



The α_s analyses from hadronic τ decays from OPAL and ALEPH data

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Main references:

1. Phys Rev D **91** (2015)
2. Phys Rev D **85** (2012)
3. Phys Rev D **84** (2011)

Outline

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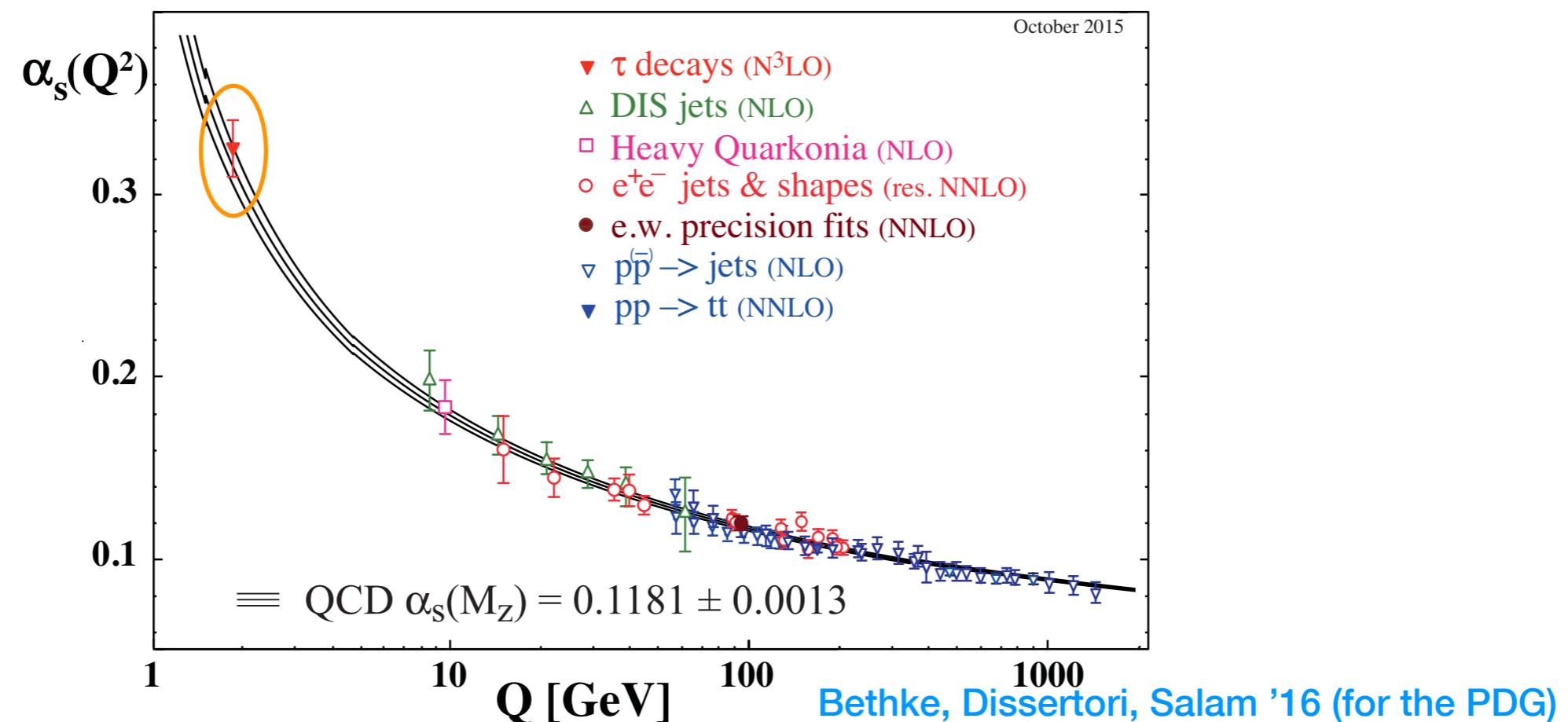
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Framework

- Uses three weight functions

$$w_1 = 1, \quad w_2 = 1 - x^2, \quad w_\tau = (1 - x)^2(1 + 2x)$$

- Only two LO condensate contributions $C_{6,8}$. Good perturbative behaviour.

Beneke, DB, Jamin, '13

- Employs a window of values $s_0^{\min} \leq s_0 \leq m_\tau^2$, more data points.

- DV contribution. For $s \geq s_0^{\min}$

$$\rho_{V/A}^{\text{DV}}(s) = \exp(-\delta_{V/A} - \gamma_{V/A}s) \sin(\alpha_{V/A} + \beta_{V/A}s)$$

- Analysis done in V and/or A (necessary)

- Fully self-consistent. No OPE or DV contribution is neglected.

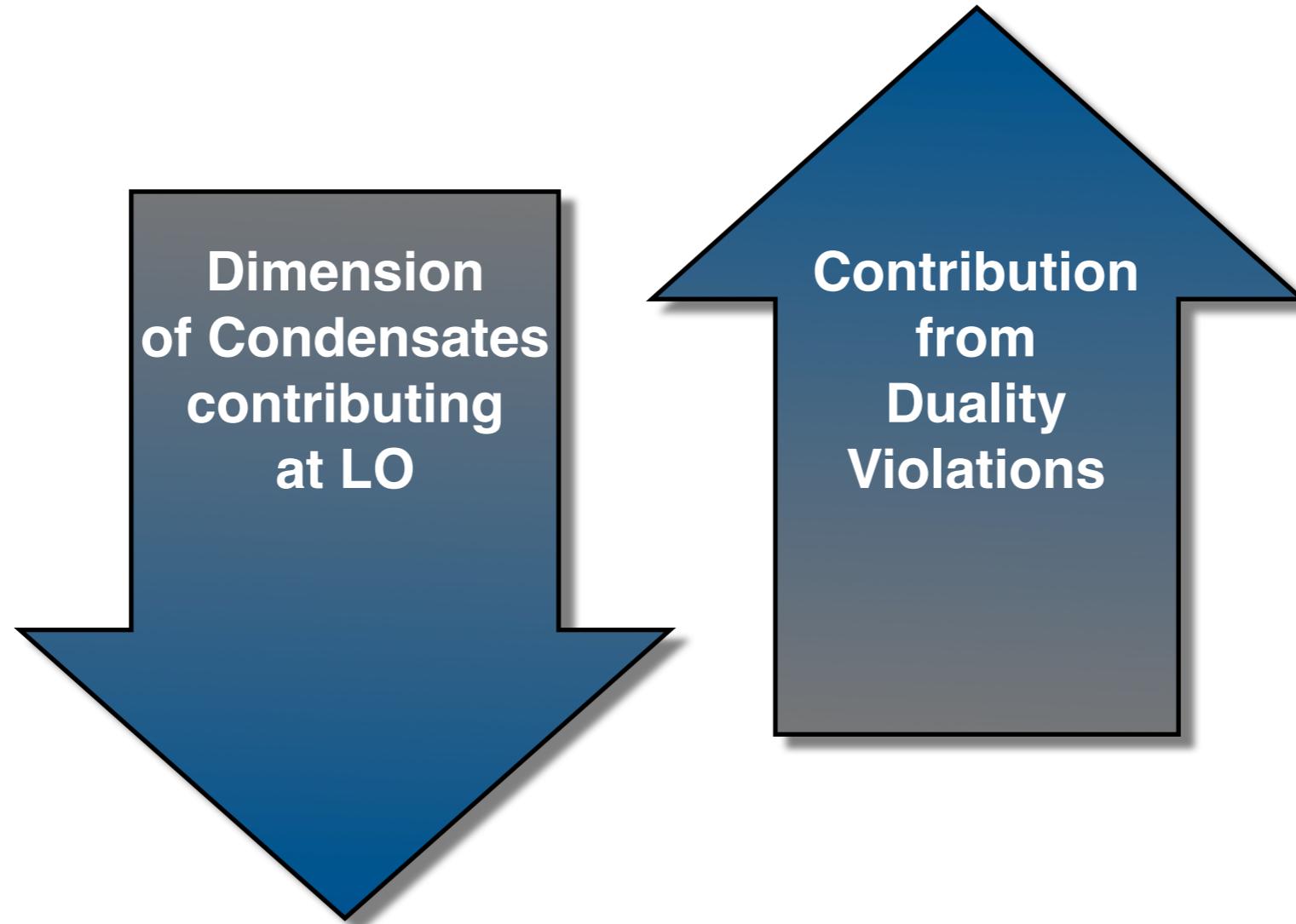
→ see Peris' talk

- DVs must be taken into account. (In order to achieve self-consistency)

Main message

One cannot suppress Duality Violations and condensates at the same time

→ see Peris' talk

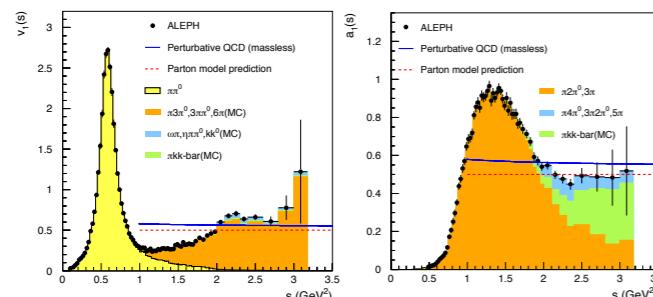


- Inclusion of DVs makes safer the use of lower S_0 and improves self-consistency ●

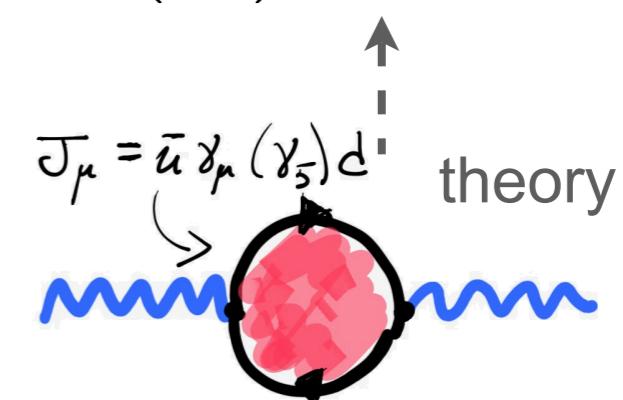
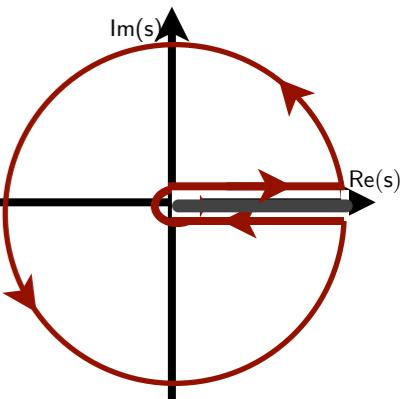
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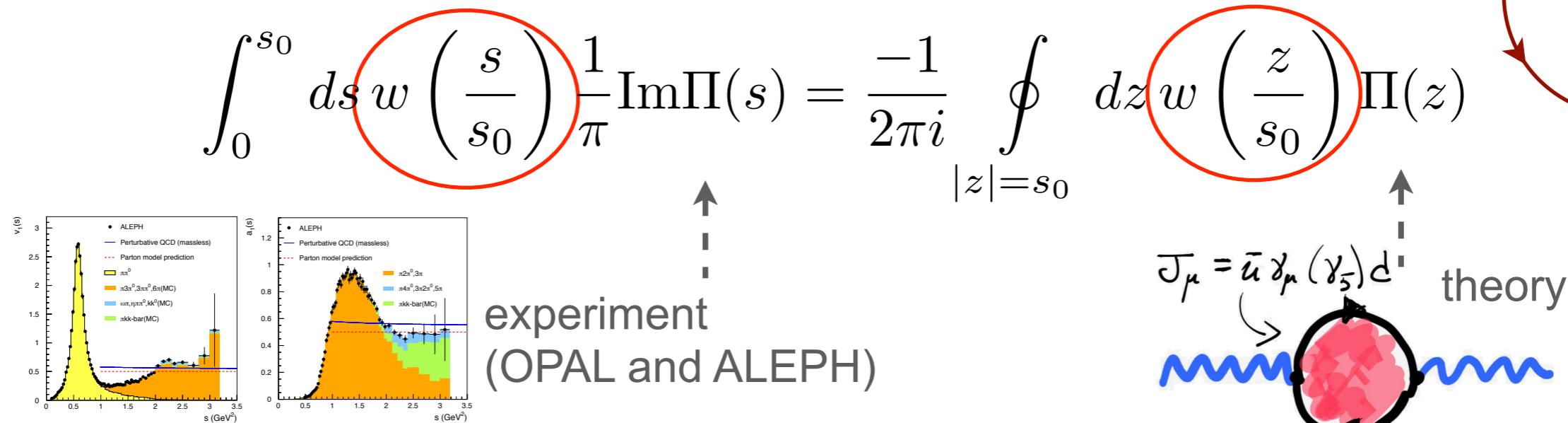


experiment
(OPAL and ALEPH)



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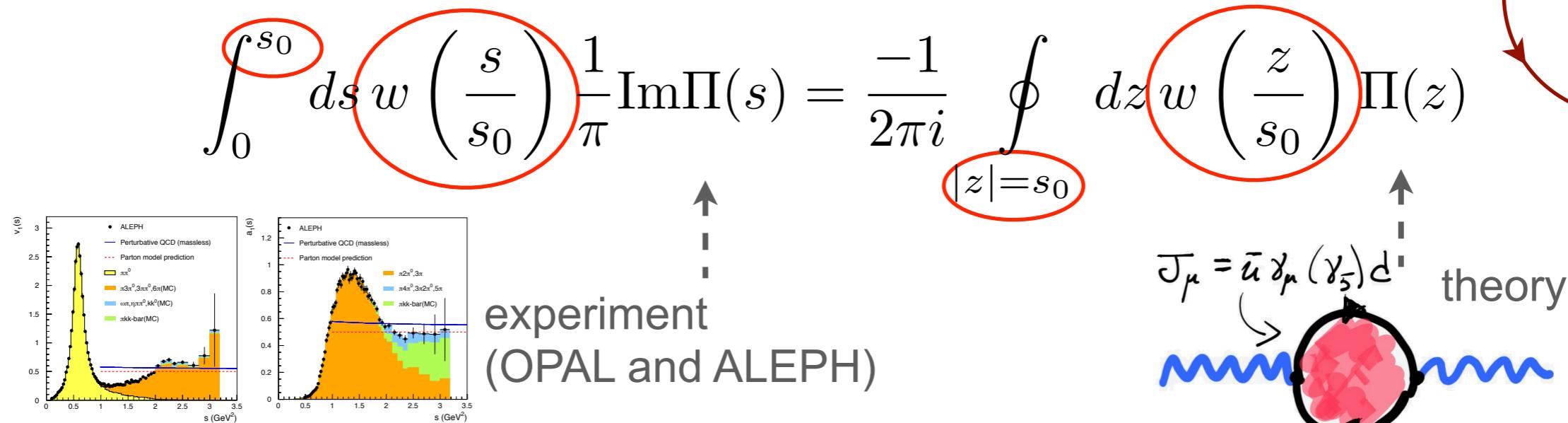
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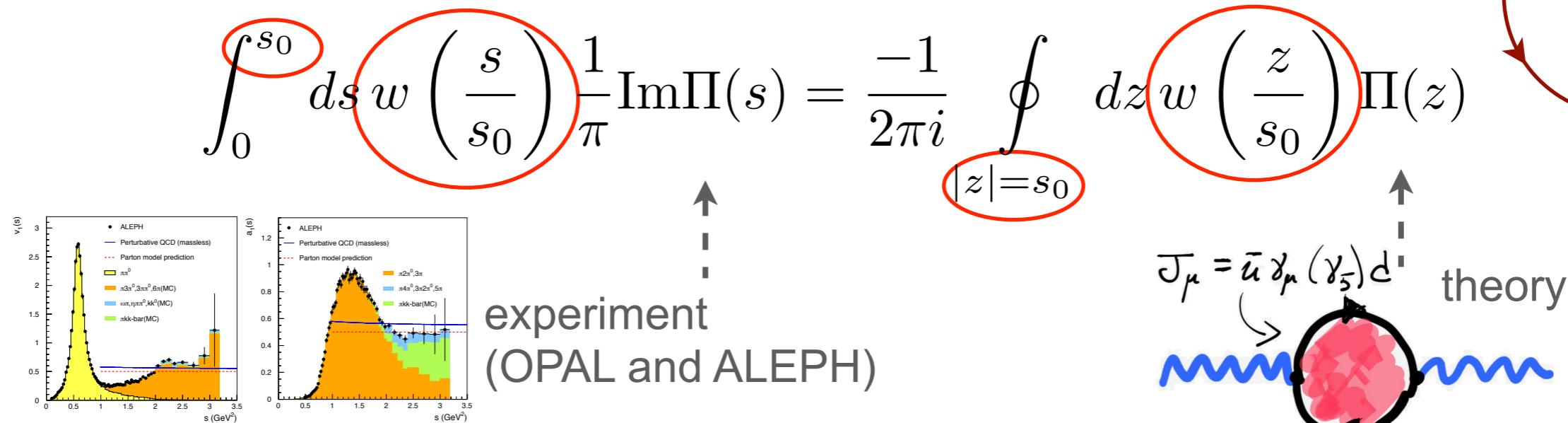
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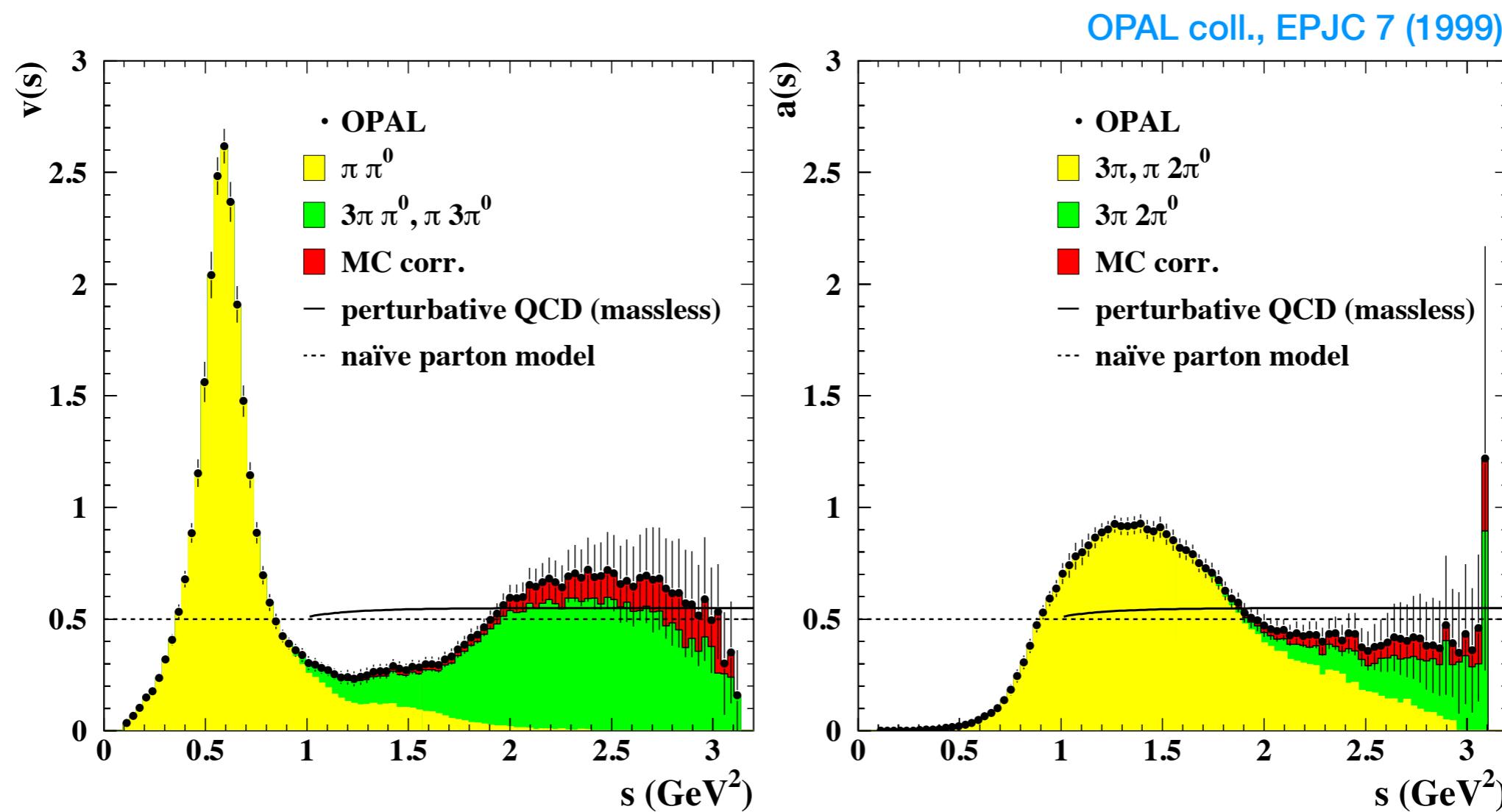
Analysis with OPAL data

DB, M Golterman, M Jamin, A. Mahdavi, K Maltman, J Osborne, S Peris, *Phys Rev D* **85** (2012)

The OPAL data

- Why use OPAL data with larger errors than ALEPH's?
- Correlations due to unfolding not properly account for in the 05/08 ALEPH spec. functions.

[DB, Catà, Golterman, Jamin, Maltman, Osborne and Peris, '11](#)



In 2012 this was the only reliable data set

Fits

- **Fits to updated OPAL data:**

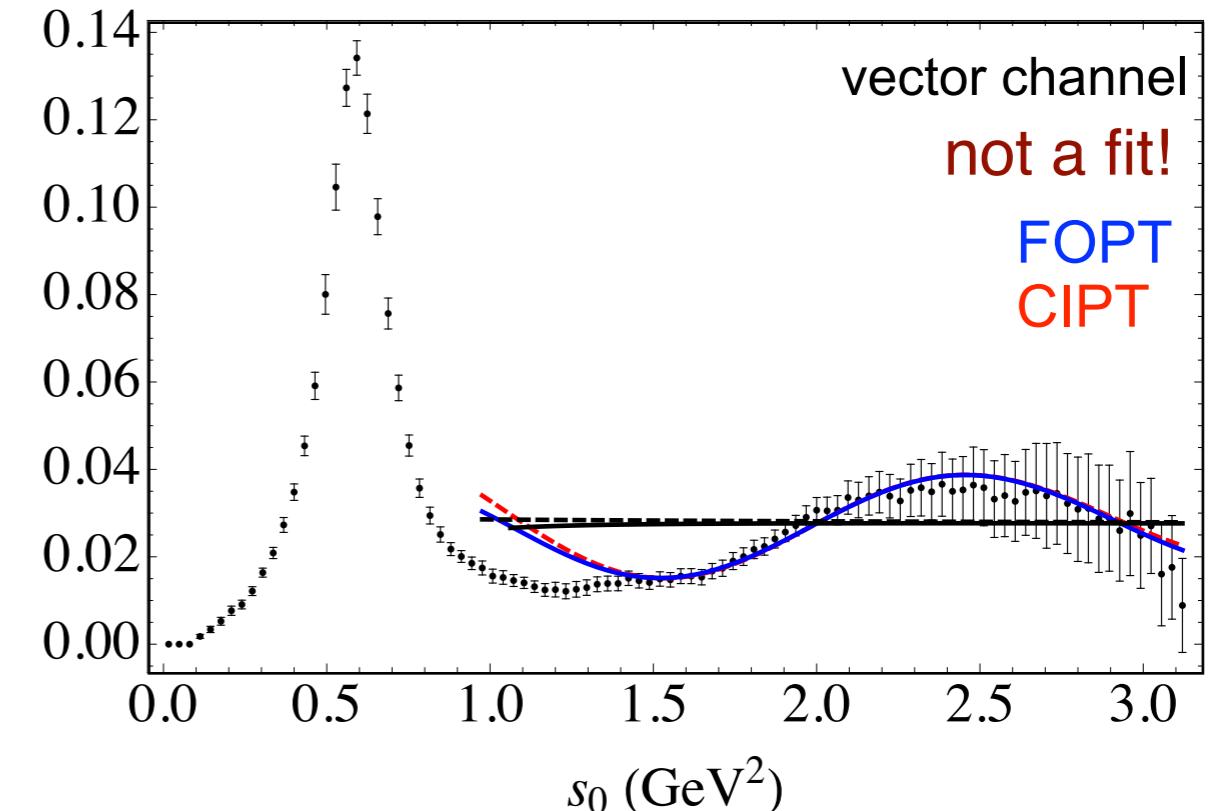
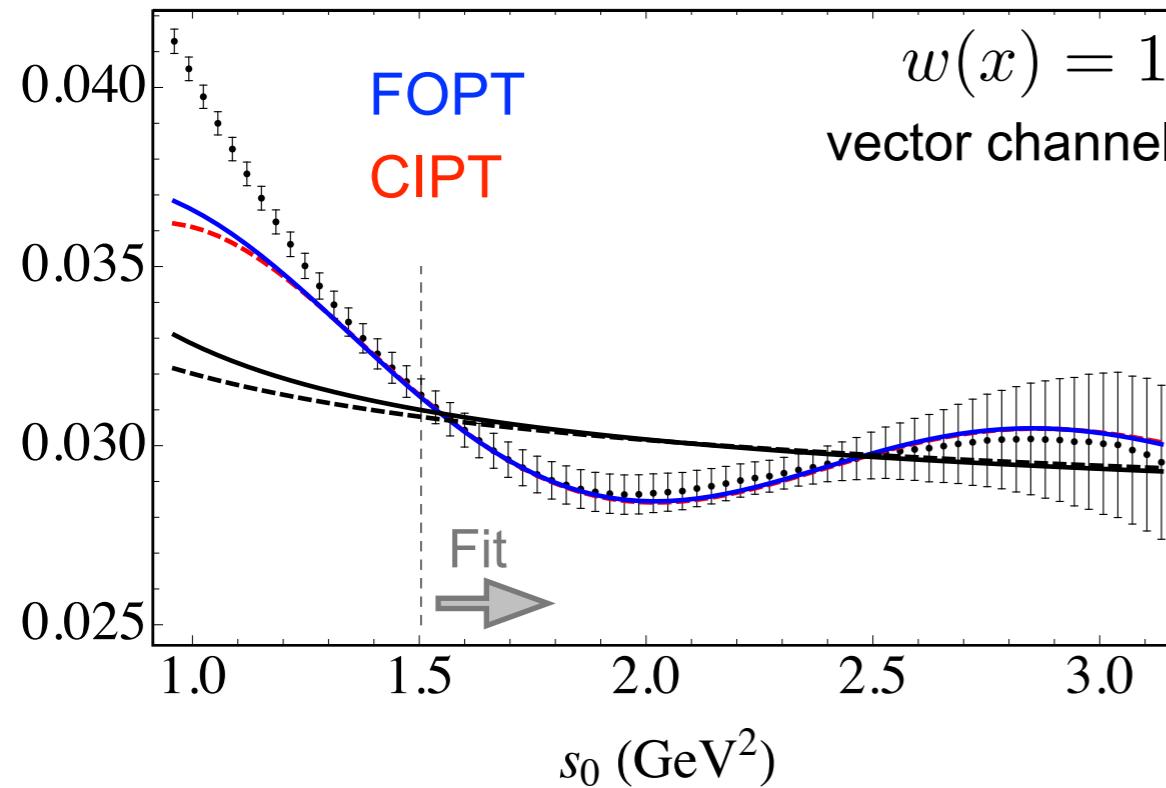
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Fits

Vector channel, $w_1 = 1$, $s_0 = 1.55 \text{ GeV}^2$

5 parms., 47 dof



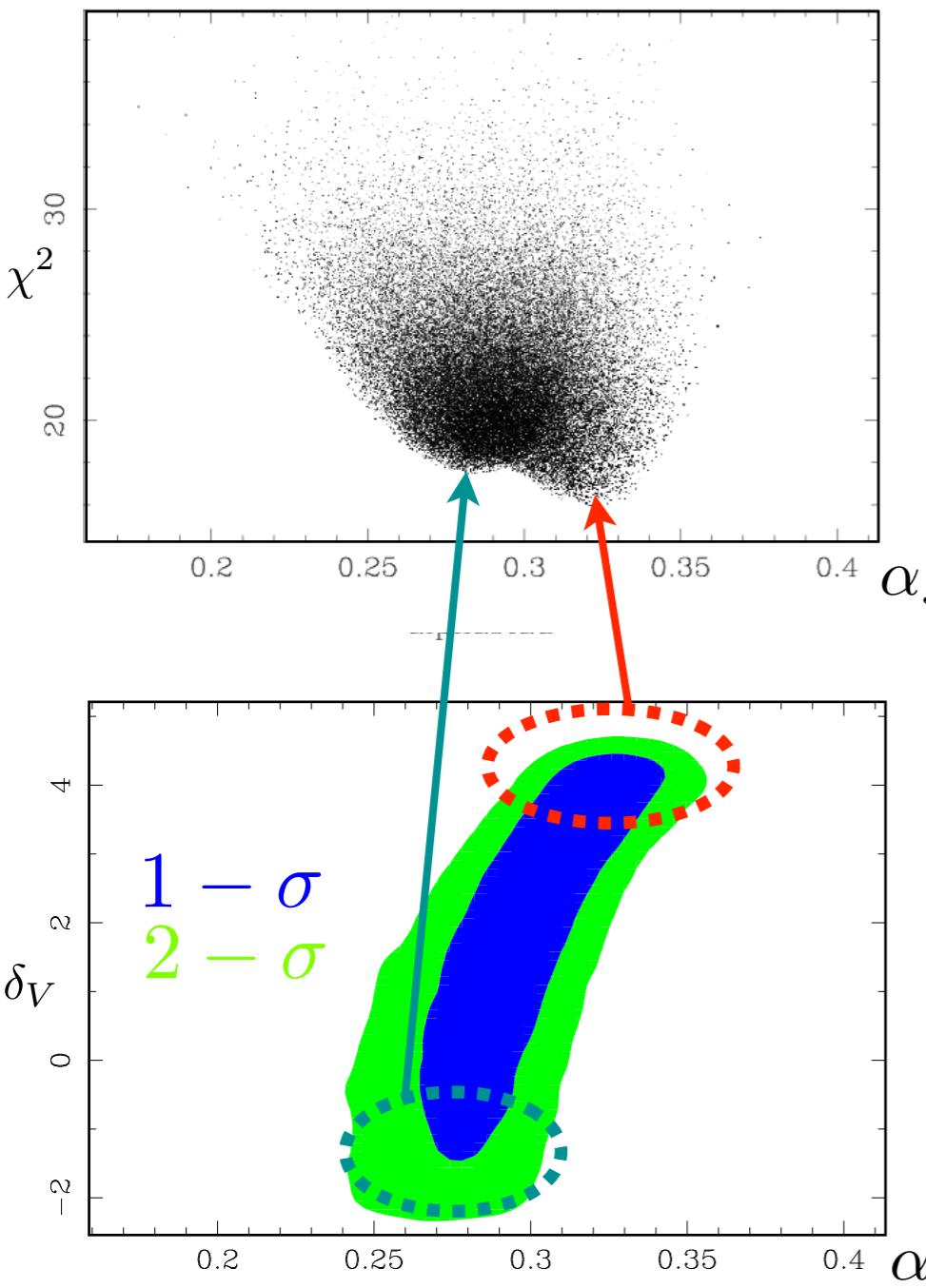
- $\chi^2/dof = 0.34$
- Results for the strong coupling:

$$\alpha_s(m_\tau^2) = 0.325 \pm 0.018 \text{ } (\overline{\text{MS}}, n_f = 3, \text{FOPT})$$

$$\alpha_s(m_\tau^2) = 0.347 \pm 0.025 \text{ } (\overline{\text{MS}}, n_f = 3, \text{CIPT})$$

McMC checks

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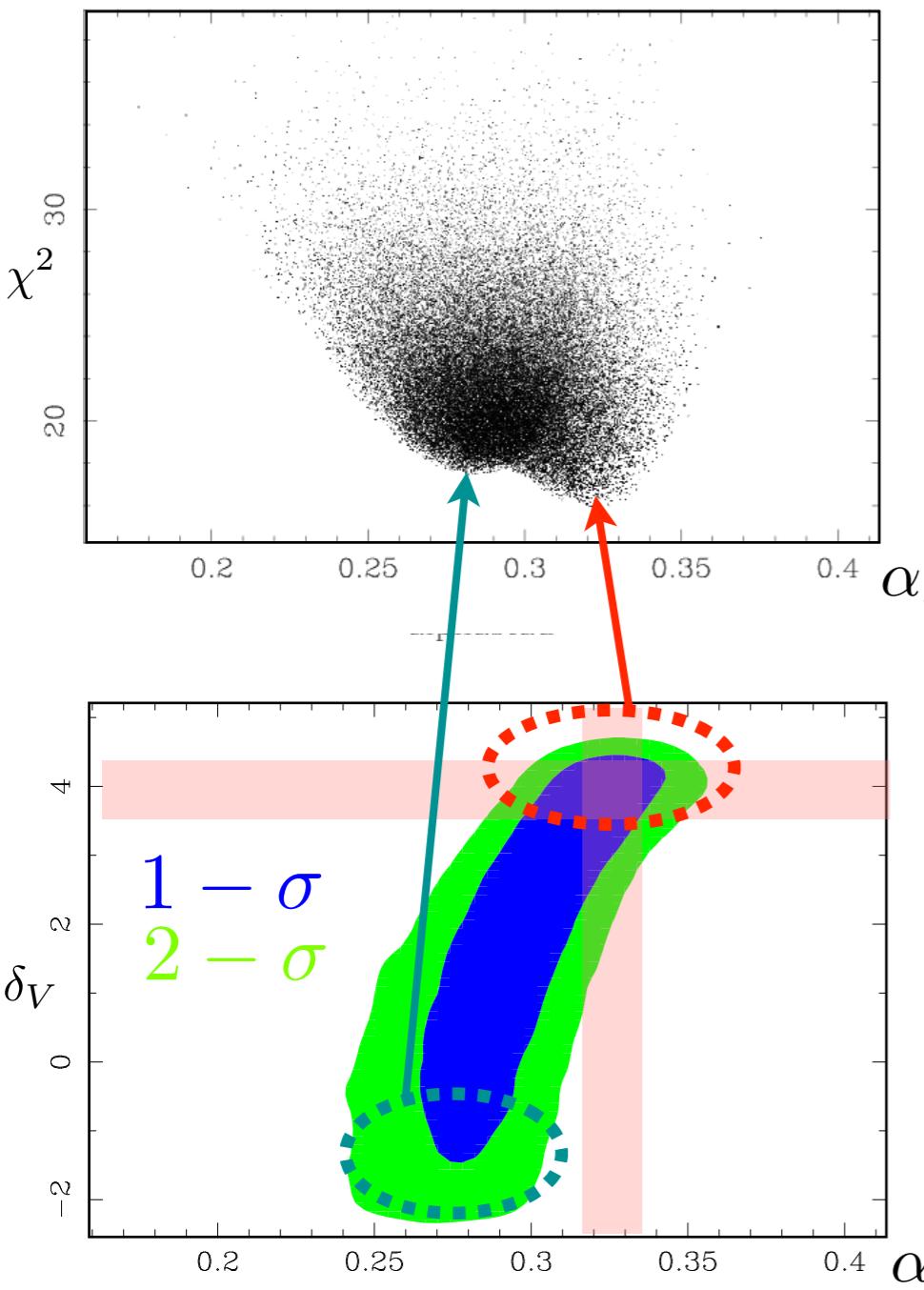


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Further fits and checks

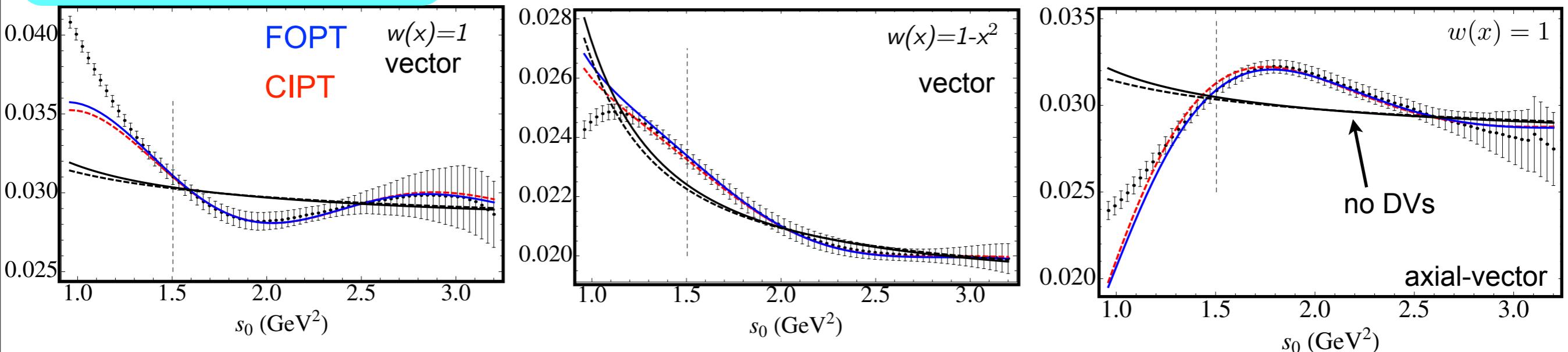
V&A channels,

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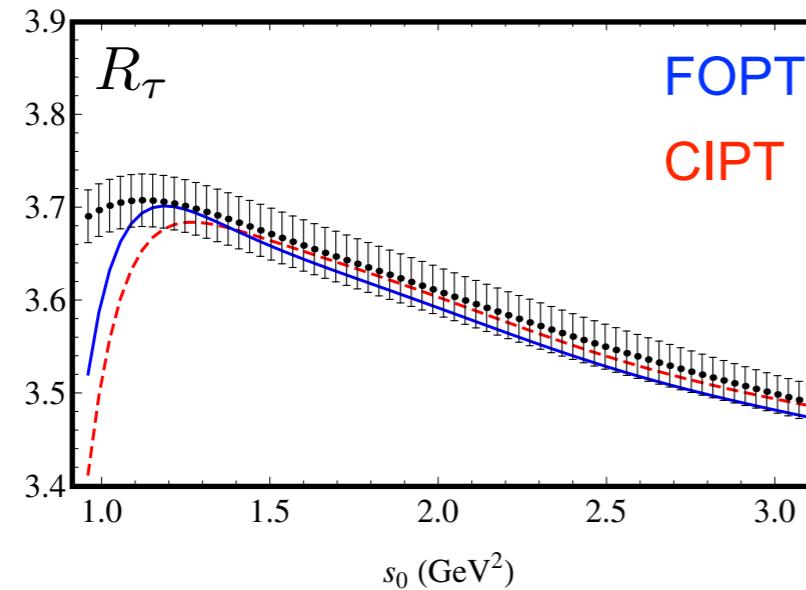
11 parms., 92 dof

$$\alpha_s(m_\tau^2) = 0.311 \pm 0.013 \text{ (MS, } n_f = 3, \text{ FOPT)}$$

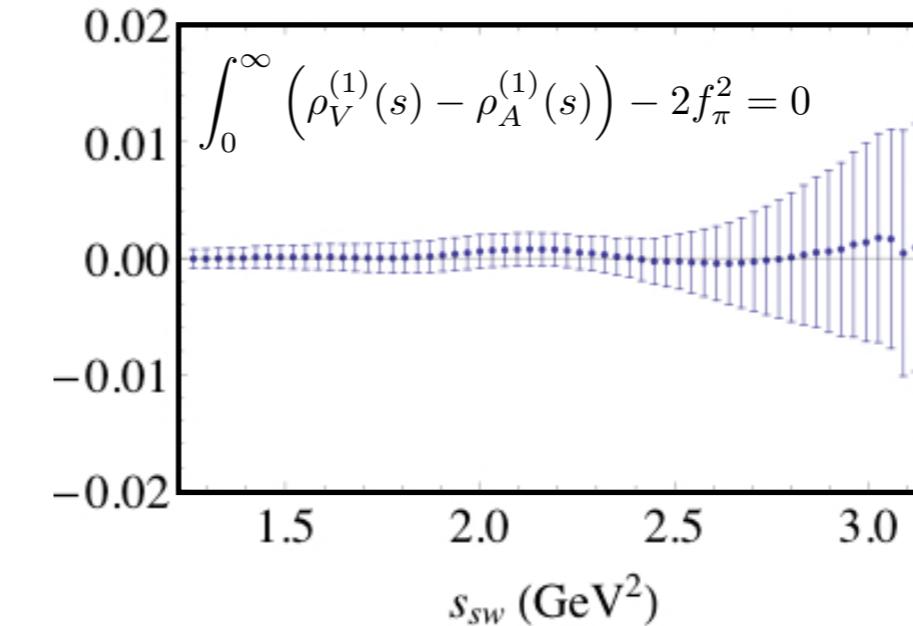
$$\alpha_s(m_\tau^2) = 0.337 \pm 0.018 \text{ (MS, } n_f = 3, \text{ CIPT)}$$



Some consistency checks:



First Weinberg sum rule



Final numbers based on OPAL data

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Both fits are stable against s_0 variations
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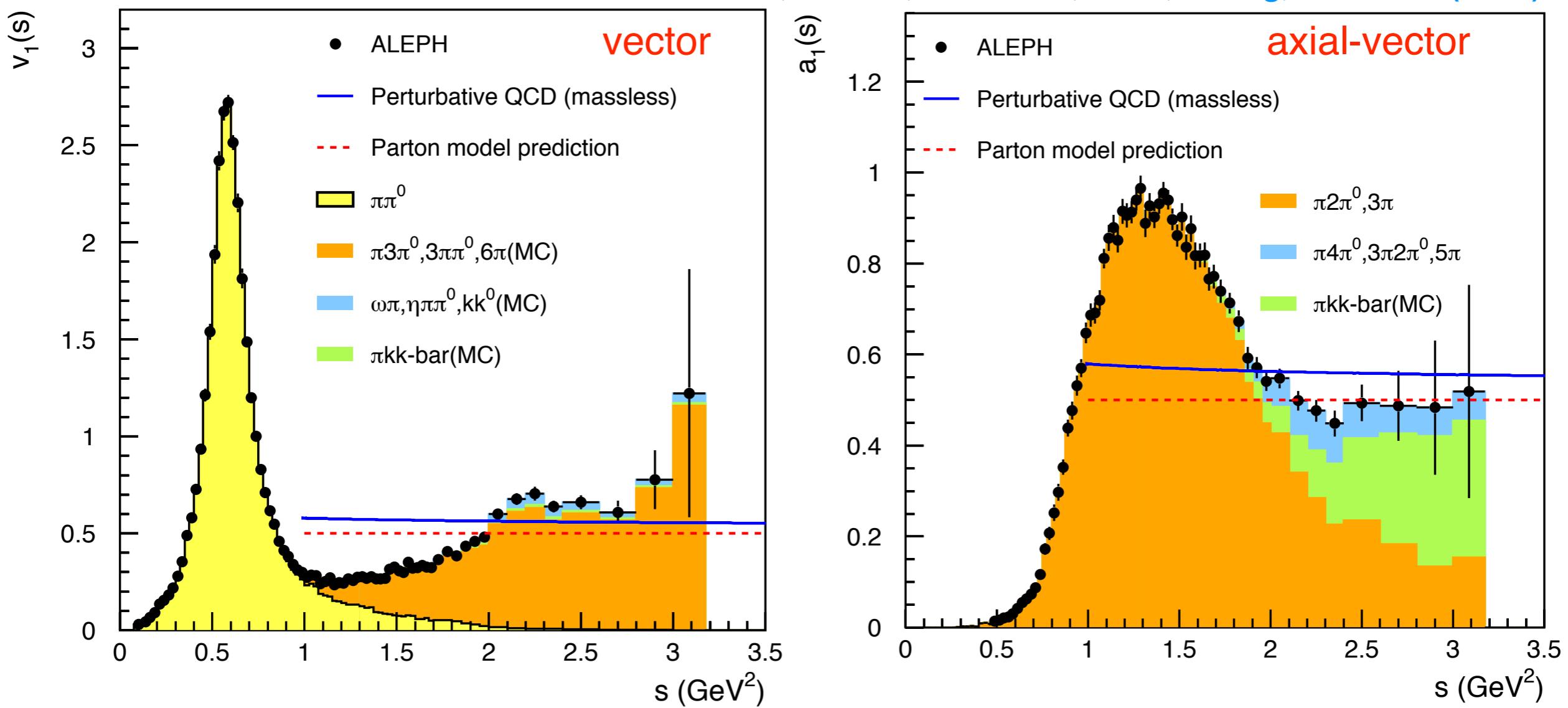
Analysis with ALEPH data

DB, M Golterman, K Maltman, J Osborne, S Peris, *Phys Rev D* **91** (2015)

ALEPH data as of January 2014

- New ALEPH spectral functions with new unfolding, new binning, and corrected correlations.

Davier, Höcker, Malaescu, Yuan, Zhang, EPJC 74 (2014)



Best data set. Only available since January 2014.

Fits

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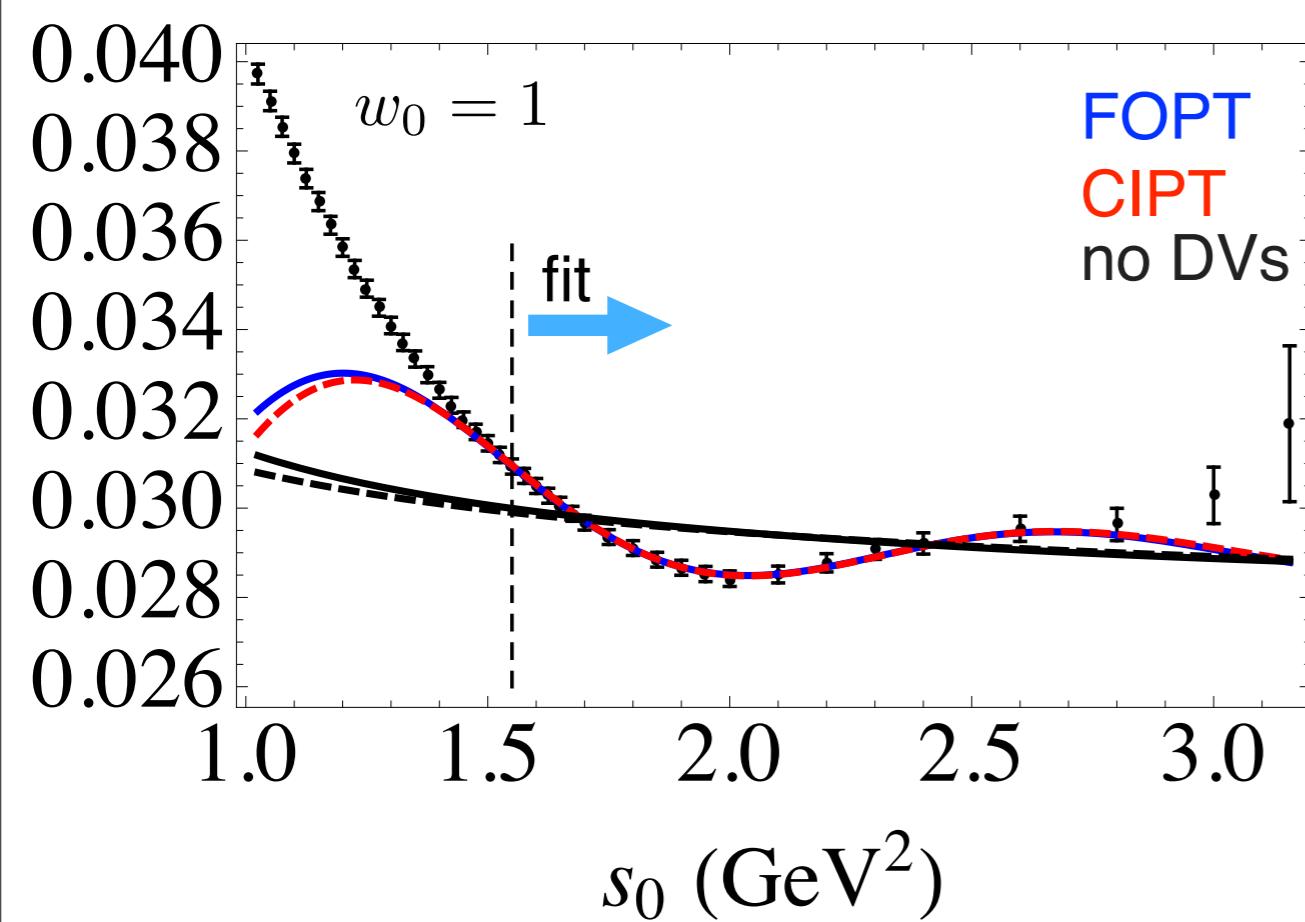
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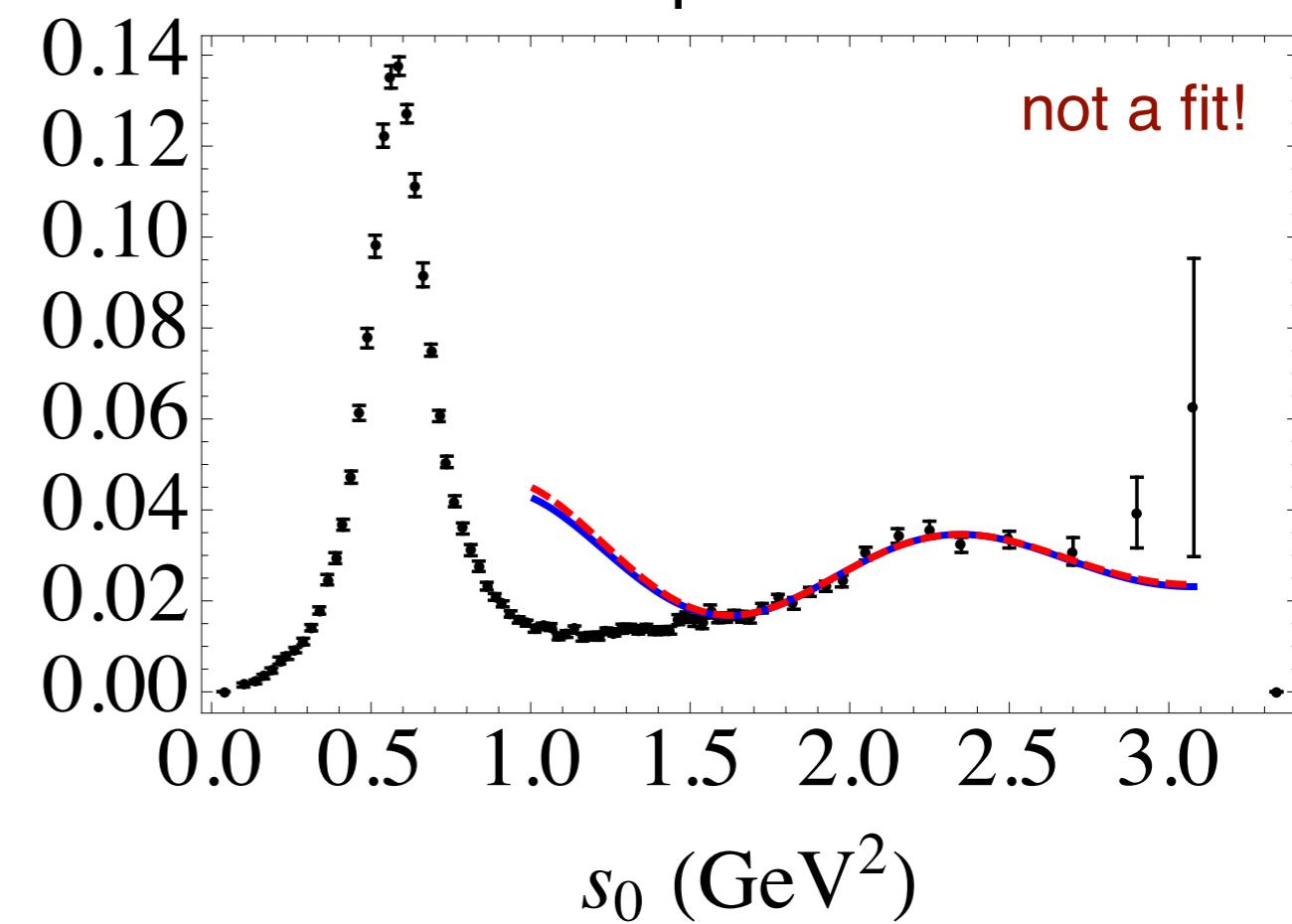
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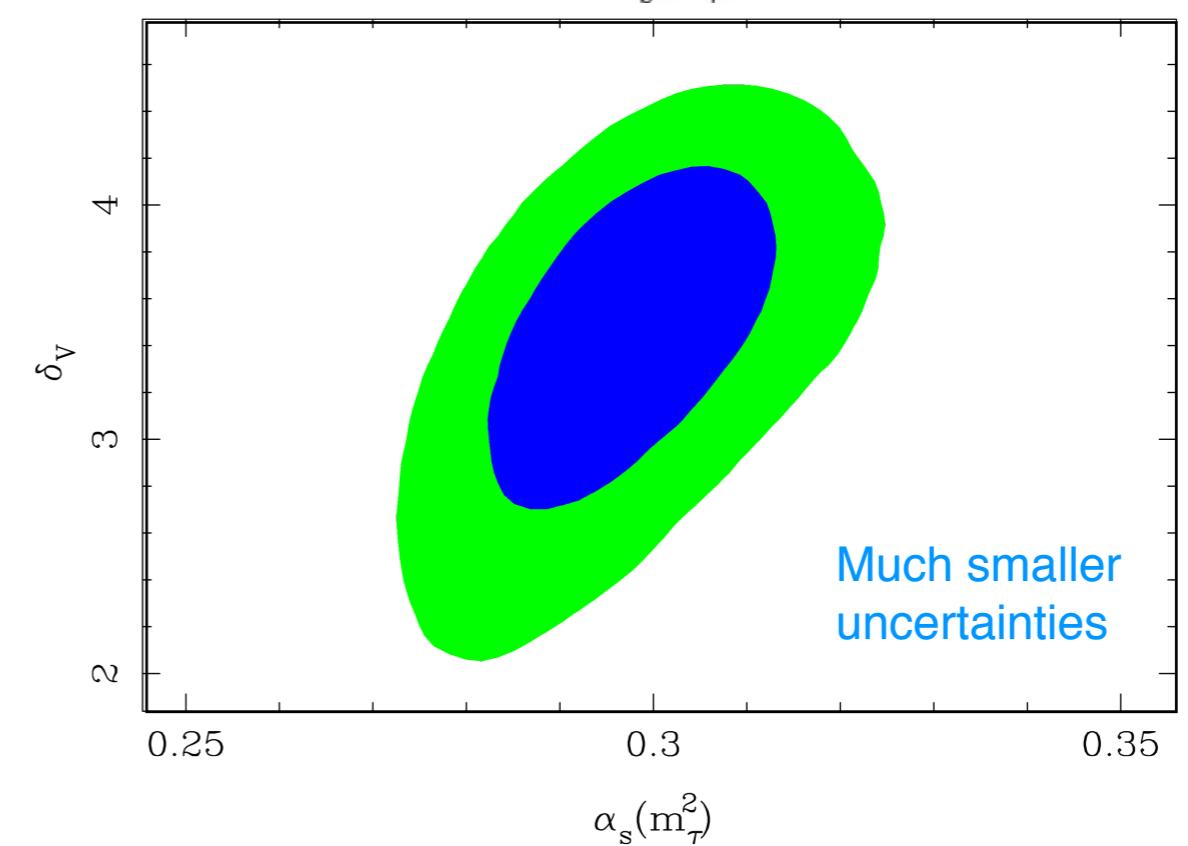
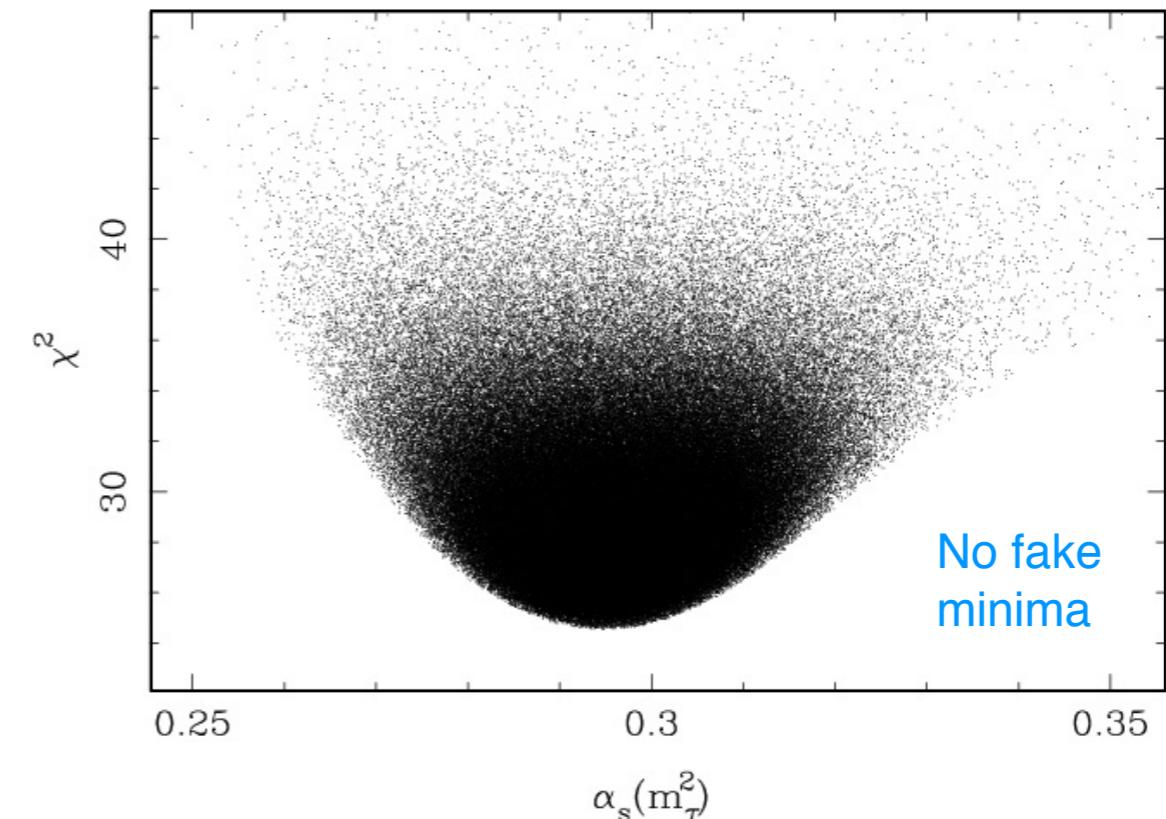
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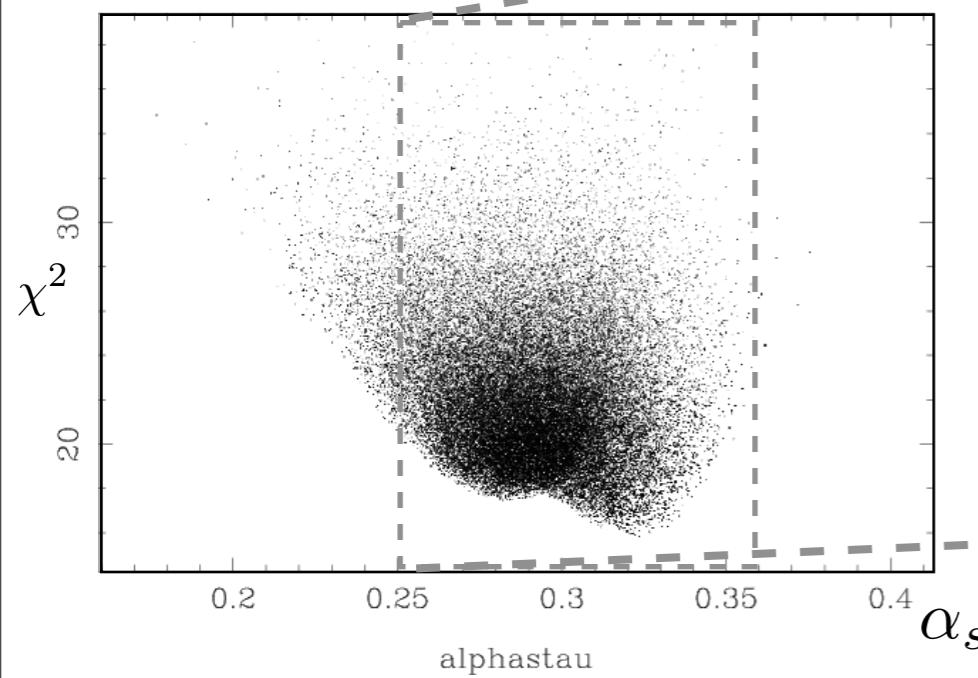
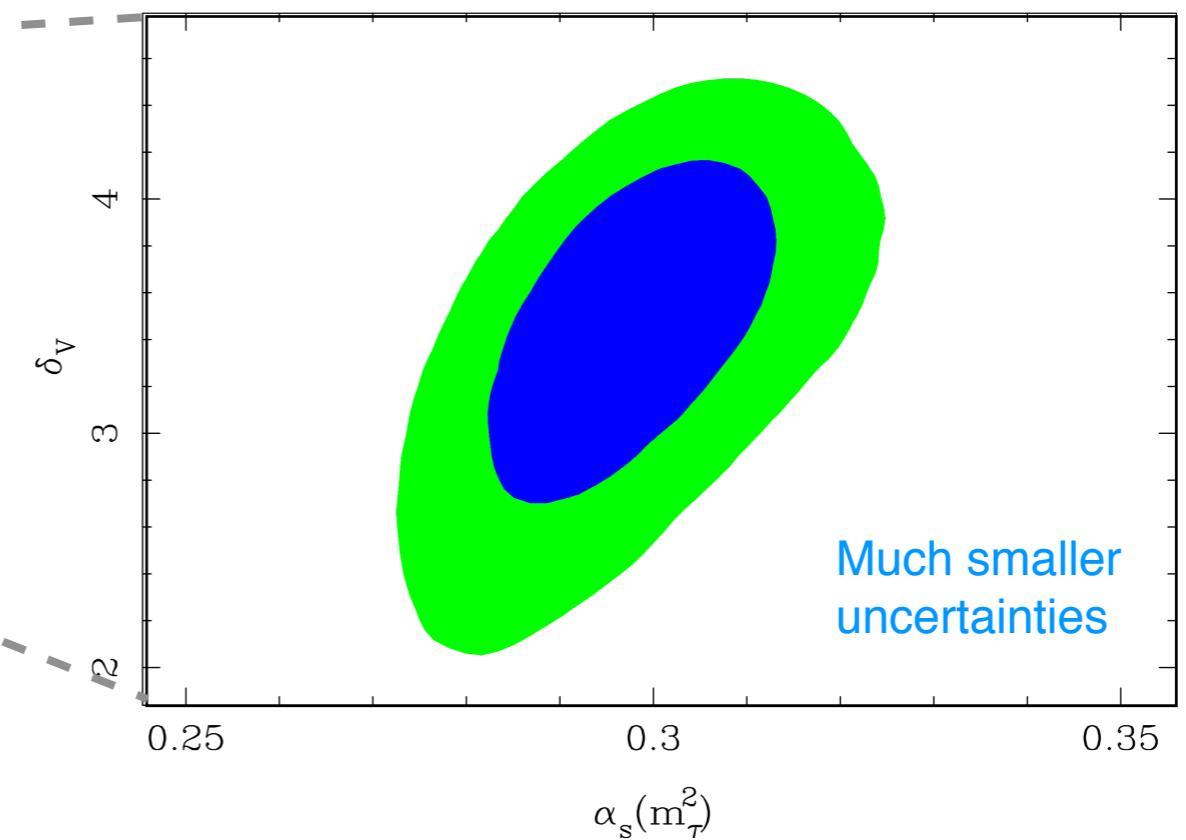
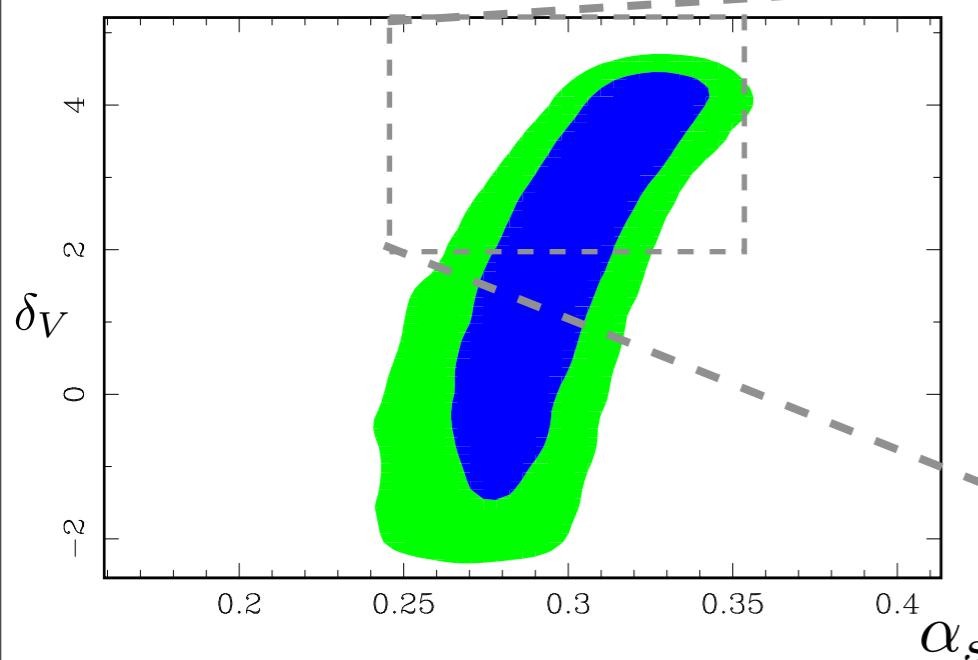
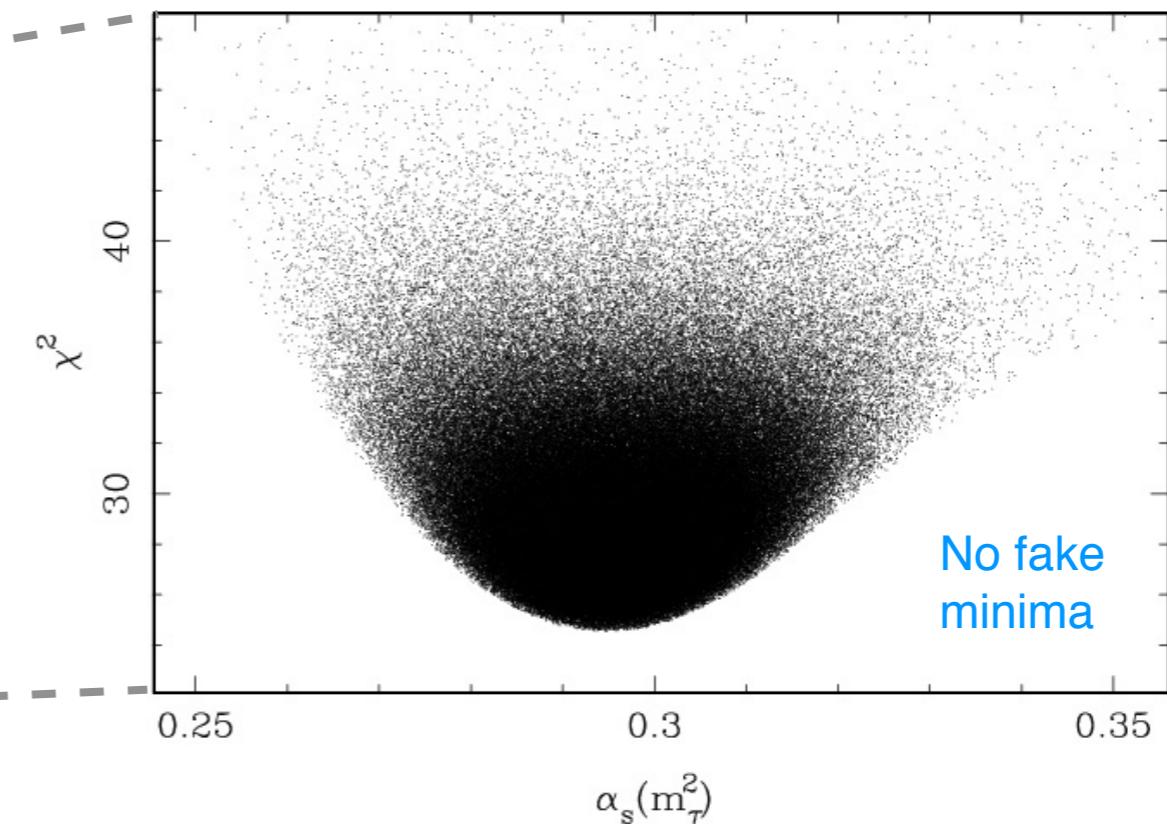
5 parms., 16 dof



Check of the spectral function



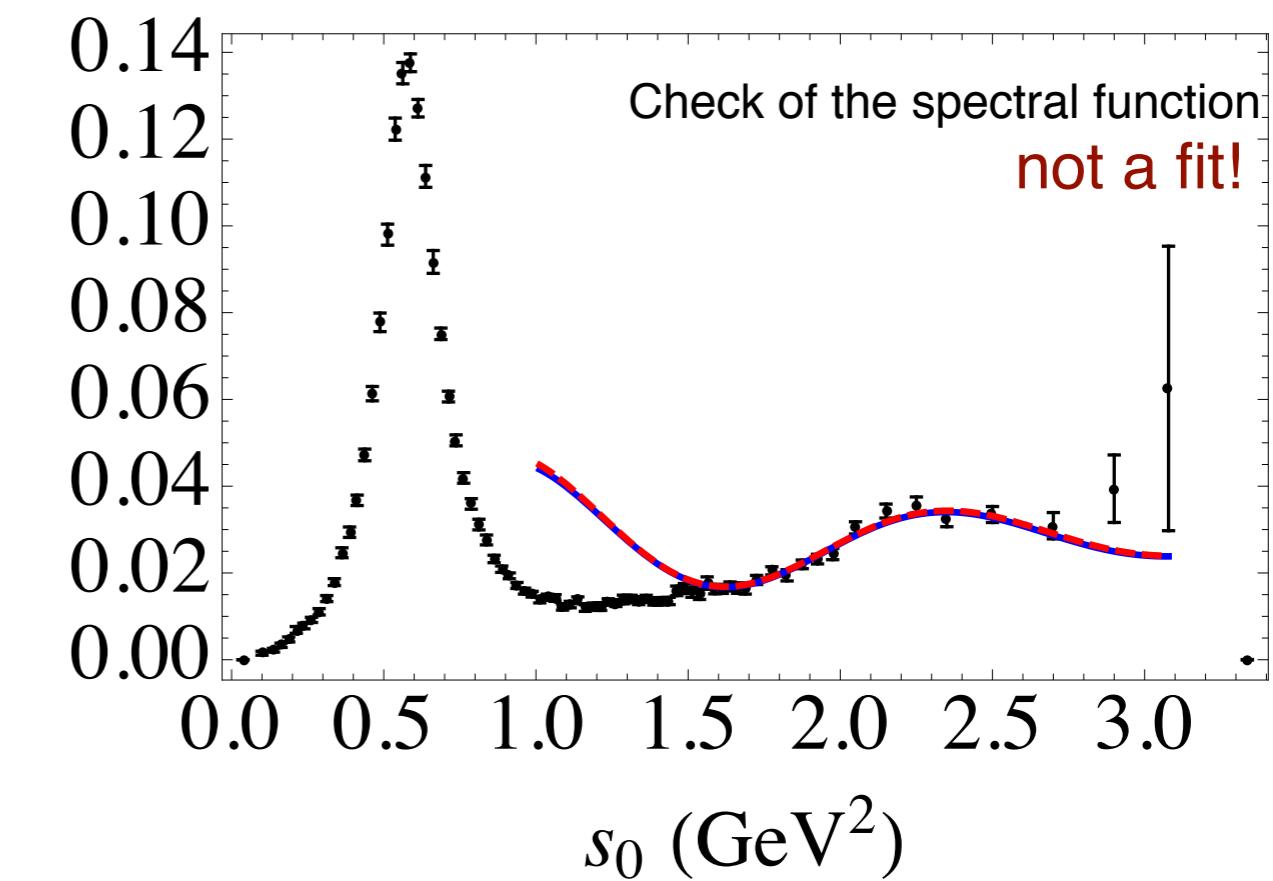
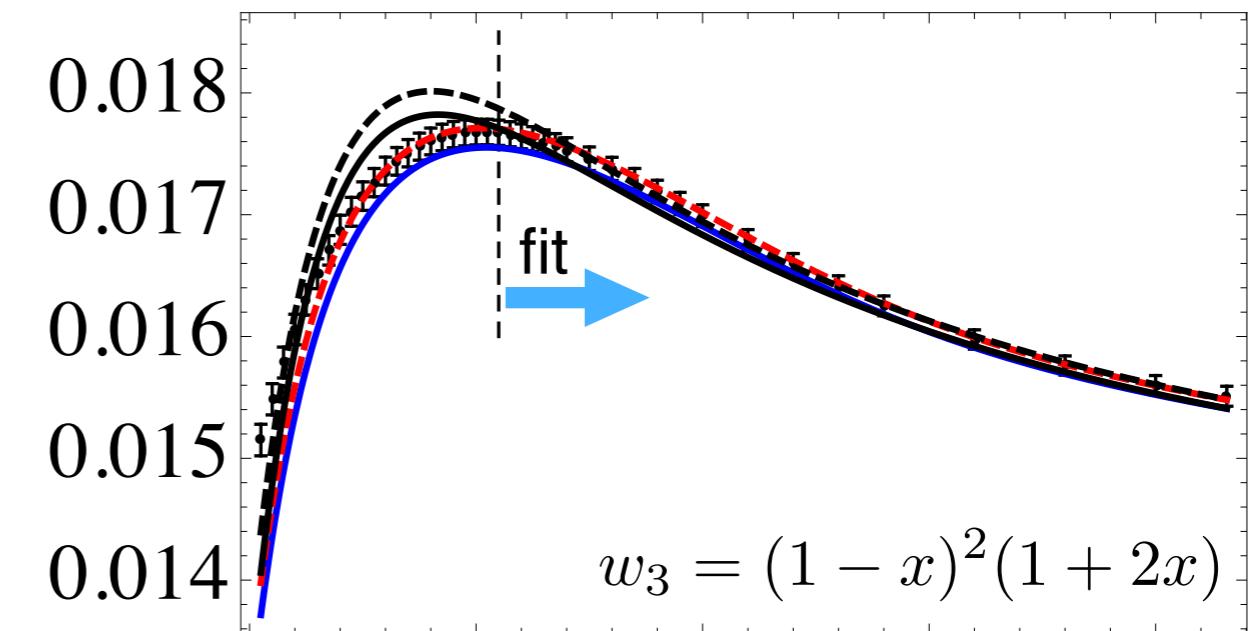
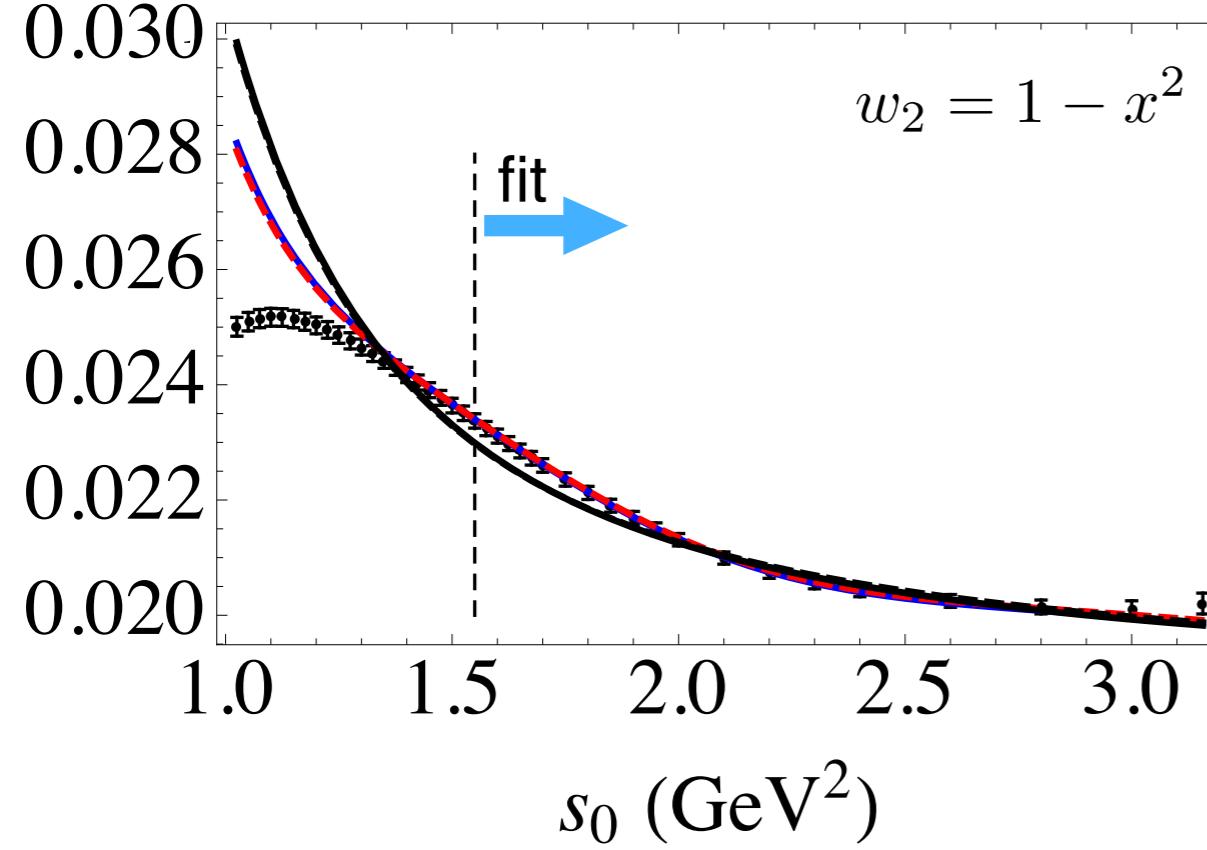
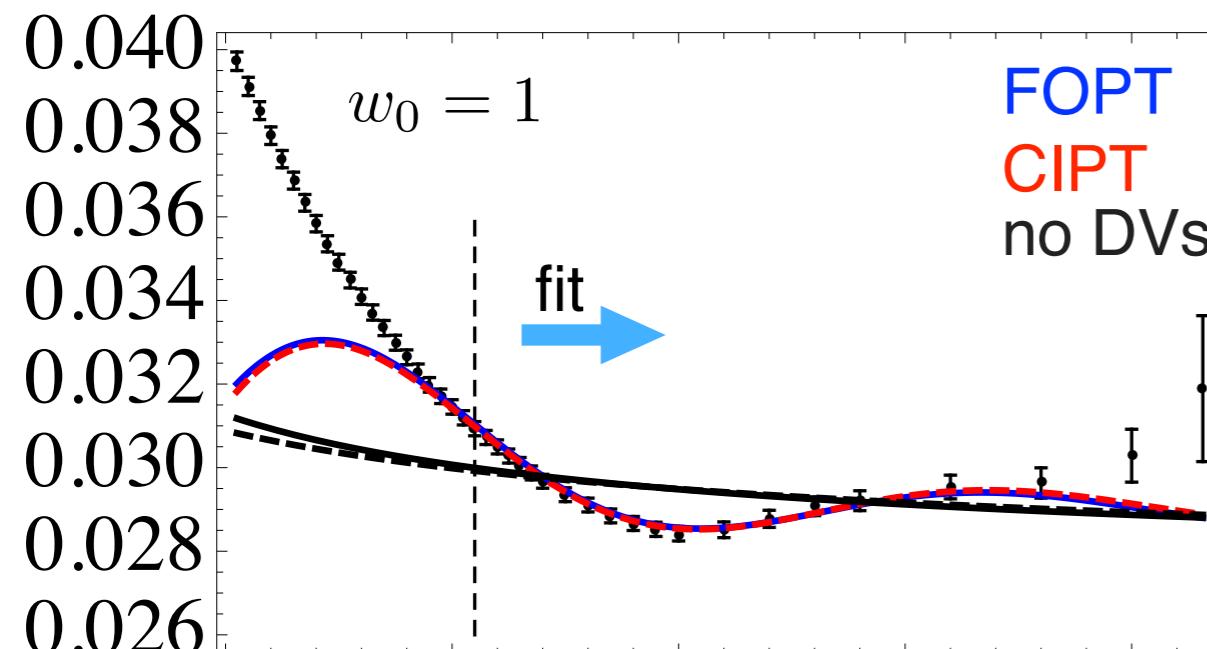
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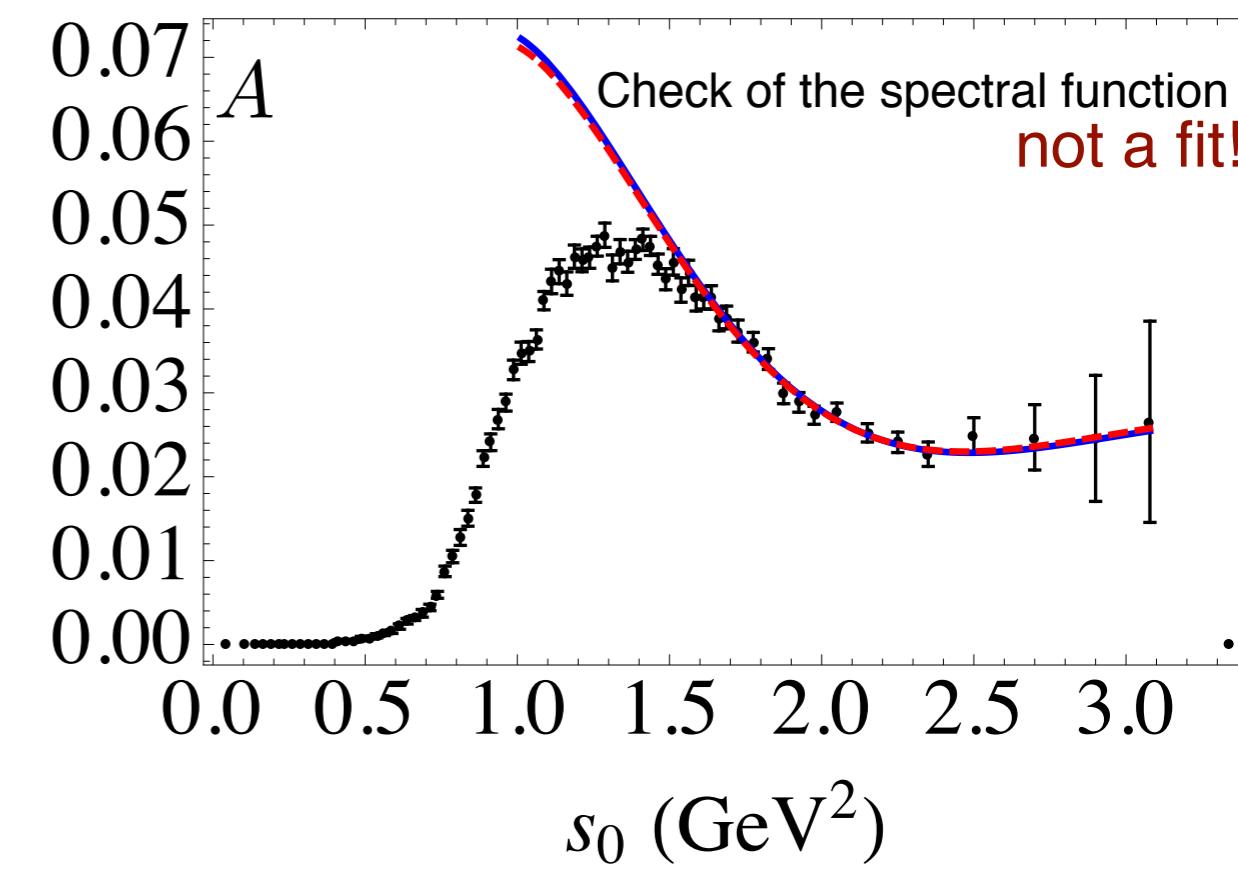
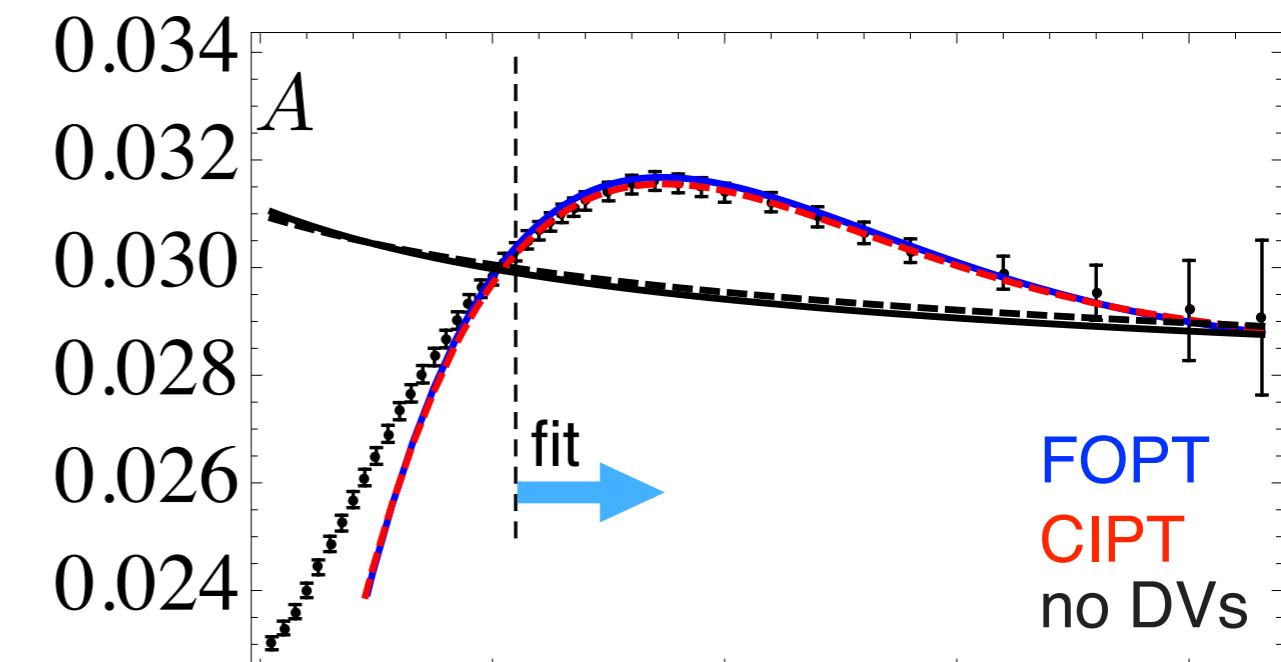
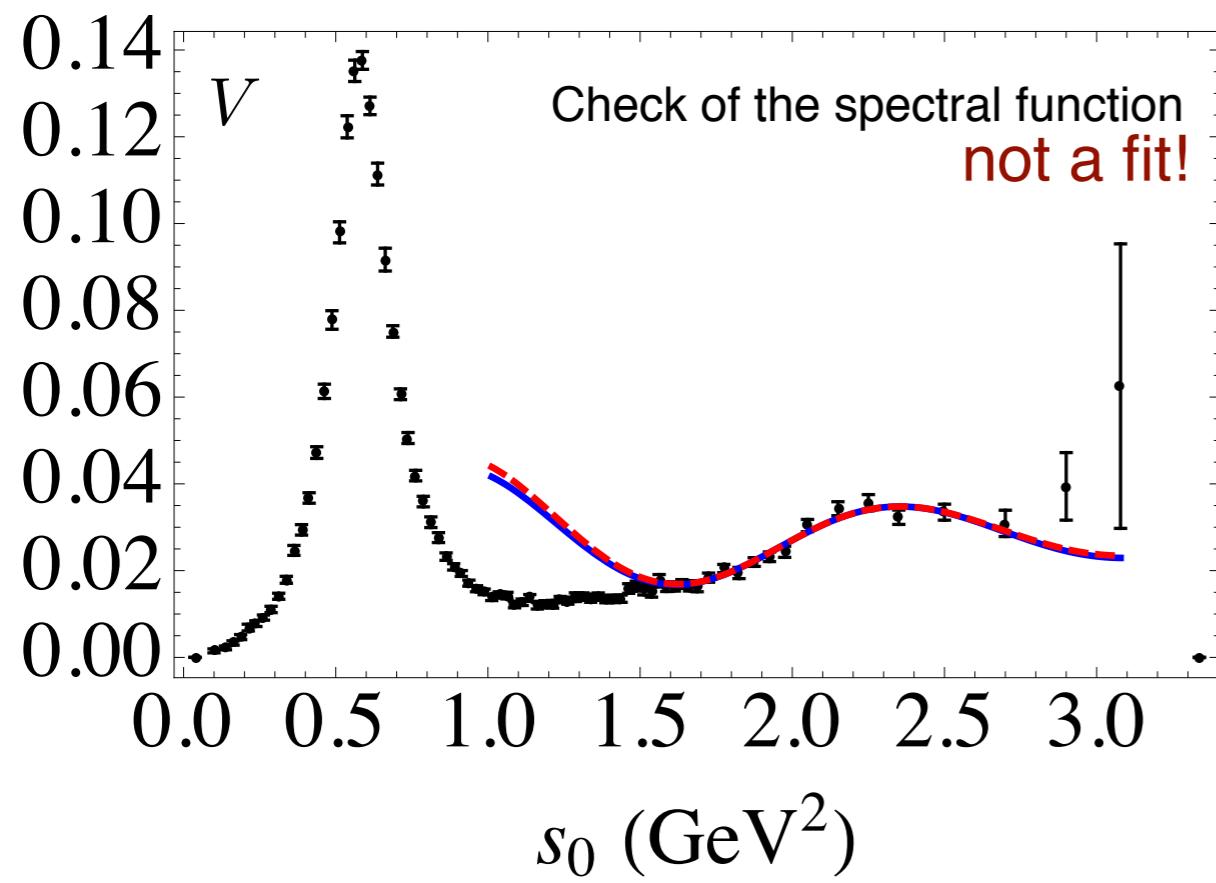
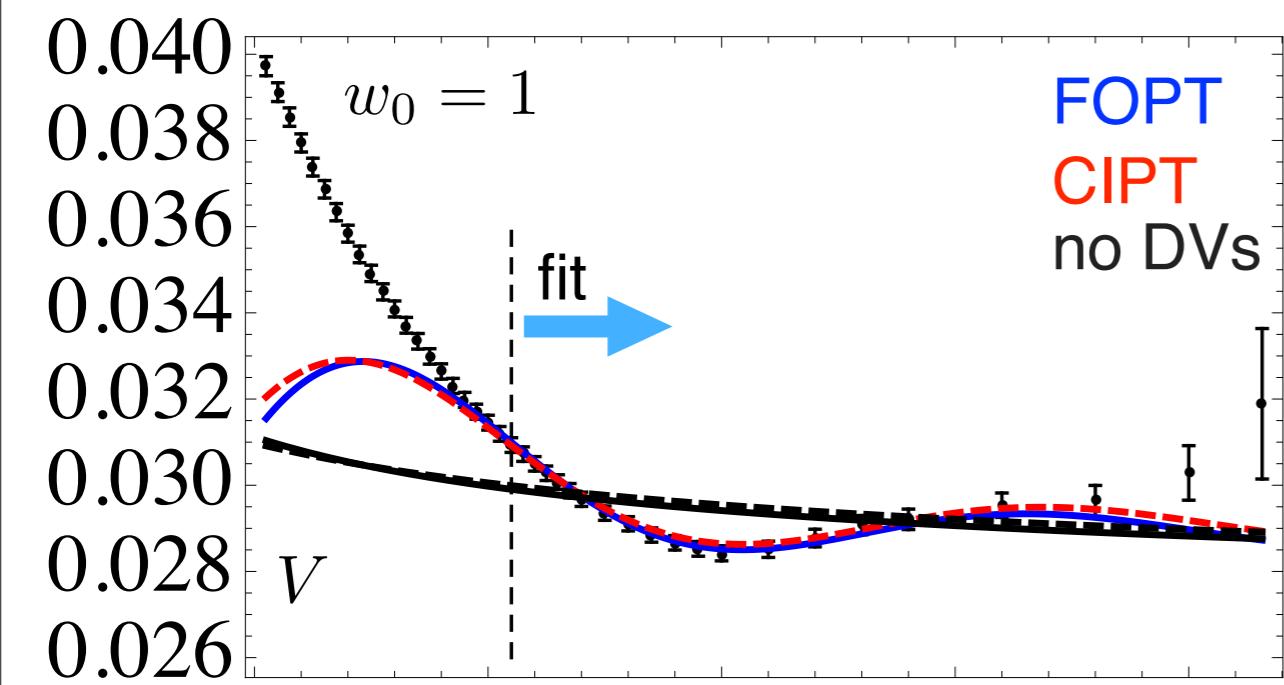
block – diagonal, $s_0^{\min} = 1.55$ GeV

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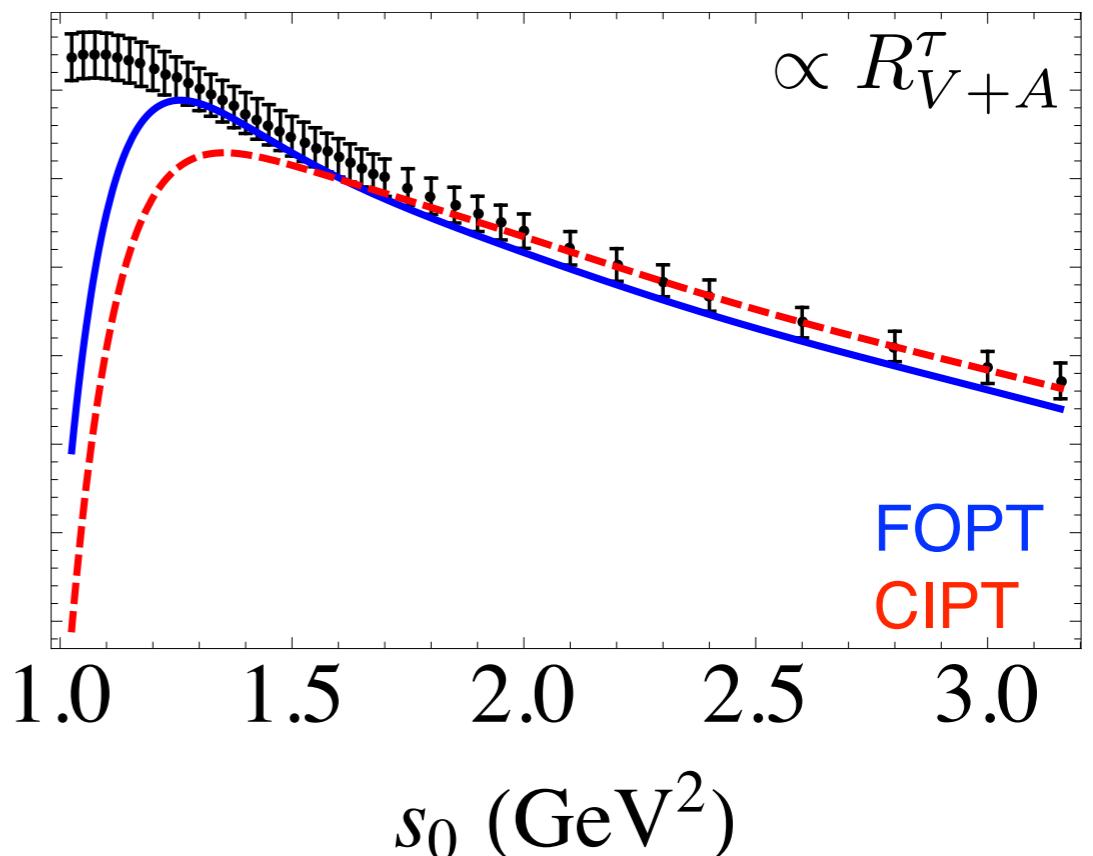
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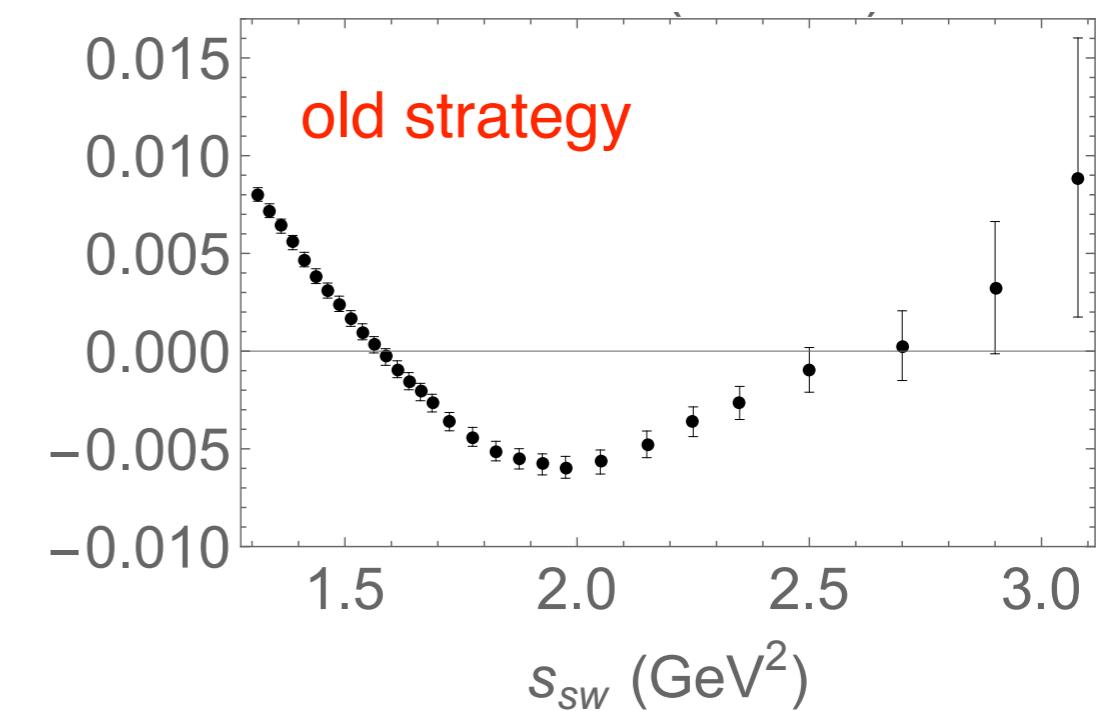
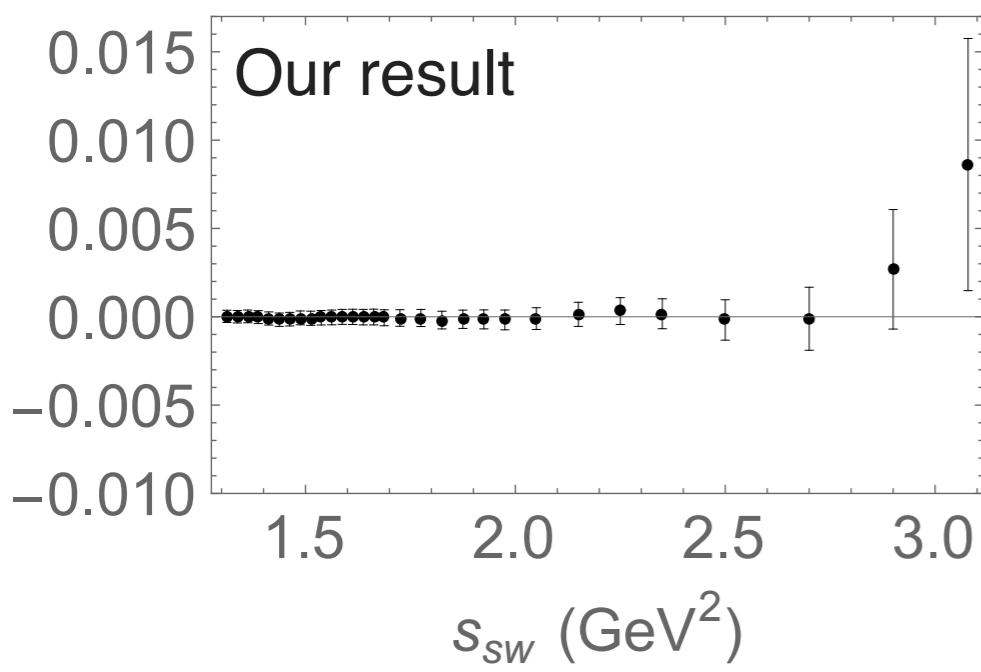
Consistency checks

Tests of the fits

- $R_{V+A}^\tau(s_0)$



- 1st Weinberg sum-rule: $\int_0^\infty \left(\rho_V^{(1)}(s) - \rho_A^{(1)}(s) \right) - 2f_\pi^2 = 0$



Final numbers based on ALEPH data

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Analysis at a single point $s_0 = m_\tau^2$,
neglecting higher C_D s, assuming no DVs

[Davier, Höcker, Malaescu, Yuan, Zhang, '14](#)

$\alpha_s : (+10\% \text{ larger}) \pm (\text{half errors})$

$\delta_{\text{NP}}^{[\text{Davier et al}]} = -0.0064(13) \text{ (CIPT)}$

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Comparison and averaged results

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Weighted **average** between
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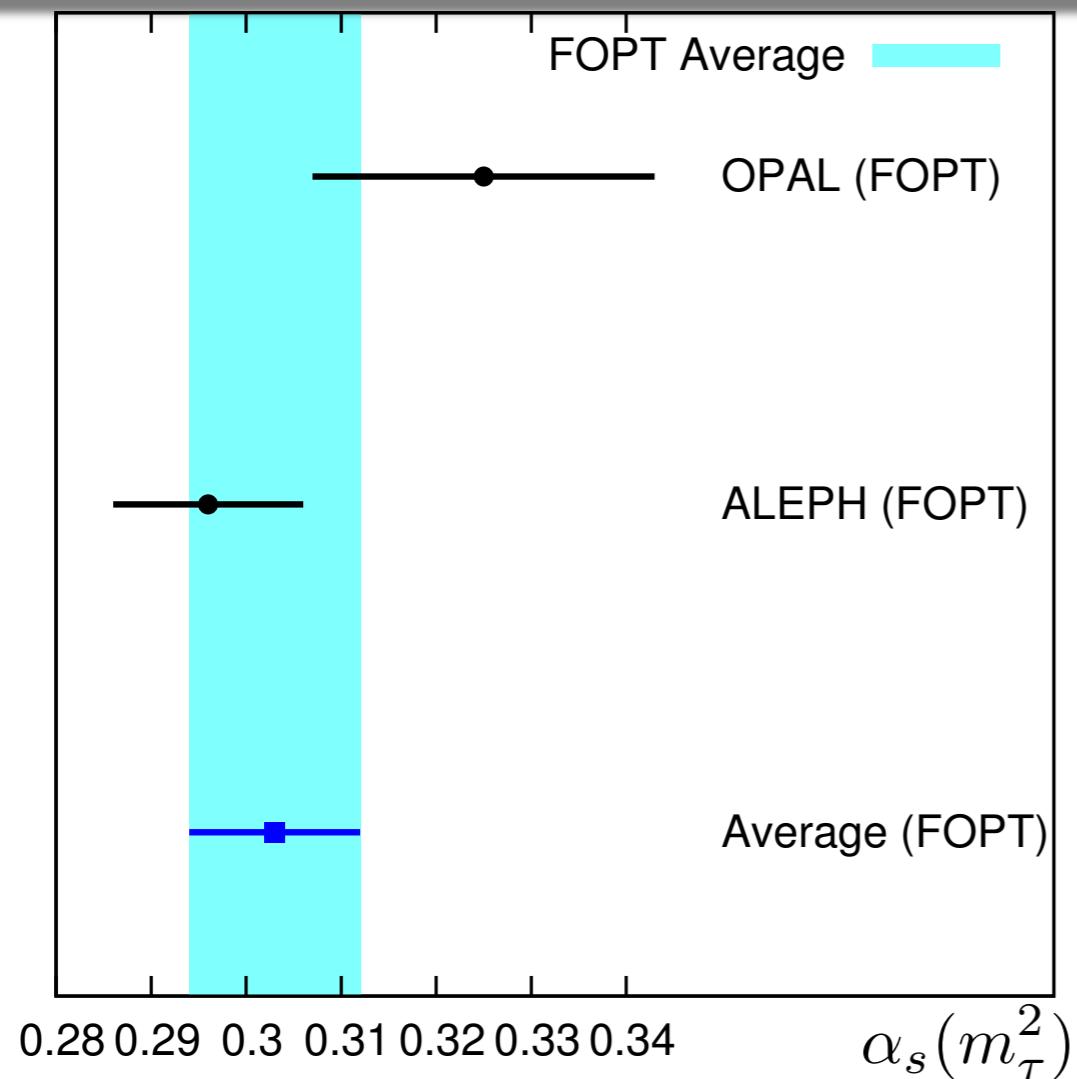
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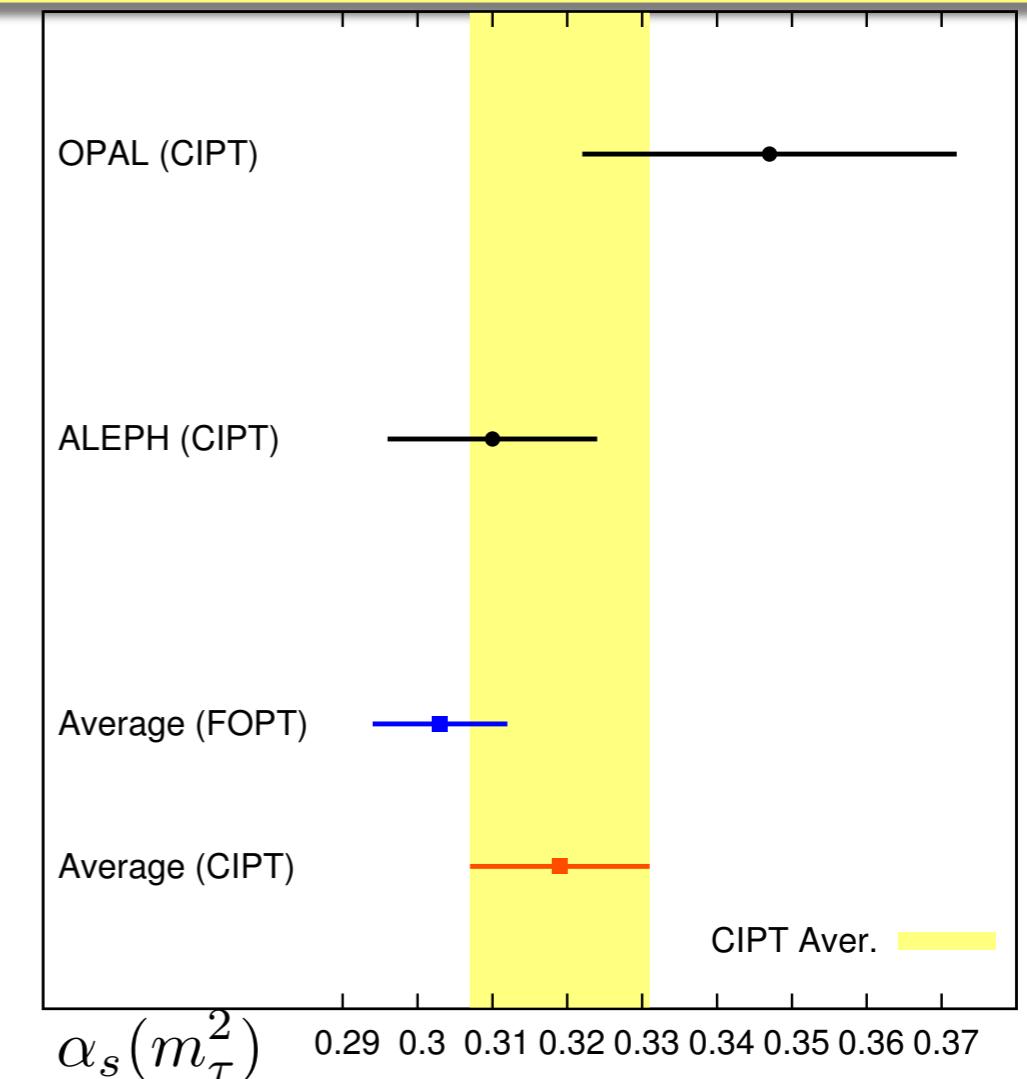
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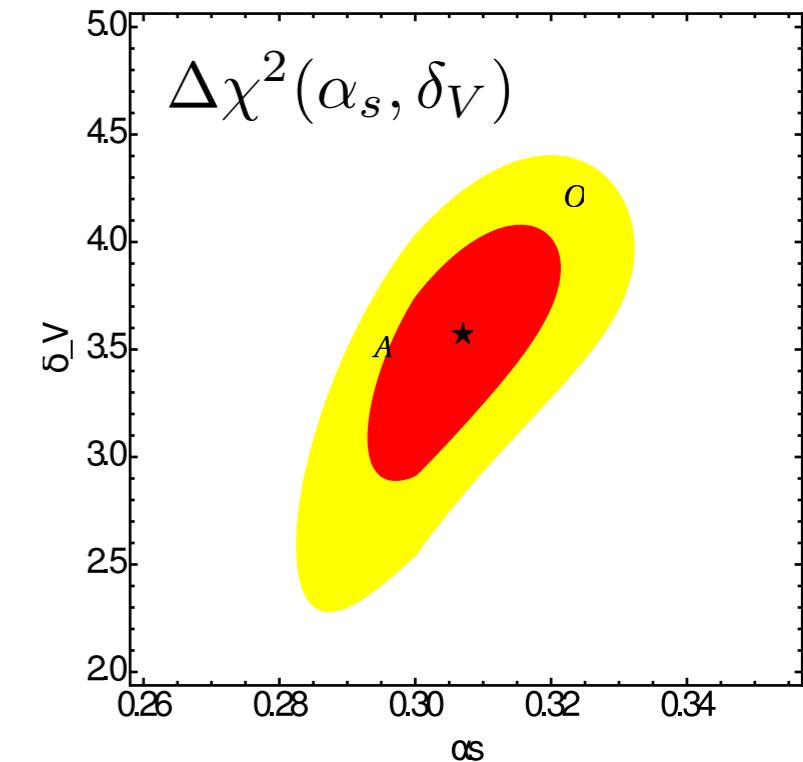
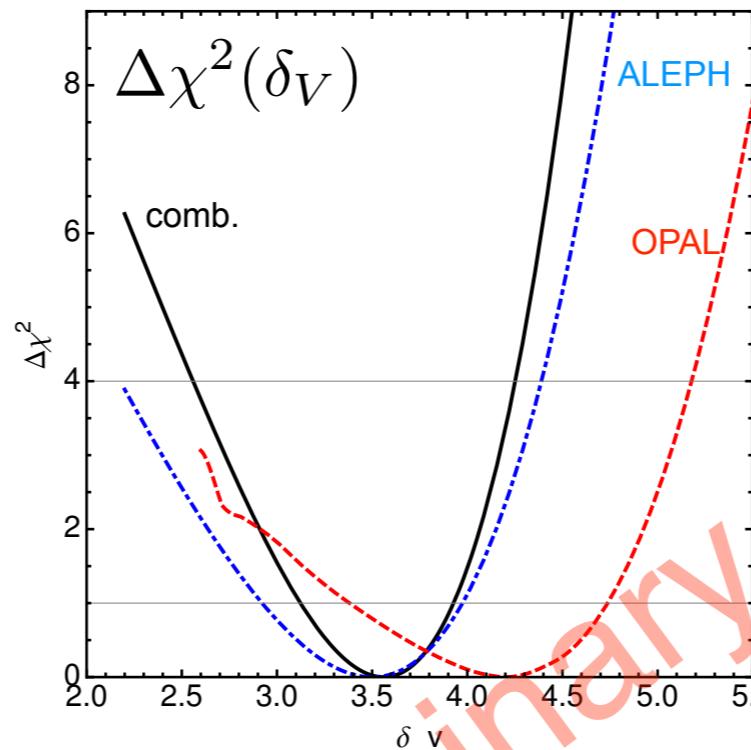
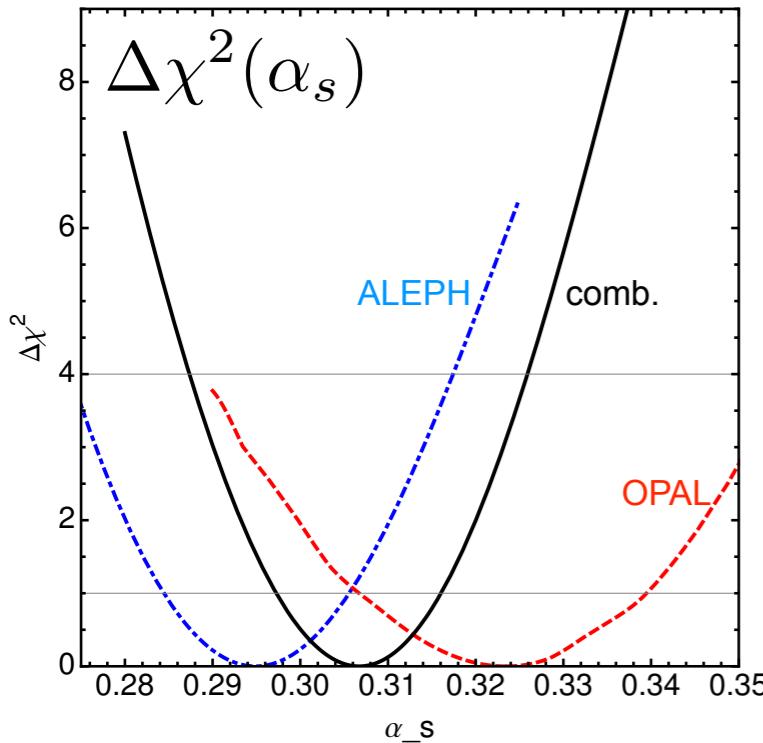


Preliminary results of a combined analysis

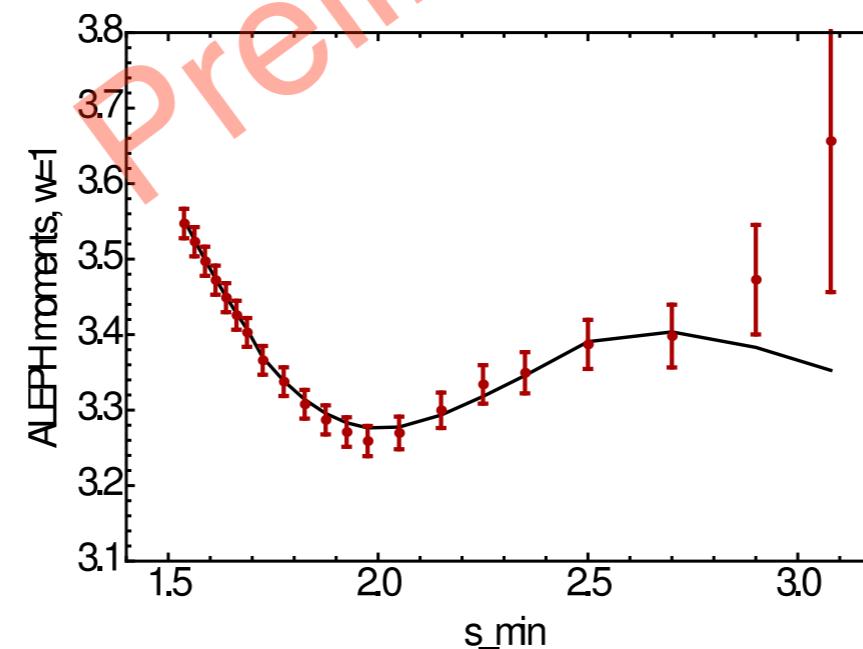
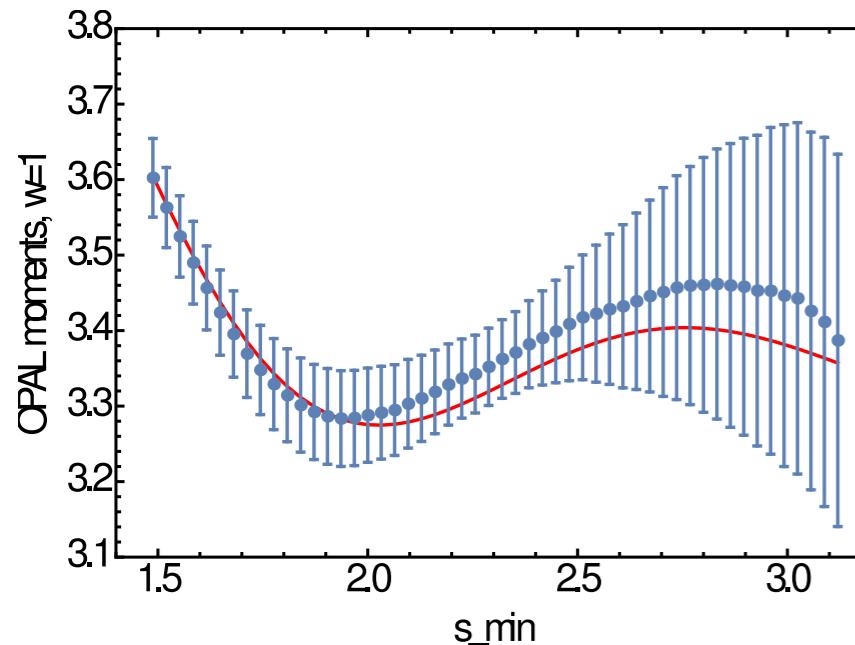
Preliminary combined analysis of $w(x) = 1$ moments

- Assuming ALEPH and OPAL to be uncorrelated

$$\chi^2 = \chi^2_{\text{ALEPH}} + \chi^2_{\text{OPAL}}$$



Main gain: improved stability with s_0 variations



s_{\min}^{OP}	s_{\min}^{AL}	χ^2/dof	$\alpha_s(m_\tau)$
1.5	1.50	46.4/70	0.308(10)
1.5	1.55	43.9/73	0.307(09)
1.6	1.60	41.0/68	0.308(10)

$$\alpha_s^{\text{FOPT comb}}(m_Z^2) = 0.1170 \pm 0.0013$$

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Fit to ALEPH spectral function

Sample of results:

s_0 (GeV 2)	dof	χ^2/dof	$\alpha_s(m_\tau)$	δ_V	...
1.525	17	1.72	0.382(86)	3.9(1.8)	...
1.550	16	1.80	0.35(22)	3.5(1.9)	...
1.575	15	1.62	0.3(2.3)	3.5(2.6)	...

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	δ_V	γ_V	
α_s	0.96	-0.95	...

Huge uncertainties (~50%), huge correlations (almost ~100%), very unstable results.

Fit to V-channel, $w(x)=1$, ALEPH data

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1.525	29.0/17	0.302(11)	3.37(43)	...
1.550	24.5/16	0.295(10)	3.50(50)	...
1.575	23.5/15	0.298(11)	3.50(47)	...

Sample of correlations:

	δ_V	γ_V	
α_s	0.600	-0.606	...

Much **smaller uncertainties** (~7%), **smaller correlations** (~65%), **stable results**.

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- We presented a **consistent** analysis.
- Results based on fits that are sound (good statistics), and that pass theory tests (WSRs, energy variation, etc)
- Corrected ALEPH data resolved the issues present in the OPAL analysis.
- Further progress will require better understanding of DVs.
- CIPT or FOPT?
→ see Jamin's talk
- Better data (Belle?) would also be instrumental.

$$\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1165 \pm 0.0012 \text{ FOPT}$$

$$\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1185 \pm 0.0015 \text{ CIPT}$$

avrg. between ALEPH & OPAL

$$R_{V+A;ud}^\tau = N_c S_{\text{EW}} |V_{ud}|^2 (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP})$$

$$\delta_{NP} = 0.020 \pm 0.009 \text{ FOPT}$$

$$\delta_{NP} = 0.016 \pm 0.010 \text{ CIPT}$$

ALEPH based analysis

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Back-up material

Statistics: two types of fits

- All fits have strong correlations.
- Fits using a single weight function are standard chi^2 fits:

$$\chi^2(\theta) = (\mathbf{y} - \mu(\theta))^T C^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu(\theta))$$

- Markov-Chain MC scan of the chi^2
- Combining weight functions in a fit introduces strong correlations (tiny eigenvalues in the covariance matrix)

Common difficulty with strong correlations

- Solution:

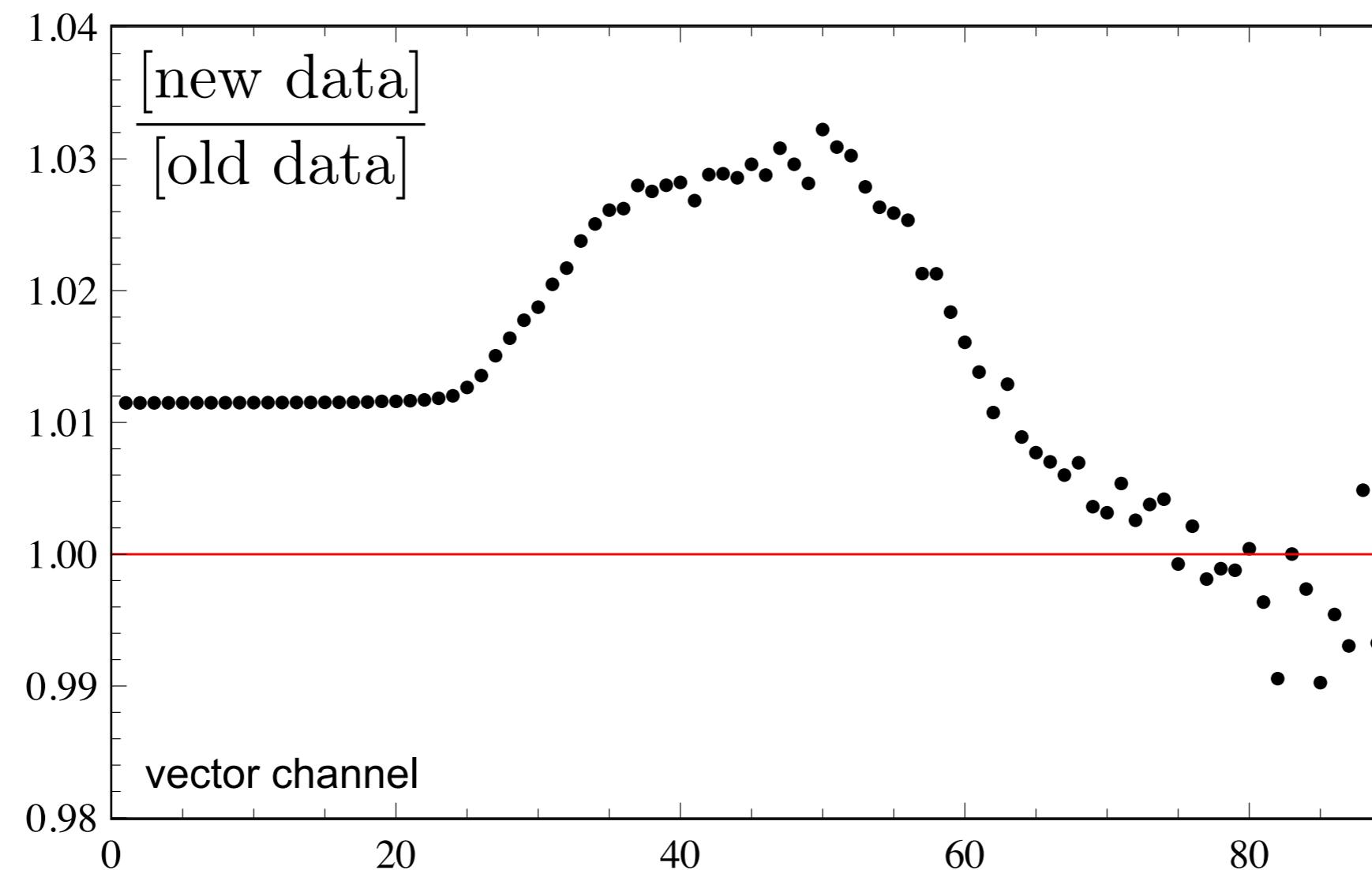
$$\mathcal{Q}^2(\theta) = (\mathbf{y} - \mu(\theta))^T \tilde{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu(\theta))$$

- \tilde{C} is a **block-diagonal** matrix: includes correlations between a single weight function but does not include correlations between moments of two different weights
- The full covariance matrix is used in the error propagations

Rescaled OPAL data

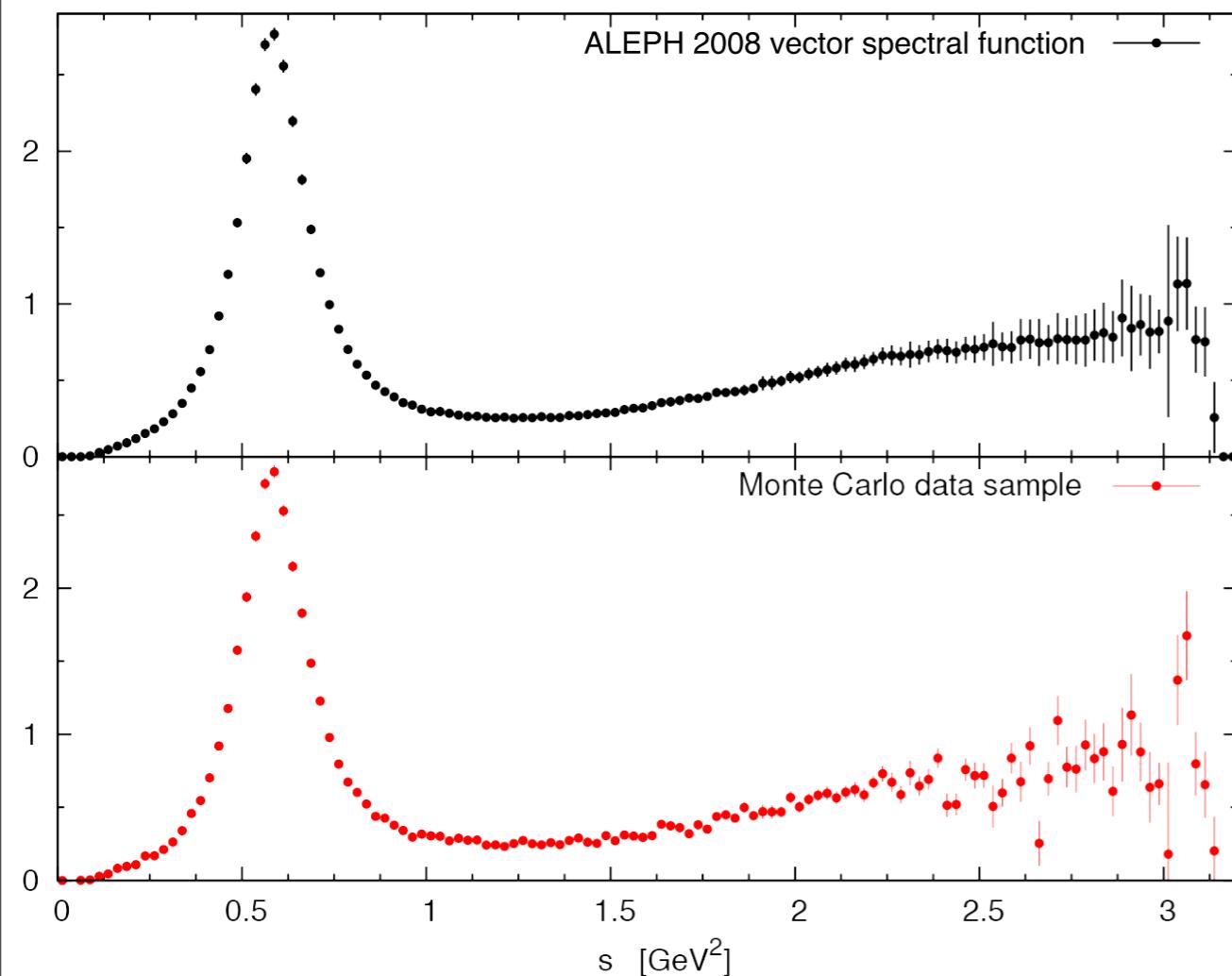
- Update of OPAL spectral functions

- The '98 OPAL spectral functions are constructed as sums over exclusive modes.
- Normalizations fixed to the 1998 PDG values.
- We have rescaled the distributions to build updated spectral functions
(we employ recent unitarity-constrained HFAG values)

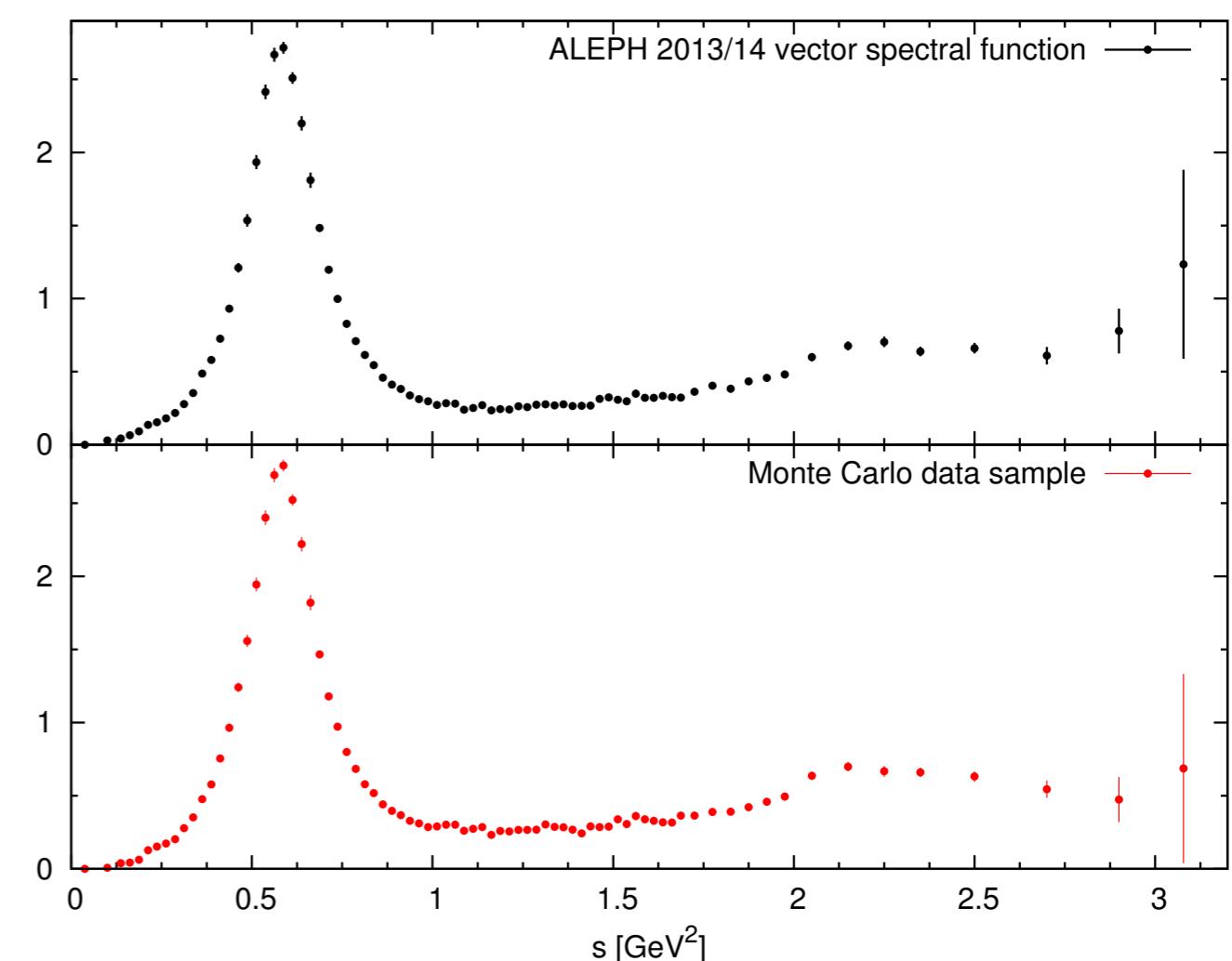


An illustration of the problem with the correlations in the 2005/08 ALEPH spectral functions

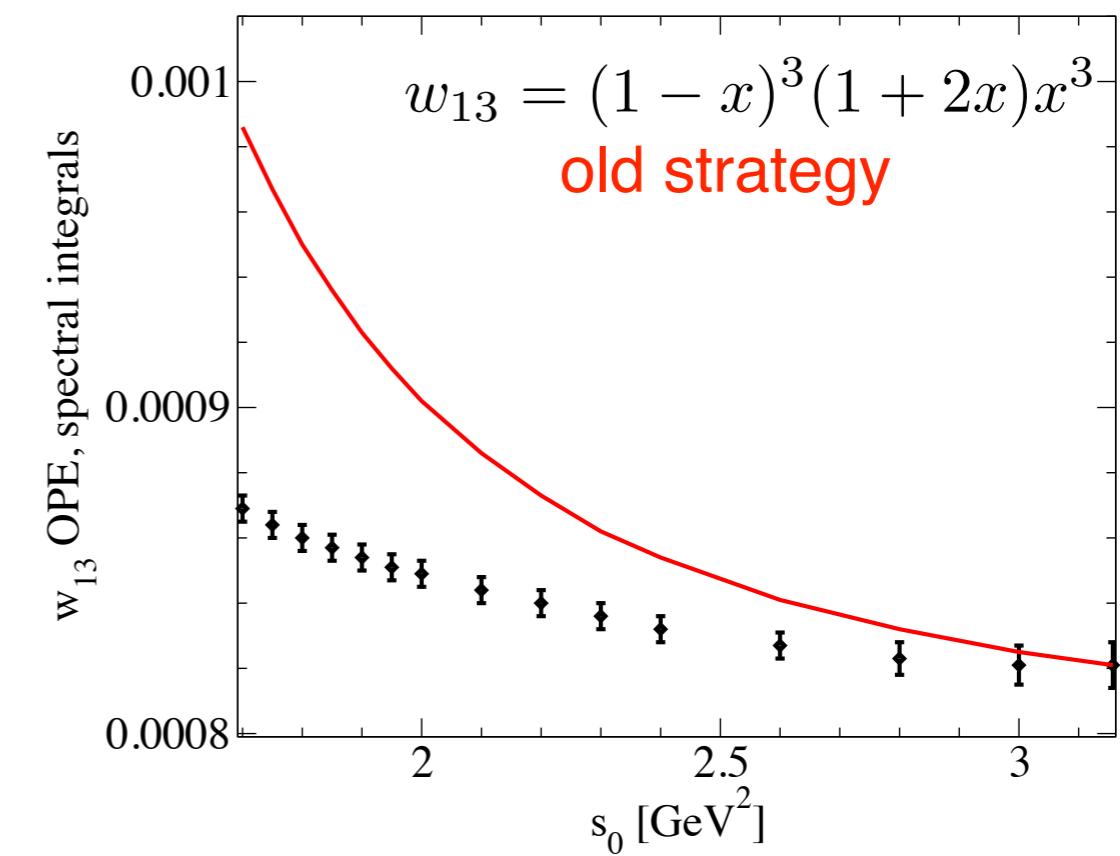
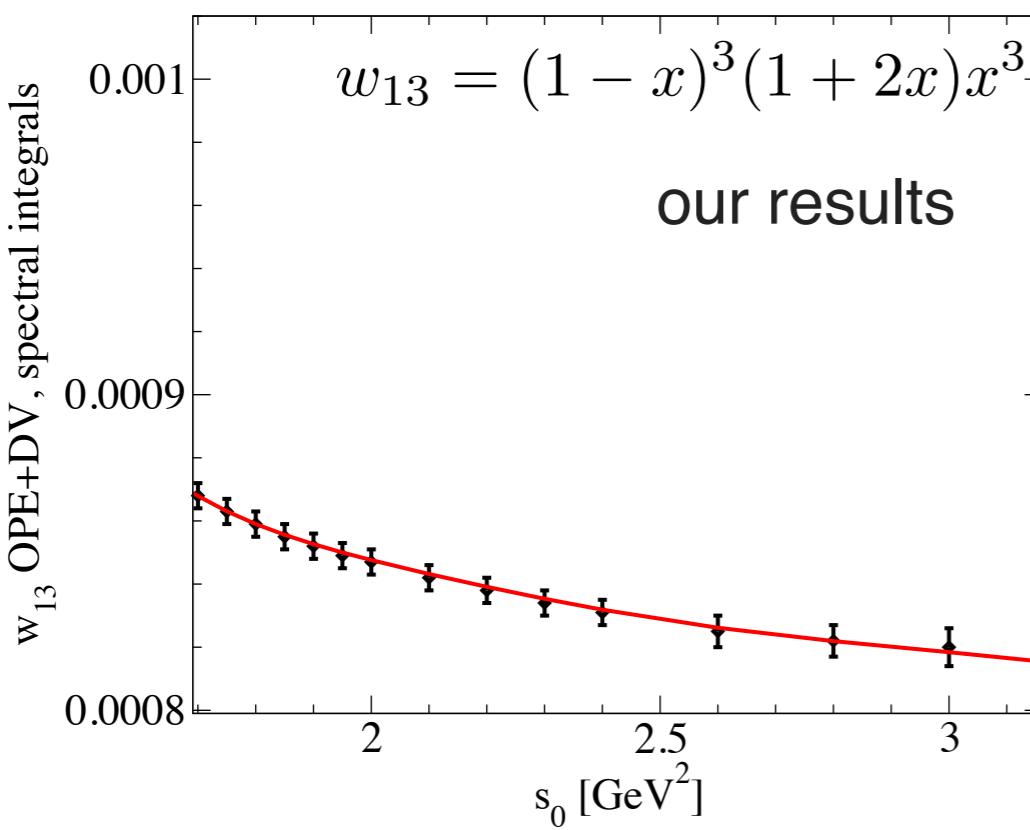
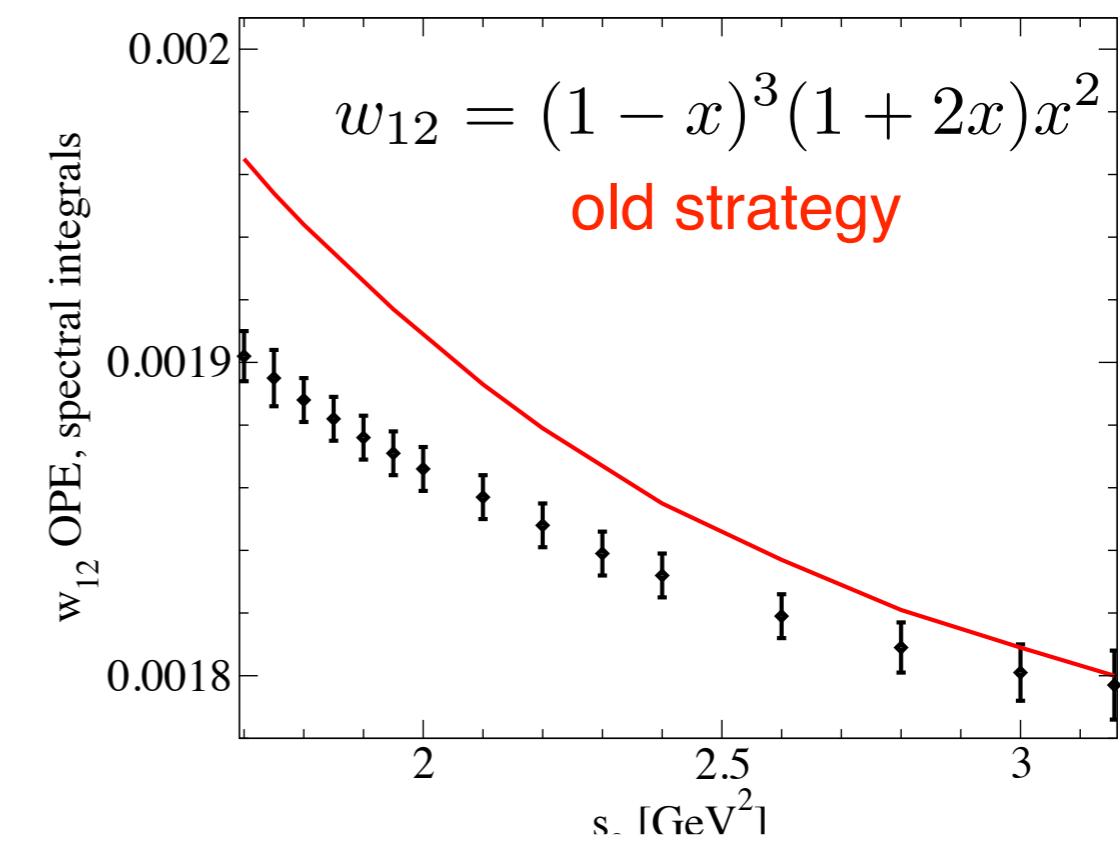
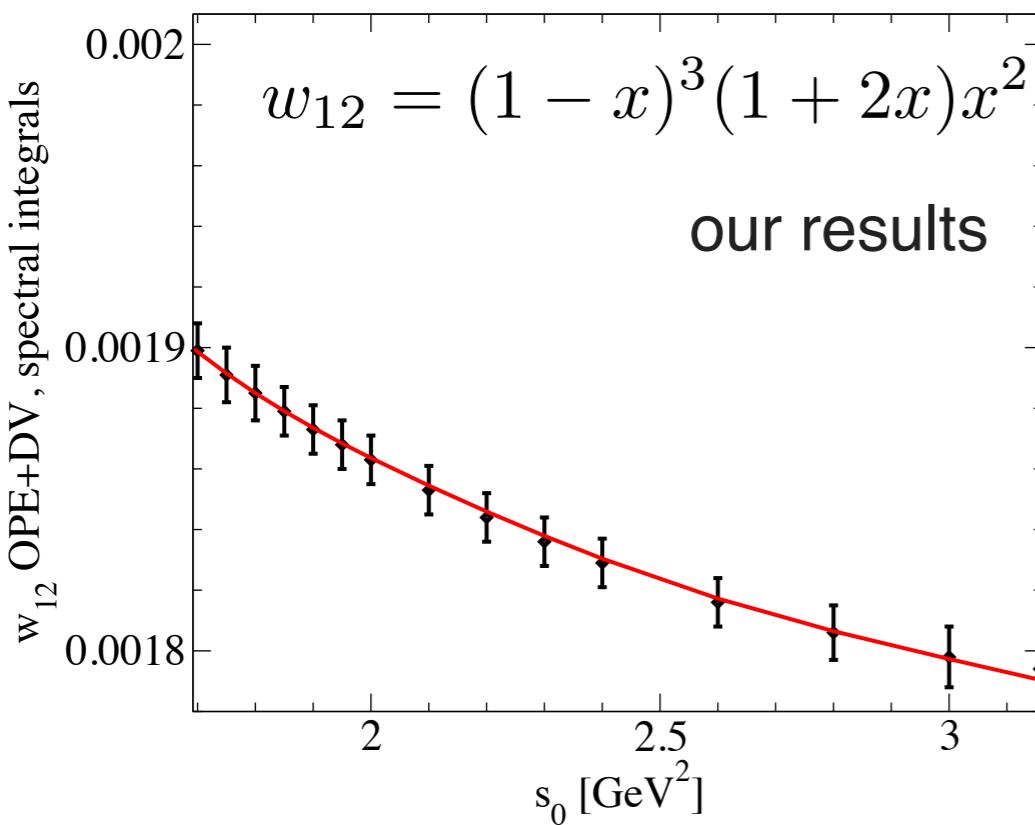
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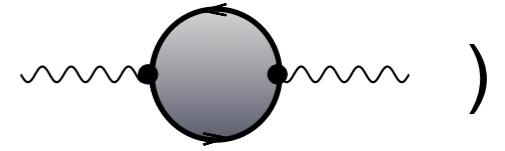
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Inclusion of condensates with $D > 8$ is crucial in obtaining this agreement.



■ Description in terms of the Adler function (derivative of



$$D_{\text{pert}}^{(1+0)}(s) = \frac{N_c}{12\pi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_\mu^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} \left(\log \frac{-s}{\mu^2} \right)^{k-1}$$

$$a_\mu = \alpha(\mu)/\pi$$

- only $c_{n,1}$ are independent (known up to $c_{4,1}$). $c_{n,k}$ depend on $c_{n,1}$ and β_m .
- Prescriptions for the RG improvement

FOPT
 $\mu = s_0$

$$\delta_{\text{FO},w_i}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(s_0)^n \sum_{k=1}^n k c_{n,k} J_{k-1}^{\text{FO},w_i}$$

$$J_n^{\text{FO},w_i} \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) \log^n(-x)$$

CIPT
 $\mu = -s_0 x$

$$\delta_{\text{CI},w_i}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n,1} J_n^{\text{CI},w_i}(s_0)$$

$$J_n^{\text{CI},w_i}(s_0) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} W_i(x) a^n(-s_0 x)$$

Le Diberder and Pich '92

