
Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors Using Physical Point $N_f=2+1+1$ Twisted Mass Fermion Ensembles

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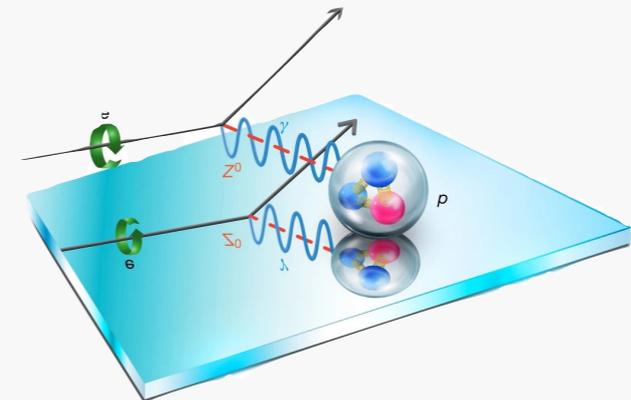
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Nucleon EM form factors from twisted mass fermions at physical point

- Lattice setup
 - Correlation functions (connected & disconnected)
 - Ensembles used and statistics
 - Excited state analysis
- Electromagnetic form factors
 - Isovector form-factors
 - Analysis of excited states
 - Disconnected isoscalar
 - Proton/neutron combining disconnected
 - Preliminary continuum limit



Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors

Matrix element:

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

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

Dirac and Pauli (F_1 and F_2) / Sachs Electric and Magnetic (G_E and G_M) form-factors:

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

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

Isovector & Isoscalar currents:

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

$$j_\mu^s = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu u + \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d$$

Assuming mass
degenerate up and
down quarks

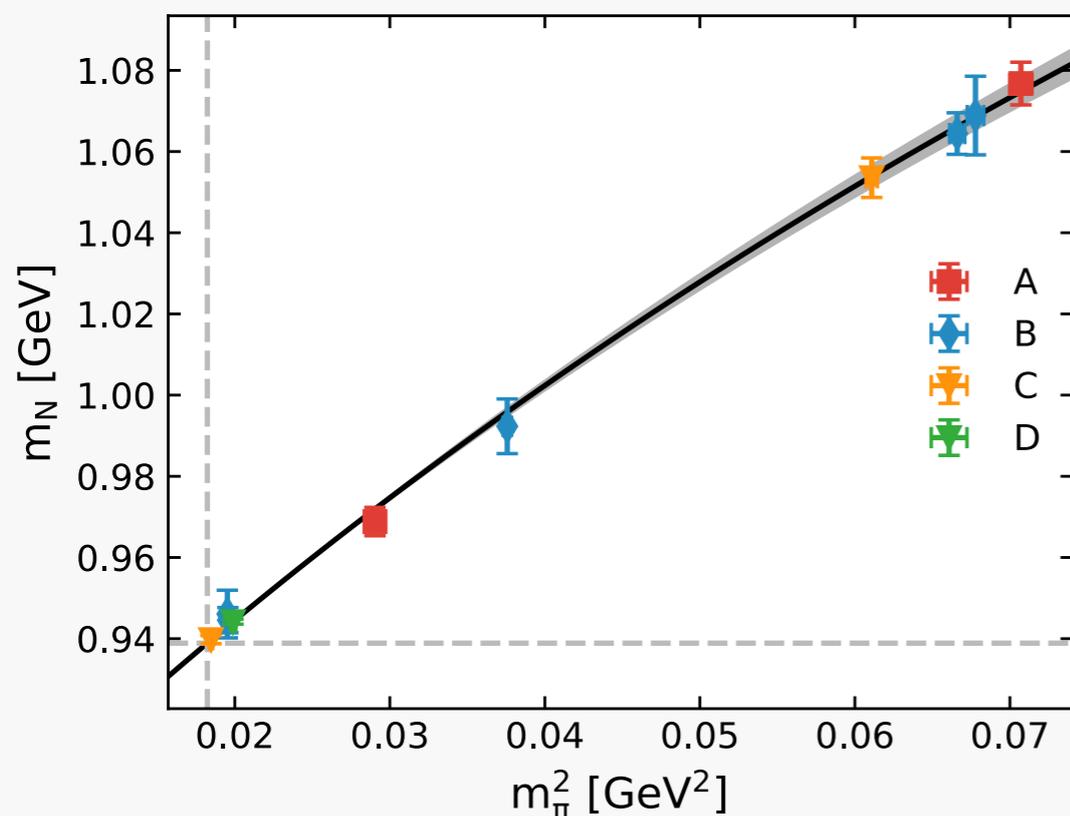
$$F^p - F^n = F^u - F^d$$

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

Ensembles

Three $N_f=2+1+1$ ensembles at physical pion mass

Ens. ID (abbrev.)	Vol.	a [fm]
cB211.072.64 (cB64)	64×128	0.080
cC211.060.80 (cC80)	80×160	0.068
cD211.054.96 (cD96)	96×192	0.057



- Lattice spacings quoted as determined from nucleon mass

- ▶ “*Quark masses*” paper for details – Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 074515 • arXiv:2104.13408

- EM form-factors for cB64 reported:

- ▶ Proton/neutron – Phys.Rev.D100 (2019), 014509 • arXiv:1812.10311
 - ▶ Strange – Phys.Rev.D97 (2018) 094504 • arXiv:1801.09581

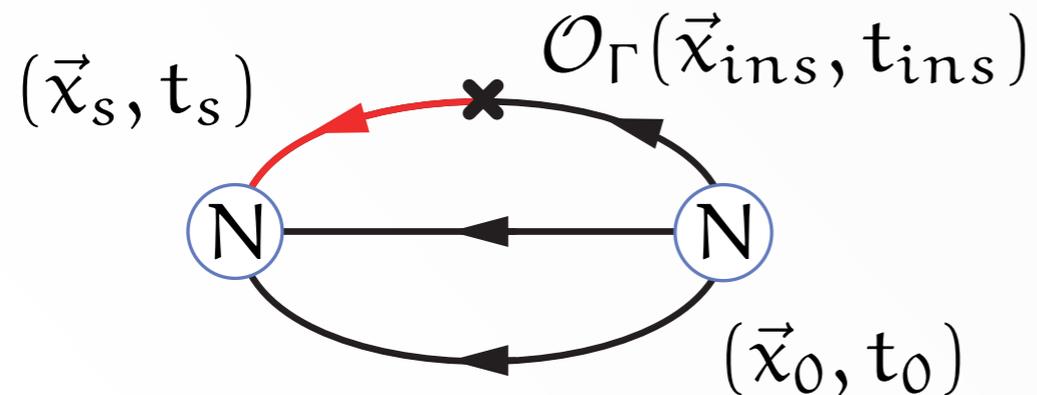
- [Here](#): Preliminary analysis of two additional lattice spacings + reanalysis of excited state effects

More on ETMC simulations by [B. Kostrzewa](#), **Tuesday @ 15:50 CEST** – parallel to this session :(

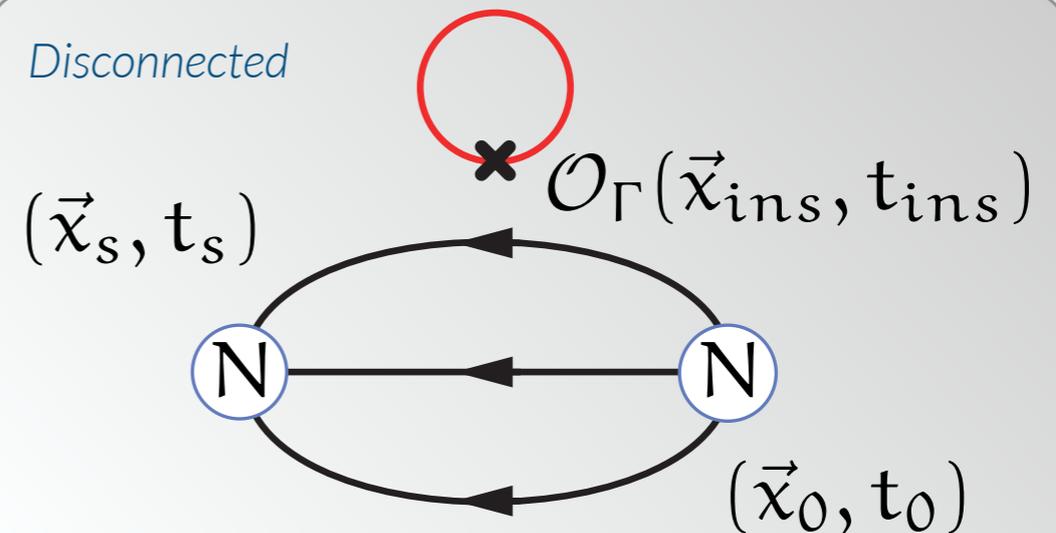
Evaluation of matrix elements

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

Connected



Disconnected



Sequential source through sink

- Inversions for each of the 4 projectors

$$P : \begin{cases} P_0 = \frac{1+\gamma_0}{4} \\ P_k = i\gamma_5\gamma_k P_0, k = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

- Inversions for each choice of t_s

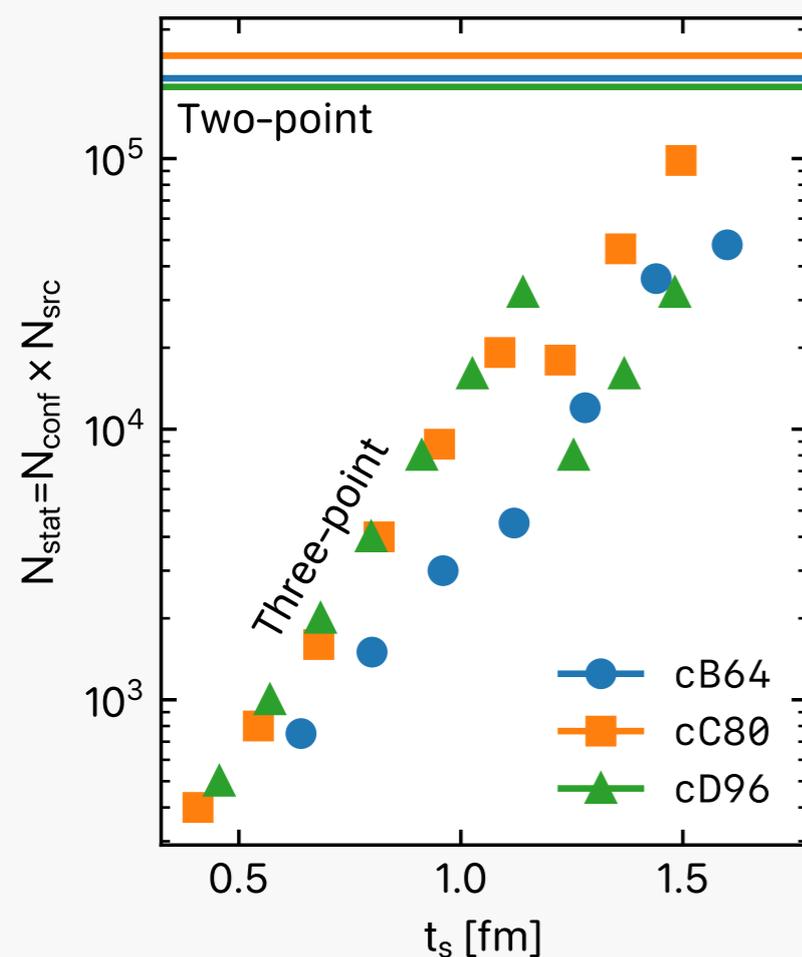
Disconnected

- Two-point: re-use statistics from connected + additional source positions
- Deflation, hierarchical probing, and dilution for fermion loop (details follow)

Statistics

$$R_{\Gamma}(P; \vec{q}; t_s; t_{ins}) = \frac{G_{\Gamma}(P; \vec{q}; t_s; t_{ins})}{G(\vec{0}; t_s)} \sqrt{\frac{G(\vec{p}; t_s - t_{ins})G(\vec{0}; t_{ins})G(\vec{0}; t_s)}{G(\vec{0}; t_s - t_{ins})G(\vec{p}; t_{ins})G(\vec{p}; t_s)}}$$

Connected: Increasing N_{src} with t_s



Ideally: Aim for constant statistical errors over all values of t_s of a given ensemble

- ▶ Robust analysis of excited states: summation method, two- or three-state fits, etc.

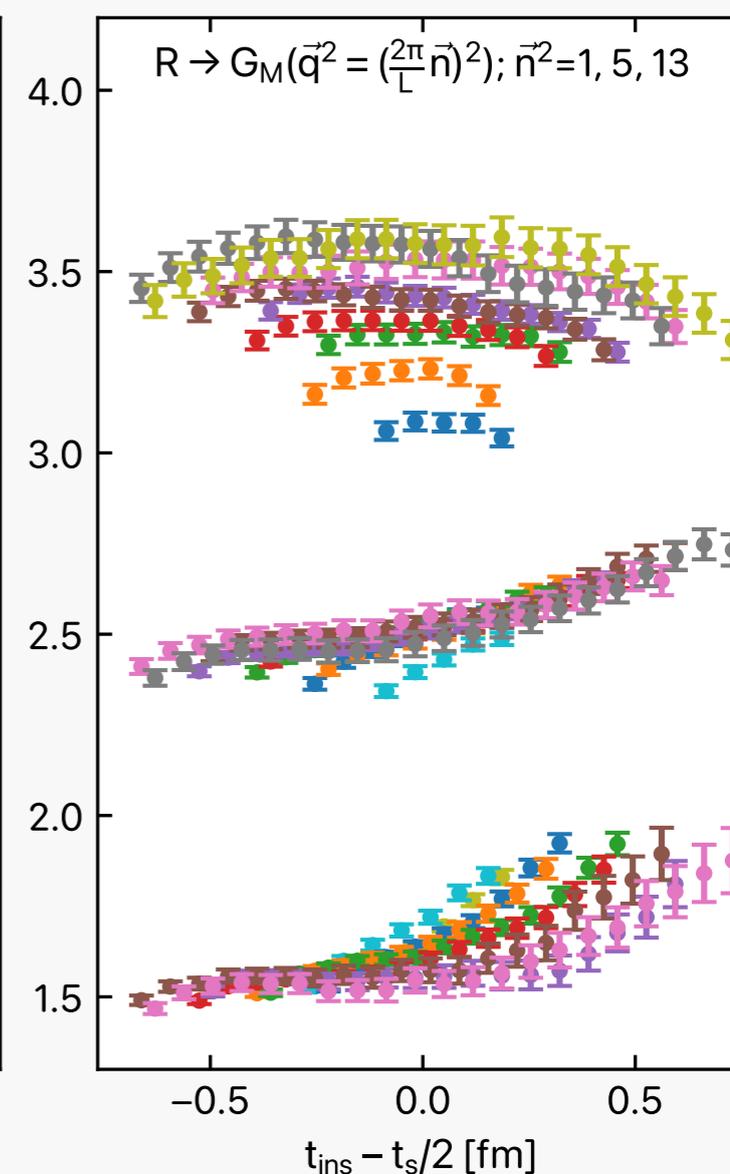
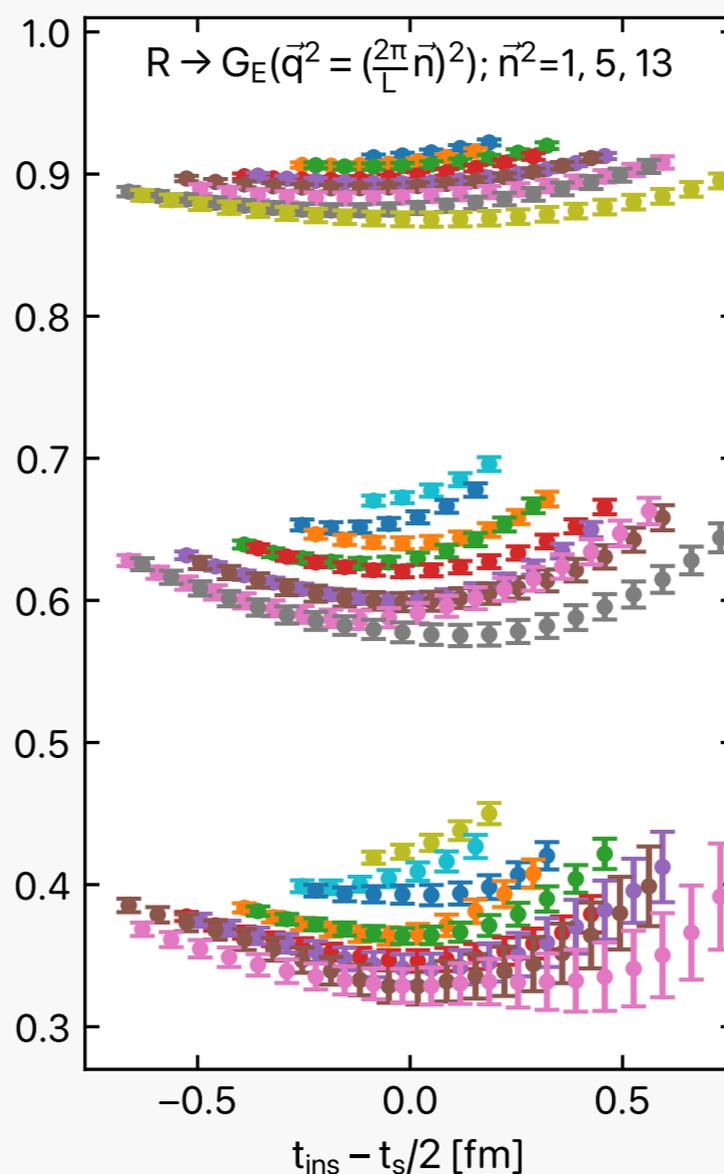
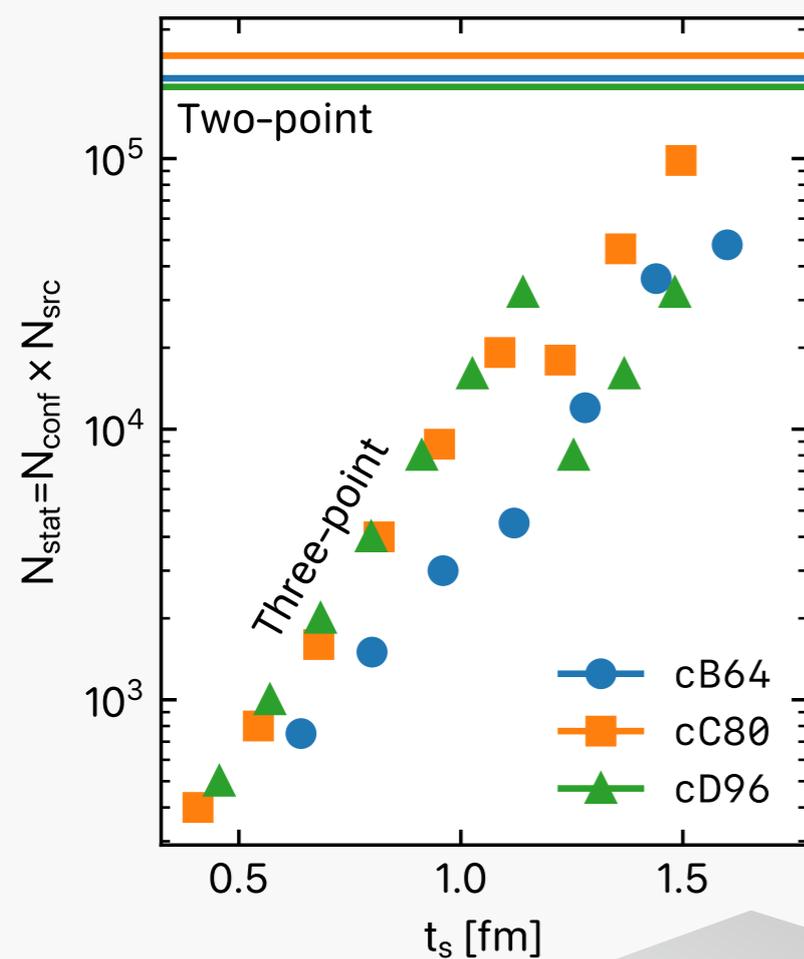
Two-point function: High number of sources per config

- ▶ Needed for disconnected contributions

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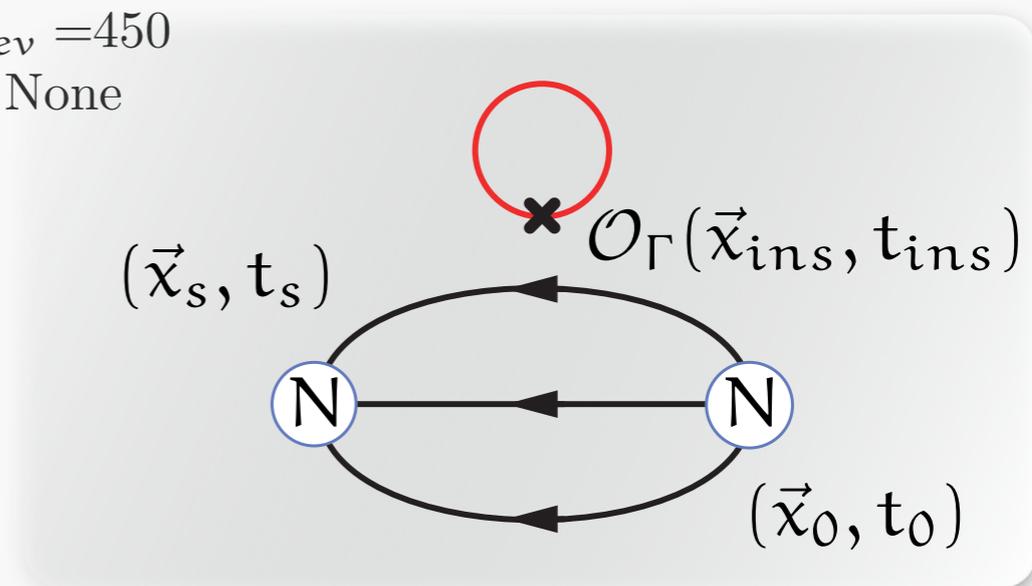
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Disconnected: High number of sources per config. + hierarchical probing, color/spin dilution and exact of low-mode estimation of loops

Ens.	Light Stochastic	Deflation
cB64:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col./spin} \times 512_{nhad.}$	$n_{ev} = 200$
cC80:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col./spin} \times 512_{nhad.}$	$n_{ev} = 450$
cD96:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col./spin} \times 512_{nhad.} \times 8_{stoch.}$	None

Ens.	Strange
cB64:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col/spin} \times 12_{stoch.} \times 32_{nhad.}$
cC80:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col/spin} \times 4_{stoch.} \times 512_{nhad.}$
cD96:	$n_{vec} = 12_{col/spin} \times 4_{stoch.} \times 512_{nhad.}$



Treatment of excited states

Summation method

$$S_{\Gamma}(\vec{q}; t_s) = \sum_{t_{\text{ins}}=\tau}^{t_s-\tau} R_{\Gamma}(\vec{q}; t_s; t_{\text{ins}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}t_s + C$$

Two-state fit

$$G_{\Gamma}(\vec{q}; t_s, t_{\text{ins}}) = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 c_{ij} e^{-E_i(0)(t_s-t_{\text{ins}})} e^{-E_j(\vec{q})t_{\text{ins}}}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{c_{00}}{\sqrt{a_0(\vec{0})a_0(\vec{q})}}$$

$$G(\vec{q}; t_s) = a_0(\vec{q})e^{-\varepsilon_0(\vec{q})t_s} + a_1(\vec{q})e^{-\varepsilon_1(\vec{q})t_s}$$

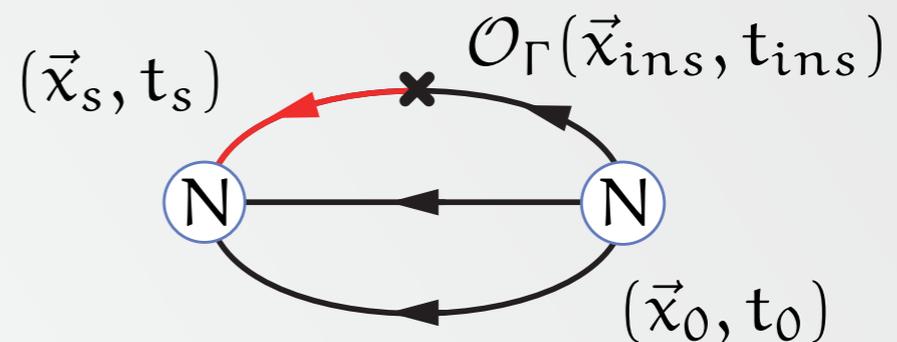
Ground state:

$$E_0(0) = \varepsilon_0(0)$$

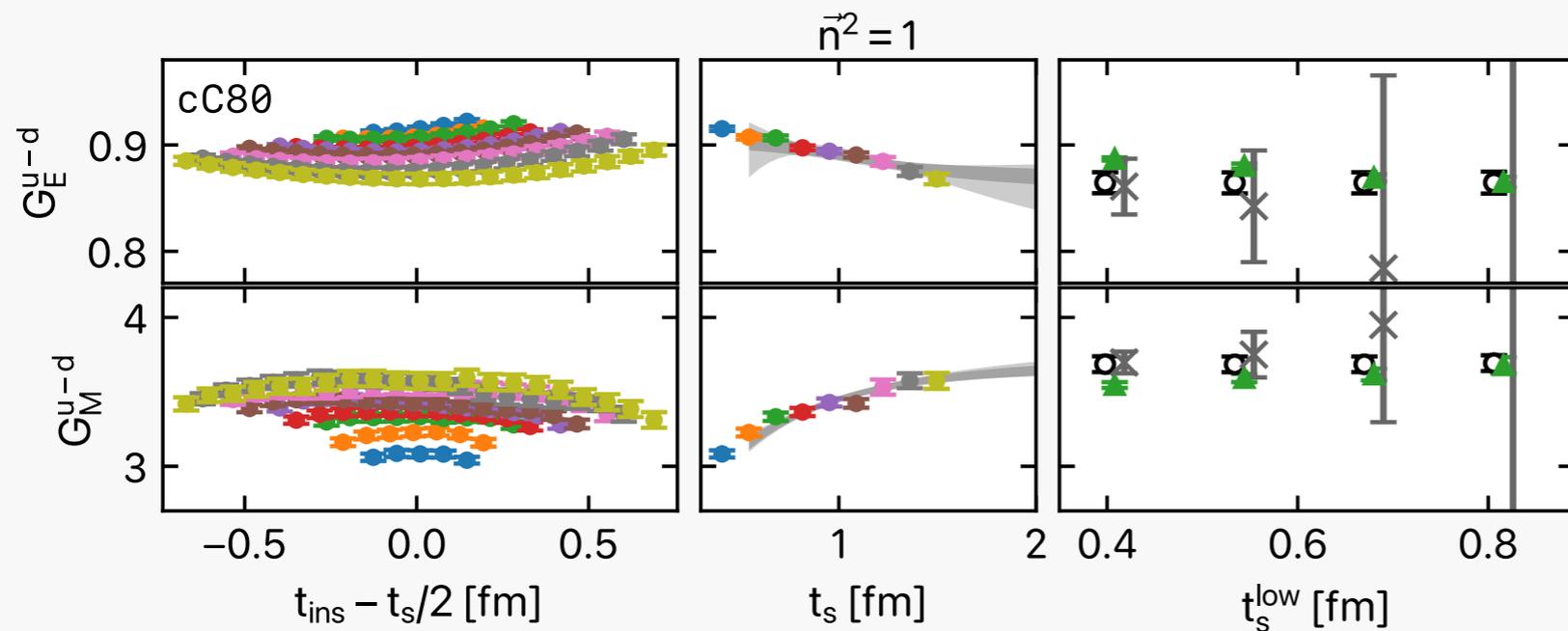
$$E_0(\vec{q}) = \varepsilon_0(\vec{q}) = [\varepsilon_0^2(\vec{0}) + (\frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{q})^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Excited states:

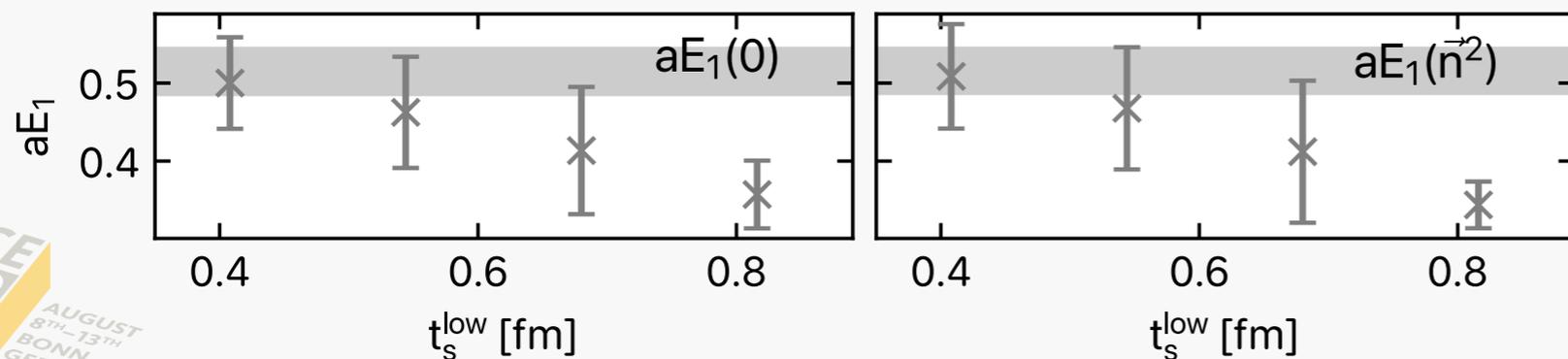
In general, $E_1(\vec{q}) \neq \varepsilon_1(\vec{q})$ and $E_1(0) \neq \varepsilon_1(0)^*$



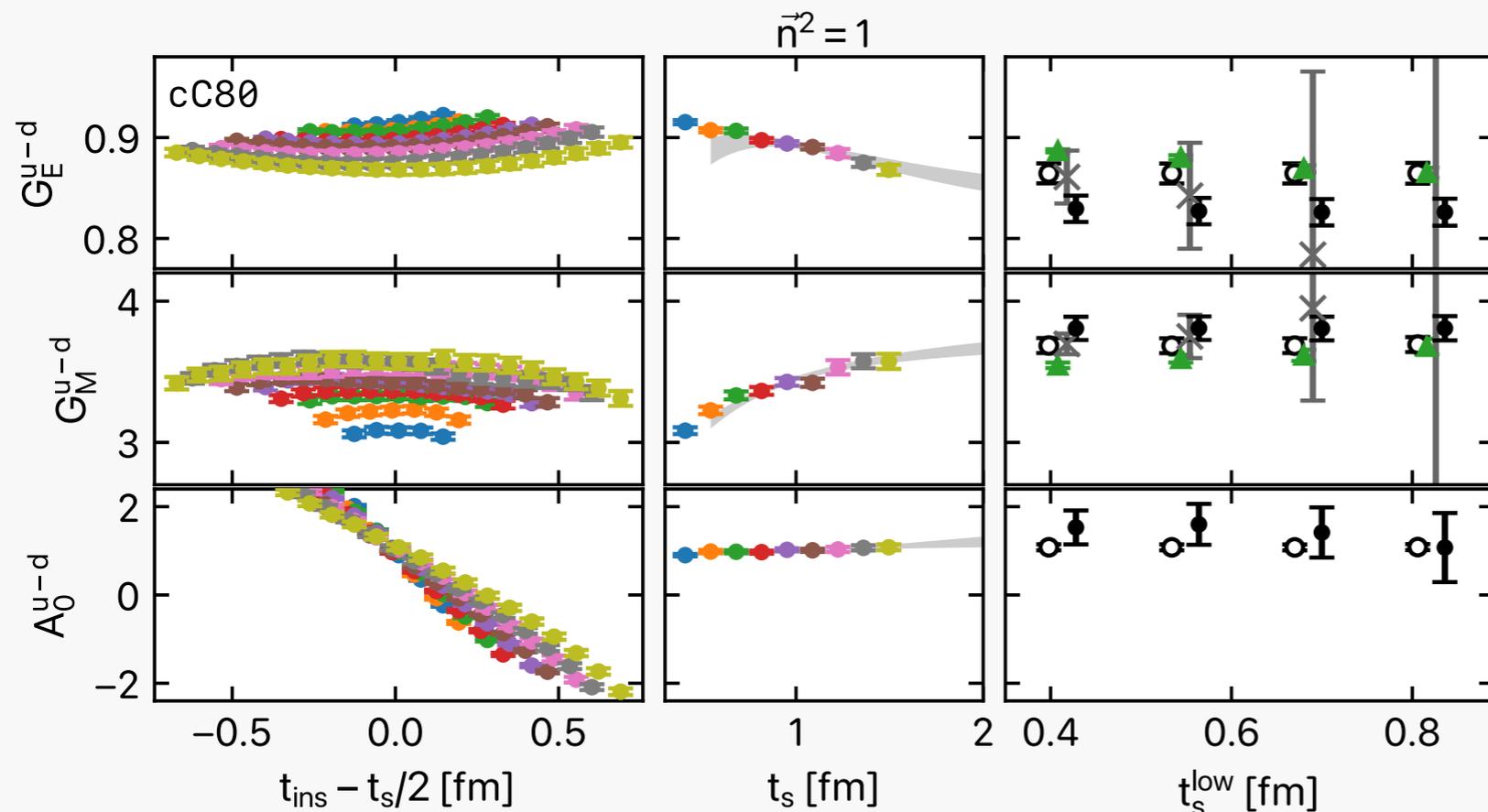
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 $E_1(\vec{q}) \neq \varepsilon_1(\vec{q})$
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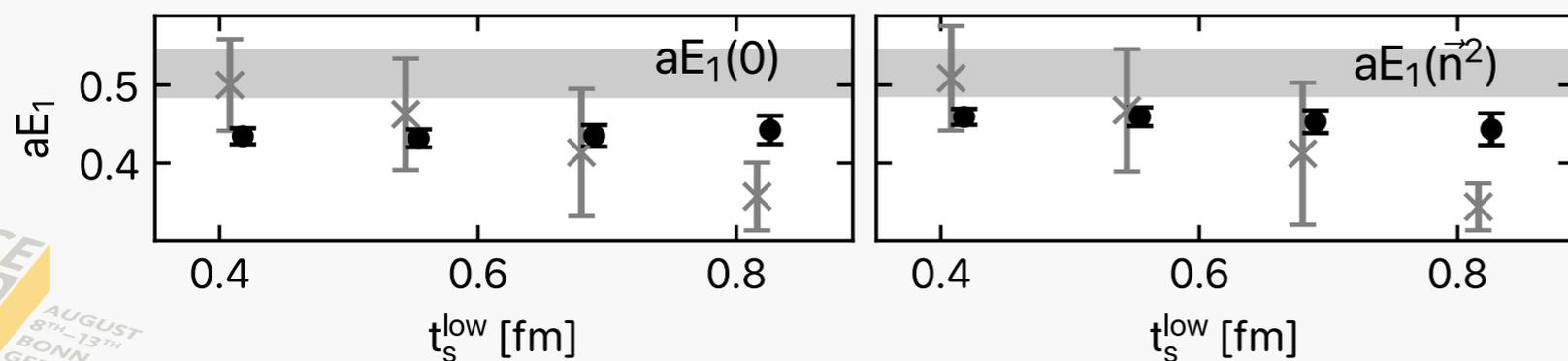


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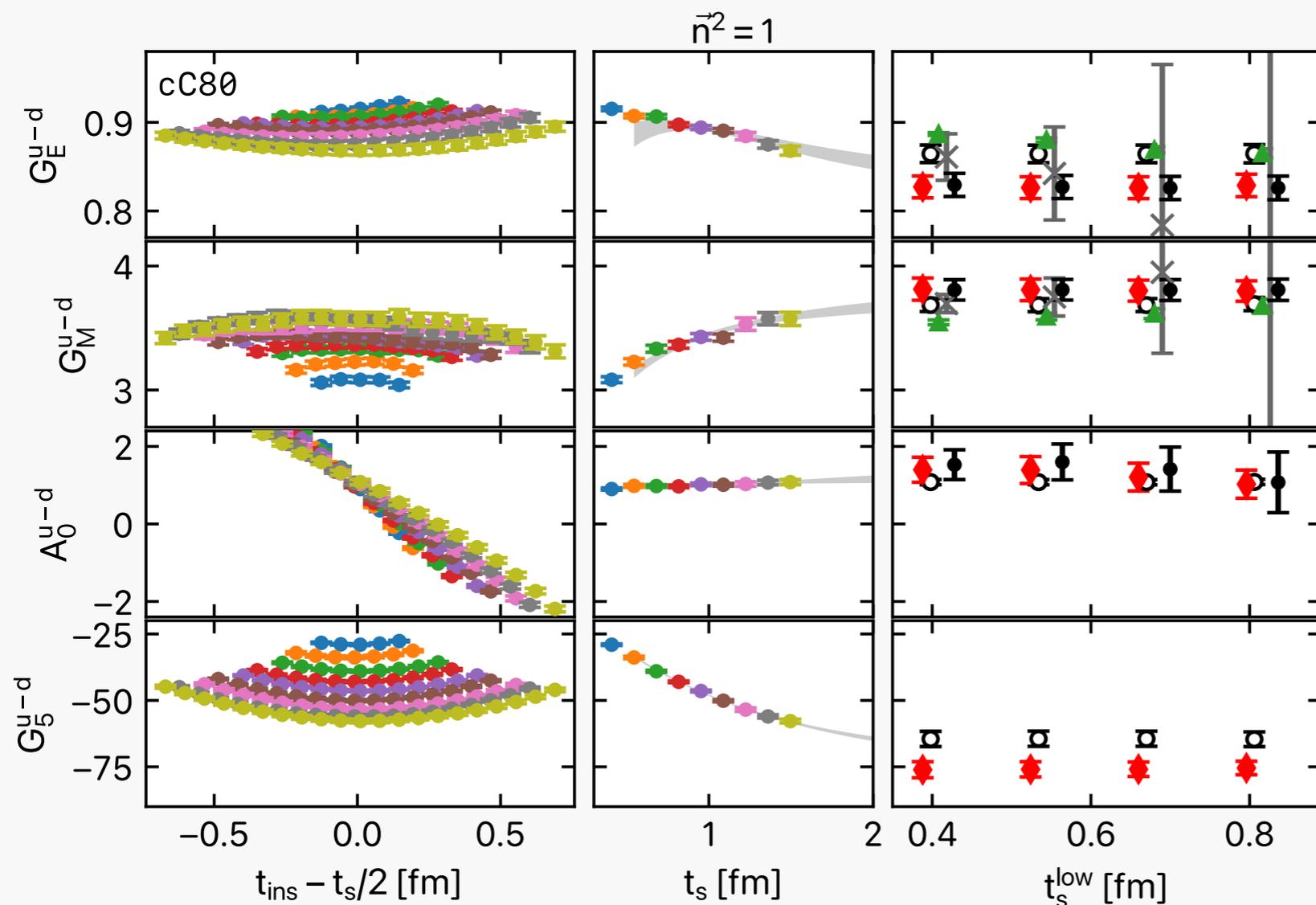
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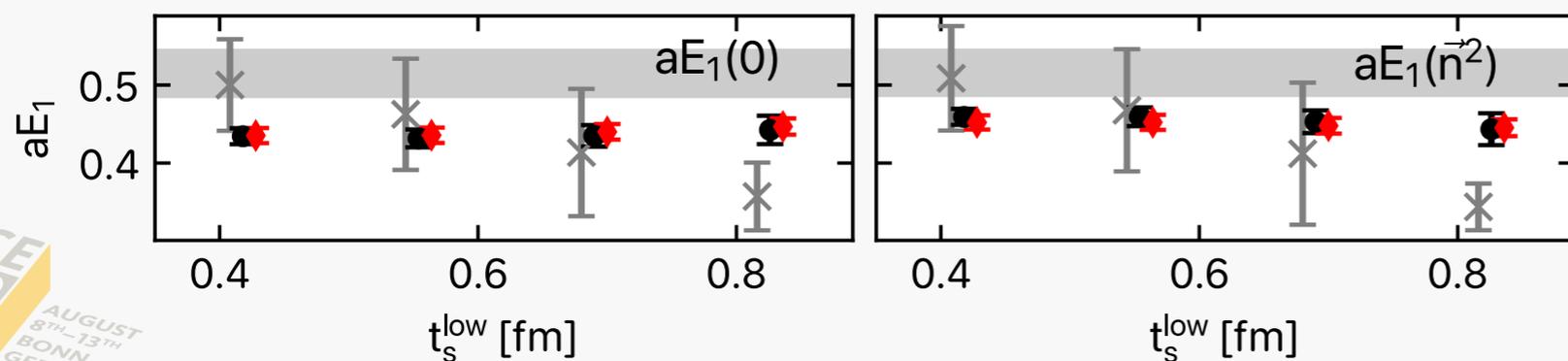
Two-state with A_0
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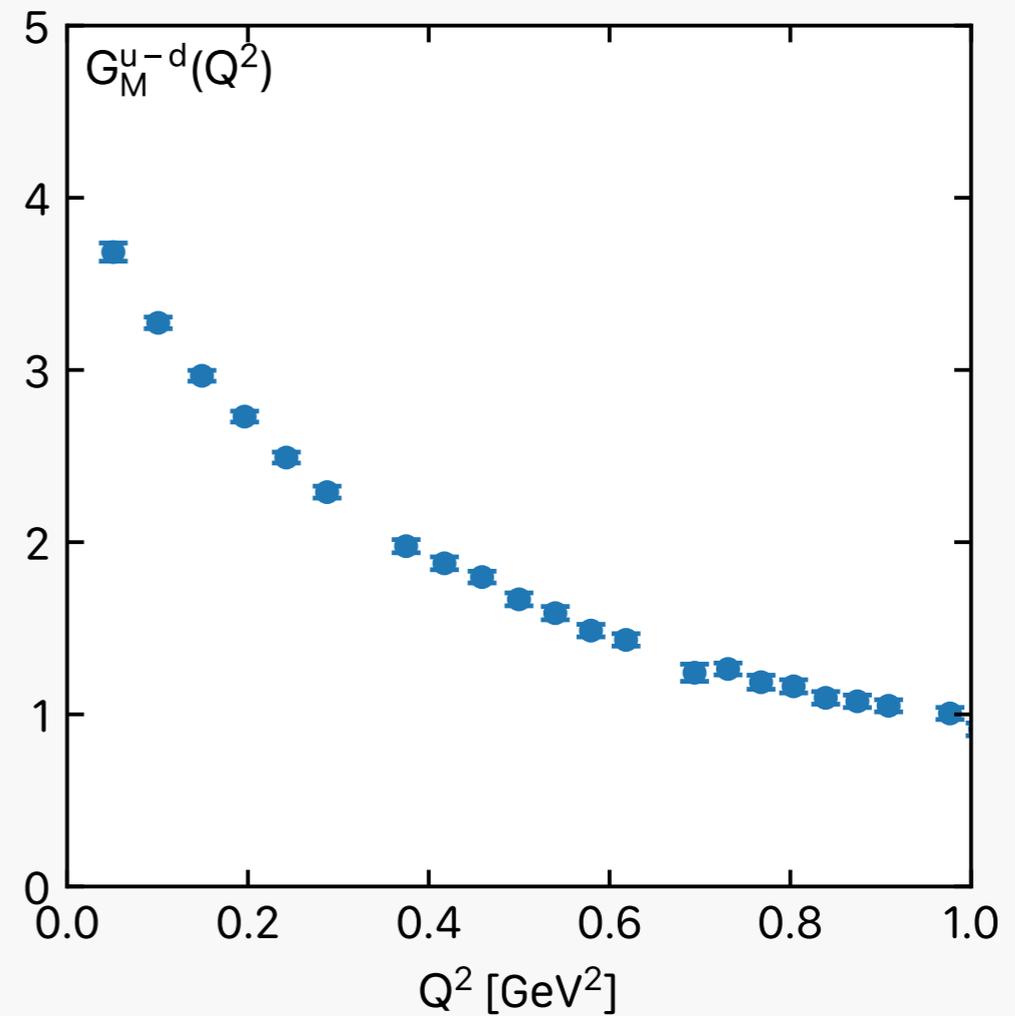
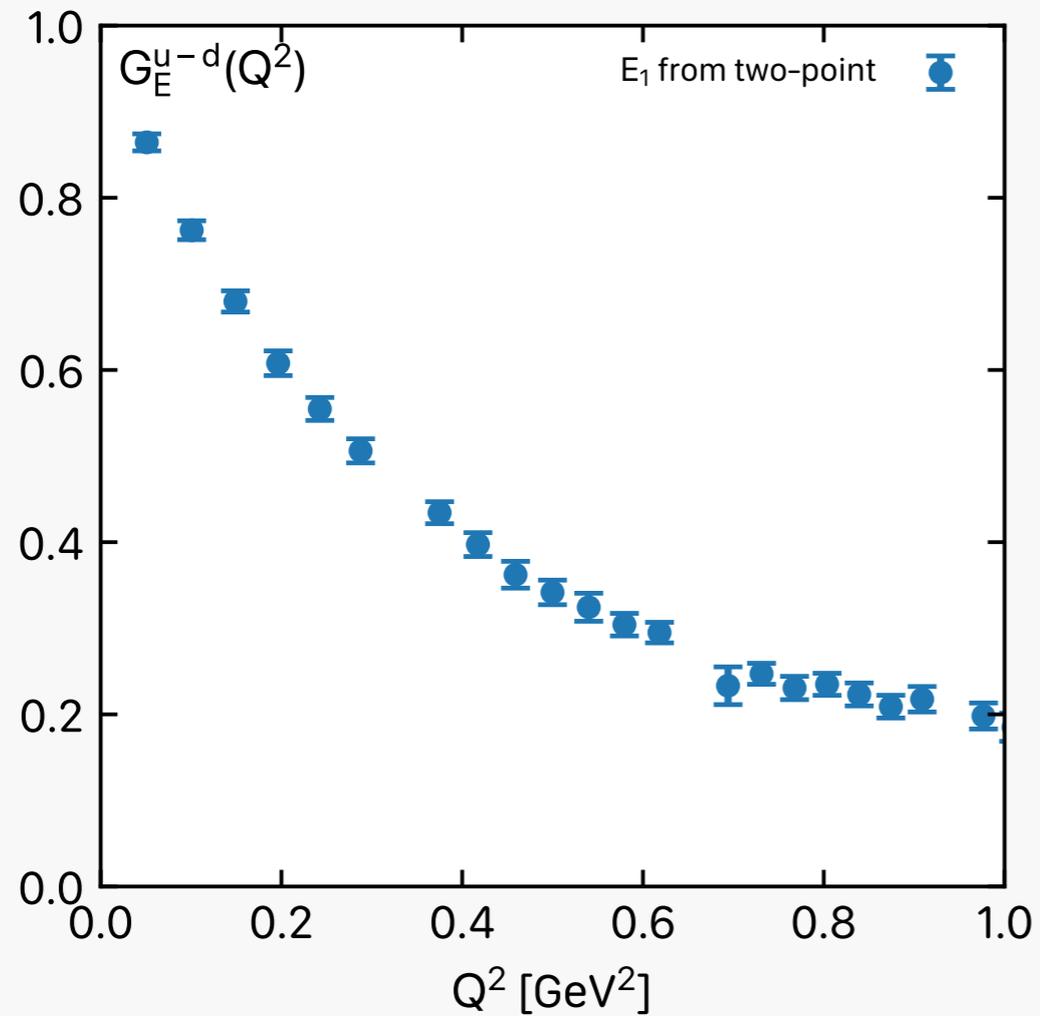


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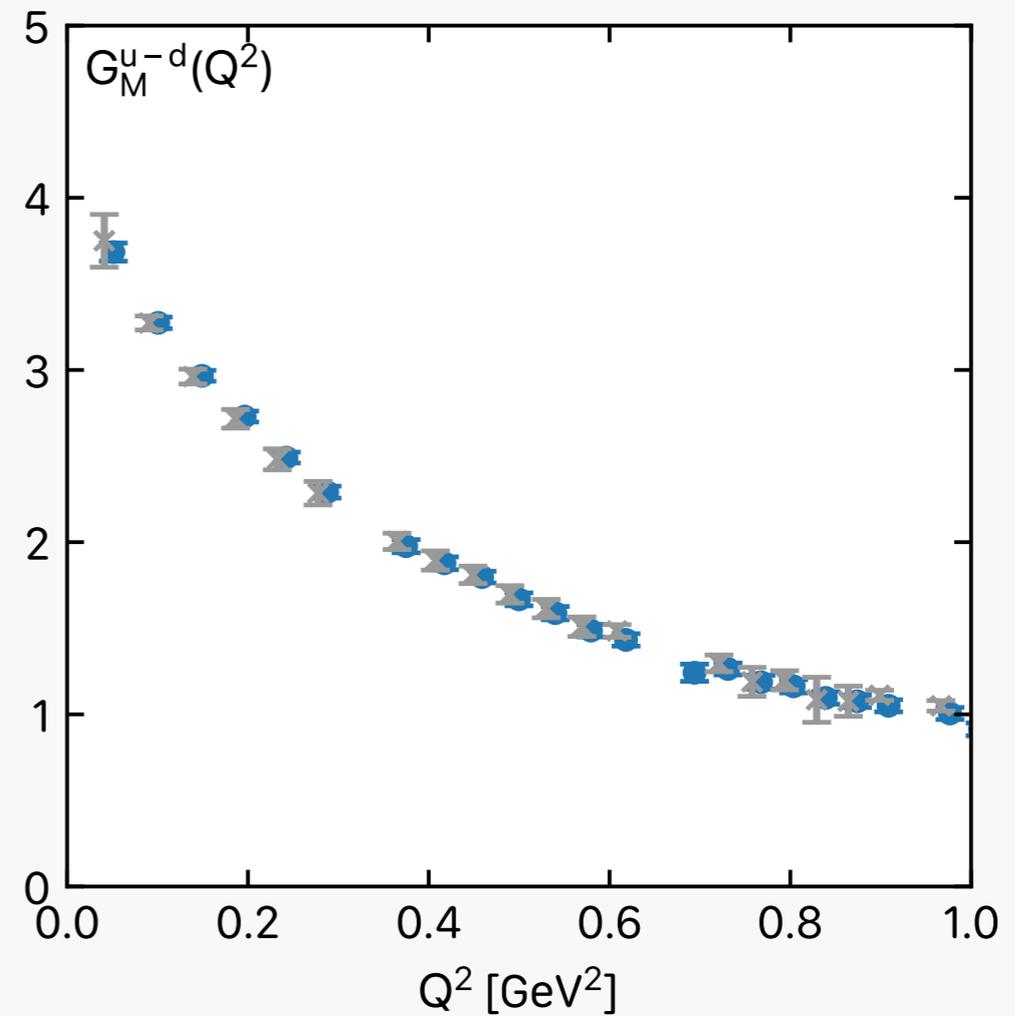
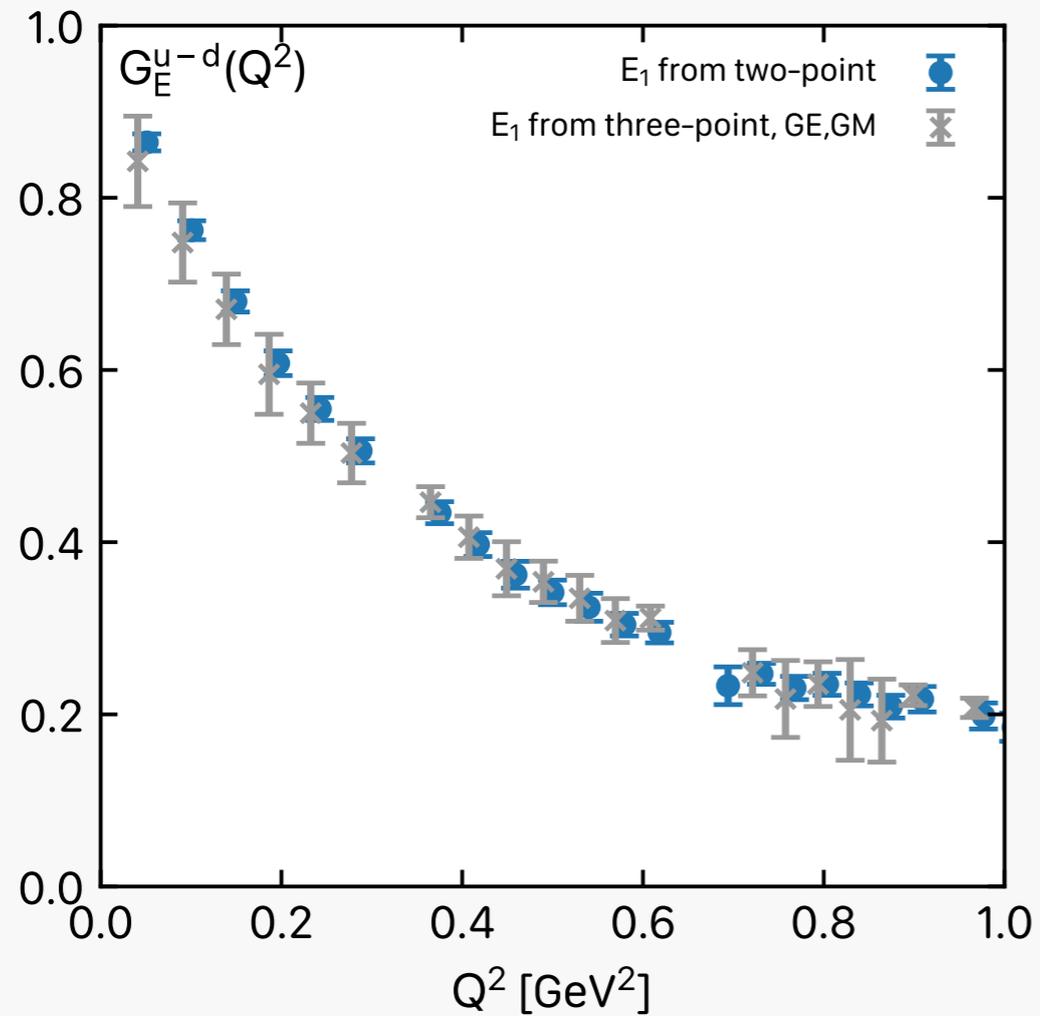
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Excited states: Effect of fit choice



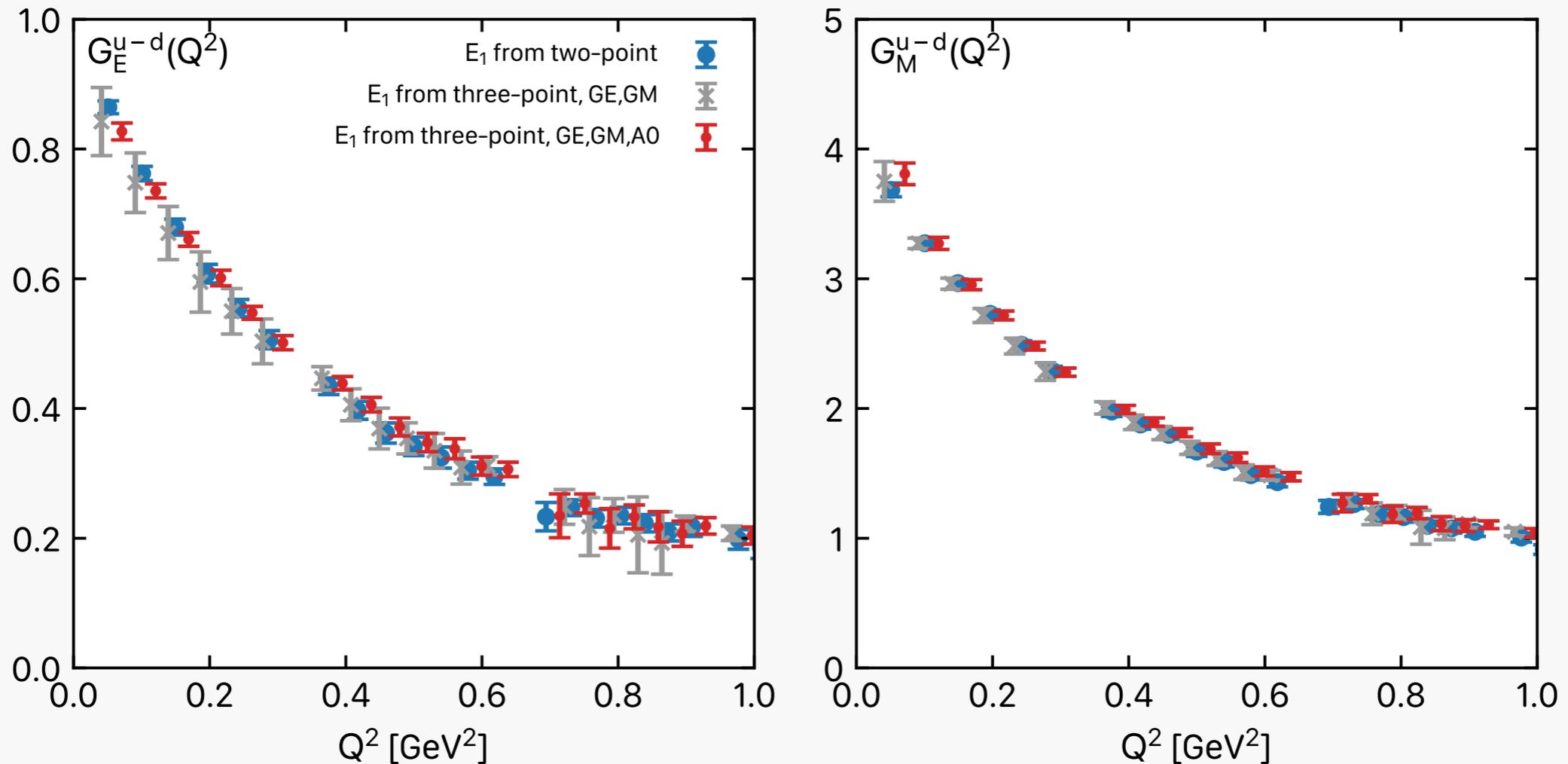
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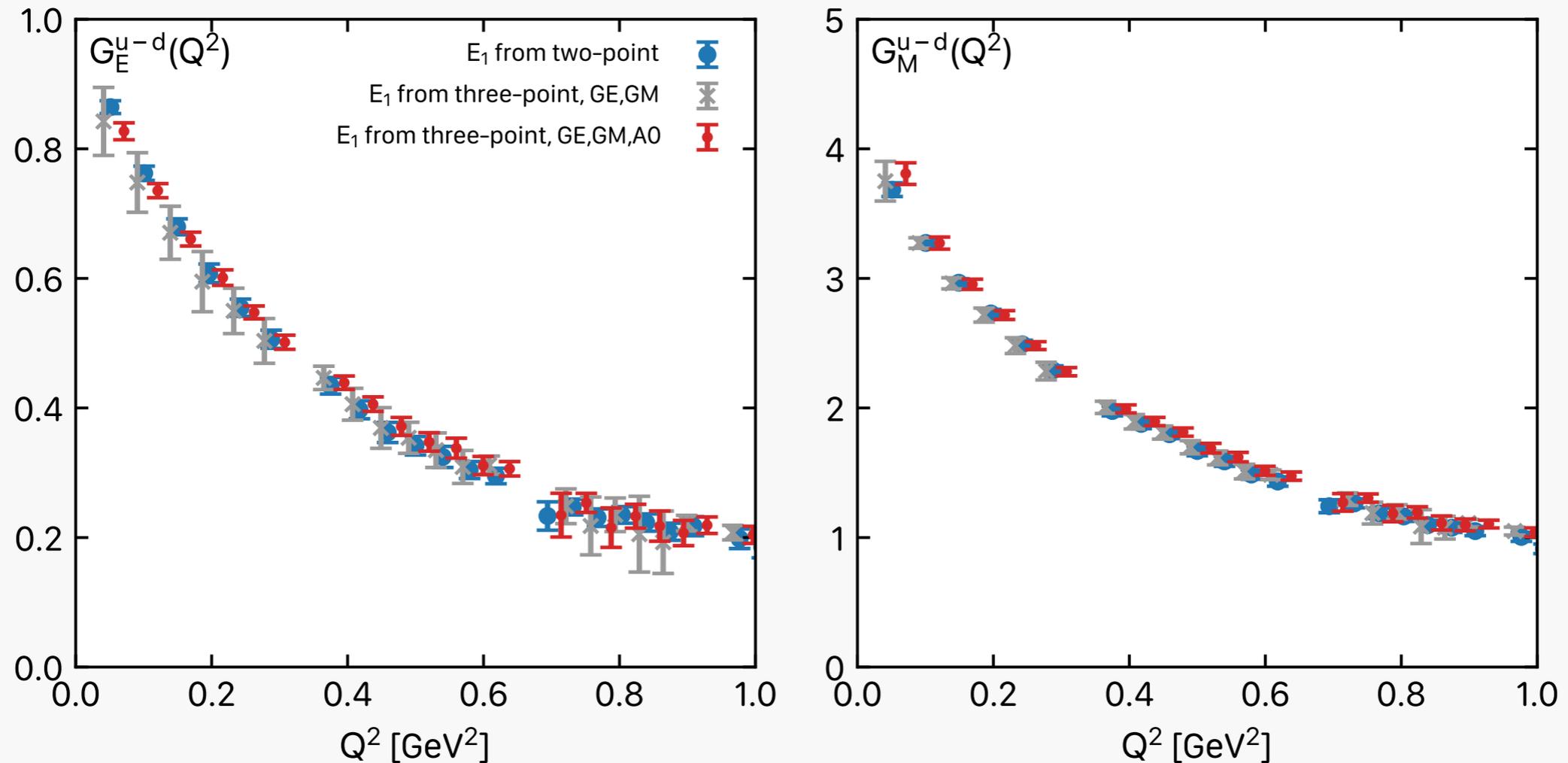
Example from **cC80** (intermediate a)

- Low- Q^2 :

- ▶ A_0 fit $\sim 1-2\sigma$ from fit with energies fixed from two-point function
- ▶ As E_1 fitted to smaller values: G_E decreases; G_M increases

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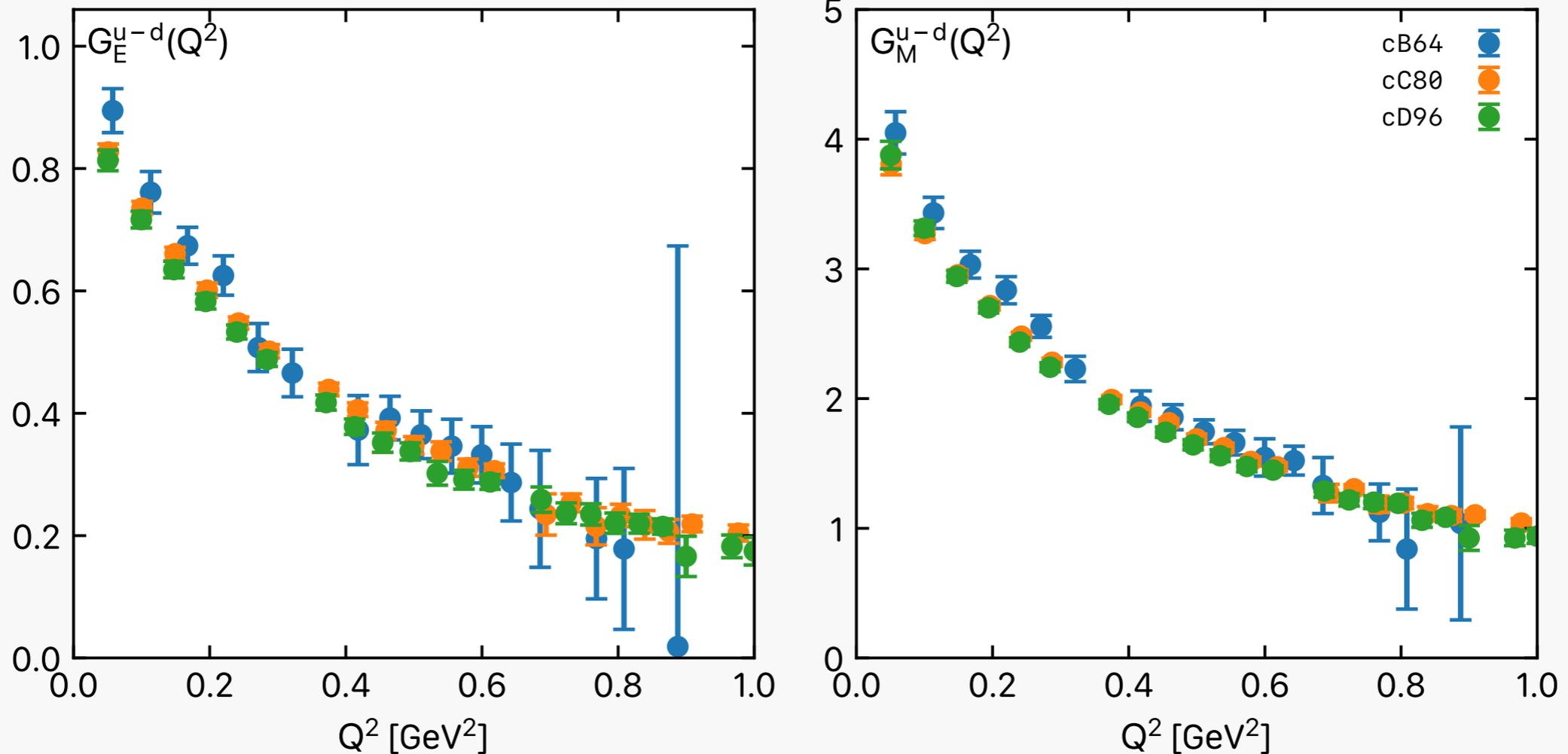


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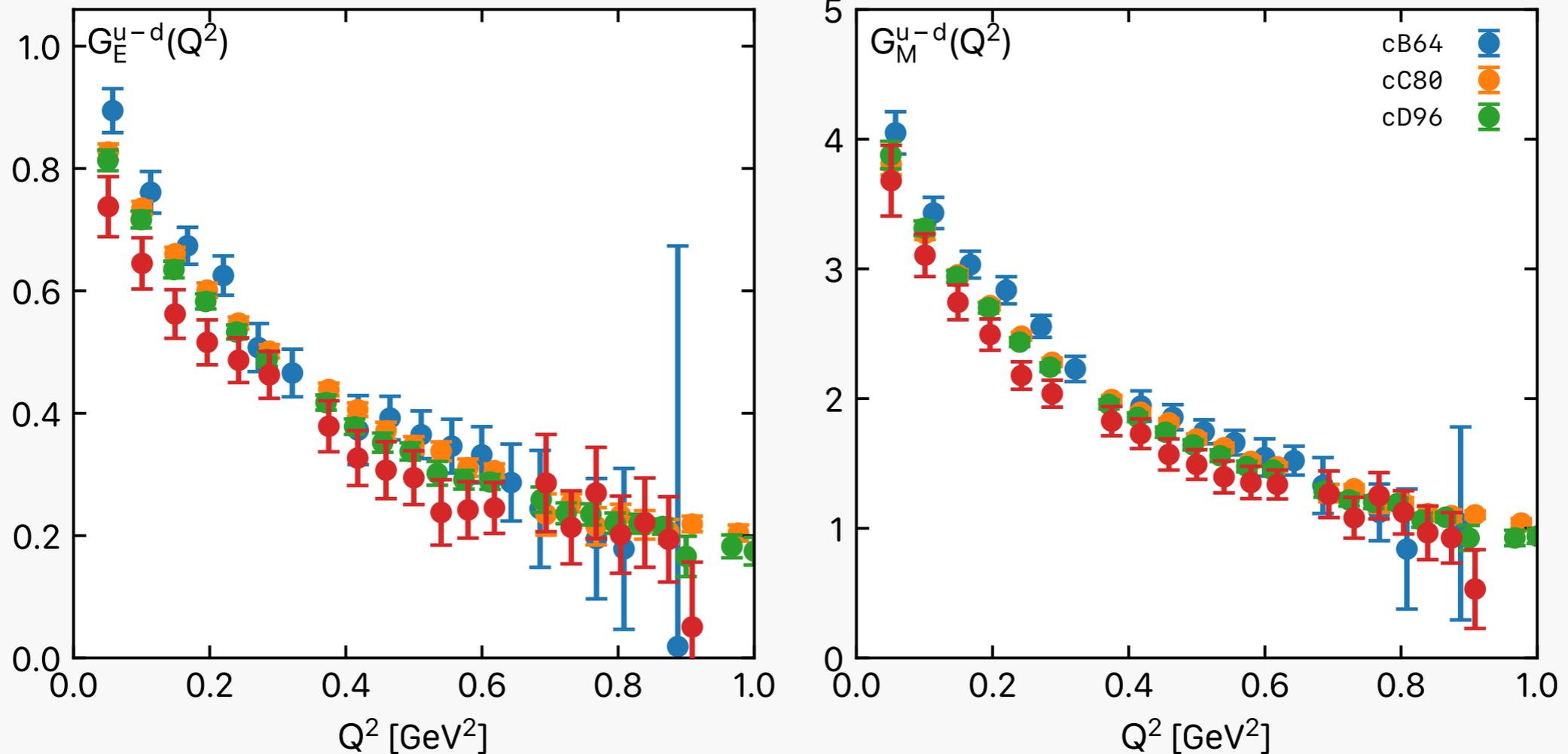
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• Approach to continuum (at low- Q^2):

- G_E towards smaller values
- G_M towards larger values

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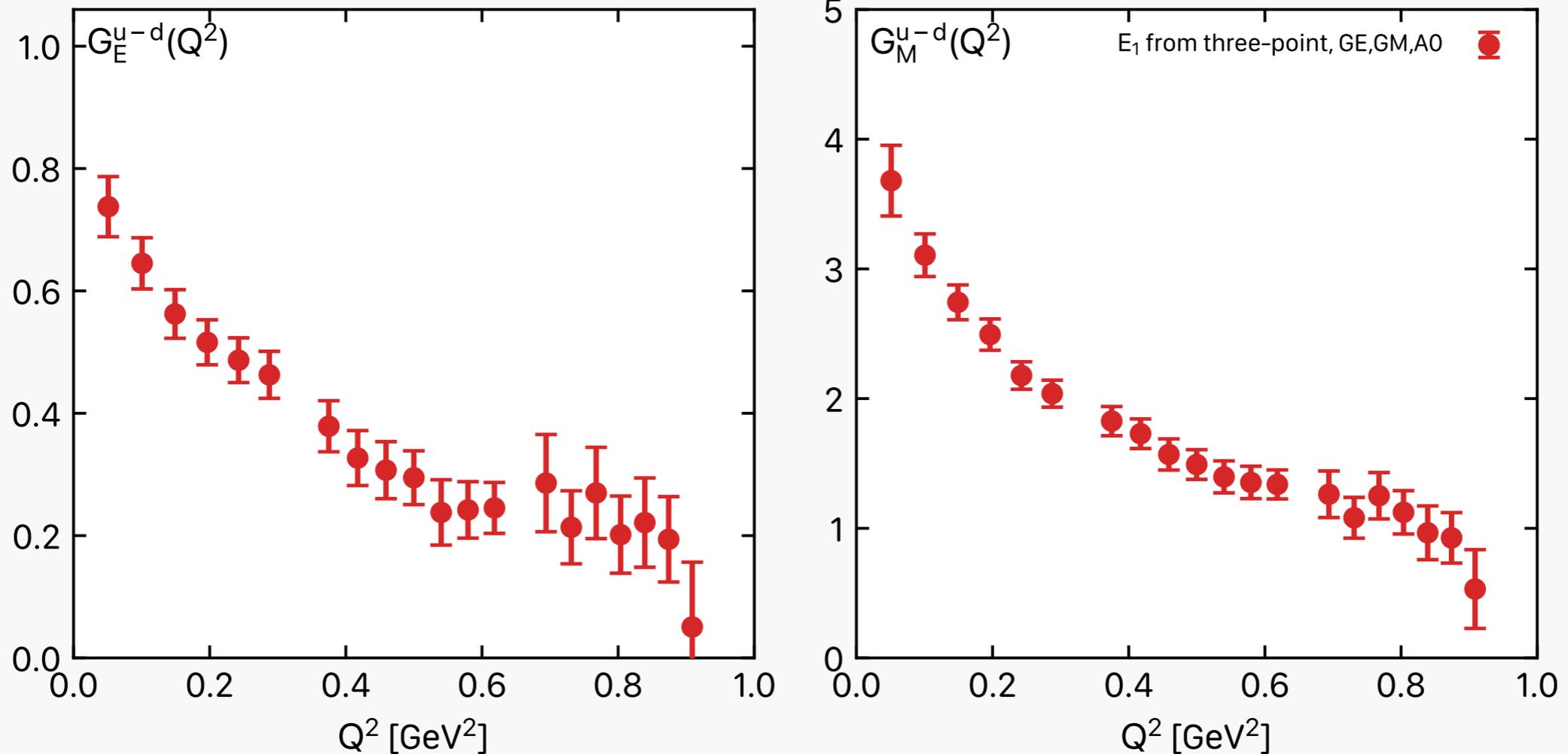


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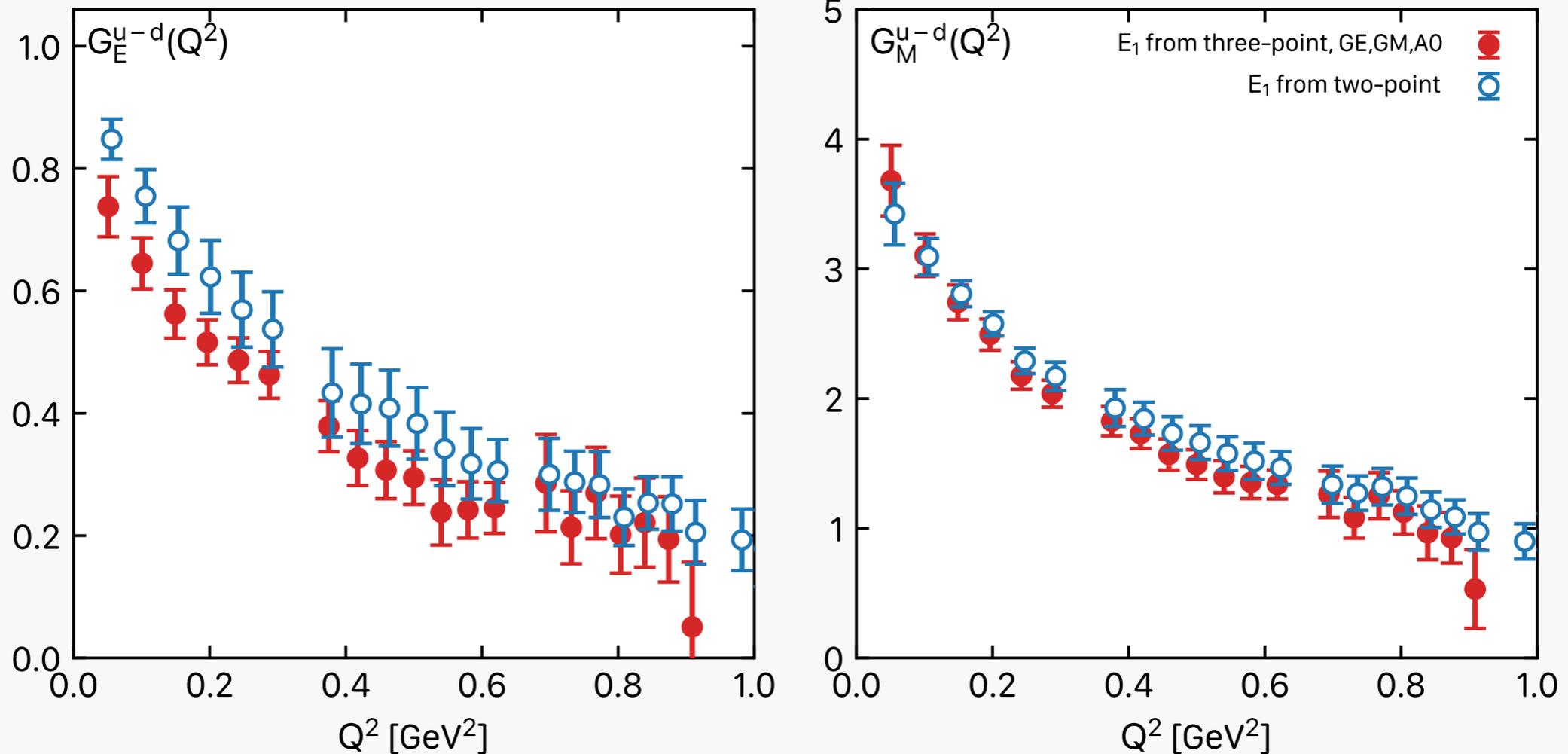


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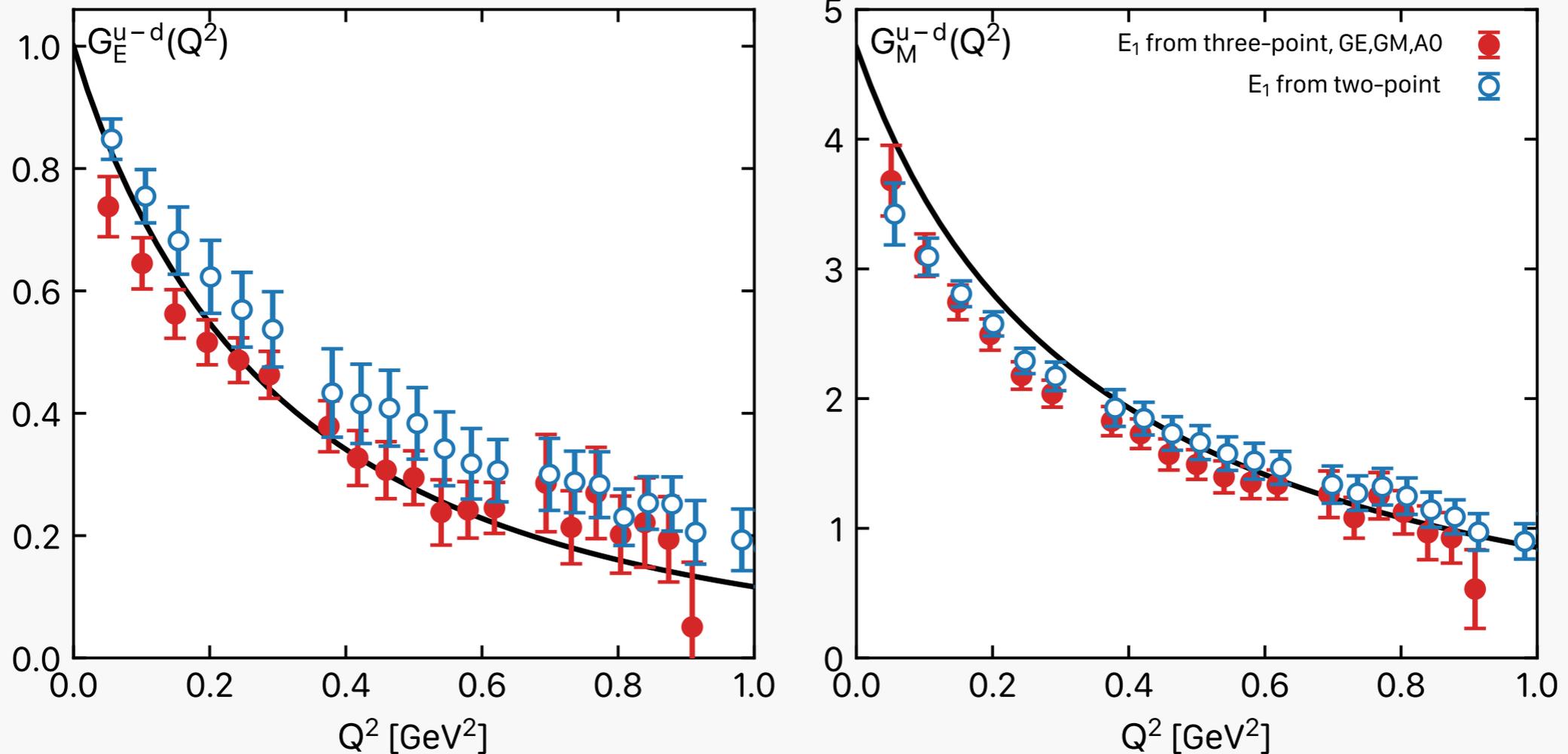


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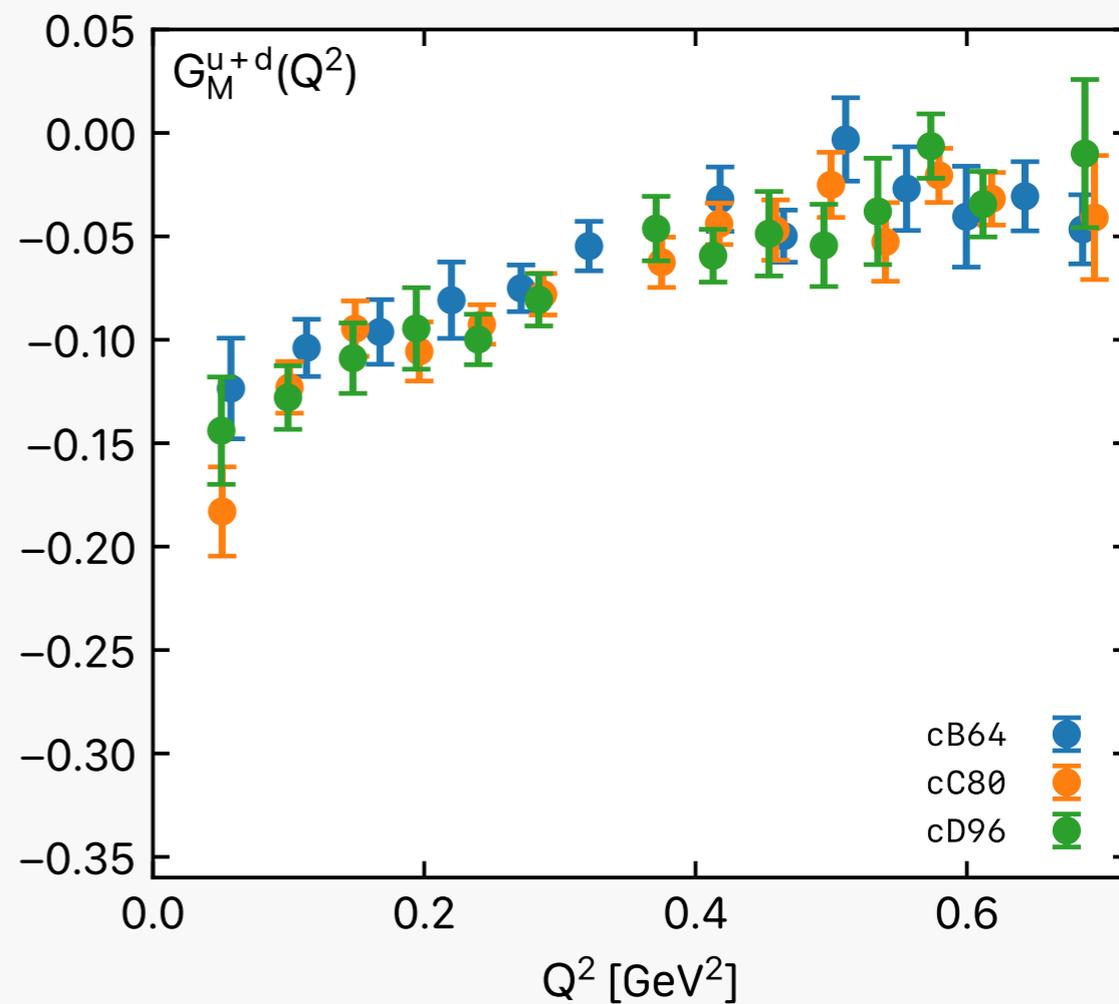
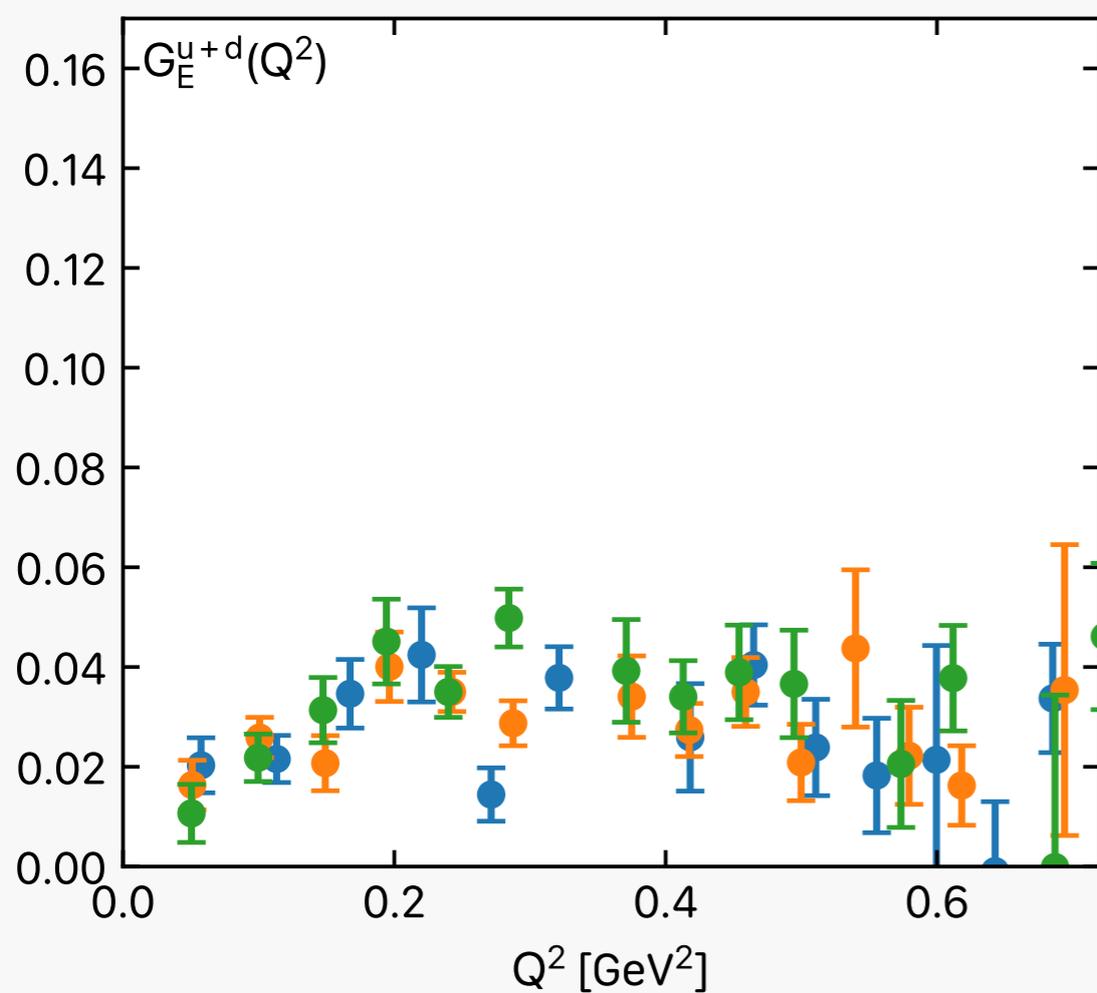
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- Comparison to experiment: z -expansion fit (Yea, Arrington, Hill, Lee, Phys. Lett. B 777 (2018) 8-15 [[1707.09063](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.09063)])
- Error dominated by coarsest lattice spacing \Rightarrow Statistics being increased

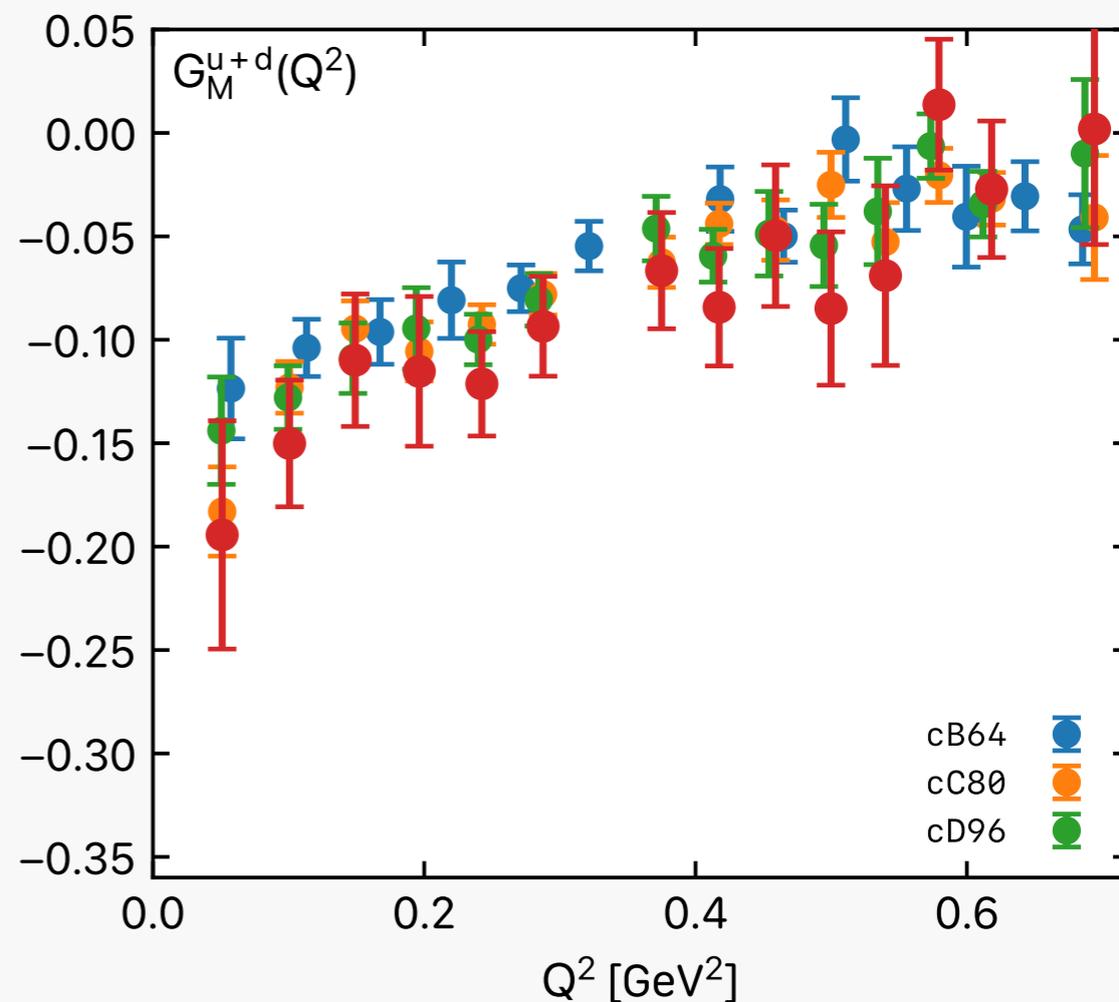
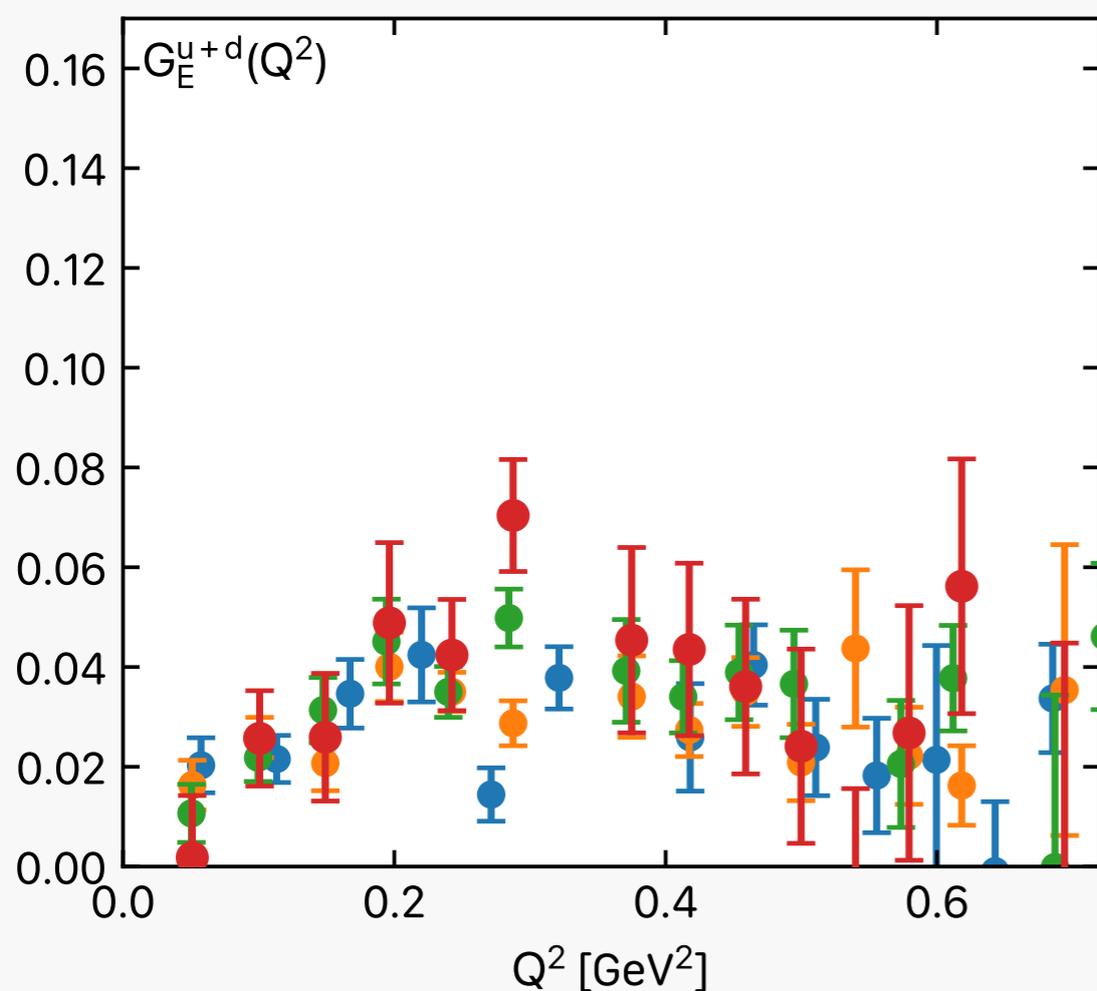
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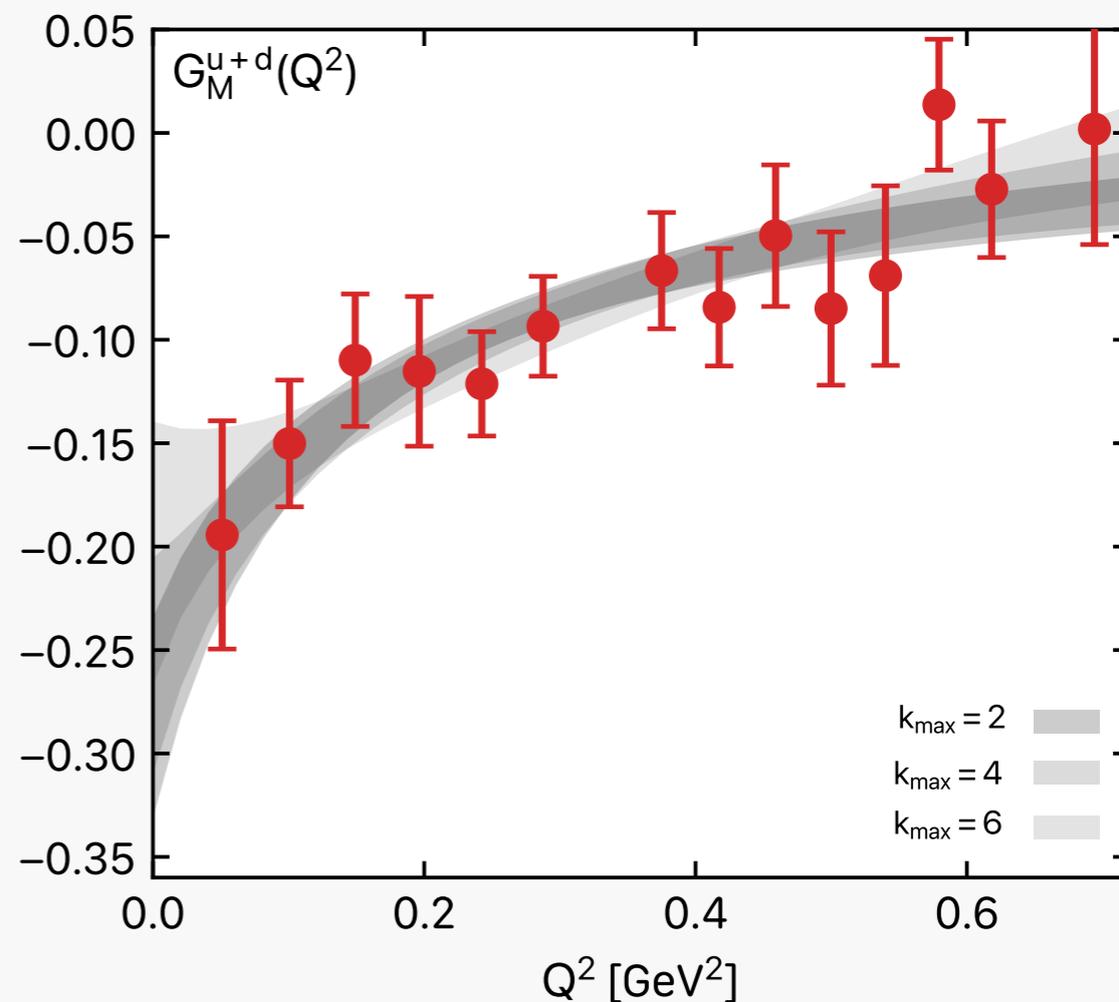
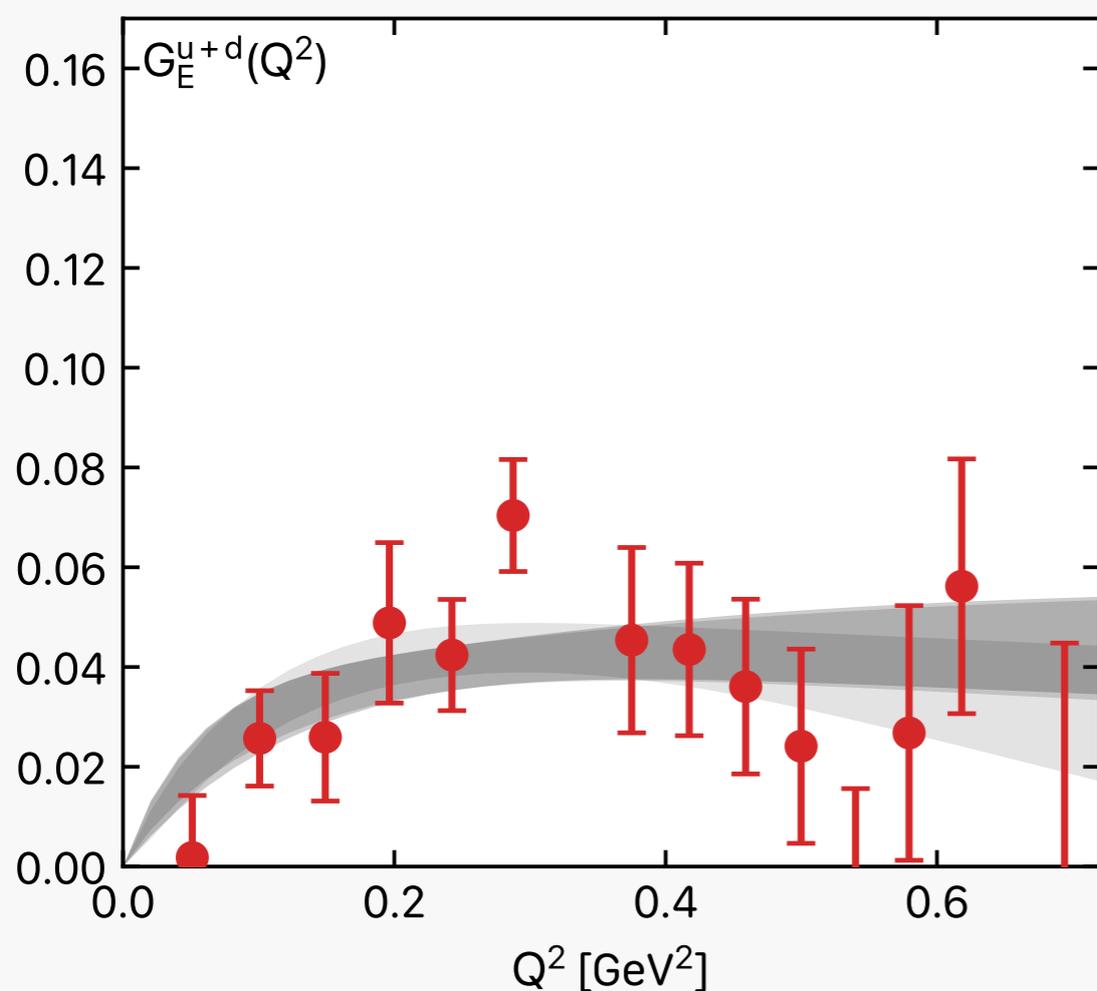
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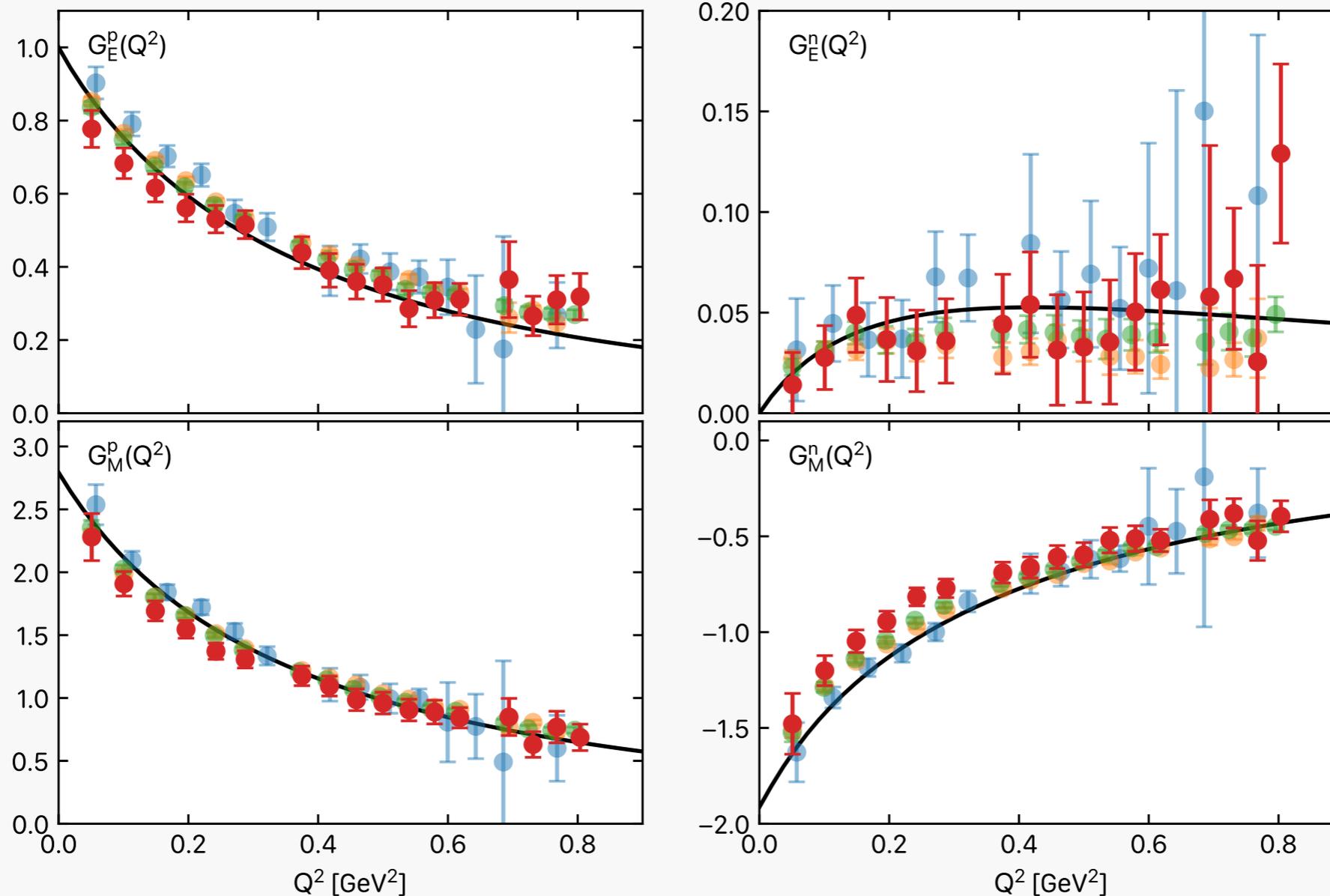
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First Look: Proton and Neutron (combining disc.)



- Same interpolation as before
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Summary & Outlook

Nucleon EM form factors at the physical point

- Multiple sink-source separation with increasing statistics
- Three lattice spacings at the physical pion mass value
- Preliminary continuum extrapolation
 - Some tension ($1-2\sigma$) at the continuum limit for low- Q^2 values
 - Analysis for systematics on excited state treatment pending
- Ongoing
 - Increase in statistics of coarsest lattice spacing
 - Finalisation of systematic errors from excited states
 - Analysis and extraction of radii and moments
 - Larger volume ensembles
- Outlook
 - Complete $V \rightarrow \infty$ and $a \rightarrow 0$ extrapolation using $N_f=2+1+1$ ensembles all at the physical point

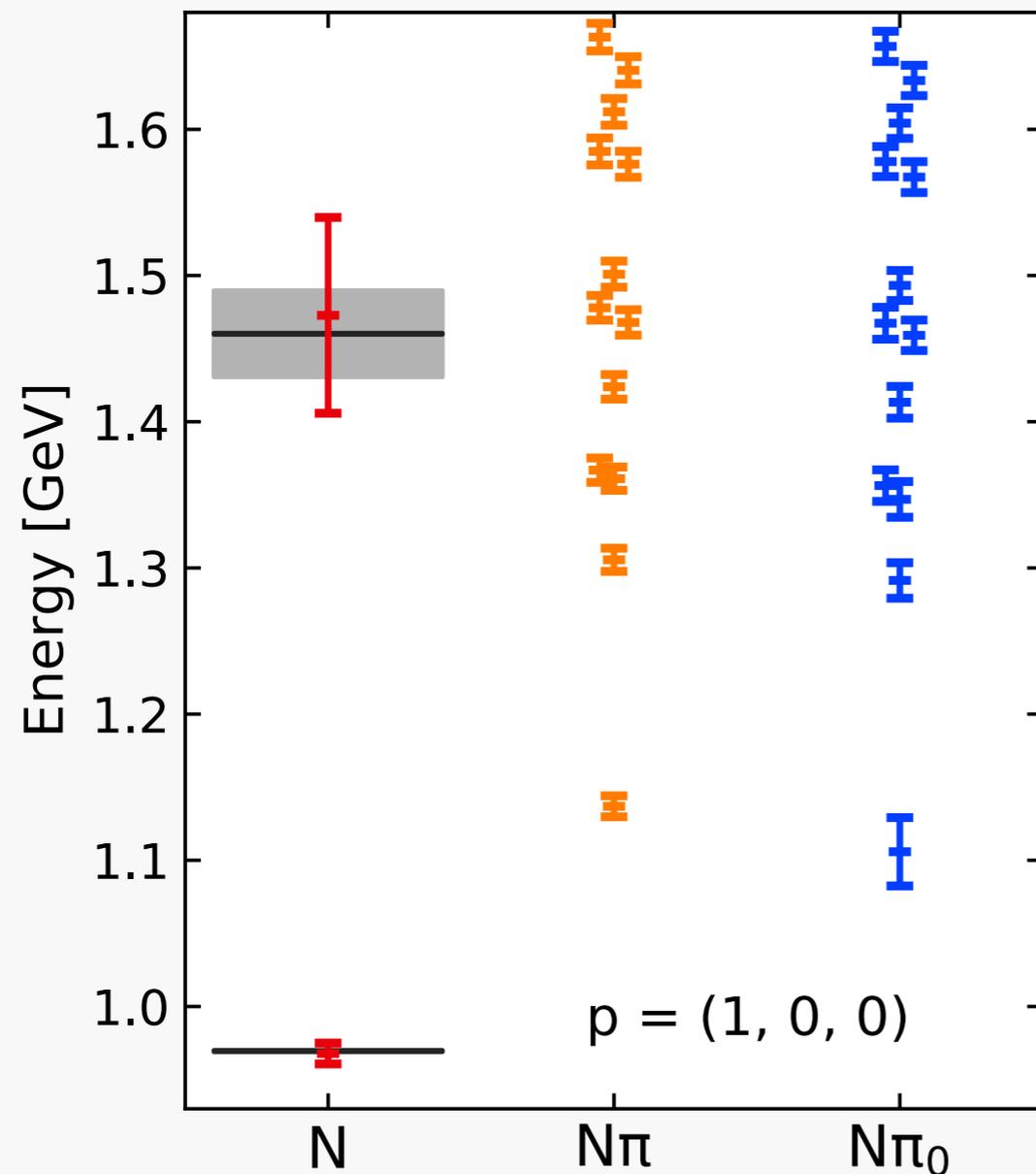
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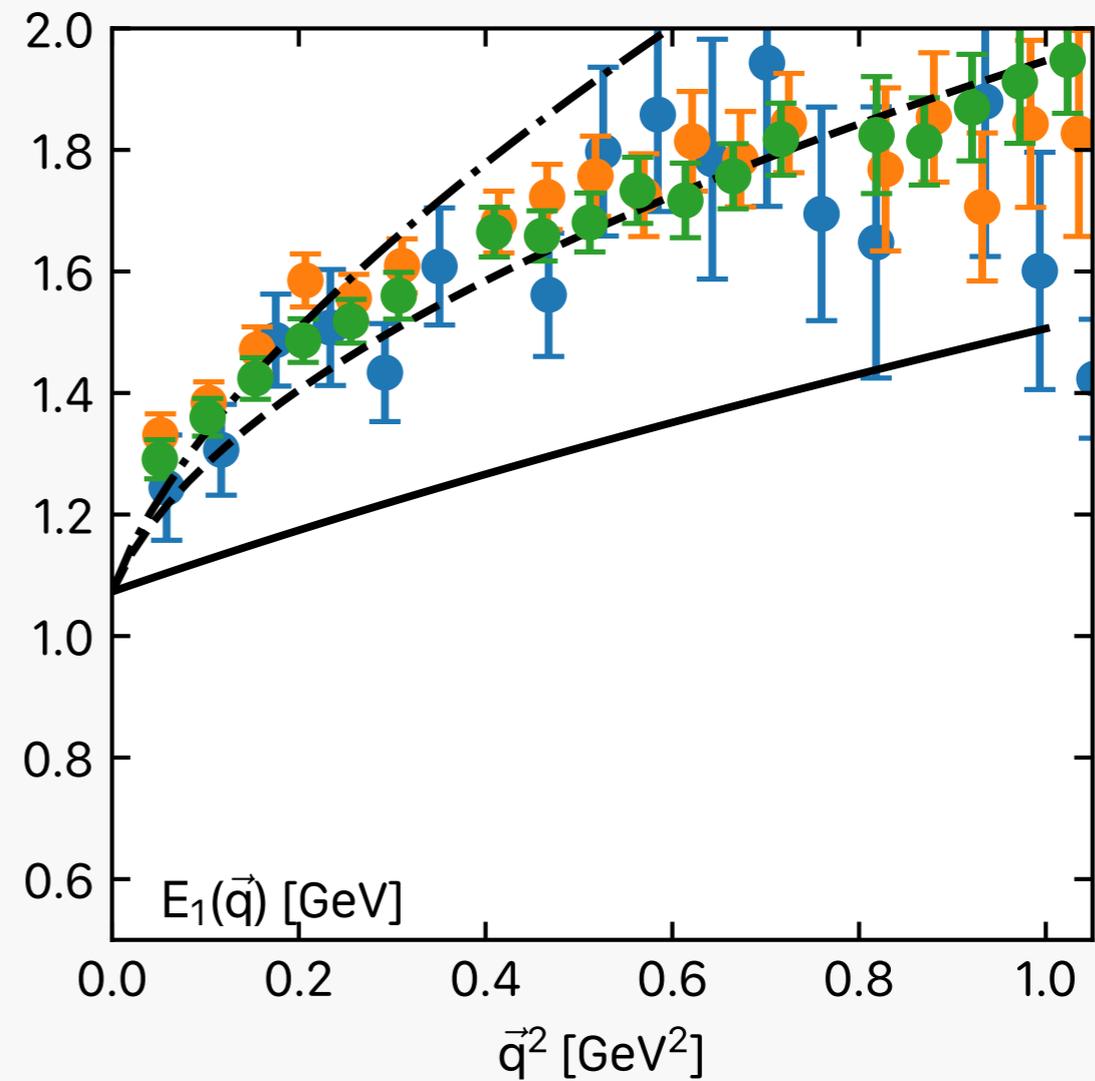
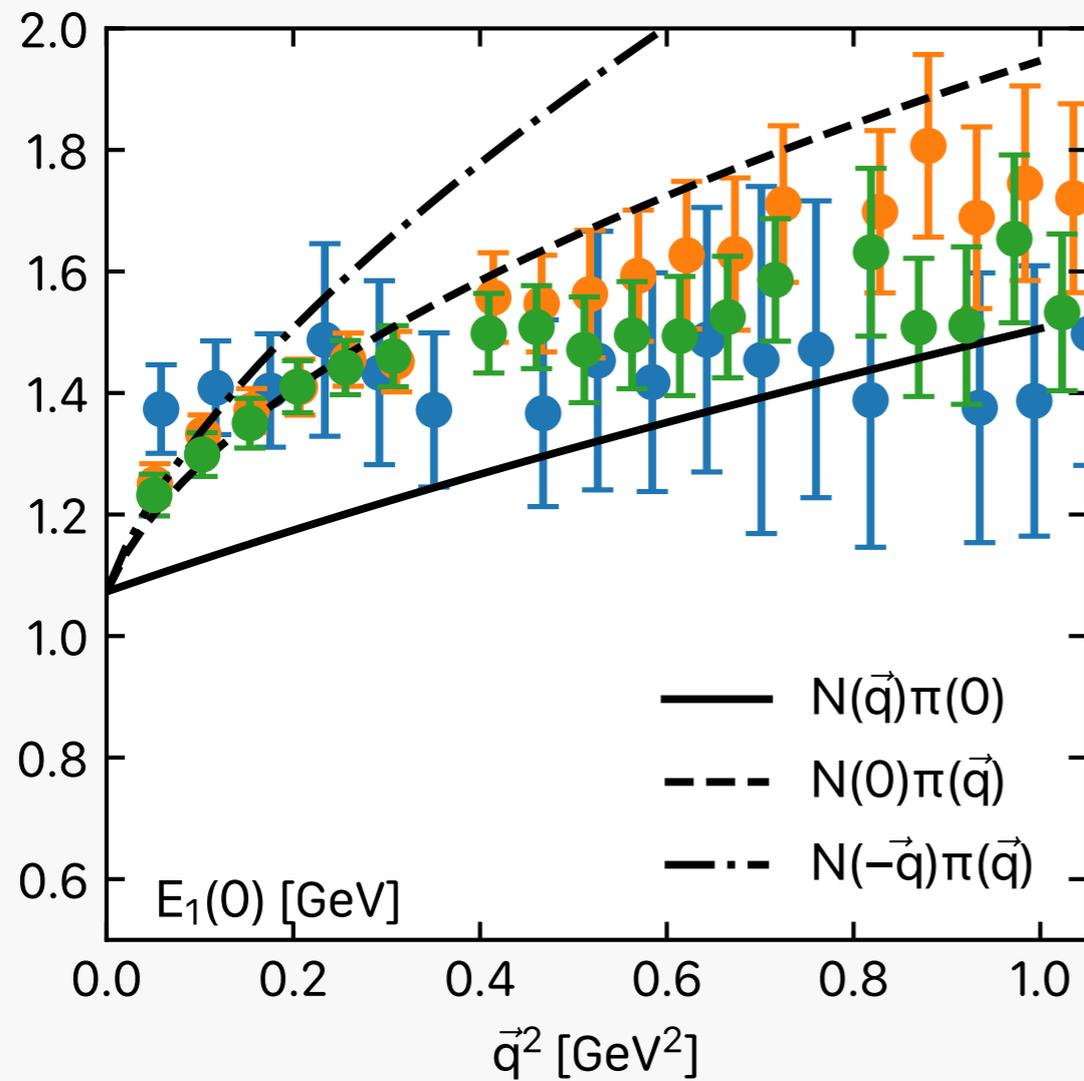
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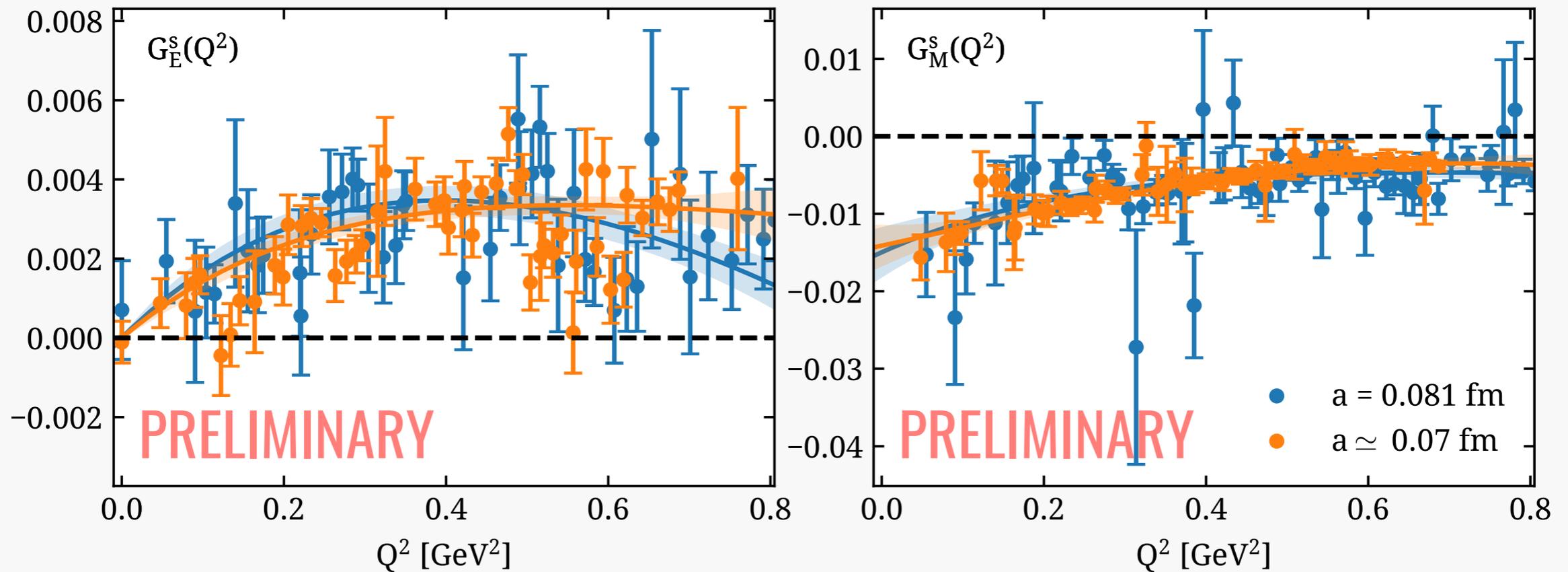
Nucleon states obtained from two-point function (here cB64)

- $N\pi$: energies of non-interacting states with m_N and m_π from two-point function
- Nucleon excited state from two-point function consistent with Roper

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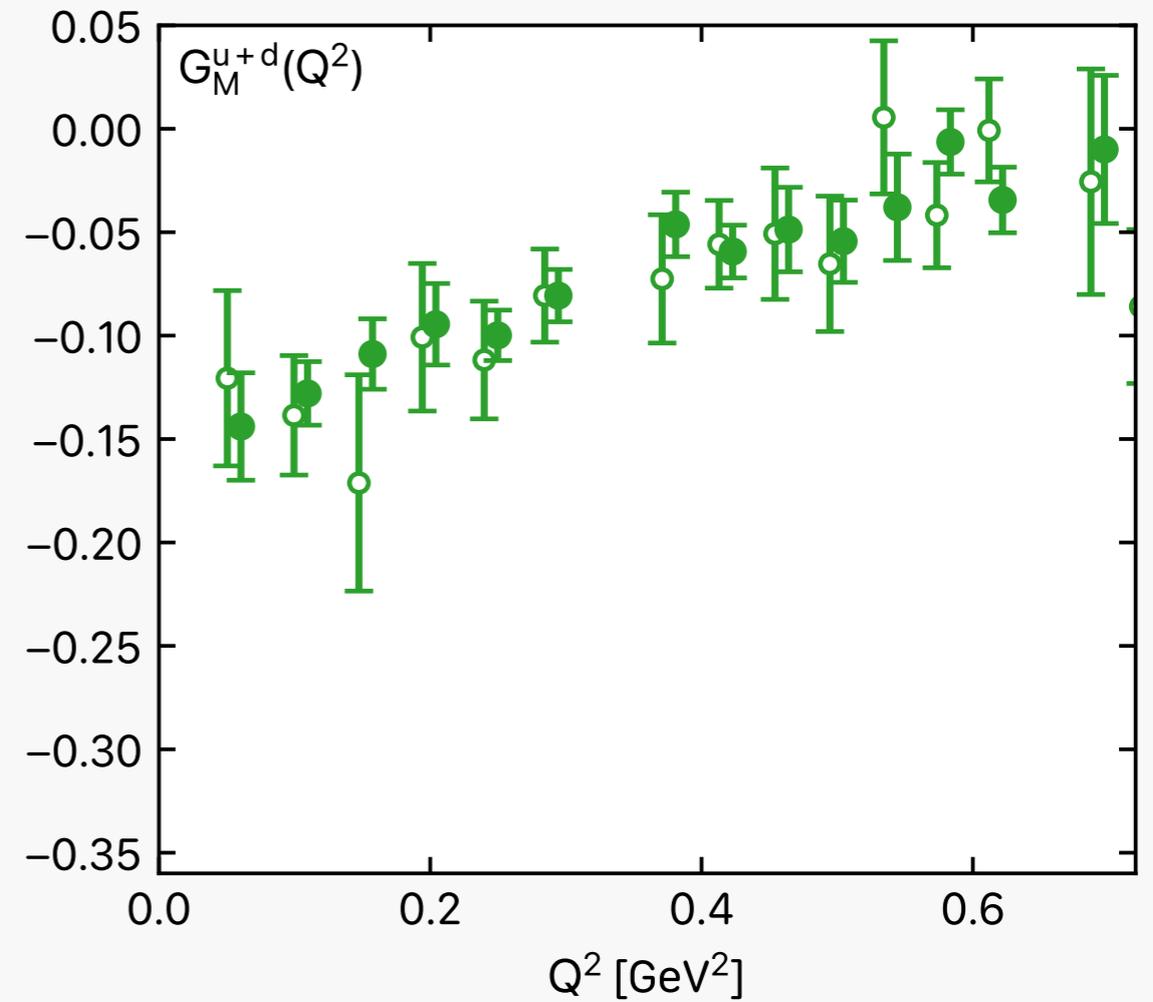
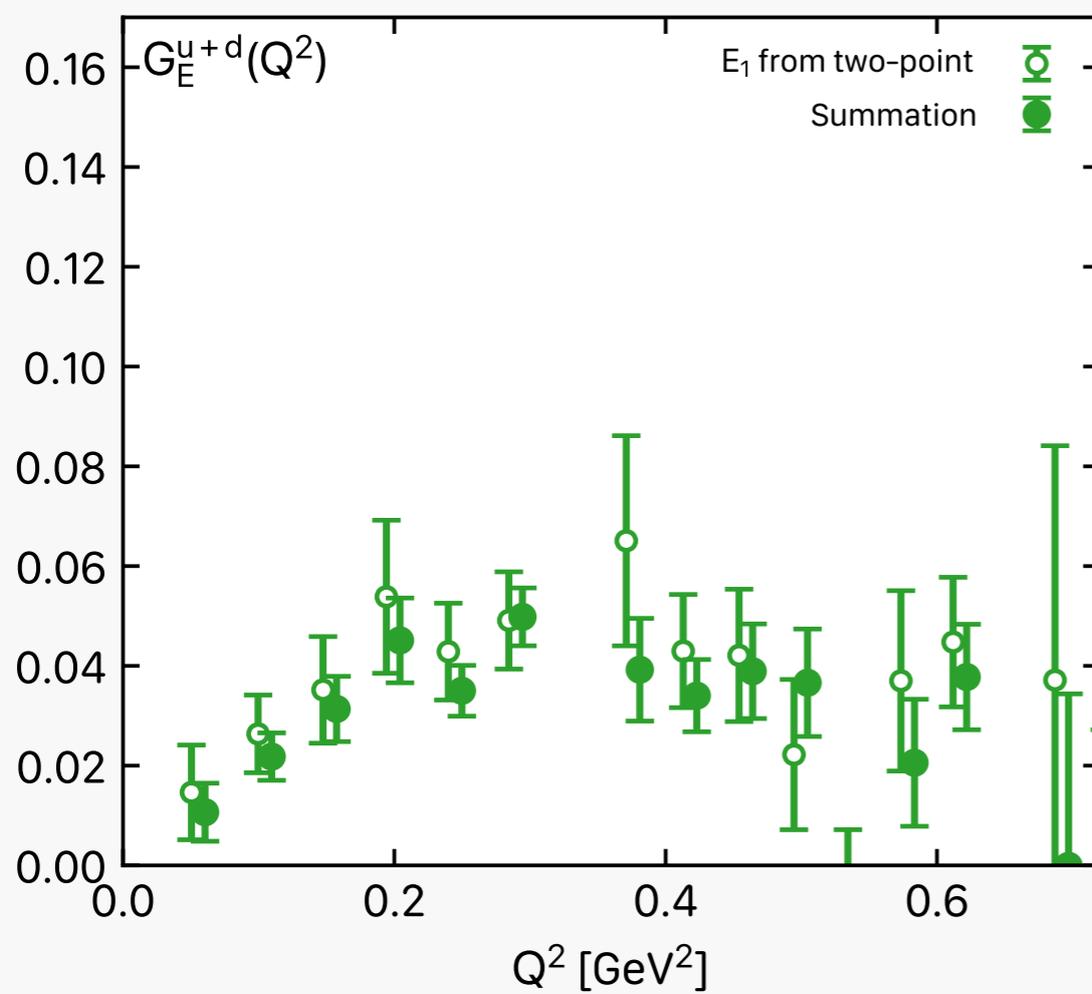


Strange EM form factors: not well known experimentally

- **Preliminary** finer lattice spacing $a=0.07$ fm
- Compare to best experimental results so far:
 - HAPPEX: $G_M^s(Q^2 \sim 0.62 \text{ GeV}^2) = -0.070(67)$
 - A4: $G_E^s(Q^2 \sim 0.22 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.050(38)(19)$
 $G_M^s(Q^2 \sim 0.22 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.14(11)(11)$

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Showing: Example from **cD96** (finest a)

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