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# Discretization effects on nucleon root-mean-square radii from lattice QCD at the physical point

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# Introduction

- The conventional studies and this work

# RMS radii from lattice QCD

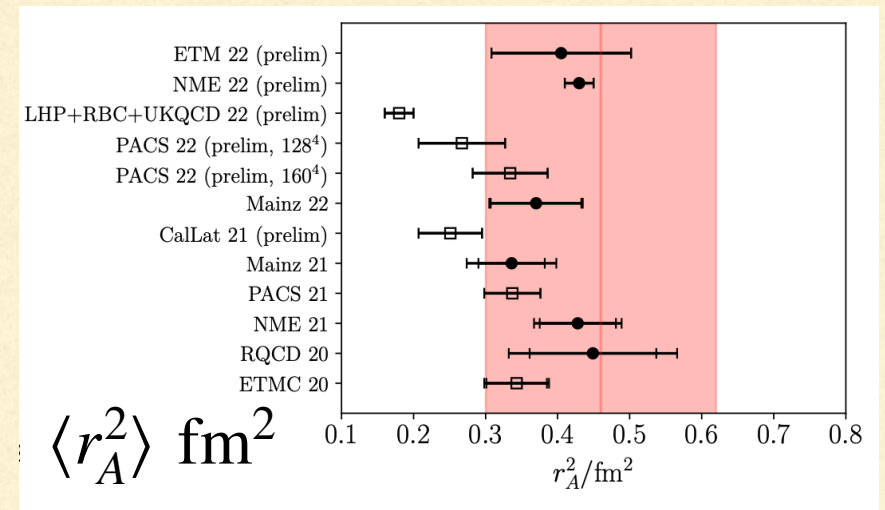
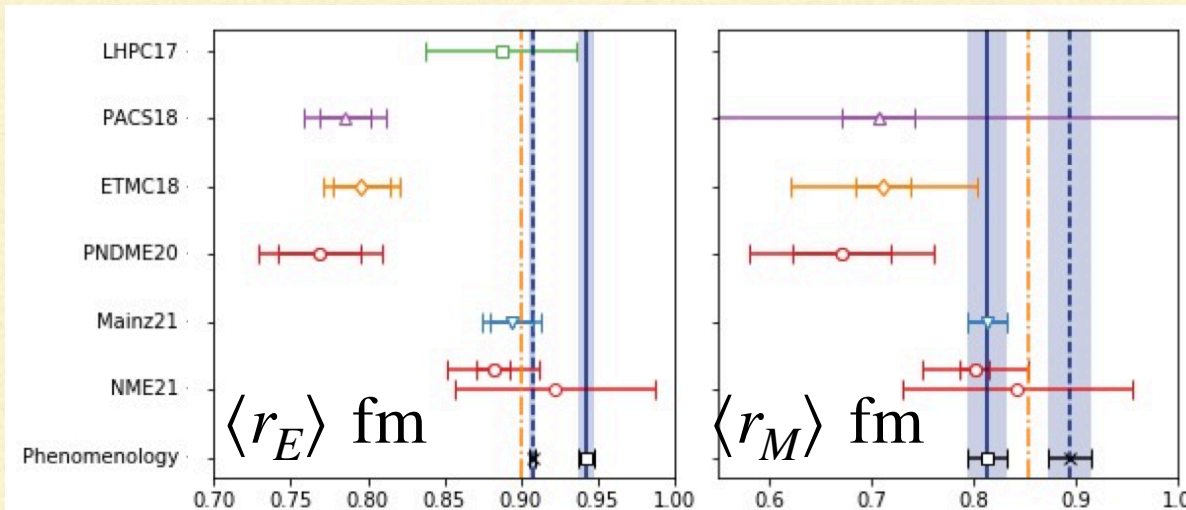
Sources of uncertainties:

- Statistical noise
- Excited states contamination
- Model dependences
- CCF extrapolations



PACS('18) :

- ✓ All-mode-averaging
- ✓ More than two choice of  $t_{\text{sep}}$
- ✓ Conventional + Direct
- Large vol. + Phys.  $m_\pi$



How large the discretization error on the RMS radii are ? = **this work**

Chiral  
Continuum  
Finite size

[1] K.-I. Ishikawa et al. for PACS Collaboration, Phys.Rev. D **104**, 074514(2021)  
 [2] Dalibor Djukanovic , The 38th International Symposium on lattice field theory  
 [3] A. S. Meyer et al., arXiv:2301.04616 (2023).

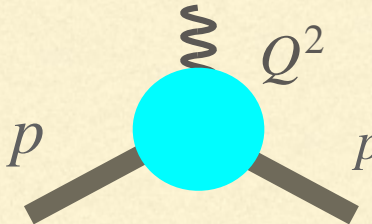
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# Lattice QCD measurements

- Calculation strategy with Lattice QCD

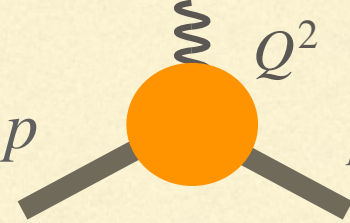
# Calculation strategy using lattice QCD

**Targets** : RMS radius of  $G_l(q^2)$  :  $\sqrt{\langle r_l^2 \rangle} = - \frac{6}{G_l(0)} \frac{dG_l(q^2)}{dq^2} \Big|_{q^2 \rightarrow 0}$



$$\langle N(p') | \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[ \frac{(p' + p)^\mu G_E(q^2) - \frac{q^2}{4M^2} G_M(q^2)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{4M^2}} + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \frac{q_\nu}{2M} G_M(q^2) \right] u(p)$$

$\rightarrow \langle r_E^2 \rangle, \mu, \langle r_M^2 \rangle$



$$\langle N(p') | \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[ \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 F_A(q^2) + i q^\mu \gamma_5 F_P(q^2) \right] u(p)$$

$\rightarrow \langle r_A^2 \rangle, g_A$

**\*Local current**

**Determination of the RMS radius  $\langle r_l^2 \rangle$ : z-expansion today**

$$G_l(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k, \quad z = (\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} + q^2} - \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}}) / (\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} + q^2} + \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}}) \quad \text{with} \quad t_{\text{cut}} = \begin{cases} 4m_\pi^2 & (l = E, M) \\ 9m_\pi^2 & (l = A) \end{cases} \quad 4$$

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# Numerical results

- Nucleon renormalized axial charge
- Electromagnetic form factors and RMS radii
- Axial form factors and RMS radius
- Discretization error on RMS radii

# Simulation details -PACS10 configuration[1][2]

Eliminate major uncertainties

Finite size effect  
Chiral extrapolation

⊗ Low  $q^2$  data are accessible = PACS10  
 $q^2 = (2\pi/L)^2 \times |\vec{n}^2|$

Lattice size

$128^4$  [1]

$160^4$  [2]

Spacial vol.  $\gg$  nucleon  $\sim (10.9 \text{ fm})^3$   $\sim (10.1 \text{ fm})^3$

Pion mass  $\sim m_\pi^{\text{exp.}}$

135 MeV

138 MeV

Nucleon mass

$\sim 0.935 \text{ GeV}$

$\sim 0.947 \text{ GeV}$

$|t_{\text{sink}} - t_{\text{src}}|/a$

10, 12, 14, 16

13, 16, 19

Lattice spacing

coarse

$\sim 0.085 \text{ fm}$

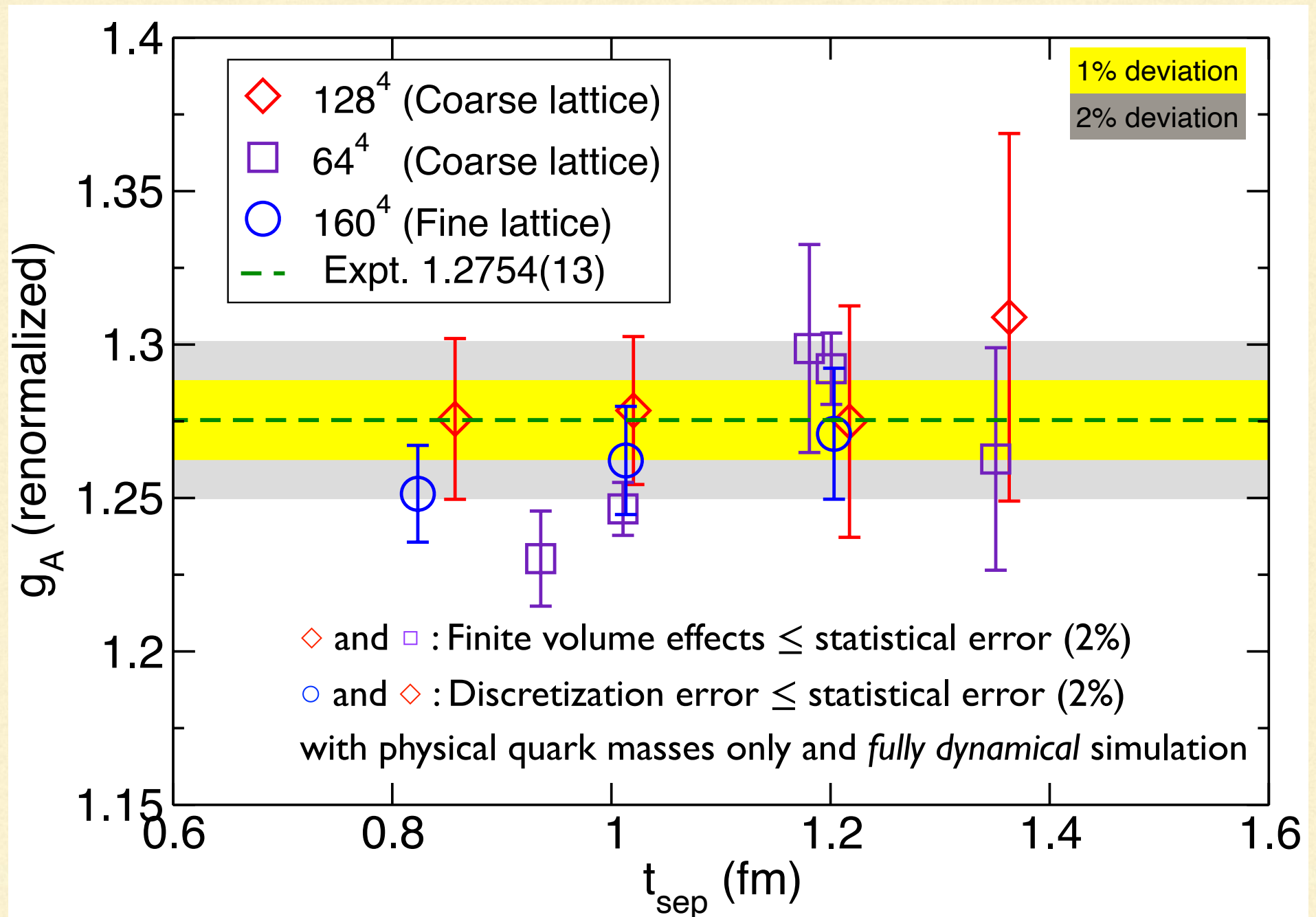
fine

$\sim 0.063 \text{ fm}$

[1] E. Shintani et al., Phys. Rev. D **99**, 014510(2019), (Erratum; Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) 019902.)

[2] E. Shintani and Y.Kuramashi, Phys.Rev. D **100**, 034517(2019)

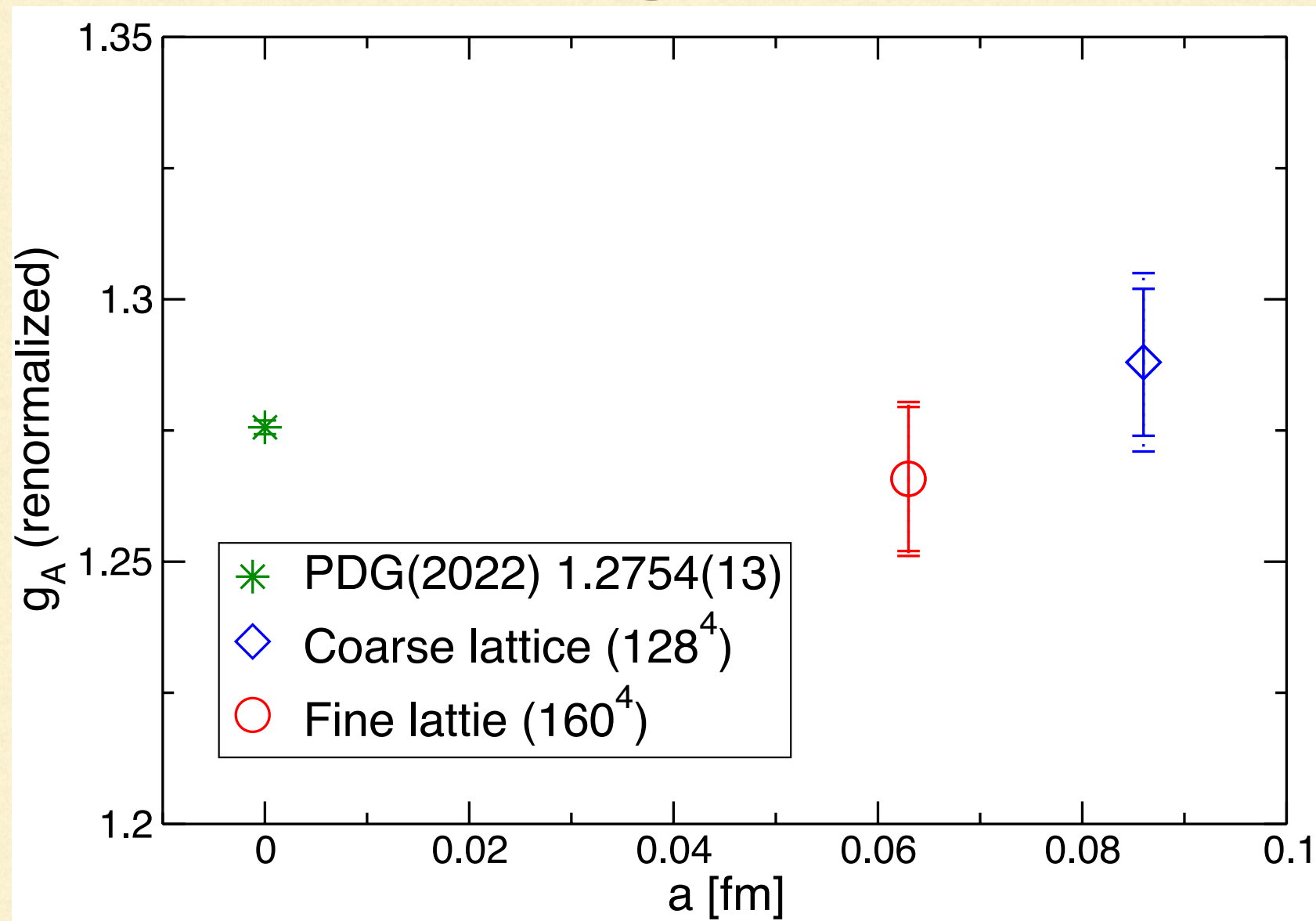
# Nucleon axial charge





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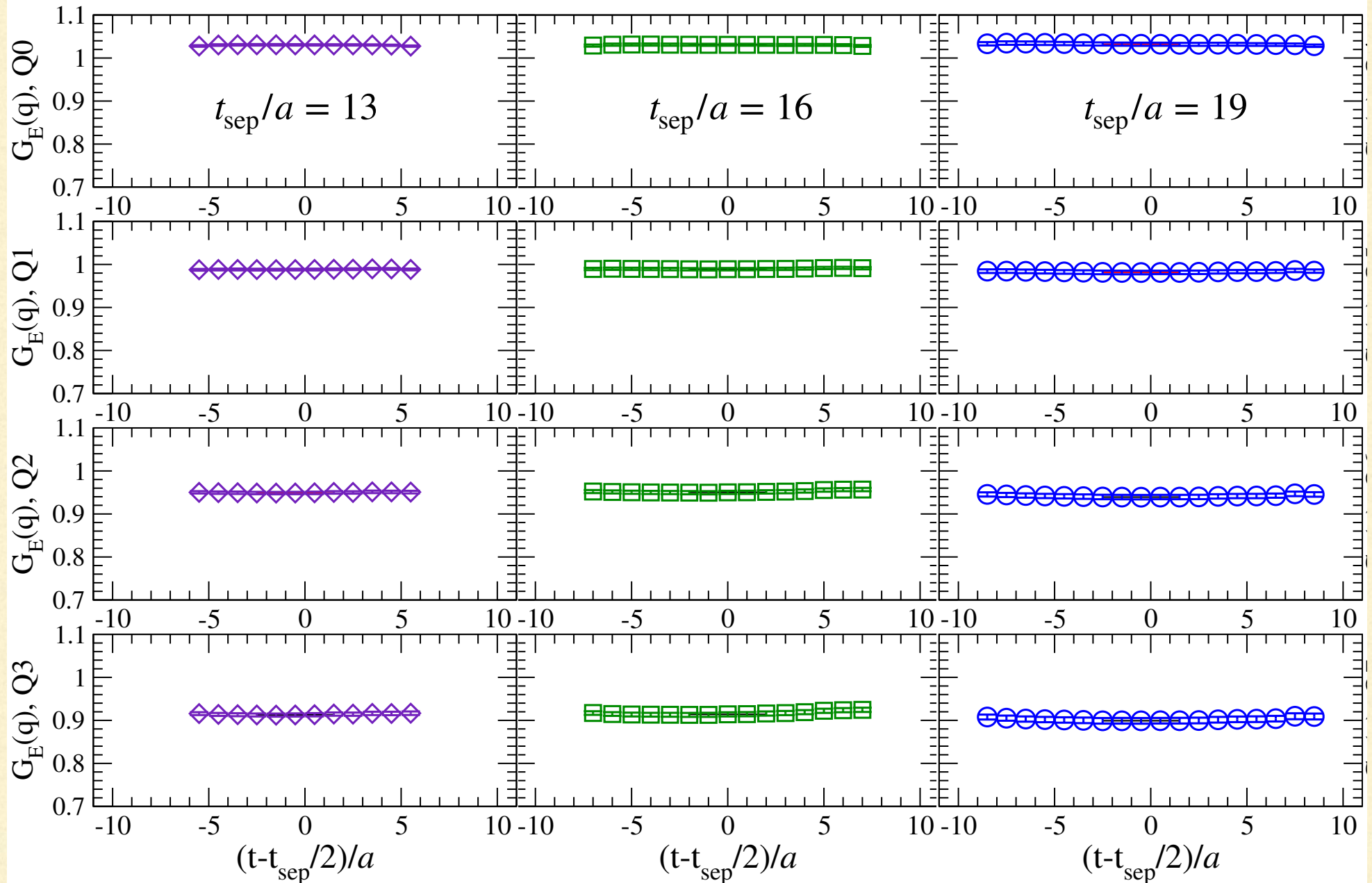
$$\text{Disc. err.} \equiv \frac{|(\text{coarse}) - (\text{fine})|}{(\text{coarse})}$$



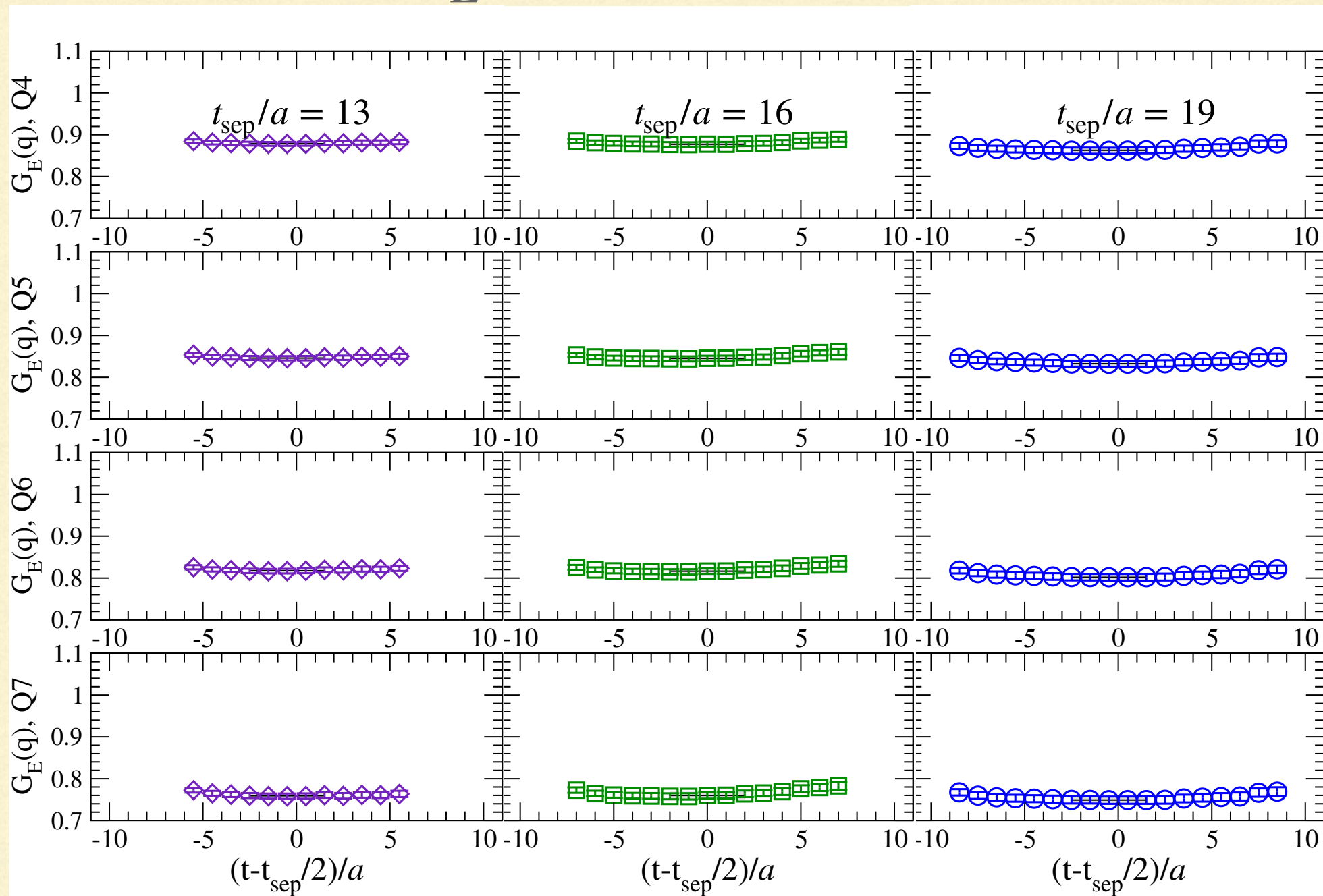
Both **coarse** & **fine** reproduce **PDG** within statistical errors

Discretization error (1.6%)  $\lesssim$  Statistical error (1.9%)

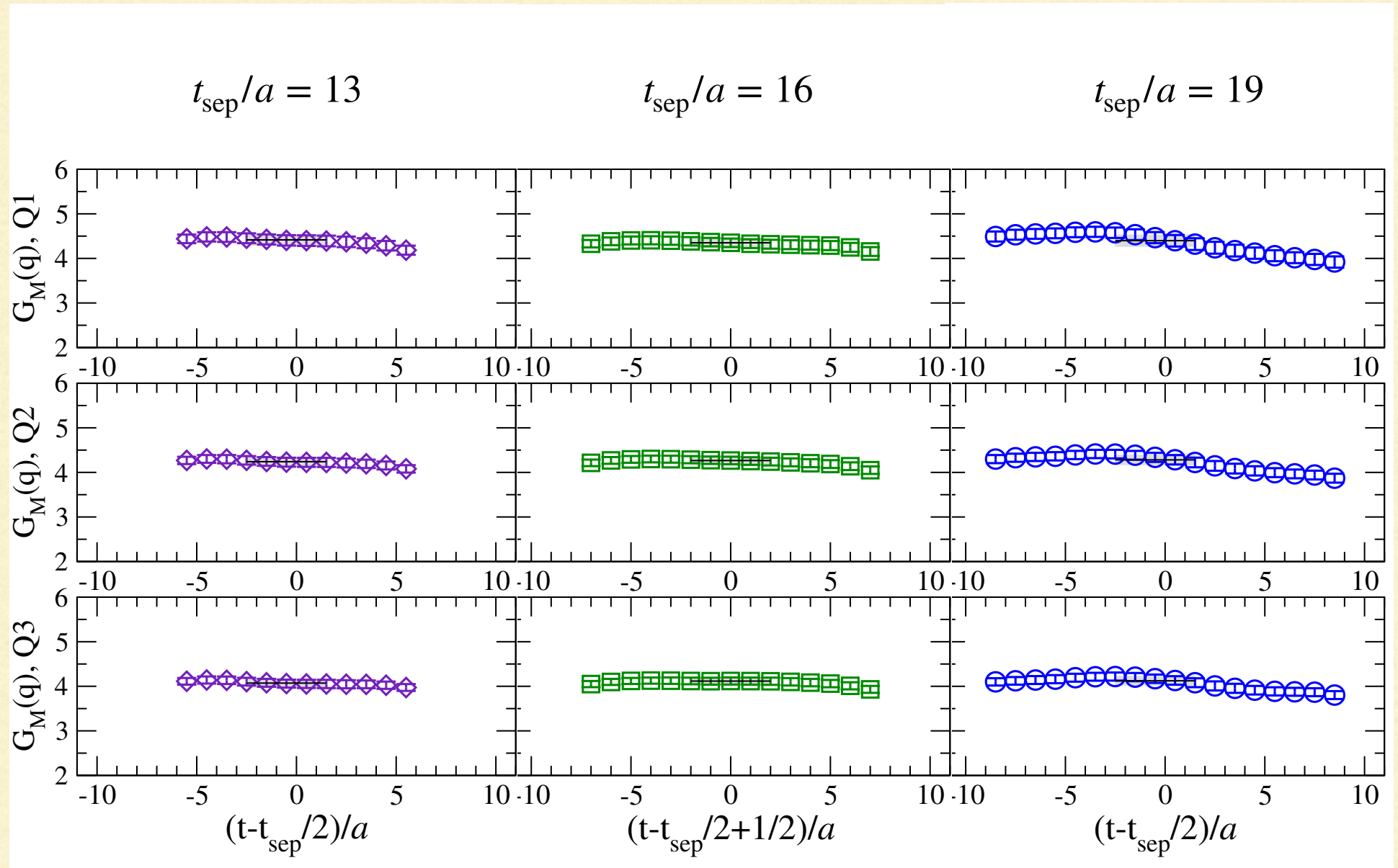
# Plateaus of $G_E - q^2 = 0.0 \sim 0.044 \text{ GeV}^2$



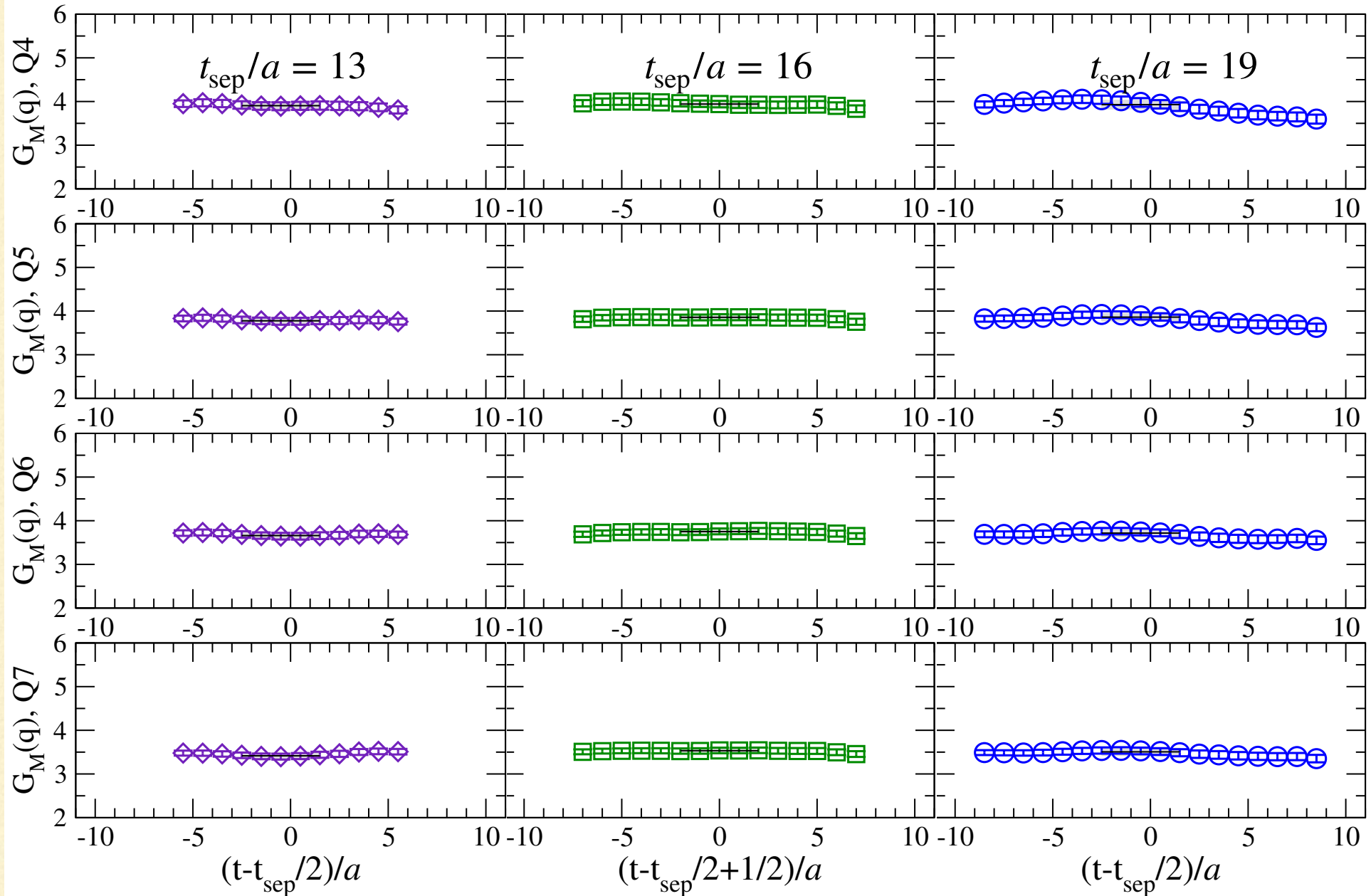
# Plateaus of $G_E - q^2 = 0.059 \sim 0.116 \text{ GeV}^2$



# Plateaus of $G_M - q^2 = 0.0 \sim 0.044 \text{ GeV}^2$

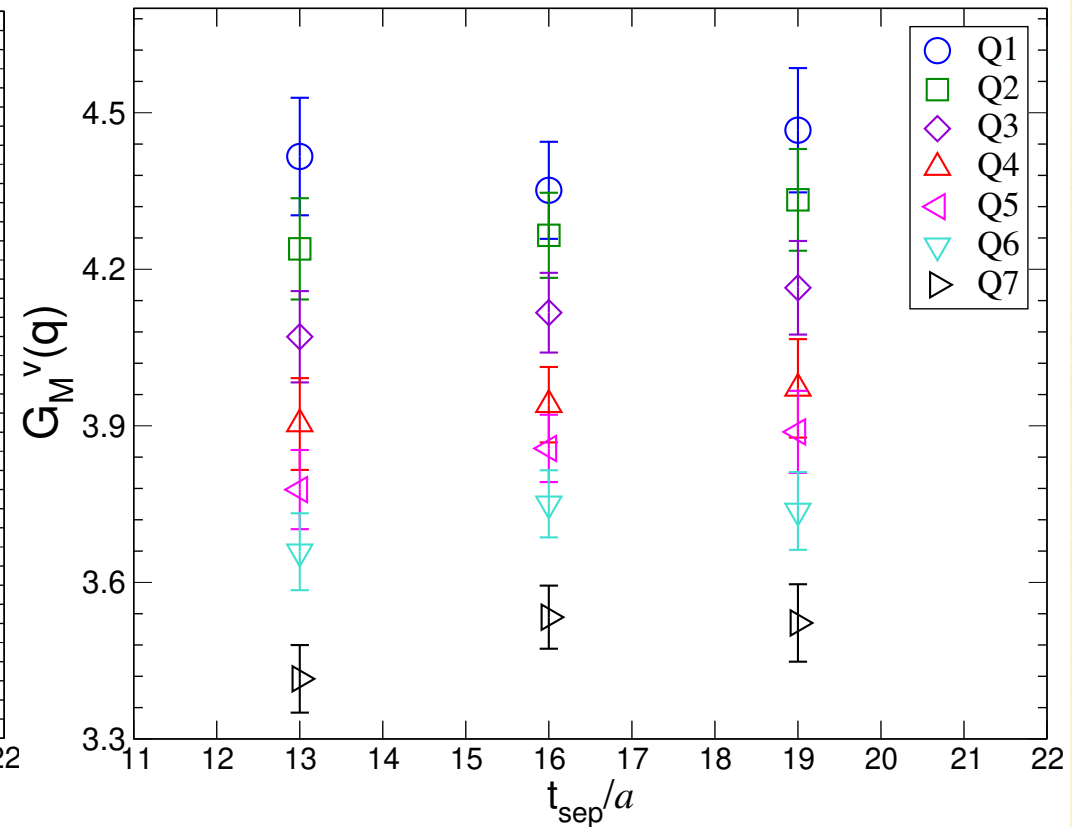
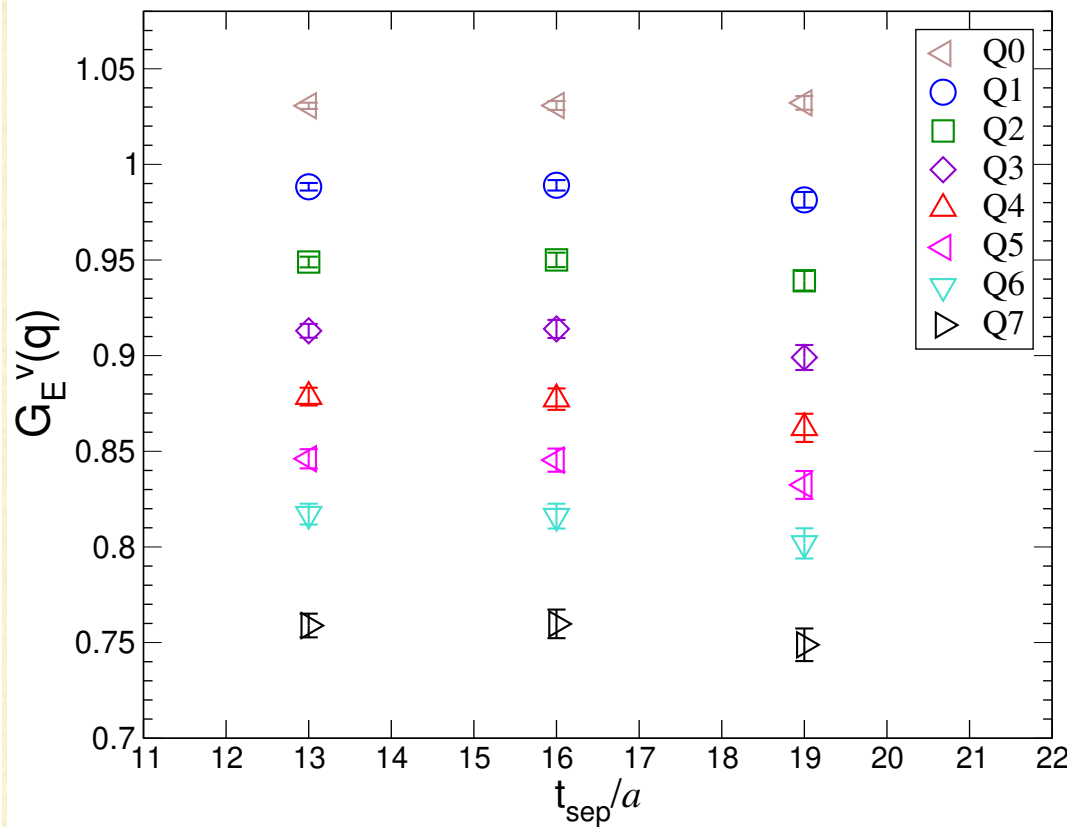


# Plateaus of $G_M - q^2 = 0.059 \sim 0.116 \text{ GeV}^2$



# $t_{\text{sep}}$ -dependences $G_E$ & $G_M$

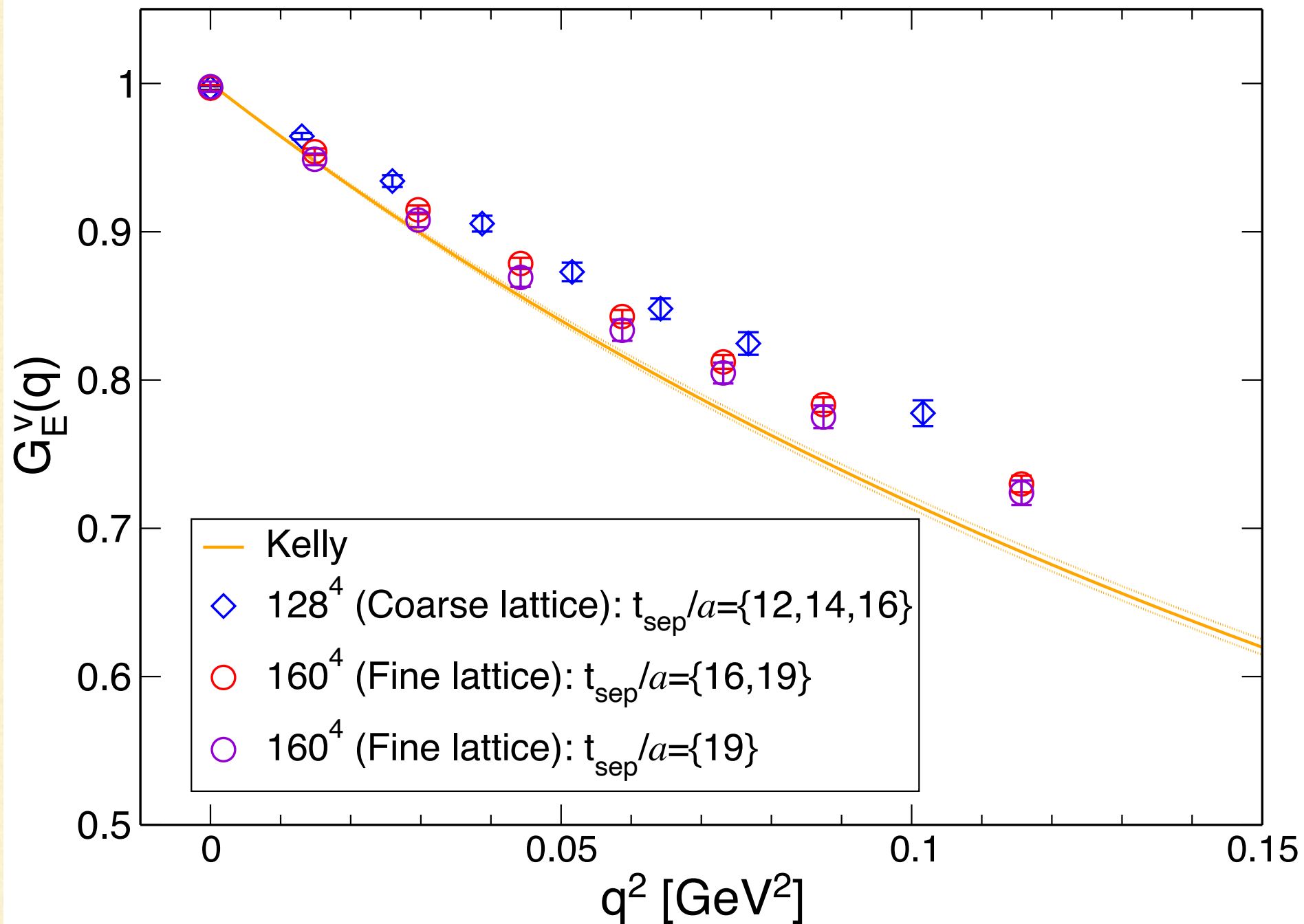
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$t_{\text{sep}}$ -dependences < statistical err  $\rightarrow$  ground-state saturation

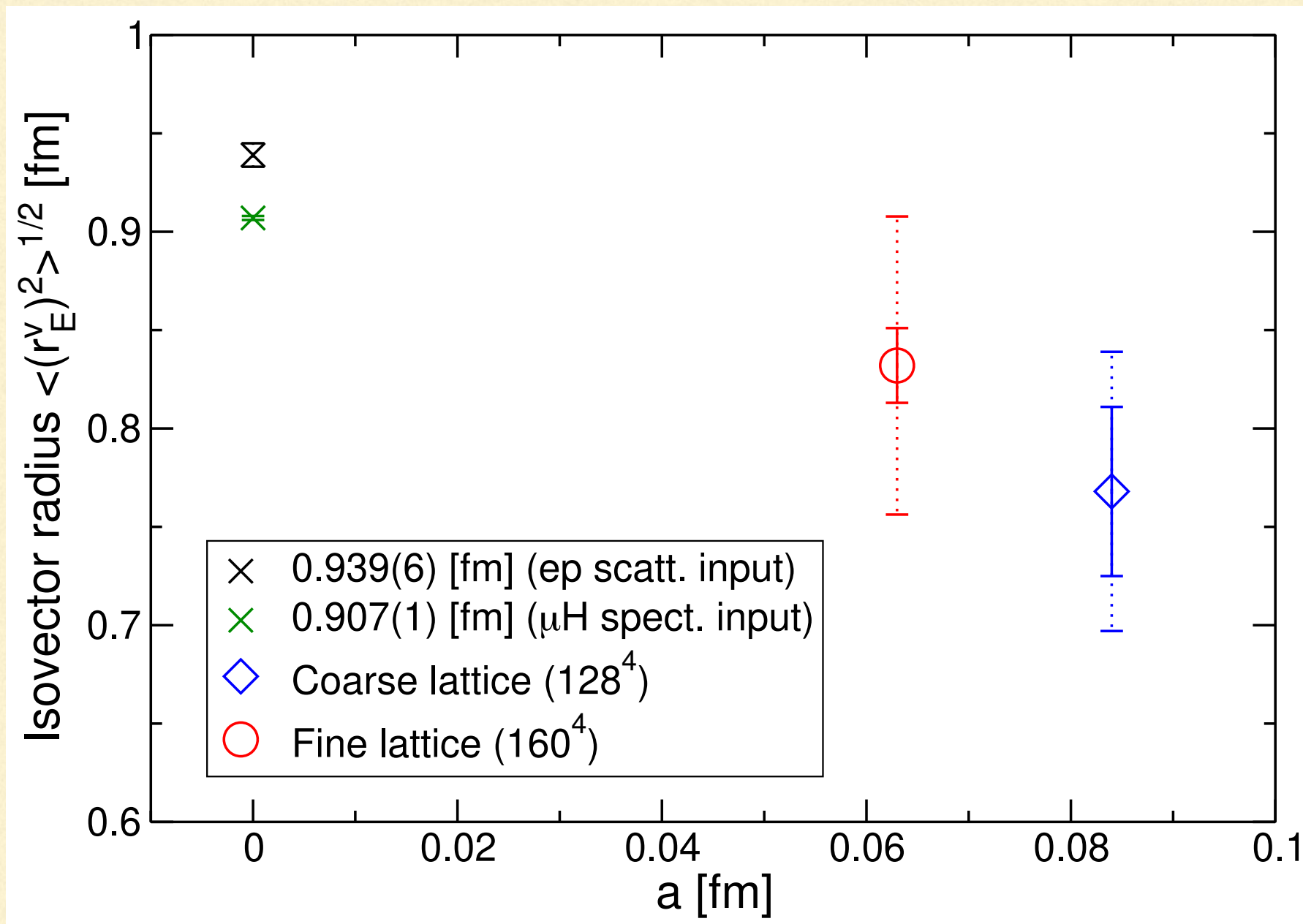
$G_E(q^2; t_{\text{sep}}/a = 19)$  has slightly small values  $\rightarrow$  Not solved yet

# Electric form factor



# Electric radius

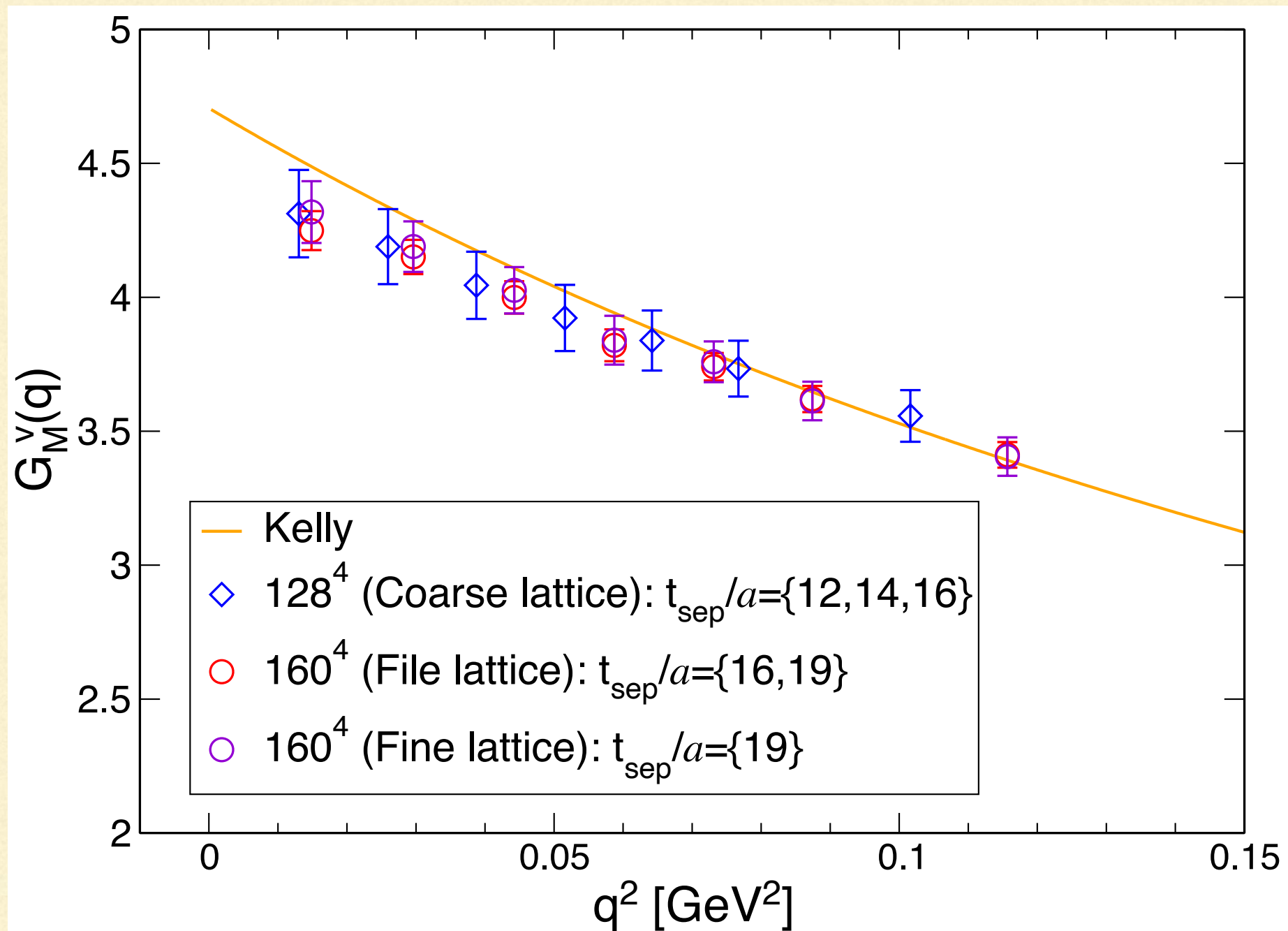
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Statistical error (5.6%)  $\lesssim$  Discretization error (8.3%)

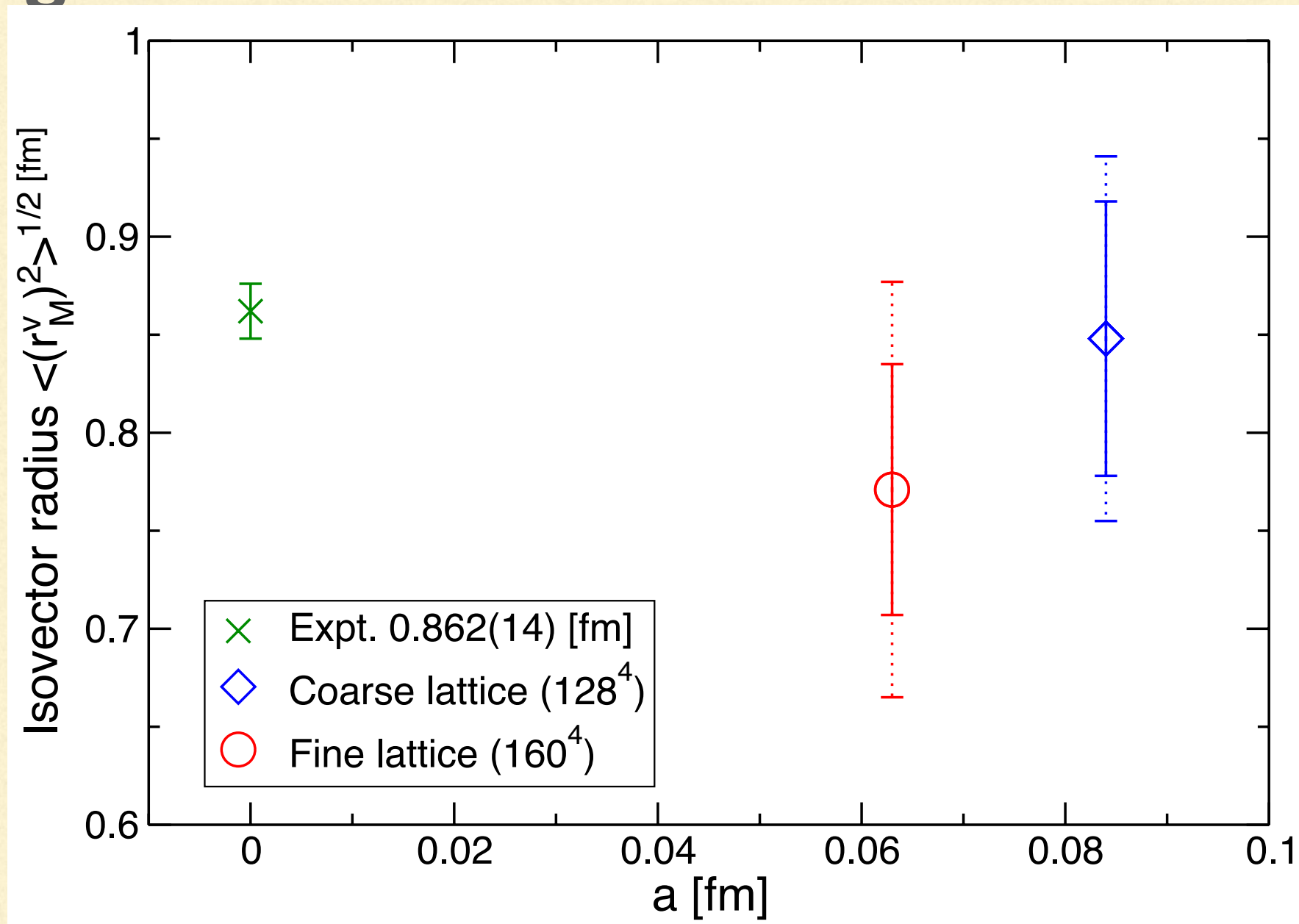


# Magnetic form factor



# Magnetic radius

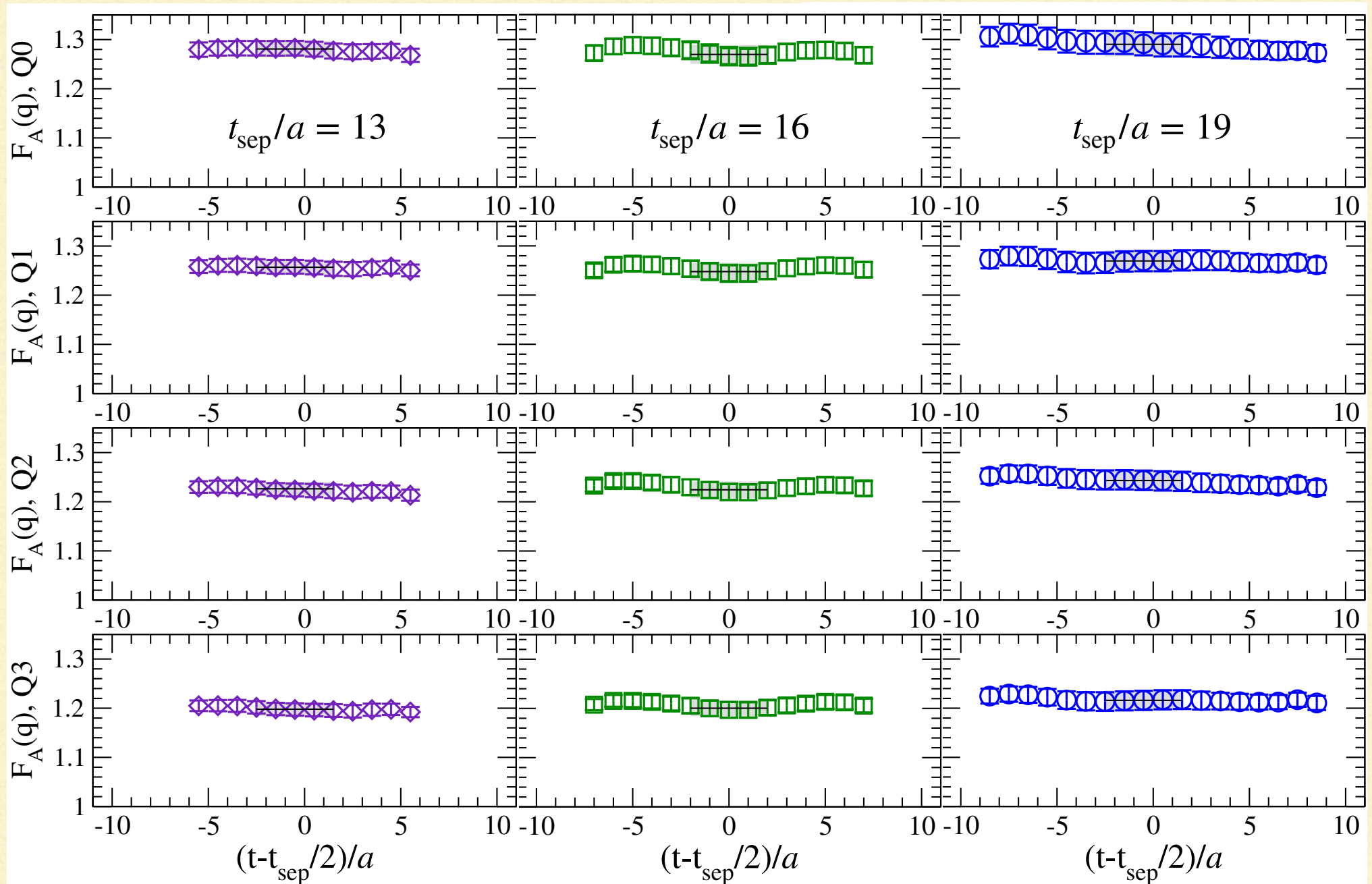
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Statistical error (8.3%)  $\lesssim$  Discretization error (9.0%)

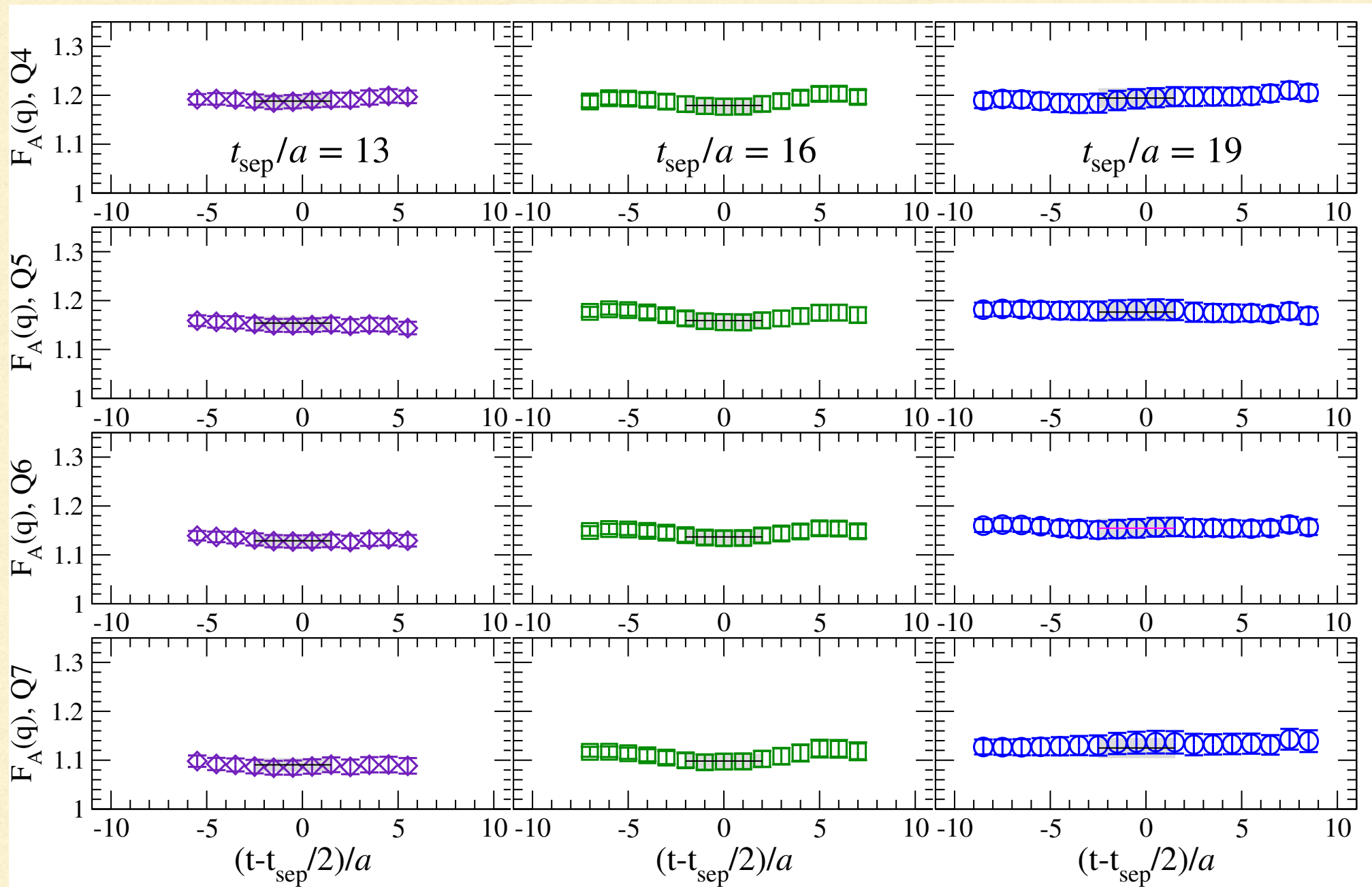
Preliminary

# Plateaus of $F_A - q^2 = 0.0 \sim 0.044 \text{ GeV}^2$



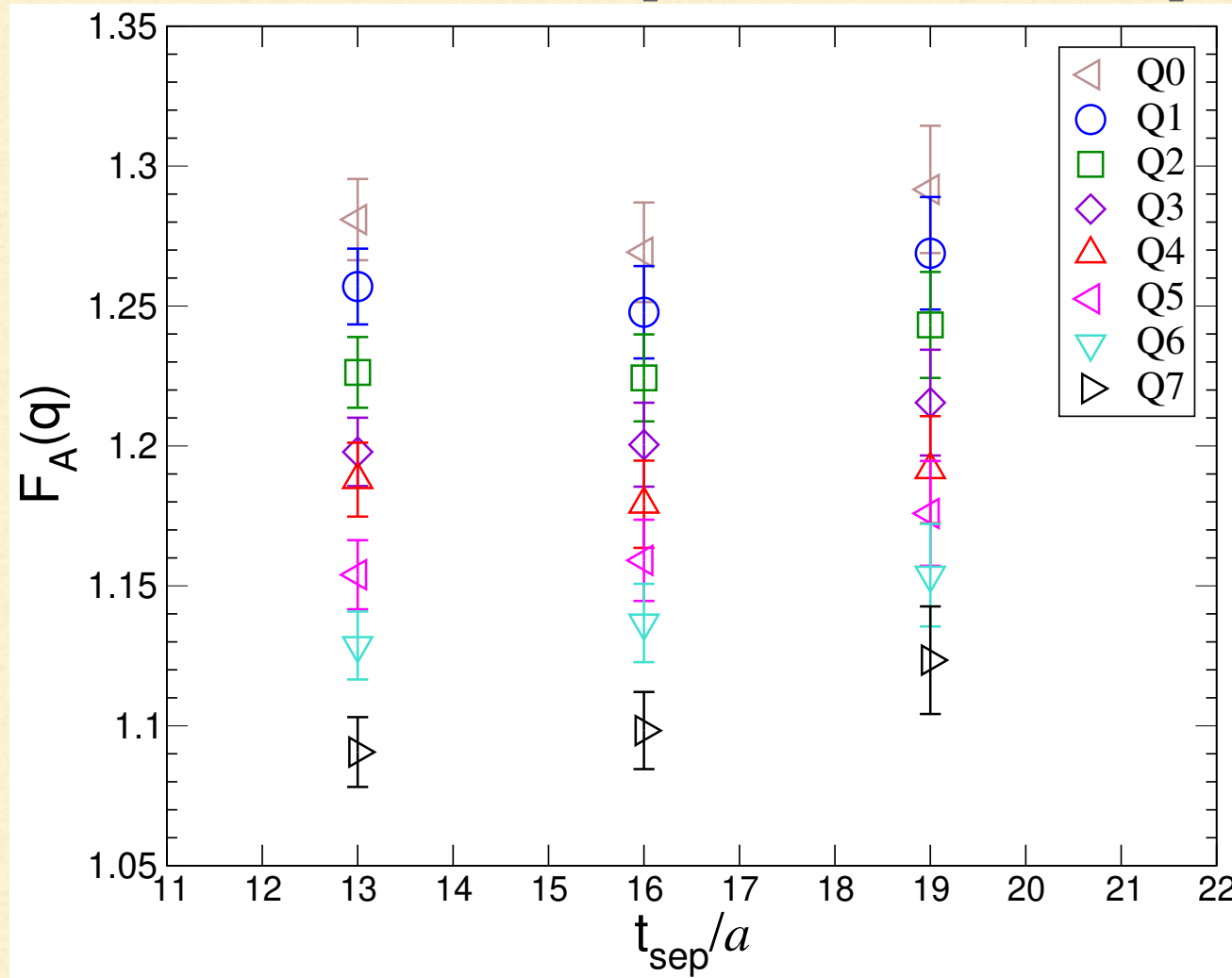
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# Plateaus of $F_A - q^2 = 0.059 \sim 0.116 \text{ GeV}^2$



# $t_{\text{sep}}$ -dependences $F_A$

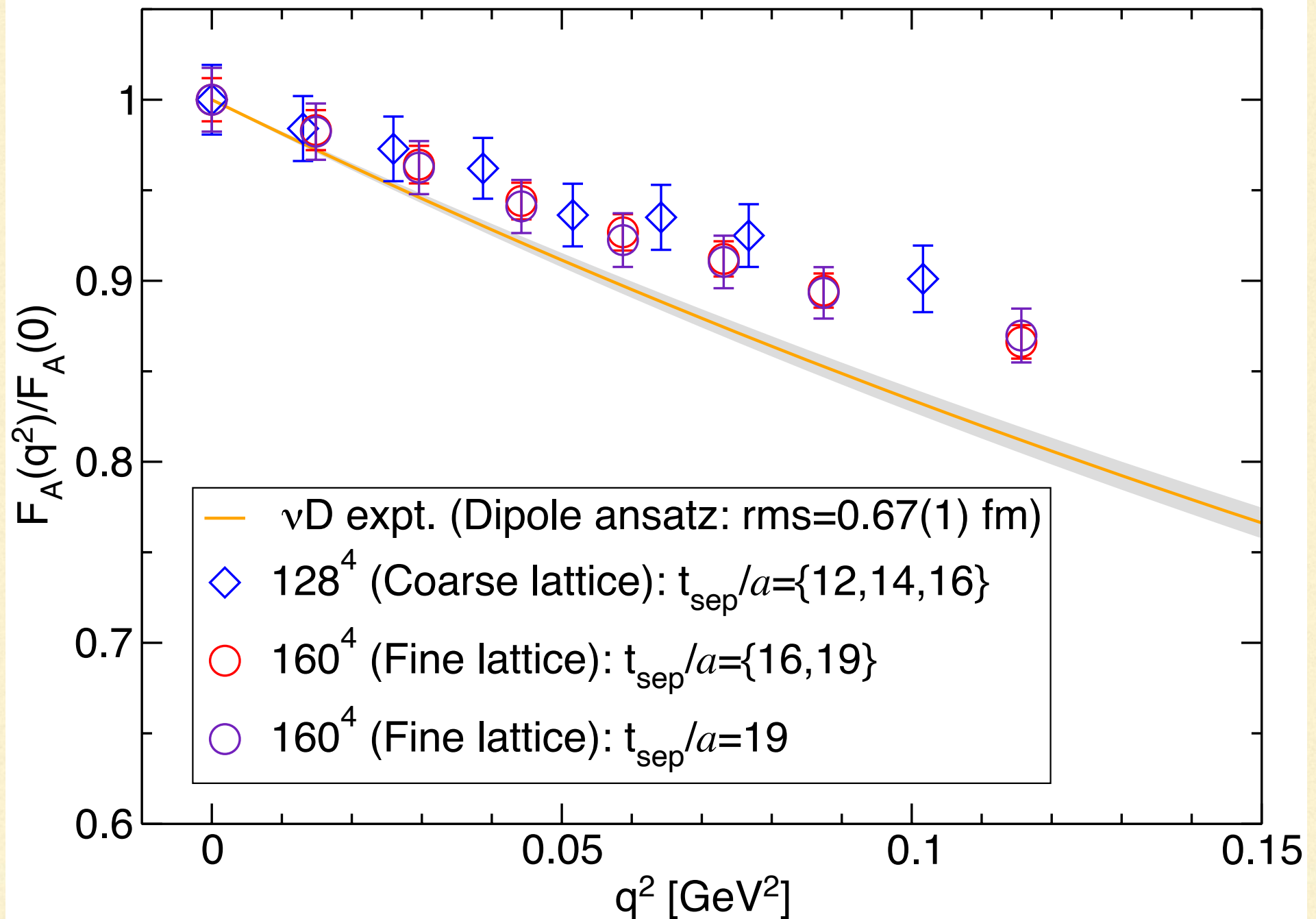
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$t_{\text{sep}}$ -dependences  $<$  statistical err  $\rightarrow$  ground-state saturation

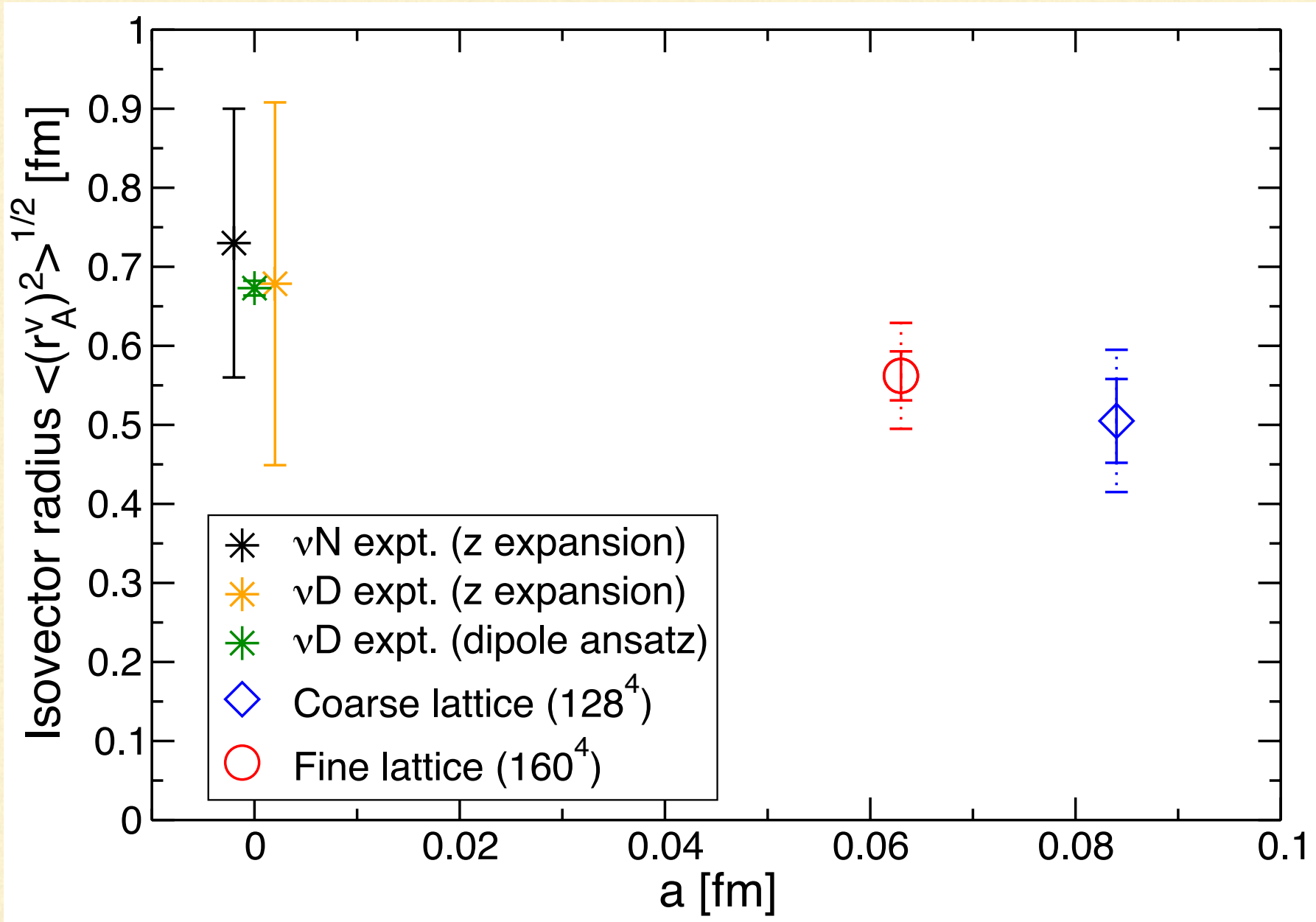
Excited-states could be unproblematic in our precision at low  $Q^2$ .<sup>14</sup>

# Axial form factor



# Axial radius

$$\text{Disc. err.} \equiv \frac{|(\text{coarse}) - (\text{fine})|}{(\text{coarse})}$$



Statistical error (10.5%)  $\lesssim$  Discretization error (11.3%)

# Discretization error

Error budget	$g_A$	$\sqrt{\langle (r_E^v)^2 \rangle}$	$\sqrt{\langle (r_M^v)^2 \rangle}$	$\sqrt{\langle (r_A^v)^2 \rangle}$
Statistical:	1.9%	5.6%	8.3%	10.5%
Discretization:	1.6%	8.3%	9.0%	11.3%

Statistical error  $\lesssim$  Discretization error

Check

1. Dispersion relation of nucleon

2.  $O(a)$  improved current  $A_\alpha^{\text{imp}} = A_\alpha + c_A a \partial_\alpha P \rightarrow$  PCAC relation

$$m_{\text{PCAC}} \equiv \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi}{2\langle 0 | P^+(0) | \pi \rangle} \longleftrightarrow m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}} \equiv \frac{\langle N_{\text{snk}} \partial_\mu A_\mu(x) \bar{N}_{\text{src}} \rangle}{2\langle N_{\text{snk}} P(x) \bar{N}_{\text{src}} \rangle}$$

- Pion 2-pt function
- Zero momentum
- Improvement is helpless

$$m_{\text{PCAC}} = (m_{\text{PCAC}})^{\text{imp}} \sim (m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}})^{\text{imp}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_A \text{ s.t. } m_{\text{PCAC}} &\sim (m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}})^{\text{imp}} \\ \rightarrow \bar{c}_A &\propto m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}} - (m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}})^{\text{imp}} \\ &\sim m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}} - m_{\text{PCAC}} \end{aligned}$$

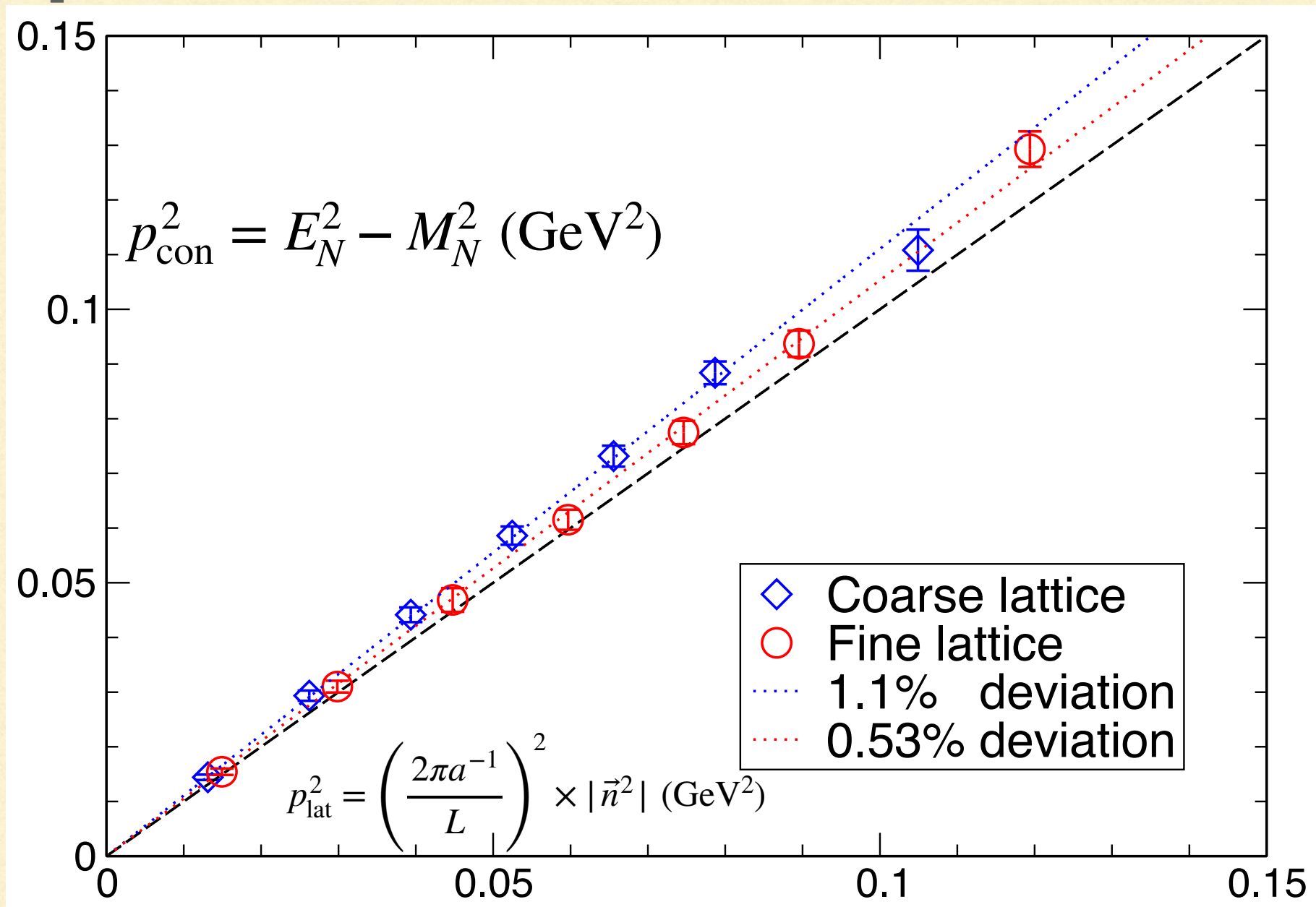
- Nucleon 3-pt function
- Nonzero momentum
- Improvement works

$$(m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}})^{\text{imp}} = m_{\text{AWTI}}^{\text{PCAC}} - a c_A q^2 / 2 \quad 17$$

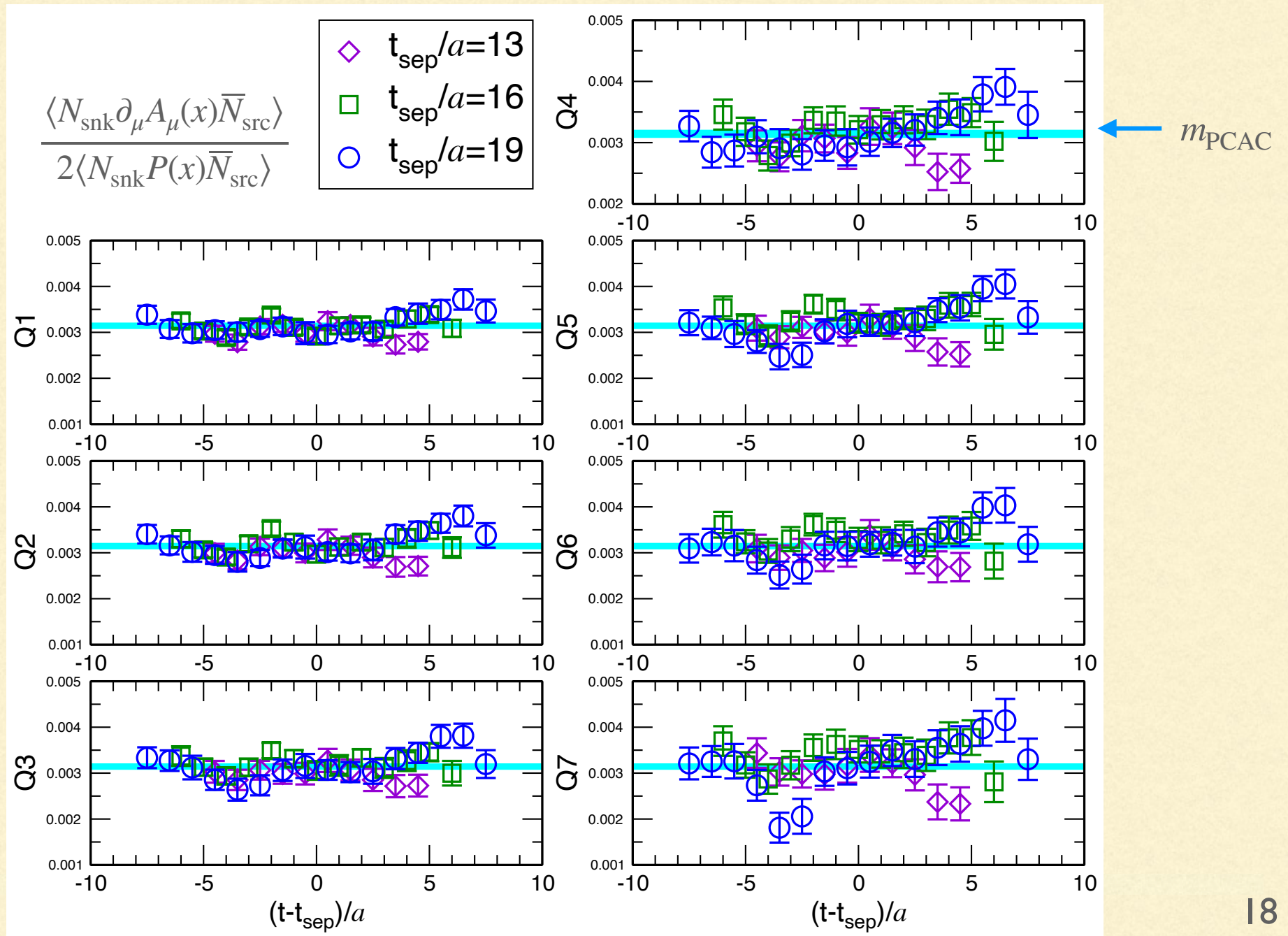


# Dispersion relation

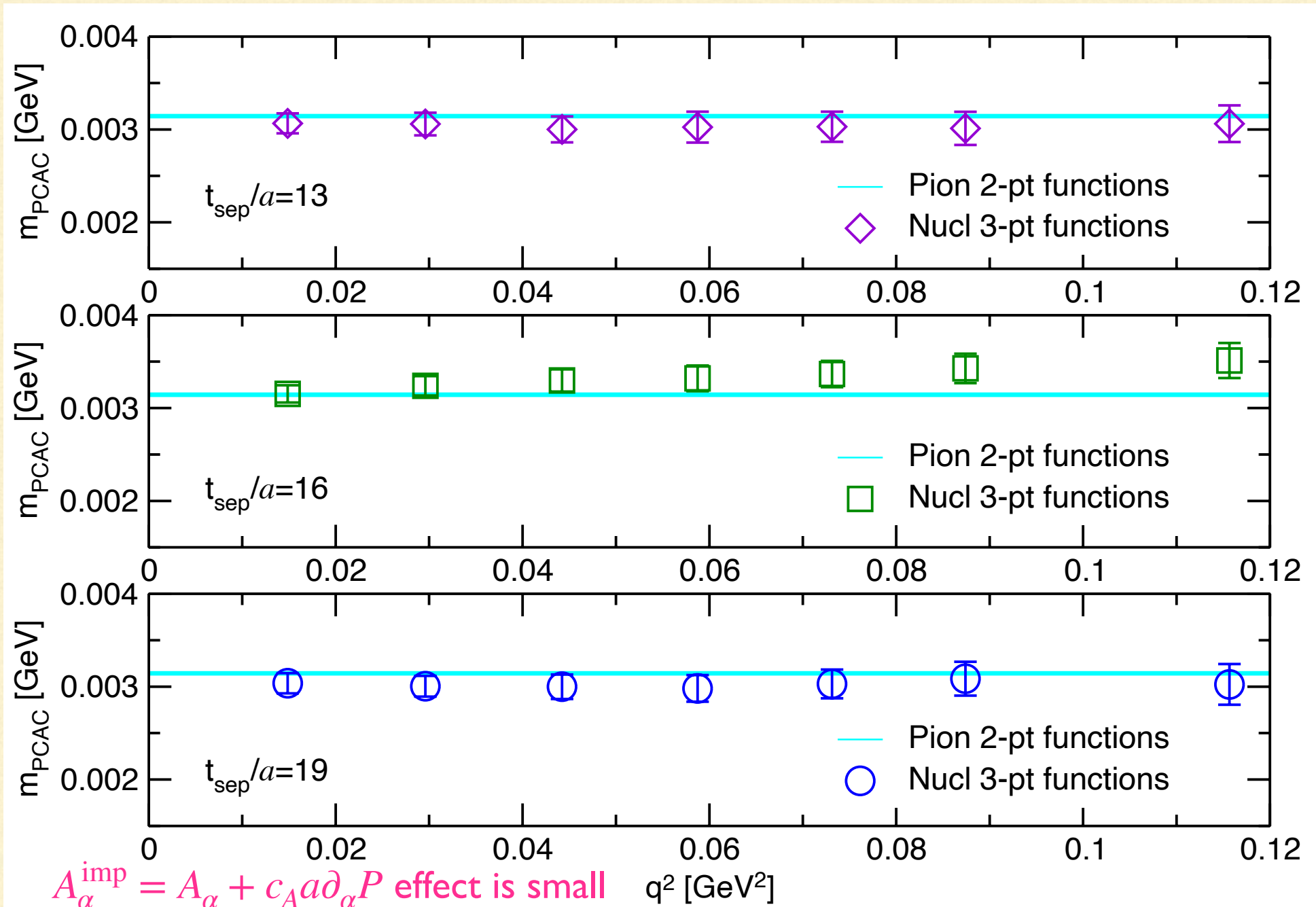
Discretization effect is small



# PCAC satisfying correlation functions



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# Summary of our form factor studies

- Conclusion of this talk

# Summary of form factor studies

PACS Collaboration for Nucleon projects:

- AMA technique → High statistical precision
- Physical point → No chiral extrapolations
- Large physical volume ( $\sim 10^4 \text{ fm}^4$ ) → Low  $Q^2$  information
- *Fully dynamical* lattice QCD simulations towards **continuum limit**

Our **preliminary** results:

- For  $g_A$ , both **coarse** & **fine** reproduce **PDG** within stat. err. (2%).
- Large discretization error appears on the radii compared to the error on the dispersion relation, and it would not be resolved by the  $O(a)$  improved current.

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