

Computing the large- Q^2 Kaon Form Factors with Physical Quark Masses

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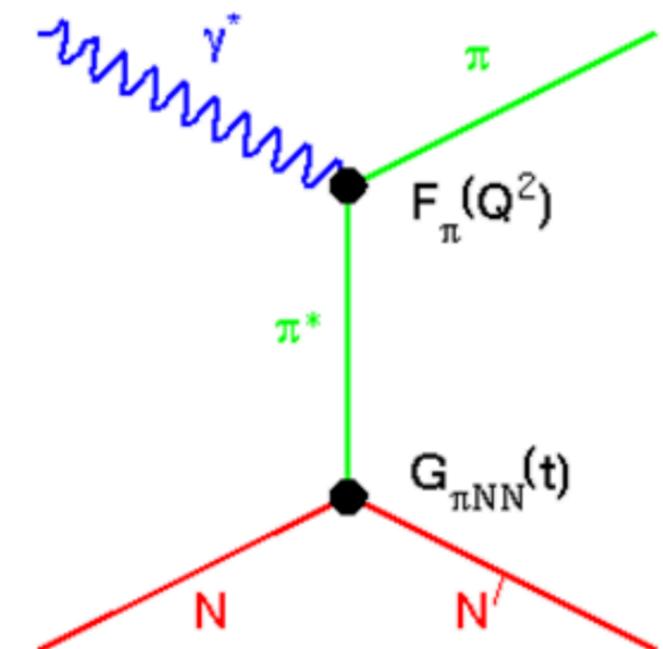
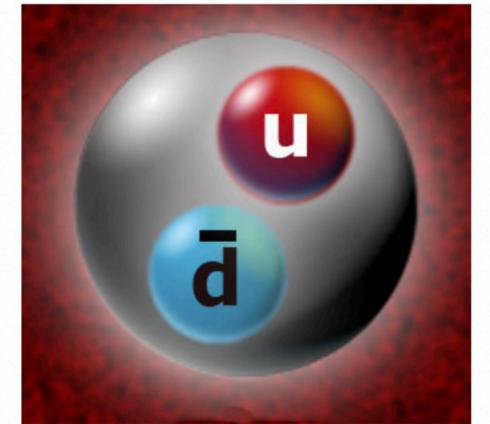
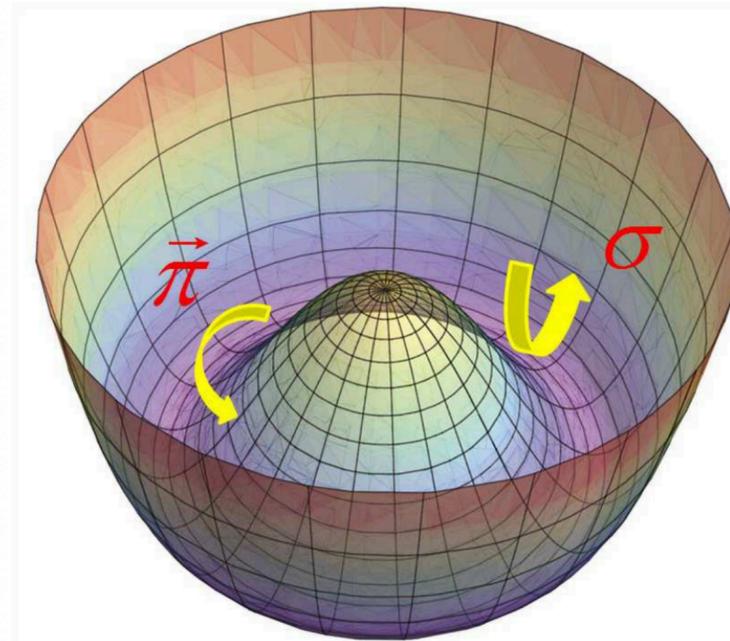
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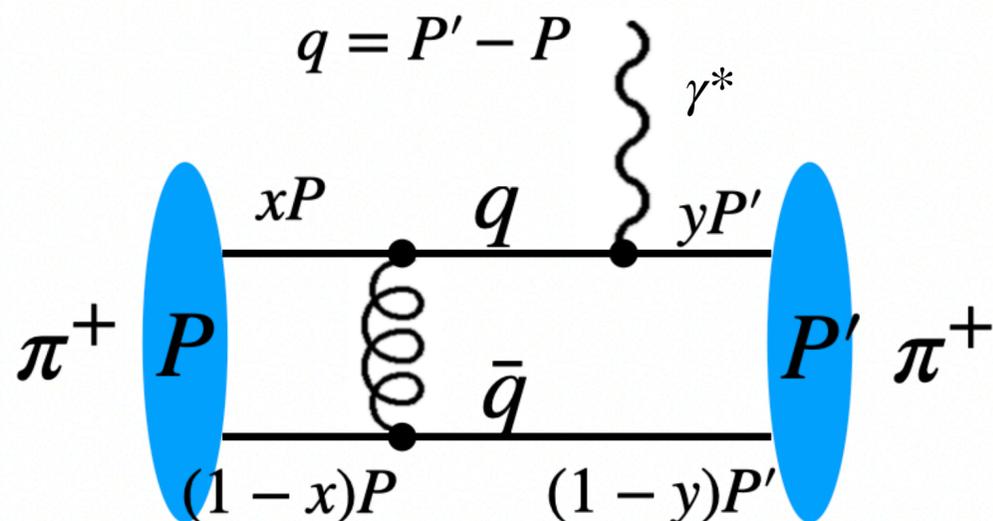
Pion/kaon are pseudo-Goldstone bosons of QCD

- Critical ingredient for understanding the dynamical chiral symmetry breaking in QCD.
- Improve our knowledge of the emergent mass generation and its competition with the Higgs mechanism.
- Experimental knowledge of pion/kaon internal structure are Limited.



Form factors in the partonic regime

- The form factors of mesons provide a clearest opportunity to study the transition from non-perturbative to perturbative QCD.



- Electromagnetic form factor

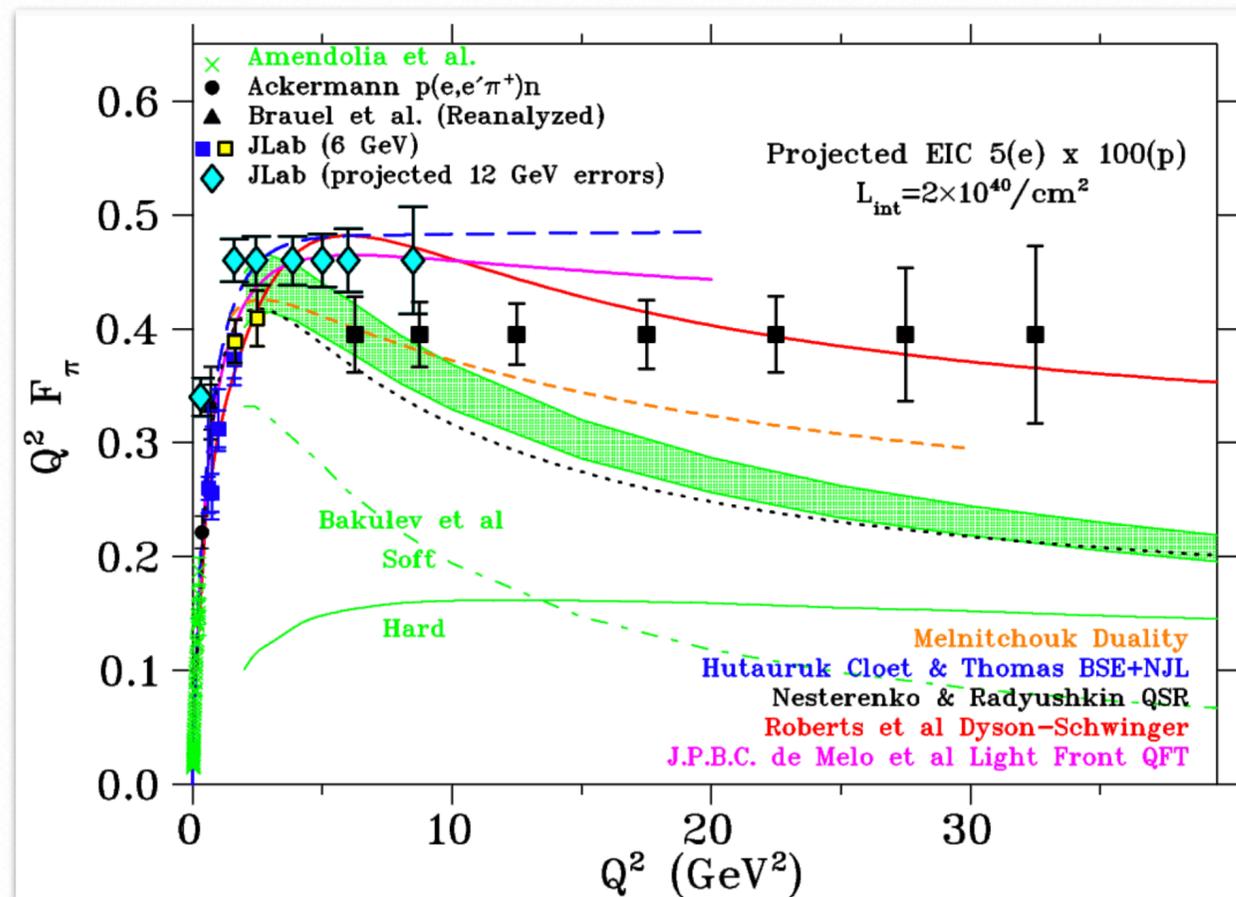
$$\gamma^* \pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^+$$

$$F_\pi(Q^2) = \mathcal{N} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx dy \phi^*(v, \mu_F^2) \times T_F^V(u, v, Q^2, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) \phi(u, \mu_F^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right)$$

Process dependent
hard kernel from
perturbation theory

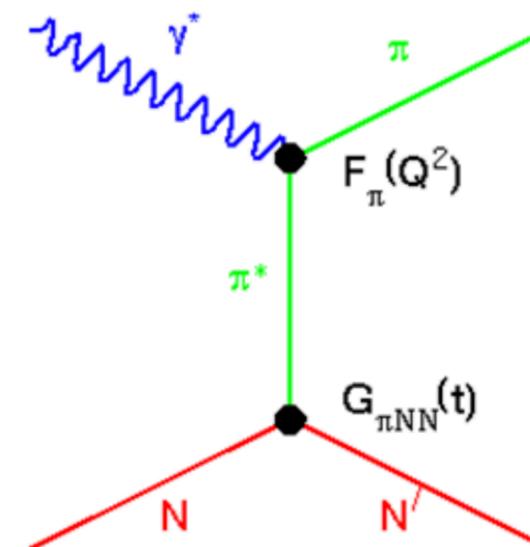
Process independent
non-perturbative DAs

Form factors in the partonic regime



- Current EMFF of pion has existed for decades and only for Q^2 smaller than 3 GeV^2 .
- At this stage, the pQCD prediction using asymptotic DA is challenged by existing EMFF data.
- Measuring the EMFF of kaon is even harder from experiment.

➔ Studies of the EMFF of pion and kaon with Q^2 up to 10 GeV^2 and 6 GeV^2 are underway at the ongoing JLAB 12 GeV experiment, and will be extended up to 30 GeV^2 at the future Electron Ion Collider (EIC) facility.



Lattice Setup

➔ Mixed fermion action

- ⊙ Sea quark action: $N_f = 2+1$ HISQ with physical quark masses, $L_s^3 \times L_t = 64^3 \times 64$, $a = 0.076$ fm
- ⊙ Valence quark action: Wilson-Clover with physical quark masses, 1-HYP smeared gauge links

➔ Use momentum smearing for quarks to achieve better overlap with boosted hadrons in Breit frame

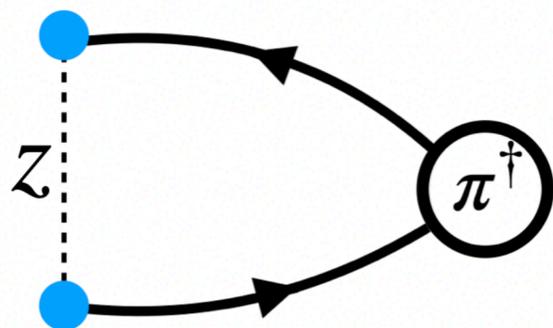
➔ Previous USQCD allocation related to this work: [pion form factors](#) up to 10 GeV^2 , [pion distribution amplitude](#) and [kaon distribution amplitude](#).

➔ **This proposal: Kaon form factor**

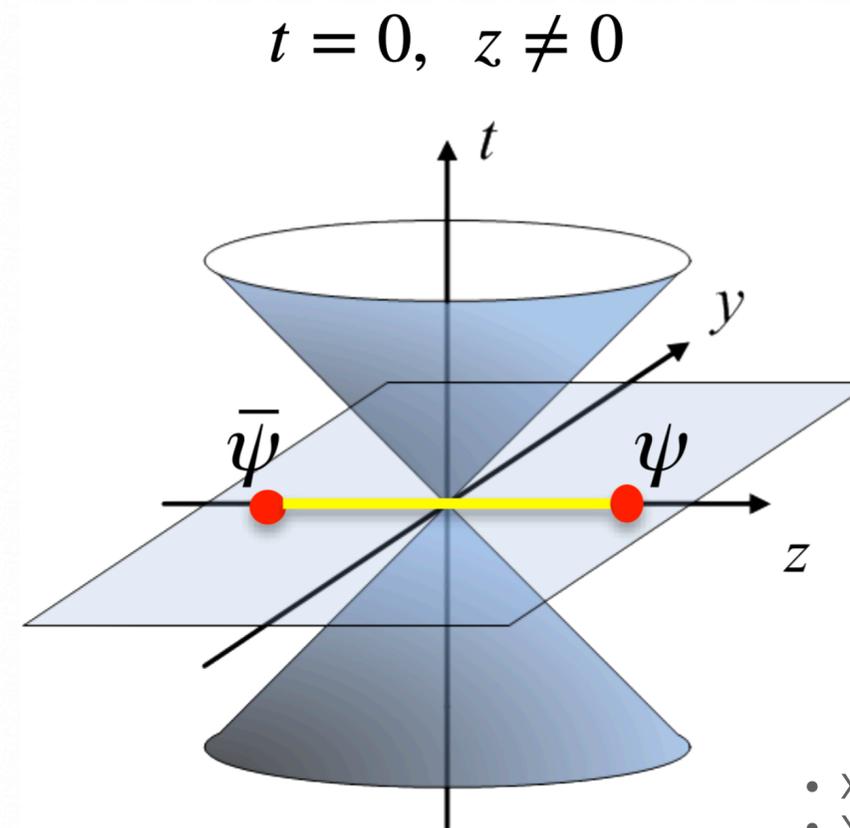
- ⊙ $P_z = 3, 5, 6 \left[\frac{2\pi}{L_s a} \right]$ and $t_{sep} = 6, 8, 10, 12$, providing Q^2 up to 10 GeV^2 .

Pion distribution amplitude from lattice

The quasi-DA matrix elements,



$$iP_z h(z, P_z) = \langle 0 | \bar{d}(-z_3/2) \gamma_z \gamma_5 W_{z_3} u(z_3/2) | \pi^+; P \rangle$$



- X. Ji, PRL 2013
- X. Ji, et al, RevModPhys 2021

The short distance factorization:

$$h^R(z, P_z, \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i\lambda/2)^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m}(z^2 \mu^2) \langle x^m \rangle(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

Mellin moments

$$\lambda = zP_z$$

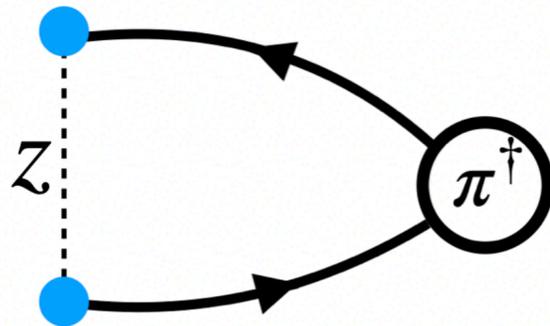
Large-momentum effective theory:

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, P_z, \mu) = \int \frac{dy}{|y|} C(x, y, P_z, \mu) \phi(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(1-x)^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}\right)$$

- A. Radyushkin, PRD 100 (2019)
- A. Radyushkin, Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 2020

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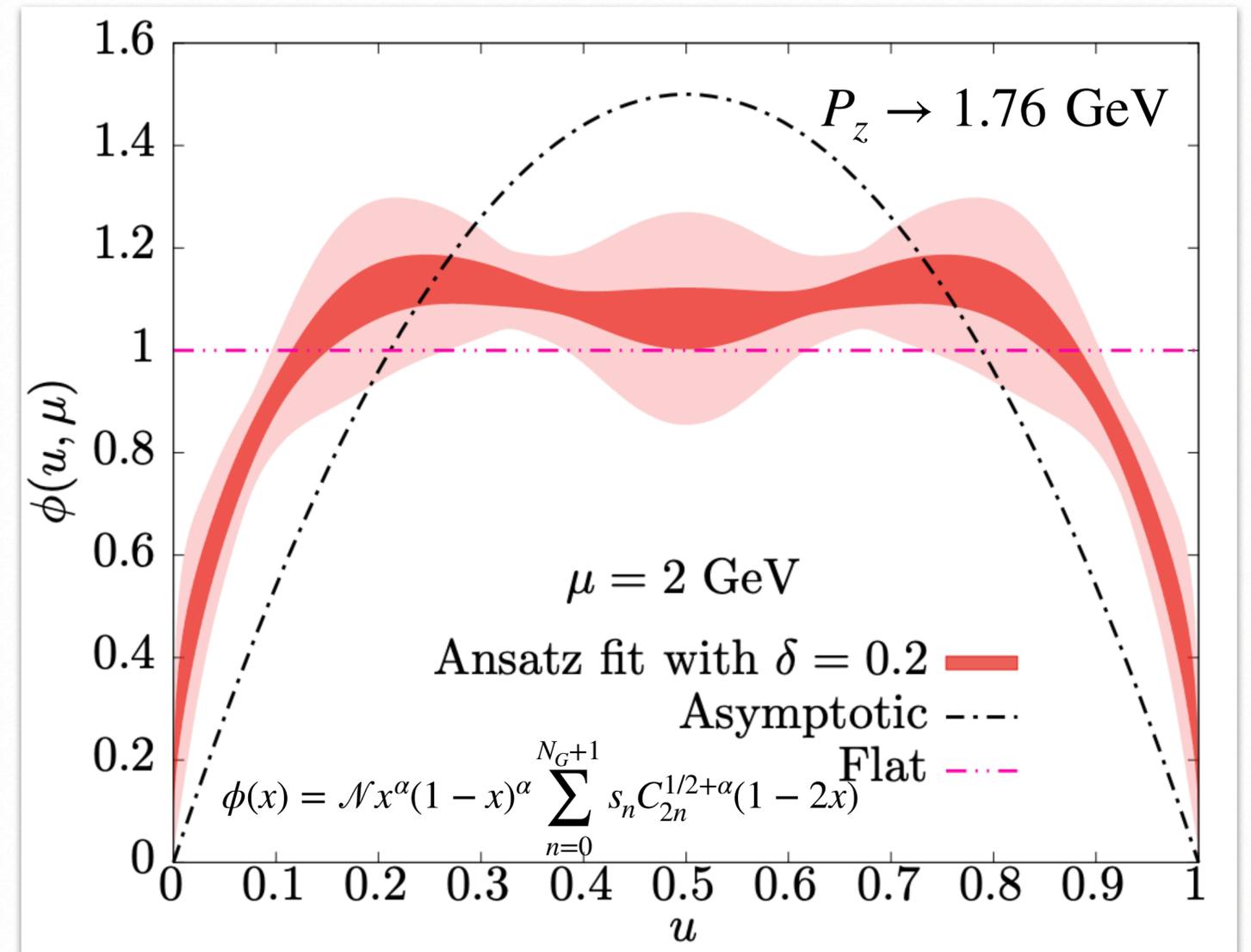


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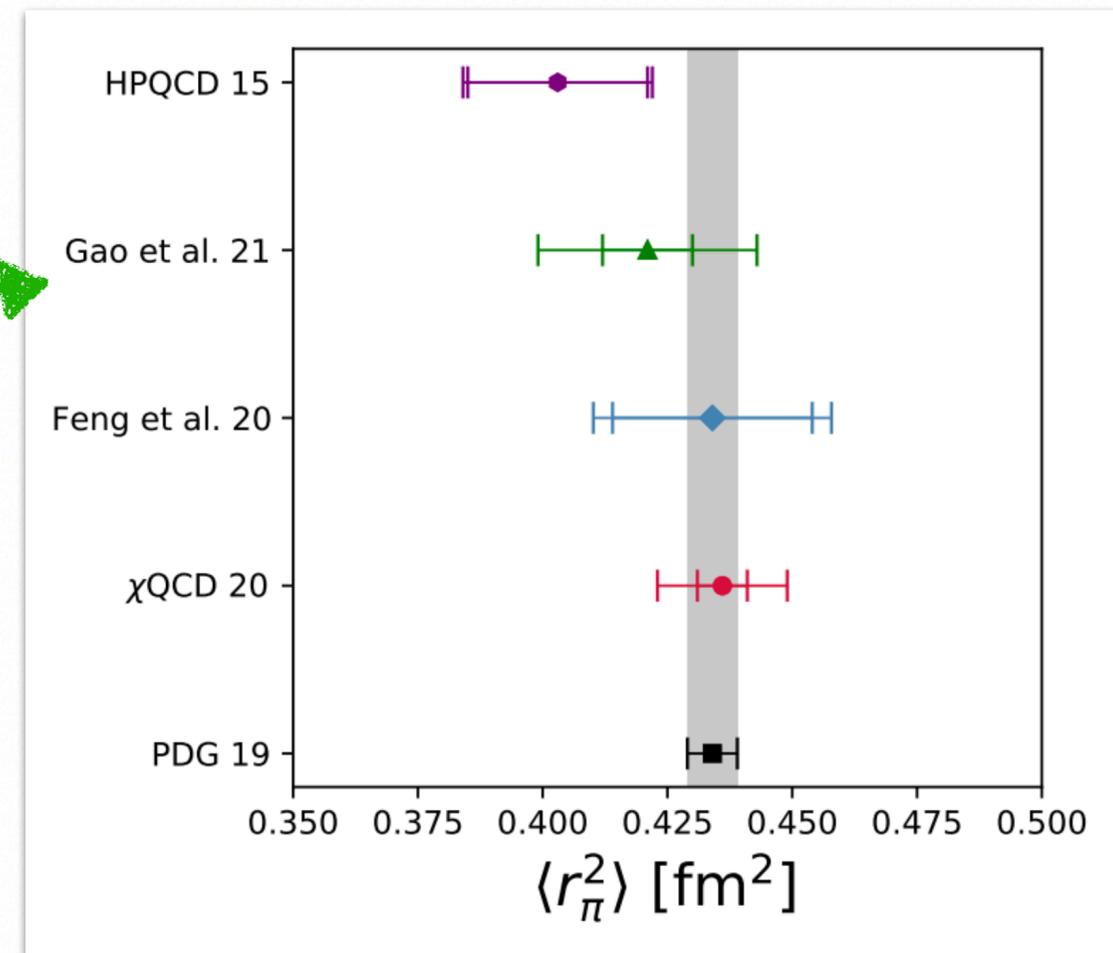
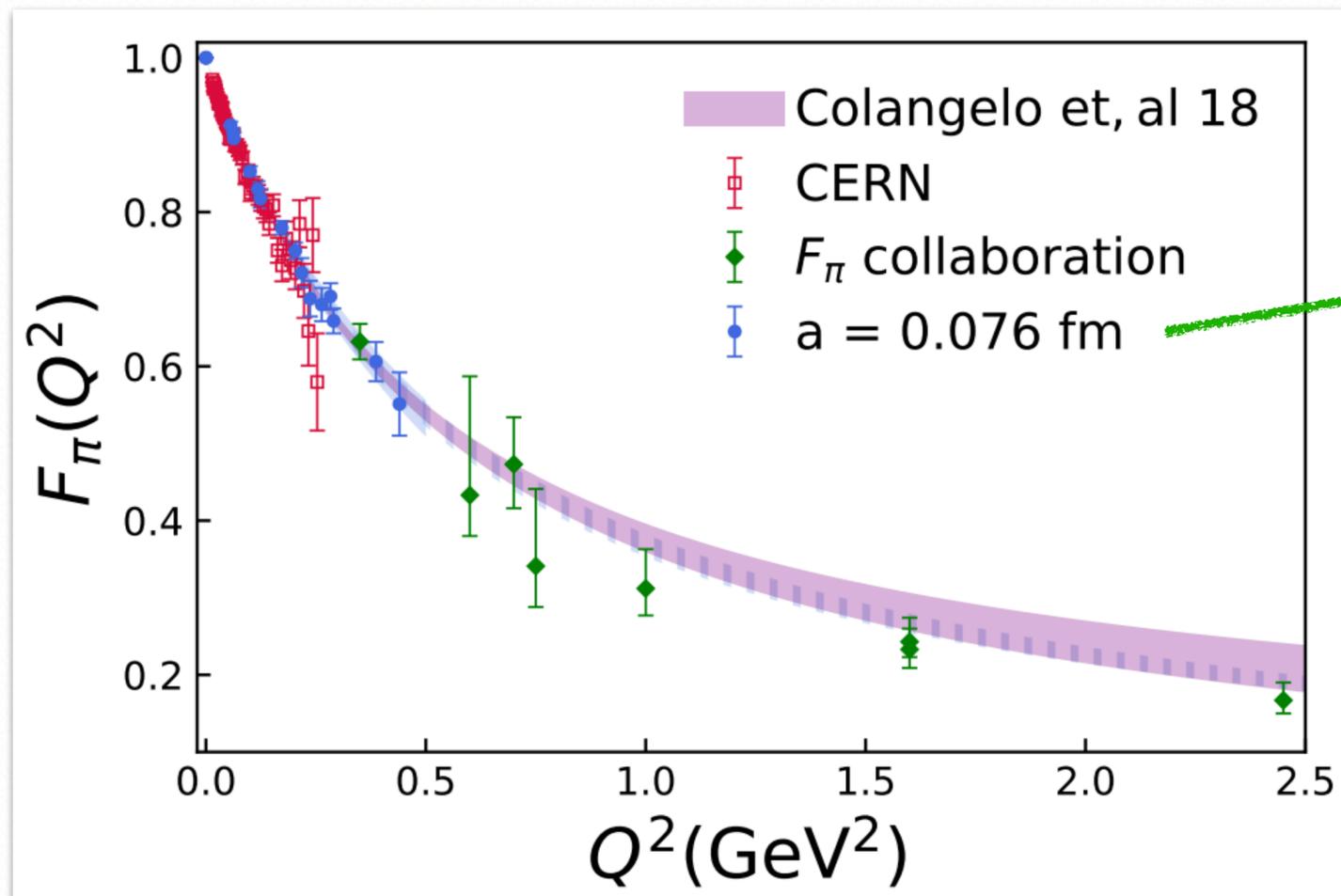
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Mellin moments $\lambda = zP_z$



Pion form factors and charge radius

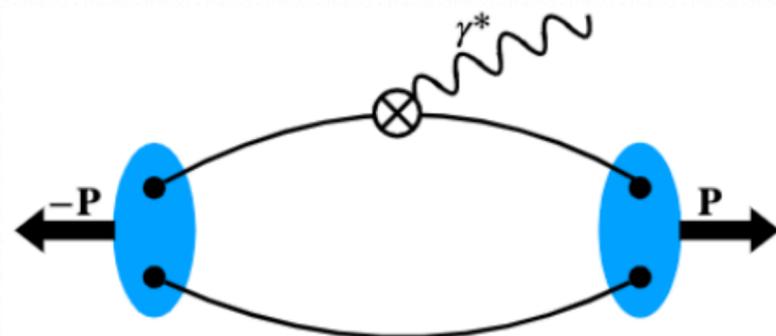


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$$(P_1 + P_2)_\mu F_\pi(Q^2) = \langle \pi^+; P_1 | \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d | \pi^+; P_2 \rangle$$

Pion form factors at large Q^2

The pion form factors in Breit frame,



$$Q^2 = (2P_z)^2$$

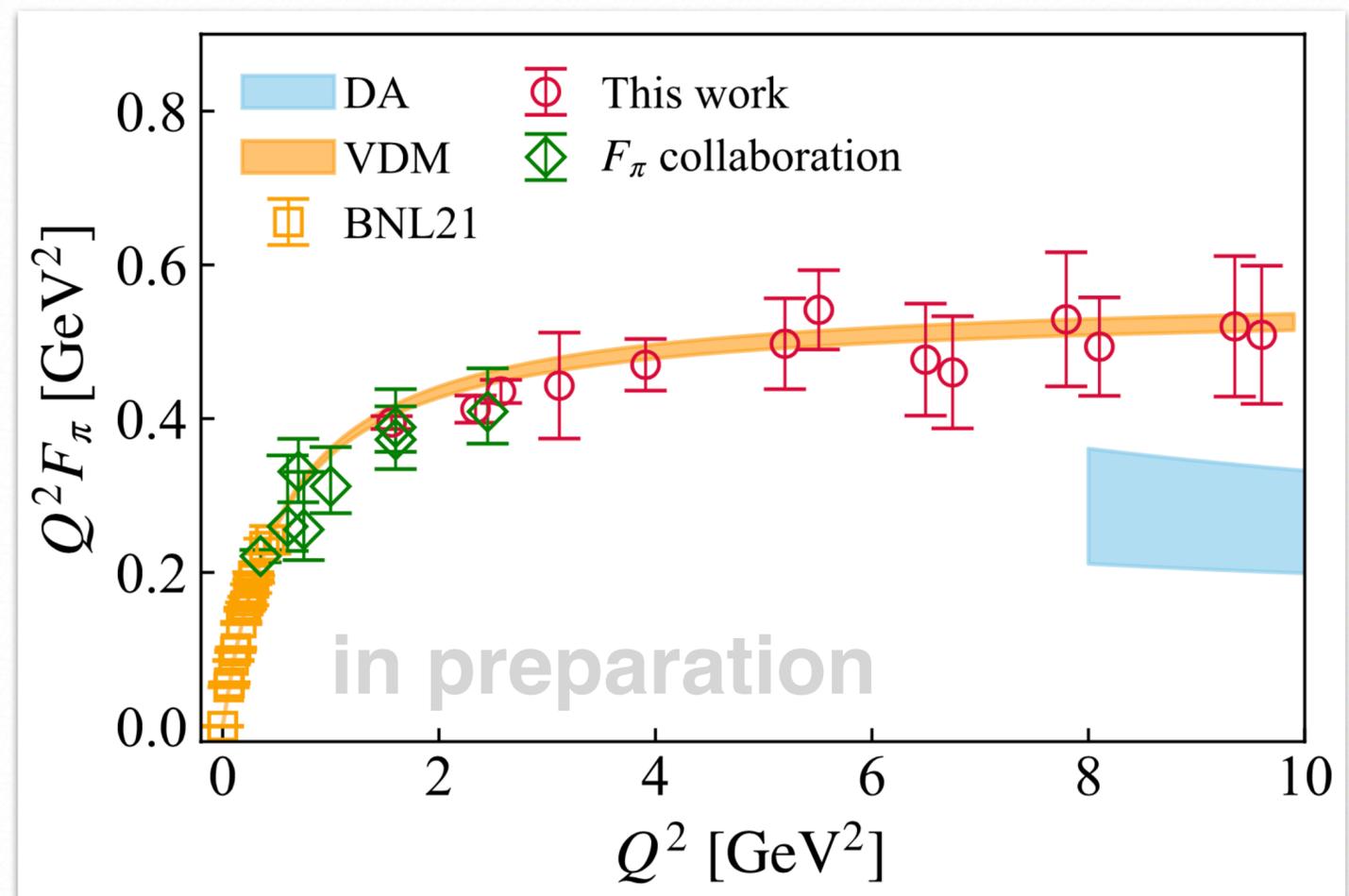
$$P_z \rightarrow 1.53 \text{ GeV}$$

$$2P_0 F_\pi(Q^2)$$

$$= \langle \pi^+; -P | \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_0 u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_0 d | \pi^+; P \rangle$$

→ We keep the quark boost along with the hadron momentum to optimize the boosted smearing

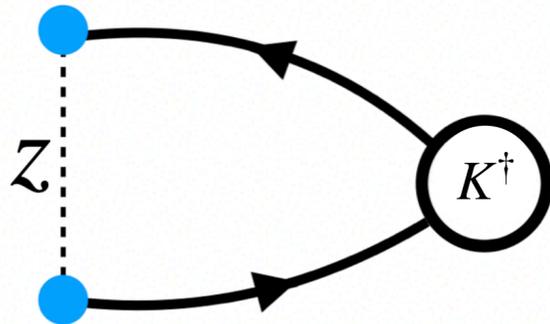
$$\xi = \frac{-k}{-P} = \frac{k}{P}$$



- Overlap with existing experimental extraction and extend the range of Q^2 up to **10 GeV²**.
- Can be described by the vector dominance model using the **pion radius** computed from the same lattice.
- Higher than the **pQCD prediction using the DA** (blue band) from the same lattice.

Kaon DA and form factors

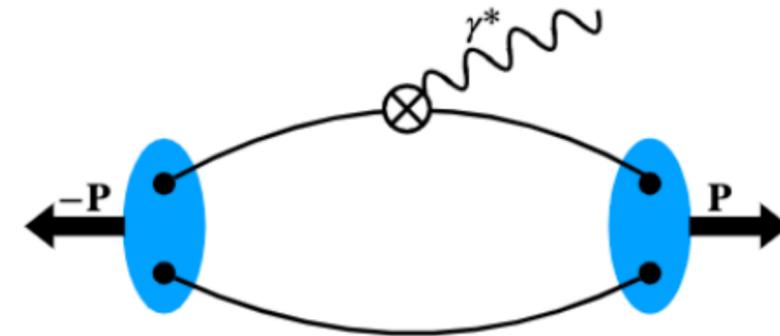
The quasi-DA matrix elements of kaon,



$$iP_z h(z, P_z) = \langle 0 | \bar{s}(-z_3/2) \gamma_z \gamma_5 W_{z_3} u(z_3/2) | K^+; P \rangle$$

- $m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$, $m_K = 495 \text{ MeV}$
- Under analysis with momentum P_z up to 1.76 GeV .

The kaon form factors in Breit frame,



$$(P_1 + P_2)_\mu F_K(Q^2) = \langle K^+; -P | \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma_\mu s | K^+; P \rangle$$

- $Q^2 = (2P_z)^2$ with $P_z \rightarrow 1.53 \text{ GeV}$
- This proposal.

- The impact of isospin symmetry breaking.
- Competition between the emergent mass generation and Higgs mechanism.

Proposal request

➔ Software:

- Uses the Qlua package
- Inversions done with multi-grid solvers
- Interfaces with QUDA

➔ Statistics:

- 350 configs
- 1 exact and 32 sloppy solves for $P_z = 3 \frac{2\pi}{L_s a}$
- 2 exact and 64 sloppy solves for $P_z = 5 \frac{2\pi}{L_s a}$ & $6 \frac{2\pi}{L_s a}$

➔ Requested resources:

- 204k K80 hours
- 25 TB disk space
- 50 TB archival storage

Timings using 16 nodes of the BNL IC cluster (32 K80 cards)

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| extended source/sink creation | t_{ext} | 10 sec. |
| MG u/d-quark inversion sloppy | t_{inv}^u | 26 sec. |
| MG u/d-quark inversion exact | t_{inv}^u | 50 sec. |
| MG s-quark inversion sloppy | t_{inv}^s | 18 sec. |
| MG s-quark inversion exact | t_{inv}^s | 27 sec. |
| contraction for kaon 2pt function | t_{2pt}^K | 10 sec. |
| contraction for 3pt function for FF | t_{3pt}^{FF} | 4 sec. |

$$t_{src} = t_{inv}^u + t_{inv}^s + 2t_{2pt}^K + 4t_{ext} \\ + (t_{inv}^u + t_{inv}^s + 2t_{ext} + 2t_{3pt}^{FF}) \times N_{sep}$$

Summary

- Propose to calculate large- Q^2 kaon form factors as a continuation of pion form factors and DA calculations from last year.
- Our collaboration has made significant progress toward the understanding of the pion structure, including pion charge radius, form factors, distribution amplitude as well as valence quark PDF.
- We will apply the techniques described here to produce and analyze the data for the new allocation.

Thanks for your attention