

# Lattice QCD for High-Energy Physics

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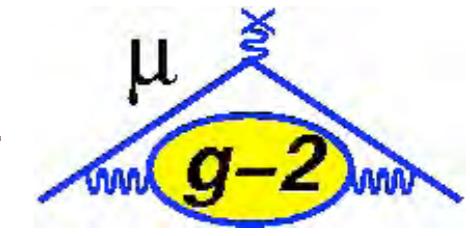
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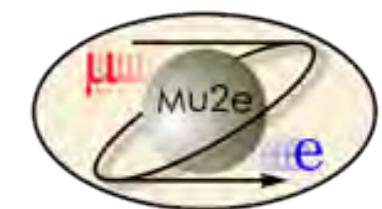
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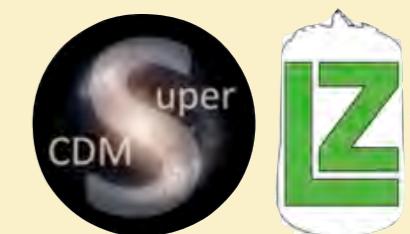
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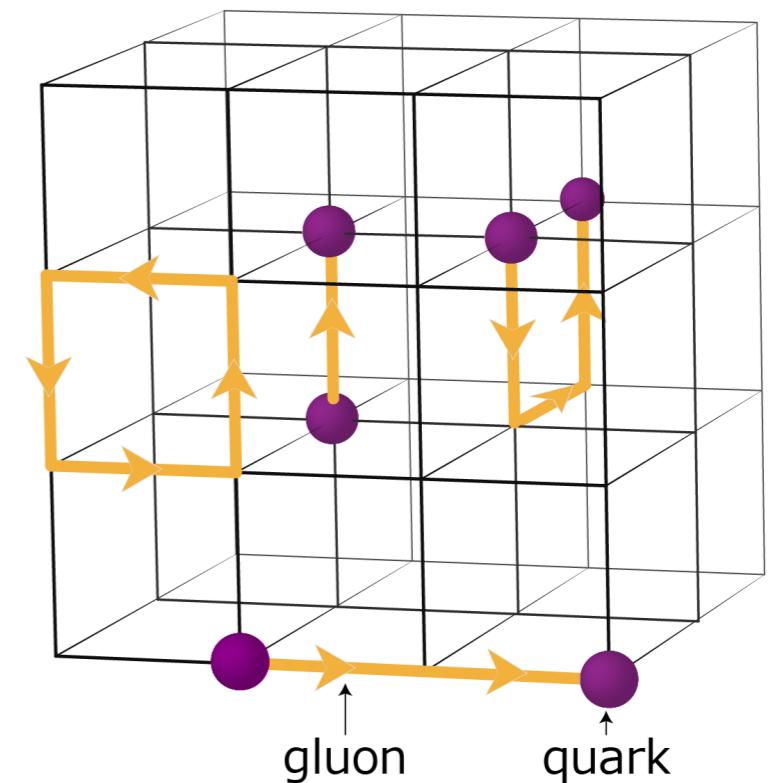
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# Lattice QCD

Numerical first-principles approach to  
non-perturbative QCD

- Discretise QCD onto 4D space-time lattice
- Approximate QCD path integral using Monte-Carlo methods and importance sampling
- Run on supercomputers and dedicated clusters
- Take limit of vanishing discretisation, infinite volume, physical quark masses



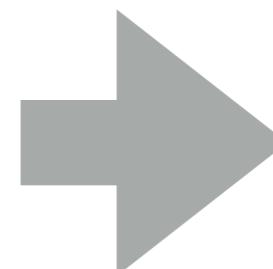
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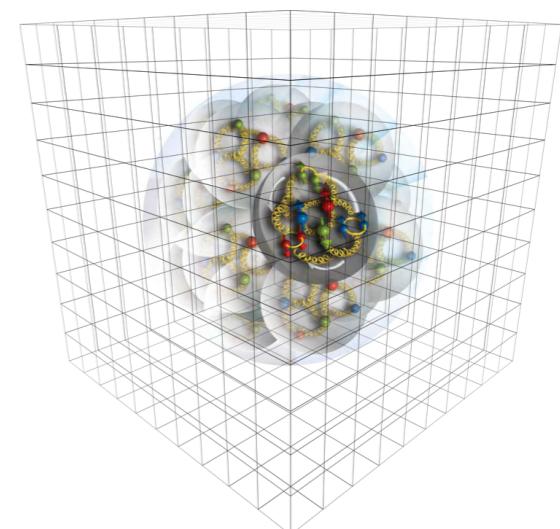
Lattice QCD action has same free  
parameters as QCD: quark masses,  $\alpha_S$

- Fix quark masses by matching to measured hadron masses, e.g.,  $\pi, K, D_s, B_s$  for  $u, d, s, c, b$
- One experimental input to fix lattice spacing in GeV (and also  $\alpha_S$ ), e.g.,  $2S-1S$  splitting in  $Y$ , or  $f_\pi$  or  $\Omega$  mass



## OUTPUT

Calculations of all other quantities are QCD predictions



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# Quark masses and $\alpha_s$

The quark masses and  $\alpha_s$  are the fundamental parameters of QCD

Their precise values are important for precision tests of the Standard Model

e.g., Next-generation of high-luminosity colliders will measure **Higgs partial widths to sub-percent precision** to look for deviations from Standard-Model expectations

→ Need Standard Model calculations at same sub-percent precision; largest uncertainties are currently in  $m_c$ ,  $m_b$ , &  $\alpha_s$  [LHCHXSWG-DRAFT-INT-2016-008]

→ Lepage, Mackenzie, Peskin,  
[arXiv:1404.0319]

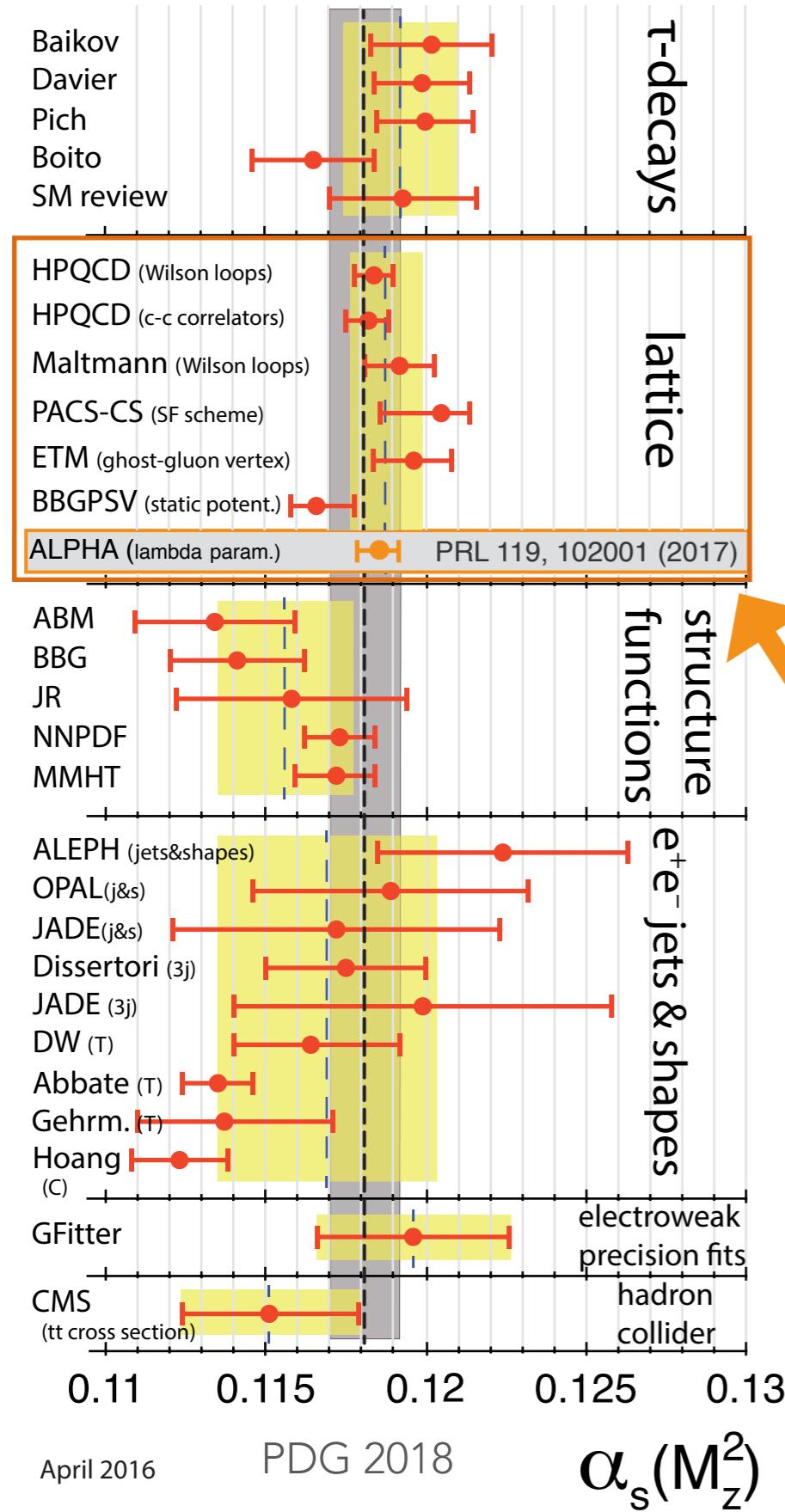
- Precision goals for  $m_c$ ,  $m_b$ , &  $\alpha_s$  needed by high-luminosity ILC
- Outlined timeline for lattice QCD progress

Continued progress towards precision goals since ICHEP2016

Next goals:

- Correlated determinations of  $m_c$ ,  $m_b$ , and  $\alpha_s$
- Dynamical QED

# $\alpha_s$ update

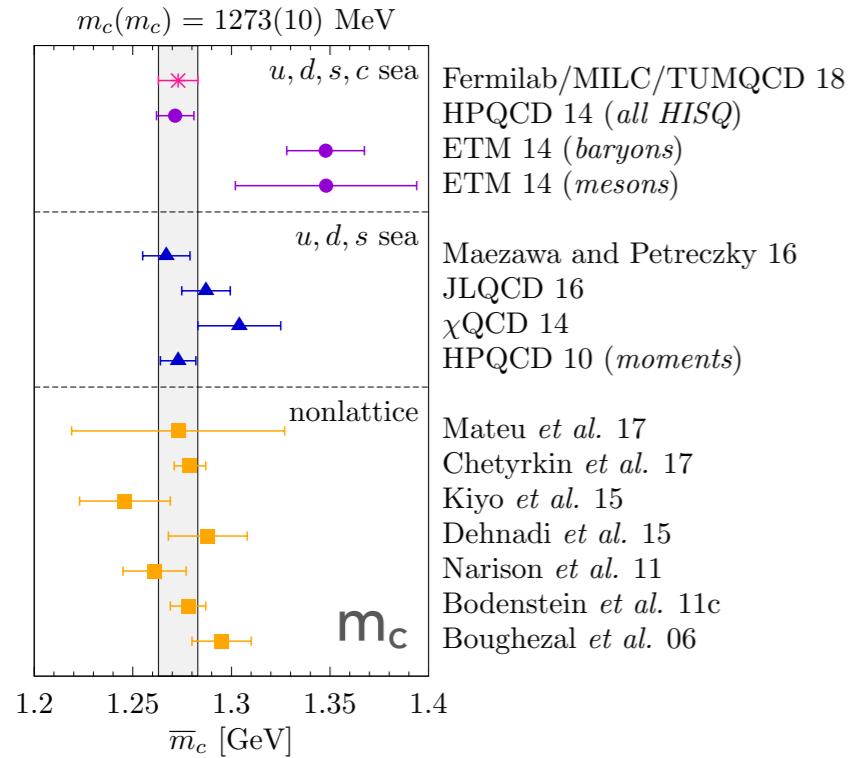


Best lattice QCD uncertainties  $\sim 0.6\text{-}0.7\%$ , approaching ILC target: 0.6%.  
Twice as precise as non-lattice world average

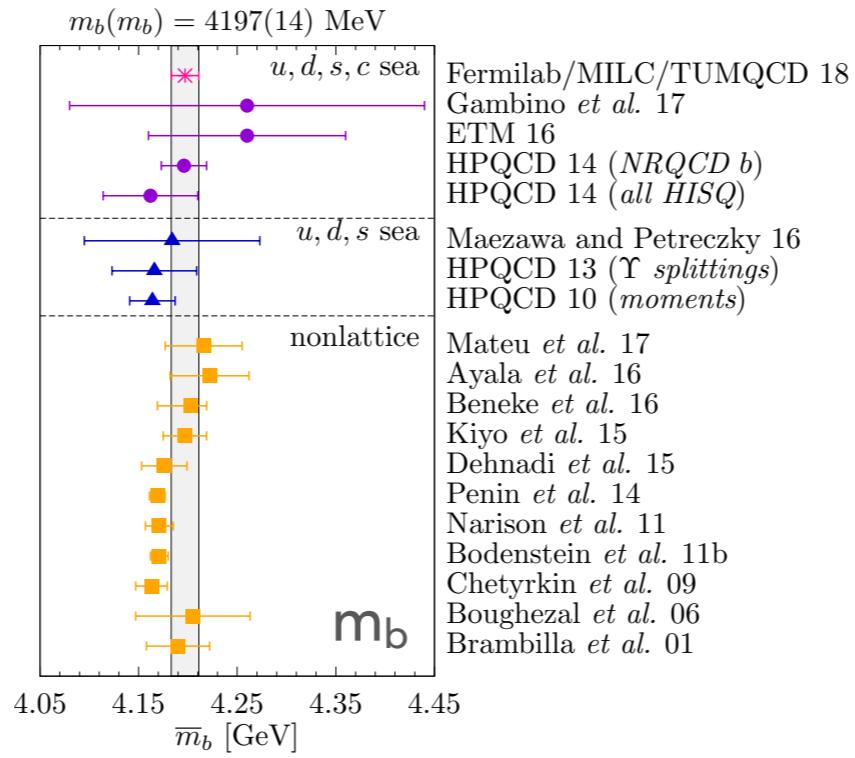
- Several independent lattice QCD methods available to obtain  $\alpha_s$
- Results consistent, despite significantly different sources of systematic uncertainty

2017 Highlight:  
New lattice QCD determination based on finite size scaling (rather than Wilson Loops and quarkonia) consistent and precise:  $\alpha_s = 0.1185(8)(3)$  [PRL119, 102001]

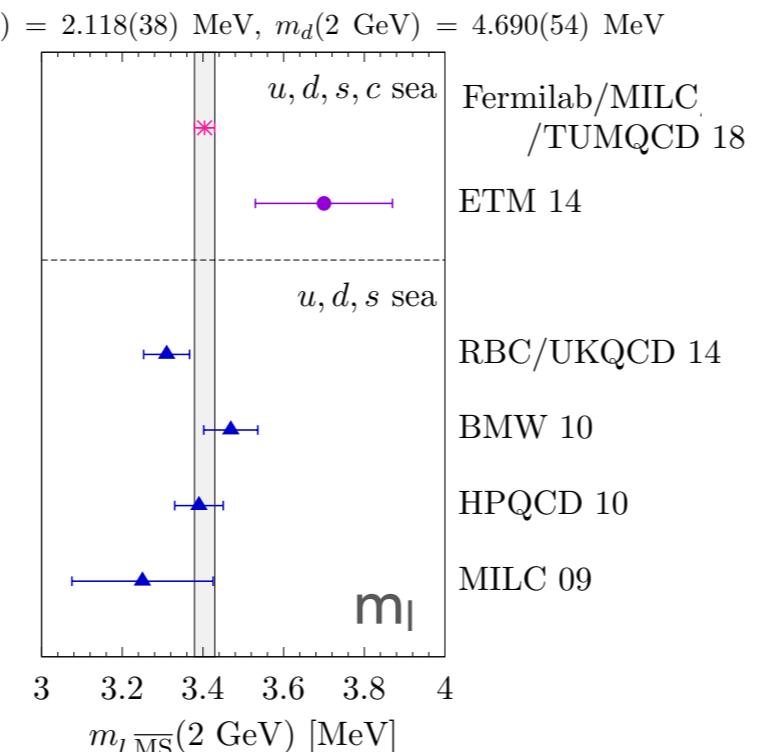
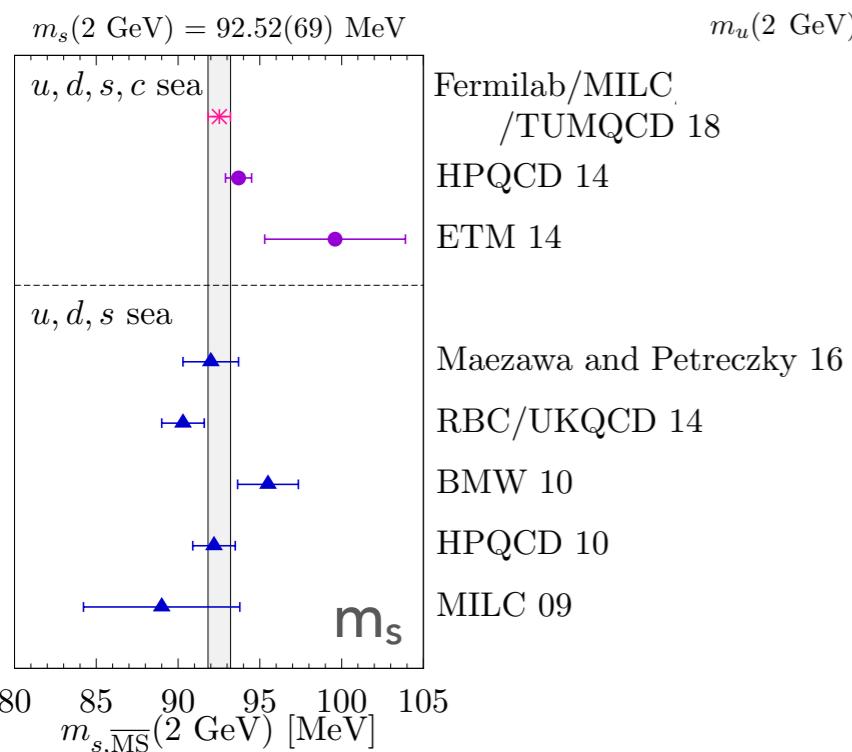
# Quark masses update



MRS mass definition [arXiv:1712.04983]



**2018 Highlight:**  
 Significant improvement  
 in heavy quark mass  
 determinations using new  
 method based on heavy-  
 quark effective theory  
 [arXiv:1802.04248]



Precision ILC goals

$\delta m_b \sim 0.3$  0.3

$\delta m_c \sim 0.8$  0.7

Will improve further with  
 inclusion of finer lattice  
 spacings

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# Flavour physics from lattice QCD

Lattice QCD can provide precise hadronic matrix elements for flavour physics:

$$[\text{experiment}] = [\text{known}] \times [\text{CKM}] \times [\text{hadronic matrix element}]$$

This leads to effort in two main directions:

1 Lattice QCD + experiment

→ CKM quark mixing matrix elements

Simple tree-level processes in lattice QCD allow determination of all elements and phases other than  $V_{tb}$

$V_{ud}$	$V_{us}$	$V_{ub}$
$\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$	$K \rightarrow \pi l\nu$	$B \rightarrow \pi l\nu$
$V_{cd}$	$V_{cs}$	$V_{cb}$
$D \rightarrow \pi l\nu$	$D \rightarrow K l\nu$	$B \rightarrow D, D^* l\nu$
$D \rightarrow l\nu$	$D_s \rightarrow l\nu$	
$V_{td}$	$V_{ts}$	$V_{tb}$
$B^0 - \overline{B^0}$ mixing	$B_s - \overline{B_s}$	

2 Lattice QCD + CKM

→ Standard Model expectations for rare decays & mixing

Target processes sensitive to beyond-SM physics

# **FLAG**<sup>2016</sup> Flavour Lattice Averaging Group

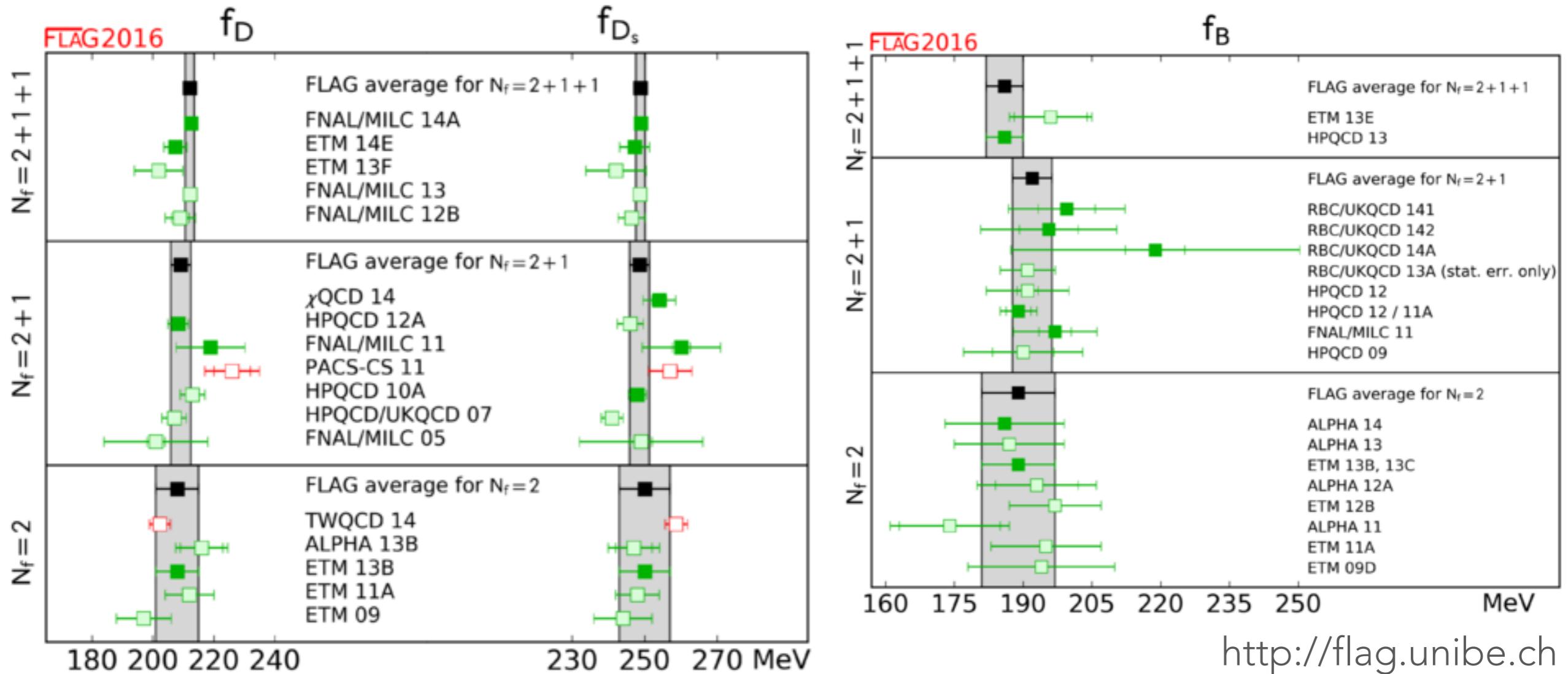
Many lattice calculations of what are now “simple” flavour physics quantities

## **FLAG: Flavour Lattice Averaging Group**

Similar effort to the PDG, for Lattice QCD

- Members from most major lattice QCD collaborations
- Evaluates and grades different aspects of each calculation   
- Provides averages as the “Lattice QCD community consensus” value for a given quantity
- Includes lattice dictionary and summaries for non-experts
- Summary report every ~2 years: [arXiv:1105.3453] [1304.5422] [1607.00299]  
Dec 2017 update at <http://flag.unibe.ch>
- **New version planned for 2019:** coverage expanding to include simple baryon quantities e.g.,  $g_A$

- Decay constants, form factors, kaon mixing, LECs...
- Colour coded for quality of calculation (# lattice spacings, volumes,...)



New results for  $f_B/D$  from Fermilab lattice & MILC [arXiv:1712.09262] not yet in FLAG

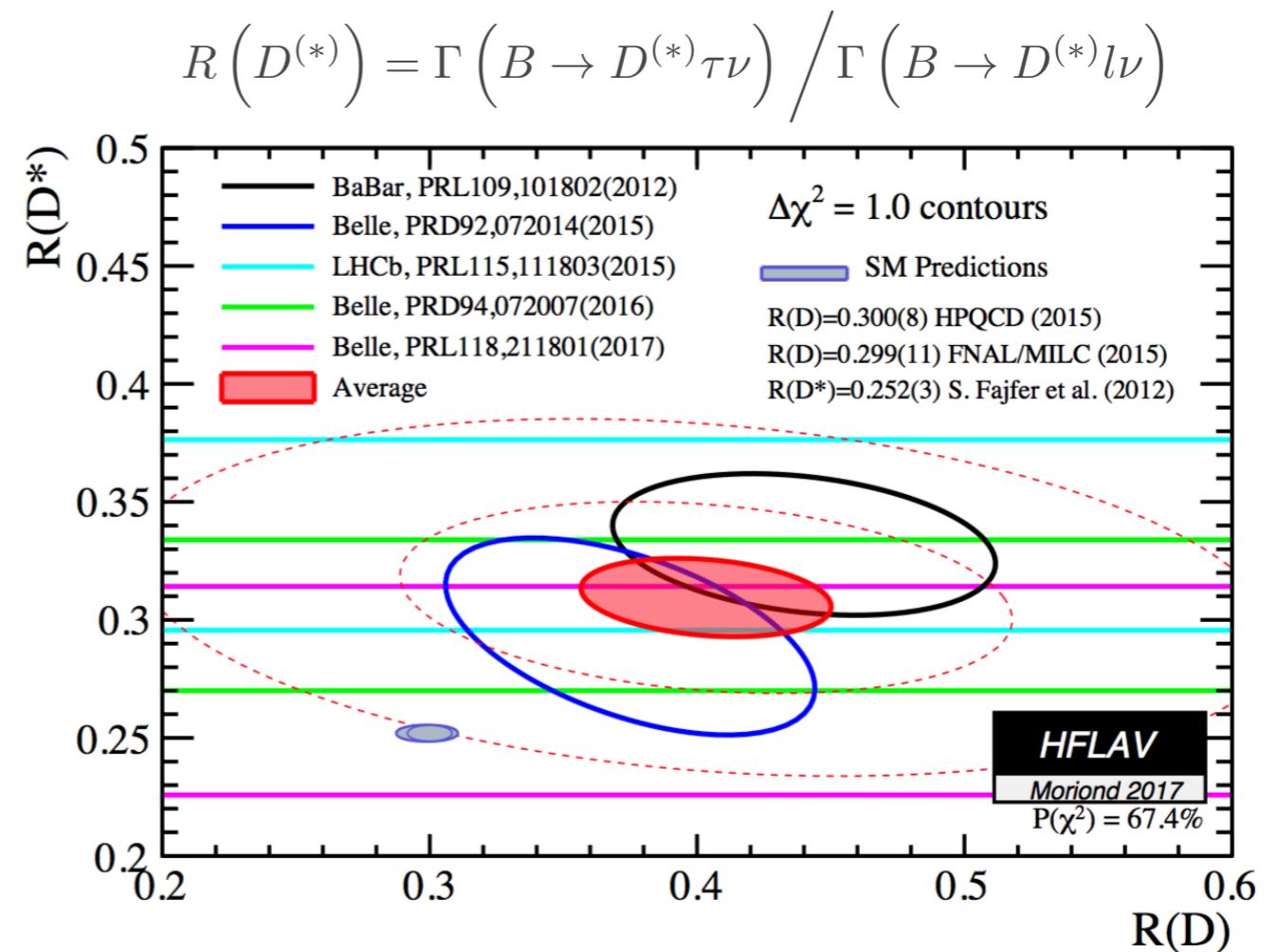
# $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$ and $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$

New lattice QCD results for  $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$  reveal  $\sim 4\sigma$  tension with experimental measurements [HPQCD arXiv:1505.03925, MILC arXiv:1503.07237]

Belle 2 will provide further constraints

Standard Model predication for  $R(D^*)$  uses experimental data plus HQET: uncertainties may be underestimated [arXiv:1203.2654]

Lattice determinations of  $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^*\ell\bar{\nu}$  form factors at nonzero recoil (in progress) will provide independent constraints on  $R(D^*)$  [arXiv:1710.09817]



Heavy Flavour Averaging Group [arXiv:1612.07233]

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay is a rare process sensitive to many new physics scenarios e.g., Custodial Randall-Sundrum, MSSM, Z, Z' models, Littlest Higgs with T-parity, LFU violation models

- NA62 Experiment aims to test Standard Model at 10% precision with data to end 2018; first dataset 2016, one event observed
- Short distance contribution to decay amplitude: perturbation theory + semileptonic kaon decay form factors  
Long-distance contribution O(5%) from phenomenological estimates.



### 2018 Lattice QCD highlight:

Exploratory calculation demonstrated feasibility of decay amplitude calculation, in particular long-distance component [Bai et al., arXiv:1806.11520]

Expectation that a fully controlled calculation will be possible within four years

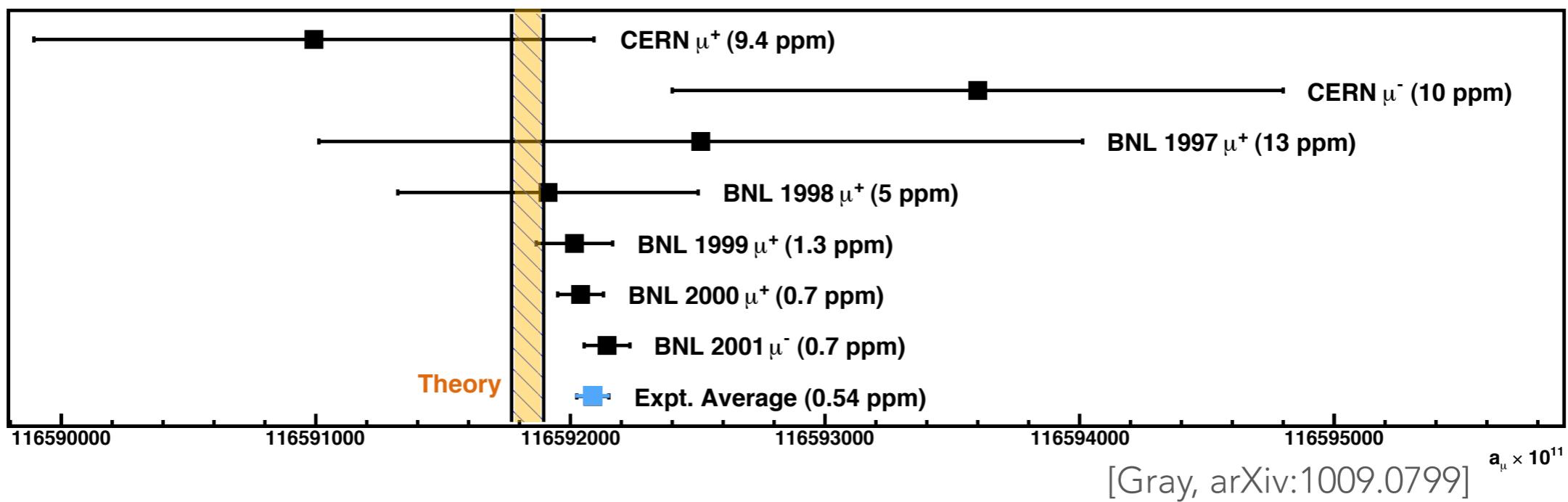
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# Muon g-2: status and challenges

Long standing discrepancy between measured value and SM estimate for muon anomalous magnetic moment ( $\sim 3\sigma$ )



Sign of new physics?

New experiments aiming at 4-fold uncertainty reduction (E989 @ Fermilab, E34 @ JPARC)  
→ if no shift in central values, tension will be  $\sim 7\sigma$  with projected theory improvements by 2020

Commensurate control of theory needed: Muon g-2 Theory Initiative formed  
<https://indico.fnal.gov/event/13795/>

# Standard Model muon g-2

Measured value

$$a_\mu^{\text{E821}} = (116\,592\,089 \pm 63) \times 10^{-11}$$

Breakdown of SM contributions  
(2 evaluations of HVP)

	VALUE ( $\times 10^{-11}$ ) UNITS
QED ( $\gamma + \ell$ )	$116\,584\,718.951 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.077_\alpha$
HVP(lo) [20]	$6\,923 \pm 42$
HVP(lo) [21]	$6\,949 \pm 43$
HVP(ho) [21]	$-98.4 \pm 0.7$
HLbL	$105 \pm 26$
EW	$154 \pm 1$
Total SM [20]	$116\,591\,802 \pm 42_{\text{H-LO}} \pm 26_{\text{H-HO}} \pm 2_{\text{other}} (\pm 49_{\text{tot}})$
Total SM [21]	$116\,591\,828 \pm 43_{\text{H-LO}} \pm 26_{\text{H-HO}} \pm 2_{\text{other}} (\pm 50_{\text{tot}})$

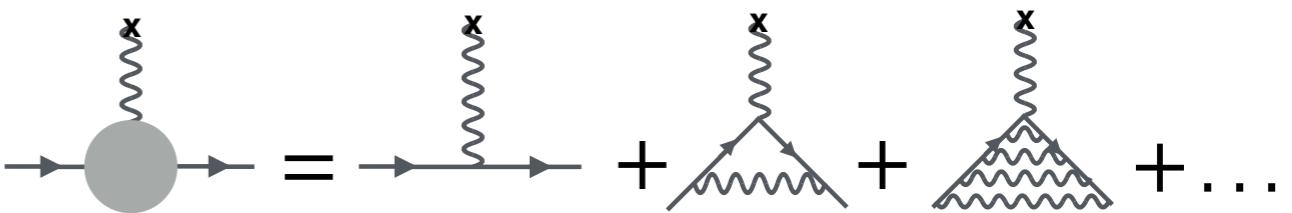
[T. Blum et al., arXiv:1311.2198]

Deviation

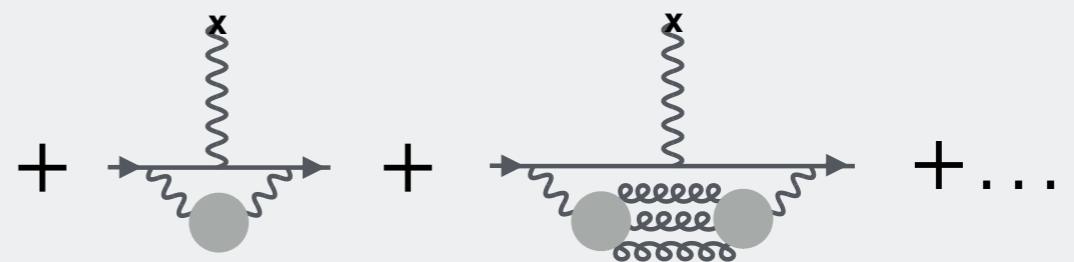
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta a_\mu(\text{E821} - \text{SM}) &= (287 \pm 80) \times 10^{-11} \text{ [20]} \\ &= (261 \pm 78) \times 10^{-11} \text{ [21]} \end{aligned}$$

Dominant uncertainties from hadronic corrections—calculable in lattice QCD

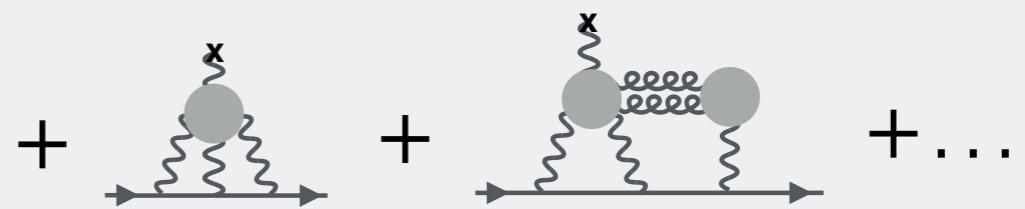
QED (5 loop) [Aoyama et al. 2012]



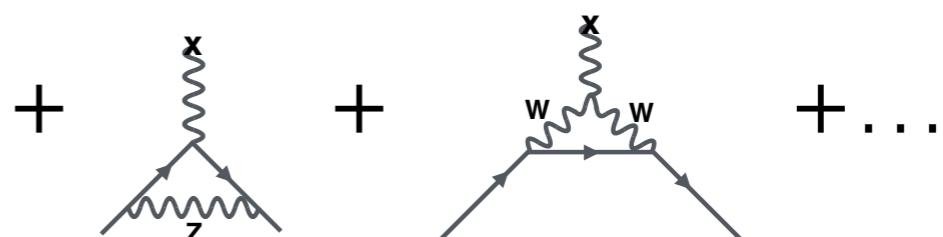
Hadronic vacuum polarisation



Hadronic light-by-light



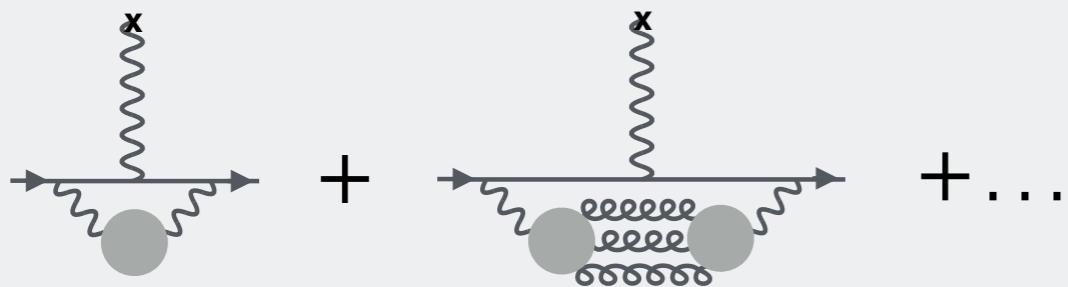
Electroweak (2 loop) [Czarnecki et al. 2006]



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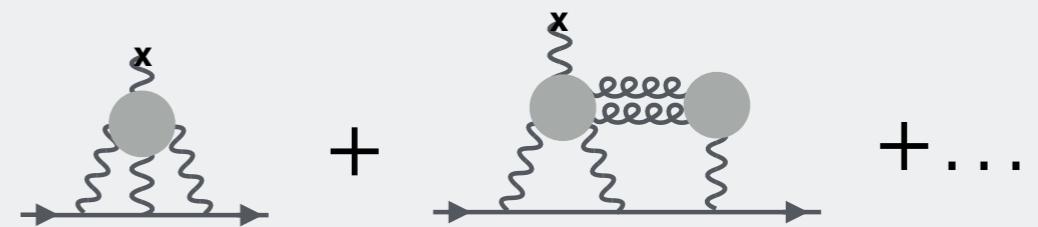
Dominant uncertainties in SM determination from hadronic corrections  
Both calculable (in principle) from lattice QCD

## Hadronic vacuum polarisation



Dispersion relation plus  
experimental data on “R-ratio”  
 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$

## Hadronic light-by-light



Estimated from models  
including large- $N_c$ , chiPT,  
vector meson dominance, etc.

2018: First lattice QCD calculation  
with QED and isospin breaking  
[T. Blum et al., arXiv:1801.07224]

Since ICHEP2016: disconnected terms  
and lattice volume better controlled  
[PRL118(2016)022005, PRD96(2017)034515]

# Hadronic Vacuum Polarisation

Combining lattice QCD and dispersion relations yields best current determination of HVP contribution

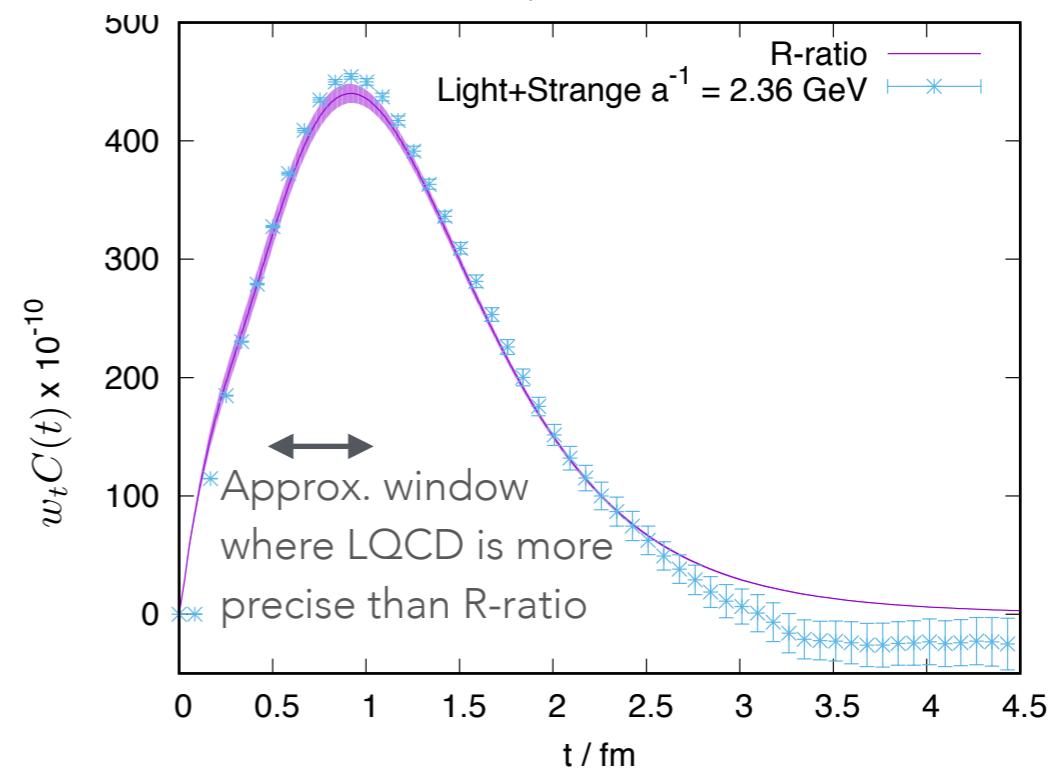
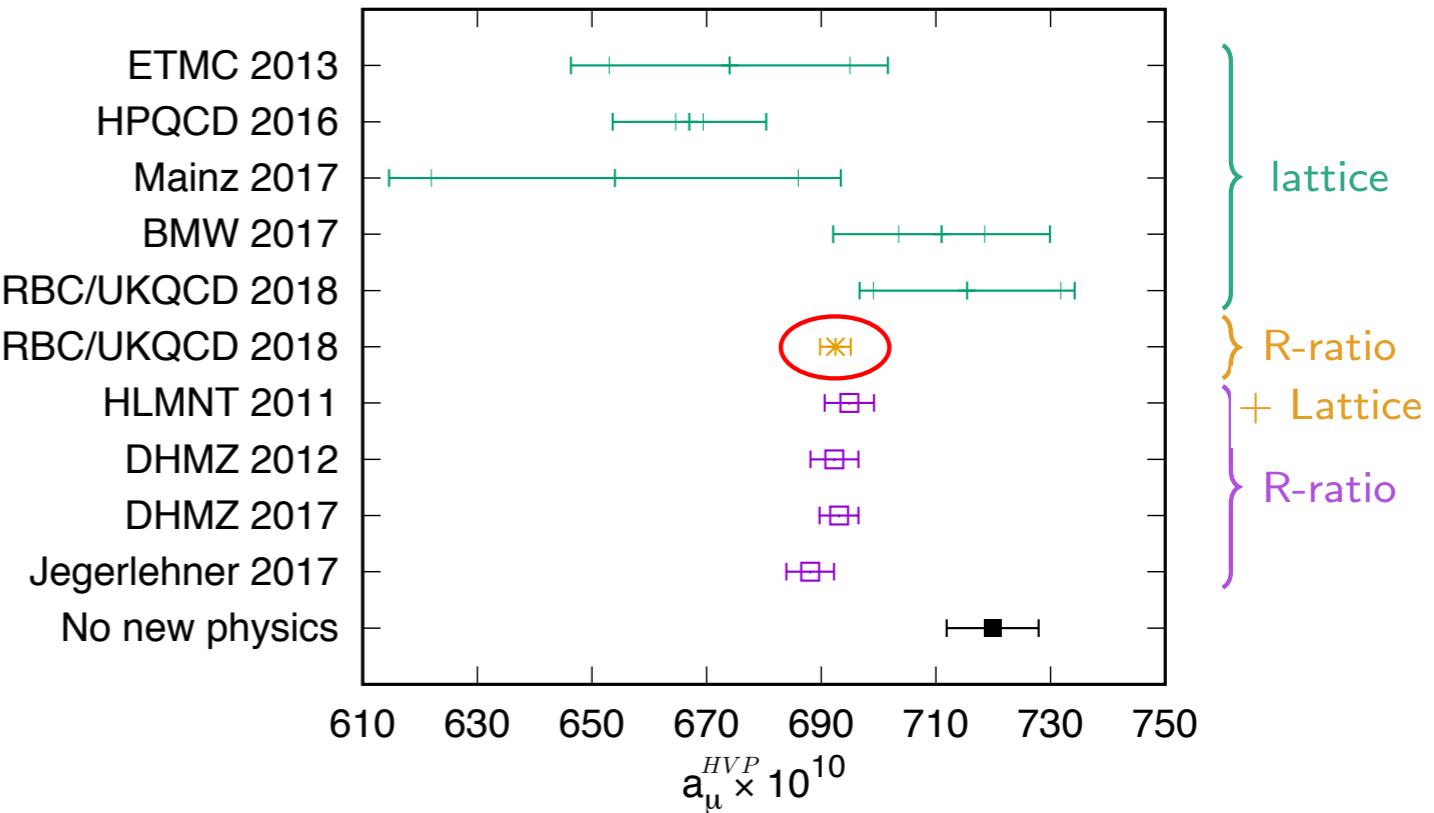
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Use “R-ratio” experimental data on  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$  at short and long distances  $t$ , lattice QCD in intermediate  $t$  region

$$a_\mu^{HVP} = \sum_t w_t C(t)$$

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\vec{x}} \sum_{j=0,1,2} \langle J_j(\vec{x}, t) J_j(0) \rangle$$

Flavour breakdown: light~90%, strange~8% and charm~2%



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# Parton distribution functions

Parton distribution  
functions  $f(x, \mu^2)$

Number densities of partons of type  $f$  with momentum fraction  $x$  at scale  $\mu^2$  in a given hadron

PDFs quantify fundamental aspects of hadron structure

Nucleon PDFs are needed for e.g., searches for new physics at the LHC through top-quark and Higgs-boson coupling measurements

Lattice QCD can provide

- Moments of PDFs with controlled uncertainties:  $\int_0^1 x^n f(x, \mu^2) = \langle x^n \rangle_f(\mu^2)$   
 Inclusion in global PDF fits can reduce uncertainties  
see workshop slides <http://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/confs/PDFlattice2017>  
and community white paper [Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.100 (2018) 107]
- First calculations of x-dependence of nucleon PDFs

# Moments of PDFs

Lattice QCD can cleanly access low moments of PDFs ( $n \leq 3$ )

[work to move beyond: Chambers et al., arXiv:1703.01153,  
Davoudi & Savage, arXiv:1204.4146]

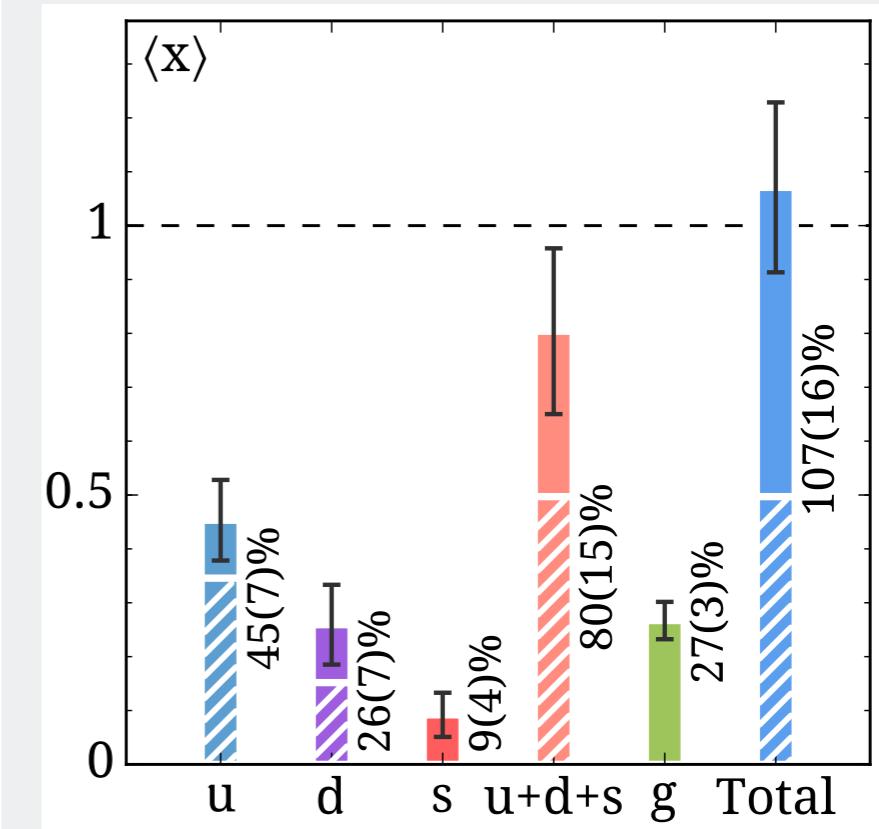
$$\int_0^1 x^n f(x, \mu^2) = \langle x^n \rangle_f(\mu^2)$$

State-of-the-art calculations have:

- Fully-controlled systematic uncertainties competitive with or better than experiment for some quantities
- Separate contributions from
  - Strangeness and light flavours
  - Charge symmetry violation
  - Gluons

2017 Highlight: All terms of nucleon momentum decomposition calculated with controlled uncertainties

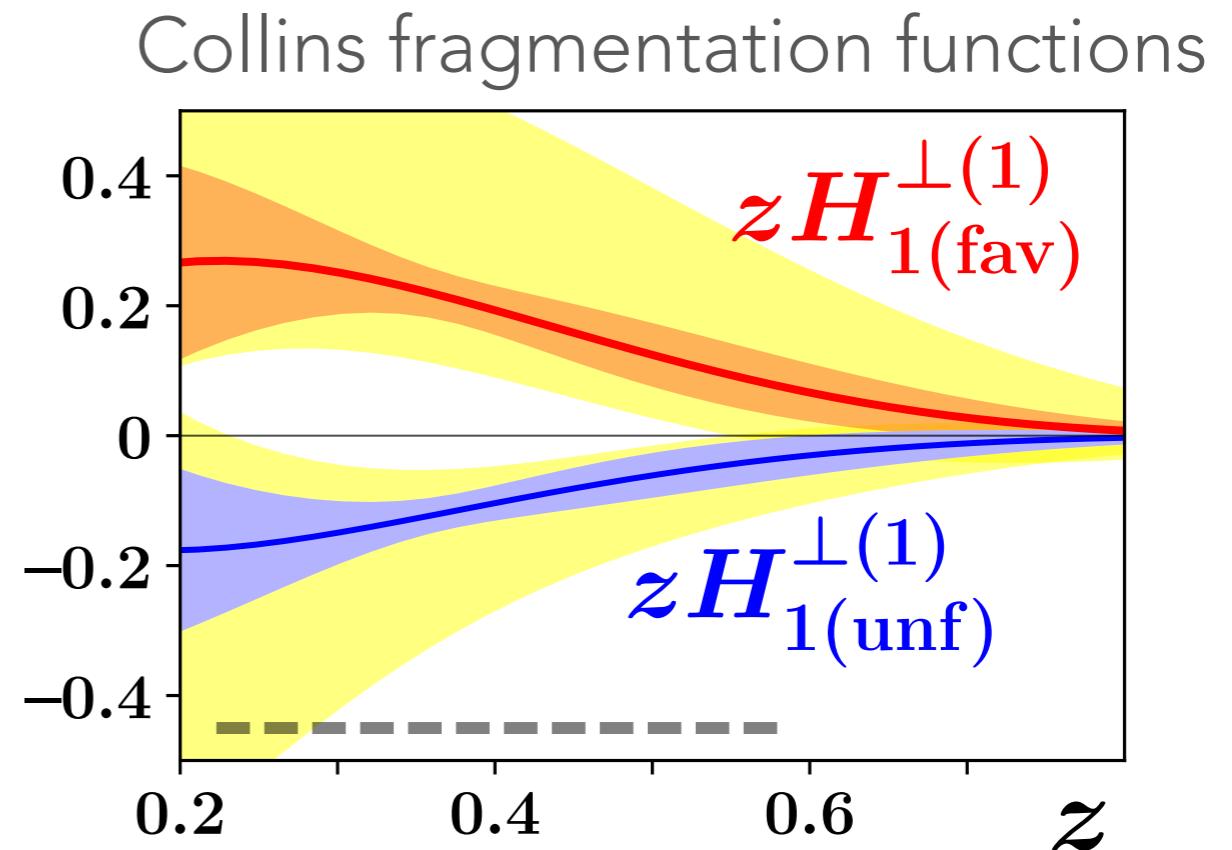
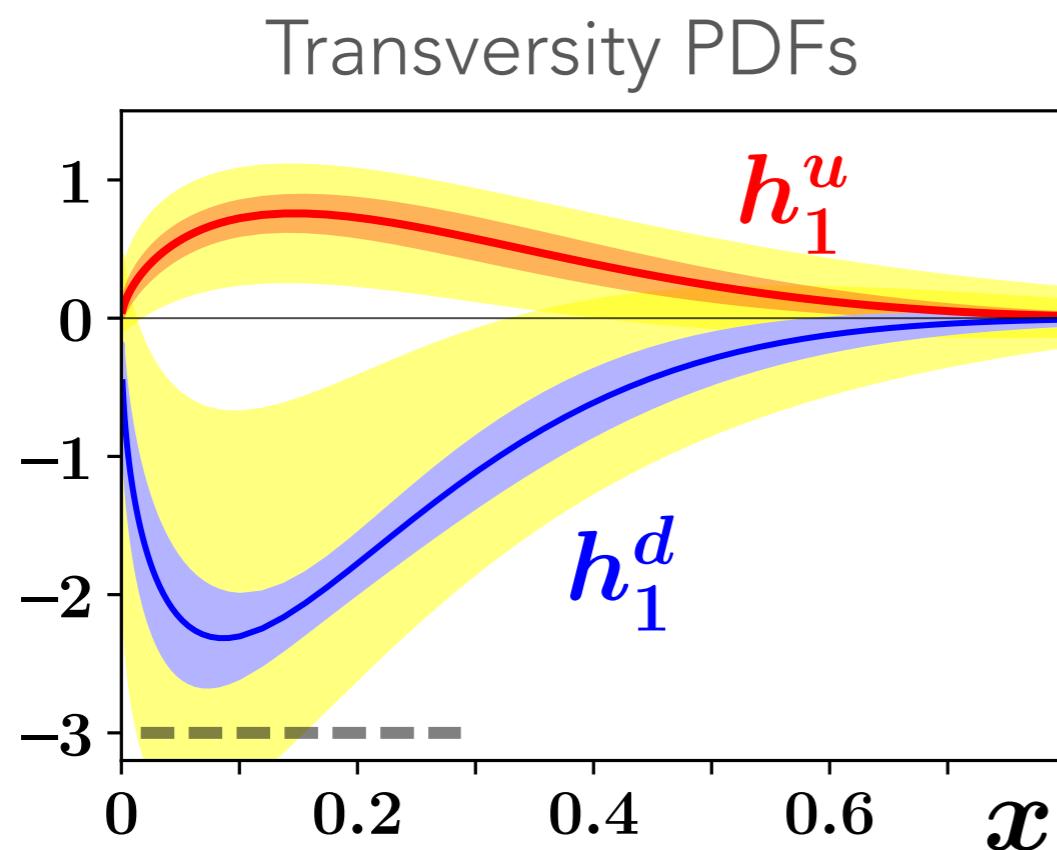
$\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme at 2 GeV



[C. Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1706.02973]

# Constraints on global PDF fits

- Including lattice QCD results for moments in global PDF fits can yield significant improvements



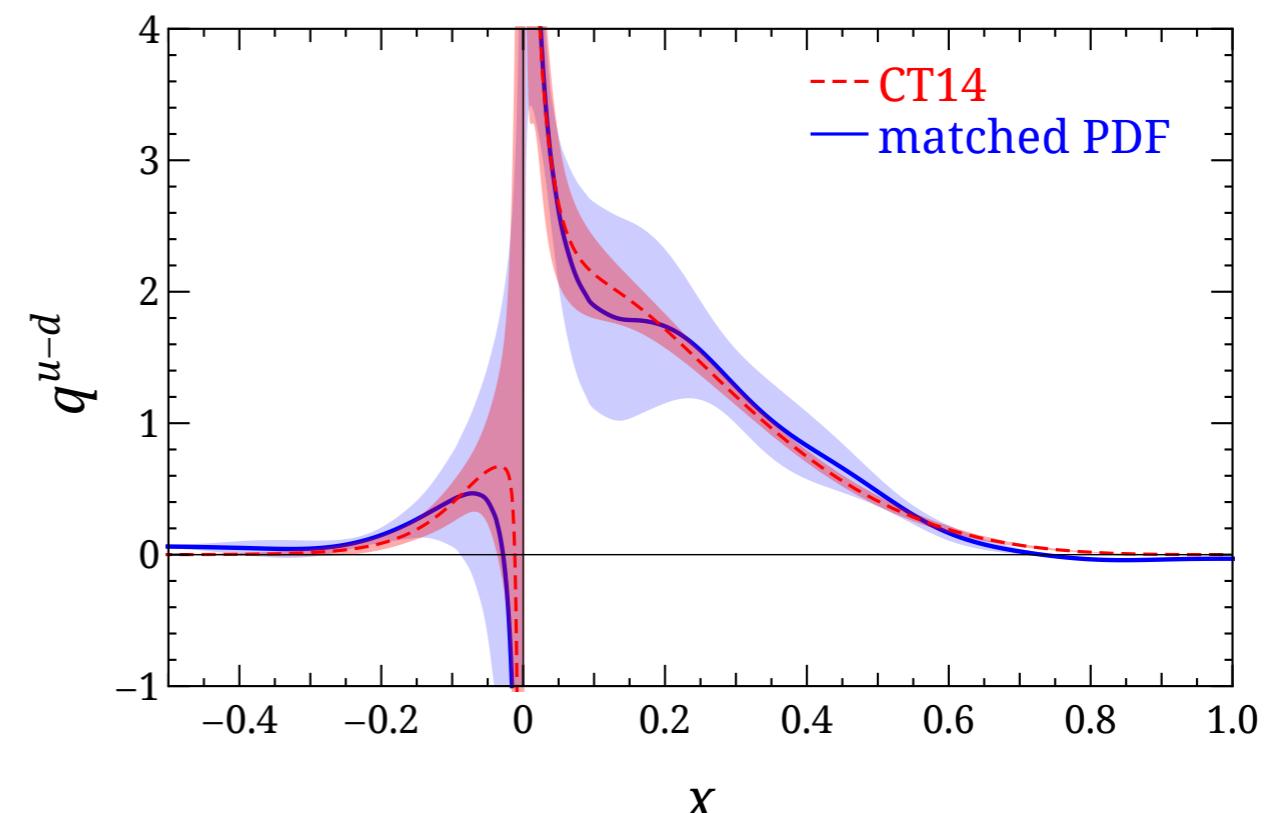
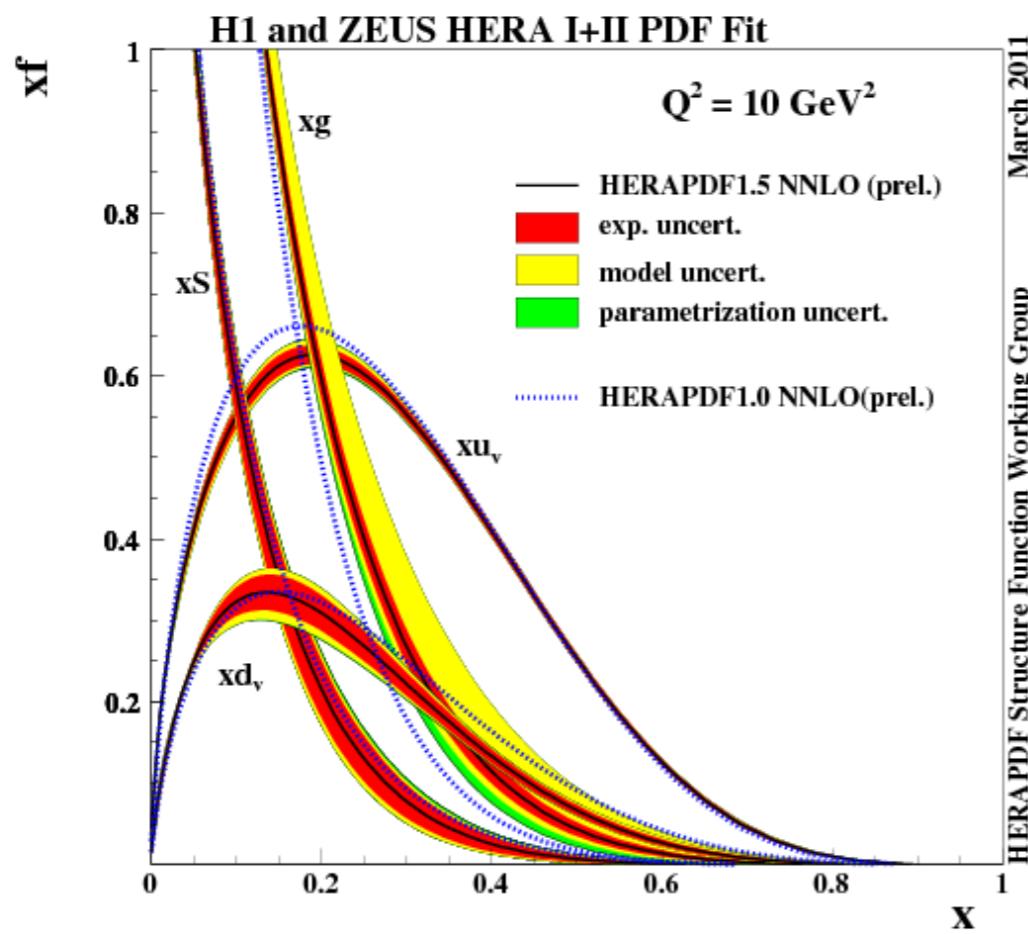
Yellow: SIDIS data only: direct constraints in region indicated by dashes  
Blue/Red: SIDIS + lattice QCD for tensor charge (zeroth moment)

[H-W. Lin et al., arXiv:1710.09858]

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# x-dependence of PDFs

- First calculations of x-dependence of nucleon PDFs undertaken  
Quasi and pseudo-PDF calculations use non-local Euclidean correlators and perturbative QCD matching in high momentum limit [X. Ji, arXiv:1305.1539]
- Extremely rapid progress, but many systematics to be controlled
- Flavour separation is relatively straightforward



[J-W Chen et al., arXiv:1803.04393]

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# Long-baseline neutrino experiments



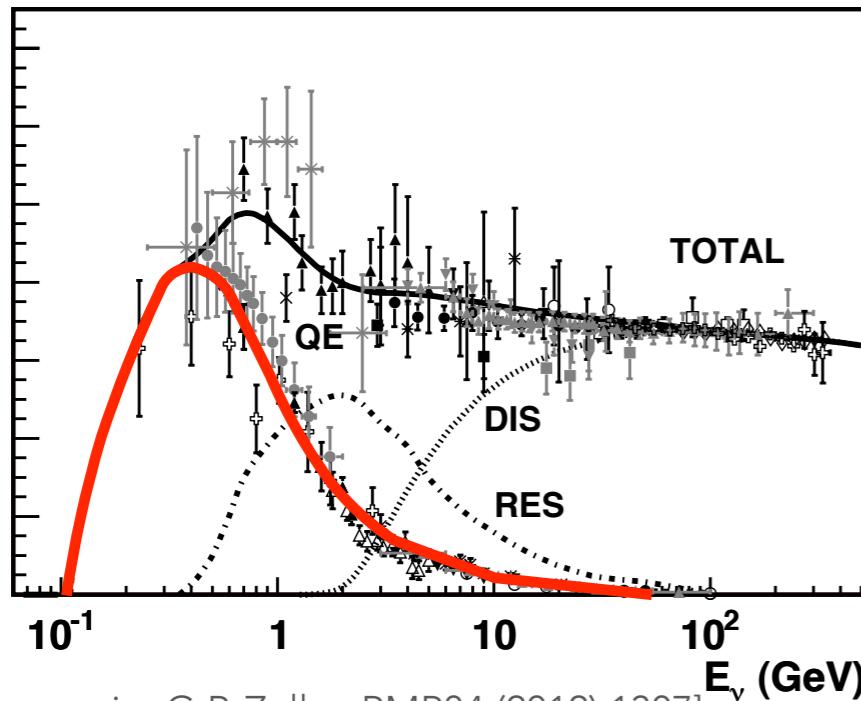
Seek to determine neutrino mass hierarchy, mixing parameters, CP violating phase

To differentiate between mixing & CP parameter scenarios



Need neutrino energy reconstruction from final state to better than 100 MeV

$\nu$  charged-current cross-section



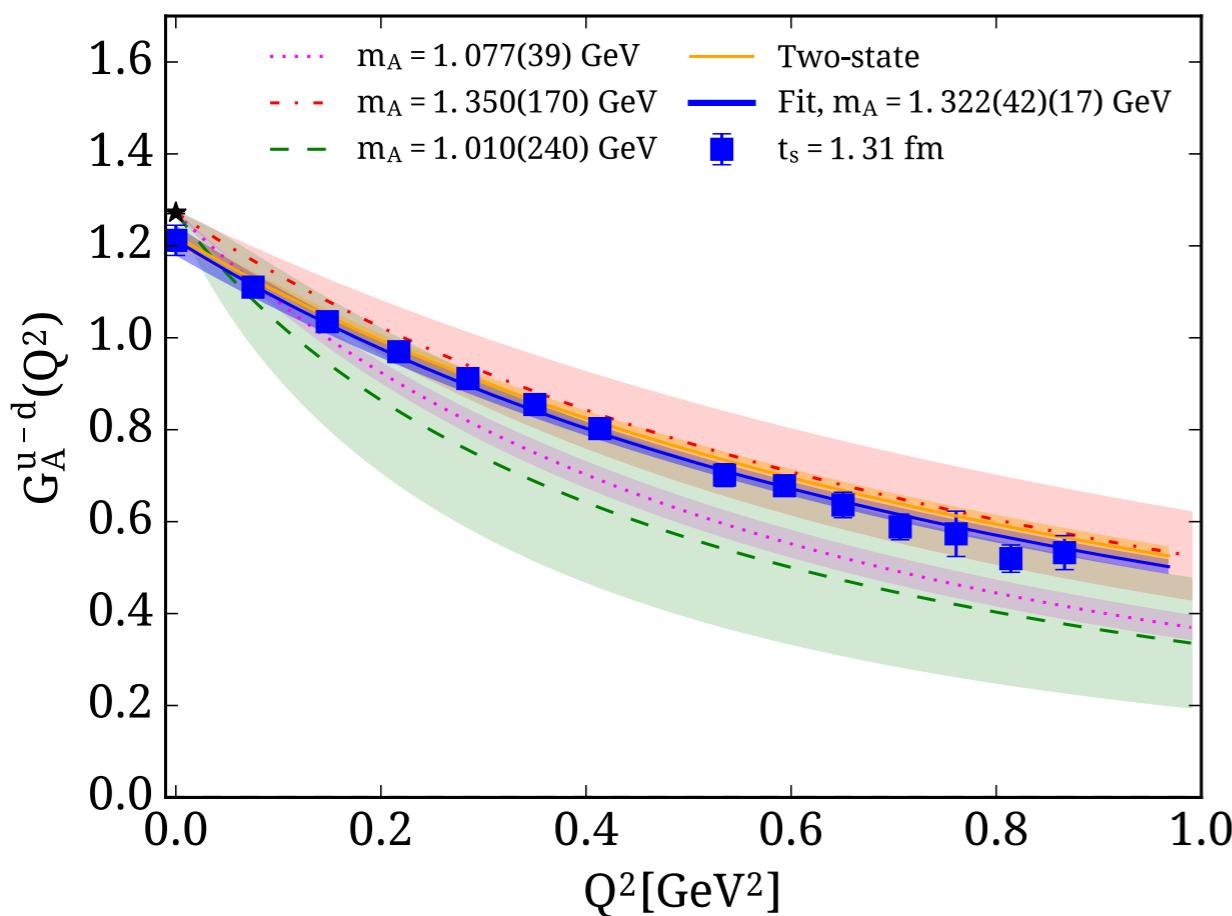
[J.A. Formaggio, G.P. Zeller, RMP84 (2012) 1307]

Lattice QCD: direct non-perturbative QCD predictions for nucleon and nuclear matrix elements

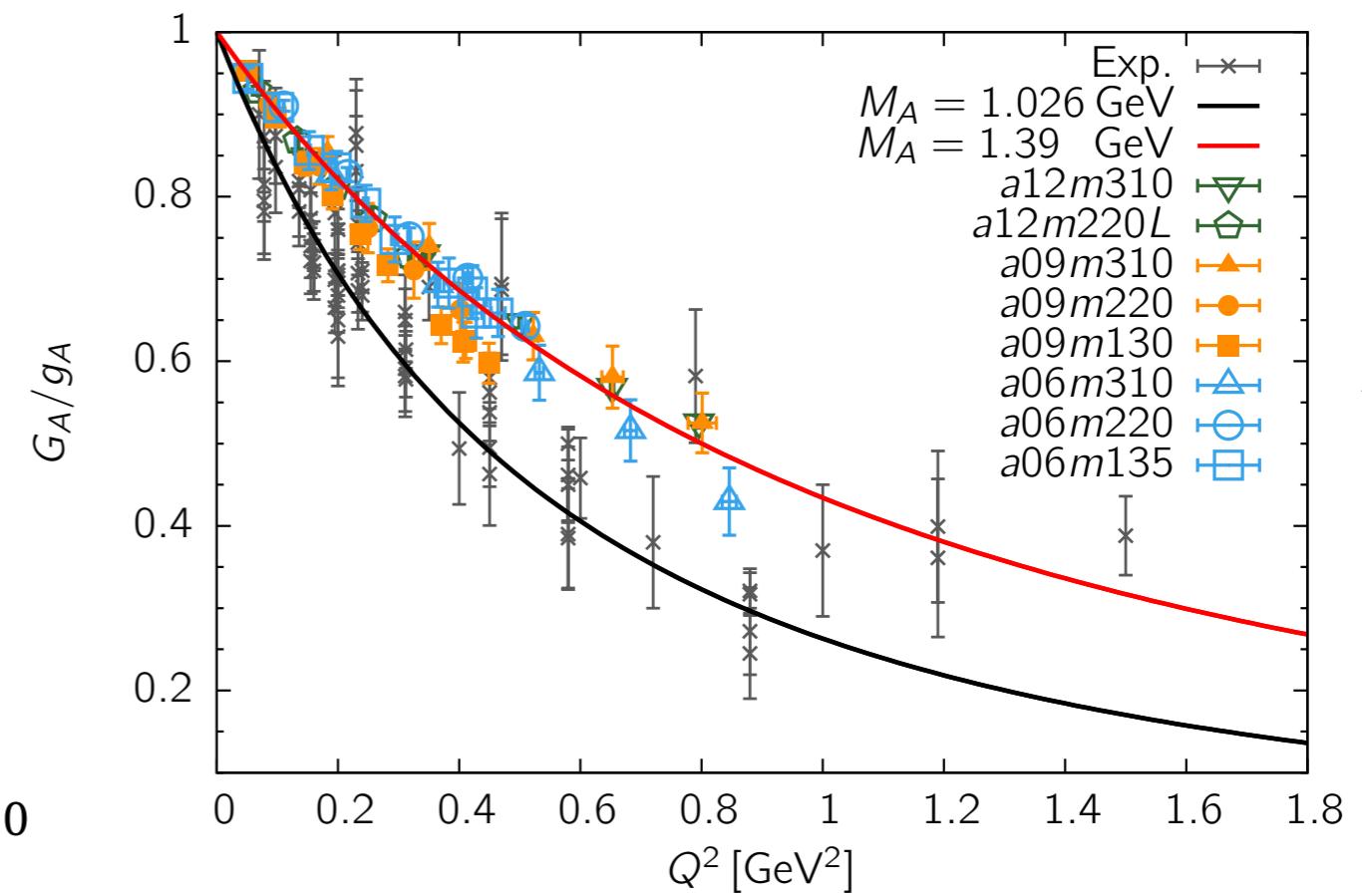
e.g., axial and pseudo-scalar form factors important in **quasi-elastic** region  
(Lattice QCD can also provide useful input in resonance and DIS regions, see appendix)

# Nucleon axial form factors

- Nucleon properties are historically difficult calculations
- Recent calculations of nucleon form factors including axial in agreement with experiment with fully-controlled uncertainties
- $Q^2$ -dependence well-determined in LQCD: competitive with experiment



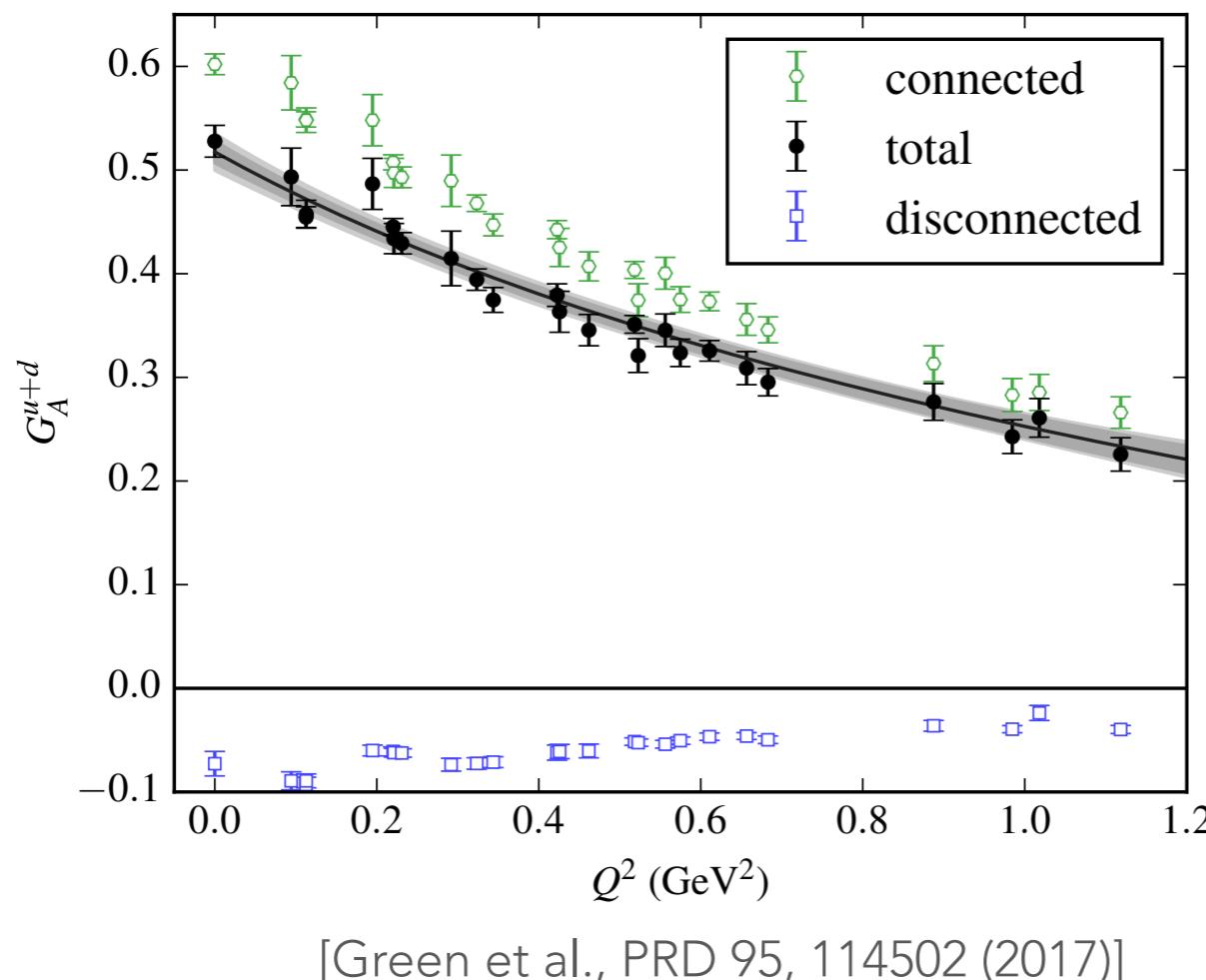
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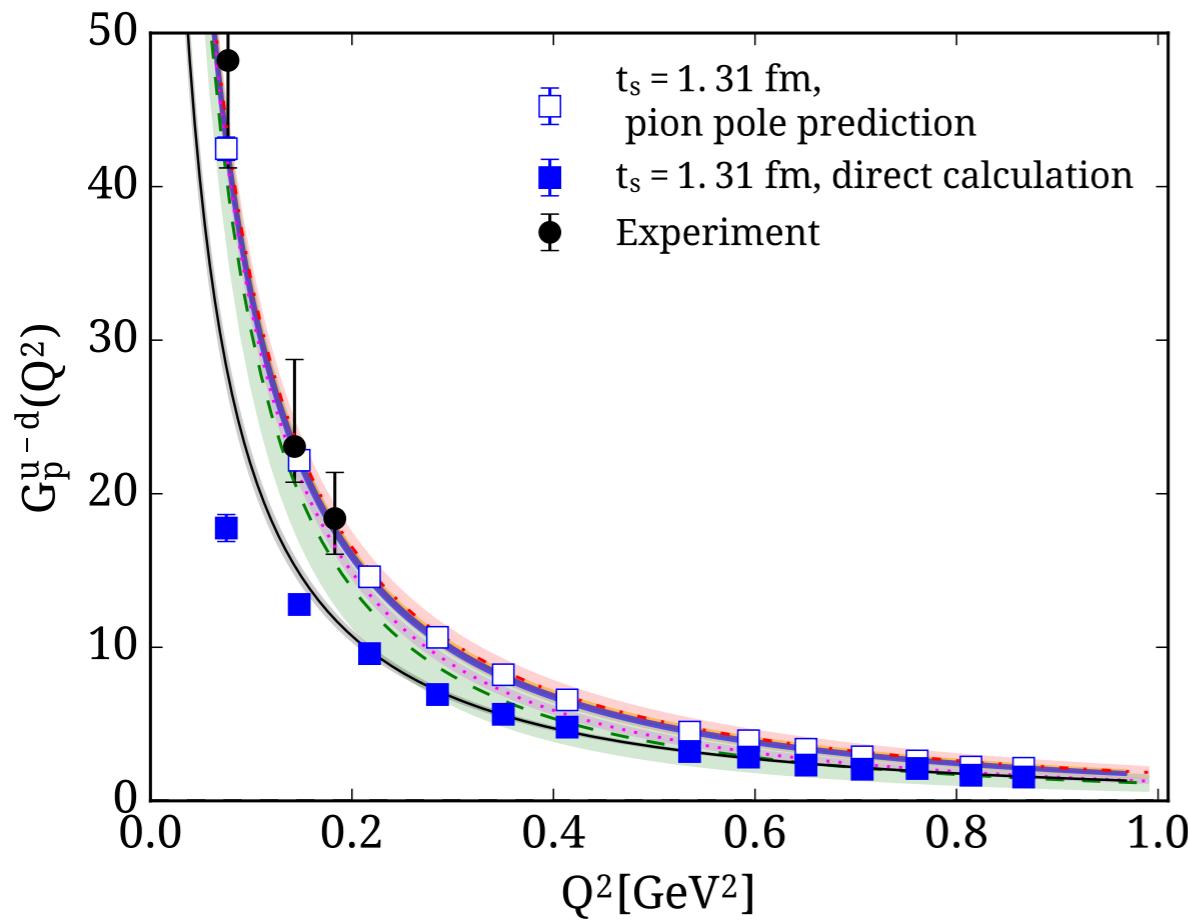
Strange quark contributions  
are determined separately  
and can be isolated

[Also Gupta et al., EPJ Web Conf. 175 (2018) 06029,  
Alexandrou et al., PRD96 (2017), 054507]

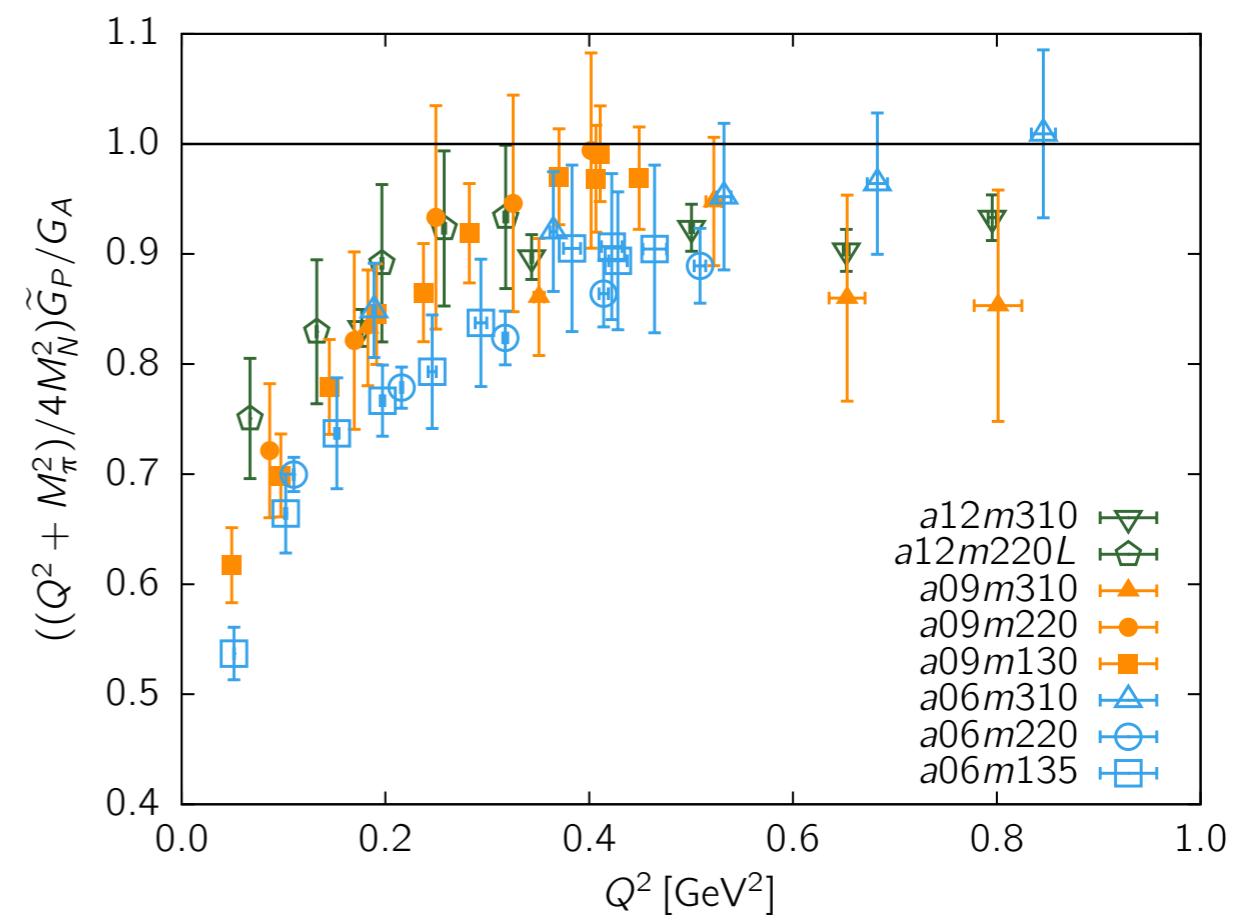
# Nucleon pseudo-scalar form factors

- First calculations with controlled uncertainties
- Clear deviations from pion-pole dominants ansatz at low  $Q^2$

$$\tilde{G}_P(Q^2) = G_A(Q^2) \left[ \frac{4M_N^2}{Q^2 + M_\pi^2} \right]$$



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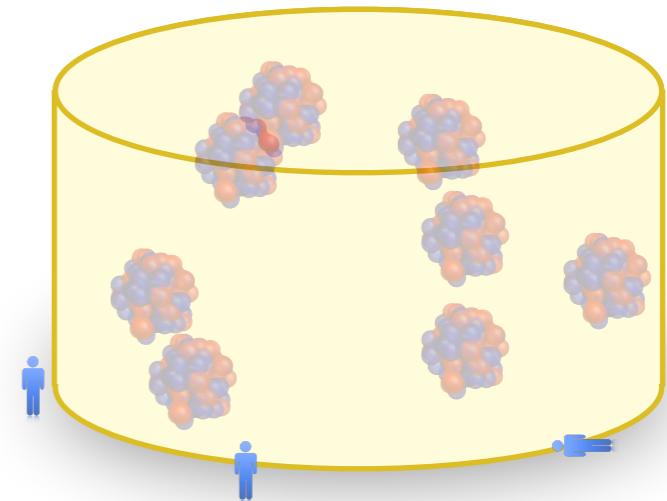
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# Dark matter direct detection

Look for scattering of WIMP dark matter on nuclear target

Detection rate depends on

- Dark matter properties
- Probability of interaction with nucleus  
i.e., *nuclear effects are important*



Low-energy limit of a generic  
spin-independent interaction  
is scalar



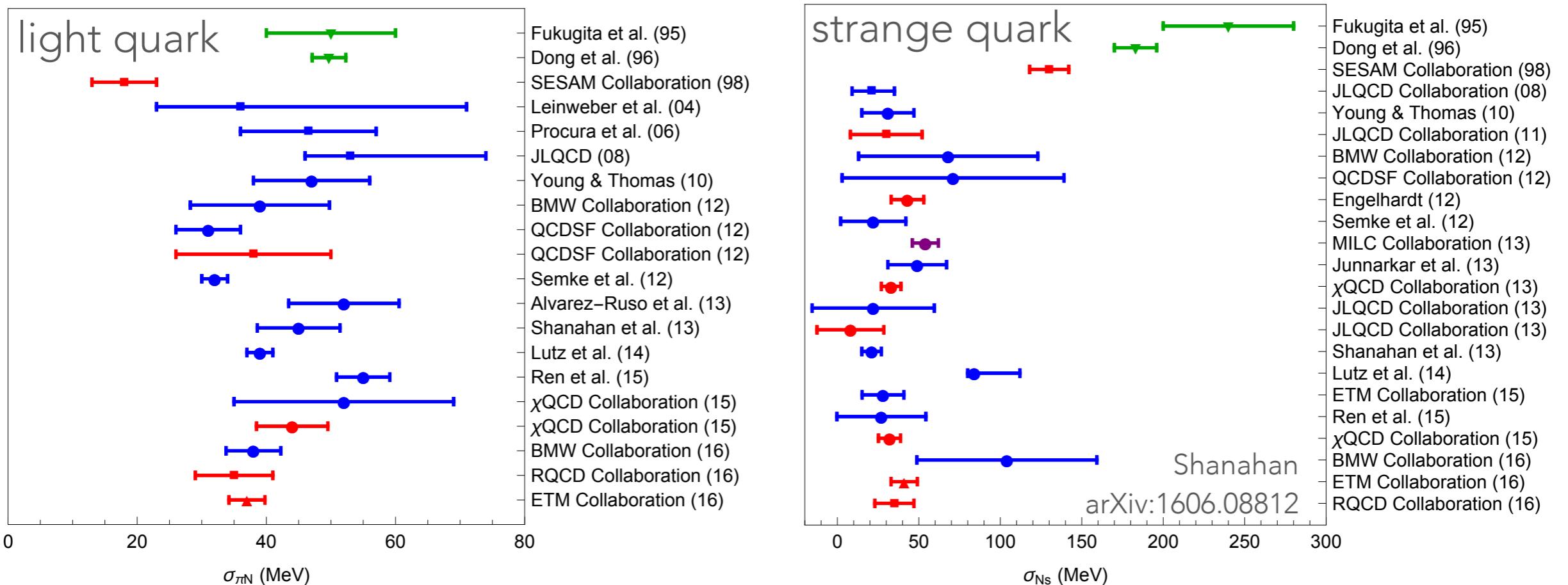
Determine **nucleon** and  
**nuclear scalar matrix**  
elements from lattice QCD

Other e.g., spin-dependent couplings can also be constrained  
e.g., [Hoferichter et al., arXiv:1503.04811], [Hill et al., arXiv:1409.8290], [Fitzpatrick et al., arXiv:1203.3542]

# Dark matter direct detection

Spin-independent scattering of many WIMP candidates governed by scalar matrix elements

## Lattice QCD nucleon scalar matrix elements



Light quark: competitive with phenomenology

Note: tension with extraction using Roy–Steiner equations [Hoferichter arXiv:1506.04142]

Strange quark: much more precise than phenomenology

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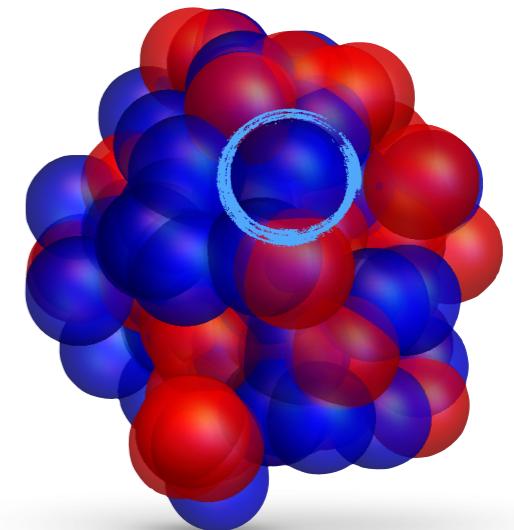
Direct detection experiments use nuclear targets e.g., Xenon

Determine interaction cross-section (with nucleus)  
for a given dark matter model

- Born approximation – interacts with a single nucleon

$$\sigma \sim |A \langle N|DM|N \rangle|^2$$

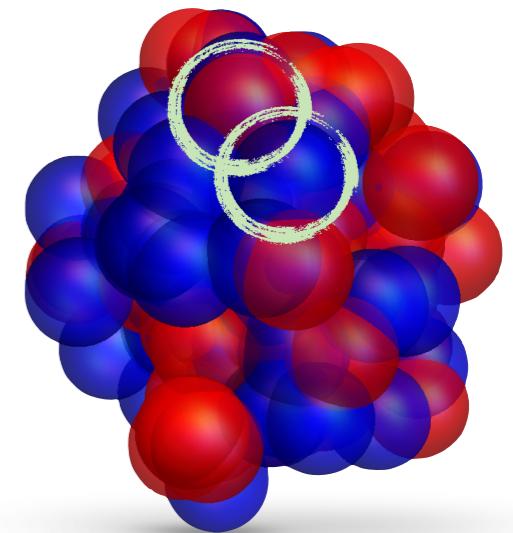
known from LQCD



- Interacts non-trivially with multiple nucleons

$$\sigma \sim |A \langle N|DM|N \rangle + \alpha \langle NN|DM|NN \rangle + \dots|^2$$

poorly known!

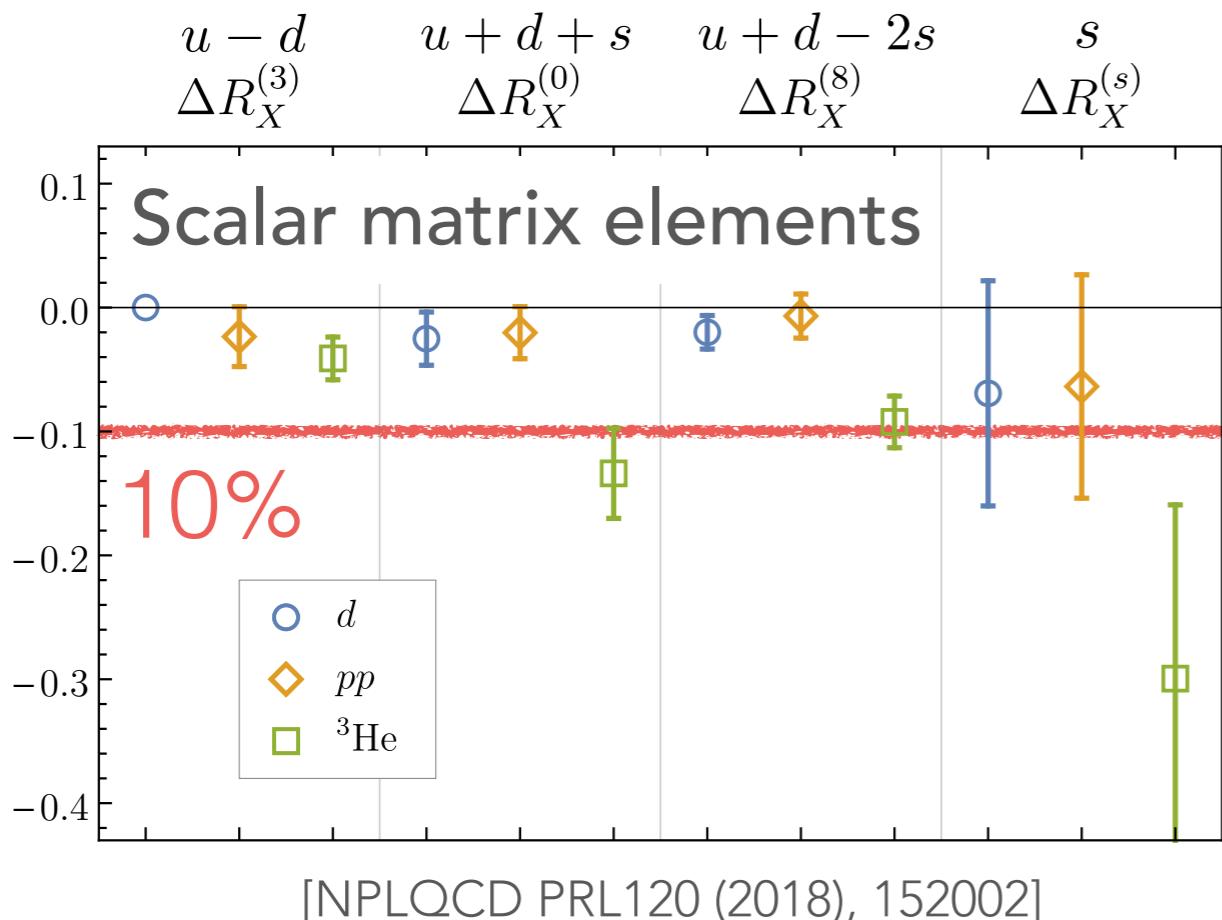


Second term may be significant!

# Dark matter direct detection

Spin-independent scattering of WIMP candidates is governed by scalar matrix elements

- Lattice QCD calculation with  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV shows 10% nuclear effects in  ${}^3\text{He}$  → potentially very significant effects in e.g., Xenon
- Same calculation gives axial and tensor nuclear effects around ~1%

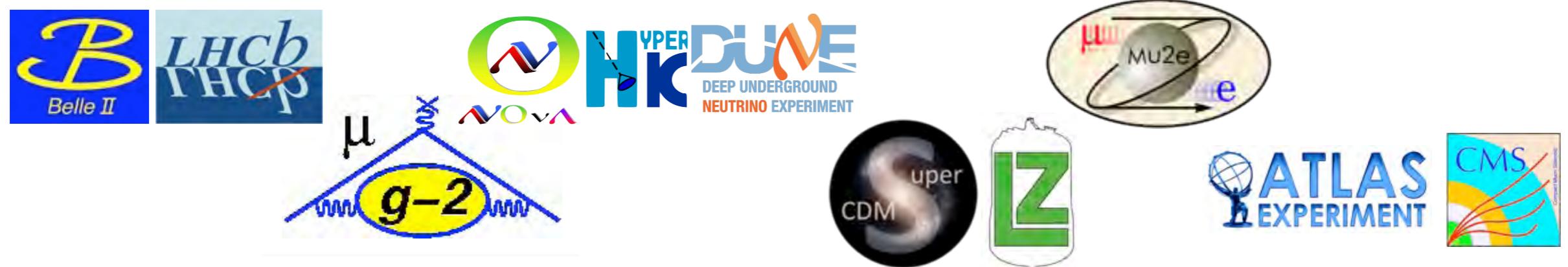


$$\frac{\text{ME}}{\text{A}(\text{Nucleon ME})} - 1$$

Older work: [NPLQCD PRD89 (2014) 074505]

# Summary and outlook

Lattice QCD (+QED) is providing essential Standard Model input for high-energy physics experiments



- Precision lattice QCD results for simple systems including hadrons
  - FLAG lattice averaging to include hadron structure in 2019
  - Many more quantities will have fully-controlled systematic uncertainties by 2020
- Beginning of reliable lattice QCD results for nuclear matrix elements

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... and also for many other topics not covered here

- Hadron spectroscopy
- Finite temperature and density
- Nuclear structure and reactions
- BSM physics (Technicolour theories, SUSY, ...)

New results will be presented at  
Lattice conference July 22-28:  
see conference website and  
proceedings



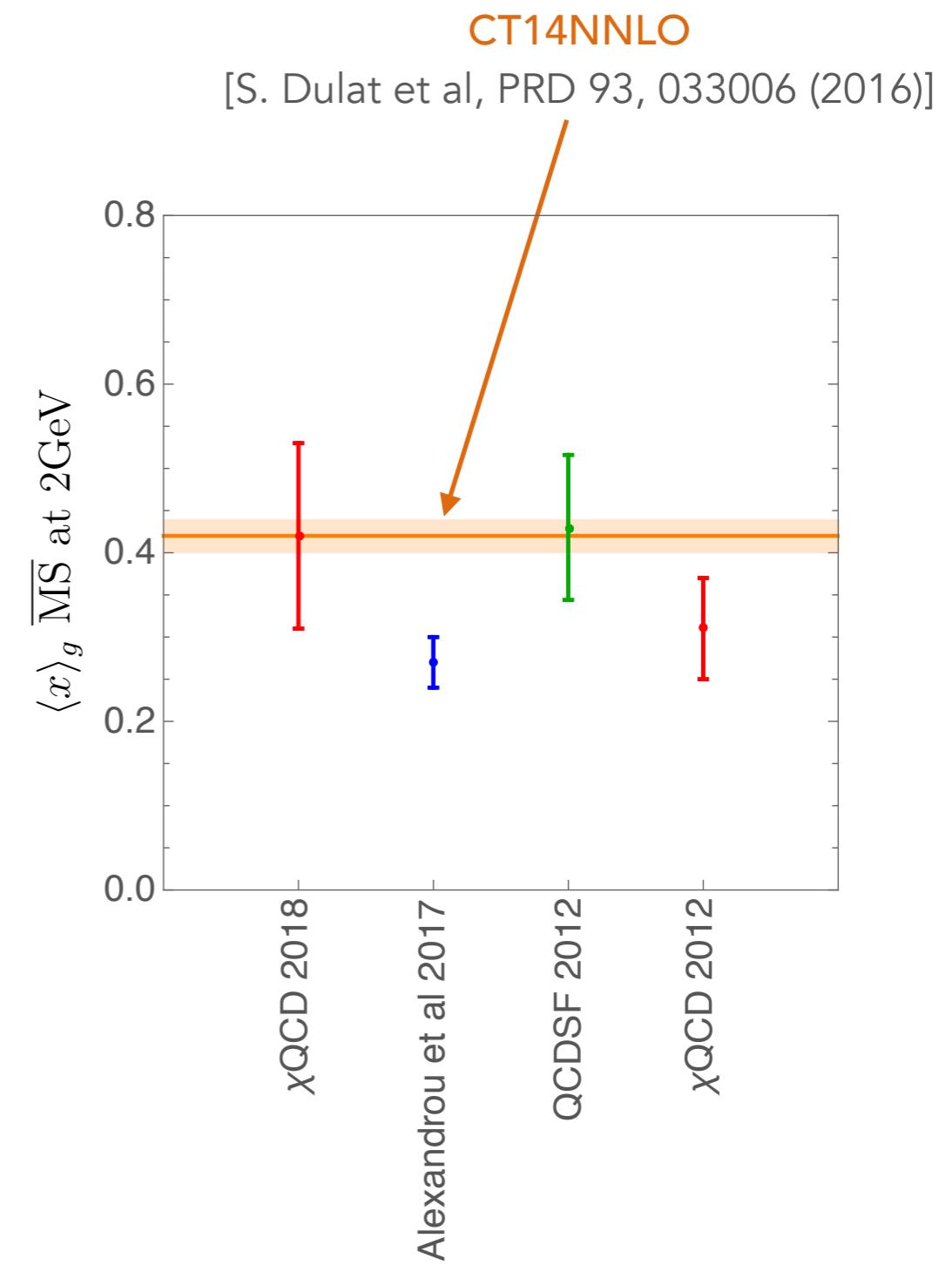
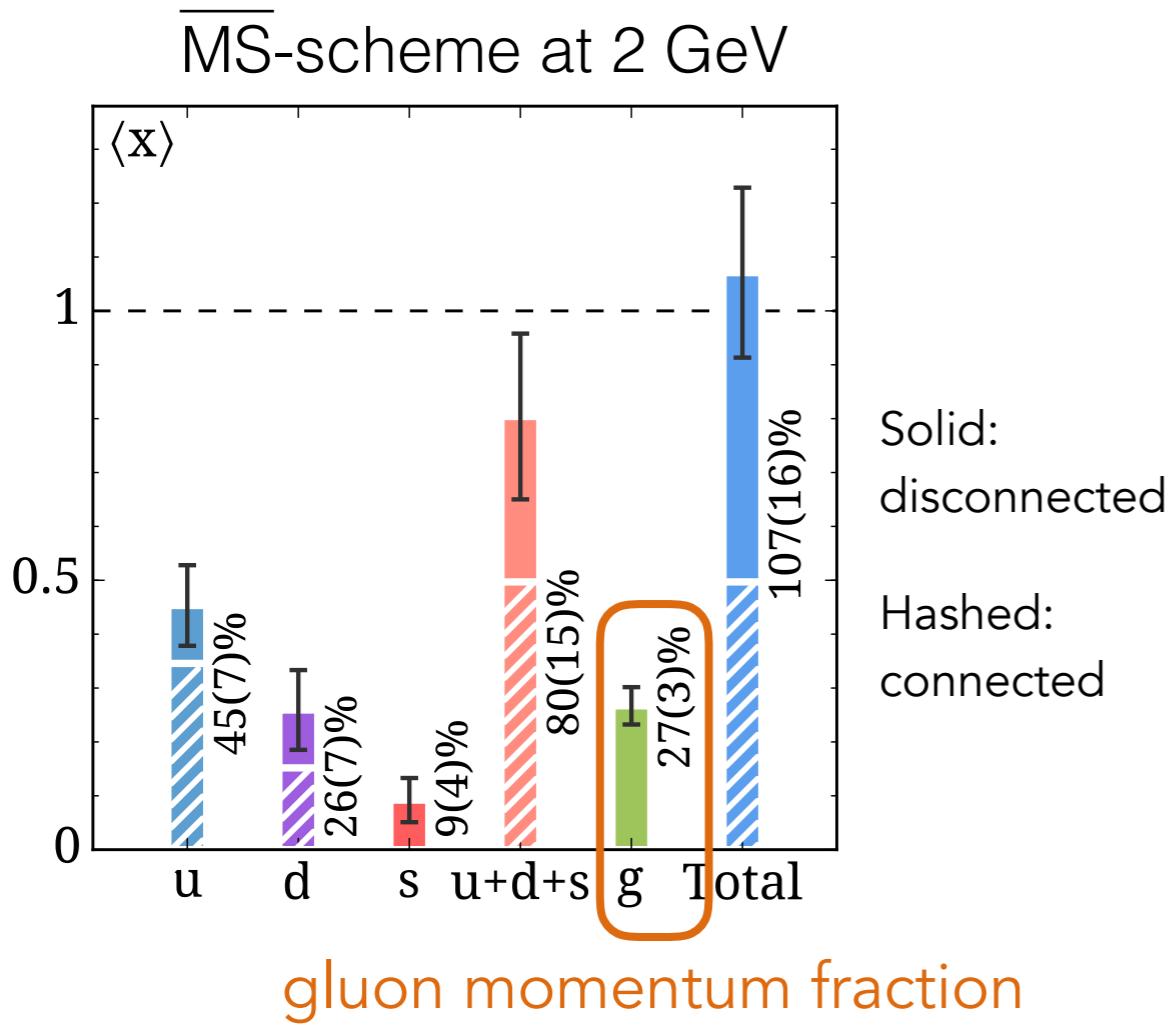
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<https://web.pa.msu.edu/conf/Lattice2018/>



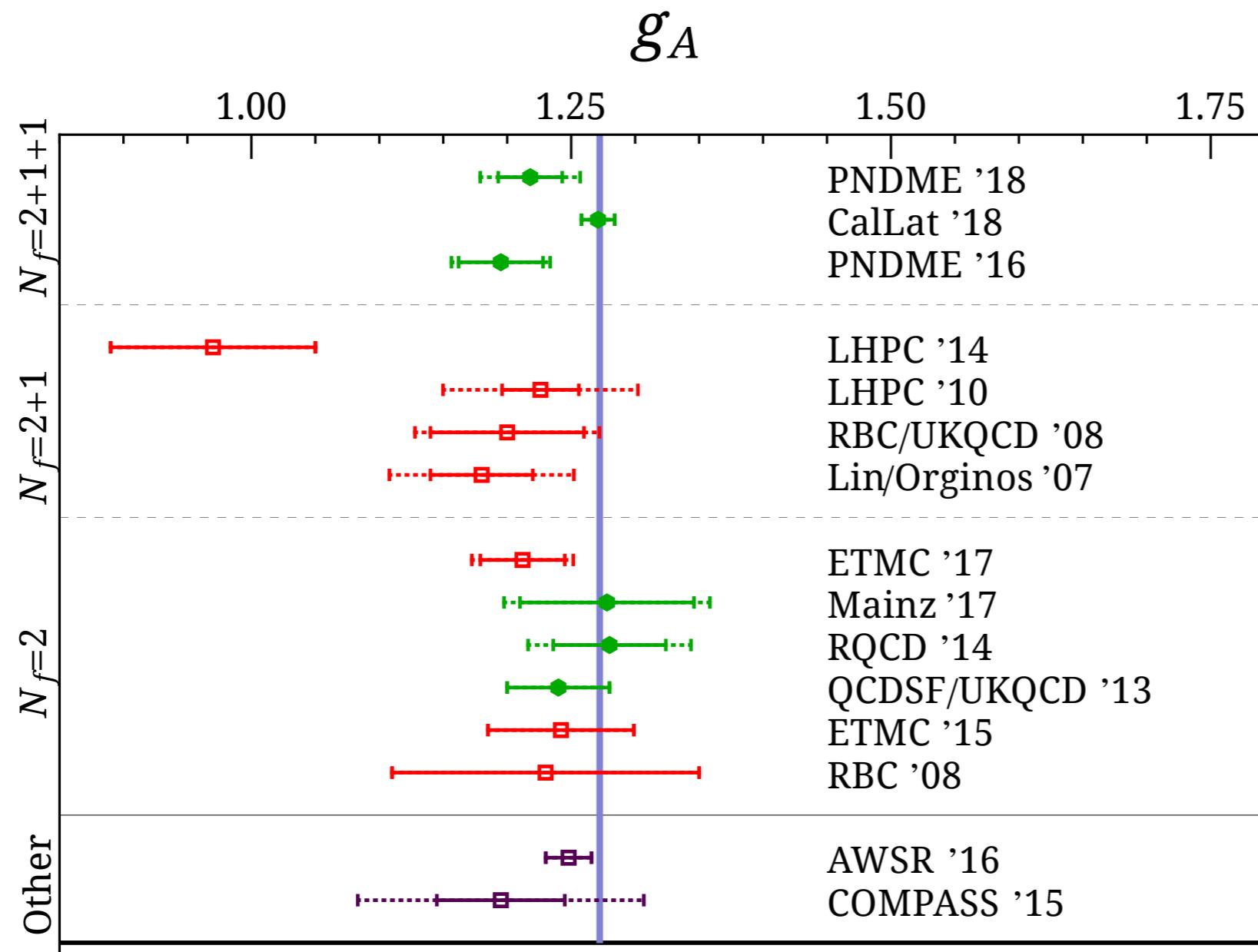
# Nucleon gluon momentum fraction

Two direct calculations at the physical point since last year  
[C. Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1706.02973]  
[Y-B. Yang et al., ( $\chi$ QCD) arXiv:1805.00531]



# Nucleon axial charge

Complete calculations with controlled uncertainties from multiple collaborations in 2018



Blue vertical line:  
 $g_A = 1.2671$   
determined with high precision from nuclear beta decay

[Gupta et al, arXiv:1806.09006]

# Nucleon axial form factor

Traditionally assumed to have dipole form

$$G_A(Q^2) = \frac{g_A}{(1 + Q^2 / M_A^2)}$$

Axial charge determined with high precision from nuclear beta decay

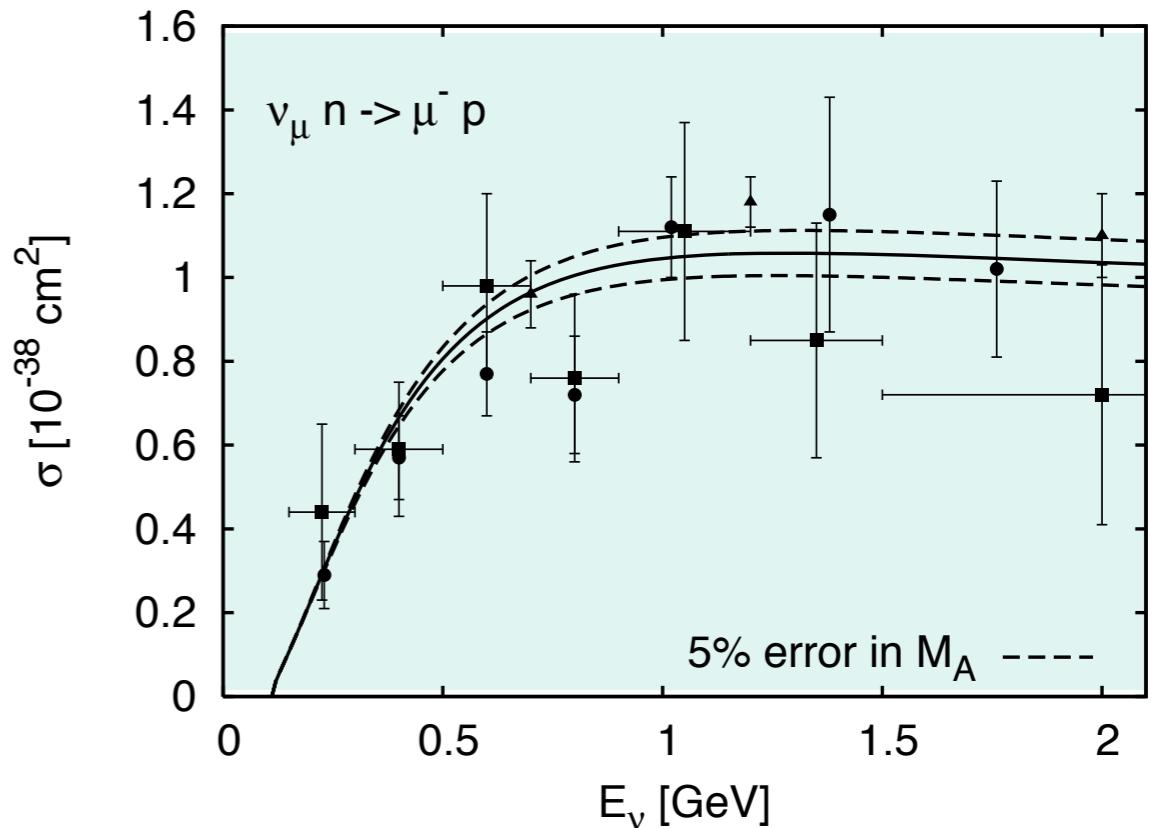
Axial mass must be fit to data

Electromagnetic form factors show significant deviation from dipole parametrisation

→ Model-indep. z-expansion

commonly used to fit experimental or lattice QCD data [Hill & Paz (2010), Bhattacharya (2011)]

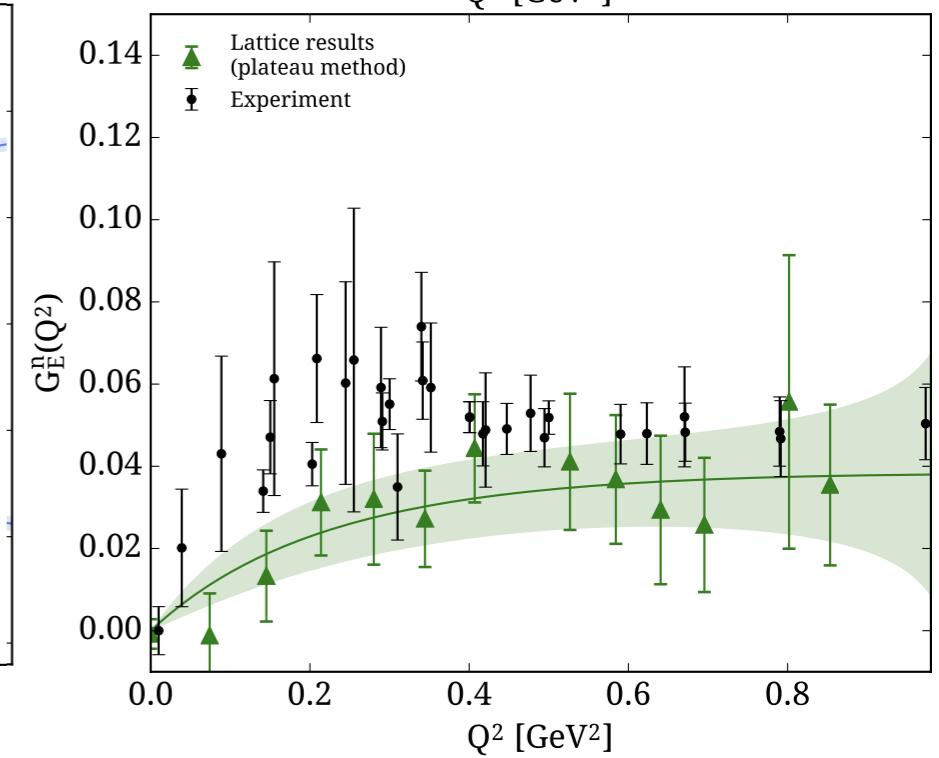
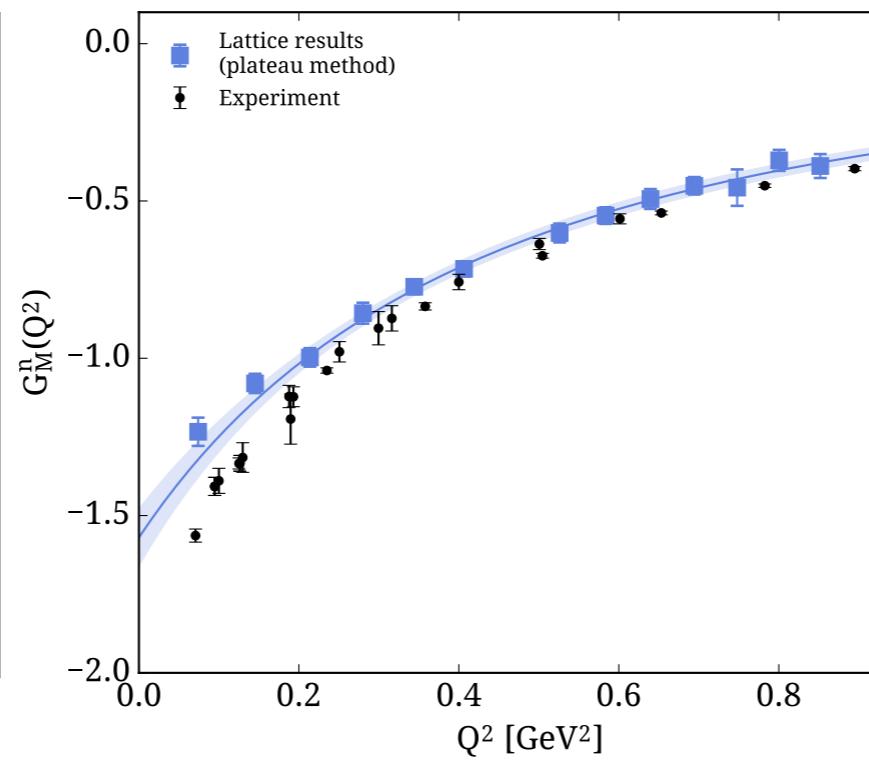
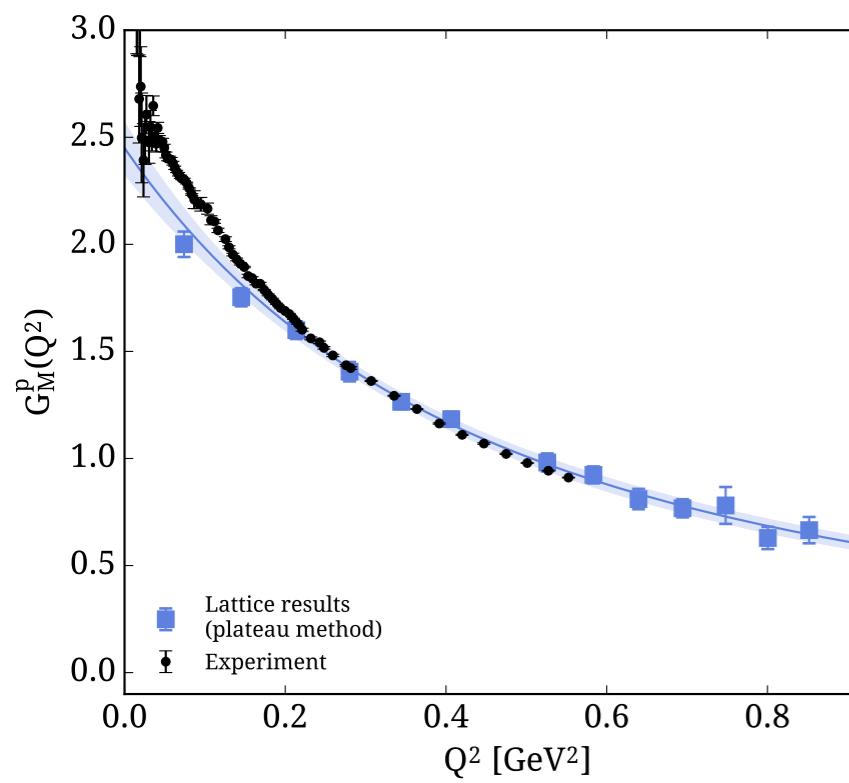
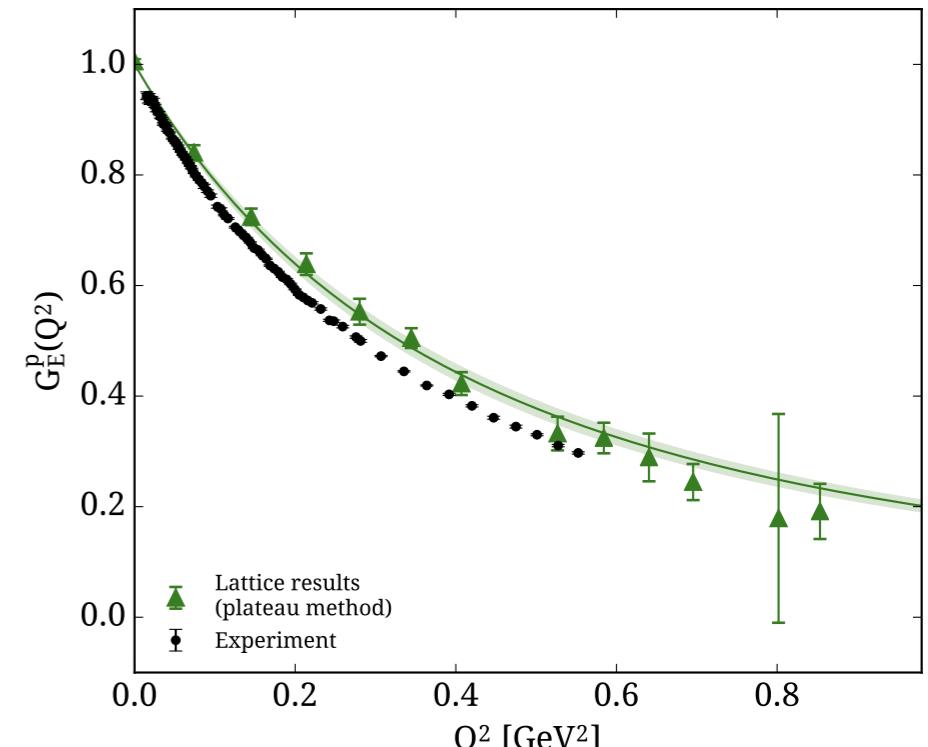
Total QE cross-section sensitive to the axial mass:



[Mosel, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 66, 171 (2016)]

# Nucleon electromagnetic form factors

State-of-the-art calculations have physical quark masses, large lattice volumes, and fine lattice spacings, but systematic uncertainties not yet controlled at a level comparable to flavour physics quantities



[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1706.00469]

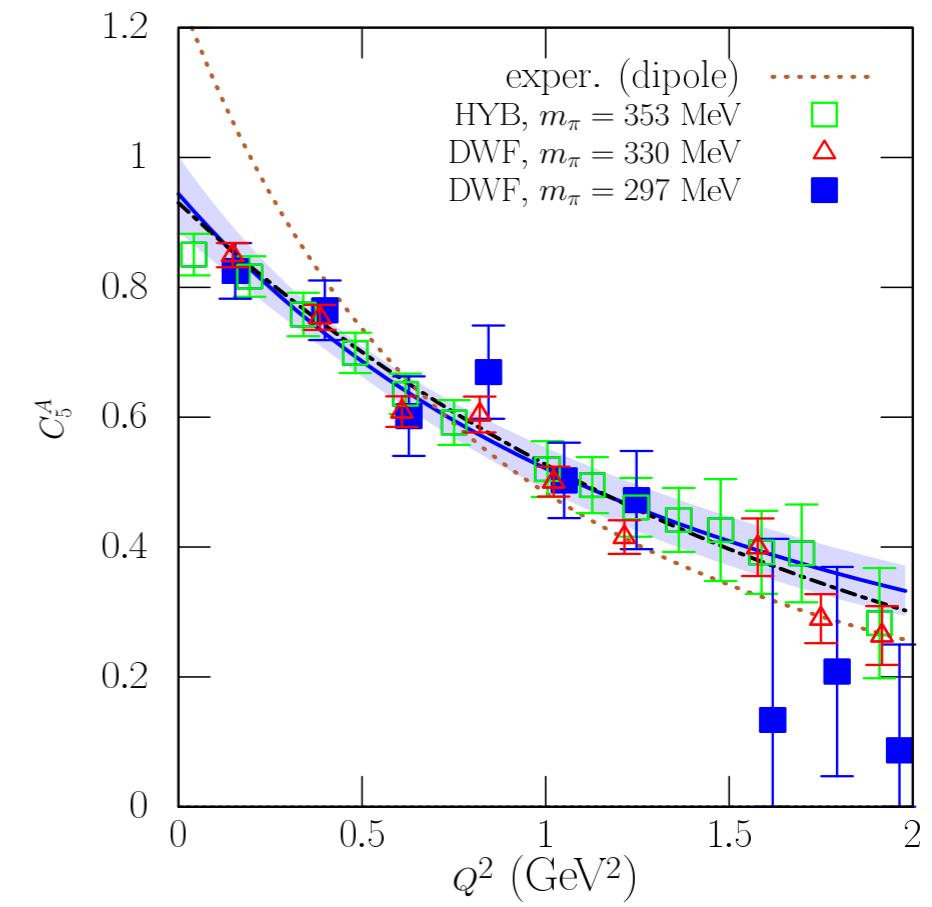
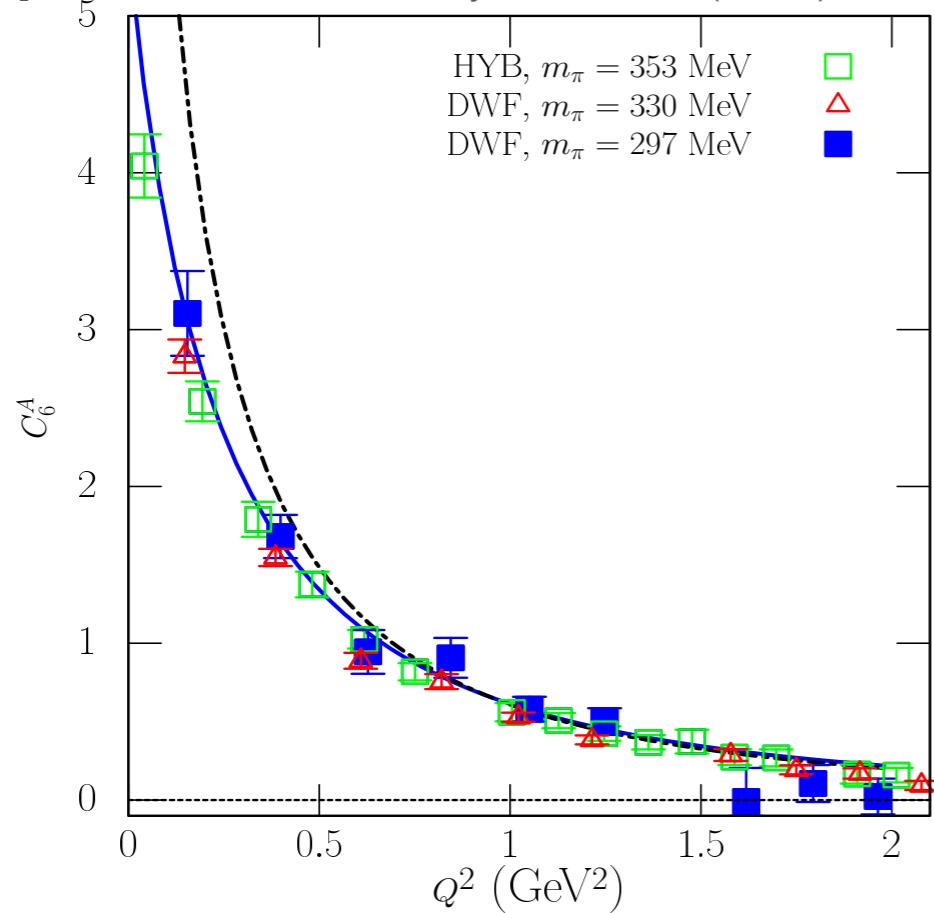
Phiala Shanahan, MIT

# Transition form factors

Lattice QCD calculation of axial  $N \Delta$  transition form factor:

$$\langle \Delta(p', s') | A_\mu^3 | N(p, s) \rangle = i\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{m_\Delta m_N}{E_\Delta(\mathbf{p}') E_N(\mathbf{p})} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}_{\Delta^+}^\lambda(p', s') \left[ \left( \frac{C_3^A(q^2)}{m_N} \gamma^\nu + \frac{C_4^A(q^2)}{m_N^2} p'^\nu \right) (g_{\lambda\mu} g_{\rho\nu} - g_{\lambda\rho} g_{\mu\nu}) q^\rho \right. \\ \left. + C_5^A(q^2) g_{\lambda\mu} + \frac{C_6^A(q^2)}{m_N^2} q_\lambda q_\mu \right] u_P(p, s)$$

[C Alexandrou et al., Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 014501]



CAVEAT: Complexities at physical point with unstable resonances,  
but formalism exists: [Lellouch-Lüscher hep-lat/0003023]

# Muon g-2

Muon g-2: new lattice QCD results in last few years

## Hadronic light-by-light

PRD93(2015)014503 (RBC)

PRL118(2016)022005 (RBC)

PRD96(2017)034515 (RBC)

## Hadronic vacuum polarisation

PRL116(2015)232002 (RBC/UKQCD)

PRD93(2016)054508 (Aubin et al.)

JHEP04(2016)063 (RBC/UKQCD)

PRD96(2017)034516 (FNAL/HPQCD)

JHEP09(2017)153 (RBC/UKQCD)

PRL120(2017)152001 (FNAL/HPQCD/MILC)

arXiv:1801.07224 (RBC/UKQCD)