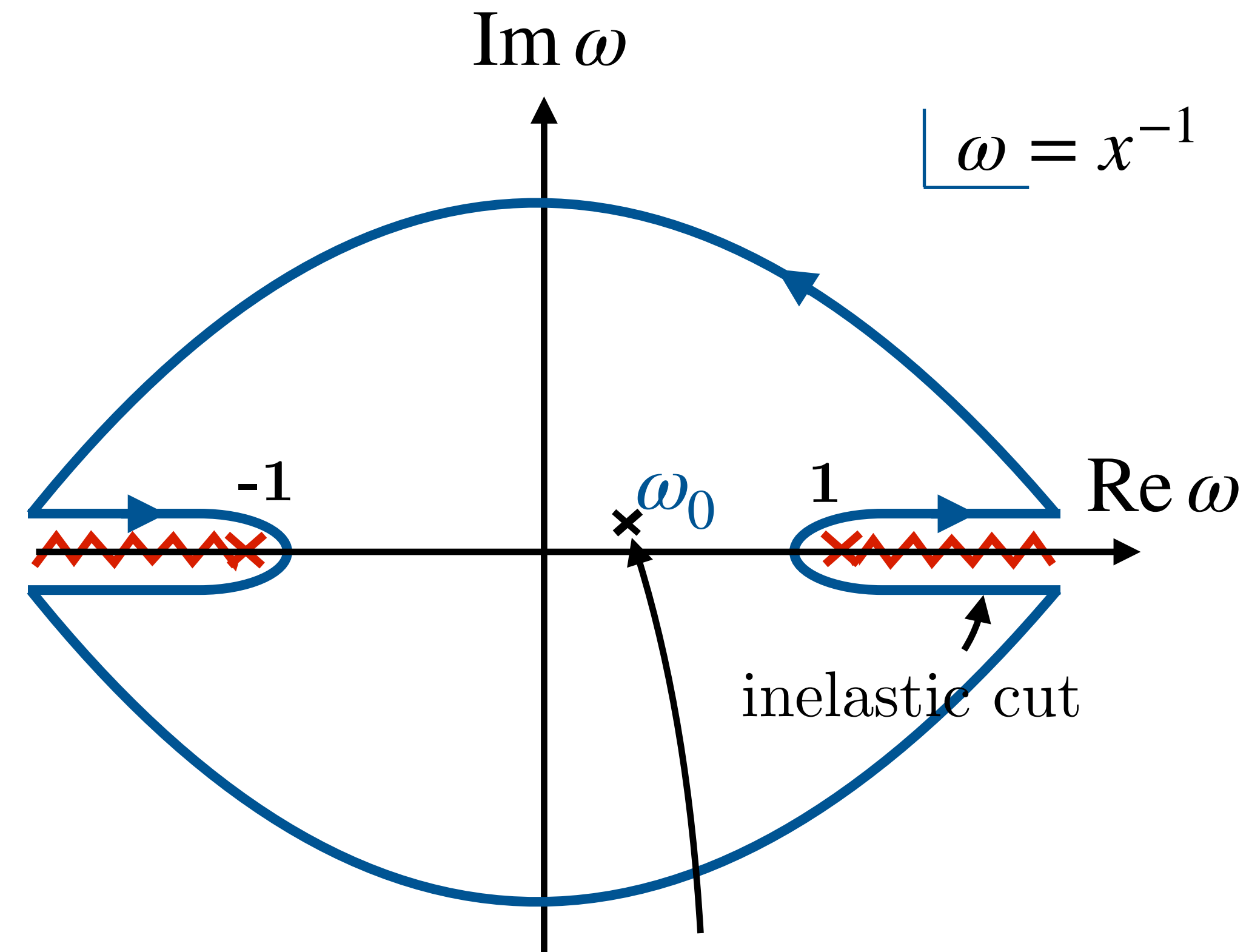
Nucleon Structure Functions

- for $\mu \neq \nu$ and $p_\mu = q_\mu = 0$, and $\beta \neq 0$, we isolate,

$$T_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = i \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p_\alpha q_\beta}{2p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)$$

- we can write down dispersion relations and connect Compton SFs to DIS SFs:

$$\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2) = 4\omega \int dx \frac{F_3(x, Q^2)}{1 - x^2\omega^2}$$



Compton Amplitude is an analytic function in the unphysical region $|\omega_0| < 1$

Parity
Violating

Forward Compton Amplitude

- The lowest odd Cornwall-Norton (Mellin) moment

$$M_1^{(3)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx F_3(x, Q^2) = \frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{4\omega} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

allows for a test of the Gross-Llewellyn-Smith sum rule $(a_s = \alpha_s(Q^2)/\pi)$

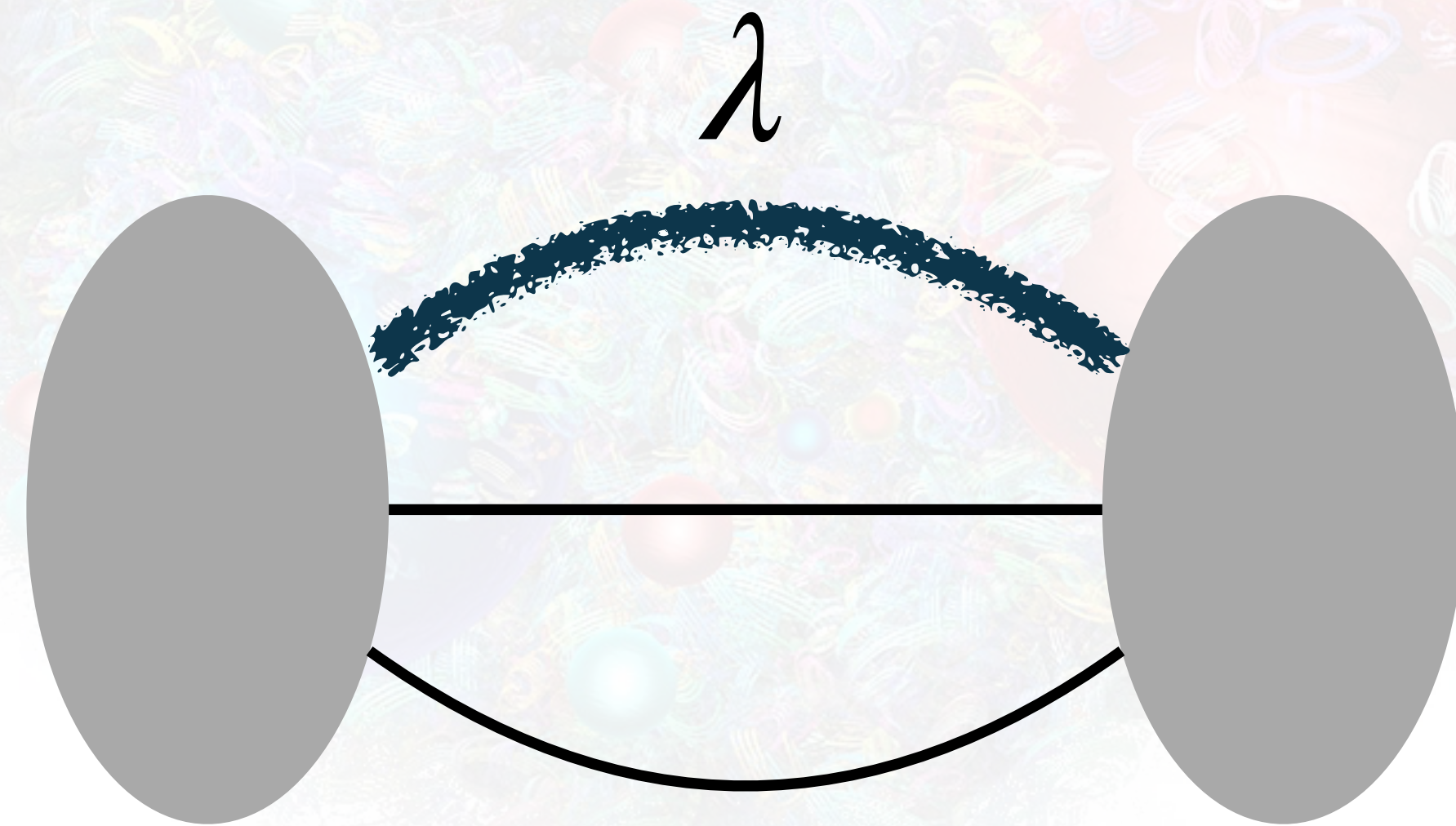
$$M_{1,uu}^{(3)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2) = 2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_s^i c_i(n_f) \right) + \frac{\Delta_{HT}}{Q^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^4}\right)$$

known coeffs. Higher-twist

- Nachtmann moment allows for a determination of the box diagrams

$$\square_{VA}^{\gamma W/Z} \propto \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{M_{W/Z}^2}{M_{W/Z}^2 + Q^2} \mu_1^{(3)}(Q^2)$$

Feynman-Hellmann Theorem



FH Theorem at 1st order

in Quantum Mechanics:

$$\frac{\partial E_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} = \langle \phi_\lambda | \frac{\partial H_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} | \phi_\lambda \rangle$$

H_λ : perturbed Hamiltonian of the system

E_λ : energy eigenvalue of the perturbed system

ϕ_λ : eigenfunction of the perturbed system

- expectation value of the perturbed system is related to the shift in the energy eigenvalue

in Lattice QCD: energy shifts in the presence of a weak external field

$$S \rightarrow S(\lambda) = S + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{real parameter}}}{\lambda} \int d^4x \mathcal{O}(x) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{e.g. local bilinear operator}} \quad \bar{q}(x) \Gamma_\mu q(x) \quad , \Gamma_\mu \in \{ \mathbf{1}, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu, \dots \}$$

@ 1st order

$$\frac{\partial E_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{2E_\lambda} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle$$

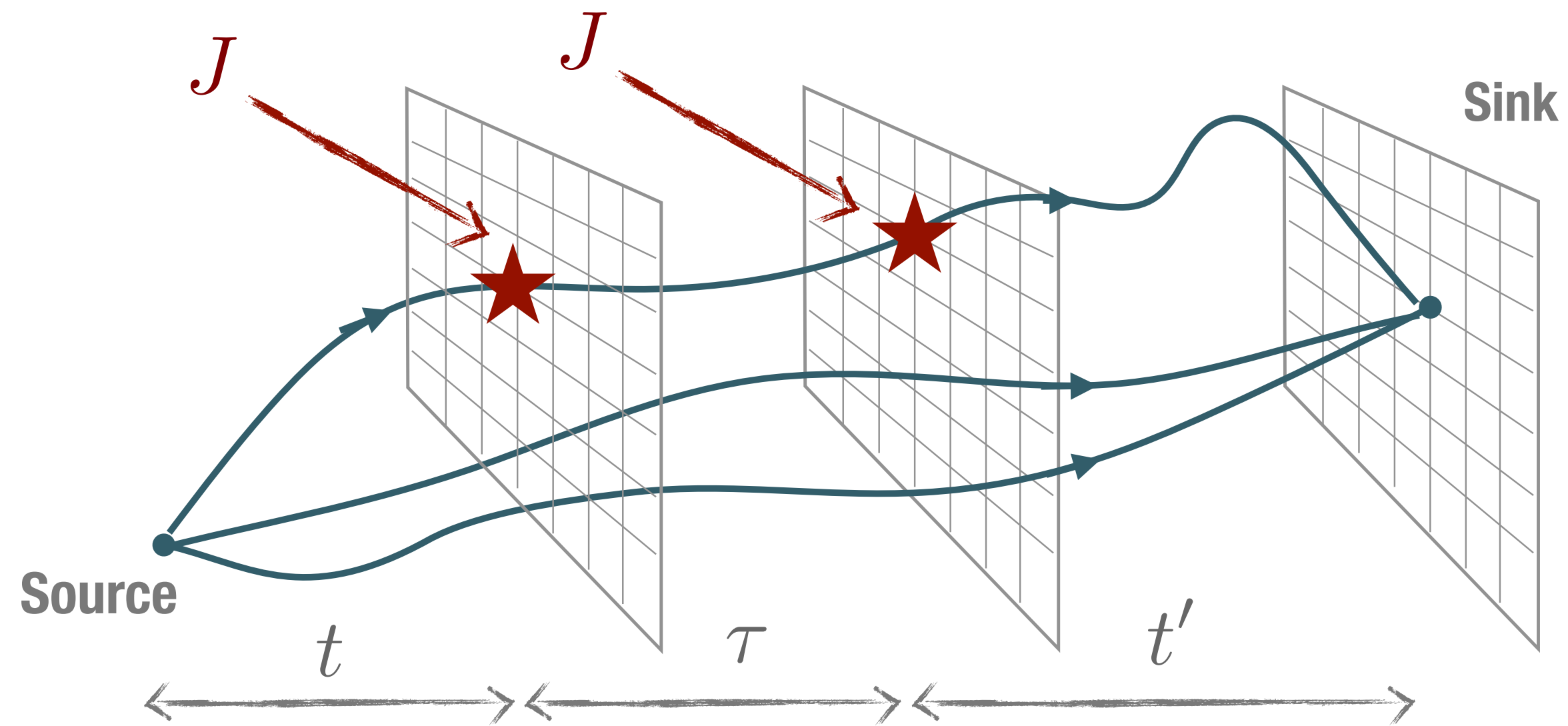
$E_\lambda \rightarrow$ spectroscopy, 2-pt function

$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle \rightarrow$ determine 3-pt

Applications:

- σ - terms
- Form factors

Compton amplitude | FH Theorem at 2st order

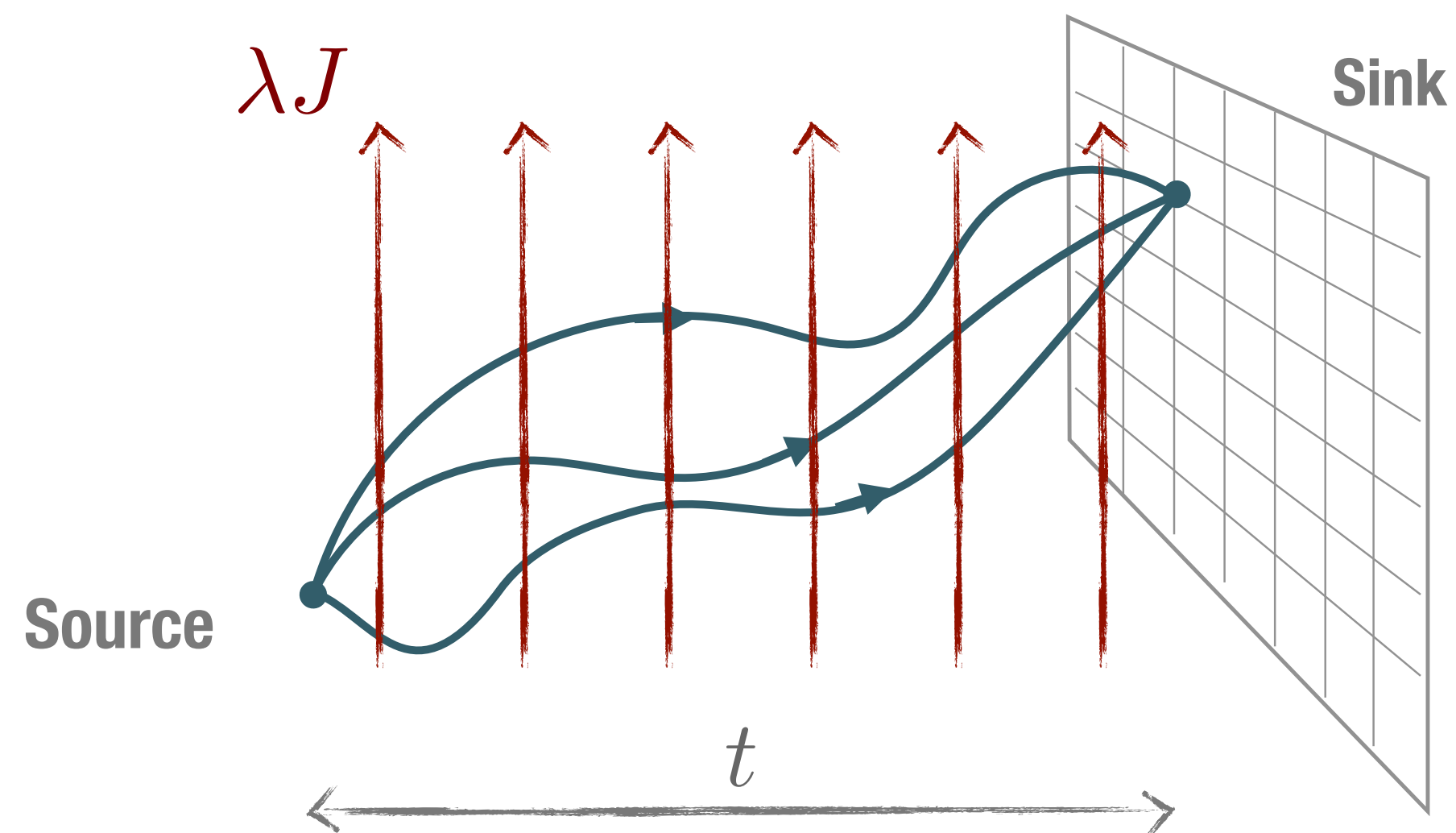


- **4-pt functions**

$$t, t' \gg \frac{1}{\Delta E} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{energy gap to} \\ \text{the lowest excitation} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\langle C_4(t, \tau, t') \rangle}{\langle C_2(t) \rangle \langle C_2(t') \rangle} \propto \langle N | J(\tau_E) J | N \rangle$$

$$\int_0^\infty d\tau_E \rightarrow \langle N | JJ | N \rangle$$



- **Feynman—Hellmann**

$$t \gg \frac{1}{\Delta E}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \propto \langle N | JJ | N \rangle$$



Calculating the Compton Amplitude

Calculation Details

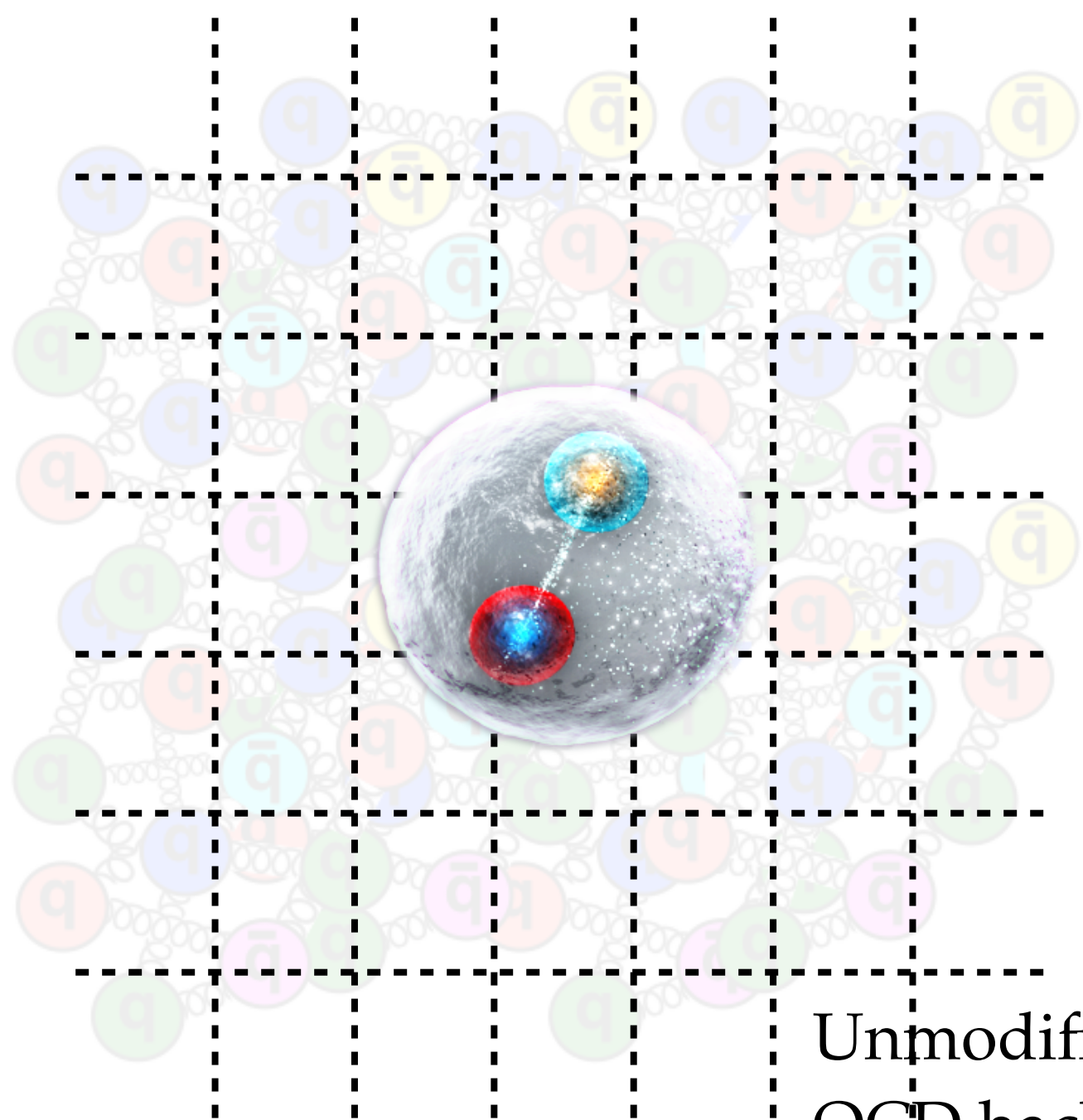
QCDSF/UKQCD configurations
 $48^3 \times 96$, 2+1 flavour (u/d+s)

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 5.65 \\ 5.95 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ NP-improved Clover action}$$

[PRD 79, 094507 \(2009\)](#), [arXiv:0901.3302 \[hep-lat\]](#)

$$m_\pi \sim 420 \text{ MeV}, \sim \text{SU}(3) \text{ sym.}$$

$$m_\pi L \sim \begin{bmatrix} 6.9 \\ 5.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad a \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0.068 \\ 0.052 \end{bmatrix} \text{ fm}$$



Unmodified
QCD background

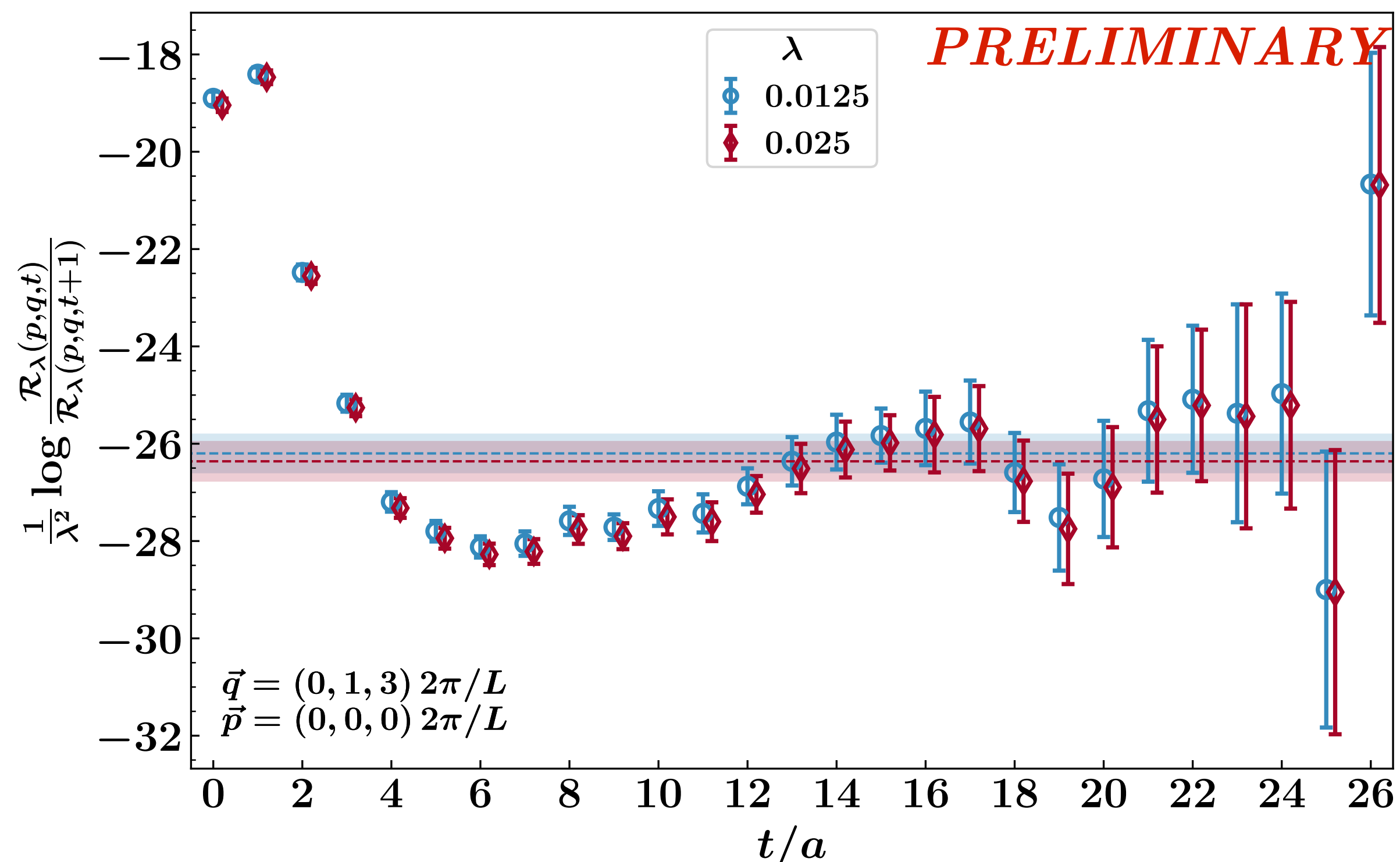
- Local EM and axial current insertion,
 $J_\mu^{V[A]}(x) = Z_{V[A]} \bar{q}(x) \gamma_\mu [\gamma_5] q(x)$ (valence only)
- 4 Distinct field strengths, $\lambda = [\pm 0.0125, \pm 0.025]$
- Current momenta $0.1 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Roughly 500 measurements
- Nucleon at rest: $\vec{p} = (0,0,0)$ thus $\omega = 0$, varying \vec{q}
- Connected 2-pt only, no disconnected since F_3 is non-singlet

Energy shifts

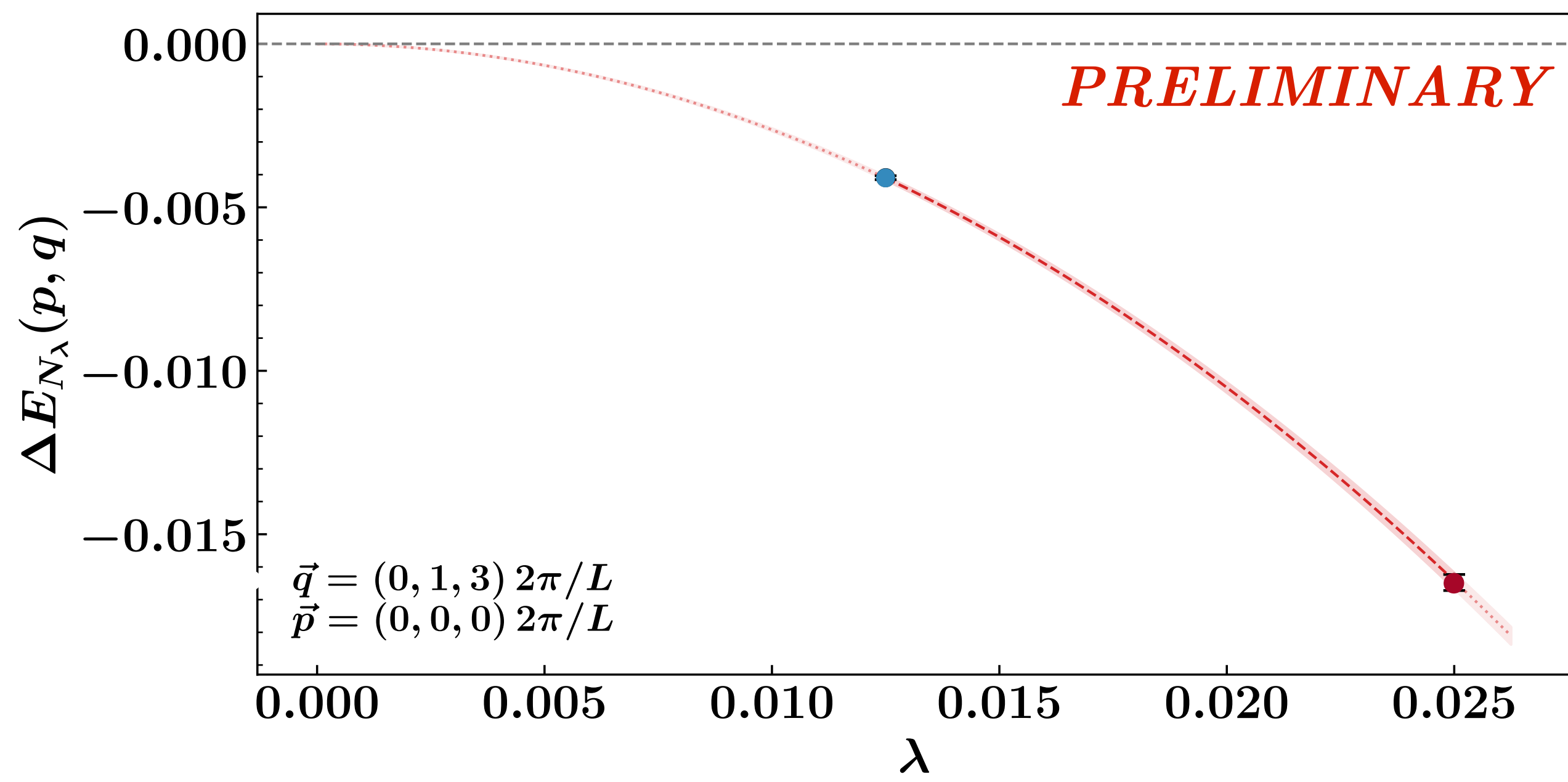
- Ratio of perturbed 2-pt functions

$$\mathcal{R}_\lambda^{qq}(p, t) \equiv \frac{G_{+\lambda_1^q, +\lambda_2^q}^{(2)}(p, t) G_{-\lambda_1^q, -\lambda_2^q}^{(2)}(p, t)}{G_{+\lambda_1^q, -\lambda_2^q}^{(2)}(p, t) G_{-\lambda_1^q, +\lambda_2^q}^{(2)}(p, t)} \rightarrow A_\lambda e^{-4\Delta E_{N_\lambda}(p) t}$$

- Extract energy shifts for each $|\lambda|$

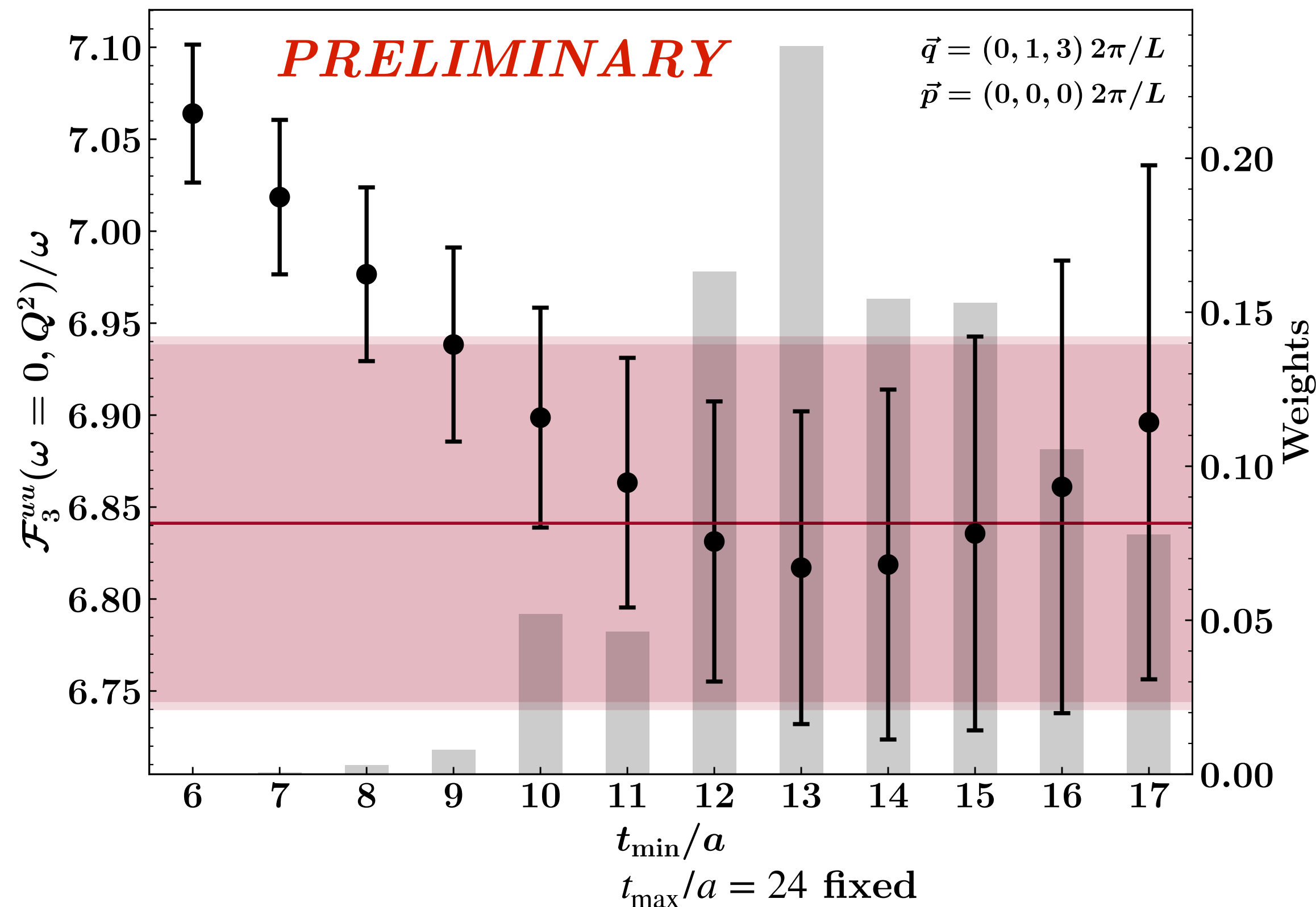


- Get the 2nd order derivative $\left. \frac{\partial^2 E_N^\lambda(p)}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2} \right|_{\lambda=0}$



■ Syst. 1: Weighted averaging

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} = \frac{Q^2}{q_2} \frac{\partial^2 E_N^\lambda(p)}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2} \Bigg|_{\lambda=0}$$



- **Red line (mean):** $\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \sum_f w^f \mathcal{O}^f$
- **Red band (total uncertainty):**

$$\delta_{\text{stat}} \bar{\mathcal{O}}^2 = \sum_f w^f (\delta \mathcal{O}^f)^2$$

$$\delta_{\text{sys}} \bar{\mathcal{O}}^2 = \sum_f w^f (\mathcal{O}^f - \bar{\mathcal{O}})^2$$

$$\delta \bar{\mathcal{O}} = \sqrt{\delta_{\text{stat}} \bar{\mathcal{O}}^2 + \delta_{\text{sys}} \bar{\mathcal{O}}^2}$$

- **Weights:** $w^f = \frac{p_f (\delta \mathcal{O}^f)^{-2}}{\sum_{f'} p_{f'} (\delta \mathcal{O}^{f'})^{-2}}$

where p_f is the one sided p-value of the ratio fits

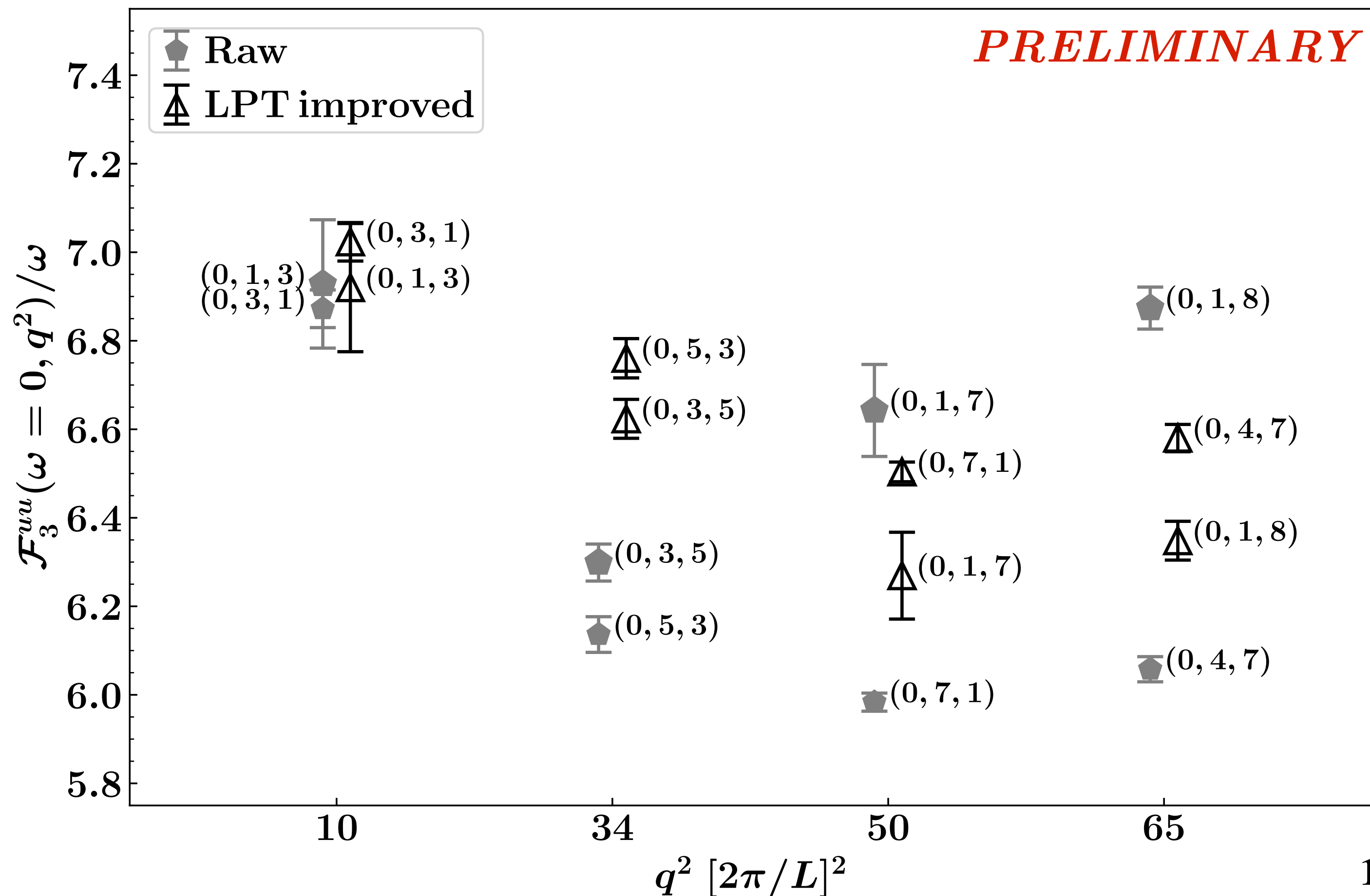
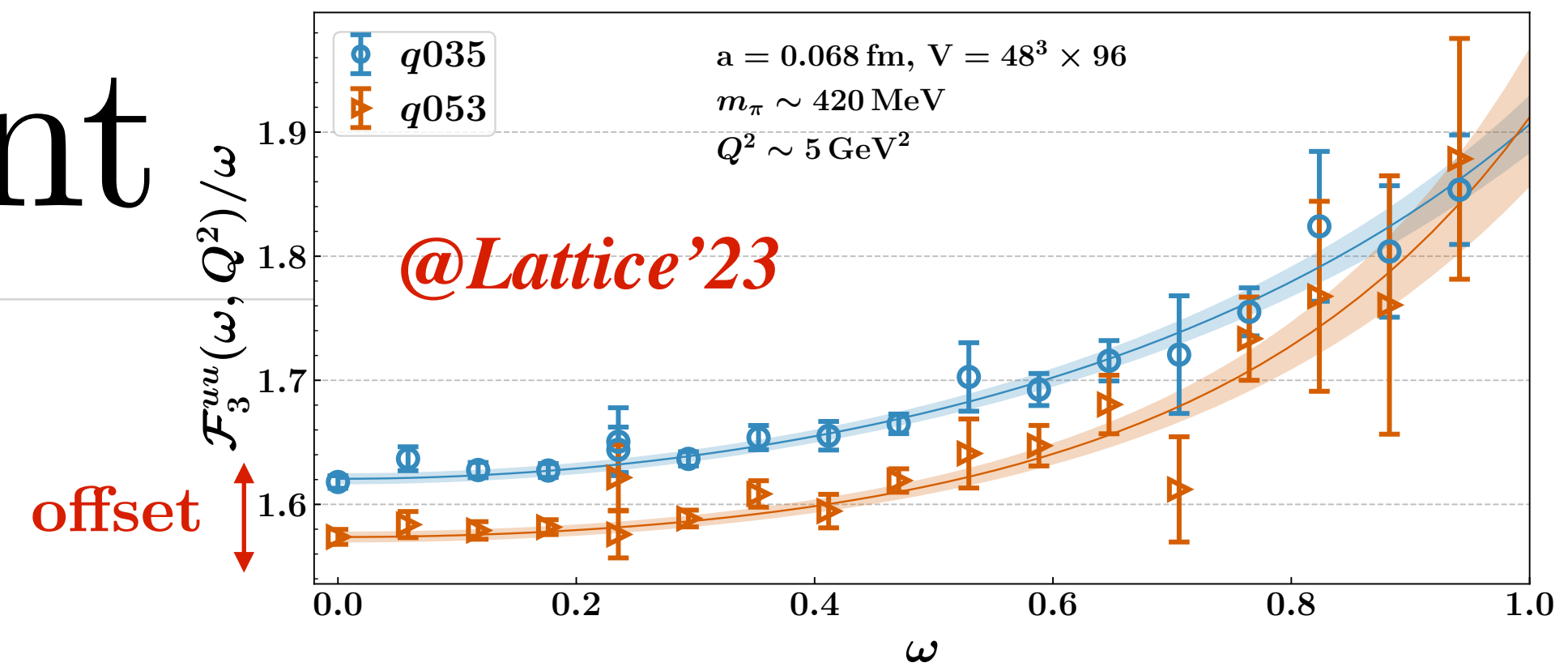
Syst. 2: LPT improvement

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} = \frac{Q^2}{\partial\lambda_1\partial\lambda_2} \frac{\partial^2 E_N^\lambda(p)}{\partial\lambda_1\partial\lambda_2} \Big|_{\lambda=0}$$

introduces discretisation error due to broken rotational symmetry

- Replace the kinematic factor by a lattice perturbation theory motivated factor

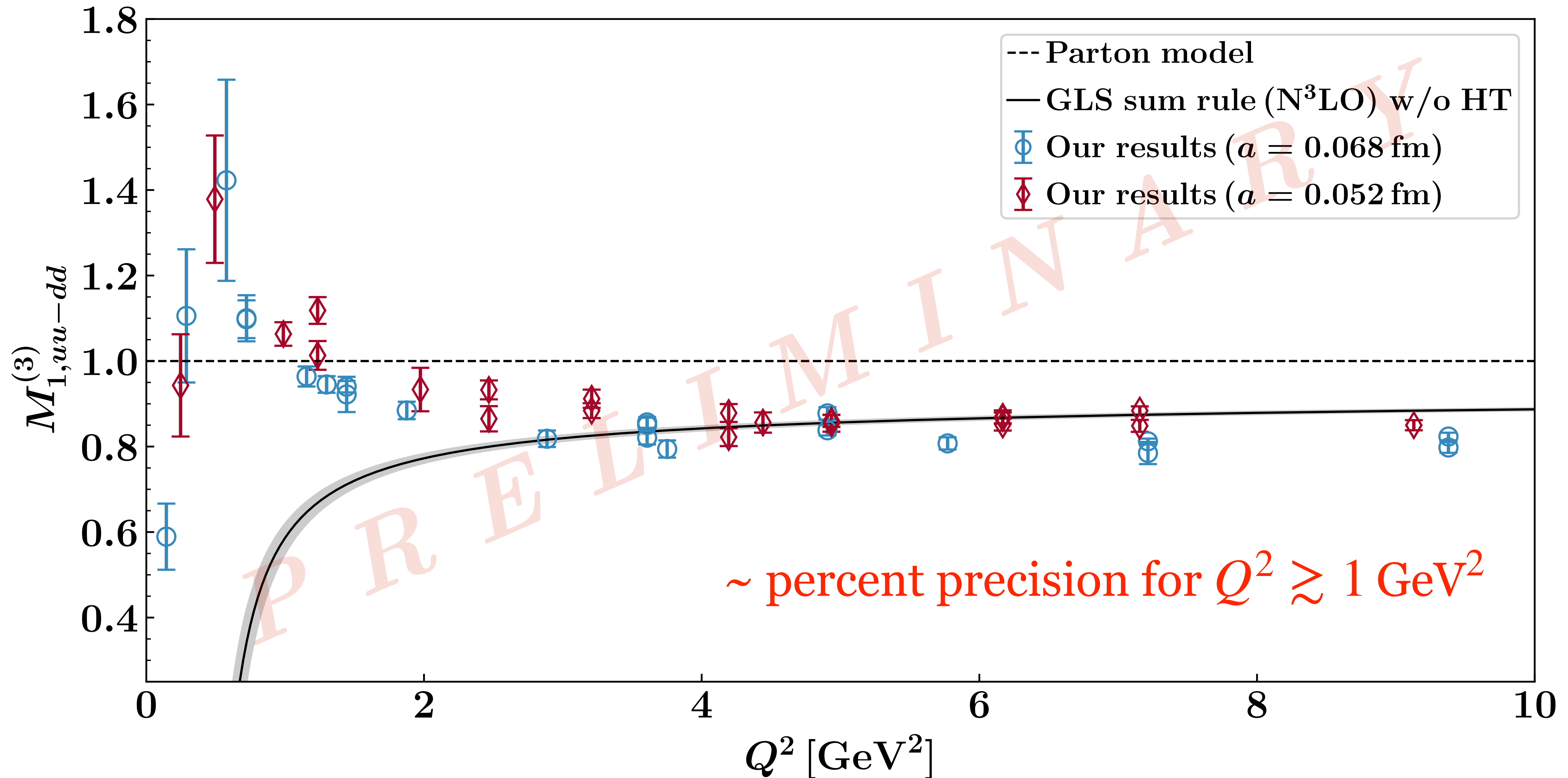
$$\frac{Q^2}{q_2} \rightarrow \frac{\sum_i \sin^2 q_i + \left[\sum_i (1 - \cos q_i) \right]^2}{\sin q_2}$$



$\mathcal{F}_3^{\gamma Z}$ | First moment

$a = 0.068, 0.052$ fm
 $m_\pi \sim 410$ MeV
48³x96, 2+1 flavour

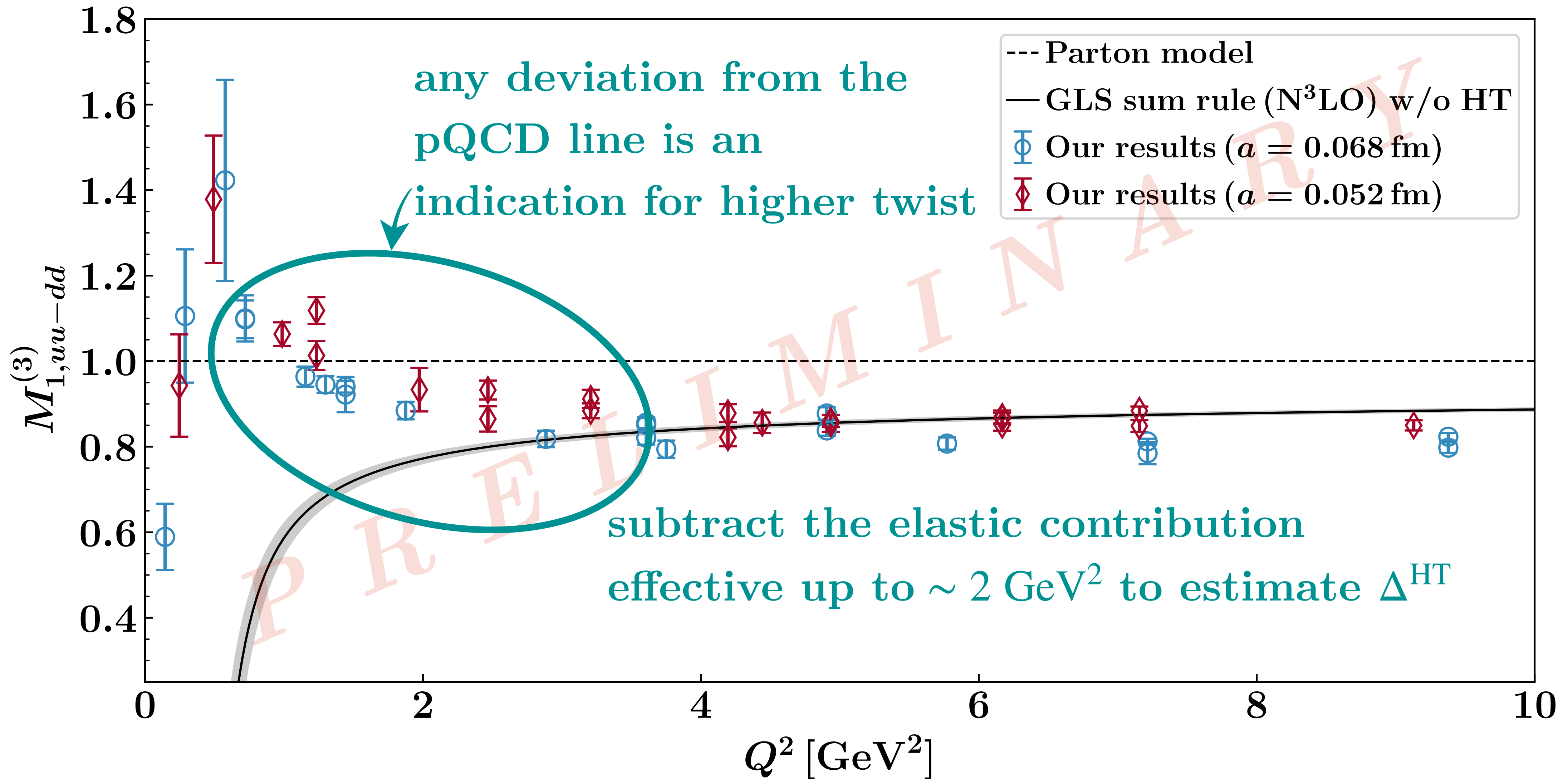
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$\mathcal{F}_3^{\gamma Z}$ | Higher-twist

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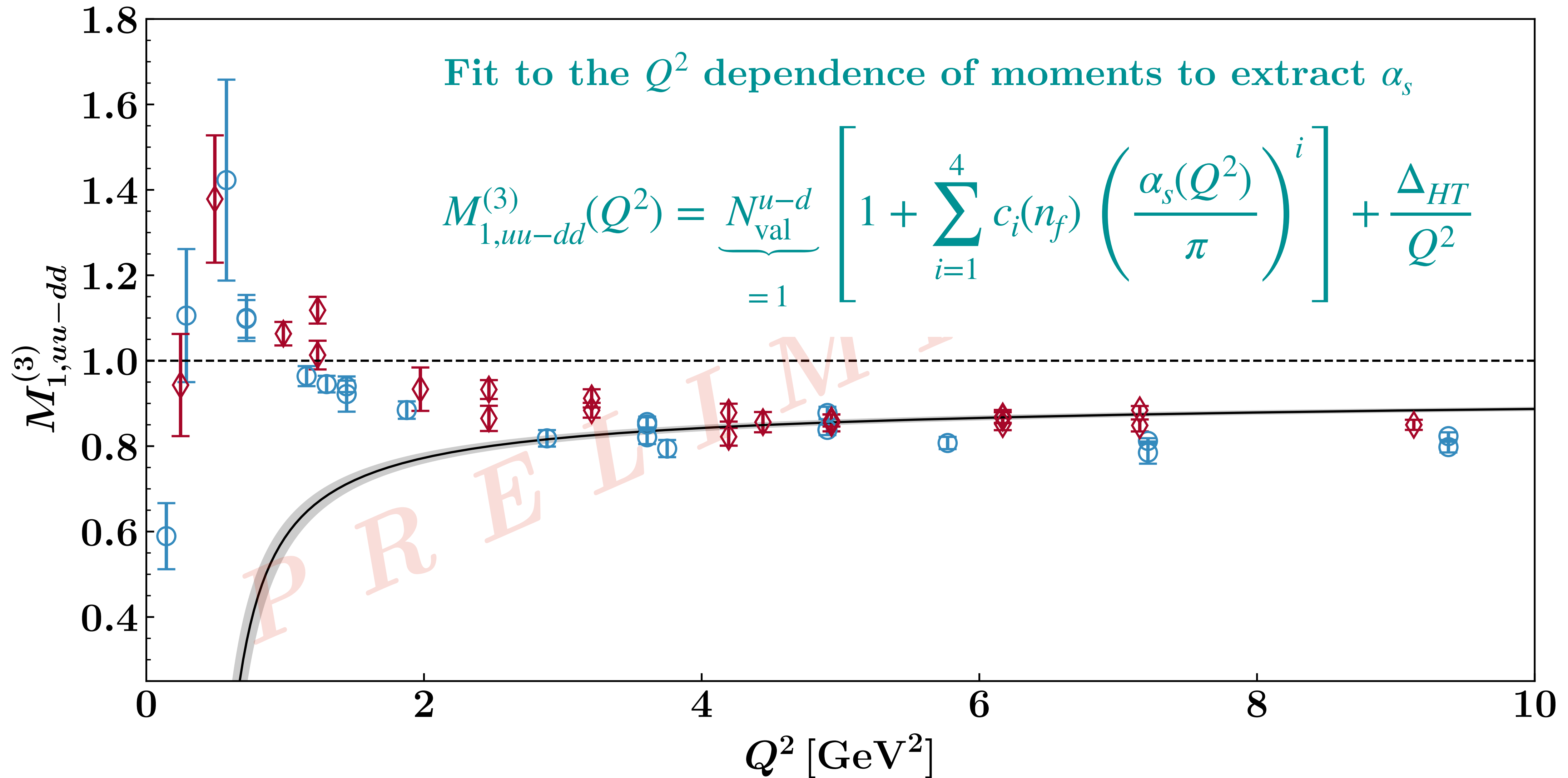
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$\mathcal{F}_3^{\gamma Z}$ | determining α_s

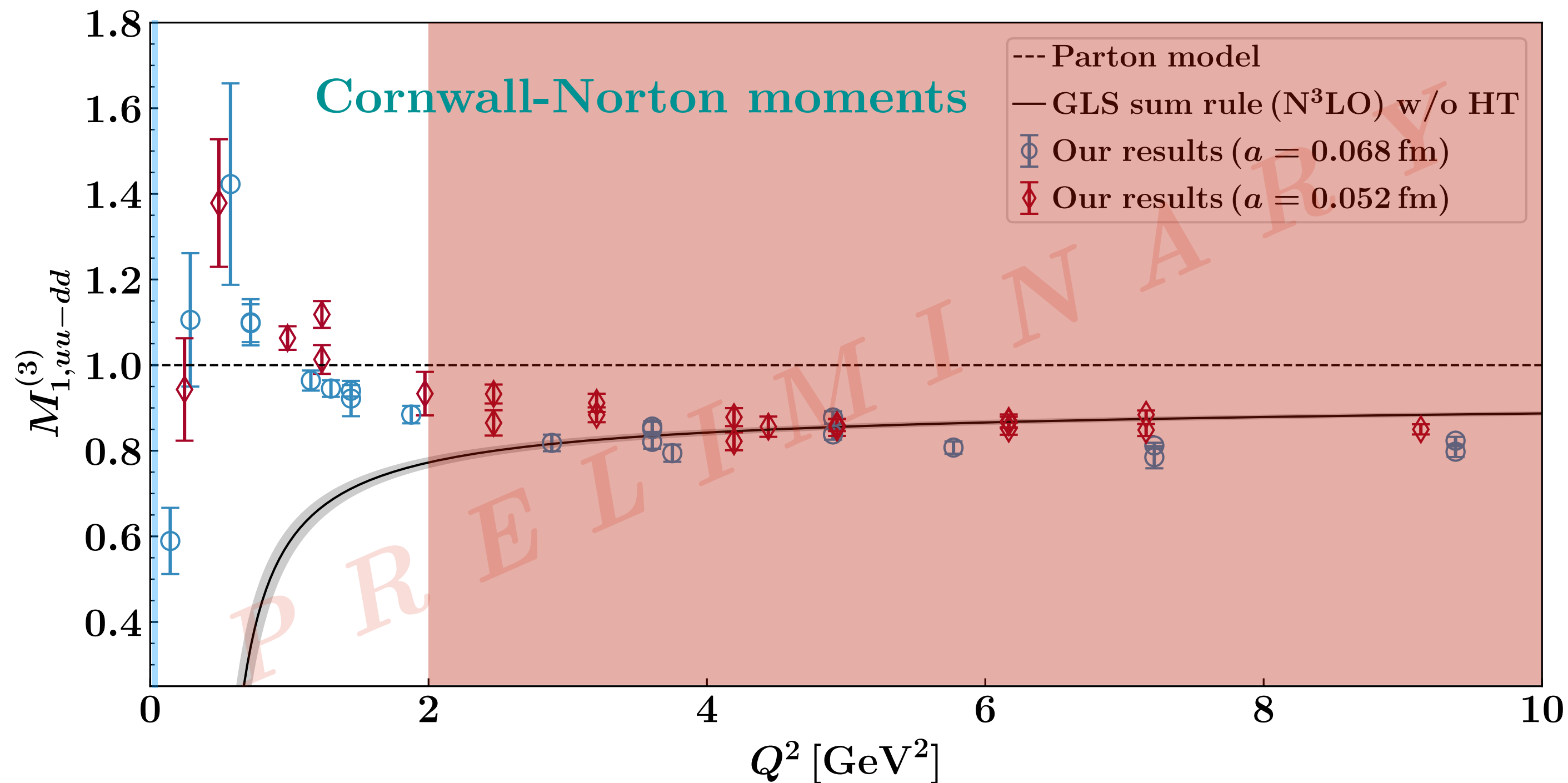
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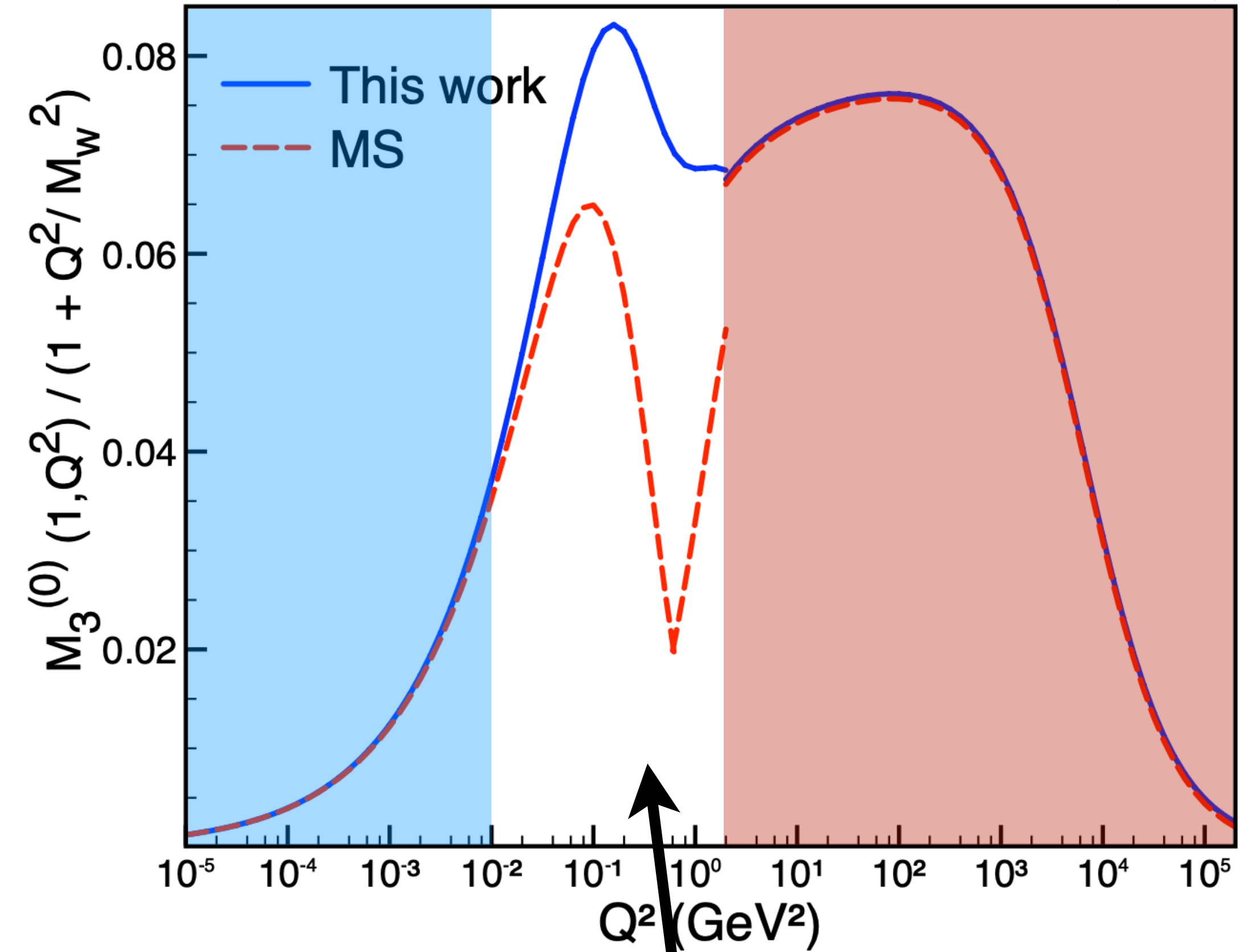


$\mathcal{F}_3^{\gamma W}$ | EW box

- Electroweak box diagrams need Nachtmann moments
- We can use lowest 3 Cornwall-Norton moments to reconstruct Nachtmann moments (future work)



C.-Y. Seng, M. Gorchtein, H. H. Patel, and M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, PRL 121, 241804 (2018)



form factors

perturbation theory

input from LQCD required

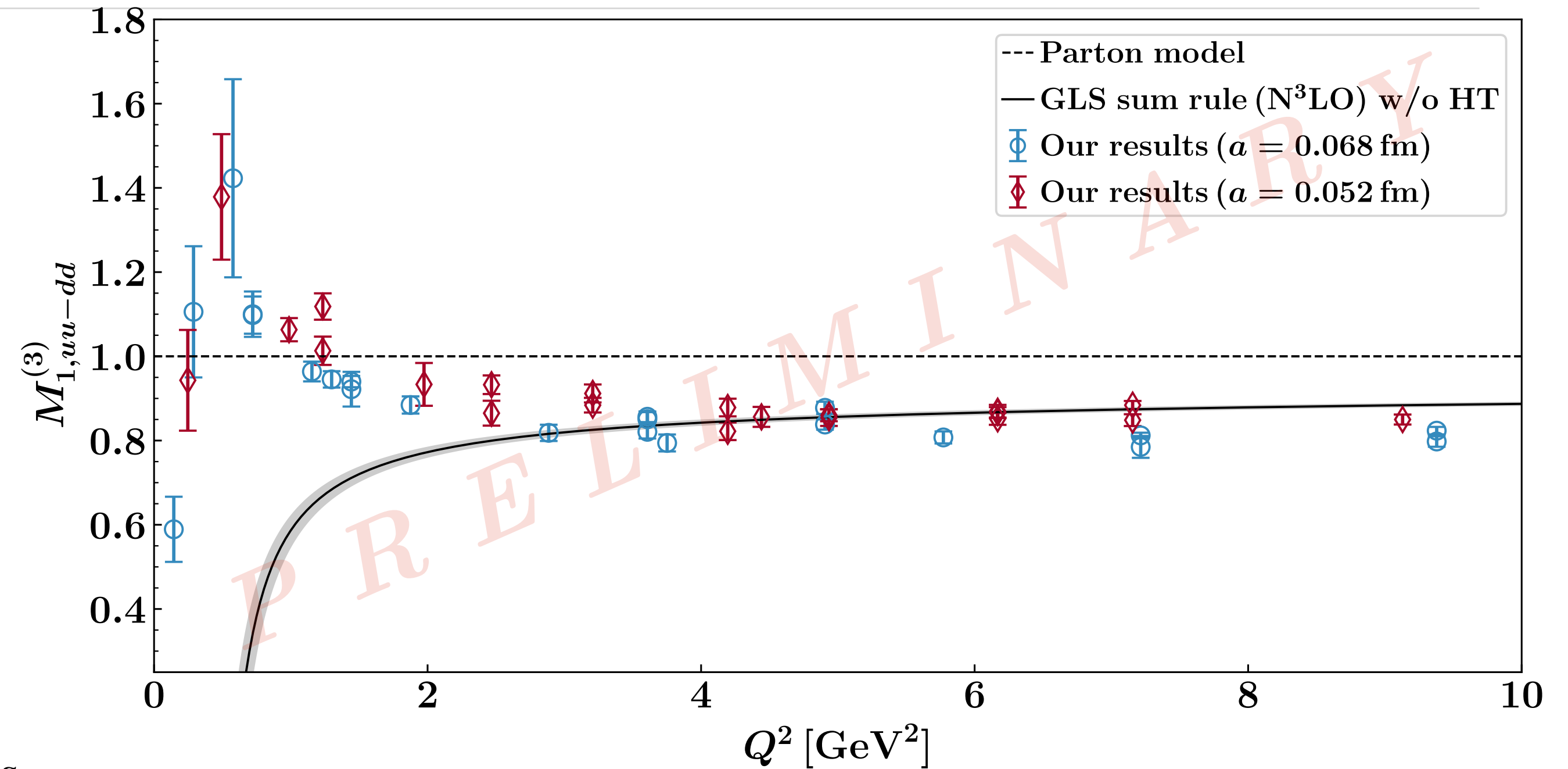
$0.01 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 2$ GeV²

Summary & Outlook

- Lowest moment of $F_3(x, Q^2)$ in a wide range of Q^2
- w/ Good statistical precision, working towards controlled discretisation errors

Outlook

- Utilise GLS sum rule to determine α_s
 - requires continuum extrapolation, $a = 0.082$ fm runs ongoing
- Estimate Nachtmann moments relevant for EW box diagrams, $\square_{VA}^{\gamma W/Z}$
 - requires at least lowest 3 Cornwall-Norton moments
 - we have them for $Q^2 \gtrsim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - need them for phenomenologically interesting region $Q^2 \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$



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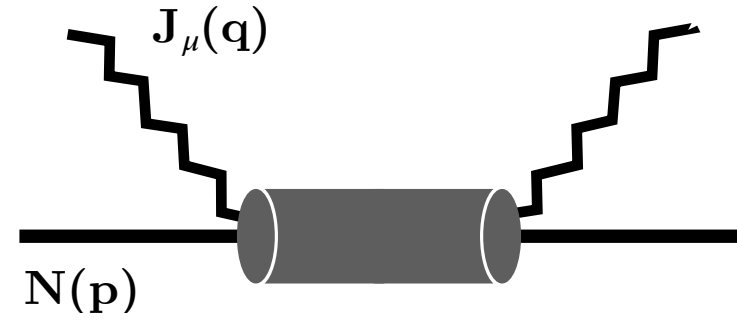


Backup

Compton amplitude via the FH relation at 2nd order

- unpolarised Compton Amplitude

$$T_{\mu\mu}(p, q) = \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle N(p) | \mathcal{T} \{ J_\mu(z) J_\mu(0) \} | N(p) \rangle$$



- Action modification

$$S \rightarrow S(\lambda) = S + \lambda \int d^4z (e^{iq \cdot z} + e^{-iq \cdot z}) J_\mu(z)$$

local EM current

$$J_\mu(z) = \sum_q e_q \bar{q}(z) \gamma_\mu q(z)$$

- 2nd order derivatives of the 2-pt correlator, $G_\lambda^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}; t)$, in the presence of the external field

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 G_\lambda^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}; t)}{\partial \lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 A_\lambda(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \lambda^2} - t A(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\partial^2 E_{N_\lambda}(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \lambda^2} \right) e^{-E_N(\mathbf{p})t} \quad \text{from spectral decomposition}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 G_\lambda^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}; t)}{\partial \lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{A(\mathbf{p})}{2E_N(\mathbf{p})} t e^{-E_N(\mathbf{p})t} \int d^4z (e^{iq \cdot z} + e^{-iq \cdot z}) \langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{T} \{ \mathcal{J}(z) \mathcal{J}(0) \} | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

from path integral

- equate the time-enhanced terms:

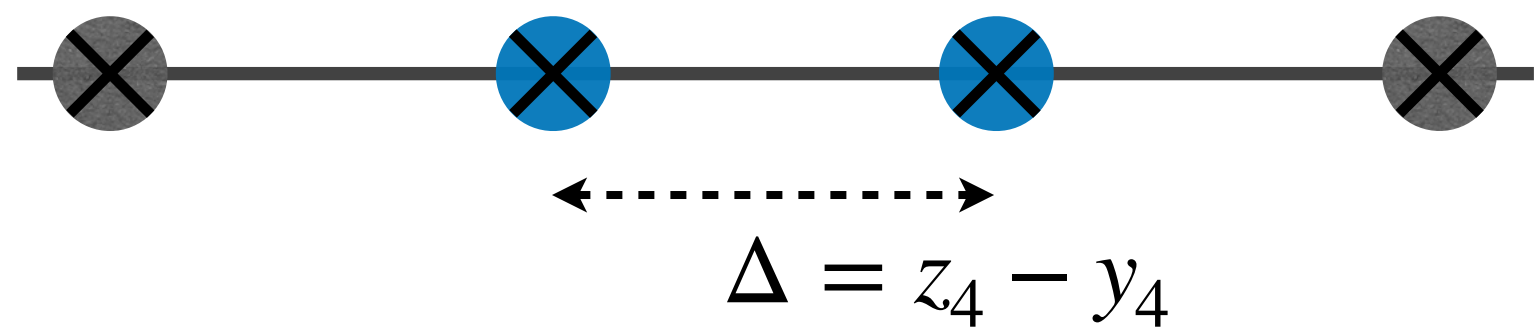
$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 E_{N_\lambda}(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=0} = - \frac{1}{2E_N(\mathbf{p})} \int d^4z (e^{iq \cdot z} + e^{-iq \cdot z}) \langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{J}(z) \mathcal{J}(0) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle + (q \rightarrow -q)$$

$T_{\mu\mu}(p, q)$

Compton amplitude is related to the second-order energy shift

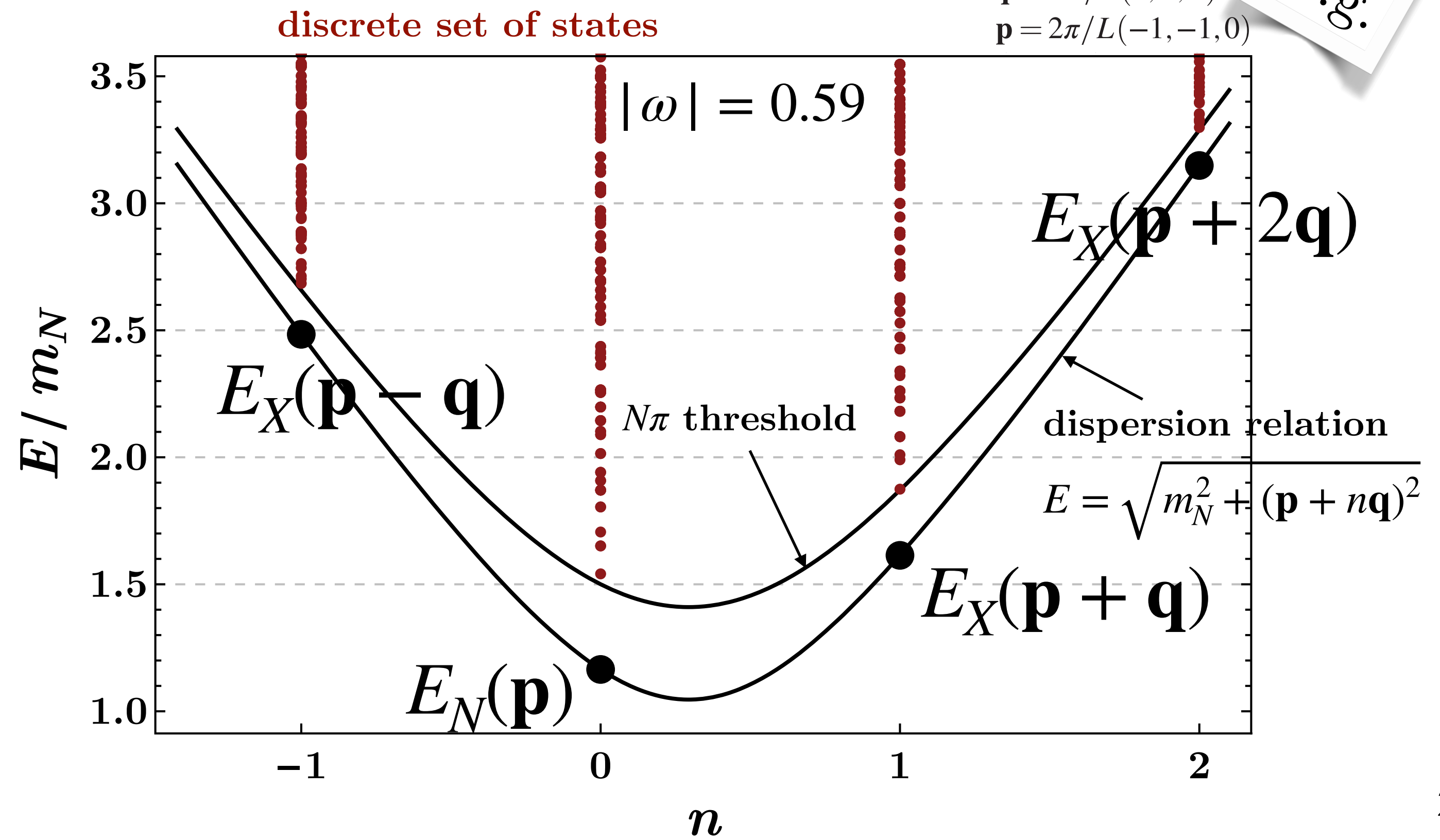
Compton amplitude via the FH relation at 2nd order

- relevant contribution comes from the ordering where the currents are sandwiched

$$\chi(t) \quad \mathcal{J}(z_4) \quad \mathcal{J}(y_4) \quad \bar{\chi}(0) \sim e^{-E_N(\mathbf{p})t} \int d\Delta e^{-(E_X(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) - E_N(\mathbf{p}))\Delta} (t - \Delta)$$


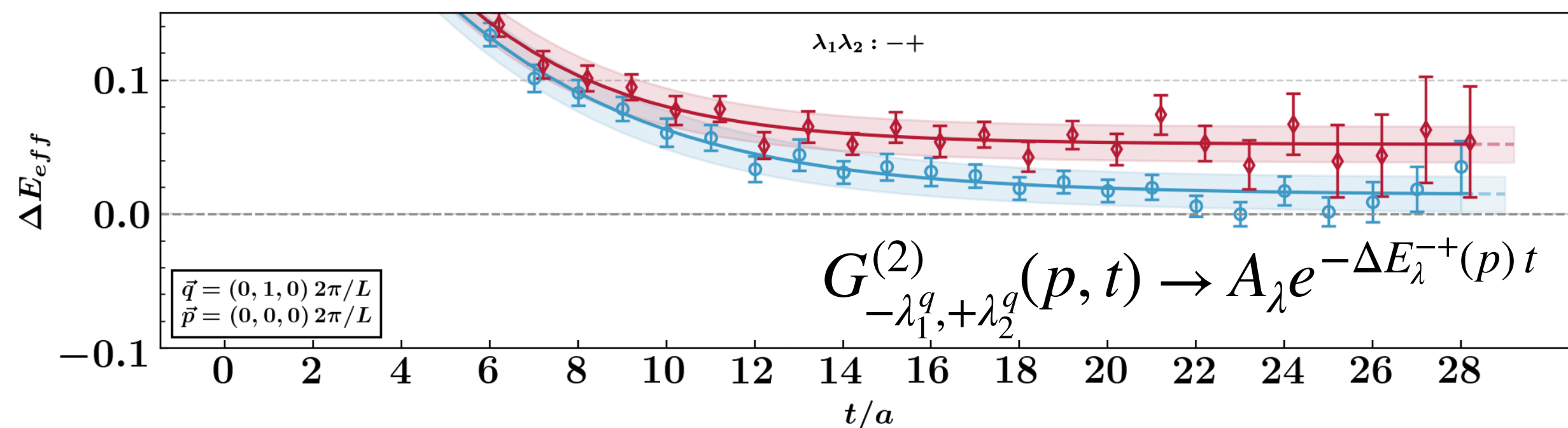
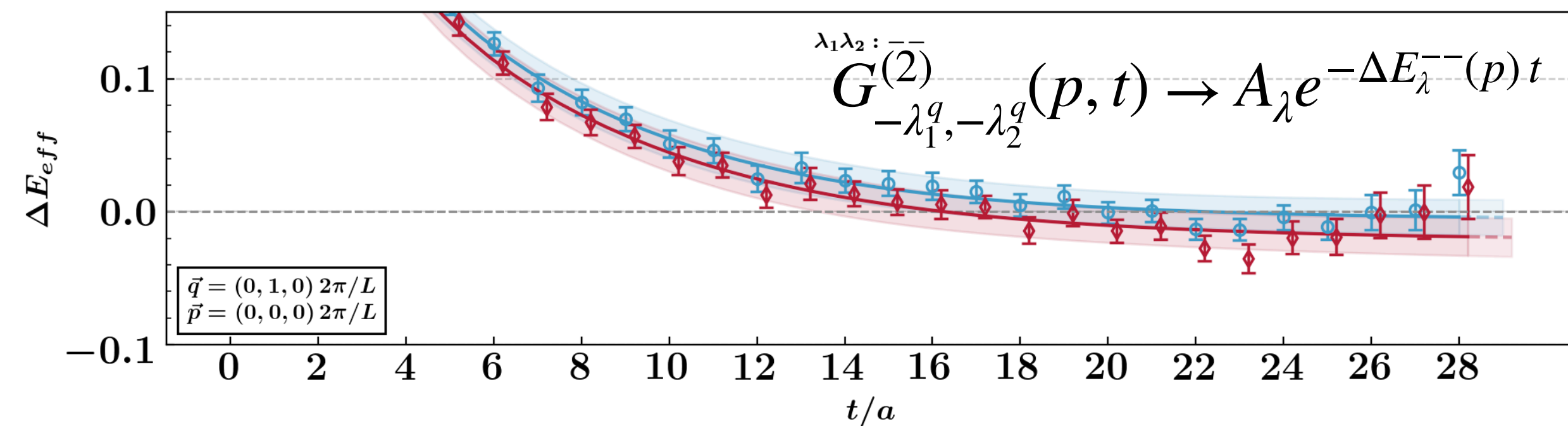
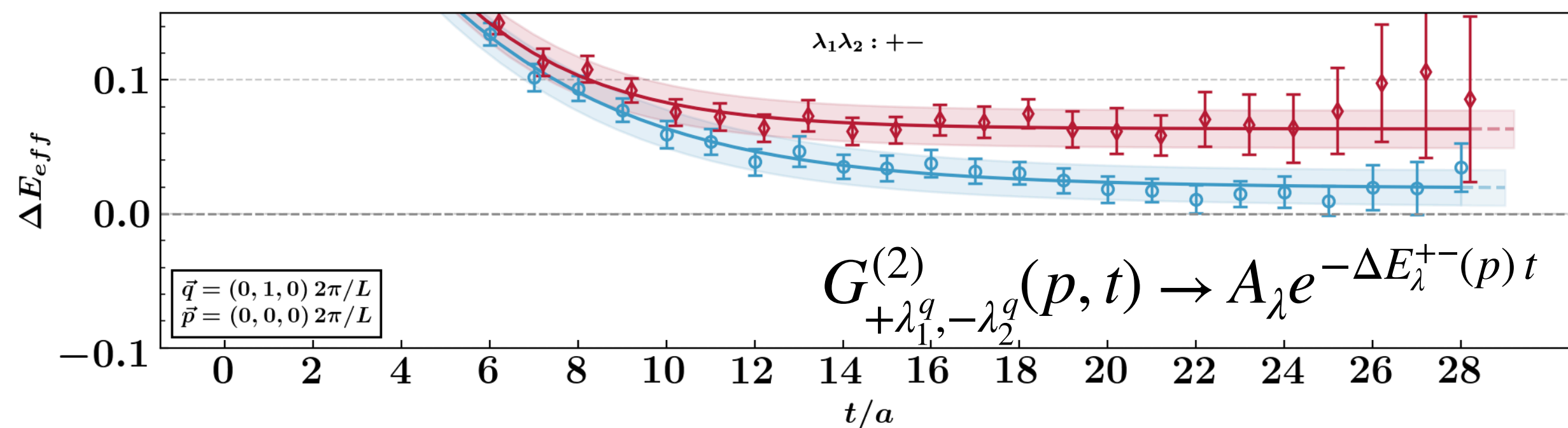
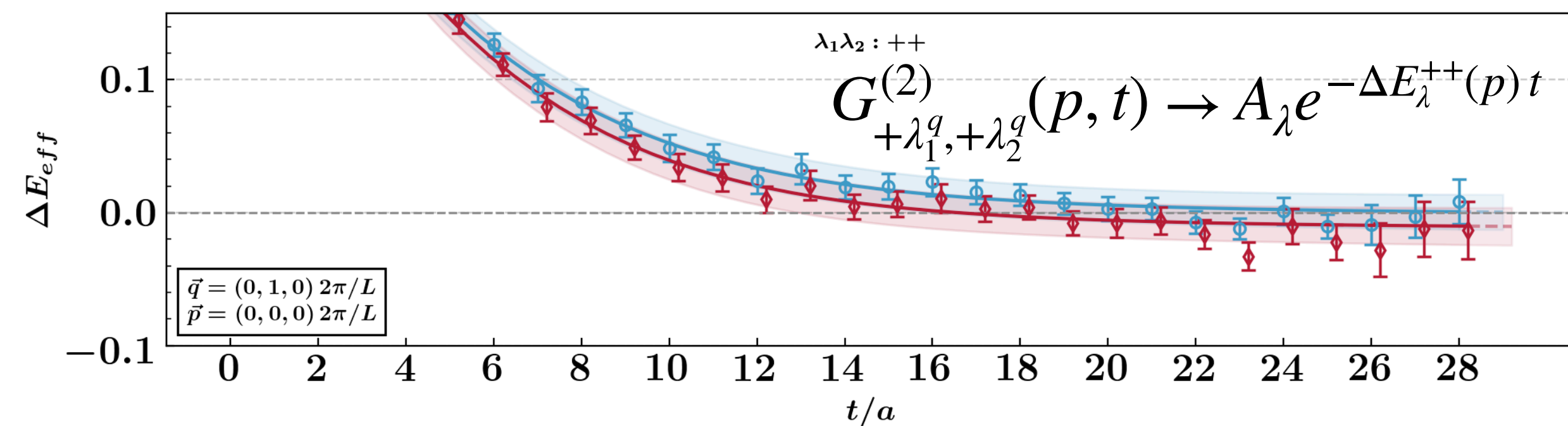
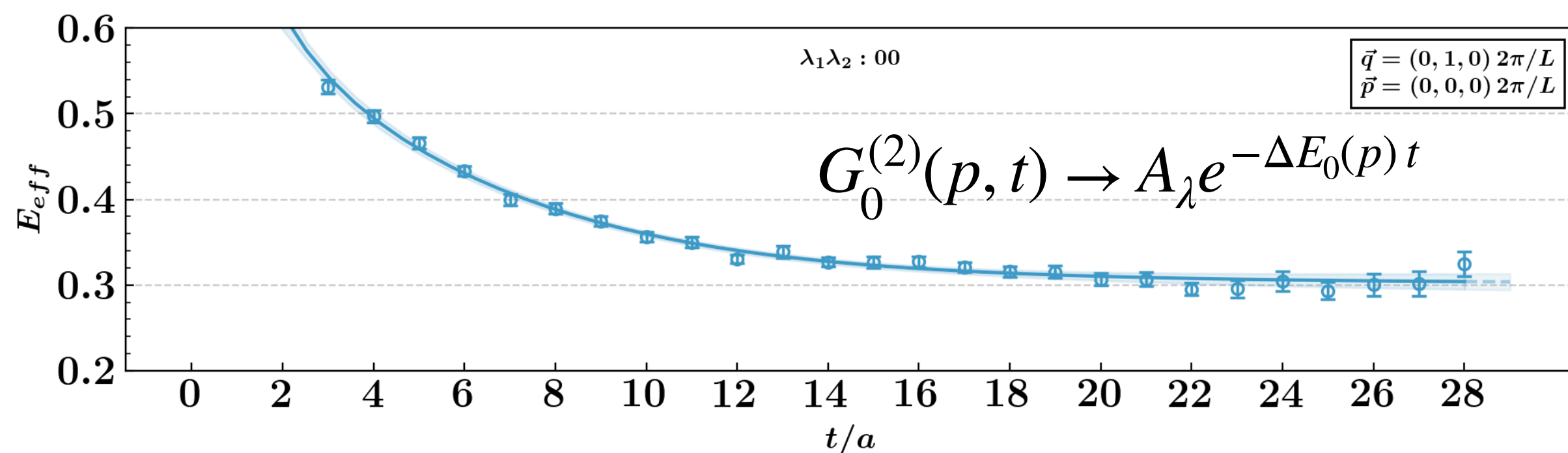
$\Delta = z_4 - y_4$

- under the condition $|\omega| < 1$,
 $E_X(\mathbf{p} + n\mathbf{q}) \gtrsim E_N(\mathbf{p})$,
 so the intermediate states cannot go on-shell
- ground state dominance is ensured in the large time limit



Multi-exp fits ($Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$)

Second order energy shift: $\Delta E_{N_\lambda}(p) = \frac{1}{4} [\Delta E_\lambda^{++}(p) + \Delta E_\lambda^{--}(p) - \Delta E_\lambda^{+-}(p) - \Delta E_\lambda^{-+}(p)] - E_0(p)$



Future lattices

Currently thermalising/generating

➤ $64^3 \times 96$, $a = (0.068, 0.052)$ fm, $m_\pi = (220, 270)$ MeV *(completed - early 2024)*

➤ $80^3 \times 114$, $a = 0.068$ fm, $m_\pi = 150$ MeV *(still thermalising)*

➤ $96^3 \times 128$, $a = 0.052$ fm, $m_\pi = 140$ MeV *(thermalised + $O(50)$ trajectories)*

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