

Radiative leptonic decays

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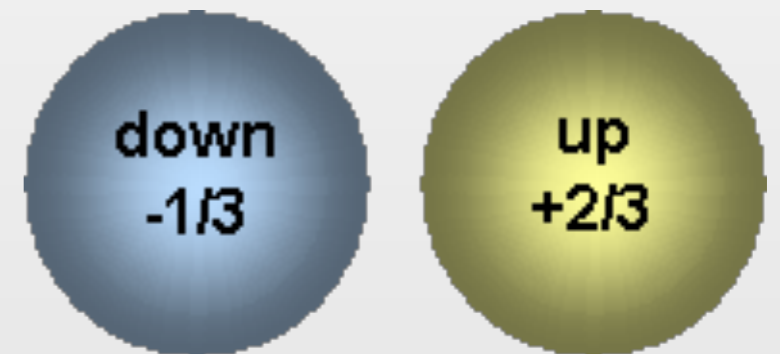
Phenomenological motivations

down
 $-1/3$

up
 $+2/3$

Phenomenological motivations

The determination of some hadronic observables in flavor physics has reached such an accurate degree of experimental and theoretical precision that electromagnetic and strong isospin-breaking effects cannot be neglected anymore



ISOSPIN-BREAKING EFFECTS

Isospin symmetry is an almost exact property of the strong interactions



Isospin-breaking effects are induced by:

$$m_u \neq m_d : \quad O[(m_d - m_u)/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}] \approx 1/100$$

“Strong”

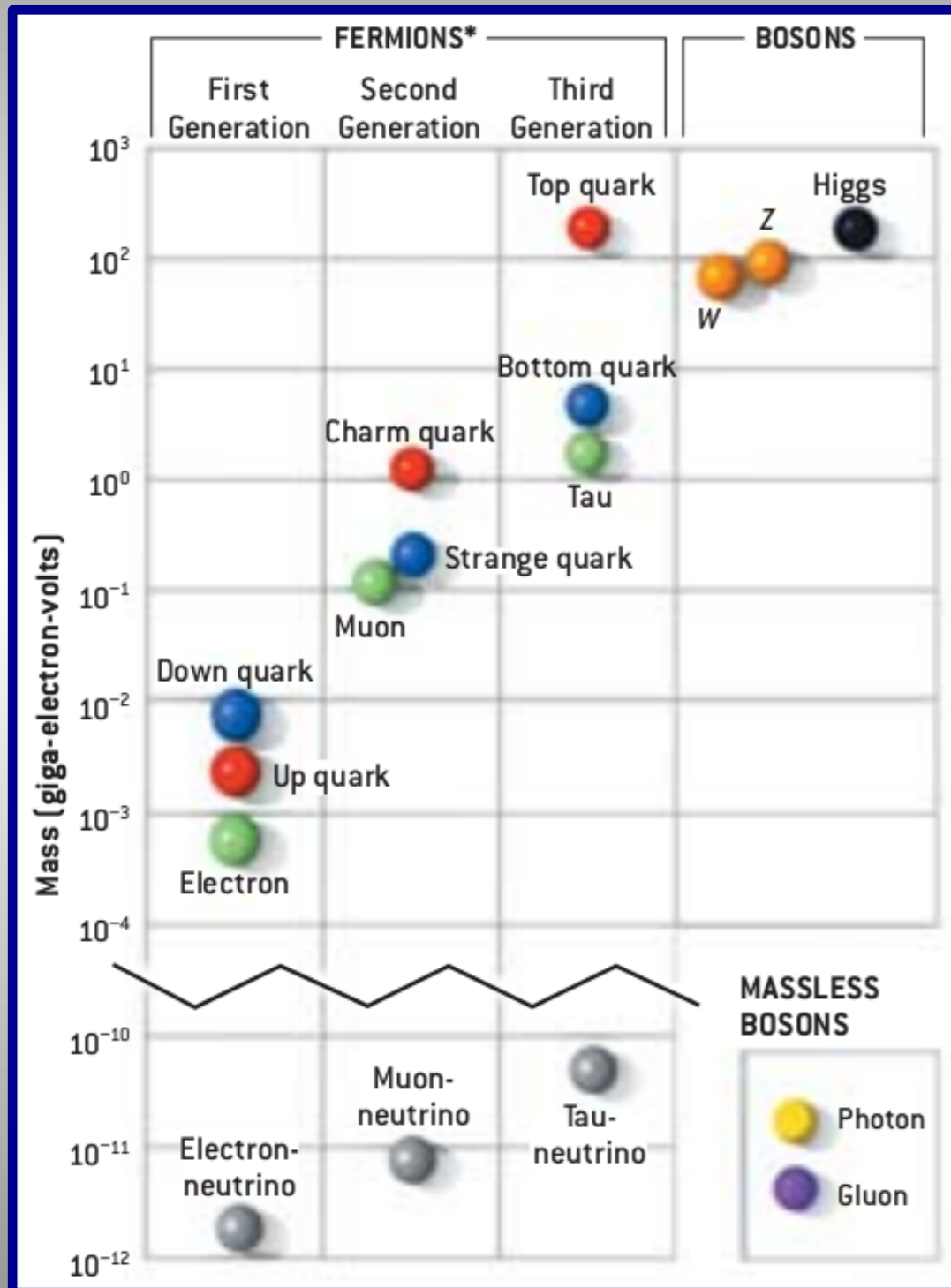
$$Q_u \neq Q_d : \quad O(\alpha_{\text{em}}) \approx 1/100$$

“Electromagnetic”

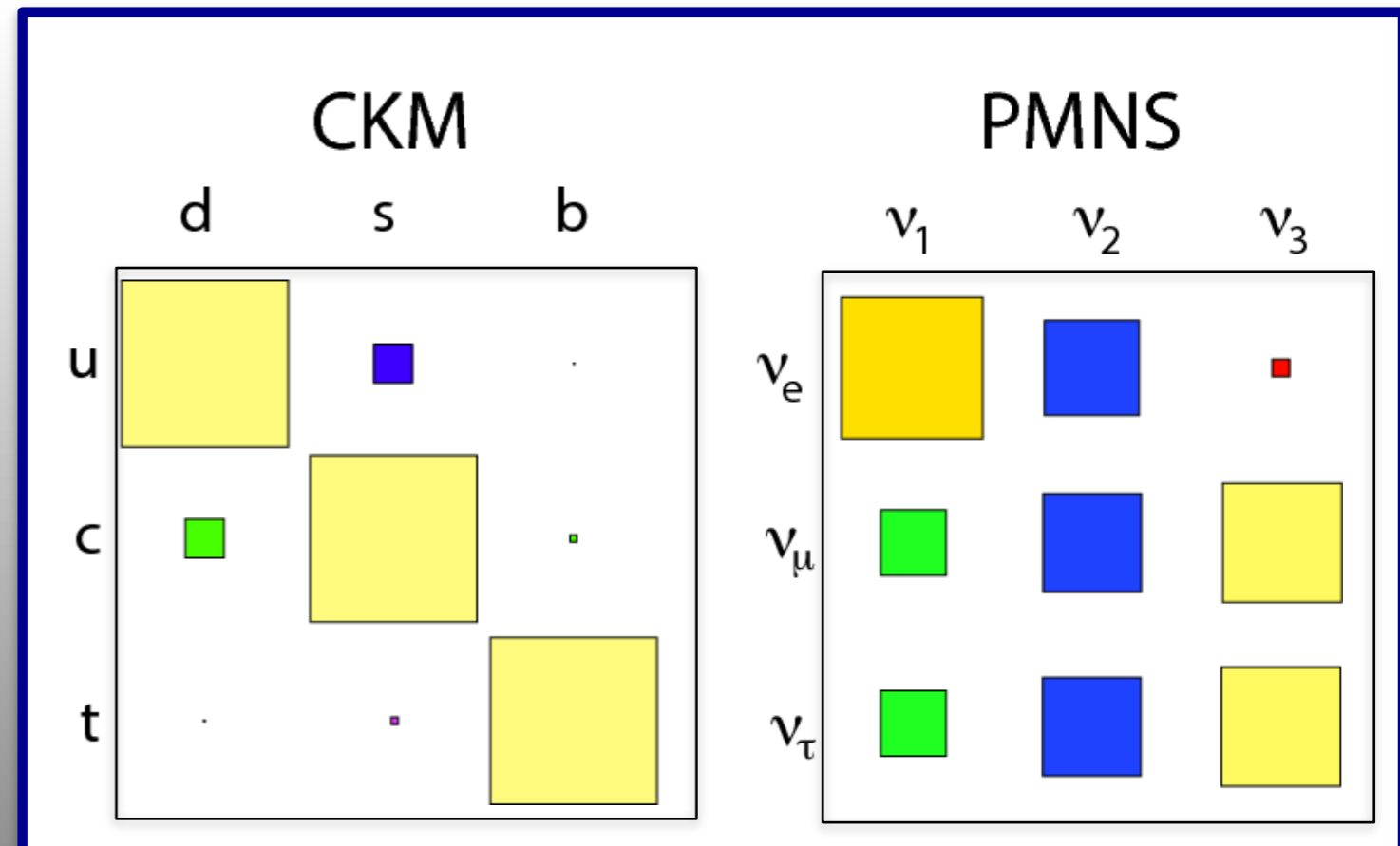
Since **electromagnetic** interactions renormalize **quark masses** the two corrections are intrinsically related

Though small, **IB effects** play often a very important role (quark masses, $M_n - M_p$, leptonic decay constants, vector form factor)

More fundamental motivations

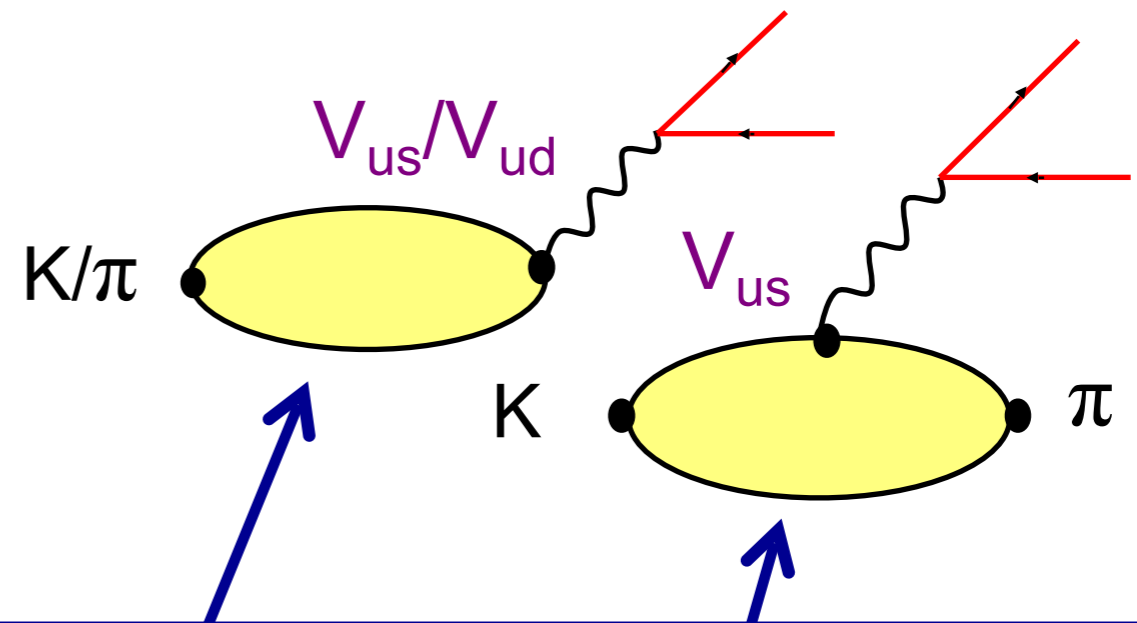


We aim to understand the **theory of flavor** and the **structure of flavor couplings**



The determination of V_{us} and V_{ud}

The relevant processes are
leptonic and **semileptonic**
K and **π** decays

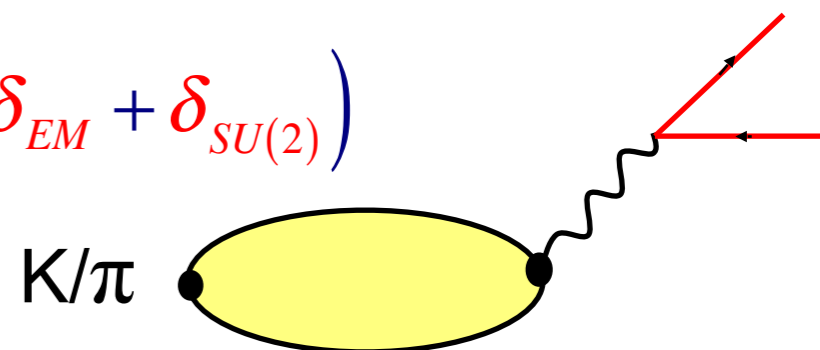


$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))} = \left(\frac{|V_{us}| f_K}{|V_{ud}| f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{M_{K^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{K^+}^2\right)^2}{M_{\pi^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{\pi^+}^2\right)^2} \left(1 + \delta_{EM} + \delta_{SU(2)}\right)$$

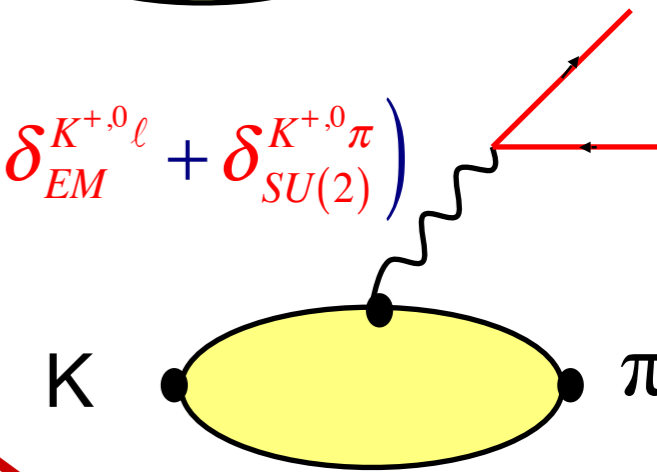
$$\Gamma(K^{+,0} \rightarrow \pi^{0,-} \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma)) = \frac{G_F^2 M_{K^{+,0}}^5}{192 \pi^3} C_{K^{+,0}}^2 \left| V_{us} f_+^{K^0 \pi^-}(0) \right|^2 I_{K\ell}^{(0)} S_{EW} \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{K^{+,0}\ell} + \delta_{SU(2)}^{K^{+,0}\pi}\right)$$

V_{us} and V_{ud}: experimental results

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))} = \left(\frac{|V_{us}| f_K}{|V_{ud}| f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{M_{K^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{K^+}^2\right)^2}{M_{\pi^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{\pi^+}^2\right)^2} \left(1 + \delta_{EM} + \delta_{SU(2)}\right)$$



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$$\frac{|V_{us}| f_K}{|V_{ud}| f_\pi} = 0.27599(38)$$

$$|V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.21654(41)$$

< 0.2%

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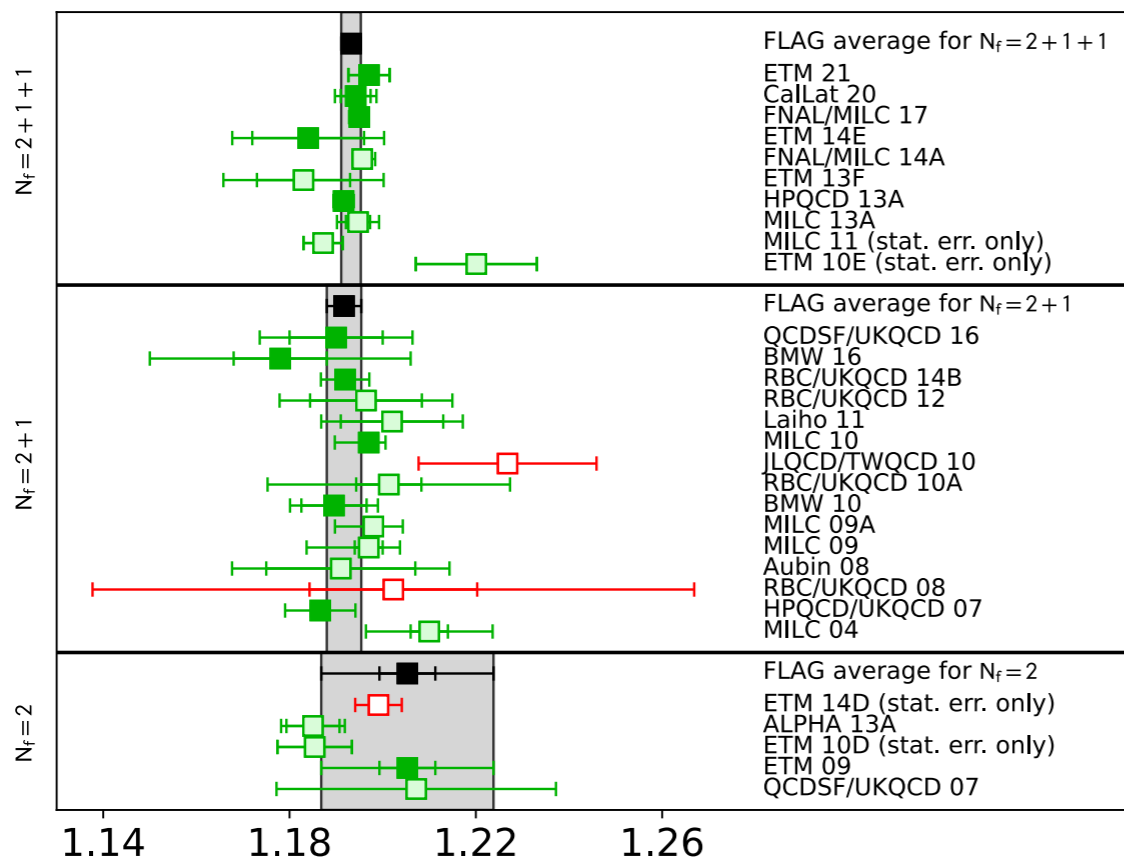
M. Moulson, arXiv:1704.04104

Vus and Vud: results from lattice QCD

$$\frac{f_{K^\pm}}{f_{\pi^\pm}} = \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \sqrt{1 + \delta_{SU(2)}}$$

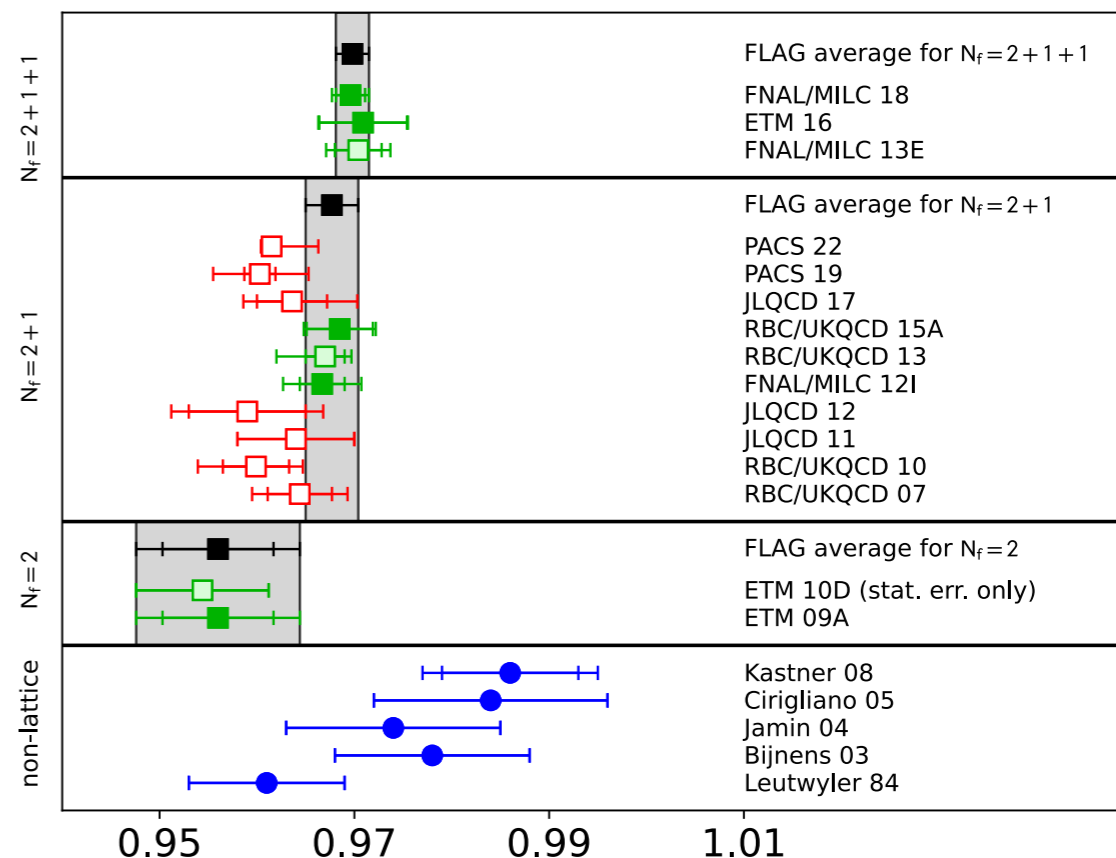
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f_{K^\pm}/f_{π^\pm}



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$f_+(0)$



$$f_{K^\pm} / f_{\pi^\pm} = 1.1934(19) \quad N_f=2+1+1$$

$$f_{K^\pm} / f_{\pi^\pm} = 1.1917(37) \quad N_f=2+1$$

0.2%

$$f_+(0) = 0.9698(17) \quad N_f=2+1+1$$

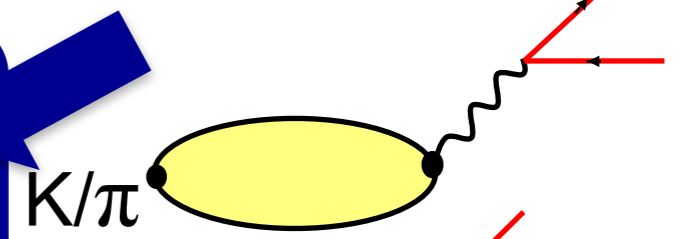
$$f_+(0) = 0.9677(27) \quad N_f=2+1$$

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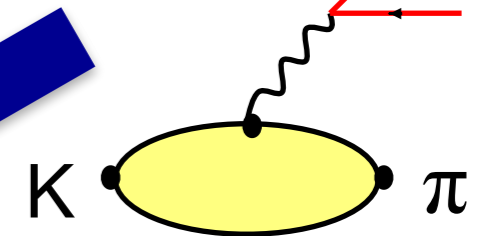
Electromagnetic and isospin-breaking effects

Given the present exper. and theor. (LQCD) accuracy, an important source of uncertainty are **long distance electromagnetic and SU(2)-breaking corrections**

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For $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$

At leading order in **ChPT** both δ_{EM} and $\delta_{SU(2)}$ can be expressed in terms of physical quantities (e.m. pion mass splitting, f_K/f_π , ...)

- $\delta_{EM} = -0.0069(17)$ **25%** of error due to higher orders \Rightarrow **0.2%** on $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$
M.Knecht *et al.*, 2000; V.Cirigliano and H.Neufeld, 2011

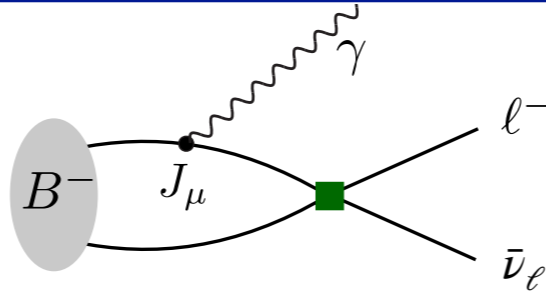
- $\delta_{SU(2)} = \left(\frac{f_{K^+}/f_{\pi^+}}{f_K/f_\pi} \right)^2 - 1 = -0.0044(12)$ **25%** of error due to higher orders \Rightarrow **0.1%** on $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$

J.Gasser and H.Leutwyler, 1985; V.Cirigliano and H.Neufeld, 2011

ChPT is not applicable to D and B decays

Radiative corrections to leptonic B-meson decays

$$B^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma$$



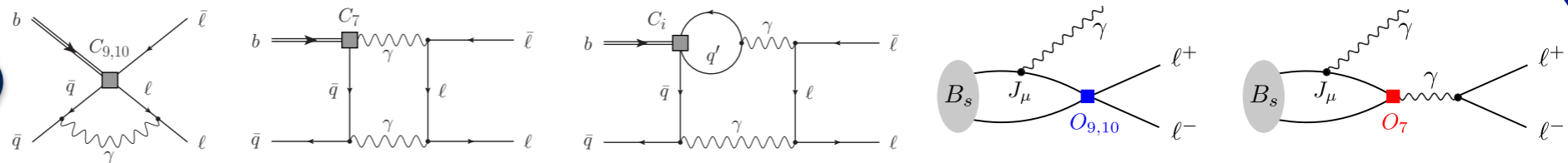
- The emission of a real hard photon removes the $(m_\ell/M_B)^2$ helicity suppression
- This is the simplest process that probes (for large E_γ) the first inverse moment of the B-meson LCDA

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_B(\mu)} = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \Phi_{B^+}(\omega, \mu)$$

λ_B is an important input in QCD-factorization predictions for non-leptonic B decays but is poorly known
M. Beneke, V. M. Braun, Y. Ji, Y.-B. Wei, 2018

- Belle 2018: $\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma, E_\gamma > 1 \text{ GeV}) < 3.0 \cdot 10^{-6} \longrightarrow \lambda_B > 0.24 \text{ GeV}$
- QCD sum rules in HQET: $\lambda_B(1 \text{ GeV}) = 0.46(11) \text{ GeV}$

$$B_q \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- (\gamma)$$



- Enhancement of the virtual corrections by a factor M_B/Λ_{QCD} and by large logarithms
M. Beneke, C. Bobeth, R. Szafron, 2019
- The real photon emission process is a clean probe of NP: sensitiveness to C_9, C_{10}, C_7

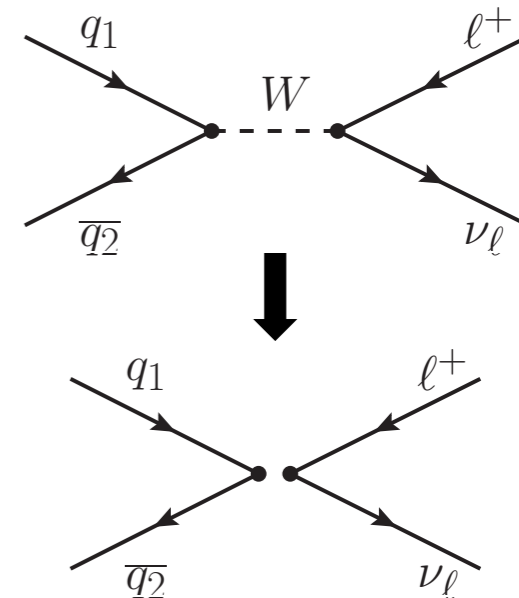
Radiative corrections to leptonic decay rates

$$H \rightarrow \ell \nu_{\ell} (\gamma)$$

Leptonic decays at tree level

Since the masses of the pion and kaon are much smaller than M_W we use the effective Hamiltonian

$$H_{eff} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{q_1 q_2}^* \left(\bar{q}_2 \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q_1 \right) \left(\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell \right)$$

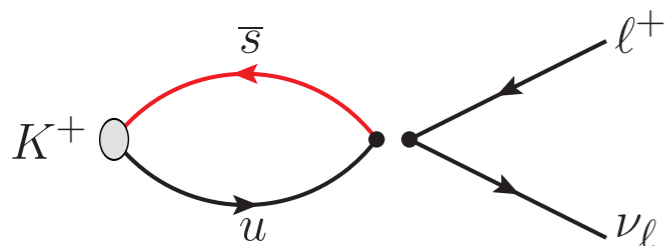


This replacement is necessary in a lattice calculation, since $1/a \ll M_W$

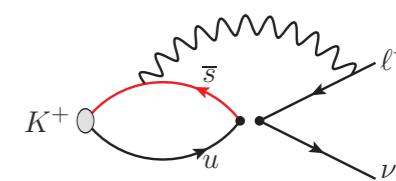
The rate is:

$$\Gamma_{P^\pm}^{(tree)} \left(P^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu_\ell \right) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} |V_{q_1 q_2}|^2 \left[f_P^{(0)} \right]^2 M_{P^\pm} m_\ell^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{M_{P^\pm}^2} \right)^2$$

In the absence of electromagnetism, the non-perturbative QCD effects are contained in a single number, the pseudoscalar **decay constant**



$$A_P^{(0)} \equiv \langle 0 | \bar{q}_2 \gamma_4 \gamma_5 q_1 | P^{(0)} \rangle = f_P^{(0)} M_P^{(0)}$$



In the presence of electromagnetism it is not even possible to give a physical definition of f_P

Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$

$$\Gamma(E) = \int_{2 \text{ b.p.s.}} \left| \text{[diagram 1]} + \text{[diagram 2]} + \text{[diagram 3]} + \text{[diagram 4]} \right|^2$$

Γ_0

$$+ \int_{3 \text{ b.p.s.}}^{E_\gamma < E} \left| \text{[diagram 5]} + \text{[diagram 6]} \right|^2$$

$\Gamma_1(E)$

$\Gamma(E) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(E)$ with $0 \leq E_\gamma \leq E$ is **infrared finite**

F. Bloch and A. Nordsieck, 1937

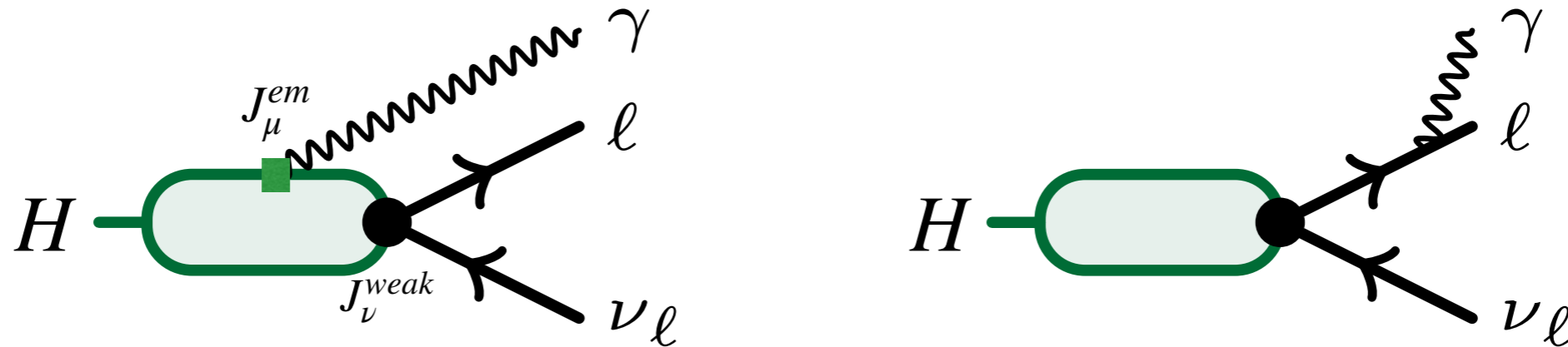
- Both Γ_0 and $\Gamma_1(E)$ can be evaluated in a fully non-perturbative way in **lattice simulations**

- The first lattice calculations of $\Gamma[\pi, K \rightarrow \ell \nu(\gamma)]$ have been finalized

N. Carrasco *et al.* V. Lubicz *et al.* DG *et al.* M. Di Carlo *et al.* P. Boyle *et al.*

[arXiv:1502.00257](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.00257) [arXiv:1611.08497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.08497) [arXiv:1711.06537](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.06537) [arXiv:1904.08731](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.08731) [arXiv:2211.12865](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.12865)

Real photon emission amplitude



$$J_{\mu}^{em} = \sum_q Q_q \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q \quad J_{\nu}^{weak} = \bar{q}_1 \gamma_{\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) q_2$$

$$\mathcal{A}(H^{-} \rightarrow \gamma \ell \bar{\nu}) = \frac{G_F V_{q_1 q_2}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e(\epsilon^{*})^{\mu} \bar{\ell} \gamma^{\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu \cdot T_{\mu\nu}(p_H, p_{\gamma}) - ieQ_{\ell} f_H \cdot \bar{\ell} \not{\epsilon}^{*} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu \right]$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(p_H, p_{\gamma}) = -i \int dt_{em} \int d^3x e^{ip_{\gamma} \cdot x} \langle 0 | \mathbf{T}(J_{\mu}^{em}(t_{em}, \vec{x}) J_{\nu}^{weak}(0)) | H(\vec{p}_H) \rangle$$

- The hadronic tensor can be written as the sum $T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{<} + T_{\mu\nu}^{>}$ of the contributions from the two time orderings of the currents

Real photon emission amplitude

By setting $p_\gamma^2 = 0$, at fixed meson mass, the form factors depend on $p_H \cdot p_\gamma$ only. Moreover, by choosing a *physical* basis for the polarization vectors, i.e. $\epsilon_r(\mathbf{p}_\gamma) \cdot p_\gamma = 0$, one has

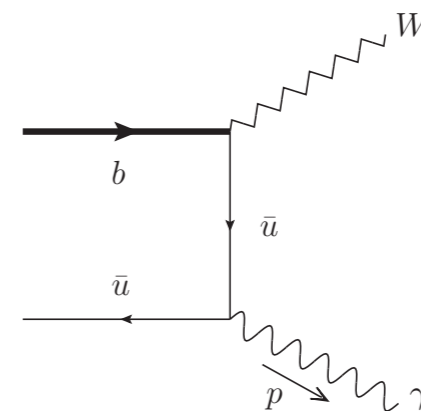
$$\epsilon_\mu^r(\mathbf{p}_\gamma) T^{\mu\nu}(p_\gamma, p_H) = \epsilon_\mu^r(\mathbf{p}_\gamma) \left\{ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\tau\rho} (p_\gamma)_\tau v_\rho F_V + i \left[-g^{\mu\nu} (p_\gamma \cdot v) + v^\mu p_\gamma^\nu \right] F_A - i \frac{v^\mu v^\nu}{p_\gamma \cdot v} m_H f_H \right\}$$

In the case of off-shell photons ($p_\gamma^2 \neq 0$) $\rightarrow \Gamma[H \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \ell^+ \ell^-]$ expressed in terms of 4 form factors

For large photon energies and in the B-meson rest frame the form factors can be written as

$$F_V(E_\gamma) = \frac{e_u M_B f_B}{2E_\gamma \lambda_B(\mu)} R(E_\gamma, \mu) + \xi(E_\gamma) + \Delta\xi(E_\gamma)$$

$$F_A(E_\gamma) = \frac{e_u M_B f_B}{2E_\gamma \lambda_B(\mu)} R(E_\gamma, \mu) + \xi(E_\gamma) - \Delta\xi(E_\gamma)$$



Form factors: results

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First lattice calculation of radiative leptonic decay rates of pseudoscalar mesons

A. Desiderio¹, R. Frezzotti¹, M. Garofalo², D. Giusti^{3,4}, M. Hansen⁵, V. Lubicz²,
G. Martinelli⁶, C. T. Sachrajda⁷, F. Sanfilippo⁴, S. Simula⁴, and N. Tantalo¹

$$F_{A,V}^P(x_\gamma) = C_{A,V}^P + D_{A,V}^P x_\gamma$$

F_A

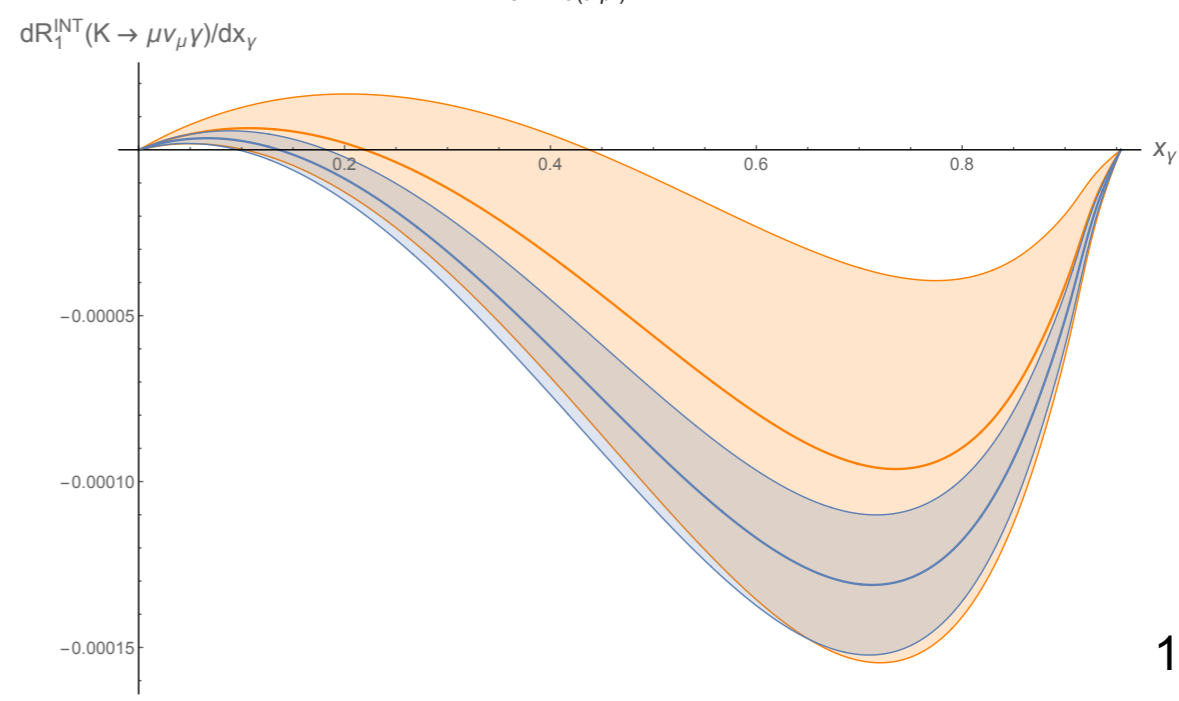
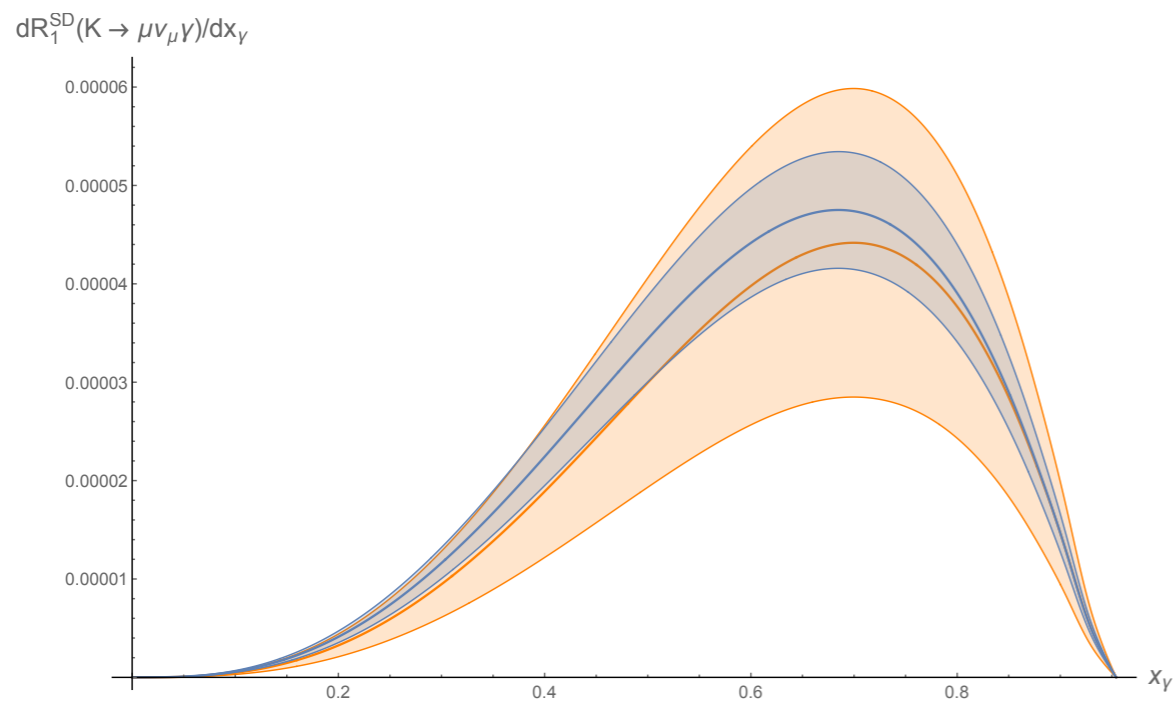
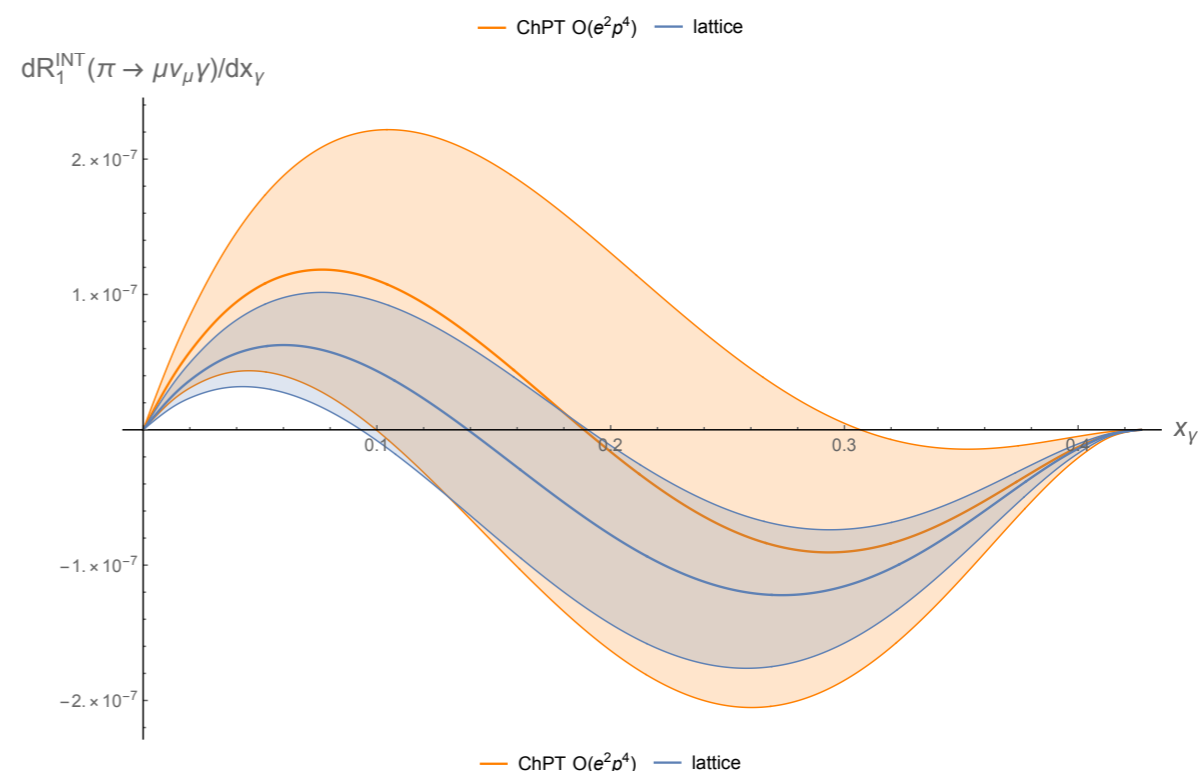
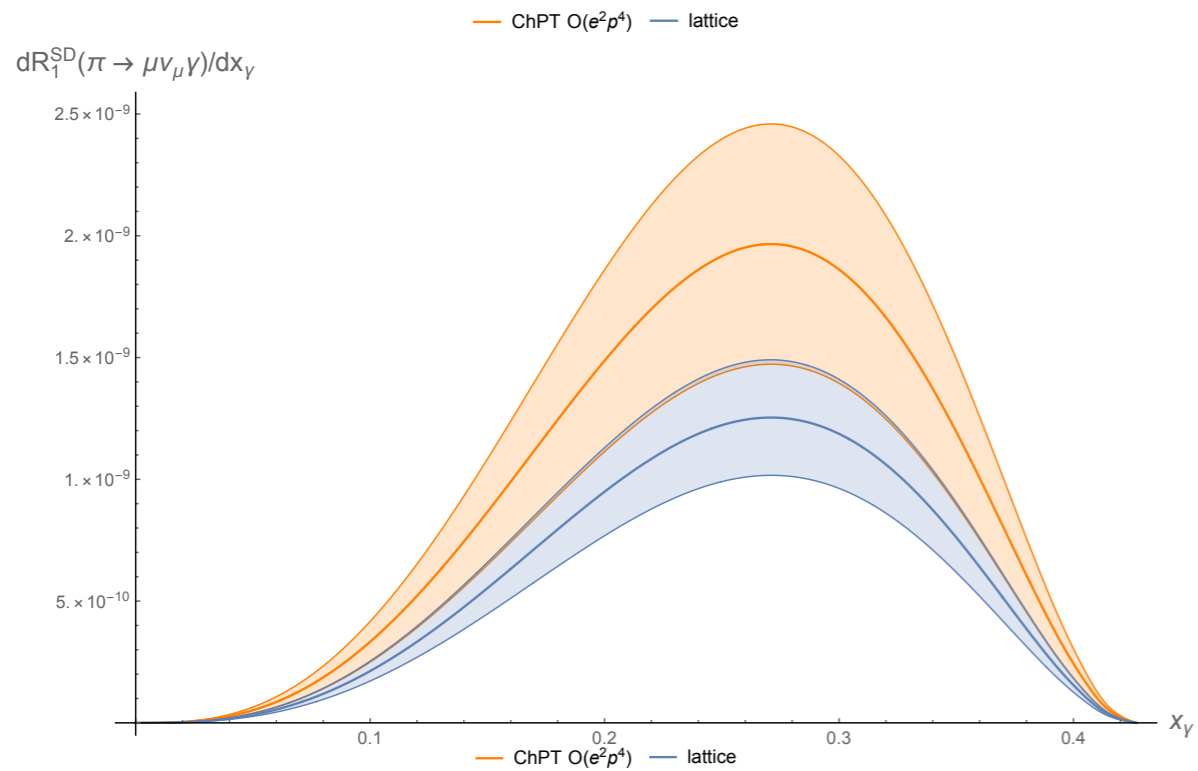
$C_A^\pi = 0.010 \pm 0.003;$	$D_A^\pi = 0.0004 \pm 0.0006;$	$\rho_{C_A^\pi, D_A^\pi} = -0.419;$
$C_A^K = 0.037 \pm 0.009;$	$D_A^K = -0.001 \pm 0.007;$	$\rho_{C_A^K, D_A^K} = -0.673;$
$C_A^D = 0.109 \pm 0.009;$	$D_A^D = -0.10 \pm 0.03;$	$\rho_{C_A^D, D_A^D} = -0.557;$
$C_A^{D_s} = 0.092 \pm 0.006;$	$D_A^{D_s} = -0.07 \pm 0.01;$	$\rho_{C_A^{D_s}, D_A^{D_s}} = -0.745.$

F_V

$C_V^\pi = 0.023 \pm 0.002;$	$D_V^\pi = -0.0003 \pm 0.0003;$	$\rho_{C_V^\pi, D_V^\pi} = -0.570;$
$C_V^K = 0.12 \pm 0.01;$	$D_V^K = -0.02 \pm 0.01;$	$\rho_{C_V^K, D_V^K} = -0.714;$
$C_V^D = -0.15 \pm 0.02;$	$D_V^D = 0.12 \pm 0.04;$	$\rho_{C_V^D, D_V^D} = -0.580;$
$C_V^{D_s} = -0.12 \pm 0.02;$	$D_V^{D_s} = 0.16 \pm 0.03;$	$\rho_{C_V^{D_s}, D_V^{D_s}} = -0.900.$

$$\frac{4\pi}{\alpha \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}}} \frac{d\Gamma_1^{\text{SD}}}{dx_\gamma} = \frac{m_P^2}{6f_P^2 r_\ell^2 (1-r_\ell^2)^2} [F_V(x_\gamma)^2 + F_A(x_\gamma)^2] f^{\text{SD}}(x_\gamma)$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{\alpha \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}}} \frac{d\Gamma_1^{\text{INT}}}{dx_\gamma} = -\frac{2m_P}{f_P (1-r_\ell^2)^2} [F_V(x_\gamma) f_V^{\text{INT}}(x_\gamma) + F_A(x_\gamma) f_A^{\text{INT}}(x_\gamma)]$$



Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$: RESULTS

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma^{(tree)} \left[1 + \delta R_0 + \delta R_{pt}(\Delta E) + \delta R_1^{SD}(\Delta E) + \delta R_1^{INT}(\Delta E) \right]$$

	$\pi_{e2}[\gamma]$	$\pi_{\mu2}[\gamma]$	$K_{e2}[\gamma]$	$K_{\mu2}[\gamma]$
δR_0	(*)	0.0411 (19)	(*)	0.0341 (10)
$\delta R_{pt}(\Delta E_\gamma^{max})$	-0.0651	-0.0258	-0.0695	-0.0317
$\delta R_1^{SD}(\Delta E_\gamma^{max})$	$5.4 (1.0) \times 10^{-4}$	$2.6 (5) \times 10^{-10}$	1.19 (14)	$2.2 (3) \times 10^{-5}$
$\delta R_1^{INT}(\Delta E_\gamma^{max})$	$-4.1 (1.0) \times 10^{-5}$	$-1.3 (1.5) \times 10^{-8}$	$-9.2 (1.3) \times 10^{-4}$	$-6.1 (1.1) \times 10^{-5}$
ΔE_γ^{max} (MeV)	69.8	29.8	246.8	235.5

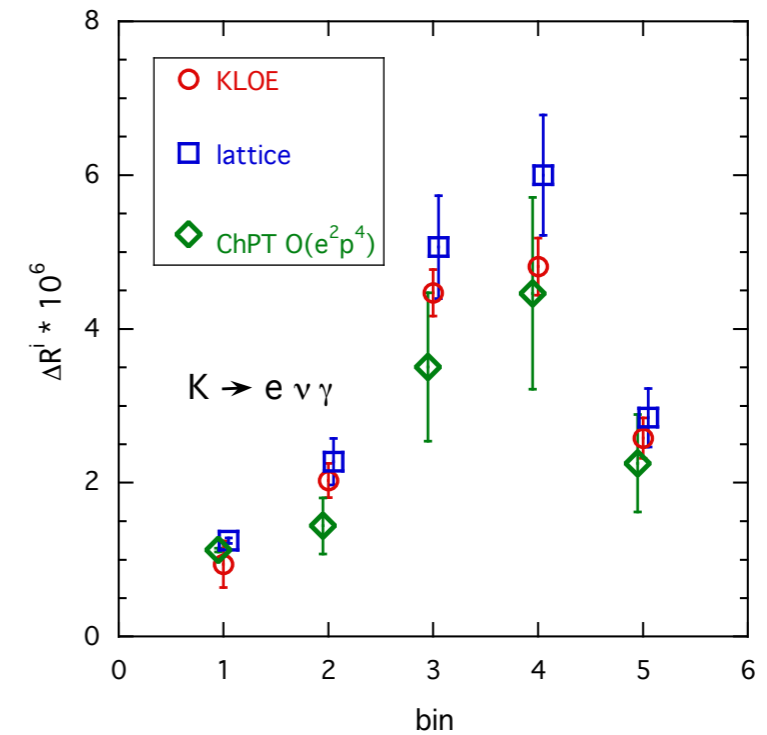
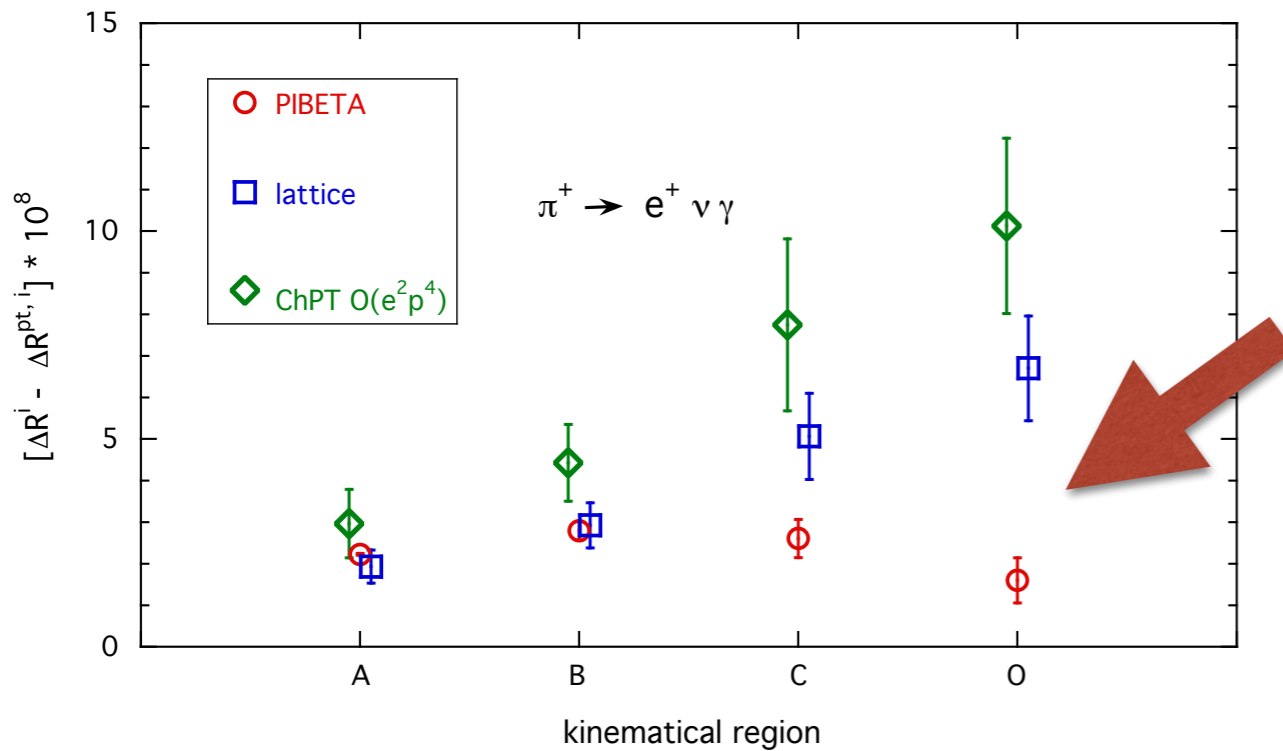
(*) Not yet evaluated by numerical lattice QCD+QED simulations.

Large SD effects \longrightarrow

$$\Gamma^{(tree)} \propto (m_\ell/m_P)^2 \quad \text{helicity suppression}$$

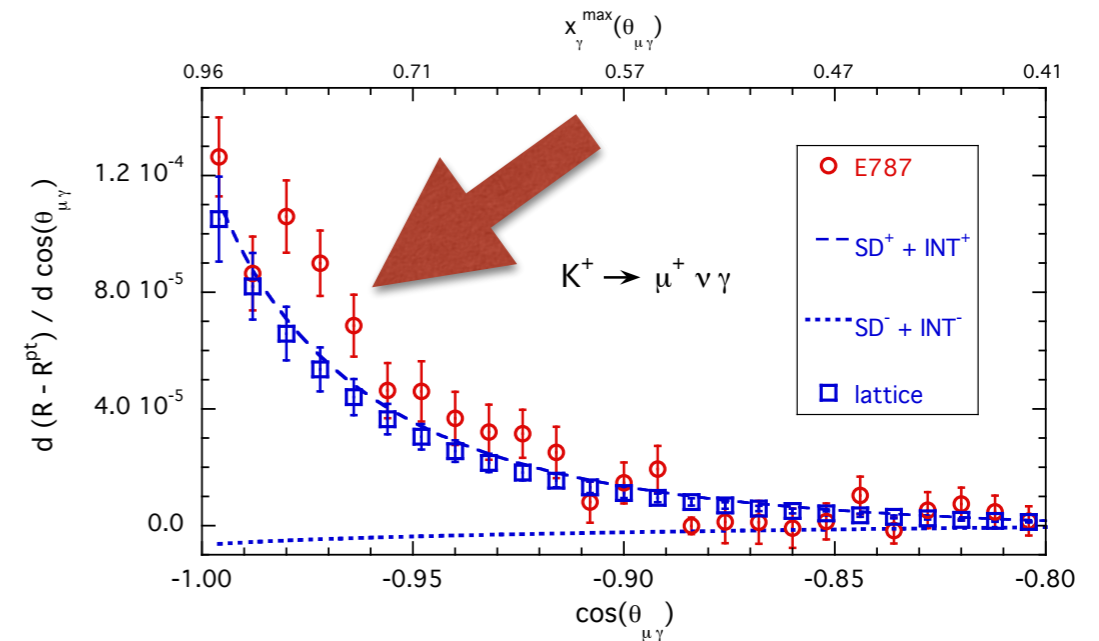
$$\delta R_1^{SD} \propto (m_P/m_\ell)^2 \quad \text{remove the suppression}$$

Comparison with experimental data



region	E_γ	E_e	$\theta_{e\gamma}$	$\Delta R^{\text{exp},i}$	$\Delta R^{\text{pt},i}$	$(\Delta R^{\text{exp},i} - \Delta R^{\text{pt},i})$	$\Delta R^{\text{SD},i}$	$(\Delta R^{\text{th},i} - \Delta R^{\text{pt},i})$	ChPT
A	> 50	> 50	> 40°	2.614 ± 0.021	0.385	2.229 ± 0.021	1.94 ± 0.40	1.93 ± 0.40	2.97 ± 0.82
B	> 50	> 10	> 40°	14.46 ± 0.22	11.66	2.80 ± 0.22	3.01 ± 0.54	2.93 ± 0.54	4.43 ± 0.92
C	> 10	> 50	> 40°	37.69 ± 0.46	35.08	2.61 ± 0.46	5.07 ± 1.03	5.07 ± 1.04	7.75 ± 2.07
O	> 10	> m_e	> 40°	73.86 ± 0.54	72.26	1.60 ± 0.54	6.87 ± 1.26	6.70 ± 1.26	10.13 ± 2.11

Tensions may be due to the presence of NP, such as flavour changing interactions beyond the V-A couplings and non-universal corrections to lepton couplings



Lattice calculation

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Methods for high-precision determinations of radiative-leptonic decay form factors using lattice QCD

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Hadronic tensor and form factors



$$T_{\mu\nu} = -i \int d^4x e^{ip_\gamma \cdot x} \langle 0 | \mathbf{T} \left(J_\mu^{em}(x) J_\nu^{weak}(0) \right) | H(\vec{p}_H) \rangle \quad (p_H = m_H v)$$

$$= \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\tau\rho} p_\gamma^\tau v^\rho F_V + i \left[-g_{\mu\nu} (p_\gamma \cdot v) + v_\mu (p_\gamma)_\nu \right] F_A - i \frac{v_\mu v_\nu}{p_\gamma \cdot v} m_H f_H + (p_\gamma)_\mu \text{ - terms}$$

$$F_A = F_{A,SD} + (-Q_\ell f_H / E_\gamma^{(0)}), \quad E_\gamma^{(0)} = p_\gamma \cdot v$$

Goal: Calculate $F_V, F_{A,SD}$ as a function of $E_\gamma^{(0)}$

Euclidean correlation function

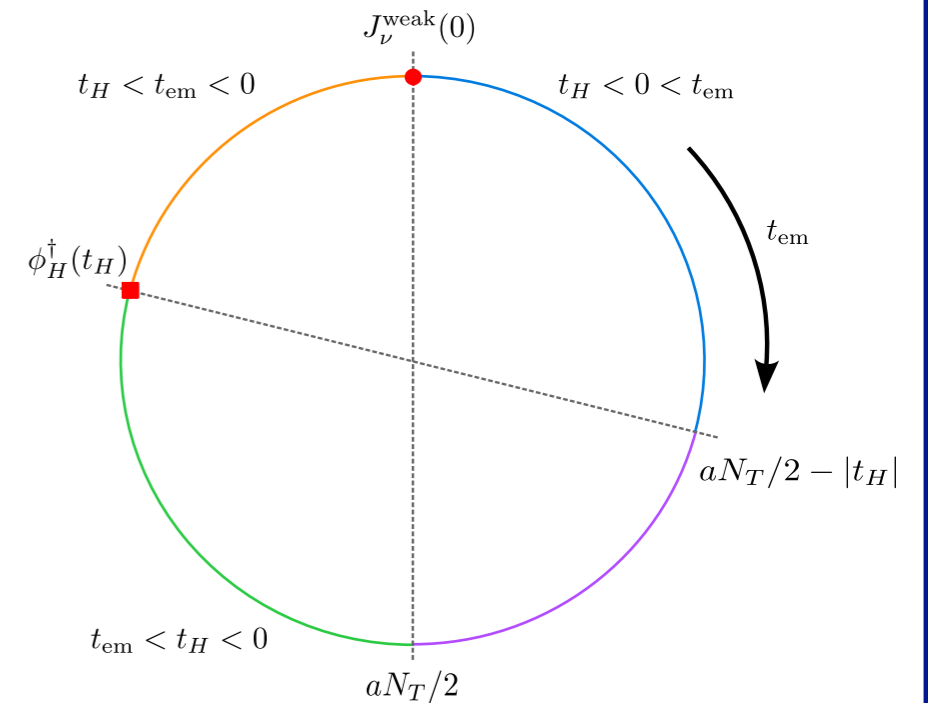
$$C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H) = \int d^3x \int d^3y e^{-i\vec{p}_\gamma \cdot \vec{x}} e^{i\vec{p}_H \cdot \vec{y}} \langle J_\mu^{\text{em}}(t_{em}, \vec{x}) J_\nu^{\text{weak}}(0) \phi_H^\dagger(t_H, \vec{y}) \rangle$$

$$\phi_H^\dagger \sim \bar{Q} \gamma_5 u$$

$$I_{\mu\nu}^<(T, t_H) = \int_{-T}^0 dt_{em} e^{E_\gamma t_{em}} C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H)$$

$$I_{\mu\nu}^>(T, t_H) = \int_0^T dt_{em} e^{E_\gamma t_{em}} C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H)$$

$$I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H) = I^<(T, t_H) + I^>(T, t_H)$$

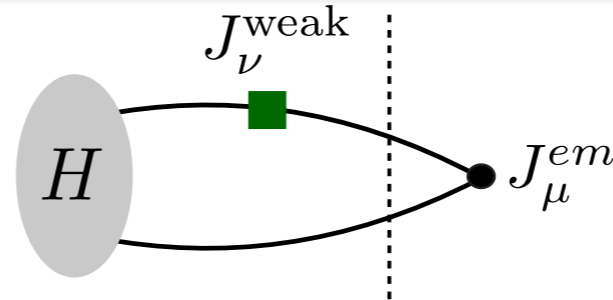


Show relation between $I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H)$ and $T_{\mu\nu}$

→ compare spectral decompositions of both time orderings of $I_{\mu\nu}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}$

Analytic continuation from Minkowski to Euclidean spacetime

Time ordering: $t_{em} > 0$



$$T_{\mu\nu}^> = - \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | J_{\mu}^{em}(0) | n(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}) \rangle \langle n(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}) | J_{\nu}^{weak}(0) | H(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_H) \rangle}{2E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}} (E_{\gamma} - E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}})}$$

$$I_{\mu\nu}^>(t_H, T) = \int_0^T dt_{em} e^{E_{\gamma} t_{em}} C_{\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H)$$

$t_H \rightarrow -\infty$ to achieve ground state saturation

$$= - \sum_m e^{E_m t_H} \frac{\langle m(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_H) | \phi_H^{\dagger}(0) | 0 \rangle}{2E_{m,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_H}}$$

$$\times \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | J_{\mu}^{em}(0) | n(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}) \rangle \langle n(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}) | J_{\nu}^{weak}(0) | m(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_H) \rangle}{2E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}} (E_{\gamma} - E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}})} \left[1 - e^{(E_{\gamma} - E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}}) T} \right]$$

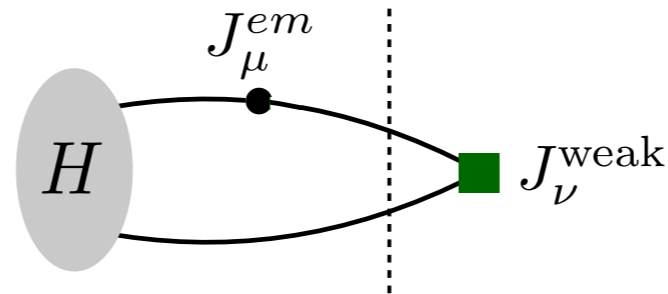
$T \rightarrow \infty$ to remove unwanted exponentials that come with intermediate states

The unwanted exponential $e^{(E_{\gamma} - E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}}) T}$ goes to zero for large T if $E_{n,\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma}} > E_{\gamma}$.

Because the states $|n(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{\gamma})\rangle$ have a nonzero mass, this is always satisfied.

Analytic continuation from Minkowski to Euclidean spacetime [2]

Time ordering: $t_{em} < 0$



$$T_{\mu\nu}^< = - \sum_n \frac{\langle 0 | J_\nu^{\text{weak}}(0) | n(\vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma) \rangle \langle n(\vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma) | J_\mu^{\text{em}}(0) | H(\vec{p}_H) \rangle}{2E_{n, \vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma} (E_\gamma + E_{n, \vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{H, \vec{p}_H})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mu\nu}^<(t_H, T) &= \int_{-T}^0 dt_{em} e^{E_\gamma t_{em}} C_{3, \mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H) \\ &= \sum_{l, n} \frac{\langle 0 | J_\nu^{\text{weak}}(0) | n(\vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma) \rangle \langle n(\vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma) | J_\mu^{\text{em}}(0) | l(\vec{p}_H) \rangle \langle l(\vec{p}_H) | \phi_H^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle}{2E_{n, \vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma} 2E_{l, \vec{p}_H} (E_\gamma + E_{n, \vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{l, \vec{p}_H})} \\ &\quad \times e^{E_{l, \vec{p}_H} t_H} \left[1 - e^{-(E_\gamma - E_{l, \vec{p}_H} + E_{n, \vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma})T} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since the electromagnetic current operator cannot change the flavor quantum numbers of a state, the lowest-energy state appearing in the sum over n is the meson H .

The unwanted exponential vanishes if $|\vec{p}_\gamma| + \sqrt{m_H^2 + (\vec{p}_H - \vec{p}_\gamma)^2} > \sqrt{m_H^2 + \vec{p}_H^2}$, which is always true for $|\vec{p}_\gamma| > 0$

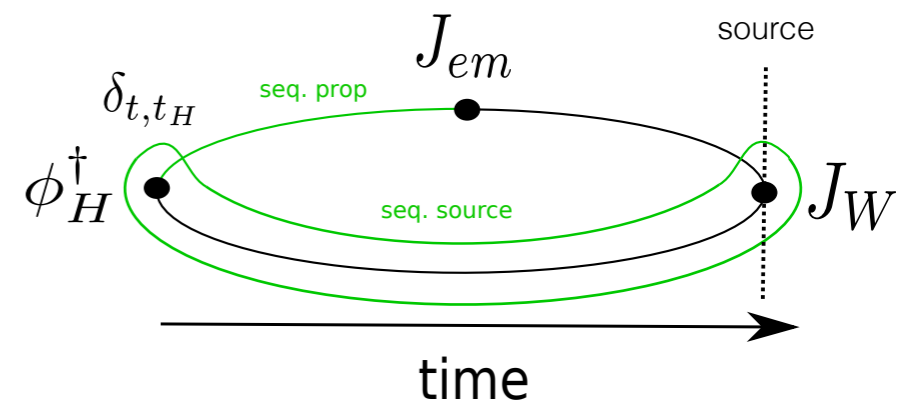
Calculating $I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H)$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t_H \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-2E_H e^{-E_H t_H}}{\langle H(\vec{p}_H) | \phi_H^\dagger | 0 \rangle} \underbrace{\int_{-T}^T dt_{em} e^{E_\gamma t_{em}} C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H)}_{I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H)}$$

Two methods to calculate $I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H)$:

- 1: 3d (timeslice) sequential propagator through $\phi_H^\dagger \rightarrow$ calculate $C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_H)$ on lattice, fixed t_H get all t_{em} for free

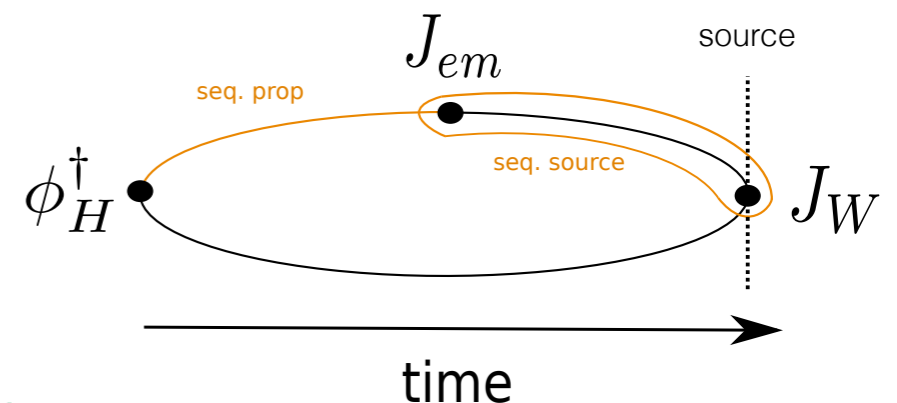
[arXiv:1907.00279](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.00279); [arXiv:2110.13196](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13196) & [arXiv:2302.01298](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.01298)



- 2: 4d sequential propagator through $J_\mu^{em} \rightarrow$ calculate $I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H)$ on lattice, fixed T get all t_H for free

RM123 & Soton Coll., [arXiv:2006.05358](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.05358) & [arXiv:2306.05904](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.05904):

Set $T = N_T/2$ and fit to constant in t_H where data has plateaued



Simulation details

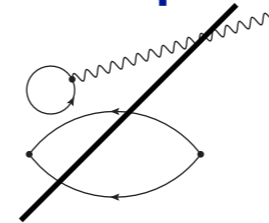
- $N_f = 2 + 1$ DWF, 3 RBC/UKQCD ensembles $M_\pi \simeq 139 \div 340$ MeV, $a \simeq 0.08 \div 0.11$ fm, charm valence quarks: Möbius DW with “stout” smear.

Method	Source	Meson Momentum	Photon Momentum
3d	\mathbb{Z}_2 -wall	$\vec{p}_{D_s} = (0, 0, 0)$	$ \vec{p}_\gamma ^2 \in (2\pi/L)^2 \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
3d	point	$p_{D_s, z} \in 2\pi/L \{0, 1, 2\}$	all
4d	\mathbb{Z}_2 -wall	$p_{D_s, z} \in 2\pi/L \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$	$p_{\gamma, z} = 2\pi/L$
4d ^{>, <}	\mathbb{Z}_2 -wall	$p_{D_s, z} \in 2\pi/L \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$	$p_{\gamma, z} = 2\pi/L$

- 25 gauge configurations

- \mathbb{Z}_2 random wall sources & randomly placed point sources

- Disconnected diagrams are neglected



- Local electromagnetic current + mostly non-perturbative RCs

- Two datasets: $J^{weak}(0)$ or $J^{em}(0)$

- For point sources use translational invariance to fix em/weak operator at $\mathbf{0}$

→ use an “infinite-volume approximation” to generate data for arbitrary photon momenta (only exp. small FVEs are introduced)

$$C_{3, \mu\nu} = \int d^3x d^3y e^{-i\vec{p}_\gamma \cdot \vec{x}} \langle J_\mu^{em}(t_{em}, \vec{x}) J_\nu^{weak}(0) \phi_H^\dagger(t_H, \vec{y}) \rangle$$

$$\vec{p}_H = 0, \text{ several } \vec{p}_\gamma$$

Fit form: 3d method

Include terms to fit

- (1) unwanted exponential from first intermediate state
- (2) first excited state

Fit form factors F_V and $F_{A,SD}$ directly instead of $I_{\mu\nu}$

Time ordering $t_{em} < 0$:

$$F^<(t_H, T) = F^< + B_F^< (1 + B_{F,exc}^< \overbrace{e^{\Delta E(T+t_H)}}) \overbrace{e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^<)T}} + C_F^< \overbrace{e^{\Delta E t_H}}$$

■ fit parameters

Only have three values of t_H , fitting multiple exponentials not possible

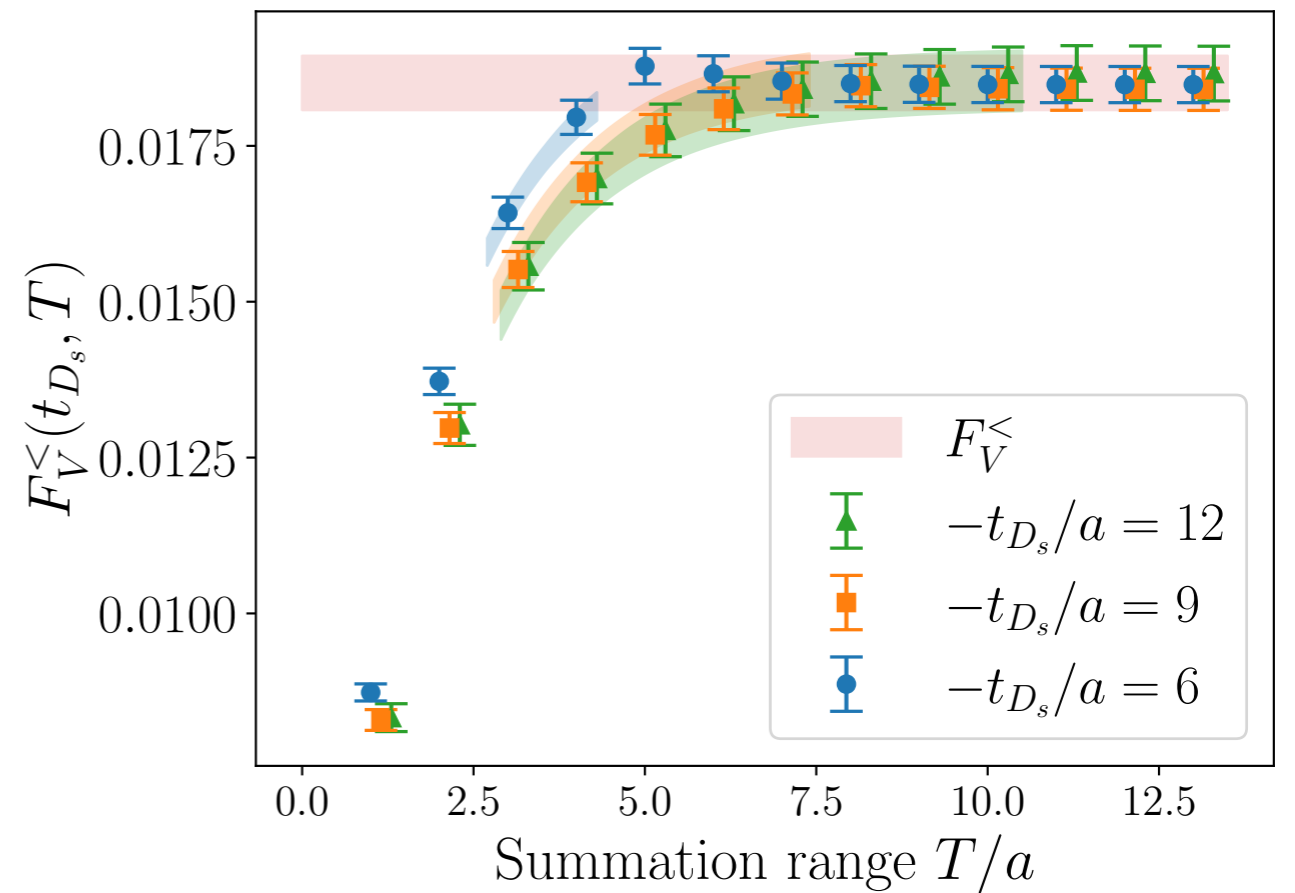
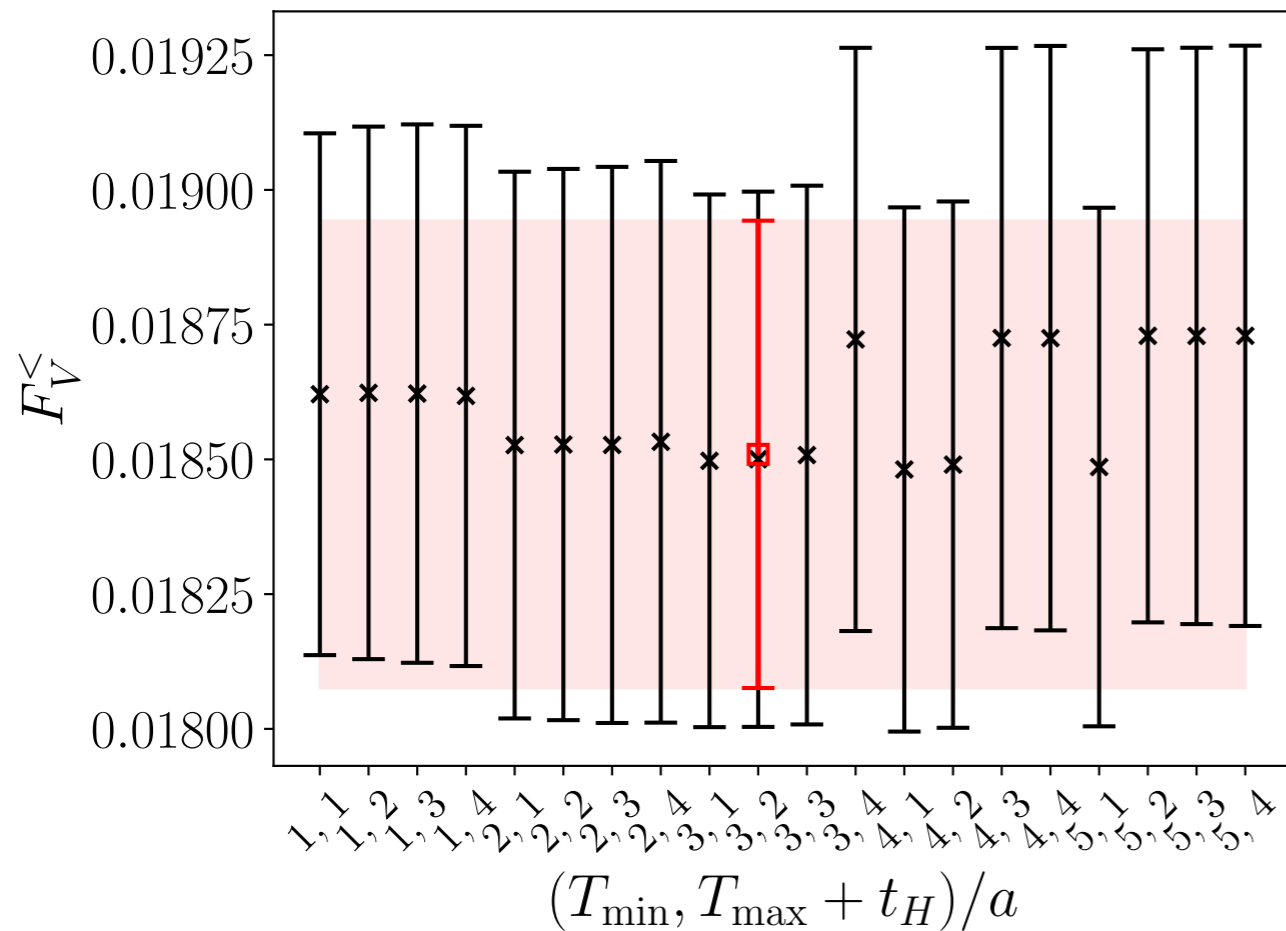
→ Determine ΔE from the pseudoscalar two-point correlation function

→ use result as Gaussian prior in form factor fits

$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: 3d method

Time ordering $t_{em} < 0$:

$$F_V^<(t_H, T) = F_V^< + B_{F_V^<} (1 + B_{F_V^<,exc} e^{\Delta E(T+t_H)}) e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^<)T} + C_{F_V^<} e^{\Delta E t_H}$$



Fit form: 4d method

Use fit ranges where data has plateaued in t_H , i.e. $t_H \rightarrow -\infty$

Include terms to fit

(1) unwanted exponential from first intermediate state

Sum of both time orderings $I_{\mu\nu}(T, t_H) = I_{\mu\nu}^<(T, t_H) + I_{\mu\nu}^>(T, t_H)$

$$F(t_H, T) = F + B_F^< \underbrace{e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^<)T}}_{t_{em} < 0} + B_F^> \underbrace{e^{(E_\gamma - E^>)T}}_{t_{em} > 0}$$

■ fit parameters

Only have three values of T , fitting multiple exponentials not possible

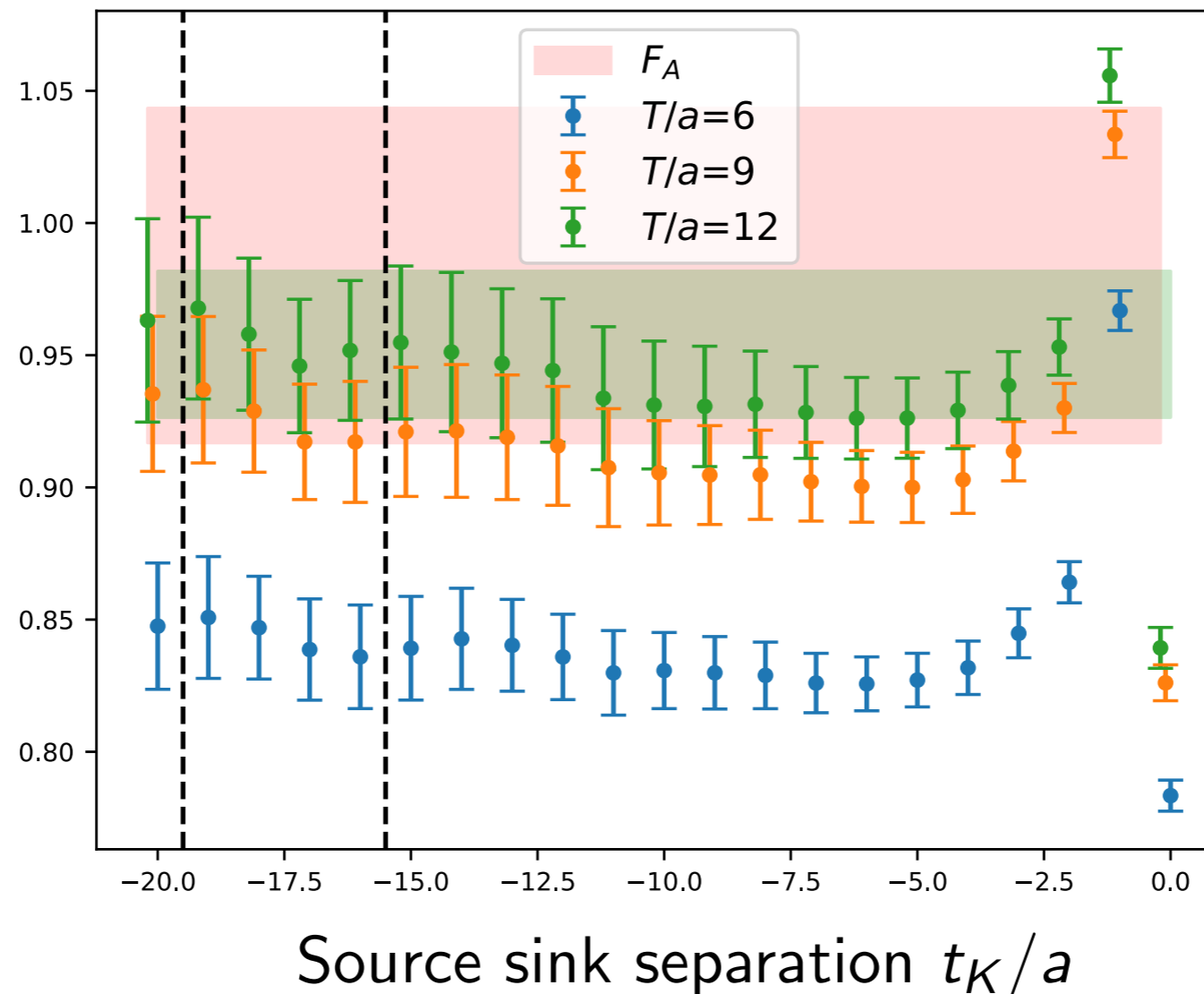
→ Use broad Gaussian prior on $E^>$

$K \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \gamma$: 4d method

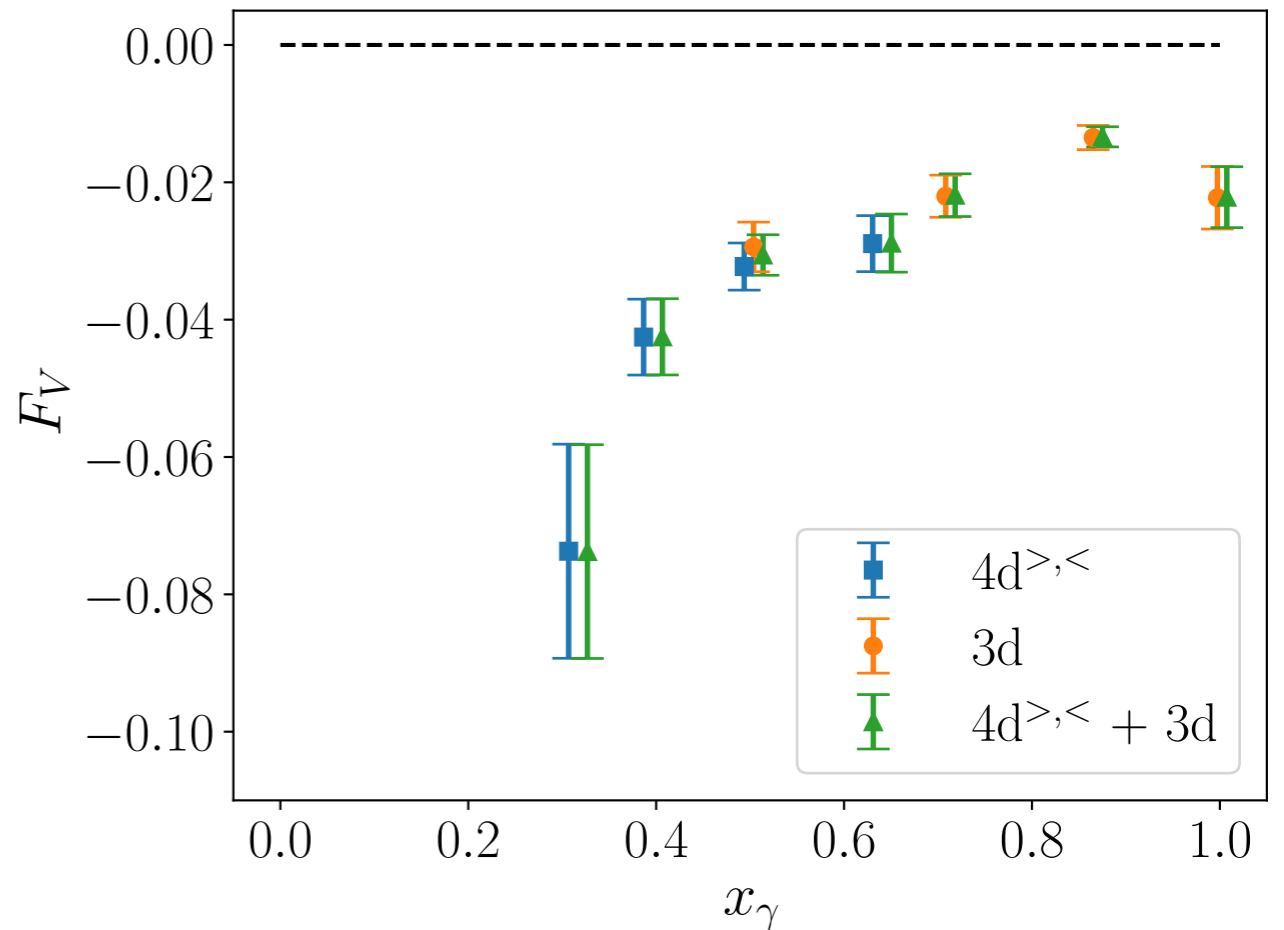
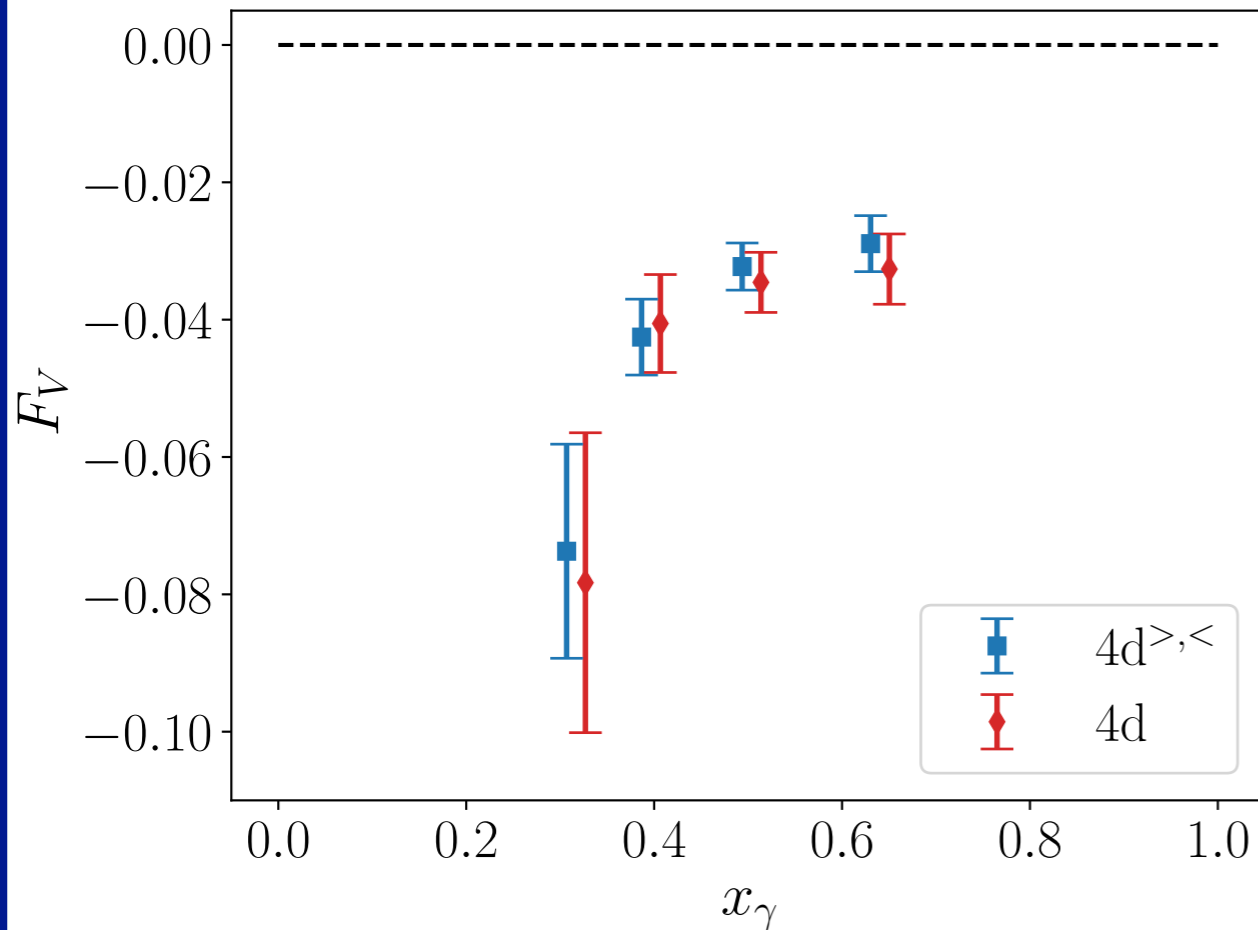
Sum of both time orderings $t_{em} < 0 + t_{em} > 0$:

$$F_A(t_H, T) = F_A + B_{F_A}^< e^{-(E_\gamma - E_K + E_A^<)T} + B_{F_A}^> e^{(E_\gamma - E_A^>)T}$$

$F_A(t_H, T)$



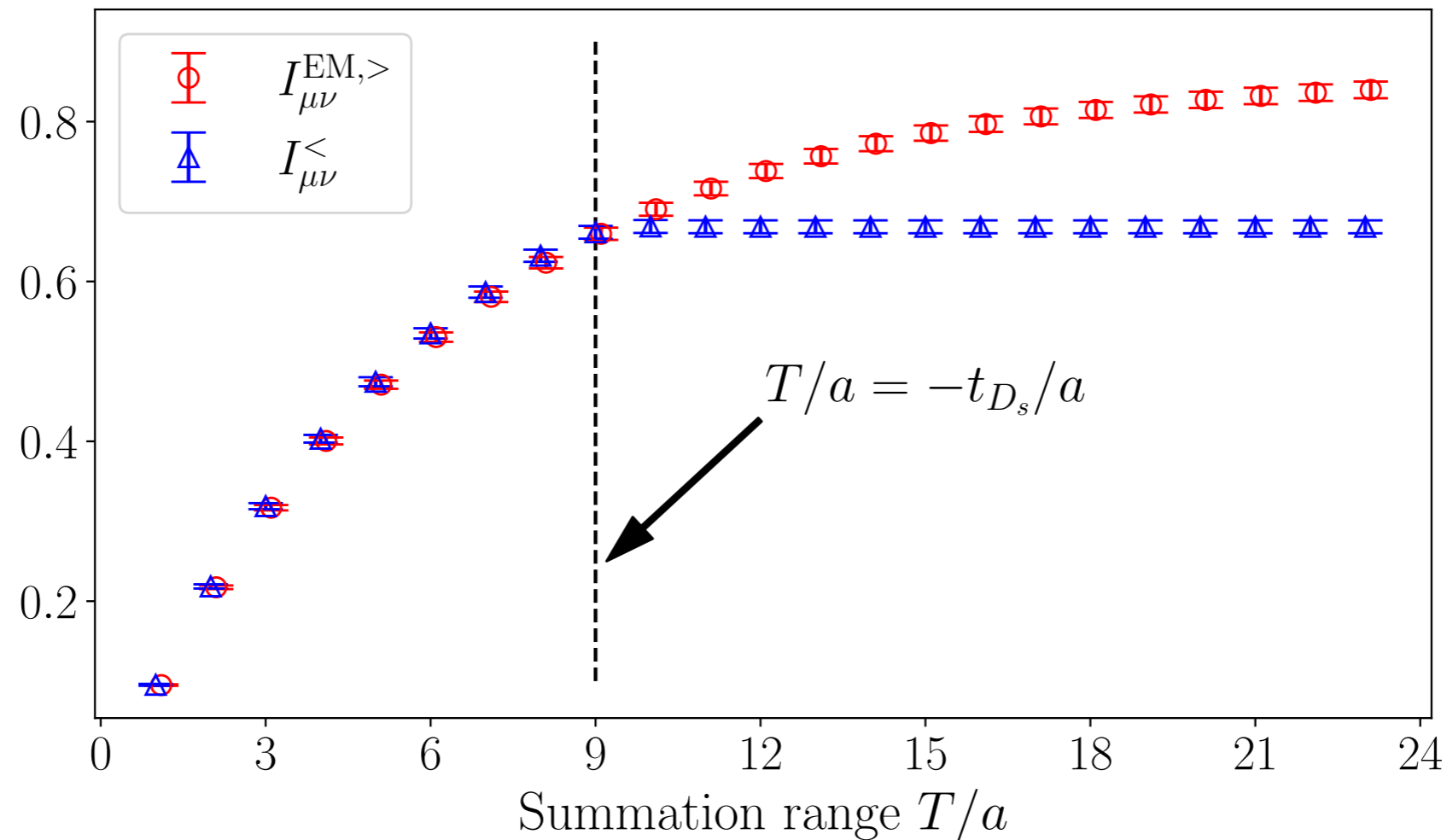
$D_s \rightarrow \ell\nu_{e\gamma}$: 3d vs 4d analysis results



- 4d method cannot resolve the sum of the unwanted exponentials of the separate time orderings
- 3d method offers good control over the unwanted exponentials for a significantly cheaper computational cost

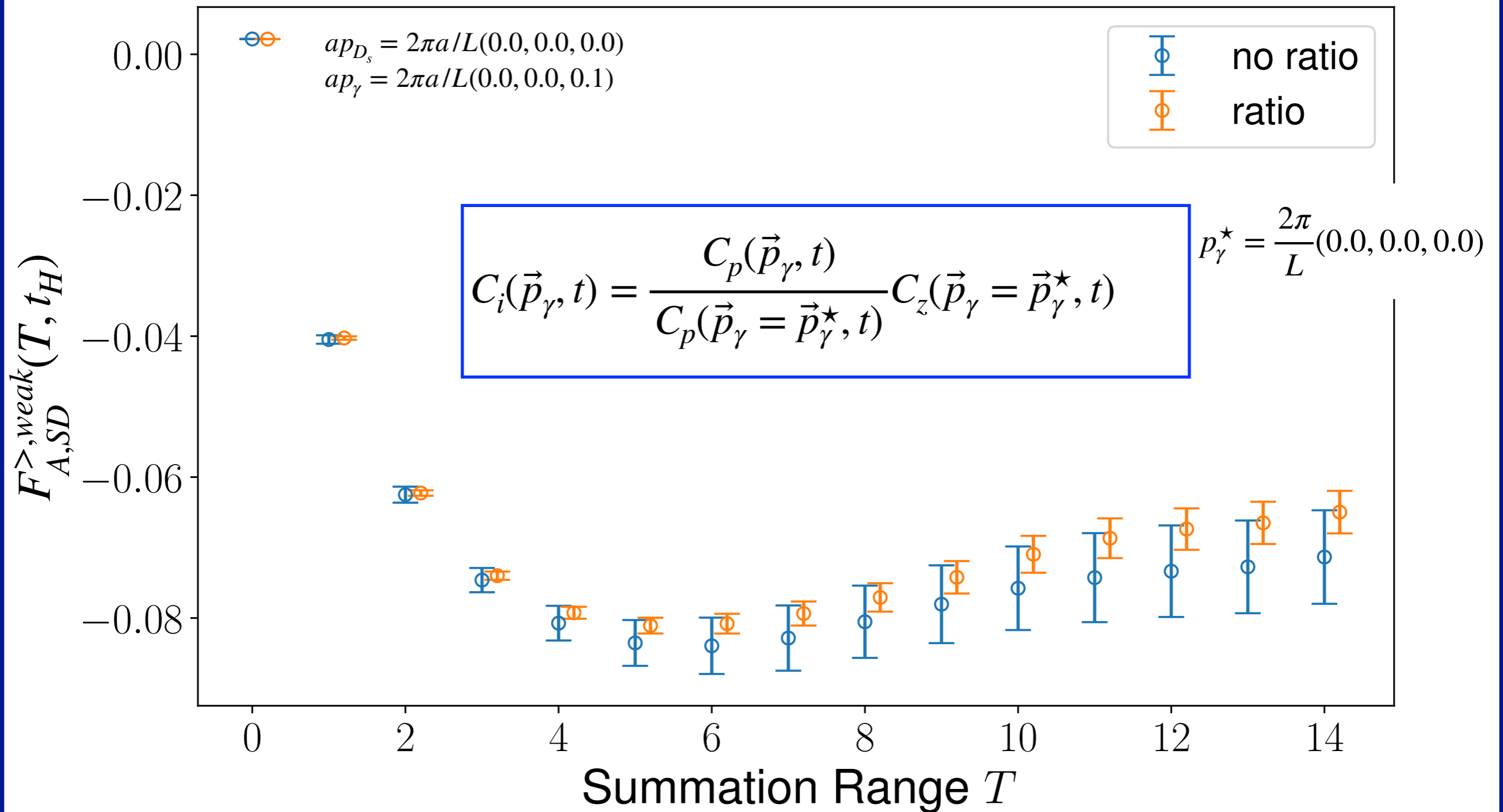
3pt function with e.m. current at origin

$$C_{3,\mu\nu}^{\text{EM}}(t_W, t_H) = e^{E_H t_W} \int d^3x \int d^3y e^{i(\vec{p}_\gamma - \vec{p}_H) \cdot \vec{x}} e^{i\vec{p}_H \cdot \vec{y}} \langle J_\mu^{\text{em}}(0) J_\nu^{\text{weak}}(t_W, \vec{x}) \phi_H^\dagger(t_H, \vec{y}) \rangle$$

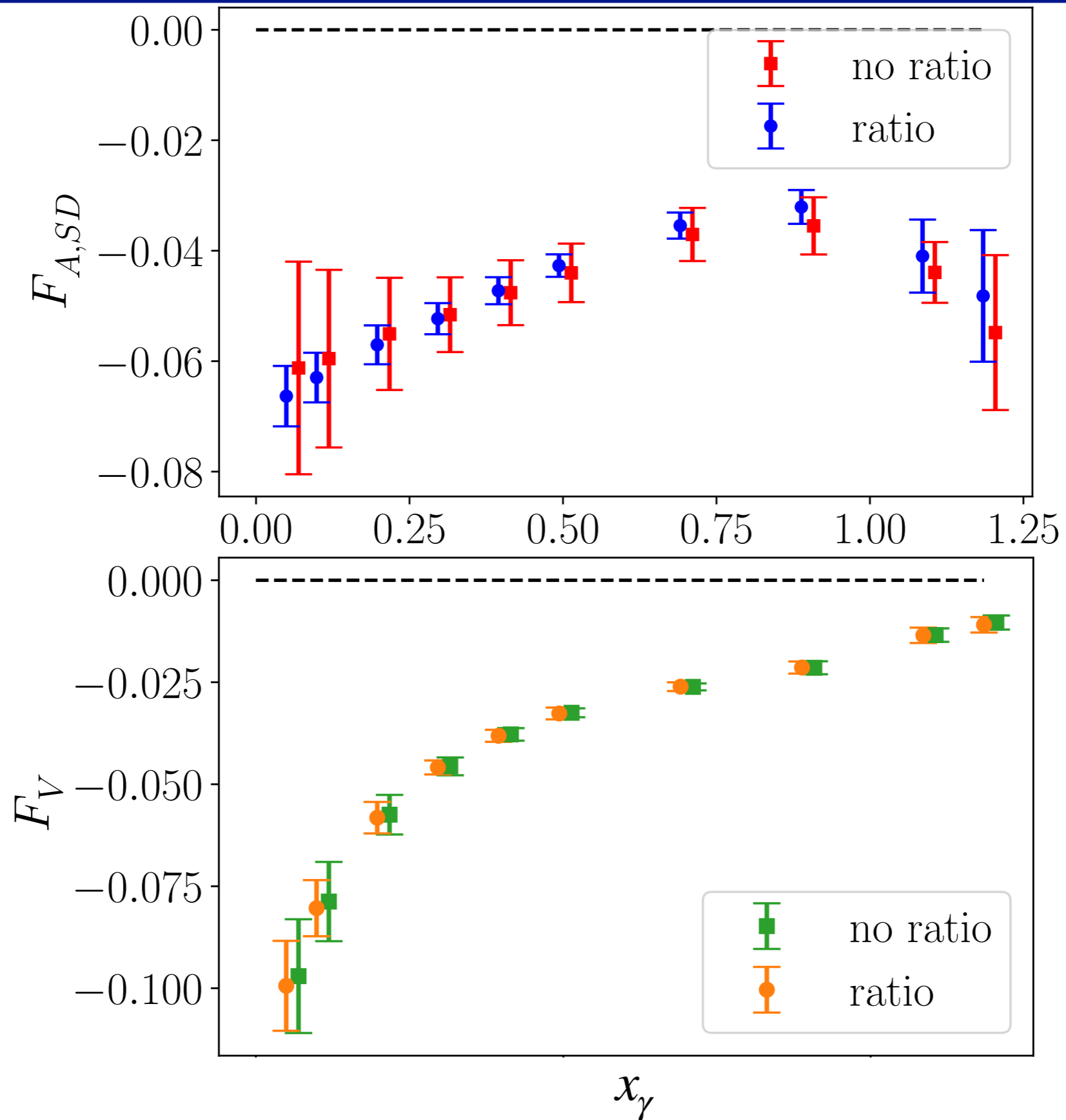


The spectral decomposition of the $t_W > 0$ time ordering of $I_{\mu\nu}^{\text{EM}}$ and the $t_{em} < 0$ time ordering of $I_{\mu\nu}$ are equal up to excited state effects

Improved form factors estimators

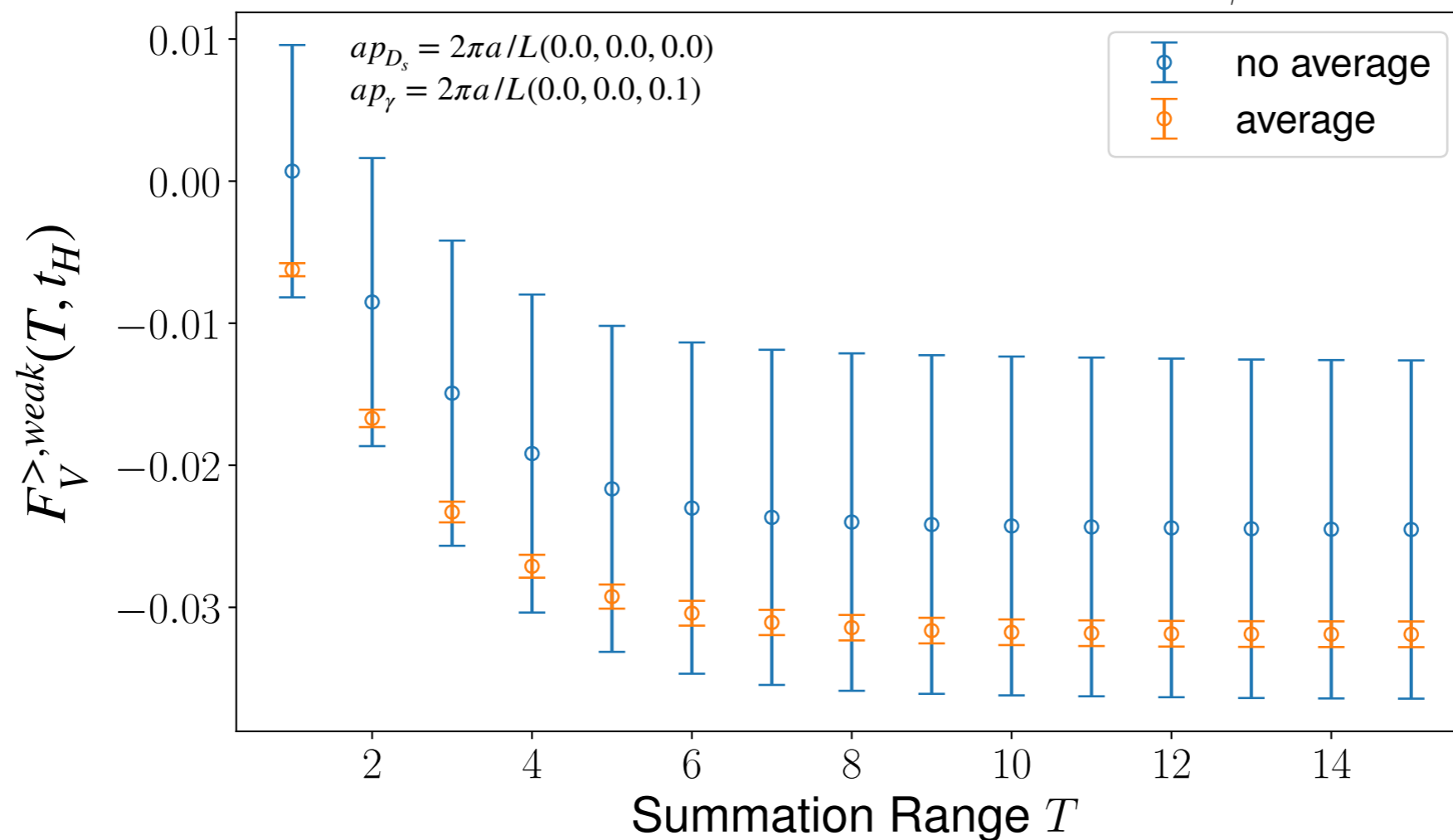
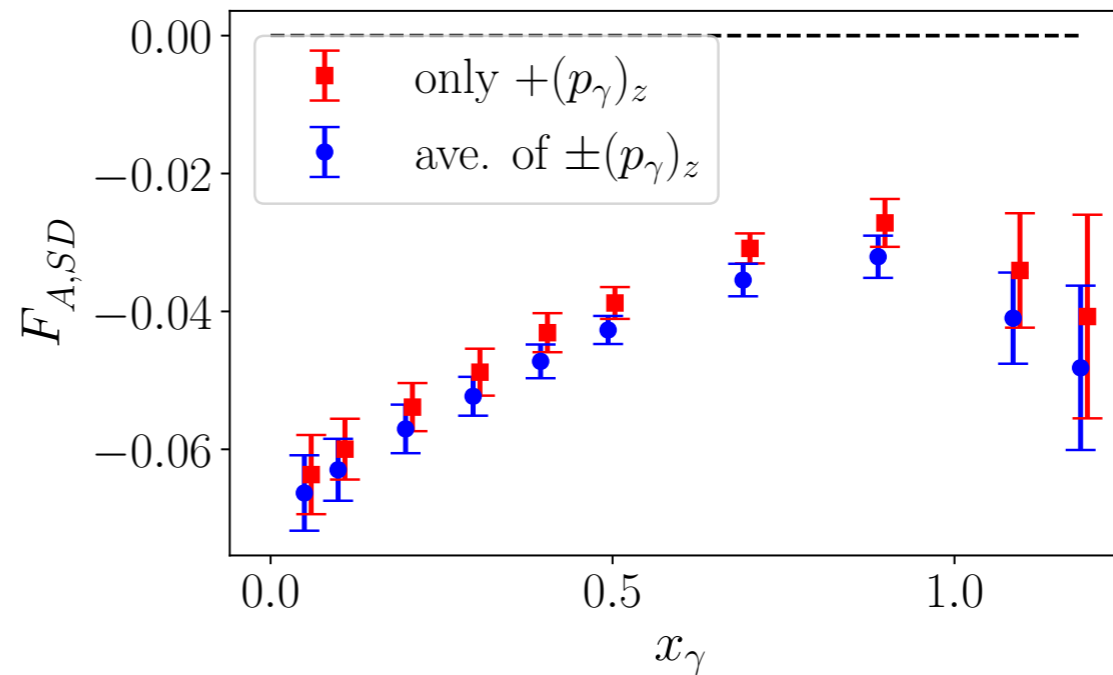


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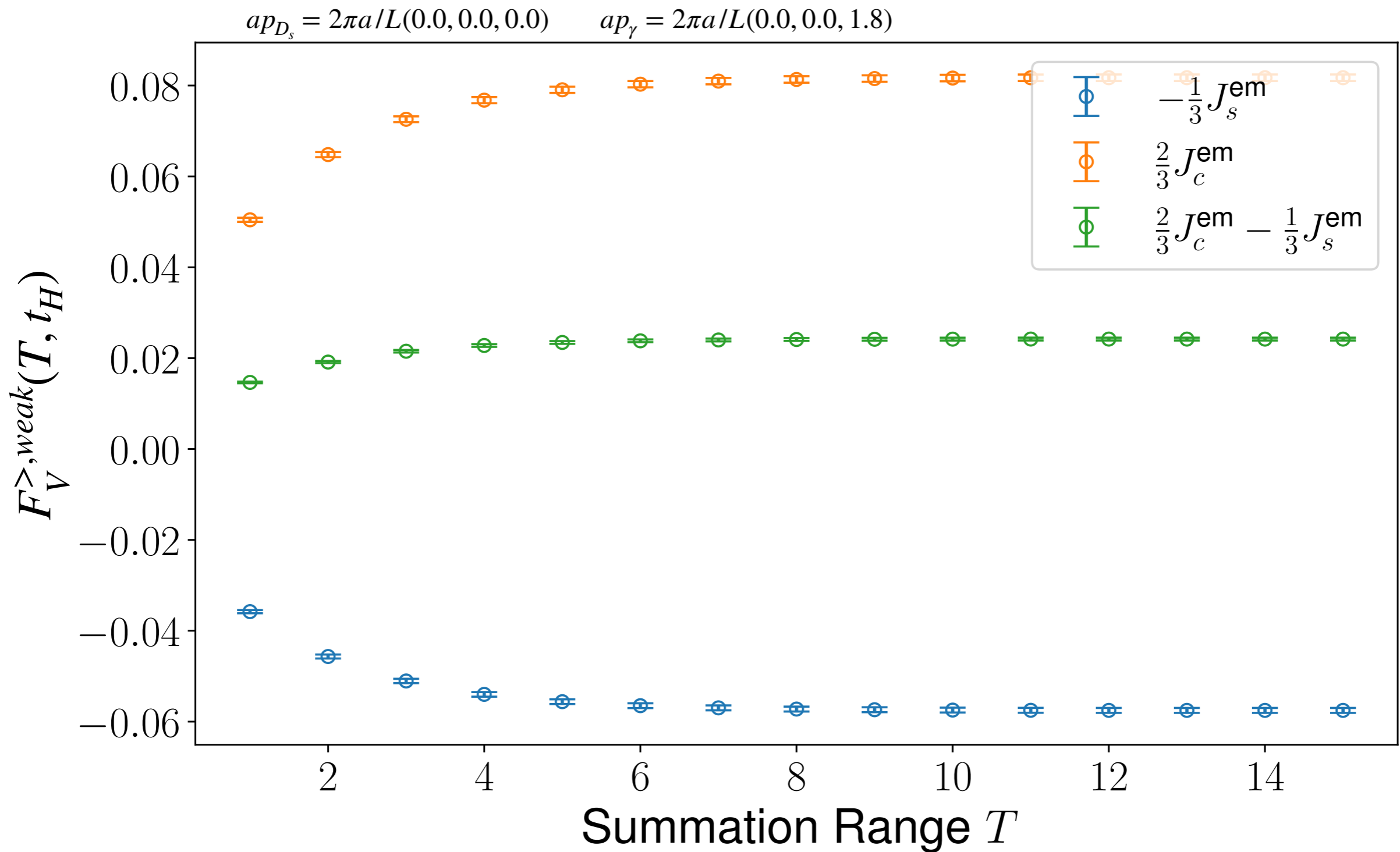


Improved form factors estimators [2]

$\pm \vec{p}_\gamma$ average



Cancellation between quark components



Fit form: 3d method

Include terms to fit

- (1) unwanted exponential from first intermediate state
- (2) first excited state

Fit form factors F_V and $F_{A,SD}$ directly instead of $I_{\mu\nu}$

$$t_H < t_{em} < 0 \quad t_H < 0 < t_W$$

$$F_{<}^{weak}(t_H, T) = F_{<} + B_F^{<} \left(1 + B_{F,exc}^{<} e^{\Delta E(T+t_H)} \right) e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^{<})T} + C_F^{<} e^{\Delta E t_H}$$

$$F_{>}^{em}(t_H, T) = F_{<} + B_F^{<} \left[1 + B_{F,exc}^{<} \frac{E_\gamma + E^{<} - (\Delta E + E_H)}{E_\gamma + E^{<} - E_H} e^{\Delta E t_H} \right] e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^{<})T} + \tilde{C}_F^{<} e^{\Delta E t_H}$$

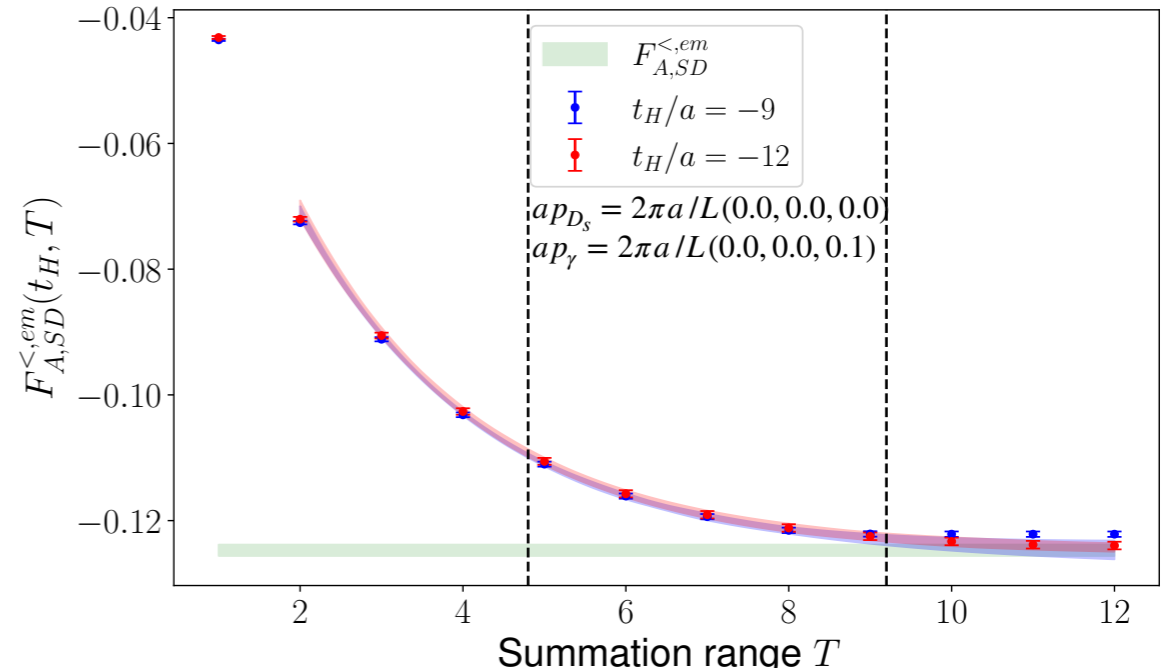
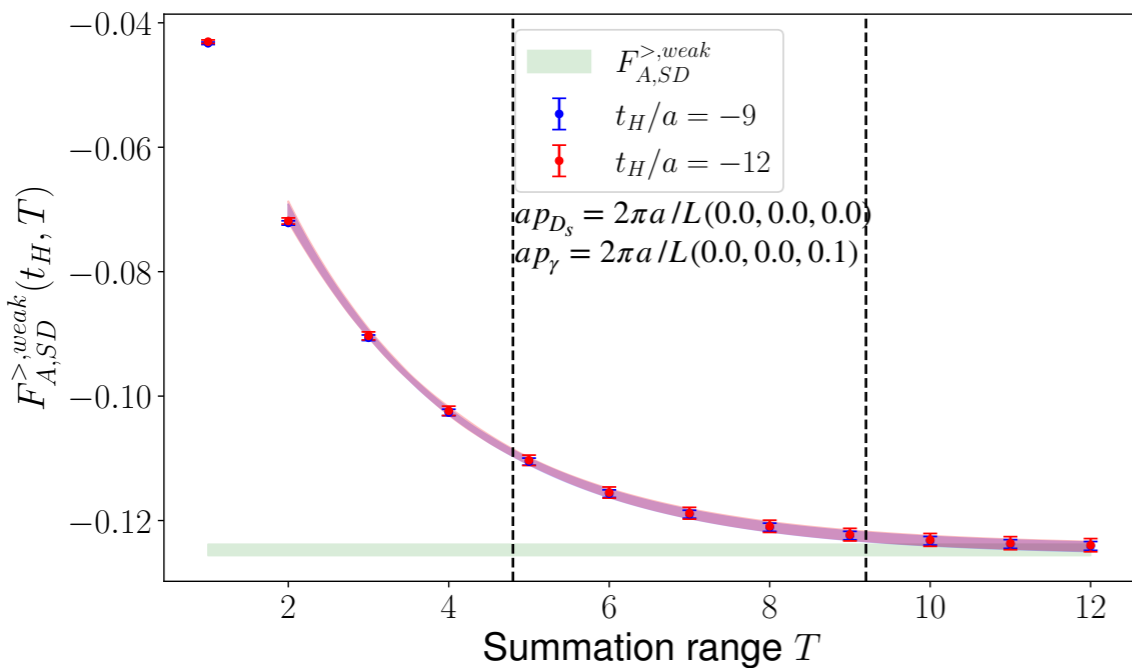
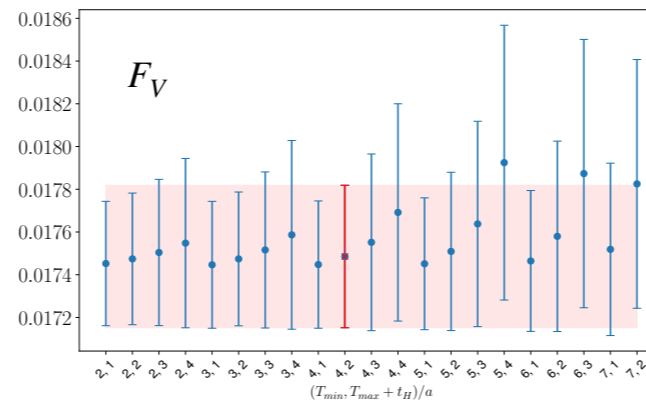
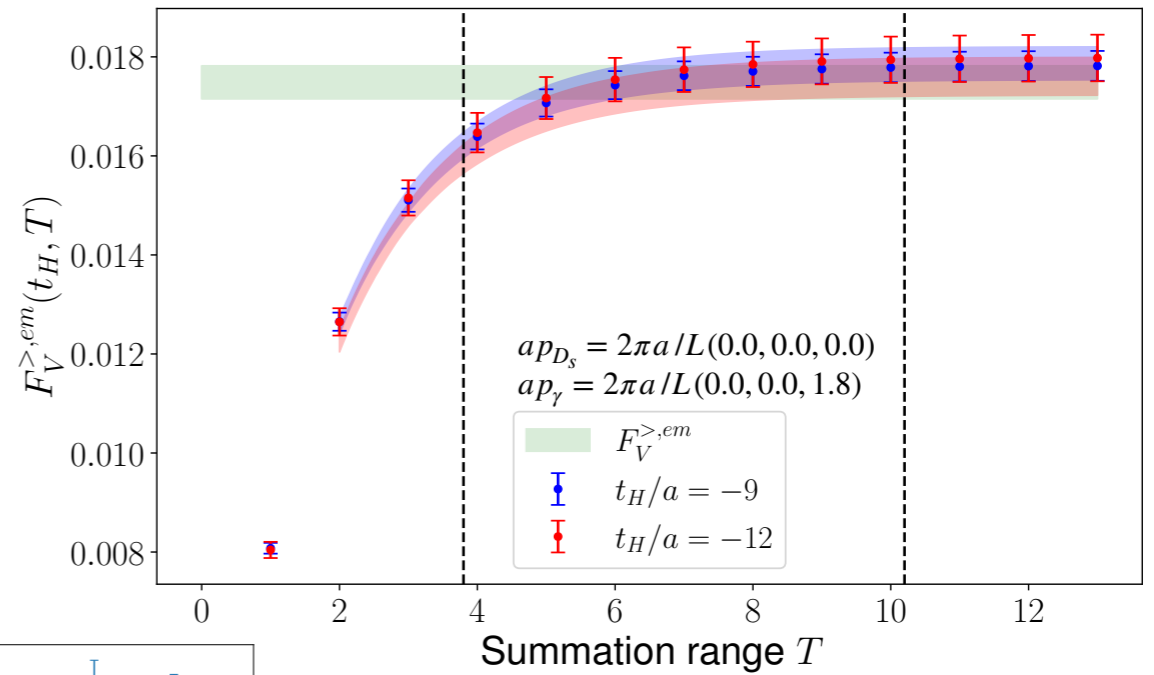
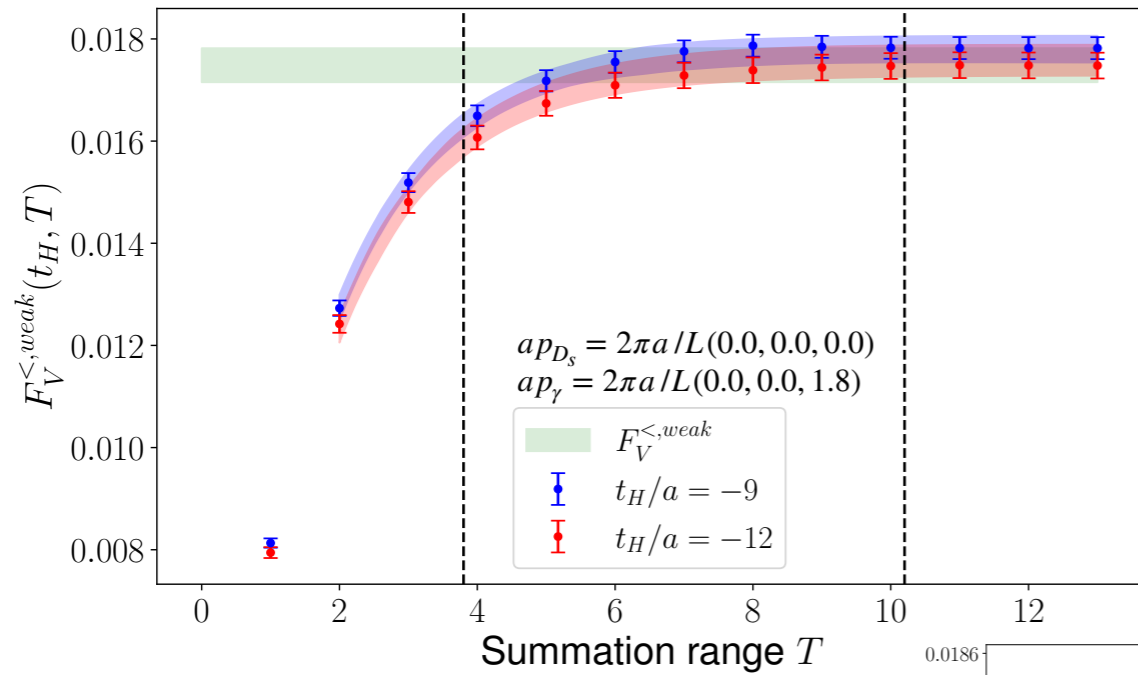
$$t_H < 0 < t_{em} \quad t_H < t_W < 0$$

$$F_{>}^{weak}(t_H, T) = F_{>} + B_F^{>} \left(1 + B_{F,exc}^{>} e^{\Delta E t_H} \right) e^{(E_\gamma - E^{>})T} + C_F^{>} e^{\Delta E t_H}$$

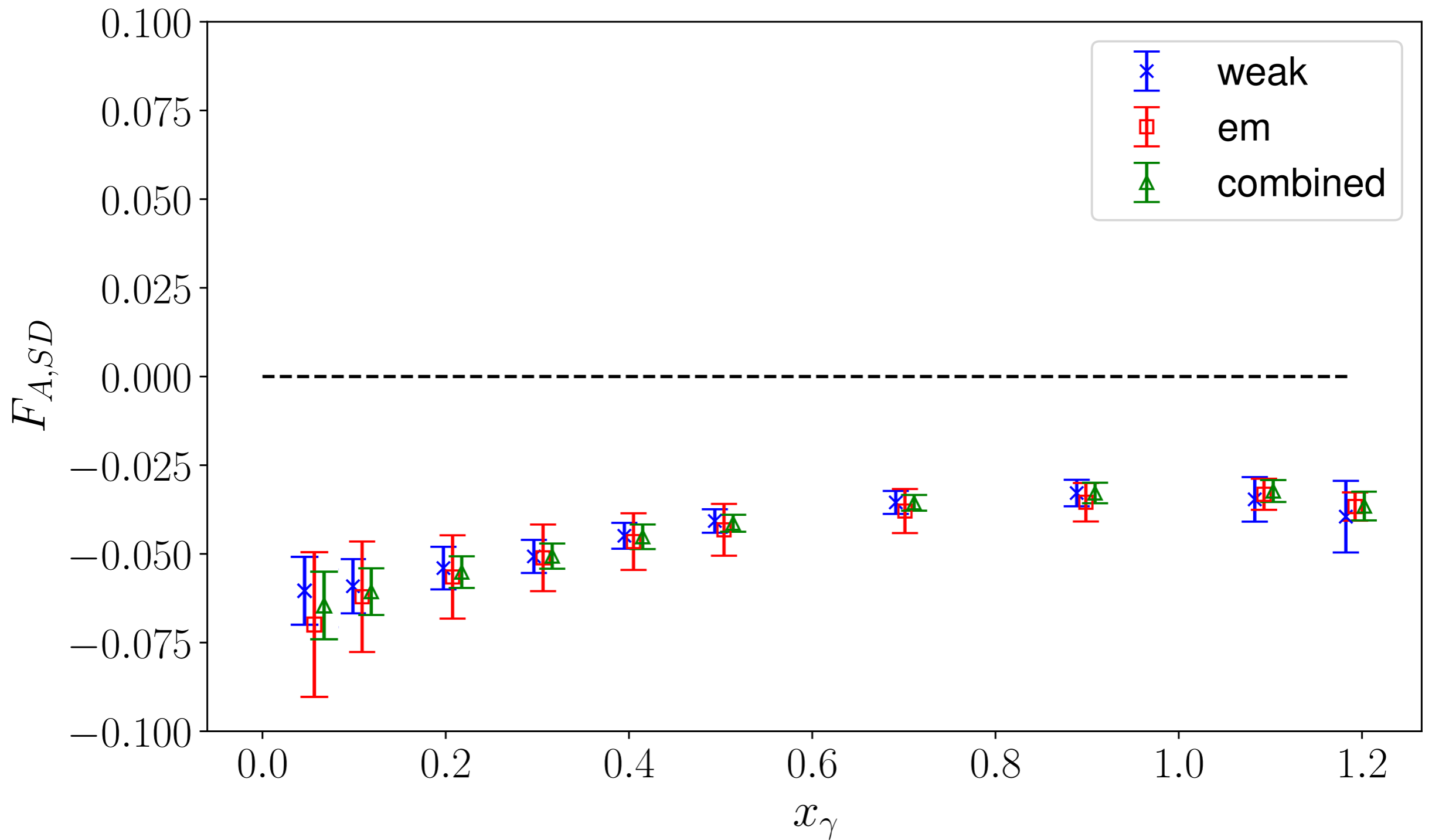
$$F_{<}^{em}(t_H, T) = F_{>} + B_F^{>} \left[1 + B_{F,exc}^{>} \frac{E_\gamma - E^{>}}{E_\gamma - E^{>} + \Delta E} e^{\Delta E(T+t_H)} \right] e^{(E_\gamma - E^{>})T} + \tilde{C}_F^{>} e^{\Delta E t_H}$$

Only have two values of t_H , fitting multiple exponentials not possible
 → Determine ΔE from the pseudoscalar two-point correlation function
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$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: 3d method



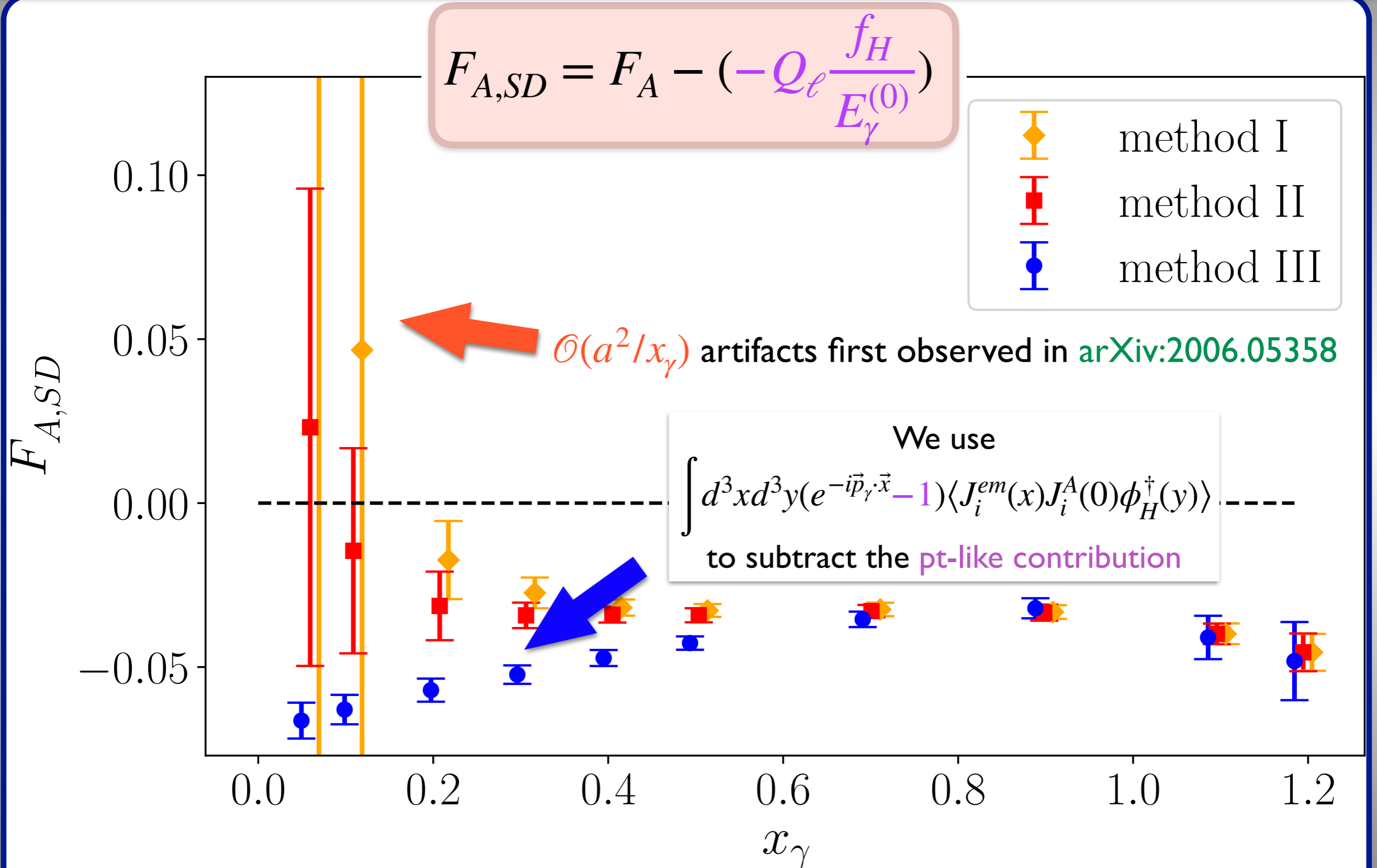
$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: 3d method



$$x_\gamma = \frac{2p_H \cdot p_\gamma}{m_H^2} \xrightarrow{\vec{p}_H = \mathbf{0}} x_\gamma = \frac{2E_\gamma^{(0)}}{m_H}$$

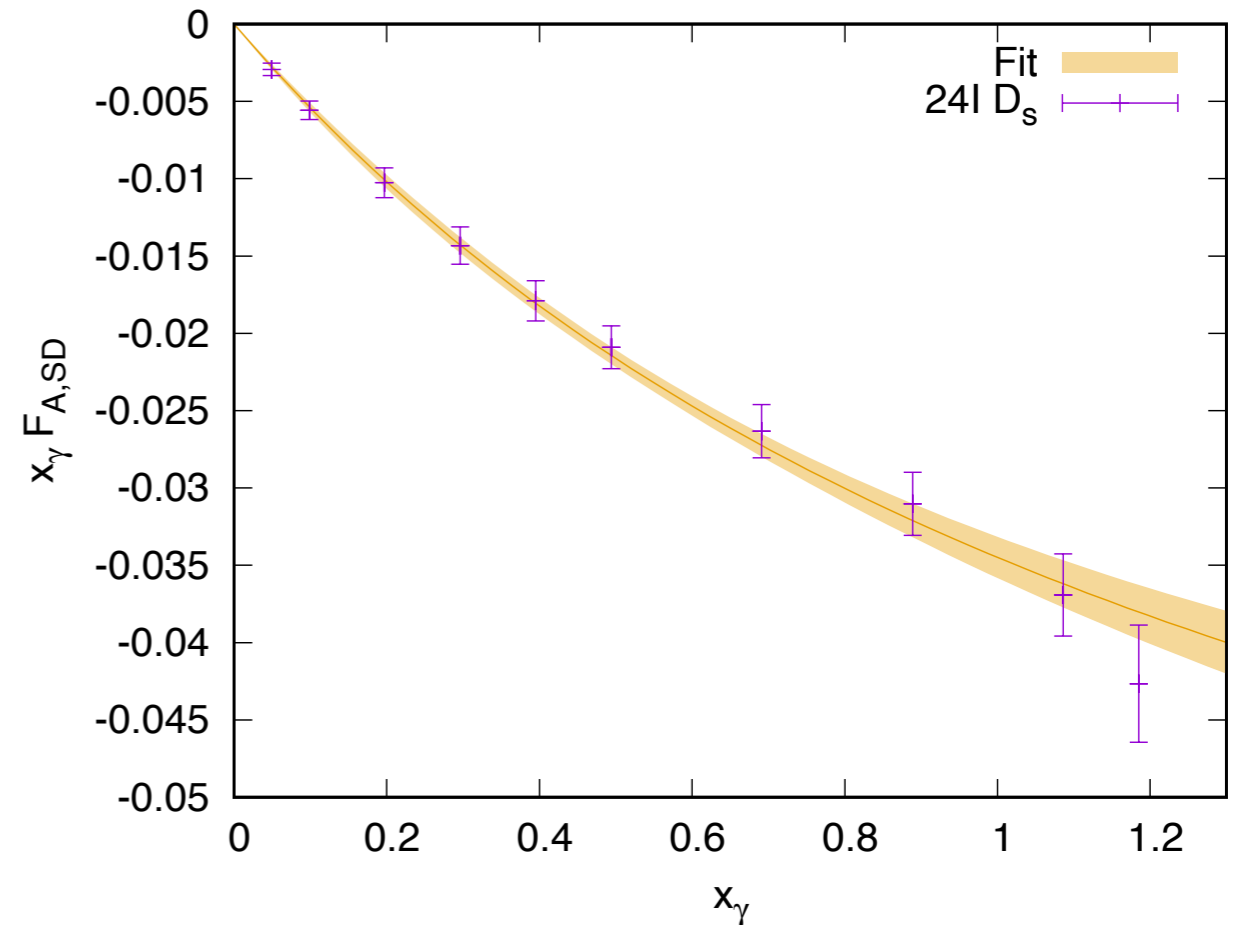
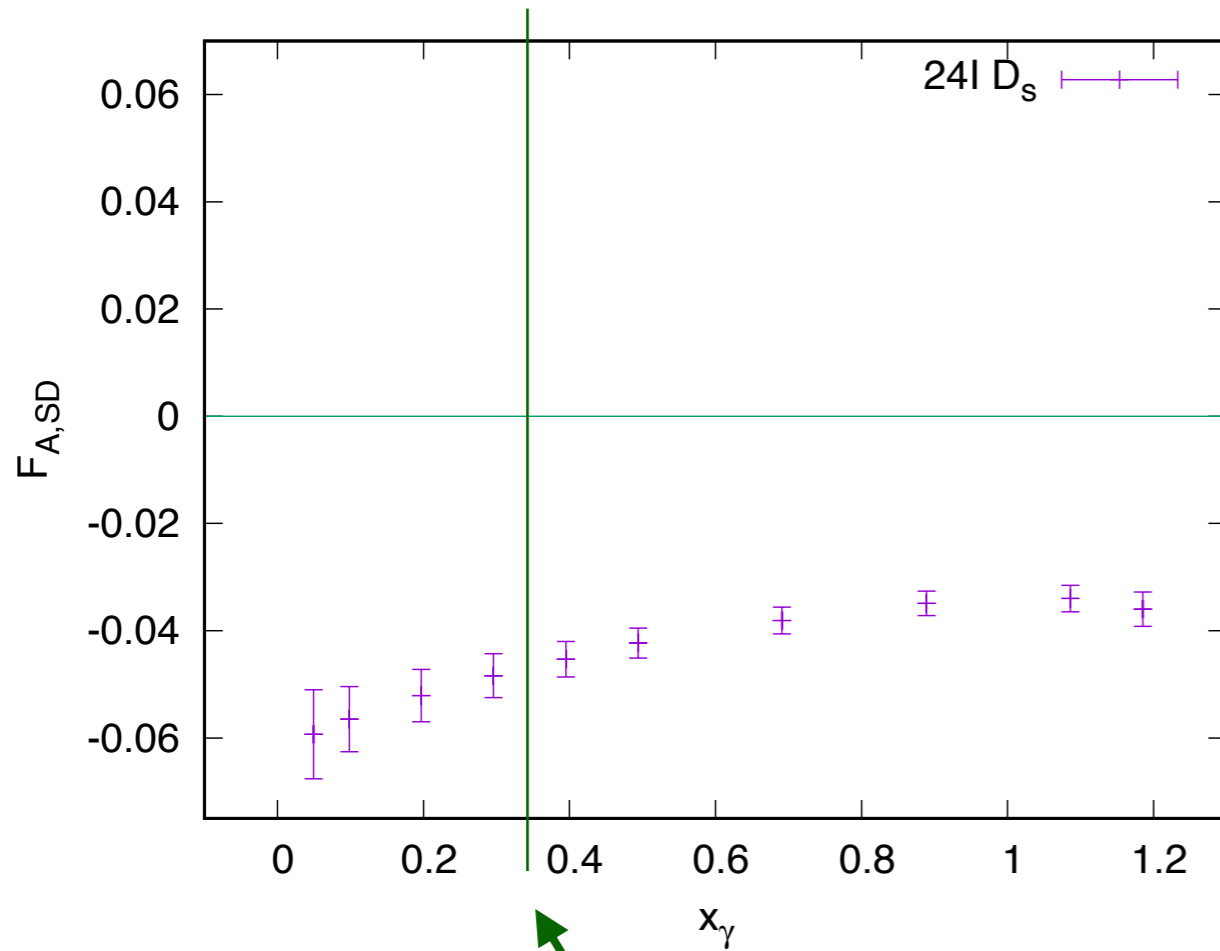
$$0 \leq x_\gamma \leq 1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_H^2}$$

NP subtraction of IR-divergent discretization effects

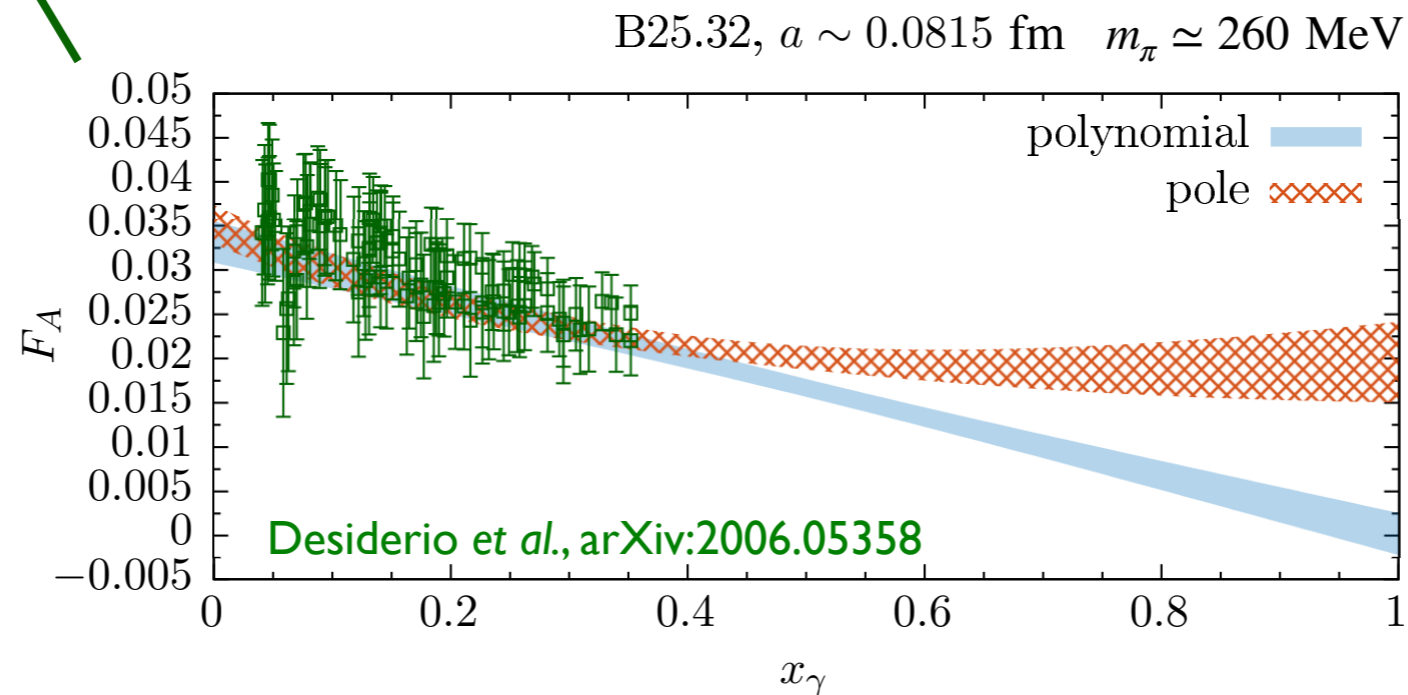


Blue data: improved subtraction of pt-like contribution

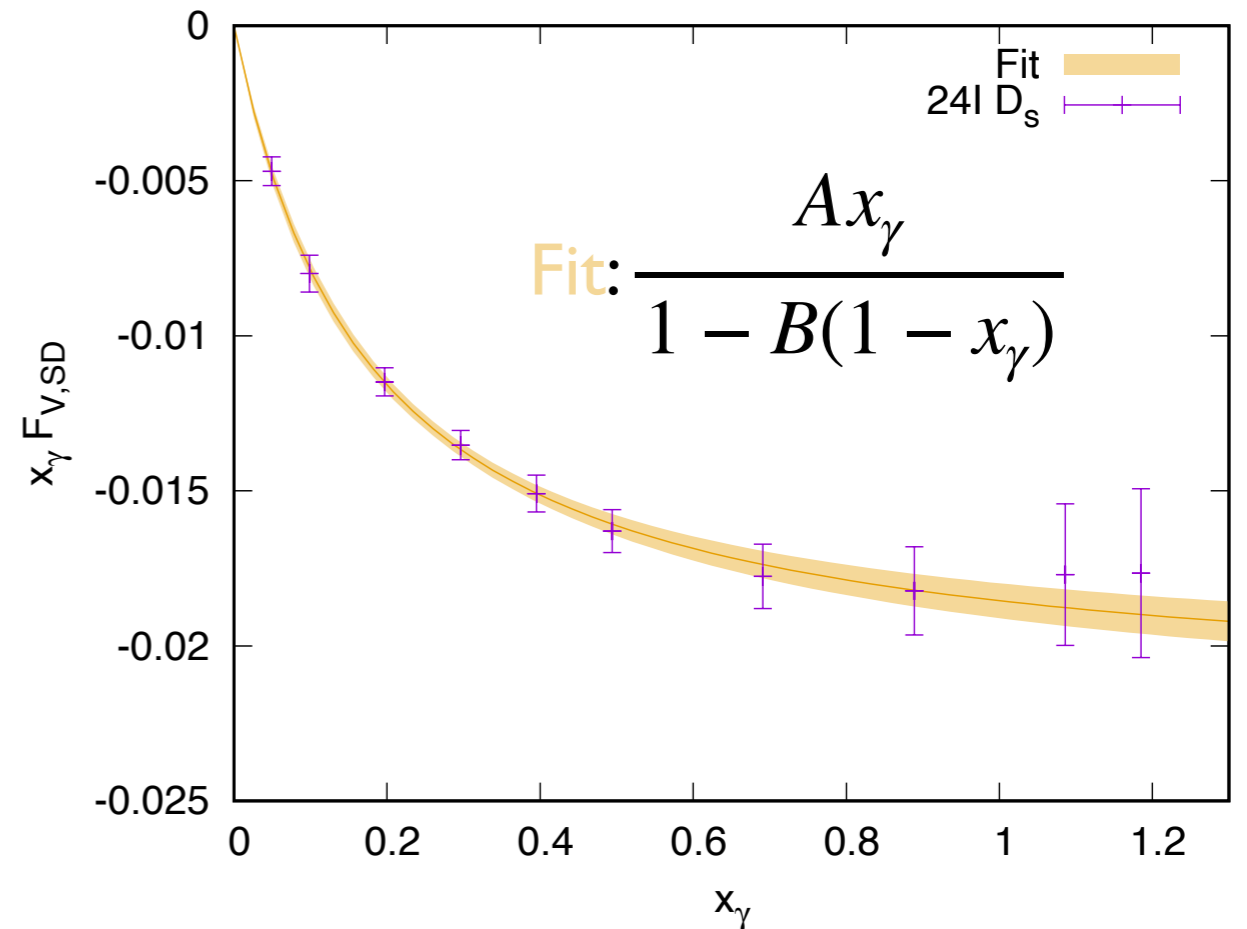
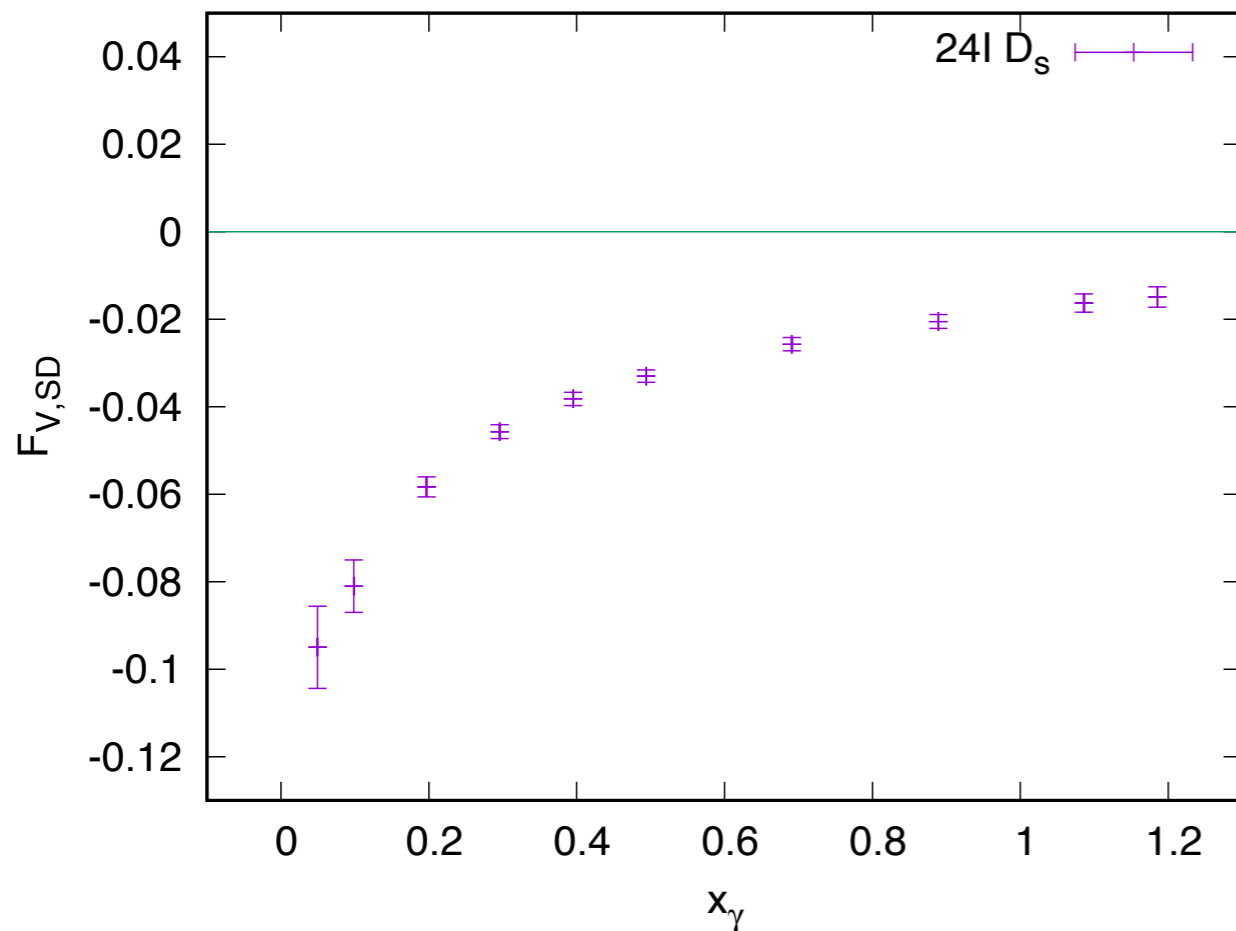
$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: results (3d method)



sign: different FFs
parameterization



$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: results (3d method) [2]

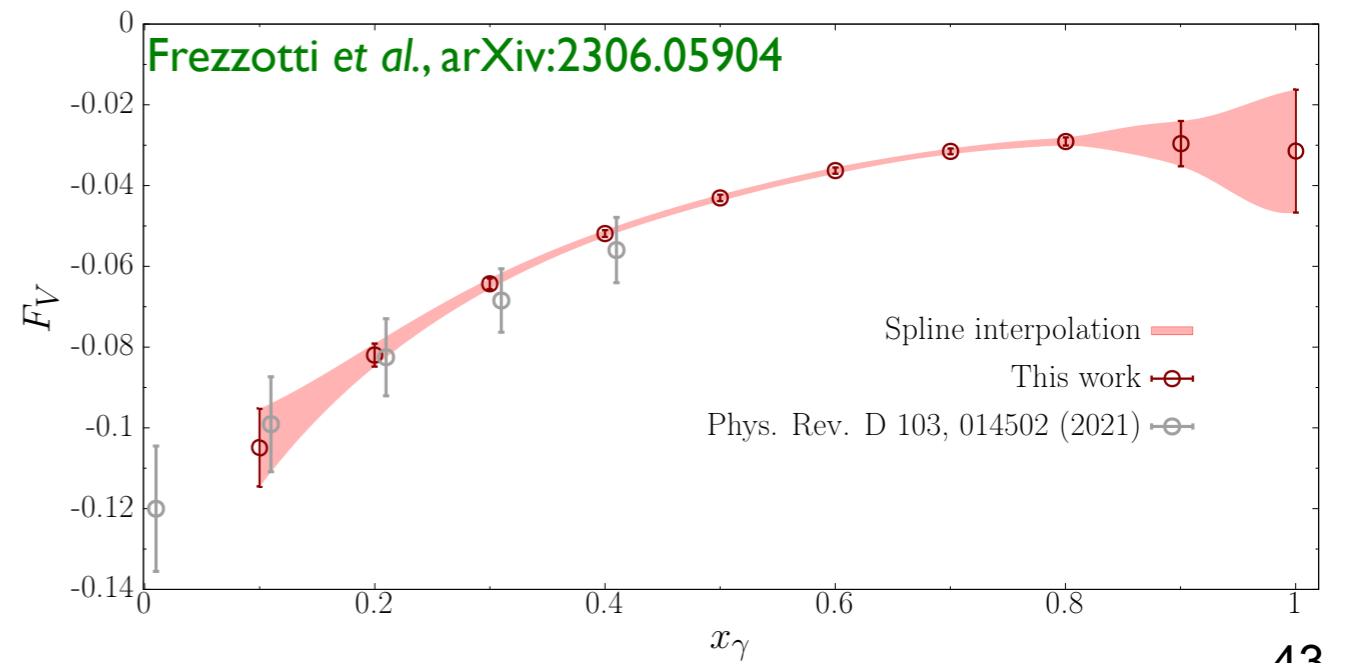
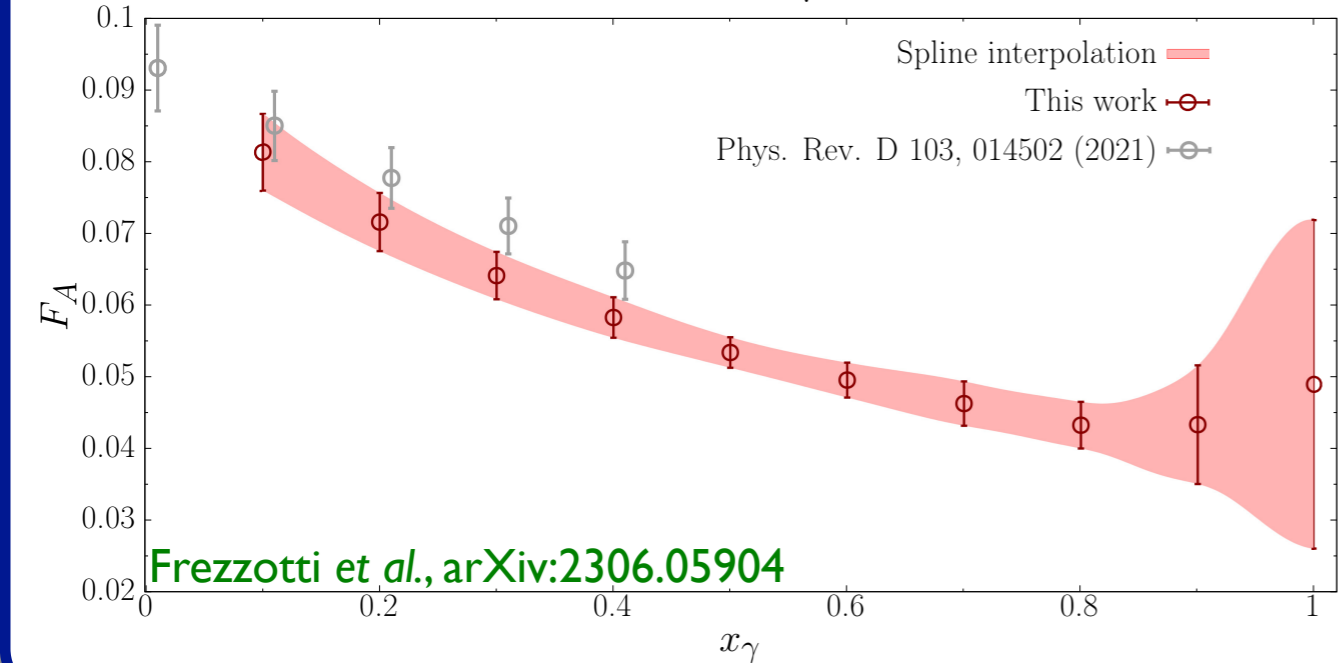
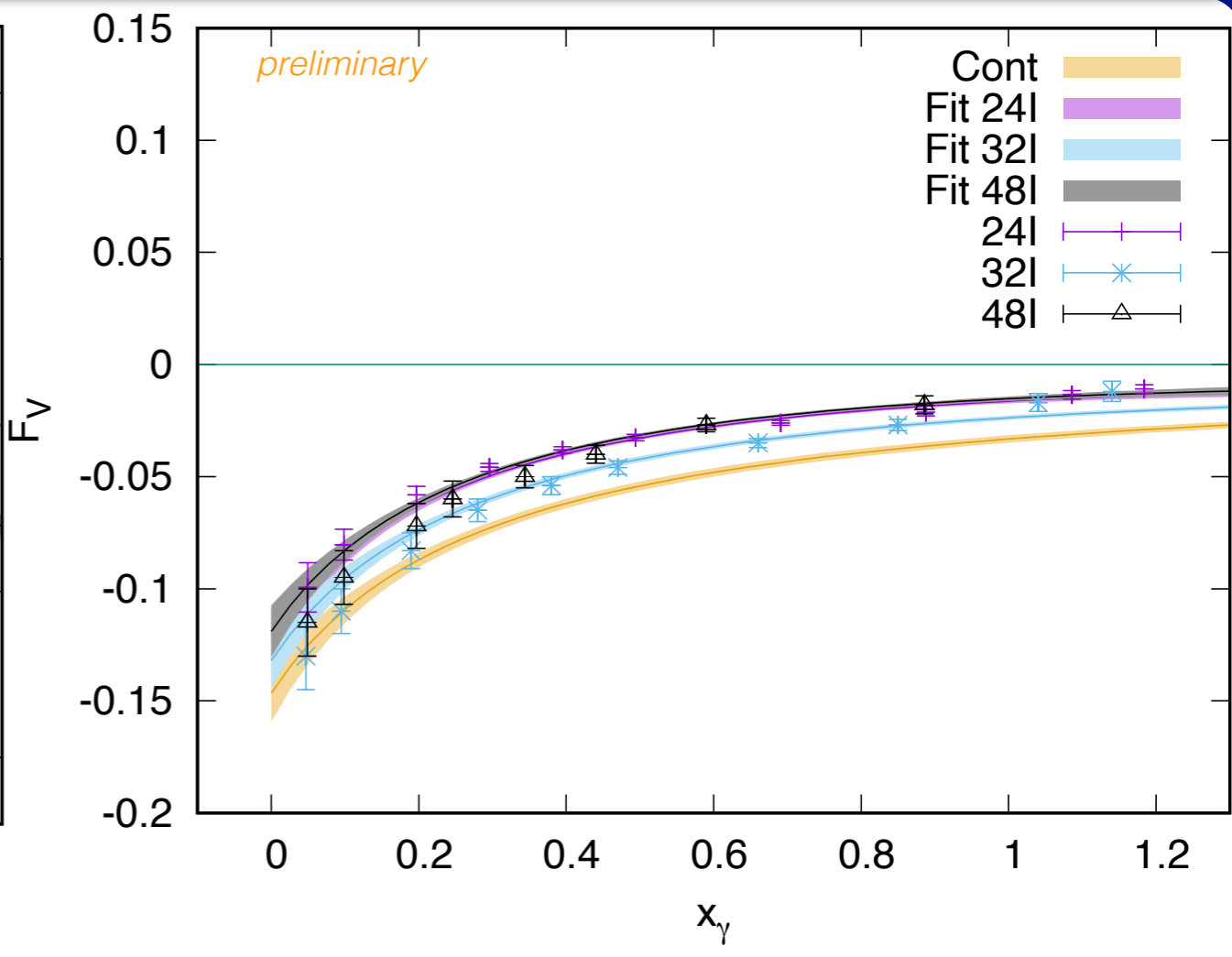
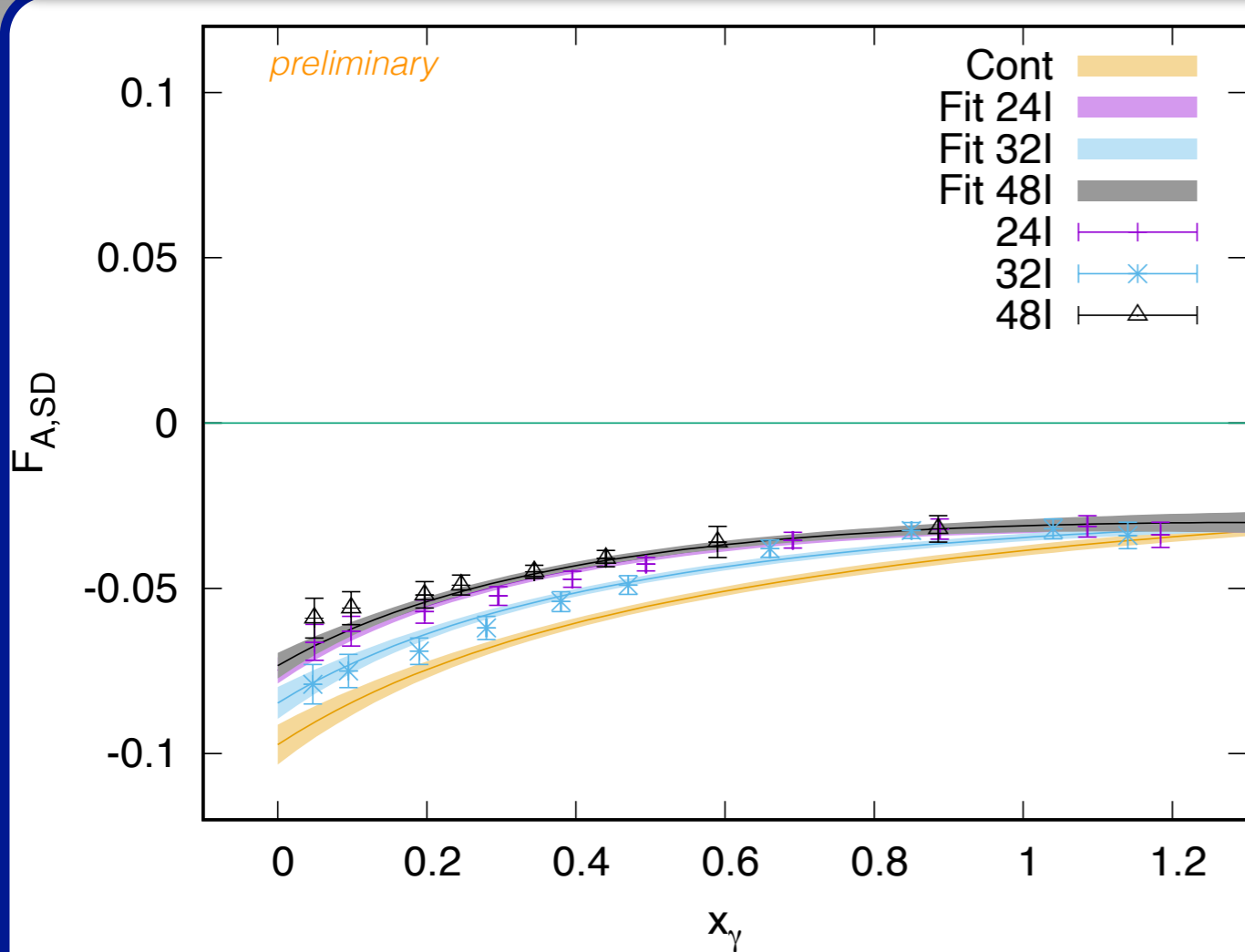


- $D_s^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \gamma$: $\mathcal{B}(E_\gamma > 10 \text{ MeV}) < 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ SM: $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$

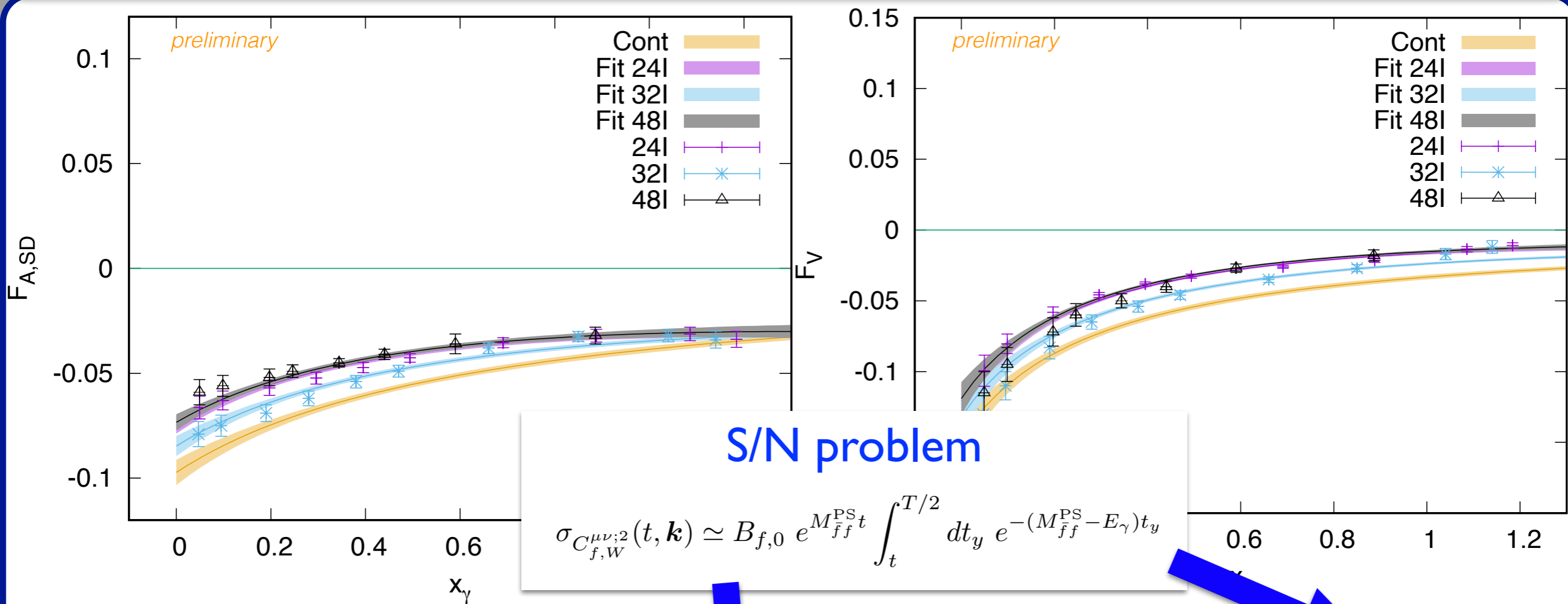
[BESIII Collaboration, arXiv:1902.03351]

- Fit Ansatz inspired by the phenomenological analysis of arXiv:0907.1845

$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: preliminary results on more ensembles

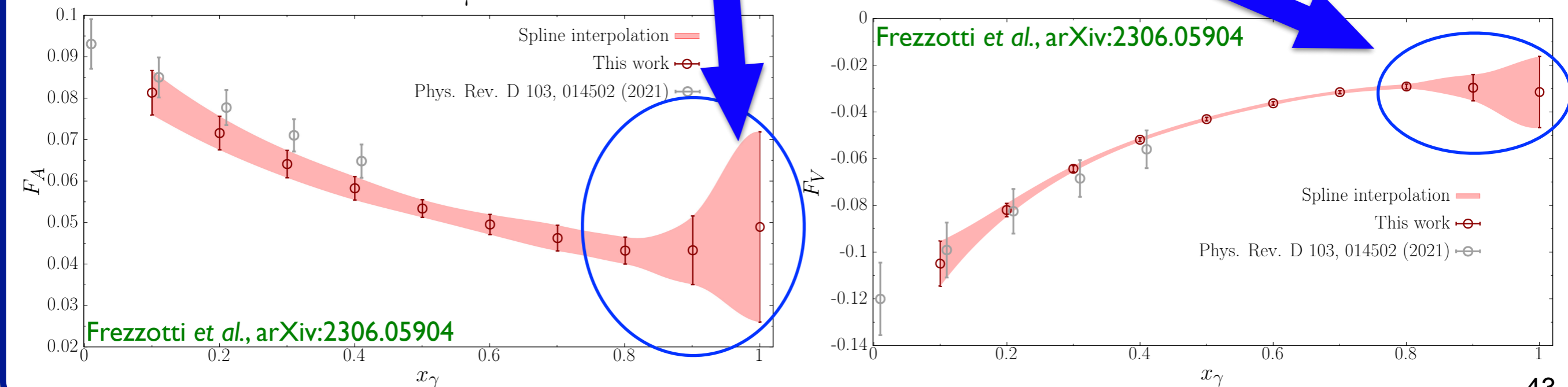


$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: preliminary results on more ensembles



S/N problem

$$\sigma_{C_{f,W}^{\mu\nu;2}}(t, \mathbf{k}) \simeq B_{f,0} e^{M_{ff}^{\text{PS}} t} \int_t^{T/2} dt_y e^{-(M_{ff}^{\text{PS}} - E_\gamma)t_y}$$

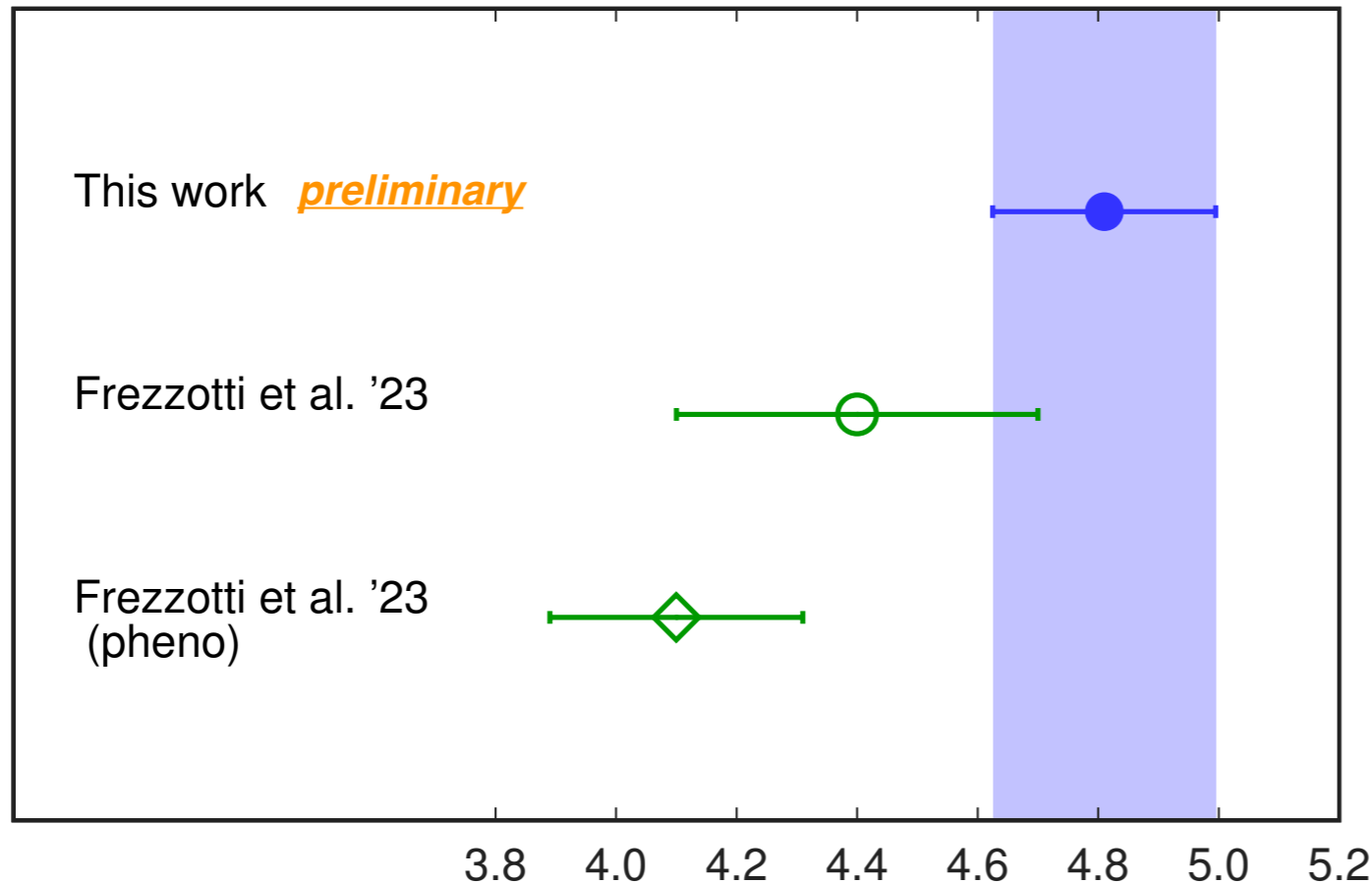


$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow e\nu_e\gamma)$

$$\frac{dR^{\text{pt}}}{dx_\gamma} = -\frac{2}{(1-r_\ell^2)^2} \frac{1}{x_\gamma} \left\{ \left[\frac{(2-x_\gamma)^2}{1-x_\gamma} - 4r_\ell^2 \right] (1-x_\gamma-r_\ell^2) - [2(1-r_\ell^2)(1+r_\ell^2-x_\gamma) + x_\gamma^2] \log\left(\frac{1-x_\gamma}{r_\ell^2}\right) \right\},$$

$$\frac{dR^{\text{int}}}{dx_\gamma} = -\frac{2M_{D_s}}{f_{D_s}(1-r_\ell^2)^2} \left\{ F_A x_\gamma \left[\frac{r_\ell^4}{1-x_\gamma} - 1 + x_\gamma + 2r_\ell^2 \log\left(\frac{1-x_\gamma}{r_\ell^2}\right) \right] + (F_V - F_A) x_\gamma^2 \left[\frac{r_\ell^2}{1-x_\gamma} - 1 + \log\left(\frac{1-x_\gamma}{r_\ell^2}\right) \right] \right\},$$

$$\frac{dR^{\text{SD}}}{dx_\gamma} = \frac{M_{D_s}^2}{f_{D_s}^2} (F_V^2 + F_A^2) \frac{x_\gamma^3}{r_\ell^2(1-r_\ell^2)^2} \frac{(2+r_\ell^2-2x_\gamma)(1-x_\gamma-r_\ell^2)^2}{6(1-x_\gamma)^2}.$$



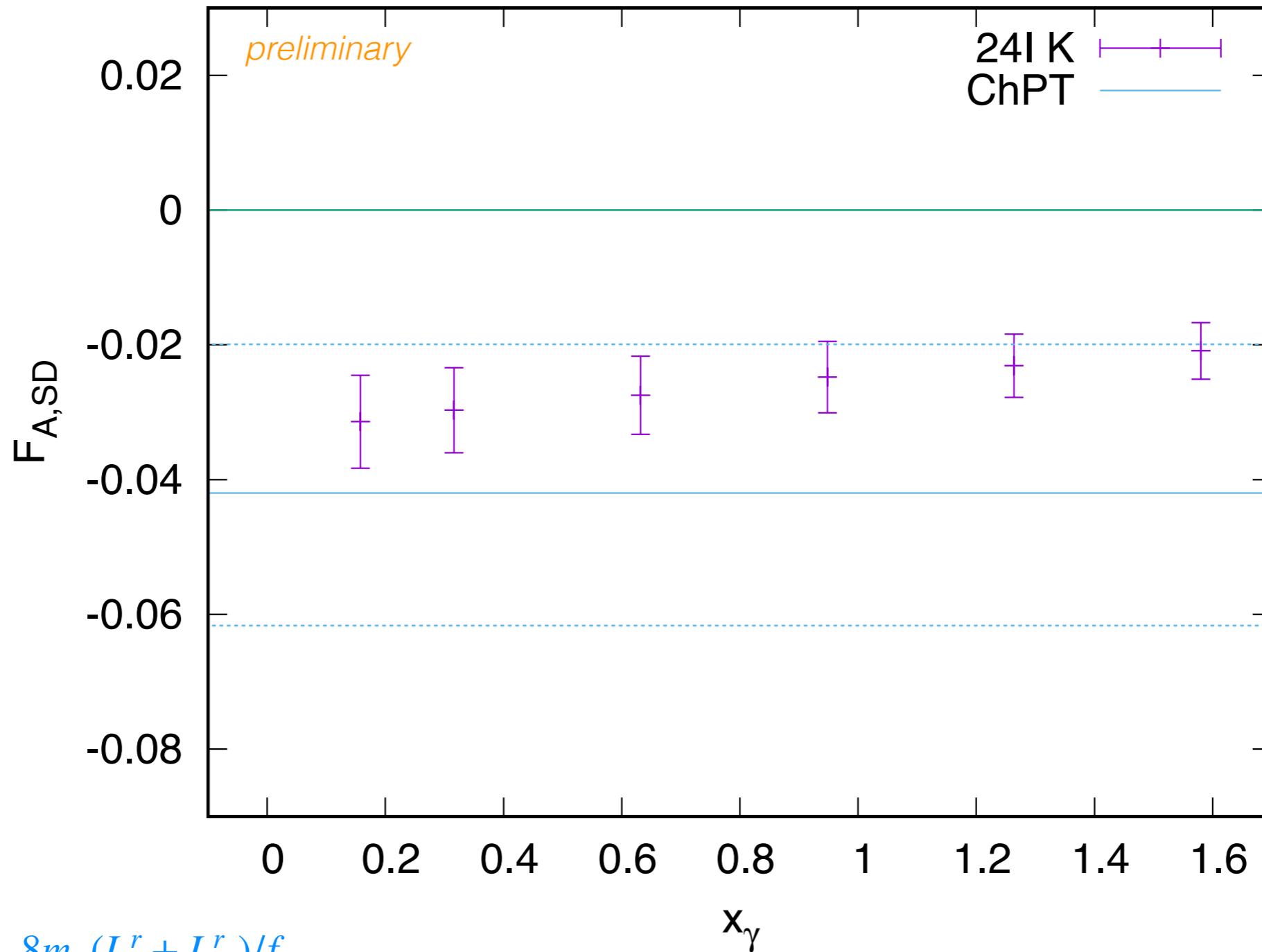
Experiment
BESIII Collaboration upper bound

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow e^+\nu_e\gamma)[E_\gamma > 10 \text{ MeV}] < 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

arXiv:1902.03351

$\mathcal{B}(D_s \rightarrow e\nu_e\gamma)[E_\gamma > 10 \text{ MeV}] \times 10^6$

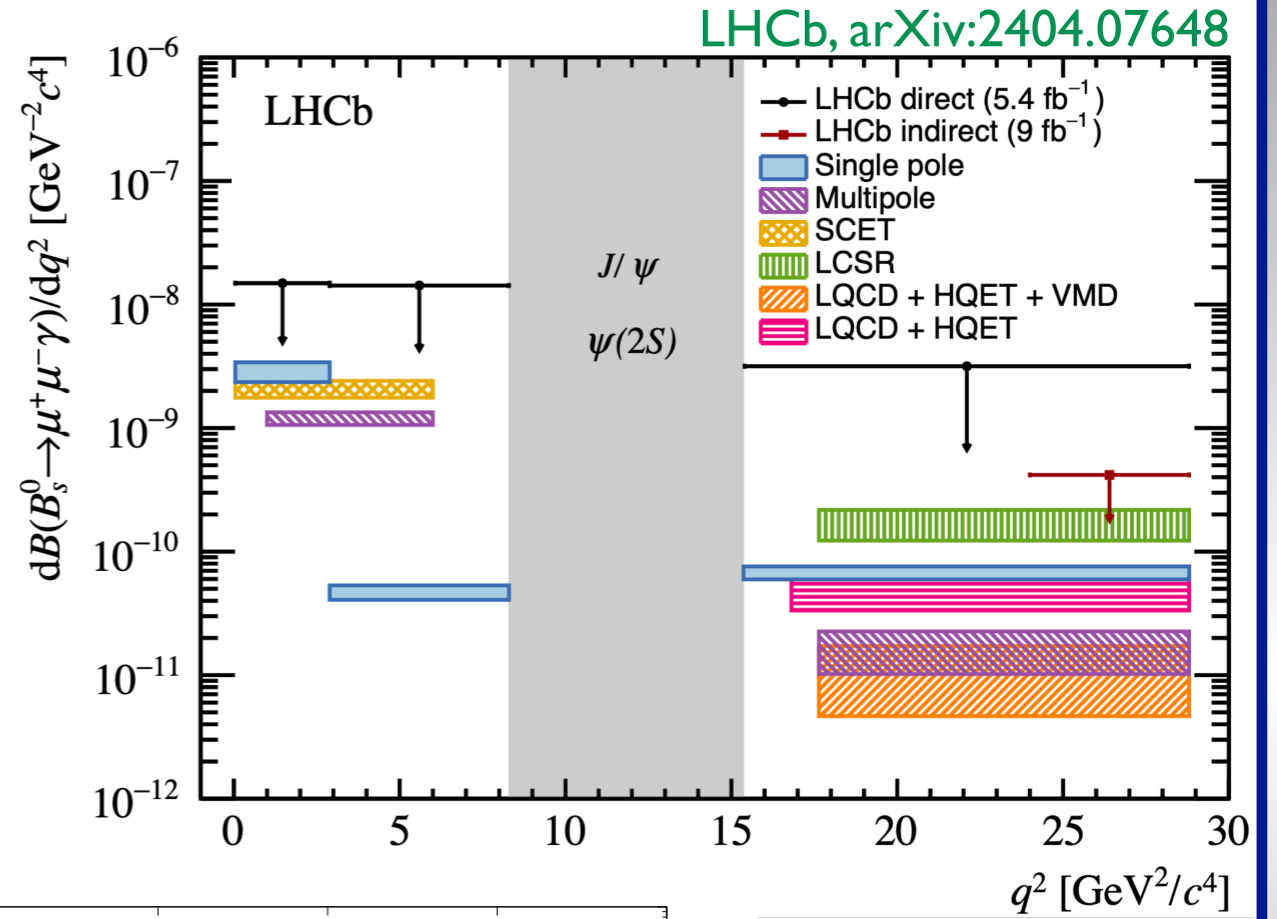
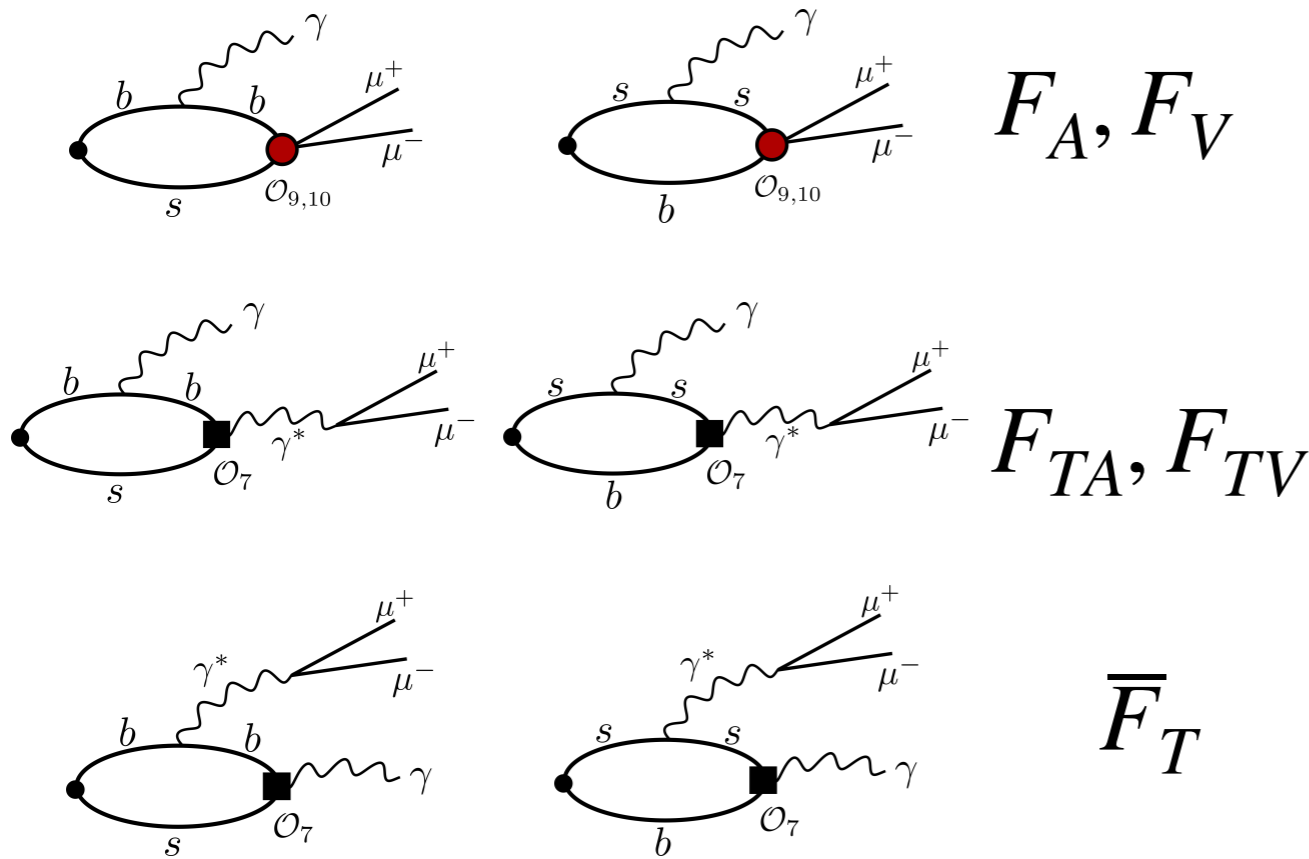
$K \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$: results



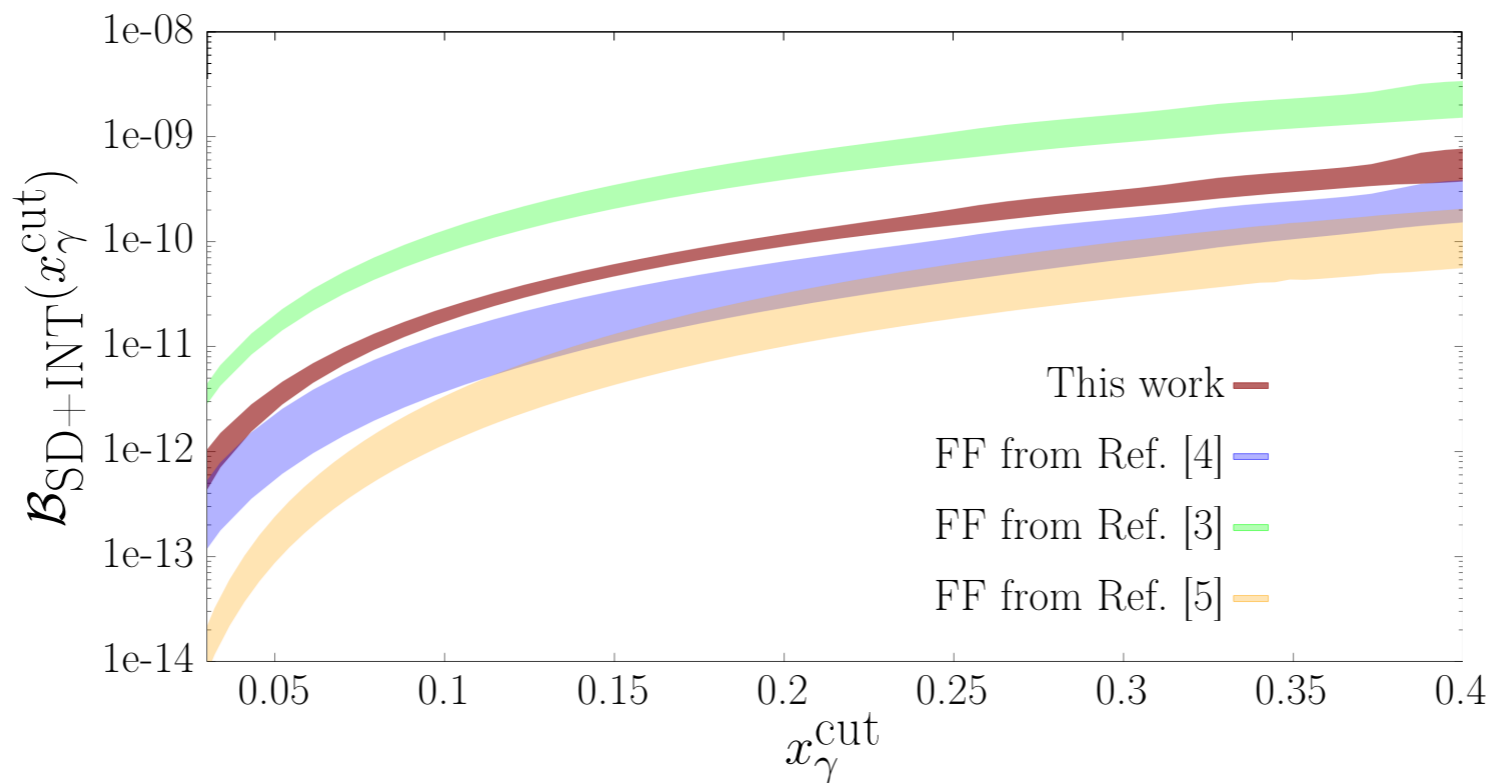
ChPT : $8m_K(L_9^r + L_{10}^r)/f_K$

J. Bijnens *et al.*, 1993

$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$



Frezzotti et al.
 arXiv:2402.03262



Conclusions and future perspectives

- The form factors for real emissions are accessible from **Euclidean correlators**
- We compared analysis methods using 3d and 4d data. **3d method** results in **smallest statistical uncertainties** and allows to **tame S/N problems** at large photon energies.
- With moderate statistics we are able to provide rather precise, first-principles results for the form factors in the **full kinematical (photon-energy) range**
- Lattice calculations of radiative leptonic heavy-meson decays at **high photon energy** could provide useful information to better understand the **internal structure of hadrons**
- To **extend the study to B-meson decays** we will take advantage of new RBC/UKQCD ensembles at $a^{-1} \approx (3.5, 4.5)$ GeV

	48I	64I	96I
$L^3 \cdot T/a^4$	$48^3 \cdot 96$	$64^3 \cdot 128$	$96^3 \cdot 192$
β	2.13	2.25	2.31
am_l	0.00078	0.000678	0.0054
am_h	0.0362	0.02661	0.02132
α	2.0	2.0	2.0
a^{-1} (GeV)	1.730(4)	2.359(7)	≈ 2.8
a (fm)	0.1141(3)	0.0837(3)	≈ 0.071
L (fm)	5.476(12)	5.354(16)	≈ 6.8
L_s/a	24	12	12
m_π (MeV)	139.2(4)	139.2(5)	≈ 135
$m_\pi L$	3.863(6)	3.778(8)	≈ 4.7
N_{conf}	120	160	20



Supplementary slides

A strategy for Lattice QCD:

The isospin-breaking part of the Lagrangian is treated as a perturbation

Expand in:

$$m_d - m_u$$

+

$$\alpha_{em}$$



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Isospin breaking effects due to the up-down mass difference in lattice QCD

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Leading isospin breaking effects on the lattice

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① The (md-mu) expansion

- Identify the **isospin-breaking term** in the QCD action

$$S_m = \sum_x [m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d] = \sum_x \left[\frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) - \frac{1}{2}(m_d - m_u)(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d) \right] =$$

$$= \sum_x [m_{ud}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) - \Delta m(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d)] = S_0 - \Delta m \hat{S} \quad \leftarrow \hat{S} = \sum_x (\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d)$$

- Expand the functional integral in powers of Δm

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\int D\phi O e^{-S_0 + \Delta m \hat{S}}}{\int D\phi e^{-S_0 + \Delta m \hat{S}}} \stackrel{1st}{\approx} \frac{\int D\phi O e^{-S_0} (1 + \Delta m \hat{S})}{\int D\phi e^{-S_0} (1 + \Delta m \hat{S})} \approx \frac{\langle O \rangle_0 + \Delta m \langle O \hat{S} \rangle_0}{1 + \Delta m \langle \hat{S} \rangle_0} = \langle O \rangle_0 + \Delta m \langle O \hat{S} \rangle_0$$

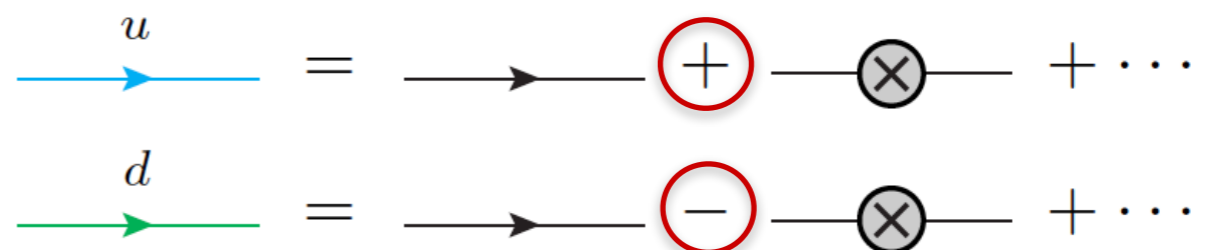
Advantage:
factorized out

for isospin symmetry

- At leading order in Δm the corrections only appear in the

valence-quark propagators:

(disconnected contractions of $\bar{u}u$ and $\bar{d}d$ vanish due to isospin symmetry)



② The QED expansion

- **Non-compact QED**: the **dynamical variable** is the gauge potential $A_\mu(x)$ in a fixed covariant gauge ($\nabla_\mu^- A_\mu(x) = 0$)

$$S_{QED} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x;\mu\nu} A_\nu(x) \left(-\nabla_\mu^- \nabla_\mu^+ \right) A_\nu(x) \stackrel{(p.b.c.)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k;\mu\nu} \tilde{A}_\nu^*(k) \left(2 \sin(k_\mu / 2) \right)^2 \tilde{A}_\nu(k)$$

- The photon propagator is IR divergent \rightarrow subtract the zero momentum mode

- **Full covariant derivatives** are defined introducing **QED** and **QCD** links:

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow E_\mu(x) = e^{-iaeA_\mu(x)}$$

$$D_\mu^+ q_f(x) = \left[E_\mu(x) \right]^{e_f} U_\mu(x) q_f(x + \hat{\mu}) - q_f(x)$$

QED \leftarrow

\rightarrow QCD

- Since $E_\mu(x) = e^{-ieA_\mu(x)} = 1 - ieA_\mu(x) - 1/2 e^2 A_\mu^2(x) + \dots$ the expansion leads to:

$$(e_f e)^2 \rightarrow \text{diagram with a wavy photon line loop}$$

$$(e_f e)^2 \rightarrow \text{diagram with a star-shaped photon line loop}$$

+ counterterms

The QED expansion for the quark propagator

$$\Delta \longrightarrow \pm =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (e_f e)^2 \left[\text{wavy line} + \text{star} \right] - [m_f - m_f^0] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \mp [m_f^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \\
 & - e^2 e_f \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1} \left[\text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{loop} \right] - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \text{wavy line} \right] - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \text{star} \right] + e^2 \sum_{f_1 f_2} e_{f_1} e_{f_2} \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{loop} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{f_1} \pm [m_{f_1}^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \right] + \sum_{f_1} [m_{f_1} - m_{f_1}^0] \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \right] + [g_s^2 - (g_s^0)^2] \left[\text{loop} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right] .
 \end{aligned}$$

In the **electro-quenched** approximation:

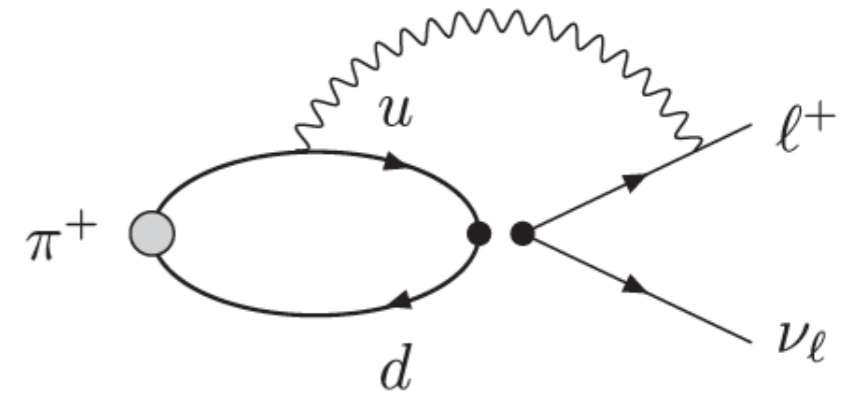
$$\Delta \longrightarrow \pm = (e_f e)^2 \left[\text{wavy line} + \text{star} \right] - [m_f - m_f^0] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \mp [m_f^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} .$$

Lattice calculation of Γ_0 at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$

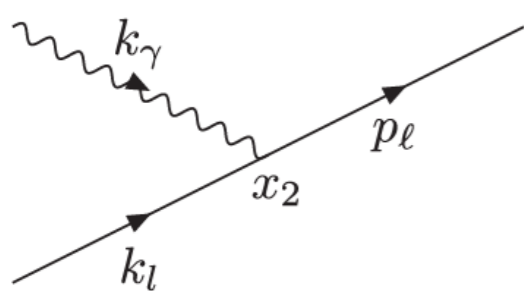
- A technical but important point:

$$\delta C^{(q\ell)}(t)_{\alpha\beta} = - \int d^3\vec{x} d^4x_1 d^4x_2 \langle 0 | T \{ J_W^\nu(0) j_\mu(x_1) \phi^\dagger(\vec{x}, -t) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\times \Delta(x_1, x_2) \left(\gamma_\nu (1 - \gamma^5) S(0, x_2) \gamma_\mu \right)_{\alpha\beta} e^{E_\ell t_2 - i \vec{p}_\ell \cdot \vec{x}_2}$$



We need to ensure that the t_2 integration converges as $t_2 \rightarrow \infty$. The large t_2 behavior is given by the factor $\exp\left[\left(E_\ell - \omega_\ell - \omega_\gamma\right)t_2\right]$



$$E_\ell = \sqrt{\vec{p}_\ell^2 + m_\ell^2} \quad \omega_\ell = \sqrt{\vec{k}_\ell^2 + m_\ell^2} \quad \omega_\gamma = \sqrt{\vec{k}_\gamma^2 + m_\gamma^2} \quad \vec{k}_\ell + \vec{k}_\gamma = \vec{p}_\ell$$

$$\left(\omega_\ell + \omega_\gamma \right)_{\min} = \sqrt{\left(m_\ell^2 + m_\gamma^2 \right) + \vec{p}_\ell^2} > E_\ell$$

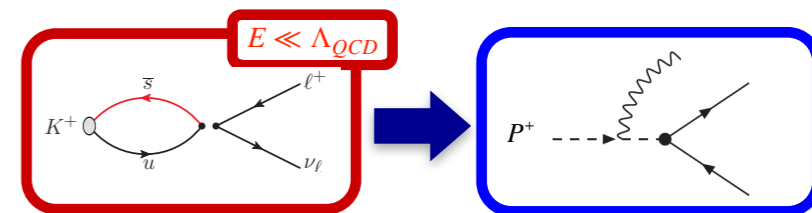
The integral is convergent and the continuation from Minkowski to Euclidean space can be performed (same if we set $m_\gamma=0$ but remove the photon zero mode in FV).

CONDITIONS: - mass gap between the decaying particle and the intermediate states
 - absence of lighter intermediate states

The strategy

$$\Gamma[P_{\ell 2}] = (\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{pt}) + (\Gamma_0^{pt} + \Gamma_1^{pt}(E))$$

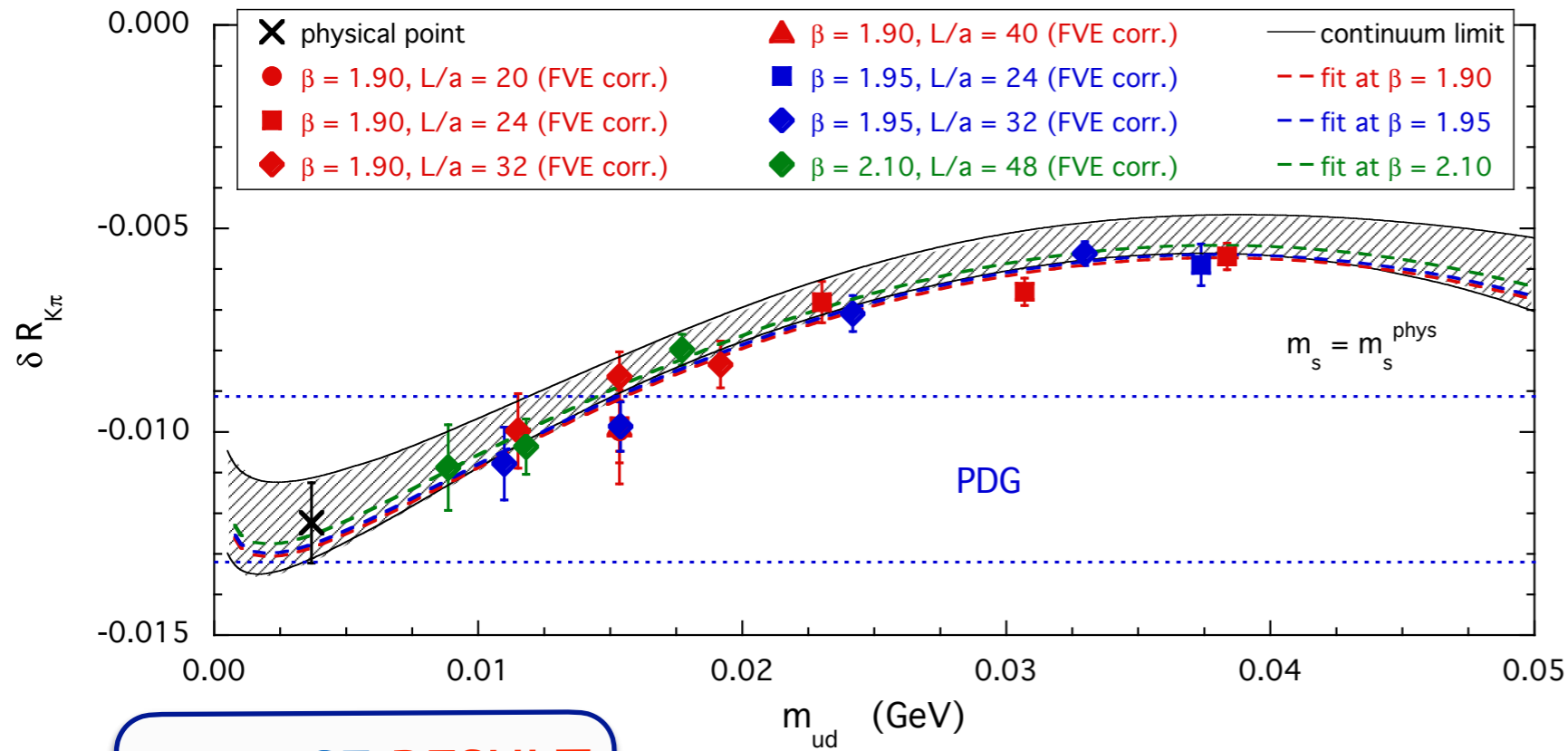
- The contributions from soft virtual photon to Γ_0 and Γ_0^{pt} in the **first term** are exactly the same and the **IR divergence** cancels in the difference $\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{pt}$.
- The sum $\Gamma_0^{pt} + \Gamma_1^{pt}(E)$ in the second term is also IR finite since it is a physically well defined quantity. This term can be thus calculated in perturbation theory with a different IR cutoff.
- The two terms are also separately **gauge invariant**.



$$\Delta\Gamma_0(L) = \Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{pt}(L)$$

$$\Gamma^{pt}(E) = \lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} [\Gamma_0^{pt}(m_\gamma) + \Gamma_1^{pt}(E, m_\gamma)]$$

Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$: RESULTS



RMI23 & Soton Coll., 2017

$$\delta R_{K\pi} = C_0 + C_\chi \log(m_{ud}) + C_1 m_{ud} + C_2 m_{ud}^2 + Da^2 + \frac{K_2}{L^2} \left[\frac{1}{M_K^2} - \frac{1}{M_\pi^2} \right] + \frac{K_2^\mu}{L^2} \left[\frac{1}{(E_\mu^K)^2} - \frac{1}{(E_\mu^\pi)^2} \right] + \delta\Gamma^{pt}(\Delta E_\gamma^{\max,K}) - \delta\Gamma^{pt}(\Delta E_\gamma^{\max,\pi})$$

LATTICE RESULT

$$\delta R_{K\pi} = -0.0126(10)_{stat} (2)_{input} (5)_{chir} (5)_{FVE} (4)_{disc} (6)_{qQED} = -0.0126(14)$$

ChPT

$$\delta R_K - \delta R_\pi = -0.0112(21)$$

V.Cirigliano and H.Neufeld, PLB 700 (2011) 7

$$\left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| \frac{f_K^{(0)}}{f_\pi^{(0)}} = 0.27683(29)_{exp} (20)_{th}$$

FLAG(2019) $N_f=2+1+1$ $\frac{f_K^{(0)}}{f_\pi^{(0)}} = 1.1966(18)$

$$\left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| = 0.23135(24)_{exp} (39)_{th}$$

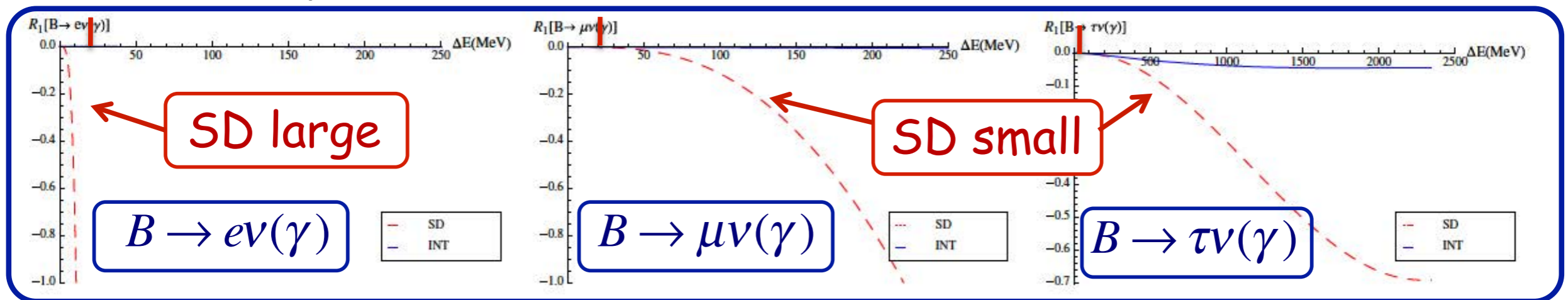
$|V_{ud}|$ from

$|V_{us}| = 0.22538(46)$ Hardy and Towner, 2016

$|V_{us}| = 0.22526(46)$ Seng et al., 2018

Structure dependent contributions to decays of D and B mesons

- For the studies of D and B mesons decays we cannot apply ChPT
- For B mesons in particular we have another small scale, $m_{B^*} - m_B \approx 45 \text{ MeV}$
 ➔ the radiation of a soft photon may still induce sizeable SD effects
- A phenomenological analysis based on a simple pole model for F_V and F_A confirms this picture
 D. Becirevic *et al.*, PLB 681 (2009) 257



$$F_V \approx \frac{\tilde{C}_V}{1 - (p_B - k)^2 / m_{B^*}^2}$$

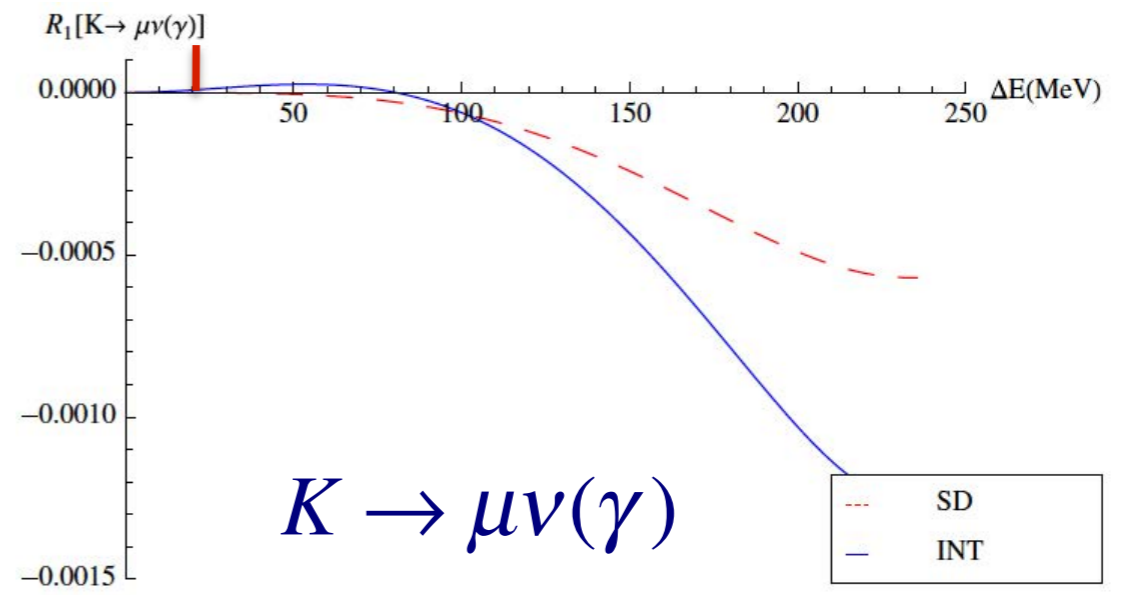
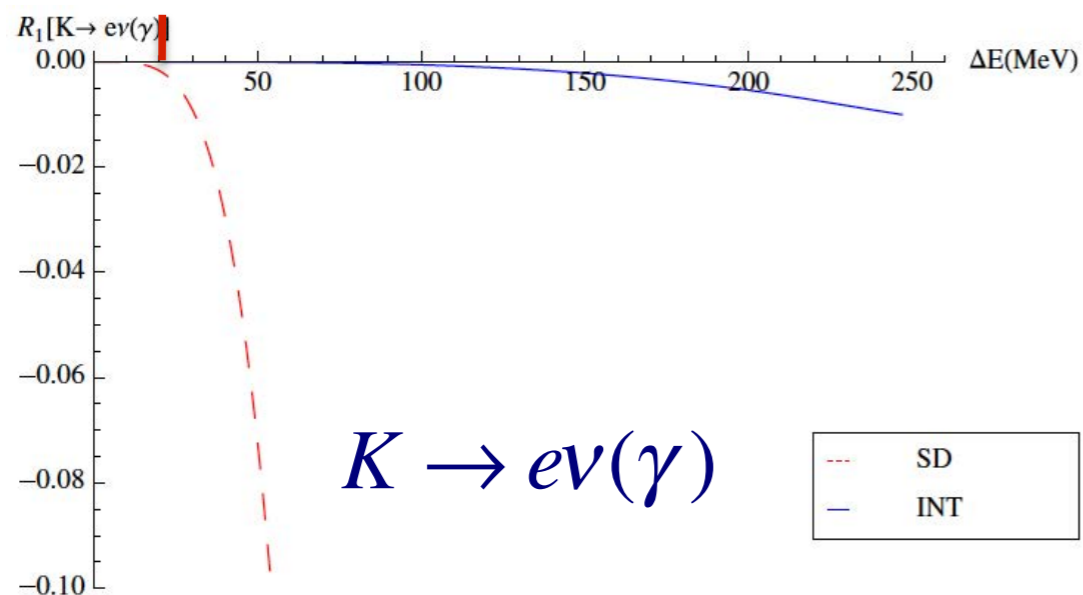
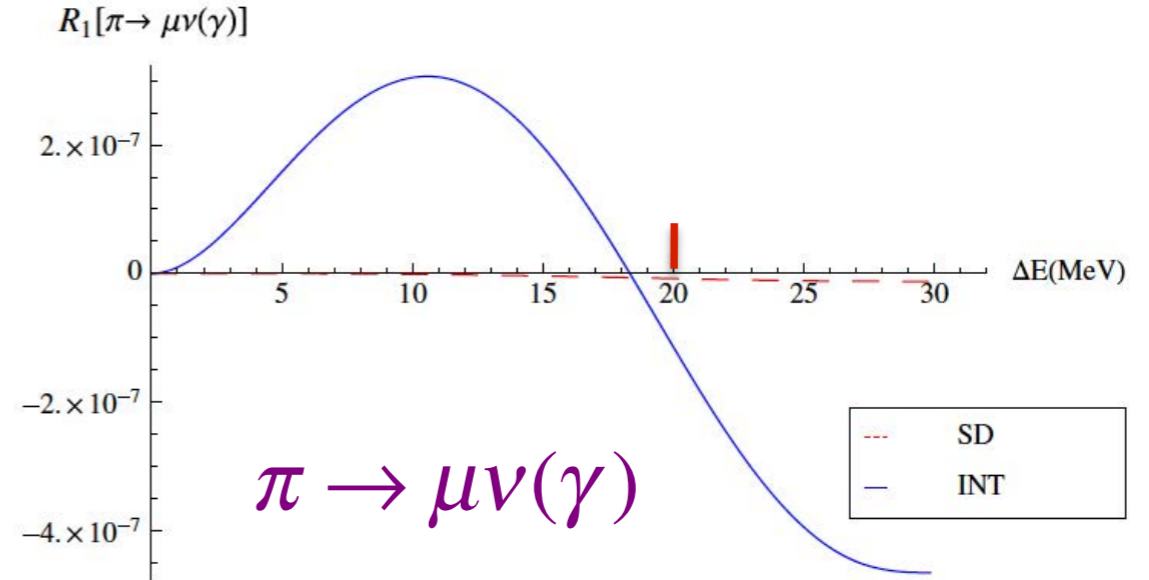
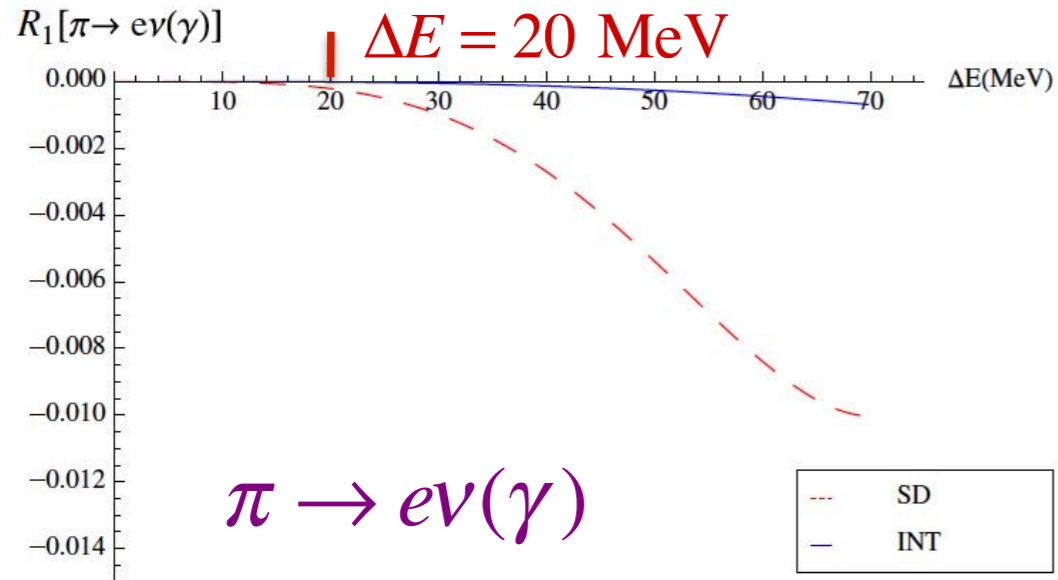
$$F_A \approx \frac{\tilde{C}_A}{1 - (p_B - k)^2 / m_{B_1}^2}$$

Under this assumption the SD contributions to $B \rightarrow e \nu(\gamma)$ for $E_\gamma \approx 20 \text{ MeV}$ can be very large, but are small for $B \rightarrow \mu \nu(\gamma)$ and $B \rightarrow \tau \nu(\gamma)$

A lattice calculation of F_V and F_A would be very useful

$$R_1^A(\Delta E) = \frac{\Gamma_1^A(\Delta E)}{\Gamma_0^{\alpha,pt} + \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)}, \quad A = \{\text{SD}, \text{INT}\}$$

SD = structure dependent
INT = interference



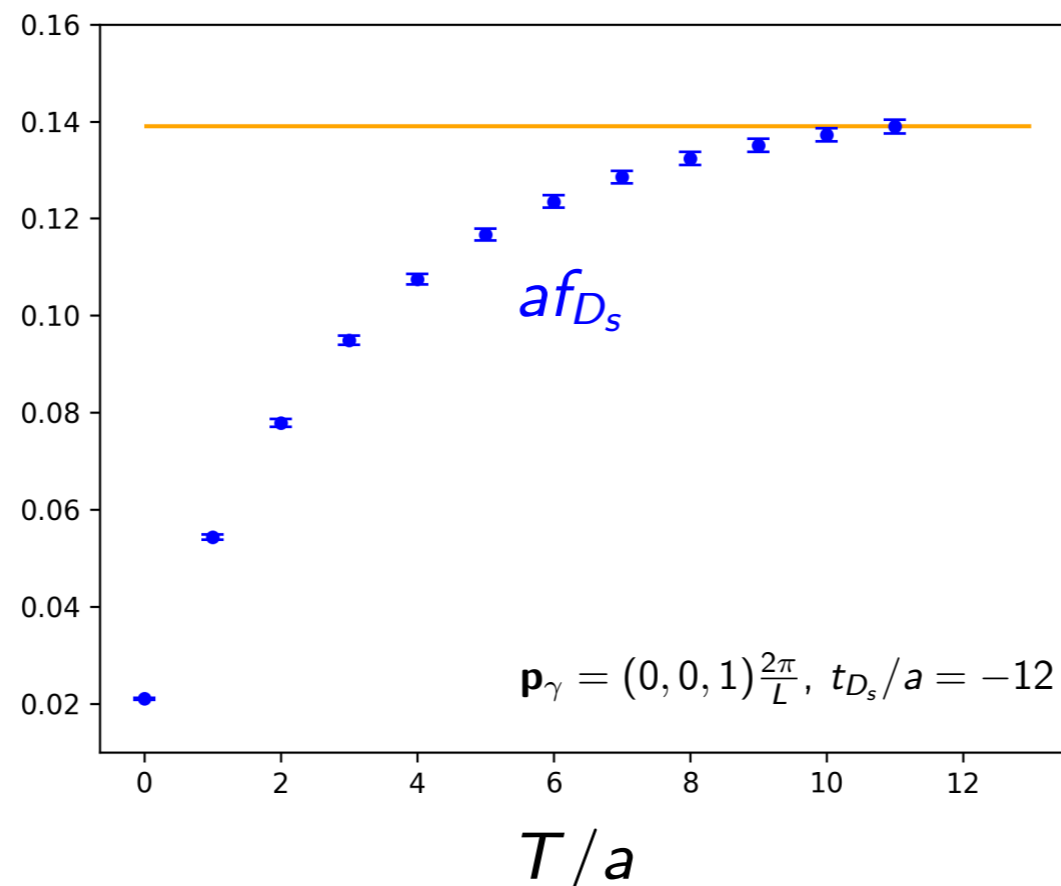
- Interference contributions are negligible in all the decays
- Structure-dependent contributions can be sizable for $K \rightarrow e\nu(\gamma)$ but they are negligible for $\Delta E < 20 \text{ MeV}$ (which is experimentally accessible)

Cross-checks

Recall

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\tau\rho} p_\gamma^\tau v^\rho F_V + i[-g_{\mu\nu}(p_\gamma \cdot v) + v_\mu (p_\gamma)_\nu] F_A - i \frac{v_\mu v_\nu}{p_\gamma \cdot v} m_{D_s} f_{D_s} + (p_\gamma)_\mu \text{-terms}$$

→ also extract f_{D_s} as a cross-check



Yellow line = FLAG 2021 average

Infinite-volume approximation

We assume there exist $c, d, \Lambda, \Lambda' \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $L_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ for which

$$\tilde{C}^L(q) \equiv \sum_{x=-L/2}^{L/2-1} C^L(x) e^{iqx}$$

for all x with $-L/2 \leq x \leq L/2$ and $L \geq L_0$ and

$$|C^\infty(x)| \leq d e^{-\Lambda'|x|}$$

for all x with $|x| > L/2$. We now define

$$|C^\infty(x) - C^L(x)| \leq c e^{-\Lambda L} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{C}^\infty(q) \equiv \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} C^\infty(x) e^{iqx}.$$

Under the above assumptions, it then follows that there is a $\tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}^+$ for which

$$|\tilde{C}^\infty(q) - \tilde{C}^L(q)| \leq \tilde{c} e^{-\Lambda_0 L}$$

for all $q \in [-\pi, \pi]$ and all $L \geq L_0$, with $\Lambda_0 \equiv \min(\Lambda, \Lambda'/2)$.