

# Structure of pion and kaon from lattice QCD

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# Motivation

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- Huge progress in tackling hadronic light-cone observables on the lattice
- “Light-like” separated hadronic tensor- K-F Liu et al [Phys. Rev. Lett. 72 1790 \(1994\)](#) ,  
[Phys. Rev. D62 \(2000\) 074501](#)  
A Chambers et.al [\(2017\) 1703.01153](#)
- Ioffe Time Pseudo Distribution Methods –  
Quasi PDF: X. Ji, [Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, \(2013\)](#)  
J.-W. Chen et.al. [\(2018\) 1803.04393](#)  
C Alexandrou et.al. [\(2018\) 1803.02685](#)  
  
Pseudo PDF : A. Radyushkin [Phys.Lett. B767 \(2017\)](#)  
K. Orginos et. al. [\(2017\) 1706.05373](#)
- Another new concept – “Good” lattice cross-sections  
Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu [\(2014\) 1404.6860](#)  
Y.-Q. Ma, J.-W. Qiu [\(2017\) 1709.03018](#)

# PDFs from “Good” Lattice Cross-sections

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“Good” lattice cross sections – Ma & Qiu, Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018) no.2, 022003

If we can form single hadron matrix elements of renormalizable nonlocal operators such that -

(1) It is calculable in lattice- QCD with an Euclidean time,

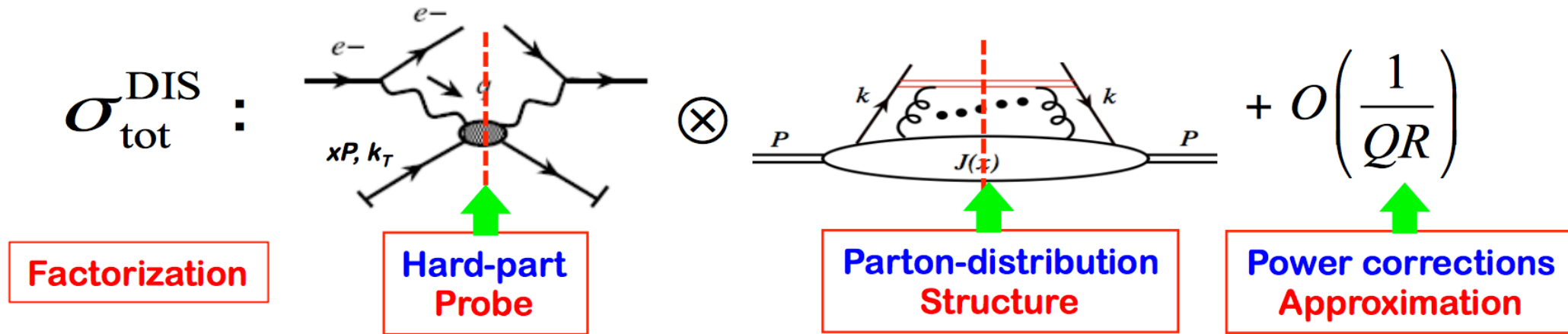
$$\sigma_n(\omega, \xi^2, P^2) = \langle P | T \{ \mathcal{O}_n(\xi) \} | P \rangle$$

(2) It has a well-defined continuum limit at the lattice spacing zero limit,

(3) It has the same and factorizable logarithmic collinear (CO) divergences as that of PDFs.

$$\mathcal{O}_{j_1 j_2}(\xi) \equiv \xi^{d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} - 2} Z_{j_1} Z_{j_2} j_1(\xi) j_2(0)$$

Then ...



If  $\xi^2$  is sufficiently small, the lattice cross-section constructed from two renormalizable currents can be factorized into PDFs

$$\sigma_n(\nu, z^2, p^2) = \sum_a \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_a(x, \mu^2) K_n^a(x\nu, z^2, x^2 p^2, \mu^2) + O(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

Ma & Qiu, Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018) no.2, 022003

$$f_{\bar{a}}(x, \mu^2) = -f_a(-x, \mu^2)$$

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What currents we can use?

$$\mathcal{O}_S(\xi) = \xi^4 Z_S^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \psi_q](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_q \psi_q](0) ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_V(\xi) = \xi^2 Z_V^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \not{x} \psi_q](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_q \not{x} \psi_q](0) ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{V}}(\xi) = -\frac{\xi^4}{2} Z_V^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \gamma_\nu \psi_q](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_q \gamma^\nu \psi_q](0) ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{V'}(\xi) = \xi^2 Z_{V'}^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \not{x} \psi_{q'}](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_{q'} \not{x} \psi_q](0) , \dots ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mu\nu}(\xi) = \xi^4 Z_V^2 [\bar{\psi}_q \gamma_\mu \psi_q](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_q \gamma_\nu \psi_q](0)$$

Including flavor changing and  
gluonic currents with  
any single hadronic state

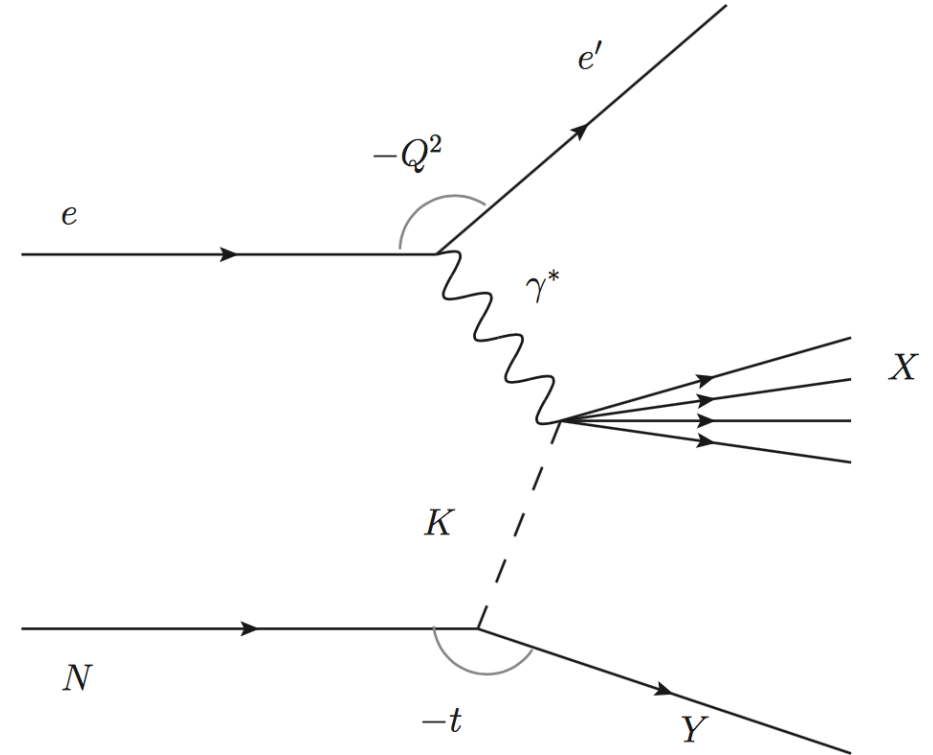
Raza Sufian's talk:  
Valence quark distribution  
in pion

# Motivation for Kaon PDF calculation

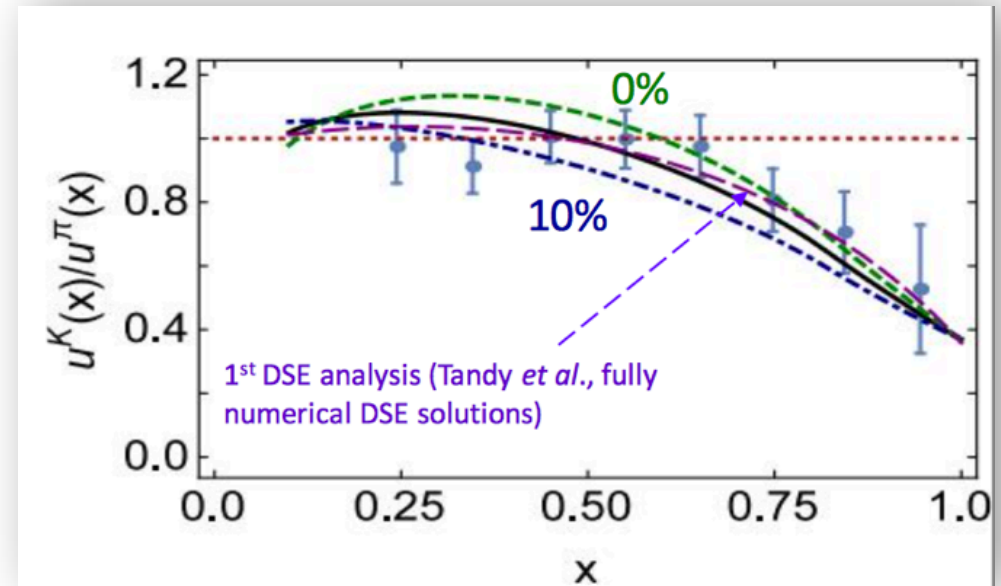
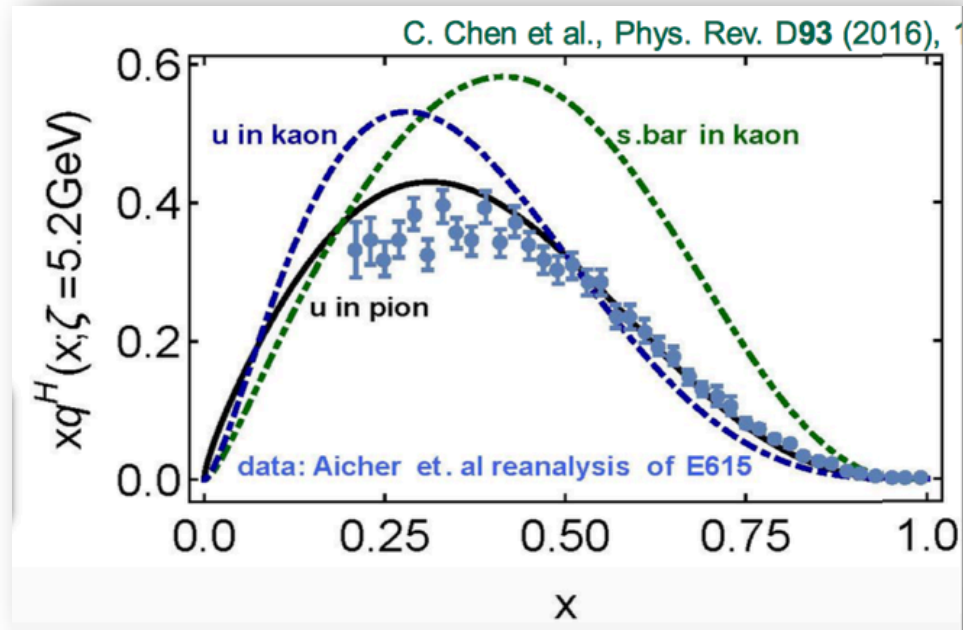
- Limited Old data from Drell-Yan – no “Global” fit exists for Kaon PDF
- JLab 12 GeV: approved pion-TDIS ( $\pi$ -TDIS, PR12-15-006) will also measure

Kaon structure functions for the first time ever at small  $x$

- Long-searched-for Sullivan process for accessing the kaon structure function
- EIC will add large  $(x, Q^2)$  landscape for both pion and kaon!



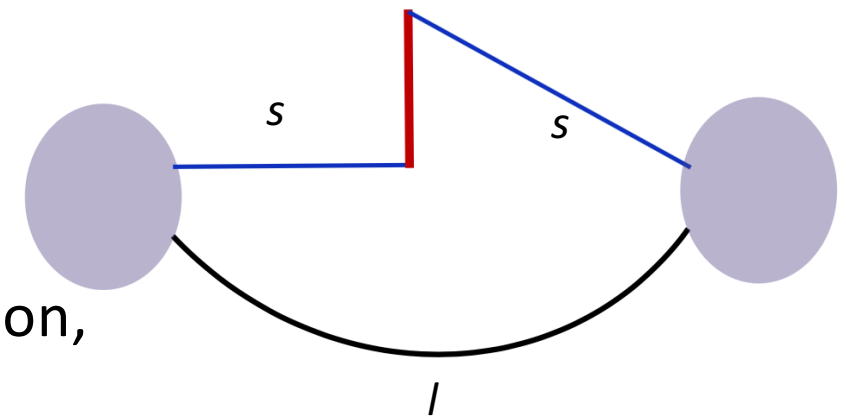
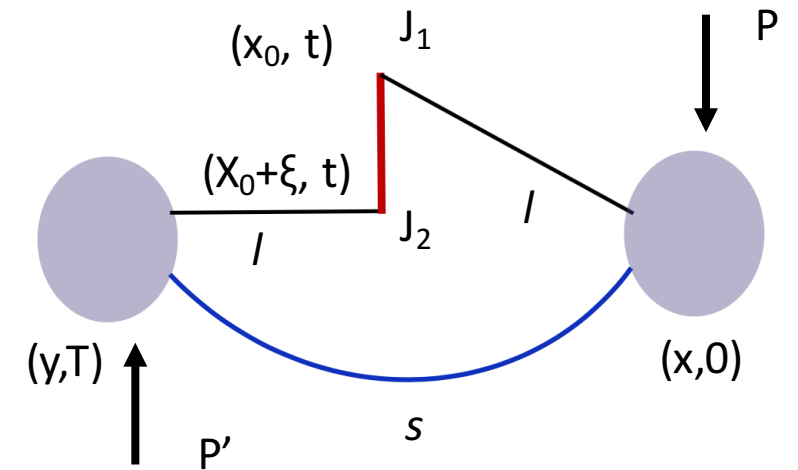
- Recent DSE calculations of pion and Kaon PDFs and ratios



First-principle lattice QCD calculation of needed –  
first direct calculation of Kaon PDF on the lattice

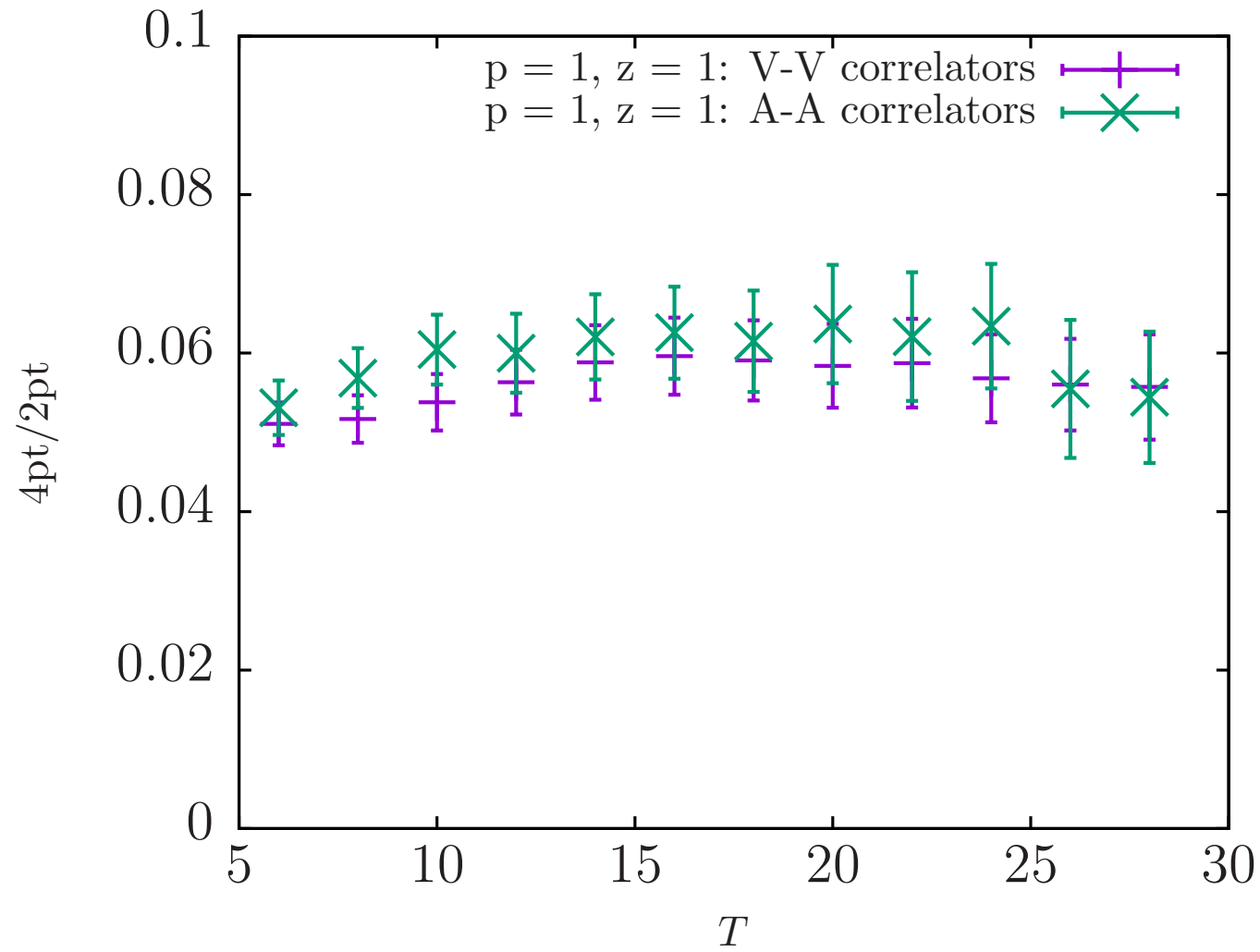
# Lattice simulation

- ❑ Need calculation of four point functions, with 'red' being different heavier quarks [similar technique by Bali et. al. 1807.03073]
- ❑ Isoclover configurations  $32^3 \times 96$ , lattice spacing 0.127 fm
- ❑ Pion mass around 405 MeV
- ❑ Analysis shown on 100 configurations, 1 time source
- ❑ We will increase the statistics 20-30 times
- ❑ Current renormalisations known from previous calculation, arXiv:1611.07452
- ❑ Two-exponential fits for ratios of 4pt and 2pt functions



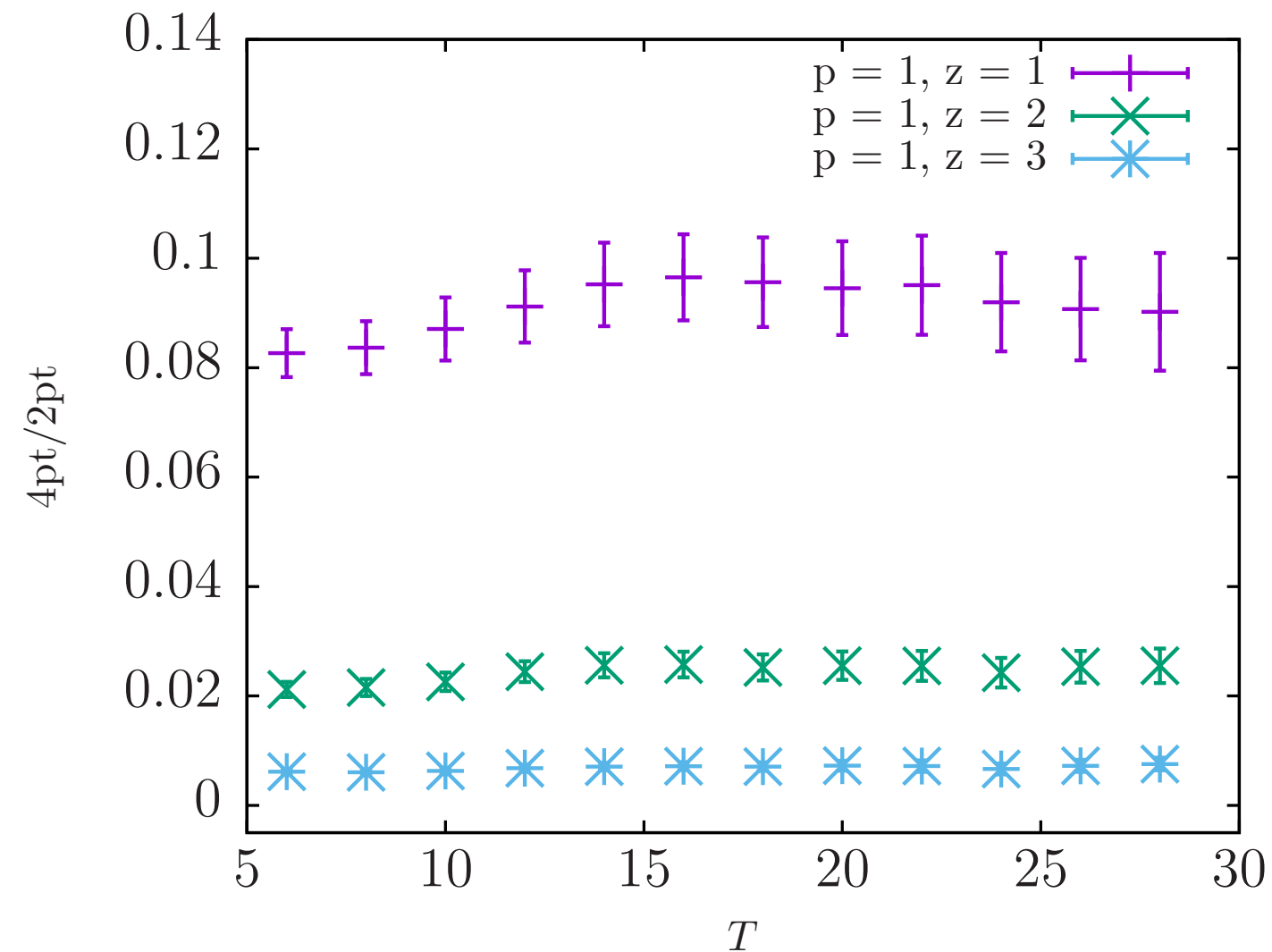
$\xi$  could be on/off axis

# (Very) preliminary lattice results

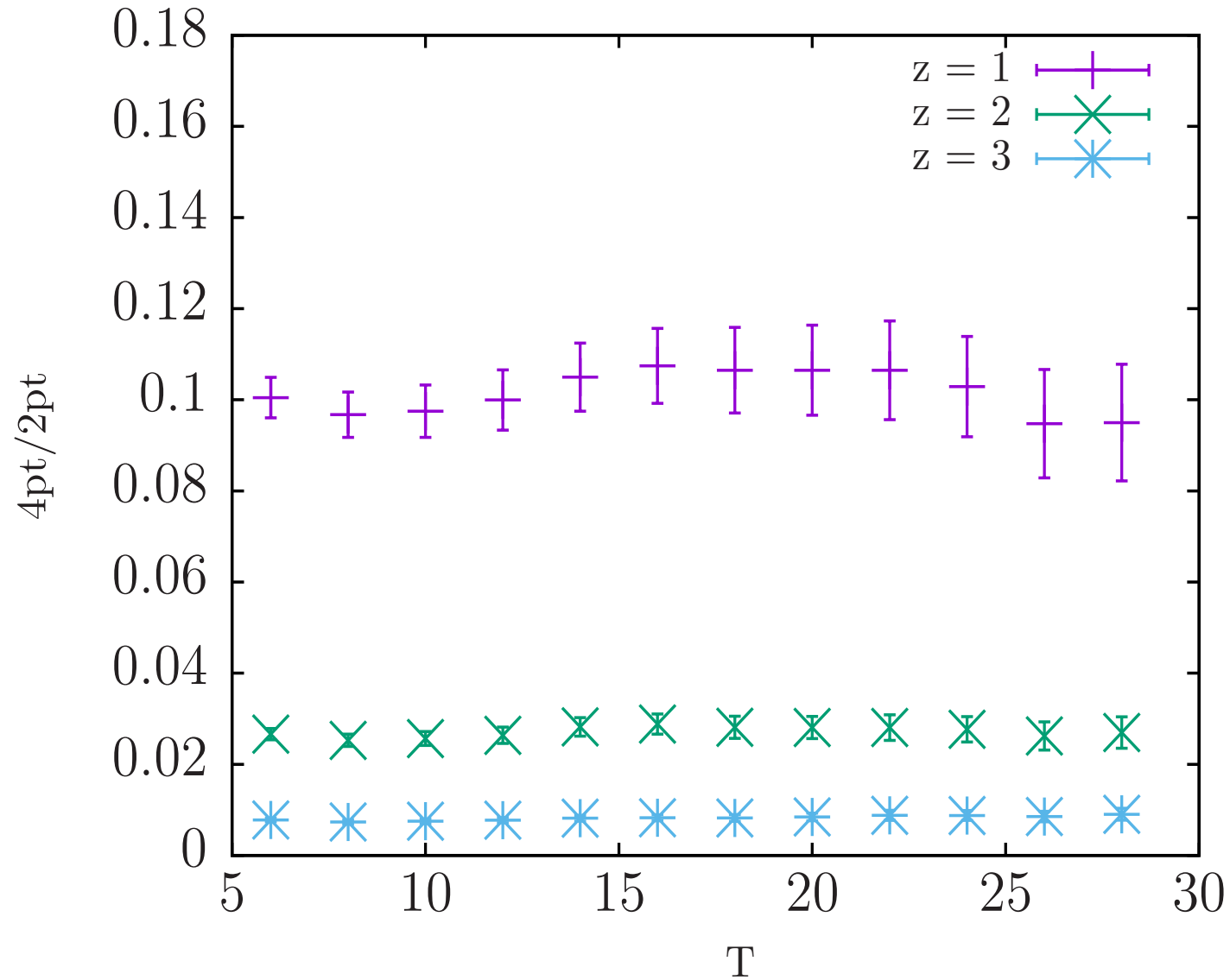


$T$  is the source sink separation

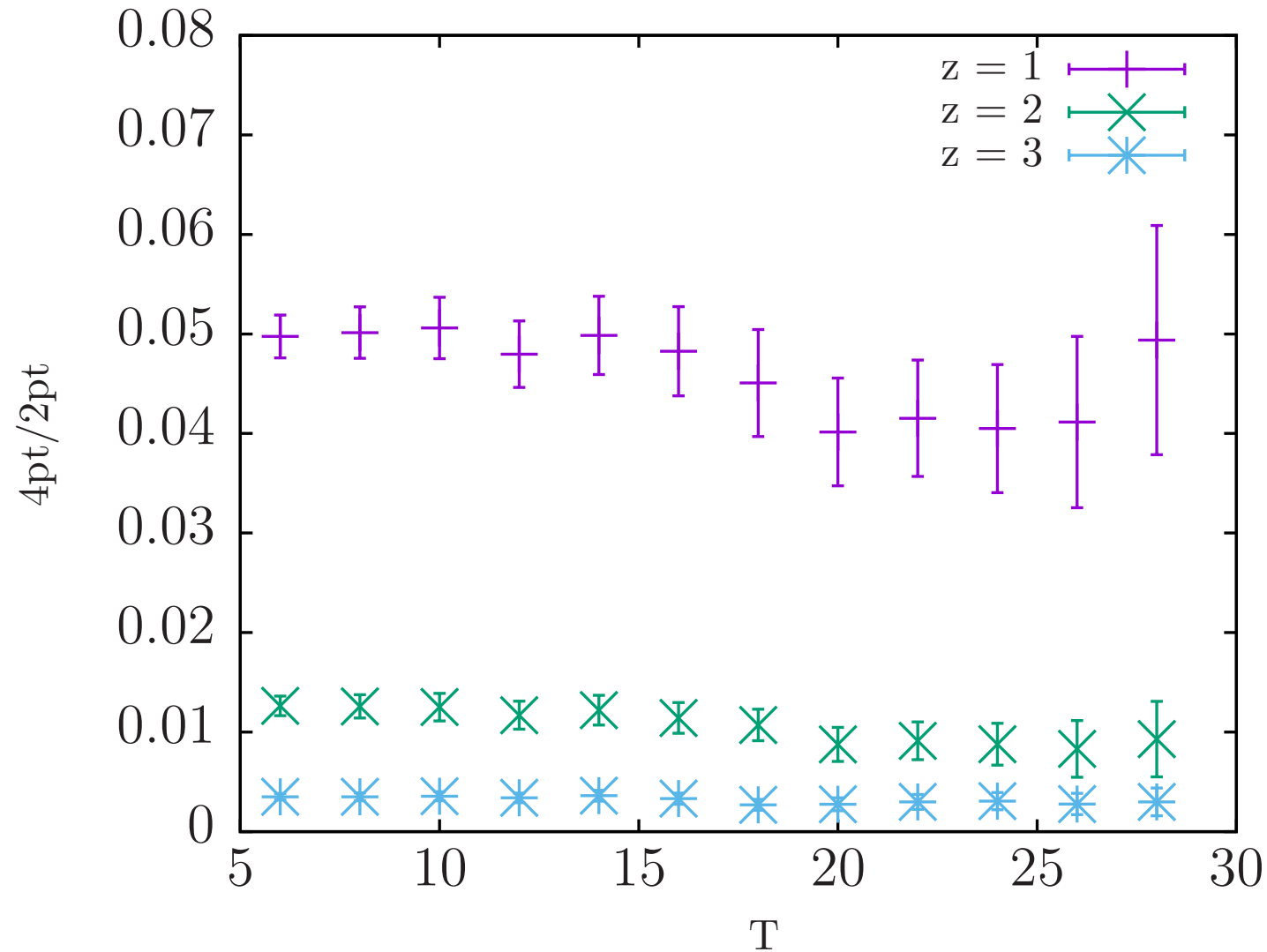
- Comparison between:  $(J_1 = V, J_2 = V)$  and  $(J_1 = A, J_2 = A)$
- $P_z = 1$  ( $\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ )
- After renormalisation both ratios agree
- Real part of the 4pt correlator
- Strange quark is the active quark



- Comparison between:  
( $J_1 = V, J_2 = V$ ) and different  $\xi = z$
- $P_z = 1$  ( $\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Real part of the 4pt correlator
- Strange quark is the active quark
- No signal after  $\xi = 6$



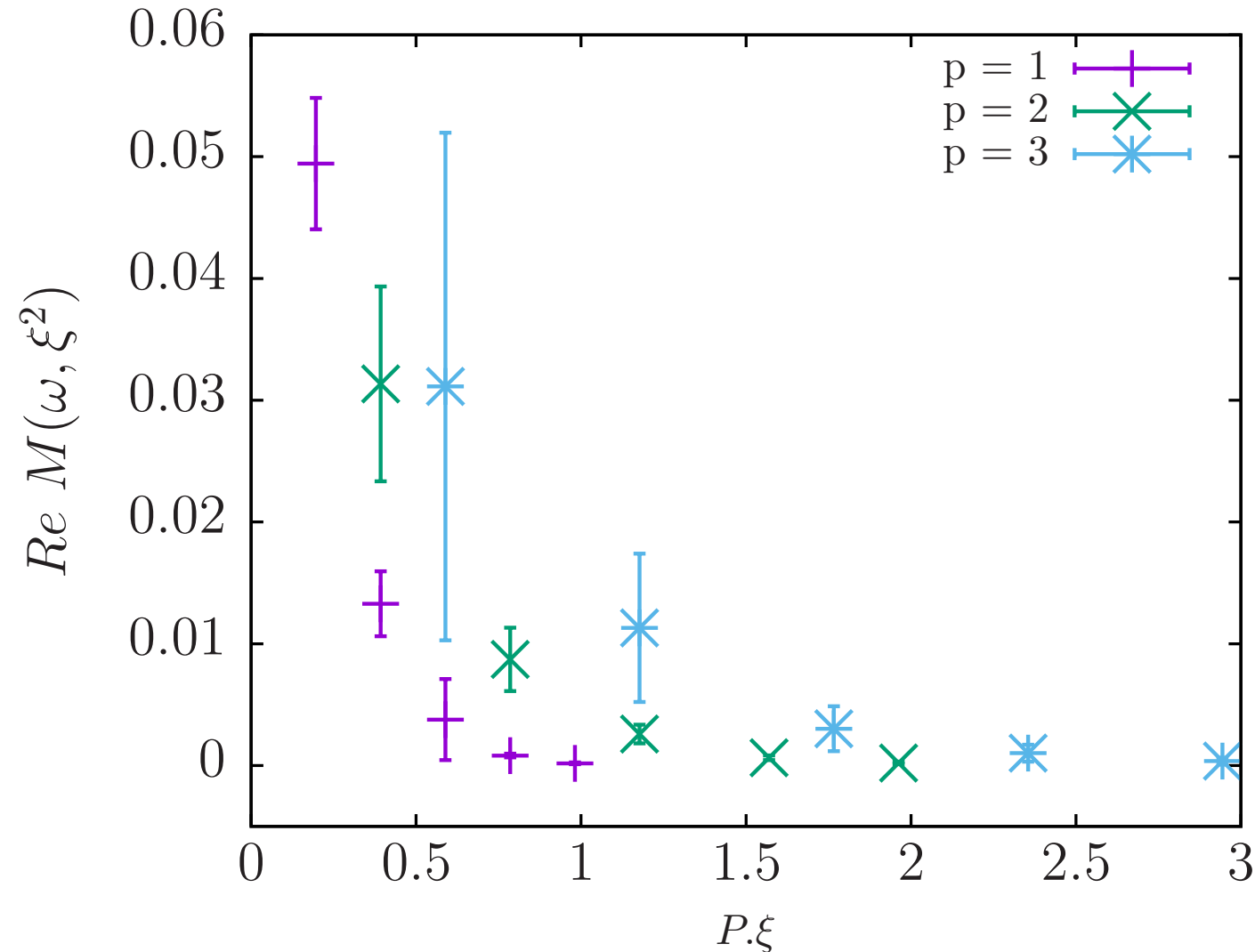
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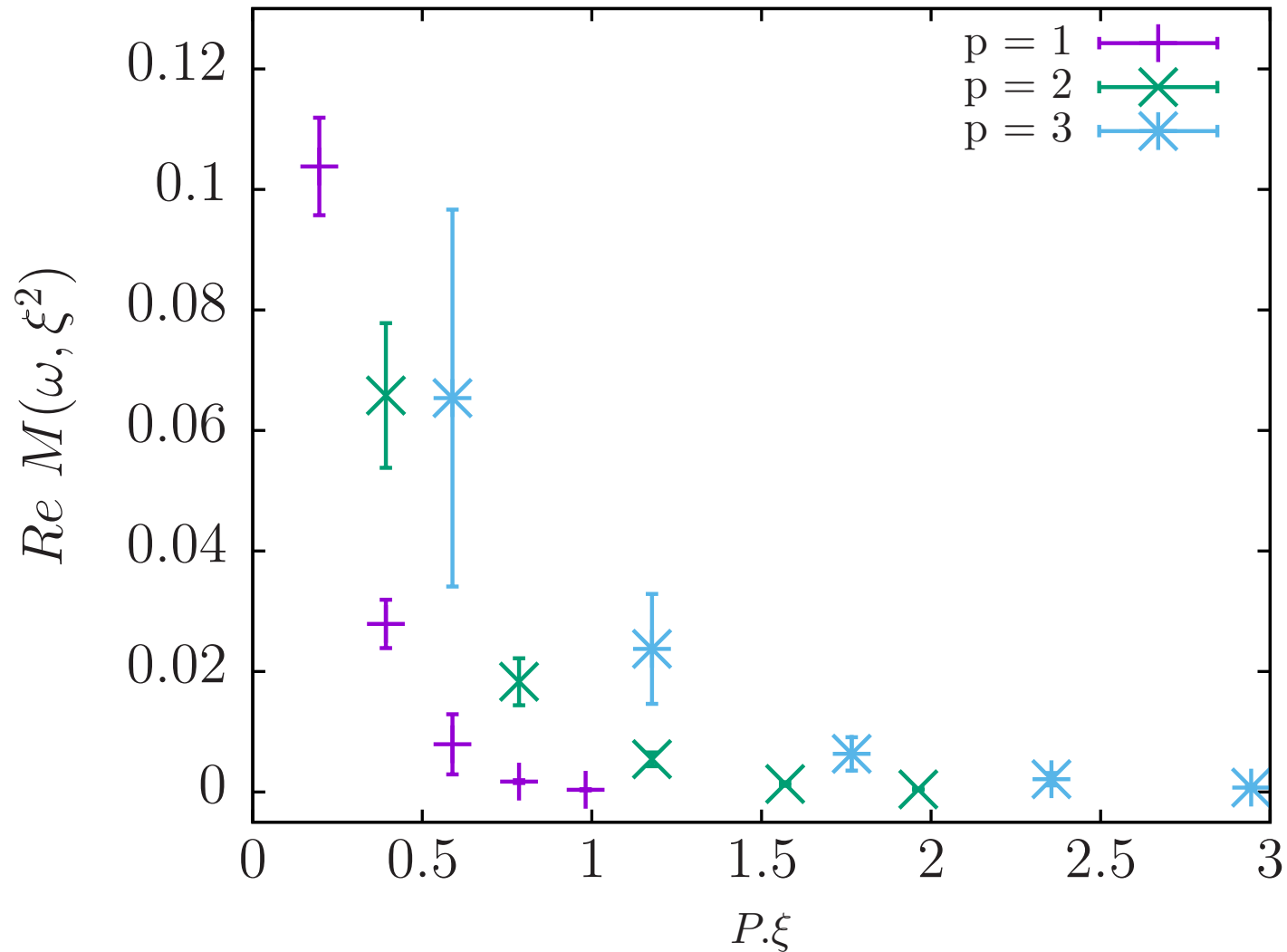
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# loffe time distribution, Lorentz invariant $v = P.\xi$

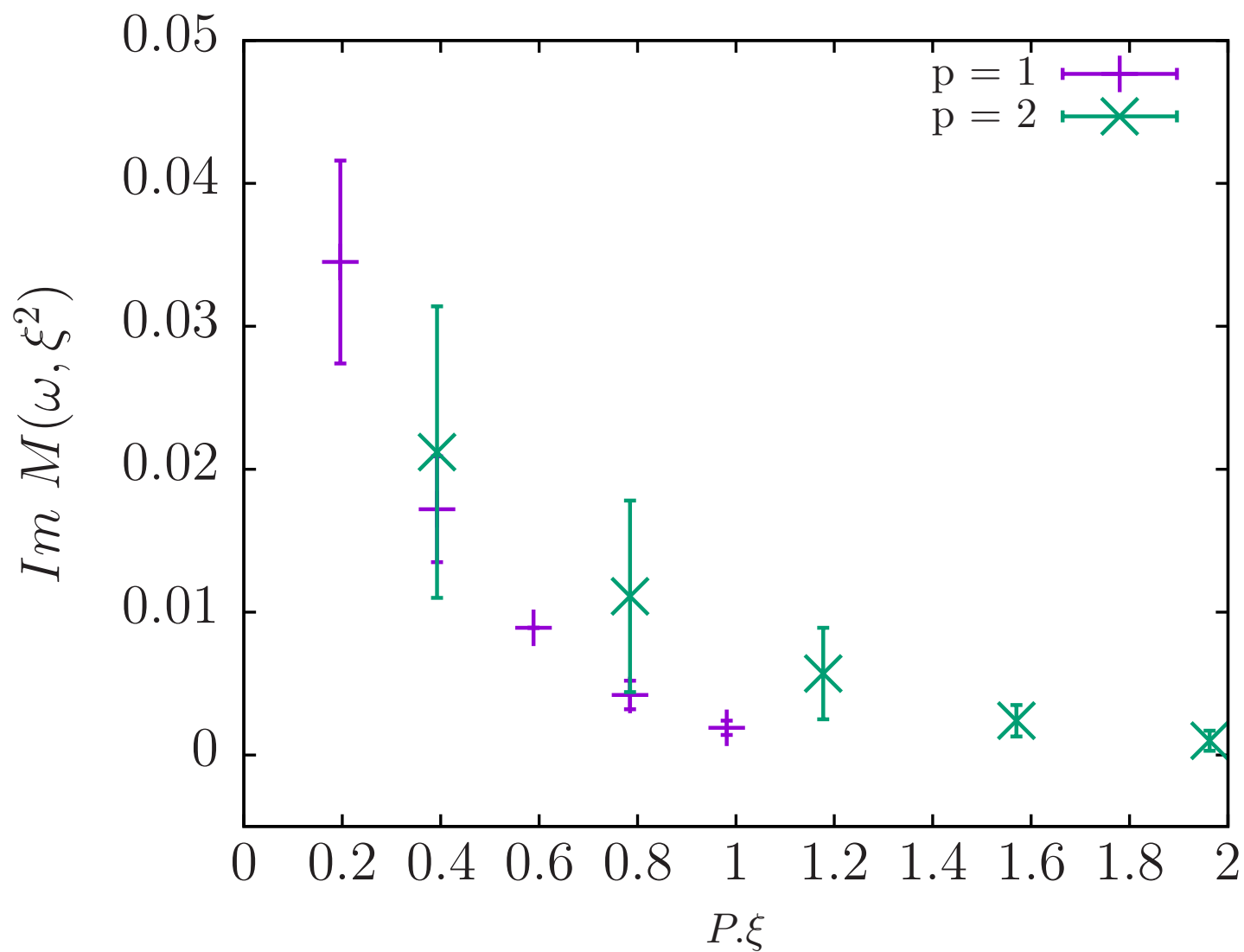
B. L. Ioffe, Phys. Lett. 30B, 123 (1969)



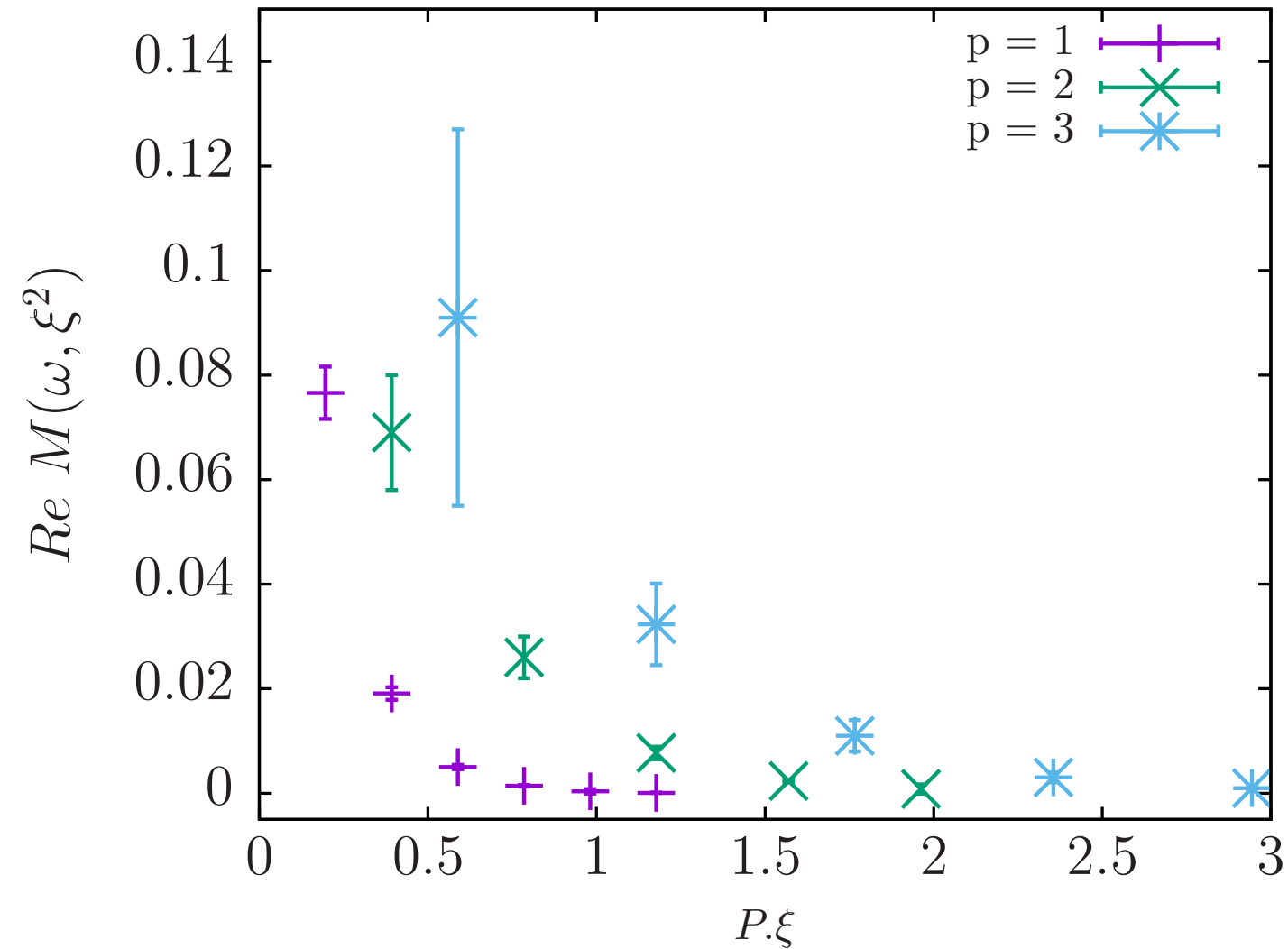
- Comparison between:  
( $J_1 = V, J_2 = A$  and vice versa) and  
different  $P.\xi$
- $P_z = 1-3$  ( $\sim 0.3 - 0.9$  GeV)
- Real part of the 4pt correlator
- Light quark is the active quark
- No signal after  $P.\xi = 3$



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- Comparison between: ( $J_1 = V, J_2 = A$  and vice versa) and different  $P.\xi$
- $P_z = 1-3$  ( $\sim 0.3 - 0.9$  GeV)
- Imaginary part of the 4pt correlator
- Strange quark is the active quark
- No signal after  $P.\xi = 3$



- Comparison between:  
( $J_1 = V, J_2 = V$  and vice versa) and different  $P.\xi$
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- Real part of the 4pt correlator
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# “Global” fit for lattice data - technique

$$\sigma_n(\nu, z^2, p^2) = \sum_a \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_a(x, \mu^2) K_n^a(x\nu, z^2, x^2 p^2, \mu^2) + O(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

Many such lattice  
“cross-sections”  
To be calculated

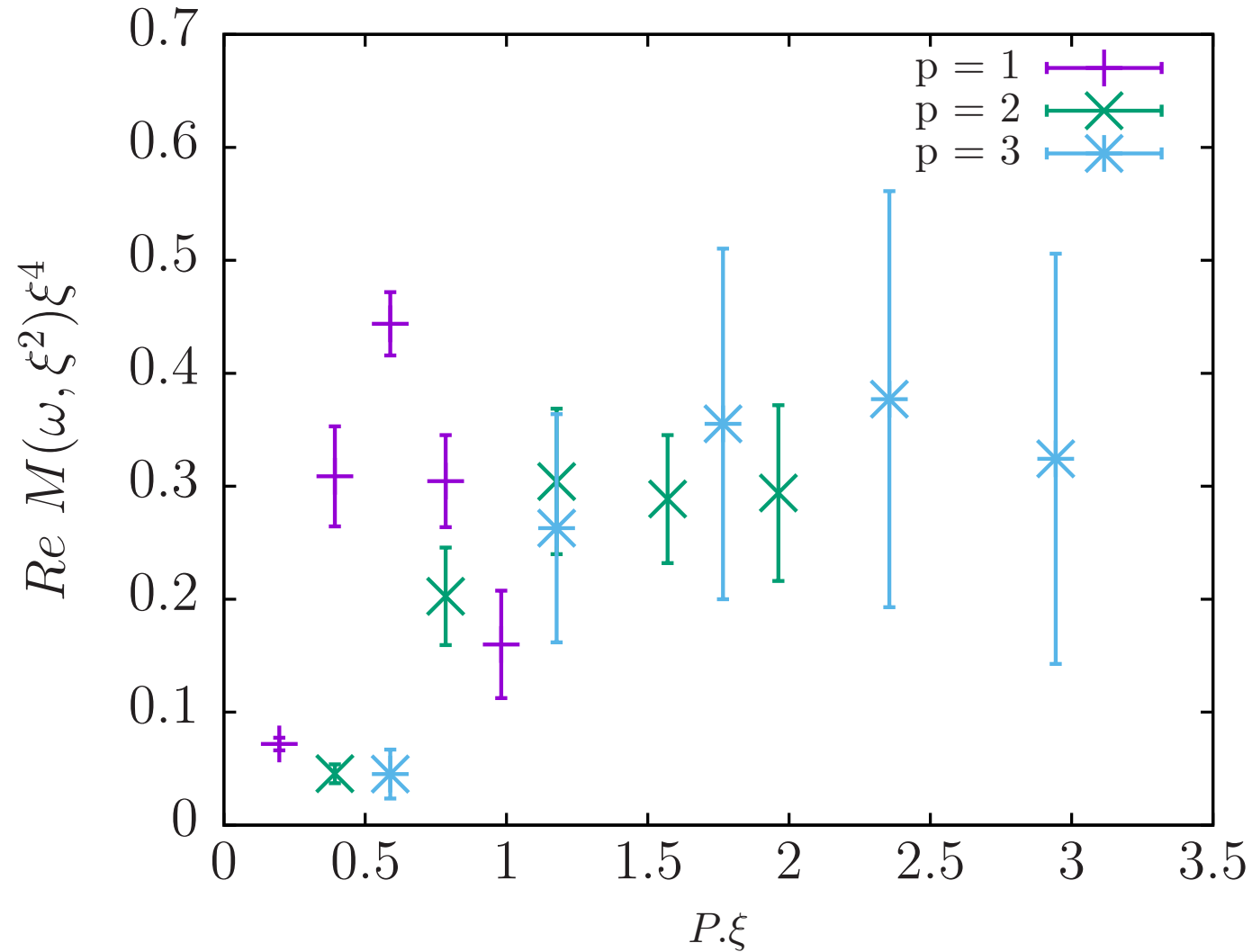
We use  
 $f_{\bar{a}}(x, \mu^2) = -f_a(-x, \mu^2)$   
to obtain valence quark and  
anti-quark distribution

Perturbative Kernel known,  
Oscillatory

- We can get around ill posed inverse Fourier Transform
- Need many P.ξ data to have a good global fit for f(x)
- Fit forms – not clear for Kaon, however, similar to pion
- A model fit form [JAM Collaboration, arXiv:1804.01965]

- Regge :  $a = -0.5$
- Quark counting :  $b > 2$
- Small corrections for particular meson

$$f_{abcd}(x) = N_{abcd} x^a (1-x)^b (1 + c \sqrt{x} + d x)$$



- Need lot more  $P.\xi$  data points for a realistic  $f(x)$  fit
- And with higher  $P$  values
- Real part of the V-V 4pt correlator multiplied by vector current renormalisation and a factor  $\xi^4$
- Strange quark is the active quark

## Ongoing...

- Getting higher momenta data to obtain many  $P_\xi$  values
- Testing momentum smearing [Bali et. al. (2016)]
- To calculate at different lattice spacings, quark masses and volumes
- We have demonstrated that this method works
- Corresponding momentum space matrix elements are also good lattice cross sections
- Generalisation of other methods – pseudo, quasi, T33
- We can also get polarised pdf and other correlation functions of other hadrons

# Pion electromagnetic form factor at high $Q^2$ from lattice QCD

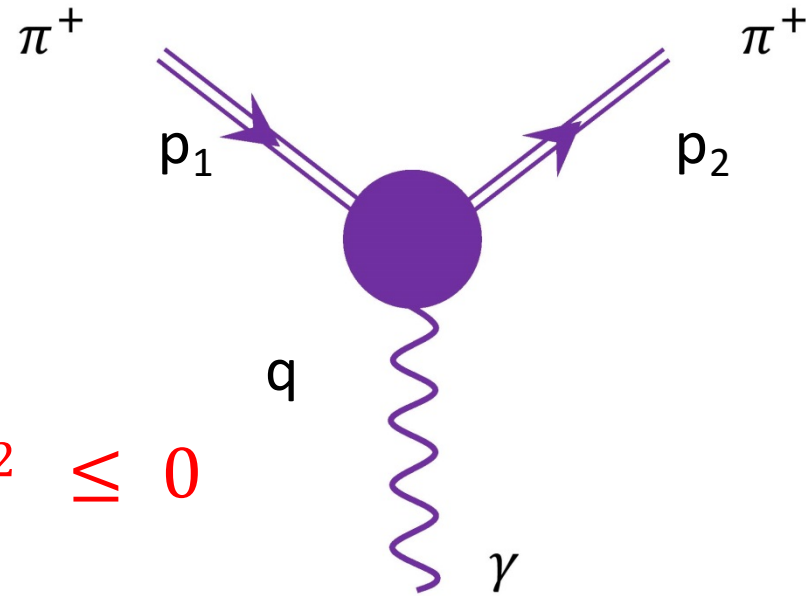
# Definition

Simplest hadrons – pion, kaon

Space like “ $q$ ”:

$$q^2 = (p_2 - p_1)^2 \leq 0$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$



$$\langle \pi^+(\vec{p}') | j^\mu | \pi^+(\vec{p}) \rangle = (p + p')^\mu F_\pi(Q^2)$$

(in units of ‘ $e$ ’)

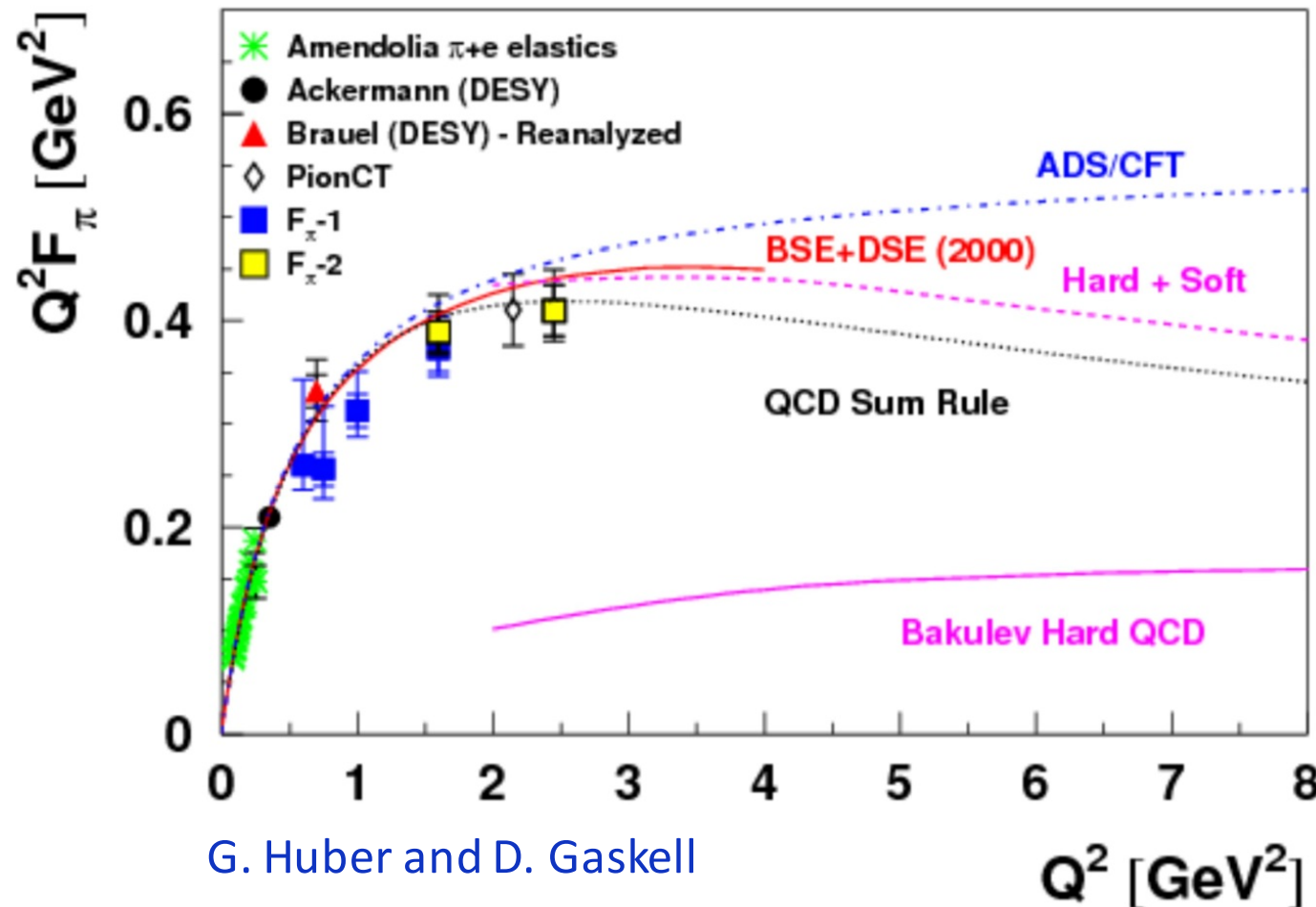
# Interplay between hard and soft scales

Hard tail ( $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ) from pQCD:

$$F_\pi(Q^2) \rightarrow \frac{16\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)f_\pi^2}{Q^2}$$

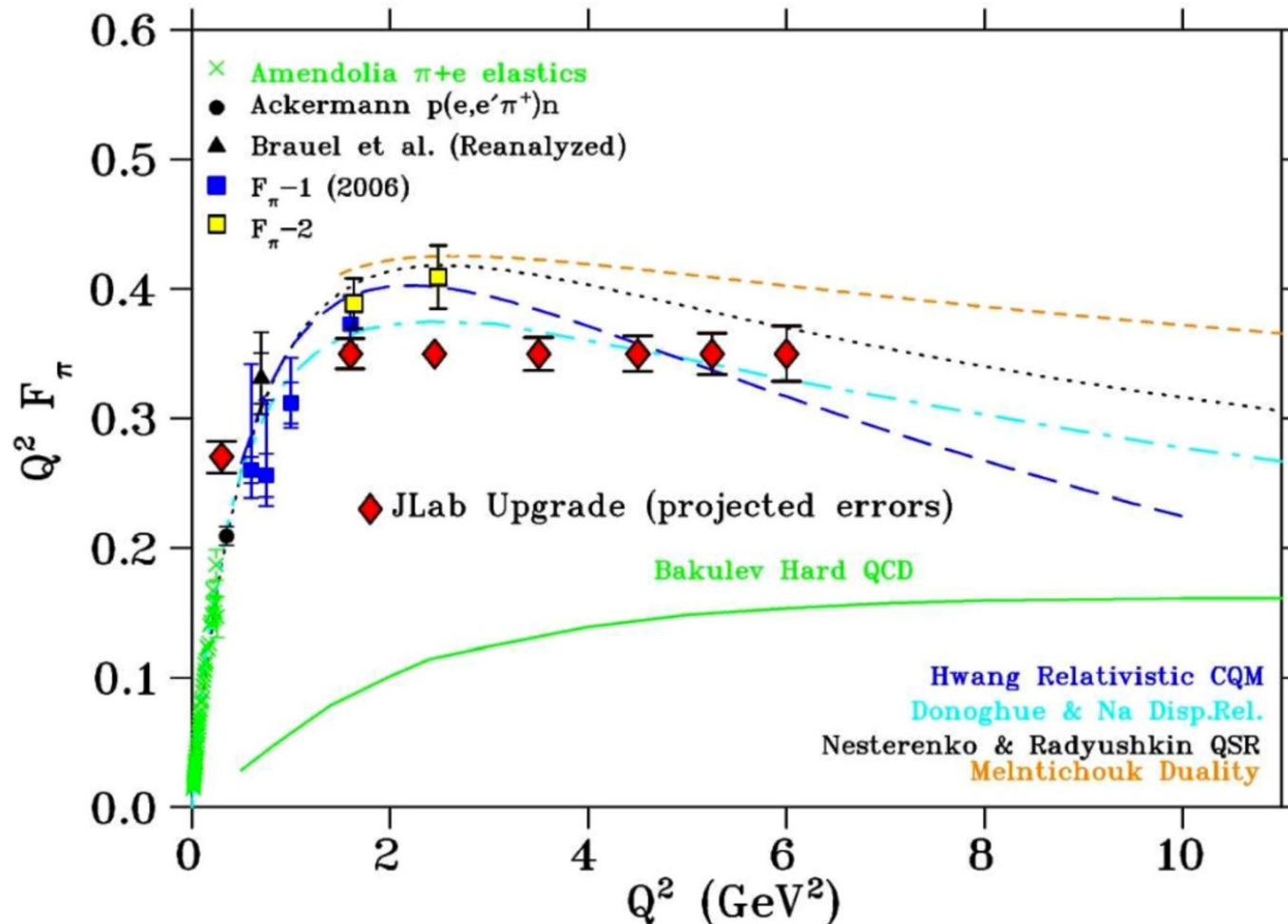
G. P. Lepage, S.J. Brodsky,  
Phys. Lett. 87B(1979)359

Soft part ( $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ):  
vector meson dominance  
with  $F_\pi(0) = 1$ ,  
data fits well



Need better understanding of the **transition to the asymptotic region**

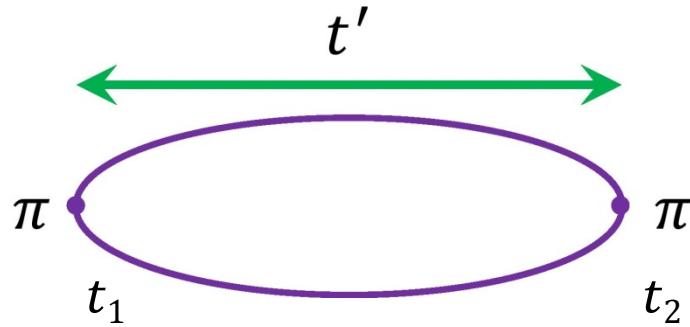
# JLAB 12 GeV upgrade



G. Huber and D. Gaskell

$F_\pi$  measurements  
at  $Q^2 \sim 6 - 10$  GeV<sup>2</sup>:  
E12-06-101 at  
JLAB Hall C,  
For EIC,  $Q^2 \sim 30$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

Can we get some insight from first principles lattice QCD calculations  
to the question - where does the transition to pQCD happen?



$$C_{ij}(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$

- Basis of operators

$$\mathcal{O} \sim \bar{\psi} \Gamma \overleftrightarrow{D} \dots \overleftrightarrow{D} \psi$$

- Optimized operator for state  $|n\rangle$

$$\Omega_n^\dagger = \sum_i w_i^{(n)} \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger$$

in a variational sense by solving generalized eigenvalue problem-

$$C(t) v^{(n)} = \lambda_n(t) C(t_0) v^{(n)}$$

- Diagonalize the correlation matrix – eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n(t) = \exp[-E_n(t - t_0)]$$

Correlator Construction: smearing of quark fields - 'distillation' with

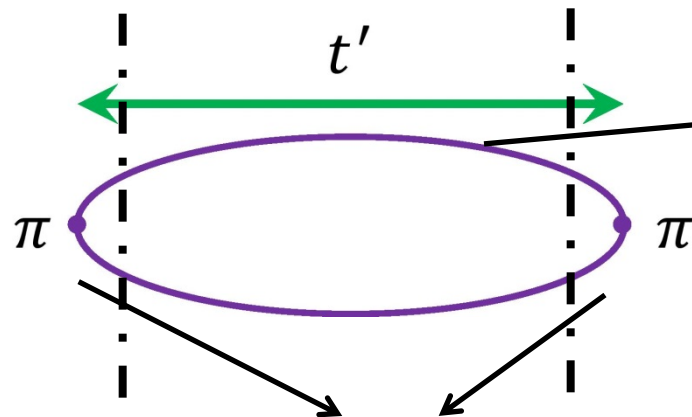
$$\square_{\vec{x}\vec{y}}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_D} \xi_{\vec{x}}^{(n)}(t) \xi_{\vec{y}}^{(n)\dagger}(t)$$



Extraction of low lying hadron states

Meson creation operator :

$$\mathcal{O}^\dagger(\vec{p}) = \bar{\psi}_{\vec{x}} \square_{\vec{x}\vec{y}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{y}} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{\vec{y}\vec{z}} \square_{\vec{z}\vec{w}} \psi_{\vec{w}}$$



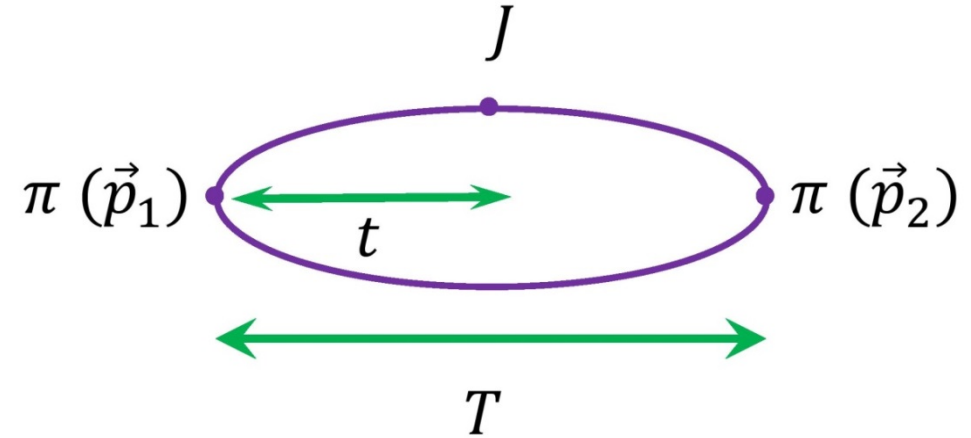
Parambulators by inverting the Dirac matrix

+

Operator construction with momentum projection

Need three-point correlator – calculated with  
Weighted operators

$$C_{f\mu i}(\Delta t, t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_f(\Delta t) j_\mu(t) \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$

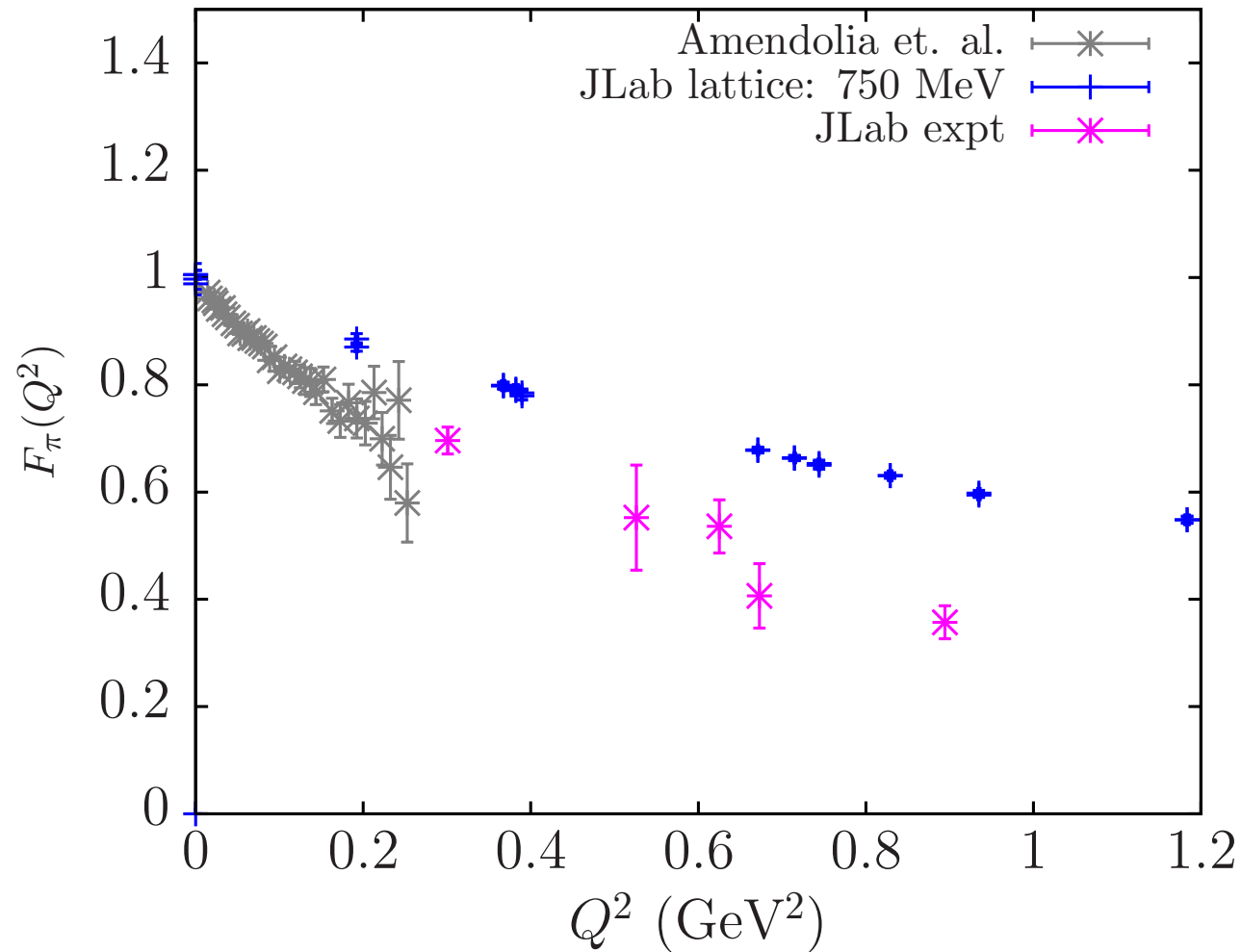


$$Z_V \langle \pi^+(p_2) | J_\mu^\pi(0) | \pi^+(p_1) \rangle = e(p_1 + p_2)^\mu F_\pi(q^2)$$

Clover  
discretised  
fermion action

$Z_V$  calculated using  $F_\pi(q^2 = 0) = 1$

# Pion electromagnetic form factor: up to $Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



$$m_\pi = 750 \text{ MeV}$$

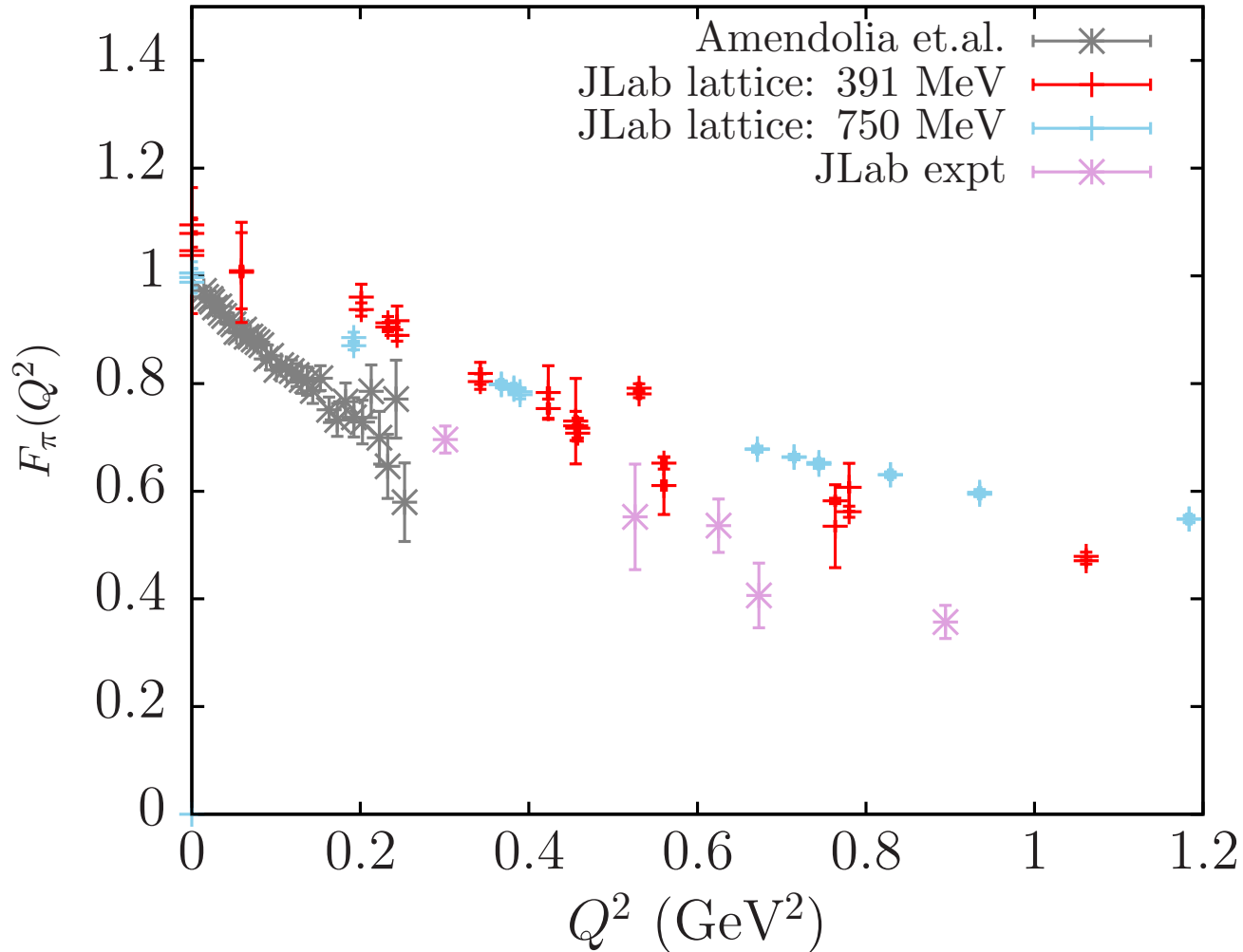
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$$\text{Anisotropy } \xi = 3.44$$

$$(L/a_s)^3 \times (T/a_t) = 20^3 \times 128$$

$$a_s = 0.12 \text{ fm}, \quad \frac{a_s}{a_t} = 3.44$$

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MeV

$$m_\pi = 390$$

(Paper in preparation)

In agreement with recent lattice  
result

from HPQCD  
(up to  $0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

Phys.Rev. D93 (2016)

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Pion charge radius:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \equiv -6 \frac{d}{dQ^2} F(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

Parametrising  $Q^2$  dependence  $Q^2 < 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$F_\pi(Q^2) = F(0) \frac{1}{1+Q^2/m^2}$$

$$m_\pi = 750 \text{ MeV} : 0.47(6) \text{ fm}$$

$$m_\pi = 390 \text{ MeV} : 0.55 (10) \text{ fm}$$

Lightest vector meson mass

# Towards higher $Q^2$

More difficult on lattice for higher momenta

Signal-to-noise ratio:

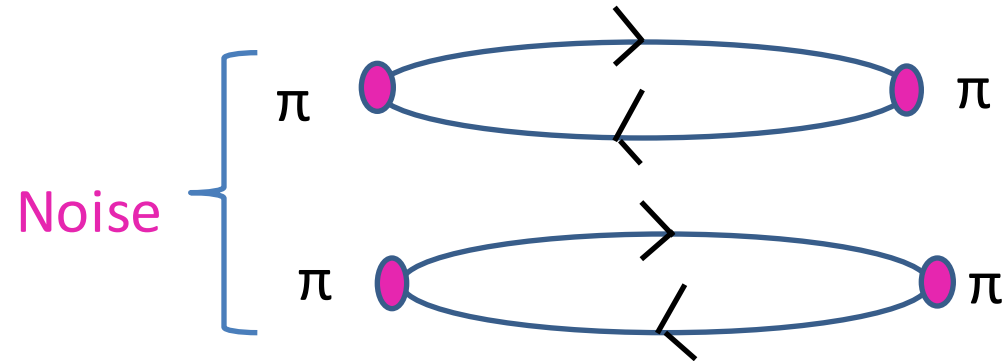
- 2-point correlators :

$$\exp[-(E_\pi(p) - 2m_\pi)t]$$

- 3-point correlators :

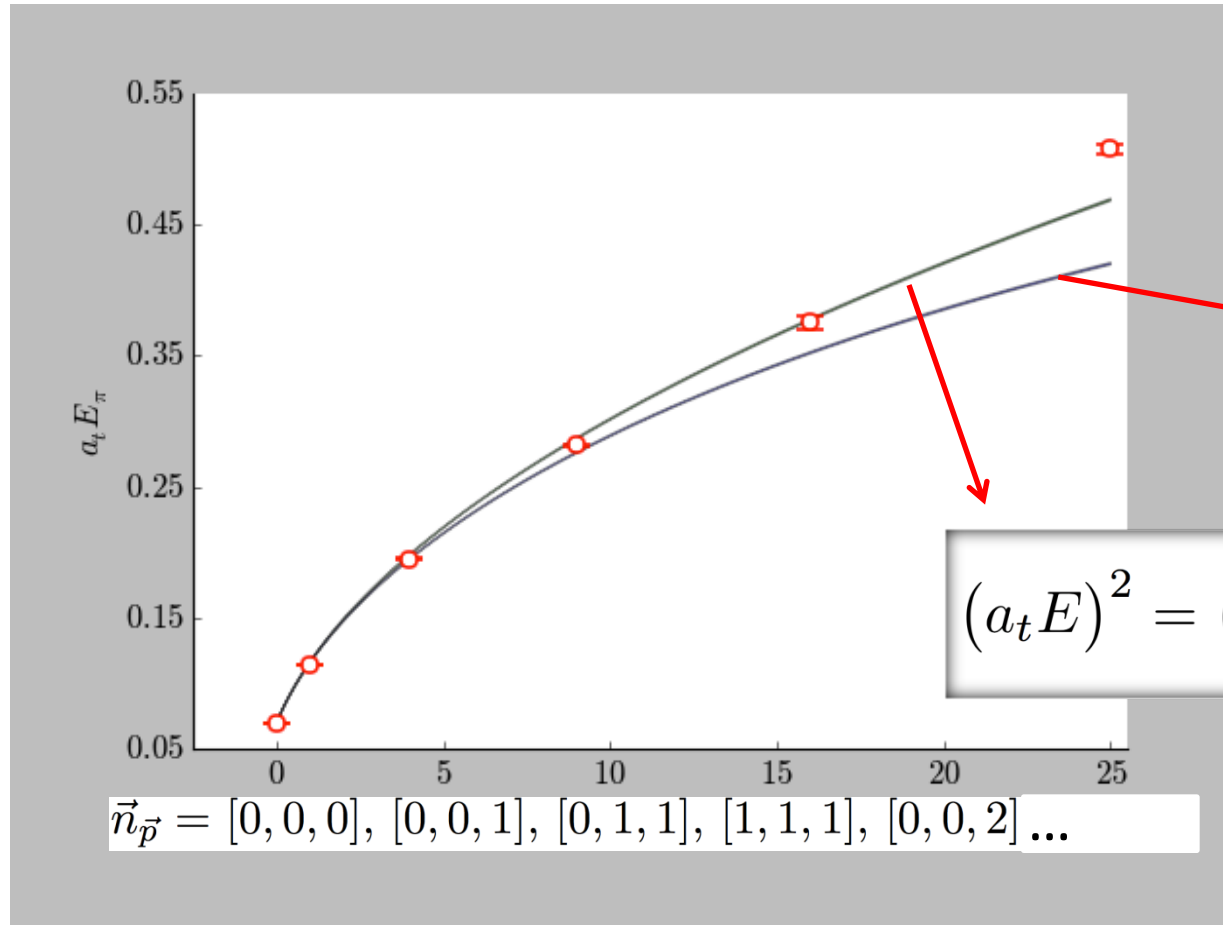
$$\exp[-(E_\pi(pi) + E_\pi(pf) - 2m_\pi)t/2]$$

in the middle of the plateau



Minimize energies  
for a given  $Q^2$   
to get better signal

# Towards higher $Q^2$



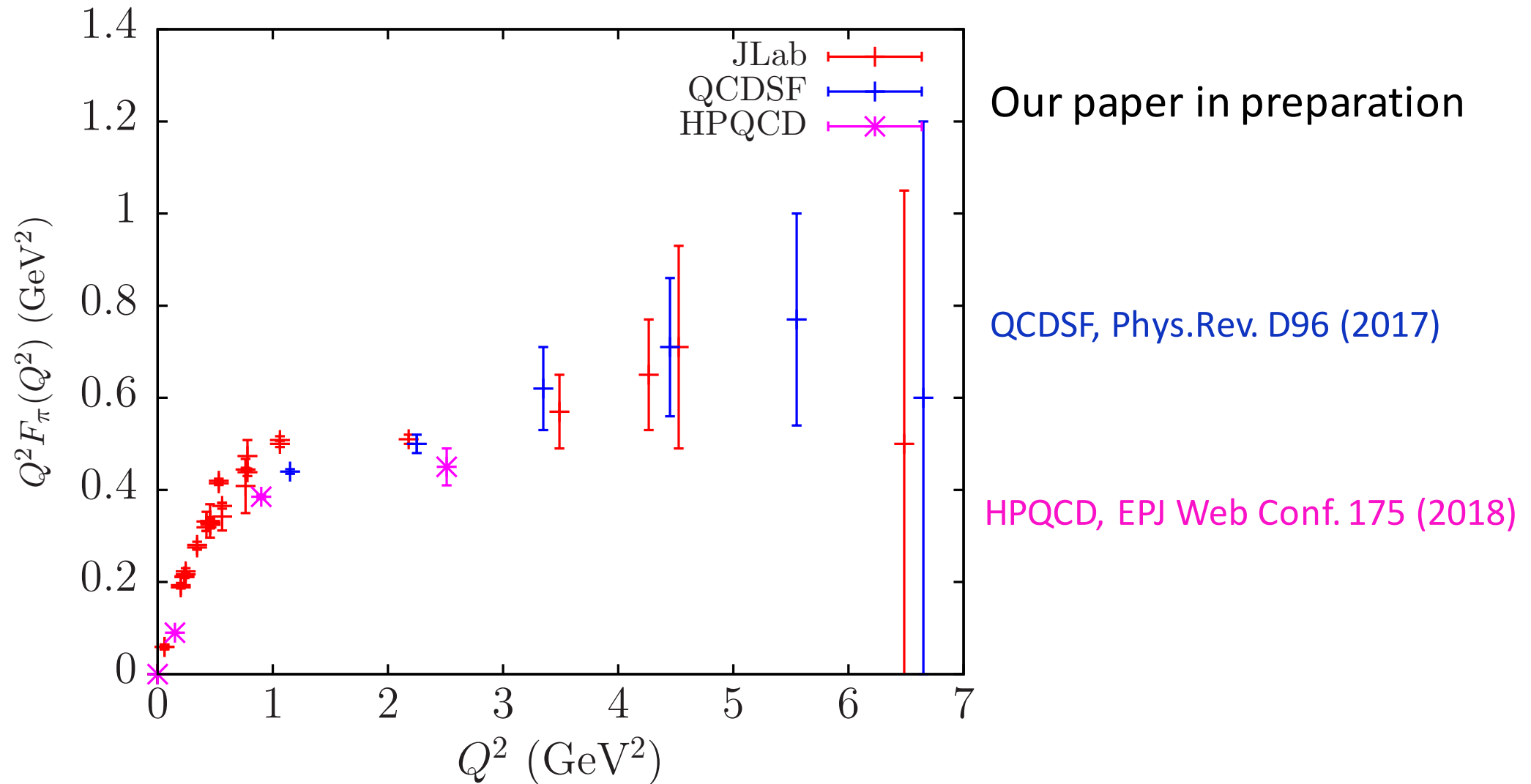
Dispersion relation:

$$E^2 = m^2 + p^2$$

$$(a_t E)^2 = (a_t m)^2 + \left( \frac{2\pi}{\xi(L/a_s)} \right)^2 |\vec{n}_p|^2$$

Achieve maximum  $Q^2$  by using Breit frame :  $\vec{P}_f = -\vec{P}_i$

## Comparison of lattice results



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## Pion form factor calculation

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Thank you

# Outlook

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- Tremendous improvement in last couple of years for pion/kaon structure on lattice
- Many new concepts, great progress with non-perturbative renormalisation
- Different techniques such as momentum smearing
  
- Need to include lighter pion masses , multiple volumes, multiple lattice spacings
- Higher momentum
- Finite volume Corrections needed
- Inclusion of higher loops in matching
  
- We (JLab lattice hadrons structure group) will present our first results of cross section method in lattice conference, Pseudo-pdf with dynamical quarks underway, pion/kaon form factors on multiple ensemble