

# Rare Kaon decays on the lattice

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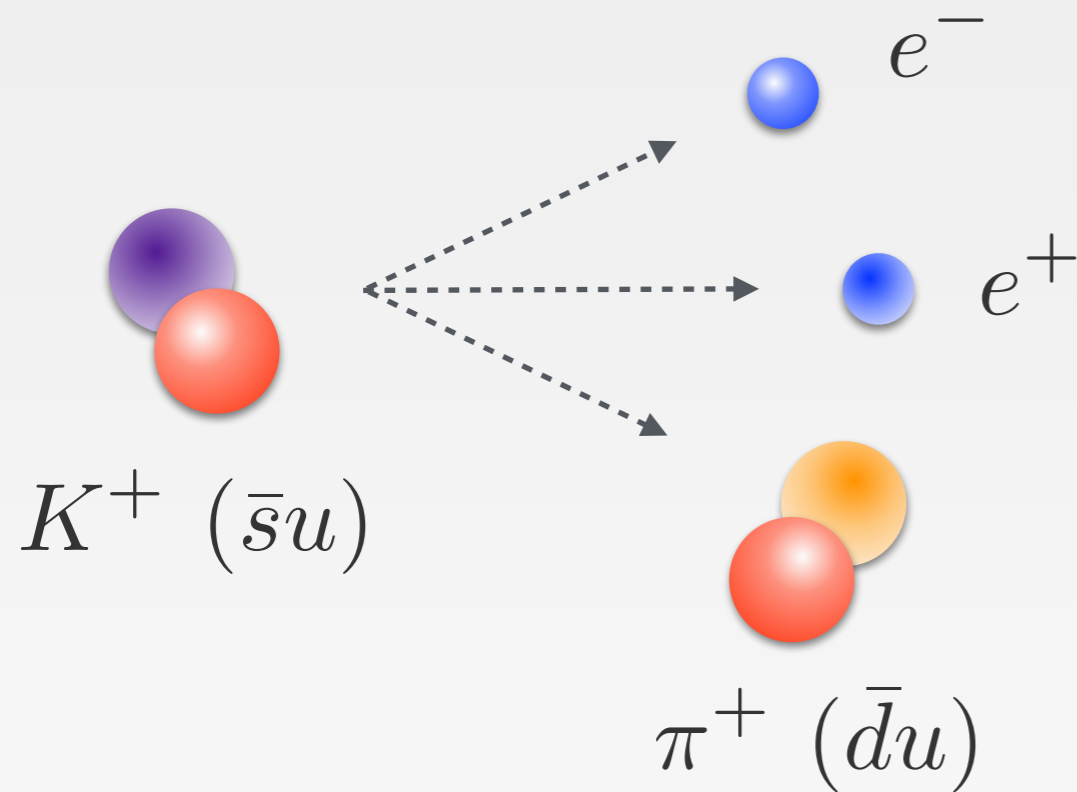
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# Motivations

# Searching for new physics

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Flavour Changing Neutral Current

Extremely rare in the SM

$\Rightarrow$  sensitive to new physics

Two new experiments starting now at CERN and J-PARC, important results are expected in the next five years.

Improved theory predictions are needed.

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# Long-distance amplitude

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$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^c(q^2) = \int d^4x \langle \pi^c(\mathbf{p}) | \text{T}[J_\mu(0) H_W(x)] | K^c(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

EM current  $\swarrow$   
 $\Delta S = 1$  Effective weak Hamiltonian  $\nearrow$

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu^c(q^2) = -i \frac{G_F}{(4\pi)^2} [q^2 (k + p)_\mu - (M_K^2 - M_\pi^2) q_\mu] V_c(z)$$

$$V_c(z) = \underline{a_c} + \underline{b_c} z + V_c^{\pi\pi}(z) \quad z = q^2 / M_K^2$$

SM prediction?



# Lattice approach

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- Lattice QCD: Monte-Carlo estimation of the full QCD Euclidean path integral. **Non-perturbative.**
- Challenge here: how to relate the decay amplitude to an Euclidean correlation function.

# Minkowski spectral representation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_\mu^c(q^2) &= i \int_0^{+\infty} dE \frac{\rho(E)}{2E} \frac{\langle \pi^c(\mathbf{p}) | J_\mu(0) | E, \mathbf{k} \rangle \langle E, \mathbf{k} | H_W(0) | K^c(\mathbf{k}) \rangle}{E_K(\mathbf{k}) - E + i\varepsilon} \\ &- i \int_0^{+\infty} dE \frac{\rho_S(E)}{2E} \frac{\langle \pi^c(\mathbf{p}) | H_W(0) | E, \mathbf{p} \rangle \langle E, \mathbf{p} | J_\mu(0) | K^c(\mathbf{k}) \rangle}{E - E_\pi(\mathbf{p}) + i\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$



[RBC-UKQCD, PRD 92(9), 094512, 2015]

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Diverges at infinite time for  $E < E_K(\mathbf{k})$ .

“Simple” here (only  $\pi$ ,  $\pi\pi\pi$ ).

Try to think about rare  $B$  decays!

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# Lattice correlators

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$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{(4)c}(x, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}) = \langle \phi_{\pi^c}(t_{\pi}, \mathbf{p}) \mathbb{T}[J_{\mu}(0) H_W(x)] \phi_{K^c}(t_K, \mathbf{k})^{\dagger} \rangle$$

pion and kaon interpolating operators

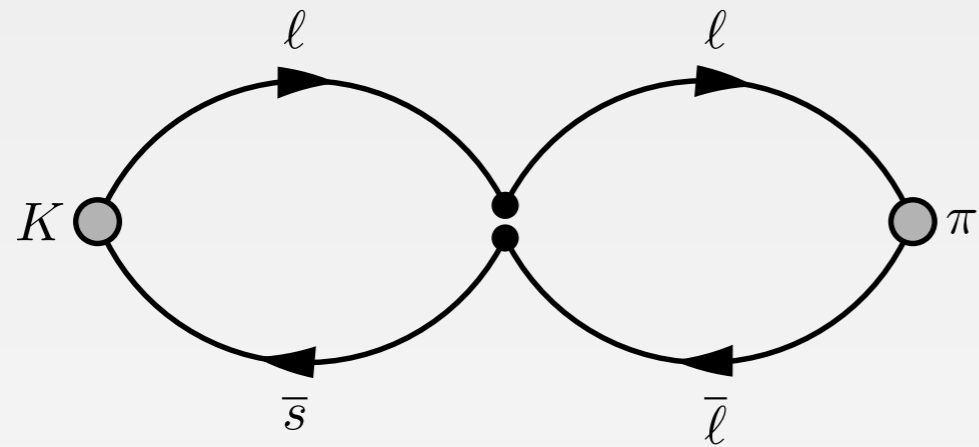
For  $-t_{\pi}, t_K \rightarrow +\infty$ :

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{(4)c}(x, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{Z_{\pi} Z_K^{\dagger} e^{-t_{\pi} E_{\pi}(\mathbf{p})} e^{t_K E_K(\mathbf{k})}}{4E_{\pi}(\mathbf{p}) E_K(\mathbf{k})} \langle \pi^c(\mathbf{p}) | \mathbb{T}[J_{\mu}(0) H_W(x)] | K^c(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

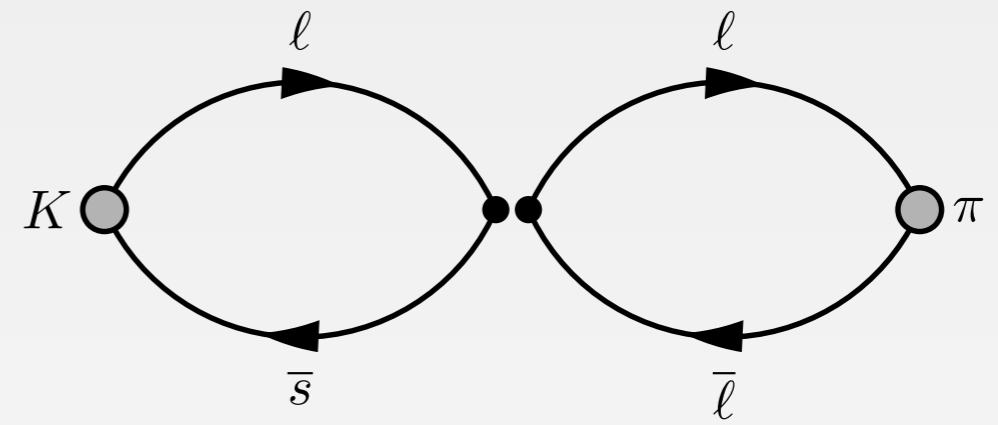
can be obtained from 2-point functions

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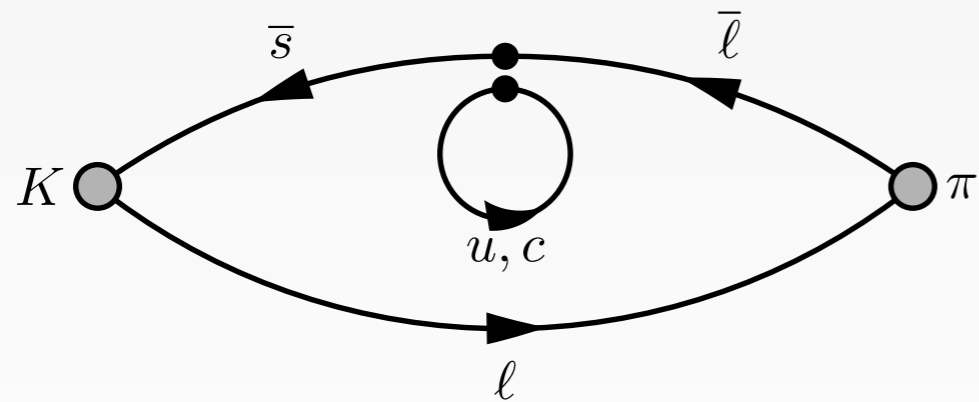
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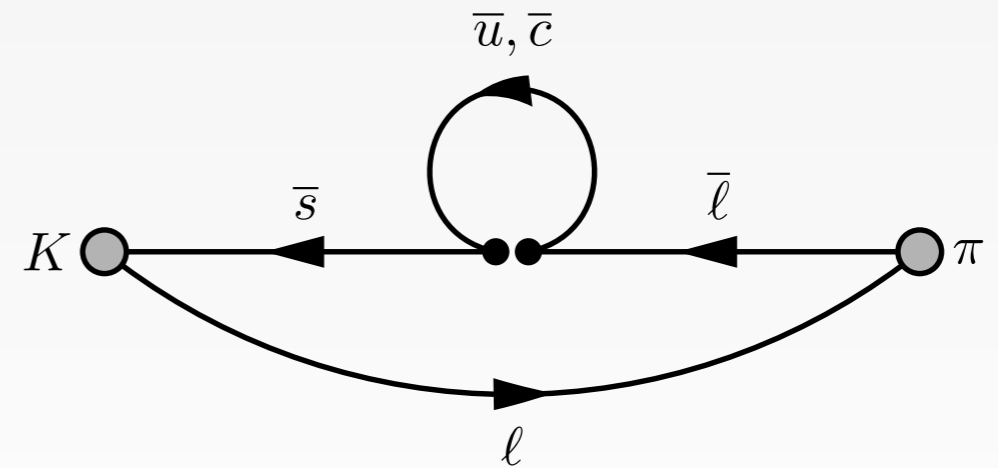
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W: "Wing"



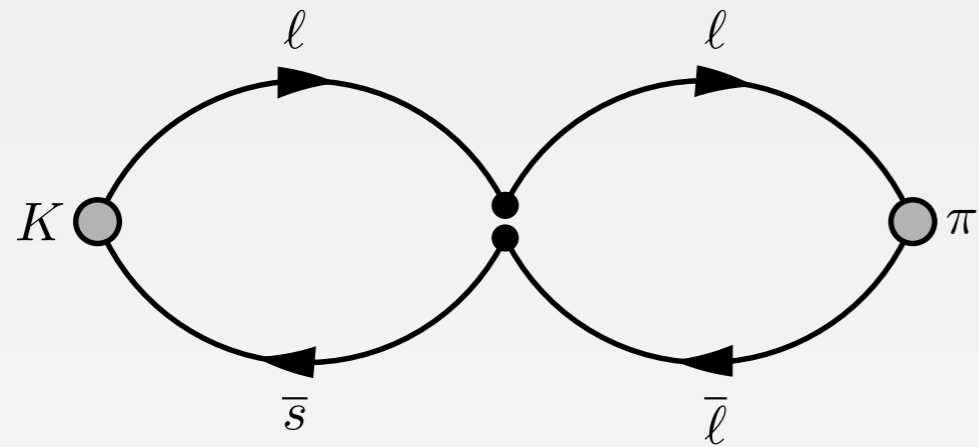
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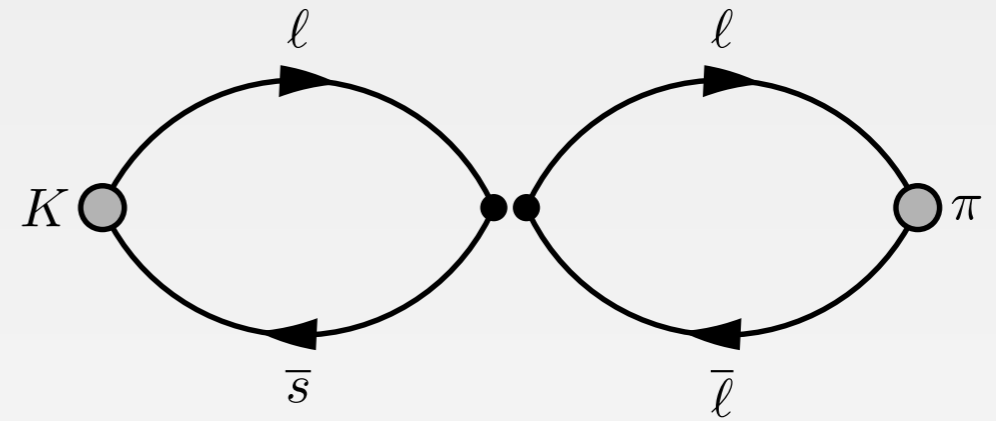
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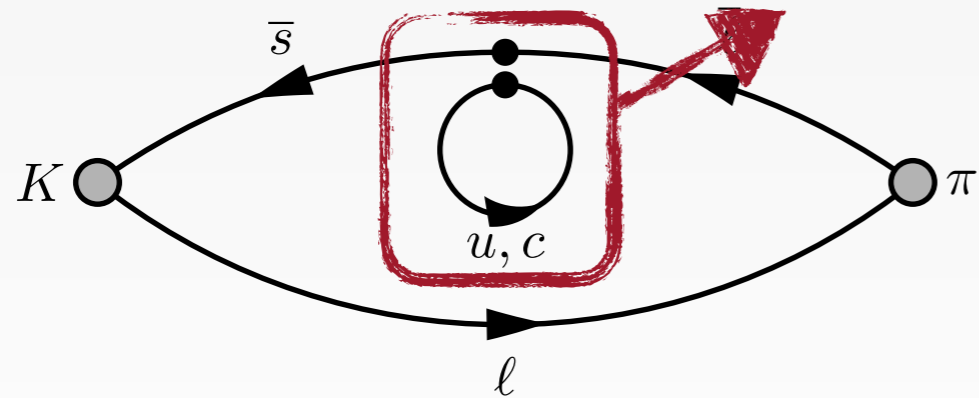


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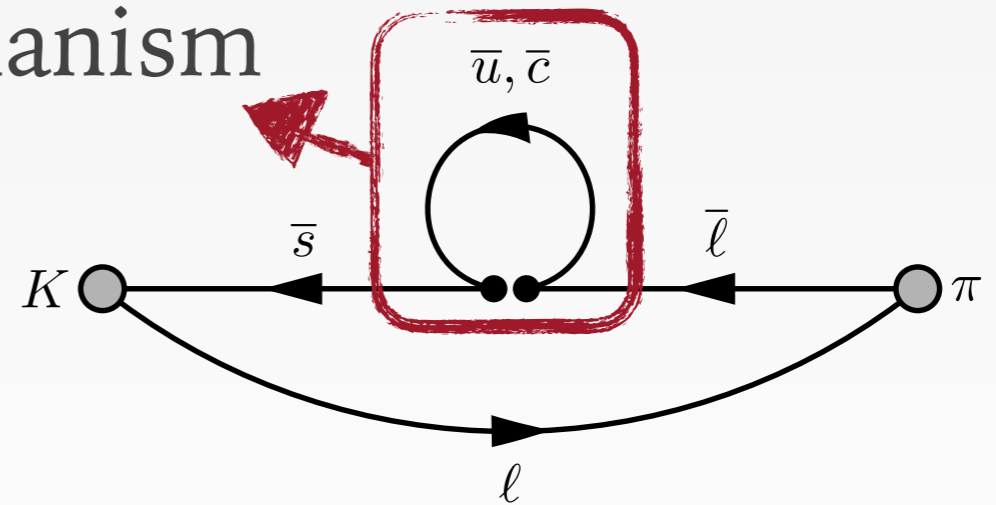


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GIM mechanism



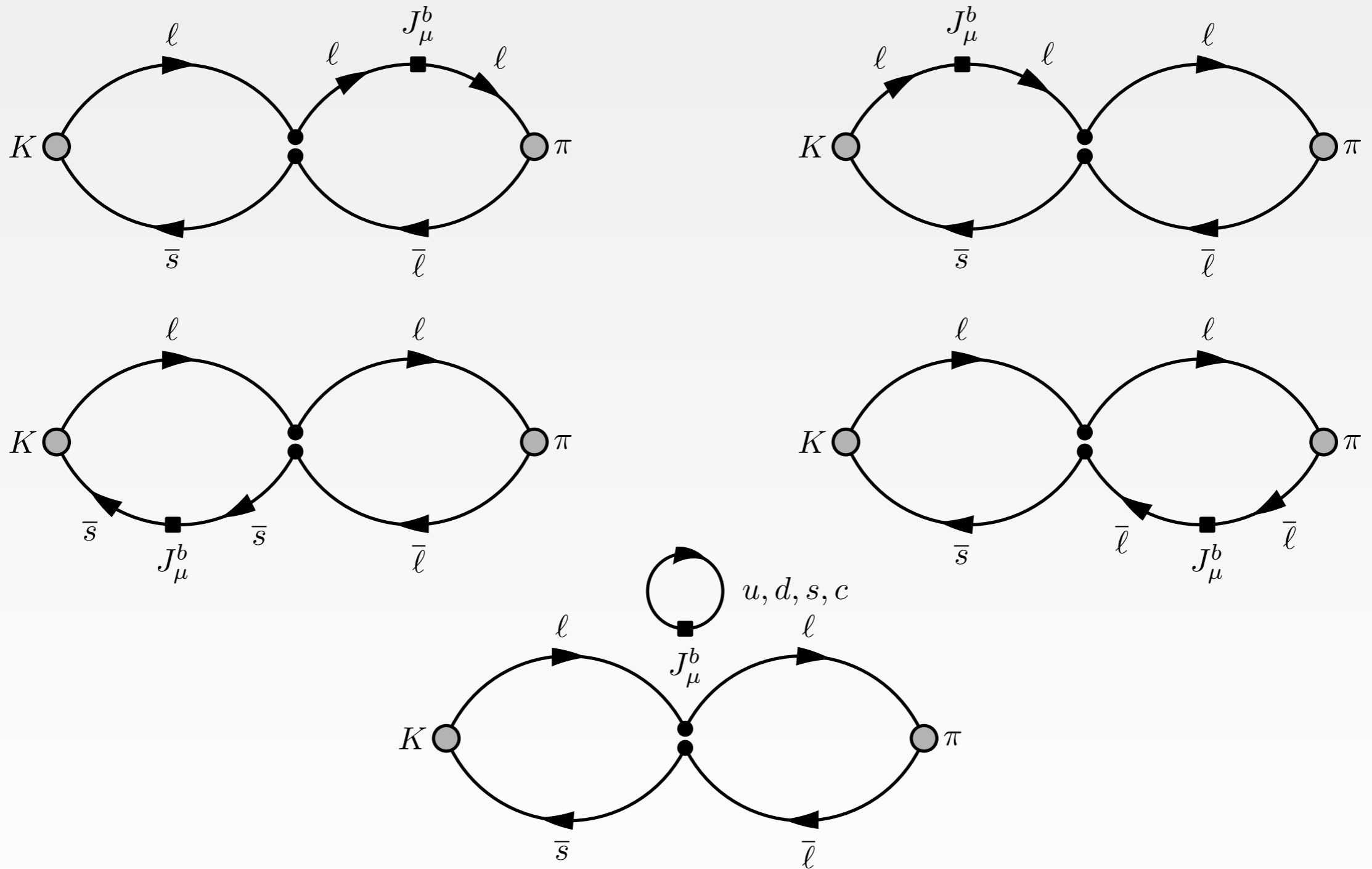
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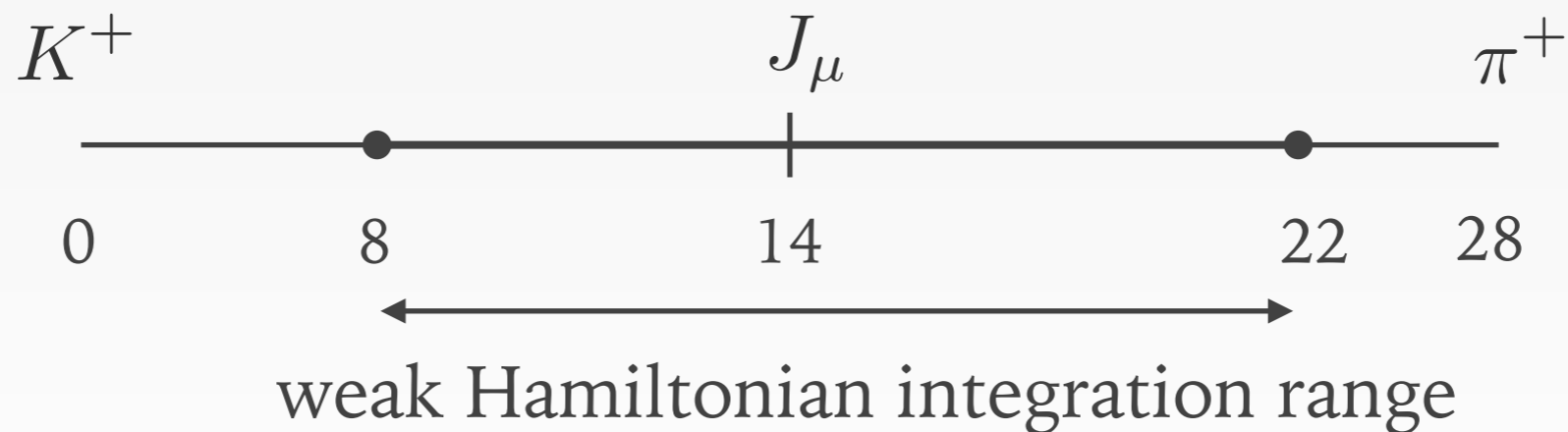
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# Lattice setup

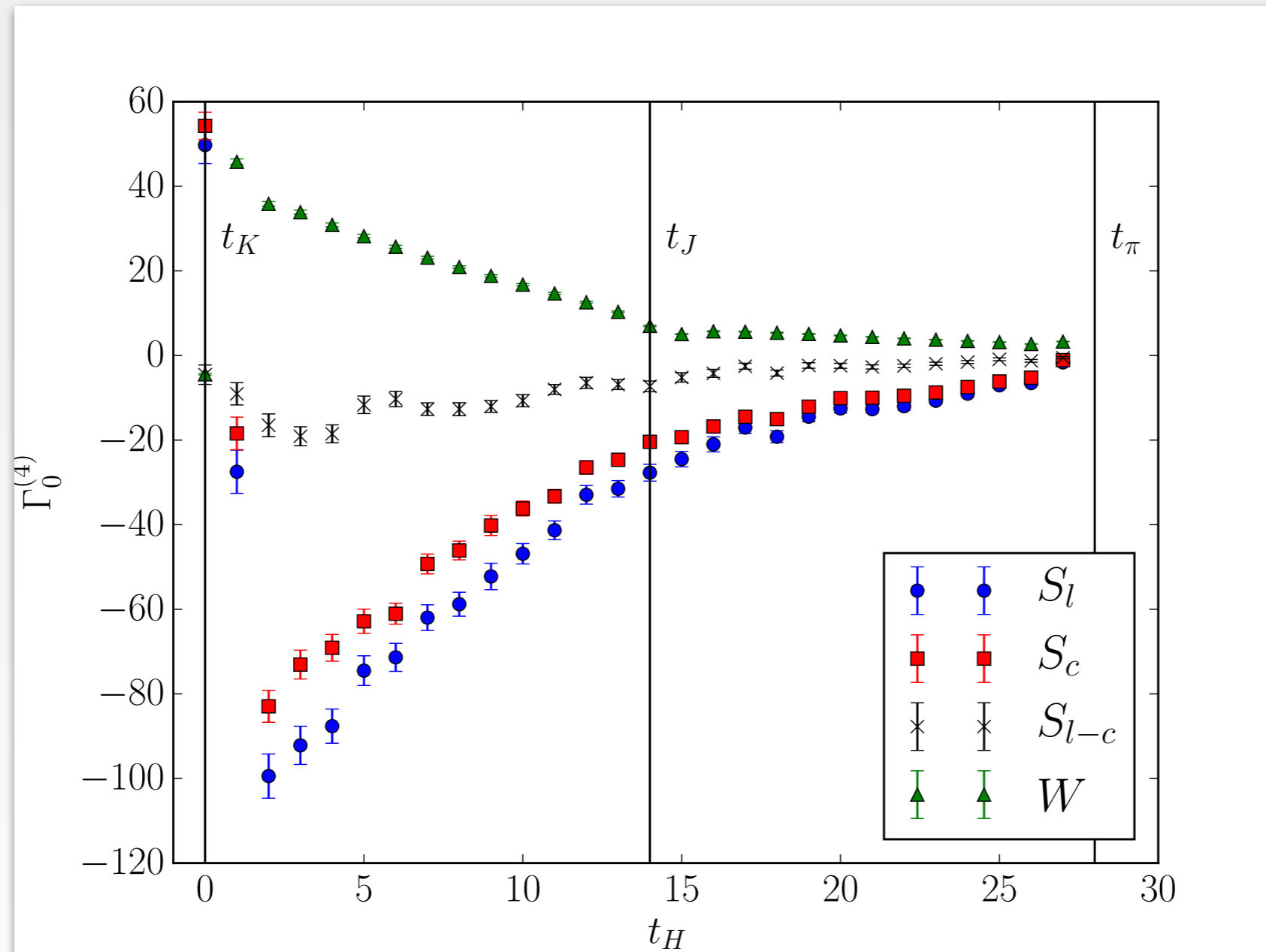
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- DWF action,  $24^3 \times 64$  lattice with spacing  $\sim 0.12$  fm.
- $N_f = 2 + 1$ ,  $M_\pi \simeq 420$  MeV and  $M_K \simeq 600$  MeV.



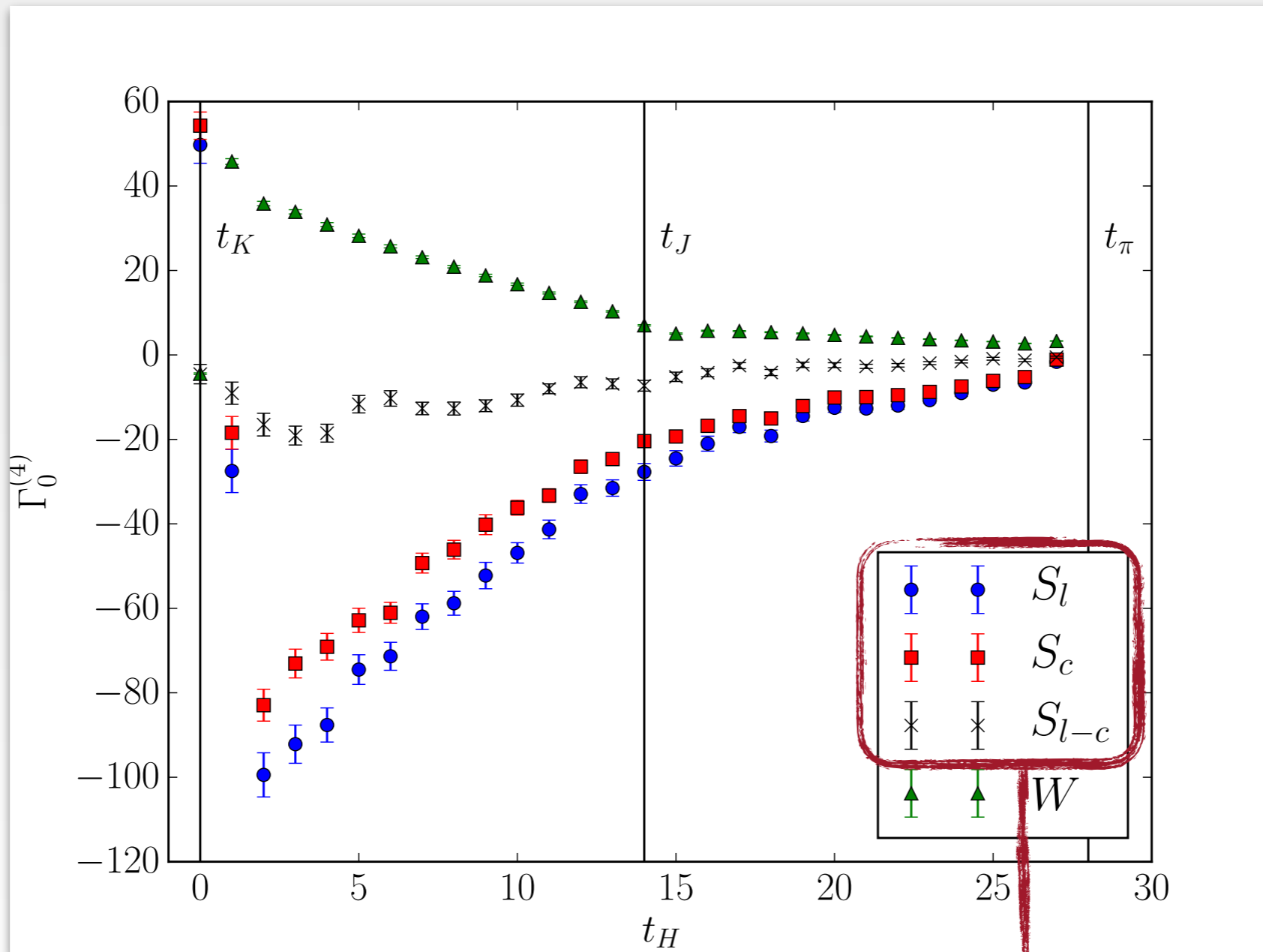
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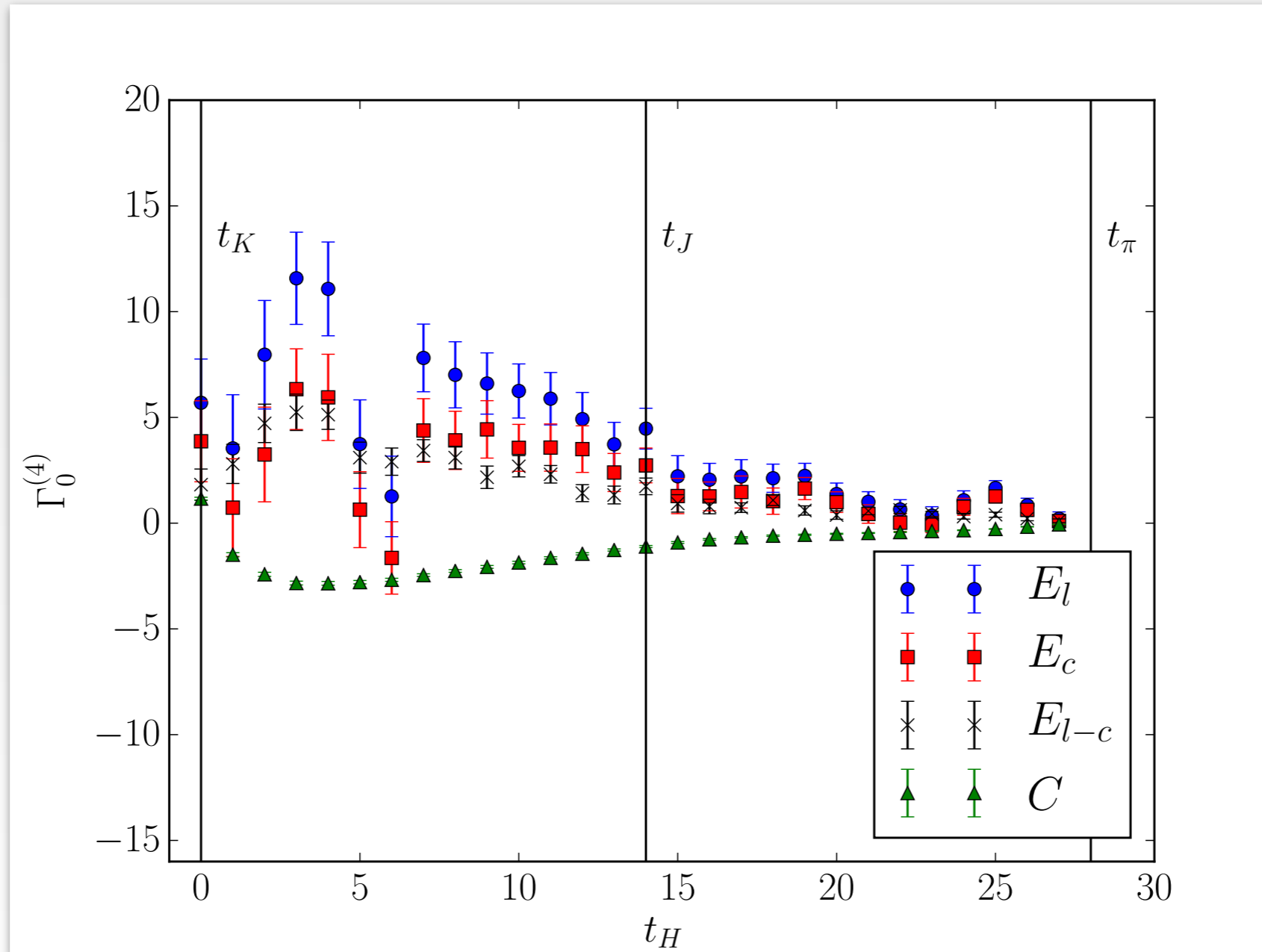
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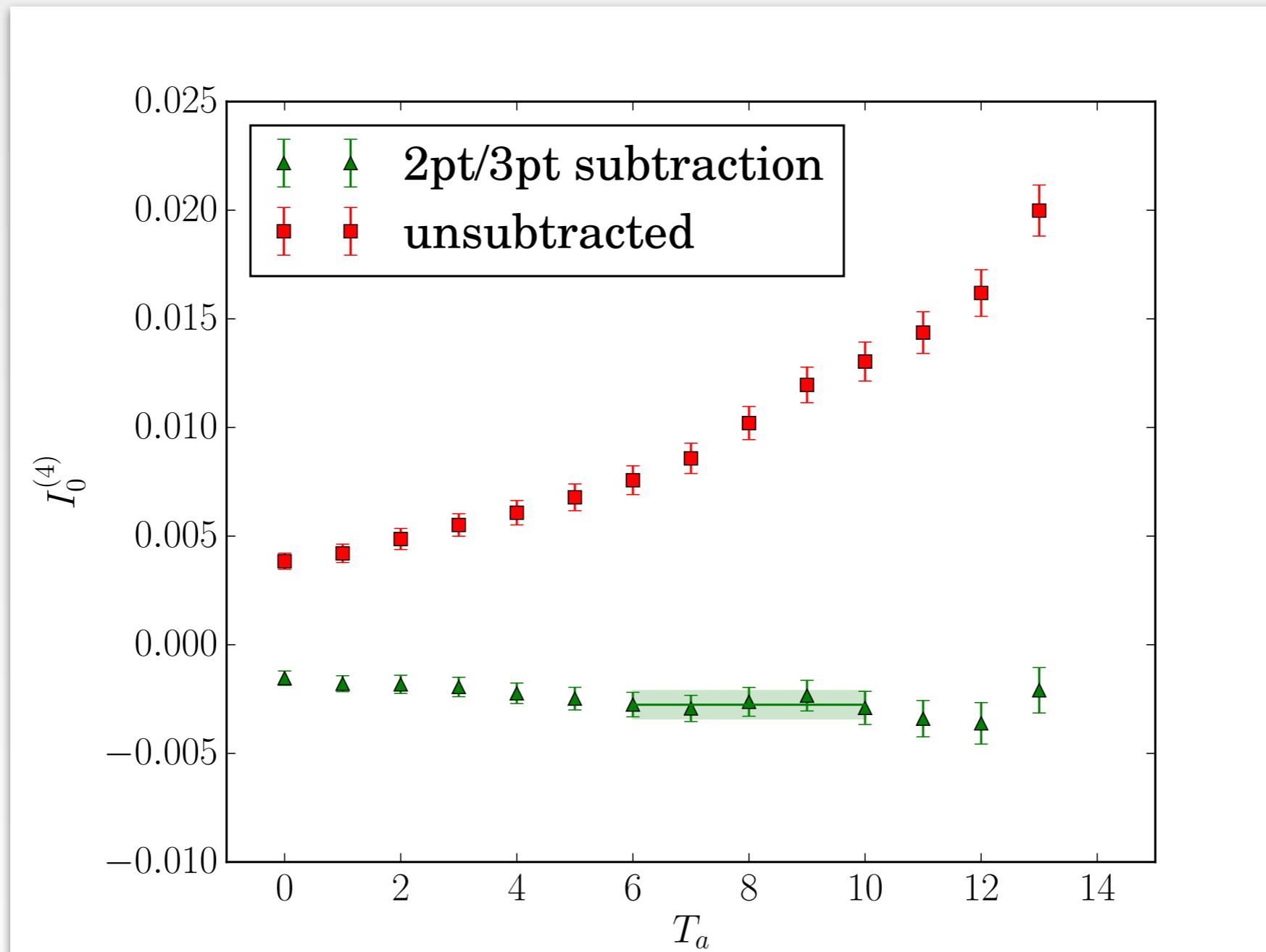
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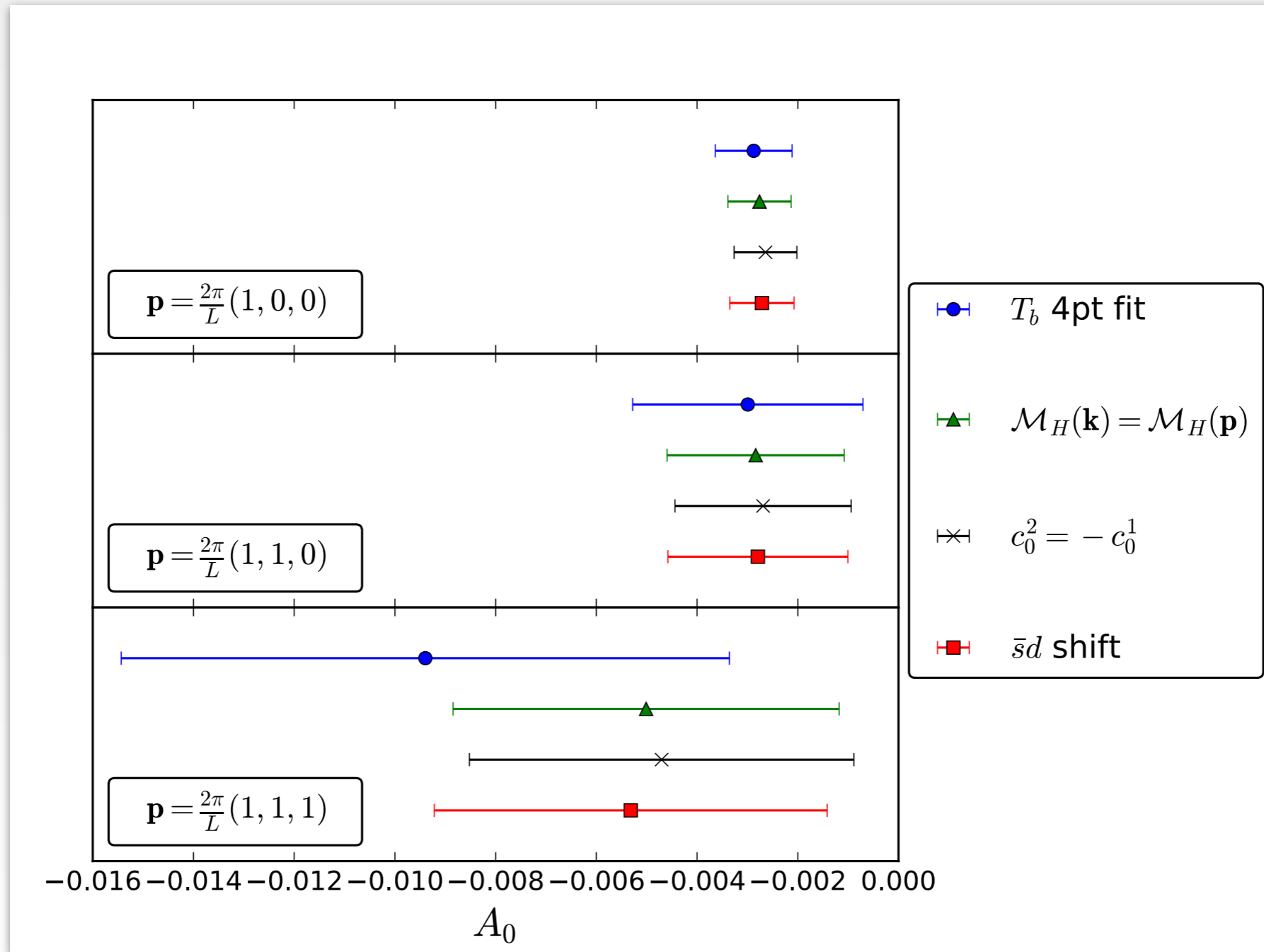
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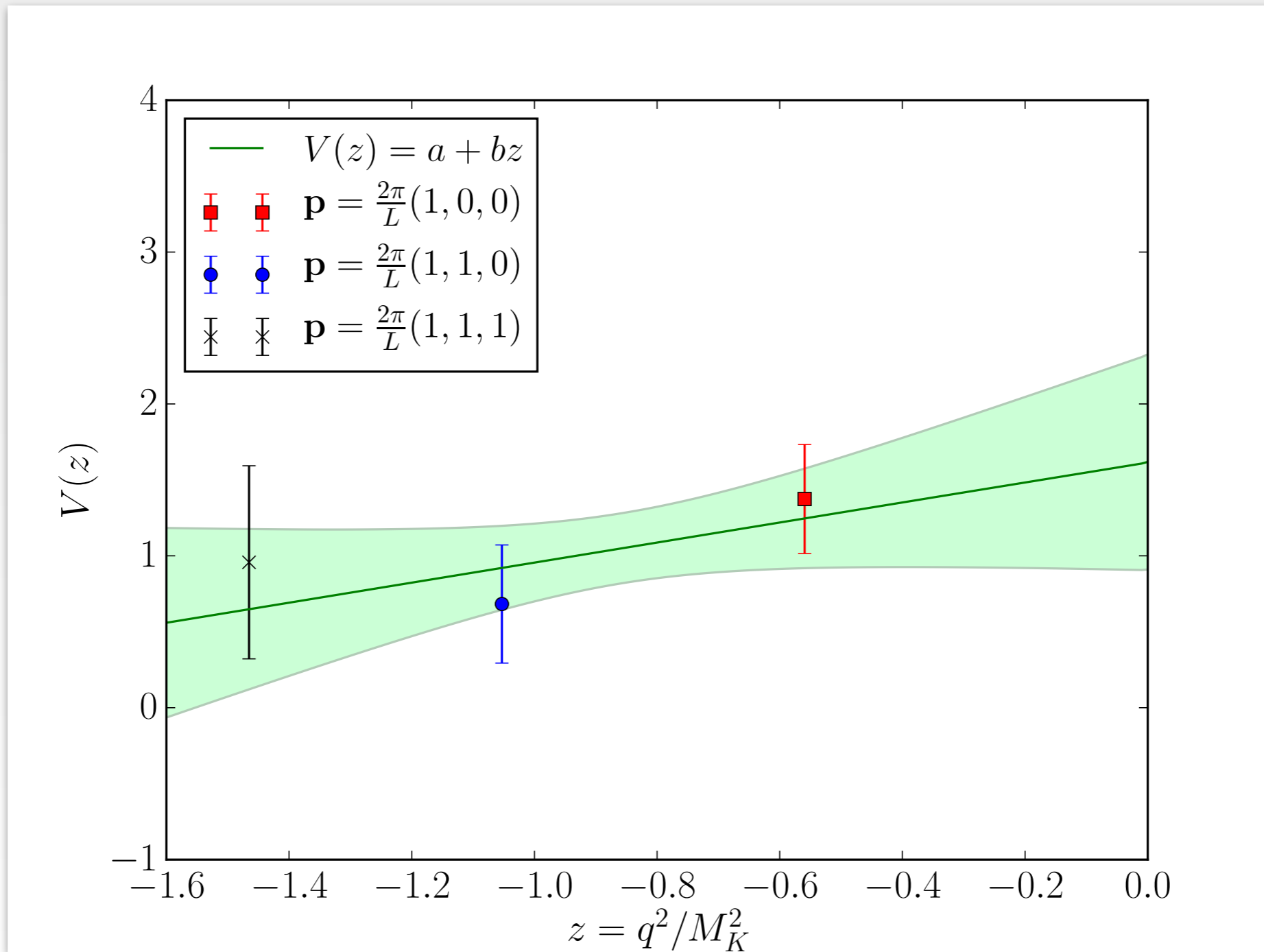
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# Results: form factor



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Charm-up contribution:  $\sim 32\%$

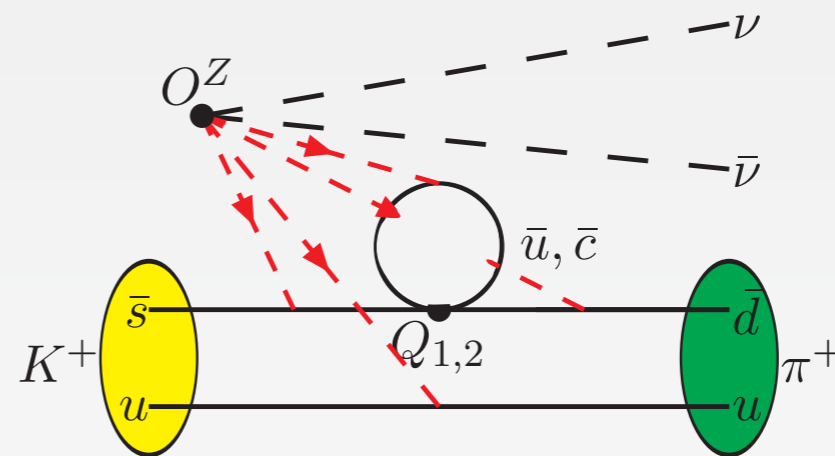
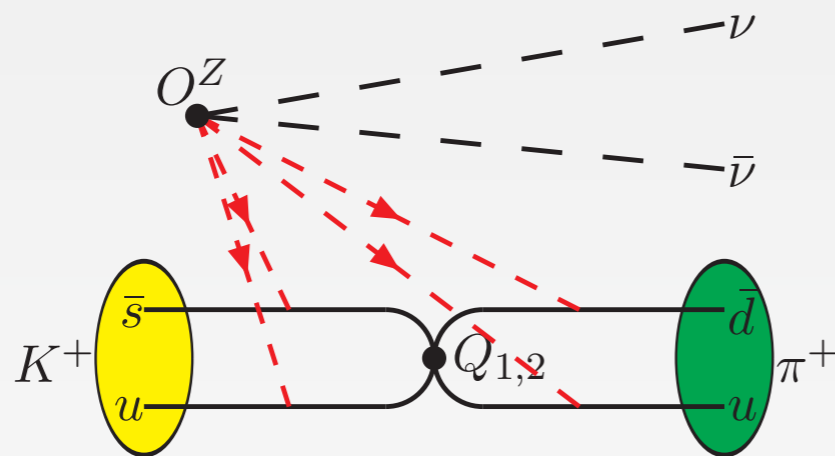
Short-distance:  $\sim 29\%$

Long-distance:  $\sim 3\%$

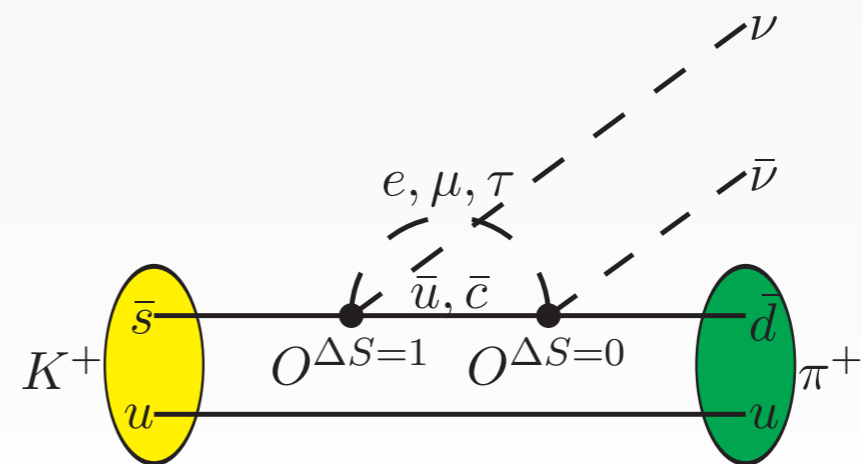
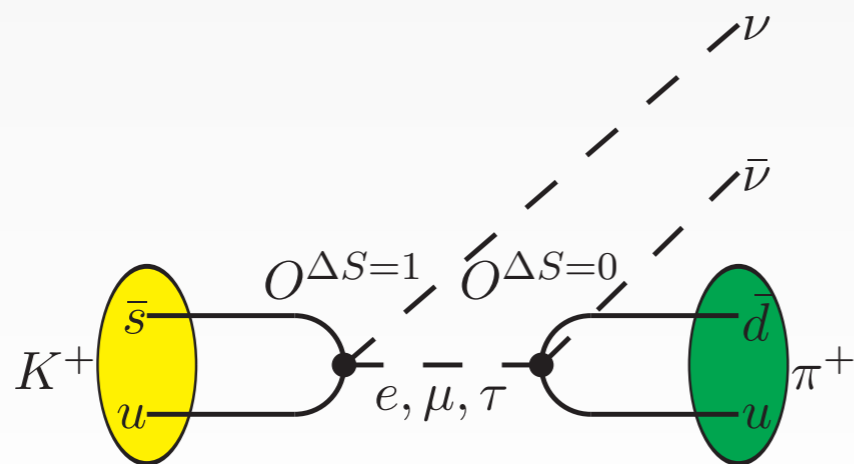
LD: significant source of uncertainty,  
needs to be consolidated for NA62 results.

# Long-distance amplitude

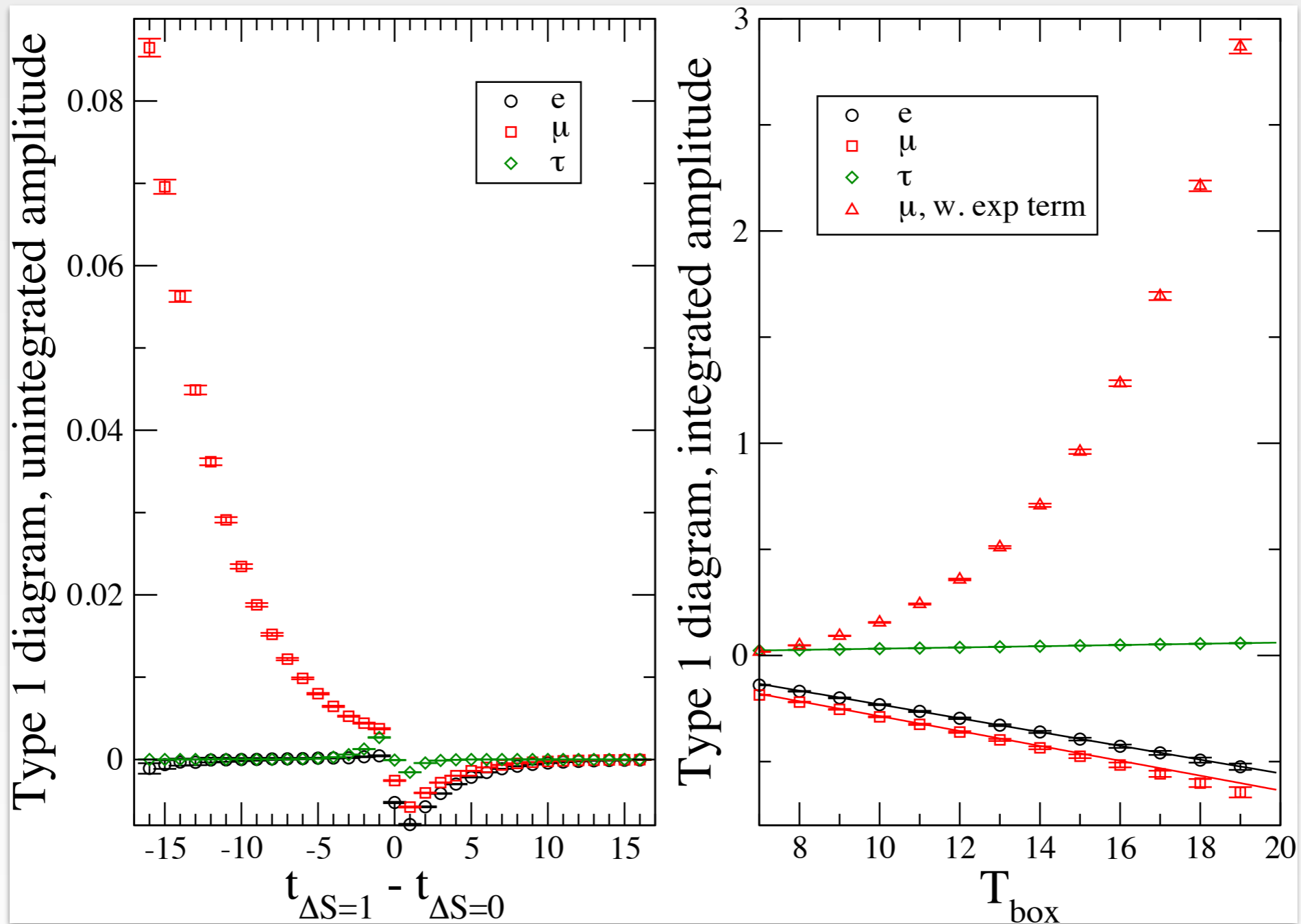
Same as  $K \rightarrow \pi \ell^+ \ell^-$  with neutral weak current:



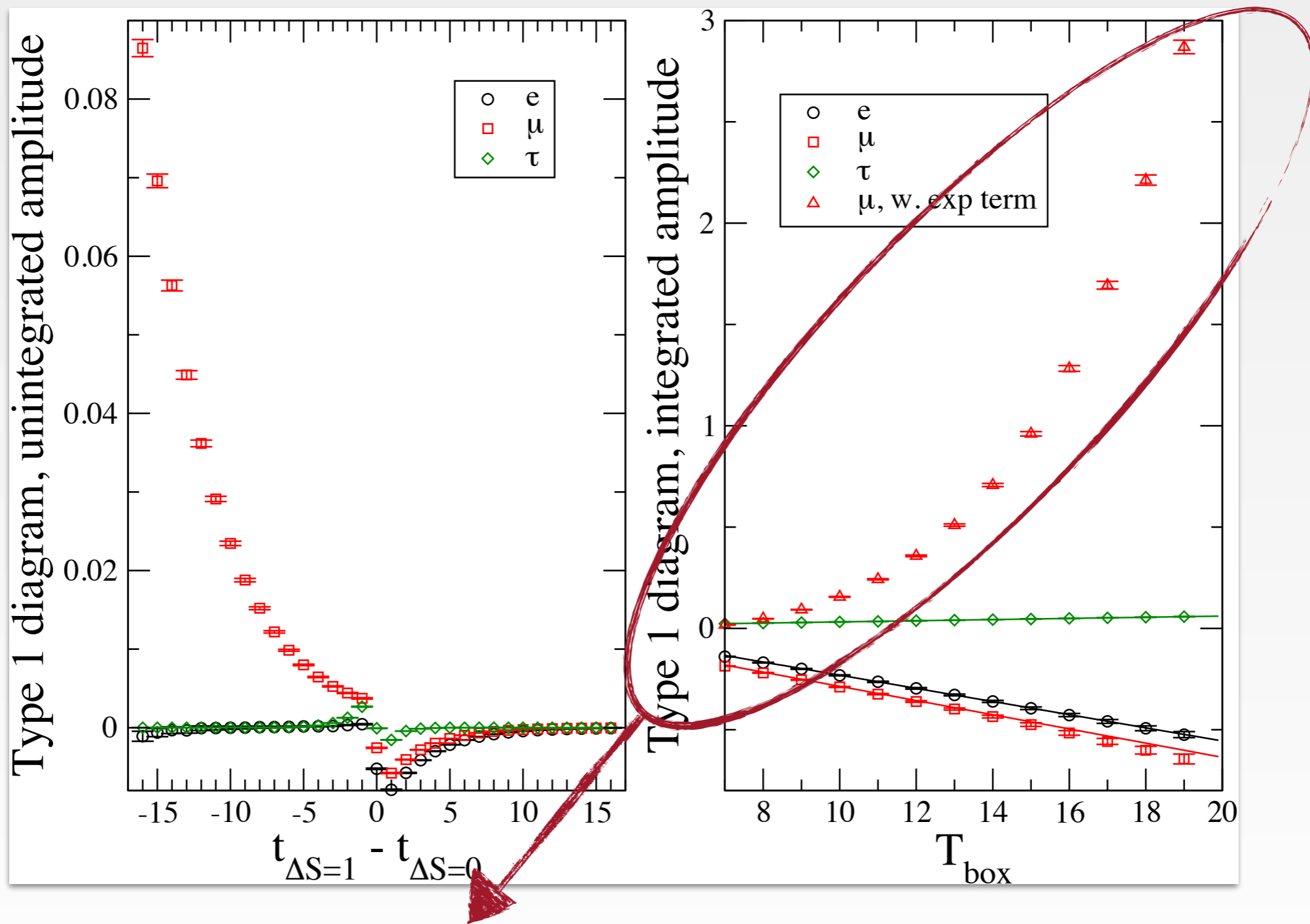
New: W-box diagrams:



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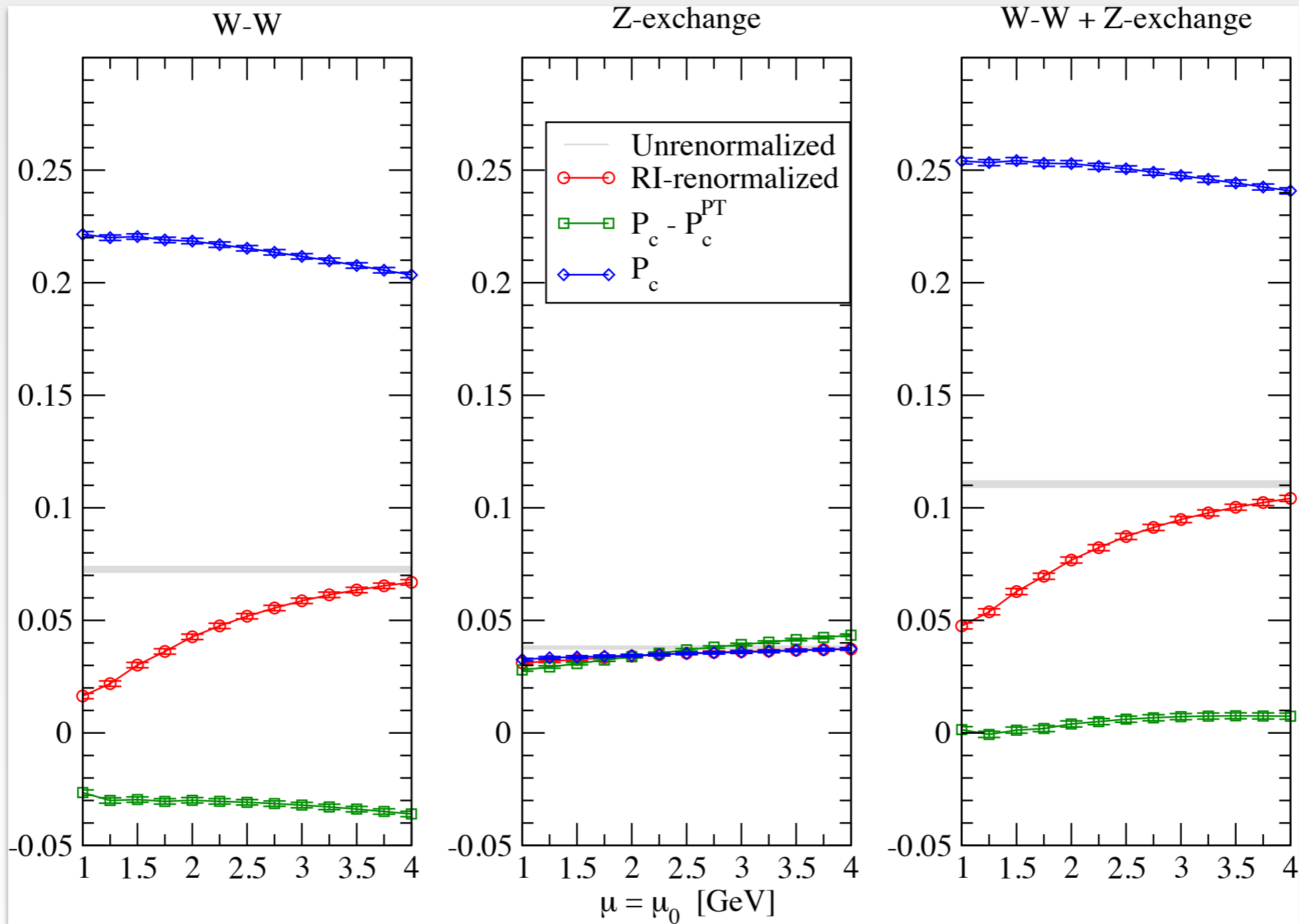


# Analytical continuation issues



$|\mu^+ \nu_\mu\rangle$  and  $|\pi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu\rangle$  contamination

# Charm contribution results



[RBC-UKQCD, PRL 118(2), 252001, 2017]

# Conclusion & perspectives



# Conclusion

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- Lattice framework for rare K decays achieved.
- Proof-of-concept calculations successful.
- Results comparison with phenomenology/experiment difficult because of unphysical parameters.
- What I have not talked about: renormalisation.  
Quite involved, maybe still room for improvement.

# Perspectives

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- Physical quark calculation: starting now!
- $\pi\pi$  &  $\pi\pi\pi$  contamination problematic?
- We are excited with the 1st NA62  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}\nu$  run.
- $K \rightarrow \pi\ell^+\ell^-$  in future runs?



Thank you!