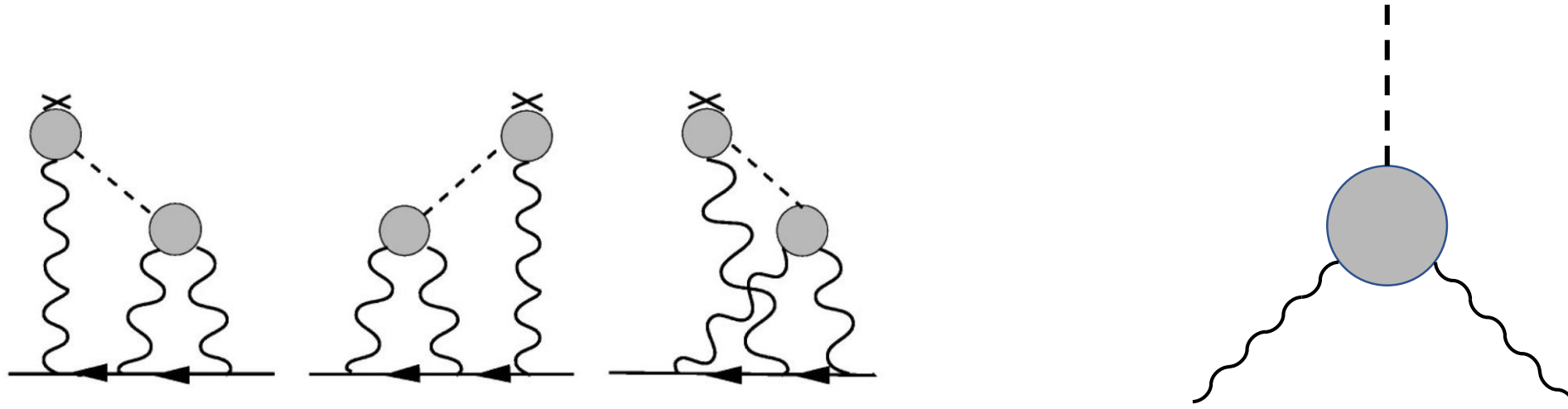


# Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factor



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## Flavour Singlet Physics from Lattice QCD in Fully Physical Conditions

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### Abstract

In this proposal for a production project we ask for computer time on Piz Daint in order to calculate within lattice Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) some flavour singlet quantities in fully physical conditions, that is, at physical quark masses and in the continuum limit. The project concentrates on properties of  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  mesons, the scalar form factor of the pion, and the first gluon moment of the pion. These quantities are of high phenomenological interest, but are difficult or even impossible to obtain from experiment. In contrast, the proposed lattice QCD calculation allows to determine them from the underlying quantum field theory from first principles. The calculation involves the computation of so-called disconnected quark contributions which are obtained from appropriate contractions of all-to-all quark propagators. The calculation of the latter requires a significant computational effort and computer resources which can only be provided through a production project on Piz Daint.

# Gauge Ensembles

- Action: Nf=2+1+1, Iwasaki Gauge, Clover Improvement, Maximal Twist <sup>(1)</sup>
  - Twisted basis

$$S = S_{Iwasaki}[U] + \bar{\chi}_l D_l[U] \chi_l + \bar{\chi}_h D_h[U] \chi_h$$

$$D_l = D_W[U] + i\mu_l \gamma_5 \tau_3 \quad D_h = D_W[U] + i\mu_\sigma \gamma_5 \tau_1 + \mu_\delta \tau_3$$

ensemble	$L^3 \cdot T/a^4$	$\beta$	$c_{SW}$	$M_\pi$ [MeV]	$a$ [fm]	$a\mu_\ell$	$a\mu_\sigma$	$a\mu_\delta$	$\kappa_{crit}$
cA53.24	$24^3 \cdot 48$	1.726	1.74	350	0.097	0.0053	0.1408	0.1521	0.1400645
cA40.24	$24^3 \cdot 48$	1.726	1.74	301	0.097	0.0040	0.1408	0.1521	0.1400645
cA30.32	$32^3 \cdot 64$	1.726	1.74	260	0.097	0.0030	0.1408	0.1521	0.1400645
cA12.48	$48^3 \cdot 96$	1.726	1.74	165	0.097	0.0012	0.1408	0.1521	0.1400645
cB07.64	$64^3 \cdot 128$	1.778	1.69	135	0.079	0.00072	0.1247	0.1315	0.1394265
cB25.48	$48^3 \cdot 96$	1.778	1.69	255	0.079	0.0025	0.1247	0.1315	0.1394267
cC06.80	$80^3 \cdot 160$	1.836	1.645	135	0.069	0.00062	0.1060	0.1135	0.1387510

1.) Finkenrath, Jacob, et al. "Simulation of an ensemble of Nf= 2+ 1+ 1 twisted mass clover improved fermions at physical quark masses." EPJ Web of Conferences. Vol. 175. EDP Sciences, 2018. Arxiv: 1712.09579

# Outline

- Pseudoscalar transition form factor
  - Definition
  - $\pi_0$  decay
  - Role in hadronic light-by-light
- Lattice Calculation
  - Kinematics & Analytic Continuation
  - Connected & Disconnected
- Some early looks at the data
- Looking forward

# Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factor

Minkowski space amplitude:

$$M_{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2) = i \int d^4x e^{iq_1x} \langle \Omega | T \{ J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \} | P(p) \rangle = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta F_{P\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2, q_2^2)$$

$q_1$  and  $q_2$  photon momenta, off shell in general;

$p = q_1 + q_2$  pseudoscalar momentum, on shell.

For  $q_{1,2}^2 < m_V^2 = \min(m_\rho^2, (2m_\pi)^2)$ , continue to Euclidean space<sup>(1)</sup>

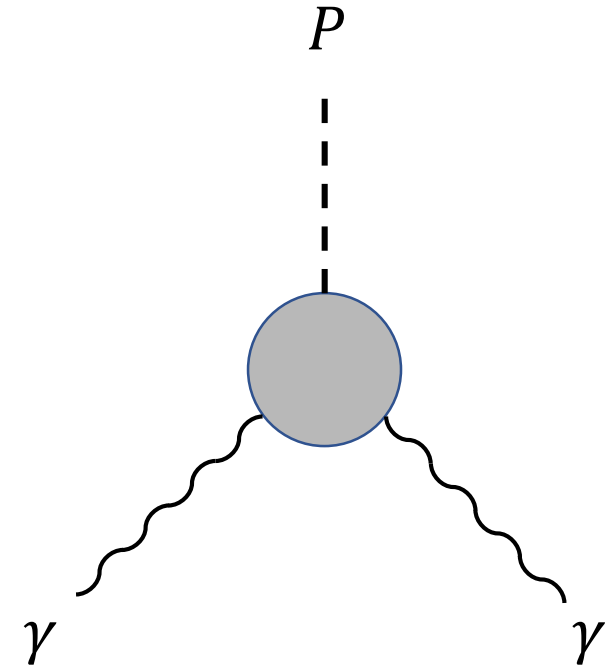
$$M_{\mu\nu}^E(q_1, q_2) = - \int d\tau e^{\omega_1\tau} \int d^3\vec{x} e^{i\vec{x}\vec{q}_1} \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \} | P(p) \rangle$$

Note at large  $\tau$

$$\langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \} | P(p) \rangle \sim e^{-\tau E_V}$$

And integral does not converge for  $\omega_1 > E_V$

Nonetheless, can reach on-shell photons and even slightly time-like



1.) arxiv:hep-ph/0111058v2

# Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factor

Kinematics,  $\vec{p} = \vec{0}$

$$q_1^2 = \omega_1^2 - \vec{q}_1^2$$

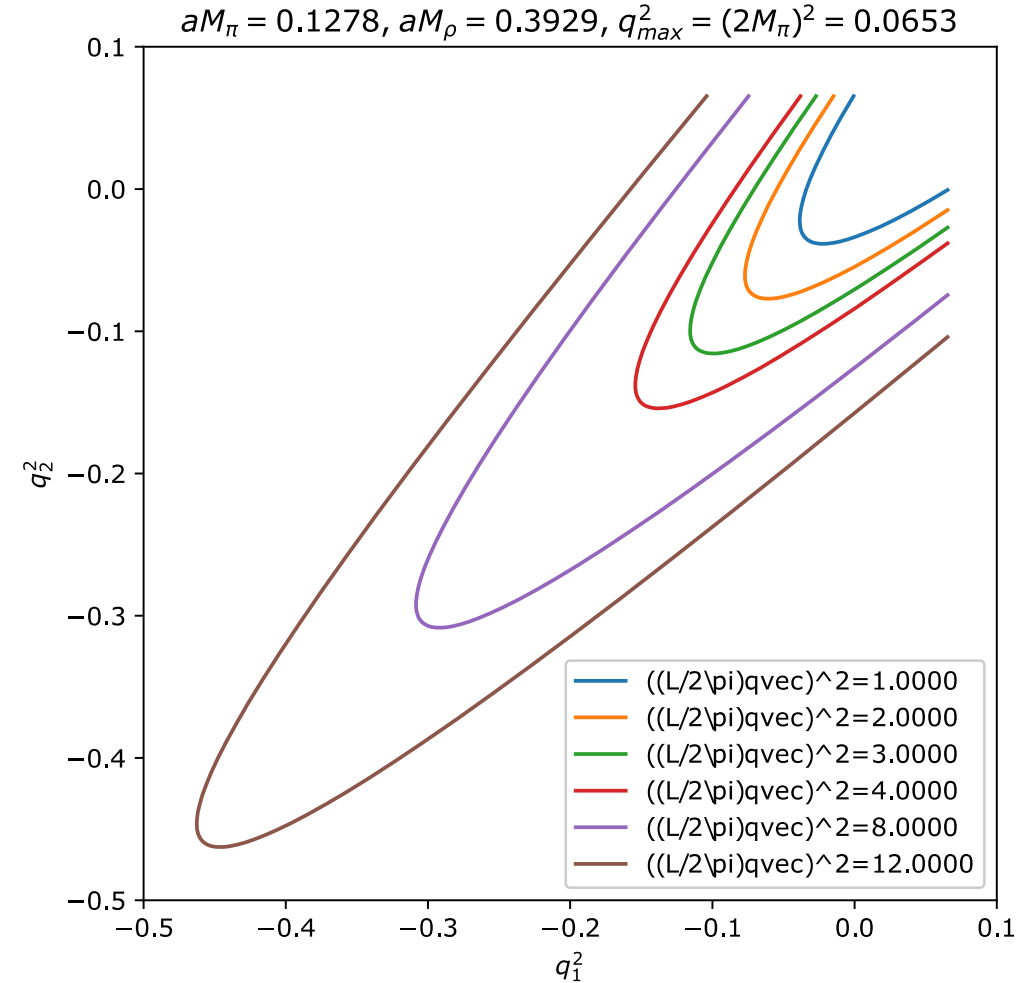
$$q_2^2 = (m_\pi - \omega_1)^2 - \vec{q}_1^2$$

Analytic continuation bound

$$m_V = \min(m_\rho, 2m_\pi)$$

$$q_{1,2}^2 < m_V^2$$

$$-\sqrt{m_V^2 + \vec{q}_1^2} + m_\pi < \omega_1 < \sqrt{m_V^2 + \vec{q}_1^2}$$



# Pseudoscalar Transition Form Factor

Neutral pion decay rate

In chiral limit, and at low energies, ABJ dictates

$$F_{\pi_0\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2 = 0, q_2^2 = 0) \Big|_{m_{\pi=0}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f_\pi} \quad f_\pi = F_\pi(m_\pi = 0)$$

To good approximation away from chiral limit <sup>(1)</sup>

$$F_{\pi_0\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2 = 0, q_2^2 = 0) \Big|_{m_\pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 F_\pi}$$

Model to extrapolate to double on-shell point

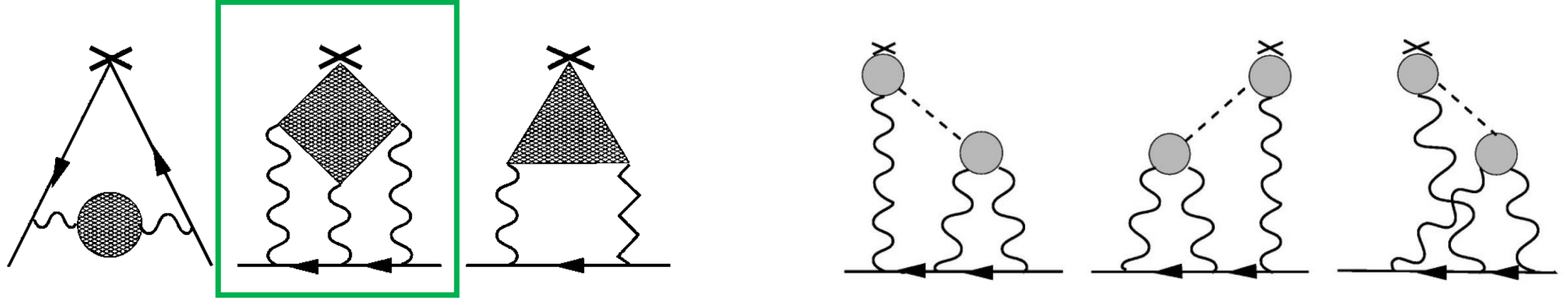
Related to  $\pi_0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay rate by <sup>(2)</sup>

$$\Gamma_{\pi_0\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\pi\alpha_e^2 m_\pi^3}{4} F_{\pi_0\gamma\gamma}(q_1^2 = 0, q_2^2 = 0)$$

Previous Study (2)

1.) arxiv:1607.08174v2    2.) arxiv:1206.1375

# Eta, Eta' contribution to hadronic light by light



$$(-ie)\bar{u}(p')\Gamma_\rho(p',p)u(p) \equiv \langle \mu^-(p') | (ie)j_\rho(0) | \mu^-(p) \rangle$$

$$= \int \frac{d^4q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(-i)^3}{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1+q_2-k)^2} \frac{i}{(p'-q_1)^2 - m^2} \frac{i}{(p'-q_1-q_2)^2 - m^2}$$

$$\times (-ie)^3 \bar{u}(p') \gamma^\mu (\not{p}' - \not{q}_1 + m) \gamma^\nu (\not{p}' - \not{q}_1 - \not{q}_2 + m) \gamma^\lambda u(p) (ie)^4 \Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}(q_1, q_2, k - q_1 - q_2)$$

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}^{(\pi^0)}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = i \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_3^2, (q_1+q_2+q_3)^2)}{(q_1+q_2)^2 - M_\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \varepsilon_{\lambda\rho\sigma\tau} q_3^\sigma (q_1+q_2)^\tau$$

$$+ i \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, (q_1+q_2+q_3)^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_2^2, q_3^2)}{(q_2+q_3)^2 - M_\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\rho\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha (q_2+q_3)^\beta \varepsilon_{\nu\lambda\sigma\tau} q_2^\sigma q_3^\tau$$

$$+ i \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_1^2, q_3^2) \mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}(q_2^2, (q_1+q_2+q_3)^2)}{(q_1+q_3)^2 - M_\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\lambda\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_3^\beta \varepsilon_{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} q_2^\sigma (q_1+q_3)^\tau.$$

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# Eta, Eta' contribution to hadronic light by light

- Neutral pion transition form factor
  - Descriptions from a variety of models [1]
    - WZW, VMD, LMD, LMD+V
  - Recent lattice calculations by Mainz group [2,3]
    - Find good fit to LMD+V model
    - Determine new value for  $a_{\mu}^{Hlbl;\pi_0}$ 
      - Using non-pert input & LMD+V model
- Eta, eta' transition form factor
  - Originally described by simple VMD model [1]
  - Recently more sophisticated description by Canterbury Approximants [4]
  - No lattice determination yet

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{WZW}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_\pi},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{VMD}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_2^2 - M_V^2)},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{LMD}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{q_1^2 + q_2^2 - c_V}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)(q_2^2 - M_V^2)},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{LMD+V}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) + h_1 (q_1^2 + q_2^2)^2 + h_2 q_1^2 q_2^2 + h_5 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) + h_7}{(q_1^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_1^2 - M_{V_2}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_2}^2)}$$

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- 2.) Gérardin, Antoine, Harvey B. Meyer, and Andreas Nyffeler. "Lattice calculation of the pion transition form factor  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ ." *Physical Review D* 94.7 (2016): 074507
- 3.) 1903.09471
- 4.) Masjuan et al. *Phys. Rev. D* 95 (2017) 054026

# Computing the form factor

## 3-pt amplitude

$$C_{\mu\nu}^3(t_i, t_f, t) = \sum_{x_1, x} \langle T \{ J_\mu(0, t_2) J_\nu(x_1, t_1) P^\dagger(x, t) \} \rangle e^{i(q_1 x_1 - p x)}$$

Large  $t_P = \min(t - t_2, t - t_1)$ ,  
project onto pseudoscalar gnd state

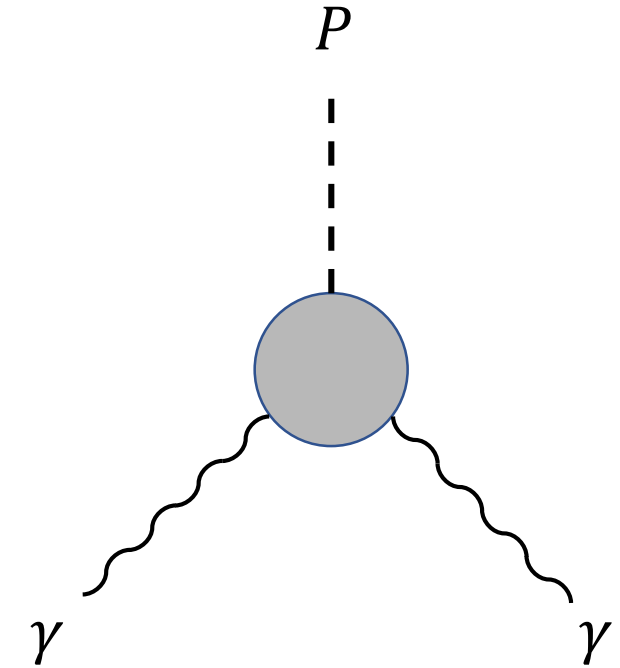
$$C_{\mu\nu}^3(t_i, t_f, t) \xrightarrow{t_P \rightarrow \infty, t_f > t_i} \propto e^{-E_P t_P} \sum_{x_1} \langle 0 | J_\mu(0, t_2) J_\nu(x_1, t_1) | P(p) \rangle e^{i(q_1 x_1)}$$

$$A_{\mu\nu}(t_f - t_i) = \lim_{t_P \rightarrow \infty} e^{E_P t_P} C_{\mu\nu}^3(t_i, t_f, t)$$

Finally transform back from  $\tau = t_f - t_i$  to  $\omega_1$  [1]

$$M_{\mu\nu}^E = \frac{2E_\pi}{Z_\pi} \left( \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau e^{\omega_1 \tau} A_{\mu\nu}(\tau) e^{-E_\pi \tau} + \int_0^\infty d\tau e^{\omega_1 \tau} A_{\mu\nu}(\tau) \right) = \frac{2E_\pi}{Z_\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\tau e^{\omega_1 \tau} \tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}(\tau)$$

$$\tilde{A}_{\mu\nu}(\tau) = \lim_{t_\pi \rightarrow +\infty} e^{E_\pi(t_f - t_0)} C_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}(\tau, t_\pi) = \begin{cases} A_{\mu\nu}(\tau) & \tau > 0 \\ A_{\mu\nu}(\tau) e^{-E_\pi \tau} & \tau < 0 \end{cases} .$$



$$A_{kl}(\tau) = -i q_{kl} A(\tau)$$

$$q_{kl} \equiv \epsilon_{kl\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta = m_\pi \epsilon_{kli} q_1^i$$

# Computing the form factor ( $\pi_0$ )

## Operators and symmetries

$$P^1 = i\bar{\chi}\chi \rightarrow \bar{\chi}\chi$$

$$P^1 = \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\tau_3\psi$$

$$J_\mu^{\text{loc}} = \bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu Q\chi$$

$$J_\mu^{\text{loc}} = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu Q\psi$$

$$J_\mu^{\text{cvc}}(x) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\chi}(x)U_\mu(x)(\gamma_\mu - r)Q\chi(x + \mu) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\chi}(x + \mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x)(\gamma_\mu + r)Q\chi(x)$$

$$J_\mu^Q = \frac{1}{2}J_\mu^{(0)} + \frac{1}{6}J_\mu^{(1)}$$

Operation	$P^{(0)}(t, \vec{p})$	$P^{(1)}(t, \vec{p})$	$J_k^{(0)}(t, \vec{p})$	$J_k^{(1)}(t, \vec{p})$
$\mathcal{P} \tau^1$	$-P^{(0)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$+P^{(1)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$-J_k^{(0)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$+J_k^{(1)}(t, -\vec{p})$
$\mathcal{C}$	$+P^{(0)}(t, \vec{p})$	$+P^{(1)}(t, \vec{p})$	$-J_k^{(0)}(t, \vec{p})$	$-J_k^{(1)}(t, \vec{p})$
$\mathcal{P} \tau^1 \times \mathcal{C}$	$-P^{(0)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$+P^{(1)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$+J_k^{(0)}(t, -\vec{p})$	$-J_k^{(1)}(t, -\vec{p})$

# Computing the form factor ( $\pi_0$ )

Connected contractions, symmetry considerations

$$\langle J_\mu^Q J_\nu^Q P \rangle_{conn} = \frac{1}{4} \langle J_\mu^{(0)} J_\nu^{(0)} P \rangle_{conn} + \frac{1}{36} \langle J_\mu^{(1)} J_\nu^{(1)} P \rangle_{conn} + \frac{1}{12} \left( \langle J_\mu^{(0)} J_\nu^{(1)} P \rangle_{conn} + \langle J_\mu^{(1)} J_\nu^{(0)} P \rangle_{conn} \right)$$

After averaging over exact discrete lattice symmetries

Wrong isospin combinations

$$\langle J_\mu^{(0/1)} J_\nu^{(0/1)} P \rangle_{conn} \sim \text{Re}(C_u(\{p\}) + C_u(\{-p\})) \quad P C_u(\{p\}) = -C_u(\{-p\})$$

Correct isospin combinations

$$\langle J_\mu^{(1/0)} J_\nu^{(0/1)} P \rangle_{conn} \sim \text{Re}(C_u(\{p\}) - C_u(\{-p\}))$$

$$C_{u,d} = \langle 0 | \bar{\chi}_{u,d}(x_2) \Gamma_\mu^2 \chi_{u,d}(x_2) \bar{\chi}_{u,d}(x_1) \Gamma_\nu^1 \chi_{u,d}(x_1) \bar{\chi}_{u,d}(x) \Gamma^P \chi_{u,d}(x) | 0 \rangle_{conn}$$

# Computing the form factor ( $\pi_0$ )

Connected contractions

$$\langle J_\mu^Q J_\nu^Q P \rangle_{conn} = \frac{1}{12} \left( \langle J_\mu^{(0)} J_\nu^{(1)} P \rangle_{conn} + \langle J_\mu^{(1)} J_\nu^{(0)} P \rangle_{conn} \right) = \frac{1}{6} (C_u(\{p\}) - C_d(\{p\}))$$

After averaging over exact discrete lattice symmetries

$$= \frac{1}{6} \text{Re} (C_u^{CCW}(\{p\}) - C_d^{CCW}(\{p\}) - C_u^{CCW}(\{-p\}) + C_d^{CCW}(\{-p\}))$$

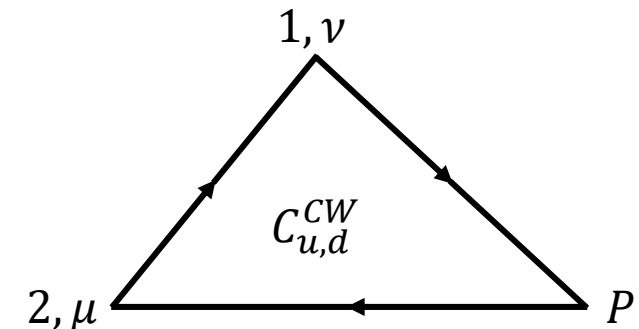
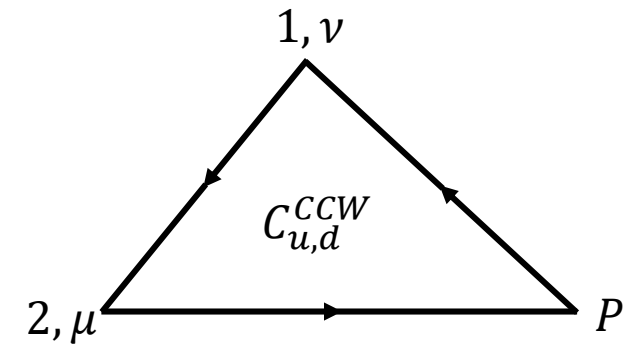
Having utilized the gamma-5 hermiticity relation

$$\gamma_5 C_{u,d}^{CW} \gamma_5 = (C_{d,u}^{CCW})^*$$

And individual Wick contractions look like

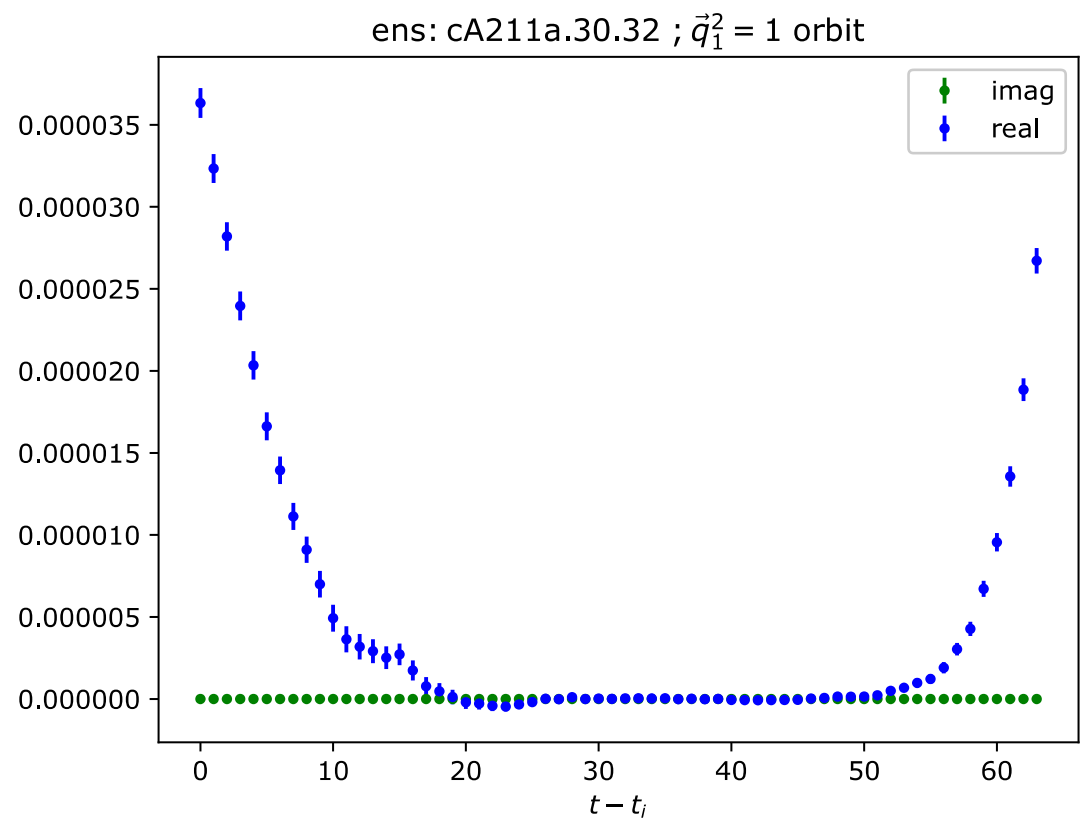
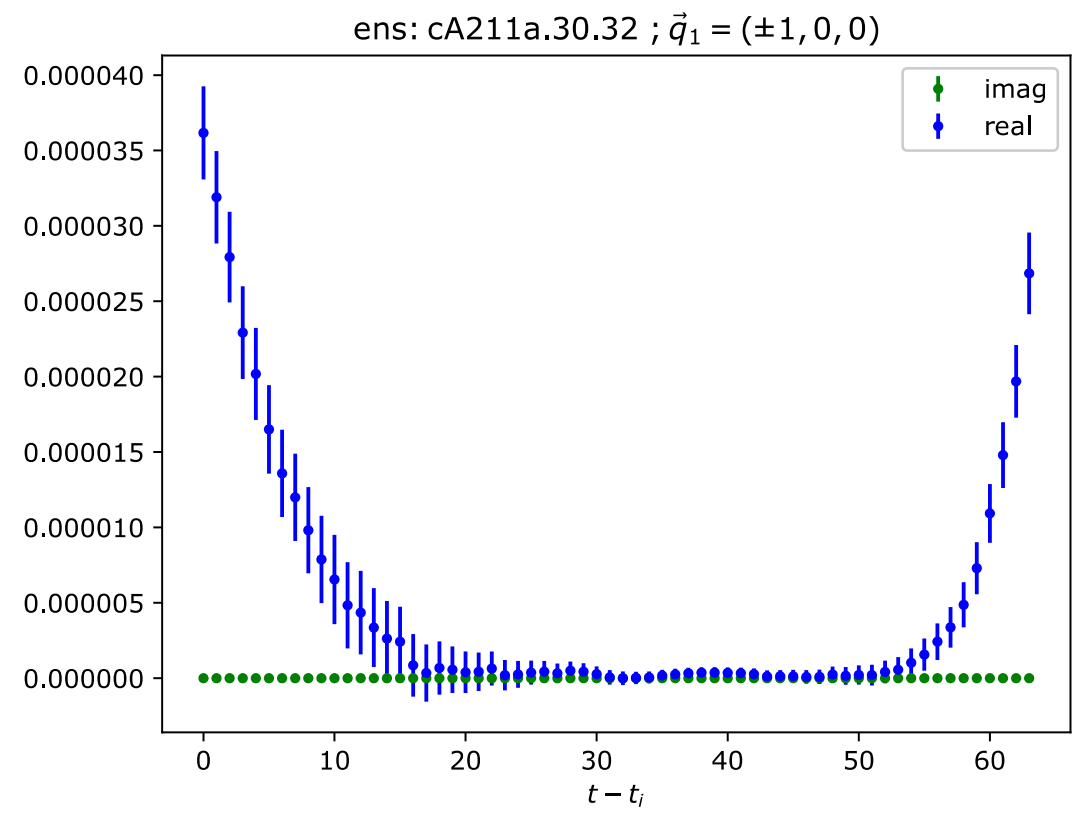
$$C_u^{CCW} = \text{Tr} [G_{1P}^u \Gamma_P G_{P2}^u \Gamma_2 G_{21}^u \Gamma_1]$$

$$C_u^{CW} = \text{Tr} [G_{2P}^u \Gamma_P G_{P1}^u \Gamma_1 G_{12}^u \Gamma_2]$$



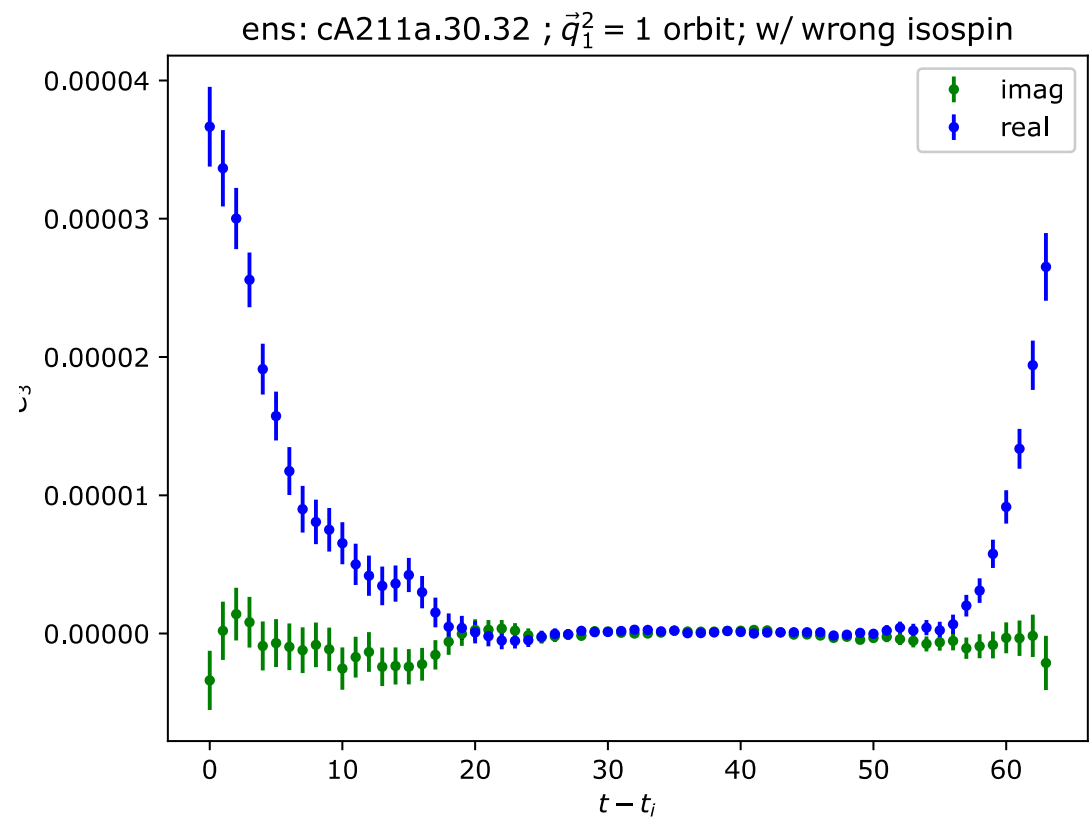
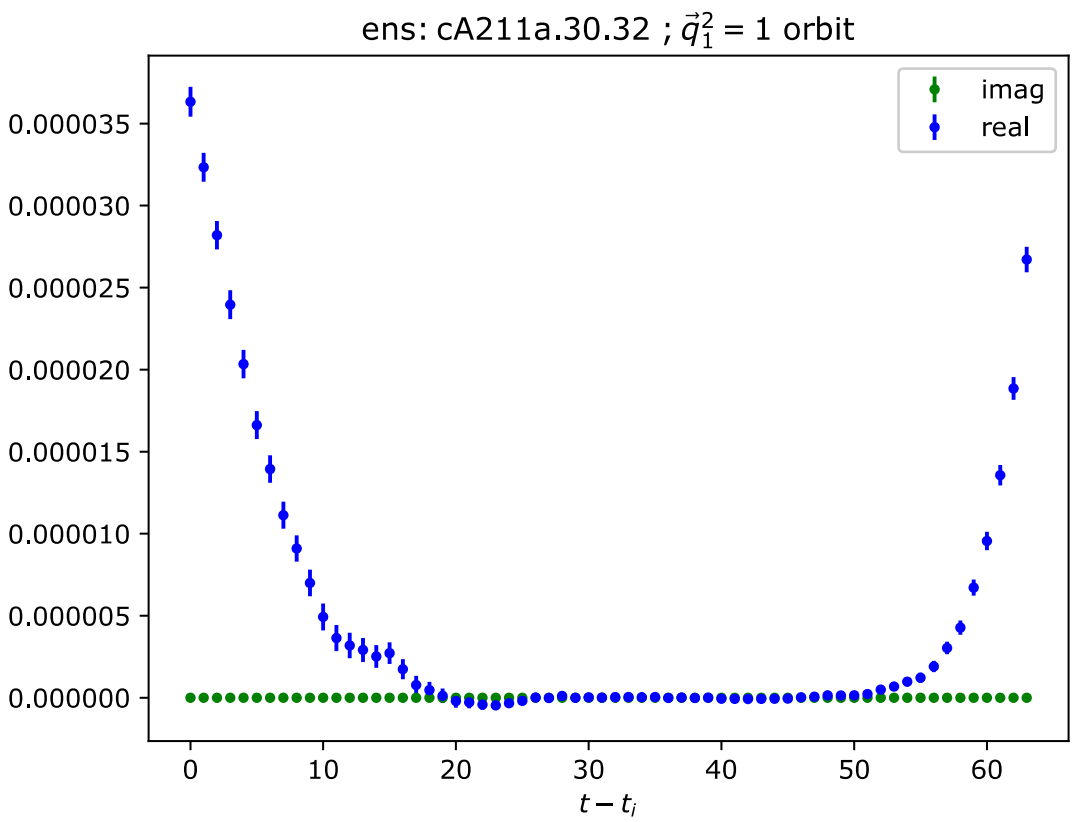
# Connected Form Factor ( $\pi_0$ )

Single momentum component vs avg over orbit



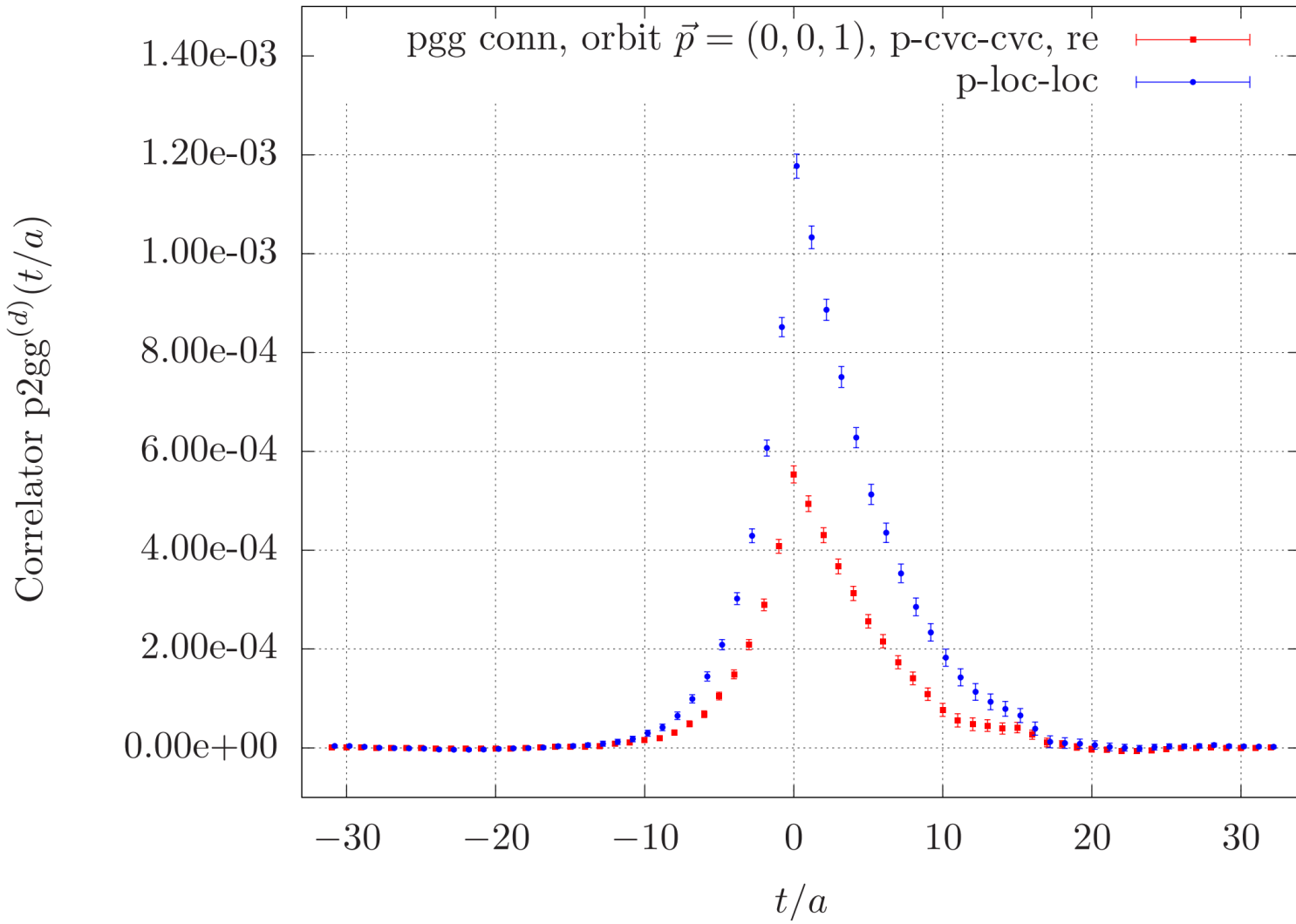
# Connected Form Factor ( $\pi_0$ )

Correct isospin combination vs all isospin combinations



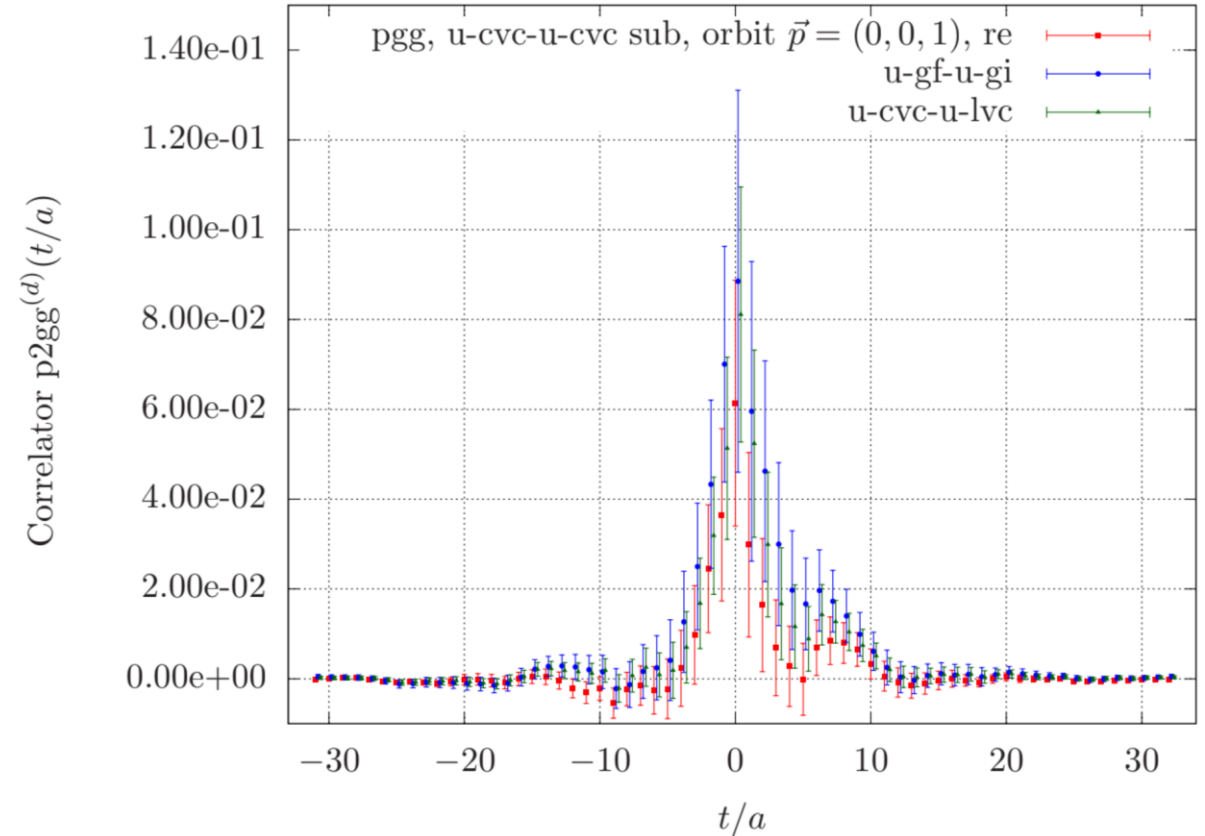
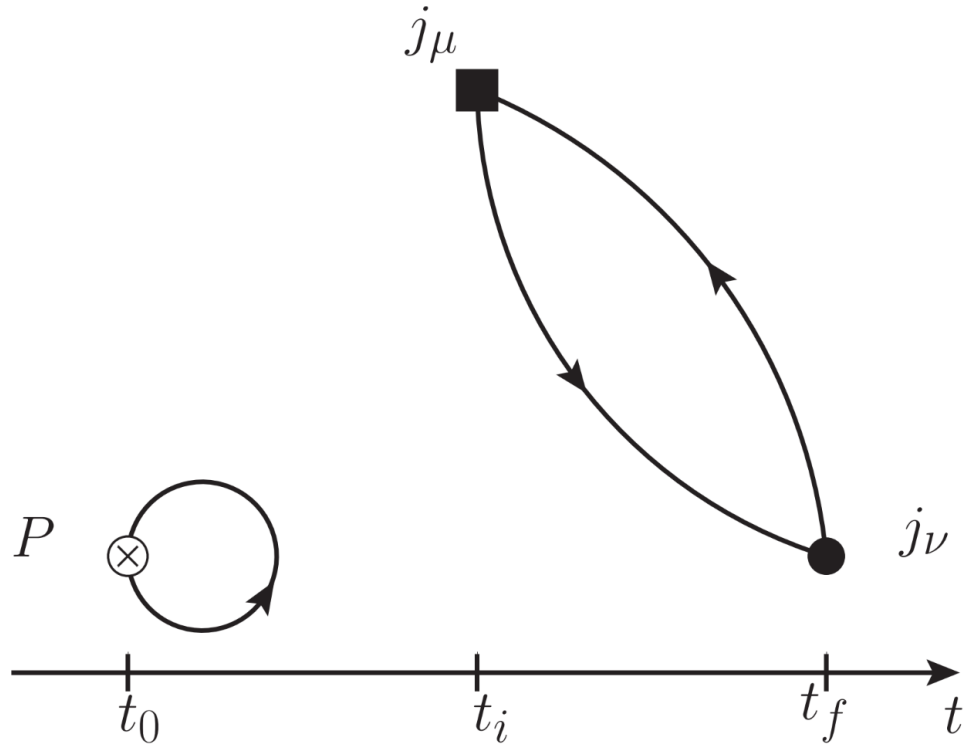
# Connected Form Factor ( $\pi_0$ )

Cross checking with M. Petschlies



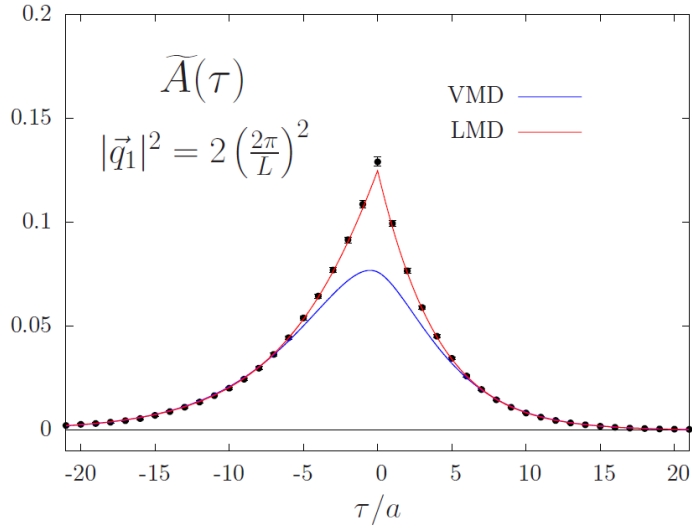


# First look, disconnected Form Factor $(\pi_0)^{[1]}$



1.) from Marcus Petschlies

# Looking forward: Modeling the form factor, from arxiv:1607.08174

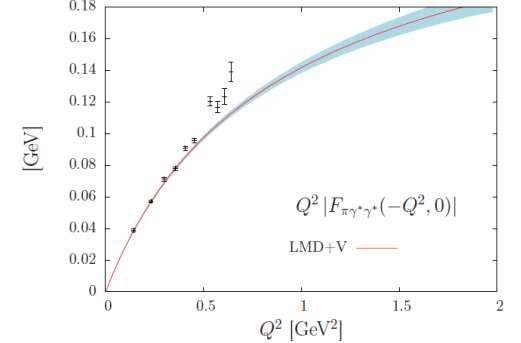
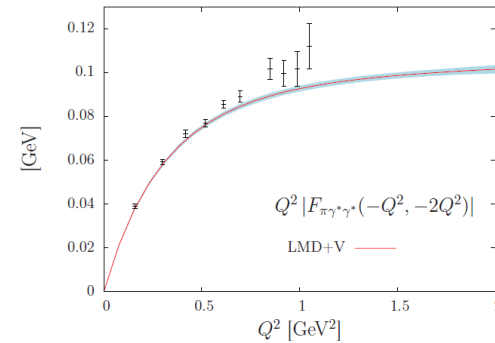
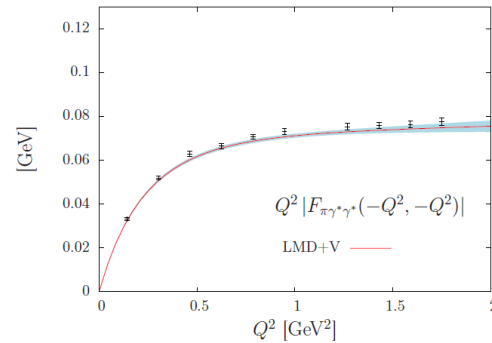
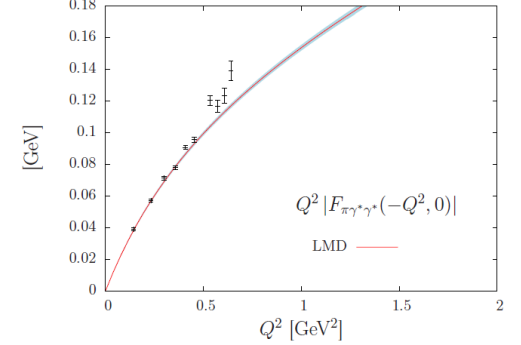
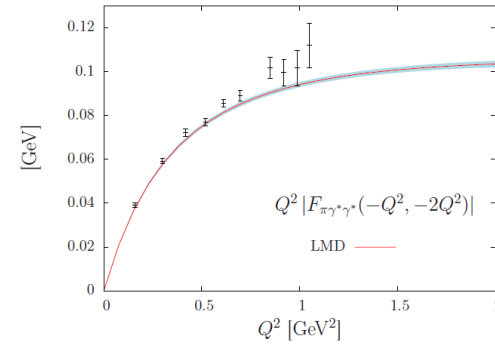
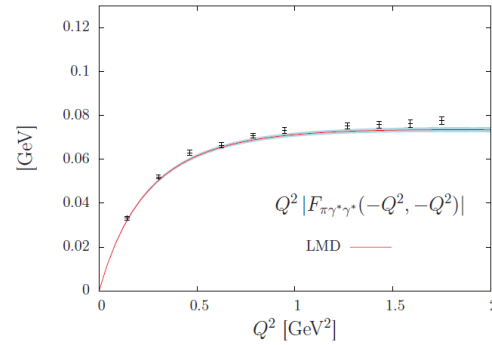
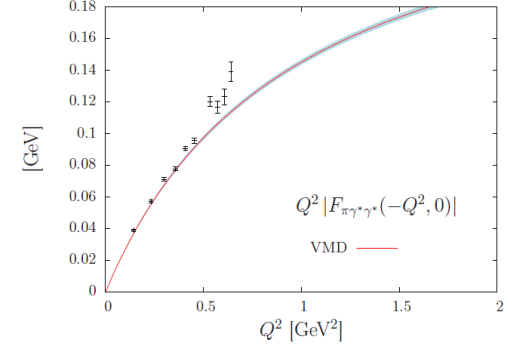
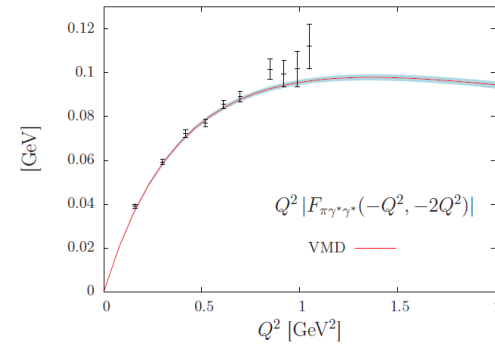
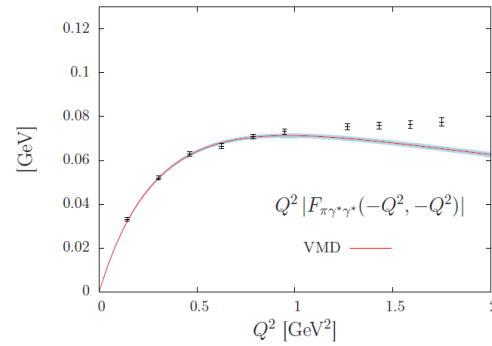


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$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{VMD}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = -\frac{N_C}{12\pi^2 F_\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_1^2 - M_V^2)} \frac{M_V^2}{(q_2^2 - M_V^2)},$$

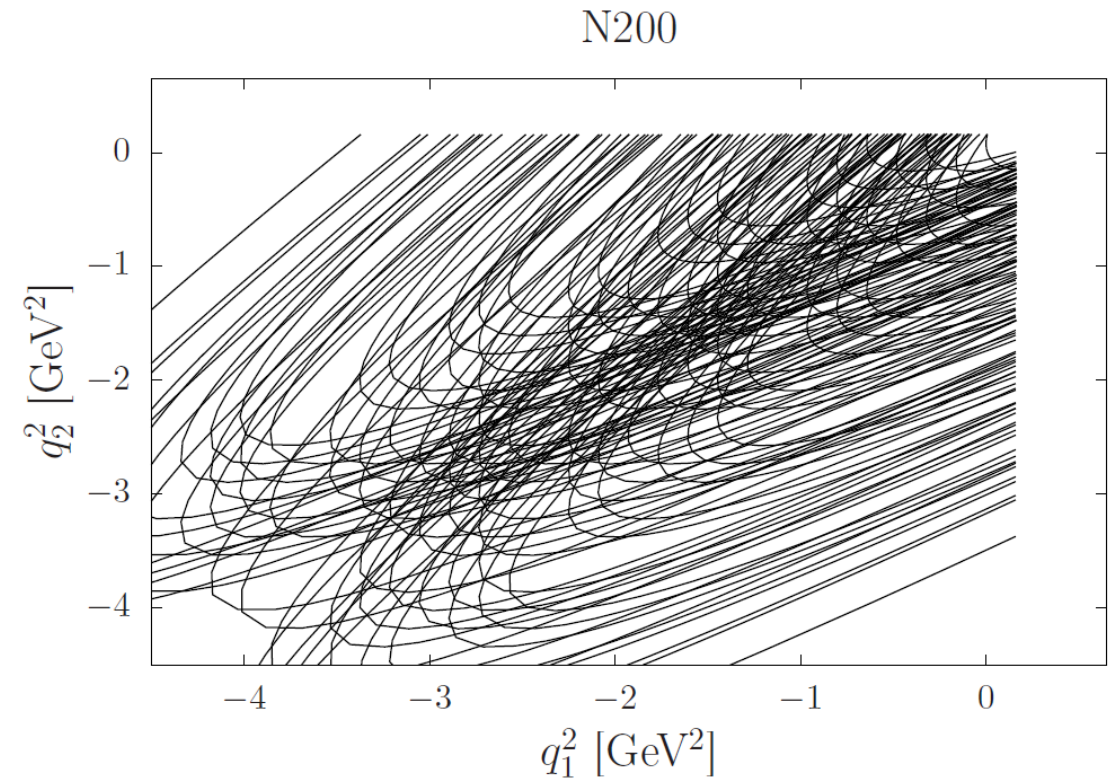
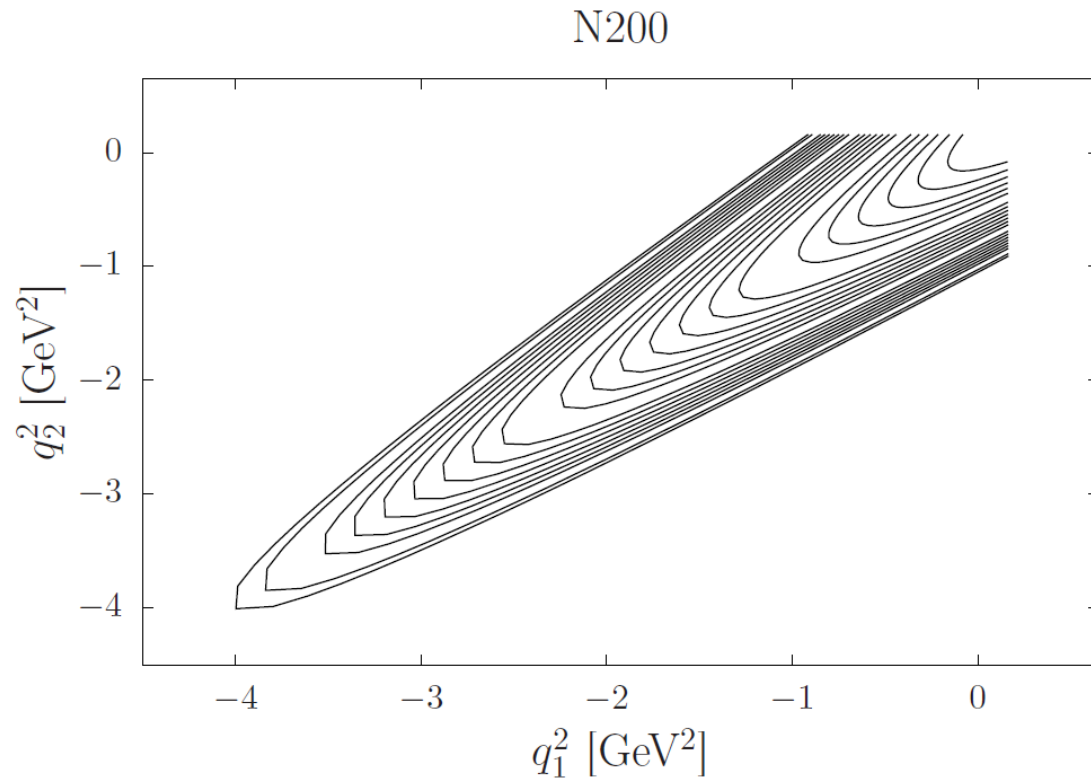
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$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi^0\gamma^*\gamma^*}^{LMD+V}(q_1^2, q_2^2) = \frac{F_\pi}{3} \frac{q_1^2 q_2^2 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) + h_1 (q_1^2 + q_2^2)^2 + h_2 q_1^2 q_2^2 + h_5 (q_1^2 + q_2^2) + h_7}{(q_1^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_1^2 - M_{V_2}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_2}^2)}$$



# Looking forward

## Moving frames [1]



1.) arxiv:1903.09471

# Status of transition form factor project

- Working towards first physical point computation of neutral pion transition form factor, and first determination of  $\eta, \eta'$  transition form factors
  - Dominant and subdominant in hadronic LbL for  $(g - 2)_\mu$
- Converging on cross checks for neutral pion connected piece
- Already significant work on pseudoscalar disconnected pieces by M. Petschlies
  - Improvements at large  $t$  from low-mode deflation (not shown)
- Vector current disconnected pieces seen to be small in Mainz studies