
Lattice QCD

Challenges and Opportunities

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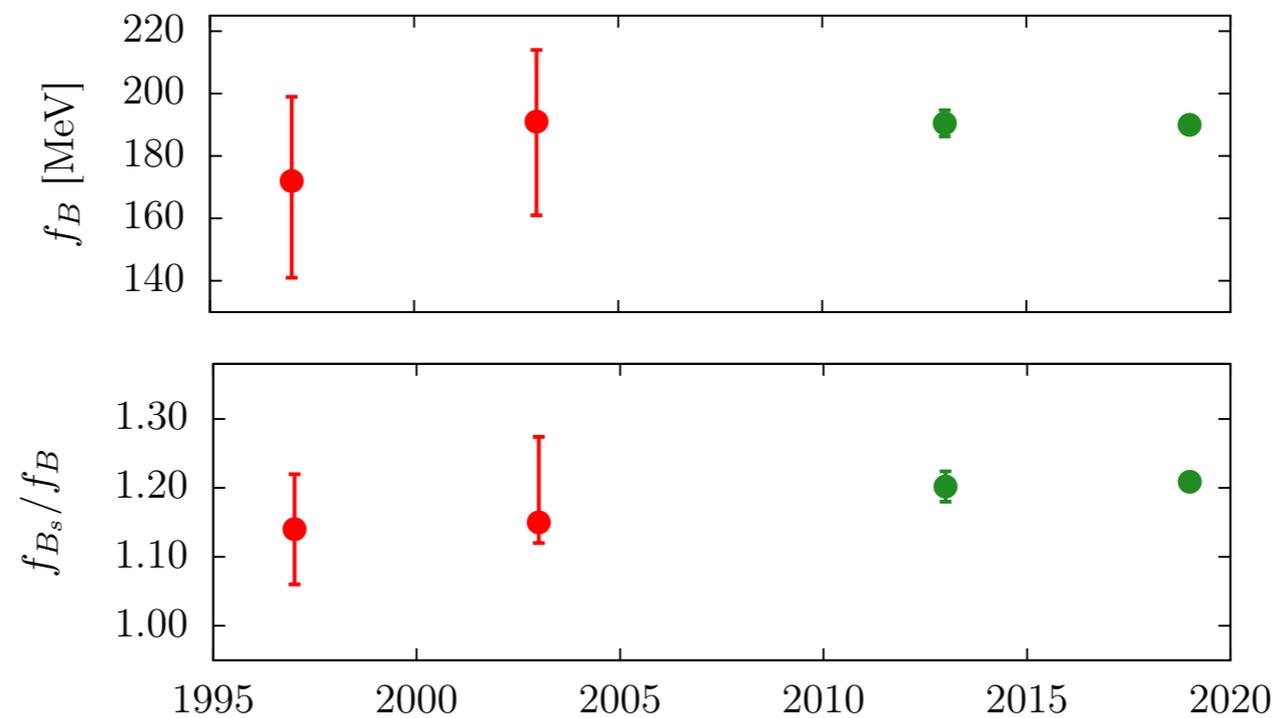
[Guido Altarelli, DESY Theory Workshop 1990]



- * Lattice QCD makes predictions for a large variety of quantities in strong interaction physics with controlled errors:
 - Hadron masses and matrix elements
 - SM parameters
 - Quantities characterising strongly interacting matter under extreme conditions
 - Precision observables

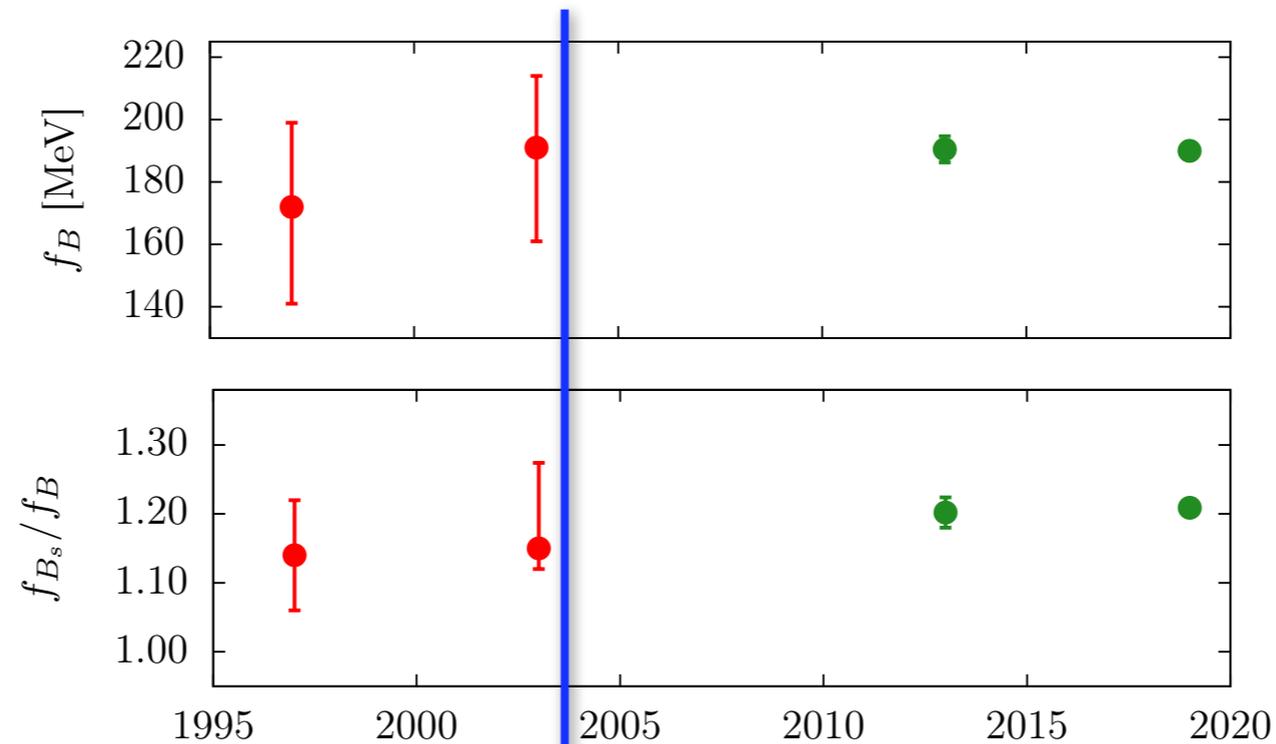
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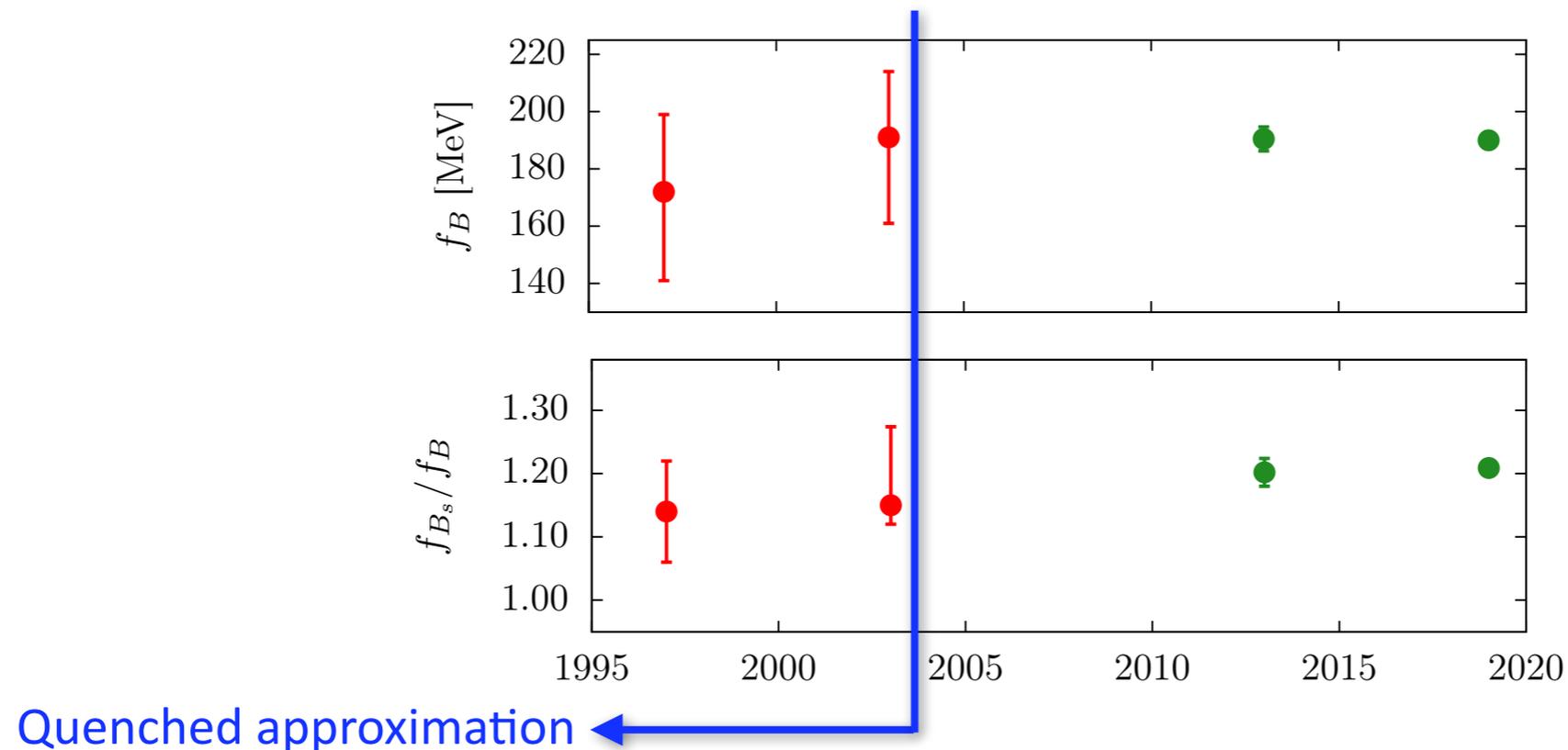
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- * Overall precision: 15% in 1997 → 0.5% in 2018
- * Correlated with an increase of 5×10^5 in computer power

Community efforts in Lattice QCD

FLAG Report:

* Performs PDG-style global analyses and averages [S. Aoki et al., arXiv:1902.08191]

- SM parameters (quark masses, α_s)
- Flavour physics (K , D , B mesons)
- Low-energy constants
- Nucleon matrix elements

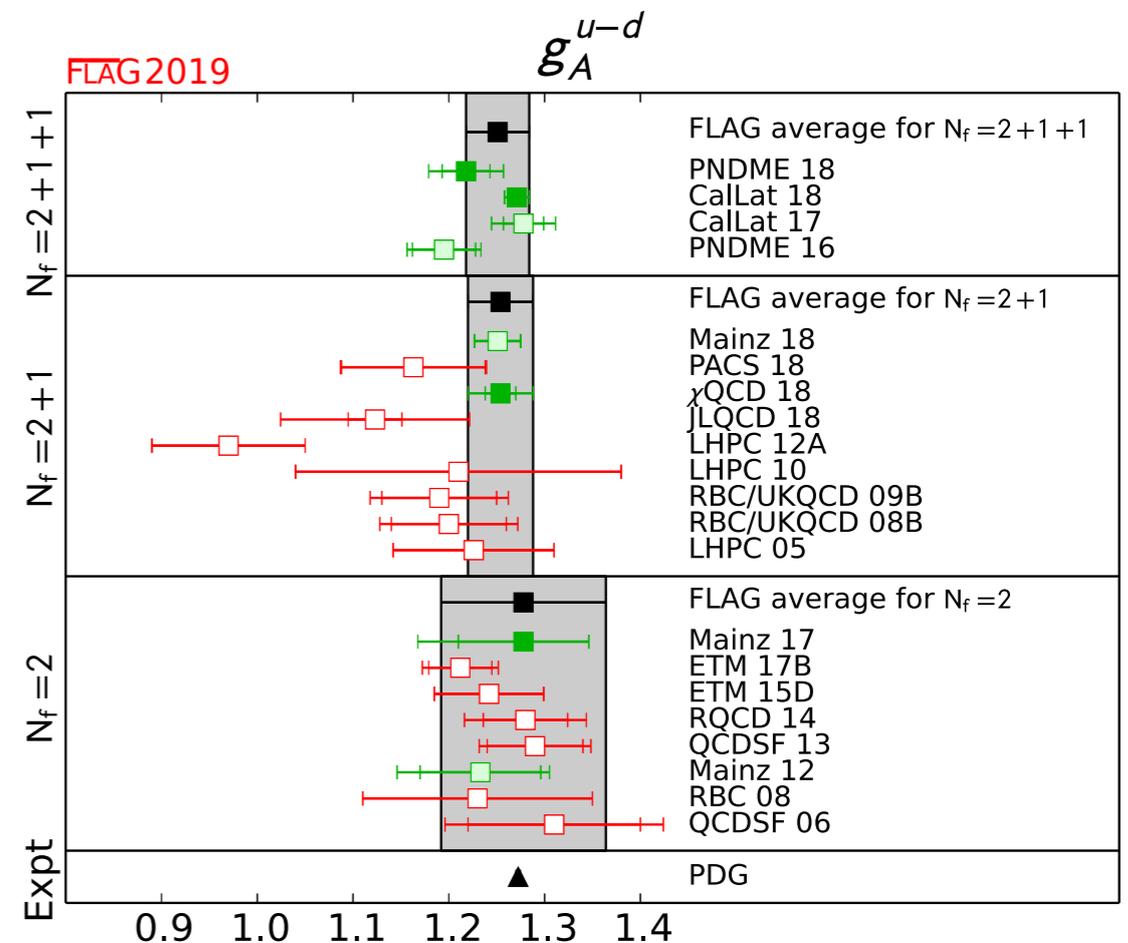
White papers:

* Community White Paper on Lattice input for global PDF analyses

[H.-W. Lin et al., PPNP 100 (2018) 107]

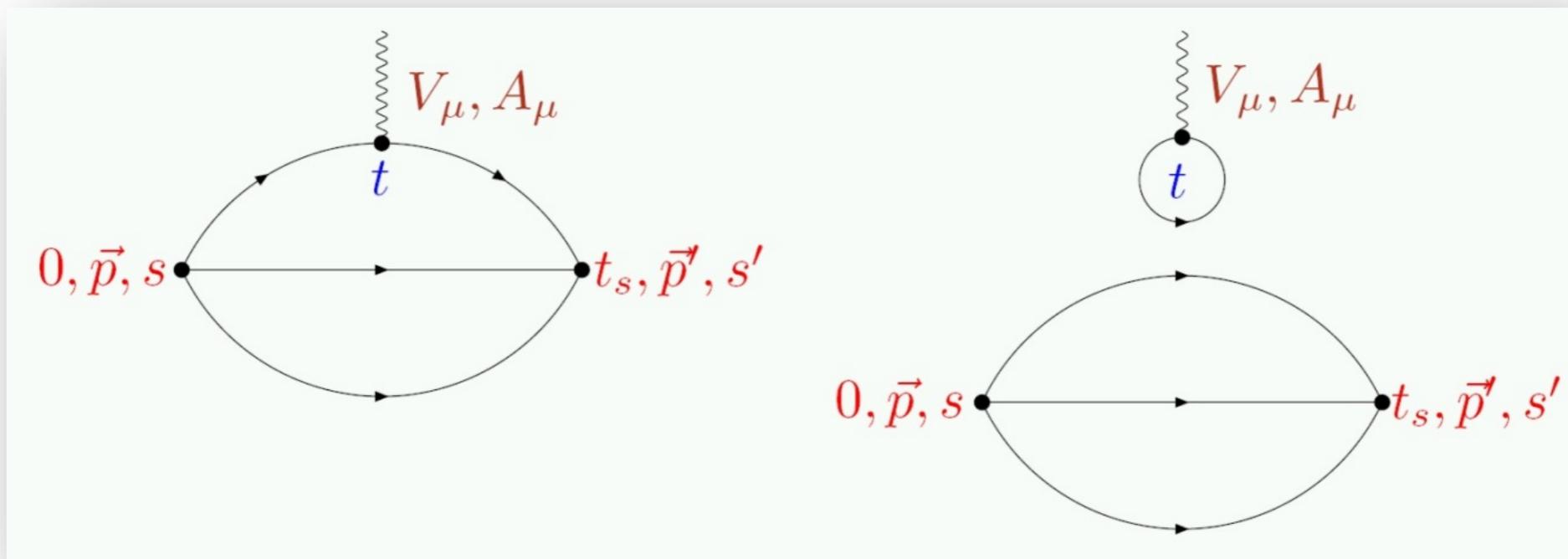
* The muon $g - 2$ (to appear)

* **USQCD 2019** : WPs on Lattice QCD in nuclear, hadron, flavour, BSM physics, QCD phase diagram, Exascale computing



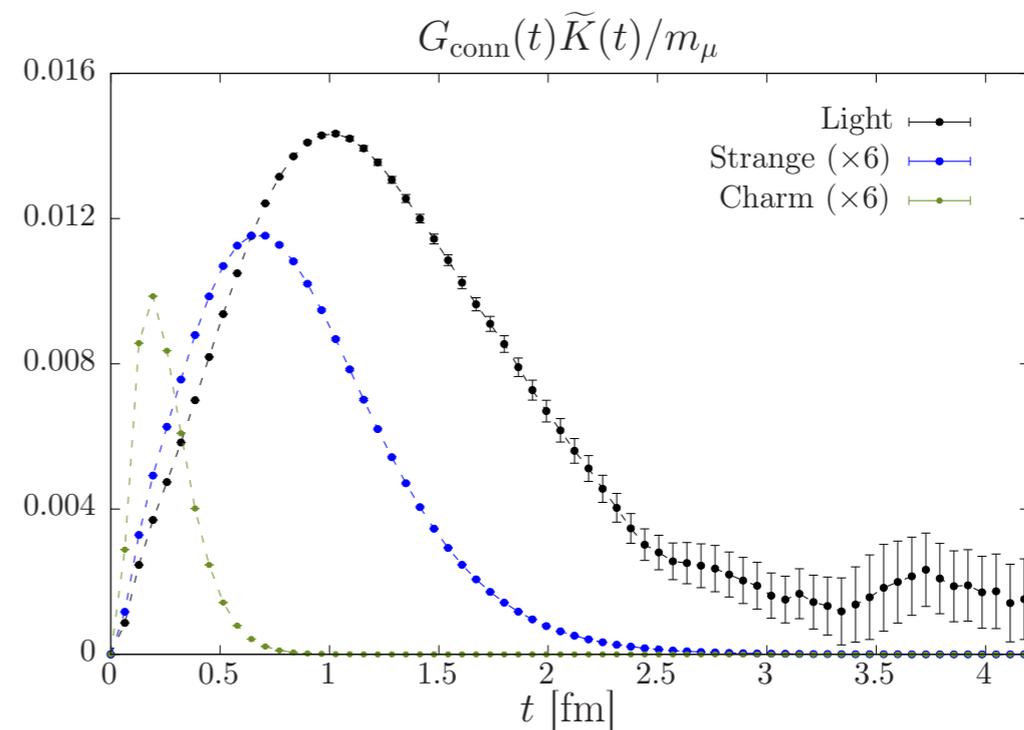
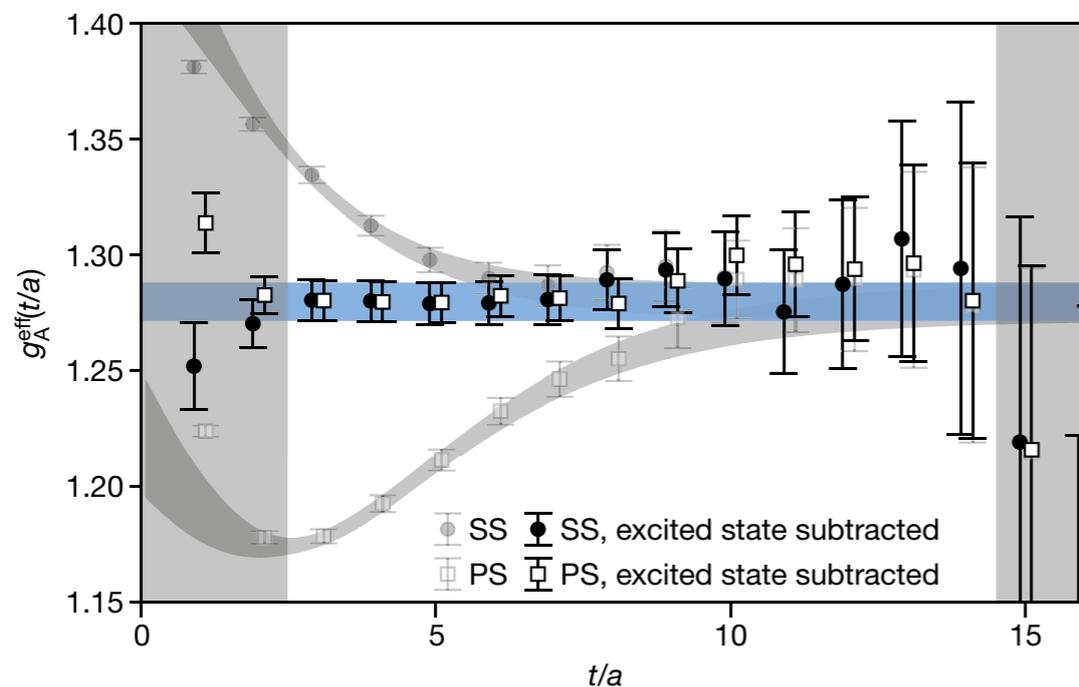
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- * Sign problem in simulations of QCD with $\mu_B \neq 0$
 - * Incorporation of isospin breaking effects: QCD+QED, $m_u \neq m_d$
 - * n -particle decays of resonances, $n > 2$

Outline

Hadron structure

Hadron spectroscopy and hadronic interactions

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QCD phase diagram

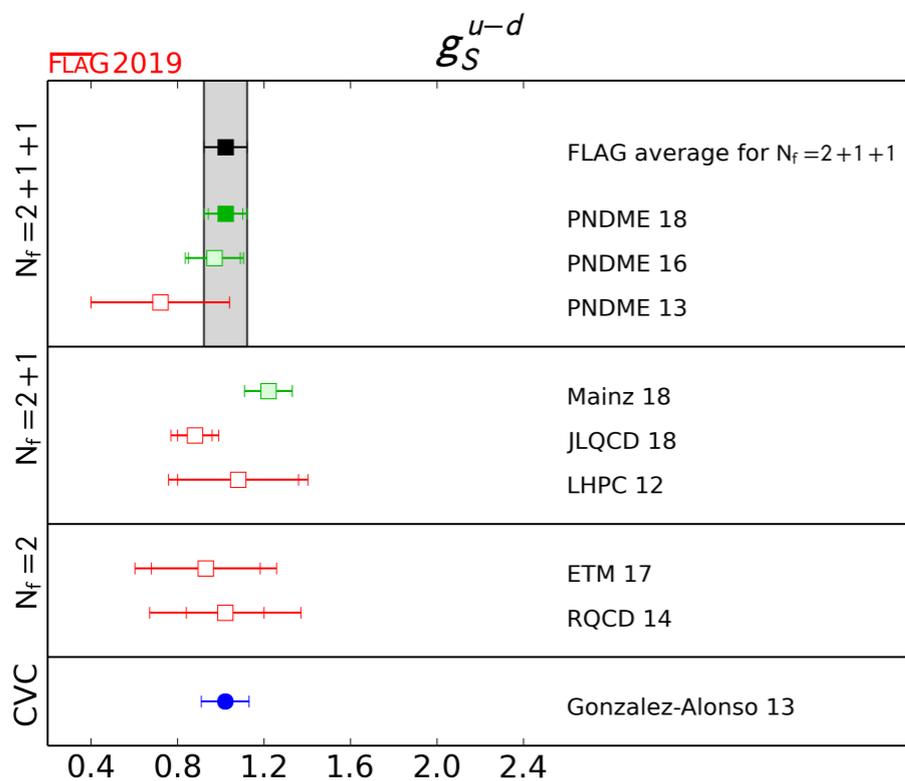
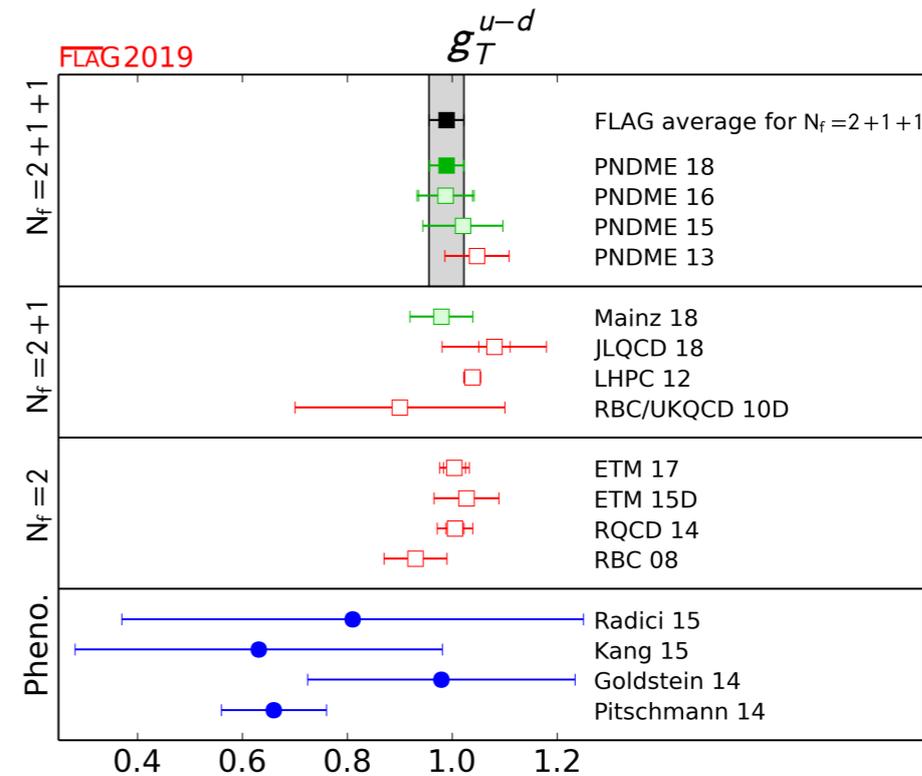
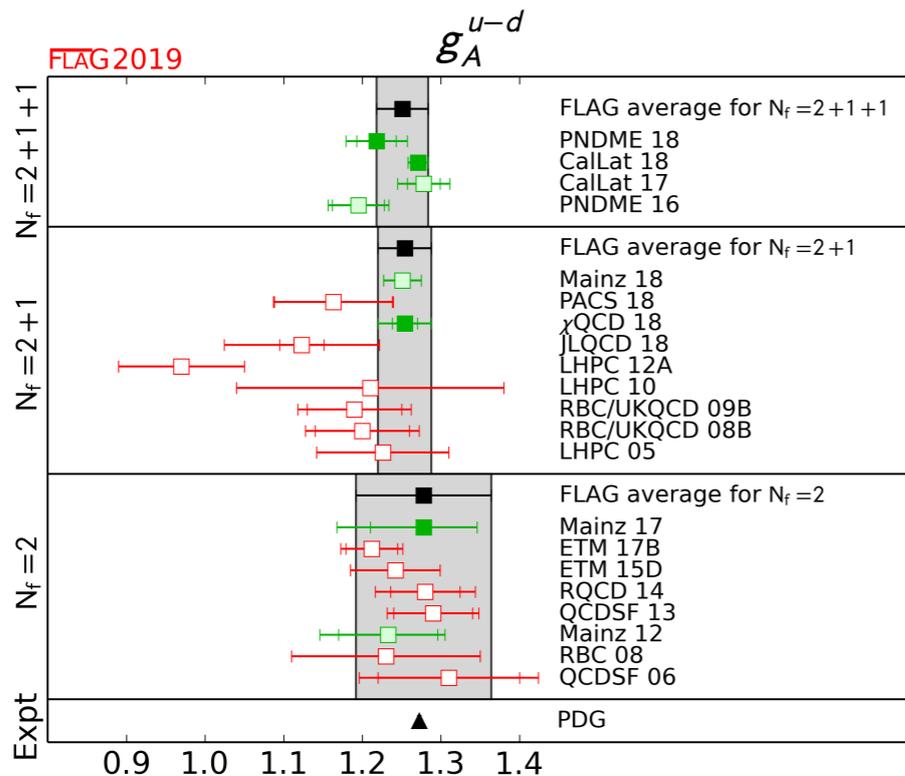
Resources

Outlook; Recommendations

Hadron structure calculations

- * Confront experimental determinations with lattice QCD results
- ⇒ Consistency checks:
proton radius and magnetic moment, axial charge
- * Provide input for experiments and phenomenology:
 - Nucleon scalar and tensor charges g_S , g_T : constrain BSM effects
 - Axial form factor: ν -nucleus cross sections (DUNE/LBNF)
 - (Generalised) Parton Distribution Functions; transversity (EIC)
 - Decomposition of the nucleon spin
- * Additional systematic effects:
 - Bias from unsuppressed excited states:
multi-state fits, summed operator insertions
 - Finite-volume effects
 - Renormalisation and matching

Axial, scalar and tensor charges



FLAG averages:

$$g_A^{u-d} = 1.251 \pm 0.033$$

$$[1.2724 \pm 0.0023 \text{ (exp.)}]$$

$$g_S^{u-d} = 1.02 \pm 0.10$$

$$g_T^{u-d} = 0.989 \pm 0.034$$

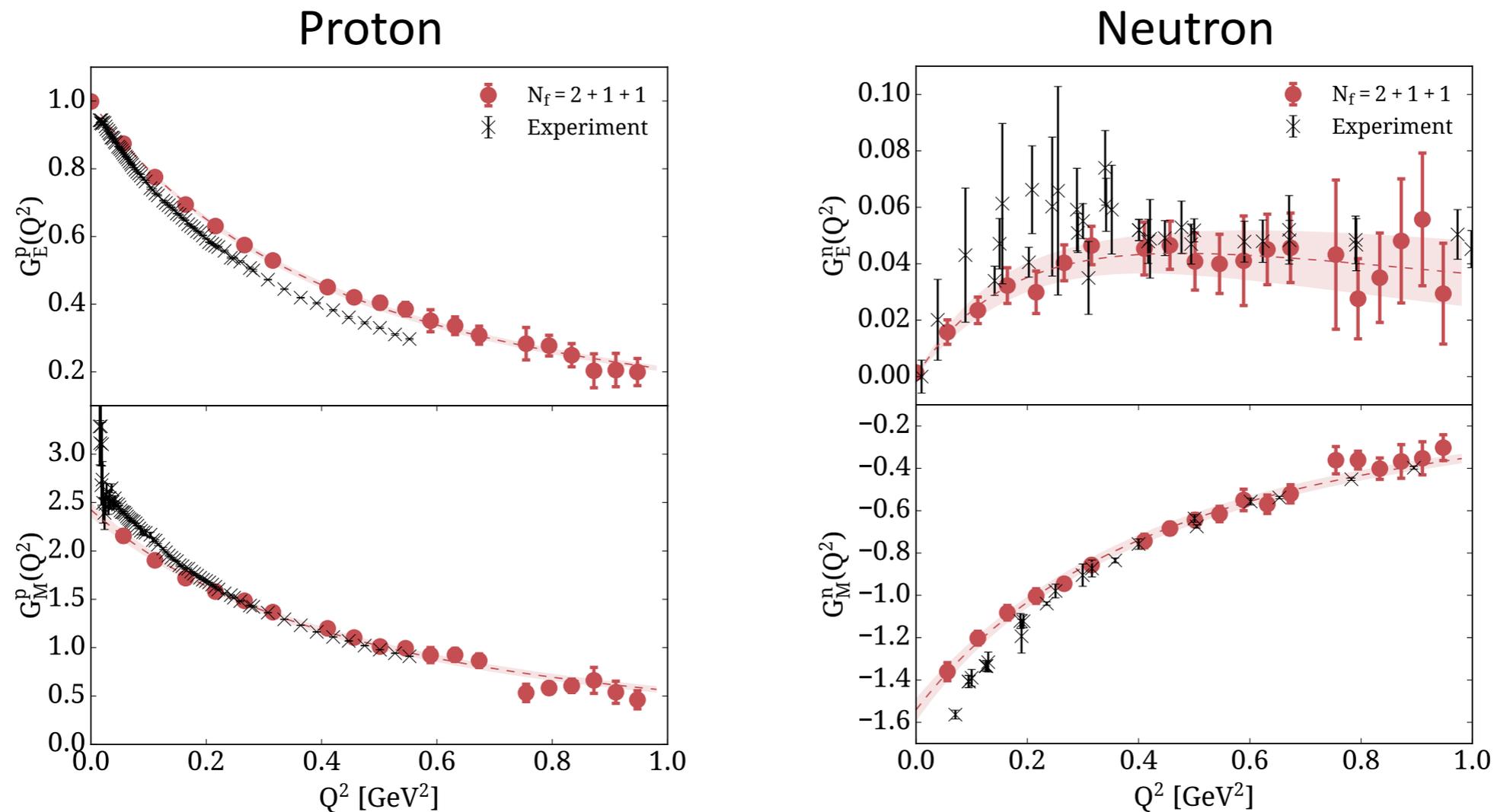
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Nucleon form factors

- * **Electromagnetic form factors:** proton charge radius, magnetic moment
 - proton radius puzzle
- * **Axial form factor:** constrain ν -nucleus interaction and cross sections
 - long baseline neutrino experiments (DUNE/LBNF)
- * **Strange form factors:** probe contribution from quark sea
 - parity-violating ep scattering
- * Quark-disconnected diagrams:
 - required to determine iso-scalar form factors
 - strange form factor

Electromagnetic form factors

- * Recent results: *[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1812.10311]*



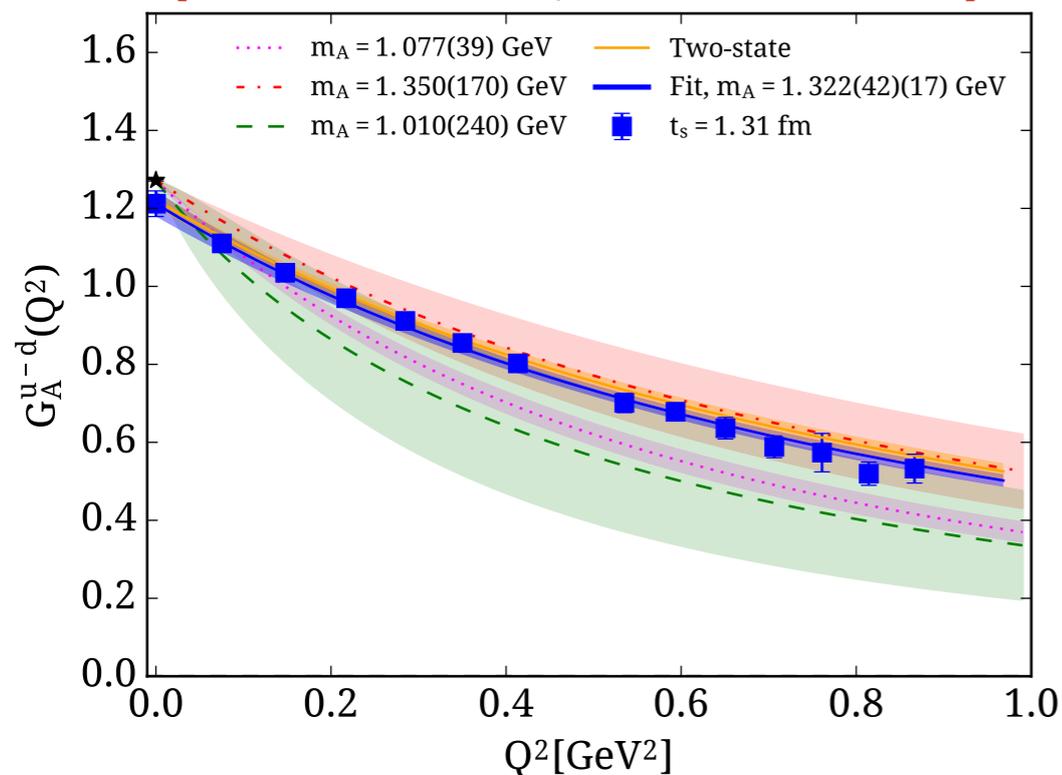
- * Charge radii smaller than observed in *ep* scattering experiments
- * Focus on systematics and better statistical precision

Axial form factors

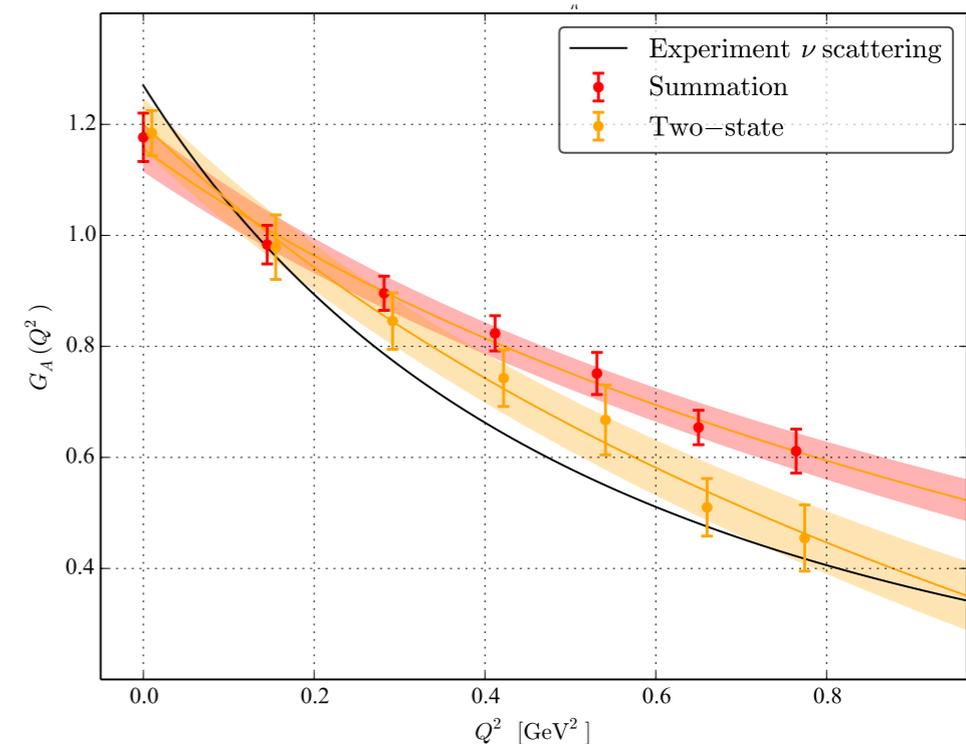
* Definition:

$$\langle N(p', s') | A_\mu^a(0) | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 G_A(Q^2) - i \gamma_5 \frac{Q_\mu}{2m_N} G_P(Q^2) \right] \frac{1}{2} \tau^a u(p, s)$$

[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1807.11203]



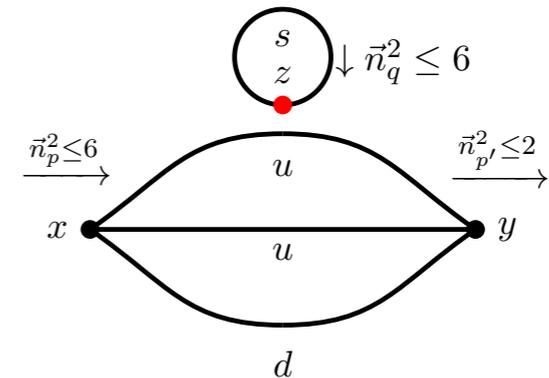
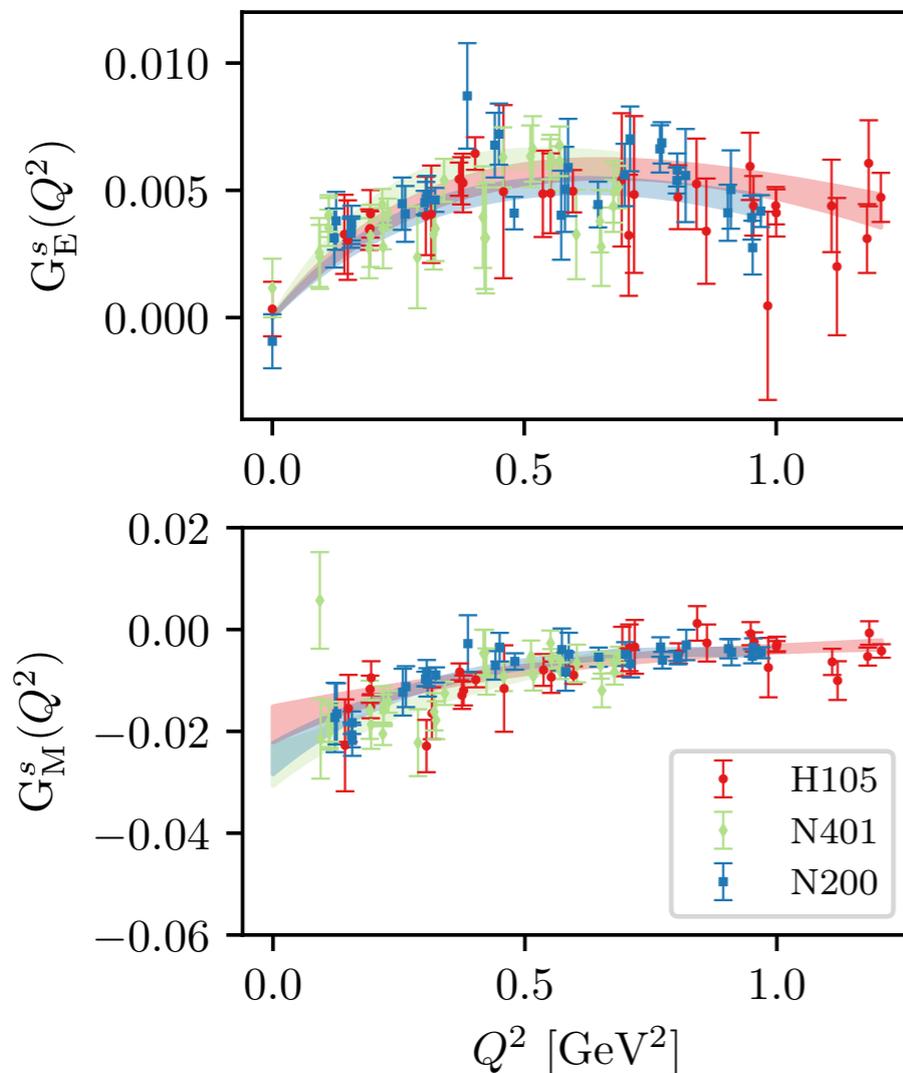
[Capitani et al., IJMPA 34 (2019) 1950009]



* Slope of $G_A(Q^2)$ underestimated in calculations
 → focus on excited states systematics

Strange electromagnetic form factors

- * Signal entirely given by disconnected diagrams



	$(r_E^2)^s$ [fm ²]	μ^s	$(r_M^2)^s$ [fm ²]
χ QCD			
ETMC			
LHPC			
This work			

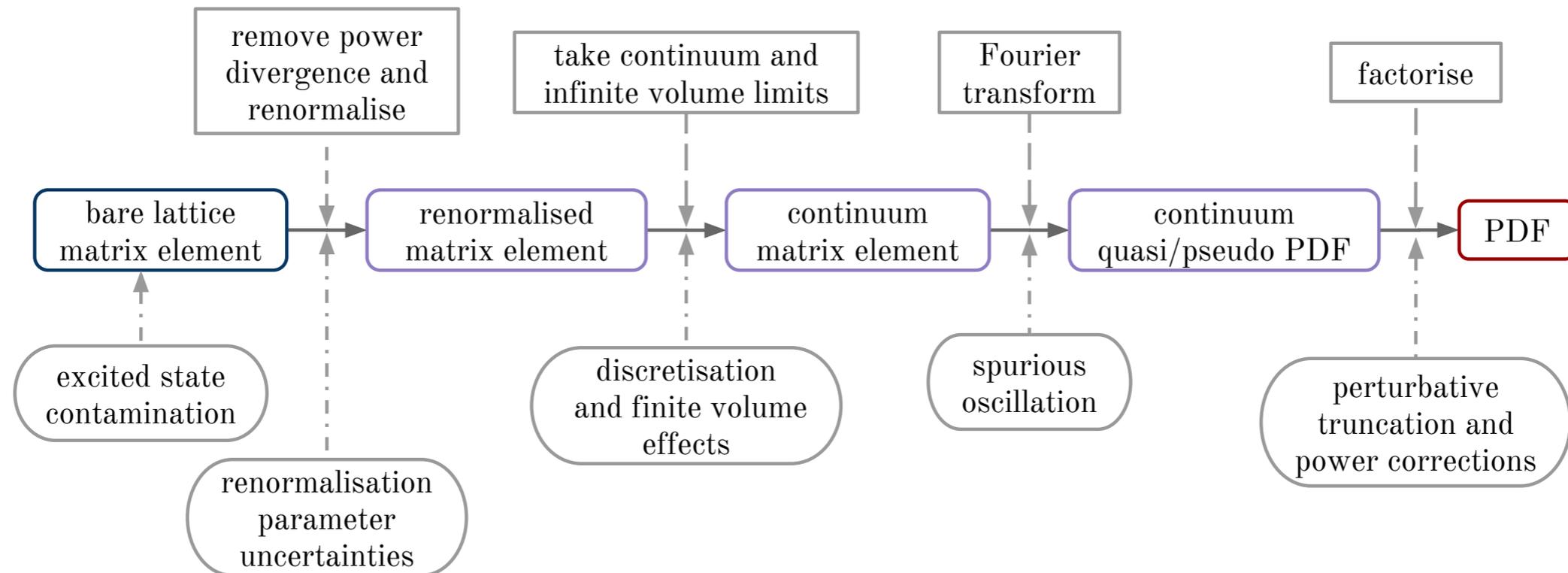
Values on x-axis: -0.0046, -0.04, -0.01

[Djukanovic et al., arXiv:1903.12566]

- * Good agreement among different calculations
- * Increase statistical precision further

PDFs from Lattice QCD

- * Workflow diagram for PDF determination *[Monahan, arXiv:1811.00678]*

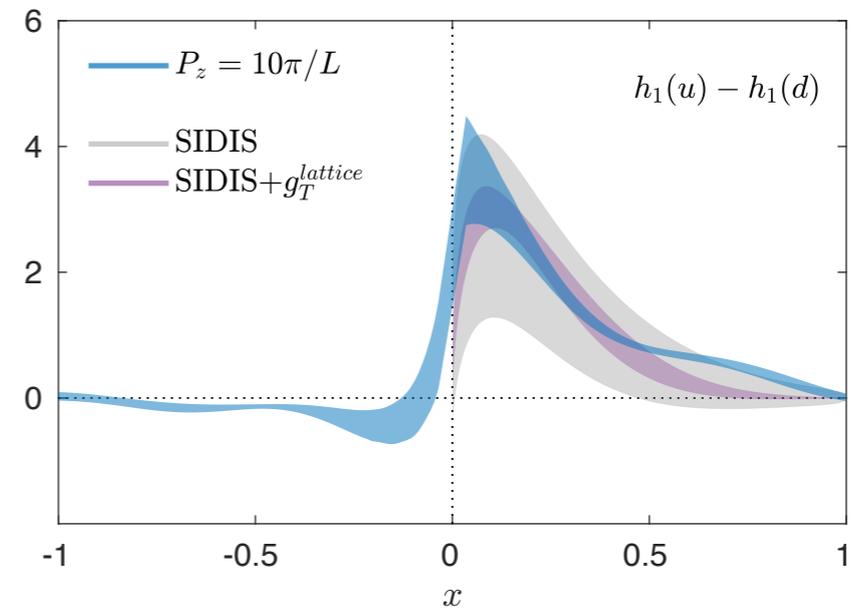
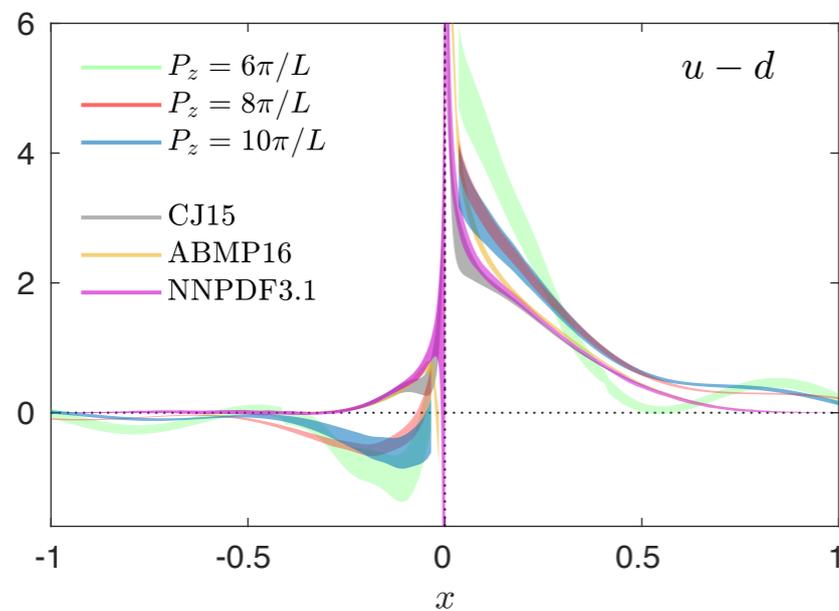


- * Control over lattice systematics
- * Non-local operator matching and renormalisation
- * Higher-twist effects
- * Inverse transform problems

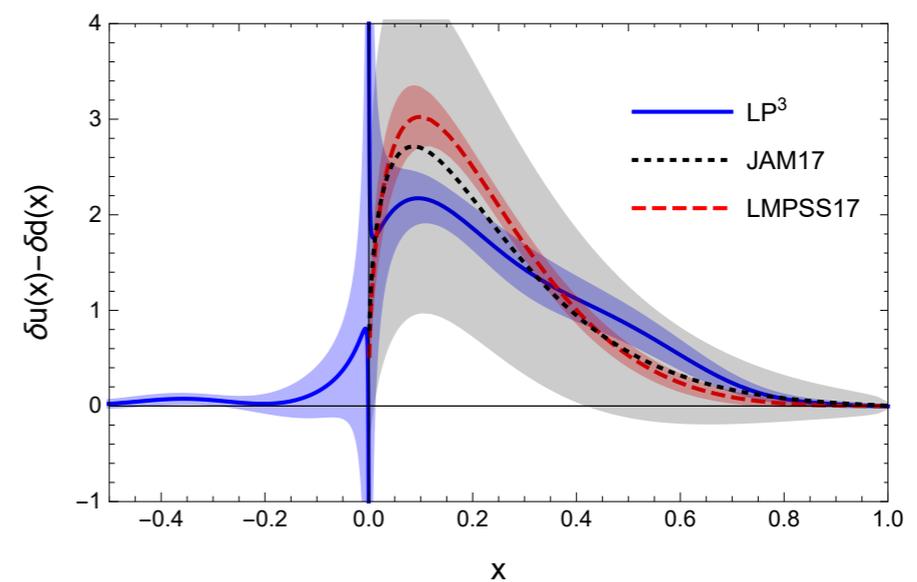
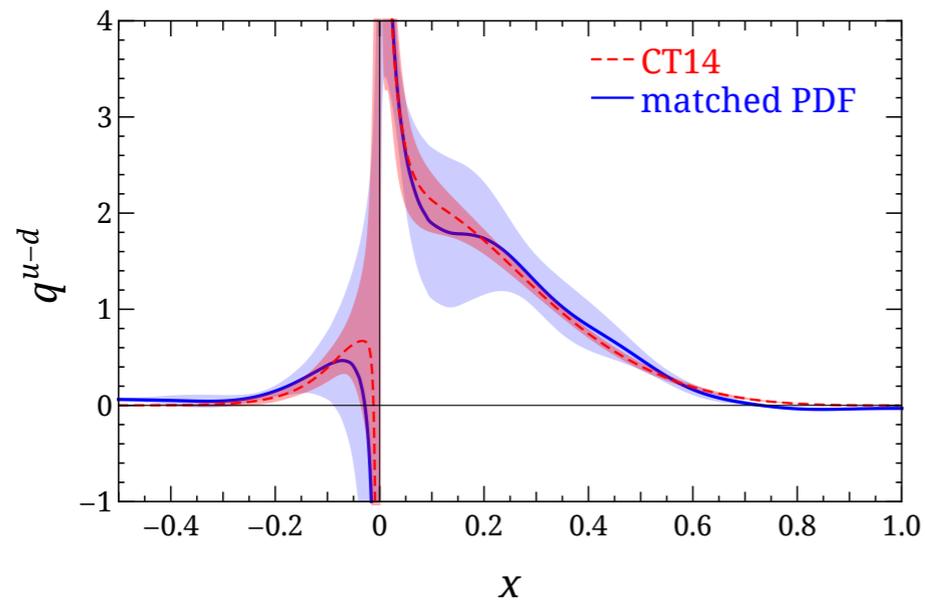
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* Isovector unpolarised and transversity distributions [Monahan, arXiv:1811.00678]

[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1803.02685, arXiv:1807.00232]

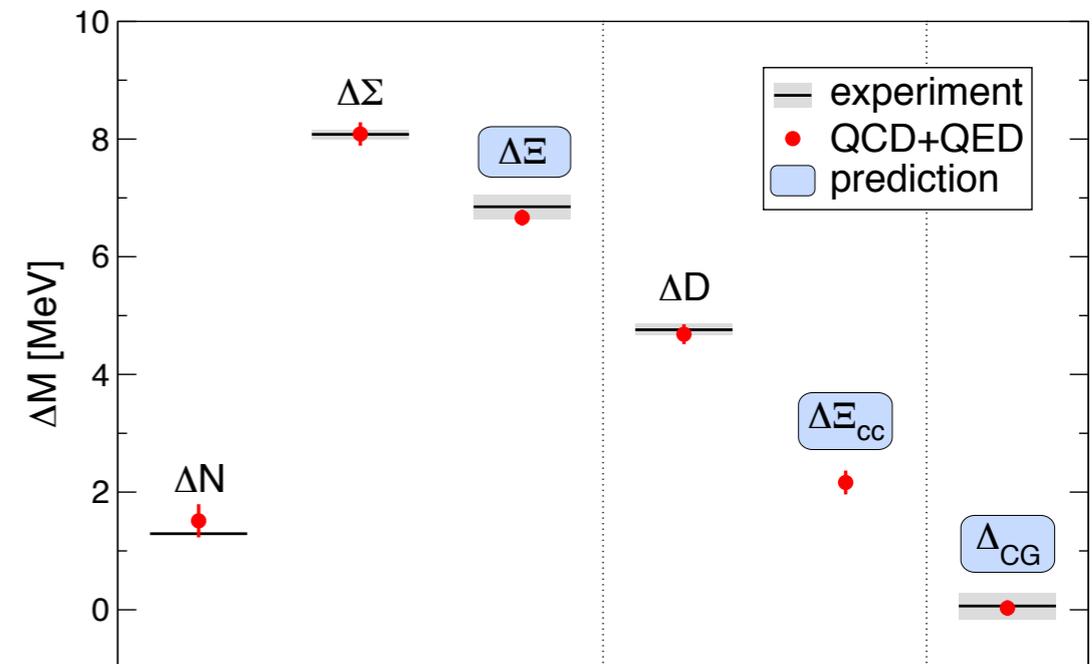


[Chen et al., arXiv:1803.04393, Liu et al., arXiv:1810.05043]



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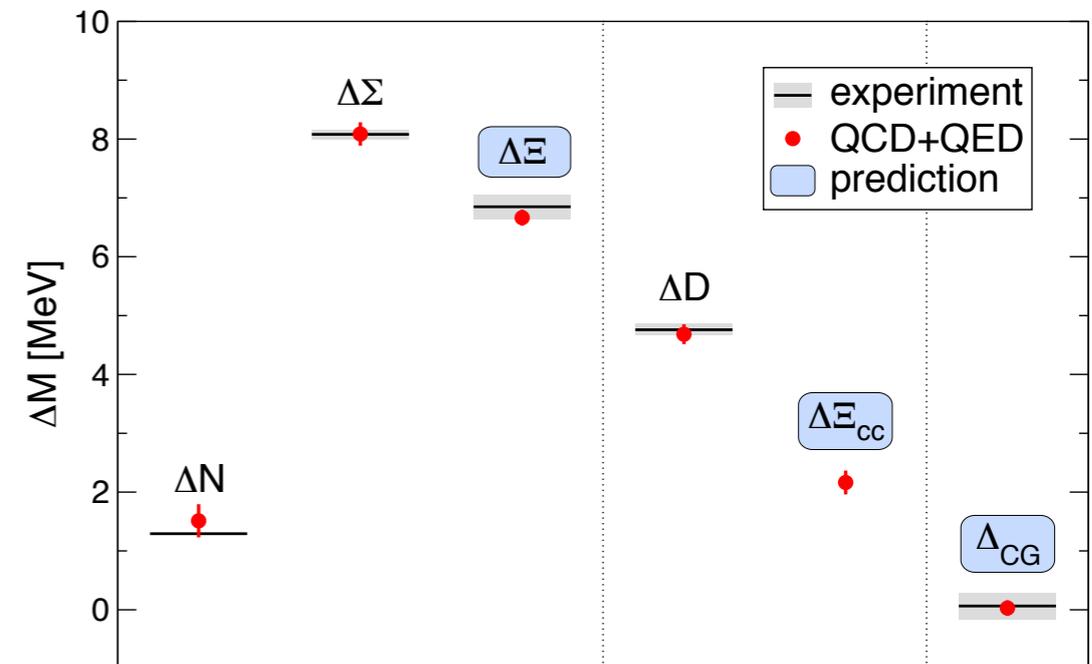
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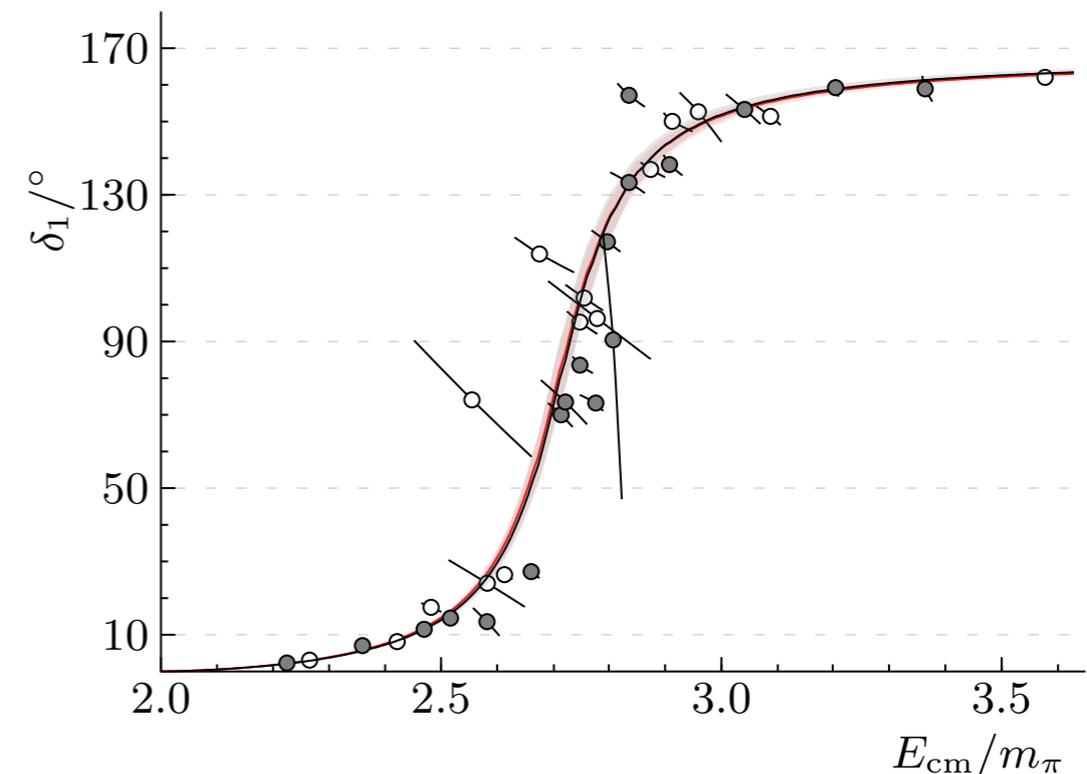
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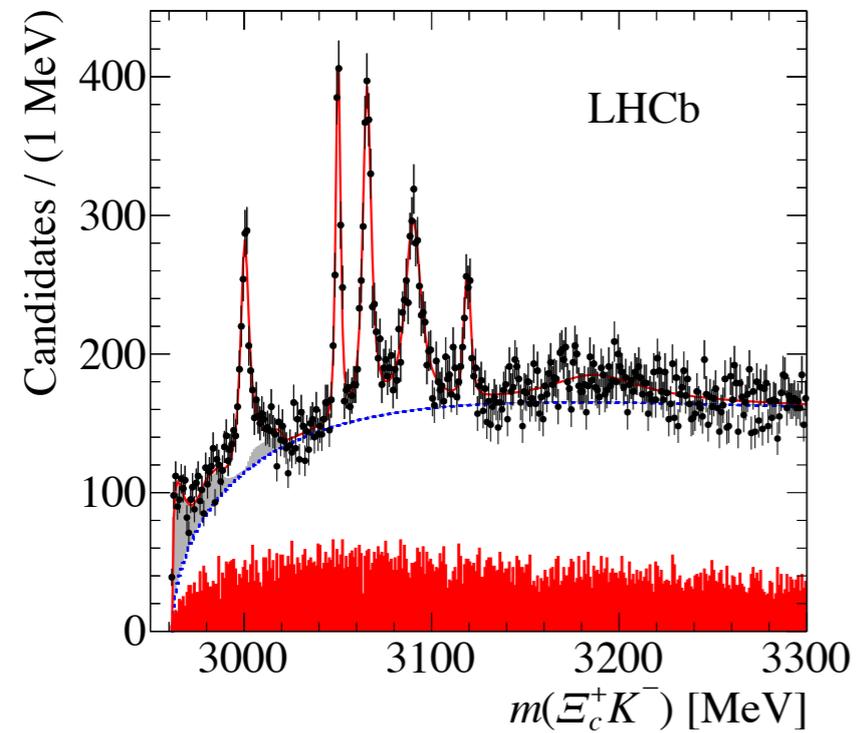
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[Andersen et al., NPB 939 (2019) 145]

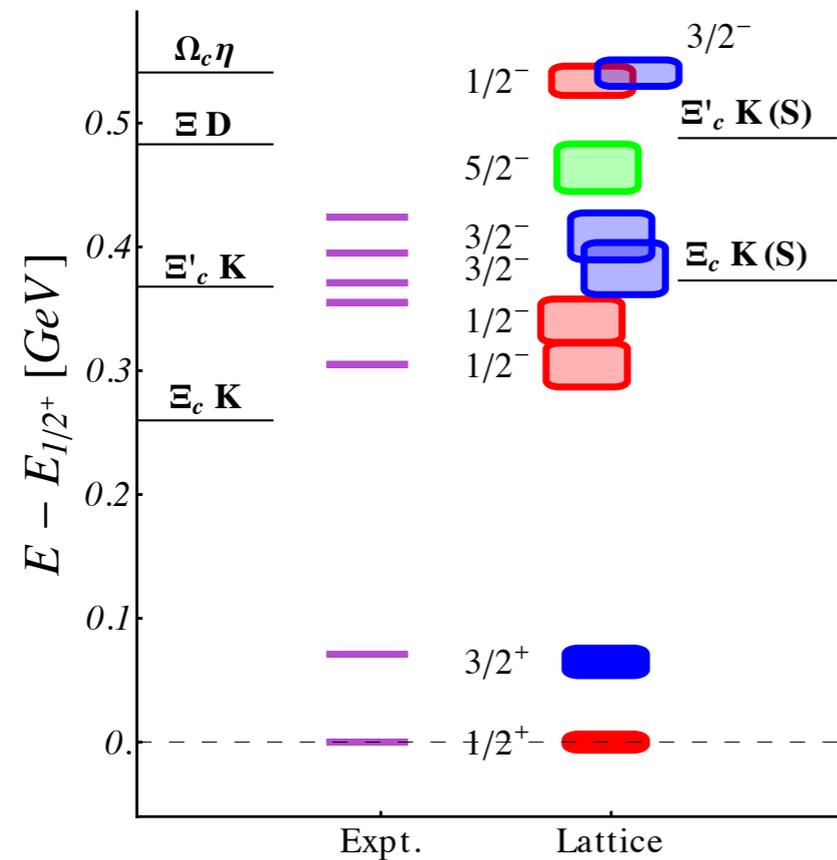
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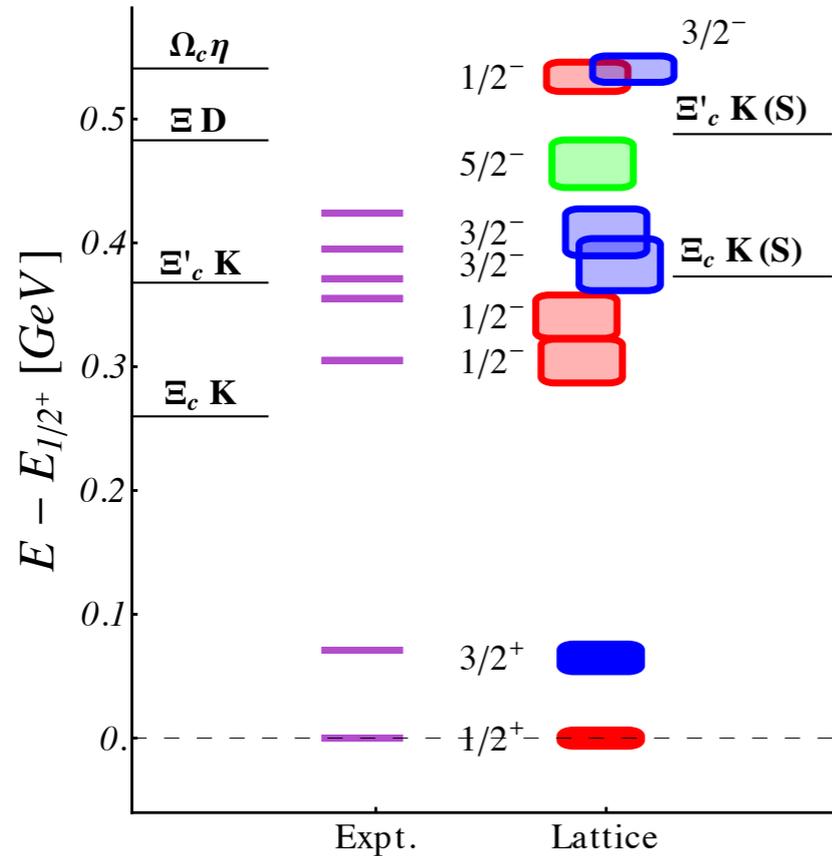


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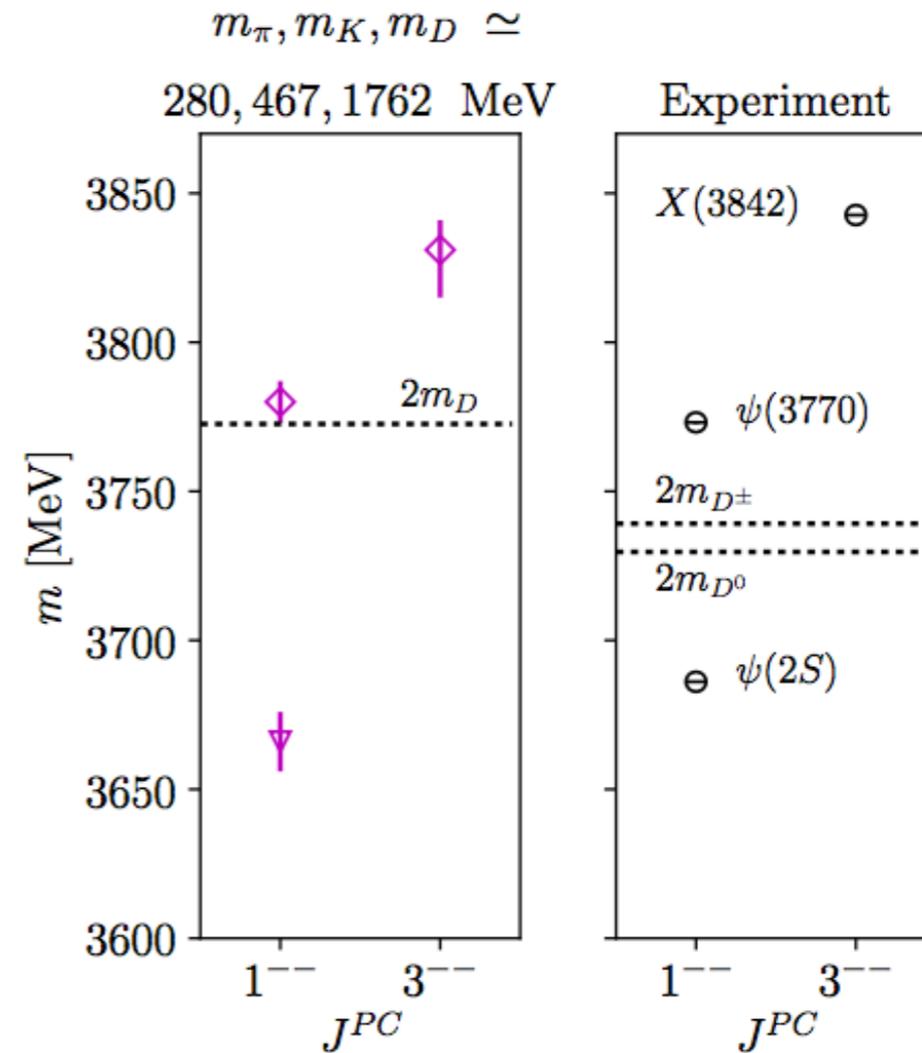
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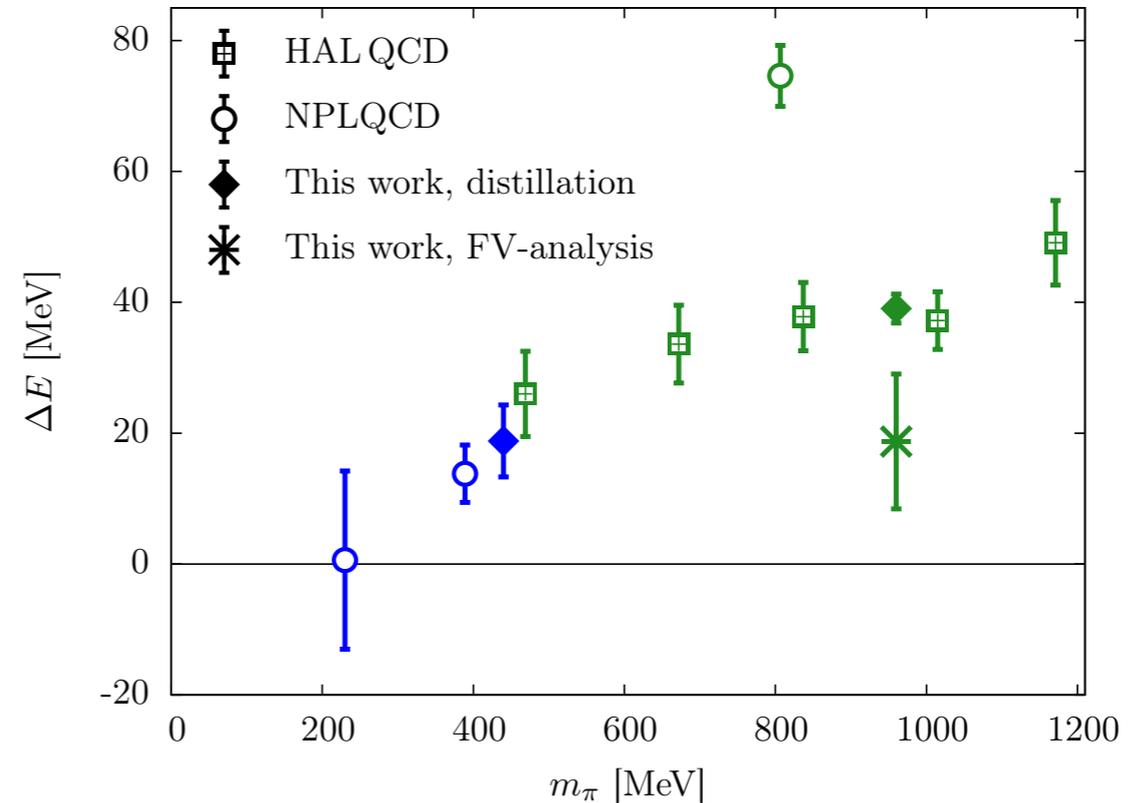
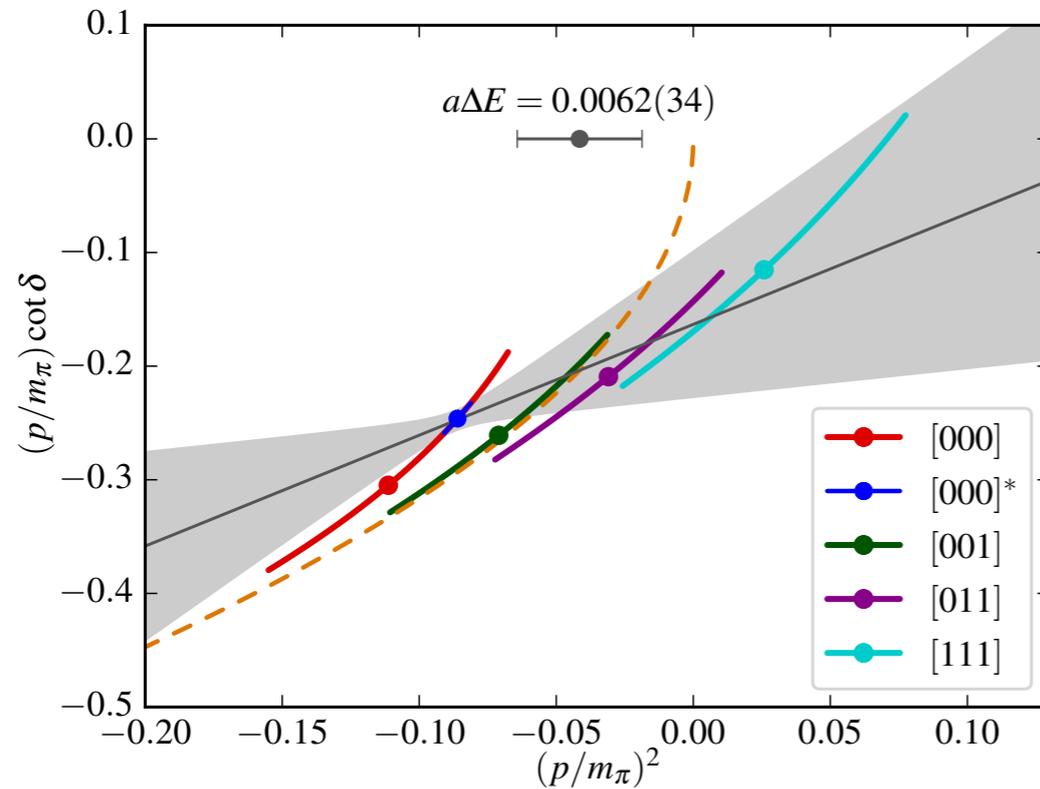


* Good agreement between conventional charmonia and recently discovered $X(3842)$ resonance

[LHCb Collab., arXiv:1903.12240,
Piemonte et al., arXiv:1905.03506]

The H Dibaryon

- * Conjectured scalar, SU(3)-singlet hexaquark state with quark content $udsuds$



- * Binding energy from pole of scattering amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{2}{\gamma L \sqrt{\pi}} \mathcal{Z}_{00}(1, (pL/2\pi)^2)$$

$$p^2 = \frac{1}{4}(E^2 - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{P}) - m_\Lambda^2$$

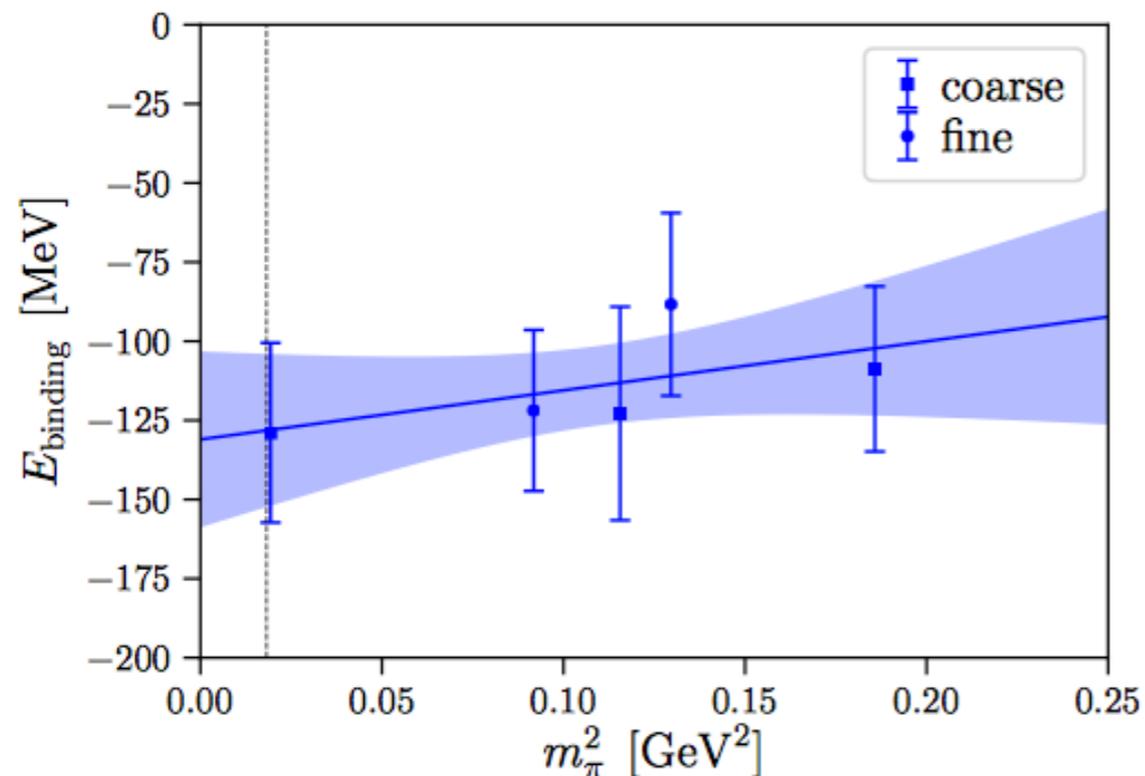
[Francis et al., PRD 99 (2019) 074505]

Tetraquarks

- * Prediction of doubly-bottom tetraquark states:

$$\bar{b}\bar{b}ud, \quad (J^P = 1^+, I = 0)$$

- * Apply Lüscher finite-volume quantisation condition to extract binding energy



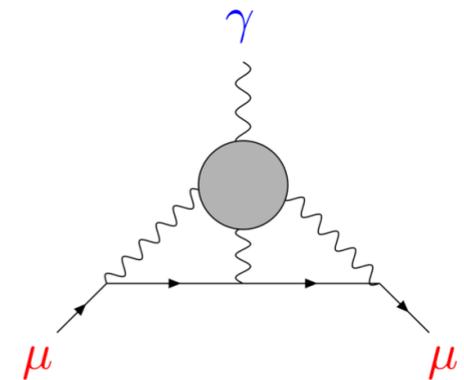
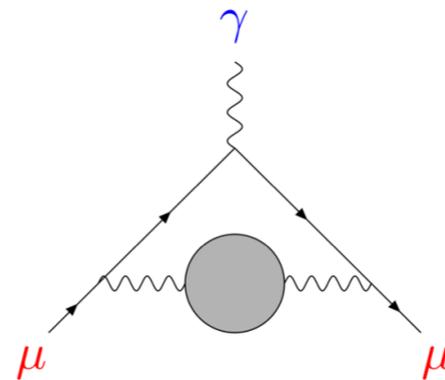
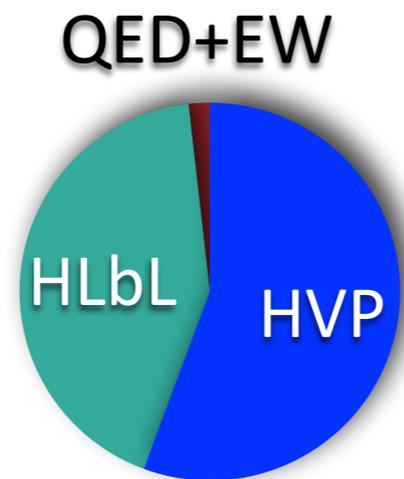
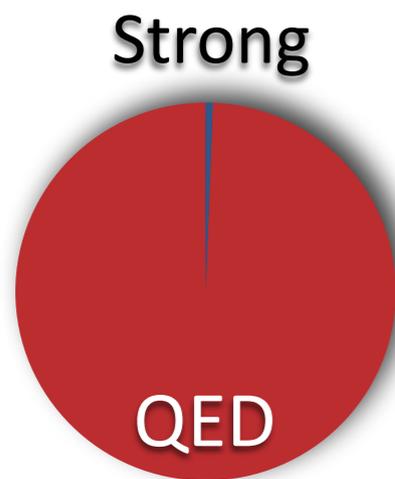
$$\Delta E = m_{\text{tetra}} - m_B - m_{B^*_{(s)}}$$

[Leskovec et al., arXiv:1904.04197]

- * Tetraquark also expected for $\bar{b}\bar{b}us$, $(J^P = 1^+)$

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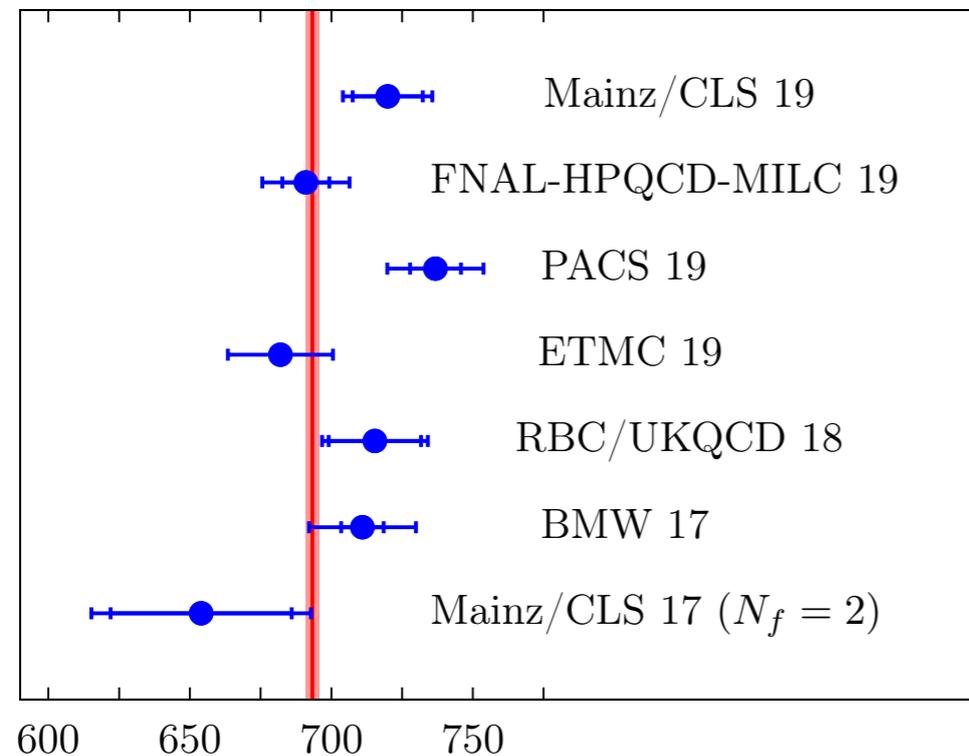
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- * Target precision: $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} / a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} < 0.5\%$, $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{hlbl}} / a_{\mu}^{\text{hlbl}} \lesssim 10\%$

Hadronic contributions to the muon $g - 2$

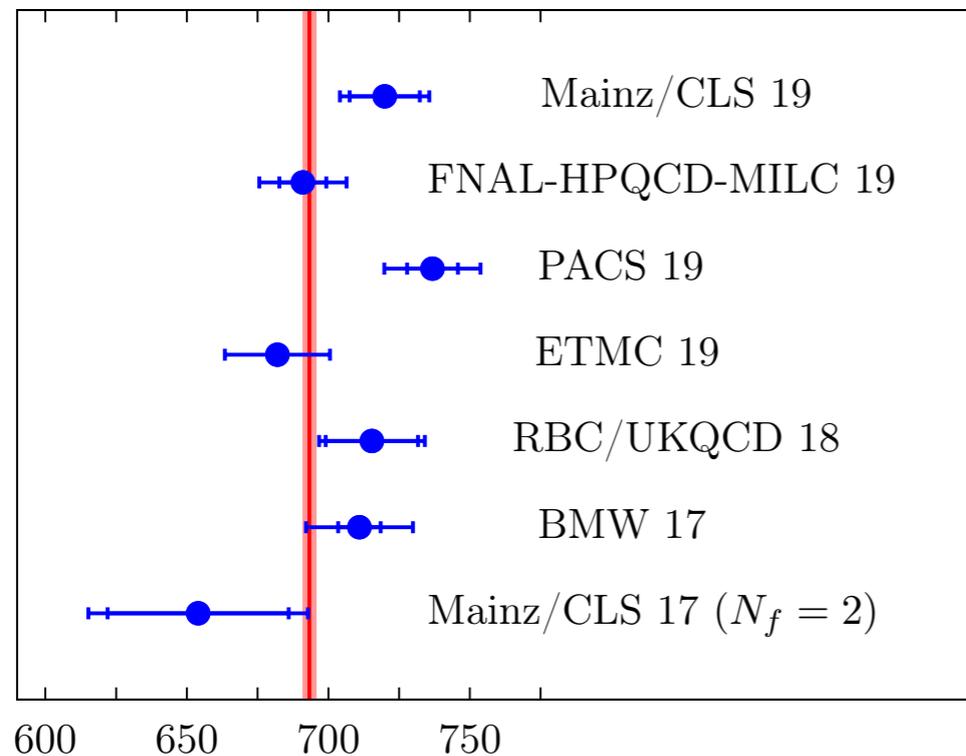
* Hadronic vacuum polarisation:



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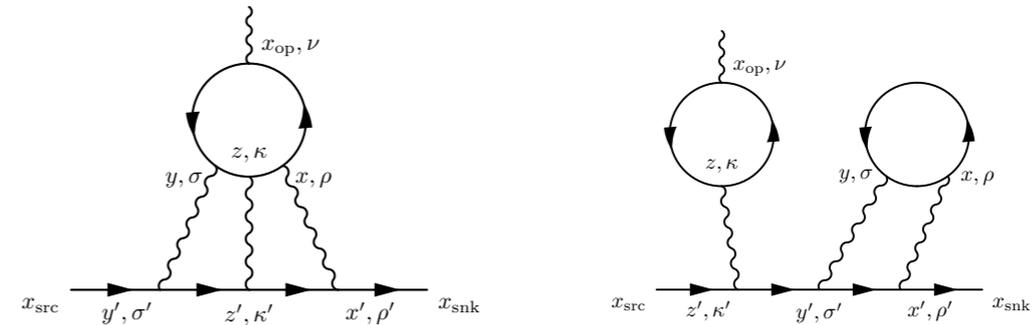
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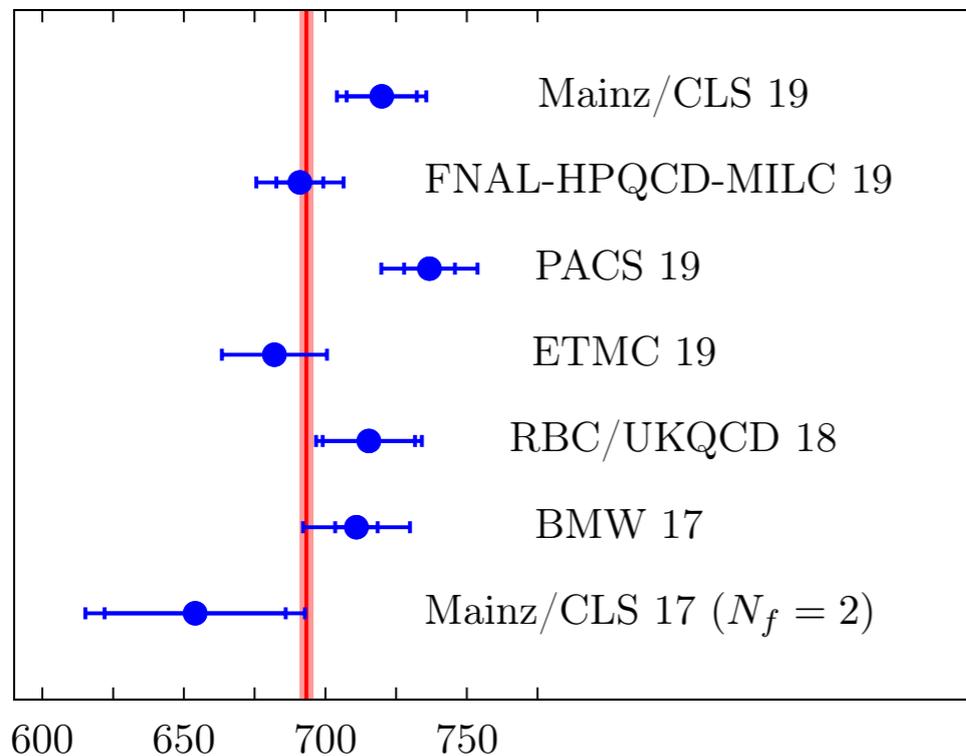
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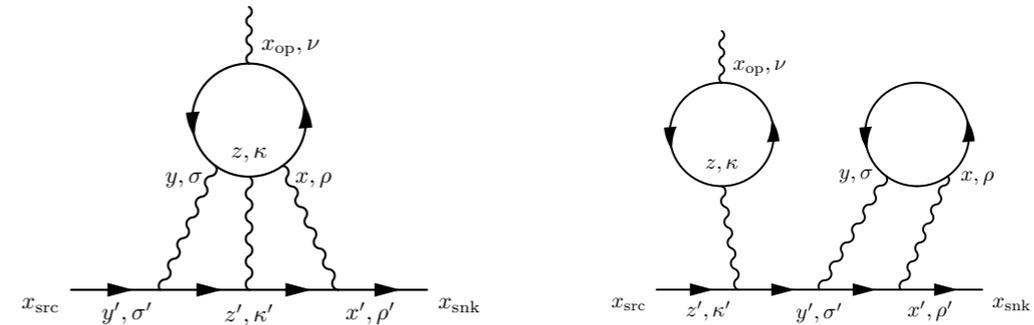
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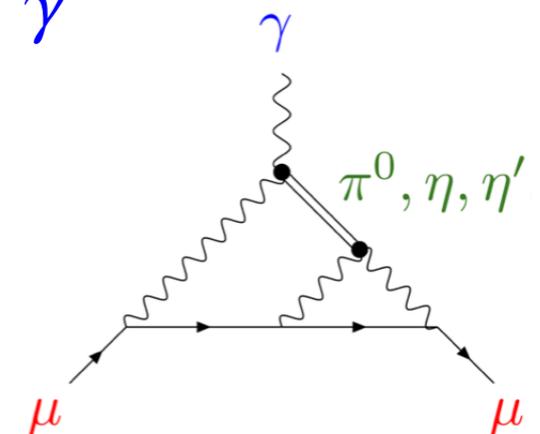
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[Gérardin et al., arXiv:1903.09471, Hoferichter et al., arXiv:1808.04823]

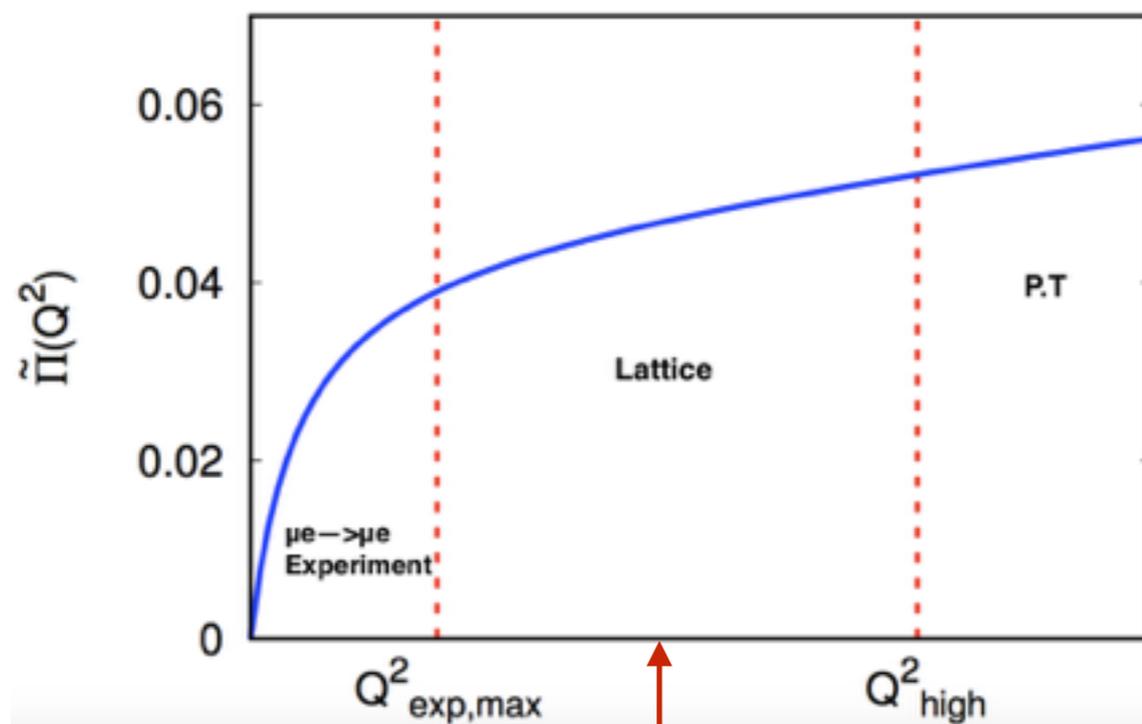


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- * Convolution integral over Euclidean momenta: *[Lautrup & de Rafael; Blum]*

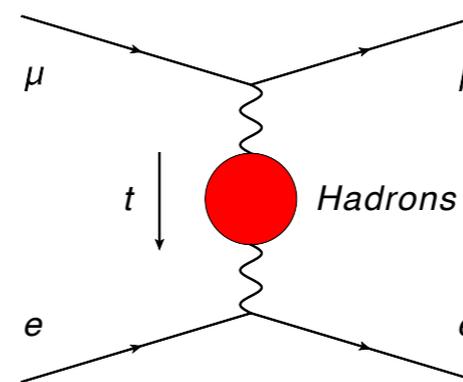
$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^{\infty} dQ^2 f(Q^2) \hat{\Pi}(Q^2), \quad \hat{\Pi}(Q^2) = 4\pi^2 (\Pi(Q^2) - \Pi(0))$$

- * Hybrid method: use experimental data in the low-momentum region



MUonE experiment:

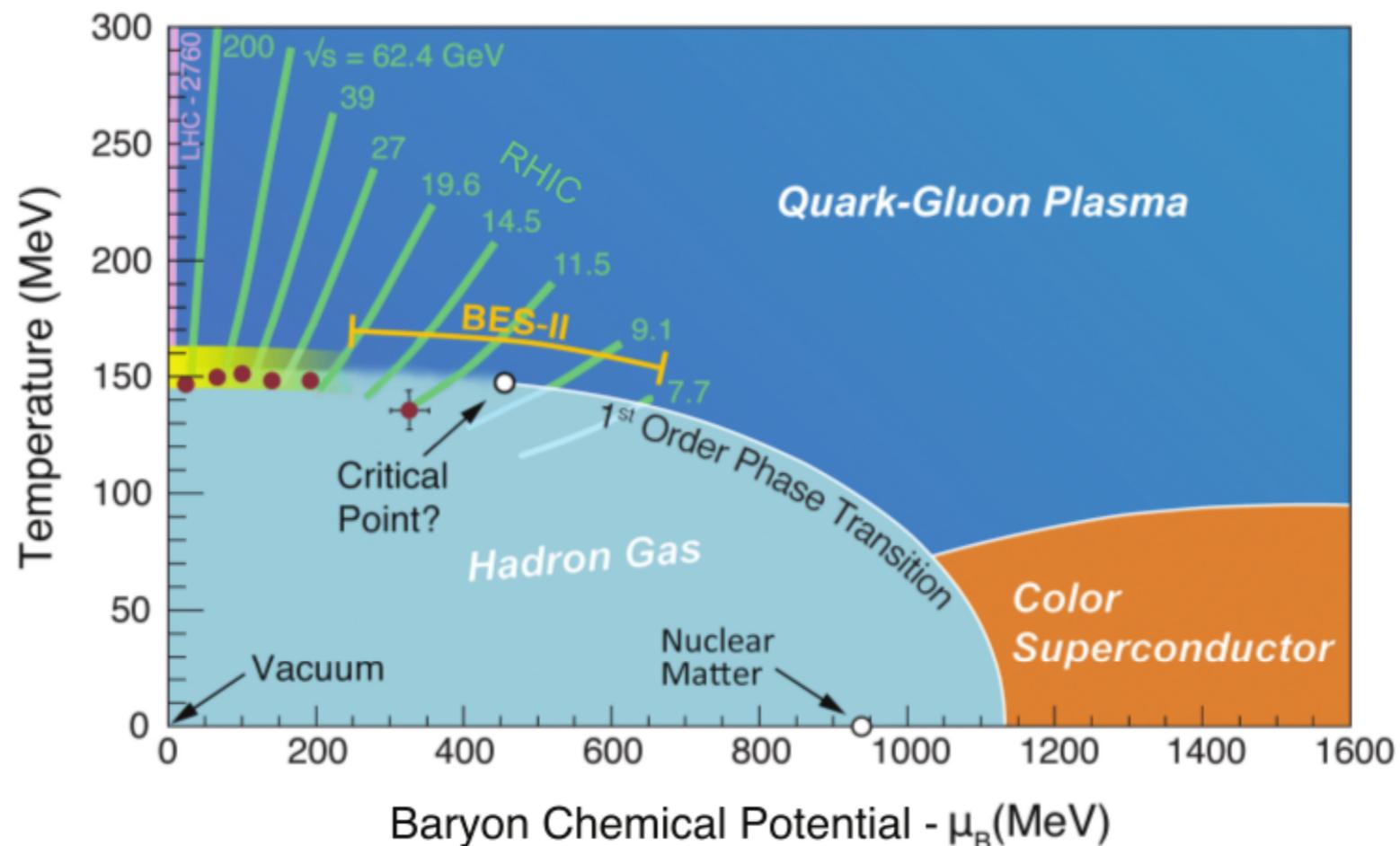
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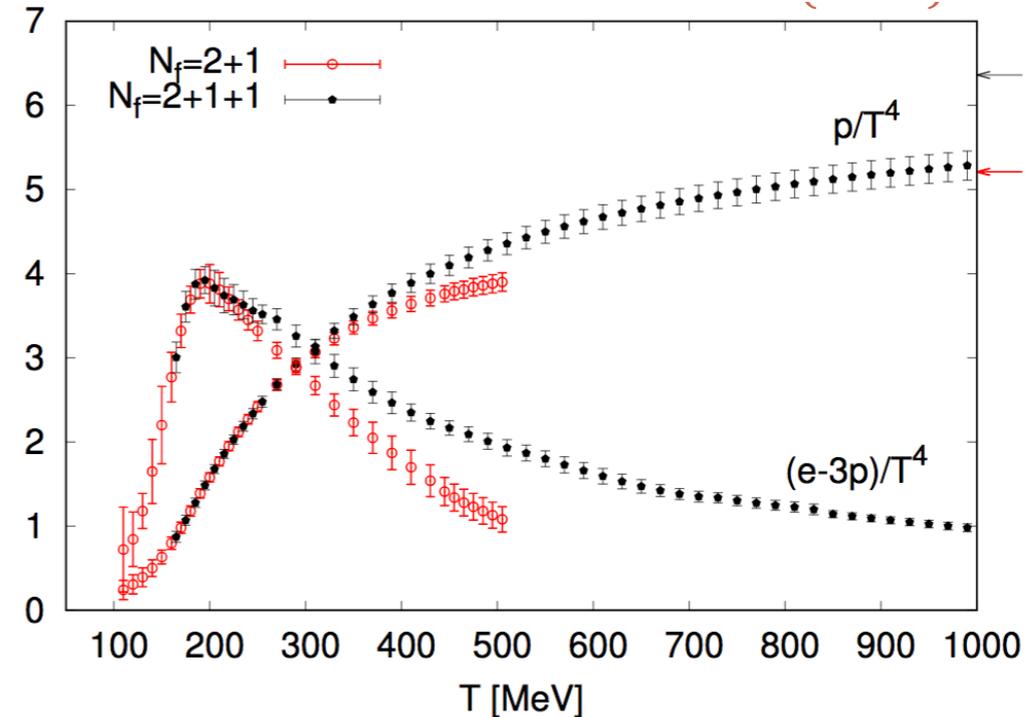
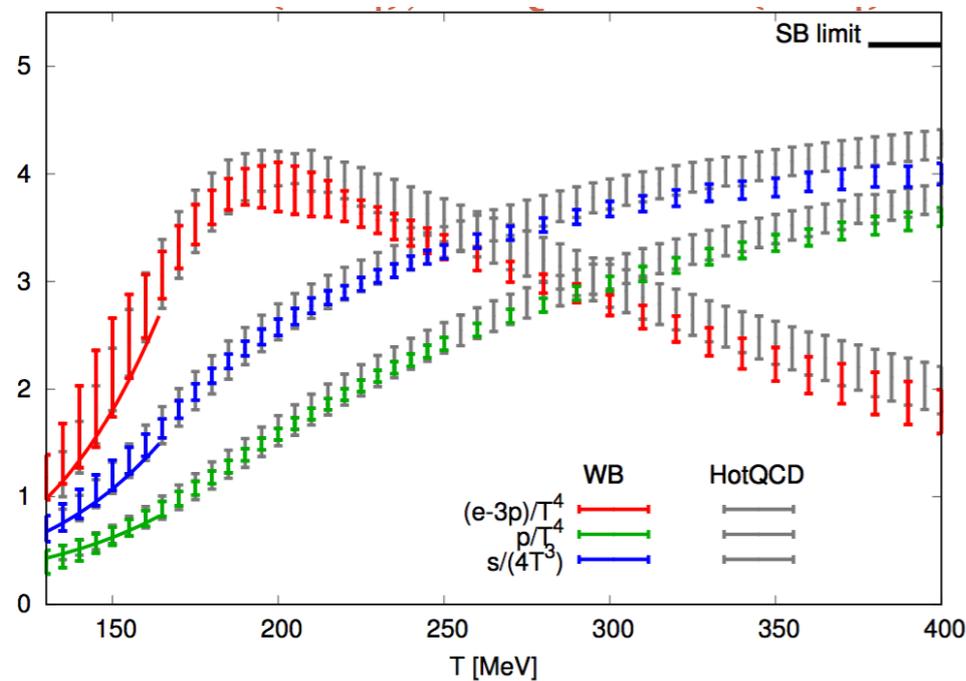
Quark determinant complex for $\mu_B \neq 0$; conventional MC sampling fails

\rightarrow Taylor expansion, imaginary μ_B , reweighting

Equation of State

* Equation of State: Lattice QCD vs. Hadron Resonance Gas

[C Ratti @ Lattice2018; Bazavov et al., arXiv:1407.6387; Borsanyi et al., arXiv:1309.5258]



* Extension to non-zero baryon density via Taylor expansion:

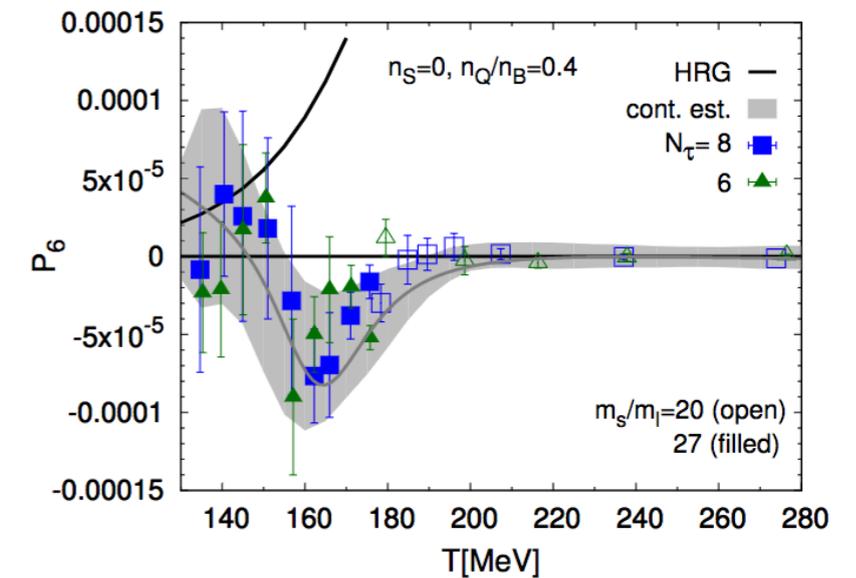
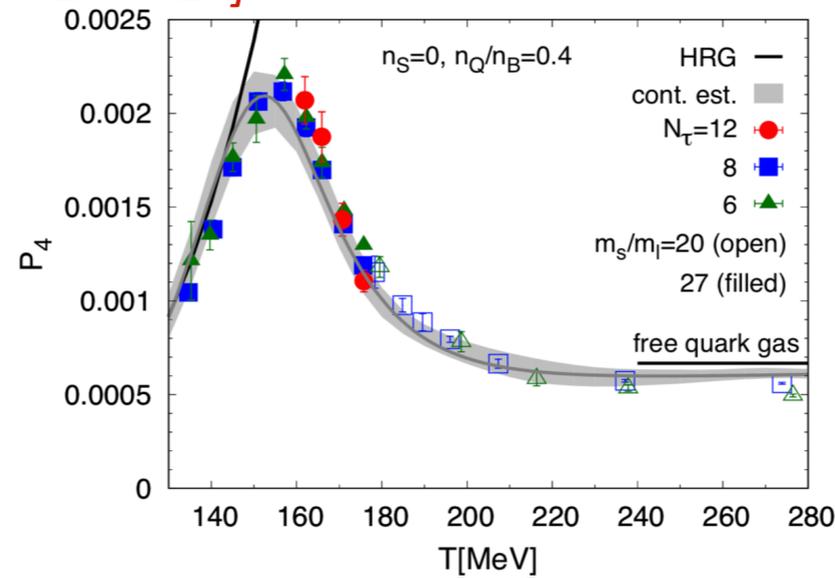
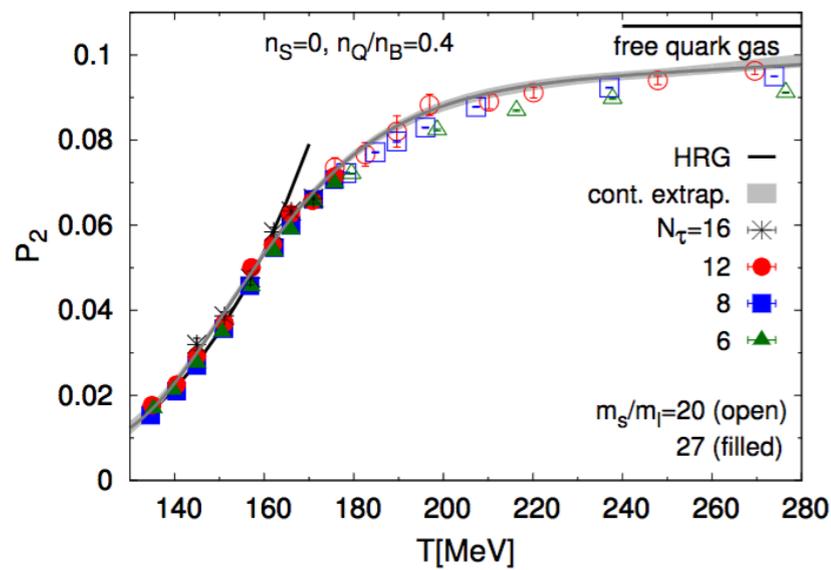
$$\frac{p(T, \mu_B)}{T^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{2n}(T) \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n}$$

* Direct lattice calculation of coefficients; imaginary chemical potential

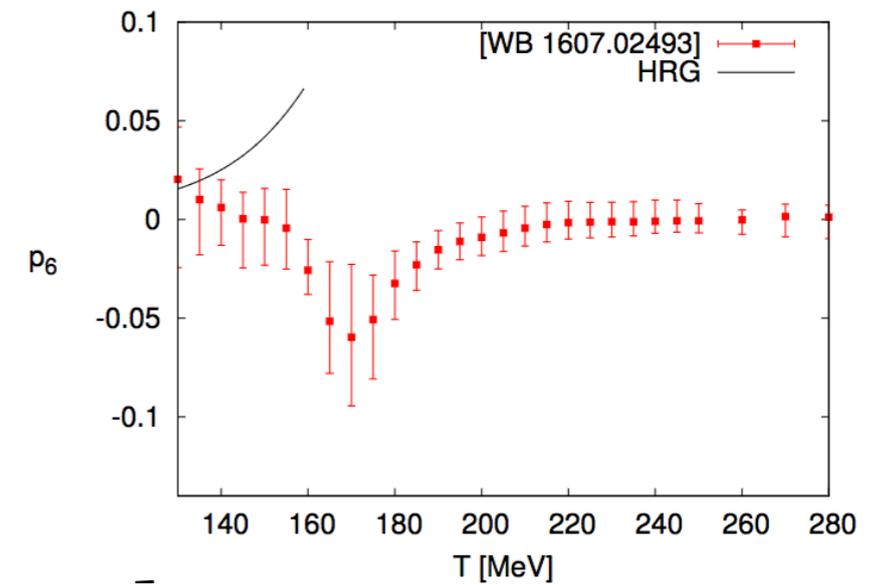
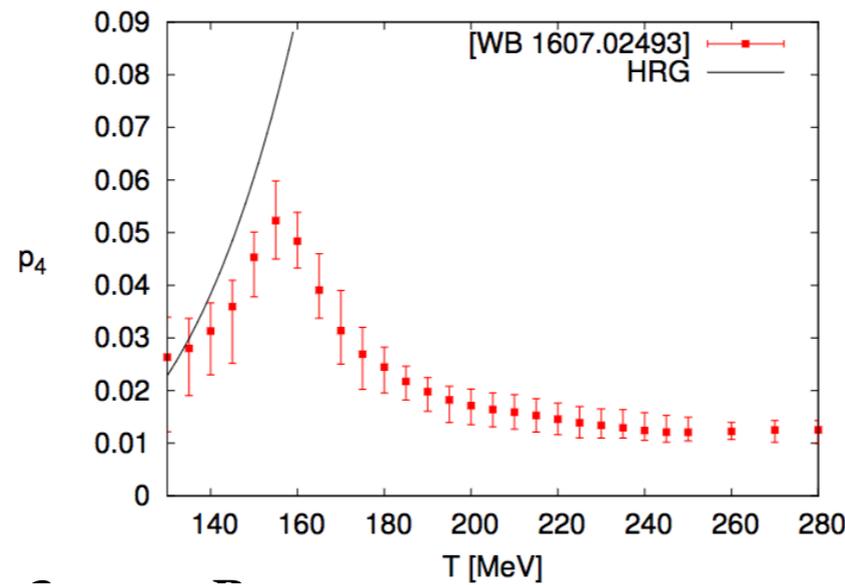
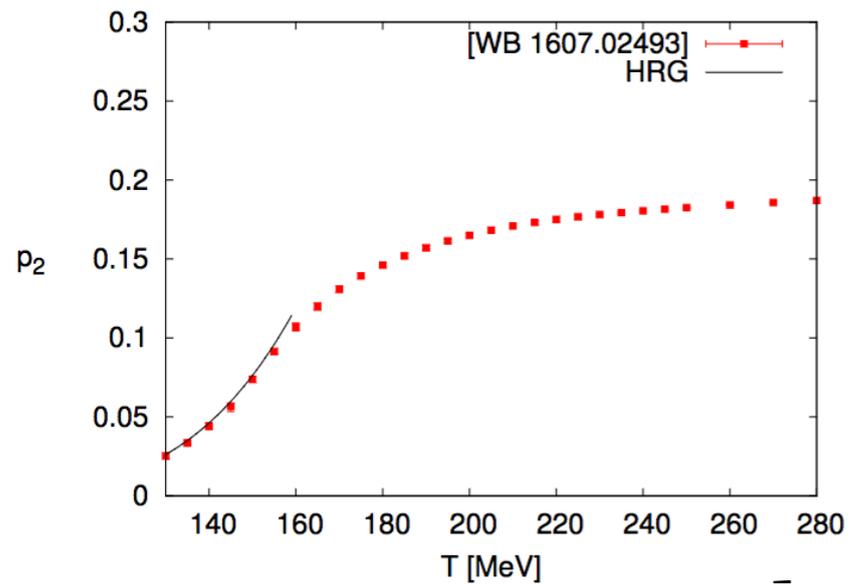
Equation of state for $\mu_B \neq 0$

* Pressure coefficients — strangeness neutrality

[Bazavov et al. (HotQCD), arXiv:1701.04325]



[Günther et al. (BW), arXiv:1607.02493]

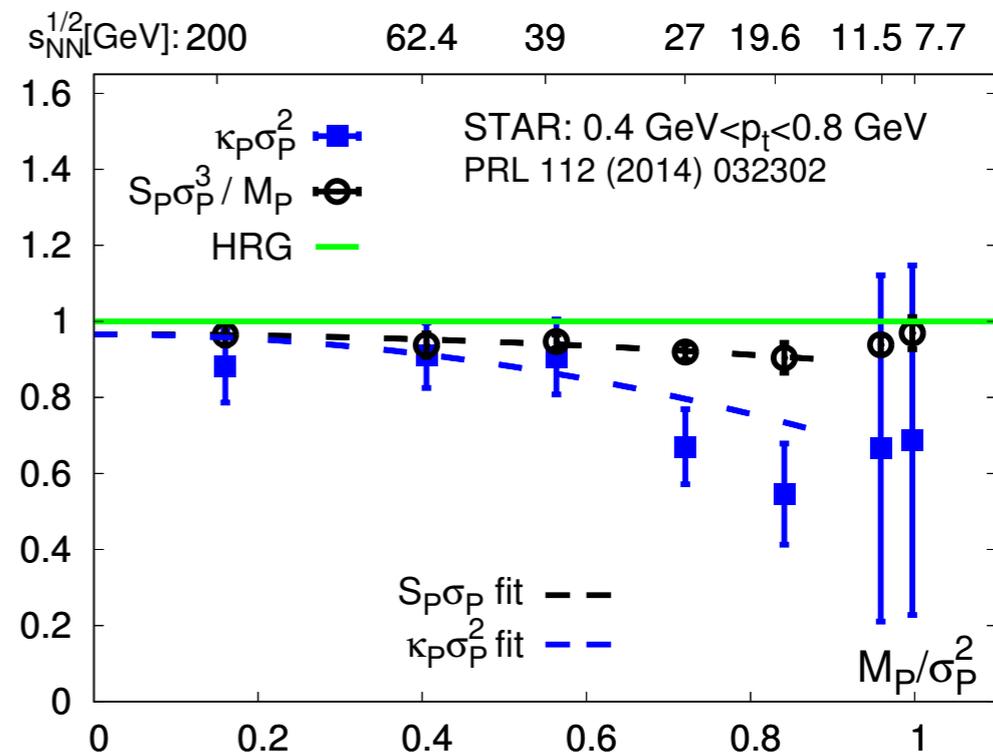
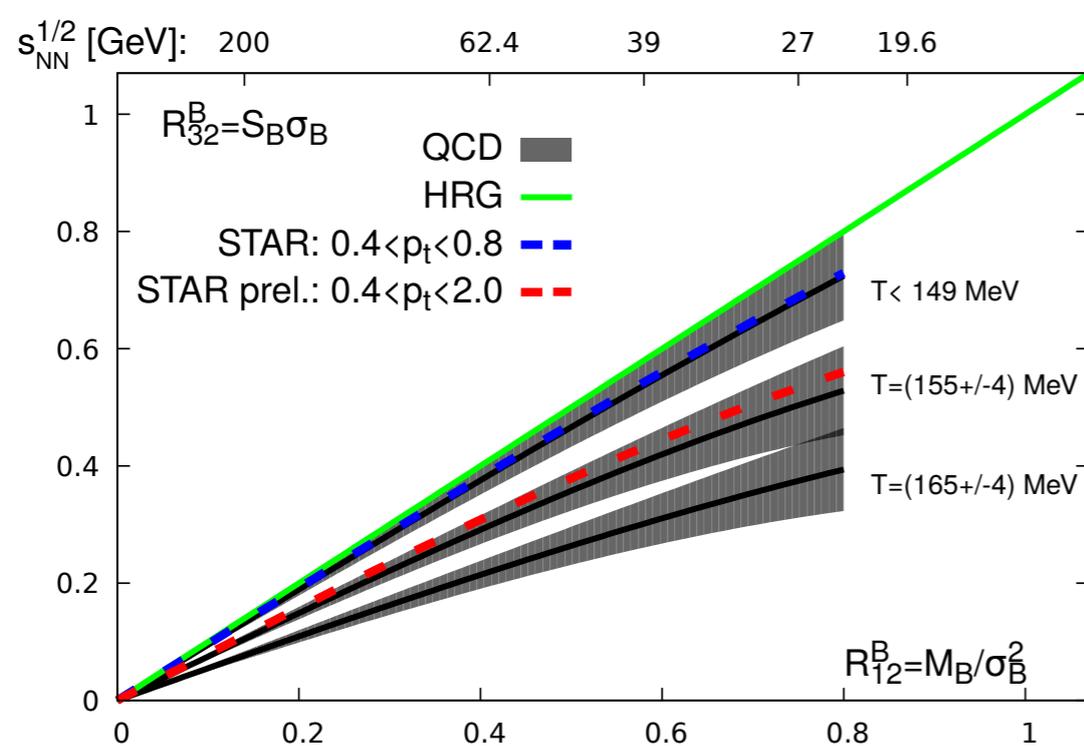


Fluctuation observables

- * Study evolution of heavy-ion collisions — freeze-out properties
- * Fluctuations of conserved charges linked to cumulants, e.g.

$$\chi_n^B = T^{n-4} \frac{\partial^n p(T, \mu_B)}{\partial \mu_B^n}, \quad \chi_2^B \sim \langle (\Delta N_B)^2 \rangle$$

- * Compare cumulant ratios to experiment and HRG model



[Bazavov et al. (HotQCD), arXiv:1708.04897]

Resources

- * Sufficient computing resources crucial for continued progress
- * Estimated required resources for all European groups:
 ≈ 10 Gcore-hours p.a.
- * Lattice QCD has driven the field of High-Performance Computing

(Hitachi's CP-PACS, IBM's BlueGene, APE computers, LQCD on GPUs)



- * Future applications will require **Exa-scale computing capabilities**
- * New approaches:
machine learning, path optimisation, quantum computing,...

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