
Form Factors and Moments of Nucleon PDFs

From Lattice QCD

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Outline

Lattice QCD short overview

- Landscape of simulations
- Extraction of nucleon observables
- Challenges at physical pion mass

Selected nucleon observable results from lattice QCD

- Spin decomposition of the nucleon
- Momentum decomposition of the nucleon
- Nucleon electromagnetic form factors

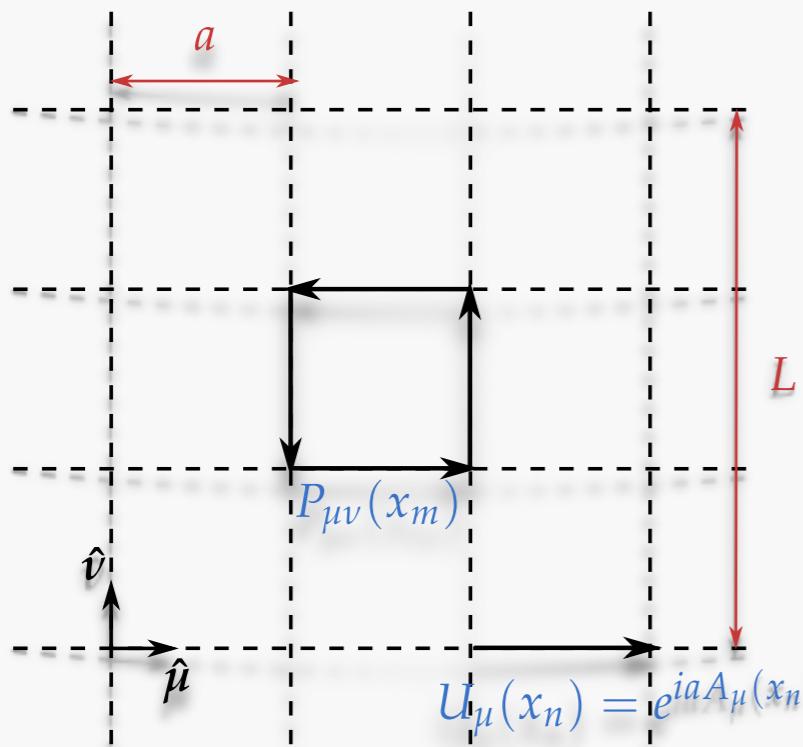
Lattice QCD – ab initio simulation of QCD

Free to choose

- quark masses (**heavier is cheaper**)
- lattice spacing a (**coarser is cheaper**)
- lattice volume $L^3 \times T$ (**smaller is cheaper**)

Choice of discretisation scheme

- e.g. Clover, **Twisted Mass**, Staggered, Overlap, Domain Wall, ...
- Different trade-offs made for each choice



Eventually, **all** schemes must agree:

- At the continuum limit: $a \rightarrow 0$
- At the infinite volume limit: $L \rightarrow \infty$
- At physical quark mass

Twisted Mass Lattice QCD

Formulation particularly attractive for nucleon structure

- Laborious tuning procedure during simulation to reach “maximal twist”
- $O(a)$ improved operators without requiring further operator improvement

R. Frezzotti, G. C. Rossi, JHEP 0408 (2004) 007

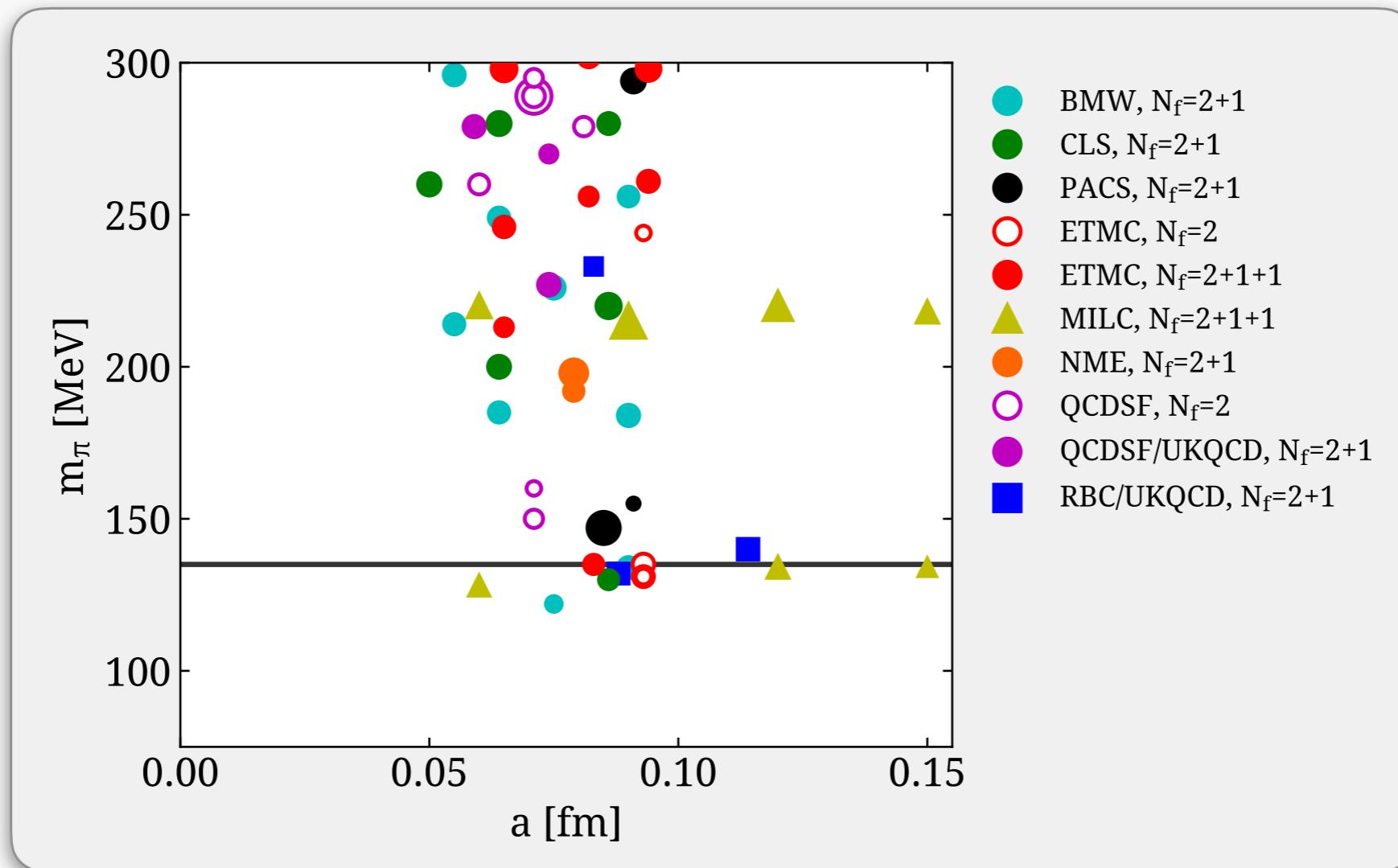
Ensembles at physical quark masses

- $N_f=2$,
 - $a = 0.094 \text{ fm}$, $L^3 \times T = 48^3 \times 96$ ($aL = 4.5 \text{ fm}$), $m_\pi L = 2.9$
 - $a = 0.094 \text{ fm}$, $L^3 \times T = 64^3 \times 128$ ($aL = 5.9 \text{ fm}$), $m_\pi L = 3.9$
- $N_f=2+1+1$,
 - $a = 0.080 \text{ fm}$, $L^3 \times T = 64^3 \times 128$ ($aL = 5.2 \text{ fm}$), $m_\pi L = 3.6$

(ETMC) A. Abdel-Rehim *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. D95 094525 (2017)

(ETMC) C. Alexandrou *et al.*,
arXiv:1807.00495

Simulation landscape



Selected presentation of lattice simulation points used for hadron structure

- Several collaborations at physical pion mass (horizontal line at $m_\pi \approx 135$ MeV)
- Size of points indicates $m_\pi L$ (smallest: $m_\pi L = 2.3$ and largest $m_\pi L = 7$)

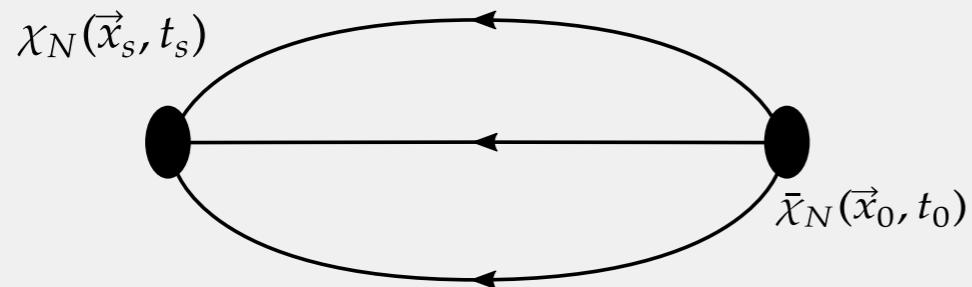
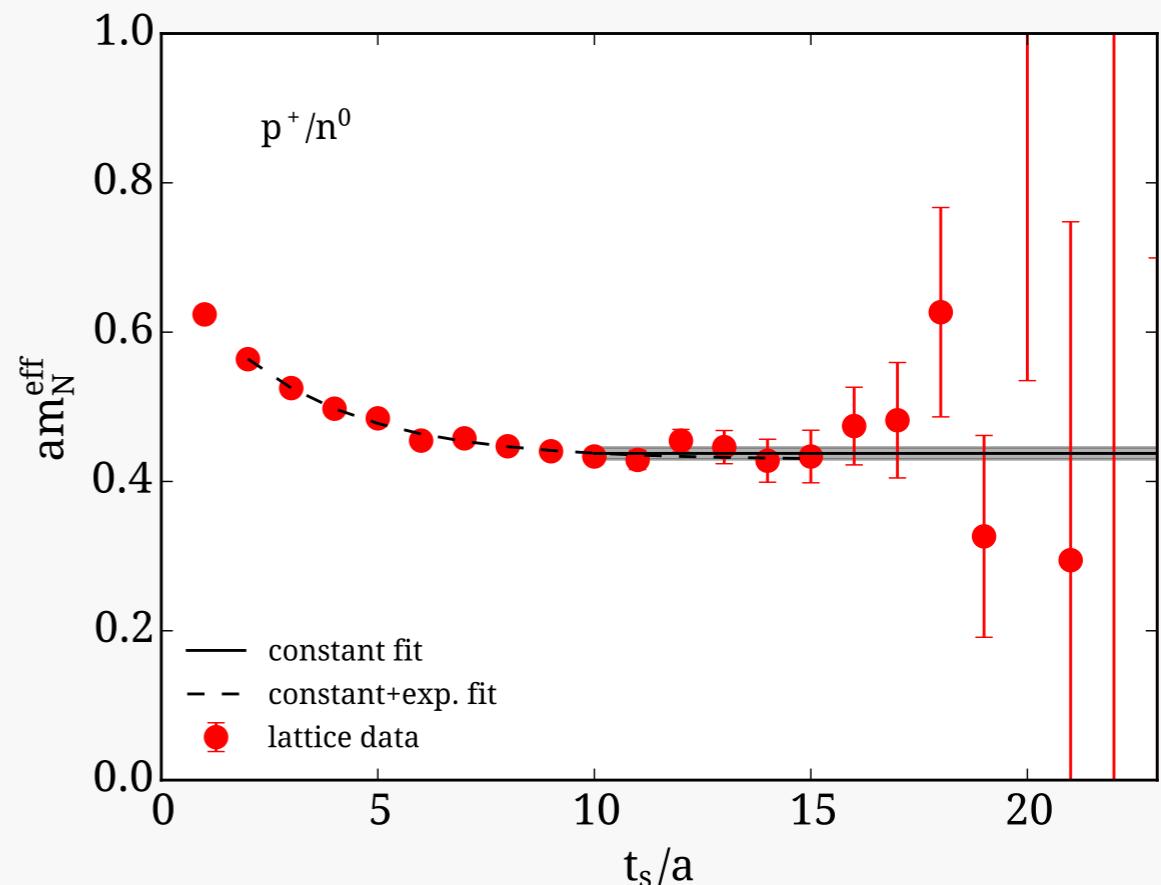
Nucleon structure on the lattice

Two-point correlation functions

- Statistical error: $N^{-1/2}$ with Monte Carlo samples
- Correlation functions exponentially decay with time-separation

Systematic uncertainties

- Contamination from higher energy states



$$\sum_{\vec{x}_s} \Gamma^{\alpha\beta} \langle \bar{\chi}_N^\beta(\vec{x}_s) | \chi_N^\alpha(0) \rangle = c_0 e^{-E_0 t_s} + c_1 e^{-E_1 t_s} + \dots$$

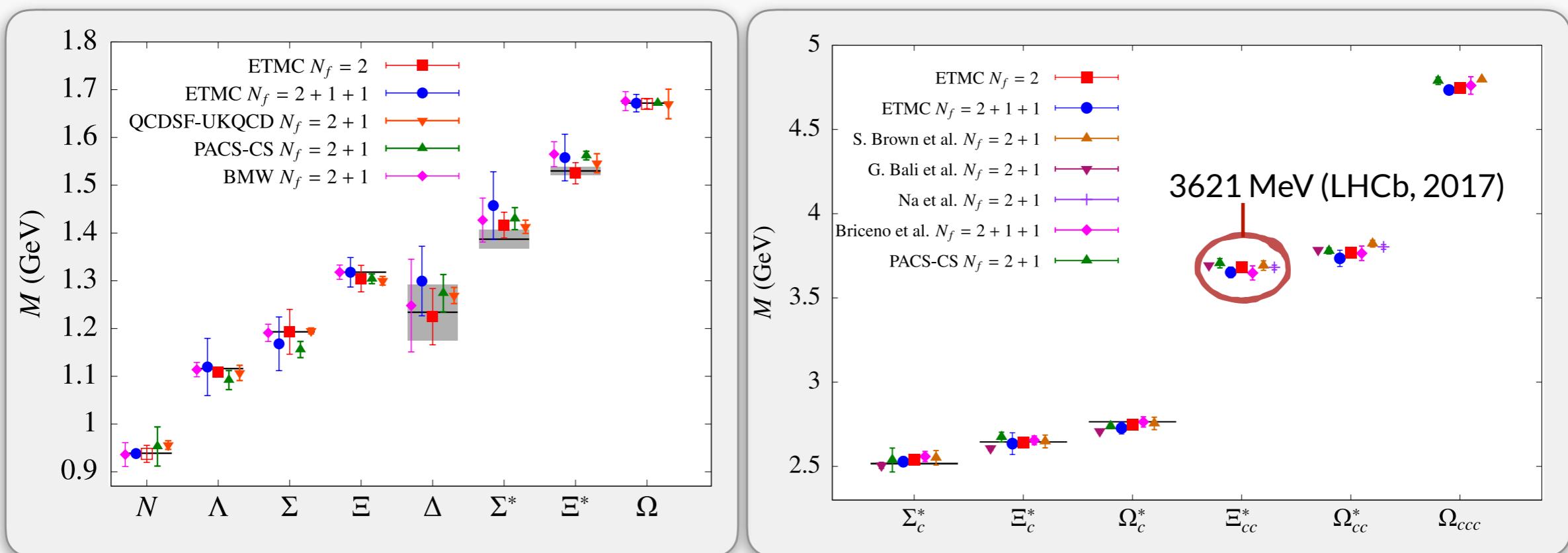
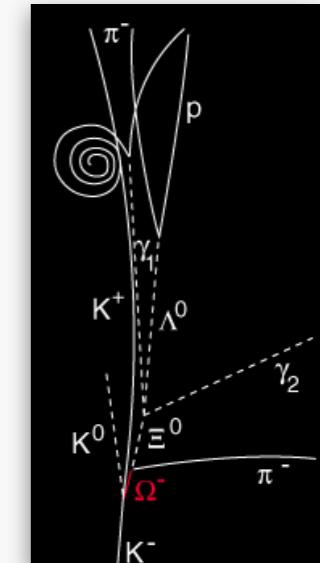
Nucleon structure on the lattice

Reproduction of light baryon masses

- Agreement between lattice discretisations
- Reproduction of experiment

Prediction of yet to be observed baryons

- Confidence through agreement between lattice schemes

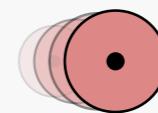


Nucleon structure on the lattice

Lattice Moments are readily accessible on the lattice

Unpolarised

$$\mathcal{O}_V^{\mu\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu} i D^{\mu_1} i D^{\mu_2} \dots i D^{\mu_n\}} \psi$$



$$\langle 1 \rangle_{u-d} = g_V, \quad \langle x \rangle_{u-d}, \quad \dots$$

Helicity

$$\mathcal{O}_A^{\mu\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \gamma^{\{\mu} i D^{\mu_1} i D^{\mu_2} \dots i D^{\mu_n\}} \psi$$



$$\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d} = g_A, \quad \langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}, \quad \dots$$

Transverse

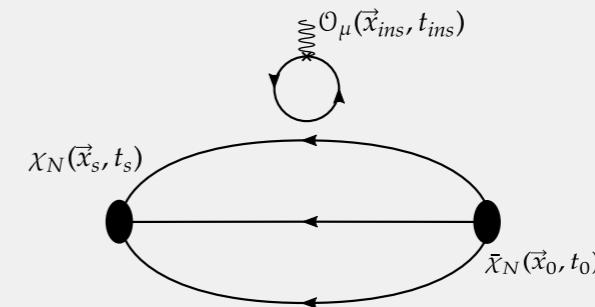
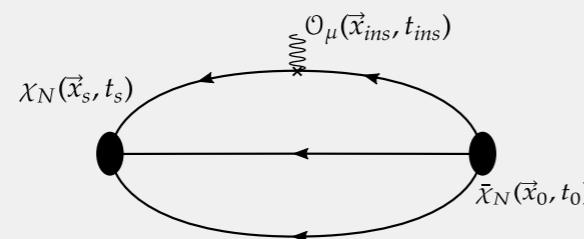
$$\mathcal{O}_T^{\nu\mu\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n} = \bar{\psi} \sigma^\nu \gamma^{\{\mu} i D^{\mu_1} i D^{\mu_2} \dots i D^{\mu_n\}} \psi$$



$$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d} = g_T, \quad \langle x \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d}, \quad \dots$$

Lattice evaluation of matrix elements

$$G_\mu(\Gamma; \vec{q}; t_s, t_{\text{ins}}) = \sum_{\vec{x}_s \vec{x}_{\text{ins}}} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}_{\text{ins}}} \Gamma^{\alpha\beta} \langle \bar{\chi}_N^\beta(\vec{x}_s; t_s) | \mathcal{O}^\mu(\vec{x}_{\text{ins}}; t_{\text{ins}}) | \chi_N^\alpha(0; 0) \rangle$$



Analyses for identifying excited state contributions

- Plateau:

$$R(t_s, t_{\text{ins}}, t_0) \xrightarrow[t_{\text{ins}} - t_0 \rightarrow \infty]{t_s - t_{\text{ins}} \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}[1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta(t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)}, e^{-\Delta'(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})})]$$

fit to constant w.r.t. t_{ins} for multiple values of t_s

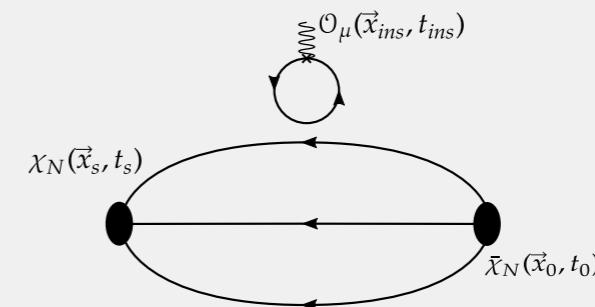
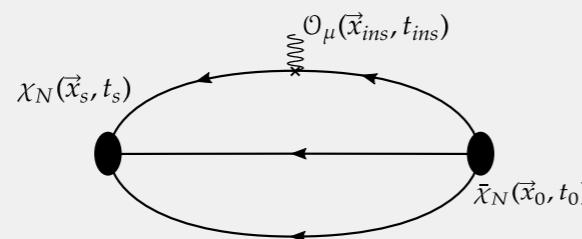
- Two-state fit: Fit, two- and three-point simultaneously, including first excited state
- Sum over t_{ins} :

$$\sum_{t_{\text{ins}}} R(t_s, t_{\text{ins}}, t_0) \xrightarrow{t_s - t_0 \rightarrow \infty} \text{Const.} + \mathcal{M}(t_s - t_0) + \mathcal{O}(t_s e^{-\Delta t_s})$$

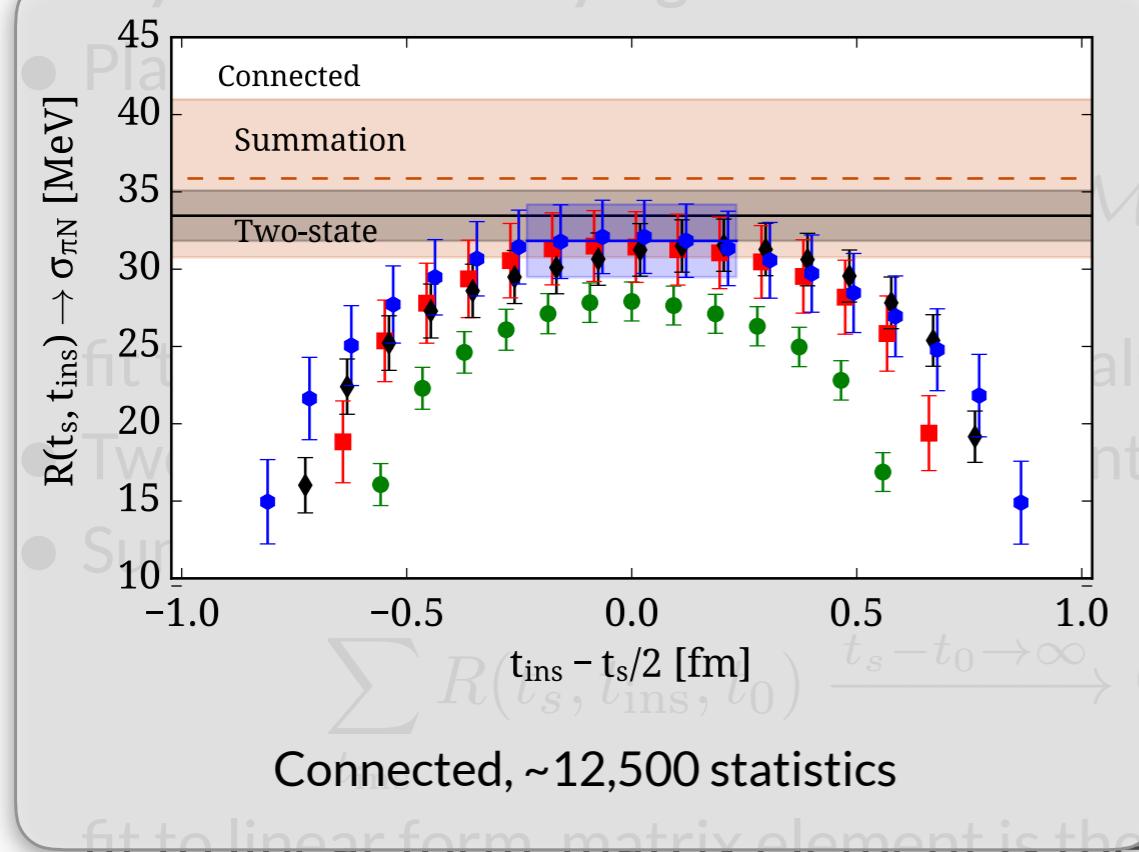
fit to linear form, matrix element is the slope.

Lattice evaluation of matrix elements

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Analyses for identifying excited state contributions



$$[1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta(t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)}, e^{-\Delta'(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})})]$$

values of t_s

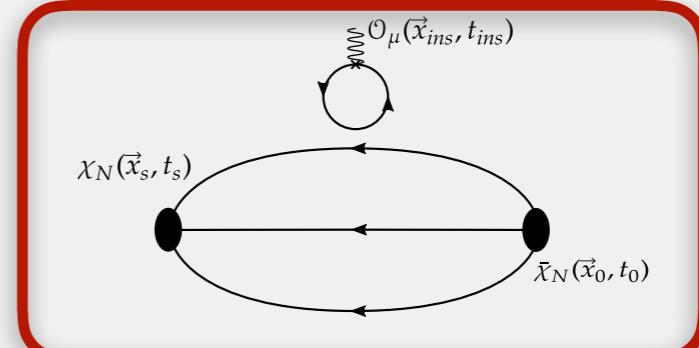
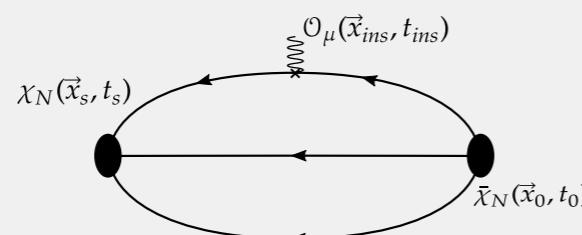
simultaneously, including first excited state

$$\xrightarrow[t_s - t_0 \rightarrow \infty]{\quad} \text{Const.} + \mathcal{M}(t_s - t_0) + \mathcal{O}(t_s e^{-\Delta t_s})$$

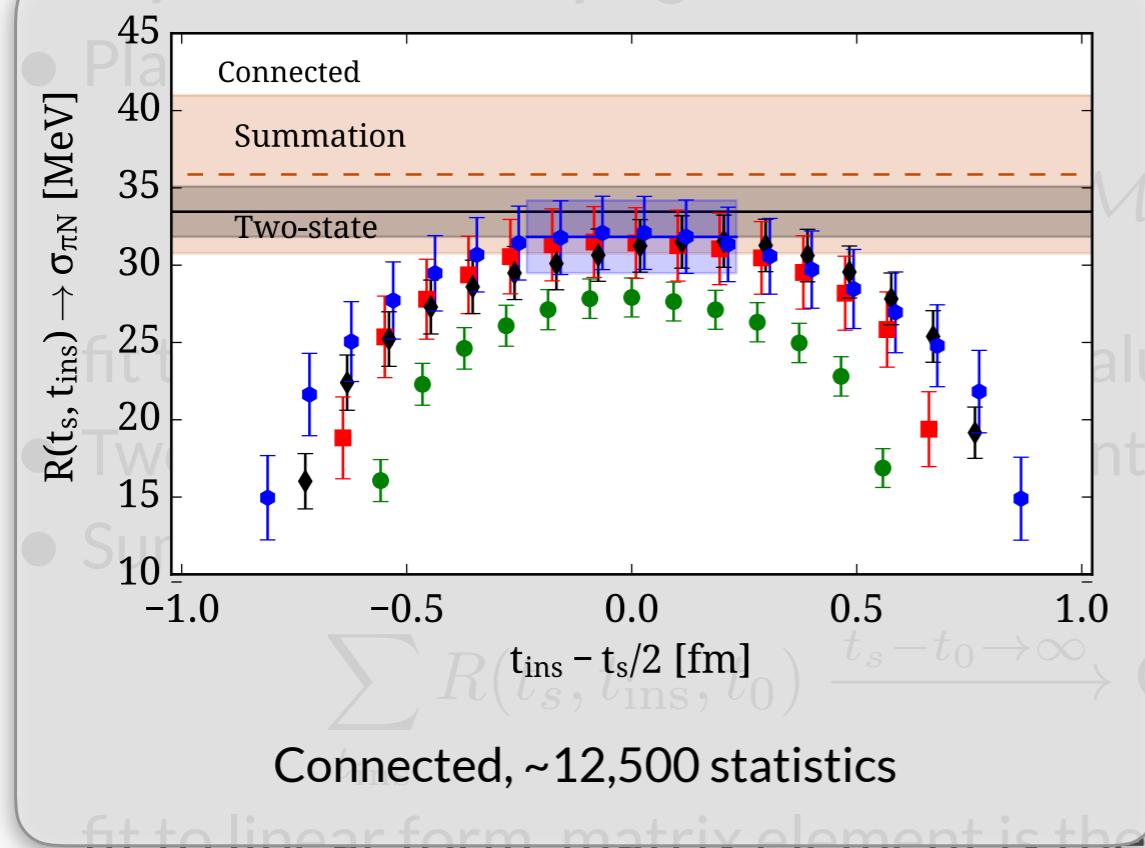
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Analyses for identifying excited state contributions



“Disconnected” contributions – estimate stochastically

$$[1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta(t_{\text{ins}}-t_0)}, e^{-\Delta'(t_s-t_{\text{ins}})})]$$

values of t_s

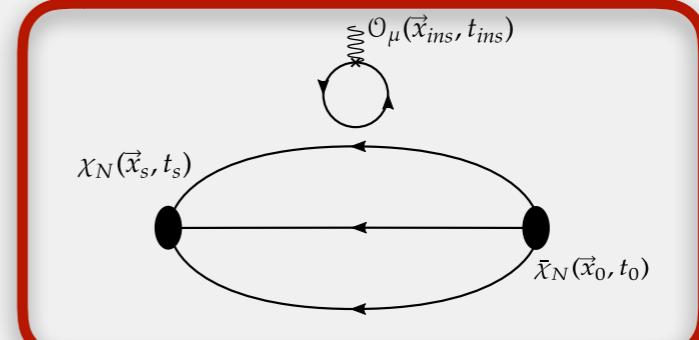
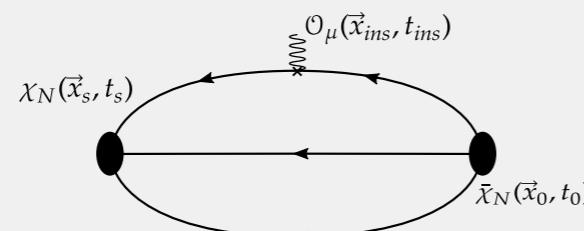
simultaneously, including first excited state

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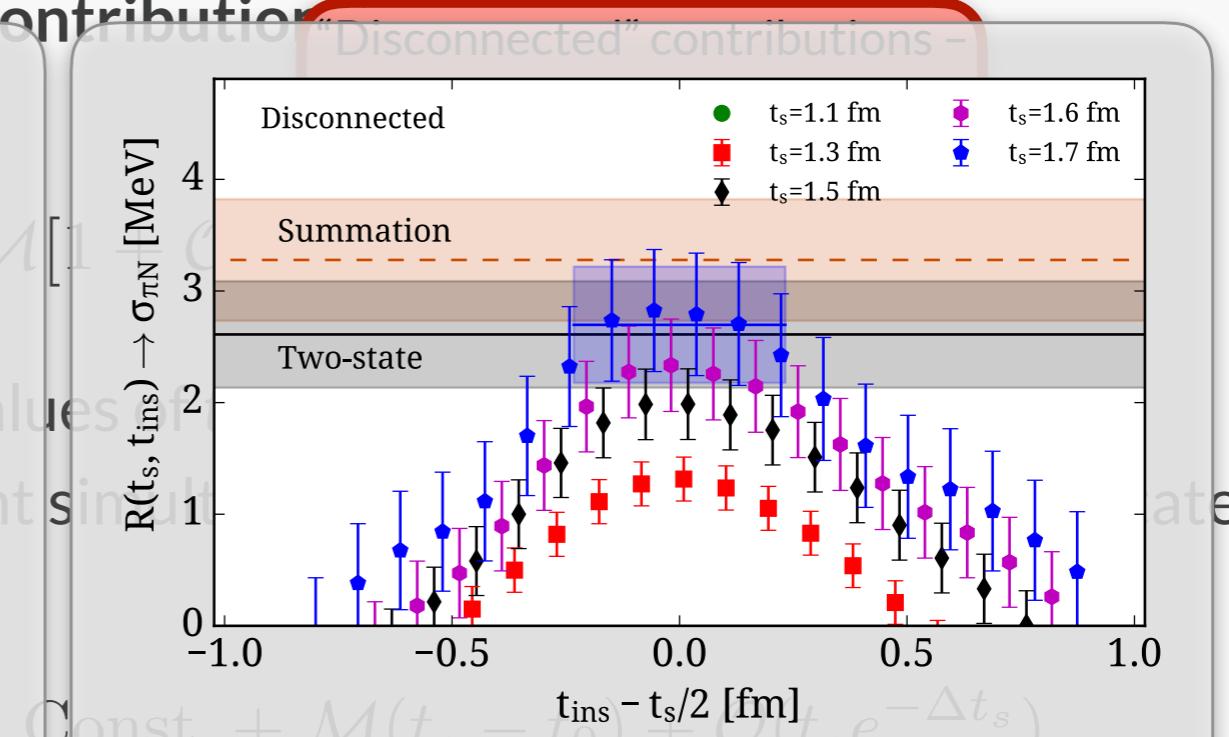
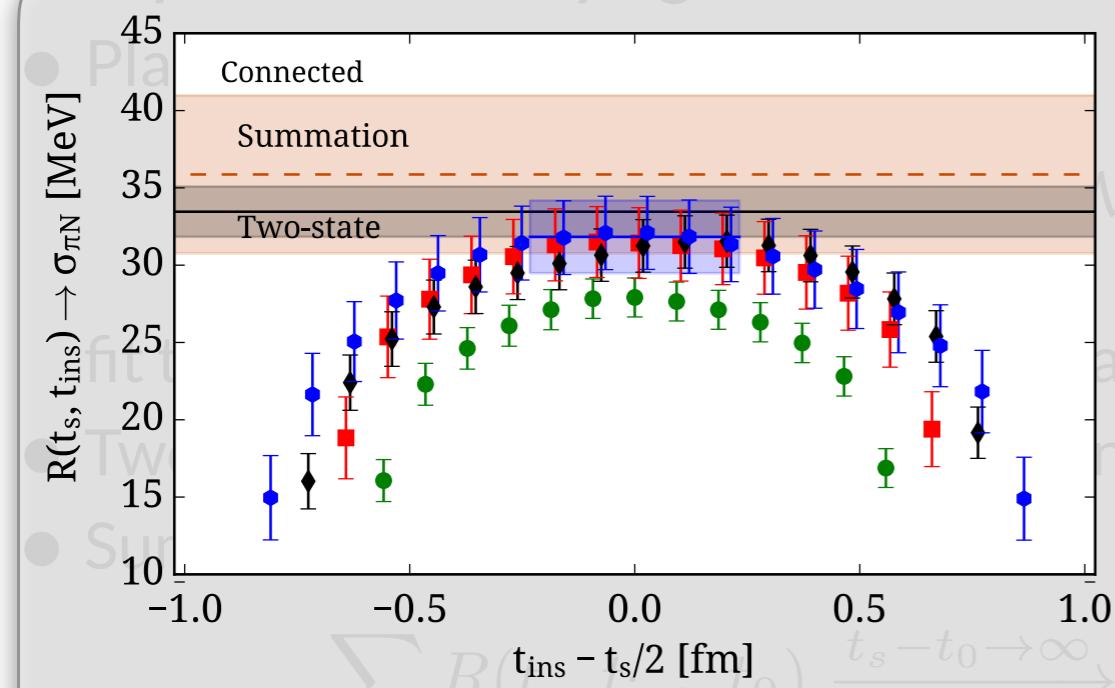
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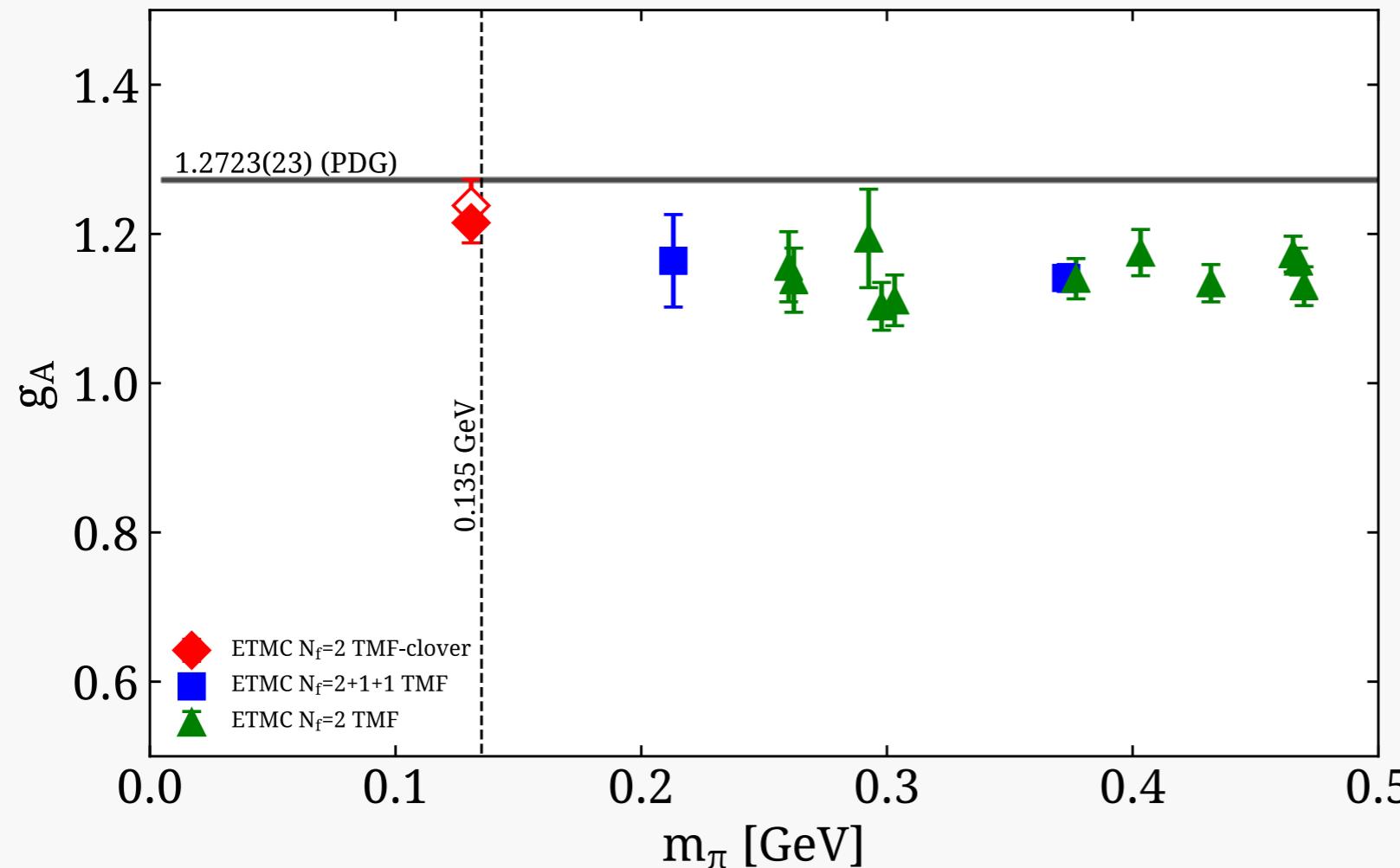
Analyses for identifying excited state contribution



Axial matrix elements

Isovector axial charge

- Well known from β -decay
- Readily accessible on the lattice: $\mathcal{O}^A = \bar{u}\gamma_5\gamma_k u - \bar{d}\gamma_5\gamma_k d$
- Benchmark quantity in lattice QCD



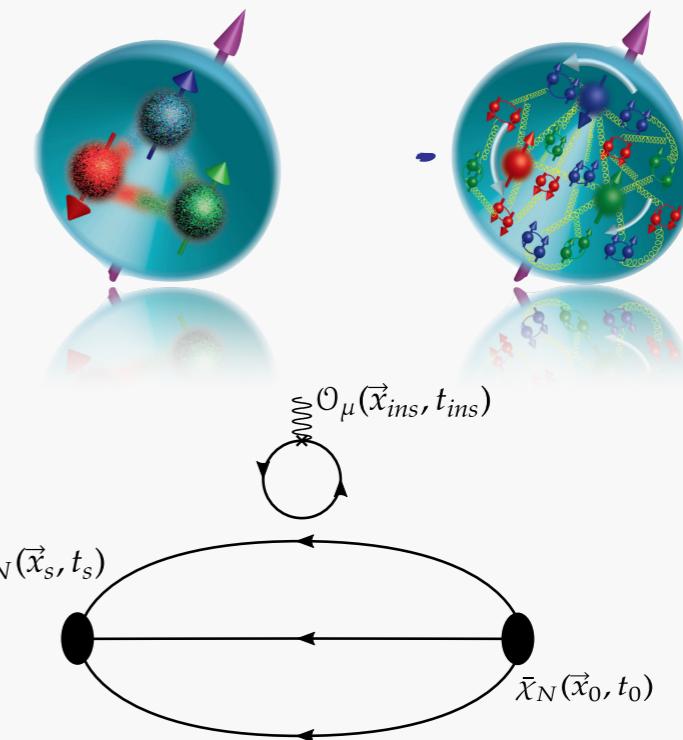
Results at near physical pion mass only available recently

- Shown physical point:
 $L=4.5$ fm; $N_f=2$
- Under production:
 $L=6$ fm; $N_f=2$
 $L=5.3$ fm; $N_f=2+1+1$

Nucleon Spin

Quark intrinsic spin contributions to nucleon spin

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=u,d,s,\dots} g_A^q$$



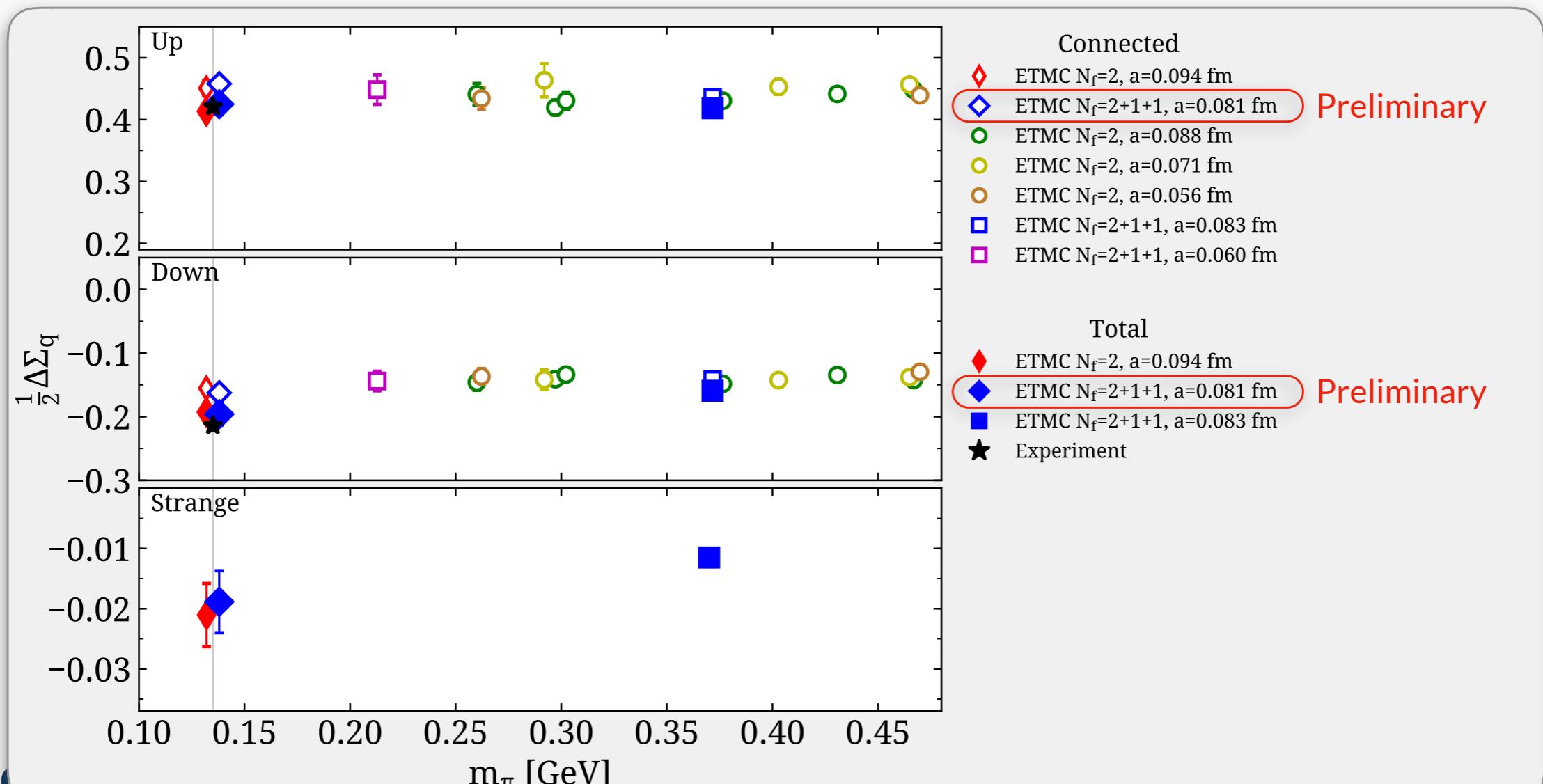
Quark intrinsic spin contributions to nucleon spin

- Need linear combination of isovector and isoscalar contributions for individual up- and down-quarks
- Strange quark contribution is sea-quark contribution only (disconnected diagrams)
- Very demanding on the lattice, need $O(10)$ - $O(100)$ times more statistics

Quark intrinsic spin contributions

Quark intrinsic spin contributions to nucleon spin

- Mild cut-off effects
- Strange and down-quark contributions negative

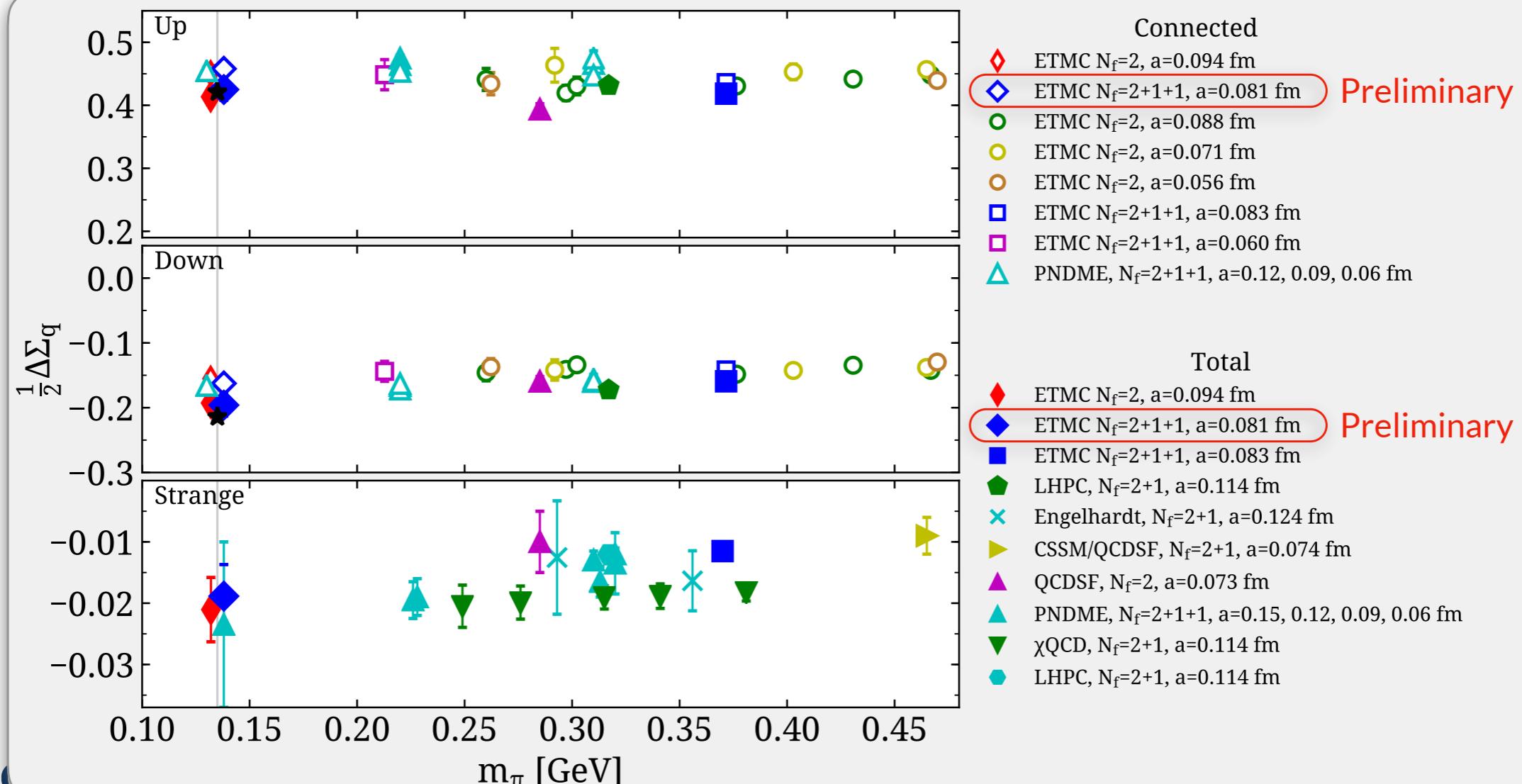


Quark intrinsic spin contributions

Quark intrinsic spin contributions to nucleon spin

- Mild cut-off effects
- Strange and down-quark contributions negative
- Overall agreement between formulations, and with experimental determinations

u, d, and s intrinsic spin contributions at 40(4)% of $\frac{1}{2}$, at physical pion mass



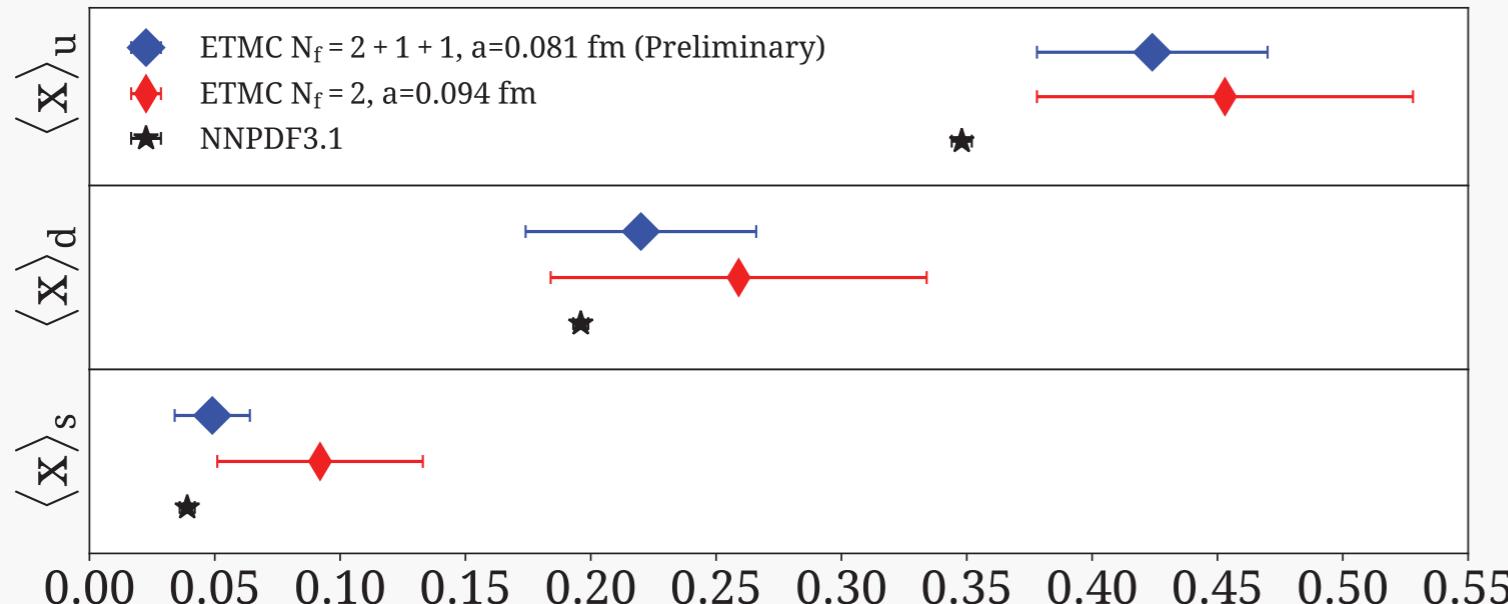
Quark Momentum Fraction

Quark momentum fraction from matrix element of vector first-derivative operator

$$\langle N(p', s') | \mathcal{O}_V^{\mu\mu_1} | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_N(p', s') [A_{20}(q^2) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_{20}(q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\{\mu\alpha} q_\alpha P^{\nu\}}}{2M_N} + C_{20}(q^2) \frac{q^{\{\mu} q^{\nu\}}}{2M_N}] u_N(p, s)$$
$$\mathcal{O}_V^{\mu\mu_1} = \bar{q} \gamma^{\{\mu} i D^{\mu_1\}} q$$

Momentum fraction

- Physical point at two lattice spacings agrees within errors
- Individual quark contributions → disconnected diagrams



Momentum fraction:

$$\langle x \rangle_q = A_{20}^q(0)$$

Quark Momentum Fraction

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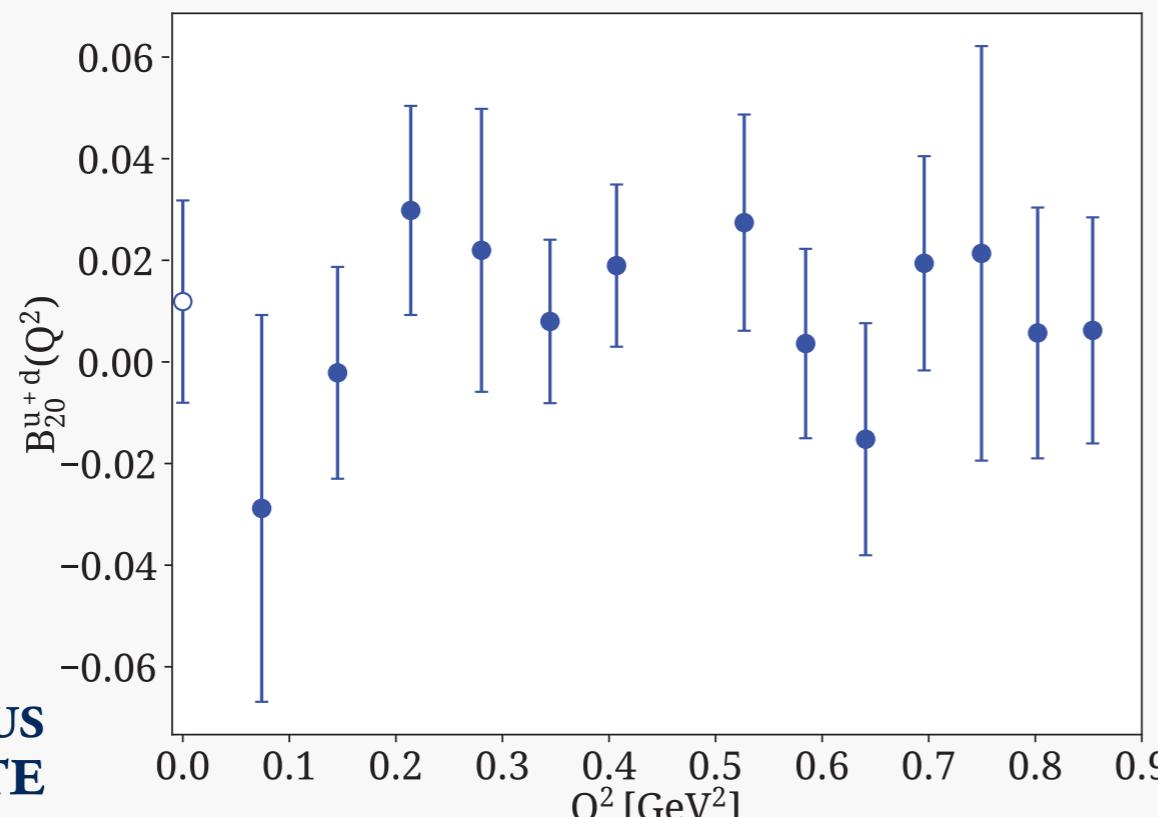
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Nucleon spin:

$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} [A_{20}^q(0) + B_{20}^q(0)]$$

Nucleon total spin J_q

- Requires B_{20} at zero momentum transfer
- Isovector contribution small and consistent with 0



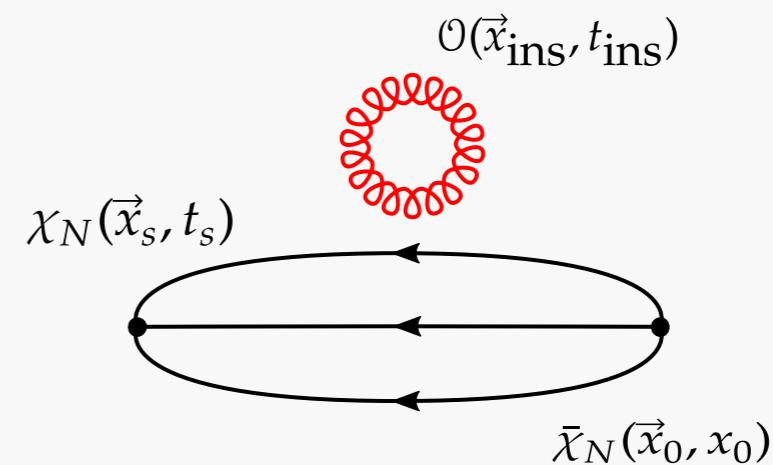
$B_{20}^{u+d, s, c}(0)$

All found small and consistent
with zero

Gluon Momentum Fraction

Direct calculation from matrix element

Operator: $\mathcal{O}_g^{\mu\mu_1} = -\text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu}G_{\nu\mu_1}]$



As in the case of quarks:

Gluon momentum fraction:

$$\langle x \rangle_g = A_{20}^g(0)$$

Gluon contribution to spin:

$$J_g = \frac{1}{2}[A_{20}^g(0) + B_{20}^g(0)]$$

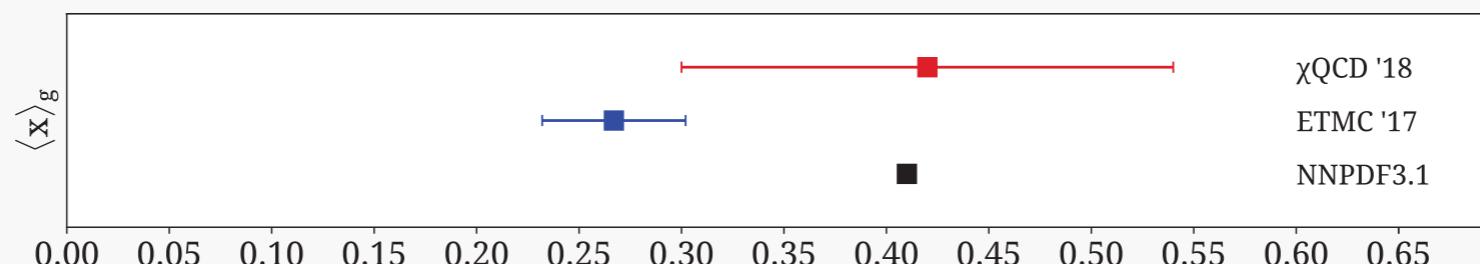
B_{20} not calculated here,
but:

$$B_{20}^q(0) + B_{20}^g(0) = 0$$

Renormalization

- Mixes with quark operator
- Mixing determined perturbatively

$$\langle x \rangle_g = Z_{gg}\langle x \rangle_g^{\text{bare}} + Z_{gq} \sum_q \langle x \rangle_q^{\text{bare}}$$

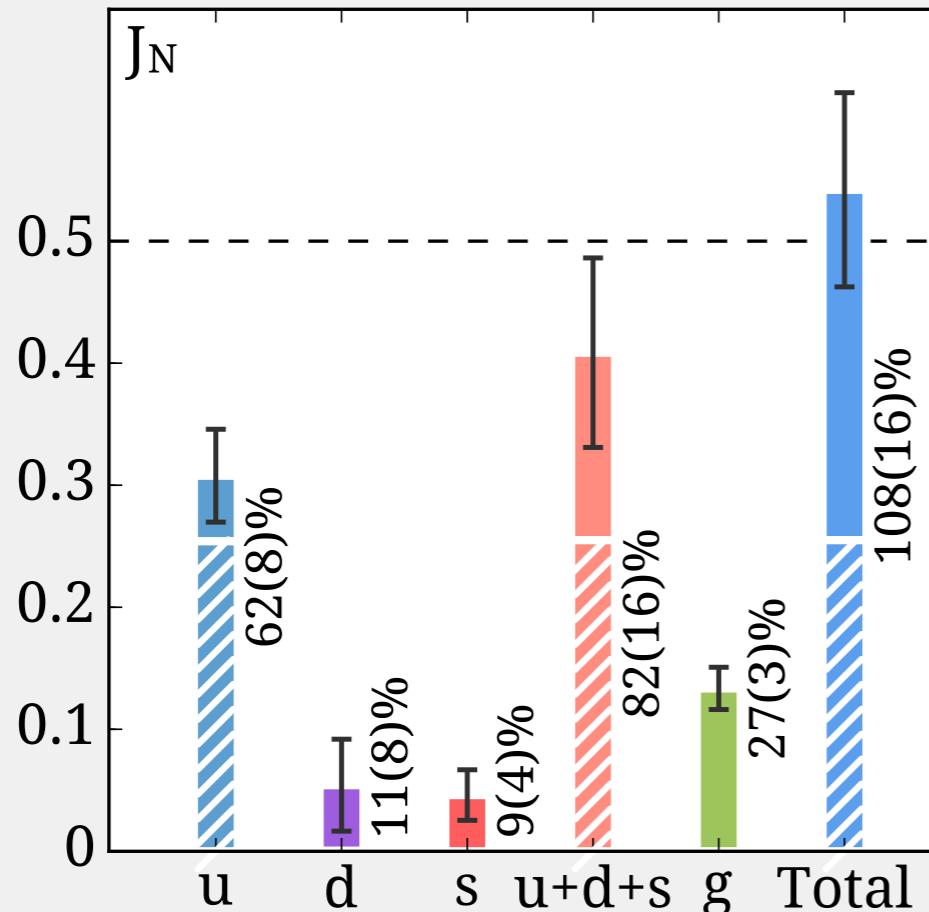


C. Alexandrou et al. (ETM collaboration), PRD, arXiv:1611.06901

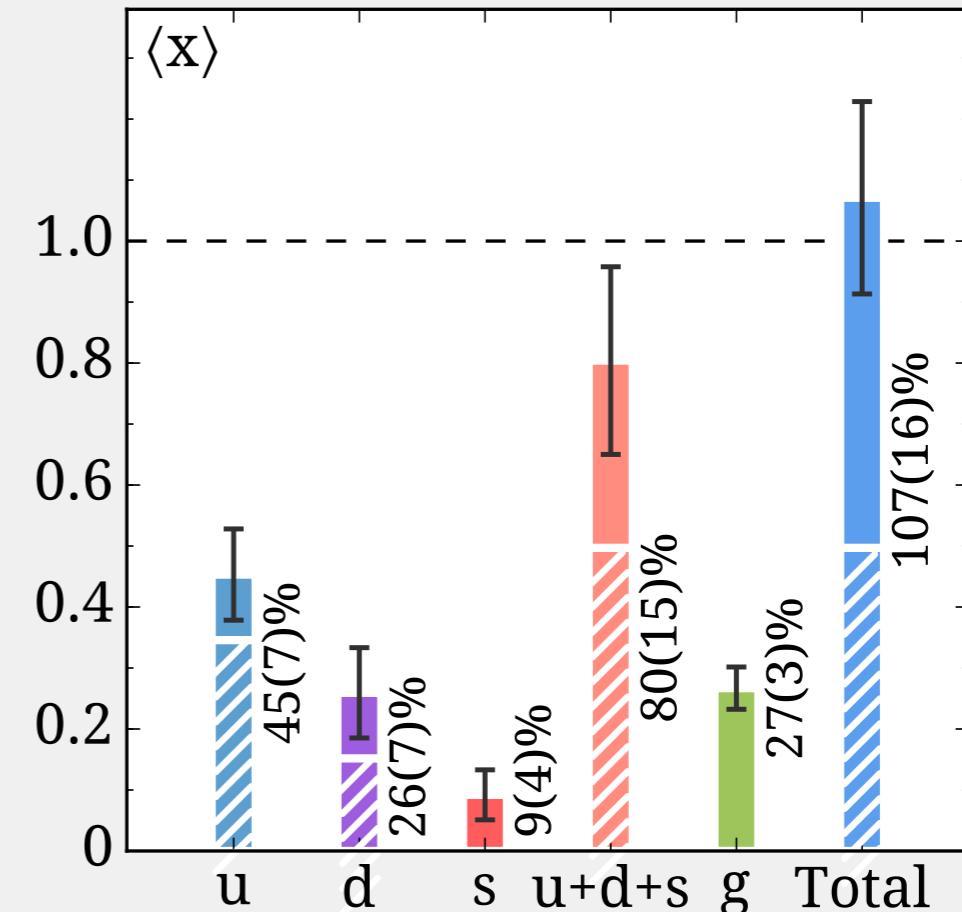
Nucleon Spin

Parton spin and momentum contributions to nucleon spin

- Includes u, d, s, and gluons simulated at physical pion mass
- Spin and momentum sums satisfied within errors



$$J_{u+d+s+g}^N = 0.541(62)(49)$$

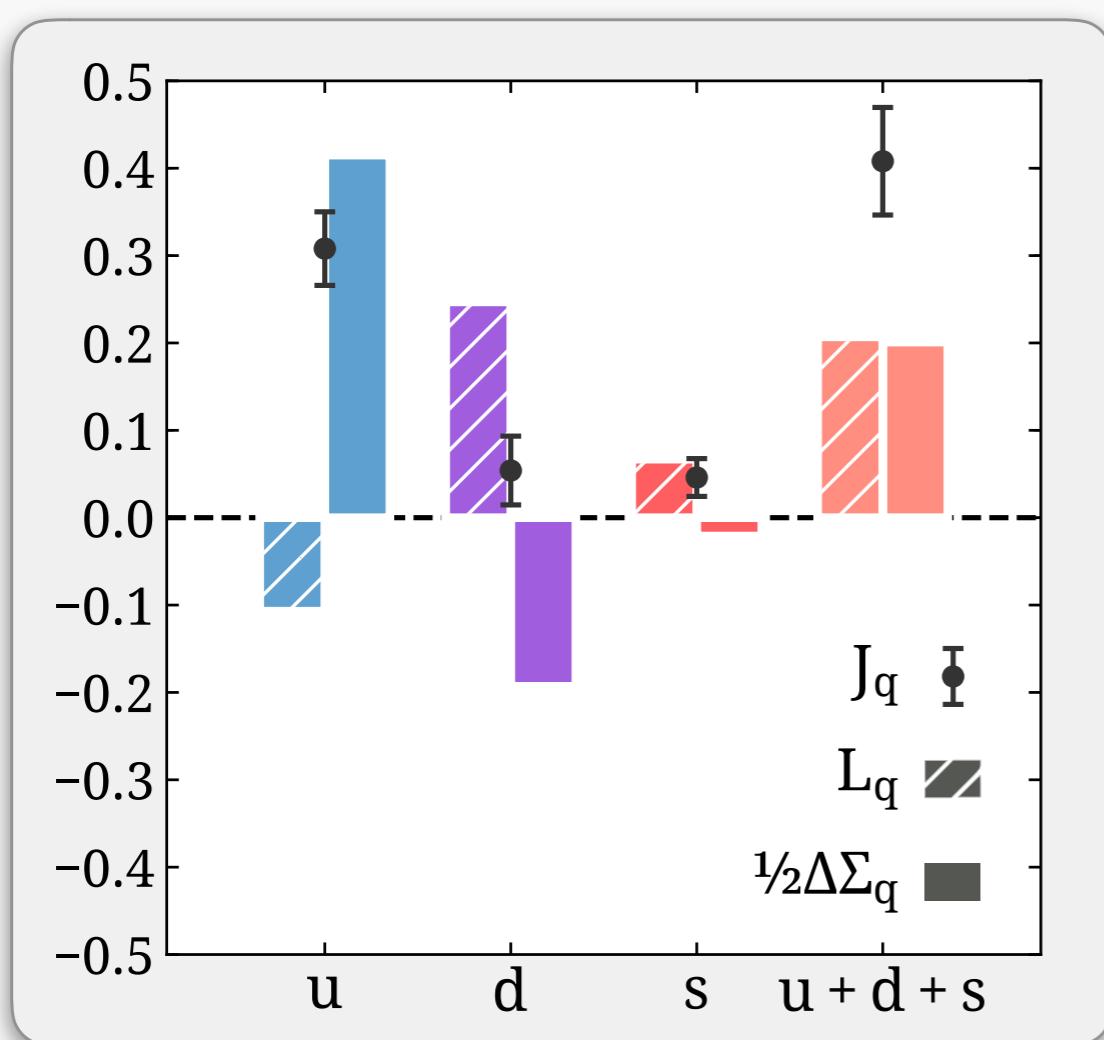


$$\langle x \rangle_{u+d+s+g} = 1.07(12)(10)$$

Nucleon Spin

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$$J^q = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_q + L_q$$

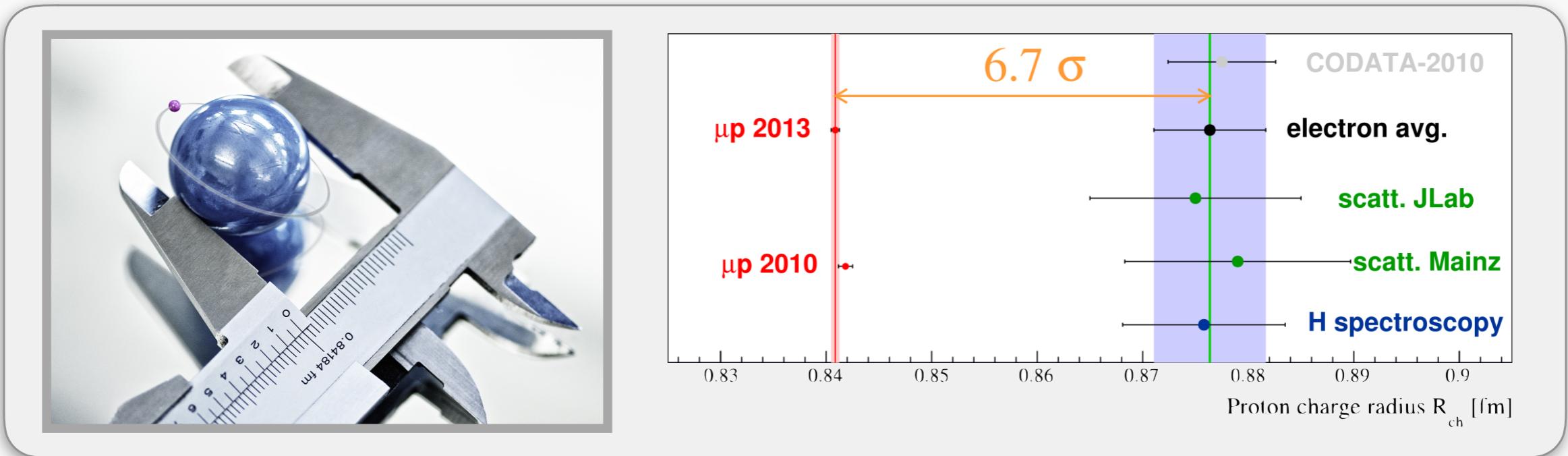
- Angular momentum contribution deduced from Ji's spin sum
- Angular momentum: *hatches*
- Intrinsic spin: *solid*

	$\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma$	J	L
u	0.415(13)(2)	0.308(30)(24)	-0.107(32)(24)
d	-0.193(8)(3)	0.054(29)(24)	0.247(30)(24)
s	-0.021(5)(1)	0.046(21)(0)	0.067(21)(1)
g	-	0.133(11)(14)	-
tot.	0.201(17)(5)	0.541(62)(49)	0.207(64)(45)

Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors

Electromagnetic form-factors:

- Distribution of charges in proton
- Magnetic moment, electric and magnetic radii



- Discrepancy between proton radius measured using μH Lamb shifts vs e-p scattering
- R. Pohl *et al.*, Nature 466 (2010) 213, R. Pohl *et al.*, 353 (2016) 669-673 (muonic deuterium)
- vs. CODATA, Rev. Mod. Phys. 88 (2016) 035009

Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors

Matrix element:

$$\langle N(p', s') | j^\mu | N(p, s) \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{M_N^2}{E_N(\mathbf{p}') E_N(\mathbf{p})}} \bar{u}(p', s') \mathcal{O}^\mu u(p, s)$$

$$\mathcal{O}^\mu = \gamma_\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^\nu}{2M_N} F_2(q^2), \quad q = p' - p$$

Sachs form-factors:

$$G_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + F_2(q^2)$$

$$G_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{(2M_N)^2} F_2(q^2)$$

Isovector & Isoscalar combinations:

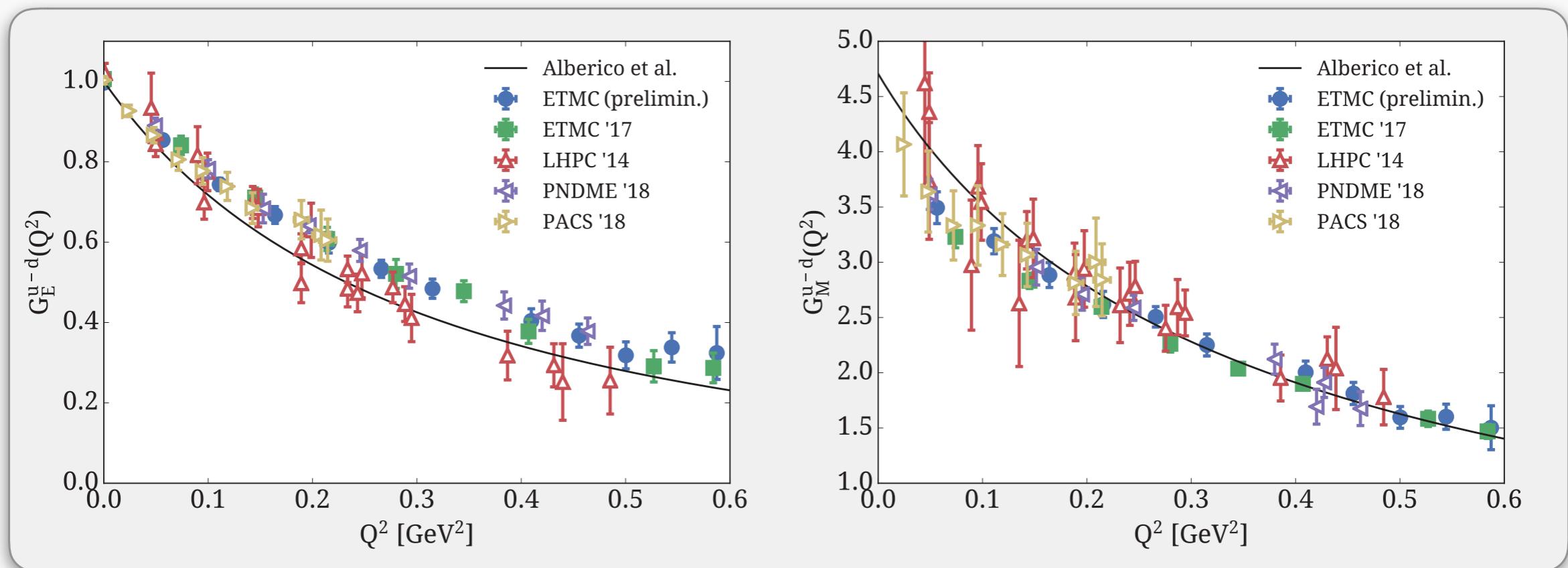
$$j_\mu^v = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d, \quad j_\mu^s = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu u + \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d$$

$$F^p - F^n = F^u - F^d$$

Assuming flavour isospin symmetry

$$F^p + F^n = \frac{1}{3}(F^u + F^d)$$

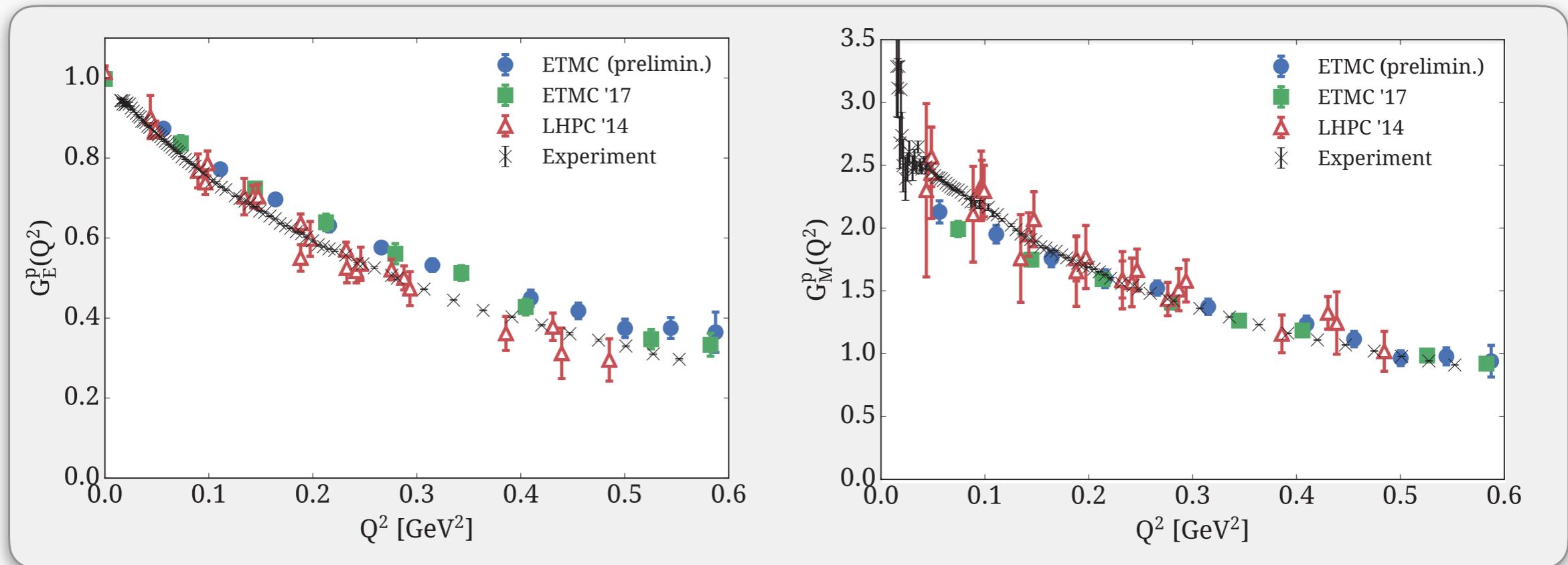
Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors



- Multiple collaborations at near-physical pion mass for isovector (connected)
- Overall consistency between formulations
- Some discrepancy with experiment remains (e.g. G_M at low Q^2)

See: C. Alexandrou et al. arXiv:1706.00469 PRD

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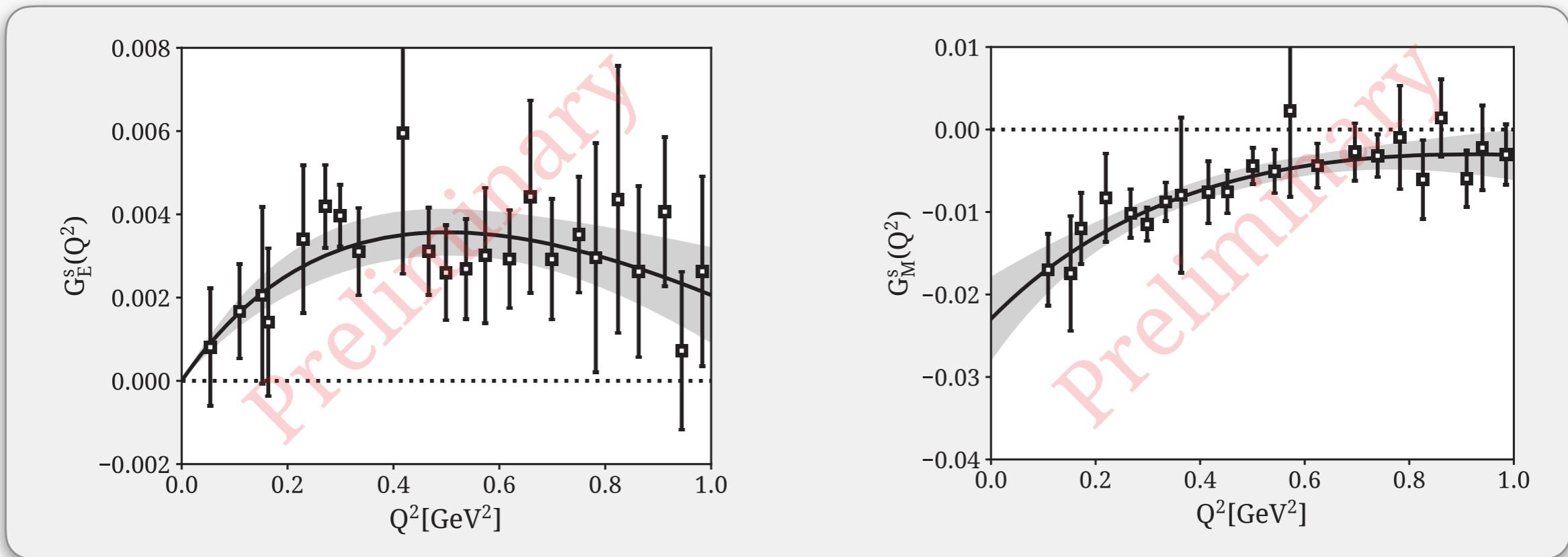


Complete proton/neutron requires disconnected contributions

- Small in magnitude (few percent level)
- Only few studies on the lattice so far

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Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors



Strange Electromagnetic form-factors are completely disconnected

- Quality of signal only possible with dedicated stochastic techniques (hierarchical probing)
- Preliminary result at physical pion mass

Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors

Extraction of radii

- Need slope at $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$:

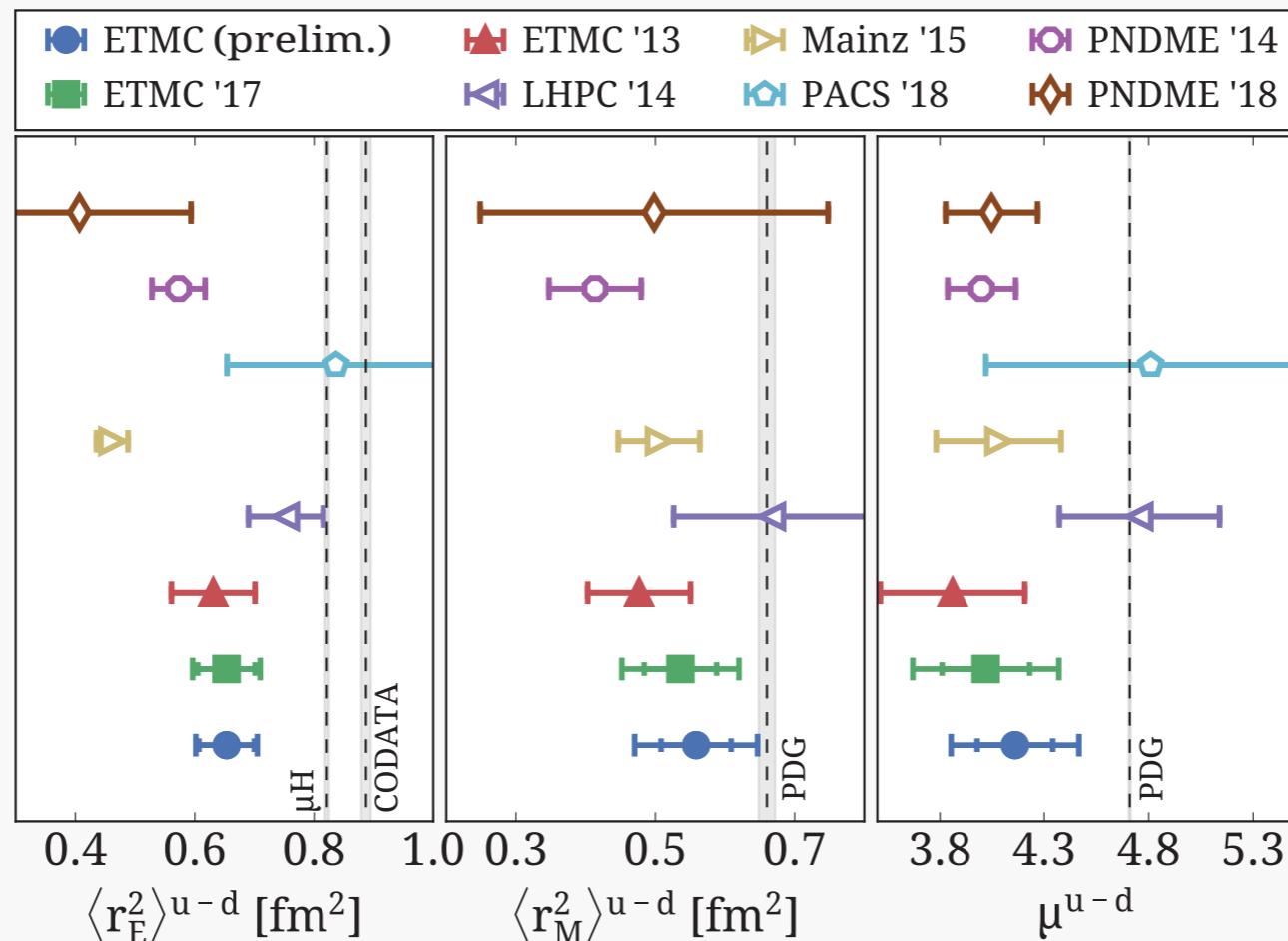
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} G_E(Q^2) |_{Q^2=0} = -\frac{1}{6} G_E(0) \langle r_E^2 \rangle,$$

- Model Q^2 dependence:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{- Dipole: } G_E(Q^2) &= \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_E^2})} \\ \text{- z-expansion: } G_E(Q^2) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\max}} a_k z^k \quad z = \frac{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} + Q^2} - \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}}}{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} + Q^2} + \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}}} \end{aligned}$$

- Smallest momentum: $2\pi/L$

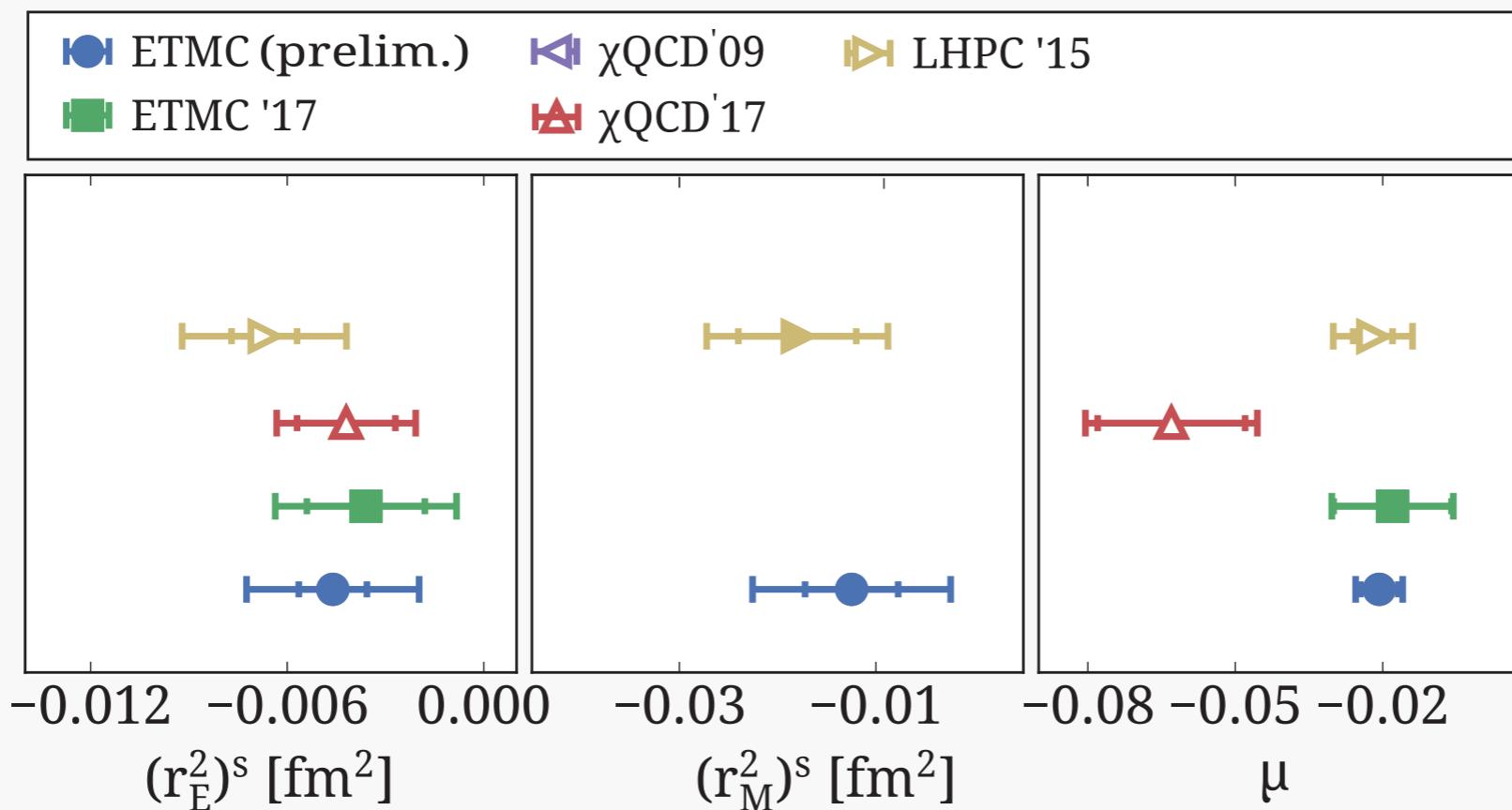
Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors



Extraction of radii – isovector form-factors

- Reasonable agreement for magnetic quantities
- Agreement between collaborations/lattice schemes

Nucleon Electromagnetic Form-Factors



Extraction of radii – strange form-factors

- ETMC results at physical pion mass
- Preliminary for $N_f=2+1+1$
- Agreement between collaborations/lattice schemes

Summary

Lattice QCD has entered a new era

- Physical pion mass simulations from a number of collaborations
- Other systematic uncertainties coming under control
- Techniques for disconnected diagrams make calculations of individual quark contributions feasible

Nucleon spin

- Spin decomposition of proton from lattice QCD with $\sim 10\%$ errors
- First results with all contributions, including gluon, at physical point
- Continuum limit and $N_f=2+1+1$ simulations ongoing

Electromagnetic form-factors

- Proton and neutron form-factors available thanks to accurate fermion loop calculation
- Results for strangeness at physical pion mass with statistical errors under control

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Backup

Parton Distribution Functions

$$q(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ W(\xi^-, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

Light-cone distributions

- Cannot be measured on a Euclidean lattice (ξ on light-cone)

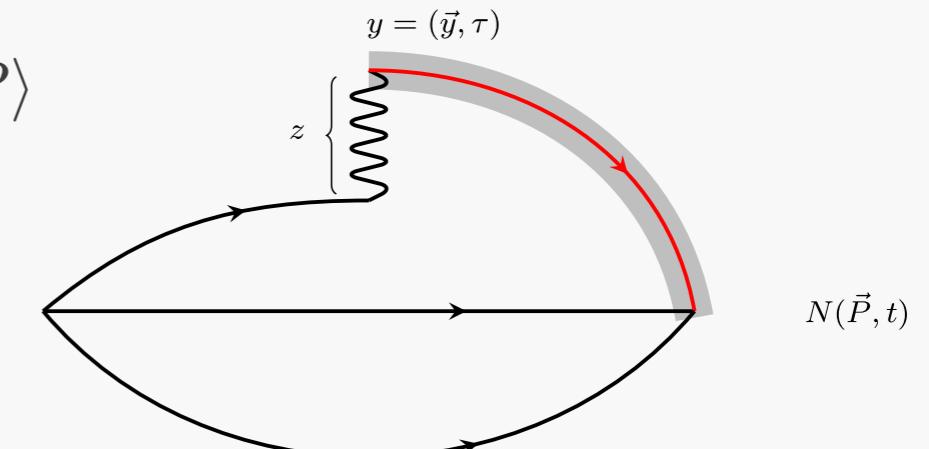
$$\tilde{q}(x, P_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixP_3 z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_3 W(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

Quasi-PDF

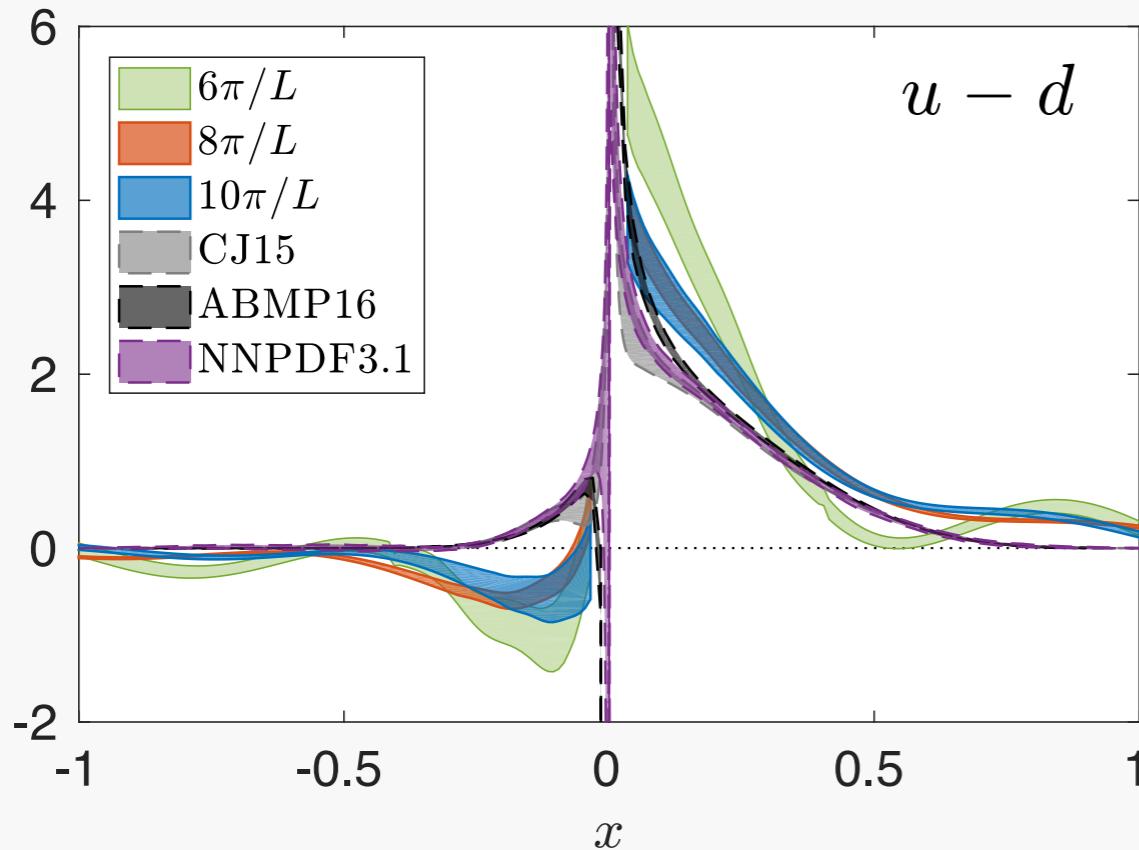
- Spacial correlation function
- Connect to PDF at infinite momentum frame

Challenges

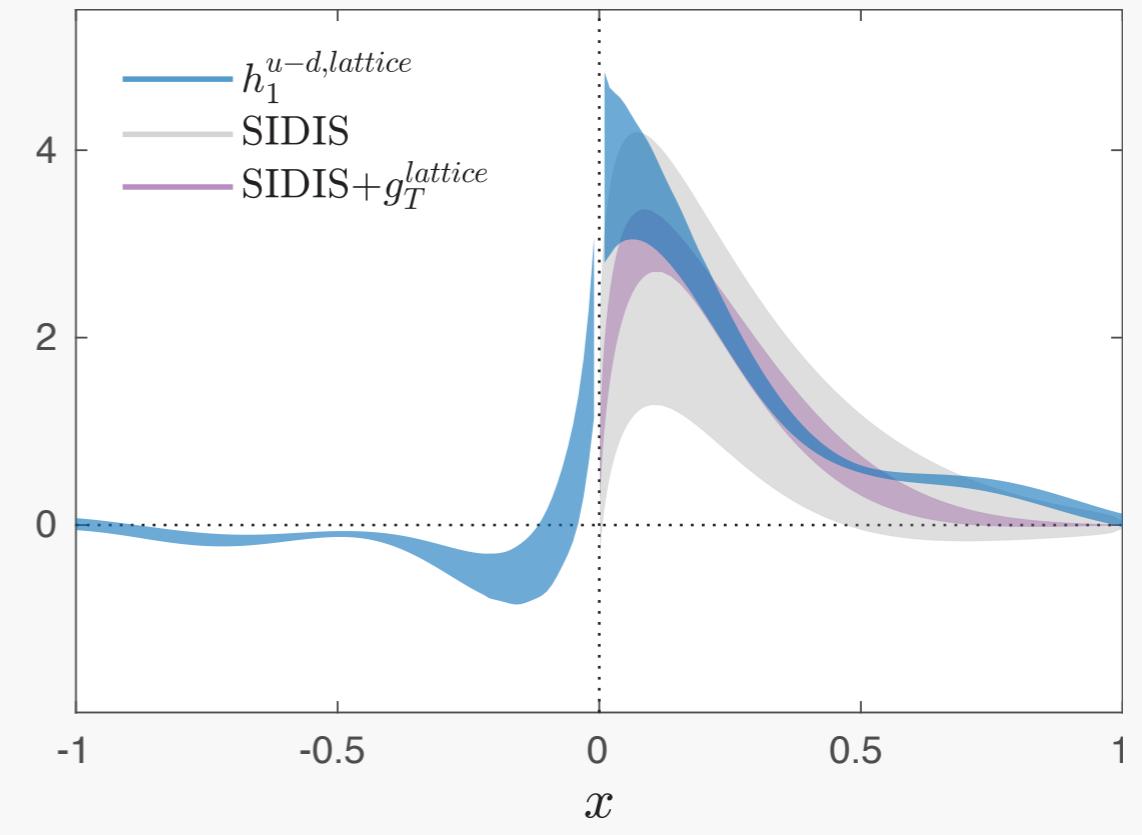
- Statistical error increases with momentum
- Renormalisation and matching at infinite momentum frame
- Continuum limit



Parton Distribution Functions



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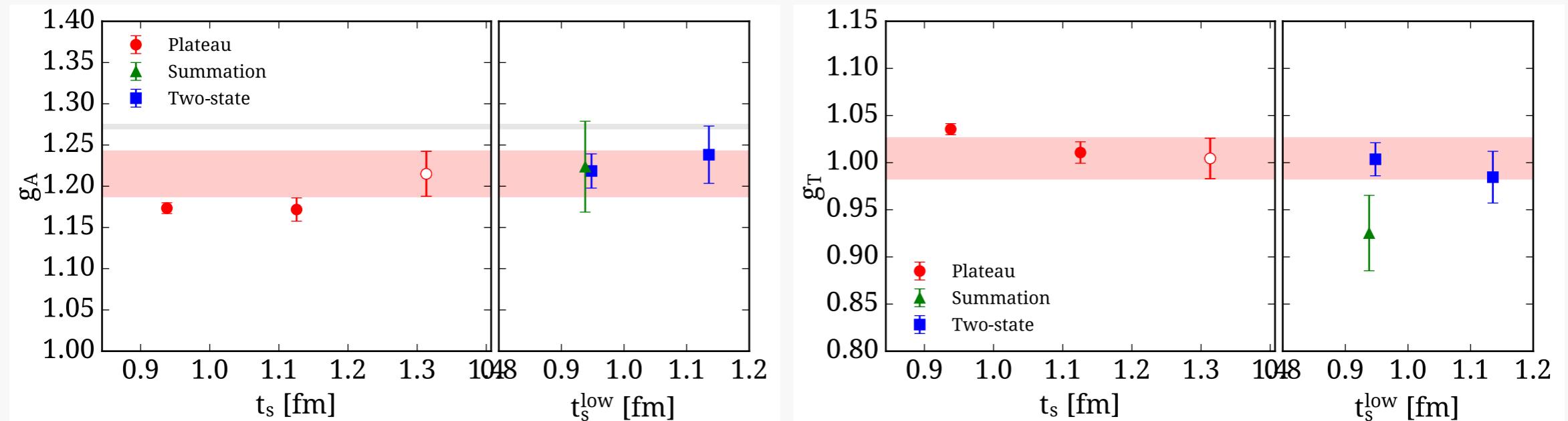


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PDFs on the lattice

- Available at physical pion mass
- Available at several momenta – reaching ~ 1.7 GeV

Excited States



Examples of analyses for identifying excited state effects

- Three methods
- Need multiple sink-source separations